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Integrated, Resilient Distribution Planning

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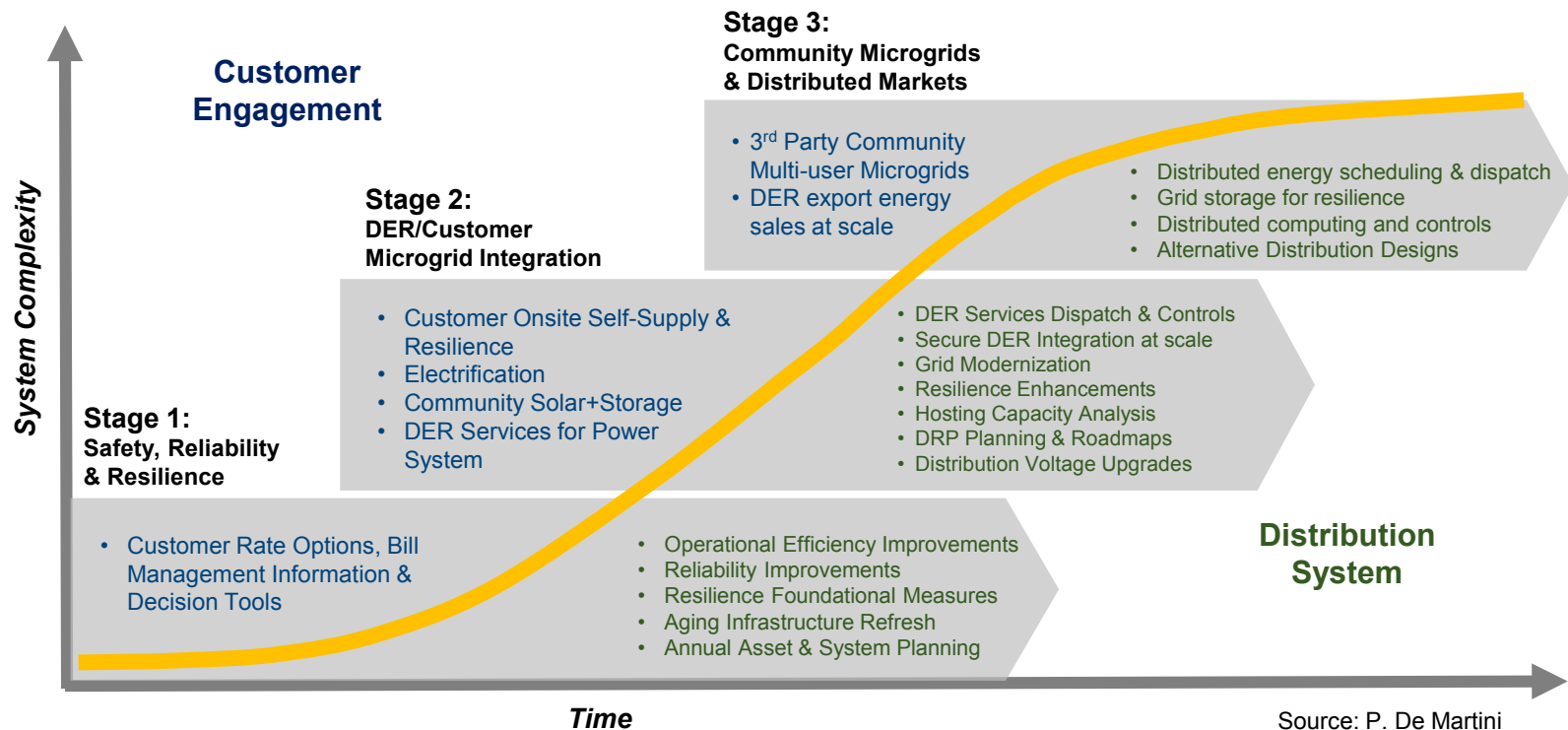
Distribution System Planning

- 3 principle aspects of modern distribution planning need to be integrated into a unified process
 - Resilience & Reliability
 - DER Integration & Utilization
 - Safety & Operational Efficiency
- Requires combining the grid needs identified from the 3 different planning analyses to assess overlapping needs
 - Resilience/Reliability Planning
 - Asset Planning
 - Grid Expansion/Modernization Planning



