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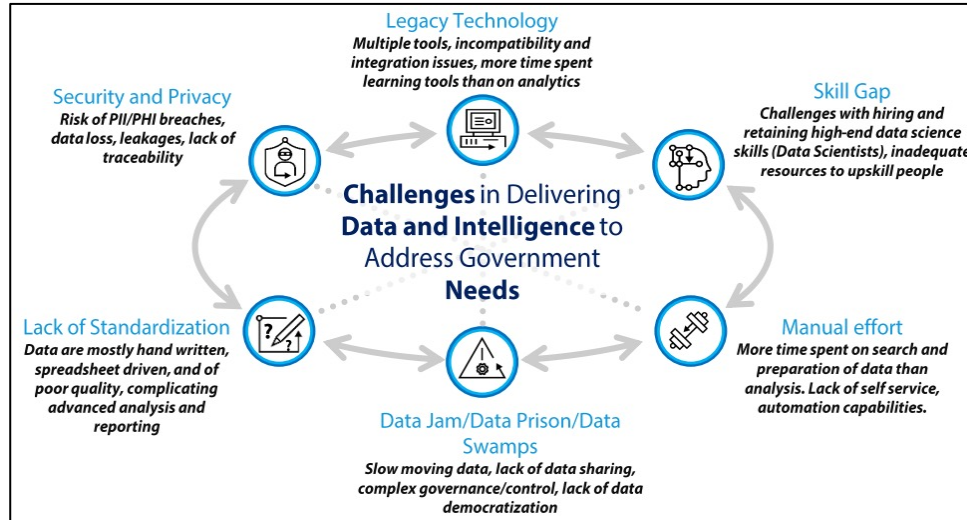
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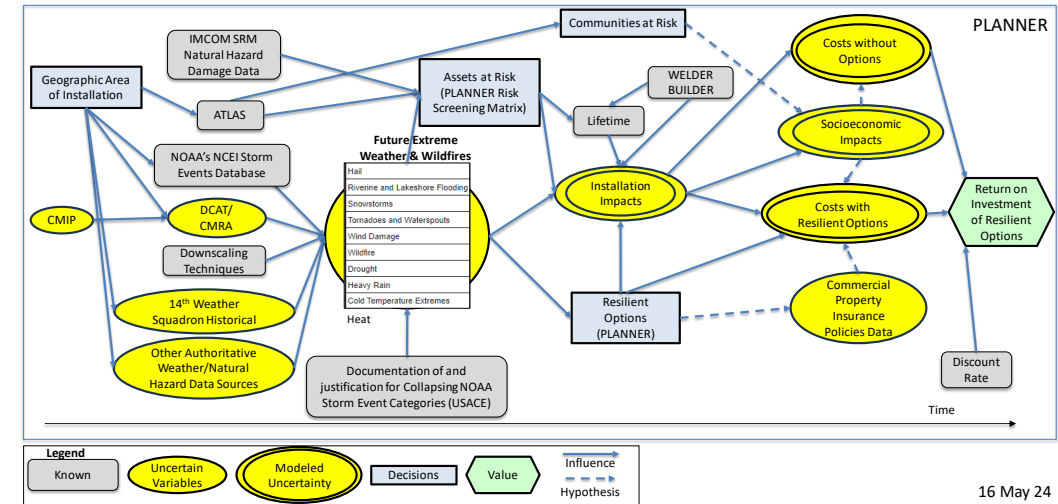
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## Using Systems Engineering and Decision Analysis in Descriptive, Predictive, and Prescriptive Analytics

## Data Analytics Challenges in Public Sector

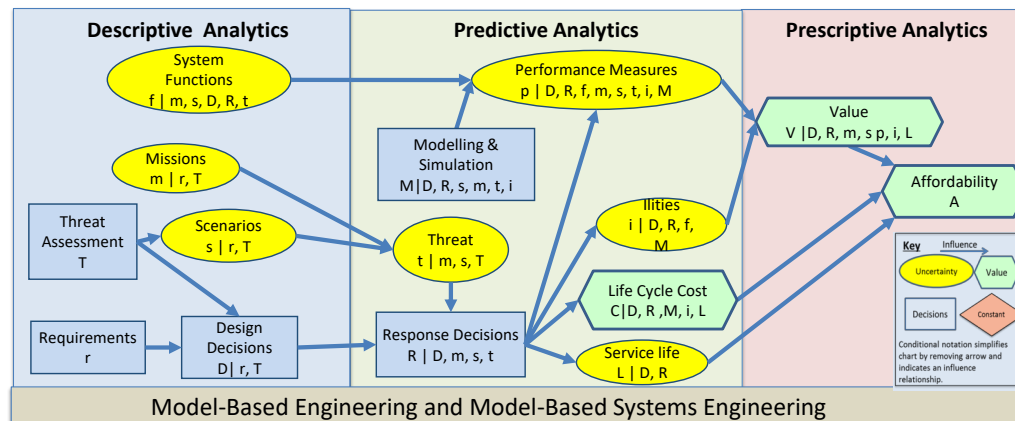


## Decision Framing Tools: Influence Diagrams

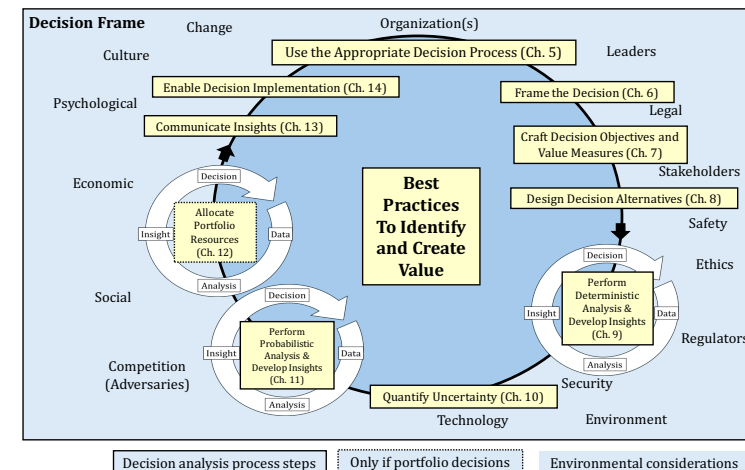


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## Data Science, Analytics and Decision Analysis

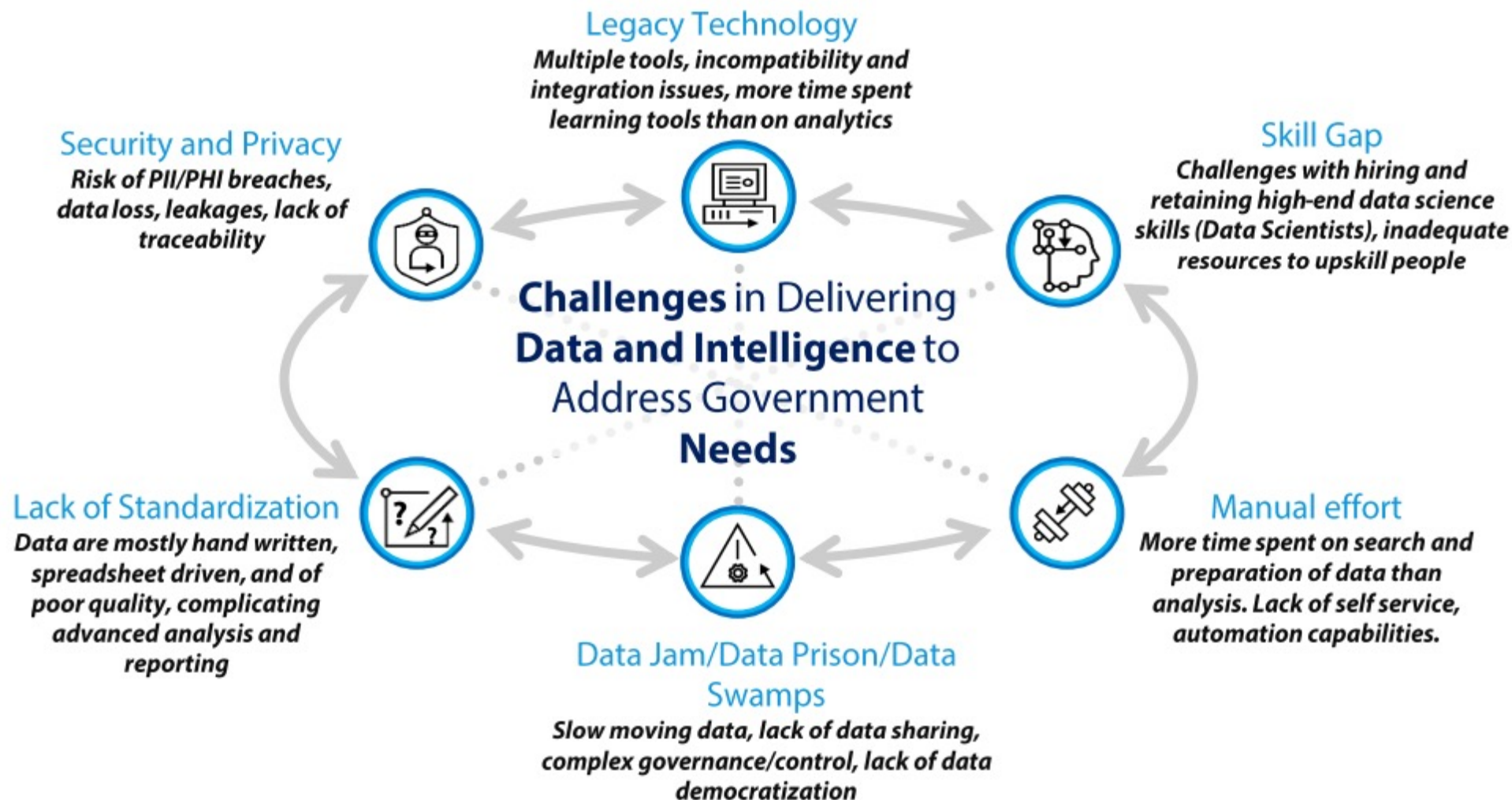


## Integrate Data Analytics and Decision Analysis



Parnell, G. S., Bresnick, T. A., Tani, S. N., Johnson, E. R., and Specking E. A., **Handbook of Decision Analysis**, Wiley & Sons, Inc. Operations Research/Management Science Handbook Series, **2nd Edition**, 2025

# Data Analytics Challenges in Public Sector



## Why Analytics Projects Fail

1. Unclear project goals
2. Inaccurate or unreliable data
3. Lack of skilled resources
4. Insufficient stakeholder buy-in
5. Failure to operationalize insights

<https://wavicledata.com/blog/why-data-analytics-projects-fail-and-how-to-overcome-common-challenges>

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## Overview

- Research Team
- Research Scope
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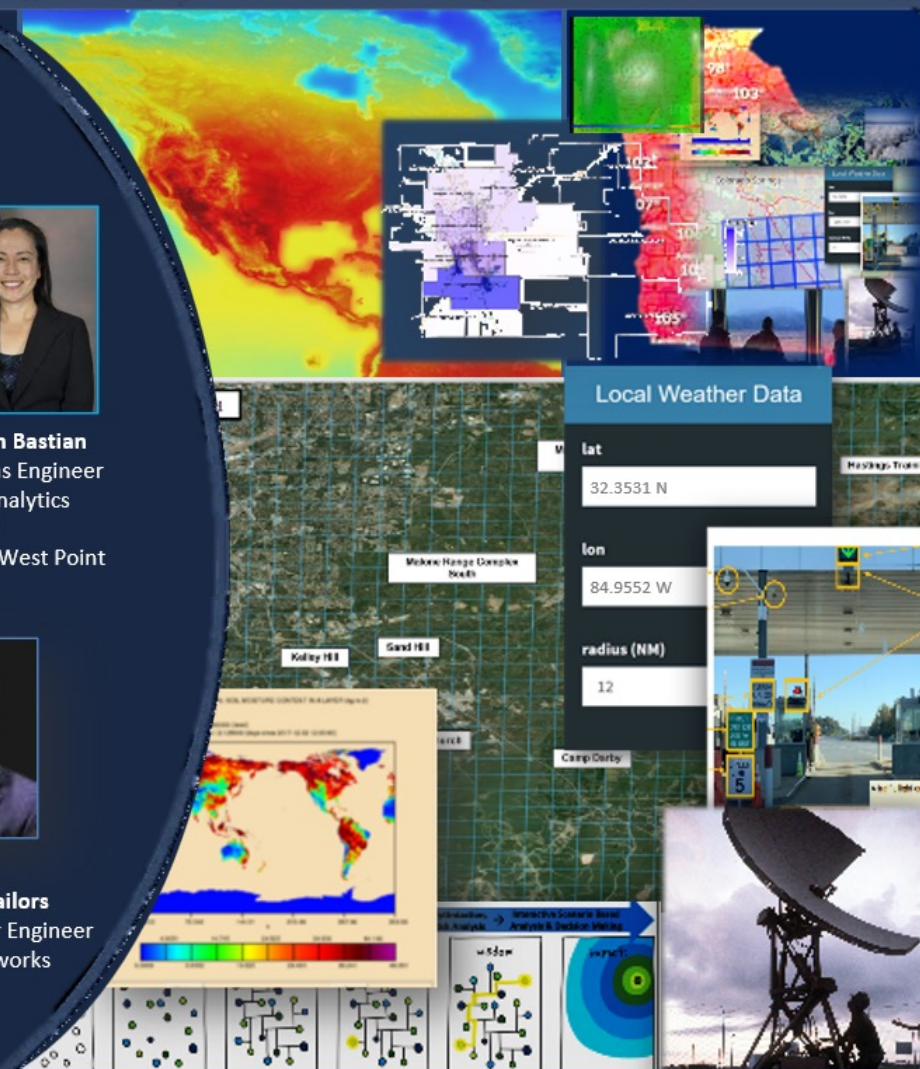
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MULIPLE APPLICATIONS LEVERAGING  
COMPONENTS OF SAME DATA STREAM



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Weather-Climate-Sensing-Installation  
INTELLIGENCE

HISTORICAL  
DATA

REPOSITORIES  
NLP  
INTERNET SCRAPING

LIVE DATA

STREAMING  
API  
PULLS

PREDICTIVE  
ANALYTICS

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE  
MACHINE LEARNING  
LARGE LANGUAGE MODELS  
INTEGRATED MODELS  
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DECISION MODELS

