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Quantifying the Value of Structural Health Monitoring

Workshop



# WG3: Methods & Tools

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# Introduction

## WG3 Motivation

The concept of the *Value of Information* (Vol) concept enables a quantification of the benefits provided via adoption of *Structural Health Monitoring* (SHM) systems – *in principle*.

Its implementation is challenging, as it requires explicit modelling of the structural system's life cycle, and in particular of the type and level of decisions that are taken based on the SHM information.

WG3 aims to provide an overview on the different analyses and computations that are involved in the Vol analysis within the context of SHM and give guidelines on implementation

# Aims of WG 3

- (i) While many methods and tools exist for the individual components of the Vol analysis, *these have seldom been put together for a complete Vol analysis.*
- (ii) The objectives of the third working group lie in *identifying, developing and critically overviewing methods and tools* required for the utilization of the theoretical Vol framework in practice.
- (iii) Considering the multiplicity of methods involved, successful incorporation into actual Operation and Maintenance schemes necessitates *standardization of the vocabulary, models and methods undertaken.*

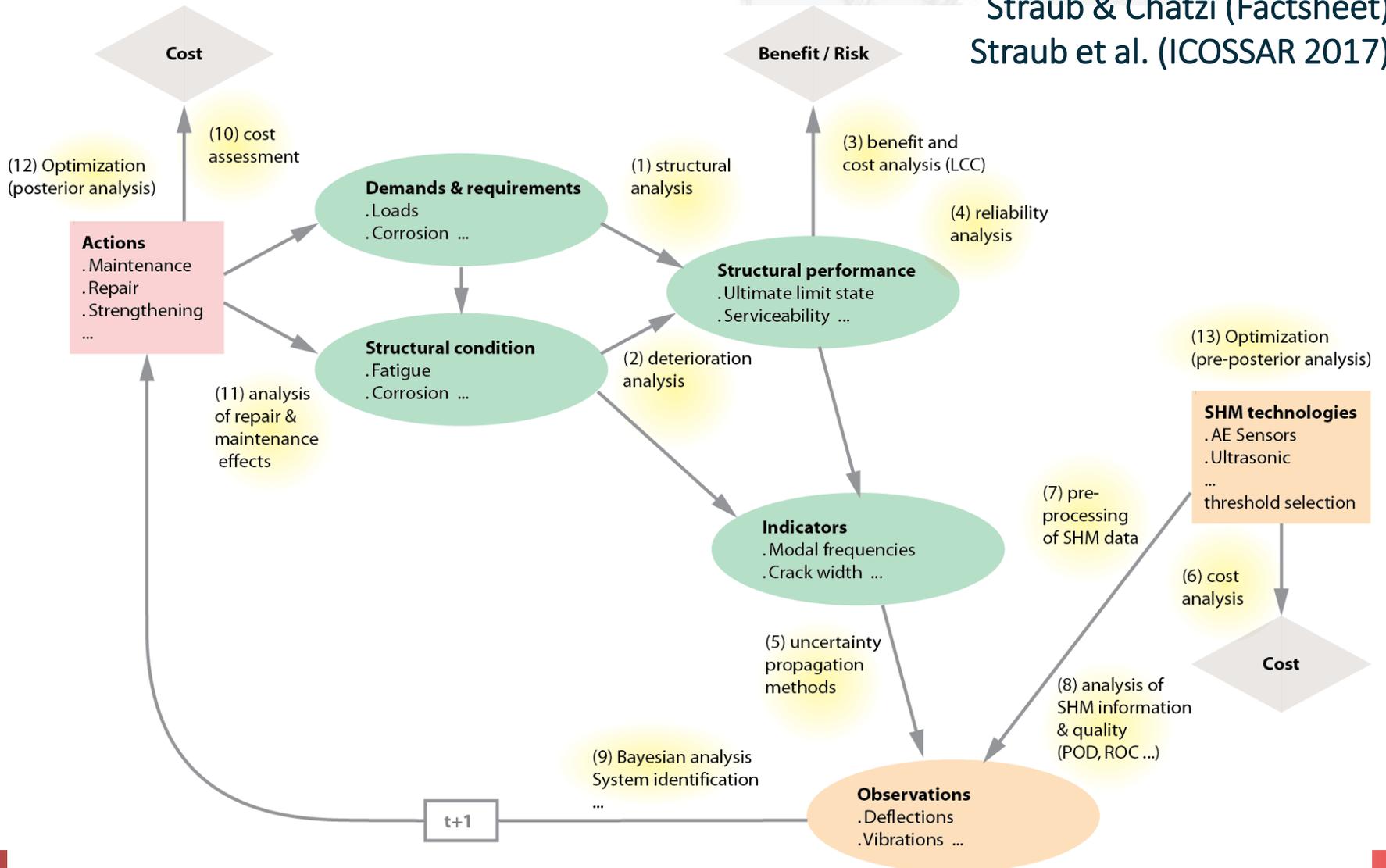
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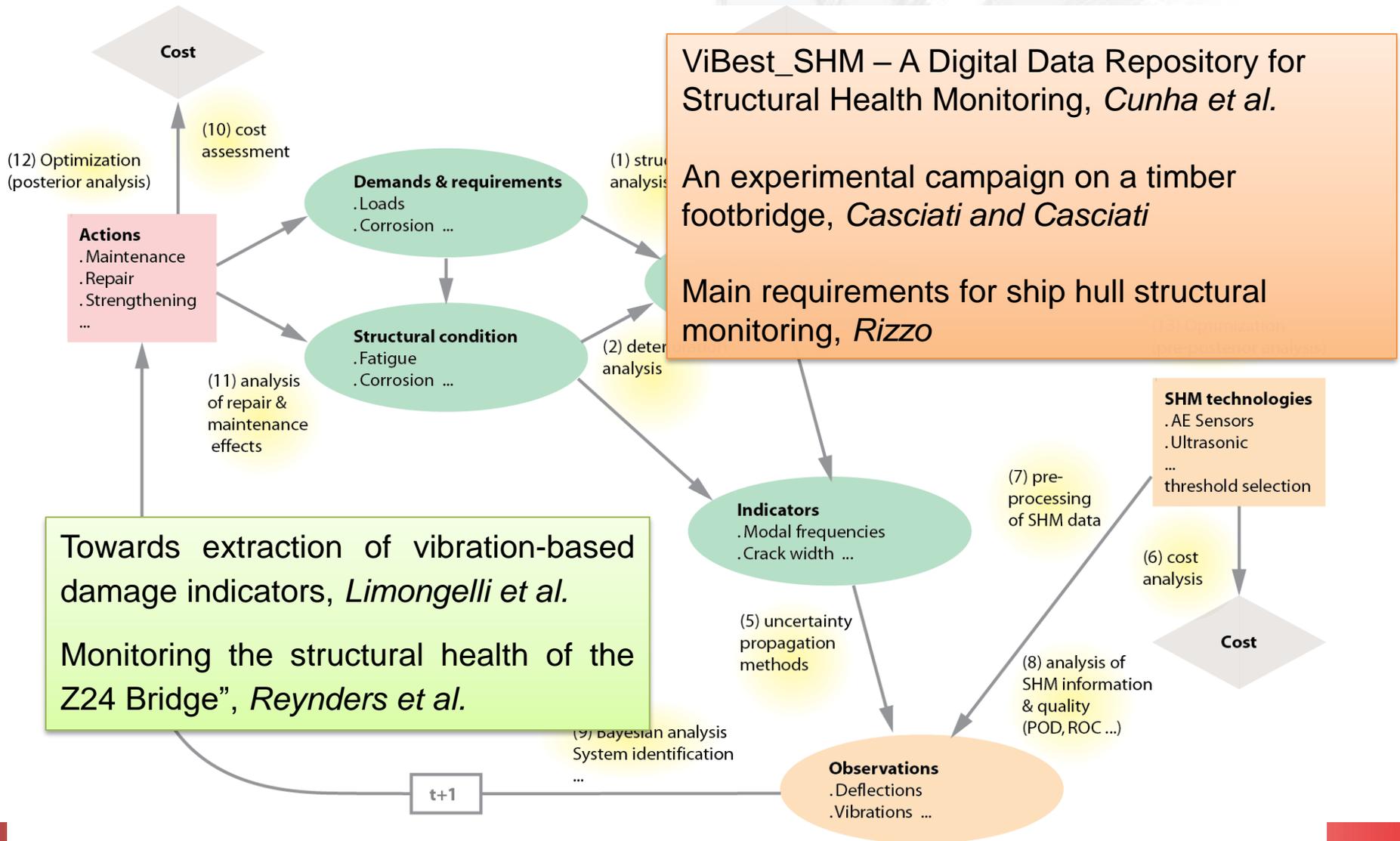
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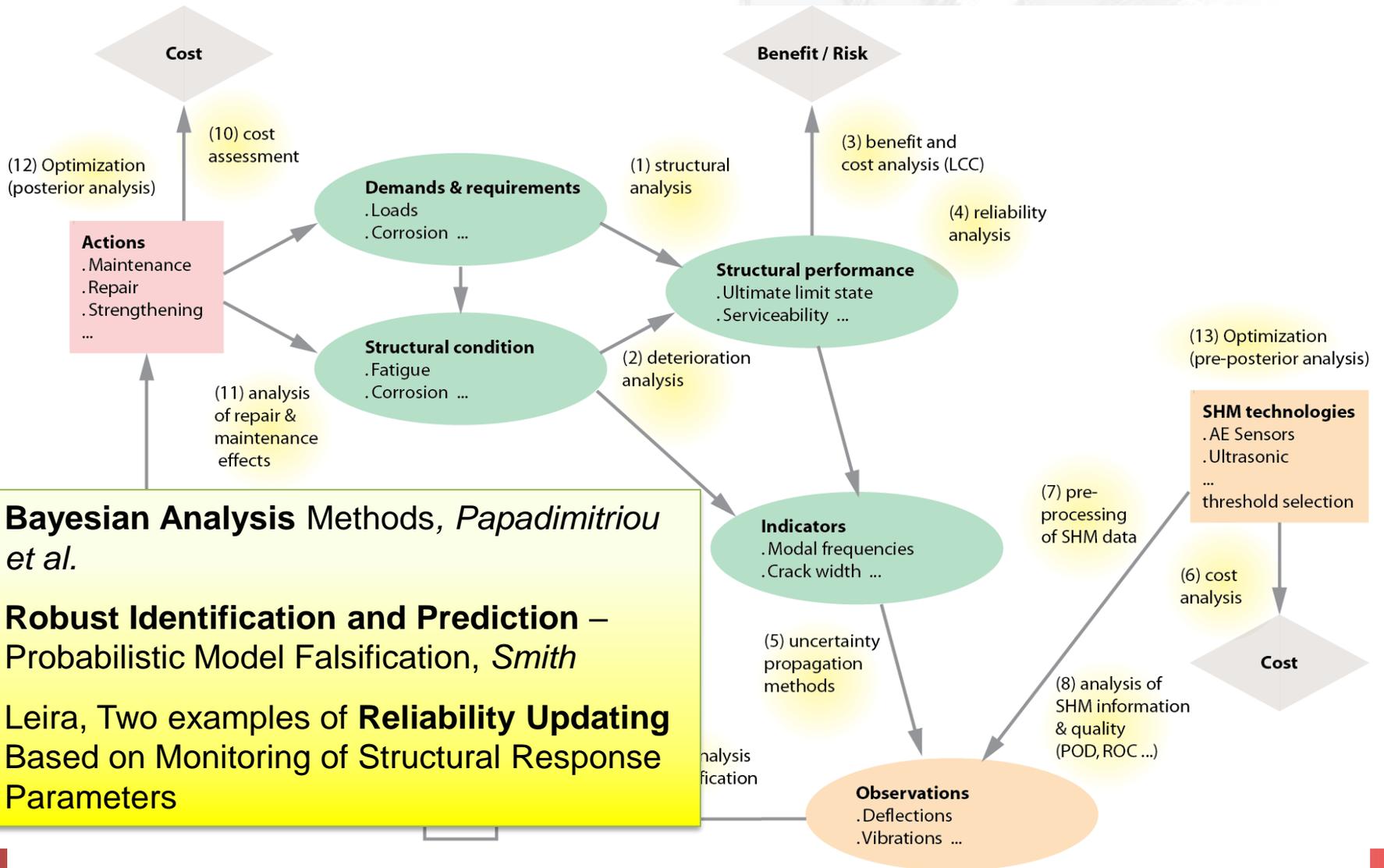
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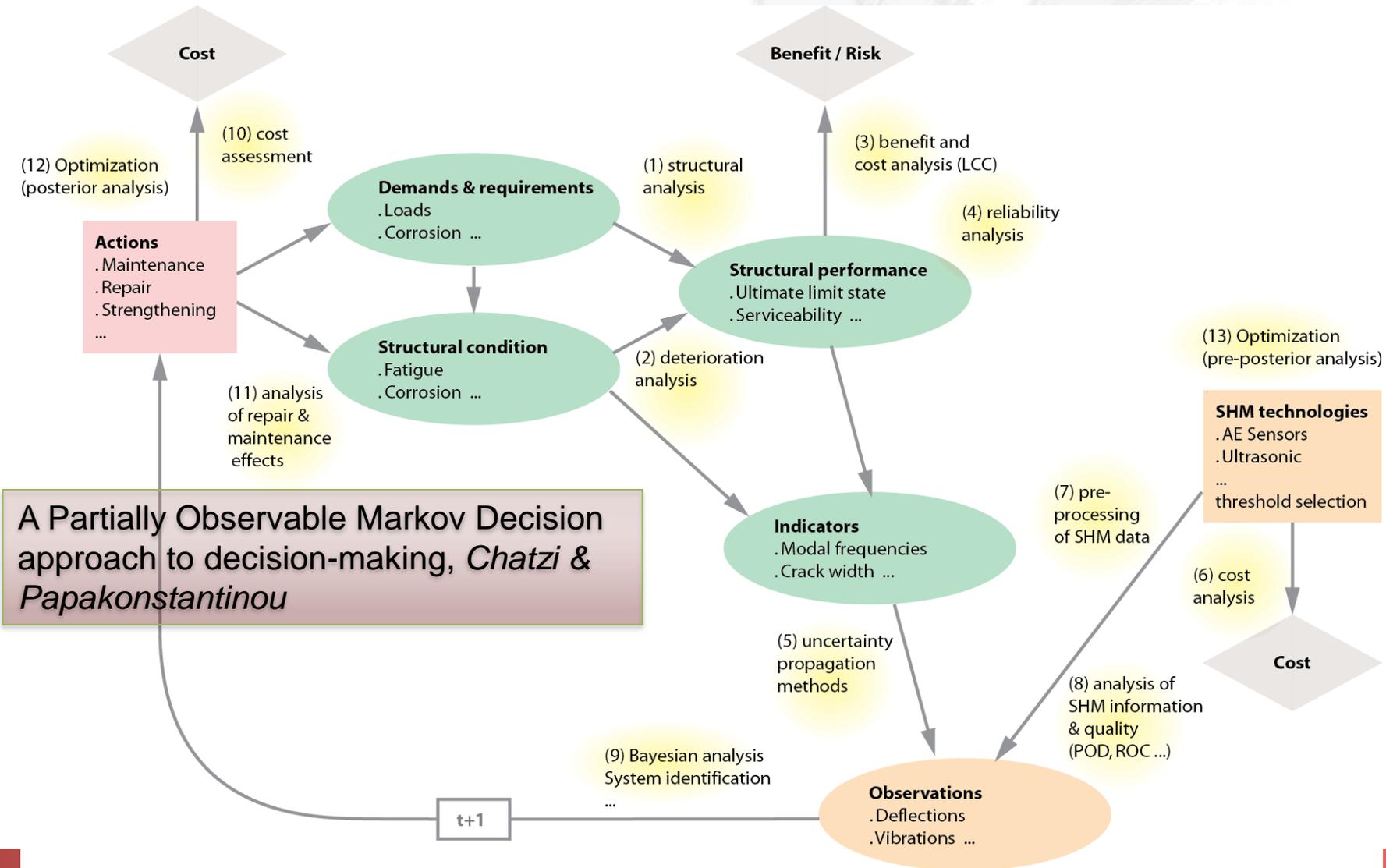
# The Vol Influence Diagram of the SHM analysis process

