

# Transforming Smart Cities with Spatial Computing

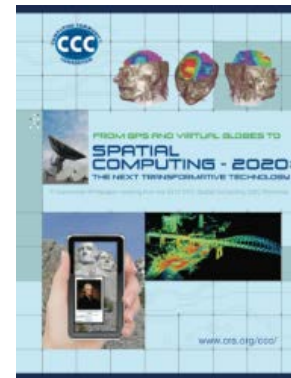
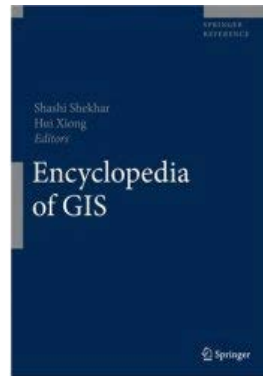
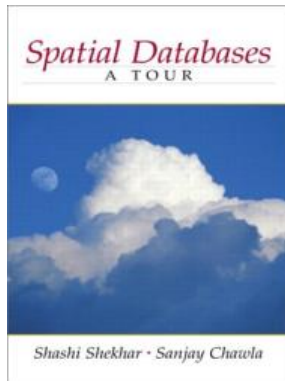
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# OUTLINE

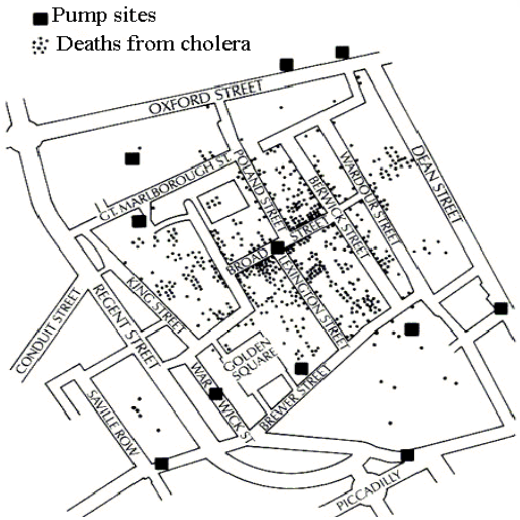
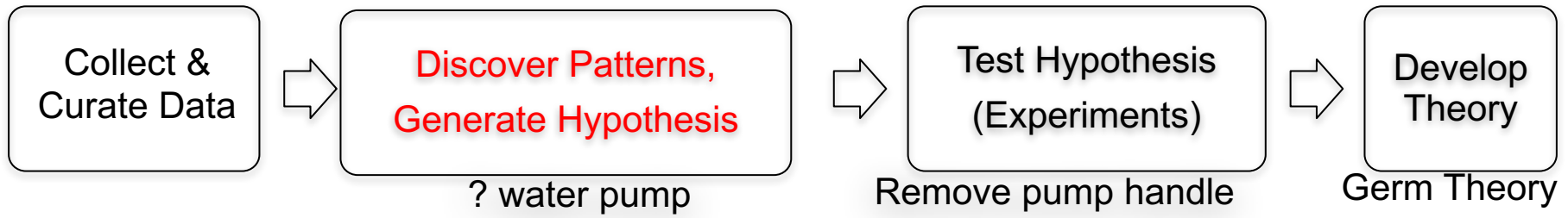
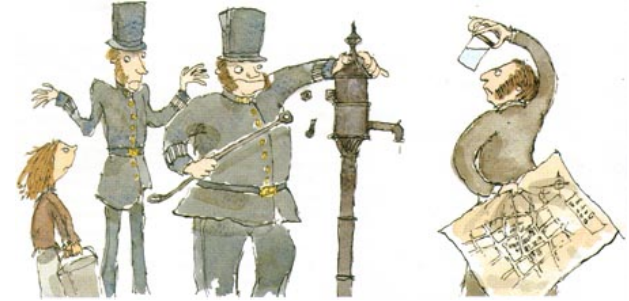
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# History of Transforming Cities with Spatial Computing

1854: What causes Cholera?

