

# BEARS

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## SinBerBEST

Singapore-Berkeley Building Efficiency  
and Sustainability in the Tropics

# *Singapore-Berkeley Building Efficiency and Sustainability in the Tropics Annual Meeting, 2013*

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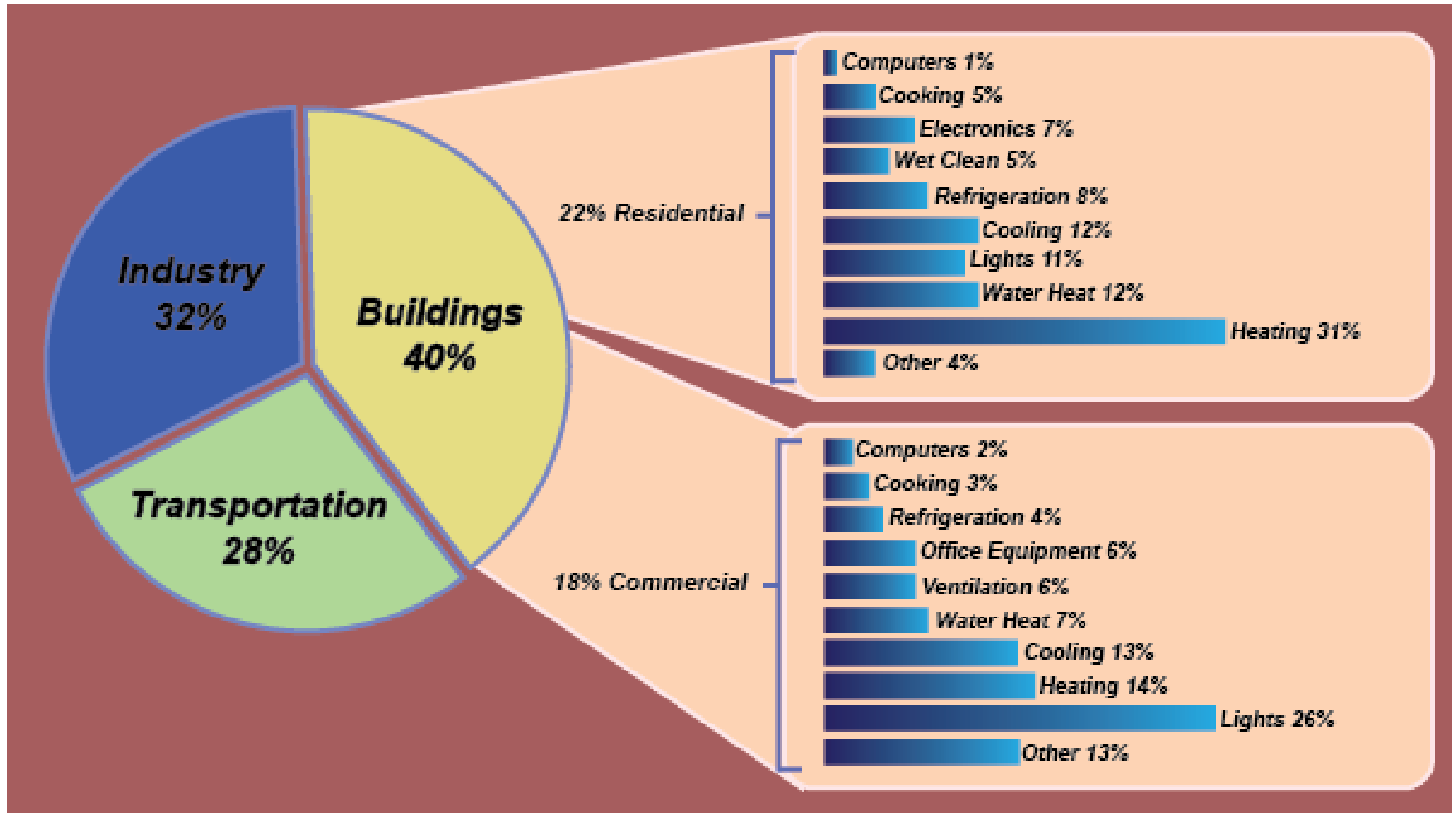
# A Partnership





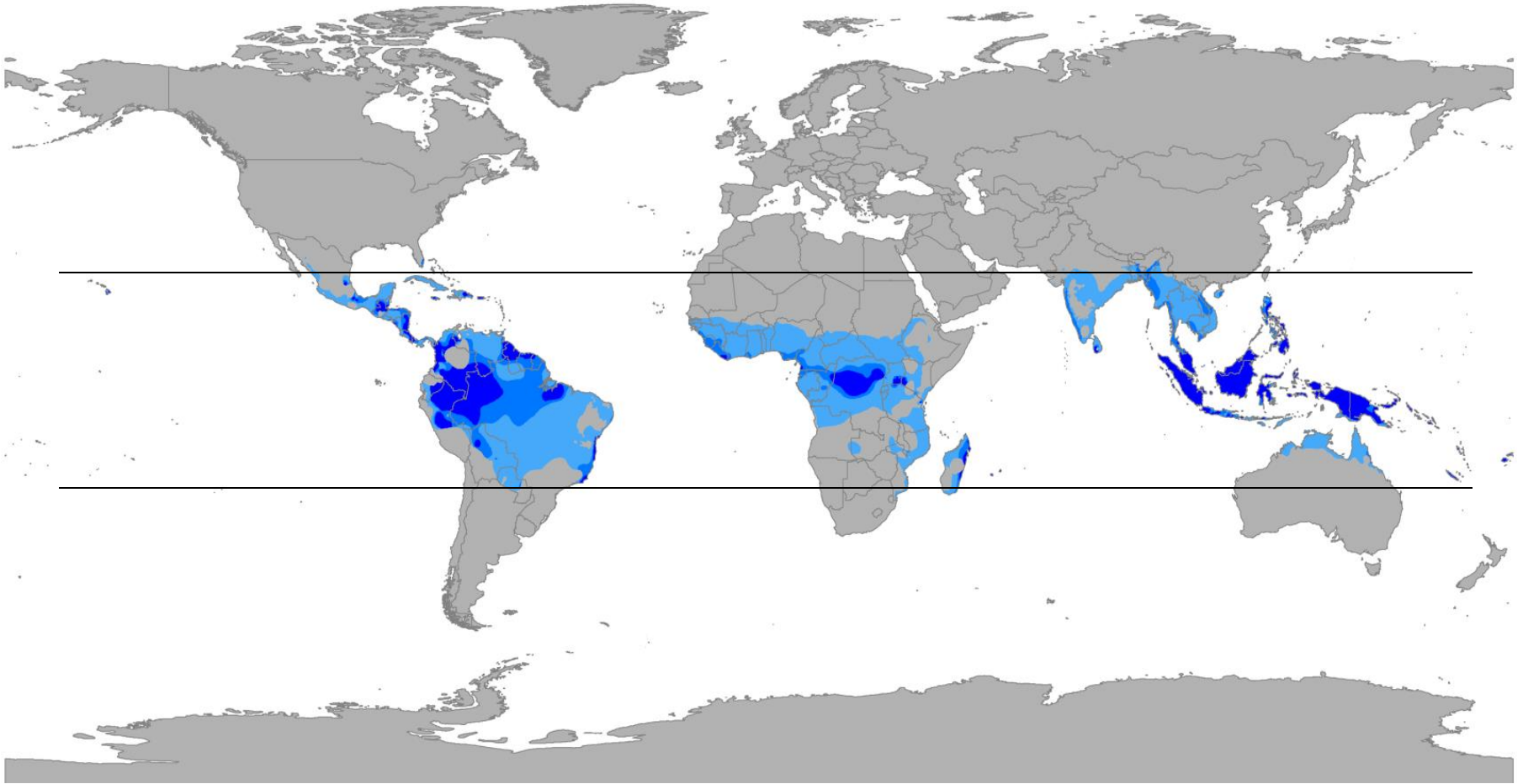
# The Problem

# Our Part



# Why Focus on the Tropics?

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Tropical climate zones where all twelve months have mean temperatures above 18 °C (64 °F).

