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Threat Modelling

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Agenda



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- Threat Modeling in Today's Environment
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- Best-in-class Threat Modeling
- Opportunity Analysis & Rationalization Solution (OARS)
- Q&A



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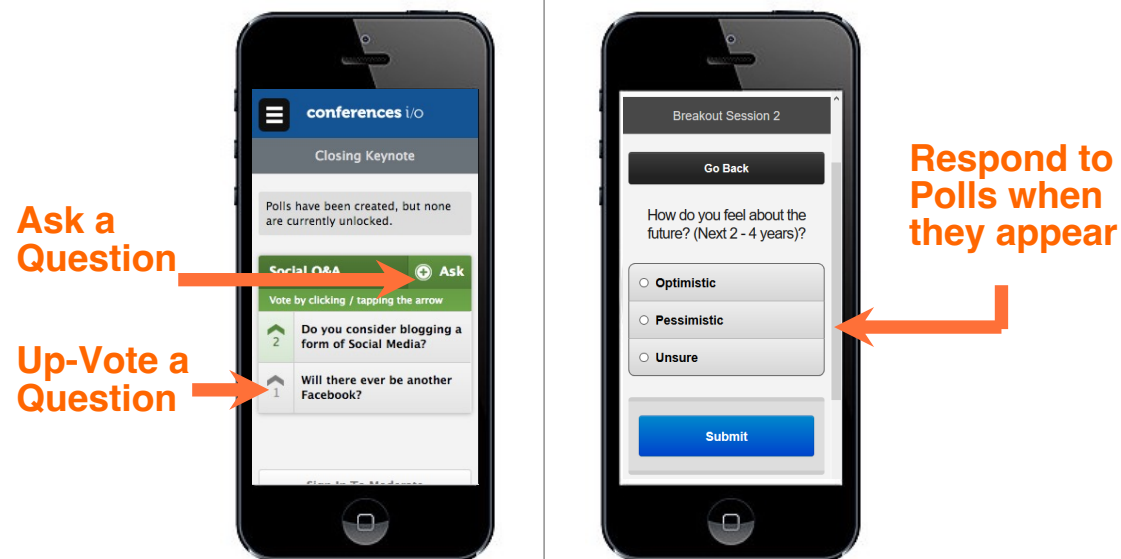
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Threat Taxonomy

