



#### Environmental problems, transdisciplinary research and managing sustainability transformations – the case of the energy system

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### What to be dealt with?

- 1. Motivation Why do we need transdisciplinarity for sustainably changing the energy systems
- 2. Theory
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  - b) Sustain-abilities" for designing resilient Human-Environment Systems
- 3. Cases
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  - (3) Vulnerability and Potential Assessment of the Swiss Energy System

#### 4. Conclusions

## 1. Motivation – Why do we need transdisciplinarity for sustainably changing the energy systems

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Any technological change in the 21<sup>st</sup> century has global impacts

### Times have changed: We live in the age of the "anthropocene"

- The anthropocene
  - "We live in the age of the anthropocene" (Crutzen 2002). Human has become a geological factor.
  - anthropocenically ≠ anthropogenically ≠ anthropocentrically
  - Holocene (1867; Greek: holos "whole" + kainos (re + ken) "new, recent")
  - Anthropocenical refers to the age of the anthropocene (contrary to anthropogenical = anthropo- + genes; born by humans)
- Anthropocenical = shaped by the impacts of the age of anthropocene (a historical/evolutionary perspective)
  - Anthropogenically = created/shaped by human

## There is "no press button" solution for sustainable transitions

Sustainability/sustainable development is an

- ongoing inquiry
- on system limit management (avoiding "hard-landing", avoidable or unwanted collapses)
- in the frame of intra- and intergenerational justice

Laws, D., Scholz, R. W., Shiroyama, H., Susskind, L., Suzuki, T. & Weber O. (2004). Expert Views on Sustainability and Technology Implementation. *International Journal of Sustainable Development and World Ecology, Vol. 11*(3), pp. 247-261

## The Swedish 2006 "Oil-free society – Go for Bioethanol case

- Sweden:
  - 9.3 mill. inhabitants
  - 20.3 persons per km<sup>2</sup>
- Governmental Decision
  - Febr. 2006: "Oil free society till 2020"
  - "Go for bioethanol"

Is this a feasible and sustainable decision?

## Part 2: Theory 2a. What is transdisciplinarity?

It is essentially different from disciplinarity and interdisciplinarity

### Clarifying concepts: Disciplinarity, interdisciplinarity, transdisciplinarity

- Disciplines are characterized (defined) by (i) objects and (ii) (core) methods.
  - Mathematics: (i) Numbers, symbols (ii) proof
  - Pharmacy: (i) chemical impacts on diseases, (ii) natural science experiments
- Interdisciplinarity is established by the fusion of concepts or methods from different disciplines
  - The saxophone emerged from clarinet and trumpet
  - Bio-chemistry: Chemical processes in living organisms
- Transdisciplinarity is essentially different from interdisciplinarity!
  - Not our definition: "A transdisciplinary approach dissolves boundaries between disciplines" http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Interdisciplinary#Transdisciplinarity, Jan. 14th, 2006

### **Definitions of transdisciplinarity**

(see Scholz, R. W. (2011). *Environmental Literacy in Science and Society: From Knowledge to Decisions. Cambridge: Cambridge University , p.* 367)

- 1. Mode 1 transdisciplinarity: Science becomes transdsiciplinary if it reflects on real life problems (Mittelstrass, 1996)
- 2. Zurich 2000 definition: Cooperation between non-academia and science (with different reference systems); co-leadership; mutual learning (on equal footing); knowledge integration (Scholz 2000, Häberli et al. 2001, [Gibbons et al. 1994])
- 3. Post modern conception: Similar to the Zürich 2000 definition; but science just becomes one voice/vote, approaching truth in complex contextualized settings becomes obsolete (Funtowicz & Ravetz, 2008)
- 4. Charter of transdisciplinarity: Td requires a personal moral commitment "challenging that the dignity of the human being is of both planetary and cosmic dimensions." (Freitas et al. 1994; Nicolescu, 2002)

### **Zurich 2000 definition**

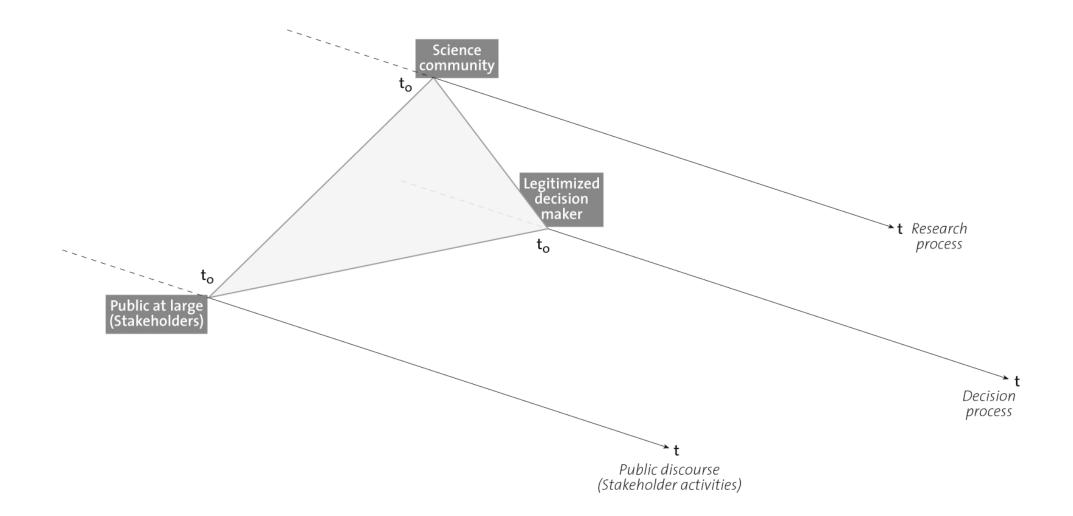
- From a research perspective, transdisciplinarity (Thompson Klein et al. 2001)
  - Organizes processes of mutual learning among science and society
  - Is an appropriate "research paradigm that better reflects the complexity and multidimensionality of sustainability" (Martens, 2005)
  - Integrates knowledge and values (e.g. what questions to be answered) from society in research
- Transdisciplinarity has been declared as the appropriate methodology by which a sustainable development should be investigated and promoted (Scholz & Marks 2001)

# Our understanding (Zurich 2000 definition) of transdisciplinarity

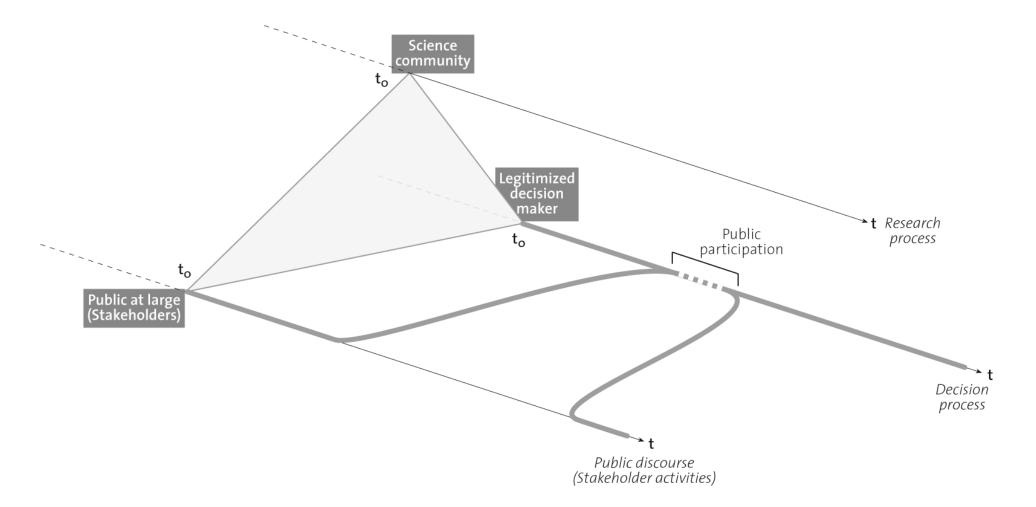
- Going beyond sciences
- Aspires efficient use of knowledge available (capacity building, Thompson-Klein et al. 2000) by relating different epistemics (Scholz et al. 2006)
- Asks for integrating knowledge and values from practice in science (from a science perspective; Scholz, 2000)
- Includes certain elements of participatory research (those where knowledge integration, processes on equal eye level and co-leadership are included)
- Means doing applied research in theory-practice discourses with equal rights (no contract research, only sponsoring)
- It is a 21<sup>st</sup> century variant of the "traditional engineer mission" (building energy systems ≠ anticipating impacts of energy systems)

