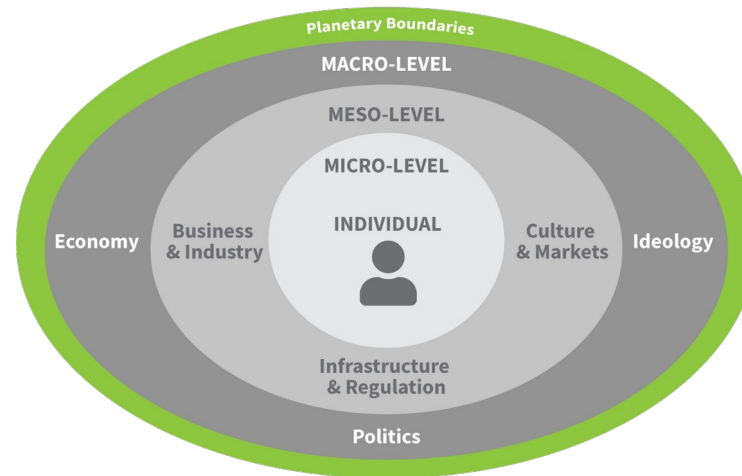


A Multilevel Systems Modeling Methodology: *Actor Influences on Product User's Experience of Sufficiency*



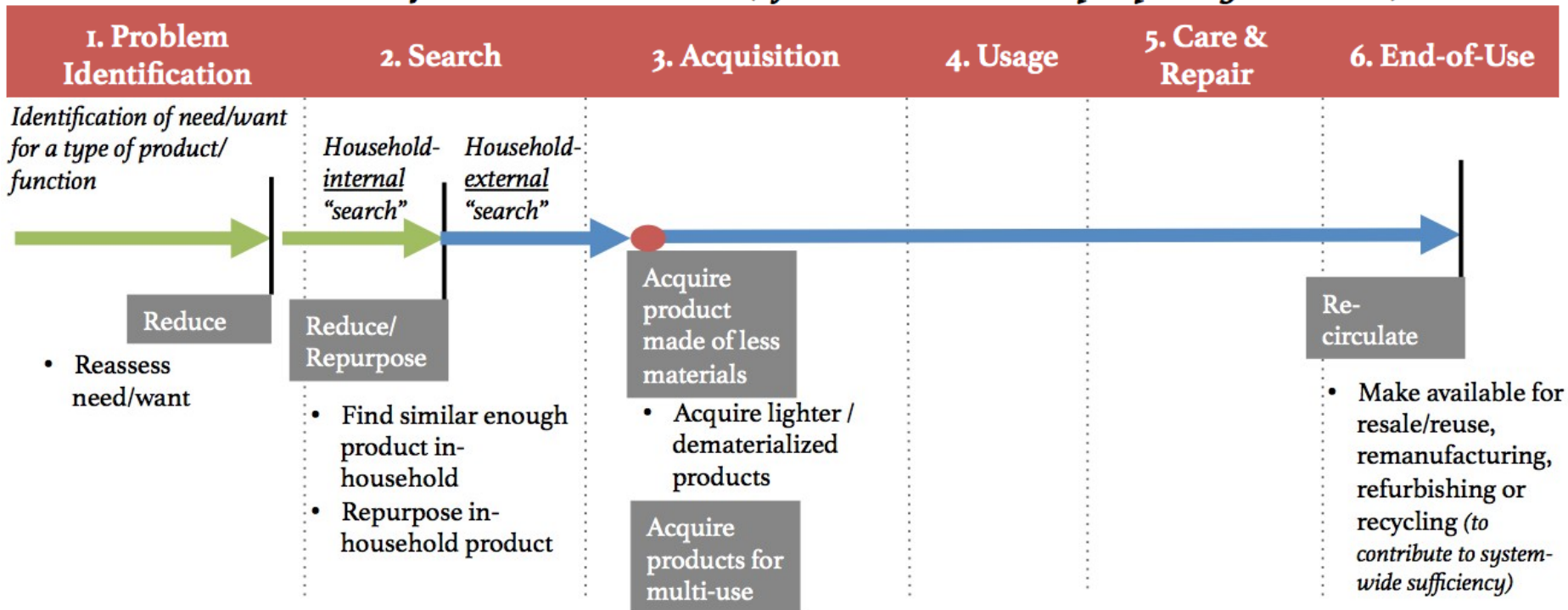
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Defining Sufficiency Behaviors as activities in “Reduction” and “Repurpose”