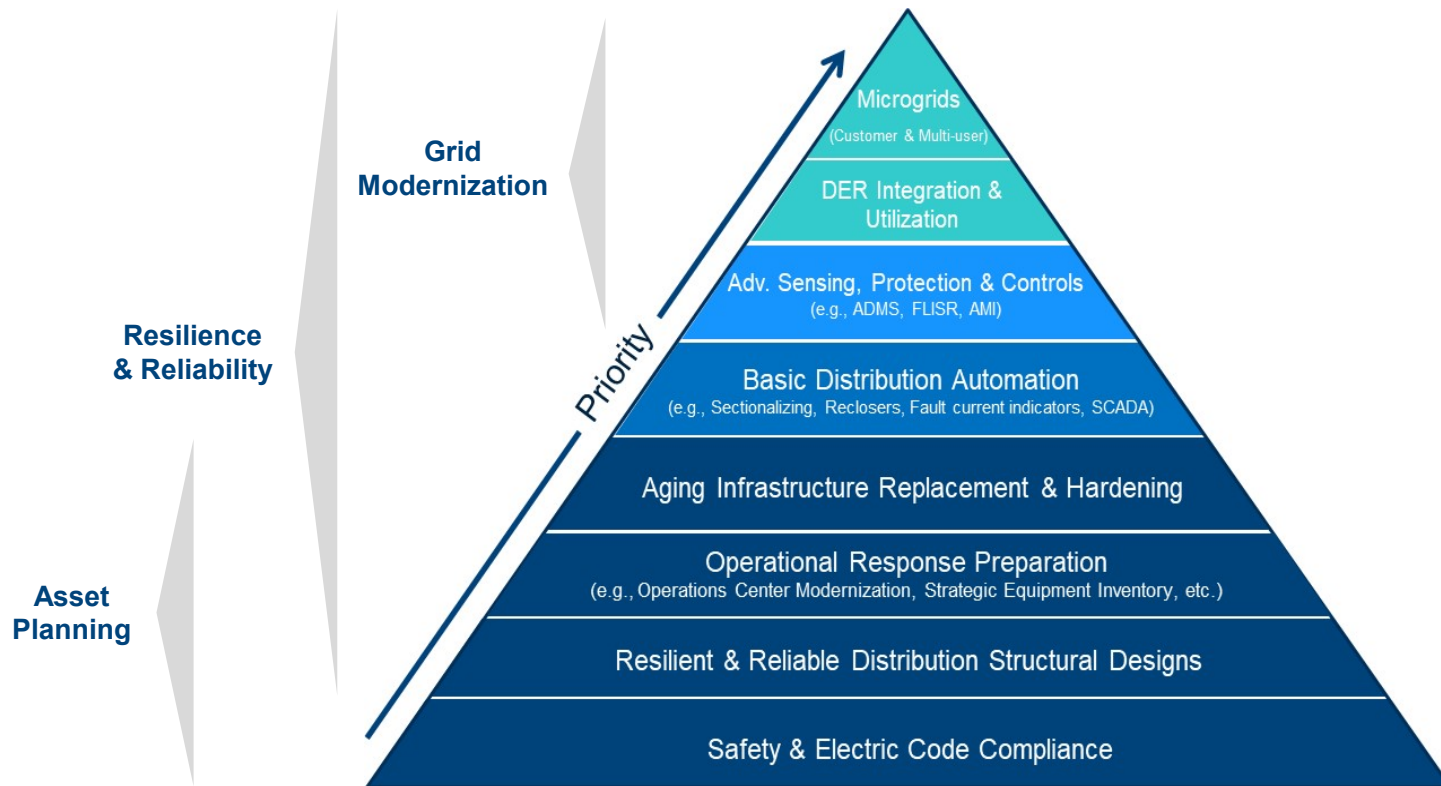
Addressing Complexity

Increasing DER/microgrid development & utilization combined with reliability and resilience considerations drive infrastructure planning & operational requirements



