



Fig. 2.2.9. Prosperous city of Amsterdam. Source: www.european-business.com, 2018.



Fig. 2.2.10. Quiet city of Amsterdam. Source: www.amsterdam.nl, 2020.

What makes the world vulnerable to COVID-19?
What can planners do to solve this problem and improve the urban resilience to pandemics?

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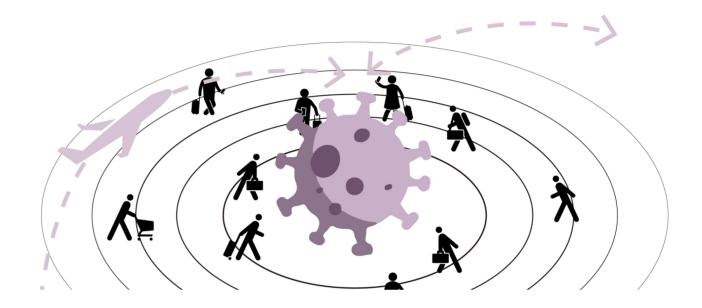


# 1 | INTRODUCTION

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#### SARS



"Just as we have got used to the idea that metropolises are good for us, we find ourselves confronted by a global pandemic that exposes their inherent vulnerability." (Clark, 2020)

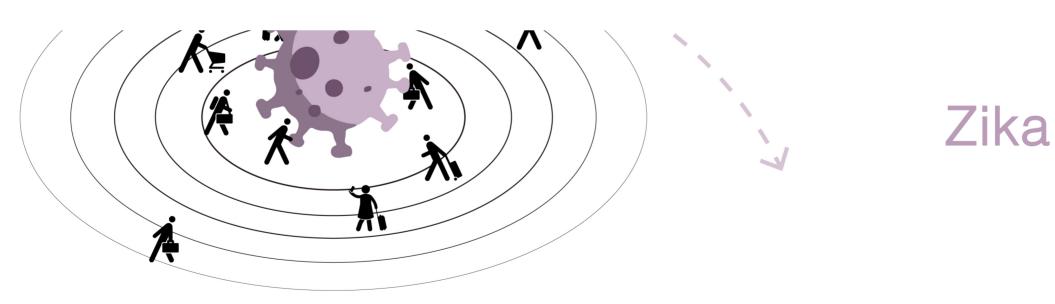


Fig. 1.1.1. Motivation diagram of the project. Made by author.

### 1.1 Metro Areas and COVID-19

As of 7:00 pm CEST, 11 May 2021, there have been 158,651,638 confirmed cases in 220 countries, resulting in 3,299,764 deaths (CSSE, 2021).

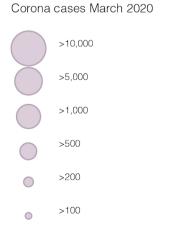
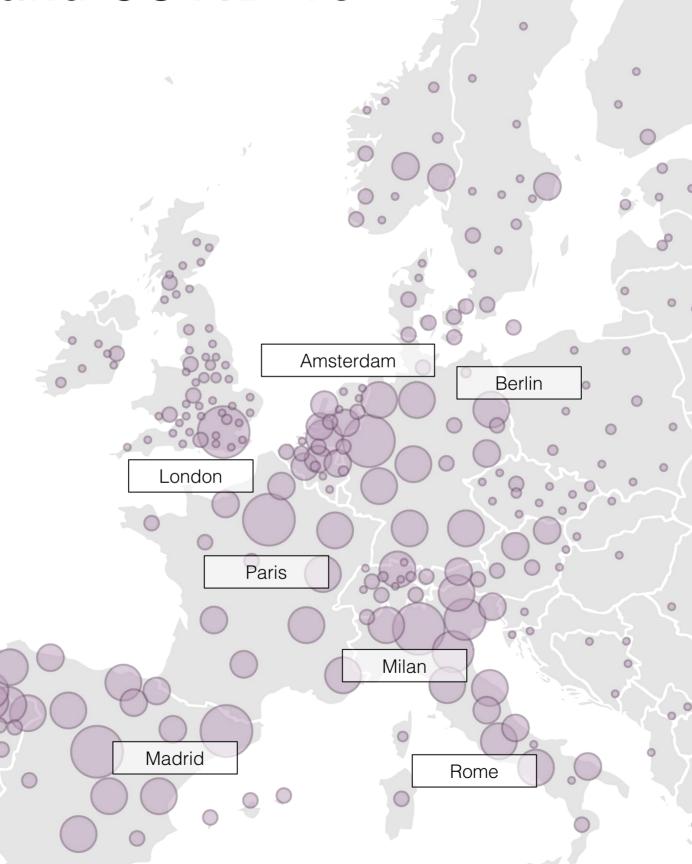


Fig. 2.1.4. Corona cases in European cities until March 2020. Made by author by data source from official municipalities



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# 1.2 Metropolitan Region Amsterdam (MRA)

Impact of COVID-19

MRA has become one of the most seriously attacked regions including around 10% confirmed cases of the Netherlands (GGD, 2020).

#### Percentage of bankruptcies from 2018 to 2020

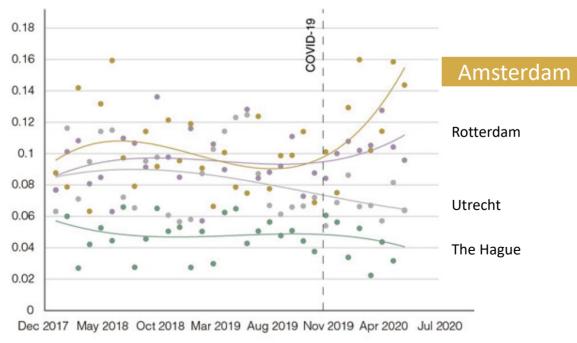
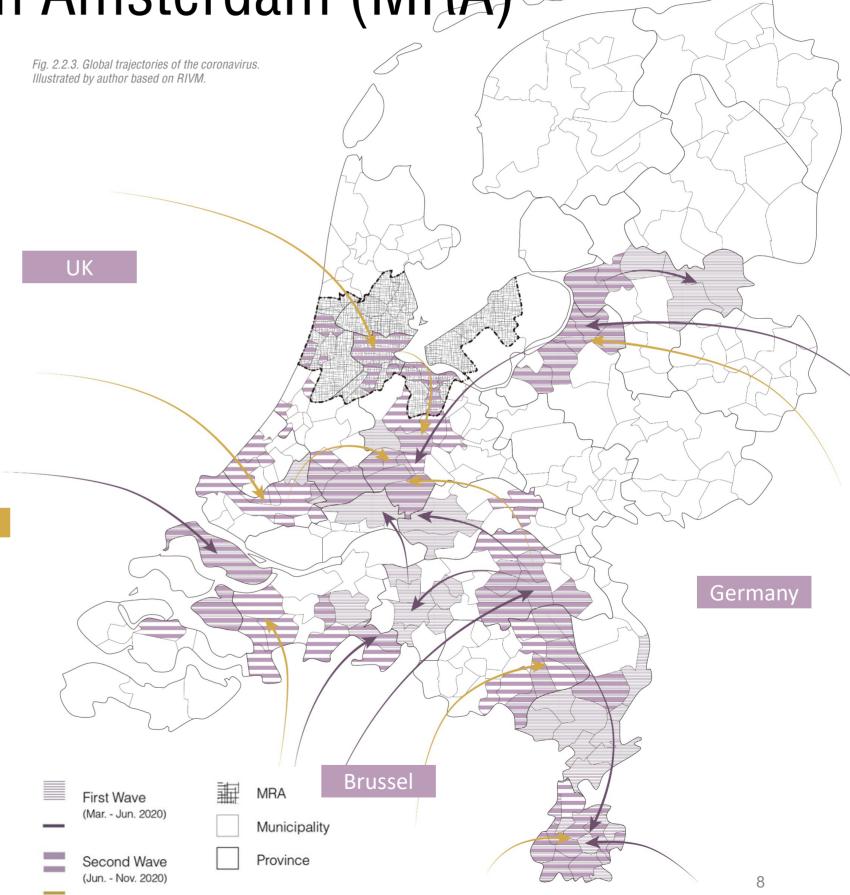


Fig. 2.2.6. Percentage of bankruptcies of the Netherlands from January 2018 to July 2020. Made by author based on data source: CBS, 2020.



## 1.2 Metropolitan Region Amsterdam

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Policy Responses

#### **Short term:**

Intelligent Lockdown

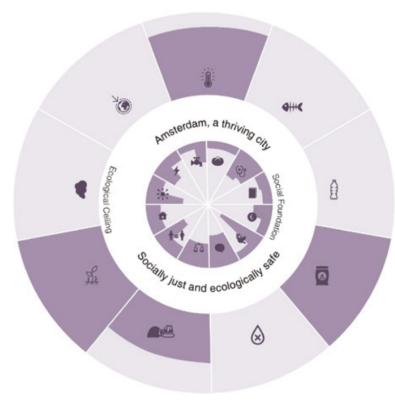
Emergency strategies are not sustainable due to the negative impacts.

#### Long term:

**Doughnut Economic** Model



The general model cannot respond quickly from bottom-up, and ignores the role of technology.



#### Social Foundation **Ecological Ceiling** Climate change Ocean acidification Food Chemical pollution Health Nitrogen & phosphorus loading Freshwater withdrawals Income & work Land conversion Peace & justice Biodiversity loss Political voice Air pollution Social equity Ozone layer depletion Gender equality Housing Fig. 2.2.15. The Doughnut 's social and planetary Networks undaries of Amsterdam. Illustrated by author based on iAmsterdam, 2020. Energy



# 2 | PROBLEMATIZATION

#### 2.1 Problem statement

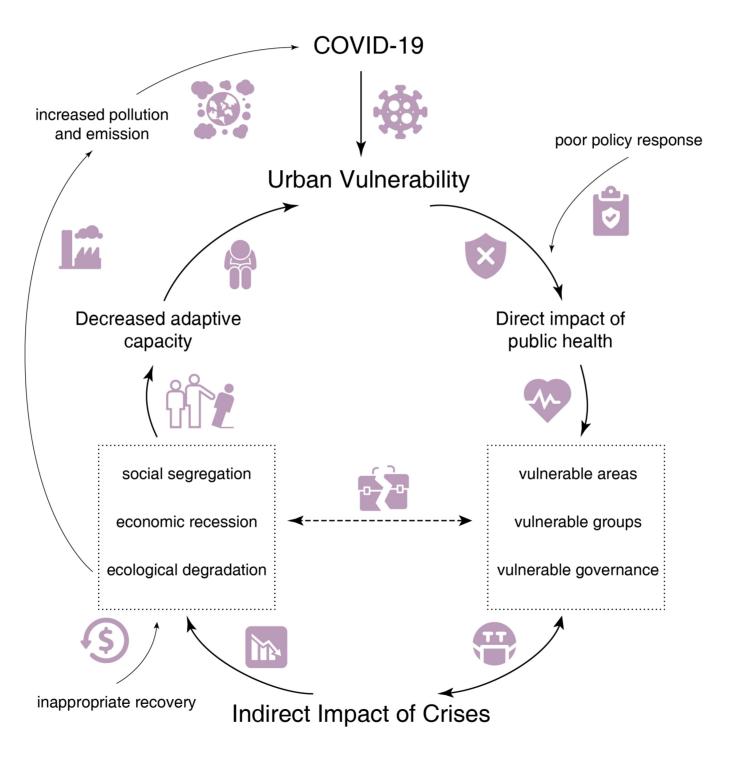
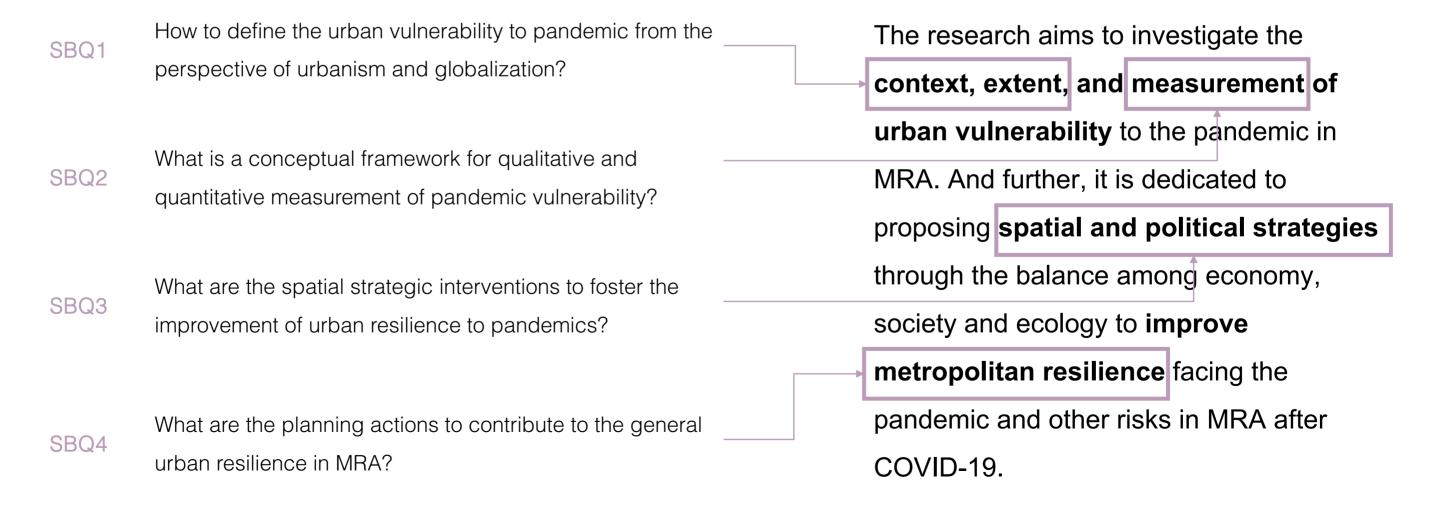


Fig. 2.3.1. A vicious cycle of urban pandemic vulnerability. Made by author.

## 2.2 Research questions and aims

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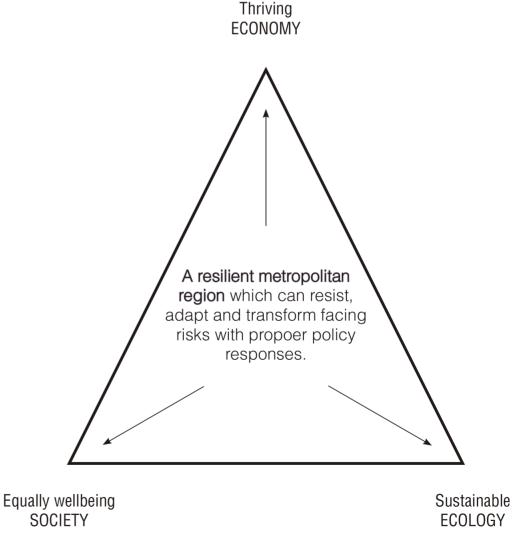
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How to define the urban vulnerability to pandemic from the perspective of urbanism and globalization?

What is a conceptual framework for qualitative and quantitative measurement of pandemic vulnerability?

What are the spatial strategic interventions to foster the improvement of urban resilience to pandemics?

What are the planning actions to contribute to the general urban resilience in MRA?



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Fig. 2.4.2. Research aim. Made by author.

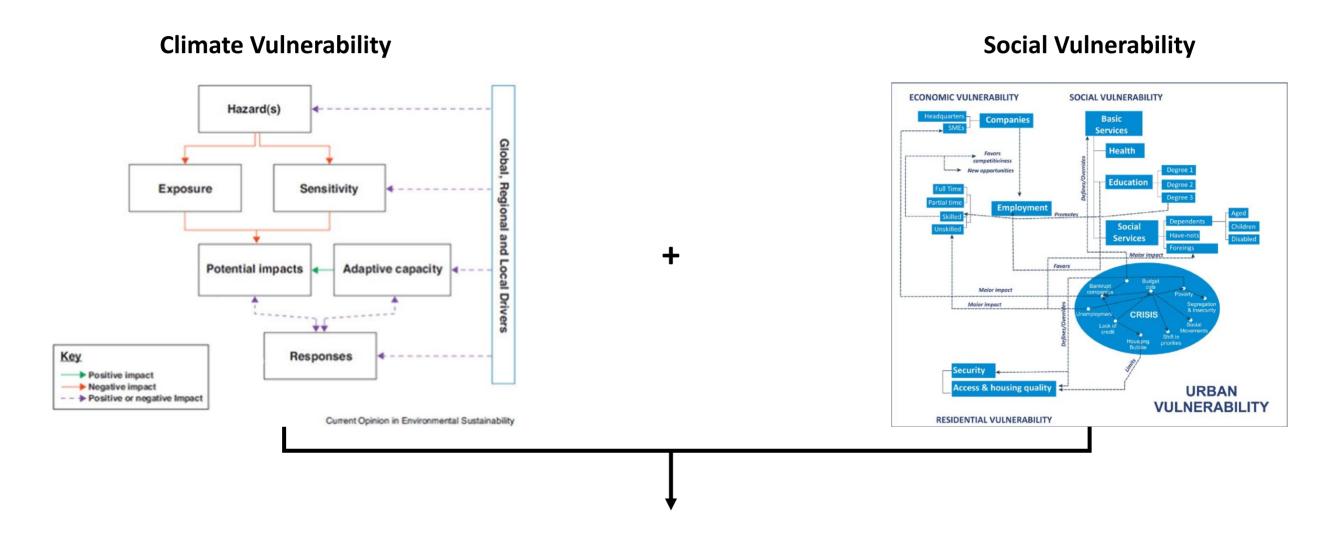
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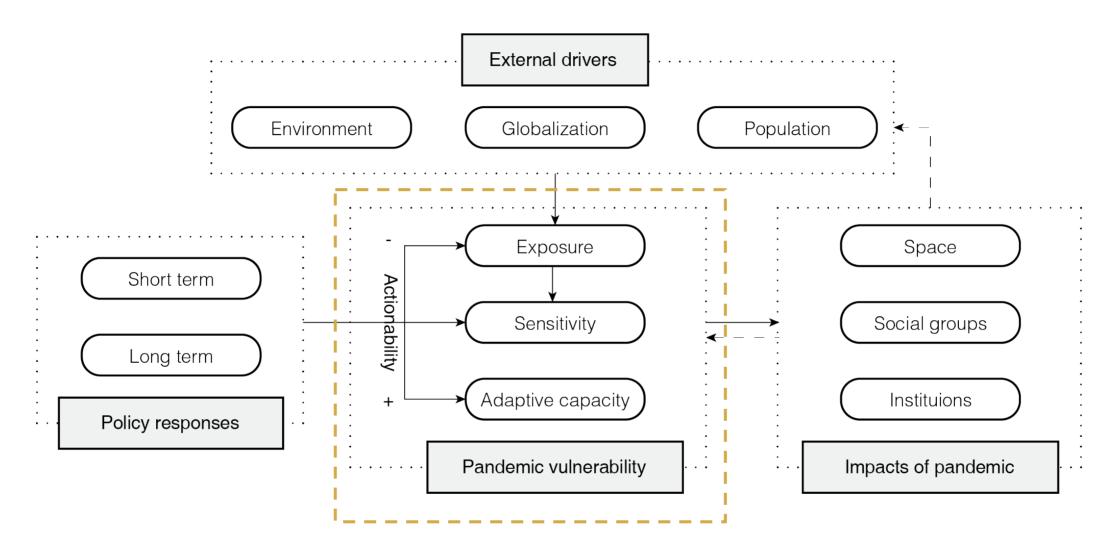


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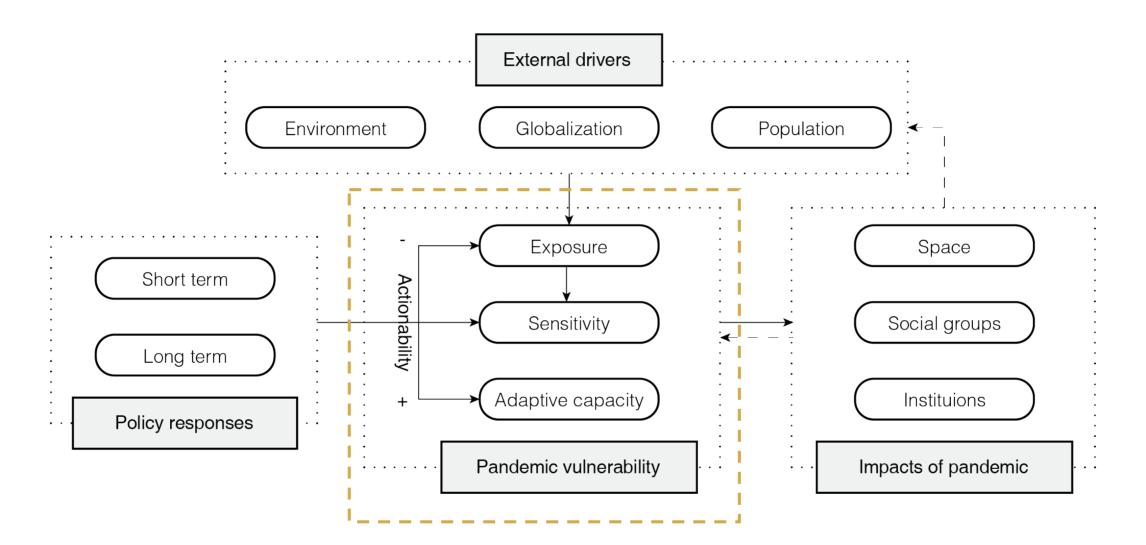


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**Exposure** means the pandemic context the system is subject to, which can be influenced by external drivers.

