

Physics-Informed Deterioration Modeling and Maintenance Optimization Using Stochastic Petri Nets: Application to Torrent Protection Structures

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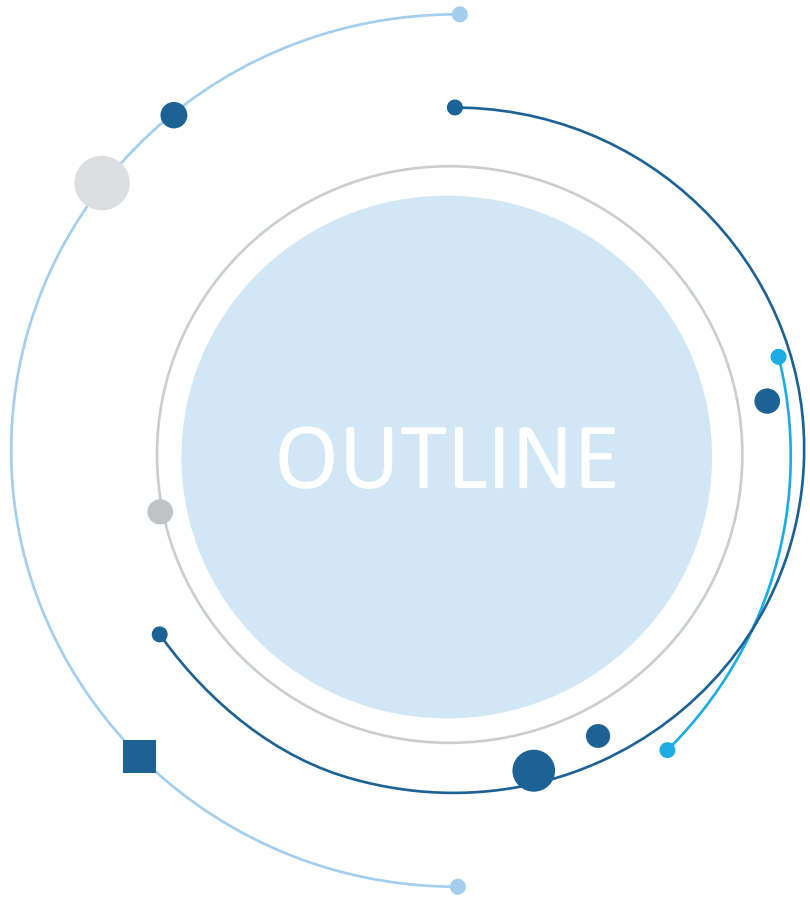
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- 2 Scientific and Technical Challenges**
- 3 Research Novelty & Contributions**
- 4 Developed Modeling Approach**
- 5 Performance Analysis & Case Studies**
- 6 Conclusions and Perspectives**



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BACKGROUND

Torrential Phenomena

Characteristics

- Magnitude
- Intensity
- Frequency
- Effect

Flood in Malnant torrent (FRANCE)



Debris flow © P.Zufferey



Reception area
Flow channel
Downstream alluvial fan

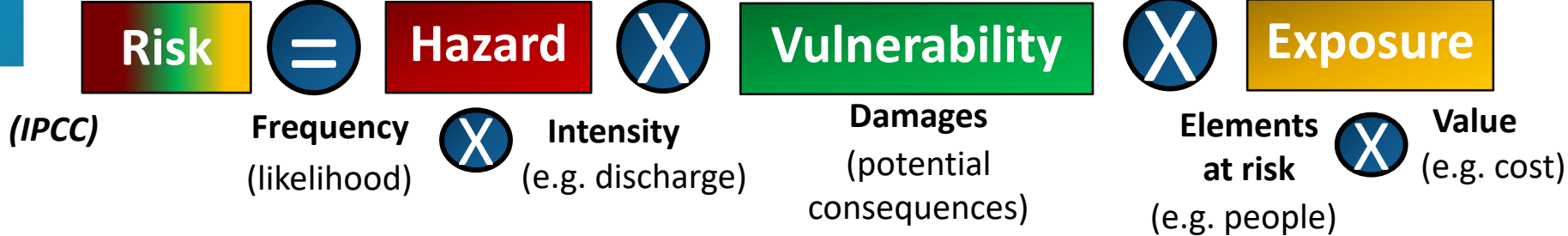
Torrential watershed



Manival torrent (FRANCE)

Natural Risk Assessment

BACKGROUND



Destruction



Deposition



Erosion/Scouring

BACKGROUND

Interdependent protection system

Series of check dams



Pontamafrey torrent (France)

Retention dam



Claret torrent (France)

Dykes/Levees



Saint Bernart torrent (France)

Torrential watershed

Reception area
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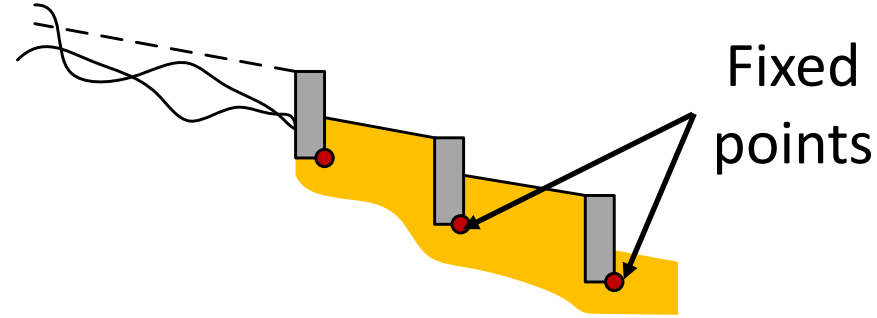


Structures acting on causes
Structures acting on consequences

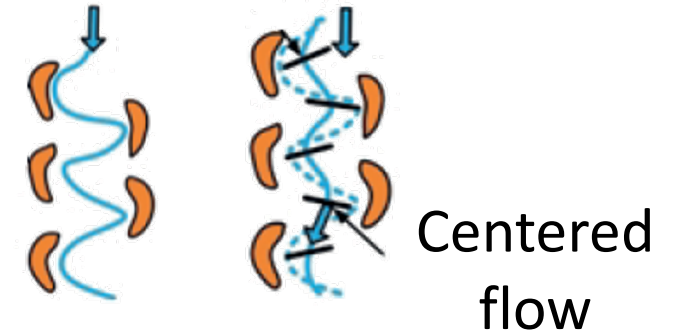
Manival torrent (FRANCE)

BACKGROUND

Longitudinal profile



Top view



Torrent check dams

COMPONENT

SYSTEM

FUNCTIONS

wings

single check dam

series of check dams

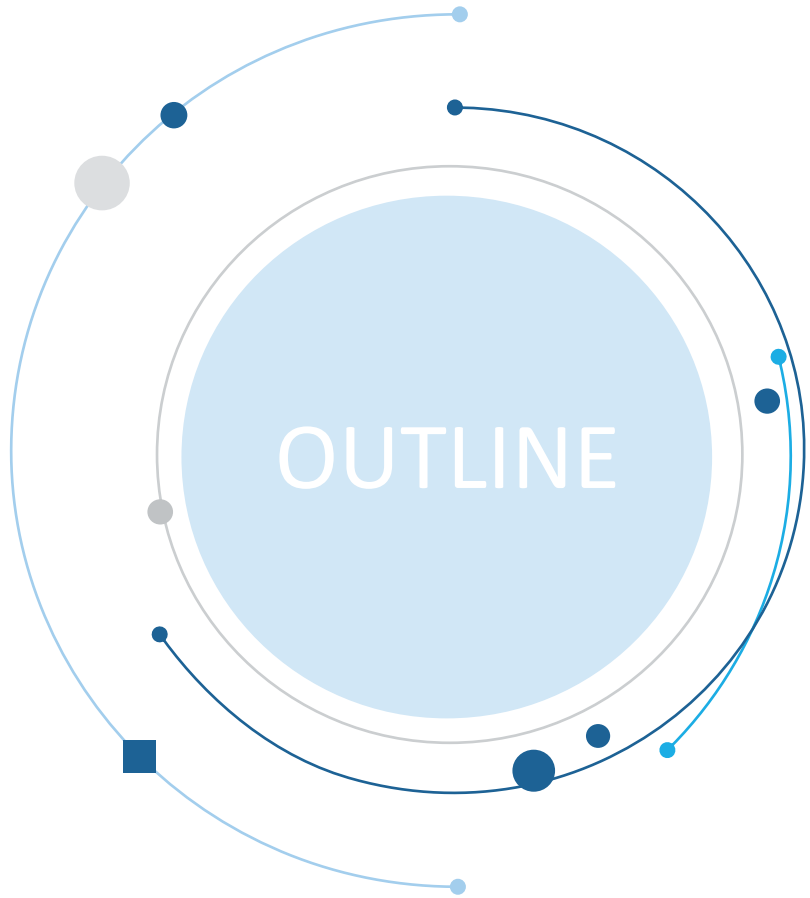


Slope reduction

Bed stabilization

Sediment transport regulation

Flow centering



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SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL CHALLENGES



Are these structures functionally and/or structurally effective?

Check dams' failures modes

Structural

Loss in **internal and external stability**
cracks, corrosion, ...



overturning, sliding, ...

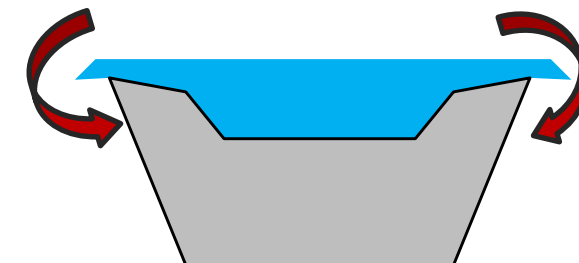


Functional

Fail to **fulfill expected functions**
scouring



Lateral bypass



Structural efficacy level:
Global, external, and internal stability?
Aging and material characteristics?

Functional efficacy level:
Longitudinal and transverse profiles control?
Sediment retention?

Liquid input (rain, snow melting)

Solid input from banks, slopes (scouring, landslides) moved by bedload transport or debris flows

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Economic efficacy level:
Construction, maintenance costs in relation with the level of protection provided to elements at risk?

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SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL CHALLENGES

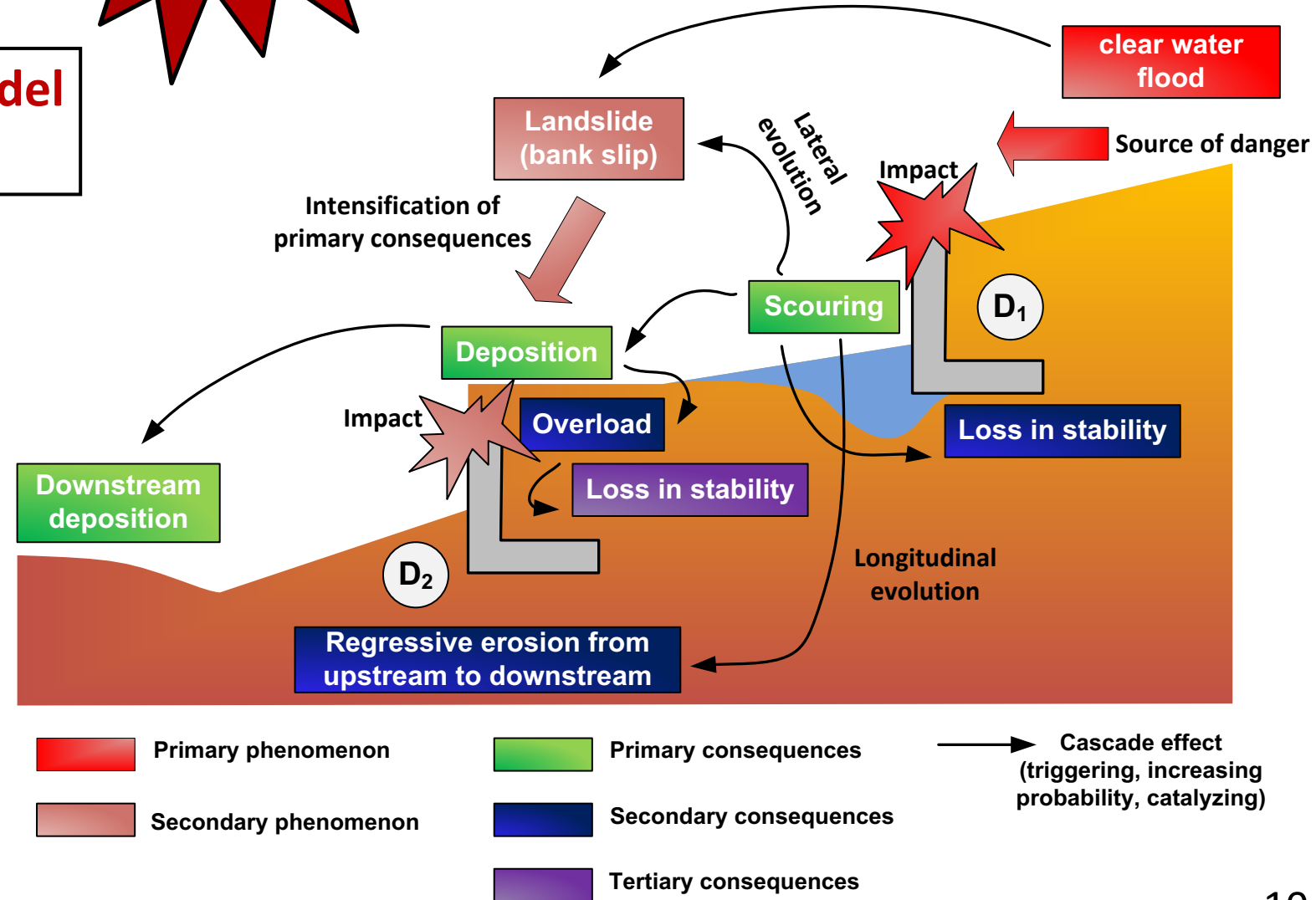
How to figure out and model existing dependencies?

Cascade effect

Multi-component protection system

Cascading effect due to:

- 1 Interactions between hazards
- 2 Dependencies between failures modes
- 3 Bi-directional dependencies between structures



SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL CHALLENGES

Which maintenance strategy is the most cost-effective?

Budgetary constraints



Cost-Benefit analysis

Is it worth it to maintain these structures in comparison to the provided level of protection?

Interventions



Inspection

Monitor, diagnose,...

When? How often?



Maintenance

Preventive (repair), corrective (re-construct), ...

When? What? How much?

Downstream risk level

Maintenance efficiency

Residual risk?



SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL CHALLENGES

How to assess the effect of information imperfection on decisions?



