
Overview: Enterprise-Level Industrial Fire Risk Modeling and Analysis for Automobile Manufacturing Facilities

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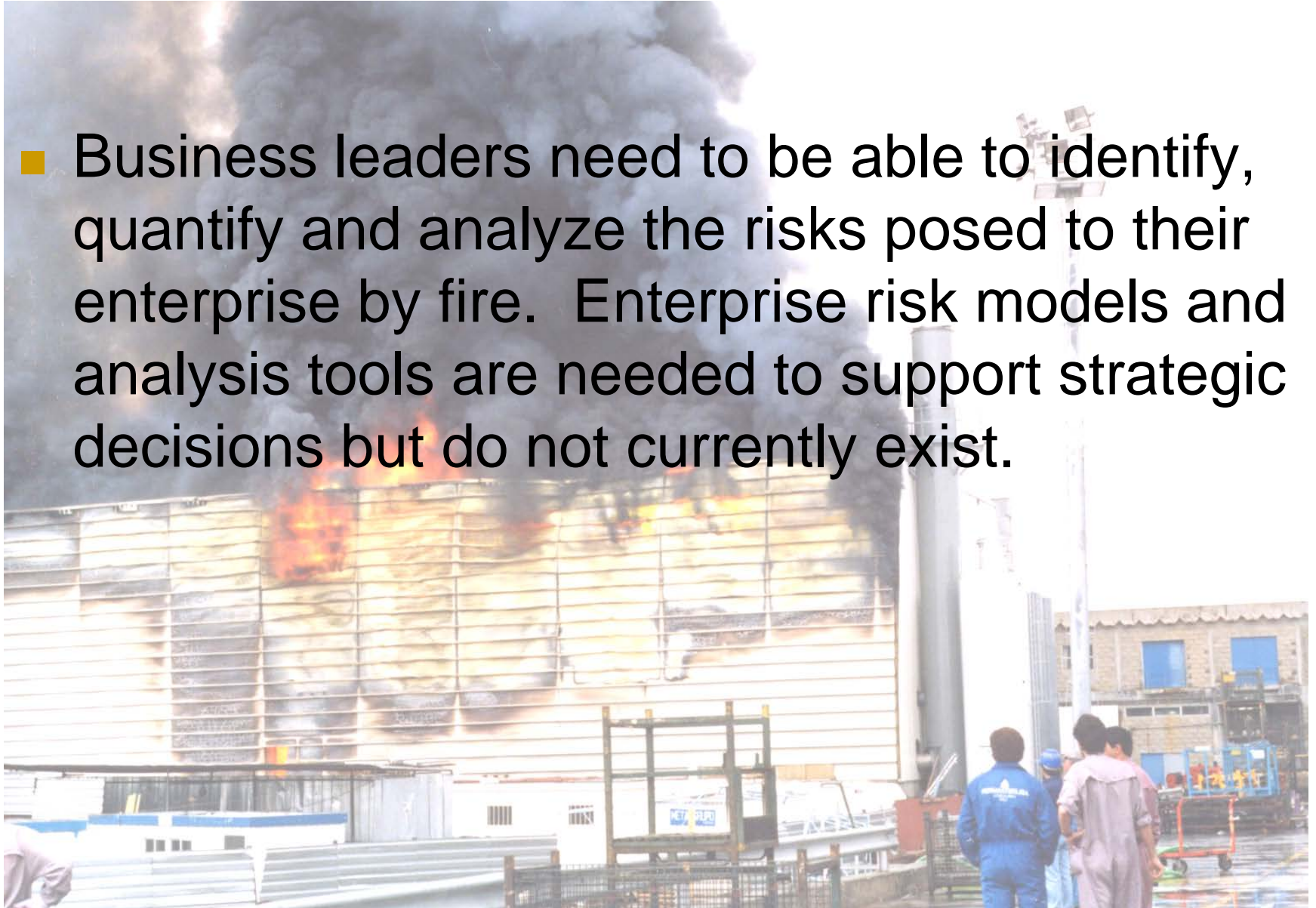
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Problem Statement

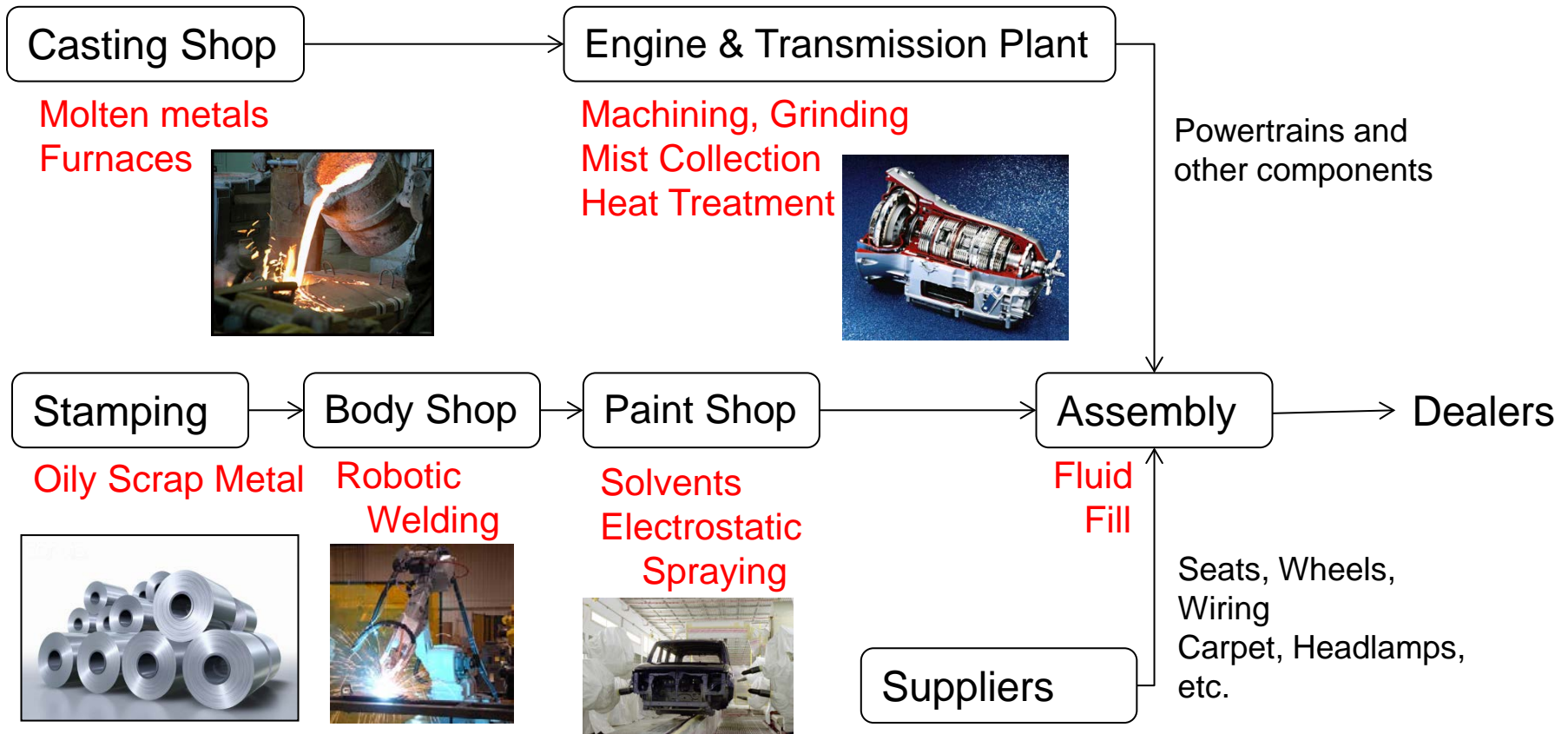
- Business leaders need to be able to identify, quantify and analyze the risks posed to their enterprise by fire. Enterprise risk models and analysis tools are needed to support strategic decisions but do not currently exist.



