

**Rebuilding a Sustainable Gulf Coast**  
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**Regional Analysis and Plan for New Orleans and Environs**

Multiple scales -- building to region

Multiple disciplines -- seven

Construction, Architecture, Urban Planning, Geography, Environmental Design, Civil Engineering, Urban and Regional Science

Michael Neuman and 19 post-graduate students

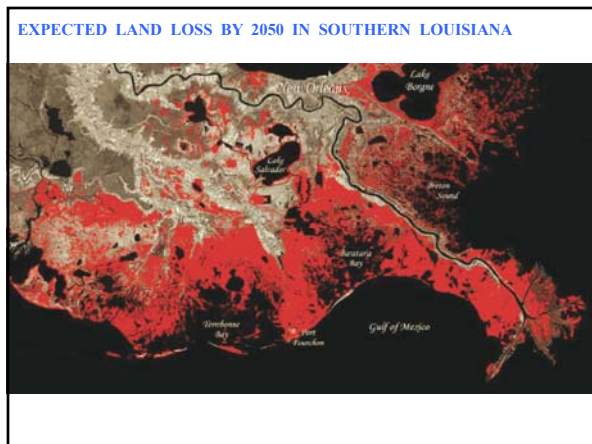
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COASTAL WETLANDS LOST IN LOUISIANA REPRESENT 67% OF ALL WETLANDS LOST IN THE UNITED STATES

RECENT ANNUAL LOSS RATE AT 10,000 HECTARES PER YEAR

1853

1978

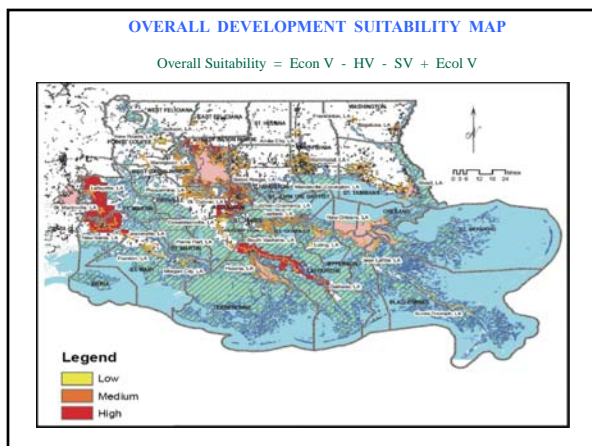
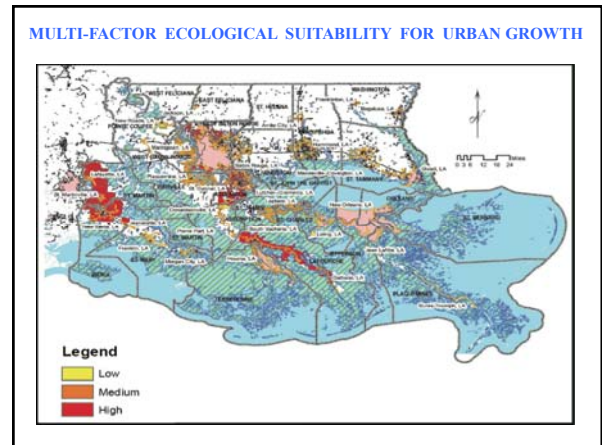
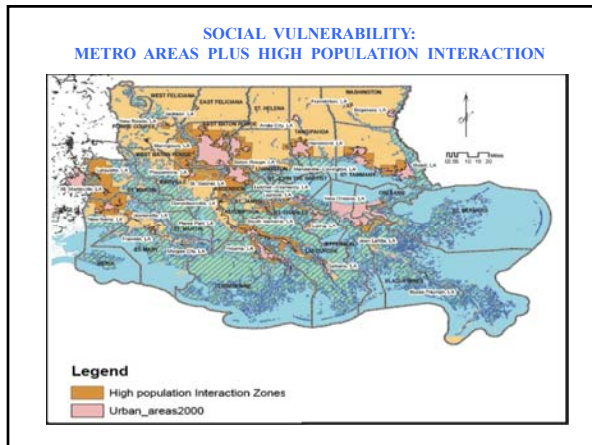
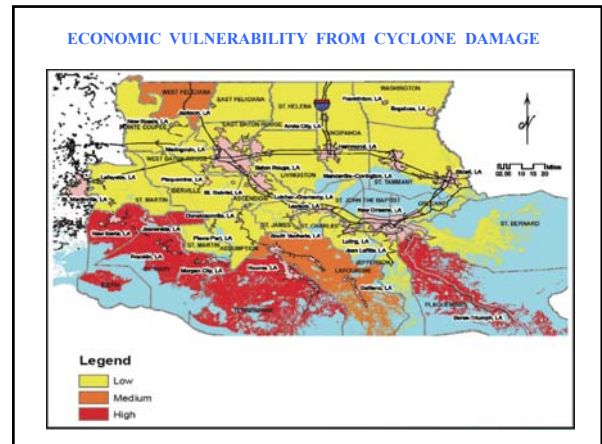
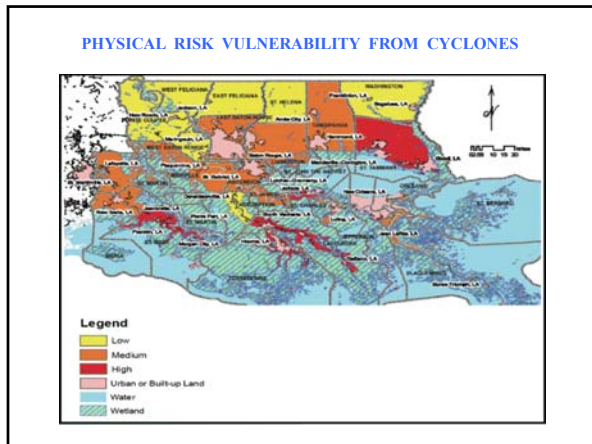


