

Quantification of Infrastructure Downtime in Earthquake Reconstruction

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SYSTEM DYNAMICS MODEL OF CRITICAL MECHANISMS AFFECTING REBUILD TIME

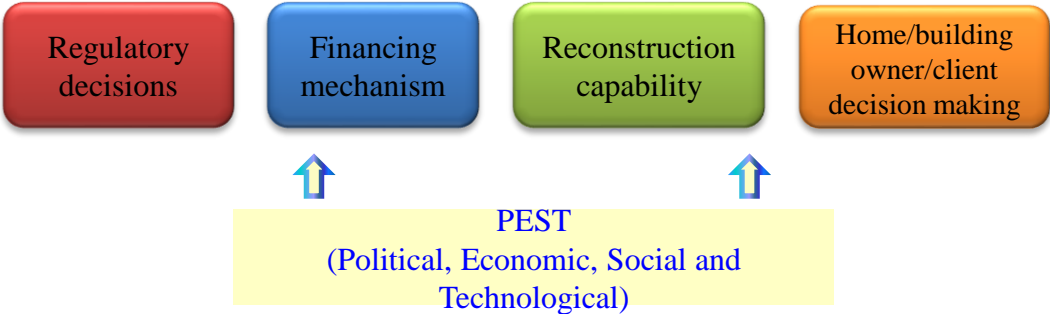
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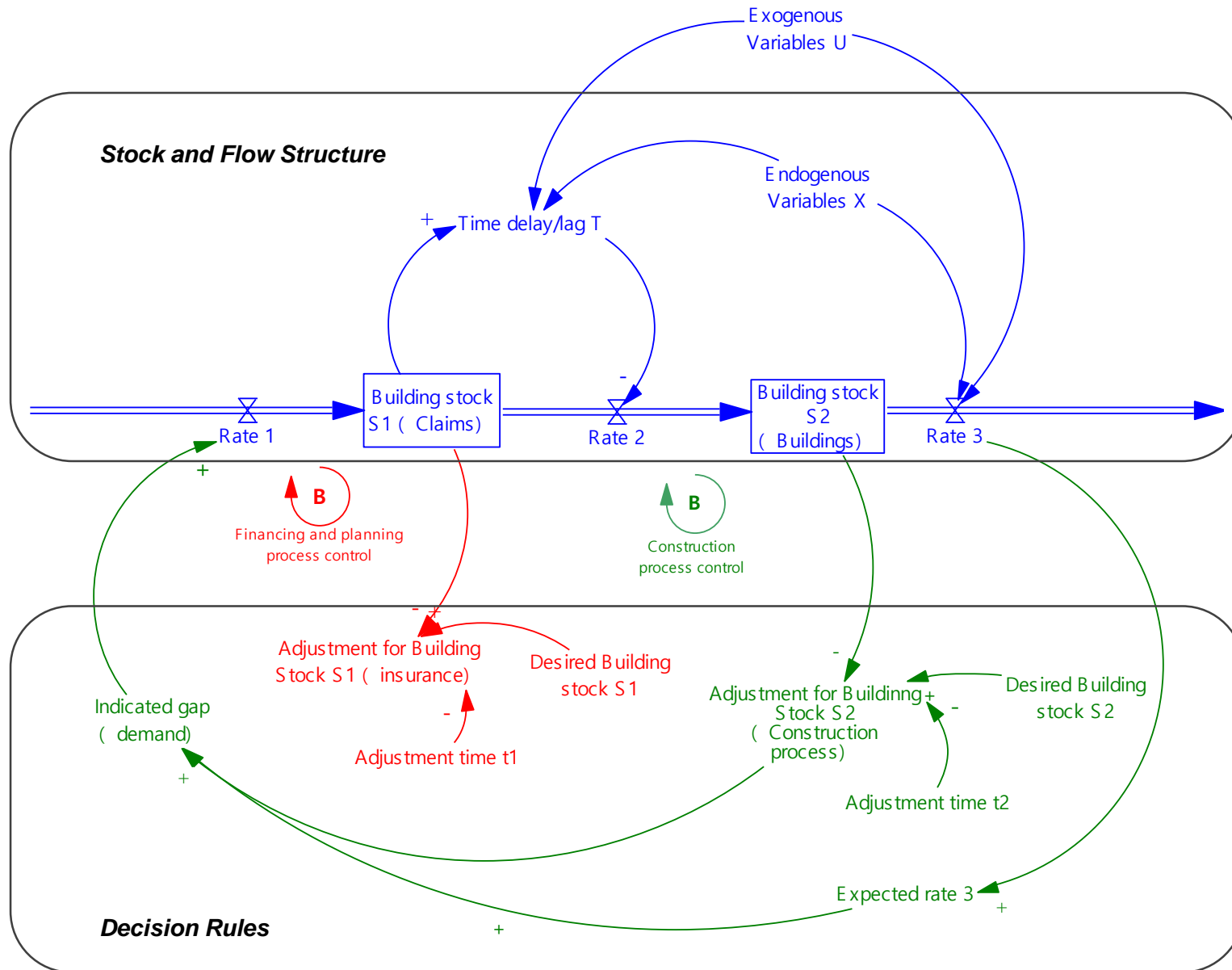
The mechanisms that affect the time-path of post-earthquake reconstruction fall into four categories

