# Force Application (Objectives): Library and Analysis

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# 1 Introduction

This document analyses a list of CinC objectives, air objectives, and task objectives which have been used to support planning in recent military exercises. The list, which can be found in Appendices A to C, has been gathered and categorized by staff at Checkmate.

This document describes these objectives using the following template:

ACHIEVE GOAL on `Center of Gravity` with (optional) constraint.

The goals, centers of gravity, and constraints are listed separately. Some observations are then made.

20 JANUARY 1996: This is the first draft of this document. It therefore includes a number of assumptions, and probably some misunderstandings, which ought to be verified by the expert planners. Please do not publish this document in any form until verification has been carried out. Verification is especially needed in the key areas of this document: the table of goals and their effects in table D.1, and the hierarchies of centers of gravity shown in appendix E. In these hierarchies, a number of unlabelled boxes exist; these indicate that the hierarchy is not expected to be complete unless at least one center of gravity is defined at this level of the hierarchy.

N.B. Where the task objectives named actual locations, the names have been changed.

# 2 Goals

A number of goals were identified, at three different levels. A sample is shown below; the full list can be found in Appendix D.1.

- CinC Objectives
  - National Infrastructure
    - Deny use;
    - Interrupt;
    - Obtain;
    - Permit use;
    - Sustain
- Air Objectives
  - National Infrastructure
    - Drive (i.e. compel to move);

    * Disrupt;
    * Attack;
    * Deploy.

- Task Objectives
  - National Infrastructure
    * Disrupt;
    * Destroy.

## Observations

1. The goals imply different levels of effect against centers of gravity. For example, DENY USE appears to be a stronger effect than DISRUPT. A table has been prepared which shows suggested orderings of goals, from the least effect at the top to the greatest effect at the bottom. A sample can be seen in Table 1; the full table can be found in table 4.

| Goal | Definition |
|---|---|
| **Leadership** | |
| Disrupt | Temporarily reduce effectiveness |
| Degrade | Permanently reduce effectiveness |
| Isolate | Reduce effectiveness to zero until further notice |
| Destroy | Permanently reduce effectiveness to zero |
| **Key production** | |
| Disrupt | Temporarily reduce production |
| Attrit | Permanently reduce production |
| Destroy | Permanently stop production |
| **Infrastructure** | |
| Disrupt | Reduce the flow |
| Interrupt | Temporarily stop the flow |
| Deny use | Stop the flow until further notice |

Table 1: Goals, ordered by effect

2. The planners identify Blue (friendly) centers of gravity as well as YOC centers of gravity. This can be seen from the use of goals such as PERMIT and SUSTAIN as well as DENY USE and DISRUPT. It seems likely that, for every goal which can be performed against YOC centers of gravity, there is an equal and opposite goal to support Blue centers of gravity. Table 5 attempts to present a set of opposite goals for each goal identified in Table 4; that is, if the YOC forces tried to apply the goal named in the left hand column to a

| Goal | Opposite |
|---|---|
| **Leadership** | |
| Disrupt | Put into order |
| Degrade | Improve |
| Isolate | Connect |
| Destroy | Create |
| **Key production** | |
| Disrupt | Put into order |
| Destroy | Build/Create |
| **Infrastructure** | |
| Disrupt | Put into order |
| Interrupt | Restart |
| Deny use | Permit use |

Table 2: Goals and their opposites

Blue centre of gravity, the goal in the right hand column provide the opposite effect. A sample of entries from table 5 is shown in table 2.

This table provides the planners with alternatives to preventing disruption/destruction of Blue centers of gravity; it could also be used when Blue forces want to make use of centers of gravity (e.g. road networks) previously held by YOC forces.

# 3 Centers of Gravity

The centers of gravity which have been elicited from the sets of objectives have been categorized into hierarchies. These hierarchies are shown in appendix E; an example is shown in Figure 1. The aim of producing these hierarchies is to permit a near-exhaustive approach to identification of centers of gravity. By working from the top of a hierarchy downwards, planners can easily identify if they have considered all relevant categories of centers of gravity.

The 5 top level centers of gravity in these hierarchies are `Leadership`, `Key Production`, `National Infrastructure`, `National Population` and `Fielded Forces`. These correspond to Col. Warden's "5 rings" approach to identification of centers of gravity. The approach which has been taken to developing these hierarchies is top-down extrapolation; that is, if there are several centers of gravity at the same level of a hierarchy, and one of them is decomposed in a certain way, then the others are assumed to be decomposable in the same way. An example of this can be found in Figure 1, which shows centers of gravity connected with transportation. Since road, rail, inland waterways, coastal shipping and civil air transport are all transportation *networks*, then the hierarchy assumes that the key centers of gravity

for all these types of transportation can be categorized as *nodes*, *choke points* or *segments*.

A key component of the hierarchies which contributes to the goal of identifying all relevant centers of gravity is the identification of *inter-hierarchy links*. These show where a center of gravity in a different hierarchy is relevant to a center of gravity in this hierarchy. The name of the related hierarchy is displayed in the bottom half of the CoG node. For example, Figure 6, which shows centers of gravity related to communication, includes "Couriers" as a center of gravity. Since communication by courier is dependent on a good transportation network, an inter-hierarchy link to "Transportation" is shown as the decomposition of the "Couriers" center of gravity.

## Observations

1. The centers of gravity which are identified in the different types of objectives correlate fairly closely with the different levels of the hierarchies. Most of the centers of gravity identified in the CinC objectives appear in the third level of the hierarchy (e.g. `national roadways`; most centers of gravity identified in the air objectives appear in the fourth level of the hierarchy (e.g `choke points`); and most centers of gravity identified in the task objectives appear in the fifth level of the hierarchy (e.g. `bridges`).

2. While the planners do identify Blue Centers of Gravity as well as YOC Centers of Gravity, there is evidence that Blue Centers of Gravity are not considered in the same level of detail. The centers of gravity identified for Blue in the CinC objectives (e.g. "sustain `forces` for a minimum of 45 days") and in the air objectives (e.g. "deploy `forces`") belong to the first or second levels of the hierarchies of centers of gravity. In addition, the goals applied to these centers of gravity imply a higher level of abstraction; for example, sustaining a force implies supplying all the needs of that force, which implicitly requires a complete infrastructure to be established for that force (bringing in fuel, taking out casualties, etc). `Infrastructure` is one of Col. Warden's "5 rings", and can therefore be found at the top level of the hierarchy of centers of gravity. Similarly, deploying a force requires considerable attention to be paid to the transportation requirements of that force[1] including but not limited to military air transport; `transportation` is a 2nd level center of gravity.

   It would seem sensible (if time is available) for the planners to analyse Blue centers of gravity to the same level of detail as YOC centres of gravity (if

[1]This assumes that deploying a force refers to the movement of a force into the battleground, as opposed to allocating new units to the theatre.

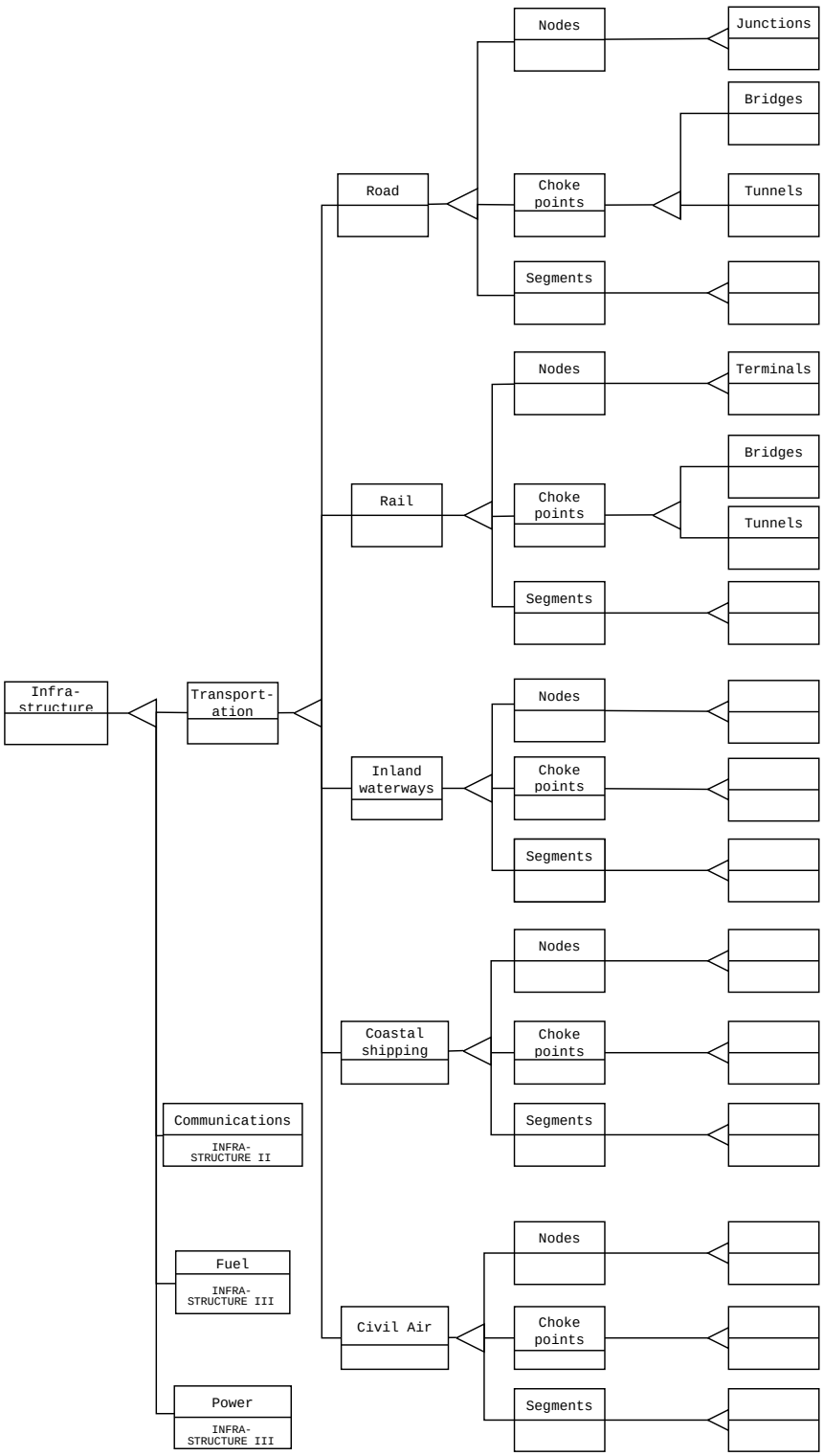



Figure 1: Centers of Gravity related to Transportation

possible), to the level of identifying likely targets for any YOC planners who might be conducting a similar exercise.

