

# **Introduction to Reliability and Sensitivity Analysis**

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# Formulation of structural reliability

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{Bmatrix} X_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_n \end{Bmatrix}$$

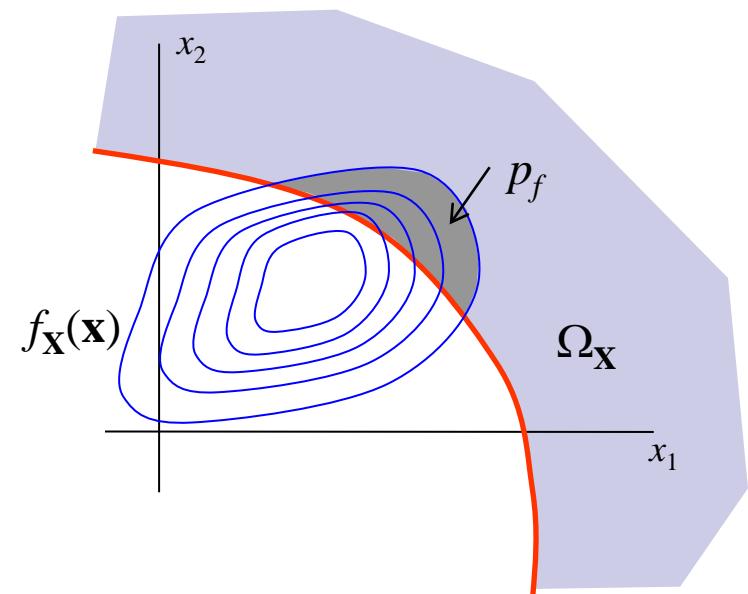
Vector of random variables

$f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x})$  Distribution of  $\mathbf{X}$

$\Omega_{\mathbf{x}}$  Failure domain

$$p_f = \int_{\Omega_{\mathbf{x}}} f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

Failure probability



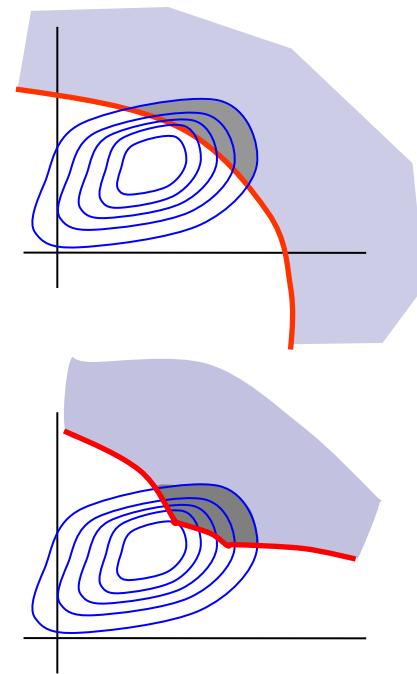
# Formulation of structural reliability

Component reliability problem

$$\Omega_x \equiv \{g(x) \leq 0\}$$

System reliability problem

$$\Omega_x \equiv \left\{ \bigcap_k \bigcap_{i \in C_k} g_i(x) \leq 0 \right\}$$



$g(x)$ ,  $g_i(x)$  limit-state functions (must be continuously differentiable)

e.g.,  $g_i(x) = \delta_{cr} - \delta_i(x)$  failure due to excessive  $i^{\text{th}}$  story drift

# Solution by First-Order Reliability Method (FORM)

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x}), \quad g(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow G(\mathbf{u})$$

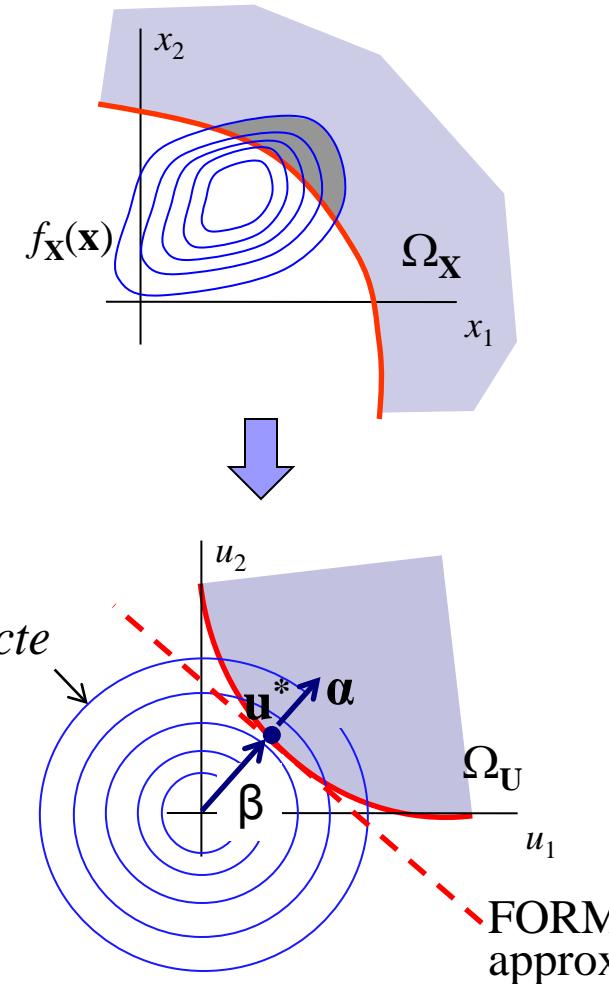
$$\mathbf{u}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{u}} \left\{ \|\mathbf{u}\| \mid G(\mathbf{u}) \leq \mathbf{0} \right\}$$

$$\beta = \alpha \cdot \mathbf{u}^* \quad \text{reliability index}$$

$$\alpha = - \frac{\nabla G(\mathbf{u})}{\|\nabla G(\mathbf{u})\|} \Bigg|_{\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{u}^*}$$

$$p_f \cong \Phi(-\beta)$$

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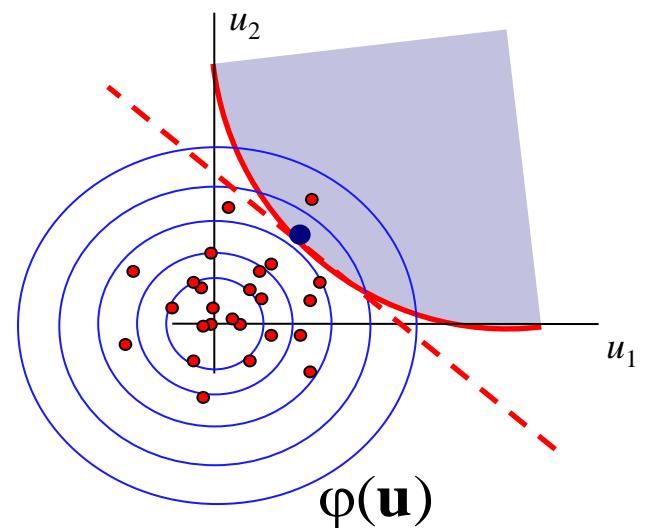


