



Innovation and Networking for Fatigue and Reliability Analysis of Structures – Training for Assessment of Risk



# Design and assessment criteria for safety and cost efficiency

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# The build environment

- As the main contributor to our societal development,
- And, as a major consumer of natural resources,
- Needs proper **strategies for decision support** for further development and maintenance !!
- Objective: sustainable development.

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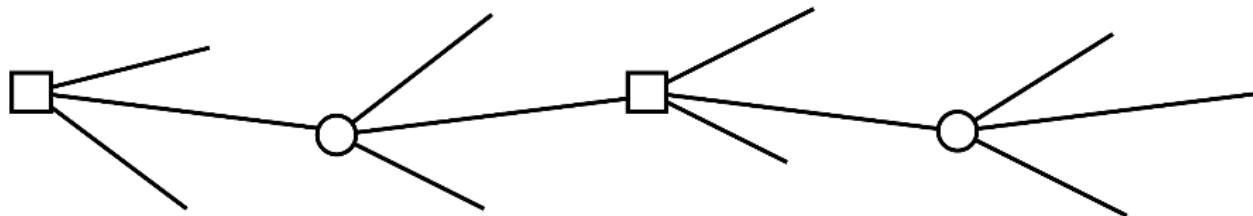


# Strategy

- Decisions are made
- It is not how we can identify the right decision, but how we identify the “best” decision
- Reasonable to assess the effect of different decision alternatives on “our” utility

# Formal Decision Theory

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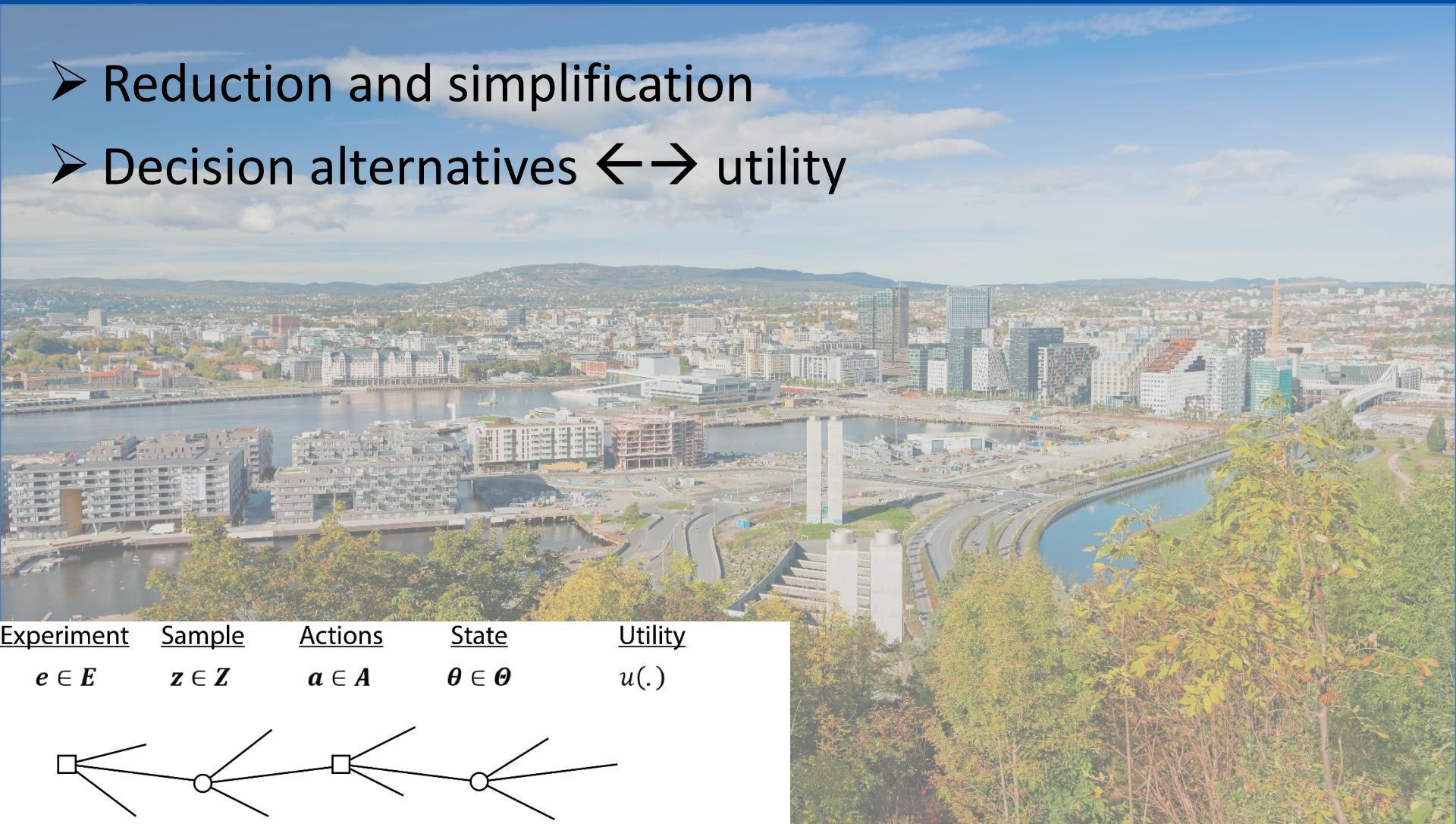
What should I do?

What may I hope?

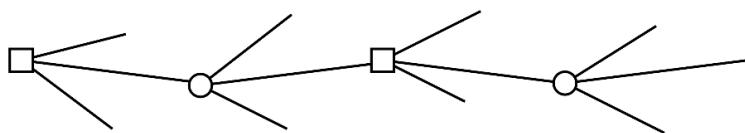
- Reasonable strategy
- Challenging to apply
- Simplifications necessary

# System definition

- Reduction and simplification
- Decision alternatives  $\leftrightarrow$  utility

