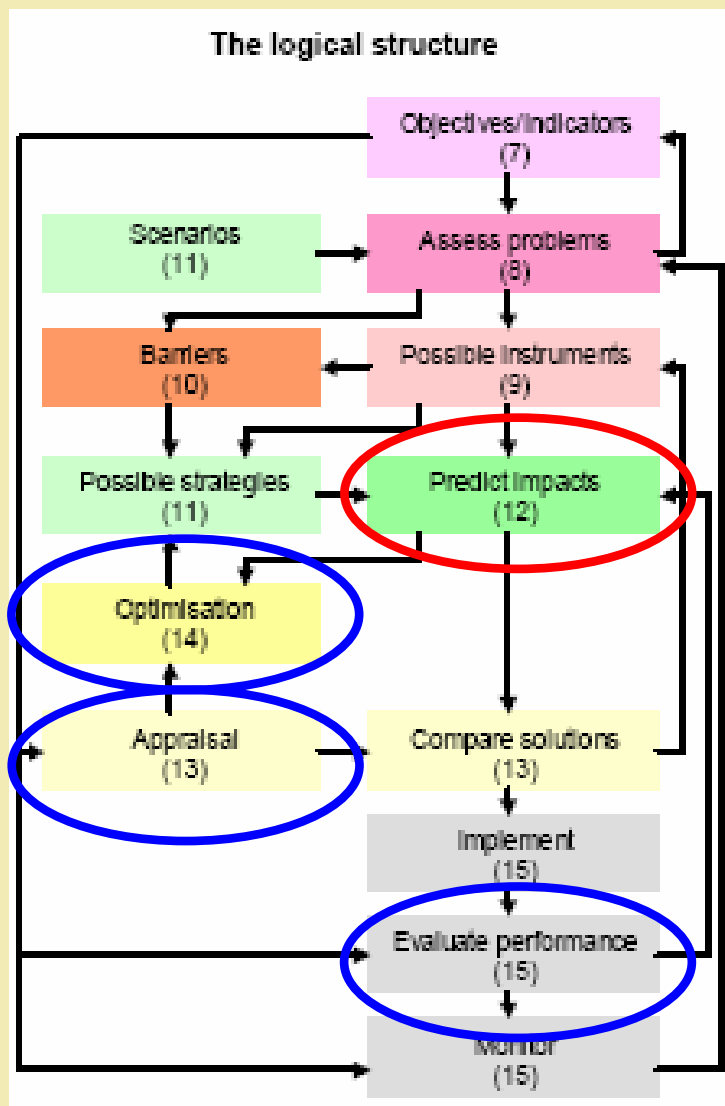


Predicting Impact, Appraisal and Evaluation

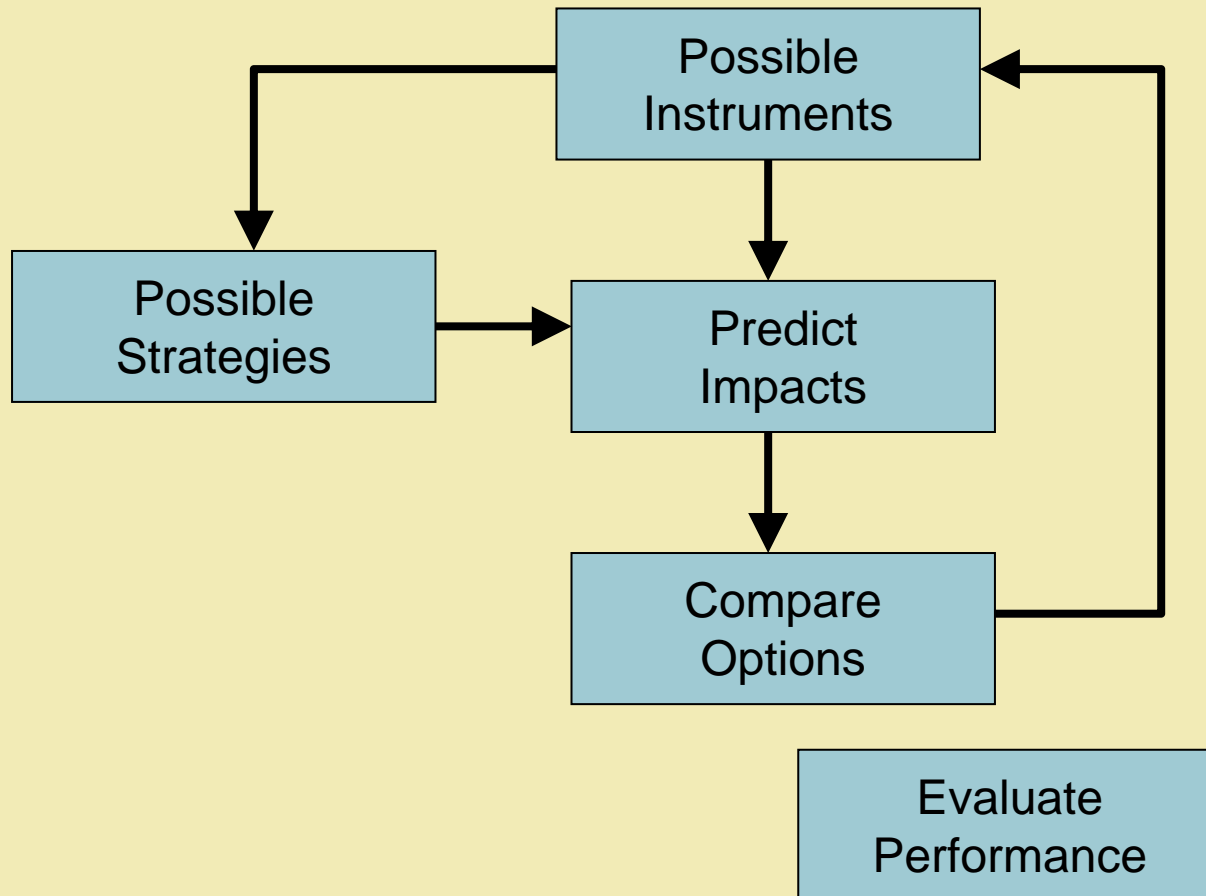
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Interaction process