### What are transdisciplinary processes?

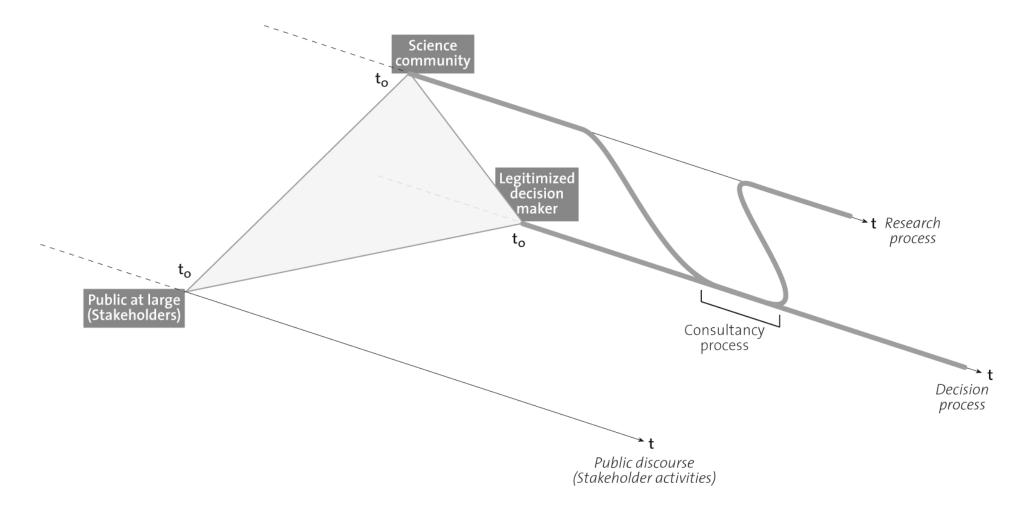
### They differ from other types of theory practice cooperation? They have functions and outcomes



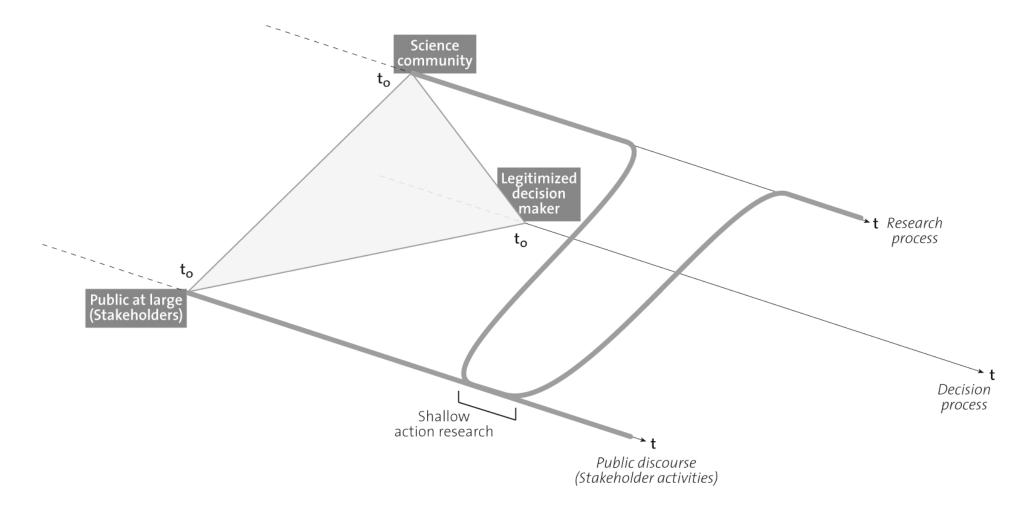
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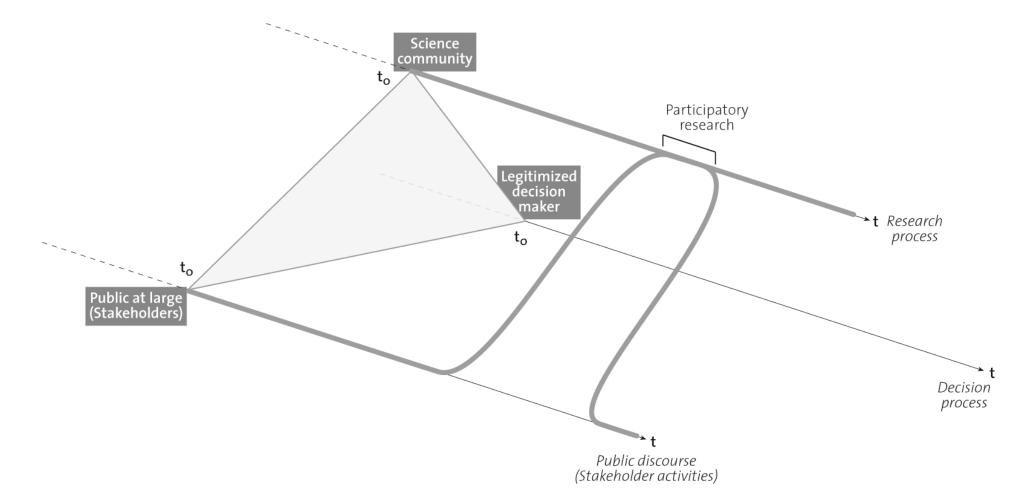
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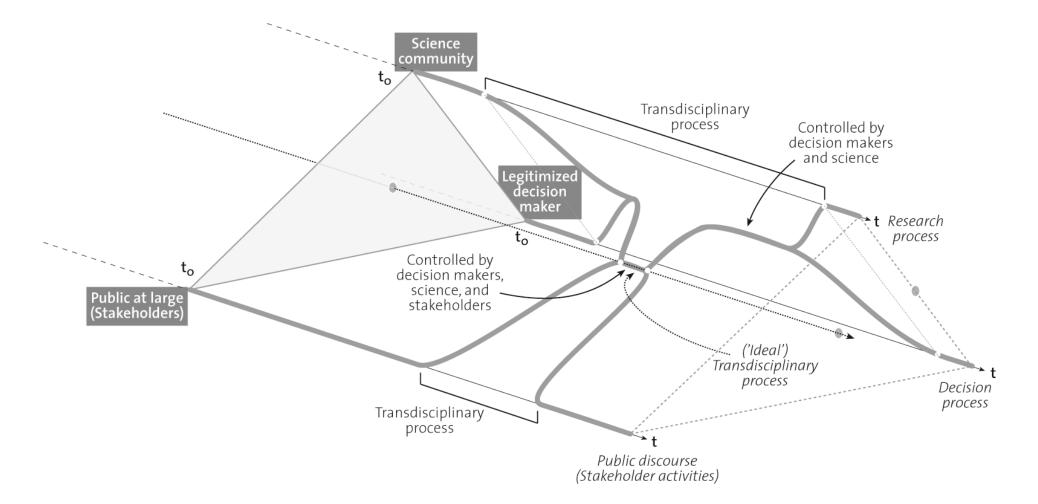
#### Illustrating Shallow Action Research



#### Illustrating Participatory Research of Public at Large



#### Illustrating Transdisciplinarity



### Td-processes? Td case studies? How do they look like?

They establish mutual learning between science and society

## Case type I: Sustainable transitions of rural areas, regional development

- Year: 2001–2003
- Case: Canton Appenzell Ausserrhoden
- Topic: Sustainable landscape development, future of traditional industries (textile industry, sawing mills, milk industry)
- No. of inhabitants: 50,000
- Size: 242 km<sup>2</sup>



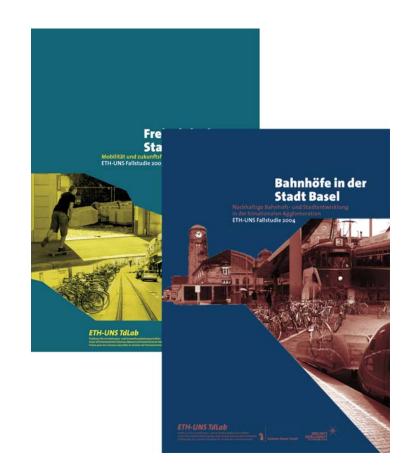
## Institutionalized collaboration between research and society on all levels

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Scientific mentors	Steering group Appenzell Chair: TCS co-leaders • TCS executive officer • Tutors of the project groups • Disciplinary experts • etc.	Case mentors
Prof. for agricultural economics and poncy     Prof. for agricultural economics     Prof. for manufacturing automation     • etc.	<b>Advisory</b> board Chair: TCS co-leaders	•Representatives of financial institutions •Representatives of NGOs •etc.
Environmental sciences, ETH,	Project-group:       Reference group:         Dairy farming       Dairy farming         Futor and Students       Stakeholders         Project-group:       Wood industry         Wood industry       Wood industry         Tutor and Students       Reference group:         Project-group:       Wood industry         Froject-group:       Reference group:         Project-group:       Textile industry         Stakeholders       Reference group:         Tutor and Students       Reference group:         Chassis-group       Reference group:         Futor and Students       Reference group:         Futor and Students       Stakeholders         Futor and Students       Reference group:         Futor and Students       Reference group:         Stakeholders       Regional economy         Stakeholders       Stakeholders	Actors in politics, economics, culture, administration, organizations, citizen's groups, individuals, etc.

