

# Cyber Risks & Threats. State of the art & future trends

**A COMPREHENSIVE  
METHODOLOGICAL  
OVERVIEW WITH  
EXAMPLES**



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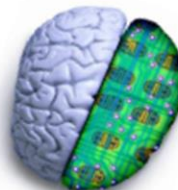


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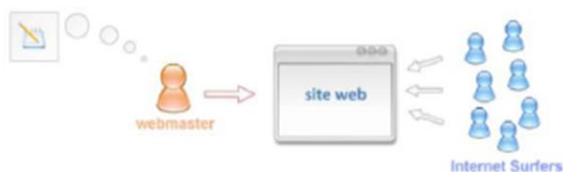


# NOWADAYS CYBERWORLD



## 2000

## Web 2.0



## Web 5.0

# Web 3.0

# Web 4.0



2050



# CYBERTHREATS & RISKS IDENTIFICATION

## HUMAN-MACHINE INTERACTION

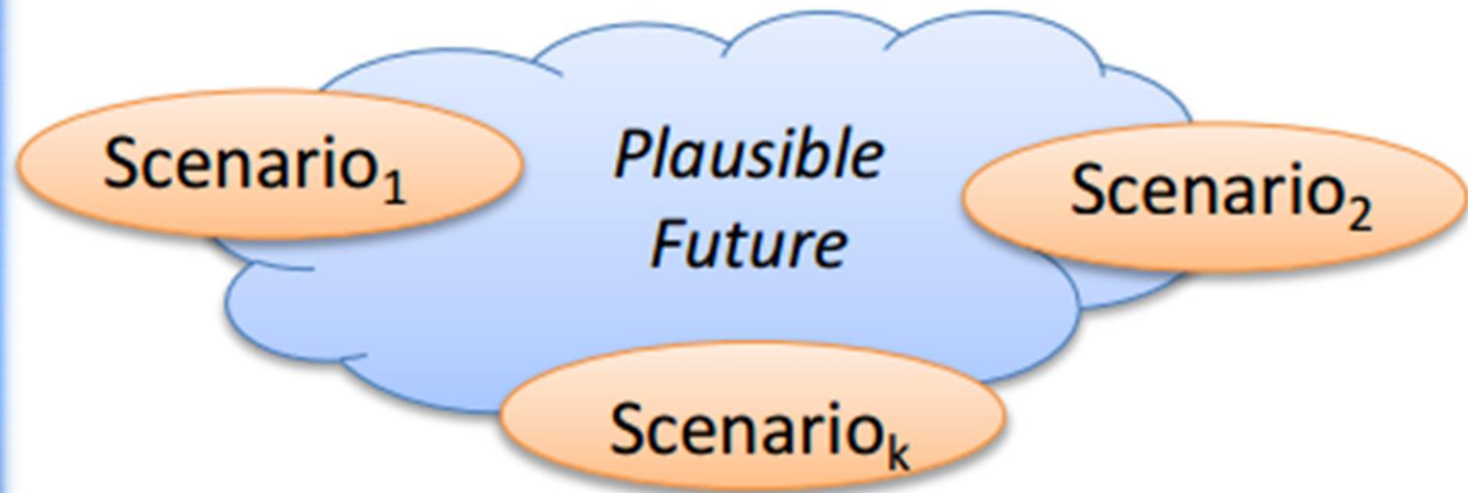


## METHODOLOGICAL ANALYSIS FRAMEWORK

- ☐ Context Generation
- ☐ Analysis
- ☐ Validation

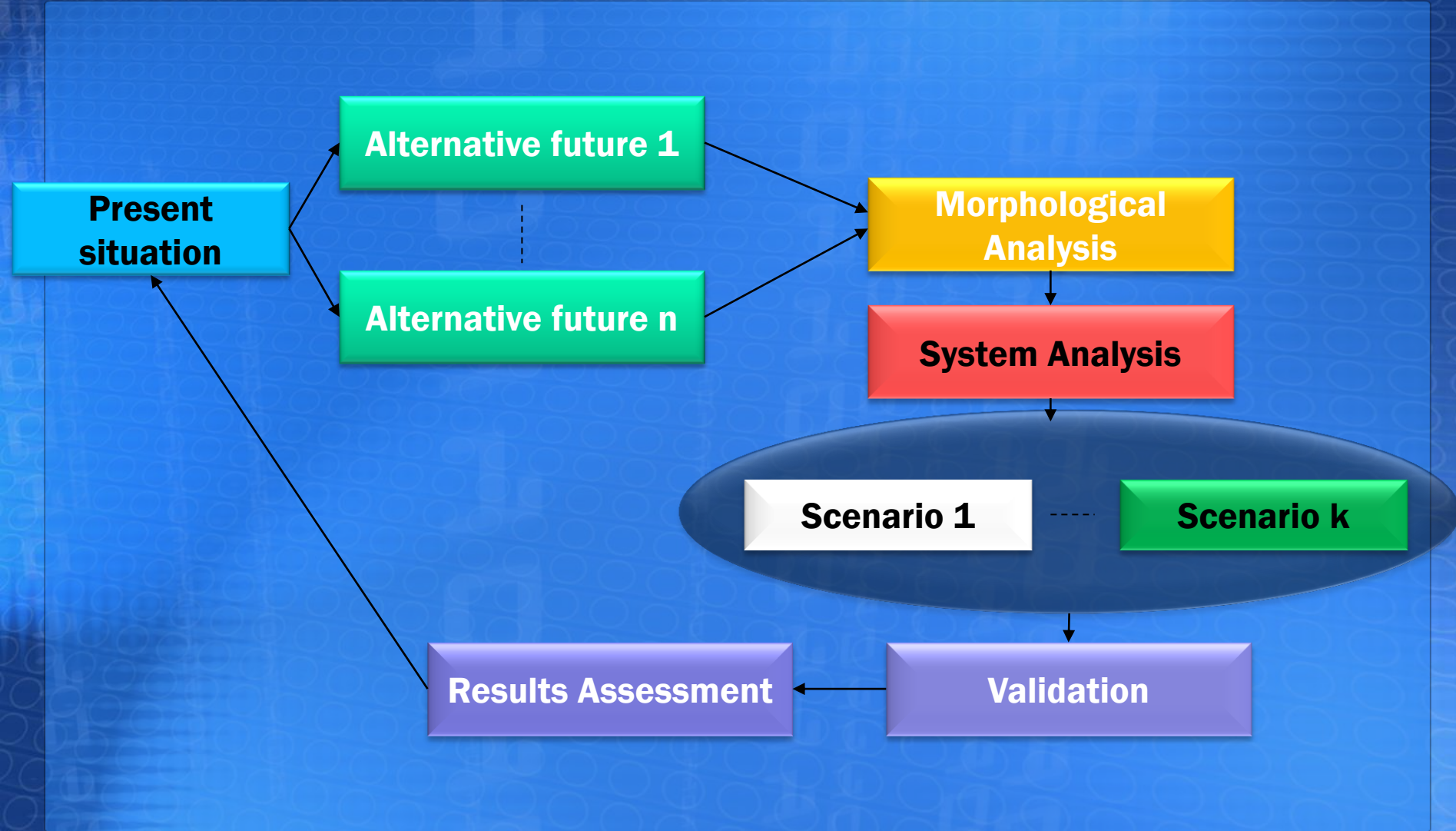


# CONTEXT GENERATION





# THE SCENARIO GENERATION PROCESS





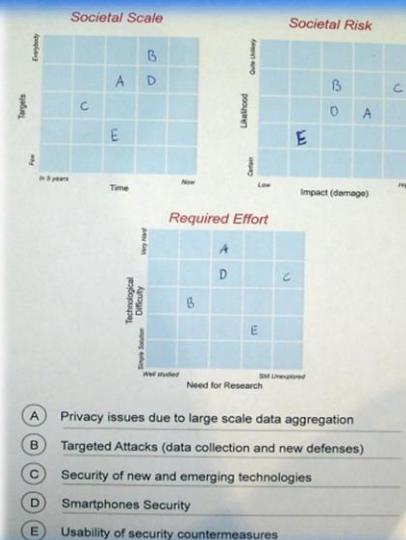
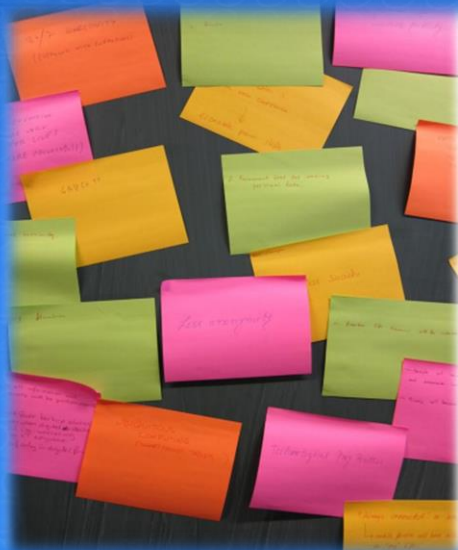
# EXPERTS' KNOWLEDGE EXTRACTION

- ☐ **BRAINSTORMING**
- ☐ **DISCUSSIONS**
- ☐ **DELPHI METHOD BASED ON QUESTIONNAIRES**





# SOME DATA AGGREGATION EXAMPLES



## Questionnaire

Smart Homes User Based Cyber Threats Evaluation

\* Required

What kind of smart devices you are currently using in your everyday life? \*

- ☐ Smart Phone
- ☐ Tablet
- ☐ Laptop/Ultrabook
- ☐ Smart TV
- ☐ Companion Robot
- ☐ Automated everyday life systems
- ☐ Gaming consoles
- ☐ Other:

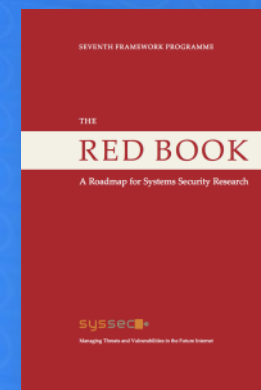
What usually do you do with smart devices in your everyday life?

- ☐ Entertainment
- ☐ Everyday work support
- ☐ Household support
- ☐ Communications/Contacting

## Cyberthreats 2012

Threat source \ Dimension	Threats weight	R&D Role	Time & Users
Privacy information aspects in system security			
Targeted attacks			
Emerging Technologies			
Mobile devices security			
Usable security			

## Cyberthreats 2013



# Key Problems

- ☐ EXPERTS SELECTION
- ☐ PROPER UNDERSTANDING
- ☐ NOISE REDUCTION
- ☐ HUMAN SUBJECTIVENESS
- ☐ SOFTWARE SUPPORT NECESSITY
- ☐ VALIDATION DIFFICULTIES

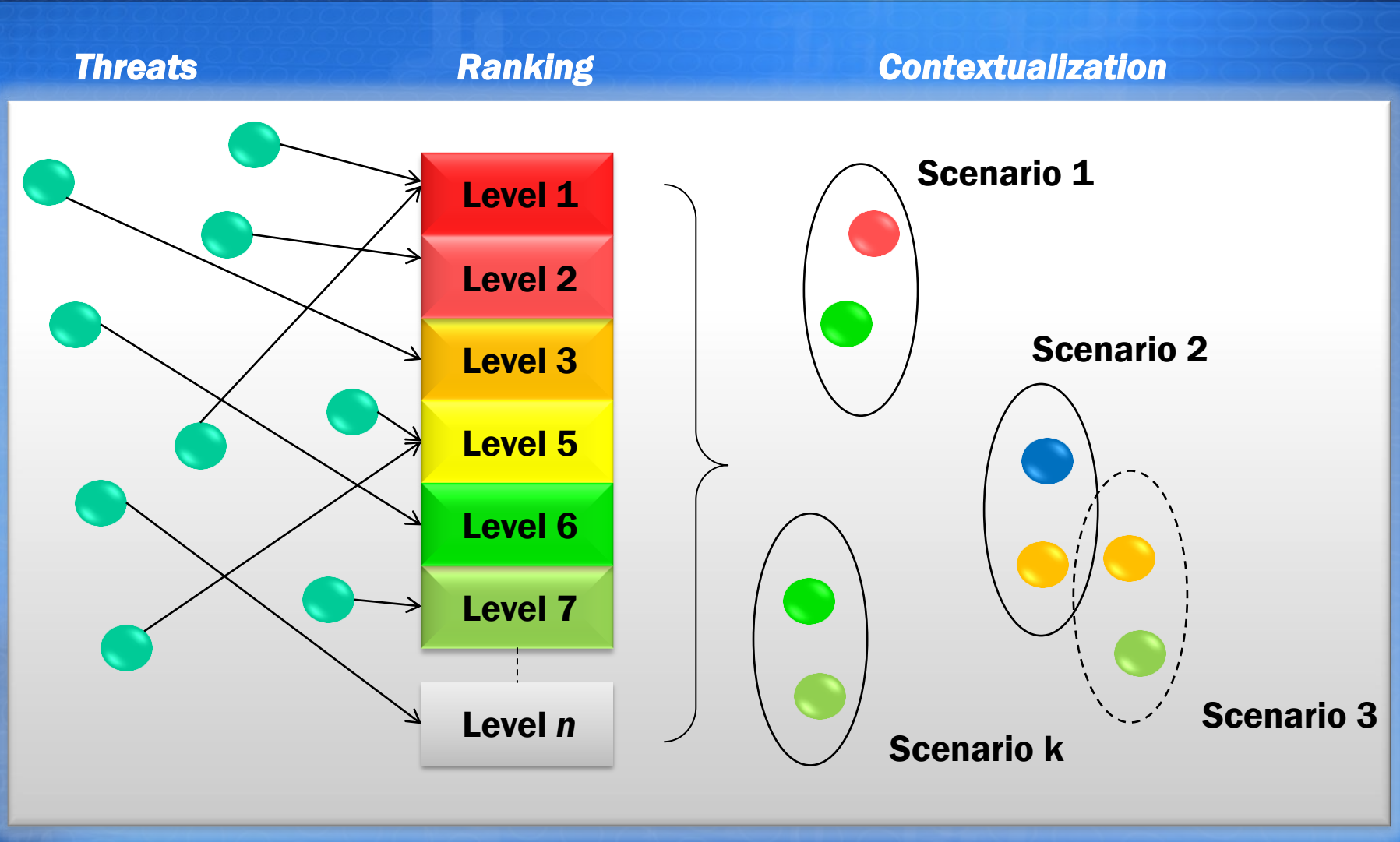




# THREATS IDENTIFICATION & CONTEXTUALIZATION

- ☐ **PROPER THREATS IDENTIFICATION IS CONTEXT DEPENDABLE;**
- ☐ **RANKING IS INEVITABLE;**
- ☐ **OVERLAPPING IS DIFFICULT TO SURMOUNT.**