# Expanding Tropics

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- 40% of the world's population lived in the tropics in 2008.
- By 2060 60% of the population will be in the tropics, due to high birth rates and migration.
- Since 1980 the climate-based “tropical” region has expanded towards the poles by ~172 miles, adding 8.5 million square miles.

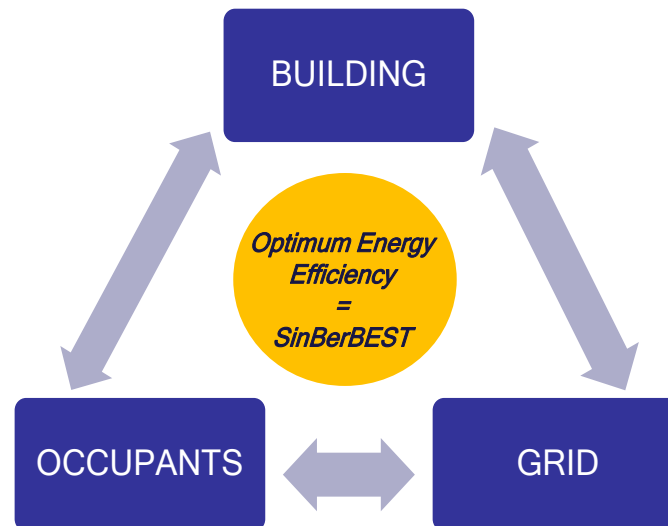
GeoHive population statistics". <http://www.geohive.com/default1.aspx>.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/environment/climate-change/expanding-tropics-a-threat-to-millions-761326.html>

# What is SinBerBEST?

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- Emphasizes the cooperative optimization of the interactions between the **Grid**, the **Building** and its **Occupants**, as an **Ecosystem**.
- Enables flexible, constrained optimization of energy consumption, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, productivity, safety, comfort, healthfulness, and the entire building lifecycle.



# The SinBerBEST View

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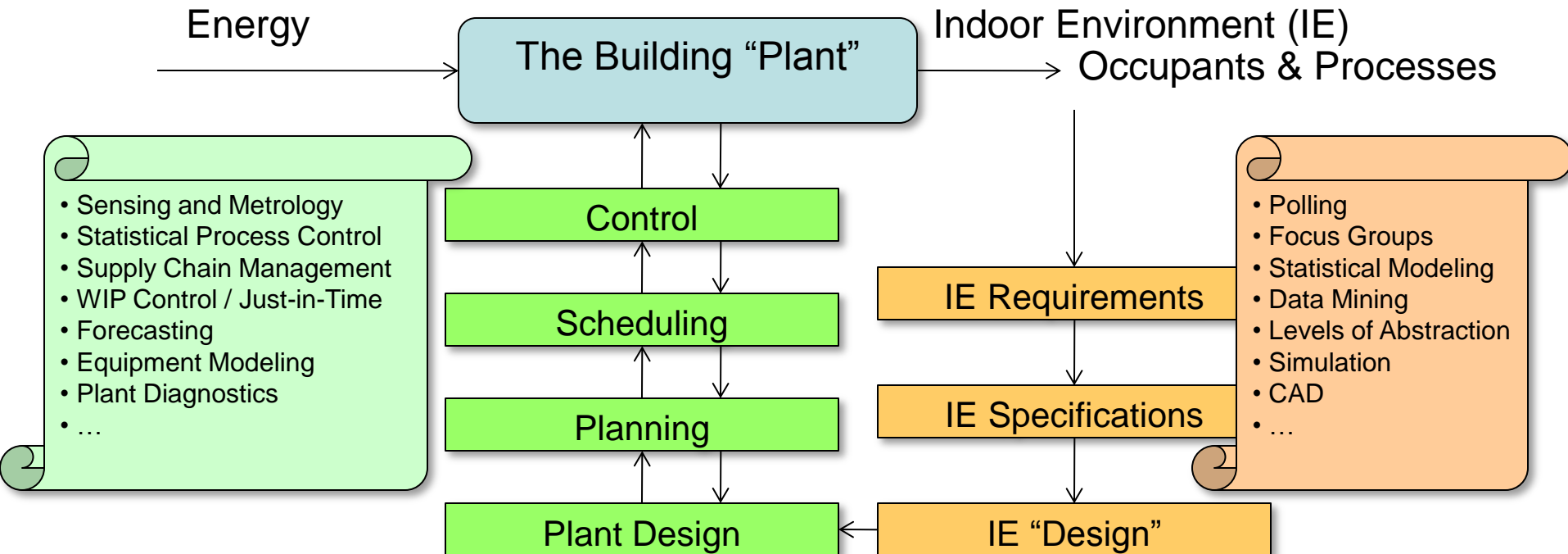
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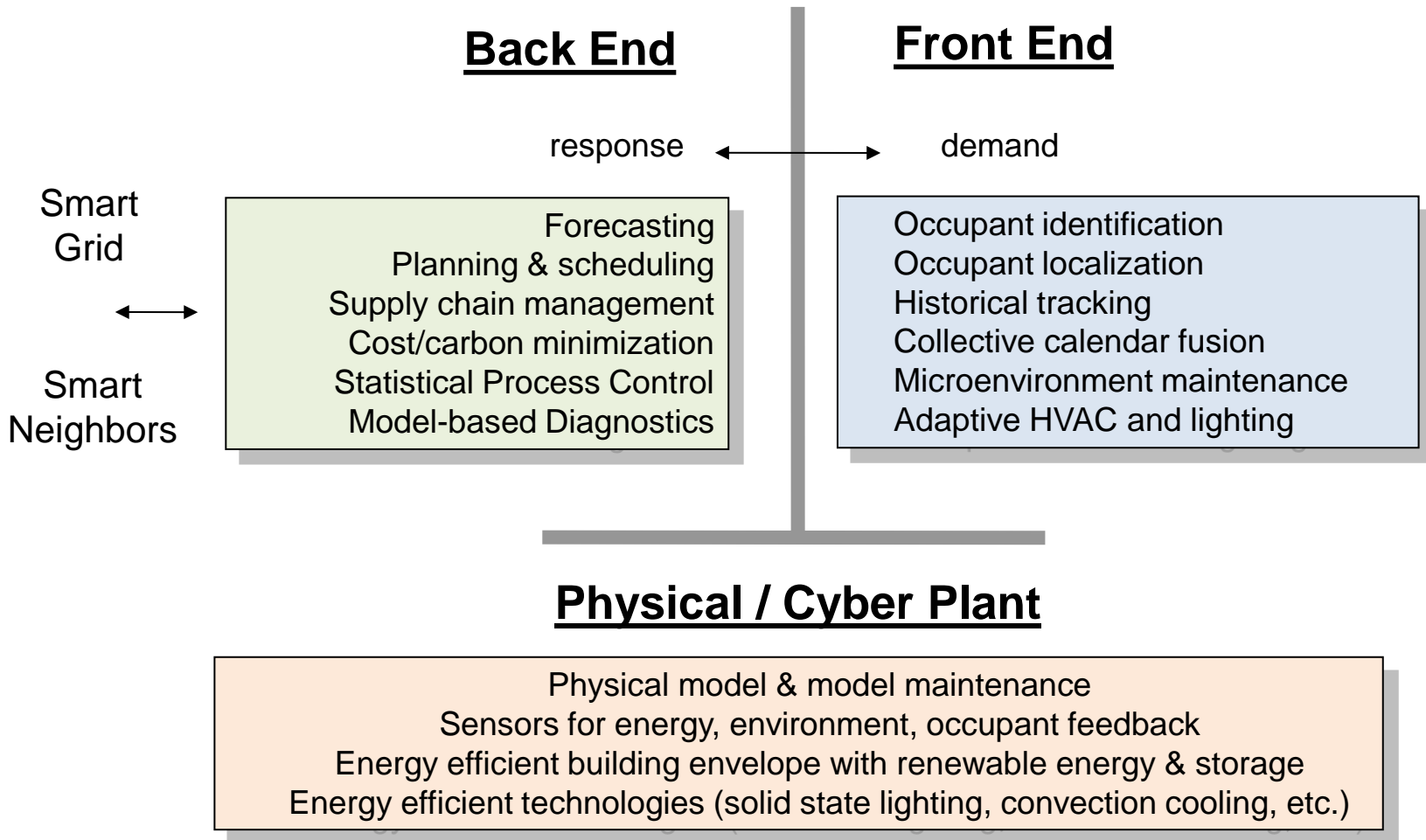


