

tree syntax and tree architecture for climate-adaptive cities

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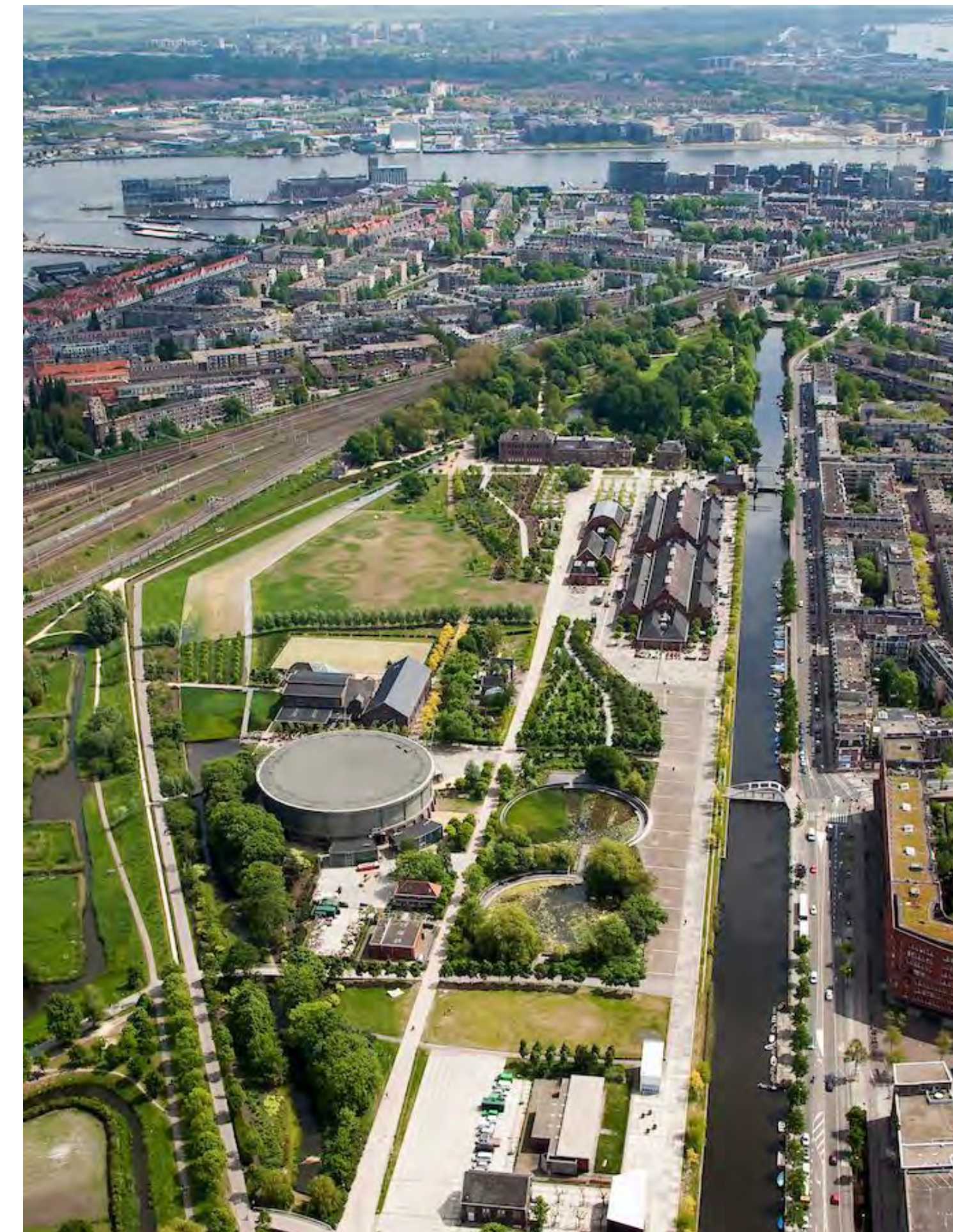
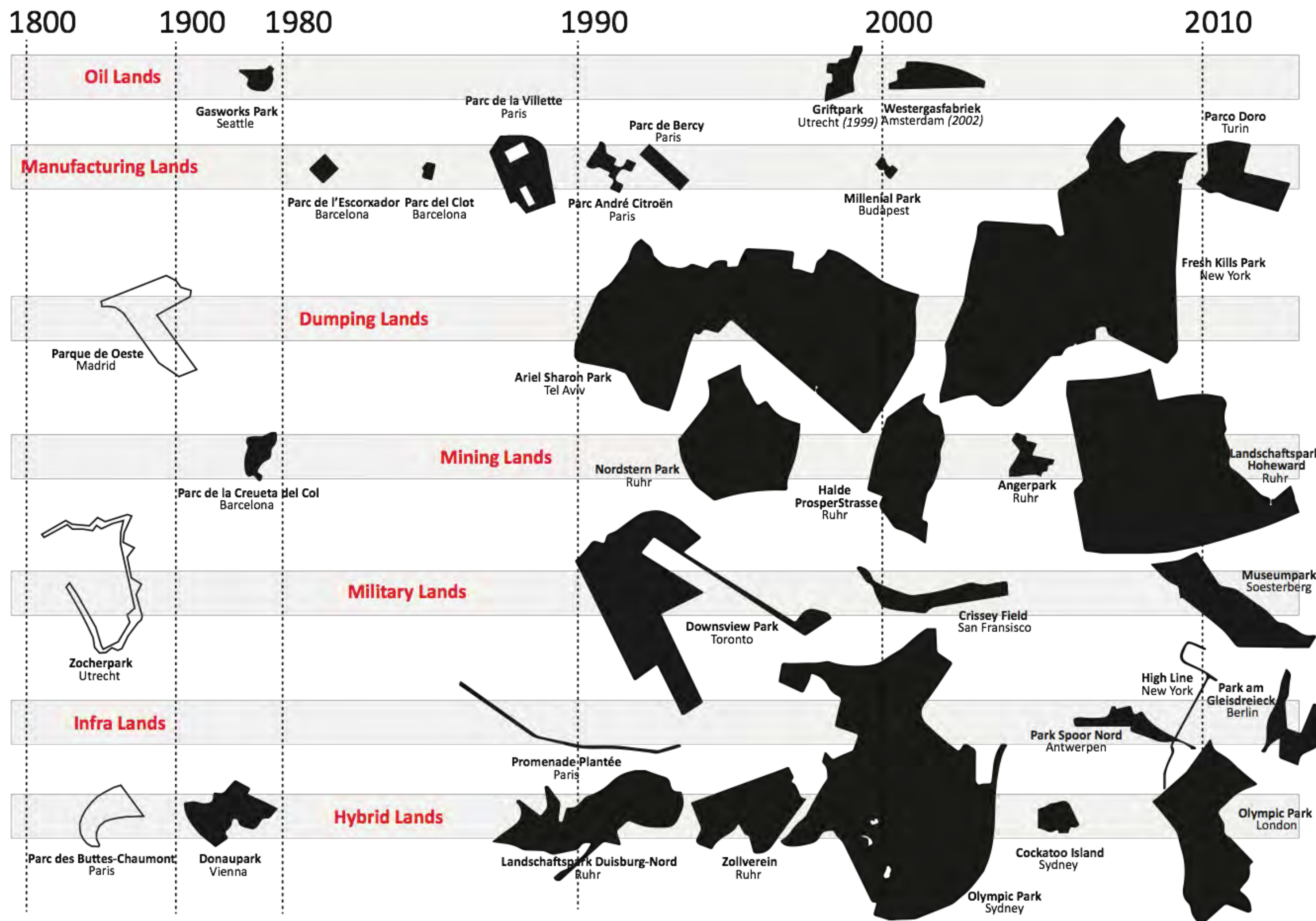
3 decades of (urban) trees - & green(ing) cities

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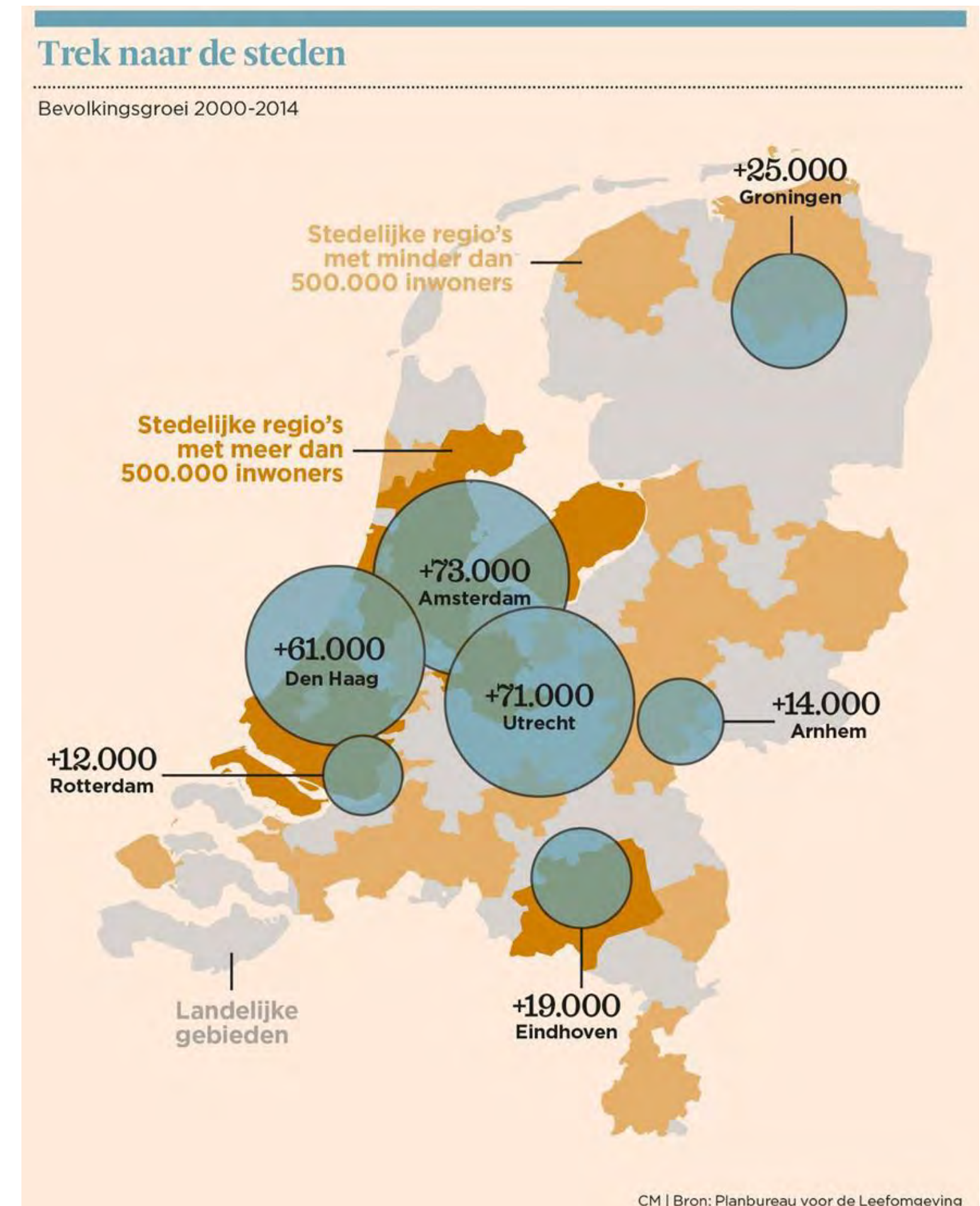
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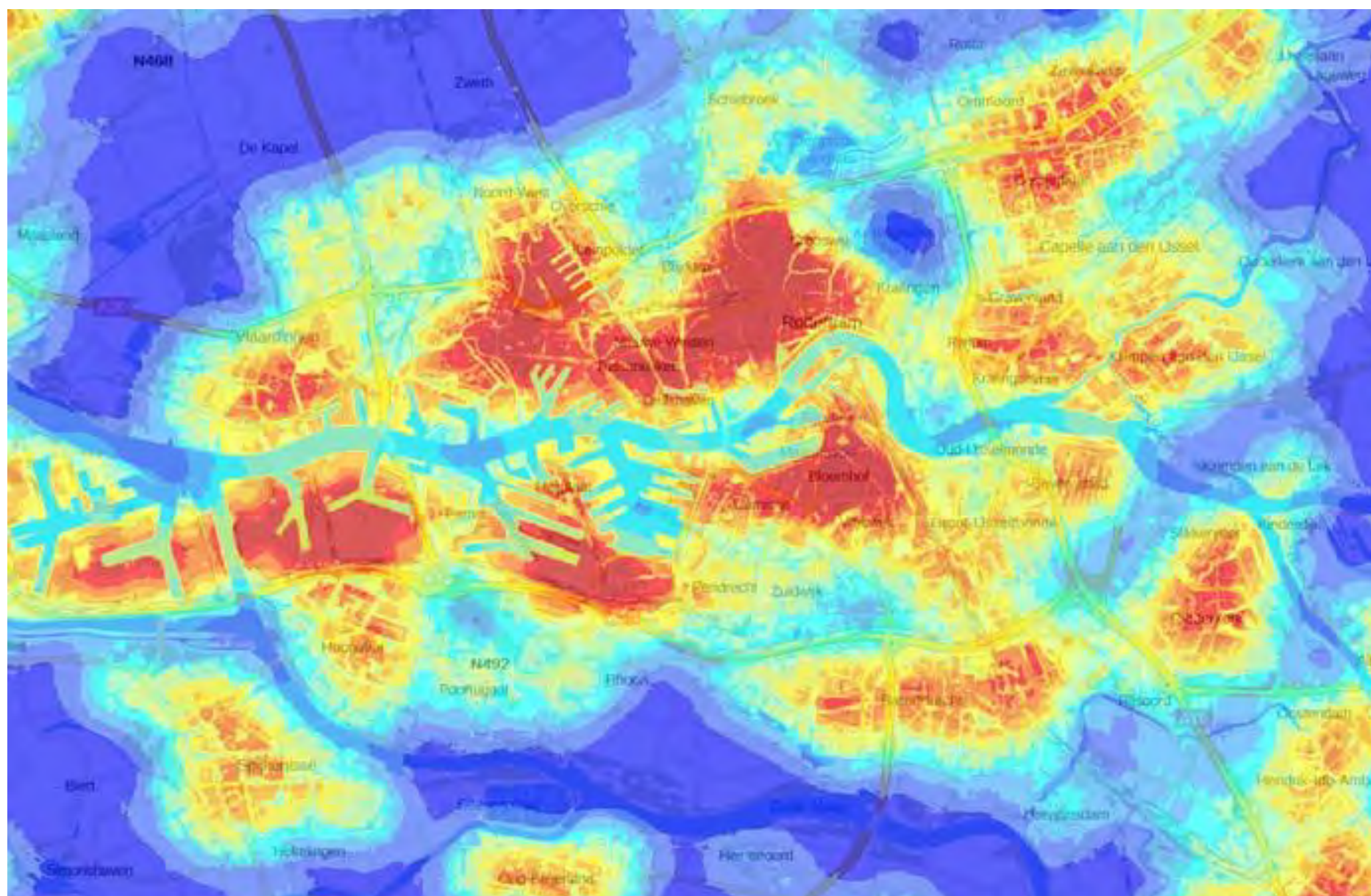


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Urban heat islands Rotterdam