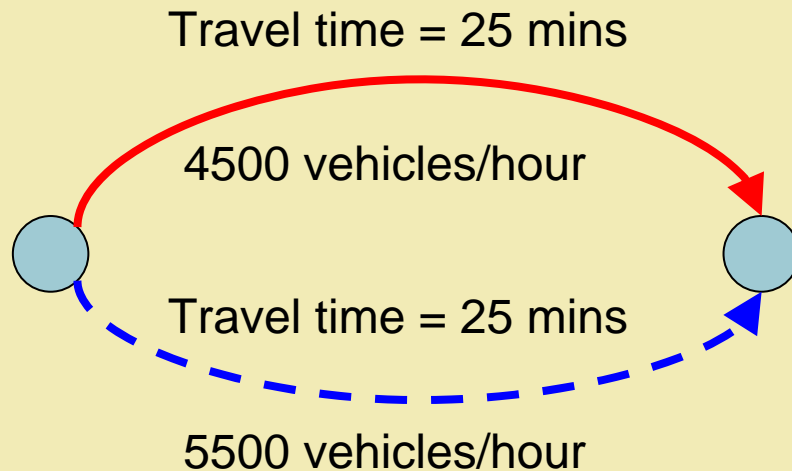
Why do we need to predict impacts?

- Complex results of the policy upon the system and behaviour (complex casual loop and interaction between demand & supply)
- Influence of the policy on short, medium, and long term
- Relation to the set objectives, target, indicators
- Seek for synergy or integrated strategies

Example

- Consider that you have to look at the impact of building a new road between A to B

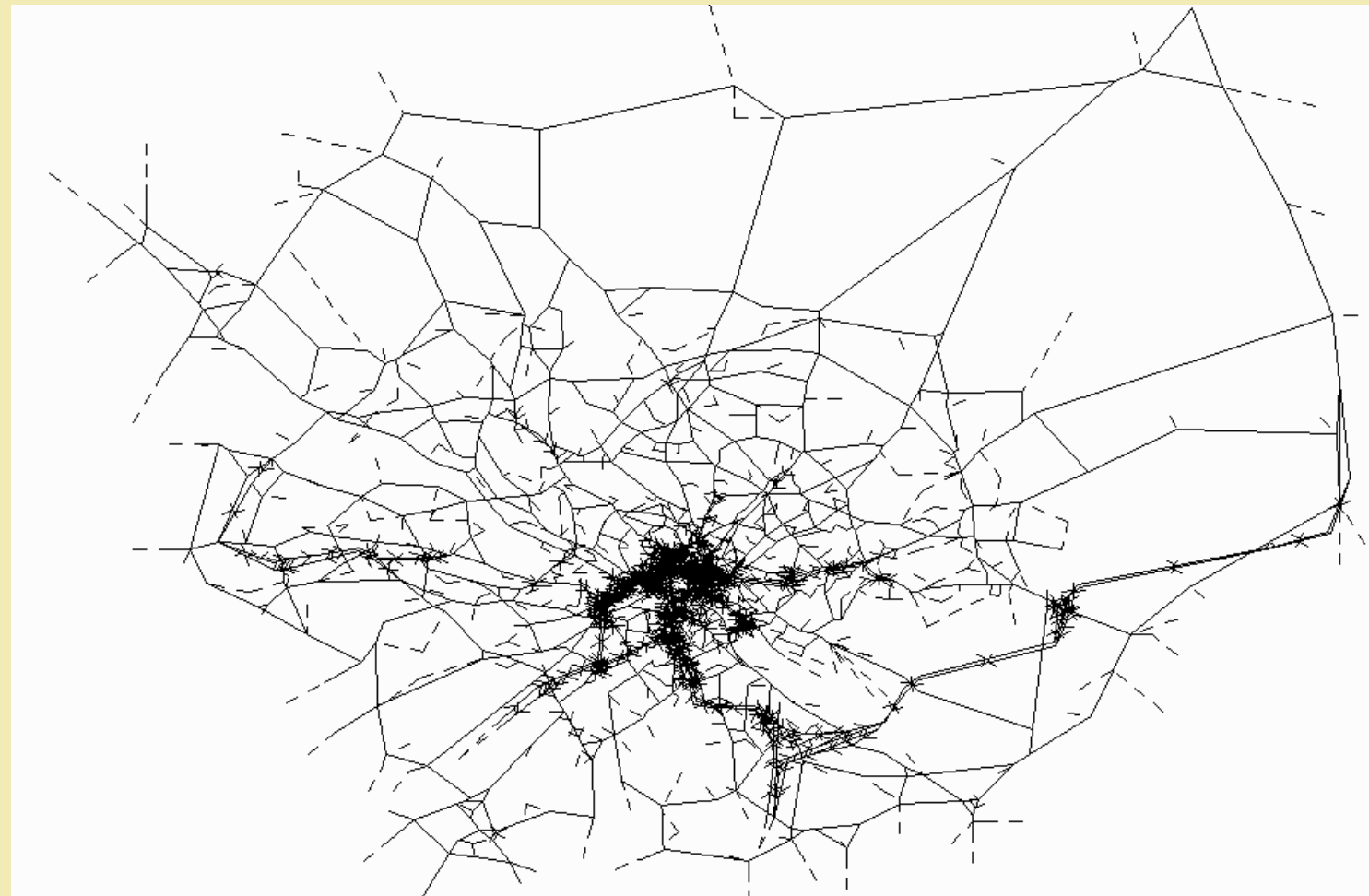
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Now let's consider

- Effect of elastic demand, travel cost and demand level
- Effect of the change of destination
- Effect of the departure time choice
- Effect of mode choice
- Change of living location and destination attraction (land use change)
- And...

How about this network?

