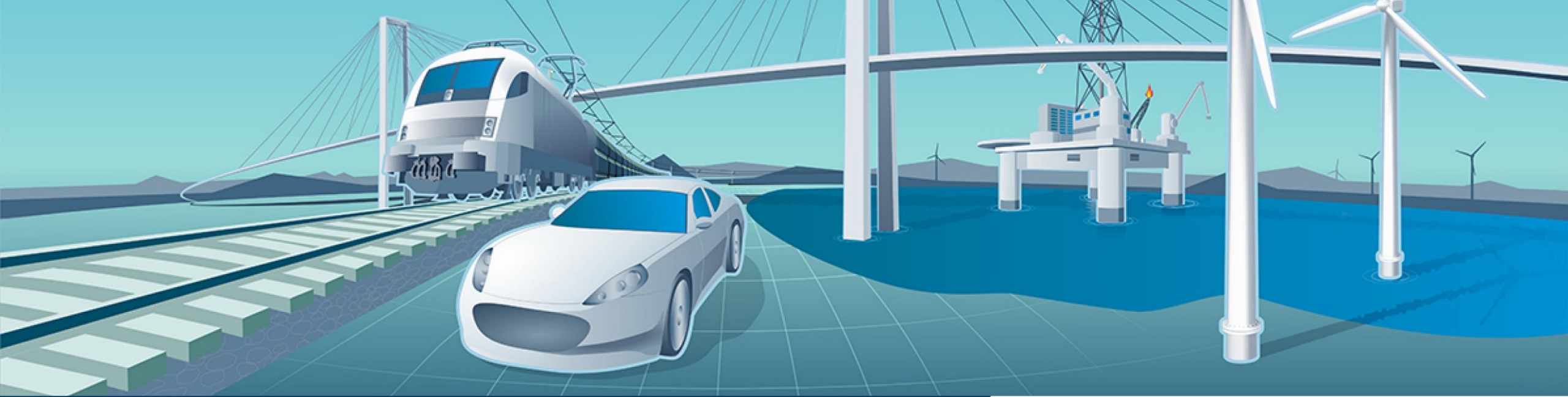
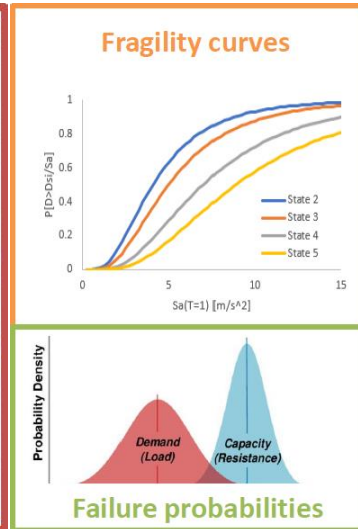
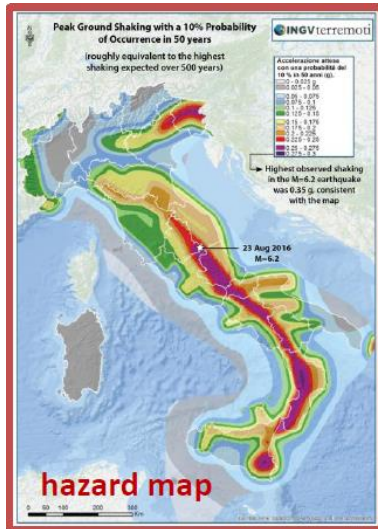




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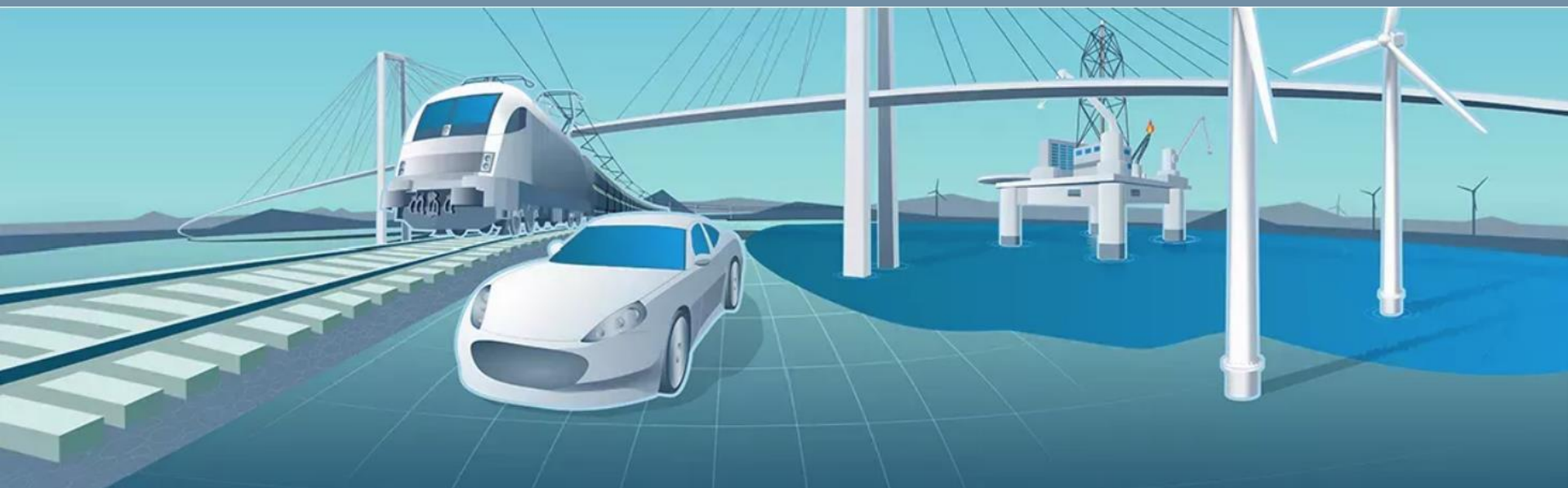
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Abstract

