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Mitigating of the Earthquakes Effects in Towns
and in Industrial reGional districts

“Strategies for reduction of the seismic risk”

THE CONTRIBUTION TO INDUSTRIAL RISKS DUE TO ACCIDENTAL SCENARIOS INITIATED BY EARTHQUAKES

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INTRODUCTION

The severity of industrial accidents have raised a strong concern for the prevention of *major accidents*

Directives “Seveso” I, II, III
Directive on Land Use Planning

Natural events (earthquakes) are not considered as the trigger of major accidental scenarios but (rarely):

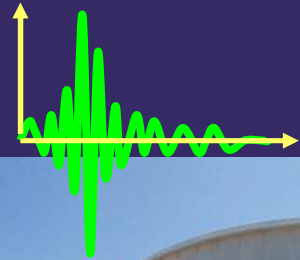
IN THE EARLY DESIGN PHASES of equipment
IN THE SAFETY RESPONSE after accident



INTRODUCTION

Quantitative Risk Assessment, Safety Management,
Land Use Planning, Emergency Plans, Governance

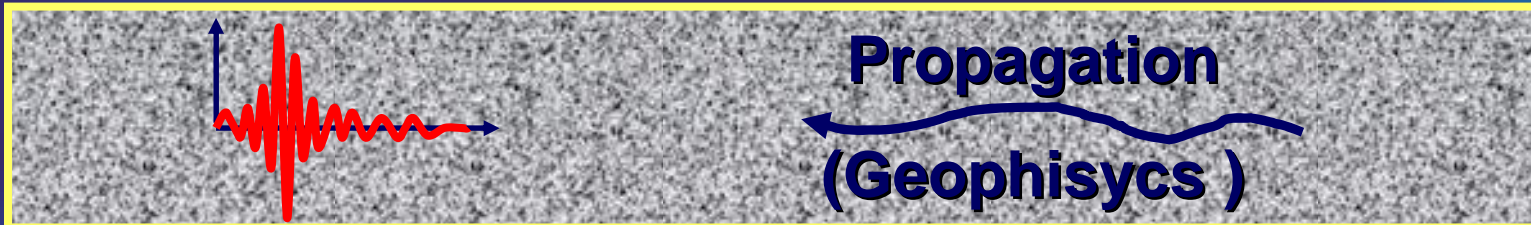
Failure consequences



Structural response
(Structural/Seismic Engineering)

Site Effects
(Geotechnical Engineering)

Geological Characterisation



THE NEEDS

- 1) Simplified (but sound) tools for **Quantitative Risk Assessment** (QRA) with specific reference to **equipment - earthquake interaction** and **accidental scenarios** (fire, explosion, dispersion)
- 2) **Seismic Threshold criteria for industrial area** based on QRA
- 3) **Shutdown procedure** of critical systems
- 4) **Early warning methodologies and systems**
- 5) **Land use management, shelter location**
- 6) **Disaster management**

RISK ASSESSMENT TOOLS

- ❑ **Damage State classes for seismic behaviour:**
 - DS1 No damage
 - DS2 Slight damage to structures (shell, auxiliary system..)
 - ...
 - DS5 Total collapse of equipment

- ❑ **No reference to the amount of content loss and industrial accidental scenarios**

- ❑ **Main scope: evaluation of post-earthquake *economical losses* (reconstruction, repair, upgrading)**

RISK ASSESSMENT TOOLS

Damage State (DS)

- DS1** - absence of structural damage
- DS2** - slight damages to structures
- DS3** - moderate structural damages
- DS4** - total collapse of structure

