

Sustainable urban development
in Germany in the 1990s
- a situation report after 20 years

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URBAN SUSTAINABILITY



UNDERSTANDING THE BASICS

knowing the rules of the world we live in

SUSTAINABLE URBAN PLANNERS

developing humane & creative multifaceted teams
that can achieve sustainable cities

SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

developing concepts for humane cities
think about value – and how to retain it
break up the tristess – use water and plants
setting examples – leadership pays off

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INTRODUCTION

urban sustainability – are our ideas working ?



KNOWING THE RULES OF THE WORLD WE LIVE IN
fundamental principles

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Understanding the Basics



MATERIAL AND ENERGY BALANCE & FLOWS

①

Ain't nothing disappearing !

$$\Sigma \text{ MASS} = 0$$

①

Energy is always only converted !

$$\Sigma \text{ ENERGY} = 0$$

②

Heat always flows from warm to cold !

Gravity always knows which way is down !

Time always knows only the past !

$$\Sigma \text{ ENTROPY} > 0$$

You can't destroy mass / energy
– it only goes somewhere else

Whatever material we put in
we get out

in some form or other (with the notable exception
of nuclear reactors – you know Einstein... $E = mc^2$)

No energy is ever lost

in conversion or transfer processes it only
takes on other more or less useful forms and it
can be transferred from one body / substance
to another.

The natural direction of flow

can only be partially reversed in confined
spaces by exerting usable energy forms
Sorry, there's nothing we can do about time !

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KNOWING THE RULES OF THE WORLD

fundamental principles



Climate Change

International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Report 2007

- Climate Change is HERE!
- So how is our future going to be?
- News Last Week:
 - 1. Global Temperature = +2° in 2050 now expected – not in 2100 – react now immediately or accept the consequences.** ("2052 - A Forecast for the Next Forty Years" by Jorgen Randers - Club of Rome)
 - 2. New Antarctic Ice Shelf Melting Mechanism discovered – much faster melting processes and glaciers speeds sliding off Antarctica are now expected** (Alfred-Wegener-Institute for Polar and Ocean Science – Bremerhafen / Germany)

Source:
 International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) – WMO / UNEP; "Climate Change 2007"; ISBNs: 978 0521 88009-1; 70596-7; 88010-7; 70597-4; 88011-4; 70598-1 <http://www.ipcc.ch> (last access 21.09.2009)
<http://www.clubofrome.de/aktuelles.html> (last access 15.05.2012)
 "Klimawissenschaftler entdecken neue Schwachstelle des antarktischen Eisschildes" http://www.awi.de/de/aktuelles_und_presse/pressemitteilungen/detail/item/climate_scientists_discover_new_weak_point_of_the_antarctic_ice_sheet/?cHash=c3926d4358d21e4cf4b63315ac3761bb (last access 15.05.2012)

Table SPM.3 Projected global average surface warming and sea level rise at the end of the 21st century. (10.5, 10.6, Table 10.7)

Case	Temperature Change (°C at 2090-2099 relative to 1980-1999)*		Sea Level Rise (m at 2090-2099 relative to 1980-1999)
	Best estimate	Likely range	Model-based range excluding future rapid dynamical changes in ice flow
Constant Year 2000 concentrations†	0.6	0.3 – 0.9	NA
B1 scenario	1.8	1.4 – 2.0	0.18 – 0.38
A1T scenario	2.4	1.4 – 3.8	0.20 – 0.45
B2 scenario	2.8	1.7 – 4.4	0.20 – 0.45
A1B scenario	2.8	1.7 – 4.4	0.21 – 0.48
A2 scenario	3.4	2.0 – 5.4	0.23 – 0.51
A1FI scenario	4.0	2.4 – 6.4	0.26 – 0.59

G8 commitment → as given in 2007 ←
 now no longer achievable ?!

Table notes:
 * These estimates are assessed from a hierarchy of models that encompass a simple climate model, several Earth System Models of Intermediate Complexity and a large number of Atmosphere-Ocean General Circulation Models (AOGCMs).
 † Year 2000 constant composition is derived from AOGCMs only.

Figure SPM.5. Solid lines are multi-model global averages of surface warming (relative to 1980–1999) for the scenarios A2, A1B and B1, shown as continuations of the 20th century simulations. Shading denotes the ±1 standard deviation range of individual model annual averages. The orange line is for the experiment where concentrations were held constant at year 2000 values. The grey bars at right indicate the best estimate (solid line within each bar) and the likely range assessed for the six SRES marker scenarios. The assessment of the best estimate and likely ranges in the grey bars includes the AOGCMs in the left part of the figure, as well as results from a hierarchy of independent models and observational constraints. (Figures 10.4 and 10.29)



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- Climate Change is HERE!
 - A closer look at the consequences to our lives!
 - Any temperature change above (maybe at) 2°C has likely serious consequences on a SPECIES level!
- And this means the HUMAN SPECIES !!**

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- **Where Will our coasts be when Greenland is becoming ice free ?**
 - sea level rise total ~ 7m
 - time line ~ first felt effects in 100 years – ice free in several 1000 years OR FASTER as some indicators since 2007 suggest !?
- **And where once Antarctica melts ?**
 - sea level rise total ~ 70m
 - time line ~ unknown, but effects expected if dynamic ice flow dominates (as discovered since 2007)

Don't forget – while Greenland melts – down under doesn't wait either !!

