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## AFTERNOON SESSION

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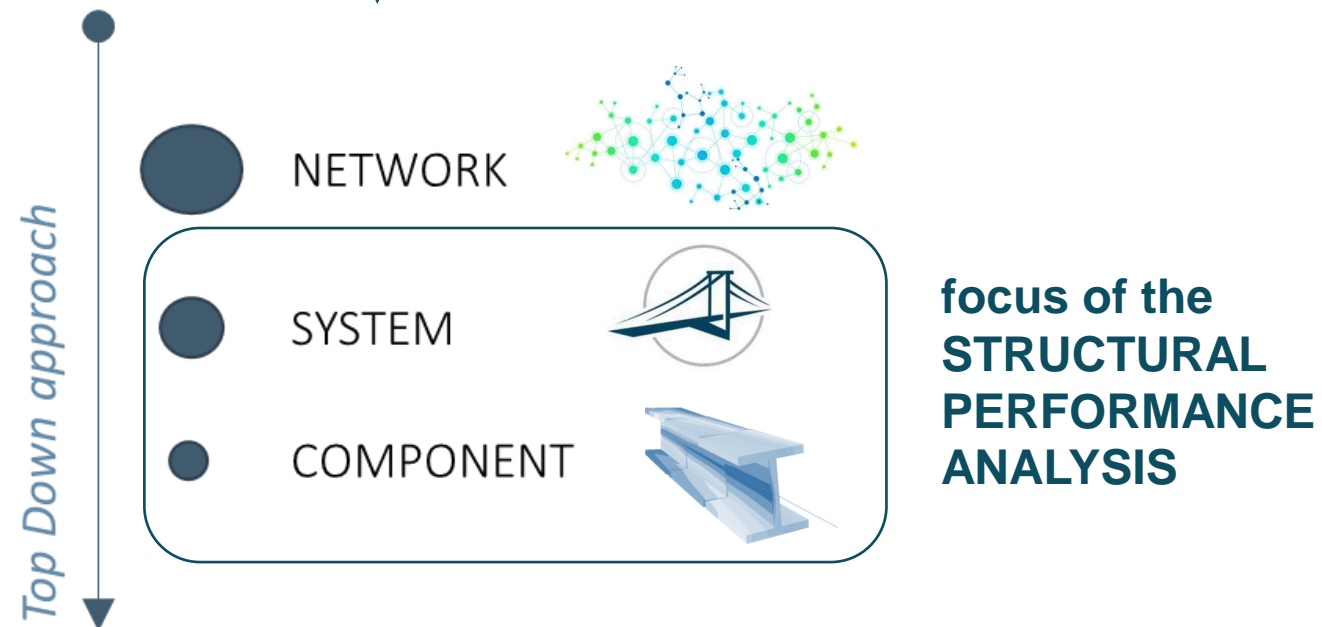
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<i>fib Model Code 2010:2013</i>	<i>COST TU1402</i>	<i>ISO 2394:2015</i>	<i>ISO 13822:2010</i>	<i>ISO 13824:2009</i>	<i>ISO 13824:2020</i>
The behaviour of a structure or a structural element as a consequence of actions to which it is subjected or which it generates. <sup>1</sup>	Behaviour of the structure or one of its members usually quantified by means of a quantitative parameters (e.g. reliability index, ratio between resistance capacity and action effect)	Qualitative or quantitative representation of the behaviour of a structure (e.g. load bearing capacity, stiffness, etc.) related to its safety and serviceability, durability, and robustness.	Qualitative or quantitative representation of the behaviour of a structure (e.g. load bearing capacity, stiffness) in terms of its safety and serviceability.	-	-

<sup>1</sup>Note : In fib Model Code 2010:2013 the term structural performance is referred to as *performance*

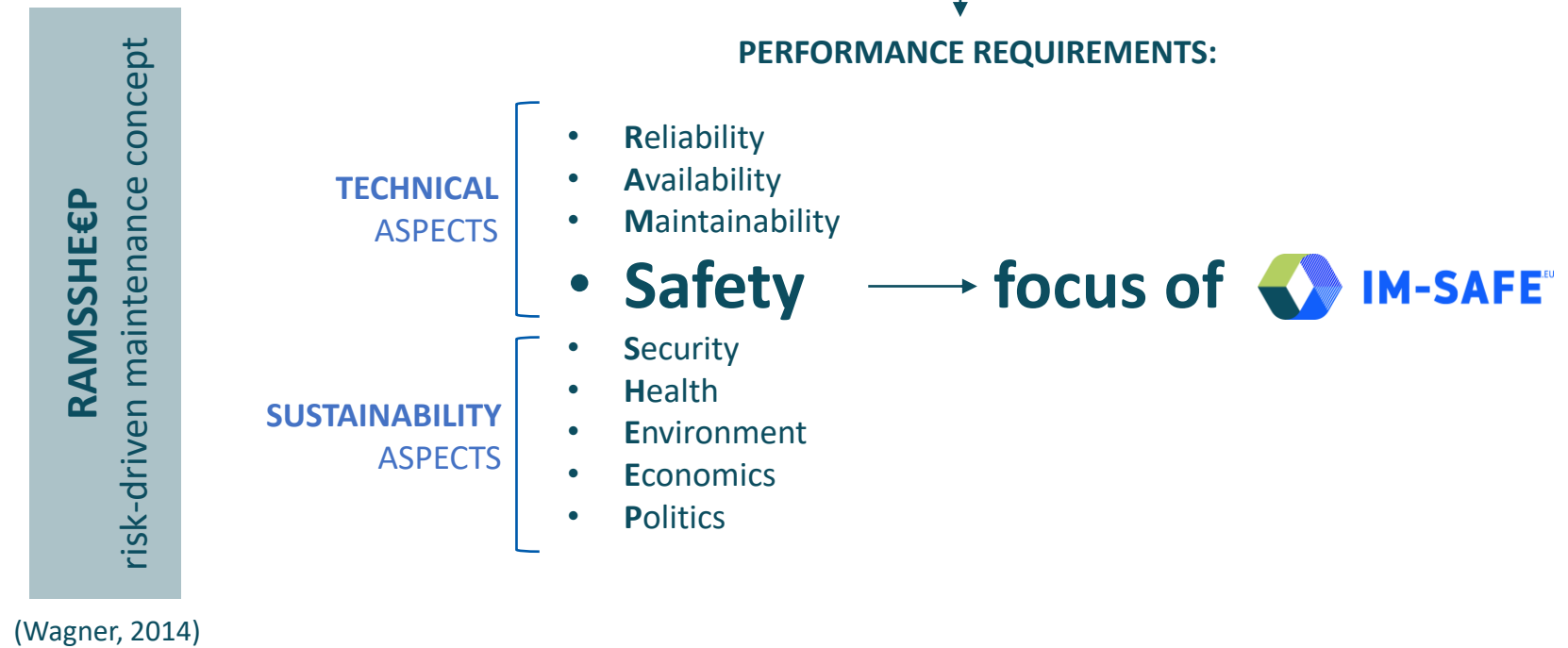
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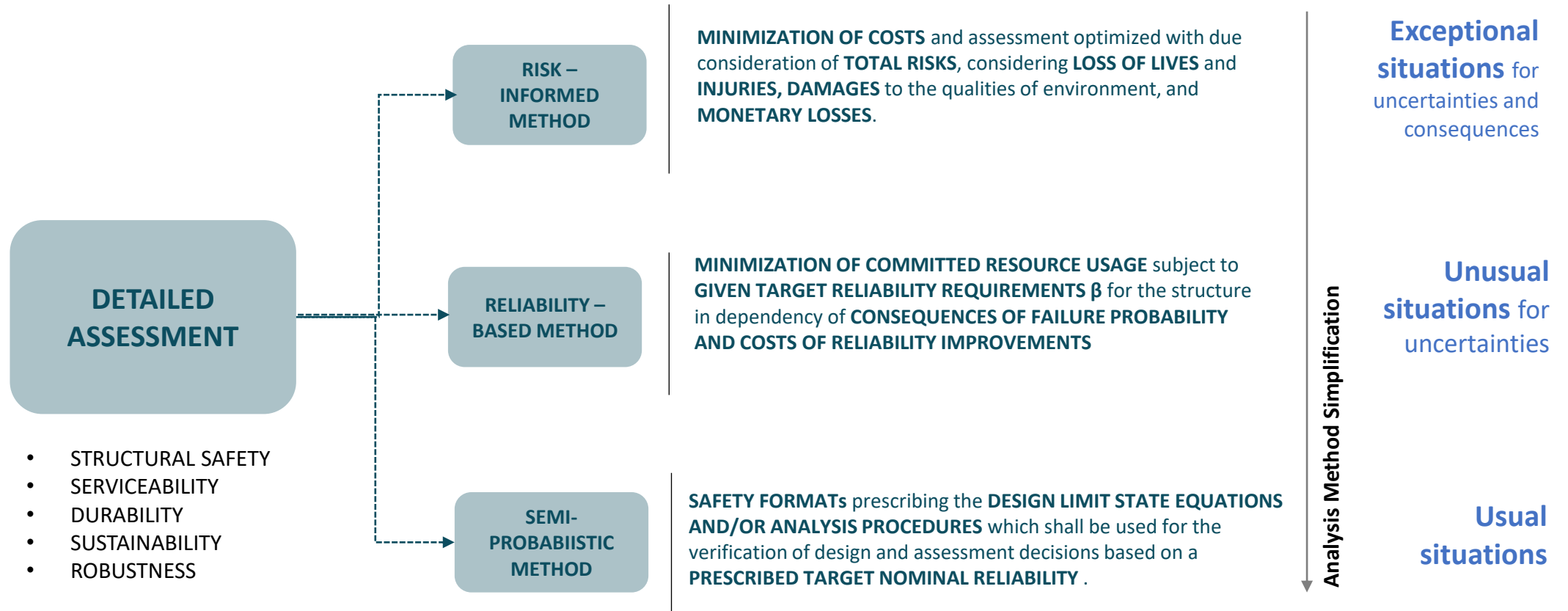
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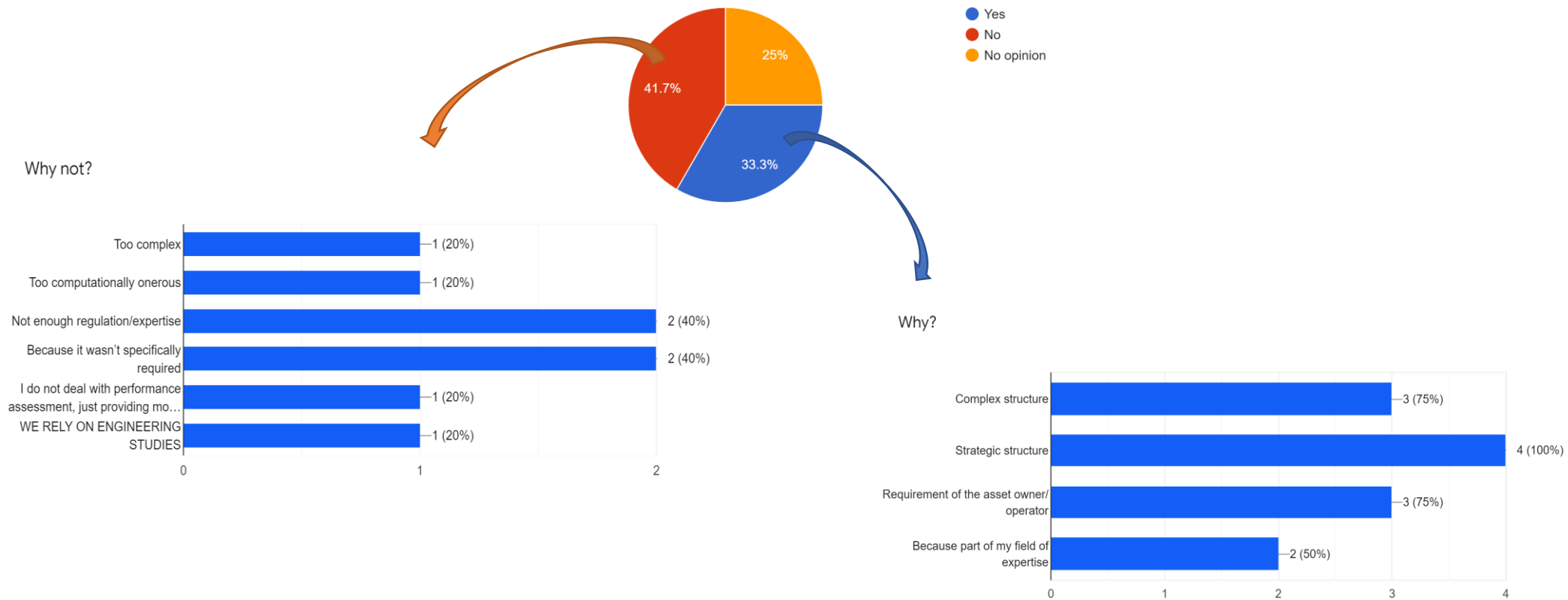
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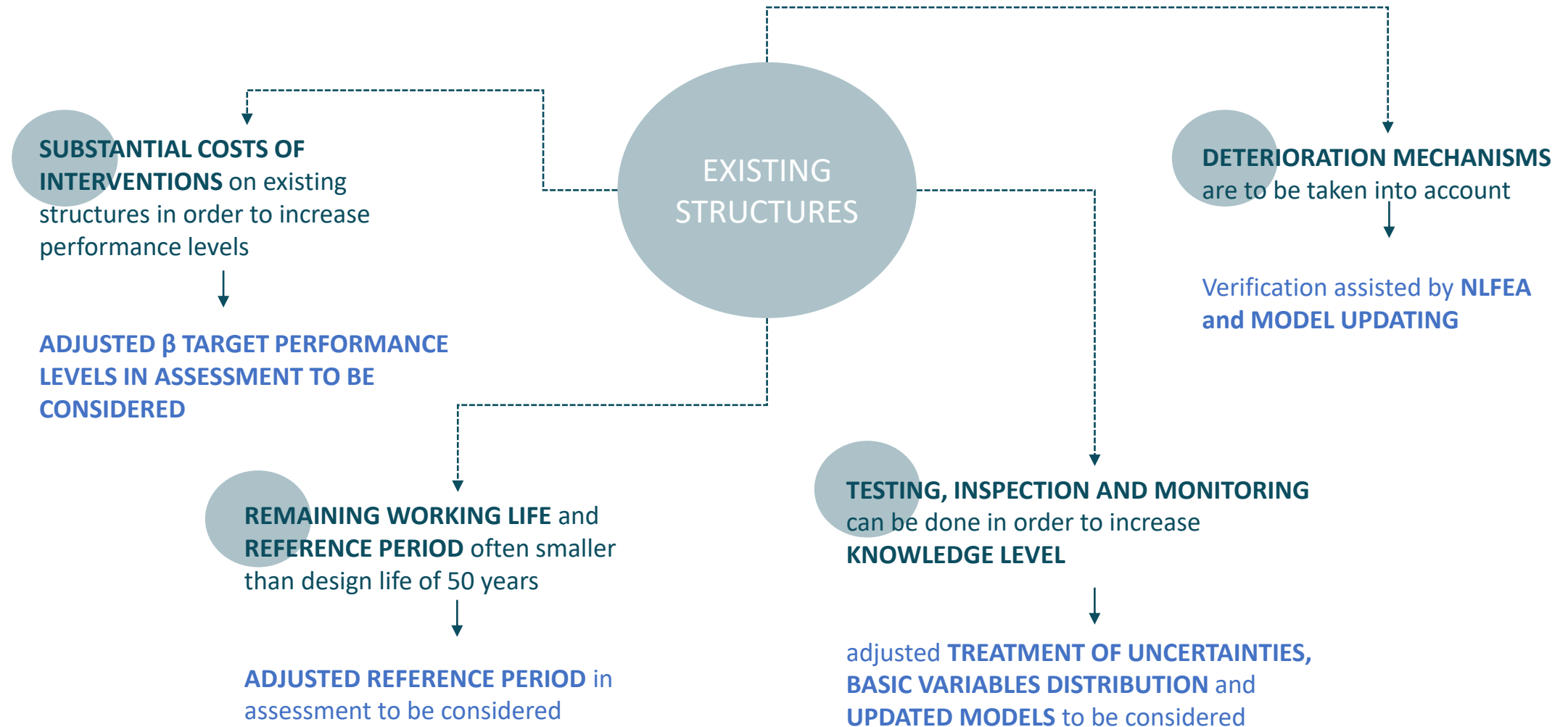
# CoP experience