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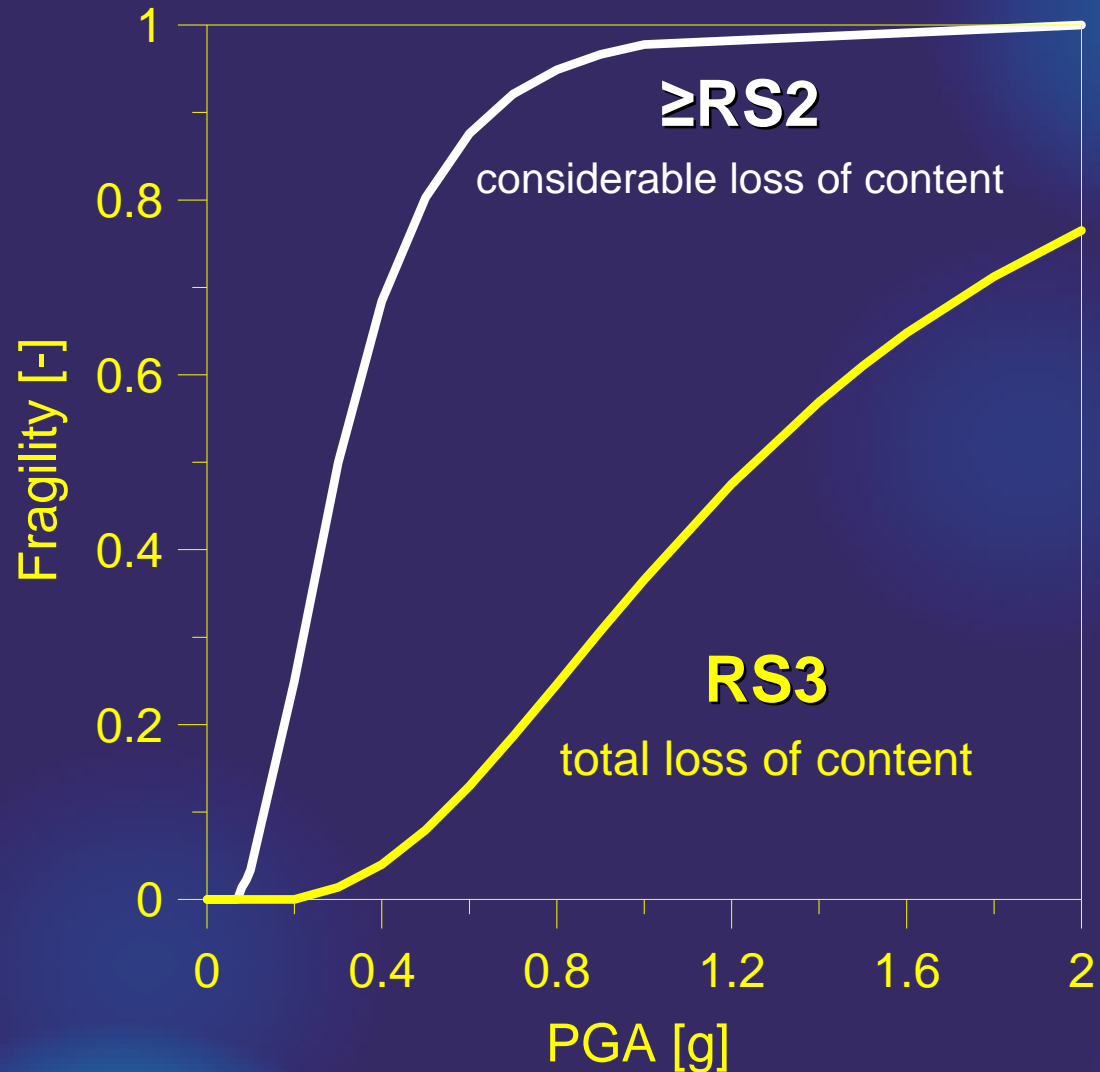


Risk State (RS)

- RS1** - Shell damage with absence or negligible loss of containment
- RS2** - Considerable loss of content
- RS3** - Total (instantaneous) loss of content

