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Multi-objective Optimization Approach for Sustainable Pavement Maintenance and Rehabilitation Programming

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MODAT – Multi-Objective Decision-Aid Tool for Highway Asset Management

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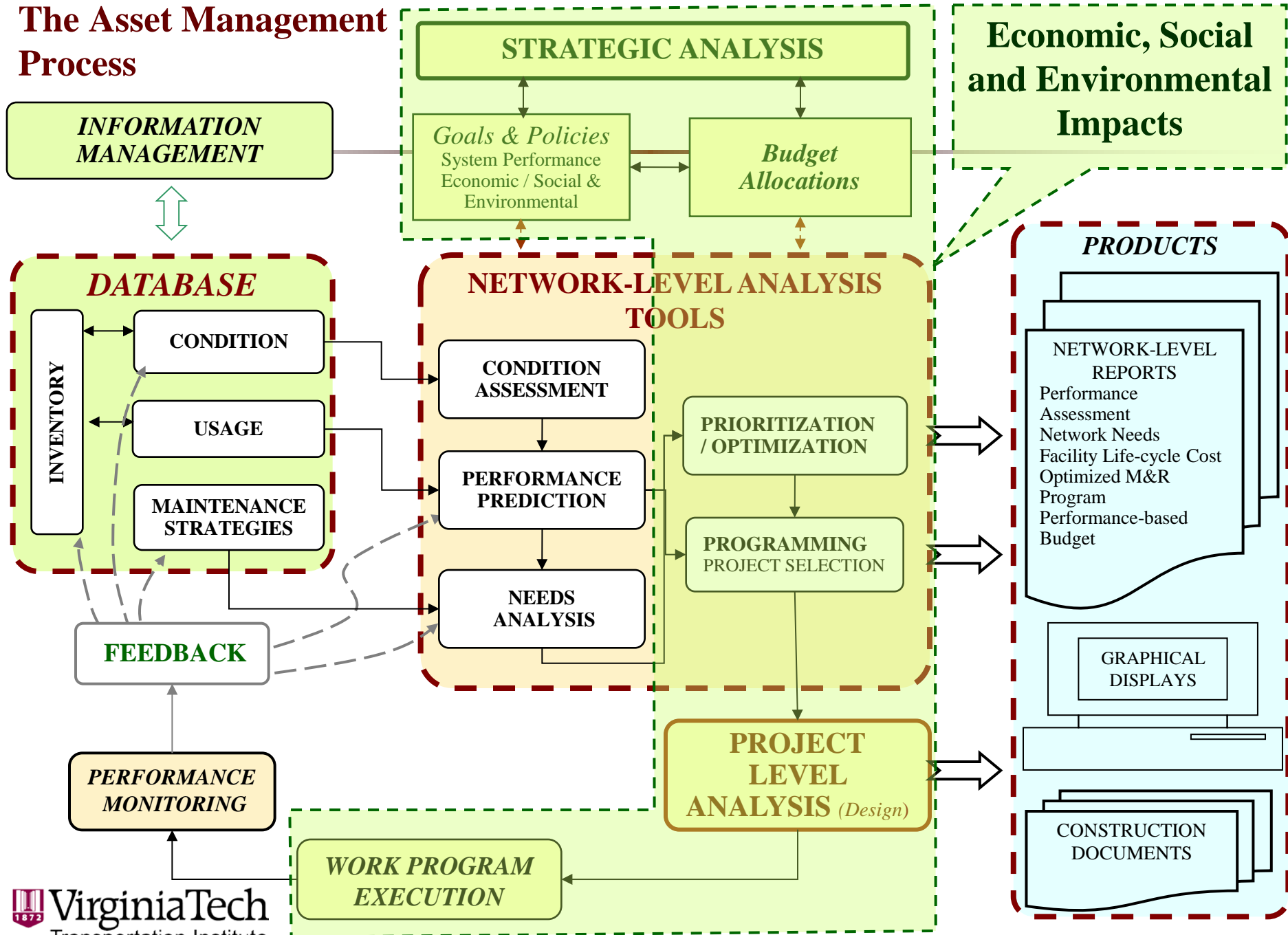
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Background



The Asset Management Process



Objective

- To develop a multi-objective optimization framework that hosts a comprehensive and integrated pavement life cycle cost and life cycle assessment model that covers the whole pavement's life cycle (cradle to grave)
- To apply the model to improve the management of our pavement assets

Why Multi-objective Optimization?

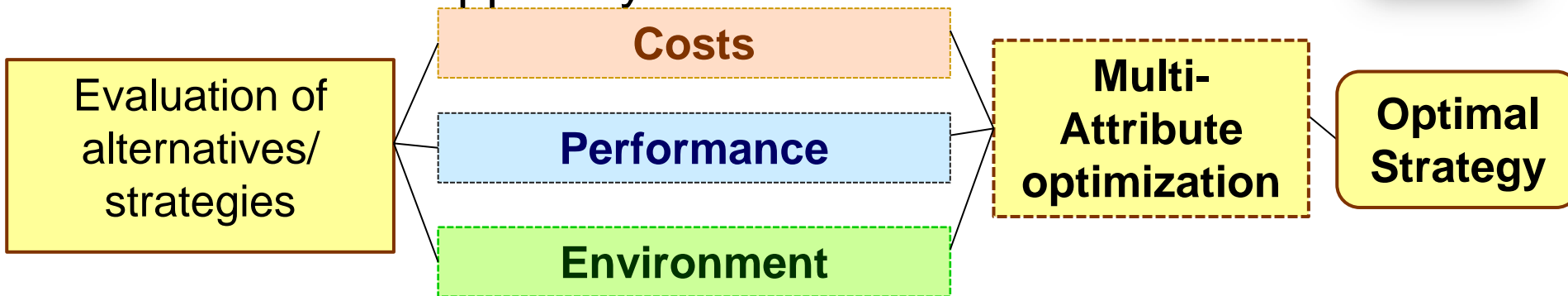
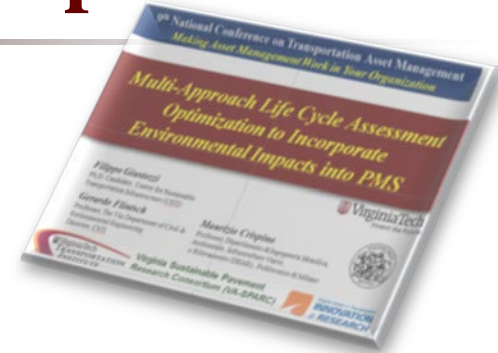
- Sustainable transportation systems requires decisions in a context of
 - ✓ **Economic development**
 - ✓ **Ecological sustainability**
 - ✓ **Social desirability**