**Sensitivity** is the extent to which the city is influenced by risks that the population cannot absorb.

Adaptive capacity is the potential and ability of a system that can adjust to a pandemic crisis and cope with its consequences.

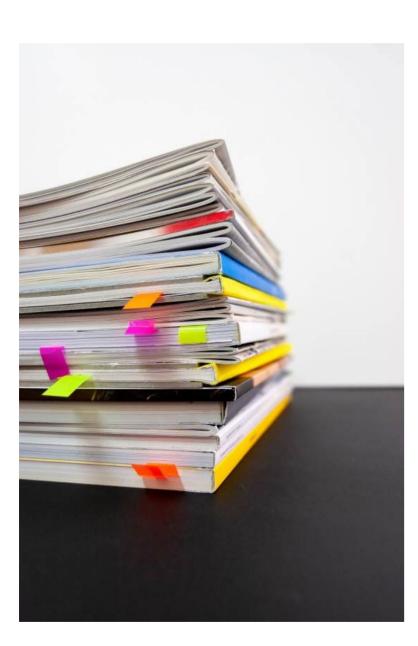


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	Exposure			Sensitivity			Response capacity				
	Climatic drivers	Hydro- /morpholo-	Human drivers	Social	Economic	External services and	Biophysical	Generic			Hazard specific (3)
		gical drivers				infrastructure		Awareness	Ability	Action	
Heat	Combined hot days/tropical	Share of urban green spaces	Population density (proxy	% population > 65		Cooling water demand	Low priority compared to	Education level	Dwellings without basic	GDP/cap	(Policies to) increase %
	nights Effective	incl. fringes(1)	UHI)	yrs % low income			UHI (¹)	A	amenities	Effec-	green space
	Temp (Thermal comfort)			households				Awareness of climate change	Hospital beds	tiveness gover-nance	(Policies to ) decrease soil sealing
	Commonly			Demographic dependency ratio				Equity/risk perception (2)	Health (life expectancy)	Insurance penetration	(Policies to ) decrease dependency
Floods	Area prone to flooding (fluvial and coastal floods)  We soil so (pluvial floods)		·*	Flood-prone population	Industrial/ commercial flood-prone	Transport infrastructure flood-prone					(Policies to) increase % green space/ soil sealing,
								See heat ( <sup>2</sup> )			Technical flood defense
									Early warning policies		
Water scarcity/ droughts	Standard Precipitatio n Index		Water exploitation index	Water use/cap.			Share green space ( <sup>2</sup> )  See heat( <sup>2</sup> )		Water supply diversity, efficiency		
				Sensitive groups see heat above							Water cuts
Forest fires	Fire probability index			% residential in high risk zone	% buildings in high risk zone	% transport infras. in high risk zone	Share green space( <sup>2</sup> )	See heat( <sup>2</sup> )		Accessibility in peri-urban areas	
	nace decreasing			% population > 65 in high risk zone	% industrial/ commercial high risk zone						

<sup>1</sup>green space decreasing the UHI is considered as more important than sensitivity of vegetation itself; <sup>2</sup>suggests low priority - weak link with demonstrable vulnerability or confusing message; <sup>3</sup> this column is not exhaustive: in principle, if data were available on policies reducing exposure and sensitivity, these would all qualify.

Literature review on COVID-19 and metropolises

Framework of climate vulnerability indicators. Source: EEA

Aspect	Expo	sure		Sens	Adaptive capacity			
Aspect	Environment	Flow	Social	Economic	Infrastructural	Biophysical	Awareness	Ability
Space	air pollution	import/ export nodes	residential density		traffic density	open space		hospital beds
	air dryness	delivery system			hospital accessibility	green space		
					amenity accessibility			
		daily passengers	age distribution	household income	motorized dependency		risk perception	insurance
Social groups			immigrants	migrant workers			education level	healthy
			discriminated foreigners					ability to use technology
Institutions				tourism/ mining/ manufacture			government trust	government integration
		international corporations		small-sized businesses				government efficiency

Short term Long term

Table 4.2.1 System of pandemic vulnerability factors in different stages; indication in stages.

Exposure Aspect Environment Flow import/ air pollution export nodes delivery Space air dryness system daily passengers Social groups Institutions international corporations

Layers of exposure

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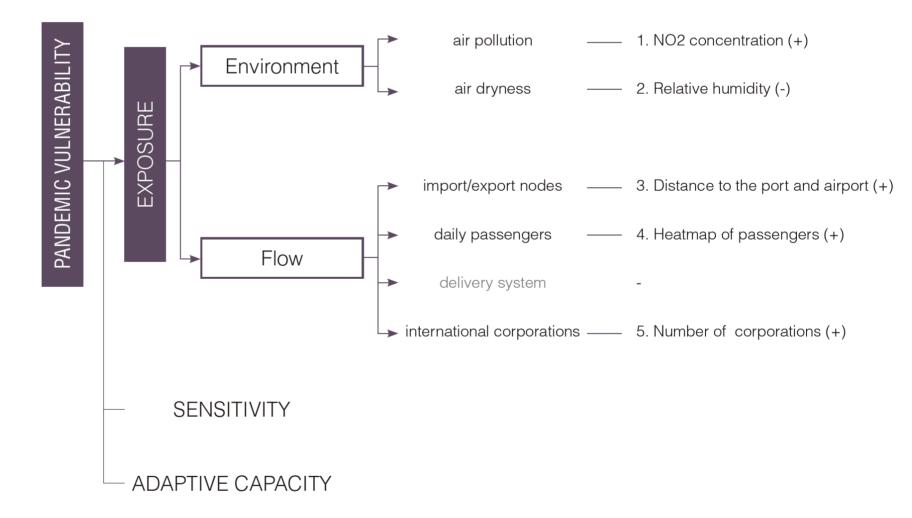


Fig. 5.3.1. Available indicators of exposure in pandemic vulnerability ("+" negative impact; "-" positive impact). Made by author.

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## 3.2 Spatial analysis in MRA

Layers of exposure

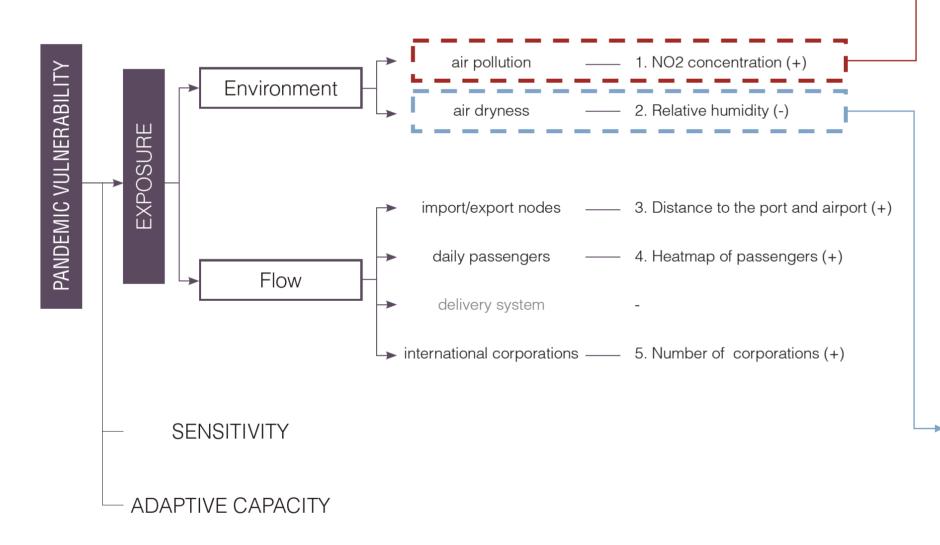


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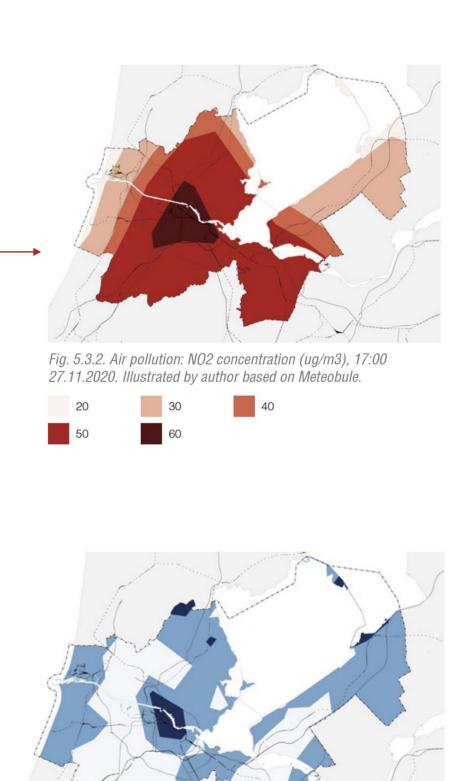


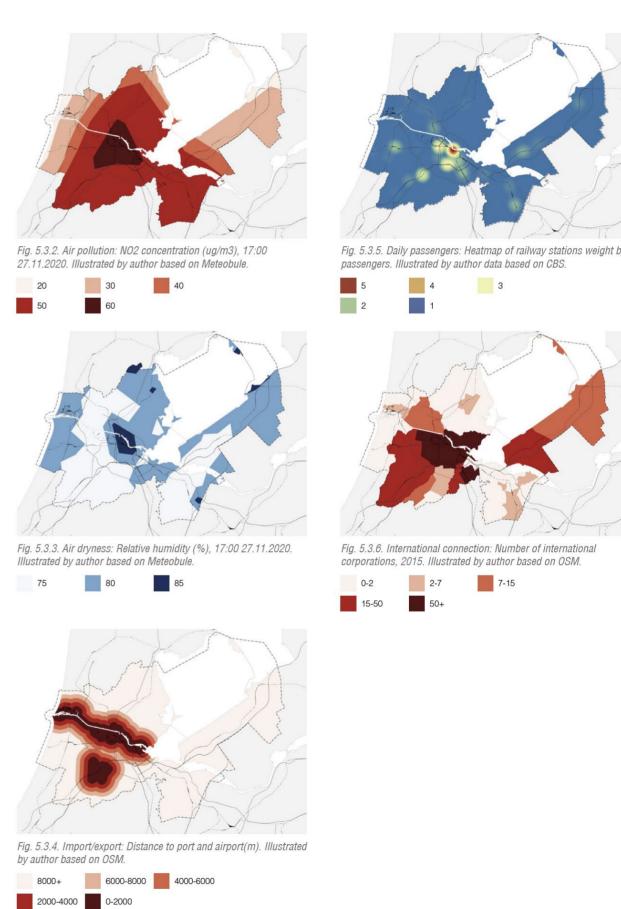
Fig. 5.3.3. Air dryness: Relative humidity (%), 17:00 27.11.2020. Illustrated by author based on Meteobule.

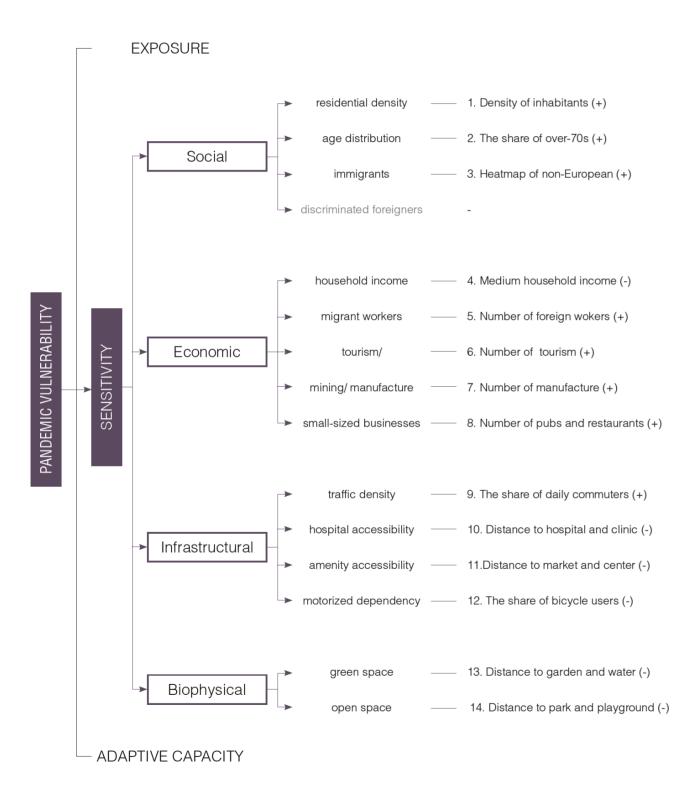
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• Exposure in MRA

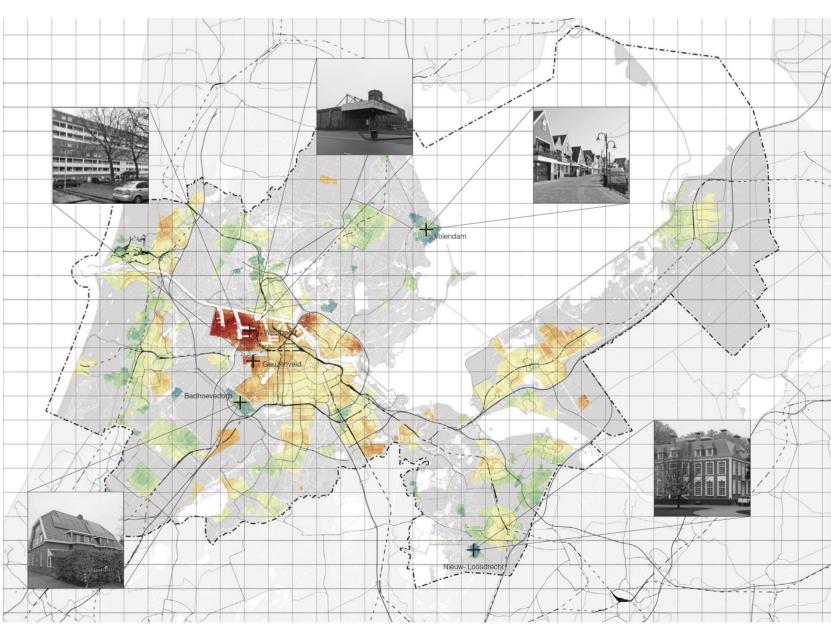
Exposure Index= (air pollution- air dryness+ import/export nodes+ daily passengers+ international corporations)/ 5