- Reductions to the total amounts of materials in the system is necessary for sustainability
- Sustainable consumption and productions initiatives (e.g., repair and sharing) contributes to reductions only if they do not enable additional consumption (“rebound effects” and “spill-over”; see e.g., Sorrell et al., 2020)

→ we focus on “reduction” and “repurposing” activities conducted by product users

The Sufficiency Behavior Process (of Reduction and Repurposing activities)



Goal: Ensure a Positive Product User's Experience of Sufficiency Behaviors

- Need buy-in from consumer/product users for the sufficiency transition
- The purpose of any economic system is to increase the well-being of its inhabitants (Stiglitz et al., 2009)
 - making **the Product User's quality (positive or negative) of the experience of "reduction" and "repurposing" central**

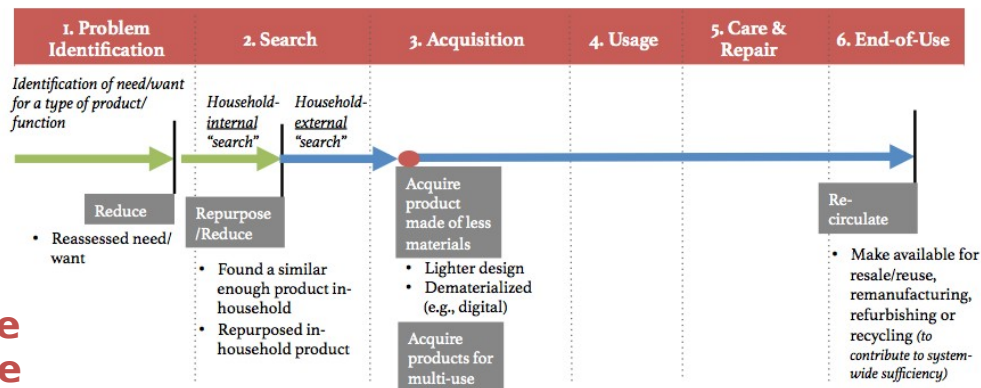
How to ensure a Positive Experience?



