

Cost of Software Obsolescence Resolution

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QinetiQ Overview

Air

Providing support across every aspect of air, built on 70 years of experience.



Weapons

Creating safe and effective military components and testing them before and during service.



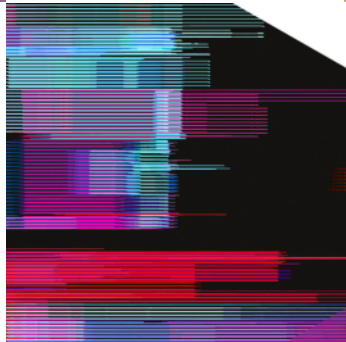
Robotics & Autonomy

Developing robotics to keep military personnel and first responders away from danger.



Land

Making significant scientific and technological innovations in order to evolve physical protection systems.



Cyber

Protecting and improving cyber resources to overcome challenges and threats.



Training

Delivering realistic scenarios via simulation and virtual reality to prepare people for every eventuality.

Maritime

Designing and testing innovative naval systems and components.



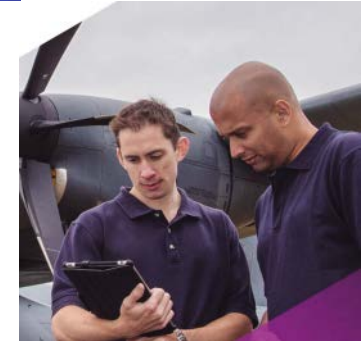
Space

Building, launching and operating complex space infrastructure.



Advisory Services

Acting as an impartial partner for customers looking to procure services and develop capabilities.



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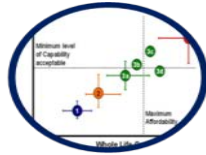
Requirements & Acceptance



WLC Modelling



Options Analysis



COEIA



Through Life Support



Benefits Analysis



Strategy Devt / Wargaming



Technology Management



Legacy & Market Surveys



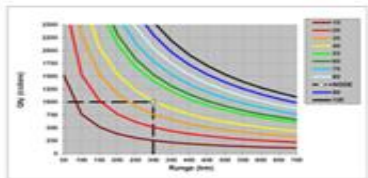
Risk Management



FACET
(Family of Advanced Cost Estimating Tools)



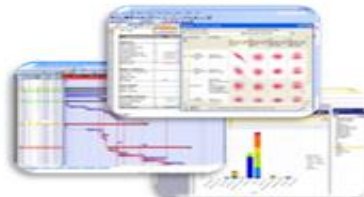
RMM
(Risk Maturity Model)



Joint Utility Model



EVC
(Economic Value Chains)



Industry Standard Toolsets

- Over 150 highly skilled and experienced subject matter experts
- 70%+ Professional Accreditation
- ACostE, SCAF, APM, Prince2, MSP, ICEAA
- Based across 5 UK Sites
- Deployed internationally
- Average experience of 10 years
- Over 40% PhD / MSc qualified

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Software Obsolescence

Research Aim

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Research Aim

“To develop a cost analysis framework to estimate the cost of Software Obsolescence Resolution of a bespoke real-time software in defence and aerospace”

Software Obsolescence

Definitions

Software Obsolescence Definitions

Software Obsolescence is defined as “ what happens when the original and authorised third party ceases to provide support with regular update, upgrade, fixes or due to the changes in target or operating environment, systems or hardware which makes the software unusable”

-S Rajagopal et al; (2014)

Software Obsolescence vs Software Maintenance

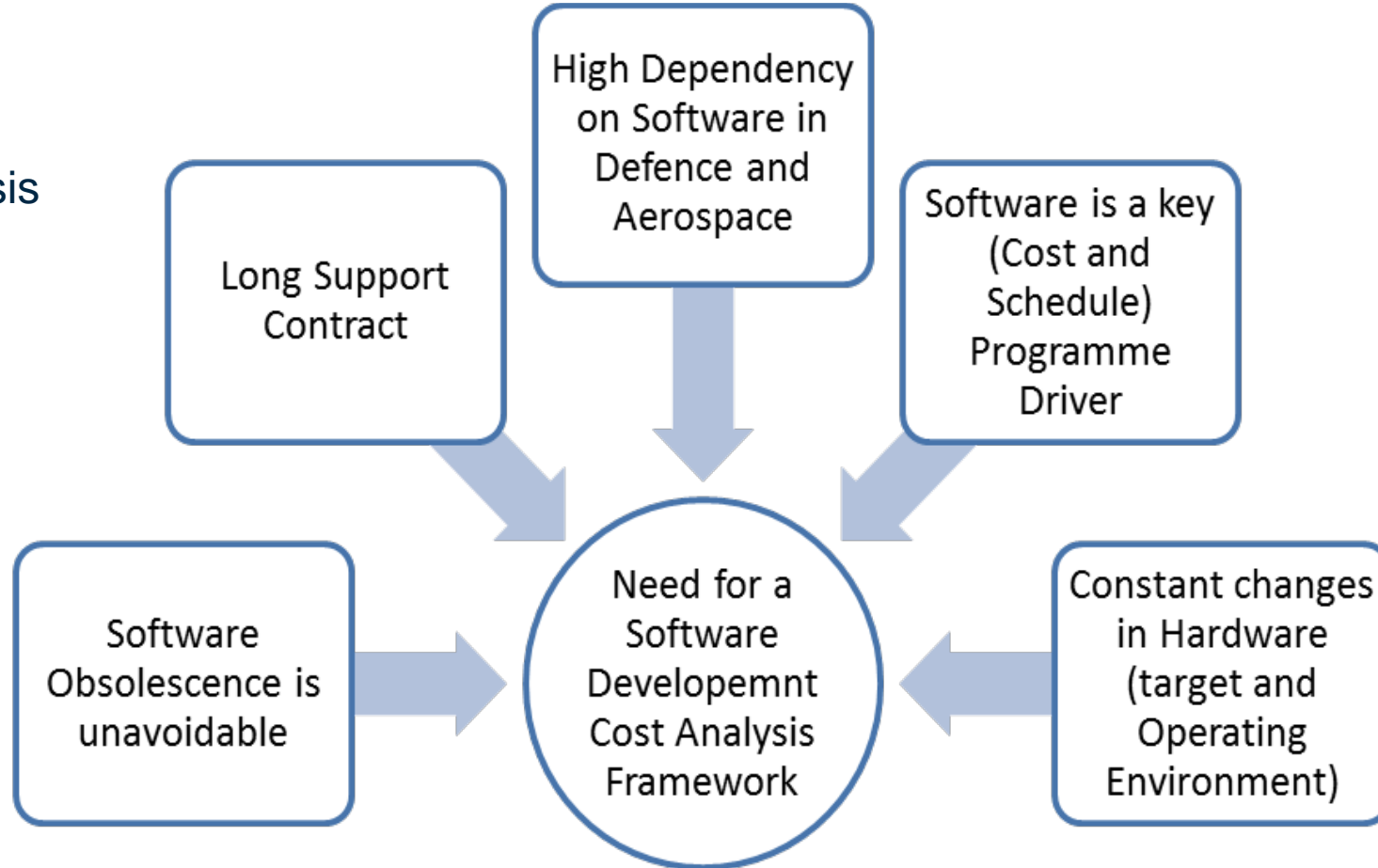
Software Maintenance	Software Obsolescence
Bug fixes	Replacement of entire application if need be to a new one
To address fault/Failures, security patches etc.	To address the issues with the application in totality
Maintenance is the review of the stored files to ensure they are still useable	Solves unavailability of fixes, licenses, permission and upgrades
Software maintenance takes care of the current versions to ensure that its up and running and meeting the requirements	Software Obsolescence management looks forward the industry standards and other software to continue supportability of the software
Maintenance deals with the upgrading the software to enhance capability	Obsolescence management deals with enforced changes in the environment