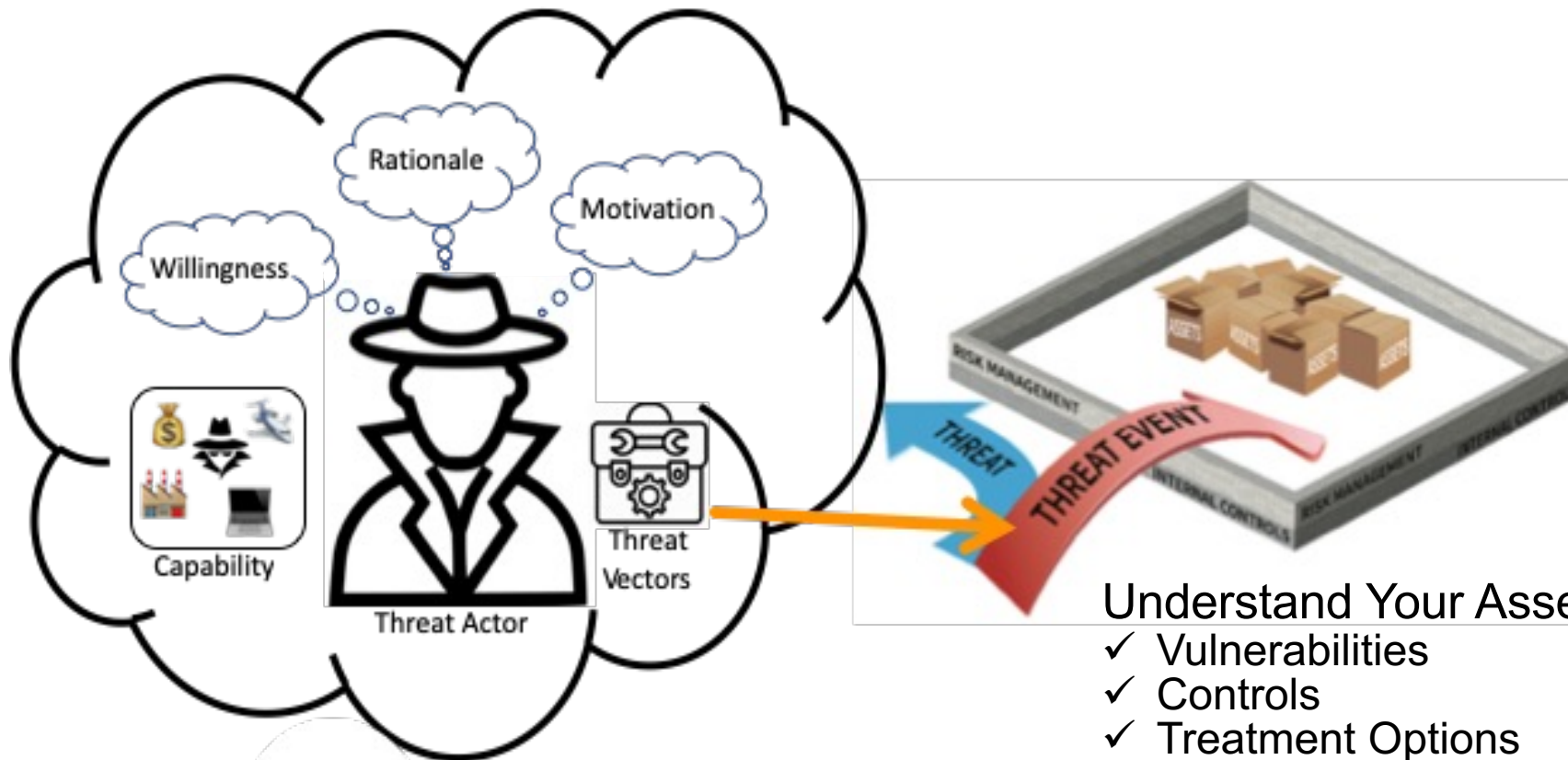
- **Asset** – Something used to meet organizational goals
- **Vulnerability** – Weakness that exposes an asset to potential damage
- **Threat** – Anything that can destroy or diminish asset value
- **Threat agent** – Entity capable and motivated to exploit an asset's vulnerability
- **Threat event** – Threat agent attempts to exploit asset's vulnerability
- **Threat vector** – Tool or technique used to exploit a vulnerability
- **Loss event** – Threat agent successfully exploits an asset's vulnerability

Threat events only occur if a threat agent has motivation and skill to exploit a vulnerability



Threat Modeling in Today's Environment

Understand The Threat



Understand Your Assets

- ✓ Vulnerabilities
- ✓ Controls
- ✓ Treatment Options
- ✓ Priority based on mission criticality
- ✓ Impact to business objectives
- ✓ Value



