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# **Importance of Investment in Resilience: Global, Regional and Local Perspectives**

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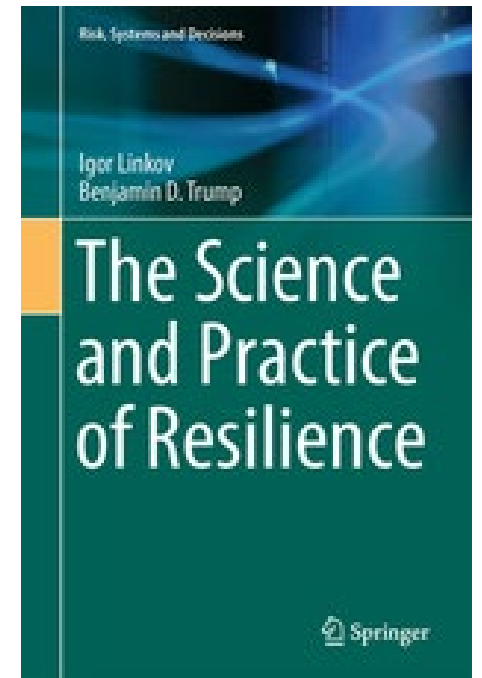
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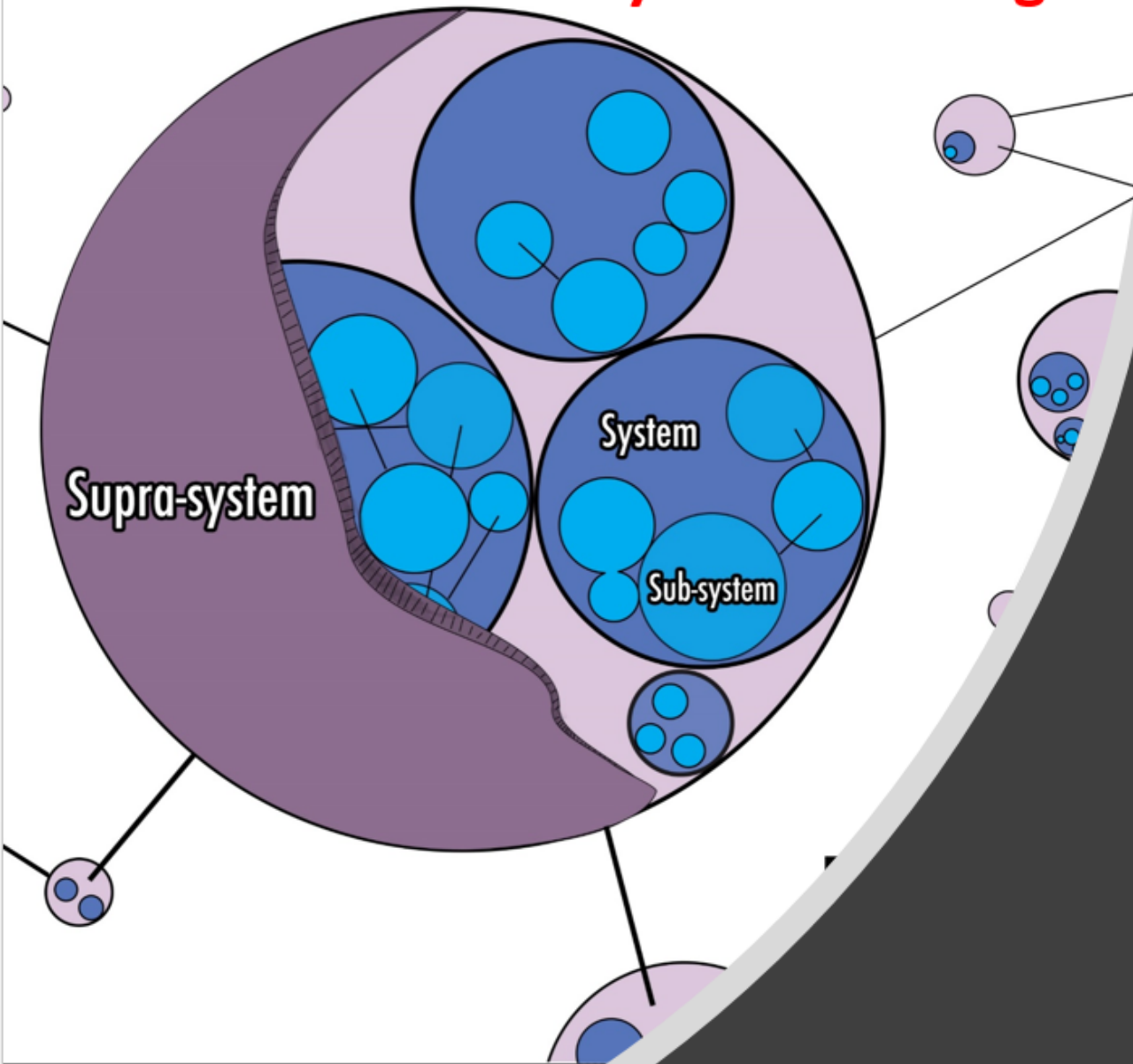
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# Main Ideas

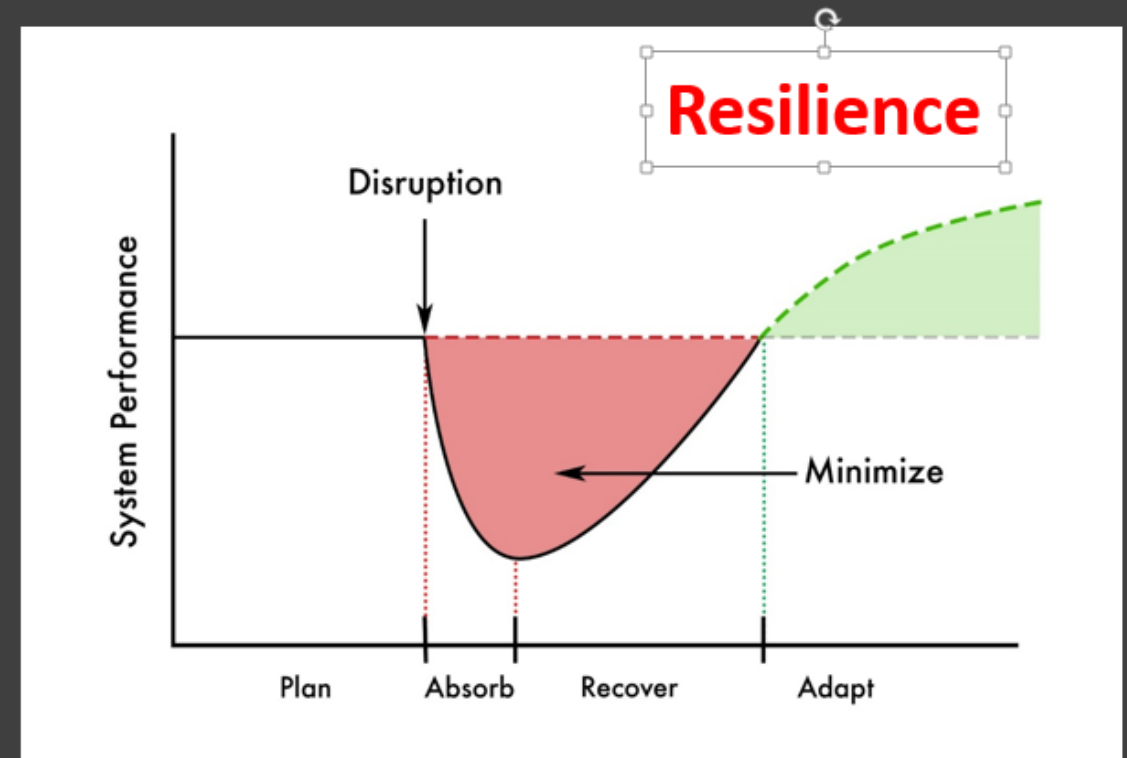
- Infrastructure, Health and everything around us can be viewed as complex and adaptive system and **system analysis is necessary**
- Vulnerability, Risk and Resilience are different and **should be treated differently**
- Resilience can be quantified using **Metrics-based and Network Science tools**
- **Efficiency, Sustainability and Smartness are different**, have different economic impacts and ways to quantify and manage



## System Thinking



What Makes Complex Systems (Communities) Susceptible to Threat?