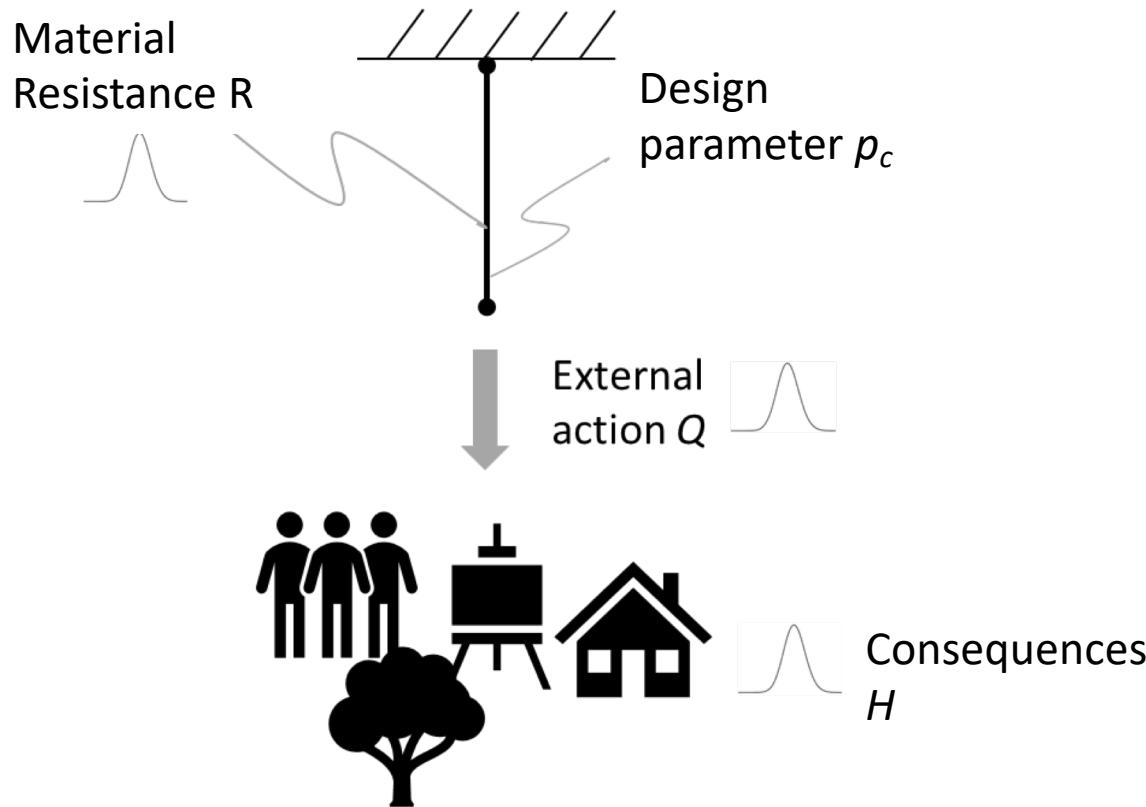


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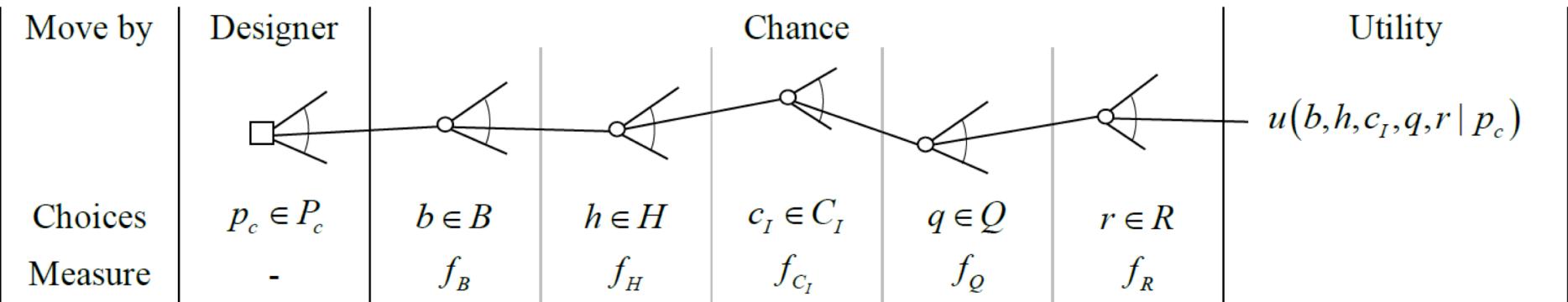


# Structural design decision problem

- Objective: minimum use of resources over time



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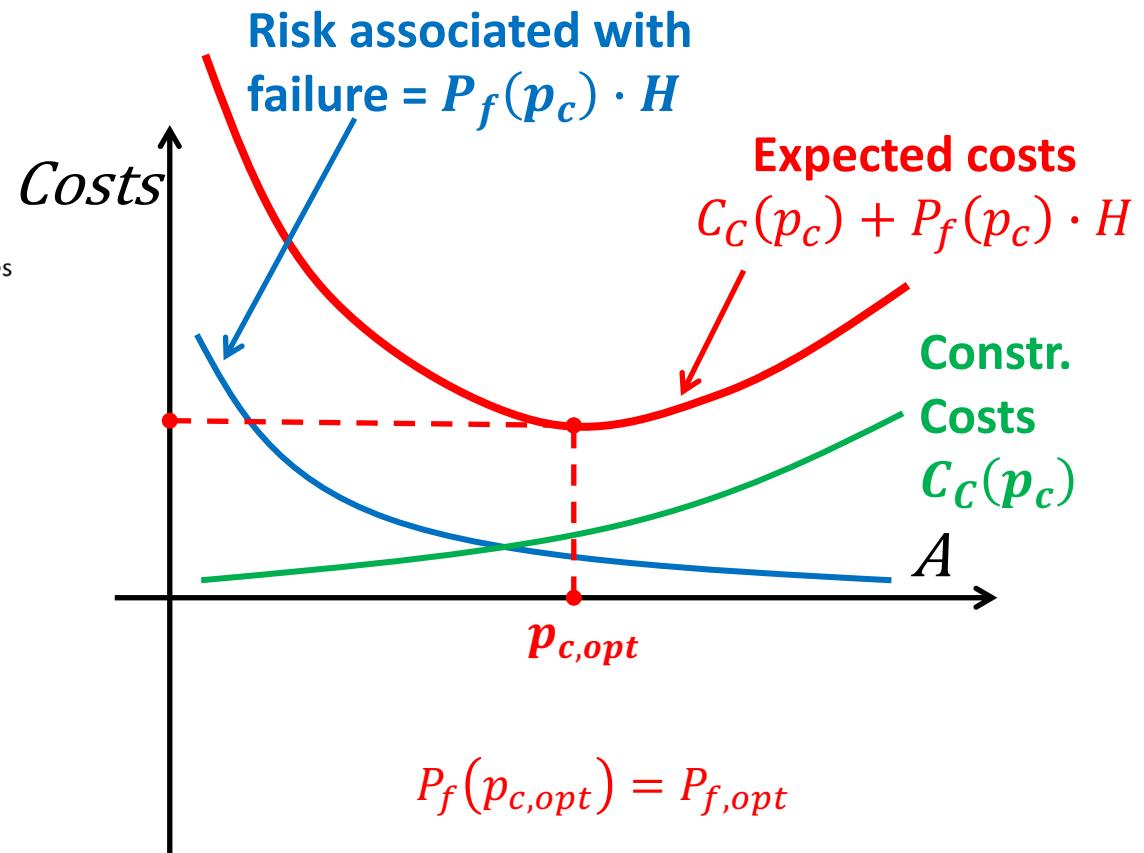
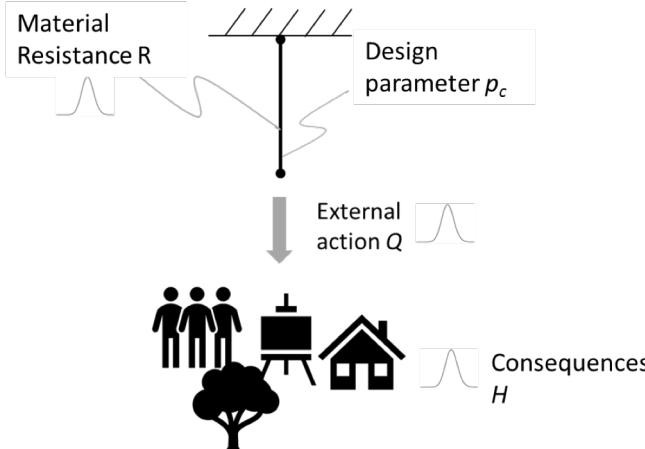


$$\mathbf{p}_{c,opt} = \underset{\mathbf{p}_c}{\operatorname{argmin}} \{E_{\Theta}[u(\Theta, \mathbf{p}_c)]\} = \underset{\mathbf{p}_c}{\operatorname{argmin}} \{E_{\Theta}[C_{tot}(\Theta, \mathbf{p}_c)]\}$$