Background on the GM Enterprise

- General Motors:
 - 158 manufacturing sites
 - Located in 30 countries
 - 202,000 employees
 - Produces 7.5 million vehicles per year
 - Sold in 120 countries

Overview of Auto Manufacturing Process and Associated Fire Hazards

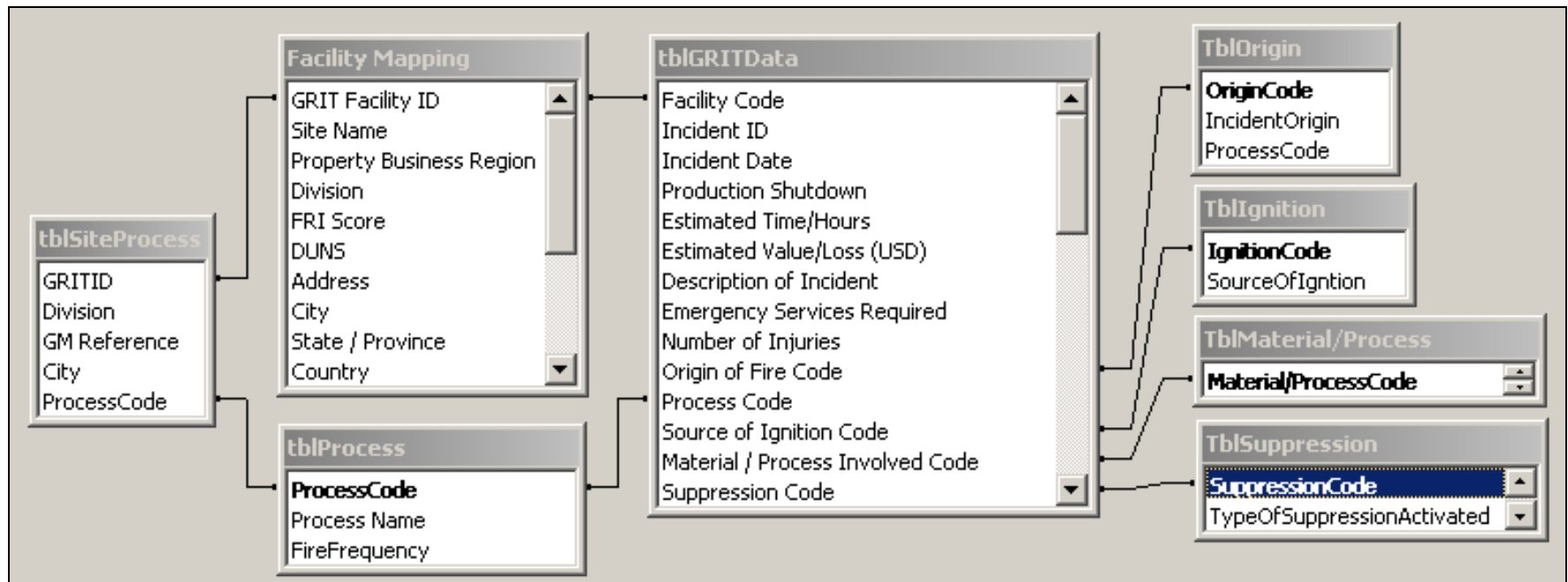


Summary of Methods

- Developed a multi-dimensional systems modeling framework for aggregating/disaggregating fire frequency and severity
- Designed and implemented an enterprise fire risk database
- Developed and deployed a global procedure for fire data collection
- Built tools to visually analyze and compare fire risk across portfolio of manufacturing processes and plants
- Demonstrated utility of results in a specific case study analyzing costs and benefits of fire protection options in paint shop operation.

Key to the Analysis

- Data – Need accurate, complete data on fire events from the automotive industry
- Global loss reporting database developed to comply with Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
 - GRIT – Global Reporting & Investigations Tool
 - Database Architecture:



Process-Based Analysis of Frequency

- Determined that a Poisson distribution is the preferred model fit based on :
 - Theoretical property of aggregation/ disaggregation
 - Easy to measure mean number of fires per year (intensity parameter λ)
- Fire hazards are inherent to the process where fire originates
- Processes within automobile manufacturing are homogeneous across plants, countries and regions. This allows frequency model to be applicable to plants that did not contribute to the data.
- All fire origin areas in GRIT were mapped to 14 discrete process groupings
- Process fire frequencies were then calculated using modified Poisson model

Process Groupings

| ProcessCode | Process Name |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| AS | Assembly |
| CA | Casting/Foundry |
| CO | Computer Room |
| DC | Dust/Mist Collector |
| DY | Laboratory/Dyno/Test Cells |
| HT | Heat Treat |
| HZ | Hazardous Material/Storage |
| MG | Machining and Grinding |
| PA | Painting & Ovens |
| RW | Robotic Welding |
| SP | Stamping/Press |
| ST | Storage |
| SU | Support Area |
| TR | Trash |

Process Groupings

| ProcessCode | Process Name | Fire Frequency (Chance of Fire per Day) |
|-------------|-------------------------------|---|
| AS | Assembly | 0.0038 |
| CA | Casting/Foundry | 0.0104 |
| CO | Computer Room | 0.0001 |
| DC | Dust/Mist Collector | 0.0009 |
| DY | Laboratory/Dyno/Test Cells | 0.0018 |
| HT | Heat Treat | 0.0022 |
| HZ | Hazardous Material/Storage | 0.0001 |
| MG | Machining and Grinding | 0.0056 |
| PA | Painting & Ovens | 0.0011 |
| RW | Robotic Welding | 0.0088 |
| SP | Stamping/Press | 0.0029 |
| ST | Storage | 0.0011 |
| SU | Support Area | 0.0059 |
| TR | Trash | 0.0011 |

Poisson approximation: Probability of one or more fires per day is roughly equal to the Poisson intensity $\lambda * 1 \text{ day} (t) = \lambda$

Mapping of Process Grouping to Plant

- Each process contributes distinct fire hazards and independent fire arrival rate λ
- Easy to map processes at each plant
- Site fire rate = Σ (process rates at plant)

| Process Code | Plant 1 | Plant 2 | Plant 3 |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|
| AS | | | |
| CA | x | | x |
| CO | x | x | x |
| DC | x | x | x |
| DY | | x | x |
| HT | | x | x |
| HZ | x | x | x |
| MG | | x | x |
| PA | | x | x |
| RW | | | |
| SP | | | |
| ST | x | x | x |
| SU | x | x | x |
| TR | x | x | x |

Process-Based Fire Frequency by Plant

| Site Name | Aggregated Lambda Average Number of Fires Per Day |
|------------|---|
| Plant B | 0.046 |
| Plant Y | 0.046 |
| Plant S | 0.046 |
| Plant F | 0.044 |
| Plant T | 0.043 |
| Plant C | 0.039 |
| Plant W | 0.035 |
| Plant N | 0.035 |
| Plant G | 0.035 |
| Plant K | 0.035 |
| Plant R | 0.035 |
| Plant Z | 0.034 |
| Plant O | 0.033 |
| Plant T | 0.033 |
| Plant A | 0.033 |
| Site B | 0.032 |
| Facility B | 0.032 |
| Plant E | 0.031 |
| Site E | 0.031 |
| Plant L | 0.031 |
| Site Z | 0.031 |
| Site A | 0.030 |
| Site D | 0.030 |