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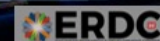
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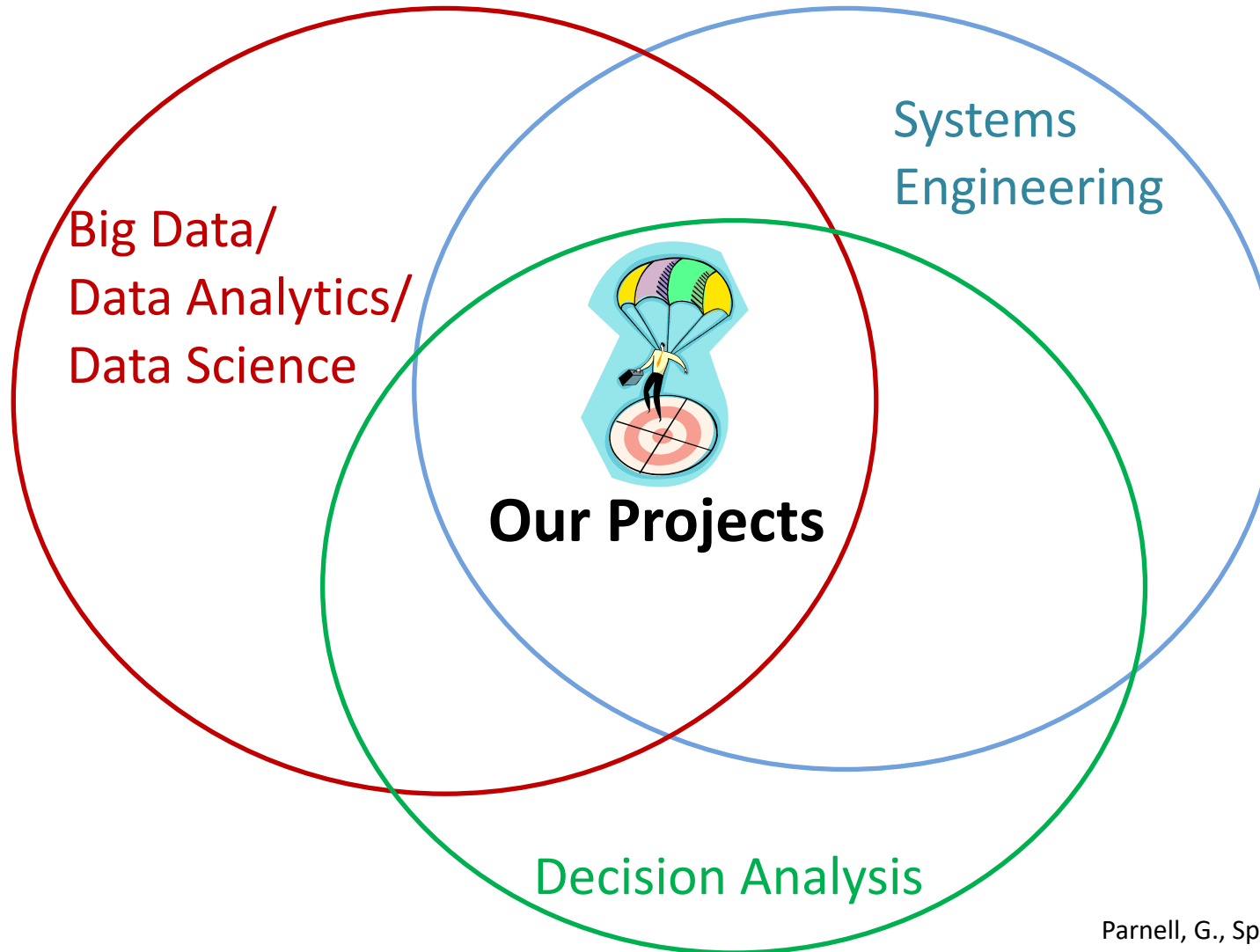
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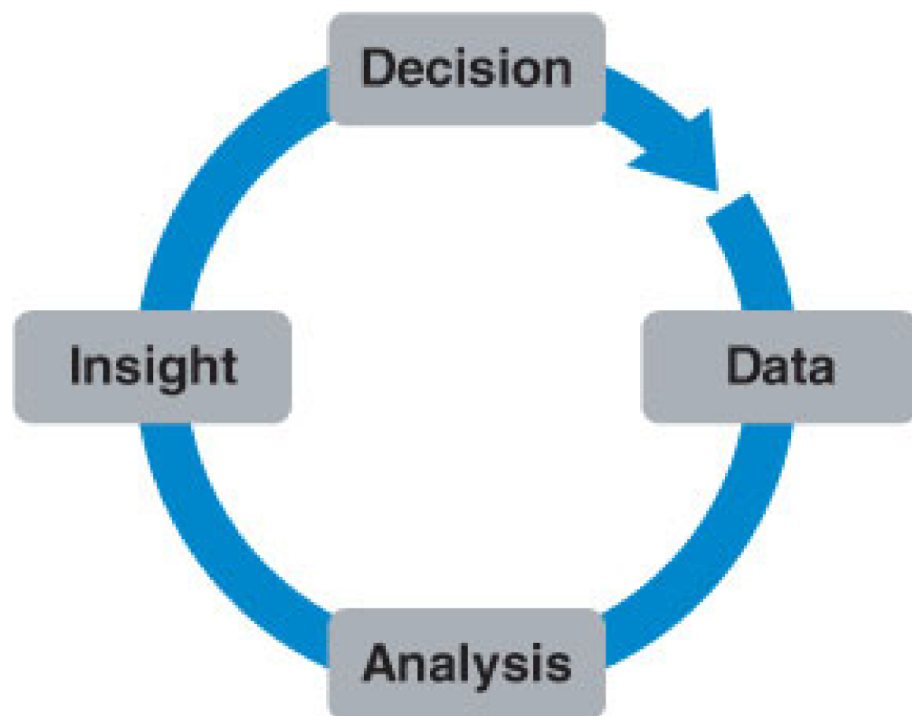




Our DoD and Army Installation projects seek to design systems to support data-driven decision-making.

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Philip T. Keenan, Jonathan H. Owen, Kathryn Schumacher (2022) Chapter 1: Introduction to Analytics. INFORMS Analytics Body of Knowledge:1-30.

**We seek to combine the best practices of both perspectives.**

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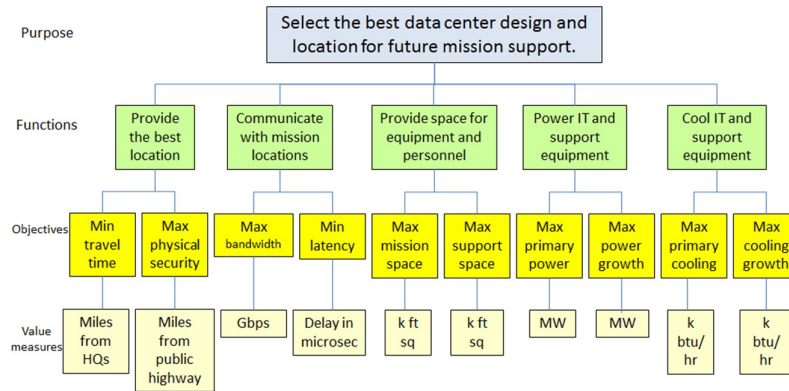
**Table 1.1** Comparison of data-centric and decision-centric approaches.

	Data-centric analysis	Decision-centric analysis
	(Data science, computer science)	(Decision science, operations research)
Mantra	"Start with the data"	"Start with the decision"
Philosophy	Leverage large amounts of data. Let the data "speak freely" by identifying patterns and revealing implicit (hidden) factor relationships	Leverage domain knowledge and subject matter expertise to model explicit variable relationships
Data	More is better, especially for "big data" applications (e.g., speech or image recognition)	Custom collection of curated data sets
Computing	High-performance computing is often price of entry. Potential need for specialized processors (e.g., GPUs, TPUs) for acceptable execution speeds, especially in contexts requiring real-time analysis	Desktop or server-based computing is typical. Trade-offs between potential benefits of leveraging high-performance computing versus added overhead in development and maintenance
Pros	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasingly automatable</li> <li>Potential to extract weak signals from large, unstructured data sets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Causal focus</li> <li>Strategic value beyond historical observations</li> </ul>
Cons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk of conflating correlation with causation</li> <li>Analysis inferences are limited by history</li> <li>Noisy data with confounded effects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Human subject matter expertise required</li> <li>Cost of data acquisition can be high</li> </ul>
Key disciplines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computer science</li> <li>Data science</li> <li>Machine learning and unstructured data mining</li> <li>Artificial intelligence (AI), deep learning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Management and decision sciences</li> <li>Operations research</li> <li>Mathematics</li> <li>Classical statistics</li> </ul>
Example applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Image classification</li> <li>Speech recognition</li> <li>Autonomous vehicle scene recognition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supply chain optimization</li> <li>Scenario planning</li> <li>New business model development</li> </ul>

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## Decision Analysis and Data Science Techniques

### Multiple Objective Decision Analysis



$$v(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i v_i(x_i)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$$

The goal of DA and DS techniques are the same. They both have a set of attributes for which the direct relationships are unknown. Many techniques use weights to determine the response variable.

### Supervised Learning

One Predictor Model

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \epsilon$$

Nonrandom or Systematic Component      Random Component

Multiple Predictor Model

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + \dots + \beta_q x_q + \epsilon$$

Where

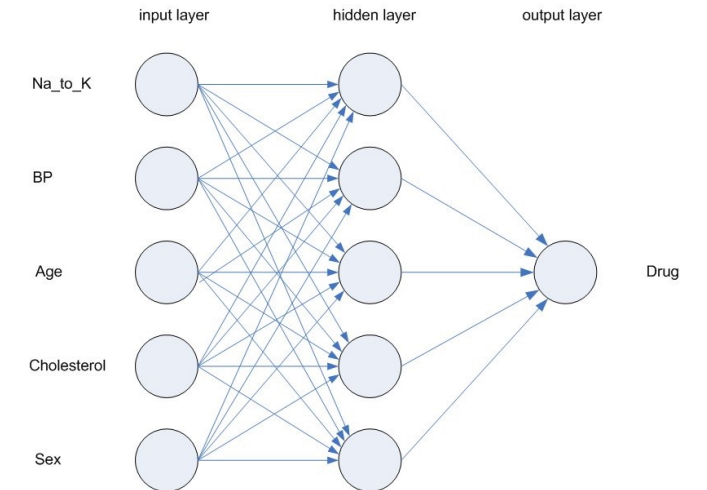
$Y$  is the outcome value       $x_{1..q}$  is the value of predictor variable

$\beta_0$  is the intercept       $\beta_{1..q}$  is the slope coefficient

$\epsilon$  is the error aka residual

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### Neural Networks



<https://www.ibm.com/docs/en/spss-modeler/18.0.0?topic=networks-neural-model>

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# Data Science Perspective on Five Recent Projects

Project	Descriptive	Predictive	Prescriptive
Unmanned Ground Vehicle Reliability in Conceptual Design	Component technology readiness levels	Predicted performance, reliability, and cost	Feasible alternatives with performance and cost trade-offs
Set-Based Design for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles	Current performance and historical costs	Predicted performance and costs	Feasible alternatives with performance and cost trade-offs
Fort Carson Weather Closure	Historical data on weather and traffic	Weather Nowcast and Forecasts	Grid, Regional, and Installation level warnings
Fort Moore Heat Related Injuries	Historical weather and Heat Related Injuries	Predicting heat related injuries based on weather	Improved unit level training schedule
Climate Change Financial Risk to Installations → All Hazards Risk to Installations	Historical climate, hazard frequency and installation consequences	Extreme weather due to climate and all hazards	Return on investment for installation strategies to be more resilient to all hazards

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# INCOSE SE Principles

Agile  
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Risk Analysis

#	Systems Engineering Principles
1	Systems engineering in application is specific to stakeholder needs, solution space, resulting system solution(s), and context throughout the system life cycle.
2	Systems engineering has a holistic system view that includes the system elements and the interactions amongst themselves, the enabling systems, and the system environment.
3	Systems engineering influences and is influenced by internal and external resource, political, economic, social, technological, environmental, and legal factors.
5	The real system is the perfect representation of the system.
6	A focus of systems engineering is a progressively deeper understanding of the interactions, sensitivities, and behaviours of the system, stakeholder needs, and its operational environment.
7	Systems engineering addresses changing stakeholder needs over the system life cycle.
8	Systems engineering addresses stakeholder needs, taking into consideration budget, schedule, and technical needs, along with other expectations and constraints.
9	Systems engineering decisions are made under uncertainty accounting for risk.
10	Decision quality depends on knowledge of the system, enabling system(s), and interoperating system(s) present in the decision-making process.
11	Systems engineering spans the entire system life cycle.
12	Complex systems are engineered by complex organizations.
13	Systems engineering integrates engineering and scientific disciplines in an effective manner.