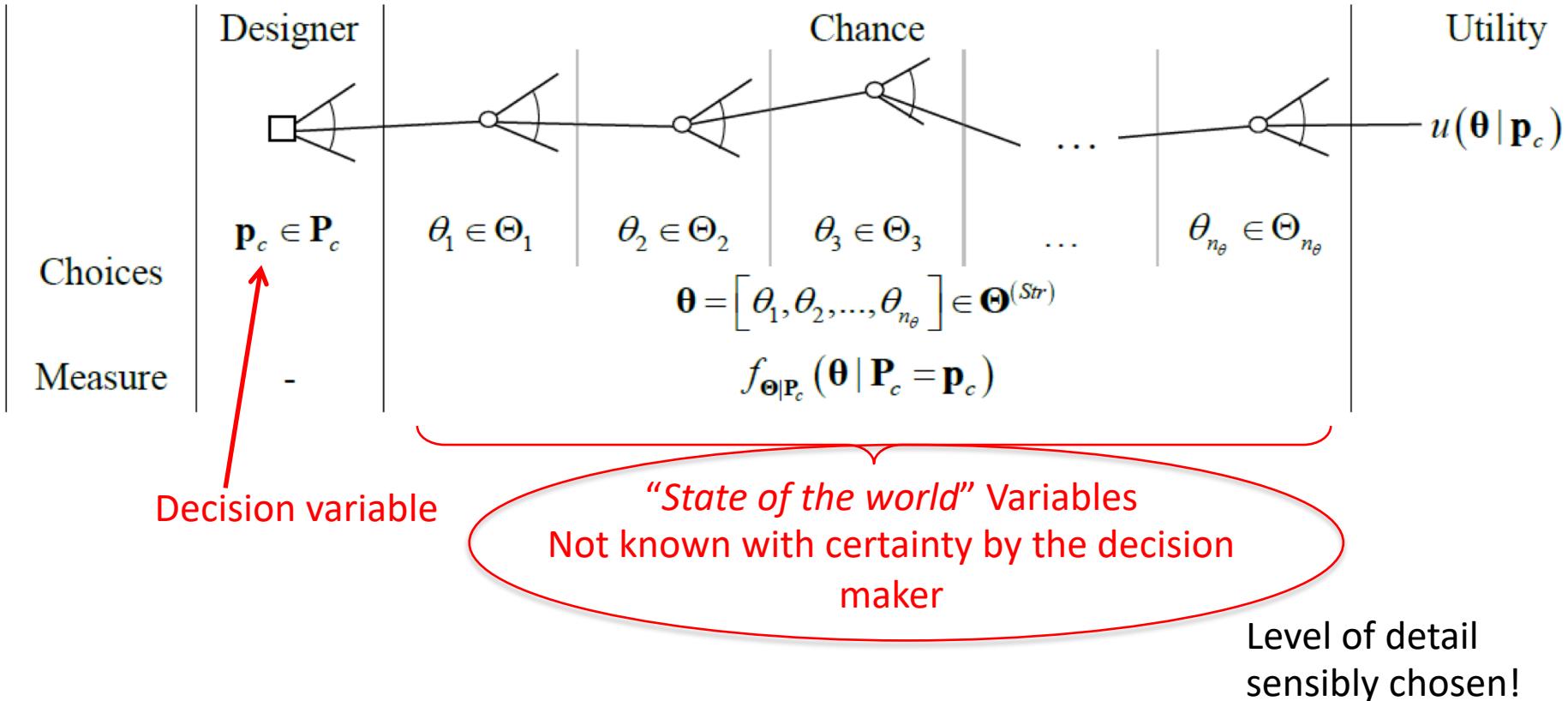
$$E_{\Theta}[C_{tot}(\Theta, \mathbf{p}_c)] = (E[C_0] + E[C_1]p_C) - E[H]P_f(\mathbf{p}_c)$$

$$P_f(\mathbf{p}_c) = \int_{p_C r < q} f_{R,Q}(r, q) dr dq$$

# Risk informed decision



# Generalization of the risk informed design problem



$$p_{c,opt} = \operatorname{argmin}_{p_c} \{E_{\Theta}[u(\theta|p_c)]\}$$

# Simplified design methods

## Approaches:

### Risk-informed

Decisions taken considering full risk  
(Level 4 design )

### Simplifications:

None

### Objective:

*Minimise use of societal resources over time*

### Reliability-based

Decisions taken with reliability requirement to fulfil (Level 3 and 2 design)

Avoid explicit evaluation of failure consequences/ safety costs etc.

Target reliability index or Pf

### Semi-probabilistic

Safety format prescribing the design equations and/or analysis for assessing decisions (Level 1 design)

Avoid explicit evaluation of failure consequences/ safety costs etc. AND avoid reliability analyses

Partial safety factors, modification factors, load reduction factors etc.



### Reliability elements in standards:

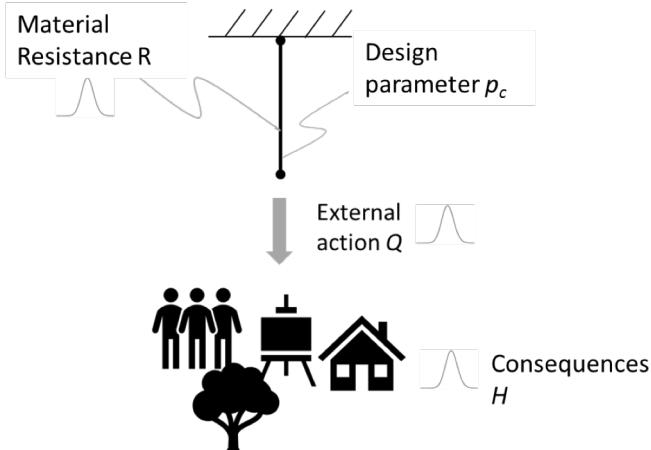
**Reliability-based calibration**

**Risk-based calibration**

# Simplified design and assessment of decision approaches [ISO 2394]

- Level 4: Risk-informed
    - Levels 3 (and 2): Reliability-based
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- Simplification

# Reliability based design (Level 3 and 2)



Design:

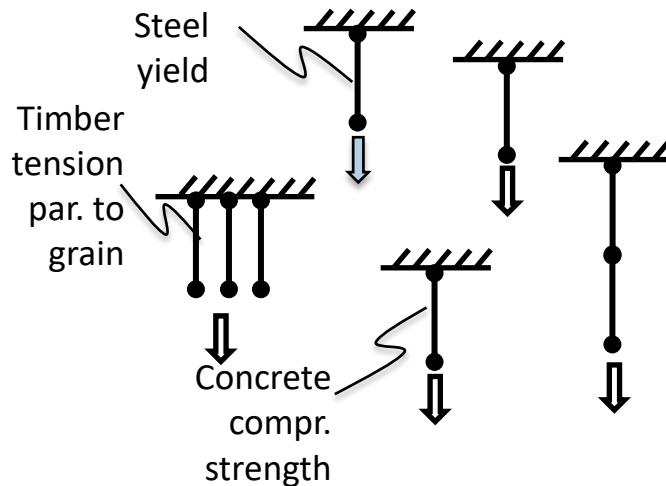
$$p_c: P_f(p_c) = P_{f,target}$$

**Level 3  $\equiv$  Level 4  $\Leftrightarrow P_{f,target} \equiv P_{f,opt}$**

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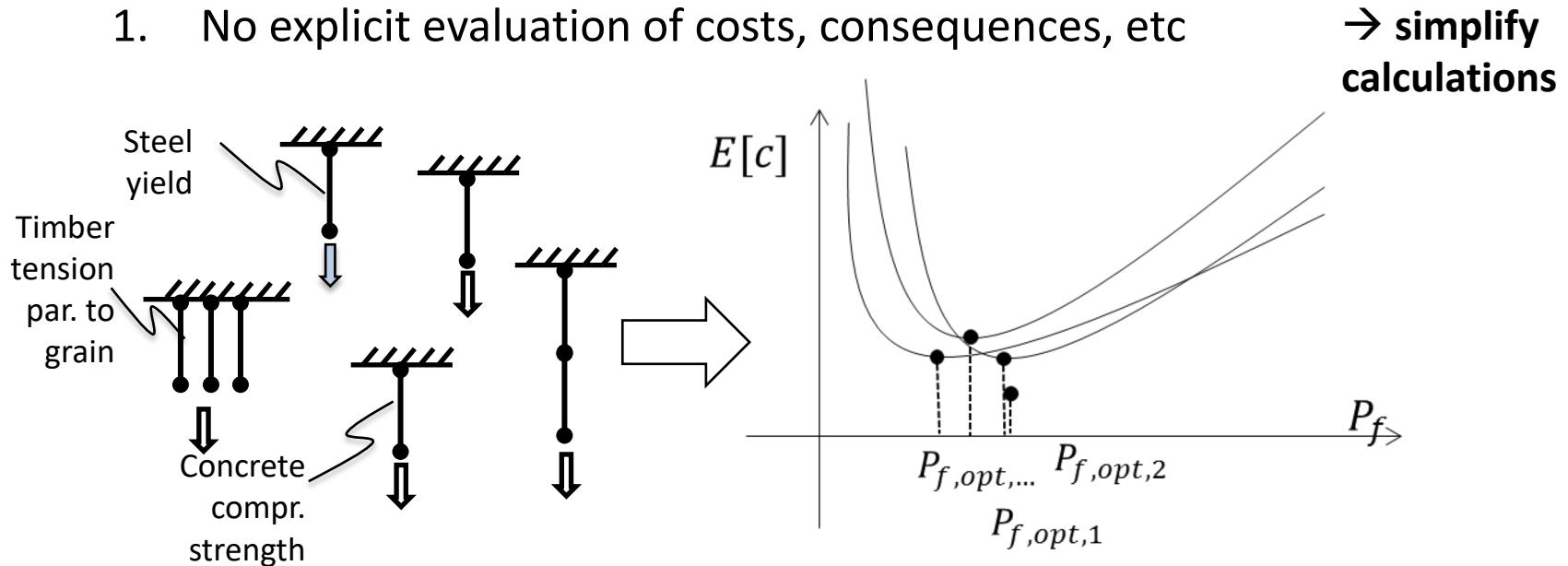
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→ simplify calculations



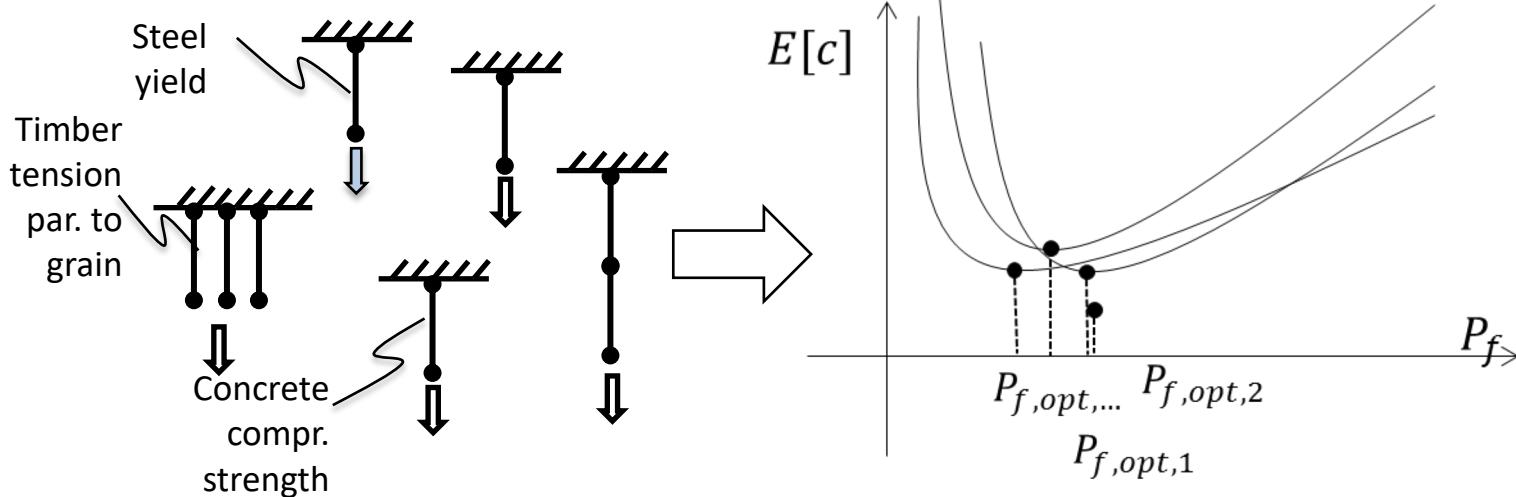
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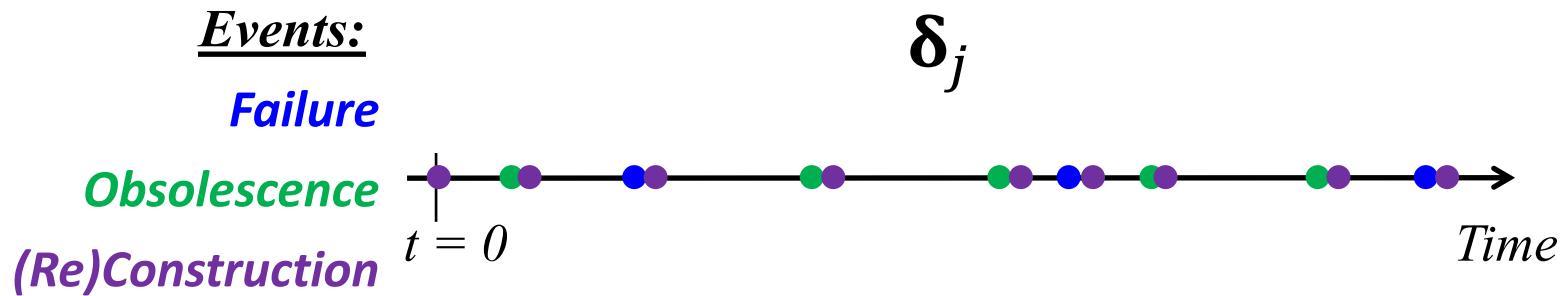
- 2. One  $P_{f,target}$  for a class of structures

→ simplify standards and calculations

**CALIBRATION: what  $P_{f,target}$  is optimal for the class?**

# Code calibration as a decision problem under risk

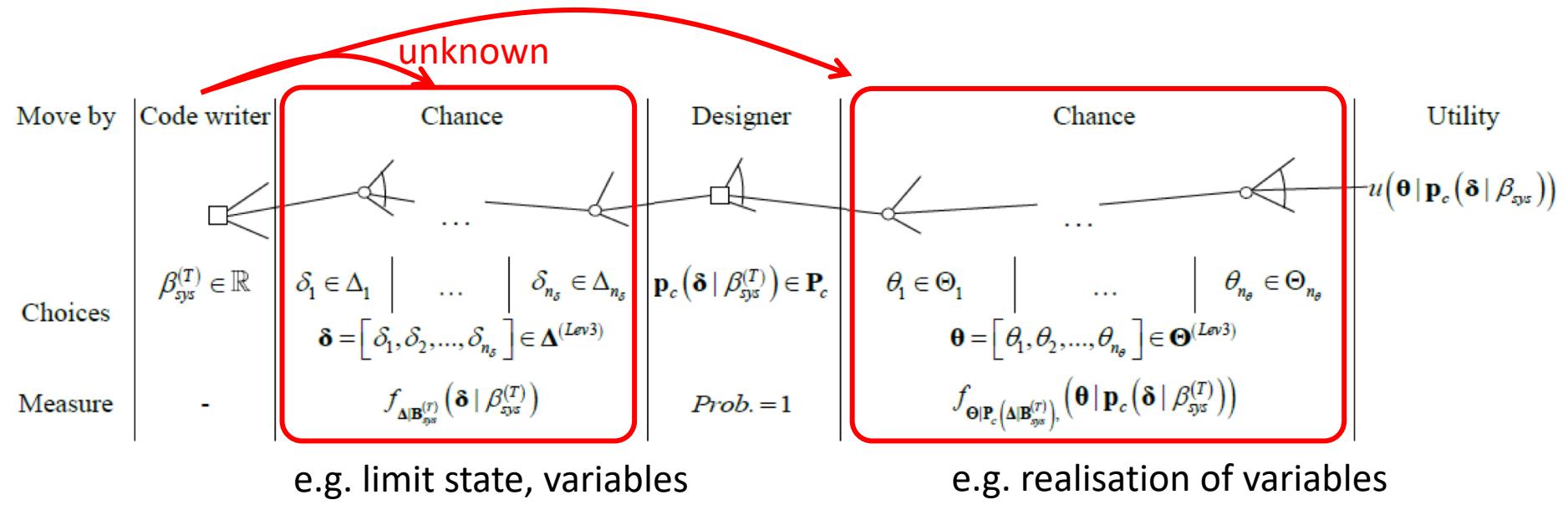
- Decision variable:  $\beta_{target}$  for Level 3 and 2 design
  - each structure in the class defined by  $\delta$
  - present and future structures



