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## THE NEXT HOUSING DISASTER



# The Economist

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## SAY GOODBYE TO 1.5°C

Why climate policy is off target

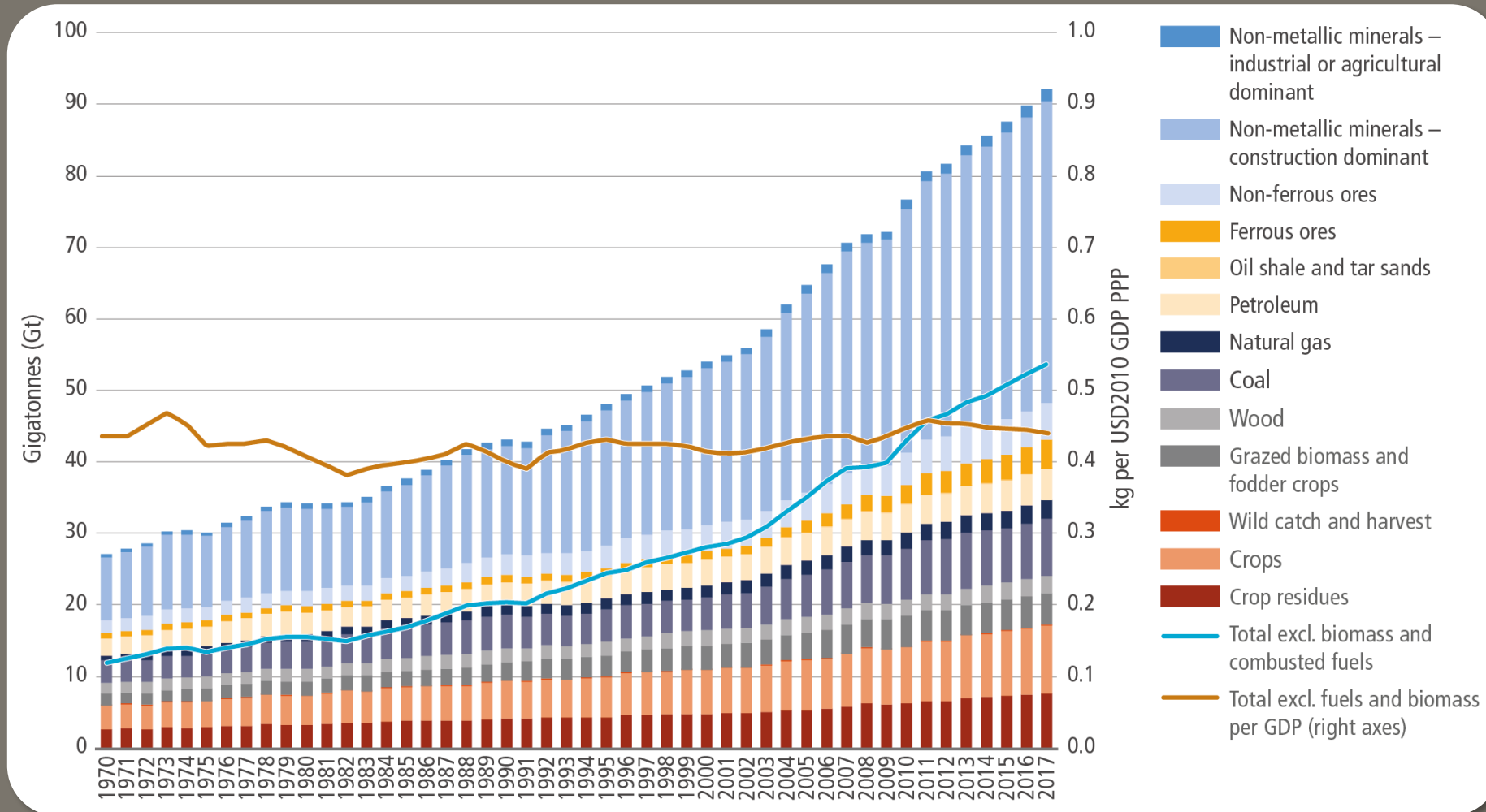


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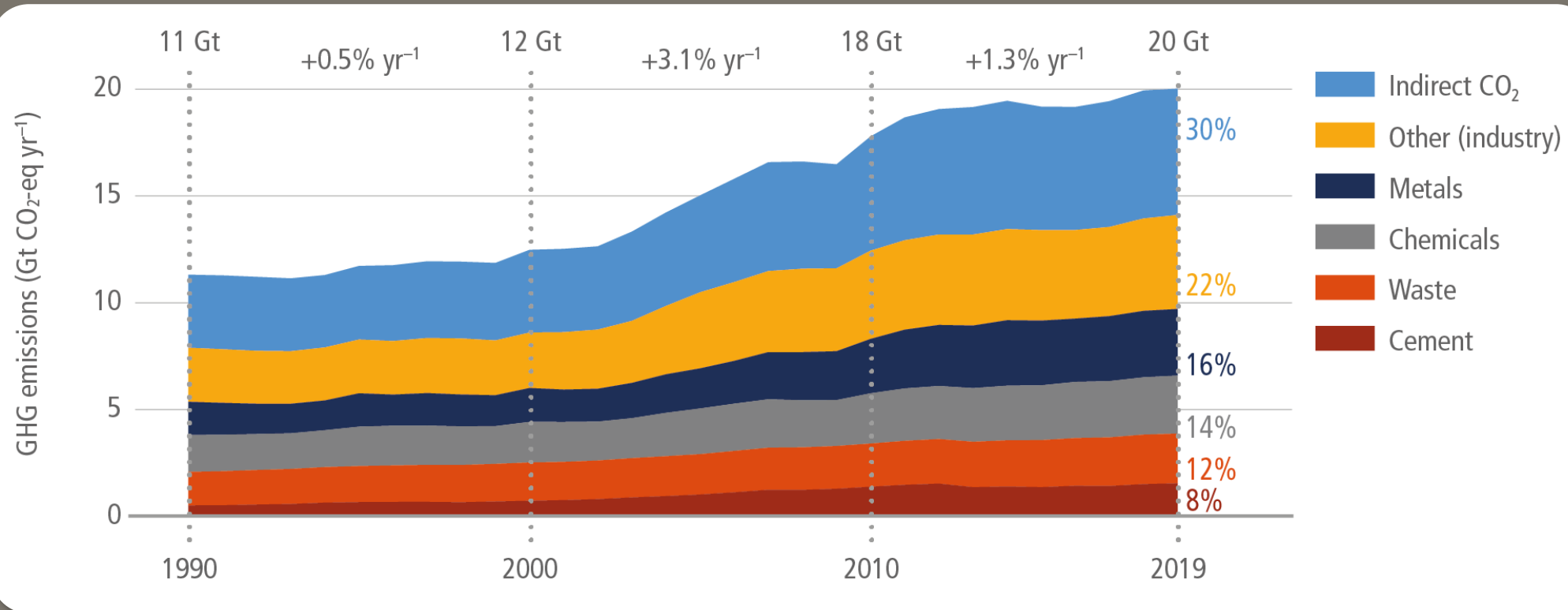


Why us?