Software Obsolescence

Introduction

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The need for a Software
Obsolescence Cost Analysis
Framework



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Software Obsolescence Cost Analysis Framework

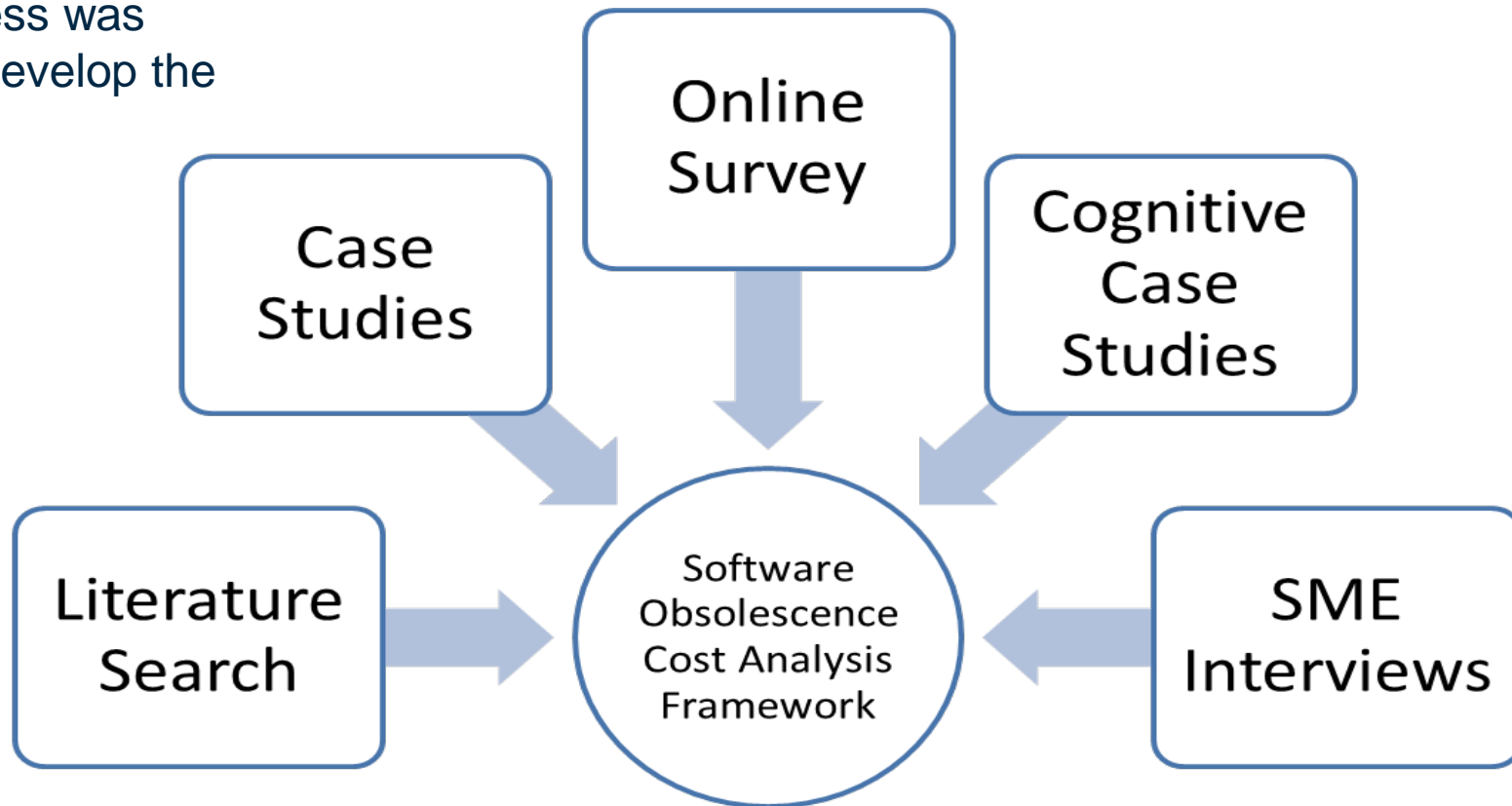
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Software Obsolescence Cost Analysis Framework