Collected data



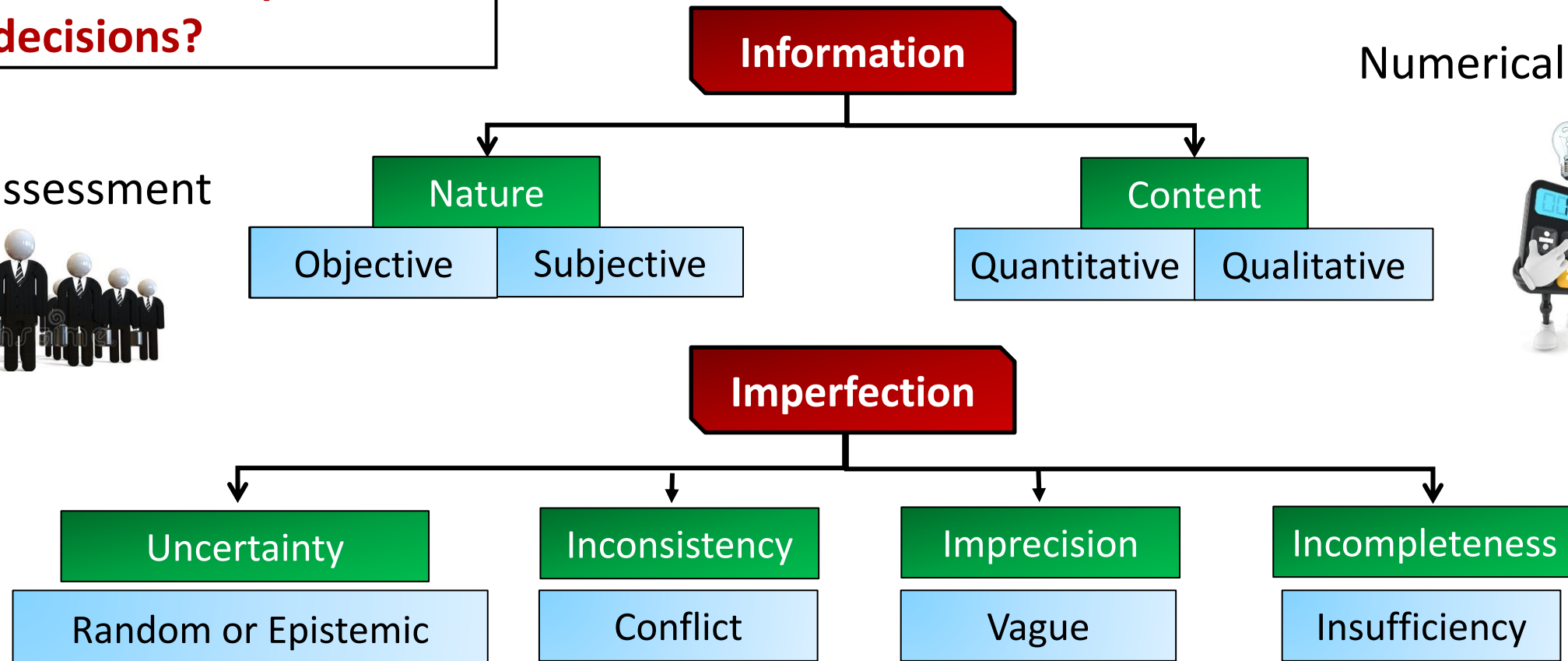
Assumptions

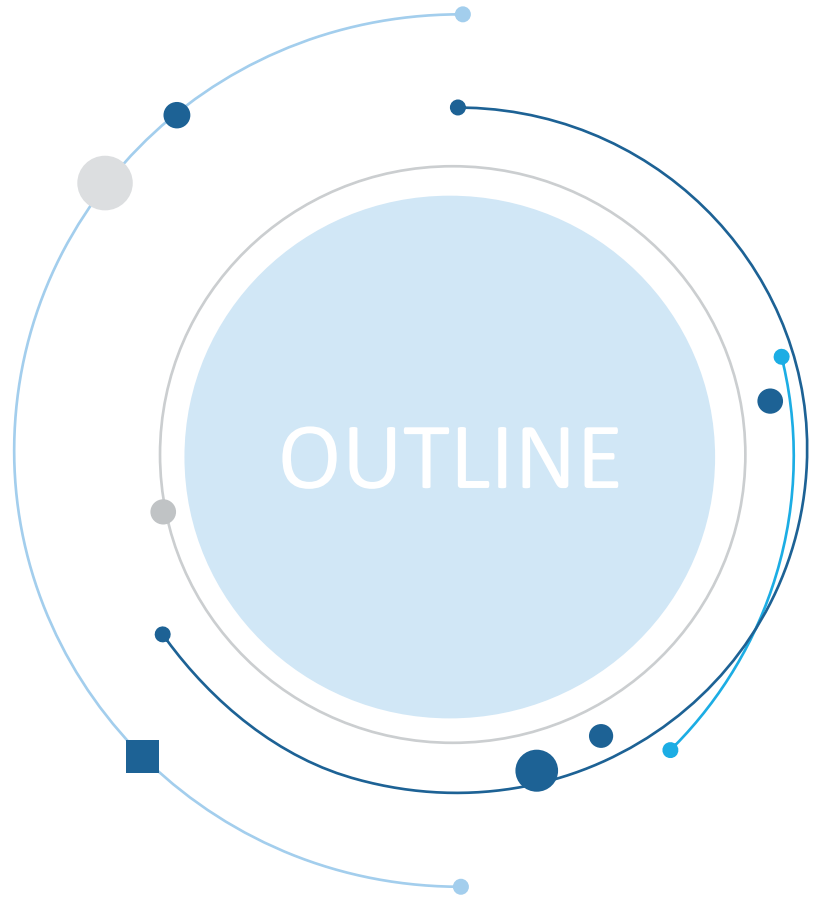


Numerical models



Expert assessment





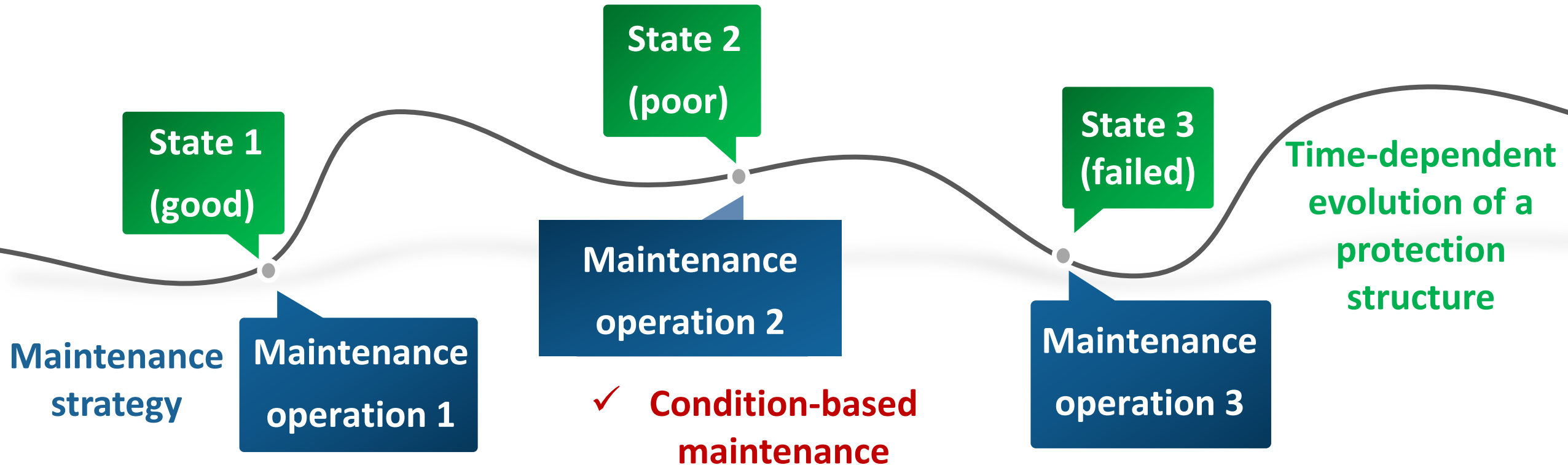
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RESEARCH NOVELTY

✓ **Dynamic and long term efficacy assessment**

SOTA in the context of torrent protection structures

- ❑ **Static assessment of protection structures efficacy**
Use of basic or static reliability techniques (e.g. FMEA, FTA, and ETA)
- ❑ **Maintenance decisions based on static vision**
Use of classical decision-making techniques (e.g. CBA, MCDM)
(Carladous, 2017)

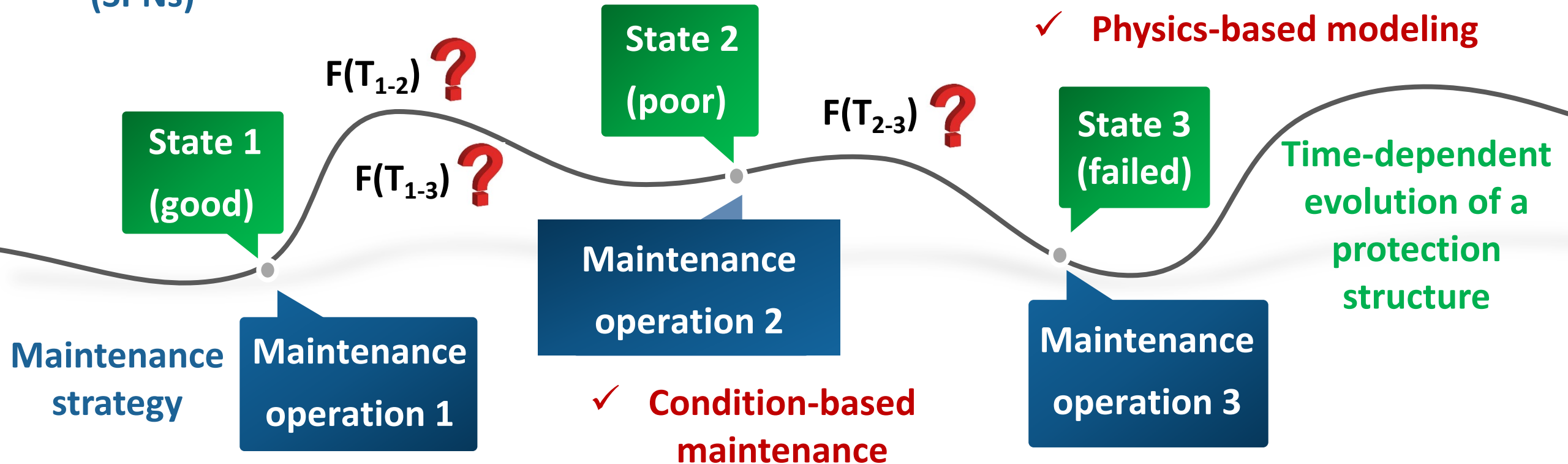


SOTA in the context of system's reliability analysis

RESEARCH NOVELTY

✓ **Dynamic and long term efficacy assessment using stochastic Petri nets (SPNs)**

- ❑ **Transition laws** between states are **estimated** by the:
 - Use of **exponential distribution** for simplicity (constant failure rate)
 - Use of **real data** in order to fit a suitable probability distribution
- ❑ **Applications** in civil engineering context:
 - Bridges: Weibull (*Le and Andrews, 2016*) (*Le et al., 2017*)
 - Railway network: Gamma (*Shang, 2015*), Weibull (*Litherland, 2019*)



RESEARCH NOVELTY

Civil engineering

- ❑ Coping with **interactions between failure modes**
How can **local scouring** trigger failure by **external stability**?

Multi-component protection system

- ❑ Coping with complex **interacting systems/structures**

How does the **failure of one component** affects the **behavior of other components**?



Protection system's maintenance decision-making

- ❑ Coping with **information imperfection**
How does **information imperfection** affects decisions?

- ✓ **Cascade effect analysis**
- ✓ **Integrating information imperfection in decision models**



CONTRIBUTIONS

1

Proposing a **physics-based model** that models the **time-dependent state-evolution** of **protection structures** when being **subjected to torrential phenomena** considering **cascade effect**

2

Developing a **stochastic deterioration and maintenance model** using **SPNs** in order to **support maintenance decision-making** of protection structures considering **economic aspects**

3

Analyzing the **performance/behavior** of two types of protection structures (**check dams** and **retention dams**) using the developed modeling approach

4

Propagating uncertainty within the deterioration and maintenance model and performing a **sensitivity analysis**



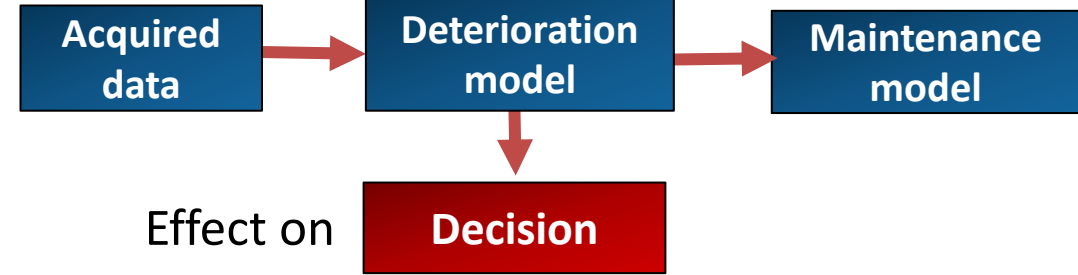
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State 2

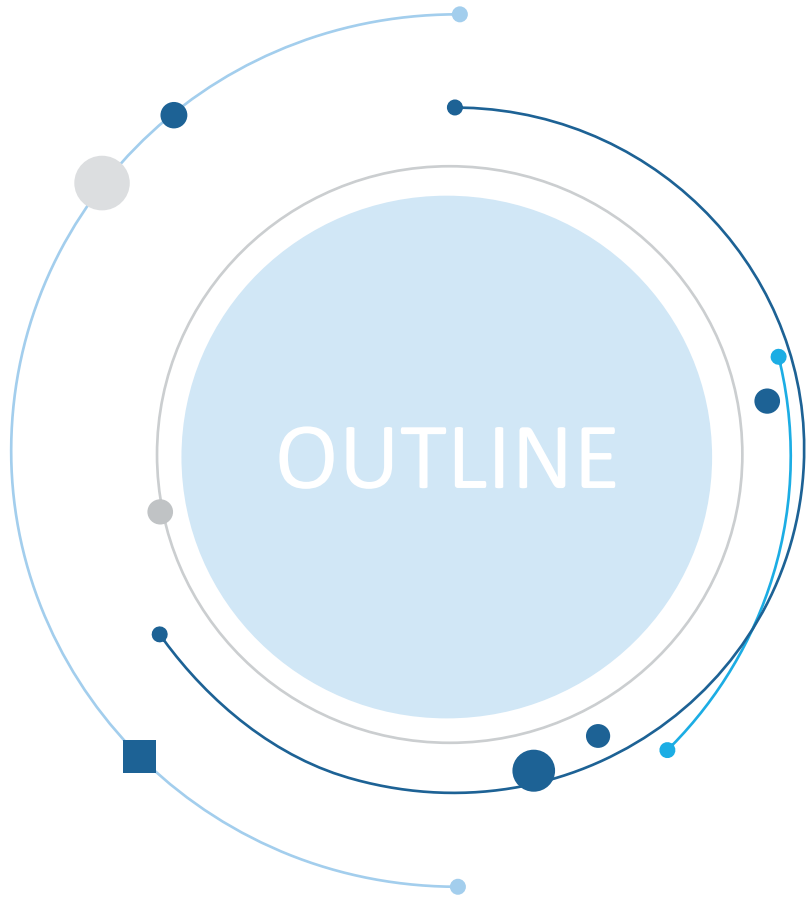
State 3

State n

Information imperfection propagation



Effect on

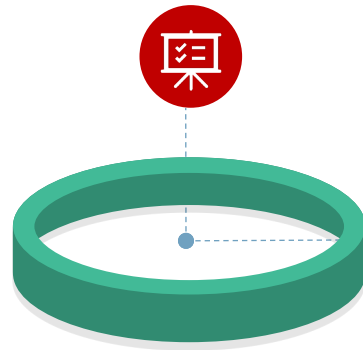


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MODELING APPROACH

General approach

(can be applied to any deteriorating system)



Risk scenario definition

- Data acquirement
- Hazard scenarios
- Consequences



Physics-based model

- Dynamic behavior of the system
- Cascade effect
- Transition laws



Decision-aiding model

- Stochastic deterioration & maintenance modeling
- Maintenance optimization (cost-effective)

MODELING APPROACH

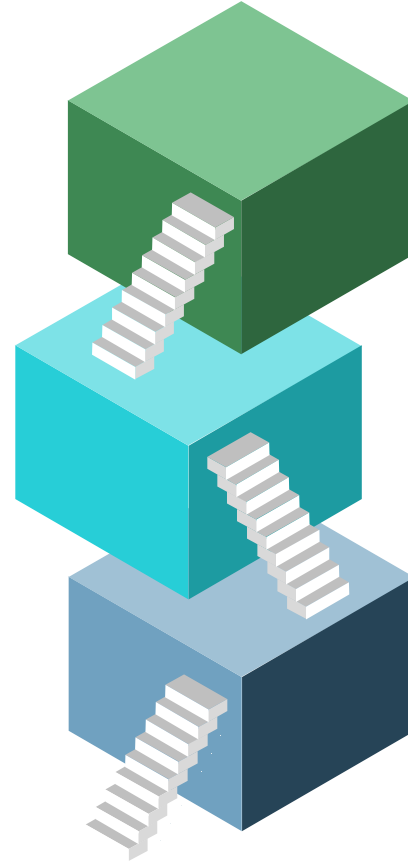
Risk Scenario Definition

Check dams subjected to clear water floods

STAGE 3

Cascade effect analysis between the torrent's **bed** behavior, **scouring** variation, and check dam's **stability** level evolution

STAGE 1
Data collection



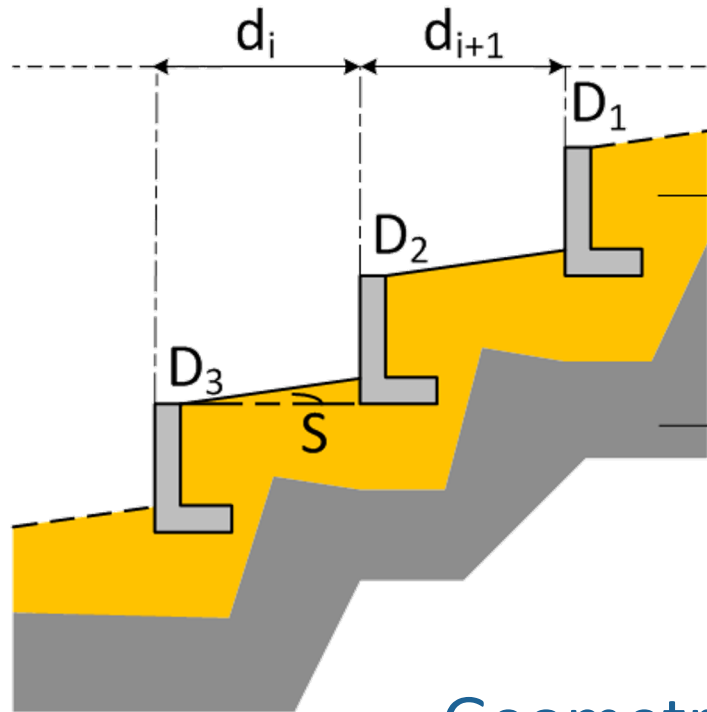
STAGE 2

Generation of **clear water flood** events scenarios

MODELING APPROACH

Risk Scenario Definition STAGE 1

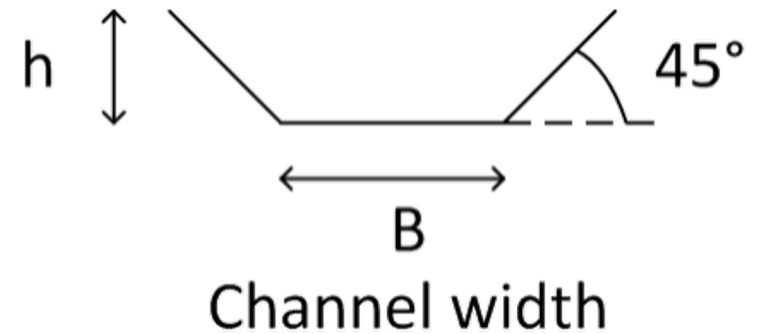
Longitudinal profile



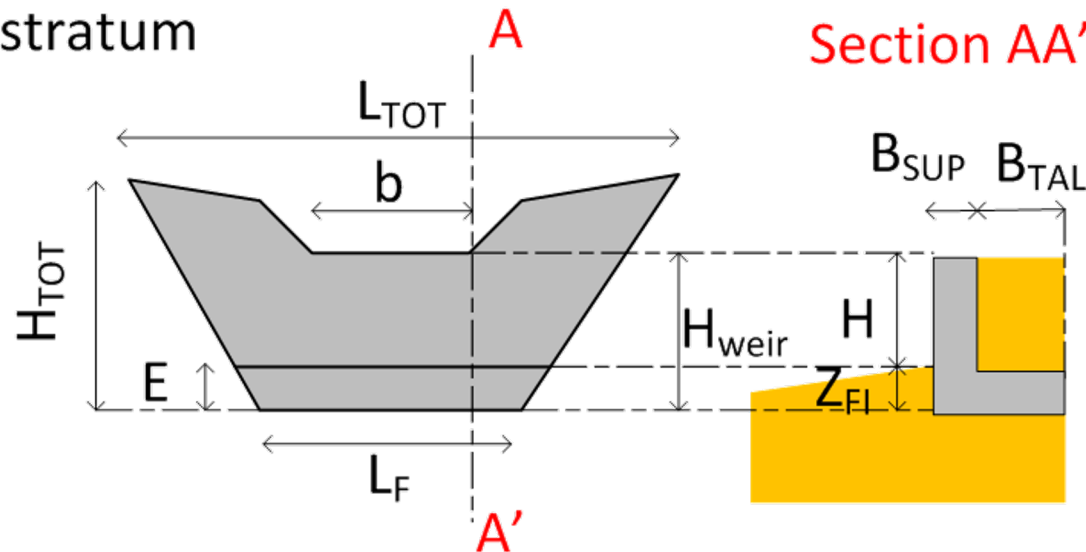
Geometry, dimensions of dams

Erodible layer:
Grain size distribution
 D_{30} , D_{50} , D_{90} , etc...
Substratum

Trapezoidal cross-section



Transverse profile

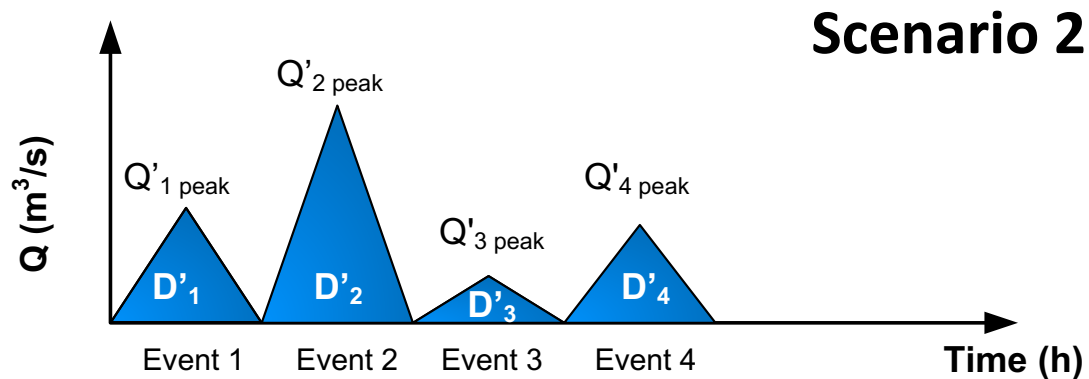
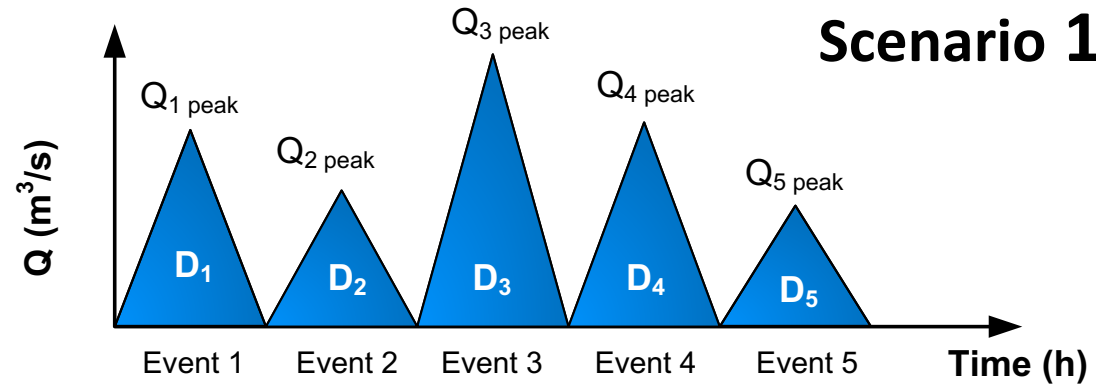