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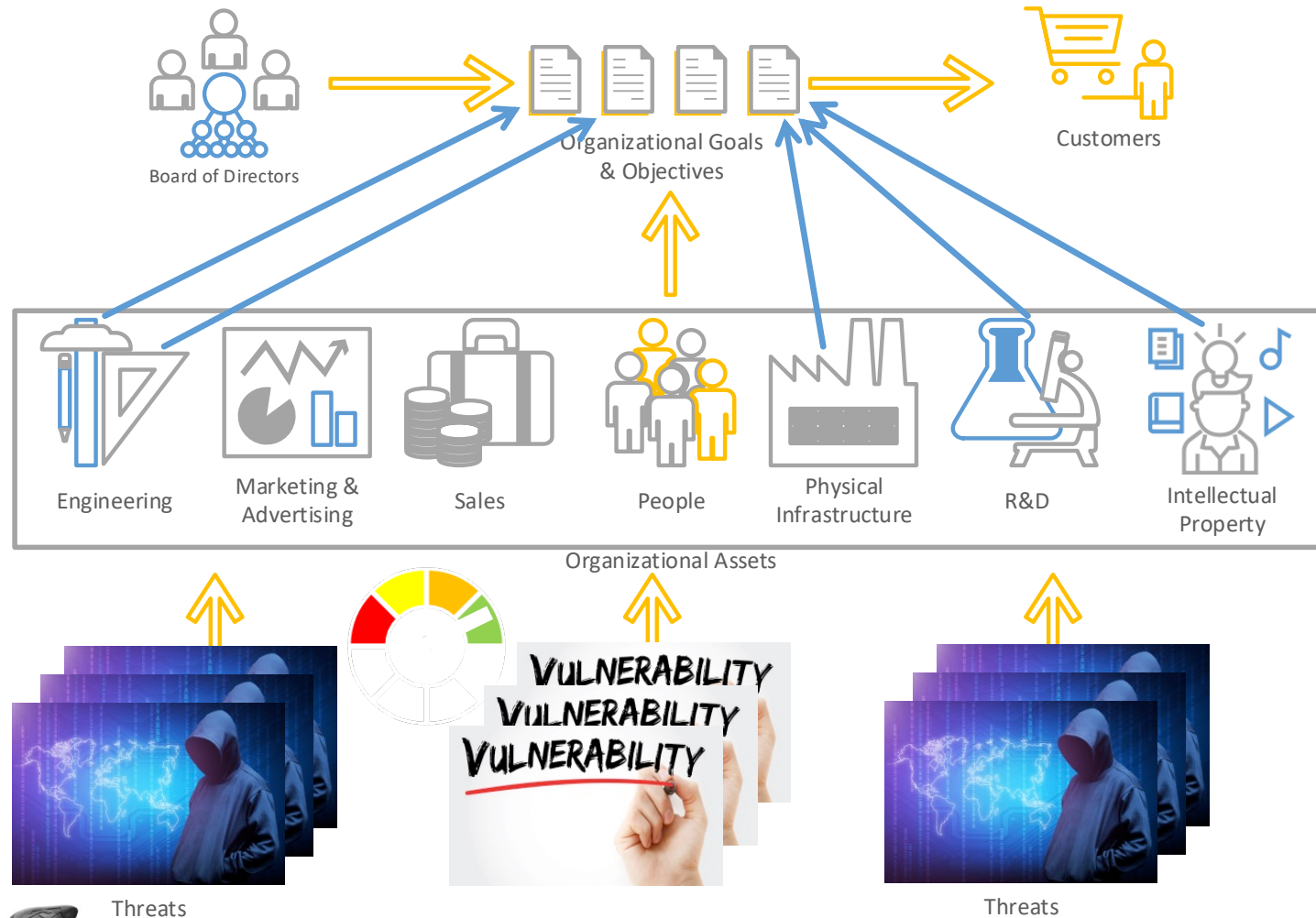
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Threat Modeling in Today's Environment



Best-in-class Threat Modelling



Critical Asset Protection Solution (CAPS)

- Asset oriented
- Ties critical assets to organizational goals and business functions
- Creates an inventory of critical organizational assets
- Highlights low-value assets that should be replaced or eliminated
- Models the impact of total asset loss and impaired assets