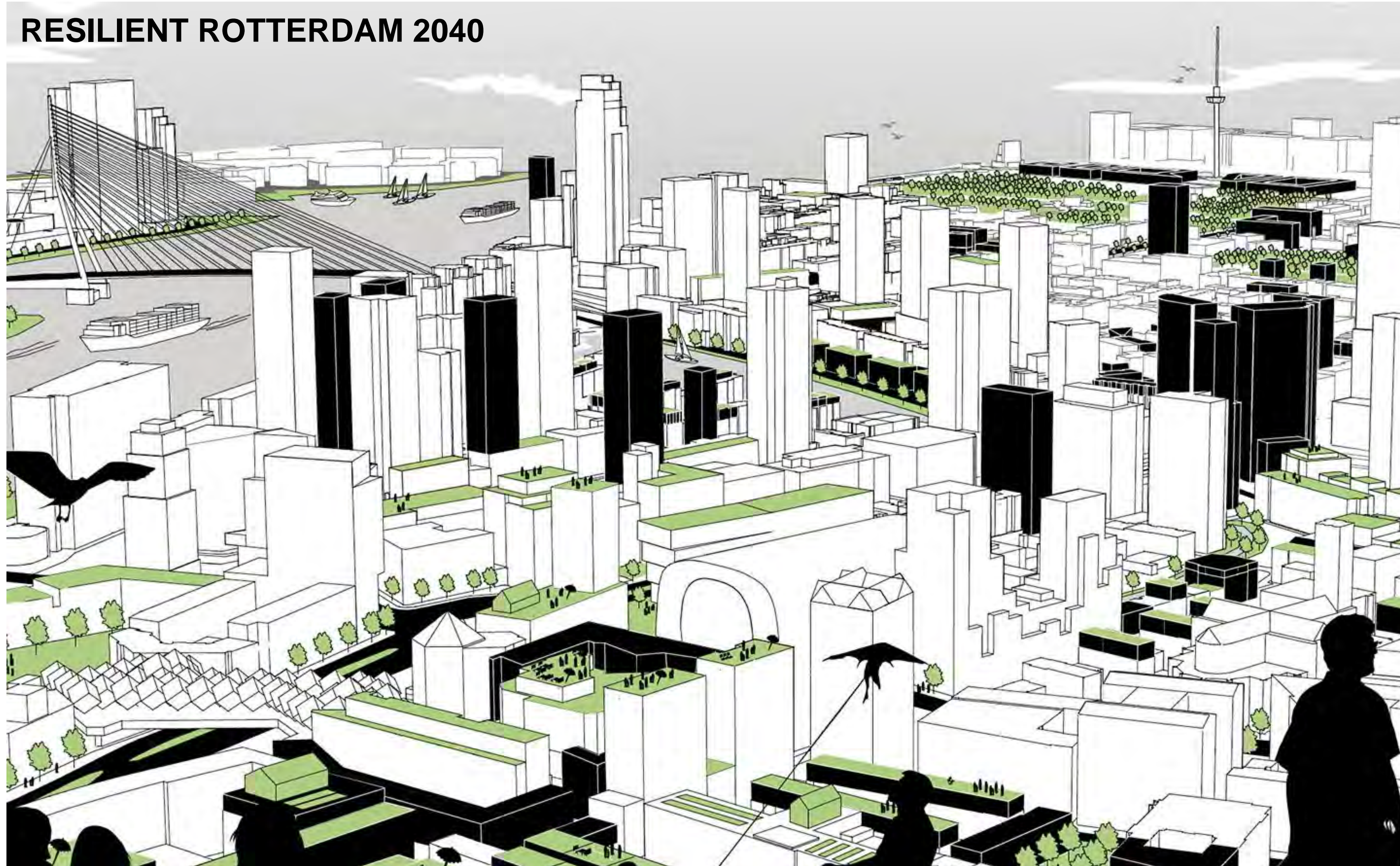


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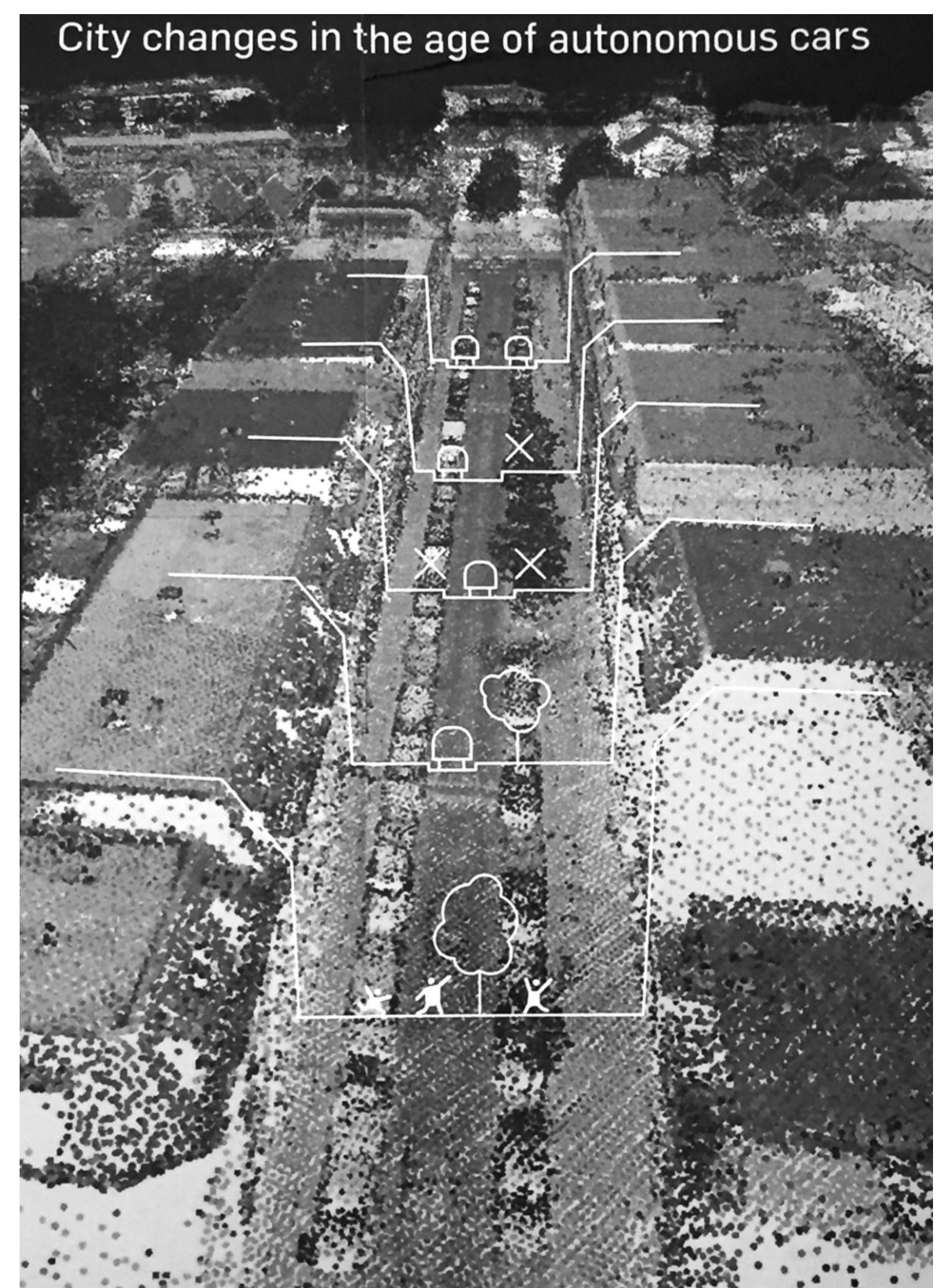
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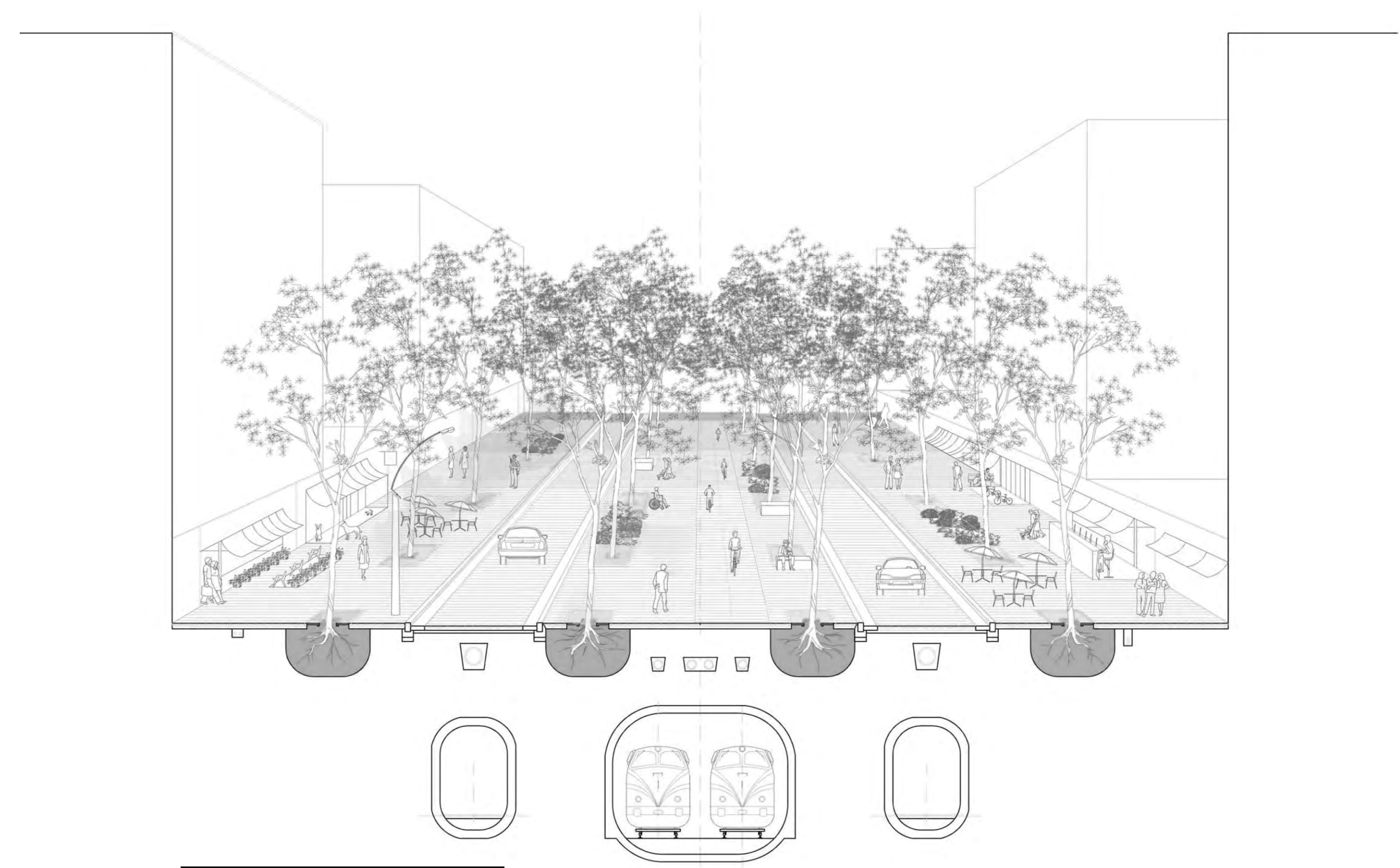
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City changes in the age of autonomous cars

Mobility revolution. Image: Anca Ionescu



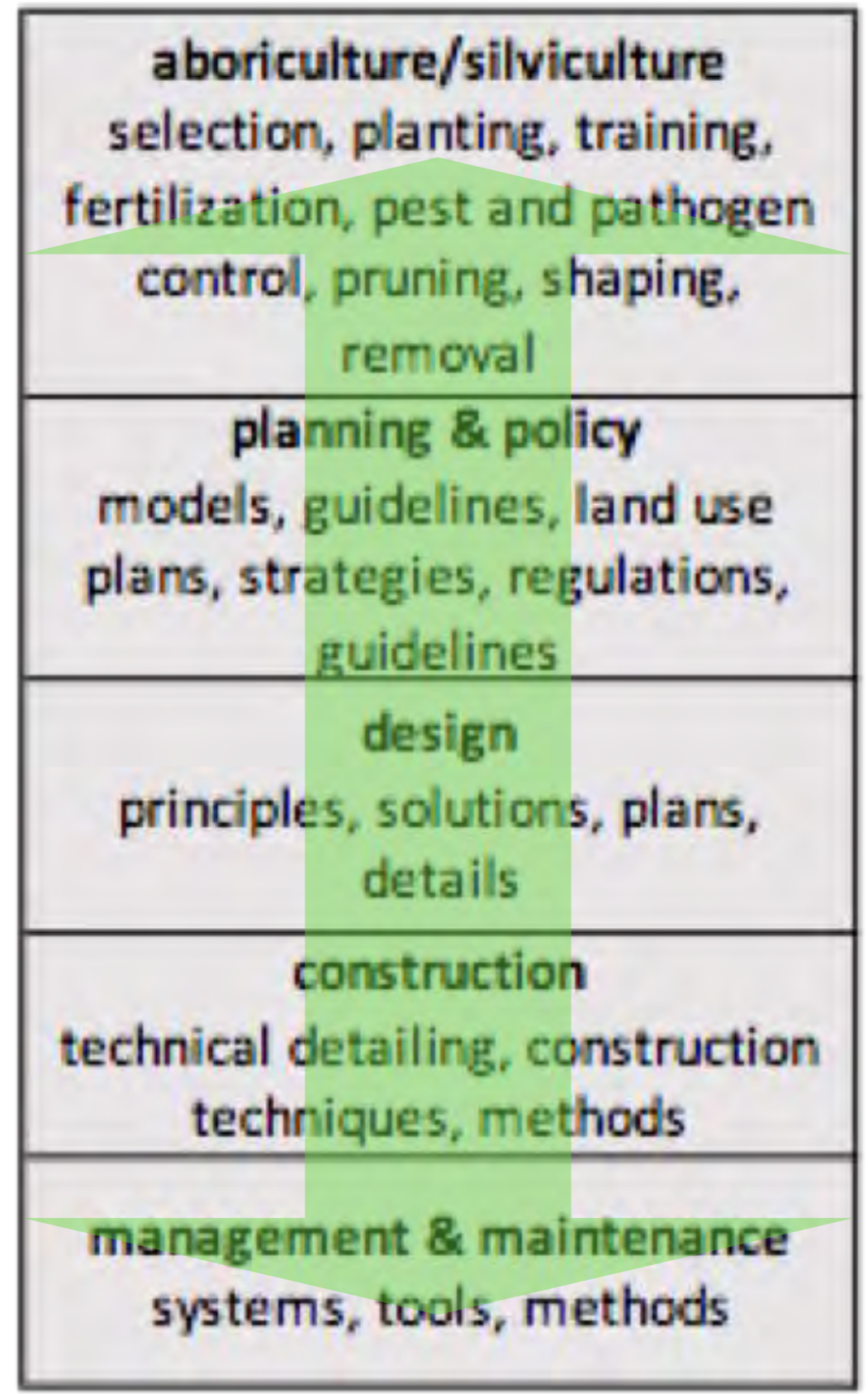
Rome reforested_BplusB

urban forestry 'infrastructure' for Garden Cities 2.0



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REALMS OF URBAN FORESTRY



Urban Forestry Matrix_ Van der Velde, R. 2019



urban forestry research



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design tools

TUD

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X

Y

design principles

arboriculture

policy development

planning & technology

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B

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design principles, solutions, plans, details
construction technical detailing, construction techniques, methods
management & maintenance systems, tools, methods

VHG *research fellowship* urban forestry

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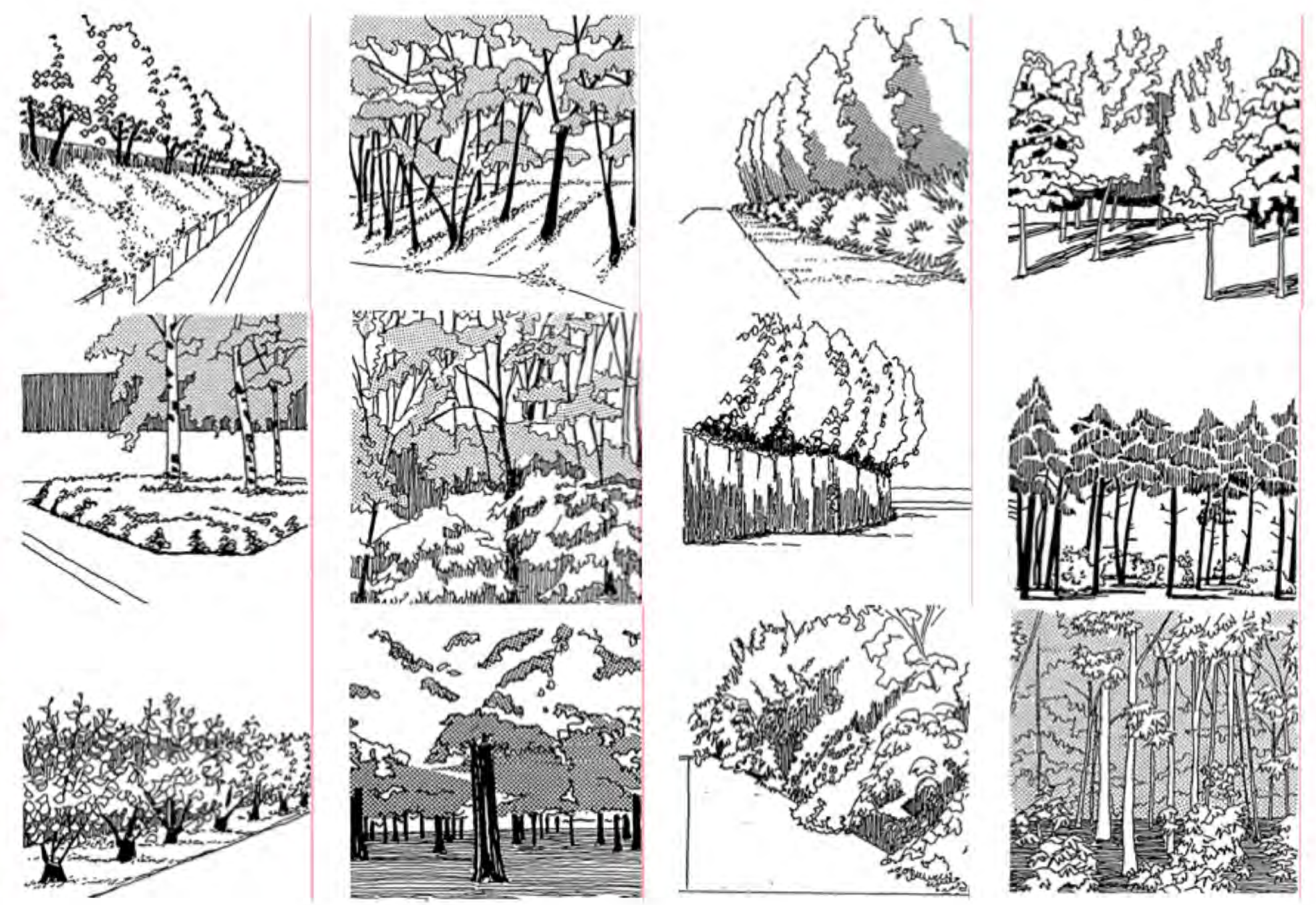
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expand on the building design-landscape design idiom



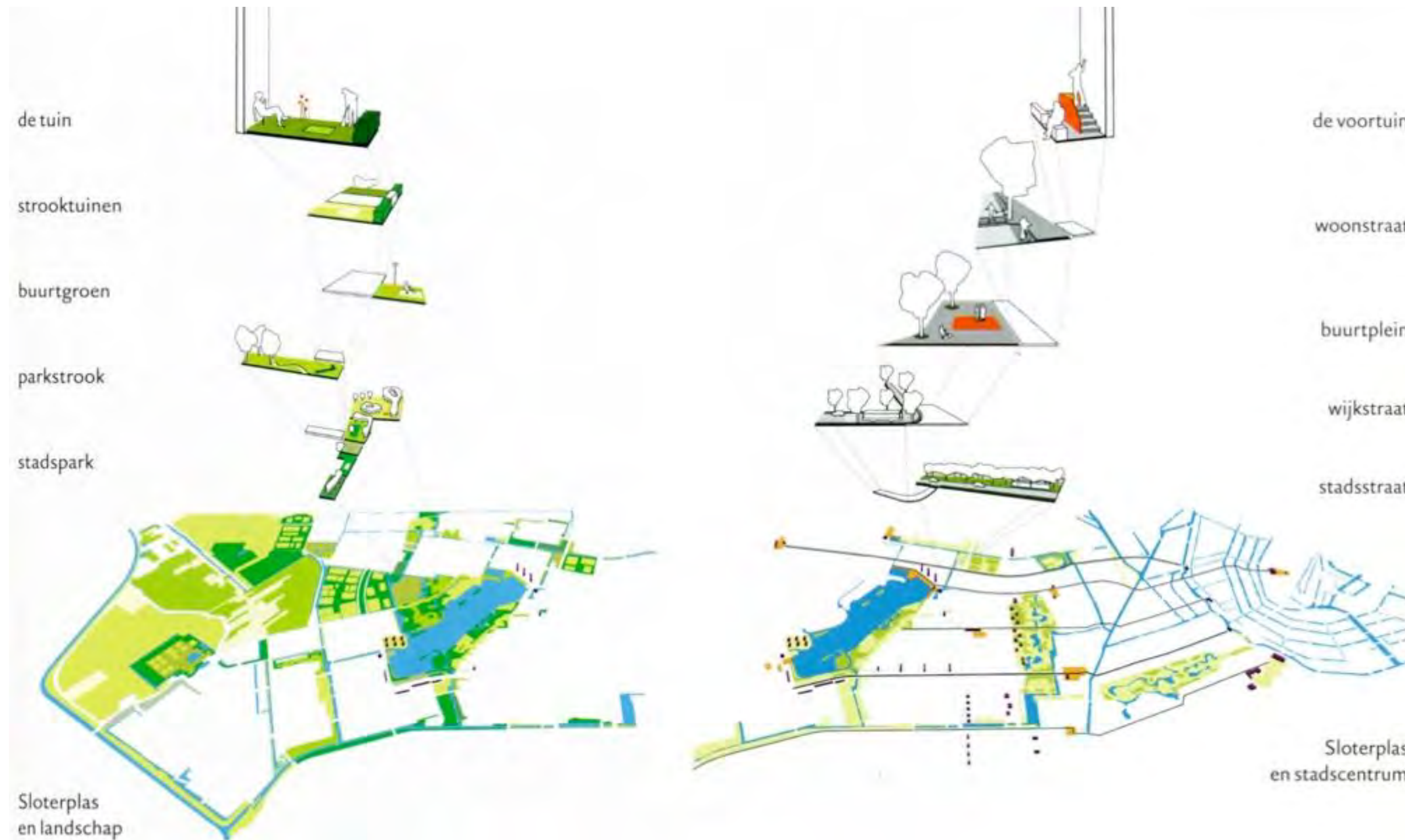
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through: principles of integrated green-blue + grey-red systems

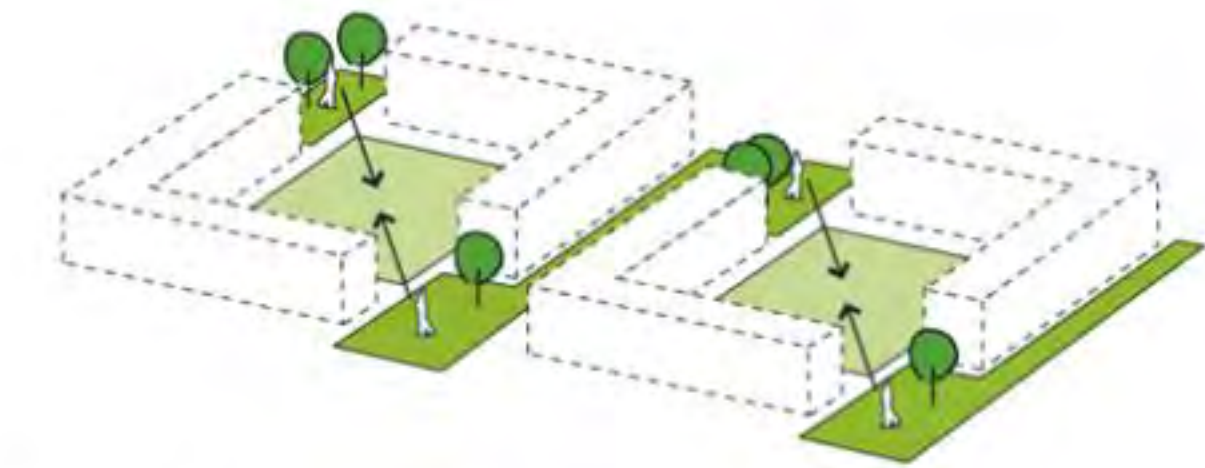


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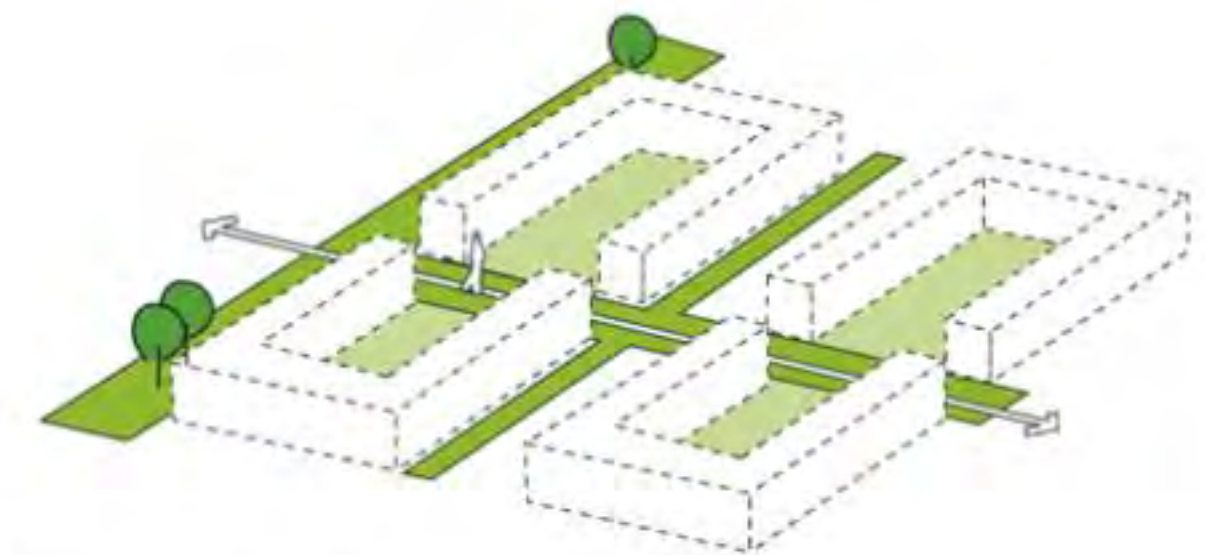


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Doorzicht bij het opengewerkt blok



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Transformatie van de Westelijke 

