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**Development, Concepts and Doctrine Centre**

**Global Strategic Trends**

**Programme overview**

**Finland**

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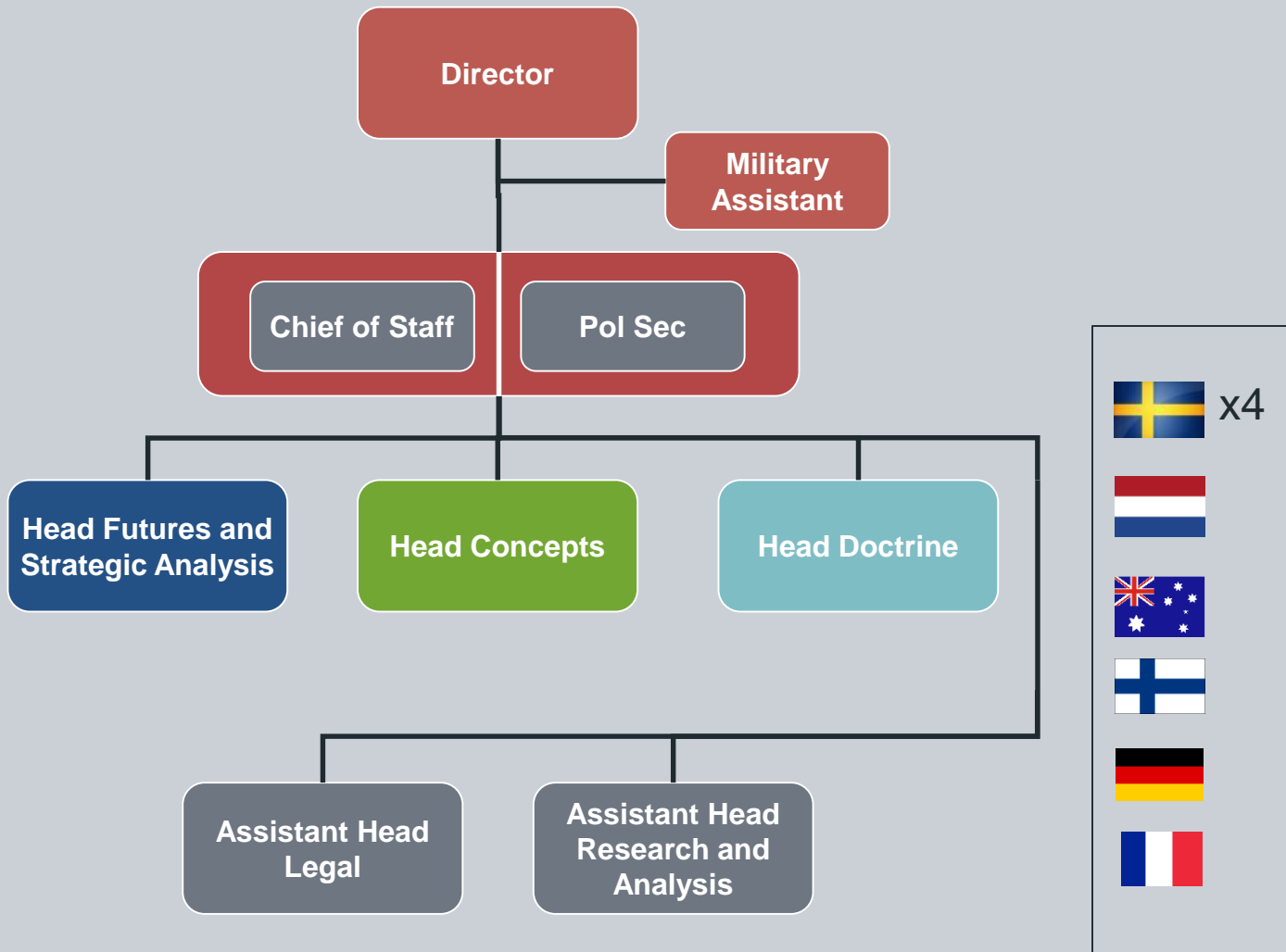


# Introduction



DCDC is the  
MOD's think-  
tank.