The management of civil infrastructures in the aftermath of a disruptive event is a concern for decision makers, which have to choose quickly among alternative actions with limited knowledge on the actual structural conditions. Structural Health Monitoring (SHM) information can support these decisions. However, information comes with a cost and the relevant benefit must be assessed before the acquisition of the SHM system is decided. A powerful tool to estimate the benefits and to optimize the SHM system design for specific applications is the Value of Information (VoI) analysis based on pre-posterior Bayesian analysis. In the presentation the theory will be shortly described and demonstrated through a couple of exemplary case studies.

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The problem: an example

Seismic emergency management of a bridge

After an earthquake the bridge can collapse (e.g. due to traffic).

Leaving it open may entail fatalities. Closing it entails indirect costs



Open or close?

**Is it worth to install an SHM system
to support this decision?**



Outline of the presentation

- Motivation of Value of Information of SHM
- Quantification of Vol
- Vol for emergency management
- Ongoing and future work



Motivations



Motivations of value of SHM information analysis

SHM can provide **continuous information** about the system state. It is effective to support emergency management.

However it is **not yet extensively and routinely used** to this goal.

One of the main reasons is the difficulty to estimate the **return on investment** associated with the SHM. This has often caused **reluctance of the owners** in investing in these technologies.

Recently **research efforts** have been invested in procedures to quantify the value of an SHM system before its implementation.



How can we use Vol analysis?

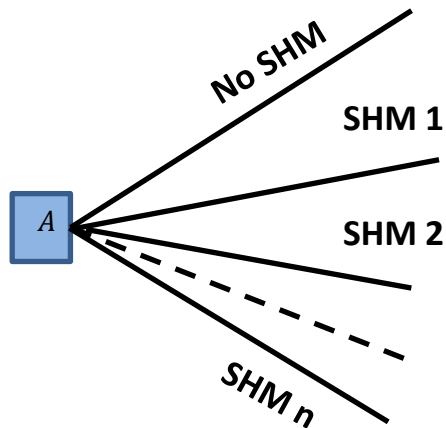
Some examples.....

- to help the manager decide if it is worth to install **a specific SHM** to support their decisions
- to help the manager decide **which SHM system**, among several alternatives, is optimal to support their decisions
- to help the manager decide **which setup of a given SHM** is optimal to support their decisions

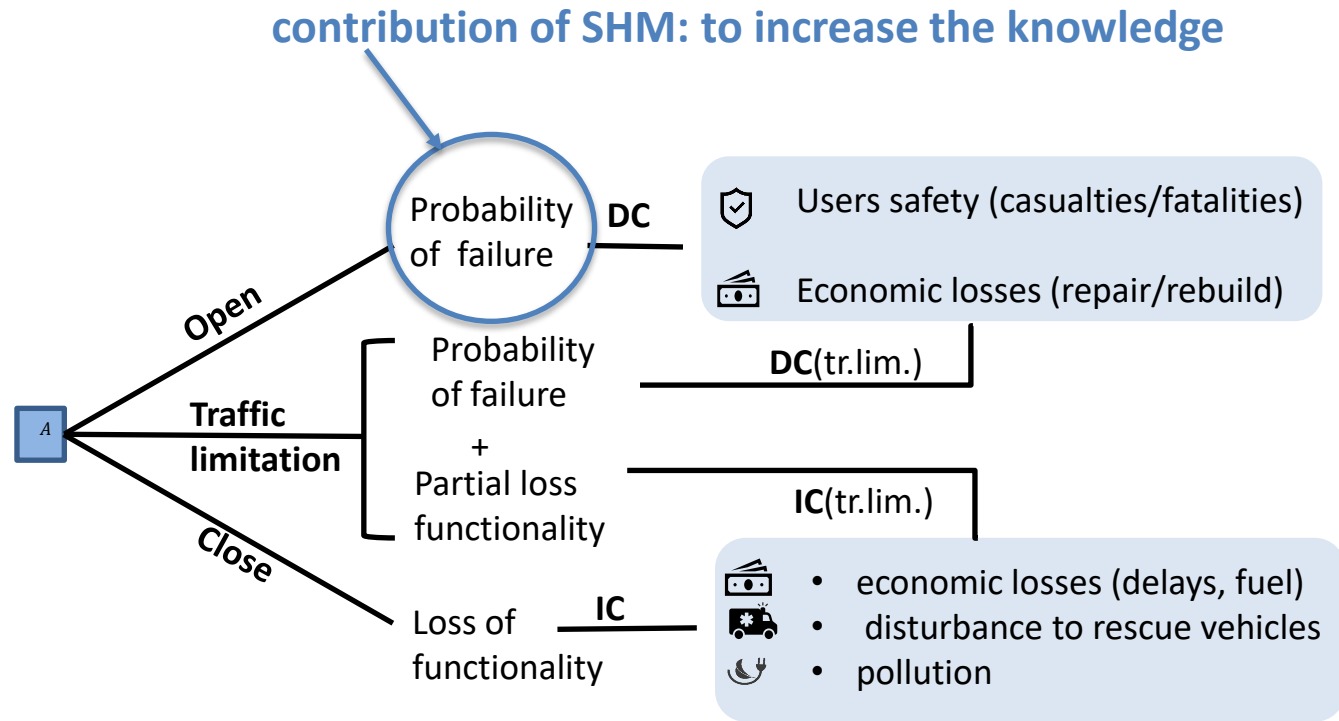


Two decision problems

BEFORE THE EMERGENCY
install an SHM system?
which one?