Source:
NOVA "If polar ice vanished by Peter Tyson" –
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/earth/mapping-sea-level-rise.html>
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Energy Use of the World

- climate relevant energy sources:

91.2% (81.4%)

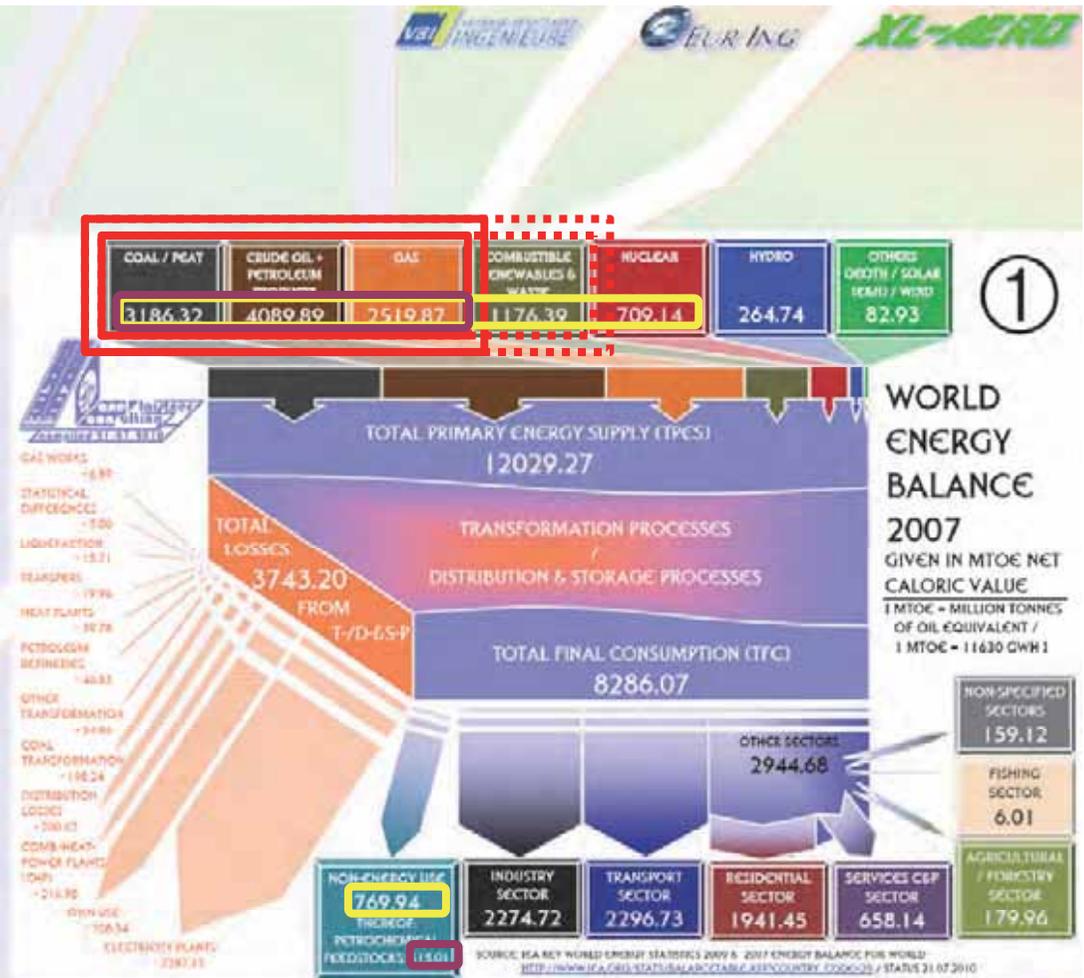
- loss by energy use of raw-material resources each year:

~ 14 non-energy use material supply years

- loss by burning of total non-renewable petro-chemical raw material resources each year:

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Source: see diagram

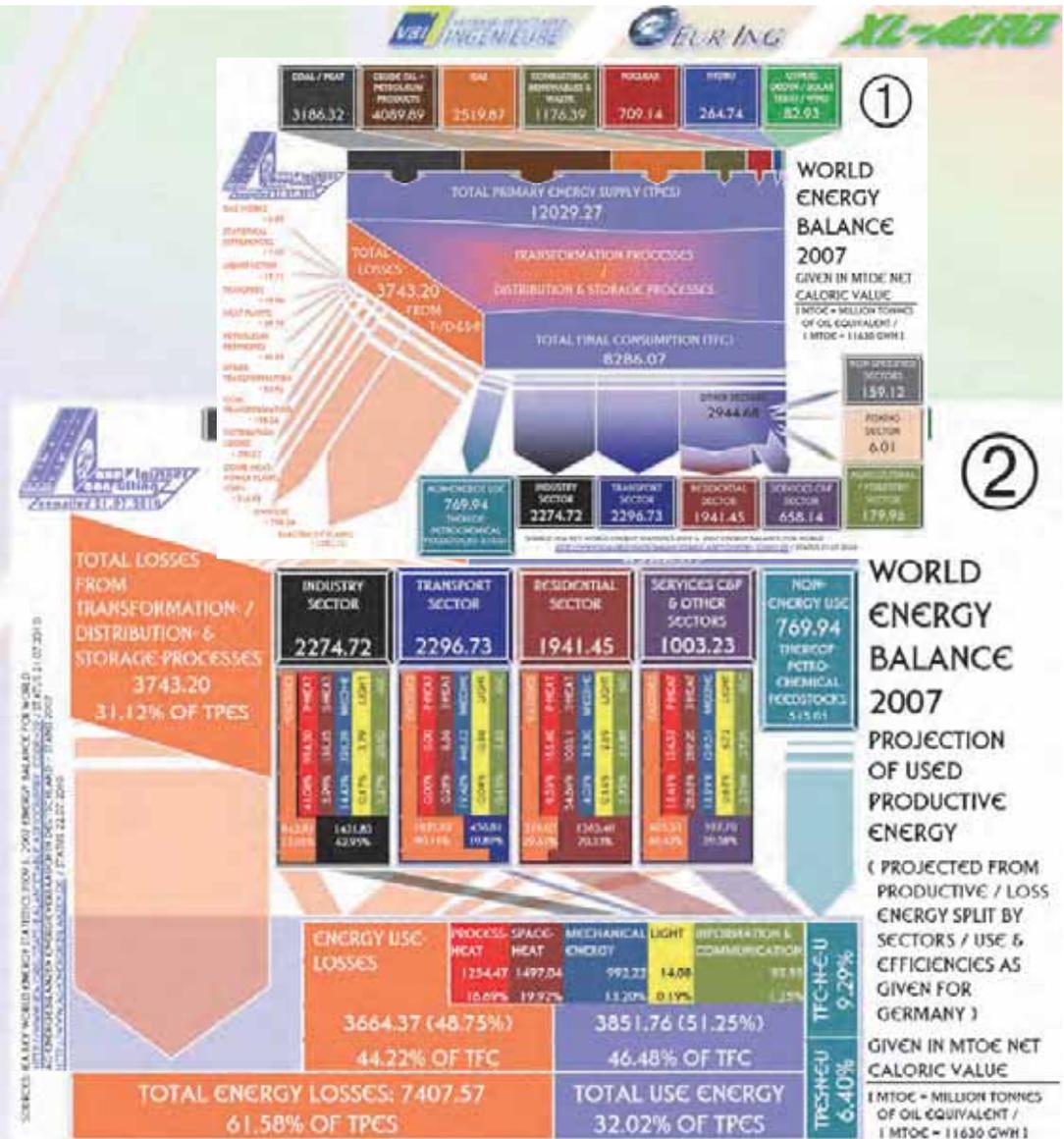


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- **total world energy system losses: estimated 62%**

Source: see diagram



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PERSPECTIVES IN A CHANGING WORLD

Where are we going? Changing Problems = Changing Tasks



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THE TRANSFORMATION PROCESSES MANTRA

① AVOID !

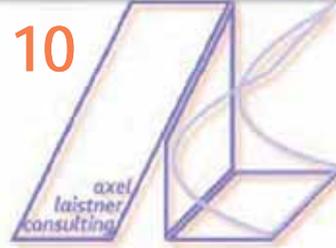
② REDUCE !

③ COMBINE !

When you use mass & energy – what needs to be lost ?

- ✓ Don't use high transformation processed materials or energy when you don't need to.
- ✓ Don't use higher processed materials or energy than you need to.
- ✓ Only use what you need.
- ✓ Know why you need how much, for what reason, and in what capacity.
- ✓ Understand what you could do without, and know the reasons why and when your going to cut it.
- ✓ Understand which materials or energy forms can be combined or reused.
- ✓ Where is the "loss / waste" of one system the carrier or useful material or energy of another?

