

# Feeding Madeira

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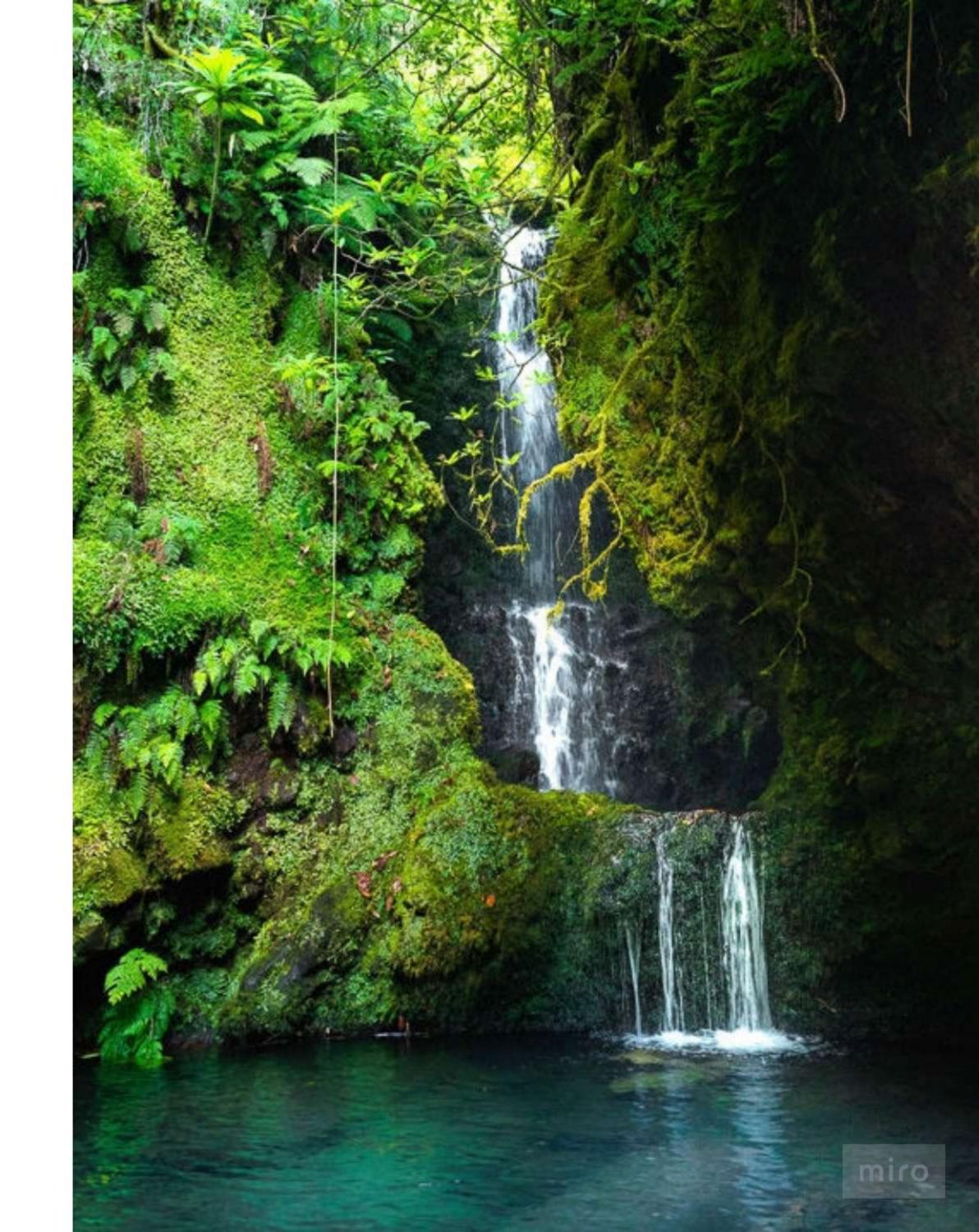
# Assigned macro-theme

# Water & Forest island life-blood

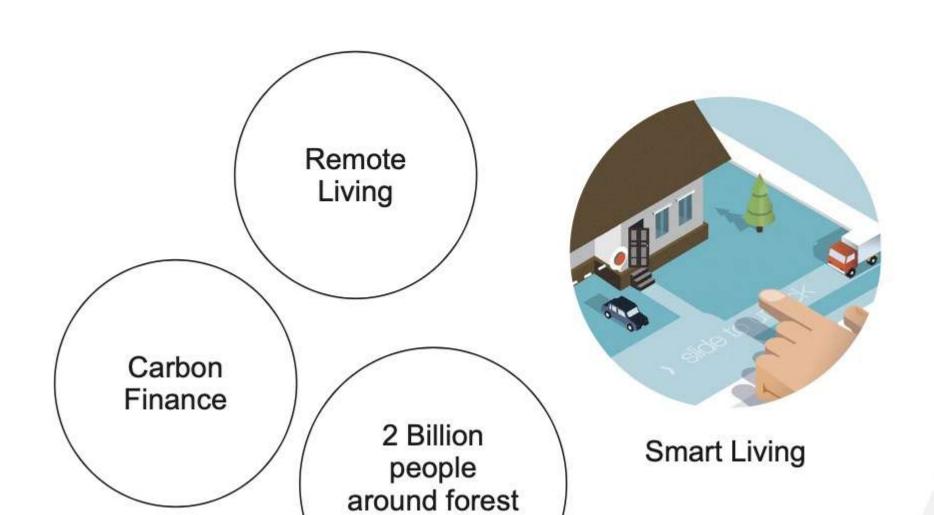
How can we make the local human communities acknowledge the importance of protecting the forest and its ecosystems to make them thrive?

How can water be recognised as a precious product of the forest and its cycles? How should it be managed?

Would it be possible for the local non-human communities to have a say on what is to be decided on the future of the forest?