# RANKING & CONTEXTUALIZATION





# EXTRACTED KNOWLEDGE ANALYSIS

## TECHNIQUES:

**MORPHOLOGICAL ANALYSIS;**

**SYSTEM ANALYSIS;**

## WORKING ENVIRONMENT:

**MS OFFICE/OPENOFFICE;**

**INTELLIGENT SCENARIO COMPUTER INTERFACE PROGRAM  
(I-SCIP).**

# MORPHOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

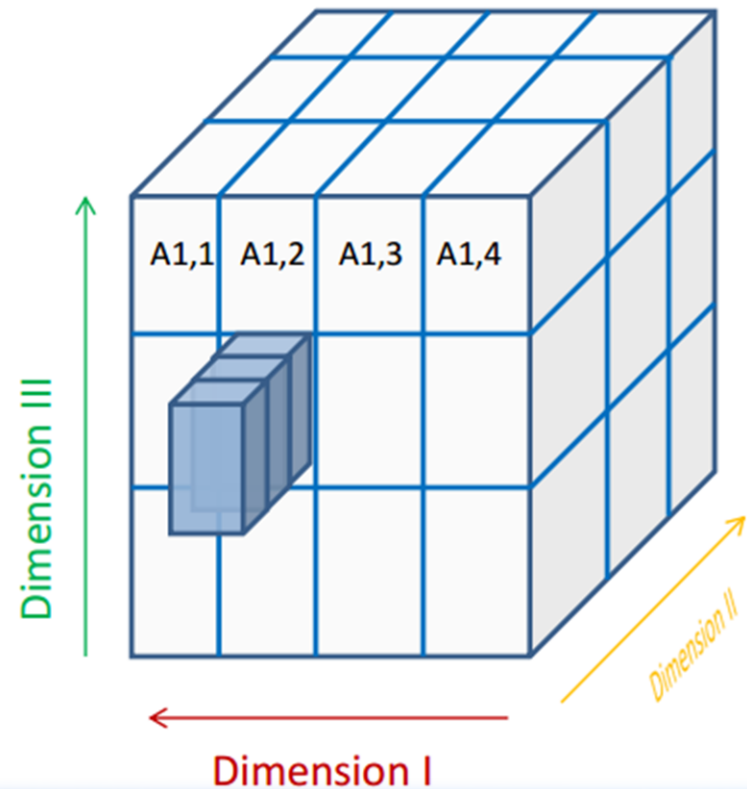
- ☐ **COMPLETE TASK CONSIDERATION;**
- ☐ **WIDE USED FOR CLASSIFICATION TASKS;**
- ☐ **FAMILIAR TO THE SECURITY & SOCIAL SCIENCES.**



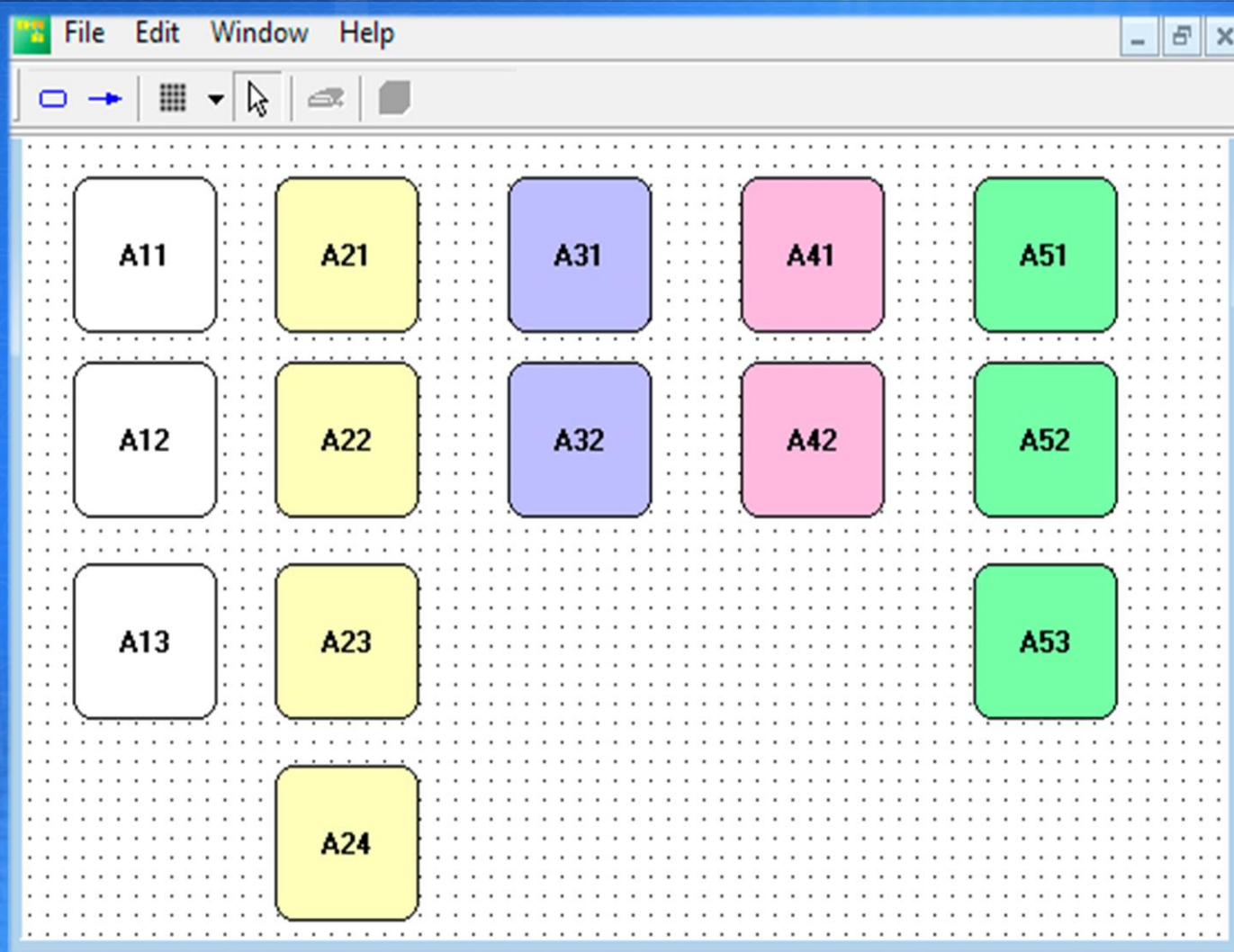
# THE KEY IDEA OF MORPHOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

Dimensions

Alternatives	Dimension I	Dimension II	Dimension III
	A1,1	A2,1	A3,1
	A1,2	A2,2	A3,2
	A1,3	A2,3	A3,3
	A1,4		



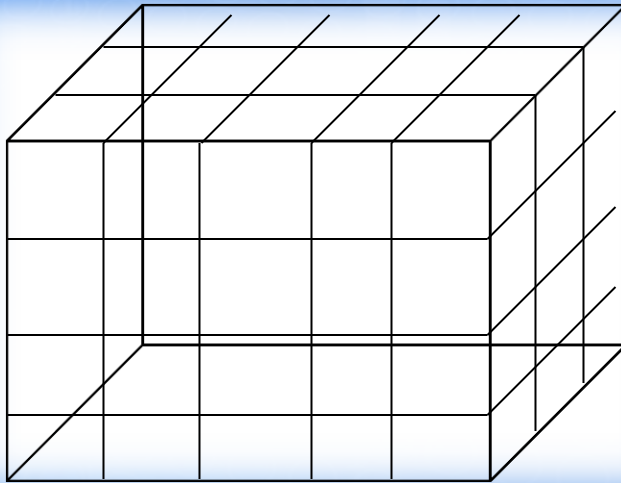
# Step 1 Dimensions & alternatives definition





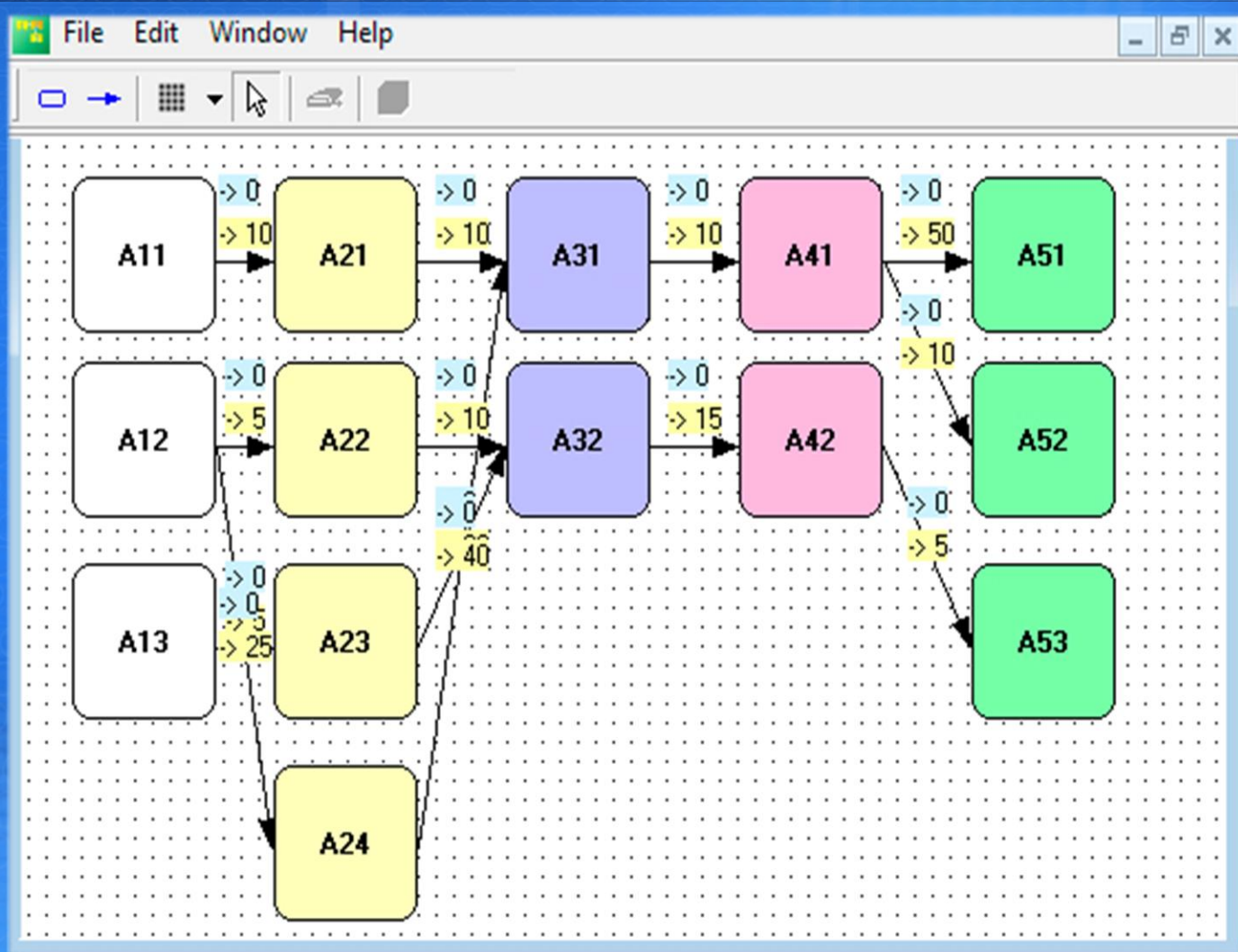
# General problem volume

**Possible combinations: 3 X 4 X 2 X 2 X 3 X 5 = 720**



***Driving factors are extremely necessary, otherwise you can not really optimize your resources!!!***

# Step 2 Alternatives binding





# Cross-consistency matrix

I	II	III	IV	V
A11	A21	A31	A41	A51
A12	A22	A32	A42	A52
A13	A23			A53
	A24			

# Step 3 Scenario building, ranging & naming

I	II	III	IV	V
A11	A21	A31	A41	A51
A12	A22	A32	A42	A52
A13	A23			A53
	A24			

Index	Length	Weight	Name
1	5	40	Scenario1
2	5	35	Scenario2
3	5	85	Scenario3
4	5	45	Scenario4
5	5	80	Scenario5
6	5	125	Scenario6