Systems Engineering Principles, INCOSE, 2022, <https://www.incose.org/publications/products/se-principles>, accessed 2 Jun 24

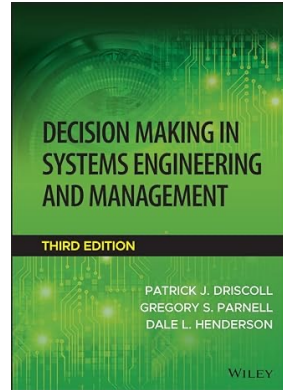
**12 of the 15 SE principles are directly relevant to our research.**

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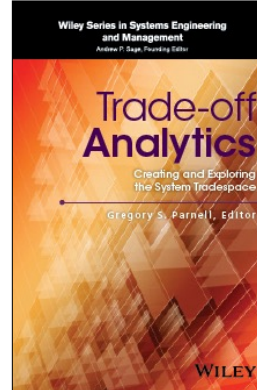


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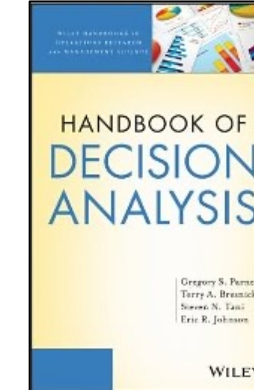
## Our research uses decision analysis and systems engineering best practices



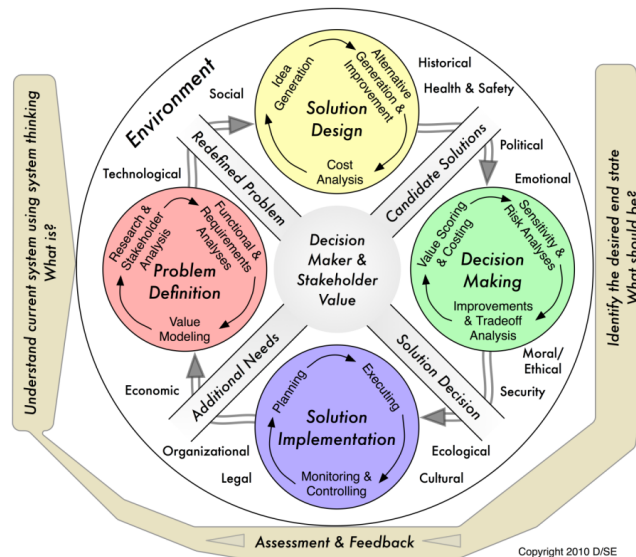
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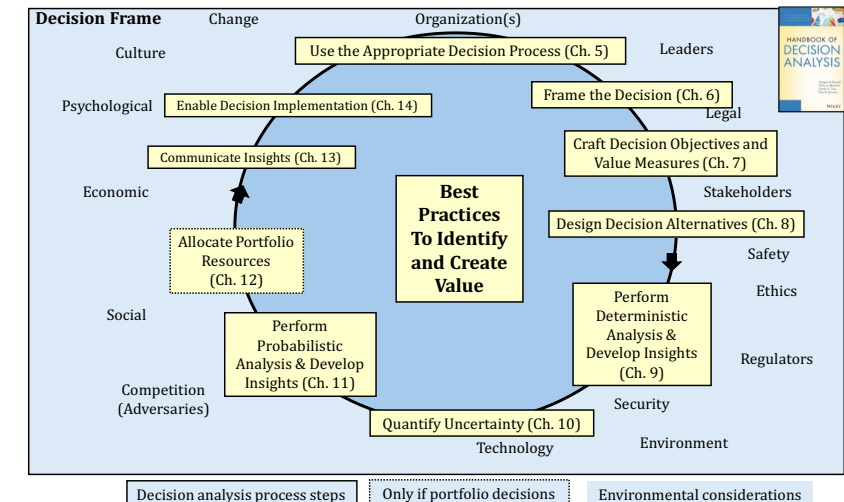
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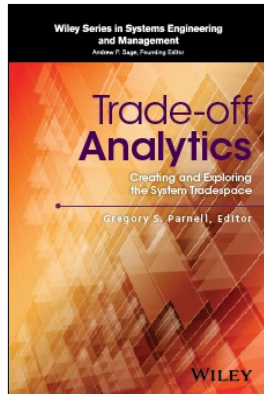


Decision Management Process INCOSE  
Systems Engineering Body of Knowledge

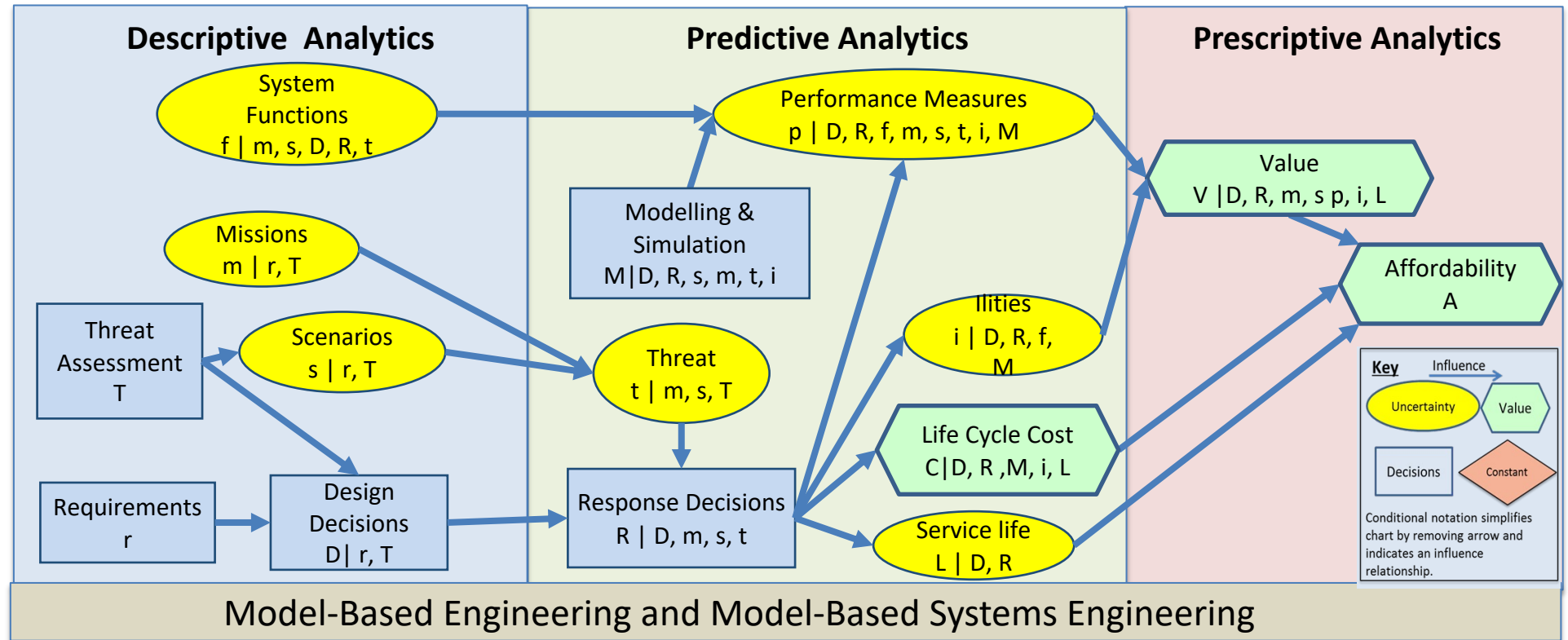


Decision Analysis Process

# Integrated Trade-off Analytics Framework



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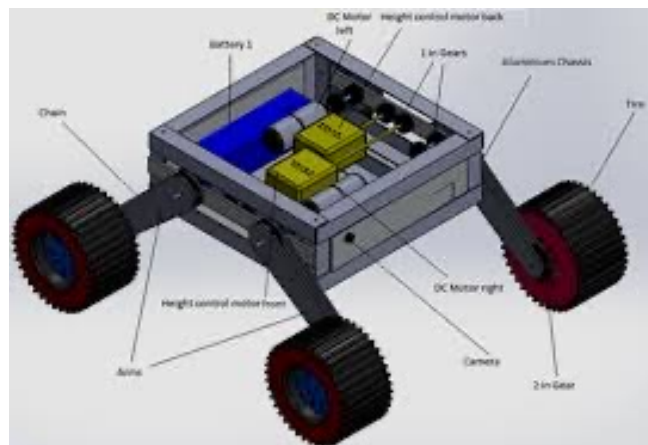
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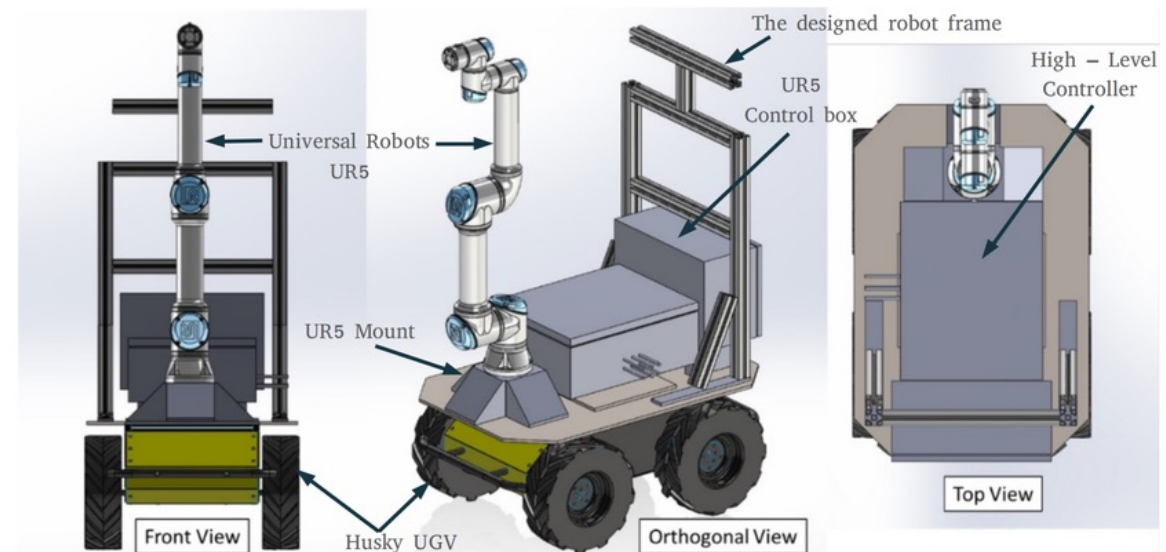
# Unmanned Ground Vehicles



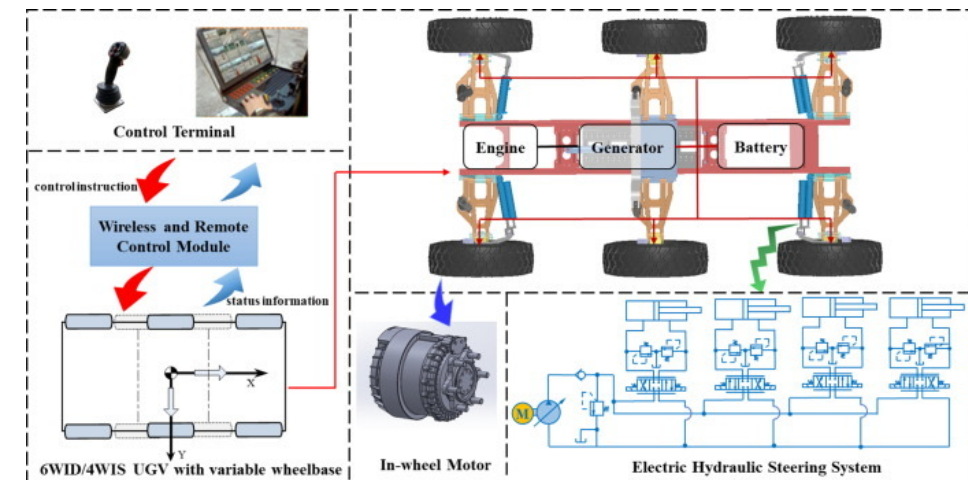
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# Impact of Reliability in Conceptual Design

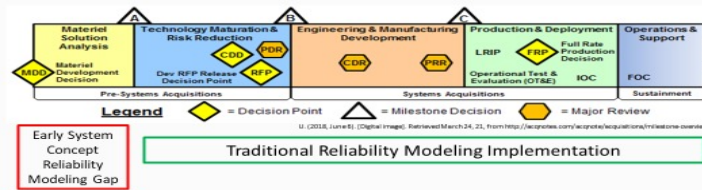
## Motivation and Background



### Research Motivation

Department of Defense (DoD) regulations require program managers to submit system reliability information [1] before Milestone A because it impacts performance, cost, and schedule estimates.

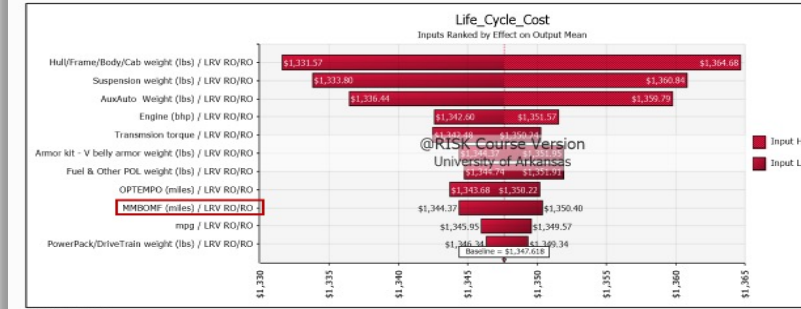
Traditional reliability predictions, however, require extensive knowledge of the system of interest. Researchers will investigate new approaches for early life cycle prediction of reliability (pre-Milestone A).



[1] Department of Defense Instruction (2015). DoDI 3000.02. Operations of the Defense Acquisition System. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Defense.

## Reliability as a Parameter

### Reliability is a Parameter Not Modeled Based on Design Decisions

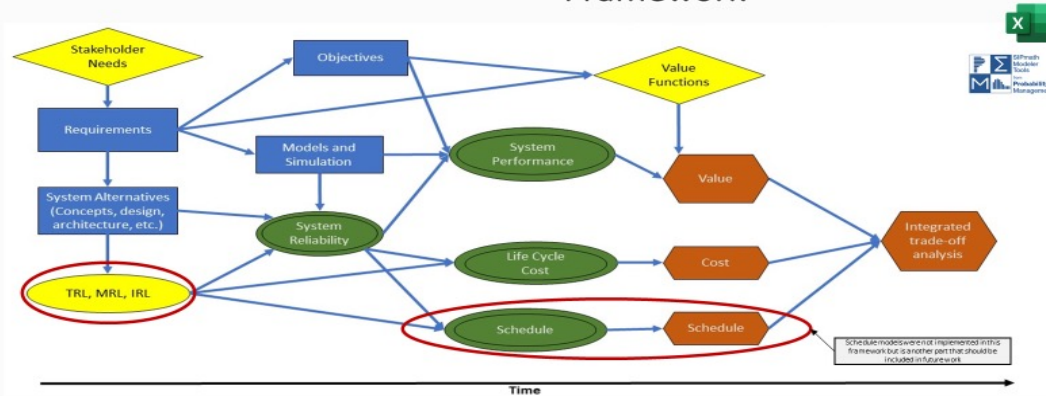


In a ground vehicle cost model, reliability was a system parameter that was not influenced by design decisions. In addition, varying reliability by 10% only had a 1% impact on life cycle cost.