Geotechnical data

MODELING APPROACH

Risk Scenario Definition STAGE 2

Generation of n flood series scenarios



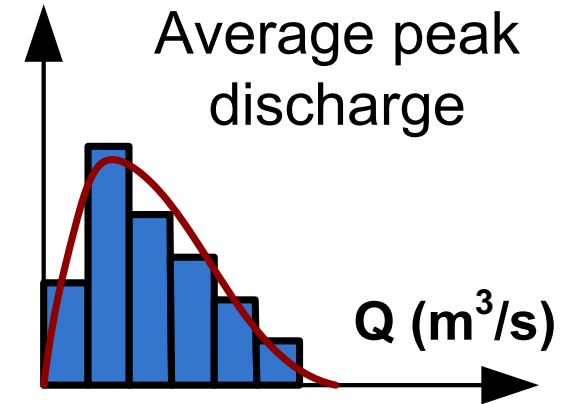
Scenario n



Randomness

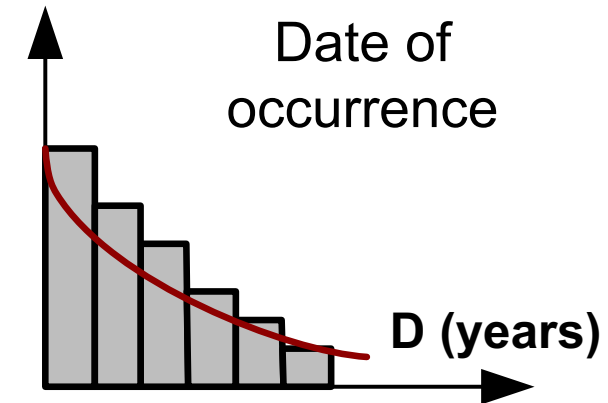
Pdf

Average peak discharge



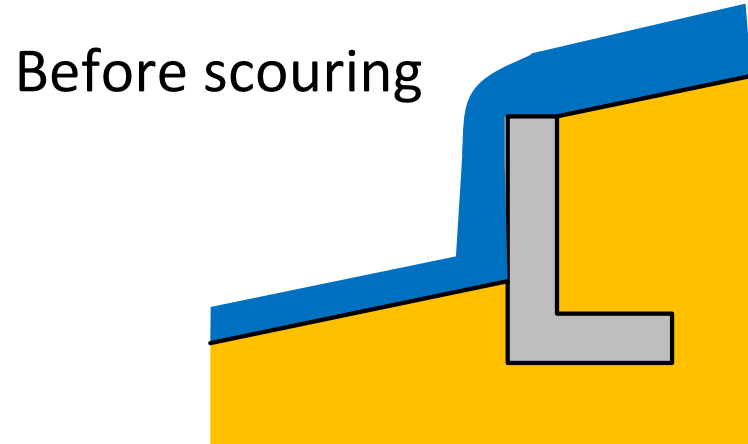
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Date of occurrence

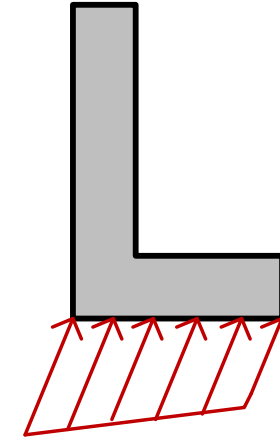


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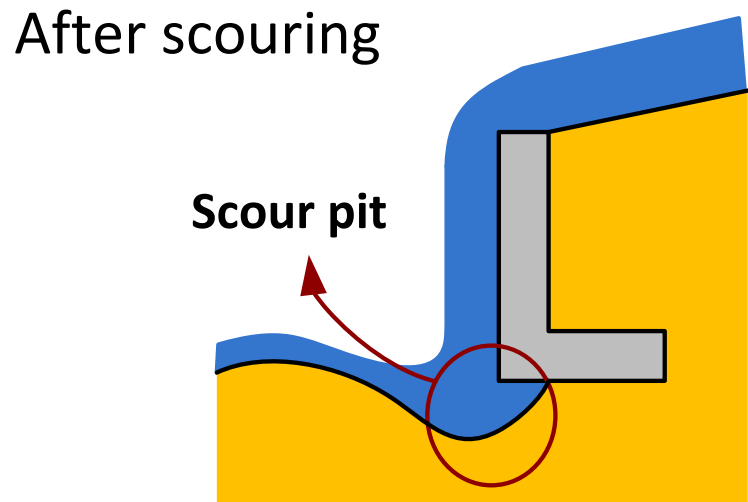
Risk Scenario Definition STAGE 3



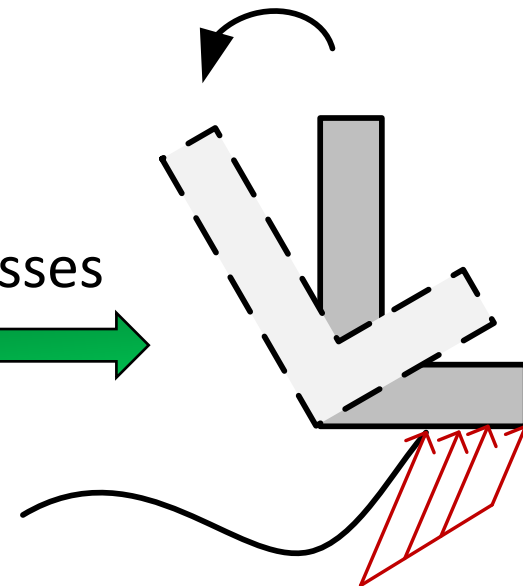
Stress distribution



External stability conditions are fulfilled



Redistribution of stresses



Loss in external stability: risk of collapse (e.g. by overturning, soil rupture, etc.)

MODELING APPROACH

Physics-based Model

Considering cascade effects

STAGE 2

Check dam's **states** definition
Transition probability laws
estimation



STAGE 1

Bed evolution
Scouring calculation
External **stability** justification
Global **stability index** definition

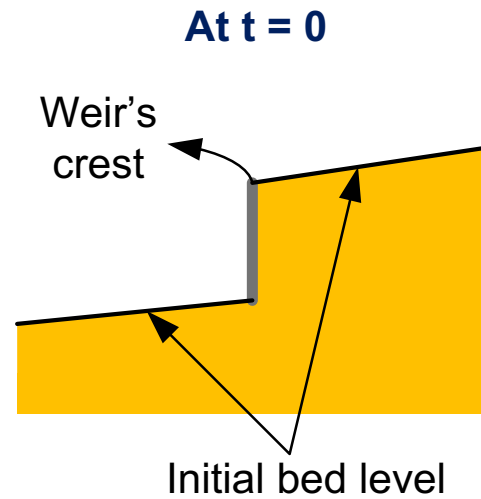
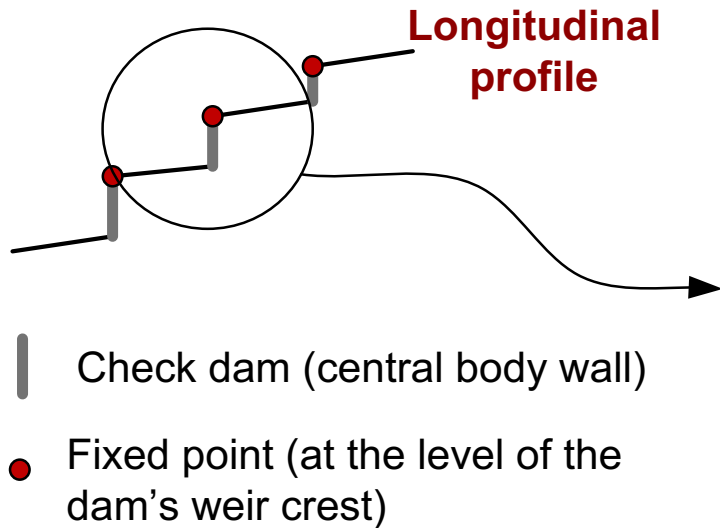
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Physics-based Model

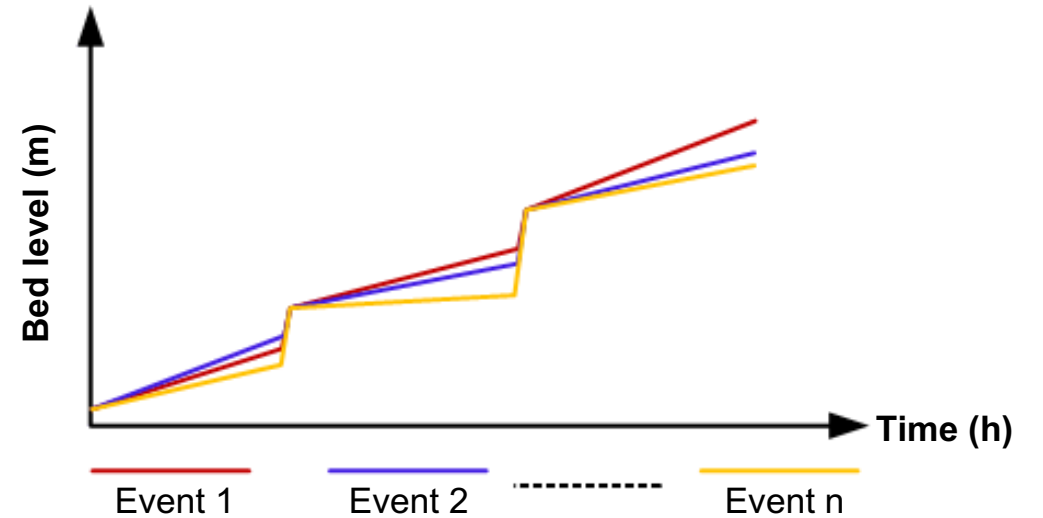
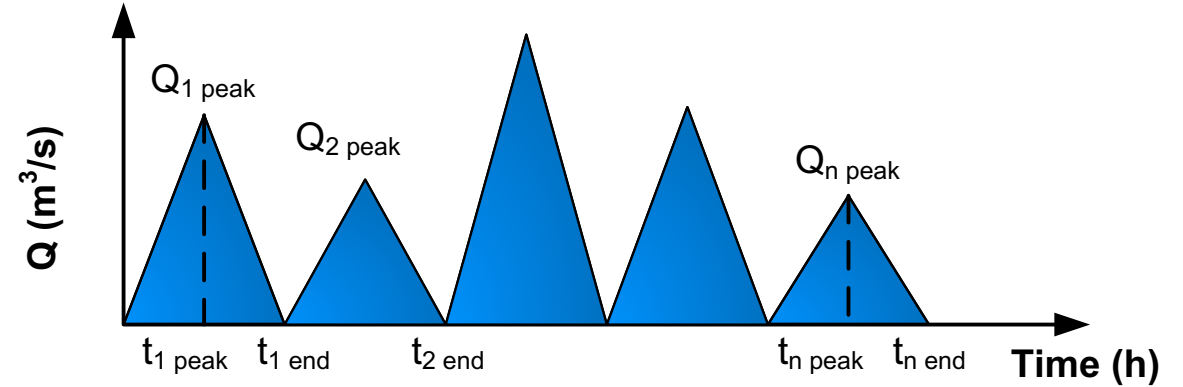
STAGE 1

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Time-dependent bed evolution modeling via LOGICCHAR (Laigle, 2018)



Scenario i

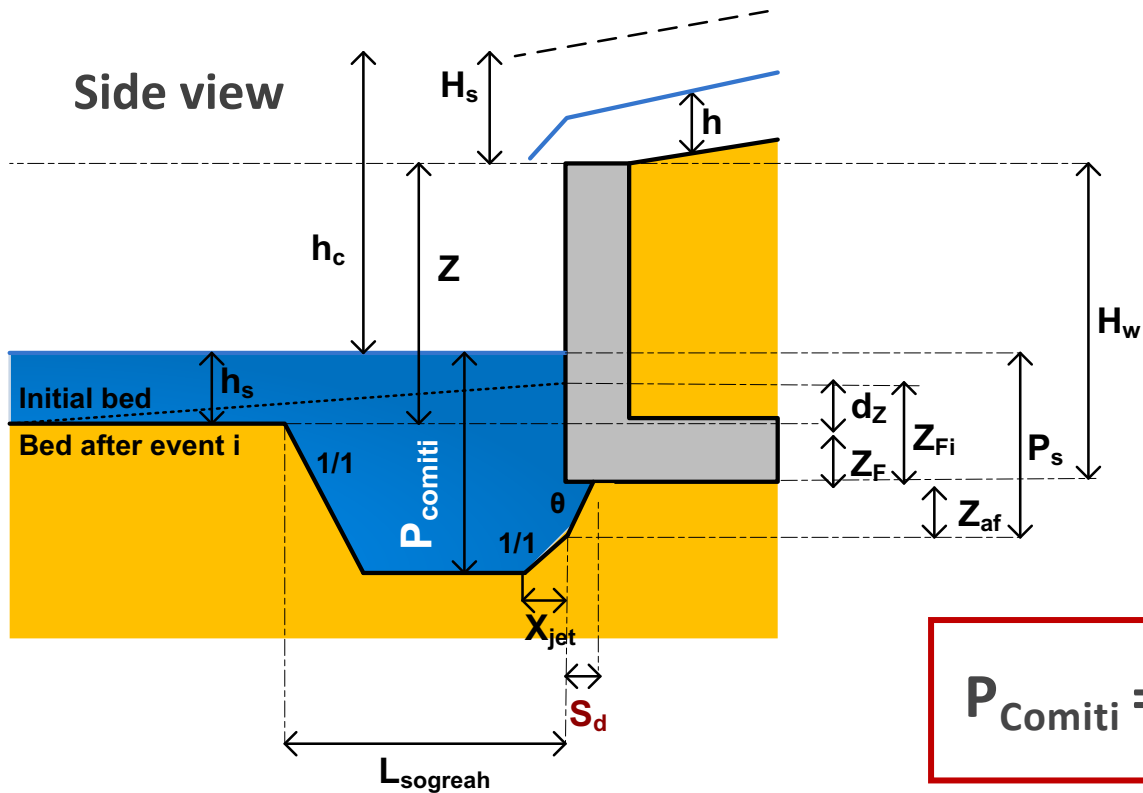


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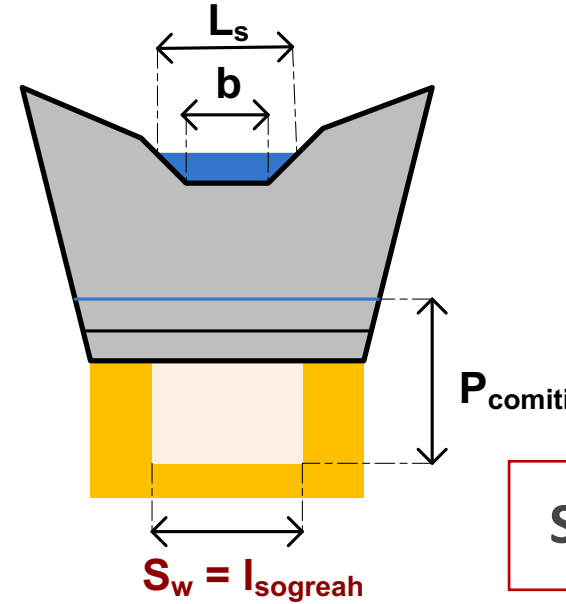
Physics-based Model

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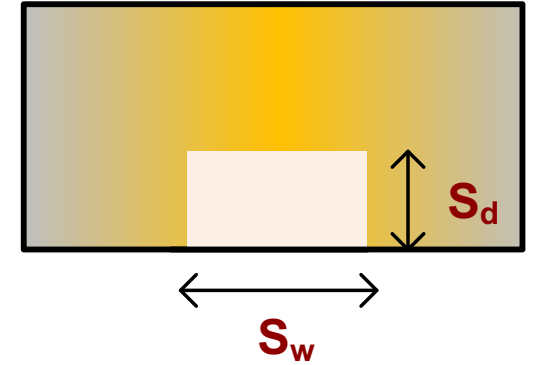
2 Global and local scouring estimation
 Combination of *Sogreah (1989)* and *Comiti et al. (2013)* methods



Front view



Bottom view



$$S_w = I_{Sogreah} = P_{Sogreah} * R'$$

$$S_d = Z_{af} = f(P_{Sogreah}, Z_F, h_s, X_{jet})$$

$$P_{Sogreah} = P_{Comiti} * R$$

$$P_{Comiti} = 2Z(H_s/Z)^{0.59} * (b/B)^{2.34} * (\Delta D_{90}/Z)^{-0.09} + h_s$$

MODELING APPROACH

Physics-based Model

STAGE 1

3

External stability justification

(Deymier et al., 1995) (Groupe de travail, 1993)

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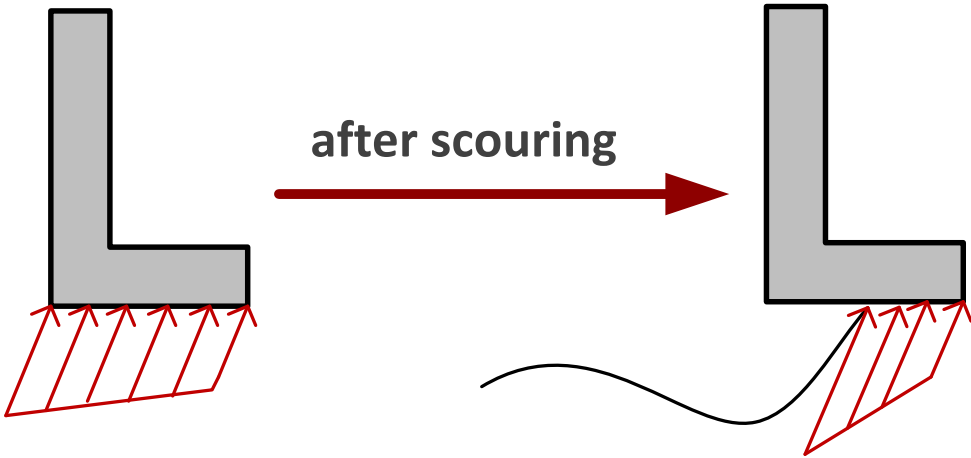
Global stability indicator definition

$$S_g = (S_{BC}^\alpha * S_{OT}^\beta * S_{SL}^\gamma)^{1/(\alpha+\beta+\lambda)}$$