## ASSESSMENT METHODS

Have you ever used a Reliability-informed (full-probabilistic) method?



# Differentiation between NEW | EXISTING STRUCTURES



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reliability index  $\beta$ :

$$\beta = -\Phi^{-1}(P_f) \quad (3.3-1)$$

where

$\Phi(\cdot)$  is the standard normal probability distribution function;

$P_f$  is the failure probability corresponding to a specified reference period.

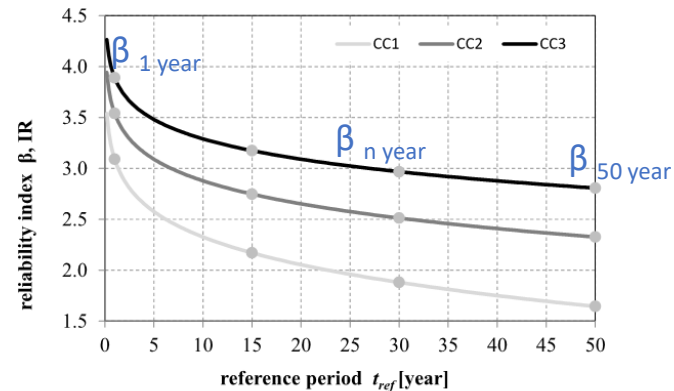


Fig. 3.3-1: Reliability index resulting from individual risk criterion for buildings.  
[Fib Bulletin 80]

The **REFERENCE PERIOD** is the timeframe used as a basis for assessing the statistical parameters of time dependent variables and of the target reliability.

EXISTING CONCRETE STRUCTURES:

Recommended target reliability levels for structural design (ULS)			
Annual target $\beta$ -values for structures to be designed, based on economic optimisation			
Relative cost of safety measure	Consequence Class		
	CC1	CC2	CC3
Large (A)	3.1	3.3	3.7
Normal (B)	3.7	<b>4.2</b>	4.4
Small (C)	4.2	4.4	4.7
Informative target reliability indices $\beta$ for structures to be designed, related to a 50-year reference period			
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Normal (B)	3.3	<b>3.8</b>	4.3
Recommended annual target reliability levels for assessment of existing structures (ULS)			
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Recommended target reliability levels for upgrade of existing structures (ULS)			
While slightly lower values can be normally justified for $\beta_{up}$ -levels in comparison to design target levels, it is common and reasonable to require the compliance with the design levels when upgrading the structure.			

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NEW

$\beta_{\text{new}}$  - level indicating desired reliability for design of new structures

FITNESS  
FOR  
PURPOSE

$\beta_0$  - level below which the existing structure is considered unreliable and should be upgraded

REPAIR /  
UPGRADE

$\beta_{\text{up}}$  - level indicating an optimum upgrade strategy while upgrading of existing structures

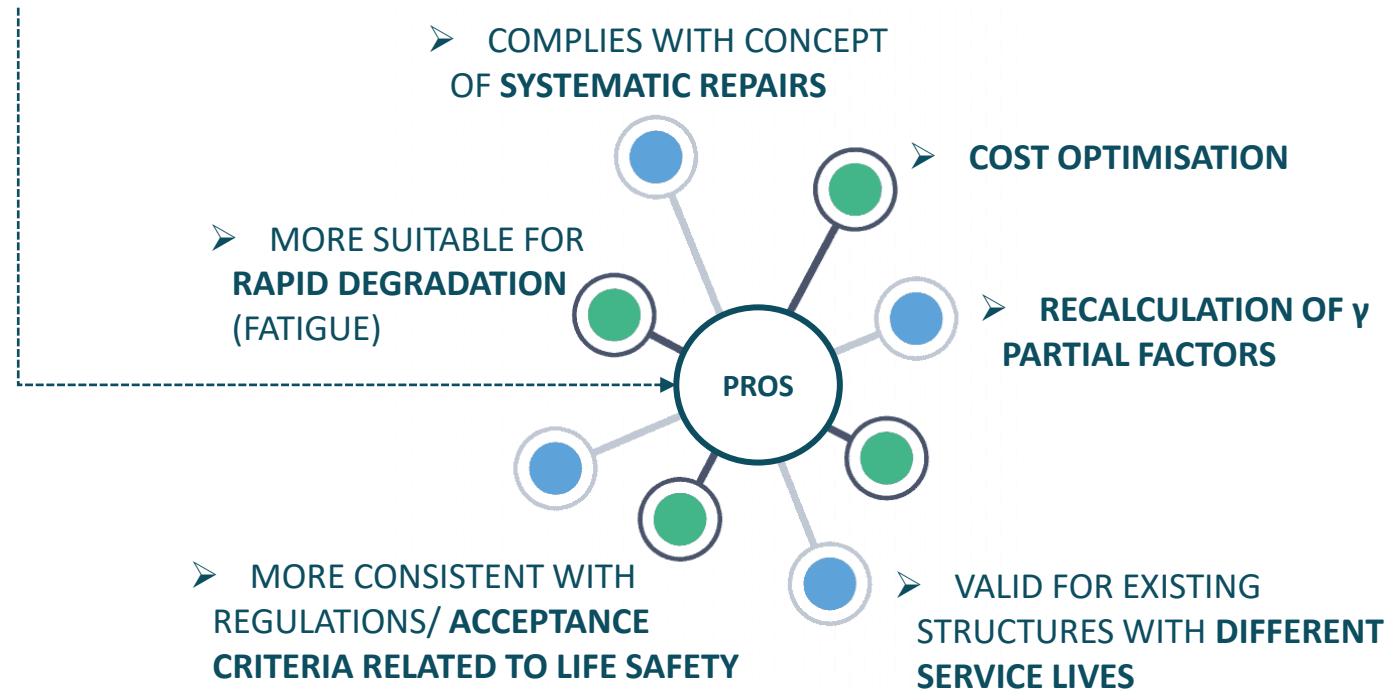
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# Q&A

## ZOOM POLL QUESTION:

- Is the **RELIABILITY DIFFERENTIATION BETWEEN NEW AND EXISTING BRIDGES** already known/regulated in your country?

