

A Modeller's Compass

How Modellers Navigate Dozens of Decisions



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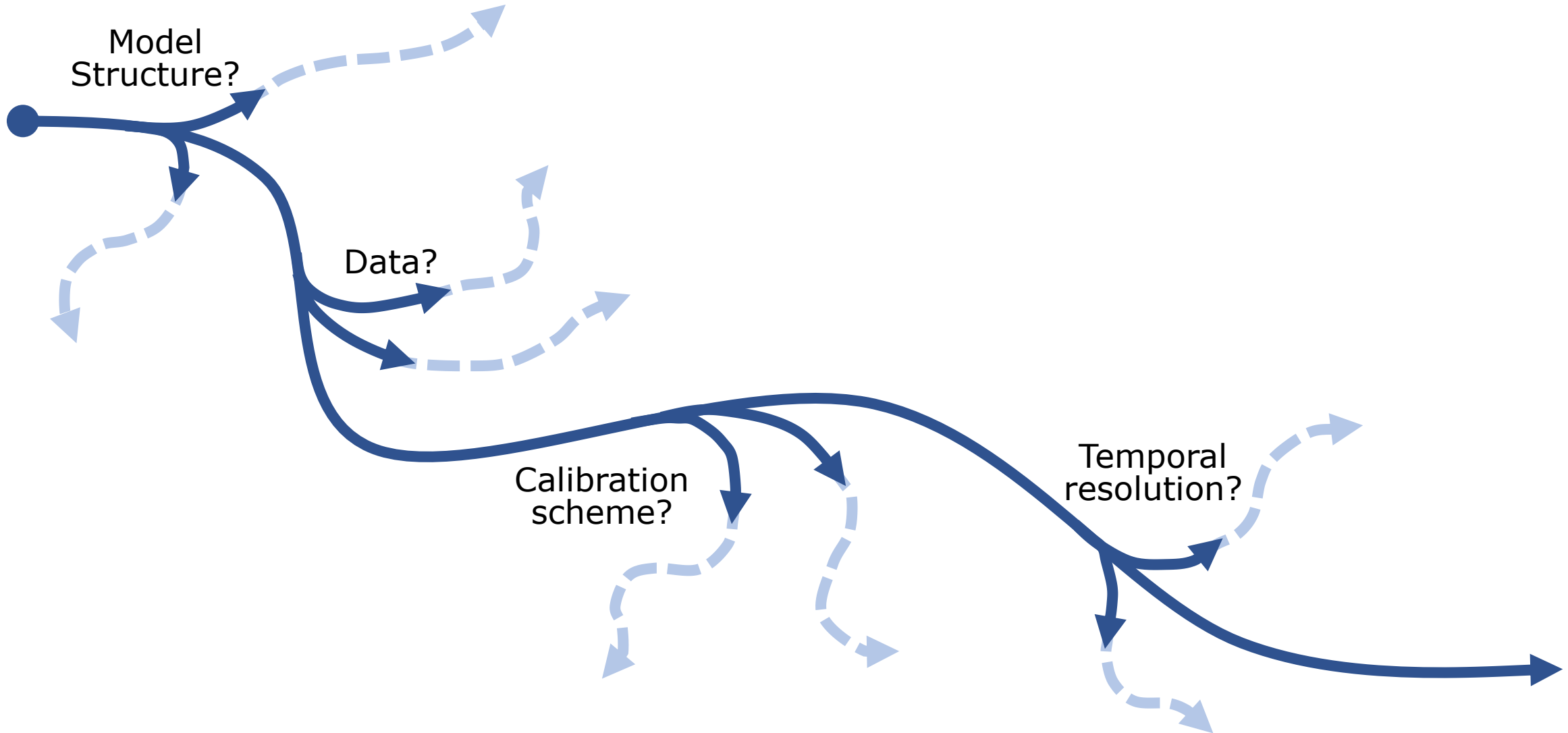
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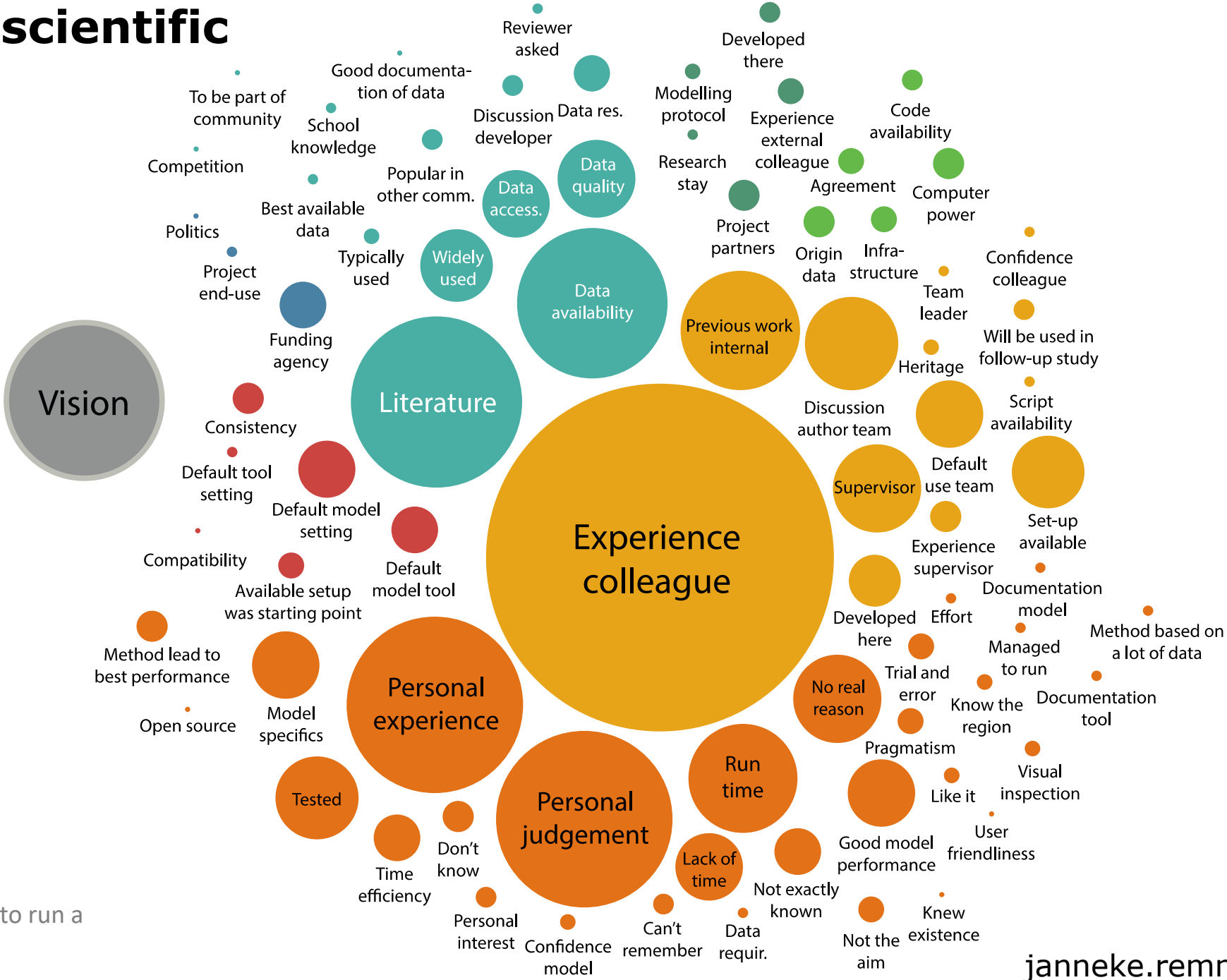