# Horizon Scanning



surroundings



Soon Be than

Gen Z Climate Activists





Unlimited Information; Ecosystem restoration and management

**Smart Forest** 

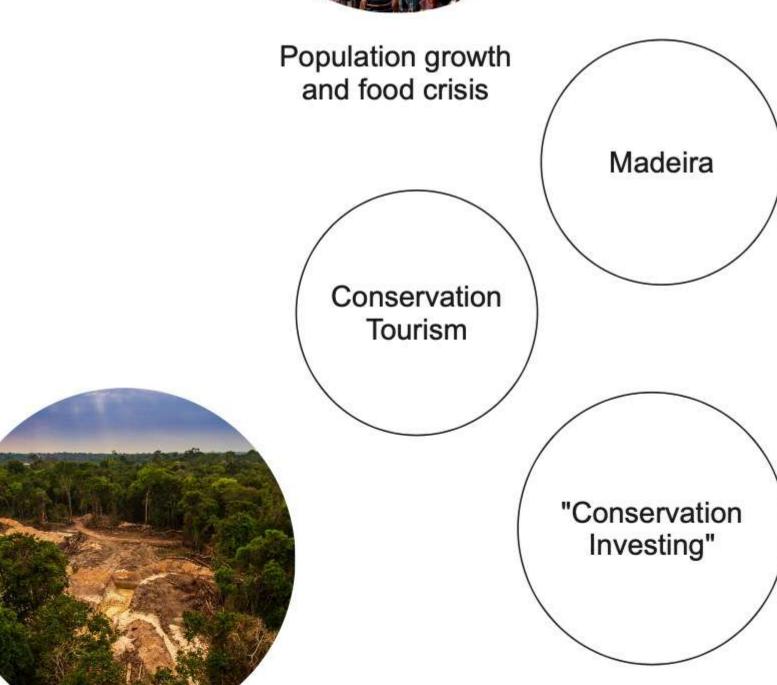
Communities

Co-existence between

**Smart Lifestyles &** 

**Forest Linked Livelihoods** 





Forest Megadisturbances

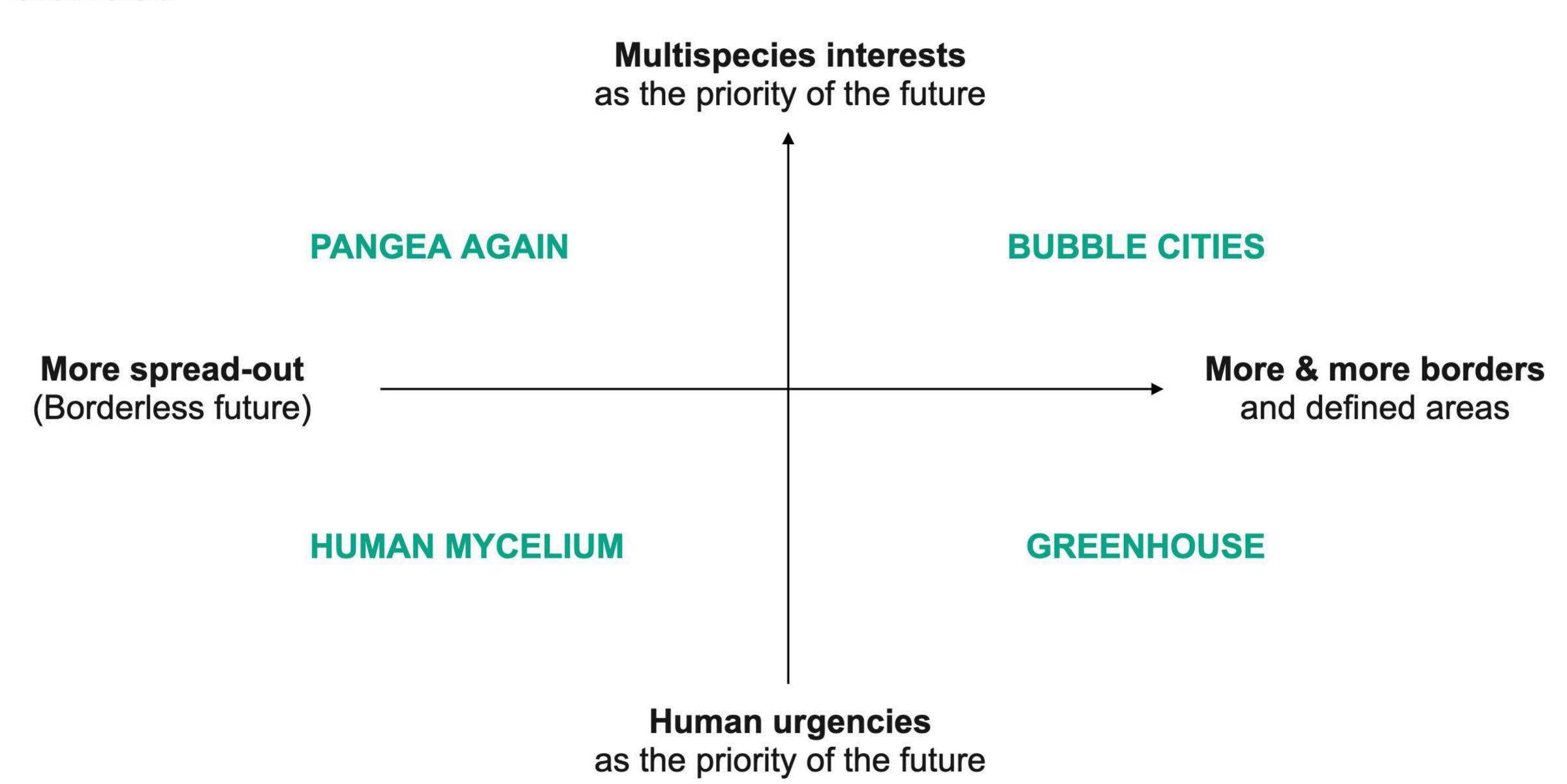
#### **Vision Statement**

In 10 years time,
we will expand the interactions
with other species
for a deeper integration of our
surroundings because such an
interaction is and will be crucial
for coexistence of smart forest
communities.

#### Focal Question

How might we change the interactions with plants and other species for a deeper integration of our surroundings?

#### **Polarities**



#### Scenario Matrix

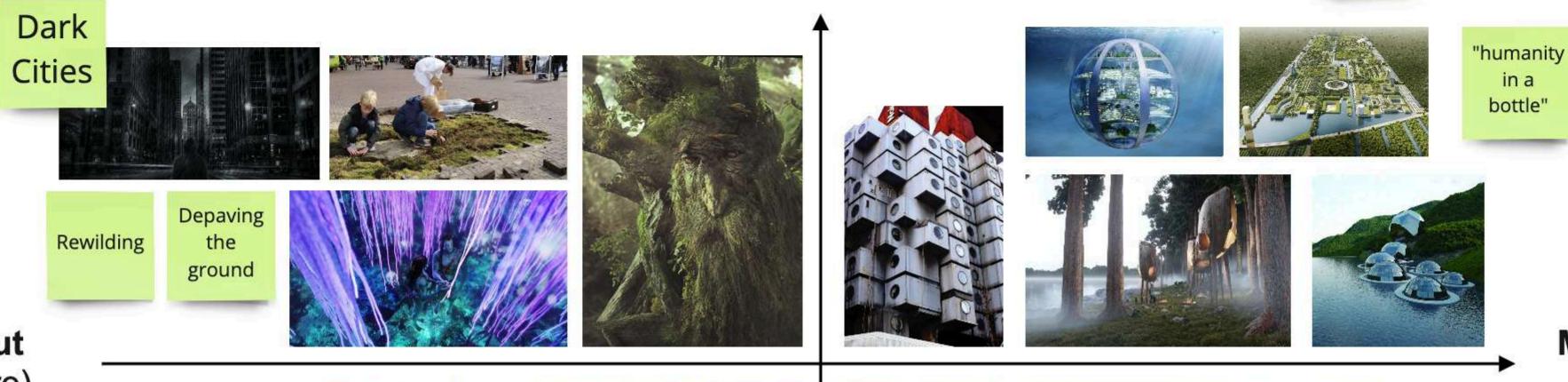
#### **PANGEA AGAIN**

# Multispecies interests as the priority of the future



#### **BUBBLE CITIES**

More & more borders



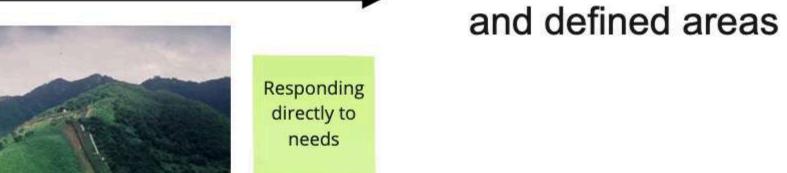
More spread-out (Borderless future)



Human urgencies as the priority of the future

Human

urgency in defined



fencedoff

nature

**GREENHOUSE** 

**HUMAN MYCELIUM** 

#### **PANGEA AGAIN**

Changing the ways we interact with the other species in a **smart borderless more connected way** while prioritising the multispecies interests.









