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# Modeling Resilient Hospitals

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# Outline

- Who we are, why we are here
- What we are doing; how we are doing it
- Intended products
- How we are using modeling to achieve our goals
- Some open issues

# Who We Are



International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE)  
<https://www.incose.org>



IEEE Communications Society (ComSoc)  
<https://www.comsoc.org>  
IEEE Engineering in Medicine & Biology Society (EMBS)  
<https://www.embs.org>



InfraGard National Disaster Resilience Council (NDRC)  
<https://www.InfraGard.org>



National Association of  
County and City Health Officials  
<https://www.naccho.org>



Society for Disaster Medicine and Public Health (SDMPH)  
<https://sdmph.org>





# Why We Are Here

- To develop interest in our project
  - And, possibly, to interest you enough that you will want to contribute
- To let you know of some open issues and get your ideas
  - Outreach session Saturday





# What: Improve Hospital Resilience

- Now: help hospitals:
  - Understand the risks associated with catastrophic power outage
  - Determine how to minimize those risks
    - That is, how to minimize the impact
- Future: help them improve resilience to other risks.





# How [1]: Reference Model

- Work with experts in a variety of fields
  - Critical infrastructure      Emergency response
  - Healthcare                      Model-Based SE
  - Power Systems
- Develop a reference model of a hospital that is resilient to catastrophic power outage





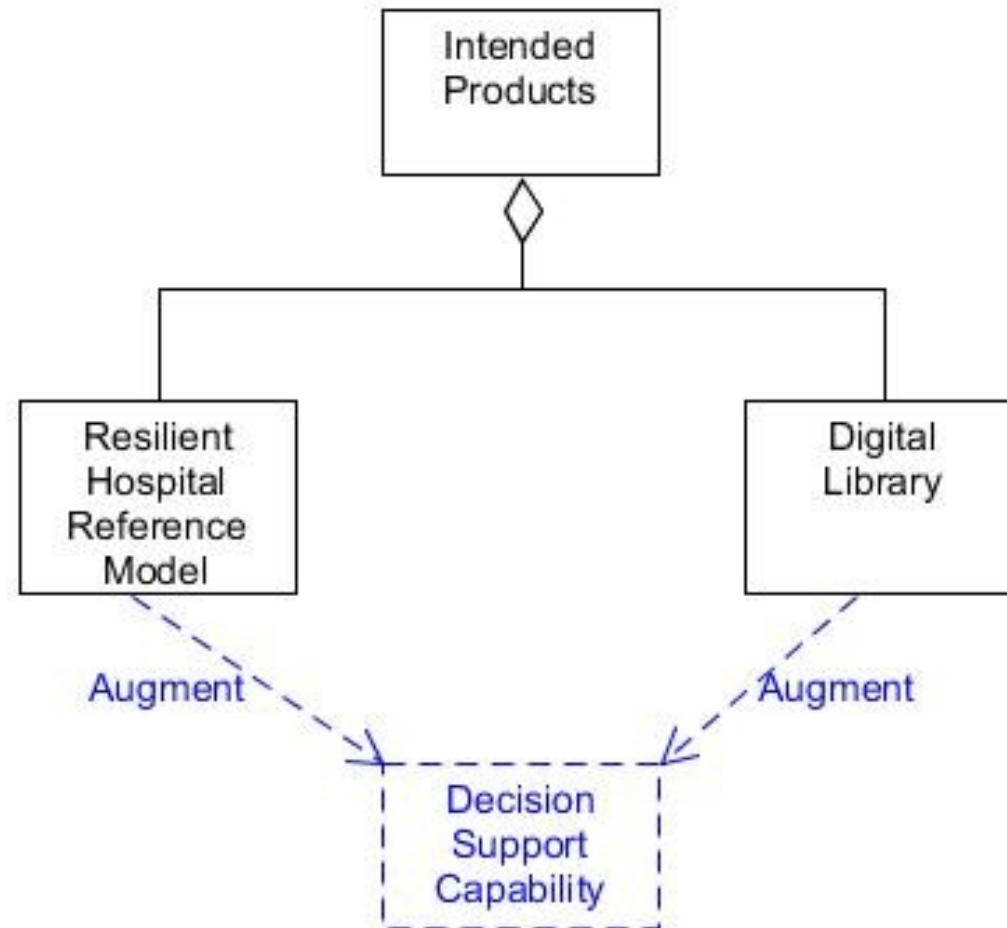
# How [2]: Digital Library

- Provide a digital library of
  - Relevant regulations and requirements for hospitals
  - Other useful information
- Information not included in the model





