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Multi-Year, Multi-Constraint Strategy to Optimize Linear Assets Based on Life Cycle Costs

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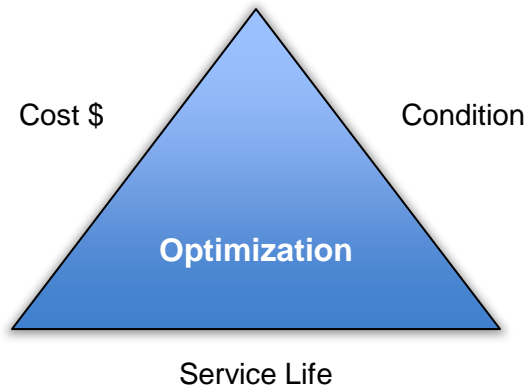


Optimization
Analysis

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Pavement Asset Management

- **Pavement management** is the process of planning the maintenance and rehabilitations of a network of roadways in order to **optimize** pavement condition and cost over the entire network.



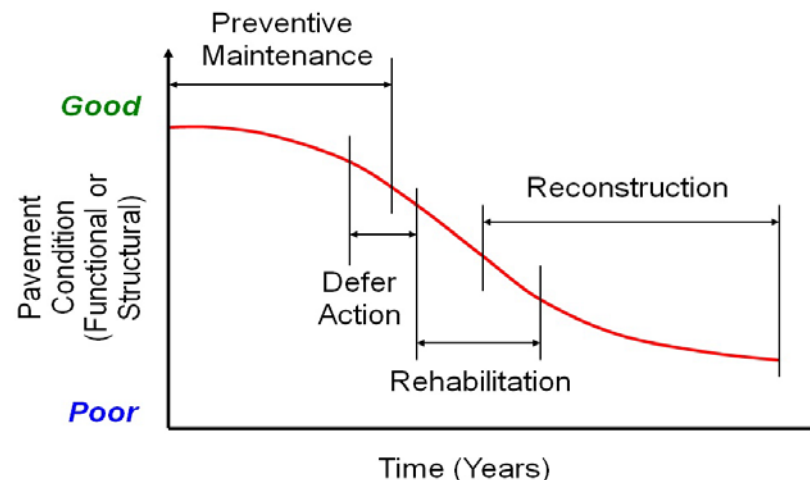
NEED for PMS

- Transportation infrastructures represent a very large amount of investment.
- Preservation of these assets implies continuous investments to achieve serviceability, safety ,life span.
- In the US, an estimated **\$91 billion** is budgeted to maintain highway pavements, but there is still a shortfall of **\$89 billion** annually — leading to a decline in condition and performance of pavements (*)

*. ASCE, 2013 Report Card for America's Infrastructure, American Society of Civil Engineers

PMS Outputs : What Where When

- Desired Output is a Work Plan
- Modern PMS assist decision makers in determining “what treatment, when, and where?” by optimizing pavement network work plans under budgetary and other agency constraints and objectives.



Common Analysis Methods

- Worst First Method
- Ranking (Benefit/Cost)
- Optimization Multi Constraint (Sequential Opt.)
- Optimization Multi Year (Holistic Opt.)

WORST FIRST

- Overly simplistic
- Spending the budget mostly on first years
- Ignoring Preventive Maintenance
- Not Optimized

Ranking

- Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA)
- Has been widely used by several transportation agencies
- Not too complex to implement and understand
- **Cannot** solve problems with multiple overlapping constraints
- It is **not optimized**

Need for Multiple Overlapping Constraints

- No budget in first year, X dollar in second year, Y dollar in third year
- $PCI > 75$ for district A and $PCI > 80$ for district B etc.
- Constrains that targets different roadway classes (Interstate, Primary Roads, Secondary Roads)
- $PCI > 75$ for 80% or more of the network and not more than 10% of the network to have $PCI < 25$

