

# **Methods for the determination of possible damage**

to people and objects resulting from releases of hazardous materials

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# Introduction

## Extend and Limitations of the "Green Book"

The so-called "Green Book" hereby presented contains a number of models, the extend and limitations of which are determined by: on one side, the knowledge about the effect-damage relations which is available and, on the other side, the budget limitations for the development of this book. In a number of cases, the knowledge available, from a strictly scientific point of view, was not sufficiently adequate to provide a back-up for the models presented in the book. An example of this is the use of data about toxicity, in the effect-damage models. On the basis of suggestions provided by the researches concerning the models to be applied, and pending more information, an agreement has been reached, within the CPR (Committee for the Prevention of Disasters), regarding the modelling which is presently applicable. In general, this present book about damage models must be considered as one corresponding to the time period of the investigations. Even when it was ready to be printed, some new results of investigations became available which, in turn, permitted to provide a better understanding of some of the subjects in question. This, for example, applies to models for "toxic combustion products" and to models for "damage caused by explosions".

The "Green Book" has been developed under a limited budget and, due to the needs of clarity and standardization, the cost of years of research was not justified. The budget limitations, coupled with time limitations, find, in the opinion of the CPR, their logical repercussions in a number of models presented. An example of this is the chapter "Population data".

In summary, it is the view of the CPR that this book must be regarded as a series of recommendations for the use of the damage models, and it must further be noted that for budgetary, practical and pragmatical reasons, it has sometimes recourse to generalizations over and above the specific knowledge of possibilities which is available. Nevertheless, the CPR feels that the book properly serves the purposes of clarity and standardization related to damage models, notwithstanding the fact that valid reasons remain for further expansion and revision of the models in the future.

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# VULNERABILITÀ' dei soggetti esposti

## Analisi dei rischi di un impianto industriale

- identificazione degli eventi incidentali (HAZARD)
- stima delle loro probabilità
- stima delle loro conseguenze
- stima dei danni alla popolazione e all'ambiente

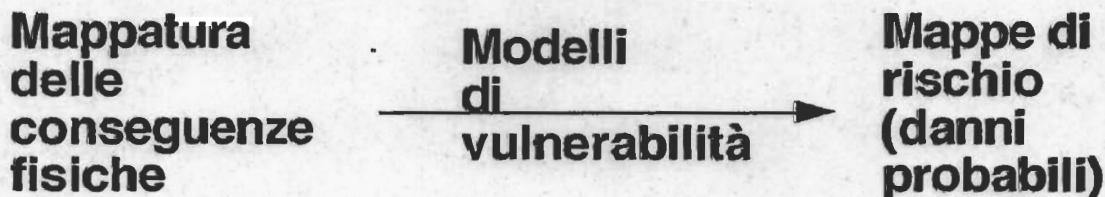
## CONSEGUENZE FISICHE

- mappe dell'intensità di irraggiamento termico da incendi
- mappe delle sovrapressioni da esplosioni
- mappe di concentrazioni di rilasci tossici

I danni all'uomo ed alle proprietà dipendono dell'entità delle conseguenze fisiche degli incidenti e dalla capacità di resistenza dei soggetti colpiti.

I MODELLI PREVISIONALI CHE PERMETTONO DI STIMARE I DANNI IN FUNZIONE DELLA AGGRESSIONE FISICA SONO NOTI COME

## MODELLI DI VULNERABILITÀ' (relazioni dose/danno)



# Esplicitazione della vulnerabilità

- PROBIT
- DOSI DI SOGLIA

MODELLI DI VULNERABILITA' ALLE:

- RADIAZIONI TERMICHE
- ESPLOSIONI
- SOSTANZE TOSSICHE

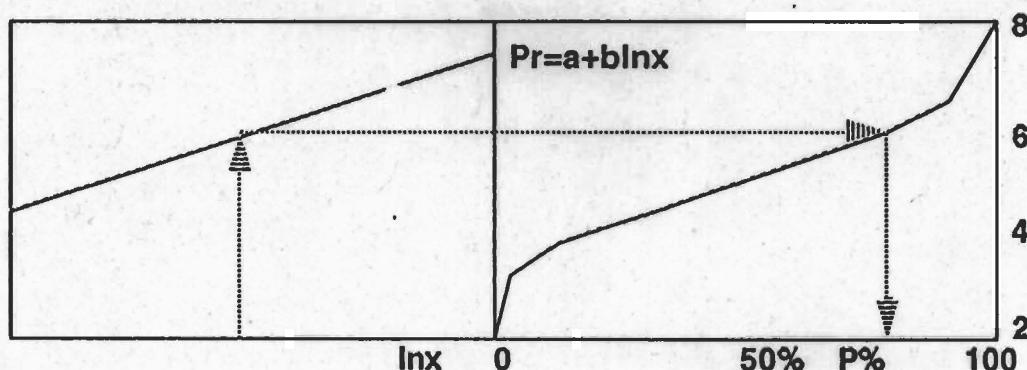
$$Pr = a + b \ln x$$

a,b = costanti

x = variabili che descrive l'entità dell'impatto fisico

Pr = misura della percentuale del danno sulle risorse (umane e/o materiali) esposte

Pr (*probability unit*) è una distribuzione gaussiana con valor medio 5 e varianza 1  
(ad una percentuale del 50% corrisponde un valore della probit di 5)



## 9.6 PROBIT METHODS

In many of the situations considered in loss prevention it is necessary to relate the intensity of some phenomenon such as heat radiation from a fire, over-pressure from an explosion or toxic gas concentration from a toxic gas release to the degree of injury or damage which can result from it.