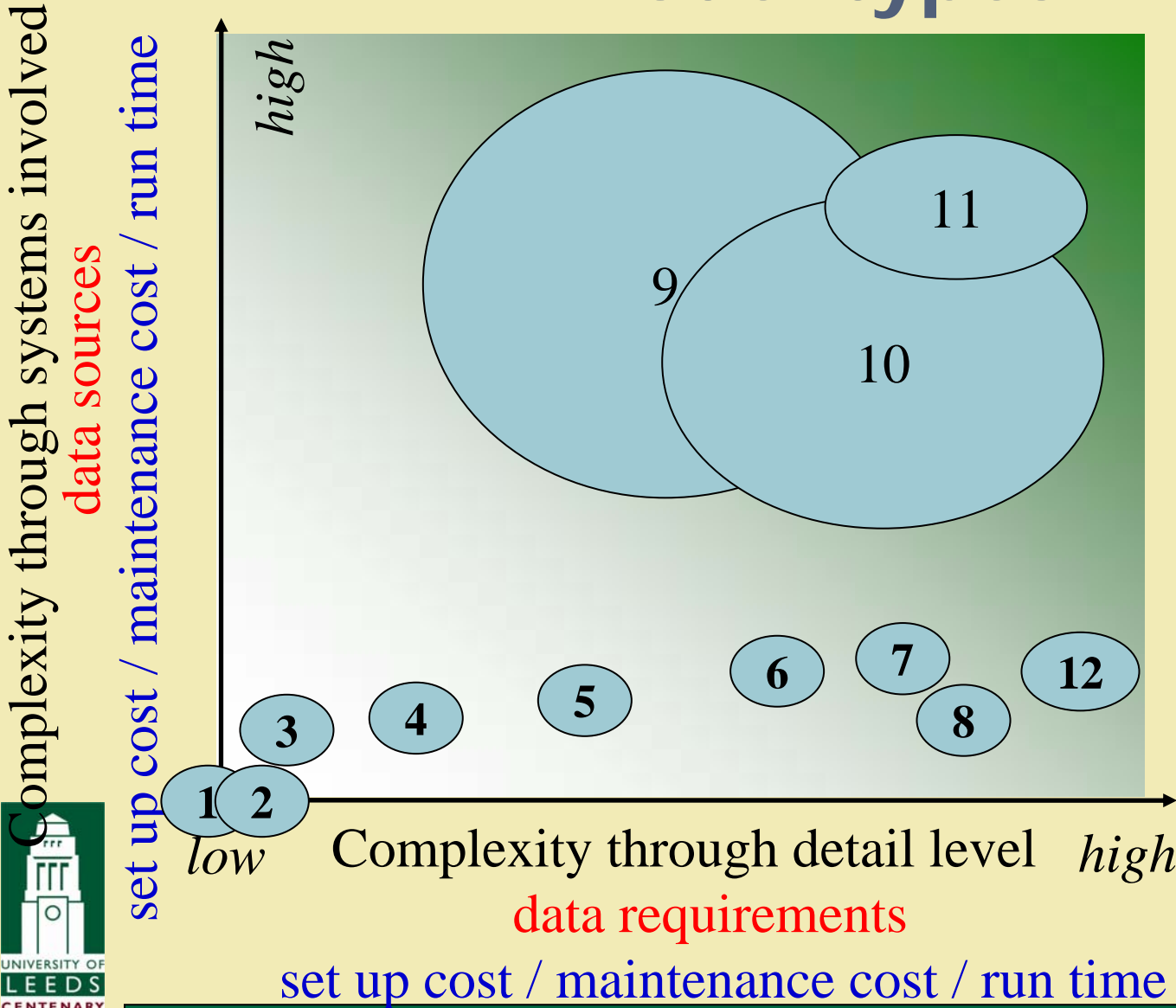


What is a model?

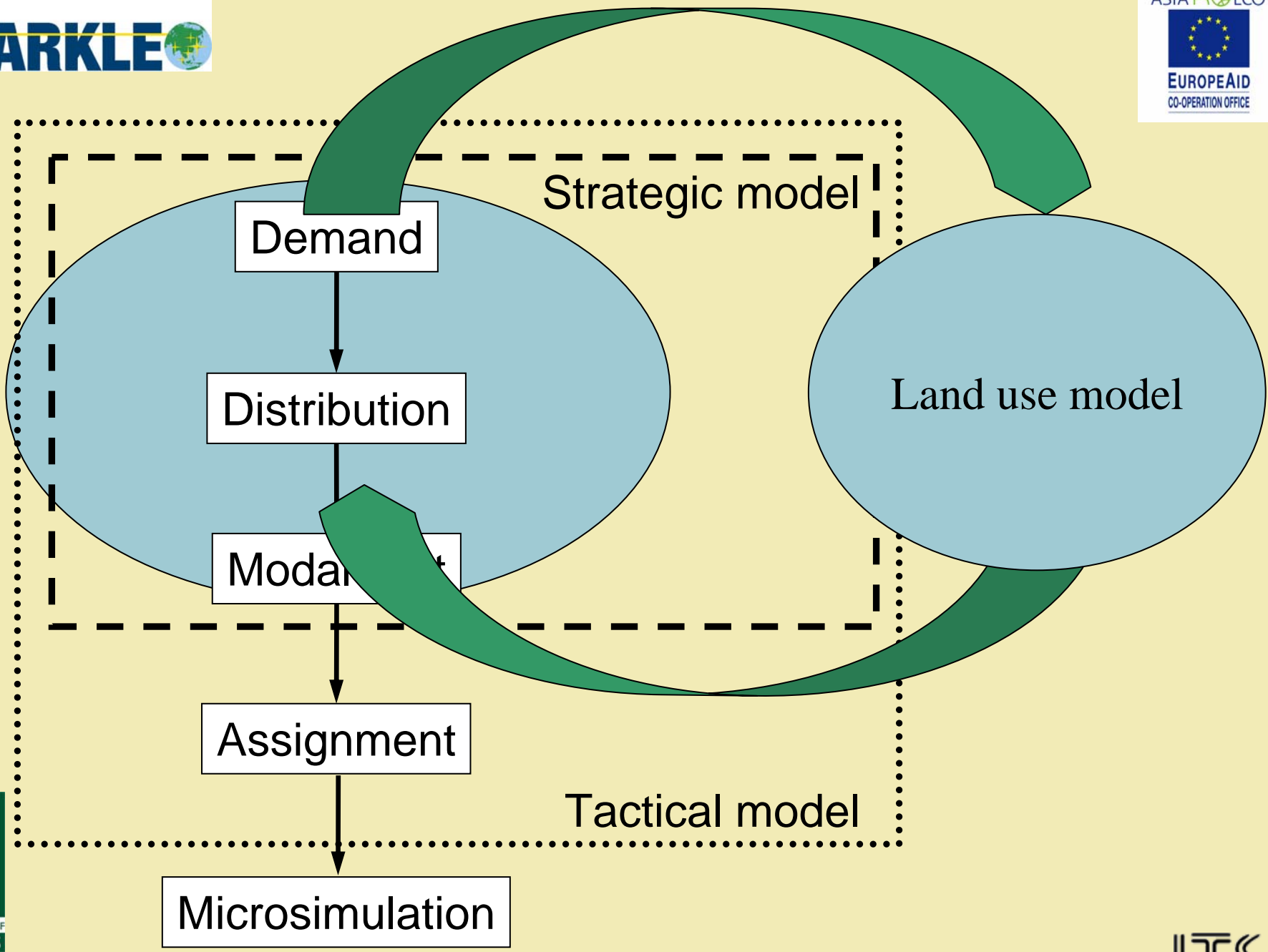
- Formal mathematical representation of a real world system
- Simple but not simpler!
- Capable of producing an answer for a policy



