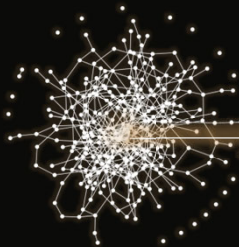


# Smart City Digital Twins

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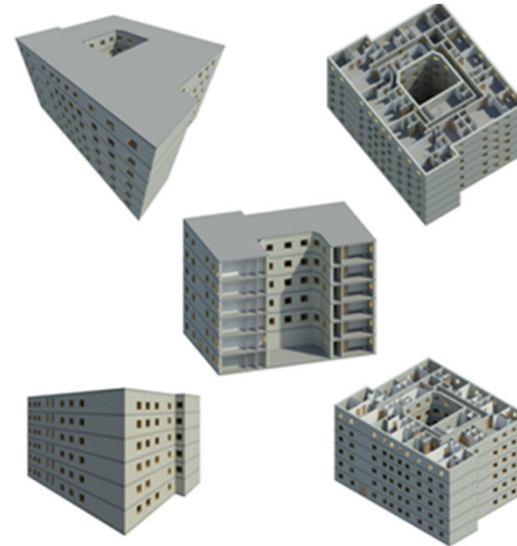
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A 3D cutaway diagram of a building floor plan. The diagram shows a complex layout of rooms, corridors, and structural elements. The rooms are color-coded: green for smaller rooms, yellow for larger rooms, and red for a central area. The building has a grey exterior with windows and a central entrance. The cutaway reveals the internal structure, including walls, floors, and a central core area.

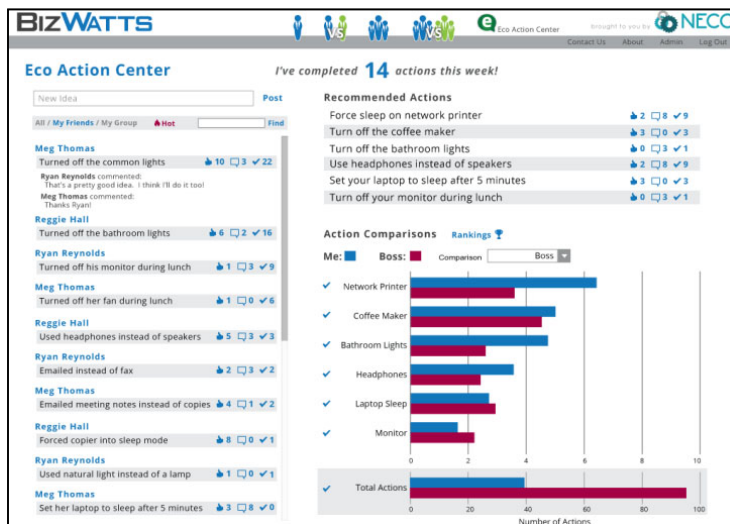




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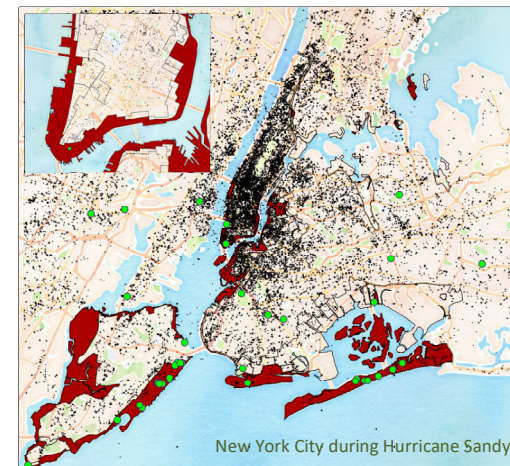
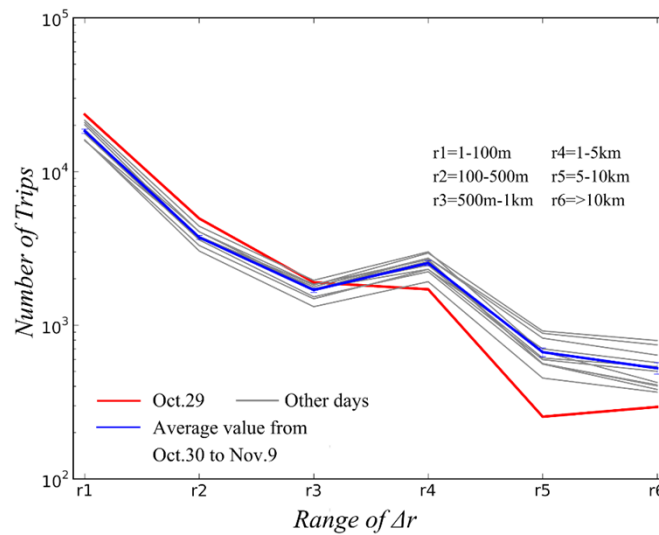




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Examine, model and improve  
systemic changes occurring at the  
intersection between human and  
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*at/across scales to achieve smart,  
sustainable, resilient & livable cities*



Isaac Asimov

## FUTUREDAYS



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# Smart City Digital Twin





# Why Focus on Cities?

We need to meet the growing needs of our burgeoning urban populations



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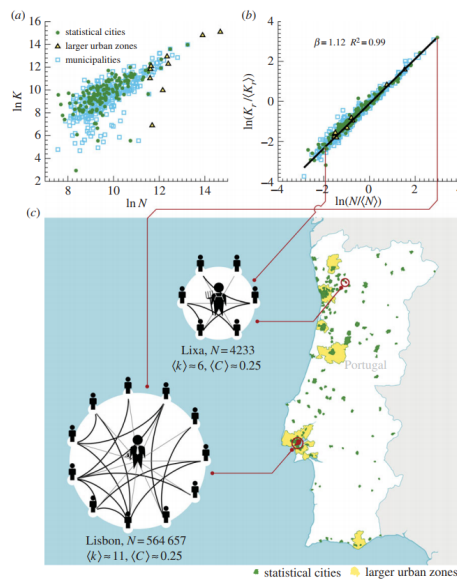
UP TO  
**70%**  
Of the world population  
is going to live in cities  
by 2050—A 2.5 billion  
increase [UN, 2014]





# Scale of Urbanization

How does population scaling in cities impact human and engineered networks?

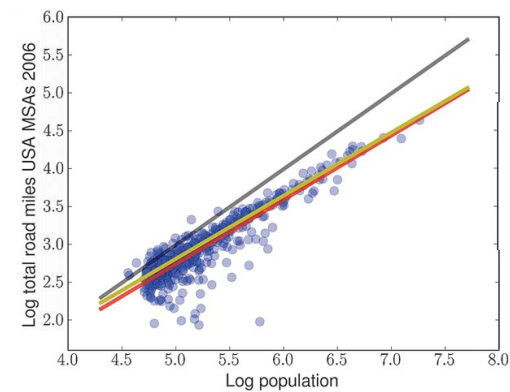


Human interactions  
& Socioeconomic activity  
scale super-linearly with  
city population size ( $\alpha=1.15$ )

[Schlöpfer et al., 2014; Bettencourt & West, 2010]

Income  
Wealth  
Innovation 15%

Crime  
Pollution  
Disease 15%



15%

Physical infrastructure and  
energy use scale sub-linearly  
with city population  
size ( $\alpha=0.85$ )

[Bettencourt 2013; West, 2017]

The number of human interactions scales inversely to the degree that infrastructure scales with city population size... *Dynamics occurring at the Human and Engineered Network interface.*

# Smart City Digital Twins

Can we expand building/community scale work to *Digital Twin* and integrate infrastructure / human / data dimensions?