- Decision maker: society (codes guard the interest of society)
- Level of detail in system representation consistent with the generalisation over classes

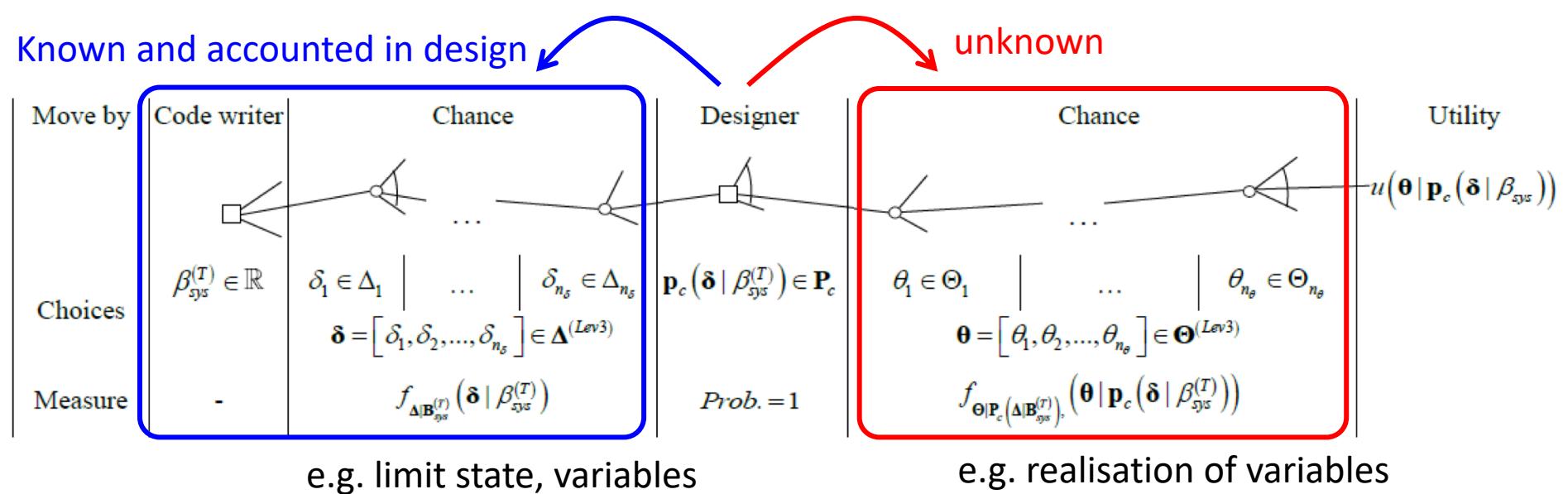
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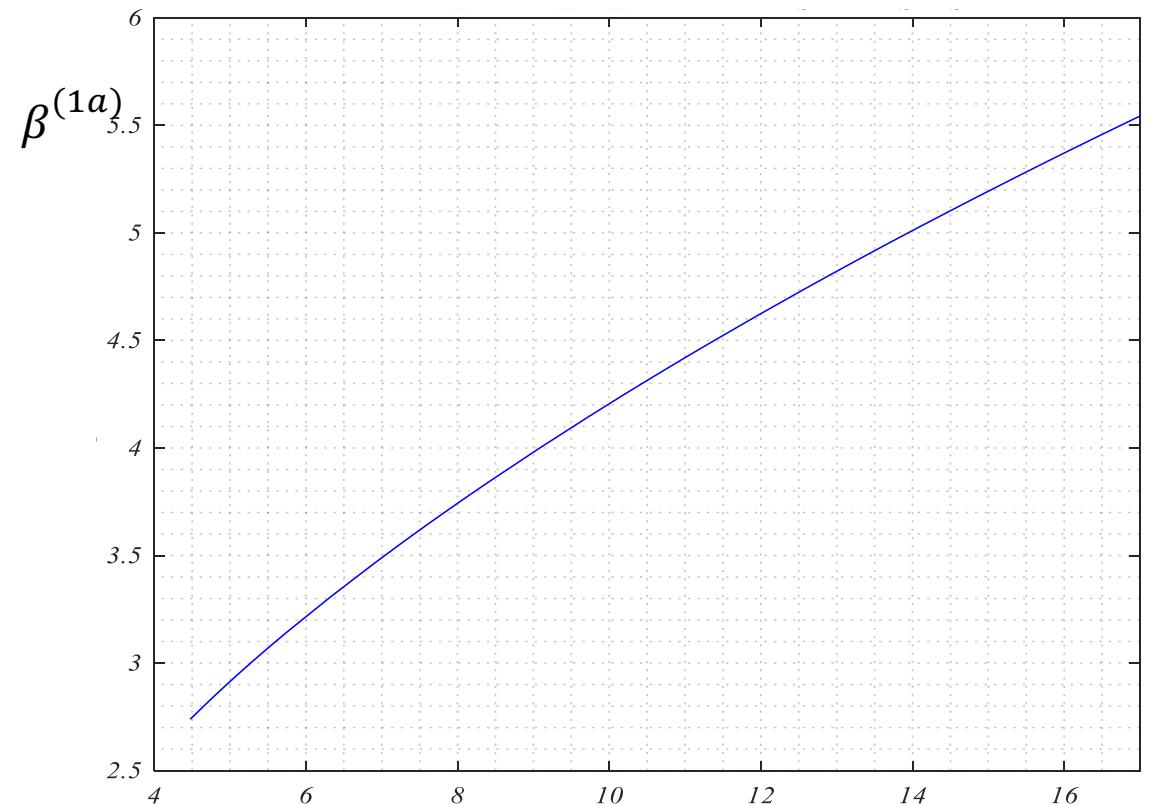
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Failure domain:  $g(p, r, s) = pr - s < 0$

# Plot representing target reliabilities



Line satisfying the condition at optimum

$$\frac{C_0 + C_I p_{opt} + H}{C_I \cdot (i^{(1a)} + \omega)} \approx \left. \frac{1}{-\frac{dP_f^{(1a)}(p)}{dp}} \right|_{p=p_{opt}}$$

