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Safety Impact Assessment at the Program and System Level

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In Order to Manage Safety Effectively, We Need to be Able to Measure it

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How much Safety can we Expect?
How Many Crashes are too Many?
How much Safety for how much Money
can we Obtain?
What is Normal and what is Abnormal?

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How To Measure Safety?

Accident Rate is the Most Common Measure of Safety

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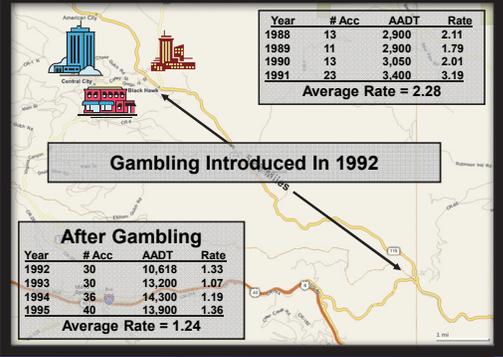



$$\text{Rate} = \frac{\# \text{Acc} \times 1,000,000}{\text{AADT} \times 365 \times \text{Length}}$$

Let's Examine Its Application...

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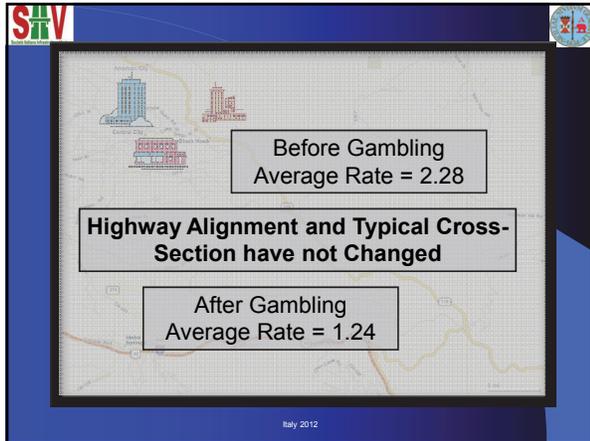


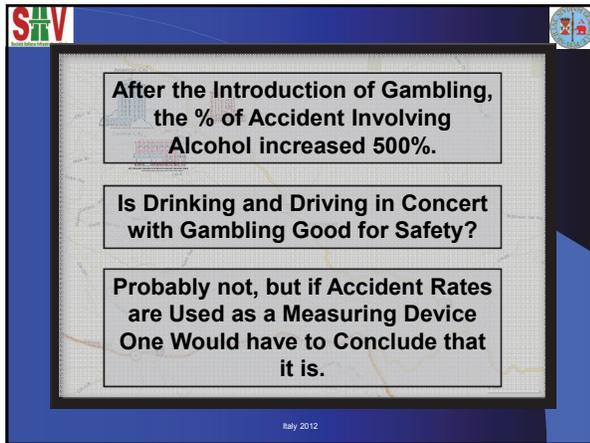
Gambling Introduced In 1992

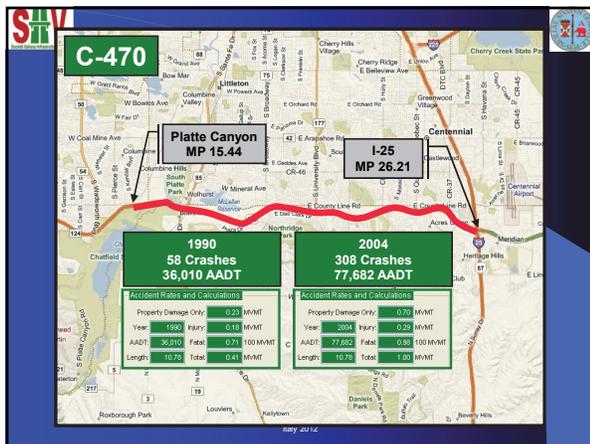
Year	# Acc	AADT	Rate
1988	13	2,900	2.11
1989	11	2,900	1.79
1990	13	3,050	2.01
1991	23	3,400	3.19
Average Rate = 2.28			

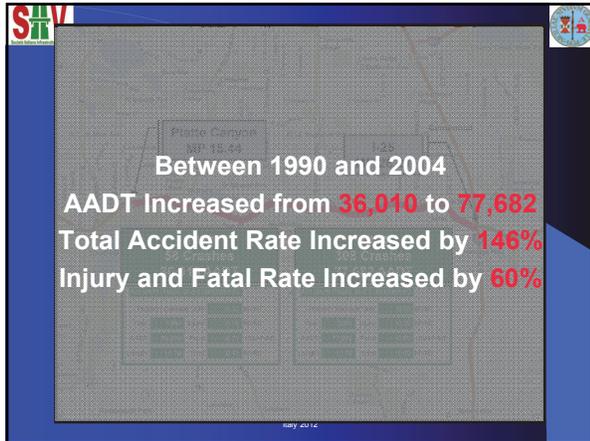
After Gambling			
Year	# Acc	AADT	Rate
1992	30	10,618	1.33
1993	30	13,200	1.07
1994	36	14,300	1.19
1995	40	13,900	1.36
Average Rate = 1.24			

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Clearly the Rate is Changing with
AADT

In Order to Understand how the Crash
Rate is Changing, We need to
Develop a Relationship between
Safety and Traffic Exposure

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This Relationship is Reflected by,
Safety Performance Function
(SPF)

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Calibration of Safety Performance Functions in Rural and Urban Environments

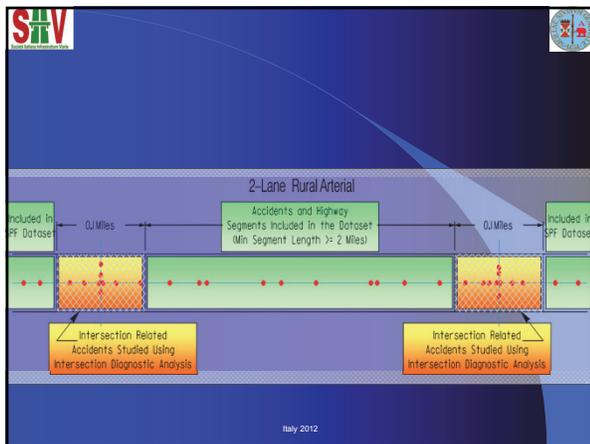
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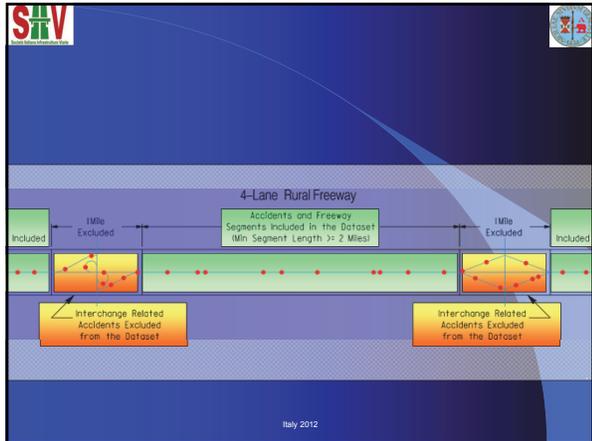
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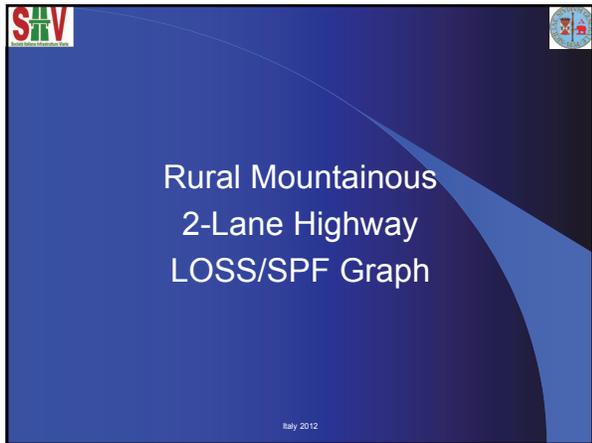


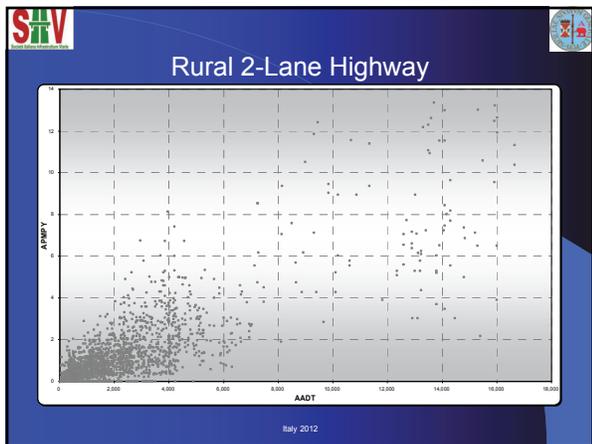

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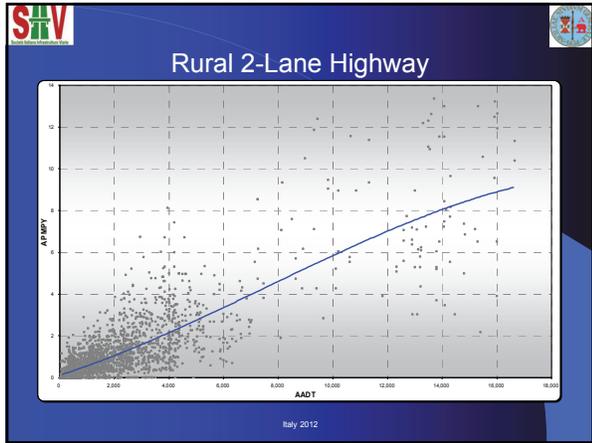
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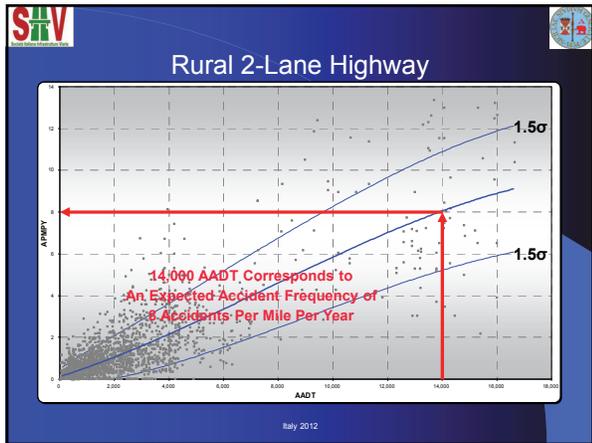


