

Performance indicators for road bridges

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OVERVIEW

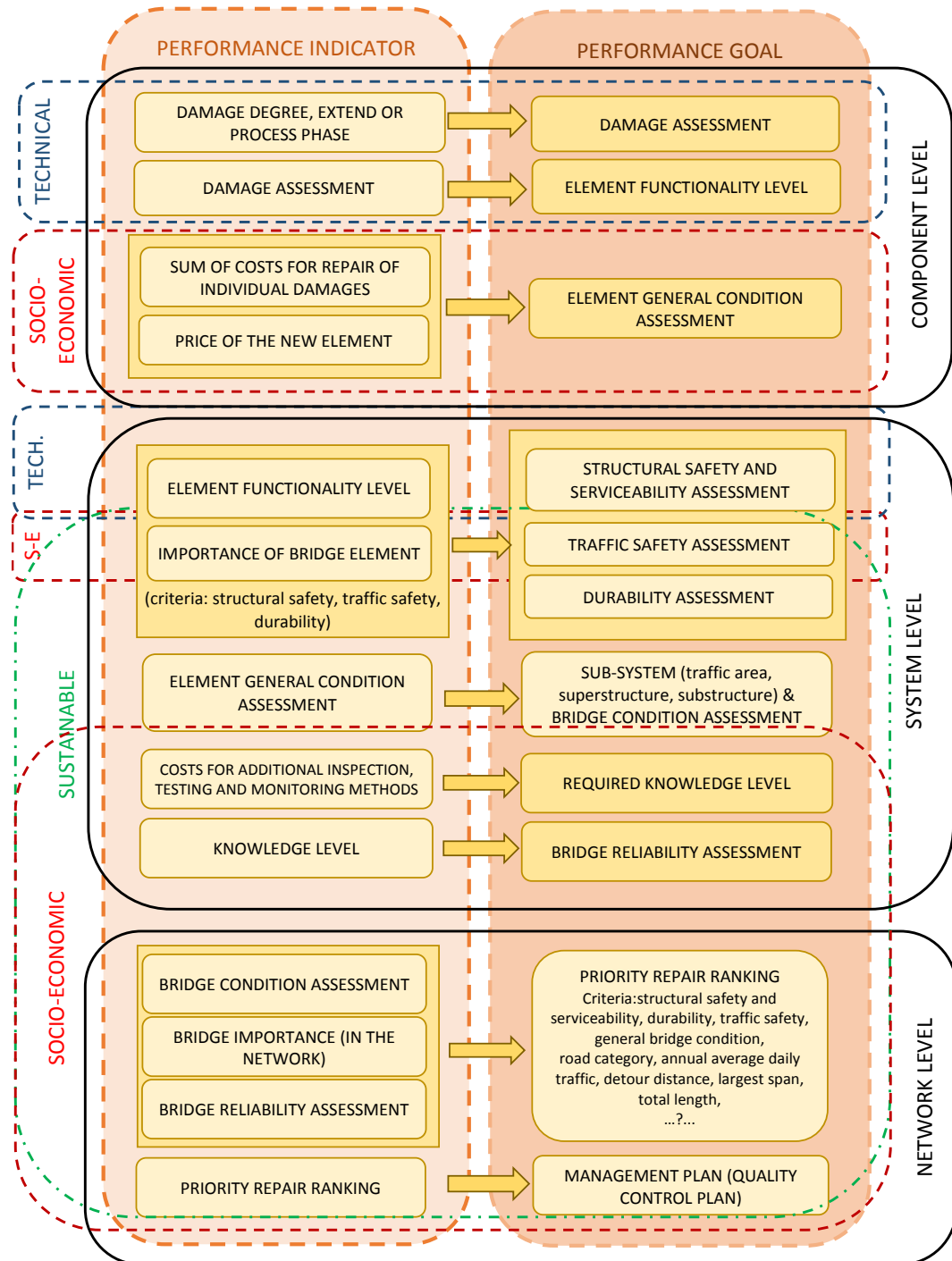
- PI ↔ PG
- Clustering and categorisation of PI
 - Overview for roadway bridges, based on results of the screening process of the inspection and evaluation documents performed so far under the auspices of COST action TU 1406
 - Collection and categorisation of PI is ongoing, particularly in the area of research-based indicators.
 - Critical overview and feedback in the developed PI database is still under progress.
- Damage assessment
- Further steps