Following process was undertaken to develop the Framework

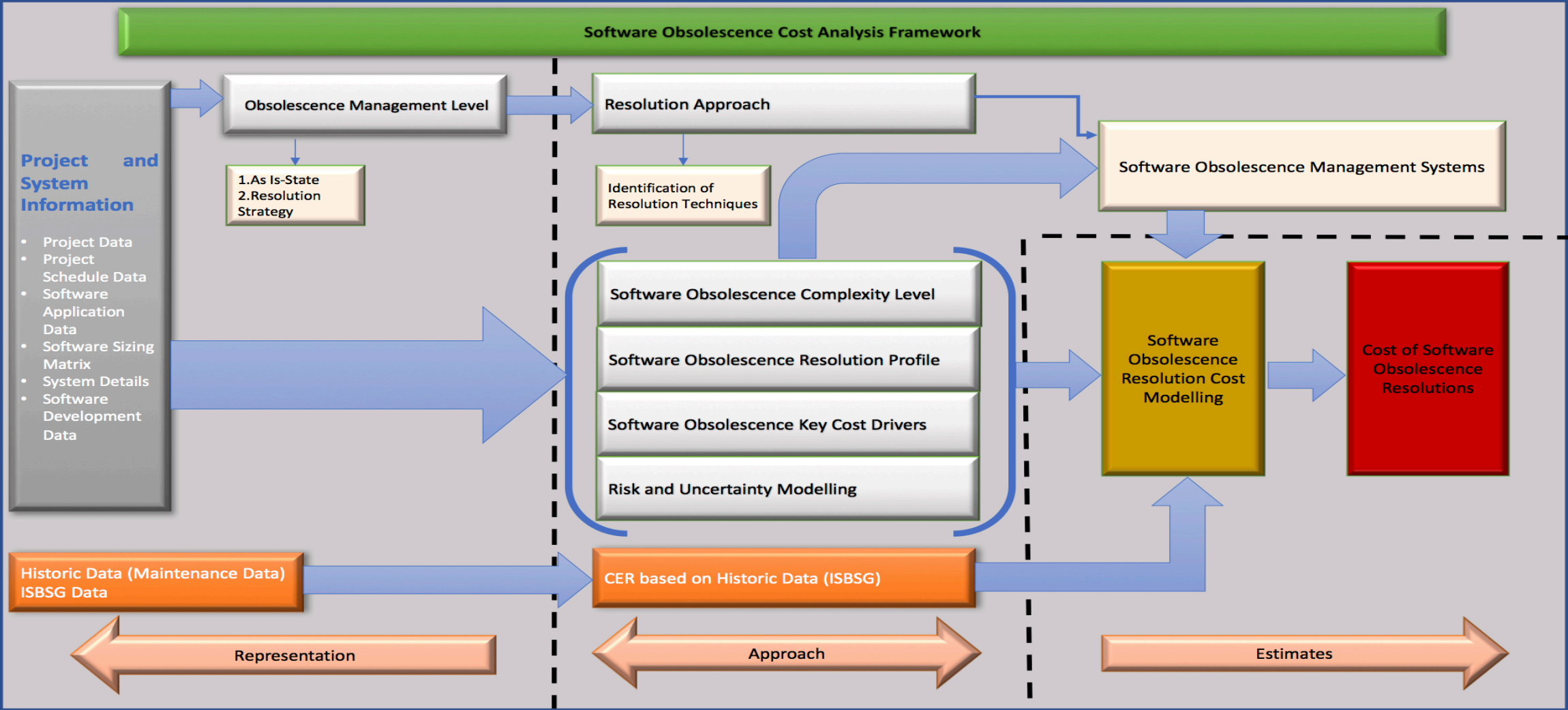


Software Obsolescence Cost Analysis Framework

The framework has the following attributes

- This framework is in its final iterations.
- This framework's foundation is based on the Literature Searches, Case Studies, Online Survey results, SME Interviews and Cognitive Case Studies.
- This framework has several attributes that can be mapped across from and to, to the software estimating principals.
- This framework looks at the Cost Risk and Uncertainty which is at its development stage.

Software Obsolescence Cost Analysis Framework



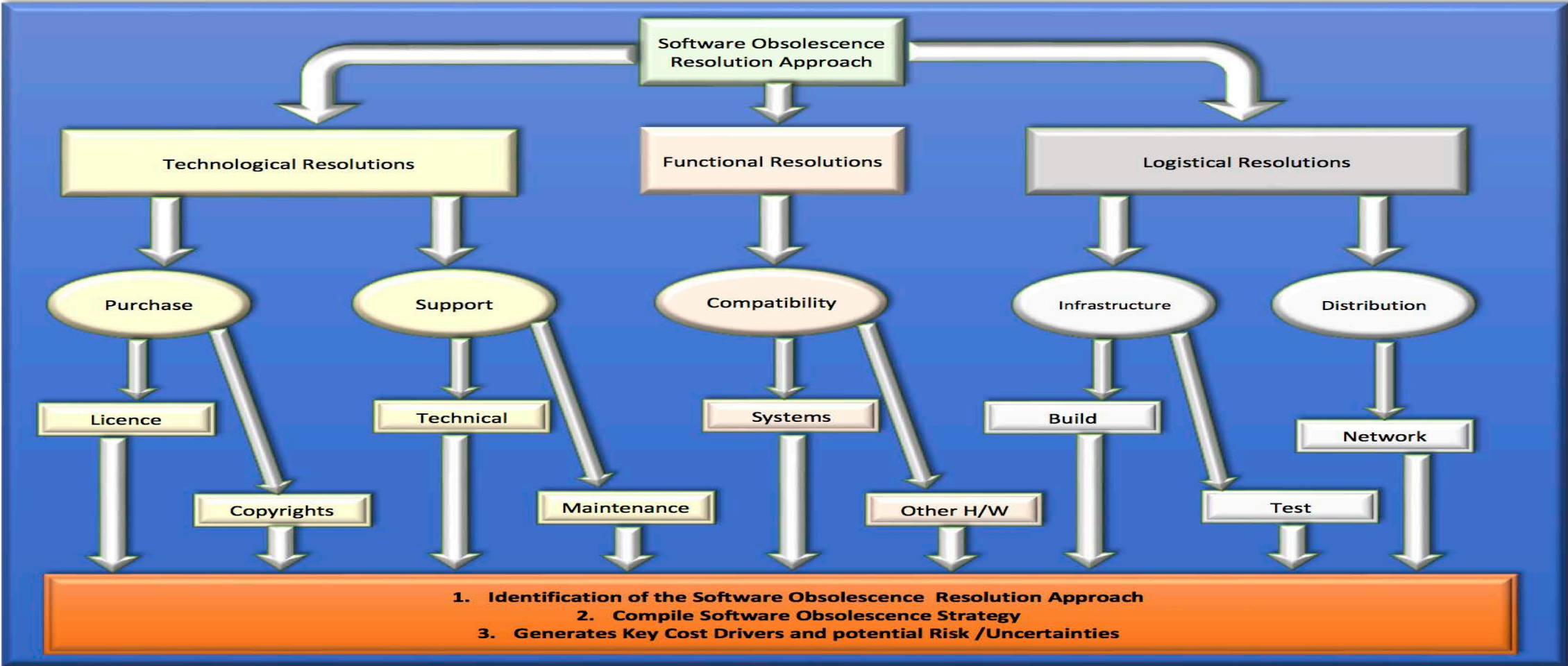
Software Obsolescence Resolution Approach

- Software Obsolescence Resolution Approach helps to tease out the resolution strategy.
- The resolution approach will help in identification of the best possible resolution techniques.
 - Resolution techniques are determined based on the Project and Systems Parameters and Software Management Level
 - Resolution techniques are identified for individual software component rather than software program as a whole.
- Software Obsolescence Resolution Approach helps the project team to compile an appropriate software obsolescence strategy.