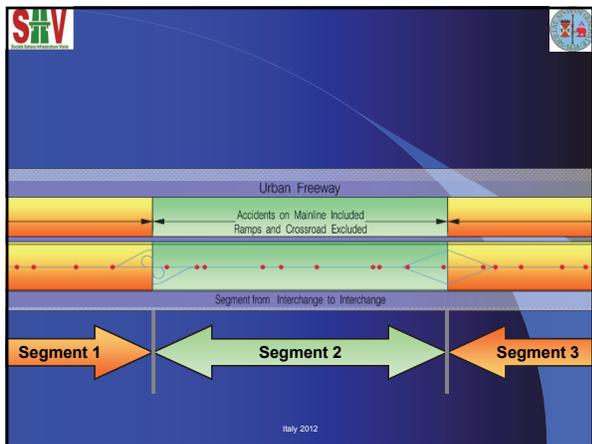






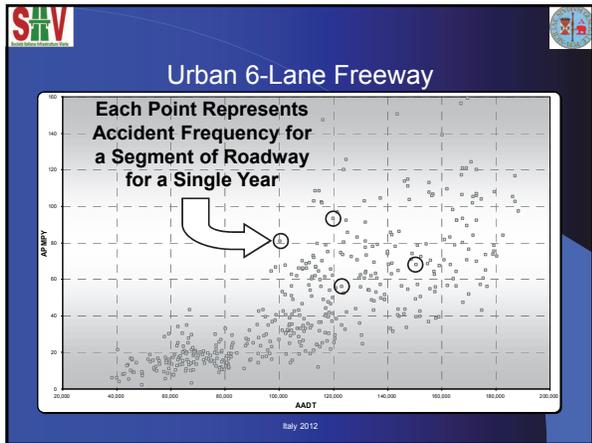


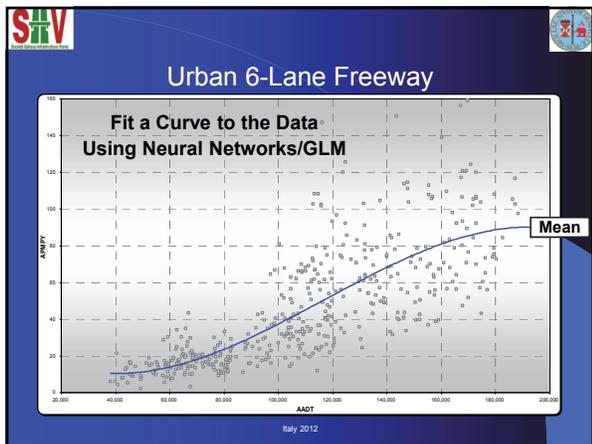


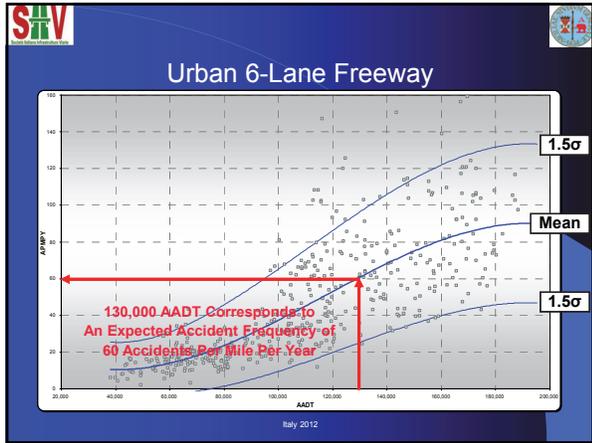


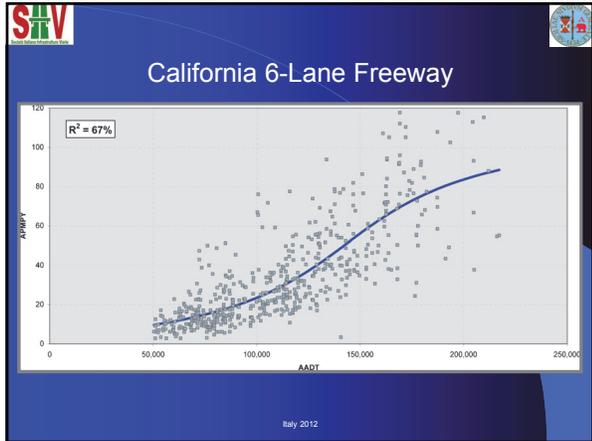
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SPF Graph**

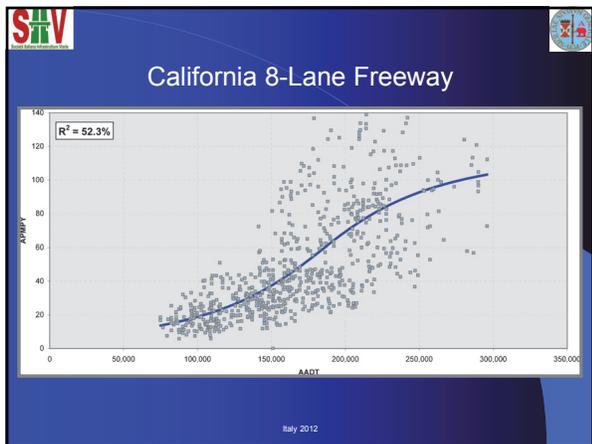
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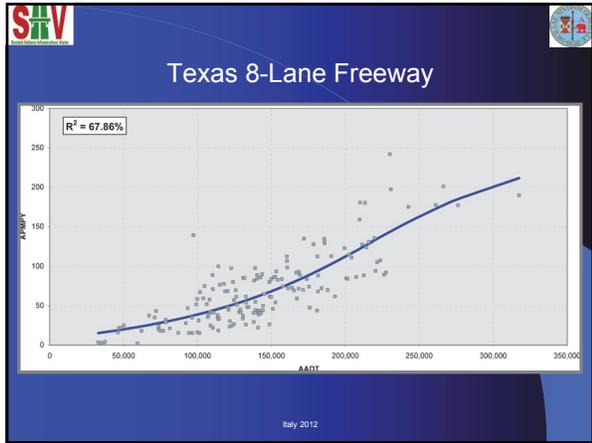