### NEW

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### FITNESS FOR PURPOSE

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## OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Do you see the **BENEFITS** of having the differentiation?

Framework for standardization

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# EXISTING STRUCTURES | Need for assessment

[CEN/TS 17440]

Working life ↓	NEED FOR ASSESSMENT IN TIME EXTERNAL CAUSE	STRUCTURAL ISSUES	N – S – C LEVEL*	ASSESSMENT TYPE	AVAILABLE / REQUIRED INFOs
		CONSTRUCTION ERRORS	S   C	DETAILED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ORIGINAL DESIGN DOCUMENTS</li> <li>AS-BUILT &amp; CONSTRUCTION DETAILS (BIM)</li> </ul>
	SCHEDULED ASSESSMENT for ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME		N   S   C	PRELIMINARY   DETAILED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PERIODIC/DETAILED INSPECTION, SURVEYS OUTCOMES</li> </ul>
		DETERIORATION PROCESSES	N   S   C	PRELIMINARY   DETAILED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DEFECTS, DETERIORATION CHARACTERIZATION</li> </ul>
	CHANGE OF DESIGN LOADS		N   S   C	PRELIMINARY   DETAILED	INSPECTION AND TESTING RESULTS ON: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MATERIAL PROPERTIES</li> <li>HAZARDS</li> </ul> DISCRETE/CONTINUOUS (IN SPACE AND TIME) DATA FROM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NDT/DT</li> <li>MONITORING SYSTEMS</li> </ul>
	CHANGE OF HAZARDS (e.g. landslide, accidental actions)*		S   C	DETAILED	
	RETROFITTING		S   C	DETAILED	
	NEED FOR EXTENSION OF WORKING LIFE		S   C	DETAILED	

\*[IM-SAFE integration to  
CEN/TS 17440]

[\*N=Network  
S=System  
C=Component]

# INFORMATION FROM INSPECTION, MONITORING, TESTING

The proposed framework for the DATA INFORMED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT allows to incorporate:

ALTERNATIVE TARGET  
RELIABILITY LEVELS

REMAINING  
WORKING LIFE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
FROM INSPECTION,  
MONITORING AND TESTING



**DIRECT INFORMATION** = quantity of interest

- **BASIC VARIABLES:** updating of probability distributions, mean values or assessment values of basic variables

**INDIRECT INFORMATION** = indicator of the quantity

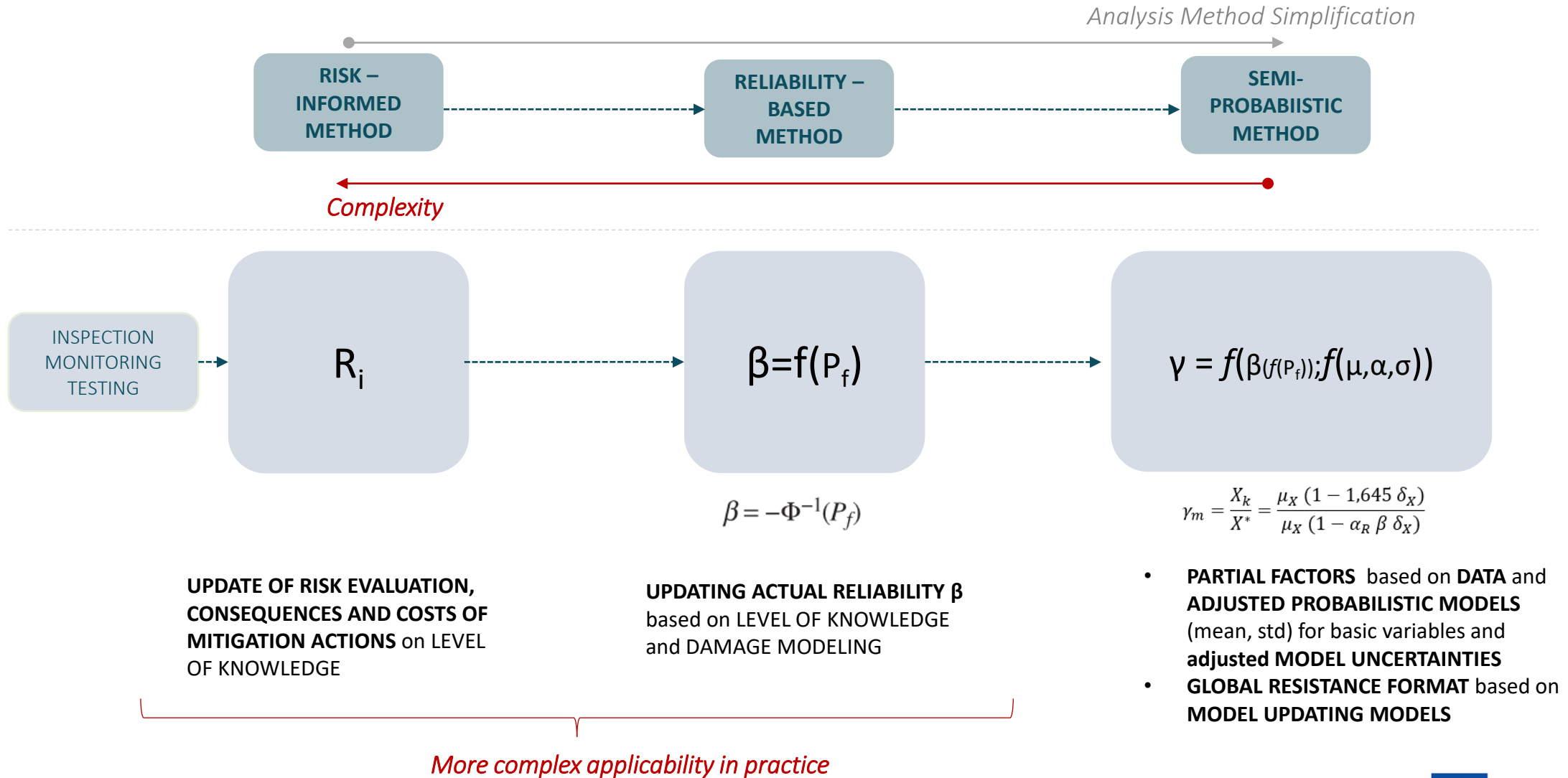
- **PROBABILITY OF FAILURE:** updating of the probability of the structural failure by using information from load testing or about the past performance
- **MODEL UPDATING:** deterministic or probabilistic methods to update numerical structural models

# MEASUREMENT & MODEL UNCERTAINTIES

Decisions concerning structures shall account for all uncertainties of relevance for their performances such as:

UNCERTAINTIES	INFLUENCE OF INSPECTION, MONITORING & TESTING
<b>ALEATORY UNCERTAINTIES</b> inherent natural variability	-
<b>STATISTICAL UNCERTAINTIES</b> lack of data	Reduced with <b>INCREASED NUMBER OF SAMPLES</b> - Updated <b>STANDARD DEVIATION</b> of basic variables with the <b>DATA COLLECTION</b>
<b>Other EPISTEMIC UNCERTAINTIES</b> lack of knowledge on the structural system (as-built), model uncertainties	Reduced with <b>SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS</b> to identify <b>KEY</b> <b>PARAMETERS</b> and <b>VULNERABLE ZONES</b> to be monitored