# The SinBerBEST Vision

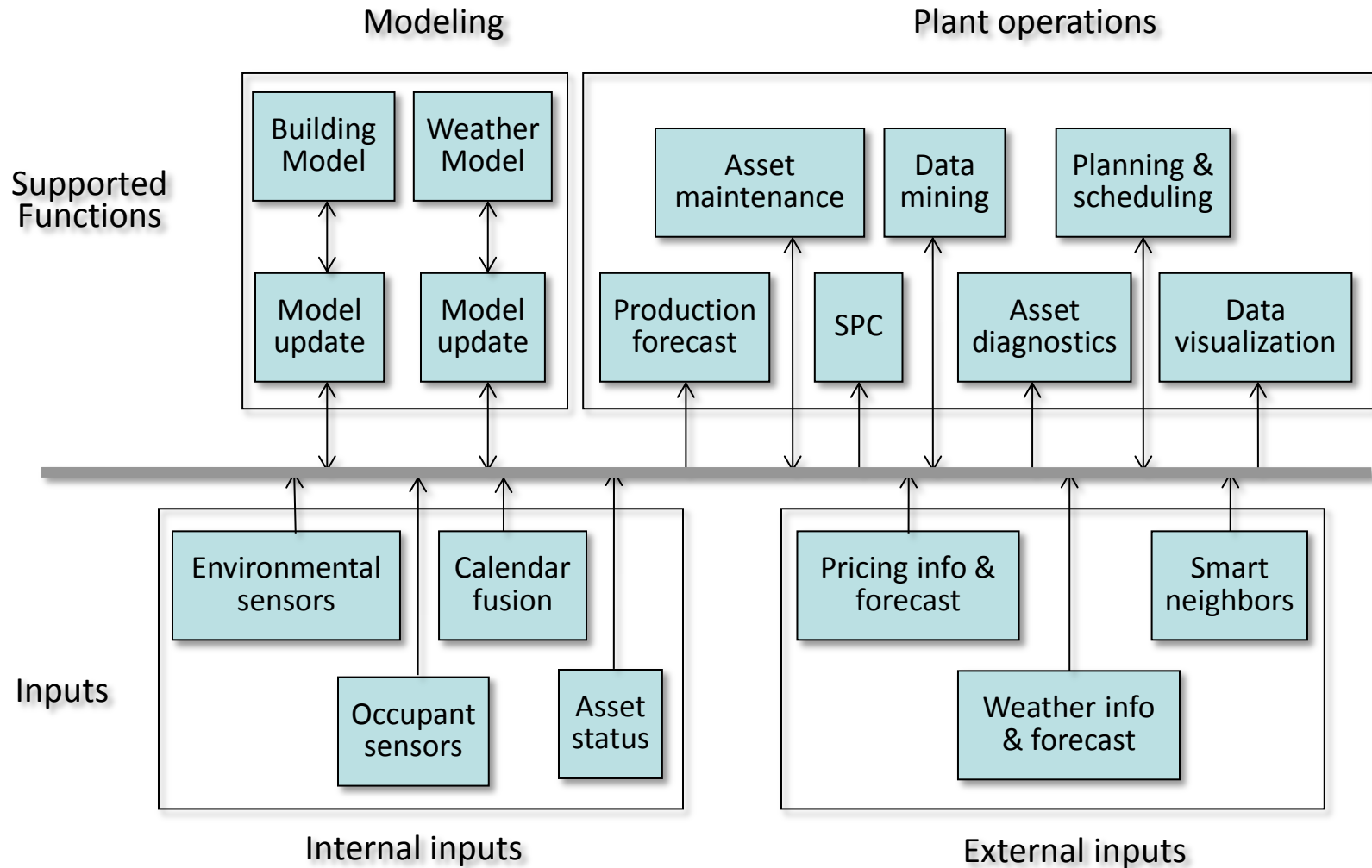
A building responding to demand from occupants & processes