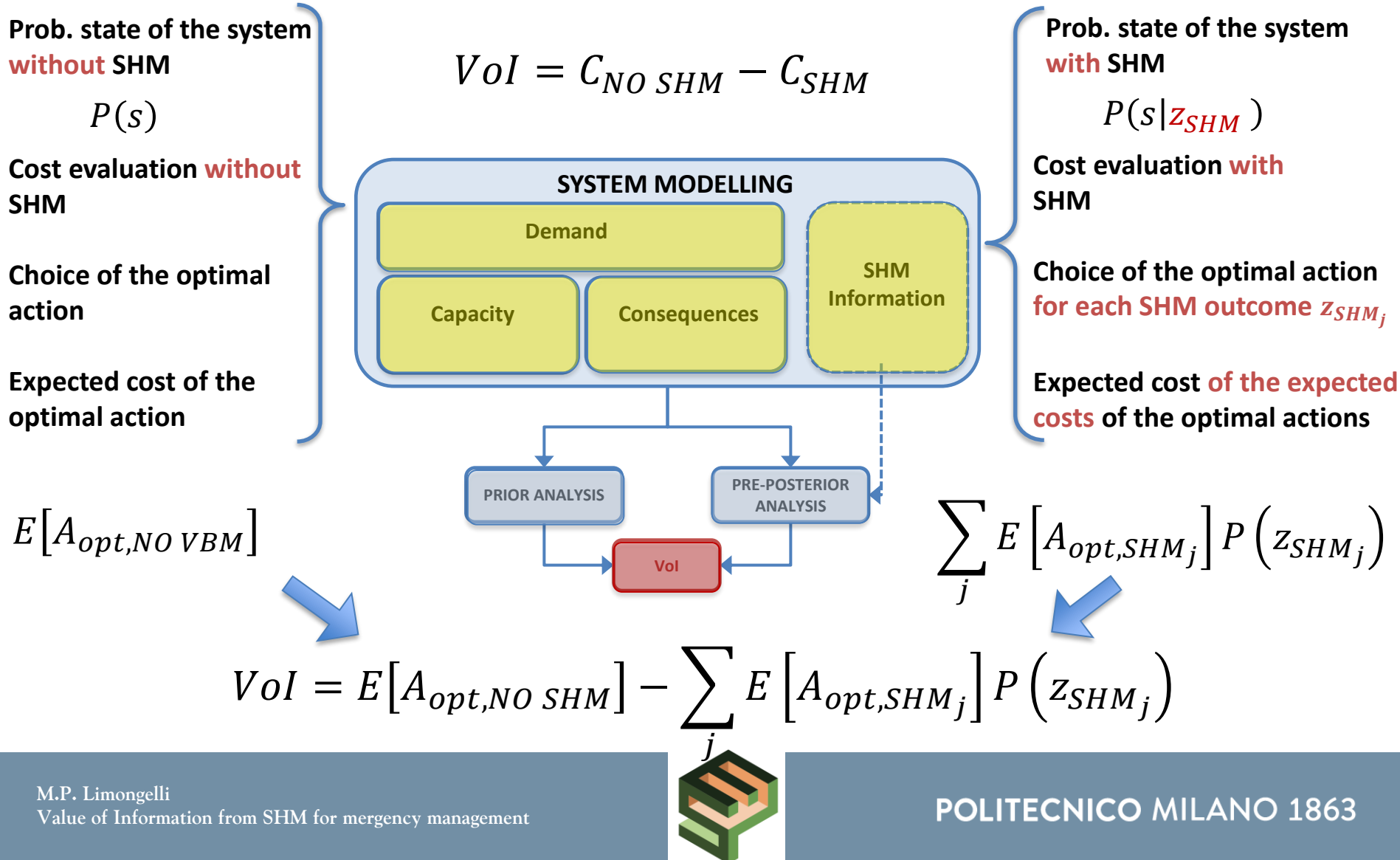
DURING THE EMERGENCY
limit the functionality?



Quantification of Value of Information



Framework to quantify the Vol



Quantifying the Vol

$$Vol = E[A_{opt,NO SHM}] - \sum_j E[A_{opt,SHM_j}] P(z_{SHM_j})$$
$$=$$

$$\sum_{l=1}^L E[c(A_{opt})|s_l] P(s_l) - \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{l=1}^L E[c(A_{opt_{z_j}})|s_l] P(s_l | z_j) P(z_j)$$