32,000 KM OF PIPELINES IN COASTAL LOUISIANA

38,000 KM OF CHANNELS IN COASTAL LOUISIANA

ONE FOOT OF STORM SURGE IS BUFFERED BY FOUR KM OF COASTAL MARSHLAND

PIPES AND CANALS IMPAIR THE FUNCTIONAL INTEGRITY OF WETLANDS TO BUFFER LAND AND CITIES FROM A CYCLONE STORM SURGE



### TEXAS URBAN TRIANGLE FRAMEWORK FOR FUTURE GROWTH

**TEXAS URBAN TRIANGLE**  
*Framework for Future Growth*

Texas Urban Triangle  
Regional Analysis

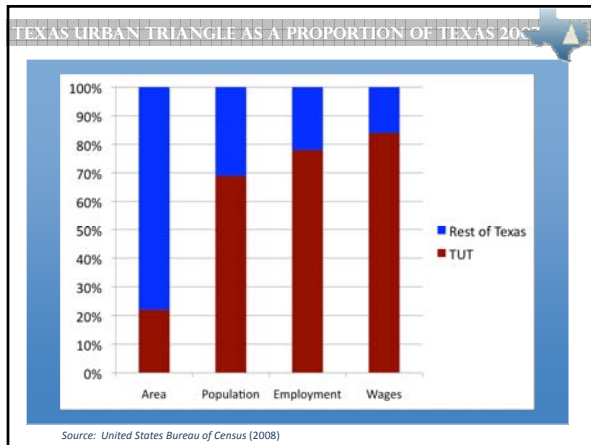
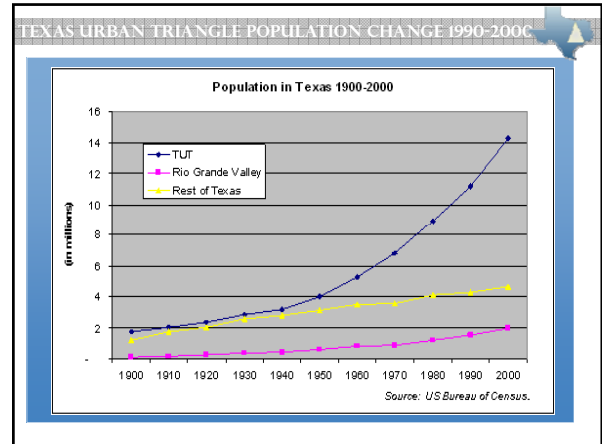
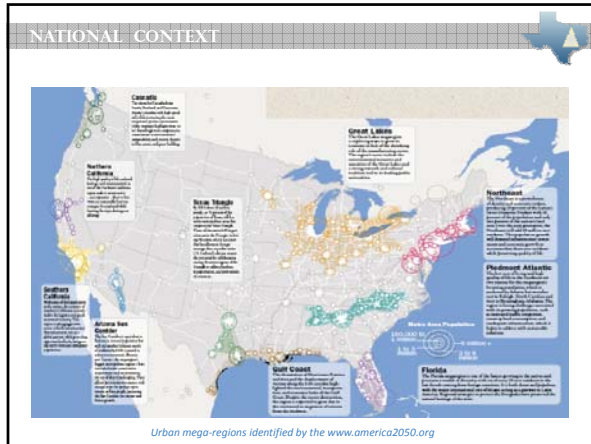
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### LAND SUITABILITY ANALYSIS

