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# ADAPTATION & DISASTER RISK REDUCTION FROM THE BOTTOM UP

## CLIMATE RISK & EXTREMES



United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization



International Center for Integrated  
Water Resources Management  
under the auspices of UNESCO

# THE MODERN SYNTHESIS

- 1958–1962: engineering, hydrology, economics; academics + government
- basic decision making framework for the optimization of water resources, based on a joint evaluation
- first major sophisticated systems analysis
- explicit assumption: climate is stationary (Milly et al. 2008)

## Design of Water-Resource Systems

*New Techniques for Relating Economic Objectives, Engineering Analysis, and Governmental Planning*

Arthur Maass, Maynard M. Hufschmidt, Robert Dorfman, Harold A. Thomas, Jr., Stephen A. Marglin, and Gordon Maskew Fair

The purpose of this study, the product of the joint researches of the Harvard Water Program, is to devise techniques of water-resource system design sufficiently sophisticated to permit identification of the one best design for any physical environment on the basis of specified objectives. With such a goal the book is aimed at an audience of “engineers, economists, and administrators,”

MUNGER, F. 1962. AM POL SCI REV 56(4), 1003-4.

What would we tell them to do differently?



# THE PROBLEM

Water resources management is *strongly quantitative* in framing, implementation, decision making

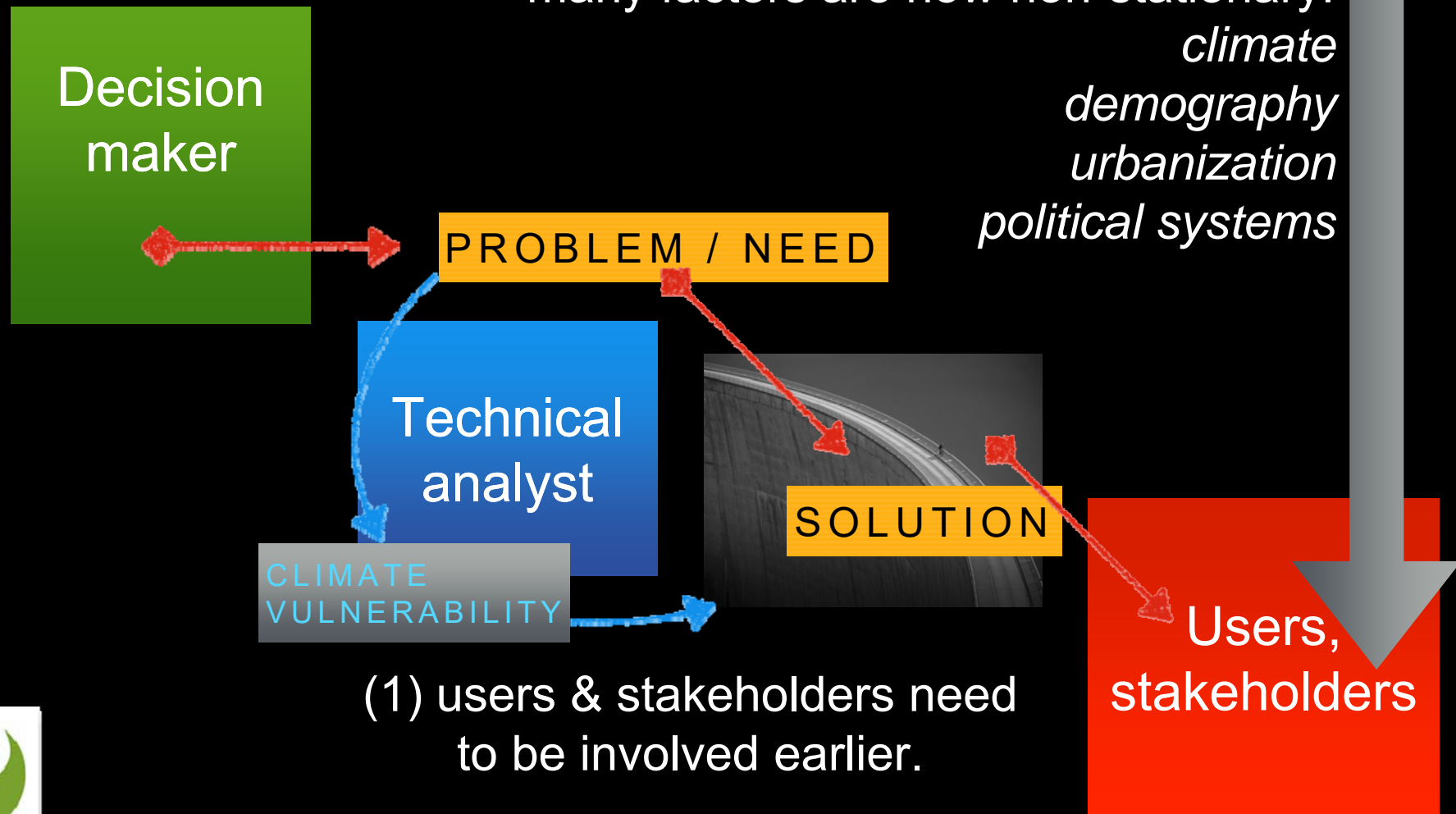
Climate change increases uncertainties, *reducing confidence* in estimates of emerging patterns

Both ecosystems and infrastructure have low tolerance for failure



# THE TOP-DOWN ERA OF OPTIMIZING WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

many factors are now non-stationary:  
*climate*  
*demography*  
*urbanization*  
*political systems*



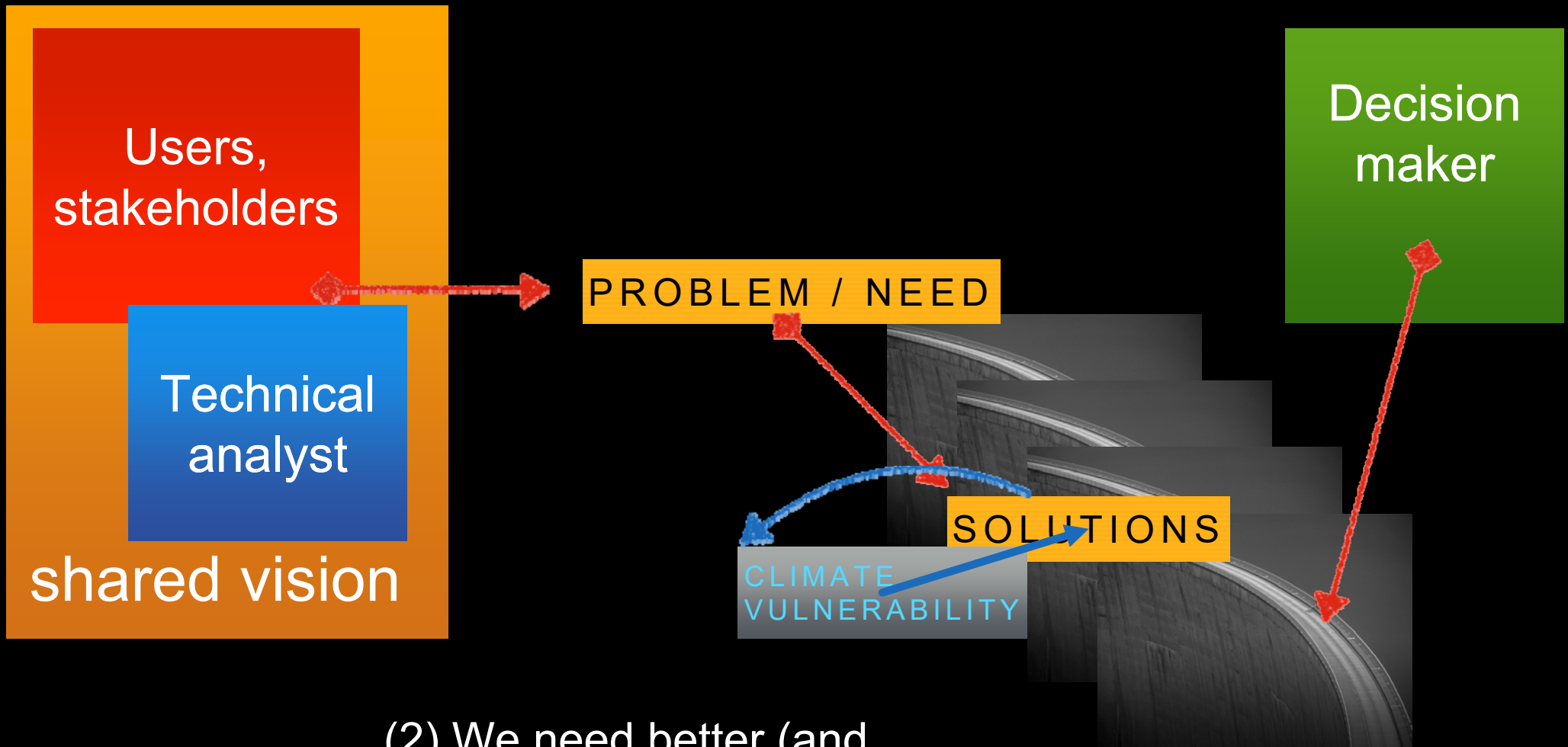
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# DECISION MAKING IN THE POST-OPTIMIZATION ERA