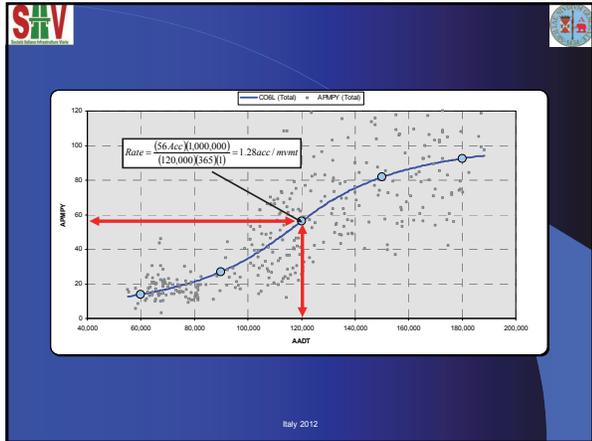


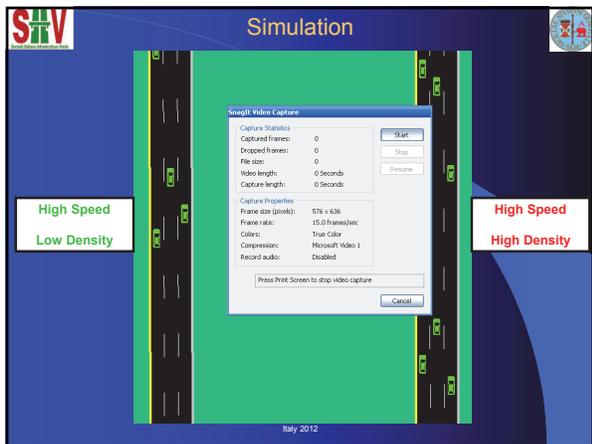


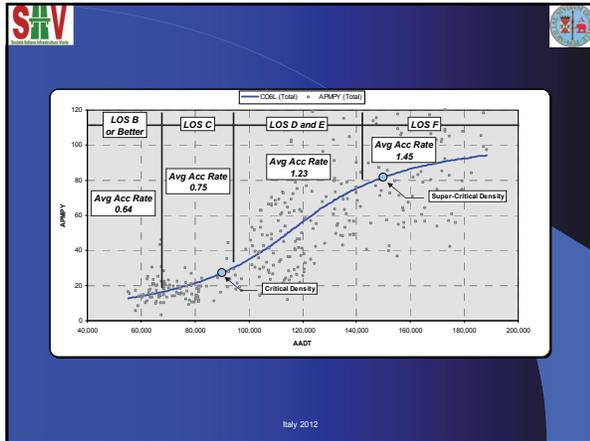


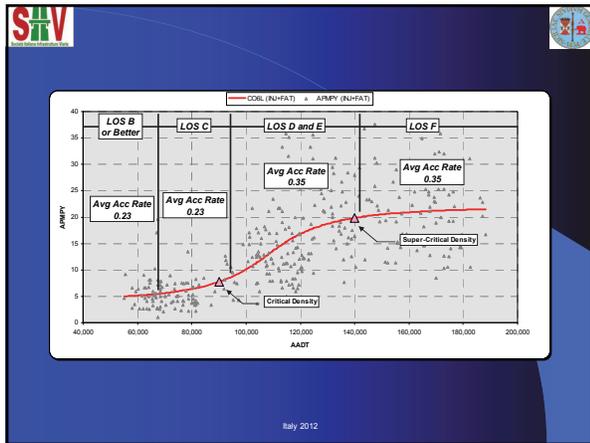








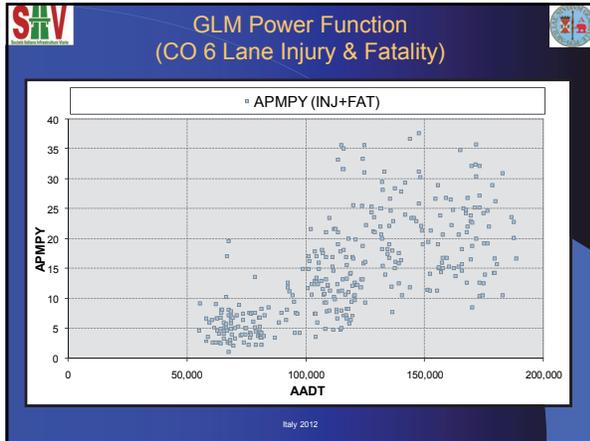


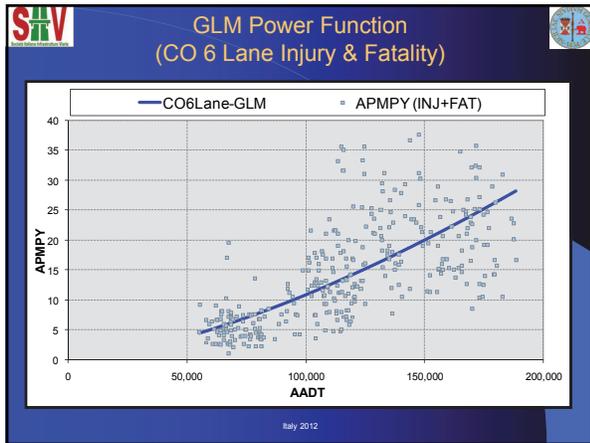


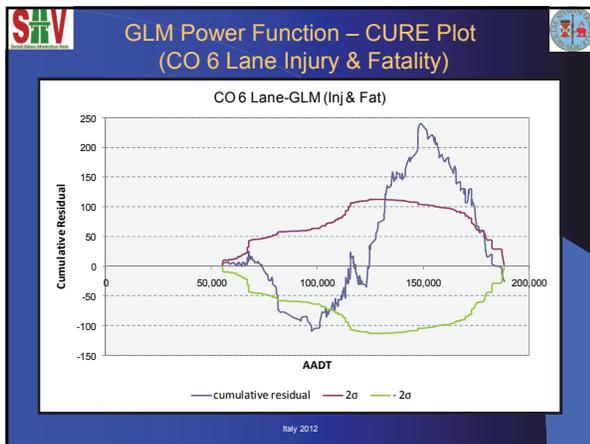
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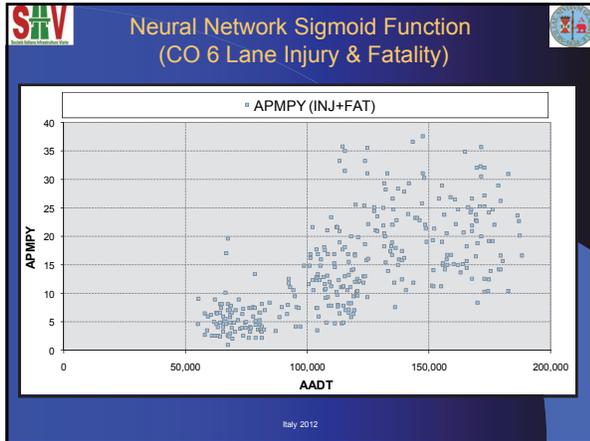
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- GLM Sigmoid and Neural Network (NN) Sigmoid

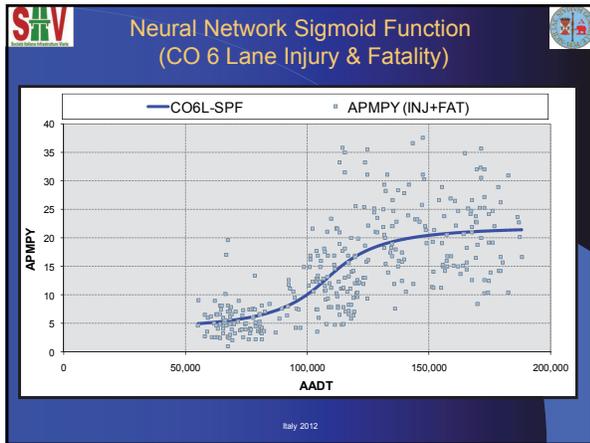
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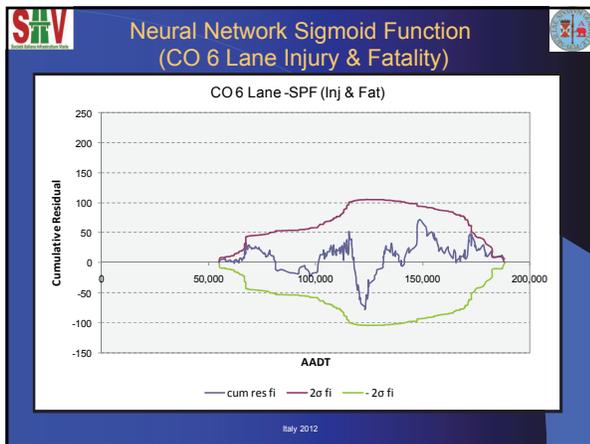


