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Thank you.

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We are hitting the end of our time limit,

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so I'll save the rest of the questions for the panel.

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Uh, coming up next, we have Mr.

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Uh, Tom Hill with a new rotational for addressing risk

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and complex circumstances.

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Tom is, uh, has an ms,

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aerospace engineering from Penn State Aviator

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with 40 years military and DOD civil experience

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attended both navigator and pilot training flying F fours

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and FFTs operationally graduated from the USAF TPS class 94

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B, which led to many test roles and US

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and Canada involving aircraft ranging from the Schweitzer

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r ru 38 motor glider to NASA's and F 15 B.

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Thank you. Thank you.

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So I have a confession right off the start,

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and what I learned out of this from, um, preparing

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for this is this particular bit of information.

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I'm an idiot and I've always been an idiot.

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So the reason why I bring that up is

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'cause it's fundamental to the reason why

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we're talking about this stuff.

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And the, the thing we're talking about is, um,

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a rationale for risk.

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And, um, and,

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and the reason why I'm throwing in I'm an idiot,

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I've always been an idiot, is like this stuff's

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after you read about it, is much more obvious than what we,

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than our circumstances are.

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So, um, I also wanna reinforce that the, um,

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it was really hard putting this together,

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but it sounds like there's a coalition of a, a bunch

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of ideas that are pointing in the same direction

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that something has to update.

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And the whole point of talking about these things is our

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current approaches for how we do risk analysis is,

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I'm gonna say, is unsatisfying.

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And we'll talk more about that here, here as we go along.

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So I love this, uh, quote,

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'cause it suggests that, um, we tend to appreciate people

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who are certain, and the people who are less certain

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tend not to be adopted by, um, by those people.

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Okay? And then, and I believe this is useful

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because it promotes to a cultural problem that goes into

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what the state that we are right now.

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Okay? So what I'm gonna do is go through a,

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um, bunch of topics.

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The, uh, first thing is a briefing ca, um, caveat,

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and that talks about what the problem is.

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Instead, I'm gonna talk about the, what the problem is

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that's motivating all this.

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I'm gonna talk more abstractly

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and then hopefully in some detail about

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why we're in the position that we're in

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and eventually get into the detail like,

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what is the technique that we, that we should employ.

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Okay? So

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fundamentally our, um,

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problem is whatever our risk analysis process is,

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as an aggregate, it's unsatisfying.

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Okay? Even,

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and I would go on to say that even if we're doing things

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that are updating that process, whether it's

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through better modeling in the end,

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it ultimately turns into it's unsatisfying.

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Okay? So the thought is that the data is, it's unsatisfying.

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What do you do? And that's what we're gonna go through.

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Okay? So the first thing is to do is like,

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how do we do analysis and why we're bound it?

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That's the first question.

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So this is a simple functional control diagram

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about the analysis process where you have some agent,

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which could be a person or a team, they interacts

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with a technical problem.

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And that technical problem has some input from one

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side and has an output.

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The output is essentially what's gonna indicate whether

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you're gonna be satisfied with the output

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or not satisfied with the output.

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Okay? And it also suggests that something

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that's going on in there, if the output is constantly

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unsatisfying, is that something is going on there

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that's keeping that fixed.

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So when I'm talking about unsatisfying,

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I'm not just talking about mishaps,

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I'm talking about all the characteristics that come with it,

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whether it's costs, schedule, mission, the data,

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any of those things, exposure to risk, like

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how much did you have to expose yourself to risks to be able

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to accomplish what you did.

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Okay? So it's everything.

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So to get down into this,

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because I'm a simple caveman fighter pilot, test pilot is I,

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I'm using this, I'm not a psychologist

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or anything like that, but I do have want to communicate.

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There's, there's, um, things that we can control

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and things that we can't control.

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And ultimately all that we have

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to do is talk about the things that we can control,

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which is essentially the nurture part.

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So usually a functional, uh, diagram

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and presuming that this has a competent agent within the

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context that they know, is that the way to fix that is

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to put some new experiences from the outside.

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Okay? I also presume that, um, we're doing

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that right now, so

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that even though we're doing the experiences, education

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and training as we have right now, we're still having

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outcomes that are unsatisfying.

