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Strengthening the links between vulnerability assessment and early warning designs

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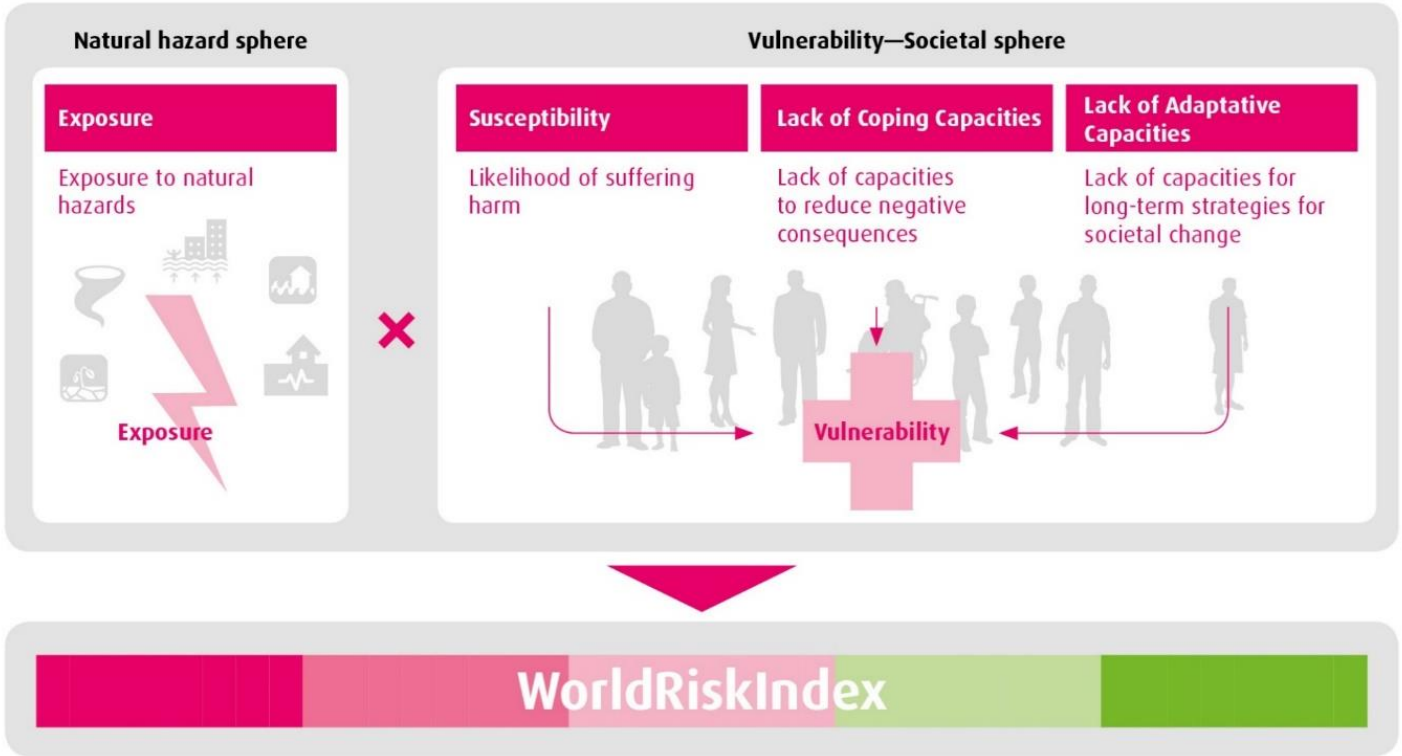
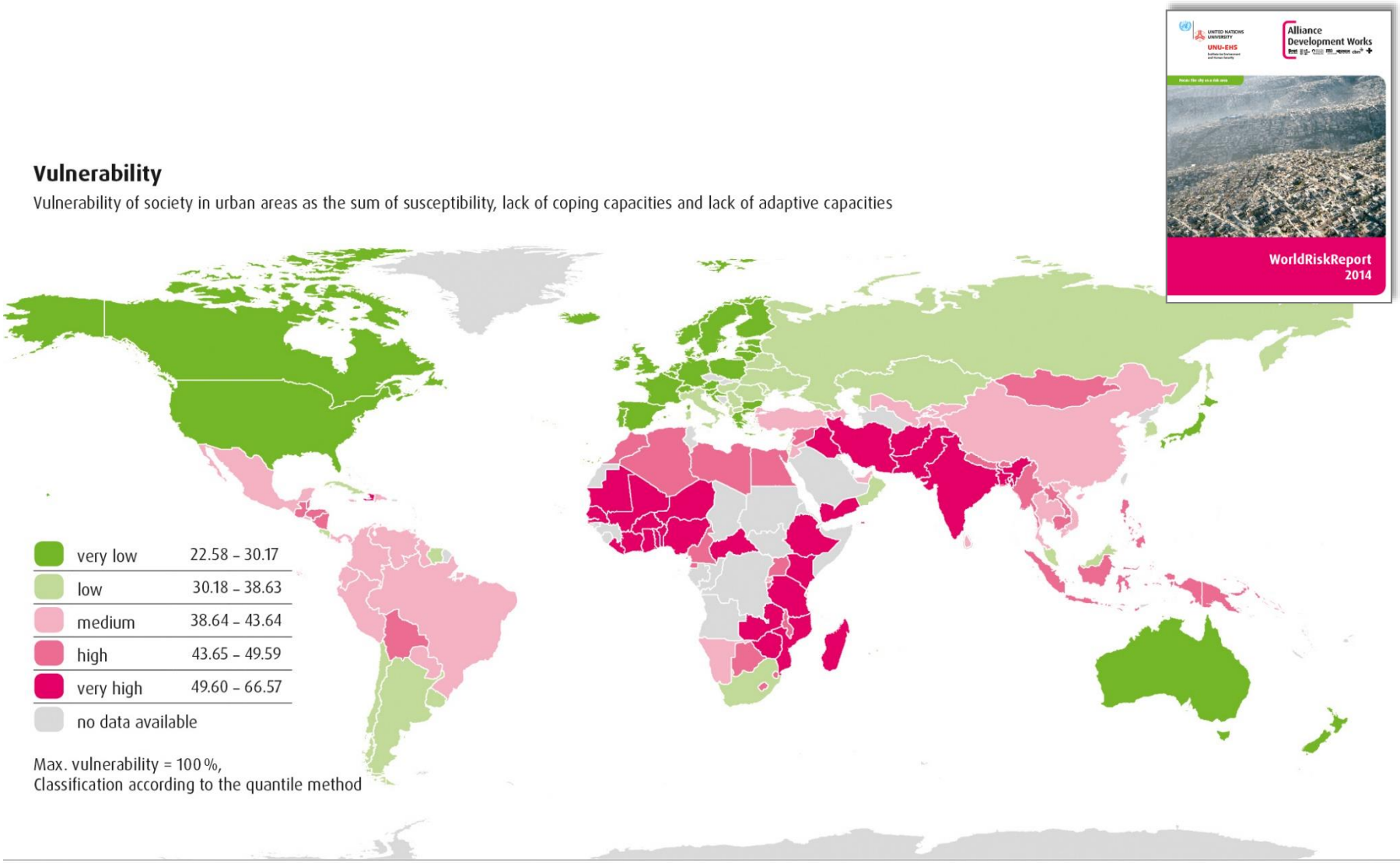
Identifying patterns of risk: The World Risk Report