Exceedance of bearing capacity

S_{BC}

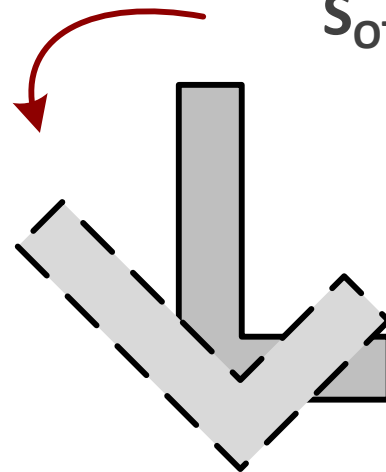
after scouring



$$S_{BC} = \frac{\sigma_{adm} - q'_r ef}{\sigma_{adm}}$$

Stability against overturning

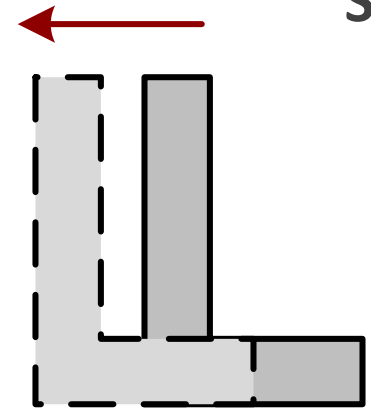
S_{OT}



$$S_{OT} = \frac{M_S - M_O}{M_S}$$

Stability against sliding

S_{SL}



$$S_{SL} = \frac{R_{SL} - R_H}{R_{SL}}$$

MODELING APPROACH

Physics-based Model STAGE 2

2

Time-dependent evolution of S_g

1 Check dam's states definition

State 1

New – good condition

State 2

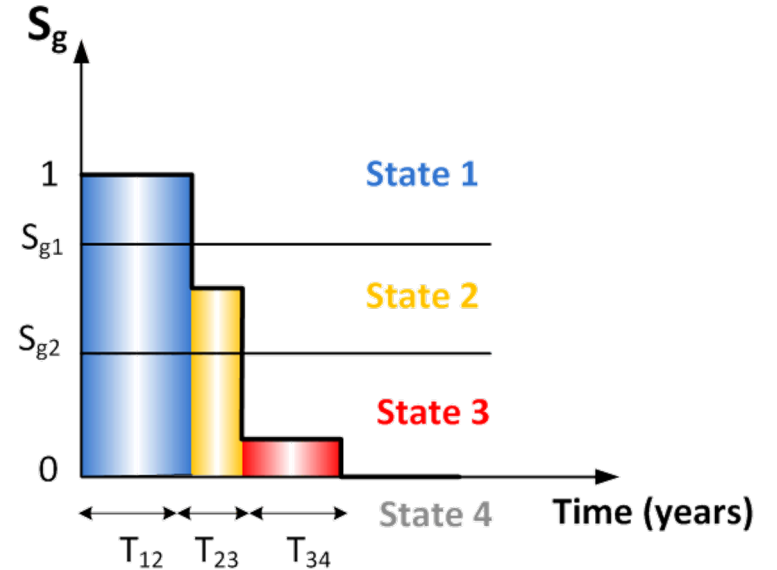
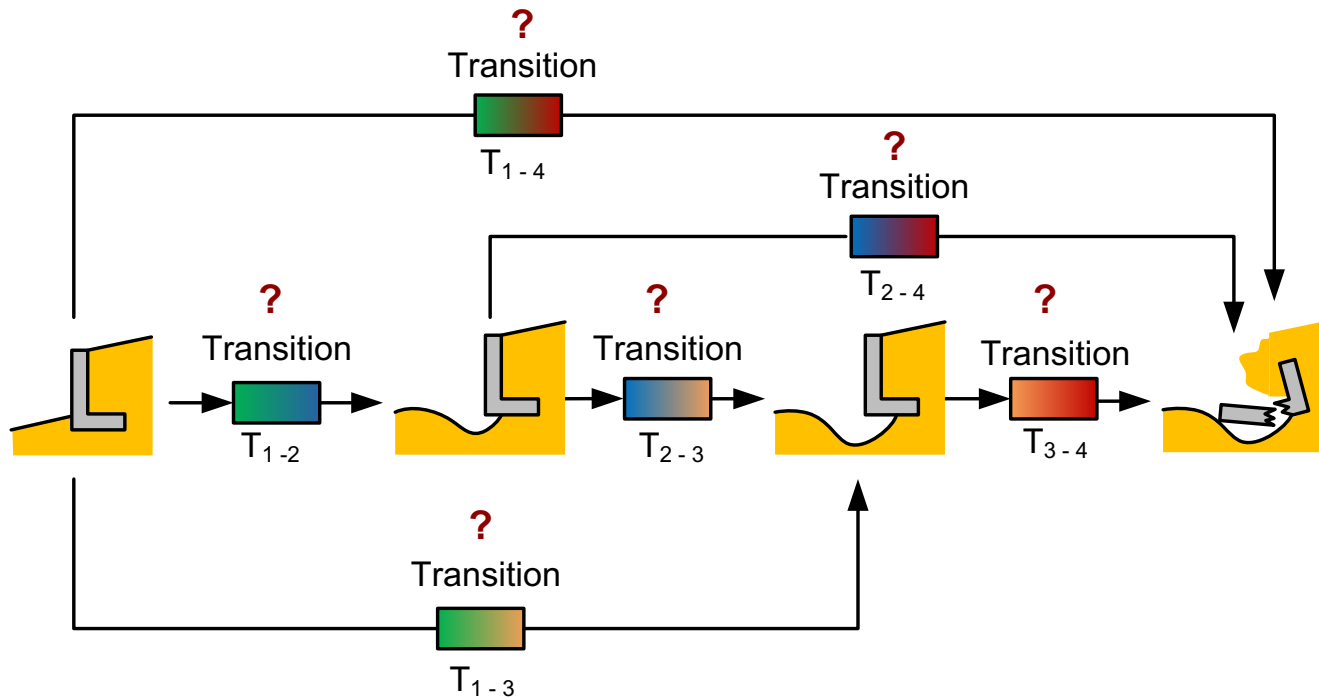
Poor condition

State 3

Very poor condition

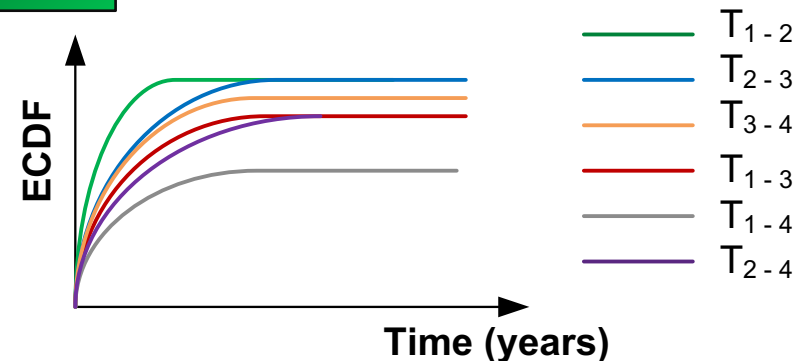
State 4

Failed condition



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Transition laws estimation



Stochastic Deterioration & Maintenance Model

Stochastic Petri Net (SPN) Model

STAGE 3

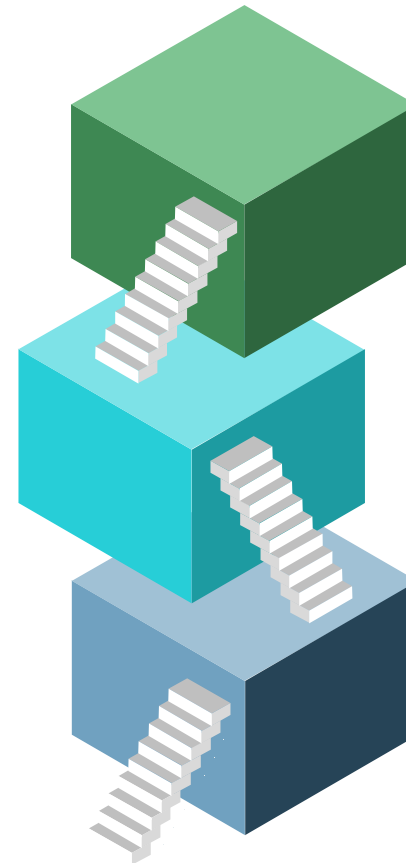
Apply Monte-Carlo simulation
Compare maintenance strategies

STAGE 2

Define different
maintenance strategies

STAGE 1

Construct the SPN model



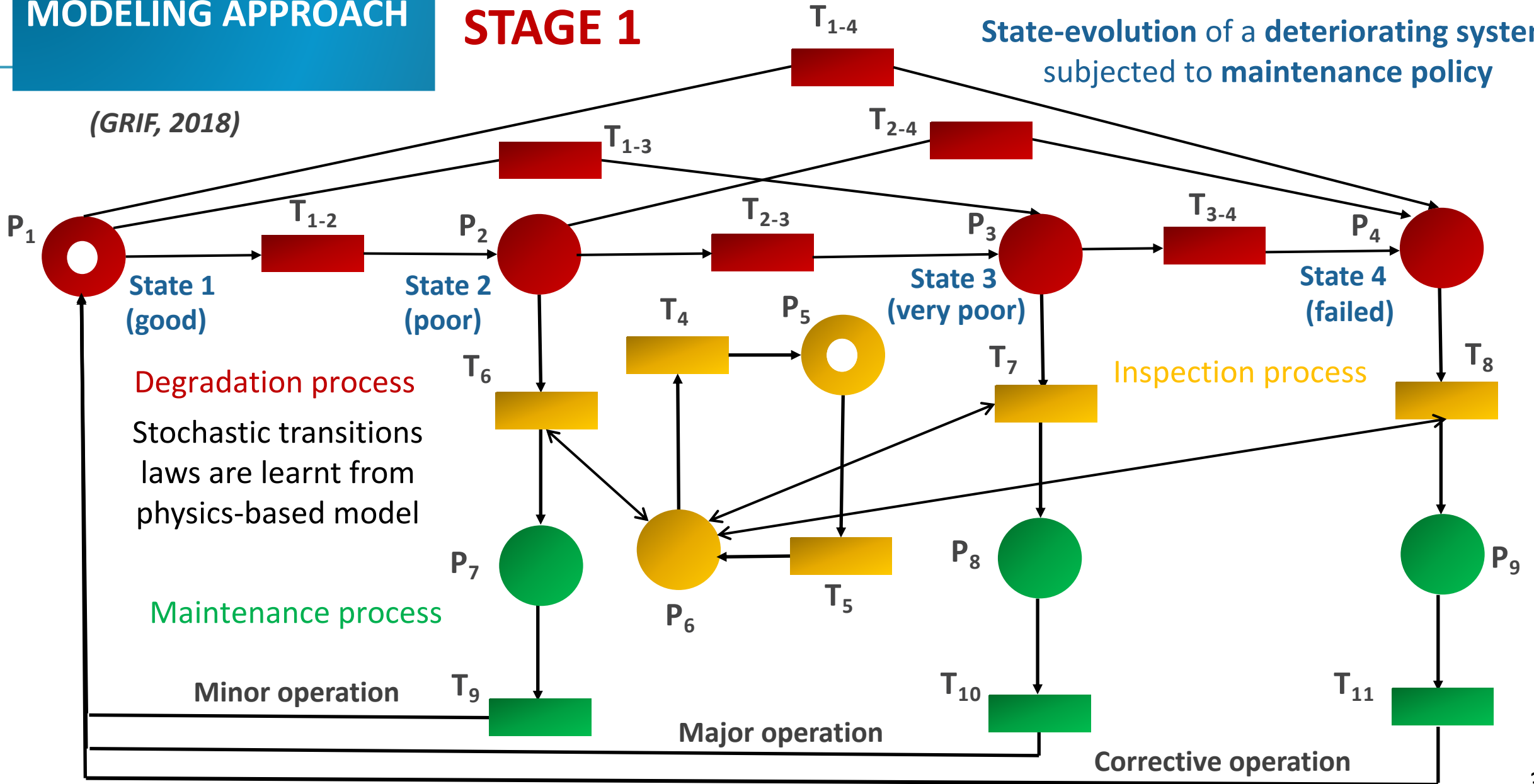
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Stochastic Deterioration and Maintenance Model

STAGE 1

State-evolution of a deteriorating system subjected to maintenance policy

(GRIF, 2018)



Stochastic Deterioration and Maintenance Model

STAGE 2

STRATEGIES



Maintenance strategy 1:

All maintenance operations are **allowed**

Maintenance strategy 2:

Minor operations are **inhibited**

Maintenance strategy 3:

Major operations are **inhibited**

Maintenance strategy 4:

Only **corrective** operations are **allowed**

Condition for the case of check dams:

Three minor operations and two major operations are allowed **prior to corrective maintenance operation**

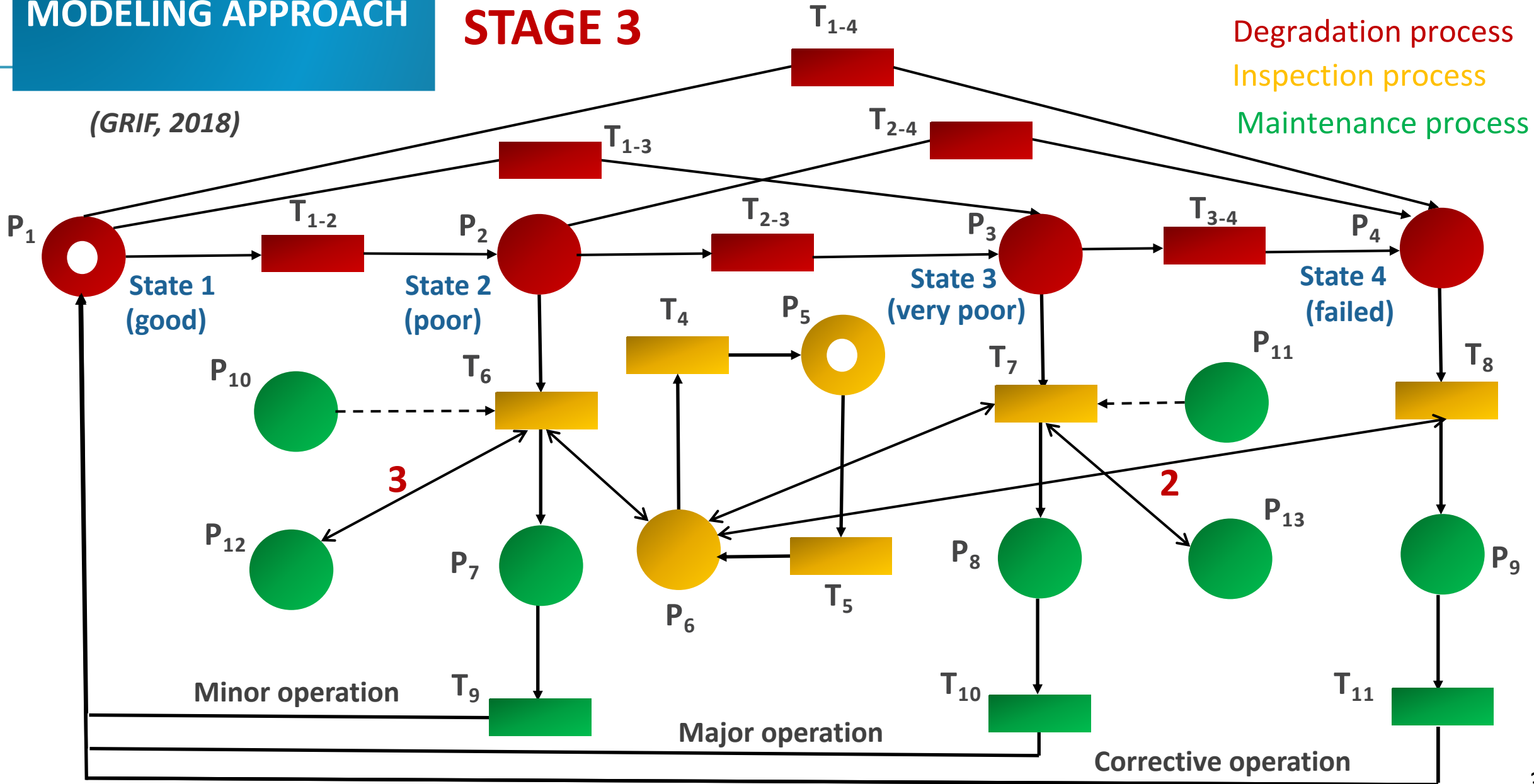
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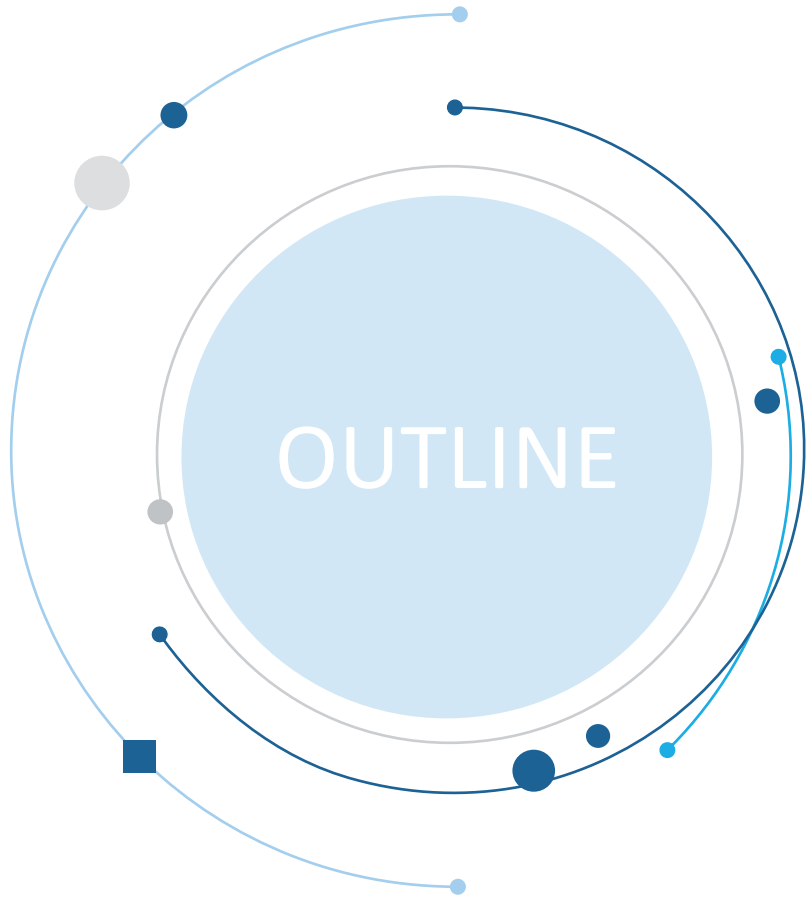
Stochastic Deterioration and Maintenance Model

STAGE 3

Degradation process
Inspection process
Maintenance process

(GRIF, 2018)

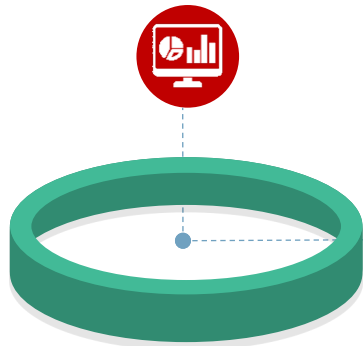




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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Analysis of protection structures' performance (using the proposed modeling approach)



Performance analysis of protection structures

- Deterioration
- Maintenance



Uncertainty analysis

- Uncertainty propagation
- Sensitivity analysis



Analysis of bi-directional dependencies

- Multi-component system
- Components' interactions

CASE STUDIES

Development and Evaluation of a Complete Deterioration and Maintenance Model on Torrent Protection Structures