# Monte Carlo simulation

$$p_f \cong \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N I\{G(\mathbf{u}_i) \leq 0\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I\{G(\mathbf{u}_i) \leq 0\} &= 1 \text{ if } G(\mathbf{u}_i) \leq 0 \\ &= 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

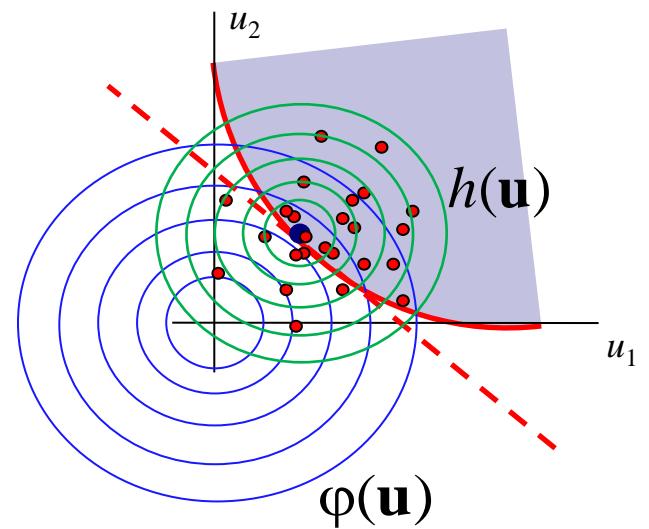
$\mathbf{u}_i$  simulated according to  $\varphi(\mathbf{u})$



# Solution by importance sampling

$$p_f \cong \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N I\{G(\mathbf{u}_i) \leq 0\} \frac{(\mathbf{u}_i)}{h(\mathbf{u}_i)}$$

$\mathbf{u}_i$  simulated according to  $h(\mathbf{u})$



# Uncertainty propagation

$\delta = \delta(\mathbf{X})$  response quantity of interest

First-order approximations:

$$\mu_\delta \approx \delta(\mathbf{M}_x)$$

$$\sigma_\delta^2 \approx \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \delta \Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \delta^T$$

$\mathbf{M}_x$  mean vector

$\Sigma_{\mathbf{xx}}$  covariance matrix

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \delta = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$
 gradient row-vector

# Response sensitivity analysis

For both FORM and FOSM, we need  $\frac{\partial \delta(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_i}$

Available methods in OpenSees:

- Finite difference
- Direct Differentiation Method (DDM)  
Differentiate equations of motion and solve for response derivative equations as adjoint to the equations of motion. Equations for the response derivative are linear, even for nonlinear response.

DDM is more stable, accurate and efficient than finite difference.

- Zhang, Y., and A. Der Kiureghian (1993). Dynamic response sensitivity of inelastic structures. *Comp. Methods Appl. Mech. Engrg.*, 108(1), 23-36.
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# Brief on DDM

Linear static problems:

$$\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x})\boldsymbol{\delta}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{K}}{\partial x} \boldsymbol{\delta} + \mathbf{K} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\delta}}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\delta}}{\partial x} = \mathbf{K}^{-1} \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{K}}{\partial x} \boldsymbol{\delta} \right)$$

# Brief on DDM

Nonlinear static problems:

$$\mathbf{R}(\boldsymbol{\delta}(x), x) = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{R}(\boldsymbol{\delta}, x)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\delta}} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\delta}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}(\boldsymbol{\delta}, x)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\delta}}{\partial x} = \mathbf{K}_t^{-1} \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}(\boldsymbol{\delta}, x)}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{K}_t^{-1} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}(\boldsymbol{\delta}, x)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\delta}} = \text{ tangent stiffness matrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{R}(\boldsymbol{\delta}, x)}{\partial x} = \sum_e \int \mathbf{B}^T(\mathbf{v}) \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{v}, x)}{\partial x} \Big|_{\text{fixed } \boldsymbol{\epsilon}} d\Omega$$

# Sensitivity/Importance measures

FOSM:  $\frac{\partial \delta(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_i} \sigma_i$

FORM:  $\alpha$  = relative importance of  $\mathbf{u}$  variables

$\gamma$  = relative importance of  $\mathbf{X}$  variables

$$\delta = \left\{ \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial \mu_i} \sigma_i \right\} = \text{reliability importance of mean values}$$

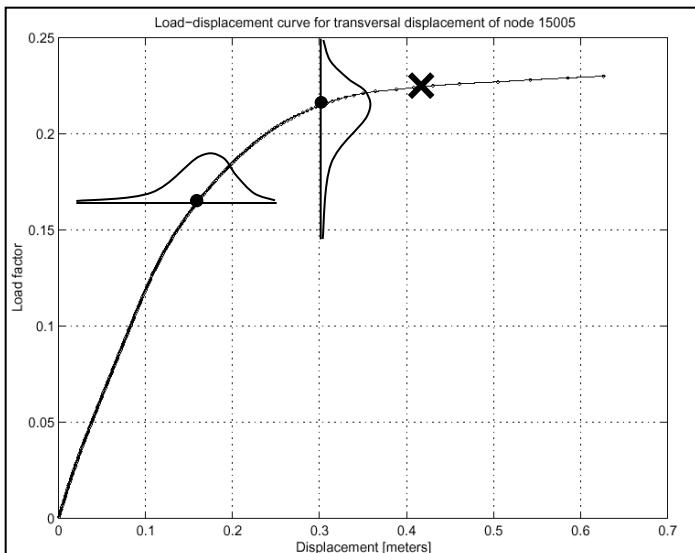
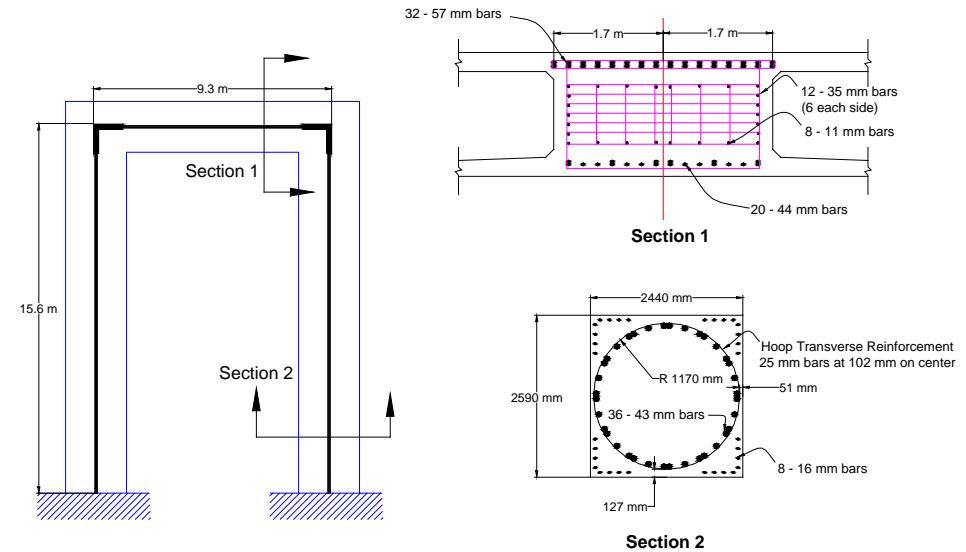
$$\eta = \left\{ \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial \sigma_i} \sigma_i \right\} = \text{reliability importance of stdev values}$$