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(2) We need better (and probably multiple) solutions.

# HOW WE DEFINE VULNERABILITY DEFINES OUR SOLUTIONS

## TOP-DOWN ASSESSMENT

1. Use GCMs to define the water risks
2. Inform stakeholders of GCM output
3. Hope the GCMs are correct

MOST ADAPTATION  
SINCE ~1995

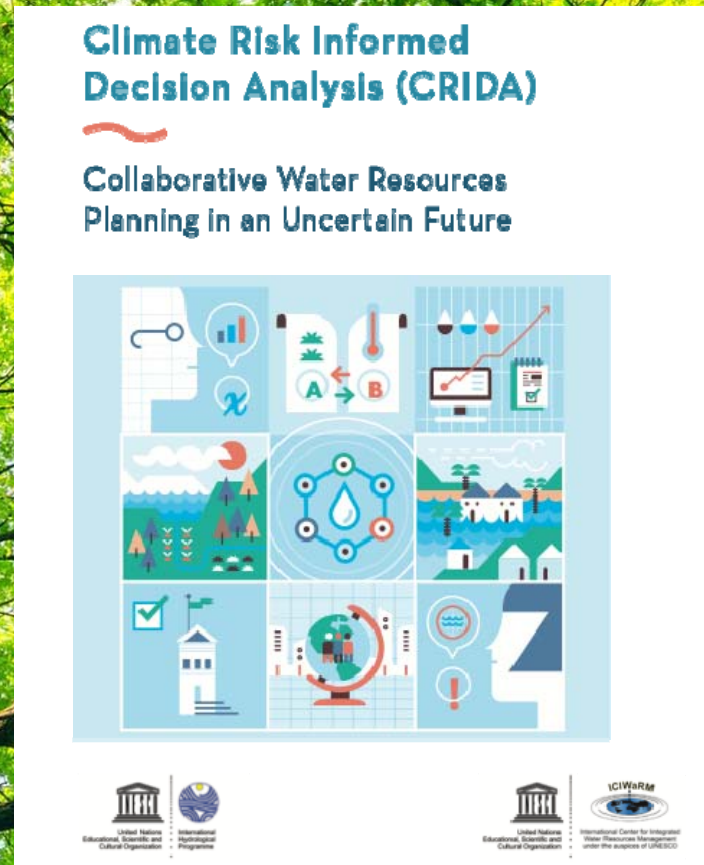
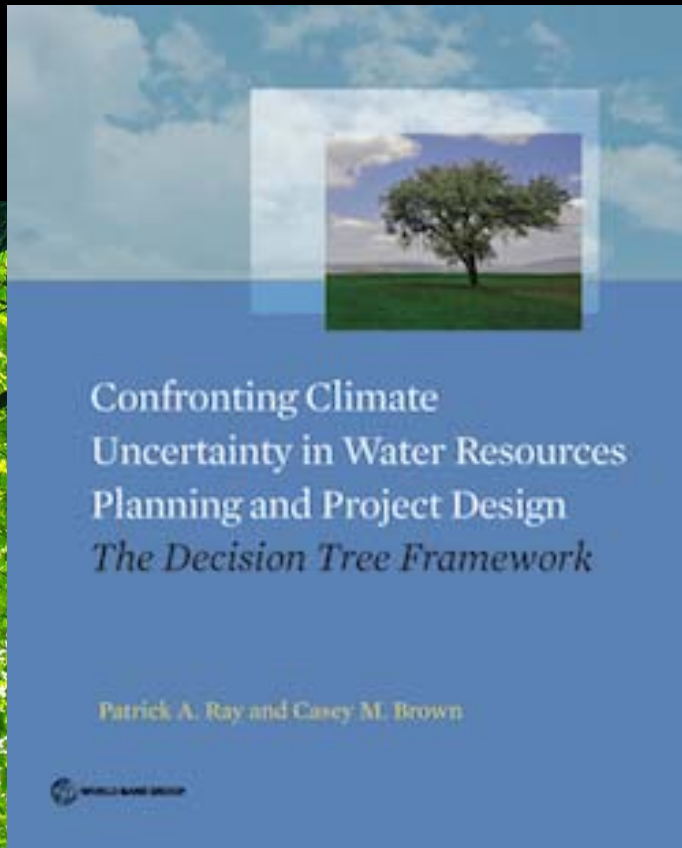
SINCE ~2010

4. Test & compare alternate solutions, pathways
3. Develop robust, flexible solutions
2. Use GCMs and other climate data to explore risk tolerance
1. Stakeholders, decision makers define problem

BOTTOM-UP ASSESSMENT



# BOTTOM-UP DECISION SUPPORT



[AGWAGuide.org/](http://AGWAGuide.org/)



# CRIDA: WHO, WHAT, WHY

our audience

THE ANALYST

technically trained, using an engineering-economics framework for decision making

the need

LIMITED DATA,  
COMPUTATIONAL ACCESS

can CRIDA work in Rwanda? Nepal?