Case study 1 Single check dam



Case study 2 Multi-components system of check dams



Case study 3 Retention system



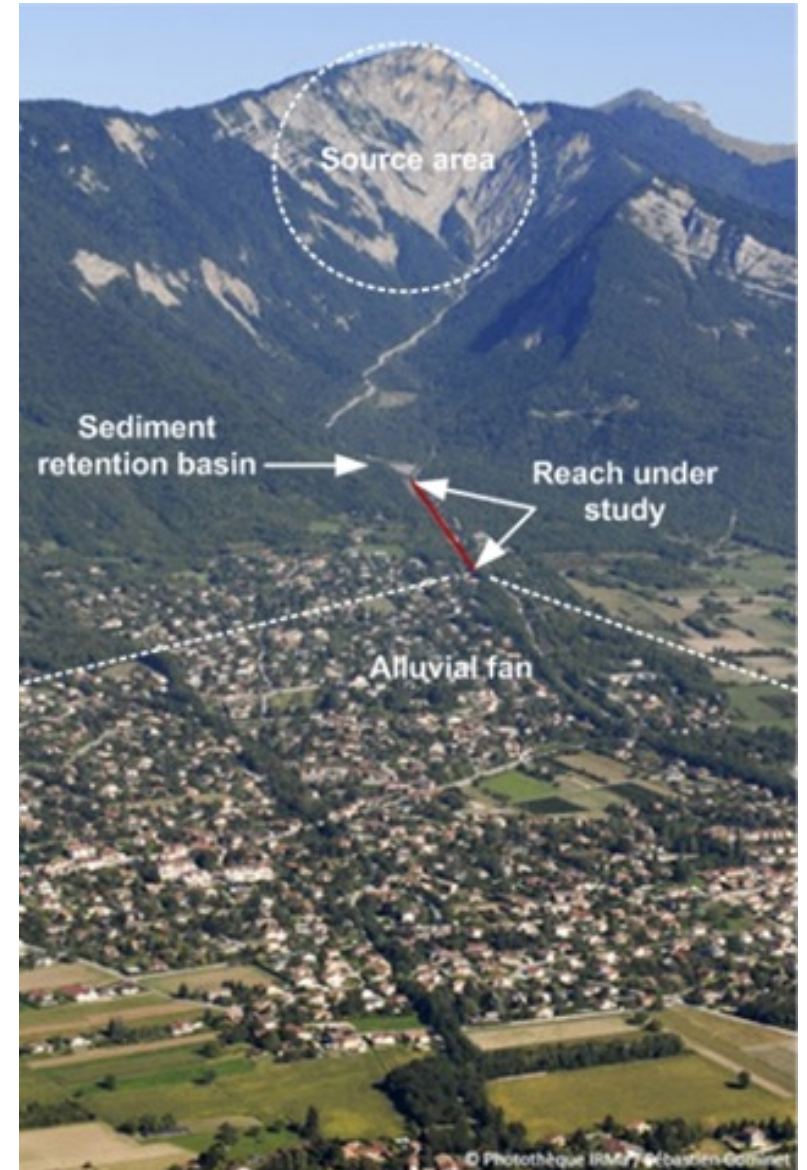
CASE STUDY 1

Check Dam Subjected to Clear Water Floods in the Manival Torrent

(Chahrour et al. RESS 2021)

1 Risk scenario definition

- **Data collection (ONF – RTM database)**
 - Longitudinal & transverse profiles
 - Grain size distribution
 - Geotechnical data
 - Check dams' dimensions
- **Flood scenarios**
 - Random generation of 50 scenarios
 - **Clear water flood** events
 - Floods with **return period of 10 years**
 - **Time period** considered: **100 years**



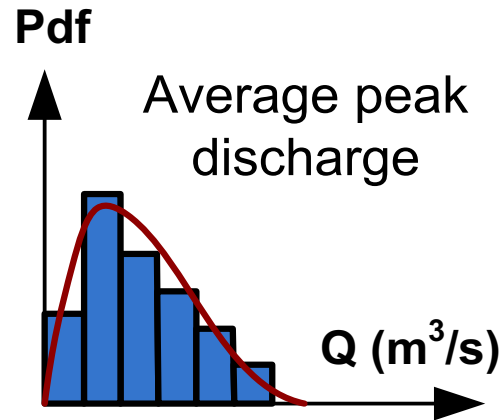
Manival torrent (FRANCE)

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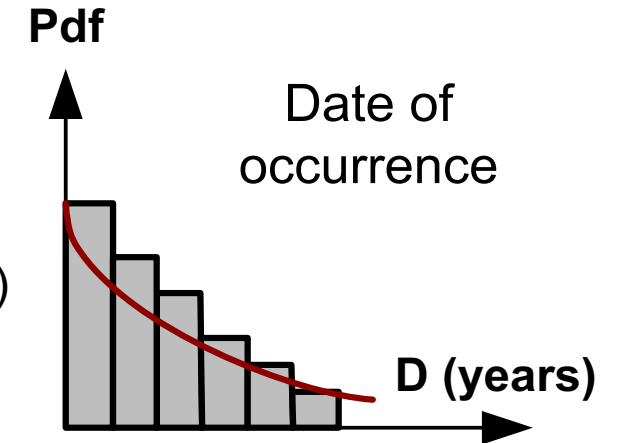
Risk scenario definition

(Chahrour et al. RESS 2021)

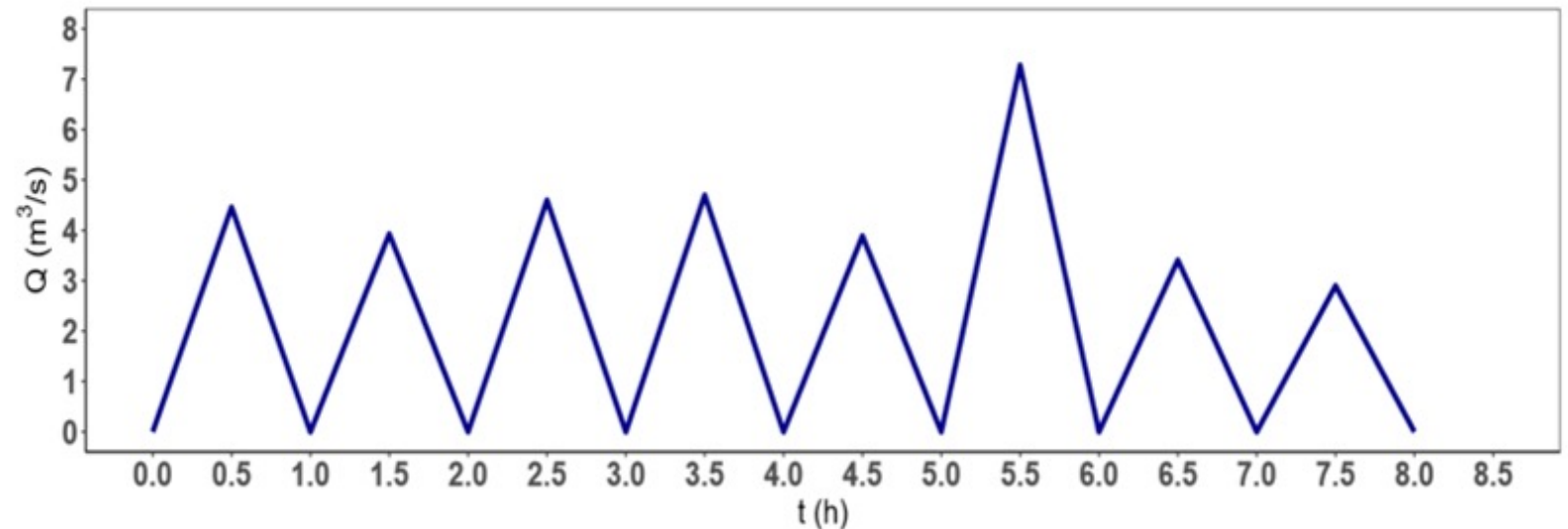
$Q_{avg} (T = 10 \text{ years}) = 5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
 \sim **Gamma law** ($\alpha = 5, \beta = 1$)



$T = 10 \text{ years}$
 \sim **Poisson law** ($\lambda = 1/10$)



Hydrograph showing a series of flood events – scenario 1.



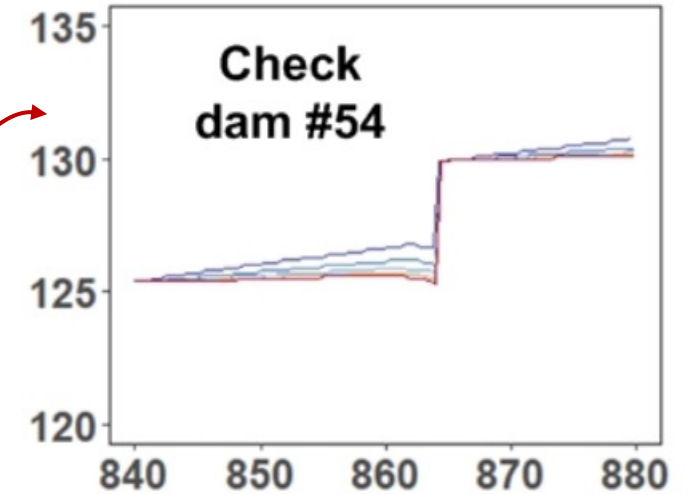
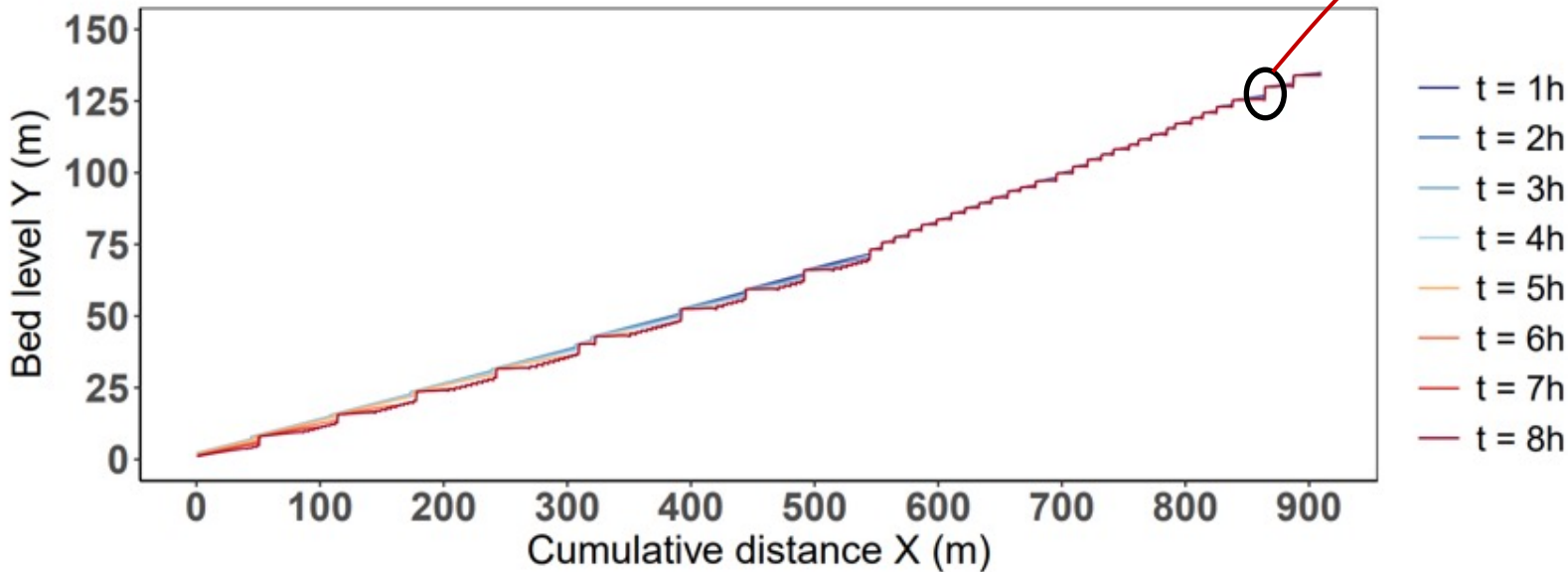
CASE STUDY 1

Performance Analysis using the Physics-based model

(Chahrour et al. RESS 2021)

LOGICCHAR simulations (e.g. scenario 1)

Reach down stream retention dam (39 check dams)



Variation in bed level upstream and downstream check dam #54.

Variation in bed level along the entire studied reach.

CASE STUDY 1

Performance Analysis using the Physics-based model

(Chahrour et al. RESS 2021)

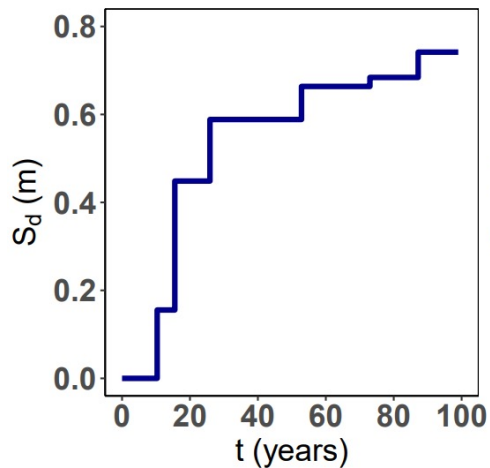
Time-dependent evolution of degradation indicators(e.g. scenario 1)

Check dam #54

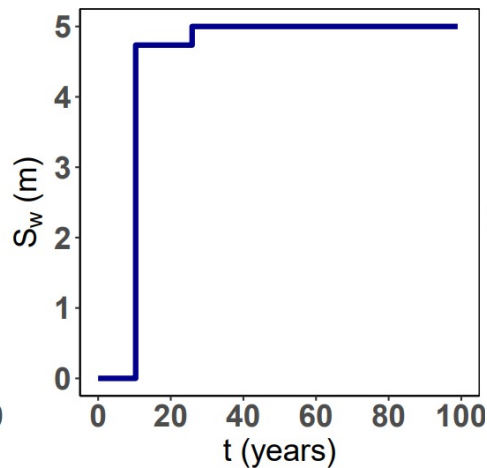
Scouring indicators

S_d

S_w



Local scouring depth



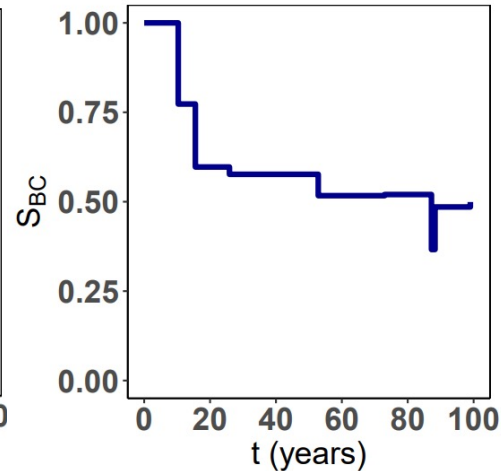
Local scouring width

Stability indicators

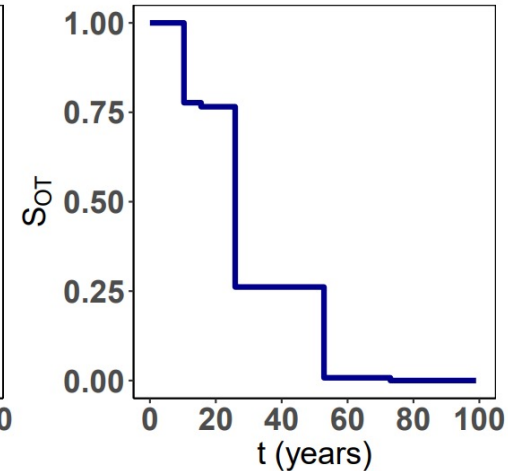
S_{BC}

S_{OT}

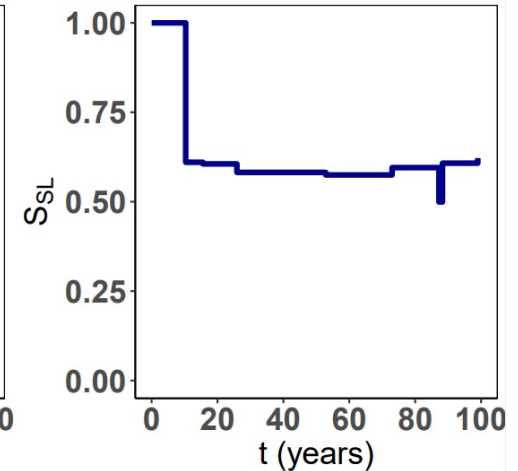
S_{SL}



Bearing capacity stability ratio



Overturning stability ratio



Sliding stability ratio

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Performance Analysis using the Physics-based model

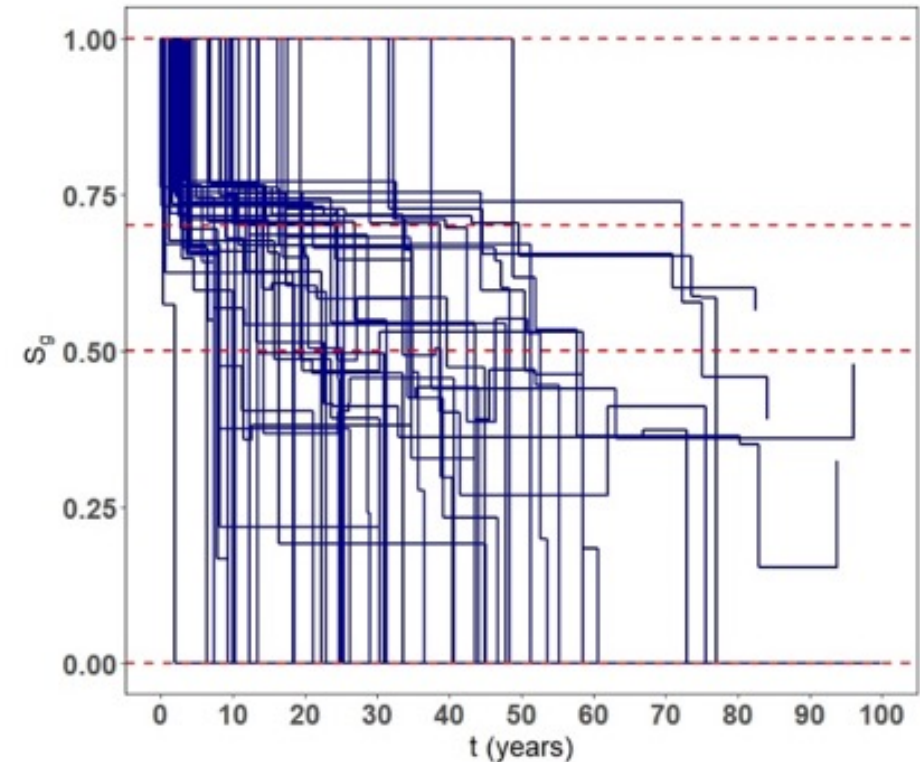
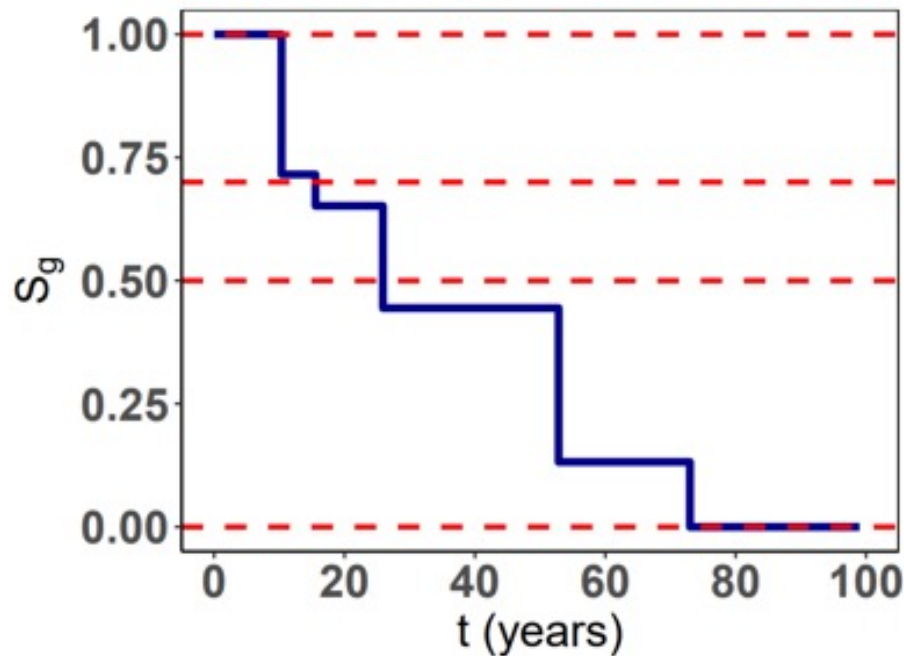
(Chahrour et al. RESS 2021)