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### Early Life Cycle Reliability In a Trade-Off Analysis Framework



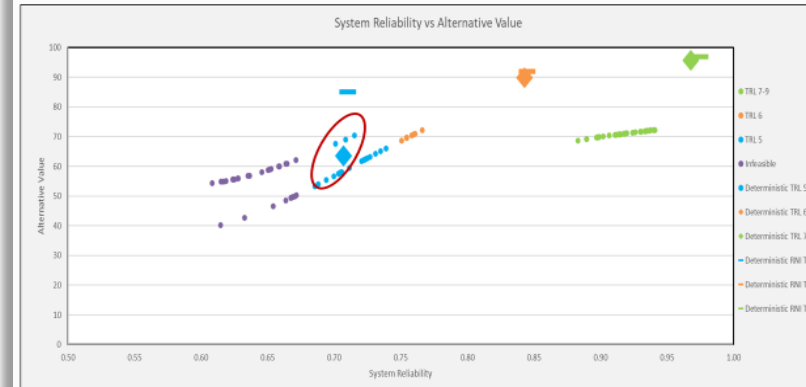
In this trade-off analysis, the focus is on using TRL to impact design decisions.

## Integrated Framework

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### Impact of Mission Range on Alternative Preferences



The difference between alternatives with similar reliability values is their performance capability. The few points in blue that are higher have better mission range capability.

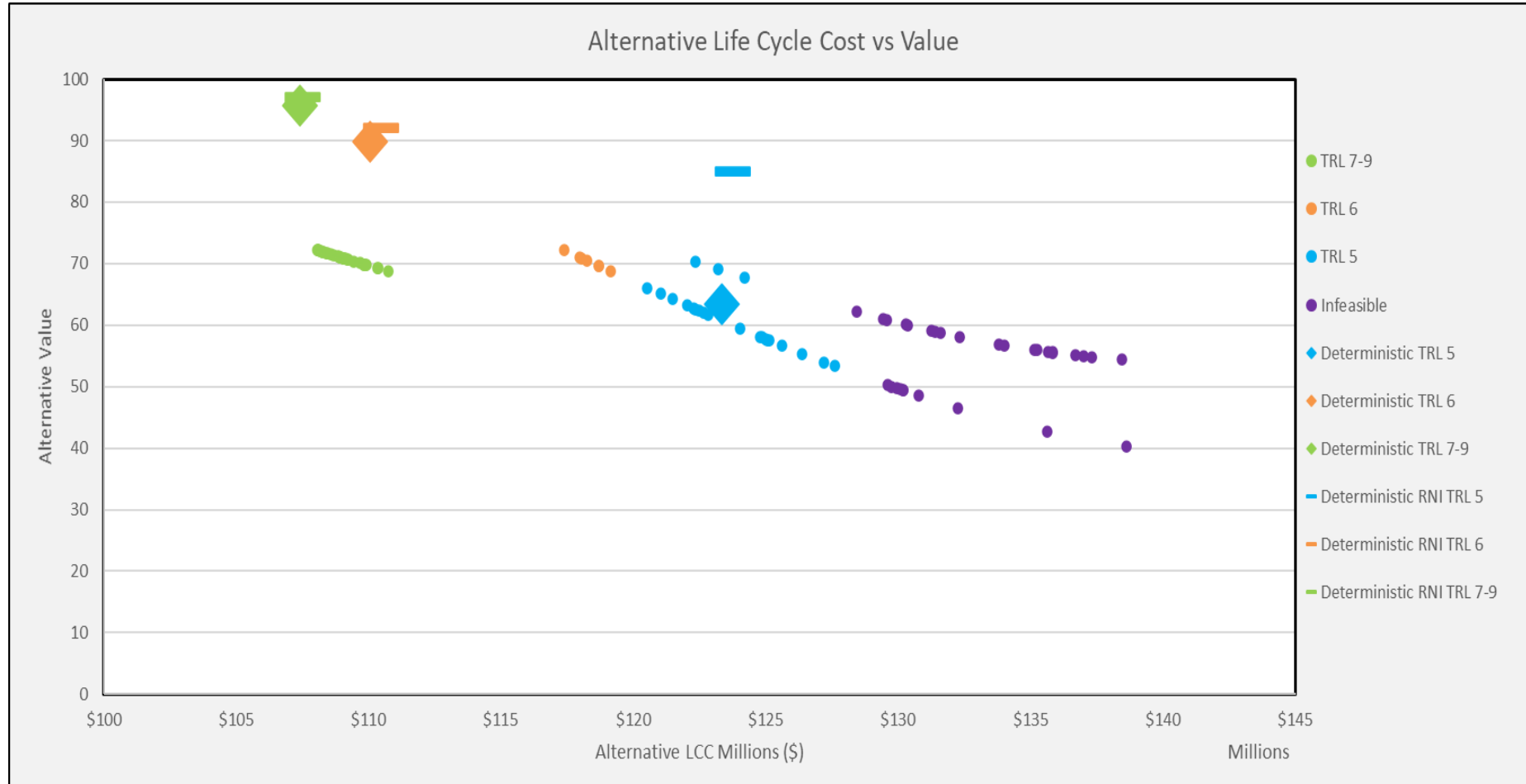
Deterministic Analysis  
 Deterministic Analysis, Reliability Not Included (RNI)  
 Monte Carlo Simulation using SIPmath  
 Model is sensitive to function performance integrated with reliability. HP (Power Source and Reliability Impact Mission Range)

## Impact of Reliability on Design Space





# LCC vs. Alternative Value



Deterministic Analysis



Deterministic Analysis,  
Reliability Not Included (RNI)



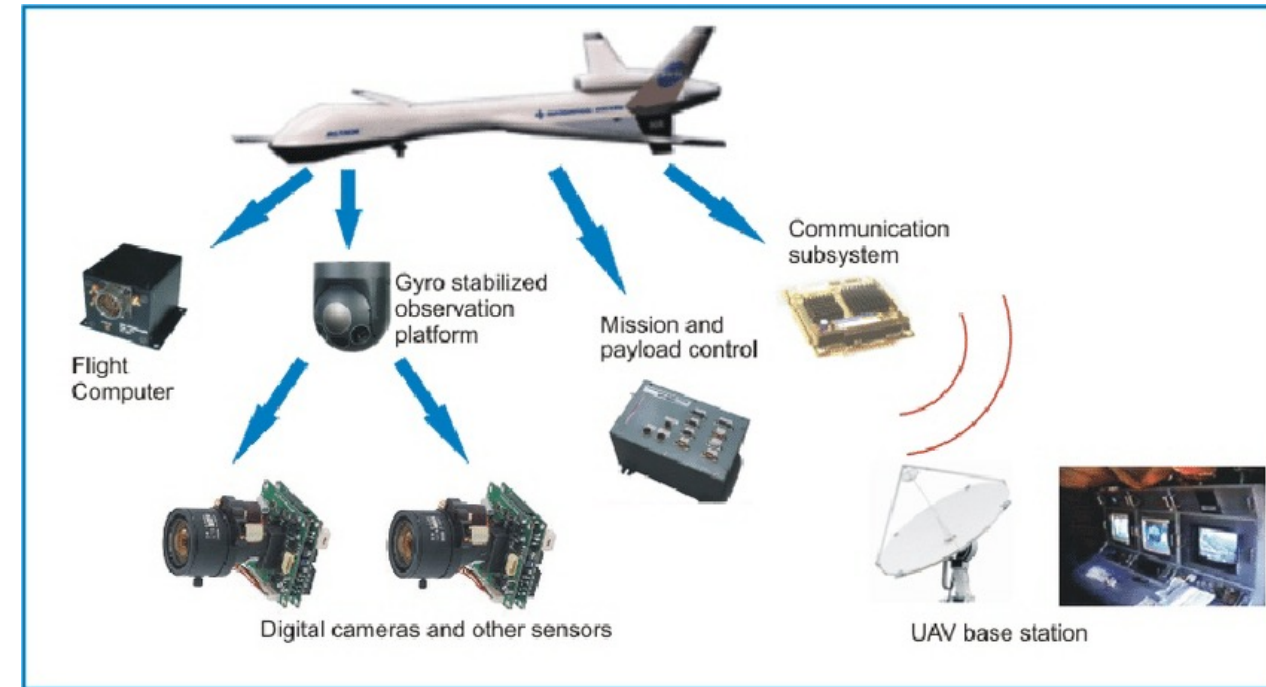
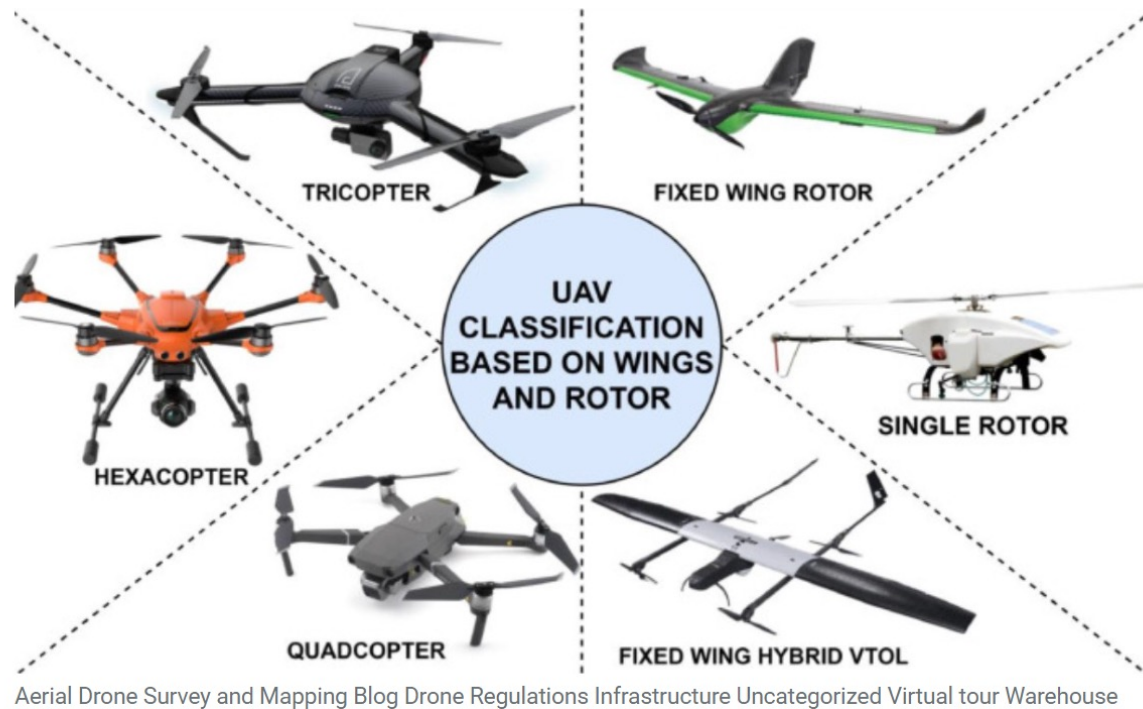
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If we do not include reliability in the performance measure mission chains, we may accept costly system designs that may not meet the requirements.

# Unmanned Aeronautical Vehicles



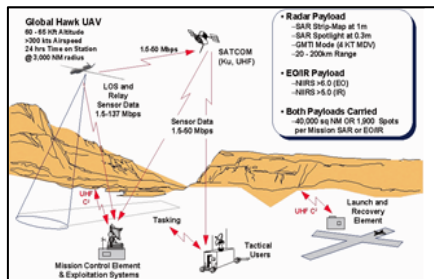
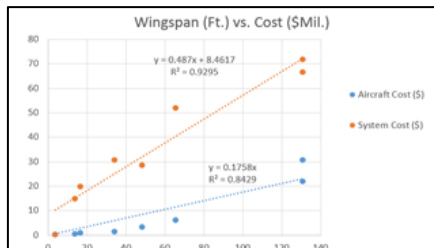
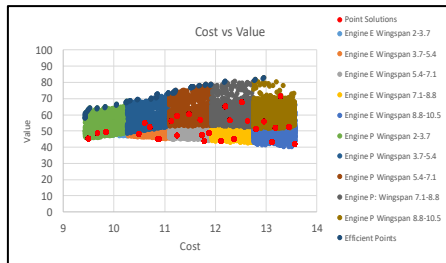
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# Trade-off Analytics Hierarchy using Set-Based Design with Low Resolution Models



## Integrated Value and Cost Model Multiple Objective Decision Analysis

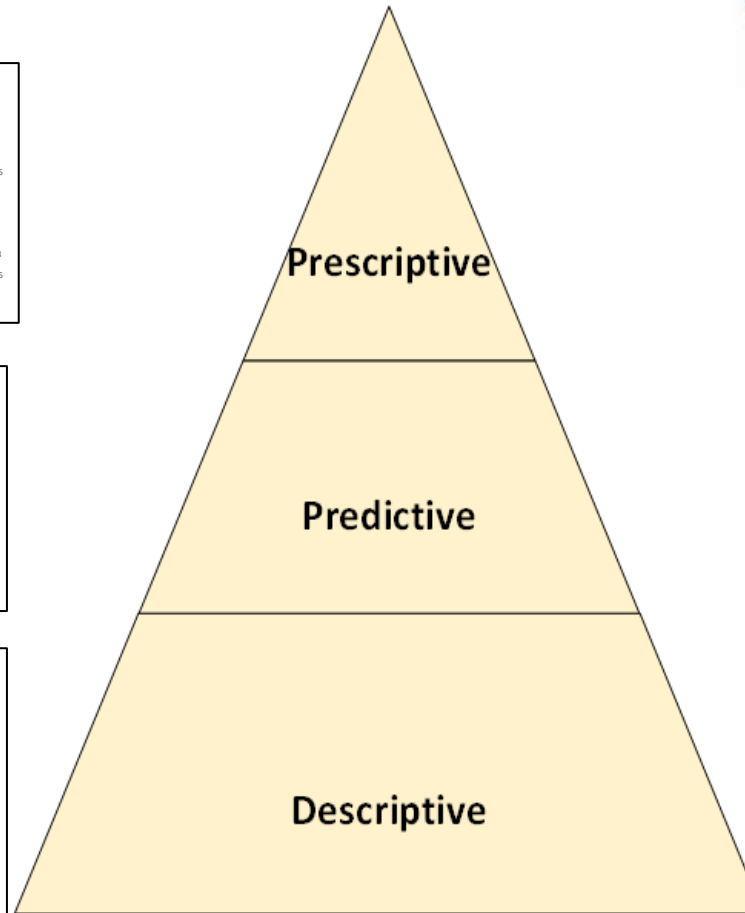
24,949	Feasible Cost vs Value points
5,051	Total infeasible designs
4,825	Infeasible designs with stochastic parameters
226	Infeasible designs with deterministic parameters

## Predicted performance and cost models

30,000	Cost estimates
210,000	Value measure estimates
28,741	Design points with stochastic parameters
1,259	Design points with deterministic parameters

## Design definition and design parameter calculation

1,260,000	Physics model calculations
5	Value measures with uncertainty
7	Value Measures
30,000	Alternatives generated by SIPmath
10,500	Combinations of design parameters using bins
5	Design Parameters



Specking, E., Parnell, G., Pohl, E., and Buchanan, R., "Early Design Space Exploration with Model-Based System Engineering and Set-Based Design," *Systems*, 2018, Vol 6, No 4.  
Small, C. Demonstrating Set-Based Design Techniques—A UAV Case Study. Master's Thesis, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR, USA, 2018.