Dark Cities

Rewilding

Depaving the ground



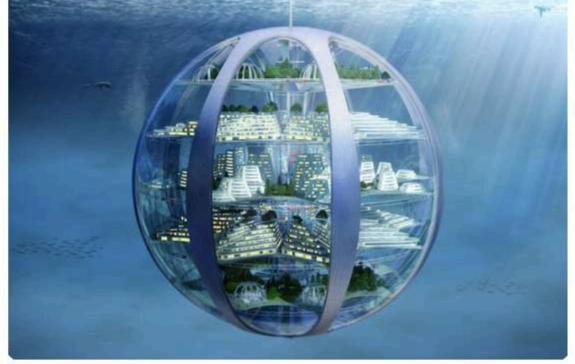
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# Multispecies interests as the priority of the future



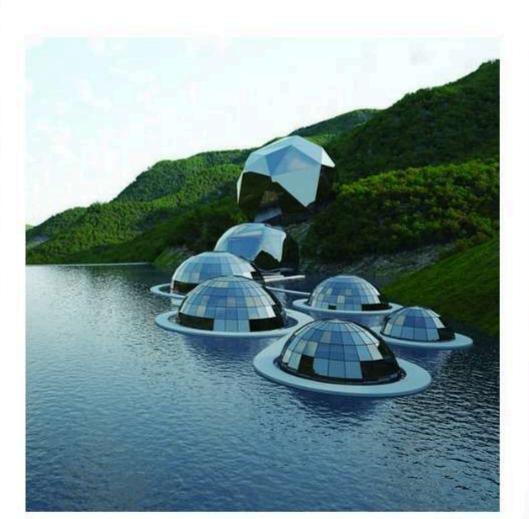






#### **BUBBLE CITIES**

Humans will create boundaries, defined spaces and communities for themselves while understanding the multispecies interests and their priority as well as leaving the priority spaces for them.



Confined living environments

"Humanity in a bottle"

More & more borders and defined areas

### More spread-out

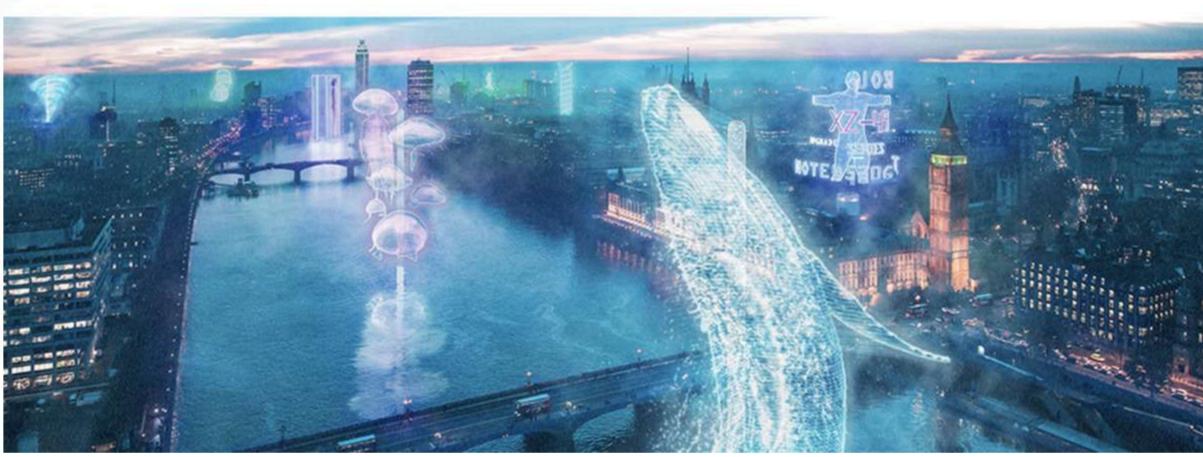
(Borderless future)

Interact with other species using without prioritising the their needs





Humans use all resources



#### **HUMAN MYCELIUM**

Humans have crossed all the conservancy boundaries and **exploited all the resources**.

Nature exists in holographic chambers and all food and water is synthetic.

Human urgencies as the priority of the future

# Responding directly to needs Fencedoff nature Human urgency in defined spaces Human urgencies

as the priority of the future

#### More & more borders and defined areas

#### **GREENHOUSE**

Intact nature exists only in some well defined areas where human presence is close to none. Outside of those spaces, nature is now gone.

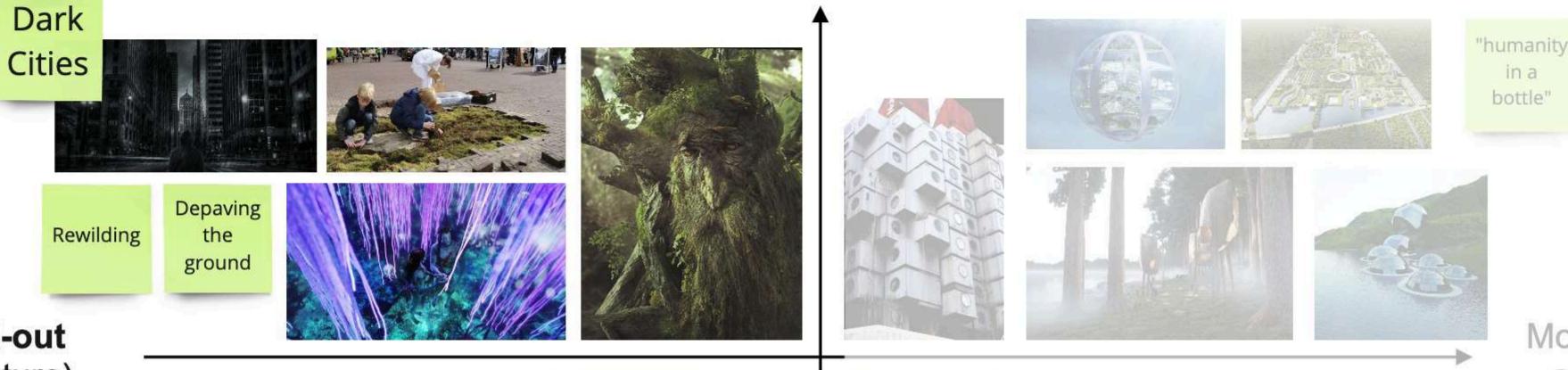
#### Scenario Selection

#### **PANGEA AGAIN**

#### **Multispecies interests** as the priority of the future

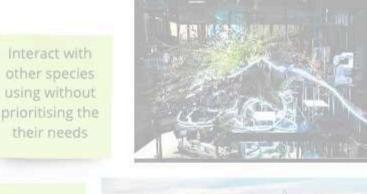


#### **BUBBLE CITIES**



More & more borders and defined areas

More spread-out (Borderless future)









