

How to Convince a Large DoD Agency to Use Decision Analysis for Budgeting

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For agency support you must present a consistent vision of the end-state.

- Present clear objectives
- Identify the problem space
- Identify alternative approaches and allow leadership selection
- Expound the benefits of MODA
- Continuously work with leadership for understanding and buy-in



The objective must directly explain why you are working and for what goal.

To provide decision, risk and budget analysis to support senior leader decision making of the FY08 Program Build.

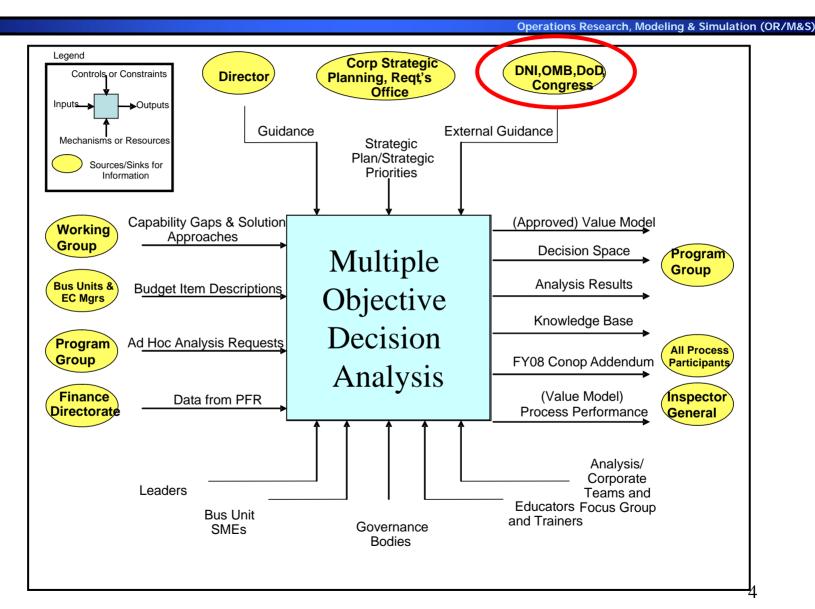
- Provide multiple decision perspectives
- Traceable, defensible, and repeatable

"... an achievable vision, a broad strategy to achieve that vision, and a process by which the <Operating Body> can play that vision and strategy against fiscal constraints...in a more analytic and considered fashion."

-Leadership statement



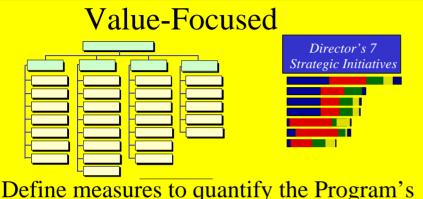
Illustrate the complexity of the environment.



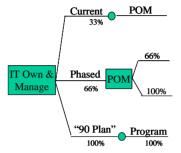


There are multiple approaches which may be combined for evaluating a budget.

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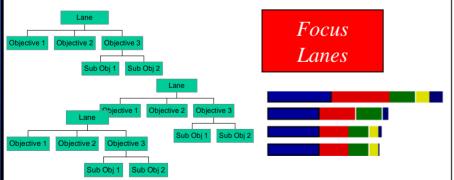
Decision-Focused



Provide analysis for sequential critical decisions.

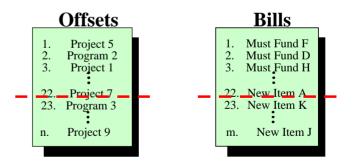
Organization-Focused

potential to achieve strategic objectives.



Provide analysis for subordinate managers.

Finance-Focused



Use decision criteria to evaluate offsets and bills.



Compare current/proposed approaches peer organizations.

	Unknown FY08		How do we evaluate?					
			Value Focused		Decision Focused	Organization Focused	Finance Focused	
What is evaluated?	All	Decision Packages	Army	Air Force				
		Programs	Navy	NRO				
		Projects	USMC	NGA				
	Deltas	Decision Packages						
		Programs					FY06	
		Projects						



Leadership's expectations will dictate approach.