# Integrated Tradeoff Analytics with Set-Based Design and High-Resolution Models

Uncertainty Reduction Focus by Iteration

Design Iteration	Primary Design Uncertainty Source	Secondary Uncertainty Source	Uncertainty Reduction Focus	Primary Design Maturation Focus
1	-	-	Design space exploration	Conceptual system development
2	Payload capacity	Sensor performance	UAV performance	Fuselage & sensor design
3	Sensor performance	Survivability	Sensor performance & detection	Sensor design & operating altitude
4	Payload capacity	Survivability	UAV Performance & detection	Fuselage & sensor design
5	Sensor performance	-	Sensor performance	Sensor design & system resiliency

Design Maturation Decisions

Design Iteration	Number of Available Design Options During Iteration							No. Unique Design Sets
	Engine Type	EO Sensor Res.	EO Sensor FOV	IR Sensor Res.	IR Sensor FOV	Wingspan (No. Bins)	Altitude (No. Bins)	
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2	1 <sup>(a)</sup>	5	5	5	5	6	7	26,250
3	1	4	5	4	5	5	6	12,000
4	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	729
5	1	2	2	2	2	1 <sup>(a)</sup>	1 <sup>(a)</sup>	16

<sup>(a)</sup> Design option locked into final system configuration

Uncertainty Reduction Decisions

Design Iteration	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4	No. of Unique Design Sets	% Sets Producing Feasible Designs	Generation Time per 100 Thousand points (hrs)
1	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	408,240	1.4%	1.1
2	1.0	2.1	3.0	4.0	26,250	18%	1.9
3	1.2	2.1	3.2	4.2	12,000	37%	5.1
4	1.3	2.3	3.3	4.2	729	89%	10.2
5	1.3	2.3	3.3	4.3	16	100%	18.5

Total computation time (all iterations): 81.4 hours

1. Using integrated performance, cost, and schedule analytics is a “best practice” for digital engineering and model-based engineering of complex systems to enable tradespace exploration.
2. Pareto optimality, based on LR designs and models, in early design **does not guarantee feasibility or achievement of system requirements**.
3. SBD prevents premature design decisions (either selection or elimination) helping to mitigate program risk.
4. Using integrated models for complex systems, quantitative SBD can inform design maturation decisions and reduce uncertainty.
5. Quantitative SBD deliberately preserves design options until uncertainty is reduced; provides program flexibility to achieve performance, cost, and schedule objectives.

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## Ft Carson Weather Warning



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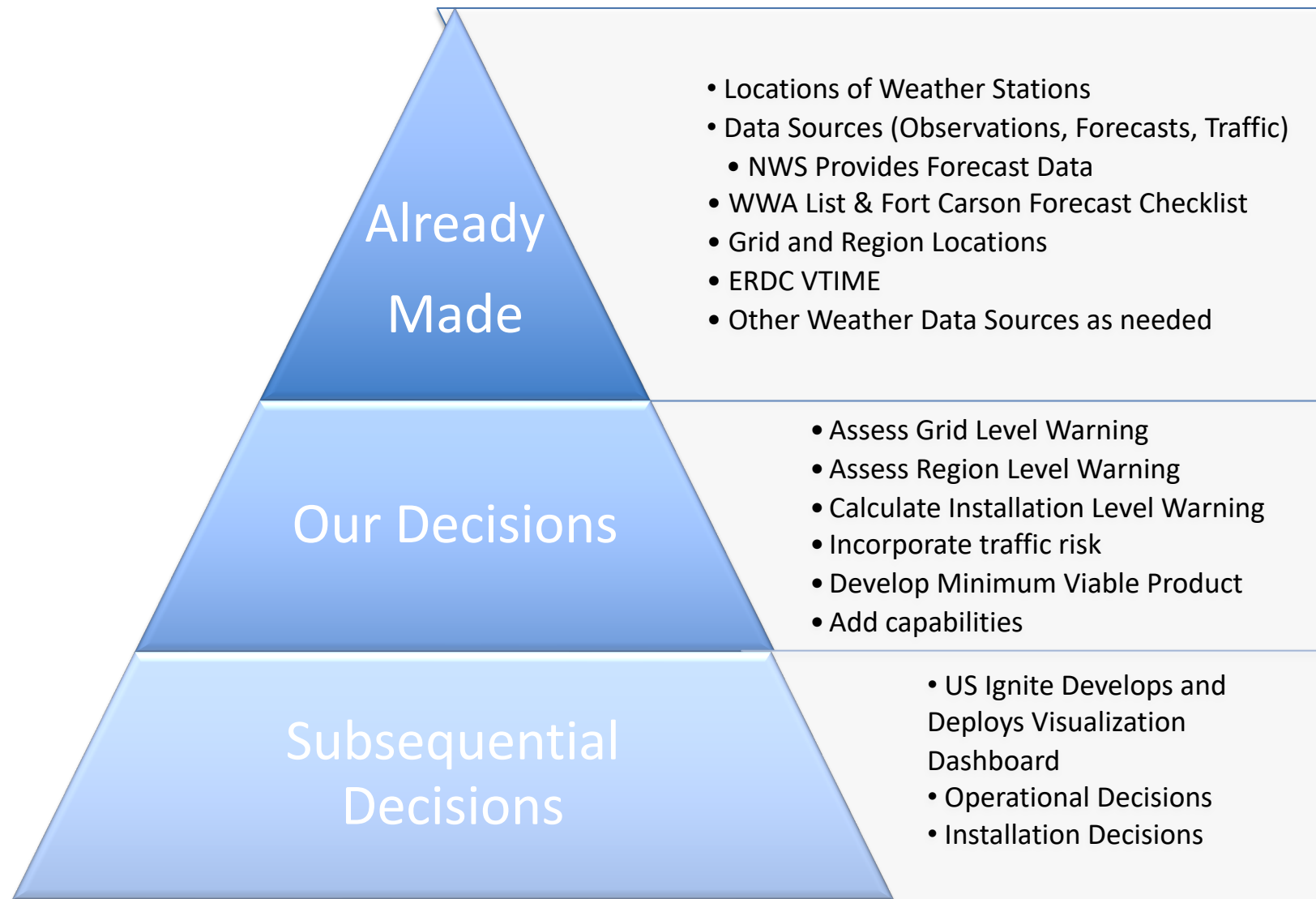


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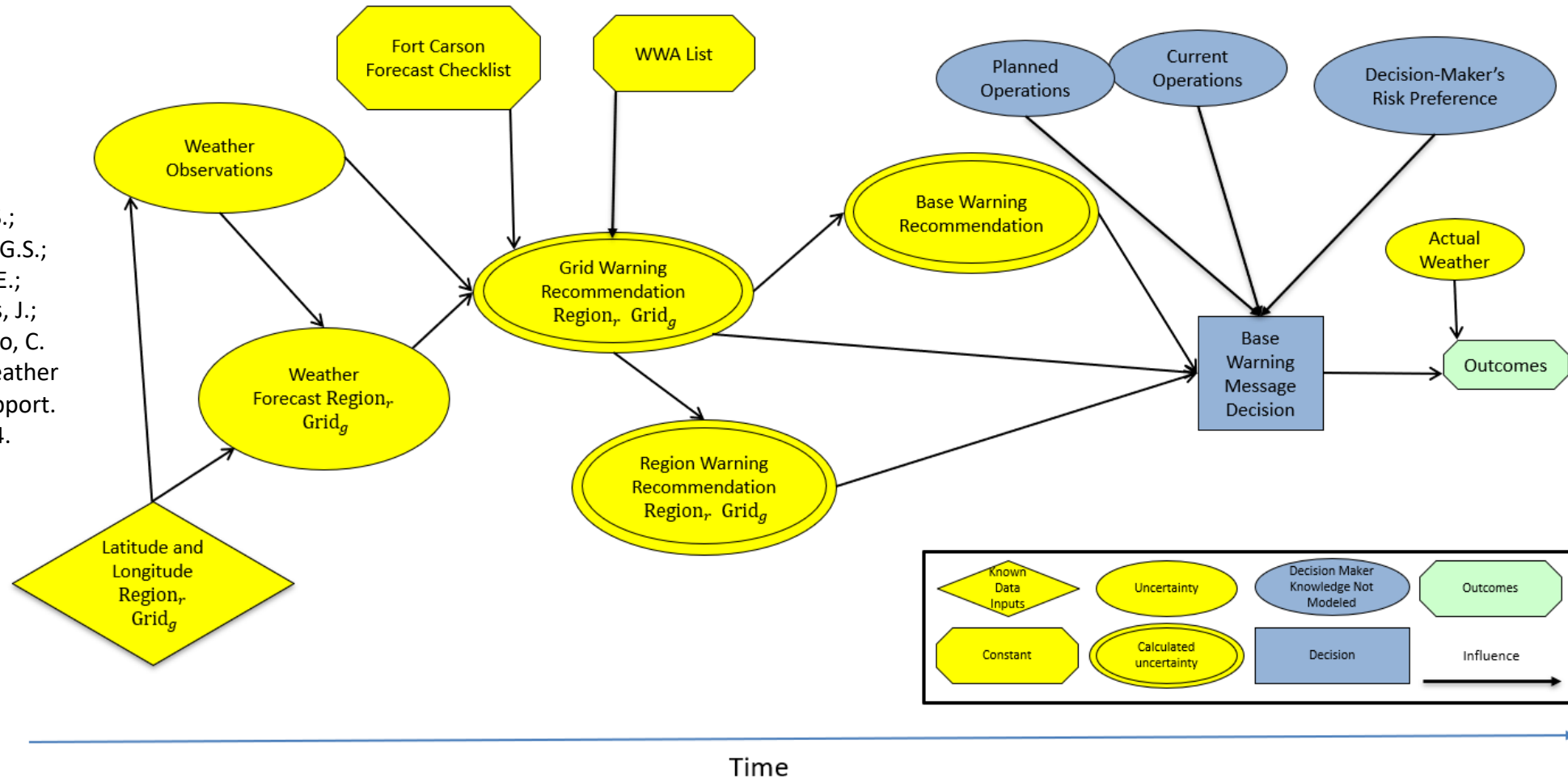


## Fort Carson Weather Warning Decision Hierarchy

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# Fort Carson Weather Warning Decision Influence Diagram

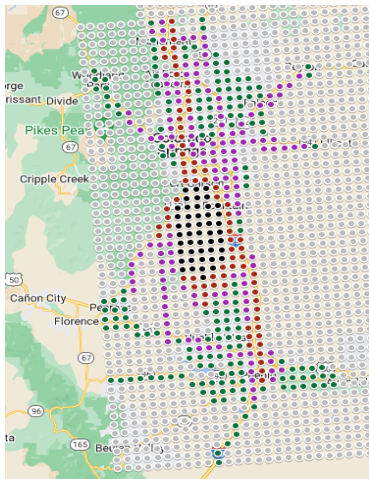


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# Weighting Grids and Triggering Warnings

Score	Description	Color
5 Most Critical	geographical grids on the Fort Carson base	Black
4	geographical grids on major highways or areas near Fort Carson	Red
3	geographical grids on highways that feed major highways or areas close to the Fort Carson base	Purple
2	geographical grids in residential areas or areas on highways that are not that near to the Fort Carson	Green
1 Least Critical	all other geographical grids	White



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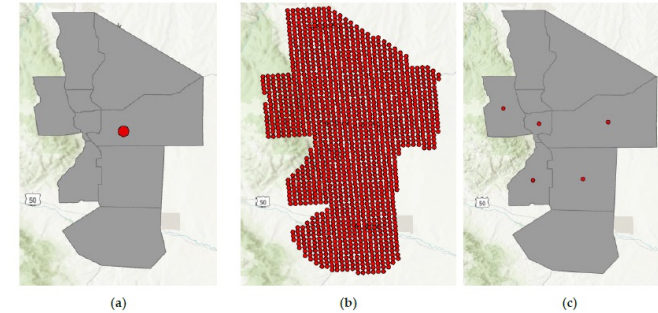
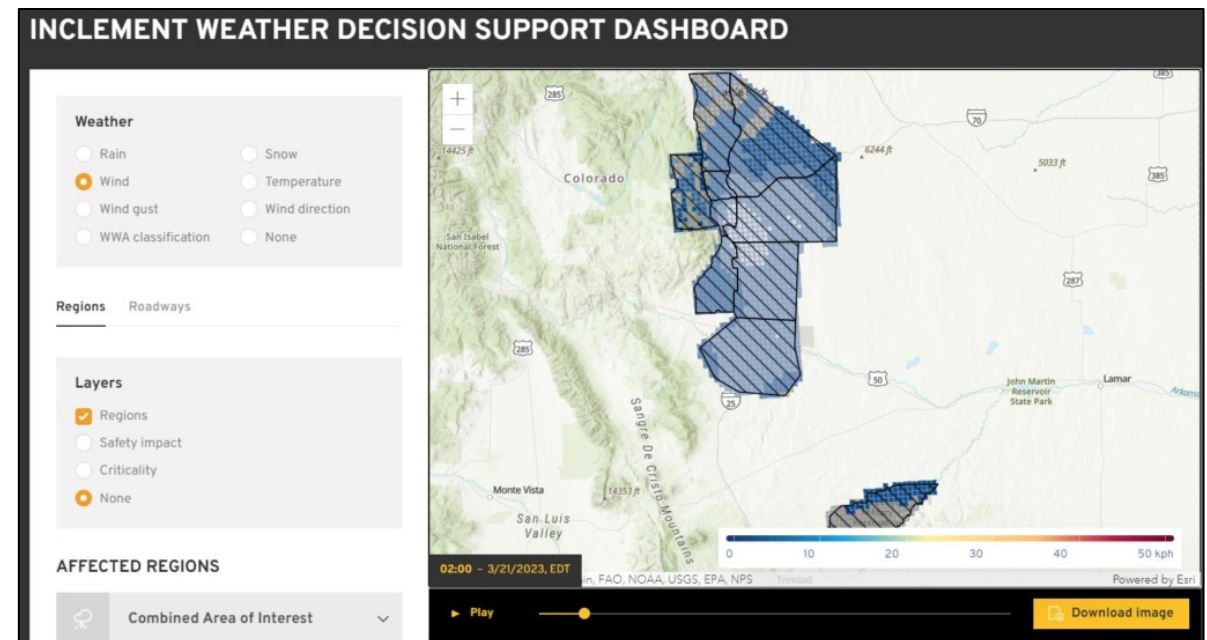


Figure 9. Triggering the grid, region, and installation levels for watch\_surfaceWindsO45 condition. (a) Installation level; (b) grid level; (c) region level.