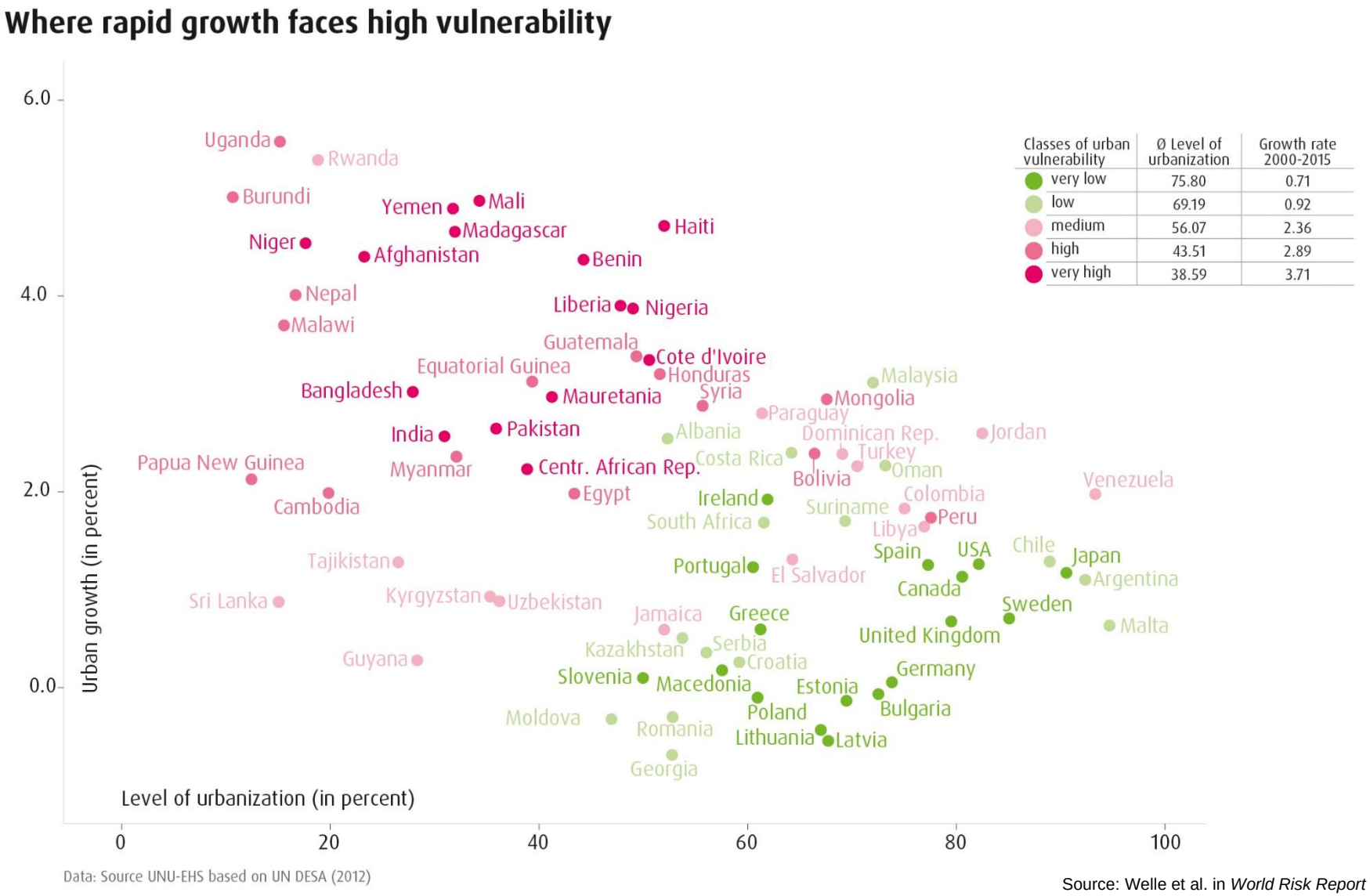


Urban vulnerability



Source: UNU-EHS and BEH, *World Risk Report 2014*