Model types



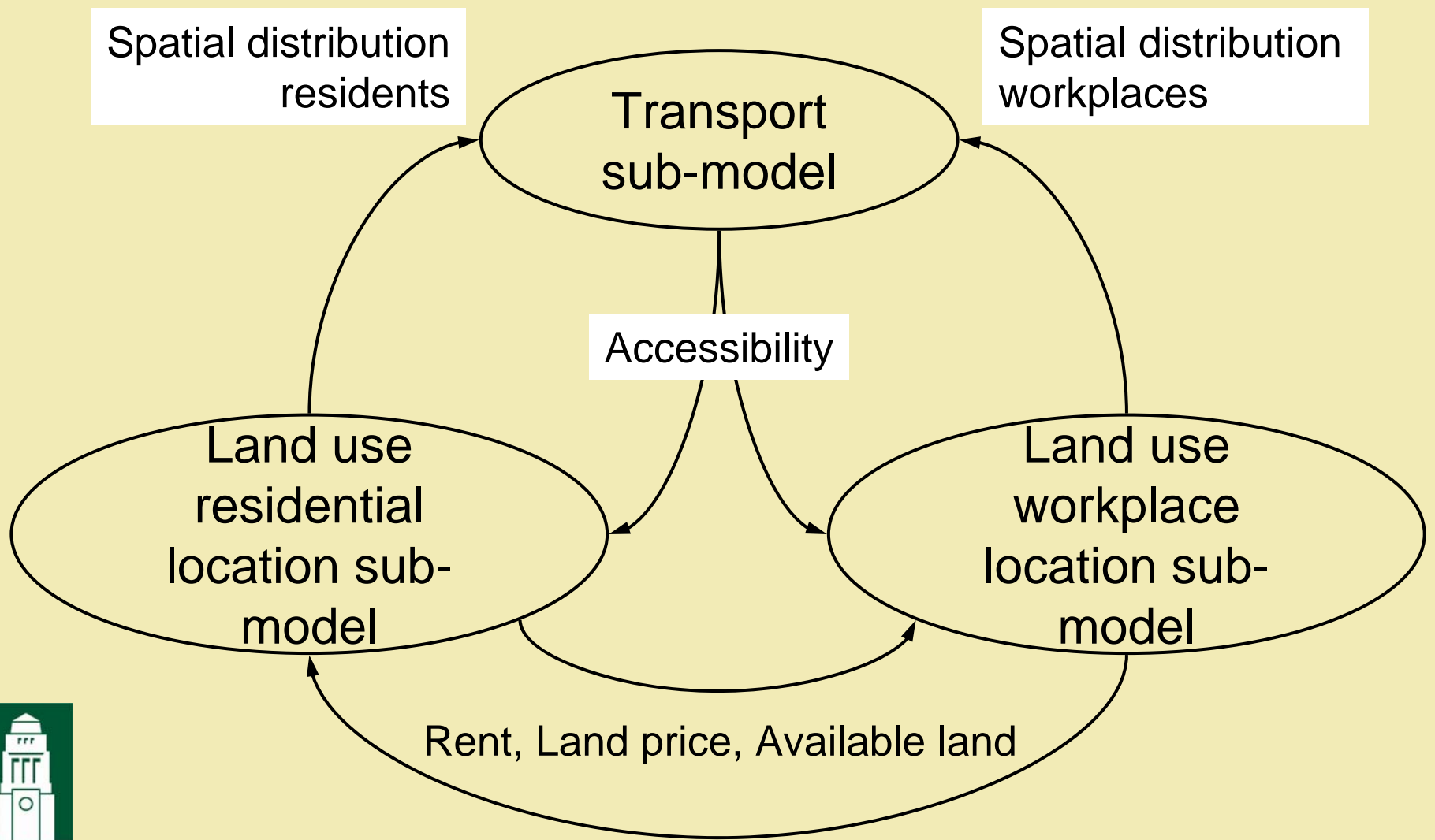
1. No model
2. Simple cost based
3. Spreadsheet model
4. Sketch planning model
5. Network assignment model without elastic assignment
6. Network assignment model with elastic assignment
7. Network assignment model in conjunction with external demand / mode-choice model
8. Four stage model
9. Land-use Transportation Interaction (LUTI) model
10. Strategic Transport/ Environment Model
11. Activity based model
12. Micro-simulation



Network Assignment Model

- Provide detail network structure of the system
- Focus primarily on route choice but can also take into account elastic demand, departure time, mode choice, etc.
- Using Equilibrium assignment model
- Mainly used for a medium to long term study (e.g. new road, transit line, P&R scheme) where spatial variation and impact of policy is significant
- Many available commercialised software

LUTI



Sketch Planning Model

- Represent the main interactions between demand, supply and land use at a strategic level
- Less detail as compared to LUTI
- Appropriate for quick policy test (with low cost for data collection and model setting)
- Required less technical expertise which may be appropriate for our cases

How to pick the model type?