Straub & Chatzi (Factsheet)  
Straub et al. (ICOSSAR 2017)









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# Dissemination - WG3 related papers

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- Luque J., Straub D. (2019). Risk-based optimal inspection strategies for structural systems using dynamic Bayesian networks. Structural Safety, 76: 68-80, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.strusafe.2018.08.002>
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- A. A. Irman, S. Thöns and B. J. Leira. "Value of information-based inspection planning for offshore structures". 36th International Conference on Ocean, Offshore and Artic Engineering (OMAE), Trondheim, Norway, 25-30 June, 2017.

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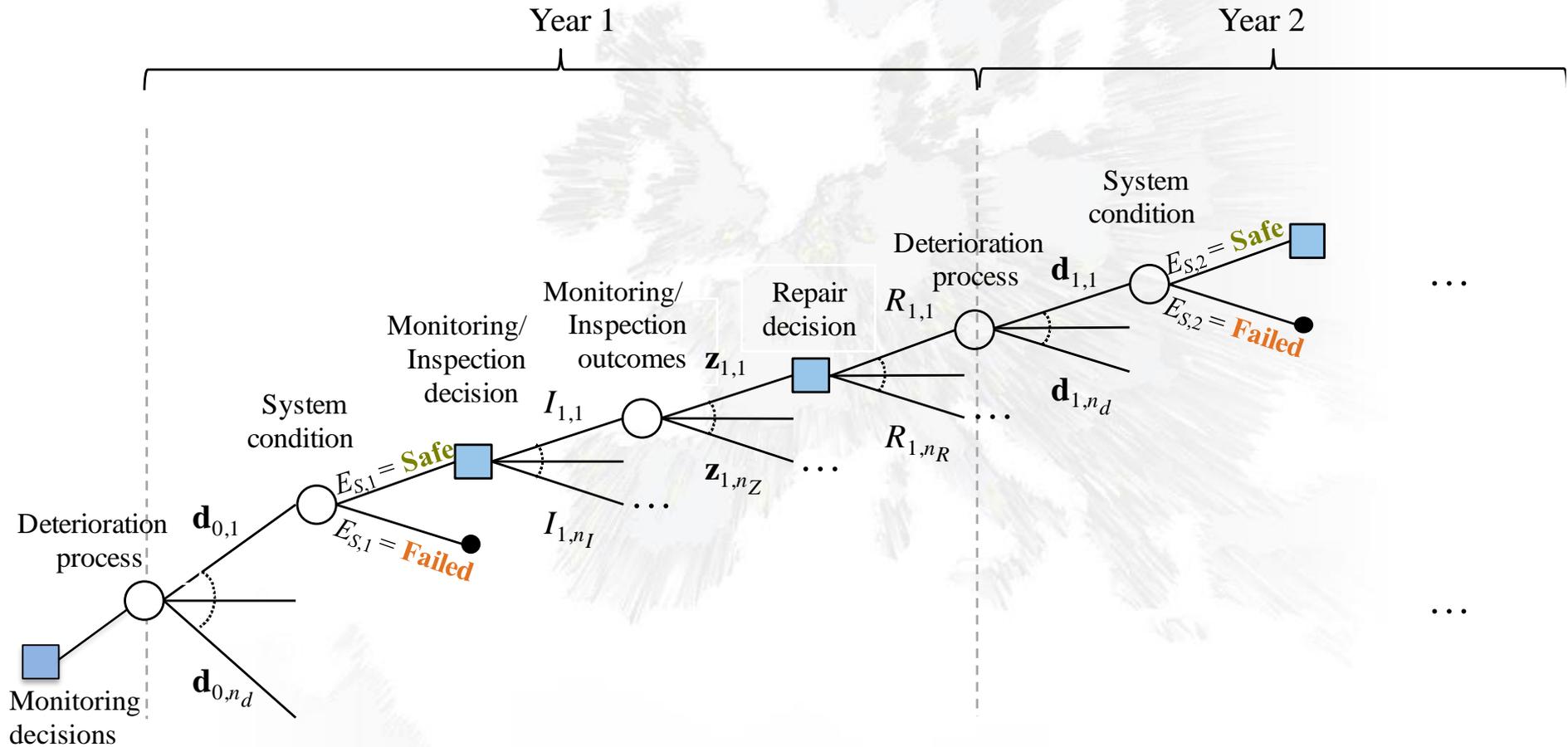