Active scenarios +



Passive scenarios -

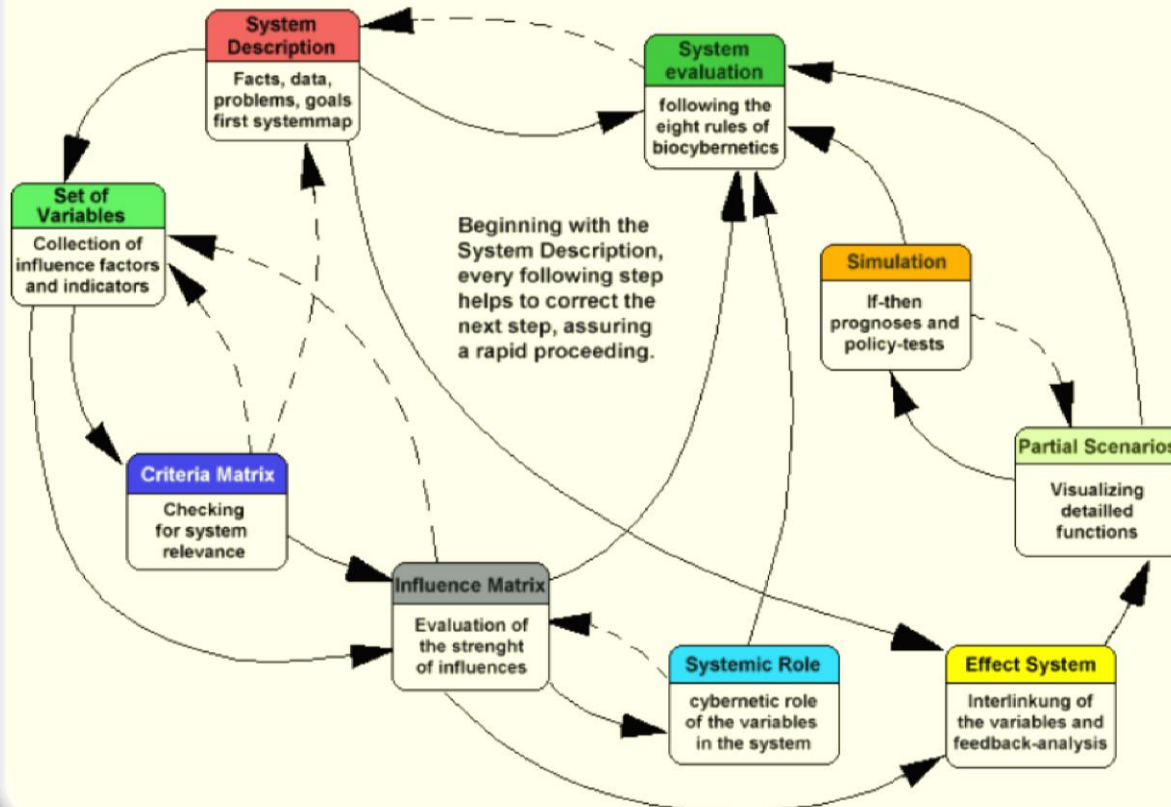


# SYSTEM ANALYSIS

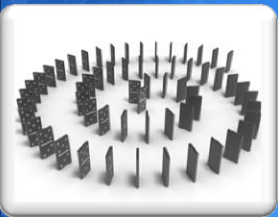
- ☐ INTUITIVE ENTITY-RELATIONSHIP NOTATION;
- ☐ DETAILS' CONSIDERATION;
- ☐ FAMILIAR TO THE MILITARY & SCIENTIFIC WORLD.