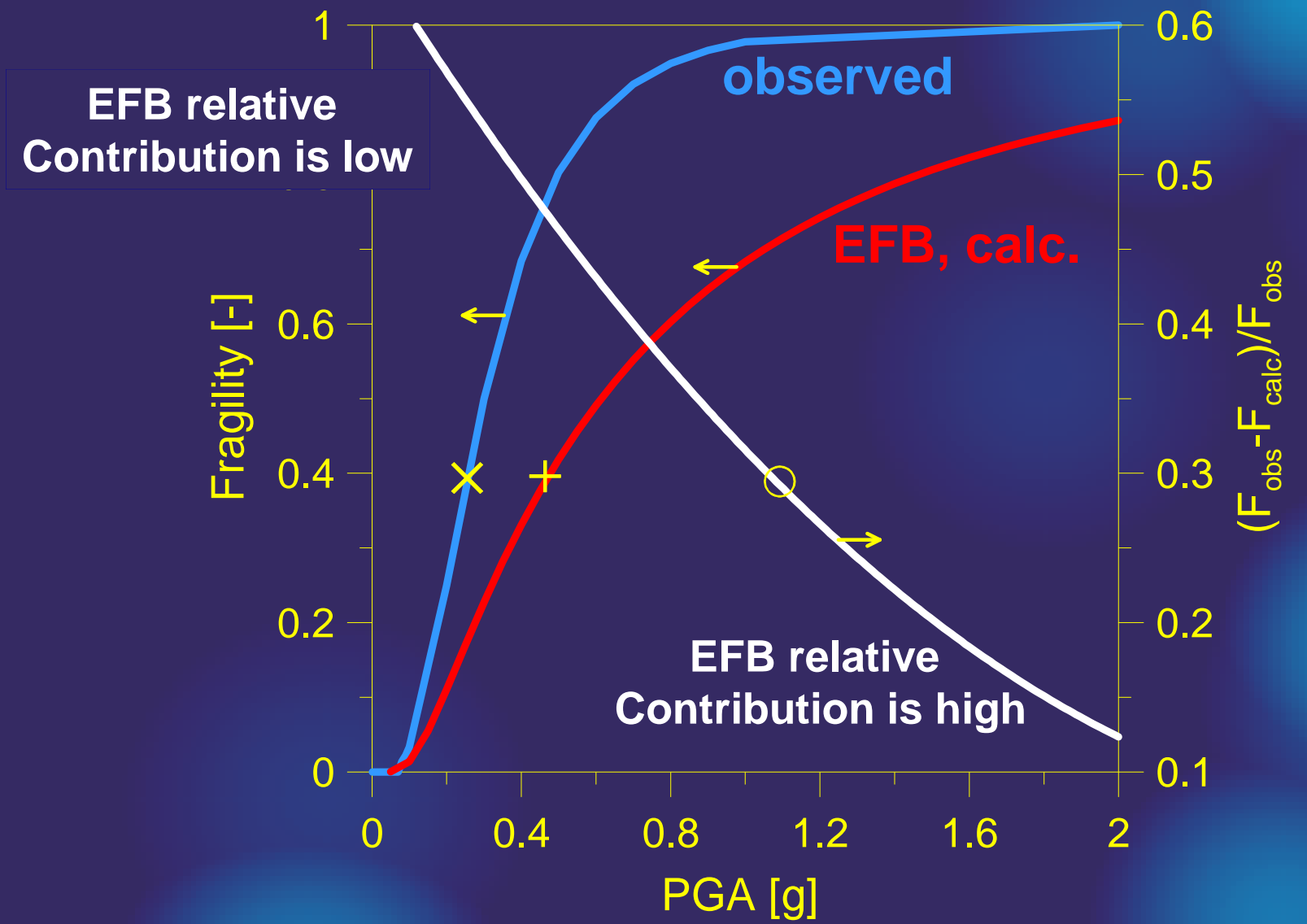
For each substance, for each equipment, for each design

RISK ASSESSMENT TOOLS



Observational fragilities – Full, anchored tanks

RISK ASSESSMENT TOOLS



Full, atmospheric anchored tanks, $V = 30000 \text{ m}^3$

QRA

INDIVIDUAL RISK

Probability that an average unprotected person permanently present at any point/location would get killed due to an accident

Threshold value: 10^{-5} less vulnerable object (office, hotels, shops..)
 10^{-6} vulnerable object (house, hospital, school...)