Modelling process: path dependency



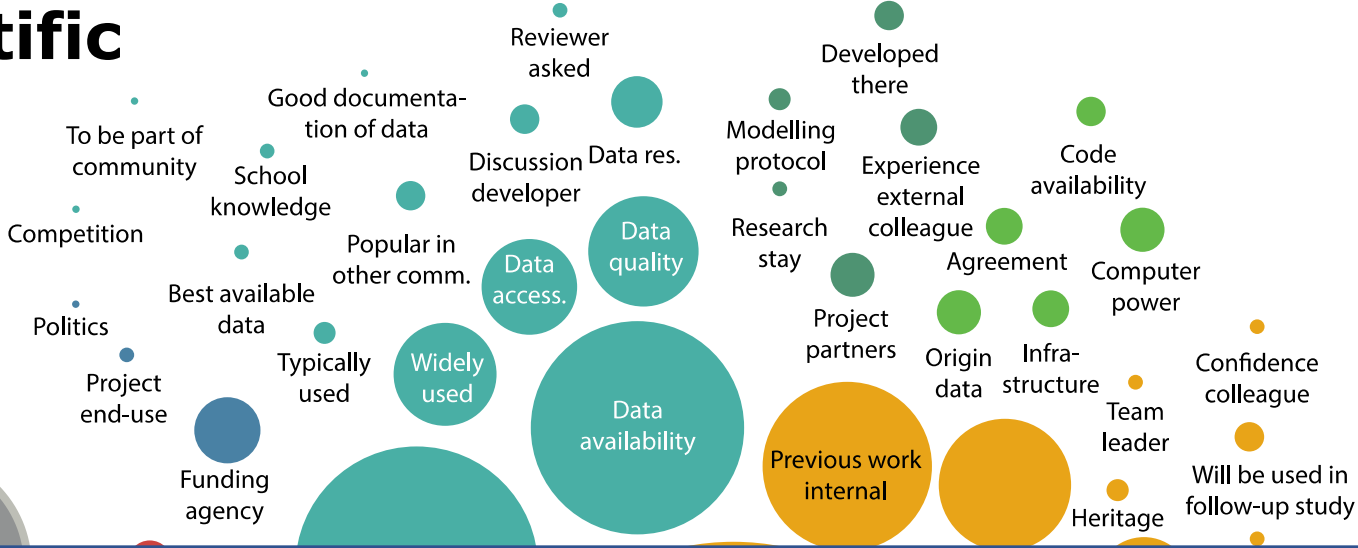
Motivations: scientific

Legend



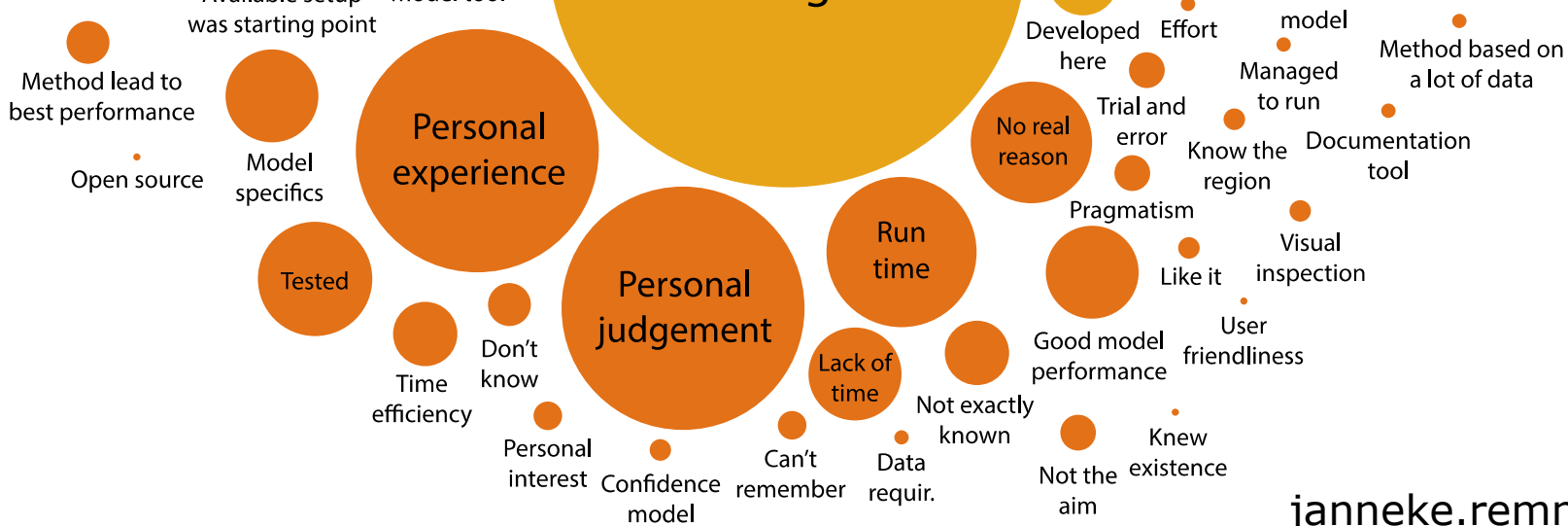
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Motivations: scientific



- Legend
- External party
 - Scientific community
 - Scientific collaborator
 - Institute
 - Team
 - Individual
 - Consequential

And in an applied setting?