The method increasingly used is probit analysis. An account of this method is given in *Probit Analysis* by Finney (1971). Its application to major hazards is described by Eisenberg *et al.* (1975).

The probit (probability unit)  $Y$  is related to the probability  $P$  by the equation

$$P = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{1/2}} \int_{-\infty}^{Y-5} \exp\left(-\frac{u^2}{2}\right) du \quad (9.6.1)$$

The probit is a random variable with a mean 5 and variance 1. The probability (range 0–1) is generally replaced in probit work by a percentage (range 0–100). The relationship between percentages and probits is shown in Table 9.12 and in Figure 9.12.

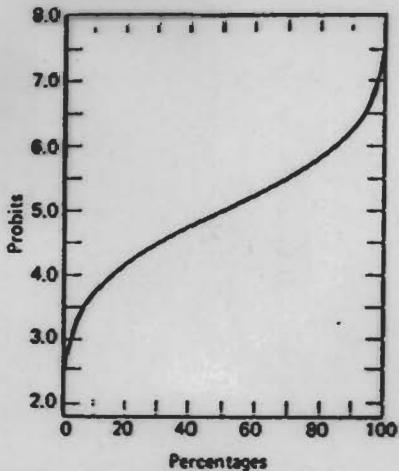


Figure 9.12 Relationship between percentages and probits (Finney, 1971) (Courtesy of Cambridge University Press)

A general form of the probit function is

$$Y = k_1 + k_2 \ln V \quad (9.6.2)$$

where the probit  $Y$  is a measure of the percentage of the vulnerable resource which sustains injury or damage, and the variable  $V$  is a measure of the intensity of the causative factor which harms the vulnerable resource.

The logarithmic term in equation (9.6.2) arises from the fact that in most populations there are some

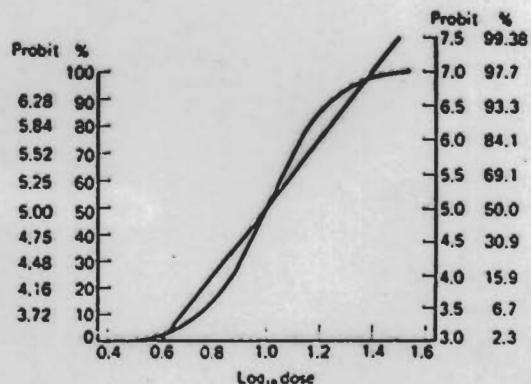


Figure 9.13 Effect of the probit transformation (Finney, 1971). The figure illustrates a typical experiment on the toxicity of an insecticide. The logarithm of the lethal dose fits a normal distribution. The figure shows the distribution function and the corresponding probit function (Courtesy of Cambridge University Press)

subjects who can tolerate a rather high level of the harmful causative factor. The distribution obtained is therefore skewed. It is commonly found, however, that the logarithm of the causative factor fits a normal distribution. For a causative factor  $x$  which has such a distribution

$$Y = 5 + (\ln x - m)/\sigma \quad (9.6.3)$$

where  $m$  and  $\sigma$  are the mean and standard deviation of the normal distribution, respectively. Equation (9.6.3) can be rewritten in the alternative form of equation (9.6.2).

The effect of the probit transformation is shown in Figure 9.13. The sigmoidal curve of the distribution function of the normal distribution is transformed into a straight line.

The variable  $V$  in equation (9.6.2) expresses the intensity of the causative factor. In some cases it is a single variable and in others it is a function of one or more variables. Thus Eisenberg *et al.* define  $V$  for eardrum rupture from an explosion

$$V = p^0 \quad (9.6.4)$$

where  $p^0$  is the peak overpressure. But for death from a toxic gas release

$$V = \int C^i dT \quad (9.6.5a)$$

$$\approx \sum C_i T_i \quad (9.6.5b)$$

where  $C$  is the gas concentration,  $T$  the time of exposure, and  $n$  an index.