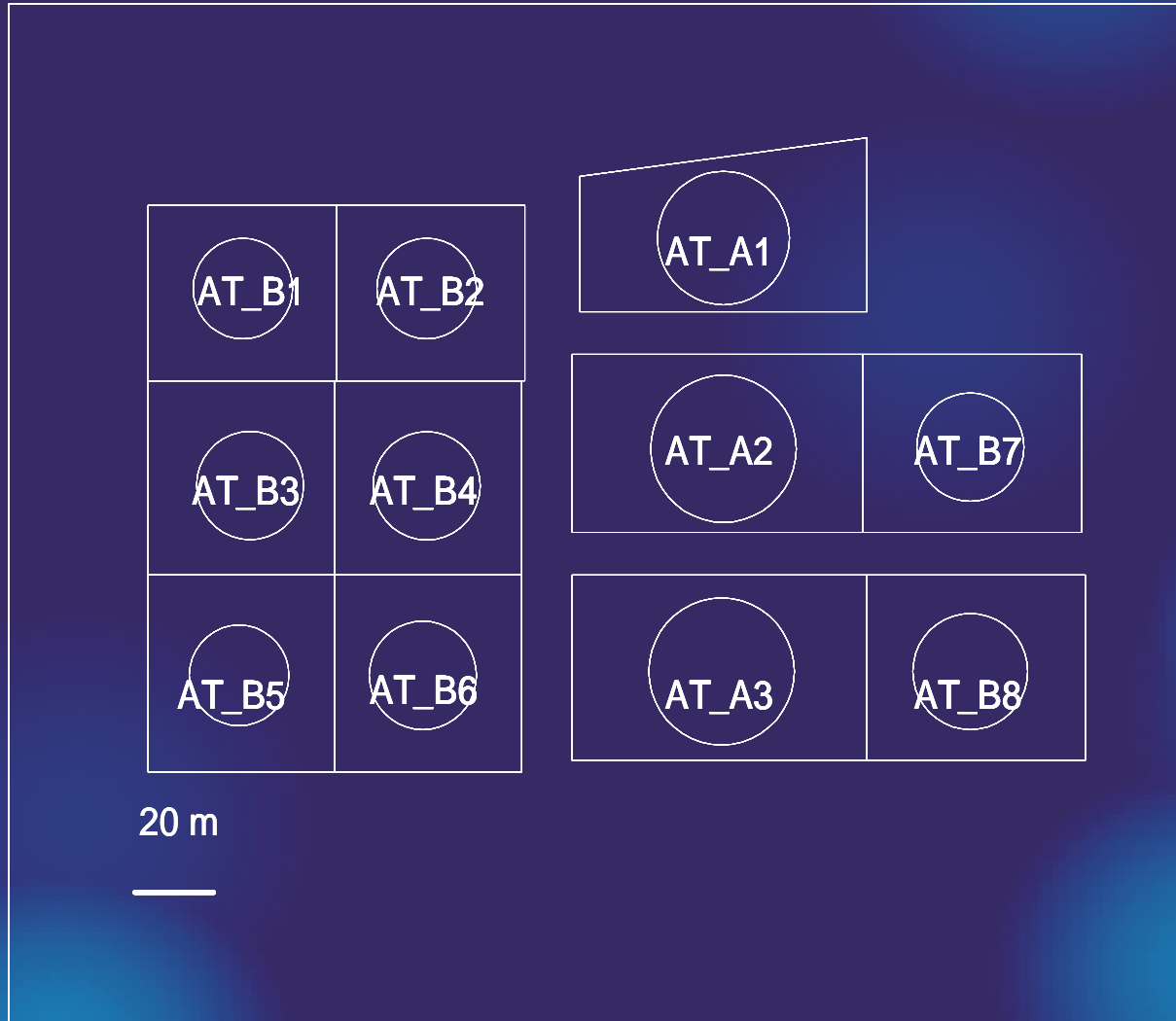
SOCIETAL RISK

It is expressed by curves which show the cumulative frequency on the target area (F) of accidents causing at least N fatalities, considering the actual probability of presence of population