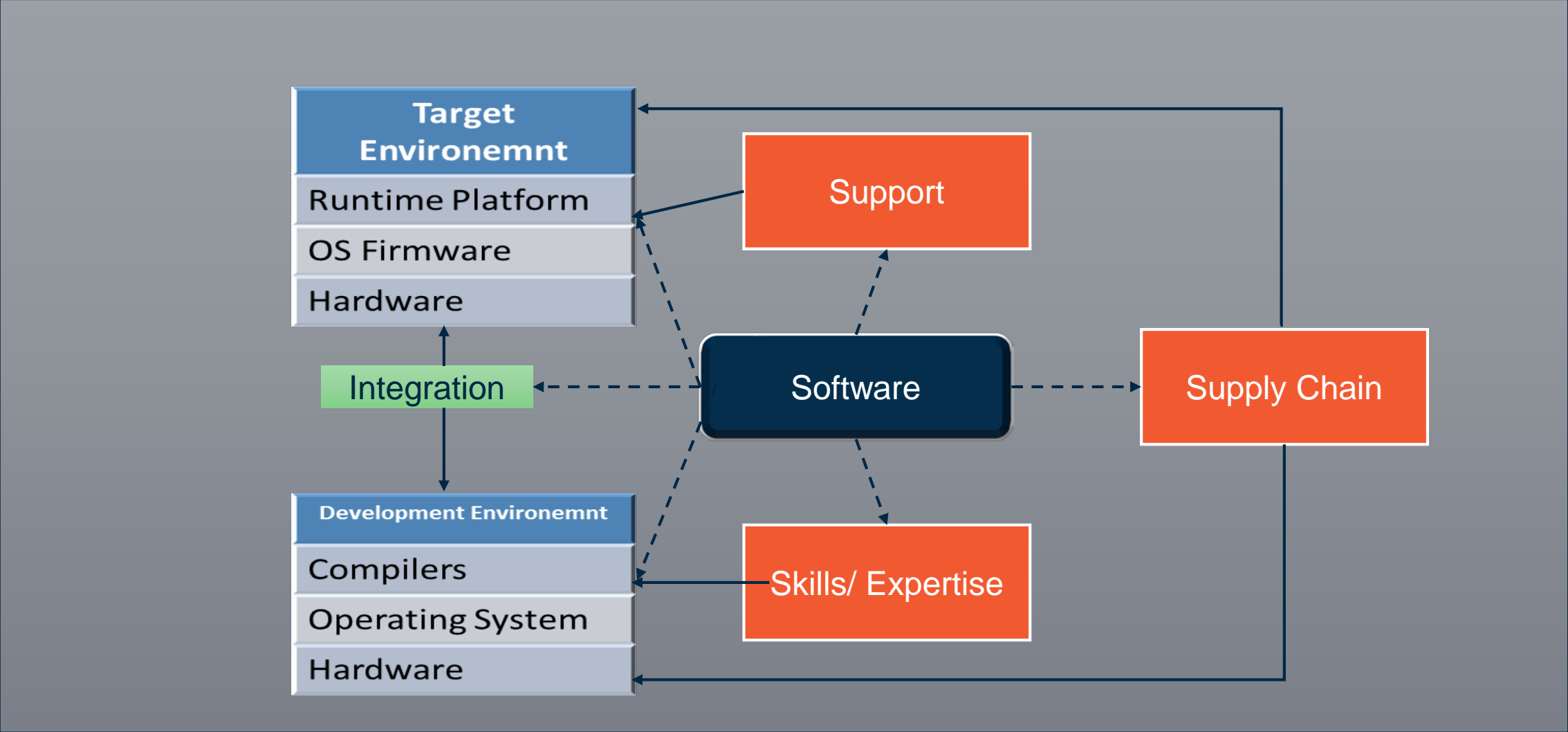
Software Obsolescence Resolution Approach

- Software Obsolescence Resolution Approach will help to identify the key cost drivers.
- Software Obsolescence Resolution Approach will help to identify the key risk/uncertainties around the selection of appropriate resolution approach.
- Three major types of resolution approach are identified
 - Technical Resolutions
 - Logistical Resolutions
 - Functional Resolutions

Software Obsolescence Resolution Approach (Adapted from Bartel et al)



Software Obsolescence Management



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Software Obsolescence Resolution Cost Optimisation Model (SRCOM)

