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From Risk Analysis to Decision Support

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Motivation

Why risk informed decision support?



Societal activities are increasingly associated with significant potential consequences in terms of health implications, financial losses and damages to the qualities of the environment.

Need and demand for efficiency, transparency and accountability in industry and public governance.

There is a move from prescriptive regulation to performance based regulation.

Risk – the Metric

Risk and Bayesian decision analysis

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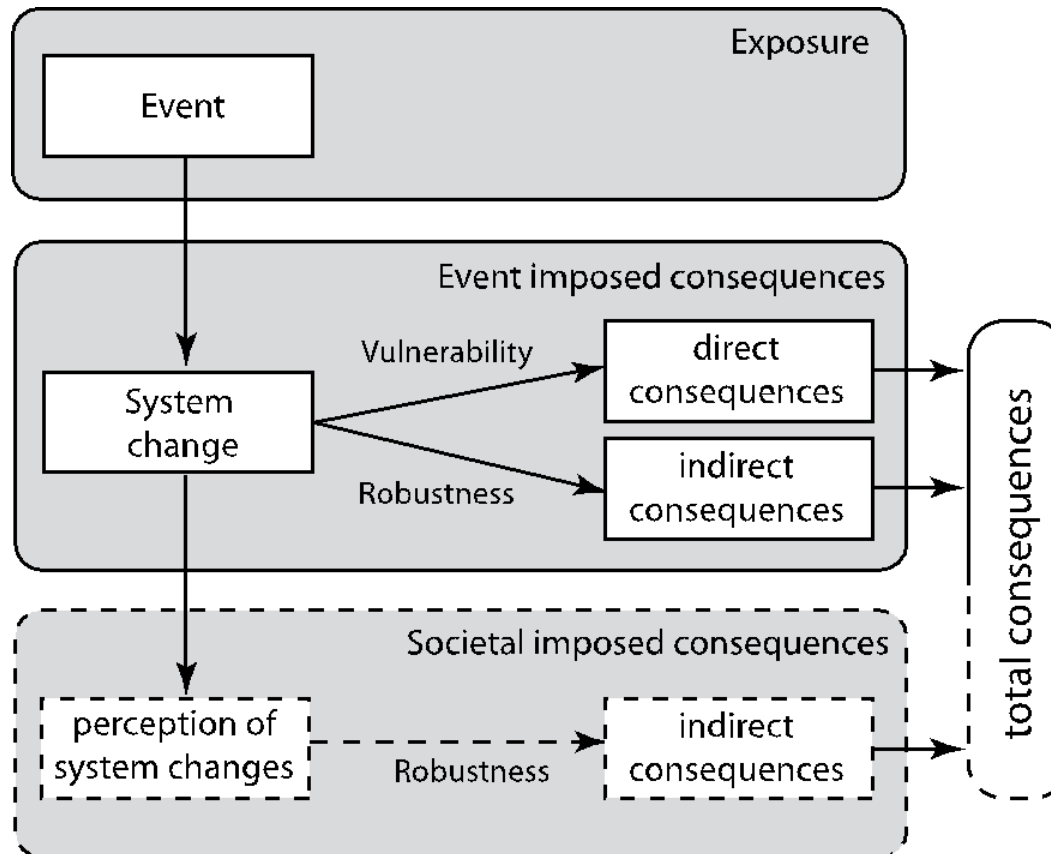
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Expected value of consequences

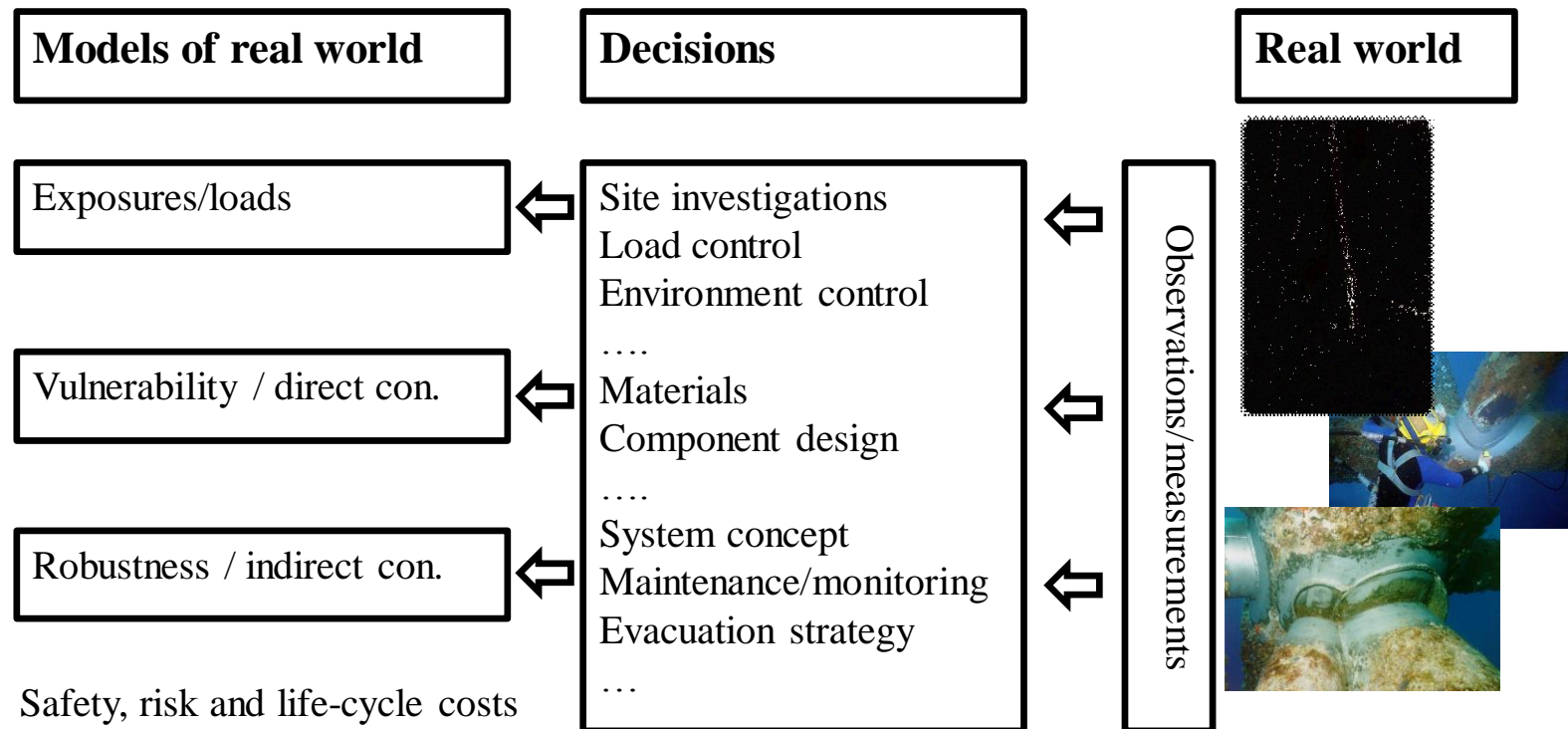
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How are consequences generated?