# Three Aspects of a SinBerBEST Building

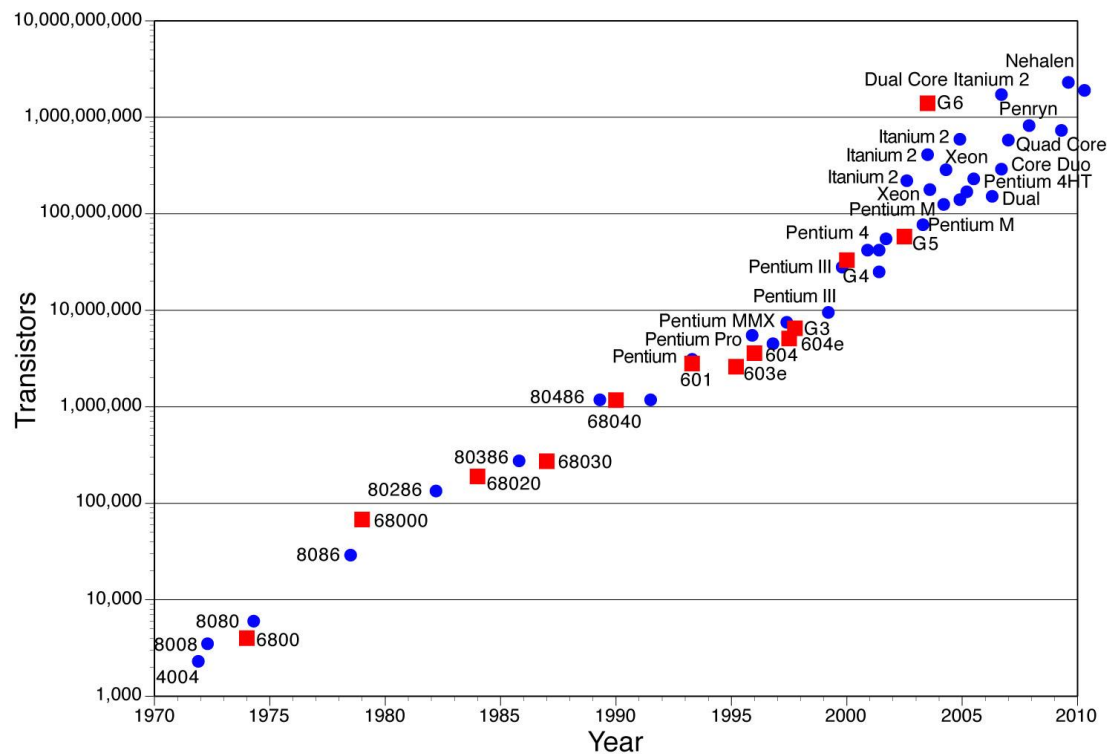


# There is an App for that...



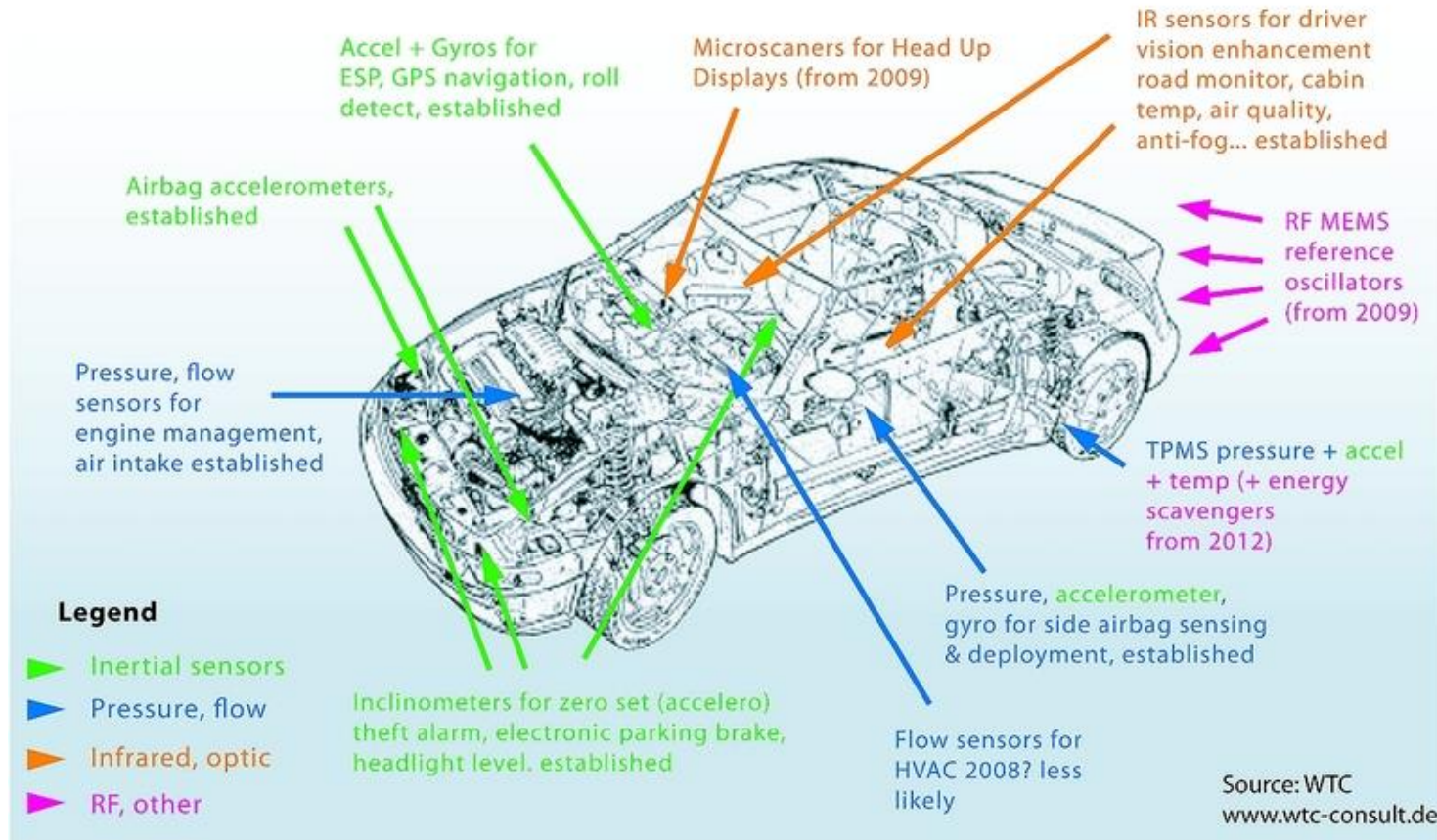
# How is our approach related to Moore's law?

- Information technology does not just “inform”, it also drives action *and* technology.
- ICs, MEMs, Nanotechnology, ubiquitous electronics, (big) data mining are just few examples.