Miasma theory



**Impact on cities:**  
Health & well-being, parks,  
sewer system to protect  
drinking water, ...



**Q? What are Choleras of today?**  
**Q? How may Spatial Computing Help?**

# Spatial Computing Examples



Google Earth Engine



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# Spatial Computing is a Critical Infrastructure Today!

- 2 billion GPS receivers in use, will hit 7 billion by 2022.
- Besides location, it **reference time** for critical infrastructure
  - Telecommunications industry
  - Banks
  - Airlines...
- GPS is the single point of failure for the entire modern economy.
- 50,000 incidents of deliberate (GPS) jamming last two years
  - Against Ubers, Waymo's self-driving cars, delivery drones from Amazon



**Bloomberg Businessweek**

July 25, 2018, 4:00 AM CDT

The World Economy  
Runs on GPS. It Needs a  
Backup Plan

**Source:** <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2018-07-25/the-world-economy-runs-on-gps-it-needs-a-backup-plan>



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# Spatial Computing in Modern Cities

Rank	2015	2016	2017
1	<b>(69%) Geospatial / Mapping</b>	(93%) Public Meeting records	<b>(53%) GeoSpatial / Mapping</b>
2	(67%) Virtualization	(92%) Wireless Infrastructure	(48%) Cybersecurity
3	(60%) Performance Benchmarks	(91%) Redundant/ Offsite Data Storage	(34%) Predictive Policing
4	(58%) Transaction Processing	(90%) Endpoint Security	(32%) eDiscovery
5	(57%) Project Management	(85%) Broadband Infrastructure	(20%) Predictive Analytics

**Source:** Digital Cities Survey, Center for Digital Government, GovTech.com, 11/9/2017.



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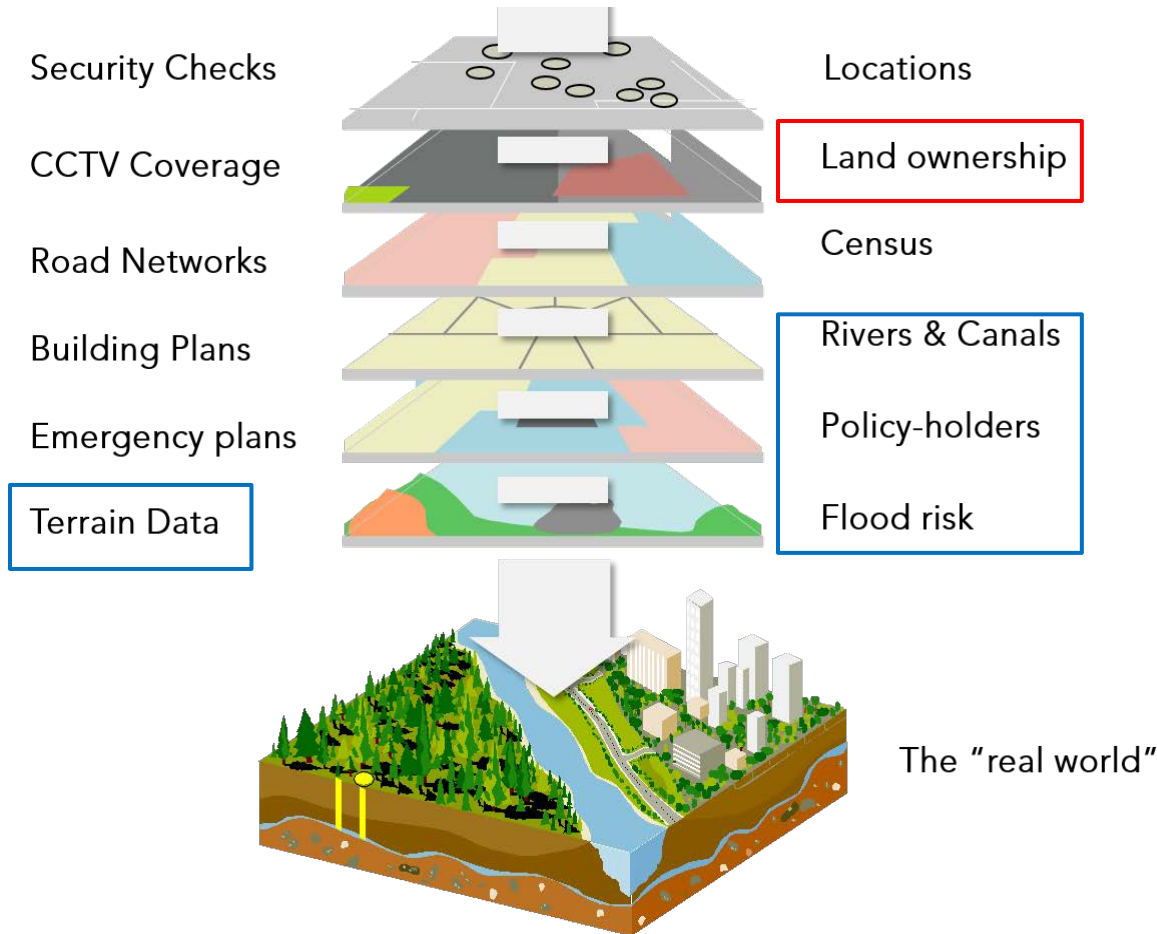
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# Spatial Computing in Modern Cities