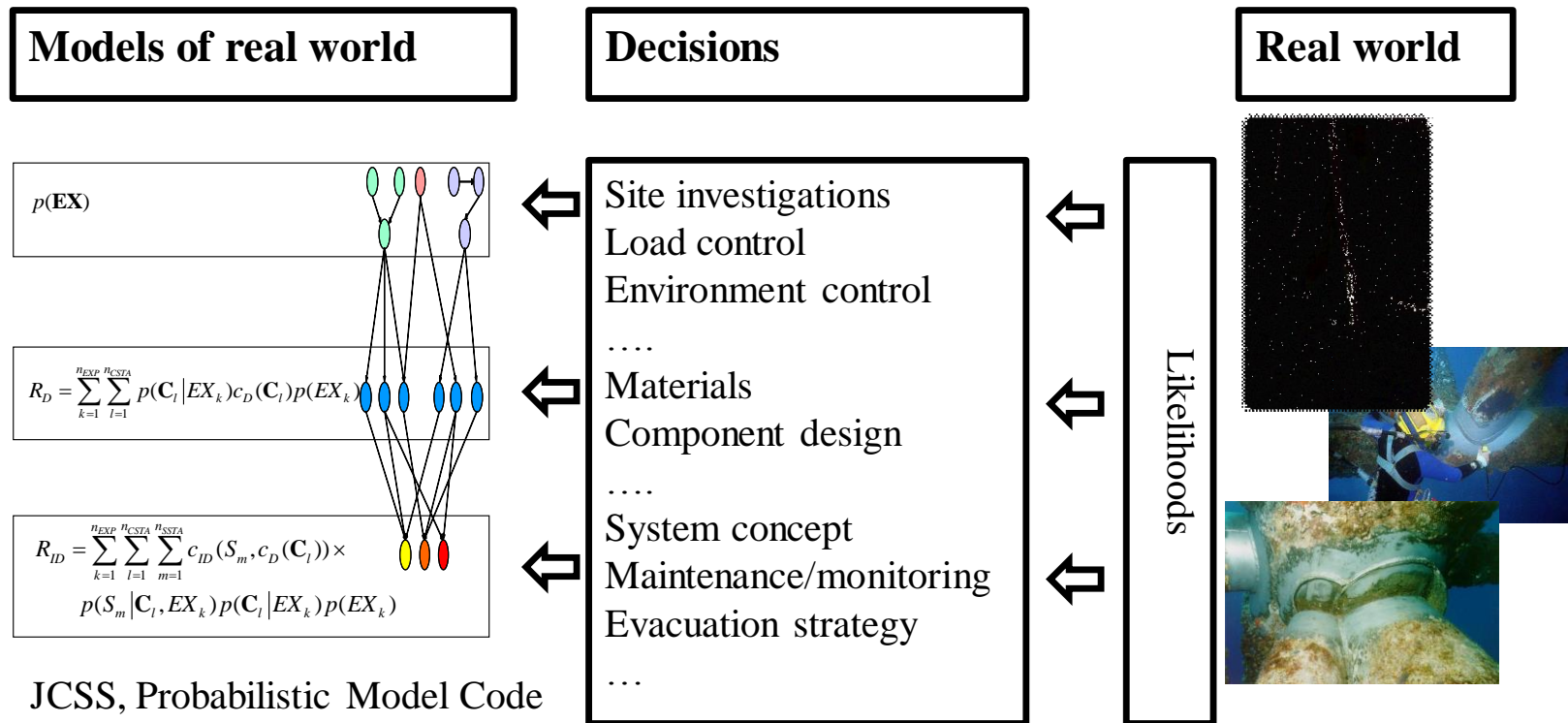
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Structural safety and information management