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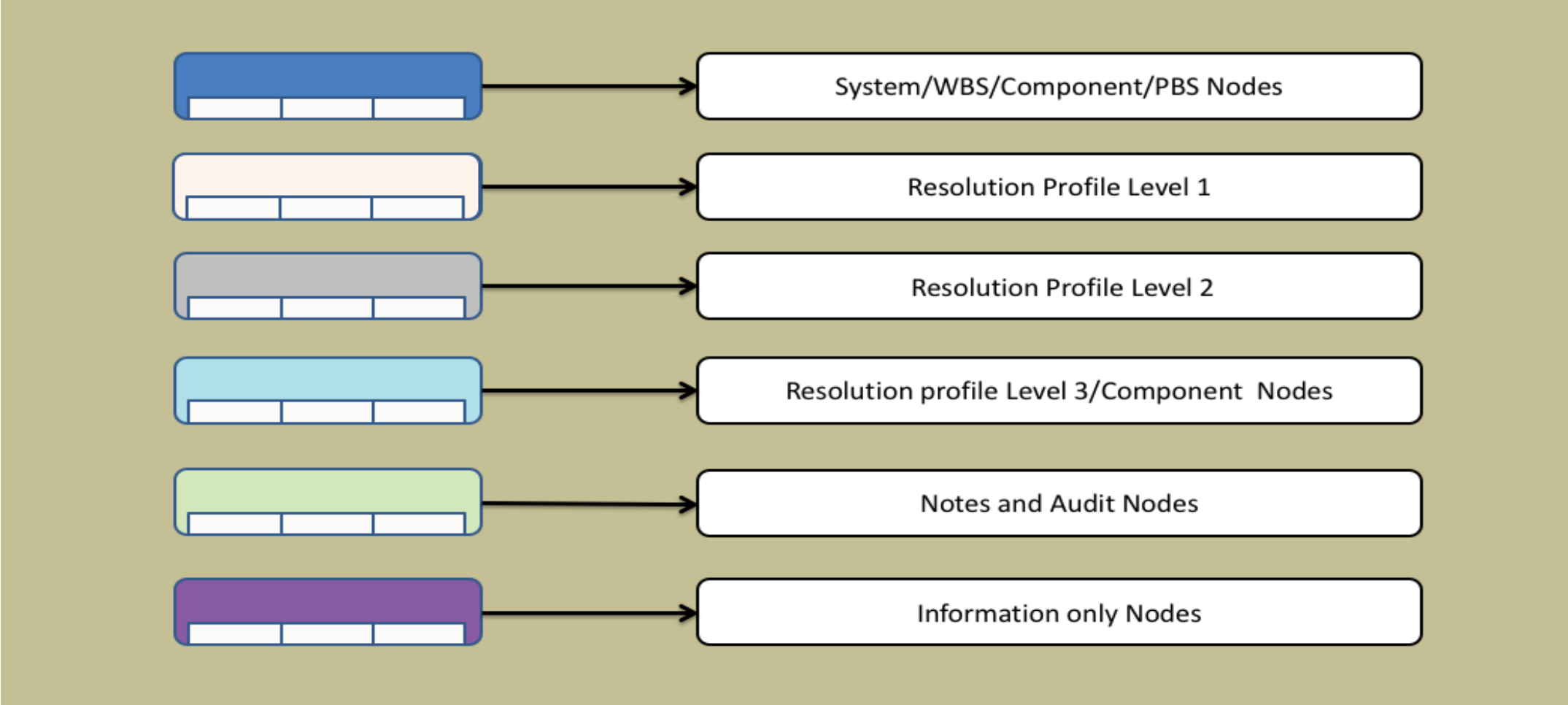
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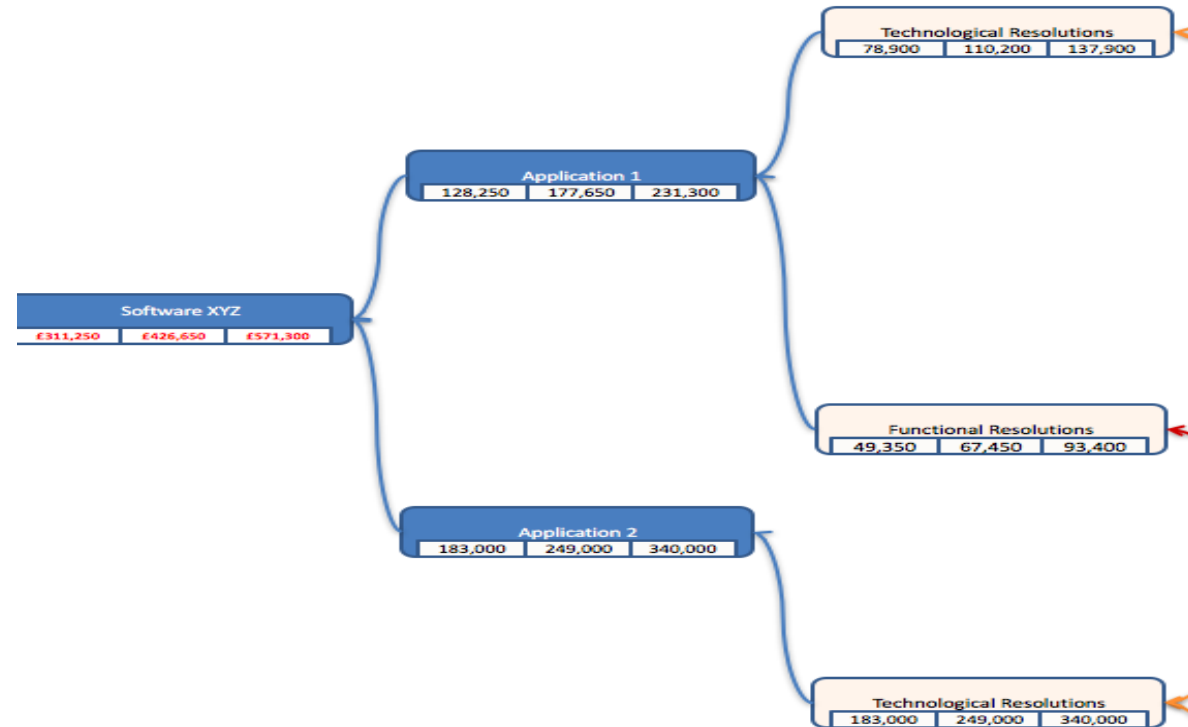
- This model will recommend the best resolution approach based on the cost
- Optimisation is undertaken using MatLab Optimisation toolbox
- This model is at a very early stages of its development and
- This methodology involve diagrammatical representation of the cost
- Diagram represents decompositions of cost from output node through successive levels to individual inputs nodes
- This decomposition is the focus of the diagram and technique
- The diagram will be converted into a set of inputs and calculations
- Each nodes have inputs (Min, ML and Max)

Software Obsolescence Resolution Cost Optimisation Model - Nodes



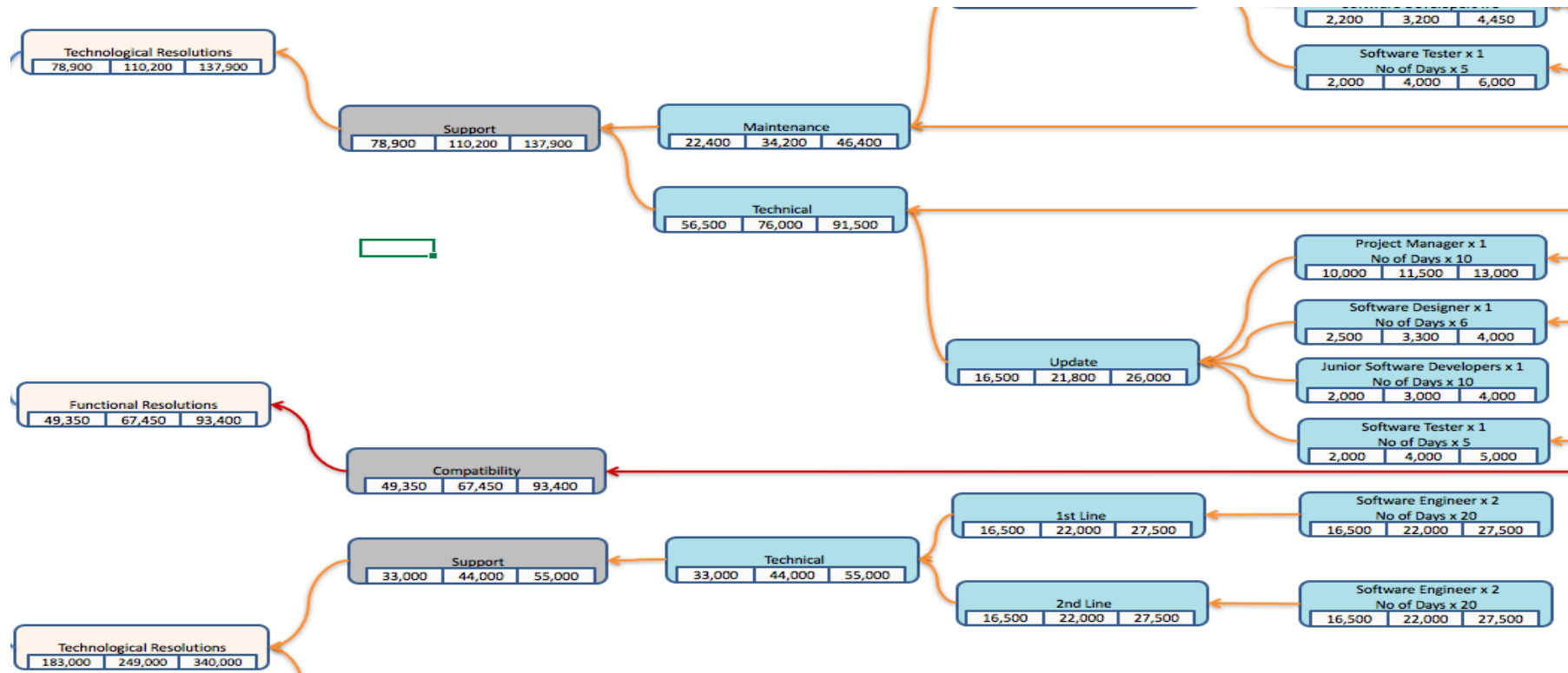
Software Obsolescence Resolution Cost Optimisation Model - Nodes