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Severity Modeling

■ Process-Based

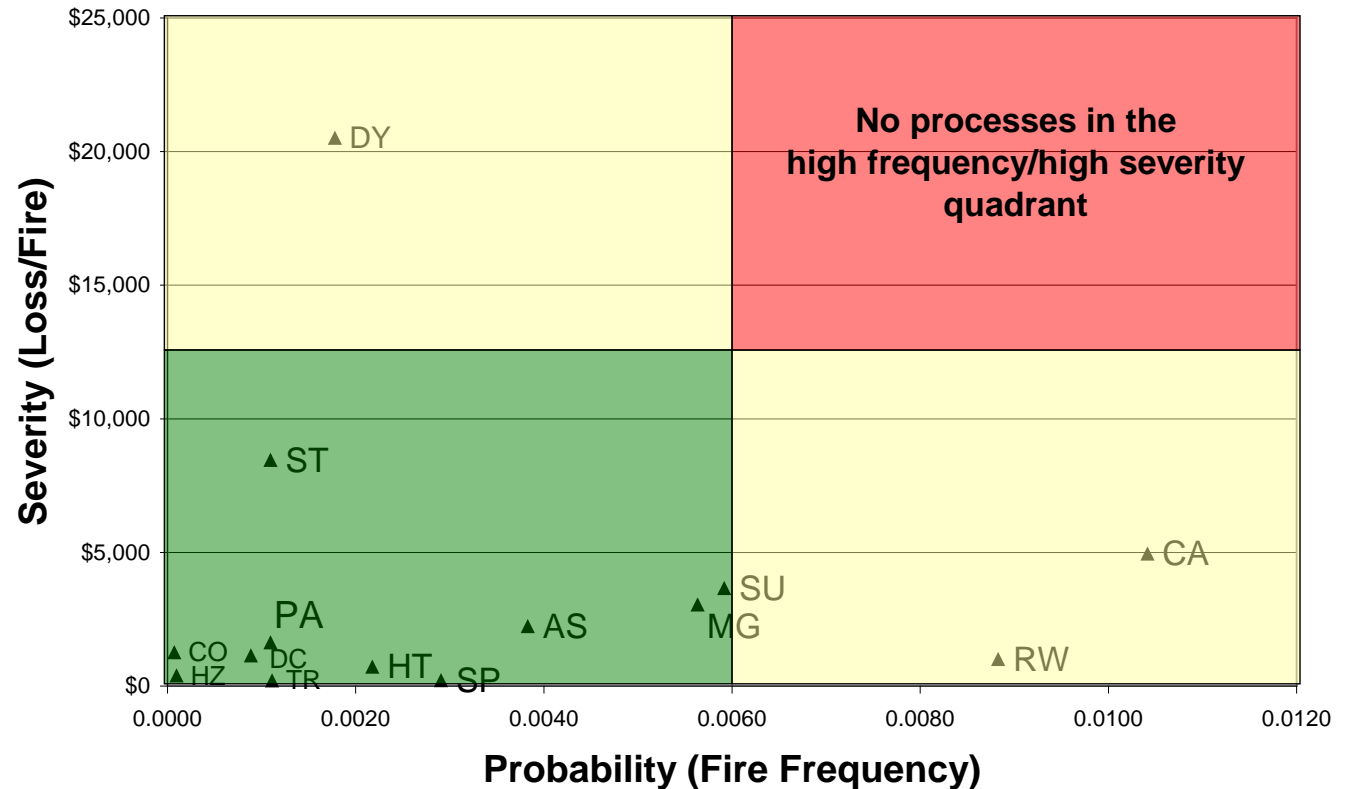
- ❑ Calculated from fire events – GRIT data
- ❑ Are used to quantify loss from fires involving a given process
- ❑ Are used to prioritize fire protection criteria at the process level

■ Plant-Based

- ❑ Represents the potential of a fire in a given facility to become a significant fire
 - ❑ Are used to estimate the potential size of the impact from a significant fire
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Process-Based Severity Assessment

| Process Grouping | Average Estimated Value/Loss (USD) |
|------------------|------------------------------------|
| AS | \$ 2,200 |
| CA | \$ 5,000 |
| CO | \$ 1,200 |
| DC | \$ 1,100 |
| DY | \$ 20,500 |
| HT | \$ 700 |
| HZ | \$ 400 |
| MG | \$ 3,000 |
| PA | \$ 1,600 |
| RW | \$ 1,000 |
| SP | \$ 200 |
| ST | \$ 8,500 |
| SU | \$ 3,500 |
| TR | \$ 200 |



Property damage only

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Plant-Based Severity Assessment

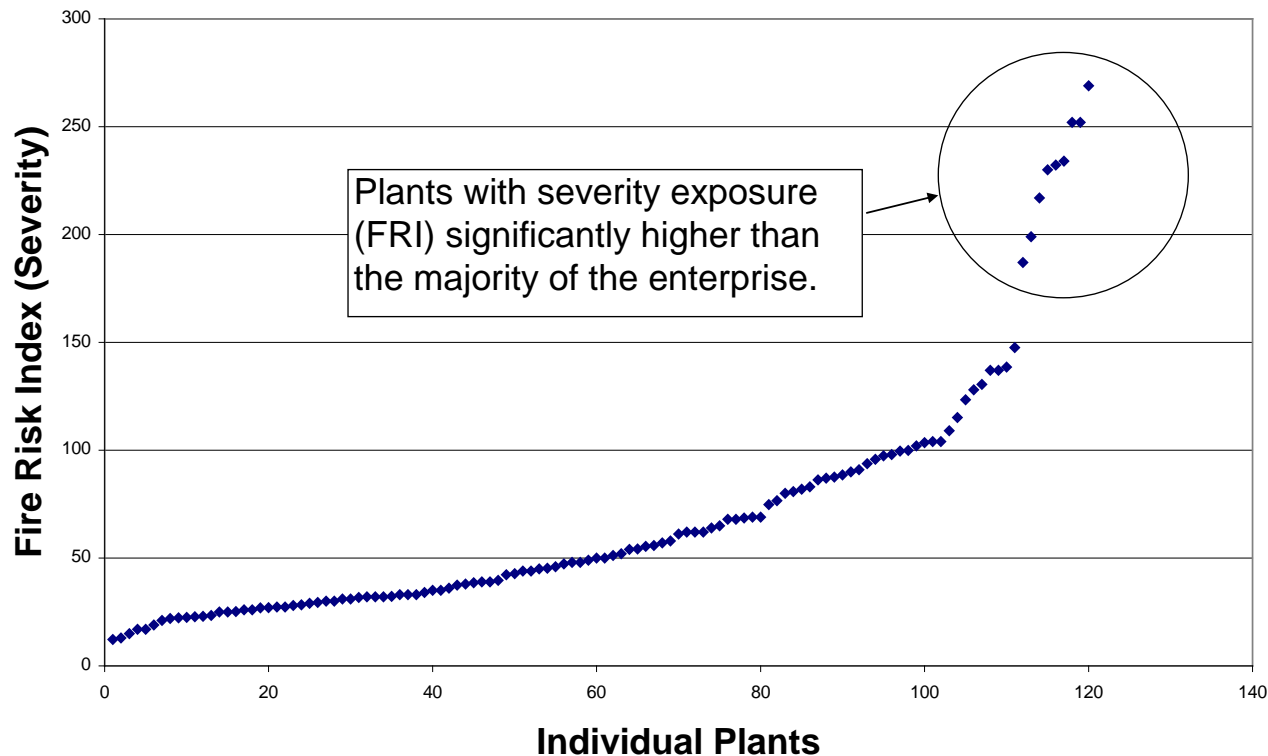
- Fire Risk Index (FRI) developed as a relative risk ranking to characterize the potential to be a severe fire.
- Business Interruption Value (BIV) used to quantify the potential exposure of a severe fire
 - Quantifies the severity in terms of dollars
 - Provides estimate of value of lost production

Fire Risk Index (FRI)

- Qualitative approach used because quantifying the potential for a fire to develop into a significant fire is extremely complex and involves detailed analysis of plant occupancy, configuration, and potential fire size
- Such data is not available for an entire enterprise and is not feasible to collect
- Absolute value of risk is not necessary for decision makers, only used as a comparison therefore relative risk ranking is appropriate
- Six hazard categories identified relative to severity:
 - Exposure, Construction, Supervision, Automatic Sprinklers, Water Supply, Special Hazards