#### Sensitivity in MRA



#### Adaptive capacity in MRA

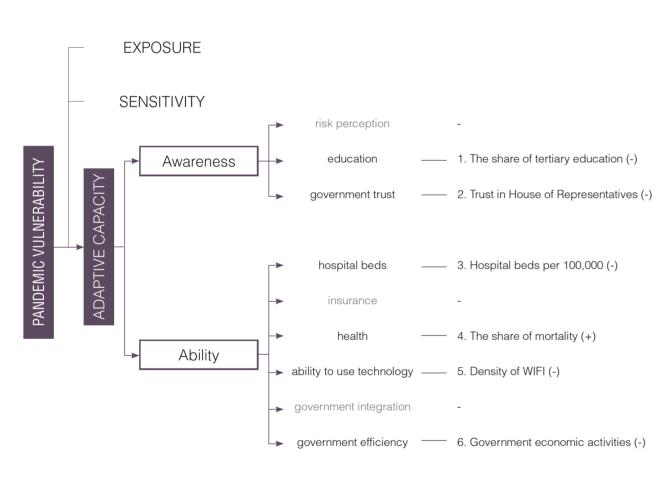
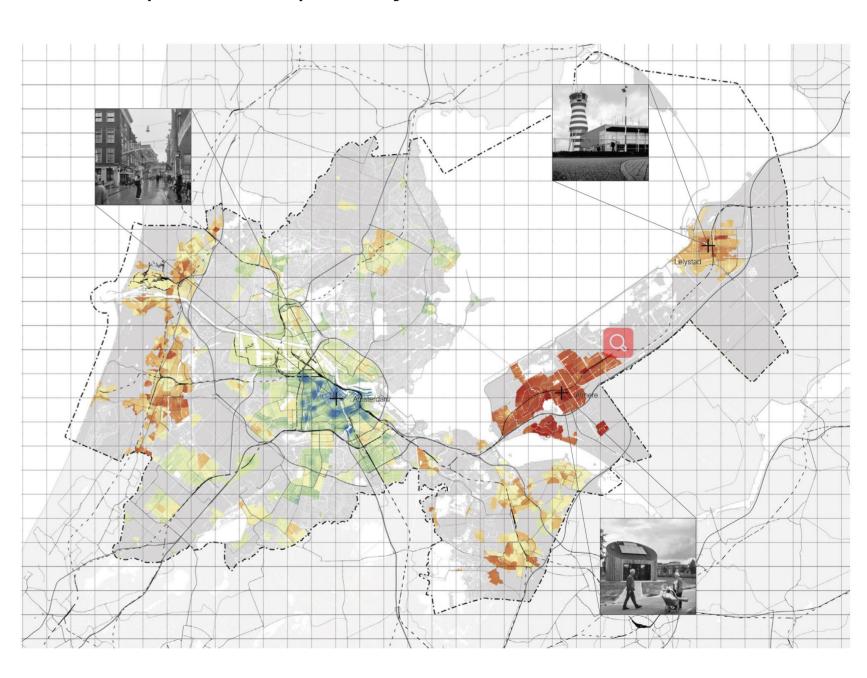
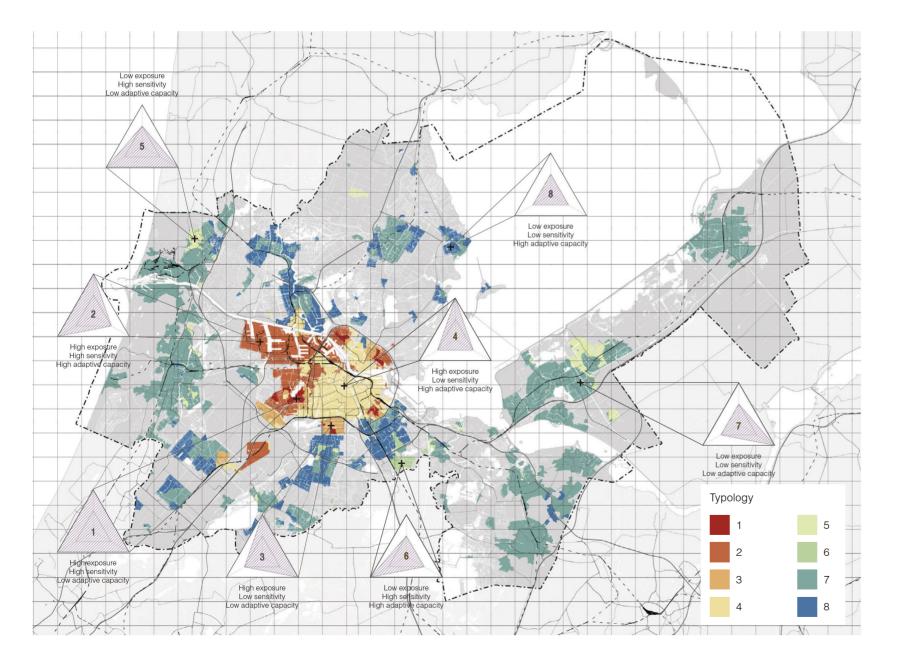
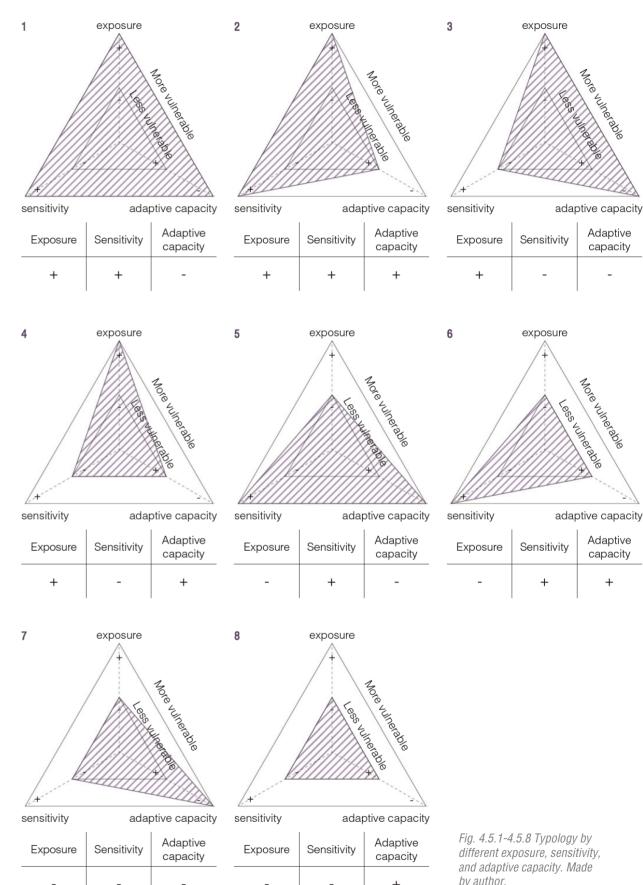


Fig. 5.5.1. Available indicators of adaptive capacity in pandemic vulnerability ("+" negative impact; "-" positive impact). Made by author.



The typology of pandemic vulnerability is calculated based on the results of exposure, sensitivity, and adaptive capacity.







# 4 | URBAN RESILIENCE

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# 4.1 Theoretical underpinning

Definition of urban resilience

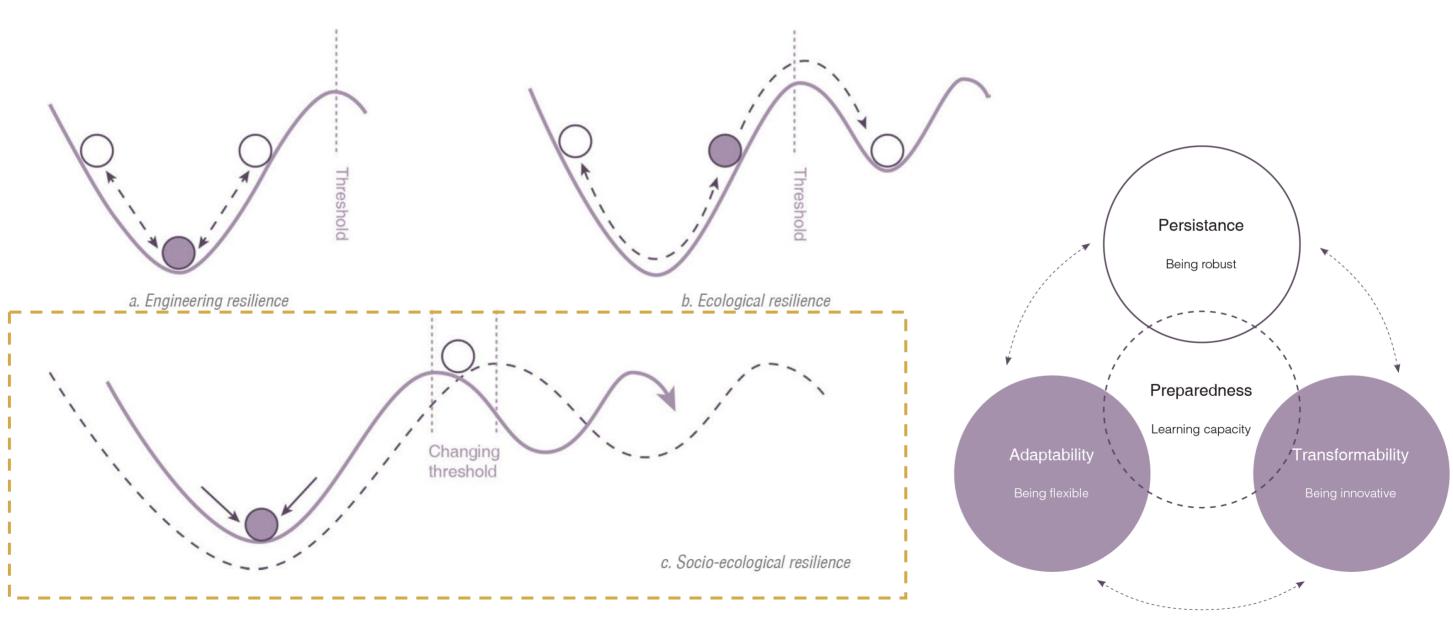


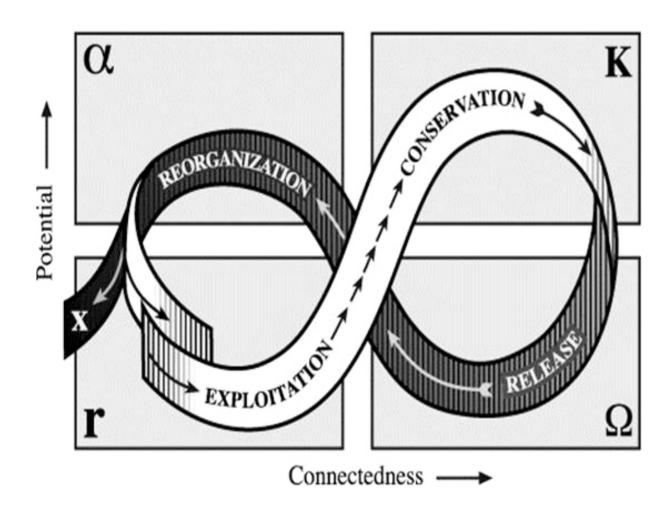
Fig. 5.1.1. "Cup and ball" schematic diagrams illustrating the common concept. Source: Young et al, 2018.

Fig. 5.1.2 Dimensional framework for evolutionary resilience. Made by author, adapted from "Evolutionary Resilience and Strategies for Climate Adaptation" by Davoudi, 2013.

## 4.1 Theoretical underpinning

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Adaptive cycle



Panarchy

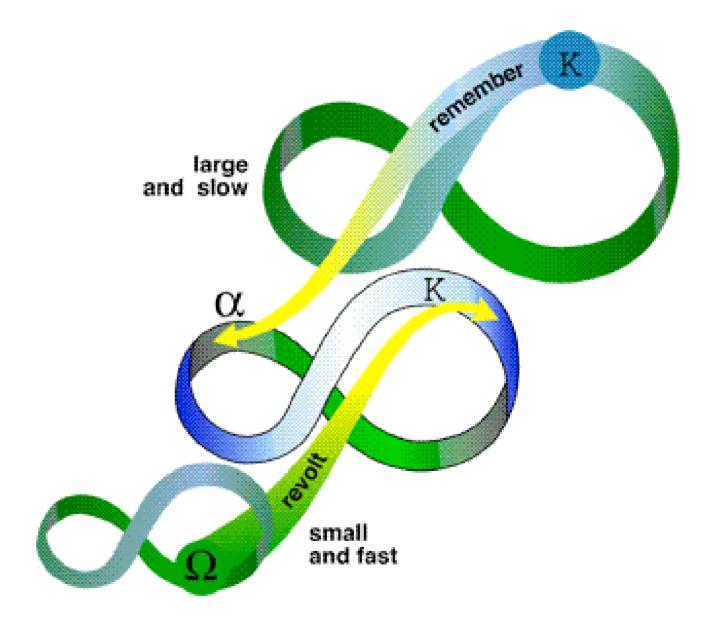
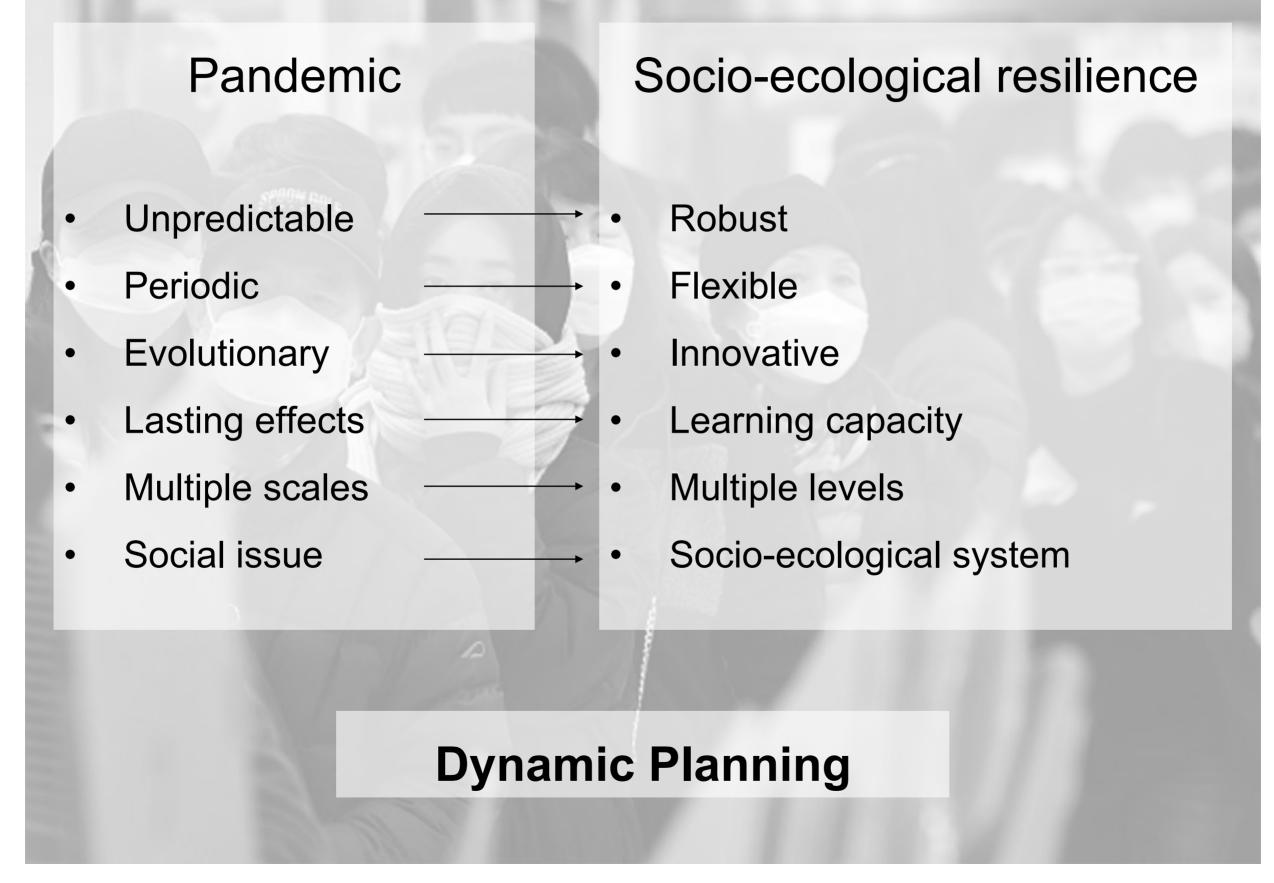


Fig. 5.2.1 Adaptive cycle for ecosystem. Source: Folke et al., 2010.

Fig. 5.2.2 Panarchy of adaptive cycle. Source: Gunderson & Holling, 2002.



## 4.2 "Dynamic planning"

#### Dynamic time

# A process-oriented method that a system can develop to change in-between adaptive cycles in different levels through adaptability and transformability without defining a fixed state.

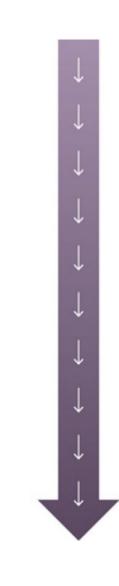


Fig. 5.4.1 Traditional linear planning. Made by author.

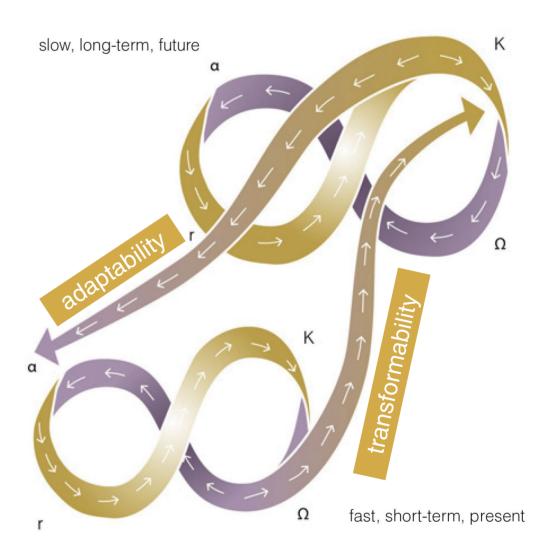


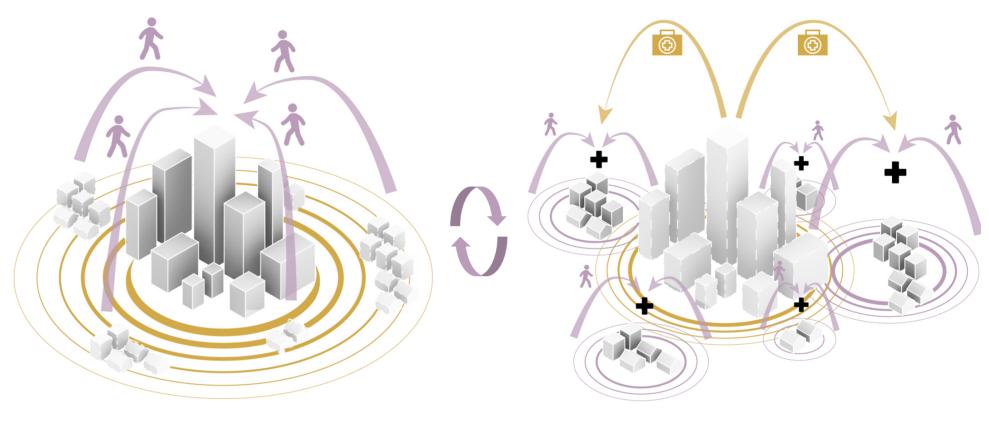
Fig. 5.4.2 Dynamic temporal planning. Made by author, adapted from Holling and Gunderson (2002, pp. 34–41).

## 4.2 "Dynamic planning"

Dynamic space

#### Adaptability:

Reducing the population flow through self-contain areas



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Fig. 5.4.3 Process of metropolitan region. Made by author.

Fig. 5.4.4 Process of small cities. Made by author.