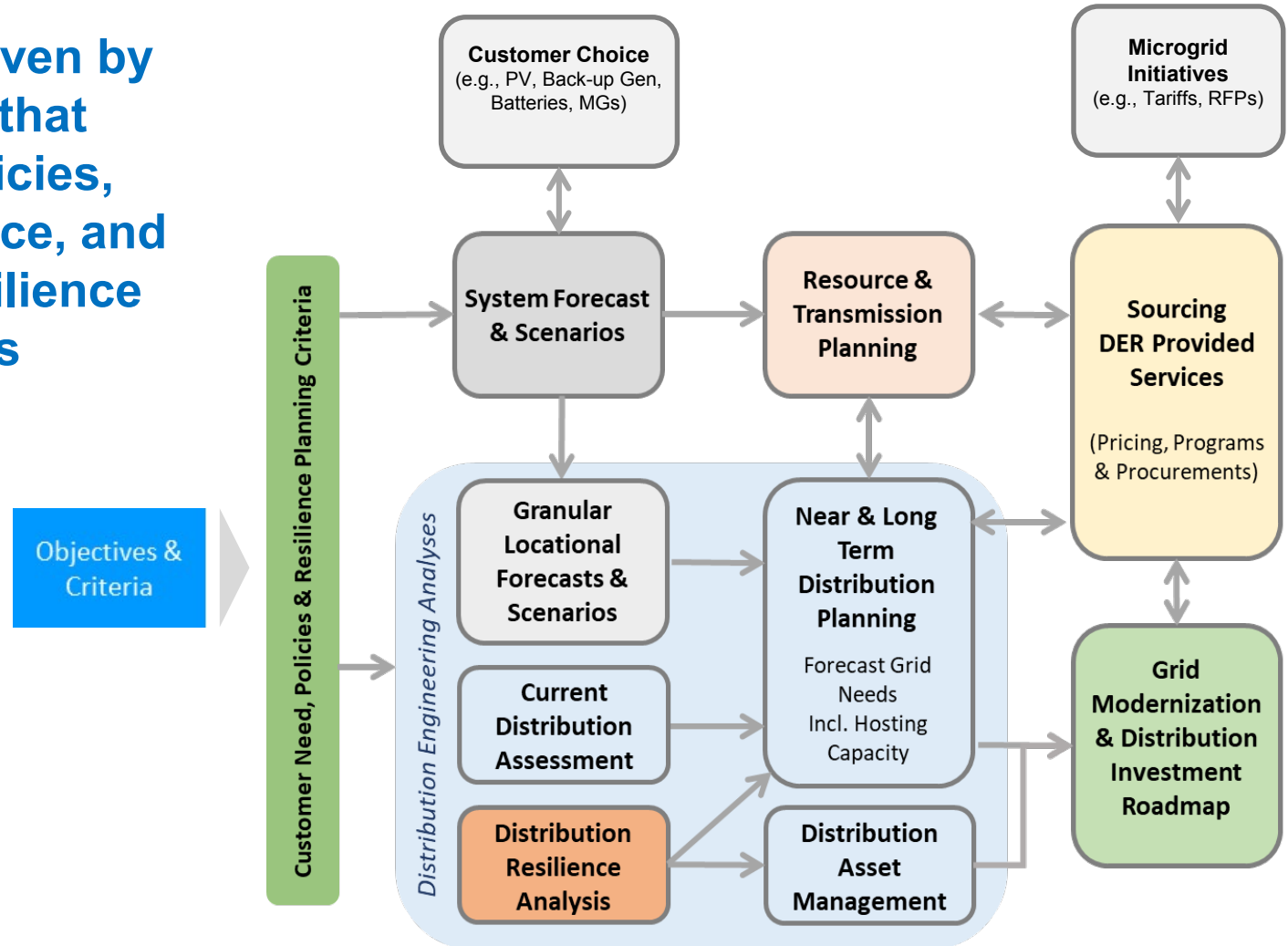
Investment Hierarchy

Foundational investments are needed to support more advanced applications



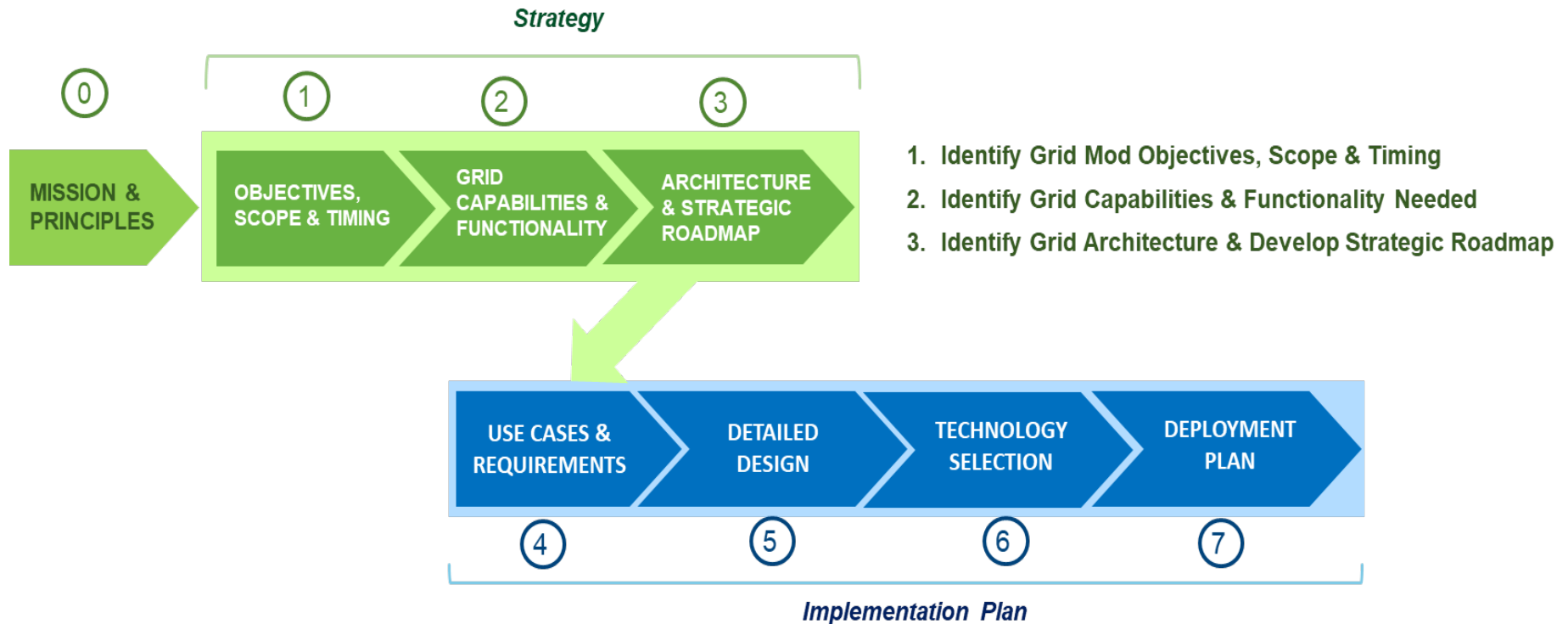
Integrated Distribution System Planning

Process is driven by objectives that address policies, customer choice, and reliability/resilience priorities



Grid Mod Strategy & Implementation Process

Grid modernization strategy and implementation planning is part of a more comprehensive, integrated planning process

