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# **A Dynamic Interactive Model of Resilience for Education**

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# Today:

Background

Theoretical Context

Development of DIMoR

Discussion

Questions/Comments?



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# Theoretical context: The 4 waves

## Wave 1

Shared understanding of concept of resilience.

## Wave 2

Processes involved in developing resilience.

## Wave 3

Interventions and the potential of those around the child to help develop resilience.

## Wave 4

The notion of resilience as a dynamic process.



# Theoretical Underpinnings



Brigid, Wassell &  
Gilligan (1999)

- Risk and protective factors alongside vulnerability/ resilience dimension

Bronfenbrenner  
(1979)

- Bio-Ecological Model

Ungar (2013)

- Social-Ecological Model

Downes (2017)

- Spatial relations and individual agency

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# Moving towards a dynamic interactive model of resilience

Synthesis of seminal theory



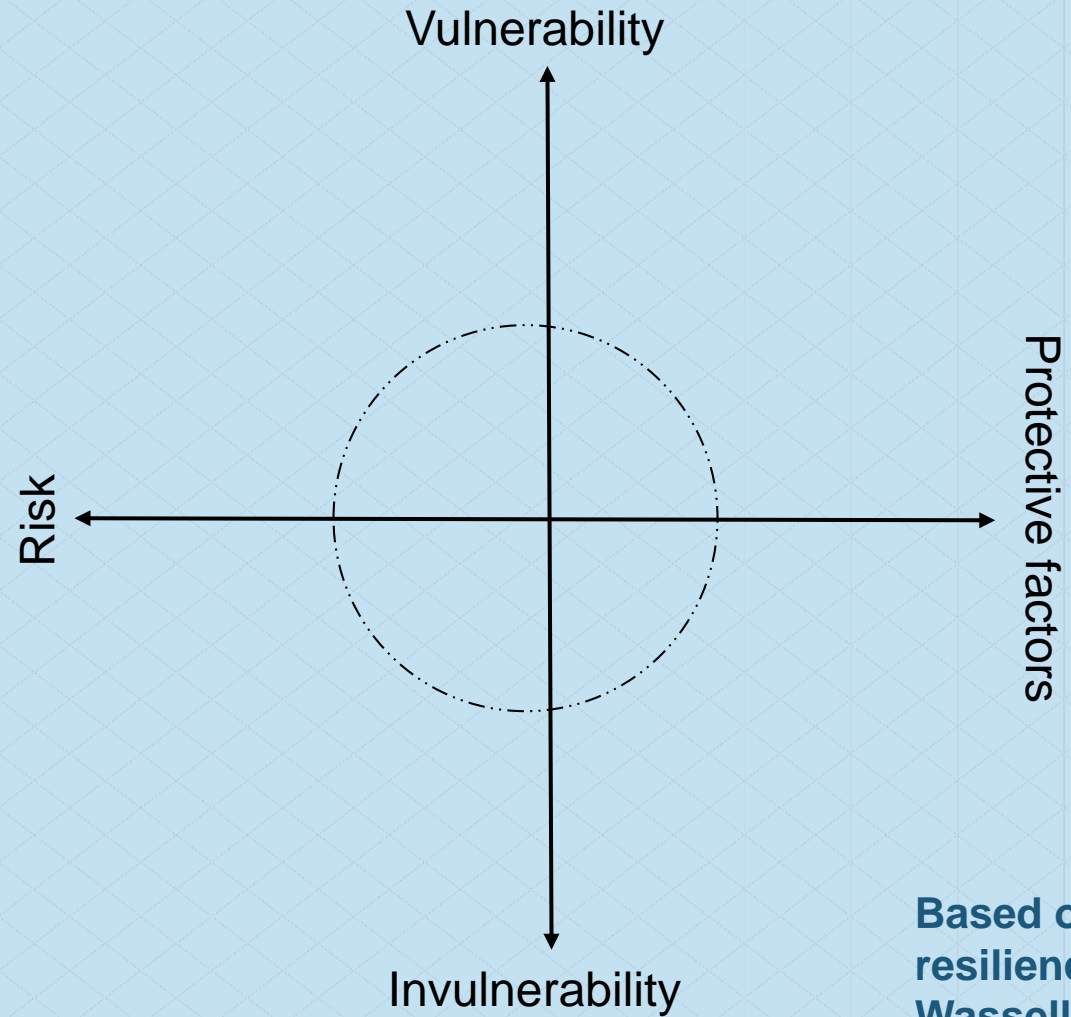
Complexity Theory (Morin, 2018)