# Raw natural materials **extraction**

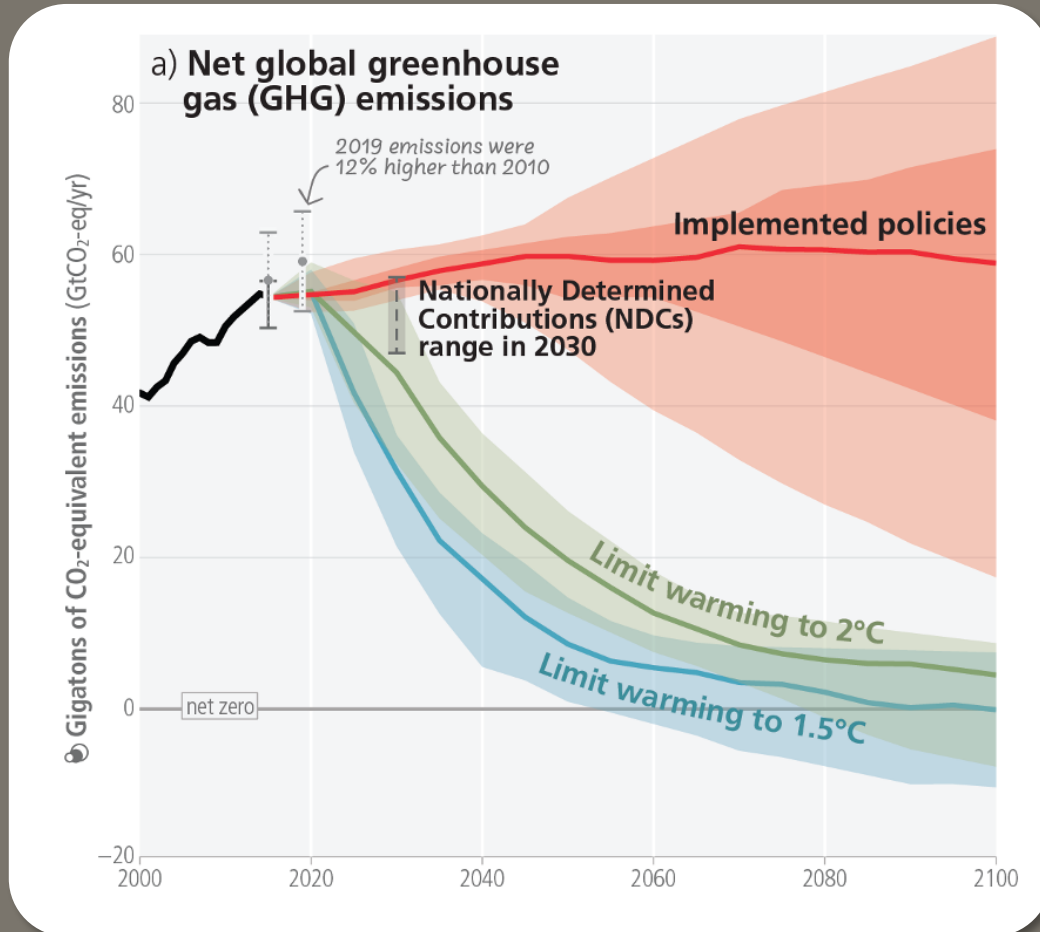


# Global industry sector emissions





# UN IPCC

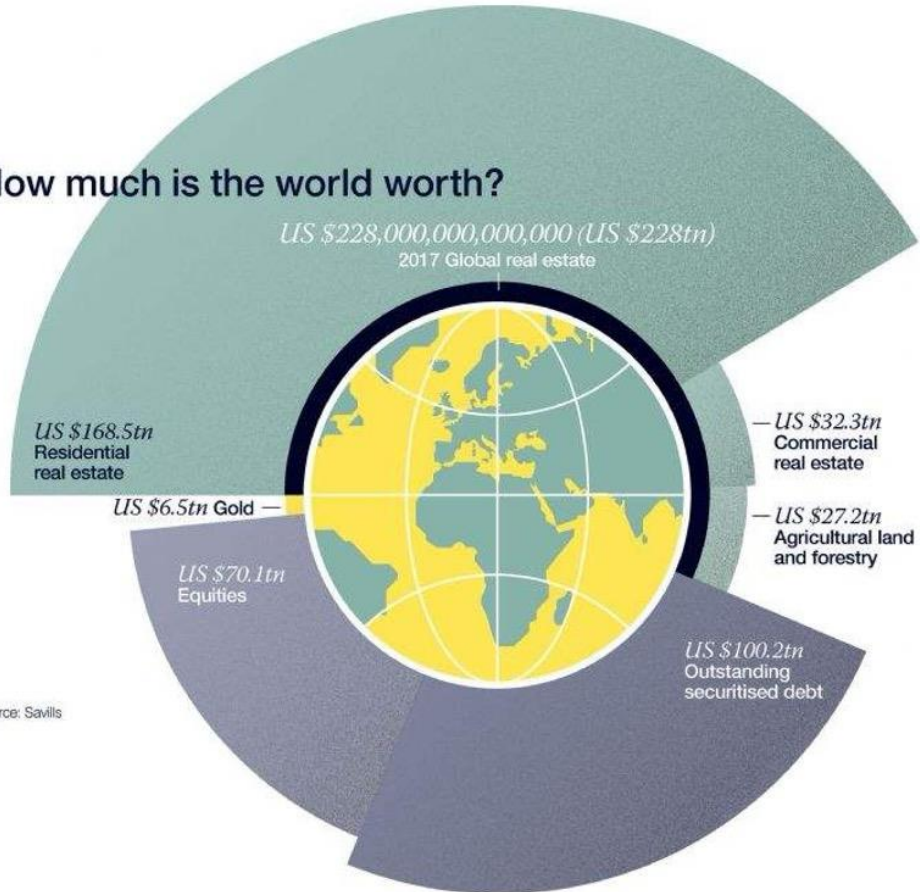


UN Secretary-General António Guterres:

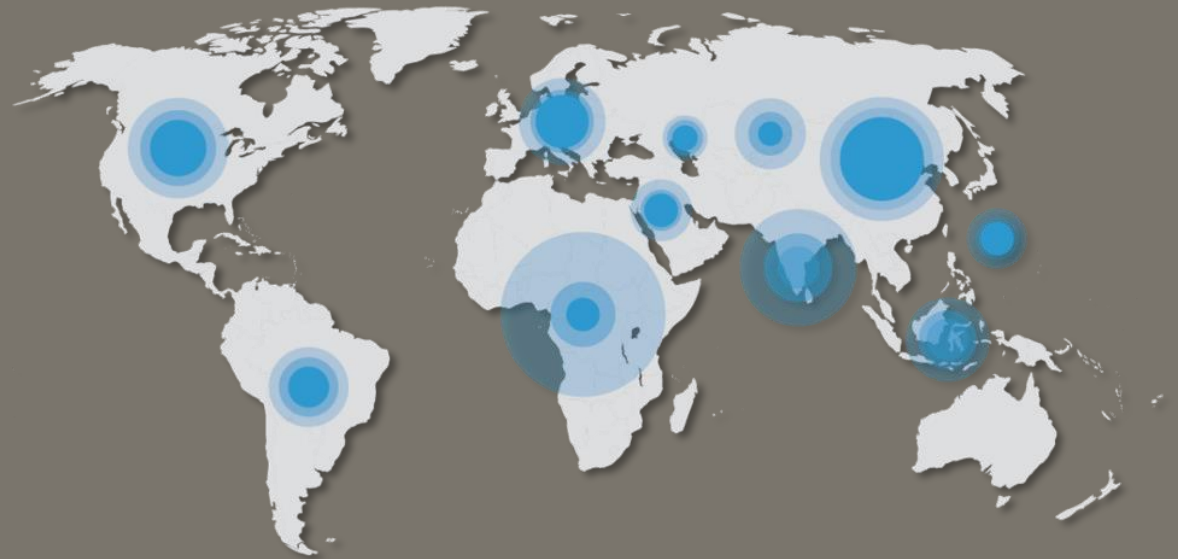
*Cities are where the climate battle will largely be won or lost.*

# Real estate in numbers

## How much is the world worth?



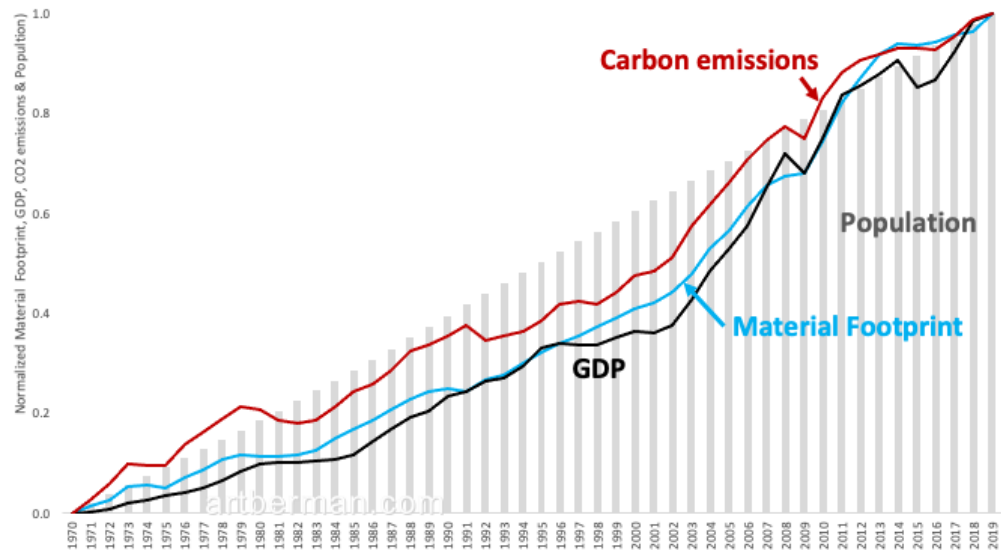
Global building floor area is expected to **double** by 2060.