# IMPLEMENTED IDEAS

## The recursive structure of the Sensitivity Model



**IFS decision support**



**General System Theory**

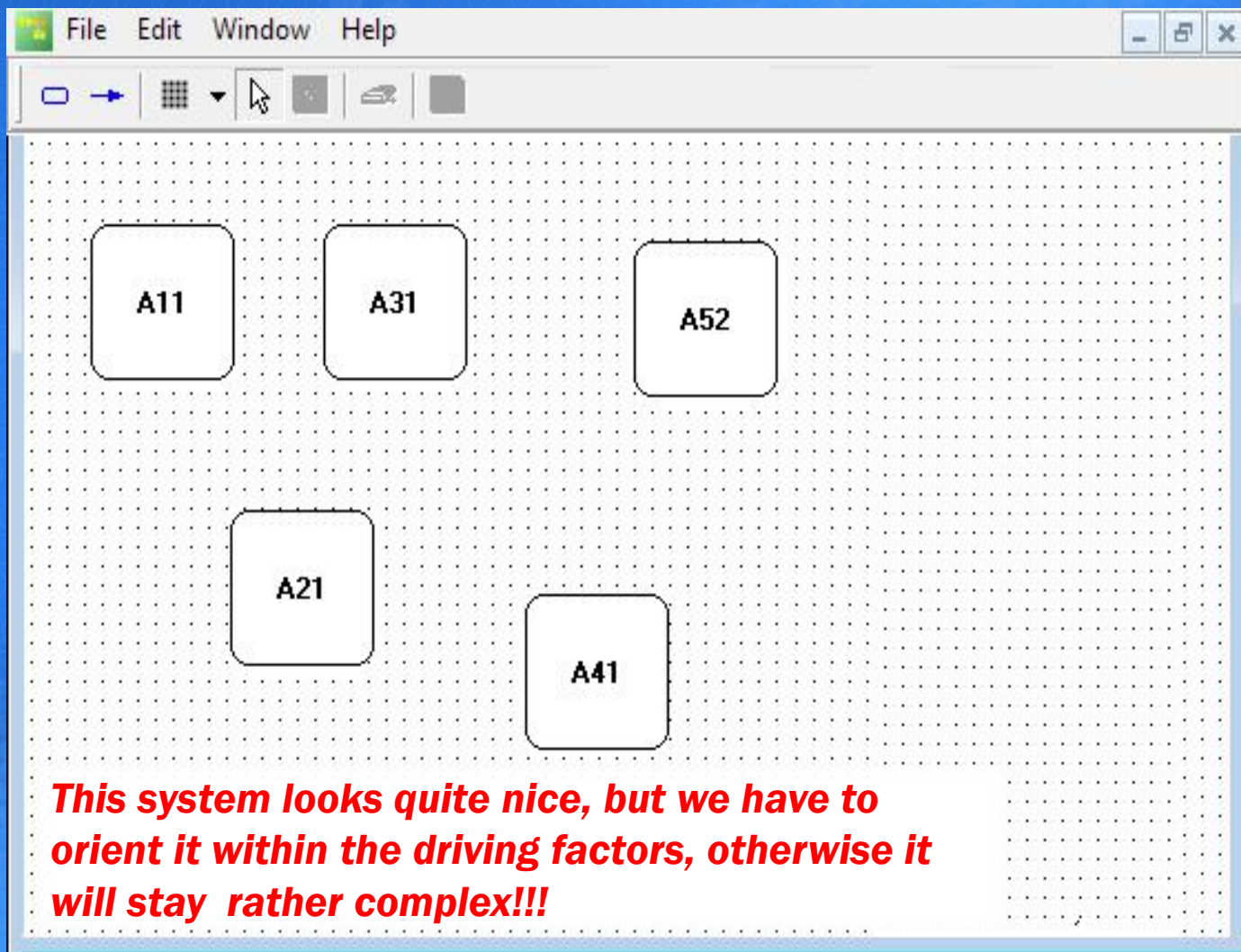
**Multiagent representation**





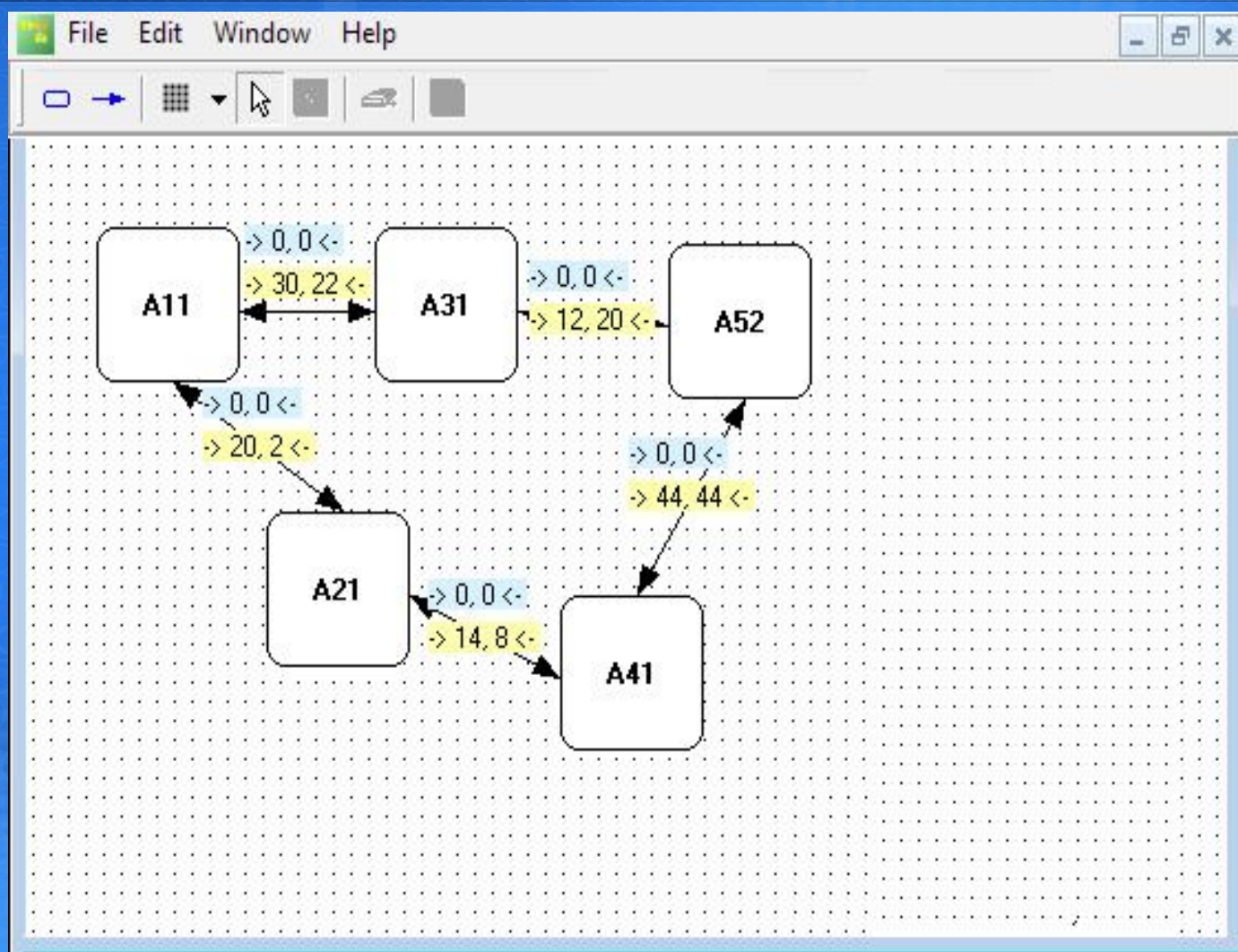
# Step 1

# Entities definition



# Step 2

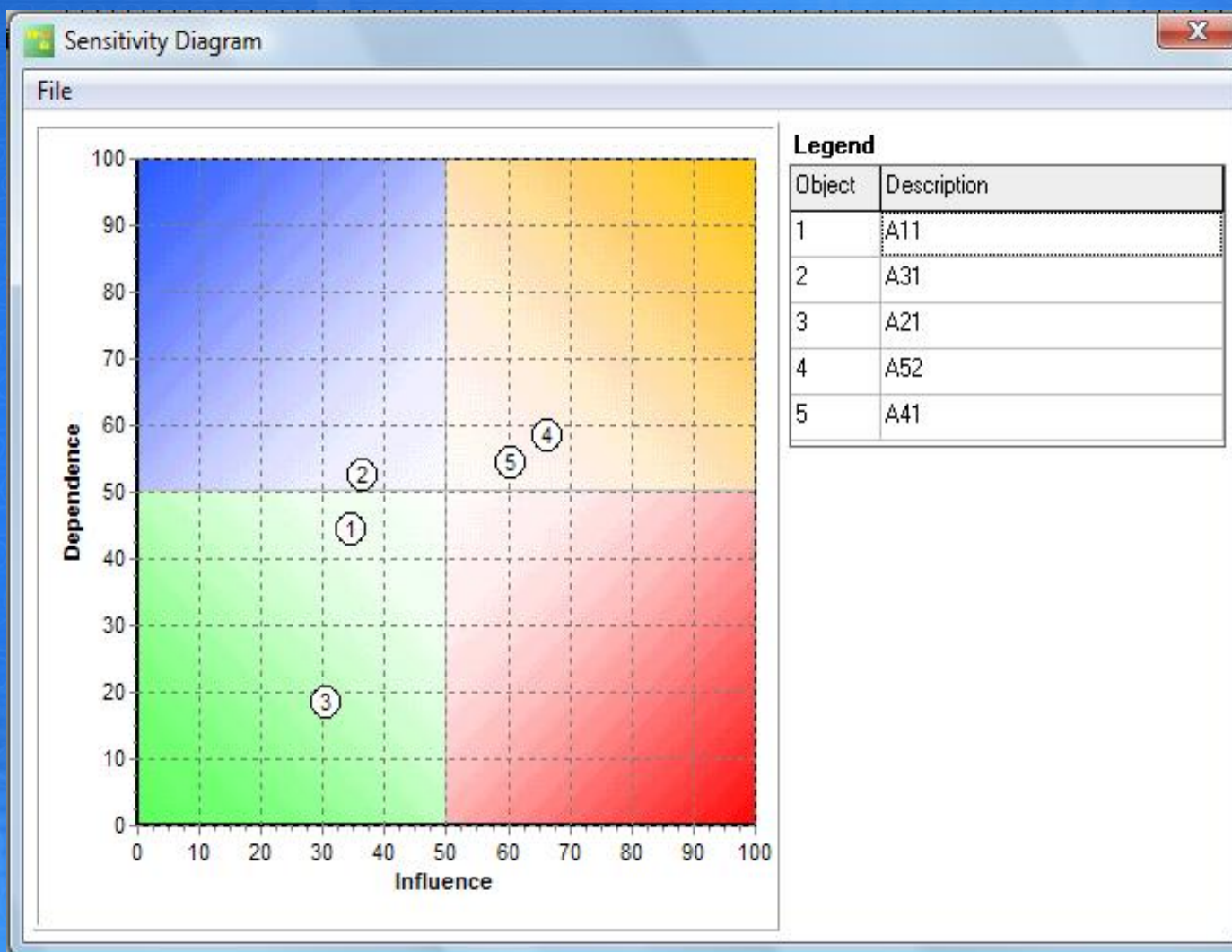
# Entities binding



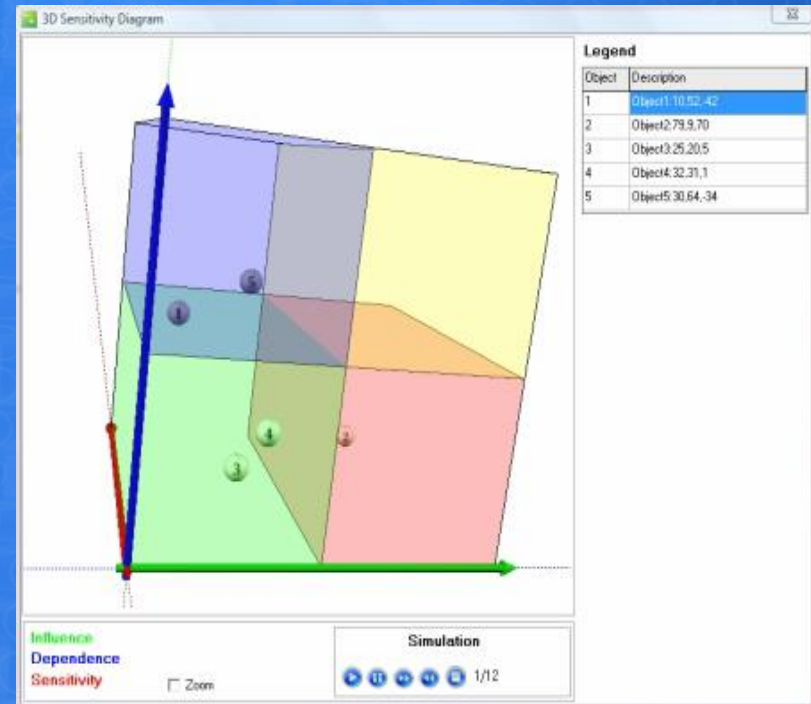
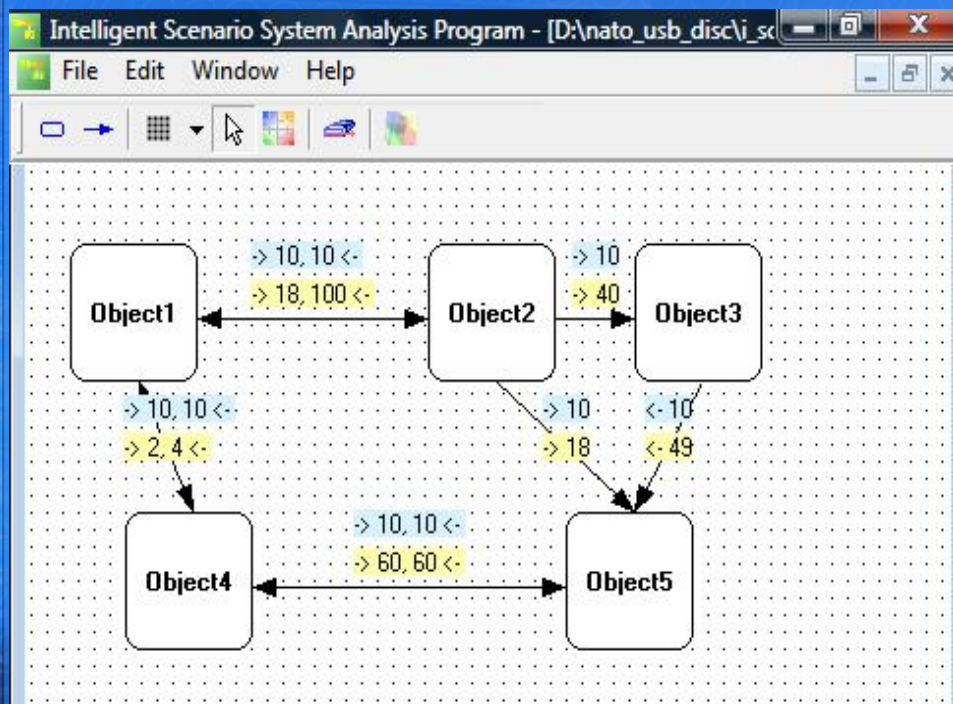


# Step 3

# Entities classification

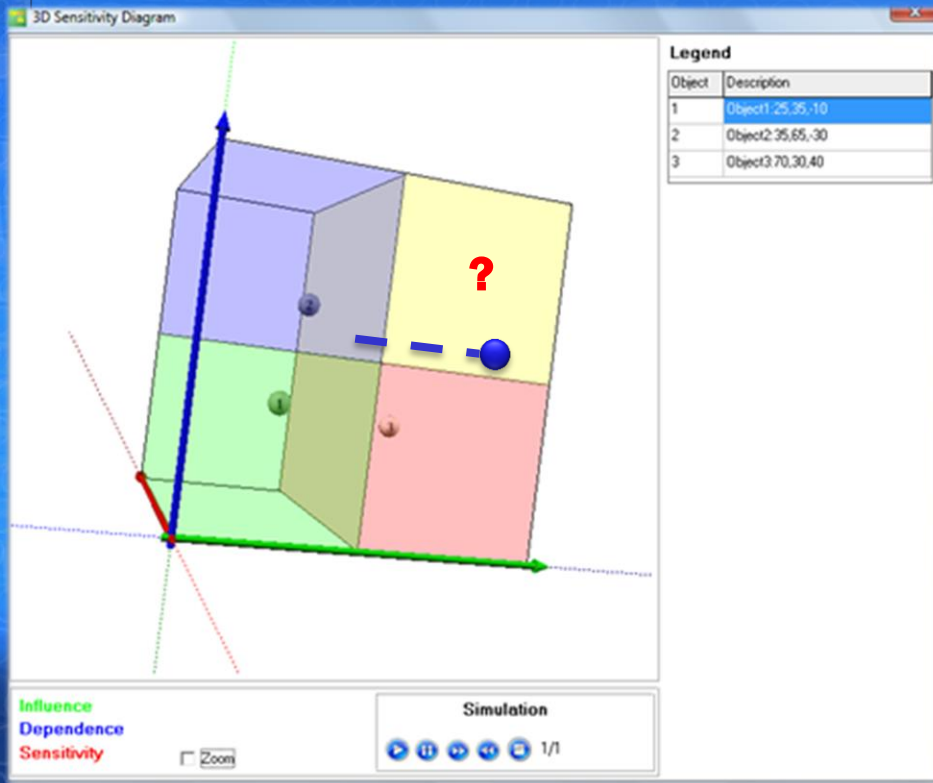


# SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS IN 4D

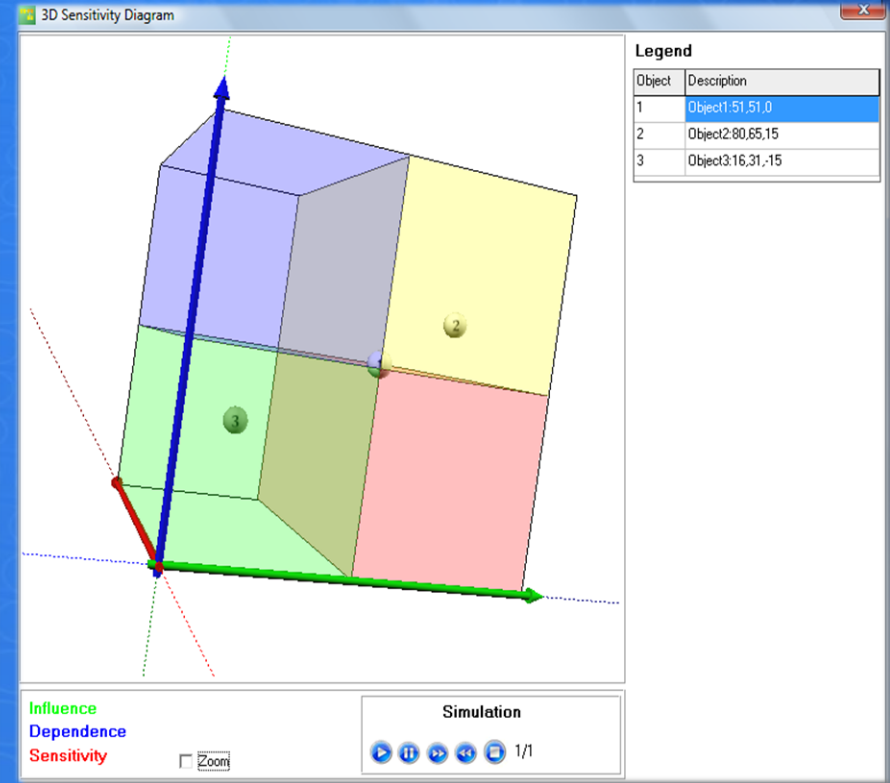




# BUT CAN WE CHANGE THE EXPERTS' BELIEVES WITH I-SCIP SD?

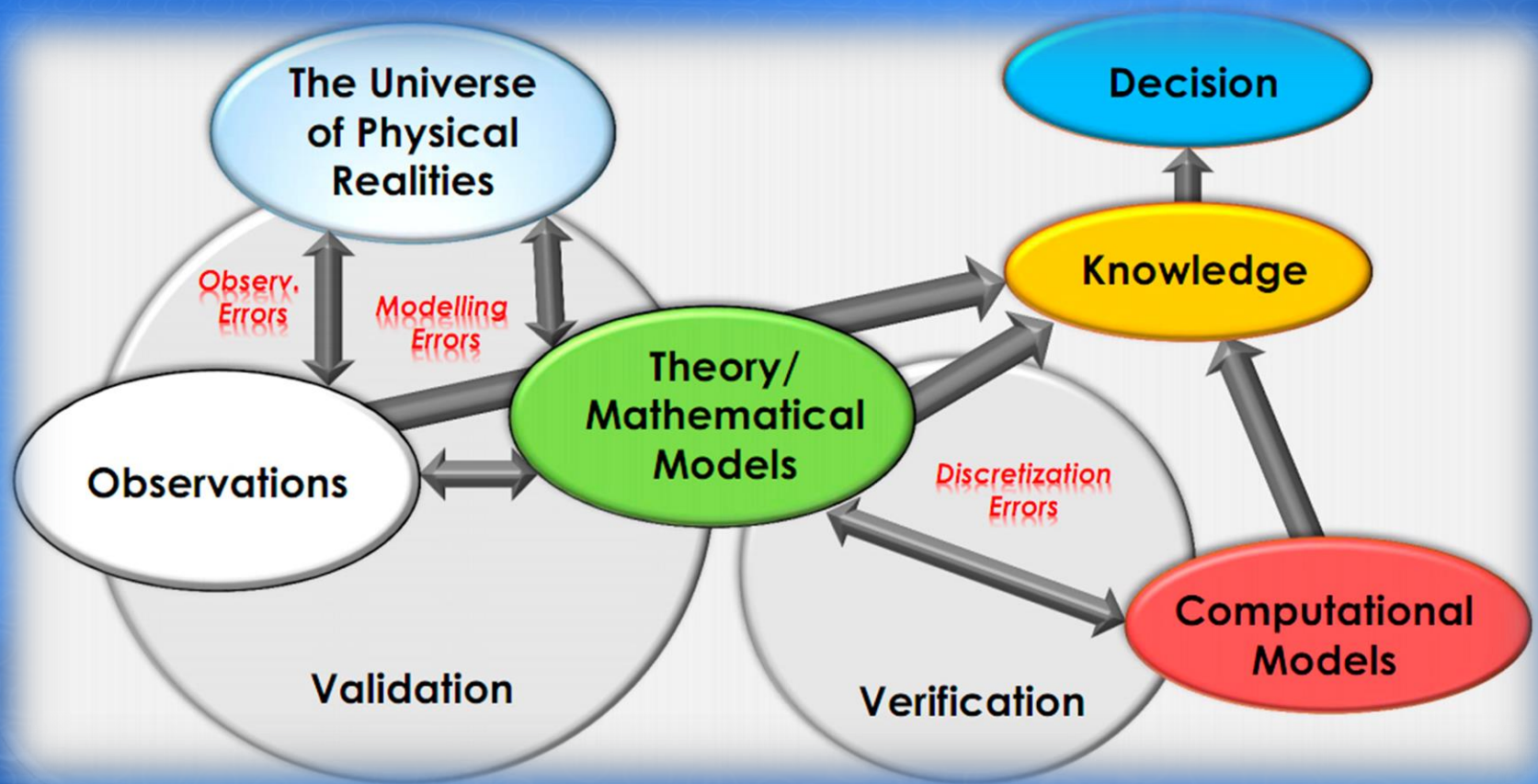


Initial Configuration



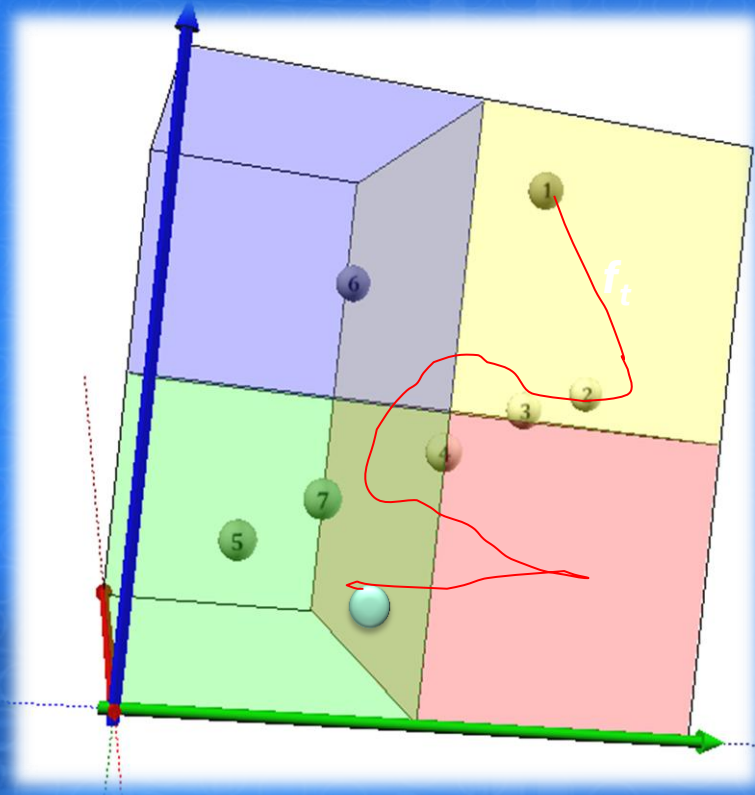
New Configuration  
after Q optimization