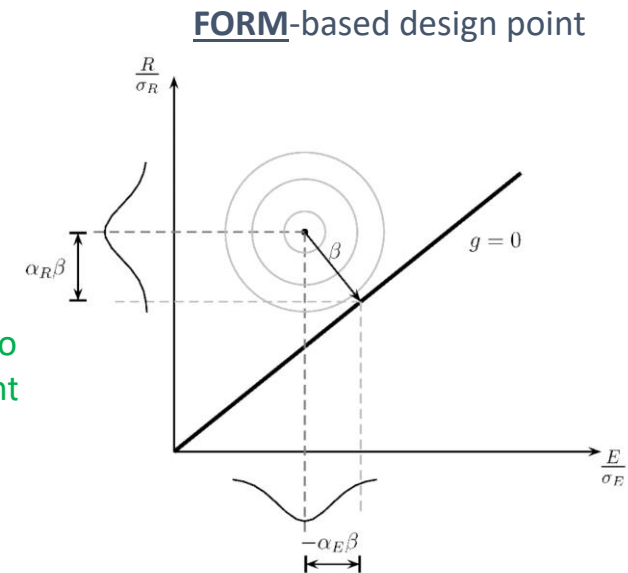
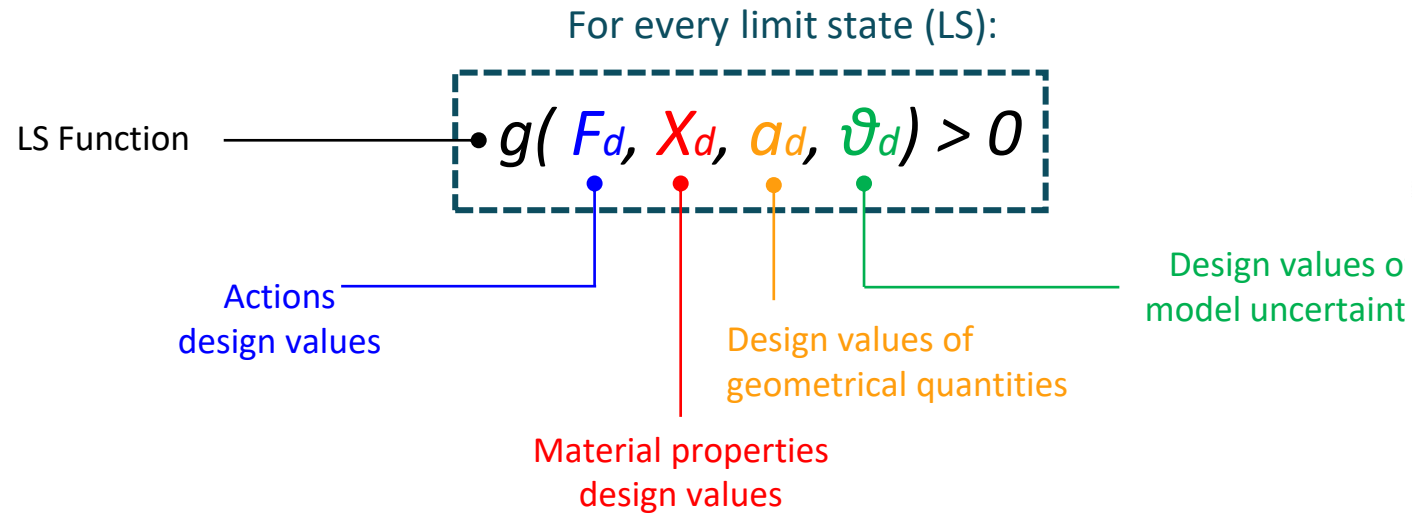
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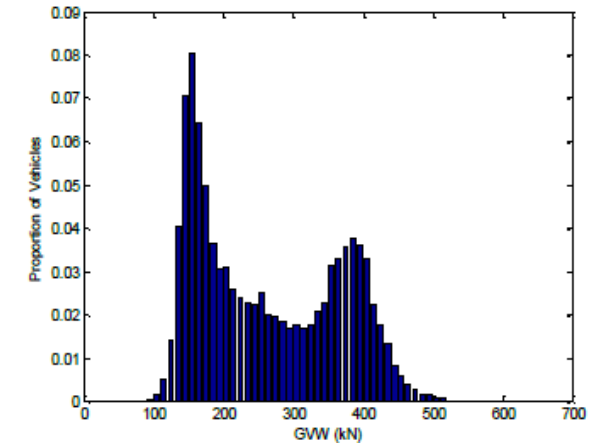
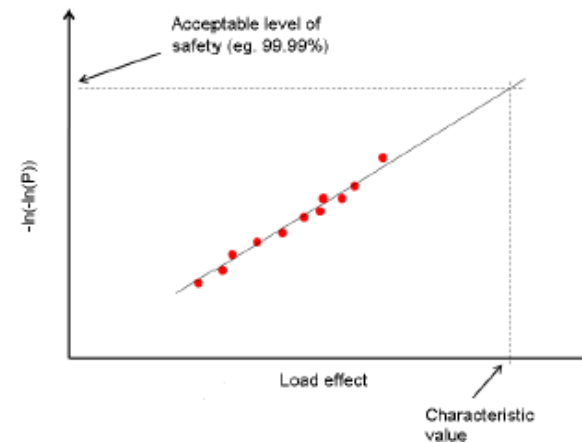
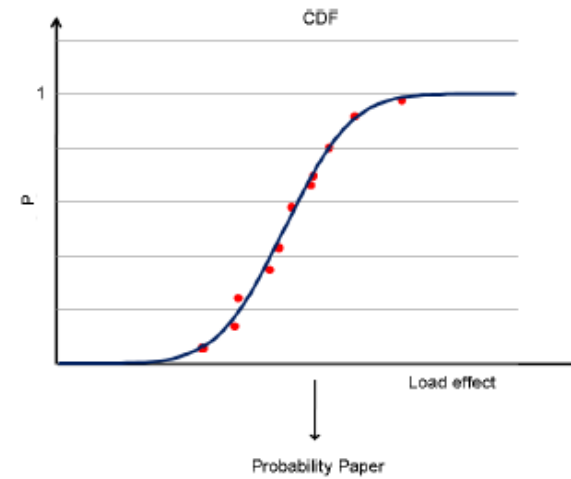
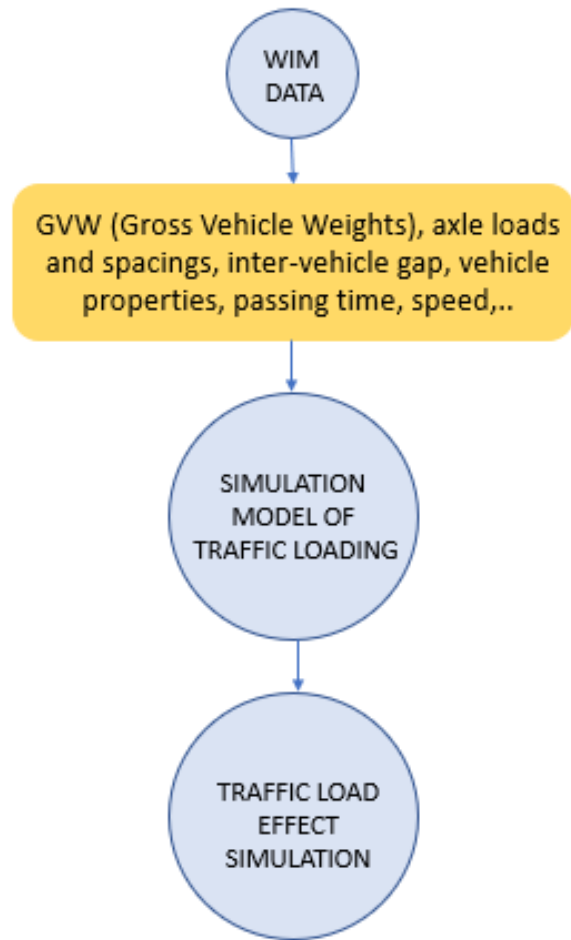
SEMI-PROBABIISTIC METHOD

## LIMIT STATE GENERAL FRAMEWORK (EN 1990/2002)



# INFORMATION UPDATING

## ACTIONS : TRAFFIC LOADS



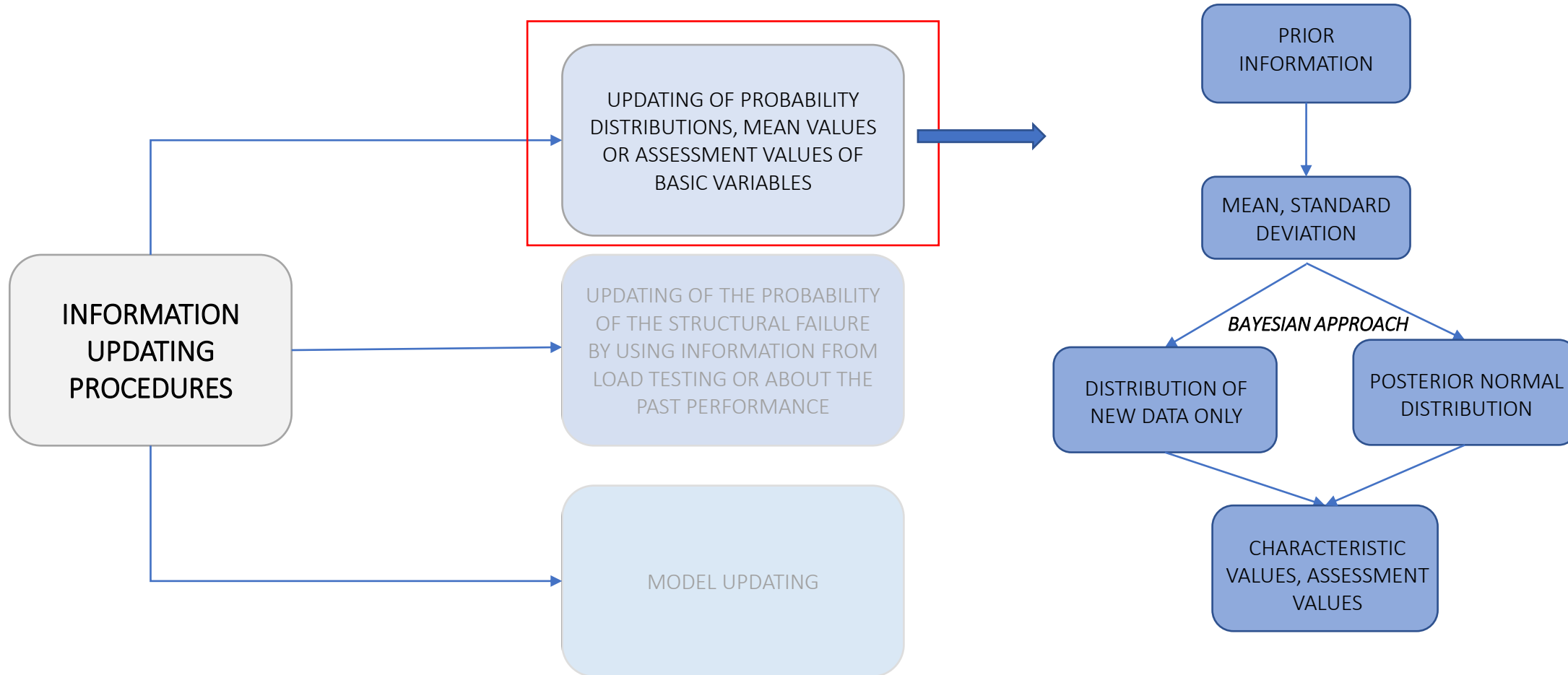
**USE DATA TO EVALUATE THE TRAFFIC LOAD:**