institutional  
limits

DECISION MAKING  
DISCOUNTS ADAPTATION

stepwise, modular structure linked to existing decisions

goal

INSTITUTIONALIZATION

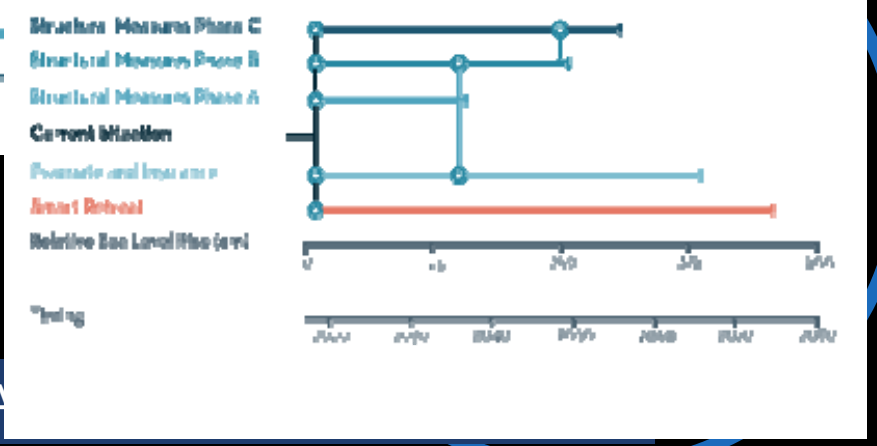
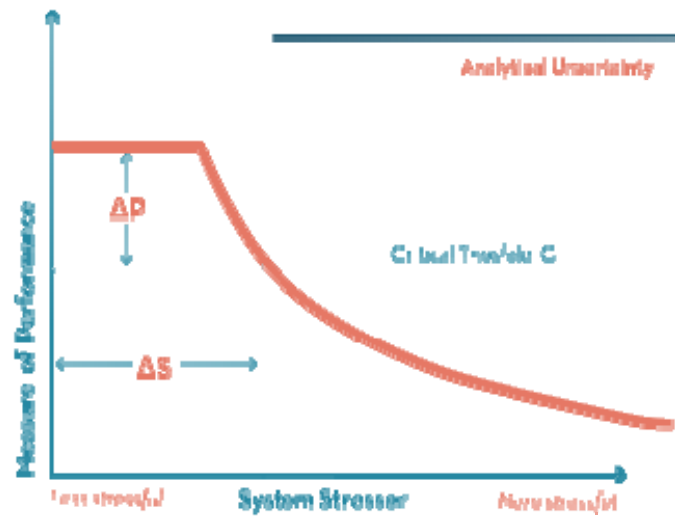
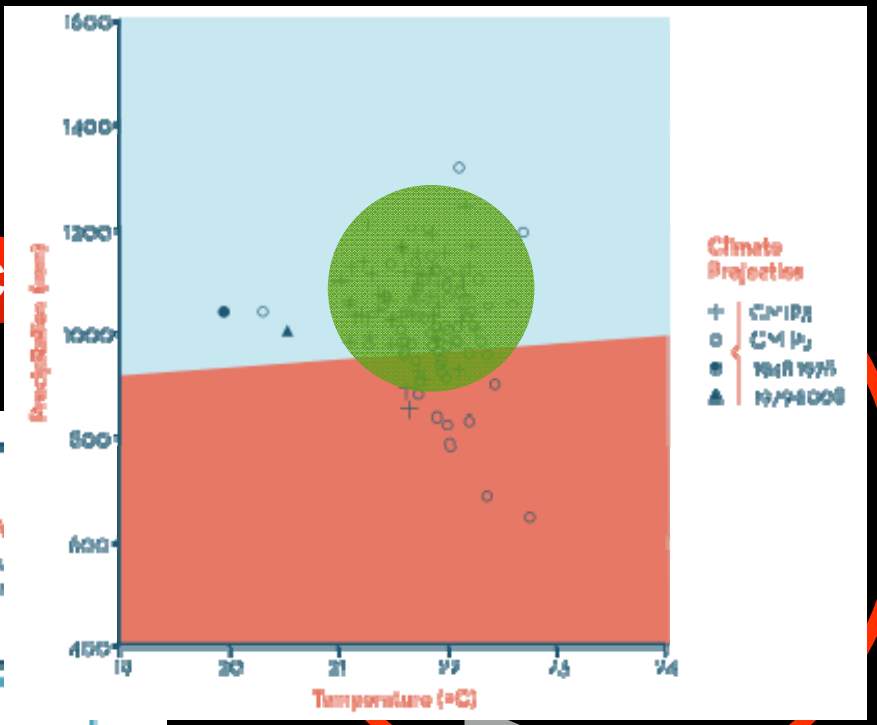
consistently robust, flexible outcomes

# CRIDA ELEMENTS

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stakeholder,  
decision  
maker needs



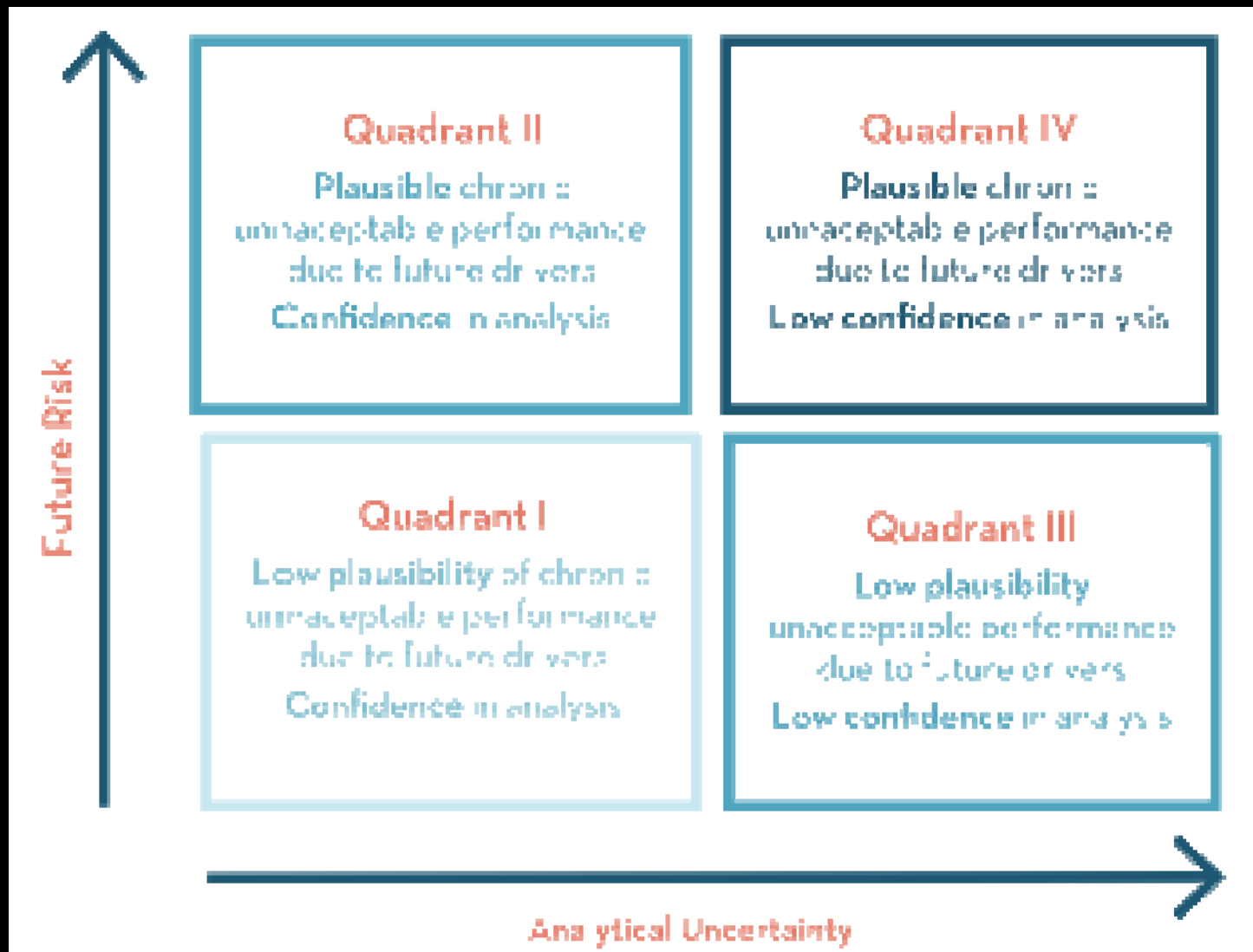
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# SELECTING A STRATEGY