- Operational
  - E-911, CMAS/PLAN, ...
  - Situation awareness
  - Public Safety, e.g., Floods

- Tactical
  - Property tax
  - Site selection
  - Asset tracking

- Strategic
  - Long-term planning
  - Land-use



Source: <https://www.cbronline.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/what-is-GIS.png>





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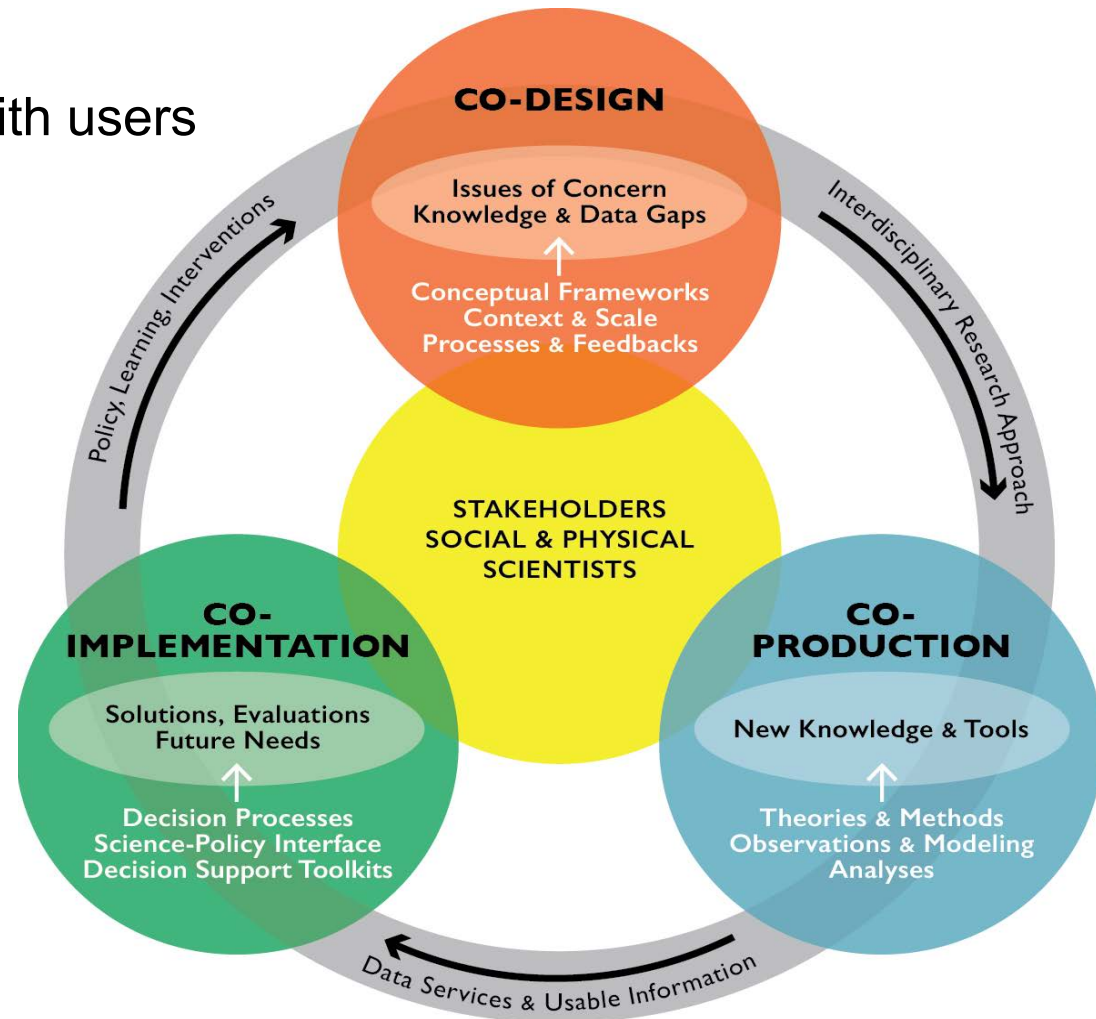