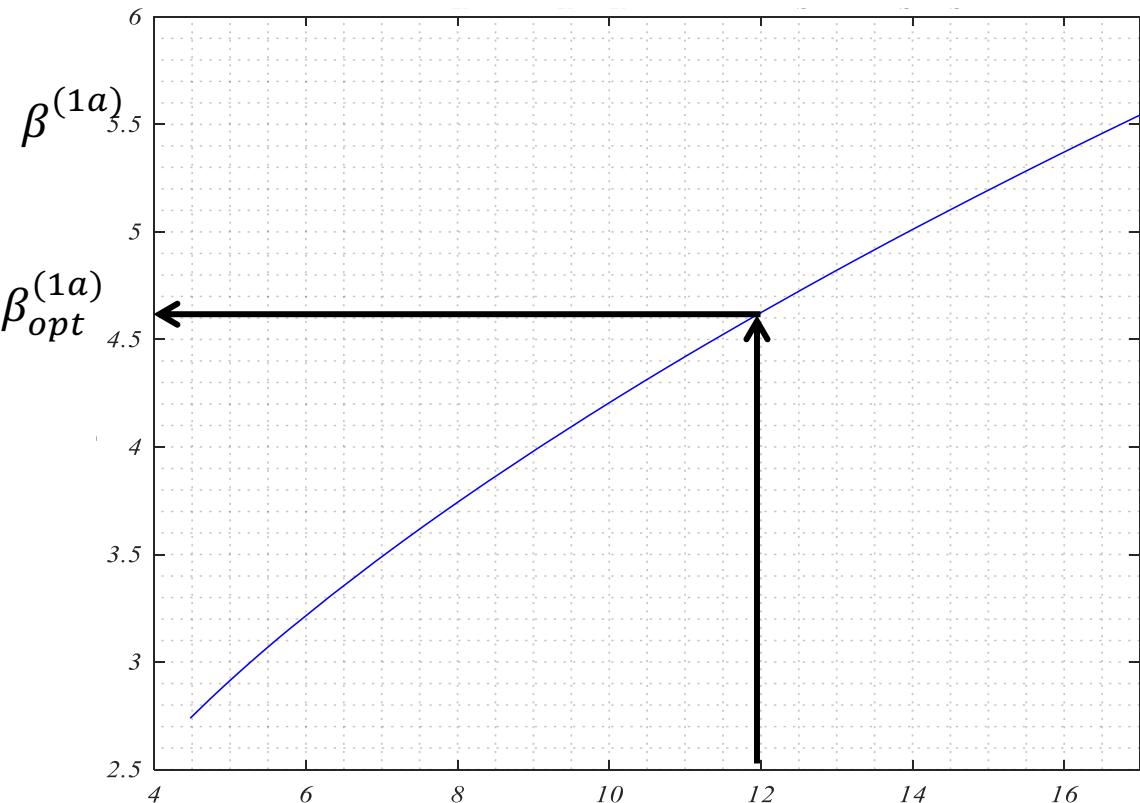
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Safety costs;  
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Interest rate  $i$ ;  
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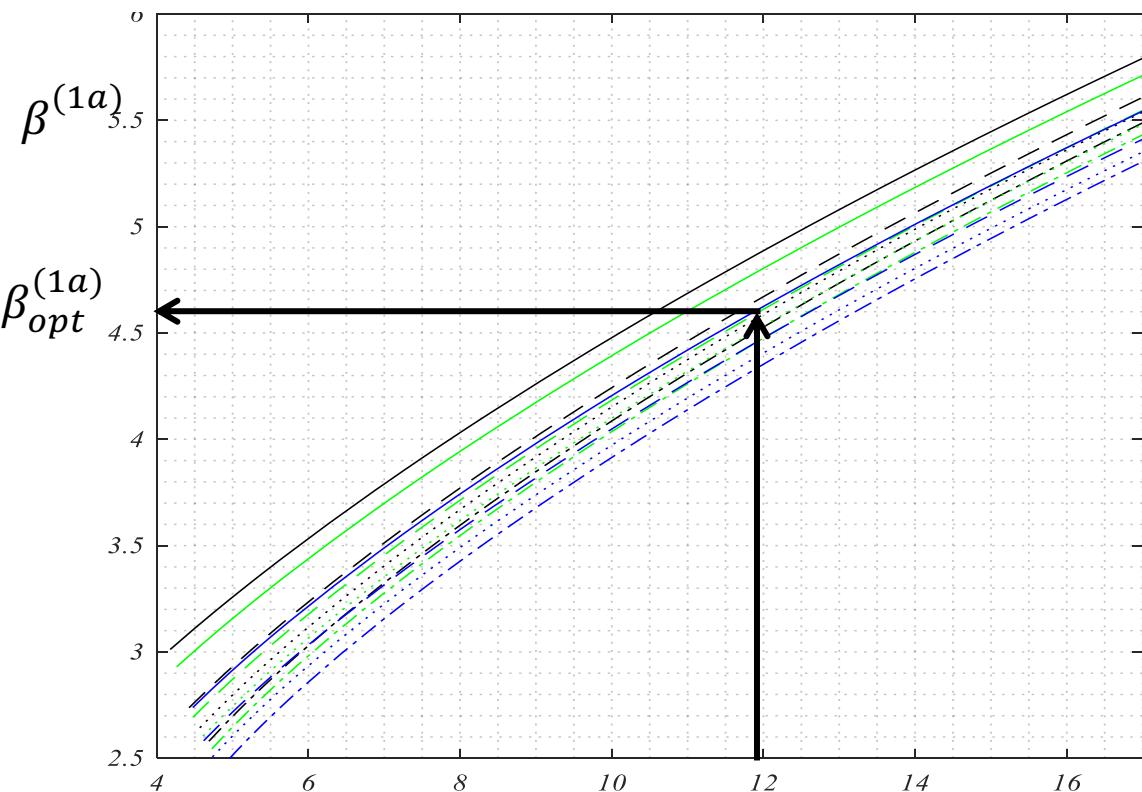
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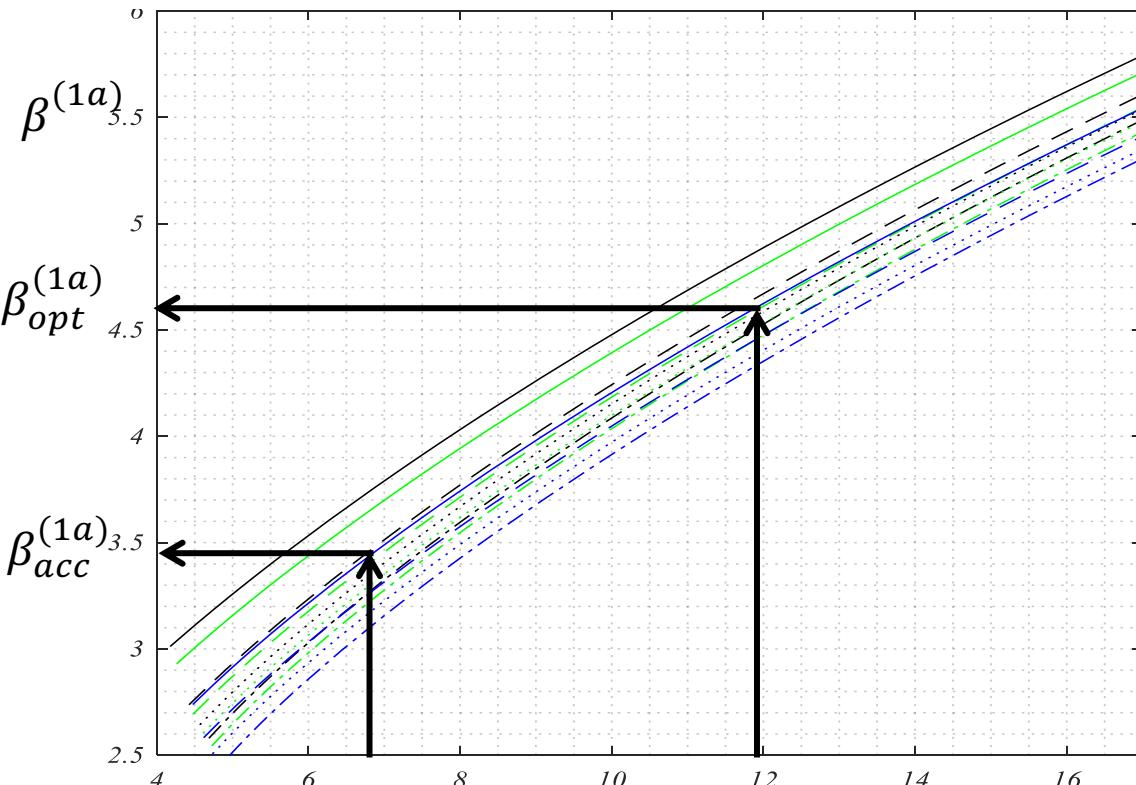
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$$\ln \left\{ \frac{SWTP \cdot N_F}{C_I (i_S^{(1a)} + \omega)} \right\}$$