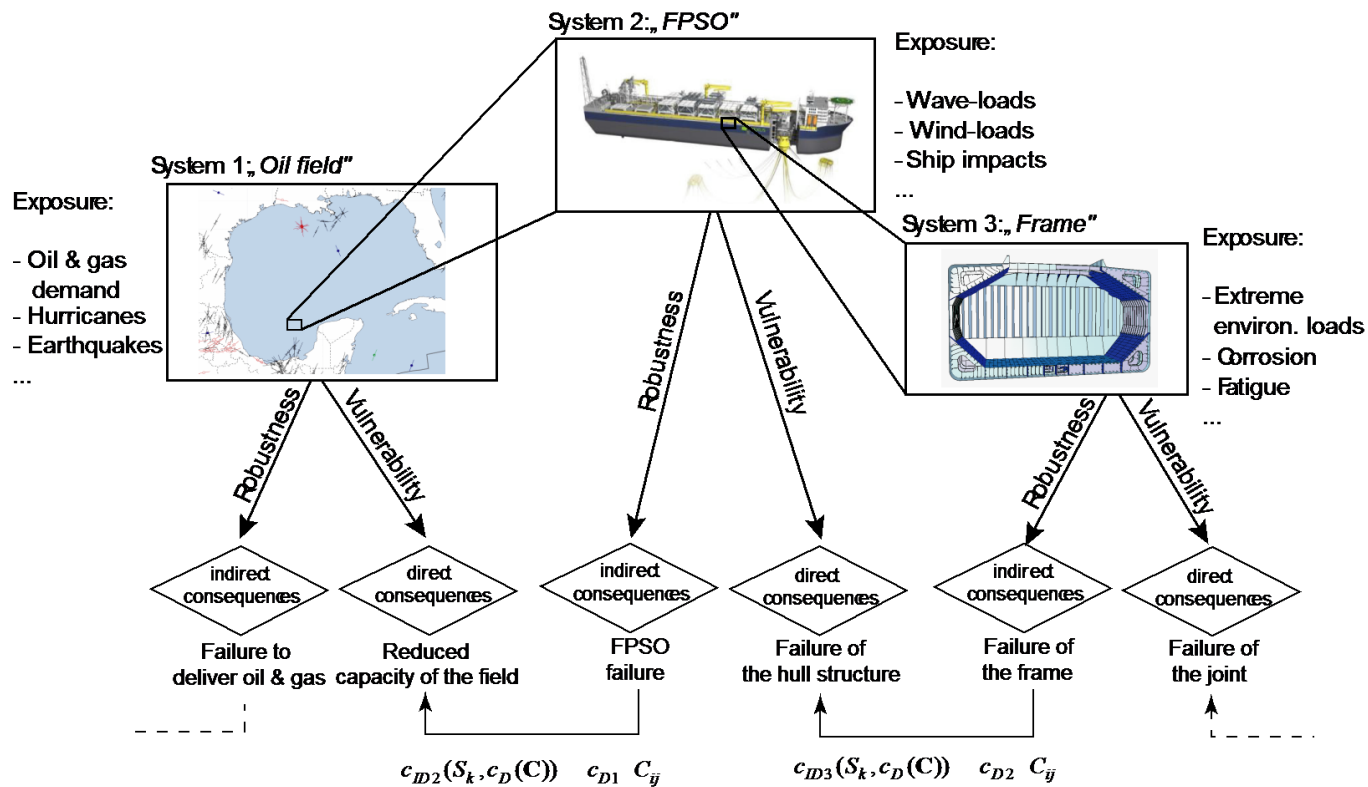
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Scale – dependent on considered decision alternatives



Systems Modelling – the JCSS Framework

All we know about systems may be expressed in terms of information

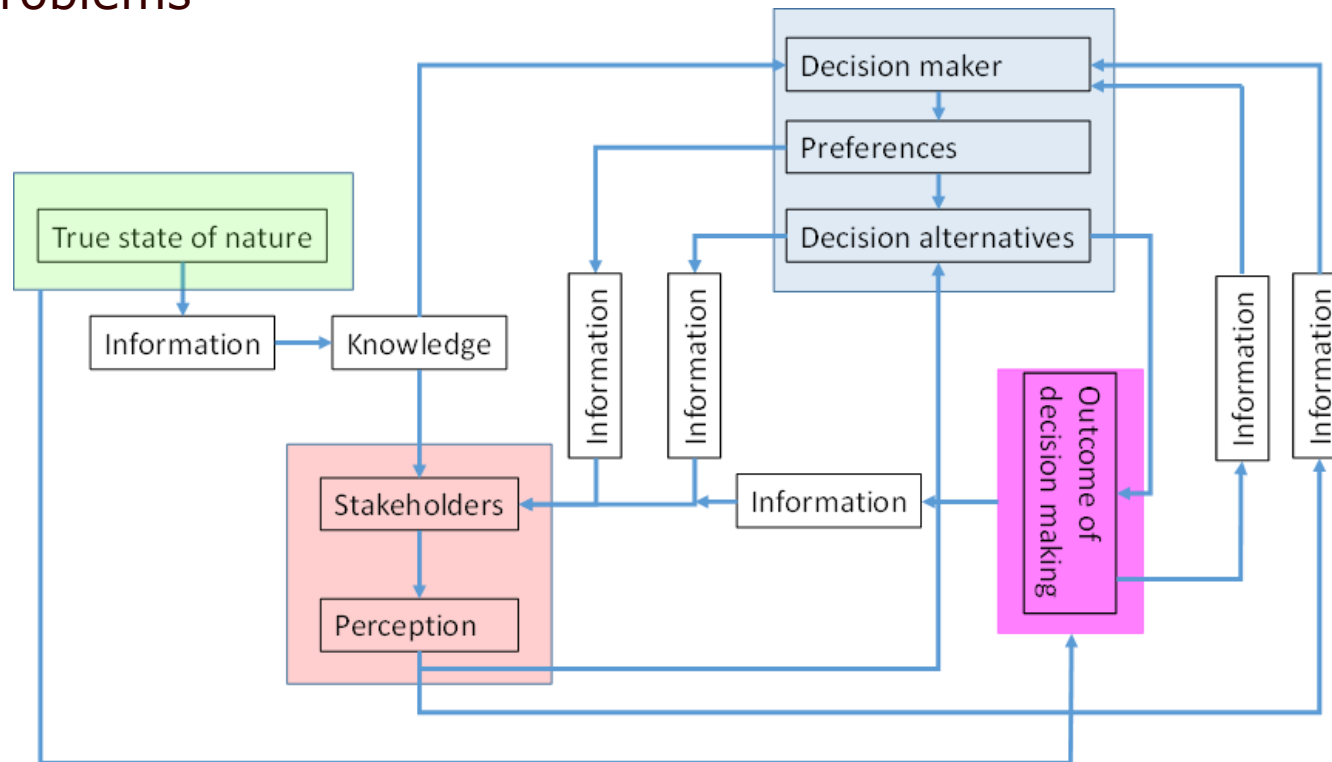


We apply probability theory to represent information in our models (aleatory and epistemic uncertainties)