Land suitability analysis developed by Ian McHarg in his book *Design With Nature* (1969)

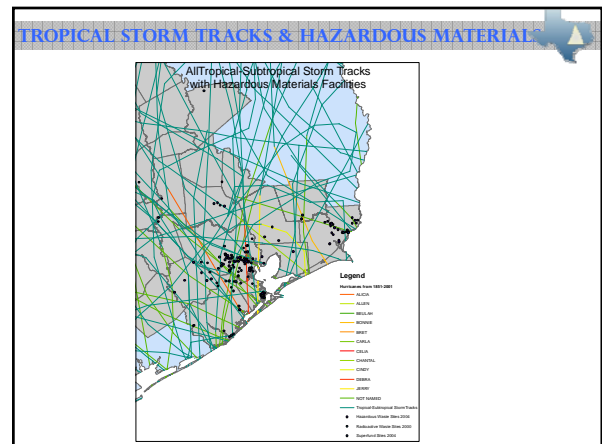
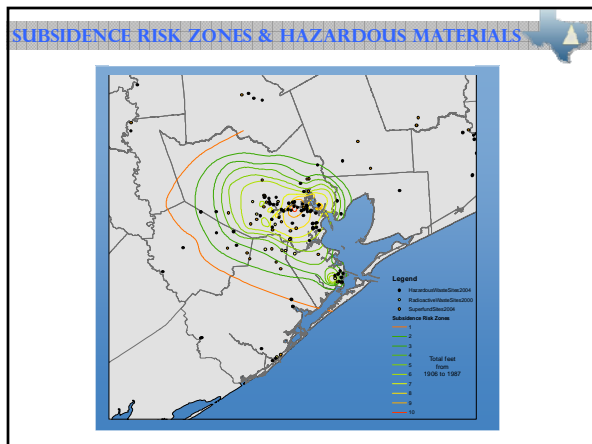
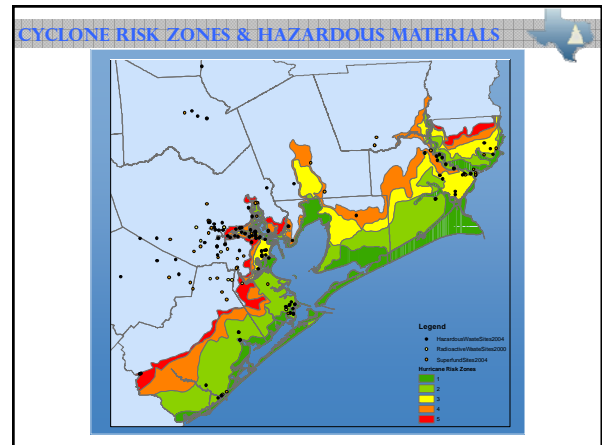
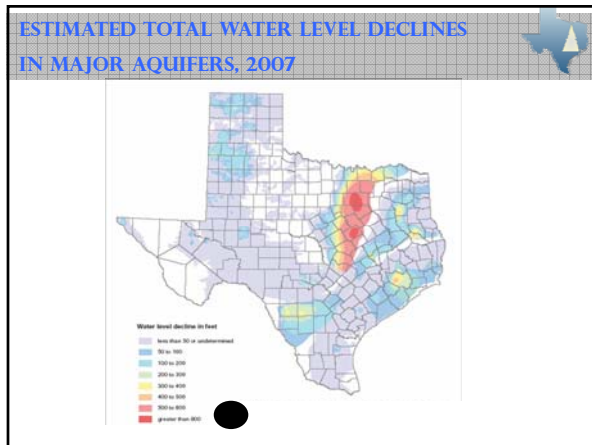
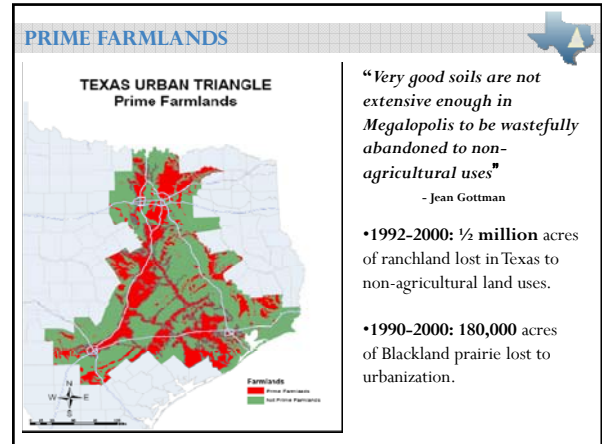
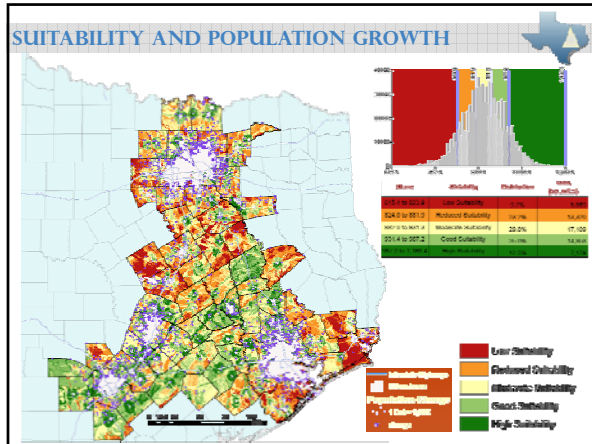
- Used as a regional planning and conservation tool
- Identifies areas most suited (sustainable) for different land uses
- Basis for GIS and SDSS used today