# Achievements

- Methods and tools developed by members of the COST action
- Two examples of works addressing fundamental challenges:
  - Heuristic rules for SHM optimization
  - Efficient Bayesian analysis for system reliability

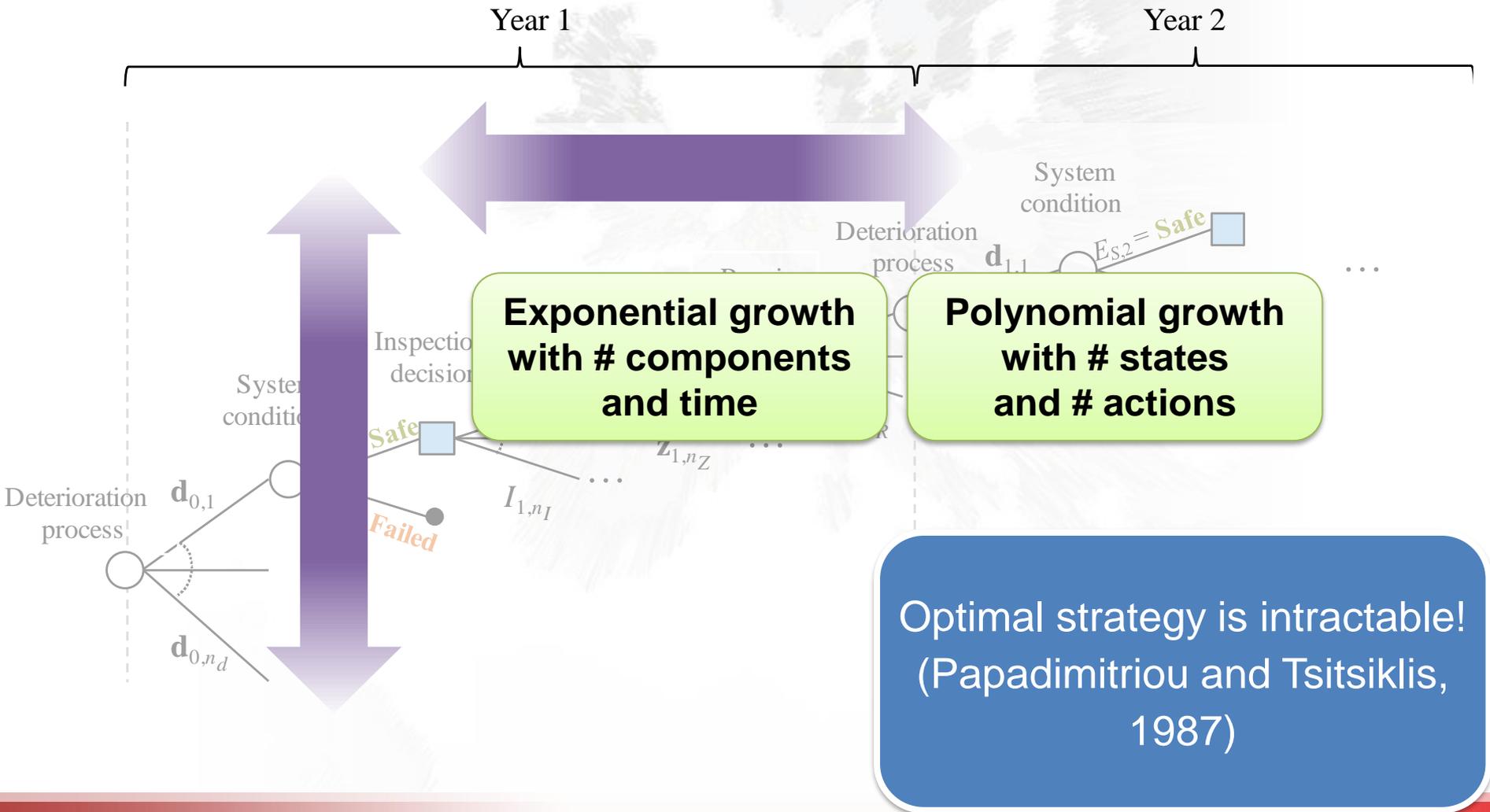


# Optimal I&M planning: a sequential decision problem



(Luque and Straub 2019; Bismut and Straub 2019)

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# Direct Policy Search: a heuristic approach

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Global optimal strategy intractable!

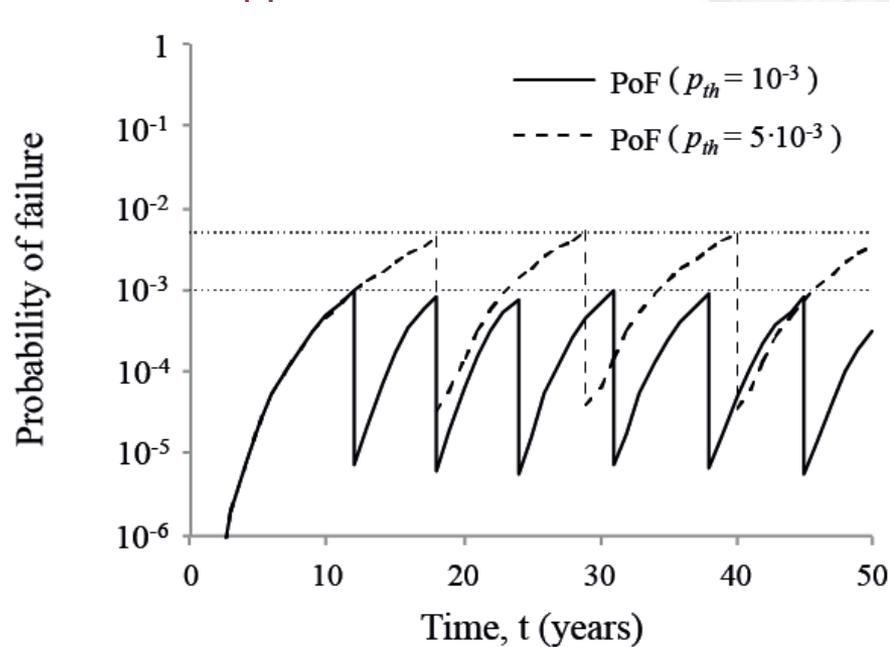
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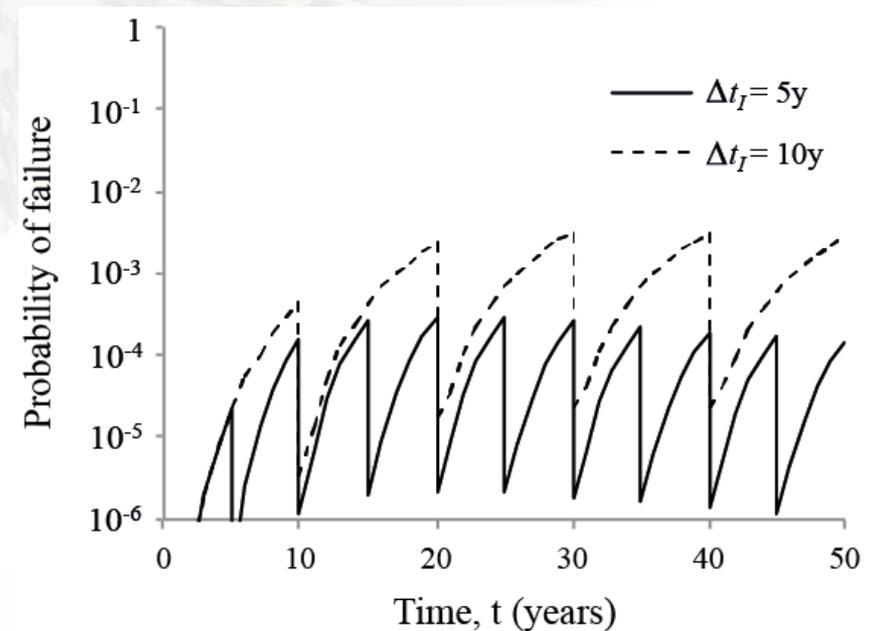
# Heuristic approaches

