

Futuring Food & Realising Transformative Scenarios

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Overview

- SHARECITY Research To Date
- Approach to Futuring: Three Horizons Framework
- Three Dimensions in Futuring
- Three Scenarios for Future of Food Sharing
- Reflections & Next Steps
- Five Open Questions



Introduction: SHARECITY Research

- Transformations around food are crucial
- SHARECITY 5 year ERC funded research project
- Food sharing in cities, mediated by ICT
- SHARING FUTURES workshop & research: governance challenges faced by food sharers
- Food sharing as social practices: tools, skills and understandings around food sharing activities.



Three Horizons Framework



Three Horizons is a simple intuitive tool for thinking about the future.



Three Horizons draws attention to different futures as already existing in the present.

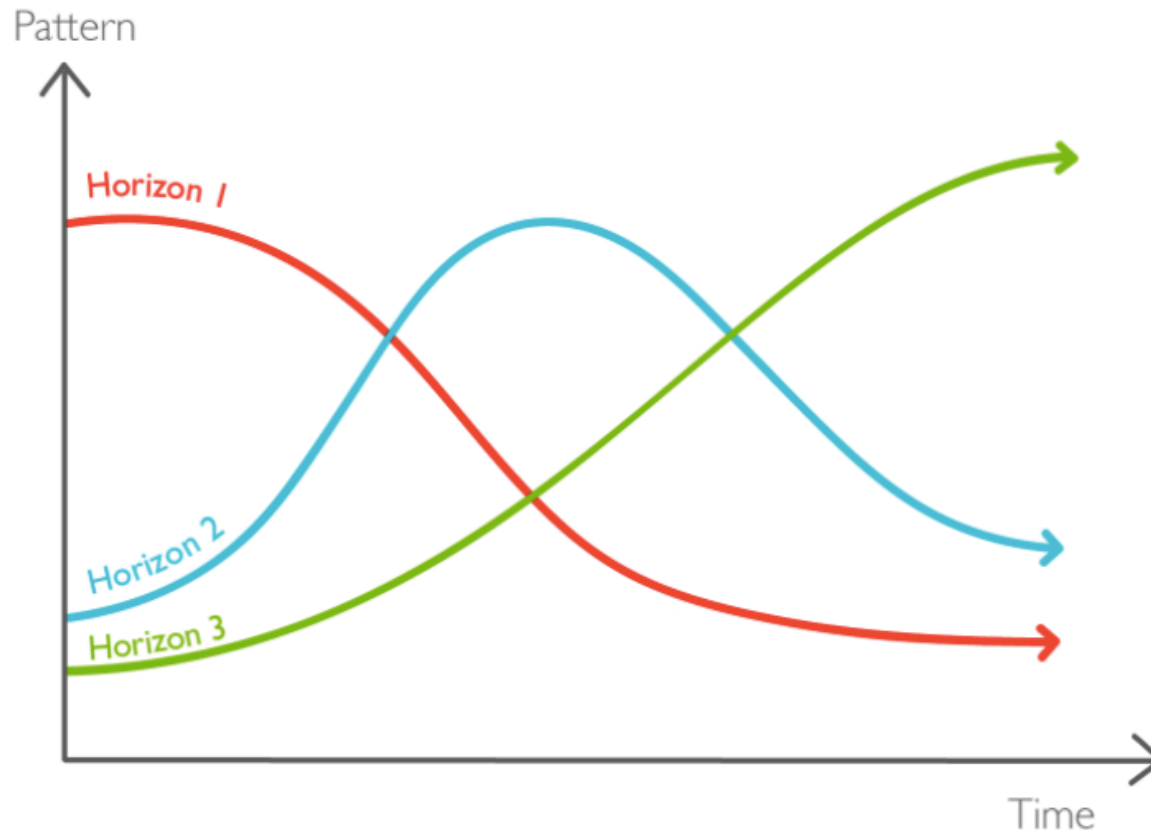


Represented by different horizons, and contained within patterns we see all around us.