The constants  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  in equation (9.6.2) may be calculated from the data on the relationship between the intensity of the causative factor and the degree of

% Fatalities	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	-	2.67	2.95	3.12	3.25	3.36	3.45	3.52	3.59	3.66
10	3.72	3.77	3.82	3.87	3.92	3.96	4.01	4.05	4.08	4.12
20	4.16	4.19	4.23	4.26	4.29	4.33	4.26	4.39	4.42	4.45
30	4.48	4.50	4.53	4.56	4.59	4.61	4.64	4.67	4.69	4.72
40	4.75	4.77	4.80	4.82	4.85	4.87	4.90	4.92	4.95	4.97
50	5.00	5.03	5.05	5.08	5.10	5.13	5.15	5.18	5.20	5.23
60	5.25	5.28	5.31	5.33	5.36	5.39	5.41	5.44	5.47	5.50
70	5.52	5.55	5.58	5.61	5.64	5.67	5.71	5.74	5.77	5.81
80	5.84	5.88	5.92	5.95	5.99	6.04	6.08	6.13	6.18	6.23
90	6.28	6.34	6.41	6.48	6.55	6.64	6.75	6.88	7.05	7.33
99	0.0 7.33	0.1 7.37	0.2 7.41	0.3 7.46	0.4 7.51	0.5 7.58	0.6 7.58	0.7 7.65	0.8 7.88	0.9 8.09

**Table 3.5 : Transformation of Percentage Fatalities to Probits for Toxicity Calculations**  
**(Finney, 1971)**

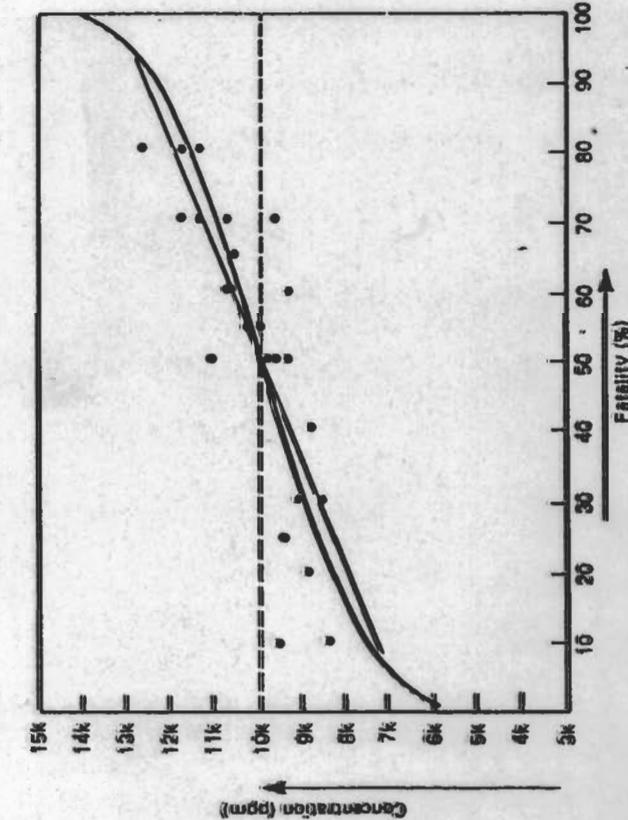


Figure 1.2 Lethal toxicity of ammonia, linear plot

A more detailed account of probit equations is given elsewhere.<sup>9</sup> Probit methods provide a very convenient way of extrapolating from data obtained over the range 20–80 per cent mortality, but it must be remembered that their use does not confer any greater precision than is inherent in the original data. Thus, there is obvious uncertainty in the slope of the line drawn through the experimental points obtained in the 20–80 per cent region and extrapolation of this uncertain line to levels of one per cent or less is open to large errors. Very large numbers of animals would have to be employed to obtain significant experimental data in the low percentage region.

Trevan also drew attention to the low level of confidence which may be given to the mean result if too few animals are used. It has been shown using Trevan's method that for small numbers of animals the confidence limits are wide even at the central 50 per cent mortality and that they become ever wider at the lower (and higher) mortalities. This is illustrated in Table 1.3, reproduced from a paper by Withers and Lees, giving ranges at the 95 per cent confidence level.<sup>10</sup>