## WHICH HUMAN ACTIONS CAN EXACERBATE FLOODING?



Poorly planned land use



Impermeable soil use



Floodplain occupation



Increased vulnerability of informal settlements



Poor maintenance of drainage infrastructure



Improper disposal of solid waste

## WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF URBAN FLOOD MANAGEMENT?



Improve population safety and quality of life



Reduce losses and vulnerability



Reduce uncertainty in economic sectors



Conserve the environment

## WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES?



Climate change impacts



Lack of financing



Socio-economic vulnerabilities



Poor Governance



Demographic growth



Low adaptive capacity

## WHICH ACTIONS CAN WE TAKE?

### STRUCTURAL MEASURES



Reduce runoff



Improve runoff retention



Optimize drainage systems



Enhance river capacity



Create diversion channels

### NON-STRUCTURAL MEASURES



Flood risk mapping & zoning



Flood forecasting & early warning systems



Land use planning



Flood proofing



Enforcing codes for building & municipal drainage



Disseminate flood risk information



Develop & test emergency management plans



Insurance



Train emergency teams

# Integrated Flood Risk Management

RISK REDUCTION

**Reduce flood hazard**  
Restore wetlands  
Build green infrastructure

**Protect against floods**  
Build embankments and  
flood barriers

**Regulate land use**  
Put setback lines, building  
restrictions and flood  
proofing in place

**Raise awareness and  
preparedness**  
Early warning systems  
Evacuation plans  
Flood hazard maps

**Mitigate residual risk**  
Emergency response  
Insurance/Relief funds  
Recovery plans

SOURCE



PATHWAY



RECEPTOR



WORLD  
METEOROLOGICAL  
ORGANIZATION

ASSOCIATED PROGRAMME ON FLOOD MANAGEMENT  
[www.floodmanagement.info/guidance-document](http://www.floodmanagement.info/guidance-document)

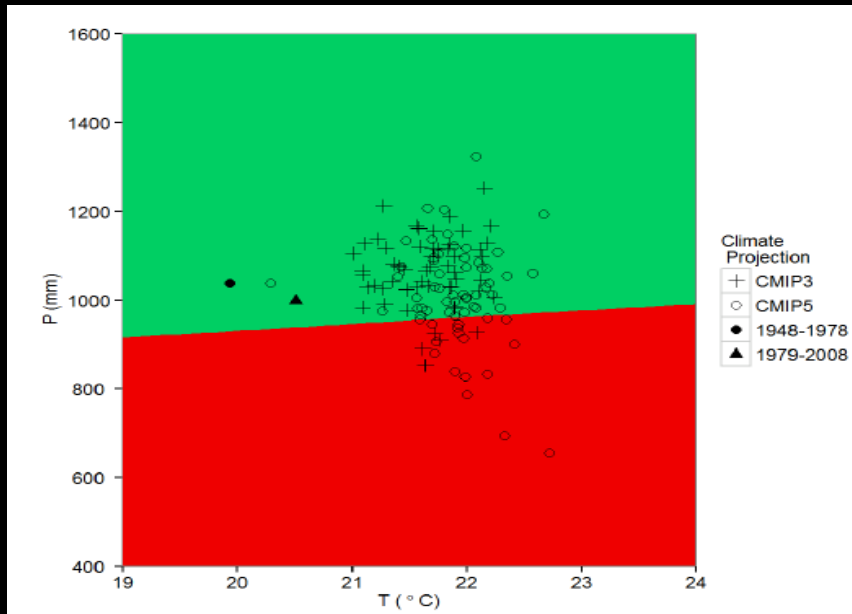


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# TWO KEY ELEMENTS OF CRIDA

## Decision Scaling Stress Test

- Available climate data doesn't always meet the problem at hand: time-scale differs, models perform poorly in geographic region, observed data not available for downscaling
- Limiting analysis to GCM derived scenarios confines your decision space
- Allow stakeholders to define system failure



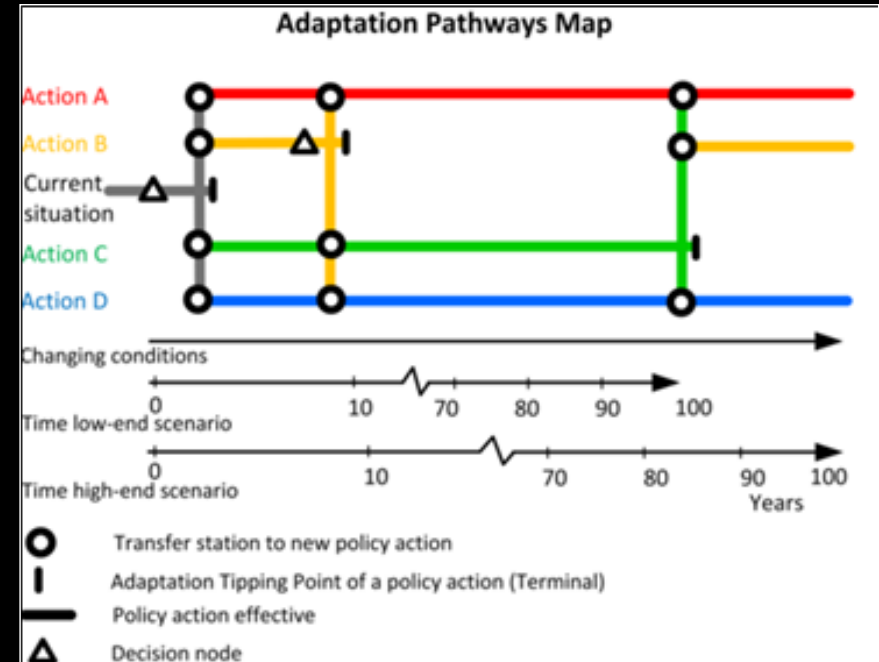
Climate Response Map for a Proposed Run-of-the-River Hydropower Project (Ray and Brown, 2015).

## Adaptation Pathways

With limited information, decision makers risk over- or under-designing solutions

Adaptation pathways illustrate flexible strategies to the decision maker

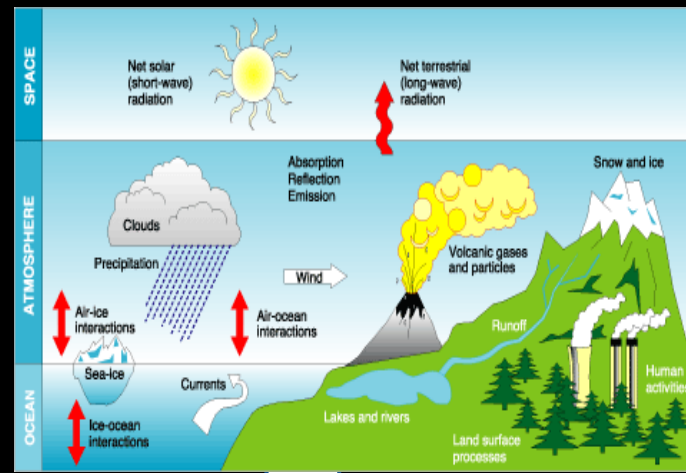
Choosing an action that has many transfer points in the future provides a low regret option as the science progresses



# STAKEHOLDERS



# CRIDA IN A NUTSHELL



Driver

ROBUST SOLUTIONS



'ANALYST'