FRI Results

| Plant | Exposure | Construction | Supervision | Sprinklers | Water Supply | Special Hazards | FRI |
|---------|----------|--------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|-----|
| Plant 1 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 13 |
| Plant 2 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 60 | 90 |
| Plant 3 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 29 |
| Plant 4 | 10 | 12 | 0 | 75 | 50 | 68 | 215 |
| Plant 5 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 17 |

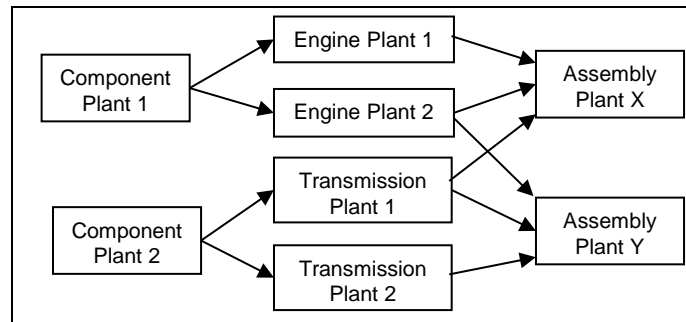


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Business Interruption Value (BIV)

■ Assembly Plant BIV $BIV(X) = \frac{\text{Net Profit}}{\text{Vehicle}} \times \frac{\text{Production Vehicles}}{\text{Day}} \times \text{Number of Days Down}$

■ Source Plant BIV $BIV(A) = \sum_{i \text{ Dependent Plants}} \text{Percent Dependancy}(i) \times BIV(i)$



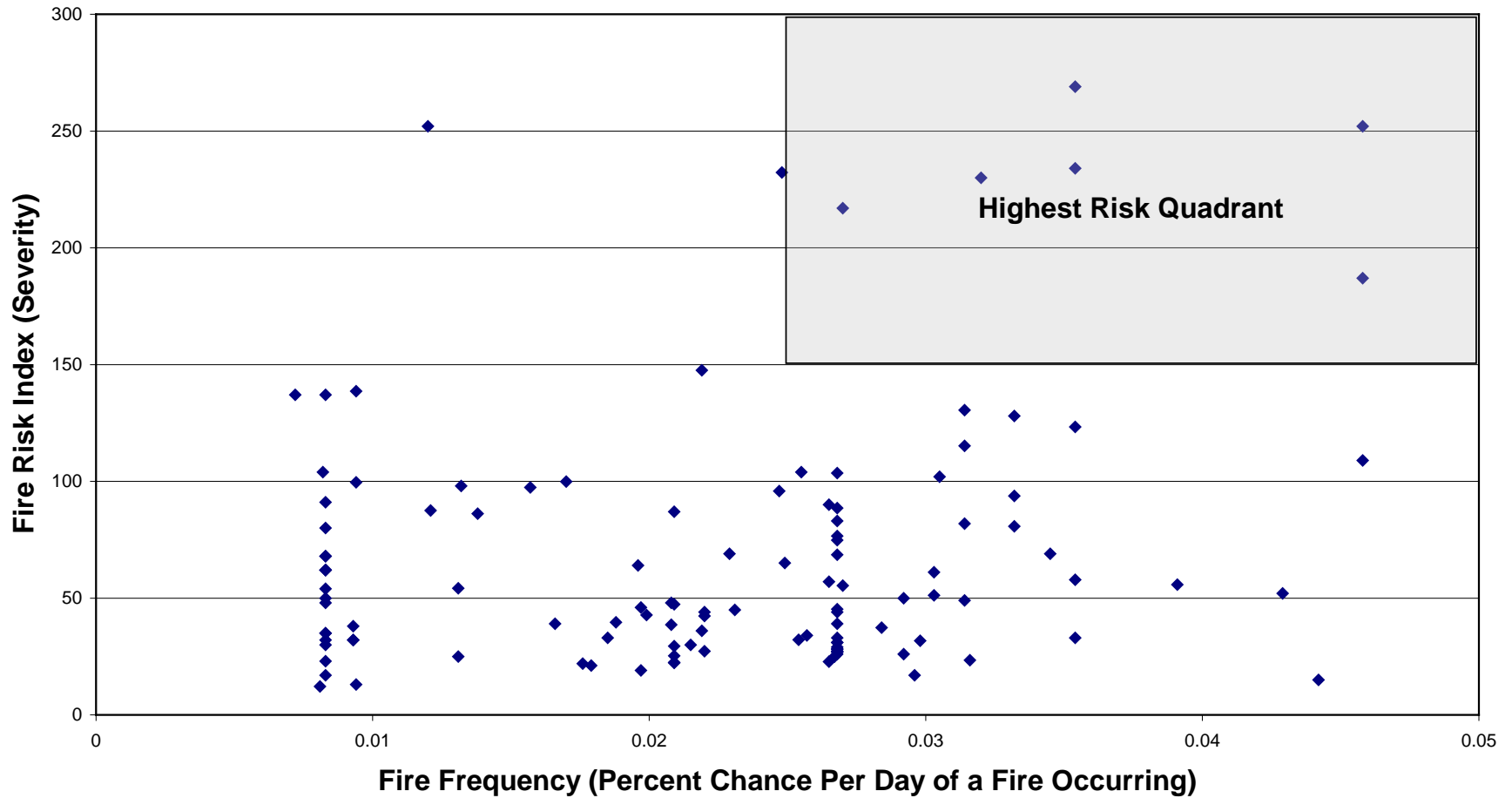
■ Value for number of days down was 90 days based on manufacturing forecast data and industry convention.

Summary of Results:

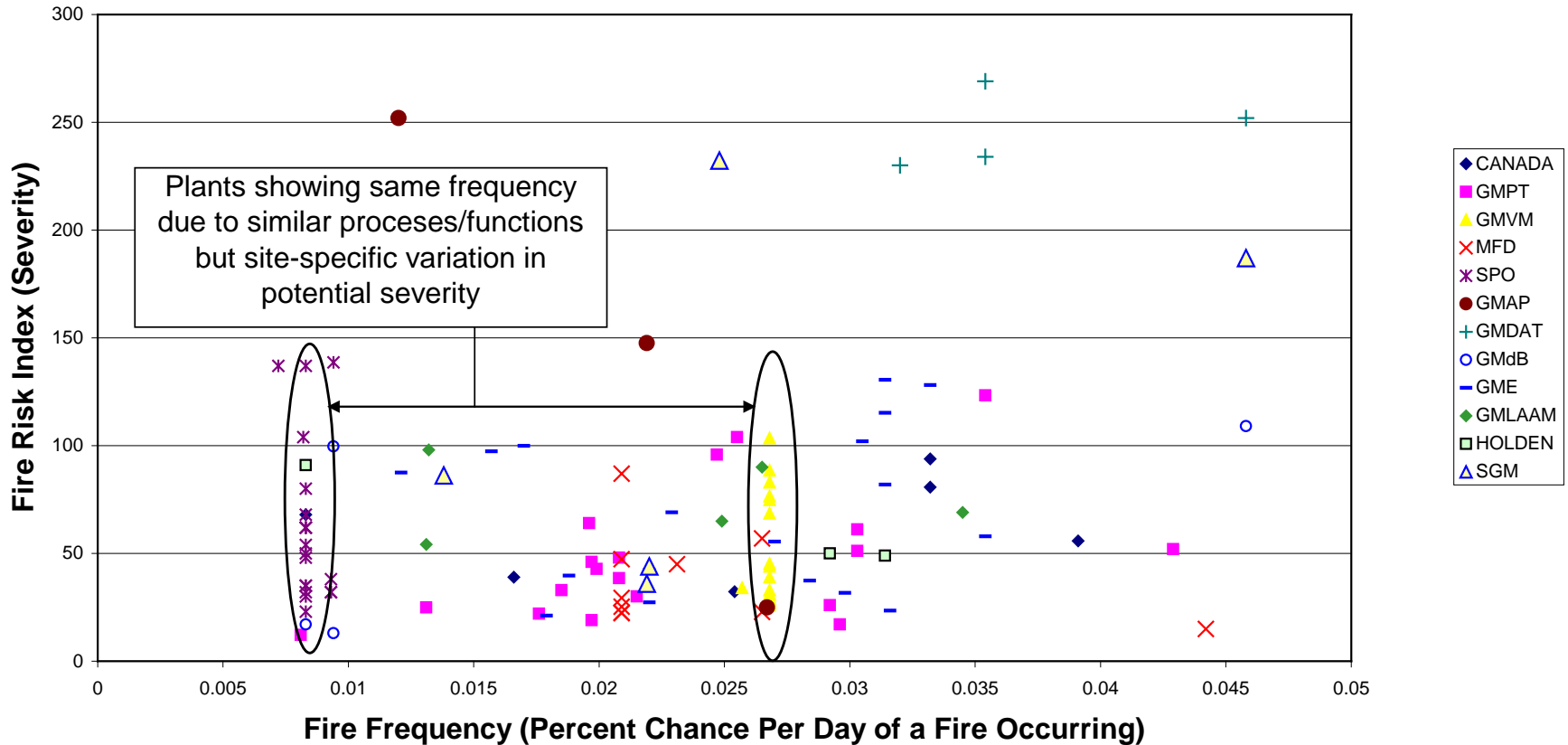
Decision Support Tools

- System Model outputs will include (Tools 1 - 8)
 - Risk profiles and risk maps to identify processes or plants with greatest risk factors
 - Quantification of fire risk to track progress of risk reduction initiatives over time
- Fire protection trade-off analysis (Tool 9)
 - Developed process-level event tree tool
 - Constructed event trees for individual fire protection criteria decisions
 - Allowed different fire protection criteria to be compared based on their impact on risk level. Can be analyzed by process, plant, or overall enterprise impact.