} **High-level Performance Indicators**
- All resource allocation involve some kind of tradeoff
- Multi-objective optimization finds a set of decision variables (**Pareto set of solutions**)
 - ✓ Satisfies constraints
 - ✓ “Balances” various objective functions (performance criteria)

Antecedent: Adding a 3rd Objective: Minimizing the Life Cycle Environmental Impact

Objectives:

- ✓ Assess the environmental impacts of road-related practices, strategies, and materials
- ✓ Implement a procedure to include these eco-efficiency values into a more comprehensive decision support system



Incorporating the Use-phase into LCA for Pavements - Approach

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Literature
Review - LCA

Project Level
Analysis

*Collaboration with
University of Coimbra*

Network Level
Analysis

Expand
Boundaries Given
Updated Models

Energy Sources

Include LCA in
Network Level
Analysis

Probabilistic Analysis

Use LCC Results
in Decision
Making

Multi-criteria Analysis

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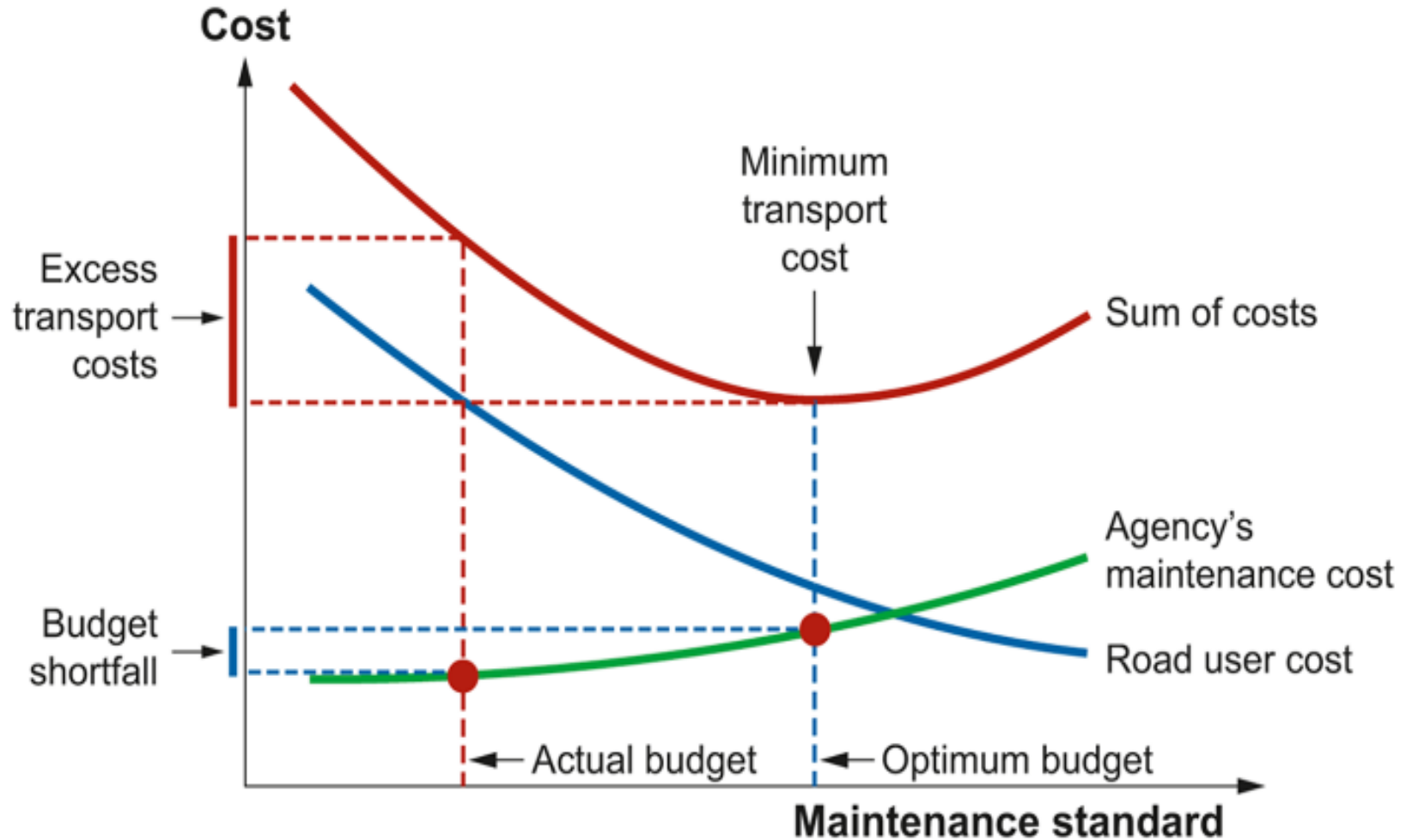
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Framework