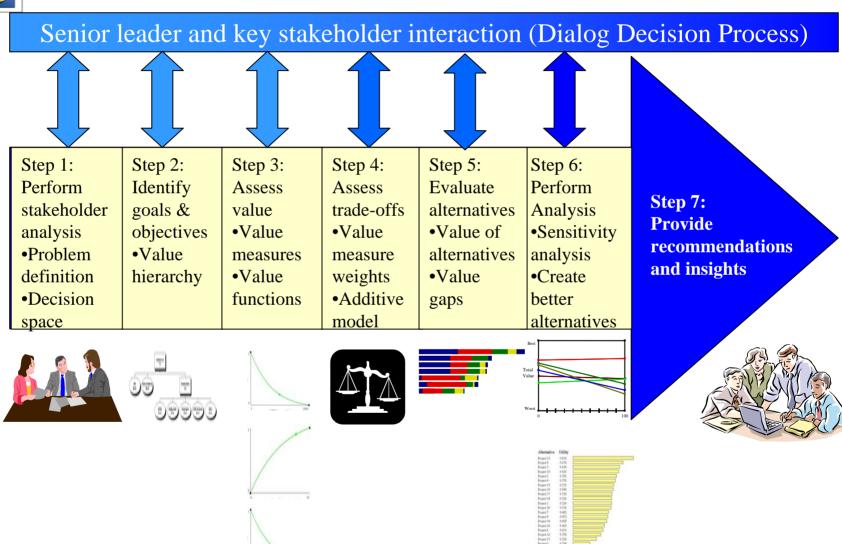
	Start	Executive Agent	Decision Perspective	Basis for Decision
<u>Themes</u> Value	Strategy	Corporate Review Gp	Strategic Focus Area	Value Assessment
Decision	Outlined Decision	Program Review Gp	Critical Decisions	Decision Analysis
Organization	Organization	Budgeting Led Group	Expenditure Owners	(critical decisions)
Finance	Bills/Offsets	Budgeteers Only	Directorates Programs	Issue Slides



- It is critical that leaders understand and accept that MODA is a well-used and applicable process
 - Provide technical justification
 - Provide credible examples of applications
- Leaders must understand how MODA works and see it applied to their problem



Explain how MODA is a structured way of aligning strategic objectives with planning.



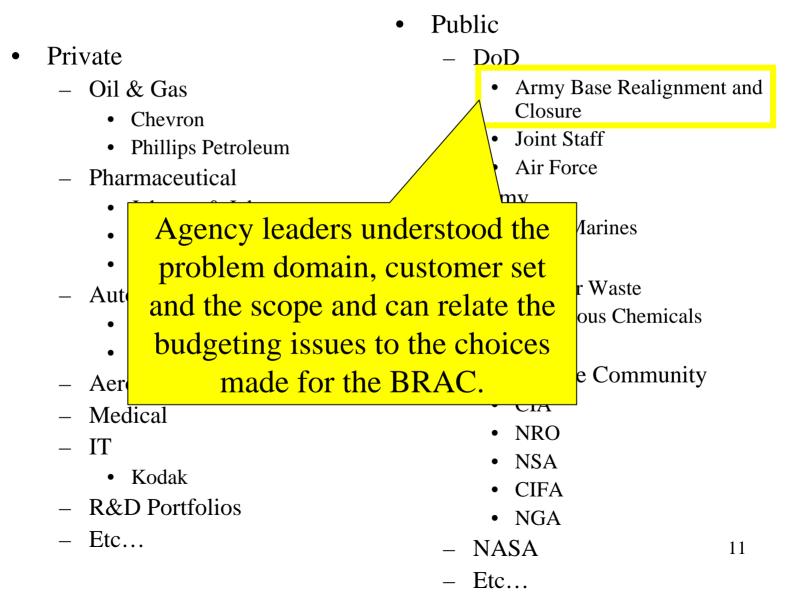


Historical examples help to demonstrate analytical rigor and acceptance to leadership.

- Operations research/management science technique (informs.org)
- **Decision Analysis (1968):** Discipline for evaluating complex alternatives by systematically examining:
 - Decisions
 - Uncertainty (probabilities and scenarios)
 - Preferences (value, risk and time)
- Multiple Objective Decision Analysis (1976): Part of decision analysis widely used for defense and intelligence resources allocation decisions
 - Multiple conflicting objectives
- Value-Focused Thinking (1992): Philosophy and techniques to create future value.
 - Uses Multiple Objective Decision Analysis
- Decision Analysis Society formed in 1984
 - Over 800 academic and practitioner members (www.informs.org/Subdiv/Society/DA)
- Decision Analysis Affinity Group formed 1995
 - (http://www.daag.net/)

