

# Evolution of Probabilistic Analysis of Timber Structures from Second-Moment Reliability Methods to Fragility Analysis



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- Trend worldwide toward probabilistic structural design
- Reliability-based design standards for timber (wood) evolved in the US and Canada in the 1980's and 1990's
- 20+ years later, where are we?
  - What did we accomplish? How did we get there?
  - What worked? What hasn't?
  - What has evolved? How? Why?
  - Where are we going?

## Introduction

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- All relevant **limit states** considered (flexure, shear, deflection, etc.) in design process
- All relevant **load combinations** checked to determine controlling combination(s)
- Load combination rules and **partial safety factors** taken from (e.g.) ASCE 7

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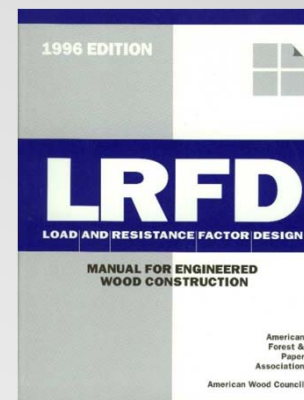
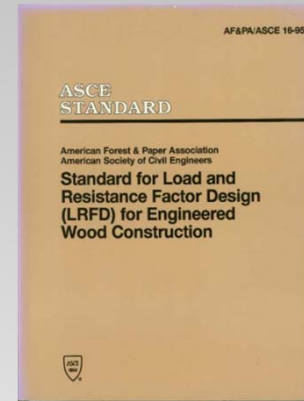
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**FOSM ► FORM/SORM/AFOSM ► MCS ► AMCS**

- Murphy et al., 1988 (US)
- Foschi et al., 1989 (Canada)
- ASCE 7 (load factors, load combinations), AISC and ACI
- In-Grade Test Program (1987, 8 vols.) 
- Soft calibration to NDS (ASD), design strength values, target reliabilities
- Time-effects factors (cumulative damage models for species groups)
- Connections
- Repetitive member system factors

**Result: LRFD for Wood**

- **ASCE 16-95 Standard**  
released in 1996
- **LRFD Manual (AF&PA)**  
released in 1997



- ***Fully coupled analysis***
  - Loads and resistances treated explicitly, simultaneously
  - Reliability-based code calibration
  - “R-S” analyses, FORM-SORM
- ***Uncoupled risk analysis***
  - Dominant source of uncertainty (e.g., extreme load)
  - Separates response from the hazard
  - Fragility analysis
- ***Partially coupled analysis ...***

## Changes in Probabilistic Modeling Approaches, Risk Analysis



- ***Partially coupled analysis***

- Characteristic suite of (e.g., scaled ground motions) selected to characterize the hazard
- Probabilistic response description (e.g., CDF) developed, median-based mechanical and structural properties
- Response distributions and performance requirements (e.g., drift limits) then form the basis for design tables/charts

## **Changes in Probabilistic Modeling Approaches, Risk Analysis**

*Fully coupled analysis – classical reliability analysis (e.g., FORM)*

$$P_f = P[g(\mathbf{x}) < 0] = P[g(\theta_{\text{load}}, \theta_{\text{resistance}}, \theta_{\text{system}}; t) < 0] \quad (5)$$

**LRFD, member-based**

$$\beta = \Phi^{-1}(1 - P_f); \beta = \text{reliability index}$$

$$\Phi^{-1}(\cdot) = \text{inverse standard normal cumulative distribution function (CDF)}$$

*Uncoupled analysis – fragility (conditional probability) analysis*

**Assessment (assembly or system level)**

$$\text{Fr}(x) = P[\text{LS} | D]; \text{Fr}(x) = \text{fragility, LS} = \text{limit state, D} = \text{demand} \quad (6)$$

$$P_f = P[\text{LS}] = \int P[\text{LS} | D] P[D]; P[D] \text{ given by hazard function}$$

*Partially coupled analysis – probabilistic response (performance) analysis*

$$\Lambda(\rho) = \Lambda(\Omega_{\text{hazard}}, \theta_{\text{resistance}}, \theta_{\text{system}}; t; \rho) = \text{response quantity} \quad (7)$$

**Assembly selection (design)**

$$\rho = \text{design parameter, } \Omega = \text{suite of records (e.g.)}$$

$$F_{\Lambda}(x) = \text{cumulative distribution function (CDF) of response quantity } \Lambda$$

## Probabilistic risk analysis for design

closed-form LS function

AFOSM can be used

Easier than DOL/MCS ( $\Sigma\alpha_i$ )  
or order-statistics

product of  
adjustment factors

nominal  
load ratio

$$g(x) = A \cdot B \left[ \frac{\prod c_i \lambda \phi}{R / R_n} \left( \frac{1}{\gamma_D + \mu \gamma_X} \right) \left( \frac{D}{D_n} + \mu \frac{X}{X_n} \right) \right] - \ln \Delta t$$

Range of values  
determined for various  
species/size/grades  
(dimension lumber)

EDRM damage  
model parameters

load factors

variable  
load

critical pulse  
duration

can be changed

ASD or LRFD

“killer pulse” concept

## Single member limit state function (gravity loads)

## B/F-II (Forintek) Model

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = 1 - \ln\left(\frac{A}{C}\right) - B \ln\left[ \frac{\prod c_i \lambda \phi}{R/R_n} \left( \frac{1}{\gamma_D + \mu \gamma_X} \right) \left( \frac{D}{D_n} + \mu \frac{X}{X_n} \right) \right] - \sigma_0 - C\tau$$

Diagram illustrating the B/F-II (Forintek) Model function  $g(\mathbf{x})$  with annotations:

- $\frac{A}{C}$ : B/F-II damage model parameters
- $B$ : B/F-II damage model parameters
- $\prod c_i \lambda \phi$ : product of adjustment factors
- $R/R_n$ : load factors
- $\gamma_D$  and  $\mu \gamma_X$ : load factors
- $\frac{D}{D_n} + \mu \frac{X}{X_n}$ : nominal load ratio
- $\mu \frac{X}{X_n}$ : variable load
- $\sigma_0$ : critical pulse duration
- $C\tau$ : critical pulse duration

**Single member limit state function (gravity loads)**

$$g(\underline{x};t) = g[\underline{x}_{\text{load}}(t), \underline{x}_{\text{resistance}}(t), \underline{x}_{\text{system}}(t)]$$

*limit state function*

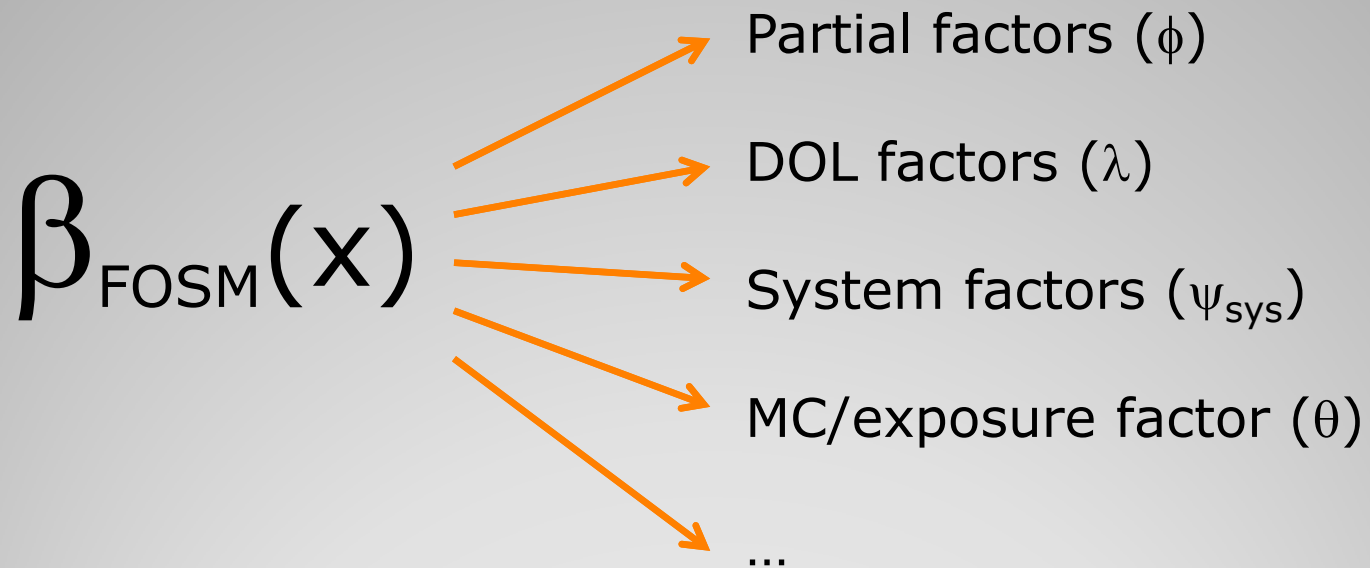
$$P_f = \Pr(\alpha(t) > 1; 0 < t < T_{\text{ref}})$$