After Linkov and Trump, 2019

**Risk** -- “a situation involving exposure to danger [threat].”

**Security** -- “the state of being free from danger or threat.”

**Resilience** -- “the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties.”

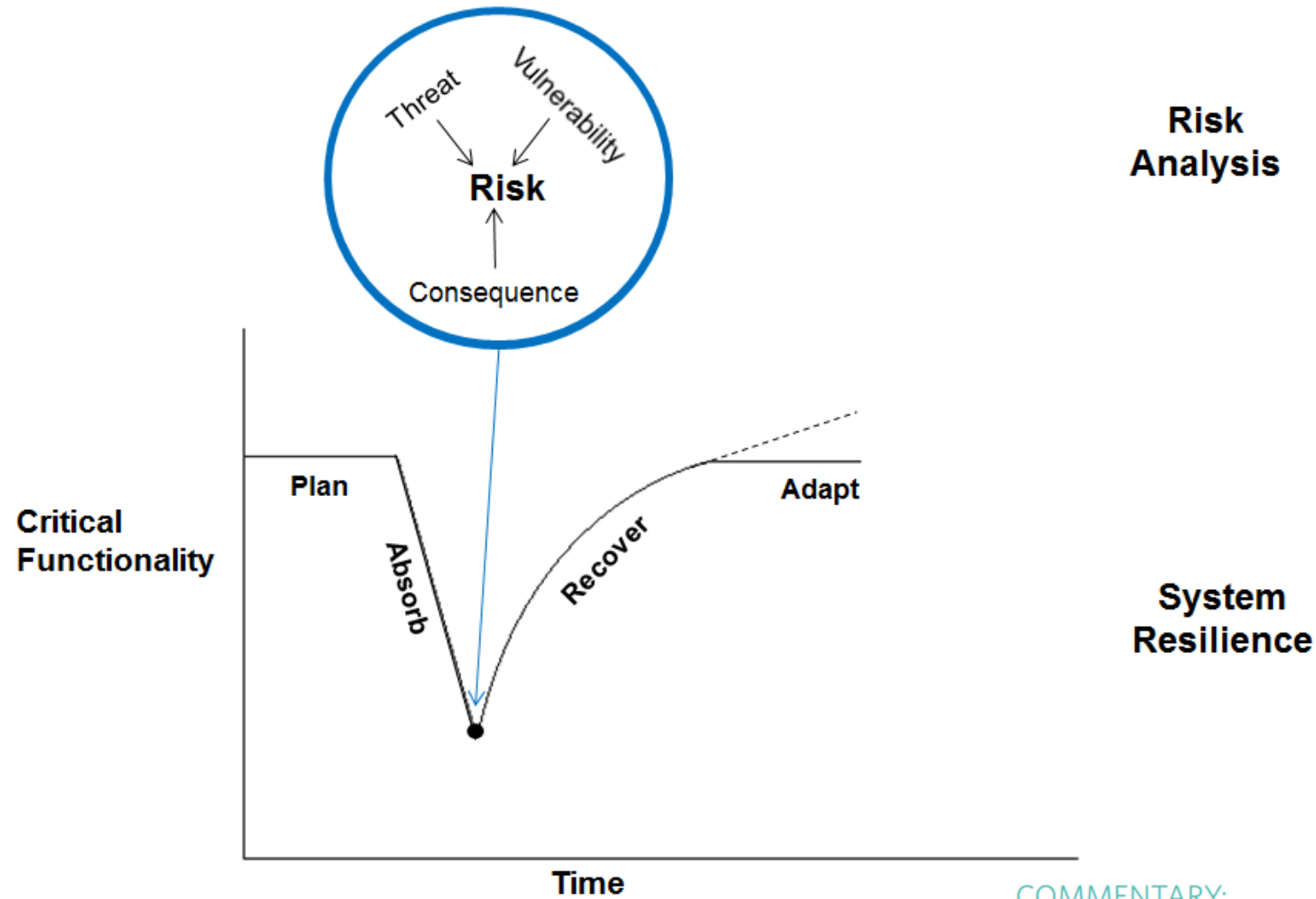
Definitions by Oxford Dictionary

### **Don't conflate risk and resilience**

'Risk' and 'resilience' are fundamentally different concepts that are often conflated. Yet maintaining the distinction is a policy necessity. Applying a risk-based approach to a problem that requires a resilience-based solution, or vice versa, can lead to investment in systems that do not produce the changes that

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# System Risk/Security and Resilience



COMMENTARY: [Nature Climate Change 2014](#)

## Changing the resilience paradigm

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# Calls for Resilience

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## Presidential Proclamation -- Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month, 2013

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AND RESILIENCE MONTH, 2013

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Over the last few decades, our Nation has grown increasingly dependent on critical infrastructure, to our national and economic security. America's critical infrastructure is complex and diverse, combining both cyberspace and the physical world -- from power plants, bridges, and interstates to Federal buildings and massive electrical grids that power our Nation. During Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month, we resolve to remain vigilant against foreign and domestic threats, and work together to further secure our systems, and networks.

(vi) Effective immediately, it is the policy of the executive branch to build and maintain a modern, secure, and more resilient executive branch IT architecture.

“**Resilience**” means the ability to anticipate, prepare for, and **adapt** to changing conditions and **withstand, respond to**, and **recover** rapidly from disruptions.

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## Presidential Executive Order on Strengthening the Cybersecurity of Federal Networks and Critical Infrastructure

EXECUTIVE ORDER



# Crisis Management, Risk and Resilience

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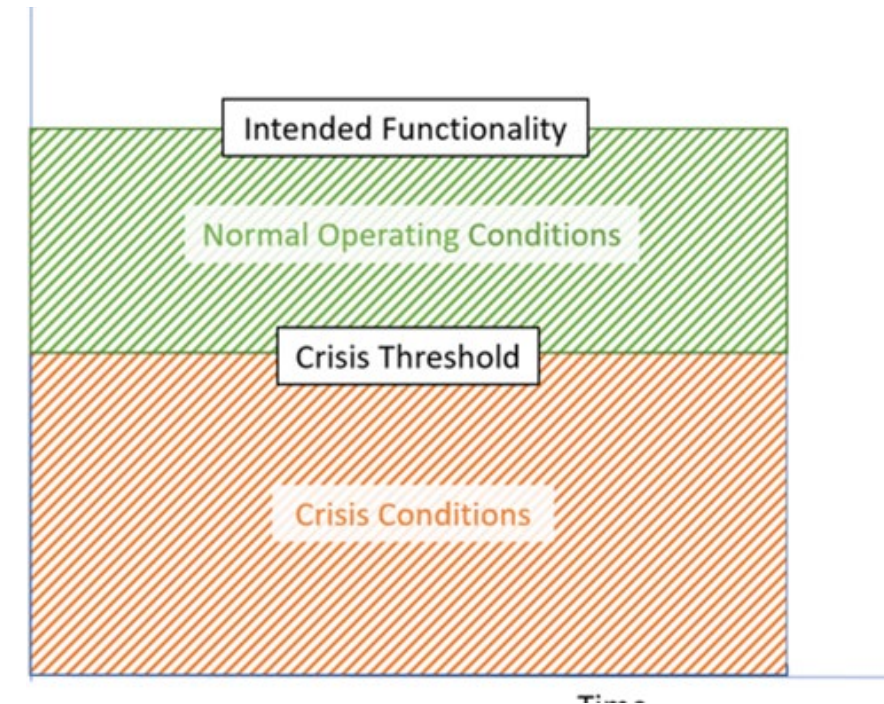
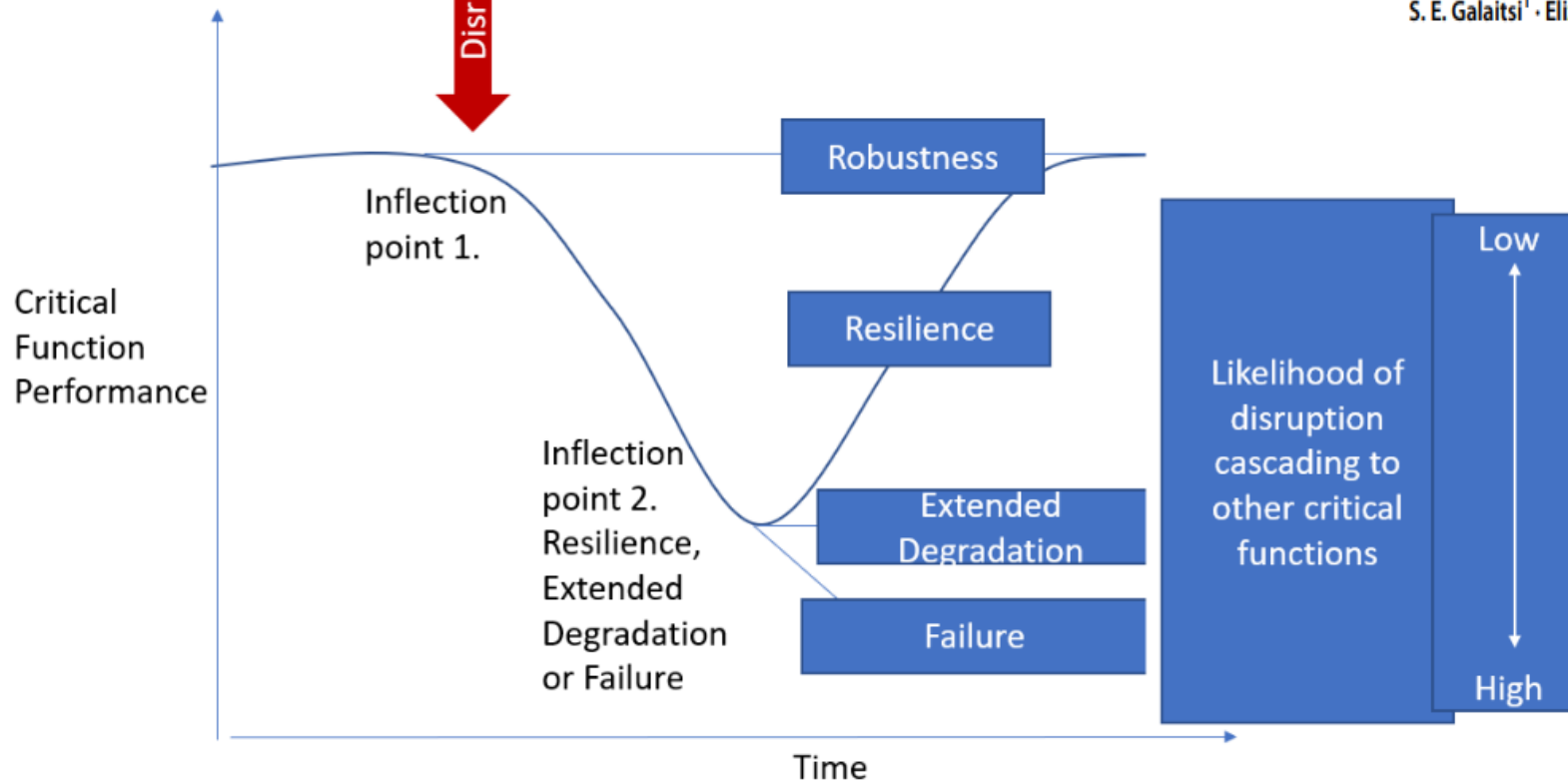
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## Business Continuity Management, Operational Resilience, and Organizational Resilience: Commonalities, Distinctions, and Synthesis

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$\text{Risk} \sim \text{Threat} * \text{Vulnerability} * \text{Consequence}$



Galaitis, Linkov et al, 2023

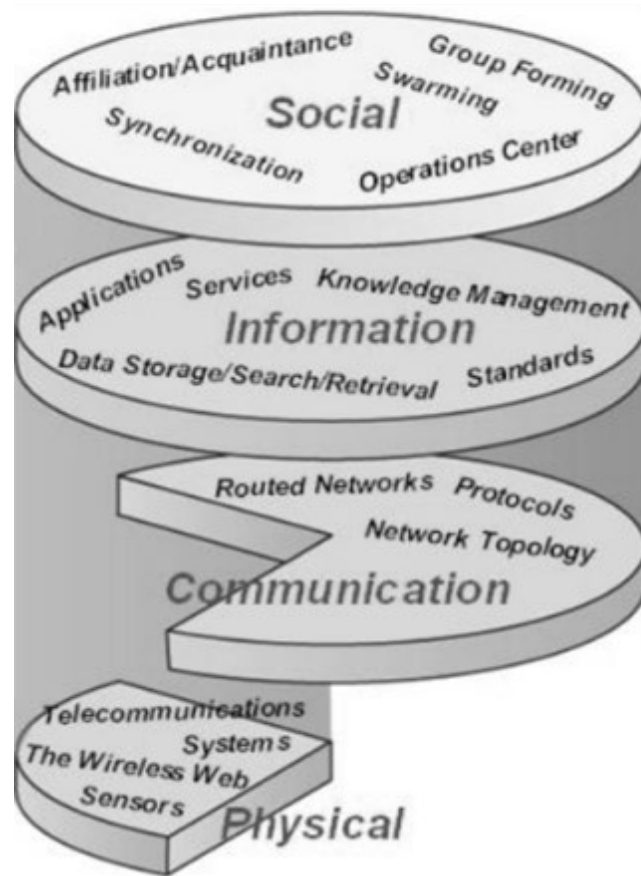
- Sec. 3. Updating Federal Policy to Save Lives and End the Subsidization of Mismanagement. (a) **National Resilience Strategy.** Within 90 days, ... publish a National Resilience Strategy that articulates the priorities, means, and ways to advance the resilience of the Nation.
- (b) **National Critical Infrastructure Policy.** Within 180 days, recommend to the President the revisions, recissions, and replacements necessary to achieve a more resilient posture; shift from an all-hazards approach to a risk-informed approach; move beyond information sharing to action; and implement the National Resilience Strategy described in subsection (a) of this section.
- (c) **National Continuity Policy.** Within 180 days of the date of this order, ... recommend to the President the revisions, recissions, and replacements necessary to modernize and streamline the approach to national continuity capabilities, reformulate the methodology and architecture necessary to achieve an enduring readiness posture, and implement the National Resilience Strategy described in subsection (a) of this section.
- (e) **National Risk Register.** Within 240 days..., coordinate the development of a National Risk Register that identifies, articulates, and quantifies natural and malign risks to our national infrastructure, related systems, and their users.
- (f) **Federal National Functions Constructs.** Within 1 year ..., the Secretary of Homeland Security shall propose changes to the policies outlining this framework and any implementing documents to ensure State and local governments and individuals have improved communications with Federal officials and a better