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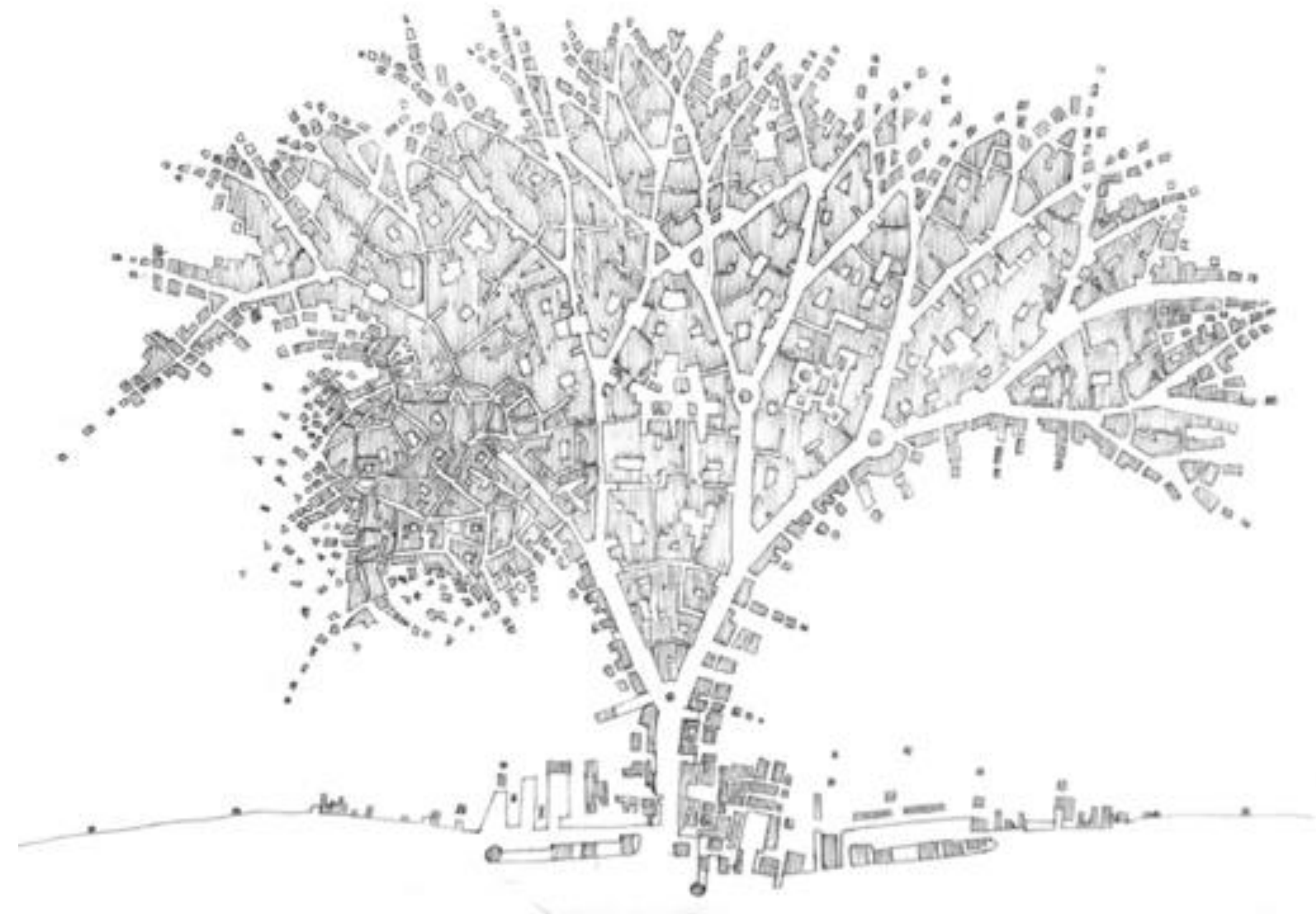
+ garden city 2.0 solutions_via design research & innovation



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forest tower_Sou Fujimoto

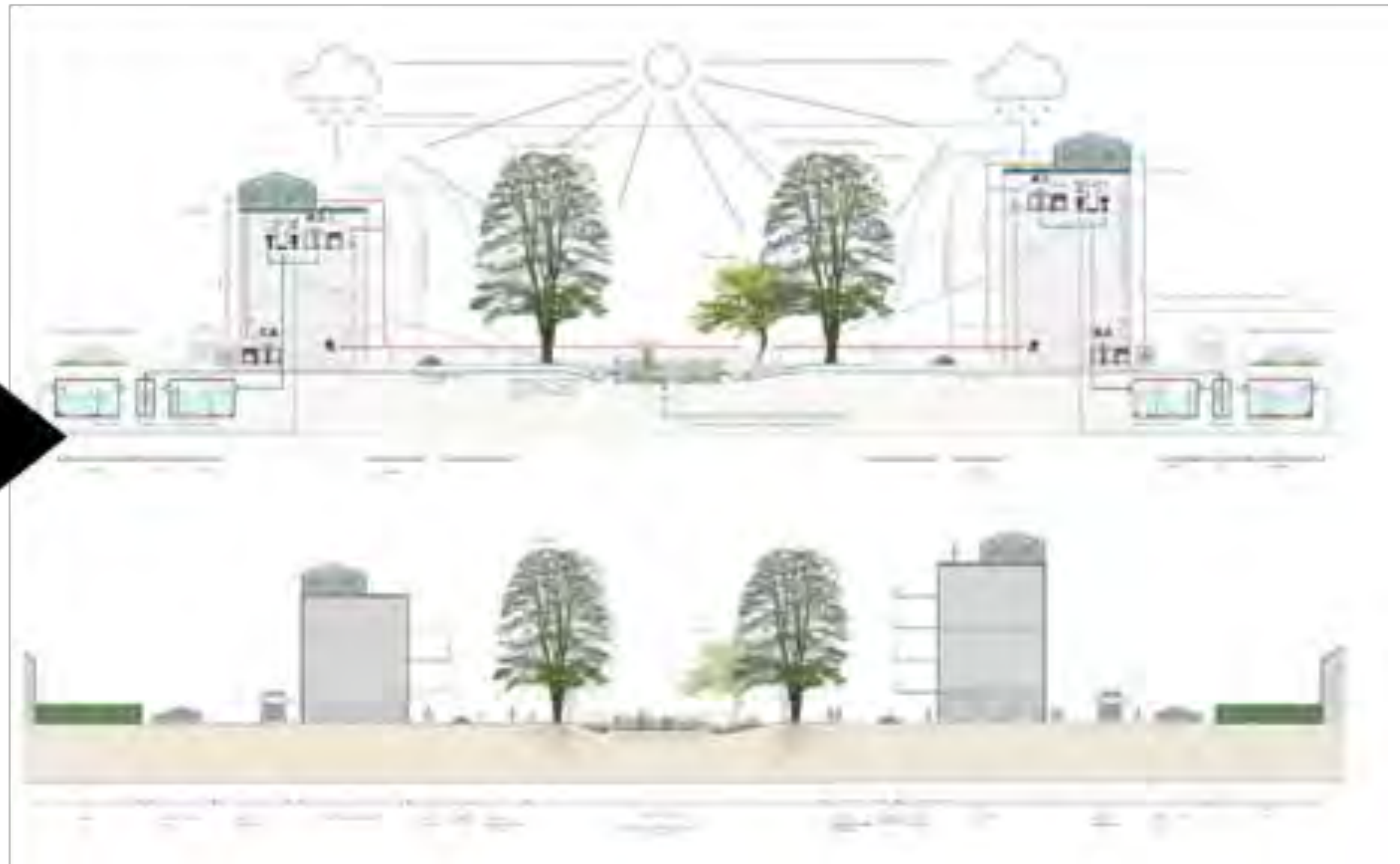
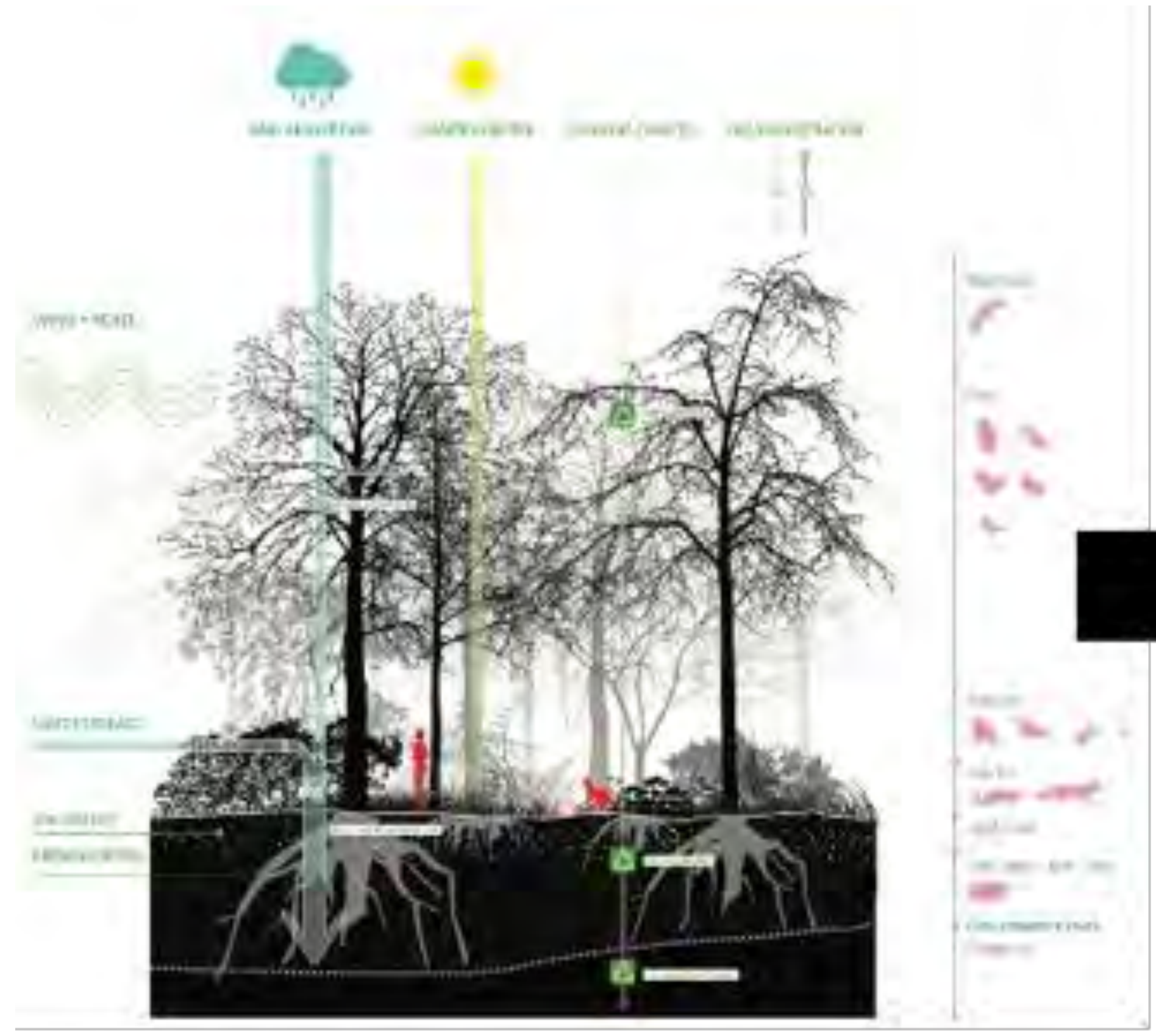


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integrated sustainable environments

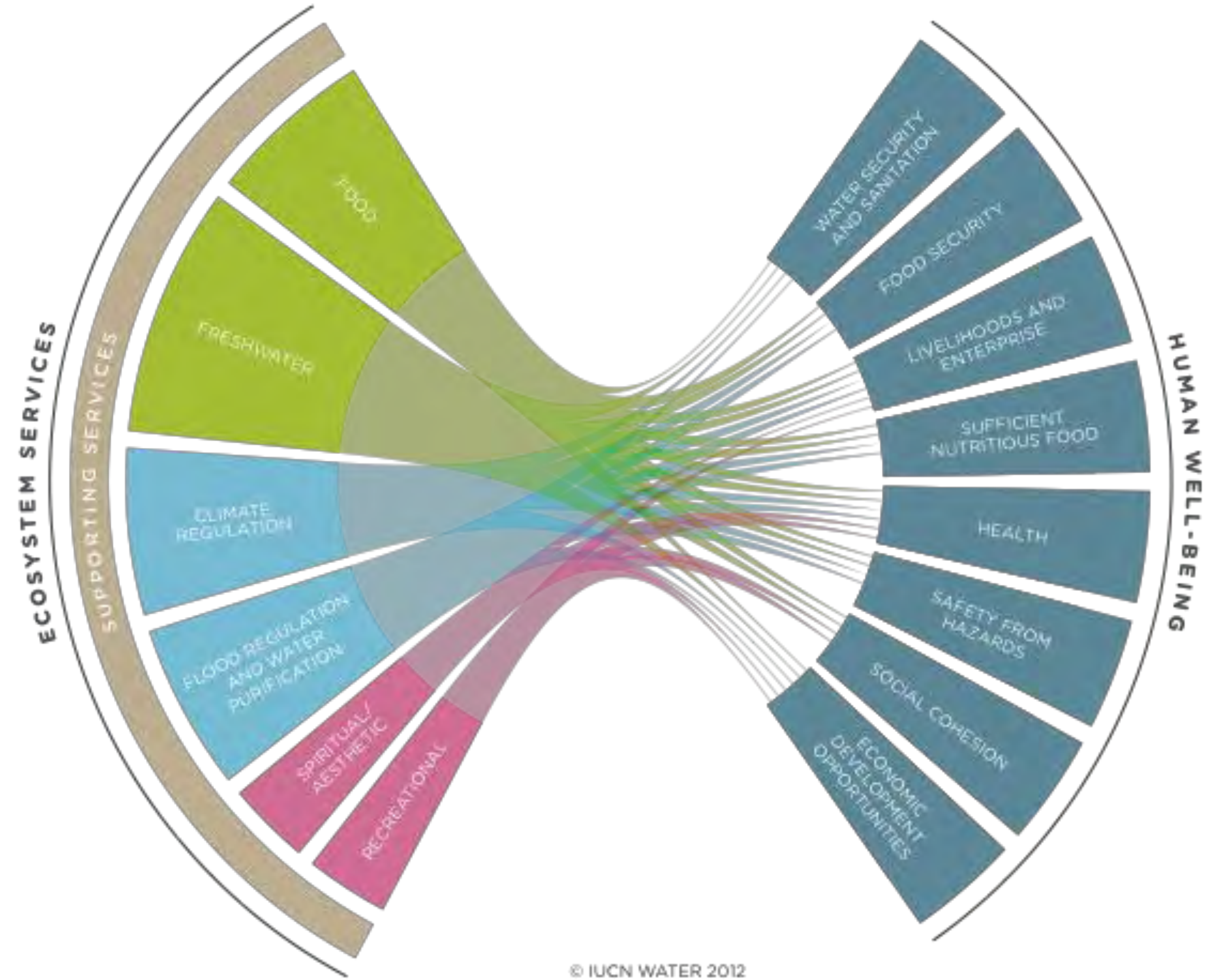


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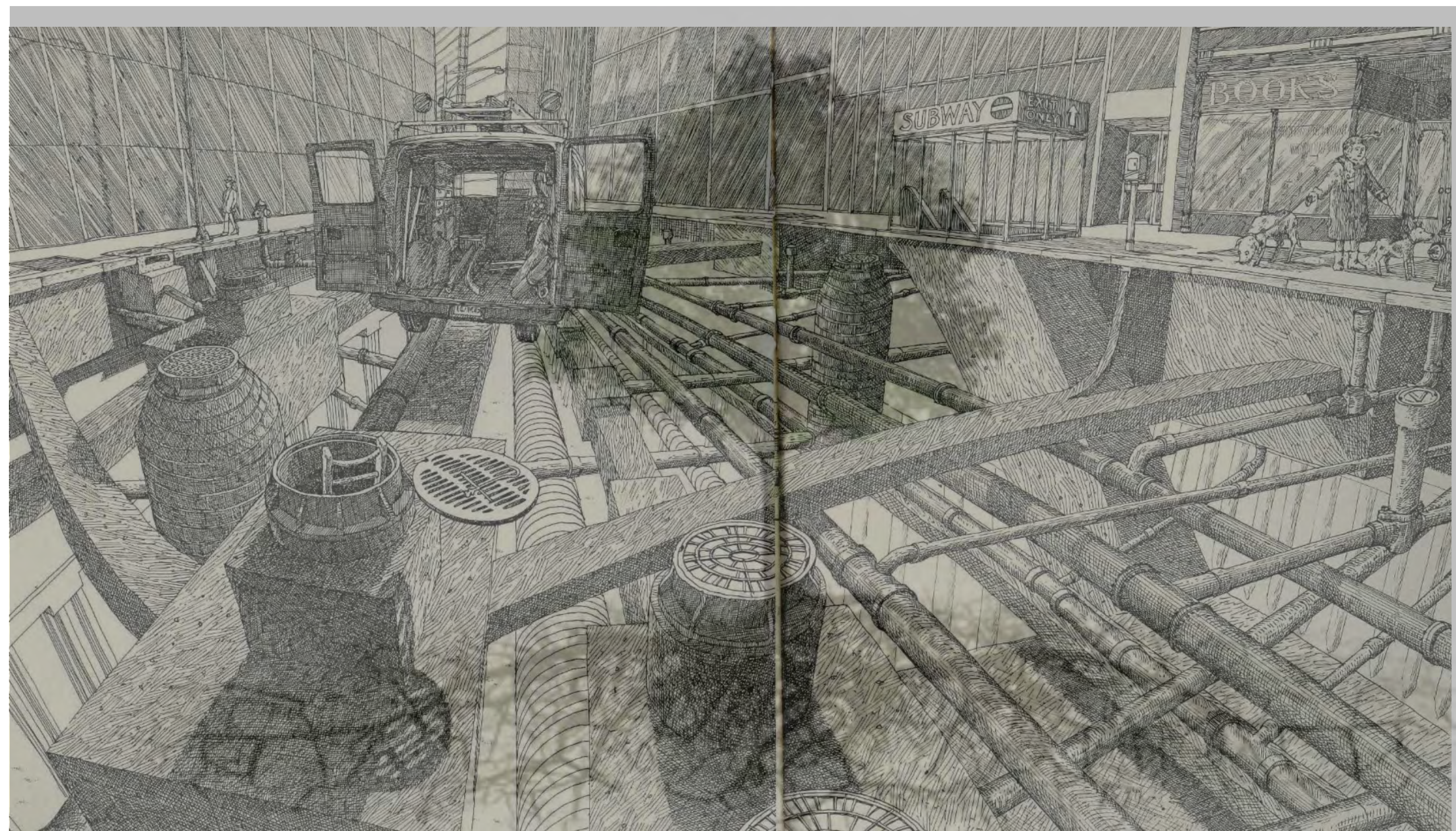
challenges for the green sector

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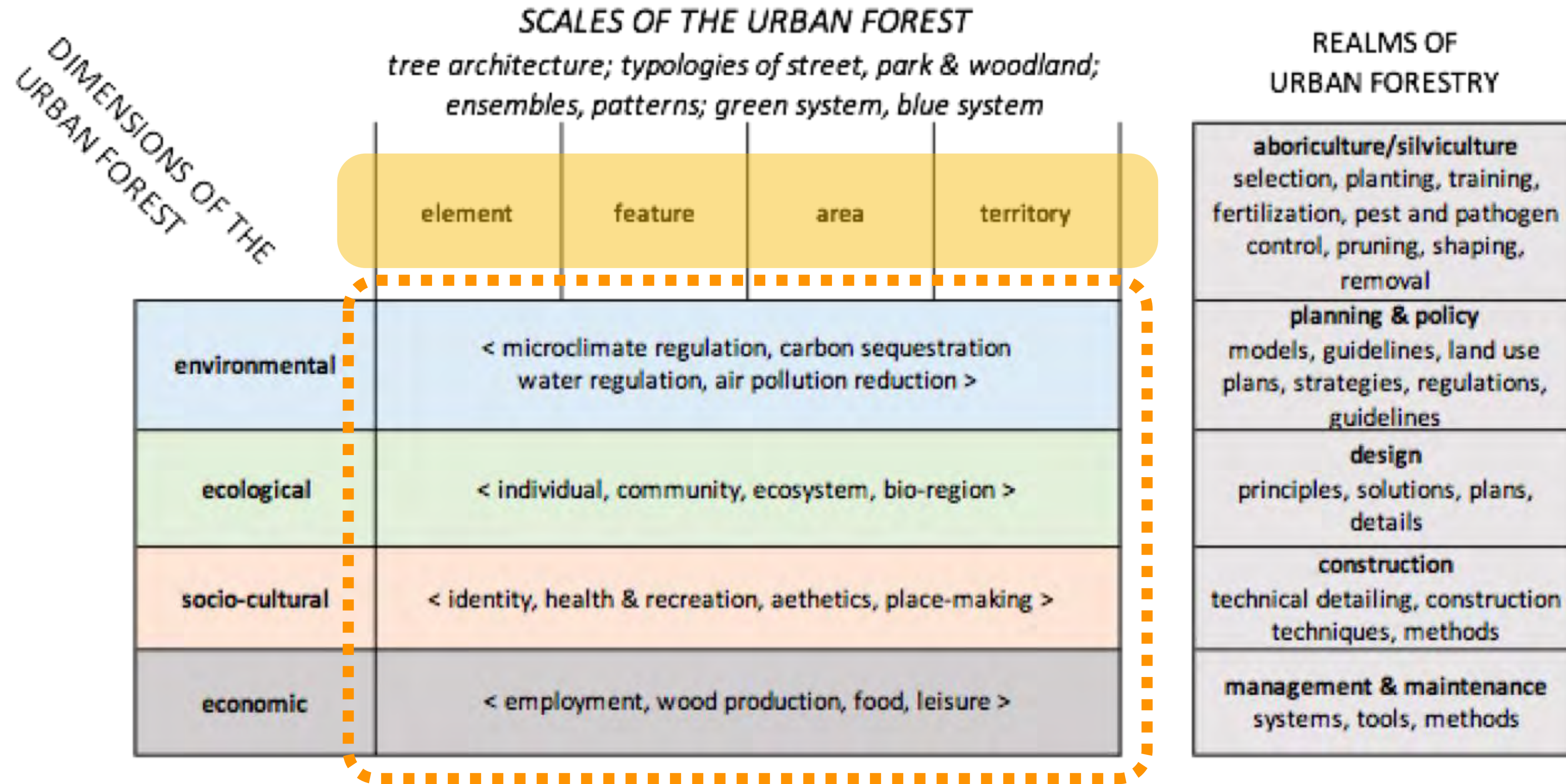
rule #1: it's never just about the tree!



