

## Appendix

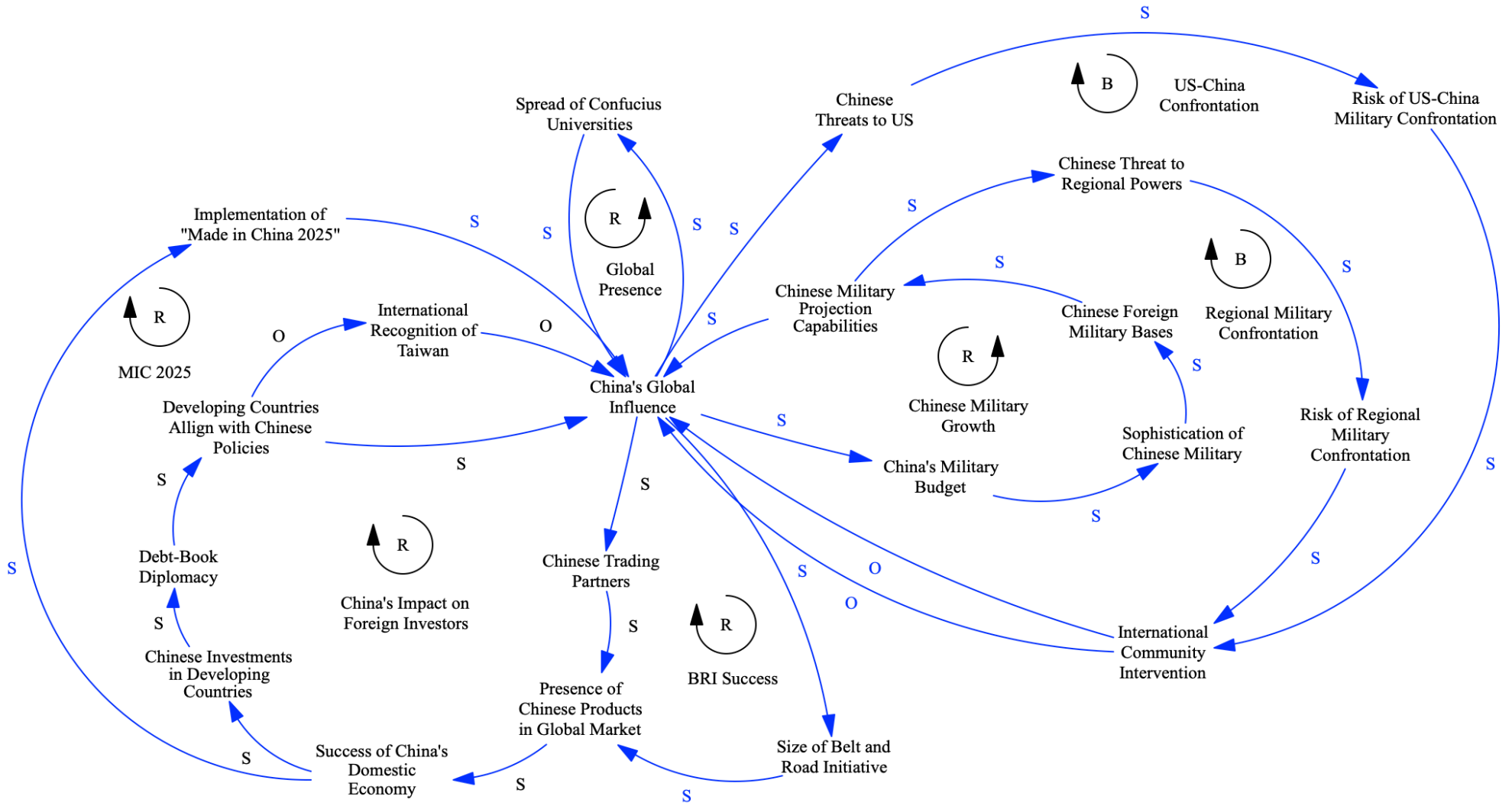


Figure 4: Divergent Scenario Development Step 1

<b>Step 2: Identify Starting Point and the Causal Background Factors and What Factors Are Relevant to Client's Interests</b>		<b>Step 3: Uncertainty, Significance, Independence</b>			
		Less Uncertain	Less Significant	Less Independent	Scenario Driver
Political	1. China's Focus				✓
	2. Responsiveness of Public to Central Government		✓		
	3. UN Intervention		✓		
	4. International Pressures				✓
	5. Strength of Regional Authorities		✓		
Economic	6. Economic Dependency on US				✓
	7. Stability of Domestic Economy			✓	
	8. Size of Domestic Economy	✓			
	9. Amount of FDI in Africa	✓			
	10. Status of US-China Trade War			✓	
Social	11. Amount of Domestic Ethnic Conflict		✓		
Military	12. Size of Military	✓			
	13. Pressure on Taiwan	✓			