# AND HOW CERTAIN WE ARE?





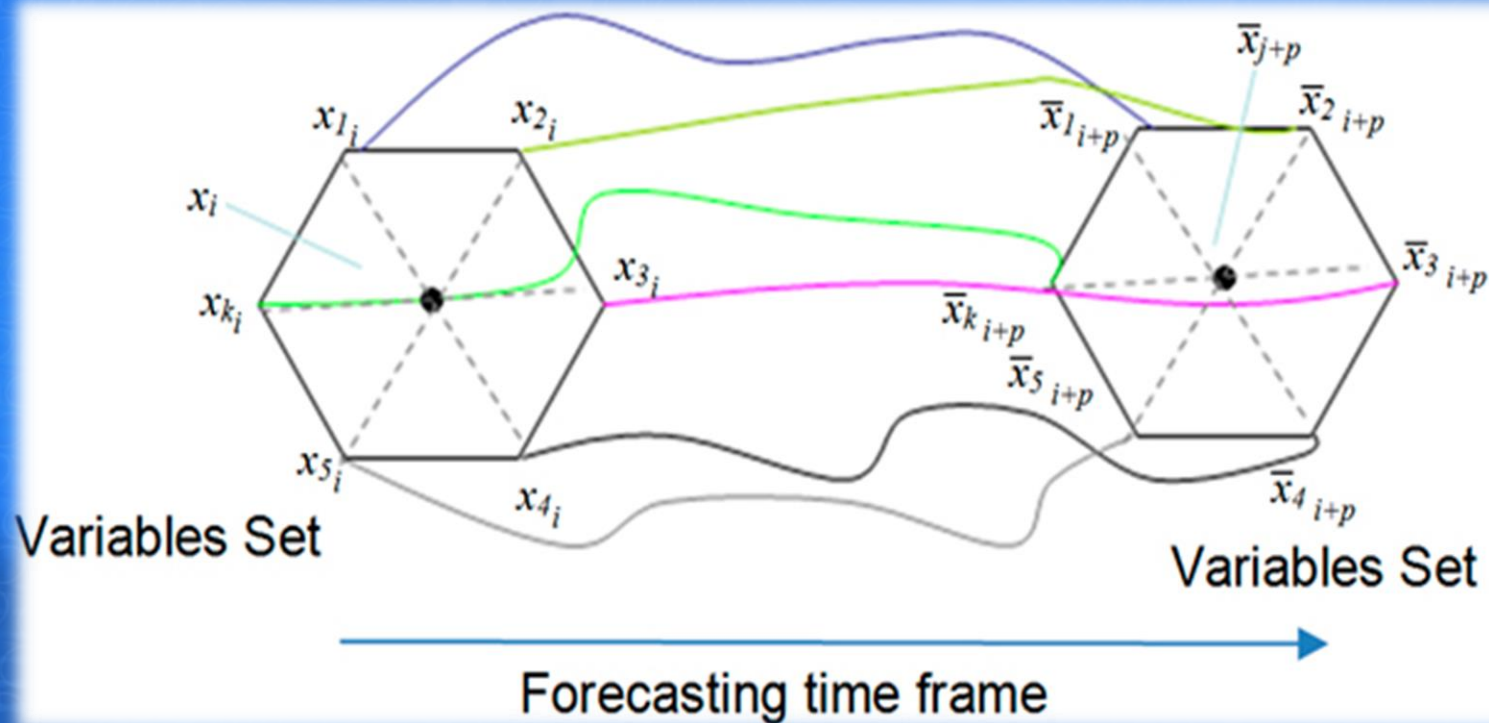
# THE TRANSITION FUNCTION IMPORTANCE & UNCERTAINTY



Example:  $f_t \sim$  Lorenz system

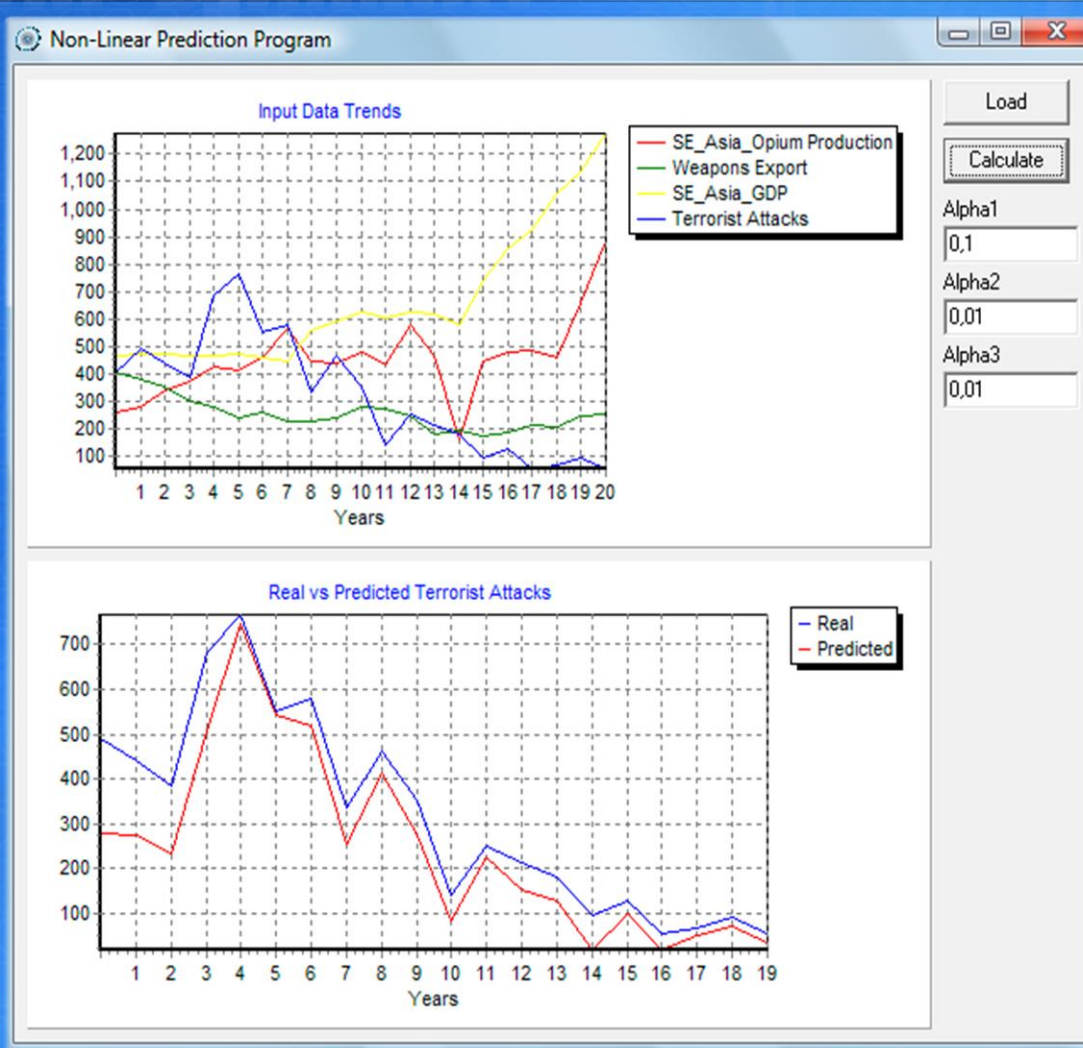


# MATHEMATICAL SCENARIO VALIDATION & UNCERTAINTY DYNAMICS MONITORING



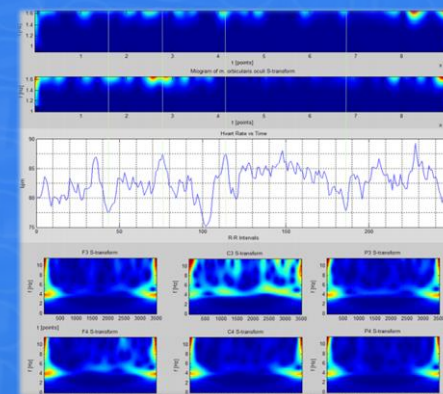
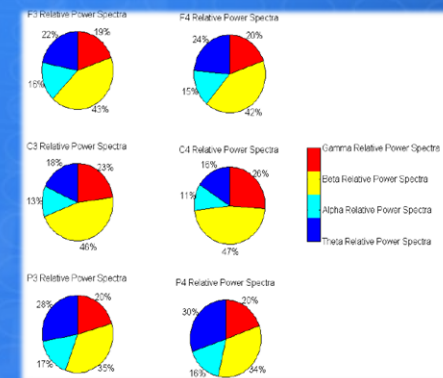
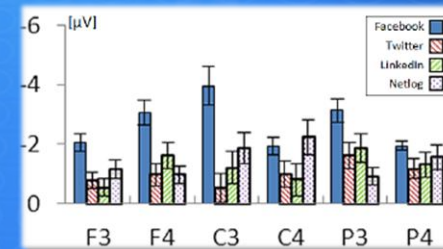


# SOFTWARE SUPPORT





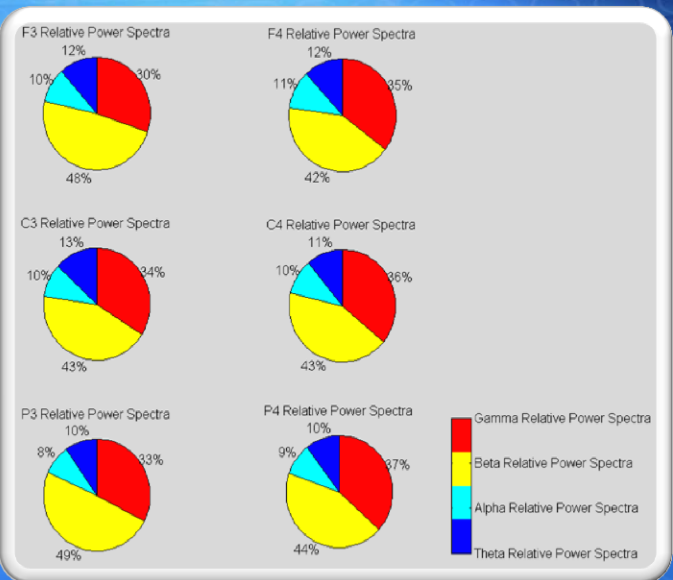
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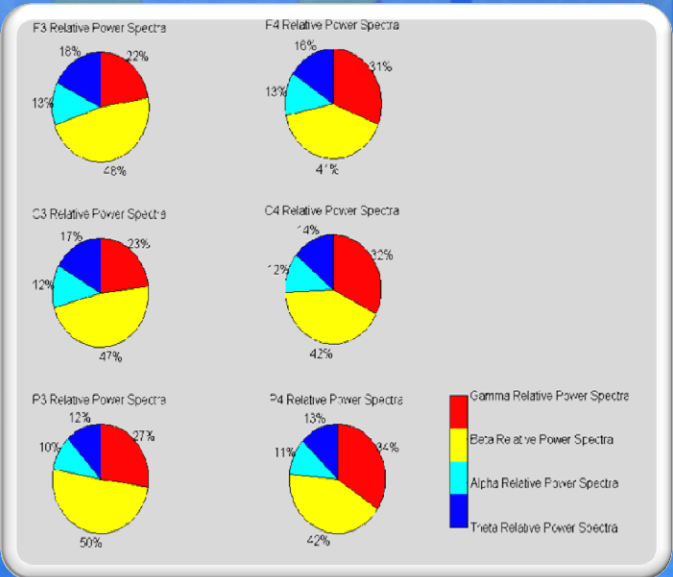




2D



3D



# SOME IMPLEMENTATION EXAMPLES



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**Maximum scenario combinations: 7 X 3 X 2 X 2 X 2 X 2 X 2 X 3 = 2016**





# Resulting Scenarios

## Morphological analysis

Users	Social networks	Hardware technologies	Comms	Software platforms	Web standards	Activities
Students	Popular	Mobile & smart devices	Wireless	Mobile OS	Web 2.0	Social Engineering
Employee	Semi-popular	PC & server stations	Cable	Desktop OS	Web 3.0	Entertainment
Other						Regular surfing