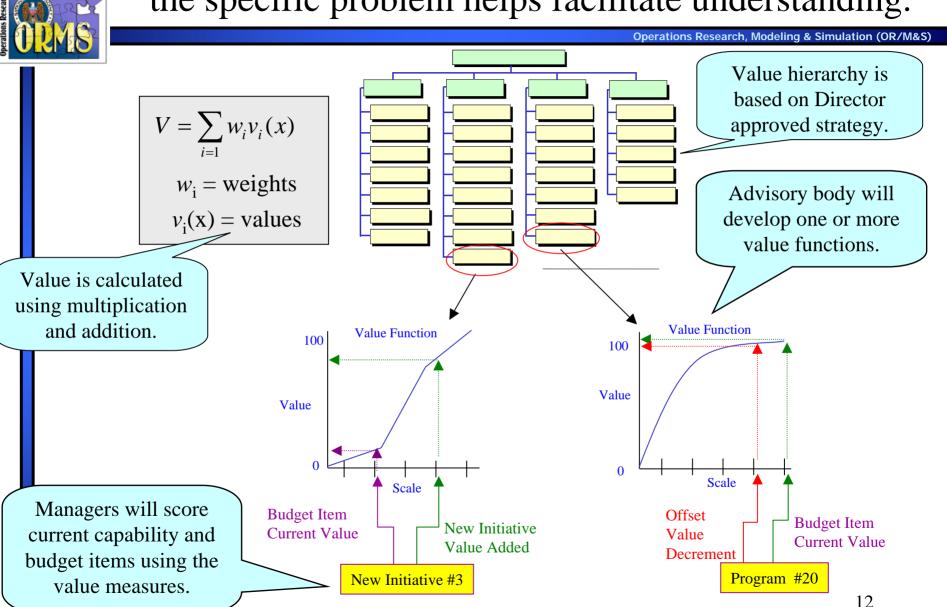


It is especially important to demonstrate how MODA supports well-known large organizations.





Simple examples of how MODA can be applied to the specific problem helps facilitate understanding.





Use dialog centered processes- like the swing weight matrix to facilitate customer interactions.

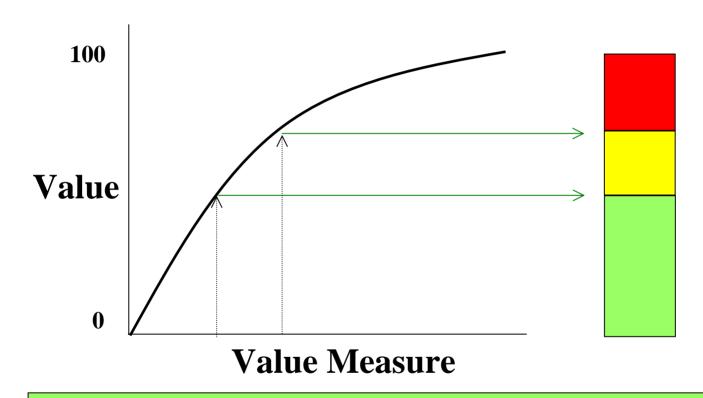
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Increasing Weight		Importance —						
		Critical National Security Risk	Ability to Perform Current Missions	Ability to Perform Future Missions	Good Business Practices			
Space	High	1.1 Do really great things with large variance		ood things that ge variance				
Decision Spa	Medium							
Ď	Low				hings that need to be d have low variance			

Swing Weight Matrix method used in DoD Report to BRAC 2005 Commission, Army Appendix III, May 2005