- 1 What Happens?
- 2 Why it Happens?
- 3 What if \_\_\_\_\_ Happens?
- 4 Interventions

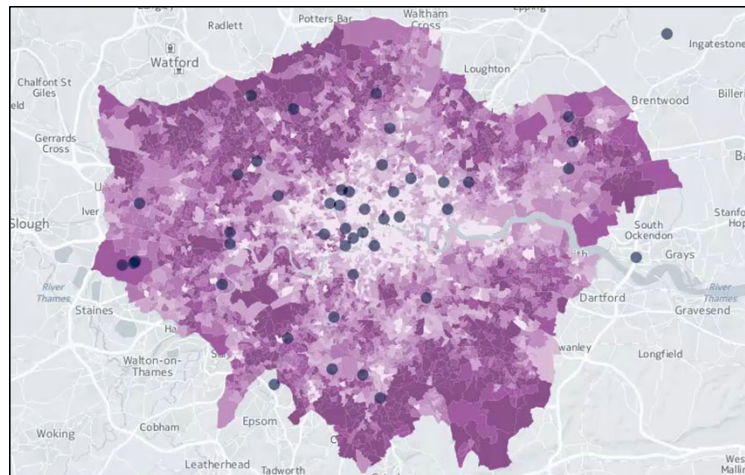


"A *Digital Twin* is a...pairing of the virtual and physical worlds [that] allows analysis of data and monitoring of systems to head off problems before they even occur, prevent downtime, develop new opportunities and even plan for the future by using simulations." [Forbes, 2017]

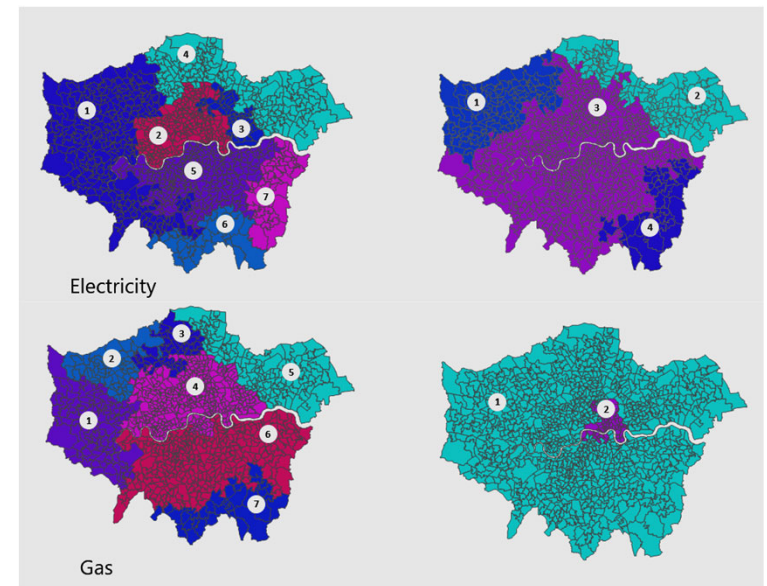
"A *Smart City Digital Twin* is a smart, IoT-enabled, data-rich virtual platform of a city that can be used to replicate and simulate changes at the human-infrastructure interface that can improve resilience, sustainability, and livability in the real city." [Mohammadi & Taylor, 2017]

# Toward Smarter, More Sustainable, Resilient & Livable Cities



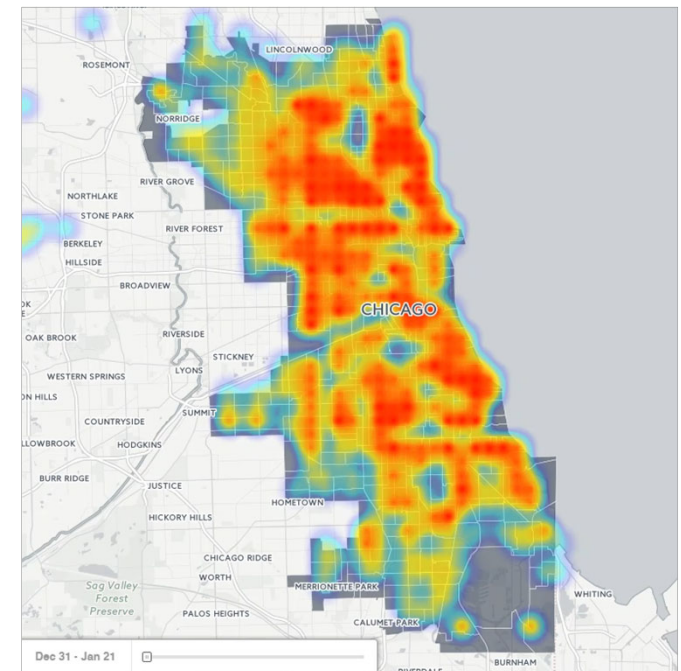
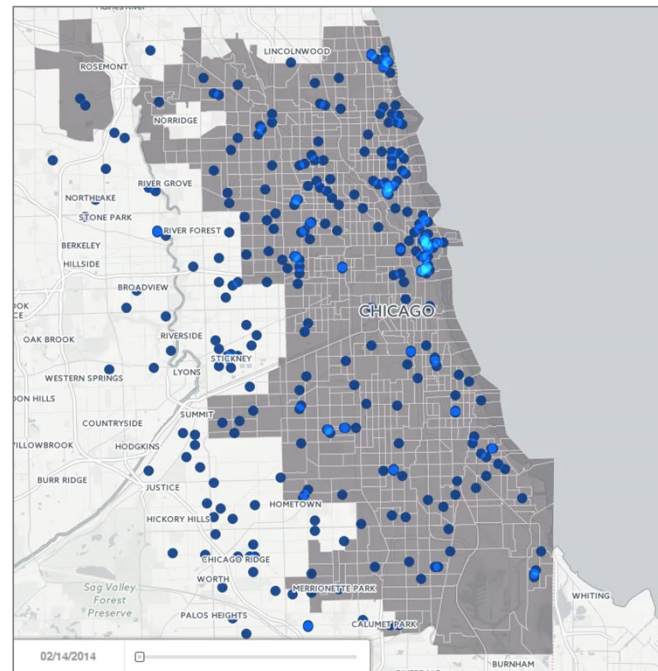