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Human urgencies

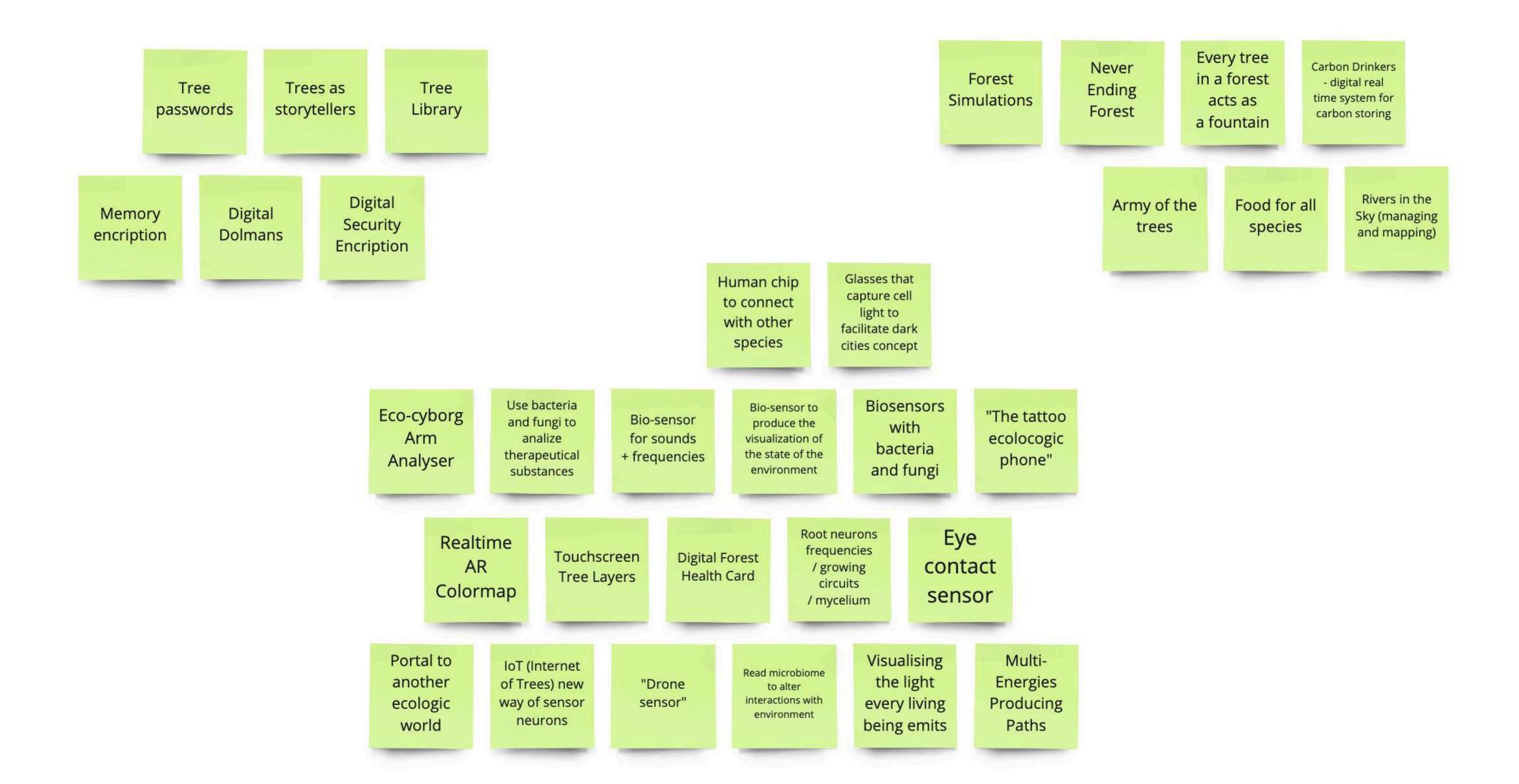
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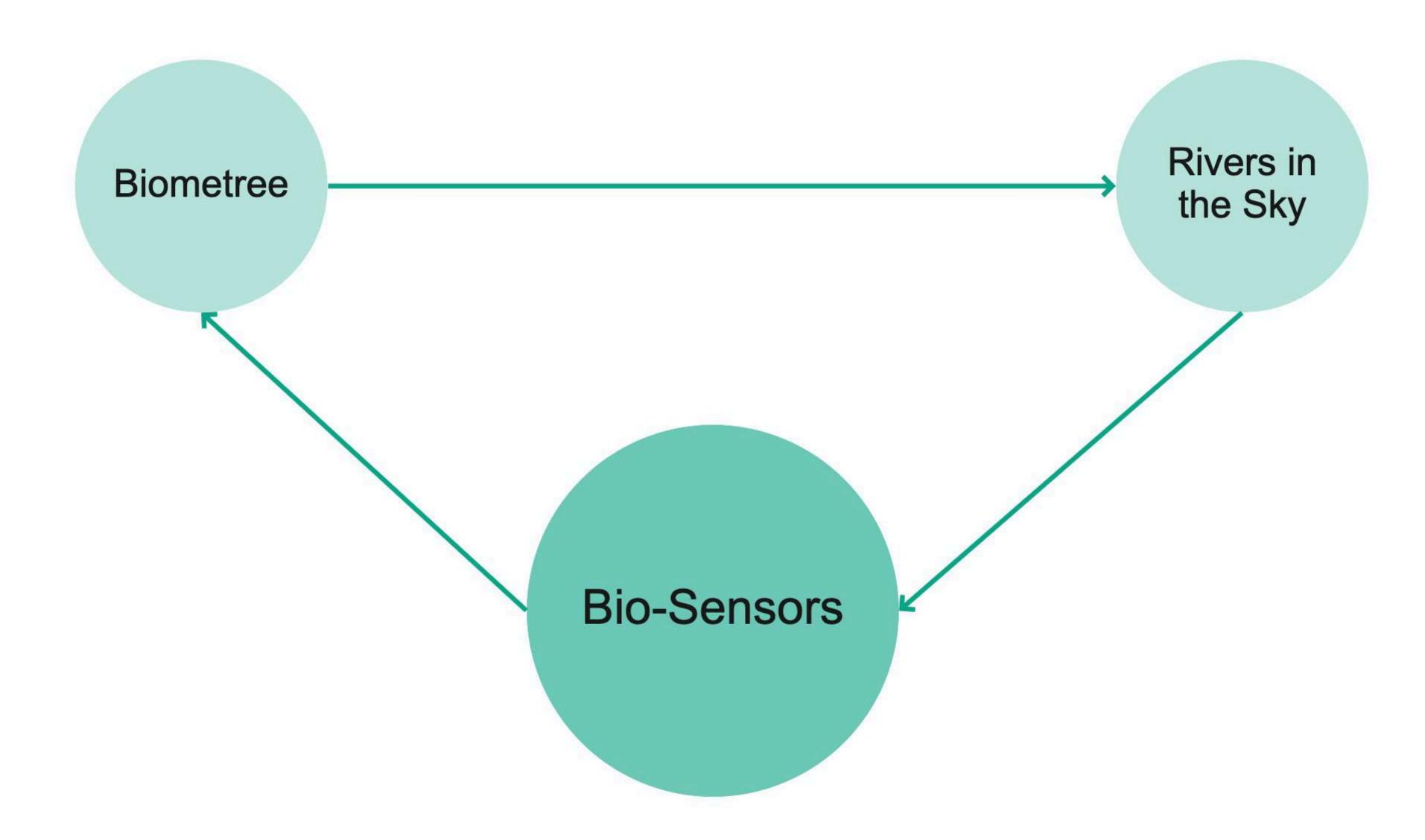
**GREENHOUSE** 

**HUMAN MYCELIUM** 

# Brainstorming



# Concept Triangle



### Concept 1 - BIOMETREE

#### Plant Species Biometrics for Encryption

One of the main challenges in encryption is the creation of randomness and characteristics that are uniquely identifiable codes.

Plant Biometrics are consistently random, and as a result, observing plant identities is a great source for random data.

But most importantly plants grow and evolve, like a password that changes but still with an encrypted identity.







# Research evidence

#### Why does Cloudflare use lava lamps to help with encryption?

Randomness is extremely important for secure encryption. Each new key that a computer uses to encrypt data must be truly random, so that an attacker won't be able to figure out the key and decrypt the data. However, computers are designed to provide predictable, logical outputs based on a given input. They aren't designed to produce the random data needed for creating unpredictable encryption keys.

To produce the unpredictable, chaotic data necessary for strong encryption, a computer must have a source of random data. The "real world" turns out to be a great source for randomness, because events in the physical world are unpredictable.