# Decouple

Carbon emissions and overshoot of planetary boundaries are unlikely to decrease as long as world GDP and population continue to increase



Source: World Bank, Global Carbon Atlas, Global Material Flows Database & Labyrinth Consulting Services, Inc.  
Labyrinth/Climate Change/Material Footprint-GDP-CO2-Population Normalized

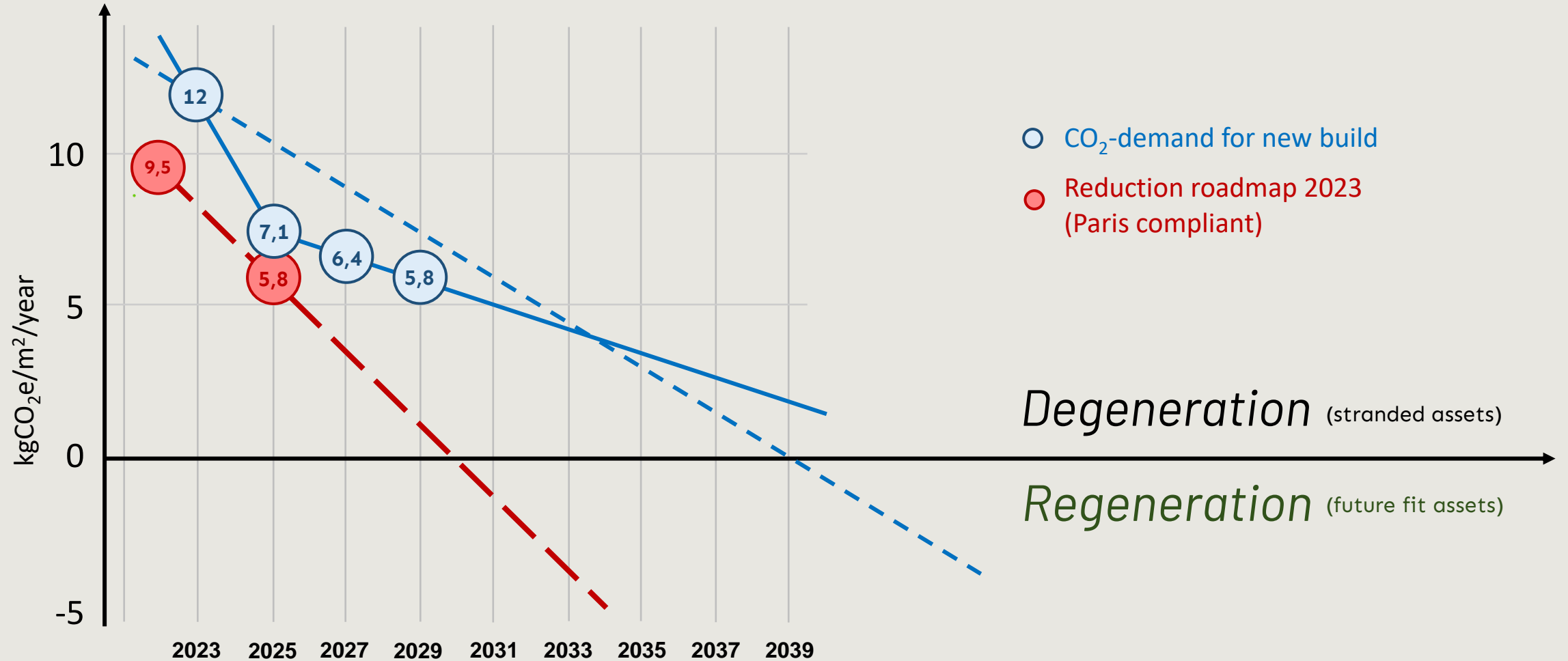
Ex-CEO of Unilever Paul Polman

*What holds us back  
then, if anything,  
is a lack of willpower,  
moral leadership and  
imagination*

# Emerging Futures

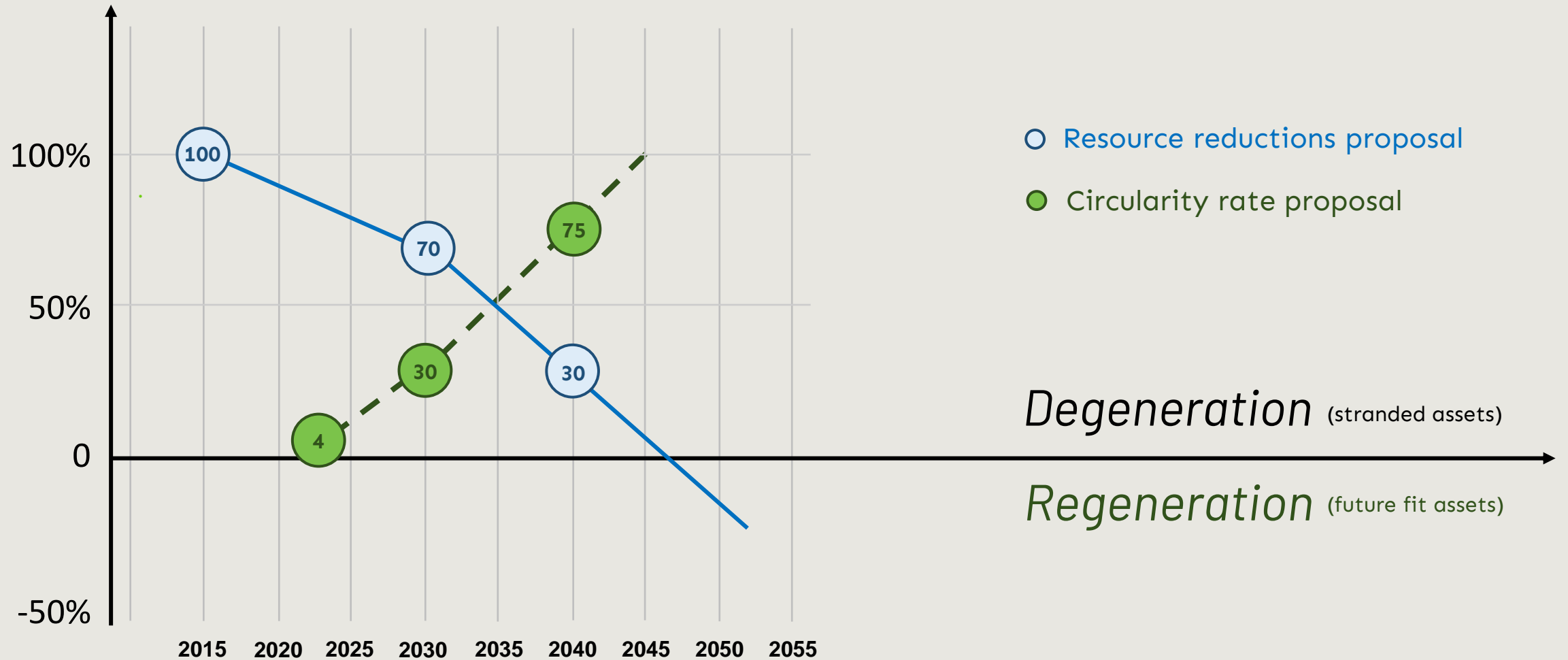
*It was the best of times,  
it was the worst of times*

