



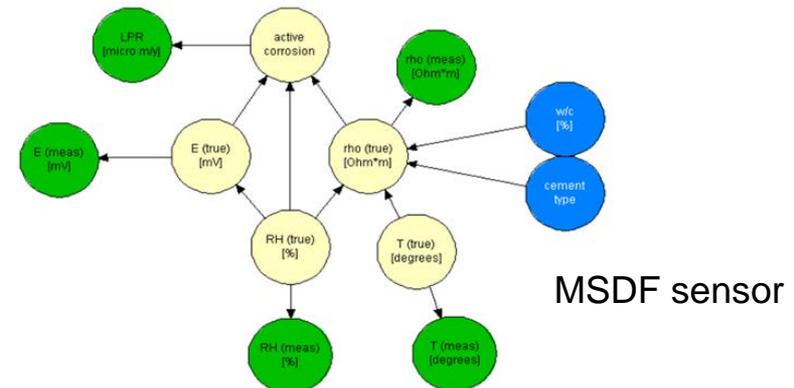
TNO CASE STUDY CONCRETE BRIDGE

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Early Research Program ERP_SI_BRIDGE : Scope & focus

- **Advanced assessment of existing RC structures**
- **Accounting for multiple sources of uncertainty, i.e.:**
 - randomness in intrinsic material properties,
 - randomness in defects due to load history,
 - (FEM) modelling uncertainty,
 - **randomness in defects due to deterioration mechanisms : CORROSION**