LCCA

Optimization of Transportation Costs

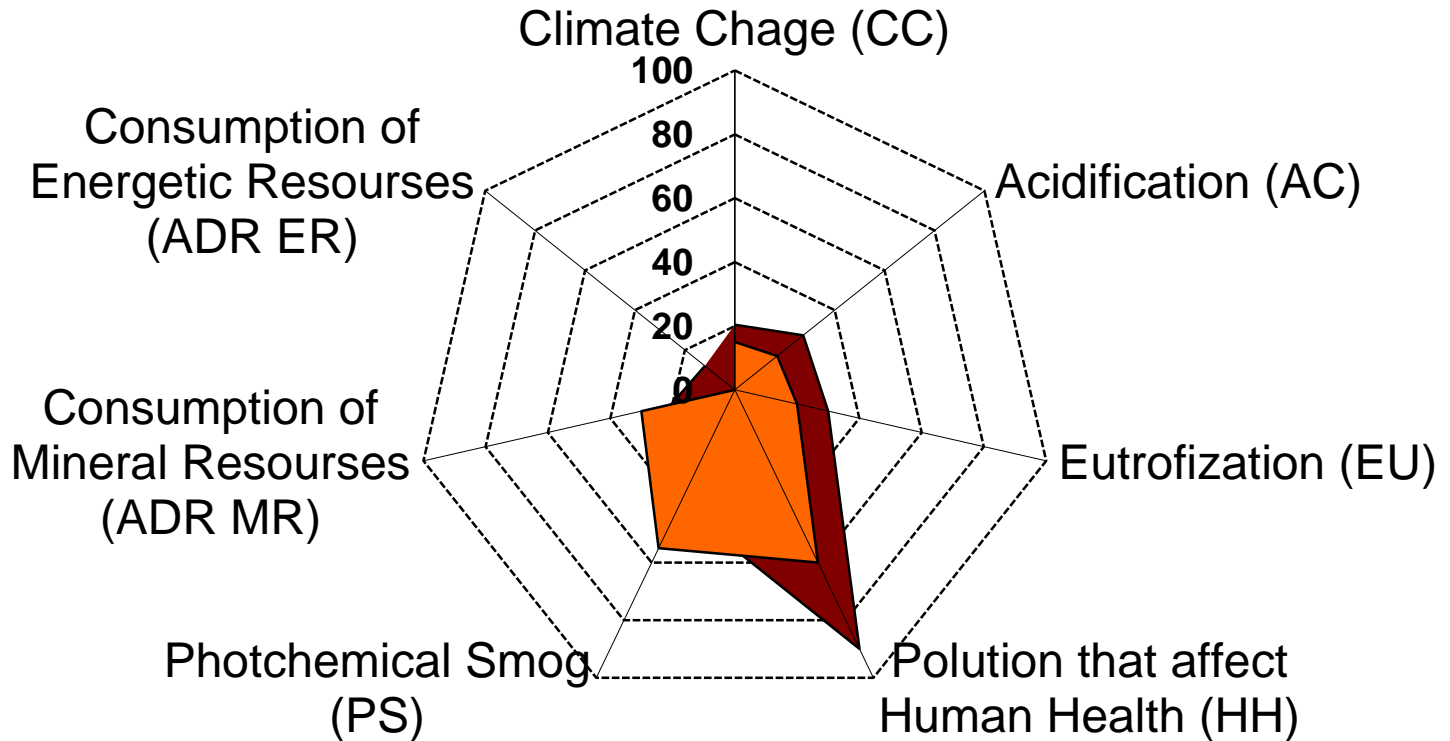


Life Cycle Assessment

What factors are important?

How Important?

How we account for them?