As one might expect, lava lamps are consistently random. The "lava" in a lava lamp never takes the same shape twice, and as a result, observing a group of lava lamps is a great source for random data.

### Concept 1 - BIOMETREE



What digital maturities will it use?

Plant species biometric encryption using feature hierarchies

**NFT (New Forest Tokens)** 

This will create encrypted codes and identities for plants, leading to a new way of conservation investing where we can generate value through the New Forest Token and translate that value into real world forest conservation restoration and prediction.

Madeira can be the first New Forest Token Lab and we hope this lab chain will spread beyond the island through all the continents.



### Concept 2 - RIVERS IN THE SKY

#### Mapping the river layer above us through simulations

Every tree in the forest acts as a fountain, when all the trees in a forest act together, fountains turns into a river in the Atmosphere. Atmospheric rivers are the largest "rivers" of fresh water on Earth.

Imagine a way we are mapping these rivers in a visible way where people start to embrace not only the rivers they have in land but also the ones we have in the sky. This will change and expand the way we

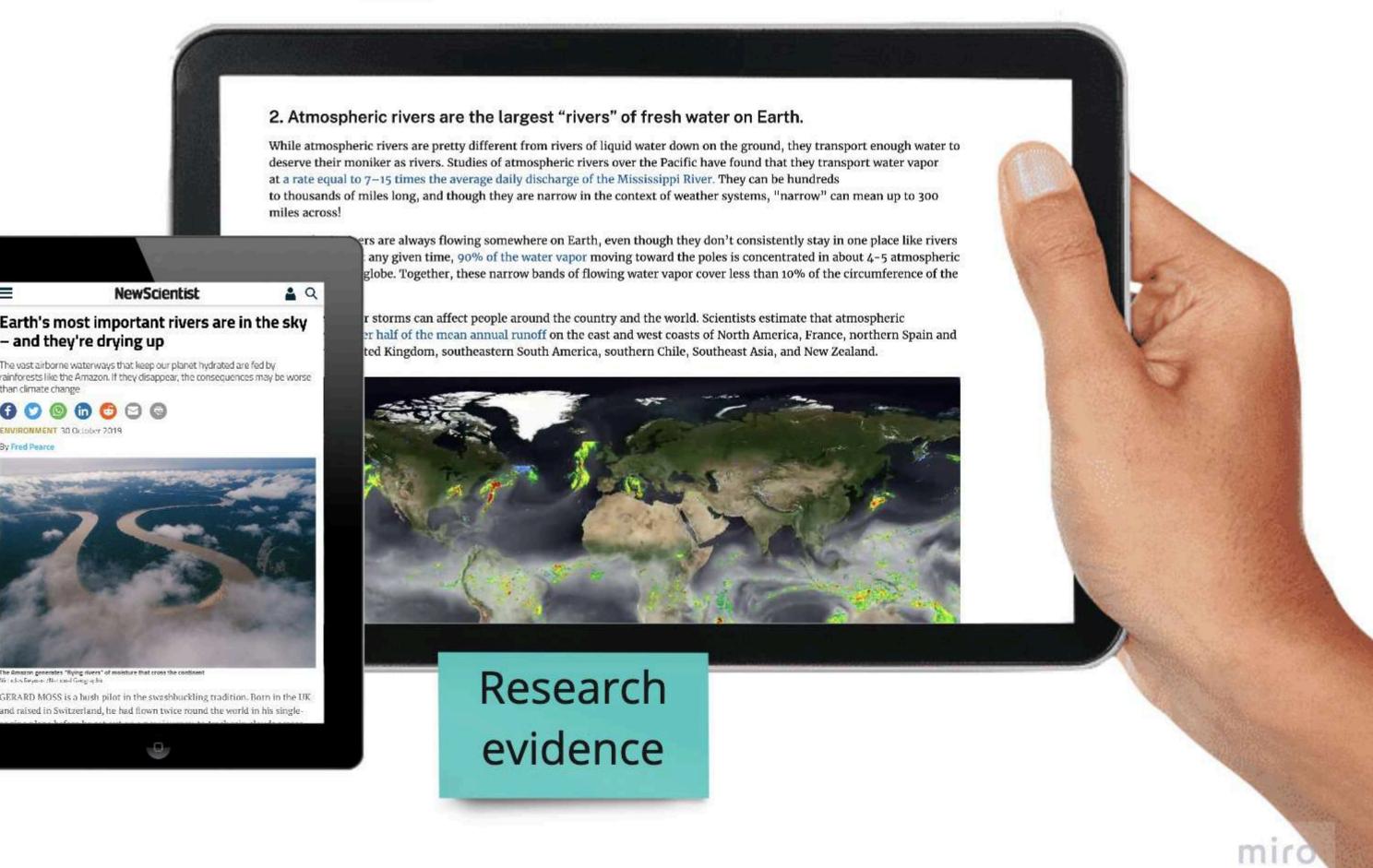
interacting with these rivers.

Laurisilva has its own Atmospheric river and Amazon has its own but the interesting thing is the people who benefit from Madeira' Atmospheric river can be the farmers in Australia and people who benefits from Amazons' Atmospheric river can be the farmers in Africa.

Did you know...?

NewScientist

- and they're drying up



### Concept 2 - RIVERS IN THE SKY

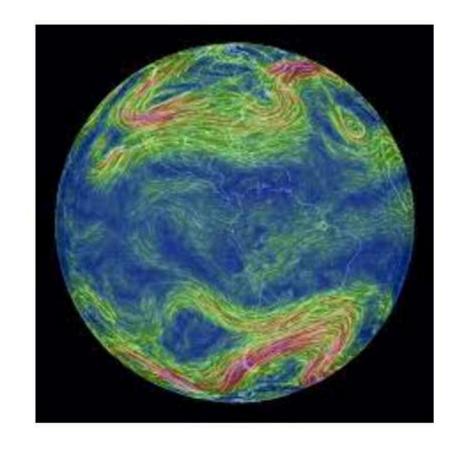
What digital maturities will it use? (Projected maturities)

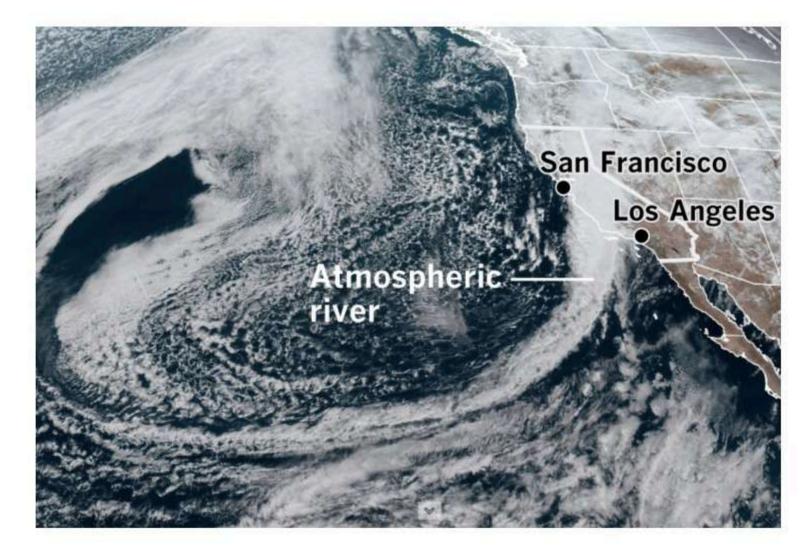
Hyper Simulations Real time data mapping

This mapping will lead to a new way to connect people in a borderless ecosystem.