# Intended Products







# Reference Model

- Captures a Reference Architecture
  - Modeling language may be textual, graphic or both
  - Level of formality can vary
    - Highly formal: Formal, mathematical proofs are possible
    - Moderately formal: Software error checking
  - We use a moderate level of formality
    - Like many if not most MBSE projects

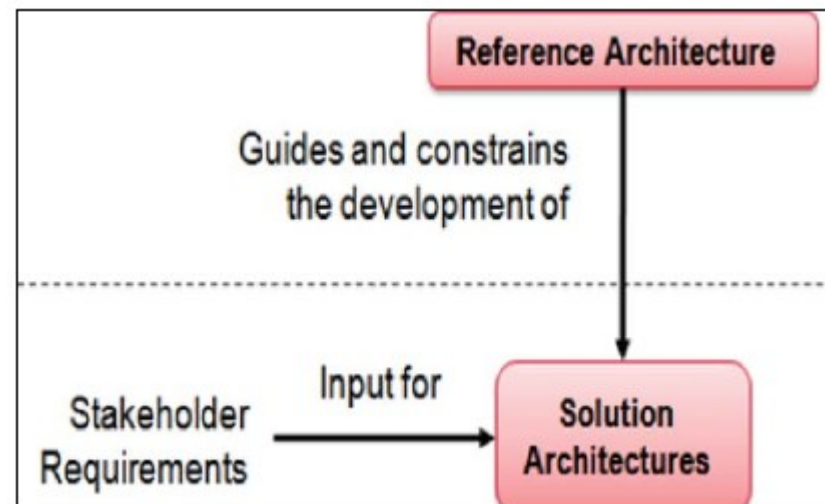




# Reference Architecture

Authoritative source of information about a specific subject area that guides and constrains the instantiations of multiple architectures and solutions

*U.S. DoD “Reference Architecture Description”, June 2010*





# Resilient Hospital Reference Model [1]

- Captures hospital and environment
  - Structure
    - Building, equipment, people, information, etc.
  - Behavior
    - Processes (automated and human)
    - Actual events to date, and possible future events
- Concerns relevant to resilience





# Resilient Hospital Reference Model [2]

- Helps organize (textual) digital library
  - This is a key need of our stakeholders
  - Digital library will guide model development
- Augments existing decision support
  - Is not a decision support capability by itself



# Resilience to Catastrophic Power Outage



- Resilience

- “The ability to prepare and plan for, absorb or mitigate, recover from or successfully adapt to actual or potential adverse events” (INCOSE SE Handbook)

- Catastrophic power outage

- Our definition: a widespread power outage of unknown duration, that is likely to exceed the nominal capacity of a backup power system





# Project Scope: Present

- Reference Model of
  - Single hospital facing catastrophic power loss
  - View hospital as closed system with minimal external interfaces, e.g.,
    - It will not be able to rely on the Internet
    - It will not be able to transfer patients to other hospitals
      - Or, send them to outpatient facilities