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Okay? So then you might think, well, these people are part

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of an organization, so the organization ought

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to be able to influence this.

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But if you take this model a little bit further,

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it is just call that one more entity, one gigantic entity.

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And that turns into, we still have imperatives information

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from, from the outside.

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And then that causes the output as it is,

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and it's still unsatisfying.

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Even though the input is change, changing

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whatever quantity about,

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or whatever quality about that input is,

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is not affecting the change that we want.

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Okay? So what my briefing is, is about is

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what input are we gonna put in there?

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Okay? So what we know, this is just like

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how do we, how do we know what we know?

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Um, fangs Opini,

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who's a commandant Air Force test possible, introduce me

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to this, uh, book by Cohen, uh,

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defining the engineering method.

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Uh, his assertion is, is that fundamentally

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what we do is engineering is deploy heuristics.

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And the obligation is eng as engineers is to deploy

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that heuristic that results in the best outcome.

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Okay? So you can, you can, we can debate about

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what the scope of a heuristic

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and what the details are about what heuristic,

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but it's essentially all the techniques, tactics, tools

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that we use to do what we do.

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Okay? So my hypothesis is,

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or is that our heuristics form

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how we look at problems.

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So I've been at the test bible school multiple times,

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air force test, Bible School multiple times,

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and it has got a really rich history

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that starts from back in 1942 until present day.

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And, and if you look at the construct, construct

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of the curriculum, it's fundamentally based

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on physical sciences.

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So that, to go along

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with my hypothesis is the way we look at problems, I is,

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I believe, bias towards how we deal with physical sciences

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in a complexity environment,

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which Jeff was bringing up earlier.

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That's not sufficient. Okay?

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So, just so you know, 10 years ago we tried

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to update the Air force test ball school curriculum

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to capture all that secret sauce makes, um, uh,

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TPS grads awesome and call that test foundations.

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And the belief was if we put a really thorough sense

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of systems theory into that test foundations piece,

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that everything would work out great.

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Which in the end, it's turns out

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that we're still unsatisfied with what that result is.

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So to get more deep into it,

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and if you're considering things in scope of

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what heuristics we do, there's essentially a, a set

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of possibilities of all possible heuristics

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and the heuristics we already have.

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Okay? And remember I'm talking about heuristics, the tools,

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models, techniques, everything we use

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to do the mission that we do.

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And then along with that,

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to be almost totally obvious is these are the

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heuristics we don't have.

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But I wanna say

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that these are the heuristics we might have soon.

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What I mean is that if you just did a slightly different

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rationale or slightly different technique, is

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that we might be able to come up with a set of shortcuts

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that might be beyond what we do right now,

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but are useful, okay?

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An incremental change to the,

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basically the scope of the things that we do.

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So the question is, is

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what do we do when we don't have a heuristic?

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So what do we do today that when you encounter a problem

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that you haven't been trained with a technique

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or procedure, haven't gone to school for it,

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don't have an algorithm,

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don't have an anything, what do you do?

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And in some ways, some people could say, well,

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what you do is just simply guess.

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Okay? So if you look in behavioral economists

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or psychology point of view, that's literally a short story,

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a short story for that phenomenon, okay?

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And my belief is instead of guessing,

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there's a better way of doing it.

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So to get to the how, to understand what the better way of,

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let's do, uh, let's look at how complex systems work.

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And like I said, I'm a simple caman test pilot, so I tend

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to look at things and, you know, block diagrams

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and little, um, if I had a crayon, I would be using it.

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So to look at, um, complexity

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is the system starts with a set

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of attributes at the very beginning.

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So an unknown number one, to end to attributes

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that start at the very beginning.

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You cut that system loose time interval later, it has a set

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of new attributes at time interval later, one

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that won the capital M.

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So those initial system attributes have several qualities.

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Some portion of are, are attributes that we can control.

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Other attributes have, um, things that we know about

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but we can't control.

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And then other ones that we're euphemistically known

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unknowns, and then everything else.

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And in some cases you can consider these

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as at least in the time interval that we're worried about.

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These are unknowable, okay?

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So when you start from there, you do the time interval,

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you get to these new attributes.

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I'm just for convenience states just gonna

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change the title of this.

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Uh, second set as into the system states.