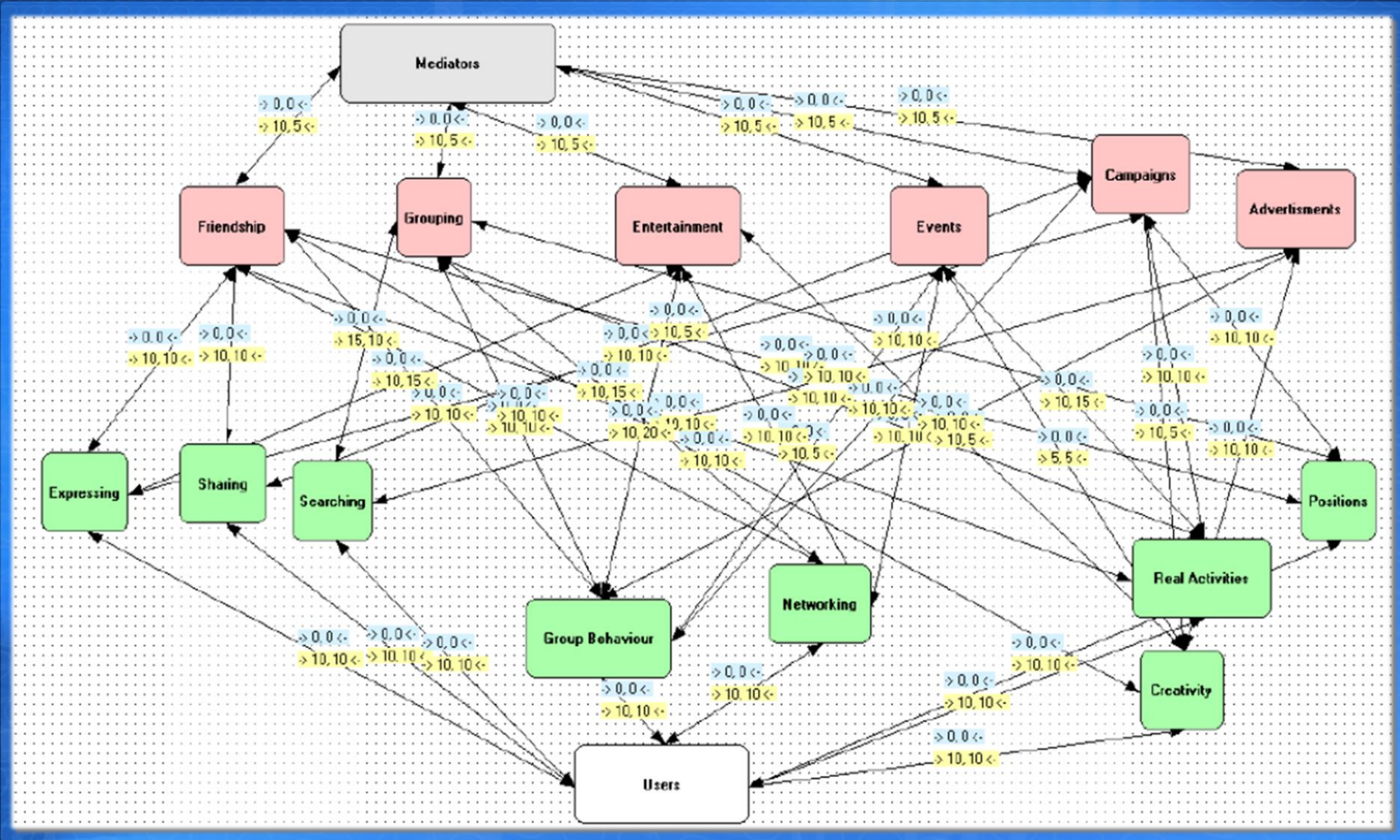
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59	7	420	Scen.59
60	7	410	Scen.60

Active scenarios



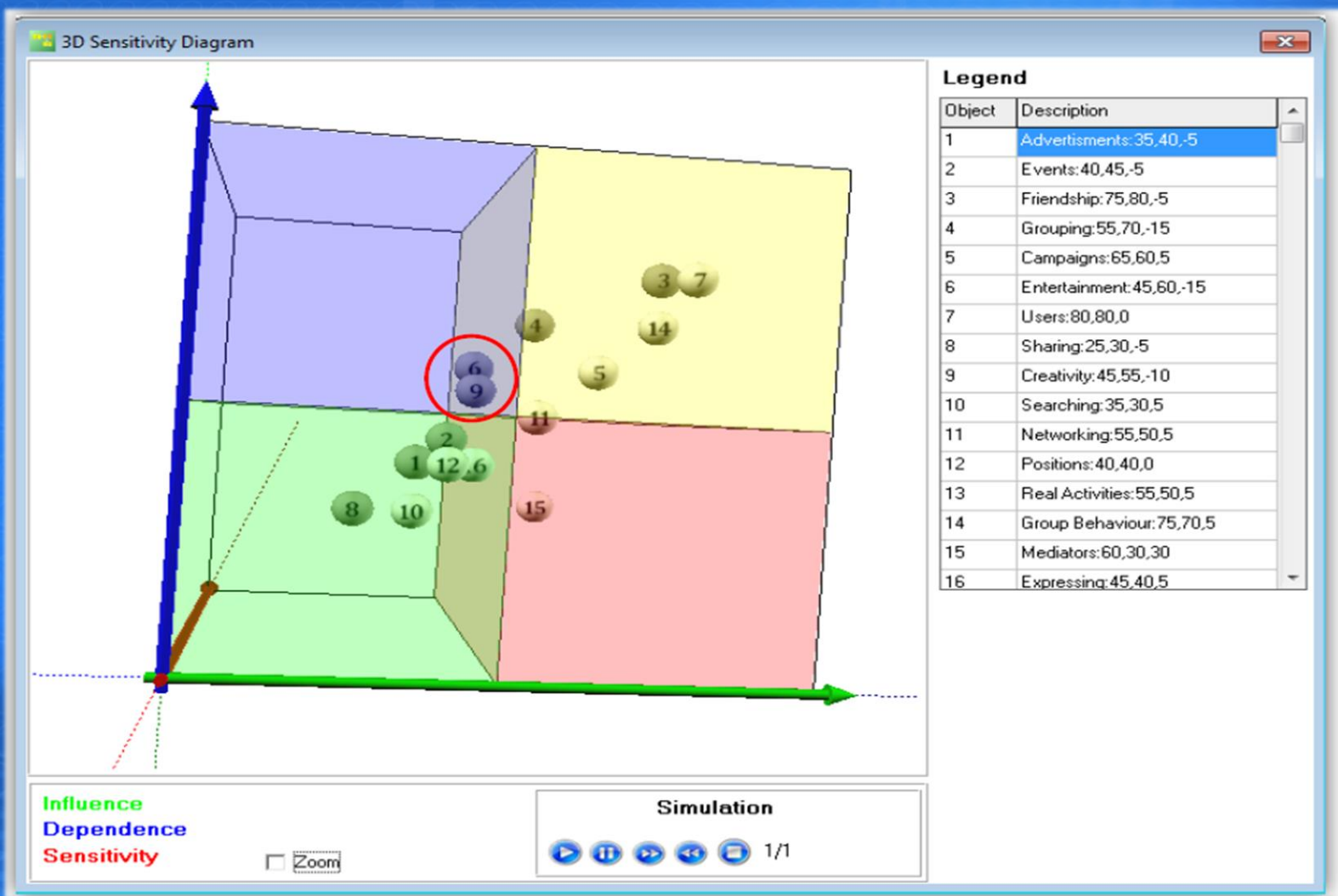
Passive scenarios

# Social Engineering SA





# Sensitivity Diagram



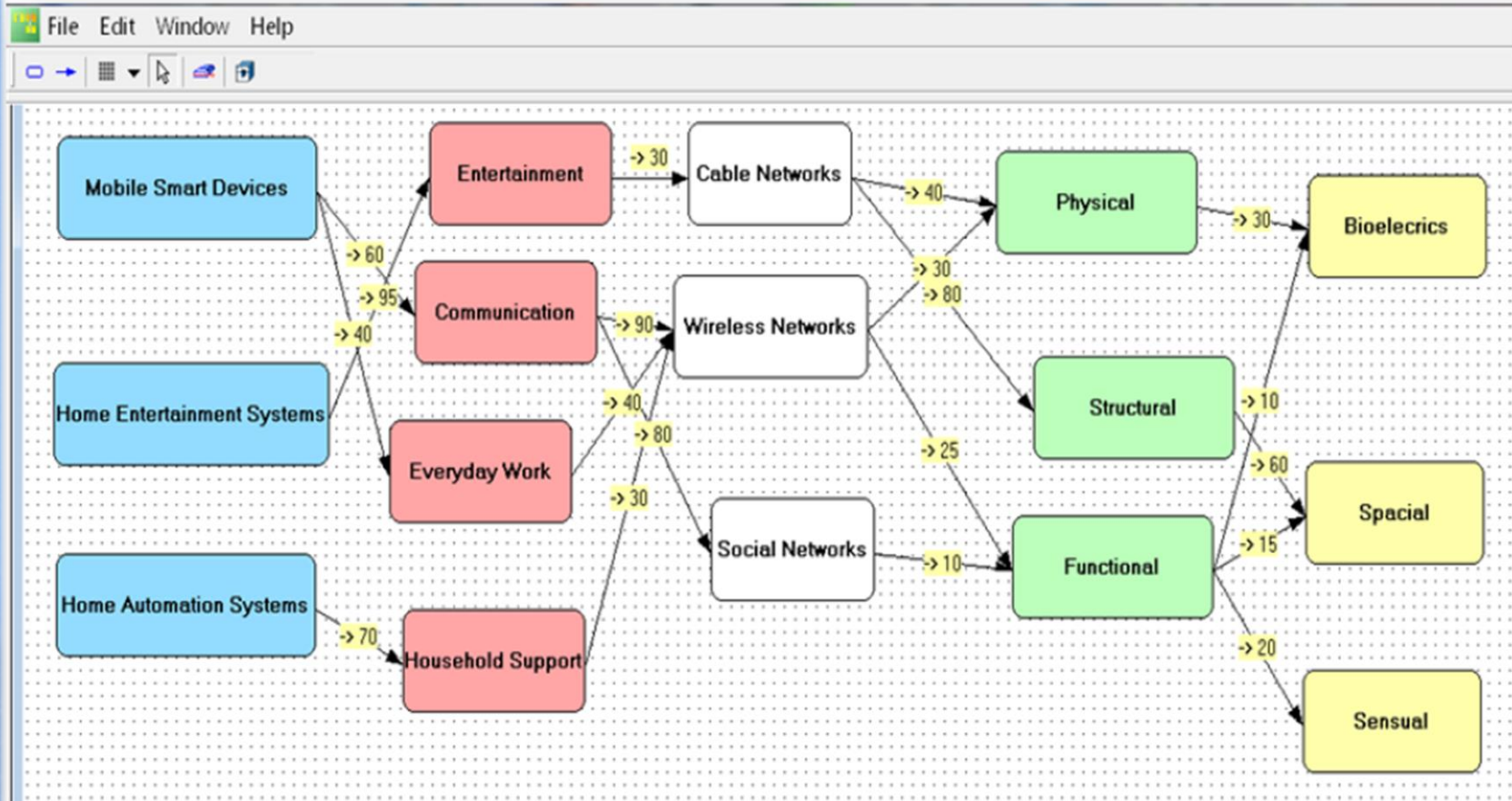
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# Smarthomes context MA

**MAXIMUM SCENARIO COMBINATIONS:  $5 \times 3 \times 4 \times 3 \times 3 = 1620$**



# Resulting Scenarios

## Selected Scenarios Set

### Morphological Analysis

Devices	Activities	Communication Medium	Environment Characteristics	Human Factor Characteristics
Mobile Smart Devices	Entertainment	Cable Networks	Physical	Bioelectrics
Home Entertainment Systems	Communication	Wireless Networks	Structural	Special
Home Automation Systems	Everyday Work	Social Networks	Functional	Sensual
	Household Support			

Index	Length	Weight	Name
1	5	170	Scenario1
2	5	125	Scenario2
3	5	265	Scenario3
4	5	145	Scenario3
5	5	195	Scenario4
6	5	195	Scenario5
7	5	140	Scenario6
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9	5	210	Scenario8
10	5	165	Scenario9
11	5	120	Scenario10
12	5	140	Scenario11

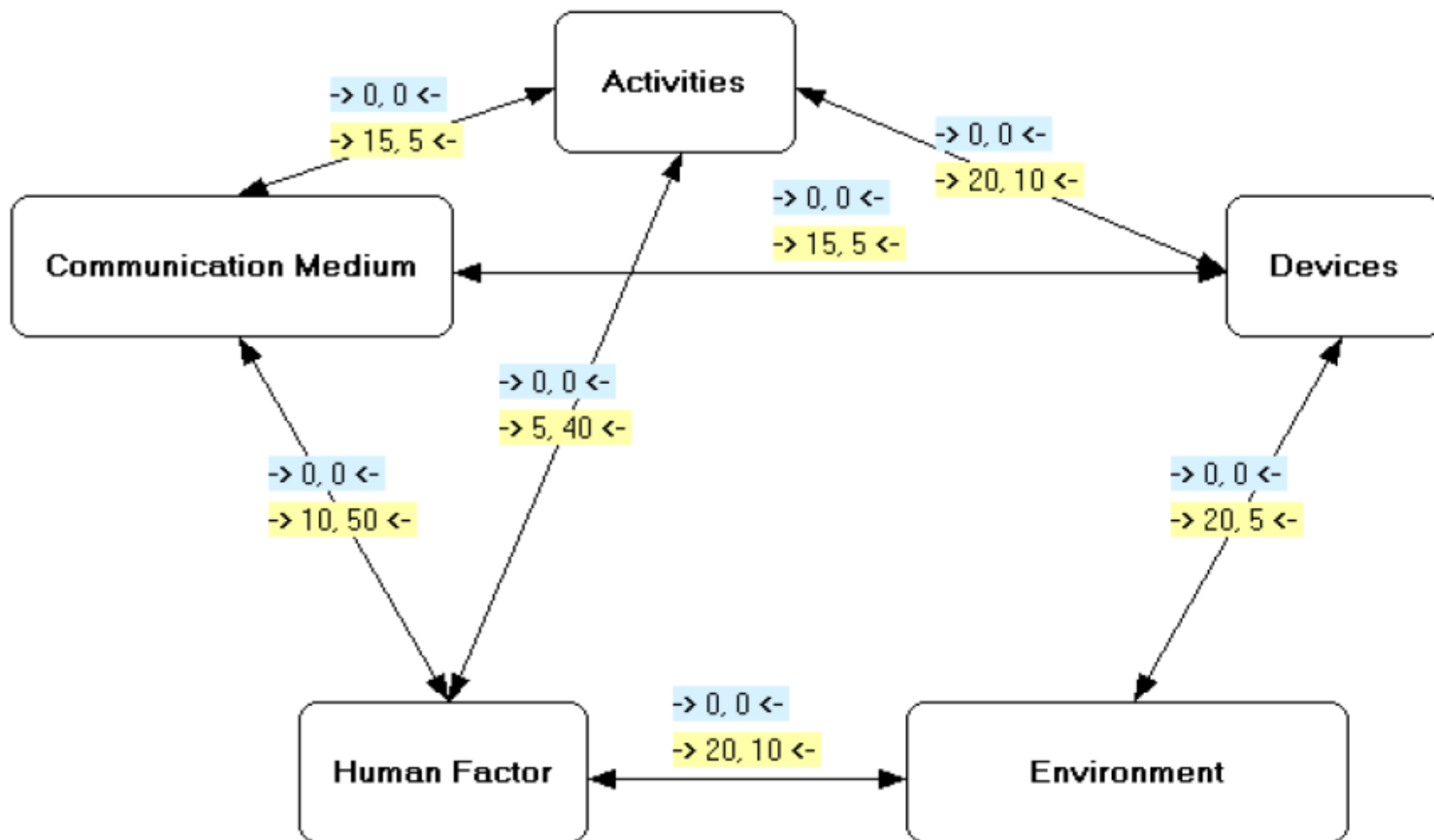
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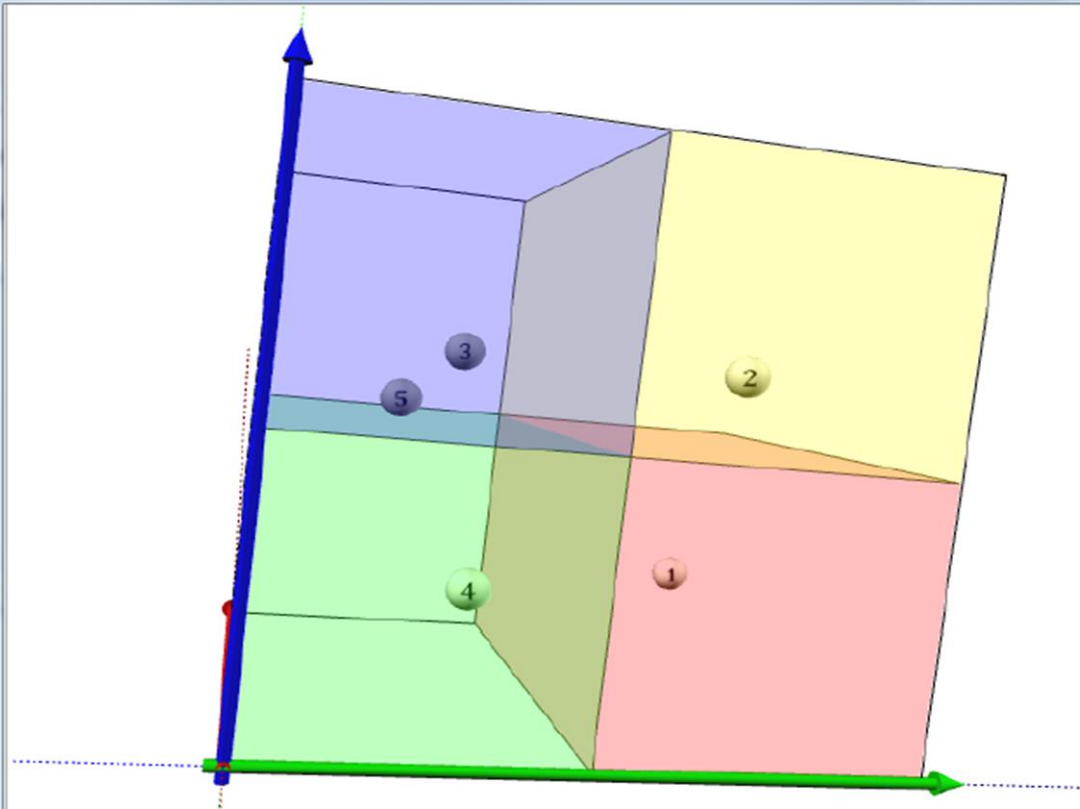