Time-based evolution of the global stability indicator S_g

Check dam #54

Sg corresponding to the 50 generated scenarios

Sg corresponding to scenario 1



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Performance Analysis using the Physics-based model

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Fitting probability distributions for stochastic transitions

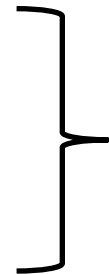
Check dam #54

T12 (41 values)

T23 (20 values)

T24 (20 values)

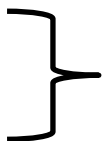
T34 (23 values)



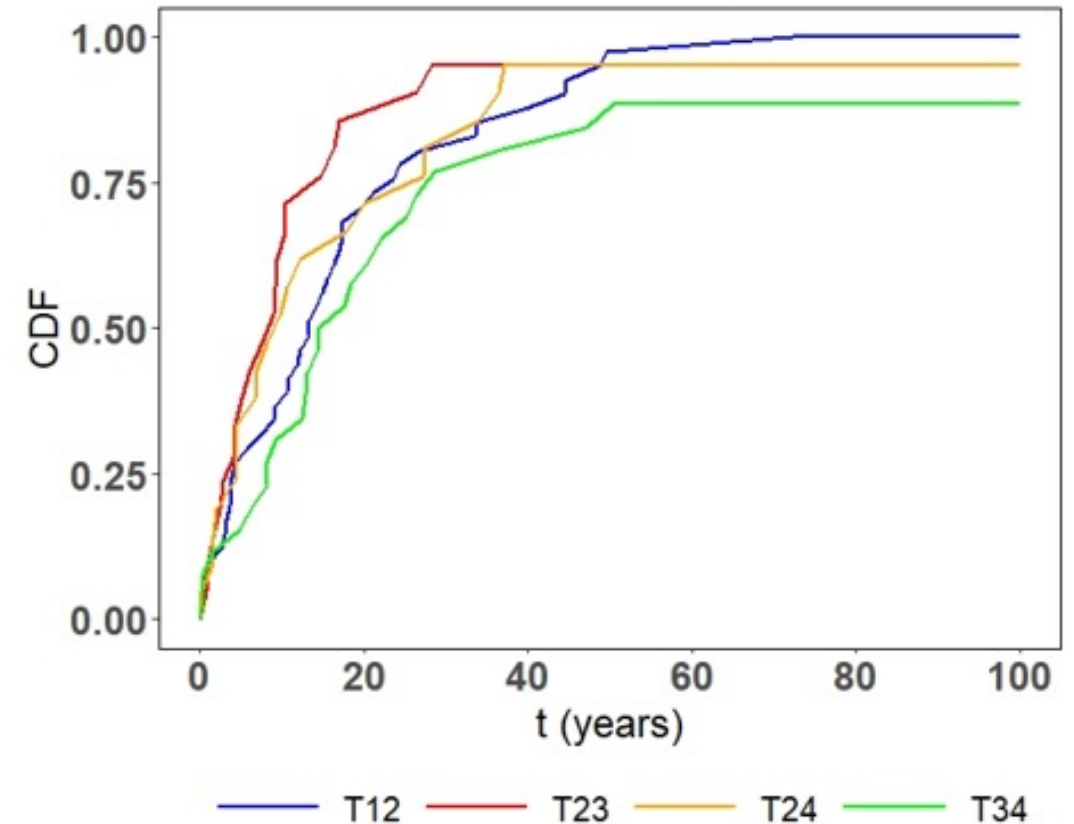
Empirical CDF
using Kaplan
Meier Estimator

T13 (6 values)

T14 (3 values)



Log normal
distribution (μ , σ)



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Performance Analysis using the Stochastic Deterioration & Maintenance Model

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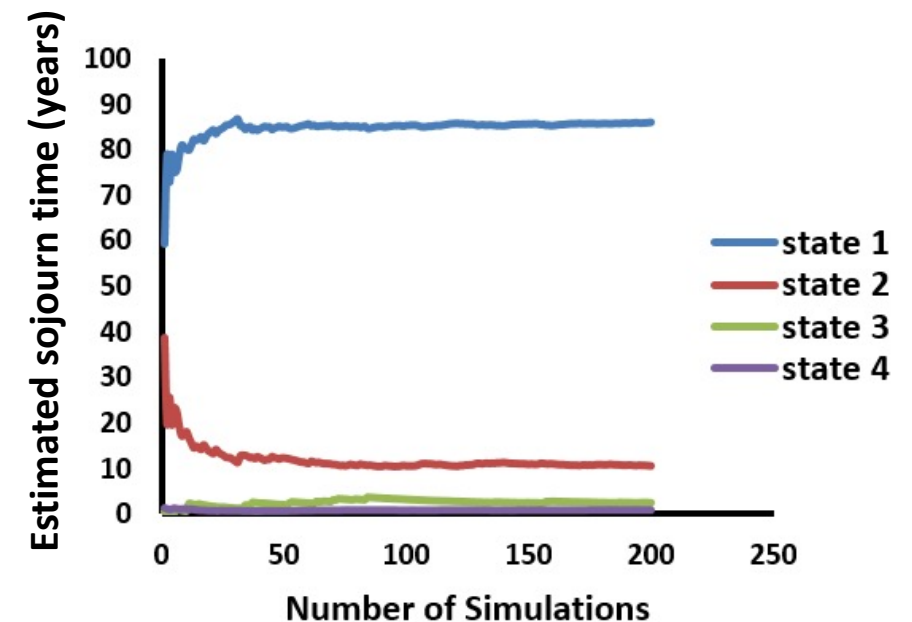
Mean sojourn time spent by the dam in each state

Check dam #54

	State 1	State 2	State 3	State 4
Strategy 1	86.01	10.49	2.55	0.87
Strategy 2	56.62	37.27	4.20	1.77
Strategy 3	73.04	6.73	19.02	1.21
Strategy 4	44.43	25.89	27.45	2.23

(Results provided by the SPN model)

Time spent by the dam in each state - strategy 1.



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Performance Analysis using the Stochastic Deterioration & Maintenance Model

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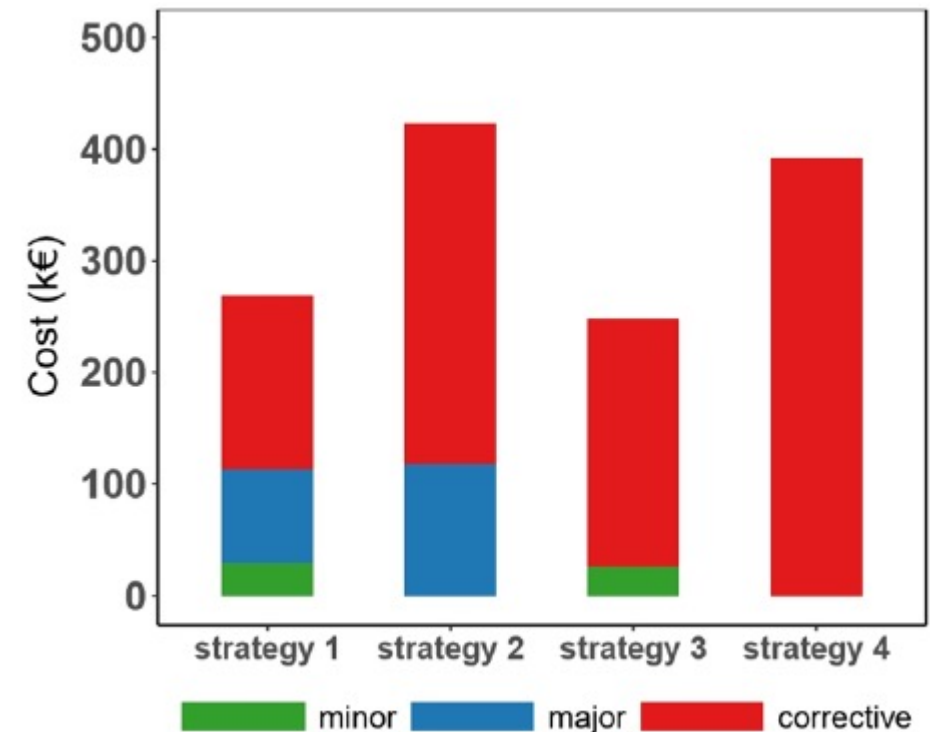
Average number of maintenance operations applied to the dam over a period of 100 years

Check dam #54

	Minor operations	Major operations	Corrective operations
Strategy 1	3.85	1.13	1.04
Strategy 2	0	1.57	2.04
Strategy 3	3.49	0	1.48
Strategy 4	0	0	2.62

(Results provided by the SPN model)

Average expected cost of each maintenance strategy.



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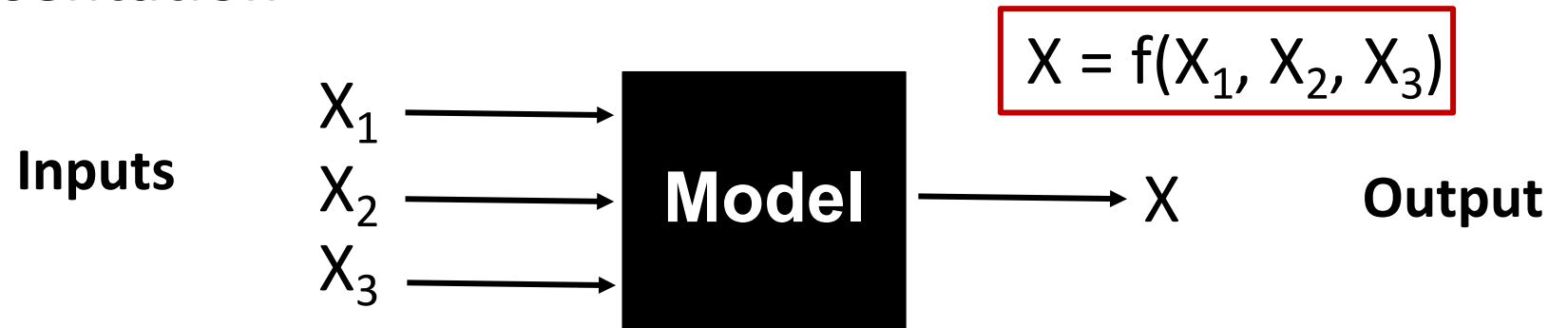
Uncertainty Analysis using HYRISK

Hybrid approach addressing uncertainty in risk context

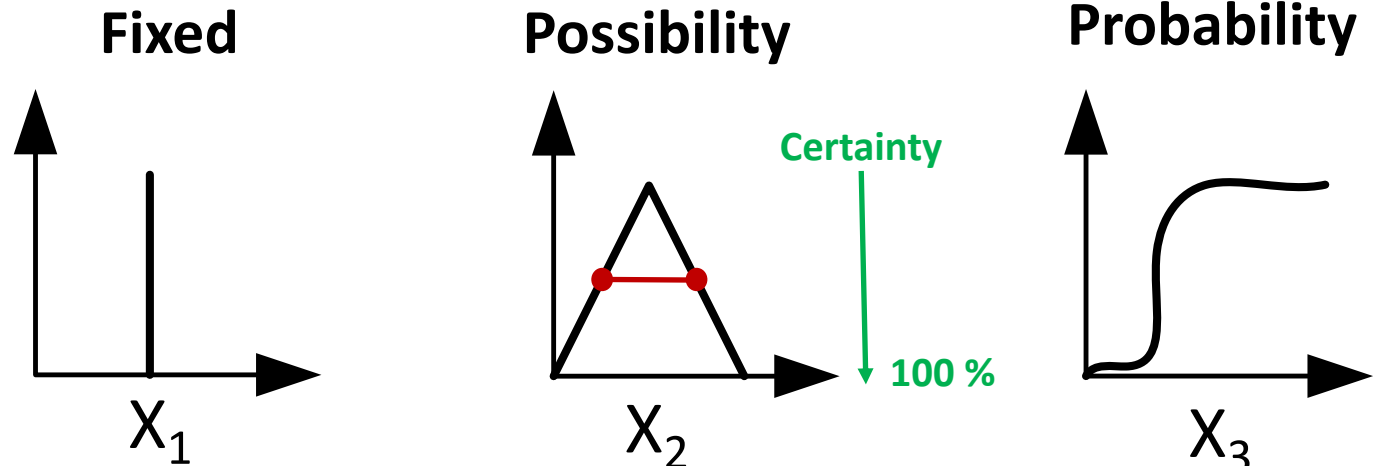
(Rohmer et al., 2018) (Baudrit et al., 2007)

1 Uncertainty representation

Define **inputs** and **outputs**



Assign **distributions** for inputs



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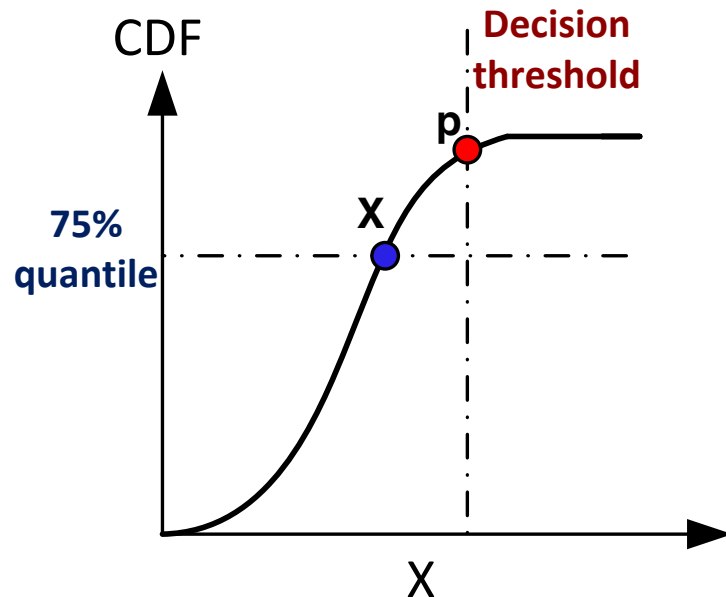
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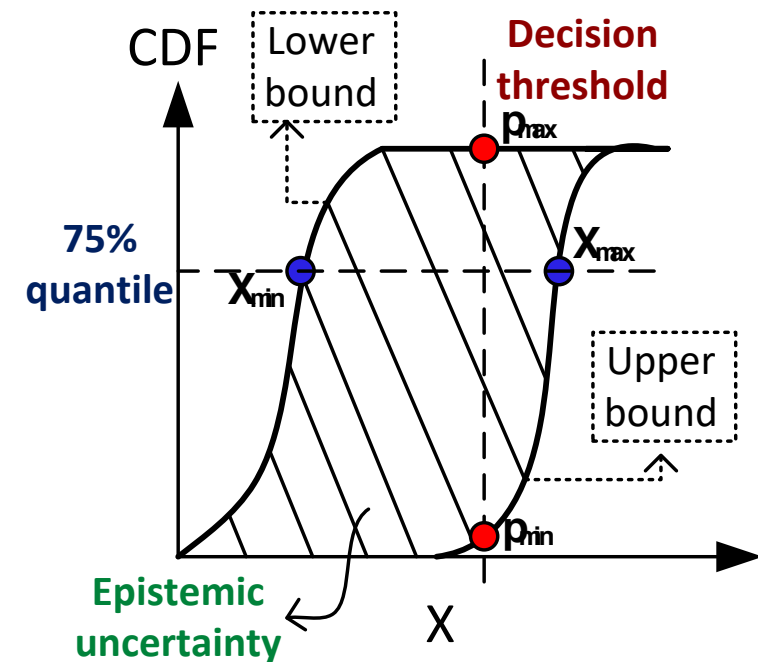
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2 Uncertainty Propagation

Case 1 – Uncertain inputs are all represented as **probability** distributions



Case 2 – At least one uncertain input is represented as a **possibility** distribution



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Uncertainty Analysis using HYRISK

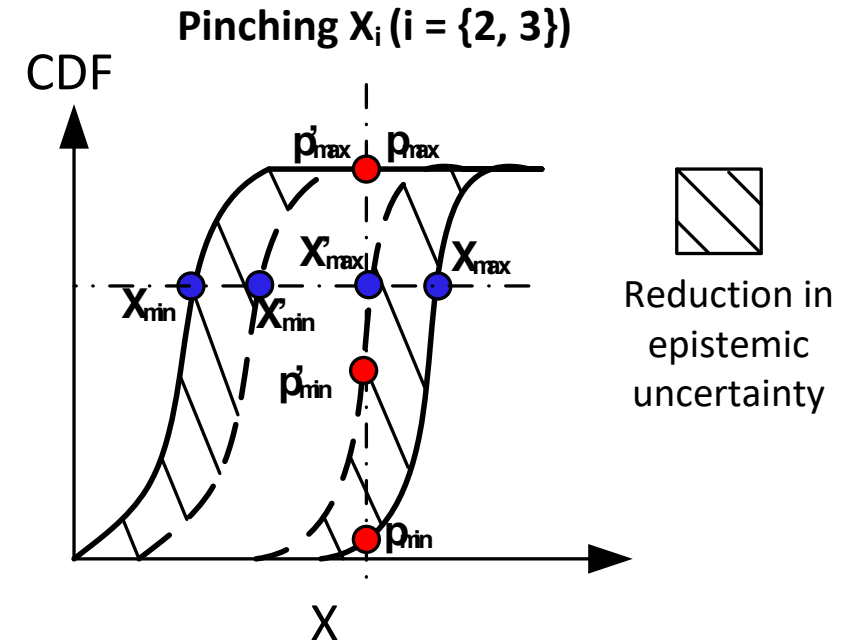
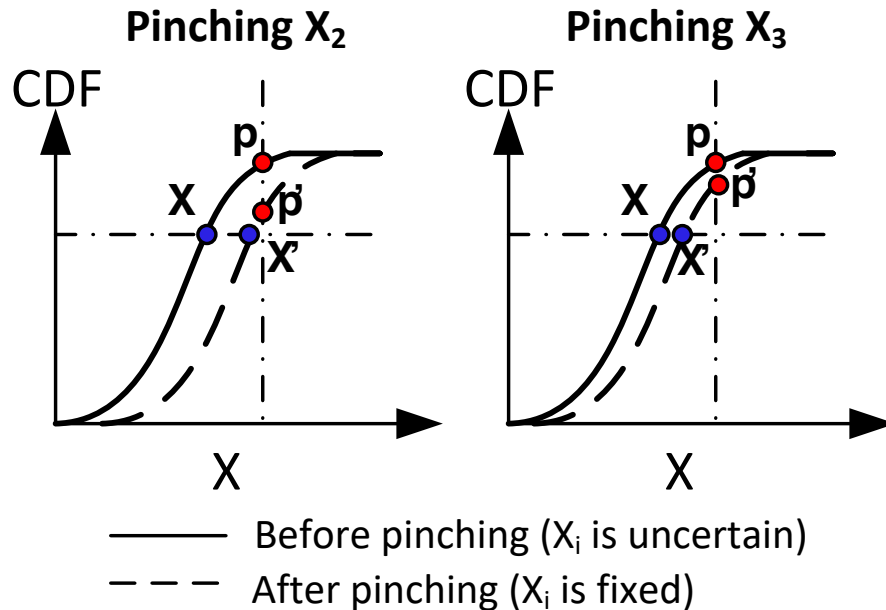
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3 Sensitivity analysis