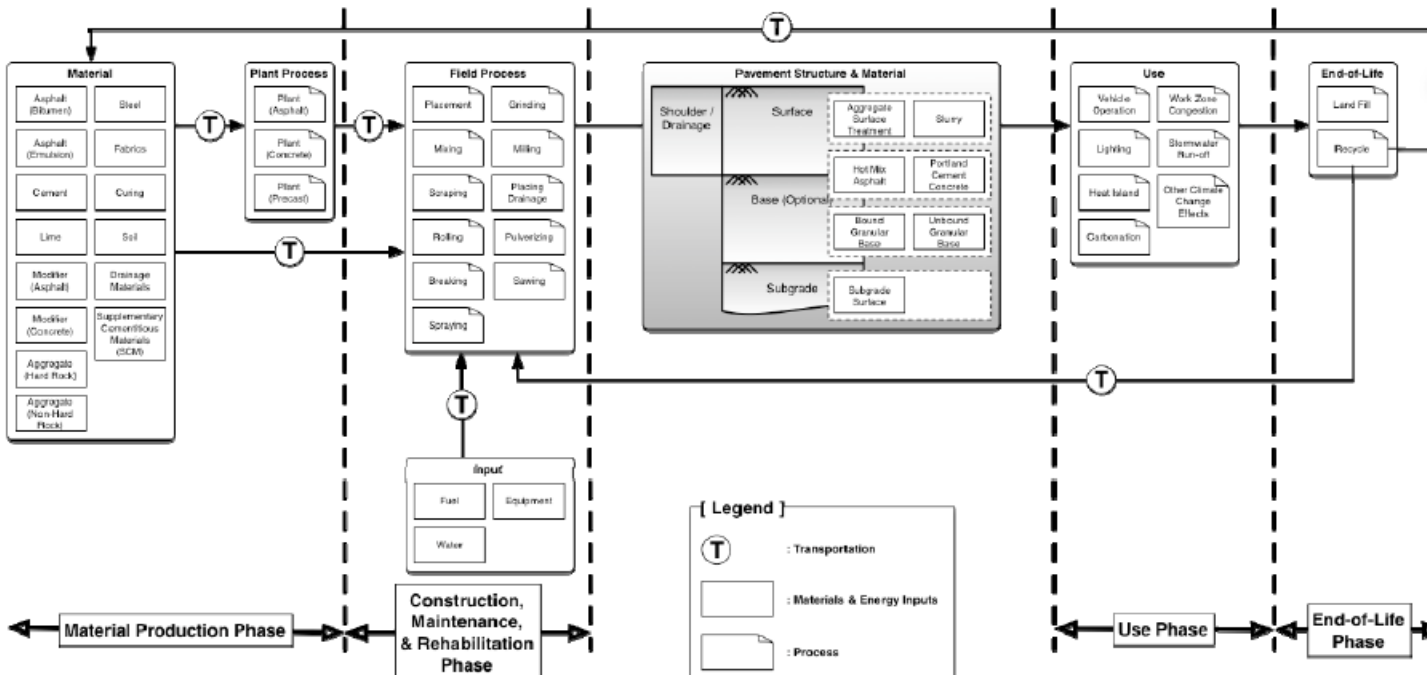
LCA Framework

- Following

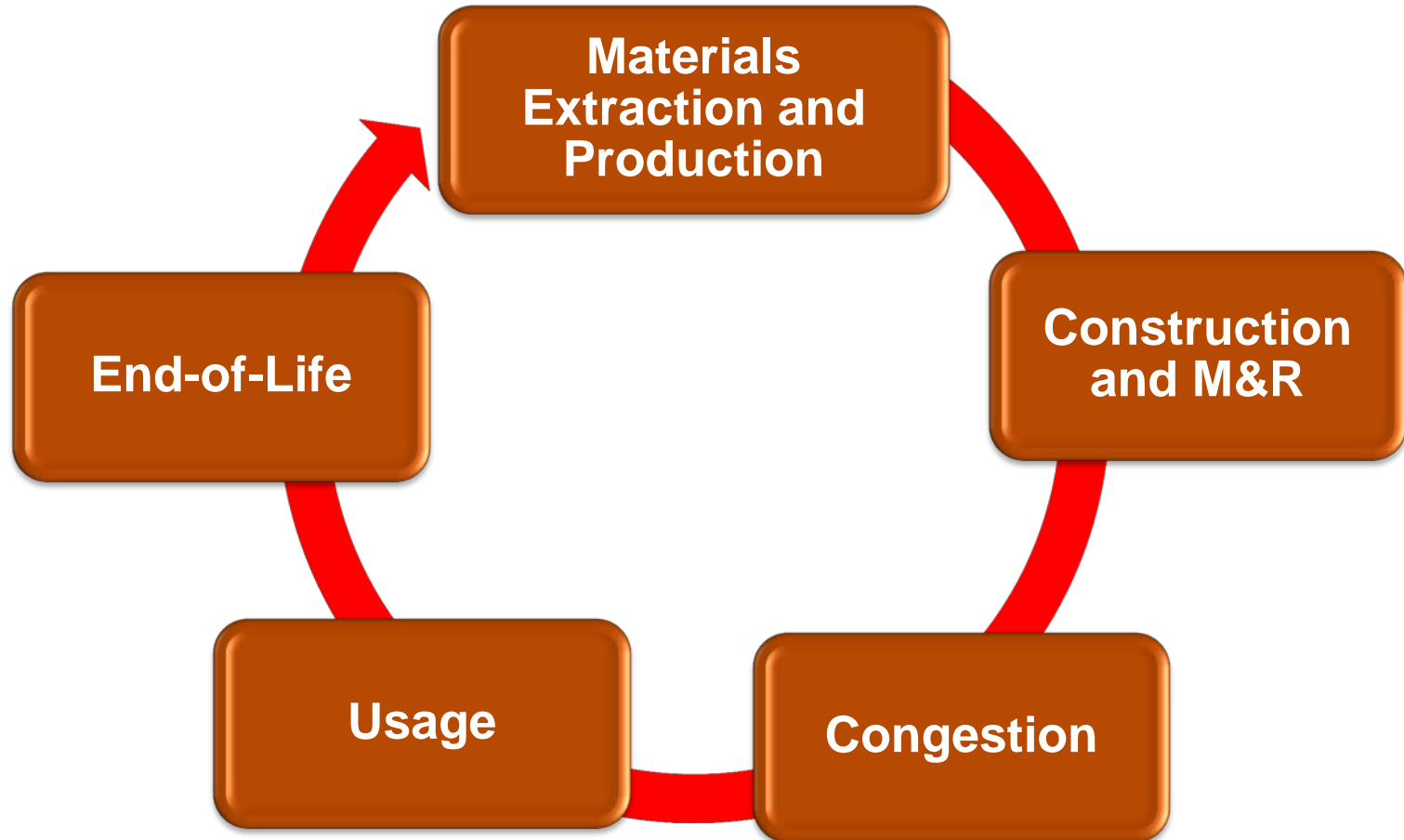
- ✓ International Standard Organization (ISO, 2006)
- ✓ UCPRC Pavement LCA (Harvey et al., 2010)