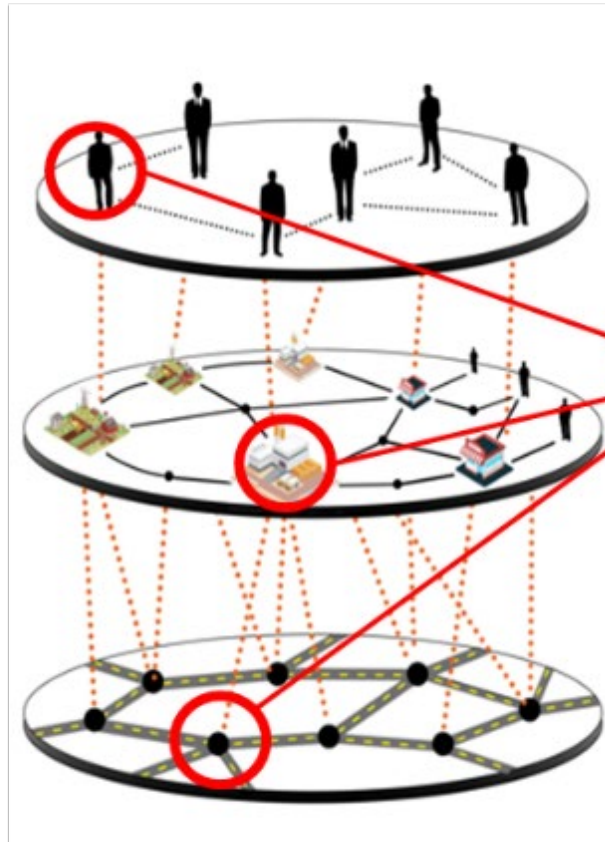


# Vision for System Resilience

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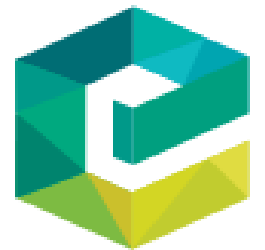


Model



Operations

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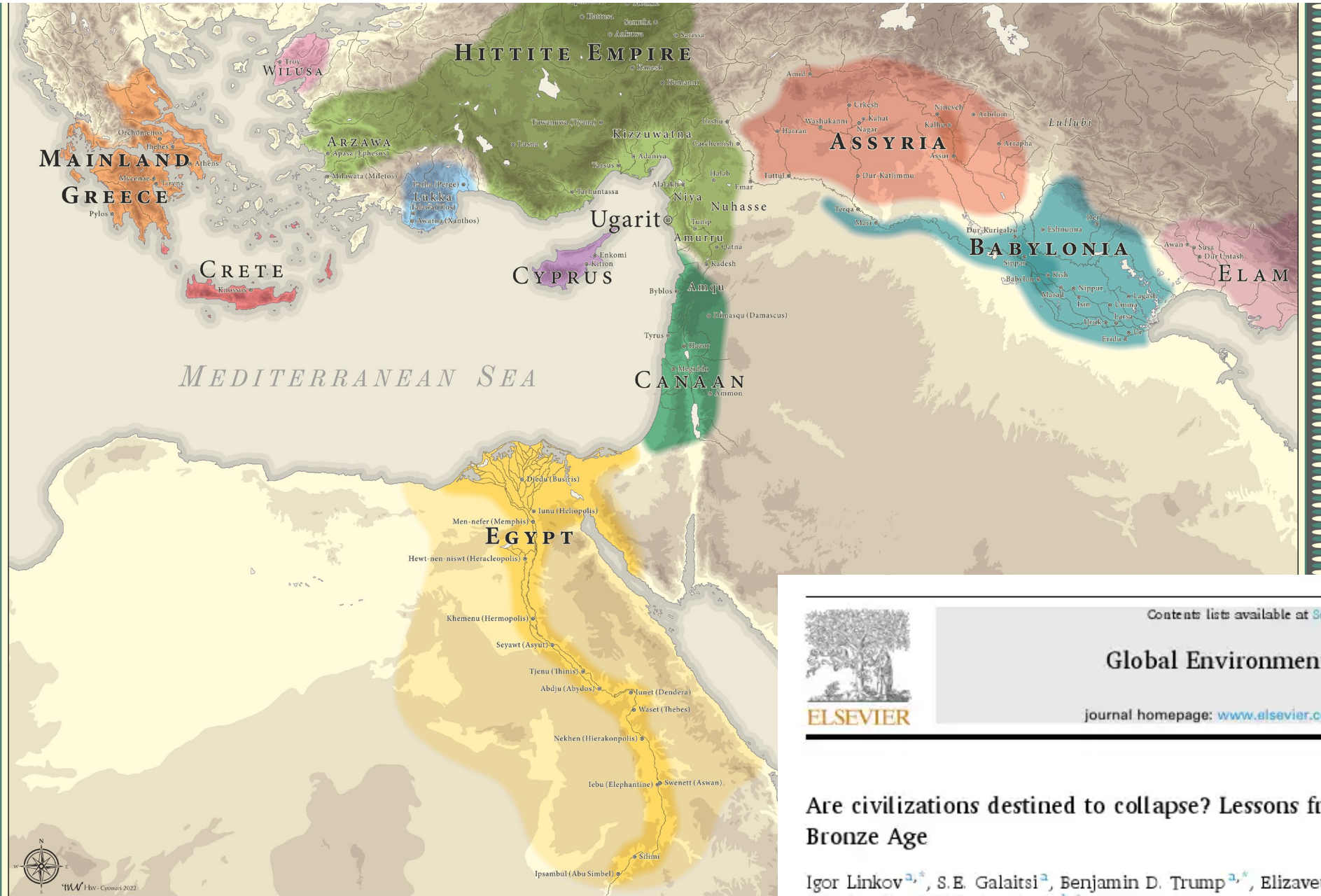


## The case for value chain resilience

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# Example 1: Global -- The Collapse of the Bronze Age 1200 to 1100 BCE



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Are civilizations destined to collapse? Lessons from the Mediterranean Bronze Age

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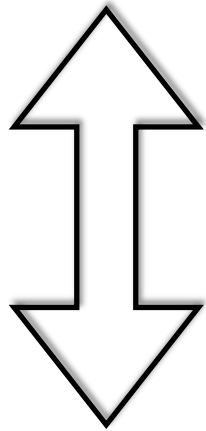
# Stability Rule: Region must be stable in both layers simultaneously