#### **Transformability:**

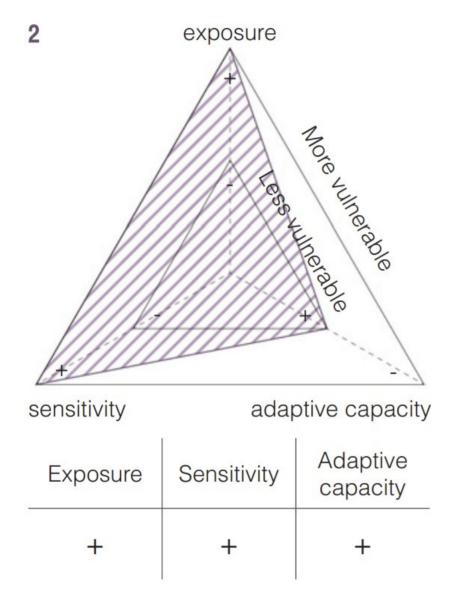
Recovering pandemicresilient networks

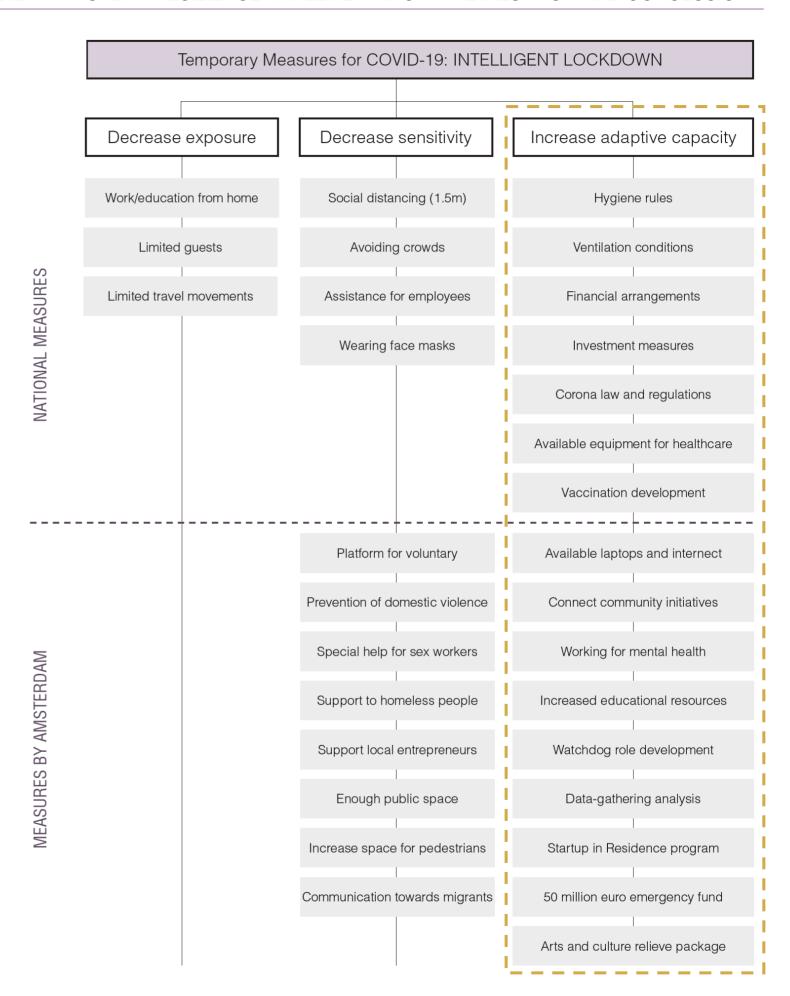


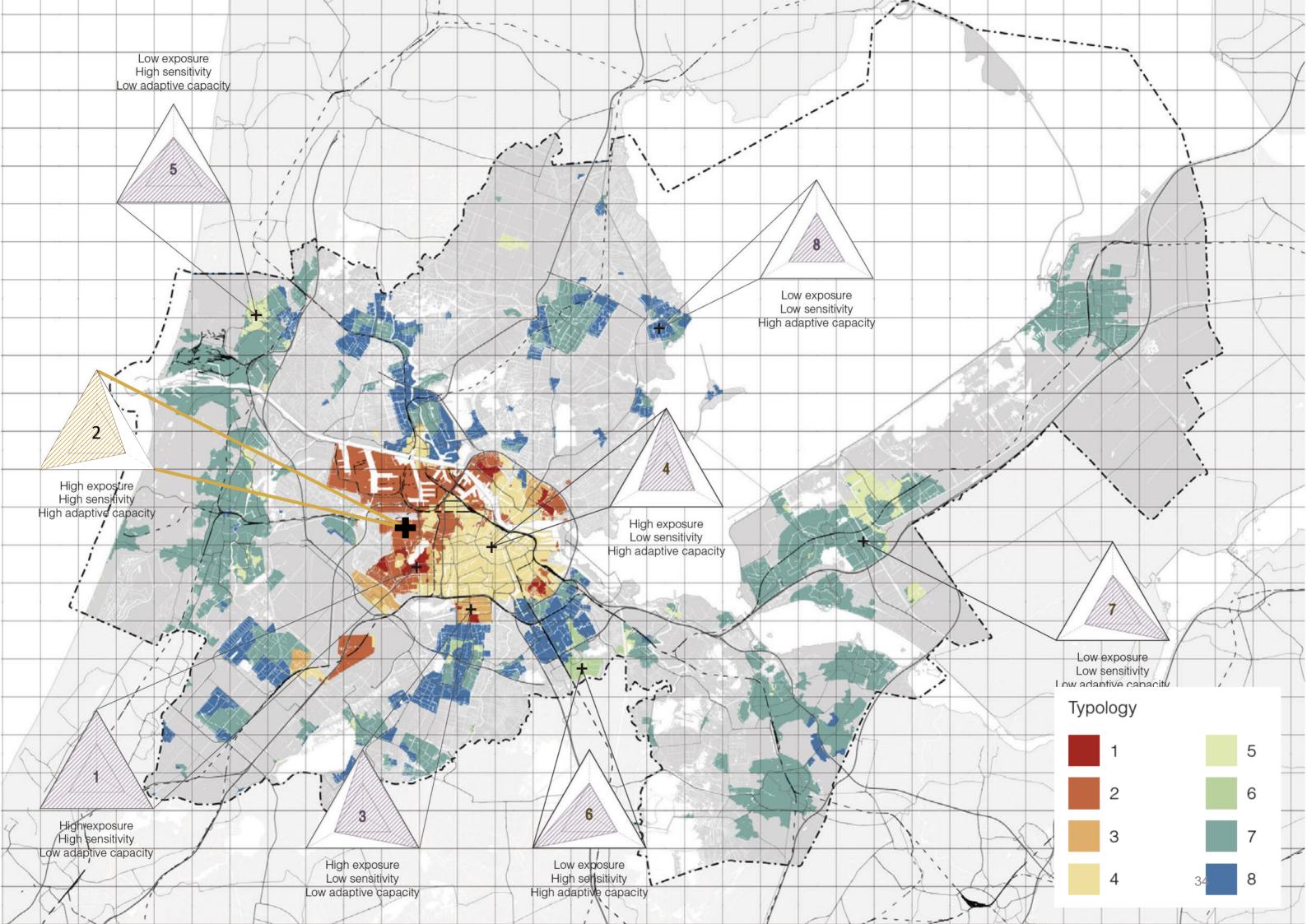


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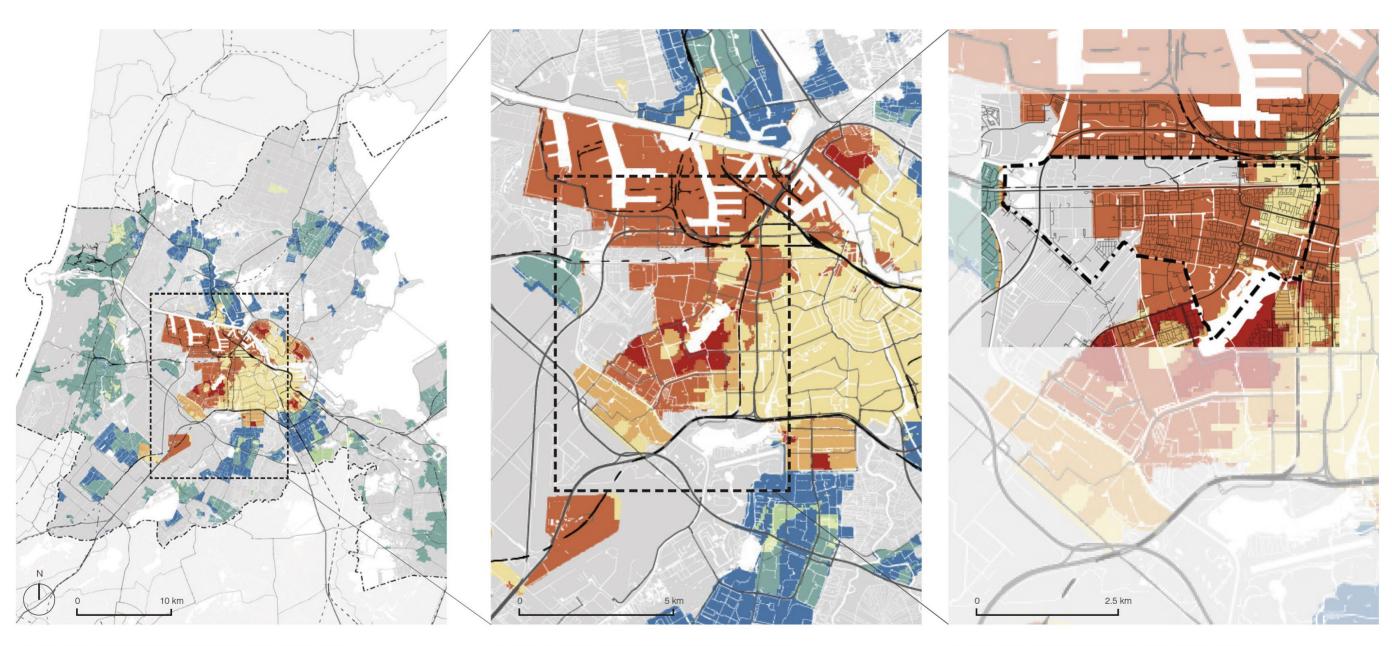
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Fig. 5.7.1. Typological vulnerability in metropolitan scale. Made by author.

Fig. 5.7.2. Typological vulnerability in urban scale. Made by author.

Fig. 5.7.3. Typological vulnerability in local scale. Made by author.

Metropolitan scale: MRA

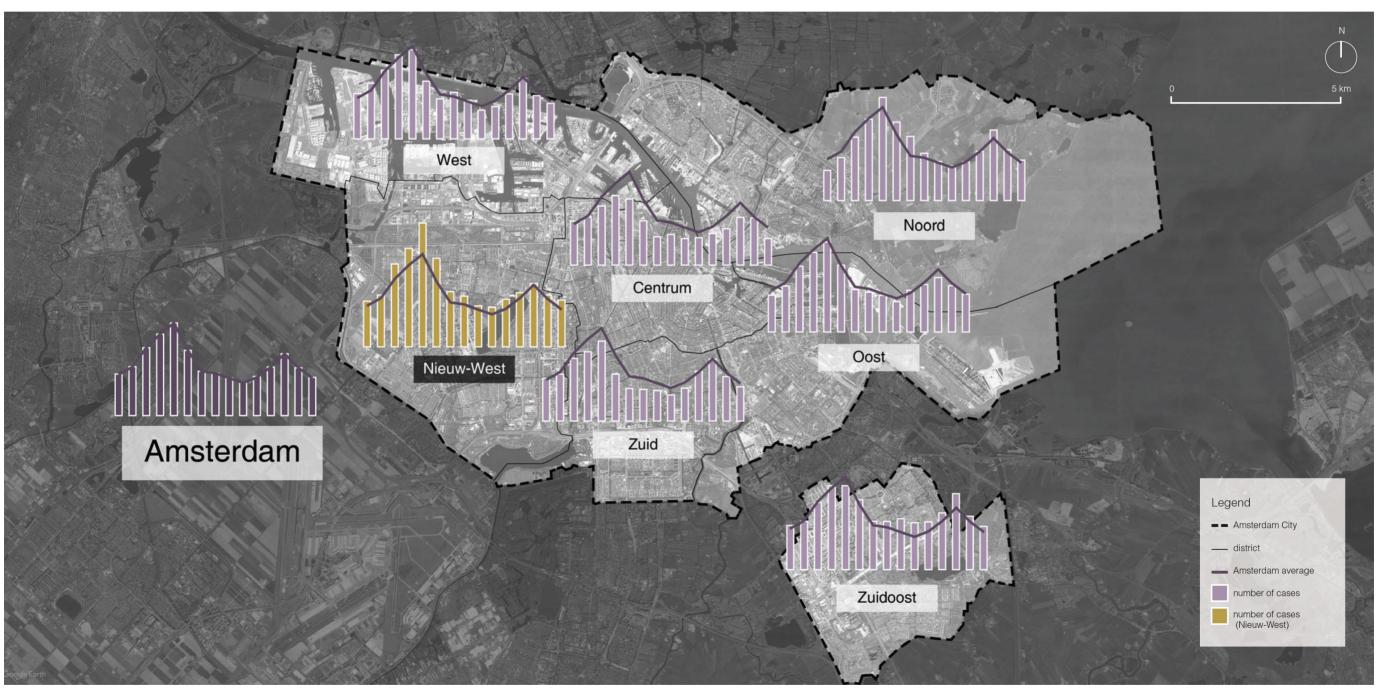
Urban scale: Amsterdam Nieuw-West

Local scale: Geuzenveld-Slotermeer

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Corona in Amsterdam Nieuw-West





 $Fig.\ 6.2.1.\ The\ positive-tested\ people\ per\ municipalities\ per\ 100,000\ inhabitants.\ Made\ by\ author,\ data\ source:\ GGD\ Amsterdam,\ 24/10/2020.$ 

#### 5.1 Site selection

• Geuzenveld-Slotermeer



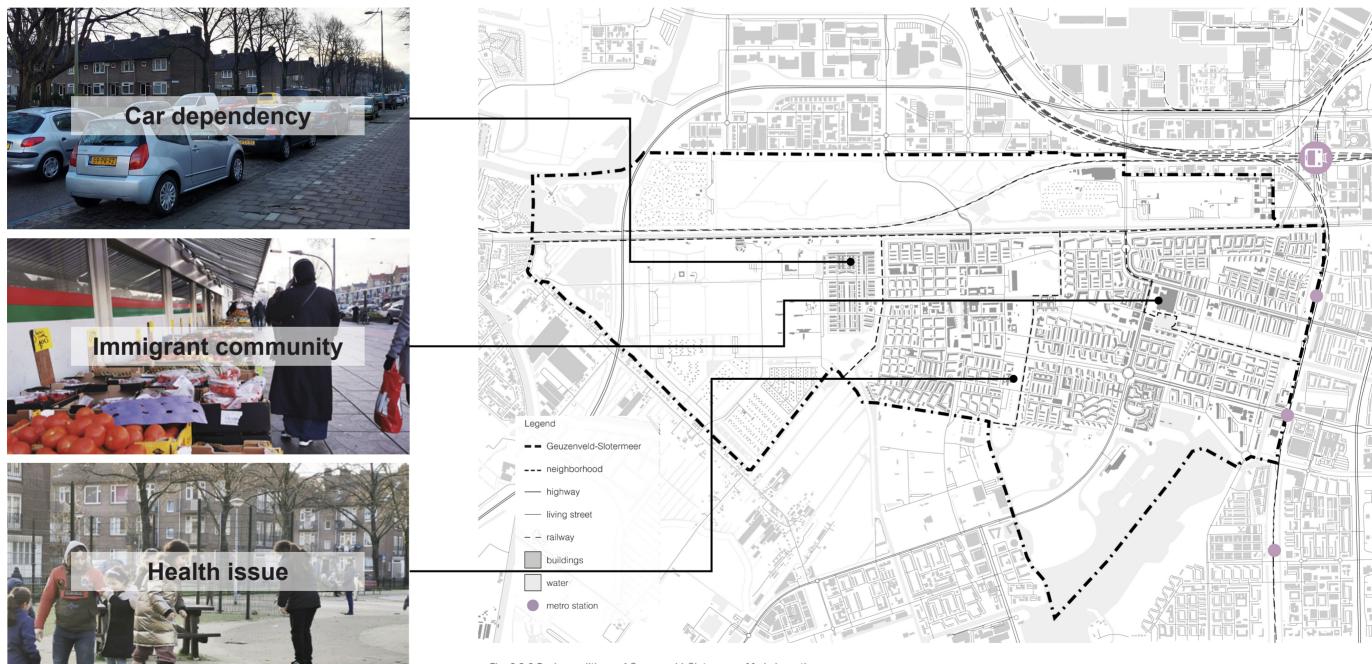
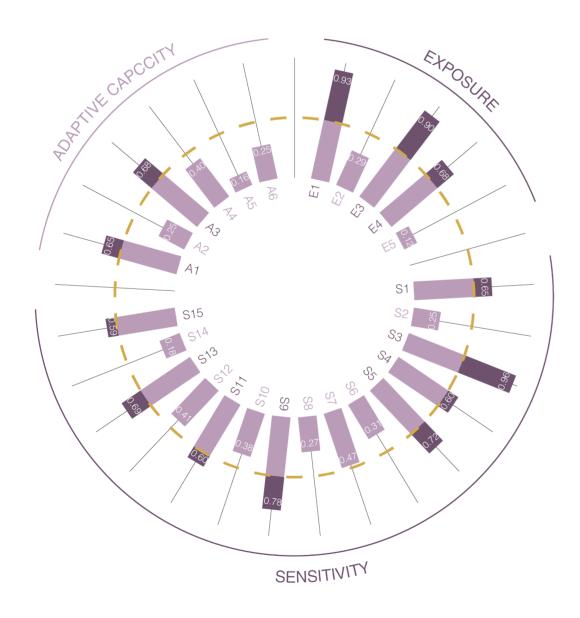


Fig. 6.3.6 Basic conditions of Geuzenveld-Slotermeer. Made by author.