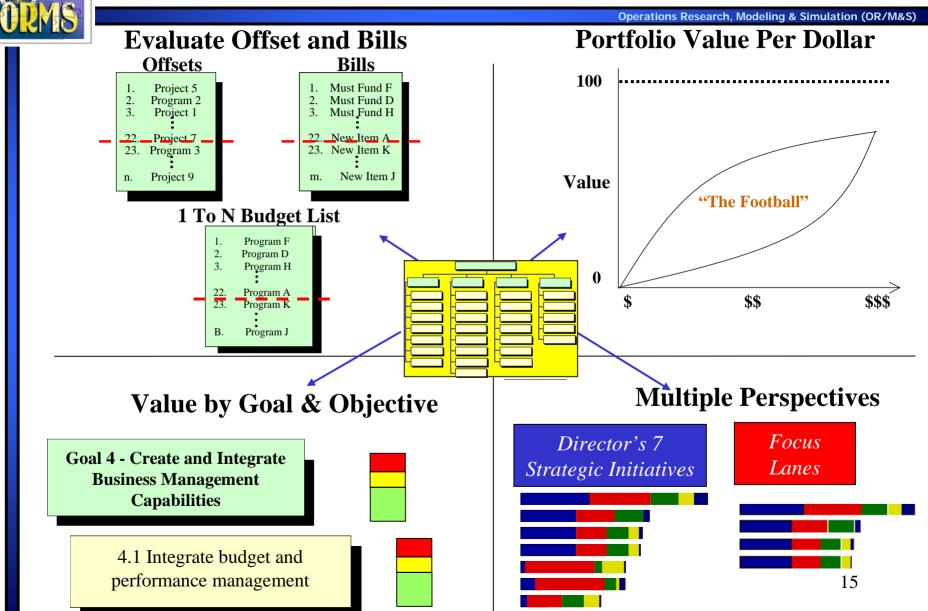
Asking the right questions enables us to evaluate offsets/bills and budget items.



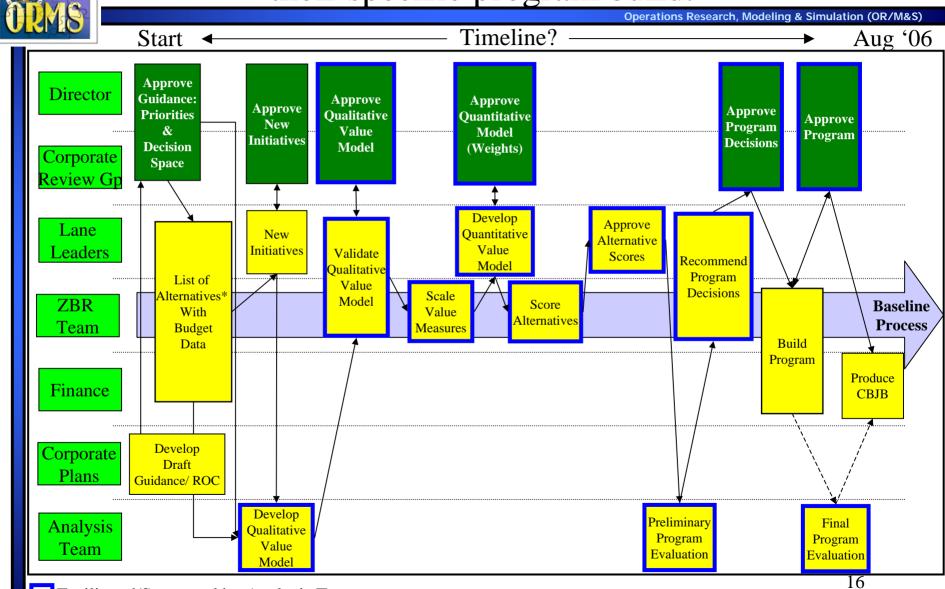
- 1. First identify the value provided by the budget item in current FY 08
- 2. Then assess the value added (lost) for the FY 08 Program Build
- 3. Remaining value gap



Providing results in different formats enables different customers to understand analysis



Show to leadership how MODA can be applied to their specific program build.

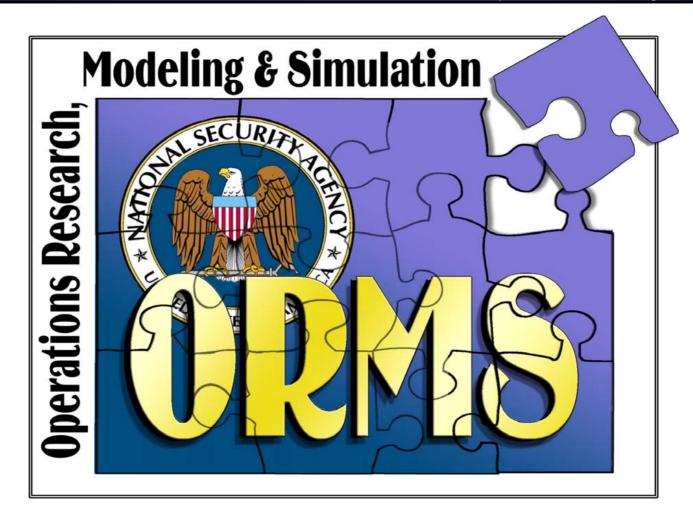




Conclusions

- MODA cannot "sell itself"
 - Careful work by the analyst to educate and guide allows leaders to gain acceptance
- Our approach involved
 - Consistent referral to MODA concepts
 - Technically based
 - Agency specific
 - Leadership interaction for support







Overview of Multi-Objective Decision Analysis (MODA)

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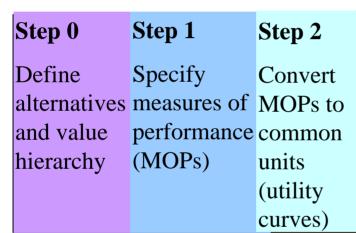
What is MODA?