PROPOSED FRAMEWORK FOR PAVEMENT LCA

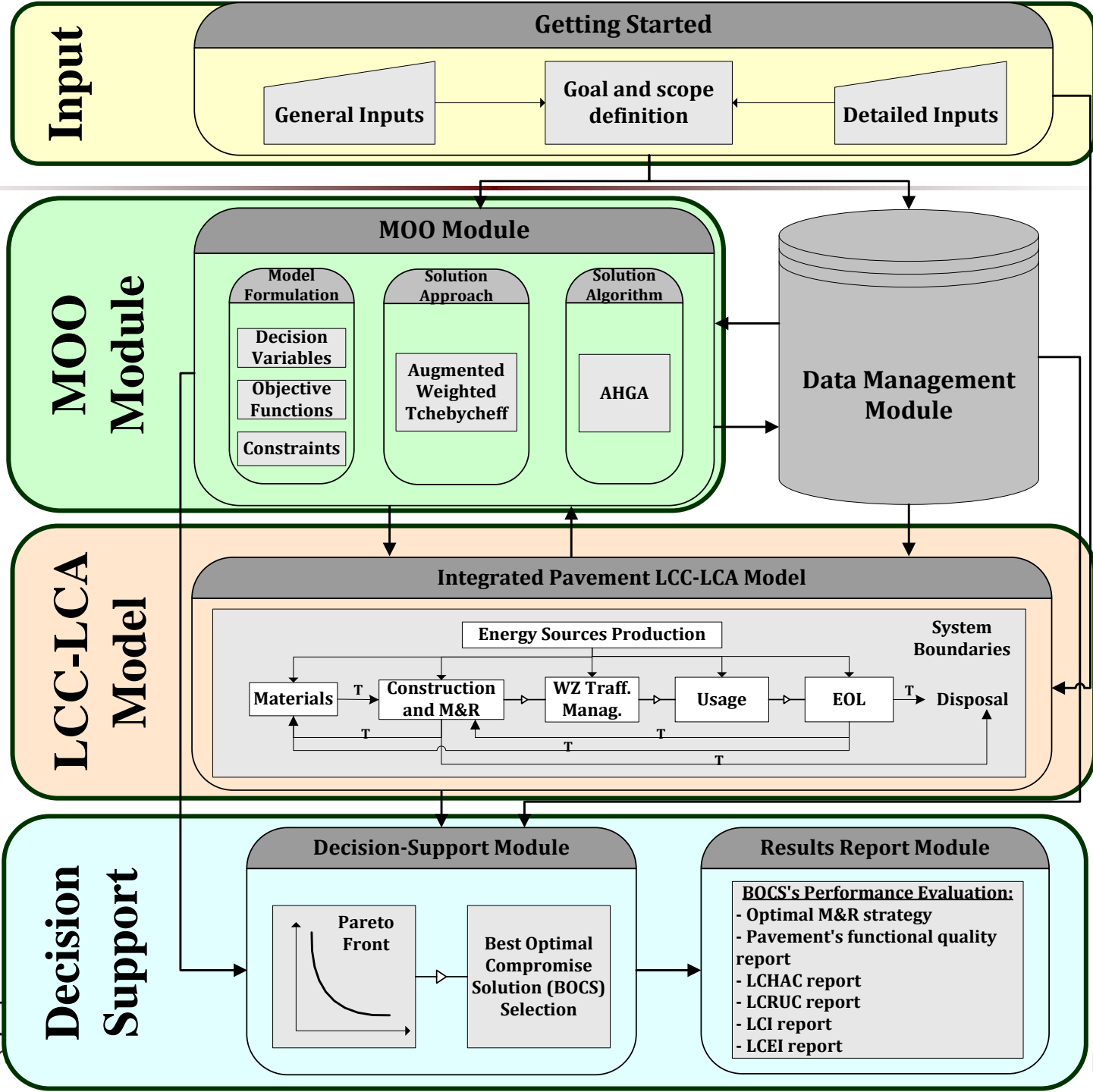
Prepared by the Pavement LCA Group at UC Davis



Pavement Phases Considered in the LCCA/LCA



Multi-Objective Optimization-Based Decision Support System for Sustainable Pavement Management



Multi-Objective Optimization Model Formulation

Objective functions

$$\text{Minimize } OF_1 = \sum_{t=1}^{50} \frac{1}{(1+d)^t} \times \sum_{r=1}^6 (C_{rt}^{MatExt Prod} + C_{rt}^{C.M \&R} + C_{rt}^{TM}) \times X_{rt} \quad (1)$$

Agency Cost

$$\text{Minimize } OF_2 = \sum_{t=1}^{50} \frac{1}{(1+d)^t} \times \left\{ \left[\sum_{r=1}^6 (VehOperC_{rt}^{WZTM} + TDC_{rt}^{WZTM}) \times X_{rt} \right] + VehOperC_t^{Usage} \right\} \quad (2)$$

User Costs

$$\text{Minimize } OF_3 = \sum_{i=1}^3 CF_i^{CC} \times \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^{50} \left[\sum_{r=1}^6 (LCI_{irt}^{MatExt Prod} + LCI_{irt}^{C.M \&R} + LCI_{irt}^{TM} + LCI_{irt}^{WZTM}) \times X_{rt} \right] + LCI_{it}^{Usage} \right\} \quad (3)$$

Env. Impacts

Constraints

$$CCI_t = \Phi(CCI_0, X_{11}, \dots, X_{1t}, \dots, X_{r1}, \dots, X_{rt}), \quad r = 1, \dots, 6; \quad t = 1, \dots, 50$$

$$X_{rs} \in \Omega(CCI_t), \quad r = 1, \dots, 6; \quad t = 1, \dots, 50$$

$$CCI_t \geq CCI_{min}, \quad t = 1, \dots, 50$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^6 X_{rt} = 1, \quad t = 1, \dots, 50$$

...

Multi-Objective Optimization Model Solution Approach

$$\max_{i=1,\dots,3} \left[w_i \times \frac{f_i(\vec{X}) - f_i^{\min}}{f_i^{\max} - f_i^{\min}} \right] + \rho \times \sum_{i=1}^{N_{obj}} \frac{f_i(\vec{X}) - f_i^{\min}}{f_i^{\max} - f_i^{\min}},$$

**Define a combined
Objective Function**

Subject to:

