

An aerial photograph of the Stevens Institute of Technology campus in Hoboken, New Jersey. The campus features several large, modern academic buildings, a green sports field, and a parking lot. In the background, the Hudson River flows, and the dense skyline of New York City is visible across the water. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

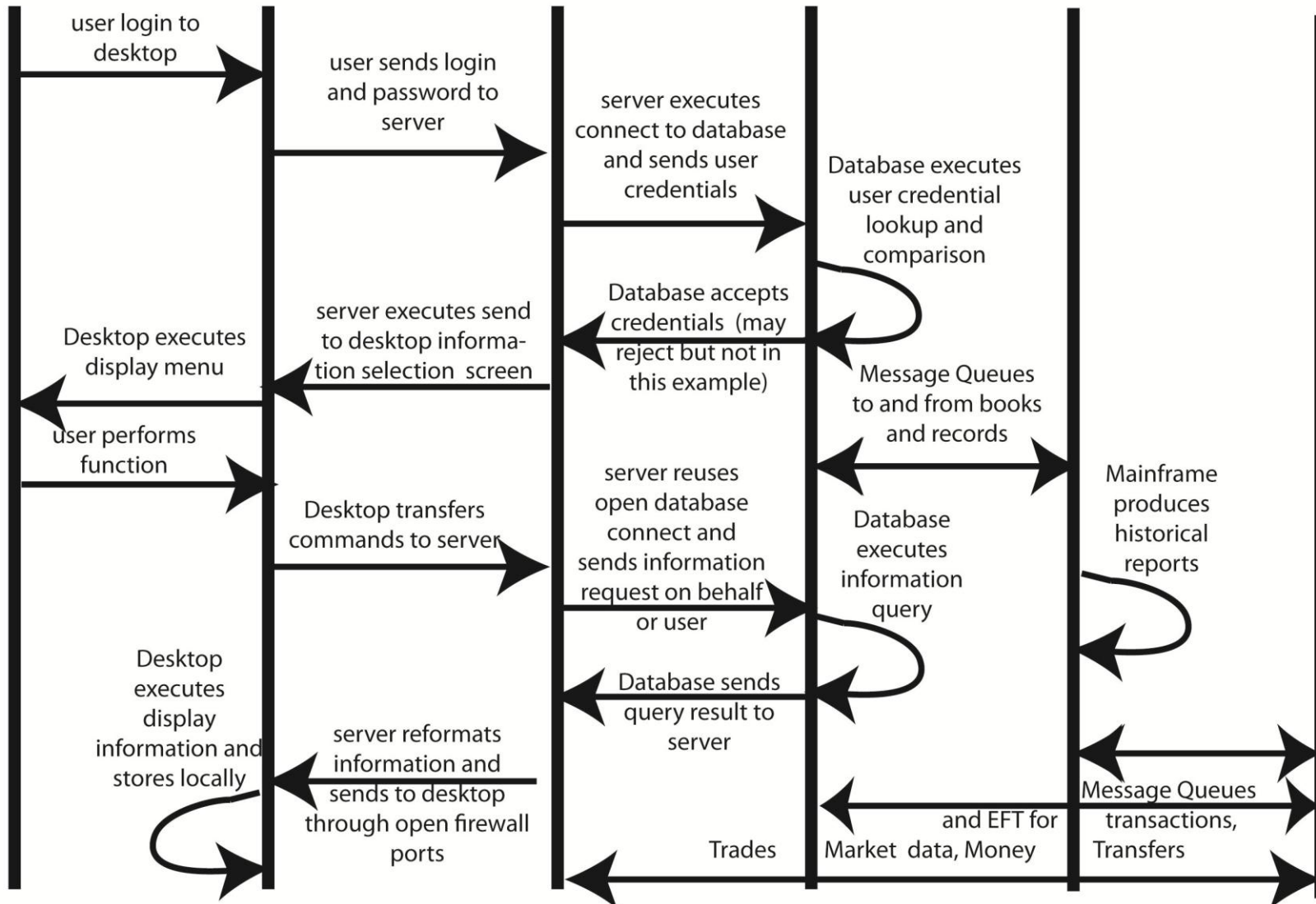
Critical Infrastructure Protection Issues in the Financial Industry

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Example Financial Services System

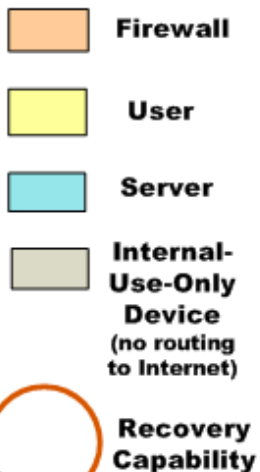
**Separate
Administration
Orgs**

USER DESKTOP WEB/APP SERVER DATABASE MAINFRAME GATEWAY SYSTEMS



Example Financial Services Production Environment

Key:



Private Access Network

Client with Private Access connectivity

Redundant and Highly Available Network Infrastructure including intrusion detection and firewalls, clients have access to all Internet applications plus selected Internal applications that have hardened platforms and have no connectivity rest of the Internal network

access points and replicated servers in hot-hot configuration

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market data feeds replicated in hot-hot configuration

exchange links replicated in hot-hot configuration

replicated servers in hot-hot configuration

Private-line Only Client-Facing Applications

mainframe in hot-warm configuration

Private-line Only Client-Facing Applications

Database Management Systems
not directly Client Accessible

Single Sign On
Internal-Only Server where administration is done

Internal Systems
not directly Internet or application server Accessible

Internet

Client with Internet connectivity

access points and replicated servers in hot-hot configuration

External Internet Web Services

workforce remote access user with Internet connectivity and SecurID Authentication

Redundant and Highly Available Network Infrastructure including network intrusion detection and firewalls

Client Portal

Redundant and Highly Available Network Infrastructure including Spam Filters, Proxy Servers, Web Filters, network and host intrusion prevention, and firewalls

Internet Email Servers

Redundant and Highly Available Inbound Network Infrastructure including VPN, SSL Email gateway, network intrusion prevention, and firewalls

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Workforce Web Access DMZ

Each institution has dozens to hundreds of connectivity points that are similarly complex!

DECIDE

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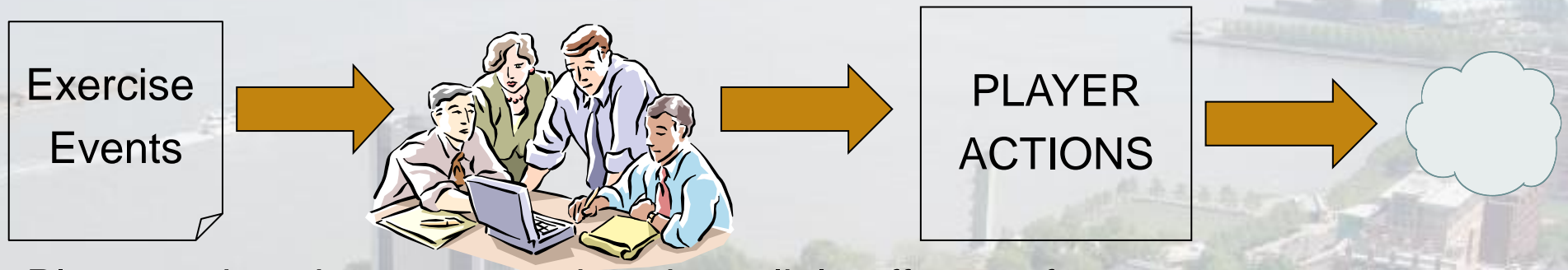
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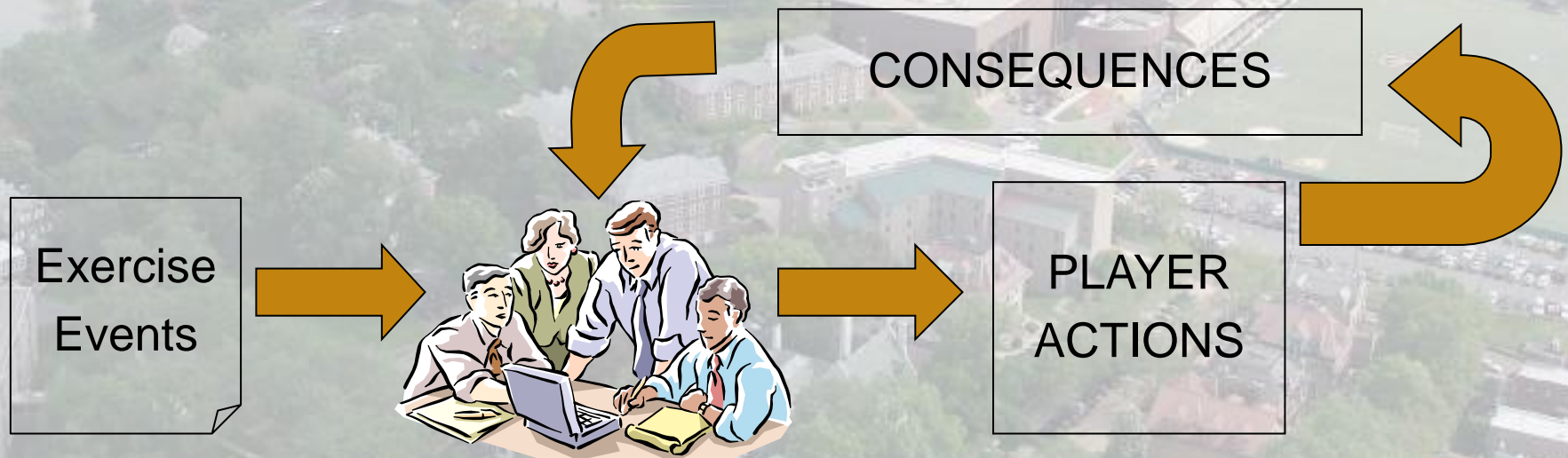
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Open and Closed Loop Exercises

