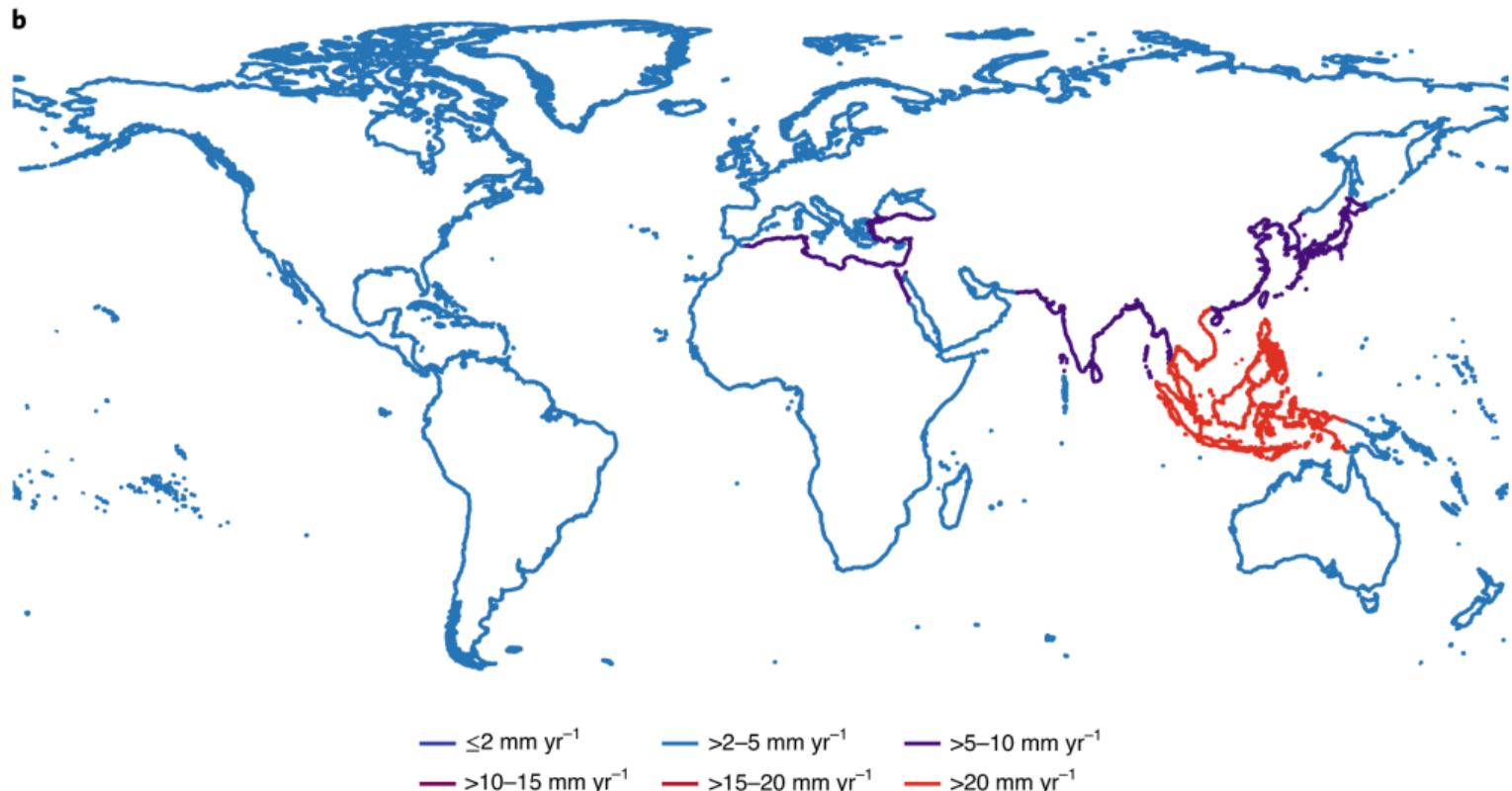


# Sea Level Rise and Urban Adaptation in Jakarta

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Sea levels are rising globally (Nicholls et al. 2021)





# Motivation

- **Sea level rise threatens 1B people by 2050** (IPCC 2019)
  - 680M people in low-elevation coastal zones today
- Jakarta will be 35% below sea level by 2050 (Andreas et al. 2018)
  - World's second largest city at 31M (first by 2030)
  - In response, \$40B in proposed infrastructure investments
- **How does government intervention affect long-run adaptation?**
  - How does public adaptation affect private adaptation?

# This paper

- **Dynamic spatial model** of coastal development and government defense
  - Estimated with granular spatial data for Jakarta
- Long-run adaptation requires moving inland, but
  - ① Moral hazard from government intervention
  - ② Persistence from durable capital
- **Result:** limited adaptation without government commitment

# Contributions

- **Adaptation frictions** under endogenous government intervention
  - Kydland & Prescott 1977, Desmet et al. 2021, Vigdor 2008, Kocornik-Mina et al. 2020, Balboni 2021, Castro-Vicenzi 2022, Jia et al. 2022, Peltzman 1975, Kousky et al. 2006, Boustan et al. 2012, Kousky et al. 2018, Baylis & Boomhower 2022, Fried 2022, Mulder 2022, Wagner 2022
- **Dynamic spatial model** of urban development
  - Kalouptsidi 2014, Hopenhayn 1992, Ericson & Pakes 1995, Hotz & Miller 1993, Arcidiacono & Miller 2011, Scott 2013, Desmet et al. 2018, Caliendo et al. 2019, Kleinman et al. 2022
- **Sea level rise damages** for Jakarta
  - Budiyono et al. 2015, Takagi et al. 2016, Wijayanti et al. 2017, Andreas et al. 2018

# Outline

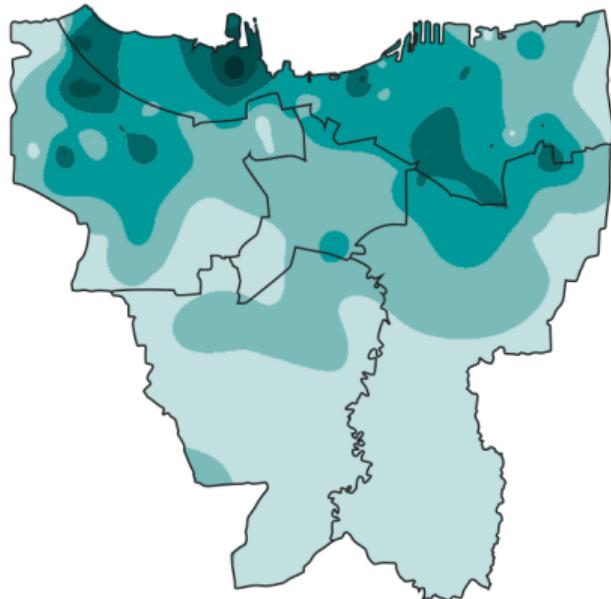
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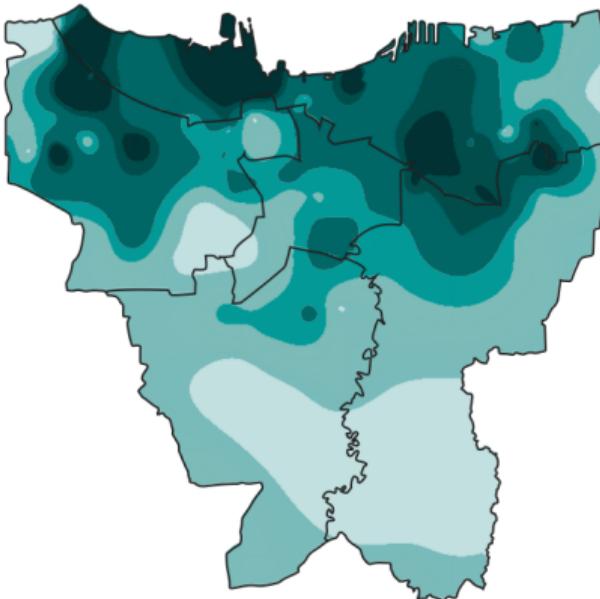