- Planning and regulatory environment
- Capability of engineering and construction sector
- Financing mechanism (e.g. insurance settlement)
- Decision making and actions of facility owners



Time delay (Dependent variable)	Critical contributing factor (Independent variable)
Inspecting and assessing time (Time needed for concluding damage results)	Technical capability of engineering professionals Speed of engineer mobilisation Availability of engineers Fatigue of engineering assessors Frequency of ongoing after shocks Existence of a robust building inspection methodology
Decision making time (Time needed for achieving recovery strategies)	Changes to the building code Land zoning decisions Consenting and permitting process Insurance claim apportionment process/process of securing finance Mechanisms of recovery governance Coordination with other sectors
Financing time/Claim settlement time (Time needed for securing financing or settling insurance claims)	Availability of loss adjusters/quantity surveyors Productivity of quantity surveying Work hours of loss adjusters/quantity surveyors Pace of decision making of policy holder
Adjustment time (Time needed for mobilisation of construction resources)	Capacity of construction businesses Availability of construction manpower Economic conditions in the region Economic conditions elsewhere Availability of temporary accommodation Needs perception delays (Flow of information on reconstruction work pipeline)
Completion time (Time needed for undertaking construction work)	Repair/rebuild procurement method Repair scope variations Extent of demand surge (labour wage inflation) Productivity of construction labour Long lead time components Speed of design process
Rework time (Time for discovery of repair defects and rework)	Treated as a constant

SYSTEM DYNAMICS MODEL





RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

1. **Systematic Review of Literature**

Review of factors affecting the recovery efforts on infrastructure in disaster reconstruction

2. **Semi-structured Interview**

Interview with stakeholders associated with local earthquake recovery agencies
Christchurch - SCIRT
Kaikōura – NCTIR

3. **Questionnaire Survey**

Investigate the infrastructure recovery pathways in Christchurch by understanding the impact of critical factors on the recovery efforts