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So one end system states those system states have certain

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qualities and to follow system theory,

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they have emergent properties

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and a certain set of those emergent properties result in

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a quality about safety.

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A certain set have a certain quality about security.

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Another set have a certain quality about operations,

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and then include operations.

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Like what data, like did you collect the data you want?

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Ultimately, all those things add up

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to essentially your outcomes.

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The immersion property of outcomes.

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And our measure for those outcomes leads to,

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and we're doing this over time, is are we satisfied with

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what we're getting or not satisfied with what we're getting?

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Okay? And just to be complete here, outcomes,

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it's just another name for the mission.

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So when you're doing stuff,

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eventually the immersion property needs to be always related

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to the mission, whatever the mission

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of the thing that you're doing.

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And I'm truly saying that all this is obvious,

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but it's necessary to bring these things up.

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'cause it helps focus the mind into the particular areas

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that need to be worked on.

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And those areas are the things that we can control.

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So to get more simple into this, what the key attributes are

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is we have to have those things that we control,

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control in the right fashion so that the outcomes lead

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to satisfying outcomes.

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That's literally the mission. That's as simple as that.

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So every, we already do that right now.

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And what I'm proposing is, is that what we do in

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that context between the things that we do right now to do

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for the, um, things that we have control compared

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to the outcomes is not sufficient.

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So that goes, looking at these things from controllable

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system outcomes, What I

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propose is

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that the heuristics we already do are essentially all the

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legacy techniques that we have included in

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that list is everything we have to do to meet up

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with airworthiness requirements, whatever the physics, um,

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um, domain that you're an expert at.

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All those things we already know how to do.

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And then there's the other set of heuristics

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that are uniquely tiered to the scenario

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of whatever we're encountering, okay?

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So when we're talking about, hey, how do you navigate

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through these competing interests?

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And so on, the rubric we're looking for to solve

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that problem is in this space.

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And, and specifically to get into how do we deal

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with the whole idea, I don't have enough money

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to do this analysis.

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How do you do that? The rubric to deal with

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that is in this space.

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So let's go through where we are right now.

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So we have a problem with reliably solving problem.

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It's a better word to saying is being satisfied

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with how we solve problems.

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Um, inputs to the individuals

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and organizations directly lead to the, um, outputs.

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So what I'm hypothesizing is if we do a particular input

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to the organization and so on,

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that'll lead to better outcomes.

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We do things in consideration or in context of heuristics.

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And a core question is, is

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what do you do when you don't have a heuristic?

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Outcomes are a product, are a product of

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what controllable system attributes we have at the very

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start, uh,

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and how we control things.

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There's just a mystery heuristics

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that we already use or don't use.

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And the ultimate thing is figure out

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00:14:36.355 --> 00:14:38.875  
how do we control attributes when we don't know

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00:14:38.995 --> 00:14:40.315  
what heuristic to use.

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00:14:42.505 --> 00:14:44.725  
So it's useful to get into, um,

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00:14:46.655 --> 00:14:49.595  
Discussion about complexity

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00:14:49.775 --> 00:14:51.685  
and how that relates to cognition.

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00:14:53.755 --> 00:14:58.575  
So complexity is a, a non-objective,

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00:14:59.155 --> 00:15:01.575  
um, reference system relative thing

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that goes from essentially simple intuitive,

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all the way to wicked complex.

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00:15:08.275 --> 00:15:12.495  
The in there in the middle, uh, some people have listed the,

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00:15:12.555 --> 00:15:15.735  
um, one point that transition from complicated to complex

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00:15:16.115 --> 00:15:20.455  
as being some sort of line imp implying certain conditions.

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So to take that theme is, I'm,

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00:15:24.635 --> 00:15:29.055  
I'm proposing laying on top that the cognitive capacity

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00:15:29.055 --> 00:15:31.095  
of the agent assessing the system

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00:15:32.165 --> 00:15:34.255  
defines the level of complexity.

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00:15:36.425 --> 00:15:39.845  
So, so in other words, related to the heuristics we use

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00:15:40.585 --> 00:15:44.805  
or the resources we have, basically the capability

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00:15:44.825 --> 00:15:47.005  
of doing the analysis is related to

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00:15:47.005 --> 00:15:48.765  
how complex the problem is.