## Future land subsidence (SLR 1m by 2100)



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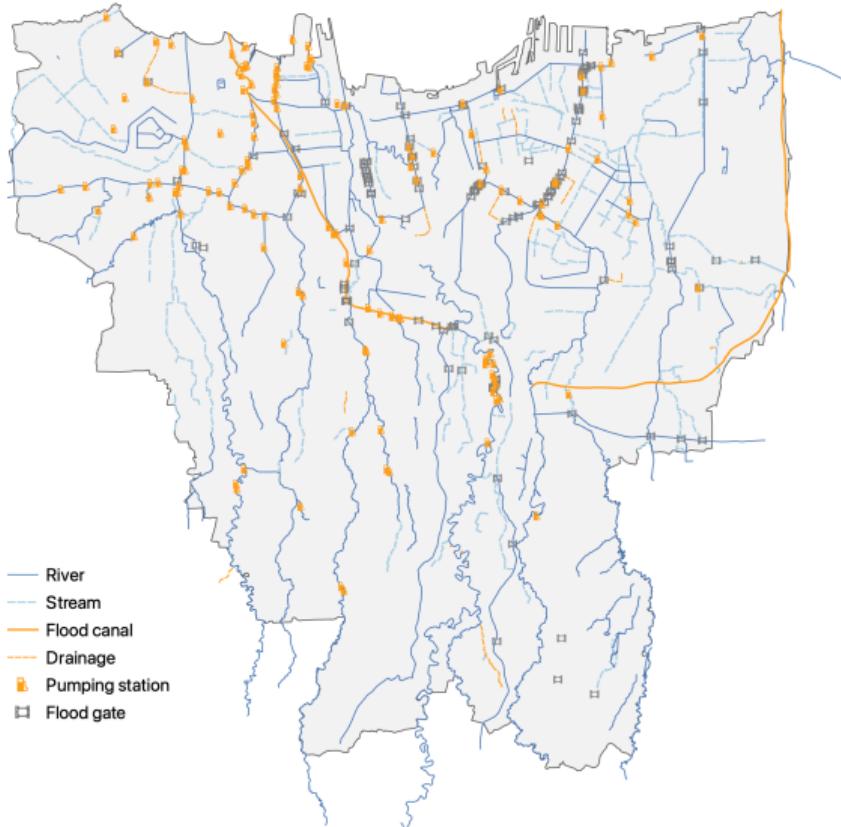


2050



# Flood infrastructure

- 1918: West flood canal
- 1960: dams/reservoirs
- 1978: drainage canals
- 2002: East flood canal
- 2011: **sea wall plans**
- 2019: **Nusantara plans**



# Profil Proyek NCICD

- Peletakan batu pertama: Oktober 2014
- Target rampung: 2022
- Tahapan pembangunan: 3 (Tahap A, B, dan C)
- Pelaksana: Kementerian PU dan Pemprov DKI
- Biaya investasi: Rp300 triliun
- Reklamasi lahan: 1.000 hektare

Sumber: Kementerian PU-Pera, berbagai sumber, diolah

Wing Park Neighbourhood Waterfront Neighbourhood

Maritime Communities

## Target Konstruksi

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Konstruksi: 2014-2017  
Flood safety: 2030

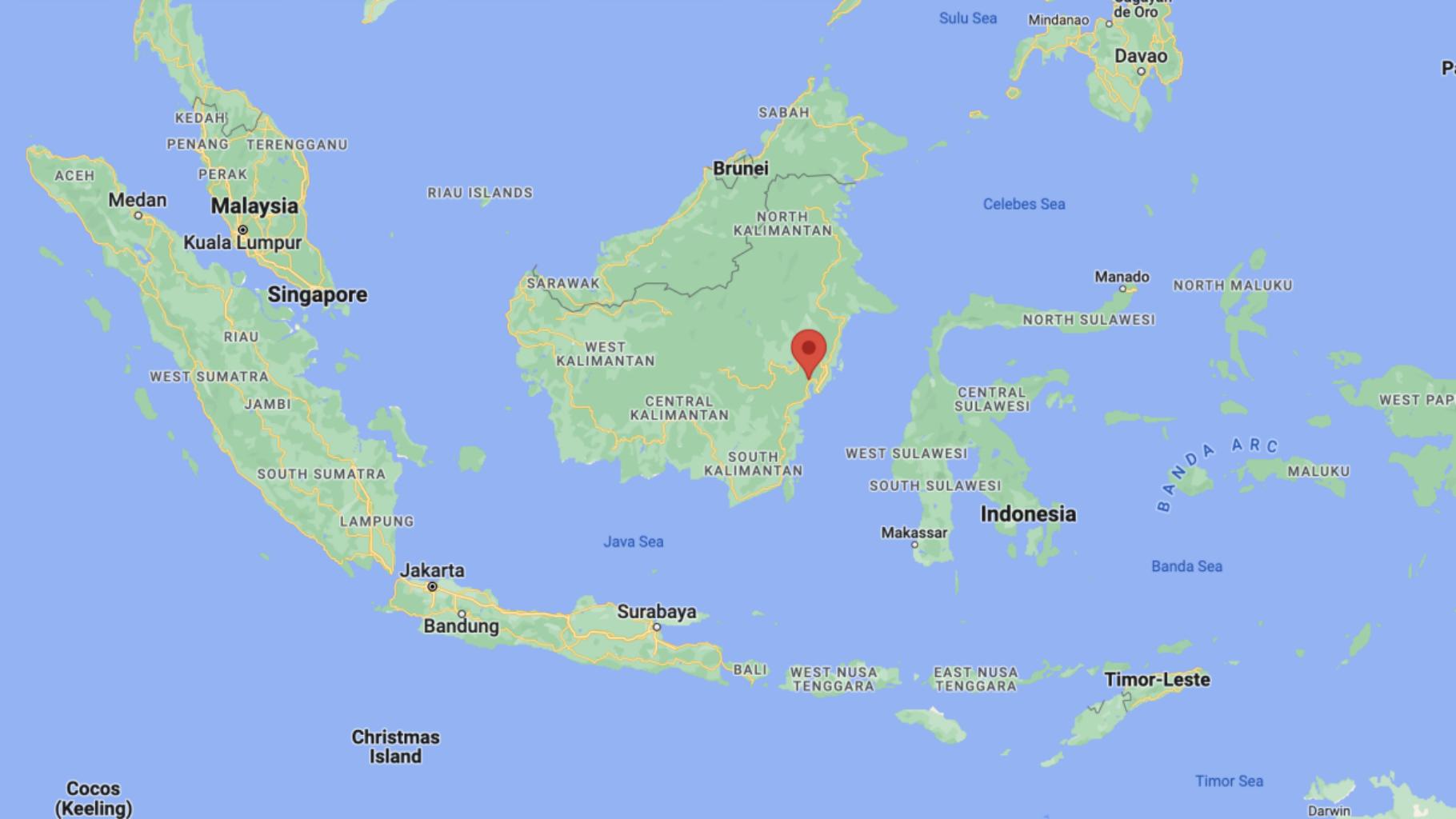
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Konstruksi: 2018-2022  
Flood Safety: 2030

### Tahap C

Konstruksi: 2022





Cocos  
(Keeling)