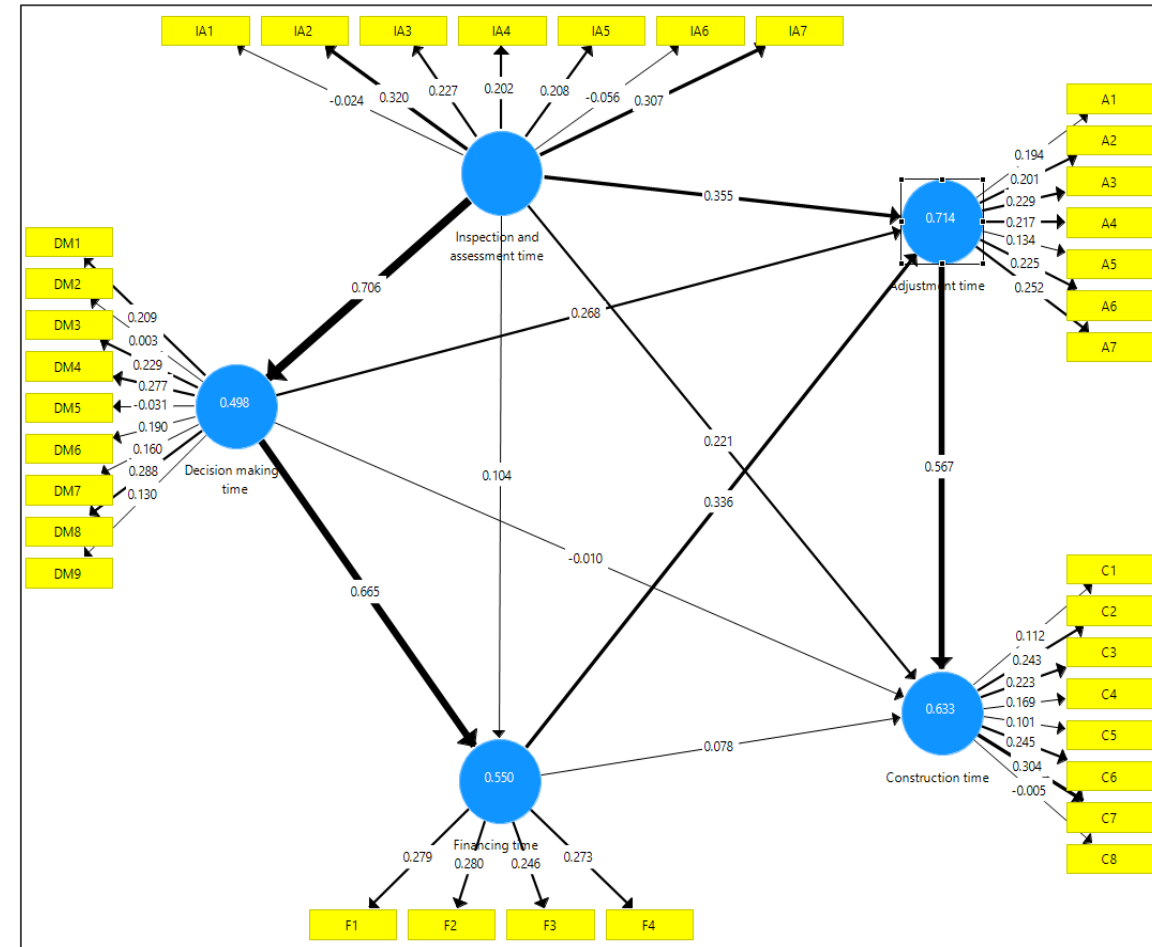
4. **Structural Equation Modelling (SEM)**

Observe of strength of relationships between recovery stages
Quantify the impact of critical variables specific to the recovery phase

RESULTS

Inspection and Assessment	Decision Making	Financing	Adjustment	Construction
Technical capability of engineering professionals	Changes to building standards and practices	Availability of loss adjusters/quantity surveyors	Financial capacity of construction businesses to take on further work	Repair/rebuild procurement method (Form of contractual agreement)
Access to site due to safety concerns	Information management (database information)	Productivity of quantity surveying	Availability of construction manpower	Repair scope variations incurred through construction
Speed of engineer mobilisation and assessment	Incorporation of resilience and performance-based systems	Work hours of loss adjusters/quantity surveyors	The state of the economic system in Christchurch	Clarity in scope of the works
Availability of engineers	Land zoning decisions	Pace of decision making of policy holder	Economic conditions elsewhere	Extent of demand surge (labour wage inflation)
Fatigue of engineering assessors	Consenting and permitting process		Availability of temporary accommodation for staff	Competency and productivity of Contractors involved
Frequency of ongoing after shocks	Insurance claim apportionment process/process of securing finance		Availability of construction materials	Long lead time components and supply chain issues (logistics)
Existence of a robust inspection methodology	Mechanisms of recovery governance		Needs perception delays	Speed of design process
	Coordination with other sectors			Rework time such as repairing defects
	Community engagement in decision making			

Critical factors in the infrastructure recovery process



Structural Equation Model of the infrastructure recovery process from Questionnaire Survey Responses

THANK YOU - QUESTIONS

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