- Software has several components and each component undergoes different obsolescence resolution profiles which can be diagrammatically represented using above methodology.
- Diagram represents decomposition of cost from output node (on the left) through successive levels to individual input nodes (on the right);
- This decomposition is the focus of the diagram and technique.

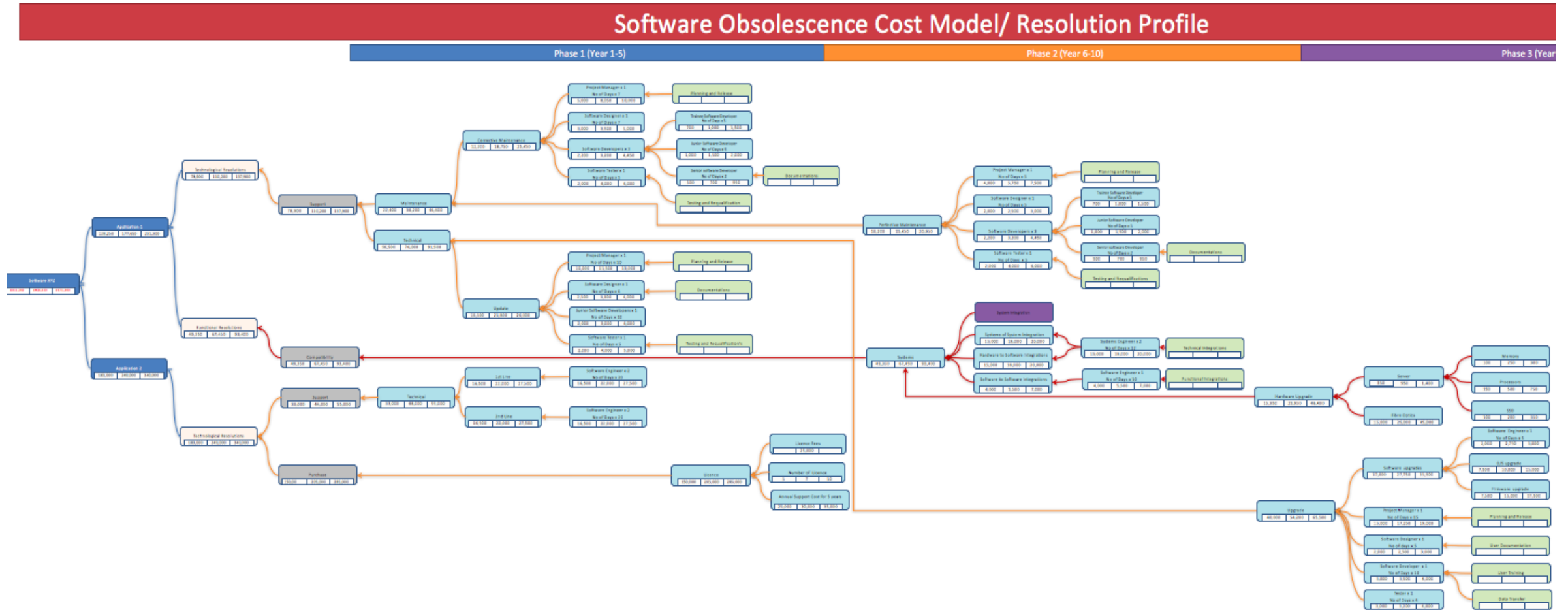


Software Obsolescence Resolution Cost Optimisation Model - Nodes

- Input values are entered on the right of the diagram and aggregate through the model to give the vignette cost.
- Each node has a specific formula for combining inputs, which are defined in the diagram.
- Module nodes allow repeated use of common elements, such as Software Engineers rates.



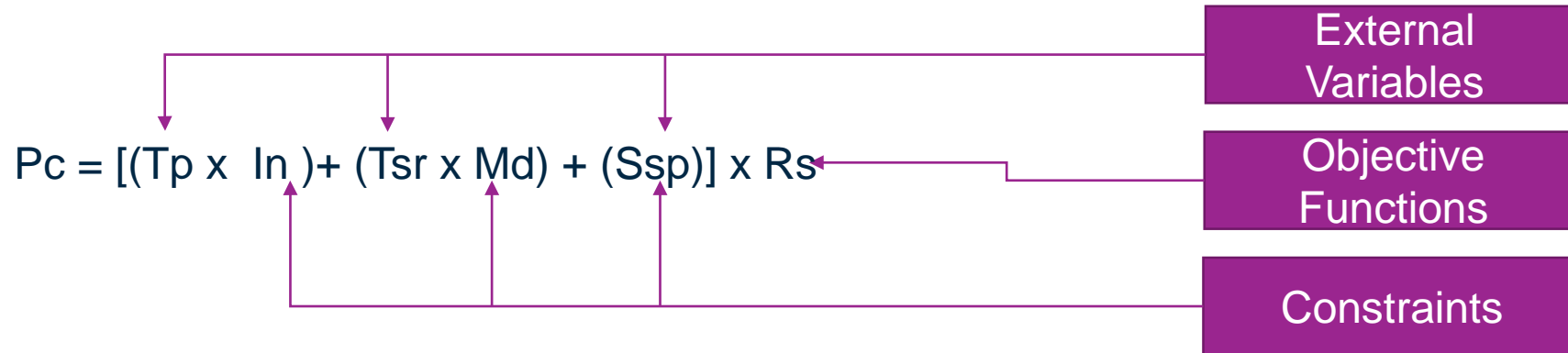
Software Obsolescence Resolution Cost Optimisation Model – Example