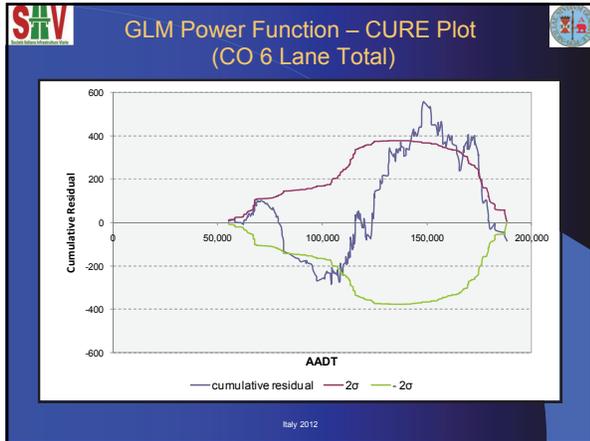


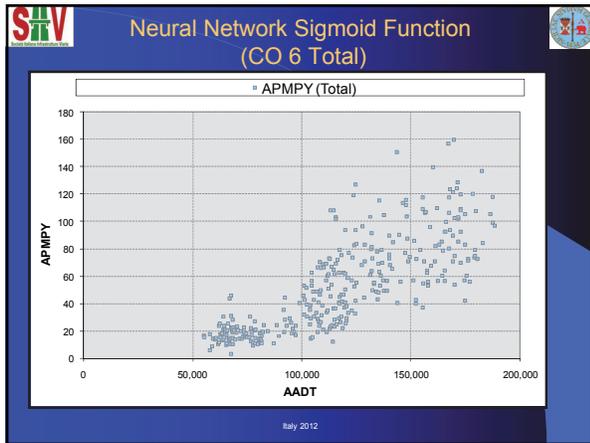


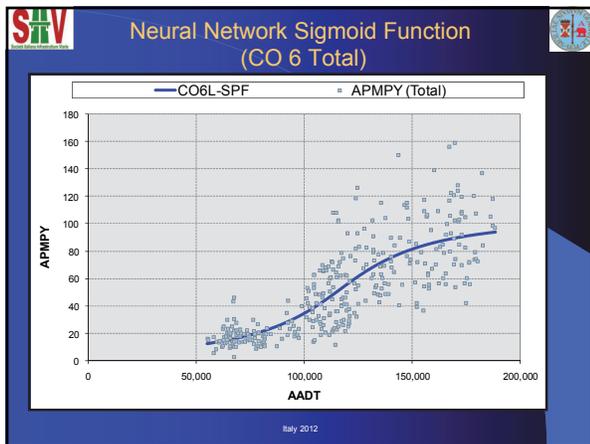


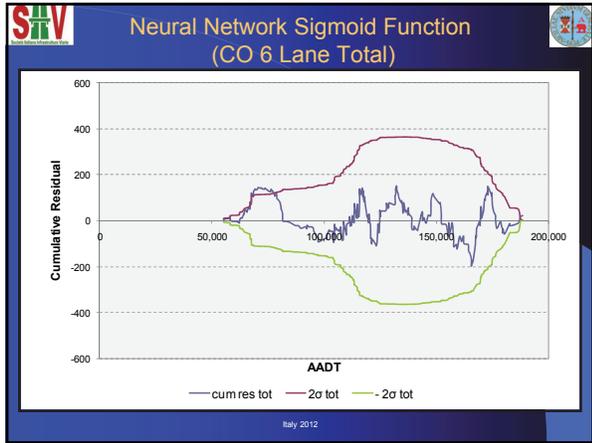


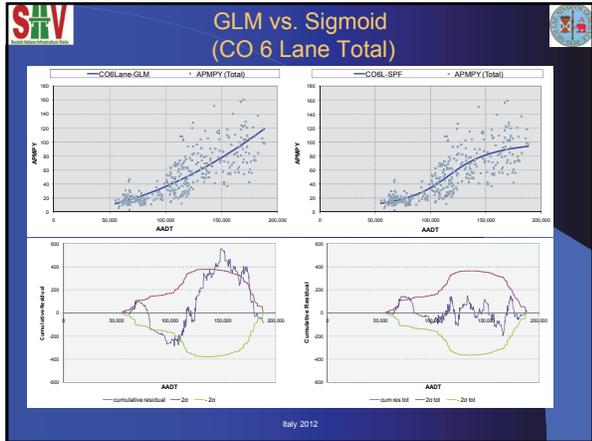


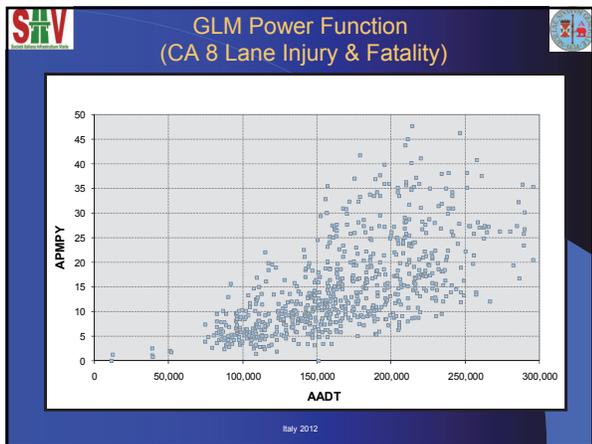


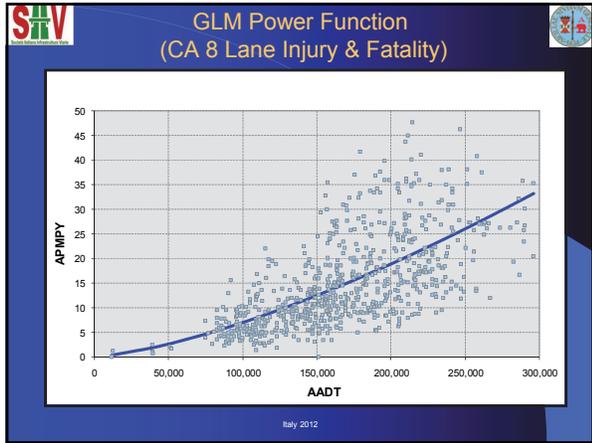


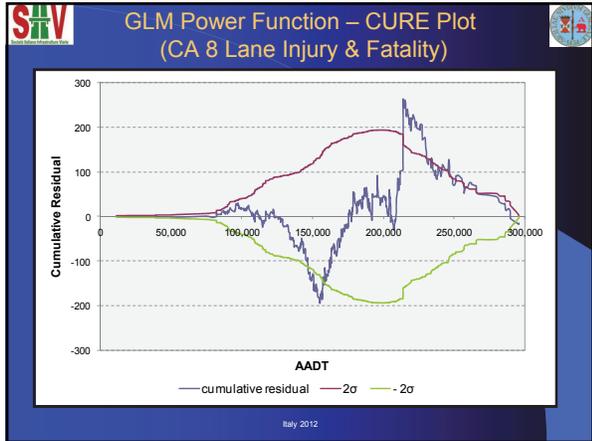


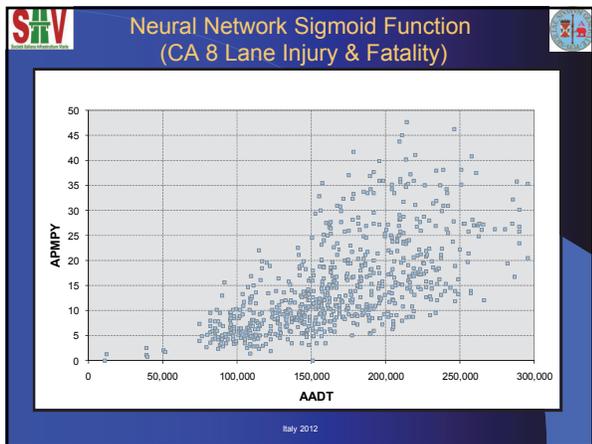


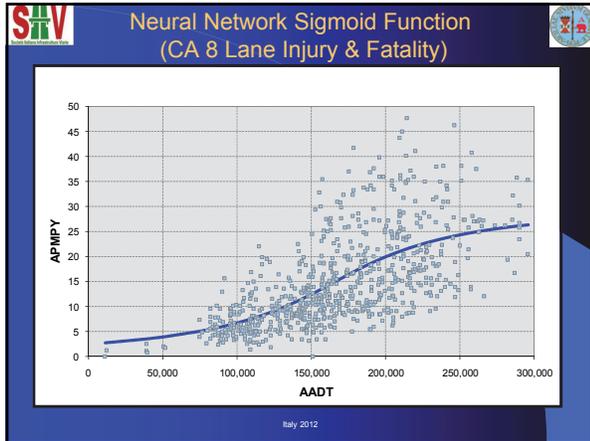


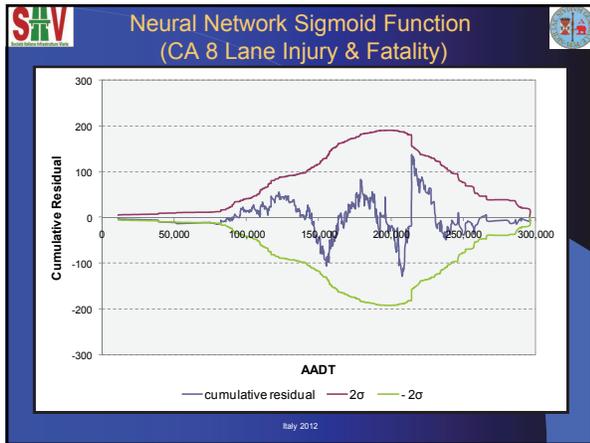


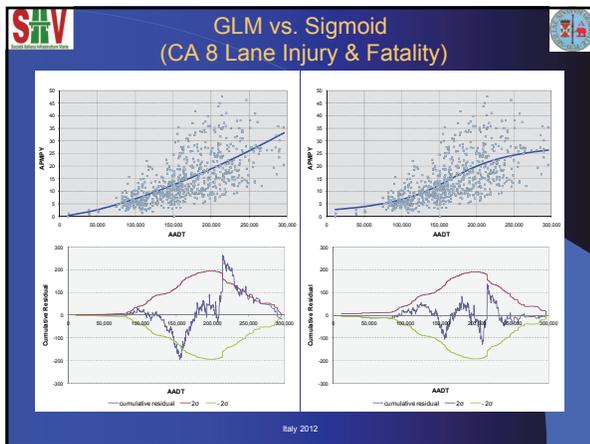


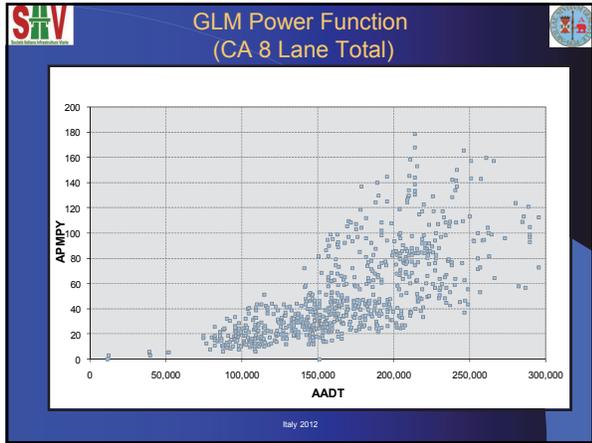


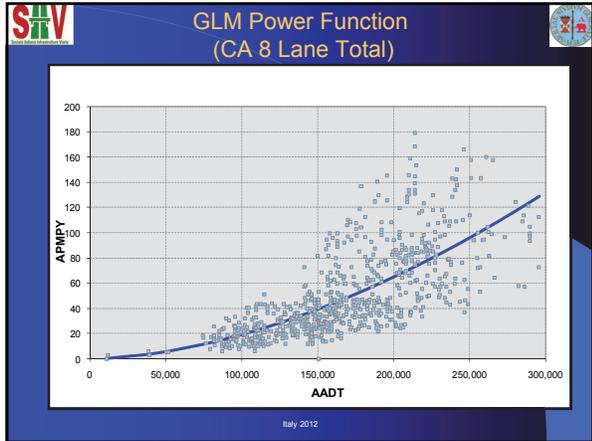


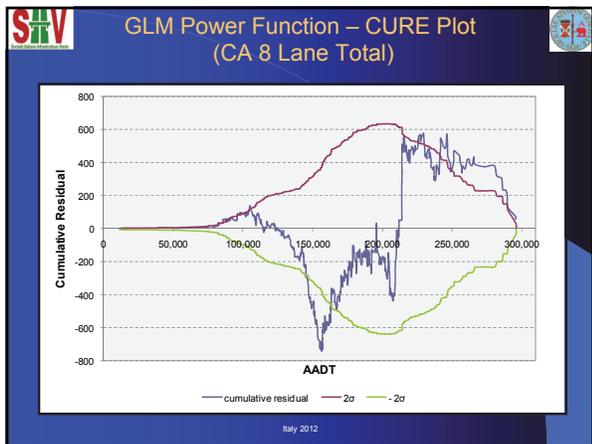


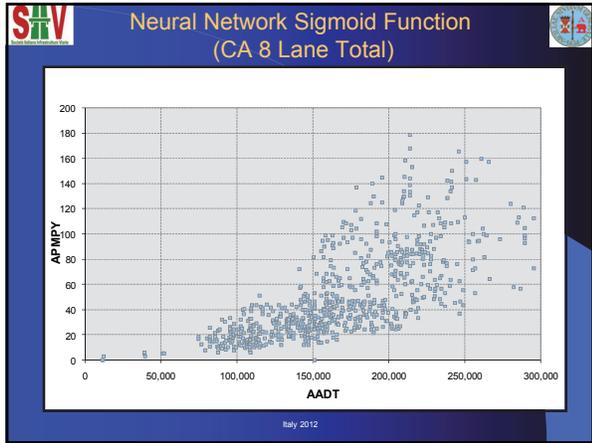


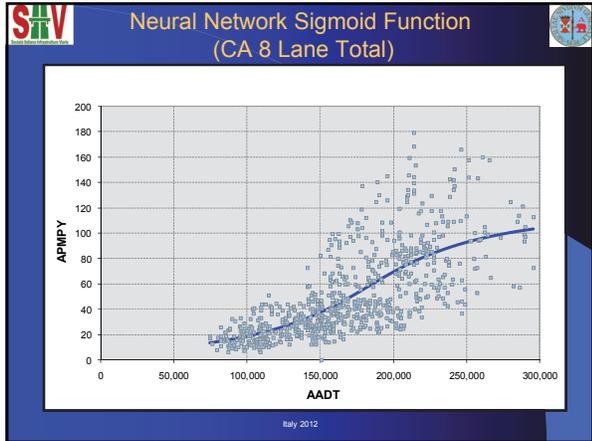


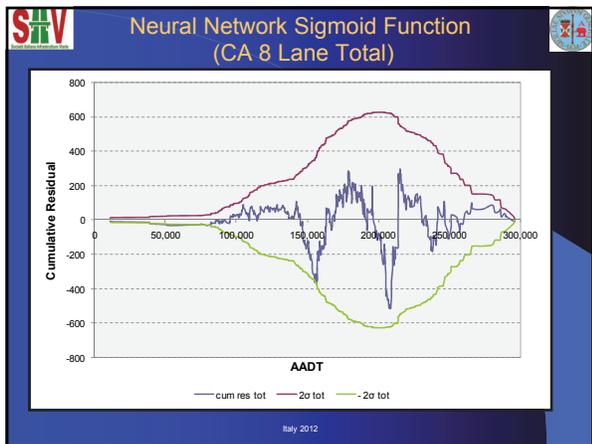


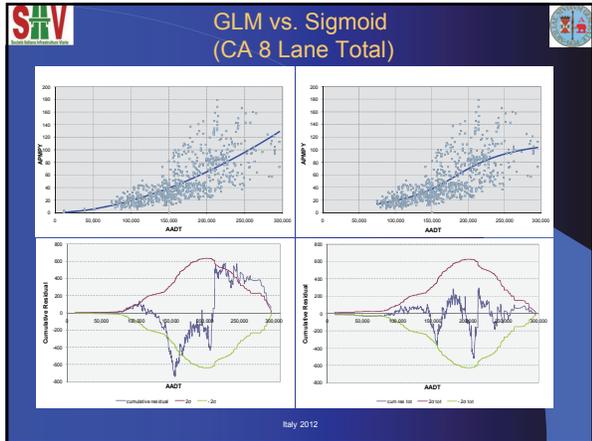






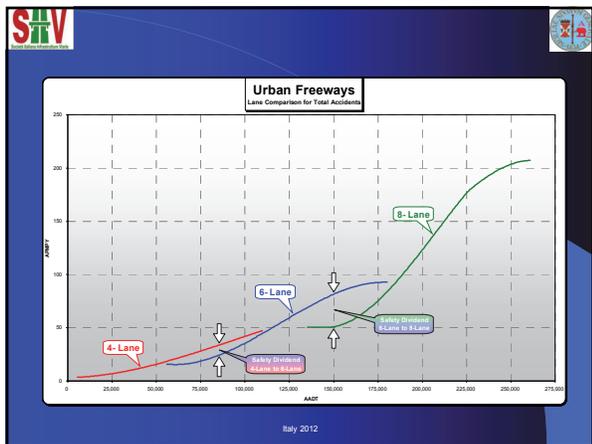


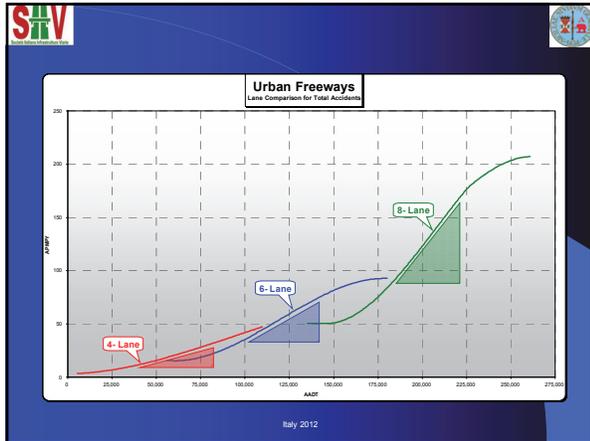


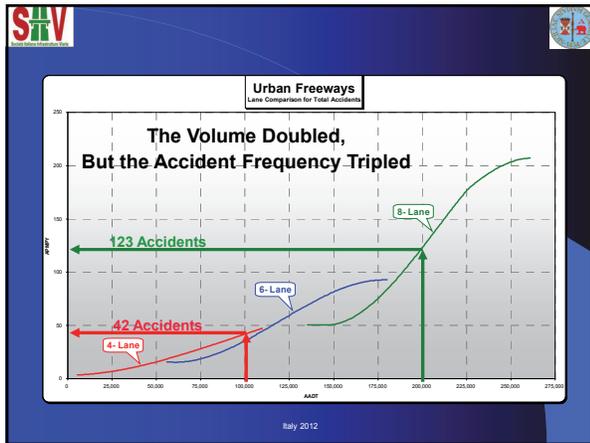


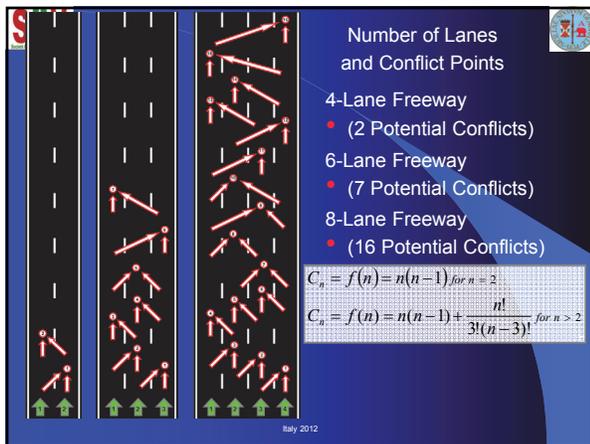
Relationship Between the Number of Lanes and Safety

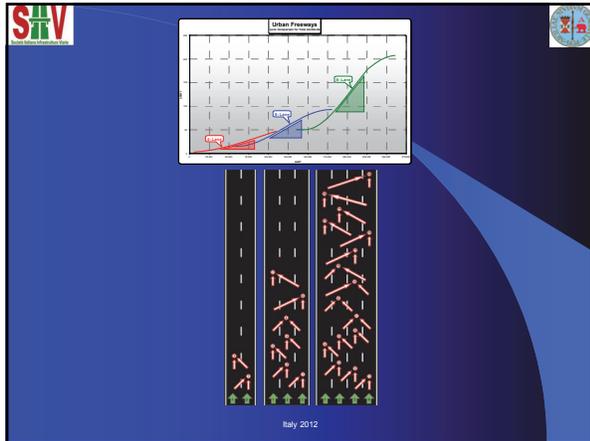
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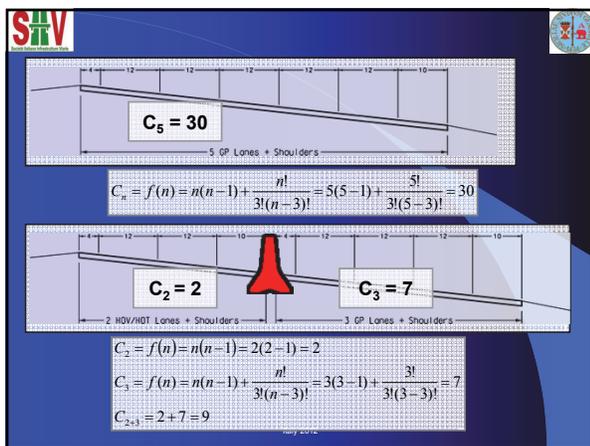






As the Number of Lanes Increases,
the Degree of Freedom for Things
to go Wrong also Increases

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9 is Less Than 30




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SPFs for Intersections

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26 Year Old Male
164 Lbs

Blood Pressure
110 Systolic
65 Diastolic

Does he have High Blood Pressure?

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43 Year Old Male
264 Lbs

Blood Pressure
180 Systolic
100 Diastolic

Does he have High Blood Pressure?

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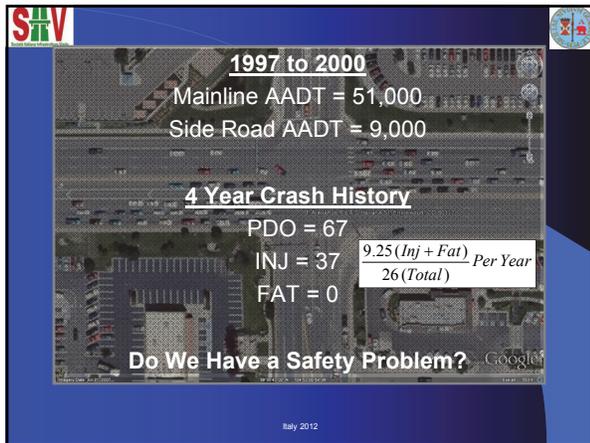
Does anyone here have Training in Internal Medicine or Cardiology?

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Urban
4 Leg
6-Lane
Signalized
Fully Actuated
Mast Arm Signal Layout
Lighted

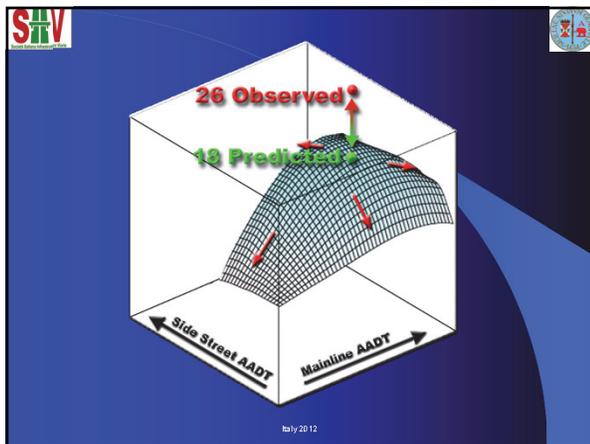
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The Safety Performance Function of an Intersection can be viewed Mathematically as a 3-Dimensional Response Surface, where:

Crashes/Year = $f(ADT_{Mainline}, ADT_{Side\ Road})$

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LOSS Analysis

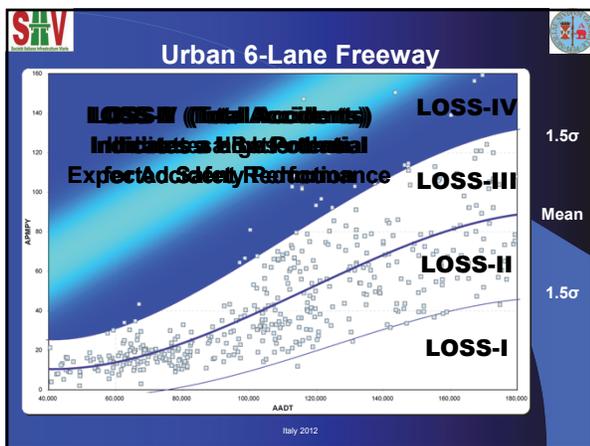
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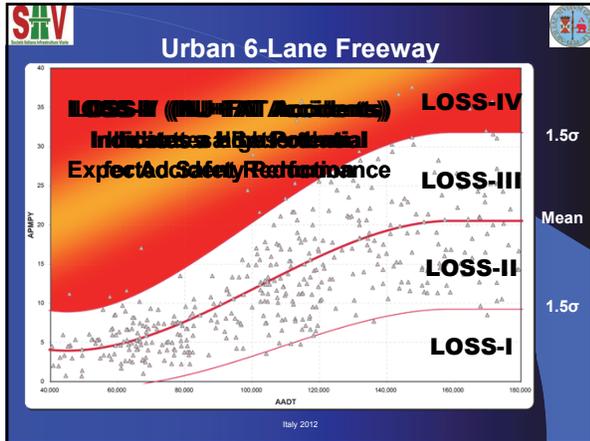
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Level of Service of Safety (LOSS) on Every Segment is Described from the Perspective of Both Frequency and Severity

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Why is Level of Service of Safety (LOSS) Concept Needed?

- Qualitatively and Quantitatively Describe the Degree of Safety or Un-Safety of a Roadway Segment
- Communicate the Magnitude of Safety Problem of a Roadway Segment to Other Professionals or Elected Officials

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Why is Level of Service of Safety (LOSS) Concept Needed?

- Bring Perception of Roadway Safety in Line with Reality of Safety Performance Reflecting a Specific Facility

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Why is Level of Service of Safety (LOSS) Concept Needed?

- Provide a Frame of Reference for Decision Making on Non-Safety Motivated Projects (Resurfacing or Reconstruction)

Category	Percentage	Value
Safety Set Aside Projects	5%	\$50 M
Everything Else (Ability, System Preservation, Misc Ops, Etc.)	95%	\$950 M

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Why is Level of Service of Safety (LOSS) Concept Needed?

- Provide a Frame of Reference from a Safety Perspective for Planning Corridor Improvements

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Correcting for Regression to the Mean Bias Using Empirical Bayes Method

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STV Regression to the Mean Phenomenon

The best guess about the future is usually obtained by computing the average of past events.

In road safety (as well as other disciplines) the precision of this estimate however can be improved upon by correcting it for the Regression To the Mean (RTM) bias.

RTM phenomenon reflects the tendency of random events such as vehicle crashes to move toward the average over time.