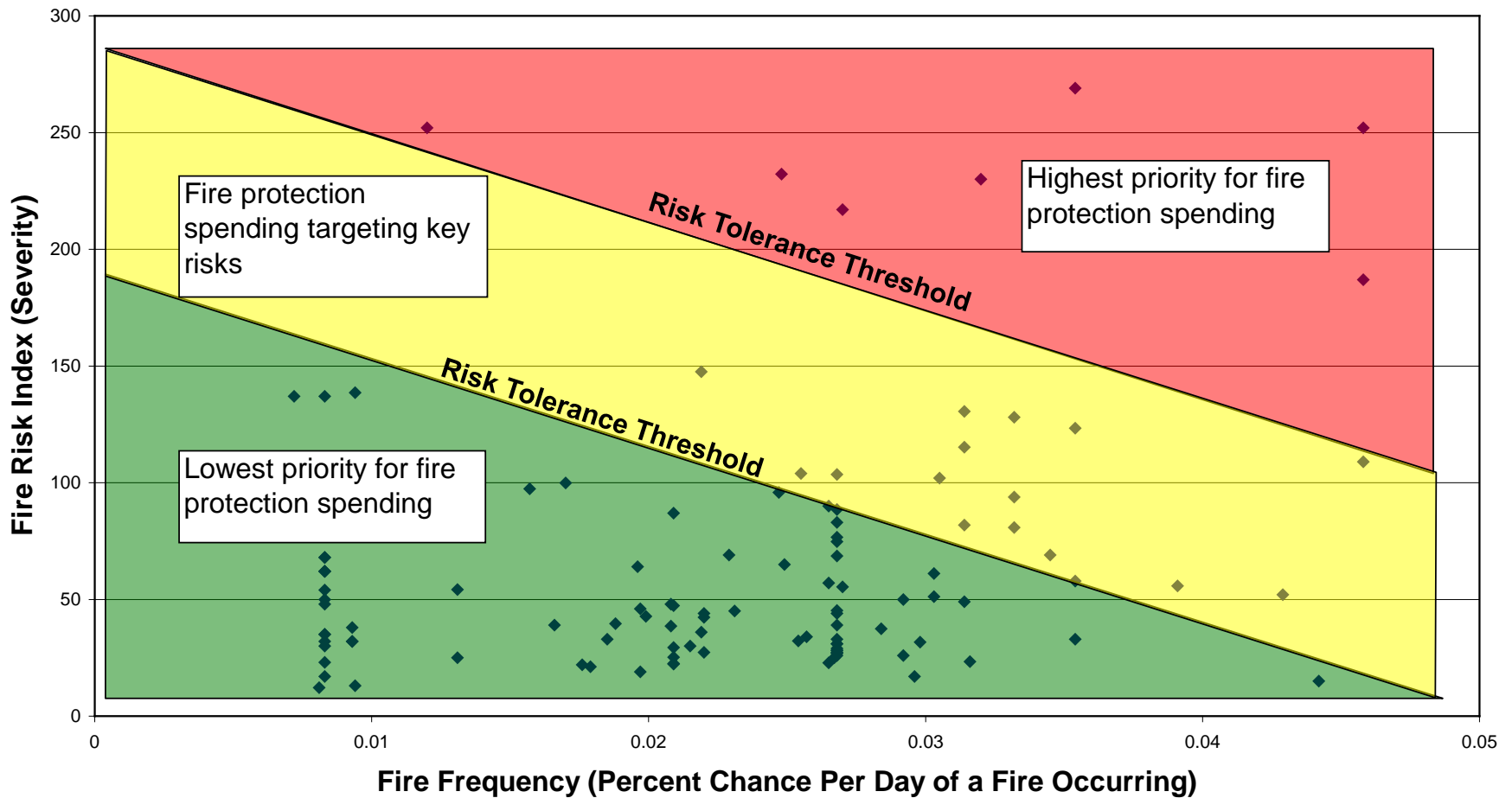
Tool 1: Global Fire Risk Profile



Tool 2: Fire Risk Profile by Division

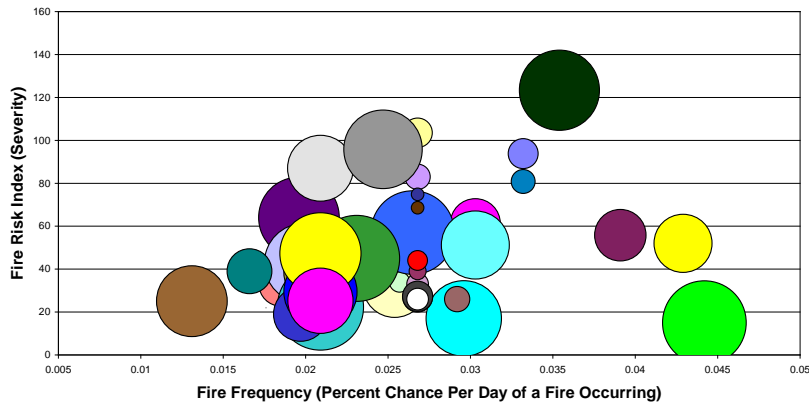


Tool 3: Risk-Based Fire Protection Spending Prioritization

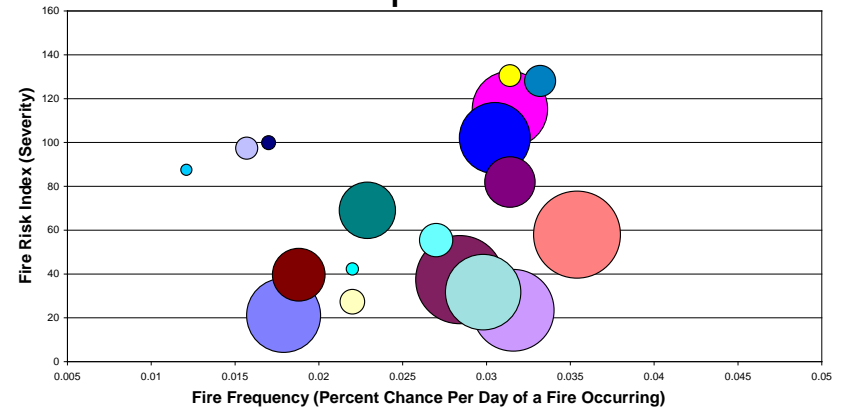


Tool 4: Regional Risk Prioritization Models

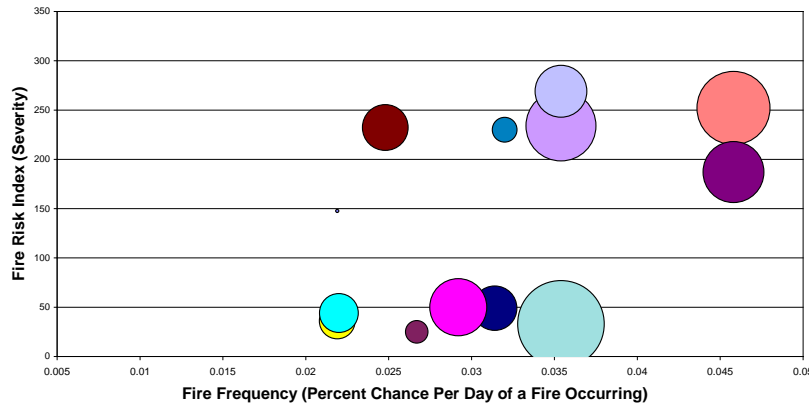
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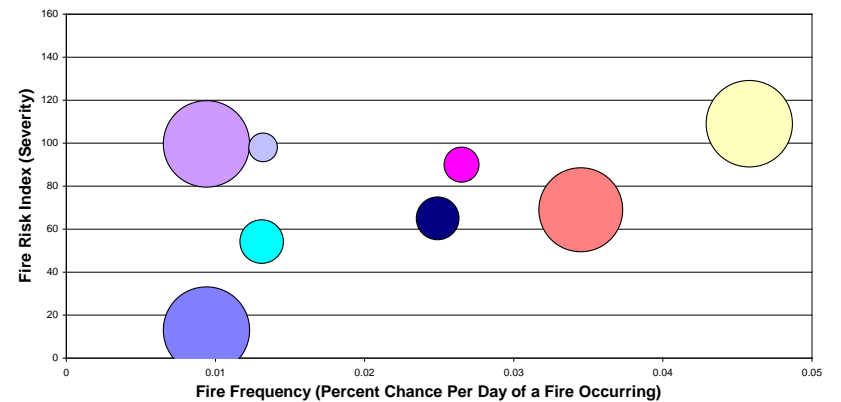
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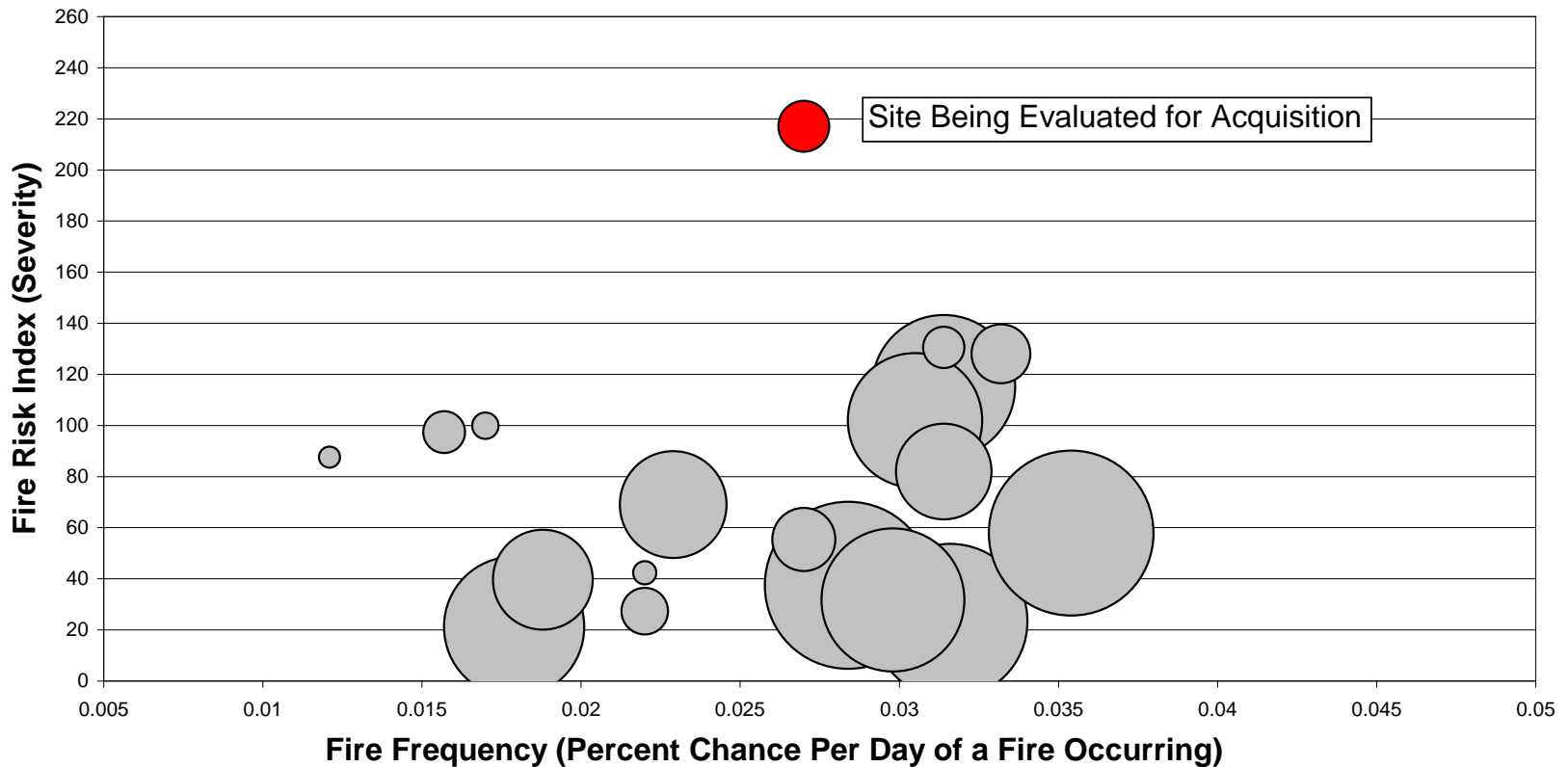
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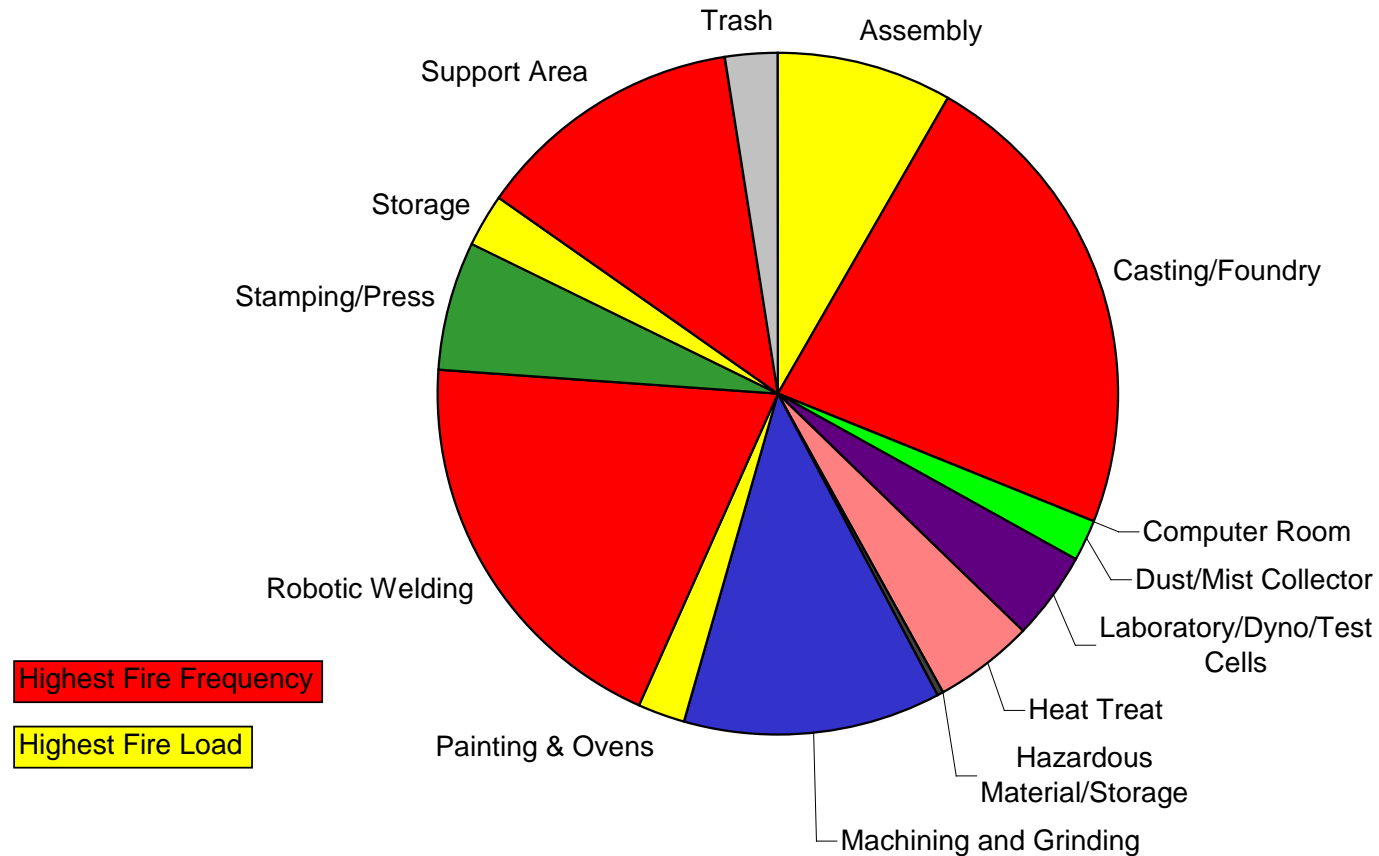
Latin America, Africa, Middle East