# Theory

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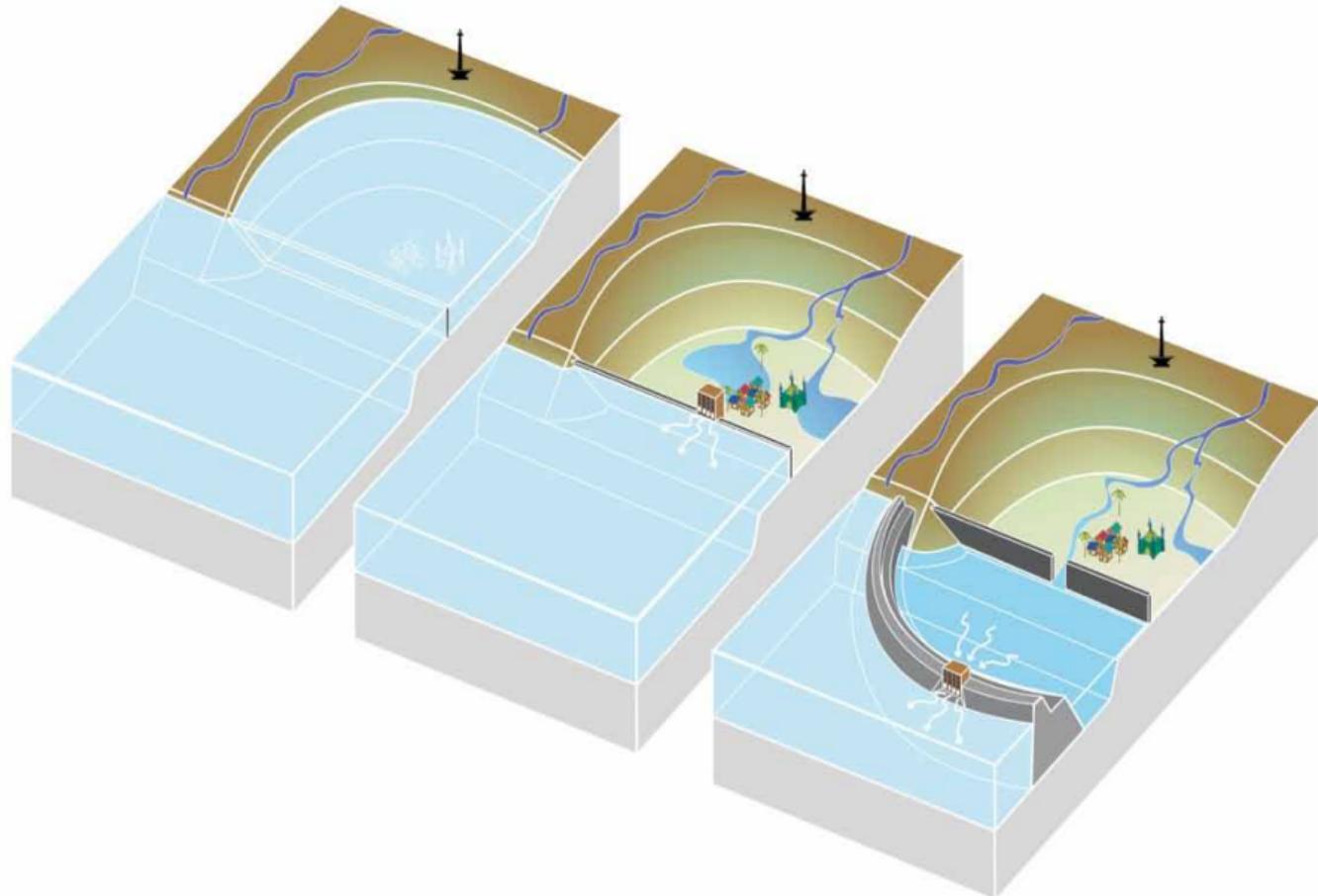
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## Commitment + challenges

- Solution 1: **commit to  $g^*$** 
  - $g'(d) = 0$  implies  $r'(g) g'(d) = 0$
  - But optimal for government to protect over-development ex post
- Solution 2: **commit to  $d^*$** 
  - By taxing or restricting development
  - But developers will lobby against enforcement ex post
- In Jakarta, political pressures demand action
  - In the US, lobbying for zoning expansions and against NFIP re-rating
  - [If  $g(d) = 0$ , no moral hazard but also no intervention to begin with]



# Dynamics: $r(D_t, G_t)$ for $D_t = D_{t-1} + d_t$

## ① Moral hazard arises across periods

- Developers exploit both current and future governments (commitment issues)
- Current governments may exploit future governments (political myopia)

## ② Development has persistent effects

- Current governments can help future governments (forward-looking)
- Over-development today raises development tomorrow (path dependence)

Details

# Empirics

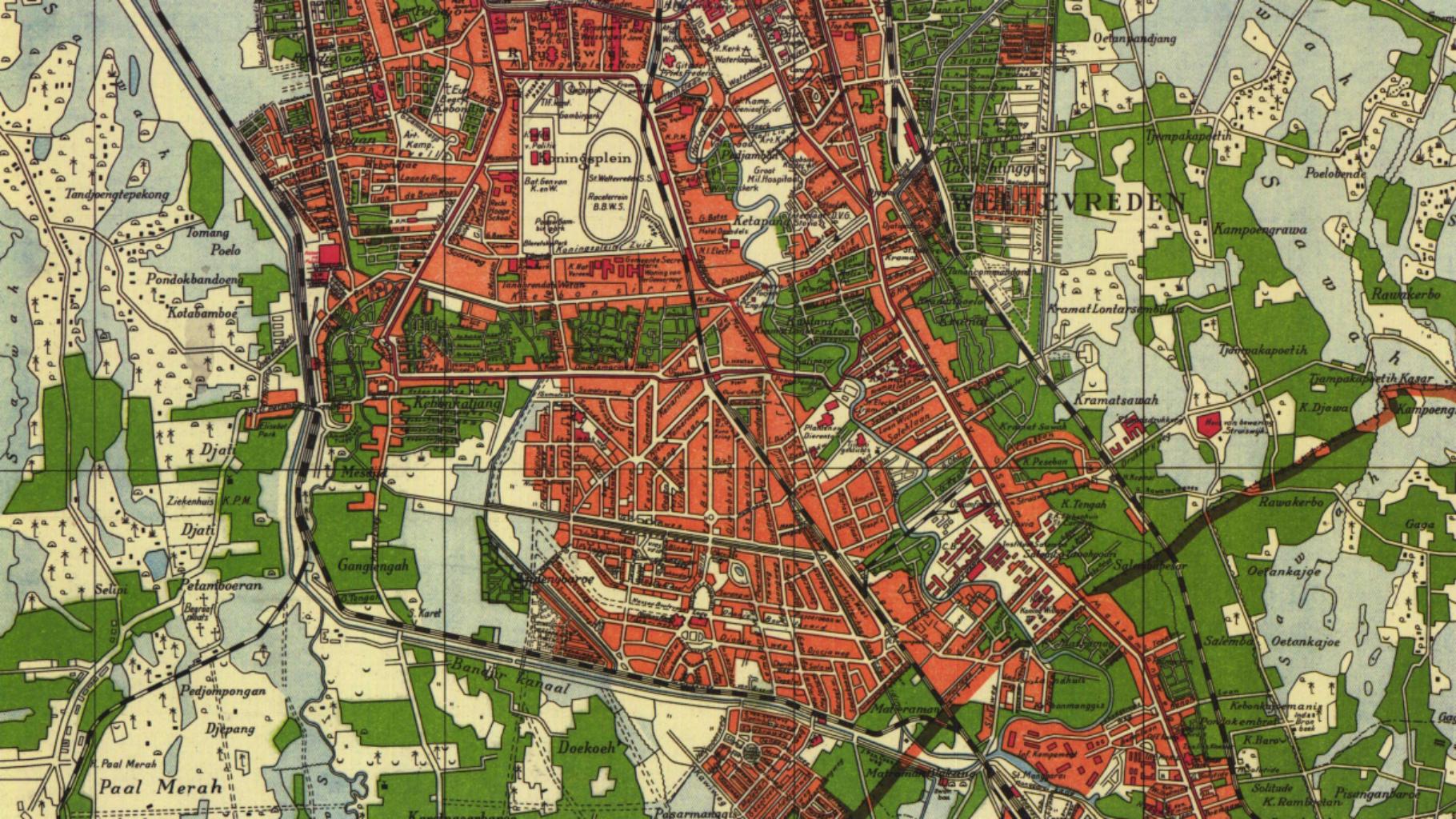
## Empirical framework

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- $r(d, s(g))$ : **spatial model** of residential demand
- $s(g)$ : **hydrologic model** of flood risk
- $c(d)$ : **dynamic model** of developer supply
- $f(g)$ : **engineering estimates**

# High-resolution spatial data (2015/2020)

Variable	Source	Map
Building construction	GHSL	<a href="#">Map</a>
Populations	GHSL	<a href="#">Map</a>
Property values	99.co, brickz.id	<a href="#">Map</a>
Land values	Jakarta Smart City	<a href="#">Map</a>
Flood risk	(Hydrological model)	<a href="#">Map</a>



## Demand from residents

$$U_{ijk} = \underbrace{-\alpha r_k + \rho s_k + \xi_k}_{\delta_k} - \tau m_{jk} + \epsilon_{ijk}$$

- **Spatial model** of residential choice (individual  $i$ , origin  $j$ , destination  $k$ )
  - Static renters consider rents, flood safety, amenities, distances, logit shocks
  - Moving inland abandons high-amenity places and incurs migration costs
  - Will add firms to endogenize (some) amenities
- **Estimation** with 2020 population shares and instruments (BLP 1995)
  - Price endogeneity from correlation of rents and unobserved amenities
  - IV with soil quality and ruggedness as supply shifters