*cumulative damage*

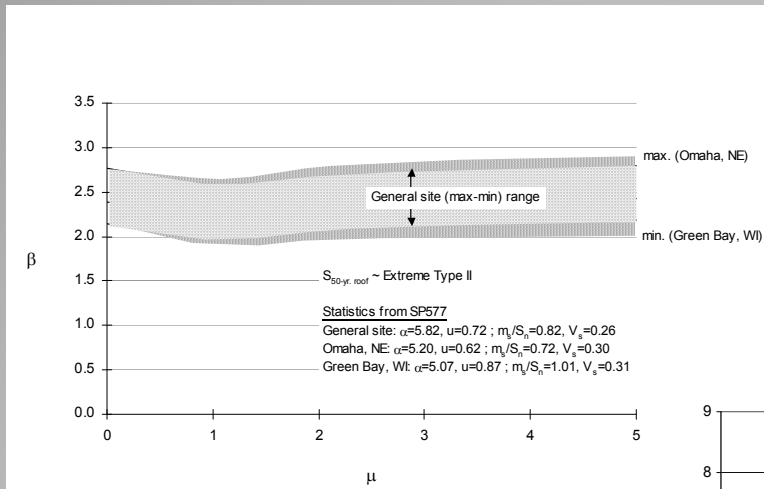
- Updated load process models, statistics
- Resistance statistics based on IGTP data, species groupings
- Comparison of cumulative damage models for similar species, validation
- Load duration (time effects) factors
- Interaction effects:
  - Repetitive-member systems
  - Moisture content
  - Beam-columns
  - Roof ponding

**Single-member limit state analysis with cumulative damage (time-dependent simulation)**

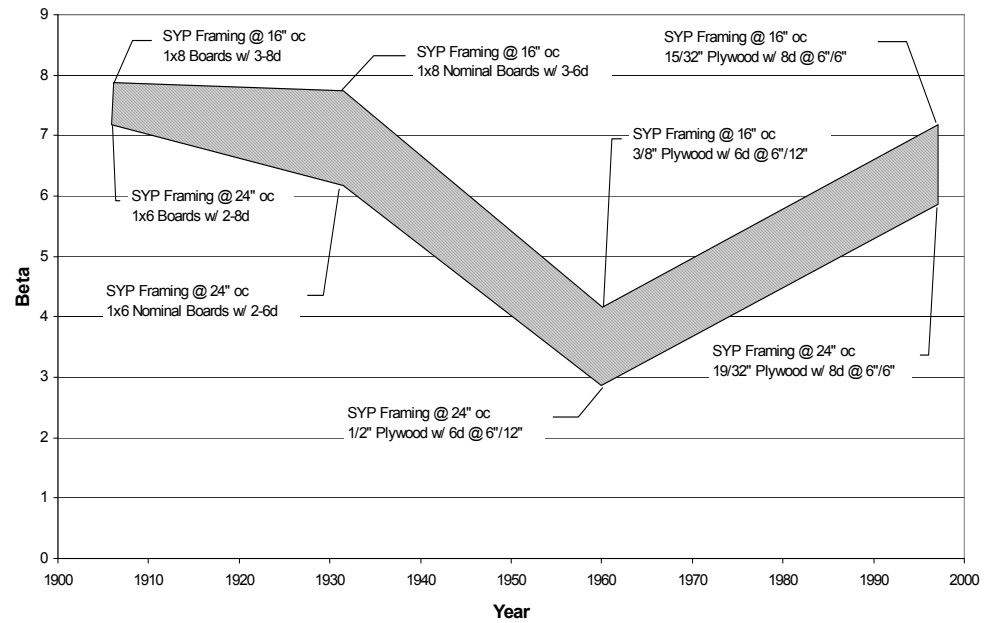




## Results



$$\beta_{FOSM}(x)$$



**IGTP → Assembly tests → CUREE → NEESWood**

Coupled analyses  
Code calibration  
RBD  
Time effects  
System factors

Shear walls  
Diaphragms  
Walls  
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**A transition** (spanning ~25 years)



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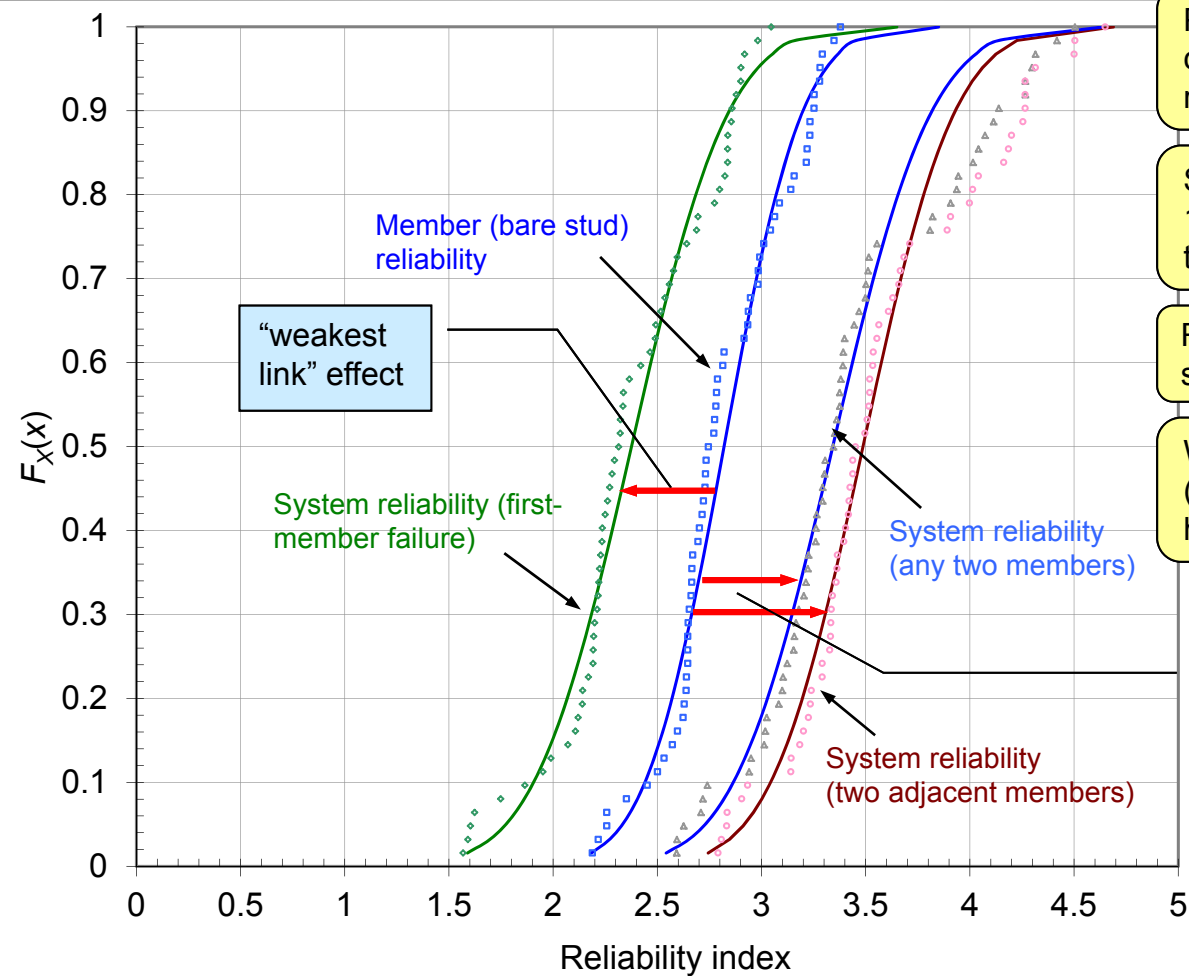
- Geometric (section properties), e.g., ratio of PCM to bare stud section modulus
- Strength-based, e.g., ratio of system to individual member ultimate strength
- Reliability-based, e.g., bring system reliability down to member reliability (assumes comparable failure consequences)
- Others (e.g., ratio of ultimate-to-yield, etc.)

**Repetitive member factors**

# Portfolio approach

- In some cases, it may not be possible to express a generalized limit state function in terms of nominal values
  - e.g., indeterminate systems in which complex material behavior, load-sharing behavior, and/or system limit state definitions are being considered
- An alternative to using a generalized limit state function with a bounded basic variable set is to consider a “portfolio approach”
  - range of explicit systems
  - assumed to be representative of the design space

# Repetitive-member system reliabilities



Portfolio of walls designed to meet current code, with combined stress ratios close to 1.0

Structures ranging in height from 1-story to 3-stories, with typical tributary floor/roof areas.

Range of stud species/size/grades, stud spacings, wall heights, etc.

Walls subject to combined axial (D+L+S) and transverse (W) loads; high wind region.