Sources: Gerd Ebbinghaus Management Consulting



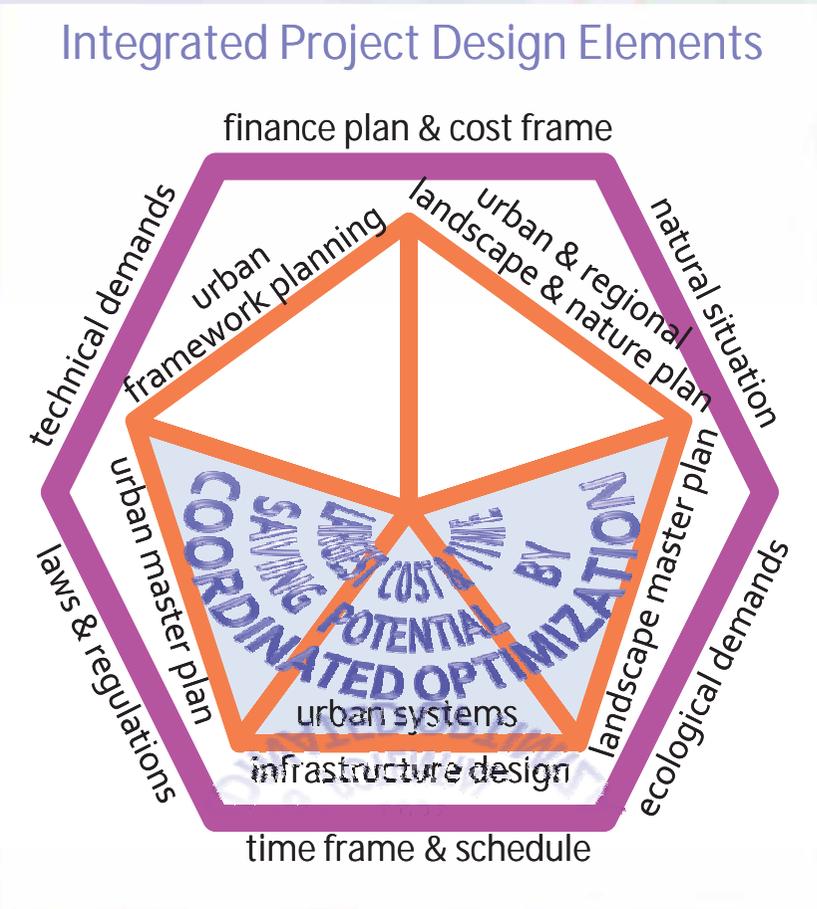
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TEAMS THAT CAN ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE CITIES
urban sustainability – by whom ?

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Sustainable Urban Planners



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Understanding the team requirements to succeed

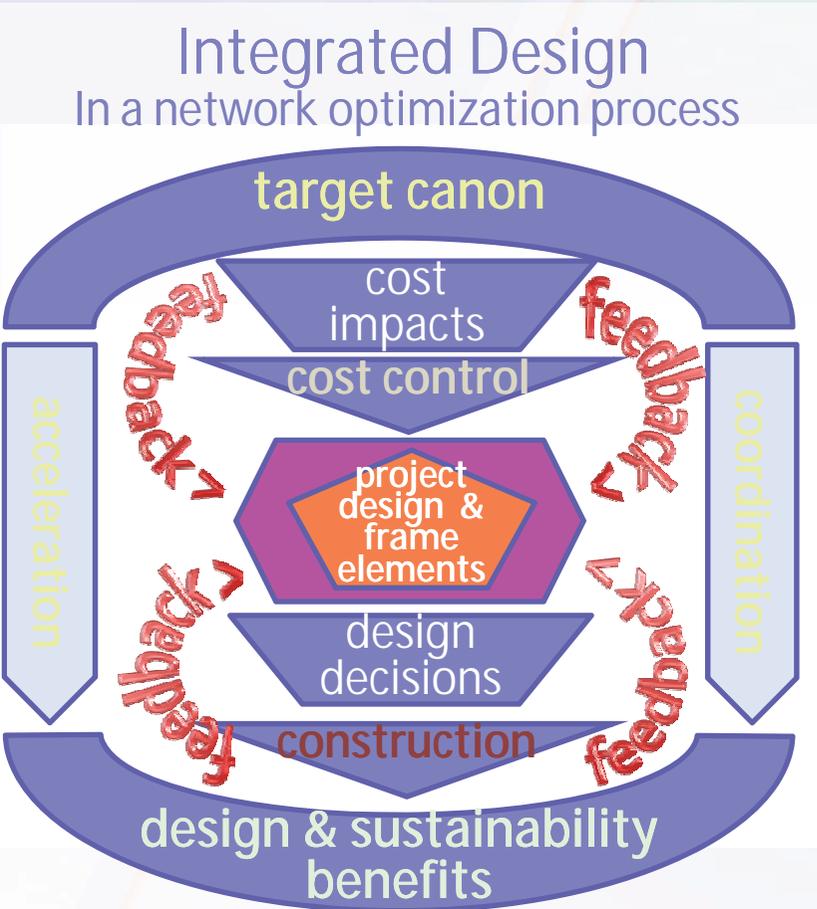
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1982 – 2003/2012 as examples