Optimisation Options

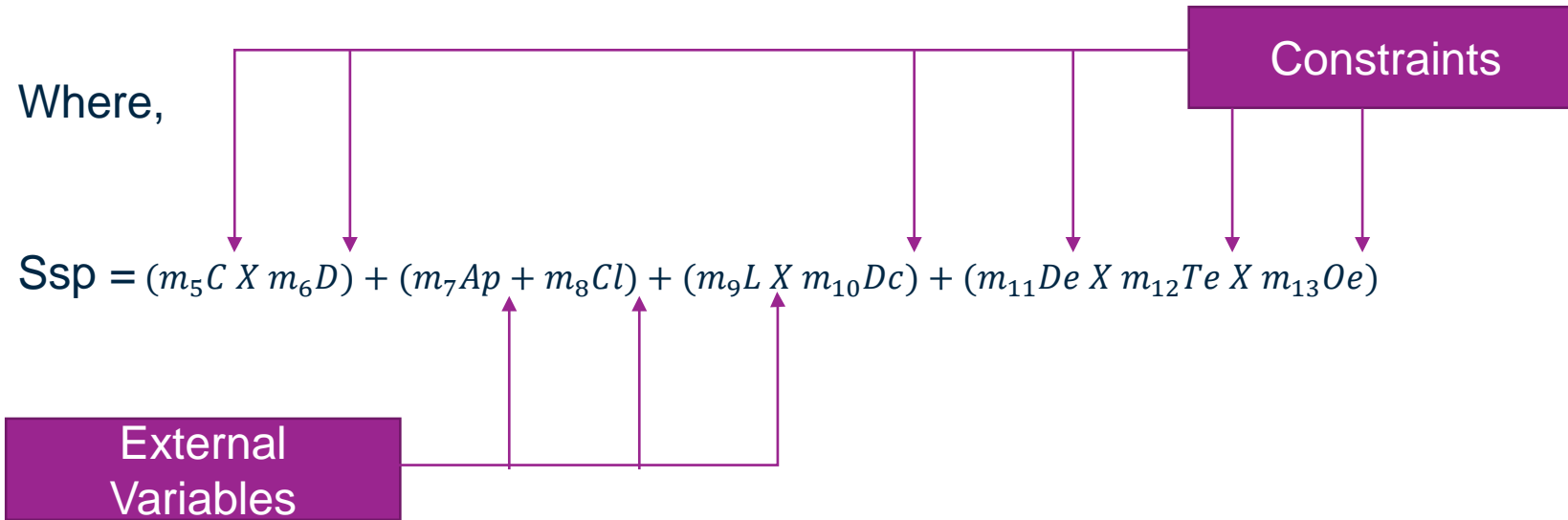
- In order to undertake Optimisation, it is necessary to identify the following
 - External Variables
 - Objective Functions
 - Constraints
- It is also necessary to develop a formula that uses the above variables, constraints and Objective functions in order to generate optimisation of
 - Cost
 - Resolution Strategy

Optimisation Formula



T_p = Type of Platform
I_n = Level of Integration
T_{sr} = Testing and Requalification
M_d = Level of Modification
S_{sp} = Software System Parameter
R_s = Resolution Strategy Cost

Optimisation Formula



C = Software Complexity	
D = Software Dependency	
Ap = Number of Applications	
Cl = Software Contract Length	
L = Software Language	
Dc = Software Development Cycle	
De = Software Development environment	
Te = Target Environment	
Oe = Operating environment	

Optimisation Formula

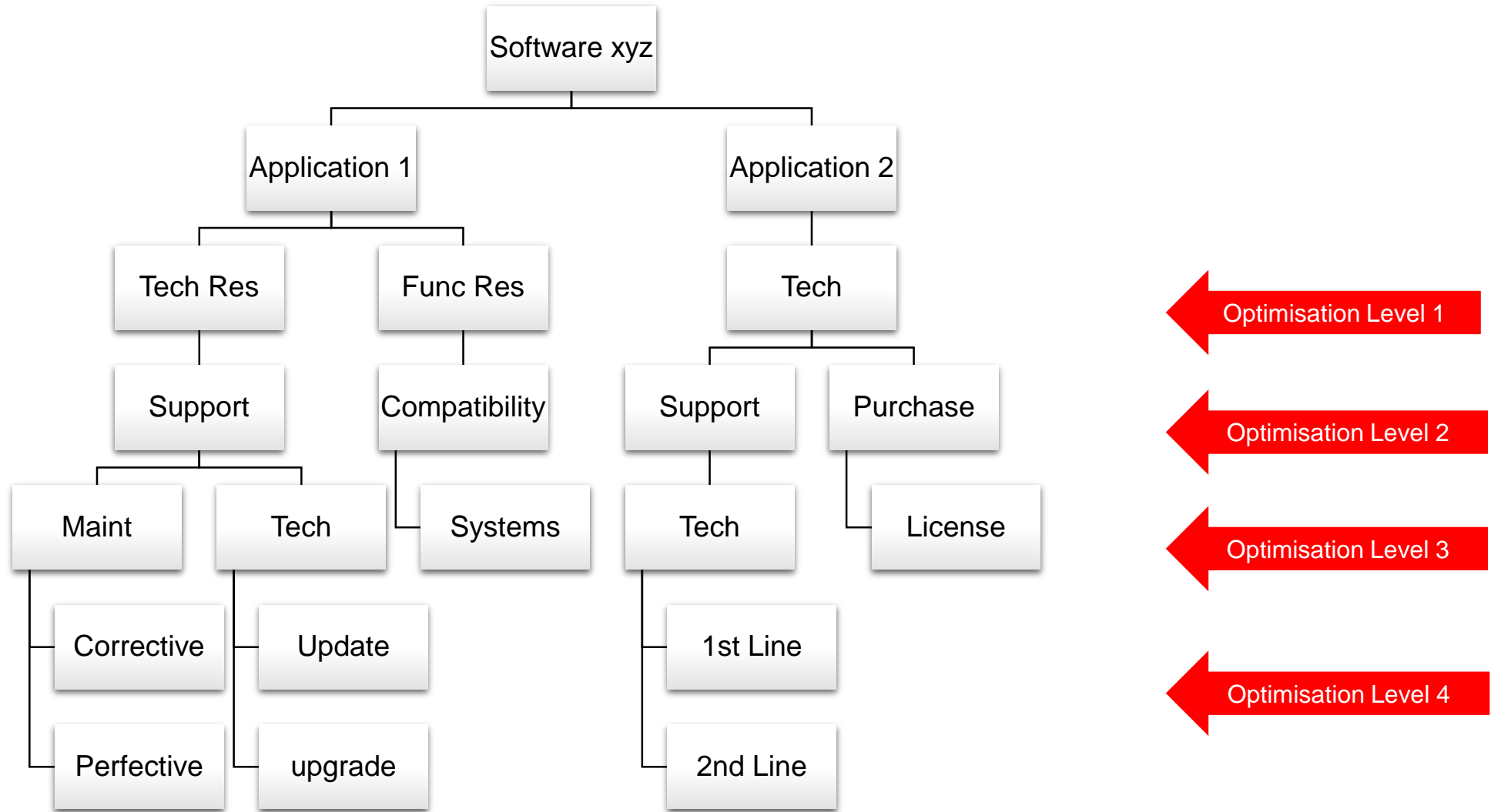
$$P = [(m_1Tp \times m_2In) + (m_3Tr \times m_4M) + \{(m_5C \times m_6D) + (m_7Ap + m_8Cl) + (m_9L \times m_{10}Dc) + (m_{11}De \times m_{12}Te \times m_{13}Oe)\}] \times R$$