(Source: Scholz et al., 2006)

## Case type II: Sustainable transitions of urban systems

- Year: 2003–2005
- Case: City of Basel
- Topic: Leisure mobility, Railways station dynamics
- No. of inhabitants
  - Basel: 180,000
  - Region: 500,000–750,000
- Size
  - Basel: 37 km<sup>2</sup>
  - Region: 560–2,000 km<sup>2</sup>



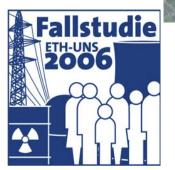
## Case type III: Sustainable transitions of organizations (e.g. companies)

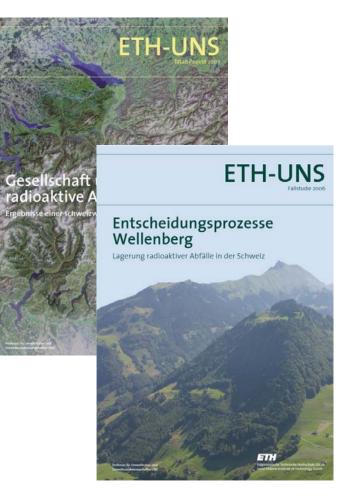
- Year: 1999–2000
- Case: Swiss Railway Company (SBB)
- Topic: Eco-efficiency, cargo transportation
- No. of employees: 30,000
- Length of railways: 3,000 km



# Case type IV: Sustainable transitions of policy processes ("decision spaces")

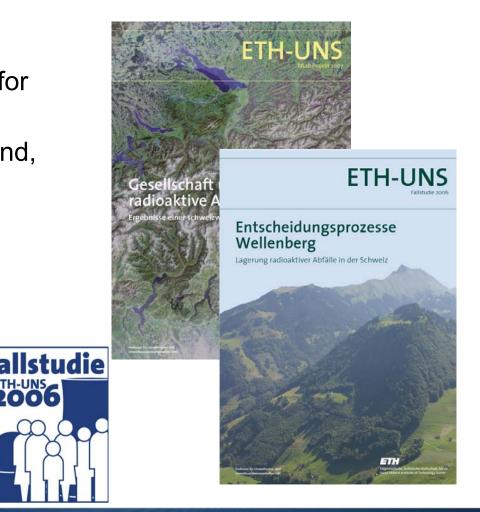
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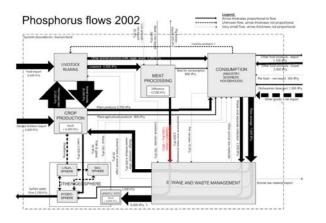
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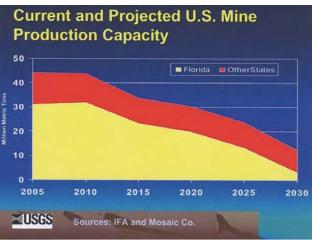
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### Case type V: Global TraPs – <u>Global Transdisciplinary processes on</u> biogeochemical (phosphorus) cycle management

- Year: 2010–2015
- Case: Phosphorus in fertilizer and other products (detergents and industrial production)
- 7.8 billion people
- Topics: Sustainable P use Pollutant vs. scarcity, closing fertilizer loops, "getting access to P" (social justice), …





### Case type VI: Intercultural transdisciplinary process on "cancer" (how to normal cells interact with cancer cells)

- Year: 2010–2019
- Case: Cancer in the "reconstruction" of the Ancient council of Guatemalian Elder and of the current oncology theories"
- About 5 million Mayas (x traditional ones; y oncologists)
- Topic: What knowledge to the two knowledge systems have; how can a transdisciplinary process help to relate these knowledge systems

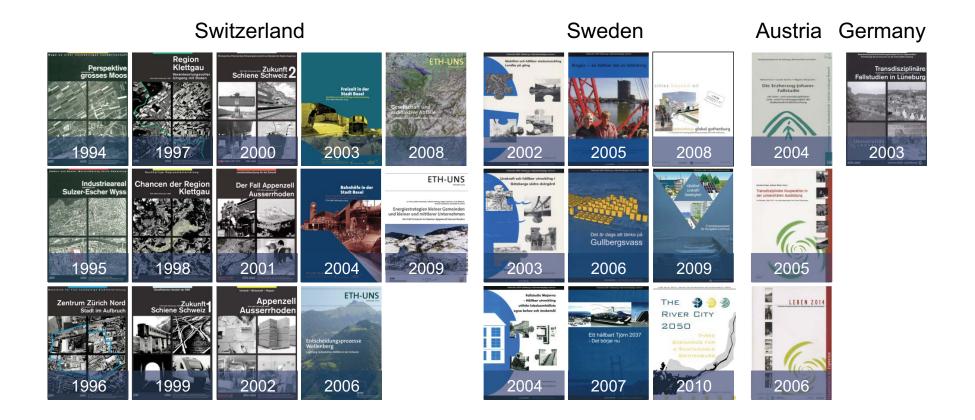


Concepciones Mayas y cientificas modernas del cancer: formacion cultural del conocimiento ambiental (MACOCC)

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### **Transdisciplinary Case Studies in ...**



From 1993–2010 we have conducted/participated in 25+ large scale transdisciplinary case studies in Switzerland, Sweden, Germany, Austria, Seychelles, Bhutan

### Products and functions of transdisciplinarity

Td processes provide "socially robust solutions" (robust orientations) for sustainable transitions

#### **Products and functions**

Td-Processes (according to the Zurich 2000 definition)

 Organize processes of mutual learning between theory and practice

- Serve for
  - 1 Capacity building
  - 2 Consensus building
  - **3** Mediation
  - **4** Legitimization

Provide socially robust orientations ("socially robust solutions")

Scholz, R. W. (2011). *Environmental Literacy in Science and Society: From Knowledge to Decisions*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Chapter 15

#### What are "socially robust solutions" (robust orientations)?

A 'socially robust orientation'

- i. Meets science state of the art scientific knowledge
- ii. Has the potential to *attract consensus*, and thus must be understandable by all stakeholder groups
- iii. Acknowledges the *uncertainties and incompleteness* inherent in any type *of knowledge* about processes of the universe
- iv. Generates processes of knowledge integration of different types of epistemics (e.g. scientific and experiential knowledge, utilizing and relating disciplinary knowledge from the social, natural, and engineering sciences)
- *v.* Considers the constraints given by the context both of generating and utilizing knowledge.

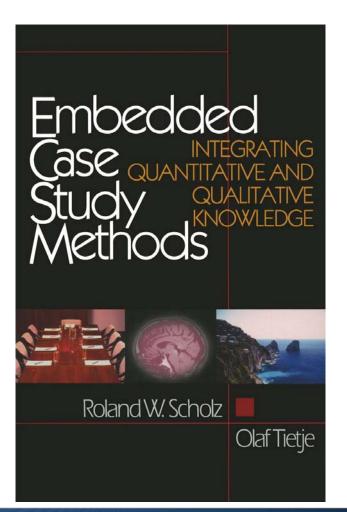
# What I do not show today (in depth)

The methodology of td

# There are about 15 methods for

- -Case representation
- Case definition
- Case transition
- Case study team preparation methods

Scholz, R. W. & Tietje, O. (2002). Embedded Case Study Methods: Integrating Quantitative and Qualitative Knowledge. Thousand Oaks: Sage.

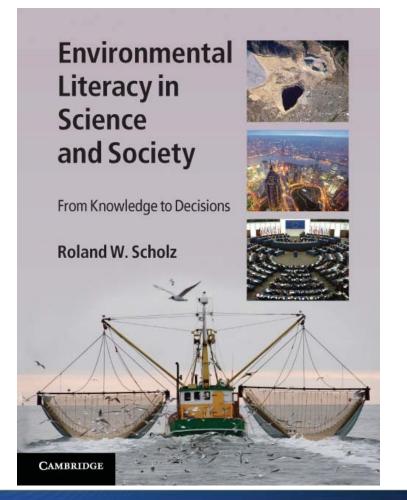


## 2b. Sustain-abilities" for designing resilient Human-Environment Systems

I do not introduce the theory of coupled Human-Environment Systems

#### But I use the conclusions of Chapter 20 of this book

Scholz, R. W. (2011). Environmental Literacy in Science and Society: From Knowledge to Decisions. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.



#### Td-processes should serve to develop capabilities – i.e. "Sustain-abilities" – to better understand transitions of complex Human-Environment Systems

(The "sustain-abilities" S-As are based on a theory of HES)

- S-A1 Properly reading the environmental potential
- S-A2 Recognizing tipping points
- S-A3 Identifying and coping with tradeoffs (interferences) within and between human systems (of one of the same or of different hierarchy levels)
- S-A4 Anticipating and coping with rebound (adverse secondary/higher ordered rebound effects)
- **S-A5 Designing and realizing resilient HES systems** (in the sense of specified and general resilience)
- S-A6 Problem definition and system representation ability
- S-A 7 Establishing inter- and intergenerational justice
- S-A 8 Utilizing the potential complementarity of different knowledge systems

## Part 3 – Td processes

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  - Febr. 2006: "Oil free society til 2020"
  - Go for bioethanol (the Brazil/US case)

### The Guiding Question of an analysis

"Is Sweden's decision to push bioethanol E85 as vehicle fuel **nationally** and **internationally** sustainable?"