Beneficial system effects

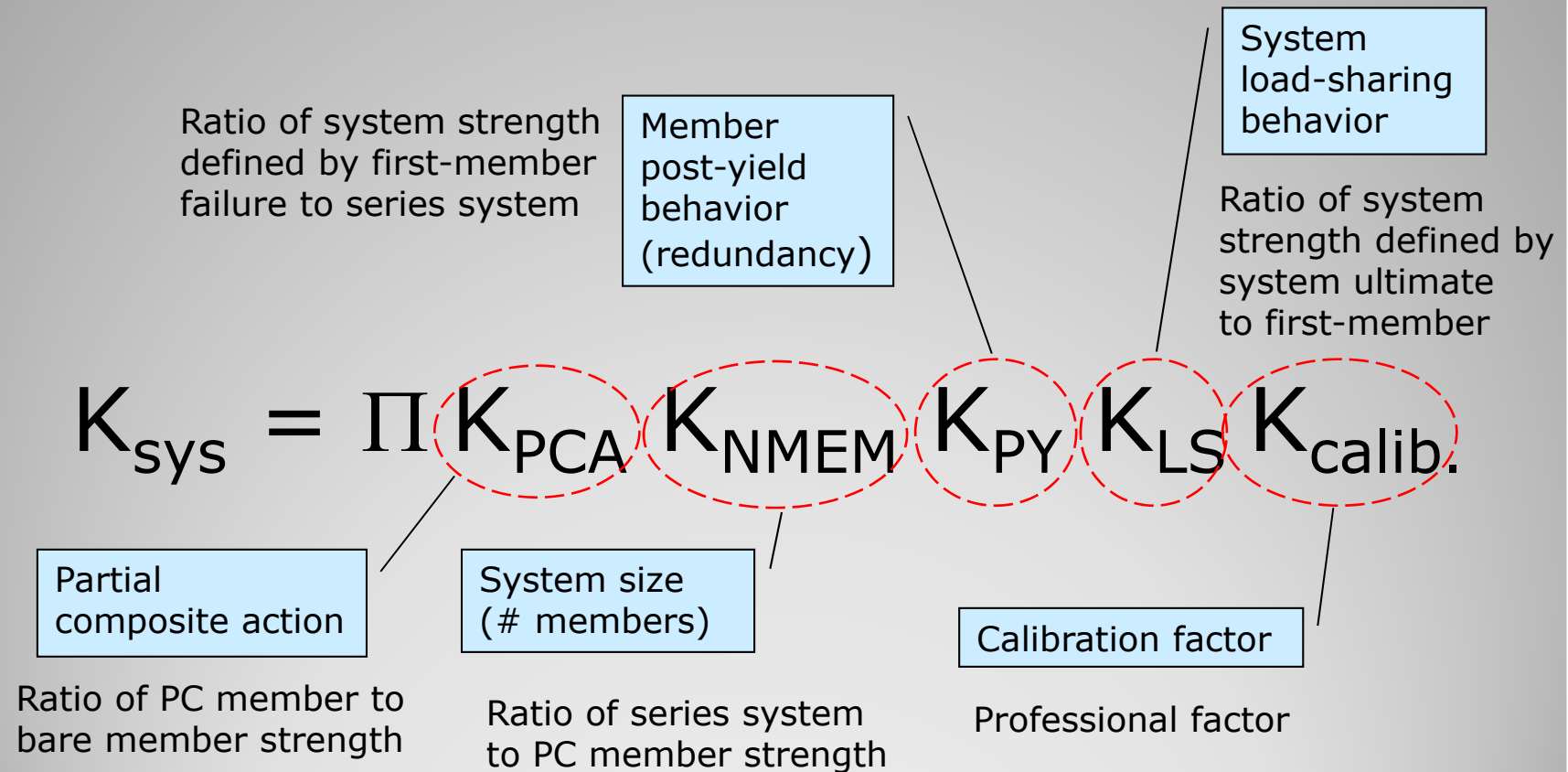
Example: wood stud walls

- Single factor (e.g., on flexural strength) may not be adequate for all system configurations, materials, and load types.
- Evaluation of system factors for design of wall members
  - ✓ Compatible with current format (e.g.,  $C_r=1.15$ ) in NDS and LRFD
  - ✓ Proposed new format for repetitive-member factors:

$$K_{sys} = \Pi K_{PCA} K_{NMEM} K_{PY} K_{LS}$$

## Partial system factors

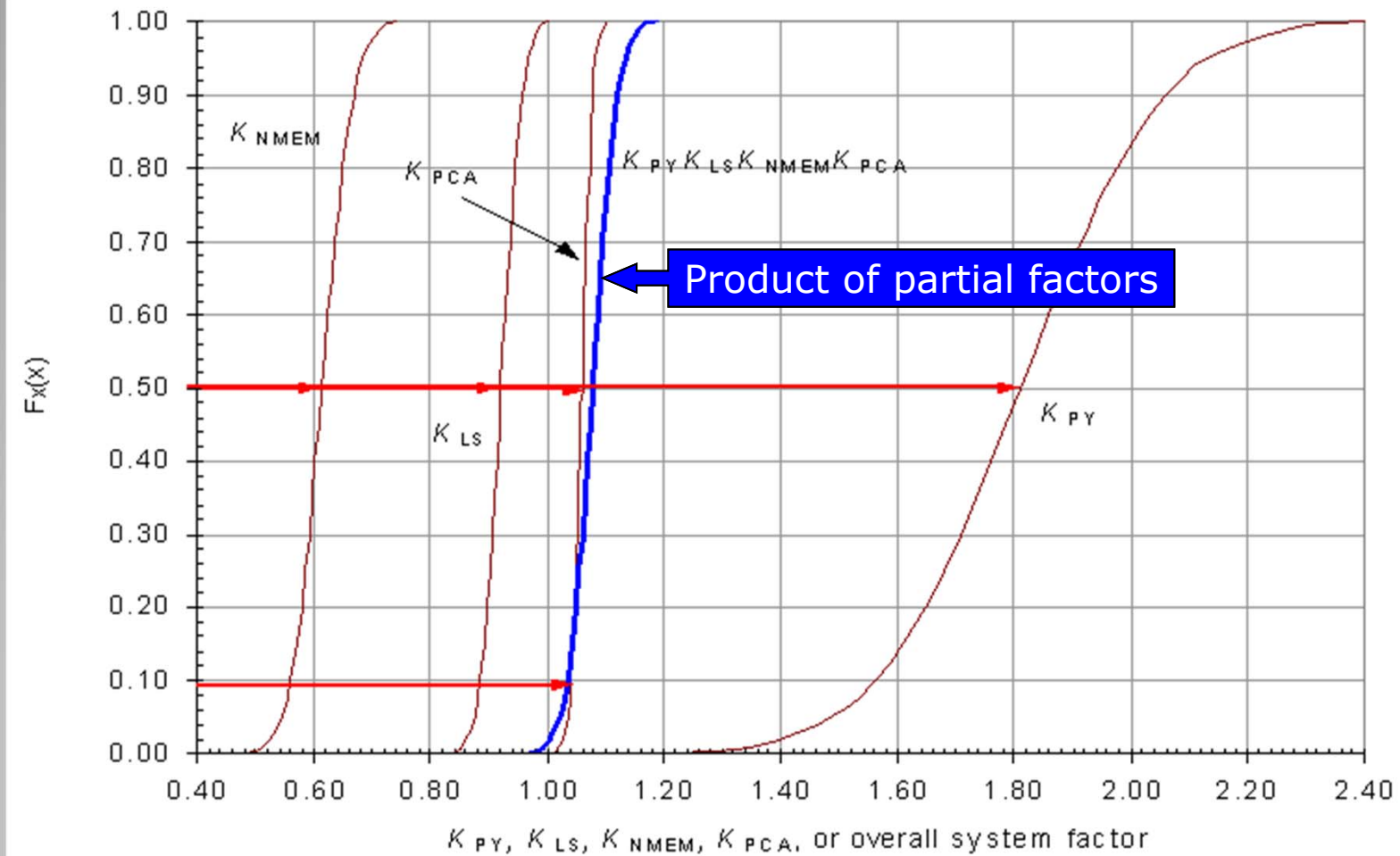
# Partial system factors



Ratios of 5<sup>th</sup>-percentiles?

Mixed ratios?  
(medians, 5<sup>th</sup>-percentiles)

Some ratios deterministic?



**Example: wall with openings on both sides**

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sort of

(A<sup>^</sup> new paradigm)

# Performance-based engineering

- Design process is structured to meet specific performance expectations of the building occupants, owner and public
- Gaining momentum in North America, Japan, and elsewhere
- First discussed in 1970's (HUD "Operation Breakthrough")
- Revisited in 1990's, following Loma Prieta and Northridge, when it became apparent that buildings design by code for life safety often did not meet performance expectations in other aspects (\$\$\$)
  - SAC Steel (MRF) project
  - CUREE-Caltech Wood Frame project

## Background: Structural reliability, Single-member checking equations

- Structural reliability theory has been used as the basis for code development since the 1970's
- LRFD for wood, performance requirement (safety):

$$\lambda\phi R' > \sum\gamma_i Q_i$$

- **Single-member** checking equations (members, components, connections) used in design of new structures

### Shortcomings:

- Provide only an approximate picture of how a **system** of such members performs
- Unable to provide meaningful information on expected performance of a large number of (existing) structures

# PBE concepts

- PB framework typically based on 3-4 generally stated **performance goals**, e.g.,
  1. IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY following moderate events (local or no damage)
  2. LIFE SAFETY under design-basis events (moderate damage)
  3. COLLAPSE PREVENTION under maximum considered events
- Challenge: state goals must be expressed in terms of structural responses that the engineer can evaluate with available analytical tools.