This can generate value through data and prediction, where it can apply to agriculture as well as disaster mitigation in a large scale. Imagine a future where people plan and forecast their agriculture not only based on rivers on the land but also based on the rivers in the sky.







# Concept 3 - BIO-SENSORS

# Understanding the eco-system through self growing sensor networks

Plant biologists have discovered that when a leaf gets eaten, it warns other leaves by using some of the same signals as animals. The network is starting to unravel a long-standing mystery about how different parts of a plant communicate with one another.

We think this can lead to a **new system design** that starts generating more data about plant species and the eco system they belong to in order to **change the interactions** we have with them.





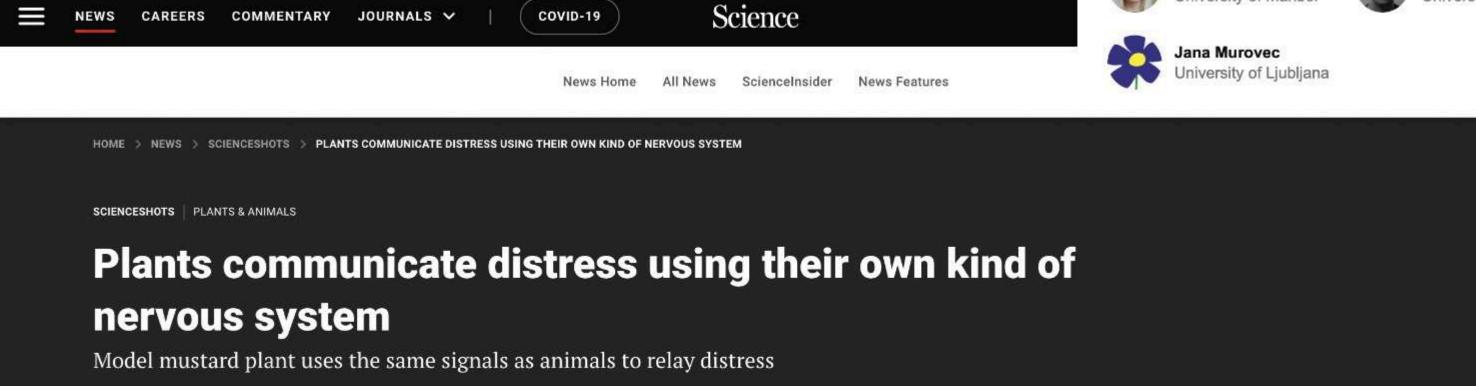
#### Research Evidence

# Living Fungal Electronic Devices Made of Mycelium or Composites



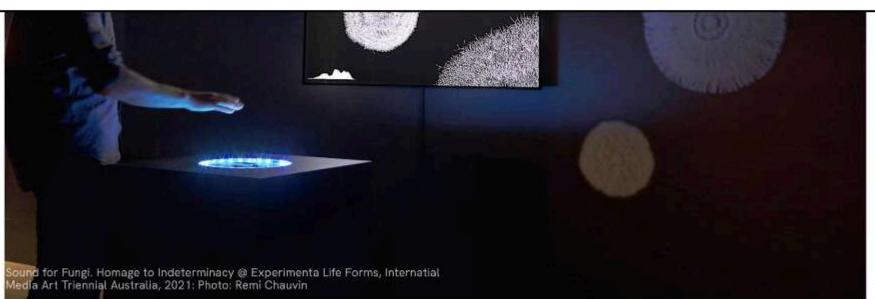
Flexible electronics are a technology that is growing in popularity due to its potential applications in a variety of fields such as sensors, medical devices, and soft robotics. To explore the possibilities of manufacturing devices from pure mycelium or mycelial composites, a paper has been published in arXiv\*.

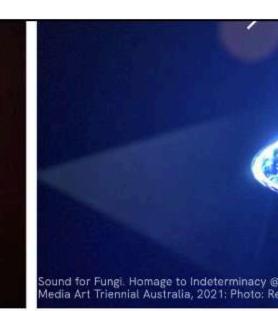
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#### Sound for Fungi. Homage to Indeterminacy

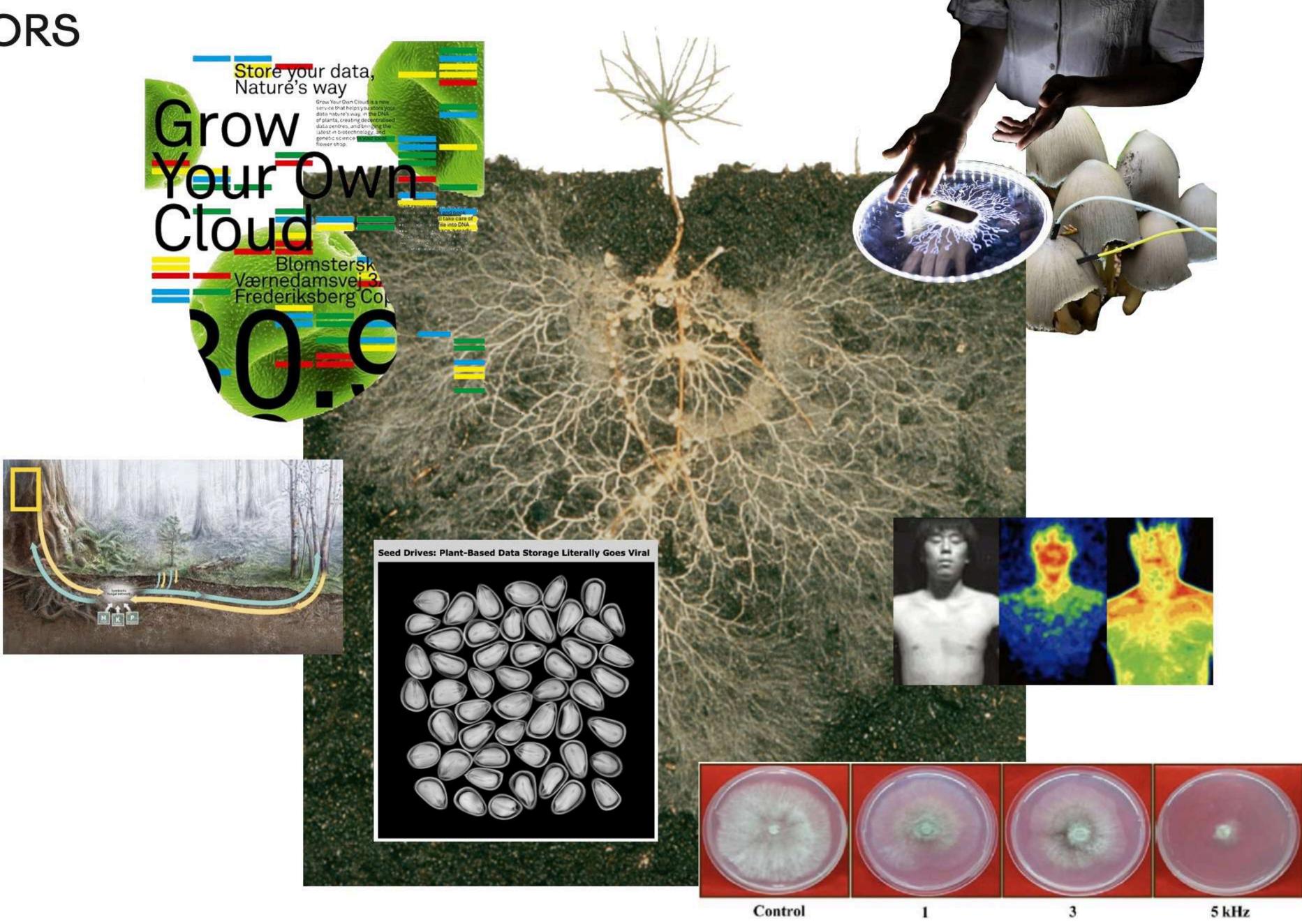
Sound for Fungi. Homage to Indeterminacy is a generative video that simulates hyphae's growth and via a hand tracking sensor allows people to interact with these. Thus, a visitor can take on the role of a sound frequency modulating the hyphae growth in real-time and move through the network. The multiplicity of fungi becomes tangible through being able to change perspective in a 3D environment and fluidly shift from a macro view to a cellular level opening up fragile topologies made of nodes, connections and their environment.