Individual *within* a system and *acting on* the system

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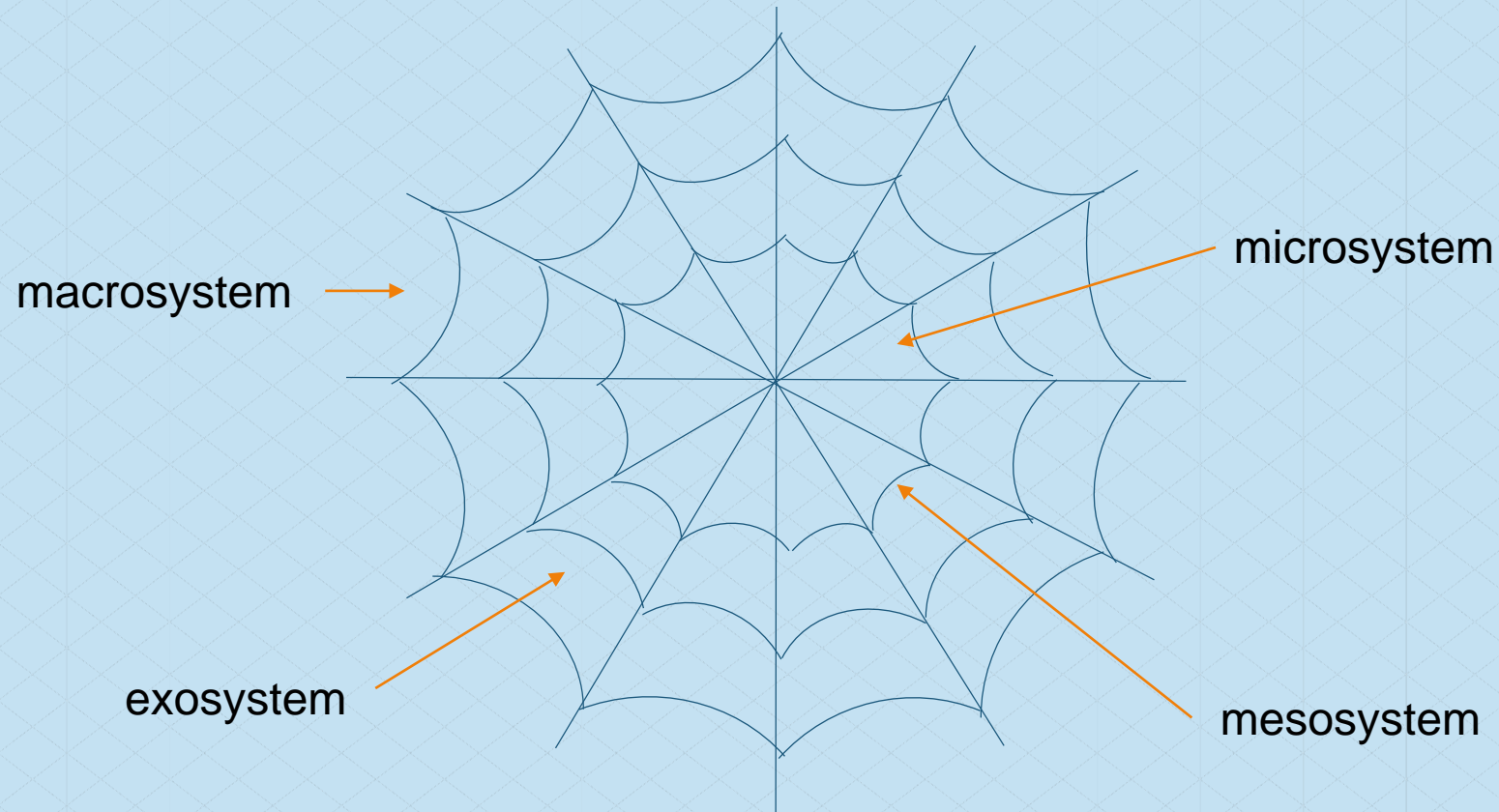