- Model should be able to represent the policy at the required level of detail
- Model should be able to forecast required level of detail and type of impact (both spatially and category)
- Data, expertise, and cost consideration
- Too detail model does not always mean better

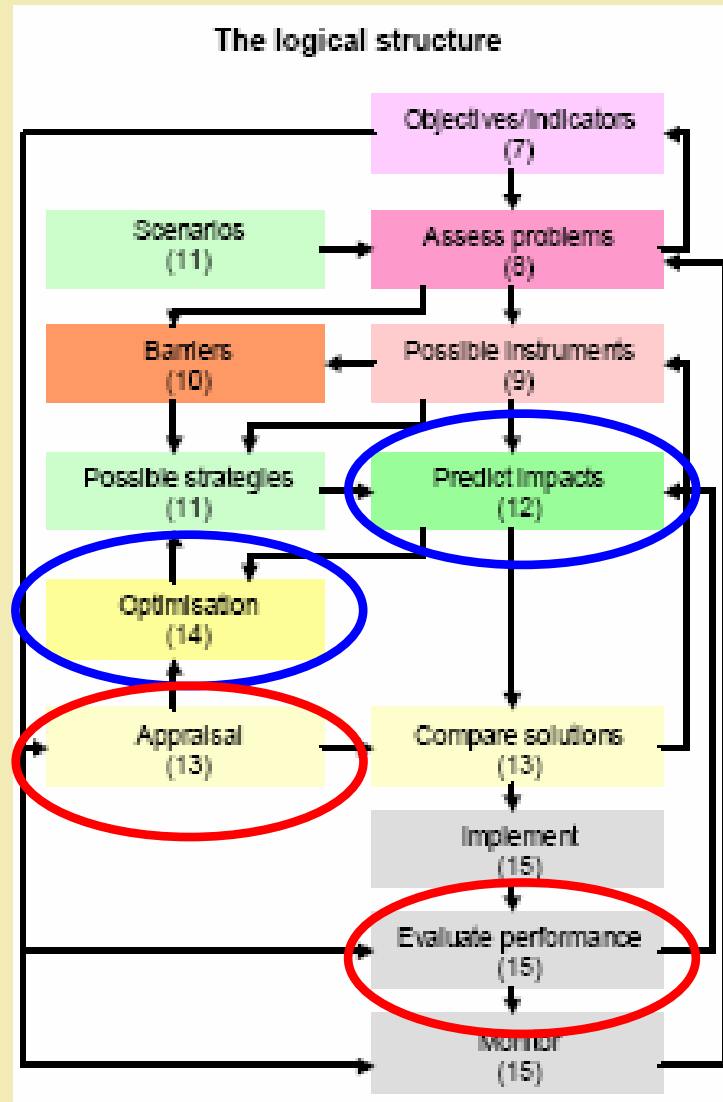
Limitation of the model

- Model is to be used not to be believed!
- Many external impacts which need expert judgment (but if possible should express the relationship explicitly in the model)
- We should see model as a tool aiding “Strategy Formulation”
- Seen as a “tool” rather than “Black-box”

Different context = Different model

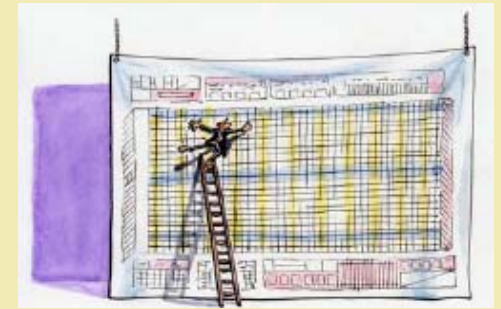


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Appraisal & Evaluation

- Appraisal is done “before” the implementation of the policy
- Evaluation is done “after” the implementation of the policy
- In both case: “How well does this scheme or strategy meet the objectives which we have set?”



Role of appraisal

- Assessing seriousness of the problem
- Comparing possible solutions
- Improving a solution
- Choosing the best policy instruments
- Choosing between alternative designs
- Deciding how best to combine policies
- Evaluate how well a scheme has performed

Appraisal Framework

- Include each objective
- Indicators to represent objectives
- Impact groups to assess equity
- Disaggregate information to reflect problems (by geography, user class, times of day)
- Do-nothing as one case
- Discount rate (NPV)

An appraisal framework				
Options				
Objectives ¹	Do Nothing	Scheme 1 ²	Scheme 2	Etc.
Efficiency				
Environment				
Liveability				
Etc.				

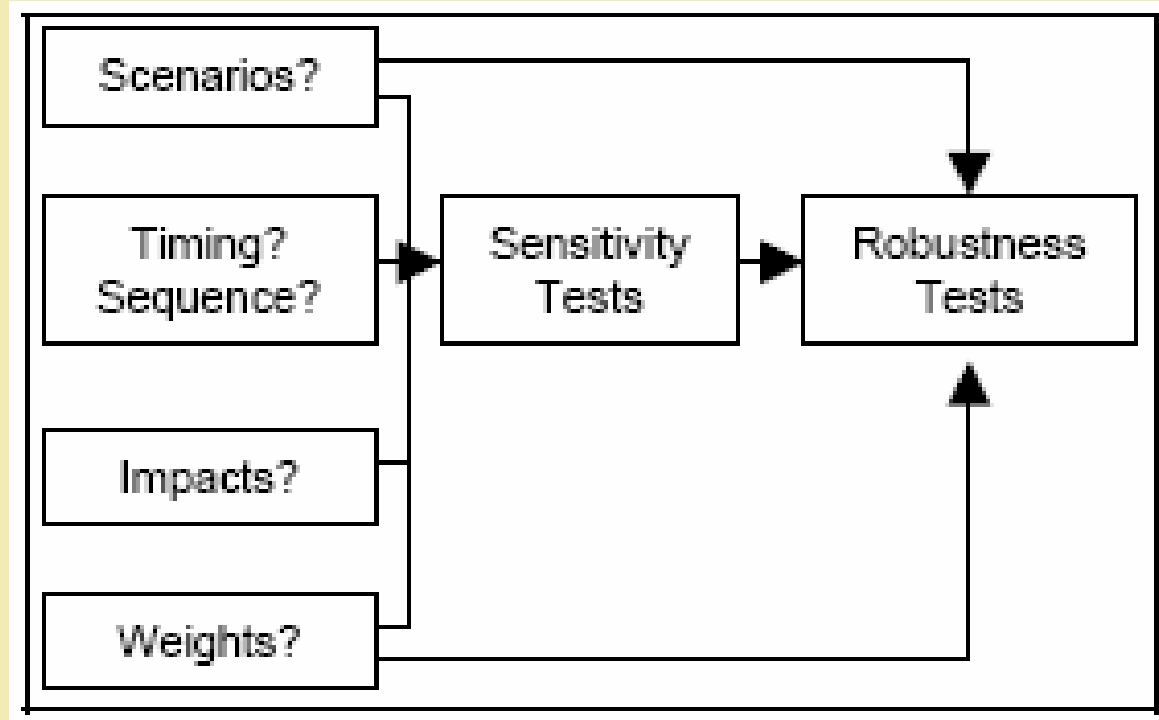
¹Indicators can be used instead
²Or strategy options