# Carbon efficiency





# Material efficiency



Sustainable

*Doing a bad thing **better**,  
so we can **continue** to do it*

# Resilient

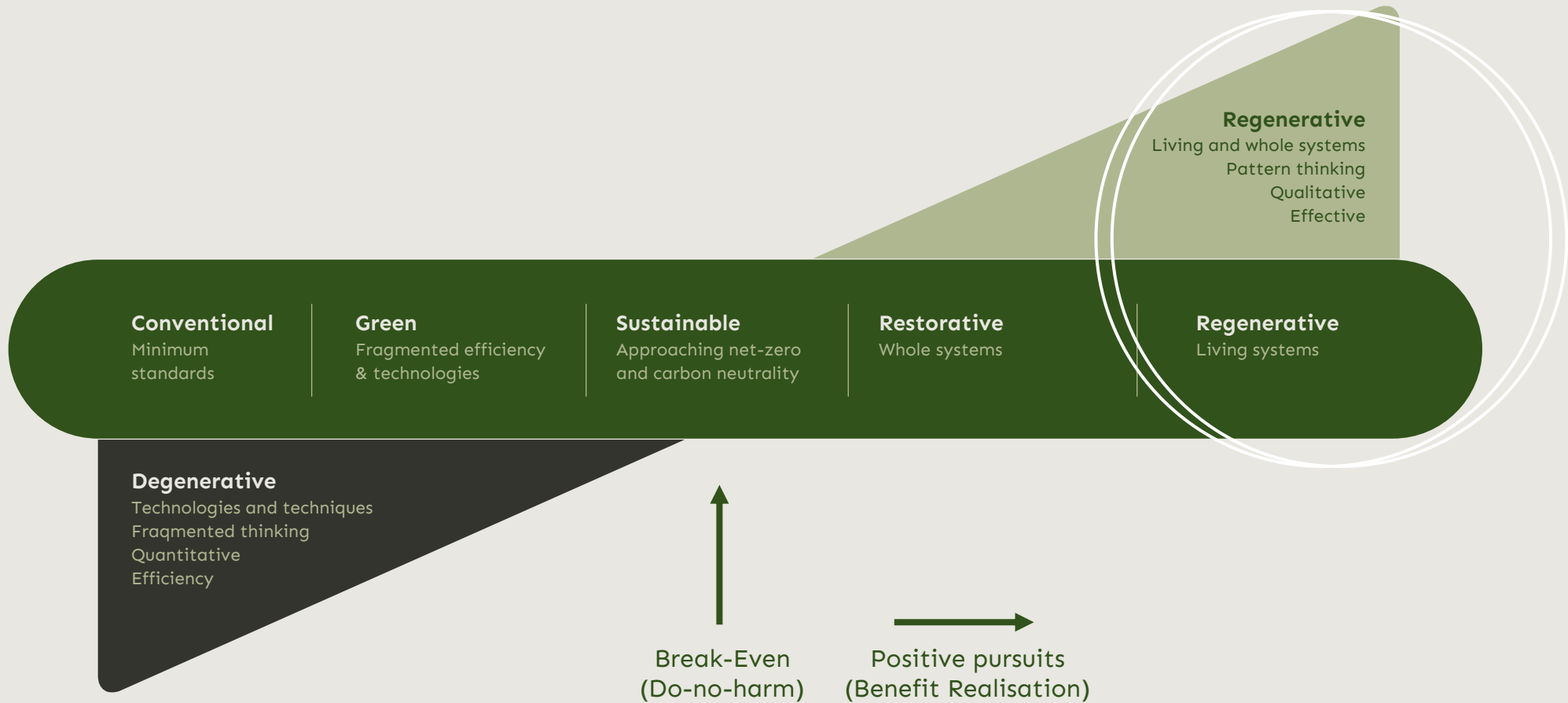
*Stuff is **going to happen**, and  
things are change is going to  
happen, [so] **prepare for it***