# PBE concepts (cont'd.)

## System reliability

Analytical models of system performance

- Complete systems (e.g., building frames)
- Sub-systems, assemblies (e.g., shearwalls)

Nonlinear FE models

Time-history analysis

Multiple failure modes

Integrated failure modes

## Fragility modeling

Uncoupled (vs. fully coupled) risk analysis

Uncouples the system analysis from the hazard

- Aleatory (variability) vs. epistemic uncertainty
- Unlike **fully coupled** approach (e.g., FORM) taken in developing limit states design, one source of variability often dominates ( $V_S \gg V_R$ )
- An **uncoupled** fragility analysis provides a useful framework (e.g., for assessment) and suggests alternate approaches

**Design for natural hazards, fragility analysis**

Fragility of structural system often modeled by a Lognormal CDF:

$$Fr(x) = \Phi \left[ \frac{\ln(x / m_R)}{\xi_R} \right]$$

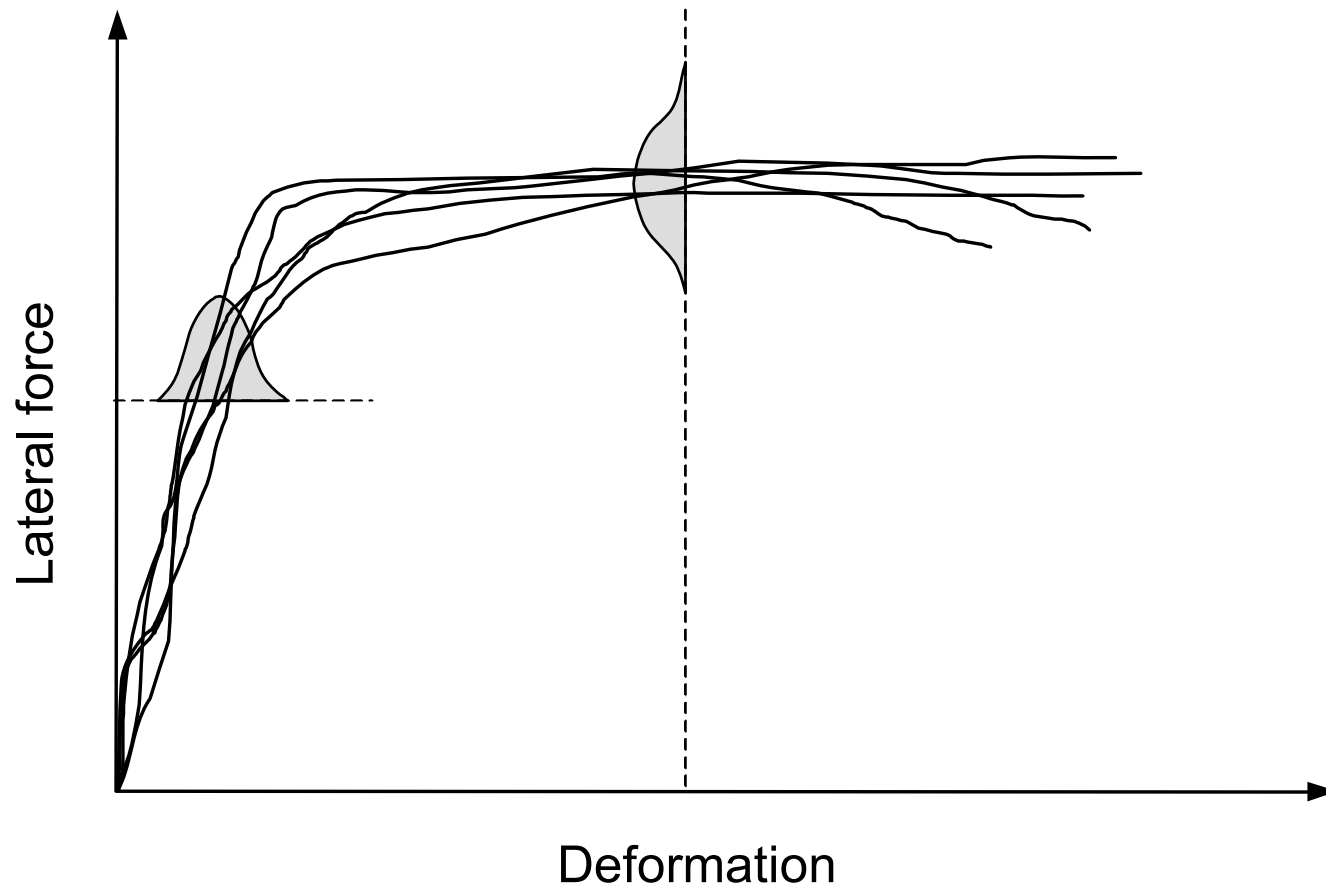
DEMAND →  $x$   
MEDIAN CAPACITY →  $m_R$   
 $\xi_R$  →  $\approx$  C.O.V. OF CAPACITY

- Possible first-order estimation of  $m_R$  by single nonlinear analysis, or small  $n$
- $\xi_R$  relatively insensitive to small variations in design parameters for one class of structural systems