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00:15:50.205 --> 00:15:53.465  
Okay? So what that implies is

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00:15:53.465 --> 00:15:57.385  
that if you have both the tools, the shortcuts,

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00:15:57.965 --> 00:16:02.285

the analysis, and you have the resources, that's

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by this definition in this space from

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simple to complicated it.

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And what that further implies is

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that there's an optimum answer that exists.

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Okay? So the rational agent when you're in those conditions

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would just go do that, do the optimum, um, answer.

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So the opposite of that is

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that when you don't have either one of those, the

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optimum answer does not exist.

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So then the, and I'm proposing that

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that condition is a complex problem,

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and then when it's a complex problem

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00:16:41.805 --> 00:16:43.985  
and the optimum answer does not exist,

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as in the single answer does not exist,

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a different rationality strategy needs to be employed it.

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So most of the time, I think right now we implicitly deal

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with this every single day.

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And we ultimately use, uh,

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some structured process

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that fundamentally depends on experts.

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And I think Jeff brought this up earlier about the limit

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of the utility of experts.

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And then I appreciate bringing in extra people from

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outside your organization to look at things where you do.

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But fundamentally, those experts only bring the expertise

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and experiences that they already have.

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And if, and if the system is more complex than

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what there's area of expertise, um, applies

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to, that's a problem.

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So if you get into, um,

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uh, look at behavioral economists, like

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what Daniel Conman's work is

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that there's a very specific definition for expertise,

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and it needs to have these particular, um, qualities

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doesn't learn in a valid environment.

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They have repeated measurable experiences, timely feedback,

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um, deliberate practice in unfamiliar areas.

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So, so the question is how does

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that work in emerging tech environment?

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And my belief that most of

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what we do right now is in the emerging tech environment.

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So by definition, we have no experts in this space.

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Alright, so how do you deal

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with this herb Simon?

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This is a quote from her Simon.

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Basically what this quote implies is

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to replace the economic man who's fully rational in all

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circumstances, and instead apply a rationality

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that's appropriate to the real person, okay?

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And what that implies is that there's limits

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to human rationality, hence I'm an idiot.

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Okay? And then when not under the limits,

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the most rational answer is the optimum answer.

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And then, and I assert that that's just a surrogate

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for the legacy heuristics when under limit

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in dealing with a problem that's complex, the

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most rational answer is by definition

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00:19:17.845 --> 00:19:21.775  
that which is most satisfying and sufficient,

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00:19:22.665 --> 00:19:26.615  
and he conned the term of satisficing, okay?

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And we're gonna get into how we use

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that particular term in our context.

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And I wanna promote that when somebody says, well,

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how do you know that's good enough?

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Well, it wouldn't be minimally satisfying

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and minimally sufficient if it wasn't minimally satisfying

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and it wasn't sufficient.

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It also suggests that there are multiple answers

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00:19:46.815 --> 00:19:50.435  
to the same problem might be, um, available.

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So using modern safety theory

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and modern safety theory takes the idea

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00:19:59.675 --> 00:20:02.325  
that emergent properties are a control problem.

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And what that suggests that when we're,

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as the agent looking at a system

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and we consider, um, the complex problem with outcomes

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00:20:13.465 --> 00:20:16.895  
is that we have emergent properties,

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00:20:16.915 --> 00:20:18.135  
we have assistant states

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and system attributes that fundamentally it's about

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00:20:22.735 --> 00:20:26.555  
how we modify our control policies, those things

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00:20:26.555 --> 00:20:30.315  
that we can control to ensure the outcomes we want.

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00:20:31.495 --> 00:20:36.055  
Okay? And I already pointed this out

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that my assertion is, is that le there's a combination

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of legacy propo, um, control policies

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and control policies tailored to the scenario.

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Okay? So the next step is figuring out

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how do we figure out what those control policies are.

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So this is my complex, um, system model.

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Step number one is to find the mission.

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So the utility here is

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that even though you may be in encountering a problem,

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unless it's very carefully articulated,

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the mission defines everything.

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And if you don't have that information specifically on

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what the mission is that you're doing your analysis within,

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you'll never get to a, um, um, a reliable answer.

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Okay? And this is just top level to show you how this works.