# An Example where Computation and Actuation Meet...

## Applications for MEMS in automobiles



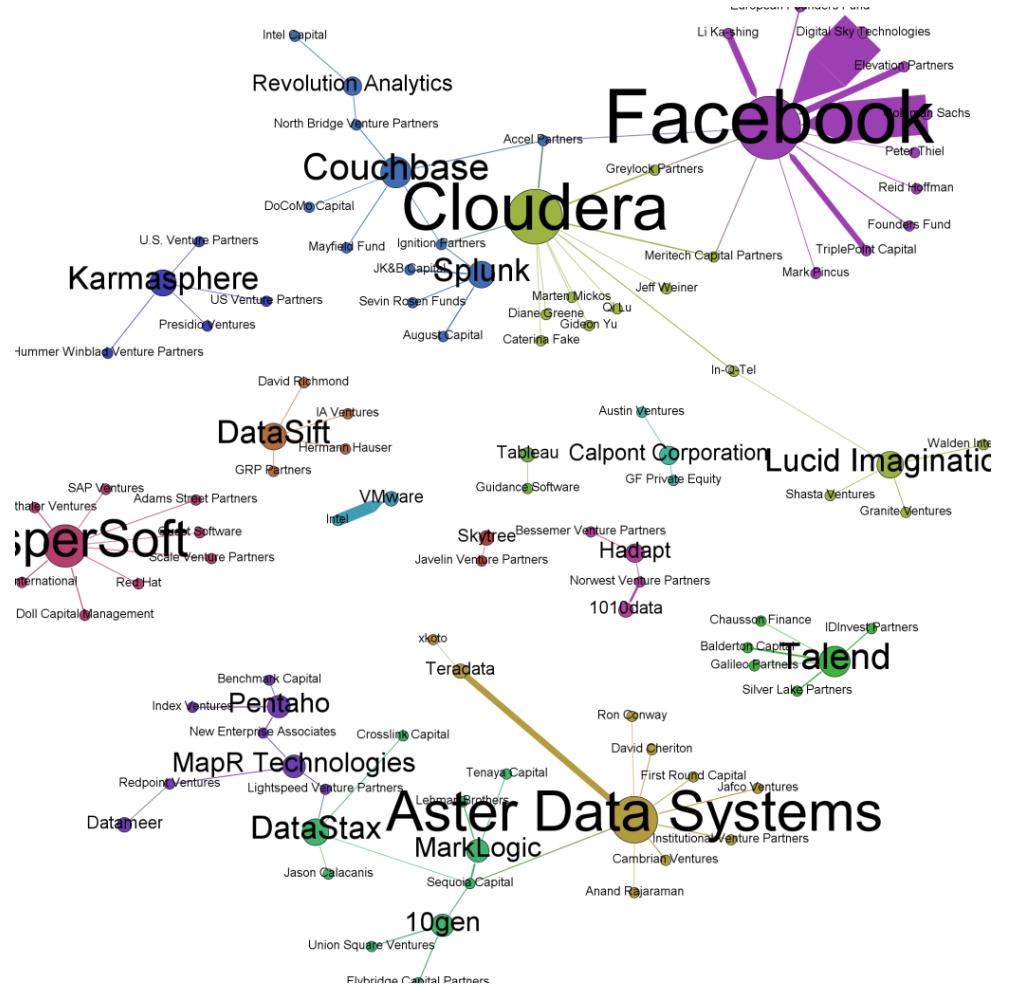
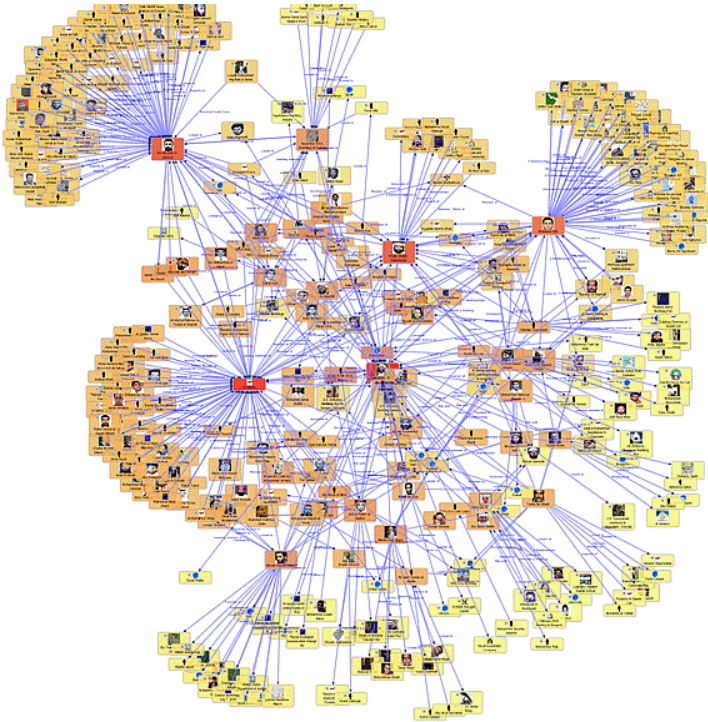
# Closer to our living spaces...



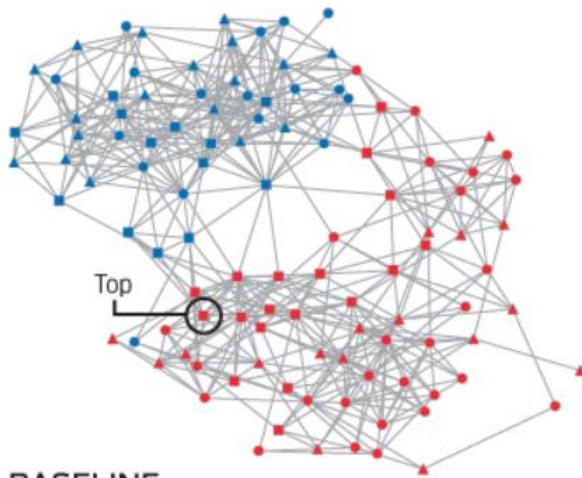
TRILLIONS OF  
CONNECTED DEVICES

THE SWARM

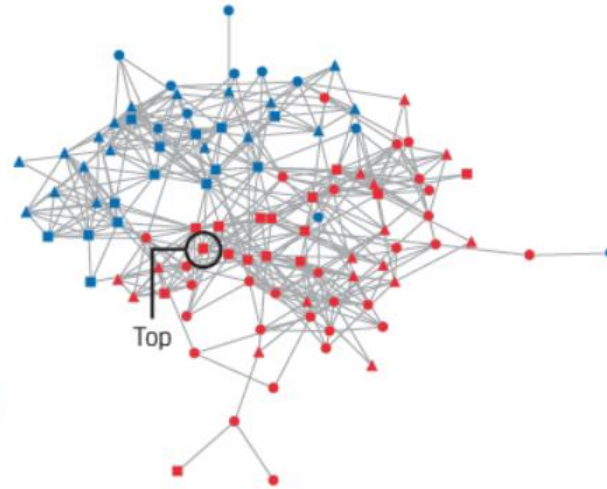
# ...and towards an Expanding Ecosystem...