central research initiative: delta city tree syntax



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Urban Forestry Matrix_ Van der Velde, R. 2019

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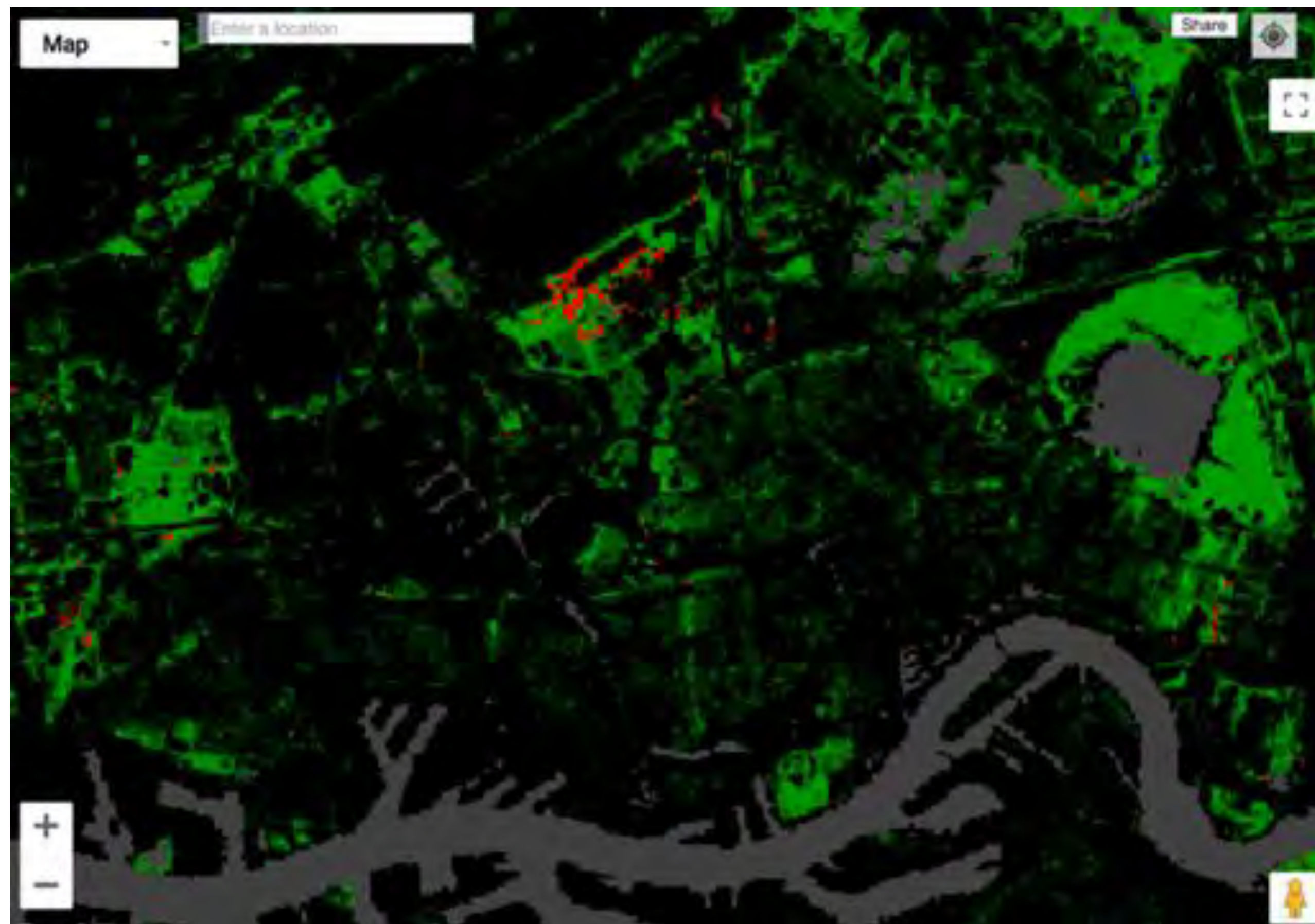
Gezicht op de Gouden Bocht in de Herengracht, 1671-1672
Gerrit Berckheyde



Gezicht op de Gouden Bocht (Herengracht), 1694
Jan van Call (1655-1703)

'urban forest' Rotterdam

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Global Forest Change
Published by Hansen, Potapov, Moore, Mancher et al.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHICAL SCIENCES

Results from time-series analysis of Landsat images characterizing forest extent and change.

Trees are defined as vegetation taller than 5m in height and are expressed as a percentage per output grid cell as '2000 Percent Tree Cover'. 'Forest Cover Loss' is defined as a stand-replacement disturbance, or a change from a forest to non-forest state, during the period 2000-2017. 'Forest Cover Gain' is defined as the inverse of loss, or a non-forest to forest change entirely within the period 2000-2012. 'Forest Loss Year' is a disaggregation of total 'Forest Loss' to annual time scales.

Reference 2000 and 2017 imagery are median observations from a set of quality assessment-passed growing season observations.

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Data Products

Loss/Extent/Gain (Red/Green/Blue)

Legend

- Forest Loss 2000-2017
- Forest Gain 2000-2012
- Both Loss and Gain
- Forest Extent

Other Data Layers

Tropical Hinterland Forests

Background Imagery

Year 2000 Bands 5/4/3

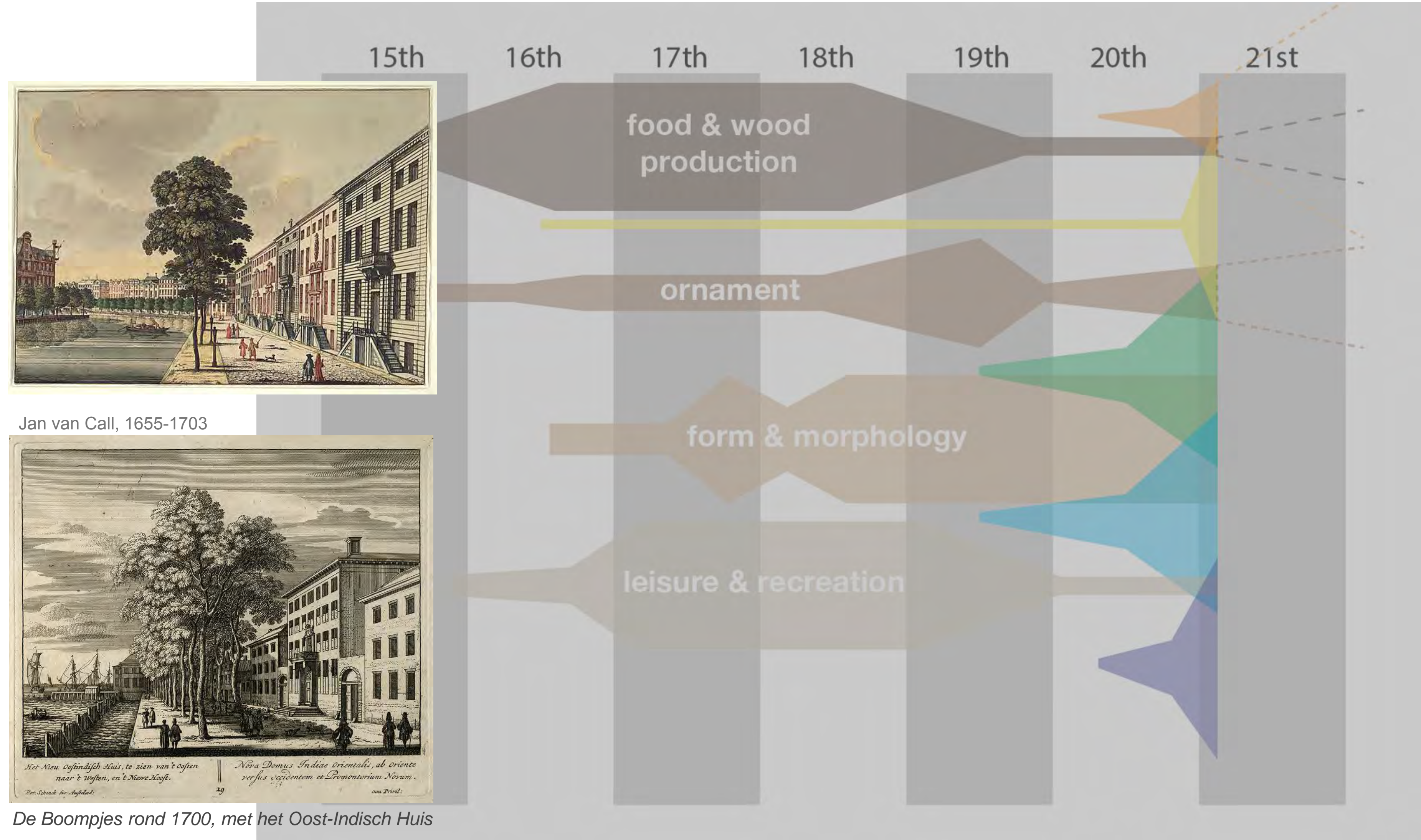
Example Locations

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base-line study: what do we have and how does it perform?



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historical developments ('first words')



Zicht op de Nieuwegracht (nu Servaasbolwerk) Utrecht
tekening Herman Saftleven, circa 1660

spp, practices and details ('vocabulary')



bestemmingsplan Oudegracht, Utrecht, 1970

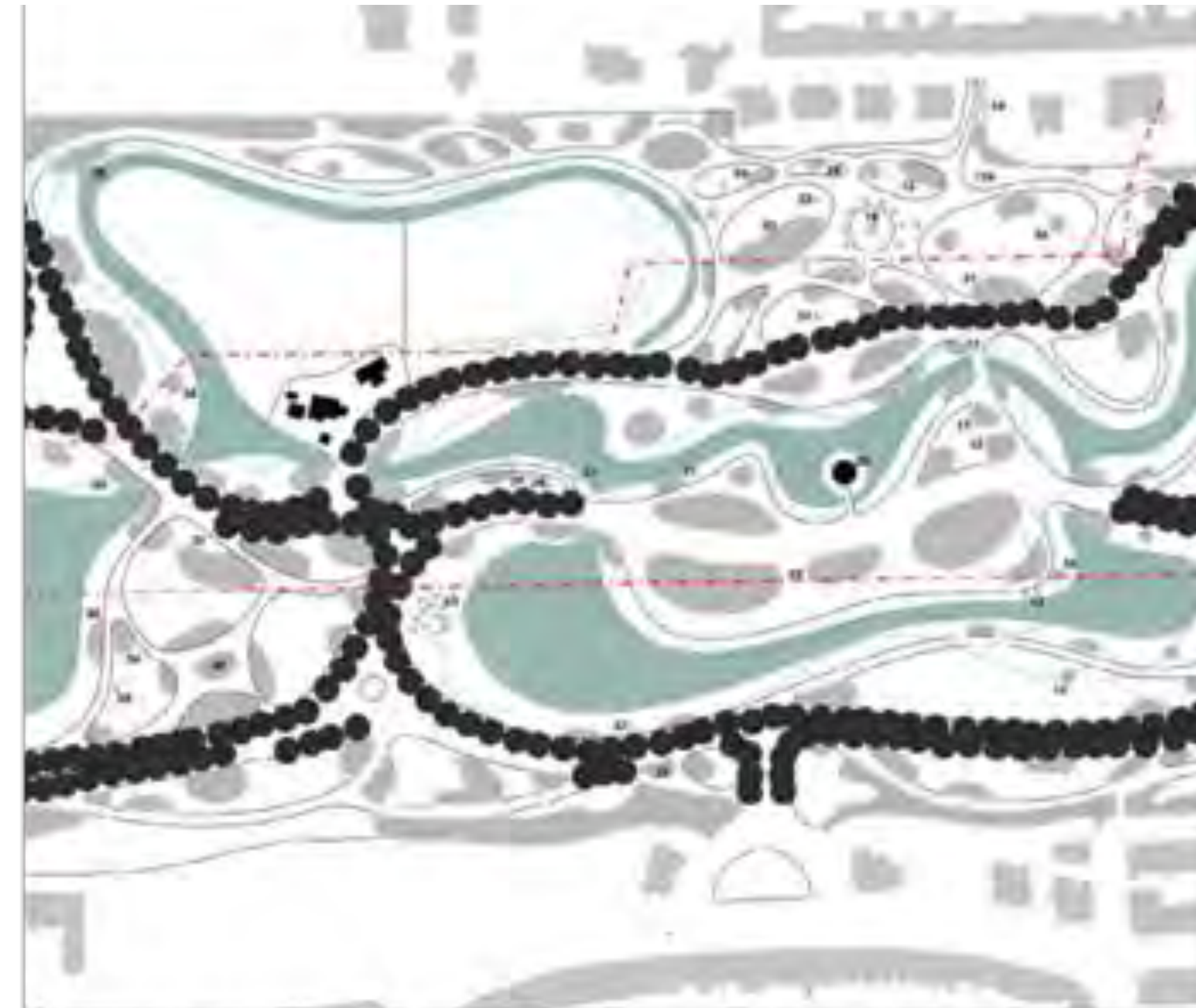
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patterns of tree plantings ('grammar');



groenbeheer & naorlogs erfgoed - de bomentaal van Pottenberg, *Jacqueline Verhees*

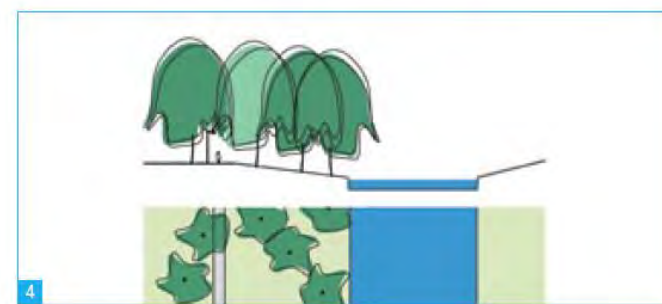
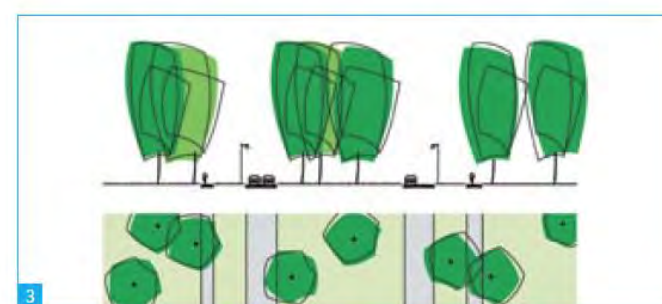
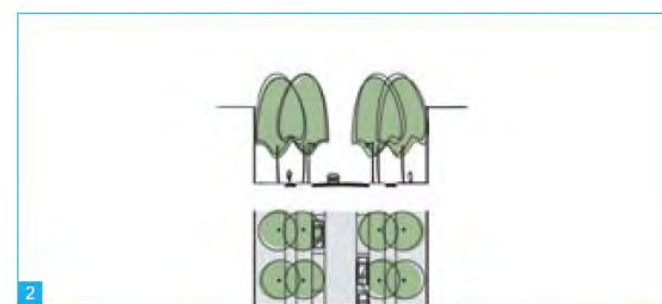
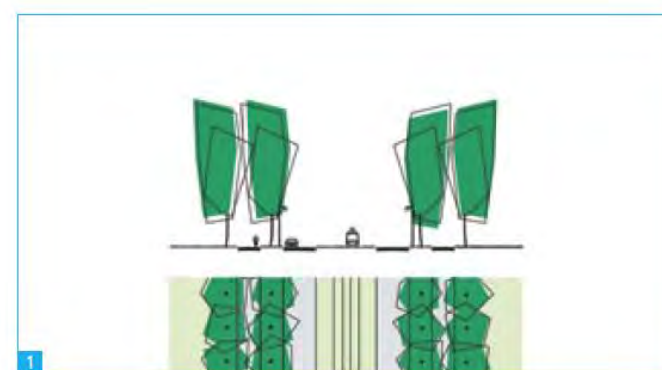
woodlands, parks ('sentences' & 'stories')



Planting detail of the Vondelpark in 1906.
From: Reh, W., Steenbergen, C., Metropolitan Landscape Architecture: Urban Parks and Landscapes (Amsterdam: Thoth, 2011)

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existing body of knowledge



inventory & cataloging

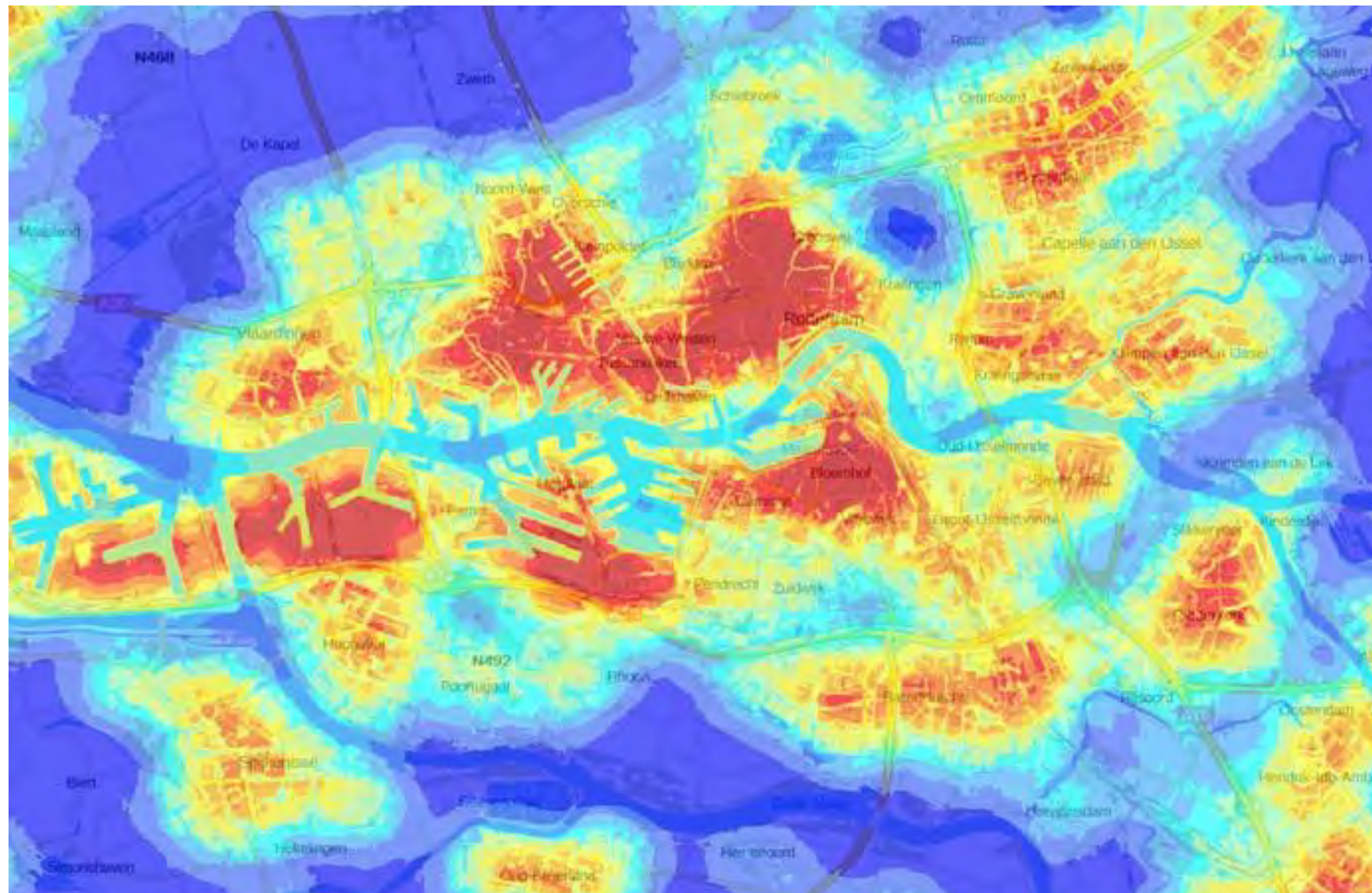


documentation, visualisations, calculations, simulations



calculations, simulations

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CONCEPT GROENSTRUCTUURKAART ROTTERDAM

studies & simulations at design scale



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studies & simulations at planning scale