Ranking

- Available Budget is 250,000 \$

Sections	Treatment	Cost	Benefit	B/C (X100)	Selected
1	T1	\$40,000	1400	3.50	x
2	T2	\$220,000	7500	3.41	
3	T3	\$80,000	2700	3.38	x
4	T4	\$150,000	4800	3.20	
5	T5	\$15,000	450	3.00	x

Total Spent : 135,000 \$ (55%)

Sum of Benefit : 4550

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Total Spent : 245,000 \$ (98%)

Sum of Benefit : 7950

* Benefit is defined as the area under the condition curve for each segment (Sum of condition score over service time)

Optimization

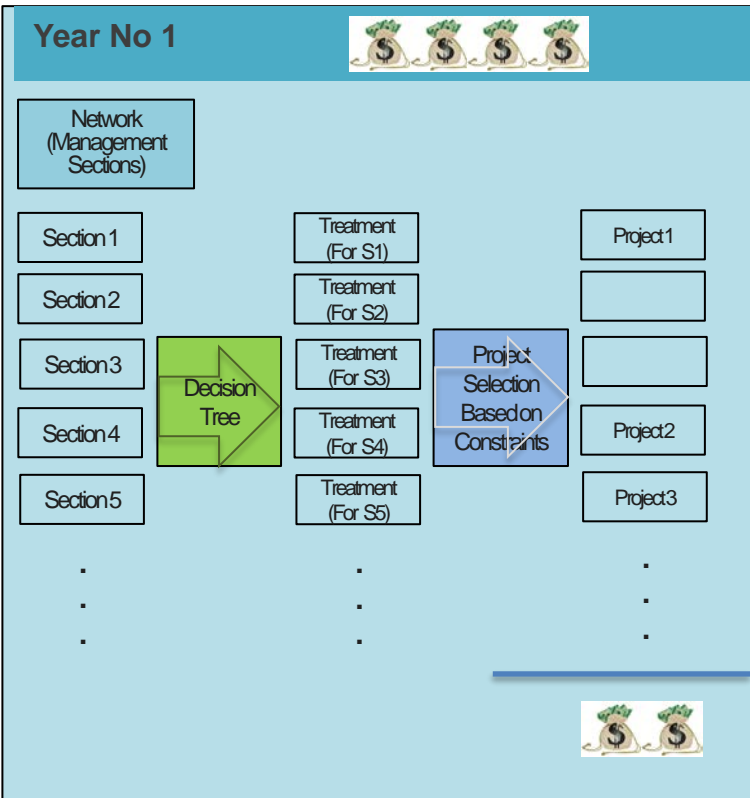
- Optimization checks different combo of Treatments in different years and solve for best sets of Projects
- Optimization can analyze problems that B/C ranking cannot tackle
- Optimization can handle Multiple overlapping constraints
- The solution is a real work plan with identified sections and treatments



Multi Constraint Optimization

- **Multi Constraint** : Year by year analysis . Start with recommending a treatment for each section for each year (Sequential)
- **Multi Constraint** analyzes each single year discretely.
- **Multi Constraint** solution is optimal in each year.