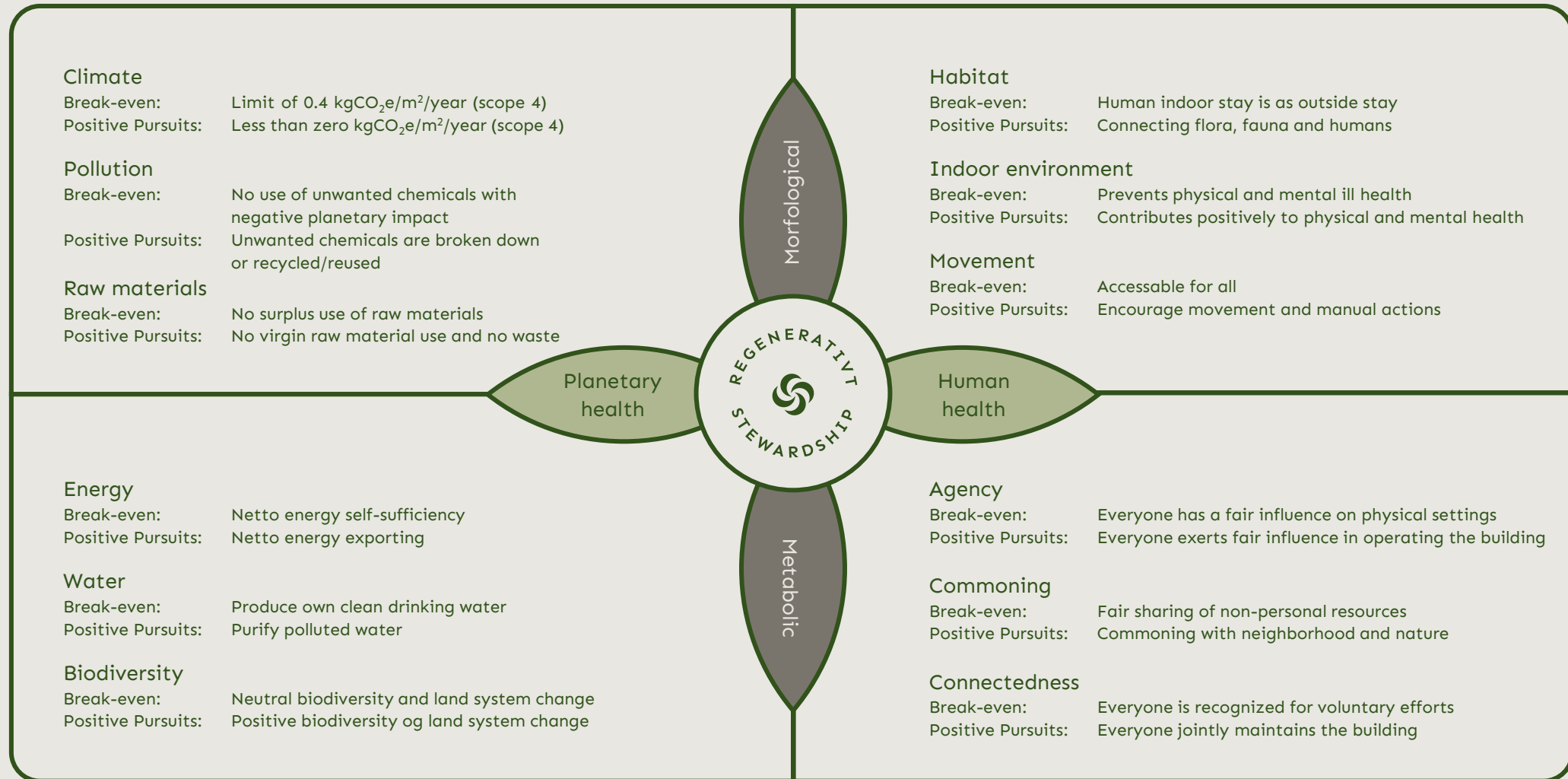
Regenerative

*Time to think **different**  
to achieve **different** goals*

# Regenerative



# Create a built environment which evolves in **harmony** with nature

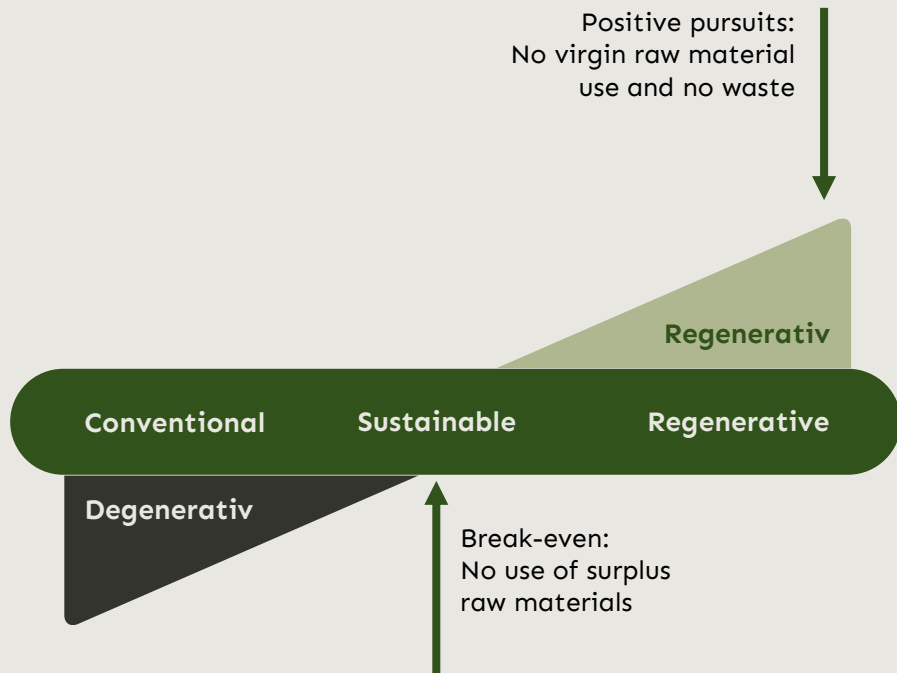




# Break-even og Positive Pursuits

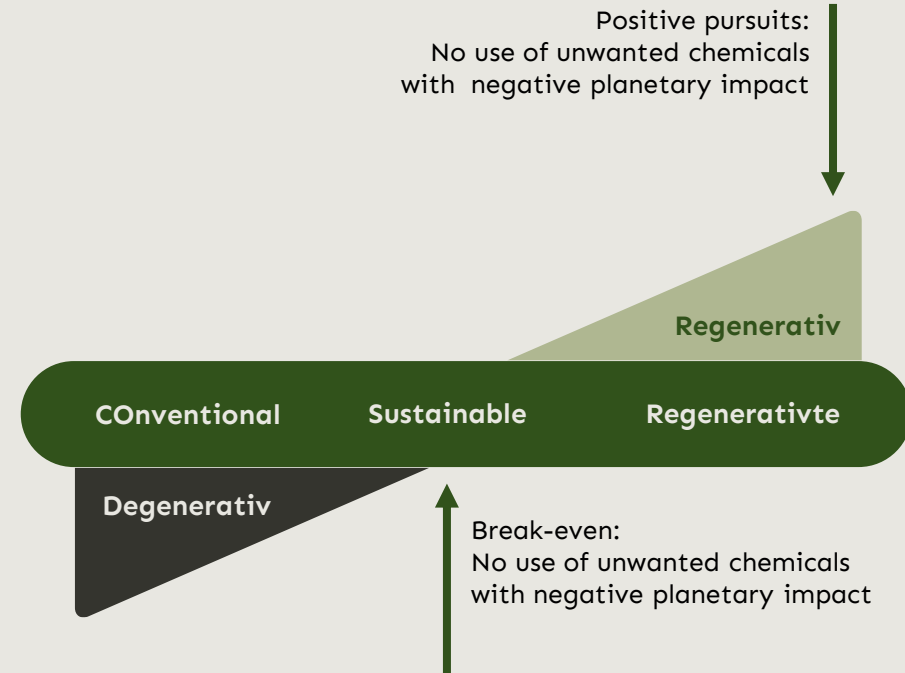
## Raw materials

From construction as a consumer of non-renewable raw materials – To construction that consumes no virgin raw materials and generates no waste during building, operation, or deconstruction.



## Pollution

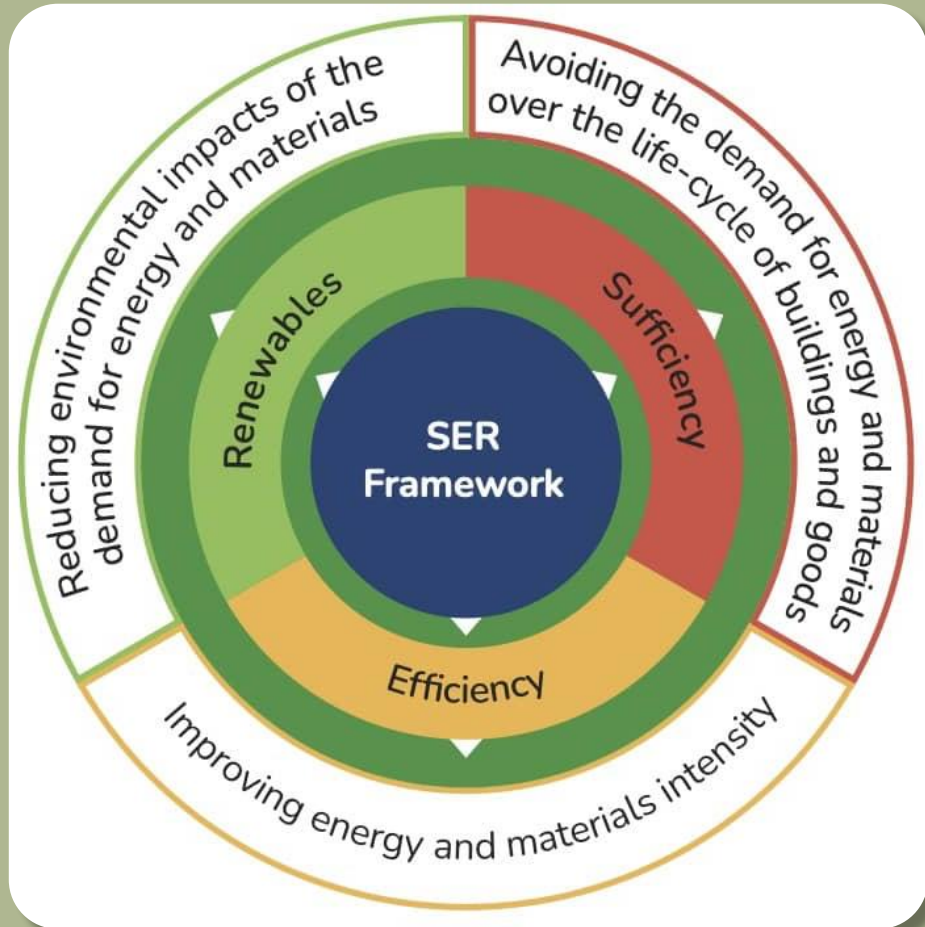
From construction as a source of pollution – To construction that contributes to prevention, recycling/reuse, and the breakdown of harmful chemicals.



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Sufficient & Efficient

# IPCC AR6 WGI III



Sufficient = Least materials

Efficient = Right materials

# Misalignment

Design occupancy for office building with 16 floors and 30,000m<sup>2</sup> office area  
Calculations are approximate to illustrate variation between disciplines.

## Ventilation

3,000 people



BSRIA Rules of Thumb Guidelines for Building Services 5th Edition, Table 3  
10m<sup>2</sup> per person = 3,000 people

## Space Planning

3,750 people



BCO Specification for Offices, 2014

High Density = 8m<sup>2</sup> per person = 3,750 people  
Low Density = 13m<sup>2</sup> per person = 2,308 people

## Fire Design

7,500 people



BS 9999:2017 Table 9, Typical Office Floor Space Factors

High Density = 4m<sup>2</sup> per person = 7,500 people  
Low Density = 10m<sup>2</sup> per person = 3,000 people