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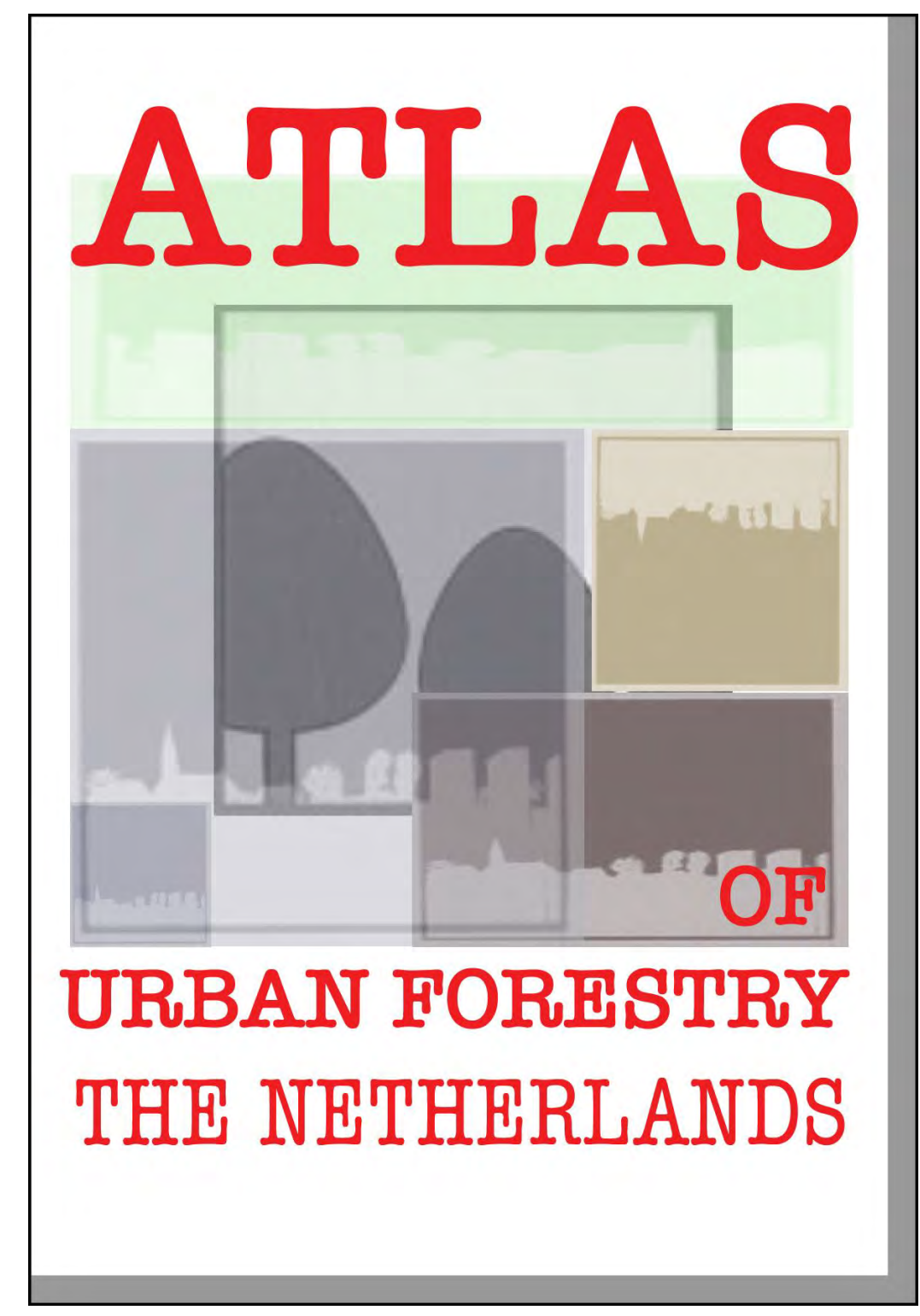


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dissemination: Atlas of Urban Forestry *Netherlands*



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tree architecture & the urban microclimate

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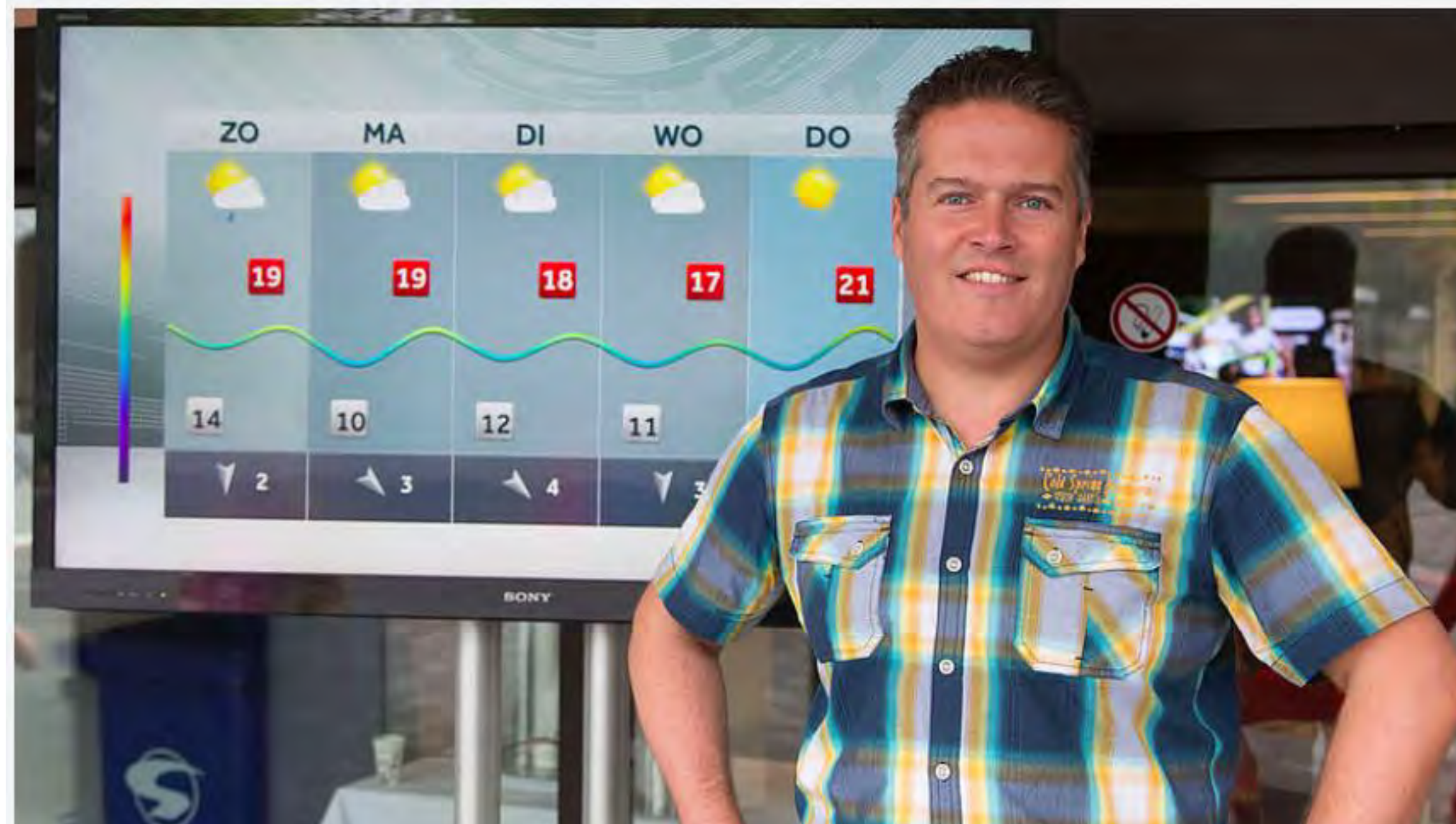
Summer 2018

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'Eén boom geeft net zo veel verkoeling als tien airco's'

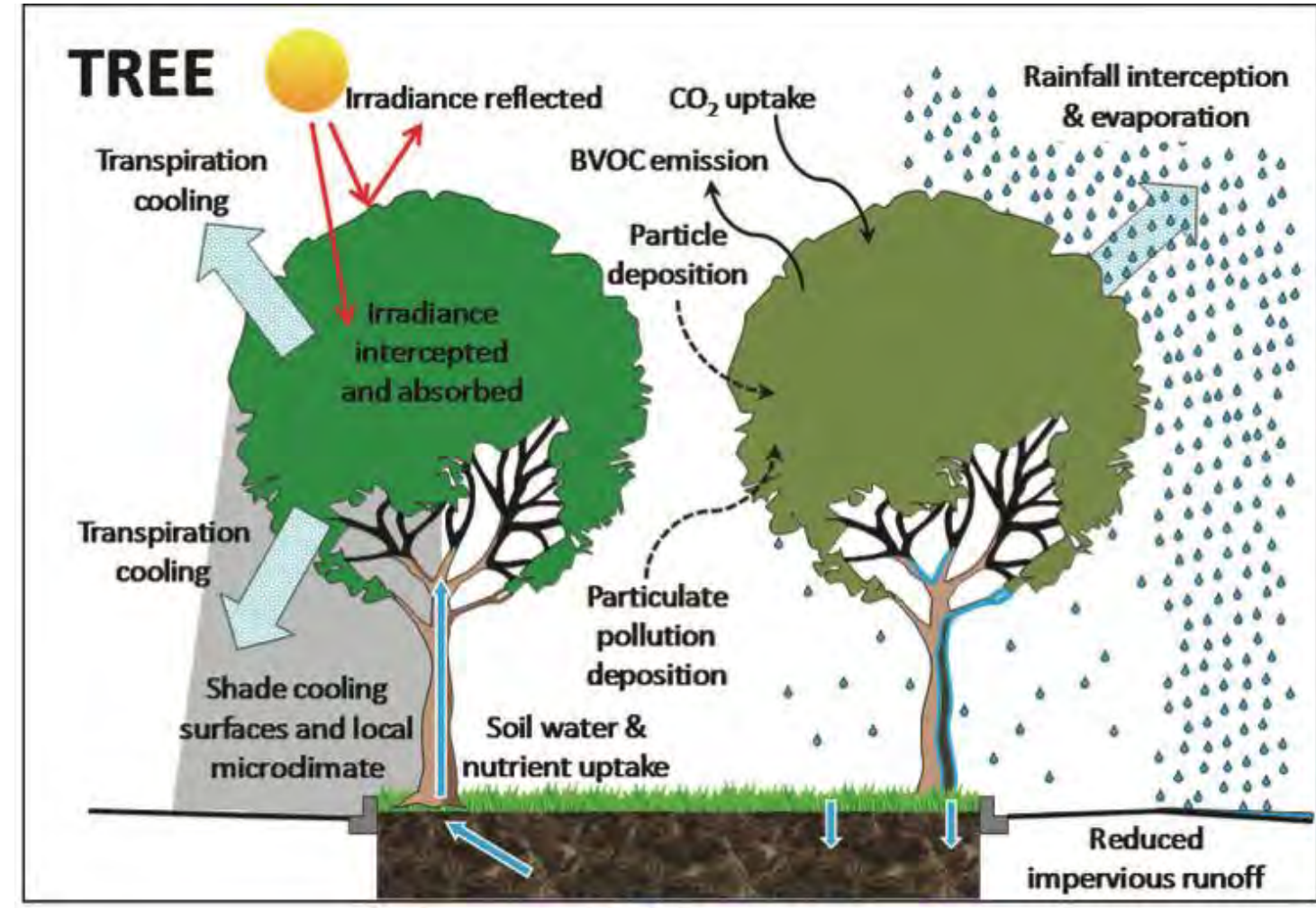
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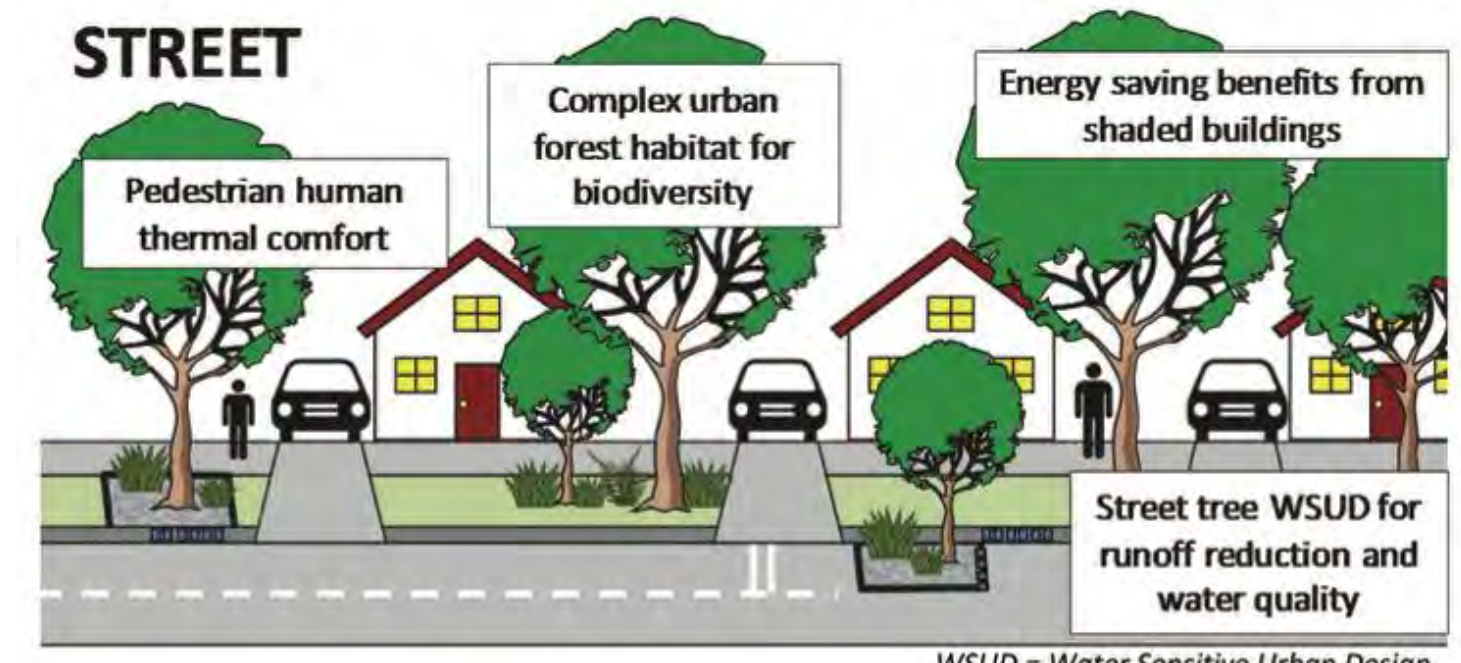
urban forest impacts on urban water, heat, and pollution cycles



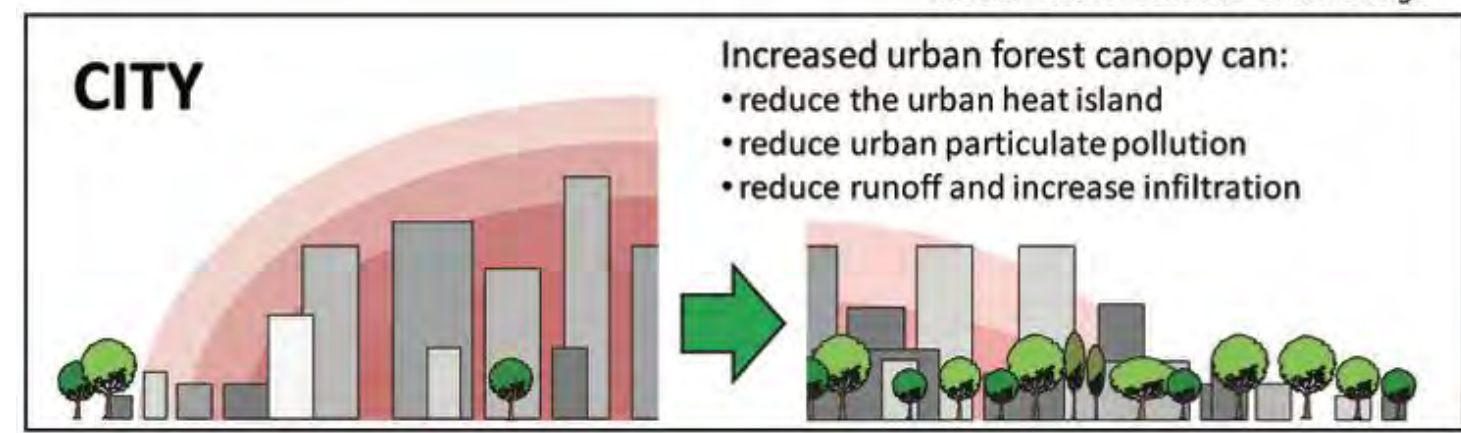
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BVOC = Biological volatile organic compounds



WSUD = Water Sensitive Urban Design



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existing knowledge base

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Koelende werking bomen

- Actief overdag door verdamping via bladeren (evapotranspiratie)
 - 1 boom op een zonnige dag heeft koelvermogen van 20-30 kW \approx 10 airco's
- Passief overdag door beschaduwing
 - 1-5 graden vermindering luchttemperatuur
 - 10-25 graden vermindering oppervlaktetemperatuur
- Absorbeert weinig warmte i.t.t. verhard oppervlak

Gemeente Almere



Gemeente Den Haag

Effectiviteit

- Afhankelijk van soort en dichtheid van vegetatie, grootte en locatie
- Kennis beperkt (kwantitatief)
- Manchester (ASCCUE): 10% toename groen tot 2080 kan temperaturen constant houden
- Voldoende water beschikbaar essentieel!



Kennismontage Hitte_Climat Proof Cities



factors in temperature amelioration



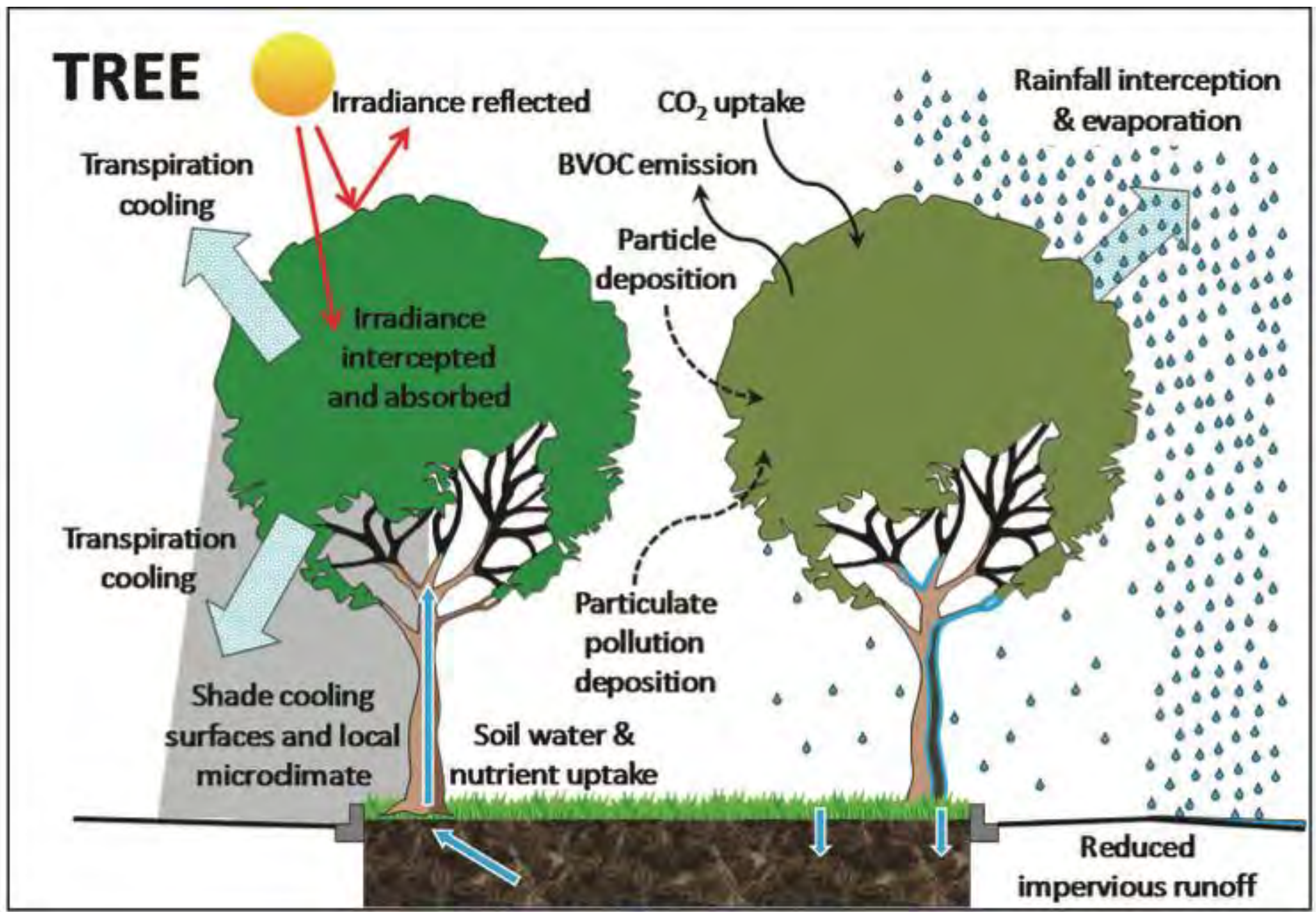
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Reflection