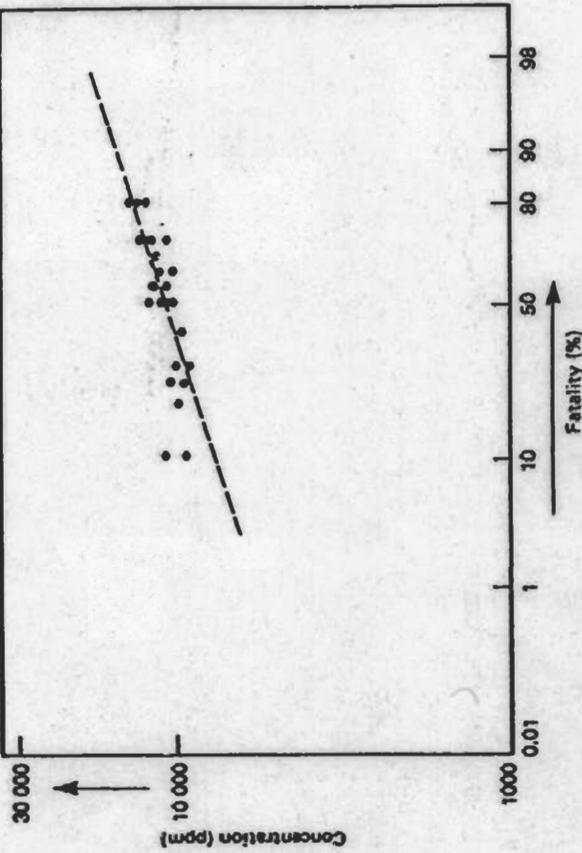


Figure 1.3 Lethal toxicity of ammonia, log-probability plot

Whilst it is clearly important that experiments be conducted with large numbers of animals, humanitarian and economic considerations usually provide a limiting constraint. As a result, even though considerable care is often taken to work within an

Table 1.3  
Expected mortalities in groups of experimental animals, at 95 per cent confidence level

Mortality expected (%)	Number in set	Fatality range
50	10	2–8
25	20	6–14
10	30	10–20
5	50	18–32
2.5	100	40–60
1.3	30	3–12
0.6	100	17–33
0.3	30	0–6
0.15	100	4–16

## VULNERABILITÀ

### ESPLOSIONI

DANNI DA:

- DIRETTI DA IMPULSI DI PRESSIONE
- DA MISSILI E FRAMMENTI
- DA TRASLAZIONE E COLLISIONE DEL CORPO CON O斯塔COLI
- MORTALITÀ DA IMPULSI DI PRESSIONE

$$Pr = -77.1 + 6.91 \ln P_p \quad P_p = \text{SOURSP. [N/m}^2\text{]}$$

(RICAVATA DA VULNERABILITÀ DELLO APPARATO POLMONARE)

#### ROTTURE DEL TIMPANO

PROBABILITÀ

1 %

10 %

50 %

90 %

SOURCE PRESSIONE

16500

19300

43500

84000

FERITE DA MISSILI E FRAMMENTI,

$$Pr = -27.1 + 4.26 \ln I \quad (I = \text{impulso [N}^2/\text{m}^2\text{]})$$

Table 8.1  
*Lovelace field experiments*

Species	Average weight (kg)	Average pressure (psi)	Average time (milliseconds)	Mortality killed/tested
Sheep	1 52.5	164	3.18	3/165
	2 54.0	52	2.11	14/34
	3 52.6	1307	0.30	7/22
Goats	1 22.7	111	3.81	7/15
	2 23.2	60.9	17.0	8/15
	3 21.7	55.8	38.7	16/28
Rabbits	4 20.5	51.5	400	13/30
	5 24.7	295	1.2	6/12
	1 1.9	78.9	1.12	32/49
Rabbits	2 3.7	44	2.79	25/50
	3 3.7	25.7	354	17/32

$$d = d_r \times W^{0.4}$$

where  $d$  = distance for 50 per cent casualties;  
 $W$  = mass of explosive in kilotonnes;  
 $d_r$  = distance for a 1-kilotonne explosion.

The two curves are almost identical, and can be represented by the following formula. It can be regarded as the 50 per cent lethality contour for primary blast deaths, giving the distance in terms of the primary independent variable, explosive mass.

$$L = \frac{2 \times 10^{-2} \times T^{1/3}}{[1 + (20/T)^2]^{1/6}}$$

where  $T$  is explosive mass (tonnes) and  $L$  is distance (km).