N = 10 regions

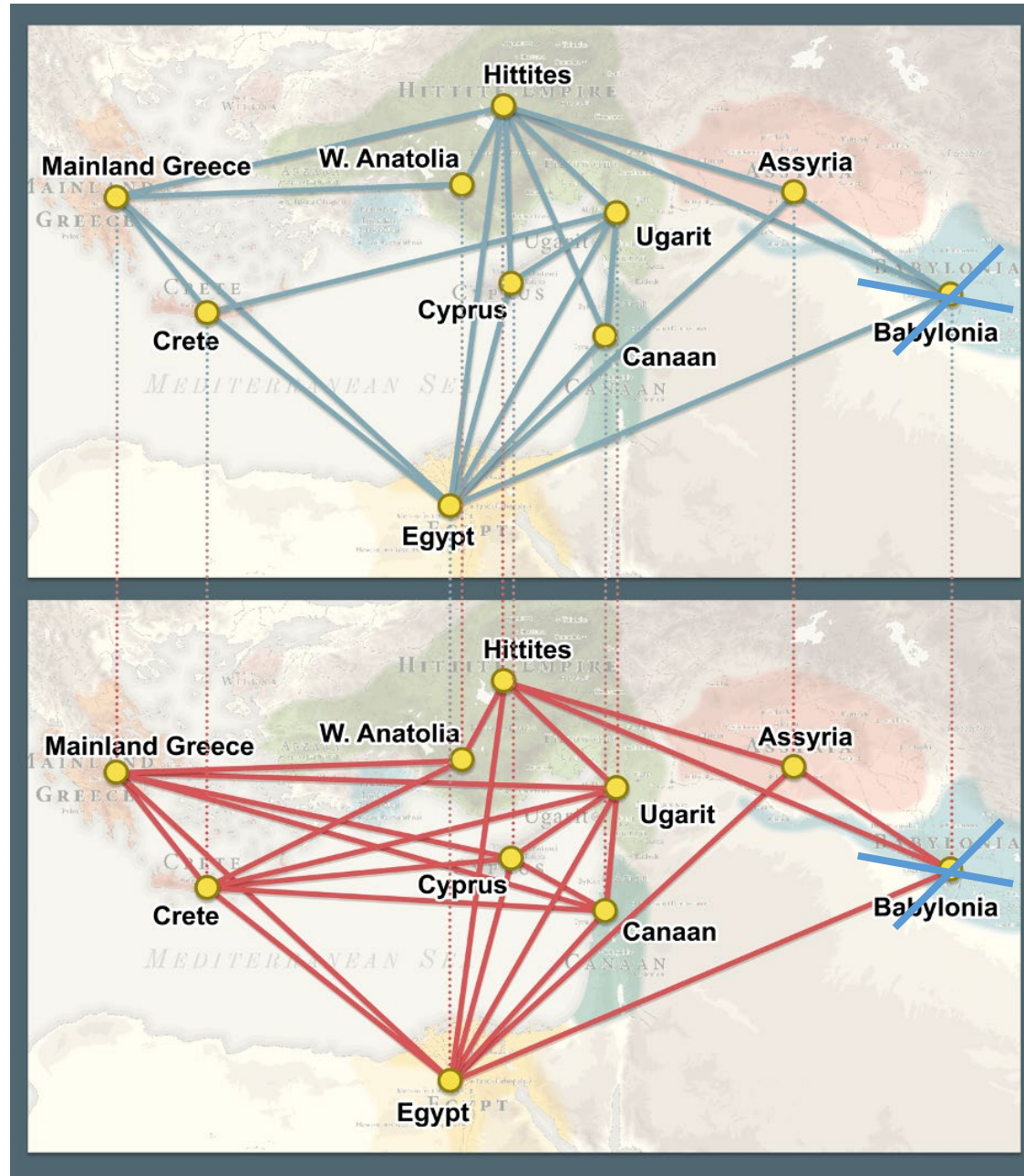
E<sub>1</sub> = 21 political ties

E<sub>1</sub> = 27 trade ties

Politics Layer

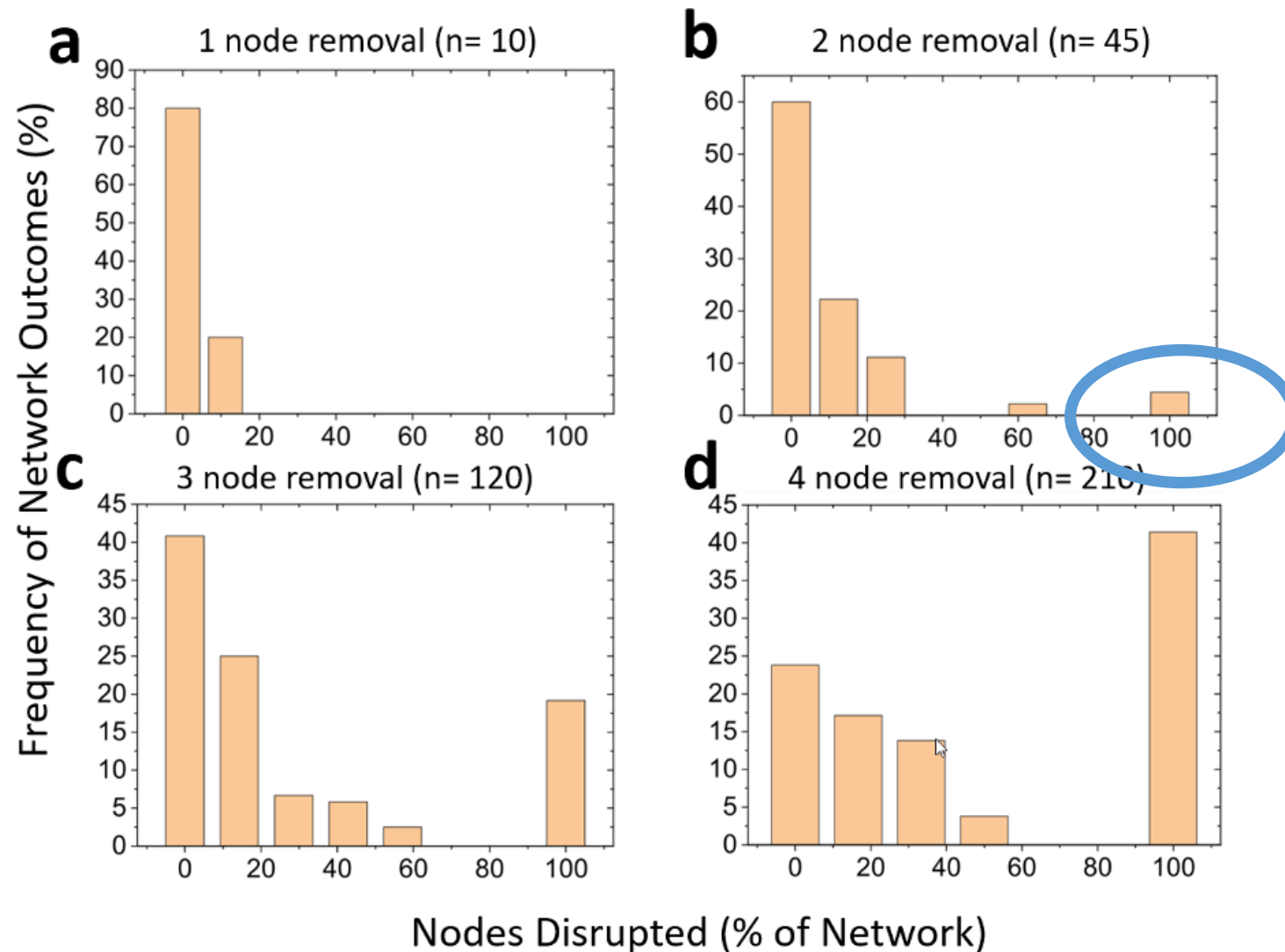


Trade Layer



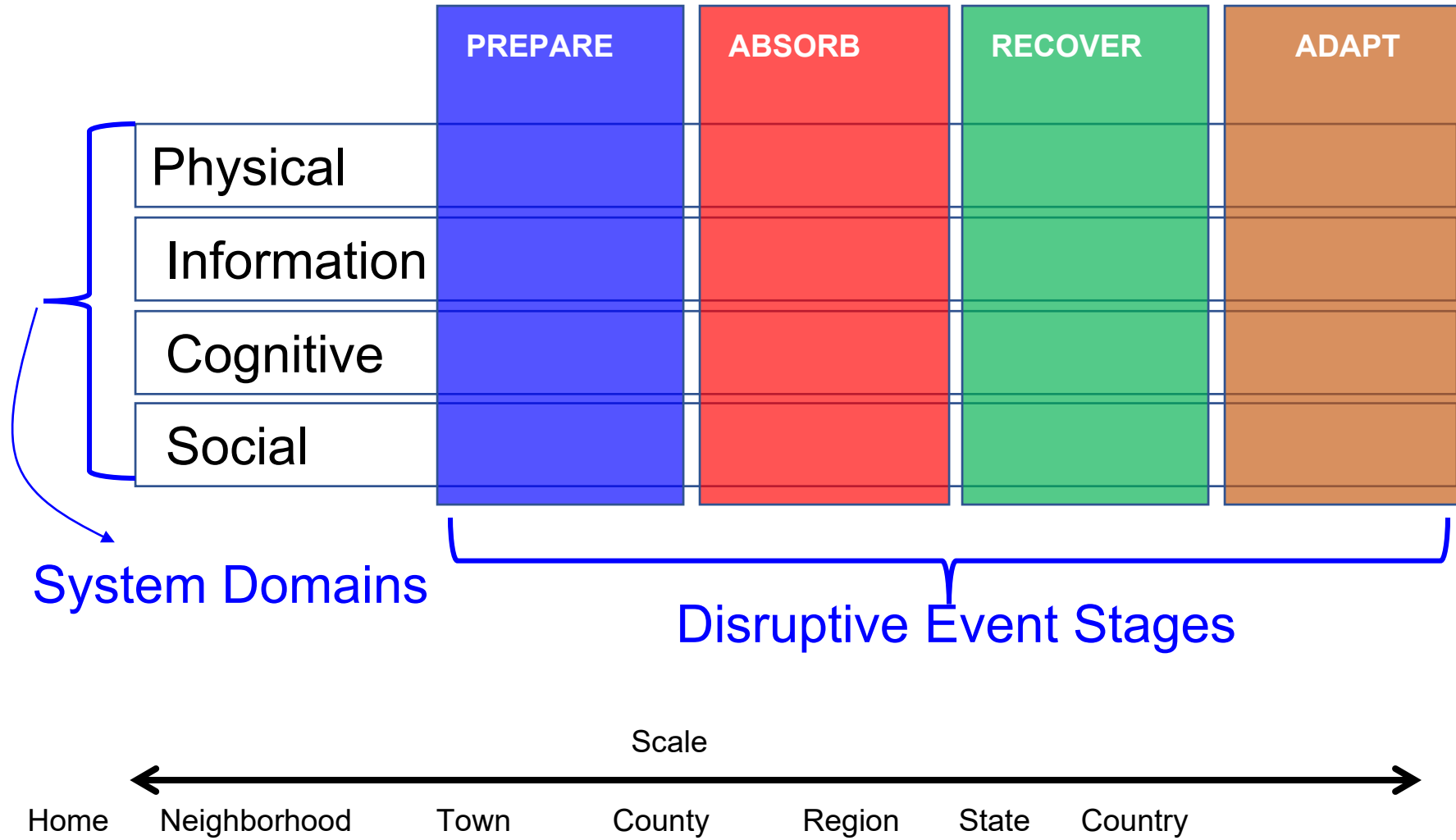
# Stress-Test for the Bronze Age Network

## Network Outcomes After Removing Nodes Combinations

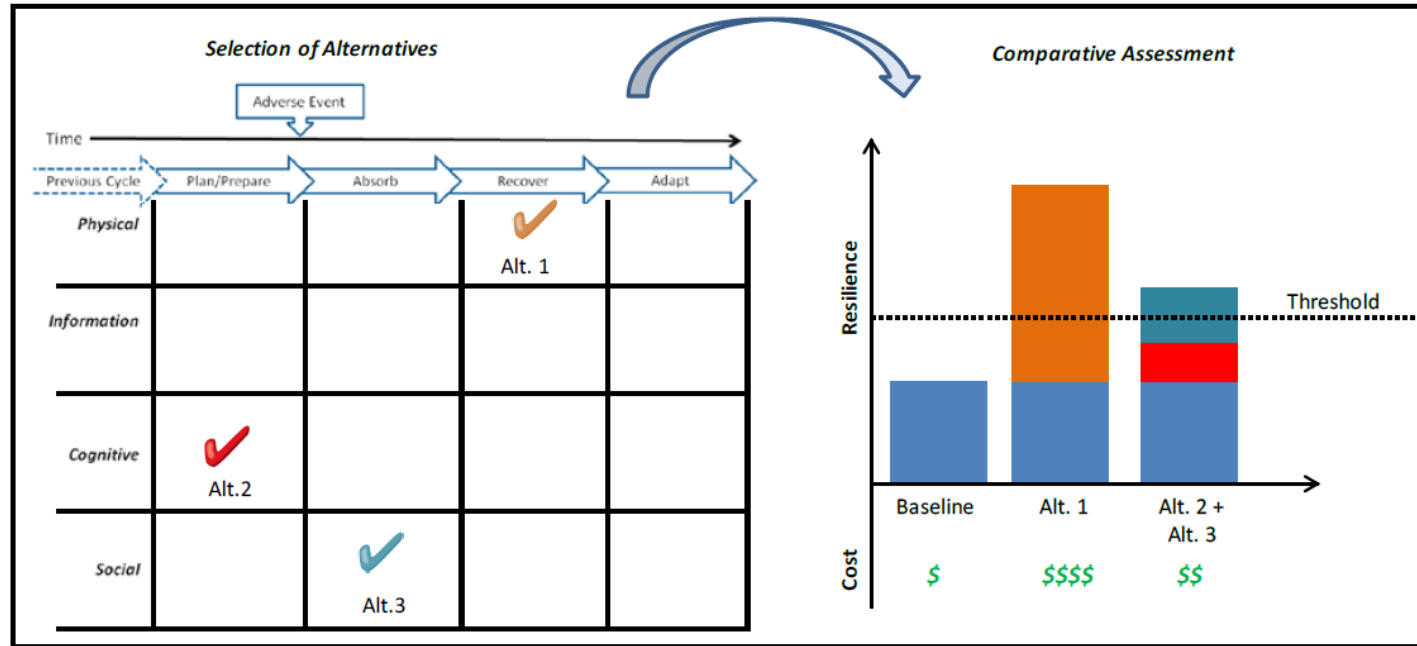


**Simultaneous failure of 2 regions can be catastrophic!**

# Resilience Matrix



# Assessment using Stakeholder Values



**Figure 5:** Comparative Assessment of Resilience-Enhancing Alternatives

Use developed resilience metrics to comparatively assess the costs and benefits of different courses of action