Evapo-transpiration

absorption of radiation

shade cooling



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ARBORETUM DE LA MARTINIÈRE, Loire Valley



Boomvormstudie Regenboogbuurt alme
Hosper, A. 1992



spp. impacts on urban water, heat, and pollution etc



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Aesculus hippocastanum	★★★★		★★★	☆		★★★★	★★		
Aesculus x carnea	★★★		★★★	★	☆	★★★★			
Alnus cordata	★★★		★★★	★	★	★★	★★		
Alnus glutinosa	★★★		★★★	☆	★	★★	★★	★★	★
Alnus incana	★★★		★★★	★★	★	★★	★	★	★
Alnus spaethii	★★★★		★★★	★★	★	★★			
Amelanchier arborea	★		★★★	☆	★	★			
Amelanchier lamarckii	★★		★★★	☆	★	★			

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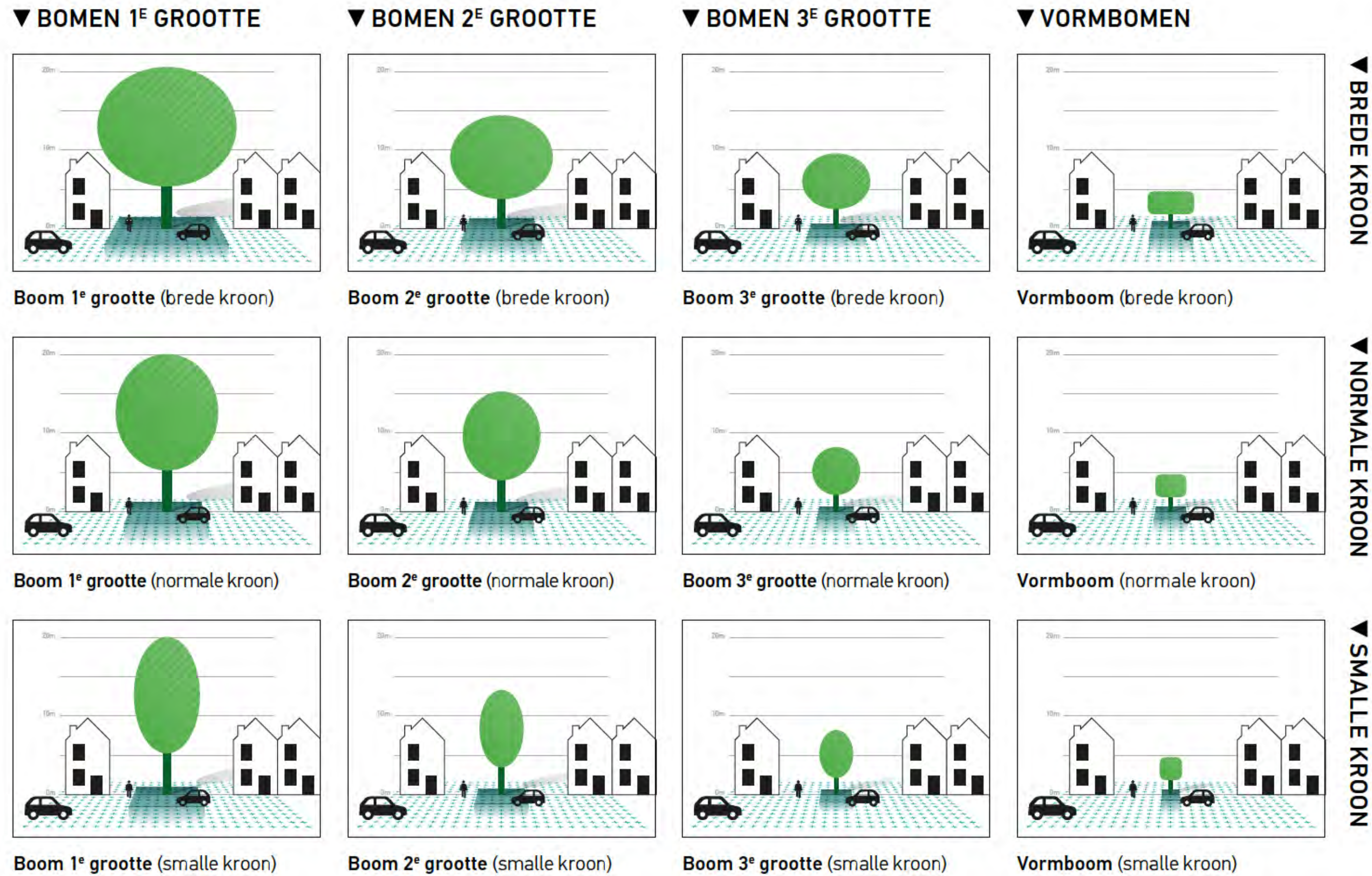
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Hiemstra et al. (2017). Species-Specific Information for Enhancing Ecosystem Services. In: The Urban Forest, pp. 11' Springer.

based on size, crown shape and (in some cases) leaf area index



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research questions

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~~do different tree spp have different cooling performances?~~

which physiognomic (architectural)
factors influence these performances?

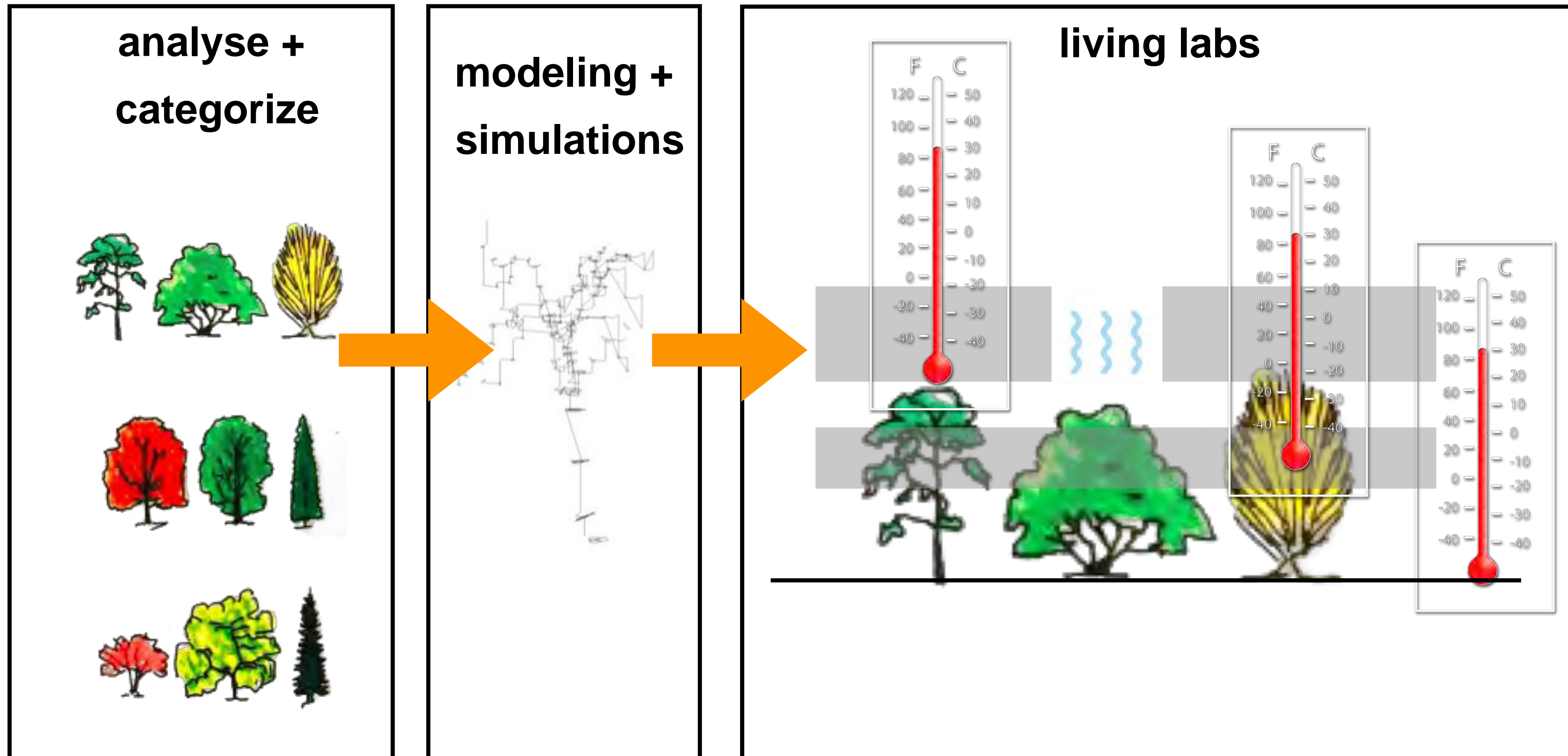
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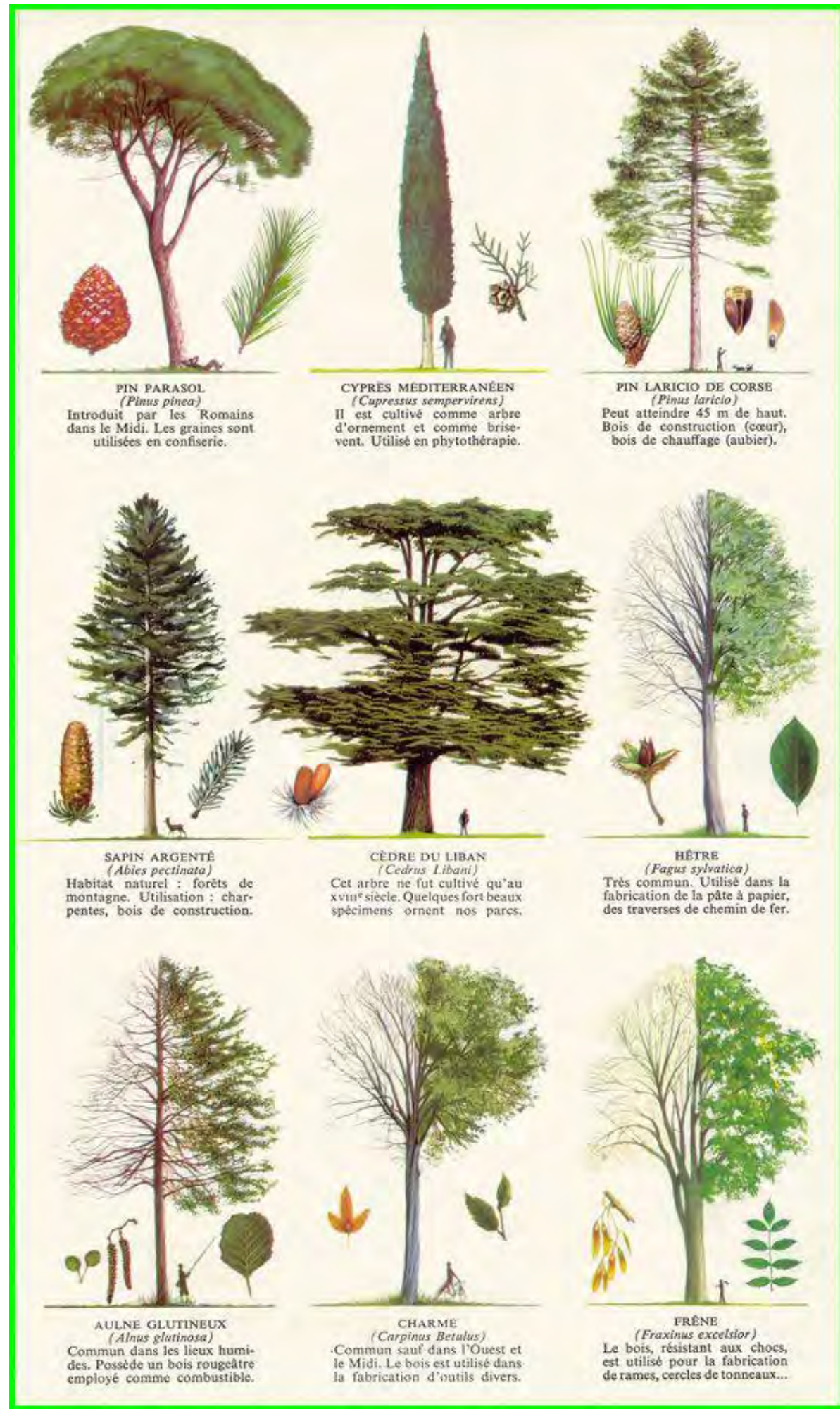


research design

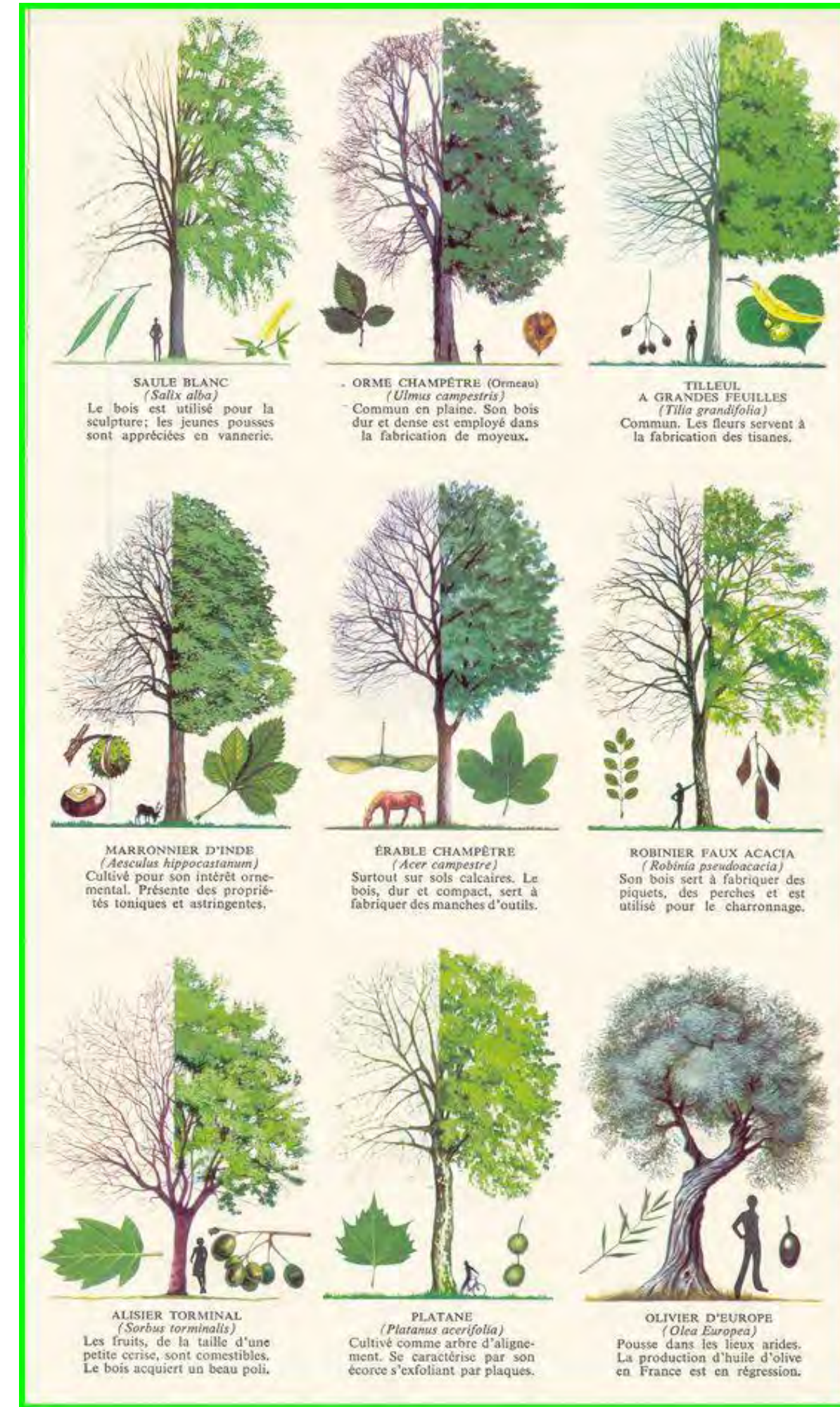


analysis + categorisation

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size
 crown shape
 transparency
 branch structure
 leaf size/shape
 LAI
 leafing period
 leaf colour



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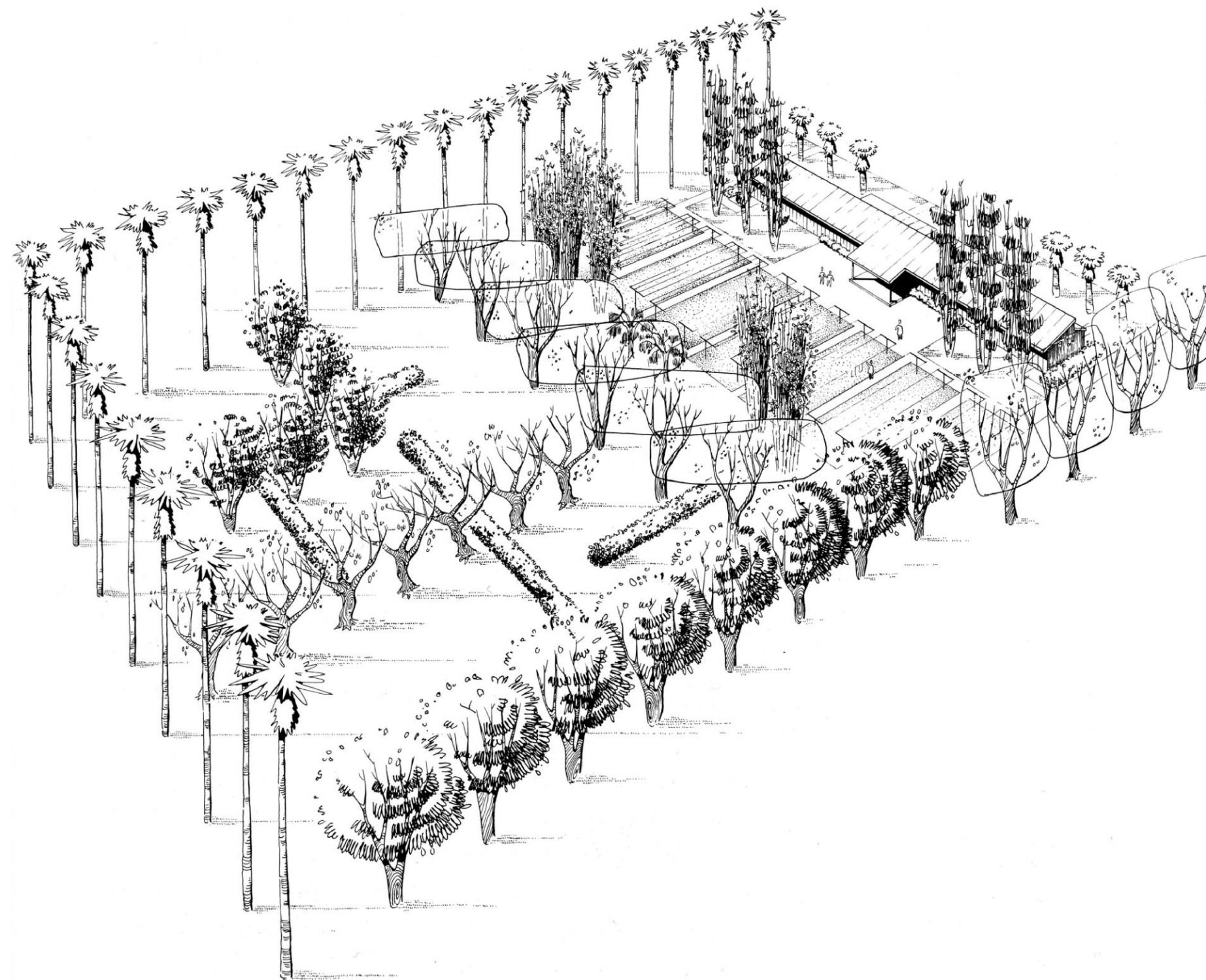
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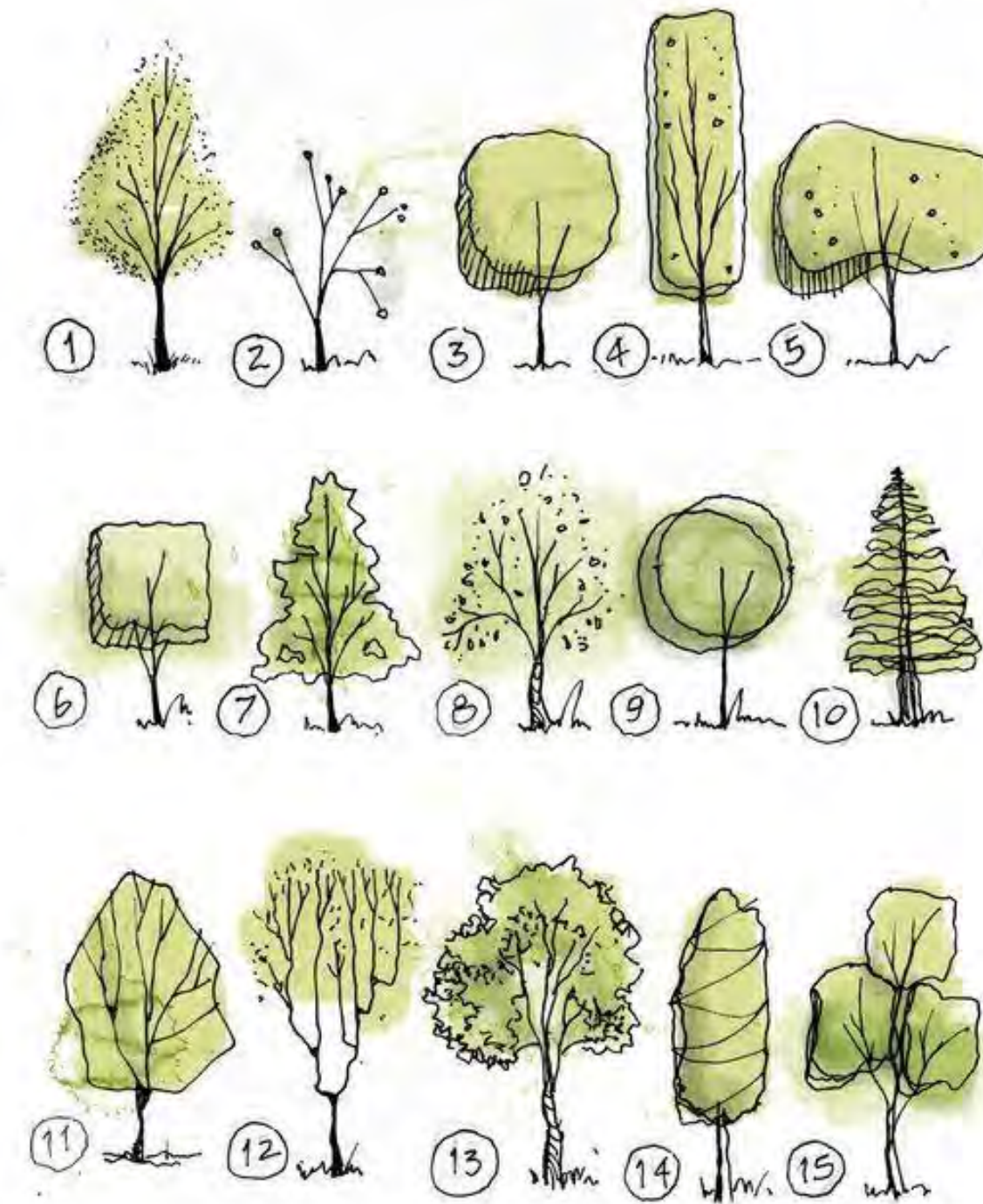
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Park and community building. Harlingen, Texas, 1940.
[Gareth Eckbo]