Performance

METRICS THAT MATTER

VULNERABILITY



FLEXIBLE IMPLEMENTATION

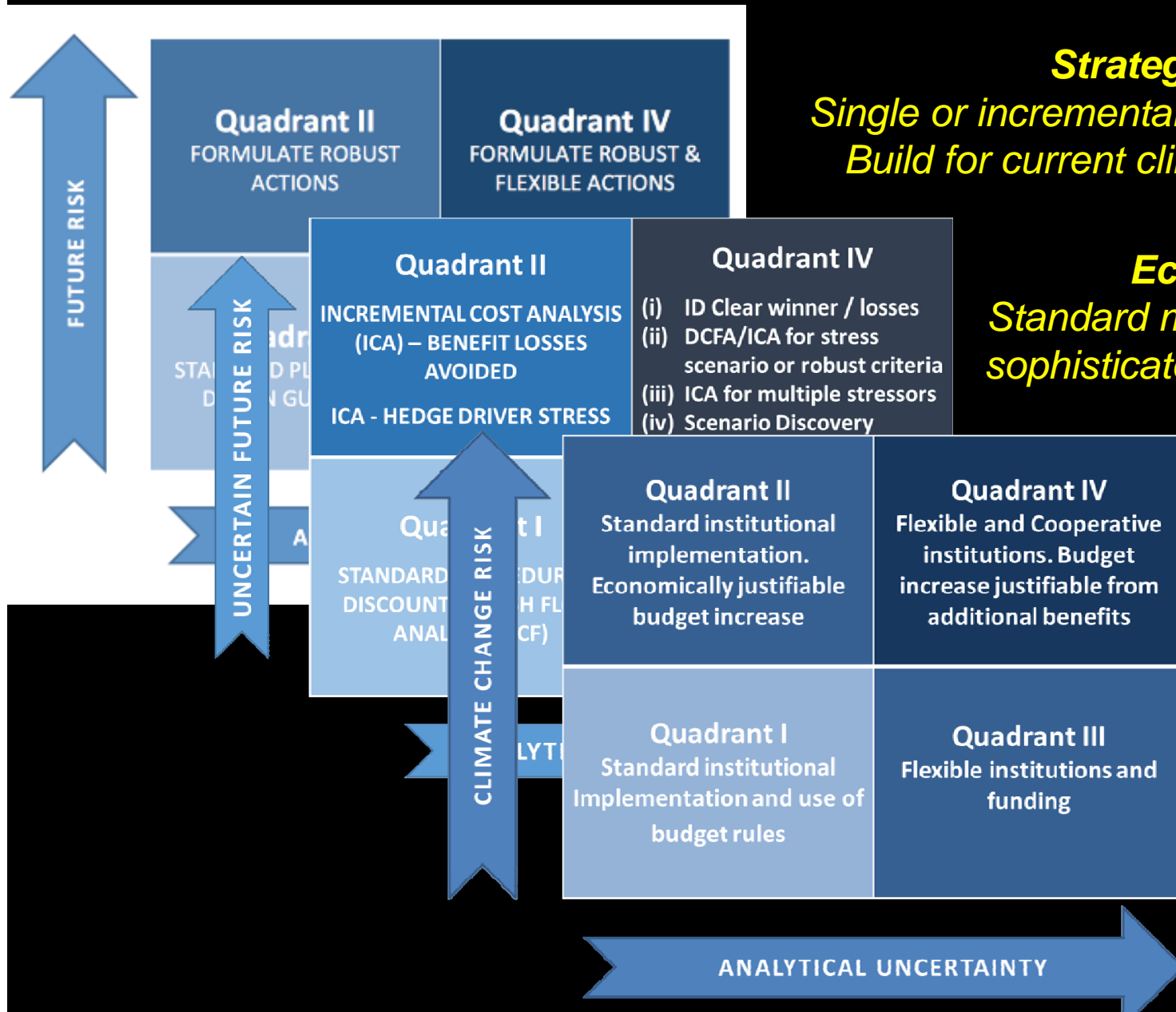
STRESS TEST



DECISION MAKER



# SCALING THE PROCESS THROUGH DECISION MATRICES



**Strategy Direction:**  
*Single or incremental investments? No regrets?  
 Build for current climate? Or future climate?*

**Economic Evaluation:**  
*Standard methods for current climate or  
 sophisticated method for future climate?*

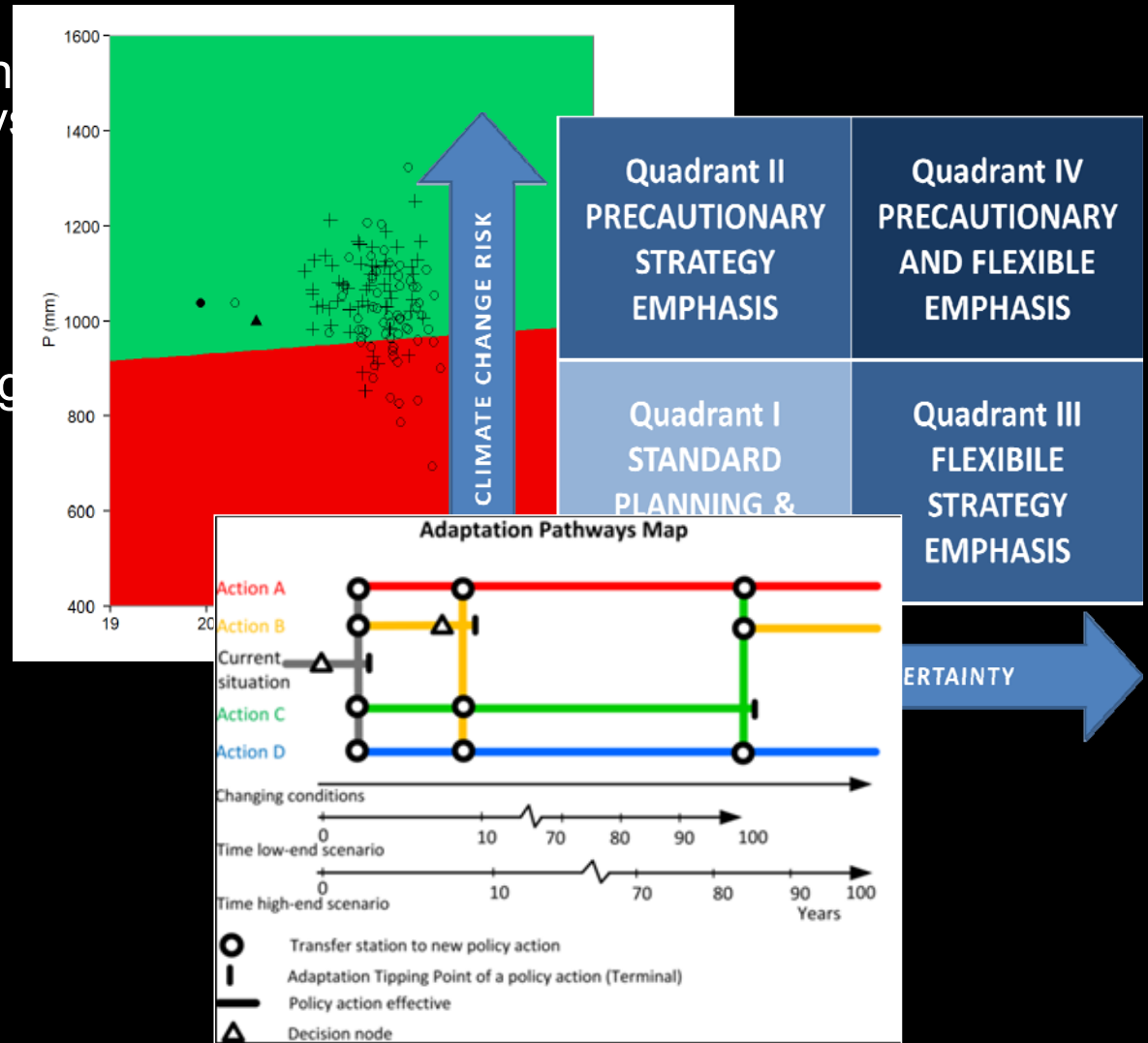
**Implementation:**  
*Need for justification of  
 budget increase? Need  
 for flexible institutions and  
 funding?*

