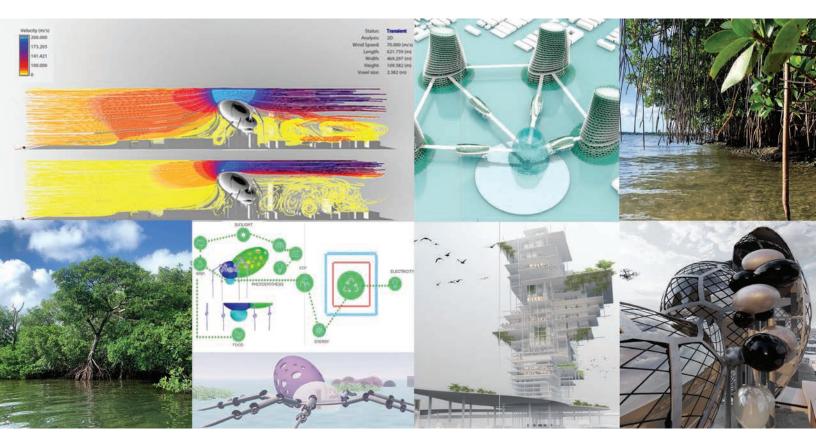
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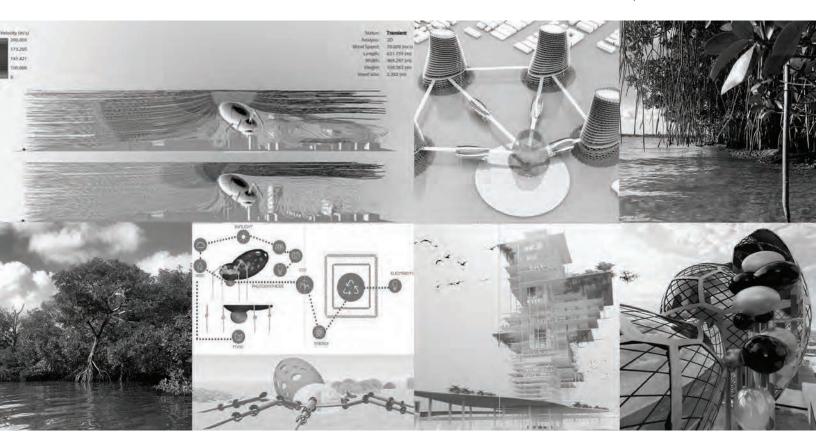


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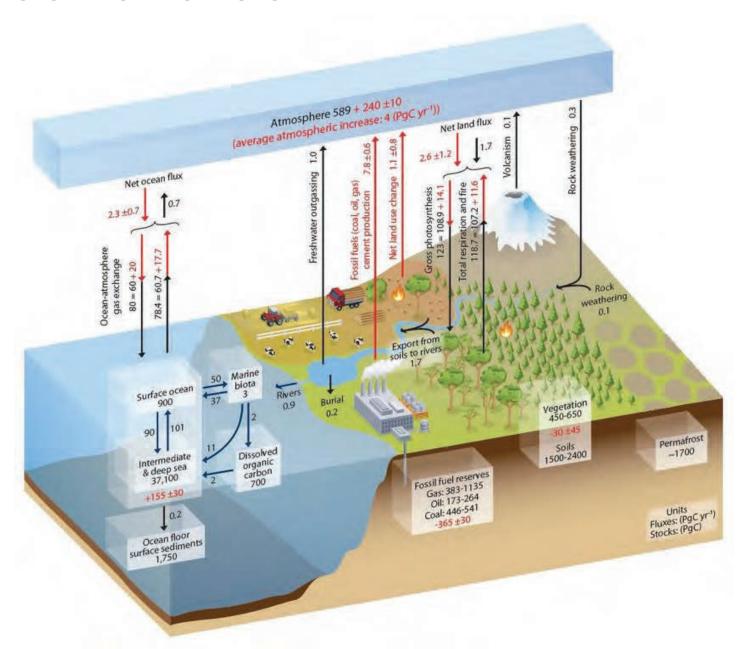
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INTRODUCTION