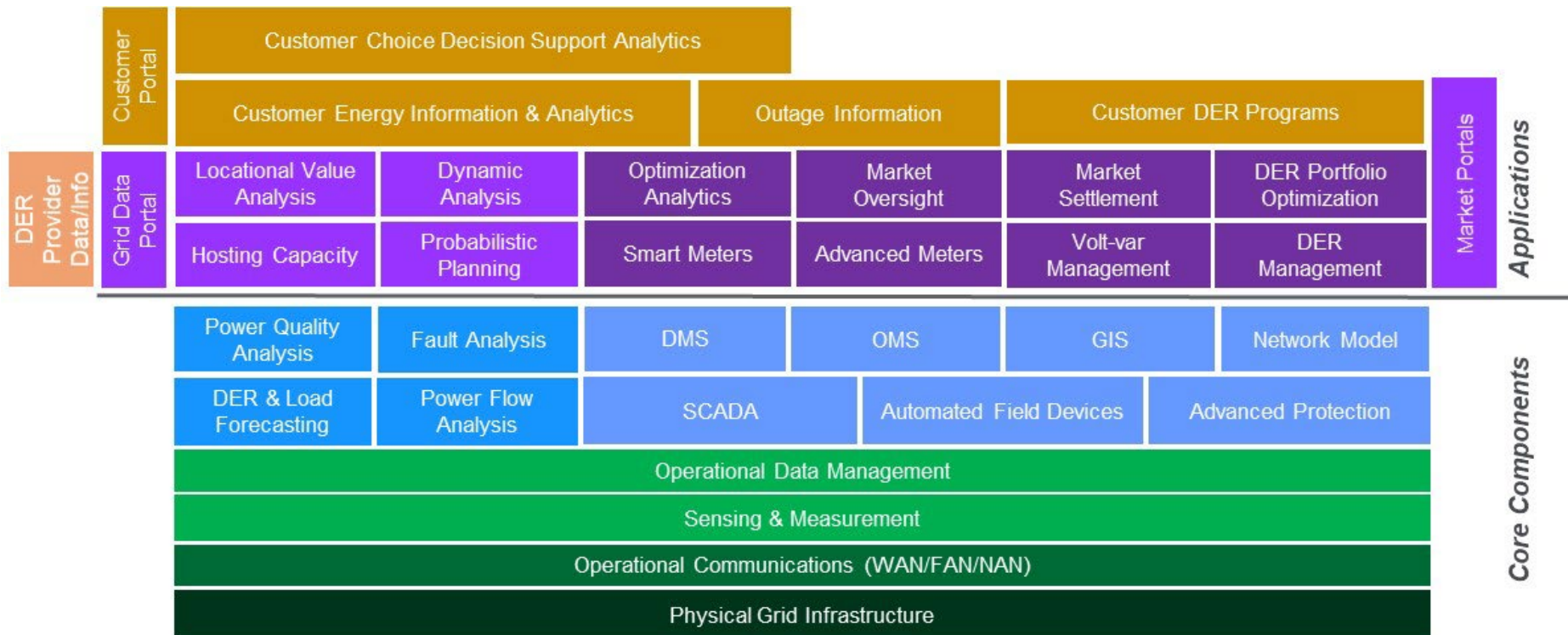


1. Identify Grid Mod Objectives, Scope & Timing
2. Identify Grid Capabilities & Functionality Needed
3. Identify Grid Architecture & Develop Strategic Roadmap

4. Develop Functional Use Cases to Identify Detailed Business & Technical Requirements
5. Develop Detailed Architecture & Design
6. Technology Assessment & Selection
7. Develop Deployment Plan & Cost Effectiveness Assessment