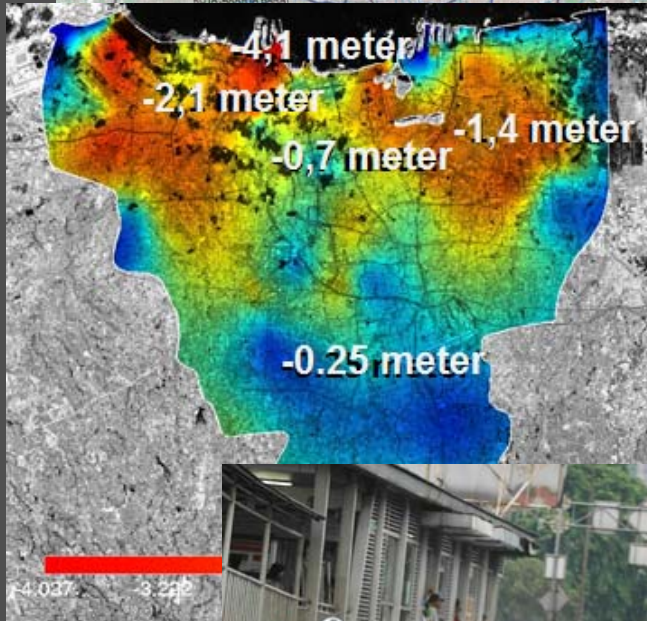
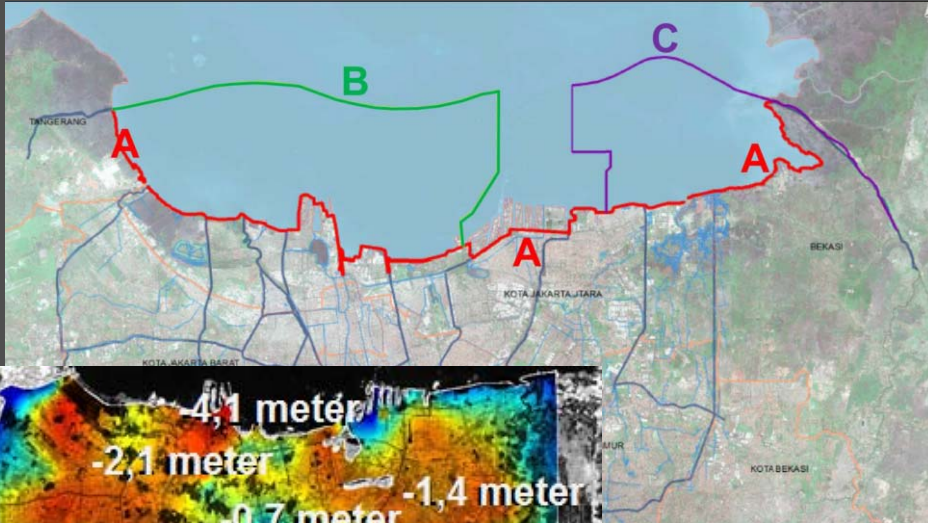
# WHAT DOES CRIDA ADD TO TRADITIONAL PLANNING APPROACHES?