# 4 Constraints

Many CinC objectives and Air objectives, and some task objectives, have associated constraints. These constraints may be:

- geographical (e.g. "Destroy SAMs **beyond 100km of the DMZ**");
- temporal (e.g. "Sustain (Blue) forces **for a minimum of 45 days**");
- categorical (e.g. "Deny use of national roadways for the transport of **military equipment**");
- capability (e.g. "Deploy (Blue) forces **capable of deterring YOC aggression**").

A list of most of the identified constraints was prepared[2]. A selection of identified constraints is shown below. The full list can be seen in tables F and 6.

## Observations

The constraints are diverse, but a few patterns can be seen:

- The distinction between **military** and **civilian** is frequently drawn. Typically, the goals specified will have stronger effects on the military than on the civilian population. For example, objectives exist to DENY USE of national roadways, railways and waterways for transporting military equipment, but only to DISRUPT the flow of goods. However, in some cases (e.g. disrupting communication networks), it is necessary to cause equal disruption to both the military and the civilian populations.
- Another distinction which appears to be important is the distinction between **weapons of mass destruction** and other weapons. This is reflected in the hierarchies of centers of gravity, where "special weapons" (i.e. nuclear/ biological/ chemical weapons and ballistic missiles) are treated separately from other weapons.
- In the higher level objectives, the majority of geographical constraints are concerned with fielded forces, and their locations in relation to battlegrounds and demilitarized zones. However, there are also some concerns related to the whole region, typically connected with evacuation of U.S. civilians and other non-combatants.

[2] Those which were deemed to be linked to high level centers of gravity were eliminated.

| **Geographical** | |
|---|---|
| US citizens | in the region |
| US forces | in the region |
| YOC aggression | against B/G |
| YOC forces | north of Desired Area |
| **Temporal** | |
| YOC economic centers | to slow the flow of military resources i.e. until the flow of military resources is sufficiently slow |
| **Categorical** | |
| YOC political control<br>YOC military control | YOC armed forces |
| YOC political control<br>YOC military control<br>electricity<br>petroleum products<br>national television systems<br>national radio systems<br>national computer systems | YOC population |
| national roadways<br>national railways<br>national waterways | Transport of military equipment |
| national roadways<br>national railways<br>national waterways | Transport of goods |

Table 3: Constraints: CinC Objectives Level

# 5 Summary

This document has analyzed CinC objectives, air objectives and task objectives, and has discerned a number of interesting patterns. These patterns have been reflected in tables of goals, and in hierarchies of centers of gravity. If these tables and hierarchies can be fully verified, they will provide useful domain knowledge for the expert task of identifying objectives, which is a key part of the planning process, and which is being modelled in detail in [the full document which AIAI are writing]. It is also possible that these tables and hierarchies may be of use to the planners in their current format.

# A CinC's objectives

The code numbers at the beginning of each objective show which higher level objectives are addressed by the lower level objectives; for example, air objective B5.1 fulfils CinC objective B5.

This document describes these objectives using the following template:

ACHIEVE GOAL on `Center of Gravity` with optional constraint.

Some objectives are rephrased to enable them to fit this template. The goal and the Center of Gravity are highlighted by using SMALL CAPITALS and `teletype font` respectively.

## A.1 Leadership

**A1:** ISOLATE and NEUTRALIZE `YOC political control` of armed forces

**A2:** ISOLATE and NEUTRALIZE `YOC political leadership` from the population

**A3:** *Ensure regional stability by reducing Yellowland Orangeland Cooperative (YOC).* This is a national or political objective which should really be considered at a higher level of command than the other CinC objectives. However, it has been rephrased to:

REDUCE `Yellowland Orangeland Cooperative (YOC)` to ensure regional stability

**A4:** *Provide for Stability of the Region.* This too is a national or political objective; it is too loosely defined for rephrasing to be possible.

**A5:** PROTECT the lives of `US citizens` and `forces` in the region. This is probably better categorized as a National Population objective.

**A6:** ISOLATE and NEUTRALIZE `YOC military control` of armed forces

**A7:** *Isolate and neutralize YOC military's effect on population.* For consistency with objective A6, this has been rephrased to:

ISOLATE and NEUTRALIZE `YOC military control` on population

## A.2 Key Production

**B1:** *Separate YOC military structure from primary electrical sources.* In order to match objective B2, this has been rephrased to:

DENY USE of `electricity` to YOC military structure.

**B2:** *Deny use of primary electrical sources to YOC population.* Rephrased[3] to:

DENY USE of `electricity` to YOC population

**B3:** NEUTRALIZE `YOC petroleum production` supporting warfighting effort

**B4:** DENY USE of `petroleum products` to YOC population

**B5:** NEUTRALIZE `production of chemical products`

**B6:** *Prevent chemical products from becoming weapons of mass destruction.* This has been rephrased to:

DENY USE of `chemical products` for the manufacture of weapons of mass destruction.

**B7:** NEUTRALIZE `YOC special weapons capability` and `delivery means`

**B8:** *Defend against Weapons of Mass Destruction.* The current phrasing of this objective is identical to objective E7; it has therefore been removed from this section. Air objectives B8.1, B8.2 and B8.3 are renumbered to E7.1, E7.2 and E7.3.

## A.3 National Infrastructure

**C1:** DENY USE of `national roadways` for transport of military equipment

**C2:** DENY USE of `national railways` for transport of military equipment

**C3:** DENY USE of `national waterways` for transport of military equipment

[3]The term "electrical production", which appears in the Air Objectives (e.g. B2.1), is more general than "primary electrical sources". However, "electricity" is a more general term still, which is at the same level as "petroleum products".

**C4:** DENY USE of `national communications nets` to transport military information

**C5:** INTERRUPT the flow of goods on `national roadways`

**C6:** INTERRUPT the flow of goods on `national railways`

**C7:** INTERRUPT the flow of goods on `national waterways`

**C8:** INTERRUPT the flow of information on `national communication networks`

**C9:** *Build sufficient combat power for future offensive operations.* This has been rephrased to:

OBTAIN sufficent `Blue Forces` for future offensive operations.

**C10:** *Ensure Freedom of Navigation.* This has been rephrased to:

PERMIT SAFE ACCESS to NATIONAL WATERWAYS for Blue shipping.

**C11:** SUSTAIN `(Blue) Forces` for Minimum of 45 Days

## A.4 National Population

**D1:** DENY USE of `national television systems` to transmit military information

**D2:** DENY USE of `national radio systems` to transmit military information

**D3:** DENY USE of `national computer systems` to transmit military information

**D4:** DENY USE of `national television systems` to influence YOC population

**D5:** DENY USE of `national radio systems` to influence YOC population

**D6:** DENY USE of `national computer systems` to influence YOC population

**D7:** CONDUCT NEO of `US personnel` and `other volunteer Foreign Nationals`

**D8:** NEUTRALIZE `YOC economic centers` to slow the flow of military resources

**D9:** *Deny access to YOC economic centers.* This has been rephrased to:

DENY USE of *national transportation networks* leading to YOC economic centers.

In this form, it can be seen that this is an infrastructure objective rather than a national population objective.

**D10:** *Employ C2W methodologies.*

USE C2W methodologies to influence `YOC population`.

This is a high level objective; in order to match the level of detail of the other objectives, individual C2W methods should be specified.

## A.5 Fielded Forces

**E1:** DETER `YOC aggression` against B/G

**E2:** DETER `Yellowland aggression`

**E3:** *Conduct Land, Sea and Air operations to restore the sovereignty of B/G.* Like A3, this is a national or political objective which should really be considered at a higher level of command than the other CinC objectives. However, it has been rephrased to:

RESTORE THE SOVEREIGNTY of `B/G` by fielding military forces.

**E4:** STOP `YOC forces` north of Desired Area

**E5:** DEFEND `B/G` from YOC Attack

**E6:** DEFEND `Greyland` from YOC Attack

**E7:** *Defend Against Weapons of Mass Destruction.* Rephrased to:

DEFEND `Blue forces` Against Weapons of Mass Destruction

**E8:** DISRUPT `YOC Special Forces Capability`

# B Air Objectives

## B.1 Leadership

**A1.1:** DISRUPT `YOC political control` of armed forces

**A1.2:** DESTROY `YOC political control` of armed forces

**A1.3:** DISRUPT and DEGRADE `YOC intelligence capability`

**A1.4:** ISOLATE `YOC National Command Authority`

**A2.1:** DISRUPT `YOC political control` of population

**A2.5:** DESTROY `YOC political control` of population

**A6.1:** DISRUPT `YOC military control` of armed forces

**A6.2:** DESTROY `YOC military control` of armed forces

**A6.3:** DISRUPT and DEGRADE `YOC intelligence capability`

**A7.1:** DISRUPT `YOC military control` of population

**A7.2:** DESTROY `YOC military control` of population

## B.2 Key Production

**B1.1:** DISRUPT `key electrical facilities` providing power to YOC military

**forces B1.2:** DESTROY `electrical facilities` providing power to YOC military forces

**B2.1:** DISRUPT `electrical production` to YOC

**B2.2:** DESTROY `electrical production` to YOC

**B3.1:** DISRUPT `petroleum production` providing fuel to YOC military forces

**B3.2:** DESTROY `petroleum production` providing fuel to YOC military forces

**B4.1:** DISRUPT `petroleum production` throughout YOC

**B4.2:** DESTROY `petroleum production` throughout YOC

**B5.1:** DISRUPT `chemical production` facilities

**B5.2:** DESTROY `chemical production` facilities

**B7.1:** DESTROY strategic targets (`pol-mil C2` and `NBC/TBM capability`)

## B.3 National Infrastructure

**C1.1:** DRIVE YOC into `desired chokepoints` and `restricted LOCs`

**C1.2:** DISRUPT MOVEMENT of `YOC forward corps` and `committed 2nd echelon forces`

**C2.1:** DRIVE YOC into `desired chokepoints` and `restricted LOCs`

**C2.2:** DISRUPT MOVEMENT of `YOC forward corps` and `committed 2nd echelon forces`

**C3.1:** DRIVE YOC into `desired chokepoints` and `restricted LOCs`

**C3.2:** DISRUPT MOVEMENT of `YOC forward corps` and `committed 2nd echelon forces`

**C3.3:** *Attack critical naval targets.* Given that this supports CinC objective C3 (Deny use of national waterways for transport of military equipment), this has been rephrased to:

ATTACK `naval transport ships` which are capable of transporting military equipment on national waterways.

