



# Collection Development and the sustainability of Humanities and Social Sciences in Europe

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collection development

# collection development

A globe is shown in the background, tilted to show a map of Africa and the Middle East. The globe is mounted on a dark metal stand. The map is color-coded by country, with various shades of green, yellow, orange, and red. The text boxes are overlaid on the left side of the image, containing various phrases related to collection development.

influences and approaches

national and cultural factors

monetary, geographical and linguistic challenges

governments and administrations


approval plans

national acquisitions policies

subject specialist lead acquisitions

# key factors

HSS/STM: funding and influence



format,  
lifetime,  
readership

international  
groups,  
independents

prices,  
investment,  
innovation

# key factors

foreign language publishing

circulation and accessibility

impact and reach

professional advancement

culture of research

# key factors

market

complex and diverse

many, varied, small, independent publishers

on average, few titles published and limited runs

# key factors

budget



shrinking budgets

rising prices

cuts, inflation, exchange rates

# key factors

metrics

track user habits and utility of resources

created around STM

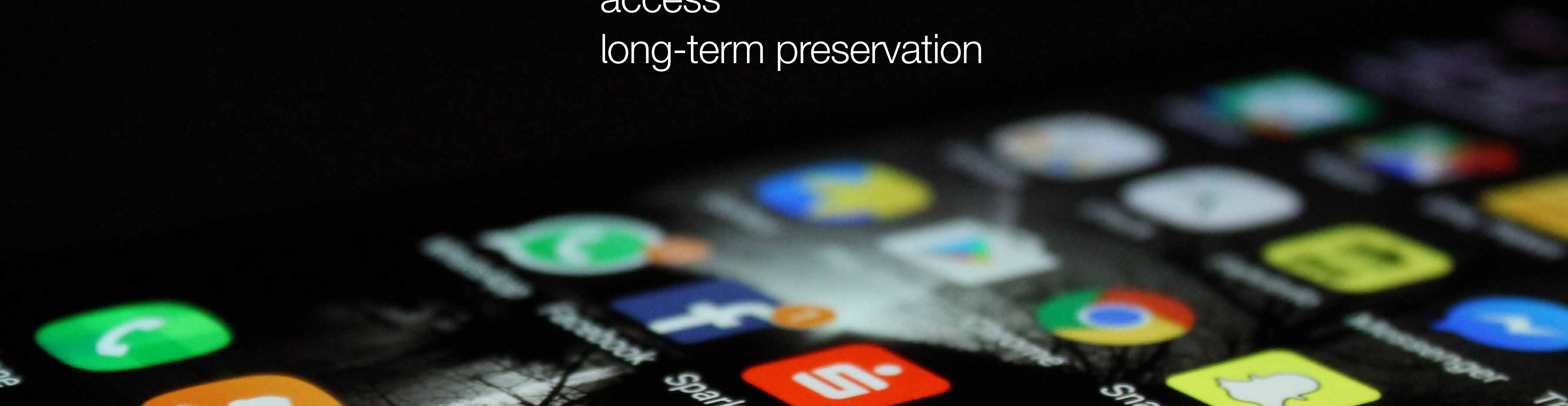
not effective for analysing HSS



# key factors

digital evolution

challenges for publishers: hosting  
security  
licensing  
access  
long-term preservation



# key factors

metadata



flexibility

visibility

searchability

sustainability

# sustainability



from just in case to just in time

**1951** Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft  
Special Subject Collections  
across 23 libraries.

**2012** Specialised Information Services  
discipline-driven information provisioning:  
Profiles for each scientific community  
Short-term demands  
Integration of digital publications

# sustainability

using hybrid collections

**MaRLI** (Manhattan Research Library Initiative)

NYPL, NYU & Columbia University

established in 2011

joint priorities for acquisitions

electronic to complement print

low use does not mean low value

sustainable model for the entire information chain

# sustainability

focus on electronic collections and consortia

CARE (Italy) and ISTEEX (France)  
different approaches, similar outcome

single set of negotiations and contract  
access to discounts and tiered pricing

slows down purchasing  
funds assigned in order of priority  
favours larger publishers

strategies

# strategies

ivy plus

*‘to embrace a vision for collection development and management which recognises our preeminent academic research and special collections as one great collection in support of the teaching, research and public missions of our respective institutions and the global scholarly community.’*