# Plant and fungus communication via mycorrhizal networks

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Plants and fungi communicate via mycorrhizal networks with other plants or fungi of the same or different species. Mycorrhizal networks allow for the transfers of signals and cues between plants which influence the behavior of the connected plants by inducing morphological or physiological changes. The chemical substances which act as these signals and cues are referred to as infochemicals. These can be allelochemicals, defensive chemicals or nutrients. Allelochemicals are used by plants to interfere with the growth or development of other plants or organisms, defensive chemicals can help plants in mycorrhizal networks defend themselves against attack by pathogens or herbivores, and transferred nutrients can affect growth and nutrition. Results of studies which demonstrate these modes of communication have led the authors to hypothesize mechanisms by which the transfer of these nutrients can affect the fitness of the connected plants.





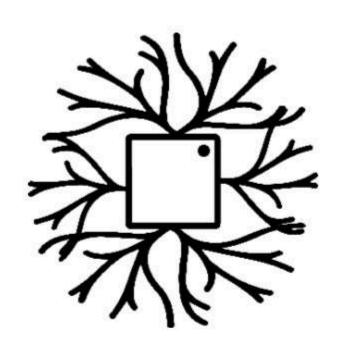
Effect of sound waves on B. cinerea mycelial growth. Agar disks (5 mm in diameter) of B. cinerea were placed in the center of Petri plates and treated for 5 days with sound waves of the frencies indicated.

# Concept 3 - BIO-SENSORS

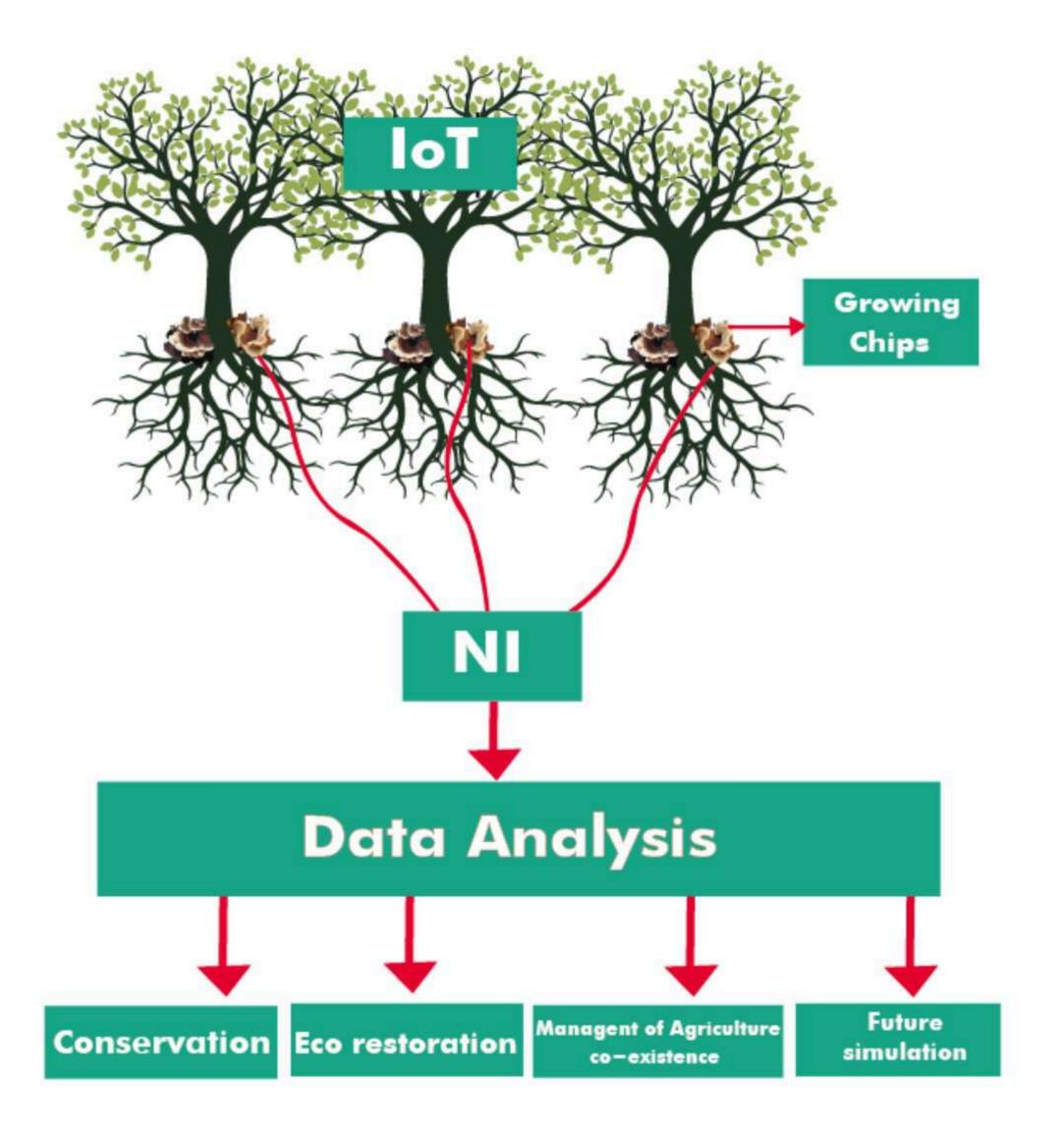
What digital maturities will it use? (Projected maturities)



loT (Internet of Trees) - The internet of trees, or loT, is a system of interrelated plants, mycelium and other natural organisms with sensors and processing ability and other technologies that connect and exchange data with other species and ecosystems.



NI (Natures Intelligence) - Natures intelligence is the simulation of plant and other species intelligence processes by machines, especially computer systems through bio networks. Specific applications of NI will include mycelium and fungi as the medium of networks, tree language processing, frequency recognition and root simulations.



How does it work with the **start-up**?

After gathering the data through our projected maturities, we can **simulate a whole world of a new layer under the plant species** and this can be a new parallel digital world like Metaverse.

(Roota-verse - the parallel world below us)

So the system design will be generated around this parallel world where stats and predictable data can generate value.