1. A broader vulnerability assessment through stress test and LOC analysis

2. Guidance on the necessary strategy direction, level of analysis, and institutional/financial needs

3. Adaptation pathways to illustrate flexibility, if recommended

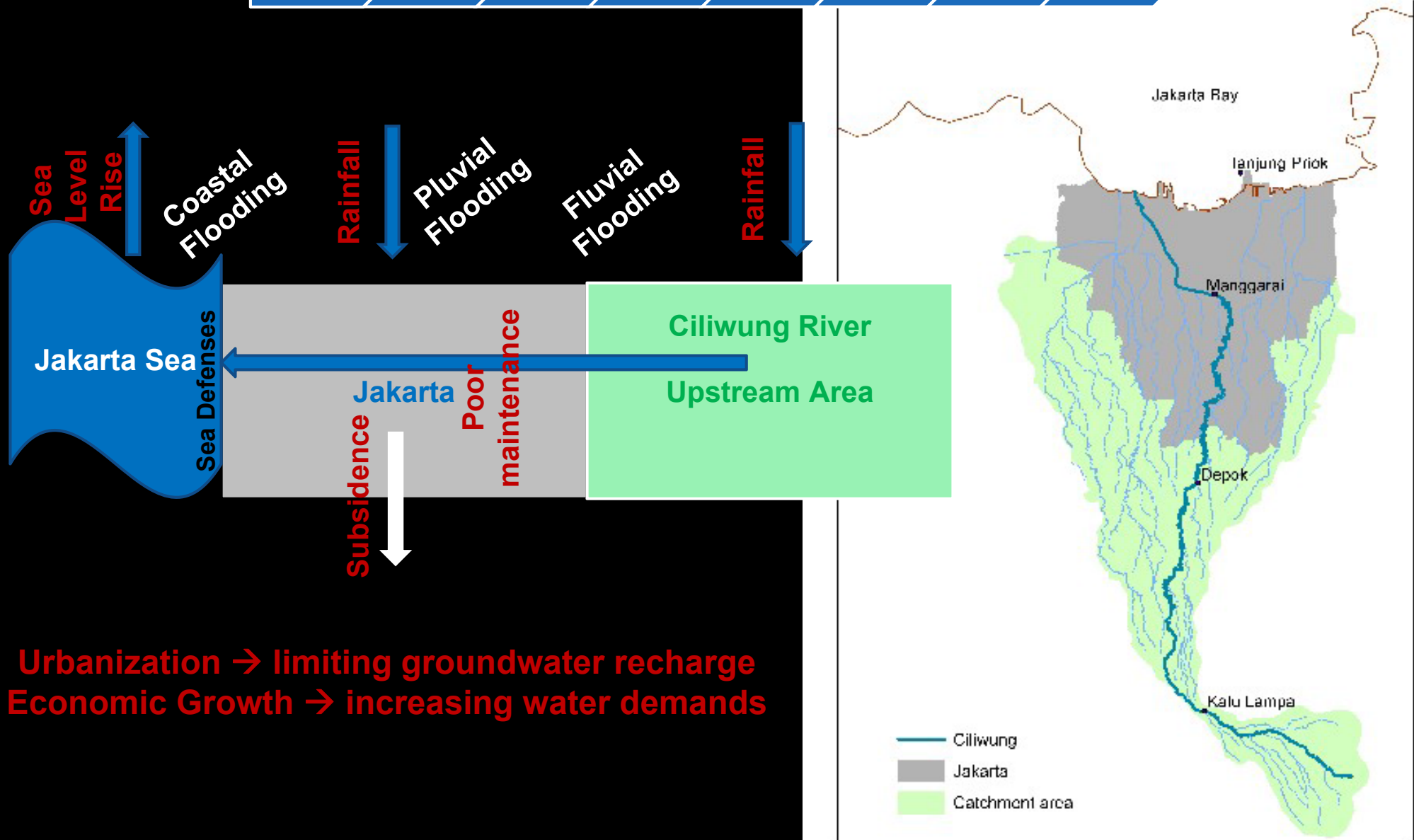




# CASE STUDY III: FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA

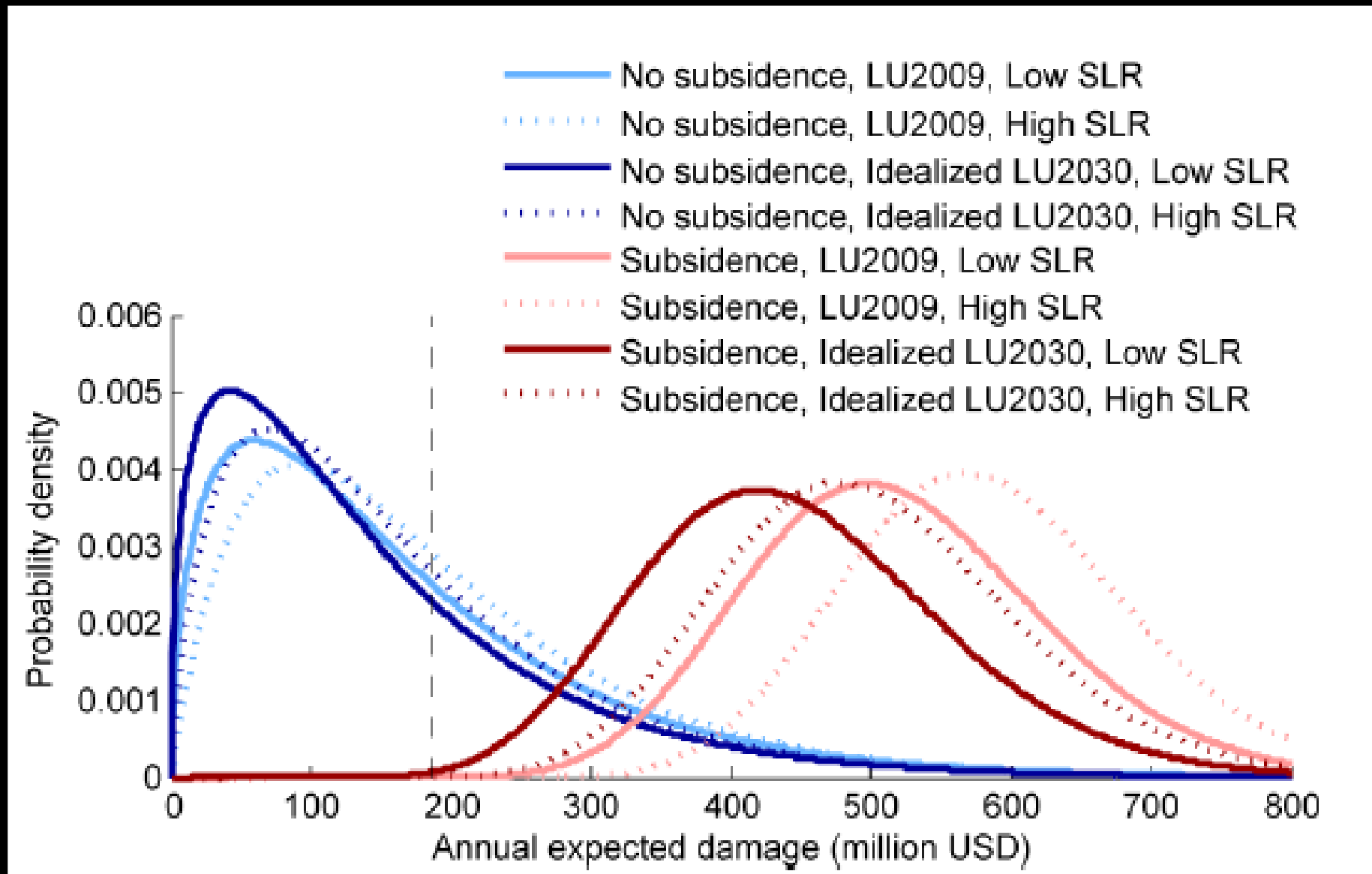
SUPPORT TO NCICD AND UPSTREAM  
PLANNING PROCESSES AS WELL AS  
THE GREENWIN PROJECT

# FACTORS DRIVING FLOOD RISK IN JAKARTA



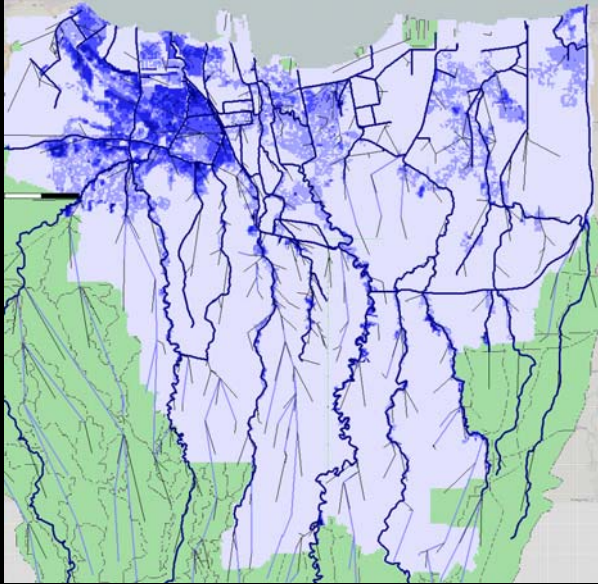
- **Urbanization** → limiting groundwater recharge
- **Economic Growth** → increasing water demands