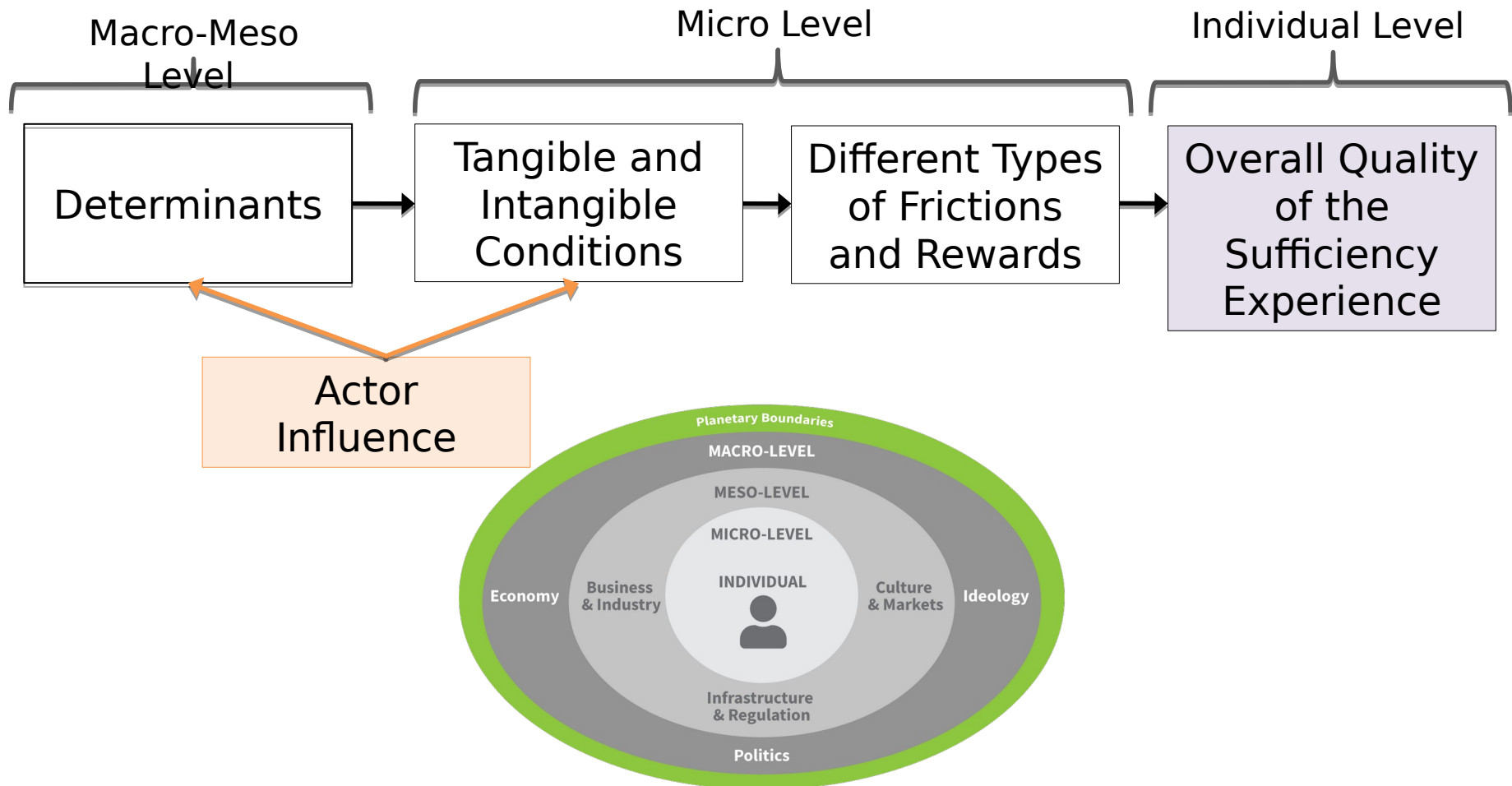
The Rewards exceed any Frictions

- Frictions and Rewards are a product of the Sufficiency Behavior Process
 - Tangible Conditions (e.g., time requirement)
 - Intangible (e.g., norms)
- **Different actors in the system** (e.g., businesses and policymakers) influence frictions and rewards

→ RQ: What are the opportunities for diverse system actors to influence and ensure a positive Product User Experience of Sufficiency Behaviors in a realized state of Sufficiency?



Actor Influence over Conditions that Impact Frictions and Rewards



...require a Multilevel Perspective

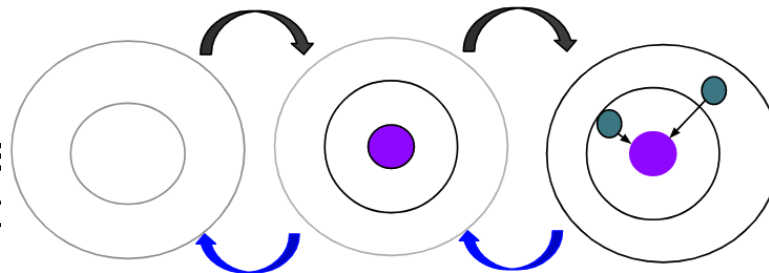
Proposing a Multilevel System Modeling Methodology

Modeling Step	Modeling Steps	Foundational Model Layer	Dependents Model Layer
1. Scope & Define	1. Scope & Define		
		Modeling of Lower System Level(s)	
Modeling of Lower System	2. Initiate (Develop Conceptual Foundation)	Product User Sufficiency Behaviors (Reduce and Repurpose)	The Product User Sufficiency Behaviour Experience Model
2. Initiate (Develop Conceptual Foundat	3. Review (data mining)		
	4. Analyze (coding & synthesis)		
3. Review (data mining)	5. Integrate (if needed)		
	6. Model		
4. Analyze (coding & synth		Modeling of Higher System Level(s)	
5. Integrate (if needed)	7. Define, Review & Analyze (Foundational Layer Model)		Determinants Model Layer
6. Model	8. Integrate (if needed)		
Modeling of Higher System	9. Model		
	10. Verify Externally*** (Dependents Layer Model)		
7. Define, Review & Analy	11. Utilize Model***		
	12. Present Final Model		

RQ: What are the opportunities for diverse system actors to influence and ensure a positive Product User Experience of Sufficiency Behaviors in a realized state of Sufficiency?

1. What sufficiency behaviors entail for product users and the system actors
2. The experience of sufficiency behavior and what determines its quality
3. The type of actor influence over this outcome (Determinants Layer Model)

Next Step
develop t



The Foundation
First Model
Iteration

The Dependents
Second Model
Iteration

The Determinants
Third & Final Model
Iteration

Thank you!

Any Questions and feedback?

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