# Fort Moore Heat Injuries



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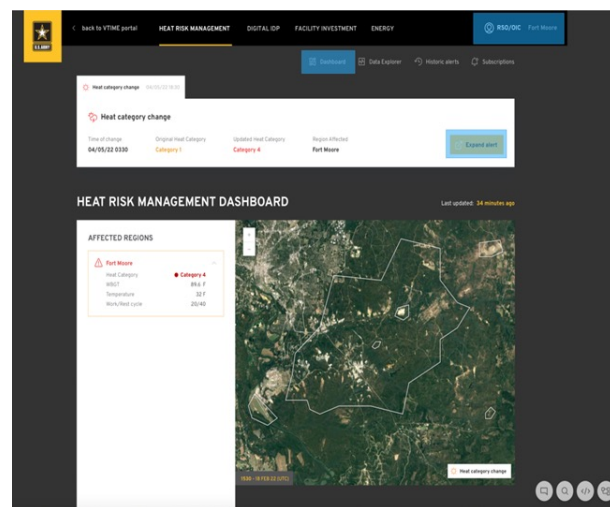
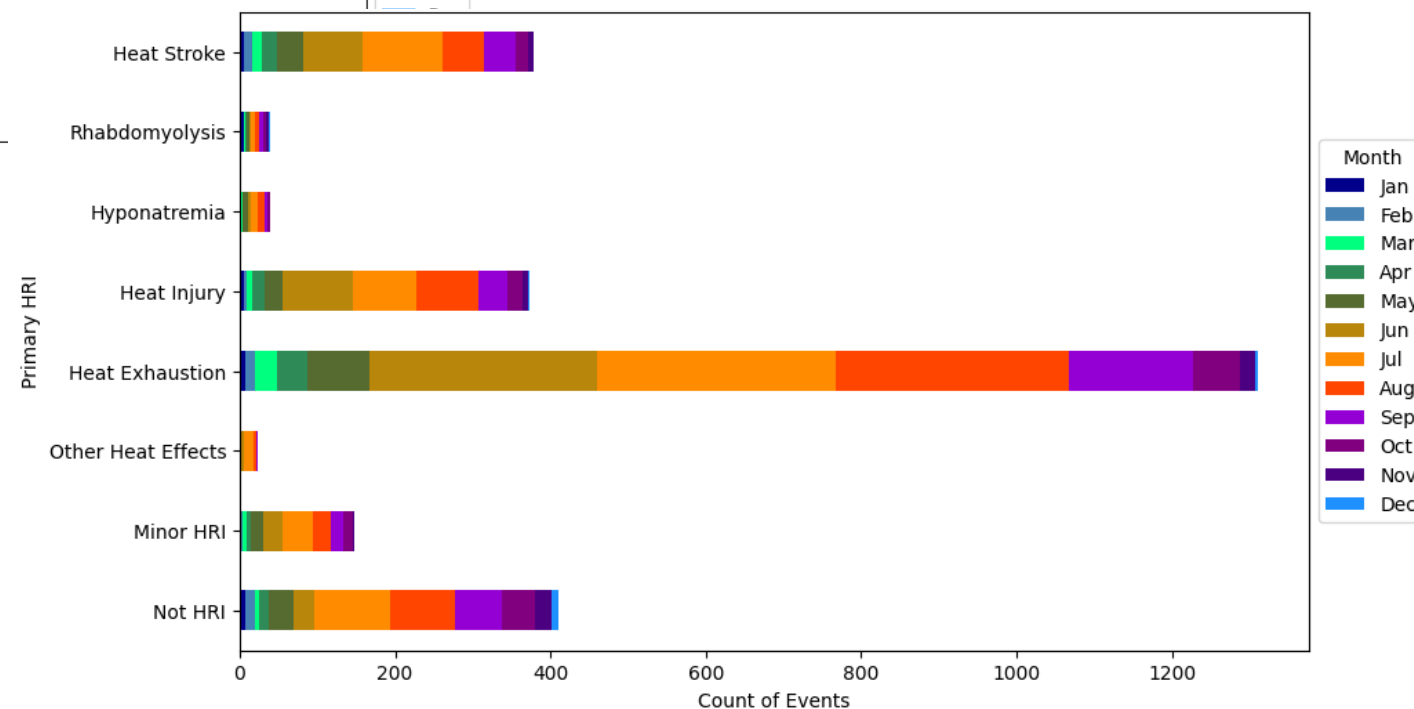
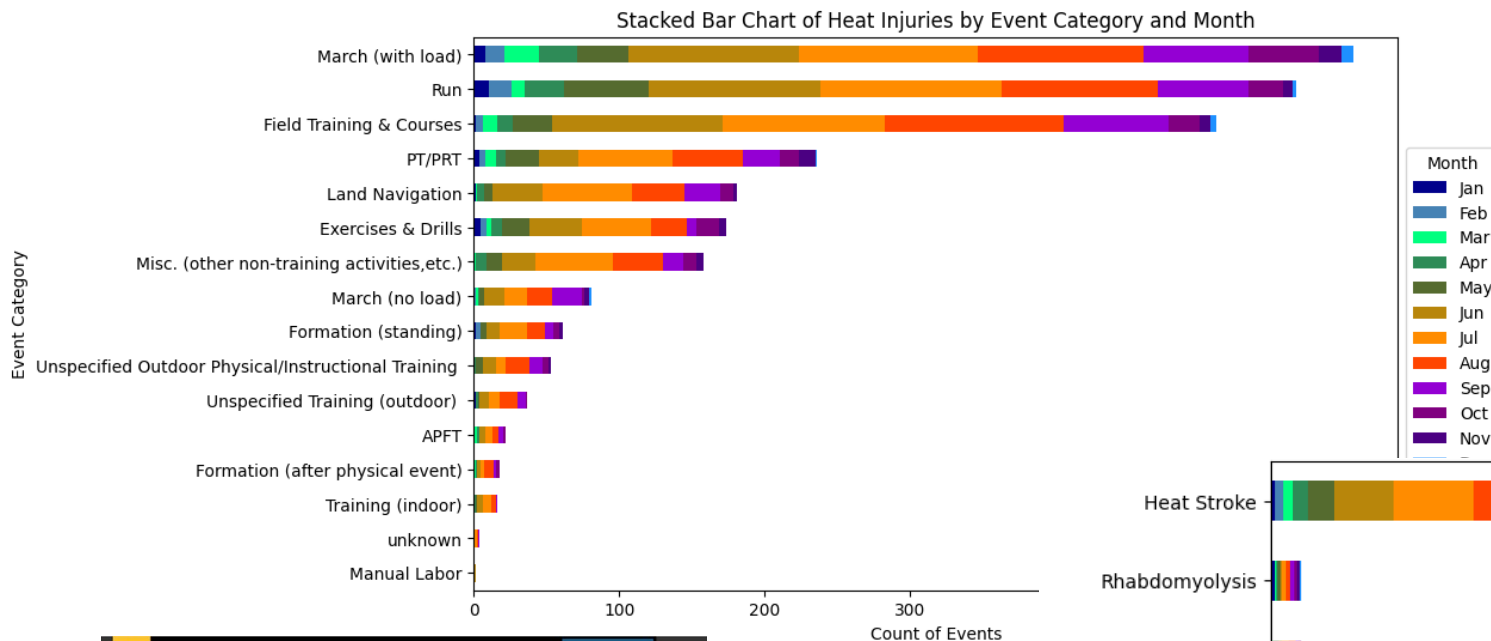


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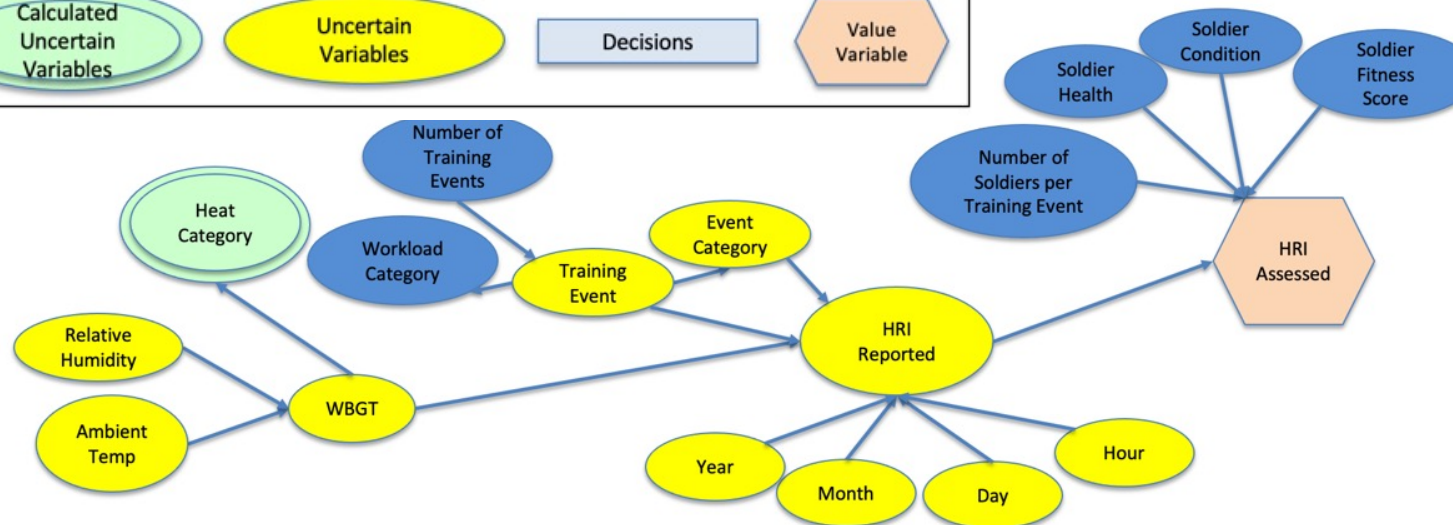
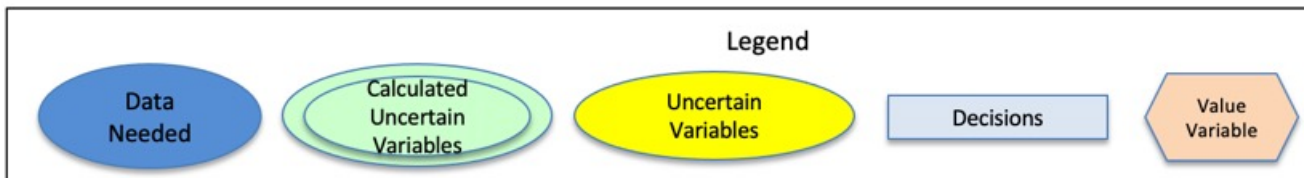
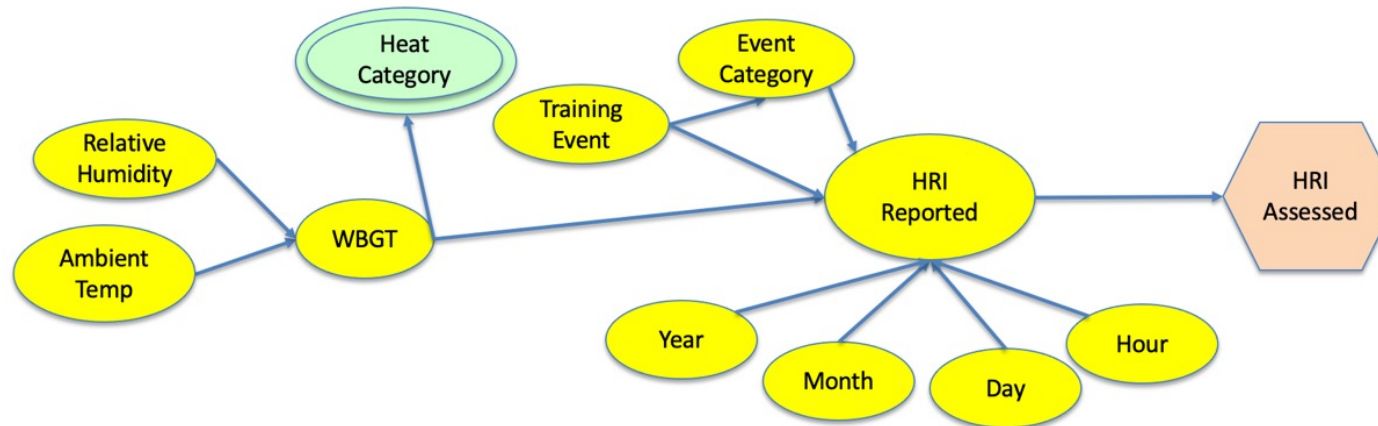
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## Fort Moore Heat Related Injuries

Data provided all events that have been assess in the field as HRIs.