**Figure 5: Divergent Scenario Development Steps 2-3**

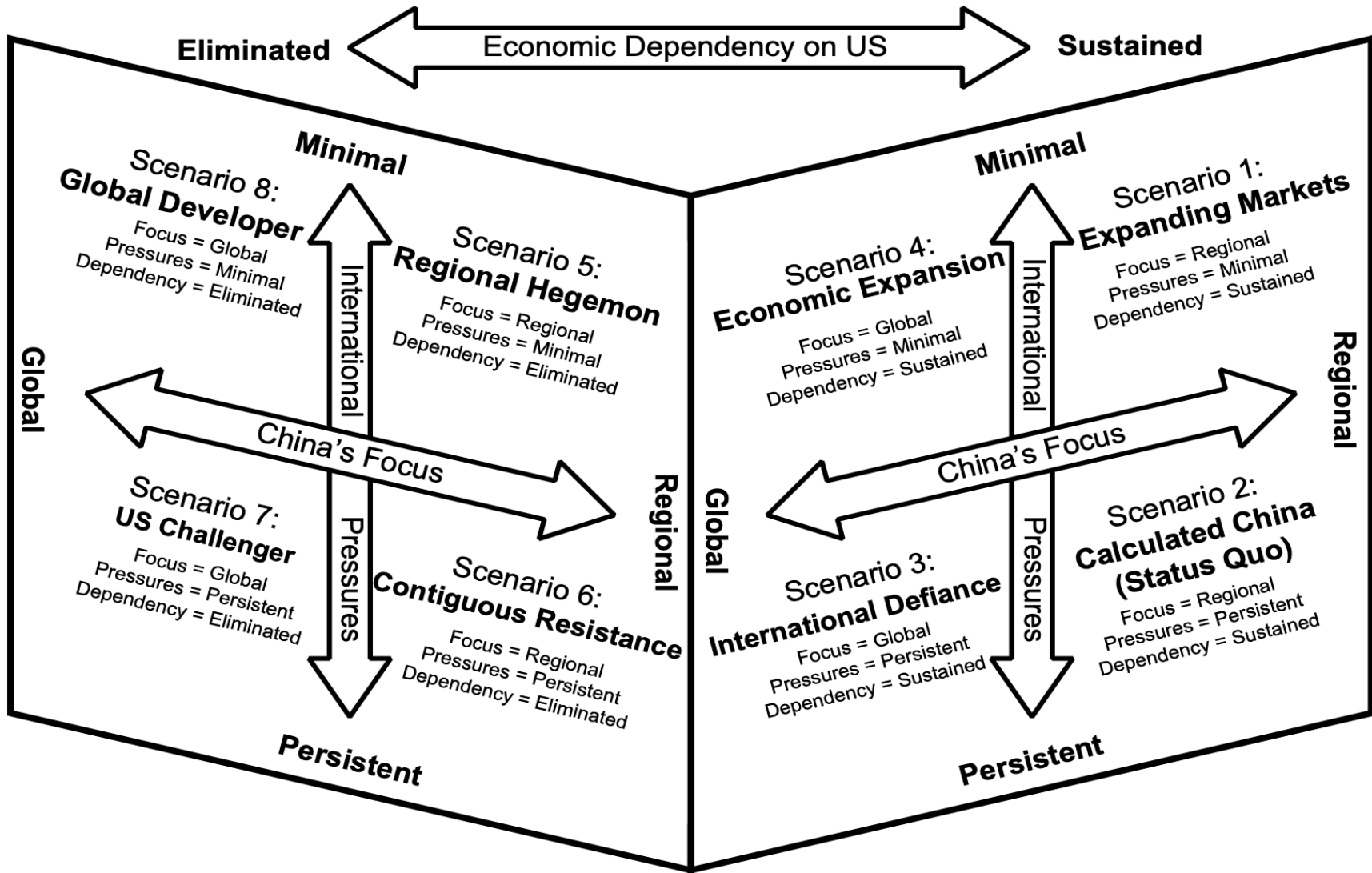


Figure 6: Divergent Scenario Development Step 4,6

		<i>Default = Continue as Now Projected</i>	<i>Default = Follow Driver 1: China's Focus</i>	<i>Default = Follow Driver 2: International Pressures</i>	<i>Default = Follow Driver 3: Economic Dependency</i>
Political	1. China's Focus		✓		
	2. Responsiveness of Public to Central Government	✓			
	3. UN Intervention			✓	
	4. International Pressures			✓	
	5. Strength of Regional Authorities	✓			
Economic	6. Economic Dependency on US				✓
	7. Stability of Domestic Economy				✓
	8. Size of Domestic Economy				✓
	9. Amount of FDI in Africa		✓		
	10. Status of US-China Trade War			✓	
Social	11. Amount of Domestic Ethnic Conflict		✓		
Military	12. Size of Military			✓	
	13. Pressure on Taiwan		✓		