*'how can area and international studies community participate in designing tools and services that will energize the information sources and aggregations most relevant to its concerns?'*

Dan Hazen



# strategies

using linked data in libraries

web-based identification  
improve interoperability  
dynamic, not static

increased discoverability  
more, accessible info for end users  
higher visibility for cultural heritage

# strategies



languages as special collections

unique and distinct

require greater visibility

dedicated budget

special projects

to conclude

# what next?

ensuring the future of HSS collections

conversation on collection development at a global level

contributions from those with unique view-points

maintain collections that express the precious diversity  
of original language research

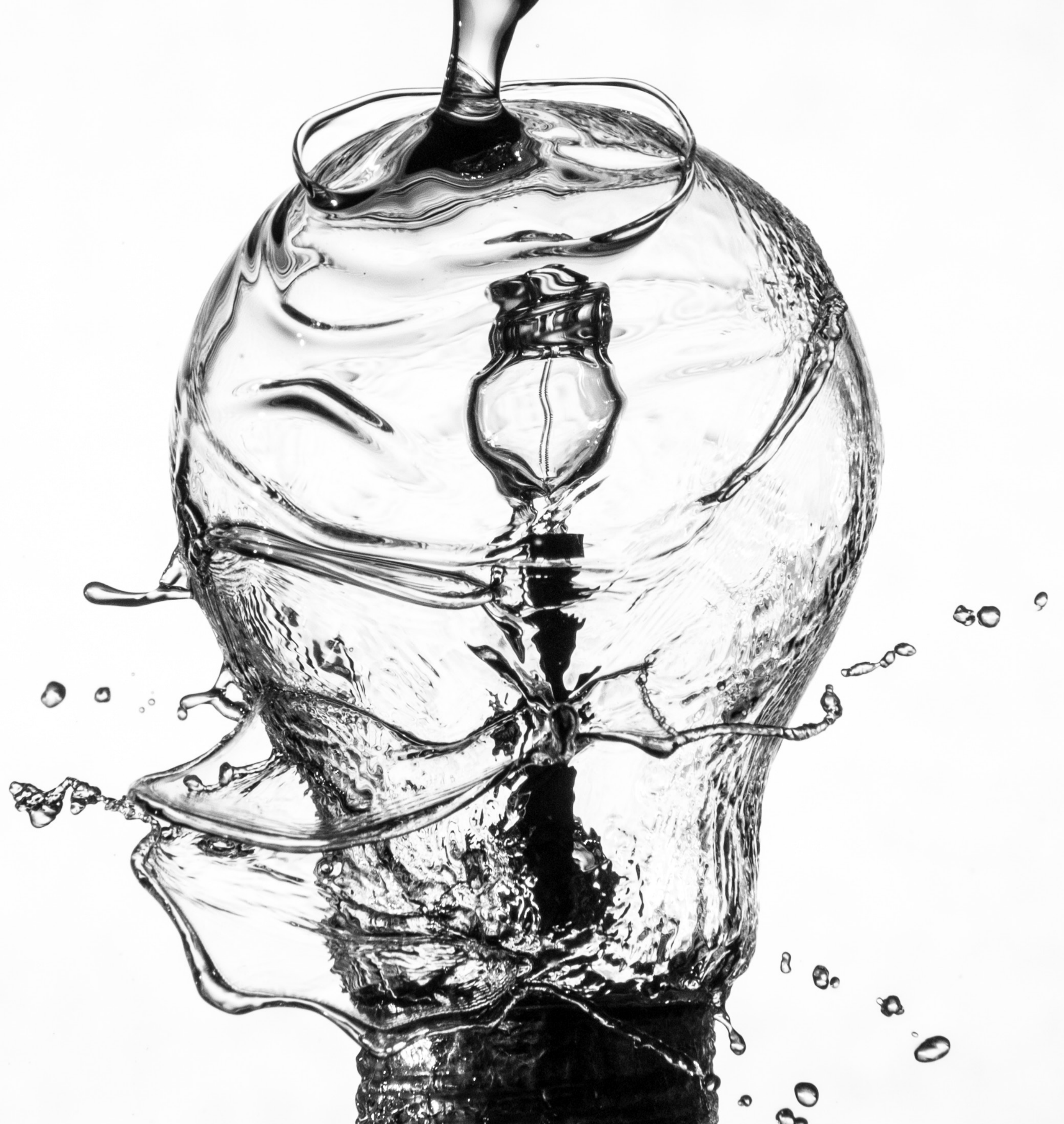
facilitate access to collections

embrace digital evolution

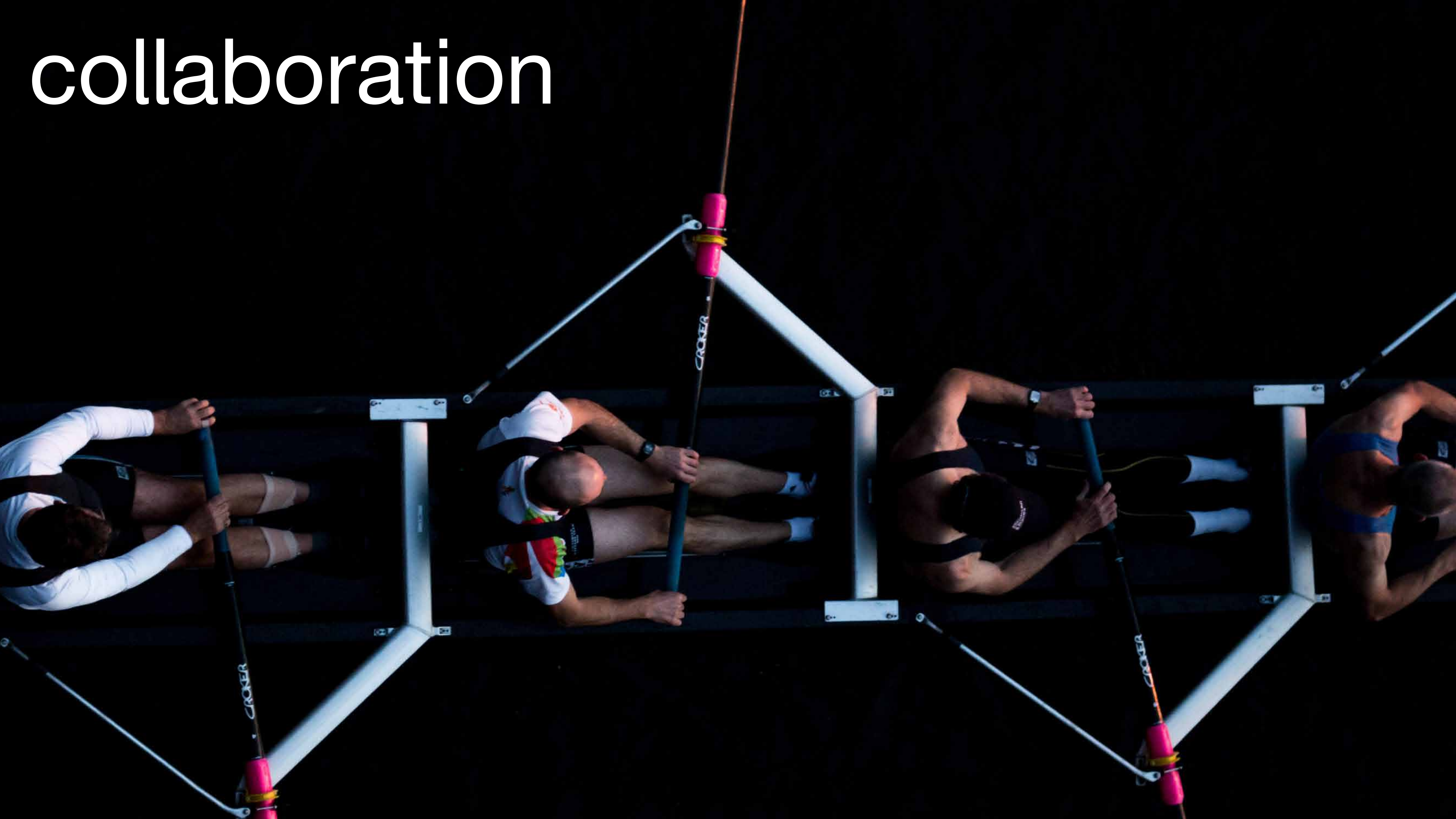
create sustainable business models



innovation



collaboration





# thank you

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