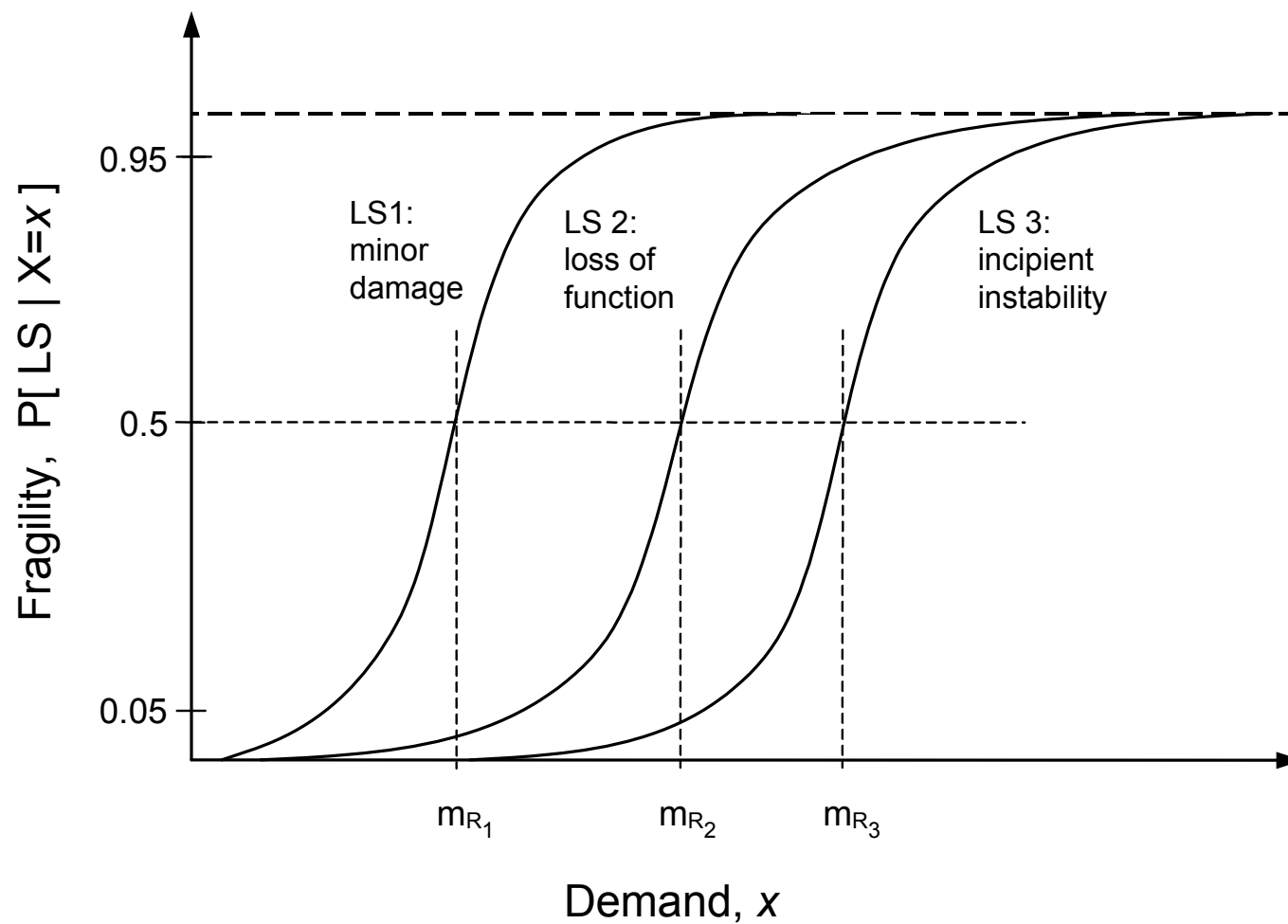
**Fragility modeling**

# Load-deformation curves

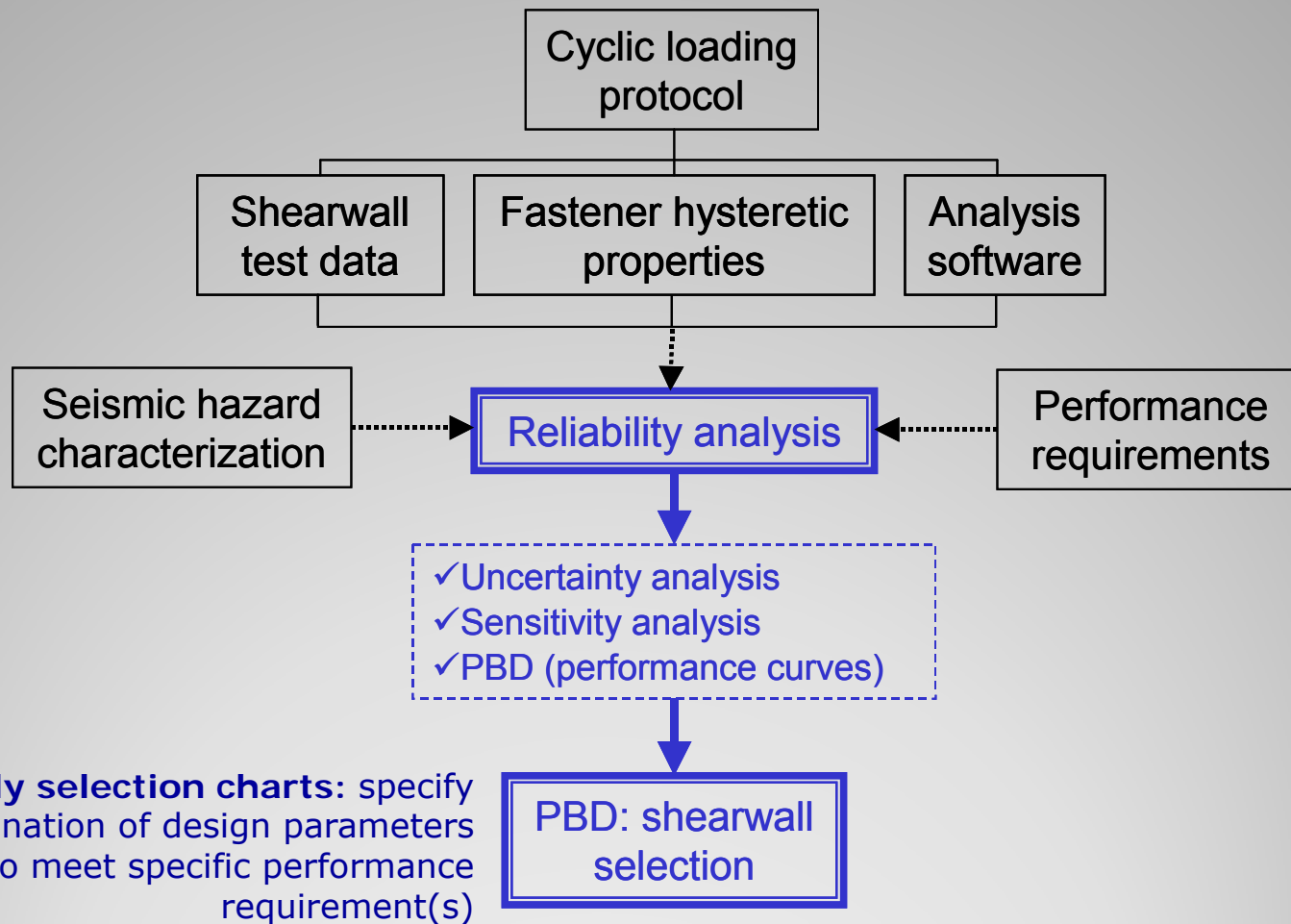
(e.g., from a nonlinear finite element analysis)



# Suite of fragility curves







## CUREE-Caltech Woodframe Project

Best-fit estimators for fastener hysteretic parameters from cyclic connection tests

**SASHFIT**  
program

Cyclic load-deformation (hysteresis) curves for specimen with single sheathing-to-framing fastener

Connection test data

With specified structural configuration and input fastener hysteretic parameters

**CASHEW**  
program

Single set of hysteretic parameters for a given wall

Equivalent nonlinear SDOF oscillator

Nonlinear timehistory analysis with global shearwall hysteretic parameters from CASHEW

**SASH1**  
program

Response spectrum approach

Scaling procedure

Suite of OGM records scaled to a particular spectral acceleration

Scaled ordinary ground motion (OGM) records

Response distribution for given seismic weight

Peak displacement distribution

One set for each non-exceedence probability level

Design charts for shearwall selection

One set for each combination of structural parameters (sheathing, fastener type, fastener spacing)

Performance curves (peak drift vs. seismic weight)

One fragility curve for each combination of structural parameters and performance requirement (limit state)

Fragility curves (failure probability vs. spectral acceleration)

## Modular NLTHA approach, CUREE (Rosowsky et al.)

- Peak displacement distributions
  - Assembly-level
  - Full structure
- Performance curves, design charts
- Fragilities,  $Fr(x)$
- Direct Displacement Design (DDD)
- Performance-based DDD

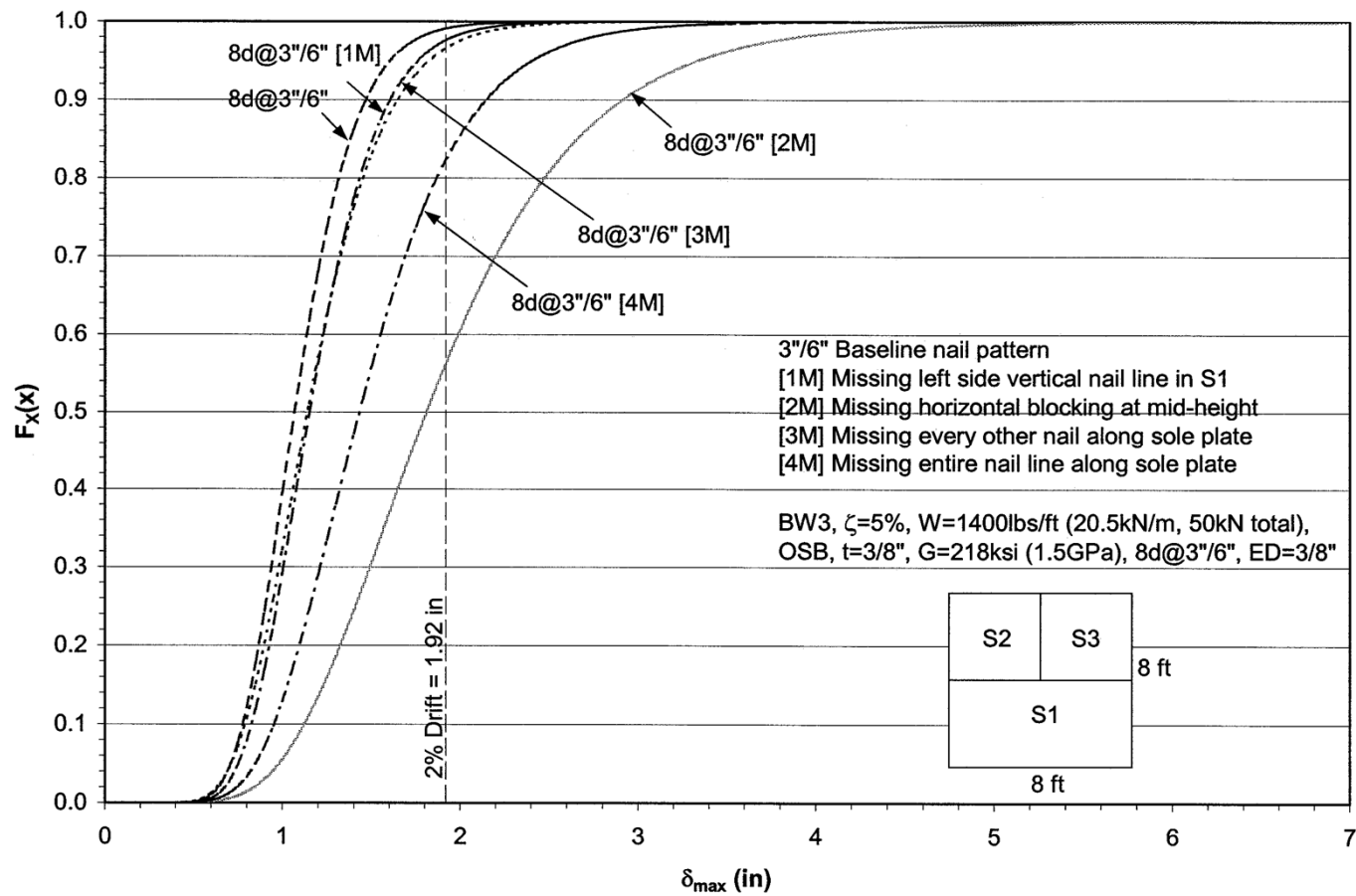
## Performance-based (seismic) design

- ❑ Peak displacement CDF's can be post-processed into a form more useful for design (dependent variable: **seismic weight**)
- ❑ **Performance curves** are intermediate step toward developing **design charts**
- ❑ Peak displacement CDF's (non-parametric) can be post-processed into **fragility curves**,  
 $Fr(x) = P[LS|D]$