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Greater Miami and the Islands are one of the most climate-vulnerable regions on planet Earth. In the coming decades, the low-lying areas of Miami are set to be swallowed by sea-level rise combined with increased yearly threats of hurricanes, king tides, tropical storm surges and heatwaves. Multiple lineups of powers municipal, state, federal, and private — debate, strategize, borrow and spend billions to defend the region and its environments with incremental adaptation strategies that do not look at more extended periods until 2100. Not far away from Miami, the strongest Hurricane named Dorian on record hit the Bahamas, wreaking massive devastation on the islands and loss of life with maximum sustained winds of 297 km/h. The storm surge topped 7 meters above normal tide levels in September 2019. For Miami 2,5 to 3 meters of sea-level rise by 2100 is possible and catastrophic with storm surges up to 7 to 10 meters. Inundations of this magnitude would physically displace some 800,000 to 1,000,000 residents of Miami-Dade County and surrender a large portion of the urban settlements uninhabitable if the decision-makers continue and do not raise the infrastructures and buildings accordingly to the predicted future sea and storm surge levels. Besides, most of the infrastructure in Miami is over 80 years old. Out of control runoffs, contaminants and thousands of leaking septic tanks pollute and spill yearly millions of gallons sewage into the bay. On top of all of this, the porous limestone rocks its residents live and work on every day means there is no stopping of sea-level rise, changing ocean currents, storm surges and the intrusion of saltwater and contaminants into the drinking water aquifers.

Under the three year umbrella of CRUNCH (Climate Resilient Urban Nexus CHoices), and the Food-Water-Energy Nexus research, this Second Volume looks at designing adaptive, resilient, biology-inspired, off-the-grid and carbon-positive green-blue infrastructures, self-growing coastal barrier islands and buildings on a timeline from 2019 to 2100. These systems and structures act as dynamic self-powered hybrids that are floating, sitting in, out, or under the water with the ability to be completely self-sufficient. Volume 2 features experimental scenarios of selected design approaches each envisioning and testing self-sustaining, adaptive, and resilient green-blue infrastructures with living shorelines, buildings and neighbourhoods, all benchmarked against 100% carbon-neutrality and the Food- Water-Energy nexus. All research designs are based on approximately 80-year scenarios in which modeling by NOAA, NASA, and reinsurance companies placed much of the Miami Beaches and parts of the low-lying areas of South Miami existing infrastructures and properties underwater. The studies include strategies to identify disruptive technologies and dynamically changing cultural identities, anticipate future potentials, and mitigate the issues as mentioned above through generative design strategies and AI-assisted planning transformations in the specific social, cultural, and ecological context of Miami Beach and the City of South Miami.



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Climate Resilient Urban Nexus Choices for carbon neutral city scenarios

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CRUNCH is a multi-disciplinary project with an international consortium of project partners and cities addressing all three sectors of food, water and energy through the integrative FWE-Nexus approach. It aims to support local decision and policy makers, practitioners and civil society organizations by translating the key findings of a deep review of literature, knowledge and research evidence on the FWE-Nexus into the design of Urban Living Labs (ULL). The Miami proposal aims to create a carbon-neutral, data driven planning and scenario tool for integrated decision making using the Urban Living Lab (ULL) approach; identifying a data and mapping





Carbon-Neutral City Baseline Scenarios for South Miami and Miami Beach

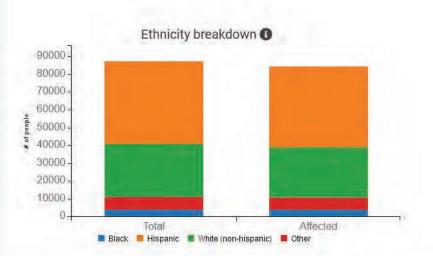


Active selection (20.53 km²) SLR: 4 ft Storm Surge: Hurricane Category 3

DEMOGRAPHY



Total population (1)



Affected population 6 96.3% 87317 Affected population

PROPERTY

Total property value 1

\$48.6B