Multi - Constraint Analysis

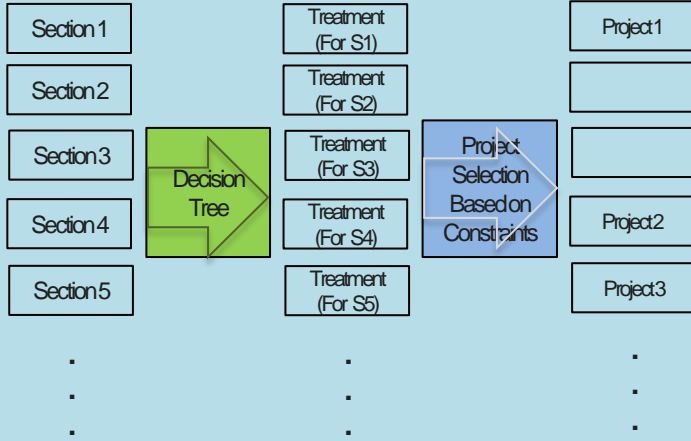


Multi - Constraint Analysis

Year No 1



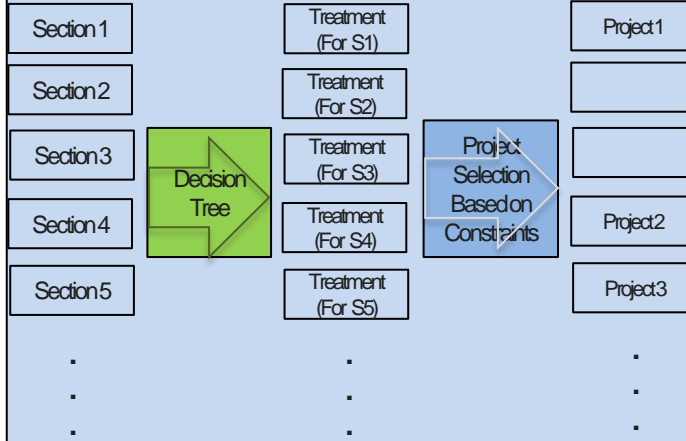
Network
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Sections)



Year No 2



Network
(Management
Sections)



Year No 3



Multi Year Optimization

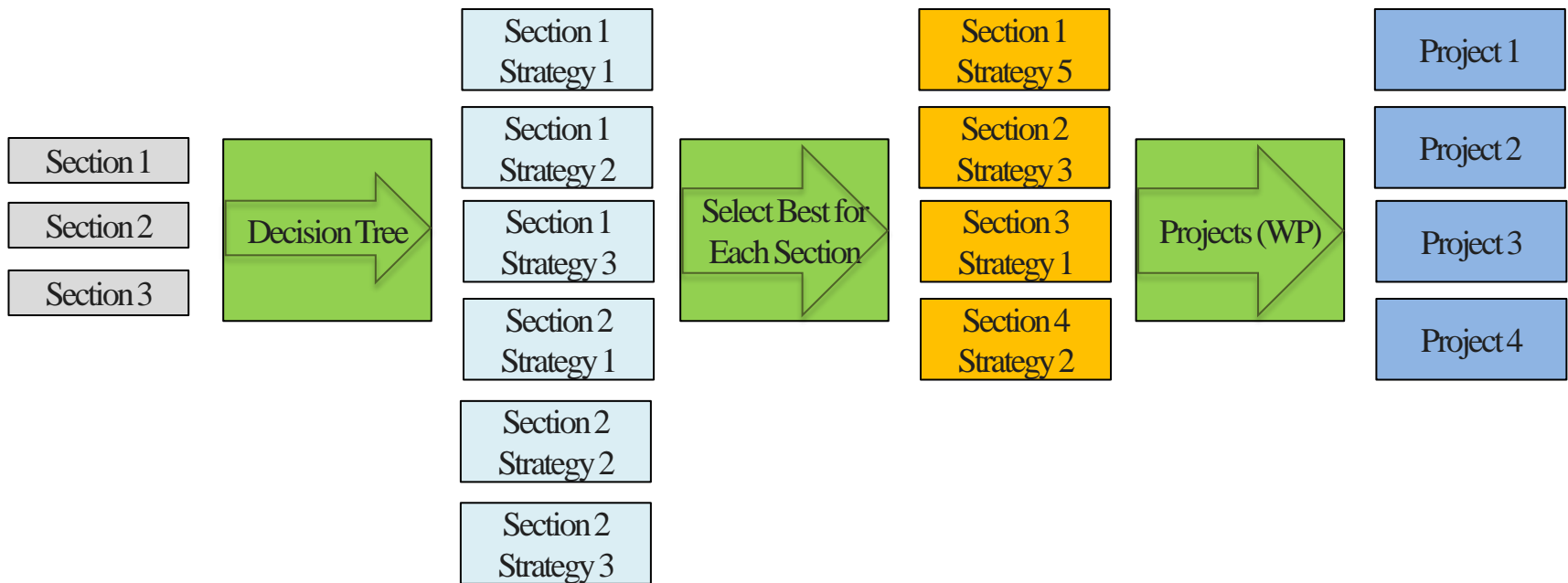
- Multi Year Multi Constraint : Checks the whole analysis Period for each section.
- More Complex, Bigger problem
- For short analysis period Multi Year results is marginally as optimal as Multi Constraint