**DETERMINATION OF SUITABLE ADJUSTMENT FACTORS (I.E.  $\alpha$  FACTORS) FOR EUROCODE LM1**

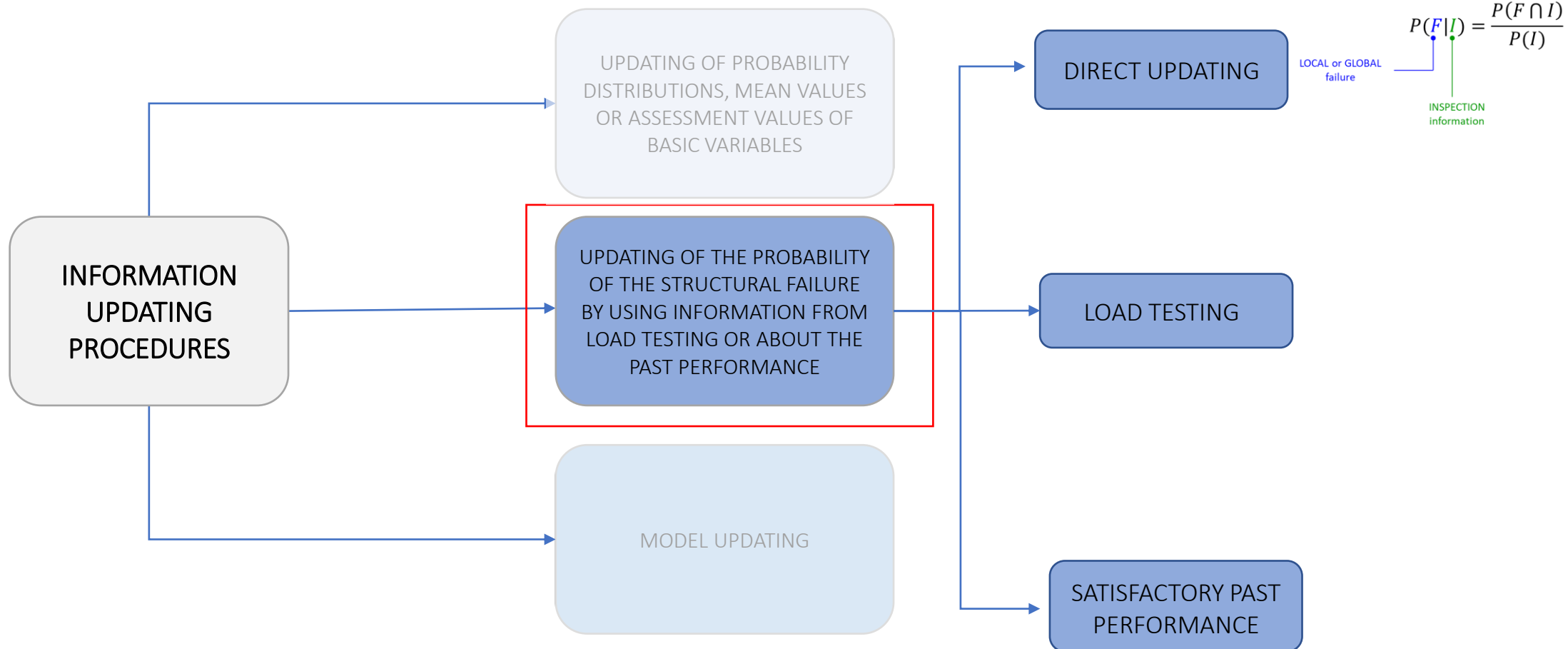
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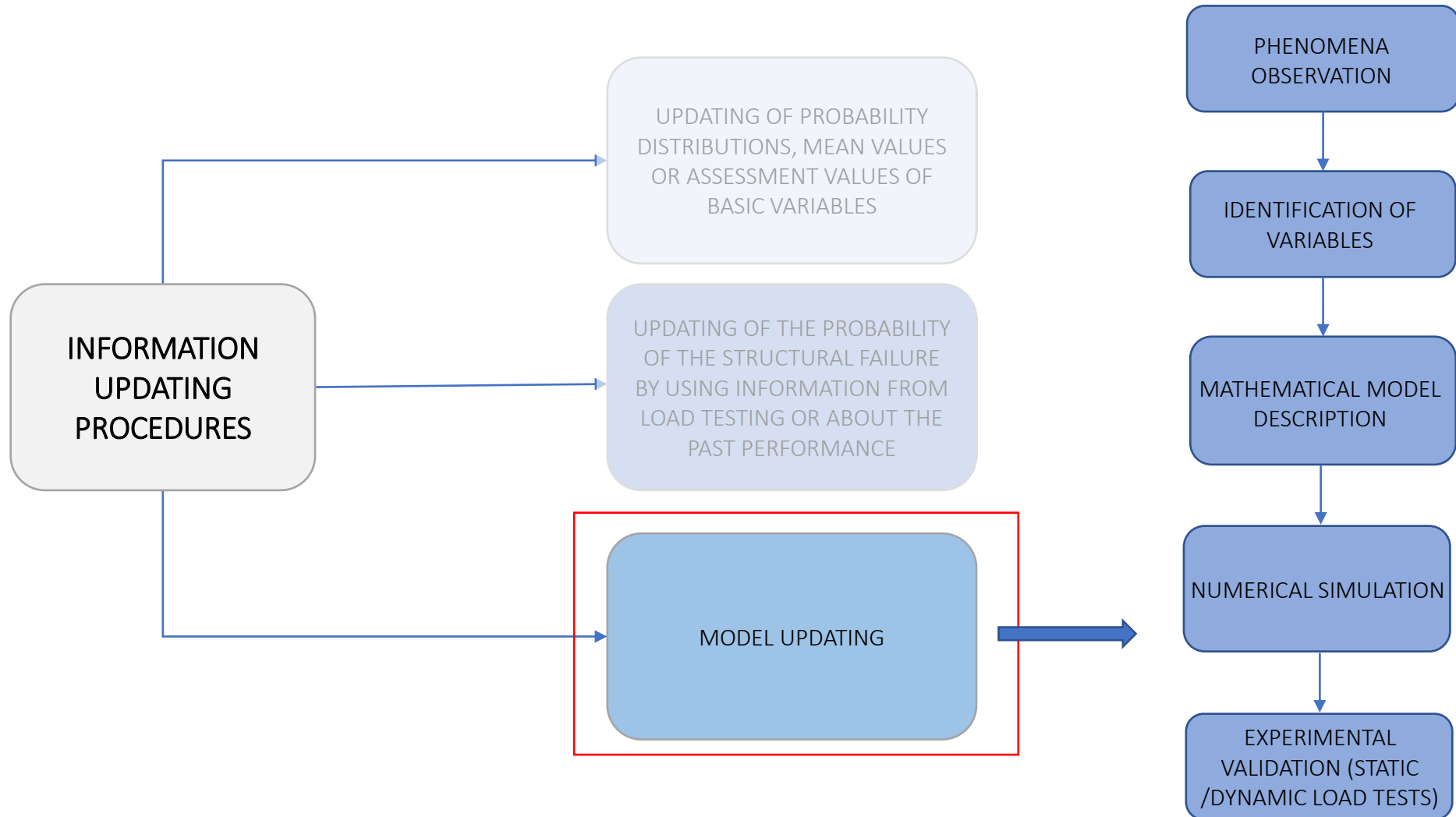
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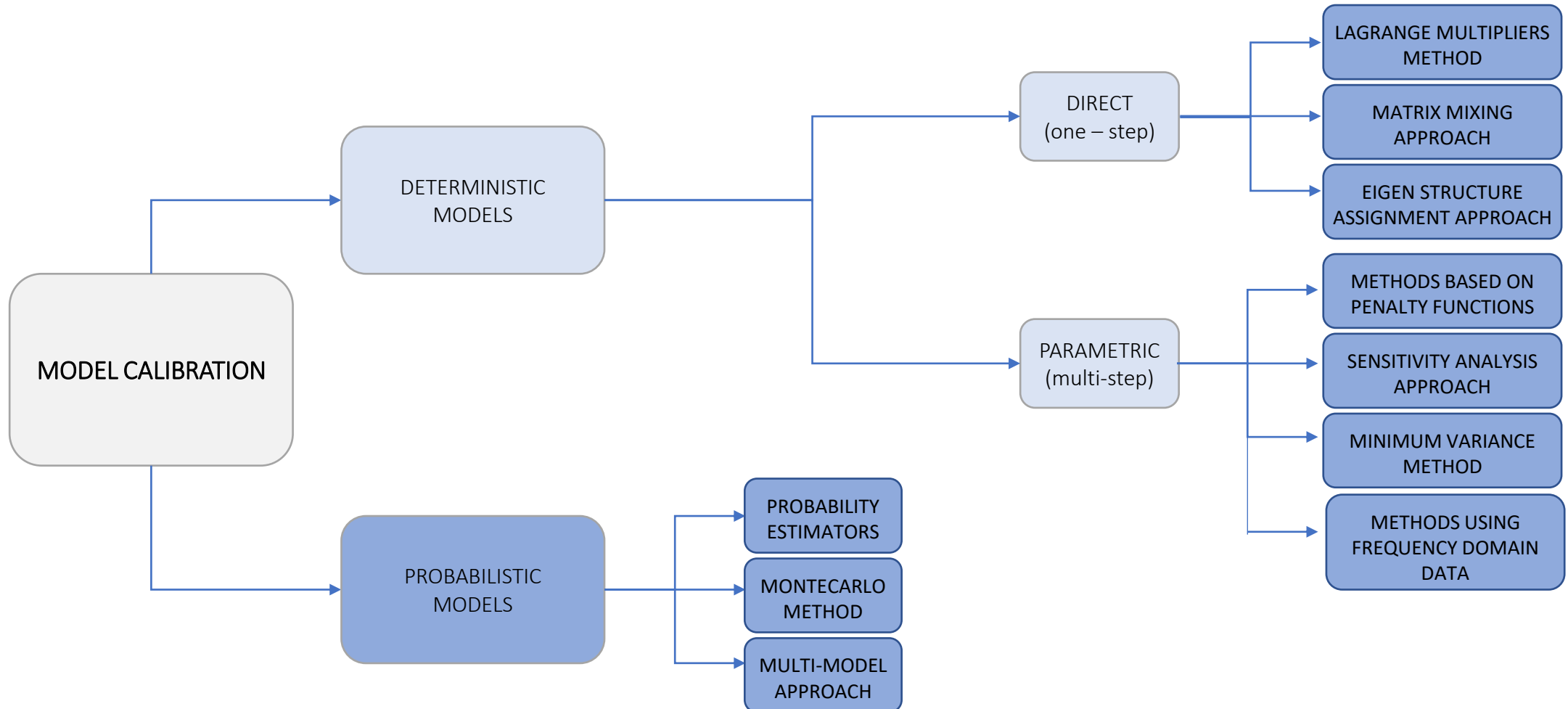
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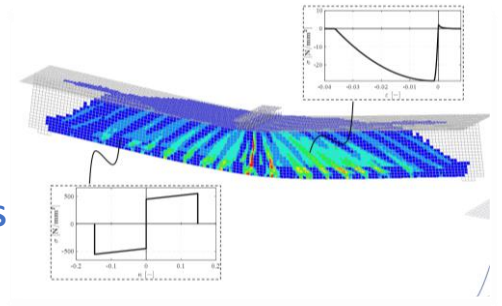
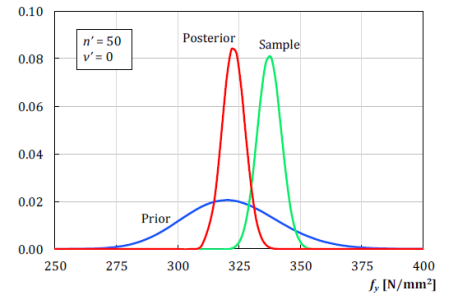
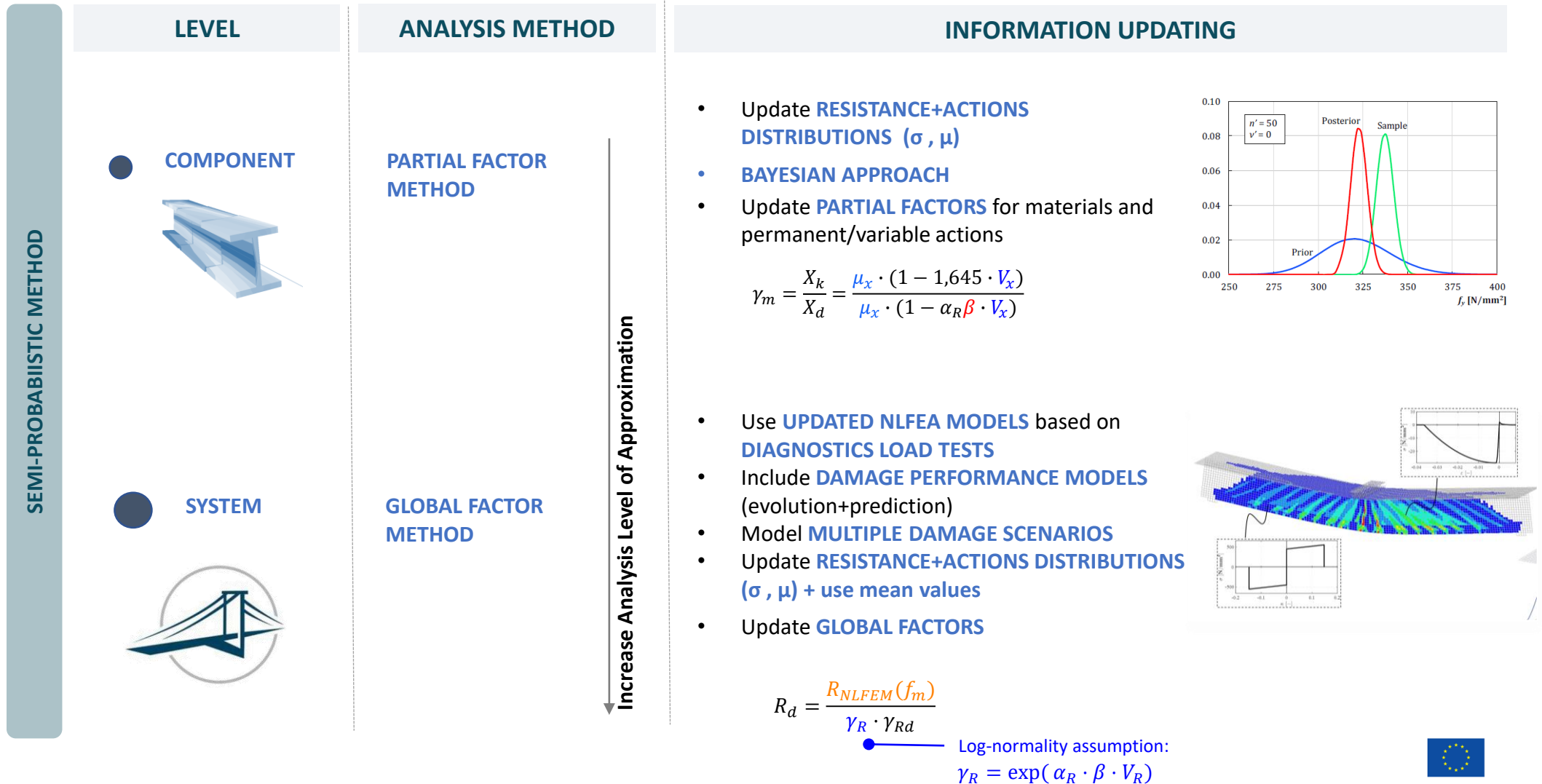
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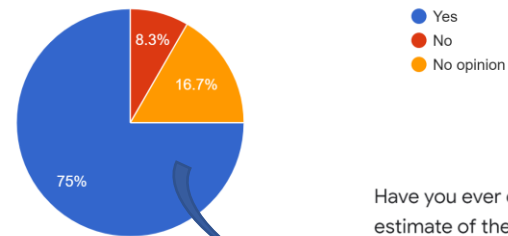
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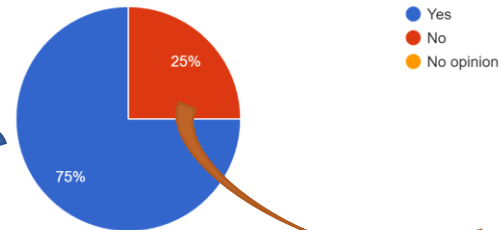
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## HAZARDS & ACTIONS