Case 1 – Uncertain inputs are all represented as probability distributions

Case 2 – At least one uncertain input is represented as a possibility distribution

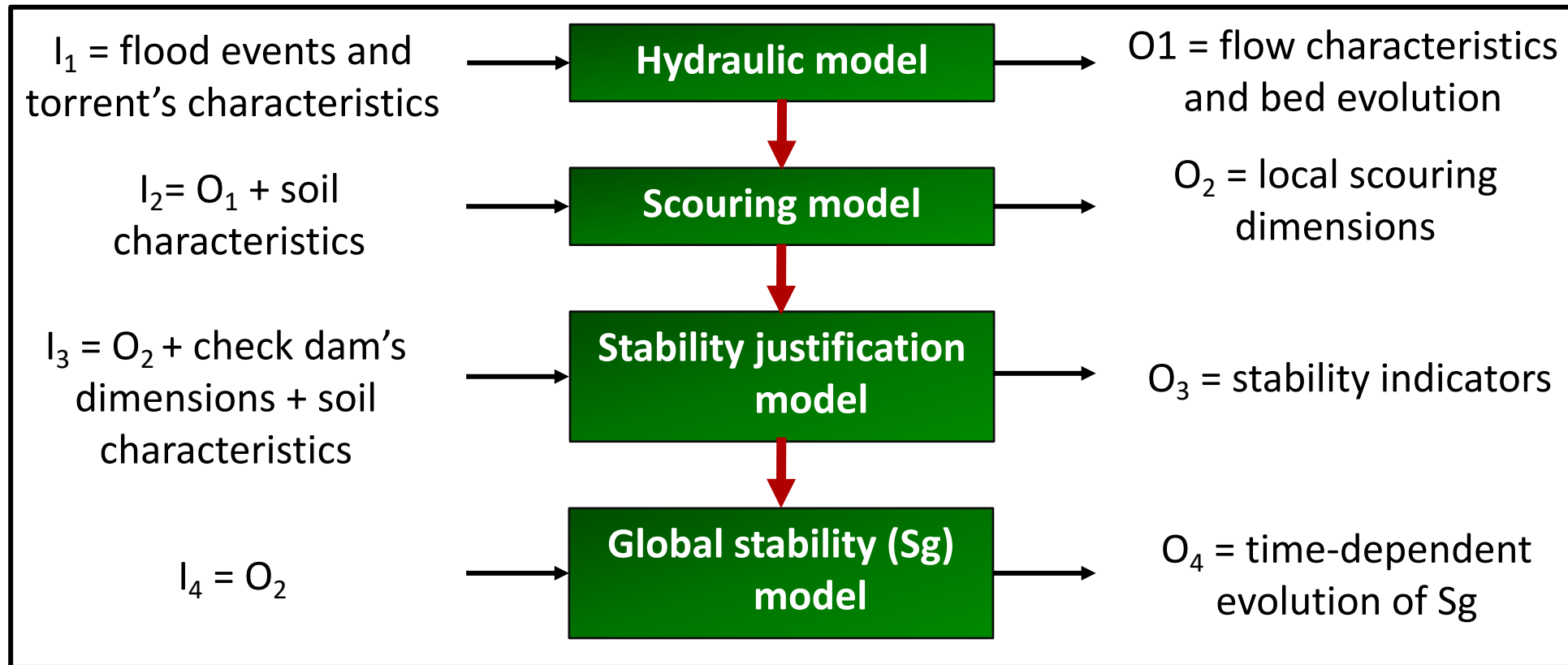


CASE STUDY 1

Uncertainty analysis applied to check dam model

(Chahrour et al. ESREL 2021)

Sub-models of the physics-based model



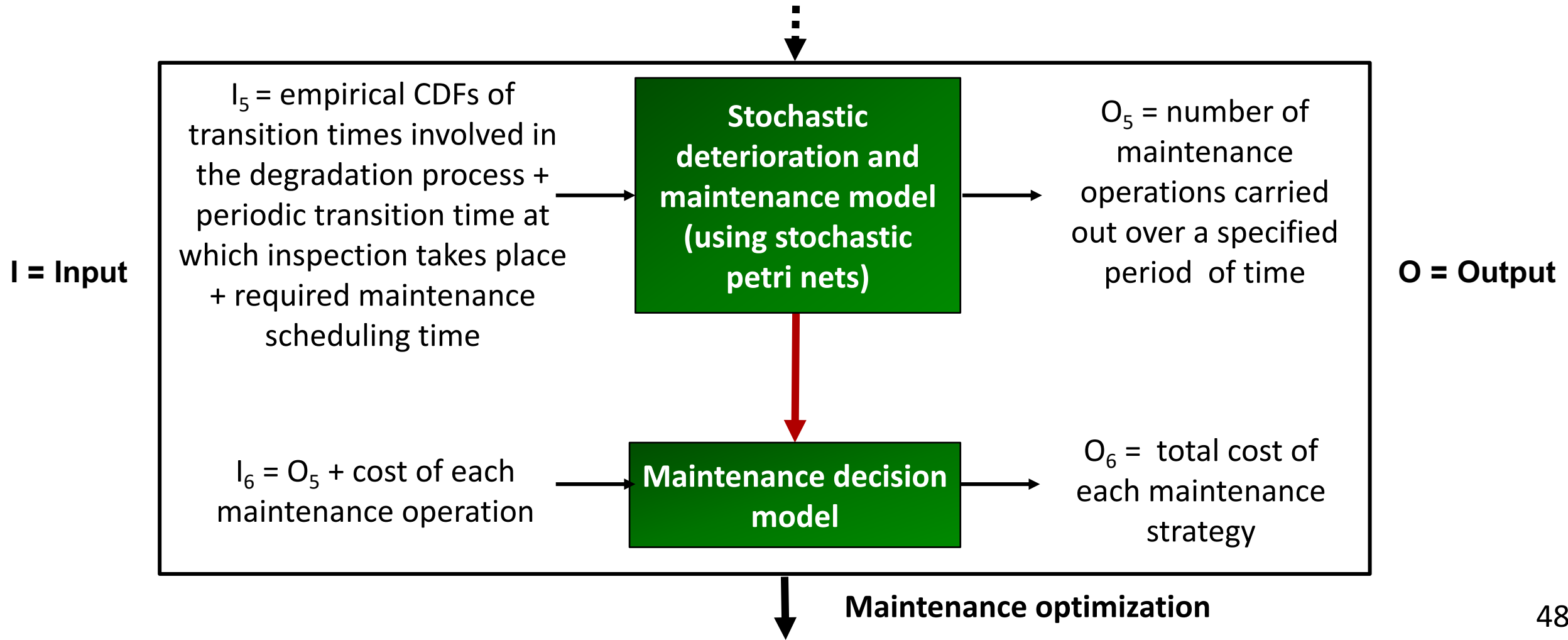
Transition times

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Sub-models of the stochastic deterioration & maintenance model

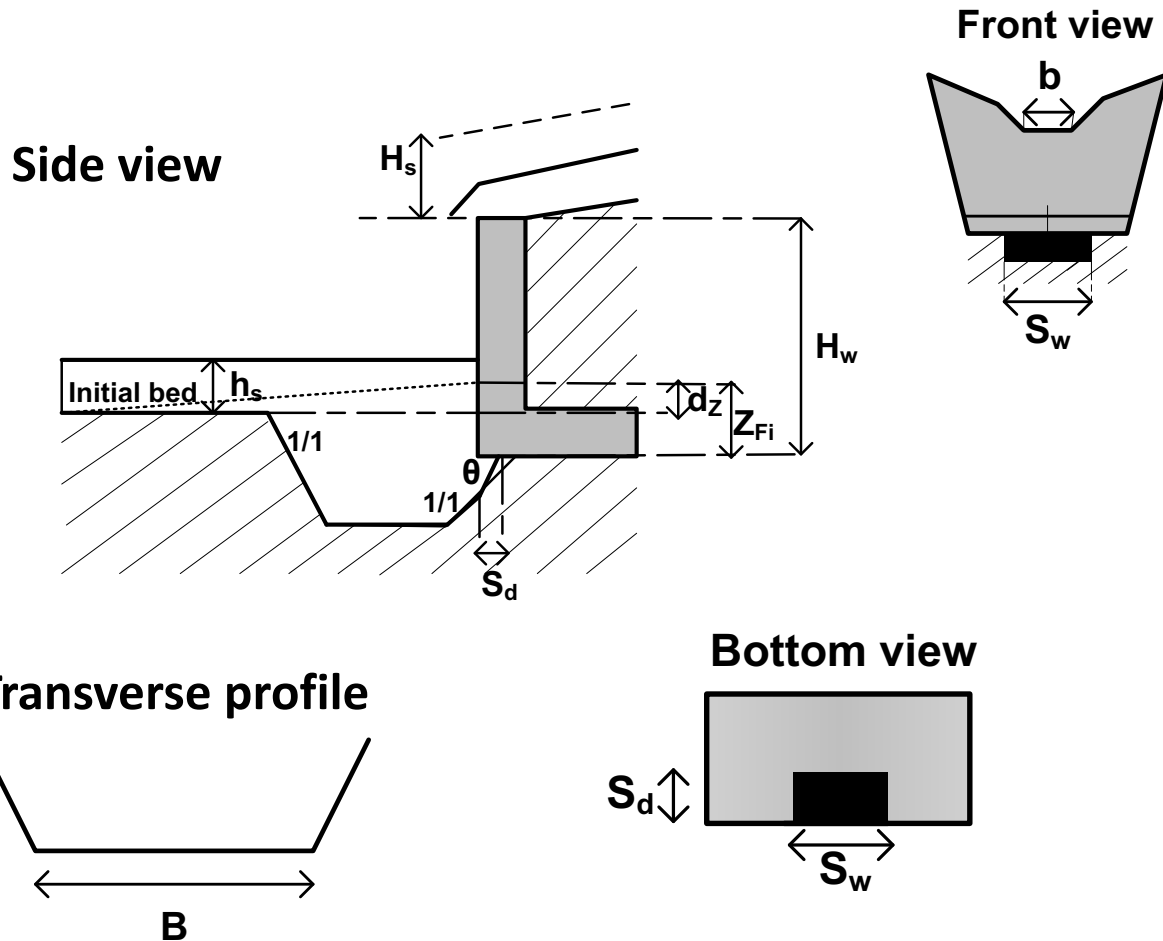


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Uncertainty analysis applied to check dam model

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Scouring estimation sub-model



Variable inputs

$$S_d = f(H_s, h_s, B, D_{90}, Z_{Fi}, d_z, \Delta, H_w, b, \theta)$$

$$S_w = f(H_s, h_s, B, D_{90}, Z_{Fi}, d_z, \Delta, H_w, b)$$

Fixed inputs

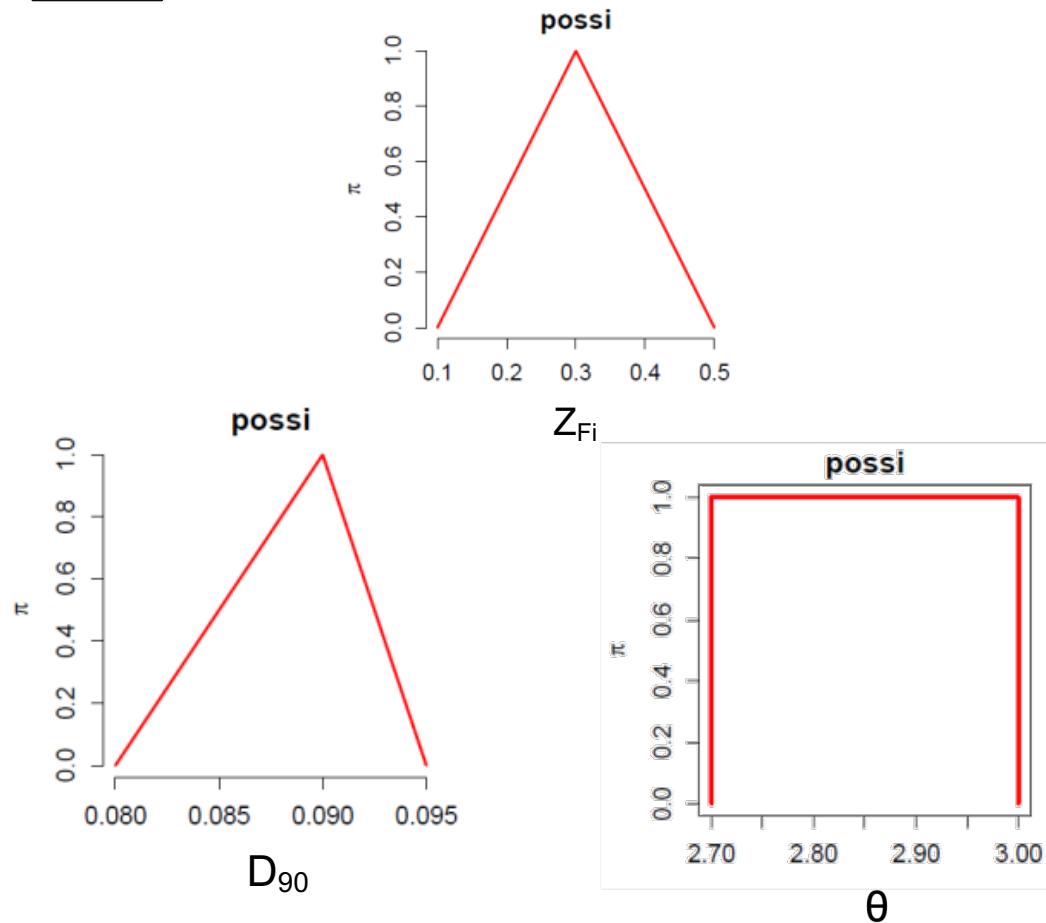
Input	H_s (m)	h_s (m)	B (m)	d_z (m)	Δ	H_w (m)	b (m)
Value	0.737	0.229	6	0.873	1.65	2.3	4.4

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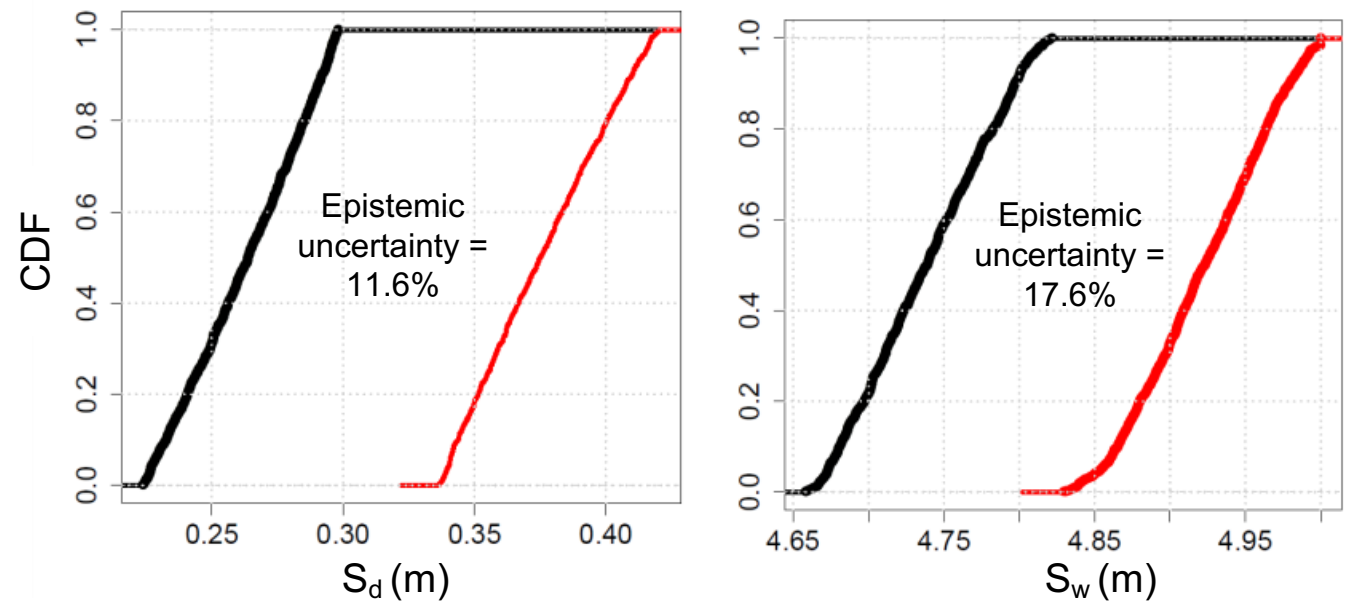
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1 Uncertainty representation



2 Uncertainty propagation



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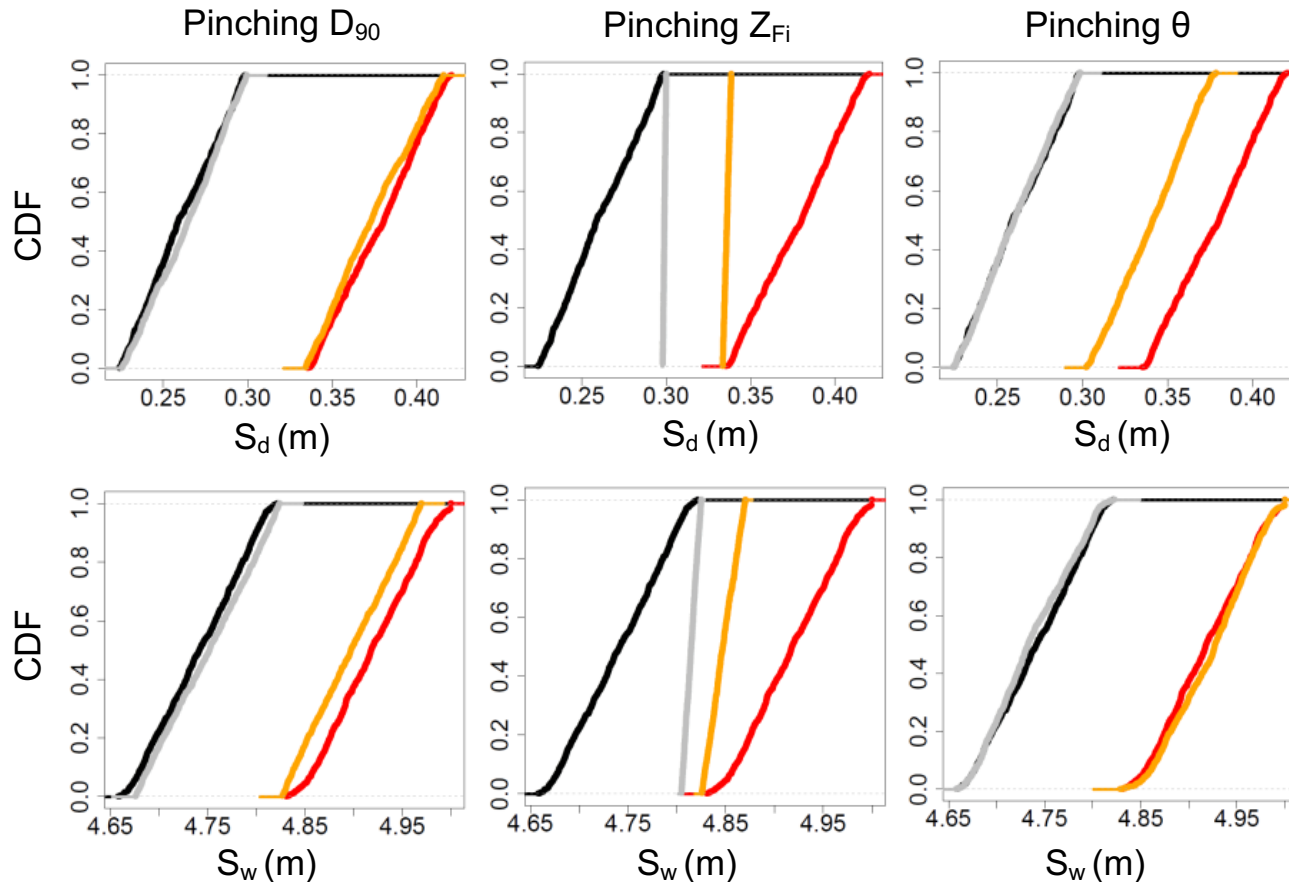
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3 Sensitivity analysis