# STRESS TEST (BUDIYONO ET AL. 2016)





# UPSTREAM FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT MEASURES



## Two Dry Dams

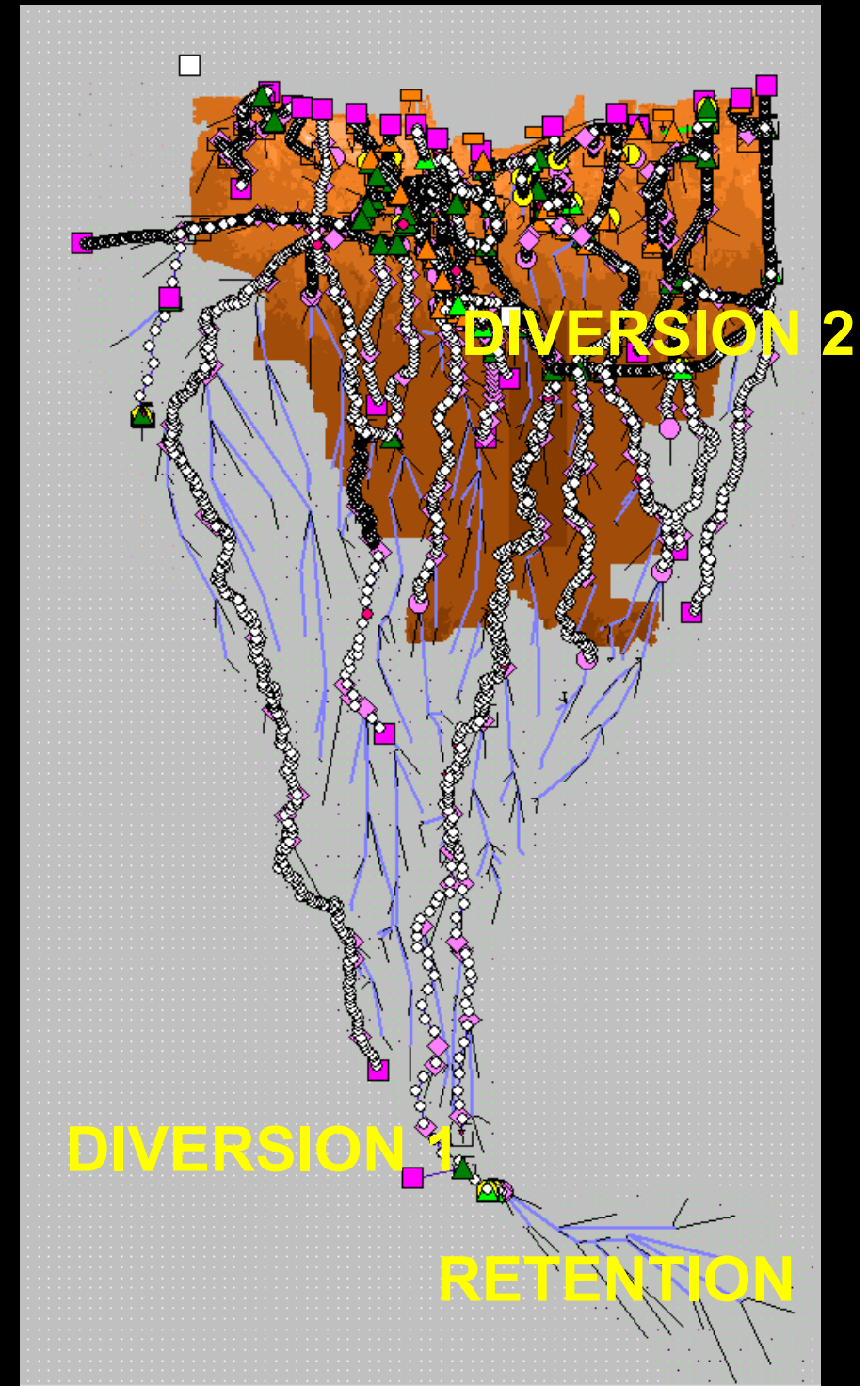
Ciawi and Sukamahi

Total storage area= 92ha

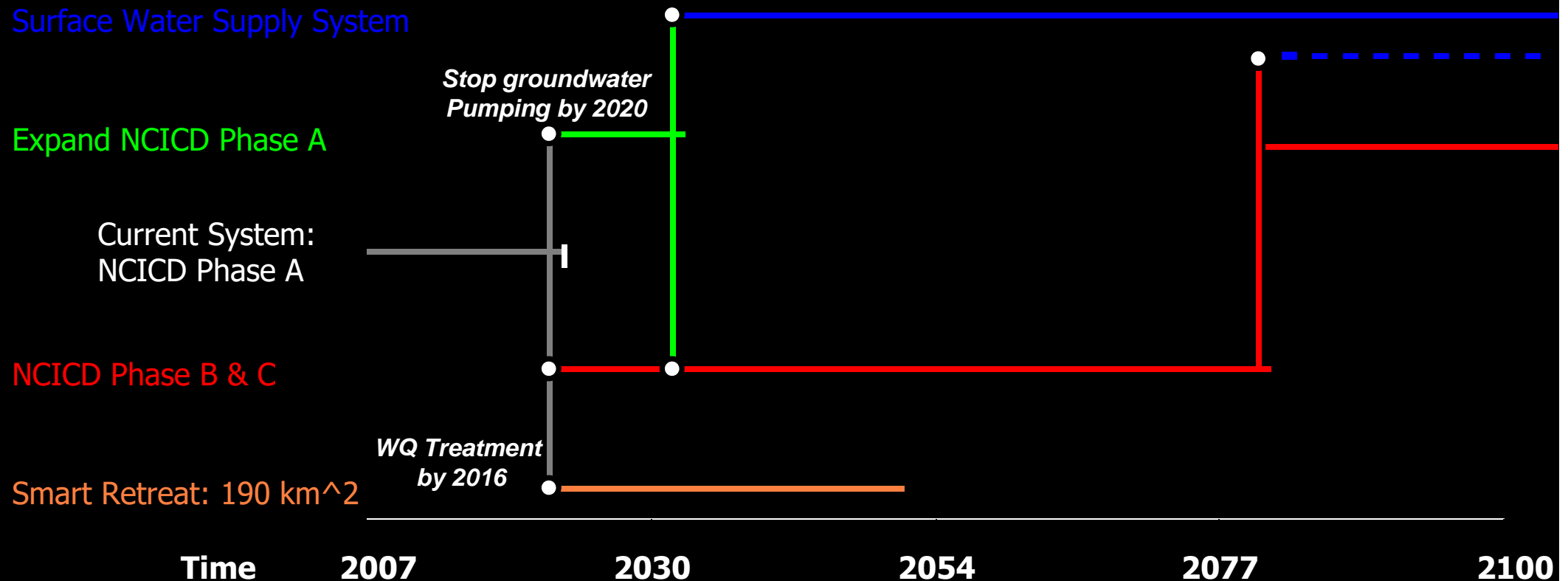
## Diversions

Diversion 1: Max 200 cms.

Diversion 2: Max 150 cms



# ADAPTATION PATHWAYS: WHAT ARE JAKARTA'S OPTIONS?



- Adaptation Pathways map for Jakarta coastal flood risk master plan.
- Lifespan of NCICD Phase A, B, and C depends on subsidence levels and, therefore, groundwater pumping activity.
- Smart Retreat is no longer an option, because Phase A (seawall) has already been implemented.



# IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS & PLACES

## TRANSBOUNDARY

UNECE, GEF, USACE  
Ukraine & Moldova

## WATER UTILITIES

MCC, Deltares, USACE  
Philippines, Zambia

## CITIES

KTH: Sweden  
USACE: Thailand, Jakarta  
Deltares: Ecuador

## NATIONAL POLICY

Pegasys: DWS, RSA

## ECOSYSTEMS

CONAGUA, IMTA, WWF-MX: Mexico  
UNESCO: Chile

“WE BUILD THINGS THAT LAST 100  
YEARS AND MORE. WHY DON'T WE  
THINK ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY FOR  
THAT LONG?”

Senior manager, World Bank, February 2017



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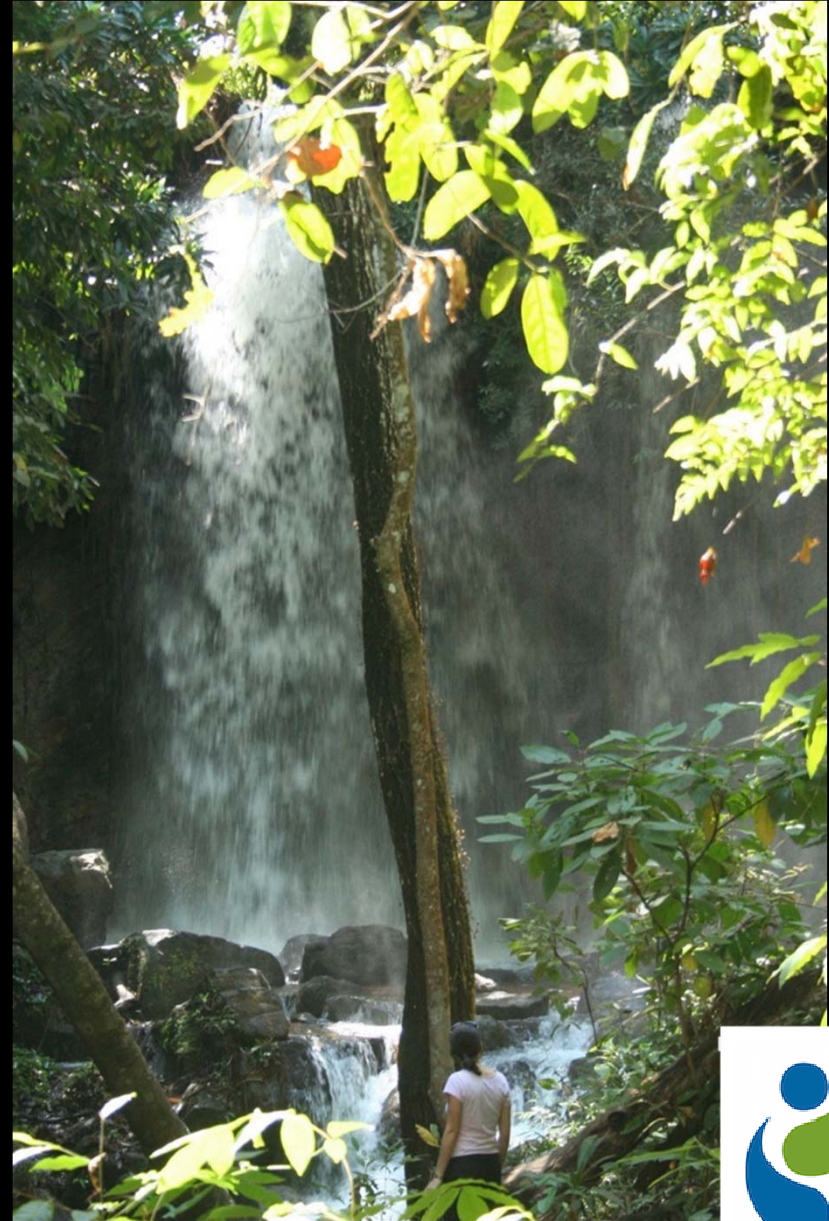
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