Threshold value: $10^{-3}/N$

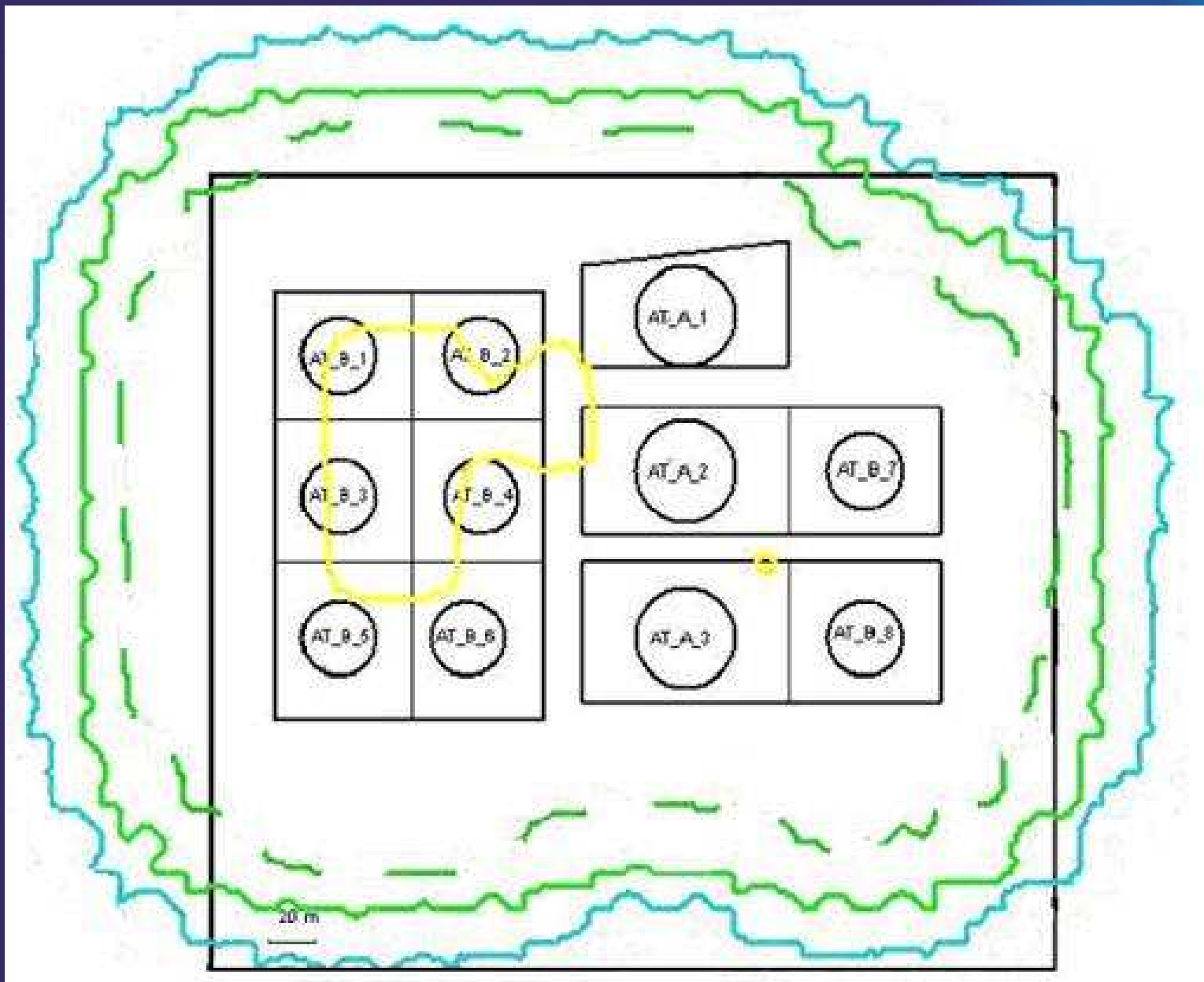
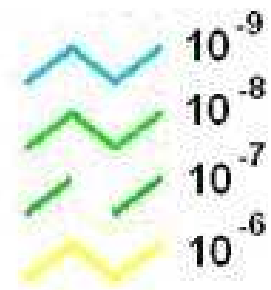
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Section of Milazzo refinery