# A Joint, Integrated and multinational staff



# Continuum of thought

Future strategic context  
Future themes and deductions

Strategic direction  
Vision and tasks

Future concepts  
How we will fight – capability insights





# Strategic trends programme

**Strategic  
context for  
planning and  
decisions**

**Continuous  
programme,  
running since  
2001**

**A programme  
looking out 30  
years**

**Not the Future  
– but an aid to  
thinking about  
the future**

**Our principal  
method is to  
identify robust  
trends and  
project these  
forward**





# Reaching a Global Audience

- 15,000+ copies of the publication demanded and distributed.
- Over 22,000 views of the supporting online animation.
- International media coverage to a potential global audience of over 15 million people.
- Hundreds of briefings given to key collaborators, partners and allies across Whitehall, Europe and the World.



# Producing Global Strategic Trends





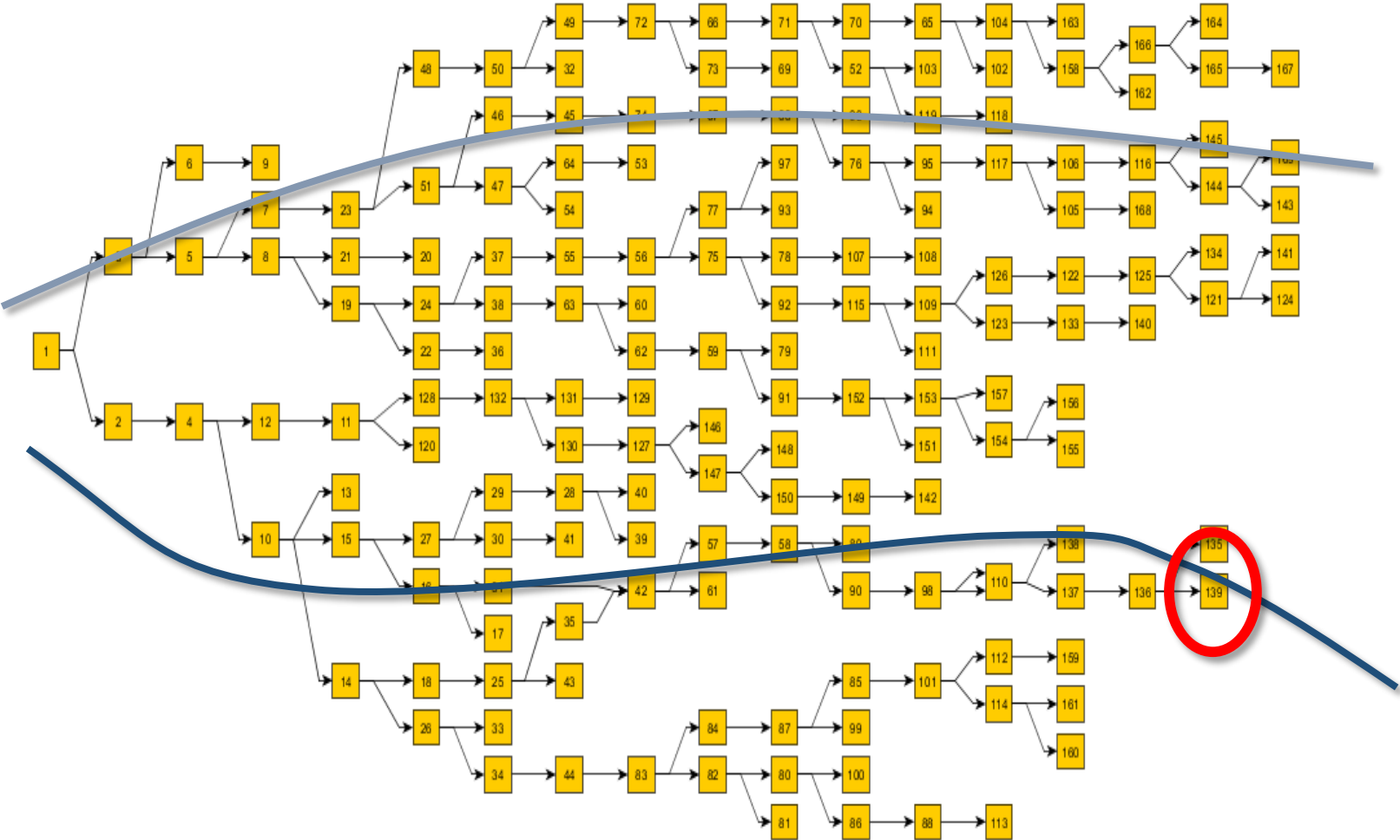
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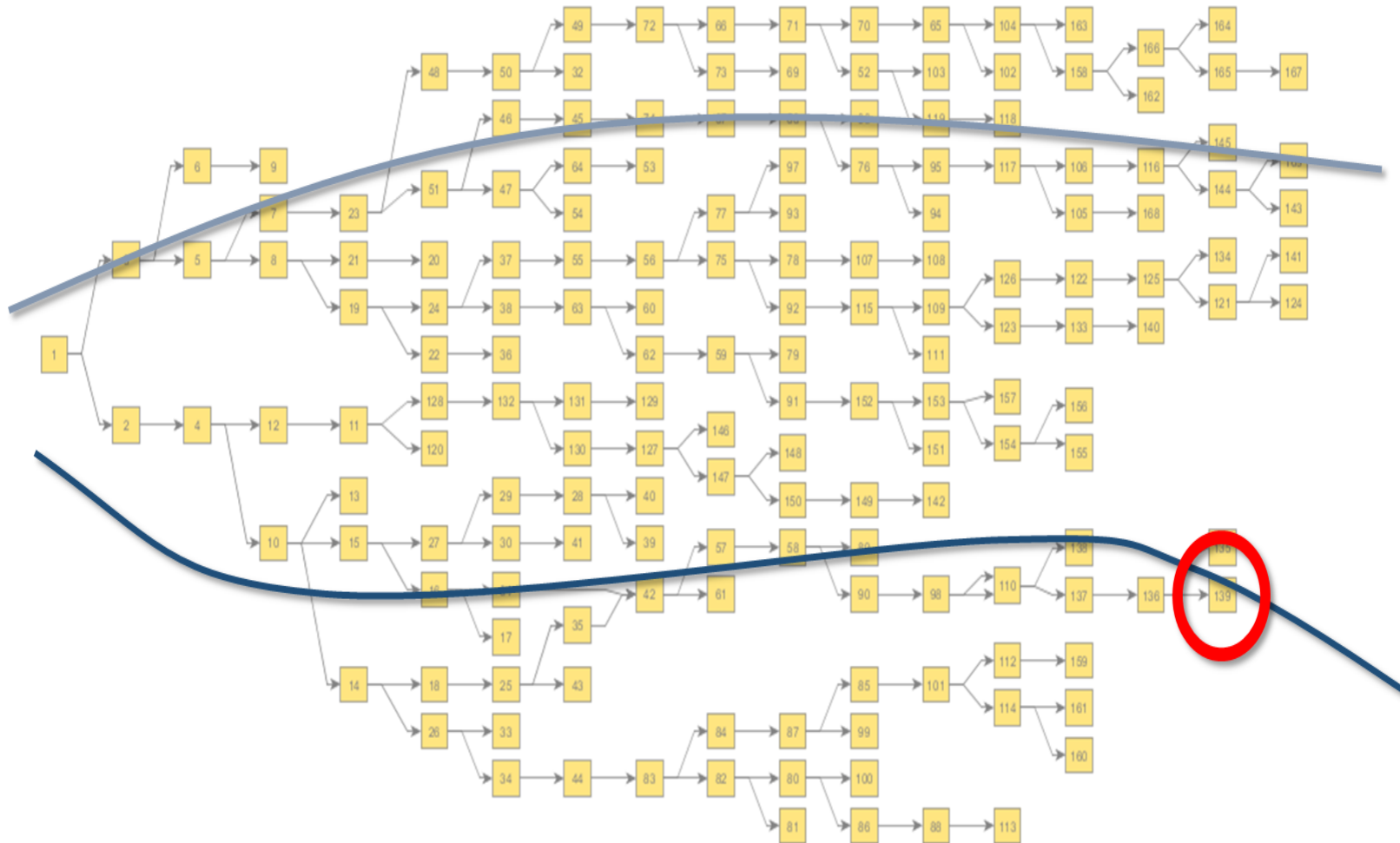
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# Trends based approach