## Structural Design

85,500 people



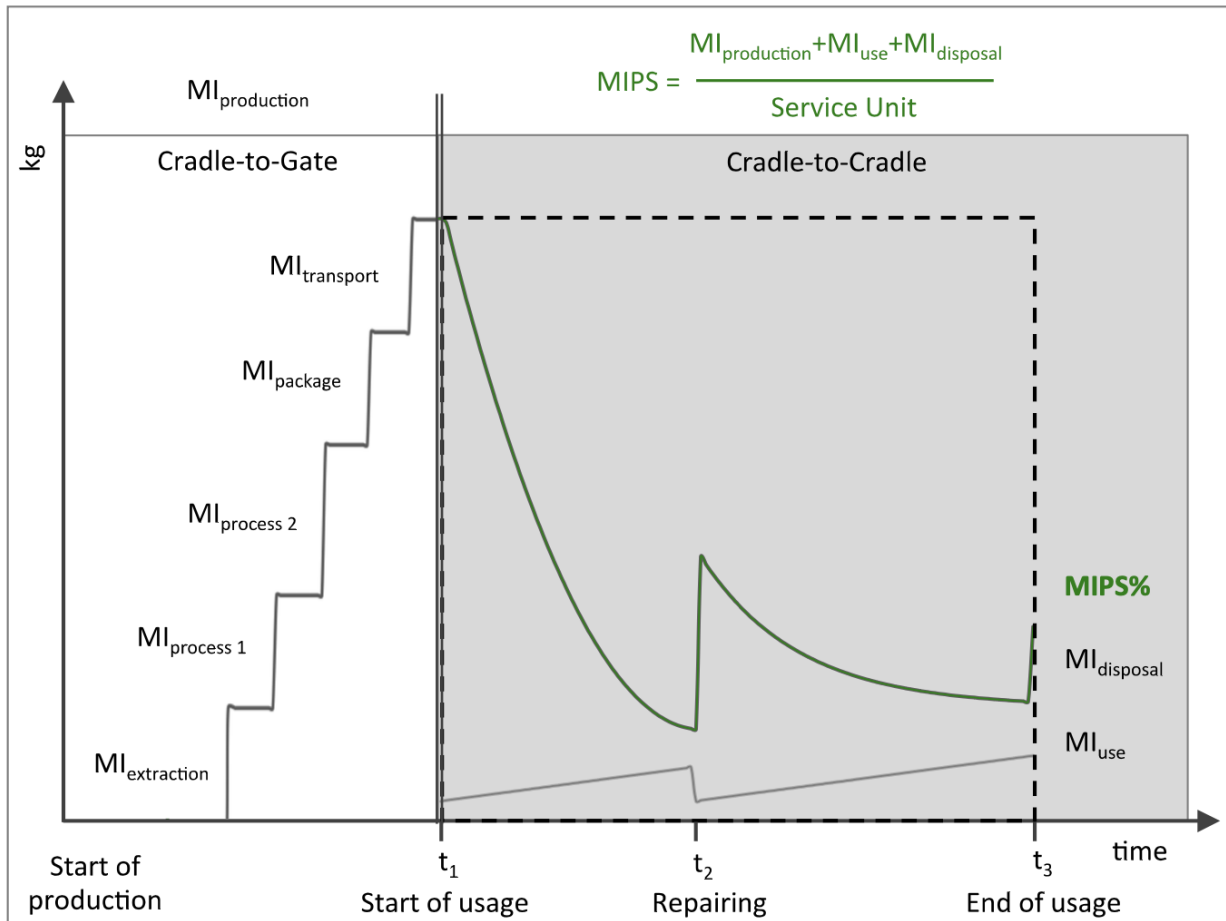
BS EN 1990, BS EN 1991-1-1

Ultimate Limit State,  $\gamma_q = 1.5$  (live load partial factor),  $\alpha_N = 0.50$  (reduction factor at ground floor column)  
 $q_k = 3\text{kN/m}^2$  over 95% of floor area (Typical value not including partitions or 5% more heavily loaded areas)  
Total load ( $\gamma_q \alpha_N q_k A$ ) = 64MN. Assuming each occupant = 0.75kN = **85,500 people**  
Removing 75kg per m<sup>2</sup> for office equipment from the value for  $q_k$  = 64,125 people...

Serviceability Limit State,  $\gamma_q = 1.0$  (partial factor for live load),  $\alpha_n = 0.5$  (reduction factor for multi-storey)  
Total load ( $\gamma_q \alpha_n \alpha_A q_k A$ ) = 43MN. Assuming single occupant 0.75kN = **57,000 people**  
Removing 75kg per m<sup>2</sup> for office equipment from  $q_k$  = 42,750 people...



# Material Intensity Per Service



$$MIPS = \frac{M}{S} = \frac{\text{Material Input}}{\text{Service Unit}}$$

# First principles **still** applies

## Structures

The overall requirements and methods are established by BR18.

These have always allowed for project-specific verification of the general functional requirements.

## Function

§ 340.

The planning, construction, operation and maintenance of structures and building parts must be carried out in a way which ensures that:

- 1) injuries or damage is not inflicted on persons and buildings on own plot or on other plots;
- 2) no health risk occurs to persons owing to failing structures;
- 3) satisfactory functionality and durability is achieved;
- 4) no health risk occurs to persons owing pest intrusion.

## Metode

§ 356.

§ 344(2) to § 351 and §§ 353-355 may be derogated from if it can be ensured and documented by other means that derogation is safe, and if a safety level as described in § 344(2)(1) can be achieved.

- 1) DS/EN 1990 Basis for planning of load-bearing structures with DS/EN 1990 DK NA.

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Current trends

# Three horizons

BMW Foundation  
Herbert Quandt

NAVIGATING THE PATHWAY  
TOWARDS REGENERATION:

## APPLYING THE THREE HORIZONS MODEL TO NEW MATERIALS

### RESPOND

#### THE FIRST HORIZON – H1

represents the way things are currently done, the prevailing system. When this dominant paradigm starts to show signs of strain and is no longer considered to be fit for purpose, there is a case for change.

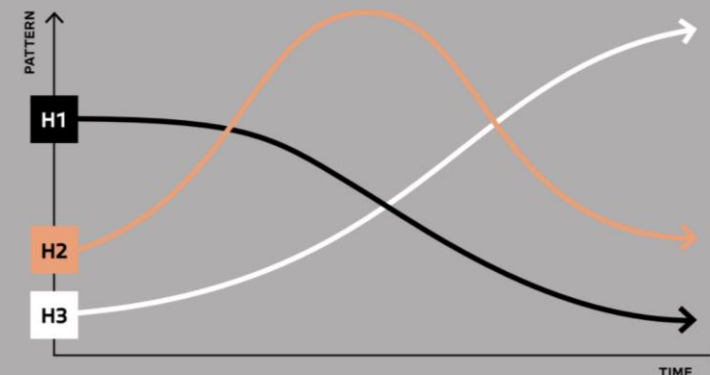
#### THE THIRD HORIZON – H3

shows what a desirable future state may look like.

#### THE SECOND HORIZON – H2

is an arena of transition where innovations get established to help make our desired future a reality. It points us to what may need to happen in terms of rethinking and (re)inventing new processes, structures, technologies and ways of working in order to create a bridge between the current (H1) and the future (H3) system.<sup>1</sup>