After Fox-Lent et al., 2015



Short Communication

## Metrics for energy resilience

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# Resilience Matrix: Energy

	Plan and Prepare for	Refs	Absorb	Refs	Recover from	Refs	Adapt to	Refs
<b>Physical</b>	Reduced reliance on energy/increased efficiency	A,B, E,F, H	Design margin to accommodate range of conditions	B,C, I,J,K	System flexibility for reconfiguration and/or temporary system installation	C,D, F,H, K	Flexible network architecture to facilitate modernization and new energy sources	C,D, F,K
	Energy source diversity/local sources	A,E, F,H, K	Limited performance degradation under changing conditions	B,C, F,I,K	Capability to monitor and control portions of system	B,I, K	Sensors, data collection and visualization capabilities to support system performance trending	D,E, I,K
	Energy storage capabilities/presaged equipment	B,H, K	Operational system protection (e.g., pressure relief, circuit breakers)	I,K	Fuel flexibility	C,D, E,F	Ability to use new/alternative energy sources	C,F, H
	Redundancy of critical capabilities	D,E, I,K	Installed/ready redundant components (e.g., generators, pumps)	D,I, K	Capability to re-route energy from available sources	C,D, F,I,K	Update system configuration/functionality based upon lessons learned	C,D, L,F,I, K
	Preventative maintenance on energy systems	I,K	Ability to isolate damaged/degraded systems/components (automatic/manual)	E,I,K	Investigate and repair malfunctioning controls or sensors	I	Phase out obsolete or damaged assets and introduce new assets	A,C, D,I, K
	Sensors, controls and communication links to support awareness and response	H,I, K	Capability for independent local/sub-network operation	D,K	Energy network flexibility to re-establish service by priority.	F,I,K	Integrate new interface standards and operating system upgrades	D,I, K
<b>Information</b>	Protective measures from external attack (physical/cyber)	A,D, I,K	Alternative methods/equipment (e.g., paper copy, flashlights, radios)	B,H, K	Backup communication, lighting, power systems for repair/recovery operations	I,K	Update response equipment/supplies based upon lessons learned	D,L
	Capabilities and services prioritized based on criticality or performance requirements	B	Environmental condition forecast and event warnings broadcast	E,H, I	Information available to authorities and crews regarding customer/community needs/status	D,I	Initiating event, incident point of entry, associated vulnerabilities and impacts identified	A,D, H,I, K
	Internal and external system dependencies identified	B,G, H	System status, trends, margins available to operators, managers and customers	D,E, H,I, K	Recovery progress tracked, synthesized and available to decision-makers and stakeholders	D,I	Event data and operating environment forecasts utilized to anticipate future conditions/events	D,H, I,K
	Design, control, operational and maintenance data archived and protected	B,I	Critical system data monitored, anomalies alarmed	D,E, I,K	Design, repair parts, substitution information available to recovery teams	K	Updated information about energy resources, alternatives and emergent technologies available to managers and stakeholders	D,F, H,I
	Vendor information available	B	Operational/troubleshooting/response procedures available	I,K	Location, availability and ownership of energy, hardware and services available to restoration teams	K	Design, operating and maintenance information updated consistent with system modifications	F,I,K

# USACE Resilience Matrix Methodology

## Resilience Matrix

	Absorb	Recover	Adapt
Physical	System Performance/Functionality System Reliability Robustness Consequences of failure System Vulnerability Hazard Mitigation Measures Redundancy Back-up Systems Emergency Resources	Recovery Time Temporary Facilities Recovery Resources	Adaptive Capacity Infrastructure Condition Modularity
Information	Failure Detection Systems Hazard Forecasting Risk Assessment/Data Emergency Planning Mitigation Planning Disaster Propagation Models	Recovery Tracking Data Models for Recovery Scenarios Recovery Planning	Post-disaster data collection Adaptation Planning Plan Improvements
Social	Emergency Staffing Emergency Support Agreements Community Communication Staff Emergency Training	Community Recovery Assistance Contractor Agreements Recovery Agreements	Training Exercises Community Education Improved Legislation

## Master Metrics

Metric Identification and Categorization						Measure Full Name		Level of Detail
Metric Name	Unit of Analysis	System Domain	Resilience Phase	Metric Category	Critical Function			
Risk Assessment Score	Capability	Physical	Absorb	System Vulnerability	FRM	Score from most recent Risk Assessment		Tier 2
Last Inspection Date	Capability	Information	Absorb	Risk Assessment	FRM	Years since the most recent comprehensive inspection of the dam		Tier 2
Last EAP Revision	Capability	Information	Adapt	Planning Improvements	FRM	Years since the most recent revision to the emergency action plan (EAP)		Tier 2
Last EAP Exercise	Capability	Social	Adapt	Training Exercises	FRM	Years since the most recent EAP exercise		Tier 2
Worst Case Consequences Estimate	Capability	Physical	Absorb	Consequences of Failure	FRM	Estimated economic cost for the worst-case dam failure scenario (Maximum High Pool - Breach)		Tier 2
Operations Plans	Capability	Information	Absorb	Mitigation Planning	FRM	Degree (1-5) of completeness of operations plan		Tier 1
Planning Review	Capability	Information	Adapt	Planning Improvements	FRM	Years since the most recent review and update of the operations plans		Tier 2
Emergency Exercises	Capability	Social	Adapt	Training Exercises	FRM	Years since the most recent emergency operation test exercise (or most recent emergency response)		Tier 2
After-Action Reports	Capability	Information	Adapt	Post-disaster Data Collection	FRM	% of exercises/events in the past 5-10 years where an after-action report was generated and reviewed by the district		Tier 2

## Solicitation Template

USACE Resilience Questionnaire

Interviewer:  Gerald Williams/John Hargreaves

Name:

Location:

Org:

Project:

Date:

The following questionnaire is a pre-survey document that will be used in tandem with the Resilience Matrix Methodology to assess the current resilience of USACE facilities, projects, and assets. Please answer only if you are able to answer the question. If you are not able to answer the question, please do not apply to you or your position, you may skip the question however. If you are able to accurately answer those questions, please do so.

Resilience Matrix Methodology/Functionality

Function	1-4 Days Completely Resilient	5-7 Days	8-14 Days	More than 14 Days
How long can emergency operations be sustained without back-up generators power if primary power is disrupted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How long can emergency personnel be sustained under existing emergency life support tactics, food, and medical aid?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How long can you maintain operations if supporting system (power, communication, water) are disrupted or degraded?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How long would it take to return the dam services to normal functionality after the power is restored?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
During recovery, how long can your temporary system components that can take over operations of the primary system and be able to sustain the full-scale dam?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How long can you maintain operations with a backup of supplies in remote operations during an emergency (fuel, food, medical, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Scorecard

	Absorb	Recover	Adapt
Physical	3.8	5.0	3.5
Information	4.4	3.8	4.4
Social	3.7	5.0	5.0

## SRB-FRM Case Study

Measuring USACE Resilience in the Savannah Basin – manuscript for peer review

The Savannah Watershed serves as a critical component, crucial to the well-being of numerous communities and ecological systems. Leading in the maintenance of this significant resource is the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). With an established history in water resource management, the USACE is responsible for executing a range of essential missions within the watershed. These include flood risk management, hydropower generation, aquatic ecosystem restoration, water supply, navigation infrastructure maintenance, and recreational land-use. This paper aims to examine the various roles of the USACE to guarantee mission assurance in this critical region. It places particular emphasis on the collaborative efforts between the USACE, local governance, and various stakeholders.

## USACE Report

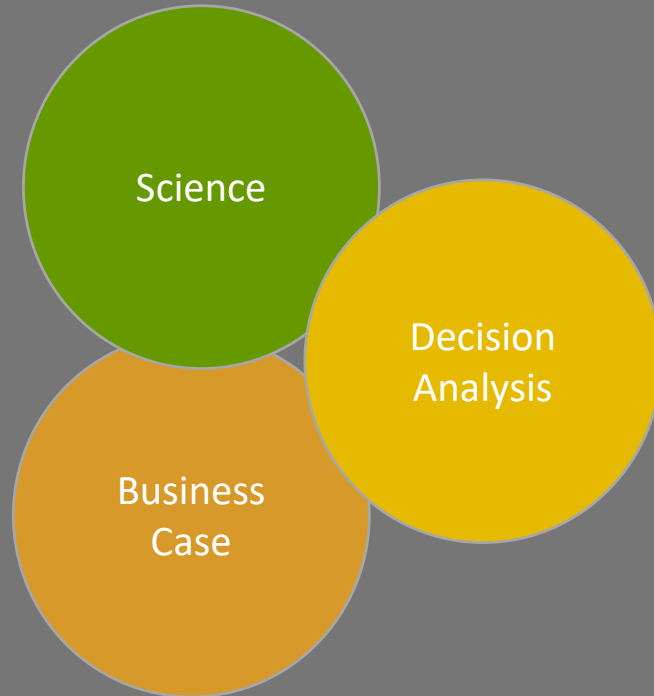
A Resilience Matrix Approach  
to USACE MISSION in the Savannah Watershed

Development of a documented/published methodology for a transferrable/replicable process that provides a cost effective and accurate procedure that can be used to assess USACE and Community Resilience from infrastructure, to critical function, to mission.



# Example 3 -Local

What does it mean to have a resilient transportation network?