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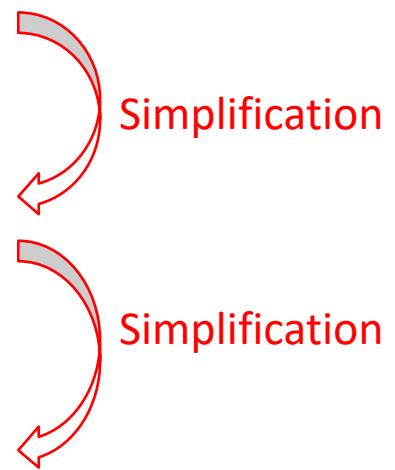
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Marginal Lifesaving Cost Principle with Life Quality Index

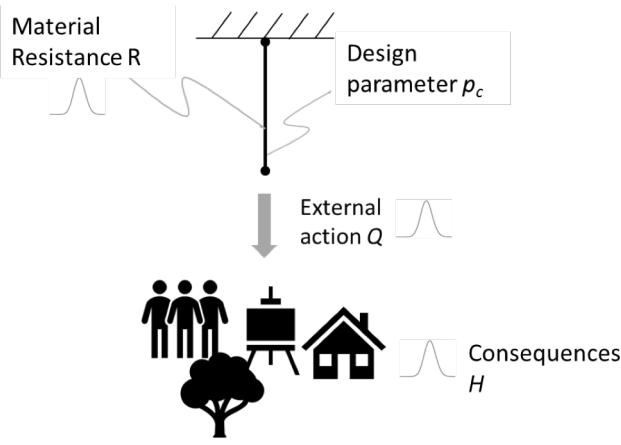
# Remarks

- Determination of target reliabilities for reliability based design is a calibration problem
  - Generalisation and classification requires “low” level of detail of system representation
  - Risk criteria can be in-cooperated
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- Risk based design is open to any/(the appropriate) level of detail.

# Simplified design and assessment of decision approaches [ISO 2394]

- **Level 4: Risk-informed**
  - **Levels 3 (and 2): Reliability-based**
  - **Level 1: Semi-probabilistic**
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# Semi-probabilistic approach (Level 1)



Partial Safety Factors  
(reliability elements)

Design:

$$p_c: p_c \geq \frac{\gamma_M}{f_k} \cdot \gamma_Q \cdot q_k$$

$$\text{Level 1} \equiv \text{Level 4} \Leftrightarrow \gamma_M, \gamma_Q: P_f \left( p_c = \frac{\gamma_M}{f_k} \cdot \gamma_Q \cdot q_k \right) \equiv P_{f,opt}$$

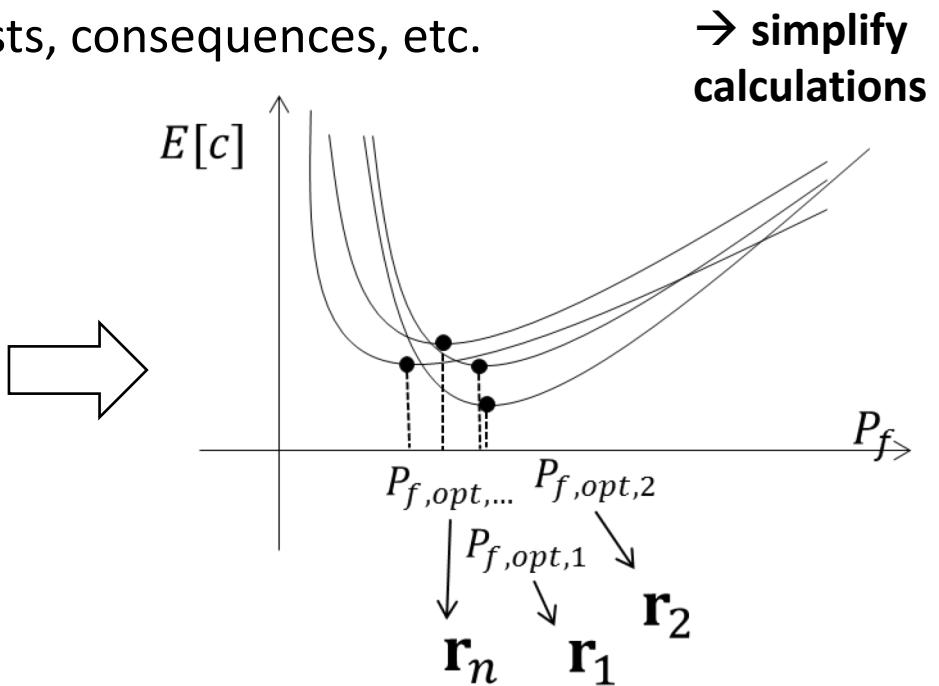
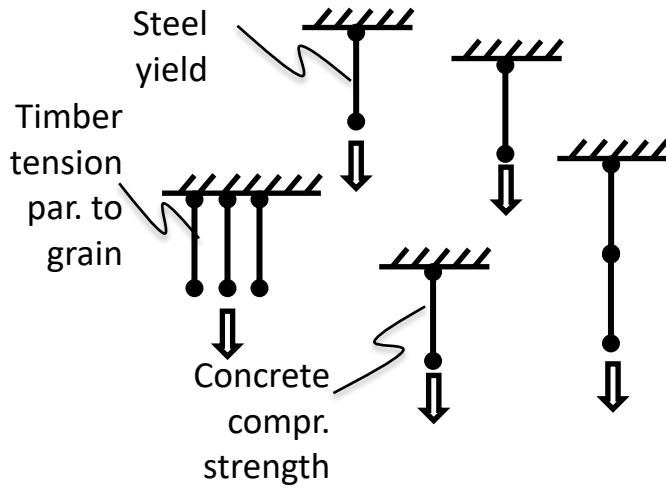
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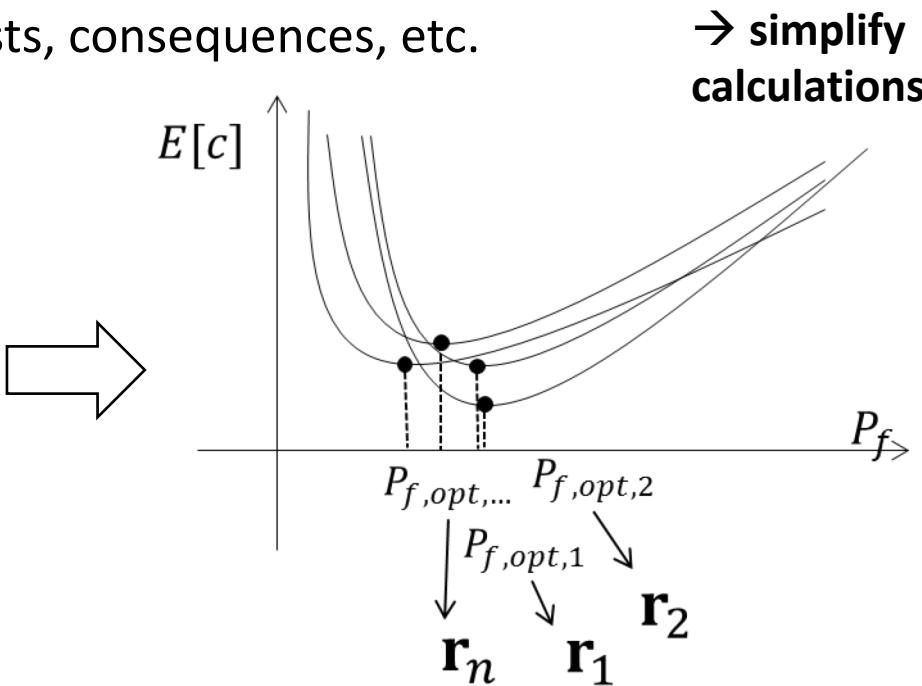
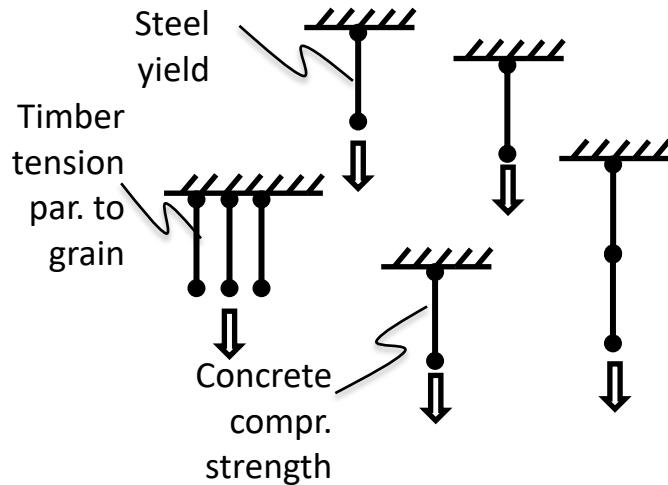
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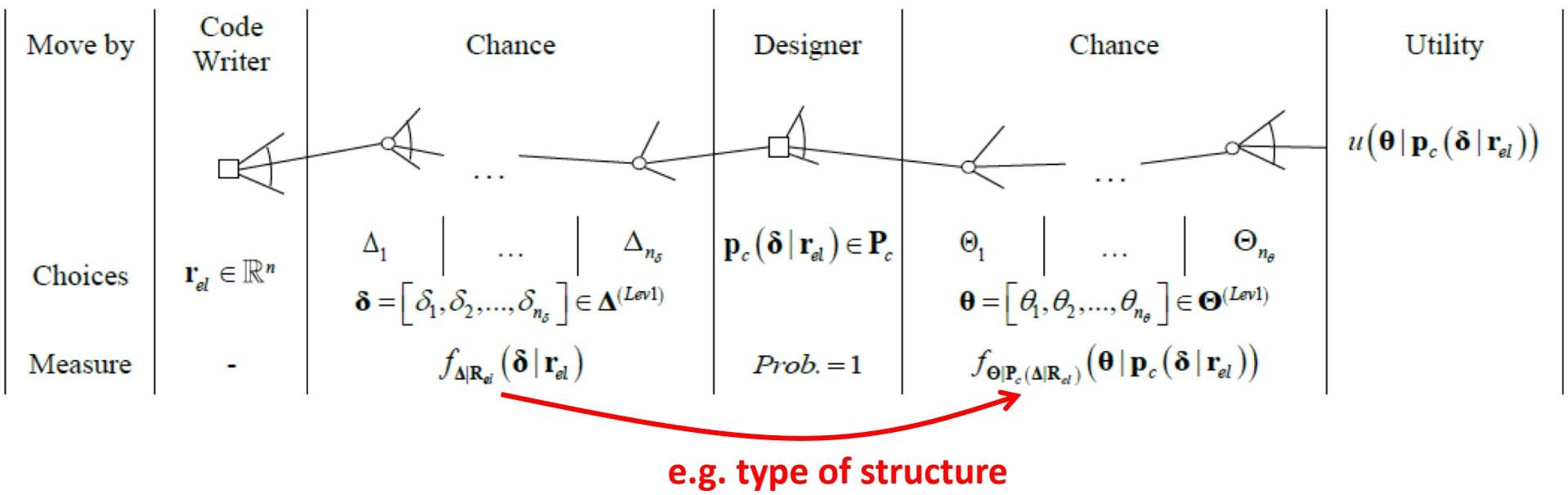
3. One  $\mathbf{r} = [\gamma, \psi_0, k_{mod}]$  for a class of structures