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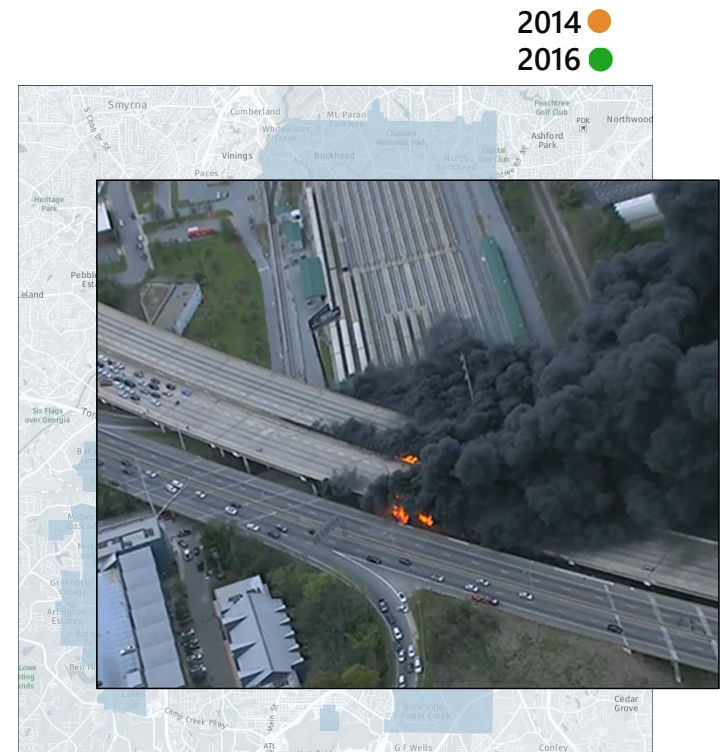
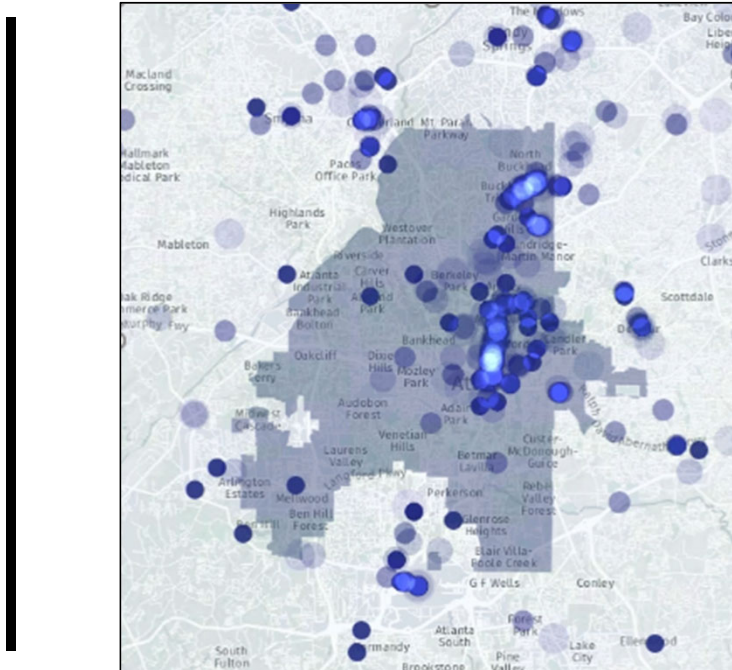
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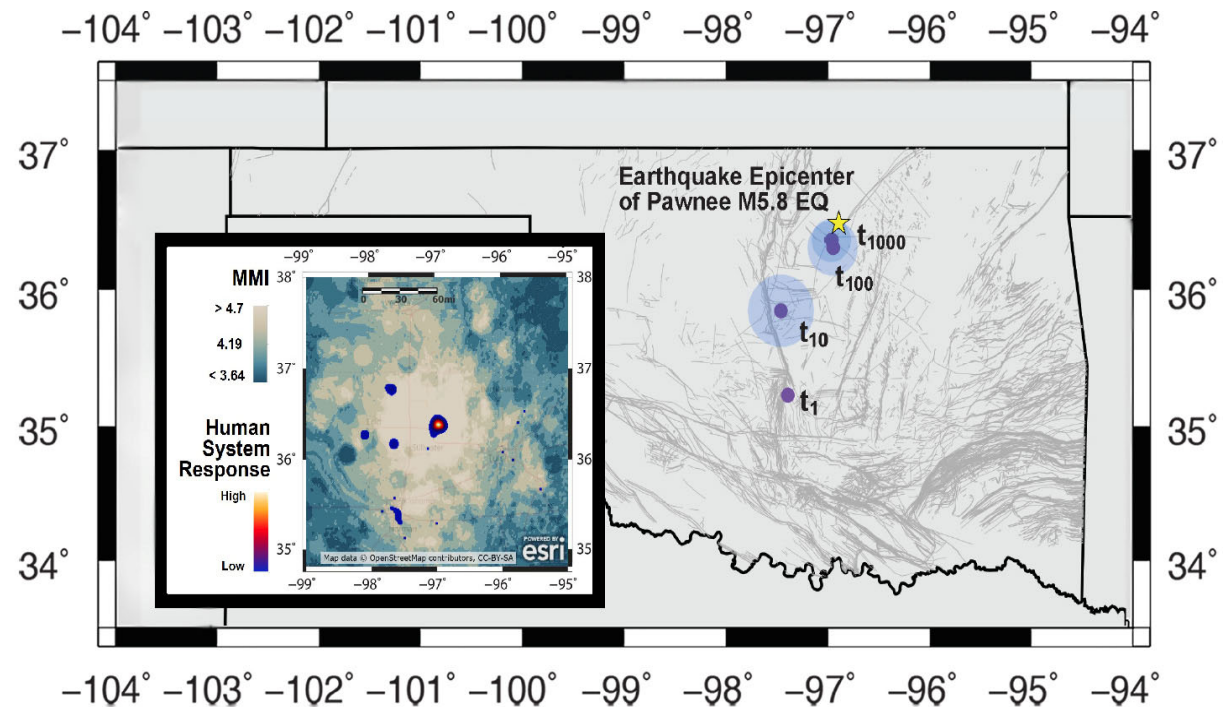