Multiplier Identification number	Descriptions	Values
1	Communication and System	2
	Air	2
	Land	1
	Maritime	1
	Commercial System	1
2,3,4,5,6	High	3
	Medium	2
	Low	1
7	10-50 Apps	1
	51-100 Apps	2
	101-500	3
	501 or More	4
8	1-5 years	1
	6-10 years	2
	11 years or more	3
9	1st Gen/Machine Code	3
	2nd and 3rd Gen	1
	4th Gen	2
	5th Gen	3
10	Waterfall	3
	Spiral/Iterative	2
	Incremental	1
	Agile	3
11,12,13	Stable	1
	Unstable	2

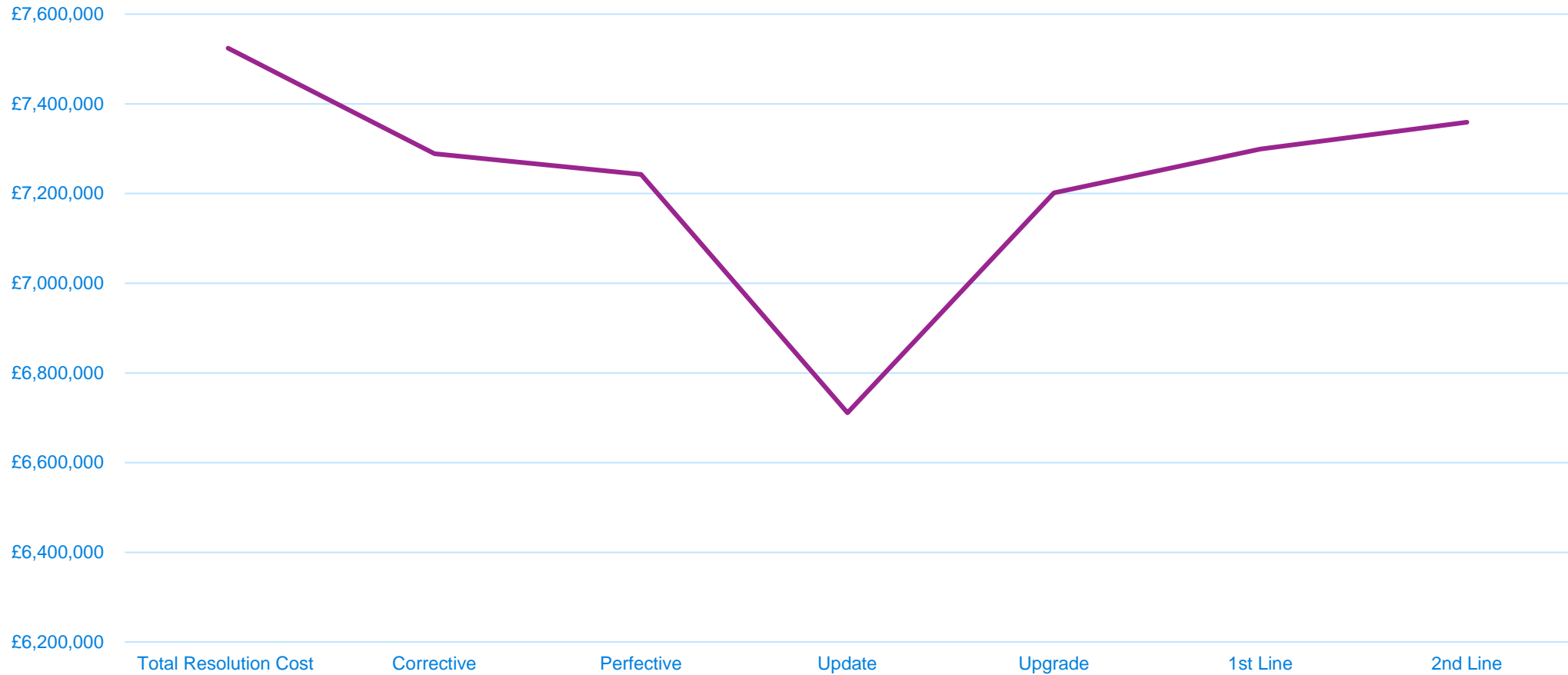
Optimisation –Test Case

Discription		Values
Type of Platform	Air	2
Level of Integration	Medium	2
Testing and Requalification	High	3
Level of Modification	Medium	2
Software Complexity	Low	1
Software Dependency	Low	1
Number of Applications	2	1
Software Contract Length	6-10 years	2
Software Language	2nd Generation	1
Software Development Cycle	Stable	1
Software Development environment	Stable	1
Target Environment	Stable	1
Operating environment	stable	1

Optimisation –Test Case (Resolution Strategies)



Optimisation –Results



Summary

Software Obsolescence is a an emerging issues and it is important to understand how much SW/Obs is going to cost at a very early stages of development life cycle. In order to do so we need to

- Define what Software obsolescence is
- Understand the difference between Software Maintenance and Obsolescence
- Identify how Software Obsolescence is triggered
- Have a framework to manage software obsolescence proactively
- Identify the key Software Obsolescence Resolution approaches

Conclusions

- Software plays an important role in defence. Almost every project in defence has software elements with various degrees of complexity and dependencies.
- In order to understand and see the bigger picture and challenges; software developers and the customers need to foresee the following issues that drive the whole life cost and should be in a position to develop innovative means to mitigate these issues by:
 - Anticipation of the Software Obsolescence at a very early stage of projects.
 - Understanding the technology insertion, technology update requirement.
 - Understanding the relationship between Software Maintenance and Software Obsolescence.
 - Anticipation of future capability integration to the existing platforms taking into account systems of systems, software to software and software to hardware integrations.
 - Formulation and evaluation of alternative architectural framework to inform the software designers that recognises the key market and cost drivers.

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