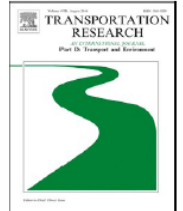
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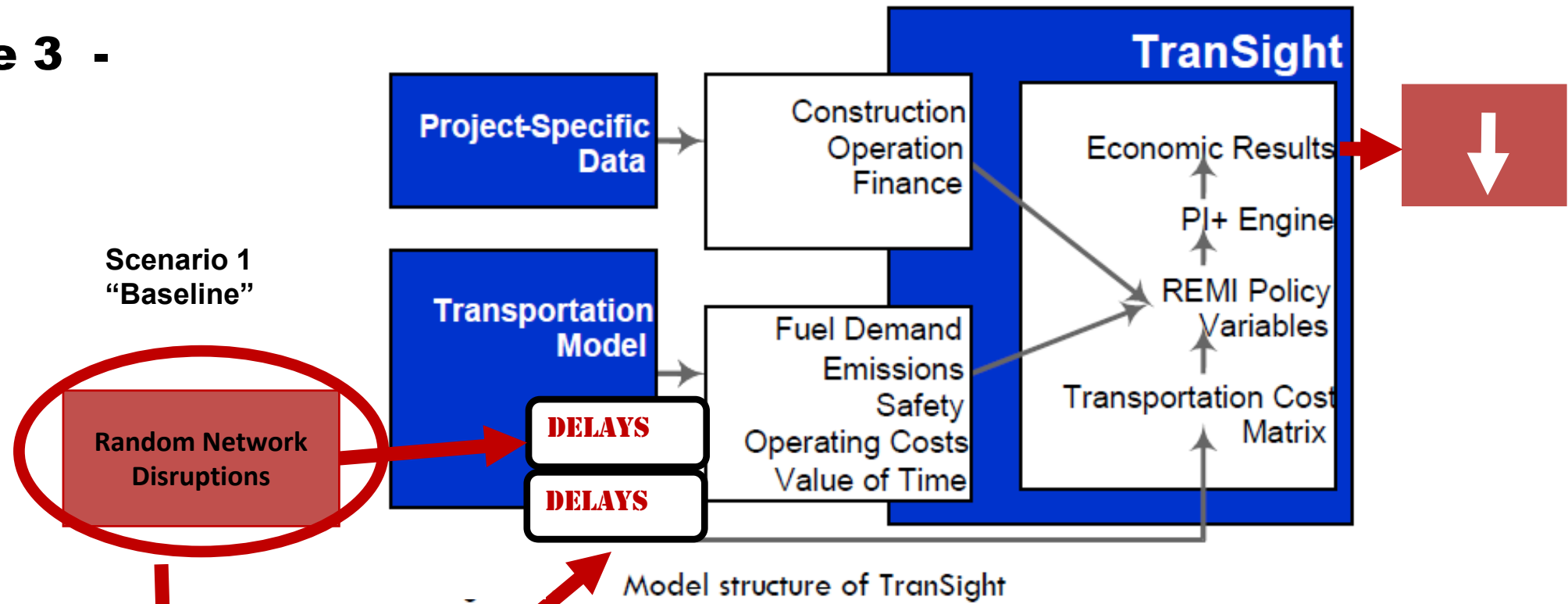
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## Example 3 - Local



Scenario 2

Resilience Model



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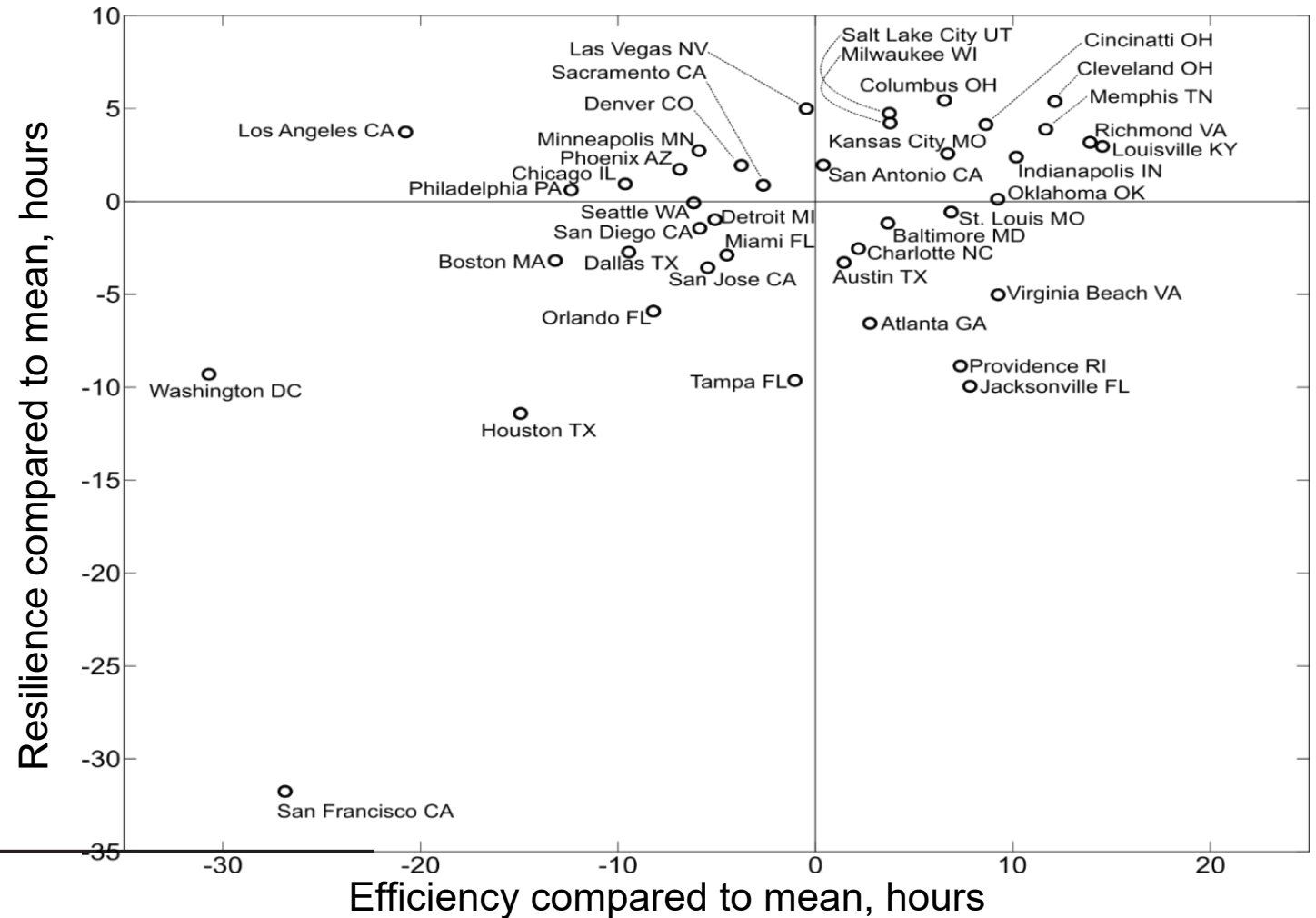
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Lack of resilience in transportation networks: Economic implications



# Resilience vs Efficiency at 5% disruption



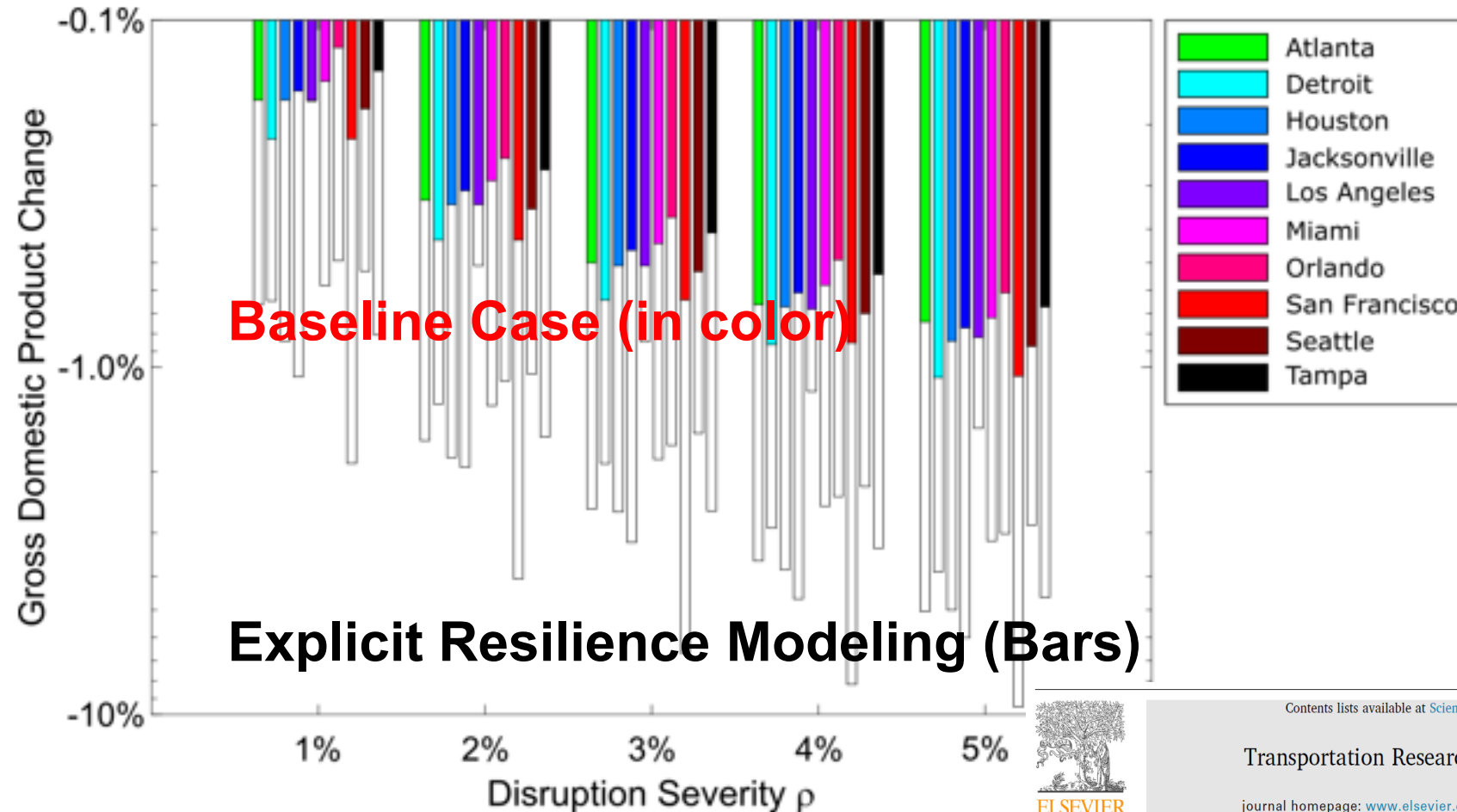
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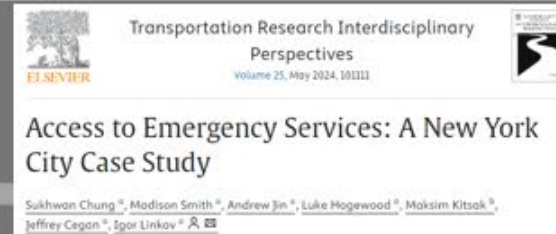
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# Lack of Resilience: Impact on GDP