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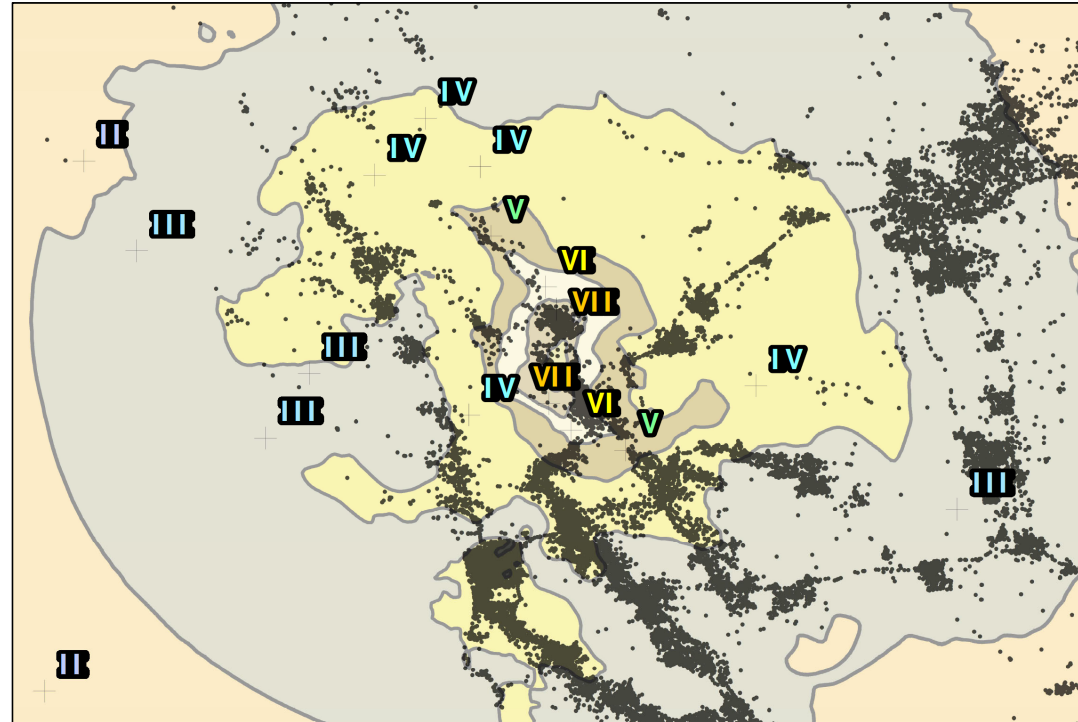
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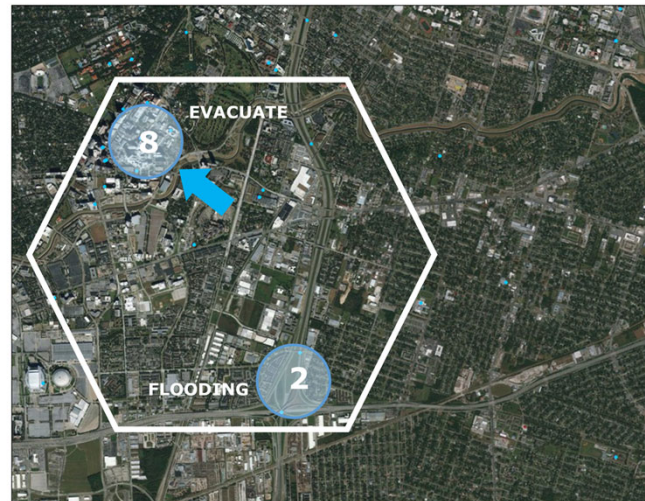
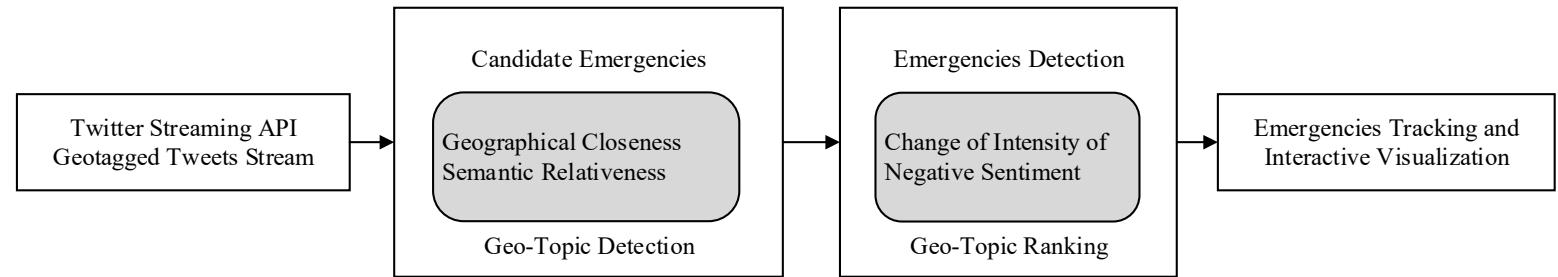
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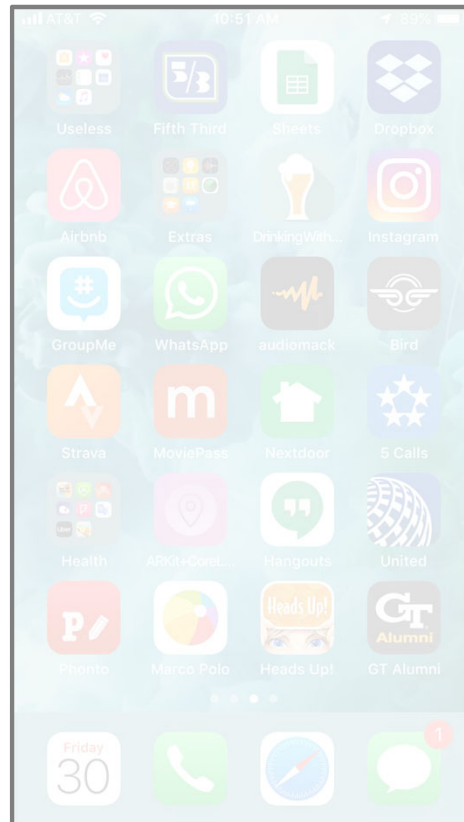
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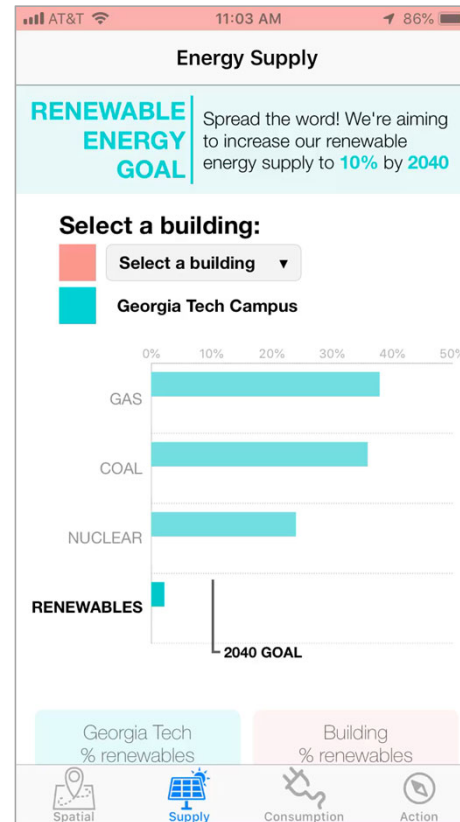