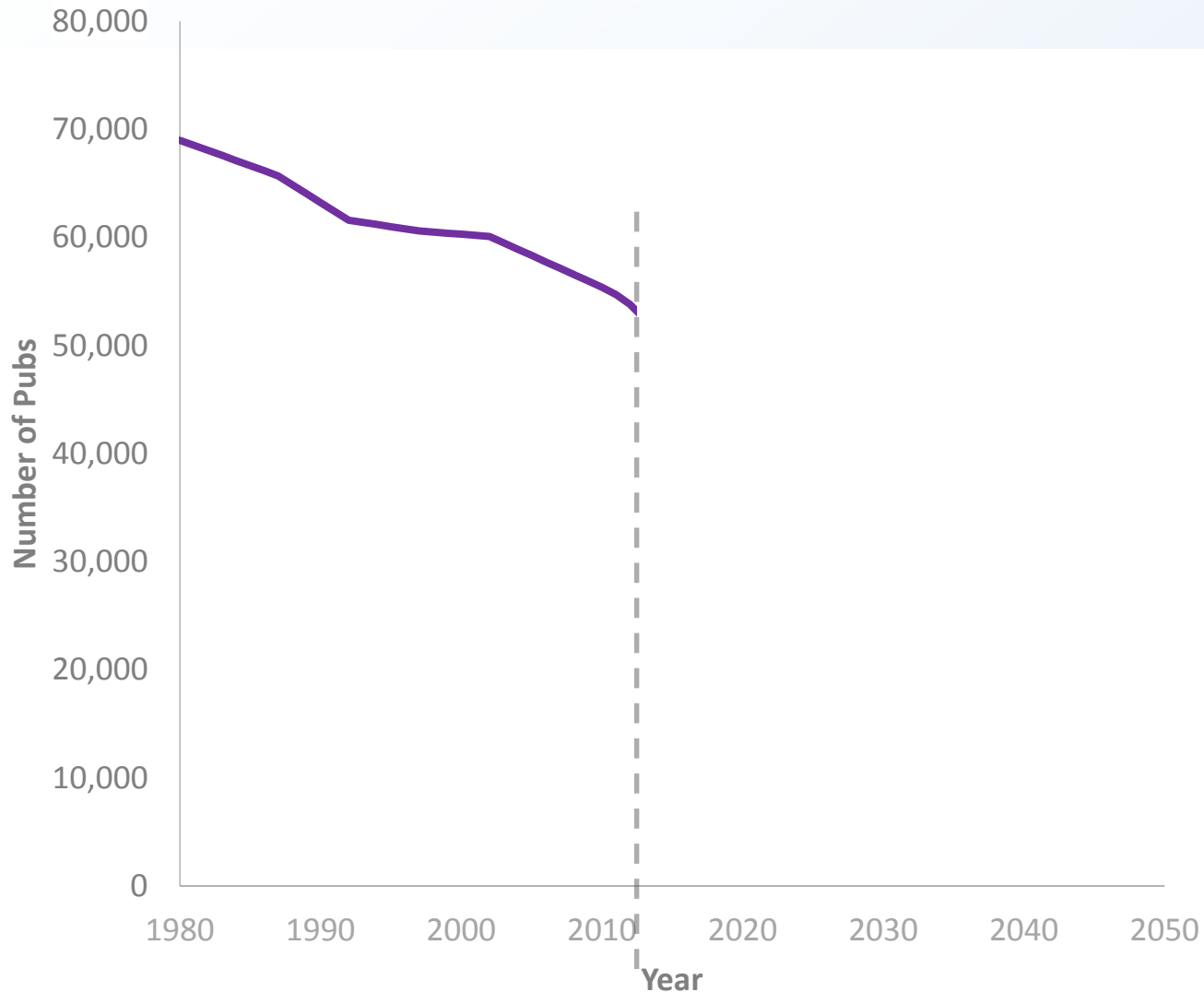








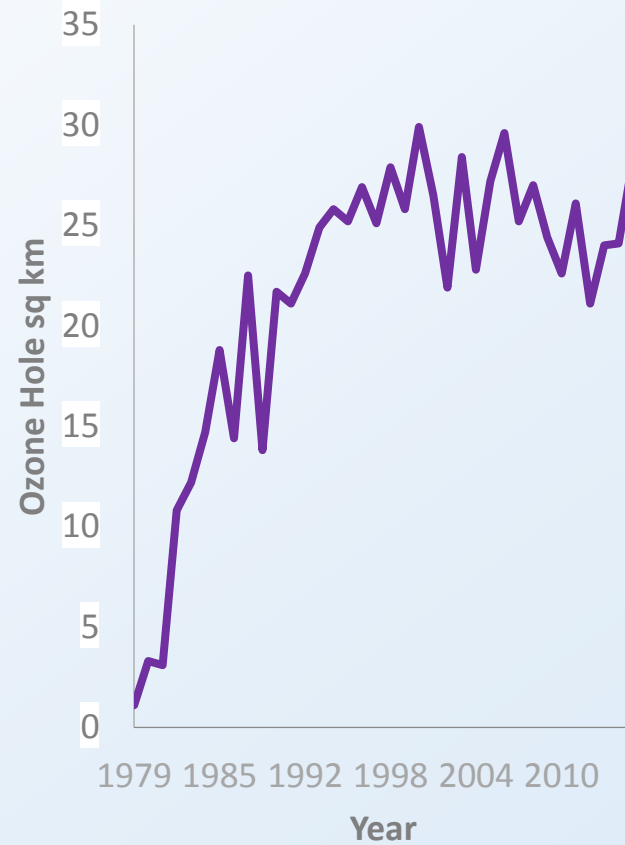
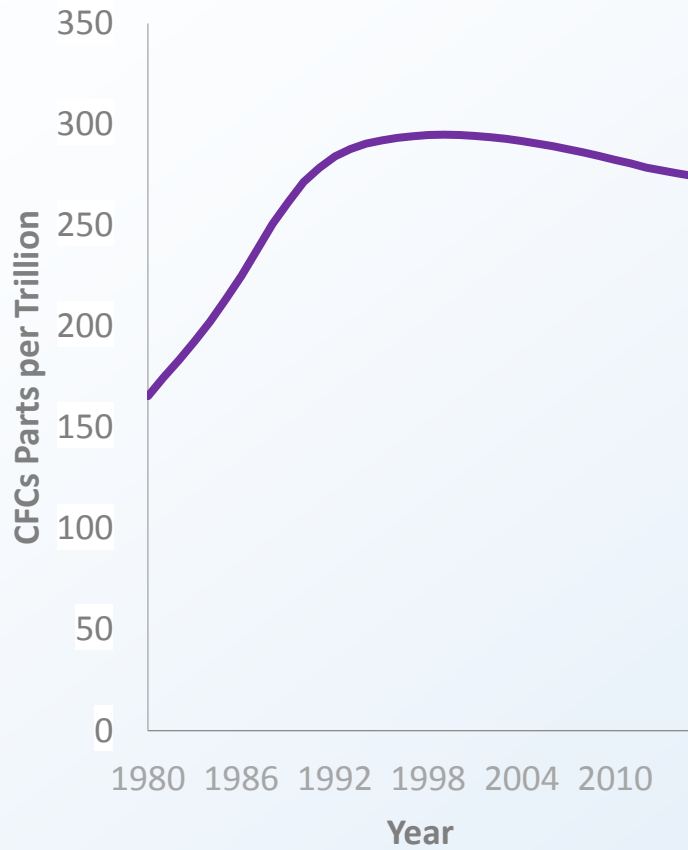
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