Common tree drawing principles

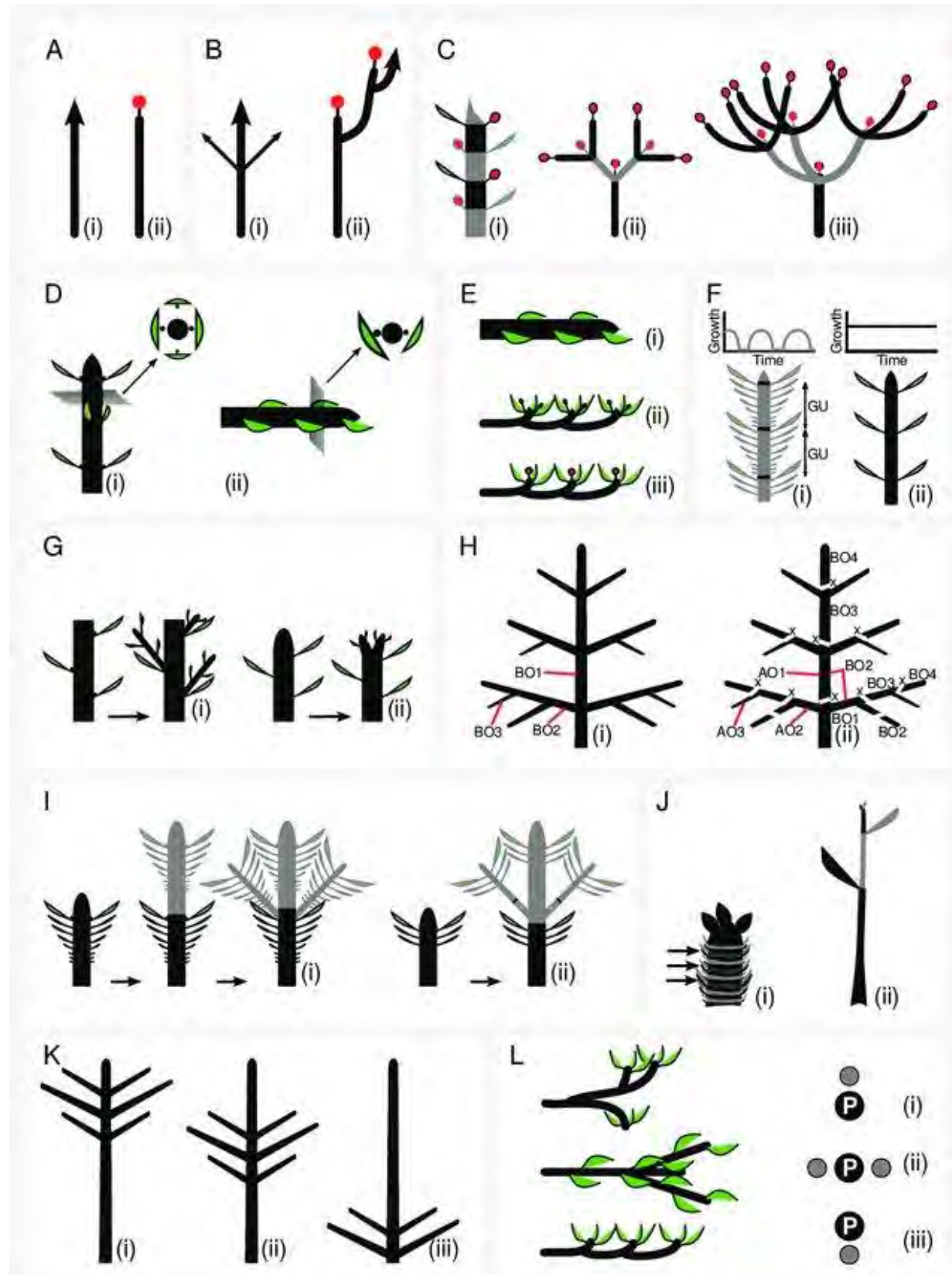
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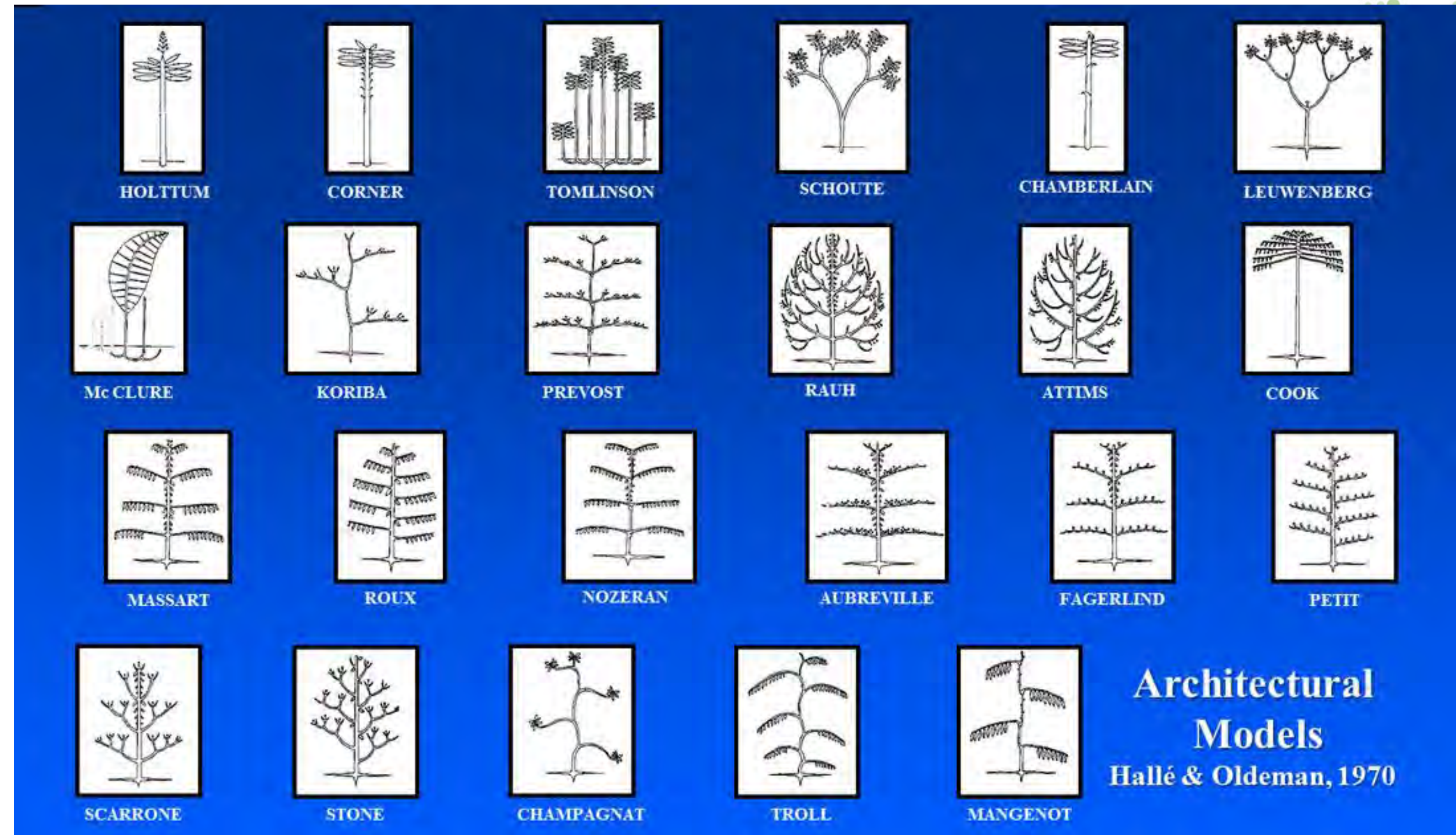
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modelling + simulations



Main concepts in plant architecture.
Chomicki et. al. 2017

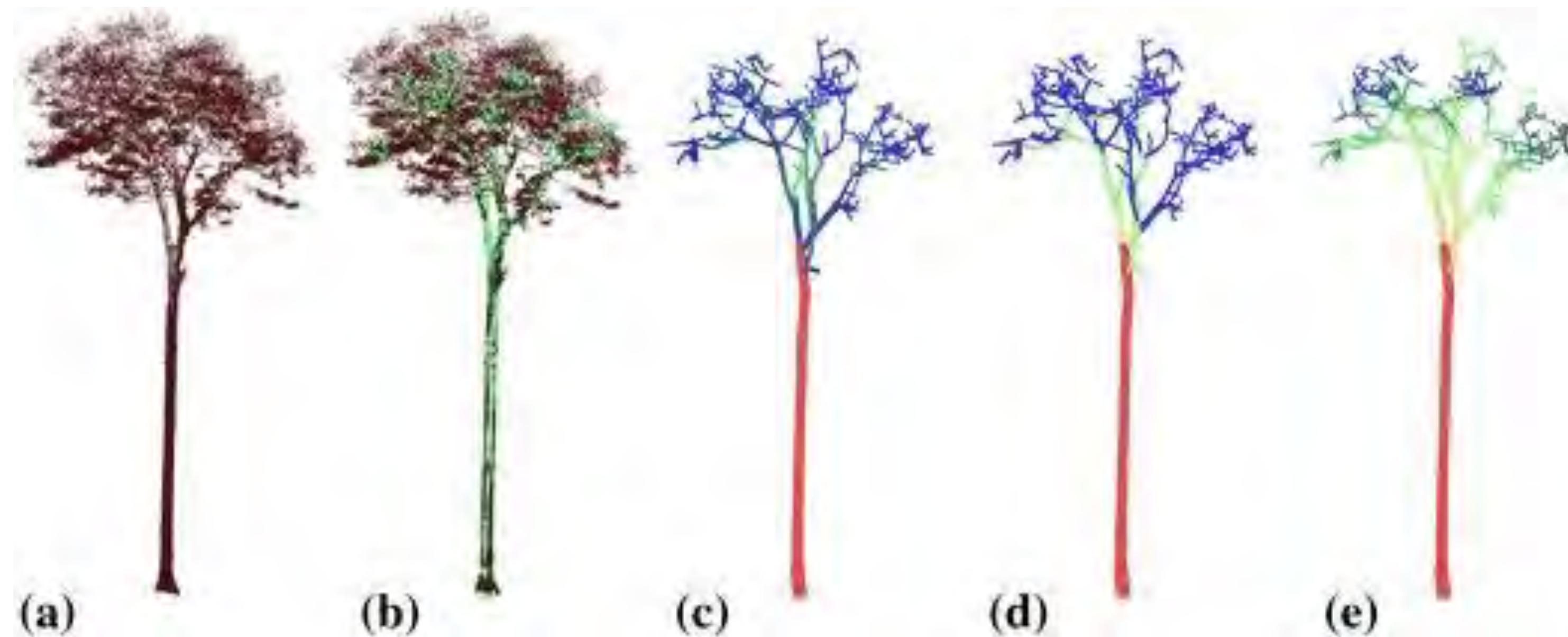
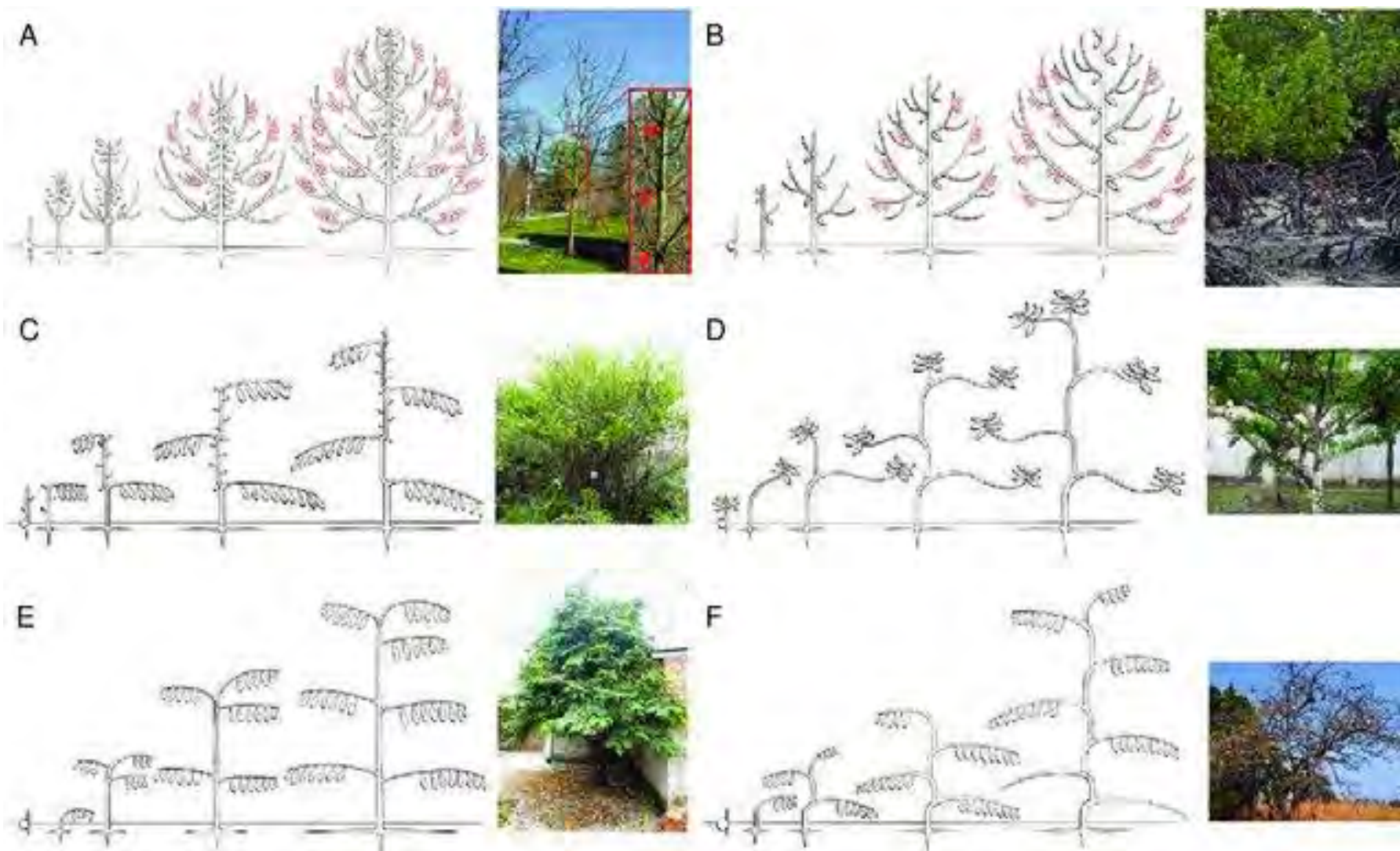


Tree architectural models, Hallé & Oldeman (1970)

modelling + simulations



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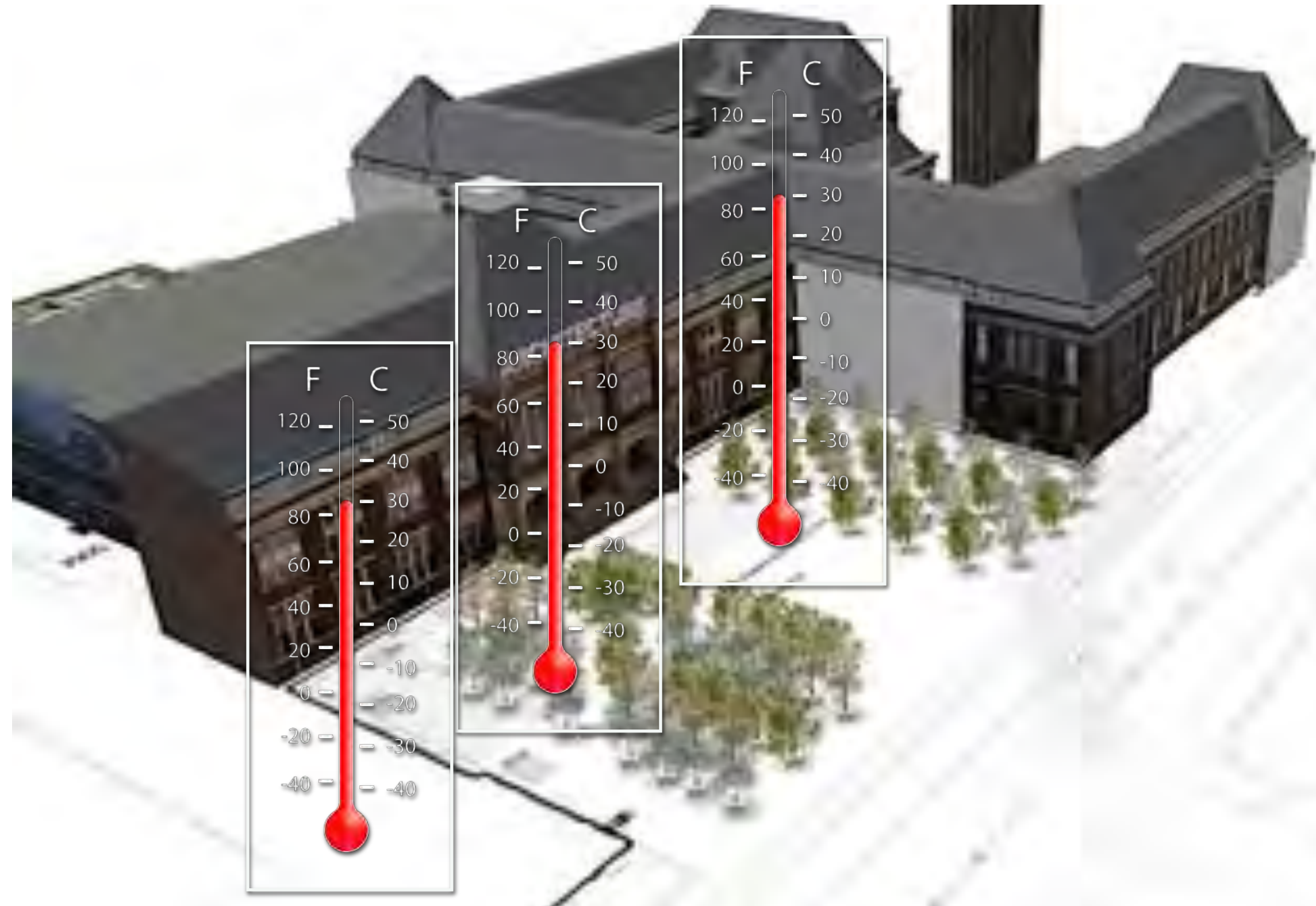
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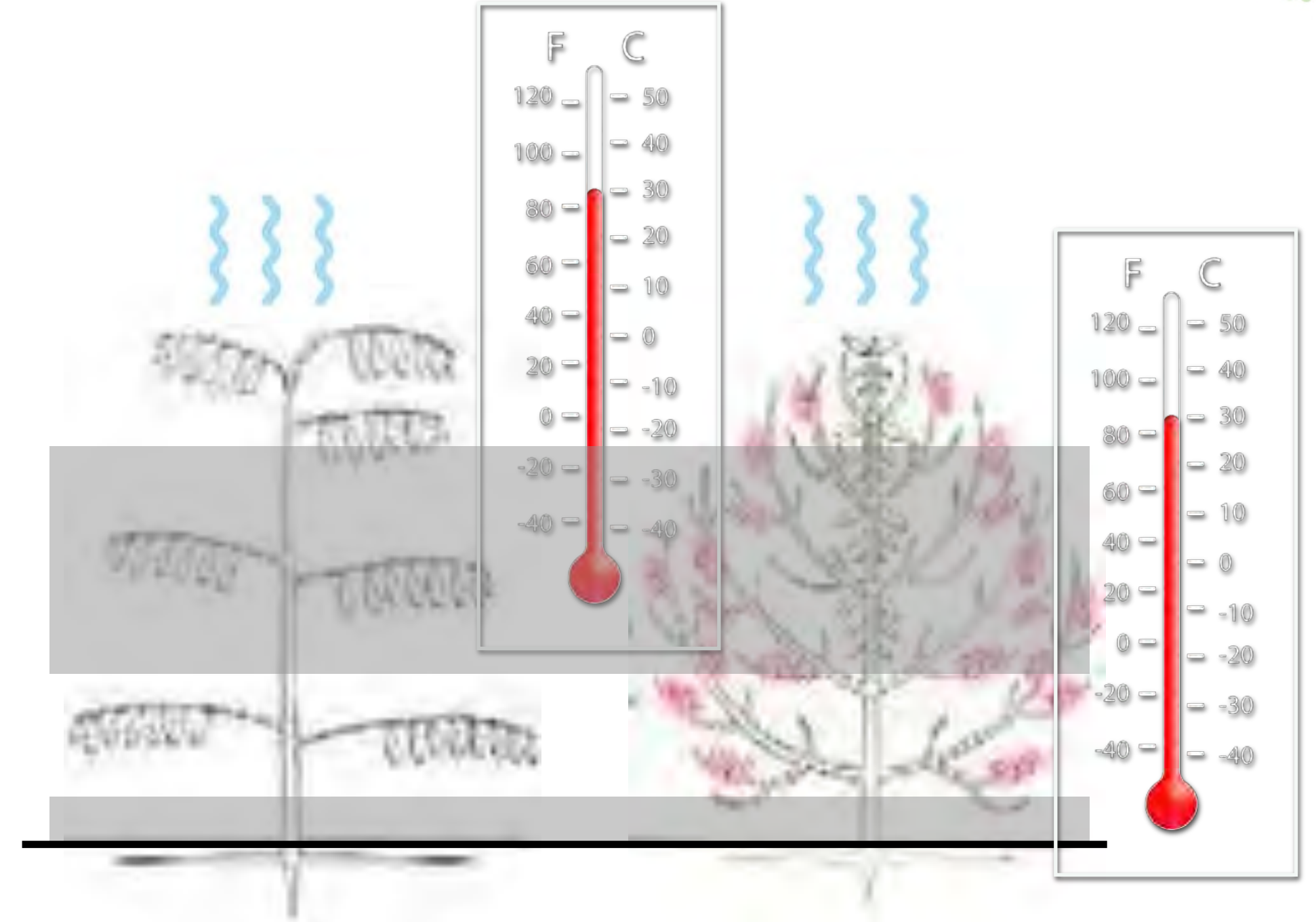