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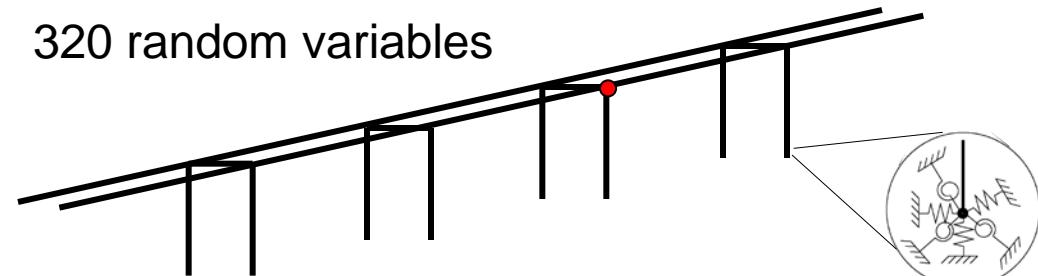
# Methods implemented in OpenSees

<b>Propagation of uncertainty:</b> <i>Estimate second moments of response</i>	First-Order Second-Moment (FOSM) Monte Carlo sampling (MCS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mean</li><li>• Standard deviation</li><li>• Correlation</li><li>• Parameter importance at mean point</li></ul>
<b>Reliability analysis:</b> <i>Estimate probability of events defined in terms of limit-state functions</i>	First-Order Reliability Method (FORM) Importance Sampling (IS) Second-Order Reliability Method (SORM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Design point”</li><li>• Probability of failure</li><li>• Parameter importance/ sensitivity measures</li></ul>
<b>Response sensitivity analysis:</b> <i>Determine derivative of response with respect to input or structural properties</i>	The Direct Differentiation Method (DDM) Finite Difference scheme (FD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <math>\frac{\partial \text{response}}{\partial \text{parameter}}</math> (Used in FOSM and FORM analysis)</li></ul>