Information Management

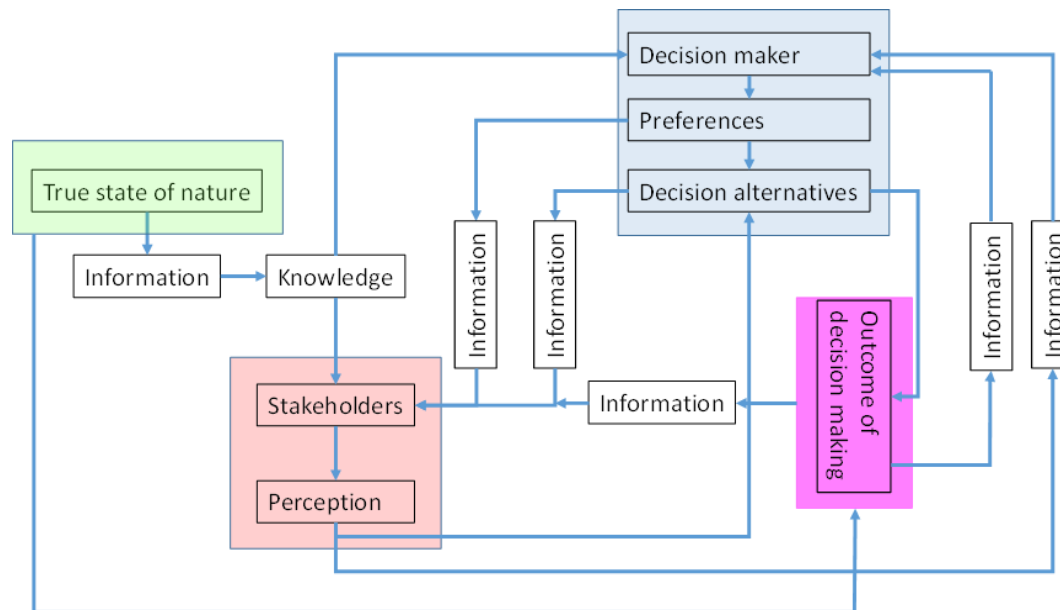
Problem framing

Information and knowledge influence all aspects of decision problems



Information Management

Issues in information management



Cases of “broken information”

Information is:

- delayed
- disrupted
- relevant and precise.
- relevant but imprecise.
- relevant but incorrect
- irrelevant

Information Management

Approach – systems and information

Appreciating possible competing systems.

Accounting for all relevant scenarios.

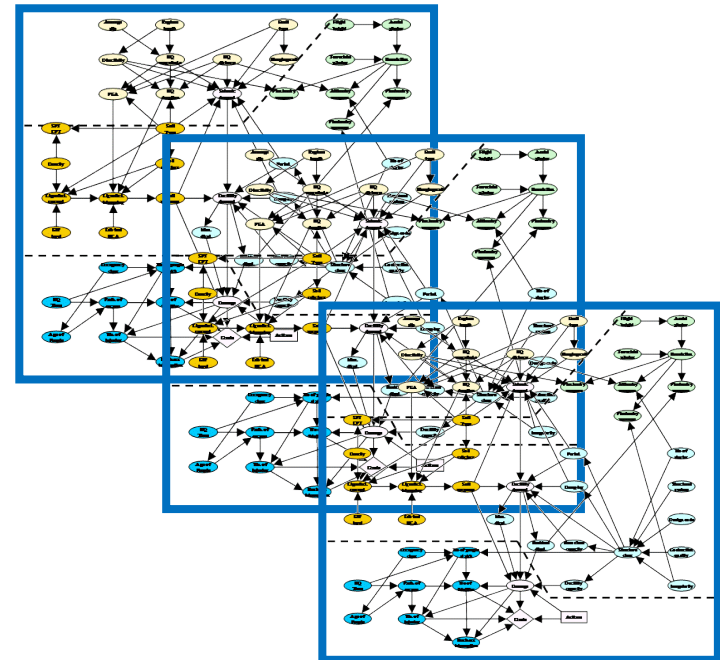
Including possible adverse consequences originating from information.

Focus on how management of information might contribute to achieving objectives – options for buying information facilitating for adaptation.

Information Management

System representation

System model	$\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{a}) = (\Sigma(\mathbf{a}), \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{a}), \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{a}))^T$
Graph model	$\Sigma(\mathbf{a})$
Constituents model	$\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{a})$
Probabilistic model	$\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{a})$
Decision alternatives	\mathbf{a}