# General SA



# Sensitivity Diagram

3D Sensitivity Diagram



Object	Description
1	Communication Medium:80,20,60
2	Human Factor:70,65,5
3	Activities:30,65,-35
4	Environment:30,25,5
5	Devices:20,55,-35

Influence  
Dependence  
Sensitivity

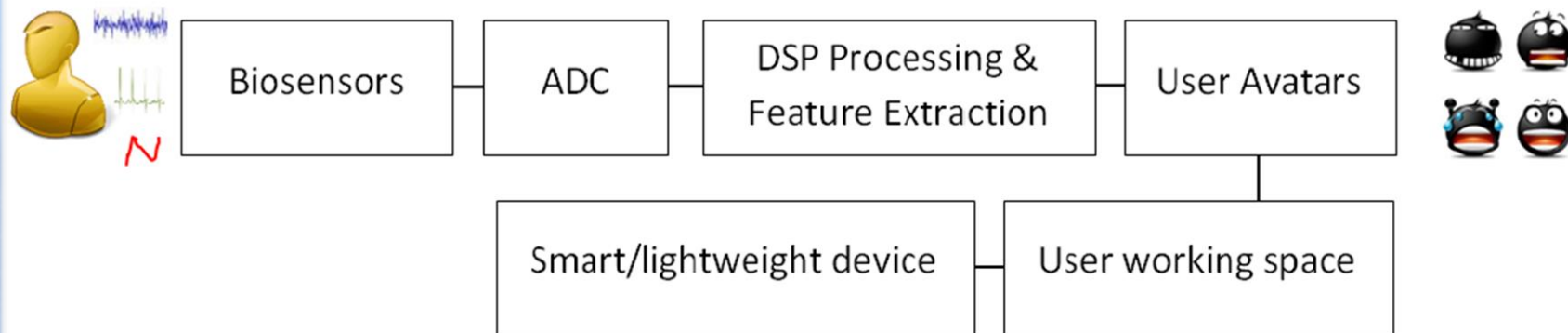
☐ Zoom

Simulation

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# Biofeedback & Profiling





# OTHER EXAMPLES

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Foresight Security Scenarios –  
Mapping Research to a Comprehensive Approach to Exogenous EU Roles

## Final project summary report

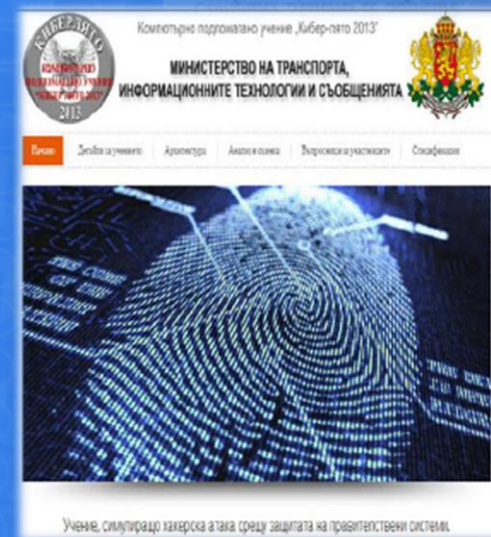
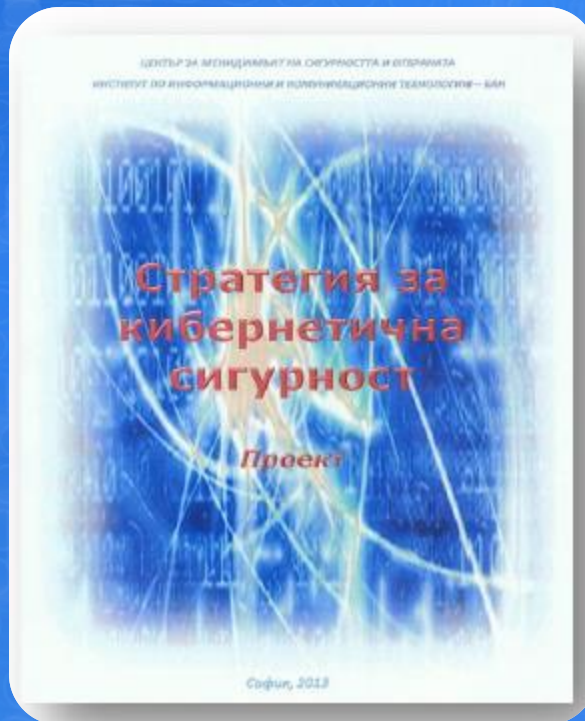
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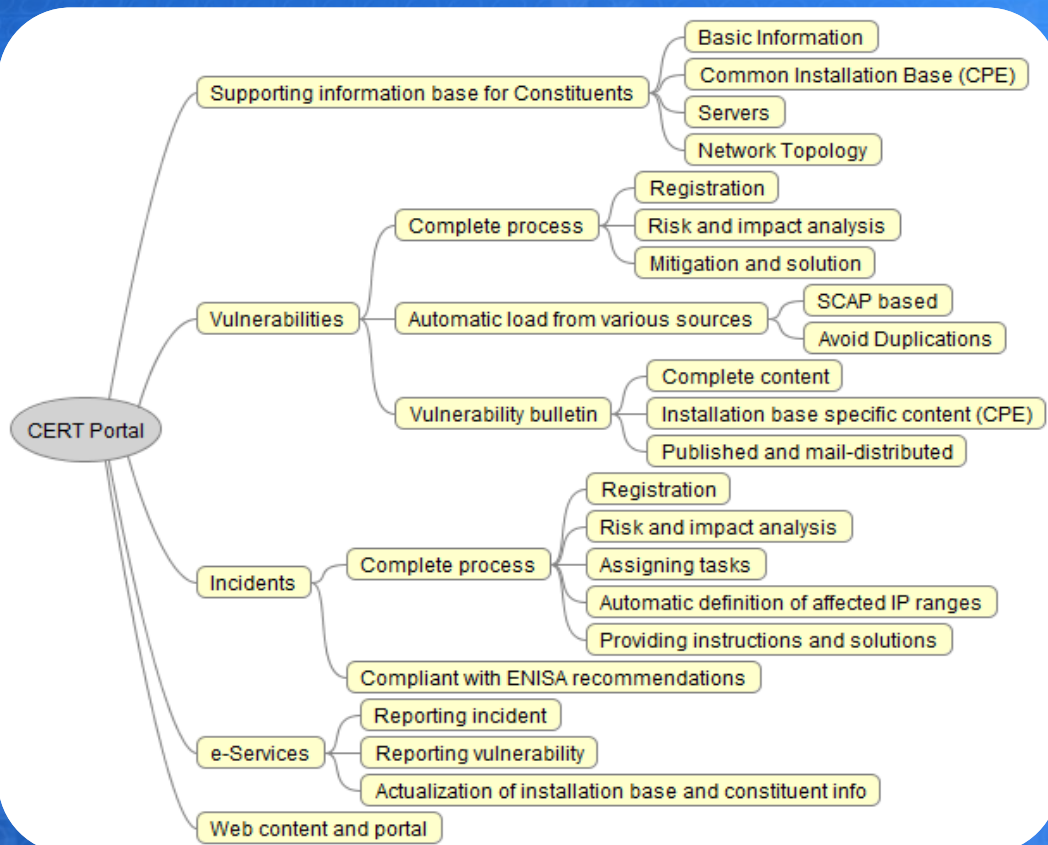
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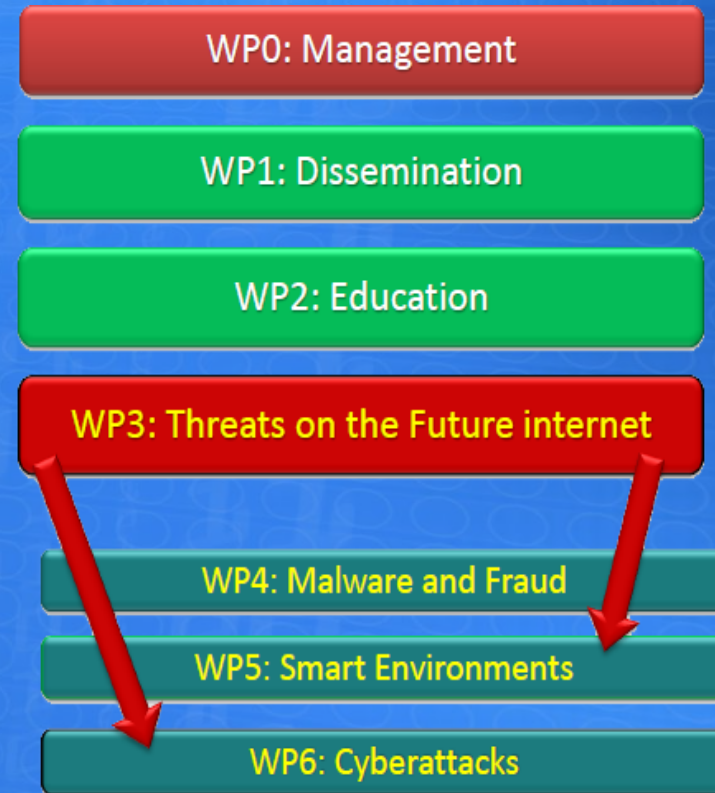


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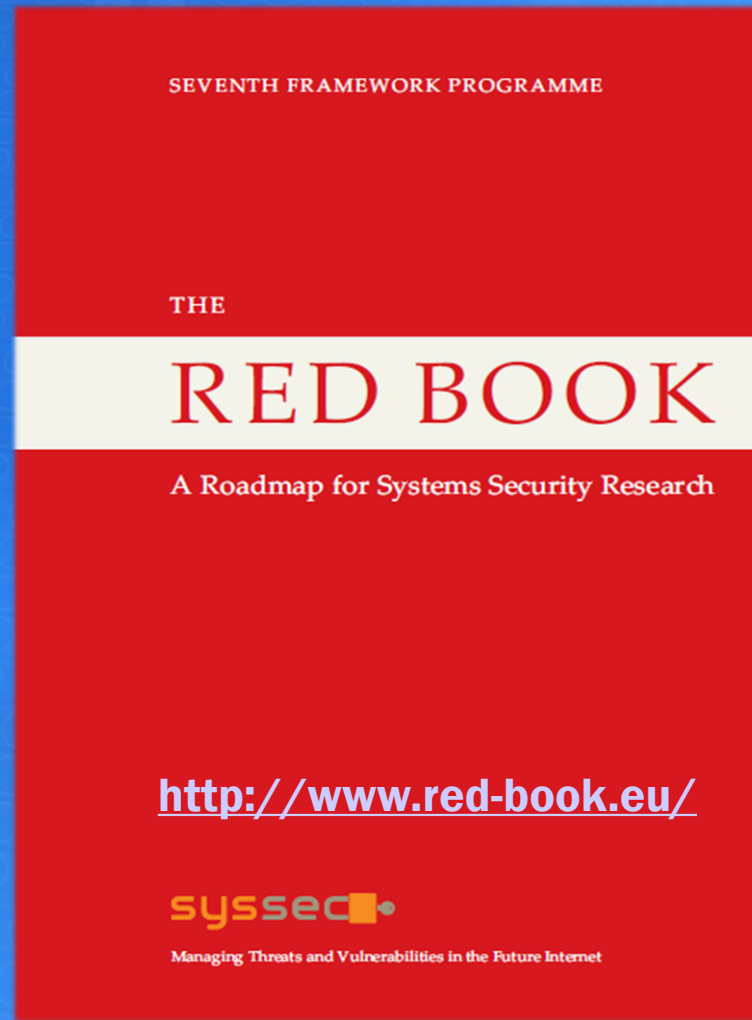