- A structured, logical way for understanding and making difficult decisions
- Used to understand the decision space where there are multiple, conflicting objectives
- Accounts for different stakeholder perspectives
- Often used for ranking different alternatives in a manner consistent with the decision makers' information and values





MODA Methodology



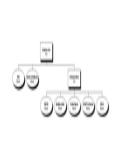
Compute Construct weights utility for function MOPs to aggregate MOPs

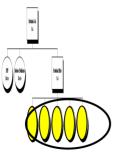
Step 4

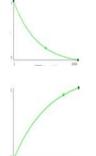
Step 5

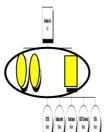
Examine results and perform All sensitivity analysis

Output:
RankOrdered List
of
Alternatives



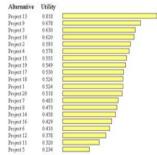




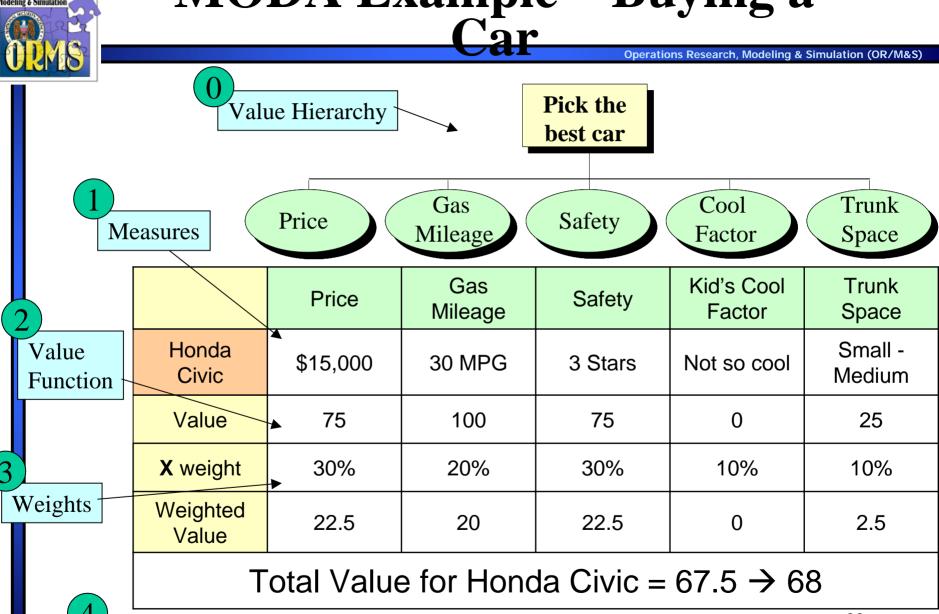


Step 3





MODA Example – Buying a

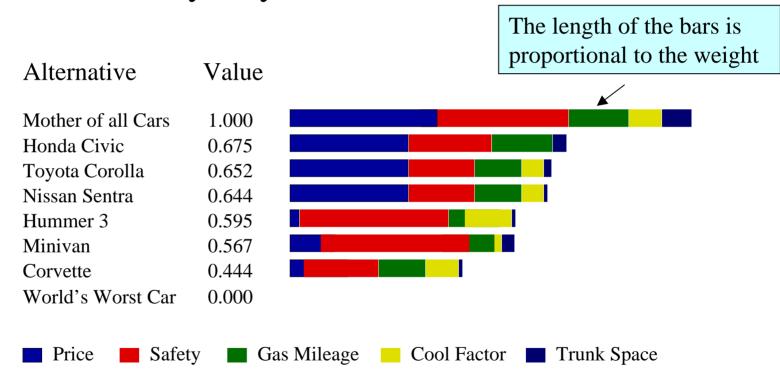


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Analyze results

There are many ways to examine the results

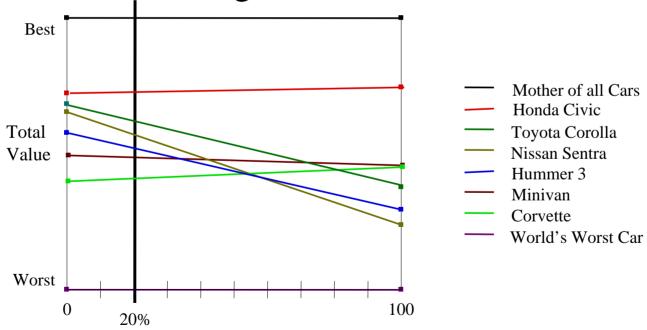




Test the Results by Varying Assumption

The most common technique for "sensitivity analysis" is to determine how the recommendations change based

on different weights



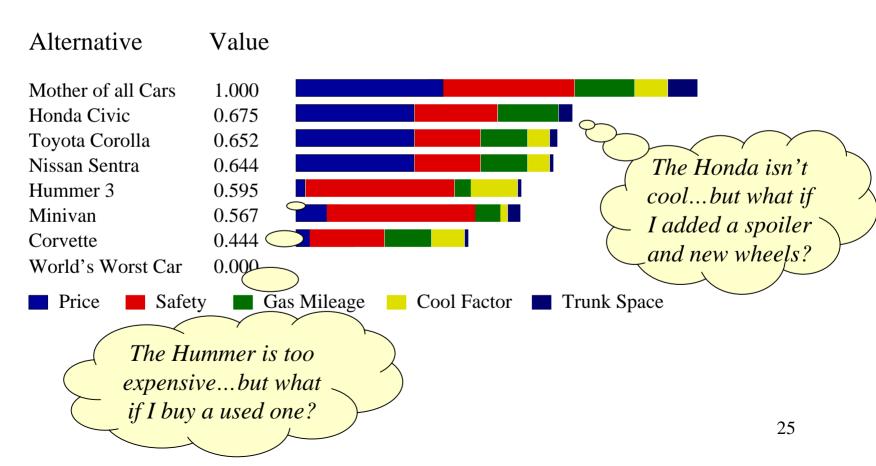
Percent of Weight on Gas Mileage



Find better alternatives