- Heuristic approach well known at the component level (e.g. Faber et al 2000; Nielsen & Sorensen, 2010)

## Threshold approach



## Constant inspection intervals



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### Example of heuristic parameters:

- Fixed inspection interval  $\Delta T$
- Annual reliability threshold
- Number of components to inspect
- ...

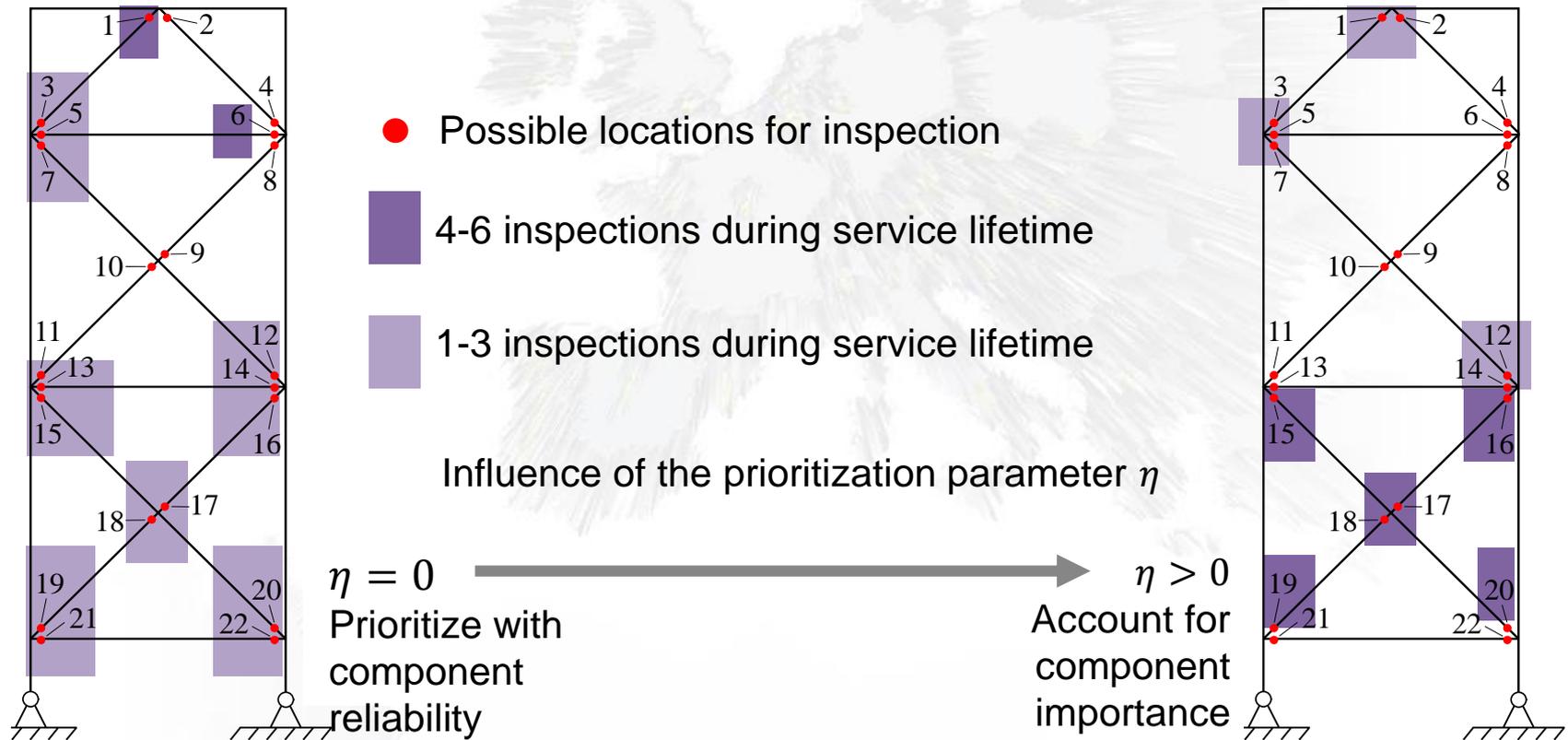
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# Heuristic parameters at the system level

- Approximate Vol for prioritizing components (Bismut et al. 2017, Luque & Straub 2019)



# Efficient evaluation of life-cycle costs in preposterior analysis

(Luque and Straub 2019; Bismut and Straub 2019)