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with the following structure:

- Document:** Handbook of damages on bridge elements
- Chapter/Paragraph/Section:** A. Oštećenja prilaza i čunjeva - A-1
- Table 1 (Rows 6-10):** Performance Level, Damage, and Assessment for 'A. Oštećenja prilaza i čunjeva - A-1'. Columns include level, system, component, material, type, characteristic, indicator, detection, evaluation, index, threshold, goal, and criteria.
- Chapter/Paragraph/Section:** B. Donji ustroj - B.1. Oštećenja temelja upornjaka i stupove - B1-1
- Table 2 (Rows 13-18):** Performance Level, Damage, and Assessment for 'B. Donji ustroj - B.1. Oštećenja temelja upornjaka i stupove - B1-1'. Columns include level, system, component, material, type, characteristic, indicator, detection, evaluation, index, threshold, goal, and criteria.

PI ↔ PG

- interactions are contemplated, as they are crucial for optimal quality control and management of road bridges



PI ↔ PG: COMPONENT LEVEL

- Inspection carried out by components forming three main sub-systems

Substructure	Superstructure	Roadway + equipment
Foundations (concrete)	Superstructure (reinforced concrete)	Pavement
Deep foundations, piles (concrete)	Superstructure (prestressed concrete)	Curb & Cornices
Deep foundations, piles (steel)	Superstructure (steel)	Railings & anchorage, barriers
Deep foundations, piles (timber)	Superstructure (composite)	Sidewalk (Pedestrian walkway)
Abutments (concrete)	Superstructure (timber)	Bearings
Abutments (masonry)	Superstructure (brick)	Expansion joints
Piers (concrete)	Superstructure (stone)	Drainage
Piers (steel)	Arch (concrete)	Lighting
Piers (masonry)	Arch (masonry)	Signalization
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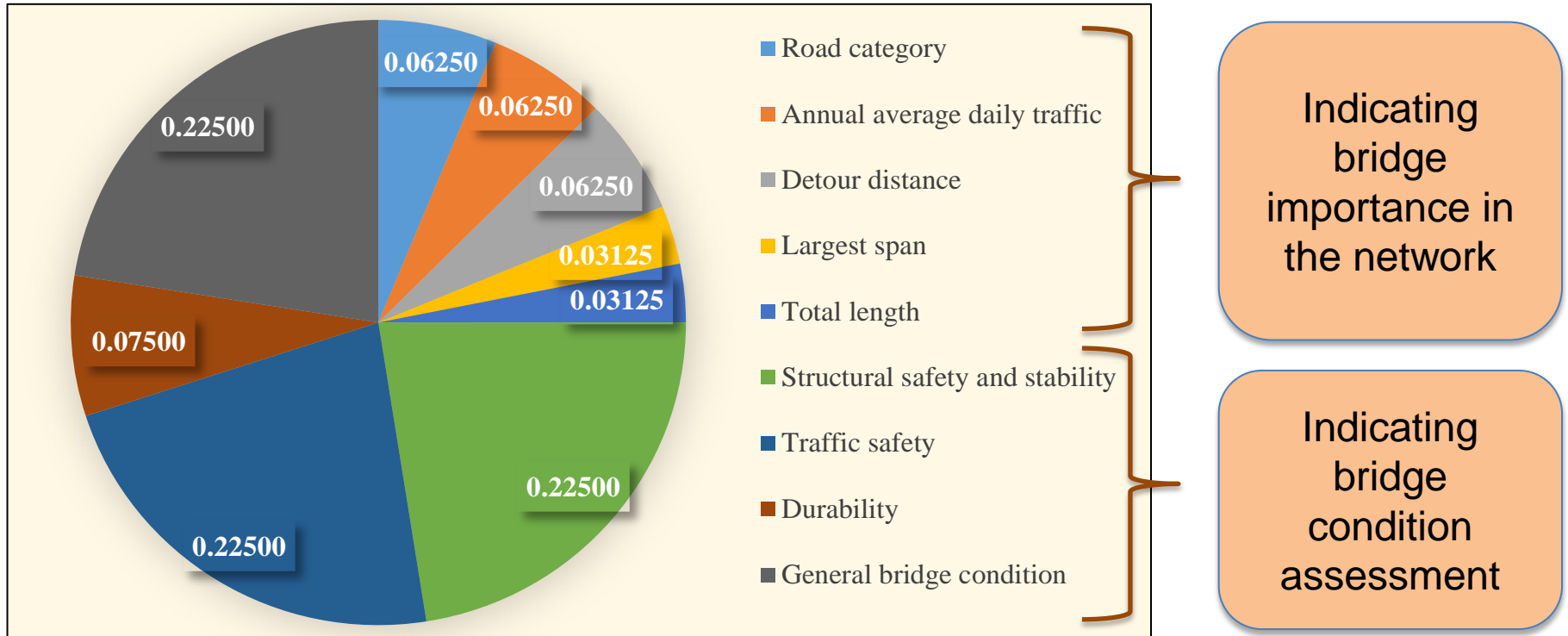
PI ↔ PG: SYSTEM LEVEL