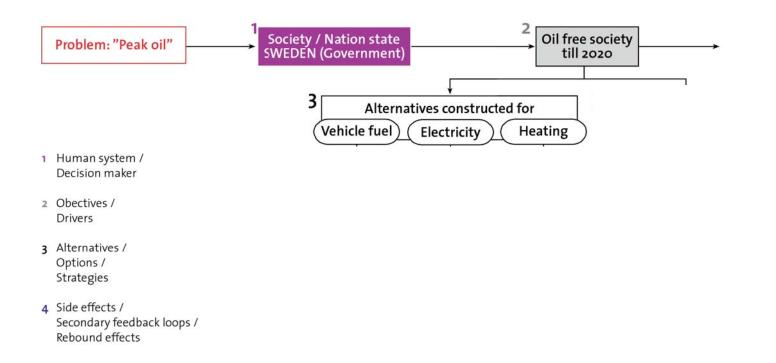
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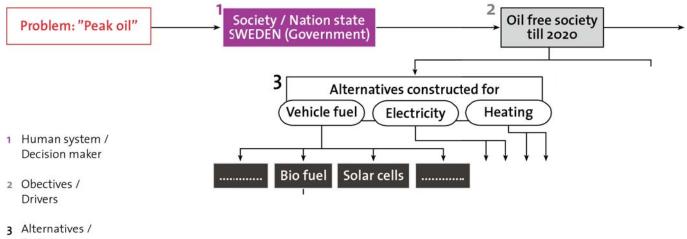
#### Some facts

- Energy makes 61% of global manmade greenhouse emissions, vehicle fuel make 22% (in EU 31%)<sup>[2000]</sup>
- Worldwide, biomass and waste account to 10-11% of worldwide energy production<sup>[FAO, 2008]</sup>, 2% of these 10-11% (0.2% in total) is liquid fuel, [makes 1% of all arable land]; extending Brazil's production by factor 10 makes 10% of world's gasoline use; if we take all "bioethanol plants of the world" (= 42% of all cropland this would make 57%
- Total global photosynthesis produces about 7.5 times of the primary energy demand of 420 exajoules; plants make 1100 exajoules
- Bioethanol make 80% of biofuel worldwide<sup>[2008]</sup>
- In Sweden, 2.5 TWh of the 4.4 TWh renewable energy was ethanol-based; however 50% of the 2.5 TWh were imported from Brazil<sup>[2008]</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> generation ("cellulose based") bioethanol only produced on a pilot site level
- Scenario-based calculation shows that (even for Sweden) with an Extreme Reduction Scenario of the 96 TWh for Swedish transportation p.a. only 65% could be covered by biofuel/agrofuel

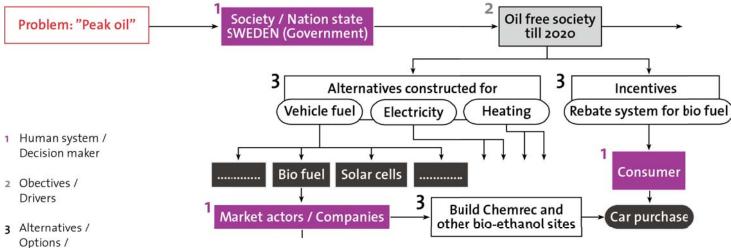


- Human system / Decision maker
- 2 Obectives / Drivers
- 3 Alternatives / Options / Strategies
- 4 Side effects / Secondary feedback loops / Rebound effects

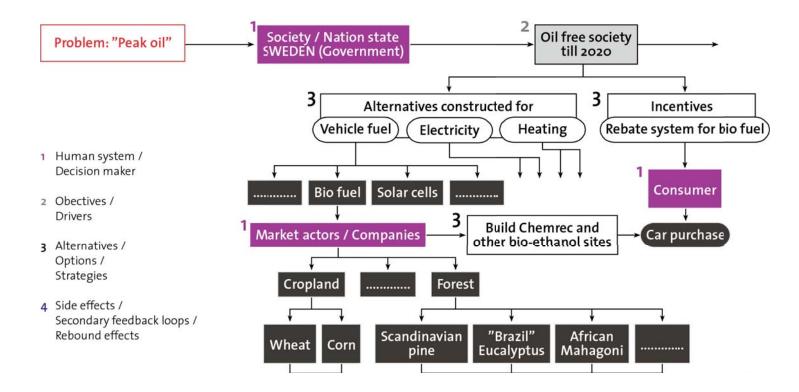


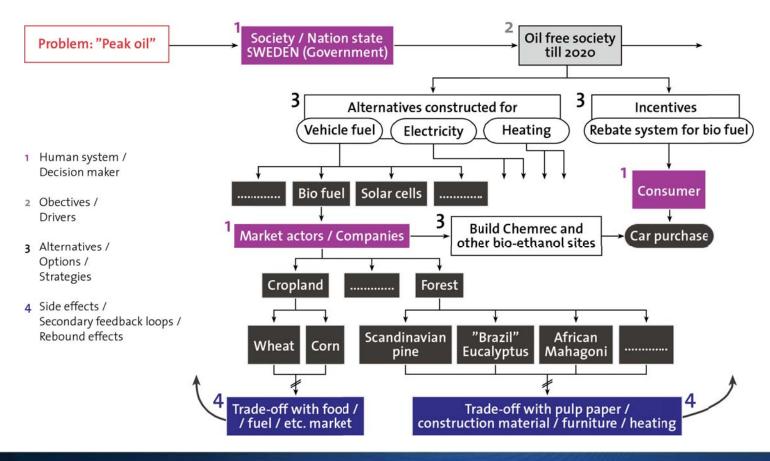


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## Lessons learned: Presumably, some "sustain-abilities" have been missing

- S-A1 Properly reading the environmental potential (What may we get 10%, 50%, 90% on the world level for ...)
- A-A2 Recognizing tipping points (At what level does biofuel production harm ecosystems, food security, ... ?)
- S-A3 Identifying and coping with tradeoffs (interferences) within and between human systems
- S-A4 Anticipating and coping with rebound (What rebound effects have to be considered from biofuel imports from the South?)
- S-A5 Designing and realizing resilient HES systems
- S-A6 Problem definition and system representation ability (Is the goal "Oil free till 2020"/"Go for bioethanol" a proper goal?)
- S-A 7 Establishing inter- and intragenerational justice
- S-A 8 Utilizing the potential complementarity of different knowledge systems (Can transdisciplinary processes do better?)

#### An additional remark

 Biofuel is not renewable as the nutrients (phosphorus [rocks] as a finite nutrient [resource] used in agro-based and forest-based) biofuel production is "not renewable

#### And a conclusion

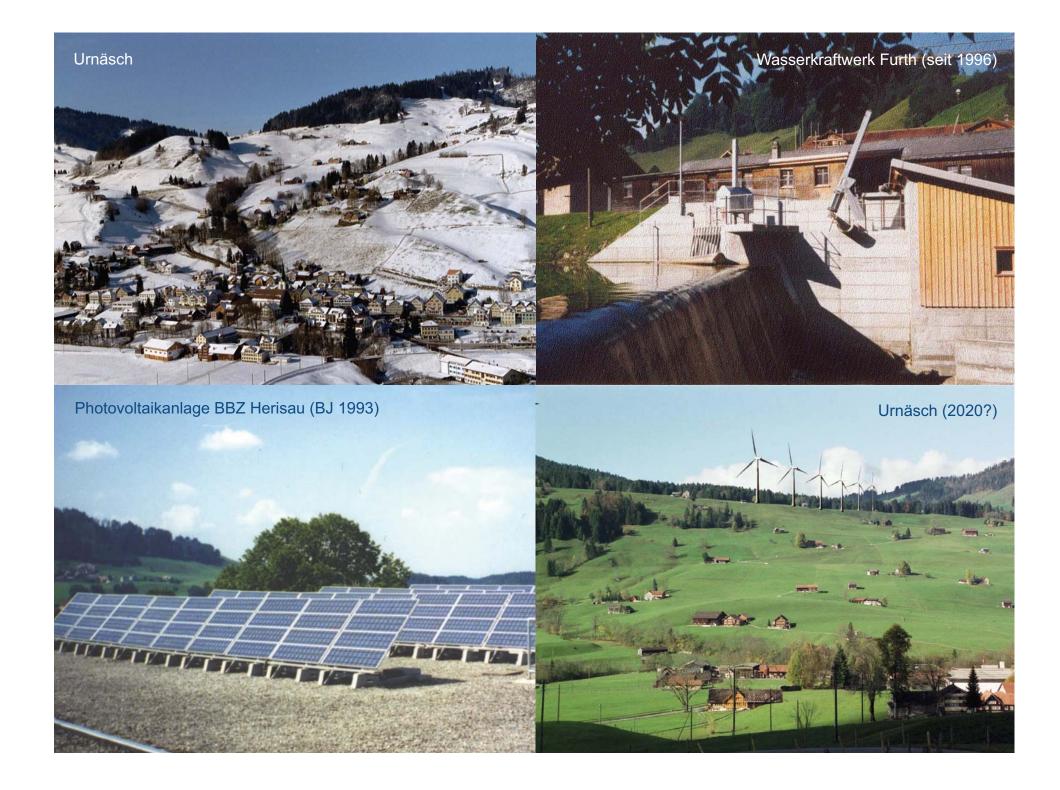
 The Swedish could have done better with a transdisciplinary process (but it is an ongoing inquiry)

### (2) Appenzell-Ausserrhoden: Td-processes on sustainable cantonal energy strategies

#### **Evaluating Energy Strategies of a Canton**

- Appenzell Ausserrhoden: 242 km<sup>2</sup>, 20 communities, 53,500 inhabitants
- The Cantonal Energy Strategy
- Guiding Question:

"How we should housholds, industry and utilities adapt in the next 10 years with respect to energy?



