Risk & Safety in Engineering

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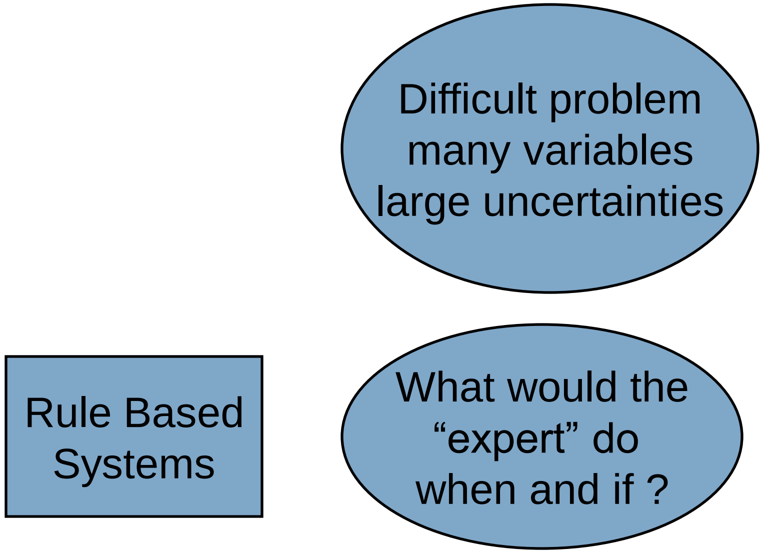

Not possible to treat uncertainties consistently !

Inconsistent decisions – "Dutch Books"

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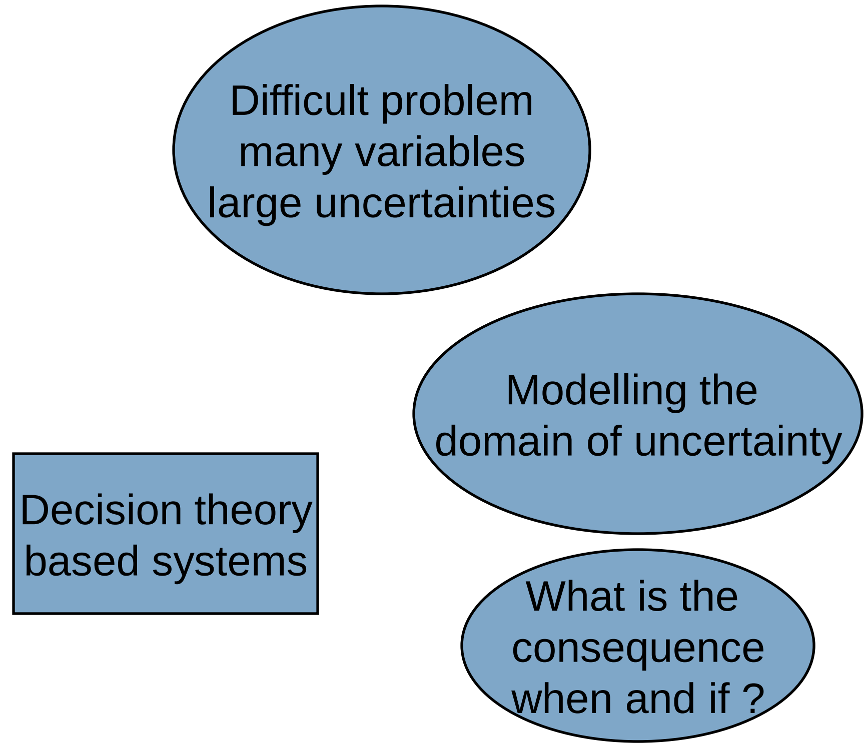


Possible to treat uncertainties consistently !

- Supporting the expert in decision making !
- Not replacing the expert !

Introduction to Bayesian Probabilistic Nets (BPN)

The theory of Bayesian Probabilistic Nets has developed rapidly and includes

- Establishing multi-variate joint probability structures
- Diagnostics of technical systems and in medicine
- Decision analysis subject to uncertainty
- Inference and data mining

Probabilistic modelling of complex systems

Identification of important hazard scenarios

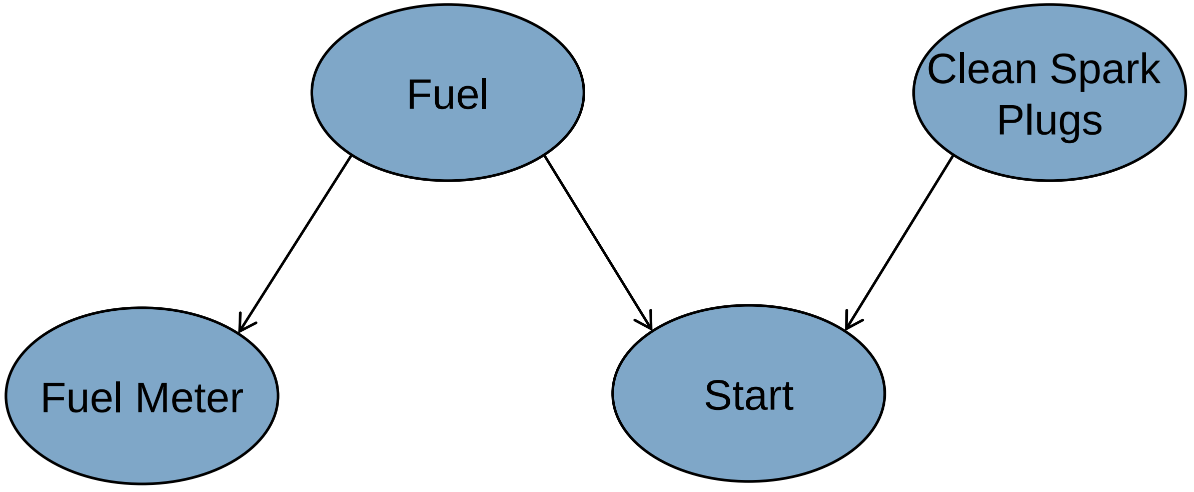
Assessment of risk and evaluation of risk treatment measures

Identification of causal relations between states in complex systems based on data

Causality as a support in reasoning

Causality and Reasoning

Causal networks are graphical representations of causally interrelated events



Causality as a support in reasoning

Causality and Reasoning

In our daily lives we reason on the basis of causal relations

Consider the following situation:

You are the owner of two new and almost identical bridges 1 and 2 made of concrete produced on site (small factory)

- Tests performed on bridge 1 indicates that the quality of the executed concrete used in bridge 1 is bad

The question is :

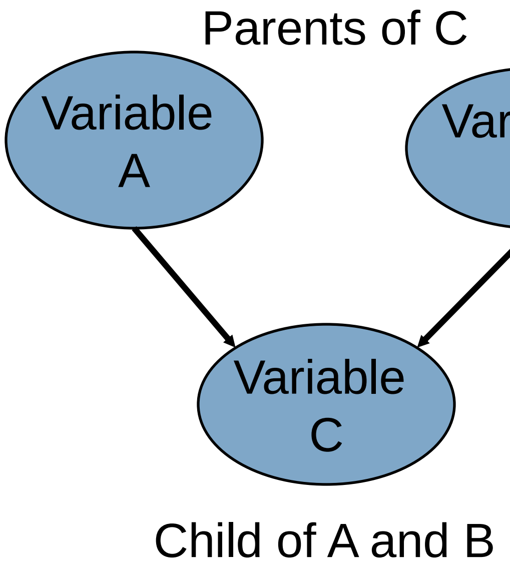
– What is the quality of the executed concrete of bridge 2?