- ✓ Setting up interdisciplinary teams of engineers, architects, landscape designers, economists, geographers
 - ✓ Understanding and solving their communication difficulties
 - ✓ Integrating their work processes
 - ✓ Working at the interface of research and implementation
 - ✓ Creating synergy through diversity
- Project Sustainability success rating through 30 years: ~80%**

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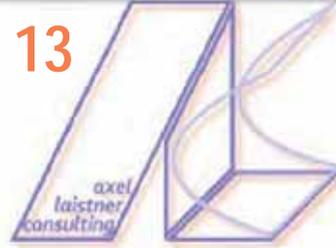
- ✓ Creating decision opportunities for political bodies & decision makers
 - ✓ Integrating development drivers, investment & organization and designer
 - ✓ accelerating collective work processes
 - ✓ transferring technology from research to reality
 - ✓ being comprehensively sustainable: social – environmental – economical
- Project Sustainability success rating through 30 years: ~80%**

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SUSTAINABLE URBAN PLANNERS

sustainability = is a way of growing personalities



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thoughts and projects of the 1990s
and how they held up in time

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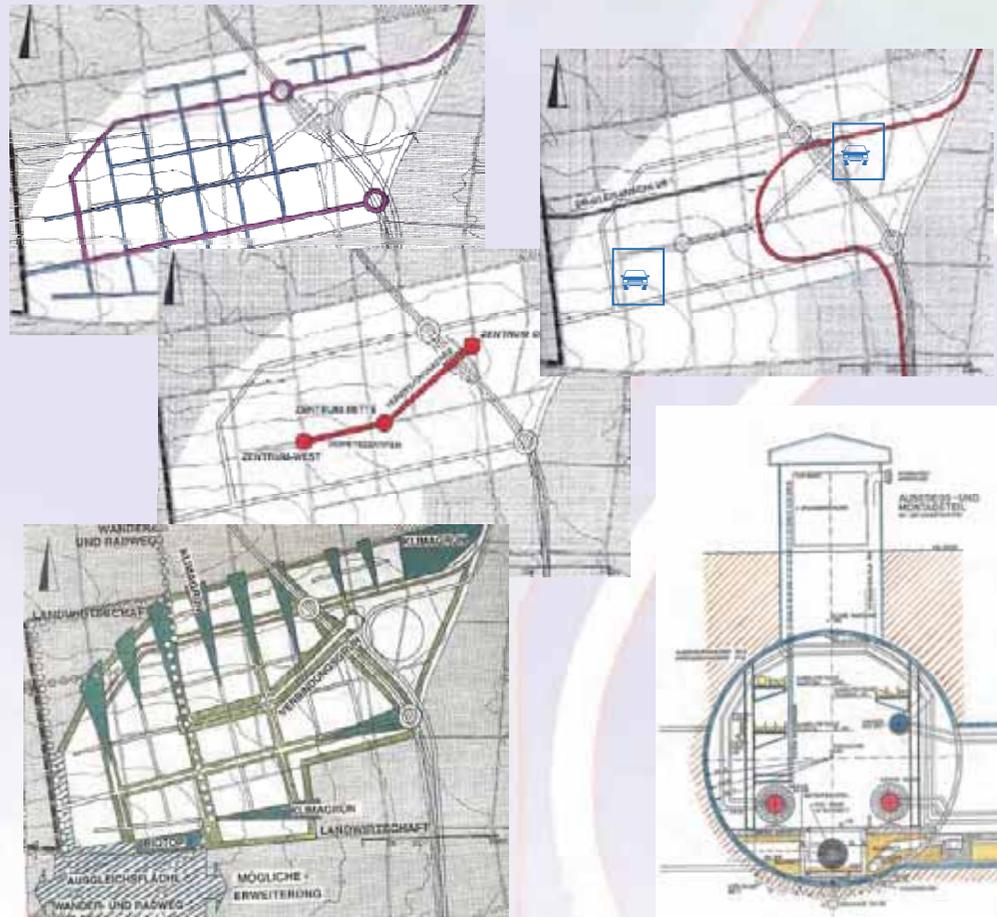
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Developing Concepts for Humane Cities

Understanding the peoples' needs: food – roofs – jobs



Mainz 1989 – 1994 model research
 Target:
 to develop a sustainable urban development with a high emphasis on project economics (CAPEX & LCC) as well as achieving optimal longevity of systems and infrastructure.