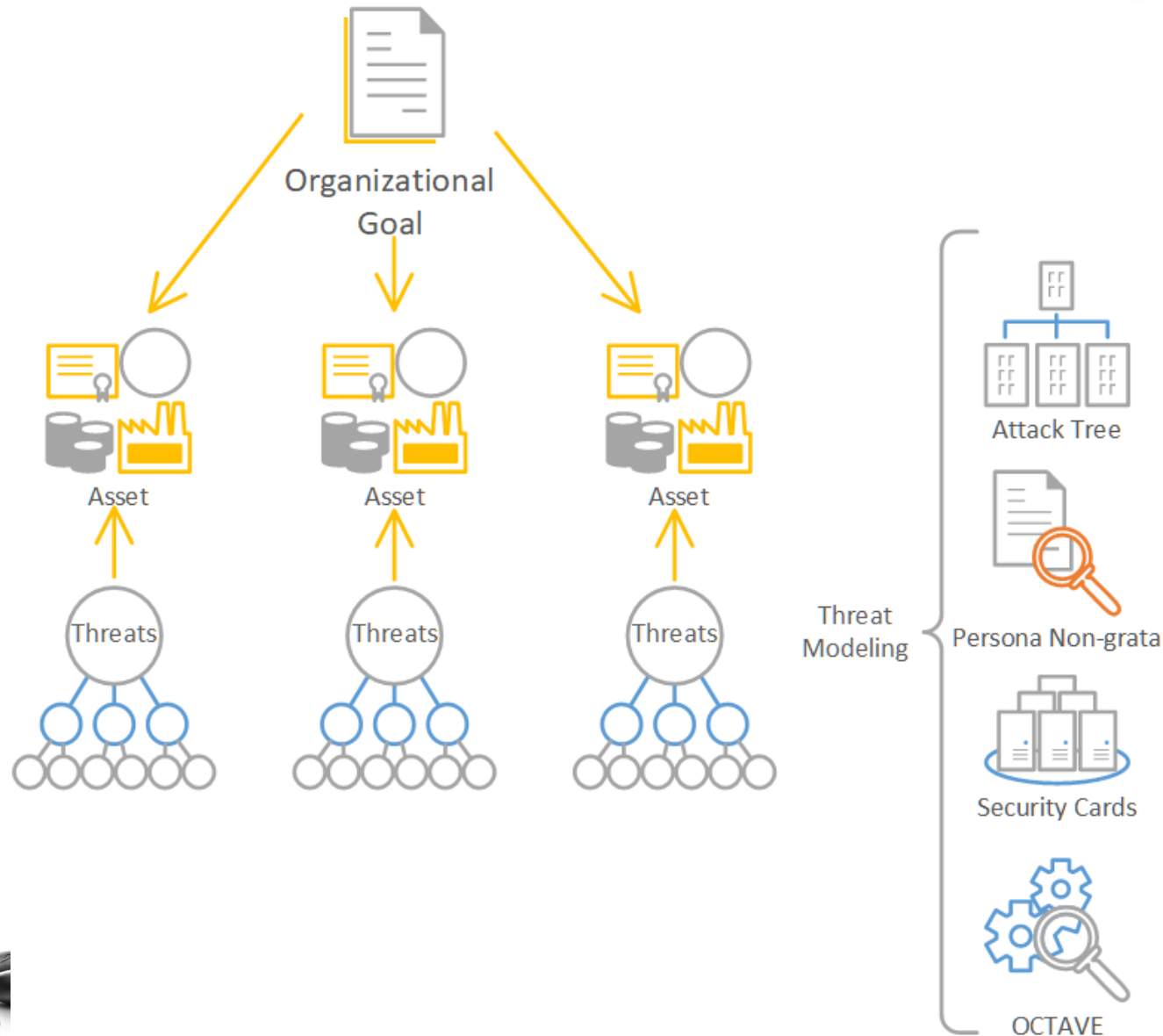
Extend Threat Models

- Include all types of risk and not just cyber threats
- Use a hybrid approach
 - Attack trees (includes both IT & non-IT threats)
 - Persona non Grata (impact of insider threats)
 - Security Cards (threat rationale & motivation)
 - Octave (asset oriented, less abstract methods)



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Best-in-class Threat Modelling



Opportunity Analysis and Rationalization Solution (OARS)



- Opportunity analysis is effectively speculative risk management
 - Resources are expended with no guarantee of a return
- Structured techniques exist
- Improves communication with Senior Stakeholders and The Board
- Critical success factor for organizations in the 4IR
- Proactive opportunity analysis is critical to 4IR risk management



Opportunity Analysis and Rationalization Solution (OARS)



Bayesian statistics

- Mechanism for using subjective beliefs in a problem
- All that is needed is knowledge of existing environment

Decision tree (aka EMV)

- Graphical display
- Quantitative results

Monte Carlo Simulation

- Easy to use
- Software enables nearly unlimited simulation runs

Preliminary hazard analysis (PHA)

- Carried out early in the lifecycle when limited design or operating procedures information exists
- Able to be used when there is limited information



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Poll: Does your organization conduct formal threat modeling activities?