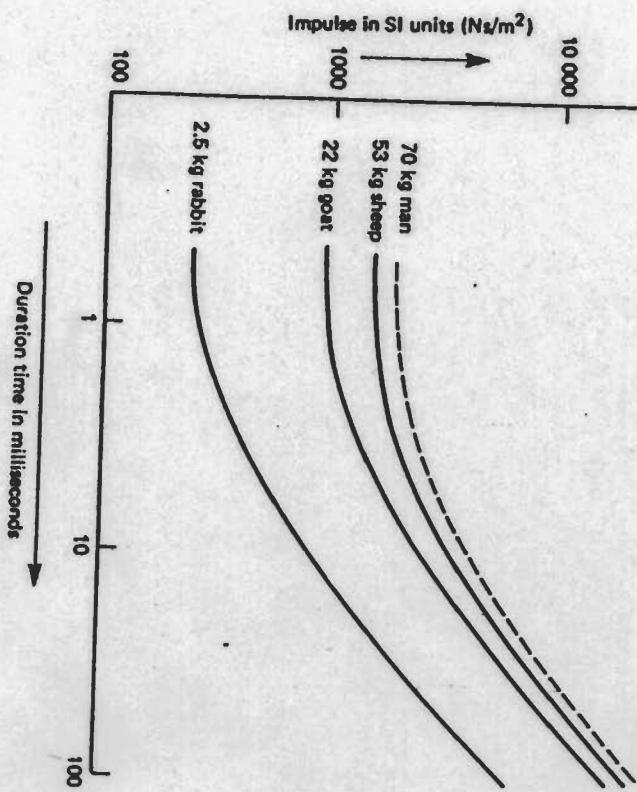


Figure 8.2 Impulse and duration time for 50 per cent lethality

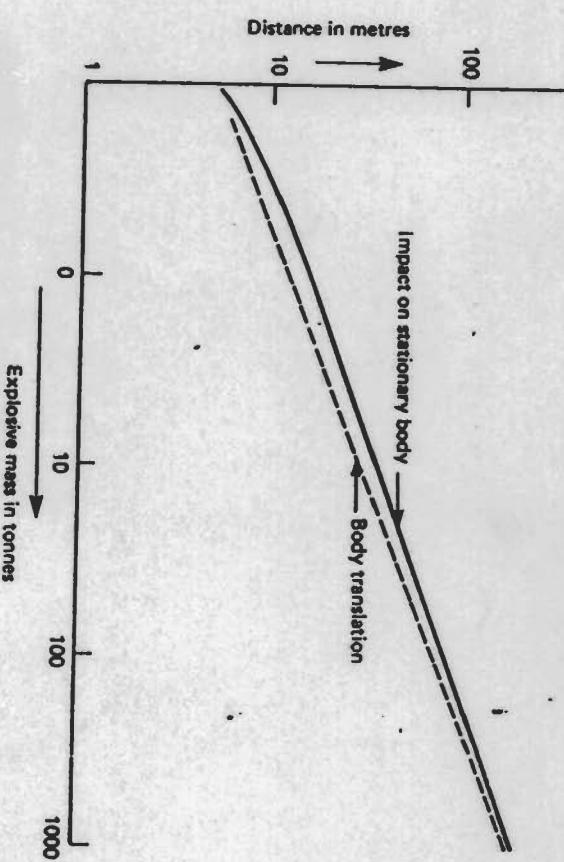


Figure 8.3 Point source explosions primary blast deaths 50 percent fatality to 70 kg man

## ESPLOSIONI

### • FERITE DA MISSILI E FRAMMENTI

$$Pr = -27.1 + 4.26 \ln J \quad J = \text{impulso} [Ns/m^2]$$

TIPO DI MISSILE	ORGANO O SUBITO CRITICO	VELOCITA RELATIVA DI IMPATTO [ft/s]
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OGGETTO da  
5 Kg non  
penetrante

#### Danno cerebrale:

Soglia di sicurezza . . . . .	10
Soglia danno probabile . . . .	15

#### Fratture spine dorsale:

Soglia di sicurezza . . . . .	10
Soglia di danno probabile . . .	15
Soglia di danno certo . . . . .	23

Frammenti  
di vetro  
da 10 g.

#### Abrasione dell'epidermide

Soglia di danno probabile . . .	50
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#### Ferite gravi:

Soglia di danno . . . . .	100
Soglia prob. danno 50% . . . .	180
Soglia di danno certo . . . . .	300

## ESPLOSIONI

- FERITE DA FRASCHIAMENTI E COLLISIONI  
DEL CORPO CON O斯塔COLI.

$$Pr = -39.1 + 4.45 \ln J \quad J = \text{impulso} [J \cdot s/m^2]$$

### FERITE MORTALI

Probabilità di morte %	IMPULSO Ns/m <sup>2</sup>
1	18000
8	28600
31	37300
63	45100
86	49700
100	60800

## ESPLOSIONI

### • DANNI ALLE COSE

SOPRAPRESSIONE

KPa

DANNO

1	Fessurazione vetri
3	Rottura vetri 100%
4.8	Danni strutturali minori
13.8	Collasso parziale mureture
17.3	Distrugzione 50% delle cose
27	Rottura serbatoi
48	Distrugzione completa delle cose
70	Distrugzione macchinari pesanti

**TABELLA N - CORRELAZIONE SOVRAPRESSIONE - DANNI**

STRUTTURA E TIPO DI DANNO	SOVRAPRESS. bar
rottura vetri delle finestre (50%)	0,025
rottura vetri delle finestre (75%) - danneggiamento telai finestre	0,05
danneggiamento della strumentazione di processo, di pannelli leggeri o lamierini	0,1
danneggiamento torri di raffreddamento, serbatoi di tipo atmosferico a tetto fisso, canale e condotte di ventilazione	0,14+0,17
deformazione tubazioni e serbatoi atmosferici; rottura strumentazione di processo, pannelli/elementi in calcestruzzo leggero; danni ad edifici in muratura	0,2+0,24
deformazione macchine, filtri, ecc.; spostamento tubazioni dai supporti; rottura serbatoi atmosferici	0,25+0,28
deformazione mantello di apparecchi di processo NON a pressione (colonne di frazionamento-ecc.); deformazione muri in calcestruzzo ( 20 cm ); rottura muratura in laterizio	0,35+0,38
valore di soglia per danni gravi ai timpani	0,4
deformazione serbatoi a pressione orizzontali; rottura tubazioni	0,42+0,45
danni gravi ad apparecchi di processo ( rottura del mantello, spostamento da supporti di apparecchi leggeri - ecc.)	0,47+0,49
danneggiamento serbatoi sferici a pressione ; rottura di muratura in calcestruzzo non rinforzato	0,53+0,56
deformazione strutture portanti in acciaio ; spostamento dai basamenti di apparecchi (pompe, scambiatori, ecc.)	0,7