**Based on the assessing and promoting resilience in vulnerable children, Brigid, Wassell and Gilligan, (1999)**

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# Nested systems presented as a web representing their interconnectivity

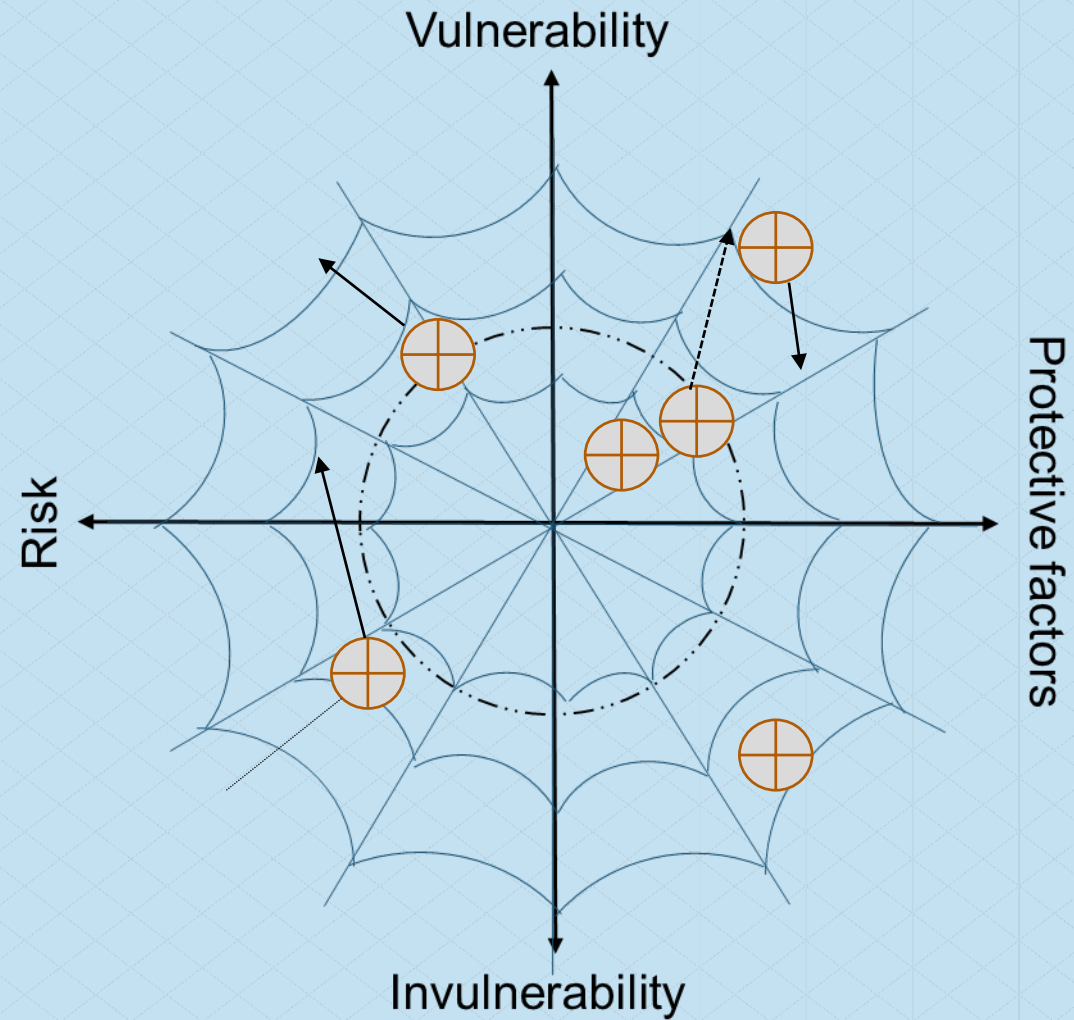


Based on the ideas of Bronfenbrenner's (1979)  
bioecological systems model

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# The dynamic interactive model of resilience (DIMoR)