### Intense Cooperation with many local key agents

#### **Steering boards**

- Hans Bruderer, Ralph Boltshauser & Olivier Brenner, Amt für Umwelt, co-leader
- Karin Jung, Leiterin Amt für Wirtschaft, deputy-co-leader
- Bruno Eigenmann, Präsident Verein Energie AR
- Thomas Klingele, Elektro Speicher-Trogen AG
- Peter Langenauer, Gemeindepräsident Speicher
- Ingeborg Schmid-Huser, Gemeindepräsidentin Bühler
- Jens Weber, Gemeinderat Trogen

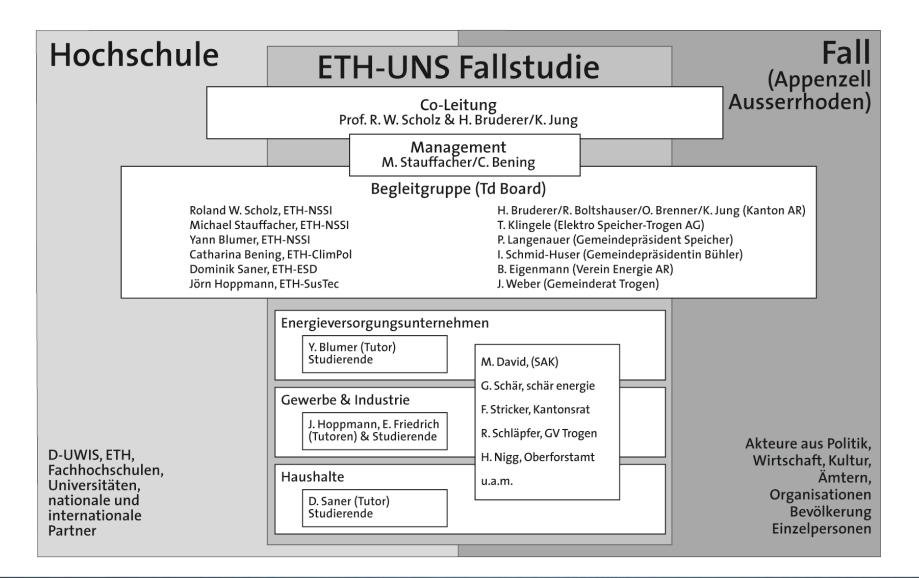
#### Many further key actors involved

 Exekutive, Ämter, Haushalte, Gewerbe, Energieberater, Energieunternehmer, Umwelt- und Naturschutzorganisationen, usw.

Co-Leitung Prof. Scholz & Hans Bruderer, Leiter AFU



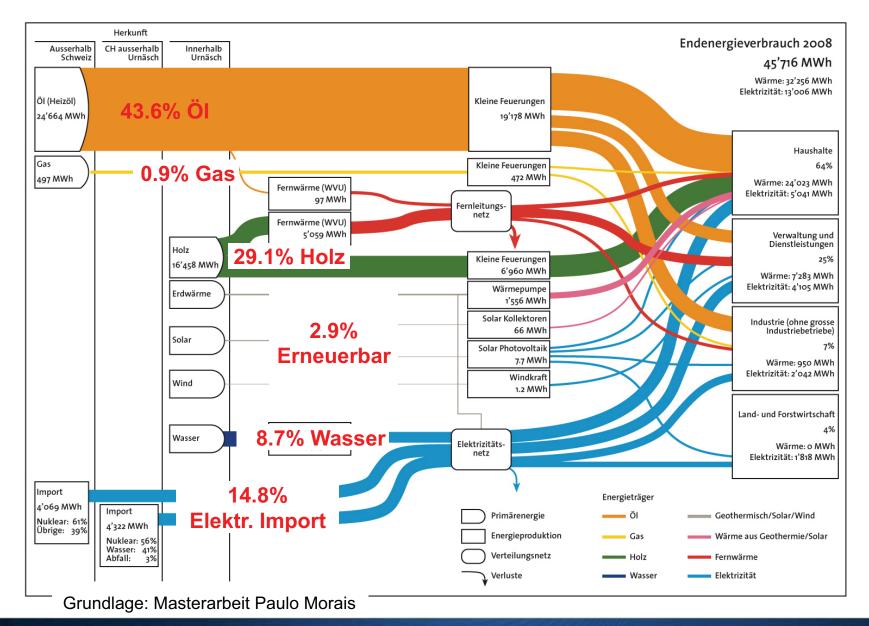
#### **Organization of the Case Study**



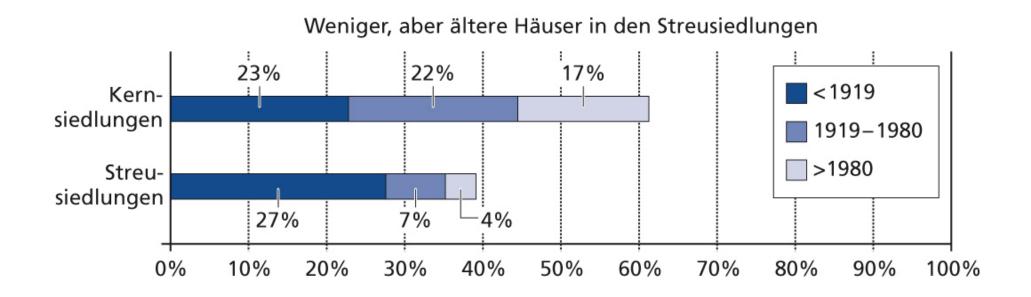
#### 18 Studierende aus 6 verschiedenen Ländern



#### Ausgangslage: Energieflüsse in Urnäsch

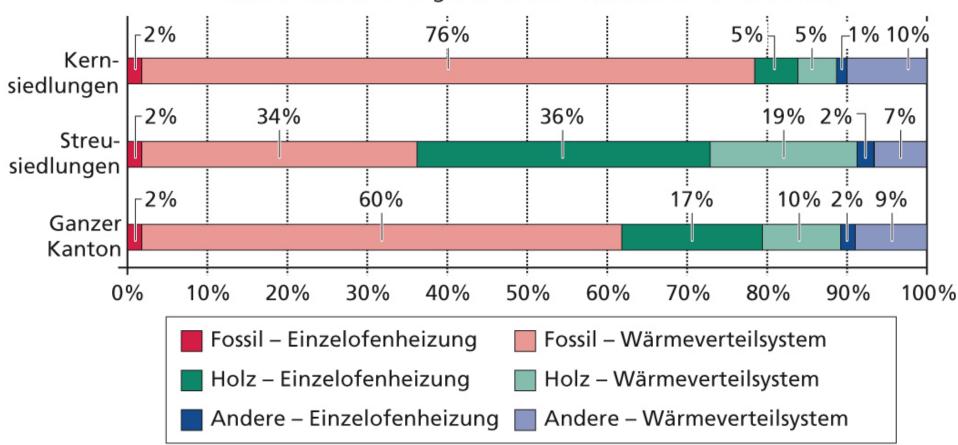


#### More than half of the houses have been built before 1919



Master-Thesis von Matthias Schlegel, 2010

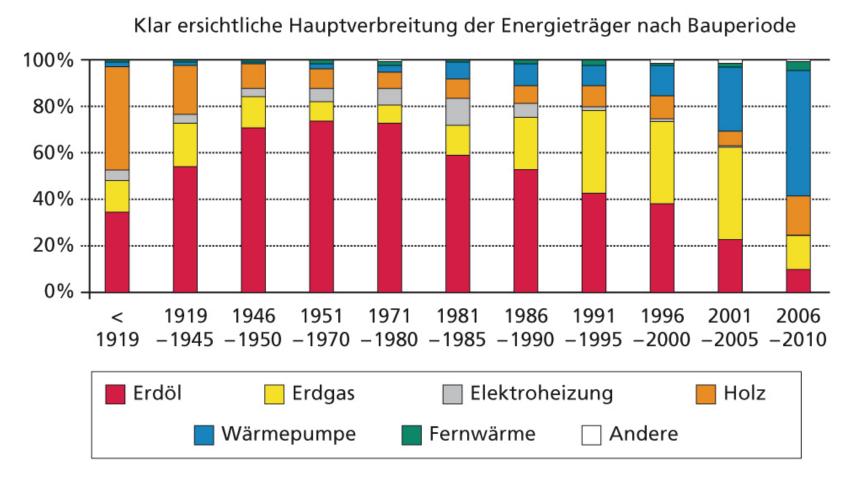
# Houses in dispersed settlements use wood others primarily oil