### SUITABILITY ANALYSIS FACTOR CATEGORIES

<b>POPULATION</b> Population Density Total Population Change Population Growth and Implications	<b>HAZARDS</b> Hurricane Risk Zones Tornado Risk Zones Location of Hazardous Materials Facilities
<b>ECONOMICS</b> Unemployment Rates	<b>TRANSPORTATION</b> Road Network
<b>HOUSING</b> Housing Vacancy Rates	<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b> Fiber Optic Availability Cell Phone Signal Strength Number of Cell Phone Carriers Number of Internet Providers
<b>LAND USE</b> Urban Area Buffers (2000) National Land Cover Database (1992)	<b>EDUCATION</b> Academic Accountability Rating Property Wealth Expenditures per Student Student-to-Teacher Ratio
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> Visual Quality Air Quality Surface Water	<b>PUBLIC SERVICES</b> Police Protection Crime Rates Infant Mortality Cancer Death Rates
<b>GEOLOGY, SOILS &amp; TOPOGRAPHY</b> Prime Farmlands Aquifer Recharge Zones Slope Soil Salinity	<b>ENERGY</b> Location of Coal Deposits Location of Power Generators Air Emissions (due to electric generation)
<b>WATER</b> Water Supply	

### METHODOLOGY

- Analyze major environmental and land use factors
- Categorize each factor
- Assign weights to each category for each future land use
- Divide the study area into pixels
- Add the weights for each future land use for each pixel
- Select the pixels that get the highest scores for each land use






**Texas Urban Triangle: Creating a Spatial Decision Support System for Mobility Policy and Investments that Shape the Sustainable Growth of Texas**

**Final Report**

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UTCM Project # 89-10-10  
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### SDSS DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

1. Identify factors to be considered for the model – 83 TOTAL
2. Identify factor specialists
3. Select factors to be included in the model – 42 SELECTED
4. Identify data sources for the factors and collect data
5. Determine rankings for all the factors
6. Determine weights for each factor
7. Create a cost surface using the 42 factors
8. Find an optimized route based on the suitability score
9. Conform route to horizontal turning radius allowance

### FACTOR WEIGHTS MATRIX – SEVEN FACTORS


**Table 3. Factor Weight Matrix Using AHP and Reliability Test.**

	Density	Slope	Roads	Hydrology	Floodplain	Geology	Soils	Eigen Vector	%
Density	0.33	0.40	0.29	0.24	0.20	0.23	0.23	0.27	29.0%
Slope	0.22	0.27	0.43	0.24	0.16	0.23	0.23	0.26	27.0%
Roads	0.17	0.09	0.14	0.24	0.18	0.23	0.29	0.19	19.0%
Hydrology	0.07	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.08	0.02	0.02	0.04	5.0%
Floodplain	0.07	0.07	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.04	4.0%
Geology	0.11	0.08	0.04	0.17	0.16	0.07	0.09	0.10	9.0%
Soils	0.08	0.07	0.03	0.17	0.14	0.04	0.06	0.08	8.0%
SUM	1.04	1.02	0.99	1.15	0.96	0.80	0.94	1.00	100%

$\lambda_{max} = 7.7070$ , Consistency Index (CI) = 0.1178, Random Index (RI) = 1.32 (n = 7)  
 Consistency Ratio (CR) = 0.0893 → 8.93% < 10.0%  
 (CR less than 10% considered a consistent preference matrix)

### SAMPLE FACTOR MAPS

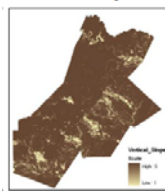
**Floodplain**



Floodplain	Scale
500-year	1
100-year	2
1% annual**	3
1% annual	4
1% annual**	5

\*1%\* requires most strict policy.  
\*1%\* requires least strict policy.