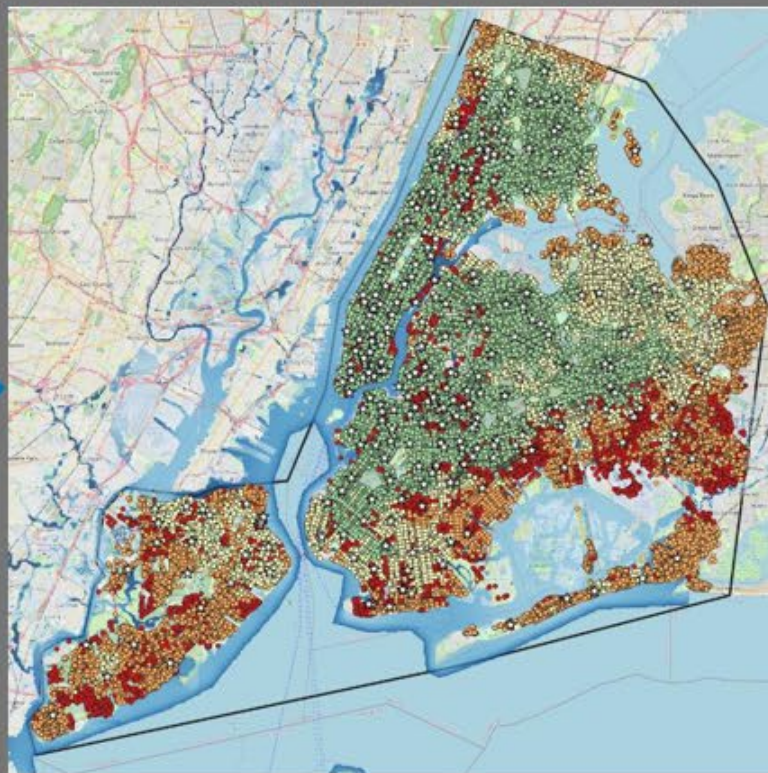
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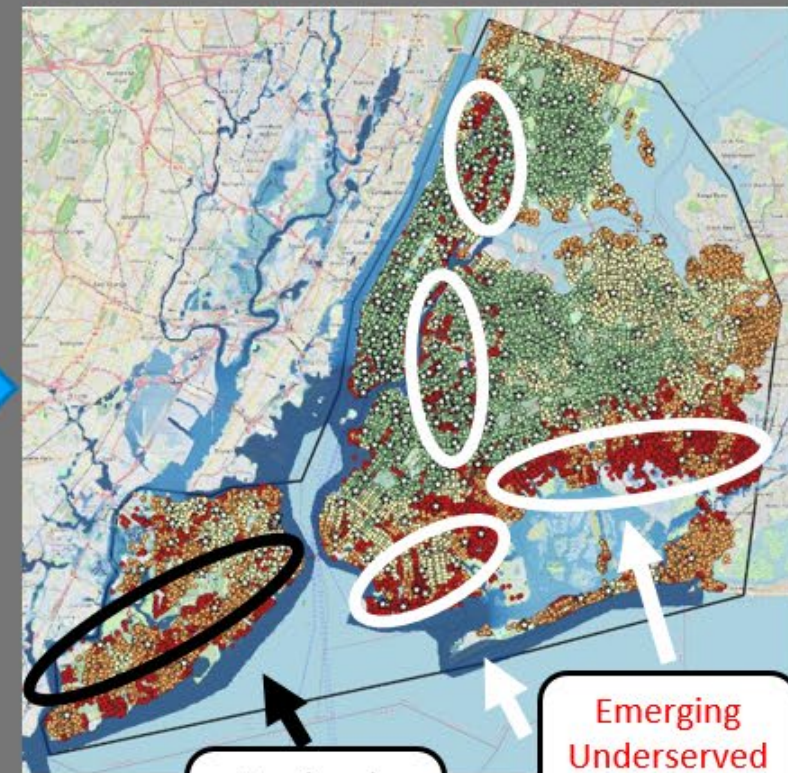
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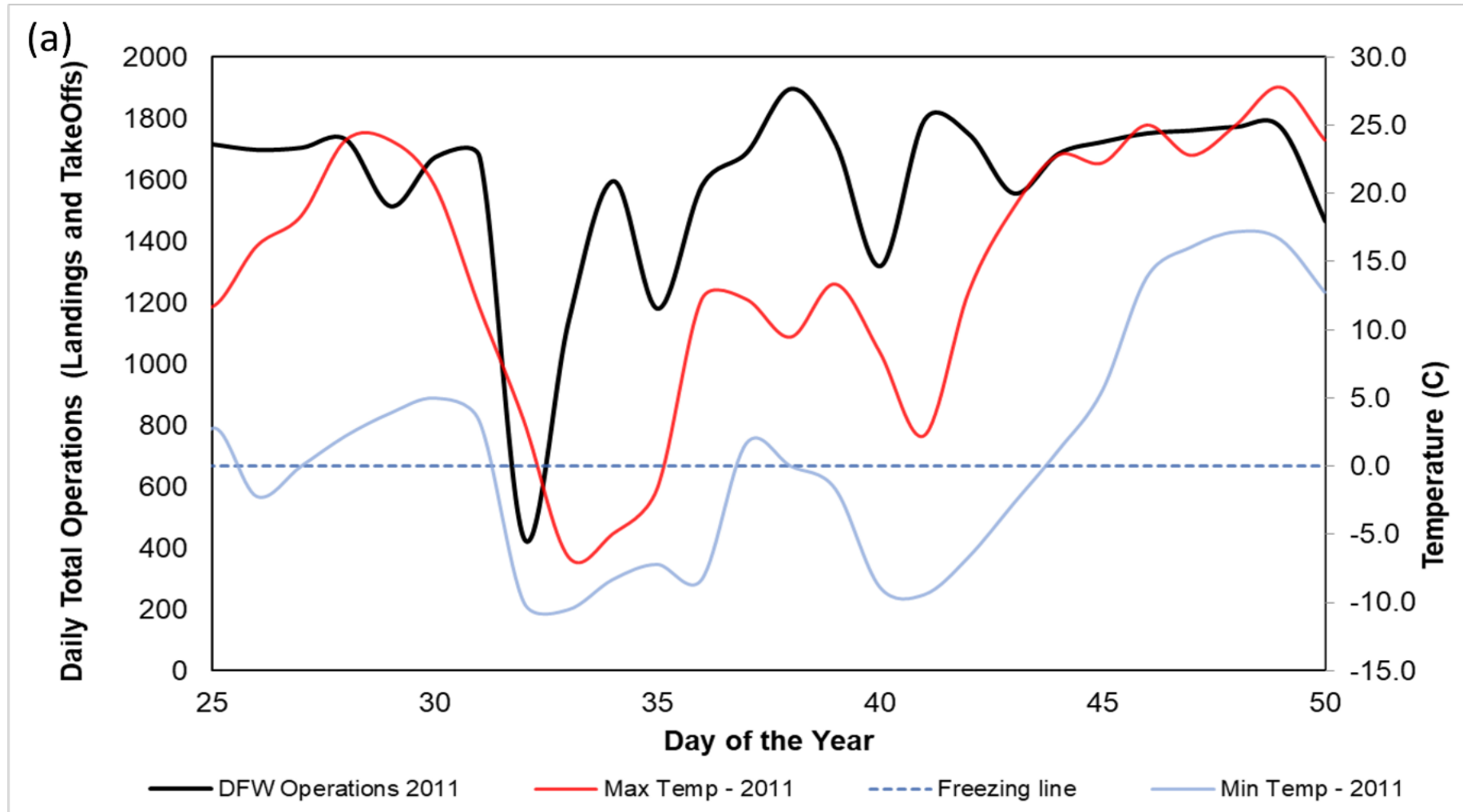
Peak of the Flood



Green: Maximally Accessible  
Yellow: Medium Accessible

Orange: Minimally Accessible  
Red: No Access

# Example 4: Asset Level - Freeze Events at Dallas Fort Worth (DFW) Airport in 2011





# DFW Airport in 2011 and 2021

## Example of Texas Polar Vortex:

- Electric demand shock
- Decreased capacity from lack of winterization and supply of natural gas
- Electric Reliability Council of TX forced to operate under emergency conditions until Feb. 19th, at which point 34,000 MW remained on forced outage
- How should proactive resilience corrective actions and network design be implemented?