Multi Year

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Strategy 1	Yellow				
Strategy2		Yellow		Yellow	
Strategy3	Yellow		Yellow		Yellow
Strategy4				Yellow	
Strategy5			Yellow		

Multi Year

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Strategy2		Yellow		Yellow	
Strategy3	Yellow		Yellow		Yellow
Strategy4				Yellow	
Strategy5			Yellow		



Case Study for Analysis

- ~2000 Management Sections
- ~200000 lane miles
- 20 Treatment Alternatives
- Pavement Condition from Poor, to Good
- Average Condition Index = 70

Optimization

- Optimization method presented here have been used for many large scale networks ranging from the largest highway networks in the nation (e.g., Texas, North Carolina, Virginia) to smaller county/city networks.

* SCENARIO NAME Need Analysis	* ANALYSIS TYPE Estimate MWP Influence Multi Year with Work Plan Multi-Constraint Multi-Year Prioritization Ranking Worst First
* YEAR OF CONDITION DATA 2015	
* DECISION TREE SET test	
MWP SCOPE 	

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- Case Study Number 1
Need Analysis



5 years- Need Analysis

Objective : Maximize Benefit
Unlimited Budget (\$\$\$\$\$)

Total spending almost was the same for both optimization methods (Need Analysis) after running analysis.