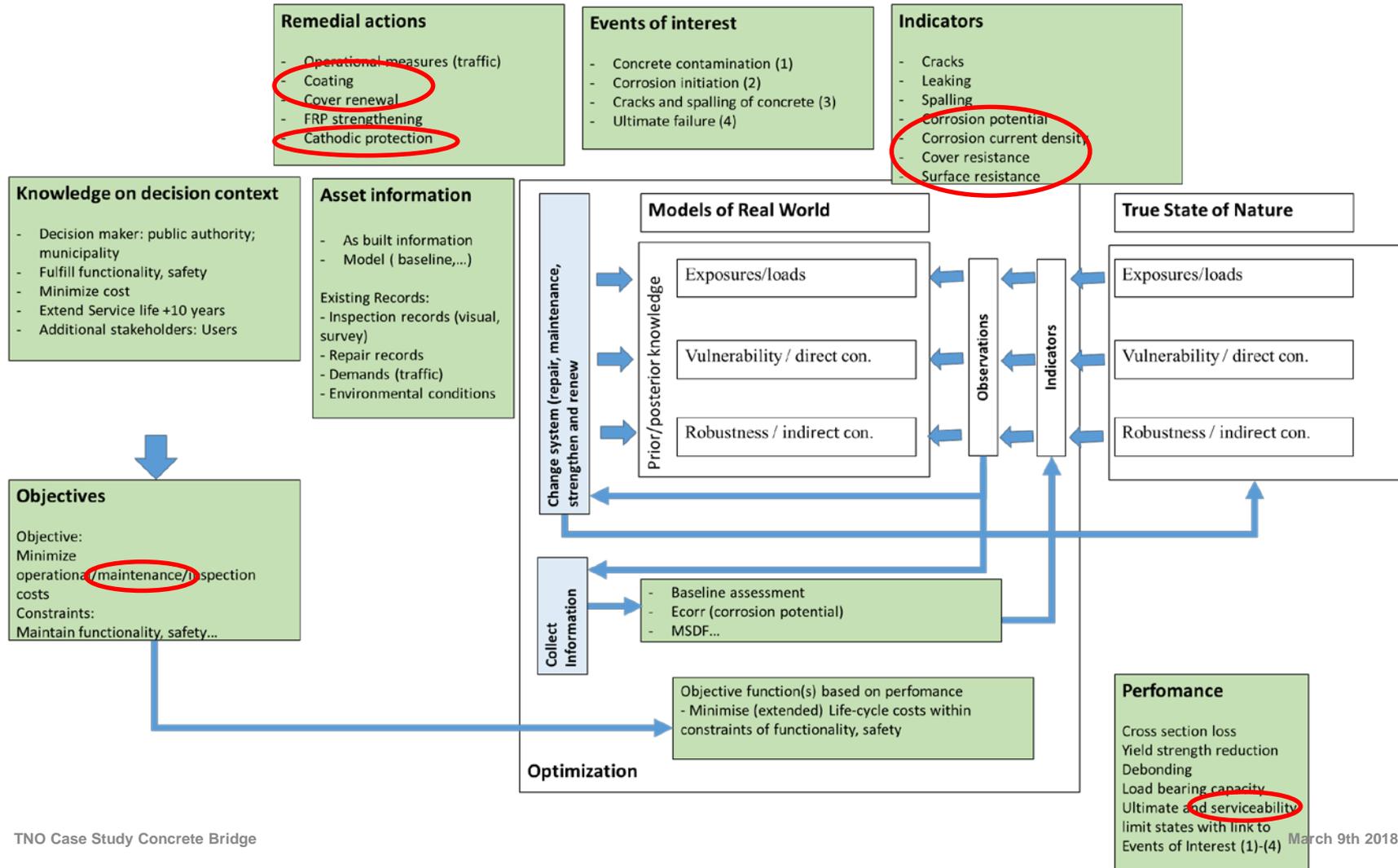
QUESTION

Which SHM technique should the owner apply which results in the minimization of the remaining service life cost?

Answer depends on:

- › the **cost** related to each of the measuring techniques;
- › the **accuracies** of each of the measuring techniques;
- › the possible **actions** resulting from the outcomes of the measuring techniques;
- › the **actual state** of the structure;
- › the **cost and benefits** related to the failure or existence of the structure.

SHM (MSDF) : Vol Categorization & Flowchart



SHM TECHNIQUES (1)

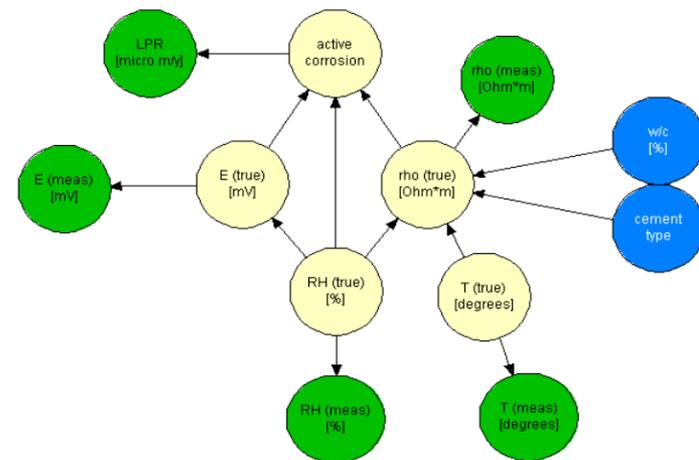
Half-cell potential measurements

- › Probability of active corrosion.
- › Sensitive to environmental influences.
- › Interpretation by means of American Standard ASTM C876.

SHM TECHNIQUES (2)

MSDF

- › Probability of active corrosion.
- › Embedded sensors
 - › Environmental data
 - › Multiple Electrochemical data
- › Knowledge based (expert) system for data interpretation.
- › Autonomous interpretation.



CASE STUDY

- › Fictitious, reinforced concrete slab bridge located in Rotterdam.
- › Focus on crack width near middle support ($w_{lim} = 2\text{mm}$).
- › Two SHM techniques:
 - › MSDF
 - › Potential measurements
- › Two possible actions:
 - › No action
 - › Cathodic protection (limit corrosion rate)

CASE STUDY

Results from file-survey (nominal / characteristic values)

- › The design lifetime: 50 years
- › Concrete cover: 30 mm
- › Curing time: 28 days
- › Water cement ratio: 0.5 [-]
- › Cement type: CEMI
- › Rebar diameter: 12 mm
- › Tensile splitting str. : 2.2 MPa

CASE STUDY

- › Environmental class: XS3
- › Average relative humidity: 80%
- › Average temperature: 20° Celcius

ASSUMPTIONS

Assumptions

- › Both measuring techniques equally expensive while compiling first models.
- › MSDF more accurate than half-cell potential measurements.