Minimum essential data needed to inform training leaders of the probability of an HRI during a potential training event at a given day and time.





# Extreme Weather Damage



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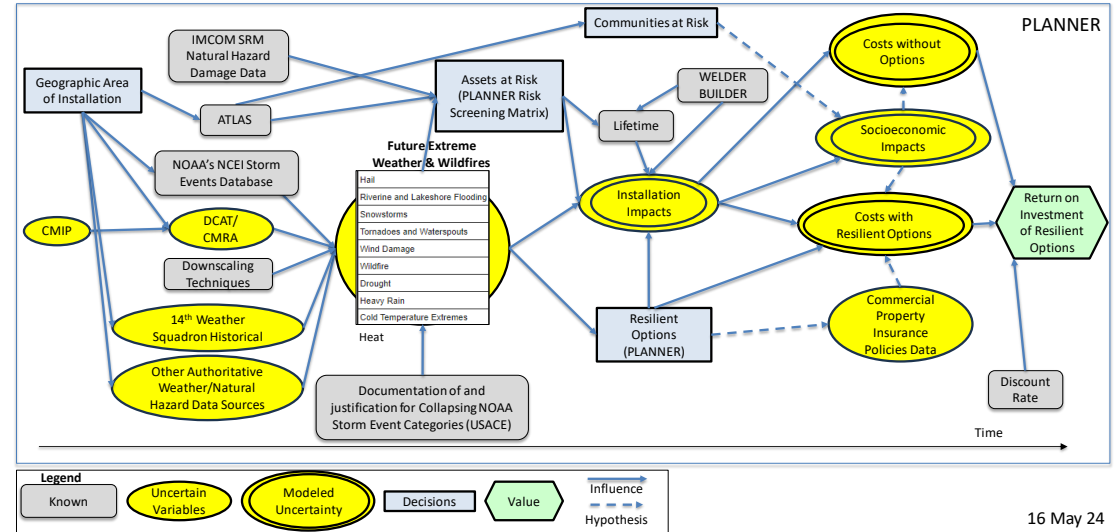
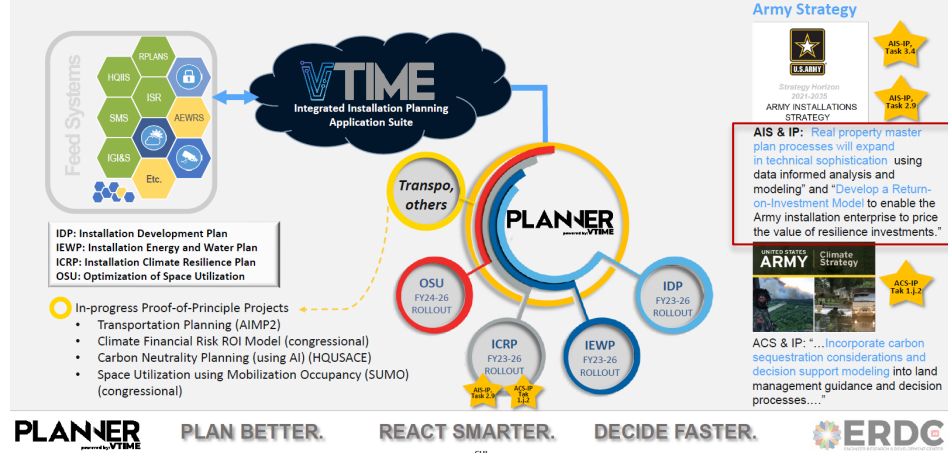


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## Methodology

## PLANNER Overview

### And Strategic Alignment



## Risk Based ROI Model for Installation Resilient Options

## ROI Model Mathematical Formulation

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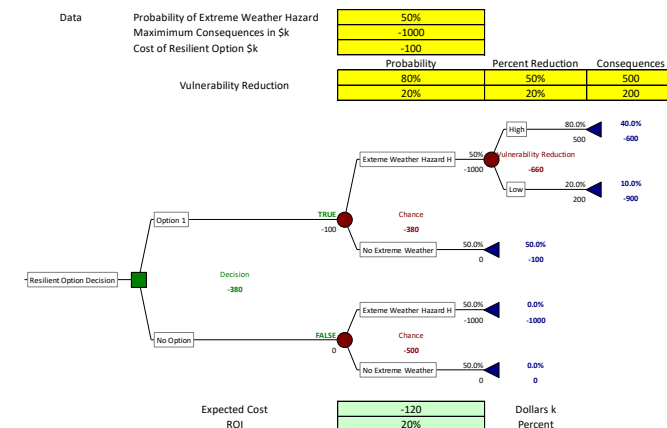
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## Assumptions

- Model uses hazard likelihood, asset vulnerability, and asset consequence data
- Options can impact 1 or more hazard
- Hazards can impact 1 or more assets
- PLANNER inputs → Model inputs
- Probabilities → Forecast/Historical Distributions

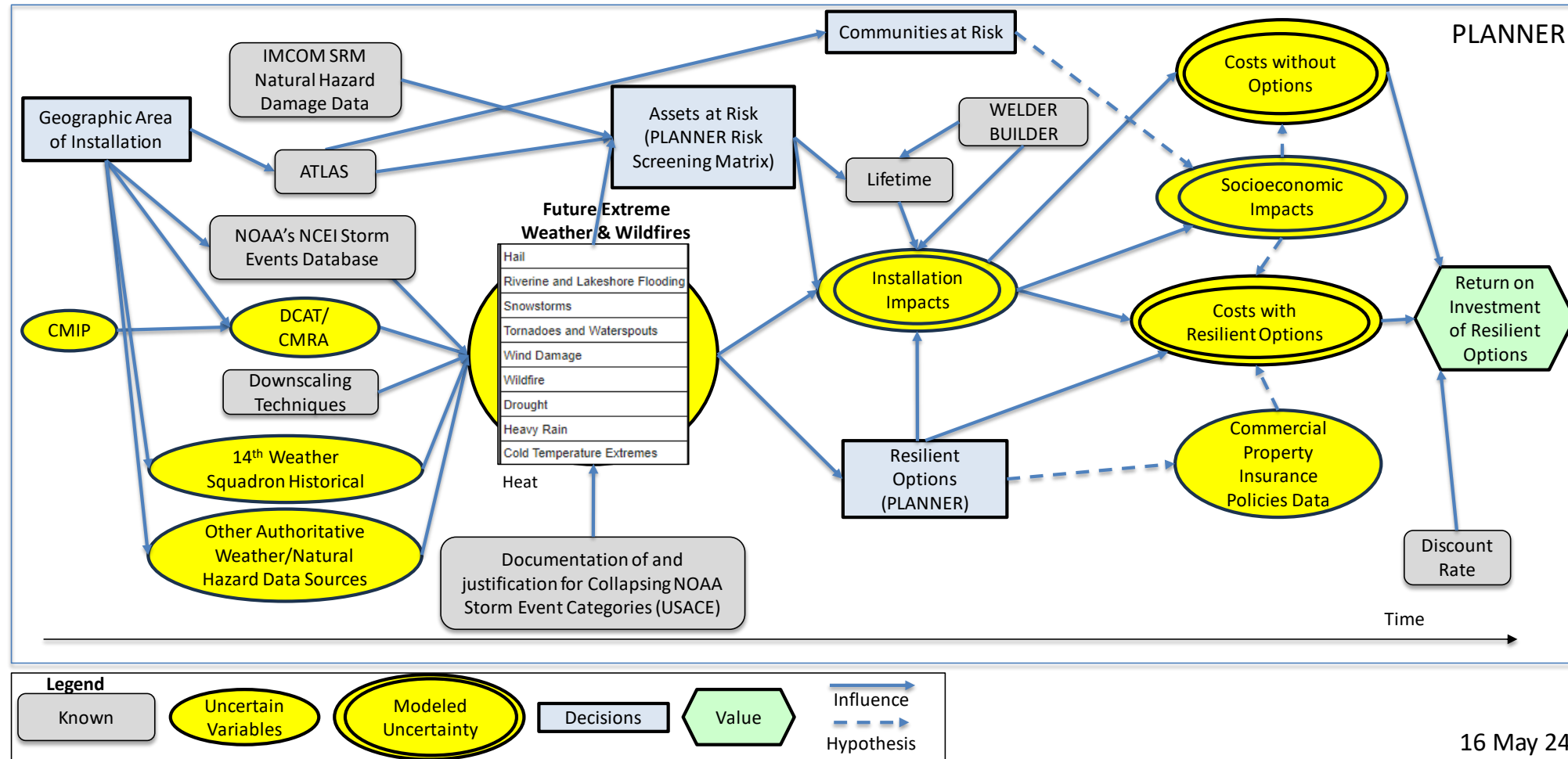
## Minimum Viable Product ROI Example for one asset and one hazard with PLANNER inputs



Example illustrates a resilient strategy with a 20% ROI.



# Influence Diagram for ROI Model for Financial Impact of Climate Change on Army Installations



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# ROI Model Interviews



Jeremey Alcorn

Climate and Sustainability Officer  
Director, Climate and Sustainability  
27 Feb 24



Major Will Henning, USAF

Lt Col Benjamin Fulk, USAFR  
Dr. Jason Patla  
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Wesley Bushnell

MEDCOM PM and MILCON Economist  
Branch Chief for Planning and  
Programming  
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Weather Effects on the Lifecycle of DoD

Equipment Replacement (WELDER) Lawrence  
Berkeley National Laboratory  
Dr. Peter Larsen  
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Tim Shugert  
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Division  
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Chief, Plan Formulation  
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Louis (Buddy) Bartels  
FIA Developer  
James Stimson  
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John Sanders (Fort Carson)  
Stephen Evans (AMC)  
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Beth Lachman  
R. J. Briggs  
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Stakeholder interviews have been in important part of our research.

# Influence Diagram for ROI Model for Financial Impact of Climate Change on Army Installations

## ROI Model

Standard engineering risk terms and methods

## MVP Data Sources

PLANNER Risk Matrix

PLANNER Resilient Strategy

\*Forge will add data fields in PLANNER

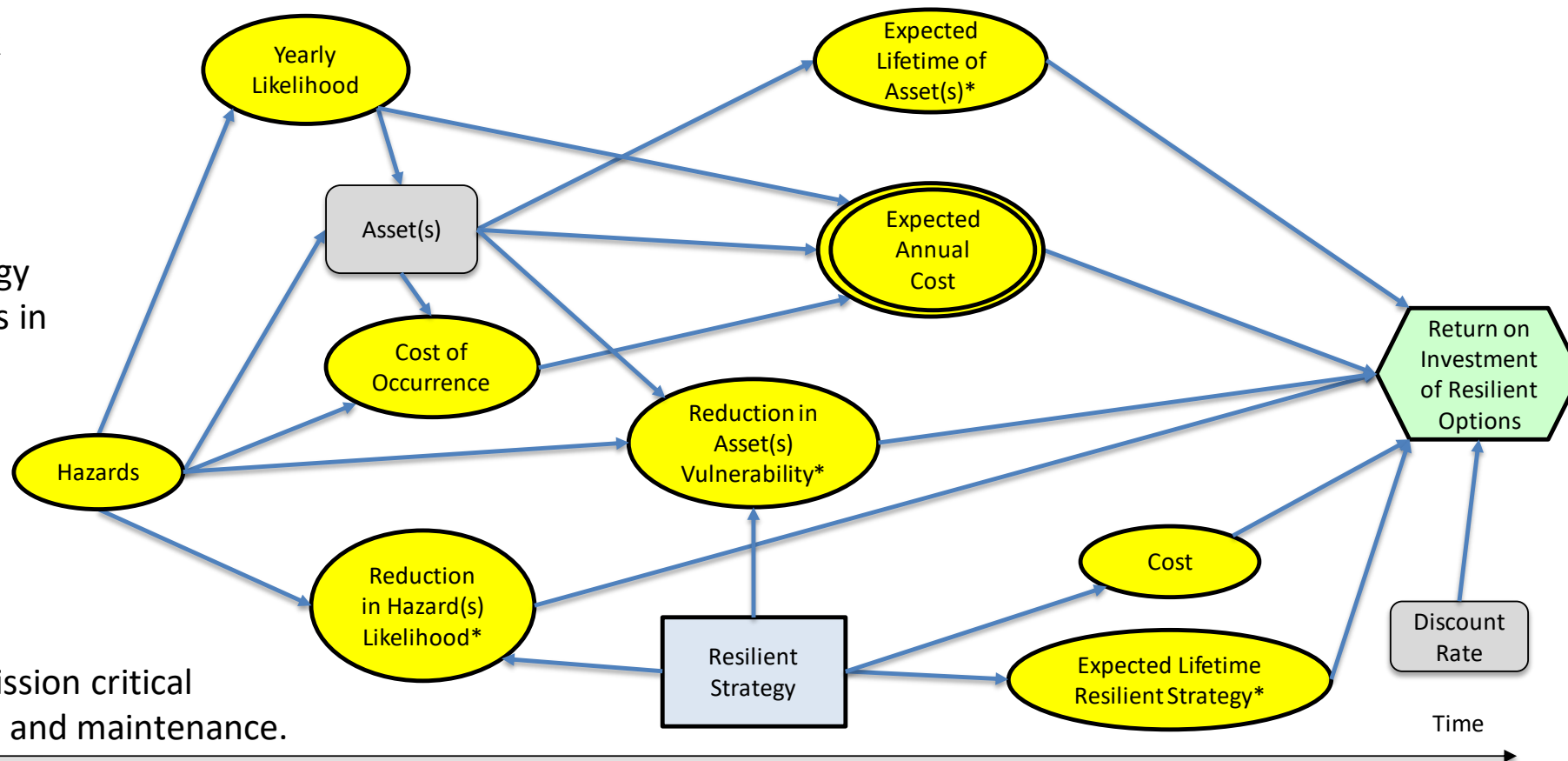
## Goals

All Hazards

Model Driven Data

ROI is not required for mission critical construction, operations, and maintenance.

PLANNER



### Legend

Known

Uncertain Variables

Modeled Uncertainty

Decisions

Value

Influence

ROI model would be used to assess investments in older assets.