Number of Projects in the Work Plan	
Multi-Constraint	Multi-Year
1733	1687

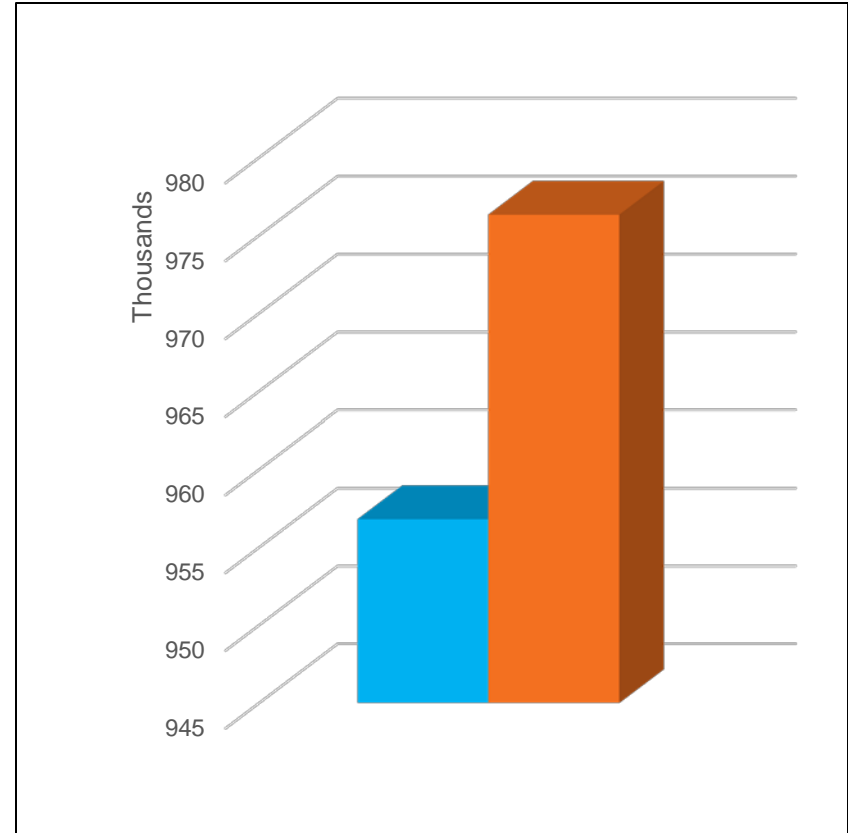
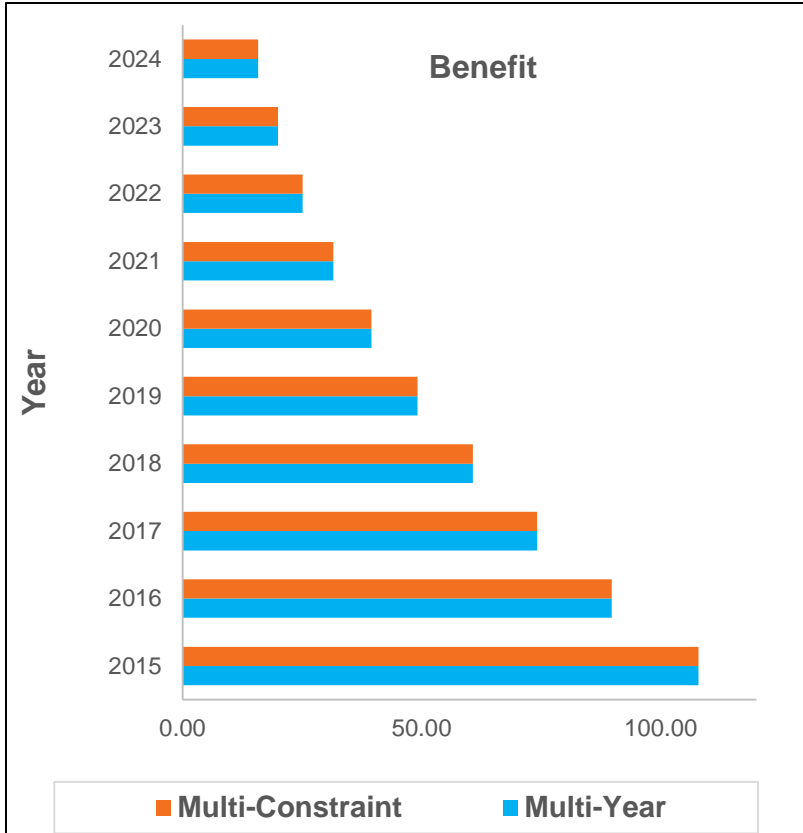


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- Case Study Number 2
Limited Budget Analysis



10 Year Analysis

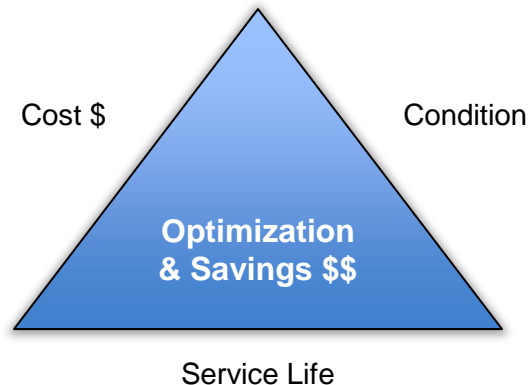
Objective : Maximize Benefit
1000000 \$ available each year



While benefits are maximized exactly the same way in both analyses, Multi Year analyses reached that benefit by spending less money which demonstrates better optimization.

Summary

- Pavement management project selection for a large network is a complex problem specially when having several overlapping constraints.
- Solving such complex problem need appropriate approach and powerful tools



Summary

- Ranking method is not optimized.
- Ranking method can not handle multiple constraints
- **Optimization** is proven to be the best solution.
- Results from analysis on different networks have shown significant budget **savings** when using optimization methods.
- Particularly for longer analysis periods, Multi-Year optimization analysis leads to better results and can save more money compare to Multi-Constraint analysis.

Thank You!