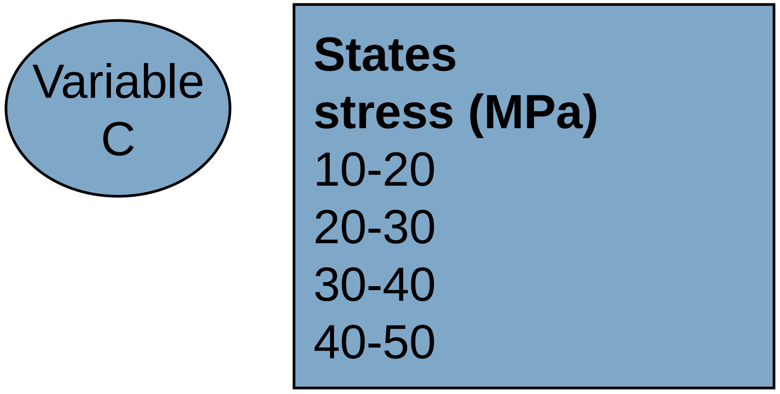
Causality as a support in reasoning

Causal Networks and BPNs

Formally speaking :

- a directed graph representing the causal interrelation between uncertain events
- interrelations expressed in terms of “family relations”
- a variable can have any number of discrete states or a continuous state space



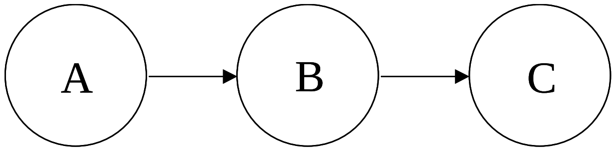


Basic theory of BPN with discrete states

Networks can be categorized in accordance with their configuration

For serially connected networks :

Information may be passed only if the states of the connecting variables are unknown



Serially connected network

B depends on A, C depends on B

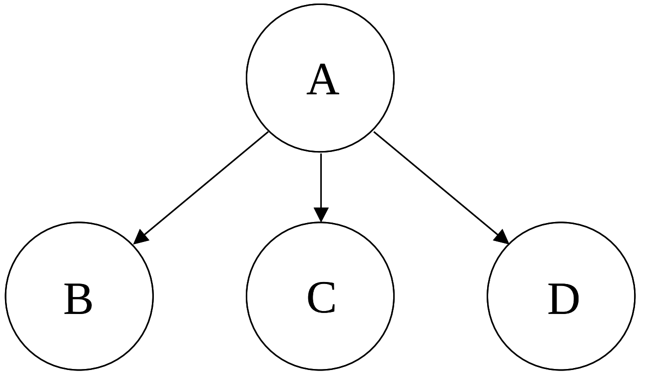
If the state of B is known with certainty variable A and variable C become independent

A and C are *d-connected* given B

Basic theory of BPN with discrete states

For diverging networks :

Information about any of the child variables will influence the uncertainty of the states of the other children as long as the state of the variable A is unknown



Diverging network

B, C and D depend on A

B, C and D are *d-connected* given A

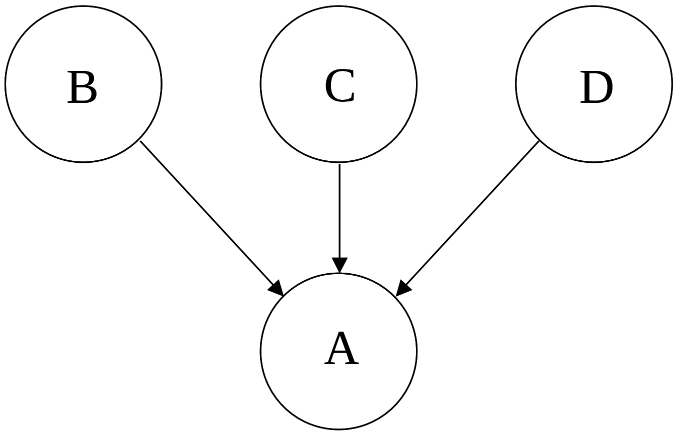
Basic theory of BPN with discrete states

For converging networks :

The parent variables remain independent as long as the state of the child variable is unknown

Given the state of the child variable or any of the parent variables, all the parent variables become dependent

This is called conditional dependence



Converging network

A depends on B, C and D

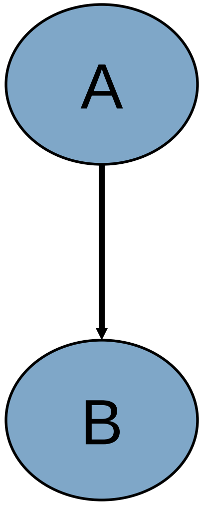
B, C and D are independent as long as the state of A is unknown

Given the state of A the variables B, C and D become dependent

Basic theory of BPN with discrete states

BPNs are sometimes referred to as directed acyclic graphs (DAG).

The states of each variable is allocated a conditional probability structure.