# The I-880 Testbed Bridge

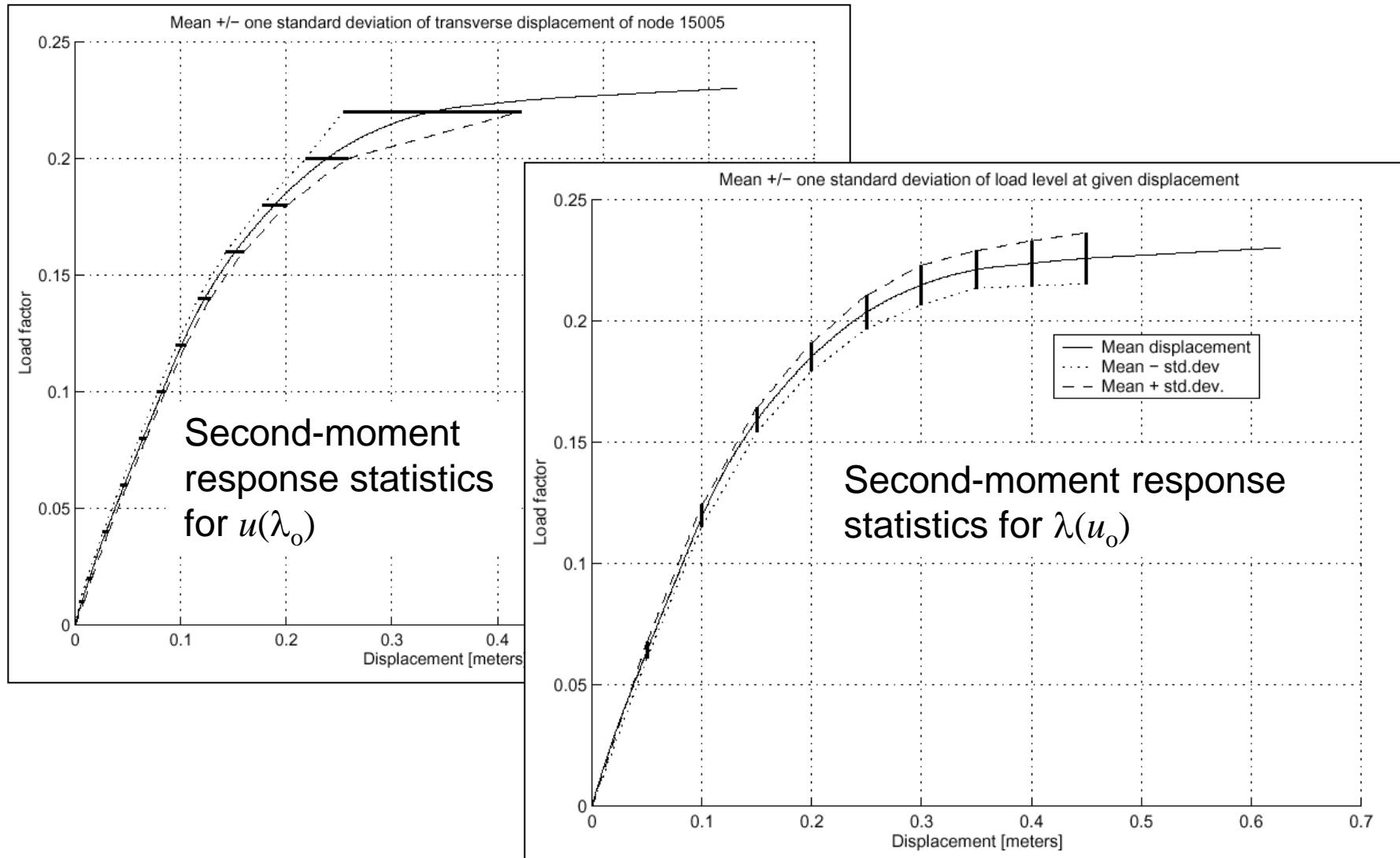


320 random variables

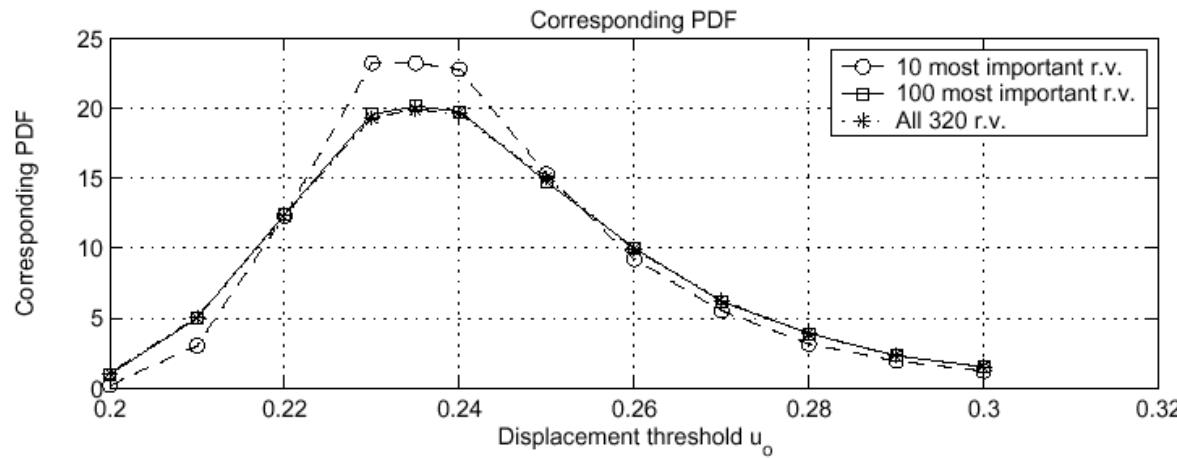
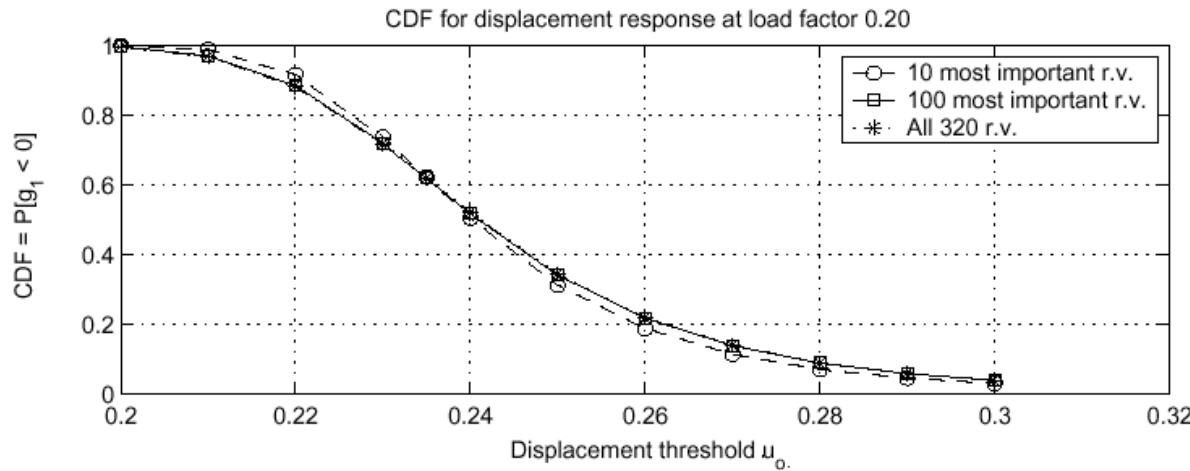


$$\begin{aligned}g_1 &= u_o - u(\lambda_o) \\g_2 &= \lambda_o - \lambda(u_o) \\g_3 &= u(20\% \text{ tangent}) - u_o \\g_4 &= \lambda(20\% \text{ tangent}) - \lambda_o\end{aligned}$$