Source: The Sheffield Mental Health Guide,  
[sheffieldflourish.co.uk](http://sheffieldflourish.co.uk), 5 Apr 2017.



# Advancing Science Discovery to Application

- Knowledge **co-production** with users
  - Co-Visioning
  - Co-define Problems
  - Co-select Science Questions
  - Co-Evaluate Discoveries
- Ex. NCAR



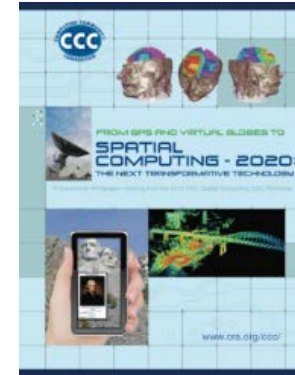
Source: [NCAR/UCAR 2016 Annual Report](#)



# Knowledge Co-Production

- **Co-production Initiatives**

- CRA/CCC Visioning Workshops
- (Midwest) Big Data Hubs & Spokes
- NSF Sustainability Research Networks
- NSF Smart & Connected Community



- **Co-Production Examples** in my work

- 2005: **Evacuation Planning**: MN local governments
- Current: **NSF SCC** Project: counties, cities in MN, FL



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## Knowledge Co-Production: **Evacuation Planning** (2005)

[FoxTV newsclip \(5-minutes\), Disaster Area Evacuation Analytics Project](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PR9k72W8XK8)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PR9k72W8XK8>



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# KC Story 1: Evacuation Planning (2005)

- **Team:** US DHS, MN Dept. of Transportation, URS Corp.
  - Emergency Mangers, Police, Fire Fighters, Natl. Guard
- **Co-Visioning** via monthly meetings
  - Challenges: evacuees & traffic maps
  - Police: focus on what can be done!
- **Problem Co-Definition**
  - 1-mile scenarios: 5 sites, work-day or night-time
- **Co-Discovery**
  - For 1st mile, walking faster than driving
- **Co-Evaluation**
  - Walk selected routes : avoid wooden bridge near E
  - Lock parking garages during evacuation ?

Scenario	Population	Vehicle	Walking
A	143,360	4:45	1:32
B	83,143	2:45	1:04
C	27,406	4:27	1:41
D	50,995	3:41	1:20
E	3,611	1:21	0:36

Evacuation Planning System for Twin Cities Metro Area  
Step 2 of 3: Adjust Scenario Settings [\(go home\)](#)

Evacuation Planning System for Twin Cities Metro Area  
Step 3 of 3: Evacuation Route Plan [\(go home\)](#)



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## KC Story 2: A NSF S&CC Project

- **Academic History**

- Humphrey center
- Center for Urban & Regional Affairs
- Hennepin University Partnership
- Center for Transportation Studies

- **Local Government History**

- 2010-2020: Regional 10-year planning cycle (Metropolitan Council)
- 2013-14: Thrive MSP 2040
- 2015: USDOT Smart Cities Challenge proposal by Minneapolis