State	Probability
Wind speed	
0-10 (m/s)	0.6
10-20 (m/s)	0.4

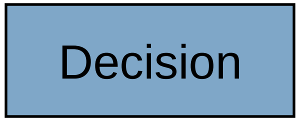
State	Probability	
Wind force	**Wind speed (m/s)**	
	0-10	**10-20**
50-60 (kN)	0.6	0.3
60-70 (kN)	0.4	0.7

Bayesian Probabilistic Nets

BPNs may in addition to uncertain variables include

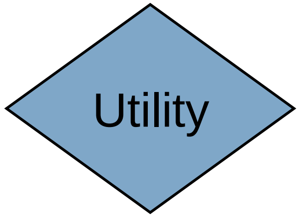
- decision nodes
- utility nodes

Decision nodes contain the various actions which may be decided



Do nothing
Modify system

Utility nodes prescribe the consequences given the state of the variables and the decisions

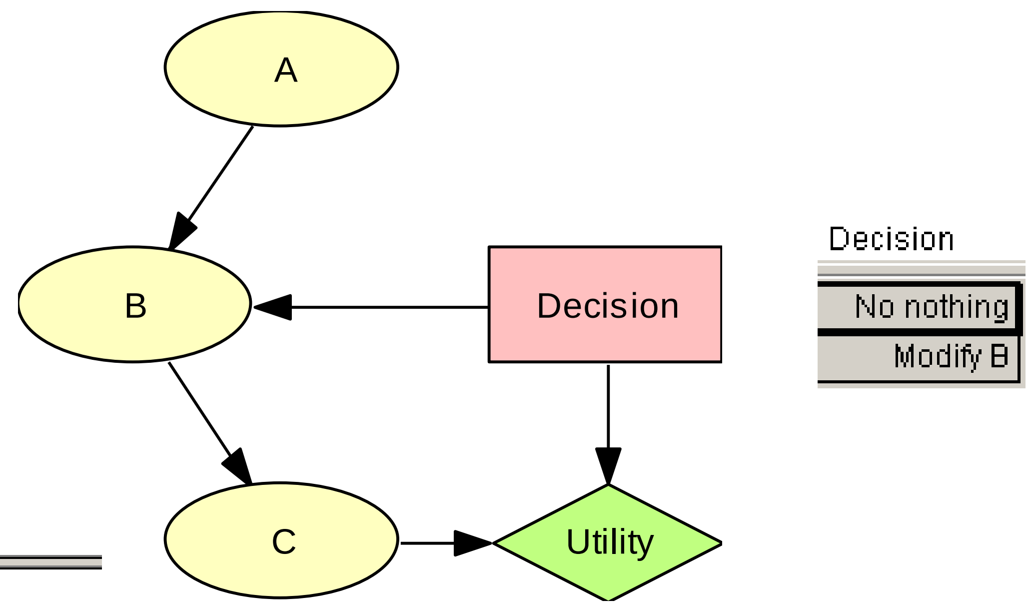


Consequences
- costs
- fatalities
- injuries
- environmental impact

Bayesian Probabilistic Nets

The probabilities assigned to the states of a variable may be conditional on the decisions.

The utility may be given as a function of the states of the variables and the decisions.



B | Labelled

Decision	No nothing		Modify B	
A	fail	safe	fail	safe
fail	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.05
safe	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.95

Utility

Decision	No nothing		Modify B	
C	fail	safe	fail	safe
Utility	1000	0	1001	1

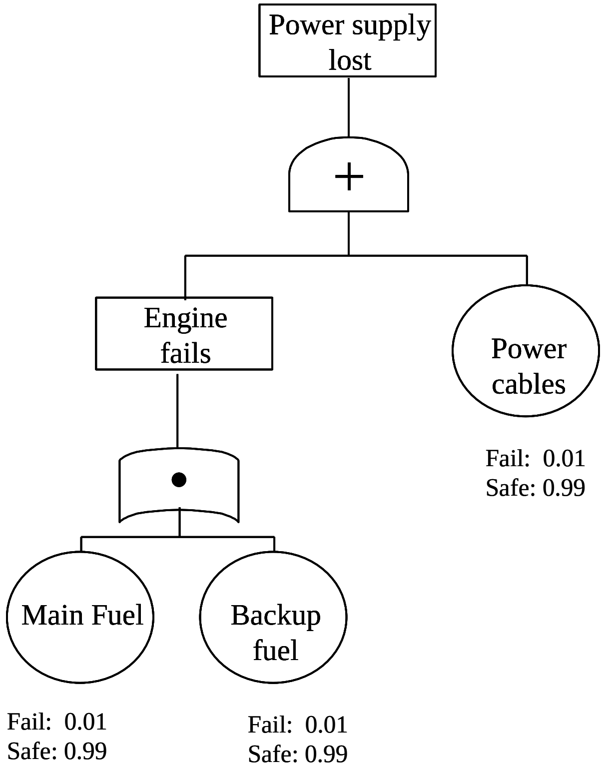
Risk analysis and decision making using BPN

BPNs for Risk Analysis

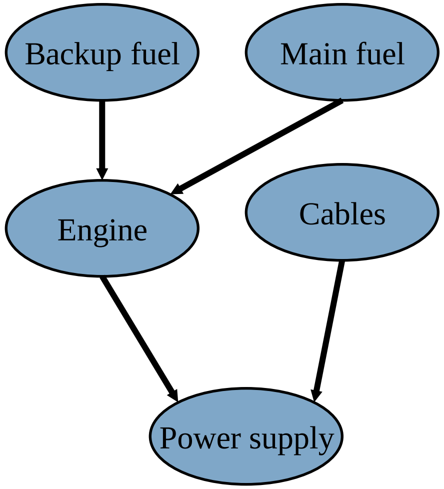
BPNs may readily substitute fault trees, event trees, cause consequence charts and decision trees in risk analysis

No problems with common cause failures when using BPN.

Let us consider a simple power supply example



Fault tree



BPN

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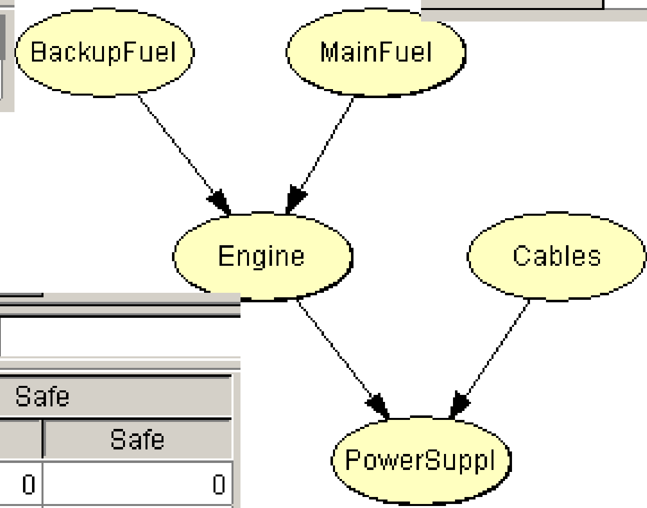
Fault tree analysis