Where high vulnerability meets rapid urban growth



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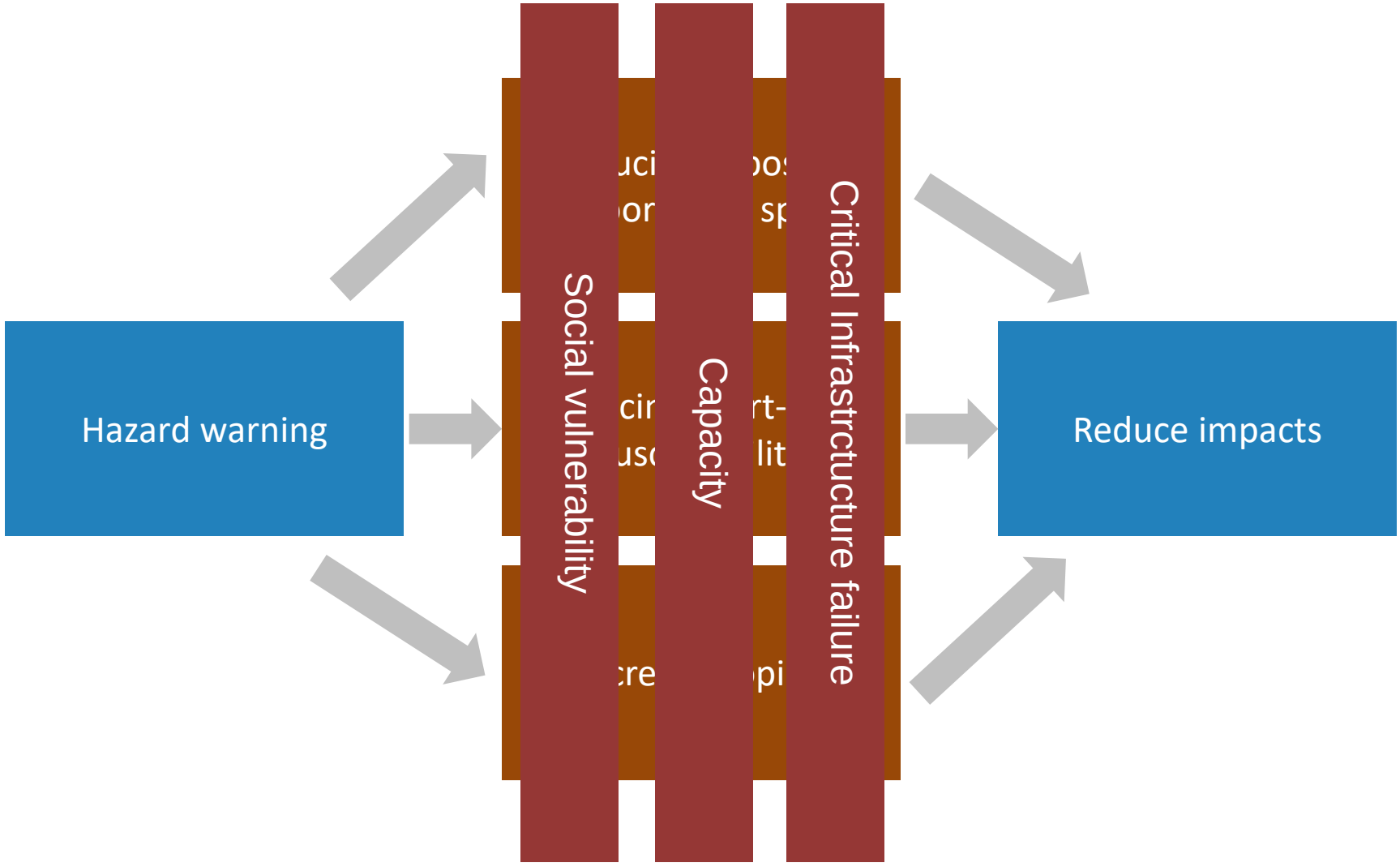
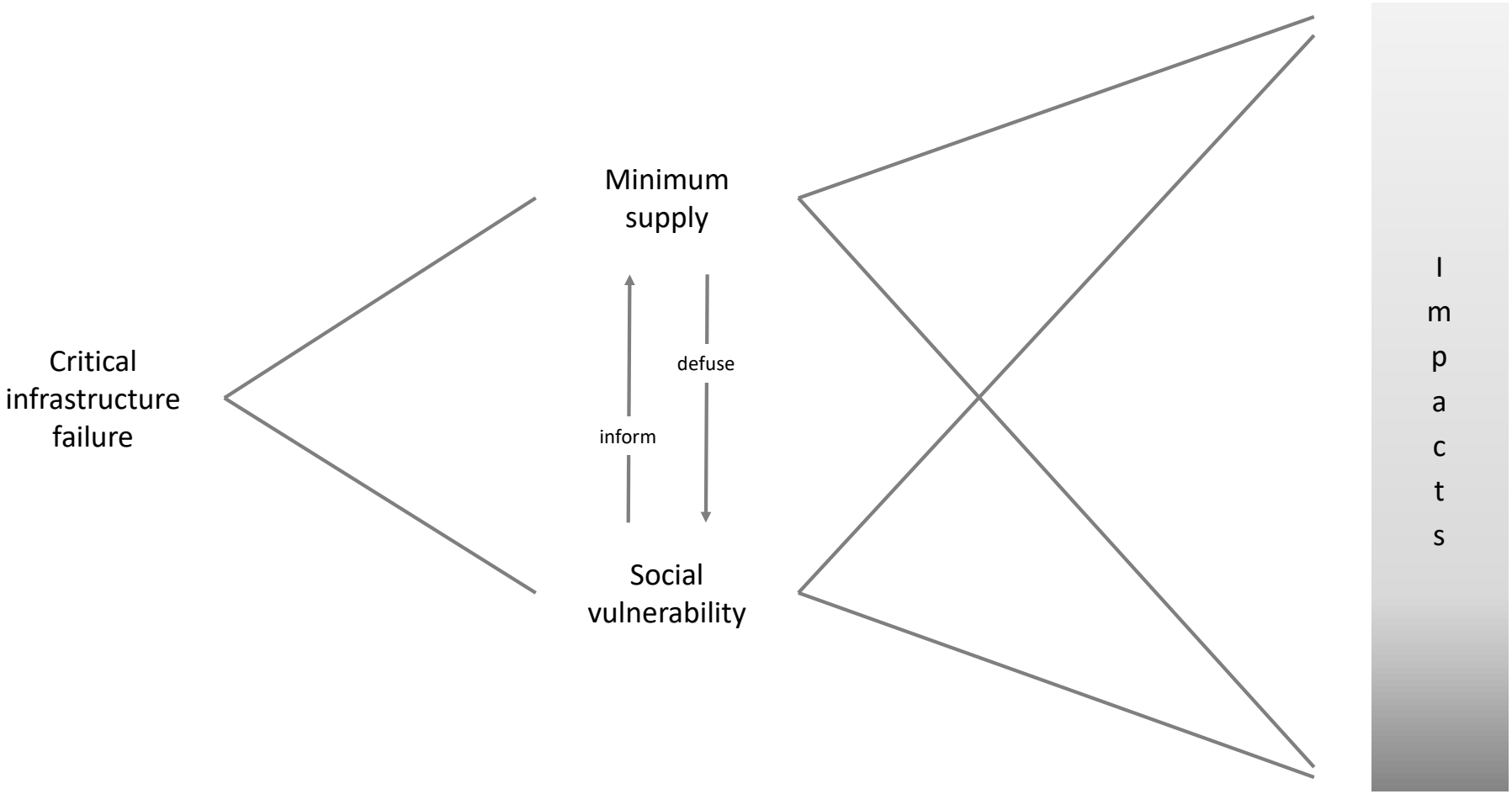
Effectiveness of early warning in cities