Local Plan  
Implementation  
and Plan  
Amendments



**2013 - 2014**

Regional Development Guide



**2014 - 2015**

Regional System  
and Policy Plans:

- Regional Parks
- Water Resources
- Transportation
- Housing

**Fall 2015**  
System Statements

**LOCAL PLANNING  
HANDBOOK**

**Fall 2015**

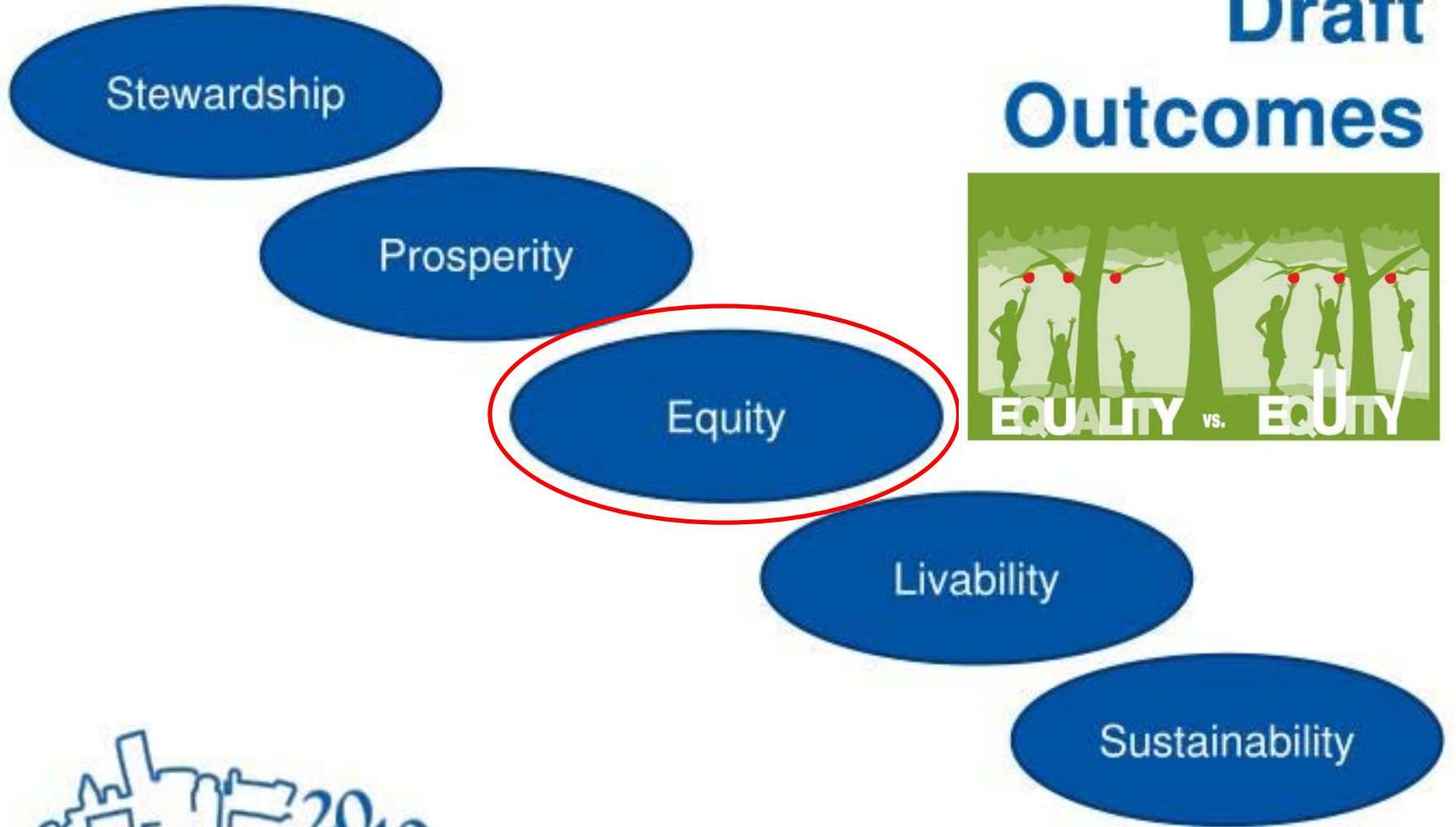


**December 31, 2018**  
Comprehensive Plan Updates



# REGIONAL 10-YEAR PLANNING CYCLE

# Draft Outcomes



## KC Story 2: S&CC – Co-visioning



- Co-visioning Meetings (Academics + Local Governments)
  - 2014: Smart City Workshop
  - 2015-16: NSF SRN Sustainable & Health Cities – Equity
- Co-Visioning
  - Infrastructure planning for driver-less, post-carbon future, climate change
  - Advance Environment, Health, Wellbeing & Equity via infrastructure refinement
- Co-select Questions
  - Understand spatial equity in infrastructure & outcomes
    - wellbeing, health, environment
  - How does equity first approach differ from average-outcome based approaches ?
- Problem Co-Definition: How to measure spatial equity? Well-being?