Figure 7: Divergent Scenario Development Step 5

	<b>Scenario 7: US Challenger</b> <i>Global Focus;</i> <i>Persistent International Pressure;</i> <i>Eliminated Economic Dependency on US</i>	<b>Scenario 5: Regional Hegemon</b> <i>Regional Focus;</i> <i>Minimal International Pressure;</i> <i>Eliminated Economic Dependency on US</i>	<b>Scenario 6: Contiguous Resistance</b> <i>Regional Focus;</i> <i>Persistent International Pressure;</i> <i>Eliminated Economic Dependency on US</i>	<b>Scenario 4: Economic Expansion</b> <i>Global Focus;</i> <i>Minimal International Pressure;</i> <i>Sustained Economic Dependency on US</i>
<b>“Beginning”:</b> <i>How the Main Factors (Start to) Change</i>	After developing an advanced economy and military, China asserts itself as the regional hegemon. It separates itself economically from the US, and begins to challenge US interests globally.	After combatting internal instability and developing a fully functioning economy, China begins to expand its influence regionally, building political and economic relations with neighboring countries.	China prematurely begins attempts at becoming the regional hegemon without first building alliances with powerful neighbors like Russia and India. This leads to resistance at every front, as well as punitive measure by the international community.	Rather than pursue military means of exerting power, China focuses its efforts in economic projects, such as FDI in Africa and its “Made in China 2025” plan. This dramatically improves its domestic economy and manufacturing industry.
<b>“Middle”:</b> <i>How Those Changes Affect the Other Factors</i>	The US is forced to decide whether to confront China’s expansionist actions with force or not. Both sides form alliances to support them, but the international community condemns this confrontation due to the severe consequences it could have for the entire world.	China is able to exert itself as the regional hegemon of Asia, allowing it unprecedented influence in the region. By making alliances and concessions with US allies, they avoid US intervention on behalf of their interests while also encouraging US allies to reevaluate their alliances.	The US forms a military alliance with India and Japan to counter China’s actions while Russia takes actions of its own, such as through cyber hacks. This attempt at hegemony threatens the internal stability of China, as it solely focuses on regional aspirations.	China is met with minimal pressure as its actions are perceived to be solely for economic purposes rather than political. African countries industrialize and Chinese citizens benefit greatly from increased emphasis on STEM programs.
<b>“End”:</b> <i>Plausible Consequences of the Changes</i>	A new Cold War ensues between China and the US as they compete for global hegemony. This threatens the use of nuclear weapons, as well as the potential for small proxy wars around the globe.	The US must decide whether to act in response to China’s growth, especially since it does not yet pose a direct threat to them. In addition, a Russian-Chinese alliance has the potential to threaten the US politically, economically, and militarily.	China’s neighbors suppress its attempts at regional supremacy. Internally, China faces large economic consequences and a rebelling population. Internationally, China is subject to punitive measures for their aggressive campaign. The US forms a strong alliance with India to prevent a similar campaign by China in the future.	China’s economic influence is converted to political pressures associated with their debt-book diplomacy tactics. It is able to decrease the US’ presence in these regions while also gaining support for its One-China policy regarding Taiwan.

**Figure 8: Divergent Scenario Development Step 7**

Common Themes	1. Expanding Markets	2. Calculated China	3. International Defiance	4. Economic Expansion	5. Regional Hegemon	6. Contiguous Resistance	7. US Challenger	8. Global Developer
	i. United States Interests are Threatened		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
ii. China Must Address Internal Instability		YES		YES	YES		YES	YES
iii. China’s Economic Policies Possess Political Undertones	YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES
iv. Taiwan is an Underlying Interest	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Indicators	a. Countries Abandon Support for Taiwan		NO			NO		
	b. China’s Military Projection Capabilities Grow	NO			NO			NO
	c. “Made in China 2025” is Successfully Implemented		NO	NO		NO		
	d. Chinese Alliance with Russia and/or India		NO	NO		NO	NO	
	e. US Loses Economic Ties with China	NO	NO	NO	NO			NO
	<b>Combination That Makes Scenario the Most Plausible One</b>	<b>acd</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>ab</b>	<b>acd</b>	<b>abcde</b>	<b>be</b>	<b>abce</b>

Figure 9: Divergent Scenario Development Steps 8-9