BackupFuel

Fail	0.01
Safe	0.99

MainFuel

Fail	0.01
Safe	0.99

Cables

Fail	0.01
Safe	0.99

Engine — No Group

MainFuel	Fail		Safe	
BackupFuel	Fail	Safe	Fail	Safe
Fail	1	0	0	0
Safe	0	1	1	1

PowerSupply — No Group

Cables	Fail		Safe	
Engine	Fail	Safe	Fail	Safe
Fail	1	1	1	0
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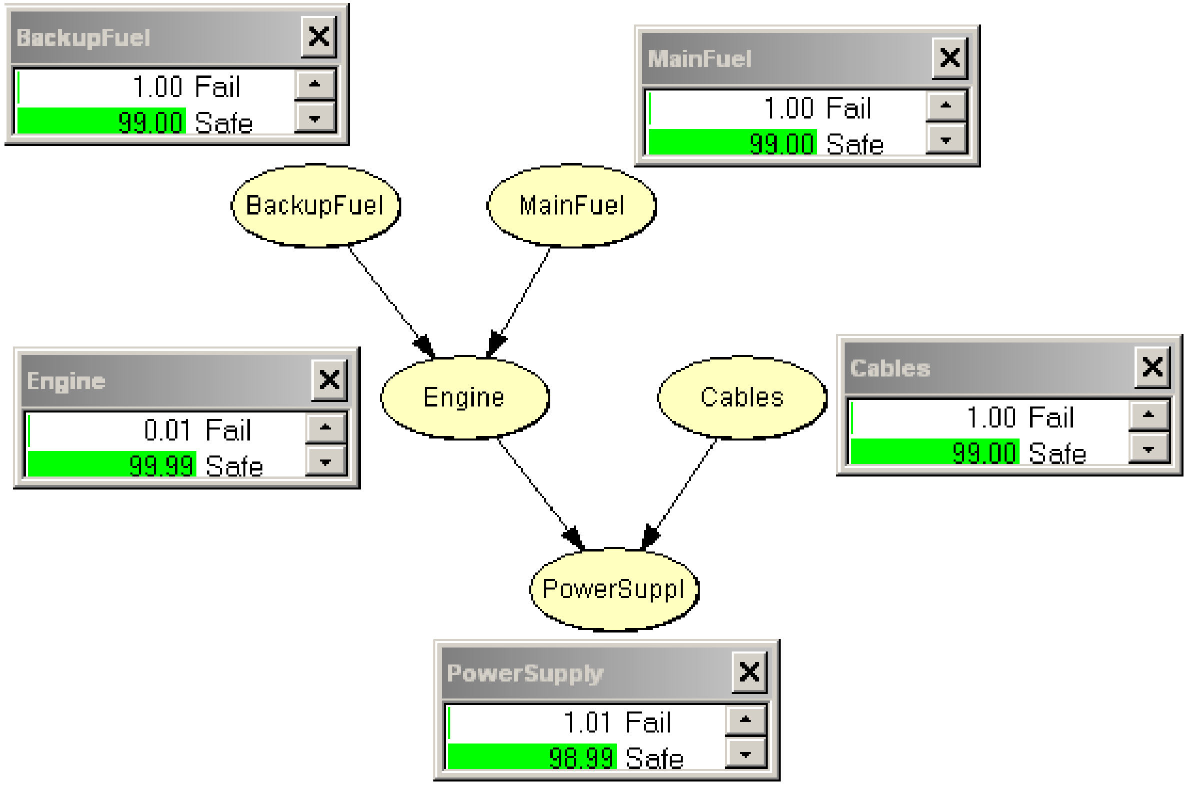

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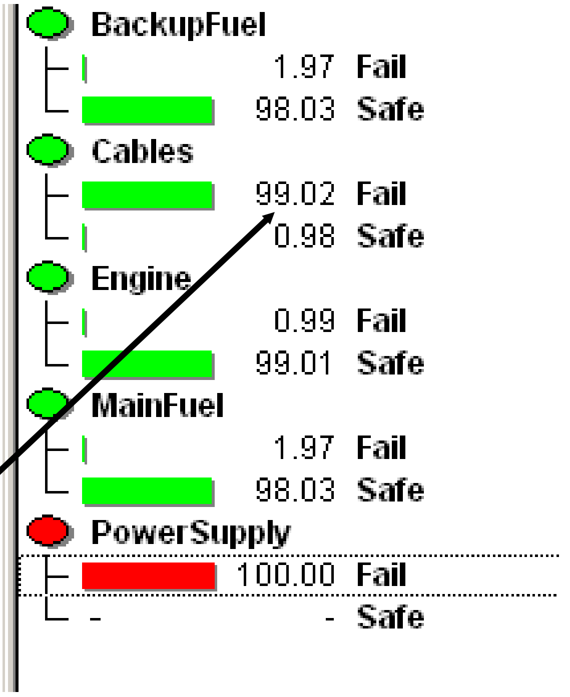
Identification of important hazard scenarios

Conditioning on the event of failure of power supply



Most likely scenario is cable failure

- this scenario should be detailed further in the modelling

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BPNs for Risk Analysis

Common cause failures

BackupFuel

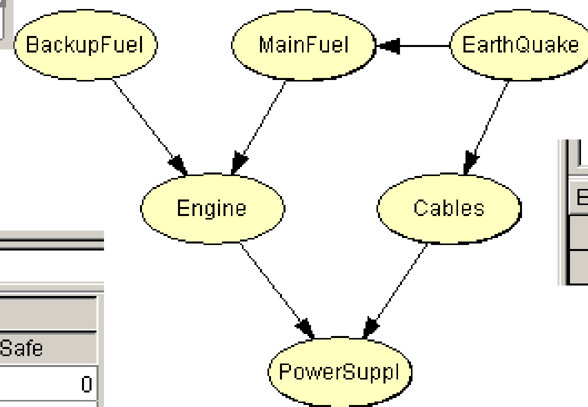
Fail	0.01
Safe	0.99

MainFuel

EarthQuake	yes	No
Fail	0.1	0.01
Safe	0.9	0.99

EarthQuake

yes	0.0001
No	0.9999



Cables

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Engine

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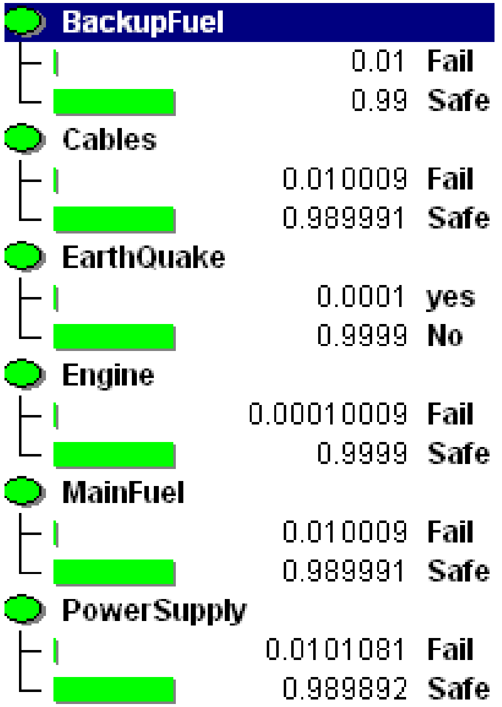
Common cause failures