### THREE HORIZONS

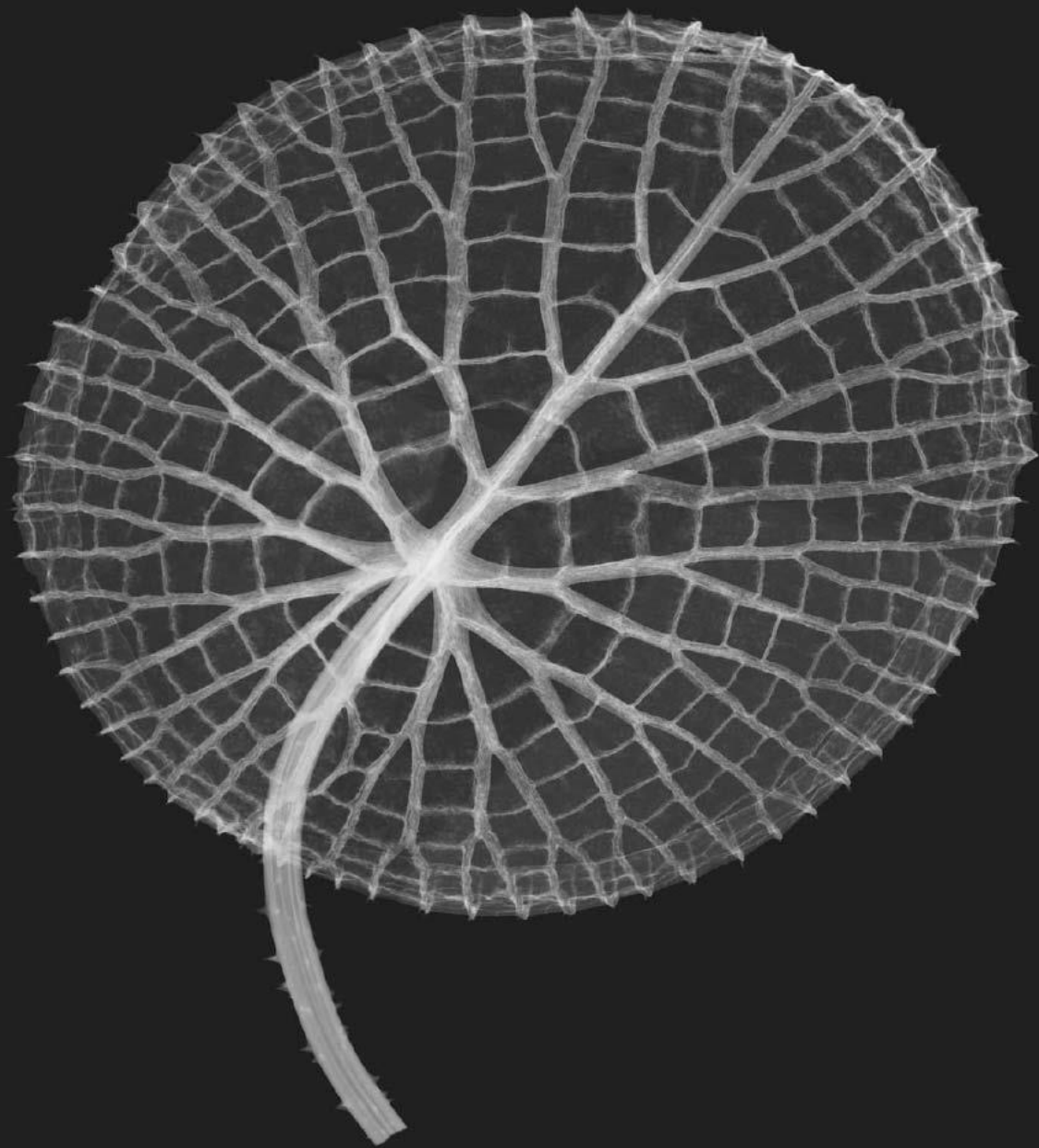


The International Futures Forum (<https://www.iffpraxis.com>) describes the Three Horizons as follows:

The **first horizon** — H1 — is the dominant system at present. It represents 'business as usual'. We rely on these systems being stable and reliable. But as the world changes, so aspects of 'business as usual' begin to feel out of place or no longer fit for purpose. Eventually 'business as usual' will always be superseded by new patterns of activity.

The **third horizon** — H3 — emerges as the long-term successor to 'business as usual'. It grows from fringe activity in the present that introduces completely new ways of doing things which turn out to be much better fitted to the world that is emerging than the dominant H1 system.

The **second horizon** — H2 — is a pattern of transition activities and innovations, people trying things out in response to the ways in which the landscape is changing. Some of these innovations will be absorbed into the H1 systems to improve them and to prolong their life (we call these innovations 'H2 minus'), while some will pave the way for the emergence of radically different H3 systems (we call those 'H2 plus').