- Developed by Bill Sharpe, accessible on H3Uni.org.
- Using SHARECITY research to date, develop scenarios.
- Broader trends which will shape food sharing futures.



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Three Dimensions in Futuring

- **Time:**

Challenges faced by food sharers now are not static and will compound overtime.

Appreciation of time helps underline need for action.

- **Power:**

Forces of incumbency & lock in of dominant food system can limit transformation.

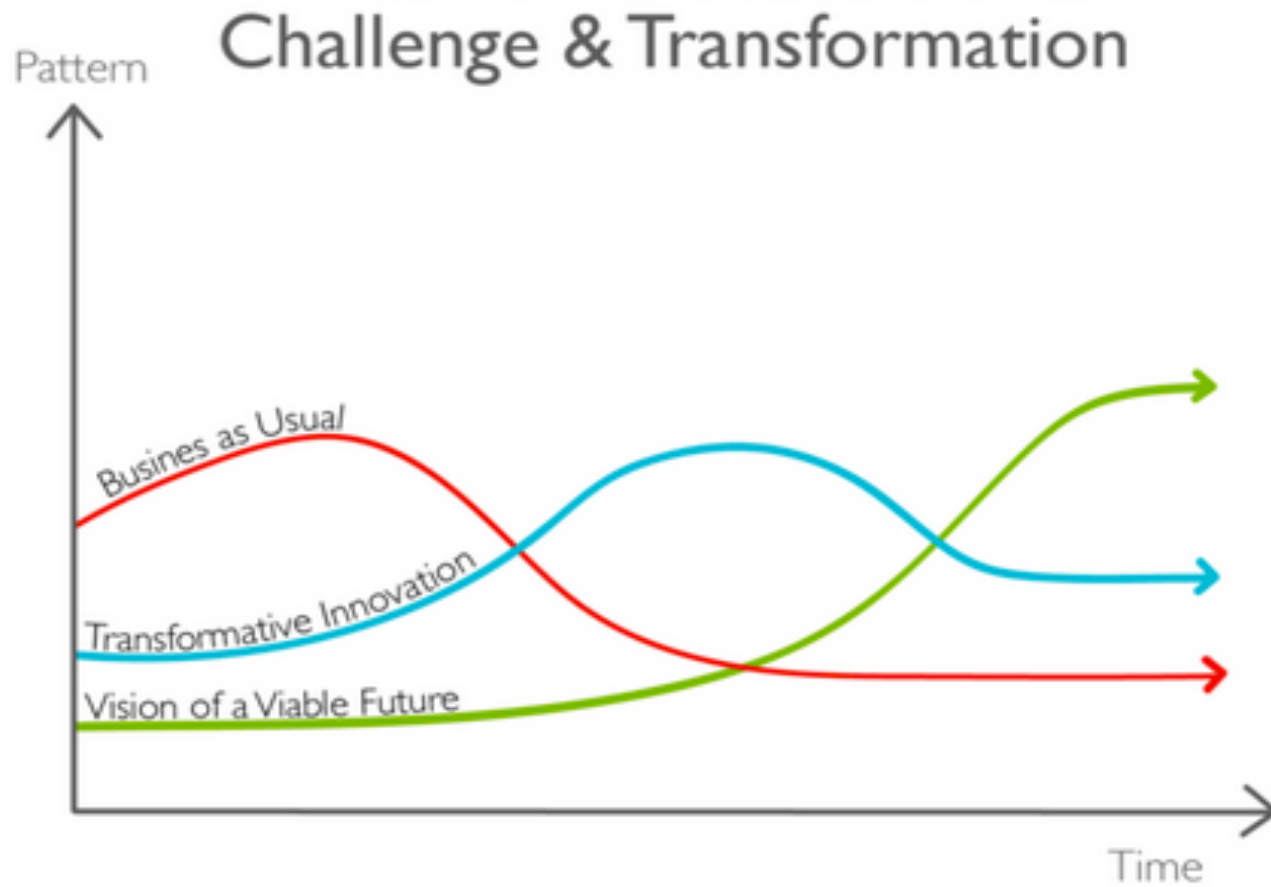
This can be addressed through inclusion of plural voices into policy processes.