Details

## Demand estimates

First stage	Rents	IV	Population
Ruggedness	0.010*** (0.001)	Rents	-0.113*** (0.019)
Flood safety	7.888** (4.018)	Flood safety	1.031** (0.507)
Coastal distance	-0.630*** (0.082)	Coastal distance	-0.072*** (0.016)
District FE	x	District FE	x
Observations	2,181	Observations	2,181
F-stat	76.38		

## Supply from developers

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## Comparing approaches

Estimation	Speed	Expectations
Full-solution (NFP)	Slow	Specified
Two-step (BBL)	Fast	Specified
Euler CCPs	Fast	Rational agents
Baseline	Fast	Rational market

# Rents

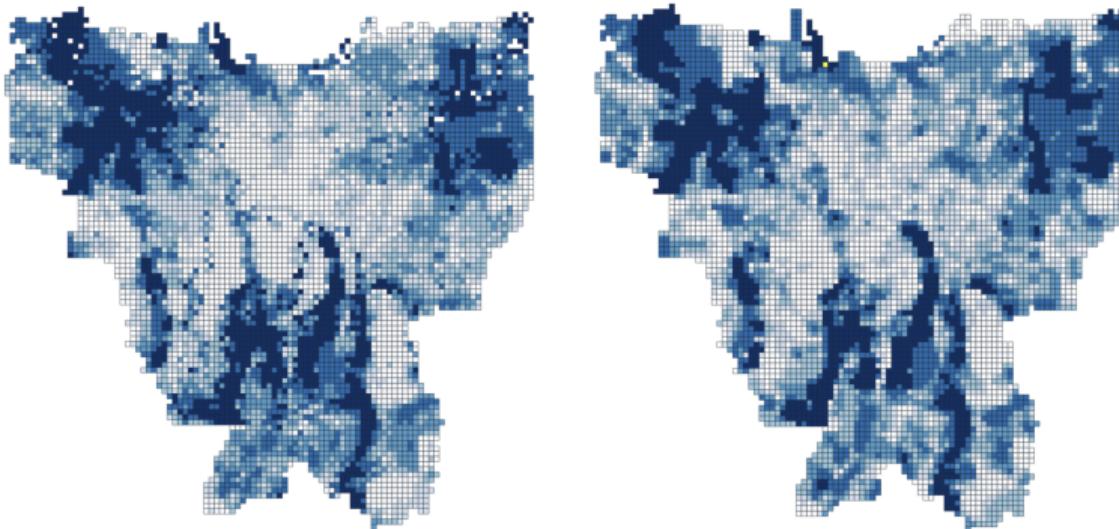
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## Flood risk

- Physical vs. prediction-based hydrological models (Mosavi et al. 2018)
  - Random forest algorithm to match monthly observed flooding (2013-2020)



Predicted vs. observed

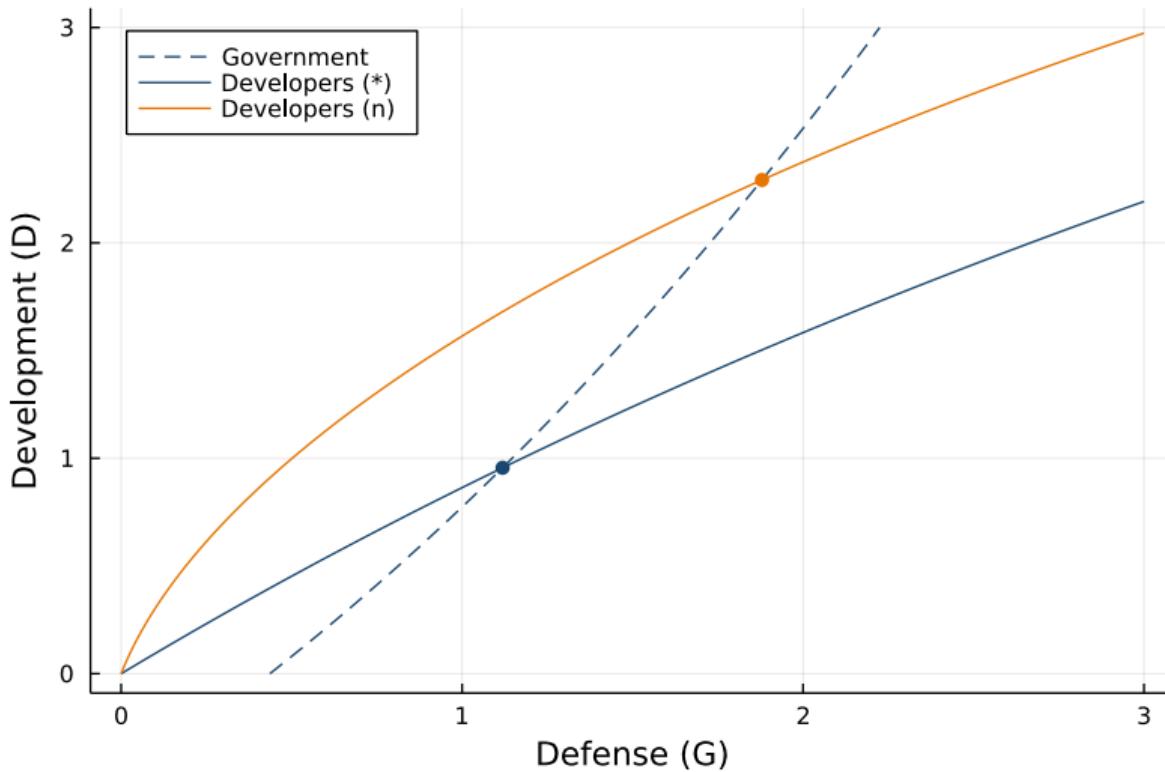
# Government

- Commitment level and political turnover by assumption
  - Hydrological model of flood risk  $s_k(G)$
  - Engineering estimates of costs  $f(G)$
- Counterfactuals

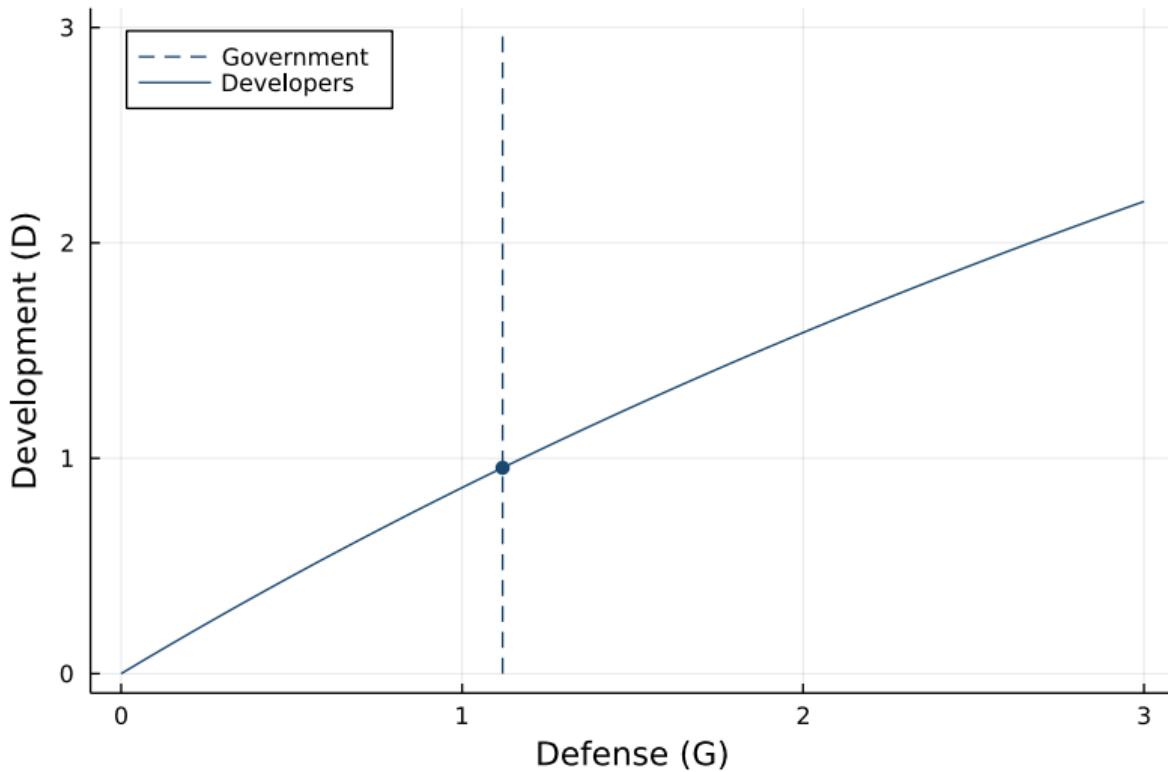
Defense  $g \rightarrow$  flooding  $s$  by **hydrological** model  
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# Simulations