Fossile Zentralheizungen und Holz-Einzelöfen vorherrschend

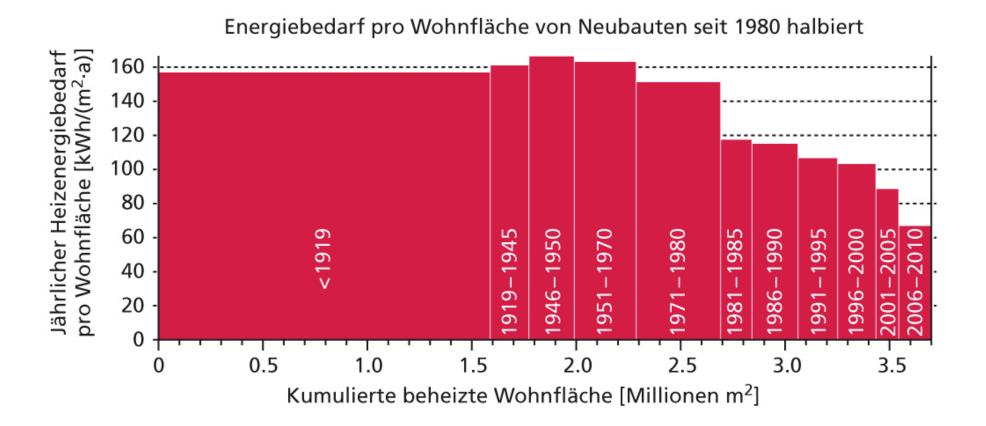
Quelle: Master-Arbeit von Matthias Schlegel, 2010

#### Heatpumps are coming (the blue stacks) Oil is disappearing from heating (in 2010 only one new building asked for oil heating permission)



Quelle: Master-Arbeit von Matthias Schlegel, 2010

#### Heating nergy per square meter since 1980 got halved. This works one more!



Quelle: Master-Arbeit von Matthias Schlegel, 2010

#### **Methods**

#### Energy flow-models

- **Data mining** related to census, interviews of household data
- Social science methods for entrepreneurial strategies 44 firms (Conjoint Analysen), surveys
- Formative Scenario Analysis to assess the robustness of cantonal strategies

#### What has been learned

- Capacity Building:
  - Energy strategies are needed on national, state/cantonal, community and household level
- Consensus Building
  - Put the fossil plug out of "heating houses/apartments"
  - Tradeoffs and consensus building about different visions "2000 Watt, 1 ton CO2, Autarky, Efficiency, "Economic/cheap electricity" etc." are necessary
- Mediation
  - There are critical tradeoffs: "cultural heritage" vs. Solar/energy efficiency
- Legitimization
  - People have trust in results from transdisciplinary processes

#### **Outcomes**

- Keep regional utilities (energy producers and providers)
- Consensus about "no oil in houses"
- Develop strategies not only from a house (technical side) but also from as human (house-owner/household side)
- Using renewable energy potentials
  - Water
  - Wind
  - Solar (PV & Thermal)
  - Thermal (Heat pump & enhanced thermal

### Gäbris (Gais), 1921





### (3) Vulnerability and Potential Assessment of the Swiss Energy System

# Assessing the vulnerability (supply-security) of the Swiss energy system

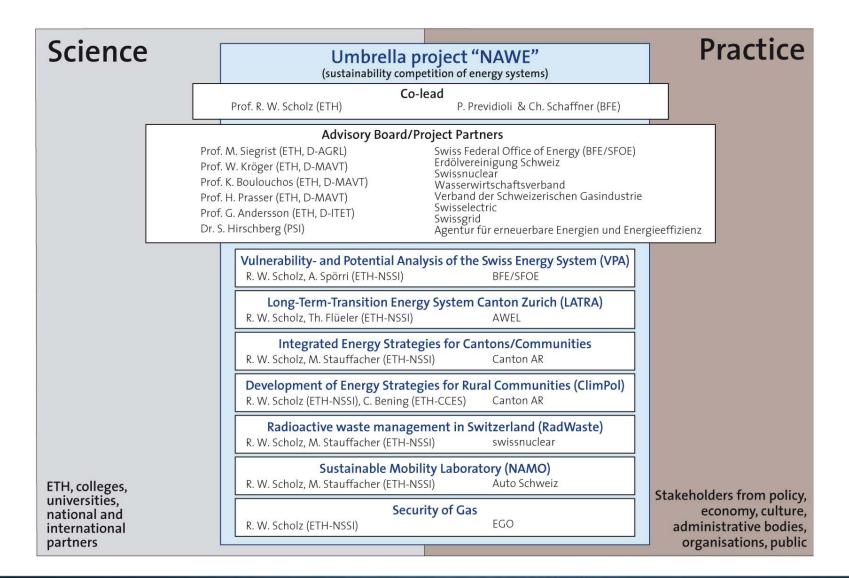
#### • The problem:

- To avoid "hard landing", the (change) of vulnerability of energy systems should be measured, monitored and communicated
- The guiding question
  - How can we measure the energy supply security of CH-quantitatively
  - Wie kann die Energieversorgungssicherheit der Schweiz quantitativ beurteilt werden?

#### The goal

 Establish a high quality transdisciplinary process (transdisciplinary think tank) involving key actors of the energy supply-demand chain

## TD Processes in the Domain of Energy at NSSI: an overview

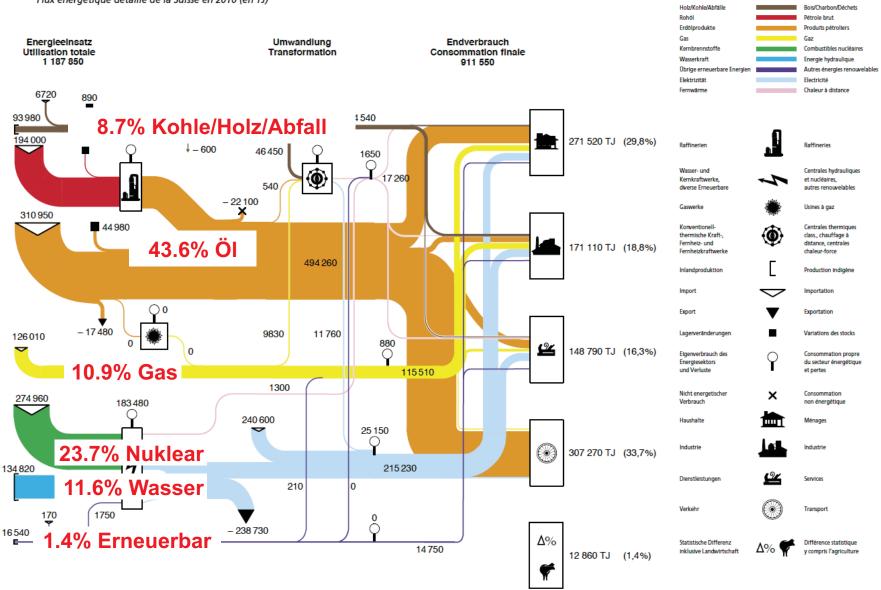


### **Practice members of the TD Board**

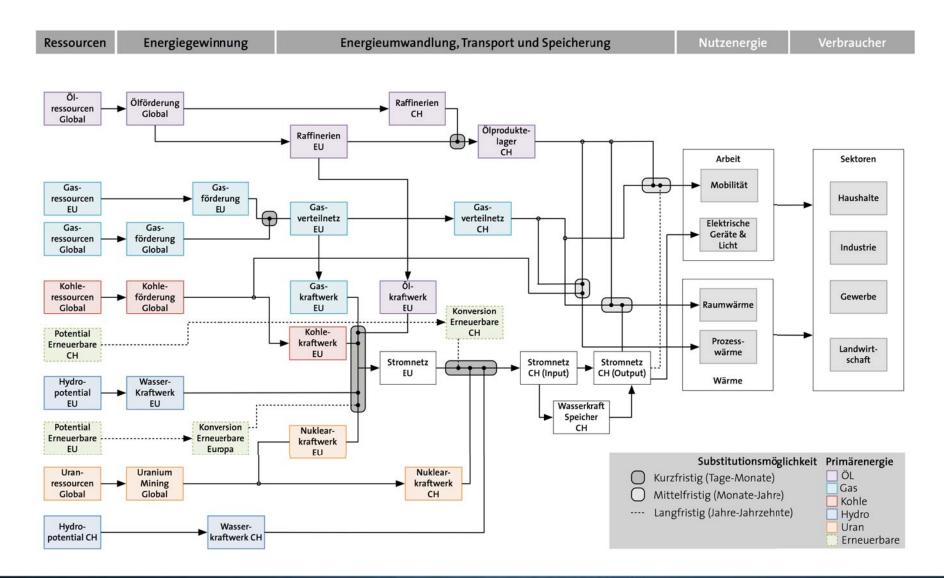
Invited organitzations	Aspect of energy system covered
Erdölvereinigung Schweiz	Oil
Swissnuclear	Nuclear energy
Wasserwirtschaftsverband	Hydropower
Verband der Schweizerischen Gasindustrie	Gas
Swisselectric	Electricity producers
Swissgrid	Electricity grid operator
Agentur für erneuerbare Energien und Energieeffizienz	Renewables
BA für Wirtschaftliche Landesversorgung/ BA für Bevölkerungsschutz und Sport	Federal offices