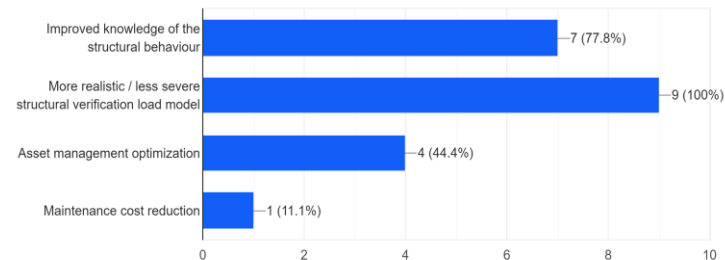
If available, would you consider using standardised procedures to use data to identify or quantify the actions and the hazards?



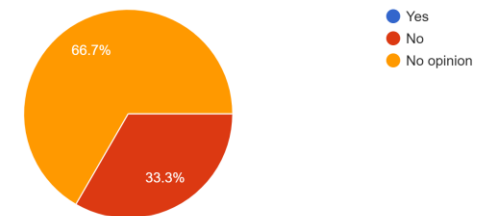
Have you ever commissioned collection of data about traffic loads to obtain a more realistic estimate of the traffic load effects for assessment of existing structures?



What benefit did you get?



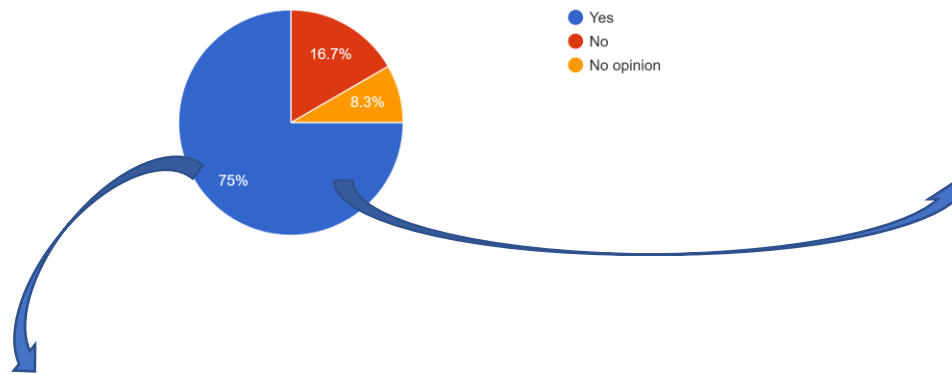
Would you consider it if the procedure is included in the Standards?



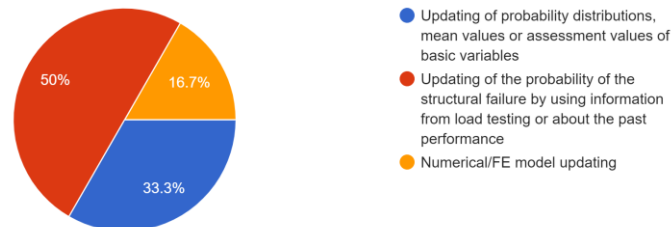
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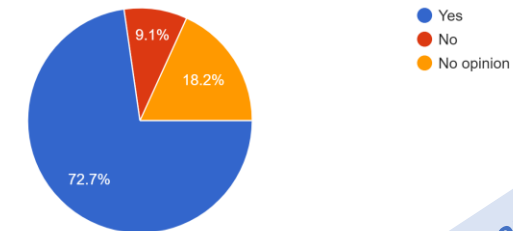
When dealing with performance assessment of existing structures, do you use data to assess structural safety?



Which approach do you use?



If available, would you consider using a standardised procedures to include data in assessing structural safety of existing structures?



Framework for standardization

## Q&A

- Is **STANDARDIZATION A PRECONDITION** for the use of **DATA-INFORMED SAFETY ASSESSMENT**?
- is the **DEGRADATION EFFECT** or **INCREASE/CHANGE OF ACTIONS MAJOR TRIGGERS** for data-informed safety assessment in your practice?