With common cause	1.01081 %
Without common cause	1.00099 %

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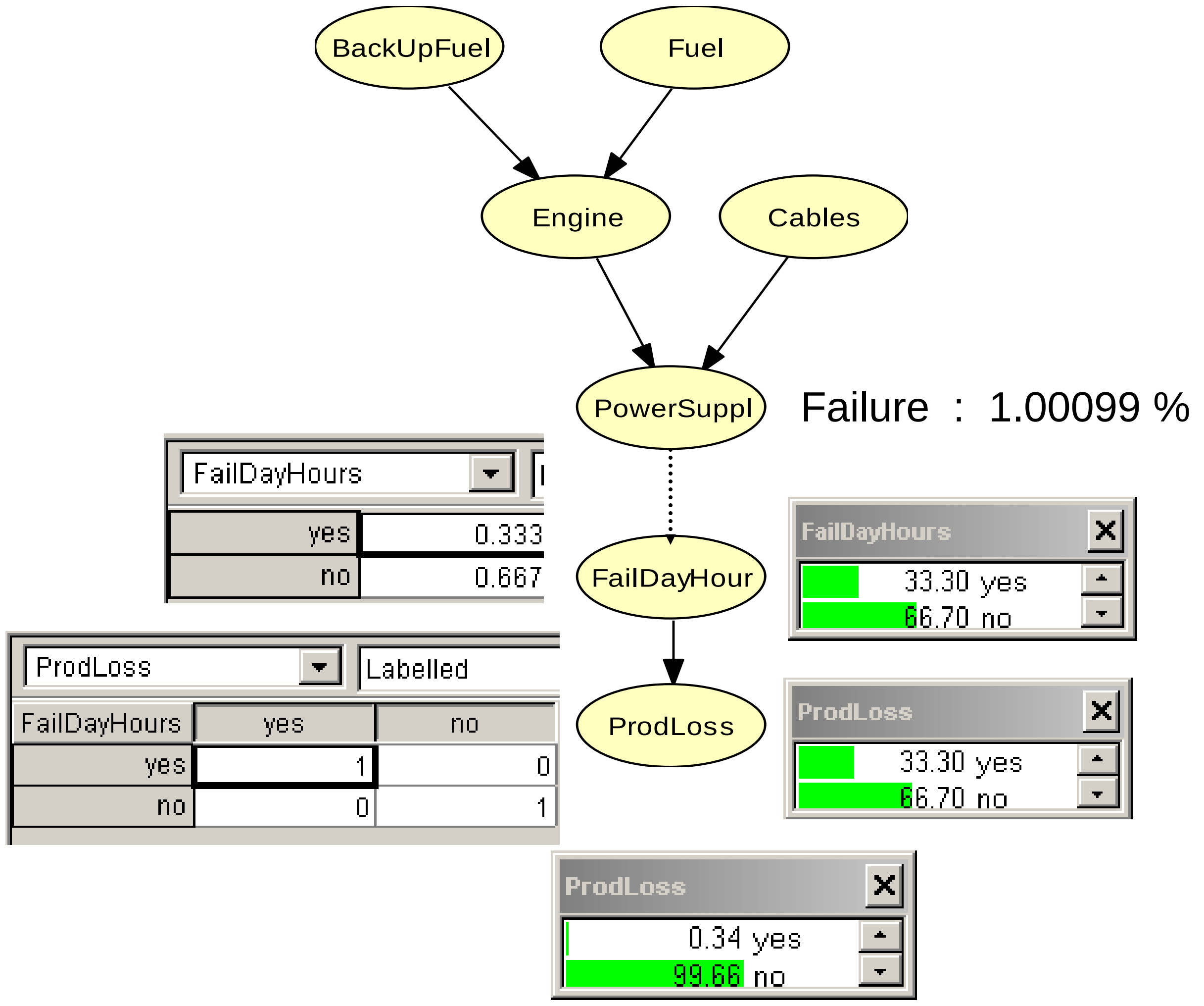
Event trees



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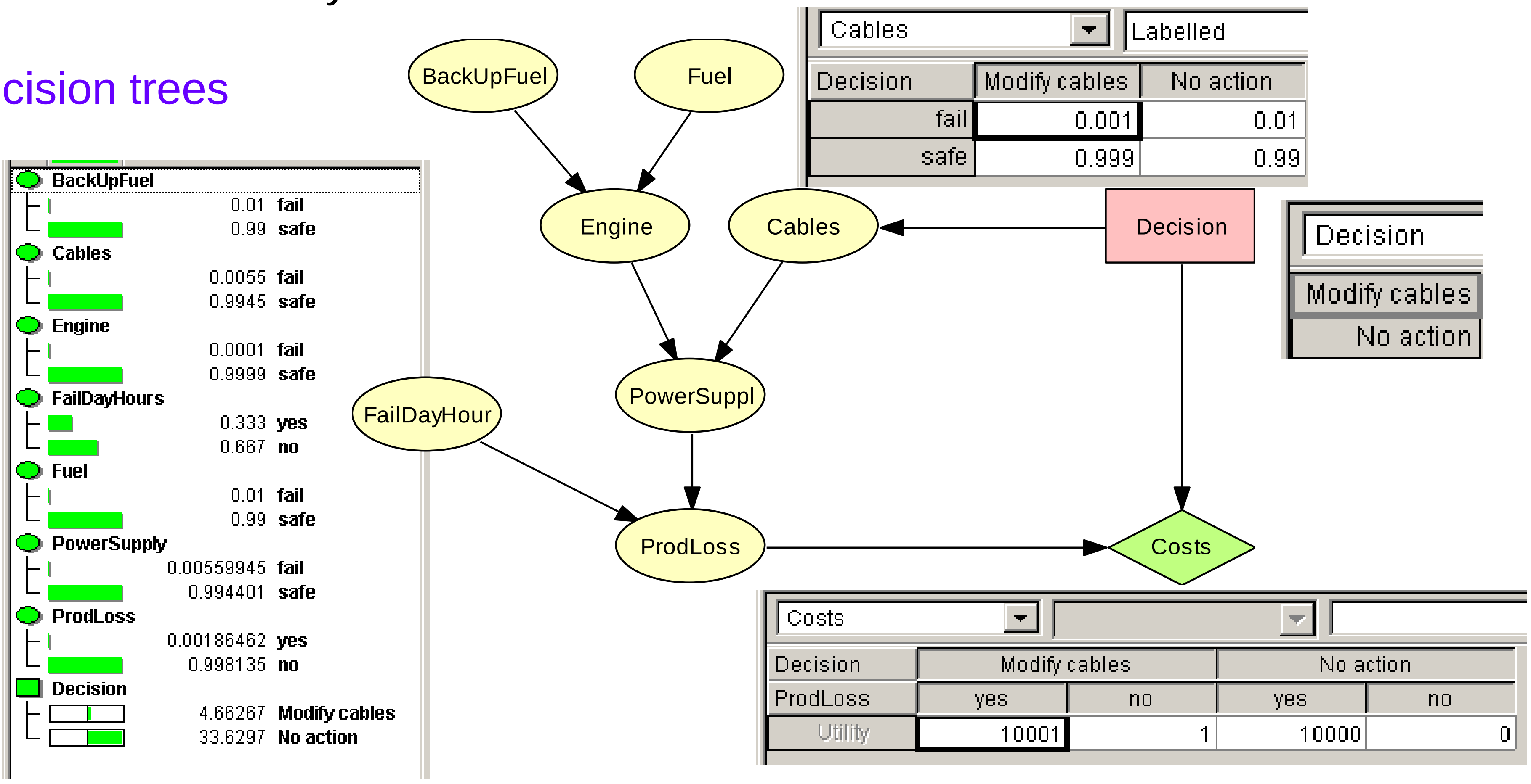
Decision trees