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**CALIBRATION: what  $\mathbf{r}$  is optimal for the class?**

# Decision problem

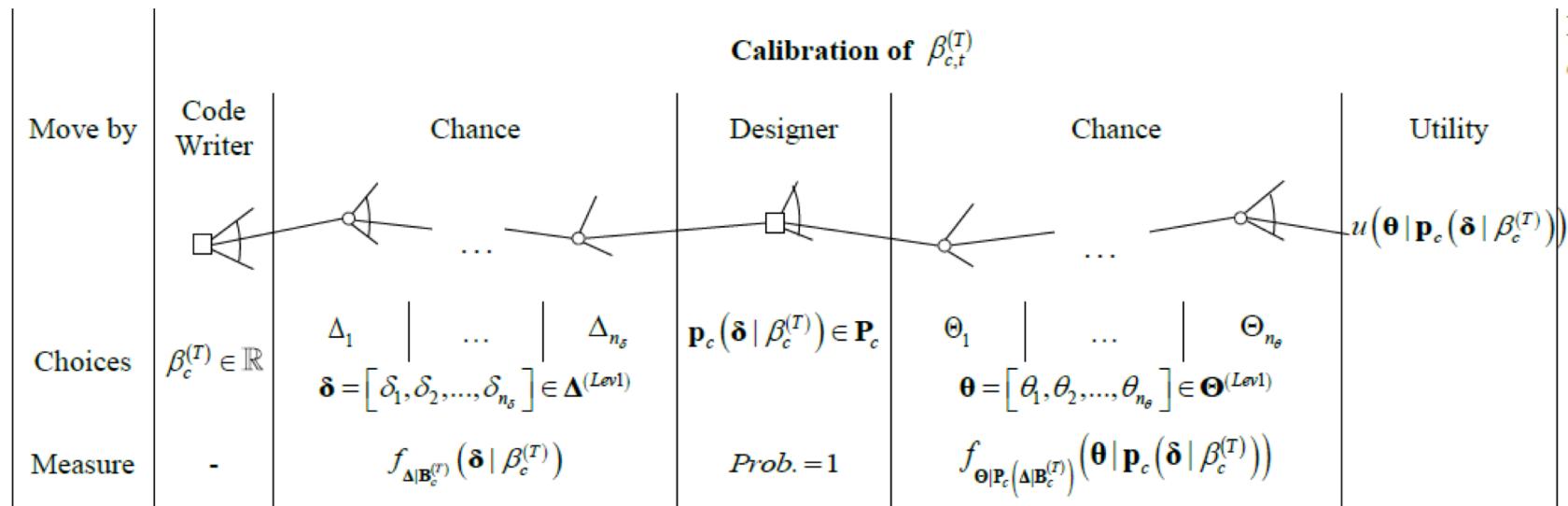
- Decision variable:  $\mathbf{r}_{el}$  for Level 1 design for a class of structures
  - Partial safety factors
  - Modification factors
  - Load combination factors



# Simplified decision problem

## 1. Optimise $\beta_{c,target}$

- Decision variables:  $\beta_{c,target}$  for Level 1 design for a class of structures



## 2. Reliability-based calibration

- $\mathbf{r}_{el,opt}$ :  $\beta_c(\mathbf{r}_{el})$  as close as possible to  $\beta_{c,target} = \beta_{c,opt}$

# Code Calibration Overview

Space of all possible structures covered by the code subjected to optimization