# VULNERABILITÀ

## I RRAGGIAMENTO

$$X = \int_0^t K E^\alpha dt$$

### DANNO

- USTIONI di vario grado

→ PER LE USTIONI MORTALI ←

**FIREBALL** (uso evasione)

$$D_f = -14.9 + 2.56 \ln(t I^{4/3} / 10^4)$$

$I$  = intensità efficace [ $J/m^2/s$ ]

$t$  = durata [s]

**POOL-FIRE e JET-FIRE** (possibile evasione)

ip: - intensità della radiazione cost. nel tempo  
- energia termica ricevuta funzione della distanza.

$$X = \int_0^T K E^\alpha(y) dt \quad \text{ove } T = (y_i - y_0) / v$$

$v$  = velocità di fuga  
( $T$  costante)

con  $y_0$  = distanza iniziale del oggetto

$y_i$  = distanza a cui l'incendio è sopportabile indefinitamente

## IRRAGGIAMENTO

→ PER ustioni di I° grado ←

non esistono ancora prob†.

esistono doseaggi di soglio.

$$R = t \cdot I^{1.15} = 550.000 \text{ J/m}^2/\text{s}$$

dose di irraggiamento che  
causa ustioni di I° grado  
alla popolazione colpita.

→ DANNI ALLE PROPRIETÀ (OGGETTI) ←

MODELLI (ALGORITMI) ON/OFF  
RISPETTO A VALORI LIMITE.

$I_L$  e  $T_L$  = IRRAGGIAMENTO LIMITE  
e DURATA LIMITE PER  
CUI SI HA DISTRUZIONE

$I_E$  e  $T_E$  = VALORI PRESENTI

SE  $I_E > I_L$  e  $T_E > T_L \Rightarrow$  DANNO

— PER IL LEGNO —

$$I_L = 2.54 \cdot 10^4 \text{ J/m}^2\text{s}$$

$$T_L = [6.1 \cdot 10^4 / (I_E - I_L)]^{5/4} \quad \left. \right\} \text{POOL/JET FIRES}$$

$$I_L = 1.34 \cdot 10^4 \text{ J/m}^2\text{s}$$

$$T_L = [7.22 \cdot 10^5 / (I_E - I_L)]^{3/2} \quad \left. \right\} \text{FLASH-FIRES}$$

## IRRAGGIAMENTO

<u>TIPO DI DANNO</u>	<u>IRRAGGIAMENTO [KW/m<sup>2</sup>]</u>
- STRUTTURE IN CALCESTRUZZO	50 KW/m <sup>2</sup>
- ACCIAIO e CALC. PRECOMPRESSO	4.0 "
- IGNIZIONE SPONTANEA DEL LEGNO	3.3 "
- DANNO AI SERVATORI	12.6 "
- DANNI AI CAVI ELETTRICI	11.7 "
<u>PERSONE</u>	
- PERSONALE PROTETTO	5. "
-- PERSONALE NON PROTETTO	1.4 "

### Irraggiamento

I valori degli Indici di Esposizione che si propongono distintamente valutati per le persone (EiP) e per le strutture (EiS), riferiti al flusso termico per una durata di esposizione pari a circa 30 secondi, sono quelli riportati nella tabella 12.

TABELLA 12

#### INDICI DI ESPOSIZIONE PER L'IRRAGGIAMENTO

Flusso termico (kW/mq)	Persone	Strutture
E3P 1.5	nessun effetto significativo	
E2P 3.0	primi effetti di ustioni significative	
E1P 5.0	primi effetti di mortalità	
E3S 10.0		fusione di materie plastiche, cavi
E2S 25.0		ignizione del legno
E1S 35.0		danni alle strutture metalliche

### Esplosione

I valori dell'Indice di Esposizione riferiti all'onda d'urto comprendente i valori dell'impulso, riferiti ad un tempo di 100 ms, sono riportati nella tabella 13.