Focusing Questions:
 What devalues business properties?
 What devalues public infrastructure investment?
 What makes humans LIKE a business area or a work place?
 What environmental aspects should be looked at when starting the planning process?

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Developing ideas and an understanding how they do



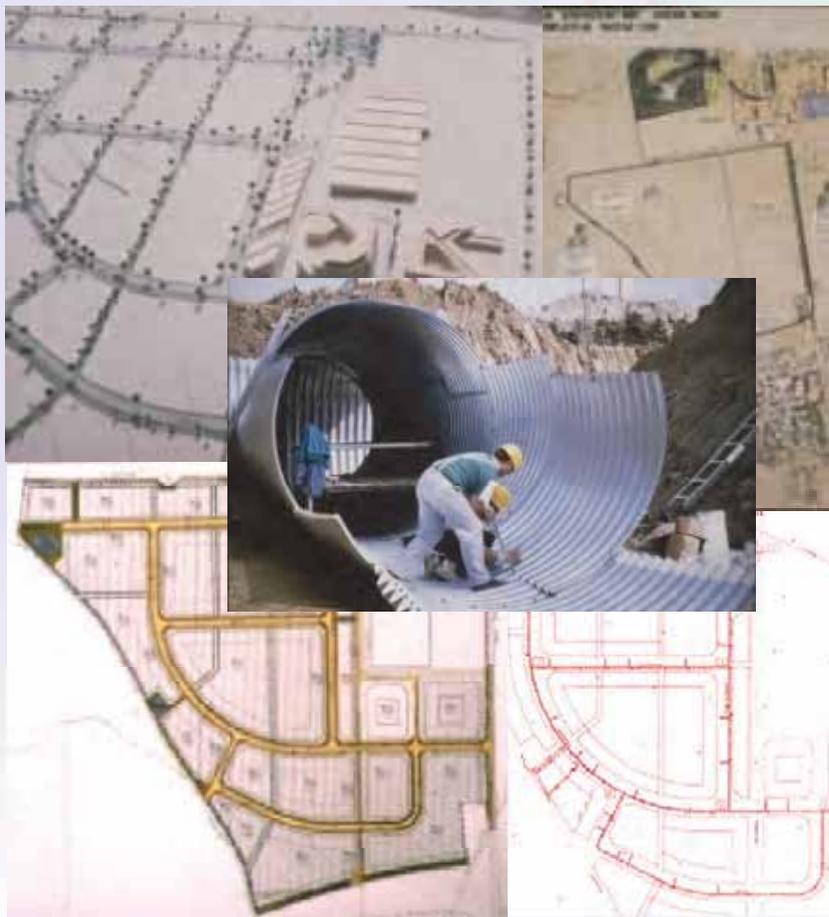
Lauchheim 1982 to 1994
 biotopes and business parks DO MIX
 Returning plants into inner city environments
 Experimenting with naturally flowing open water



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Understanding the towns' needs: sales & income



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Wachau 1991/93 a need for speed
 High competition market for available business zones – a race between the townships – the first wins the investors & businesses, that last go empty:
 Project schedule:
 Feb 1991 – POET contracted to assist Wachau
 May 1991 – POET presents Master Plan for approval / commencement of tender process
 June 1991 – Start of construction works on development
 Sept 1991 – first private investor starts building on his property
 Oct 1993 – all development works and CHP plant completed and in operation – business park ~ 40% filled

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Wachau 1991/93 design & speed
 Special project characteristics:

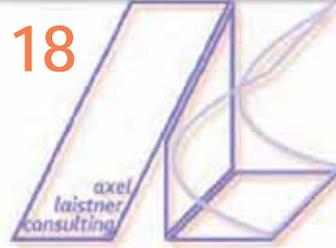
- Utility Tunnel system**
 having a sufficient supply system density and number (sewage, potable water, district heating, electrical power (20kV & 400V), telephone, lighting, security & safety systems)
- High Green Quality Zoning**
 Above Ground Storm Drainage & Permanent Water Pond Retention
- Defined High Quality road cross section and limited property access scheme**

All serve to enable the area to **retain its value** and avoid the usual time degradation of industrial and business areas.