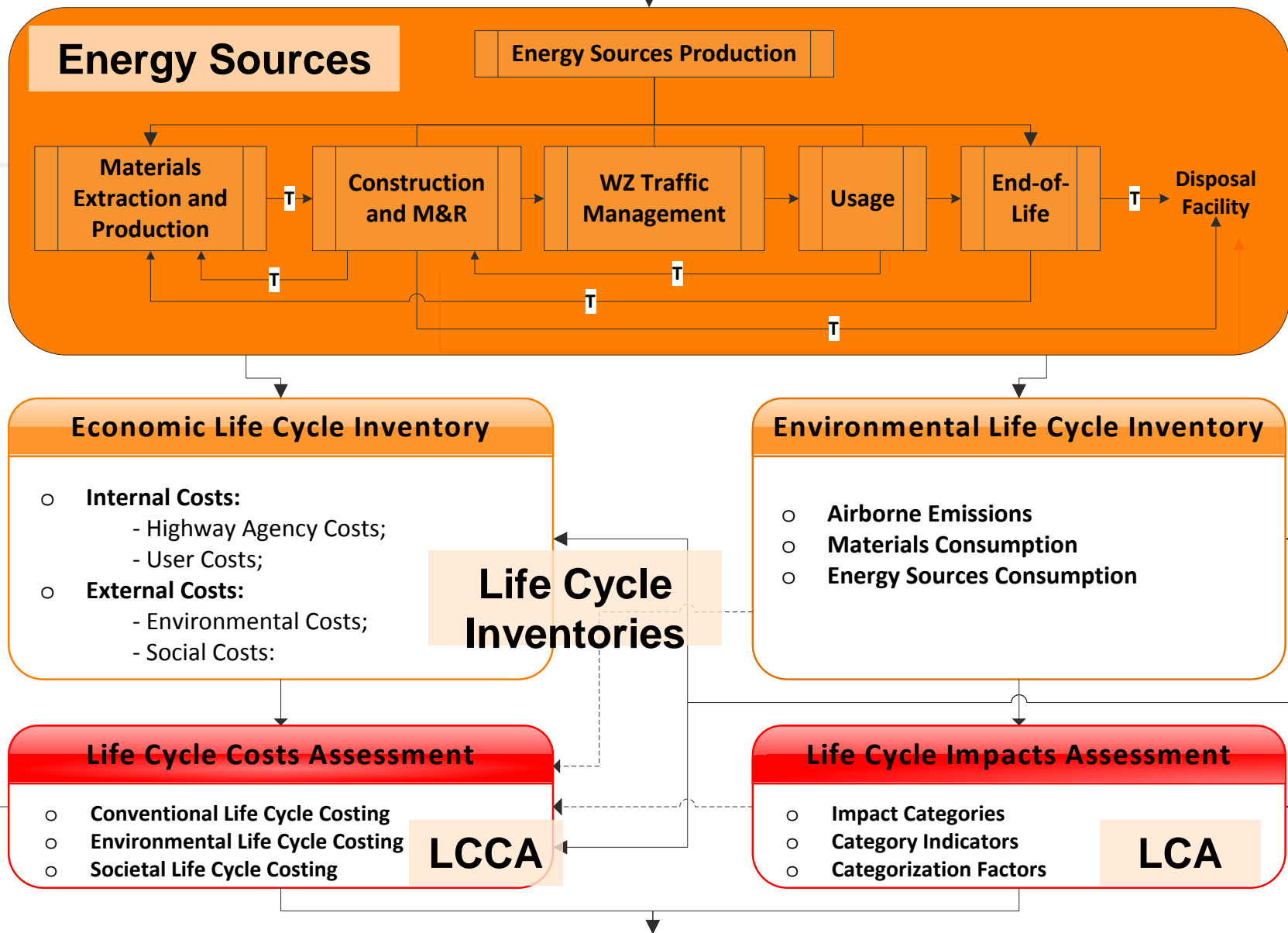
$$w_i \geq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, N_{obj}, \quad \sum_{i=1}^{N_{obj}} w_i = 1, \quad \rho \in \mathfrak{R}$$

with constraints

$$w_i + \rho > 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, N_{obj}$$

**Solve using and
Adaptive Hybrid
Genetic Algorithm**

LCCA-LCA Model



Santos, J., Ferreira, A. and Flintsch, G. (2016). An adaptive hybrid genetic algorithm for pavement management. *5th International Conference on Theory and Practice in Modern Computing*, 2-4 July, Funchal, Madeira, Portugal.

Decision Support Model

- Choose the solution in the Pareto front furthest from the most inferior solution, according to the membership function concept in the fuzzy set theory
- The solution with the maximum value of β_j is considered as the best optimal compromise solution (BOCS)

$$u_i^j = \frac{f_i^{max} - f_i^j}{f_i^{max} - f_i^{min}}$$

$$\beta_j = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{obj}} u_i^j}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{obj}} \sum_{j=1}^M u_i^j}$$

Where β_j is the fuzzy cardinal priority ranking of each non-dominated solution

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Example Applications



Example I – LCCA/LCA Model only

Life-Cycle Assessment of I-81

Recycling Project in Virginia, USA



Functional unit: Section
of Interstate 81:

- ✓ 5.89 km long
- ✓ 2 lanes
- ✓ Directional AADT in 2011:
25000 (28% trucks)
- ✓ Annual traffic growth rate:
3%
- ✓ Project analysis period: 50
years

50 year time horizon

All phases except EOL

- ✓ Use phase evaluated using
Chatti and Zaabar's NCHRP
models and MOVES
- ✓ Traffic congestion effects
considered using MOVES
- ✓ Impact Assessment using
TRACI

Each alternative had
different rehab. schedules

Compared 3 Strategies



Recycling-based

- Initial Intervention: *In-Place* recycling;
- M&R plan: VDOT's maintenance actions performed in years 12, 22, 32 and 44