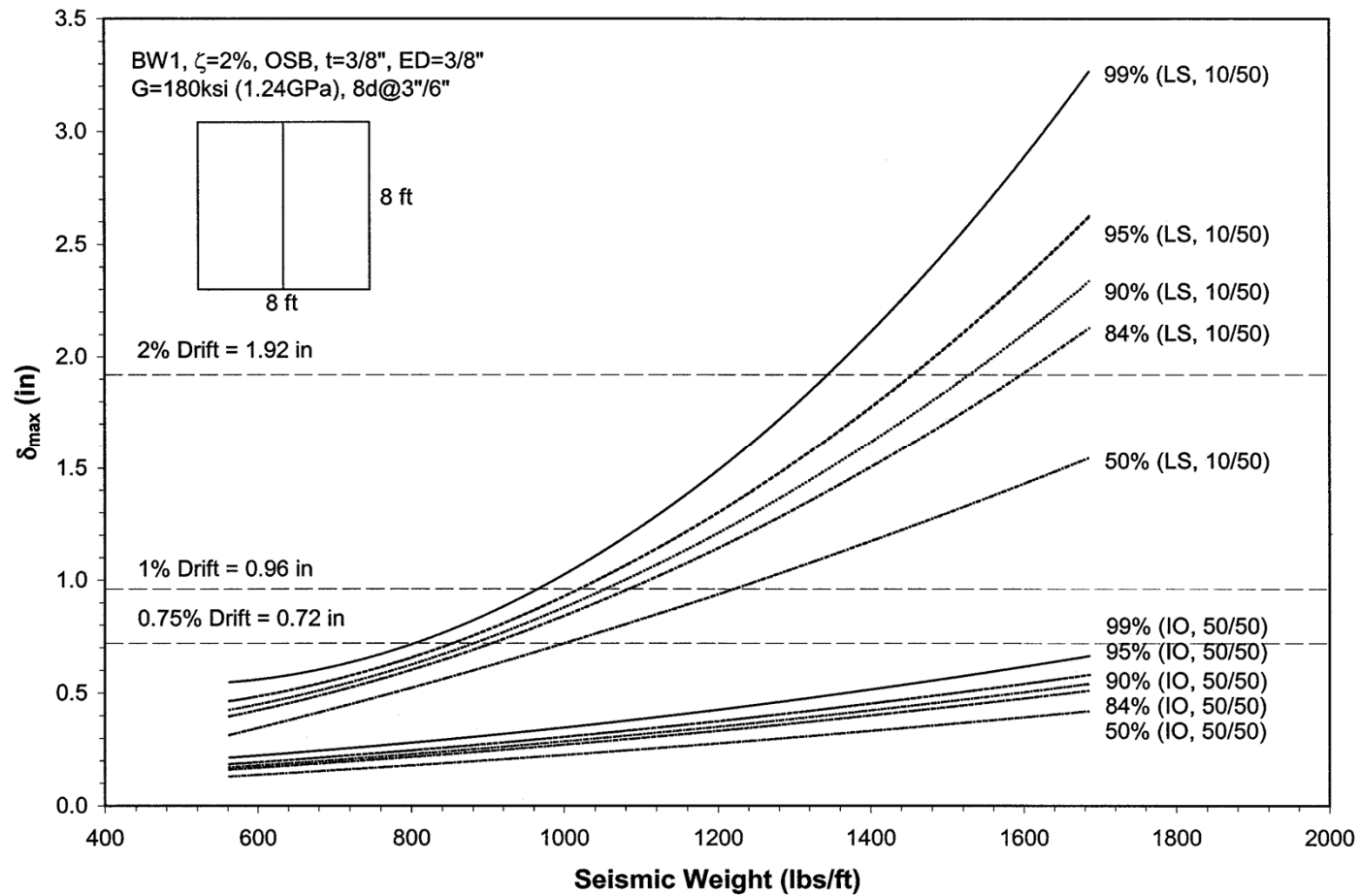
## Post-processing results

- Simplified design charts ✓
- Fragilities for assessment ✓
- Fragilities for design ✗
- PBSB (DDD) ✓

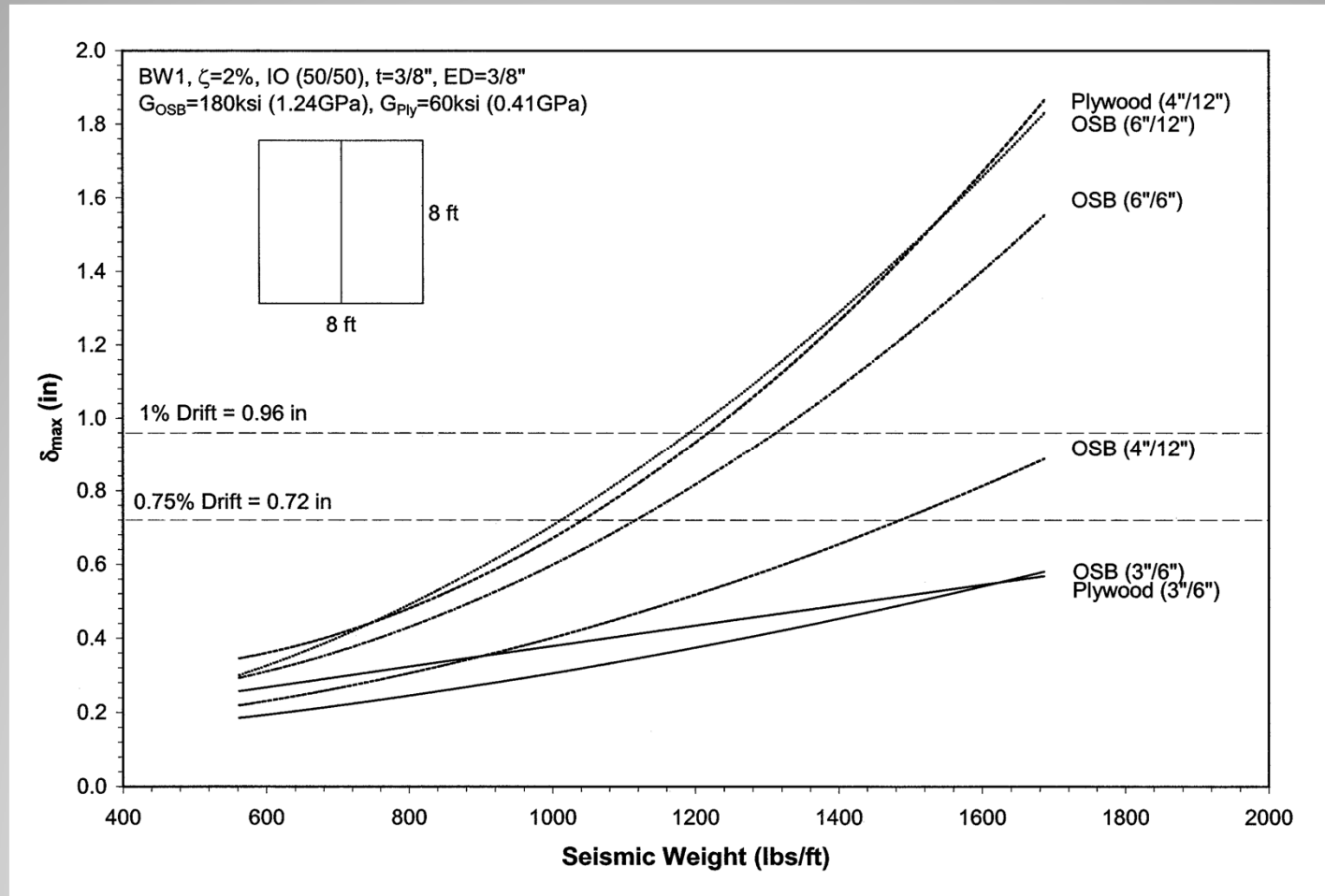
## Evolution of PBSB for Wood Structures



## Assembly-level peak displacement distributions (effect of missing fasteners)



## Assembly-level performance curves



## Assembly-level design chart



# Fragilities

Peak displacement CDF's (non-parametric) can be post-processed into (parametric) **fragility curves**,  $Fr(x) = P[LS|D]$



Performance-based  
**Assessment (PBA)**

Performance-based  
**Design (PBD)**

***“Performance-based Engineering (PBE)”***

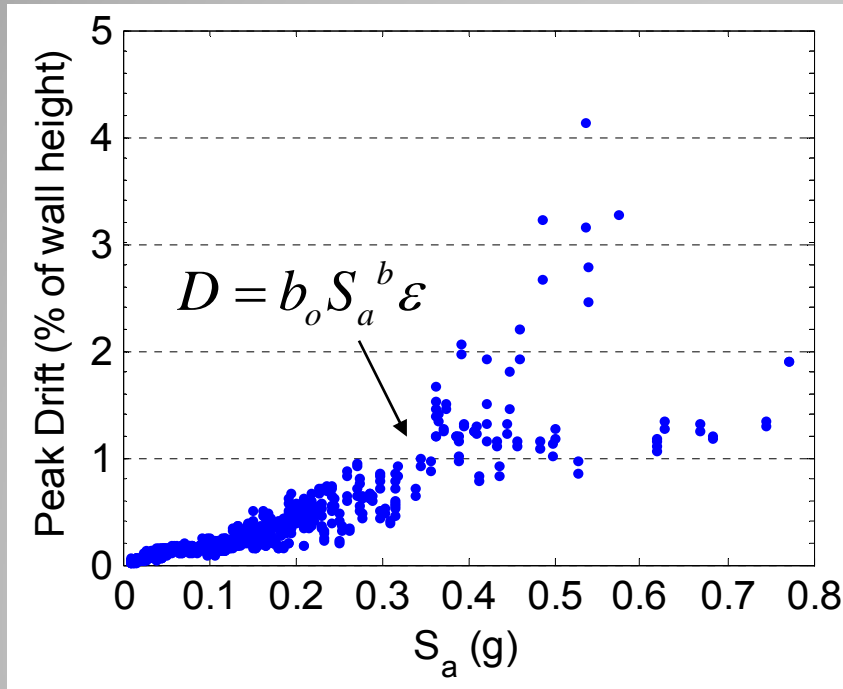
$$F_R(C \leq D | S_a) = 1 - \Phi \left( \frac{\lambda_C - \lambda_D}{\sqrt{\beta_C^2 + \beta_D^2 + \beta_M^2}} \right)$$