Tool 5: Facility Acquisition Risk Evaluation



Tool 6: Process Level Fire Risk Characterization



Tool 7: Process Level Ignition Source Analysis

| Ignition Grouping | Count of Total Fires | Percent | AS | AS % | CA | CA % | PA | PA % | RW | RW % | ST | ST % | SU | SU % |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------|-----|------|----|------|----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|
| 0 - Liquid Fueled Equipment | 102 | 4% | 4 | 2% | 7 | 7% | 3 | 5% | 3 | 1% | 2 | 1% | 24 | 3% |
| 1 - Solid Fueled Equipment | 15 | 1% | 1 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 3 | 1% | 2 | 1% | 6 | 1% |
| 2 - Electrical Equipment | 344 | 13% | 47 | 22% | 6 | 6% | 22 | 39% | 36 | 7% | 27 | 16% | 140 | 17% |
| 3 - Hot Objects | 364 | 14% | 20 | 9% | 58 | 59% | 7 | 13% | 21 | 4% | 10 | 6% | 107 | 13% |
| 4 - Open Flames and Smoking | 408 | 16% | 57 | 27% | 1 | 1% | 1 | 2% | 25 | 5% | 34 | 20% | 163 | 19% |
| 5 - Natural Sources | 25 | 1% | 2 | 1% | 2 | 2% | 0 | 0% | 8 | 2% | 2 | 1% | 8 | 1% |
| 6 - Hot Work Operations | 736 | 29% | 41 | 19% | 10 | 10% | 10 | 18% | 397 | 75% | 25 | 15% | 157 | 19% |
| 7 - Other or Unknown | 556 | 22% | 40 | 19% | 14 | 14% | 13 | 23% | 33 | 6% | 65 | 39% | 234 | 28% |
| Total | 2550 | | 212 | | 98 | | 56 | | 526 | | 167 | | 839 | |

- Action items can be identified based on trends:
 - Electrical equipment fires in key areas
 - Improper disposal of smoking materials
 - Hot work fires show need for better housekeeping and control of permit process

Tool 8: Process Level Materials Involved Analysis

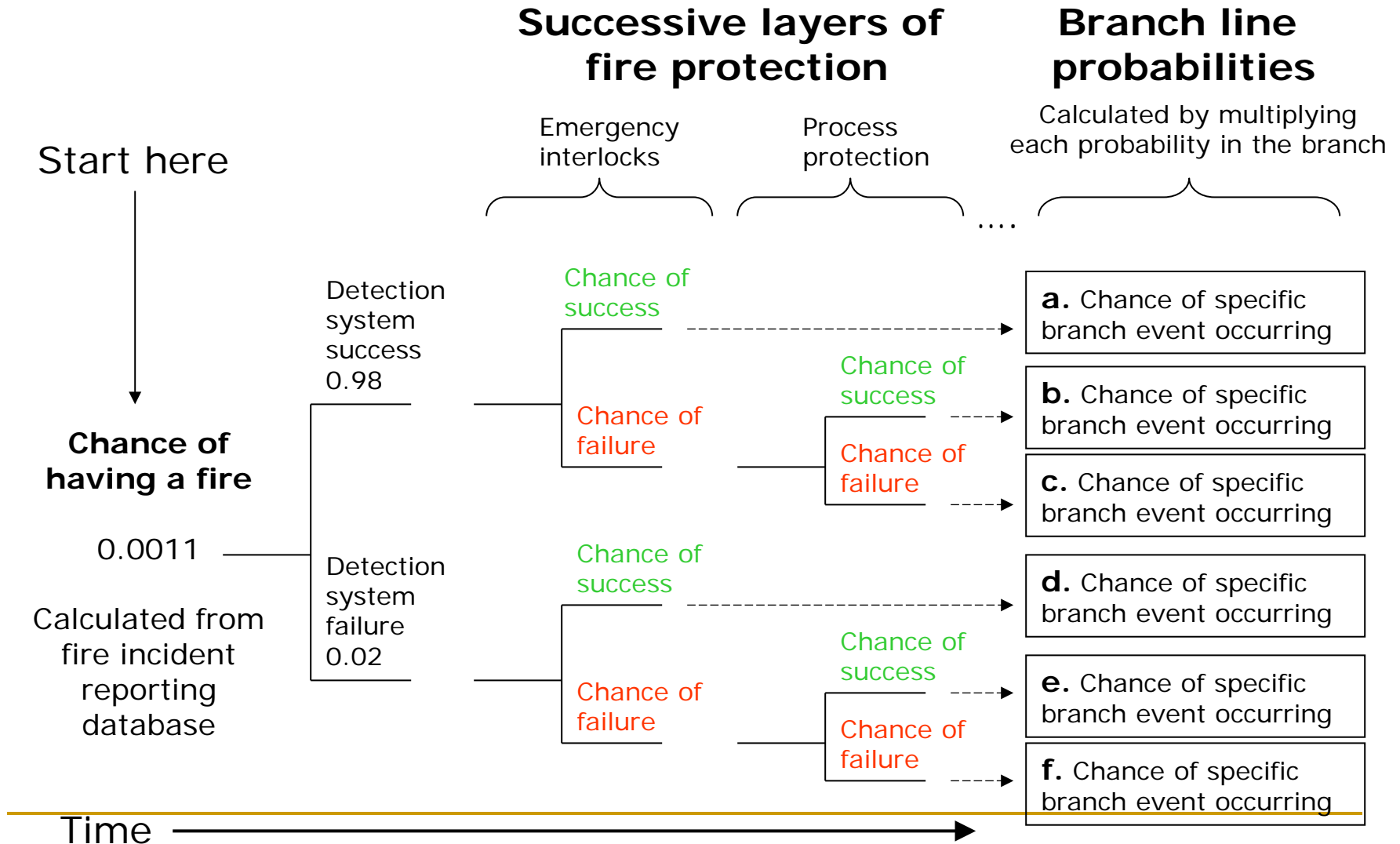
| Material Grouping | Count of Total Fires | Percent | AS | AS % | CA | CA % | PA | PA % | RW | RW % | ST | ST % | SU | SU % |
|---|----------------------|---------|-----|------|----|------|-----|------|----|------|-----|------|-----|------|
| 0 - Industrial and Production Vehicles | 226 | 9% | 59 | 28% | 3 | 3% | 24 | 5% | 7 | 13% | 42 | 25% | 73 | 9% |
| 1 - Cooking Equipment | 35 | 1% | 1 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 33 | 4% |
| 2 - Electrical Distribution Equipment | 225 | 9% | 21 | 10% | 3 | 3% | 37 | 7% | 5 | 9% | 14 | 8% | 106 | 13% |
| 3 - Office Equipment | 20 | 1% | 2 | 1% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 12 | 1% |
| 4 - Manufacturing Equipment | 307 | 12% | 12 | 6% | 34 | 35% | 35 | 7% | 13 | 23% | 2 | 1% | 43 | 5% |
| 5 - Heat Transfer/Air Circulating Equipment | 74 | 3% | 8 | 4% | 3 | 3% | 7 | 1% | 4 | 7% | 1 | 1% | 40 | 5% |
| 6 - Production Materials (Liquids/gases) | 55 | 2% | 2 | 1% | 5 | 5% | 9 | 2% | 6 | 11% | 2 | 1% | 16 | 2% |
| 7 - Production Materials (Solids) | 417 | 16% | 28 | 13% | 17 | 17% | 190 | 36% | 6 | 11% | 21 | 13% | 107 | 13% |
| 8 - Residue/Overspray Build-up | 209 | 8% | 10 | 5% | 6 | 6% | 30 | 6% | 5 | 9% | 5 | 3% | 45 | 6% |
| 9 - Other/Misc incl. Trash | 919 | 36% | 66 | 32% | 27 | 28% | 193 | 37% | 10 | 18% | 80 | 48% | 334 | 41% |
| | 2550 | | 209 | | 98 | | 526 | | 56 | | 167 | | 809 | |