Distribution System Platform

Logical layering of core components that enable specific applications

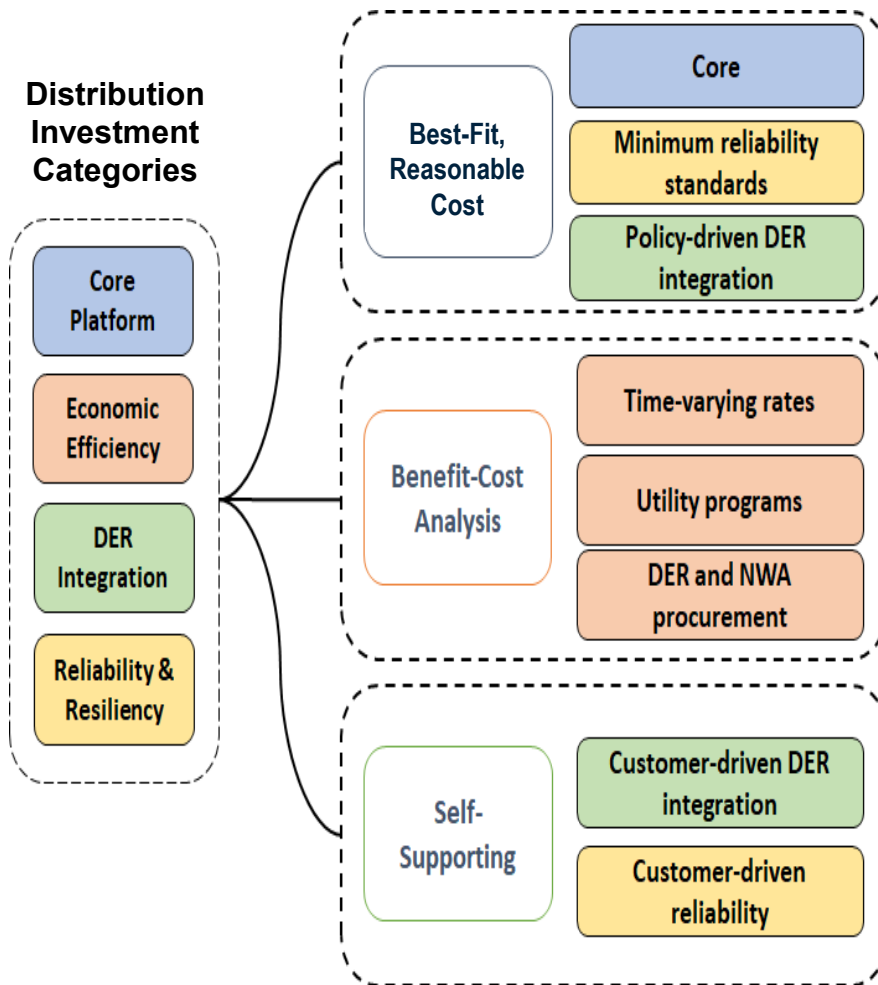


- Green - Core Cyber-physical layer
- Blue - Core Planning & Operational systems
- Purple - Applications for Planning, Grid & Market Operations
- Gold - Applications for Customer Engagement with Grid Technologies
- Orange - DER Provider Application

Source: U.S. Department of Energy-Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, 2017. *Modern Distribution Grid, Volume III: Decision Guide.*

Distribution Cost-Effectiveness Framework

Cost-effectiveness Methods for Typical Grid Projects



Best-Fit, Reasonable Cost for core grid platform and grid expenditures required to maintain or reliable operations as well as integrate distributed resources connected behind and in front of the customer meter that may be socialized across all customers.

Benefit-Cost Analysis for grid expenditures proposed to enable public policy and/or incremental system and societal benefits to be paid by all customers. Grid expenditures are the cost to implement the rate, program or NWA. Various methods for BCA may be used.

Customer Self-supporting costs for projects that only benefit a single or self-selected number of customers and do not require regulatory benefit-cost justification. For example, DER interconnection costs not socialized to all customers. Also, undergrounding wires at customers' request.

Assessing Threats

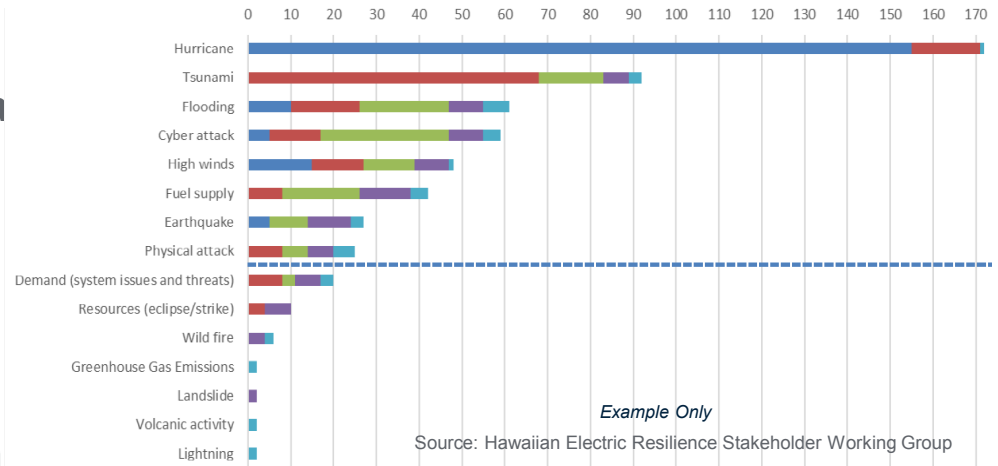
No single set of distribution resilience planning criteria

Threat based risk assessments are integral to understanding the potential impact of various physical and cyber threats

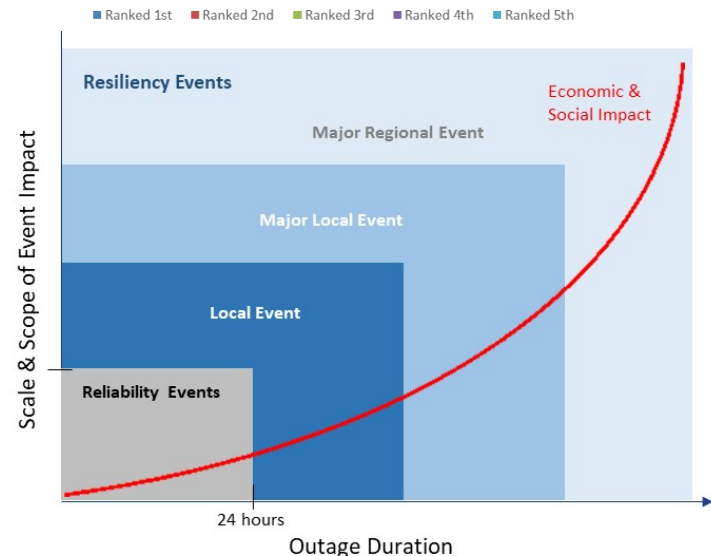
Distribution resilience events involve various potential scales and scopes based on different events