**Vertical Slope**



Vertical Slope	Scale
0.0-0.9%	1
1.0-1.9%	2
2.0%--	5

Slope 2% is the max. value for HSR.

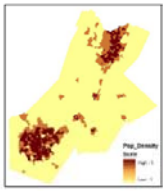
**Geology**



Geology	Scale
Lime-stone	1
Stone	2
Gravel	3
Clay	4
Sand	5


### SAMPLE FACTOR MAPS - 2

**Population Density**



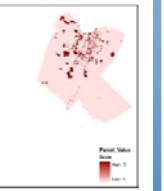
Pop. Density	Scale
0-0.49	1
0.5-2.99	2
3.0-9.99	3
10.0-29.9	4
30.0-	5

**Road Types**



Roads	Scale
Local streets	1
County roads	2
FM roads	3
State hwy.	4
U.S. and interstate hwy.	5

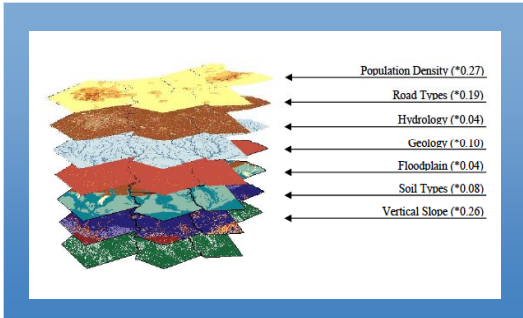
**Parcel Values**



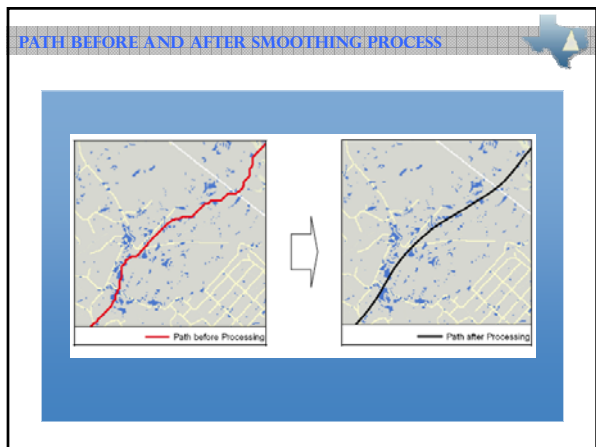
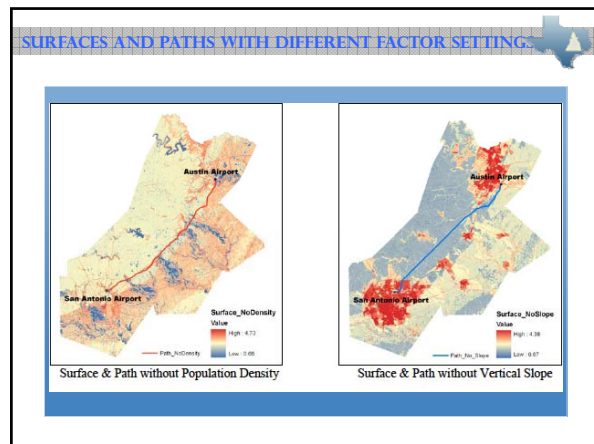
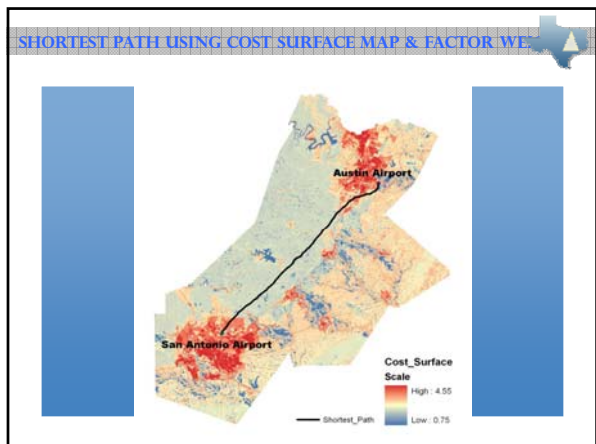
Parcel Value*	Scale
\$0-\$299k	1
\$300k-\$1,499k	2
\$1,500k-\$4,999k	3
\$5,000k-\$11,999k	4
\$12,000k-	5

\*Shows only available counties.

### VISUAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FACTORS & WEIGHTS



- Population Density (\*0.27)
- Road Types (\*0.19)
- Hydrology (\*0.04)
- Geology (\*0.10)
- Floodplain (\*0.04)
- Soil Types (\*0.08)
- Vertical Slope (\*0.26)



### RADIUS OF CURVATURE FORMULAE FOR SMOOTHING

The analytical expression for the radius of curvature, TR, for a curve  $f(x)$  is

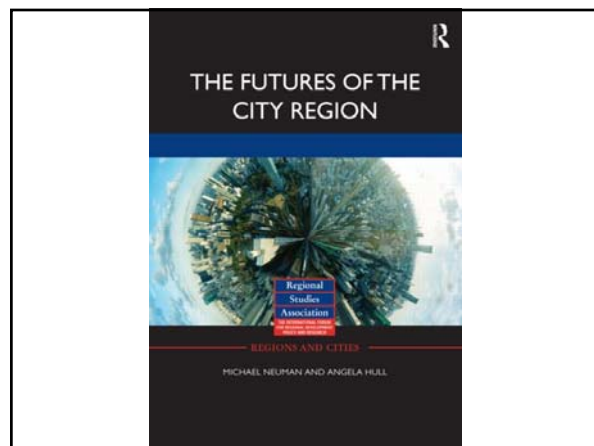
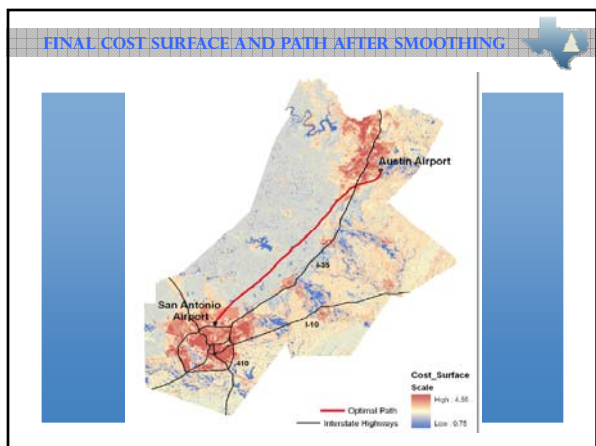
$$TR = \frac{(1 + df^2)^{3/2}}{|d_{x,y} f|}$$

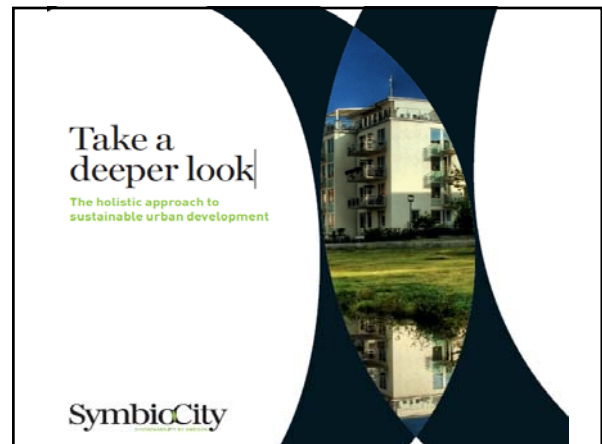
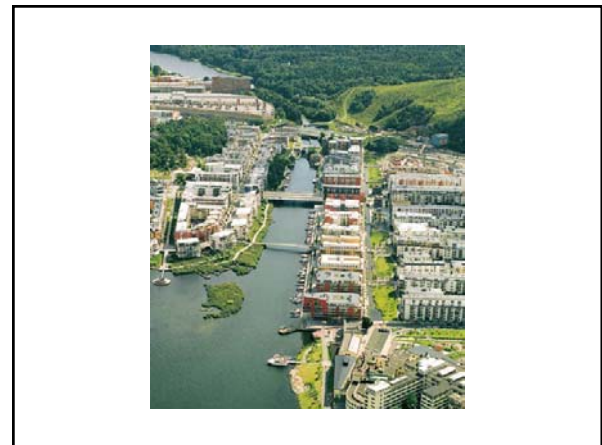
In order to interpolate a general sequence of location points in two dimensions, a parameter representation is required:  $f[t] = (x[t], y[t])$ . Here  $f[t]$  represents a curve that passes through all the points. The points are independent of each other, so only three points will be considered at a time.