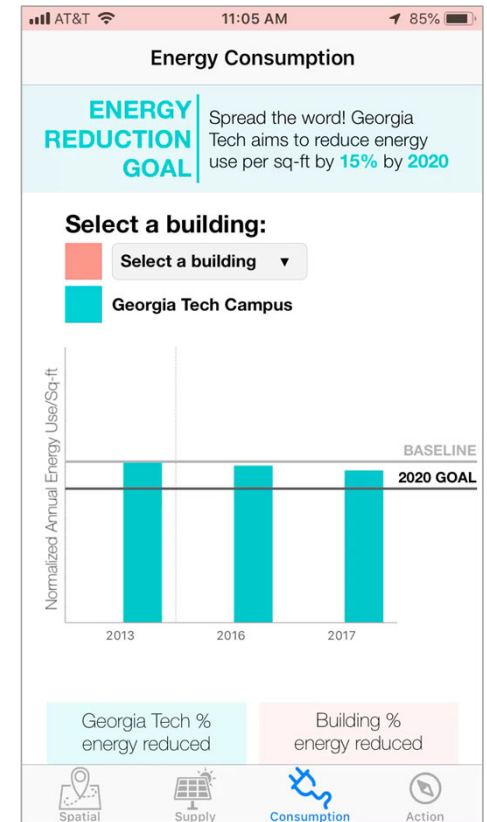
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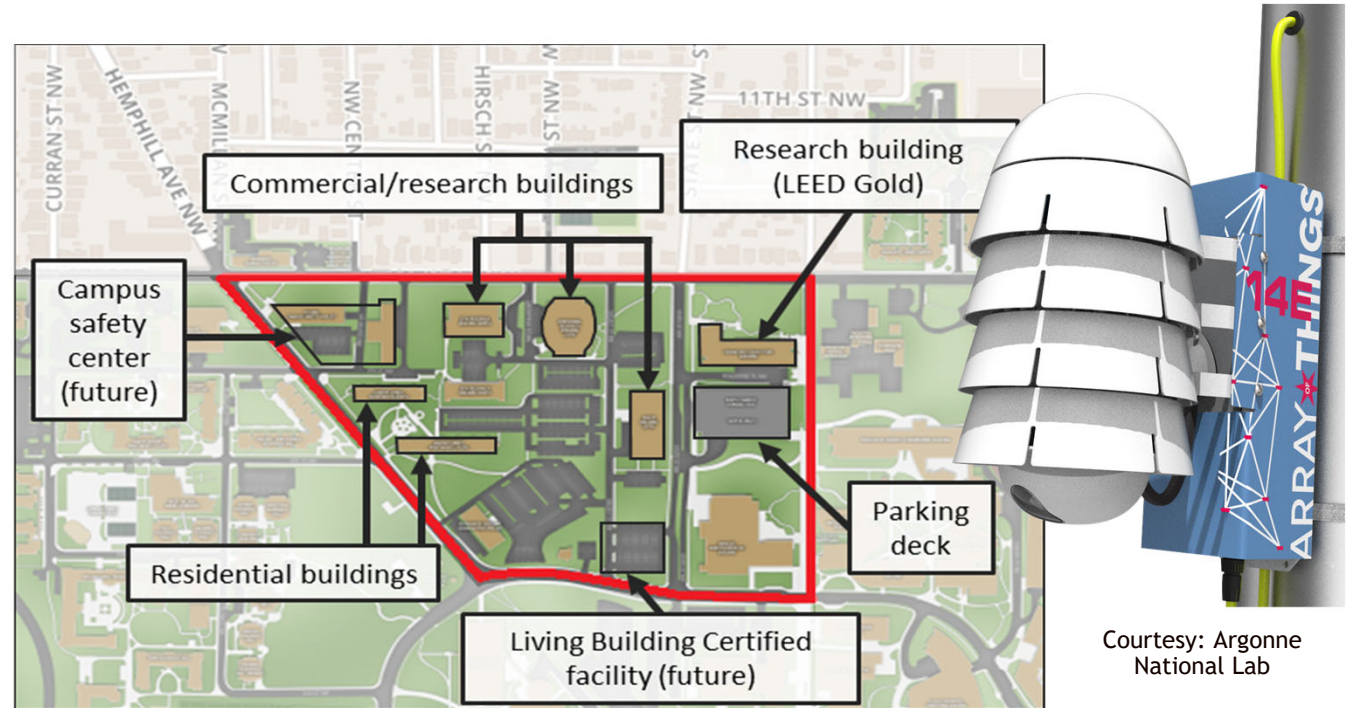


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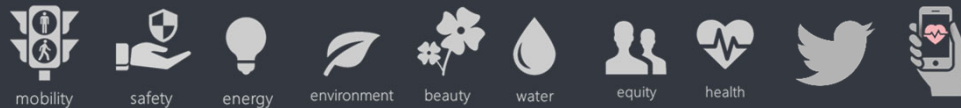
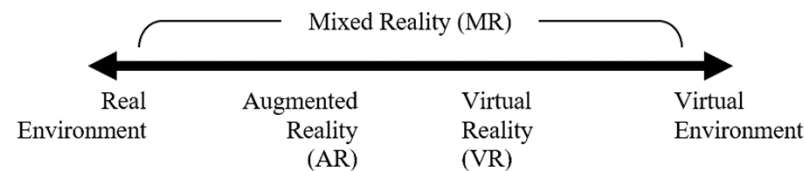
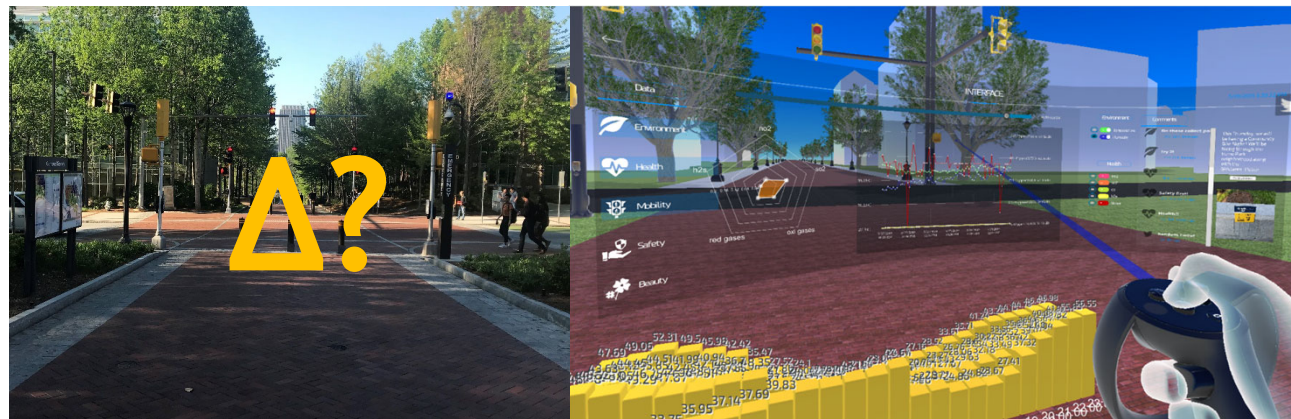