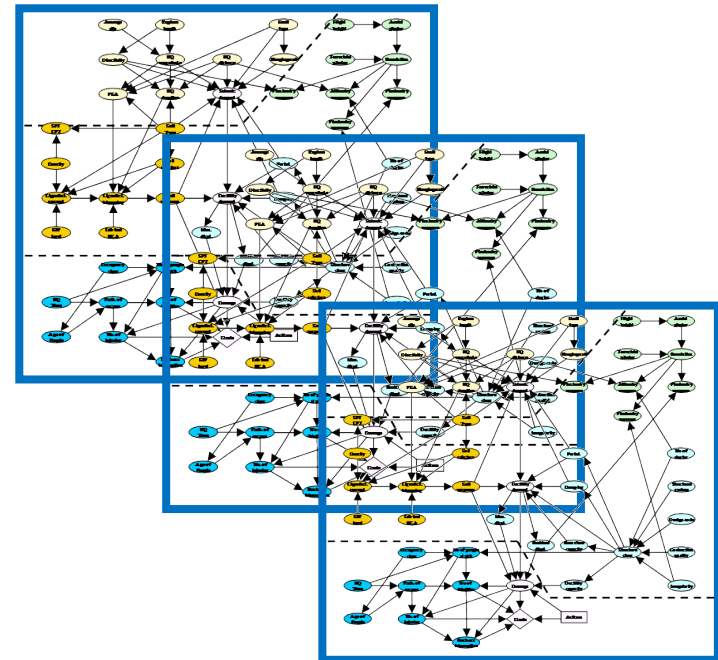


Information Management

System representation

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- System models may be established using “bottom-up” approaches as in structural engineering or by “top-down” approaches as in data-mining
- Potentially a combination of the two approaches would be adequate
- Bayesian Networks lend themselves for system modelling in either case



Information Management

Systems representation

Top-down models – or data driven modelling approaches are usually assumed to be better than bottom-up models – “data cannot lie”.

It is overseen that data-driven models depend entirely on the data-bases, “experiment” plans and algorithms they take basis in – all of which are choices – and thus subjective – in the same manner as bottom-up models



Decision Analysis for Risk Management

Three situations of decision making

Before events



Strategic management

- Service life perspective
- Preventive measures

During events



Tactical management

- Actual situation
- Loss reduction measures

After events

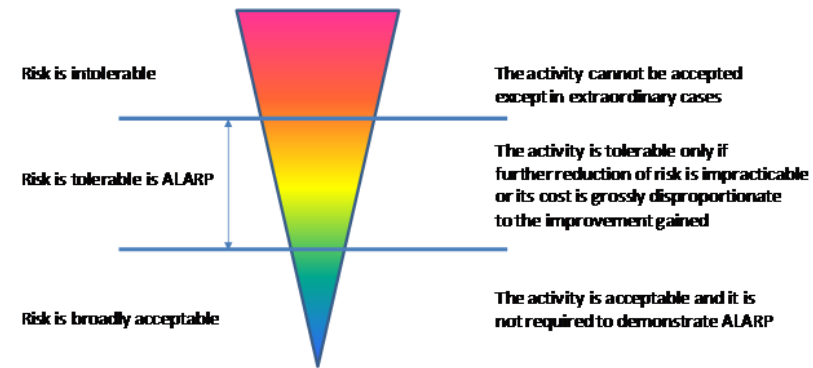
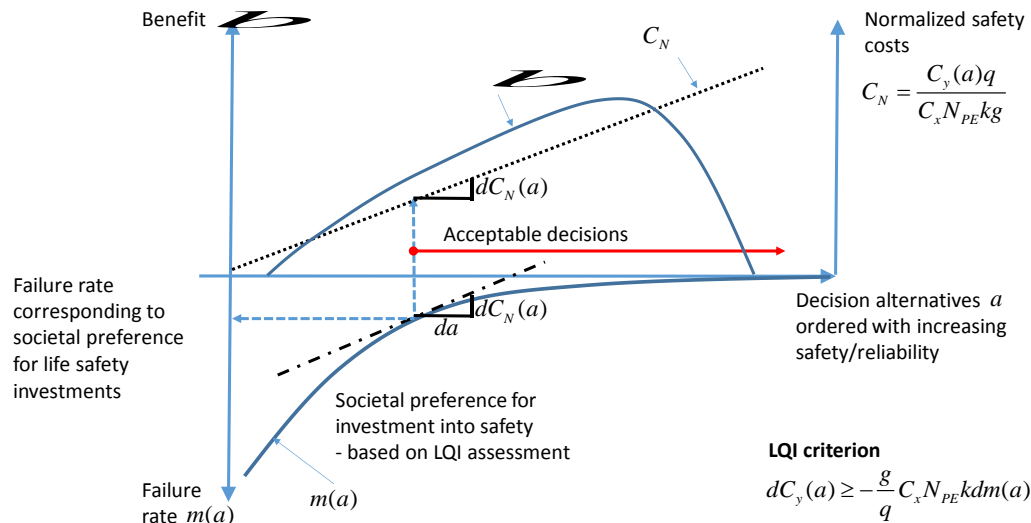


Adaptation management

- Knowledge updating
- Strategic management

Decision Analysis for Risk Management

Decision ranking



ALARP assessment
 based on the LQI concept

$$\frac{dg}{g} + \frac{1}{q} \frac{dl}{l} \geq 0$$



Decision Analysis for Risk Management

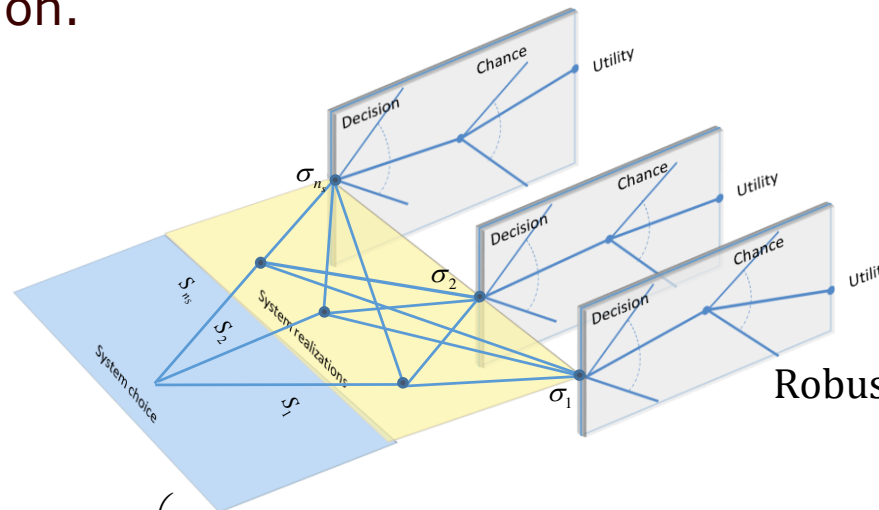
Three types of decision analyses

- 1) Decision analyses based on the available knowledge
Prior decision analysis
- 2) Decision analyses based on updated knowledge
Posterior decision analysis
- 3) Decision analysis based on planned updated knowledge
Pre-posterior decision analysis