TABELLA 13

#### INDICI DI ESPOSIZIONE PER L'ESPLOSIONE

Sovrappressione		Persone	Strutture
(Pascal)	(mbar)		
E3P 1000	10	nessun effetto	
E2P 5000	50	rottura dei timpani	
E1P 14000	140	lesioni ai polmoni (mortalità)	
E3S 1500	15		rottura vetri al 50%
E2S 6000	60		deformazione tubazioni e cedimento muri
E1S 30000	300		deformazione serbatoi, danni gravi a tubazioni

TABELLA 12

Indicazioni dei valori di riferimento per l'irraggiamento

Plusso termico ( kW/mq )	Persone	Strutture
1.5 , 1.6	Soglia massima ammissibile per esposizioni prolungate ( nessuno scompenso anche dopo lunga esposizione )	-
3.0	Primi effetti di ustioni significative	-
4.5 , 4.7	Soglia massima ammissibile di ustioni per esposizioni di circa 20"	-
5.0	Primi effetti di mortalità	-
10 , 12.5	Ustioni di 1° grado in 10", 1% di mortalità in 30"	Fusione di materiali plasticici, cavi, verniciature; Ignizione di carta-cartone; Ignizione pilotata del legno
25	Ustioni di 2° grado in pochissimi secondi	Ignizione del legno dopo esposizione prolungata
37.5	1% di letalità in 10" 100% di letalità in 60"	Danneggiamento di materiali metallici e di apparecchiature

# VULNERABILITÀ

## SOSTANZE TOSSICHE

La vulnerabilità dell'uomo allo inquinamento di sostanze tossiche è legata ad

- natura della sostanza inquinante
- durata dell'inquinamento
- concentrazione della sostanza tossica.

$$D = \int_0^T C(t)^n dt$$

D = do soggetto

T = durata totale dell'inquinamento

C(t) = concentrazione tossica

n = coeff. tipico della sostanza.

La Prob. x mortalità è l'ospedale (ipotesi)

$$Pr = a + b \ln \int_0^T C(t)^n dt$$

che è valido nel caso di soggetto fermo

SOSTANZA	a	b	n
CLORO	-17.1	1.68	2.75
AMMONIACA	-30.5	1.38	2.75

statistical distributions relating the probability of injury to the dose (total intake). Typically this is a log-normal distribution but for these purposes can take the form of a probit equation which relates the effect of an exposure to a given concentration and duration.

The general form of a probit equation is:

$$P_T = a + b \log_e (C^n t)$$

where:

$P_T$  is a measure of the percentage of people affected;

a, b, and n are constants;

C = concentration (ppm);

t = exposure time (min).

The quantity ( $C^n t$ ) is known as the toxic load.

Table 3.4 [d] gives the constants for the lethal toxicity probit equation for a number of the more common chemicals.

Hence, for:

- Chlorine:  $P_T = -8.29 + 0.92 \log_e (C^2 t)$
- Ammonia:  $P_T = -35.9 + 1.85 \log_e (C^2 t)$

A probit (P) is a probability unit lying between 0 and 10, which is directly related to the % fatalities as shown in Tab. 3.5. To evaluate the probit, the toxic load ( $C^n t$ ) must be calculated at positions of interest. At a given location the concentration will vary over time as the cloud passes and dilutes. The total toxic load for the location is obtained by considering different time steps and the average concentration during those time steps. Then for m time steps the total toxic load is given by:

$$\text{Total Toxic Load} = \sum_{i=1,m} (C_i^n t_i)$$

This total toxic load is then used in the probit equation.

The important factor is the determination of the effects of toxic material is to clearly study the known data about the material in question. These include the MHAP monographs for Chlorine, Ammonia and Phosgene, publications by

TABELLA 17

Valori dei parametri per l'equazione di Probit ( E3P )

Sostanza	A	B	n
Acido solfidrico	-31.42	3.008	1.43
Acrilendtrile	-29.42	3.008	1.43
Acroleina	-9.931	2.049	1
Ammoniaca	-35.9	1.85	2
Biossido di azoto	-13.79	1.4	2
Biossido di zolfo	-15.67	2.1	1
Bromo	-9.04	0.92	2
Cloro	-8.29	0.92	2
Formaldeide	-12.24	1.3	2
Isocianato di metile	-5.642	1.637	0.653

## SOSTANZE TOSSICHE

### CRITERI

simbolo

Foto

IDLH  
esp x 80 min

immediately dangerous to  
life or health

National Institute for

Occupational Safety and health

NIOSH

EEGLs Emergency Exposure Guidance levels  
1-8 ore d. intervento

STEG-Ls Short-term Public EEGLs

10-50%  
inf segl. EEGL

National Academy of Sciences  
National Research Council

NAS/NRC

TLV  
TLV-TWA

Threshold Limit Value  
conc media in 8 ore di lavoro giornaliero

STEL  
TLV-STEL

Short-Term Exposure limits and  
ceiling concentration (15 min di conc. mass)  
ogneggiore in 30 min

ACGIH

American Conference of  
Governmental Industrial Hygienists

PEL

come TLV-TWA

Permissible Exposure Limits

Occupational Safety and  
Health Administration

OSHA

PROBIT

## SOSTANZE TOSSICHE

SOSTANZA	TLV-TWA mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TLV-STEL mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Acetone	1747	2336
Acetilene	5316	5316
Acido cloridrico	7.3	4.3
Ammonico	12.5	18.8
Benzene	31.4	31.4
Cloro	1.5	3
Cloruro di viniile	12.7	18.7
Formaldeide	2	6
Essano	173	173
Didrometano	1738	347
Acidriide carbonica	8834	53000

### CONVERSOIONE

$$\text{mg/m}^3 = \text{PPM} \frac{M}{24.45}$$

M = peso molecolare

24.45 = volume in litri di uno grammo molecole.