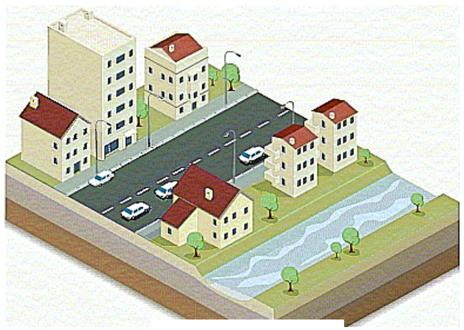


Large Scale Risk Assessment using GIS and BPN

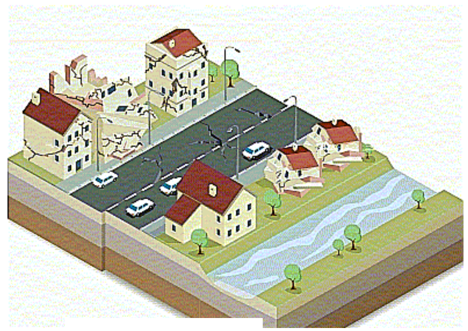
- Risk management concerning natural hazards often involves large geographical areas

Large Scale Risk Assessment using GIS and BPN

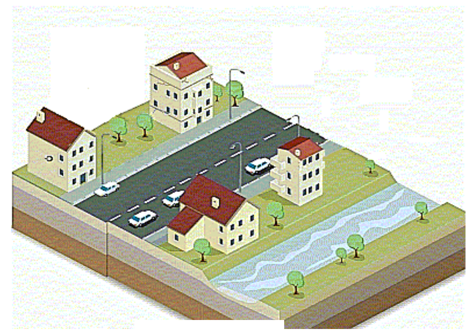
- It is important to be able to provide decision support in the situations before, during and after the occurrence of natural hazards



Before



During



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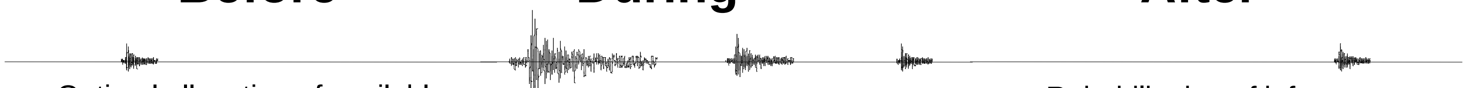


Before:

Optimal allocation of available resources for risk reduction

- strengthening
- rebuilding

in regard to possible earth-quakes

During:

Damage reduction/control

Emergency help and rescue

After quake hazards

After:

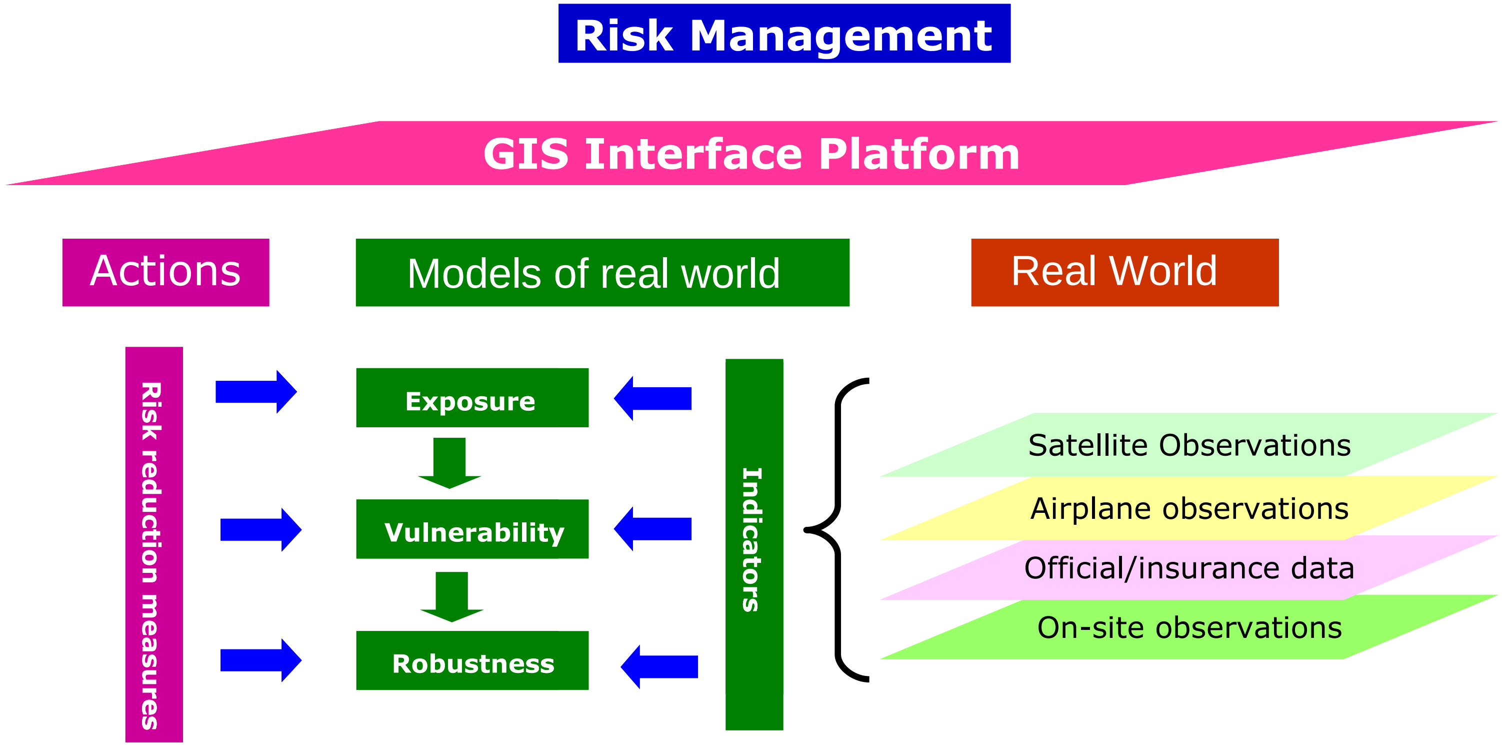
Rehabilitation of infrastructure functionality