To interpolate a curve that passes through three arbitrarily points, the Lagrange polynomial is used:

$P[x] = f_0 L_{3,0} + f_1 L_{3,1} + f_2 L_{3,2}$  will be used for  $x[t]$  and  $y[t]$ .

Given the curve  $C = \{x[t], y[t]\}$ , then the radius of curvature is  $r = \frac{(x'^2 + y'^2)^{3/2}}{|x'y'' - y'x''|}$  and the center of the circle is  $(x_c, y_c) = (x, y) + [y', -x'] / \sqrt{x'^2 + y'^2}$ .





### The symbiosis in SymbioCity

Combine waste management and heat production - you get a new power industry!

Combine wastewater treatment and traffic systems - you get fuel for public transport!

Combine industrial waste heat with the residential energy plant - you cut energy production costs in half!

Did you know that 1 ton of waste contains 2,000 kWh of energy?

UNEP/HABITAT  
GLOBAL REPORT ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS 2009

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### TAMPA, FLORIDA GENERAL PLAN SUSTAINABILITY AUDIT

THE AUDIT ANALYZES AND ASSESSES THE GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES OF THE CITY OF TAMPA'S GENERAL PLAN USING MEASURABLE & REPLICABLE SUSTAINABILITY INDICATORS

INDICATOR GROUP	SOCIAL	ENVIRONMENTAL	ECONOMIC
Automobile Emissions		*	
Public Transportation and Connectivity	*		*
Infrastructure	*		*
Green Infrastructure	*	*	*
Energy Consumption		*	*
Wetlands		*	*
Air Quality	*	*	*
Habitat		*	*
Biodiversity		*	*
Consumption & Production Patterns		*	*
Storm Water Management		*	*
Water Supply	*	*	*
Water Quality	*	*	*
Community Programs	*		
Public Health	*		
Walkability	*	*	*
Street Pattern & Livability	*	*	*
Social Equity	*		*
Economic Sustainability		*	*
Council Habitat		*	*

### CITY OF TAMPA OVERALL SUSTAINABILITY AUDIT SCORES

INDICATOR GROUP	AVERAGE SCORES	GENERAL COMMENTS
Storm Water Management	2.1	Tampa has adopted development regulations to manage the impacts on storm water drainage and the protection of wetlands. Plan would benefit from measureable objectives.
Water Supply	1.9	Water quantity and conservation is highlighted strongly. More specific indicators could be covered: Total Water Resources Used, Water Resources, Water Rights Held by Tampa
Water Quality	2.3	The plan successfully identifies the importance of water quality. There should be more quantitative indicators about specific chemicals to ensure water safety.
Public Health	2.0	Access to medical care, access to recreation and public space facilities, physical activity-fitness / wellness, and access to community gardens & farmers' markets.
Active Transport	2.6	The Plan for Tampa did a fine job identifying walking and biking indicators to enhance livability and promote sustainability.
Street Pattern & Livability	1.6	Plan covers safety, street connectivity, street landscaping and seating, street ornamentation, street typology, building facade design, and frequency of use.
Social Equity	2.0	Specific criteria can be developed for a range of social issues.