living labs

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installatie en meetpunten



meetpunten bomen

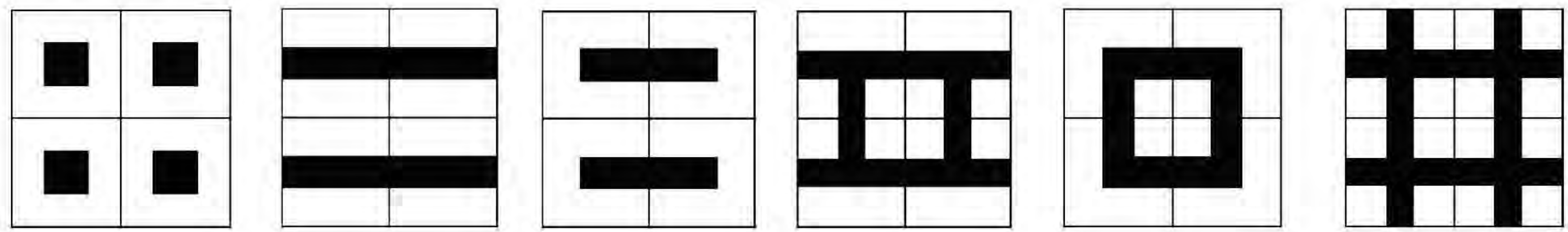




impressie voorplein bk city, met arboretum_Lotte Dijkstra

varying built environment situations

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Urban forms studied by Ratti et al. (2003): pavilions, slabs, terraces, terrace-courts, pavilion-courts, and courts



voorplein bk city, bestaande situatie

do different tree spp have different cooling performances?

which physiognomic (architectural) factors influence these performances?

what is the performance of different configurations in various built environment situations?



Standard typologies of tree plantings in urban areas. (Images: Mader & Neubert-Mader, 1996)



basisopstelling (Image: Lotte Dijkstra)



Impression of tree containers (Image: Lotte Dijkstra)

drought tolerance

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Aesculus x carnea	★★★		★★★	★	☆	★★★★			
Alnus cordata	★★★		★★★	★	★	★★	★★		
Alnus glutinosa	★★★		★★★	☆	★	★★	★★	★★	★
Alnus incana	★★★		★★★	★★	★	★★	★	★	★
Alnus spaethii	★★★★		★★★	★★	★	★★			
Amelanchier arborea	★		★★★	☆	★	★			★
Amelanchier lamarckii	★★		★★★	☆	★	★			★



~~do different tree spp have different cooling performances?~~

which physiognomic (architectural) factors influence these performances?

what is the performance of different tree configurations in various built environment situations?

what is the moisture usage of different spp./cultivars under various micro-climate conditions?

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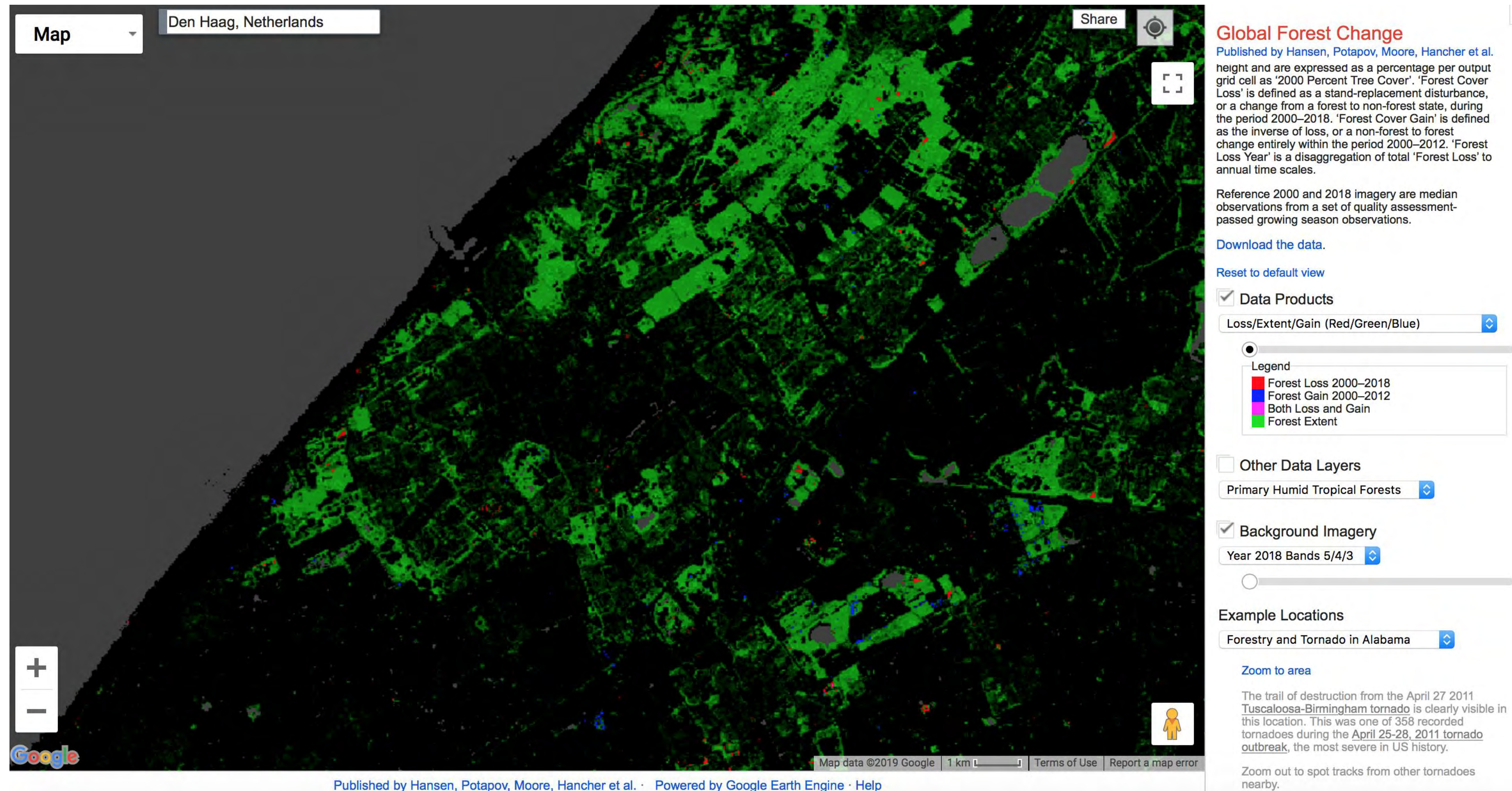
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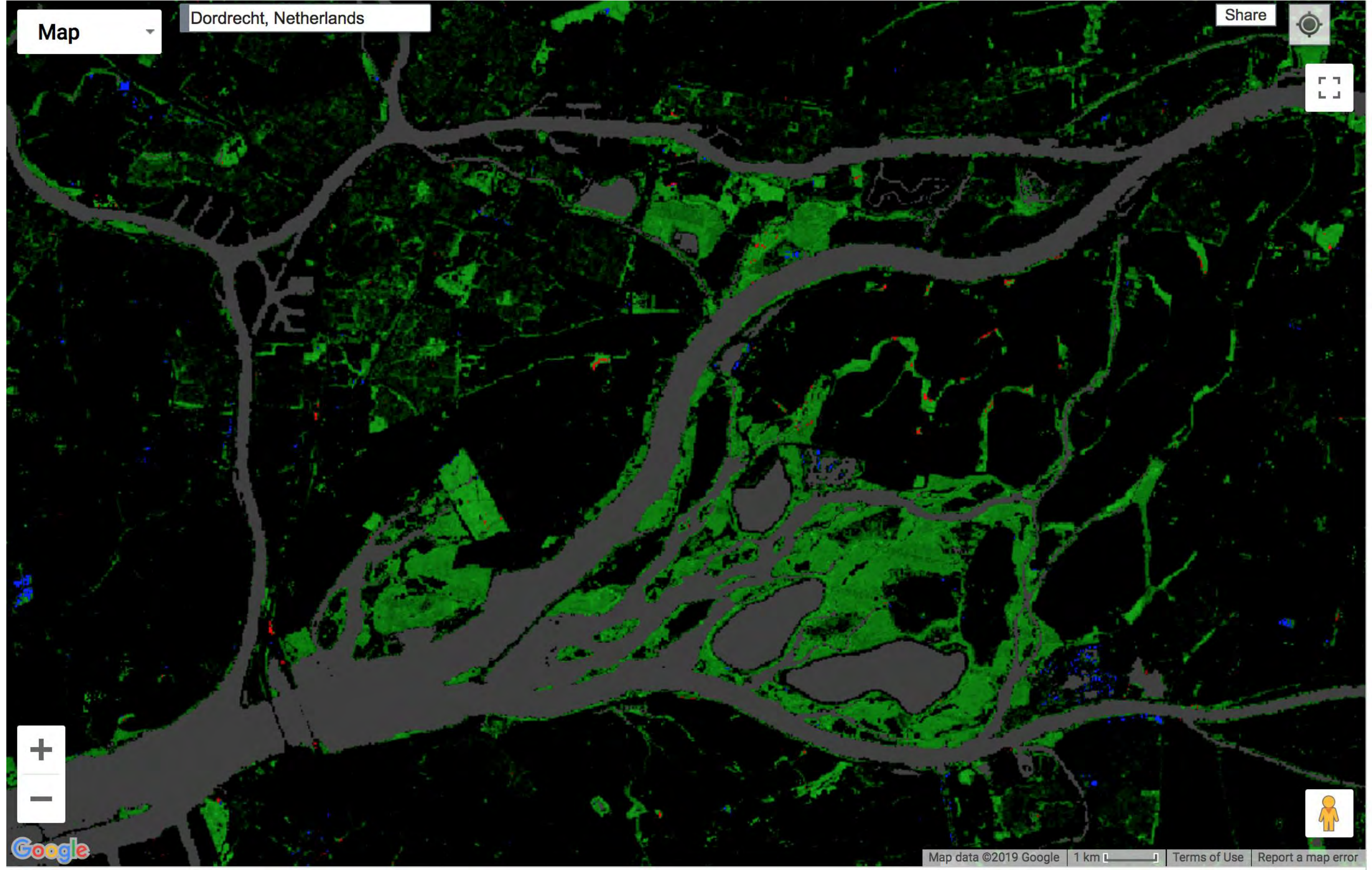


Almere NL_Global Forest Change index (Image: Hansen et. al.)





Den Haag_Global Forest Change index (Image: Hansen et. al.)



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Published by Hansen, Potapov, Moore, Hancher et al. height and are expressed as a percentage per output grid cell as '2000 Percent Tree Cover'. 'Forest Cover Loss' is defined as a stand-replacement disturbance, or a change from a forest to non-forest state, during the period 2000-2018. 'Forest Cover Gain' is defined as the inverse of loss, or a non-forest to forest change entirely within the period 2000-2012. 'Forest Loss Year' is a disaggregation of total 'Forest Loss' to annual time scales.

Reference 2000 and 2018 imagery are median observations from a set of quality assessment-passed growing season observations.

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Data Products

Loss/Extent/Gain (Red/Green/Blue)

Legend

- Forest Loss 2000-2018
- Forest Gain 2000-2012
- Both Loss and Gain
- Forest Extent

Other Data Layers

Primary Humid Tropical Forests

Background Imagery

Year 2018 Bands 5/4/3

Example Locations

Forestry and Tornado in Alabama

[Zoom to area](#)

The trail of destruction from the April 27 2011 Tuscaloosa-Birmingham tornado is clearly visible in this location. This was one of 358 recorded tornadoes during the April 25-28, 2011 tornado outbreak, the most severe in US history.

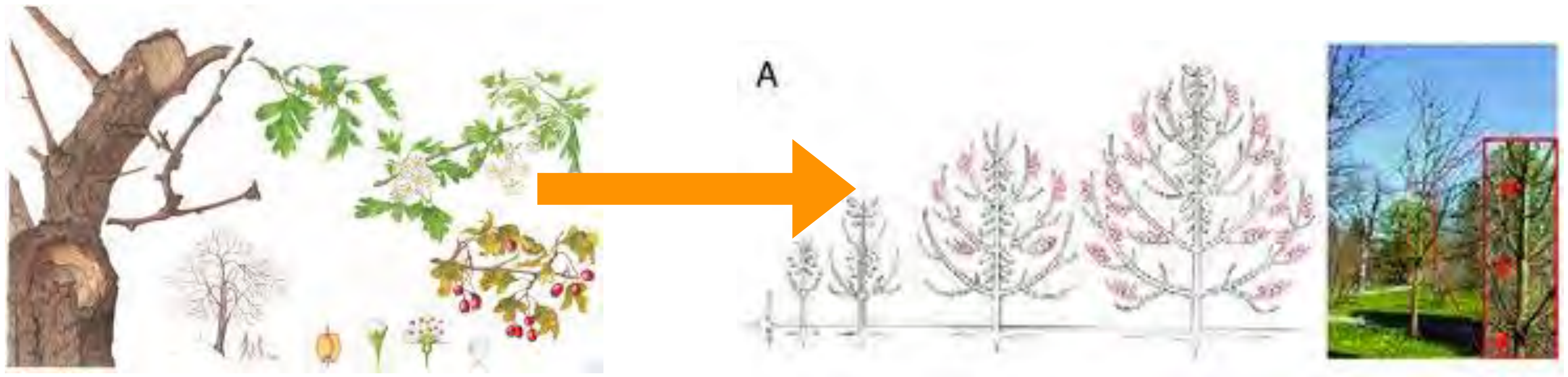
[Zoom out to spot tracks from other tornadoes](#)

Dordrecht_Global Forest Change index (Image: Hansen et. al.)

alternative to taxonomic understanding of (urban) tree spp



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sharpening of performance values of individual spp.



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tree maintenance for climate adaptation

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trialling of new spp. for climate adaptation

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Cedrus libanii
Celtis australis
Fagus orientalis Iskander
Ginkgo biloba Princeton Sentry
Juglans nigra
Koelreuteria paniculata
Parrotia persica 'Vanessa'
Paulownia fargesii
Phellodendron amurense
Populus canadensis Ellert
Prunus maackii
Quercus ilex
Quercus hispanica Waasland Select
Tetradium danielii
Tilia mongolica
Zelkova serrata



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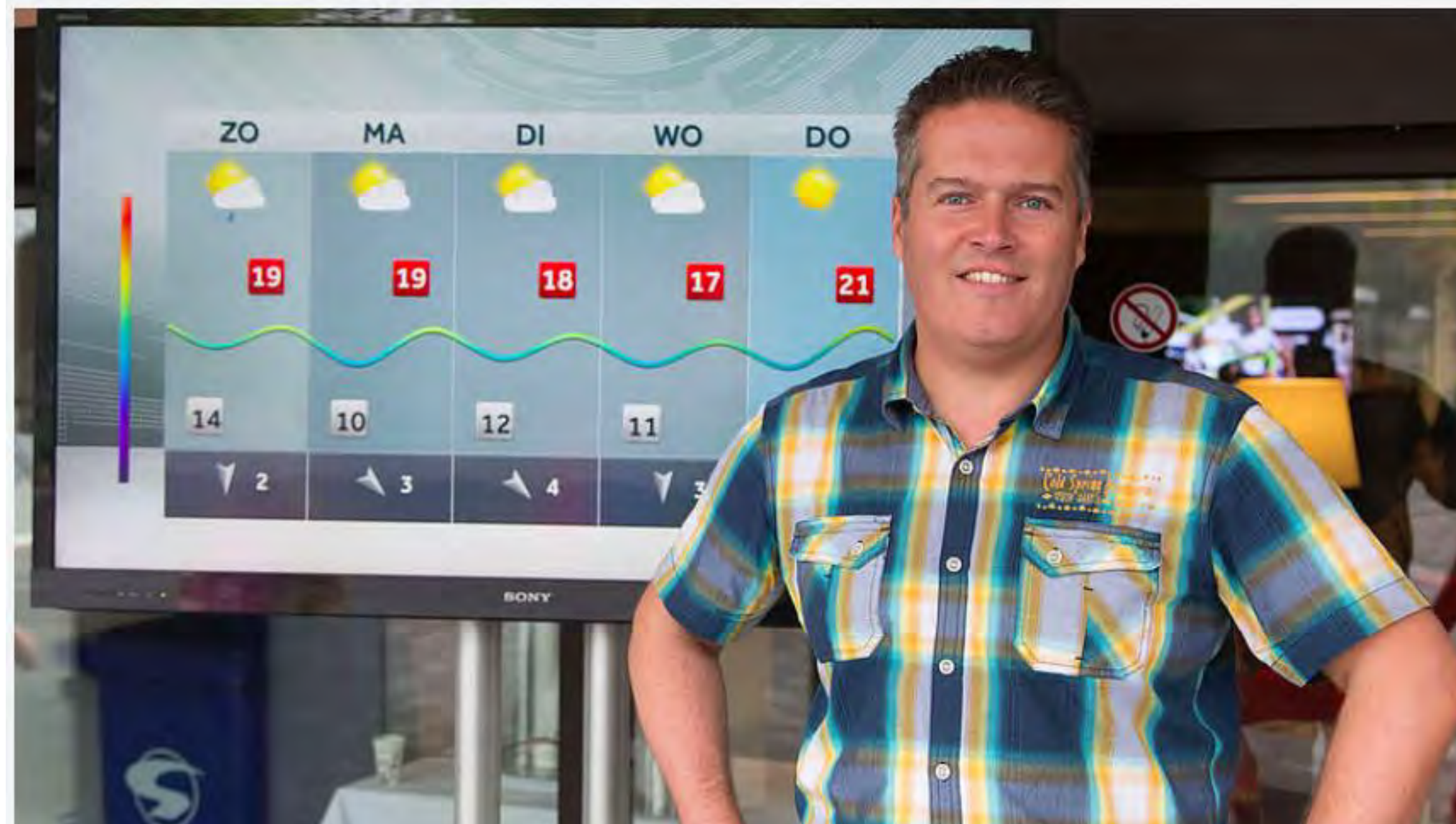
attention for climate change (amelioration) & advocacy for adaptation



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