Condition assessment and updating of reliability and risks

Optimal allocation of ressources for rebuliding and strengthening

Large Scale Risk Assessment using GIS and BPN

- A general framework for natural hazards risk management using GIS can be visualized as:



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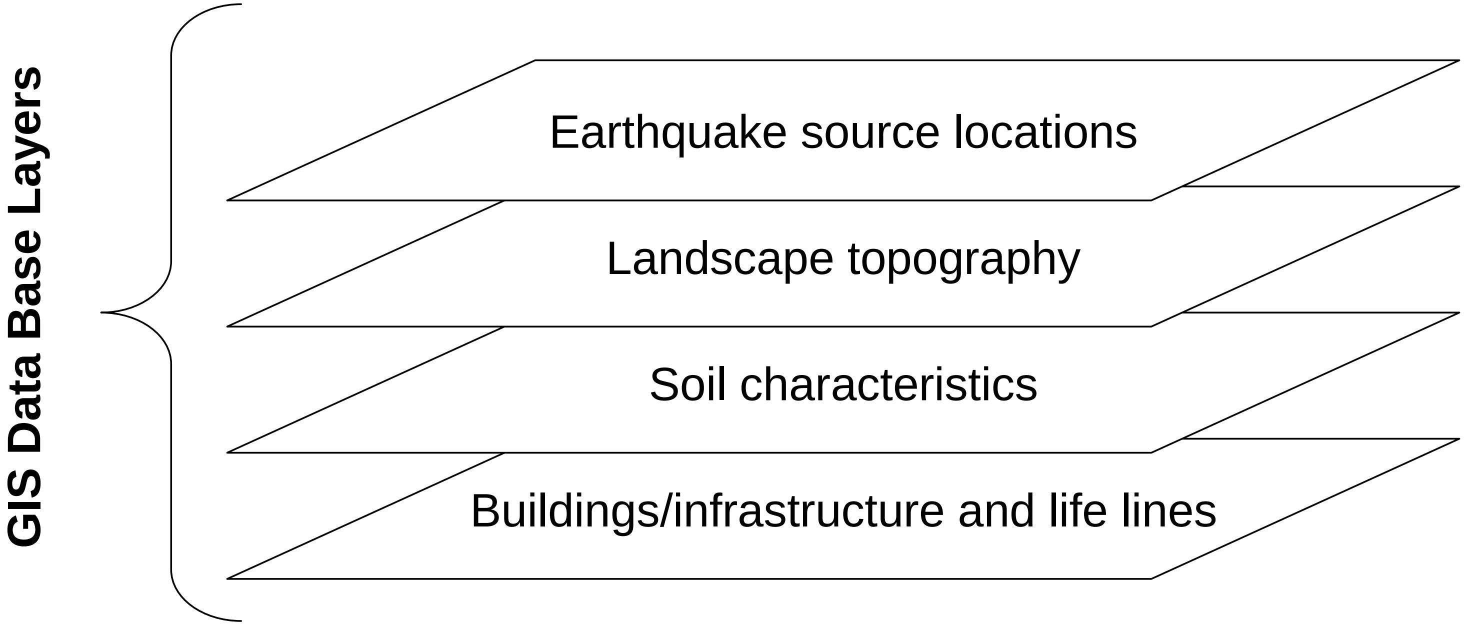
- The GIS database is important as most of the required data generally are spatially distributed for the considered system, e.g. city or region



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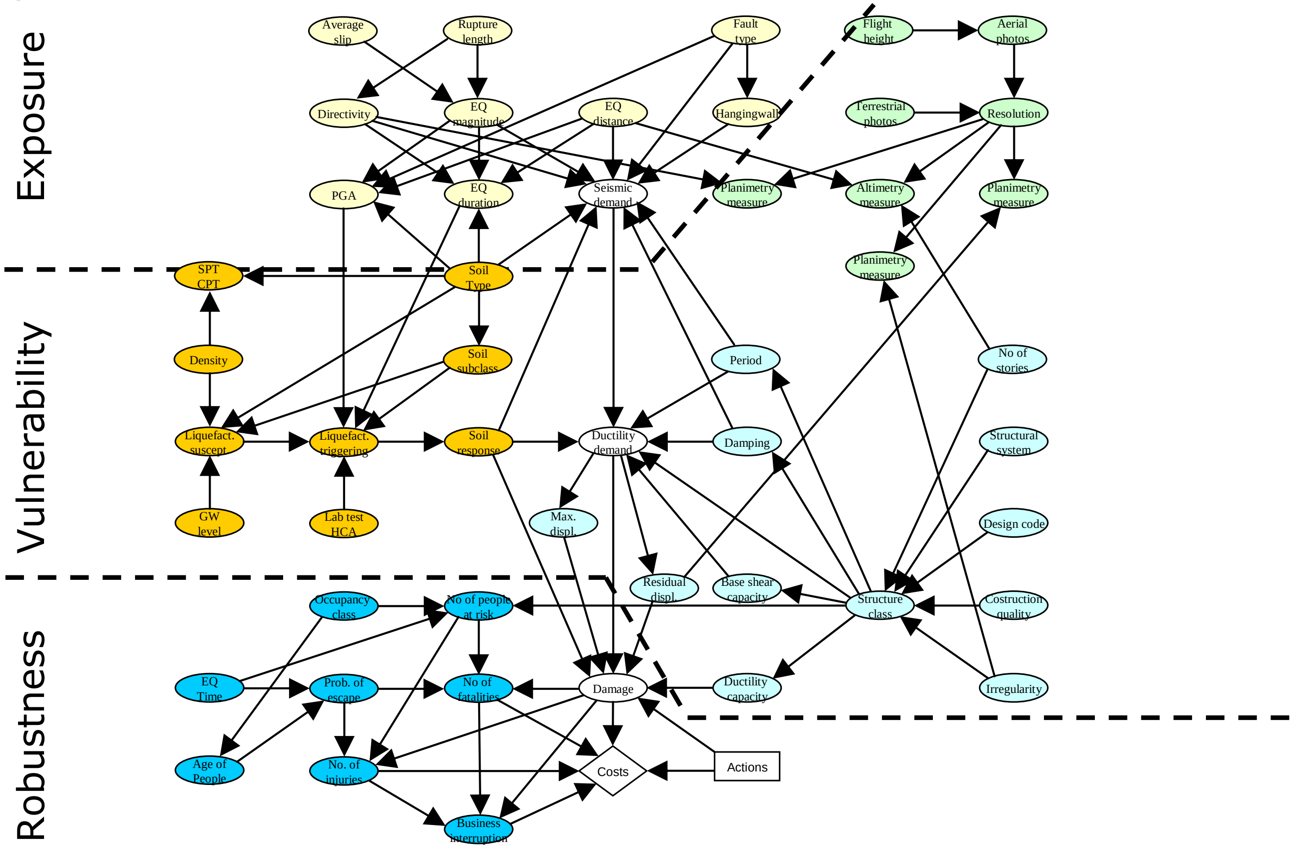