**C4.1:** DISRUPT `command and control` of YOC Air/Land/Sea forces.

**C4.2:** DISRUPT and DEGRADE `YOC intelligence capability`

**C8.1:** DISRUPT `command and control` of YOC Air/Land/Sea forces

**C8.2:** DISRUPT and DEGRADE `YOC intelligence capability`

**C9.1:** DEPLOY `(Blue) forces` capable of deterring YOC aggression

**C9.2:** DEPLOY `(Blue) forces` capable of supporting NEO

### B.4 Fielded Forces

**E4:** *Disrupt YOC Ground Scheme of Maneuver.* Rephrased to: DISRUPT Ground Scheme of Maneuver of `YOC mechanized land forces`

**E7.1:** DESTROY strategic targets (`pol-mil C2` and `NBC/TBM capability`)

**E7.2:** DISRUPT `YOC Weapons of Mass Destruction capability`

**E7.3:** DESTROY `YOC Weapons of Mass Destruction capability`

## C Task Objectives

These had not been sorted by Checkmate at the time of writing. Categorization has been performed by the author of this document. Where a task objective falls into one category but services an air objective in another category, it is categorized under the former. For example, *Destroy known NBC logistics support* is categorized under **National Infrastructure**, even though it supports the air objective *Disrupt YOC Weapons of Mass Destruction Capability*, which is categorized under **Key Production**.

## C.1 Leadership

### C.1.1 YOC forces

DESTROY key national headquarters
DISRUPT YOC reconnaissance/surveillance capabilities
DISABLE known NBC C3 capability
DISRUPT C3I to frontline offensive units
DISRUPT enemy control of air operations and (control of) air defenses
DESTROY key command centers
DESTROY air defense C3I
DISRUPT key command and control nodes
DISRUPT TBM C2
NEUTRALIZE airborne C3 capability
DISRUPT key C3 nodes
DESTROY key YOC LADS C2 facilities
DESTROY command centers & comm nodes to disrupt YOC political and military direction of armed forces
DESTROY army, corps, and division HQs or ISOLATE them from subordinate units
*Sever LOCs in support of GCC ground scheme of maneuver.* Rephrased to: SEVER local command centers in support of GCC ground scheme of maneuver. Rephrased to:
DESTROY coastal surface surveillance radar C2
DESTROY key YOC LADS C2 facilities
DISRUPT naval C3I
DISRUPT Political Leadership of YOC Forces
DESTROY Command and Control Facilities in the forward area
DESTROY key YOC LOC's supporting forward troops
RENDER INEFFECTIVE C2 from YOC leadership to ballistic missiles

### C.1.2 Blue forces

PROVIDE battle management/C3I capability
PROVIDE surveillance and reconnaissance of region
DESTROY YOC intelligence collection/dissemination capability
EXPLOIT CUWTF intel and targeting when tasked by the B/G C3

## C.2 Key Production

DESTROY known NBC research facilities
DESTROY known NBC production facilities
ATTRIT military production capability

DISRUPT electrical power supply to LADS and pol-mil C3I
DISRUPT/DESTROY military vehicles, armor, and artillery assembly & repair facilities
DISRUPT/DESTROY remaining POL production and storage
DISRUPT/DESTROY remaining munitions and propellant production and storage
DISRUPT NBC production and storage capability
DISRUPT nuclear reactor & fuel/ore processing
DESTROY YOC mining capability
DISRUPT YOC Electrical Power Distribution DESTROY Naval Production Capability

## C.3 National Infrastructure

DISRUPT YOC naval port operations
DESTROY logistics/maintenance/supply areas
DISRUPT SATCOM capability
DESTROY known NBC logistics support
DESTROY known NBC stockpiles and storage facilities
DISRUPT electrical power grid
DESTROY key naval communications nodes and EW/GCI
DESTROY railroad transportation terminals and facilities
DESTROY key bridges & tunnels
DISRUPT operations along LOCS/chokepoints
DESTROY POL storage/distribution facilities

## C.4 National Population

None given.

## C.5 Fielded Forces

### C.5.1 YOC forces

ATTRIT follow on forces
ATTRIT front line forces
ATTRIT enemy fighter/bomber force
DESTROY key SAM sites
DESTROY SAM sites threatening air operations throughout YOC
DISRUPT maneuver and momentum of committed forces with CAS
NEUTRALIZE YOC 240/170mm artillery

DESTROY remaining mech & armor assets of 2nd echelon forces and strategic reserves

DISRUPT YOC SAM/AAA sites along coastal corridors

DESTROY Silkworm missile/sites and storage

DISRUPT/DESTROY SAM/AAA/GCI affecting insertion corridors and drop zones

RENDER INEFFECTIVE YOC target acquisition systems

DESTROY landmines

DESTROY key EW/GCI sites supporting YOC defense assets

*Destroy coastal surface surveillance radar sites and C2.* Divided into two: DESTROY coastal surface surveillance radar sites is categorized here; destroying the radar's C2 is categorized under Leadership

*Neutralize YOC capability to utilize its aircraft and airfields.* This is a higher level objective, since "capability to utilize" might encompass fuel, pilots, repair facilities, etc.

DESTROY major YOC surface and sub-surface combatants and SOF insertion platforms

DISRUPT YOC Ground Forces With CAS

DESTROY Tactical SAMs in YOC

DESTROY Strategic SAMs in YOC

DESTROY EW/GCI radars within 100 Km of the border

DISRUPT YOC Fighter/Bomber Operations

DESTROY Coastal Surveillance/Fire Control Radars

DESTROY YOC SAM/AAA sites

DESTROY Silkworm missiles/sites and storage

DESTROY key EW/GCI sites supporting YOC defense assets

DISRUPT YOC fighter capability

DISRUPT/DESTROY SAMs on border, AAA near drop zones, and EW/GCI threatening CUWTF insertions

DISRUPT YOC SAM/AAA sites along coastal corridors

DISRUPT YOC bomber capability

DISRUPT maneuver and momentum of committed forces with CAS

*Disrupt movement & maneuver into M-K corridor.* Rephrased to: DISRUPT movement & maneuver of forces into M-K corridor

ATTRIT forces in Wonchor corridor

DISRUPT/DESTROY 240mm/170mm artillery beyond the FSCL

DISRUPT 240mm/170mm artillery inside the FSCL

DISRUPT mechanized and armored formations between FLOT and FSCL

DESTROY YOC SOF infiltration aircraft

DESTROY major YOC surface and sub-surface combatants and SOF insertion platforms

DESTROY SAMs beyond 100km of the DMZ

Assist in holding defense north of capital city by DESTROYING YOC non-hardened artillery and vehicles

ATTRIT Naval Bases and their Employment Capability

DESTROY enemy OCA assets

### C.5.2 YOC supply, storage & repair facilities

DESTROY TBM launchers, storage, and support

DISRUPT TBM shipment/transshipment

DISRUPT resupply of naval POL, munitions, & spares

DESTROY ammo storage

DESTROY naval ship repair & resupply facilities

*Disrupt naval surface craft bases, support facilities, and naval C3I.* This objective has been divided into 3 objectives: DISRUPT naval surface craft bases and DISRUPT support facilities are categorized under **Fielded forces**, while disrupting naval C3I is categorized under **Leadership**.

DISRUPT marshalling areas and sustainment capability beyond the FSCL

DISRUPT marshalling areas, supply, and corps C2 beyond FSCL

### C.5.3 Blue forces

*Employ passive defensive measures.* Rephrased to: ASSIGN and PROVIDE military equipment which is capable of passive defense.

PROVIDE ground/naval point defense for protection of Blue COGs from air & TBM attacks

CONDUCT CAS in support of the Rear Area Security Forces

*Support B/G ground scheme of maneuver and deception plan through AI.* Rephrased to: PROVIDE AI to support B/G ground scheme of maneuver and deception plan.

## C.6 High level objectives

The following were listed as task objectives, but are more appropriately categorized as either CinC objectives or Air Objectives.

*Disrupt YOC ability to employ weapons of mass destruction (WMD).* This is almost identical to Air Objective B8.2, and it belongs at the Air Objectives level.

DISRUPT Employment of Weapons of Mass Destruction by YOC Forces

DISRUPT military activity in the area of the planned NEO

DESTROY command centers and comm nodes to disrupt YOC political direction of armed forces

### C.7 Unclassified

DESTROY `RADRELs` – unknown abbreviation

EMPLOY `SIGINT collection assets` – unknown abbreviation

EMPLOY `HVAA assets`/Provide adequate HVAA protection – unknown abbreviation

## D Goals

### D.1 Goals identified

The goals identified are as follows:

- CinC Objectives
  - Leadership
    - Isolate;
    - Neutralize;
    - Protect
  - Key Production
    - Deny use;
    - Neutralize
  - National Infrastructure
    - Deny use;
    - Interrupt;
    - Obtain;
    - Permit use;
    - Sustain
  - National Population
    - Deny use;
    - Conduct NEO;
    - Neutralize;
    - Use
  - Fielded forces
    - Deter;
    - Defend;
    - Disrupt;

        * Stop

- Air Objectives
    - Leadership
        * Isolate;
        * Disrupt;
        * Degrade;
        * Destroy
    - Key production:
        * Disrupt;
        * Destroy
    - National Infrastructure
        * Drive (i.e. compel to move);
        * Disrupt;
        * Attack;
        * Deploy.
    - National Population
        * *Disrupt*[4]
    - Fielded forces
        * Disrupt;
        * Destroy

- Task Objectives
    - Leadership
        * Sever;
        * Disrupt;
        * Disable;
        * Neutralize;
        * Render ineffective;
        * Destroy;
        * Exploit;
        * Provide.