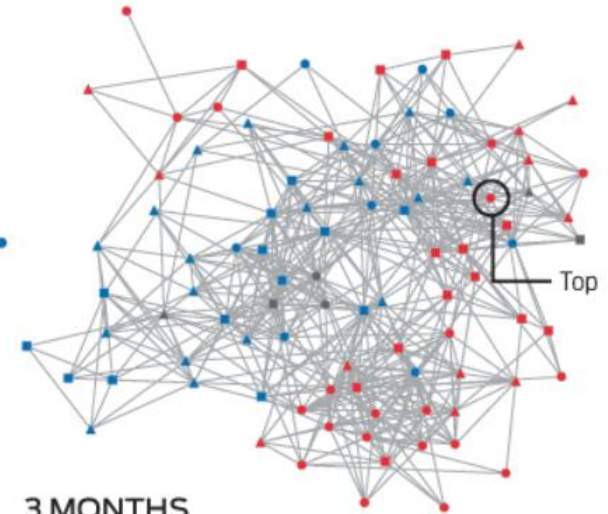
# ...that includes People



**BASELINE**  
Average distance to top: 5.9 steps



**1 MONTH  
AFTER FEEDBACK**  
Average distance to top: 5.0 steps



**3 MONTHS  
AFTER FEEDBACK**  
Average distance to top: 3.7 steps



## Can Technology Make You Happy?

**Yes, and it can make your office a better place to work, too**

By Kazuo Yano, Sonja Lyubomirsky, Joseph Chancellor /  
IEEE GRID, December 2012



# SinBerBEST Research Thrusts

## Thrust 6: Cyber/Physical Testbeds



**Holistic Hybrid Simulation**

**Building Energy Conservation Technology**



**Building Grid**

**Model Development & Evaluation**



**Monitoring**

Thrust 1: Sensing, Data Mining and Modeling

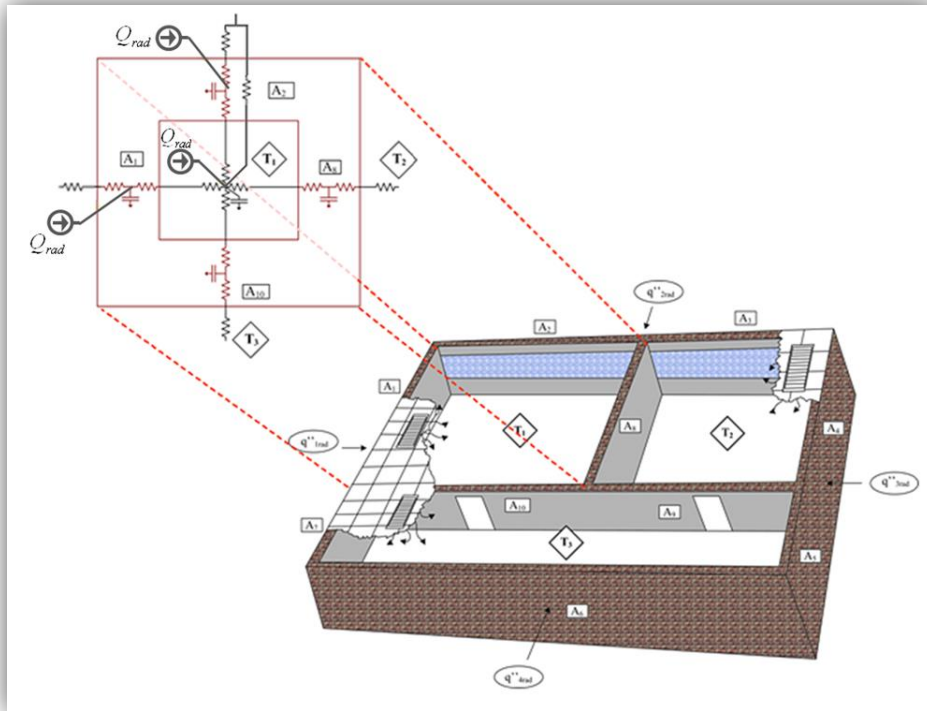
Thrust 2: Multi-Level Optimal Control

Thrust 3: High Confidence Building Operating System

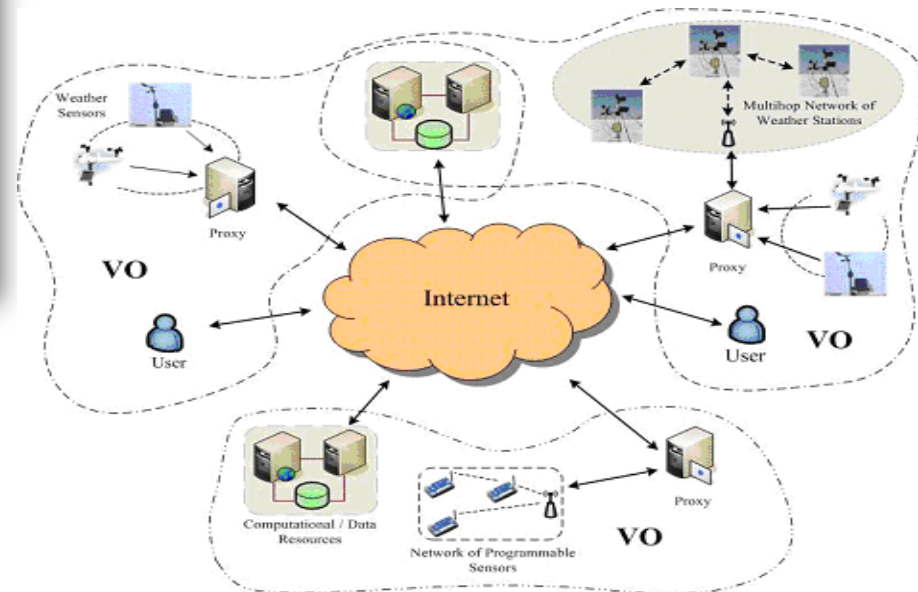
Thrust 4: Human-Building Interaction & the Environment

Thrust 5: Material, Design and Lifecycle

# BEST Successes - Examples

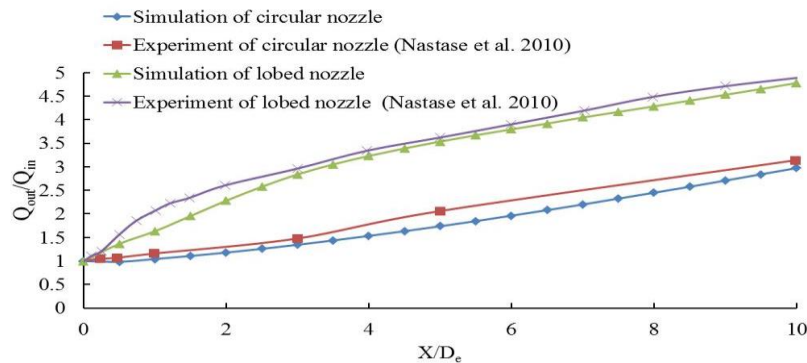
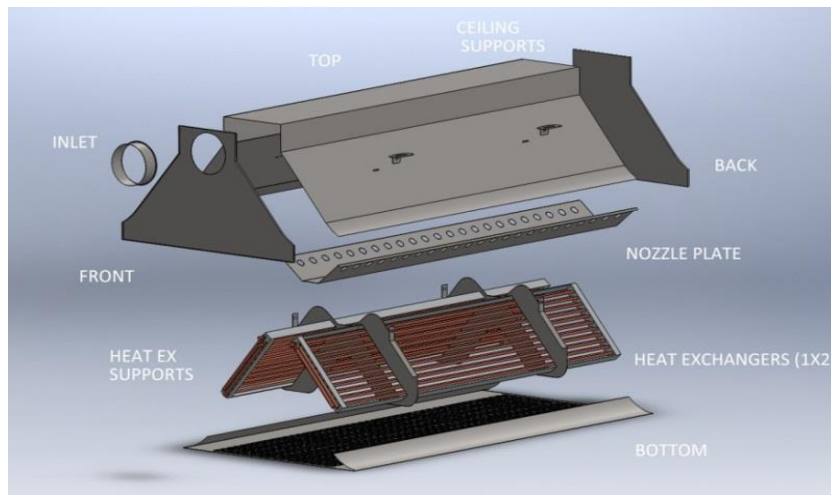