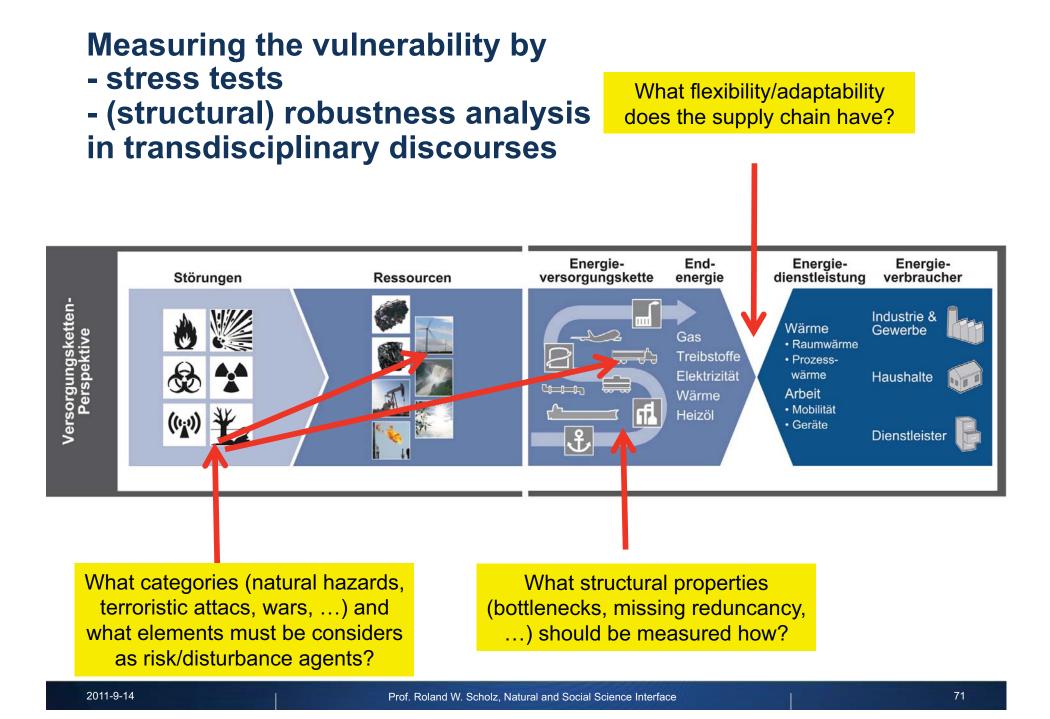
#### The Swiss Energy System (BFE Perspective)

Fig. 5 Detailliertes Energieflussdiagramm der Schweiz 2010 (in TJ) Flux énergétique détaillé de la Suisse en 2010 (en TJ)

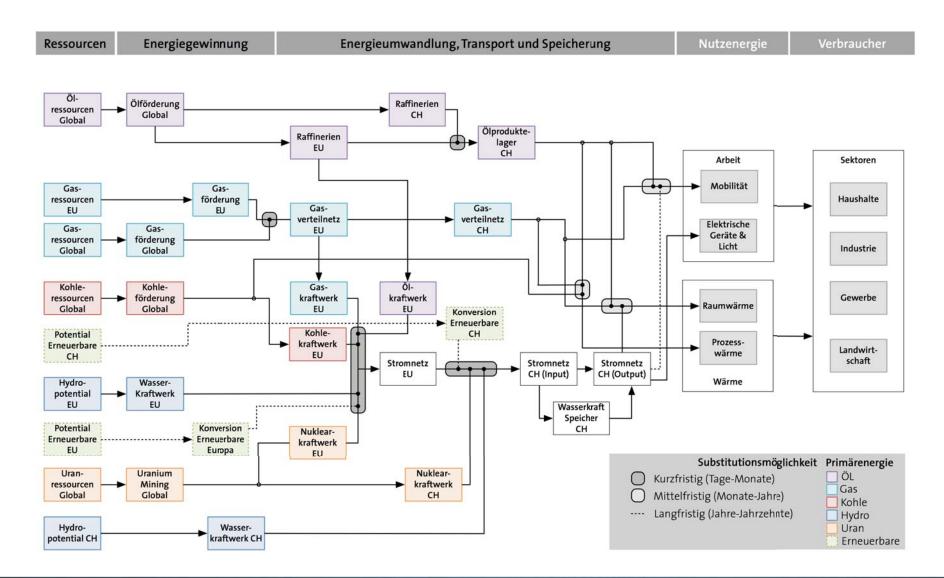


# The basic model of the Swiss Energy System (primary energy bound, supply-demand driven)

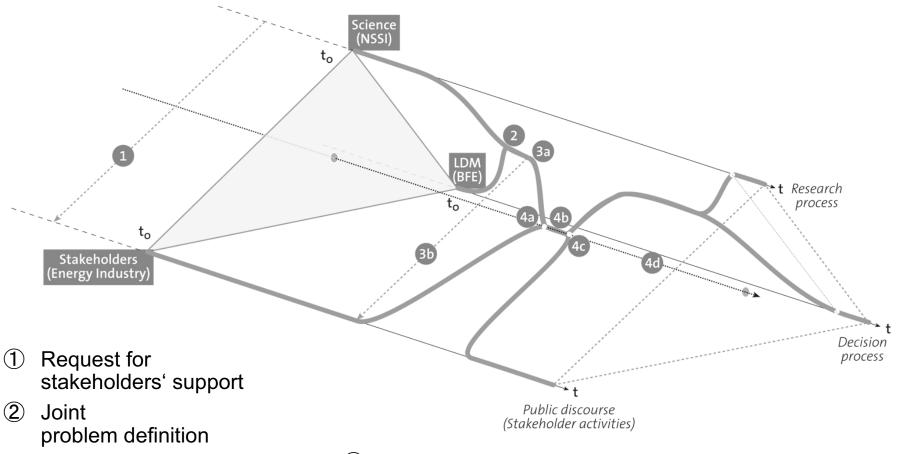




#### The Swiss Energy System (VPA Perspective)



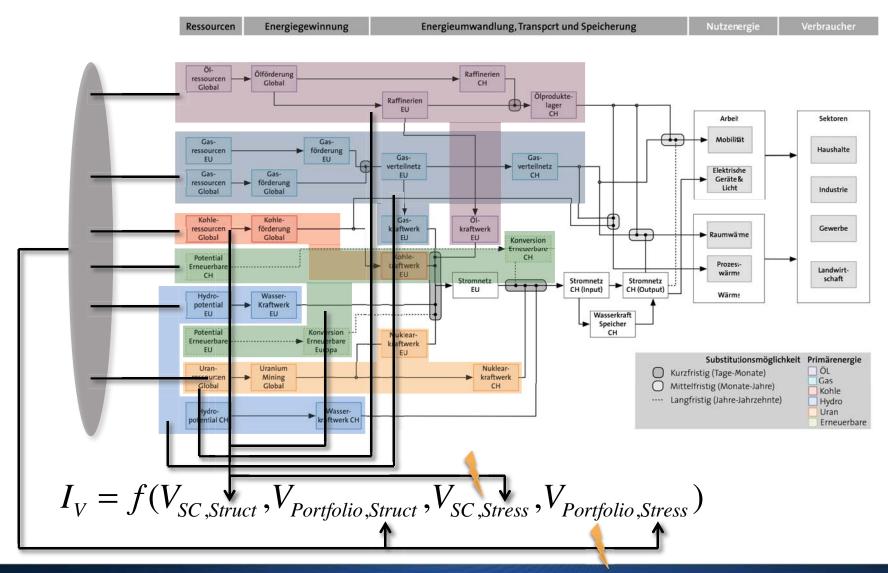
#### The Td process of VPA (Overview)



③ Problem representation

- ④ Establishment of Td board
- a. Meeting 1: kick-off
- b. M2: Validation of 1<sup>st</sup> results, inputs for synthesis
- c. M3: Synthesis, validation of results ("reality check")
- d. M4: Periodic re-evaluation of situation (decision in M3)

#### The Swiss Energy System (VPA Perspective)



The next steps (starting the td discourse)

Consensus about the

- goal of the project (  $\checkmark$  )
- system representation
- definition of the vulnerability indicators
- risk/disturbance agents (  $\sqrt{}$  )

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- policy options

will be attained in a transdisciplinary (precompetetive, nonday to day politicized) discourse forum

## **General conclusions**

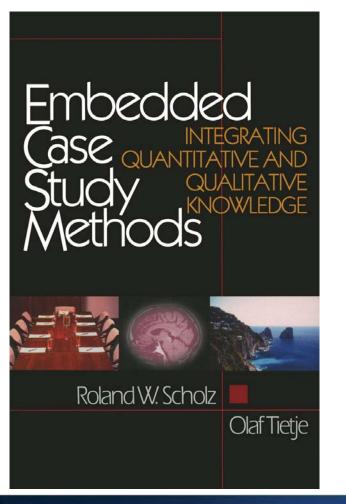
### Conclusions

- Transdisciplinarity in the terms of the Zürich 2000 definition has become a third mode of scientific research and activity supplementing disciplinarity and interdisciplinarity
- 2. There are a large number of successful transdisciplinary projects in which a mutual learning between science and society took place
- 3. Developing "socially robust solutions/orientations" for resilient humanenvironment systems is the key challenge for the transitioning towards sustainable energy systems; this is not a mere not a mere technical issue and asks indispensably for Td-processes relying on different types of epistemics