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My study

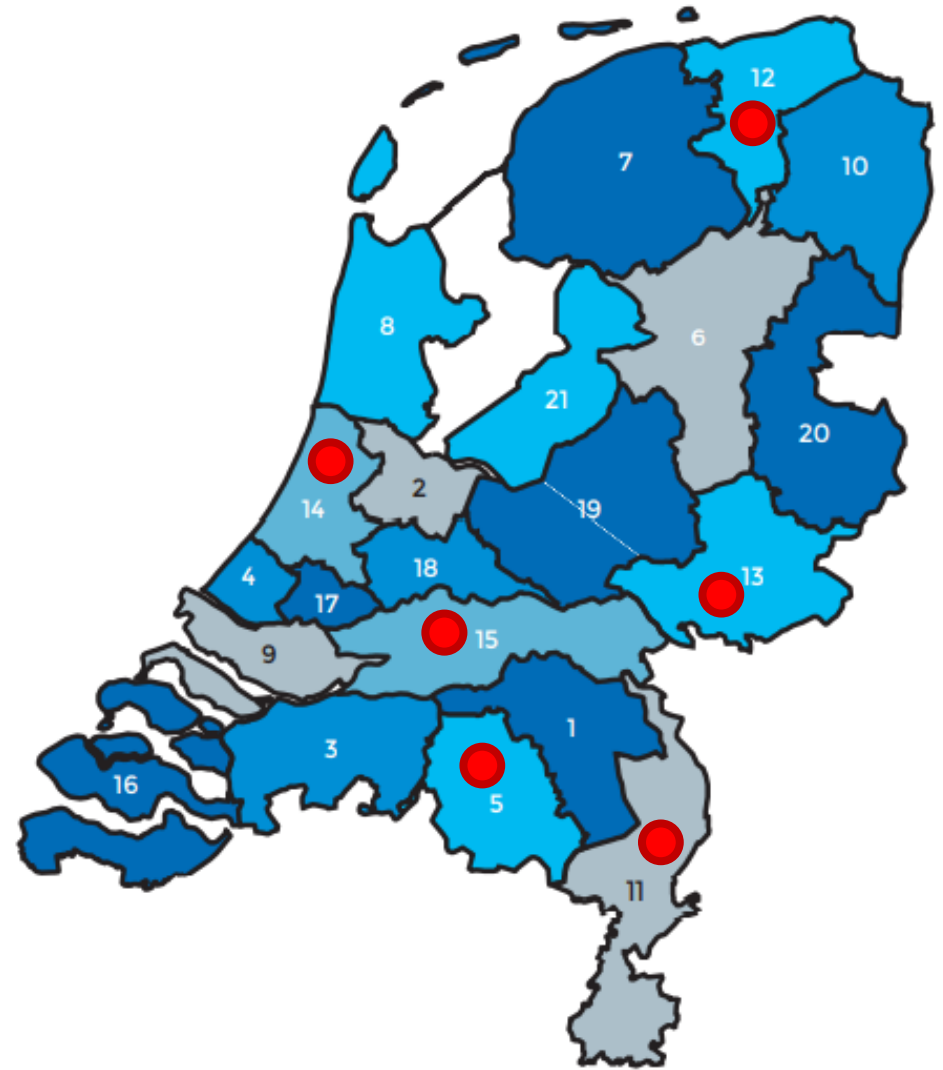


14 interviews