Fixed values

$D_{90} = 0.09 \text{ m}$ $Z_{Fi} = 0.3 \text{ m}$ $\theta = 3 \text{ m/m}$



Epistemic uncertainty (%)

Output	Uncertainty propagation	Pinched input parameter		
		D_{90}	Z_{Fi}	θ
S_d	11.60	10.84 6.55%	3.67 68.36%	7.93 31.63%
S_w	17.60	14.56 17.27%	3.36 80.90%	17.60 0%

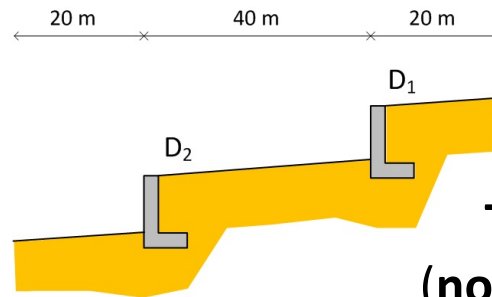
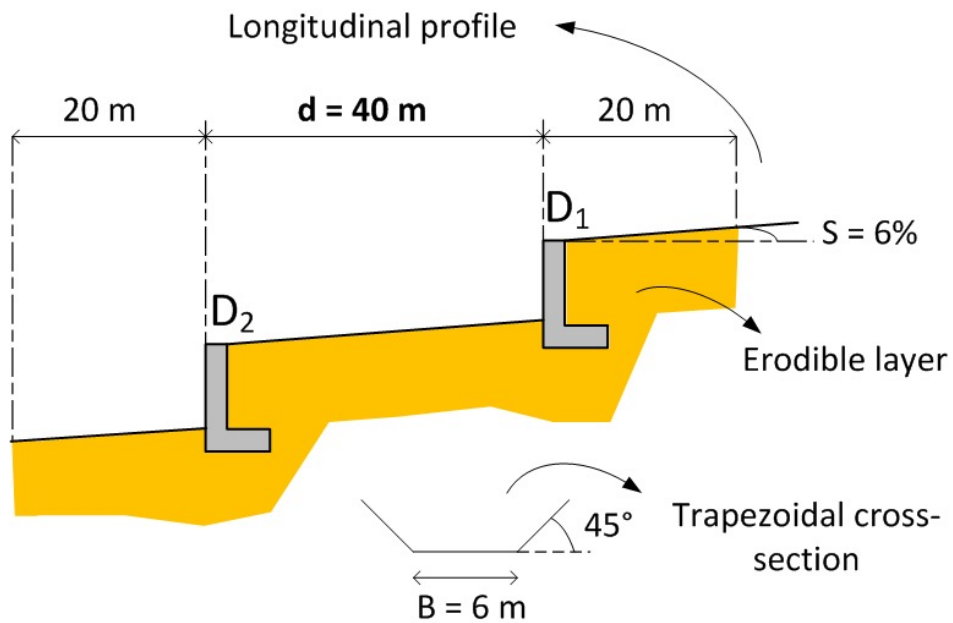
S_d and S_w are more sensitive to the epistemic parameter Z_{Fi}

CASE STUDY 2

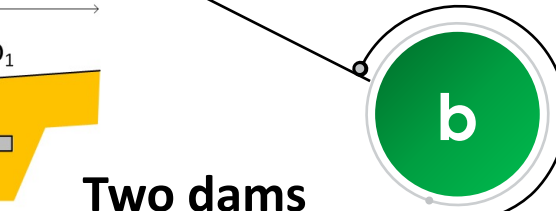
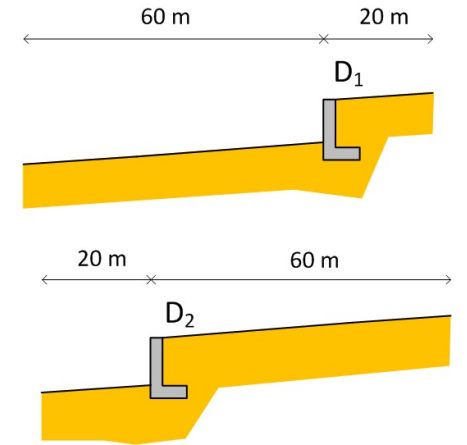
Multi-component system: Bi-directional dependencies

(Chahrour et al. RAMS 2021)

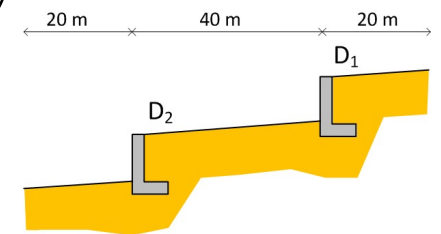
Three cases to be modeled
over a period of 50 years



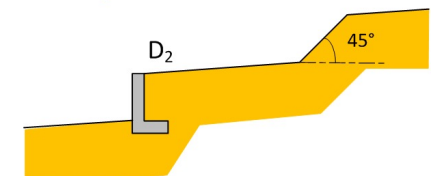
Single dam



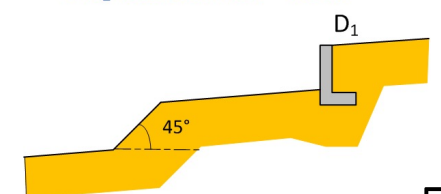
Two dams
(not considering failure)



If D₁ fails at time t → at t:



If D₂ fails at time t → at t:



Two dams
(considering failure)

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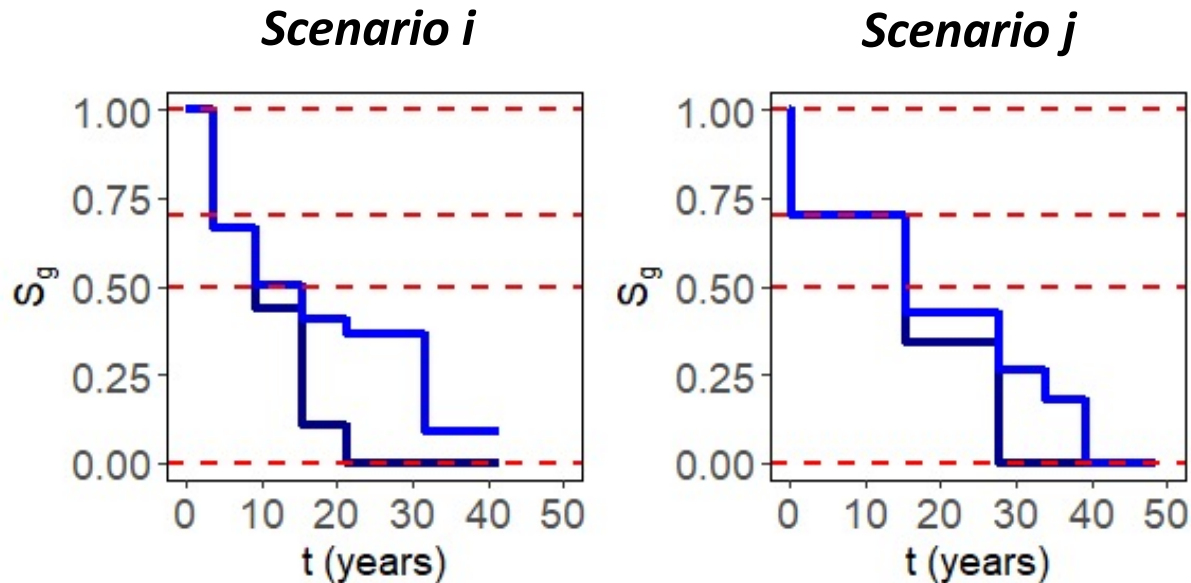
Performance & Dependency Analysis using the Physics-based model

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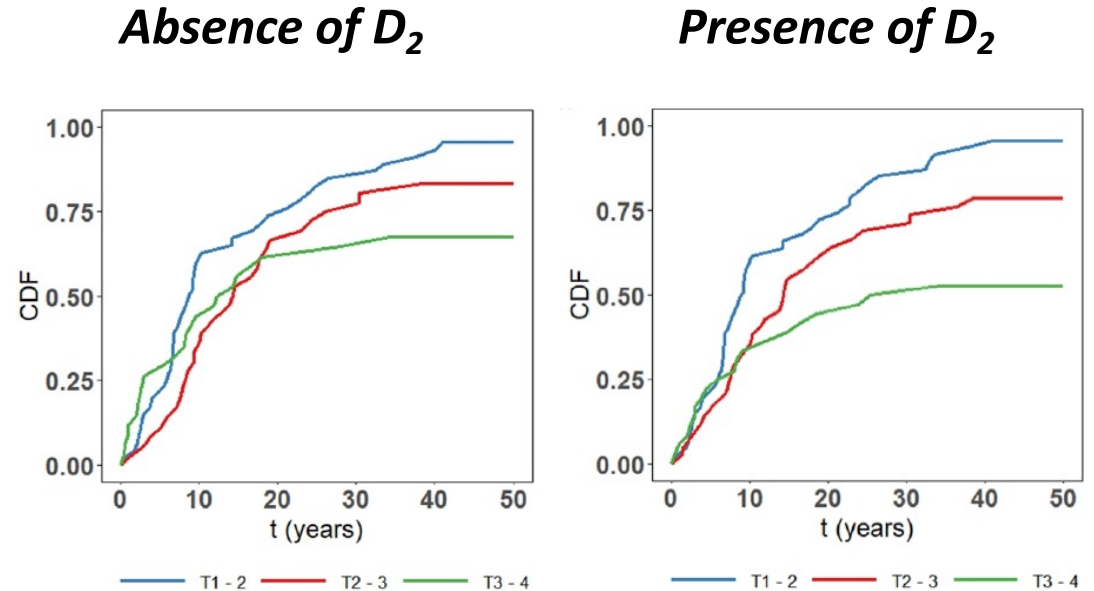
D_1 fails first

Global stability index evolution over time

- Absence of D_2 (lower stability)
- Presence of D_2 (higher stability)



Cumulative distribution function of stochastic transitions T_{1-2} , T_{2-3} , and T_{3-4}



Transitions with few number of observation (N): T_{1-3} and T_{2-4}

\sim Exponential distribution ($\lambda = 1/N$)

CASE STUDY 2

Performance & Dependency Analysis using the Stochastic Deterioration & Maintenance Model

(Chahrour et al. RAMS 2021)

SPN model applied only to D_1

Mean sojourn time (years) of D_1 in each state over a period of 50 years

Absence of D_2

	State 1	State 2	State 3	State 4
Strategy 1	44.65	4.95	0.27	0.04
Strategy 2	26.02	23.00	0.63	0.15
Strategy 3	41.20	4.13	4.42	0.13
Strategy 4	20.82	19.37	9.18	0.39

Presence of D_2

	State 1	State 2	State 3	State 4
Strategy 1	44.06	5.59	0.26	0.02
Strategy 2	24.03	24.44	1.35	0.06
Strategy 3	40.11	4.72	4.96	0.11
Strategy 4	18.43	18.69	12.45	0.26

Almost same results

CASE STUDY 2

Performance & Dependency Analysis using the Physics-based model

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SPN model applied only to D_1

Average expected number of maintenance operations over a period of 50 years

Absence of D_2

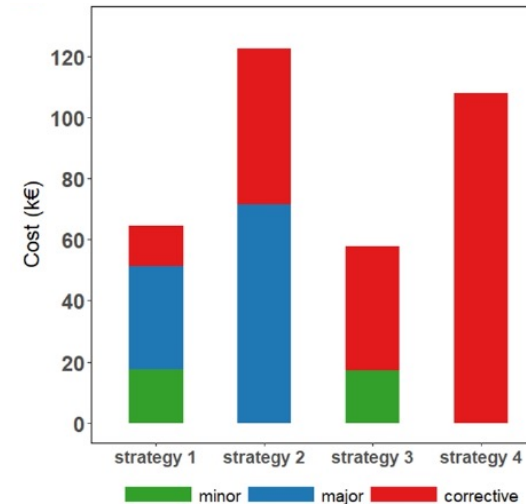
	Minor operations	Major operations	Corrective operations
Strategy 1	2.37	0.45	0.09
Strategy 2	0	0.96	0.34
Strategy 3	2.31	0	0.27
Strategy 4	0	0	0.72

Presence of D_2

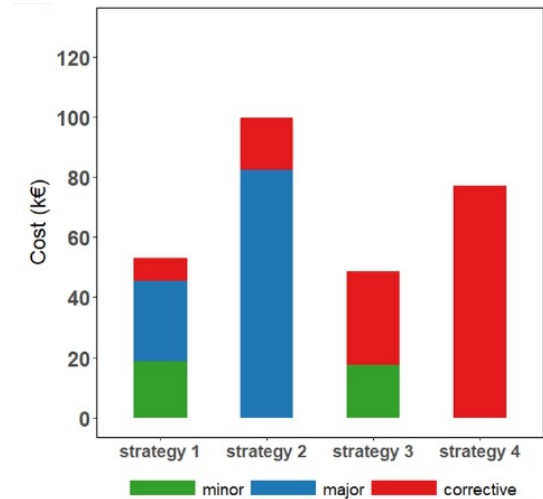
	Minor operations	Major operations	Corrective operations
Strategy 1	2.51	0.36	0.05
Strategy 2	0	1.10	0.12
Strategy 3	2.37	0	0.21
Strategy 4	0	0	0.52

Total cost of each maintenance strategy

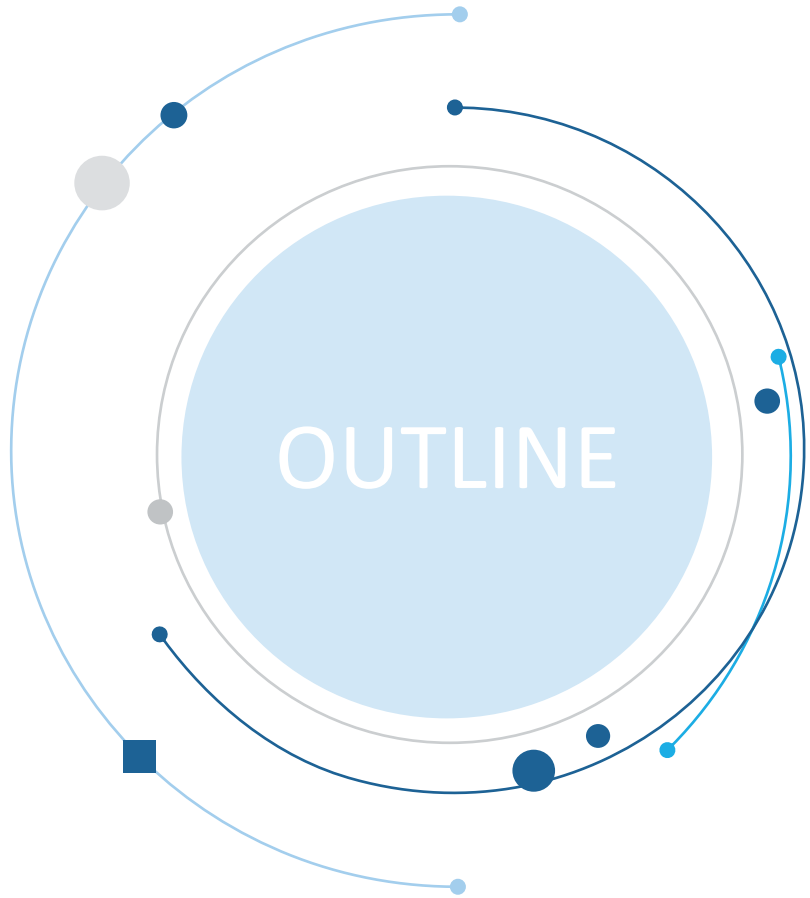
Absence of D_2



Presence of D_2



Strategy 3 is the most cost-effective



- 1 Background
- 2 Scientific and Technical Challenges
- 3 Research Novelty & Contributions
- 4 Developed Modeling Approach
- 5 Performance Analysis & Case Studies
- 6 Conclusions and Perspectives**

CONCLUSION

Achieved Contributions

Objectives:

- Analyze different **behavioral scenarios** of protection structures subjected to deterioration mechanisms and maintenance operations
- Make **cost-effective** maintenance decisions.

Achievements:

- **Integrated modeling approach:**
 - Physics-based model (dynamic state evolution, transition times)
 - Reliability-based stochastic model (stochastic deterioration and maintenance modeling)
- **Performance analysis** of protection structures (case studies on check dams and retention dam)



From a research point of view :

- A **multidisciplinary approach** that combines several fields in order to support decision-making based on raw data and expert knowledge.
- A **new decision-support approach** (dynamic over their lifetime, dependencies) to support their **maintenance** decision-making
- **Coupling** multi-scale **hydraulic** analysis (from global bed evolution to check dams' local scouring analysis) and **civil engineering** approaches (stability analysis).
- **Coupling physics-based** (hydraulic and mechanical) models with **reliability-based** models (SPNs, CBM) in order to **justify transition laws** involved in the stochastic **degradation process**.



CONCLUSION

General Conclusions on Achieved Contributions

From an operational point of view :

- **Realistic and informative approach** that supports risk managers and decision-makers to make optimal management decisions.
- **Feedback on real life behavior** of the protection structures concerning real maintenance strategies
- Totally **generic approach**: applicable to any civil engineering structure exposed to any undesirable phenomena.





For physics-based model:

- **Developing** the **global state indicator** by considering aging aspects and more types of failures.
- Carrying out **more research** and **technical analysis** in order to better choose the **degradation states' thresholds**.

For the stochastic deterioration and maintenance model:

- Considering **partial renewal maintenance** actions instead of perfect ones.

For bi-directional dependency analysis in a Multi-component system:

- Applying the model to a real case study where **real data** is available.
- Considering **more components** in the system.

WHAT'S
NEXT?

For uncertainty analysis:

- **Propagating uncertainty** using HYRISK **within the whole model** in order to be aware of how it may eventually affect the maintenance decision.
- Re-estimating transition laws taking into account (i) **climate change** and (ii) **topographical changes**.

Other developments:

- Analyzing the **efficiency** of adopted **maintenance strategies** on the maintained structure itself.
- Assessing the economic efficacy by estimating the **risk imposed on downstream elements**.
- Taking into account the **monetary evolution** over time instead of constant maintenance costs.

QUESTIONS?



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