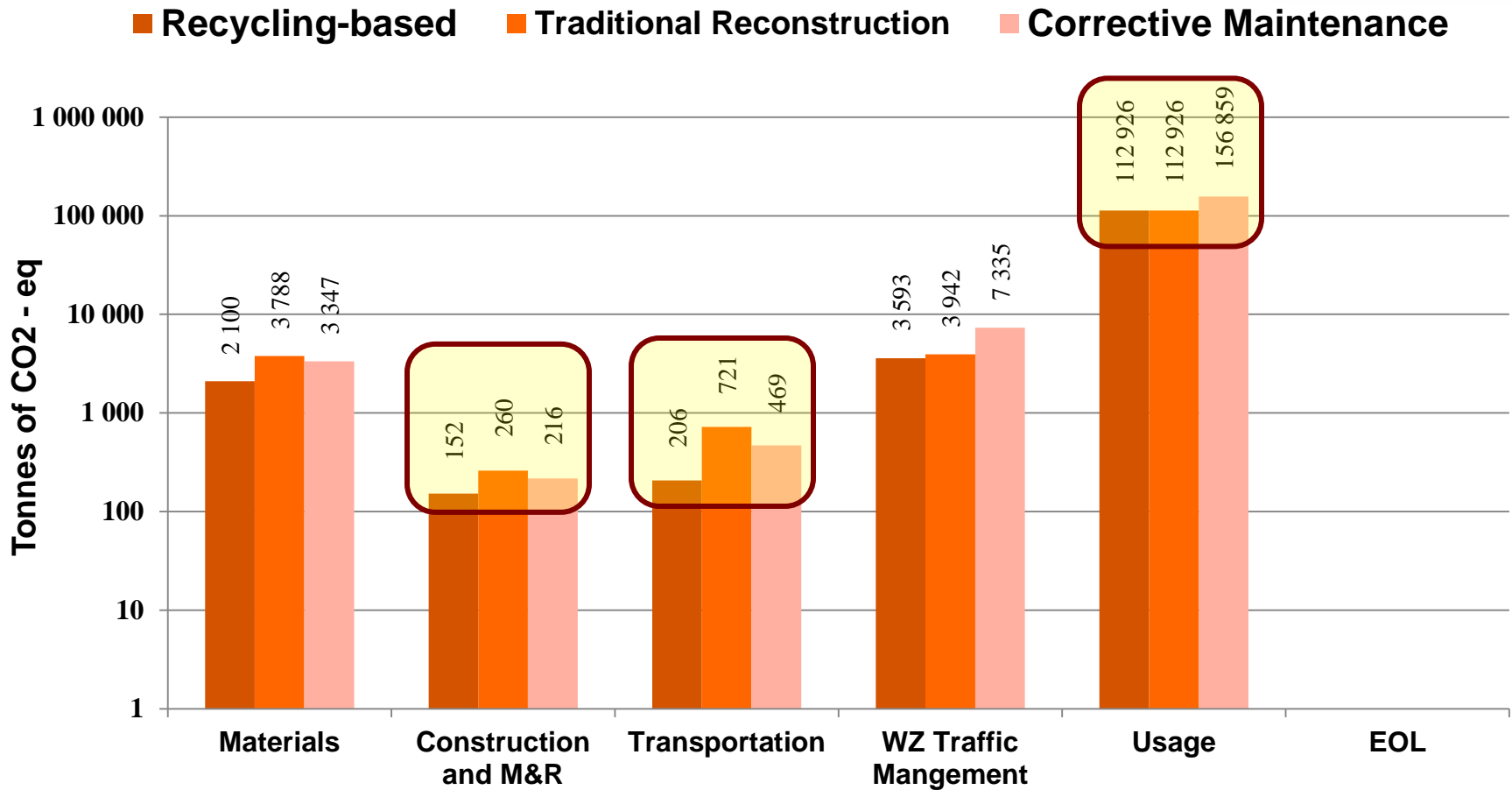
Traditional Reconstruction

- Initial Intervention: Traditional reconstruction
- M&R plan: VDOT's maintenance actions performed in years 12, 22, 32 and 44

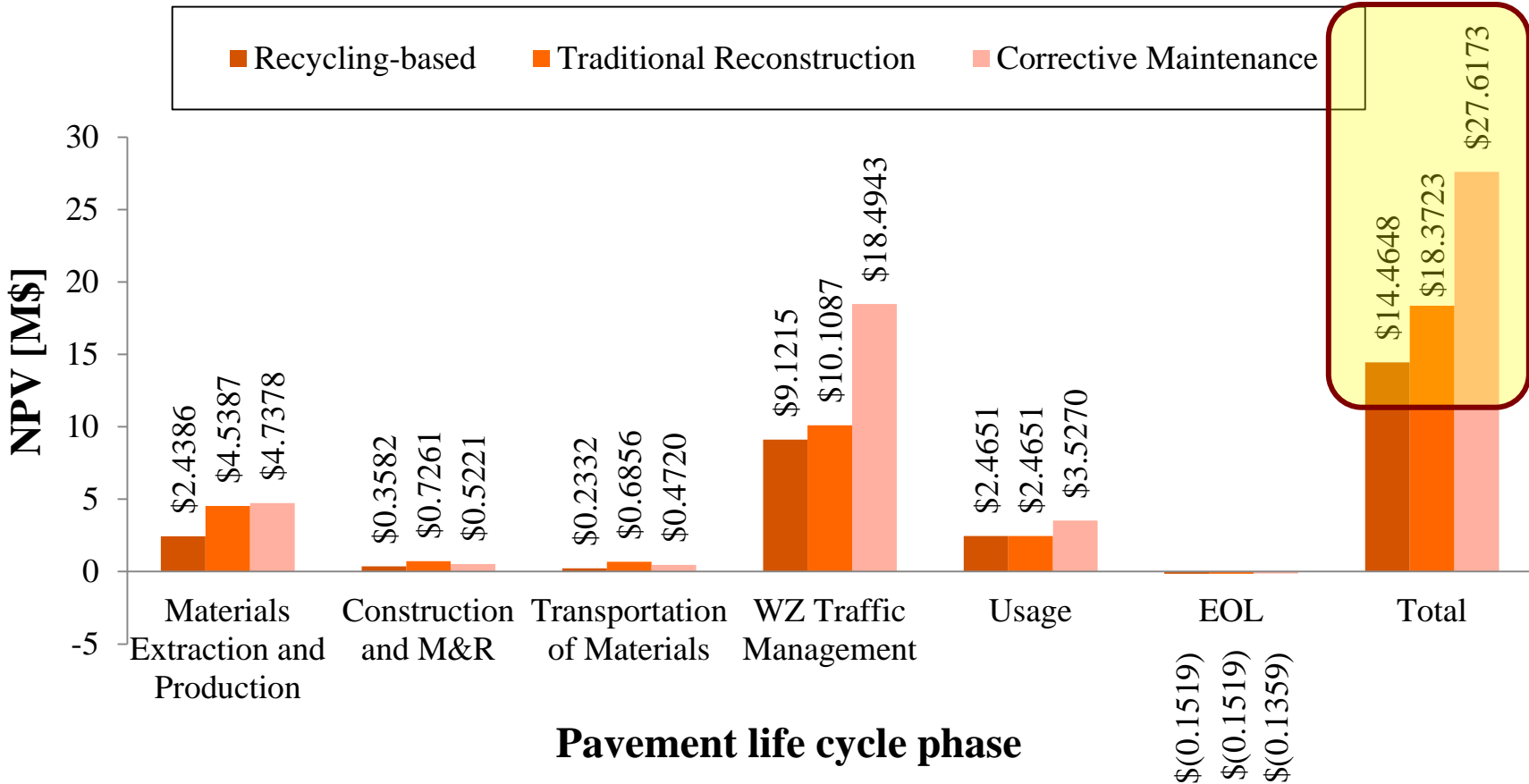
Corrective Maintenance

- Initial Intervention: Corrective Maintenance
- M&R plan: VDOT's maintenance actions performed in years 4, 10, 14, 18, 24, 28, 34, 38, 44 and 48