~ 1400 minutes

~ 350 pages

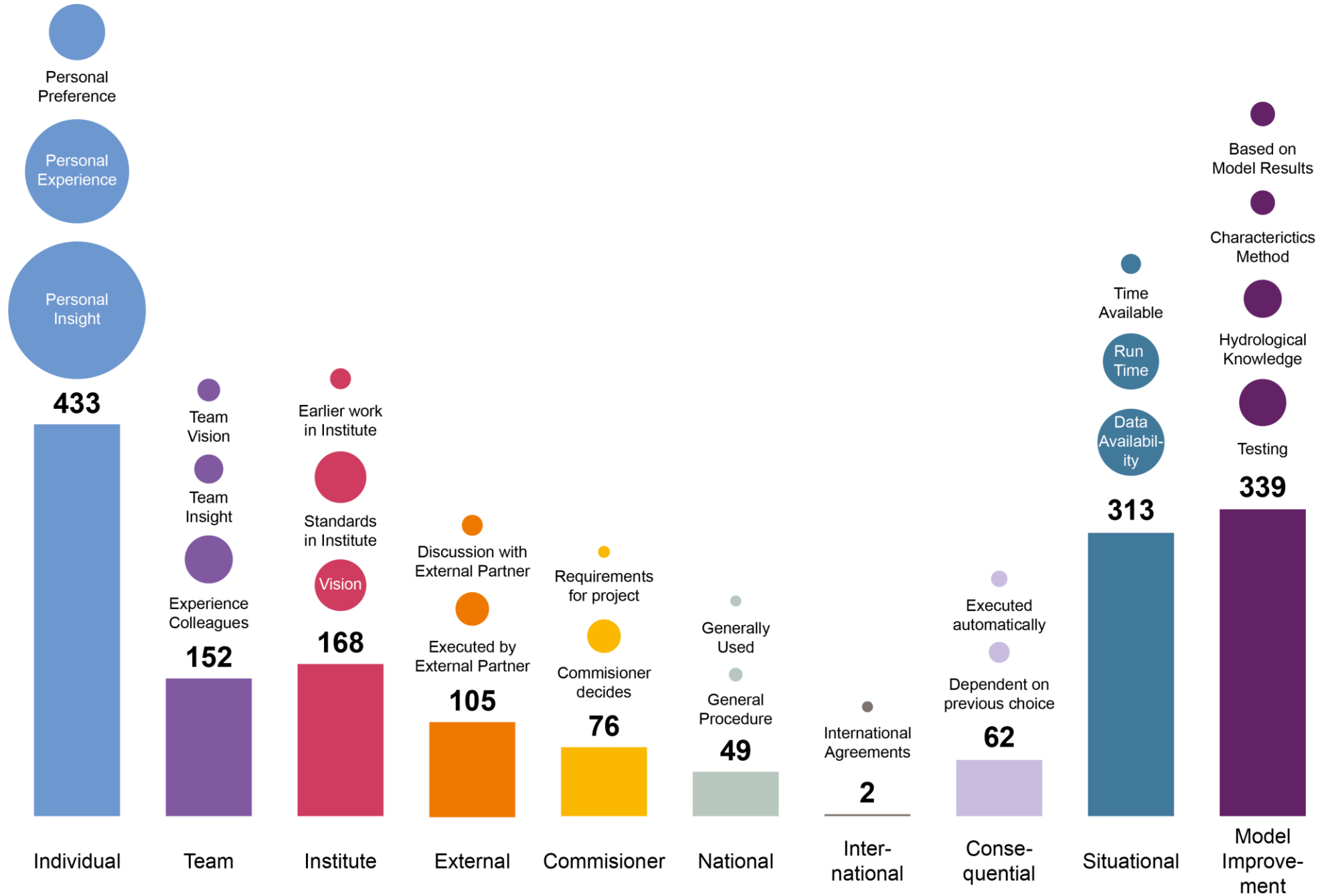
Inductive Content Analysis



Motivations: general