- Scale and scope of potential events inform structural considerations and functional requirements
- Scale and scope shape the economic impact and related value of solutions

Need to also unpack distribution resilience to gain insights into the nature of grid failures and potential structural/design options

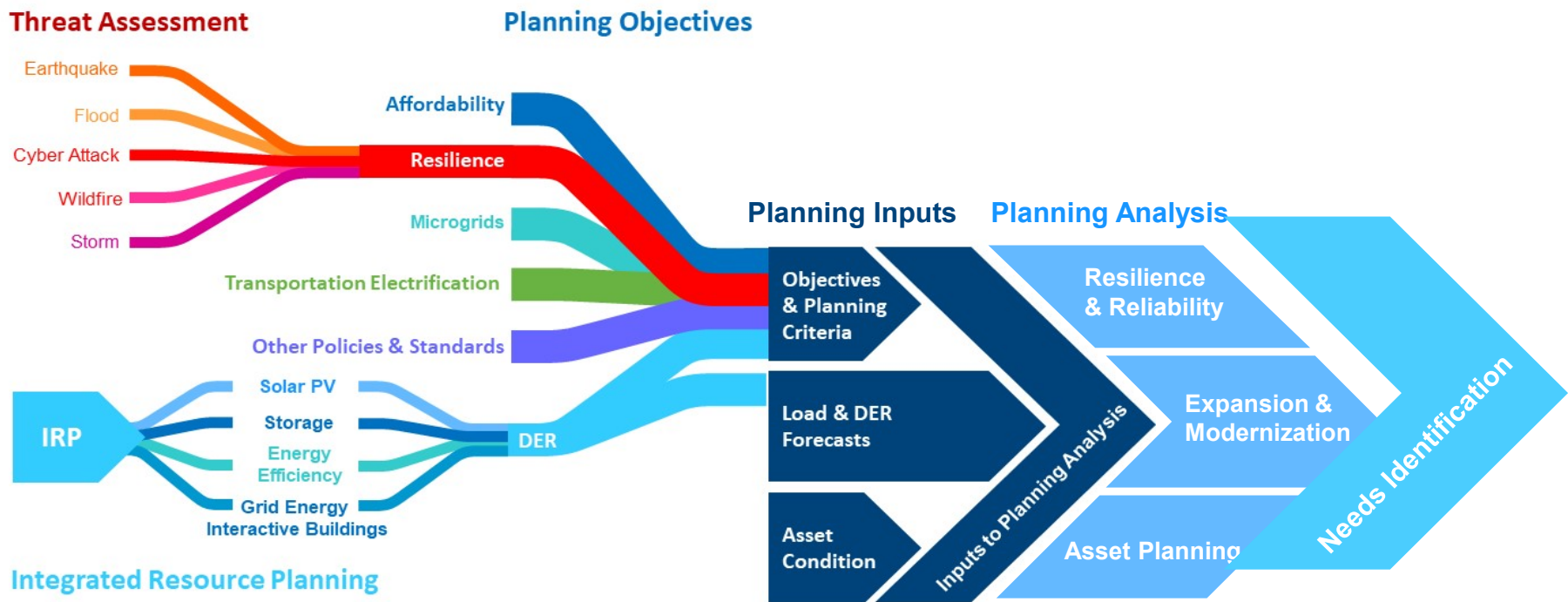


Example Only
Source: Hawaiian Electric Resilience Stakeholder Working Group



DSP Planning Inputs

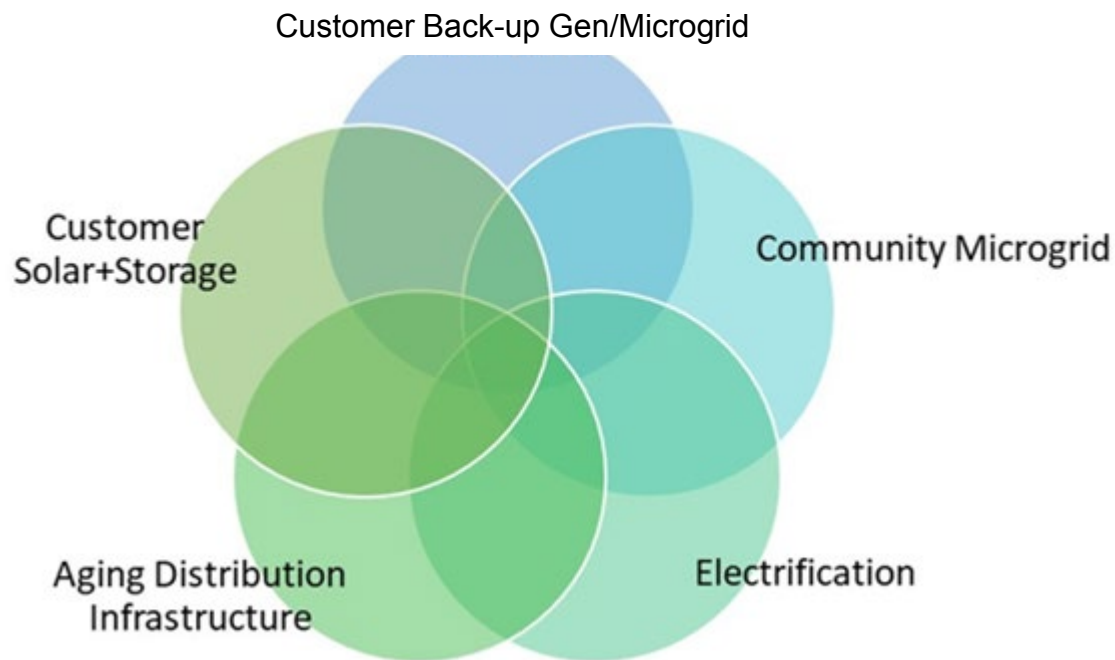
Methods are needed to a) translate threat-based risk assessment with prioritization into planning objectives and criteria and b) coordinate planning between IRP and DSP