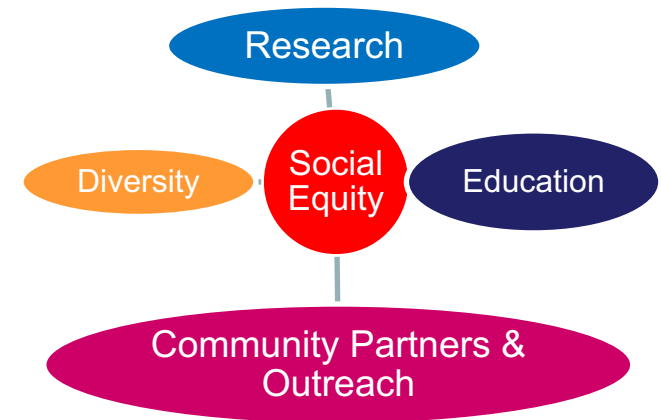
# KC Story 2: S&CC – Co-select Question



- Team: U of Minnesota, Purdue U, FL State U, U of WA
  - Schools, Counties (e.g., Hennepin), Cities (e.g., Minneapolis, St. Paul, Tallahassee);
  - MetroLab Network, National League of Cities, ICLEI-USA, Intl. City/County



- Co-Discovery:
- Co-Evaluation



# Project Aims & Approach

## • Objectives

- Understand **spatial equity** (e) in the context of **7 basic infrastructure** provisioning and **related** wellbeing (W), health (H), environment (E) and equity (e) **outcomes** in cities
- **Advance all four outcomes** using **smart spatial infrastructure planning** in cities.

## • Approach in collaboration of Community Partners

- Comprehensive fine **intra-urban scale data** (SEIU-EHW parameters in Figure 1)
- **Spatial Data Science** to understand relationships (Figure 2).
- Model & visualize multi-infrastructure **spatial smart city futures**
- **Knowledge co-production** theories, science and practice

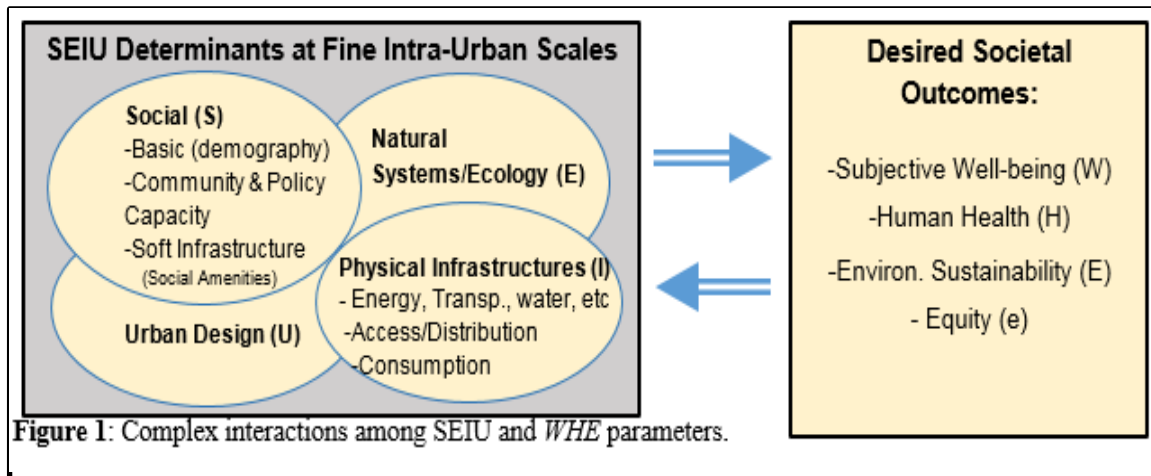


Figure 1: Complex interactions among SEIU and WHE parameters.