Decision Analysis for Risk Management

Decision optimization

Bayesian decision analysis as framework for managing information.



$$\text{Robustness} = \frac{E'_{\mathbf{X}|s}(U(a^*, \mathbf{X}))}{E'_{\Sigma \setminus s} \left(E'_{\mathbf{X}|\{\Sigma \setminus s\}}(U(a^*, \mathbf{X})) \right)}$$

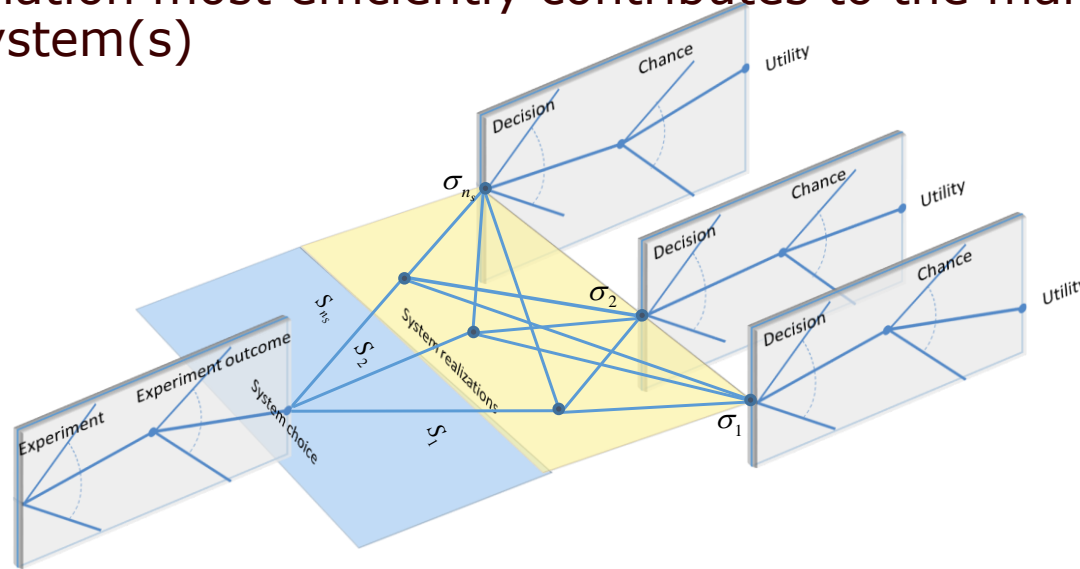
$$(s^*, a^*) = \max_s \left(P'(\Sigma = s) \max_a \left(E'_{\mathbf{X}|a} [U(a, \mathbf{X})] \right) + E'_{\Sigma \setminus s} \left[E'_{\mathbf{X}|\{\Sigma \setminus s\}} [U(a^*, \mathbf{X})] \right] \right)$$

When new information is available prior probability assignments may be updated and the importance of the different possible systems will change – as well as the probability assignments within the different possible systems

Decision Analysis for Risk Management

Decision optimization

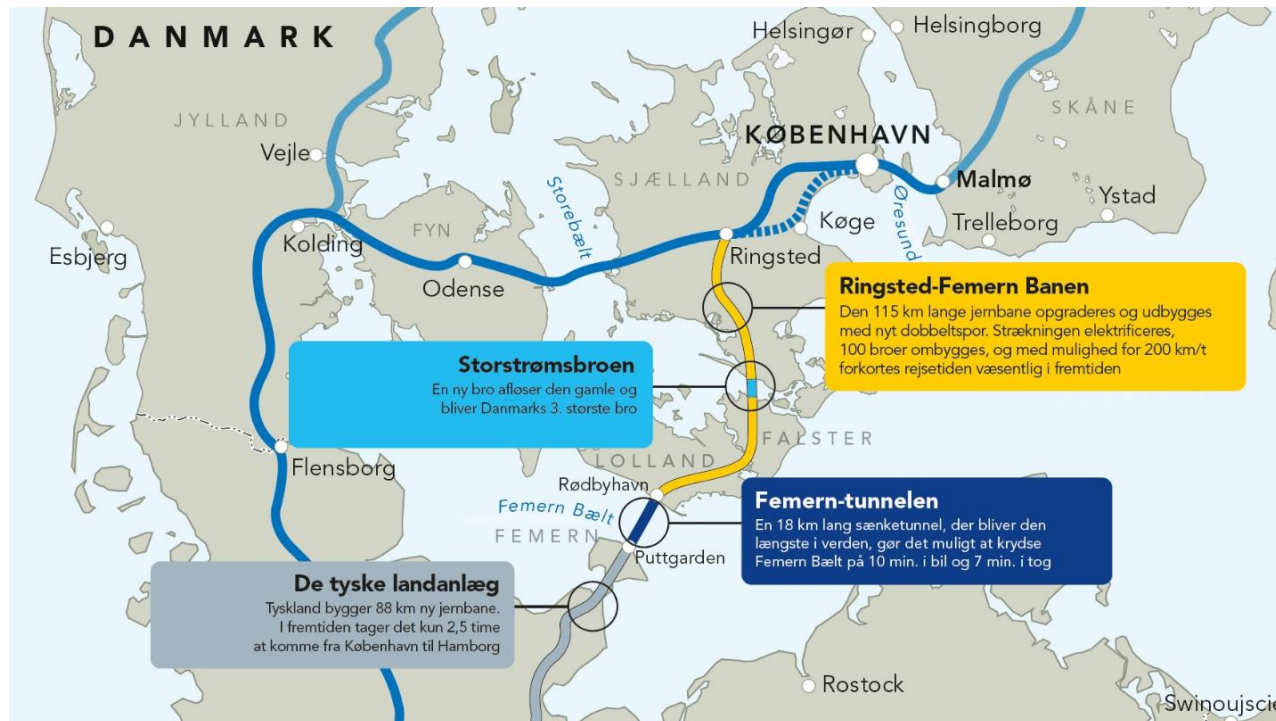
Pre-posterior decision analyses to identify how additional information most efficiently contributes to the management of the system(s)