Linking and Modeling Smart Spaces  
(Thrust 1 & 2, with Intellisys/NTU)



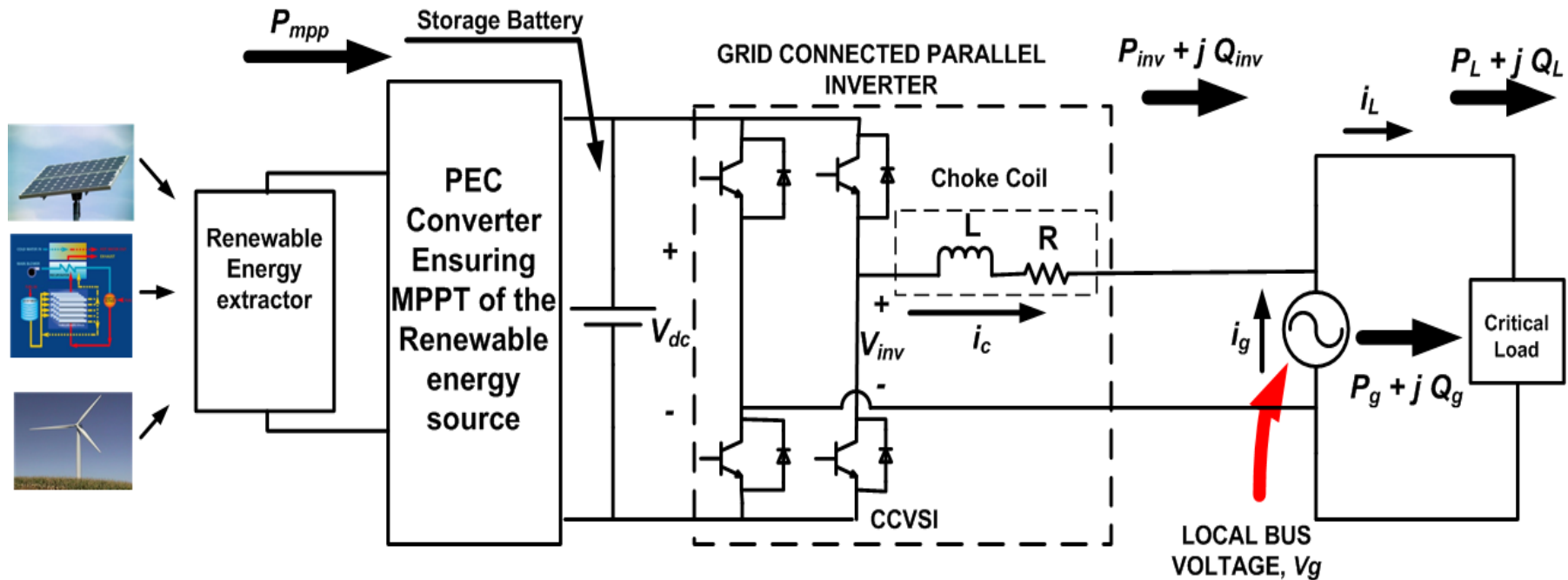
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## Design and Cooperative Control of Active Chilled Beam AC (Thrust 2, with NTU)



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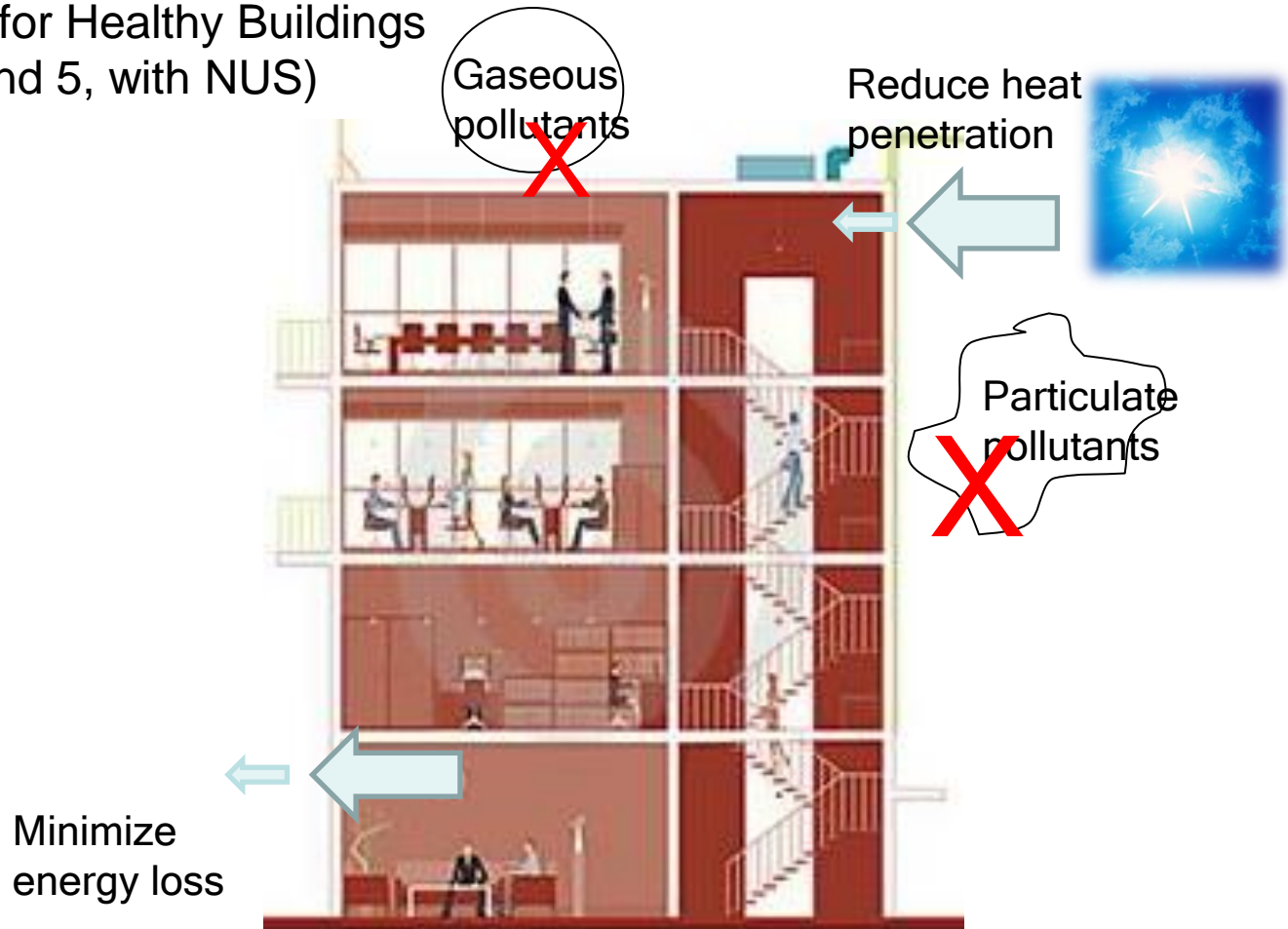
## Grid – Building Interaction (Thrust 3, with NUS)