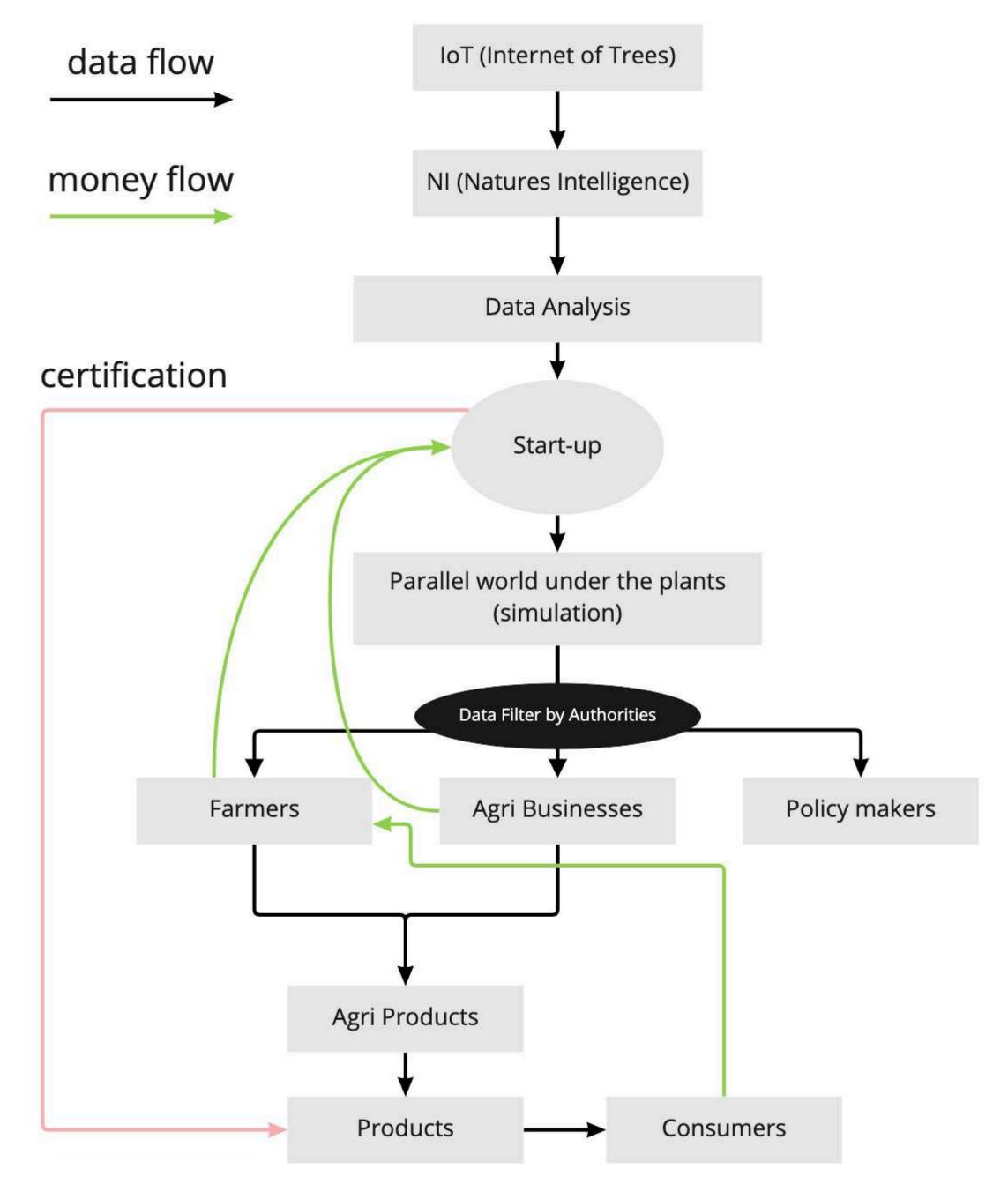
Certification system can be another business model to generate capital and value.



How it connects with the **Smart Forest Community?** 

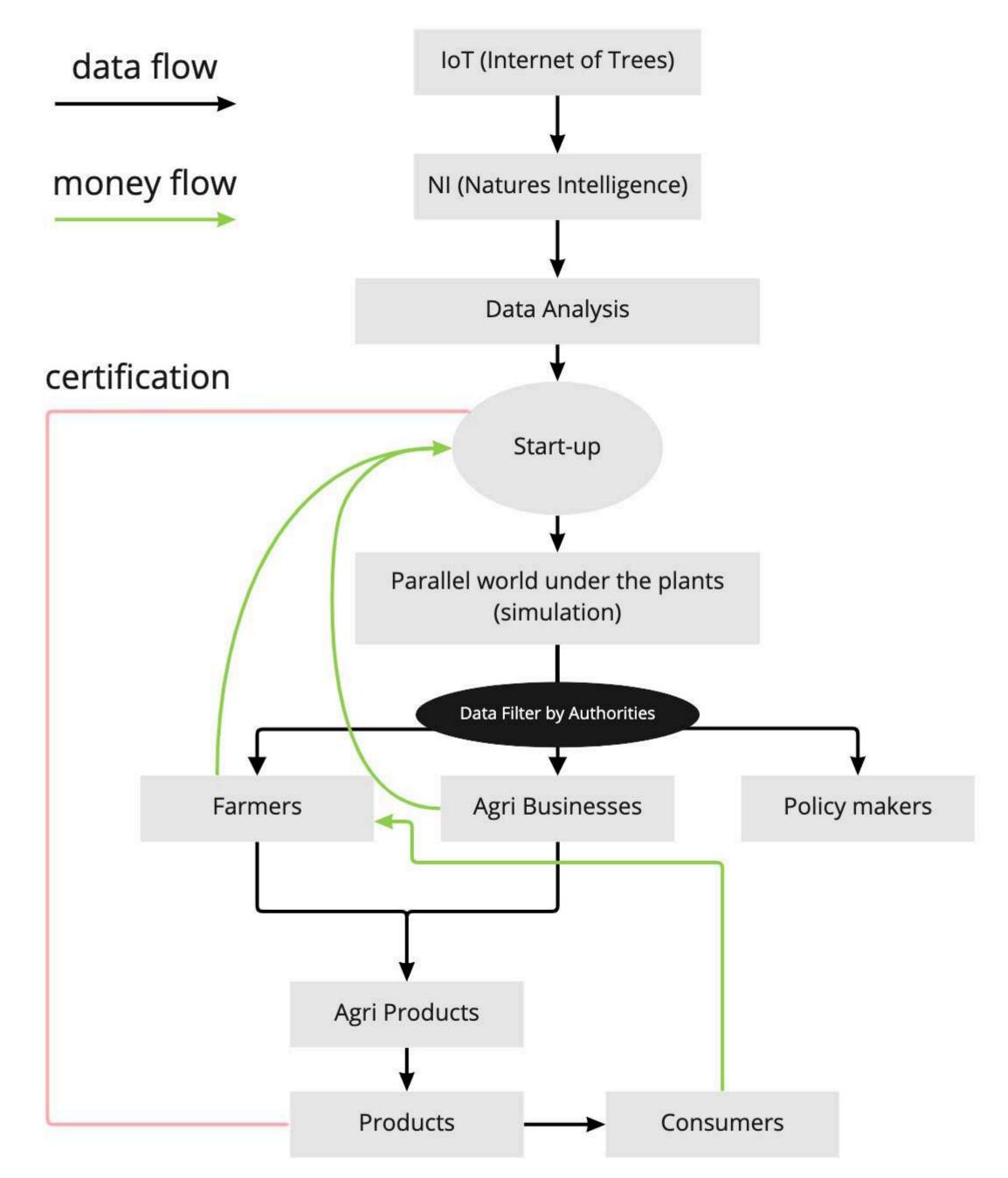
This will change the way we connect with other species prioritising their needs in a smart-way.

E.g. Once we get the data communities can take decisions in their agriculture while respecting the priorities of plants and their soil.



#### Effects on Agriculture

- restoring degraded parts of the landscape;
- enhancing productivity on the most fertile land;
- integrating different production systems such as livestock, crop, tree production or watershed management, into the same landscape;



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How it connects with Feeding Madeira

Madeira can be the best pilot project to create this agriculture based on smart forest community. We are imagining a future where farmers of Madeira take agricultural decisions based on other species interests and people buy agricultural products that respected the interests of nature over human urgency.