[4]No air objectives are specified for national population. This goal is specified because NEUTRALIZE appears in the CinC objectives, and so an analogy can be drawn with the Leadership and Key Production objectives.

- Key production:
  - Disrupt;
  - Attrit;
  - Destroy
- National Infrastructure
  - Disrupt;
  - Destroy
- National Population No task objectives specified.
- Fielded forces
  - Disrupt;
  - Attrit;
  - Neutralize;
  - Destroy;
  - Provide;
  - Conduct CAS.

## D.2 Ordering and definitions of goals

Table 4 lists identified goals in a suggested order, from the least effect to the greatest. Definitions of each goals are also suggested in order to support the ordering.

## D.3 Goals and suggested opposite goals

Table 5 lists goals, and suggests opposite goals. Note that these opposite goals are intended to be the positive antithesis of each destructive goal, as opposed to simply maintaining the status quo by preventing the desctructive goals from being achieved.

| Goal | Definition |
|---|---|
| **Leadership** | |
| Disrupt | Temporarily reduce effectiveness |
| Degrade | Permanently reduce effectiveness |
| Isolate/Sever | Reduce effectiveness to zero until further notice |
| Neutralize/Disable/ Render ineffective | Reduce effectiveness to zero until further notice |
| Destroy | Permanently reduce effectiveness to zero |
| **Key production** | |
| Disrupt | Temporarily reduce production |
| Attrit | Permanently reduce production |
| Destroy | Permanently stop production |
| **Infrastructure** | |
| Disrupt | Reduce the flow |
| Destroy | Permanently stop the flow |
| **National Population** | |
| Disrupt | Temporarily reduce effectiveness |
| **Fielded forces: location** | |
| Deter | Make it dangerous (politically or militarily) for YOC forces to advance or attack |
| Defend | Reduce the effectiveness of YOC forces when attacking |
| Drive | Compel YOC forces to travel on certain routes |
| Stop | Prevent YOC forces from advancing |
| *Expel* | Compel YOC forces to retreat |
| **Fielded forces: capability** | |
| Disrupt | Temporarily reduce military capability of YOC force |
| Attrit | Permanently reduce military capability of YOC force |
| Neutralize | Temporarily reduce YOC force's military capability to zero |
| Destroy | Permanently reduce YOC force's military capability to zero |

Table 4: Goals, ordered by effect

| Goal | Opposite |
|---|---|
| **Leadership** | |
| Disrupt | Put into order |
| Degrade | Improve |
| Isolate | Connect |
| Neutralize | Restart |
| Destroy | Create |
| **Key production** | |
| Disrupt | Put into order |
| Destroy | Create |
| **Infrastructure** | |
| Disrupt | Put into order |
| Interrupt | Restart |
| Deny use | Permit use |
| Destroy | Create |
| **National Population** | |
| Disrupt | Put into order |
| **Fielded forces: location** | |
| Deter | Encourage |
| Defend | Attack |
| Drive | Open new routes |
| Stop | Advance |
| *Expel* | Hold position |
| **Fielded forces: capability** | |
| Disrupt | Put into order |
| Attrit | Build up |
| Neutralize | Restart |
| Destroy | Create |