# Over-development and over-defense

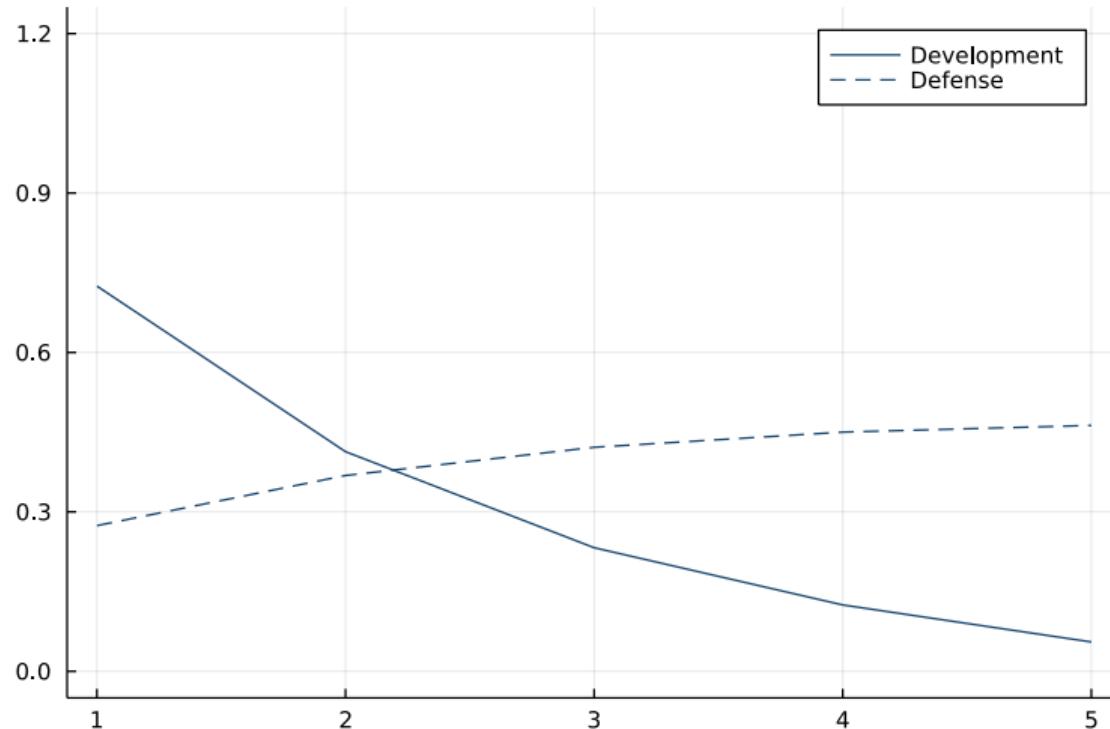


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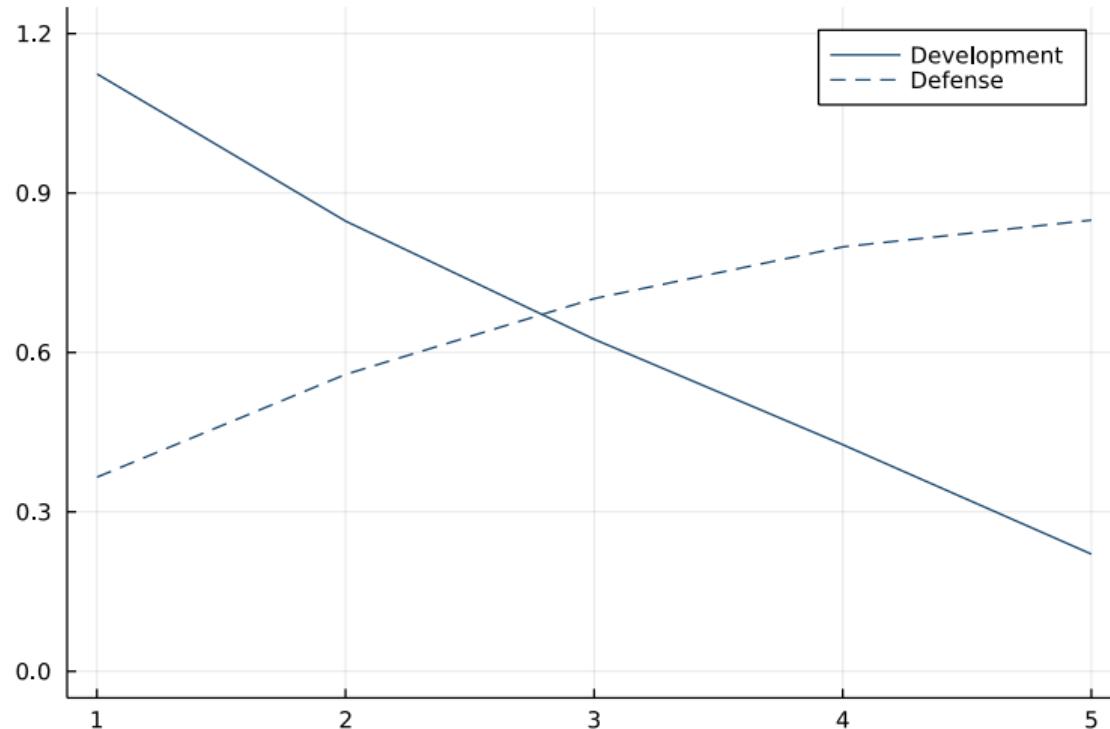
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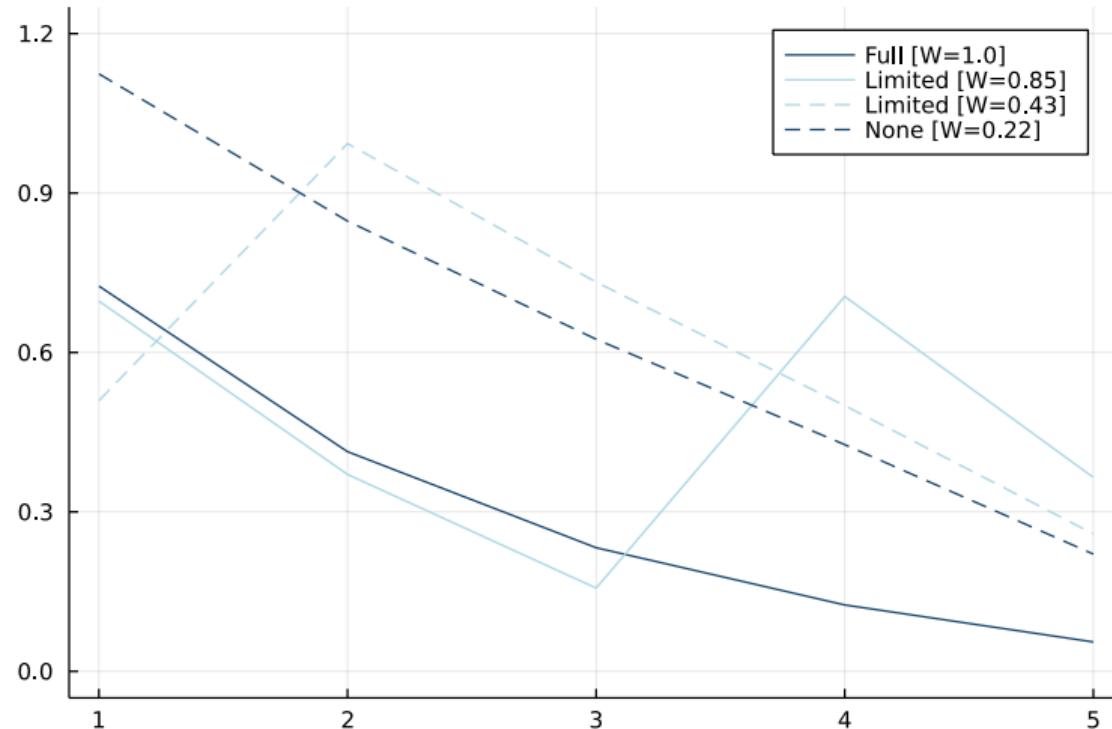