Log Median Capacity (blue arrow pointing to  $\lambda_C$ )  
 Log Median Demand (red arrow pointing to  $\lambda_D$ )  
 Capacity Uncertainty (blue arrow pointing to  $\beta_C$ )  
 Demand Uncertainty (red arrow pointing to  $\beta_D$ )  
 Modeling Uncertainty (green arrow pointing to  $\beta_M$ )

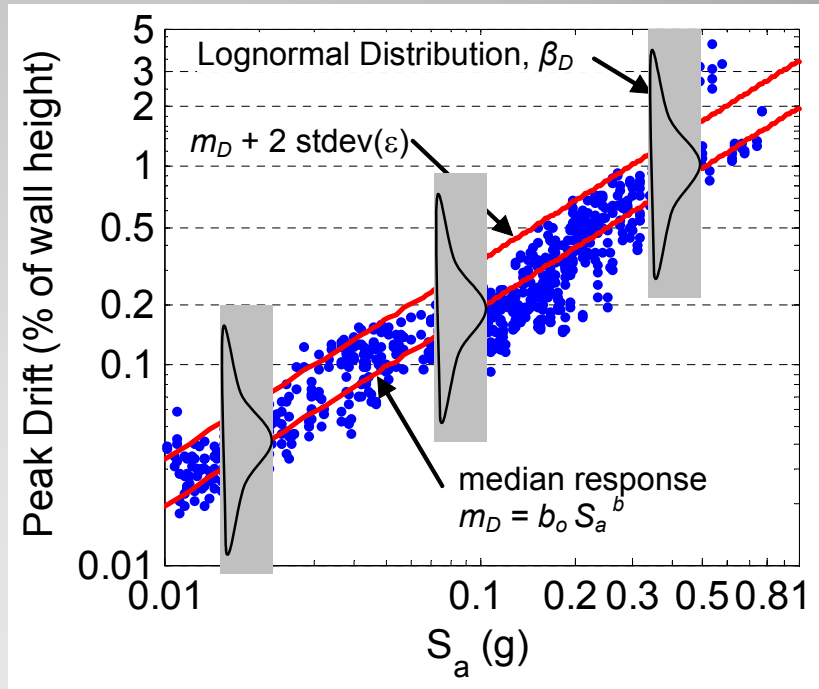
*aleatoric* (inherent) and *epistemic* (knowledge-based) uncertainties are taken into account through the  $\beta$  terms