Table 2.13 Probit equations for some major hazards (after Eisenberg et al., 1975)  
 (Courtesy of the U.S. Coast Guard)

Phenomenon and type of injury or damage	Causative variable	Probit equation parameters k <sub>1</sub> , k <sub>2</sub>	per cent affected	Data from which the probit equation was derived value of variable per cent affected	value of variable per cent affected	value of variable		
Fire:								
Burn deaths from flash fire	t <sub>1</sub> I <sup>1/2</sup> /10 <sup>4</sup>	-14.9 2.56	-	1.099 1.073 1.080 1.073 1.080	50 50 50 50 50	2417 2264 2210 2417 2264	99 99 99 99 99	7008 6546 6149 7008 6546
Burn deaths from pool burning	tI <sup>1/2</sup> /10 <sup>4</sup>	-14.9 2.56	-	1.099 1.073 1.080	50 50 50	2417 2264 2210	99 99 99	7008 6546 6149
Explosion:								
Deaths from lung haemorrhage	P°	-77.1 6.91	-	1.00 × 10 <sup>3</sup> 1.20 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	50 90	1.41 × 10 <sup>3</sup> 1.76 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	99	2.00 × 10 <sup>3</sup>
Bar drum ruptures	P°	-15.6 1.93	-	16.5 × 10 <sup>3</sup> 19.3 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	50 90	43.5 × 10 <sup>3</sup> 84.3 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	99	100
Deaths from impact	J	-46.1 4.82	0	18.0 × 10 <sup>3</sup> 28.6 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	31 63	37.3 × 10 <sup>3</sup> 45.2 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	96 100	49.7 × 10 <sup>3</sup> 60.7 × 10 <sup>3</sup>
Injuries from impact	J	-39.1 4.45	1	13 × 10 <sup>3</sup> 20 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	90	28 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	99	100
Injuries from flying fragments	J	-27.1 4.26	-	1024	50	1877	99	3071
Structural damage	P°	-23.8 2.92	-	6.2 × 10 <sup>3</sup> 20.7 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	99	34.5 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	99	100
Glass breakage	P°	-18.1 2.79	-	1700	90	6200	99	100
Toxic release:								
Chlorine deaths	$\Sigma C^{2.73} T$	-17.1 1.69	3	1.41 × 10 <sup>4</sup> 1.70 × 10 <sup>4</sup> 21.5 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	50 50 50	34.05 × 10 <sup>4</sup> 47.0 × 10 <sup>4</sup> 64.7 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	97 97 97	105.8 × 10 <sup>4</sup> 129.4 × 10 <sup>4</sup>
Chlorine injuries	C	-2.40 2.90	1	6	50	13	99	100
Ammonia deaths	$\Sigma C^{2.73} T$	-30.57 1.385	3	37.3 90.9 44.6	50 50 50	74.6 204.6 148.6	99 99 99	411.8 314.4

Key:  
 - = d' - alive time duration(s)  
 - = effect of radiation intensity (W/m<sup>2</sup>)  
 - = time dur. / ton of pool burning (s)  
 - = concentration (ppm)  
 - = time interval (min)

P° = peak overpressure (N/m<sup>2</sup>)  
 J = impulse (N s/m<sup>2</sup>)

## Valori di riferimento per la valutazione degli effetti

Fenomeno fisico	Zone ed effetti caratteristici		Note
	1 Elevata probabilità di letalità	2 Danni gravi a popolazione sana	
<b>Esplosioni</b> (sovrappressione di picco)	0,6 bar (0,3 bar)*	0,07 bar	1
<b>BLEVE/Sfera di fuoco</b> (radiazione termica variabile)	raggio fireball	200 KJ/m <sup>2</sup>	2
<b>Incendi</b> (radiazione termica stazionaria)	12,5 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	5 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>Nubi vapori infiammabili</b>	LFL	0,5 x LFL	4
<b>Nubi vapori tossici</b>	LC50	IDLH	5

### Legenda

**LFL** Limite inferiore di infiammabilità

**LC50** Concentrazione di sostanza tossica, letale per inalazione nel 50% dei soggetti esposti per 30 minuti.

**IDLH** Concentrazione di sostanza tossica fino alla quale l'individuo sano, in seguito ad esposizione di 30 minuti, non subisce per inalazione danni irreversibili alla salute e sintomi tali da impedire l'esecuzione delle appropriate azioni protettive.

\* Per gli effetti indiretti rilevanti; applicabile in presenza di edifici o manufatti collassabili.