# 5.2 Micro design principles

#### Quantitative index



EXPOSURE		SENSITIVITY		ADAPTIVE CAPACITY		
E1	air pollution	S1	residential density	A1	education	
E2	air humidity	S2	age distribution (65+)	A2	government trust	
E3	import/export	S3	age distribution (18-)	A3	hospital beds	
E4	daily passengers	S4	immigrants	A4	health	
E5	international corporations	S5	household income	A5	ability to use technology	
		S6	migrant workers	A6	government efficency	
		S7	tourism			
		S8	manufacture			
		S9	small businesses			
		S10	traffic density			
		S11	hospital accessibility			
		S12	amenity accessibility			
		S13	motorized transport			
		S14	green space			

open space

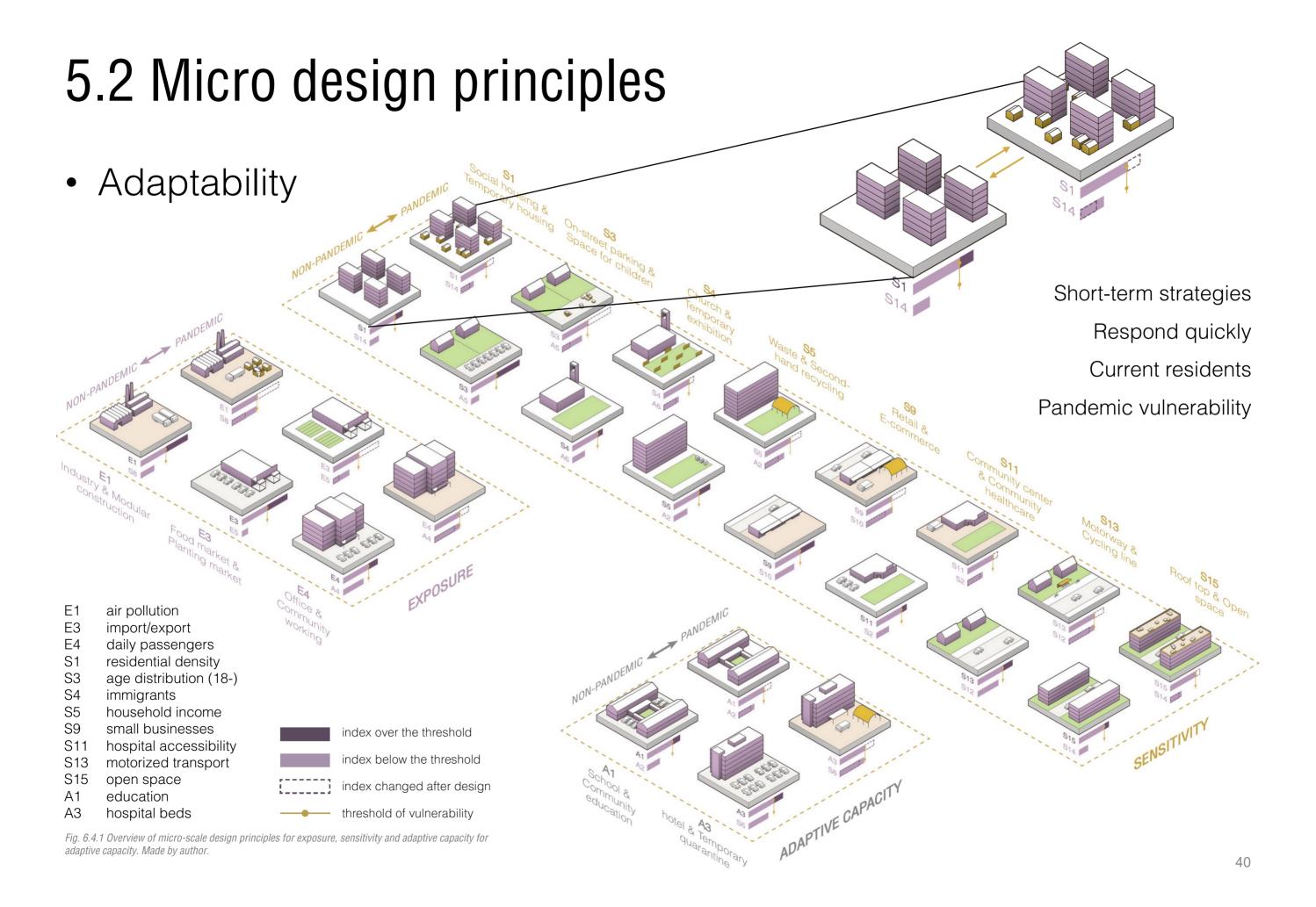
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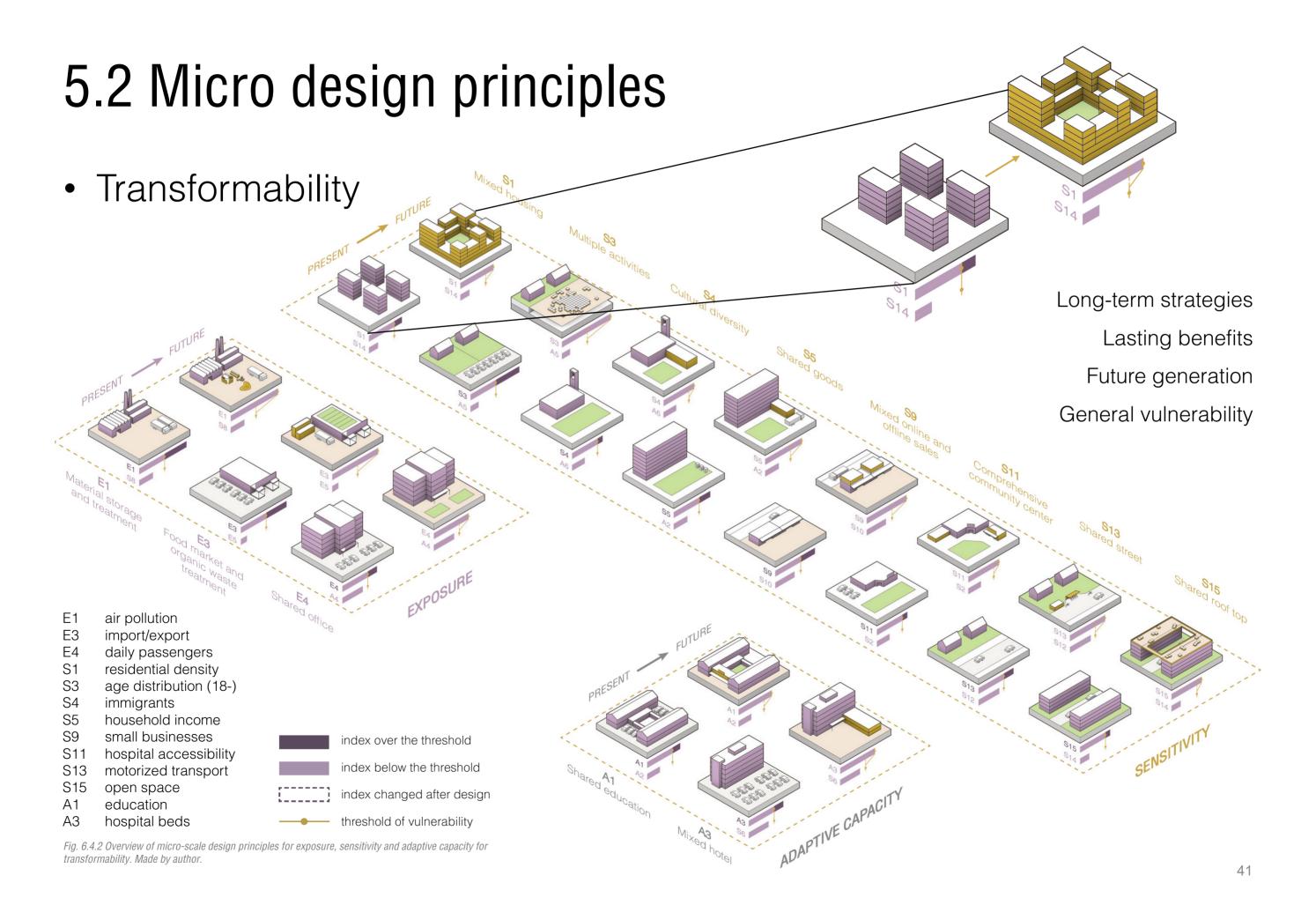
Fig. 6.3.7 Analytical indicators of pandemic vulnerability in Geuzenveld-Slotermeer. Made by author.

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resilience. Made by author.

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## 5.3 Detailed application



- high-density neighborhood
- little public space
- disconnected infrastructure
- limited public services
- small stakeholder networks

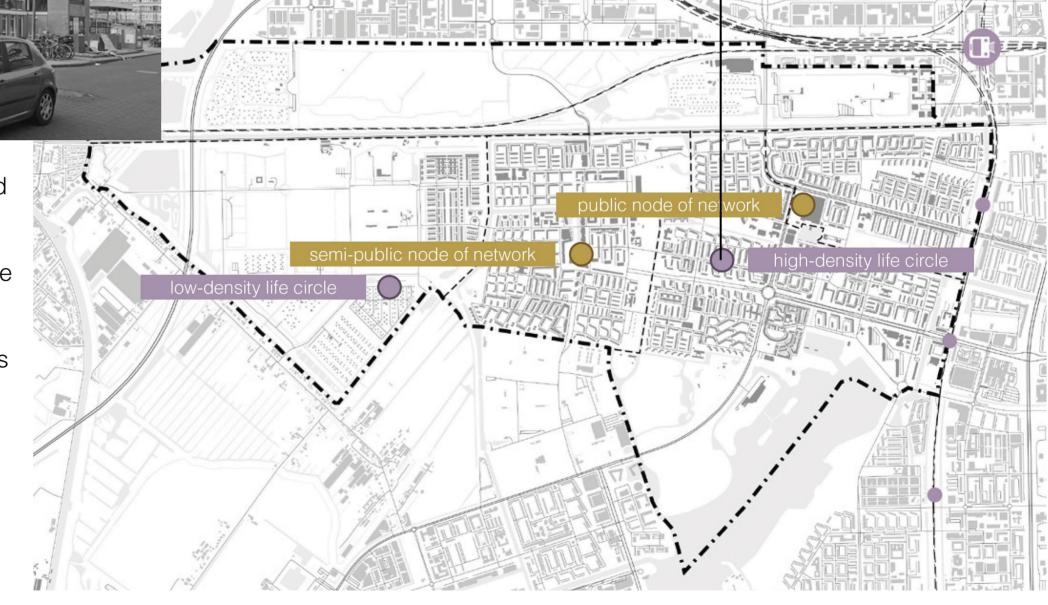


Fig. 6.5.6 Location of focused areas in Geuzenveld-Slotermeer. Made by author.

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Current situation

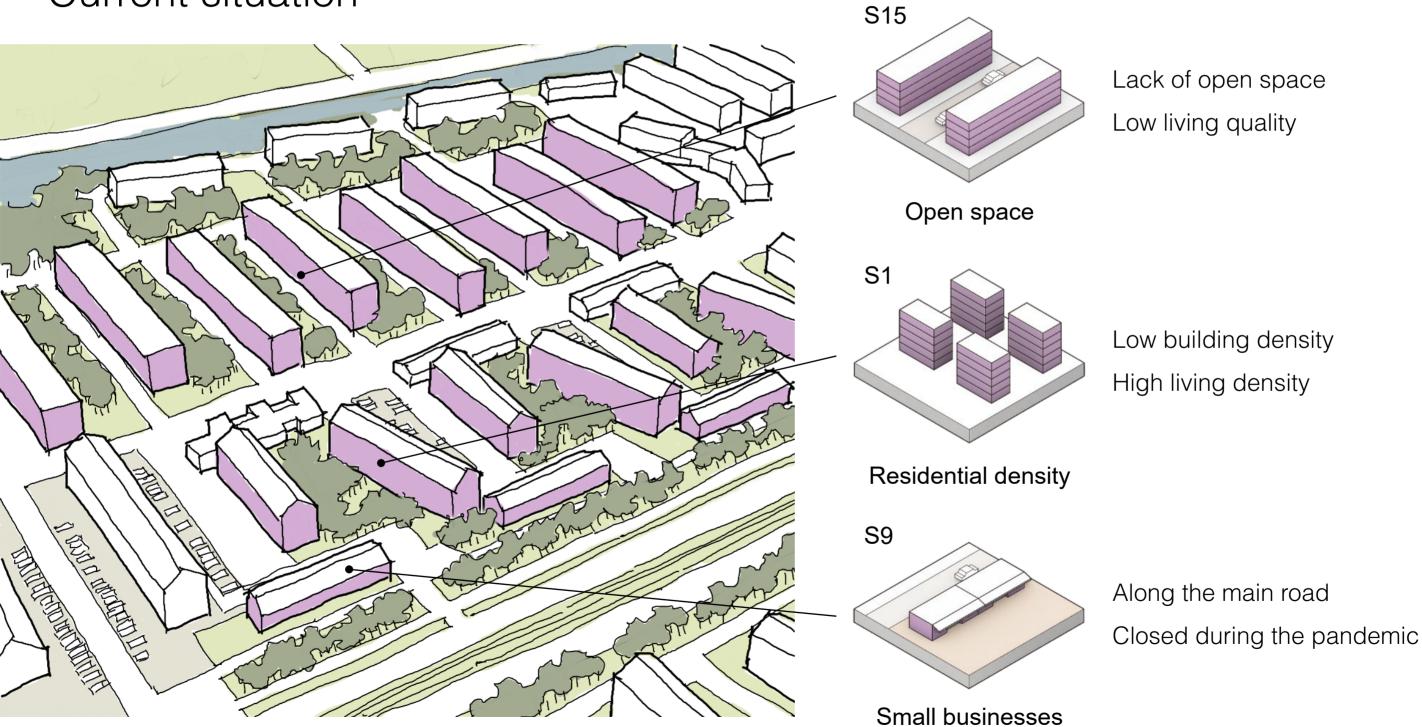


Fig. 6.5.29 Isometric map of current situation for high-density life circle without pandemic. Made by author

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Current situation



Fig. 6.5.30 Impression of current situation for high-density life circle without pandemic. Made by author.

Fig. 6.5.28 The evaluated indicators of current situation for high-density life circle without pandemic. Made by author. INTRODUCTION

Small businesses

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 Adaptability S15 Using roofs as open space for activities Open space S1 Modular construction for temporary housing Residential density S9 Developing online commerce with storage

Fig. 6.5.35 Isometric map of transformability for high-density life circle in 2050. Made by author.

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Adaptability



Fig. 6.5.31 The evaluated indicators of adaptability for high-density life circle during the pandemic. Made by author.

Fig. 6.5.33 Impression of adaptability for high-density life circle during the pandemic.

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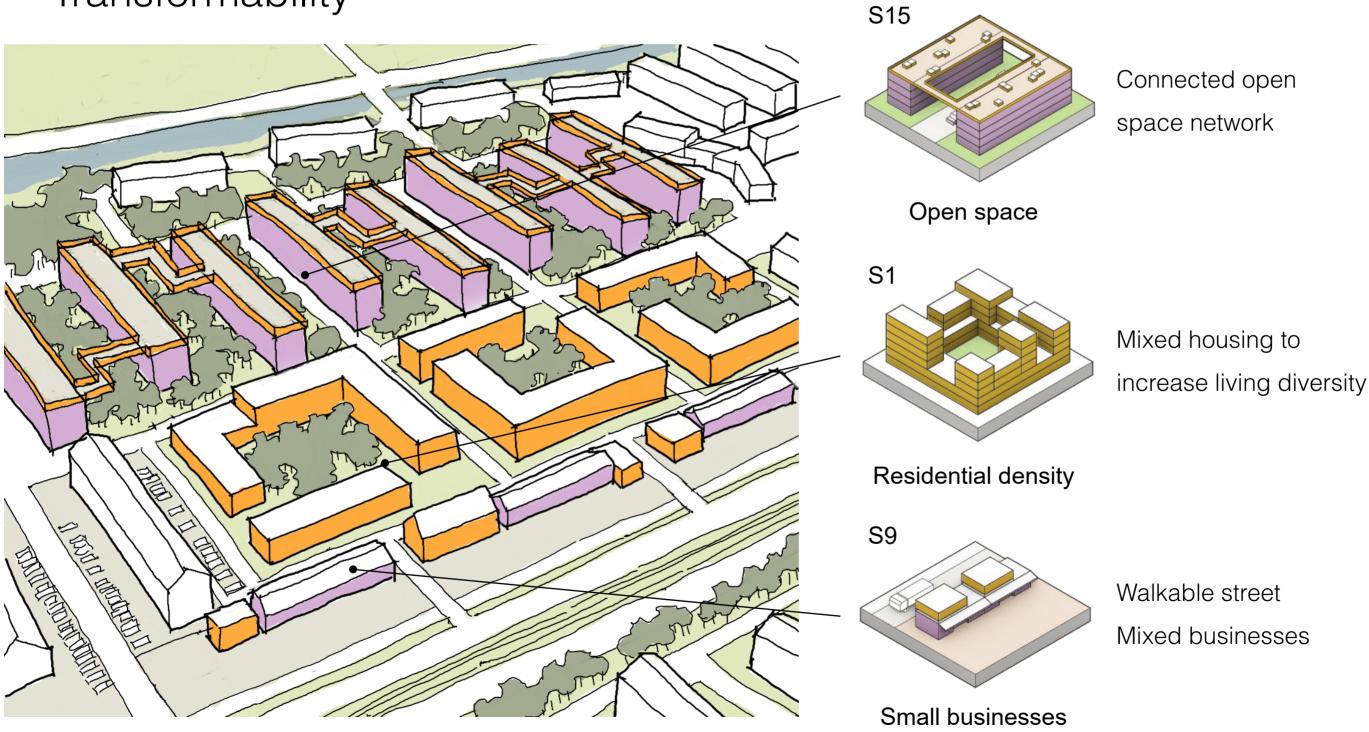


Fig. 6.5.32 Isometric map of resistance for high-density life circle during the pandemic. Made by author.

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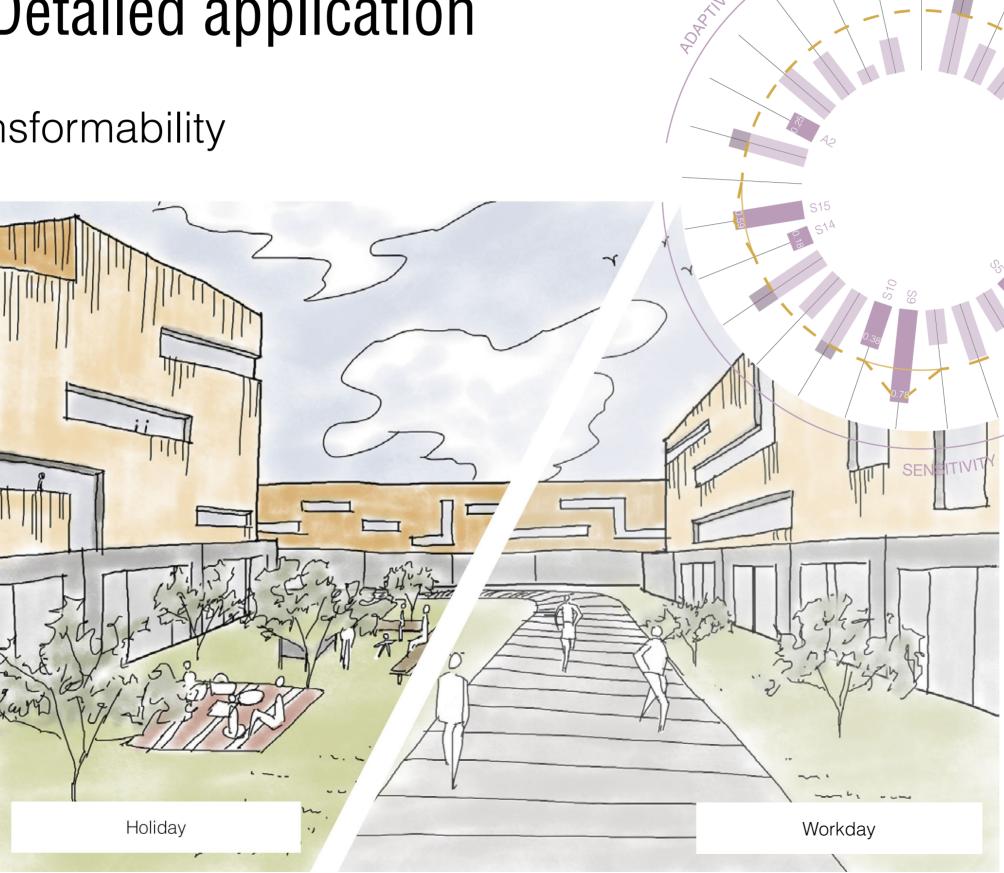


Fig. 6.5.34 The evaluated indicators of transformability for high-density life circle in 2050. Made by author.