Sustainability success: Our rating after 20 years: 100%

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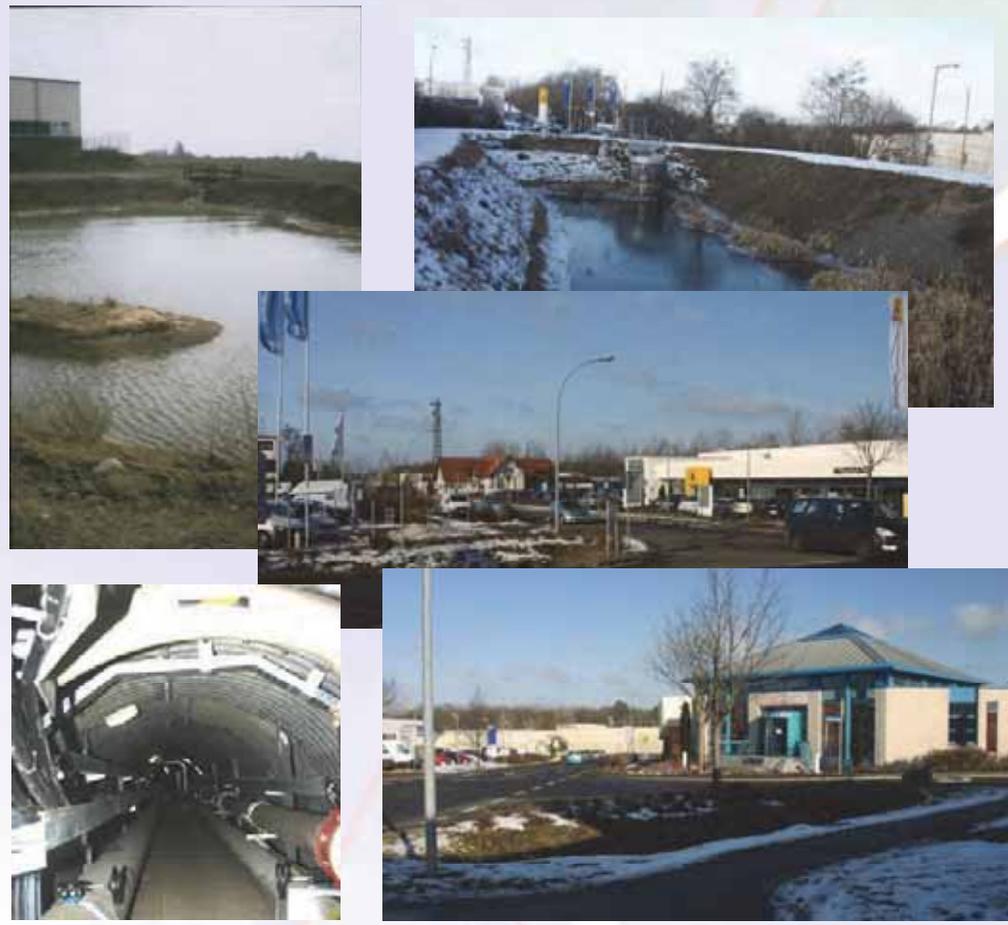
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Wachau 2012
 Situation characteristics:
 Utility Tunnel system fully functional
 one incident: 20kV cable joint faulty – no damage to UT & other systems, small localized corrosion at two items
 High Green Quality Zoning – still jointly financed and maintained with property owners
 Water Ponds create “picnic-like” lunch areas – business managers report higher work moral in the area
 Area full except 4 lots, all properties of companies leaving or going under were easily at retained value taken up by new investors
 Sustainability success: Our rating after 20 years: 100%

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Understanding the sub-urban needs: growth on the fringes



Fahrland 1992/95 housing for 2 capitals
 High competition market for available housing zones – a race between the townships – the first wins citizens, the last go empty: west of Berlin, north of Potsdam fringe of a federal & a state capital capture part of the market Bonn to Berlin
 Project specialties:
 Combination of condensed urban housing with a villa park
 Segregation of vehicle and pedestrian traffic – cars & car parks are at the back side
 Economic comparison project – utility tunnel vs. conventional development
 Services center: shopping center & kindergarten

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SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT just imagine – to be able to do it again

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Understanding the sub-urban needs: growth on the fringes



Fahrland 1992/95 design to 2012
 Special project characteristics:

- Utility Tunnel system**
 having a sufficient supply system density and number but not fully completed technically and with business model & maintenance problems
- High Green Quality Zoning**
 Open Storm Drains & high ground water table
- Defined High Quality segregated road-parking-walkway system & create a construction & interruption free supply and an extraordinary urban / rural biotope**
- 2012 kindergarden & shops still missing**
- Sustainability success: Our rating after 18 years: ~75%**

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Understanding the cities' needs: but being torpedoed

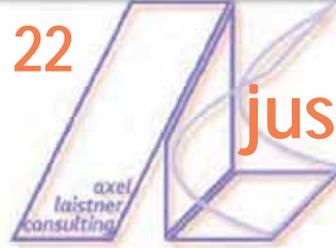


Leipzig Kiebitzmark 1993 -1996
 Urban housing development for 1000 units or 4000 humans – as a combination high density / low density / villa setup with tram way connection
 Utility Tunnel system – planned but not built
 noise protection against a motorway by developing a construction material dump as local park scape – by 2009 not realized
 High Quality segregated road-parking-walkway system – broken up partially by later master plan modifications
 construction & interruption free urban / rural biotope – by 2009 not realized
 Sustainability success: Our rating through 13 years: ~50% at best

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SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT
 just imagine – to not fully succeed >> don't give up !