Types of appraisal framework

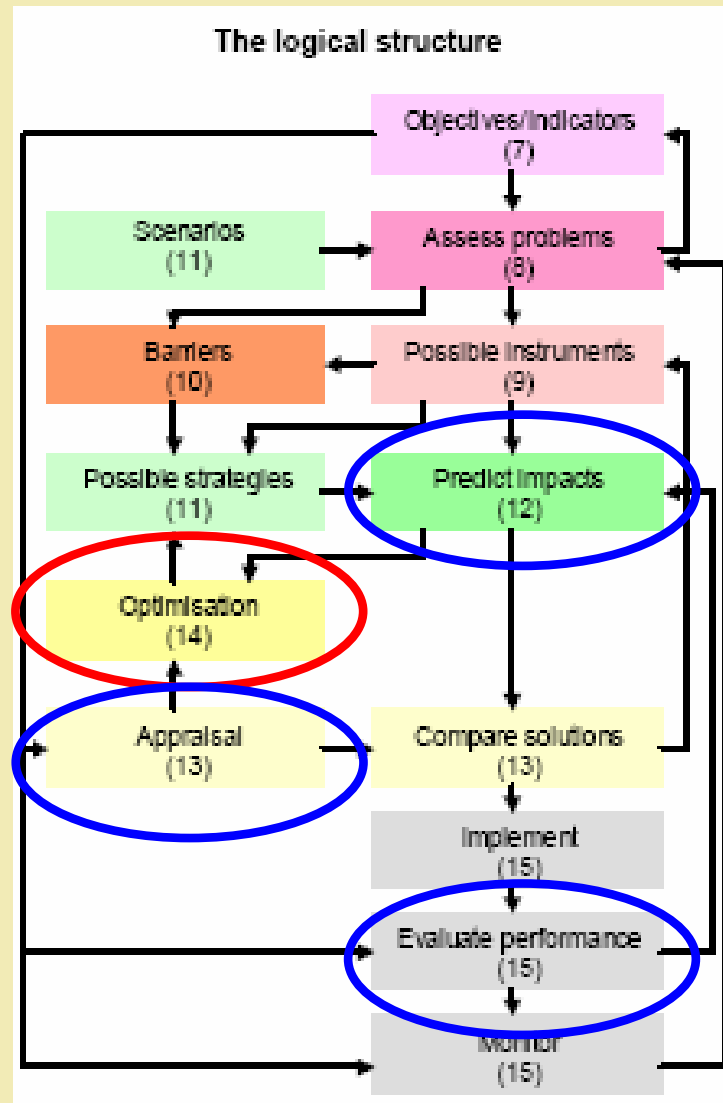
- Cost-Benefit Analysis
 - Convert all indicators by monetary value
 - Using a survey technique (e.g. SP) to define such value (e.g. value of time or value of noise)
 - Value used may be questioned sometime
- Multi-criteria
 - Allow for Decision Maker to assign weight to different indicators, objectives and impact groups
 - Can create a single unit indicator as CBA
 - Sensitivity analysis of the weights assigned can also be tested
- Etc...(e.g. Target based approach or AHP)

Strategy no.:								Euros, present values, year		
n prices										
	Households	Firms						Government	External	Row totals
		Public transp.	Freight transp.	Pro- perty	Transp. Users	Parking	Toll collection			
Investment costs										
Transport benefits										
Location benefits										
External costs										
<i>Column totals</i>	<i>UB</i>	<i>PS</i>	<i>PS</i>	<i>PS</i>	<i>PS</i>	<i>PS</i>	<i>PS</i>	<i>FS</i>	<i>EC</i>	<i>EEF</i>
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Indicators with targets										
Other indicators										