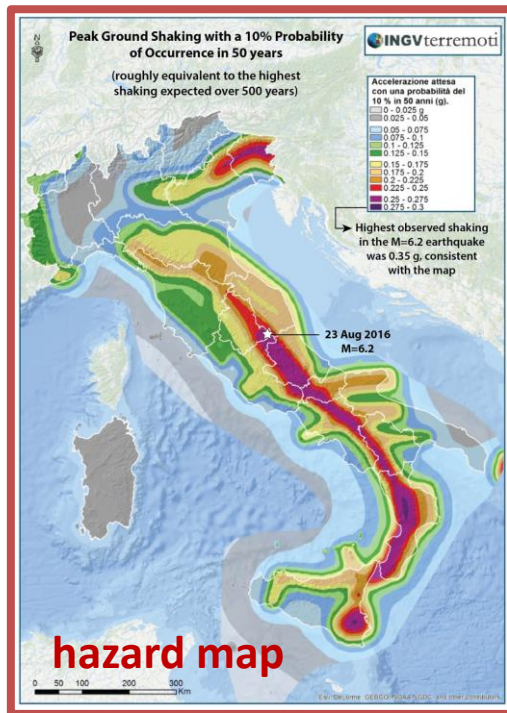
Prior probability
of the system state

Posterior probability
of the system state for
outcome z_j of the SHM

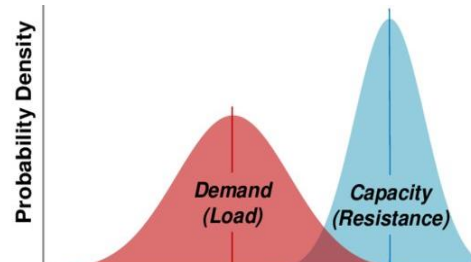
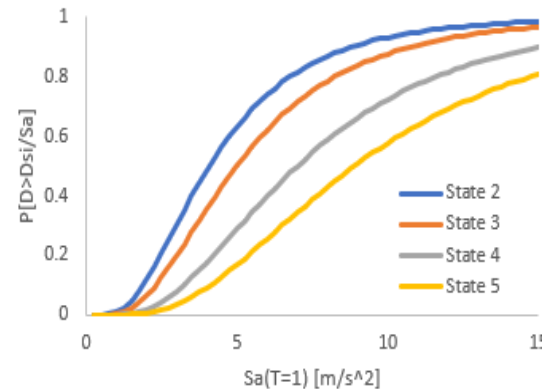


'Ingredients' for Prior analysis

$P(s_l)$



Fragility curves



Failure probabilities

Consequences

Direct: due to the collapse (cost of the bridge + fatalities + injuries)

Indirect: due to the loss of functionality (delays, increased travel time, increased fuel consumption, pollution).