Fig. 6.5.36 Impression of transformability for high-density life circle in 2050. Made by

#### 5.3 Detailed application

Implement roadmap

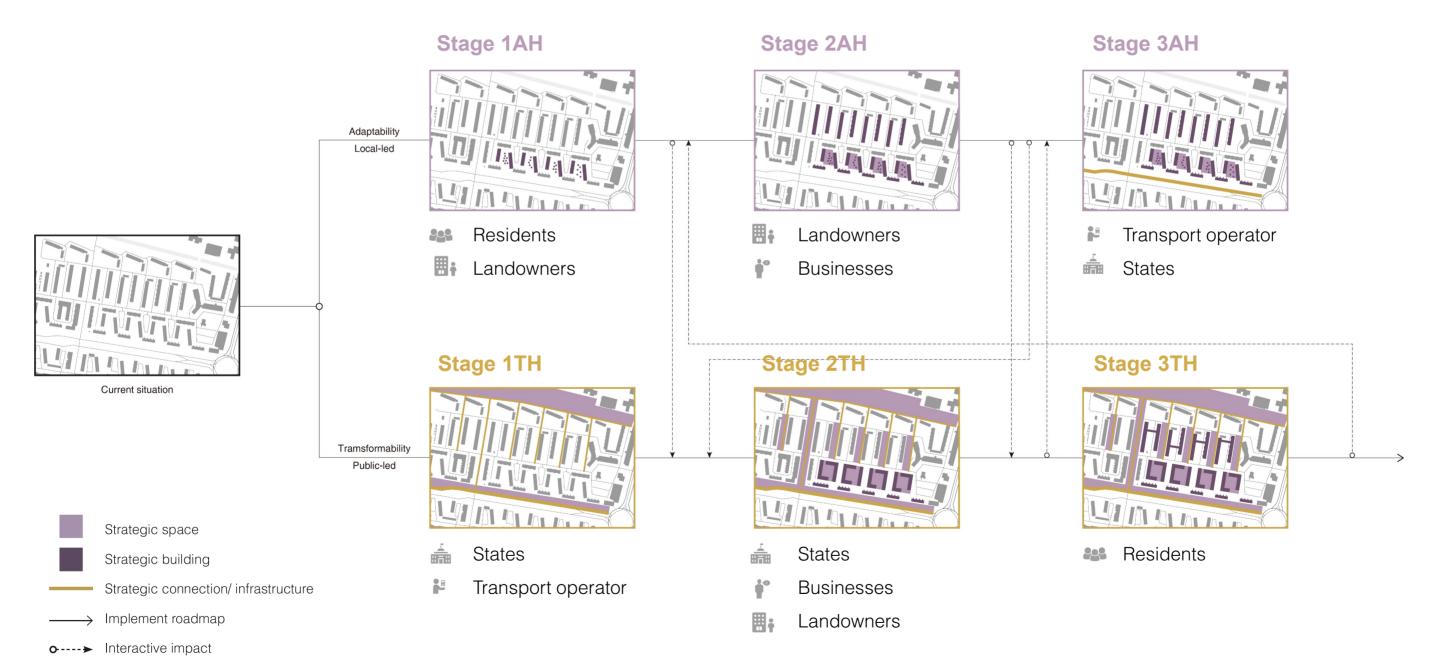
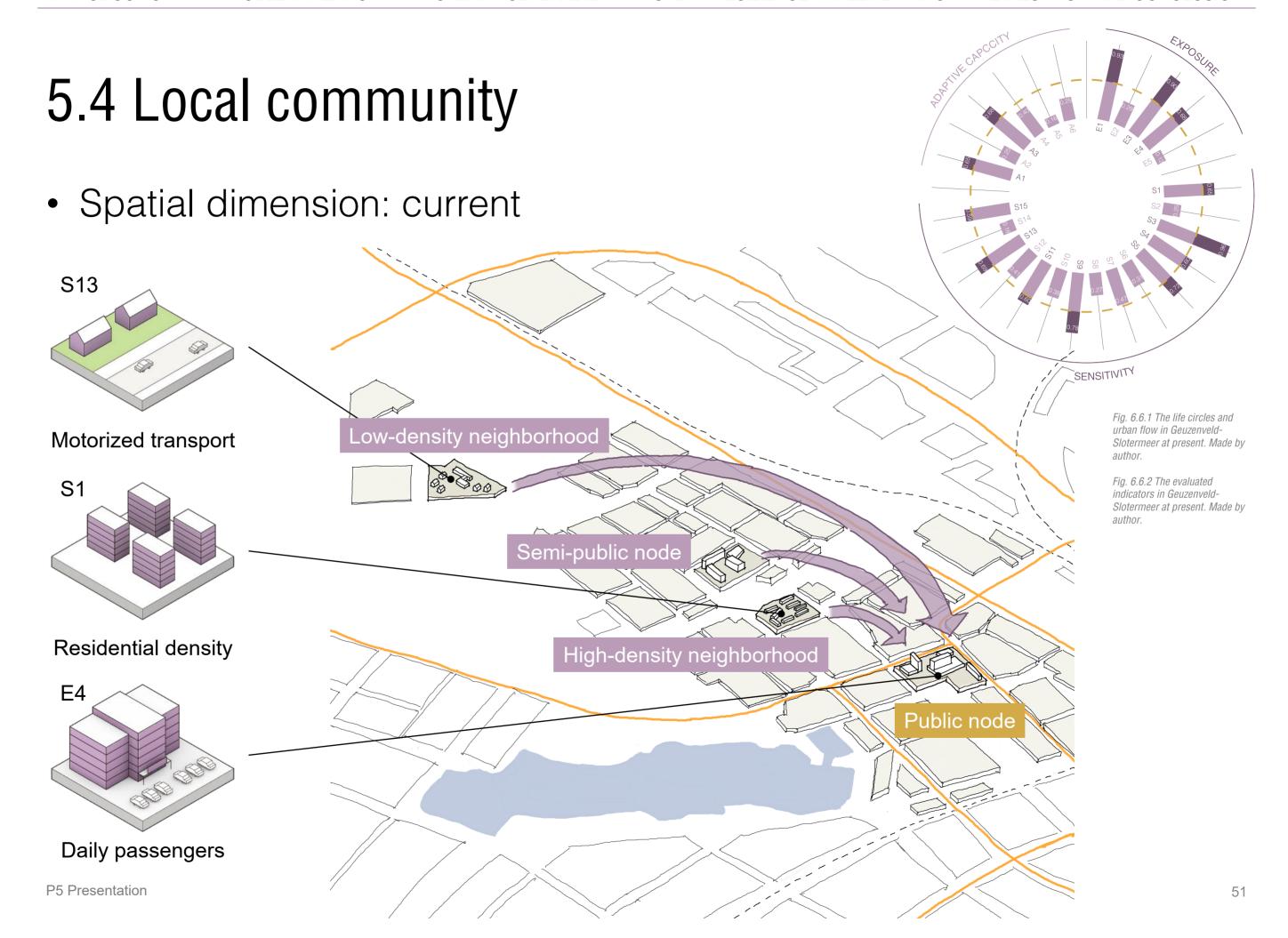
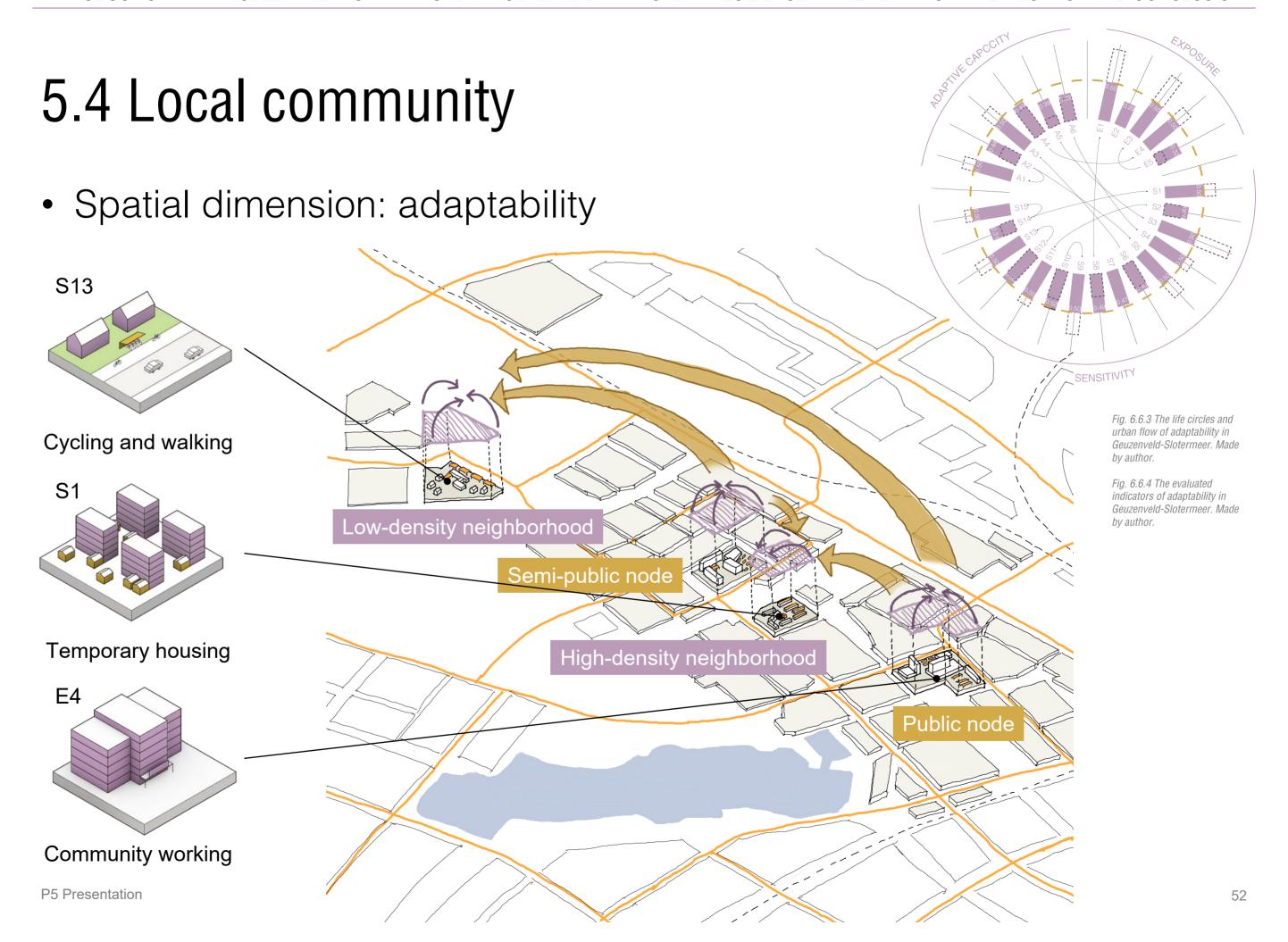


Fig. 6.5.39 Implement roadmap with different stakeholders in high-density life circle. Made by author.





# 5.4 Local community Spatial dimension: transformability

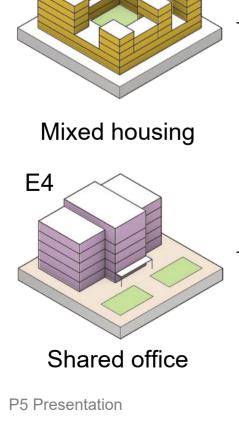
Low-density neighborhood

Semi-public node

Fig. 6.6.5 The life circles and urban flow of transformability in Geuzenveld-Slotermeer.
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Fig. 6.6.6 The evaluated indicators of transformability in Geuzenveld-Slotermeer. Made by author.



**Shared streets** 

**S**1

High-density neighborhood

Public node

#### 5.4 Local community

#### • Time dimension

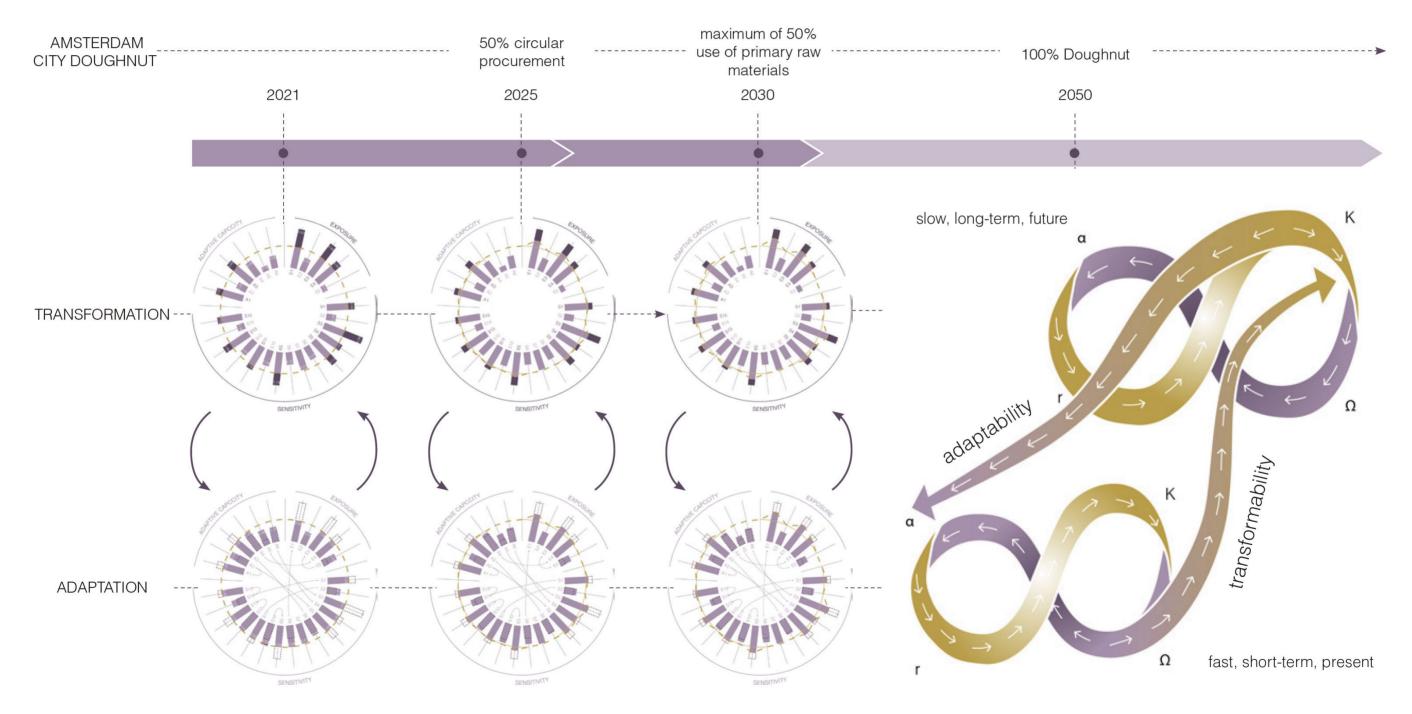
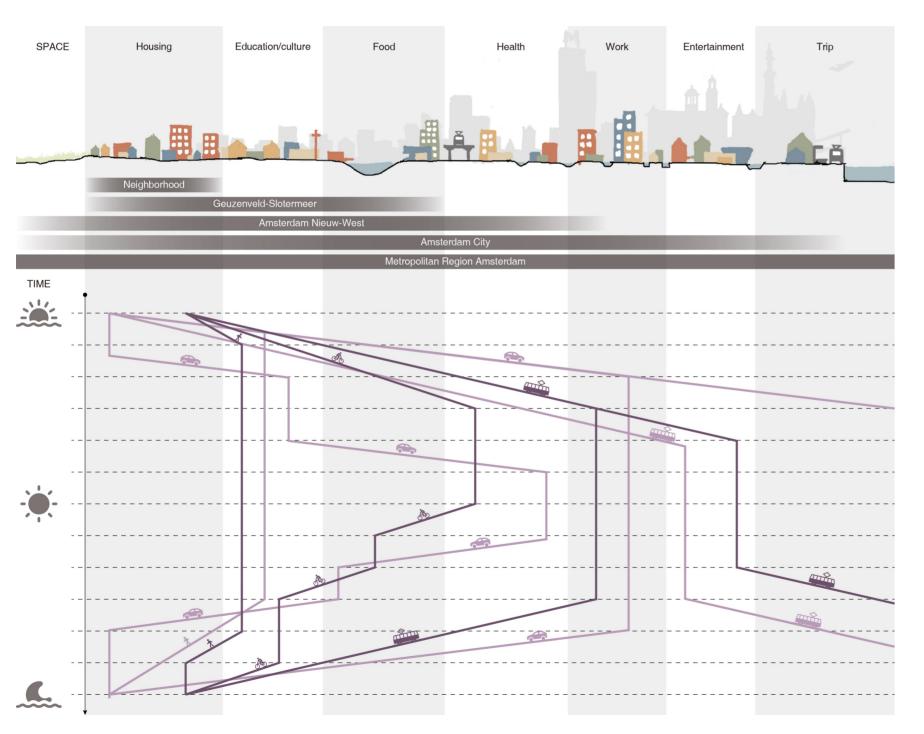


Fig. 6.6.7 Time dimension of development phases compared with Amsterdam Doughnut Economy. Made by author.

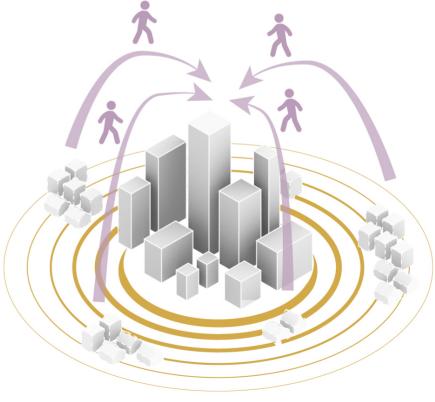
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Regional impacts of adaptation



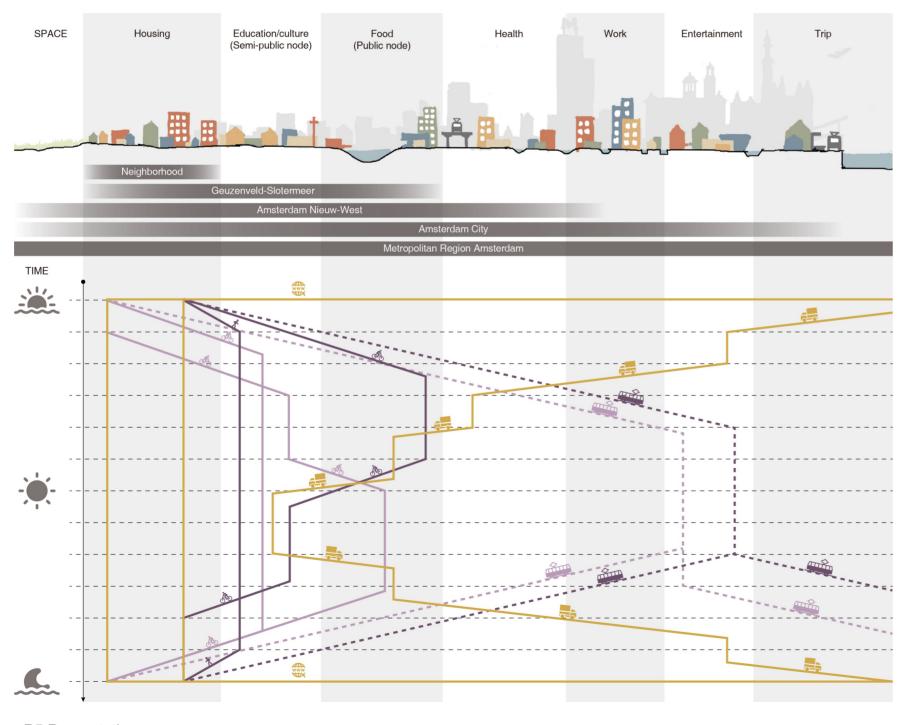
population flow of low density life circlepopulation flow of high density life circleresource flow

Fig. 6.7.2 Process of metropolitan region. Made by author. Fig. 6.7.3 Regional impacts of adaptation in MRA. Made by author.