# First-Order Second-Moment Analysis

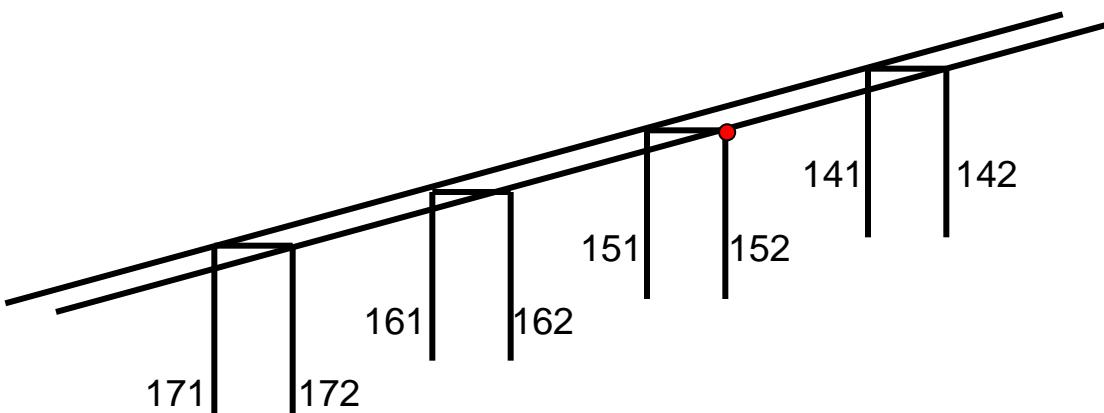


# FORM Analysis, $g_1$ , $\lambda_o=0.20$



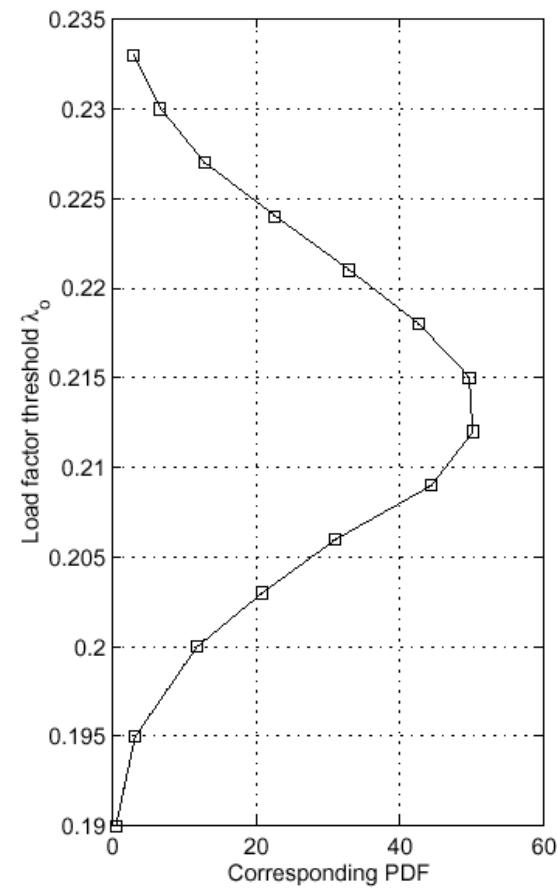
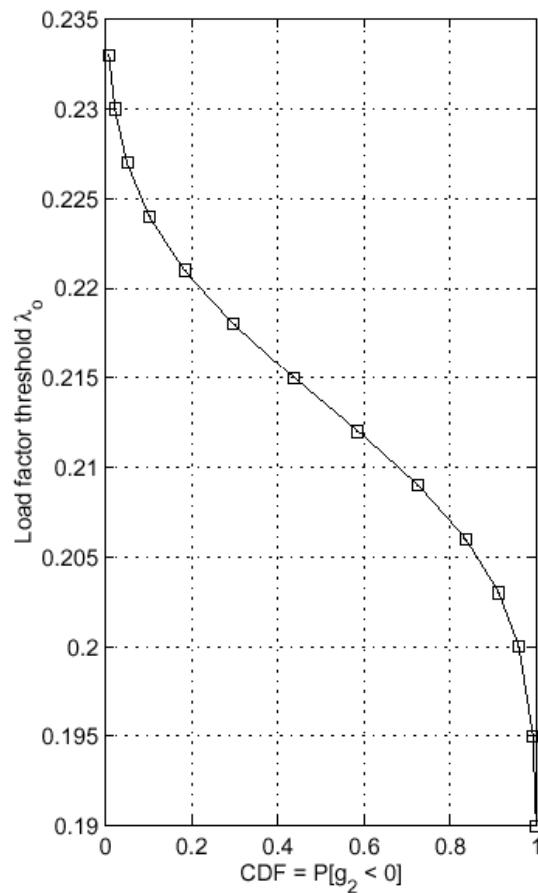
# Parameter Importance

$$g_1 = 0.35 - u(\lambda=0.2)$$

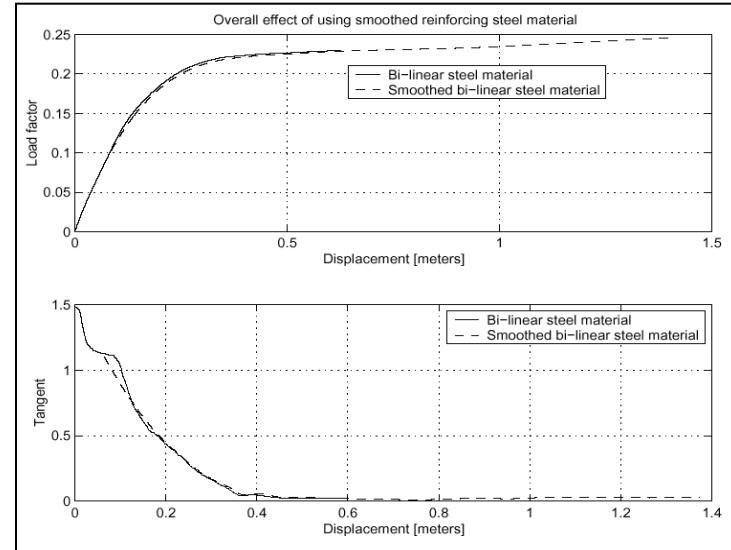
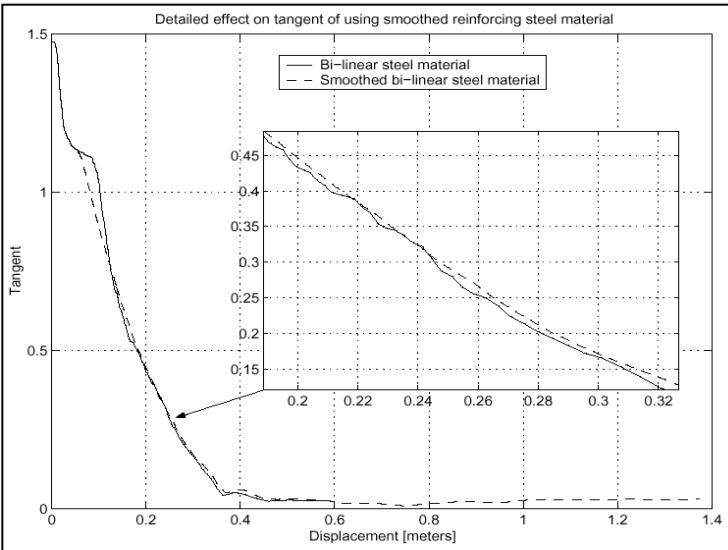
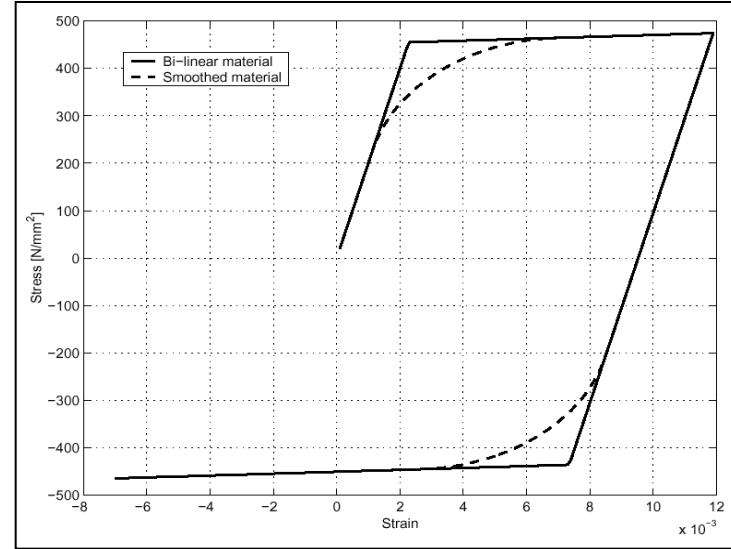
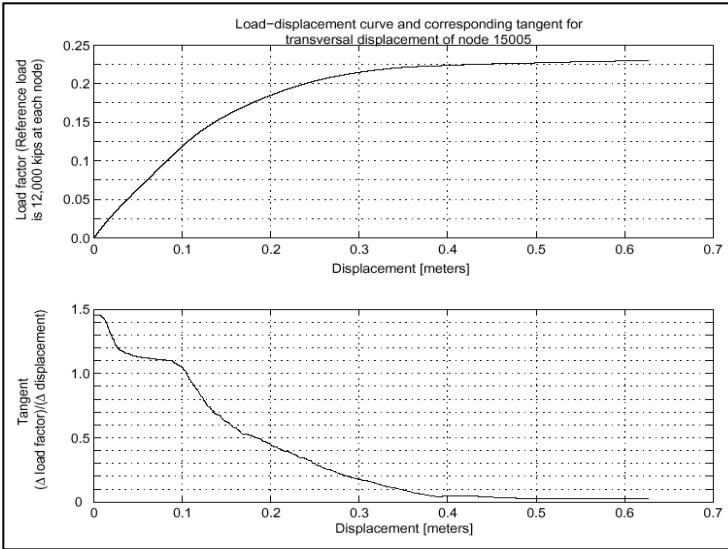