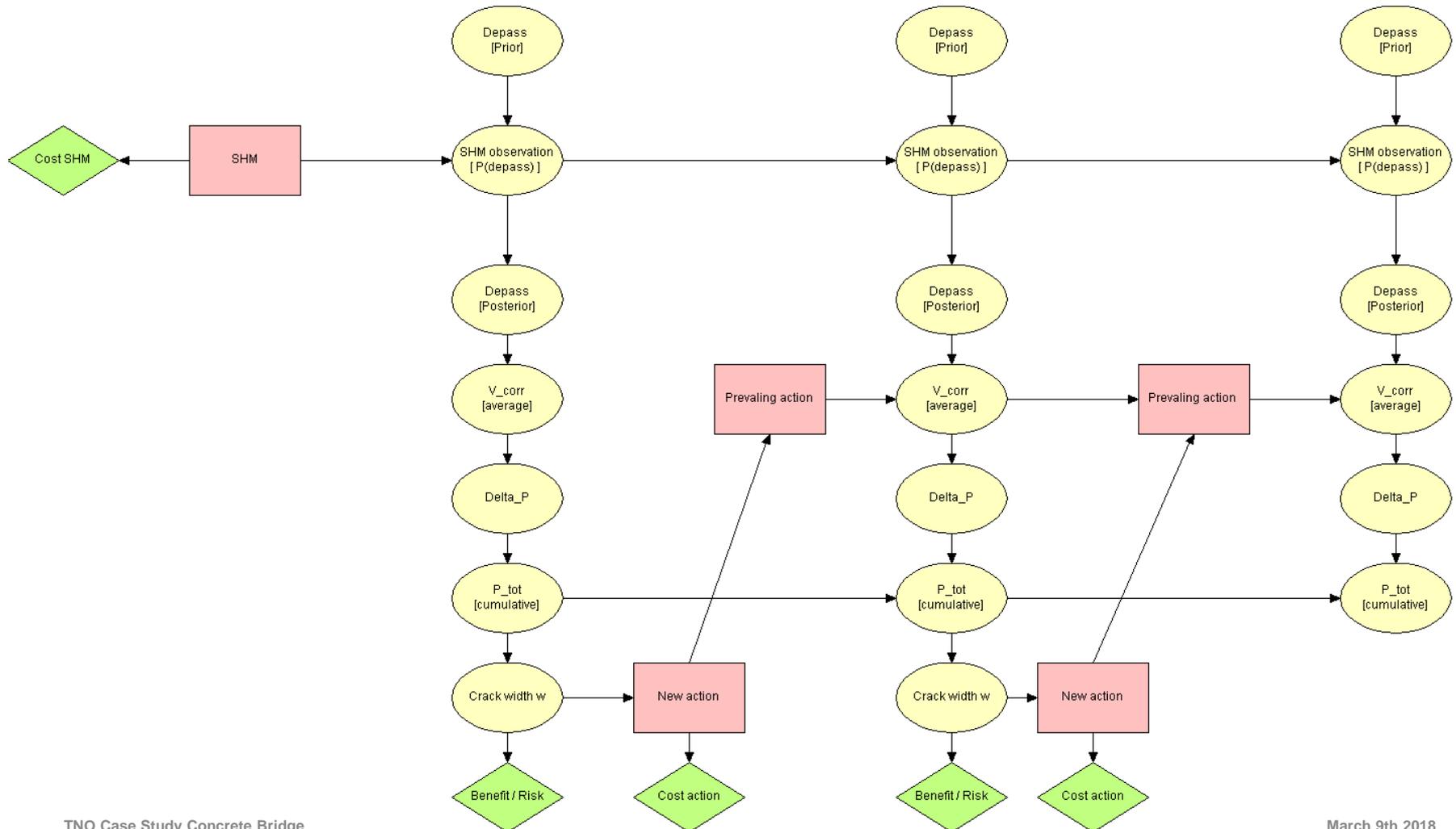
MSDF

P(depasse)	depasse	no depasse
0-10 %	0.05	0.9
10-90%	0.05	0.05
90-100%	0.9	0.05

Epot + ASTM C876

P(depasse)	depasse	no depasse
0-10 %	0.2	0.6
10-90%	0.2	0.2
90-100%	0.6	0.2

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NEEDS/DEVELOPMENTS

- › Hierarchical prior model for depassivation to be added
- › Developments w.r.t. MSDF sensor to be taken into account
- › Costs to be quantified
- › Time as parameter in model to be included
- › Other actions to be included
- ›

GUIDELINES

- › Terminology
- › Steps/flowcharts
- › Objectivity/Reporting
- ›

› THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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