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Opportunity Analysis and Rationalization Solution (OARS)

Multi-criteria decision analysis (MCDA)

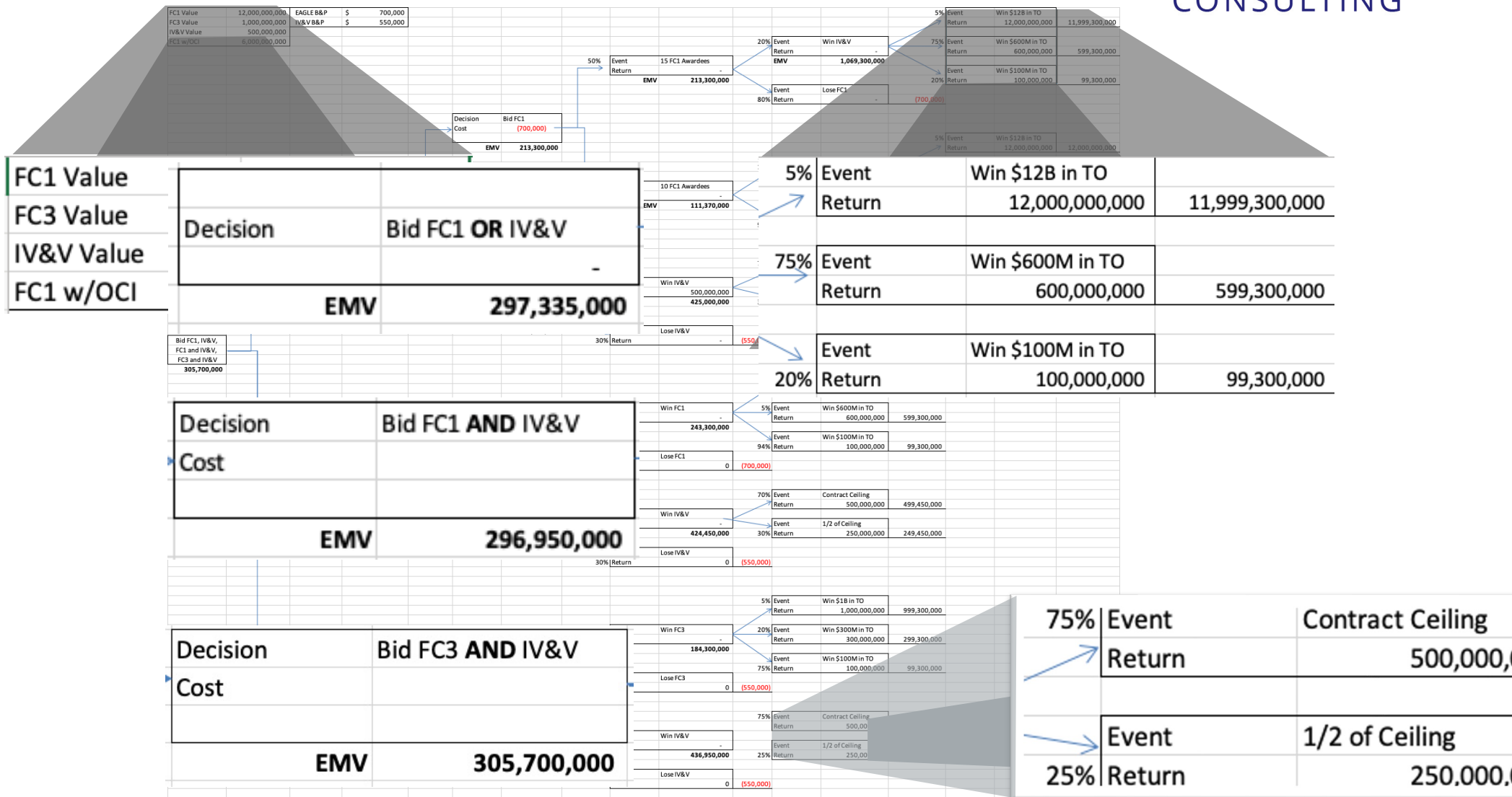
- Objectively assess the overall worthiness of a set of options
- Useful where multiple and sometimes conflicting objectives exist
- Helps rationally consider problems where tradeoffs must be made

F_n Curves

- AKA - As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP)
- Highlights events impacting a large segment of the population with a high frequency of occurrence which may be socially or politically unacceptable
- Can be constructed using data from past losses or calculated from simulation model estimates



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