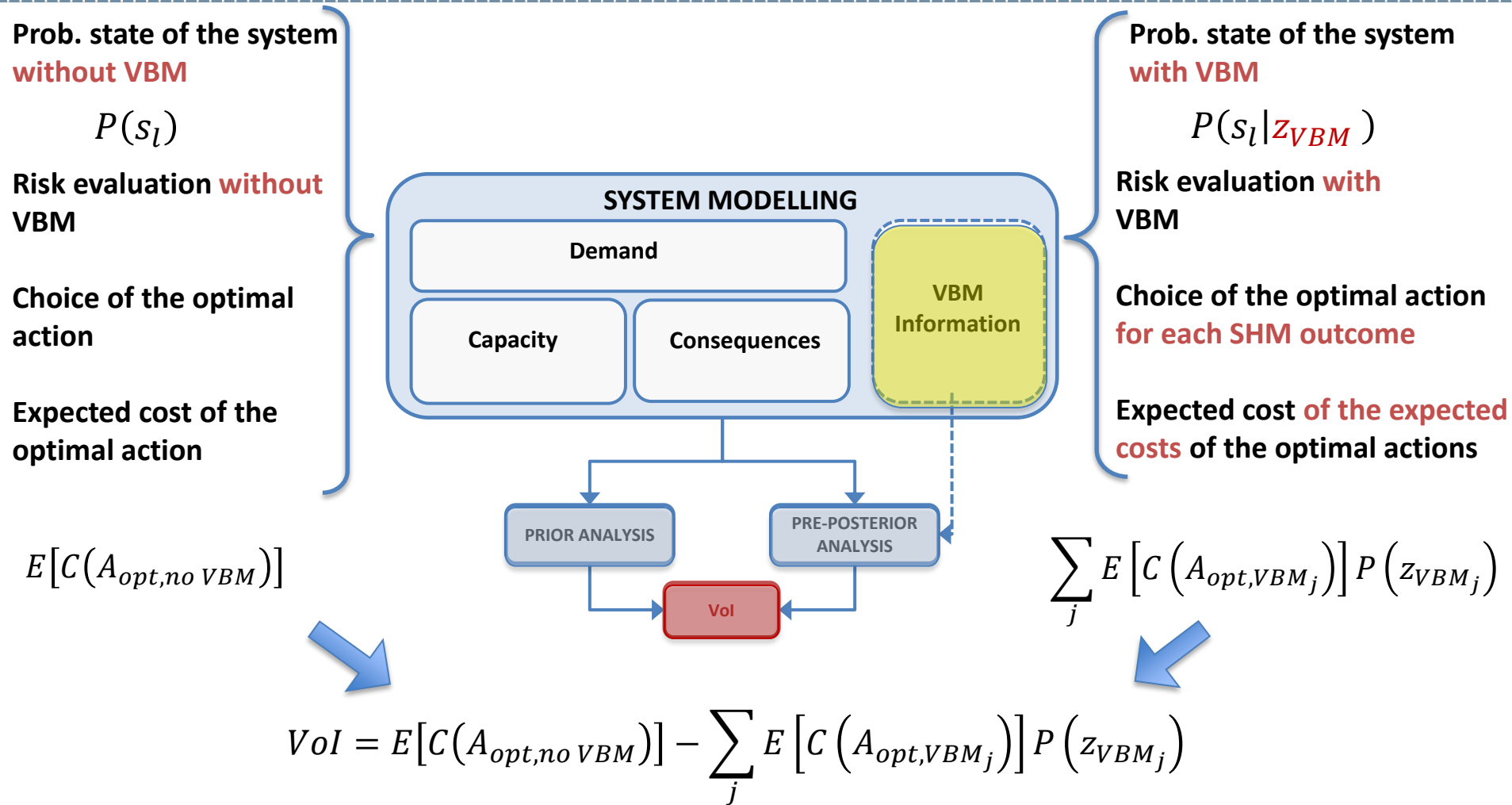
capacity

demand

consequences

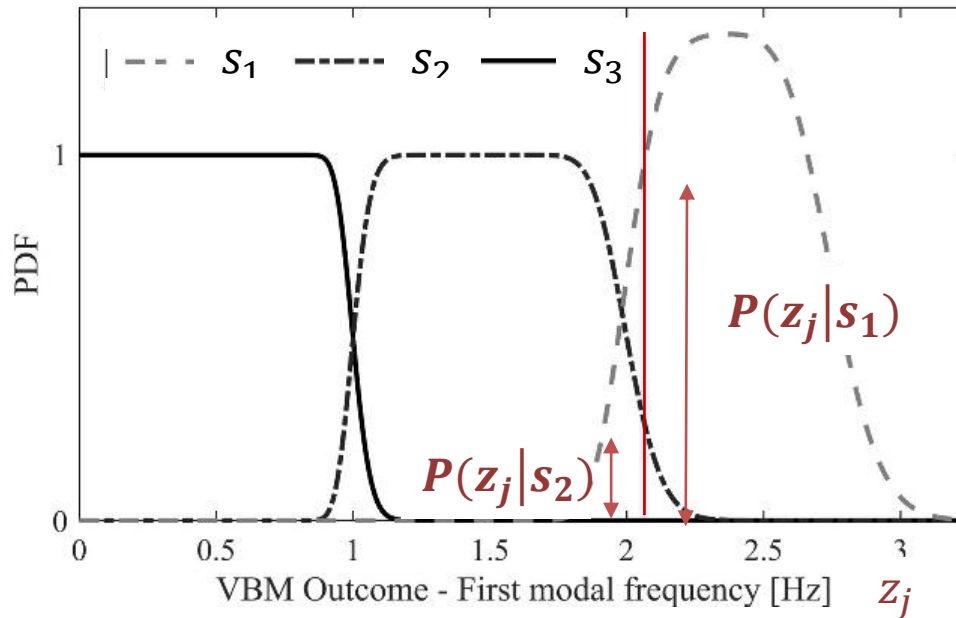


Quantifying the Vol



Additional 'ingredients' for Pre-posterior analysis

$$\sum_{l=1}^L E[c(A_{opt})|s_l]P(s_l) - \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{l=1}^L E[c(A_{opt_{z_j}})|s_l]P(s_l|z_j)P(z_j)$$



$$P(s_l|z_j) = \frac{P(z_j|s_l)}{P(z_j)}P(s_l)$$

**Information model:
likelihood functions**



Vol for emergency management



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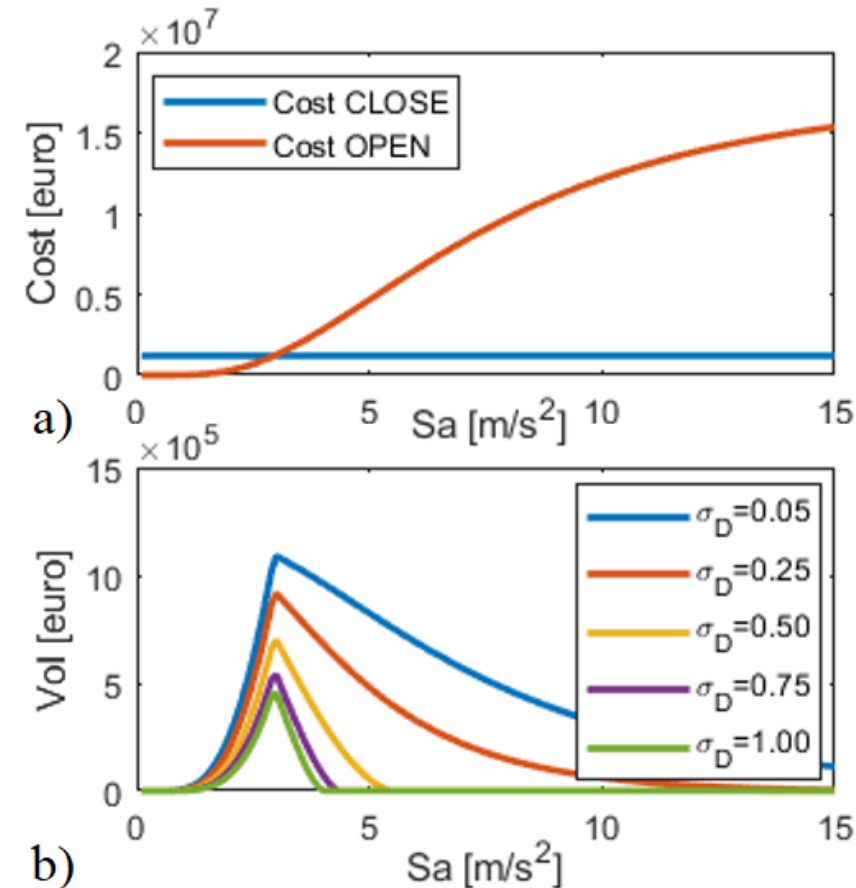


Open or close?