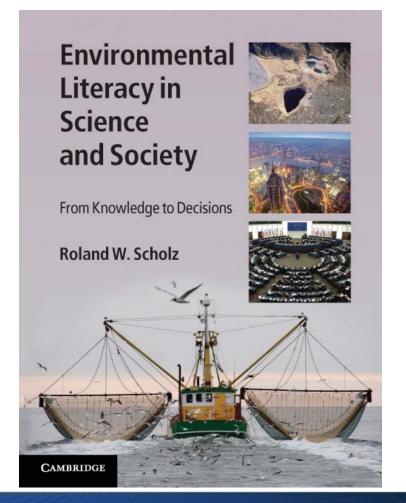
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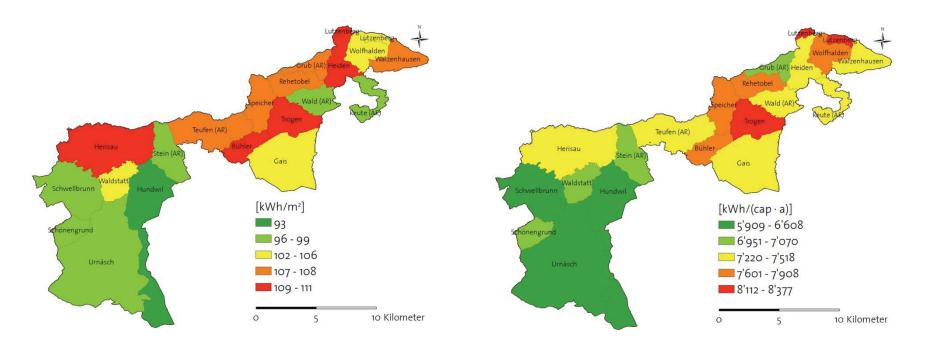
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## Welche Gemeinde braucht am wenigstens Energie, d.h. ist am «energie-effizientesten»?

Bezogen auf die Wohnfläche

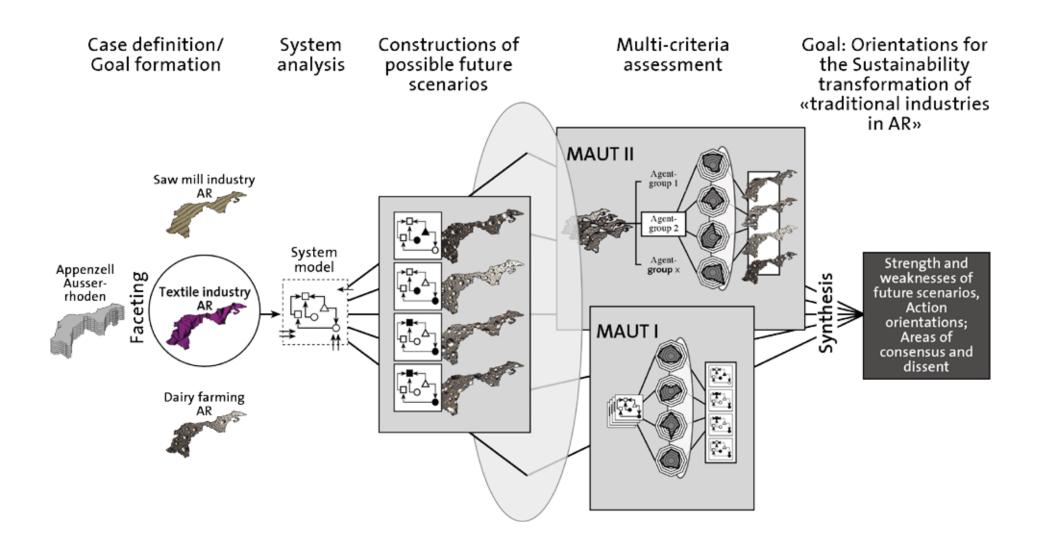
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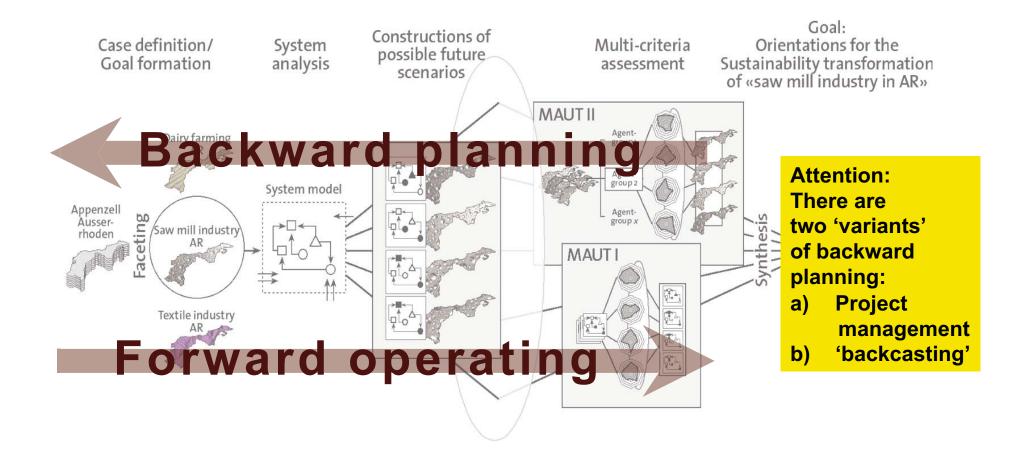
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#### Some insight into methods of transdisciplinary research

**Formative Scenario Analysis** 



## The backward planning principle



### Forward operating vs. backward planning

#### **Backward Planning**

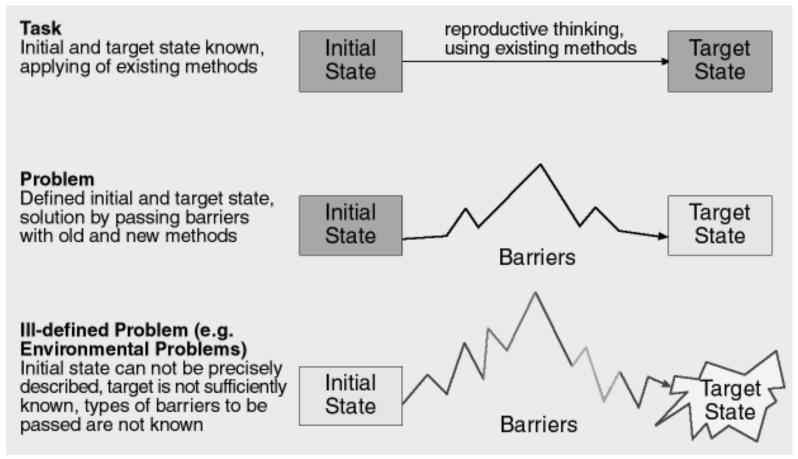
- 1. Goal formation (*Negotiated between theory and practice.*)
- 2. Faceting of the case (What industries to look at?)
- Evaluation/assessment criteria (e.g. MAUT) and assessment procedure (Who should evaluate?)
- 4. Variants (What comparisons can help to answer what question?)
- 5. System analysis (What impact factors are most essential?)
- 6. System boundary definition (*What* are appropriate case boundaries?)

#### **Forward Operating**

(Start from your facet, e.g. Textile Industry)

- 1. Define the system boundaries [6]
- 2. Construct a system model (e.g. by impact factors in an FSA framework) [4]
- Define variants/scenarios (e.g. by FSA)
   [3]
- Organize different evaluations (e.g. a science/data based and a stakeholder based) [2]
- Derive orientations from the evaluations in the facets with respect to the goal of the case study [1]

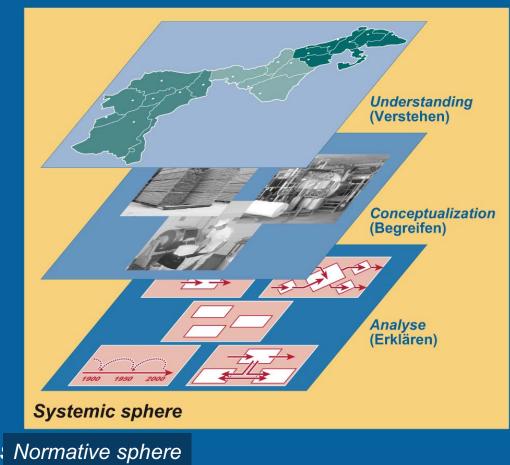
# The ontology of sustainability studies is (a) of an "ill-defined problem type"



and (b) includes normative issues

# **Epistemology:** Different spheres and different types of knowledge have to be differentiated

## **Guiding Question**



Knowledge integration is the issue!

Methods of knowledge integration are needed for

- Case representation (including case projection, constructing scenarios)
- 2. Case evaluation (evaluation of scenarios)
- 3. Case transformation (securing that scenarios become real)
- 4. Case study team methods

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Formative Scenario Analysis System Dynamics Material Flux Analysis	XX XX X	X X XX	X	
Case evaluation				
Multi-Attribute Utility Theory Integrated Risk Management Life Cycle Assessment	X X X	X X XX	v	X
Bio-Ecological Potential Analysis Case transformation		XX	X	
Area Development Negotiations Future Workshops <i>Case study team methods</i>		Х	X XX	XX X
Experiential Case Encounter Synthesis Moderation			XX X	X X