Key gaps

- How to benefit from new technologies for EW whilst including those vulnerable parts of the society without access to these technologies?
    - e.g. elderly single households with people suffering from dementia or other challenges
- How to include not only the direct hazard impacts but also secondary impacts through, for example, critical infrastructure failure?
- How to get providers of critical infrastructure in engage in early warning, e.g. potential black-outs or water shortages
- How to use EW insight to also inform minimum supply requirements and the provision of such minimum supply?

Linkages and ways forward

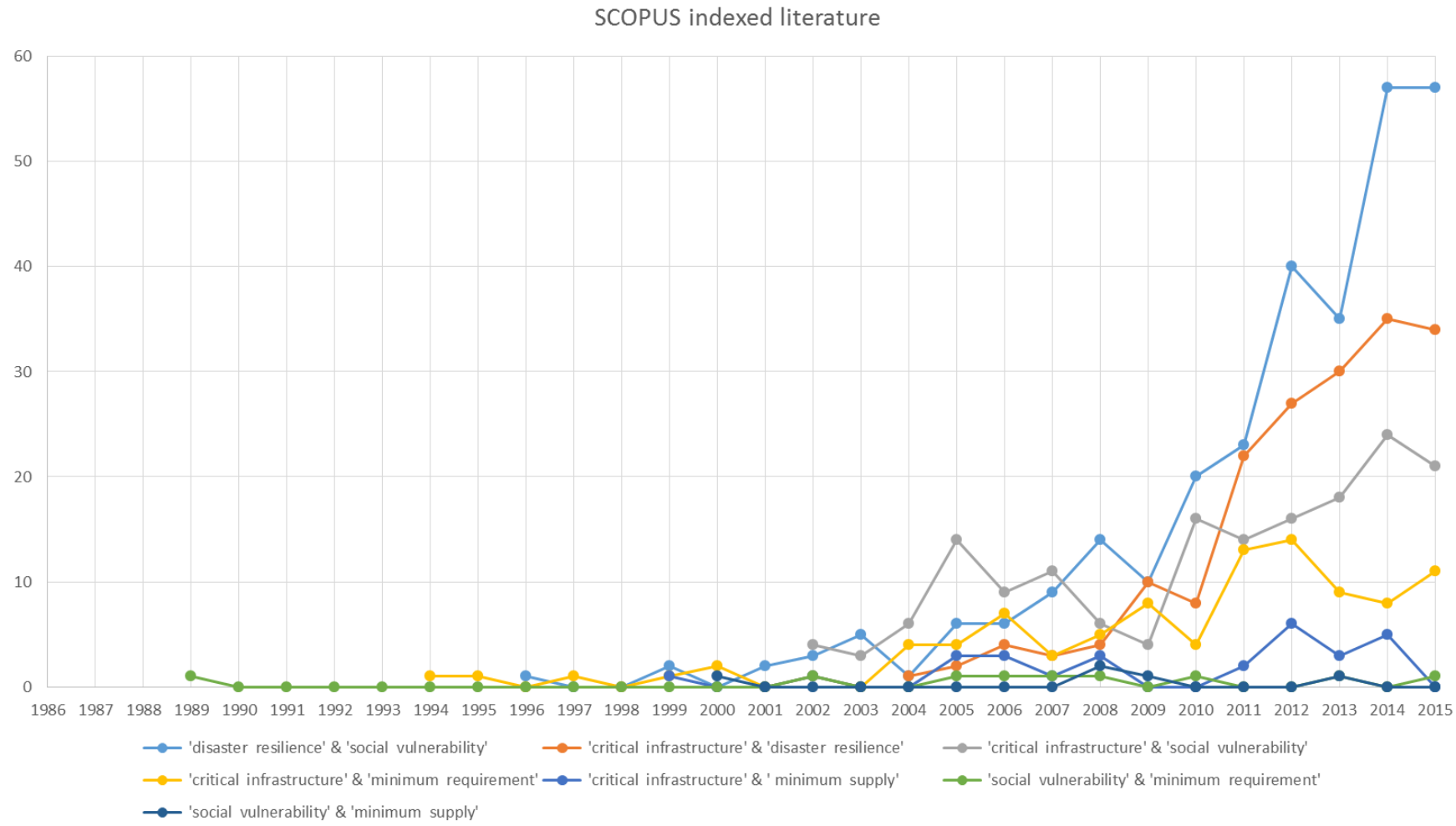


Political challenges

Resilience:

> „maintain key functions in a system despite disturbance and stress such as from natural hazards“

Current knowledge gaps



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