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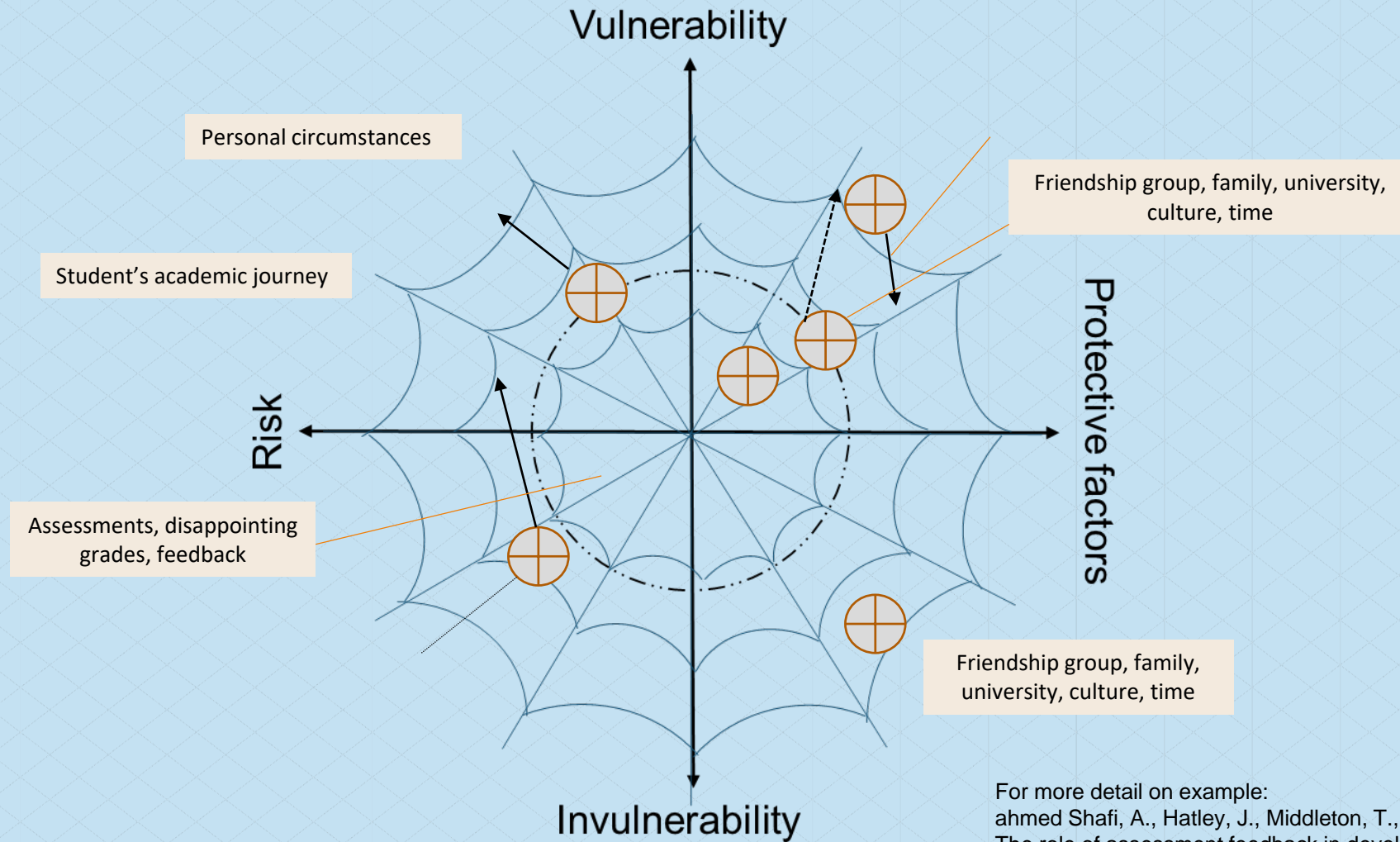
# DIMoR in AR



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# Example application: Using DIMoR as a framework for the assessment and feedback process