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Heuristic strategy

SHM outcomes

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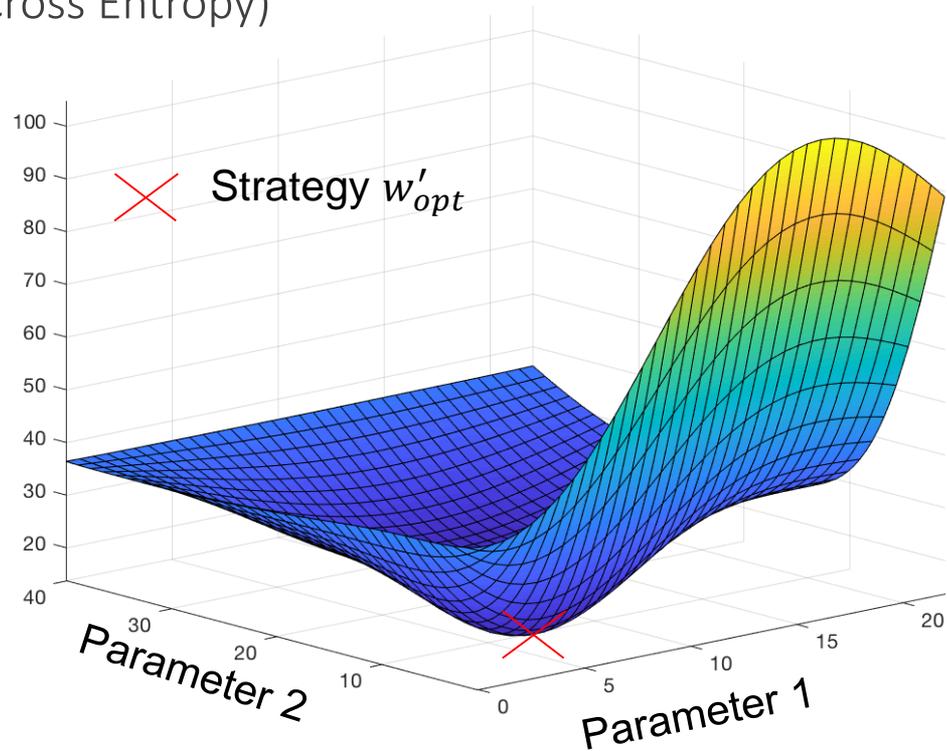
Optimal inspection-repair strategy:

$$\mathcal{S}^* = \arg \min_{\mathcal{S}} E_{\mathbf{Z}}[C_T(\mathcal{S}, \mathbf{Z})]$$

Heuristics with few parameters

# Optimization

Standard stochastic optimization algorithms are applicable (here Cross Entropy)



Optimal strategy:

$$n_I = 9$$

$$\Delta T = 7$$

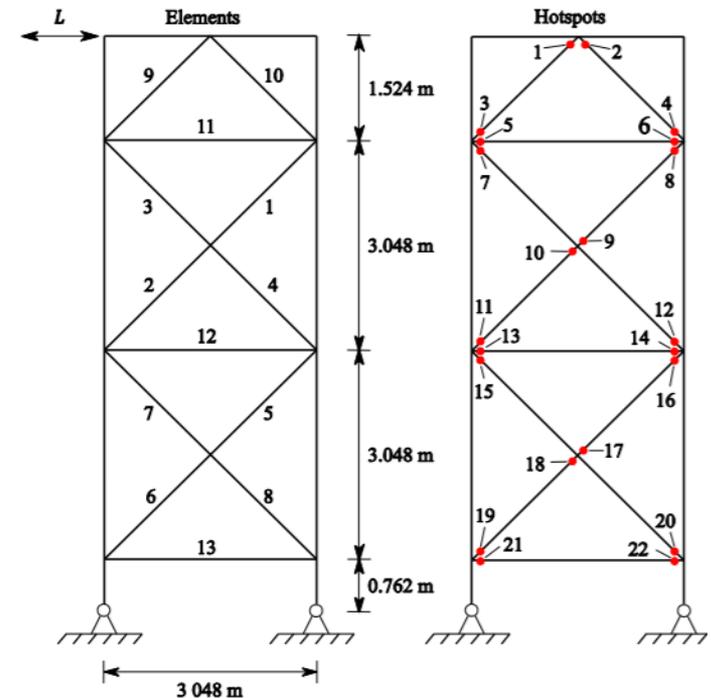
$$p_{th} = 1.8 \cdot 10^{-2}$$

$$\eta = 1.3$$

Bismut & Straub (2019). Optimal Adaptive Inspection and Maintenance Planning for Deteriorating Structural Systems. Working paper.

# System reliability for Vol analysis

- Methodological challenge, because:
  - large number of conditional (Bayesian) reliability analyses necessary for preposterior analysis
  - Standard Bayesian analysis methods not suitable for reliability analysis of systems without modifications
  - Different approaches proposed within COST action

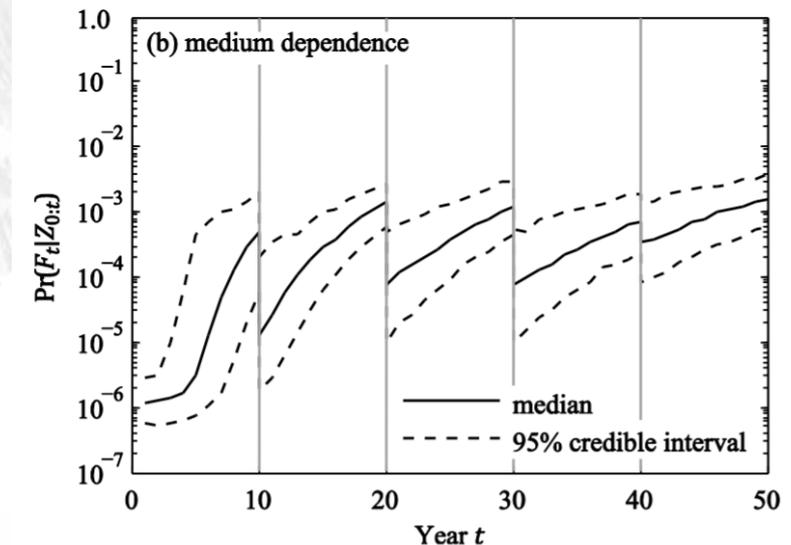
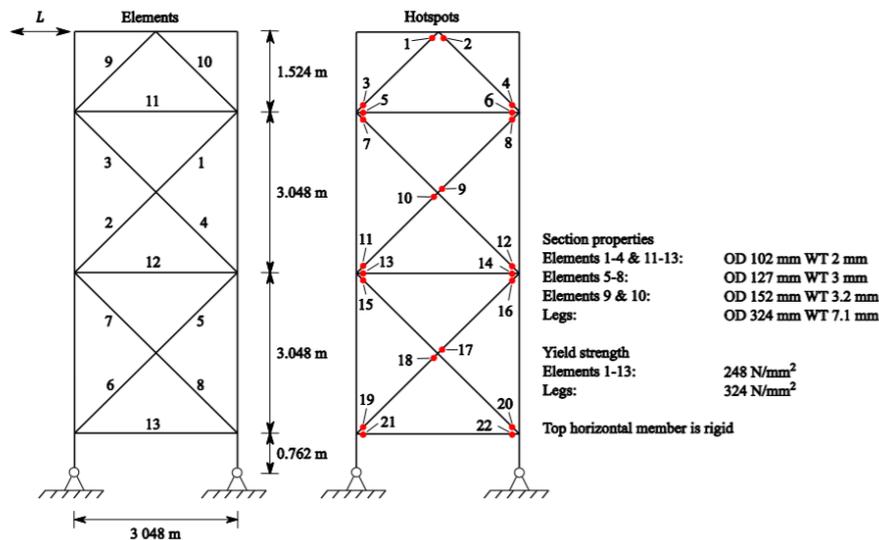