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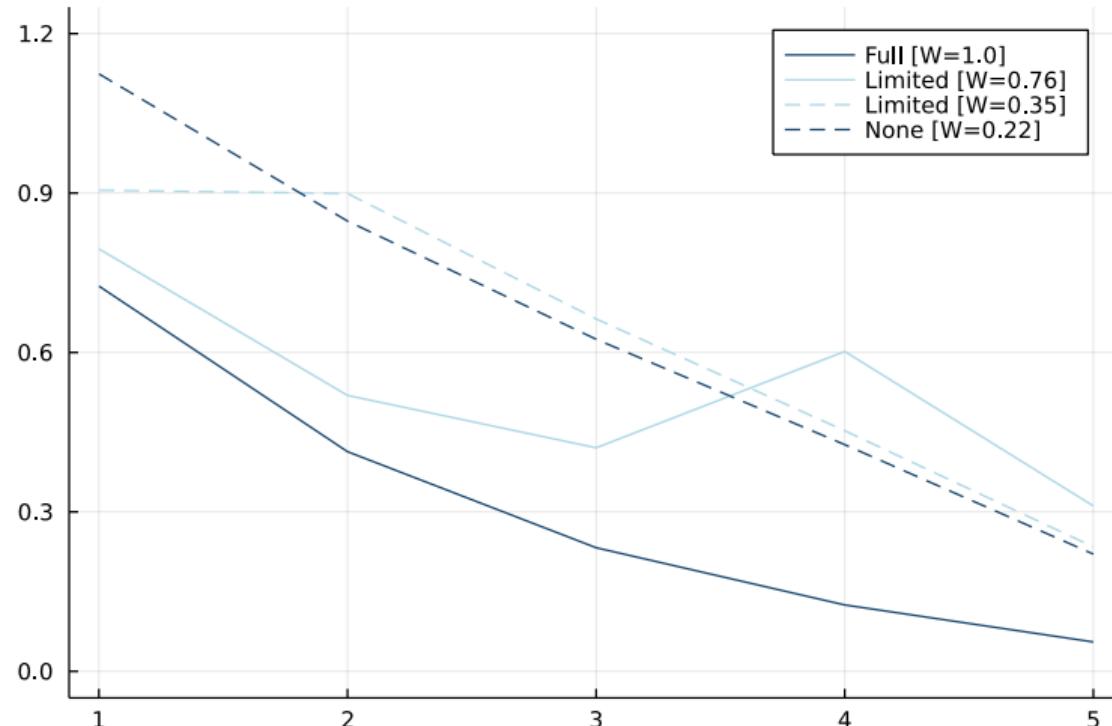
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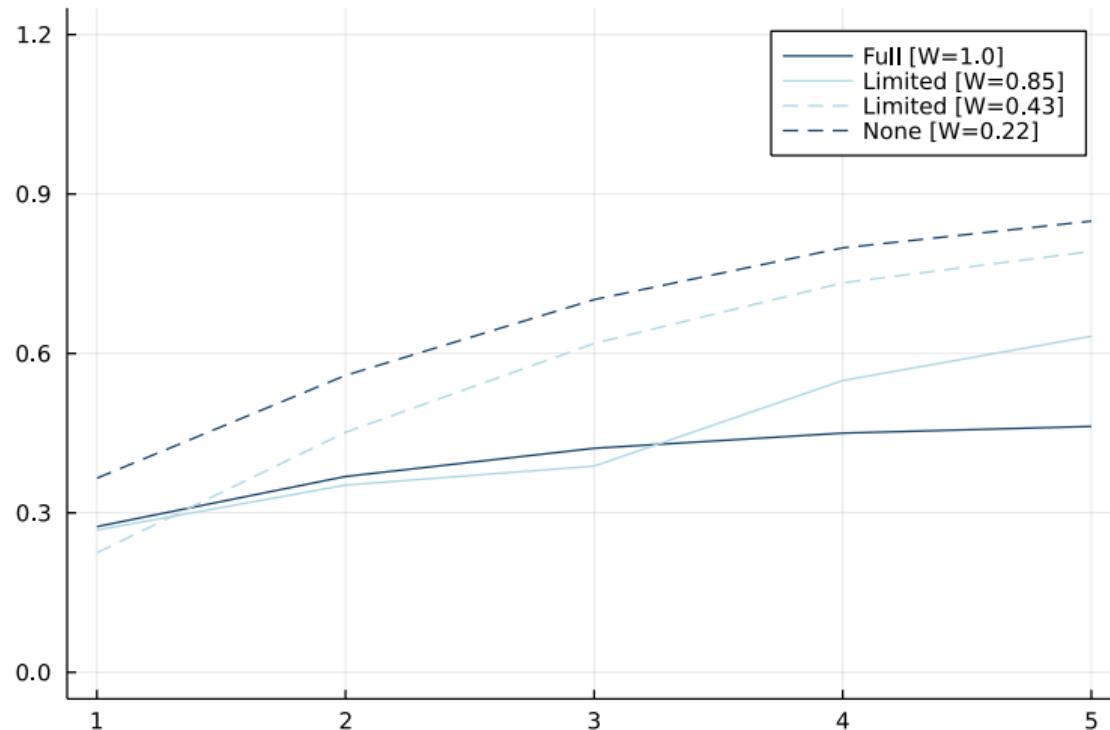
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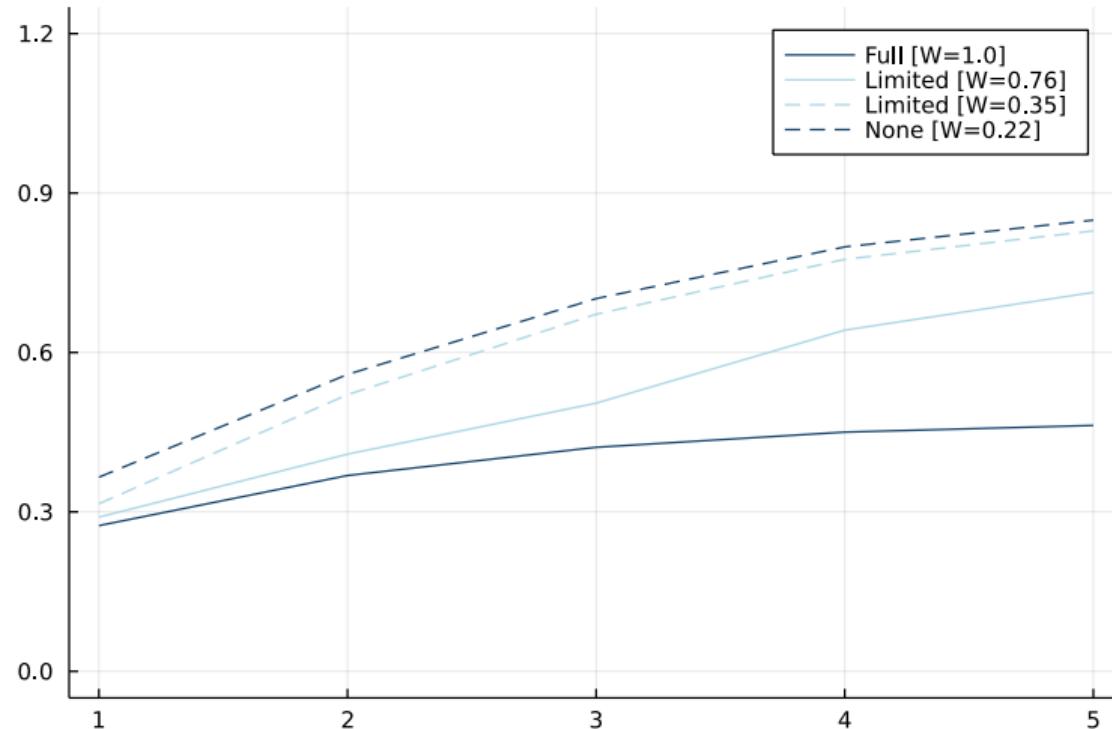