- Importance of the component to evaluate impact to the entire structure

Structural safety criteria	Traffic safety criteria	Durability criteria
collapse of particular element...		
have no influence to the bridge safety <i>railing, curb, embankment,...</i>	has no influence to traffic flow <i>cornices, ...</i>	have no influence to durability of other components <i>railing, main girder, arch, pier, foundation, ...</i>
has influence to a part of a bridge structure <i>cornices, cross girders, bearing, abutment wing, ...</i>	causes speed limitation <i>sidewalk with barrier, ...</i>	will cause reduced durability of other components <i>expansion joint, pavement, curb, drain, embankment ...</i>
has influence to an entire bridge structure <i>main girders, arch, pier, abutment wall, foundation,...</i>	causes local traffic redirection <i>sidewalk, embankment, curb, drainage, ...</i>	
	complete traffic suspension <i>barriers, pavement, expansion joint, roadway slab, wing, ...</i>	

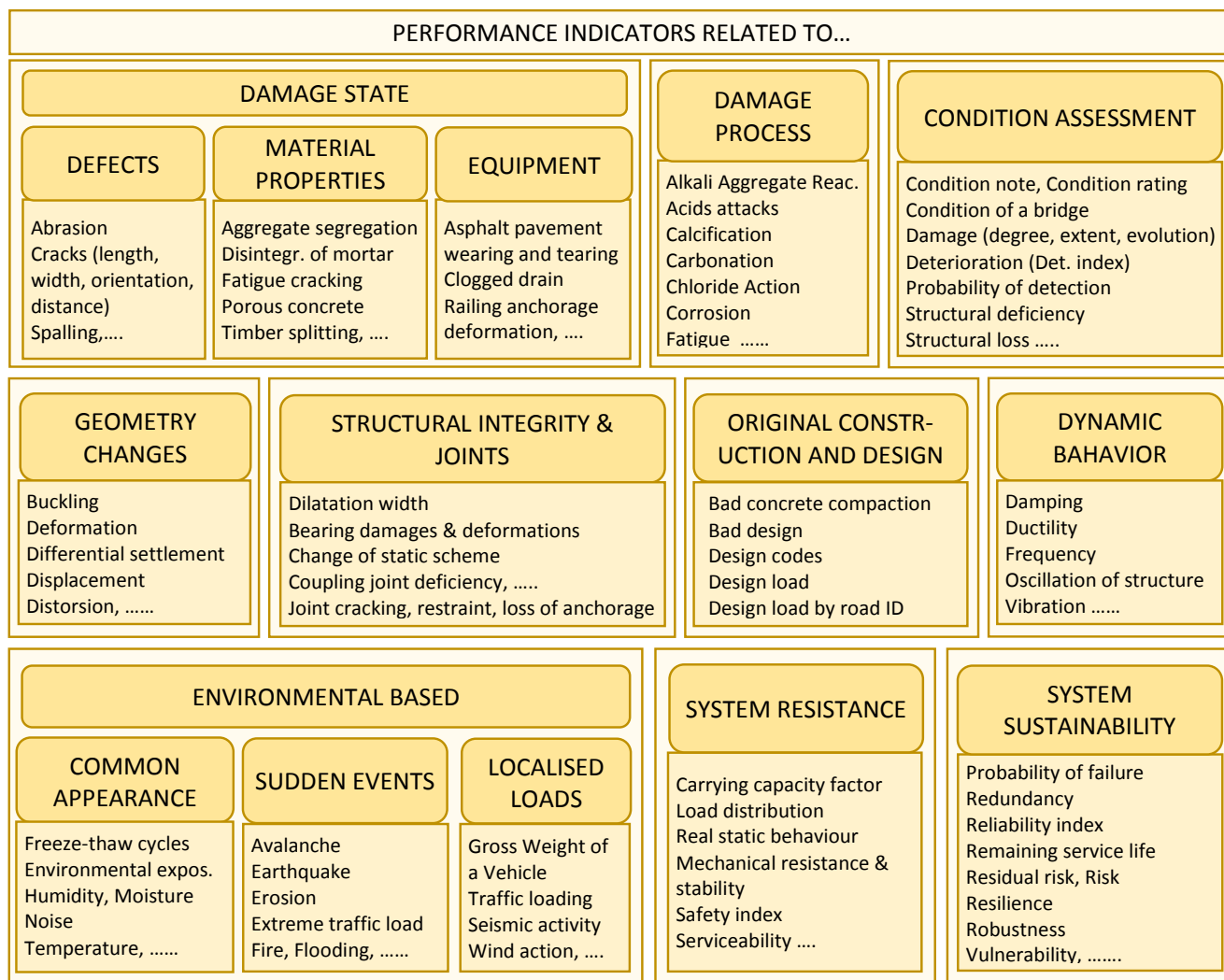
PI ↔ PG: NETWORK LEVEL

- Example of weight of performance criteria for priority repair ranking



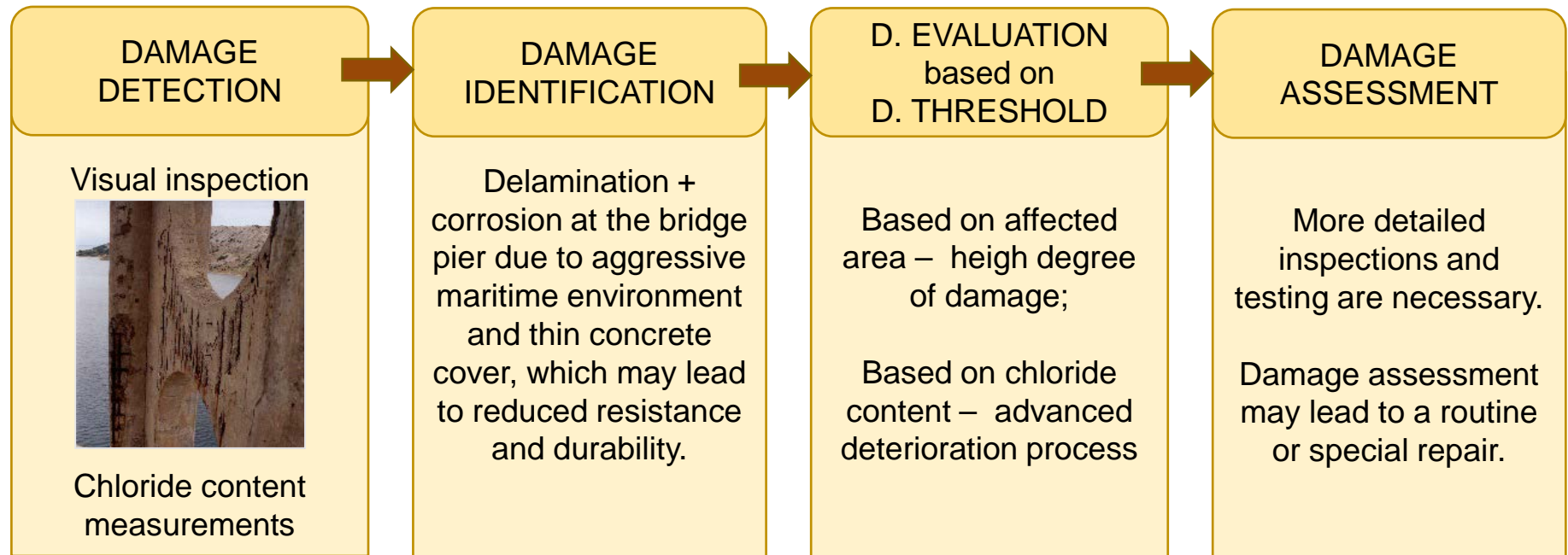
CLUSTERING OF PI

- to more easily identify:
 - their origin,
 - methods and procedures for their revealing and quantification
 - level and extend of their influence to a certain structural performance type



DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

- ... implies detection of damages as well as their identification and evaluation.



DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

- Four main approaches in damage detection are:
 - visual inspection,
 - non-destructive testing,
 - probing and
 - SHM.



EXAMPLE OF DAMAGE CATEGORISATION

Damage type (characteristics)	Damage indicator	Damage detection	Damage threshold	Damage evaluation
Abrasion	Affected area (m ²) + Affected depth (cm)	Visual inspection + Direct measurement	Classes / upper value + damage phase duration	Grades according to handbook of damages
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Cavities	Speed of reflected signal	Acoustic emission		Results analysis
	Resonance in amplitude- frequency spectra	Impact-echo test		Results analysis
Corrosion	Affected area (m ²)	Visual inspection + Direct measurement	Classes	Grades according to handbook of damages
	Percentage of damaged cross section of reinforcement (%)	Specialist detailed inspection	Upper values of the phase + damage phase duration	Grades according to handbook for assessment
	Physical parameter	In situ testing		Testing analysis
	Potential (mV)	Half cell potential measurements	Classes and lower limit	Evaluate risk of corrosion
	Chloride content (%)	Probing at concrete samples in laboratory	Critical value	Quantitative analysis
	Carbonization depth (mm)	Laboratory testing of collected material	carbonization depth limit	Evaluate risk of corrosion
		<i>Corrosion Monitoring systems</i>		<i>Monitoring of corrosion progress</i>
Cracks	Crack width (mm)	Visual inspection + Direct measurement	Classes / upper value + damage phase duration	Grades according to handbook of damages
	Crack width/depth	Ultrasonic velocity test	Upper limit	Testing analysis
	Existence	Hammer sounding		
		<i>SHM of cracking</i>		<i>Monitoring of cracks evolution</i>

EXAMPLE OF DAMAGE CATEGORISATION

Damage type (characteristics)	Damage indicator	Damage detection	Damage threshold	Damage evaluation		
Abrasion	Affected area (m2) + Affected depth (cm)	Visual inspection + Direct measurement	Classes / upper value + damage phase duration	Grades according to handbook of damages		
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Cavities	Speed of reflected signal	Acoustic emission		Results analysis		
	Resonance in amplitude-frequency spectra			Results analysis		
Corrosion	Affected area (m2)	<div style="border: 2px solid orange; border-radius: 20px; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>!</p> <p><u>TU 1402 related task:</u></p> <p>Identify PI that may be detected/evaluated and possibly quantified with available SHM technologies</p> <p>!</p> </div>		Grades according to handbook of damages		
	Percentage of damage cross section of reinforcement (%)			Grades according to handbook for assessment		
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EXAMPLE OF DAMAGE CATEGORISATION

Damage type (characteristics)	Damage indicator	Damage detection	Damage threshold	Damage evaluation
Delamination	Affected area (m ²) + Affected depth (cm or mm)	Visual inspection + Direct measurement	Classes	Grades according to handbook of damages
Deflection	Long-term deflection	Visual inspection + <i>Direct (periodic long lasting) measurement</i>	Upper limit	<i>Monitoring of deflection evolution</i>
Fatigue	Damage degree	Visual inspection	Classes	Damage catalogue
		<i>Fatigue damage or fatigue cracks sensors</i>		<i>Monitoring of fatigue damage evolution</i>
Insufficient concrete cover	Affected area (m ²)	Visual inspection + Direct measurement	Classes	Grades according to handbook of damages
Insufficient concrete quality	Physical parameter	Probing		Probing analysis
		Rebound hammer		
Scour	Hydraulic inadequacy, depth	Direct measurement	Upper limit	Inspection
	Differential rotation + displacements	Direct measurement	Upper limit	Monitoring of score criticality
	Differential settlement	Direct measurement	Upper limit	Monitoring of score criticality
		<i>Scour monitoring devices</i>		<i>Monitoring of score criticality</i>
Spalling	Affected area (m ²) + Affected depth (cm or mm)	Visual inspection + Direct measurement	Classes	Grades according to handbook of damages
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FURTHER STEPS

overview of PI
in bridge
management
domain

1.

identify all PI that may be detected/evaluated and possibly quantified with available SHM technologies

quantify relations between indicators and levels of their contribution to a certain structural performance assessment (PG)

2.

to extend PI ↔ PG to the performance assessment of structures in general

3.

surveying of research-based PI

those that may be put in practice

those in whose development is worth investing

4.

improve existing structural performance assessment methods

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Thank you for your attention!