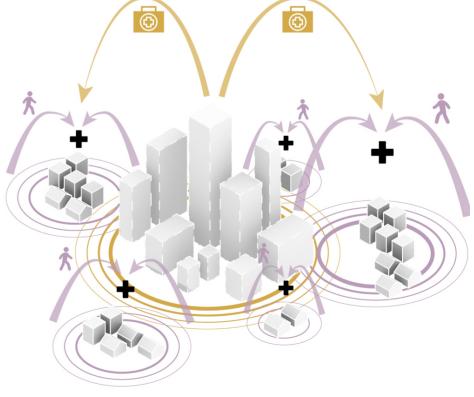
Current flow

Regional impacts of adaptation



population flow of low density life circlepopulation flow of high density life circleresource flow

Fig. 6.7.4 Process of small cities. Made by author. Fig. 6.7.3 Regional impacts of adaptation in MRA. Made by author.



Adaptation

 Regional solutions for transformation



Fig. 6.7.5 Outcome of dynamic network in transformation. Made by author.

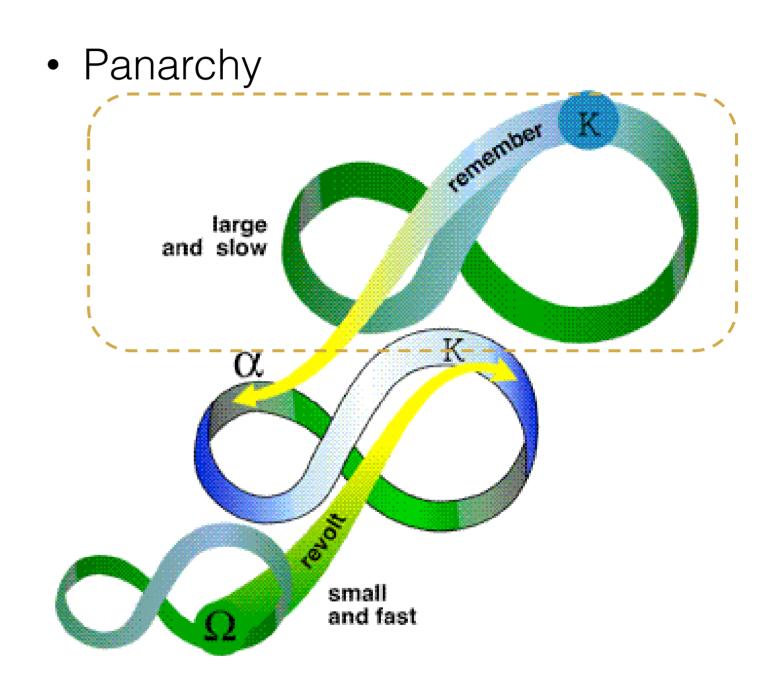
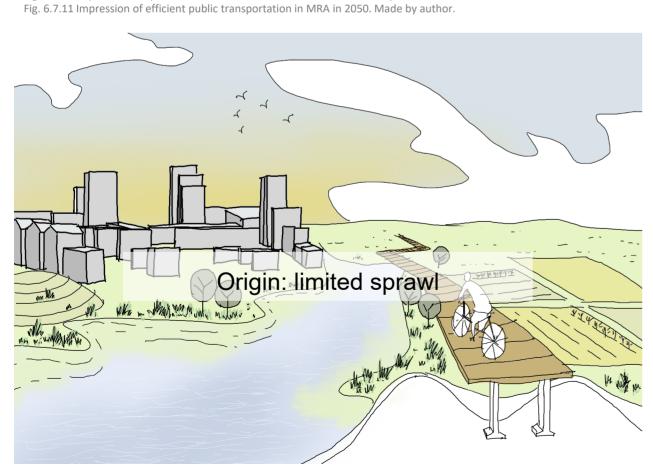
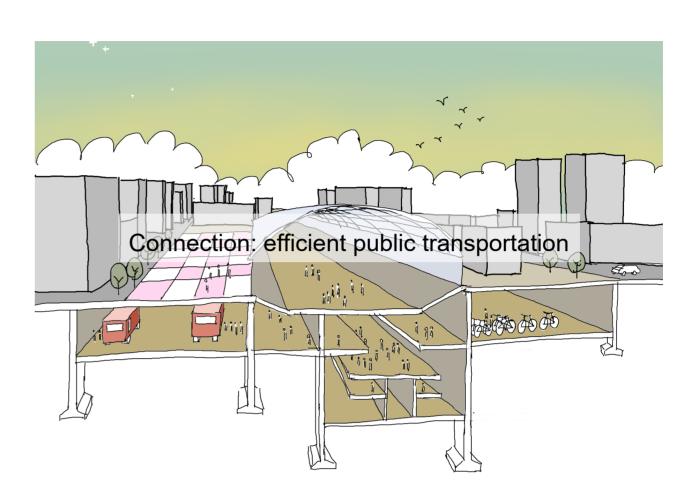


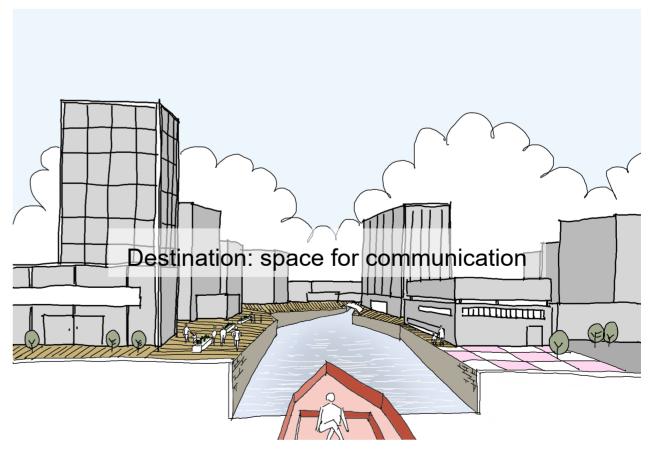
Fig. 5.2.2 Panarchy of adaptive cycle. Source: Gunderson & Holling, 2002.

 Regional solutions for transformation

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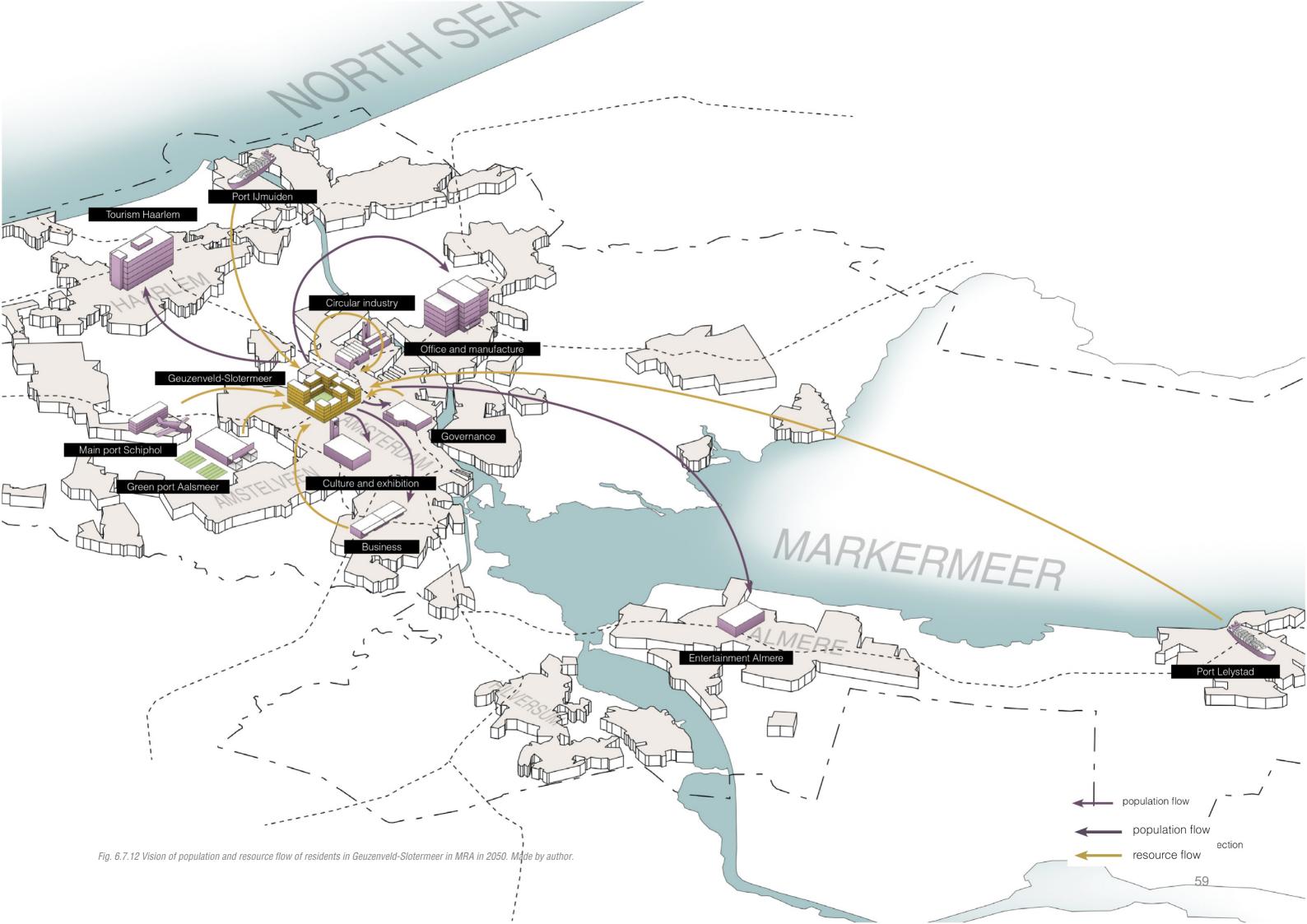






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# 6 | EVALUATION AND CONCLUSION

#### 6.1 Scenarios

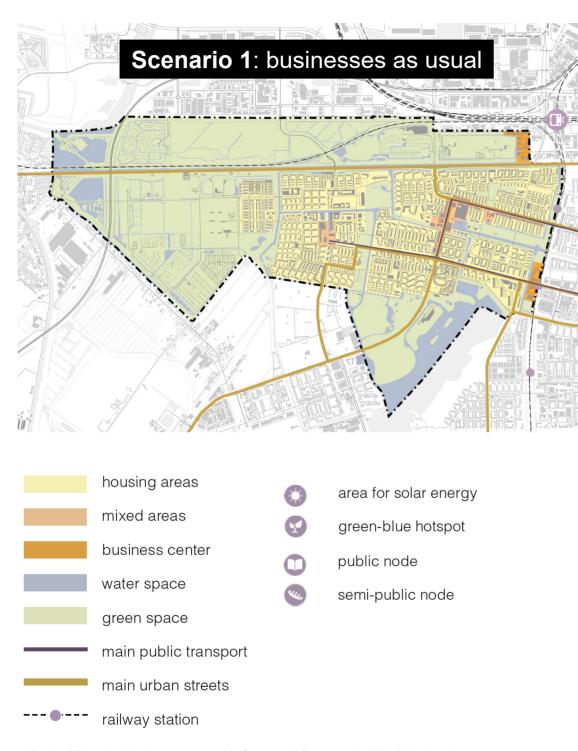
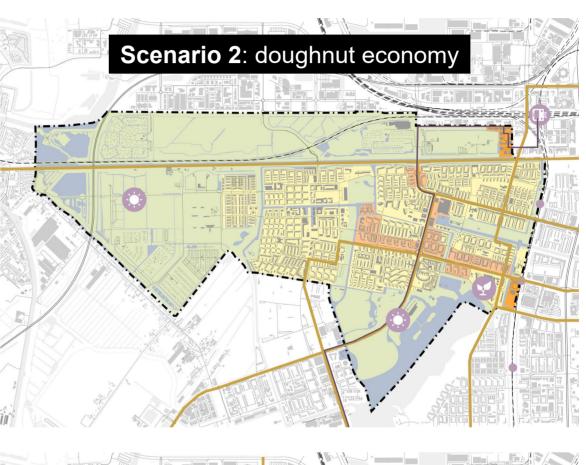
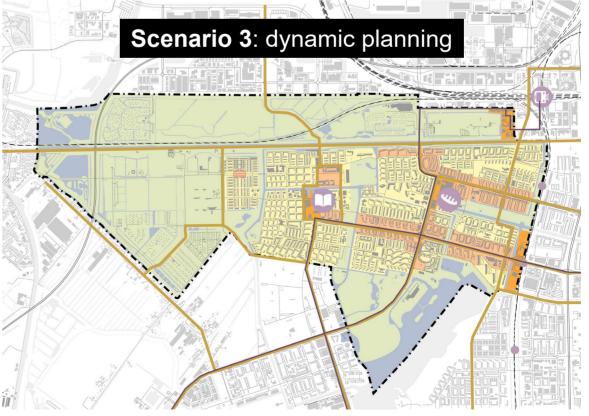


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## 6.2 Pandemic vulnerability

Short-term vulnerability

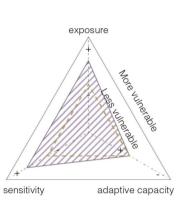


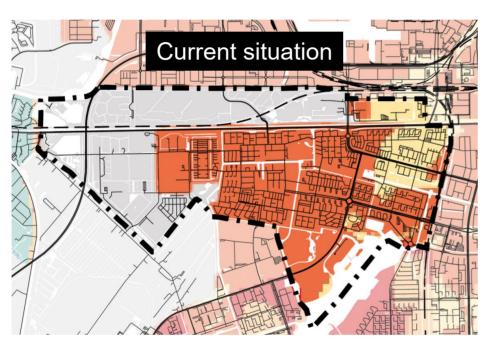
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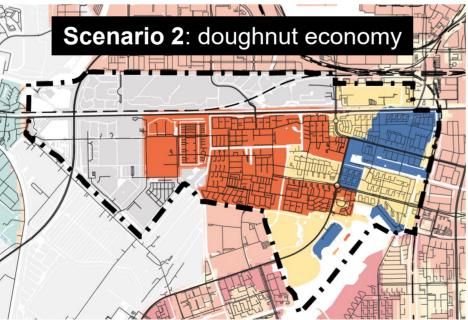
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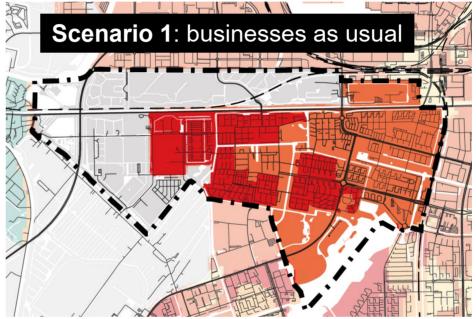


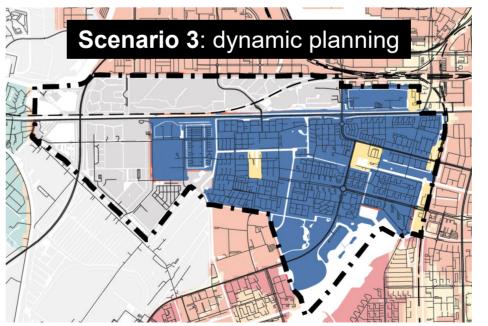
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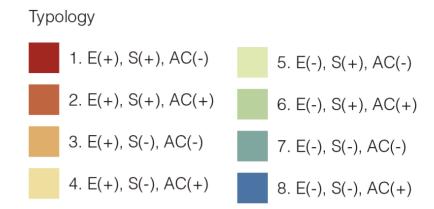
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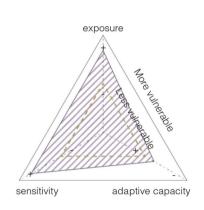


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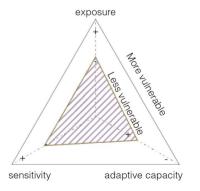


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## 6.2 Pandemic vulnerability

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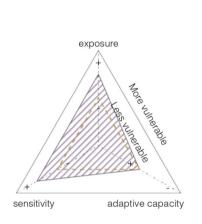


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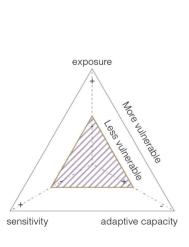
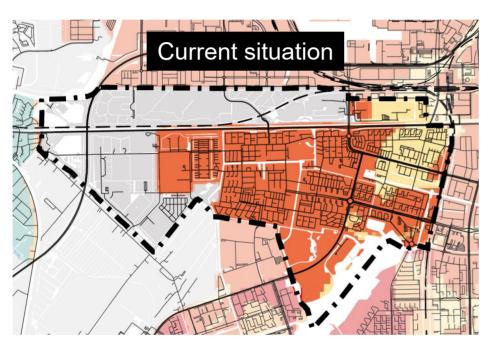
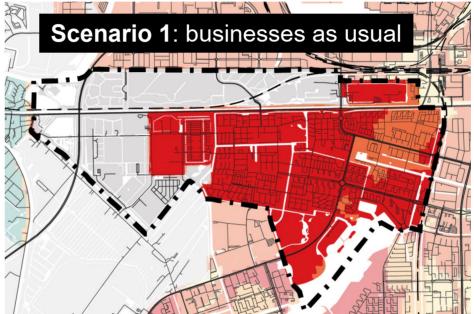
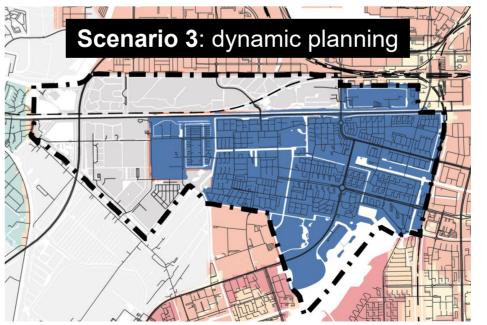


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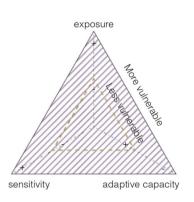


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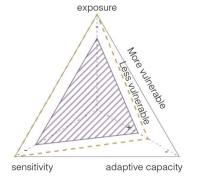


Fig. 7.5.7 Vulnerability of Dynamic planning in Geuzenveld-Slotermeer in a long term. Made by author.

INTRODUCTION

#### 6.3 Answering research questions

URBAN VULNERABILITY

How can a multi-scale planning strategy in MRA reduce the vulnerability of the region to global pandemics to improve the regional resilience of various areas, groups, and institutions to COVID-19?