Dealing with uncertainty



Logical structure



Optimisation

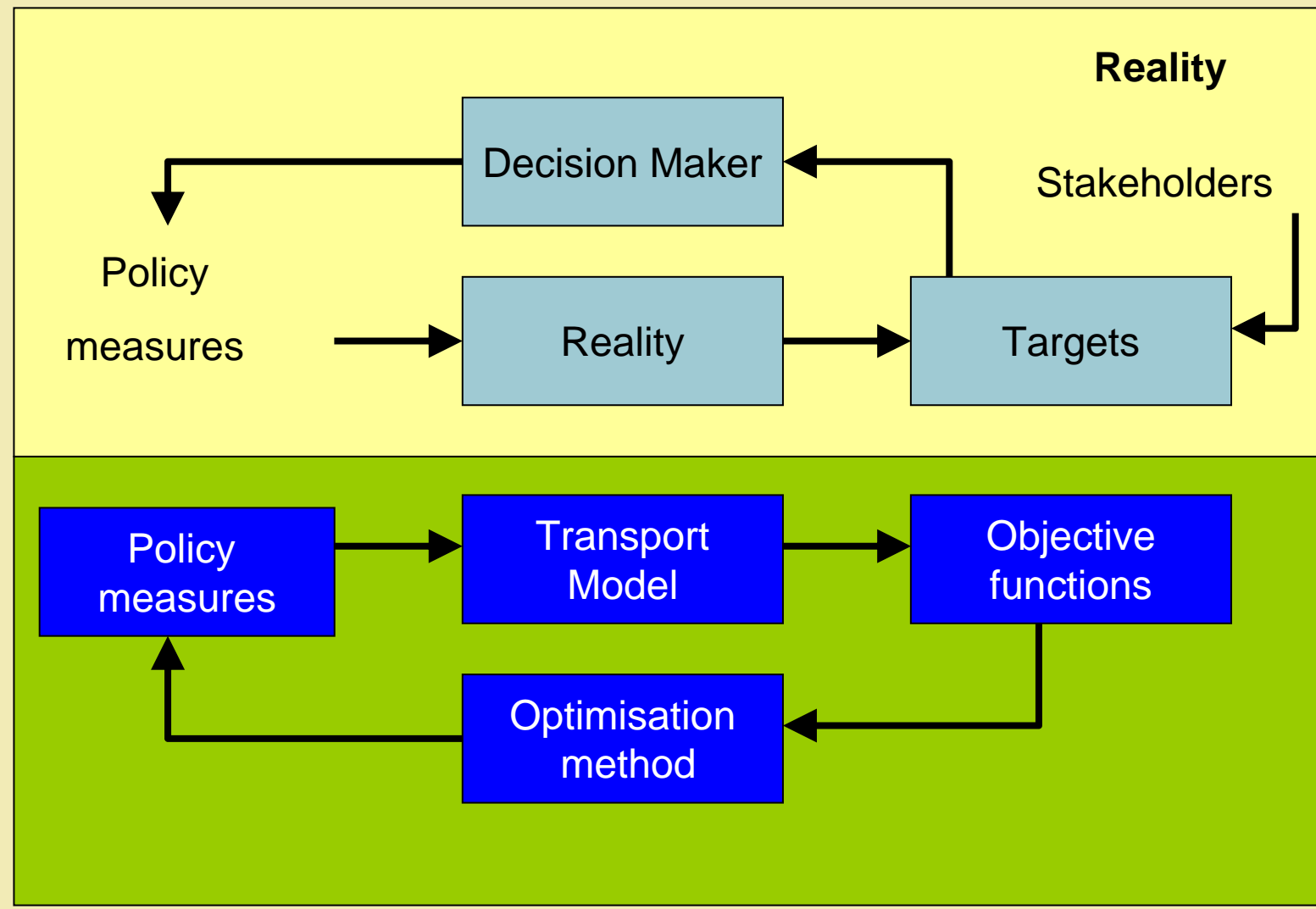
- Find the best solution for a given transport problem and barriers (constraints)
- Best = most hit the objective/indicators
- Develop more effective strategies in a shorter time
- Mainly should be used as a guideline



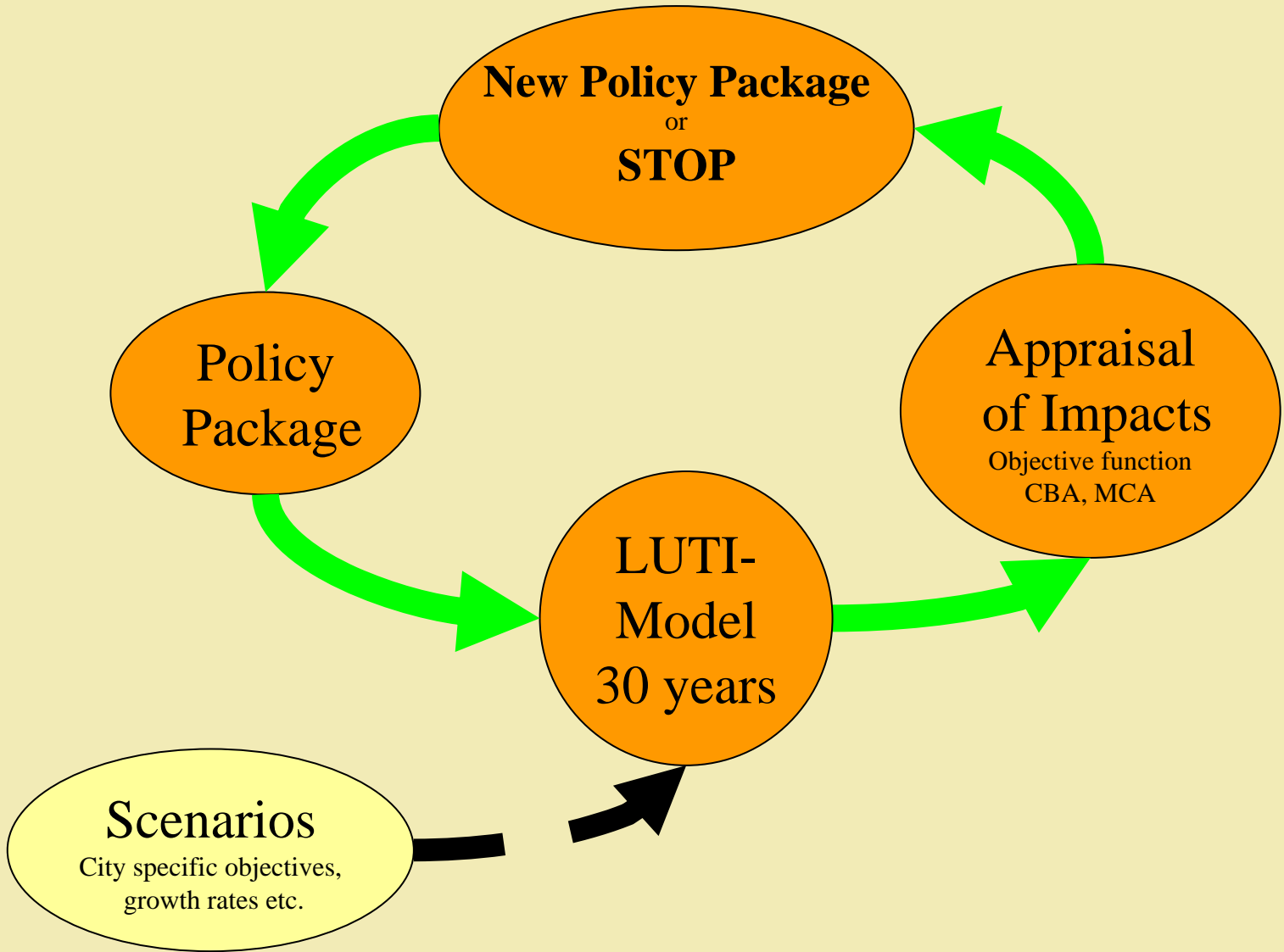
Structure of optimisation problem

- Objective functions
- Evaluation framework (in case of >1 objective)
- Constraints (Technical, Political, Financial, or Institutional) Prior, Progressive, or Posterior
- Predicting framework (model)