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Prior costs and Vol



$$E[C(A_{opt,NO SHM})]$$

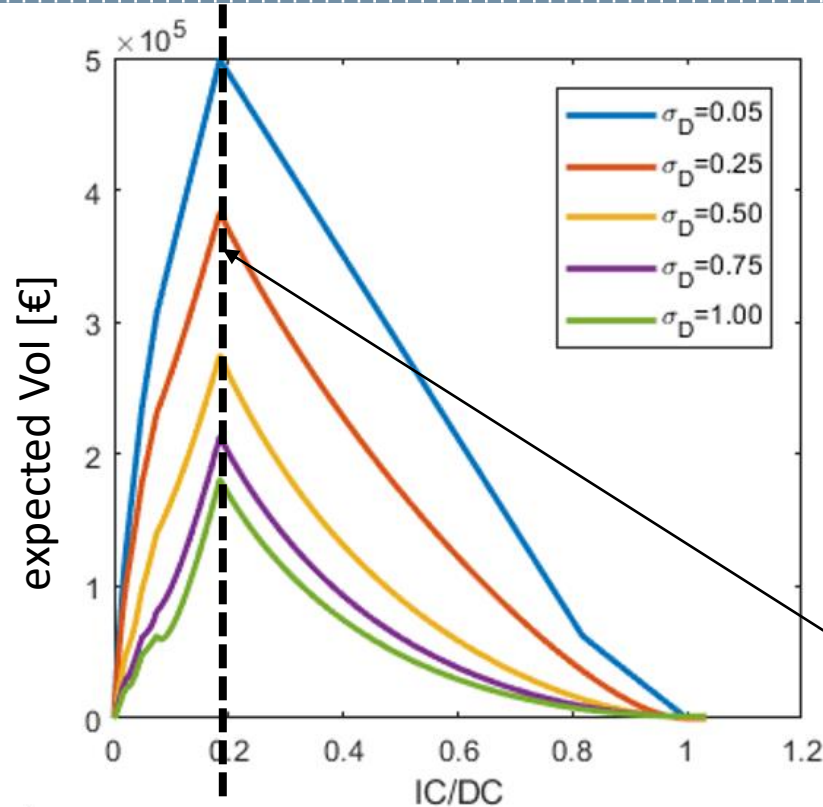
**expected costs of the 2 actions
without VBM**

Value of information

Giordano P.F., Miraglia S., Limongelli M.P. (2019). The benefit of permanent monitoring for seismic emergency management. *SHMII-9th International Conference on Structural Health Monitoring of Intelligent Infrastructures*. 400-405. St Louis, Missouri. August 4-7, 2019



Impact of consequences



IC indirect consequences (loss of functionality)

DC direct consequences (collapse)

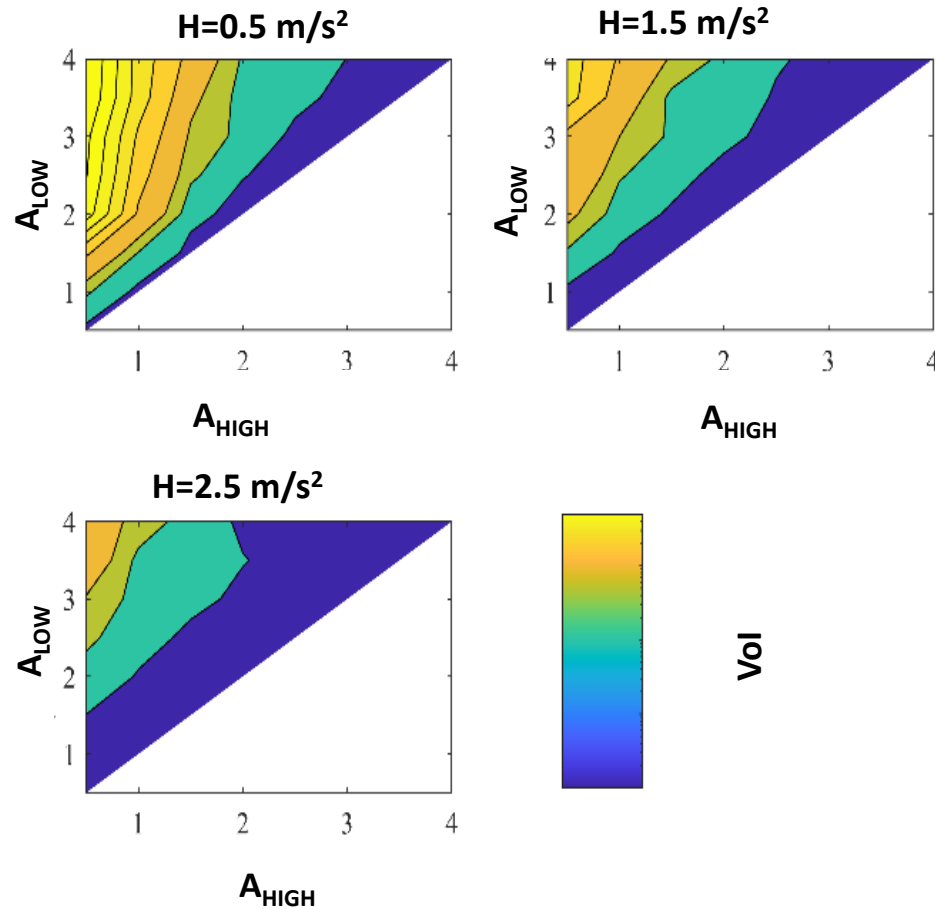
Equal prior expected cost of the two decision alternatives (close/open)