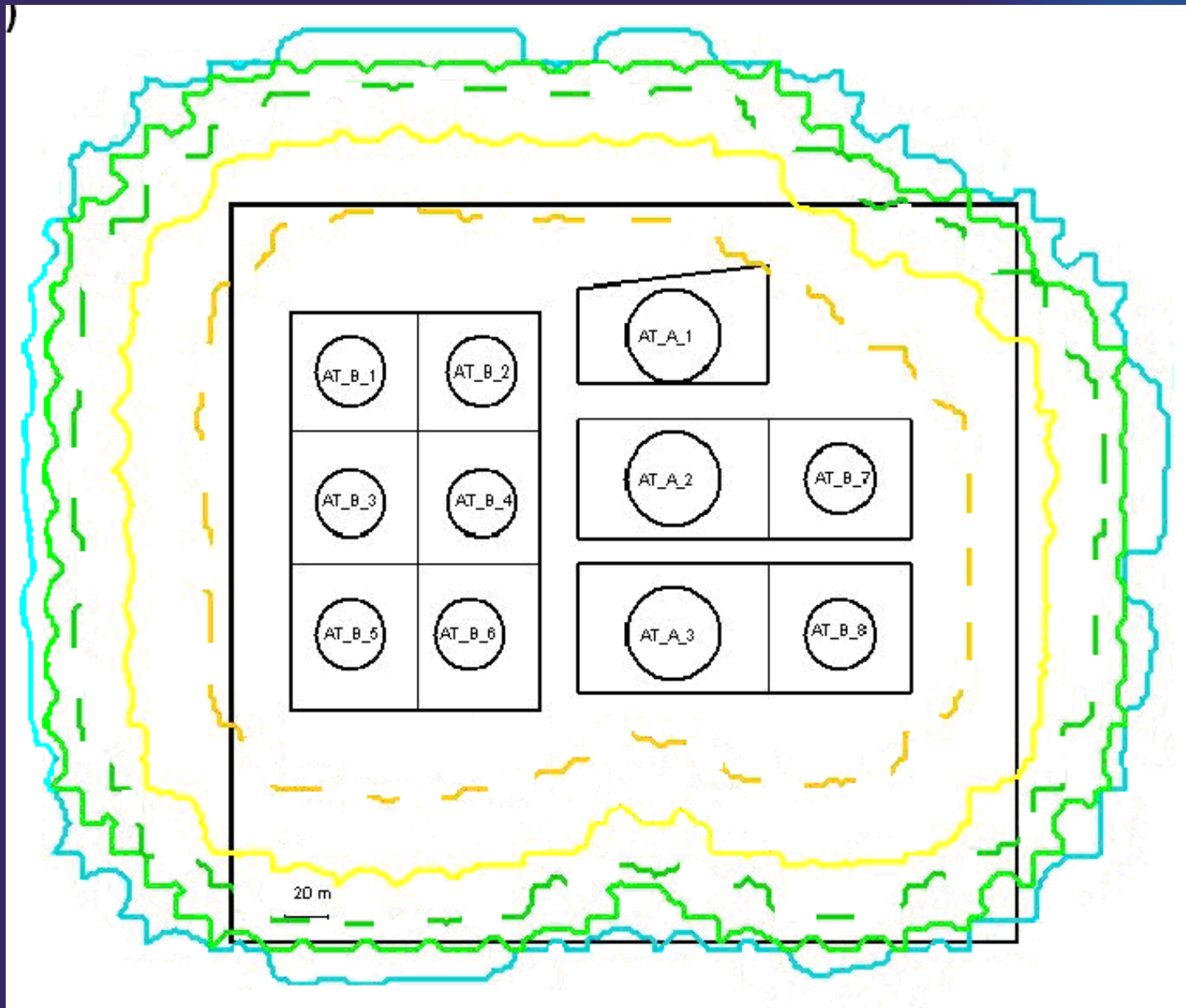
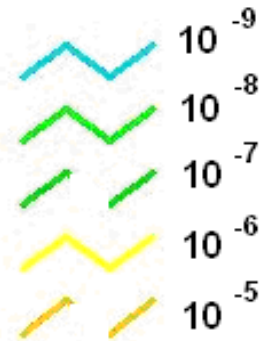
QRA: WITHOUT EARTHQUAKE

Individual Risk
(events/year)