Real world and modelling world



Process with LUTI model



Example with MARS model

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2		0	0	0	0					
3										
4	Continuous Instruments	PTFARE			PTFREQ					
5	Public Transport	Impl		Long	Change	Impl	Change	Long	Change	
6		Year	Change (%)	Run Y.	(%)	Year	(%)	Run Y.	(%)	
7	Peak	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	
8	Off peak	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	
9	Private Car	PCRCH			PCPCH					
10		Impl		Long		Impl		Long		
11		Year	Euro	Run Y.	Euro	Year	Euro	Run Y.	Euro	
12	Peak	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	Long Term
13	Off peak	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	Short Term
14		PCRCAP			PCFUEL					
15		Impl		Long	Change	Impl	Change	Long	Change	
16		Year	Change (%)	Run Y.	(%)	Year	(%)	Run Y.	(%)	
17	Peak	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	
18	Off peak	0	0%	0	0%					
19	Land Use Instruments	LUCH								
20		Impl		Long						
21		Year	Euro/m ²	Run Y.	Euro/m ²					
22	Residing		0.00		0.00					
23	Working		0.00		0.00					

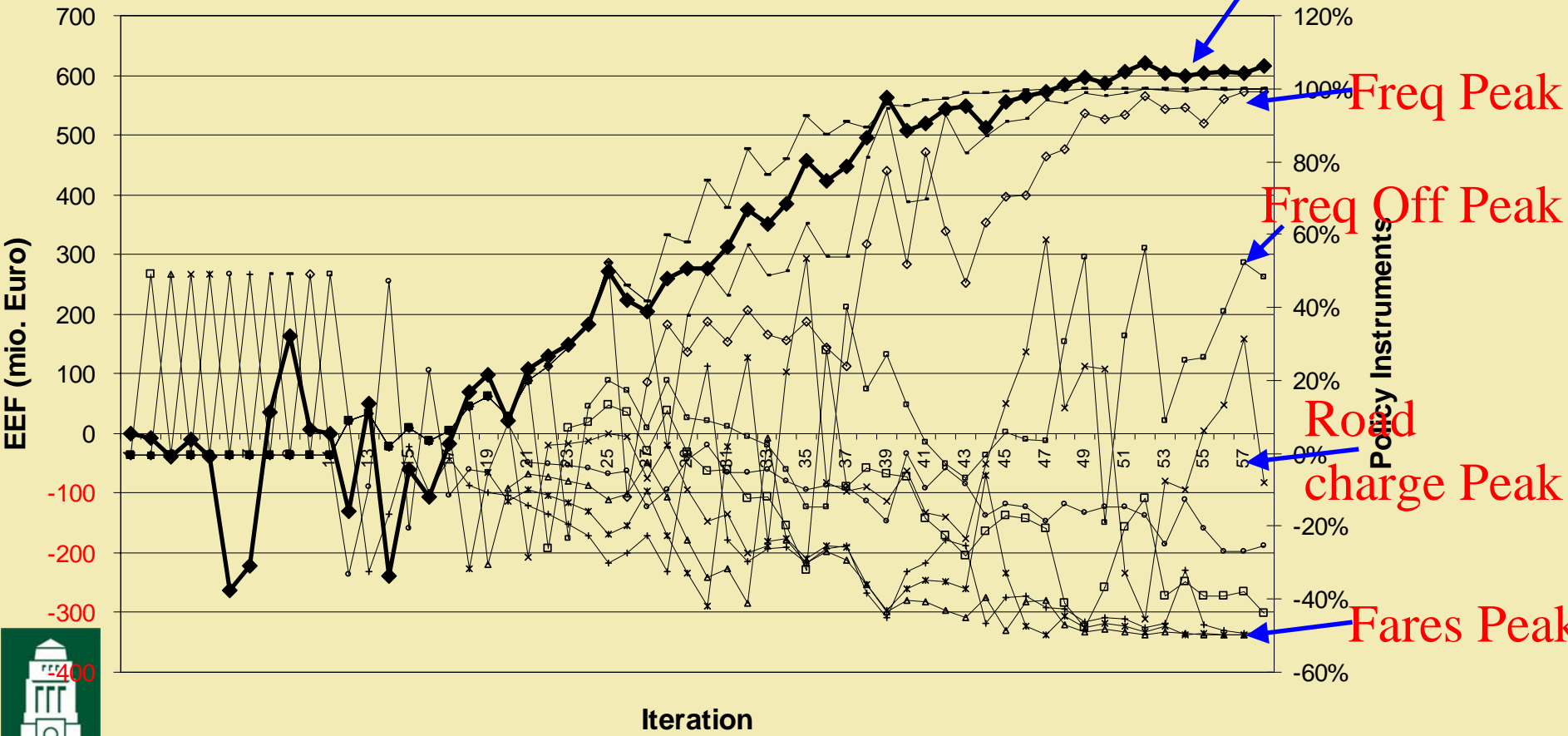
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Objective Function
consists of a weighted sum of

- User benefits
- Operator benefits
- Investment costs
- Changes in Land-use
- Environmental costs

over a period of 30 years
discounted to net present value

Optimisation of objective function



Summary

- Predicting impacts is crucial part of the process to formulate an appropriate policy
- Choosing the right level and type of model
- Appraisal framework should reflect the nature of the problem, policy and aim of the city
- Optimisation method can help fine tuning the strategy formulation and explore a new combination of policy

Thanks for your attention

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