$$(e^*, s^*, a^*) = \max_e E'_Z \left[\max_s \left(P''(\Sigma = s | \mathbf{z}) \max_a \left(E''_{\mathbf{X}|a} [U(a, \mathbf{X})] \right) + E''_{\Sigma|s} \left[E''_{\mathbf{X}|\{\Sigma \setminus s\}} [U(a^*, \mathbf{X})] \right] \right) \right]$$

Digital Twin and Virtual Labs

FEMERN SAFETYLAB PROJECT

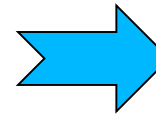
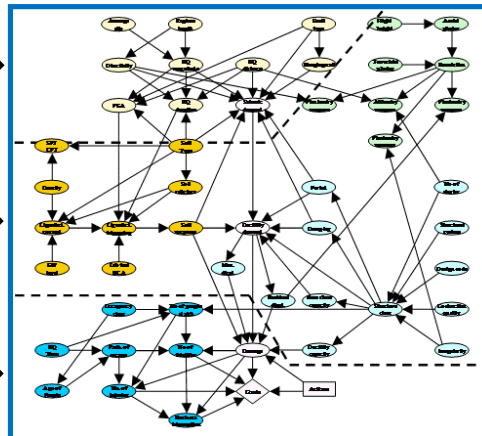
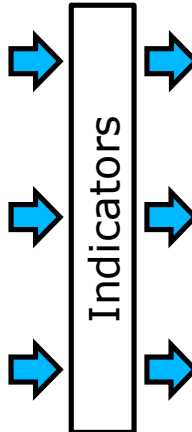


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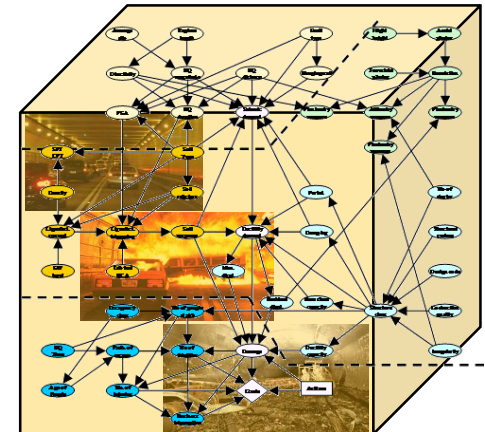
System



Context



Virtual Lab



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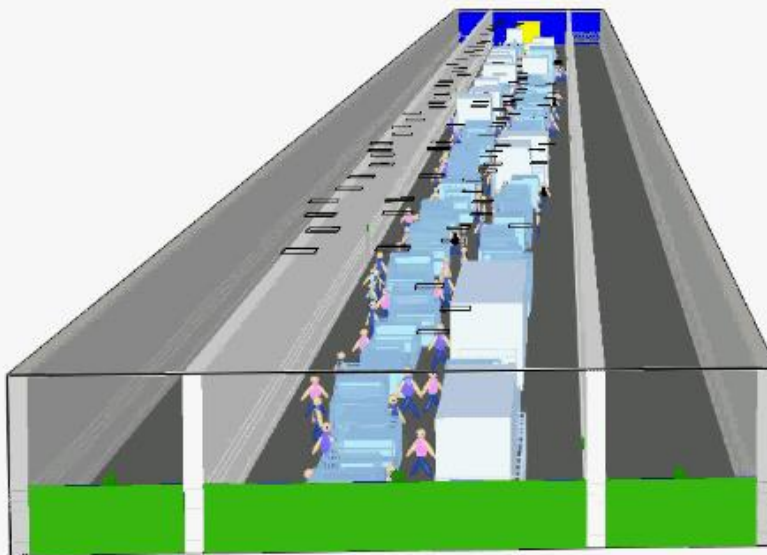
FEMERN SAFETYLAB PROJECT

- **Femern SafetyLab project** is a consortium led by Dansk Brand- og Sikringsteknisk Institute (DBI).
- The **main objective** of the project is directed on the development of two technologies: *SafetyLab* and *Emergency-cockpit*.