- **Agency:**

In recognising that futures existing now, everyone is potential agent of change.

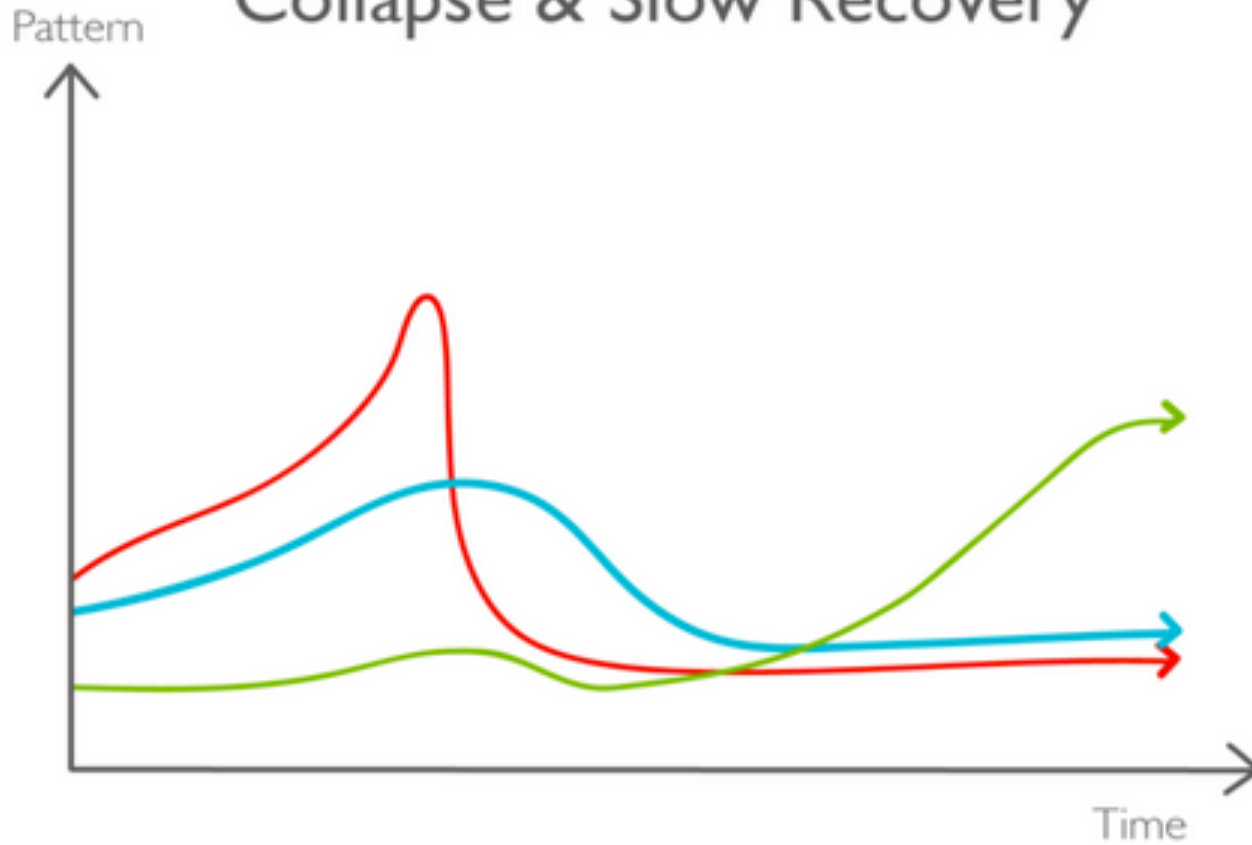


Scenario One



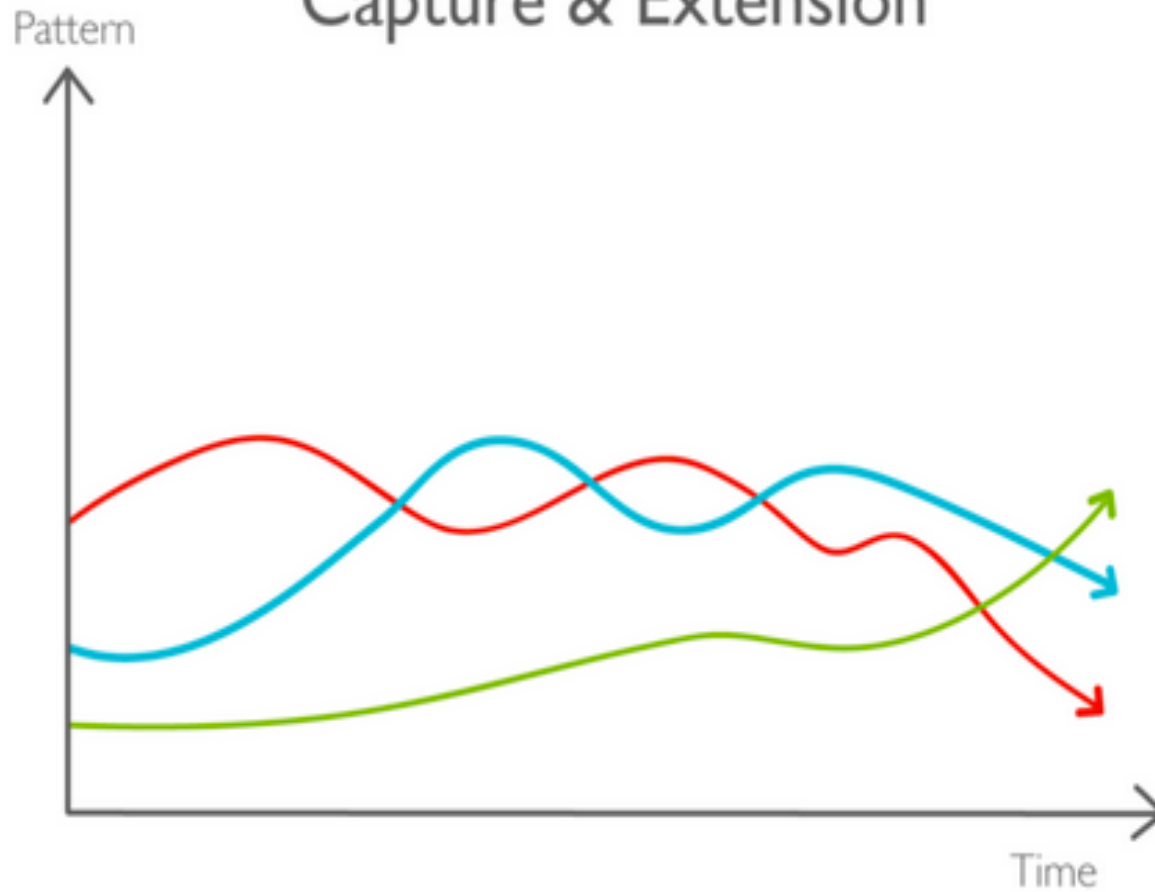
Scenario Two

Collapse & Slow Recovery



Scenario Three

Capture & Extension



Reflections & Next Steps

- Three Horizons is a useful framework for plotting different futures based on practices now
- It can help us understand what *could* happen
- Seek further input and data in scenario development
- We will develop visualisations with an illustrator
- Manifesto for sustainable food sharing



Five Open Questions to Explore

- When (food sharing) is highly contextualized & place-based, is it possible to generalize in a manner which facilitates Futuring and scenario development across spaces?
- How can we tailor Futuring work to be attentive to place-based sensitivities and the particularities of different places?
- How can we discern between and measure incremental vs. transformative innovation?
- How do we, as researchers, engage policy makers in these processes when a disconnect with policy makers is a challenge many (food sharers) have identified?
- How can we move towards longer-term transformative policy making which is embedded and resilience to politician turn-over, political short-termism, and the workings of party politics?



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