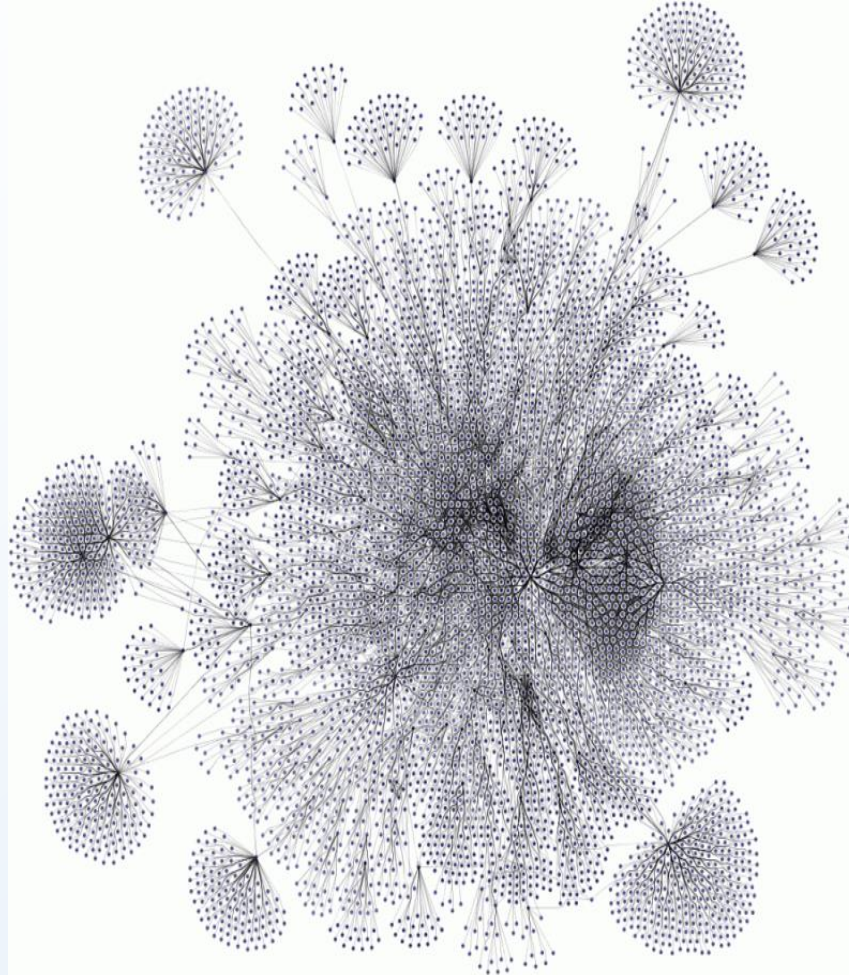
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**Joe Farman discovers  
hole in the Ozone  
1985**