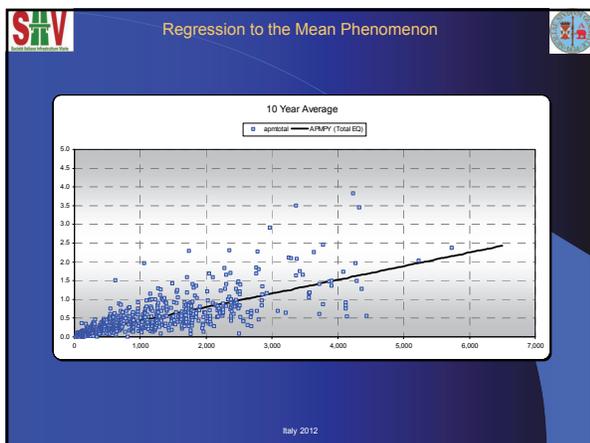
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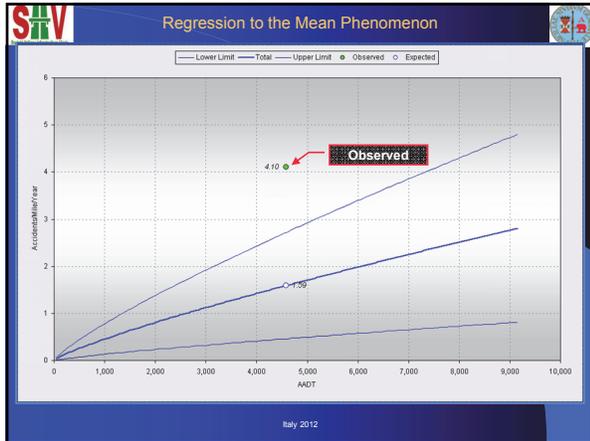
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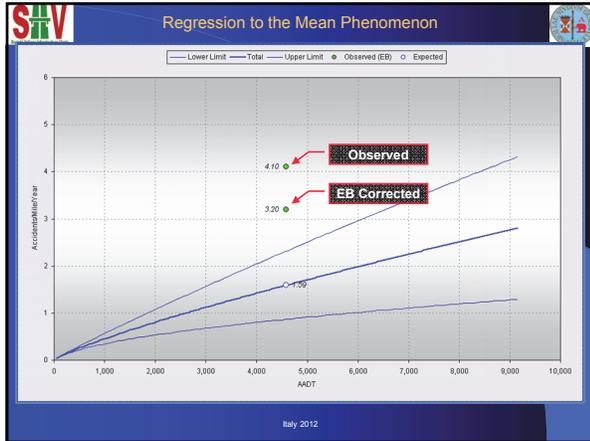
The RTM bias has been long recognized, and is now effectively addressed by using the Empirical Bayes (EB) method.

The EB method increases the precision of the estimation and corrects for the RTM bias.

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System Level Planning and Program Development (SPF Based)

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Hwy	Bcd	Begin	End	From	To	ADT	APMPY (Total)	APMPY (Total)	% SO Day	LOSS I	LOSS II	LOSS III	LOSS IV	Location	
10A	72.40	75.90	01/01/04	12/31/08	1	450	1,188	0.852	194.00%					YES	10A MP 72.4-75.9
10A	89.00	97.95	01/01/04	12/31/08	4	578	4,989	3.732	321.00%					YES	10A MP 89.0-97.95
10A	111.62	118.78	01/01/04	12/31/08	4	280	2,870	2.384	185.60%					YES	10A MP 111.62-118.78
10A	180.24	184.43	01/01/04	12/31/08	1	145	2,363	1.955	206.40%					YES	10A MP 180.24-184.43
11A	38.15	42.64	01/01/04	12/31/08	8	886	8,889	0.574	231.73%					YES	11A MP 38.15-42.64
12A	85.44	108.43	01/01/04	12/31/08	2	625	1,026	0.658	281.40%					YES	12A MP 85.44-108.43
13A	83.25	84.45	01/01/04	12/31/08	2	134	2,276	1.550	344.62%					YES	13A MP 83.25-84.45
13A	87.87	92.75	01/01/04	12/31/08	2	334	1,889	1.466	188.79%					YES	13A MP 87.87-92.75
13A	92.55	95.45	01/01/04	12/31/08	4	334	1,991	1.741	200.00%					YES	13A MP 92.55-95.45
13A	97.05	98.40	01/01/04	12/31/08	3	418	2,362	1.914	180.40%					YES	13A MP 97.05-98.4
13A	106.29	110.42	01/01/04	12/31/08	2	470	1,726	1.751	240.00%					YES	13A MP 106.29-110.42
13A	123.69	128.69	01/01/04	12/31/08	1	866	1,406	1.060	172.03%					YES	13A MP 123.69-128.69
15A	2.31	8.31	01/01/04	12/31/08	4	200	2,763	3.313	168.31%					YES	15A MP 2.31-8.31
16A	27.29	28.39	01/01/04	12/31/08	5	522	9,727	0.309	372.24%					YES	16A MP 27.29-28.39
17A	67.11	68.22	01/01/04	12/31/08	5	564	8,874	0.798	278.76%					YES	17A MP 67.11-68.22
17A	63.27	63.03	01/01/04	12/31/08	5	564	9,758	0.404	341.31%					YES	17A MP 63.27-63.03
17A	63.03	64.74	01/01/04	12/31/08	5	564	1,019	0.469	431.73%					YES	17A MP 63.03-64.74
18A	49.42	49.41	01/01/04	12/31/08	4	370	4,073	0.775	153.20%					YES	18A MP 49.42-49.41
21A	40.87	44.54	01/01/04	12/31/08	2	432	1,824	1.410	188.81%					YES	21A MP 40.87-44.54
21A	52.00	47.20	01/01/04	12/31/08	1	178	1,425	1.050	168.60%					YES	21A MP 52.00-47.2
22A	21.29	24.72	01/01/04	12/31/08	1	908	1,341	0.941	224.89%					YES	22A MP 21.29-24.72
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APPLICATION OF METHODOLOGY

- System Level Planning and Program Development
- Corridor Level Planning (E/A/EIS)
- Project Level Decision Support Analysis
- Supporting Research Papers and Information

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Research Papers by Konoov and Allery

Methodology for Evaluating the Impacts of Transportation System Changes on Safety Performance

Methodology for the Evaluation of Safety Performance in Transportation Systems

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Accepted for Presentation at 2008 TRB Annual Meeting

Safety performance functions reflect the complex relationship between exposure, usually measured in annual average daily traffic, and accident count for each of road section over a unit of time. One of the main goals of the safety performance functions is to develop functions that exposure and accidents that are related, thus indicating a potential for accident reduction.

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SPECIALIZED HIGHWAY VEHICULAR

Level of Service of Safety (LOSS)
and
Pattern Recognition Analysis

Example #1
Colorado State Highway 285

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Step I
Define Study Limits

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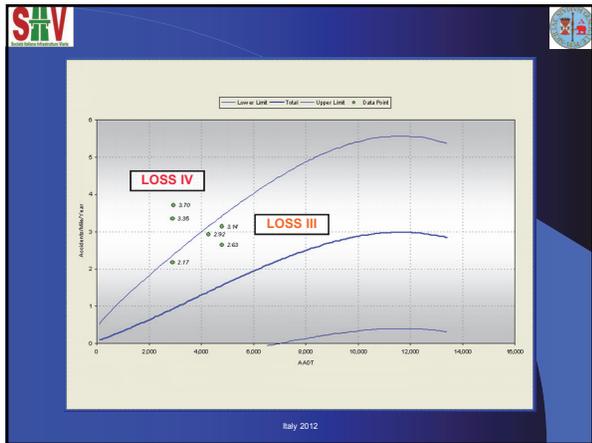
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Step I
Define Study Limits

Step II
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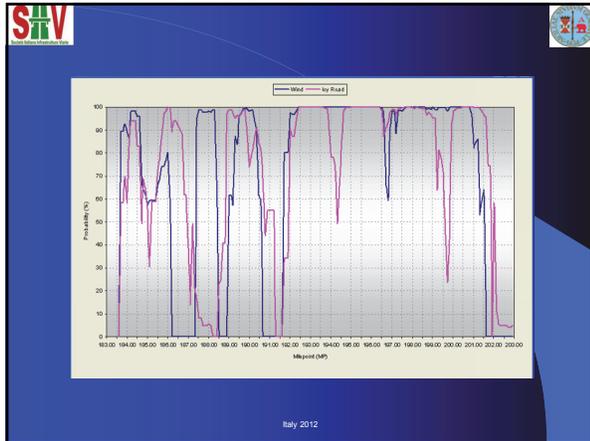


Step I
Define Study Limits

Step II
LOSS Analysis

Step III
Select Diagnostic Menu

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Operational Considerations

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ACCORDING TO THE AASHTO POLICY ON GEOMETRIC DESIGN

- SHOULDERS ARE AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF A HIGHWAY DESIGN SYSTEM
- WELL-DESIGNED AND MAINTAINED SHOULDERS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR SAFE TRAFFIC OPERATION
- THE USABLE PAVED WIDTH OF RIGHT SHOULDER ON FREEWAYS SHOULD BE AT LEAST 10FT

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- NOT PROVIDING SHOULDERS ON FREEWAYS SEEMS TO BE IN CONFLICT WITH AASHTO POLICY ON GEOMETRIC DESIGN!!!
- IS IT SAFE TO DEPEND ON SHOULDER RUNNING?
- IS REDUCING CONGESTION MORE IMPORTANT THAN SAFETY???
- IS IT SUFFICIENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS TO SAY "OTHERS ARE DOING IT SO WE WILL DO IT TOO"?