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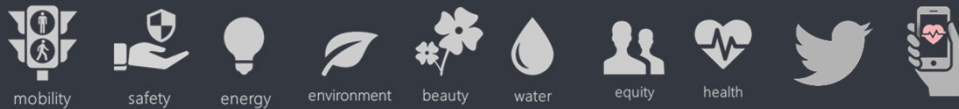
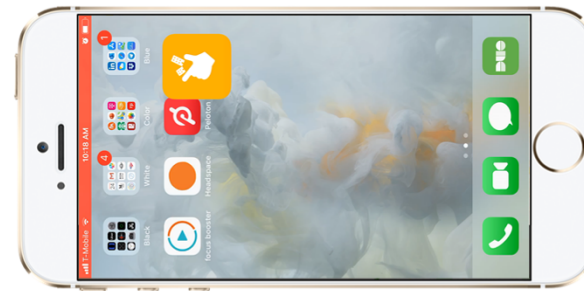
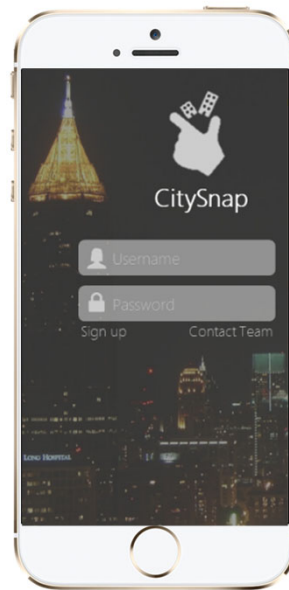
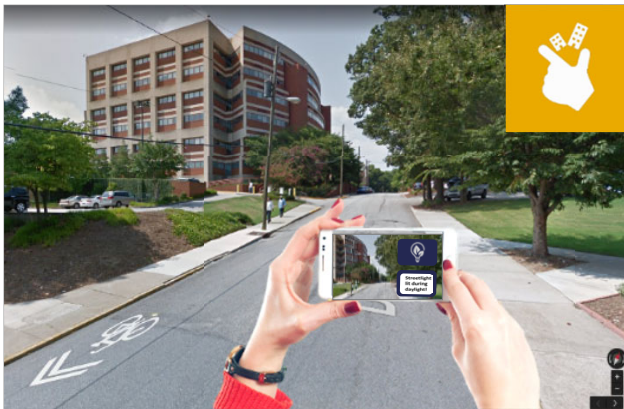
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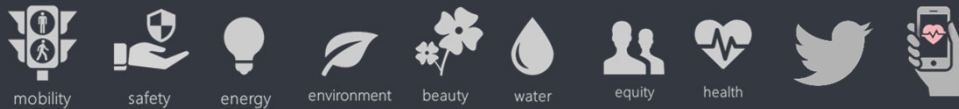
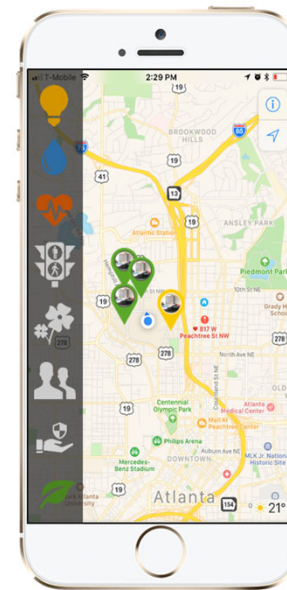
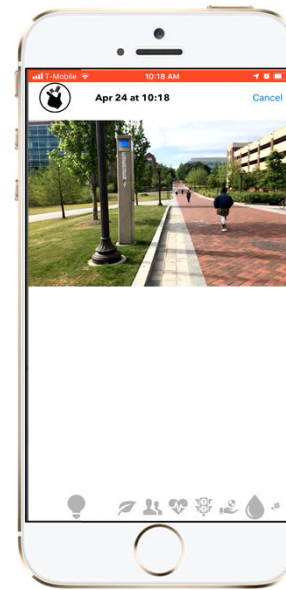
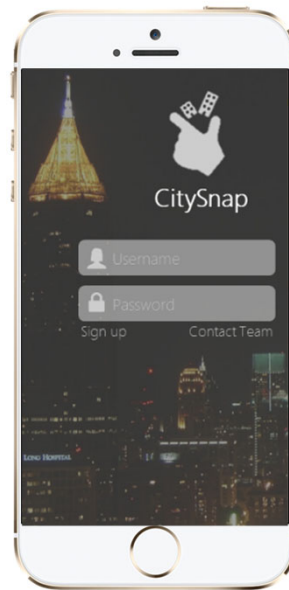
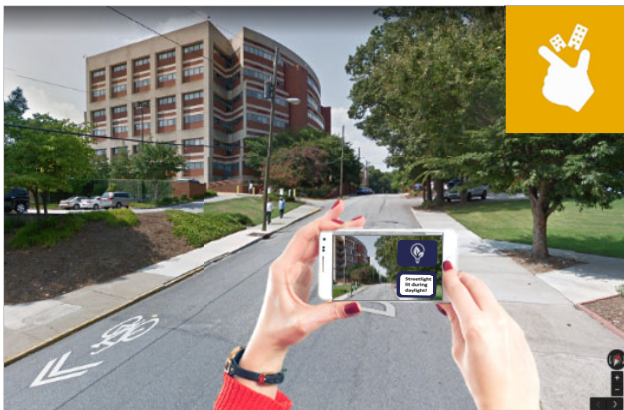
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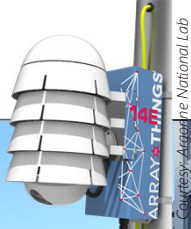
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# Smart City Digital Twin → Multi-Sensor Integration:

## Array of Things Multi-Sensor Node Enables *Smart Corridor*



**Building-Level**  
Electricity (Elevators,  
Lighting, Café etc.)  
Gas

**Water Consumption**  
Water  
Chilled Water  
Steam  
Rain Water



**Ambient Air Quality**  
Carbon Monoxide  
Hydrogen Sulphide  
Nitrogen Dioxide  
Ozone  
Sulfur Dioxide  
Air Particles

**Sound intensity**  
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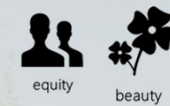
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**Detect heavy vehicles,  
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Physical  
Shock/Vibration