Resilience Threat Assessment and IRP inform Objectives/Criteria & Forecasts

Multi-Objective Distribution Planning

Integrate the planning “criteria” and needs for each of the relevant objectives



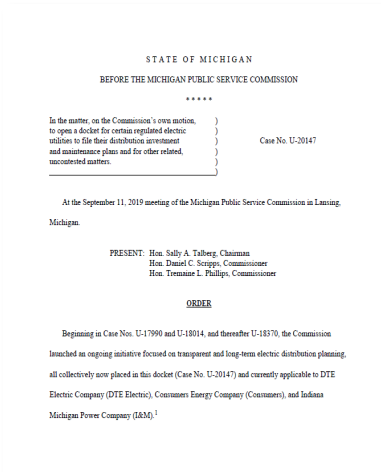
Future grid designs should address multiple criteria

Thank You

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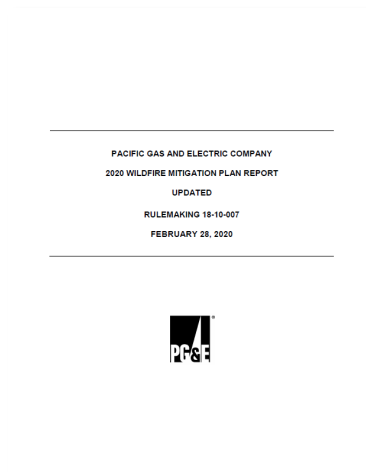
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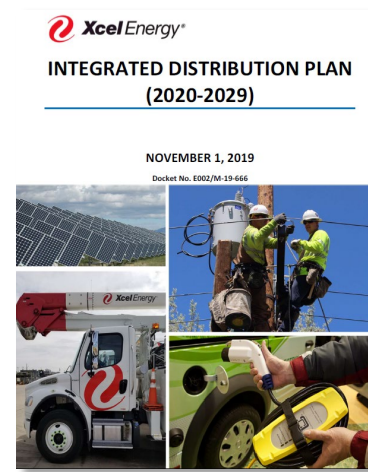
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