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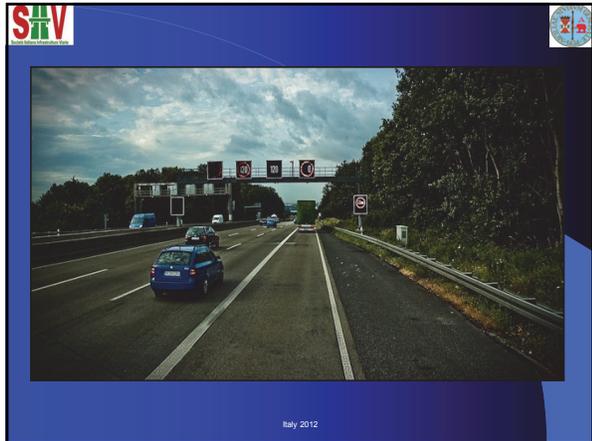


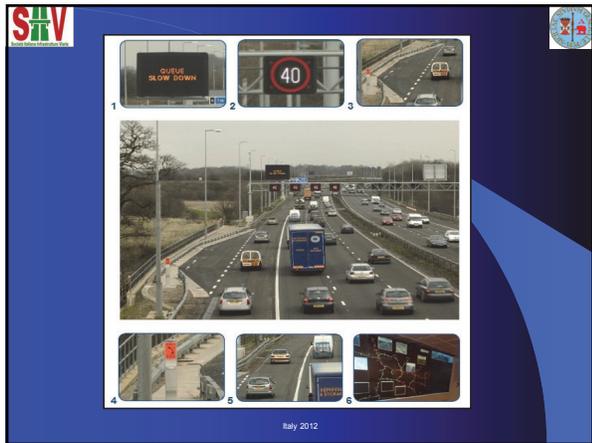
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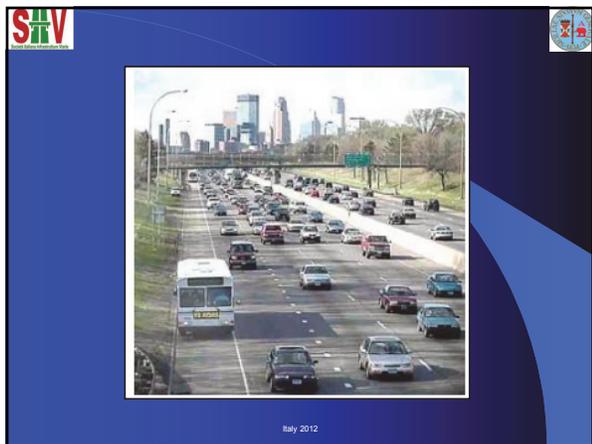
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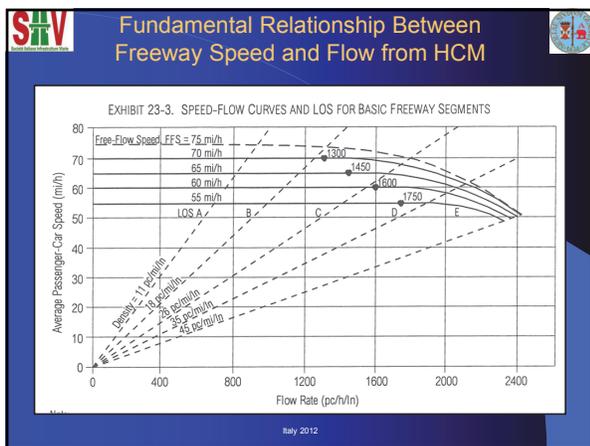
- Relationship between Mobility (LOS, Density, Speed, Travel Time etc.) and Number of Lanes is well understood at Present
- In contrast with Mobility, the Relationship between Congestion and Safety is not, especially when Hard Shoulder Running (HSR) is concerned

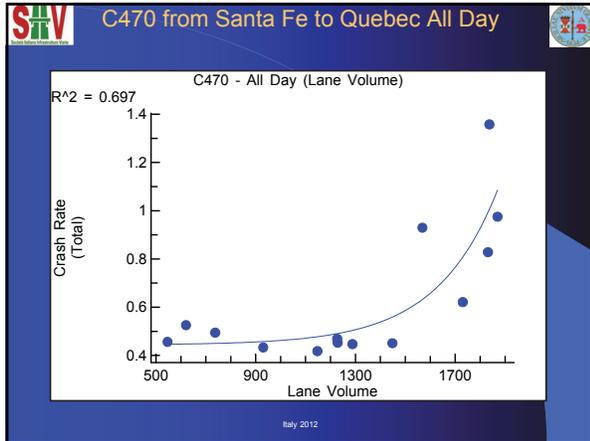
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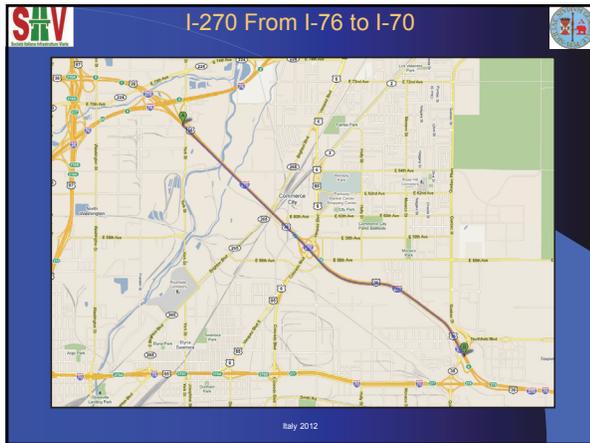
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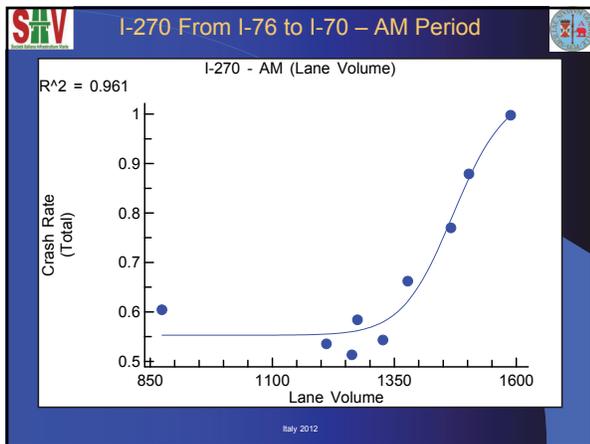
- The survey suggests that 89% of motorists feel safer on Freeways compared to other roads because full shoulder width is available
- Over 50% of drivers questioned in England said they would not feel confident driving on the motorway without shoulders

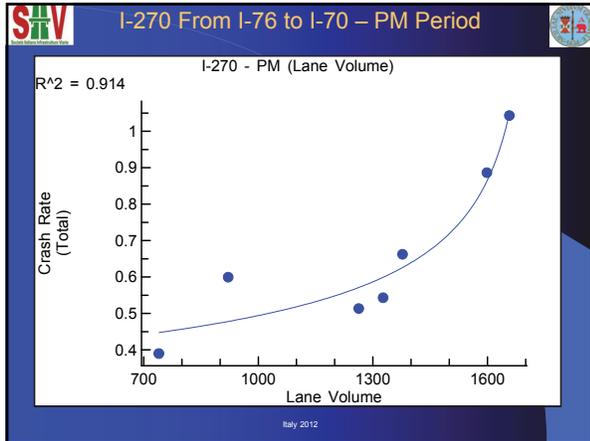
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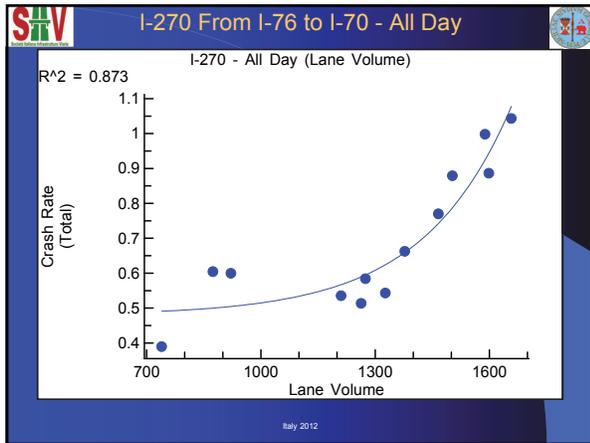