**Weather Condition**  
Barometric Pressure  
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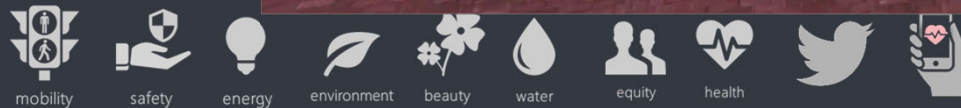
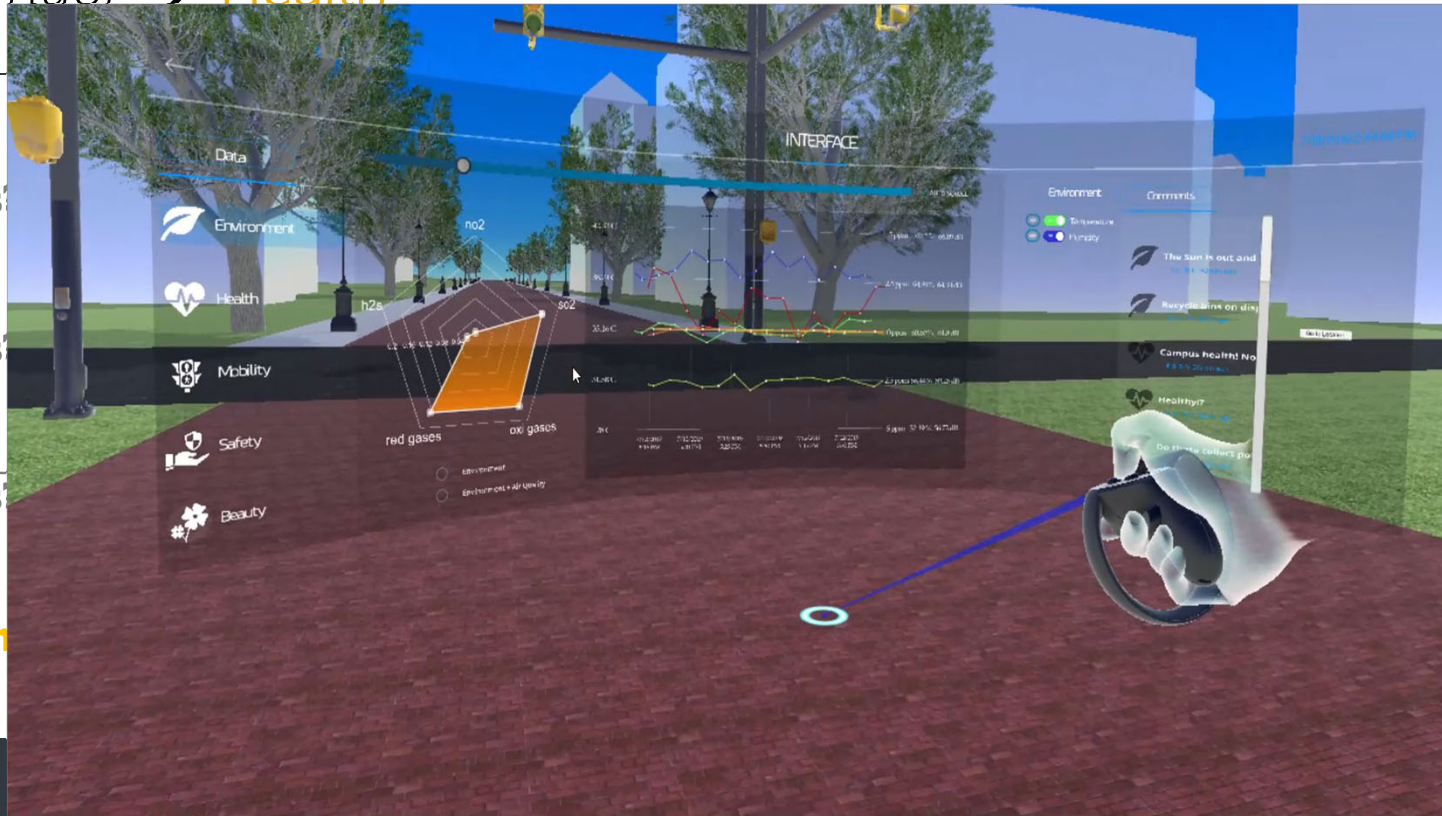
Smart Corridor → Health

# 1 What Happens?

## 2 Why it Happens

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Monitoring violations of World Health Organization (WHO) thresholds for health-harmful pollution levels.



# Smart City Digital Twins:

Smart Corridor → Energy/Water

**1** What Happens?

**2** Why it Happens?

**3** What if \_\_\_\_\_ Happens?

**4** Intervention



mobility



safety



energy



environment



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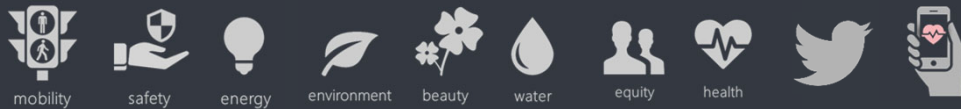


Monitoring variations in water/energy consumption levels correlated with human activities in buildings.

# Smart City Digital Twins:

## Empowering City Governments

- 1** What Happens? *Monitor Sensor Data Against Thresholds*
- 2** Why it Happens? *Correlations + Citizen Feedback*
- 3** What if \_\_\_\_ Happens? *Scenario-based Predictions*
- 4** **Interventions** *Automate, Optimize, & Improve*

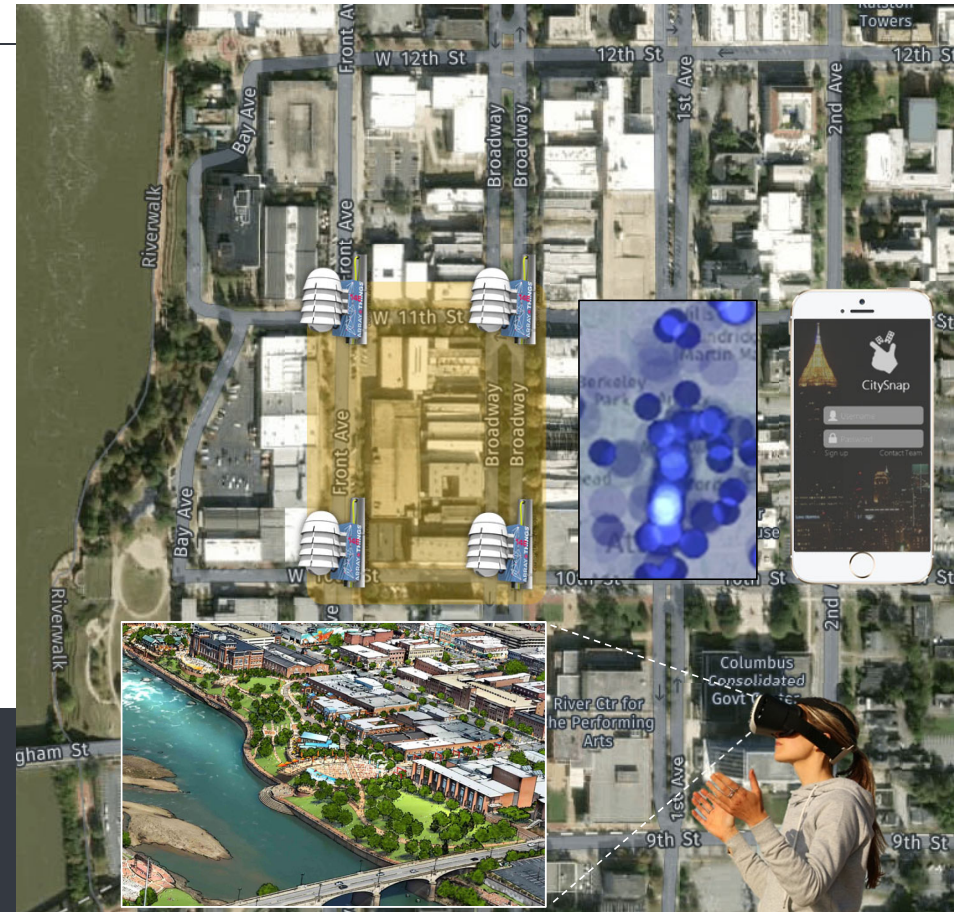
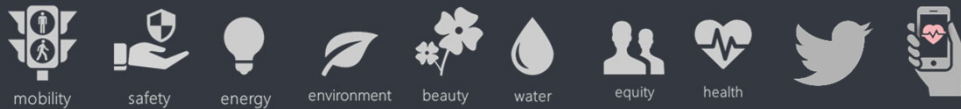