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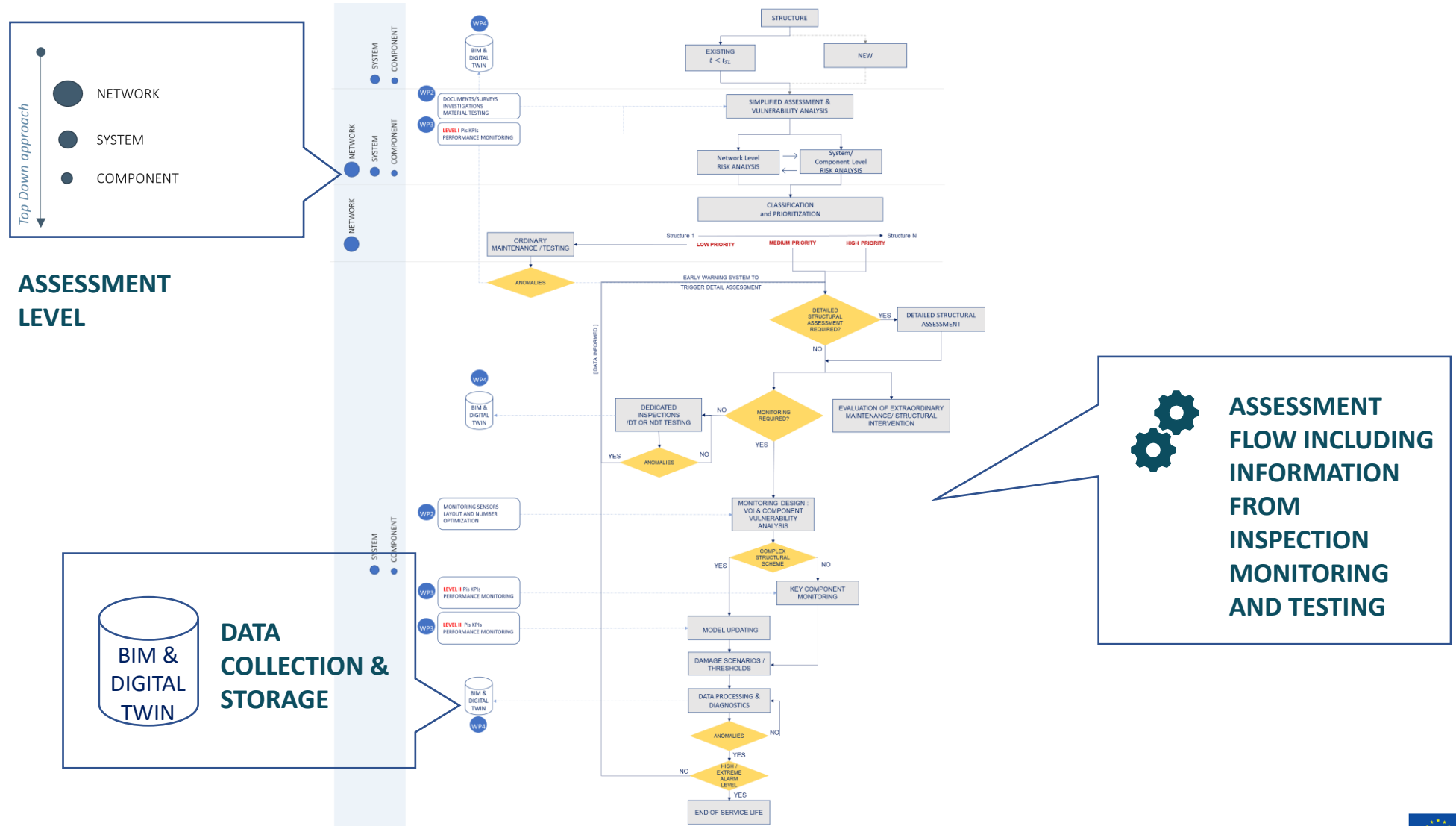
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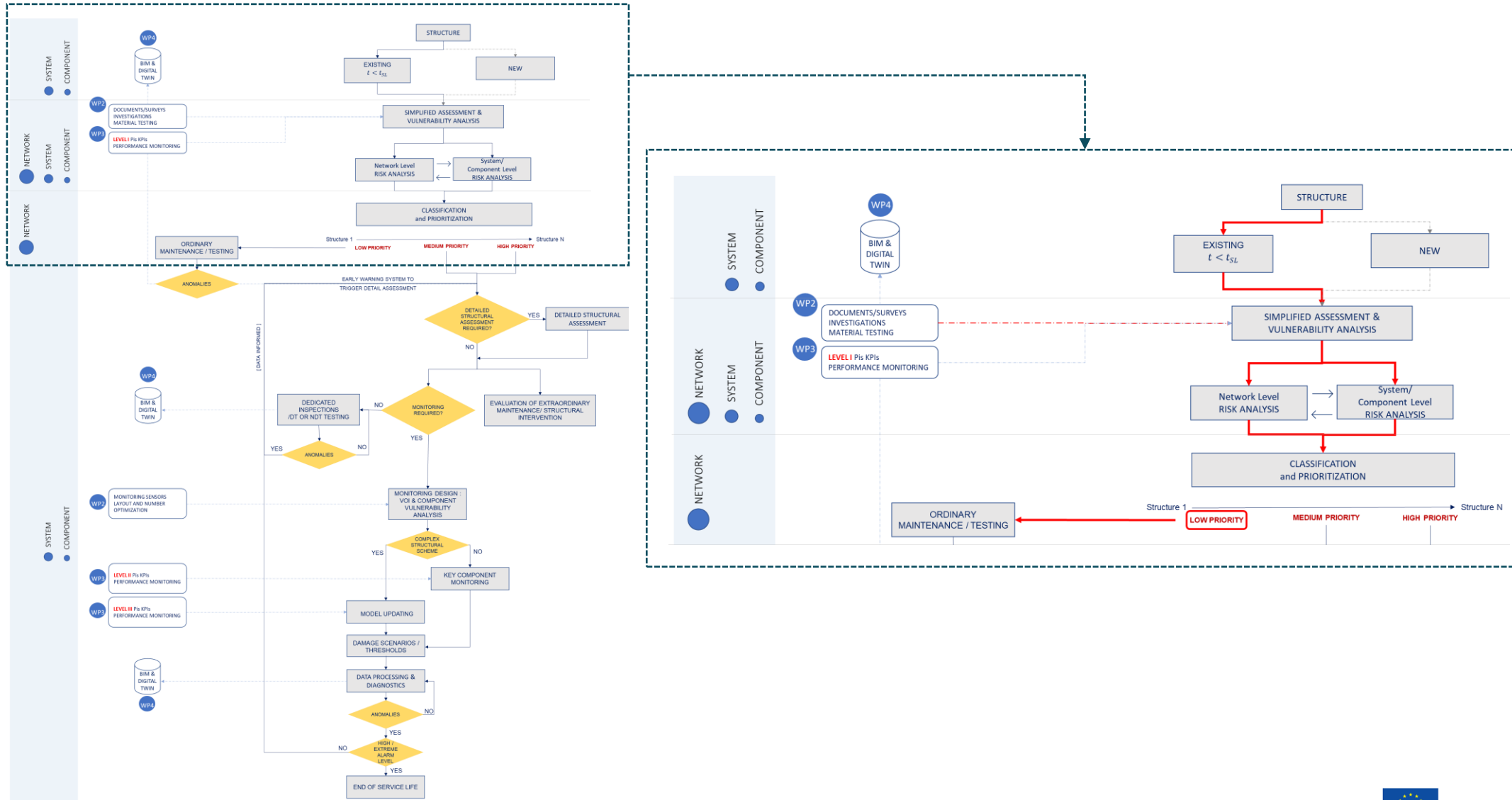
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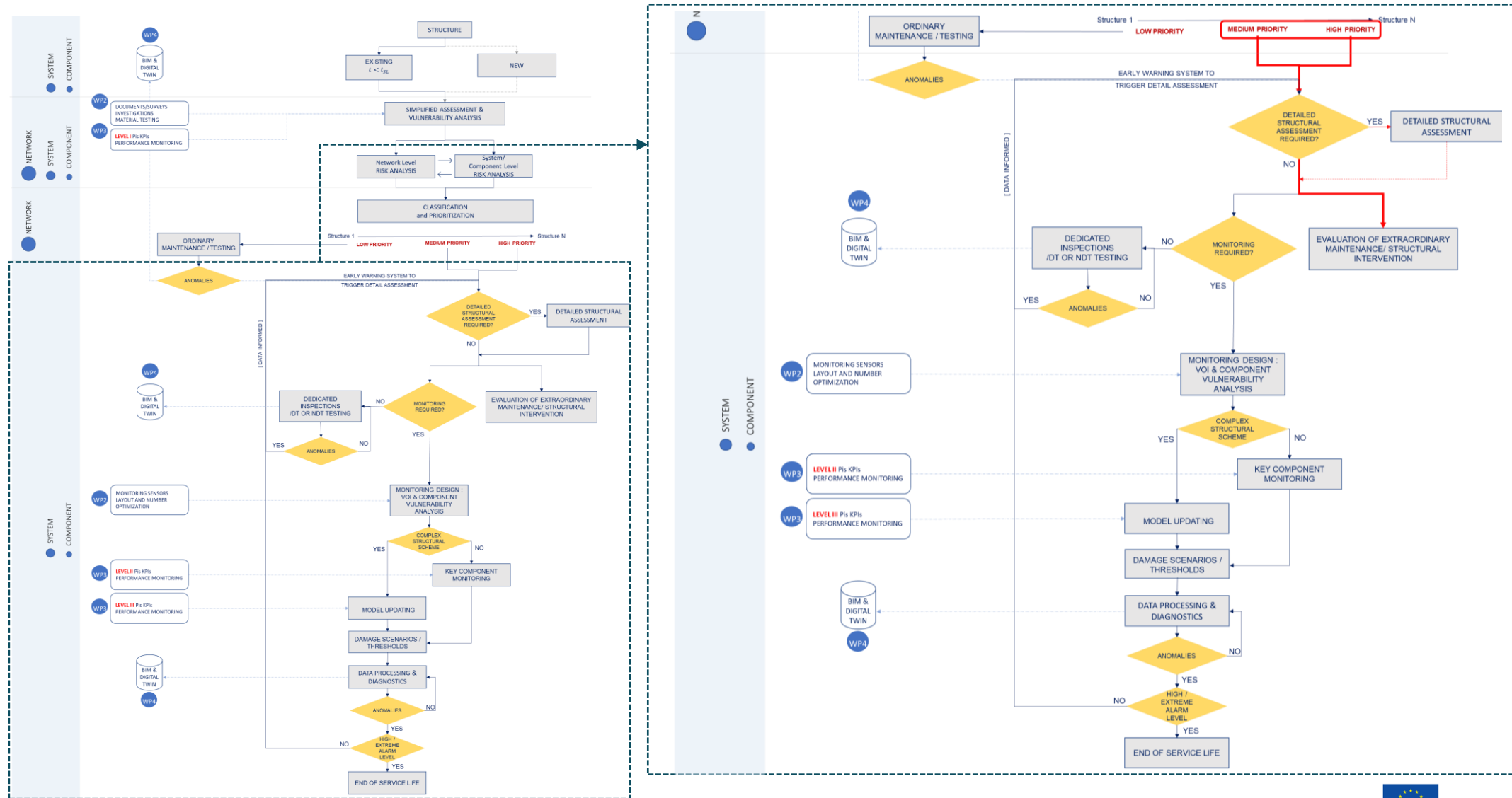