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There's definitely techniques to get into, you know,

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00:21:32.925 --> 00:21:34.465  
how you define what the mission is.

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00:21:35.445 --> 00:21:38.425  
And the second part is, is that what leads to a mission is

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00:21:38.455 --> 00:21:40.825  
what are the emergent properties that you need to have?

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00:21:40.885 --> 00:21:43.585  
So I just have a surrogate for operation security safety.

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You can put costs up there, you can put things

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00:21:47.265 --> 00:21:49.465  
that are important based on what the circumstances

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00:21:49.485 --> 00:21:52.355  
of the scenario are, right?

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00:21:53.255 --> 00:21:55.635  
So you start with mission, you get

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00:21:55.635 --> 00:21:56.795  
to the emergent properties.

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00:21:57.855 --> 00:22:01.775  
The second step is, is instead of

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00:22:02.685 --> 00:22:07.255  
looking at system states that ensure the emergent properties

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00:22:07.955 --> 00:22:09.615

is we're looking at system states

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that cause the emergent properties to fail.

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Does that make sense? So the goal is not

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to optimize the emergent properties.

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The goal is to define those system states

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that if those system states occur

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and they will lead to, um, an emergent property failure,

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that by definition is satisfying.

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That if you avoid the, with states

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that in theory supposes

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that the emergent properties will succeed,

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thus enabling your mission.

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Okay? And,

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and the reason why I put it up this way is that routinely,

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00:22:53.515 --> 00:22:55.835  
like whether it's safety, whether it's security,

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they'll ask you, Hey, bring me another rock to make sure.

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So I feel better about it.

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Even though you have satisfying condition

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00:23:02.835 --> 00:23:06.545  
that you're not failing any of the safety attributes is

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that you can trace it, that hey, X, Y

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00:23:09.425 --> 00:23:11.985  
and Z will show me that these are the assistant states

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00:23:12.005 --> 00:23:13.865  
and I've got them fully, um, covered,

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00:23:14.645 --> 00:23:16.665  
and that ensures that my immersion,

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00:23:16.885 --> 00:23:18.545  
my emerge properties will not fail.

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00:23:22.275 --> 00:23:23.955  
Ultimately, step number X, there's a server.

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The steps that are later on, if you're doing STPA,

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00:23:27.655 --> 00:23:29.355  
the the interim step there is

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to get into the scenario space, like

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what scenarios might lead to, um, system states and so on.

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But ultimately it leads down

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to X state is here are the mitigations,

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and those mitigations are specifically the control policies.

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And by definition, they're minimally satisfying

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and they're minimally sufficient.

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And note I already mentioned this is not test safety

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and the whole reason why it's not test safety is we do run a

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structured process, but it doesn't run

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this from top to down.

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From a system theoretic point of view,

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we might understand a mission, we might perceive

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through our expertise about, um,

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what emergent properties wanna insure,

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but they're all, um, let's say implicit versus explicit.

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Okay?

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And The punchline,

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depending on the experts, which I already defined

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as insufficient in immersion tech space,

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um, is test safety.

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So what we did with this barista, basically, um,

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I considered that the lack of the right rationale has led

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to intractable problem.

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And what I proposed is having a better rationale,

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a new rationality strategy

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and a structured process will lead to better outcomes.

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I, I also communicated that you can bend

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how we look at problems between those problems we know how

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to solve versus problems we don't know how to solve.

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And that in the space of the problems we don't have.

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So, um, know how to solve, uh,

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requires a unique, uh, rationale.

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I talked about cognition and complexity

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and I laid that on top.

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That's probably the most innovative

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or novel thing about, uh, in this brief,

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about putting those two things on top of each other.

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And a reason why I did that specifically is

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'cause it leads directly to prescriptions

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of whether you're in one state or another,

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or treatments, whether you're in one state

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or another, introduced satisficing

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00:25:40.935 --> 00:25:42.615  
and also talked about the risk framework.

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00:25:42.675 --> 00:25:45.095  
And just so you know, risk framework is a student, uh, use

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00:25:45.615 --> 00:25:48.615  
euphemism for this basically arc to go from top to bottom,

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00:25:48.905 --> 00:25:51.255  
which many other rubrics already use.