In this case only DC depend on the system state

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Impact of vulnerability and reliability



H intensity of the mainshock leading to a HIGH damage state

$A_{LOW/HIGH}$ index of prob. failure of the structure in LOW/HIGH damage state after the mainshock

If $A_{LOW} = A_{HIGH}$ the knowledge about the system state after the mainshock does not provide support to decision-making

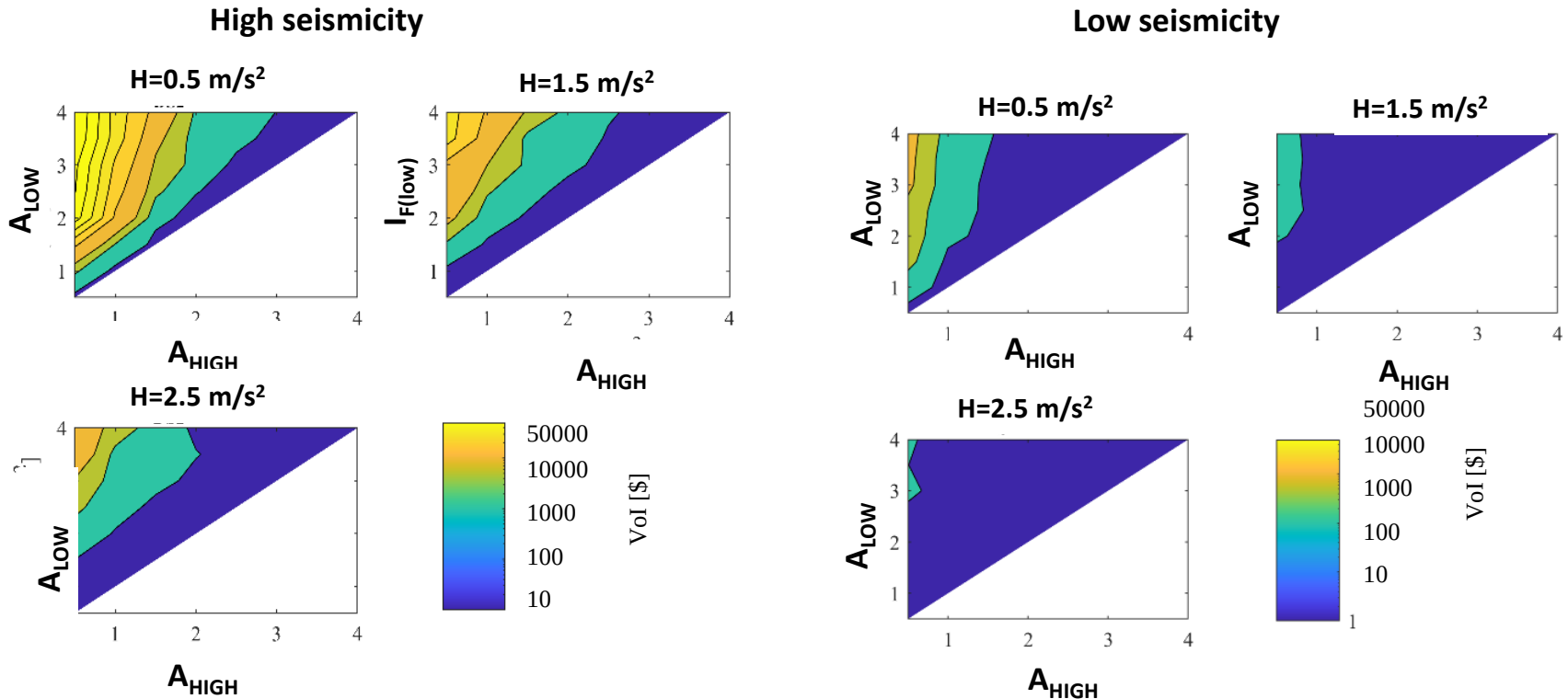
Vol increases with:

- vulnerability
- differences between reliability in the two system states

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Impact of hazard level



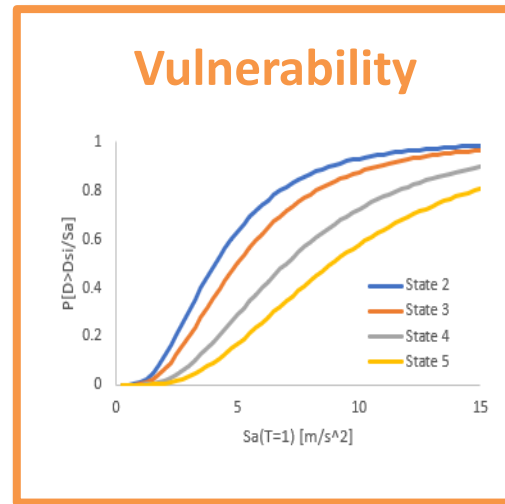
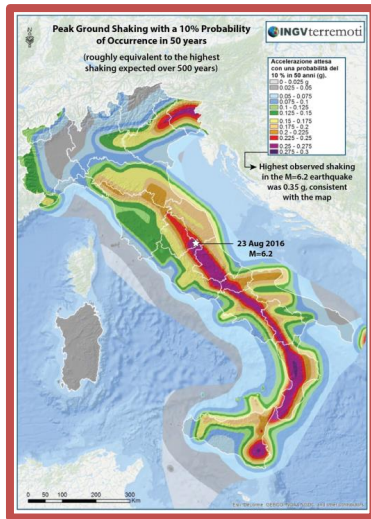
VoI increases with seismicity level
$$VoI = E[C(A_{opt,noVBM})] - \sum_j E[C(A_{opt,SHVB})] P(z_{VBM_j})$$