Table 5: Goals and their opposites

# E Centers of Gravity

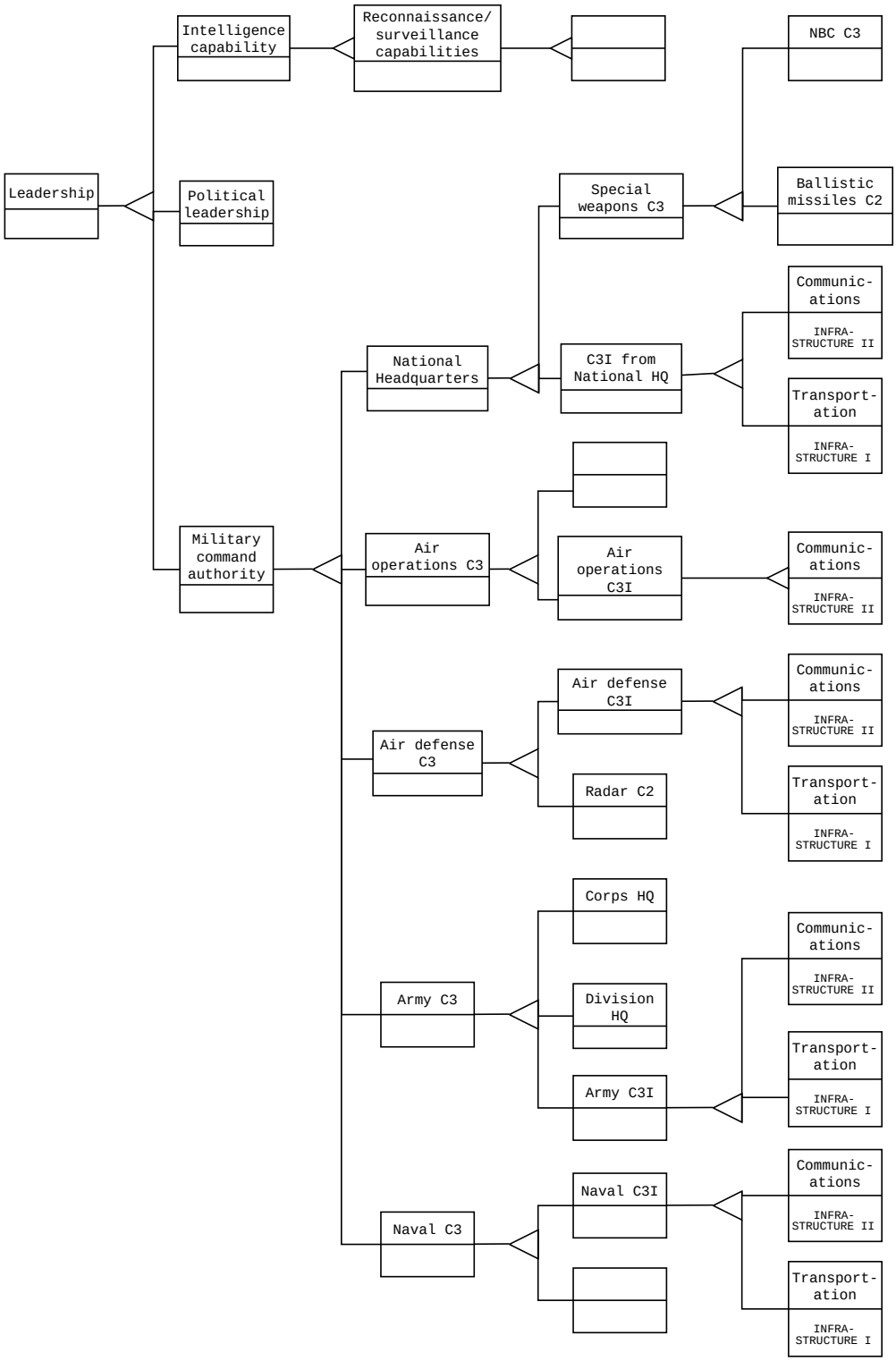



Figure 2: CoGS: Leadership

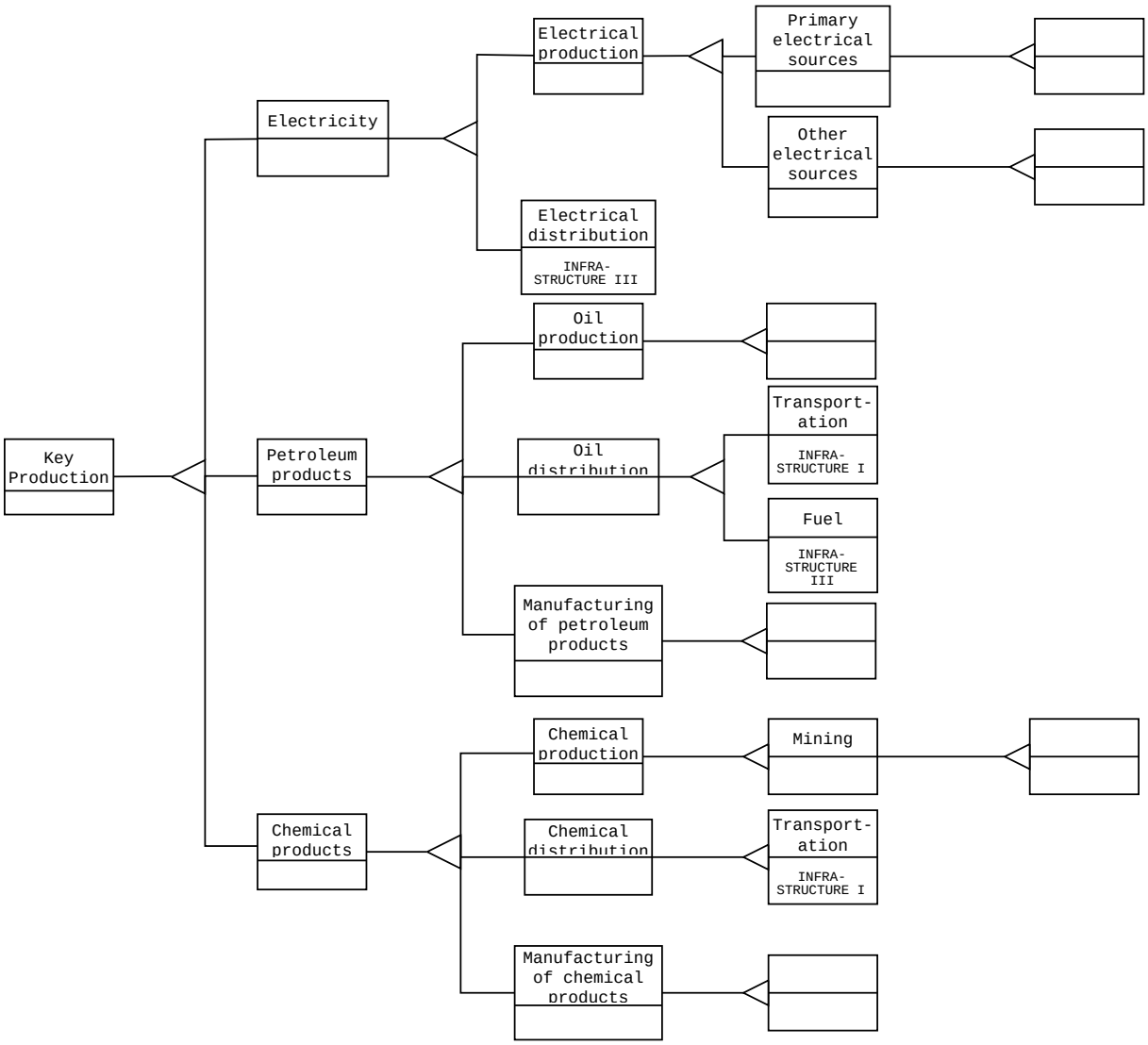



Figure 3: CoGS: Key Production 1: General

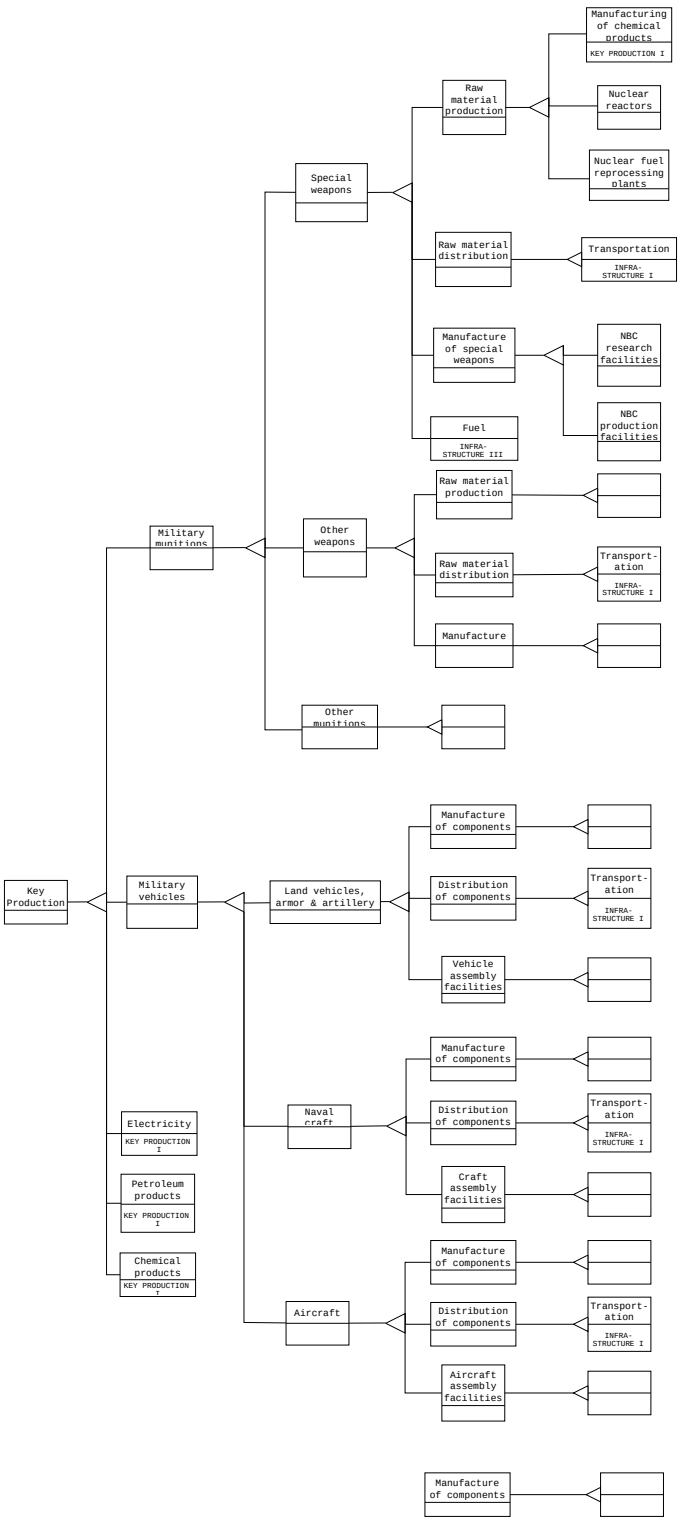



Figure 4: CoGS: Key Production 2: Military