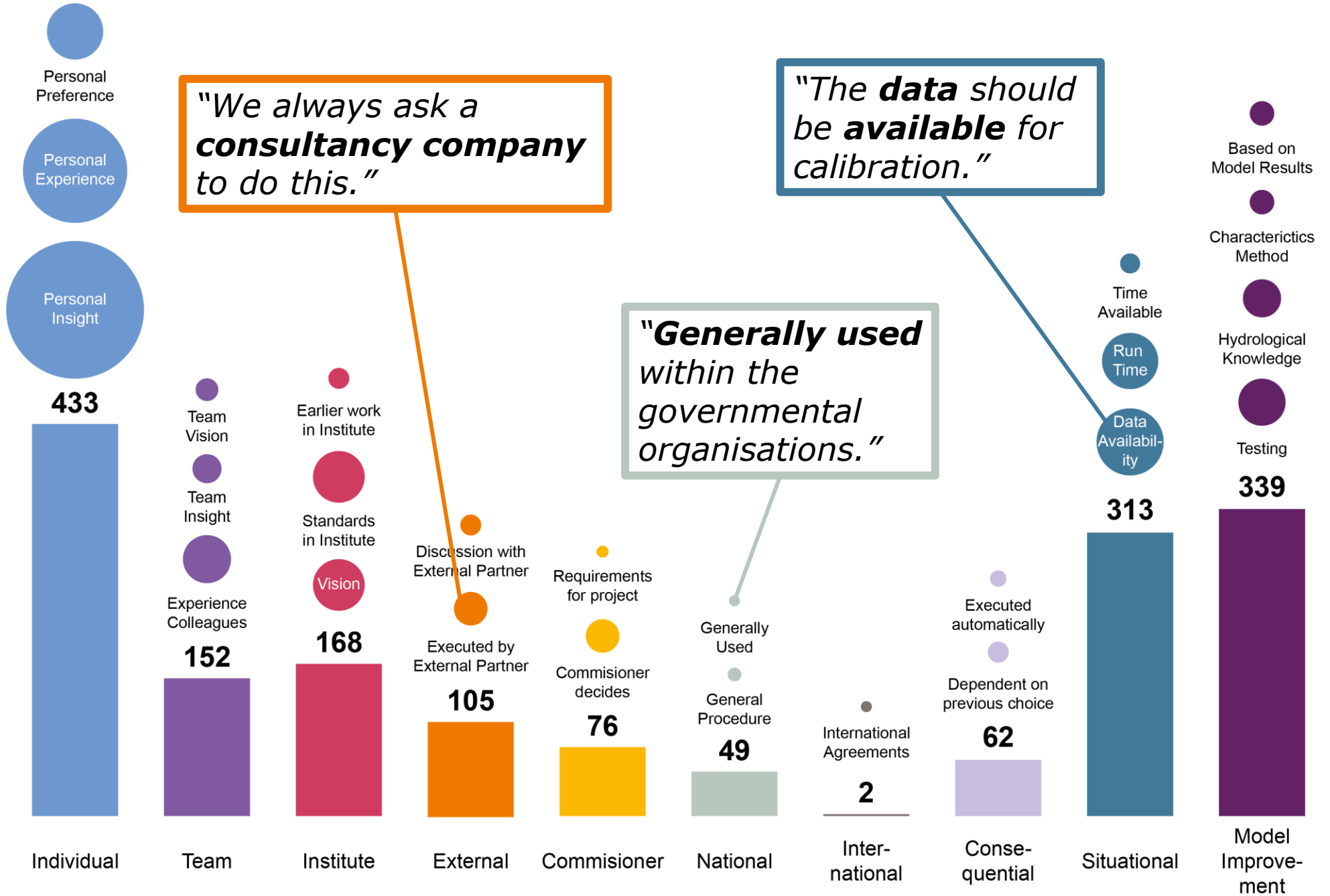
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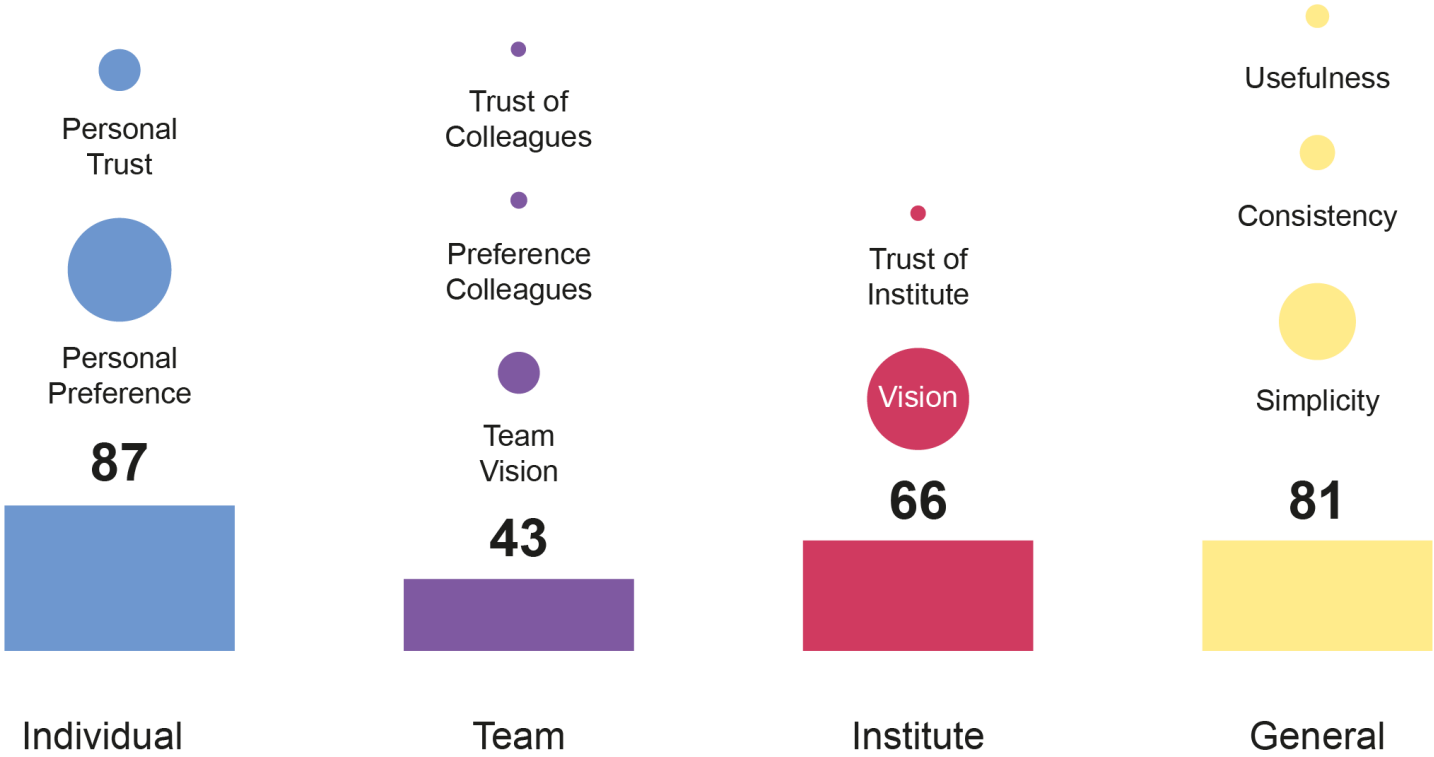