1	-0.603	Element	141	$\sigma_y$
2	-0.538	Element	142	$\sigma_y$
3	-0.280	Element	151	$\sigma_y$
4	0.240	Element	142	$f_c$
5	0.232	Element	142	$\varepsilon_{cu}$
6	-0.188	Element	152	$\sigma_y$
7	-0.177	Element	1502	E
8	0.135	Element	142	$f_c$
9	-0.122	Element	1602	E
10	-0.100	Element	161	$\sigma_y$
11	0.091	Element	141	$f_c$
12	0.083	Element	152	$f_c$
13	-0.073	Element	141	b
14	-0.058	Element	142	$\varepsilon_c$
15	-0.056	Element	162	$\sigma_y$
16	-0.048	Element	142	b
17	0.046	Element	142	$\varepsilon_c$
18	0.040	Element	152	$\varepsilon_{cu}$
19	-0.040	Element	1502	E
20	0.040	Element	152	$f_c$
21	-0.032	Element	141	E
22	0.031	Element	162	$f_c$
23	0.029	Element	151	$f_c$
24	-0.027	Node	14002	y-crd.
25	0.026	Element	141	$\varepsilon_c$
26	0.026	Node	14005	y-crd.
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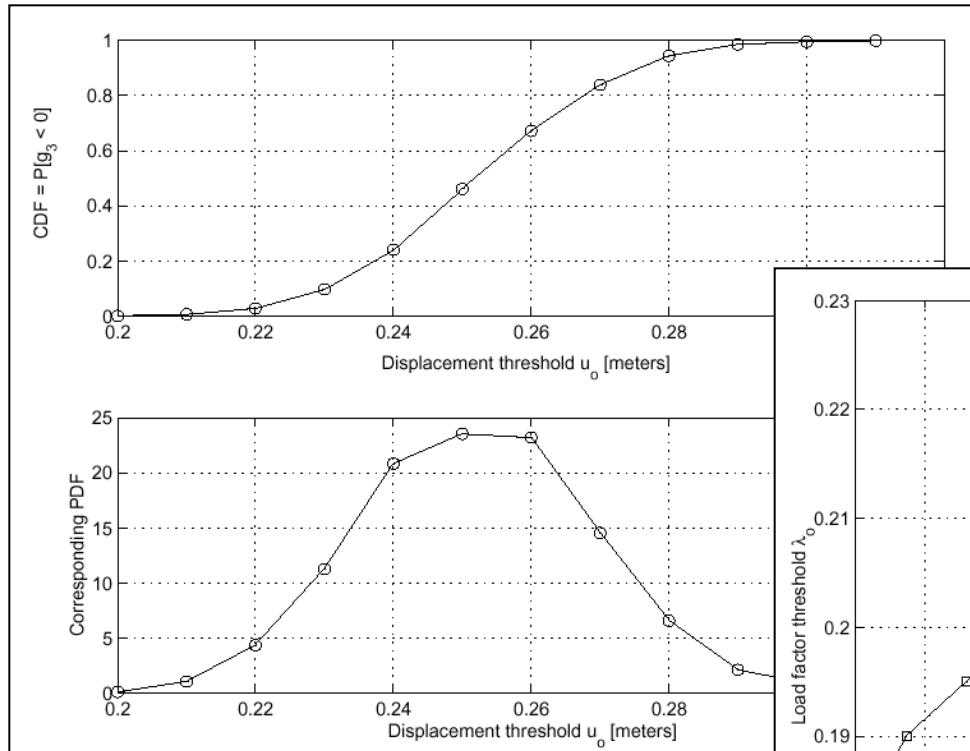
# FORM Analysis, $g_2$ , $u_o=0.30$