- Action items can be identified to address:
 - Trash fires in all key areas
 - Production and production-support vehicle fires
 - Manufacturing equipment fires will impact production capability

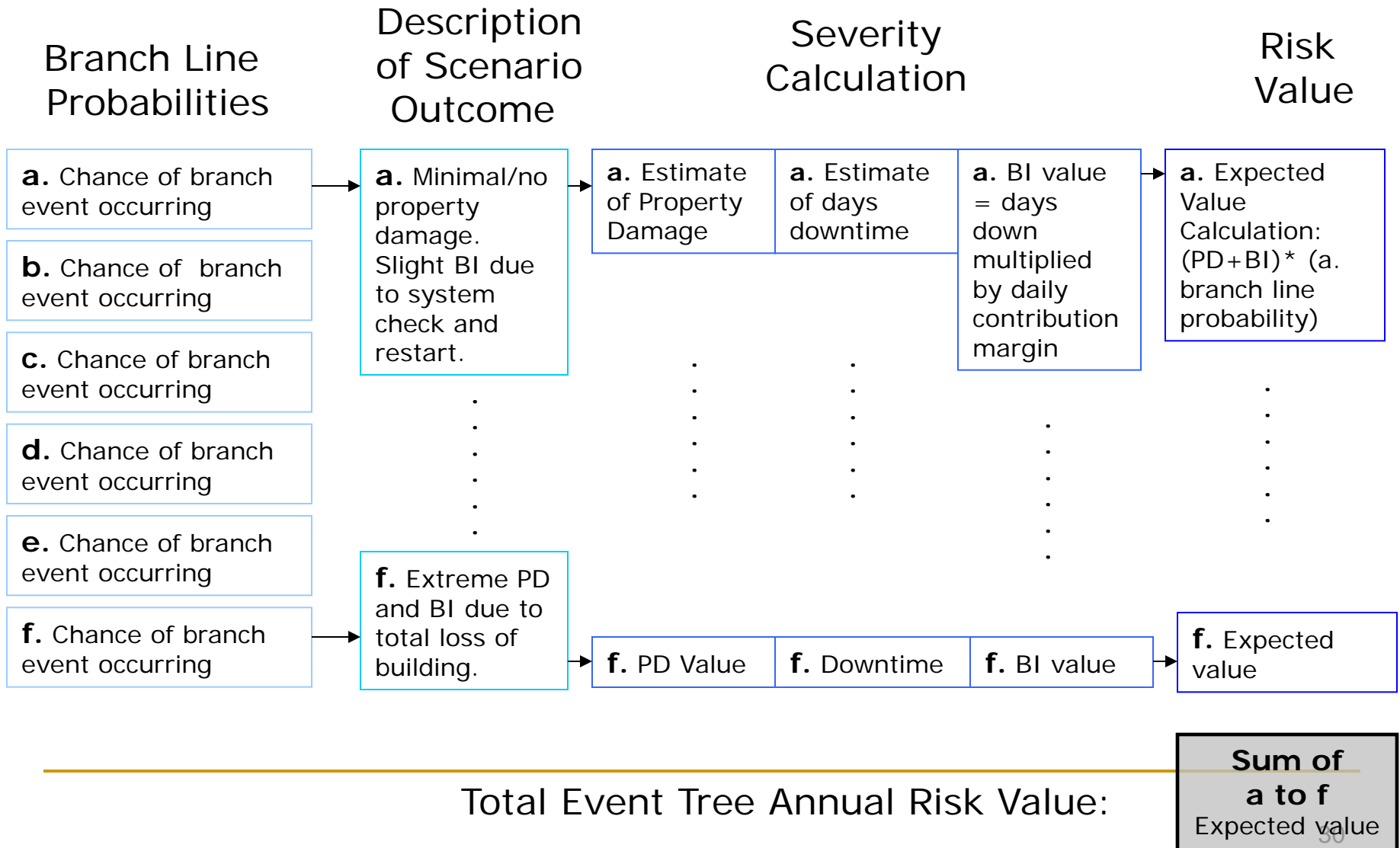
Tool 9: Fire Protection Criteria Analysis - Case Study

- Provide a **decision support tool** for analyzing trade-offs in fire protection investment and prioritizing risk reduction strategies.
- Provide **cost benefit analysis** for business case support.
- Develop and justify **alternative fire protection criteria** in emerging, low cost markets with minimal legal fire code requirements.
- Provide a **reliable, consistent, engineering-based, and defensible** risk quantification framework for fire protection criteria

Overview of Event Tree Construction



Total Annual Risk Value



Cost Benefit Analysis

| | Scenario | Total Annual Risk Value | Expected Life of Equipment (years) | Life Cycle Risk Cost |
|--------------|---|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Event Tree A | Paint Booth Fire WITH sprinklers at Roof level | \$ 843,779 | 20 | \$ 16,875,589 |
| Event Tree B | Paint Booth Fire WITHOUT sprinklers at Roof level | \$ 2,452,485 | 20 | \$ 49,049,701 |

Life Cycle Cost Difference **\$ 32,174,113**

Initial Capital Cost of Roof-Level Sprinklers **\$ 6,000,000**

Decision: GO or NO GO **GO**

- Ignores time value of money
- Assumes expected useful life of paint shop is 20 years

Questions?