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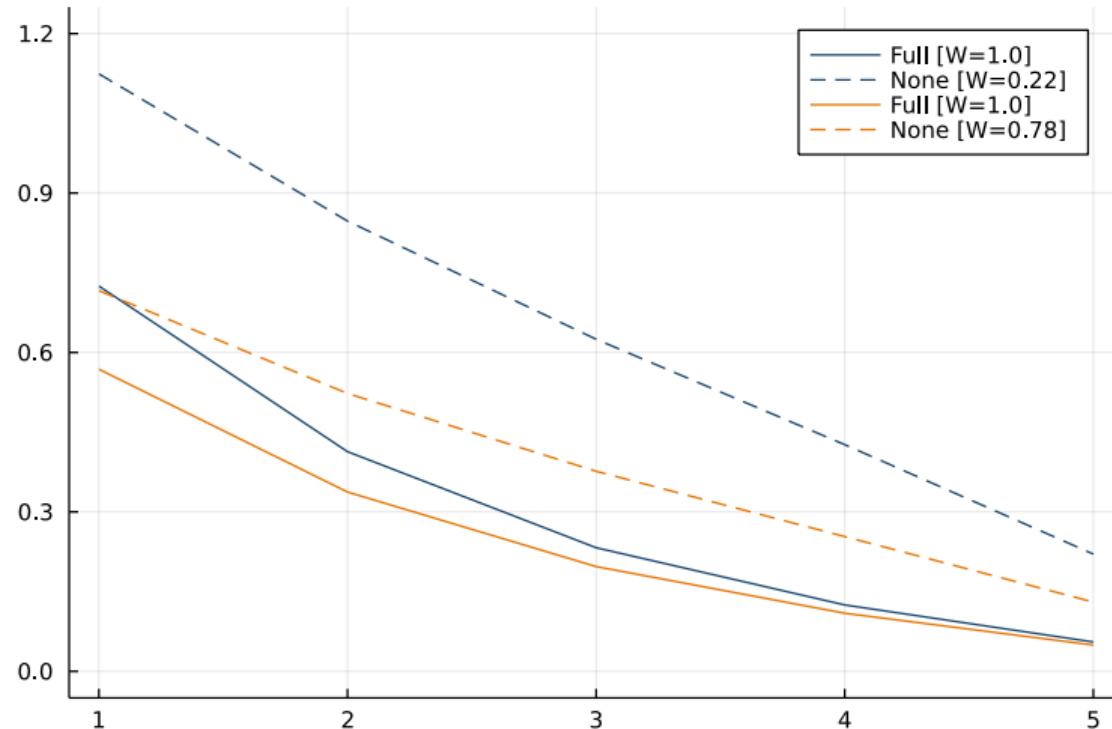
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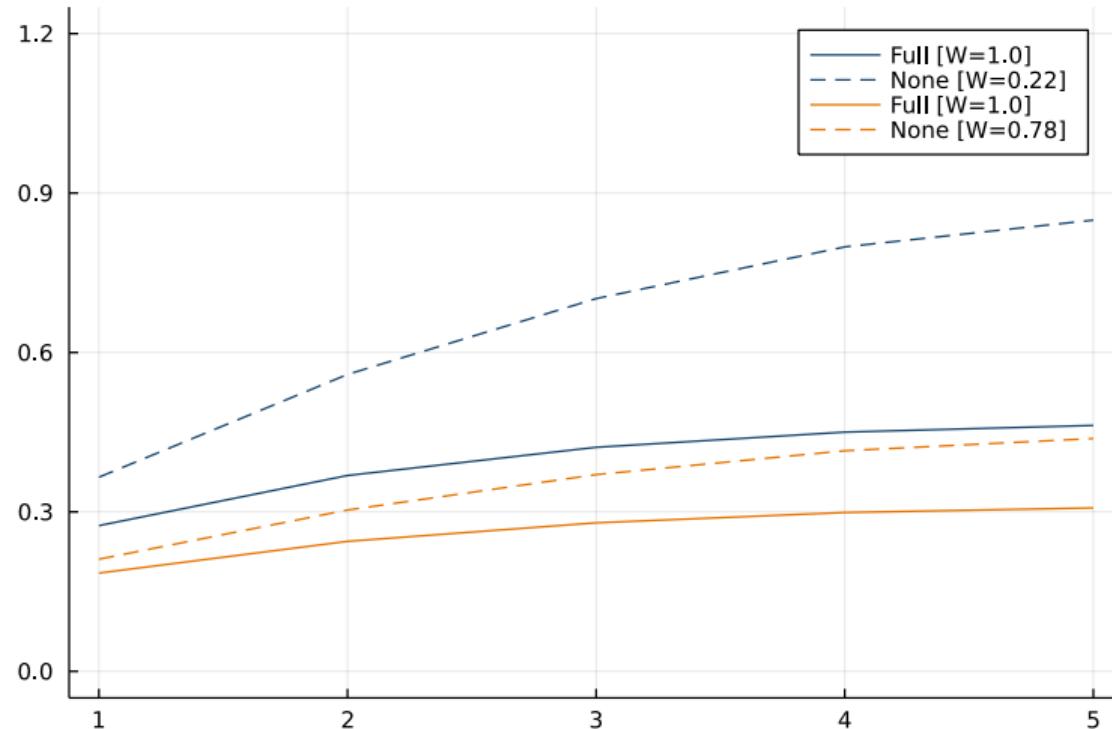
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# Conclusion