Figure 2. Spatial Patterns

Figure 1. Complex Interactions among SEIU and EHW parameters



# Four Themes

**Theme 1:** Develop comprehensive data sets on SEIS-EHW at intra-urban scales:

- **Cyber infrastructure** for diverse and disparate data sets
- **Novel citizen science, sensor and survey techniques** to characterize
  - air pollution
  - near-realtime flooding
  - subjective well-being (W)

**Theme 2:** Advance spatial data analysis to understand SEIU-*WHEe* relationships

- **Advanced spatial computing algorithms**
- Data and Discipline-inspired Hypotheses
- Equity (e) as spatial dispersion & correlation of *WHE*-SEIU

**Theme 3:** Model and visualize spatial smart city futures for Equity-First Plan

- **Multiple & connected spatial infrastructure futures** scenario modeling
- **Scenario Visualization**
- **Value of information** and policy-learning

**Theme 4:** Education and Workforce Development: Citizen science with middle & high-school students; Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate; Professional education; Visualization for Policy Leadership;



# Data-Intensive Science of S&CC in 21<sup>st</sup> Century

SEIU EHW

Hotspots of infrastructure deprivation, consumption, pollution, investment, disease & well-being.  
Correlates?

Equity first policies

Role of policies & urban forms

Collect, & Curate  
Big Data



Spatial Patterns,  
Hypothesis Generation

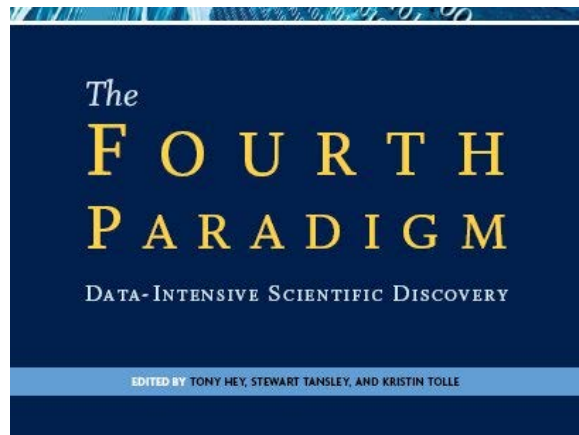


Test Hypothesis  
(Policy Intervention)