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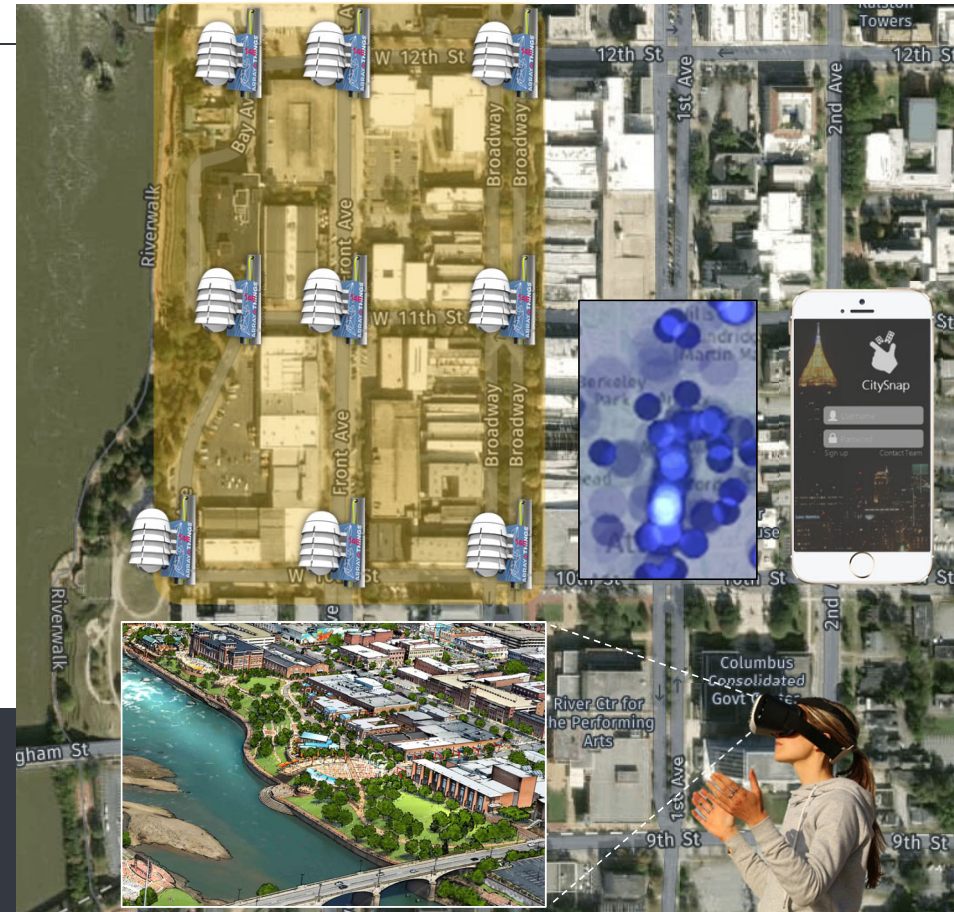
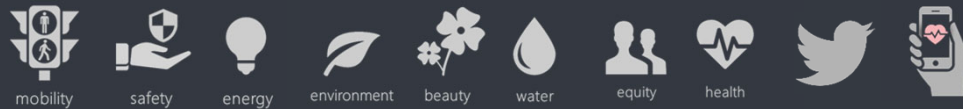
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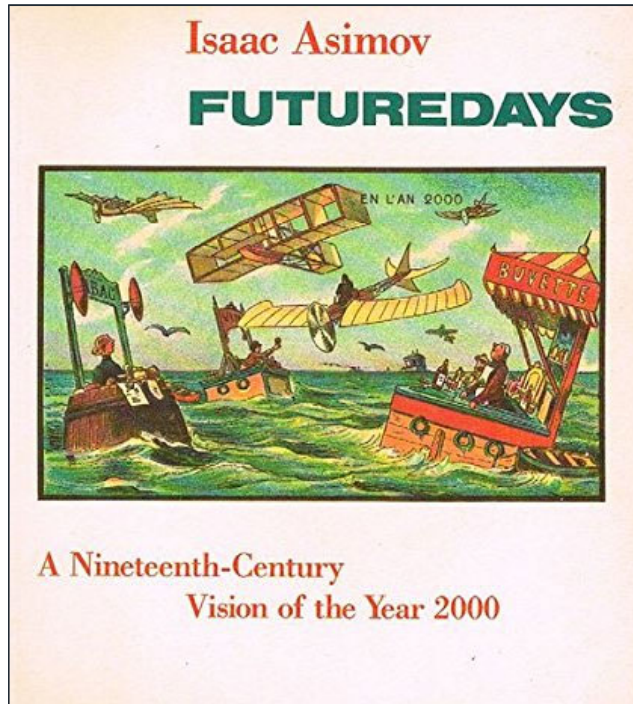
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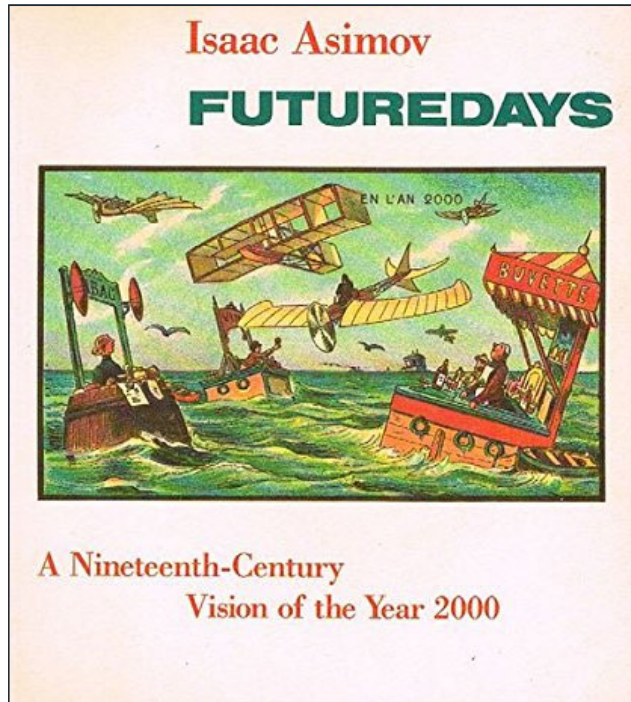
## Benefits of Smart Sensing in Columbus

- 1 Equip Columbus to better understand how people move through Uptown.**
- 2 Improve understanding of the impact of climate, air quality, noise and other factors.**
- 3 Create a “digital twin” of Uptown with tools and resources for businesses, gov’t & the public.**
- 4 Hyper-local data helps CCG anticipate and proactively address potential problems.**









## 'Transformative' urban digital twin and city modelling deployments to exceed 500 by 2025, says ABI

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