# System reliability for Vol analysis

- Example Schneider et al. (Structural Safety, 2017):

$$\text{System failure limit state: } G_F(\mathbf{u}, t) = u_0 - \Phi^{-1}(p_F(\mathbf{T}^{-1}(u_1, \dots, u_n), t))$$

BUS with subset simulation to address the high dimensionality



# Achievements

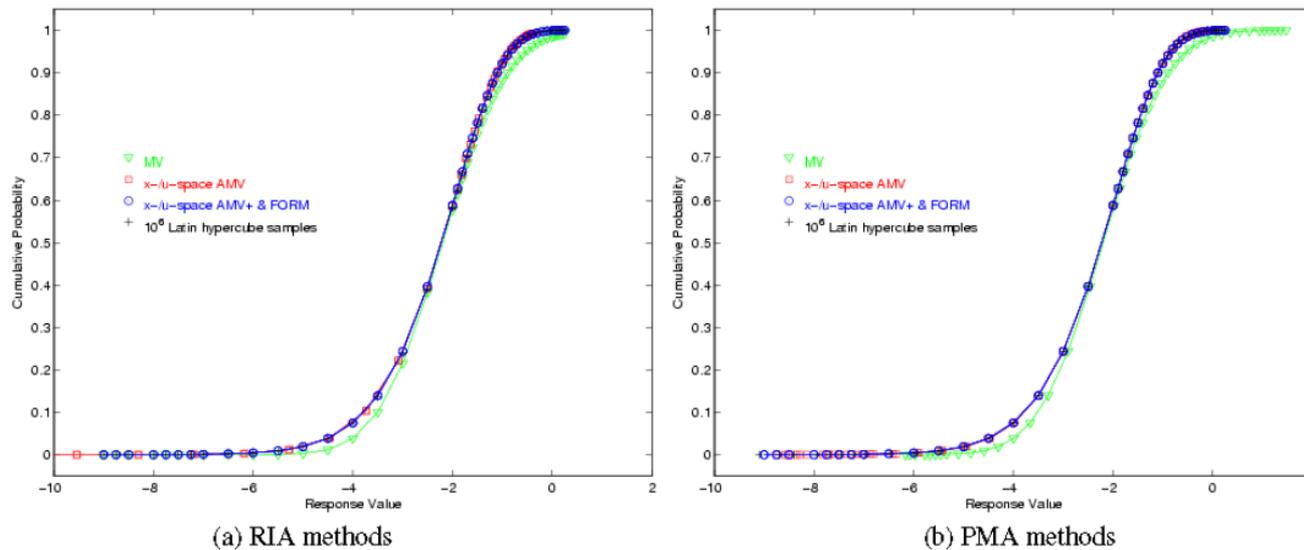
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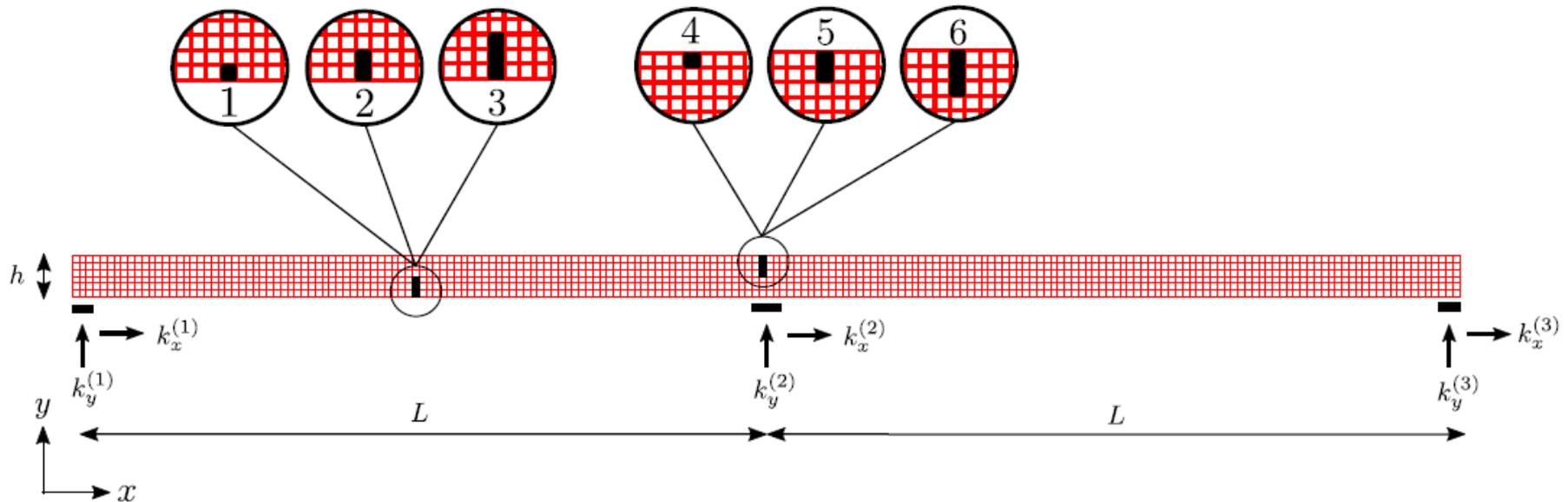
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# Verification Tools – The TU1402 Benchmark

2-span beam, modeled via 2D plane stress elements



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## Generation of measurement data