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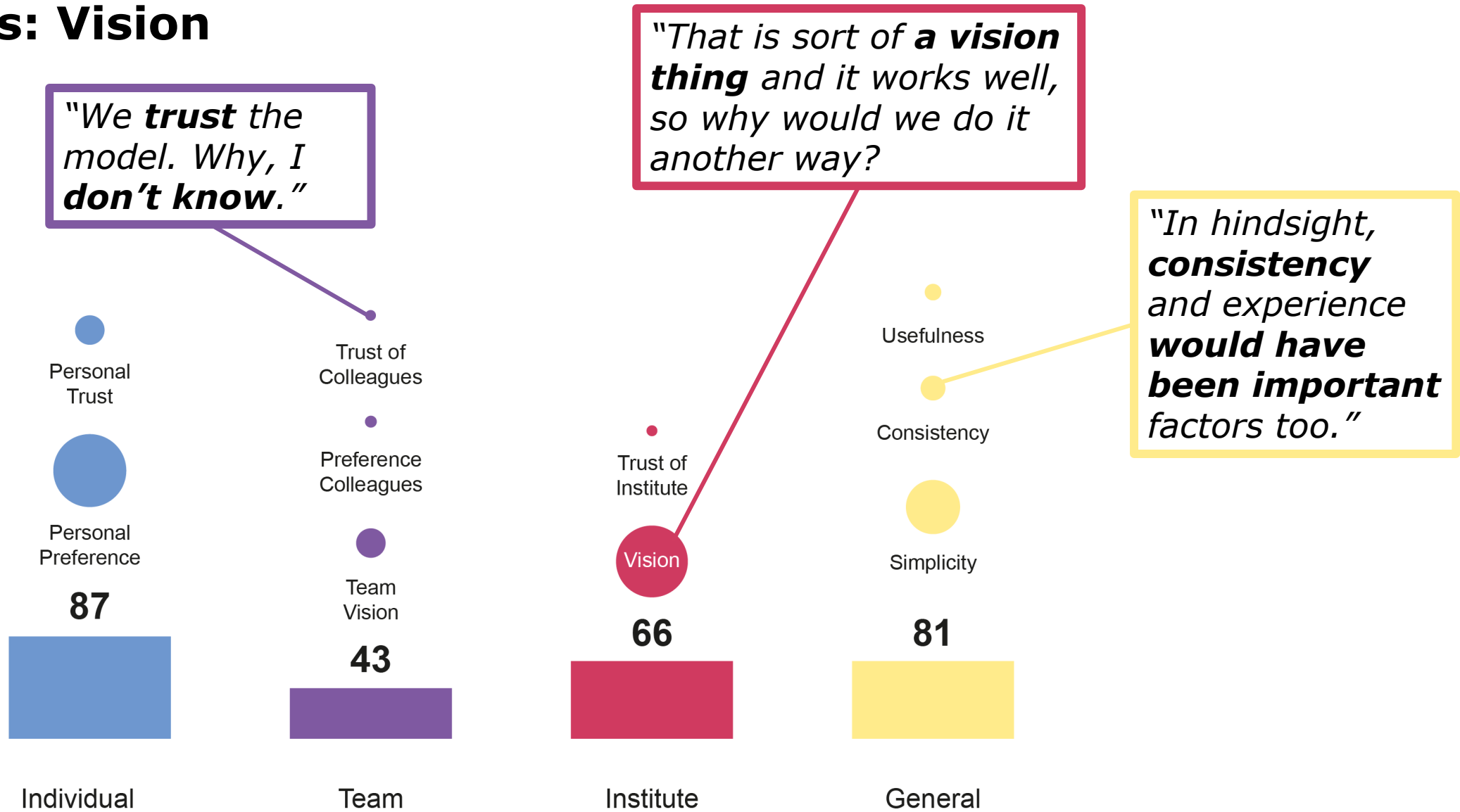
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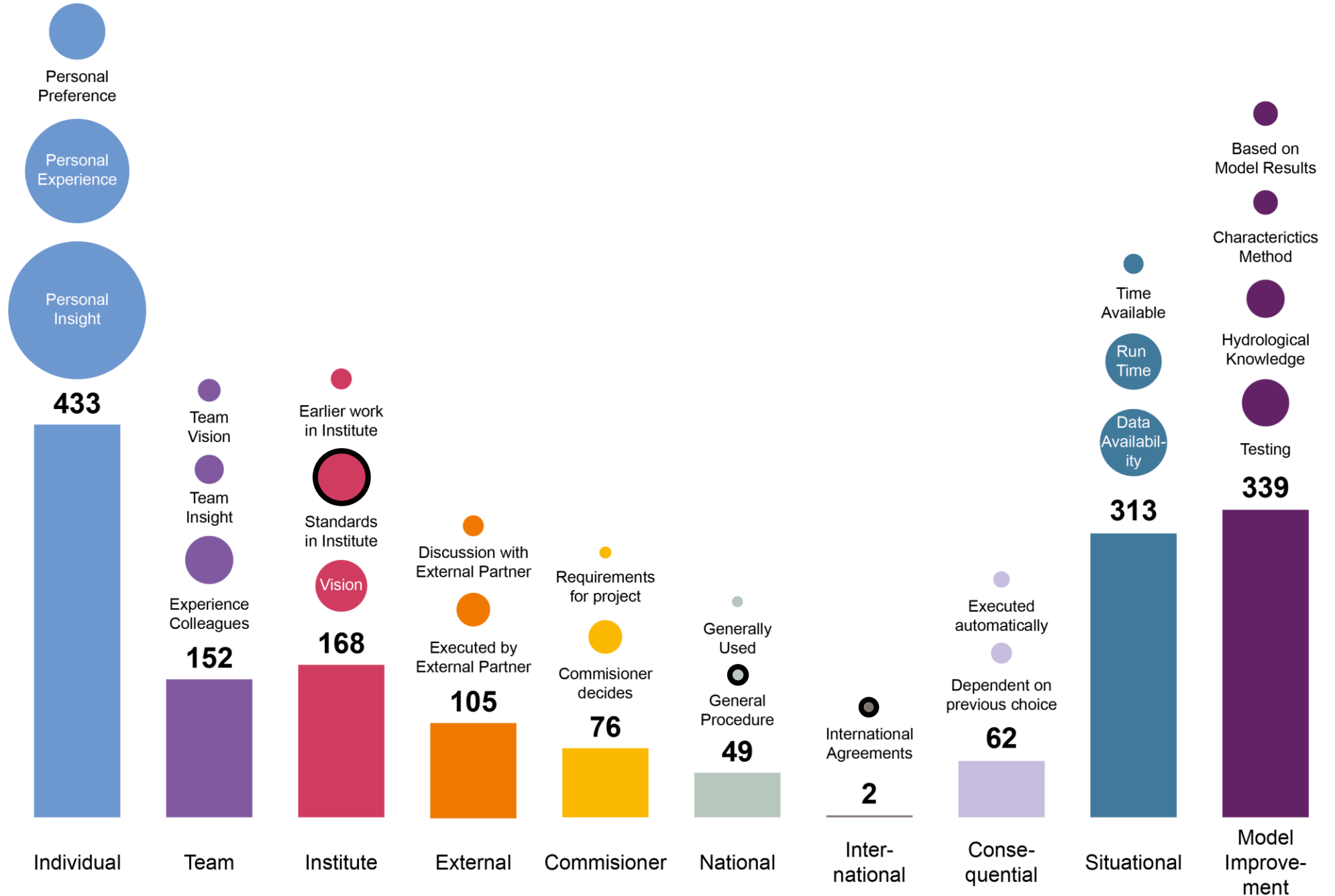
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Overarching concepts:

1. Vision
2. **Standards**
 - Institute
 - National
 - International



Motivations: Standards

Institute

Codes:

- “Standards in institute”

*“We mostly choose to run the model in **1D** as a standard.”*

National

Codes:

- “General procedure”
- “National laws/norms”
- “Nation-wide agreement”
- “Based on handbook”

*“They have to adhere to certain **national norms**.”*

International

Codes:

- “International agreements”

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Not mentioned in the following groups, but possibilities for standards too:

Team

External

Commisioner

Good Modelling Practice?

Different approaches:

Voluntarily

Certification

Legal/juridical

Automation

“Standards in institute”

“Based on handbook”

“National laws/norms”

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How do modellers perceive these approaches?

Current/future research:

- Perception of GMP approaches in NL and Australia
- Automation case study NL

Thank you!

Any questions?

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Motivations: Water Authorities & Consultancy Companies

Additional slide