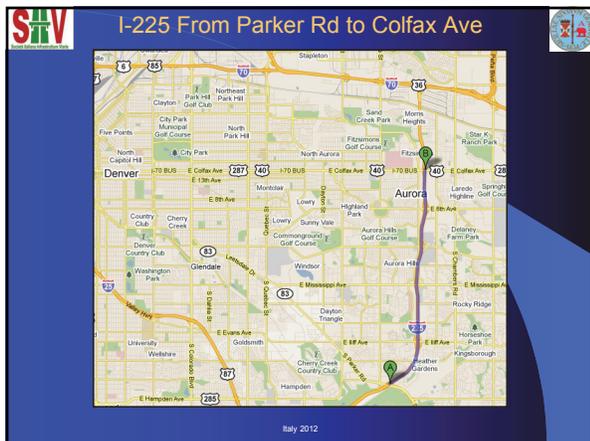


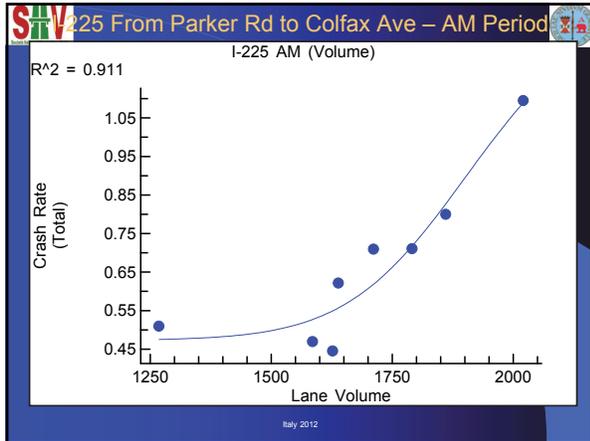


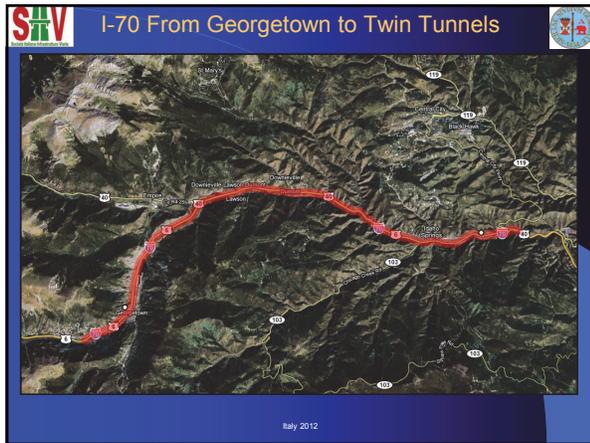


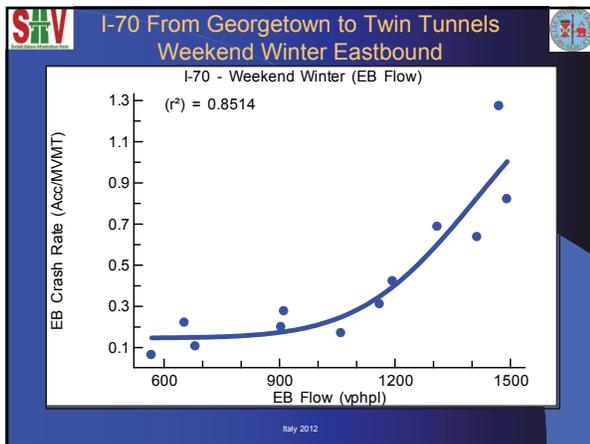


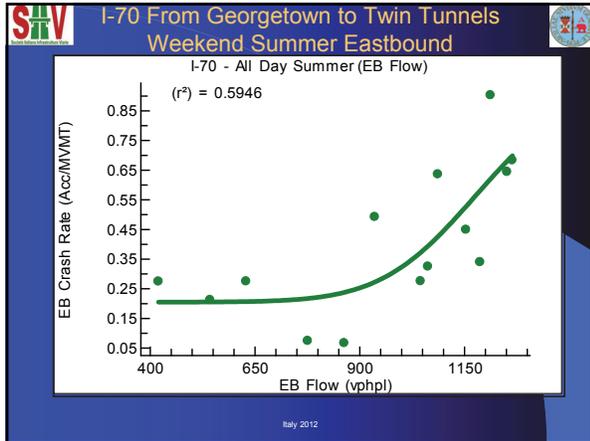


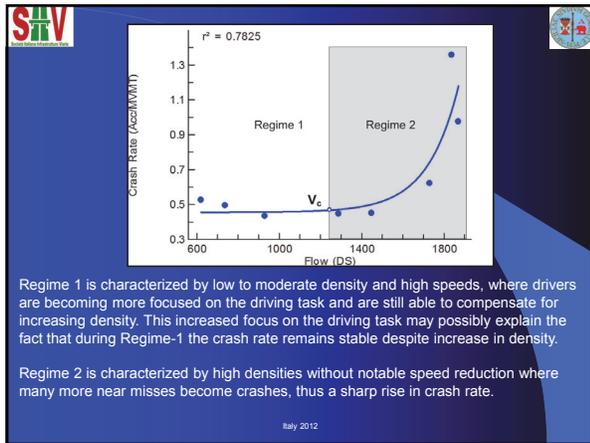






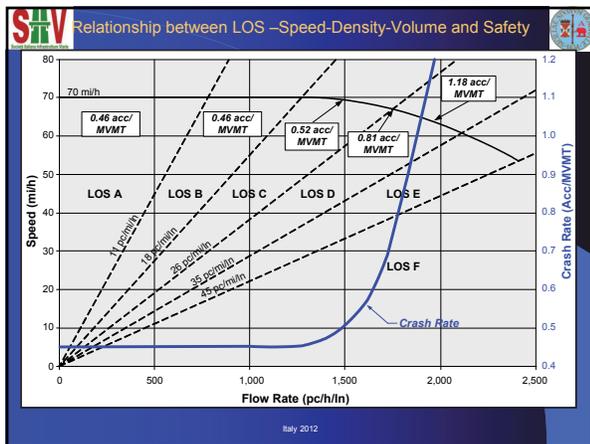


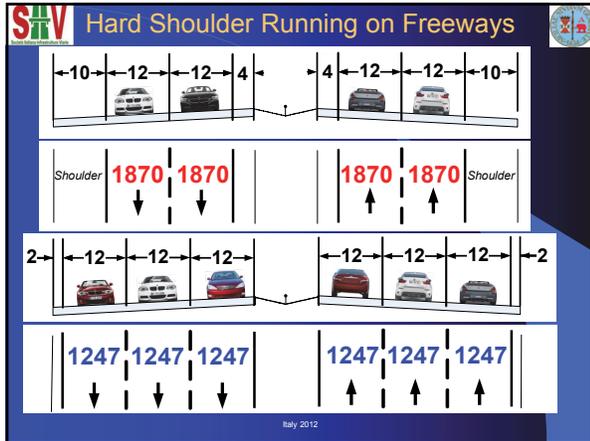


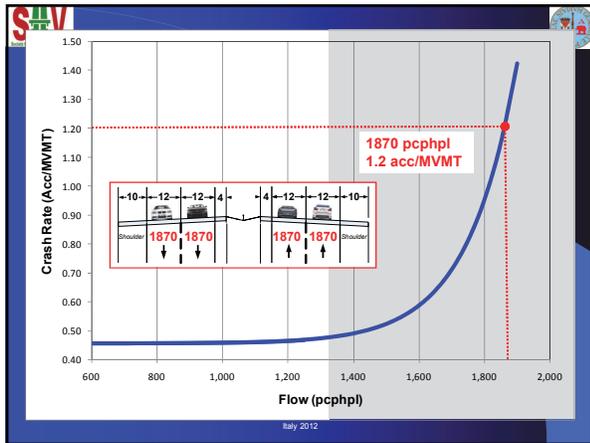


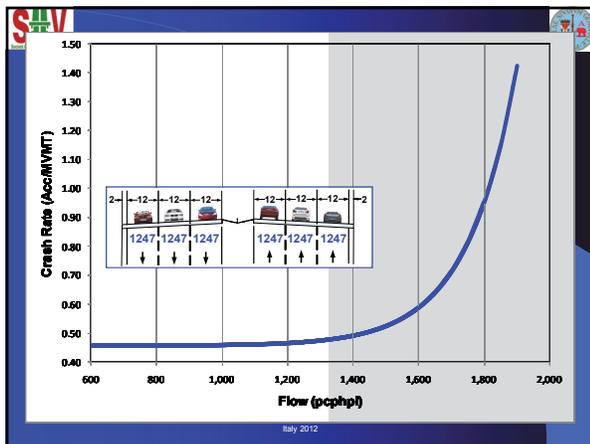
Regime 1 is characterized by low to moderate density and high speeds, where drivers are becoming more focused on the driving task and are still able to compensate for increasing density. This increased focus on the driving task may possibly explain the fact that during Regime-1 the crash rate remains stable despite increase in density.

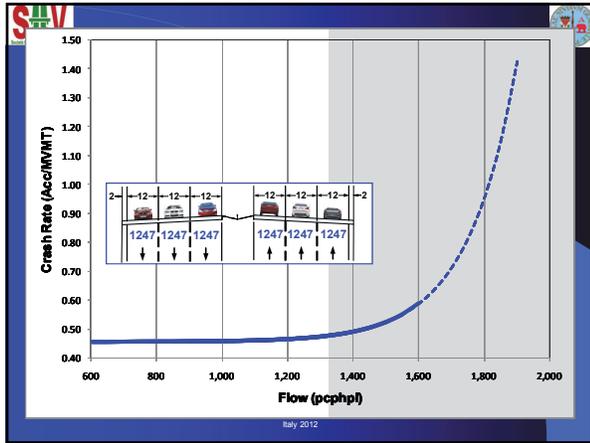
Regime 2 is characterized by high densities without notable speed reduction where many more near misses become crashes, thus a sharp rise in crash rate.

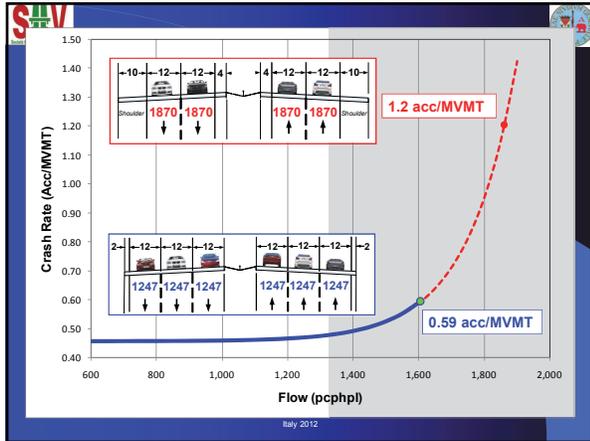


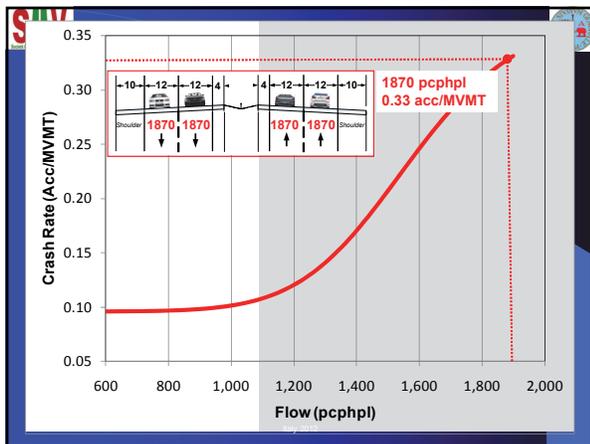


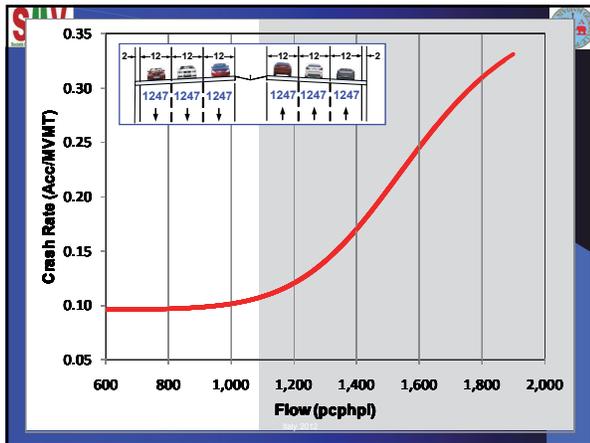


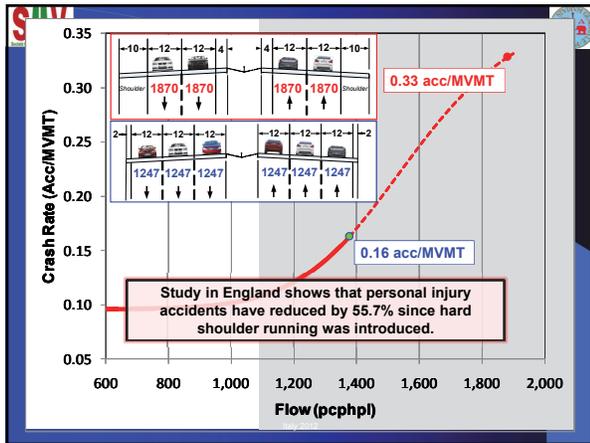












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Deployment of Hard Shoulder Running on Freeways

- HSR deployment consists of gantries, loops in pavement, VMS boards and cameras
- Formalized incident management plan
- Intensified presence of courtesy patrol
- Construct pull-outs at strategic locations
- Public education campaign
- Lower speed limit during peak periods

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STV Expected Safety, Mobility and Environmental Benefits from Hard Shoulder Running on 4-Lane Freeways

- Significant travel time reduction in the 30-50% range during congested periods due to lower density
- Travel time savings due to fewer incidents
- Improved Travel Time Reliability
- Significant crash reduction in the 50% range during peak periods
- Air quality improvements:
 - Due to shorter travel times
 - Less idling in traffic
 - More efficient vehicle use at free-flow rather than stop and go traffic.

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