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SafetyLab is a Virtual Lab – testing environment to support

- innovation in the design and implementation of new fire safety technology
- identify and optimize strategies for tactical safety management

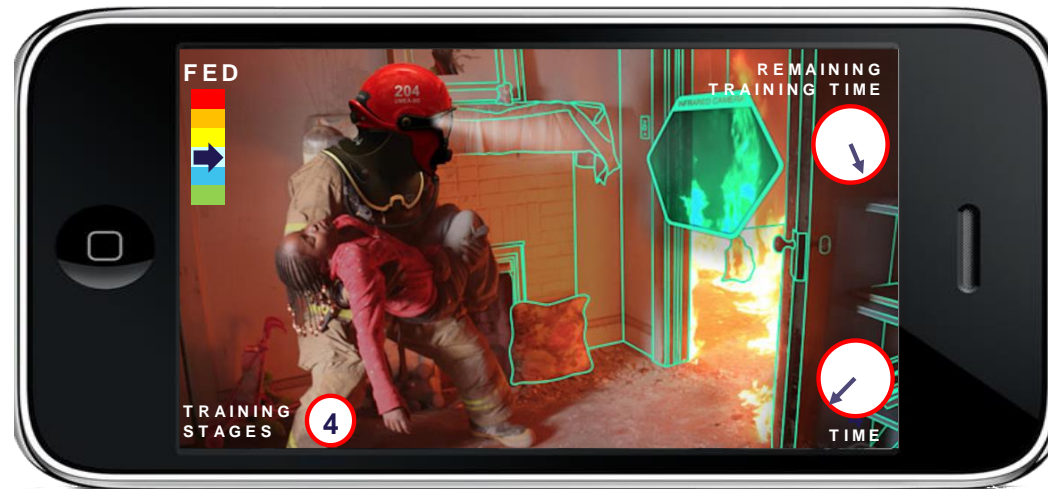


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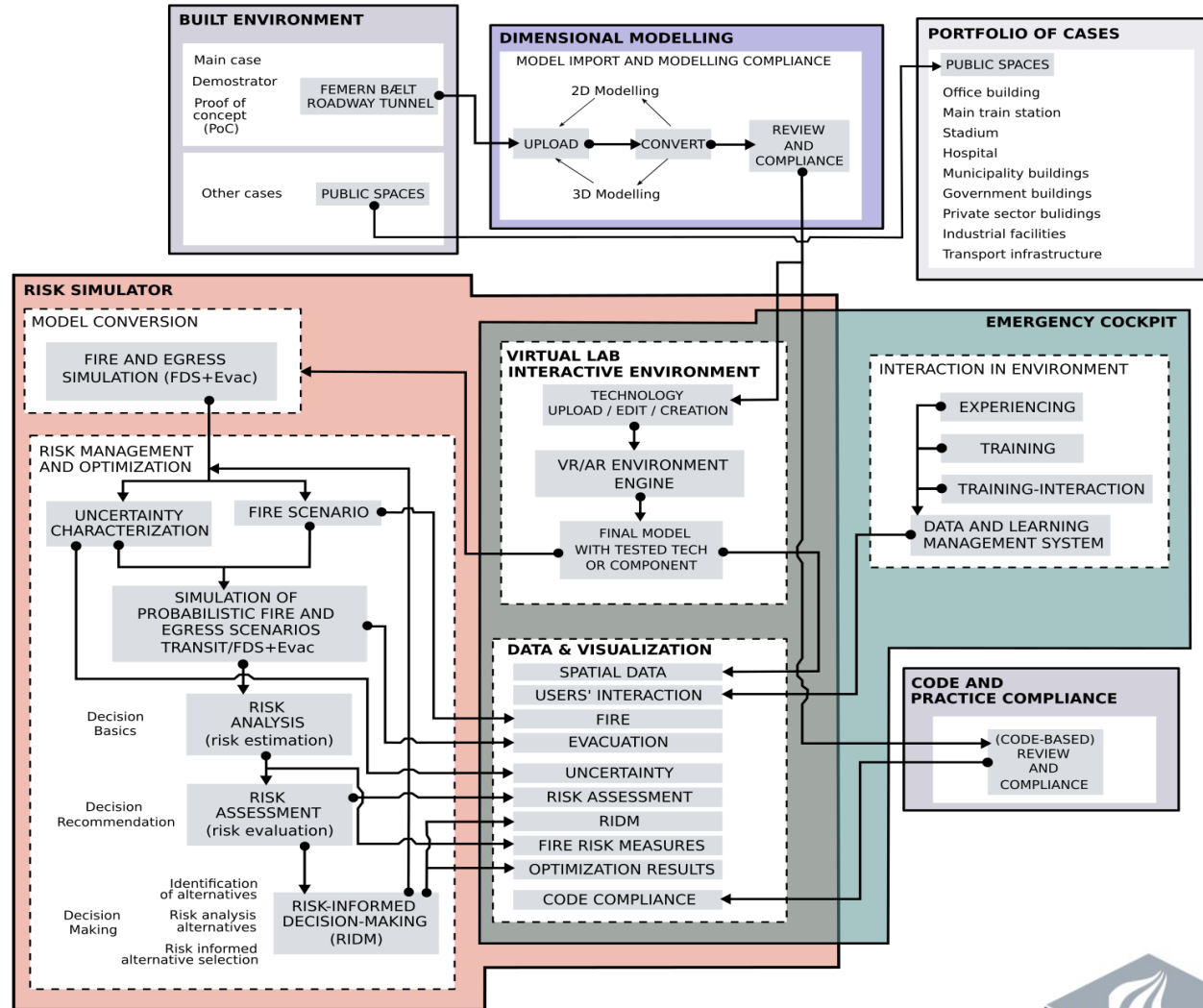
Emergency-cockpit is a VR and AR environment built around SateyLab such to facilitate:

- interaction with fire scenarios for training of fire rescue managers and personnel
- Identification and optimization of rescue strategies
- information/training of users



Digital Twin and Virtual Labs

Design concept for the "Virtual Lab"



Outlook

Probabilistic system representations, decision analysis together with the LQI rationale, greatly enhances decision making on efficient safety management of the built environment

Still much work to be done to enhance systems modeling

- utilizing Bayesian Probabilistic Nets (bottom-up/top-down)
- accounting for interdependencies between systems
- linking probabilistic system models with monitoring information

Digital Twins – interfaced with VR/AR technology provide a whole new platform in support of system design, operation and maintenance as well in tactical loss reduction.

Collaborative research has strong merits in pushing developments in the direction where they are relevant and have the largest impact



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