S&CC  
Theory

Volume, Variety



Data-driven and  
Discipline-inspired  
hypothesis generation

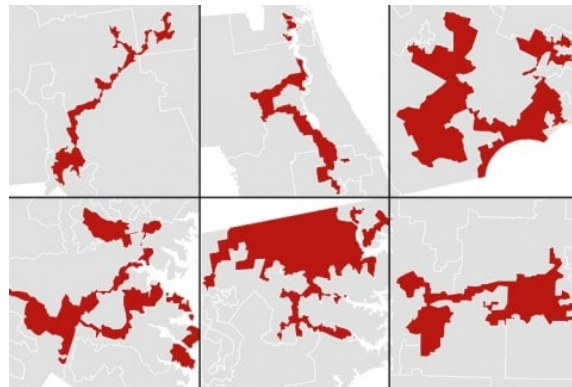
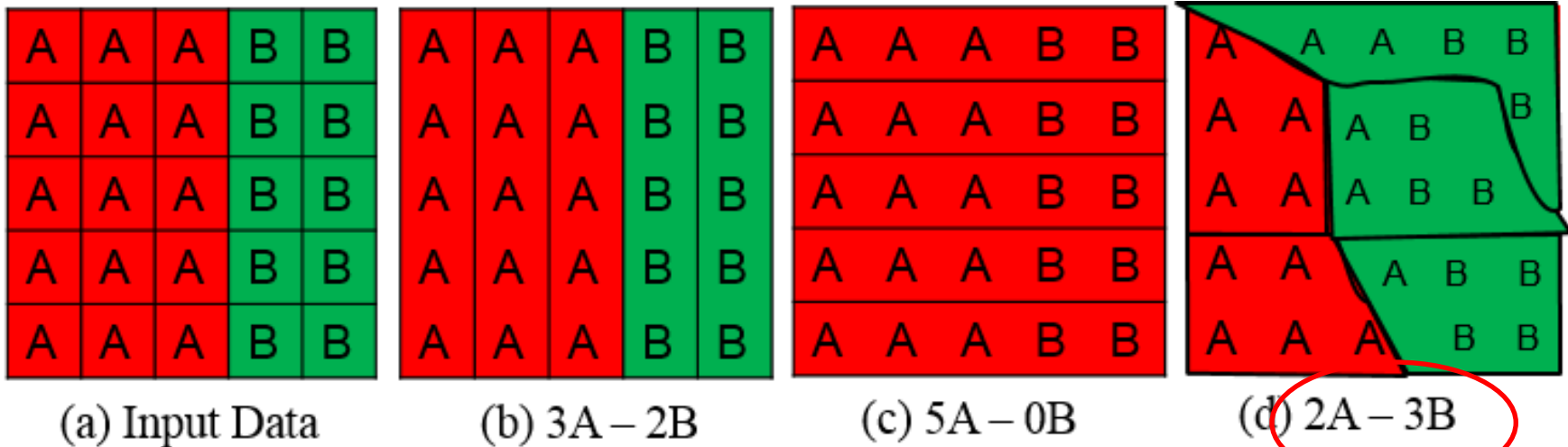


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# Spatial Data Science: Gerrymandering Challenge

- Challenge: Spatial partitioning affects election results
- Modifiable Areal Unit Problem (MAUP)
- ...



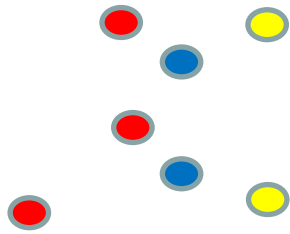
*US Electoral District with Irregular shapes  
Source: Washington Post*



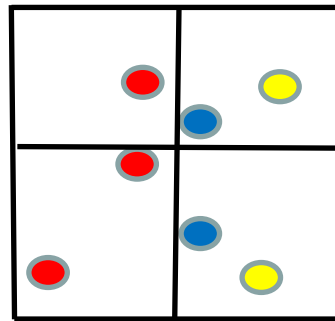


# Task 2B: Discover co-location and teleconnection patterns

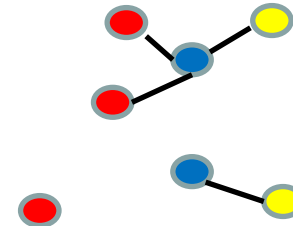
- Challenge: Traditional statistical methods miss spatial interactions
- Prelim. Results: Co-location and teleconnection reveal spatial interaction
  - between variables for point data types
- Proposed: address data with multiple levels of aggregation, e.g., areal summary







(a) a map of 3 features



(b) Spatial Partitions



(c) Neighbor graph

	Pearson's Correlation	Ripley's cross-K	Participation Index (colocation)
 - 	-0.90	0.33	0.5
 - 	1	0.5	1



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# CONCLUSIONS & NEXT STEPS

- **Cities is societally important and facing challenges**
  - Majority live in cities
  - Challenges: climate change, aging infrastructure, ...
  - Opportunities: renewable energy, self-driving vehicles, ...
- **Spatial Computing has already transformed Cities**
  - Sanitation, green spaces, E-911, public safety, ...
- **Many Transformative opportunities lie ahead**
  - Ex. Spatial equity
- **However, these will not material without**
  - **Knowledge Co-production**: local governments, academics, businesses, ...
  - **Basic Research**, e.g., spatial data science to overcome gerrymandering challenge