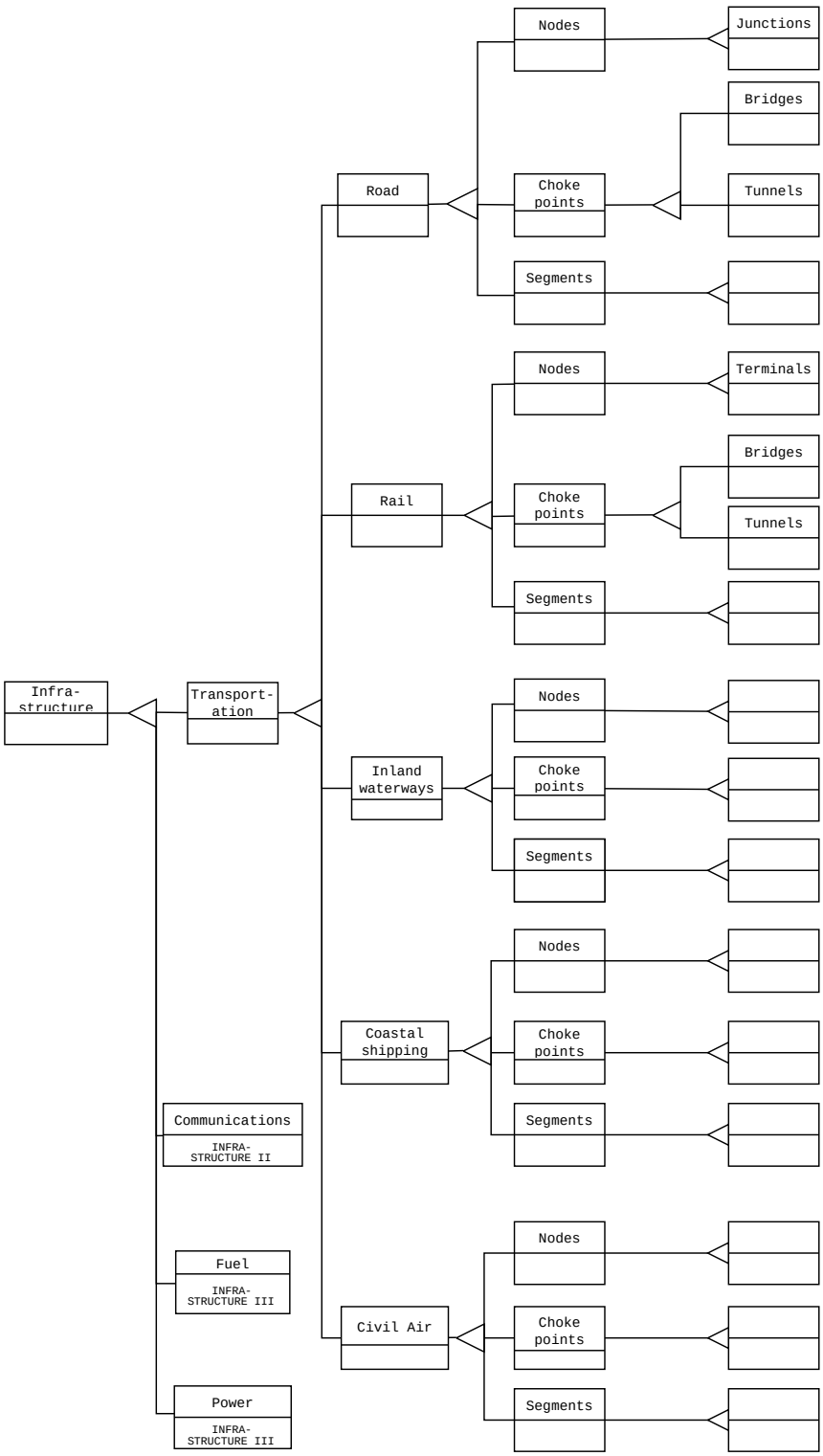



Figure 5: CoGS: National Infrastructure 1: Transportation

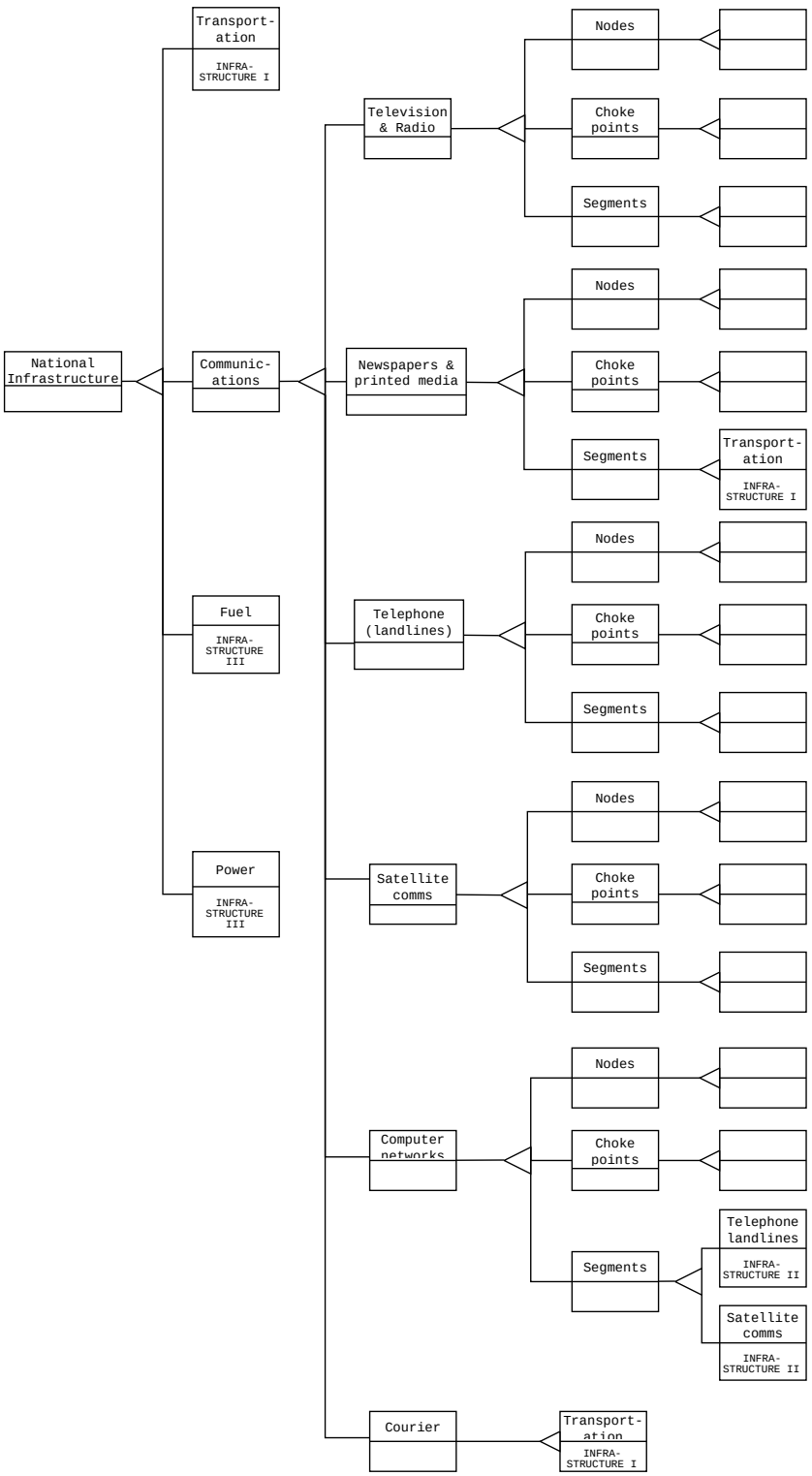



Figure 6: CoGS: National Infrastructure 2: Communications

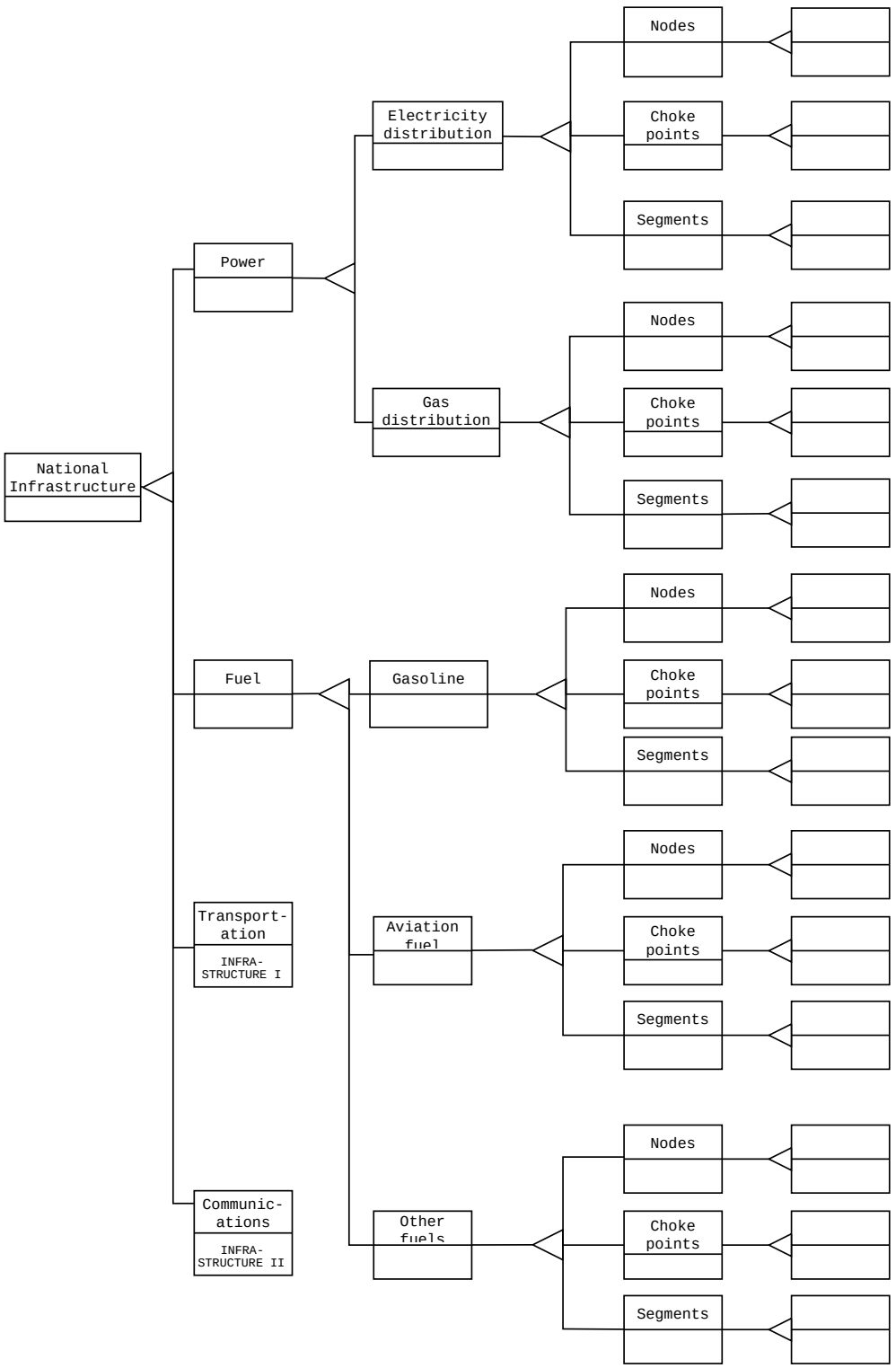



Figure 7: CoGS: National Infrastructure 3: Fuel & Power