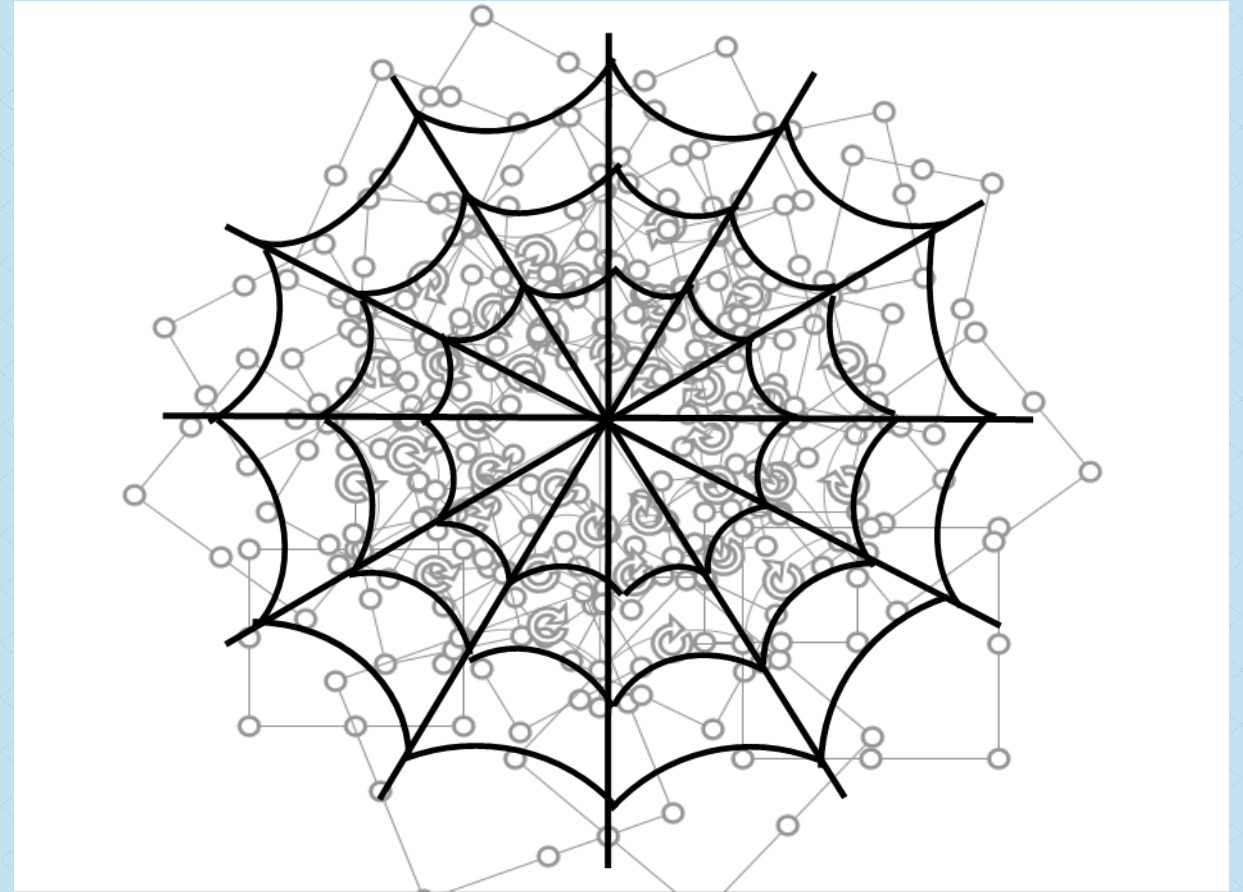


For more detail on example:  
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# Agency and interaction



While the focus on interactivity is not new, the DIMoR acknowledges that individual agency - itself a complex system - has to navigate contexts that are also complex adaptive systems.



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# Conclusion

DIMoR offers the opportunity to consider a proactive approach to the development of resilience within education. Resilience is not 'caused' by support systems or one-off interventions, rather it is the emergent property of the dynamic interactions of all these complex systems over time.

DIMoR posits therefore, that resilience is not an individual trait, but a responsive characteristic which changes shape and structure within its own risk-protective, vulnerability-invulnerability framework as a result of interactions with the surrounding systems that, crucially, it is a part of *not* apart from.

See more in our forthcoming book:

ahmed Shafi, A., Hatley, J., Middleton, T., Millican, R. and Templeton, S *Resilience for Education and Beyond* Switzerland: Springer

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# Comments and Questions?