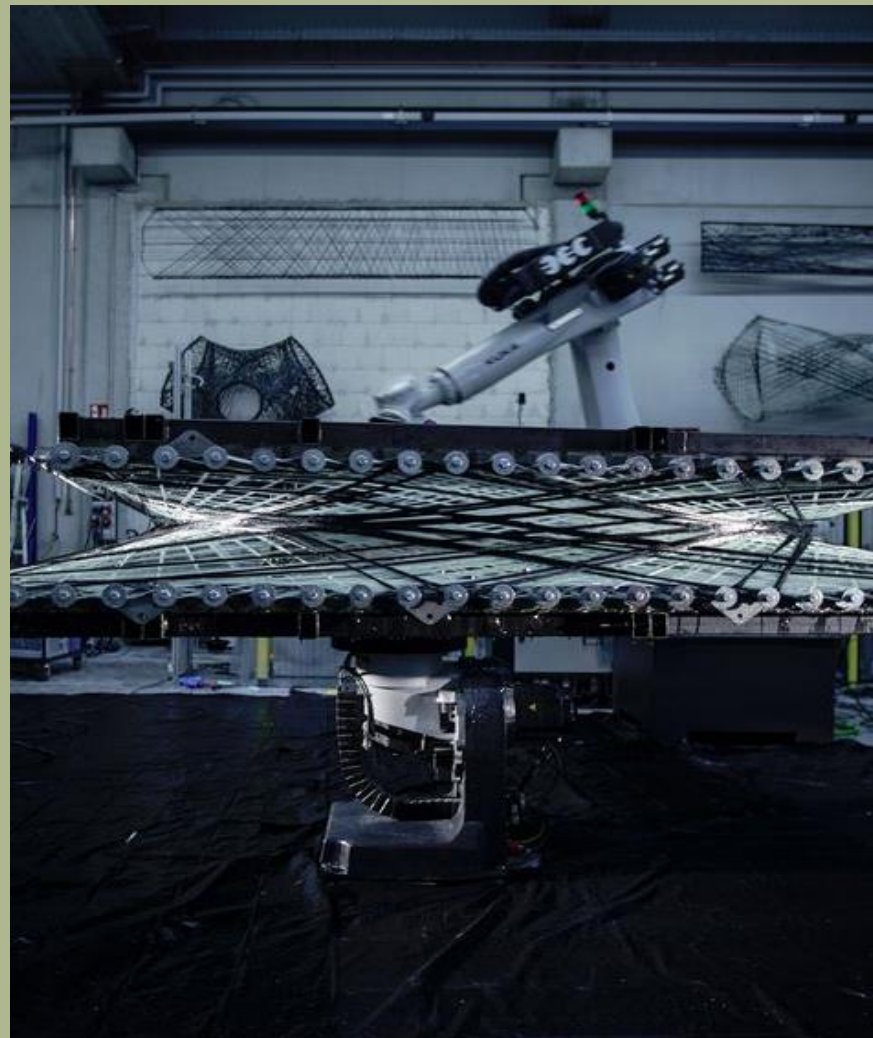










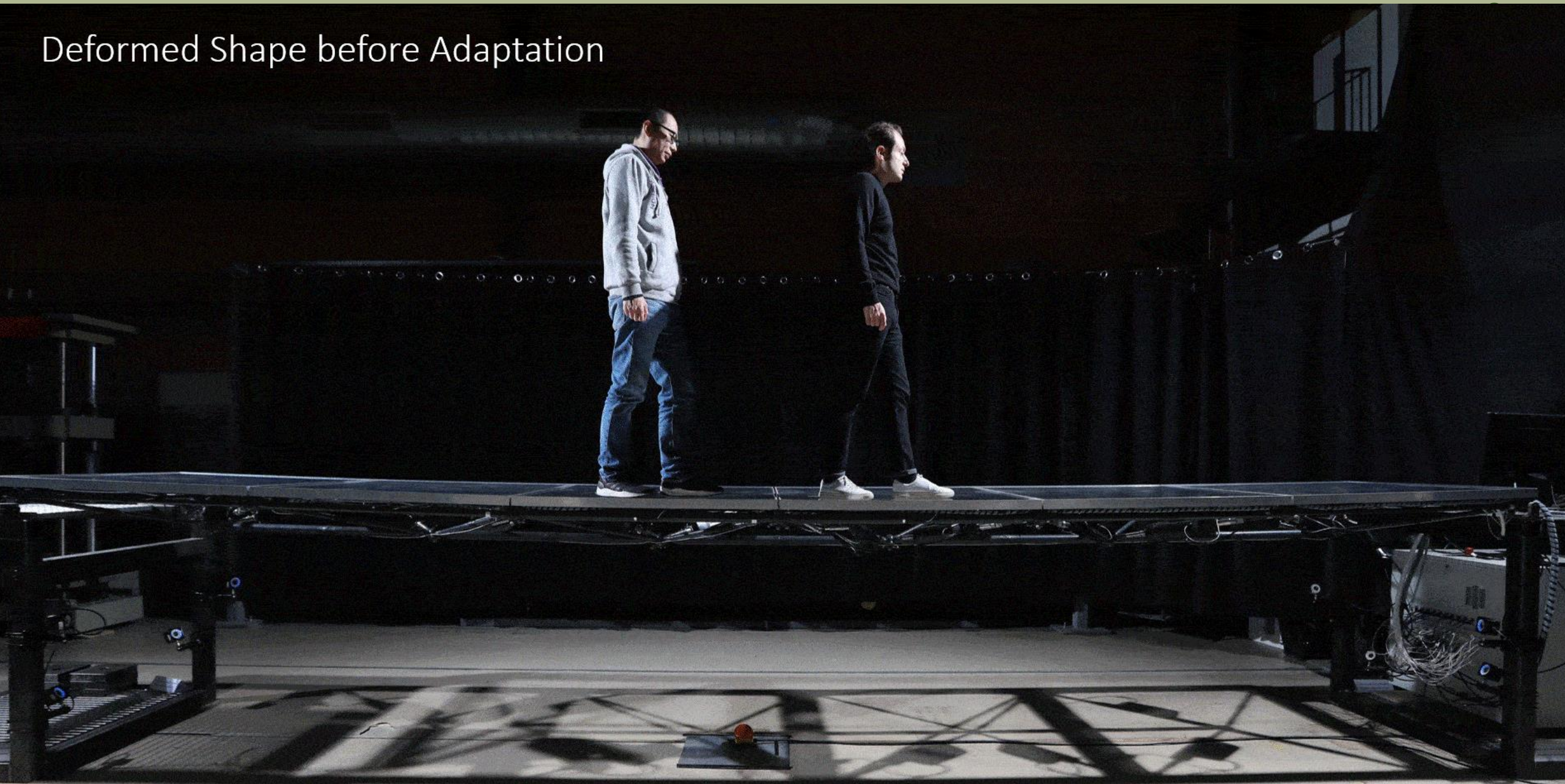








Deformed Shape before Adaptation





# High-Rise Structure

Passive



Embodied



Energy (MJ)

$2 \times 10^7$

$1.5 \times 10^7$

$1 \times 10^7$

$0.5 \times 10^7$

Embodied

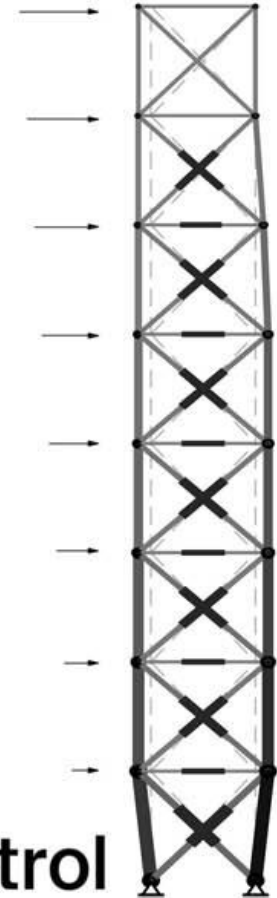


Operational

Adaptive



After control



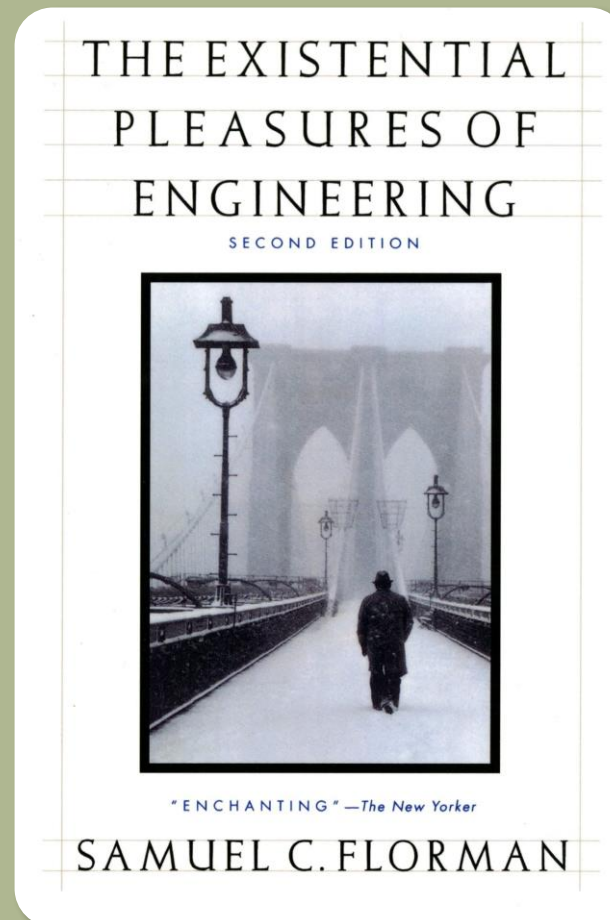
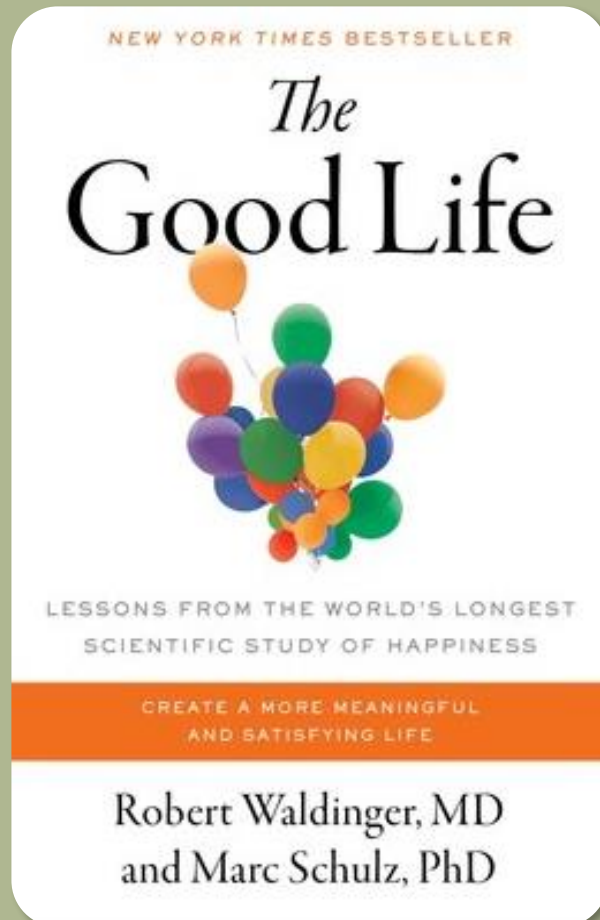




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# Final thoughts

# Being engaged in activities I care about – with people I care about

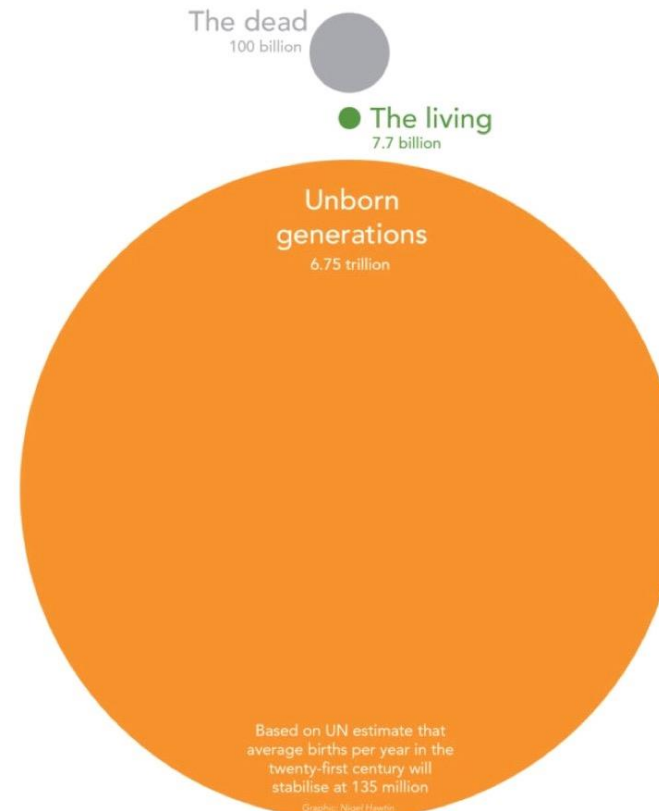


# The Good Ancestor



## The scale of unborn generations

Looking 50,000 years into the past and 50,000 into the future – assuming that the twenty-first century's birth rate remains constant – all human lives ever lived are far outweighed by all those yet to come





# Building for the **Next** Generation, Today

1860

1890

1920

1950

1980

2010