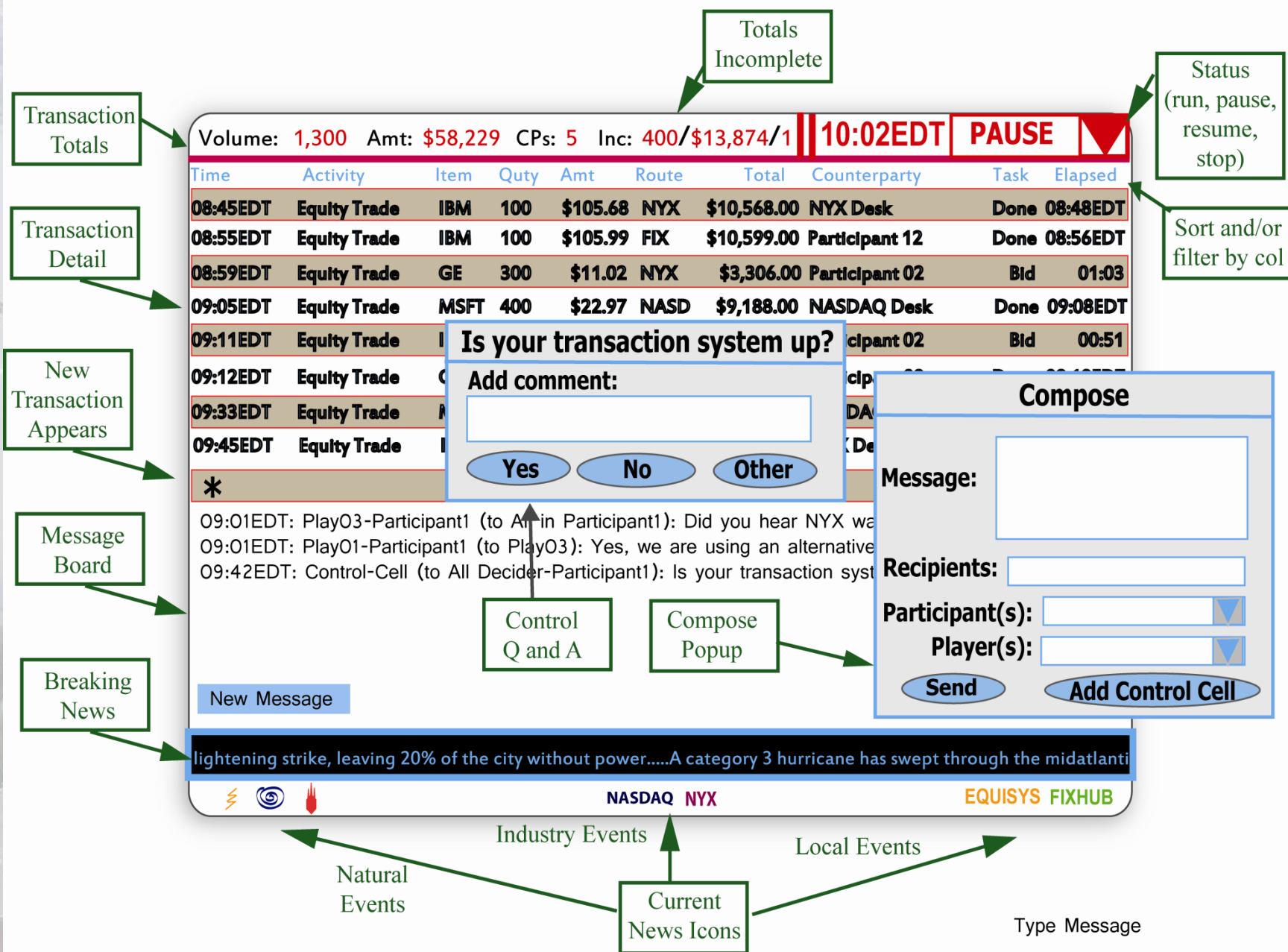


Player actions in most exercises have little effect on future events



Ideally, player actions would have consequences and the loop is closed

PLAYER VIEW OF TRANSACTIONS DURING EXERCISE

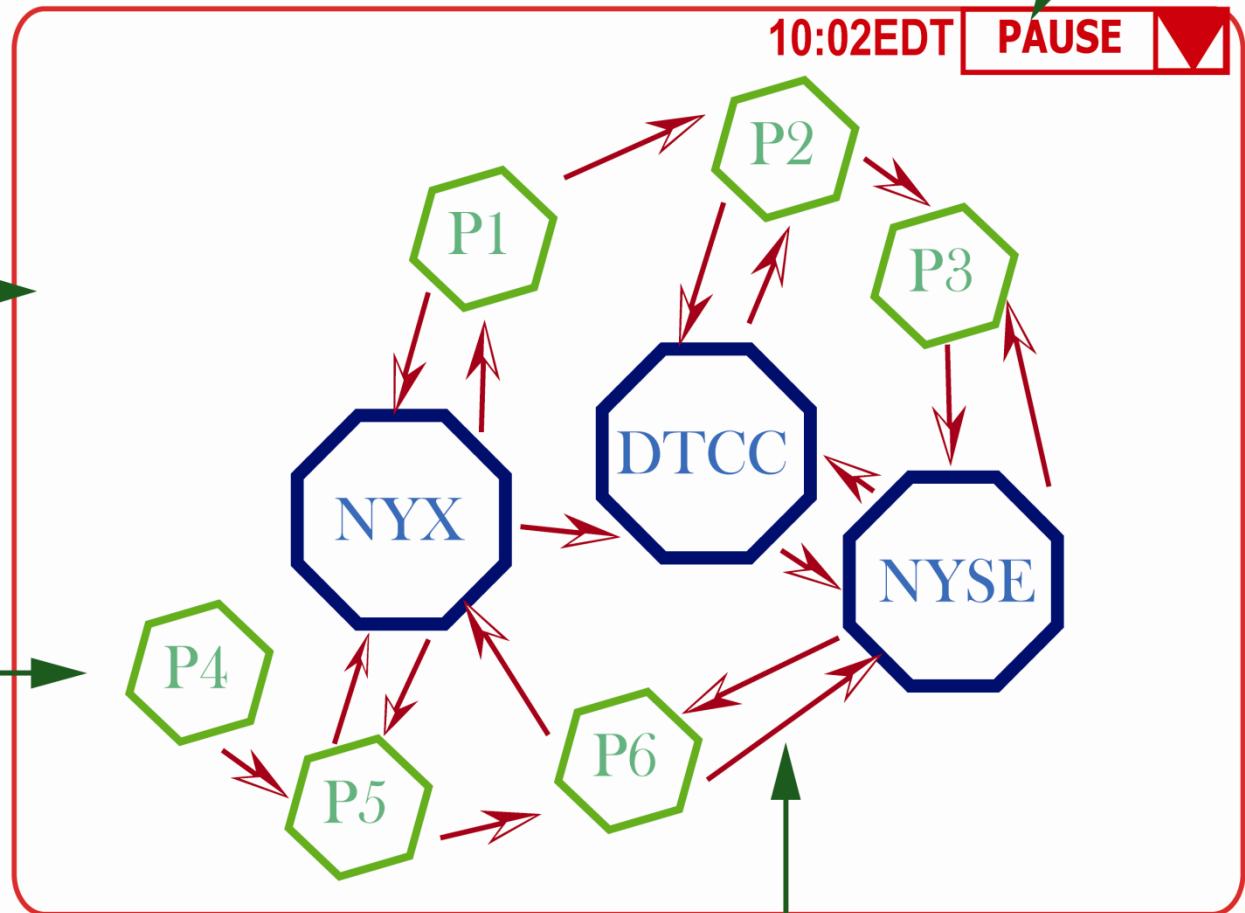


DATA FLOW SCREEN DISPLAY ONLY

Time and
Status

Graphic Builds During
Set-up.
Data Flow between
Participants
Becomes Visible
During Play:

Participant Isolation
May Indicate
Issues:



Potentially may be displayed at internal resource level.

Transactions are
represented by lines within
time intervals and change
dynamically with play.

Expectations and Goals

- DECIDE is a four-year research and software development project
- DECIDE will use models to simulate normal and disruptive events in critical infrastructure exercises
- Leveraging DECIDE technology, exercises will: scale from a single institution to nationally distributed sector-wide and cross-sector exercises; stress the complexity of massively interconnected industry participants; and facilitate efficient participation by reducing time and cost barriers to critical infrastructure exercises.
- Exercises will enable collection of valuable data that may be used to enhance future, as yet undefined, research.
- DECIDE will not
 - » Predict the future*
 - » Optimize performance of decision makers
 - » Train users to “do it right”

“All models are wrong. Some models are useful.”
- George Box