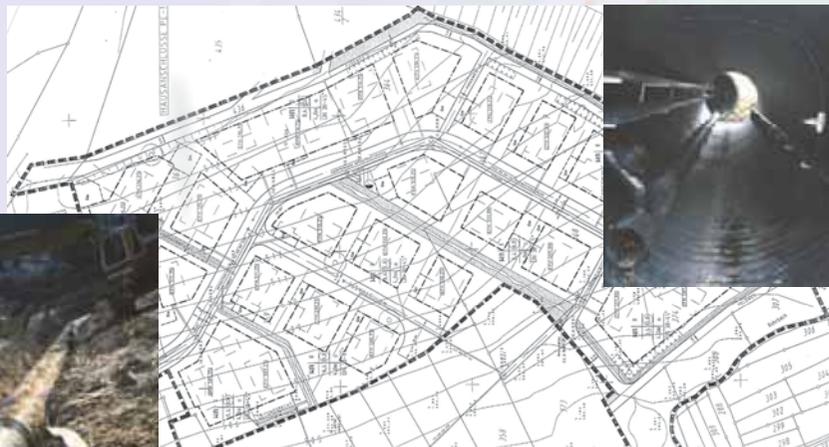
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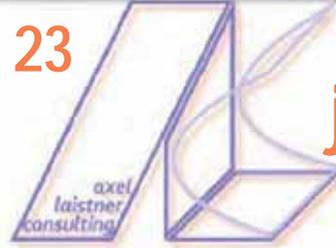
Understanding producers' needs: PEHD prototype



Lauchheim 1994 - 1995
 Testing a new UT hull material – PEHD – at our home town development
 sustainable rural housing based on the knowledge gained in Wachau and Fahrland
 Houses with cisterns collecting rainwater from the roofs for brown water systems and garden irrigation
 Open Ditch Storm Drains as defined **Green Axes**
 By now all properties marketed and all lots build except 2
Sustainability success: Our rating after 18 years: 100%

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Understanding what you have: looking at materials

- Lauchheim 1982 - 2012 examples
- ✓ Fighting for segregation of storm and black water – and winning by now
 - ✓ Understanding ditch construction – from a maintenance problem to a self-sustaining biotope
 - ✓ Retaining walls from site excavated local rock
 - ✓ Setting examples that others did follow
 - ✓ Anchor sustainable concepts in urban government – and develop them with society and its changes
- Sustainability effects: Our success rating through 30 years: 100%**

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 just imagine – you look back and made a difference

Summary on urban sustainable development:

1. Accept the human sustainability triangle: economy – ecology – society
2. Understand the needs of human beings to live and work in humane environments on all items
3. Use creativity to achieve a win-win situation for business and investors with the public
4. Apply technology to ensure optimal development economy using life-cycle-costing
5. Maintain sustainability by organizing a mutually beneficial cooperation of users
6. Instill “pride in our area” by involving inhabitants and businesses continuously

What's holding us back ?

A world wide lack of knowledge
and comprehension of
system complexity as
synergy generator & driver

So listen-up consultancy & city managers !
We need to mix teams as they're needed –
not what is management comfortable !

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need creative cross-subject education backgrounds

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- STATE OF THE ART –

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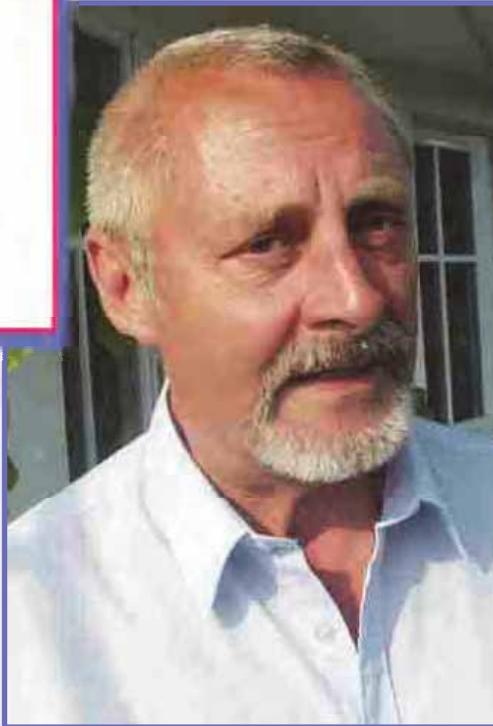
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“AVOID – REDUCE – COMBINE” Theme

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Stadt Mainz: Modellvorhaben Mainz Ökologischer Wirtschaftspark Mainz-Süd – Schlussbericht 1994 – IfEU GmbH / POET GmbH – p 80, 82, 98

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