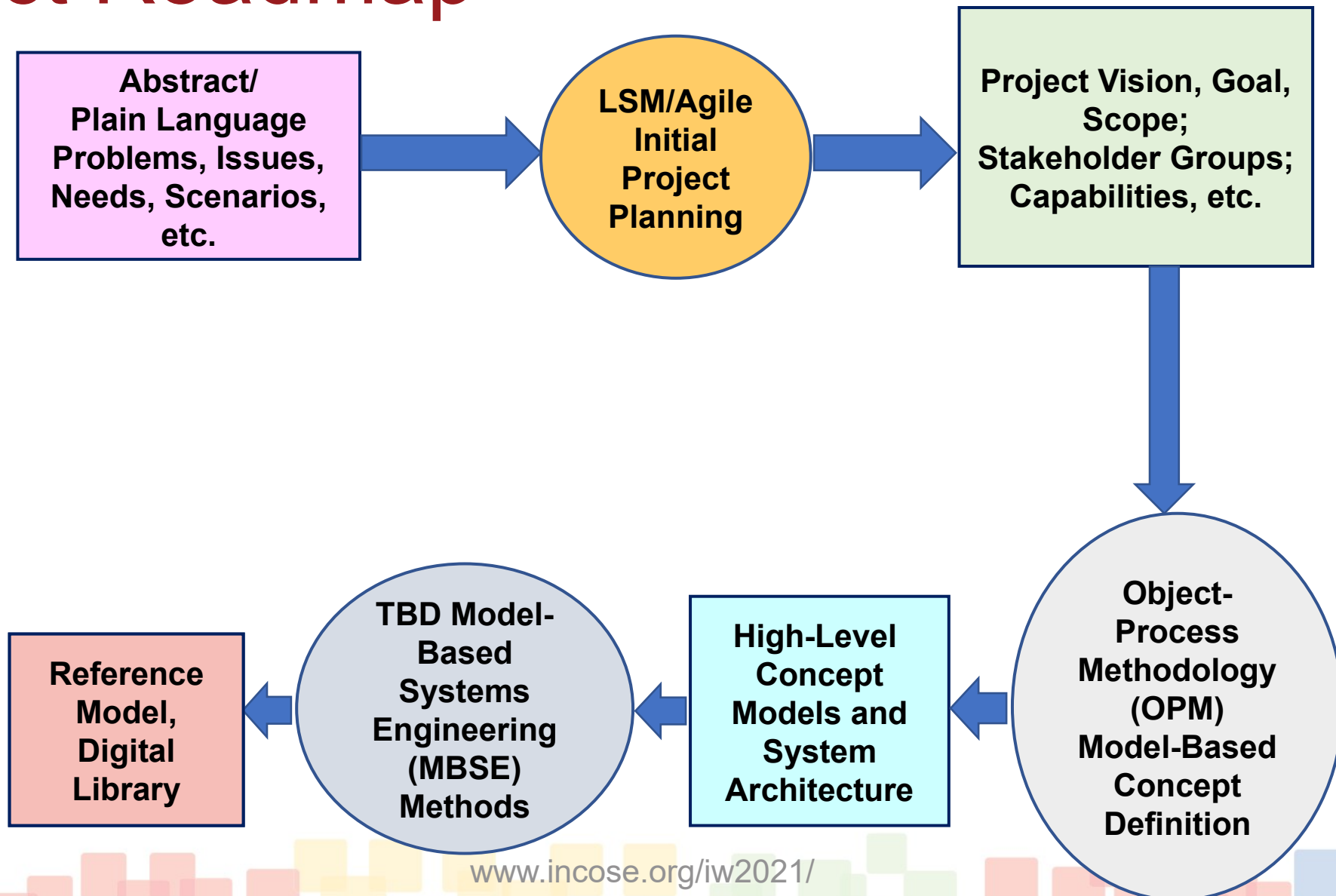
# Project Scope: Future

- Medium Term: broader threat spectrum
  - Multiple hospitals; multiple scenarios
    - Loss of water and other supplies
    - Cyber threats
    - Supply chain problems
- Long term: additional types of healthcare systems