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Value of SHM increases with risk

$$\sum_{l=1}^L E[c(A_{opt})|s_l]P(s_l) - \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{l=1}^L E[c(A_{opt_{z_j}})|s_l]P(s_l|z_j)P(z_j)$$



Consequences

Direct: related to safety
Indirect: related to functionality

Vol increases with the expected prior and pre-posterior costs that is with risk (hazard, vulnerability, consequences)



Recap

TWO DECISIONS

BEFORE THE
EMERGENCY
install a VBM system?

AFTER THE EMERGENCY
interrupt the
functionality?

$$\sum_{l=1}^L E[c(A_{opt})|s_l]P(s_l) - \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{l=1}^L E[c(A_{opt_{z_j}})|s_l]P(s_l|z_j)P(z_j)$$

Expected cost of the optimal
action computed **without**
VBM

Expected cost of the expected costs of
the optimal actions each computed
for a VBM outcome

Vol is zero if the information does not change the decision



Ongoing and future work



Ongoing work

Quality of SHM data: is there a value in monitoring the monitoring system?

Drift, noise, loss may affect monitoring information

Monitoring information depends on the state of the structure and on the state the VBM system.

How much is it worth investing on a system to monitor the outcome of the SHM system?

P. F. Giordano, S. Quqa, and M. P. Limongelli, (2023). The value of monitoring a structural health monitoring system. Structural Safety. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.strusafe.2022.102280>.



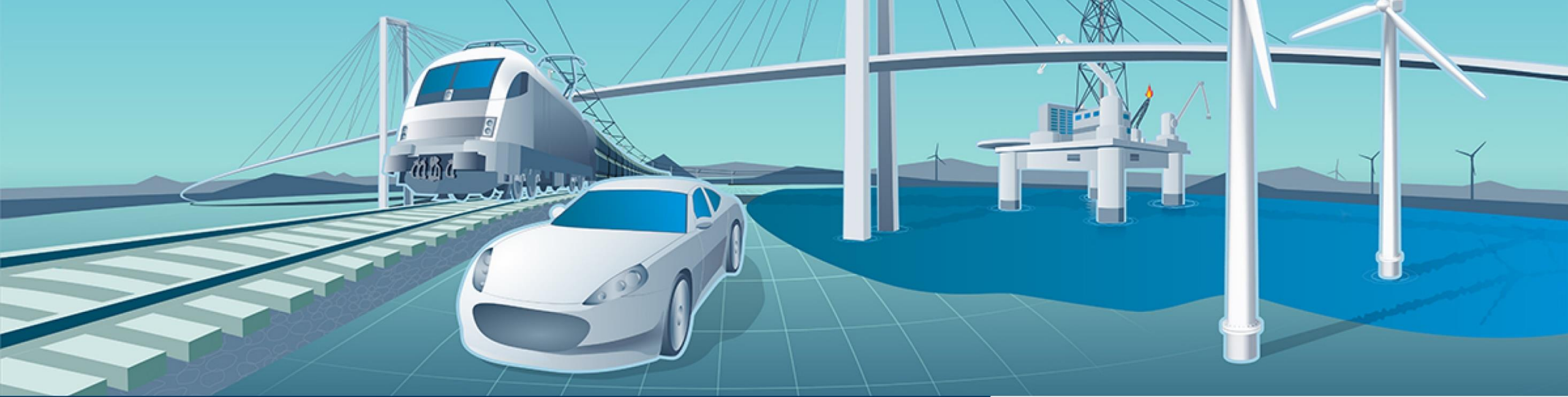
Future developments

- Value of monitoring for different maintenance policies (condition-based, predictive)
- Value of monitoring to increase service life (sustainability)
- Value of monitoring demand
- Value of local monitoring (several structural components)



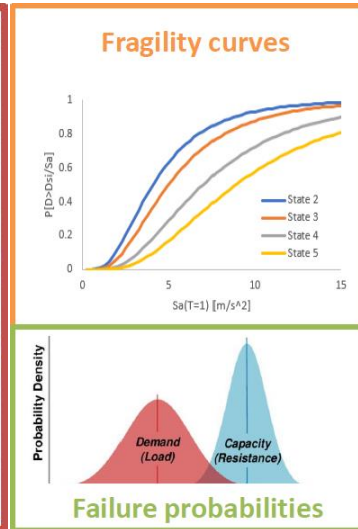
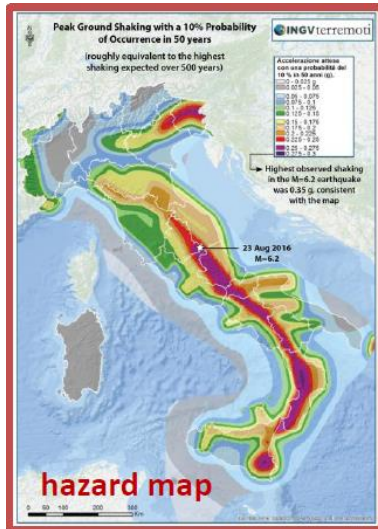
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