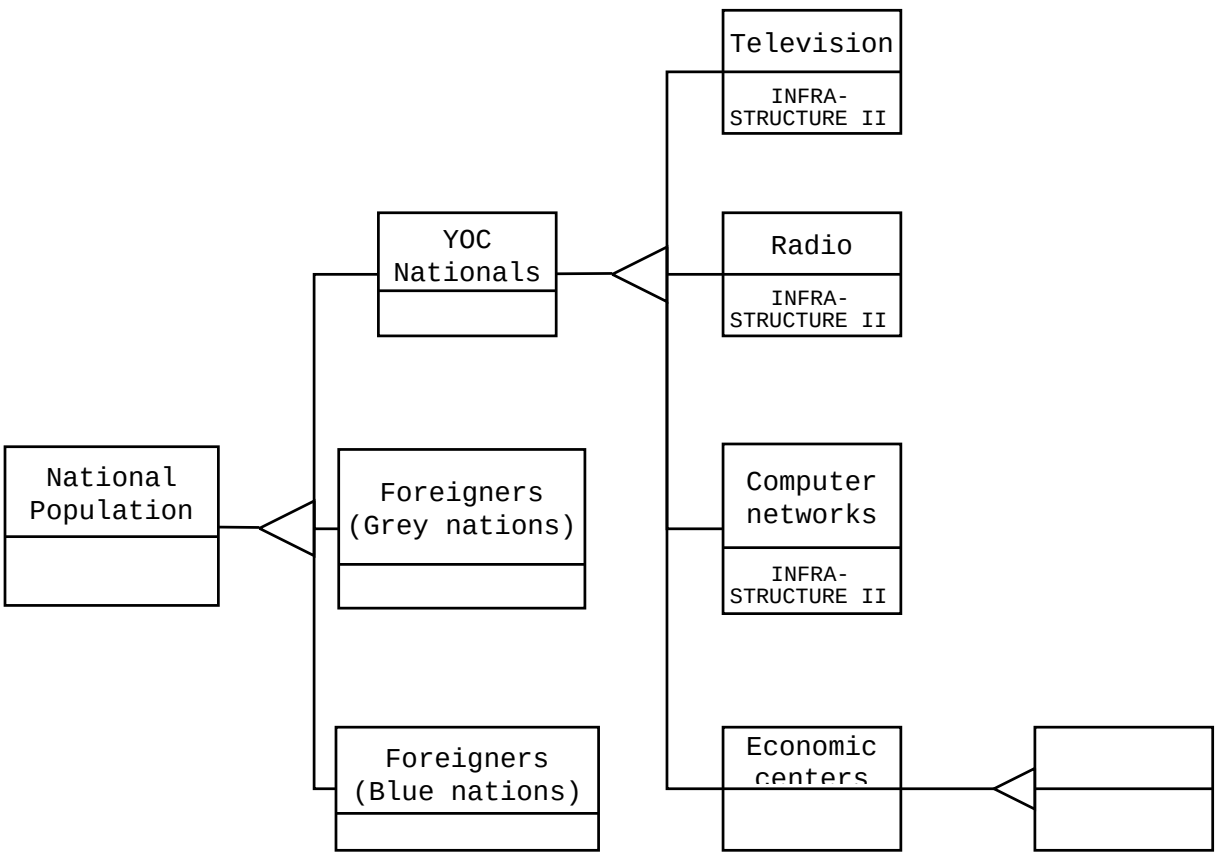



Figure 8: CoGS: National Population

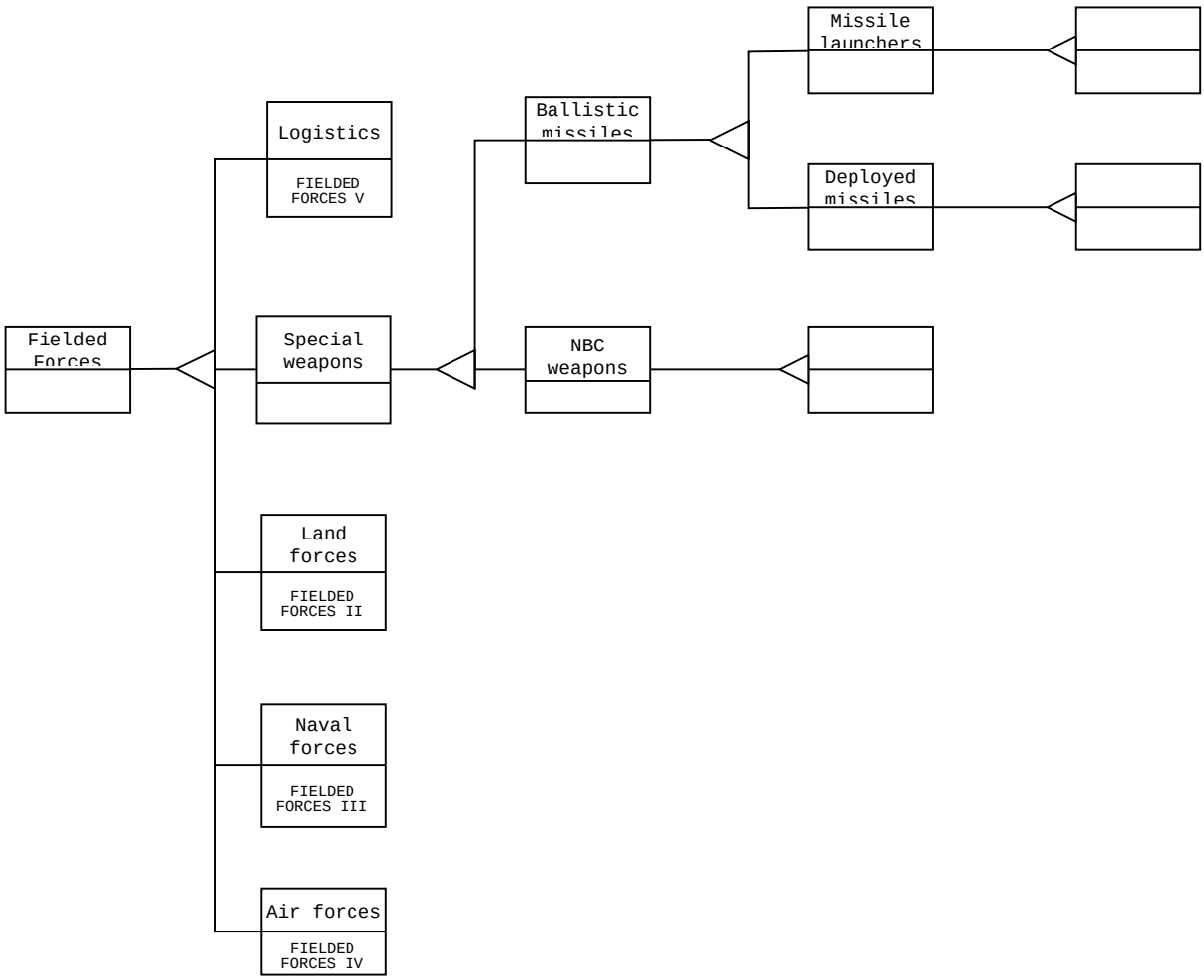
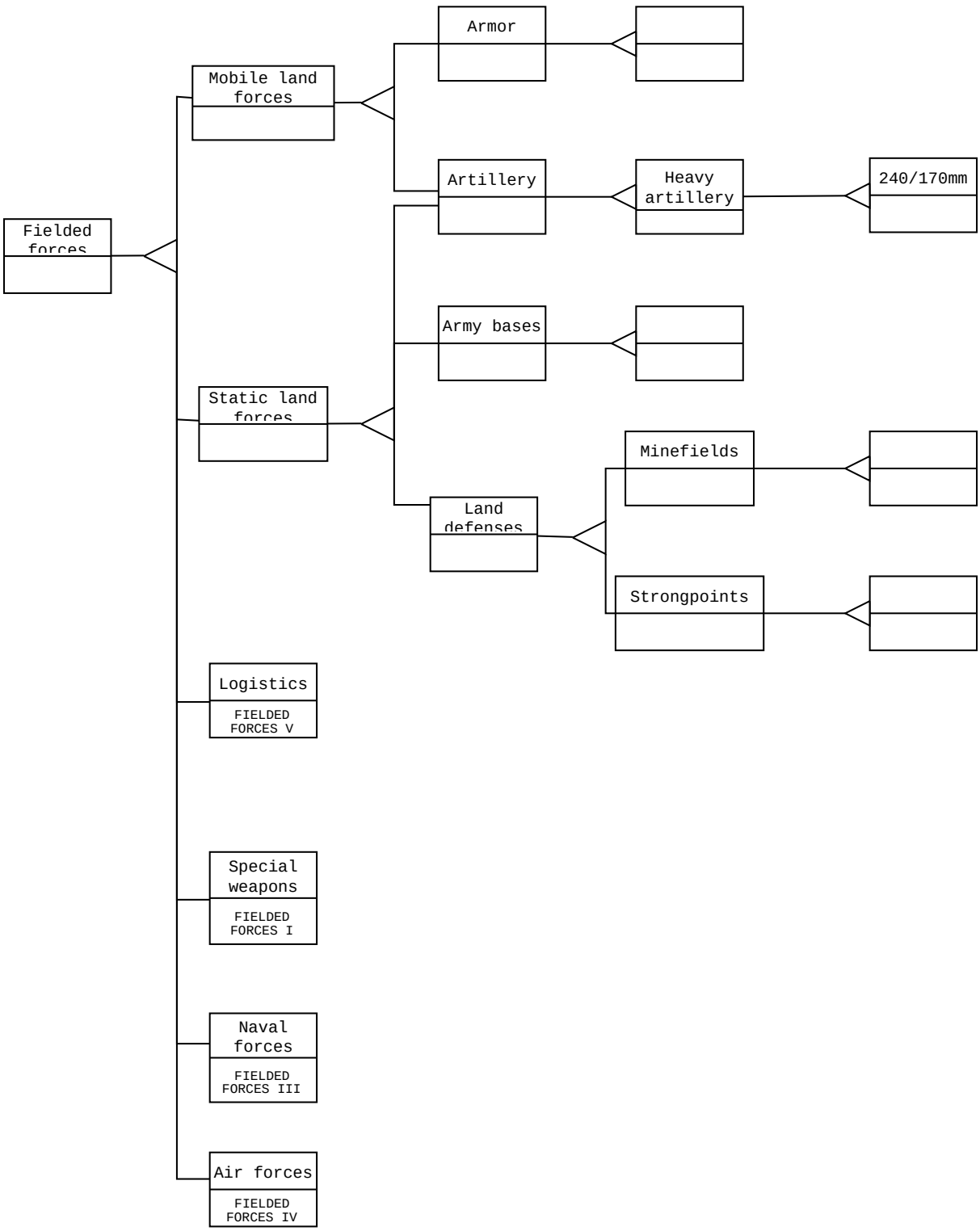



Figure 9: CoGS: Fielded Forces 1: Special Weapons

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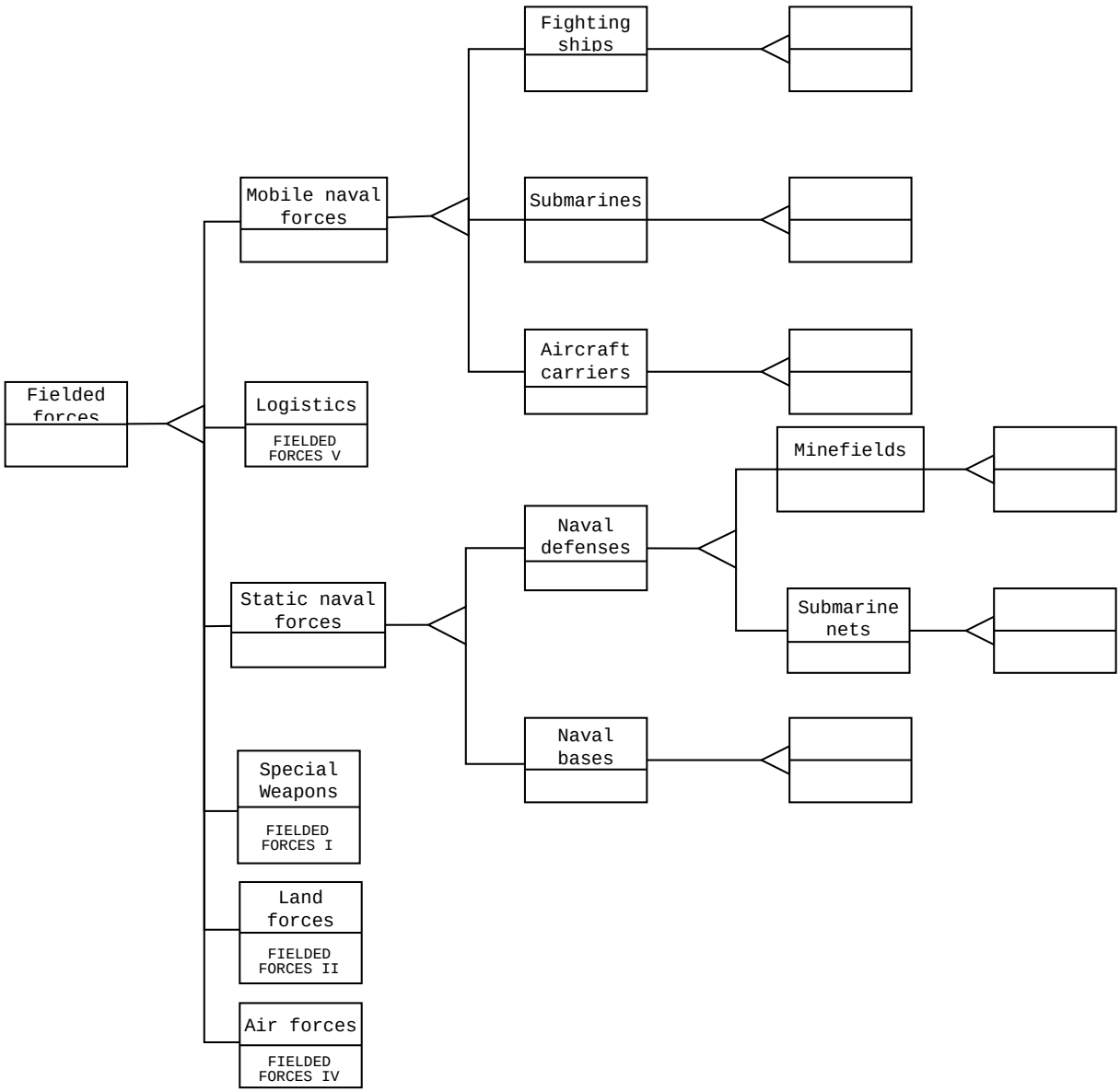