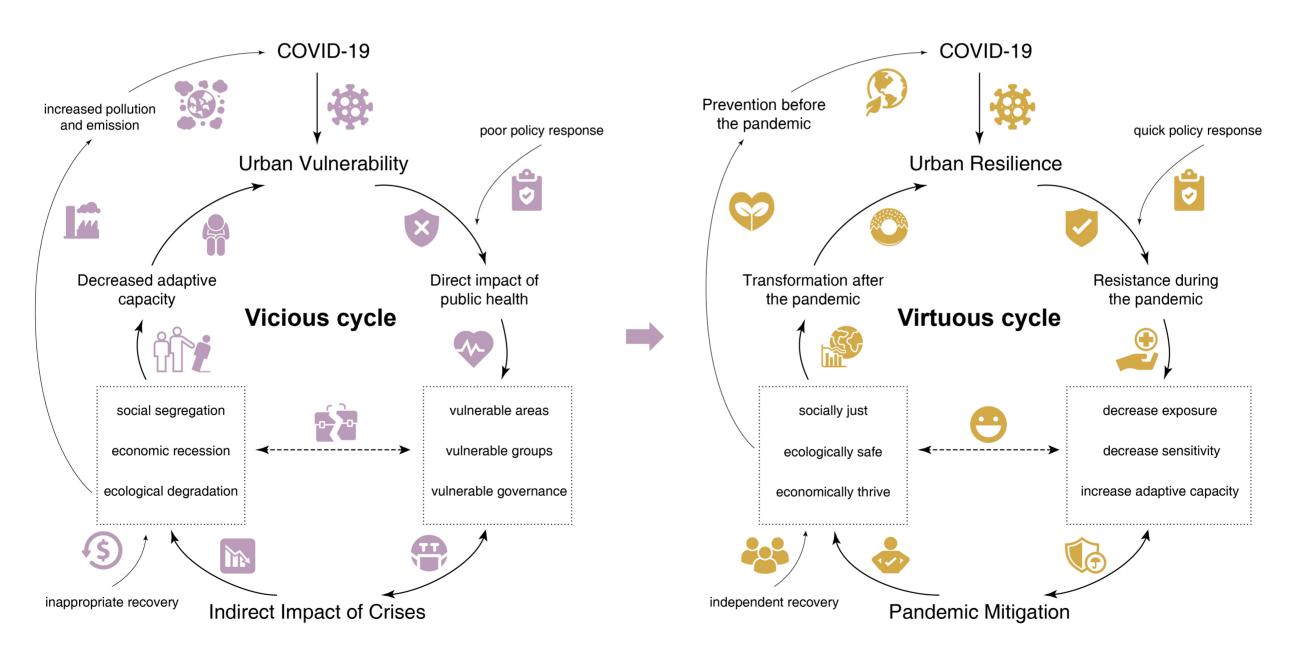
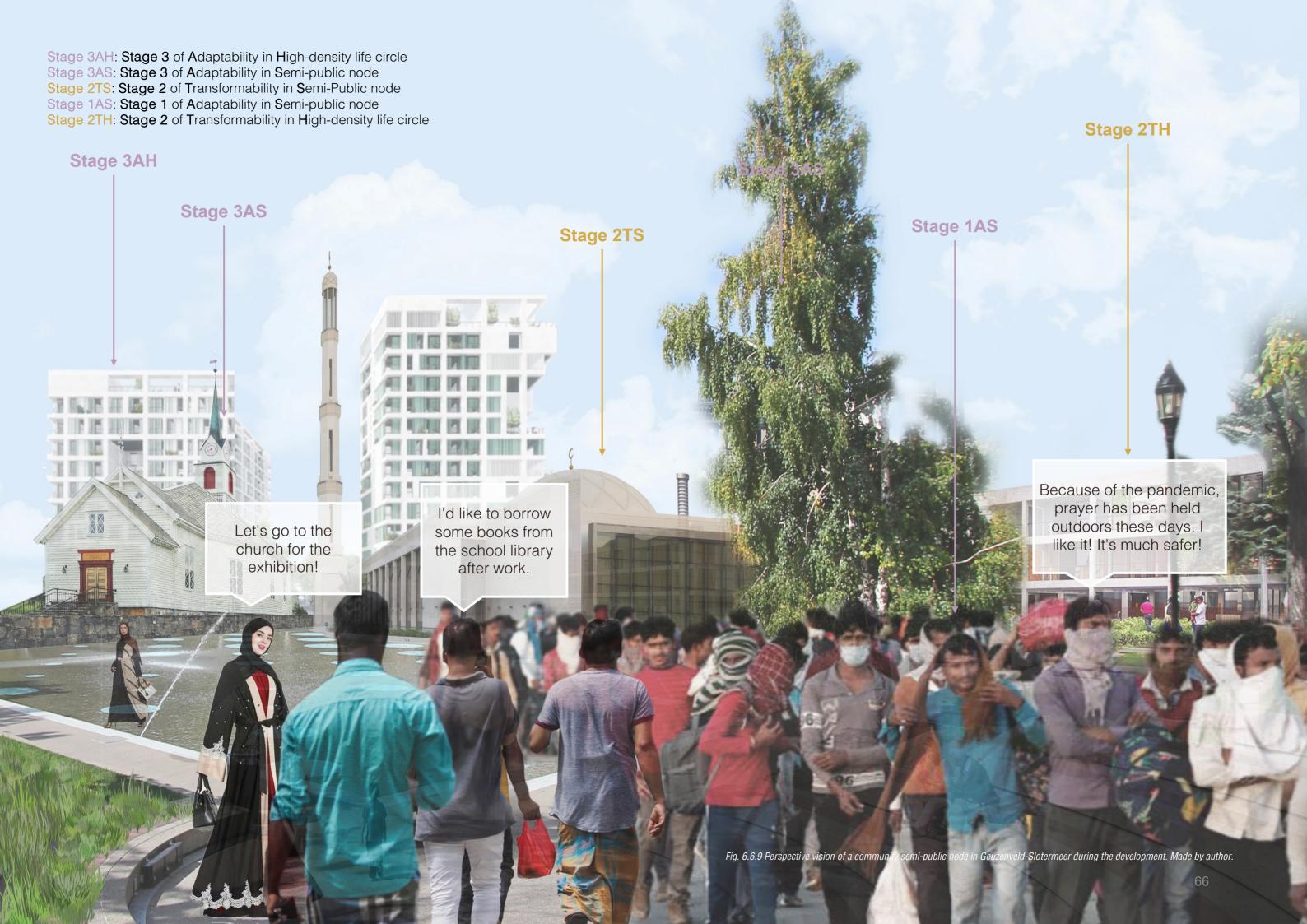


Fig. 8.1.1. Research problem: A vicious cycle of urban pandemic vulnerability. Made by author.

Fig. 8.1.2. Research outcome: A virtuous cycle of urban pandemic resilience. Made by author.





Stage 2AL: Stage 2 of Adaptability in Low-density life circle Stage 2AS: Stage 2 of Adaptability in Semi-public node Stage 2TH: Stage 2 of Transformability in High-density life circle Stage 3TL: Stage 3 of Transformability in Low-density life circle Stage 2AS Stage 2AL Stage 2TH The latest infected people have been sent to a temporary quarantine.

CeVID-19

Collection

Let's go to the community center for a test and pick up some necessities on the way.

Fig. 6.6.10 Perspective vision of a living ne

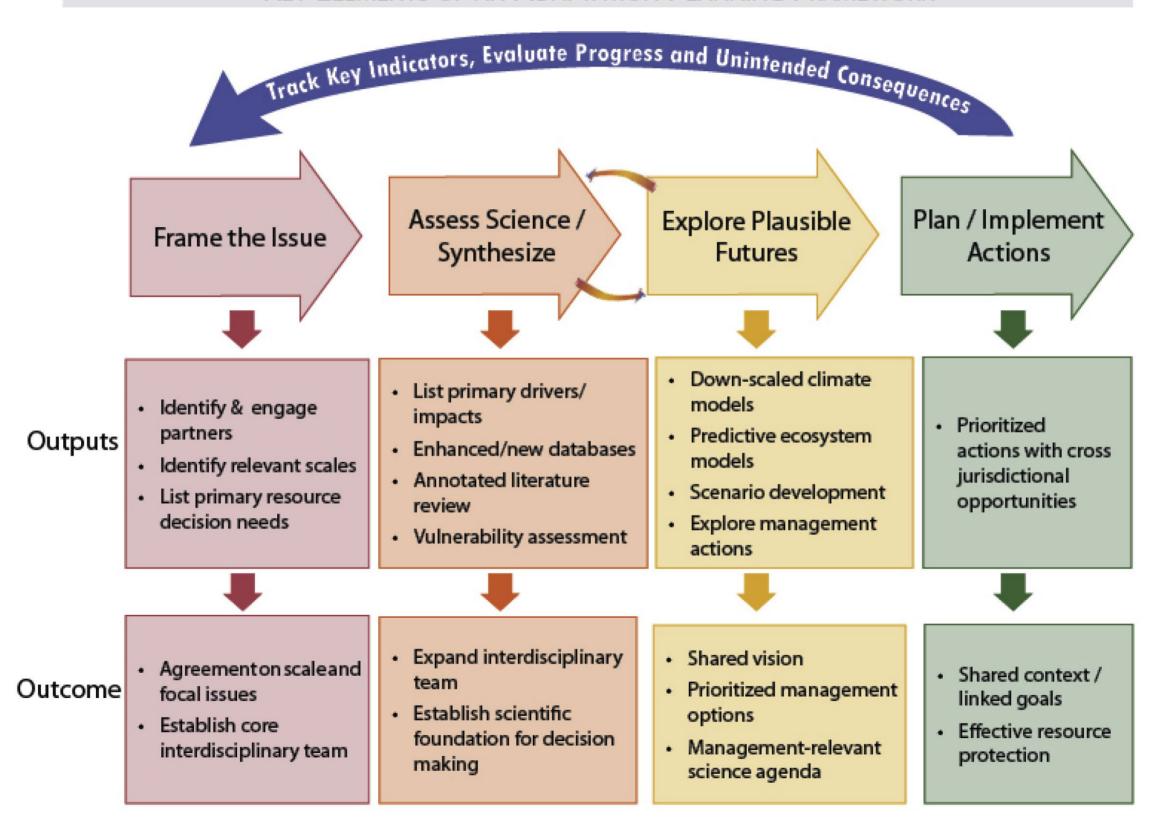
The fence between my neighbors and me has been torn down! We'll have a bigger place to run!

Stage 3TL



#### Adaptive planning

#### KEY ELEMENTS OF AN ADAPTATION PLANNING FRAMEWORK



• Transformability

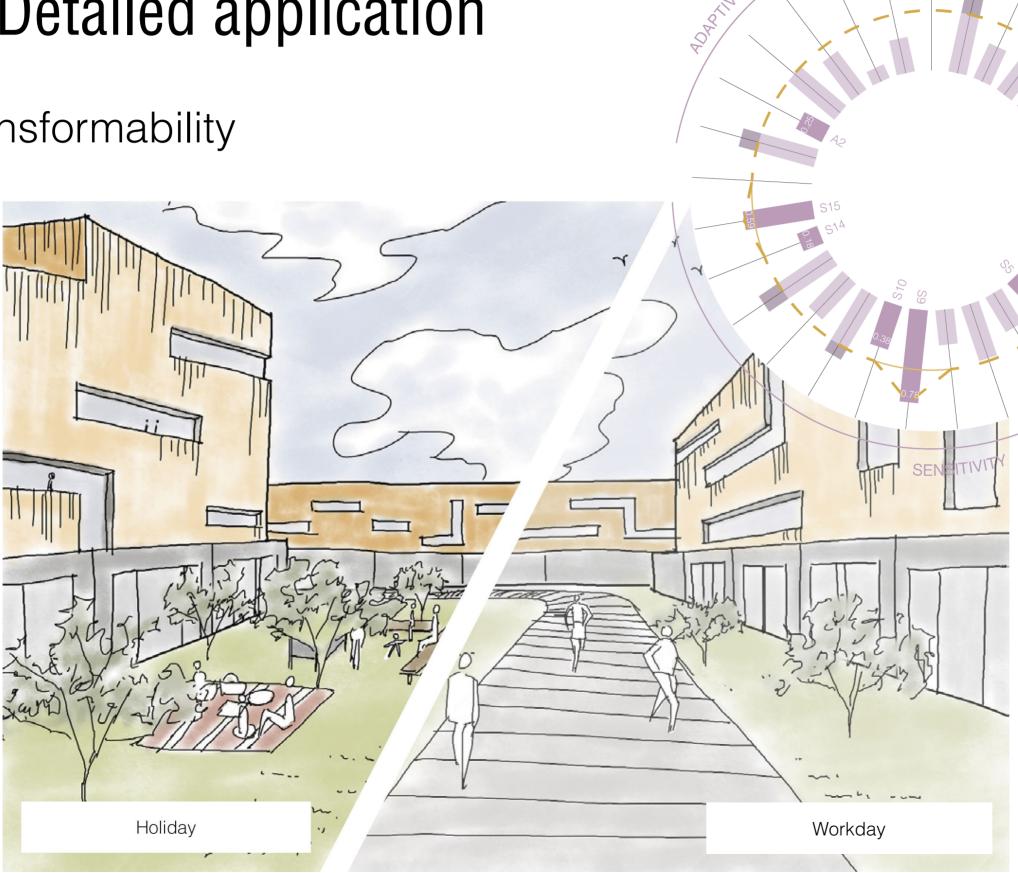
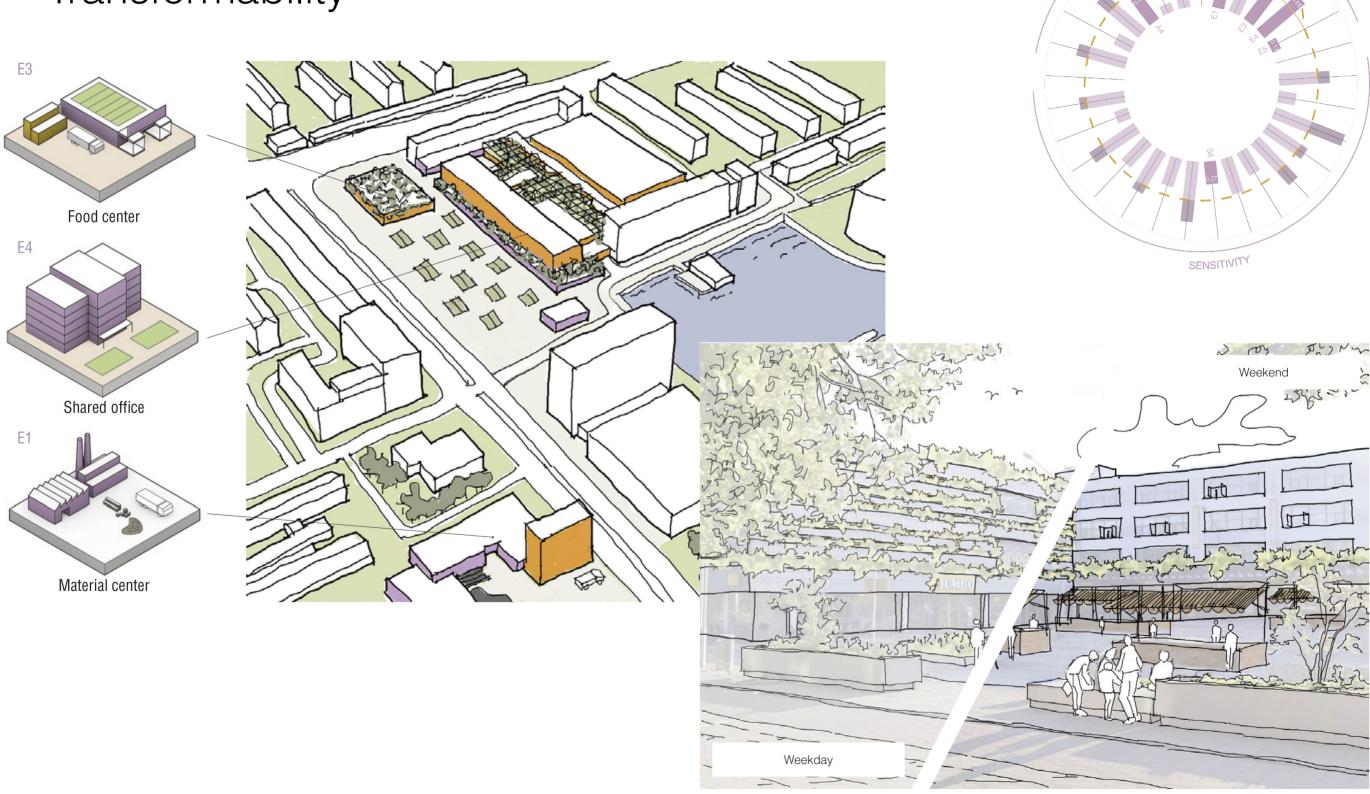


Fig. 6.5.34 The evaluated indicators of transformability for high-density life circle in 2050. Made by author.

Fig. 6.5.36 Impression of transformability for high-density life circle in 2050. Made by

#### Public node of network

Transformability



# Semi-public node of network

Transformability





# Low-density life circle

Transformability



#### **Evaluation indicators**

Indicator	Current index	Business as usual		Doughnut economy		Dynamic planning	
muicator	over threshold	2030	2050	2030	2050	2030	2050
		1					
air pollution	0.43	+ +	+++	-			
air humidity	-0.21	+	+ +	-		-	-
import/export	0.40	+	+++	-			
daily passengers	0.18	+ +	+++	-	-		
international corporations	-0.38	+	+ +	+	++	+	+

Indicator	Current index	Business as usual		Doughnut economy		Dynamic planning	
maicator	over threshold	2030	2050	2030	2050	2030	2050
ADAPTIVE CAPACITY (-)							1
education	0.15	+	+ +	-			
government trust	-0.15	+ +	+++	-	-	+	-
hospital beds	0.13	+ +	+++	-			
health	-0.10	+	+ +	-		+	
ability to use technology	-0.34	-	-			+	
government efficency	-0.25	-	-	-		+	-

Indicator	Current index	Business as usual Doughnut ecor		economy	Dynamic planning		
mulcator	over threshold	2030	2050	2030	2050	2030	2050
SENSITIVITY							
residential density	0.15	+ +	+++	-			
age (65+) diistribution	-0.25	+	+++	+	+ +	+	
age (18-) diistribution	0.46	-	-	-			
immigrants	0.10	+	+ +		-	-	
household income	0.12	+	+	-			
migrant workers	-0.19	+ +	+++	+	+	+	
tourism	-0.03	+	+ +	+	+ +		-
manufacture	-0.13	+	+ +	-		+	-
small businesses	0.28	+ +	+++	-			
traffic density	-0.12	+ +	+++	-		+	-
hospital accessibility	0.10	+	+	-		-	
amenity accessibility	-0.09	-	+			+	
motorized transport	0.19	+	++	-			
green space	-0.32	+	+++	-		++	-
open space	0.09	+ +	+++	-			