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DAnCE4Water's BPM A planning algorithm for decentralised water management options

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Our focus is on Planning...

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A different kind of "model"

- DAnCE's Biophysical Module
- Overview of Methods
- Initial Applications
- Dynamic Planning Example

A different kind of "Modelling"

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- Planning for <insert latest buzzword here> implies a need for integration
- Participatory and interdisciplinary approach to planning – how to facilitate?
- Scientific rigour in the thought process, how can modelling help?
- Scenarios should be <u>dynamic</u> and <u>evolving</u>

"Sustainability" "Resilience" "Adaptation" or "Adaptive Capacity" "Preparedness"

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An Example Scenario

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We want a model that can...

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• Planning according to Dynamic and Evolving scenarios

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Dynamic Adaptation for enabling City Evolution for Water

Strategic Planning Tool

- Scenario assessment on the longer term and city scale
- Software and participatory scenario making
- Integrating biophysical, urban development and societal models

EU FP7 Project

- PREPARED: Enabling Change
- Austria-Australian Collaboration between Innsbruck University and Monash University

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The Biophysical Module

Spatial Representation

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DAnCE4Water's BPM

- Lot/Parcel: Planning Rules to 'reconstruct' the urban form
 - Patch/Block: Data and User Input dependent on size of case study
 - **District/Basin:** Data of Geopolitical & Natural Terrain

For more details, see: BACH, P. M., URICH, C., MCCARTHY, D. T., SITZENFREI, R., KLEIDORFER, M., RAUCH, W. & DELETIC, A. 2011. Characterising a city for integrated performance assessment of water infrastructure in the DAnCE4Water framework. *12th International Conference on Urban Drainage (12ICUD). Porto Alegre, Brazil.*

The Technology Planning Algorithm

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• **Target:** Deem-to-comply values, these are set by legislation and must be met for a given area (e.g. % reduction in pollutant loads)

• **Service:** The % of a catchment's impervious area treated (or population provided for) by a technology or group of technologies

• **Option:** A particular combination of technologies at different scales to provide "Service" to the catchment to prescribed "Target"

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Case Study – Scotchman's Creek

Case Study Setup

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- 500m x 500m Block Size
- Urban Planning Regulations: Melbourne
- 5 system types: Bioretention, Infiltration, Wetlands, Ponds & Swales (design curves derived from Melbourne guidelines)
- Multi-Criteria Scoring: Adapted version of the <u>DayWater Multi-Criteria Matrix</u> (equal weightings)

Some Basic Outputs

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Different Technology Options

Technology Utilisation

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• Utilisation of different technologies reflect the unique characteristics of the catchment

Some Key Findings

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- Combined used of Bioretention and Ponds/Wetlands Favourable
- Urban Form of catchment constrains the opportunities for stormwater management
- Choice of block size and level of rigour in assessment dependent on case study and modelling aims

Back to our Scenario

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A More Dynamic Case Study

Implementation Rules

Based on rate of Urban Development

Retrofitting of Existing Areas

- Performance and System Age Dependent
- Three possible dynamics: keep, upgrade, decommission

Simulation Period: 50 years

Dynamics of Urban Development based on Urich et al., 2012 (9UDM)

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Infrastructure Over Time

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Some Quantitative Observations

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IS = Infiltration System PB = Ponds & Basins WSUR = Surface Wetland BF = Biofiltration System

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Future Work

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- 1) Implementation of Water Recycling Technologies (e.g. Rainwater tanks, advanced stormwater harvesting plants)
- 2) Addition of decentralised wastewater and water supply technologies
- 3) Detailed coupling with other modules to better incorporate social and urban development feedbacks
- 4) More rigorous testing on Scotchman's Creek and other examples

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Final Remarks

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- 1) Planning for an uncertain future requires the use of dynamic and evolving scenarios
- DAnCE4Water's Biophysical Module offers a means for exploring many possible configurations of decentralised urban water technologies and their evolution over time
- The use of such models in the planning process can build a better understanding of the complexity of our urban environment and water infrastructure

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Additional Slides

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The Challenge of Calibration

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- Inherently difficult due to data limitations (e.g. we have current state data, old orthophotos of region)
- Aim is train the model to produce realistic possibilities
- Parameter Sensitivity and Uncertainties to be taken into account
- Modelling Exercises would require multiple simulations to produce a spread of results

Validation Method

Urban Form Algorithms

How many Realisations of Options?

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