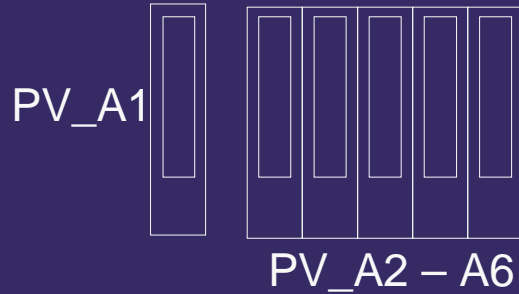
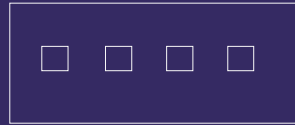
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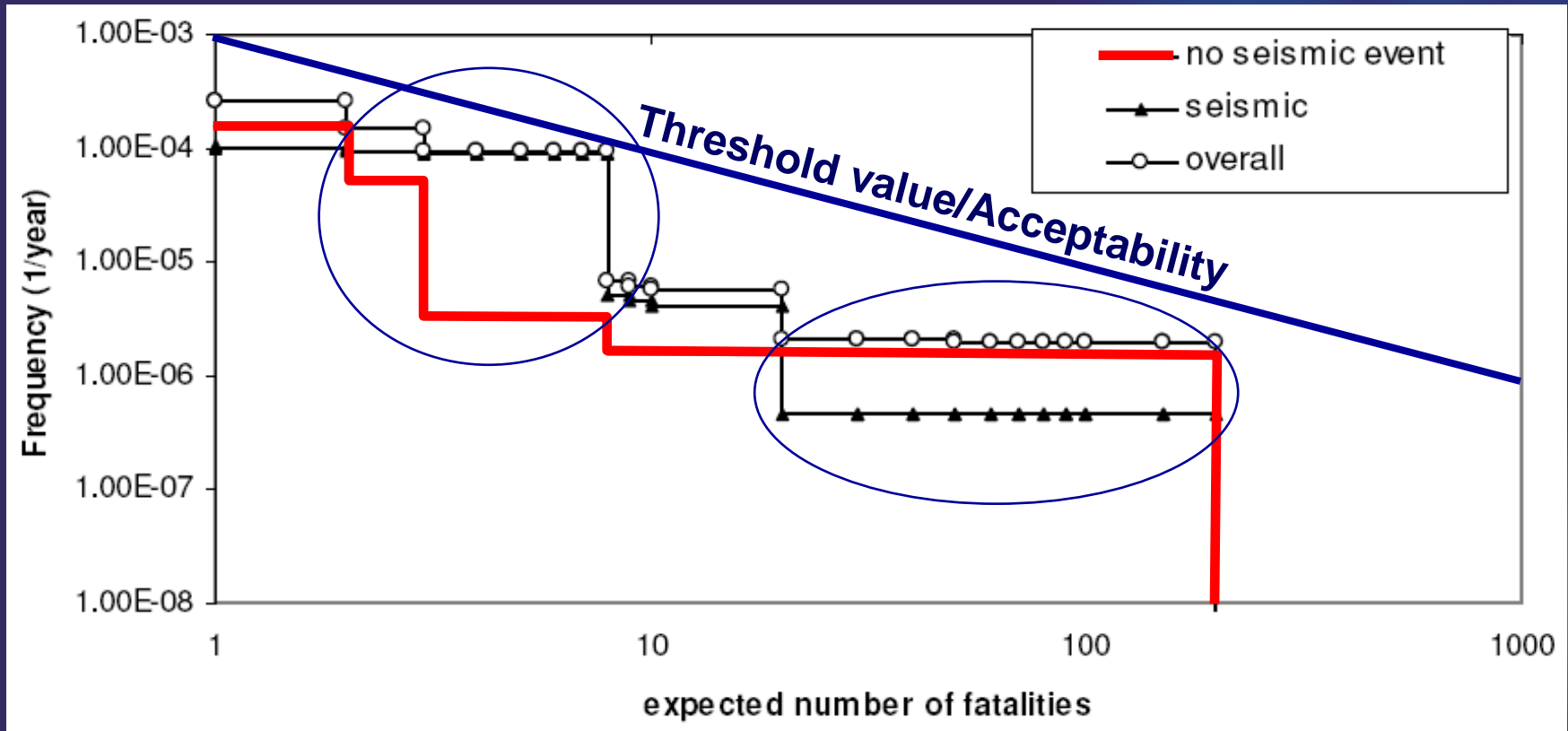
G1 G2 G3 G4



Unit code	Type	Geom	Diam	Lenght	Substance
AT_F1-5	Atm.	V	35 m	10 m	gasoline
PV_A1-A6	Press.	H	4 m	40 m	LPG
G1-2	Pump	-	-	-	LPG
G3-4	Pump	-	-	-	butane

QRA RESULTS

SOCIETAL RISK



SHUTDOWN, EARLY WARNING PROCEDURE

... a few seconds before an earthquake

Earthquake Early Warning Systems

Pre-warning times of zero to over 1 minute allow:

- ✓ *Stop trains (Shinkansen, Japan)*
- ✓
- ✓ *Shut-down of critical systems: nuclear*
- ✓ *Shut-down of critical systems: **chemical process***

CONCLUSIONS

- *Fragility for each equipment, for each condition*
- *Introduction of natural event risks for the evaluation of Seveso II - land use planning*
- *Development of threshold criteria for Early Warning System*
- *QRA is valuable tool for the analysis of NATECH risks*

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