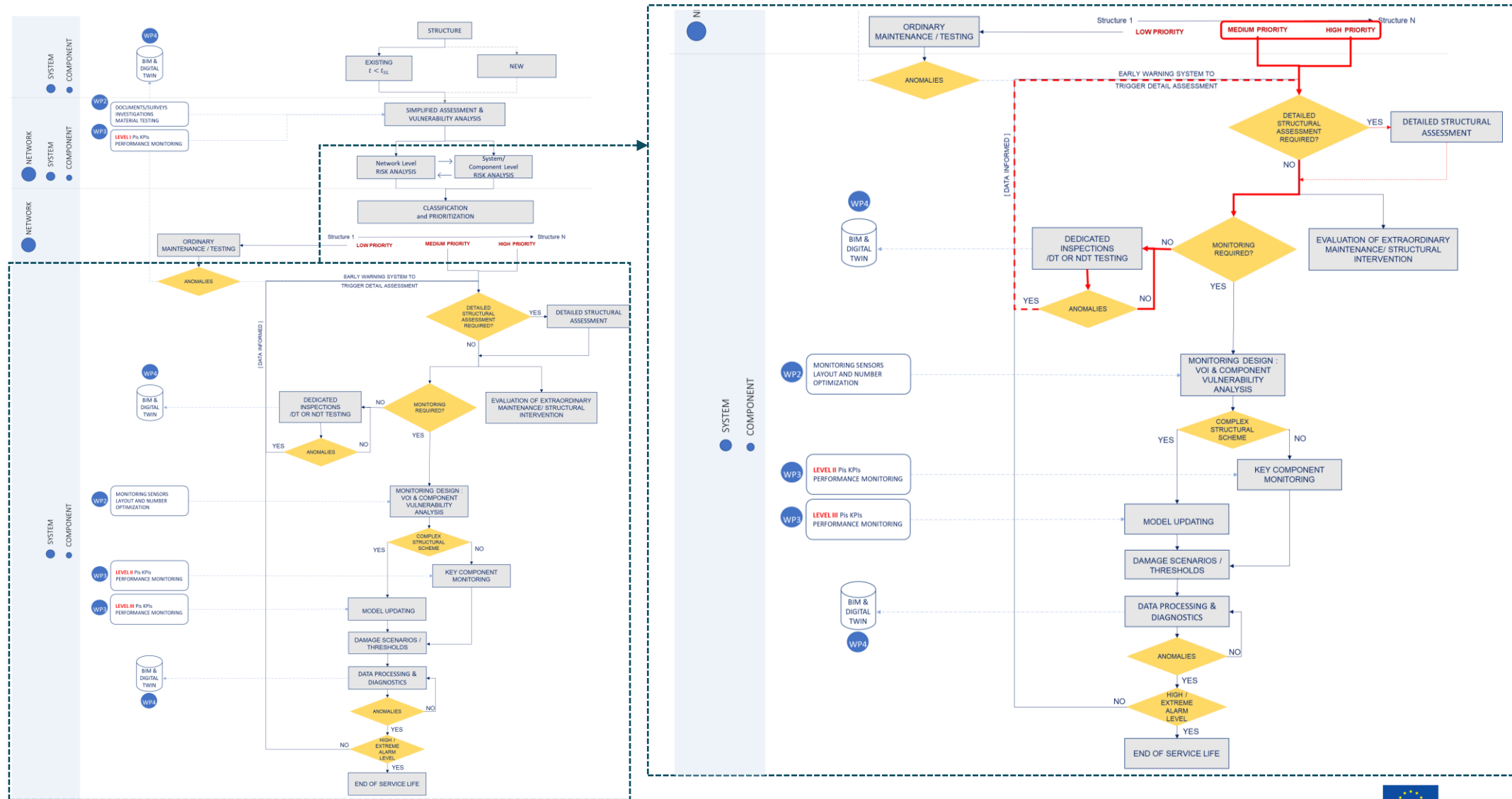
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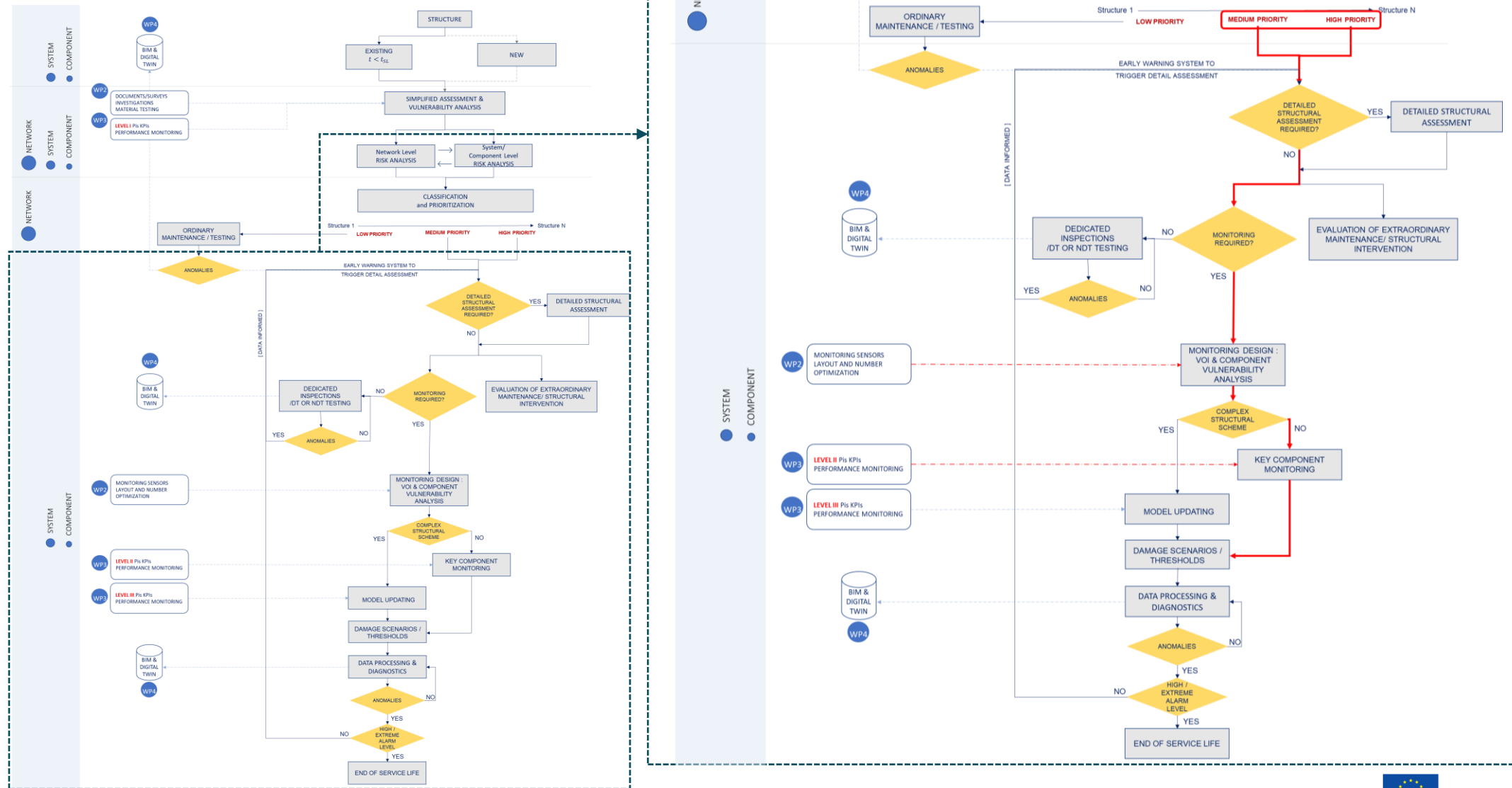
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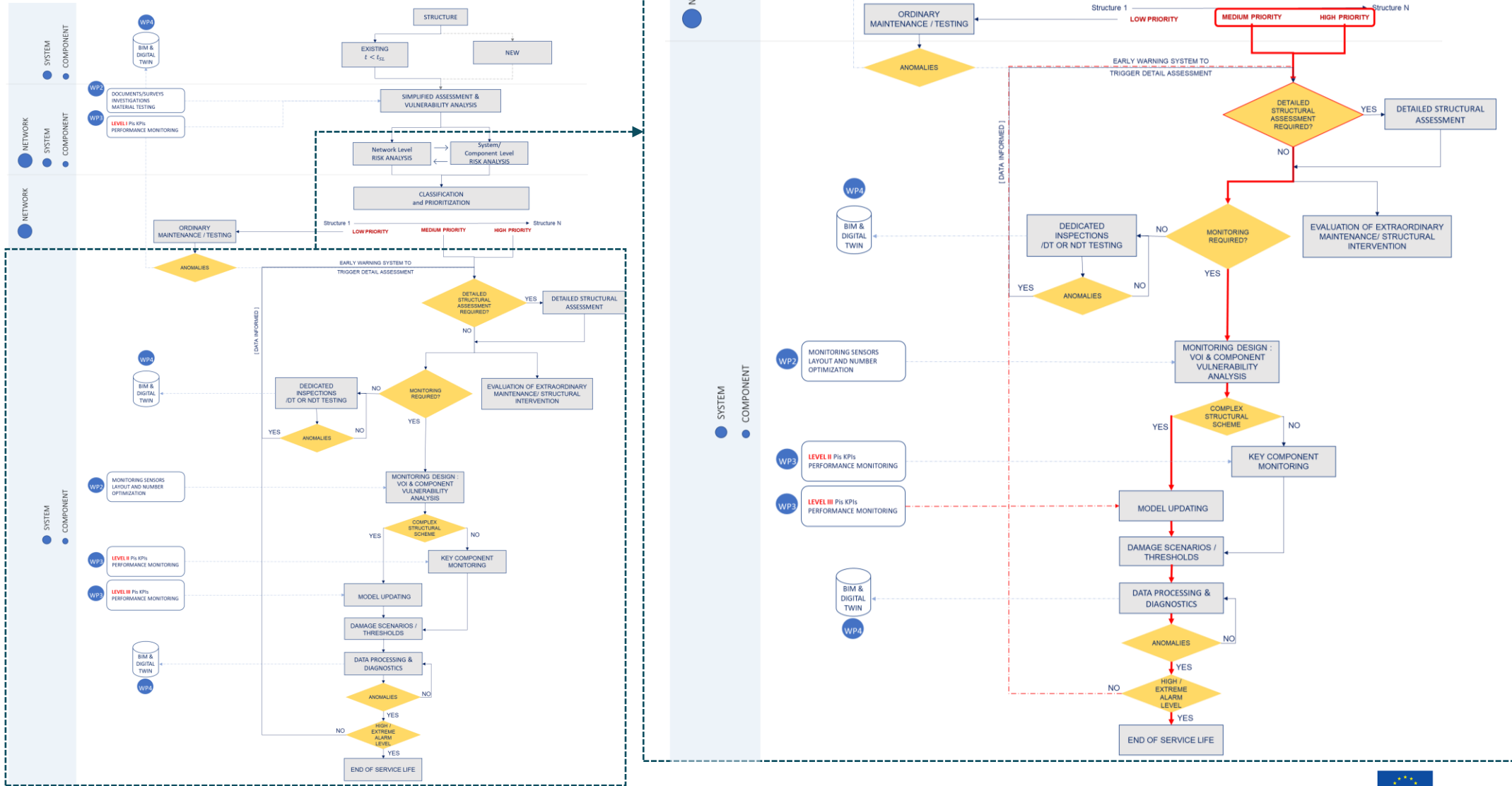
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## Q&A

IM SAFE aims to RATIONALIZE THE **DATA-INFORMED SAFETY ASSESSMENT FLOW**

- Can **STANDARDIZED PROCEDURES** provide a **VALID GUIDANCE** to REGULATE **WHEN/WHY/HOW** TO REQUEST DATA for **SAFETY ASSESSMENT** ?

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**Thank you all for  
attending, questions,  
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