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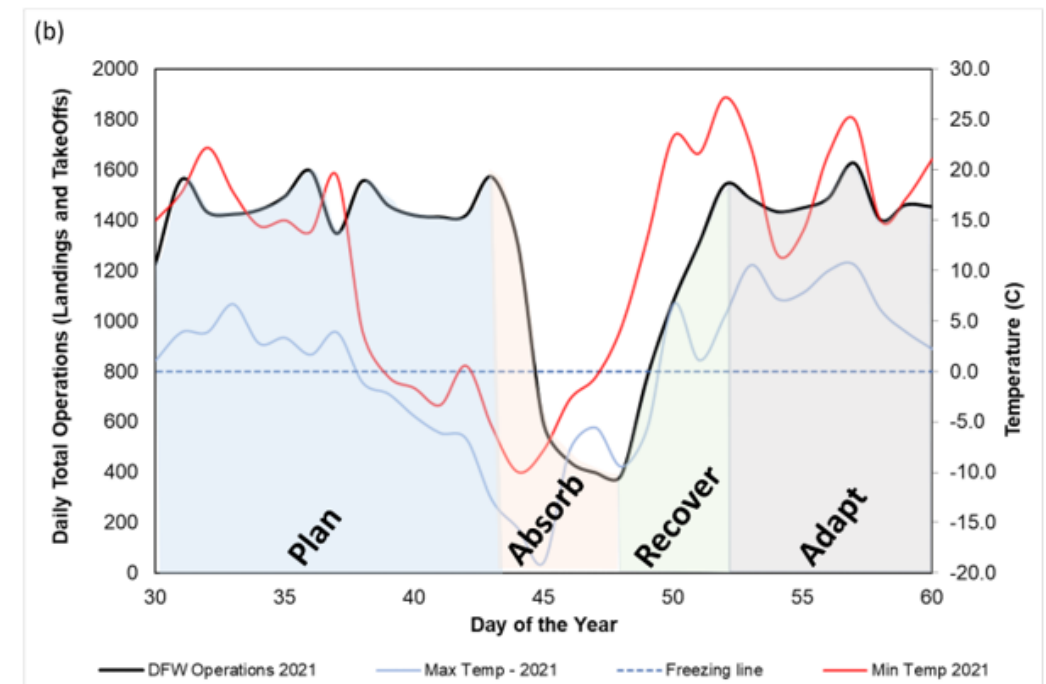
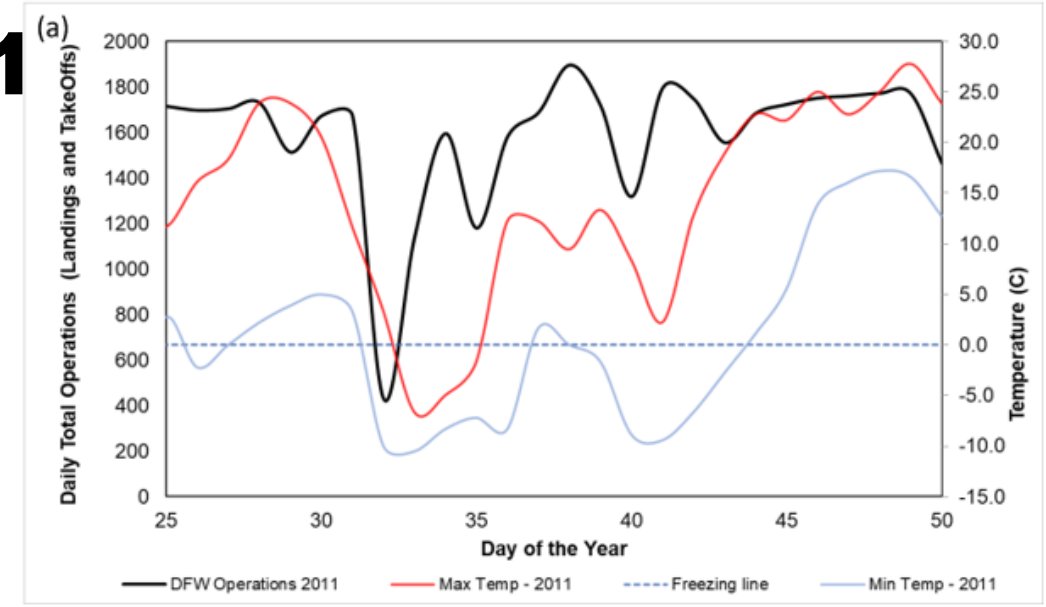
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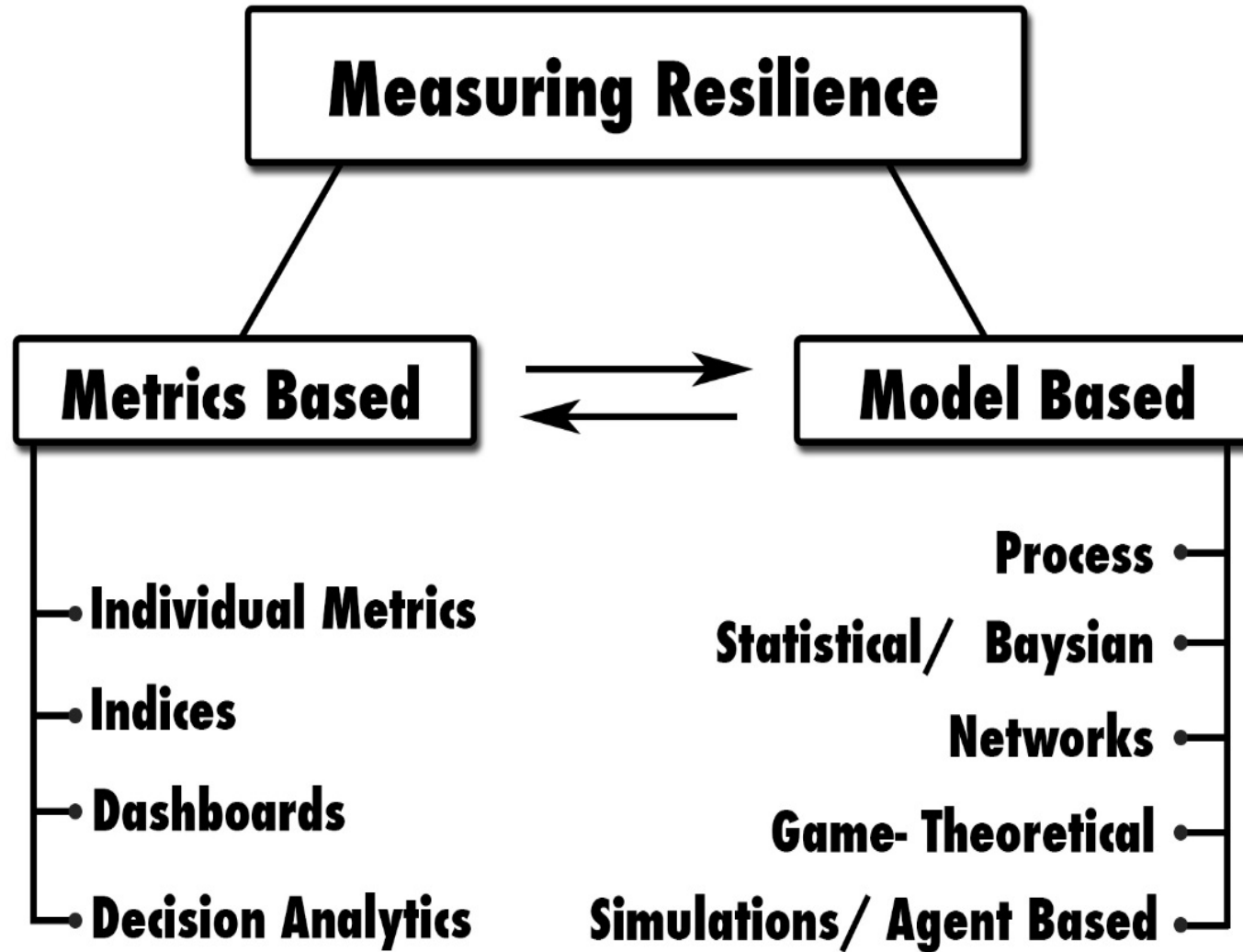
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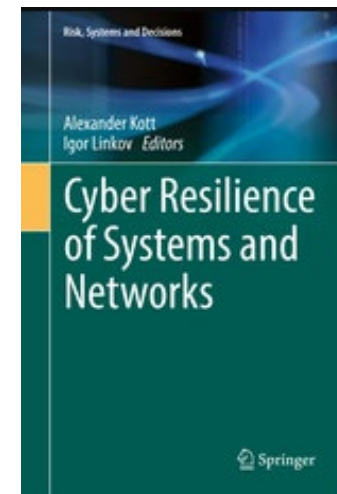
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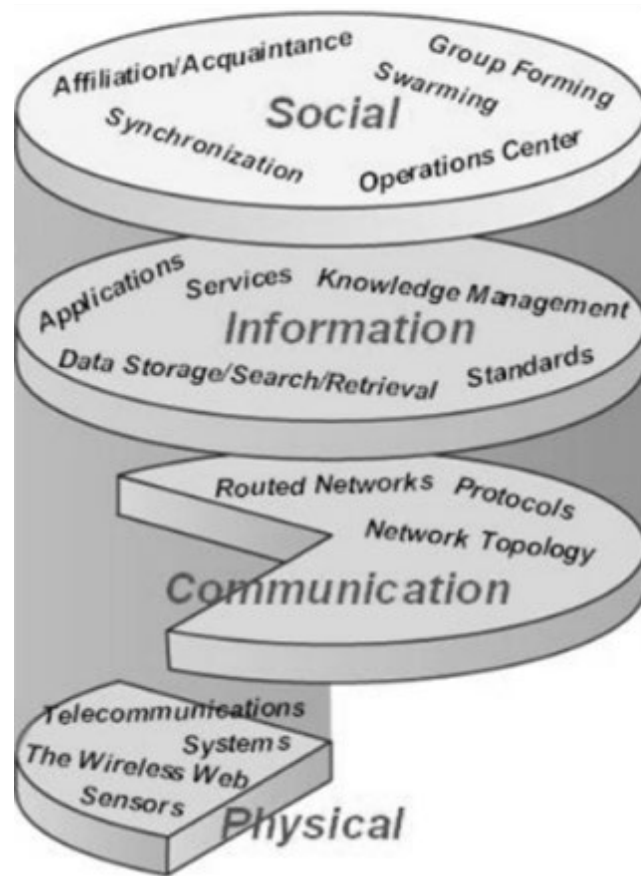


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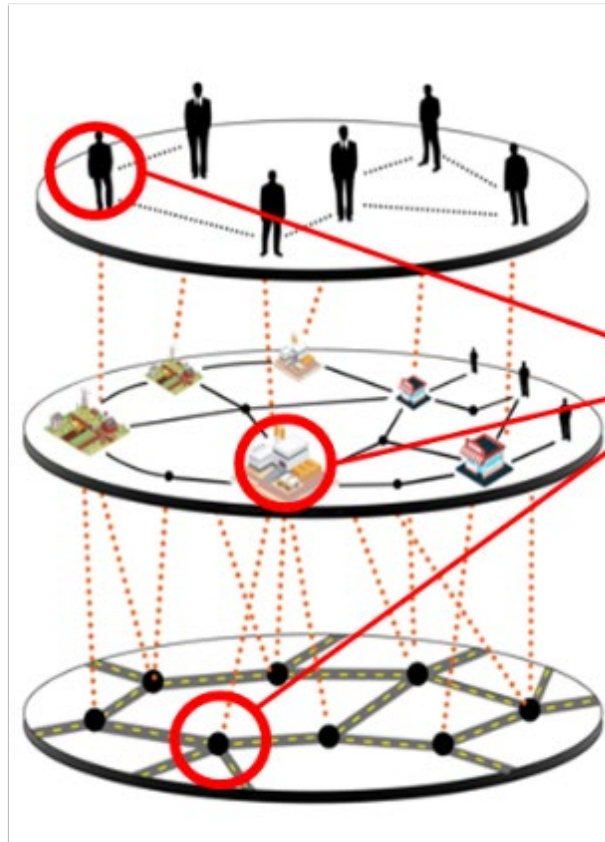


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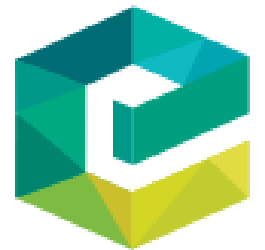
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