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00:25:53.875 --> 00:25:55.735  
That's it. Questions.

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00:26:09.875 --> 00:26:14.015  
Hey Tom, uh, you, you mentioned crayons early on

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00:26:14.565 --> 00:26:16.495  
with the introduction on just being a knuckle dragging

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00:26:17.255 --> 00:26:18.695  
fighter test pile, which I am also,

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00:26:19.635 --> 00:26:22.015  
and, uh, you probably made all the marines mouth water

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00:26:22.165 --> 00:26:23.335  
with the mention of crayons,

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00:26:23.335 --> 00:26:27.575  
but I like colors on risk matrices.

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00:26:28.445 --> 00:26:32.975

Yeah. So I, I wanna know, you know, red, yellow, green.

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00:26:33.795 --> 00:26:37.255

And so, um, I, I made a note here that you said we just need

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to identify the states

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00:26:40.045 --> 00:26:41.975

that cause the emergent properties to fail.

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00:26:42.595 --> 00:26:46.565

Yep. So, um,

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00:26:46.765 --> 00:26:48.205

I guess two questions.

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00:26:49.745 --> 00:26:52.405

How do we know those emergent properties, those states

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that cause the emergent properties to fail?

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00:26:54.585 --> 00:26:56.605

How do we know that those are deterministic?

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Do they always cause the emergent properties to fail?

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00:27:01.985 --> 00:27:04.885

Is there a probability and severity relationship there?

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So there's two questions there,

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00:27:07.785 --> 00:27:11.485

and I think the best utility to say is that, um,

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the probability severity matrix has no role in this

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particular pro process.

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Okay? So ultimately what we do

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00:27:21.805 --> 00:27:24.165  
through this process, especially in immersion tech space,

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00:27:24.225 --> 00:27:25.765  
is look for black swans.

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00:27:27.195 --> 00:27:29.975  
So by definition, there are no probabilities associated

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00:27:29.975 --> 00:27:32.365  
with identifying the black swans, okay?

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So when you go through this process

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and you look like, like for, what's the likelihood

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00:27:37.485 --> 00:27:39.485  
that the state's gonna lead to a particular loss,

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00:27:39.745 --> 00:27:42.525  
or I'm sorry, assert an emergent property and so on.

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00:27:42.635 --> 00:27:45.645  
There's no probabilities associated with it, okay?

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00:27:46.115 --> 00:27:49.005  
It's, it is, you assume through this process

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00:27:49.875 --> 00:27:51.085  
that it's gonna happen.

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That's the only way to consider, um, that,

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00:27:57.085 --> 00:27:58.345  
and the best way to consider

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00:27:58.345 --> 00:27:59.825  
that is consider about you're trying

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to prevent black swans from occurring.

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00:28:01.975 --> 00:28:03.905  
Okay? Now, break break.

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00:28:05.215 --> 00:28:07.705  
Does the probability severity matrix have a process

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00:28:08.285 --> 00:28:11.185  
or have a role to play in our whole gigantic process?

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00:28:12.245 --> 00:28:15.905  
So my personal opinion is to think of this risk management

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and two and two pillars, the modeling pillar

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00:28:20.365 --> 00:28:21.665  
and the decision making pillar.

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Okay? So all this is, is fundamentally modeling, modeling of

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what you understand about the system.

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And everything about it has to include, um,

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00:28:32.465 --> 00:28:34.675  
whether you've mitigated things or not.

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00:28:35.815 --> 00:28:39.435

And then part of that is if you didn't mitigate something

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as fessing up that I did not mitigate here,

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this is a system state that I could not mitigate

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because of the circumstances of the sys

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of the, um, scenario.

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So I did a Tesla while ago that involved,

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um, a helmet system.

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The helmet system is completely uncertified

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with the ejection seat.

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So one of the unmitigated risks is in the event of a miss,

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uh, ejection is what would happen to the, um, aircrew

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with this un eject, unqualified ejection system

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or a helmet system on their nugget.

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Okay? So that was an unmitigated risk

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and that was presented

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to the appropriate authorities that way.

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So the way I look at it from this point of view is consider

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your, um, all of this as whether you've mitigated it or not,

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and then that information feeds into the decision

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process, whatever that might be.

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Anything else? Thank you.