# Summary

- **Major frictions impede adaptation** to climate change
  - Government intervention induces moral hazard and lock-in
  - Commitment helps but faces political challenges
- **Jakarta** foreshadows sea level rise that threatens 1B people by 2050

1	Miami	6	Mumbai
2	Guangzhou	7	Tianjin
3	New York City	8	Tokyo
4	Kolkata	9	Hong Kong
5	Shanghai	10	Bangkok

Hanson et al. (2011)





# Appendix

## Commitment over time

Consider two periods. Welfare and profits for  $\bar{D}_1 = 0$  are

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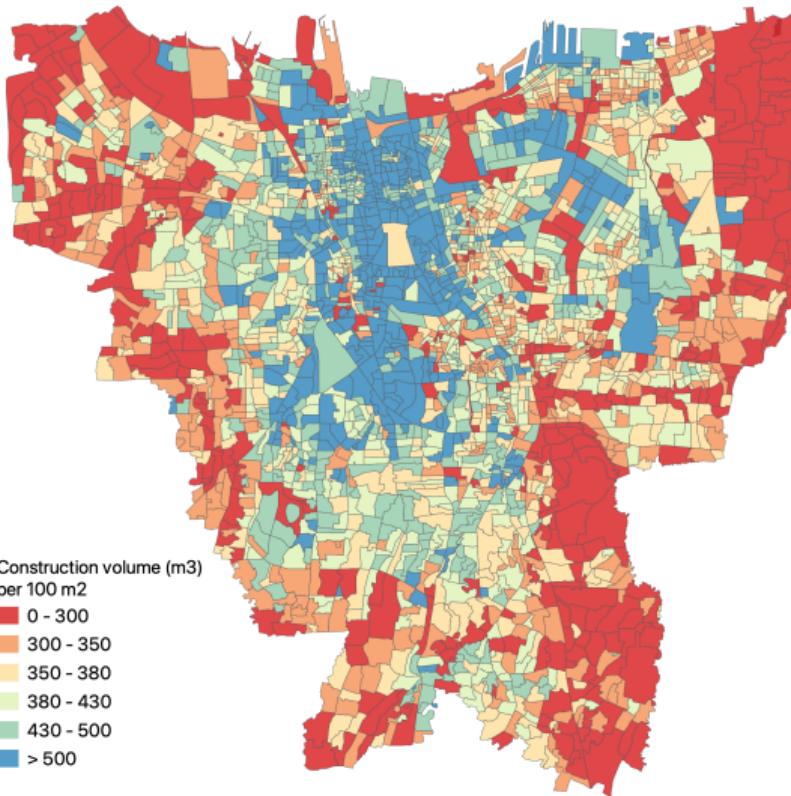
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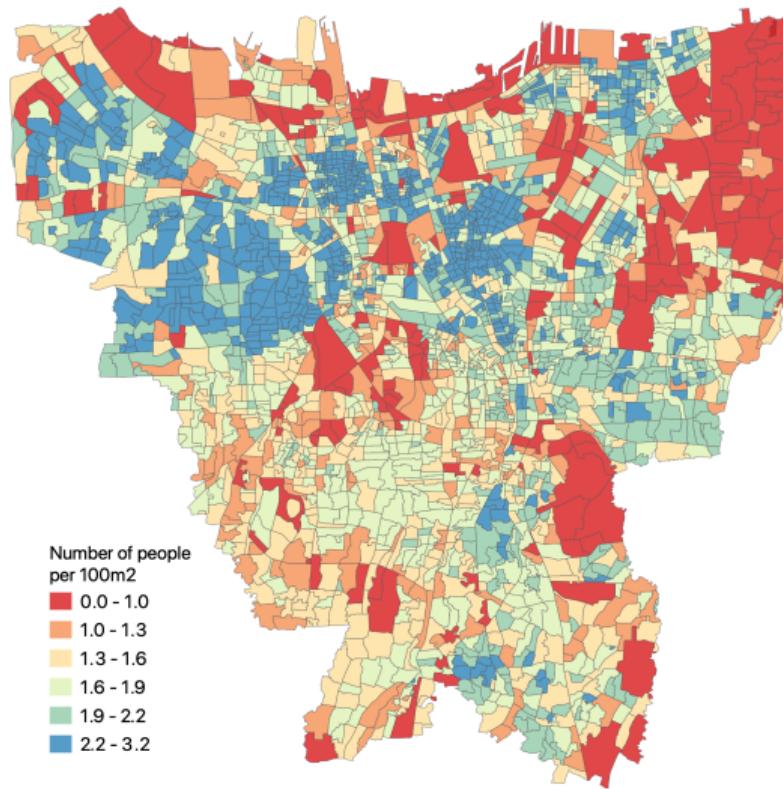
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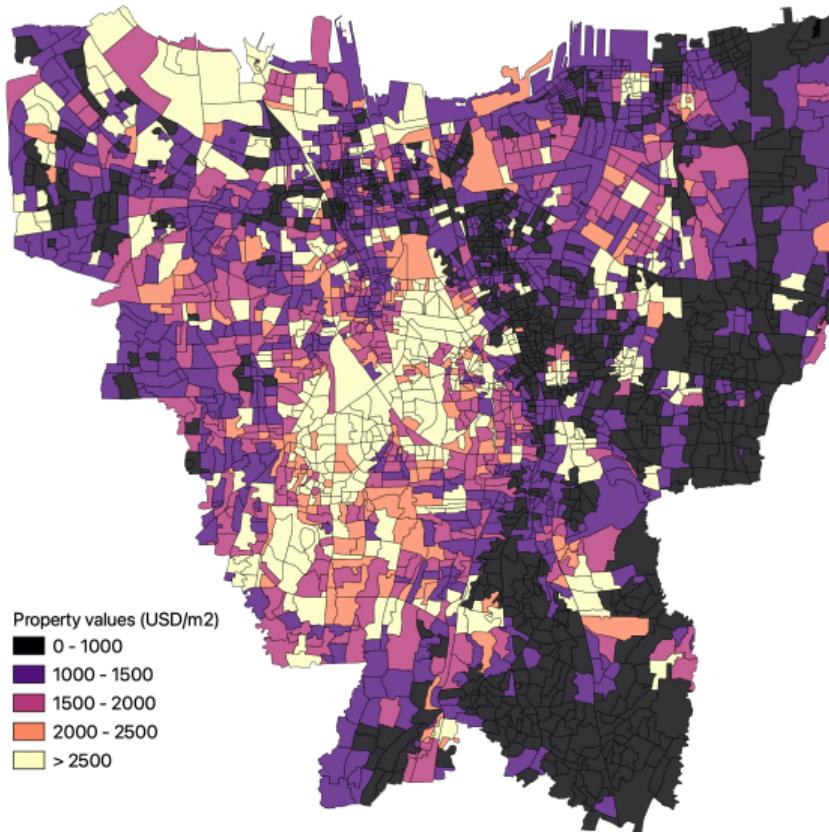
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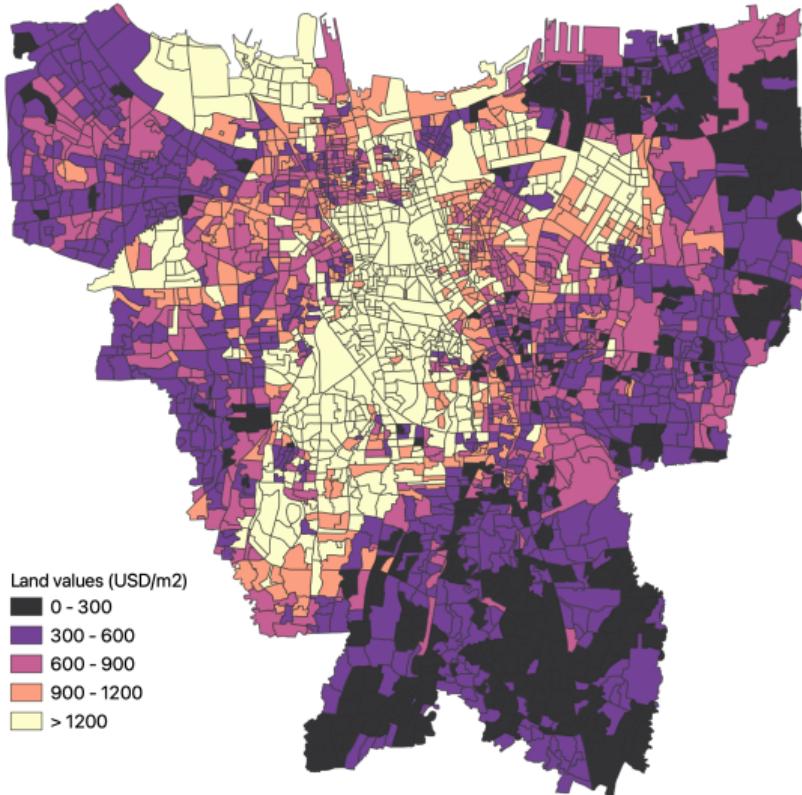
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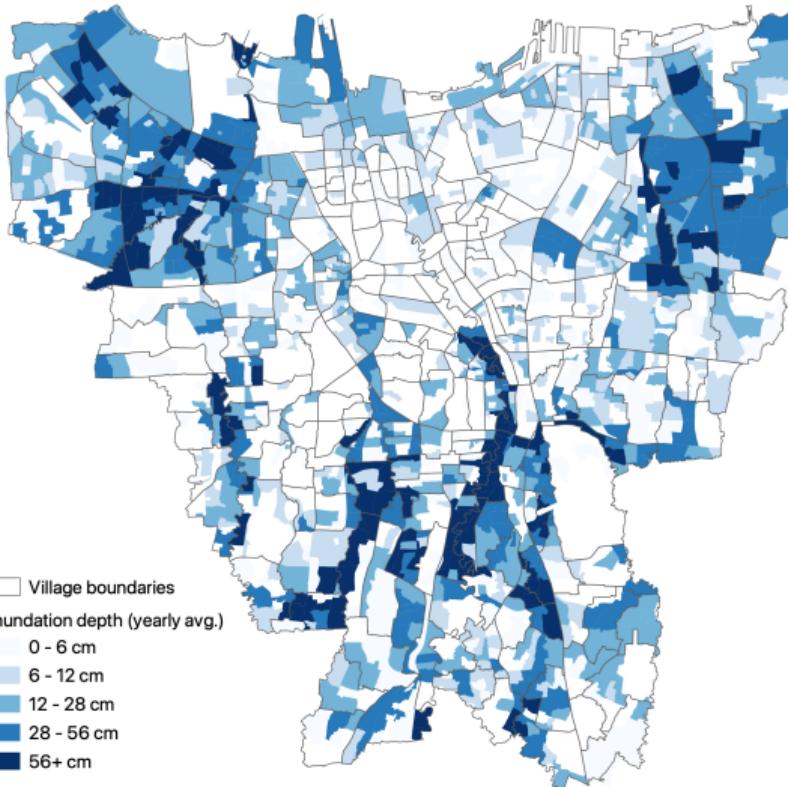
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## Estimating demand

- Origin populations with 2015 data, destination populations with 2020 data
- Focus on core, but allow one choice aggregating over periphery

① Given  $\theta_2 = \tau$ , estimate  $\delta$  by contraction mapping

$$\text{population}_k = \frac{1}{\phi} D_k^{\text{res}}(\delta, \theta_2)$$

② Estimate  $\theta_1 = (\alpha, \rho)$  and  $\xi$  by regression

$$\xi_k = \delta_k + \alpha r_k - \rho s_k$$

③ Estimate  $\theta_2$  by minimizing GMM objective function

$$Q(\theta) = g(\xi(\theta))' W g(\xi(\theta)) \quad \text{for} \quad \mathbb{E}[Z\xi(\theta)] = 0$$