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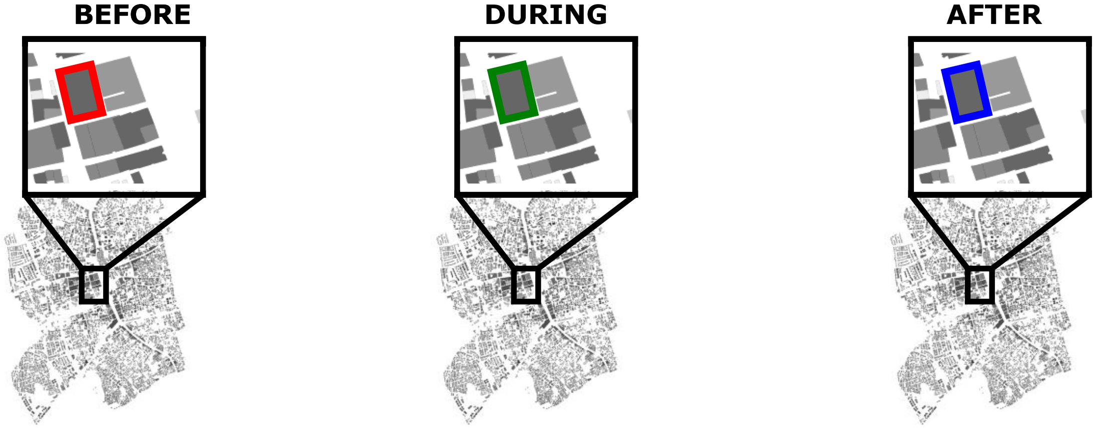
Typical Outputs



BEFORE	DURING	AFTER
Generic BPN + structure and site specific information	Generic BPN + structure and site specific information + new data (e.g. aerial photogrammetrical measurements	Generic BPN + structure and site specific information + new data + updating models

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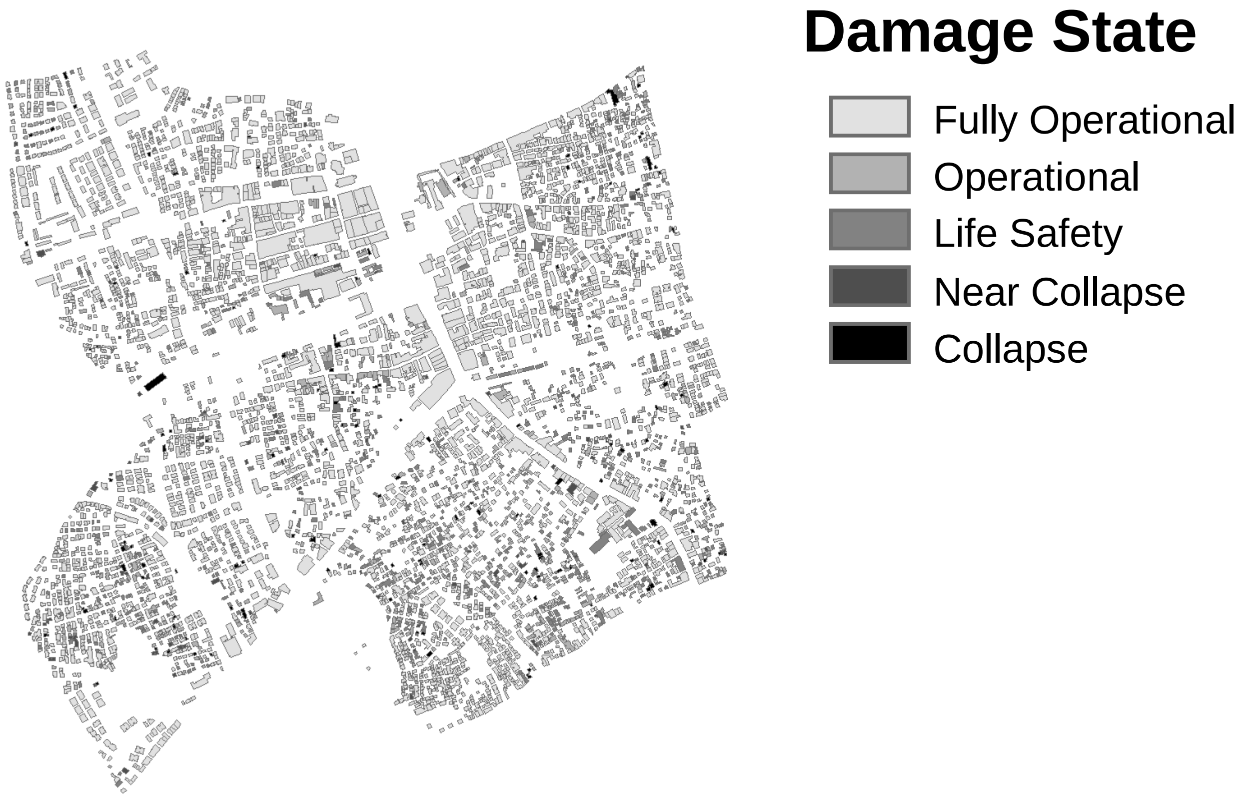
- The generic BPN risk models linked with the GIS database facilitate the efficient risk assessment for large numbers of buildings and other assets



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