Schematics of the grid connected PV inverter with MPPT tracking system

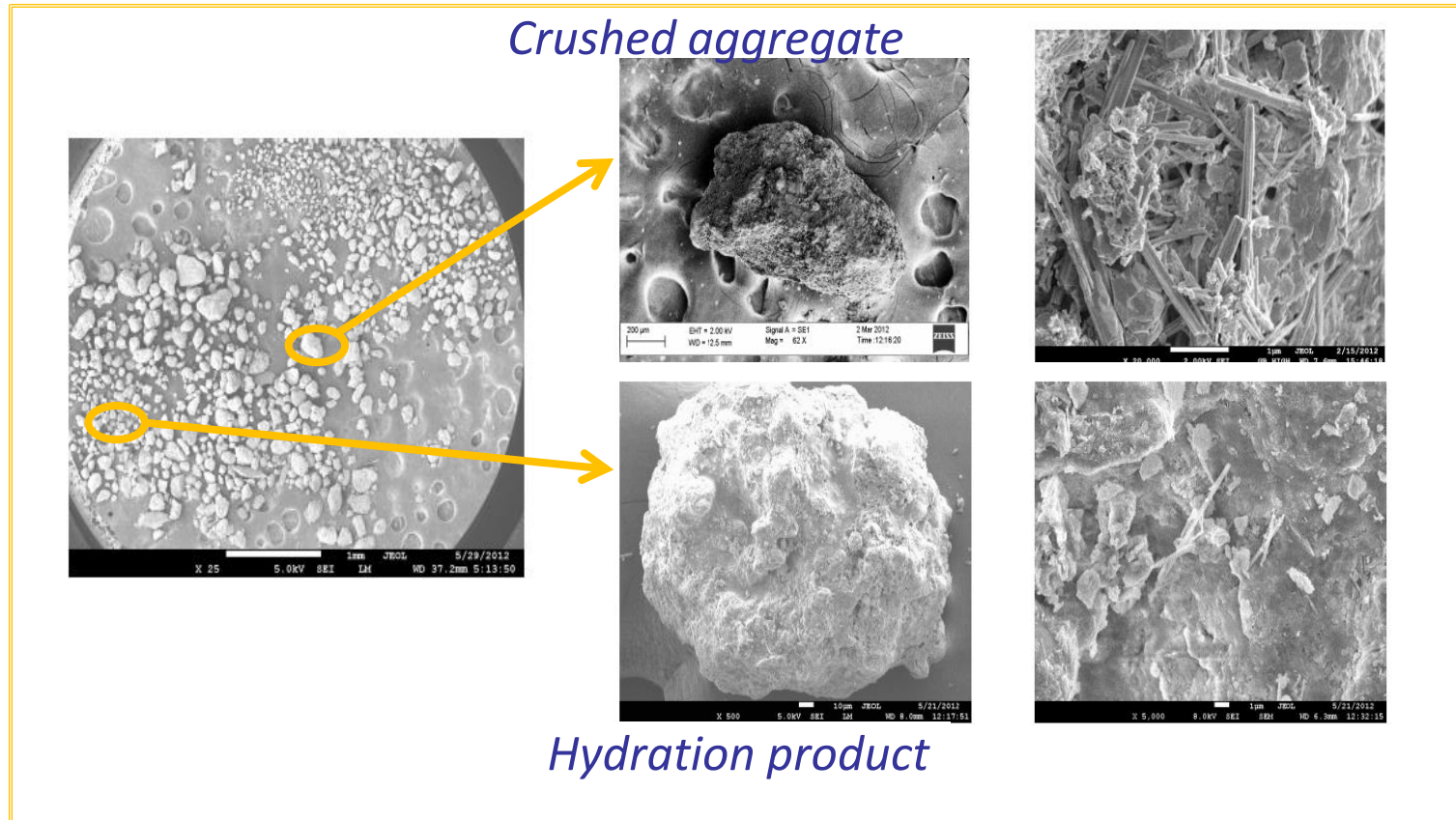
# BEST Successes - Examples

Smart Materials for Healthy Buildings  
(Thrust 4 and 5, with NUS)



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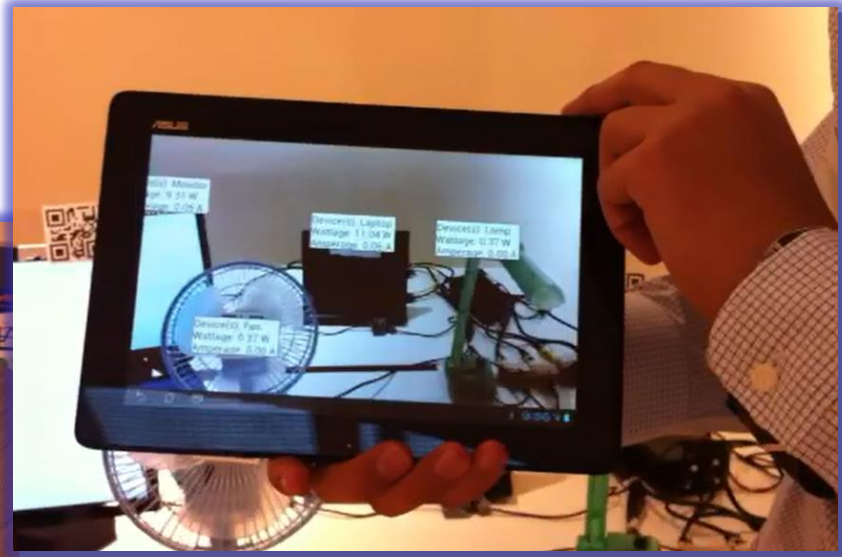
Reducing Lifecycle Environmental Impact  
(Thrust 5, with NUS)



*SEM micrograph of Recycled Concrete Fines*

# BEST Successes - Examples

Shared Test Bed, Enhanced Reality Data View  
(Thrust 6, all)



## Wednesday, 9 January 2013

**8:45 – 9:15**

Opening of Workshop  
Welcome Remarks and Overview by BEARS Director, **Costas Spanos**

**9:15 – 9:45**

Sensing, Data Mining, and Modeling  
**Alex Bayen**

**9:45 – 10:15**

Multi-level Optimal Control  
**Lihua Xie**

**10:15 – 10:45**

High Confidence Building Operating System  
**King-Jet Tseng**

**10:45 – 11:00**

Break

**11:00 – 11:30**

Human-Building Interaction & the Environment  
**Bill Nazaroff, Victor Chang**

**11:30 – 12:00**

Materials, Design and Lifecycle  
**Khalid Mosalam, Sing Ping Chiew**

**12:00 – 12:30**

Cyber/Physical Test Bed  
**Khalid Mosalam, Sing Ping Chiew**

**12:30 – 13:30**

Lunch



Thank You!