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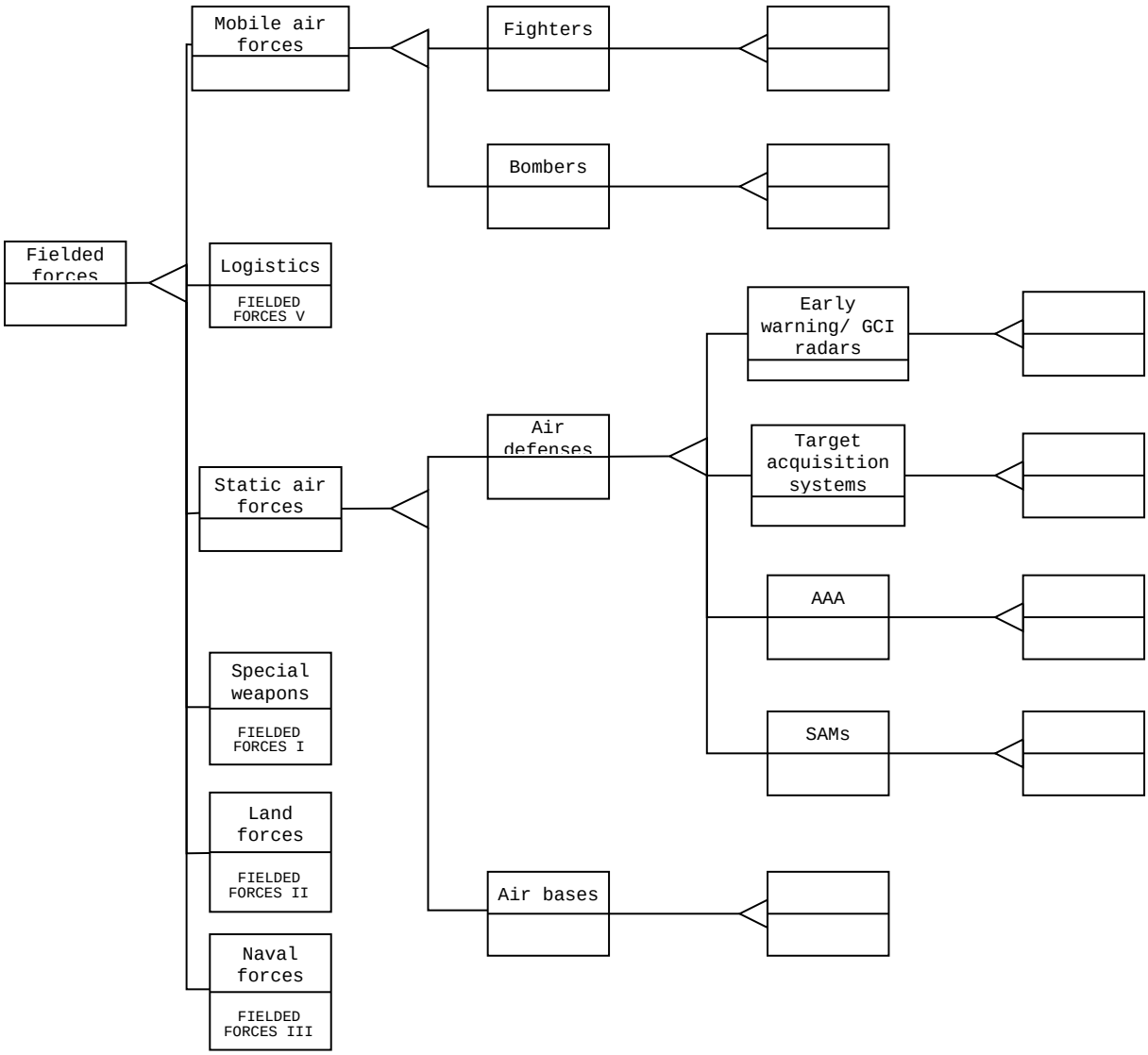


Figure 12: CoGS: Fielded Forces 4: Air forces

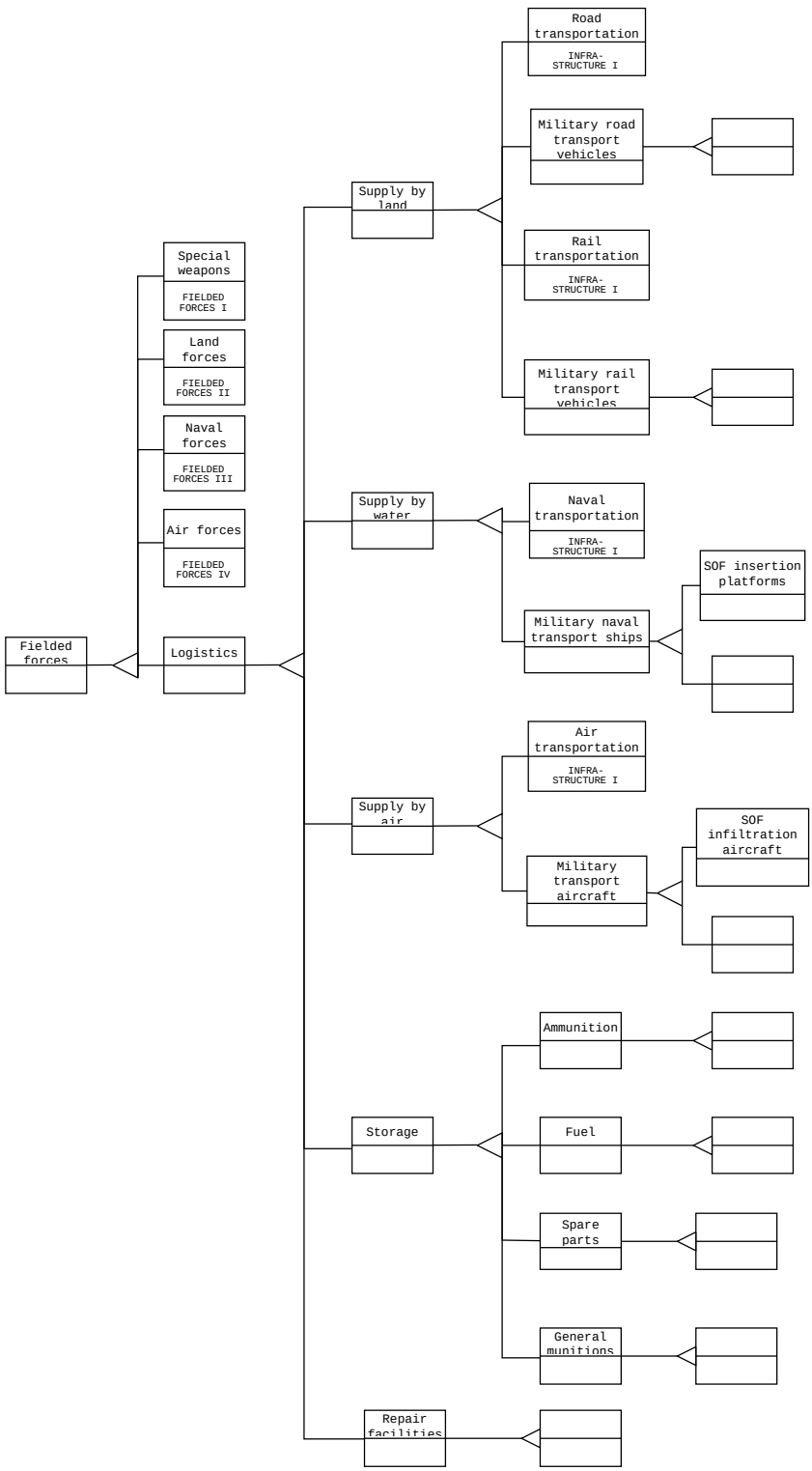


Figure 13: CoGS: Fielded Forces 5: Logistics

# F Constraints

| Geographical | |
|---|---|
| US citizens | in the region |
| US forces | in the region |
| YOC aggression | against B/G |
| YOC forces | north of Desired Area |
| B/G | (a geographical constraint is implicit in the CoG) |
| **Temporal** | |
| YOC economic centers | to slow the flow of military resources i.e. until the flow of military resources is sufficiently slow |
| **Categorical** | |
| YOC political control<br>YOC military control | YOC armed forces |
| YOC political control<br>YOC military control<br>primary electrical sources<br>petroleum products<br>national television systems<br>national radio systems<br>national computer systems | YOC population |
| national roadways<br>national railways<br>national waterways | Transport of military equipment |
| national roadways<br>national railways<br>national waterways | Transport of goods |
| national communications networks<br>national television systems<br>national radio systems<br>national computer systems | Transmit military information |
| YOC petroleum production | supporting warfighting effort |
| chemical products | for the manufacture of weapons of mass destruction. |
| national waterways | for Blue shipping. |
| national transportation networks | leading to YOC economic centers. |
| Blue forces | Against Weapons of Mass Destruction |

| **Geographical** | |
|---|---|
| **Temporal** | |
| **Categorical** | |
| YOC political control<br>YOC military control<br>electrical facilities<br>petroleum production<br>chemical production? | YOC armed forces |
| YOC political control<br>YOC military control<br>electrical production<br>petroleum production<br>chemical production | YOC population |
| naval transport ships<br><br>command and control | which are capable of transporting<br>military equipment on national waterways.<br>YOC Air/Land/Sea forces |
| **Capability** | |
| (Blue) forces | capable of deterring YOC aggression |
| (Blue) forces | capable of supporting NEO |

Table 6: Constraints: Air Objectives Level