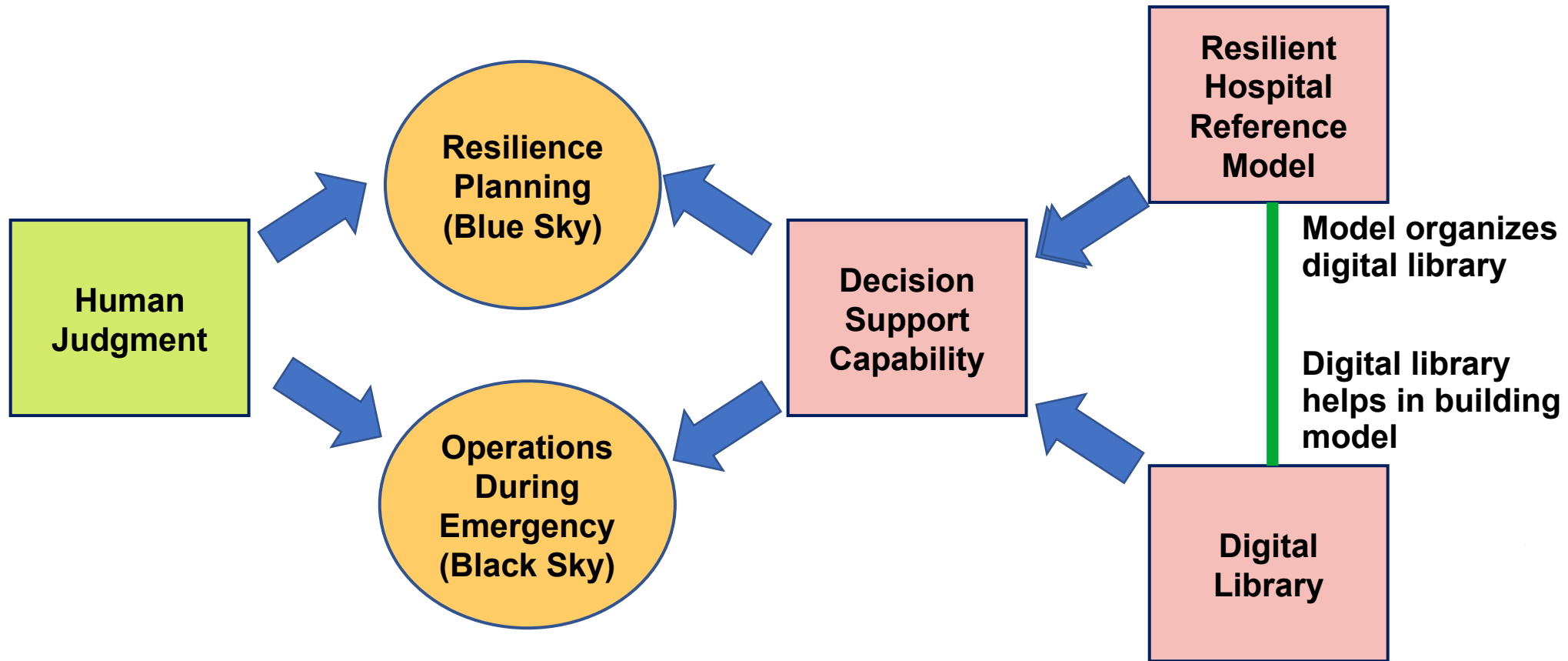
# Project Roadmap







# Using the Model and Library





# Modeling Techniques

- Object-Process Methodology (OPM)
- Systems Modeling Language (SysML)
  - Method may be OOSEM
- Arcadia
- Lifecycle Modeling Language (LML)