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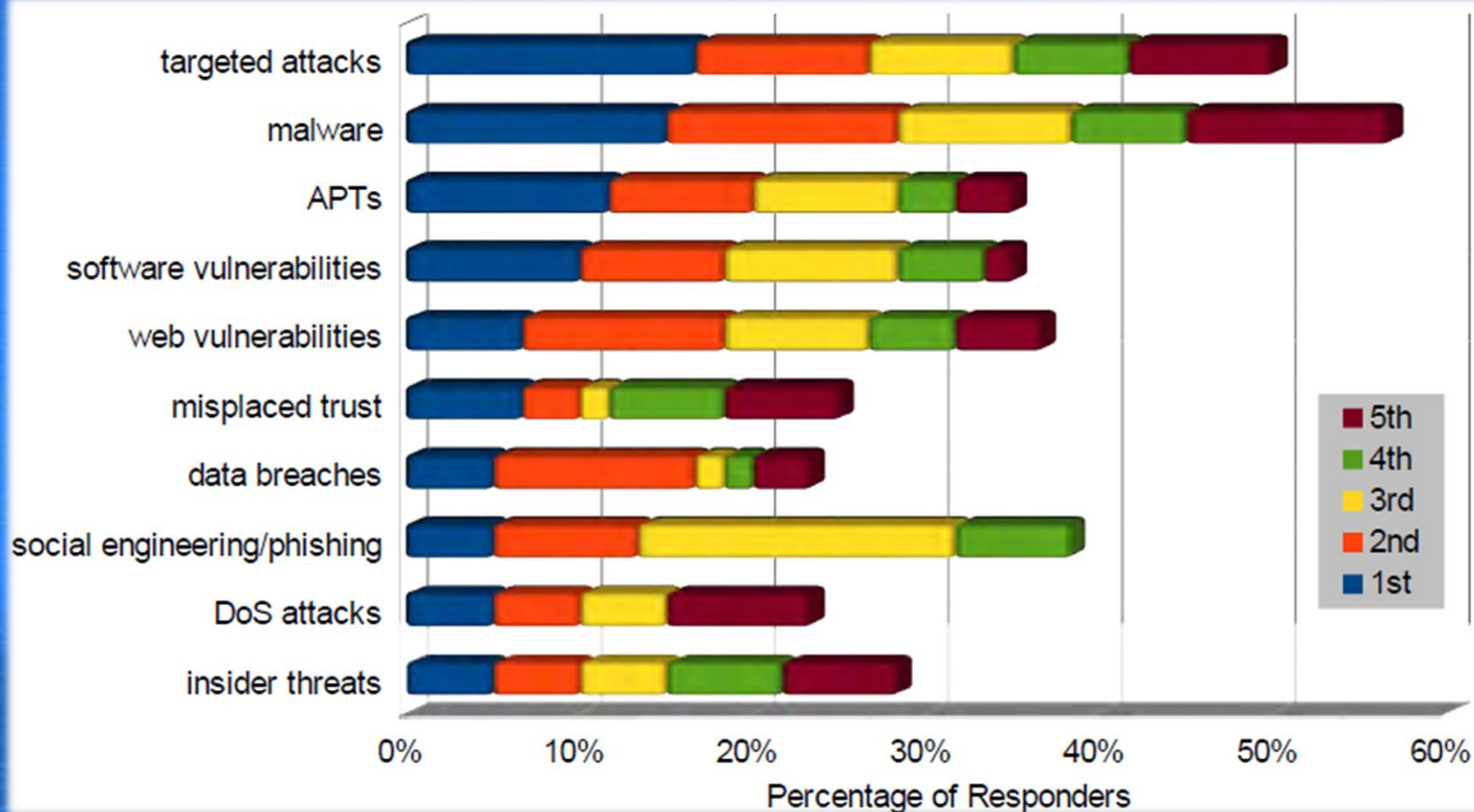
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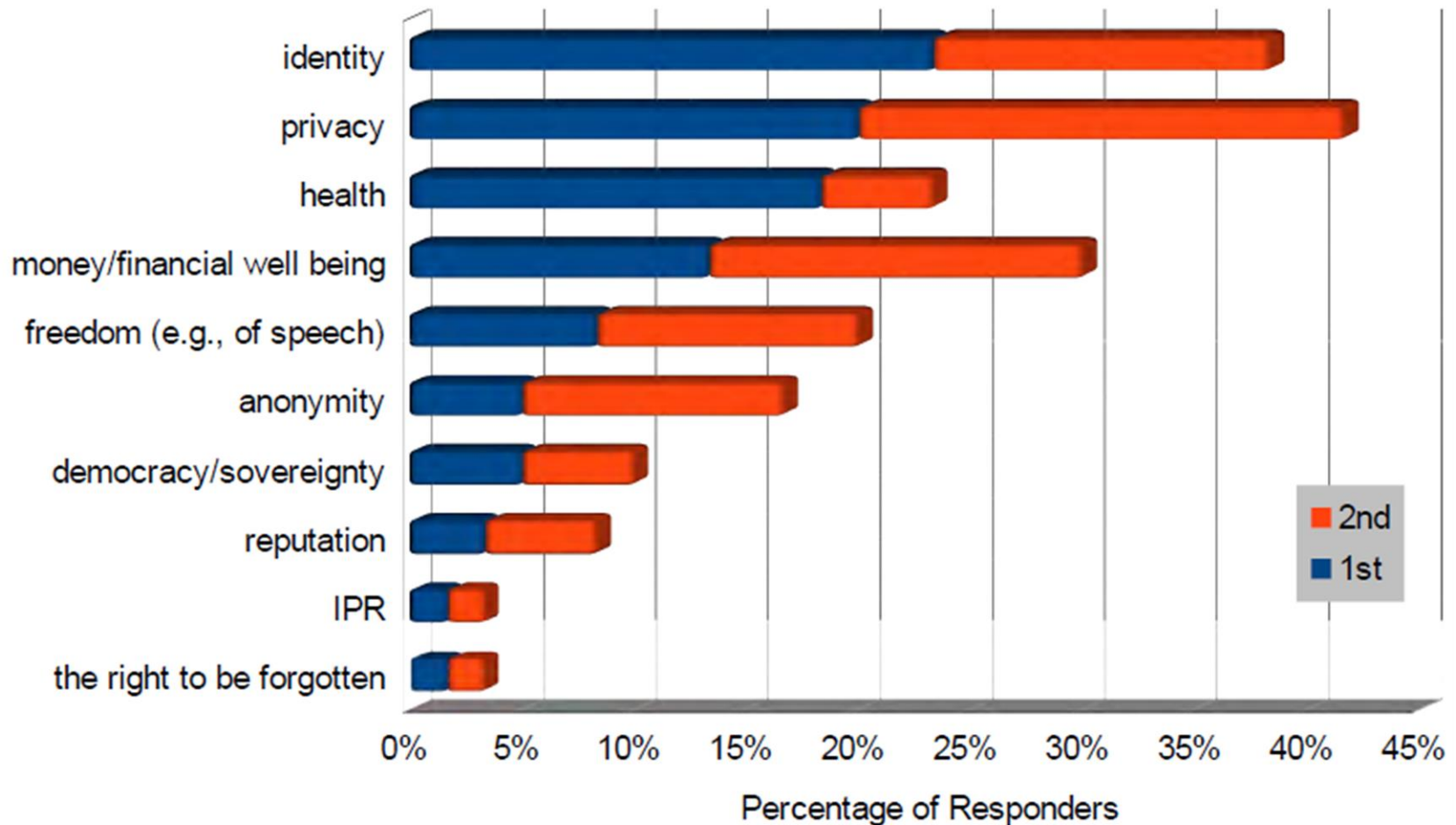


# Mapping the threats we fear

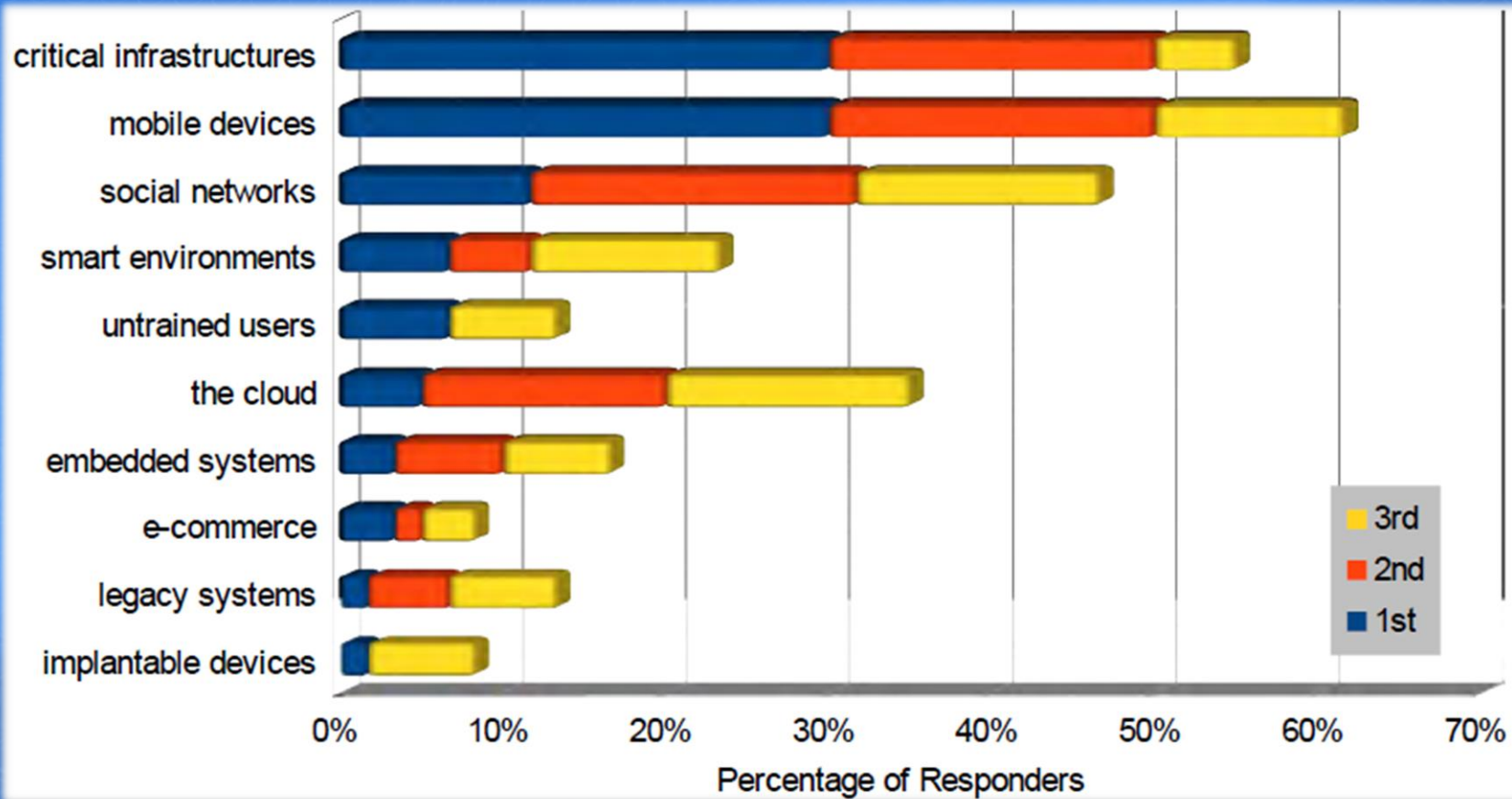




# Listing the assets we value



# Domains of the game





# In Summary

## THREATS

- Malware
- Targeted Attacks
- Social Engineering - Phishing

## DOMAINS

- Mobile Devices
- Social Networks
- Critical Infrastructures

## CHALLENGES

- No Device Should Be Compromisable
- Give Users Control Over Their Data
- Provide Private Moments in Public Places
- Develop Compromise-Tolerant Systems

# Experimental Cyberthreats Brainstorming



# WHAT-IF SCENARIOS:

***ROBOTS ENTER OUR EVERYDAY LIFE***



***HUMANS CAN ENTER THE VIRTUAL REALITY AND  
FEEL COMPLETELY THERE***



***HUMAN-MACHINE INTERACTION IS ALREADY  
AVAILABLE ON MENTAL LEVEL***



# THREATS & RISK BRAINSTORMING:

**THREATS WE FEAR:**

.....

**DOMAINS:**

.....

**CHALLENGES:**

.....



# DISCUSSION

**OBVIOUSLY, THE IDENTIFICATION OF CYBER RISK AND THREATS IS NOT QUITE A TRIVIAL TASK. THE PRESENTED METHODOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK CLAIMS COMPREHENSIVENESS BY MEANS OF BOTH THE TECHNOLOGICAL AND HUMAN FACTOR INVOLVEMENT. THE ANALYSIS HOWEVER IS CONTEXT DEPENDENT BUT AT LEAST MANAGEABLE THROUGH VALIDATION!**

**SO, THERE IS NO A UNIVERSAL SOLUTION BUT ONLY A FEASIBLE ONE, BECAUSE FUTURE FORECASTING HAS ALWAYS BEEN AND STILL STAYS A CHALLENGE 😊**



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