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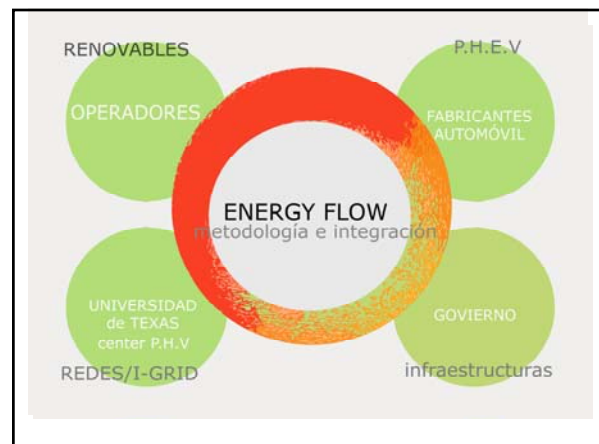
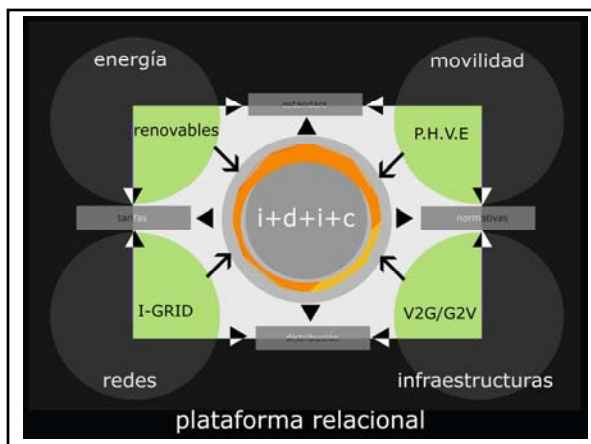
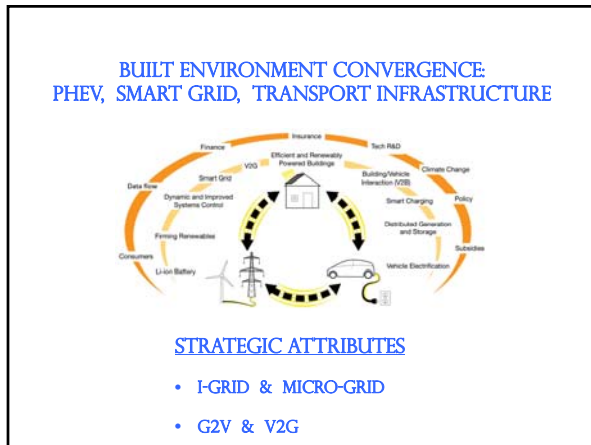
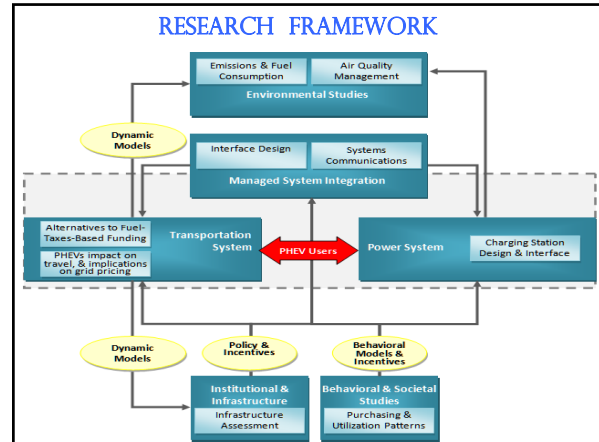
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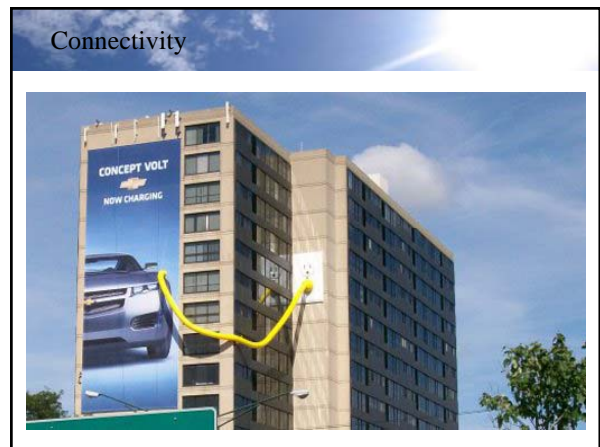
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Integrated Build Environment



### CTEC VISION

- DEVELOP NEW ANALYTICAL AND OPERATIONAL SOLUTIONS TO SUPPORT AND ACCELERATE THE CONVERGENCE OF TRANSPORT AND ELECTRICITY NETWORKS
- INNOVATE AND INTEGRATE ACROSS NUMEROUS FIELDS RELATED TO **PLUG-IN ELECTRIC-HYBRID VEHICLES**:
  - SOCIO-ECONOMIC      TECHNICAL
  - COMMERCIAL            INFRASTRUCTURE
  - ENVIRONMENTAL      REGULATORY
  - INDUSTRIAL            COMPONENTS





**LIFE CYCLE SUSTAINABILITY**

**REPLENISH ≥ WITHDRAWAL**

$$\sum_{k=1}^{z_i} \frac{dw_k}{dt} \geq \sum_{j=1}^{z_0} \frac{dw_j}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dw_{aquifer\_input}}{dt} \geq \frac{dw_{aquifer\_withdrawal}}{dt}$$