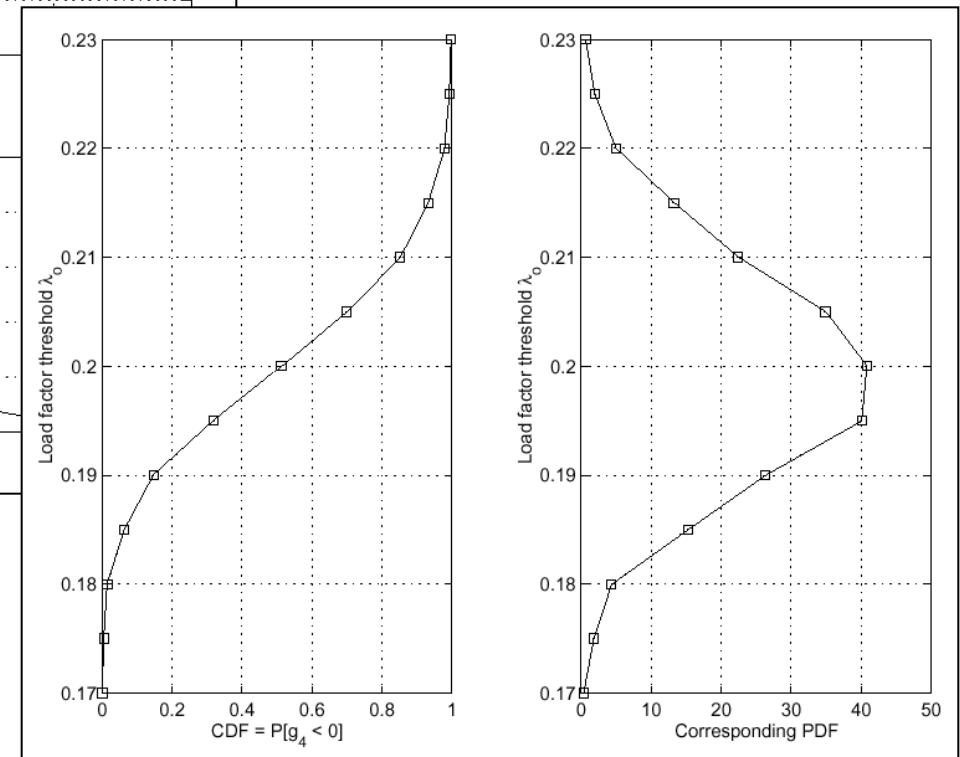
# Continuity of response derivative



# FORM Analysis, $g_3$ and $g_4$



$$g_3 = u(20\% \text{ tangent}) - u_o$$
$$g_4 = \lambda(20\% \text{ tangent}) - \lambda_o$$



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# Stochastic nonlinear dynamic analysis

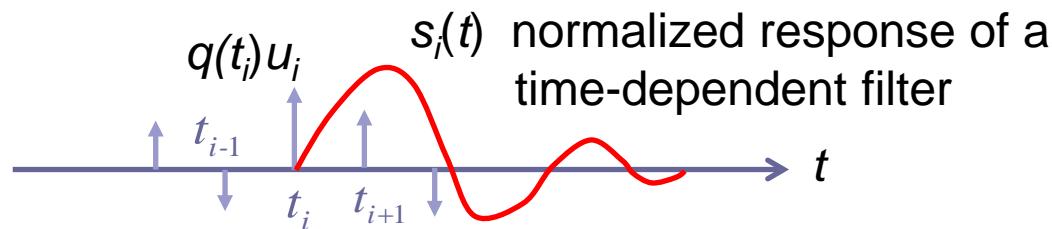
## Representation of stochastic ground motion

$$A(t, \mathbf{u}) = q(t) \sum_{i=1}^n s_i(t) u_i = q(t) \mathbf{s}(t) \mathbf{u}$$

Stochasticity

Temporal nonstationarity

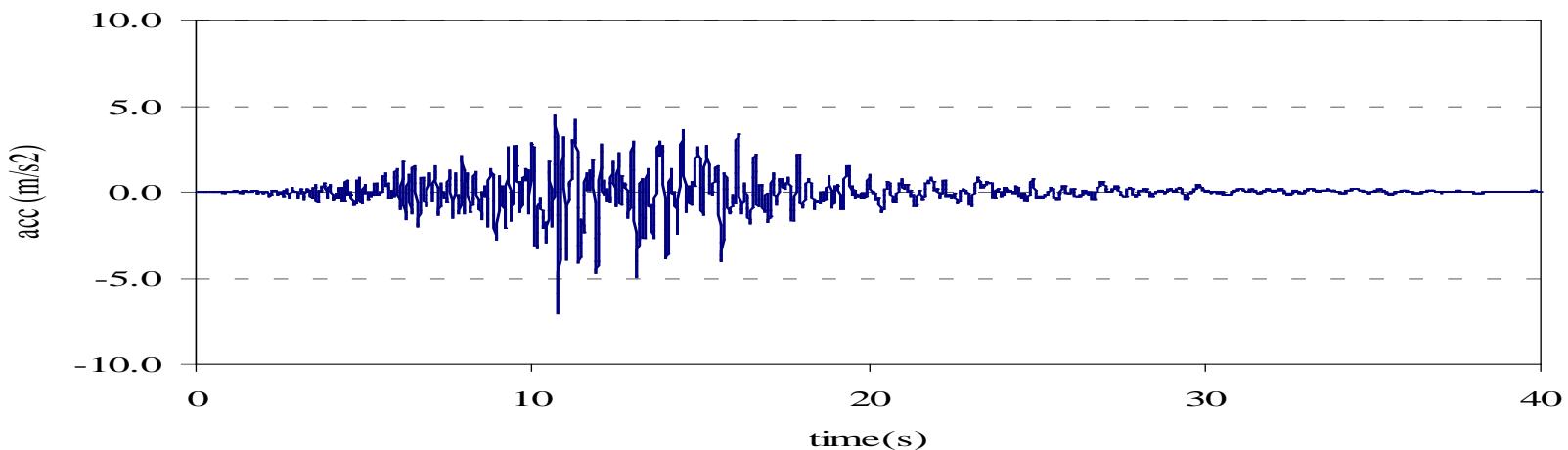
Spectral nonstationarity



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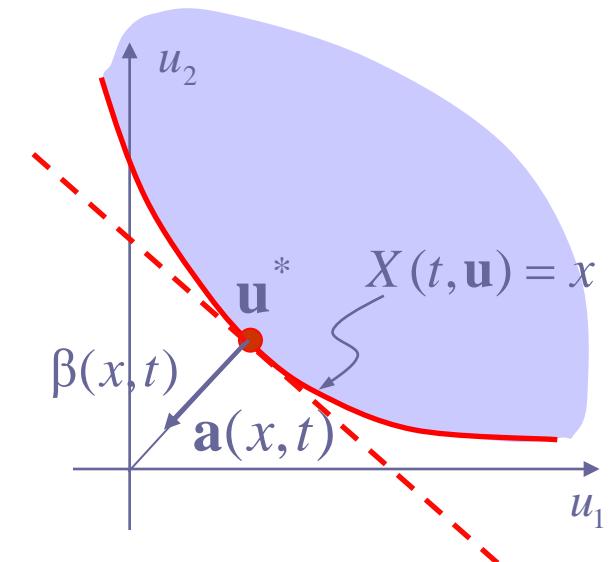
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# Stochastic nonlinear dynamic analysis

$\Pr[x \leq X(t, \mathbf{u})]$  tail probability for threshold  $x$  at time  $t$