# CFCs and the ozone hole

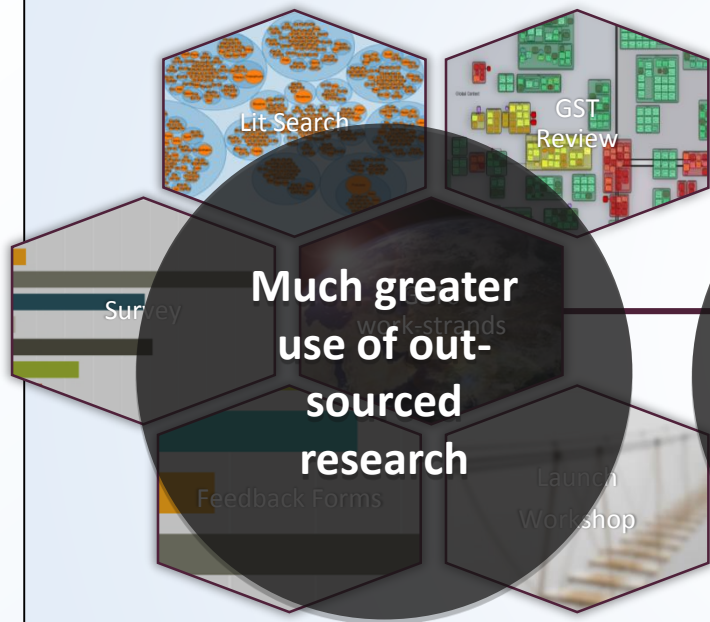


# The problem of complexity





# Identified GST6 work-strands



## Thematic

1. Environment (including climate change)
2. Resources, materials and waste
3. Food & water
4. Energy
5. Demography (ethnicity, migration & ageing)
6. The human habitat
7. The built environment (where we will live)
8. Globalisation & its impacts
9. The human race (health and augmentation)
10. Culture (identity, and cultural homogenisation)
11. Community & values (rights and relationships)
12. Work, lifestyle and leisure
13. Art, expression and design
14. Belief systems (including religion and ideology)
15. The global social order and governance
16. The role of state, non-state actors and individuals
17. The global financial system (including money and value)
18. Inequality
19. Ethics
20. Conflict, violence and security
21. Crime and corruption
22. Artificial intelligence
23. Transport
24. Automation
25. Manufacturing
26. Education, knowledge and learning
27. Communications and information

## Geographic

1. Asia-Pacific (including Oceania)
2. Central Asia
3. The Middle East
4. The High North (including the Arctic)
5. Africa
6. Europe
7. Russia
8. Oceans
9. Space
10. North America
11. Latin & Central America and the Caribbean  
and the Southern Islands

**Greater degree  
of international  
collaboration**

**Cabinet Office  
hosted  
Stakeholder  
series of  
meetings**

# Bringing it all together



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# Questions



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