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# Formulated the ROI Model Goal

## ROI Model Mathematical Formulation

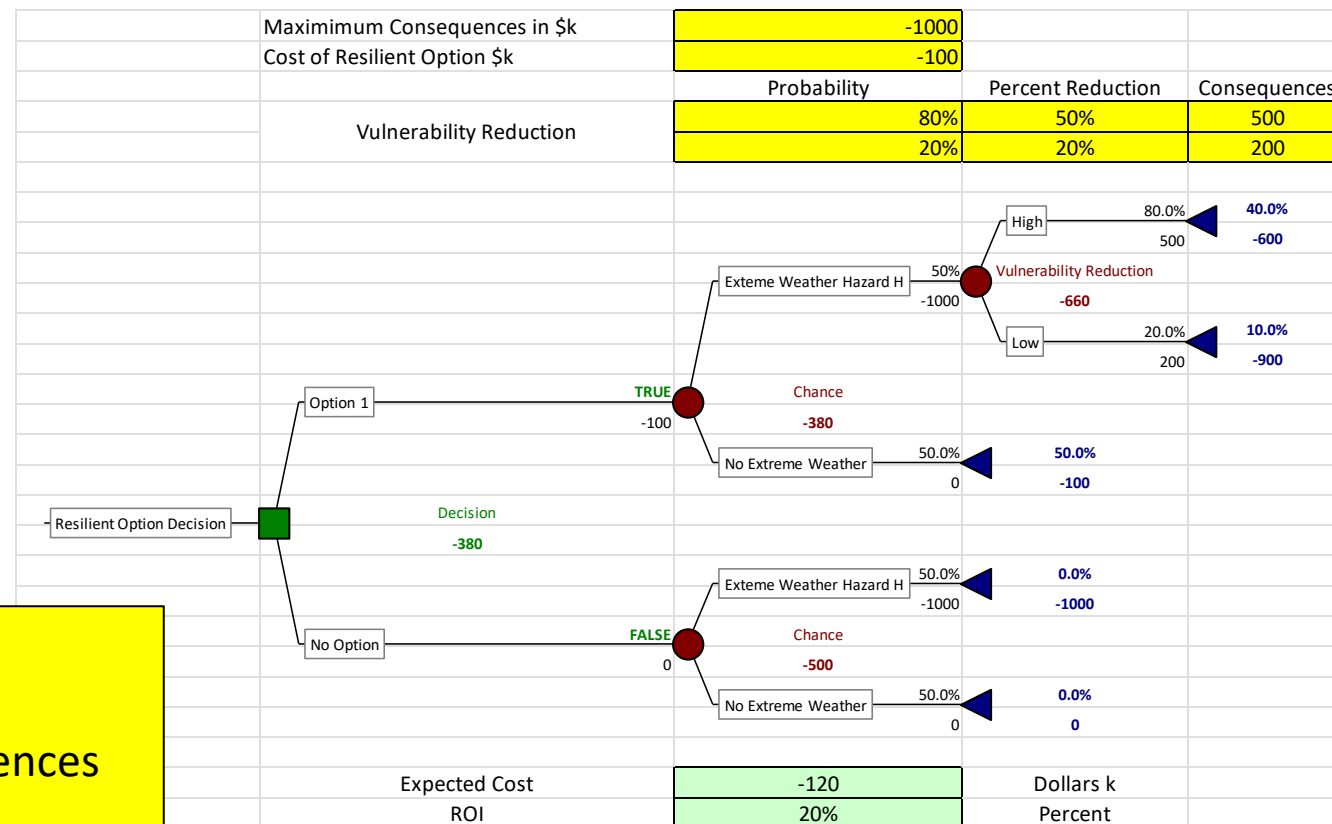
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## Decision Tree for One Hazard and One Resilient Option

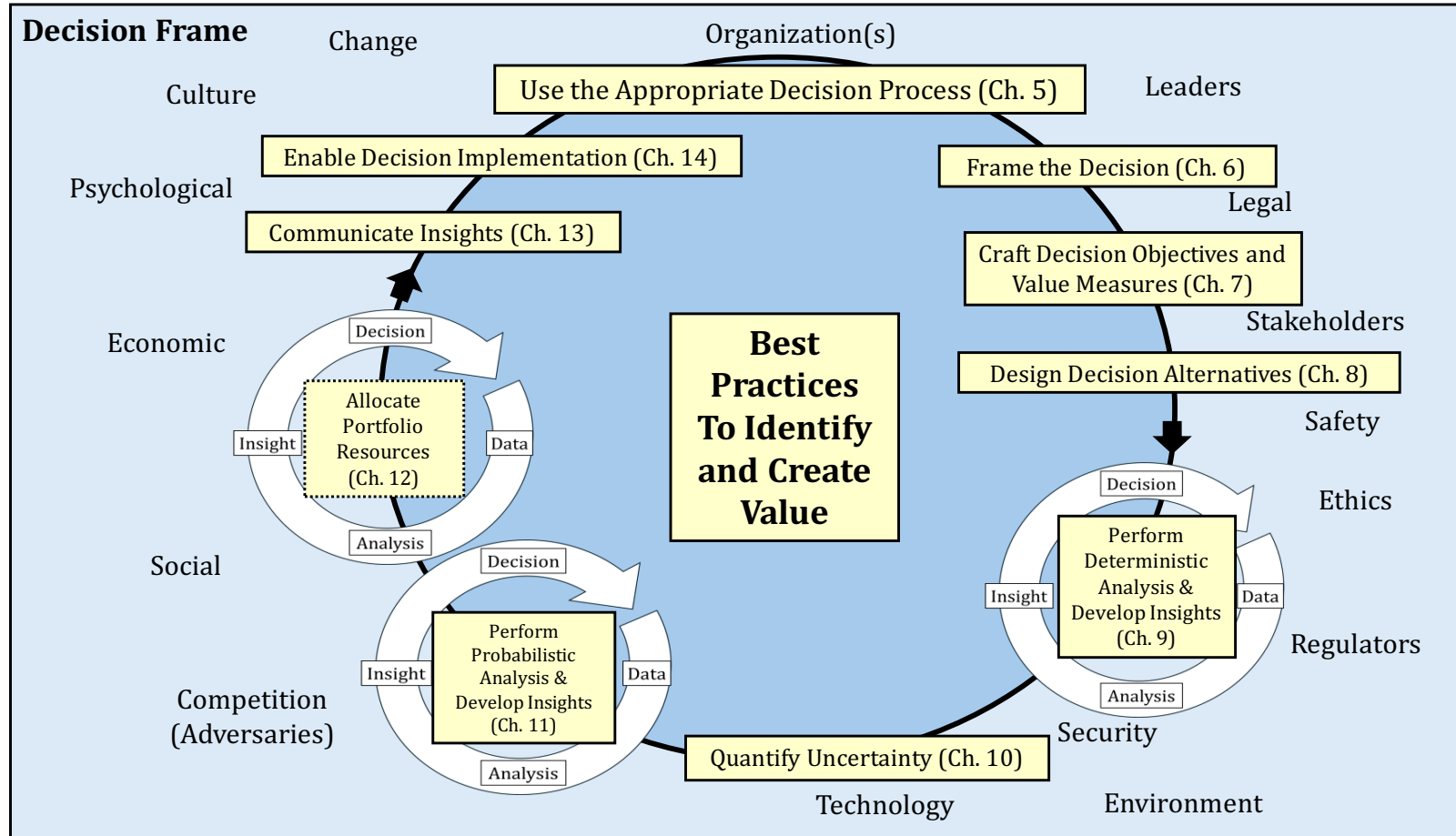


## Model Formulation Challenges for Army installations

- Severe weather due to climate change → All Hazards
- Risk is function of likelihood, vulnerability, and consequences
- Consequences assessed in dollars
- A hazard can impact multiple assets
- A resilient option can reduce likelihood and/or consequences
- A resilient option can impact one or more assets



## Decision Analysis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition



Decision analysis process steps

Only if portfolio decisions

Environmental considerations

We do deterministic model before probabilistic model because “arithmetic comes before statistics” Devon Clark, INCOSE colleague, May 2024.

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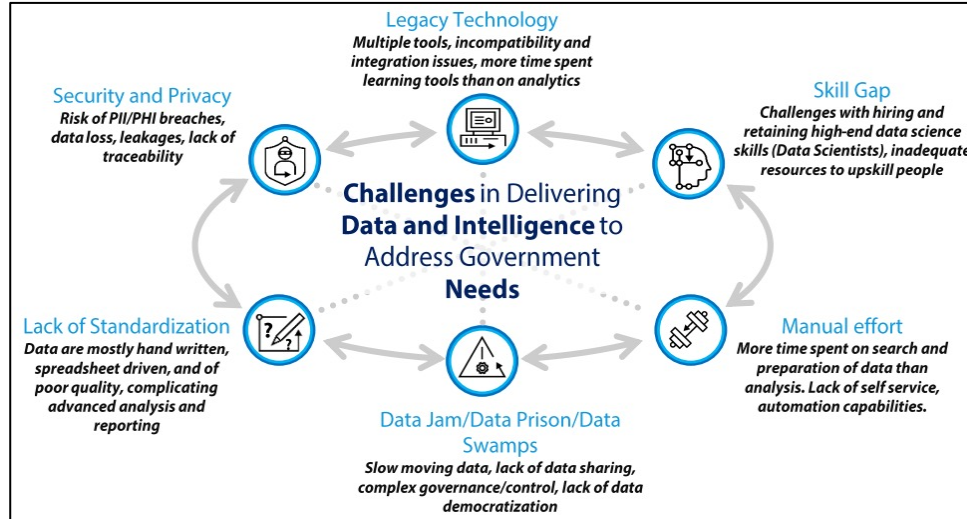
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### Changes

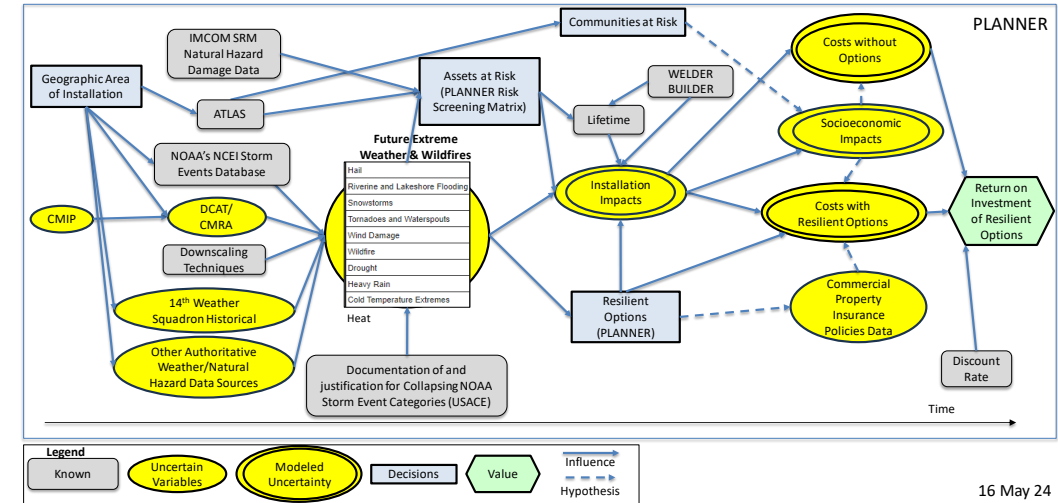
- Decision analysis is a prescriptive model that uses descriptive and predictive analytics
- Influence diagrams integrated into Ch 6 as a major decision framing technique
- Three illustrative examples with step-by-step examples.



## Data Analytics Challenges in Public Sector

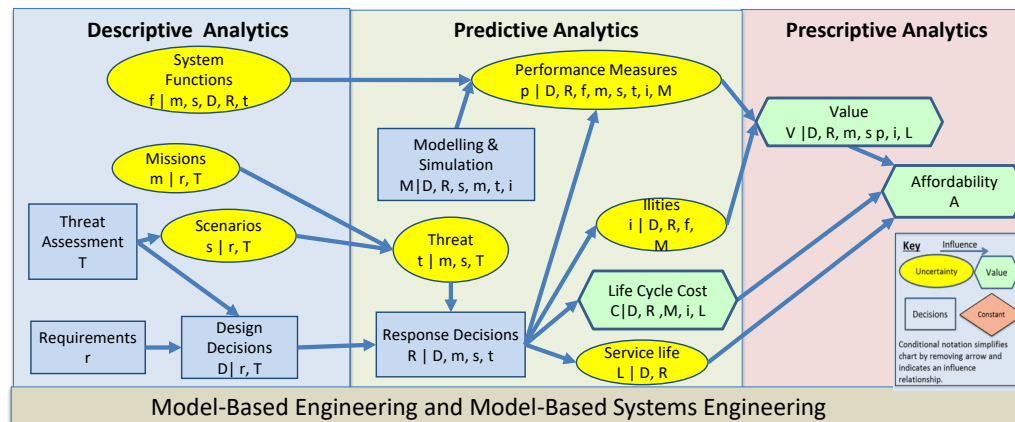


## Decision Framing Tools: Influence Diagrams

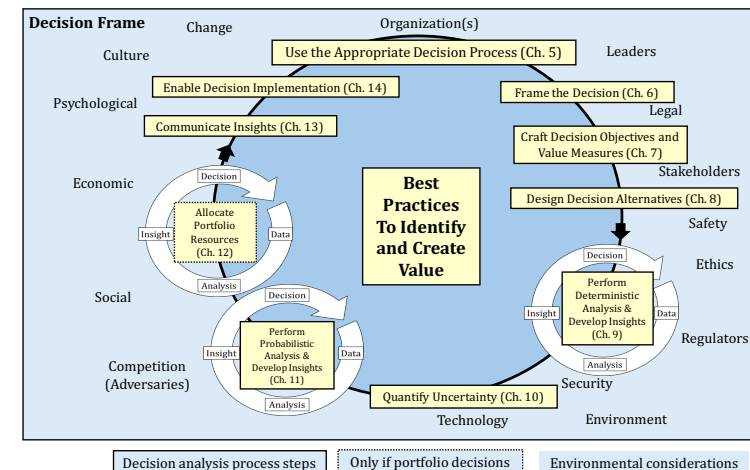


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## Data Science, Analytics and Decision Analysis



## Integrate Data Analytics and Decision Analysis



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