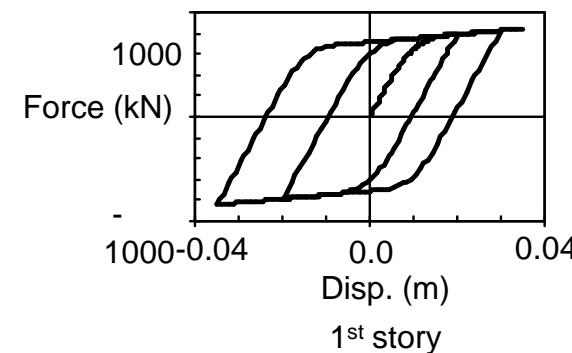
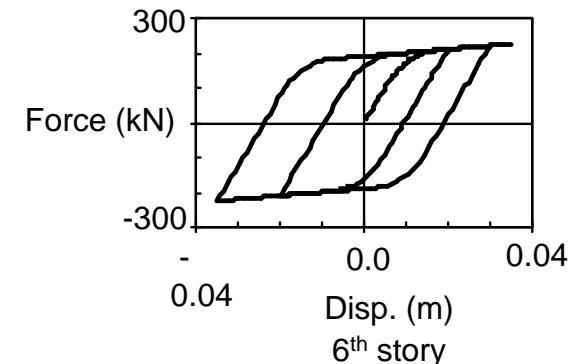
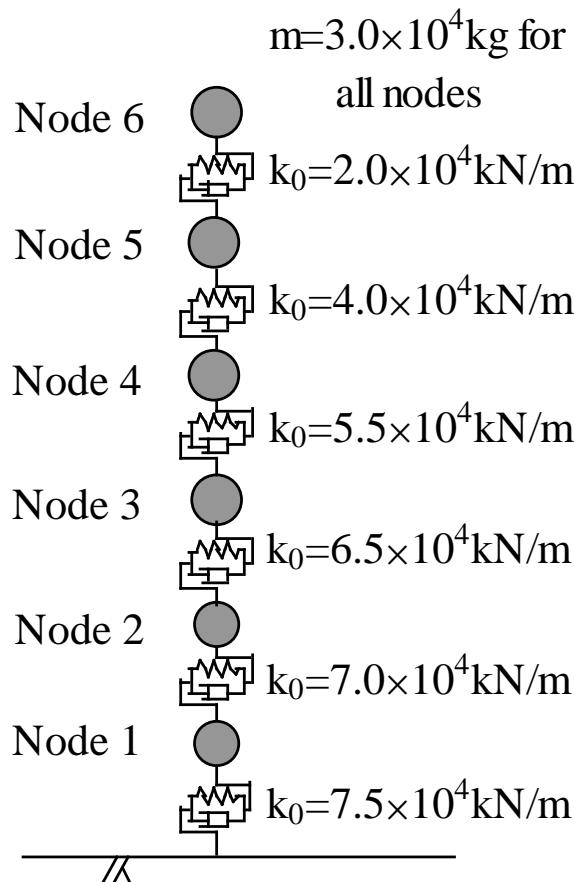
Solution of the above problem by FORM leads to identification of a Tail-Equivalent Linear System (TELS).

TELS is solved by linear random vibration methods to obtain response statistics of interest, e.g., distribution of extreme peak response, fragility curve.



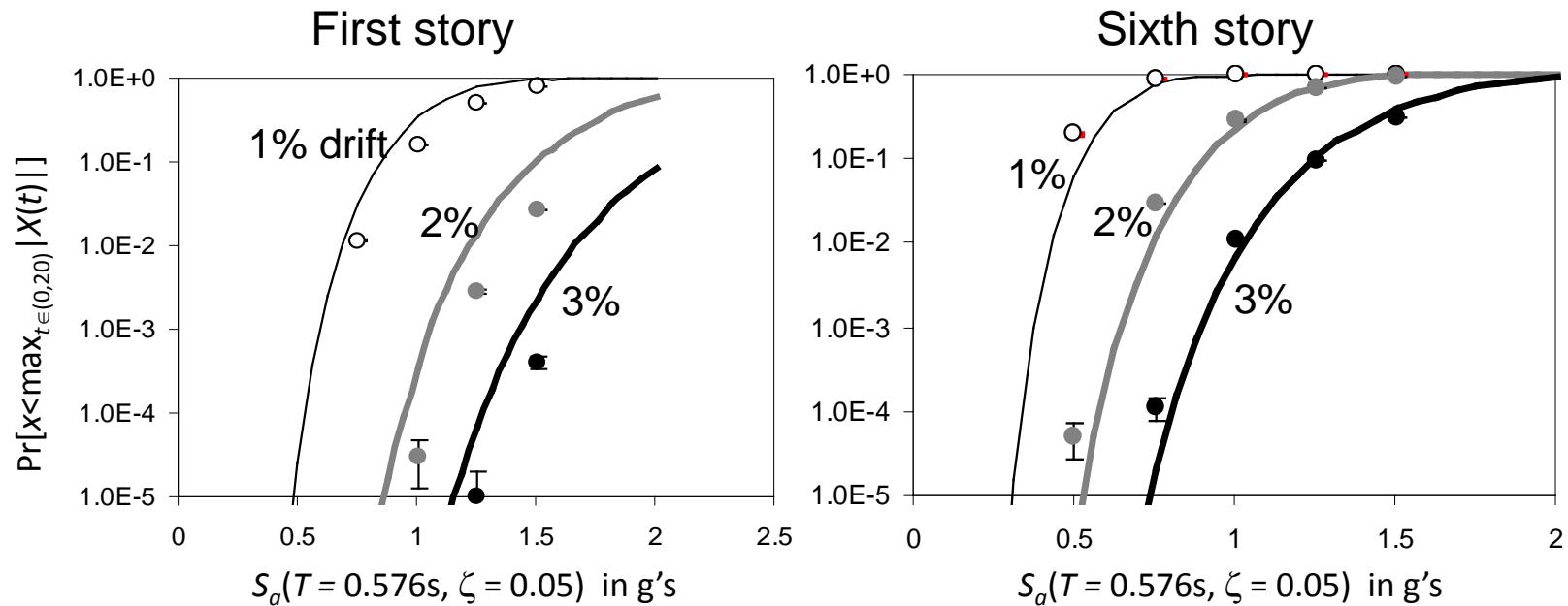
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# Application to MDOF hysteretic system



Smooth bilinear hysteresis model

# Fragility curves for story drifts



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# Summary and conclusions

- Reliability analysis requires specification of uncertain quantities, their distributions, and definition of performance via limit-state function(s). It provides probability of exceeding specified performance limit(s).
- Uncertainty propagation provides first-order approximation of mean, variance and correlations of response quantities.
- Sensitivity and importance measures provide insight into the relative importance of variables and parameters.
- Stochastic dynamic analysis is performed via tail-equivalent linearization. TELM can be used to generate fragility functions (e.g., in lieu of performing IDAs).