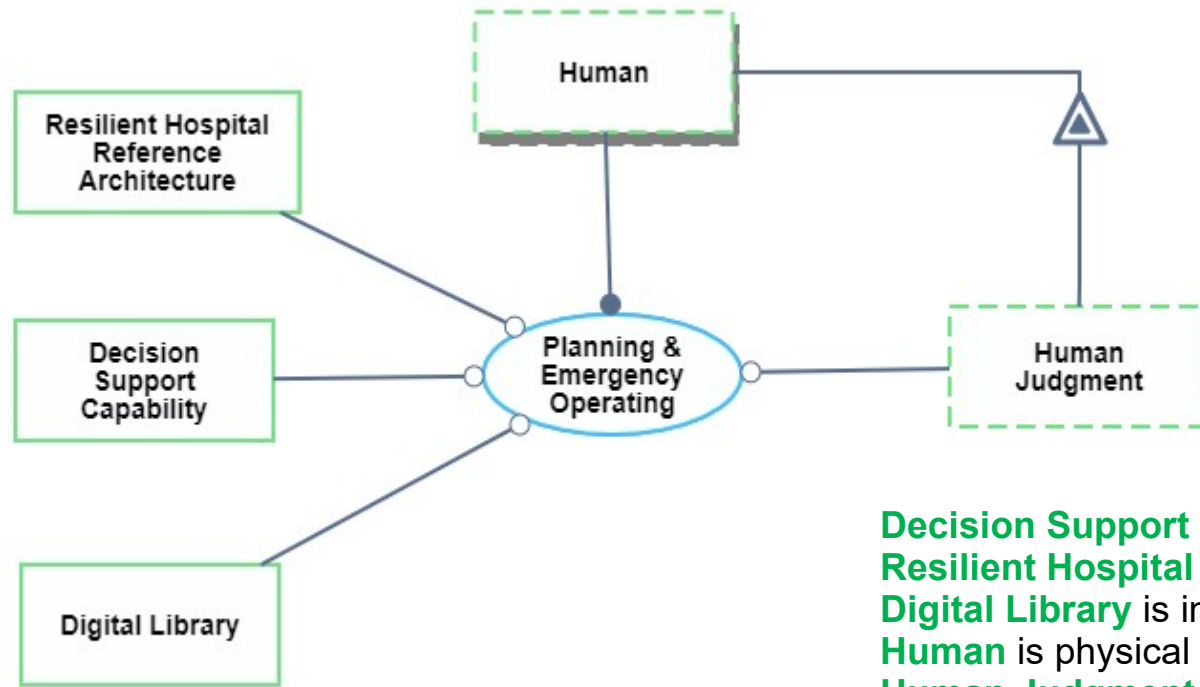
# Object-Process Methodology

- Currently in use for concept analysis
  - Understandable by non-modelers
  - Powerful method and notation
  - Key feature: Object-Process Language (OPL)
    - Natural language summaries of Object-Process Diagrams
    - Tool (OPCloud) keeps diagrams and text in synch
- Developed by Dov Dori





# OPM Example: Diagram And Text

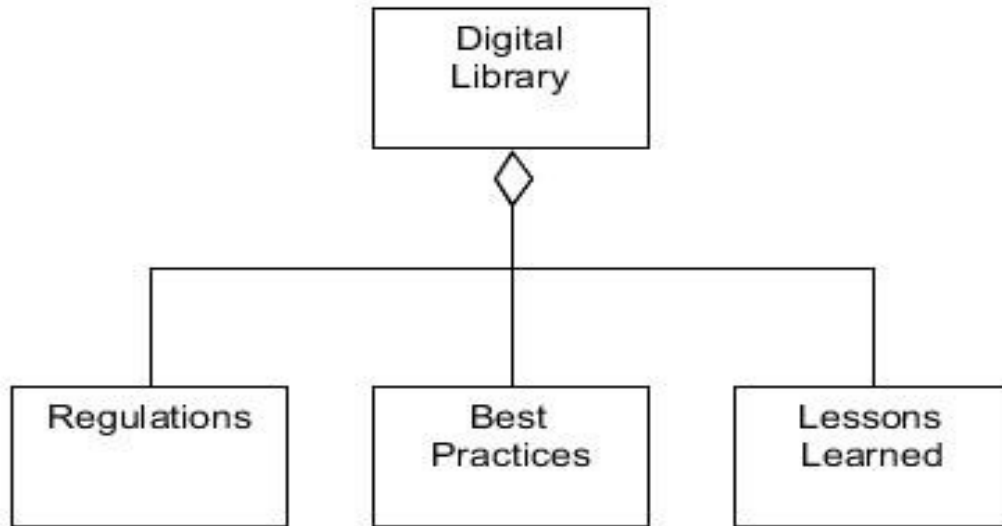


**Decision Support Capability** is informatical and systemic.  
**Resilient Hospital Reference Architecture** is informatical and systemic.  
**Digital Library** is informatical and systemic.  
**Human** is physical and environmental.  
**Human Judgment** of **Human** is informatical and environmental.  
**Human** exhibits **Human Judgment**.  
**Planning & Emergency Operating** is informatical and systemic.  
**Human** handles **Planning & Emergency Operating**.  
**Planning & Emergency Operating** requires **Decision Support Capability**,  
**Digital Library**, **Human Judgment** of **Human**, and **Resilient Hospital Reference Architecture**.





# Digital Library



- Textual information
- Must have
  - Search capability
  - Process for updating





# Conclusions

- We are an ad-hoc volunteer group
- We are building
  - Resilient Hospital Reference Model
  - Digital library
- There are open issues
  - None are show stoppers



# Open Issues

- Using our products with commercial Decision Support Systems
- Maintaining involvement of non-MBSE stakeholders
- Getting the right mix of domain experts to help





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