Example of LCA Results Impact on Climate Change



LCCA Comparison



Example II – Multiobjective Optimization

Comparison of the Life Cycle Environmental and Economic Performance of pavement Construction and M&R Practices

Functional unit:

- ✓ 1 km-long 2-lanes asphalt section
- ✓ AADT: 20000
- ✓ Traffic Growth Rate: 3%
- ✓ PAP: 50 years

Type of scenario	ID	Scenario name
Conventional VDOT	1	HMA - 0% RAP
	2	HMA - 15% RAP
	3	HMA - 30% RAP
	4	Sasobit® WMA - 0% RAP
	5	Sasobit® WMA - 15% RAP
	6	Sasobit® WMA - 30% RAP
Recycling-based VDOT	7	HMA - 0% RAP
	8	HMA - 15% RAP
	9	HMA - 30% RAP
	10	Sasobit® WMA - 0% RAP
	11	Sasobit® WMA - 15% RAP
	12	Sasobit® WMA - 30% RAP
Preventive maintenance	13	Microsurfacing - 0% RAP
	14	THMACO - 0% RAP

Example II – Multiobjective Optimization (cont.)

- Maintenance and rehabilitation plans

1. Conventional VDOT scenario	2. Recycling-based VDOT scenario	3. Preventive maintenance: Microsurfacing	4. Preventive maintenance: THMACO
CM: 12 and 44 RM: 22 Conventional RC: 32	CM: 12 and 44 RM: 22 Recycling-based RC: 32	Conventional RC: 32 Microsurf.: 7, 15, 23, 39 and 47	Conventional RC: 32 THMACO: 7, 16, 24, 39, 47

- Pavement Performance Prediction Models:

- ✓ CM, RM and RC:

$$CCI(t) = CCI_0 - e^{a+b \times c \ln\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)}$$

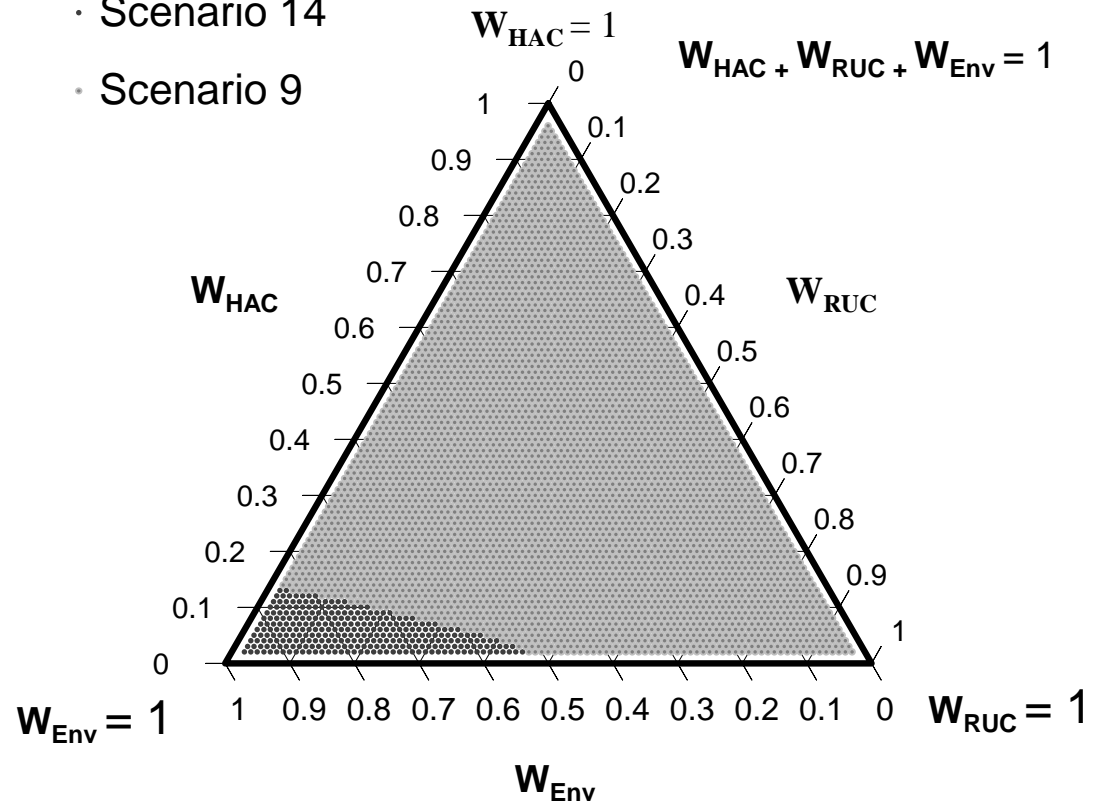
M&R activity category	CCI_0	a	b	c
CM	100	9.176	9.18	1.27295
RM	100	9.176	9.18	1.25062
RC	100	9.176	9.18	1.22777

Example II – Multiobjective Optimization (cont.)

Multi-criteria decision making approach:

- ✓ TOPSIS method;
- ✓ Combinatorial weight assignment method for the 3 main criteria:
 - AC; RUC; Environmental Impacts
- ✓ Seven environmental sub-criteria weighted according to BEES software's weights.

- Scenario 14
- Scenario 9



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Conclusions



Conclusions

- Developed a customizable optimization-based pavement management DSS which includes:
 - ✓ An integrated pavement LCC-LCA model
 - ✓ An AHGA combining GA with an LS mechanism for tackling the pavement life cycle optimization problem
 - ✓ A MOO-based pavement life cycle optimization model

Conclusions (cont.)

- Real and Simulated Case studies
 - ✓ Demonstrated its applicability and practicality
 - ✓ Provided insights on the efficiency of new pavement engineering solutions in improving the environmental and economic dimensions of pavement infrastructure sustainability

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