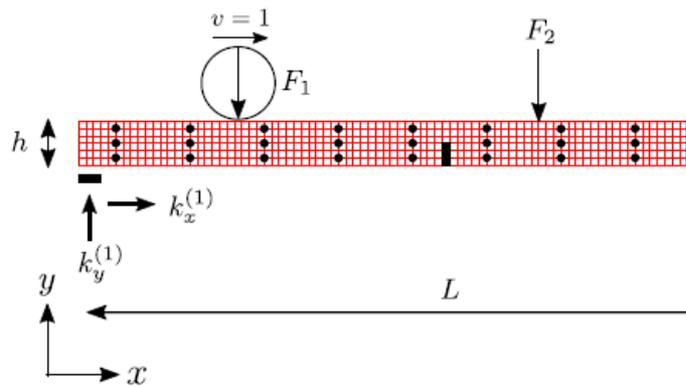


Figure 2: Load

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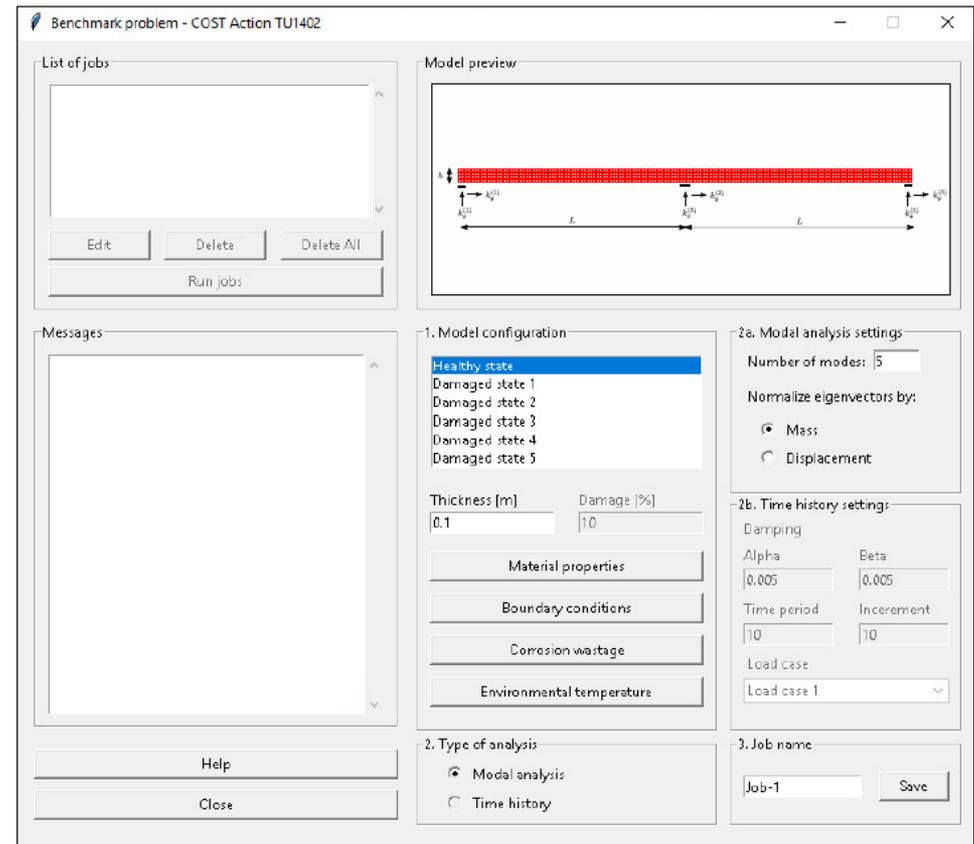
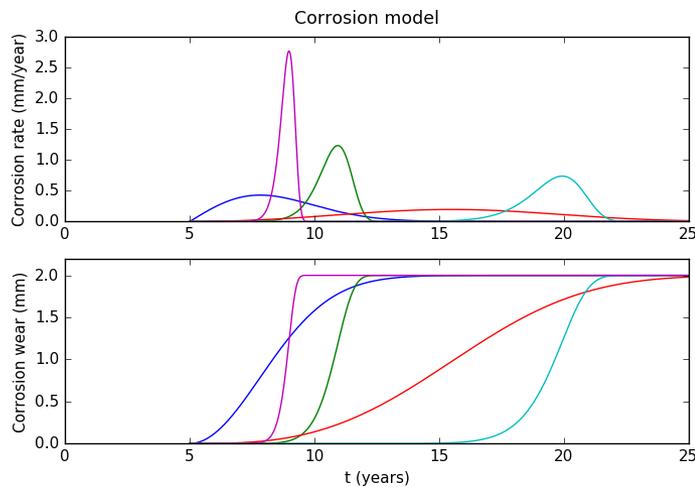


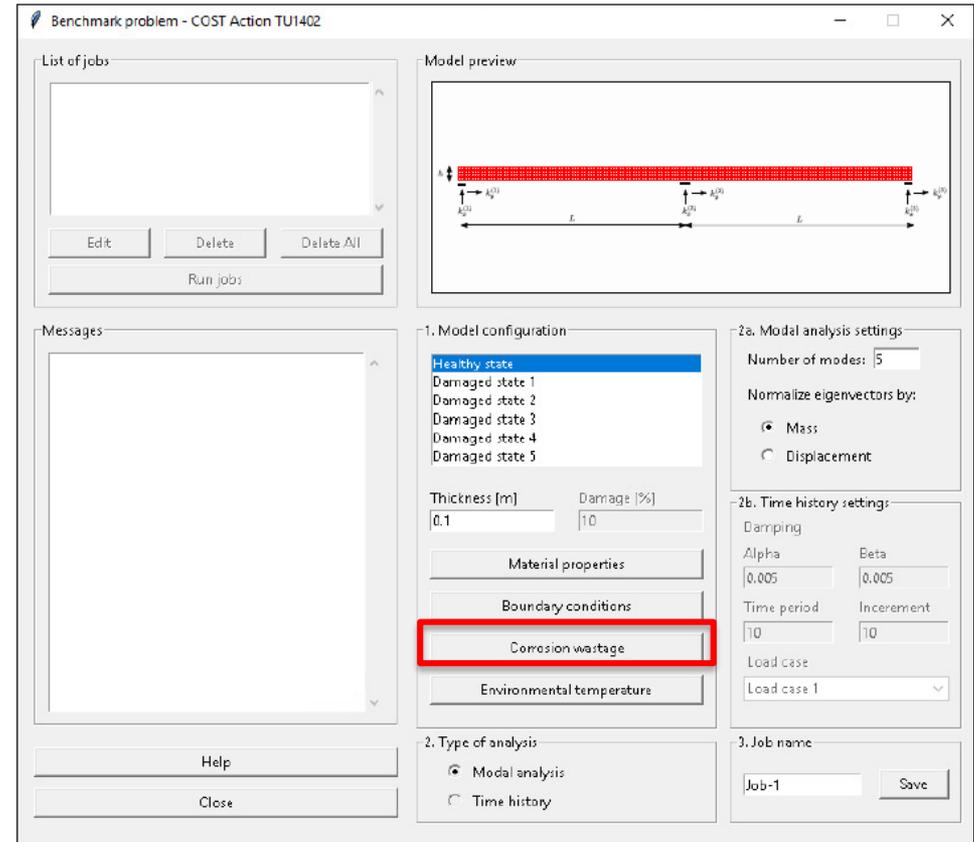
Figure 3: Graphical user interface for generation of simulated data.

# Verification Tools – The TU1402 Benchmark

## Corrosion-induced degradation



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**Figure 3:** Graphical user interface for generation of simulated data.

# Lessons learnt

- A multitude of methods is required for a Vol analysis
- Methods exist for all individual tasks involved in the Vol (as reflected in our factsheets)
- The appropriate combination of methods is application specific
- The challenge in real applications lies mostly in the modeling – which must consider the limits of existing methods and tools
- Heuristics are an appropriate tool for addressing the exponential or polynomial complexity of the decision process
- Incorporating system reliability into a Vol analysis remains a challenge
- Finding a common vocabulary among different fields of research remains a challenge

# Conclusions

- Vol analysis can only be performed by combining models, methods and tools from multiple disciplines
- WG 3 has provided a collection of methods and tools (and the associated vocabulary) from different disciplines
- Participants of WG 3 have further developed methods and tools and have developed a benchmark

Thank you for your attention

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