 We can use the model to improve upon alternatives to add more value





Value-Focused

Define model to quantify the Program's potential to achieve strategic objectives.

Pro's

Aligns full program with strategy

Defensible/traceable

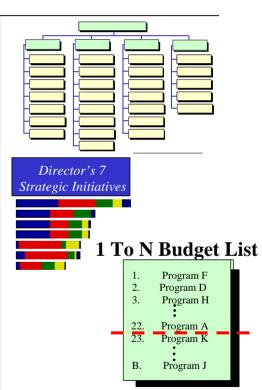
DoD/IC accepted best practice

Near-optimal solution

Con's

Requires upfront strategic guidance

Organizational time and effort for scoring





Decision-Focused

Provide analysis for sequential critical decisions.

Pro's

Directly supports the Director's priorities

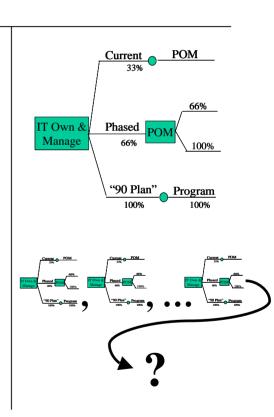
Incremental process

Con's

Only evaluates subset of budget items

Suboptimal solution

Requires iterative and follow-on efforts







Organization-Focused

Provide analysis for subordinate managers.

Pro's

Engages senior managers

Able to be lane centric

More flexible for subordinate managers

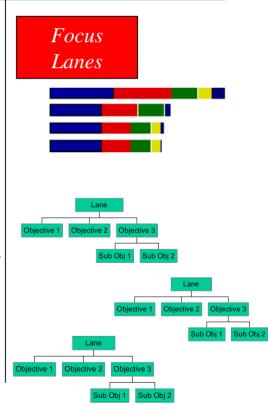
Con's

Decision making delegated below top-level

Lanes create a matrix management challenge

Lose organizational efficiencies

Fosters stovepipes





Finance-Focused

Use decision criteria to evaluate offsets and bills.

Pro's

Books balance

Organization is familiar with process

Con's

Does not reflect senior leader priorities

Less defensible

Encourages status-quo

Suboptimal

Limited scope