## Fragility equation

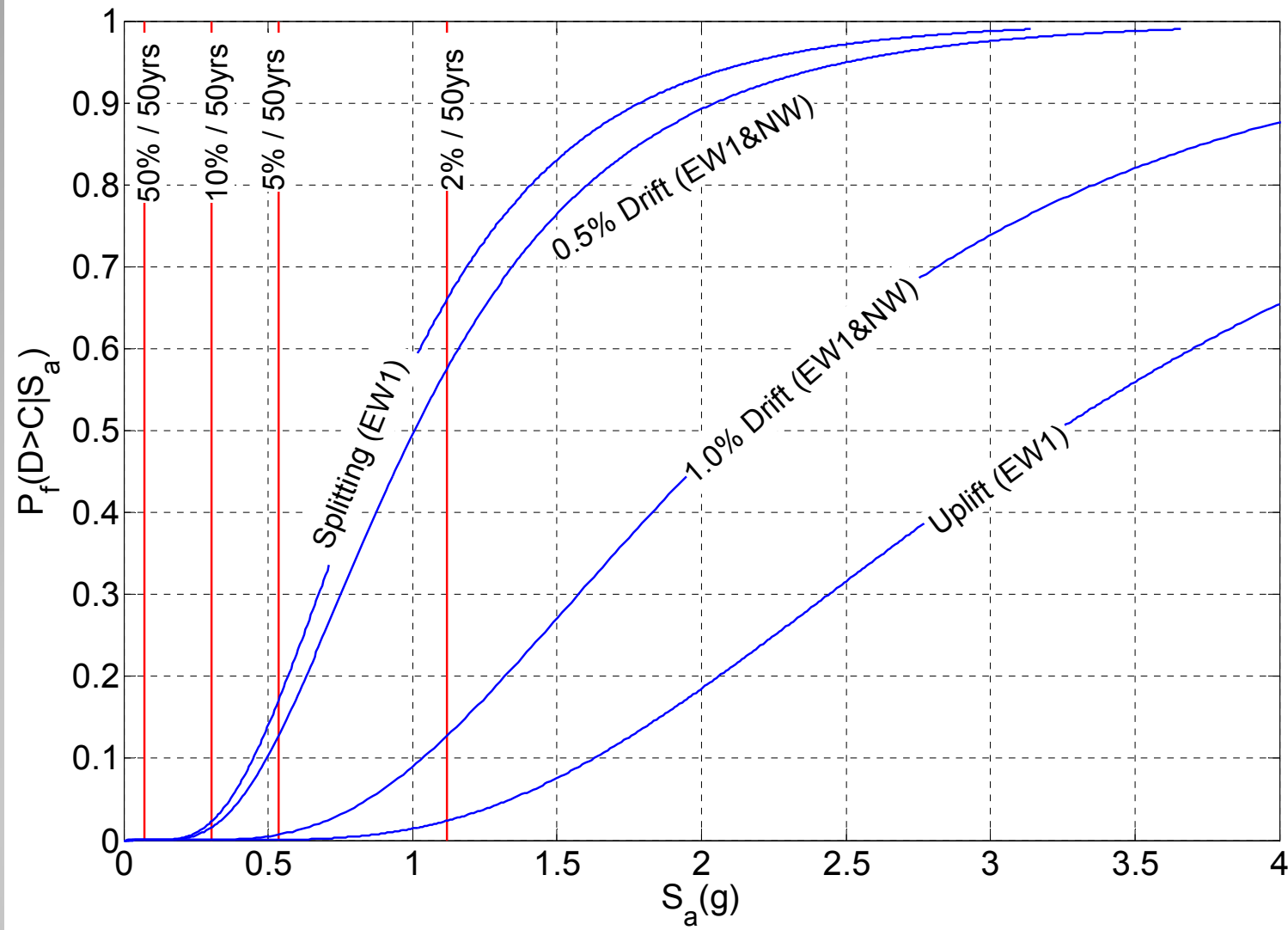
## Original space



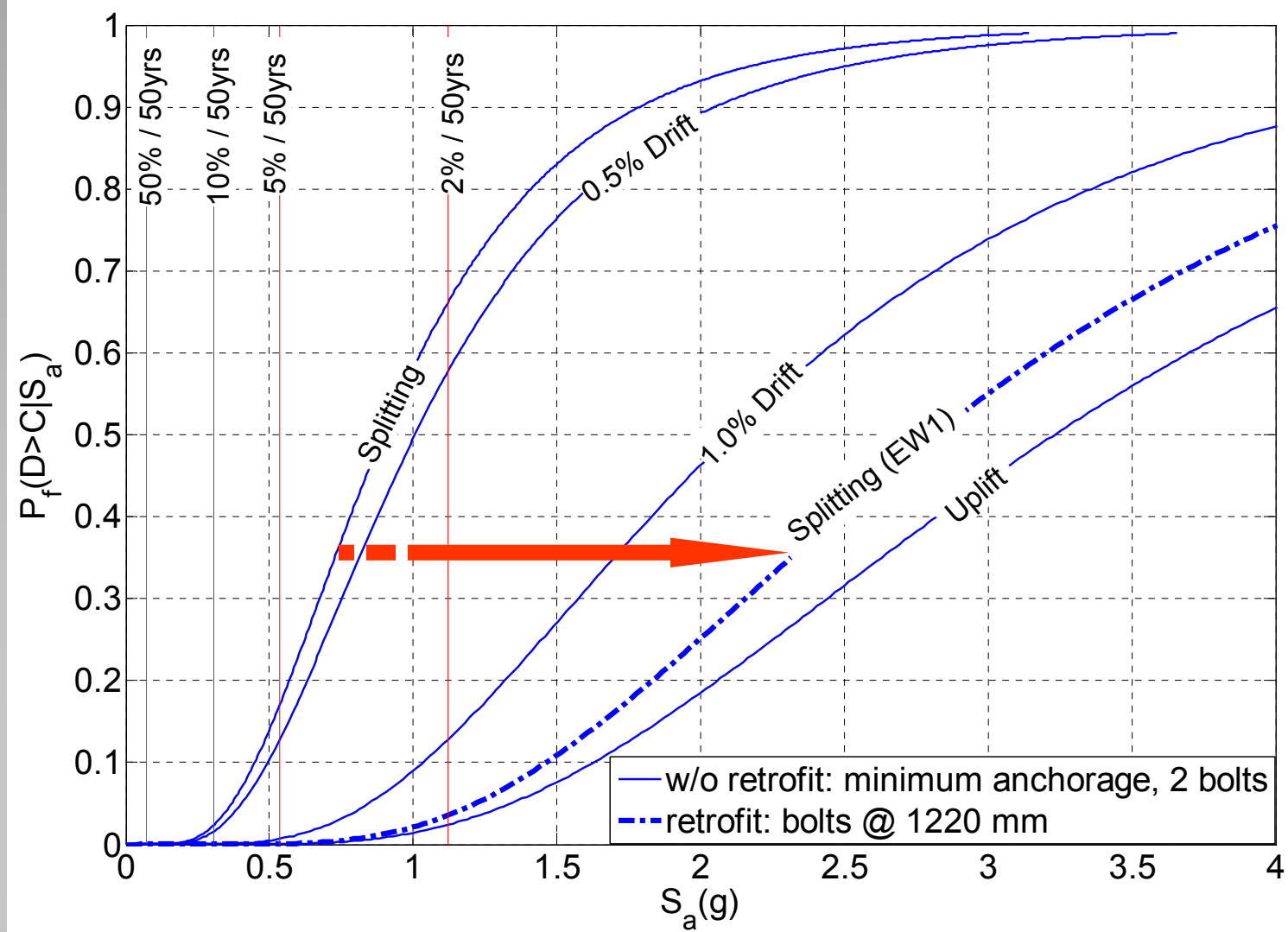
## Log-log space



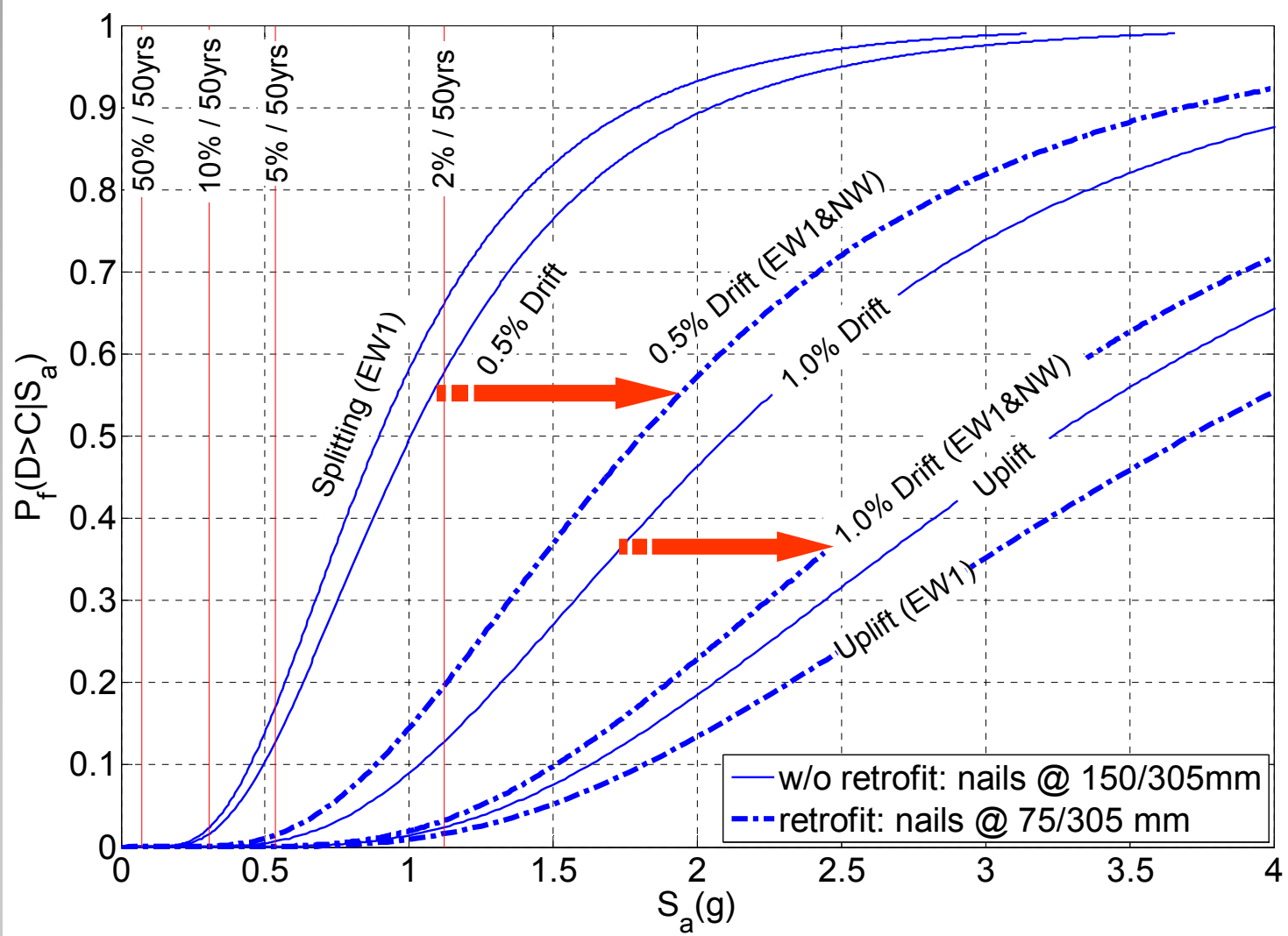
## Determination of demand uncertainty



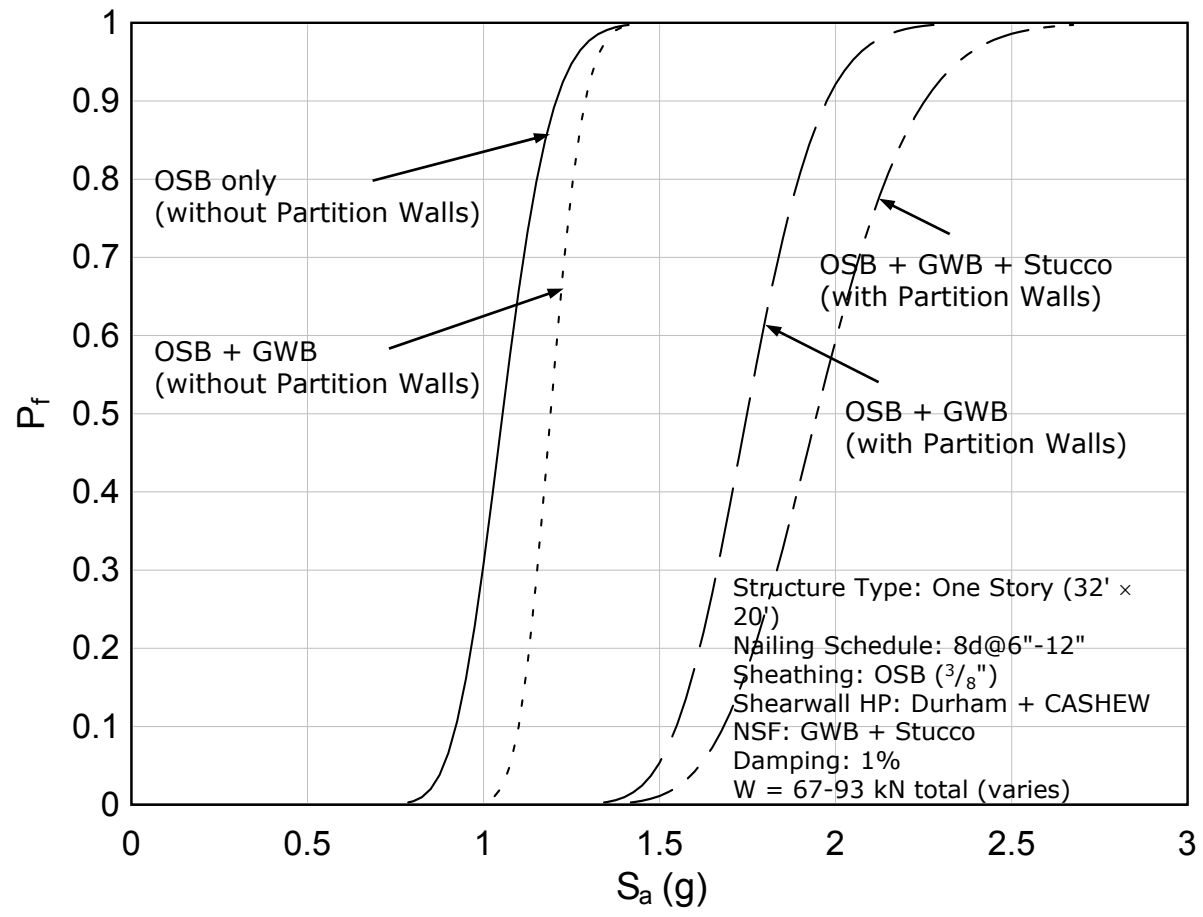
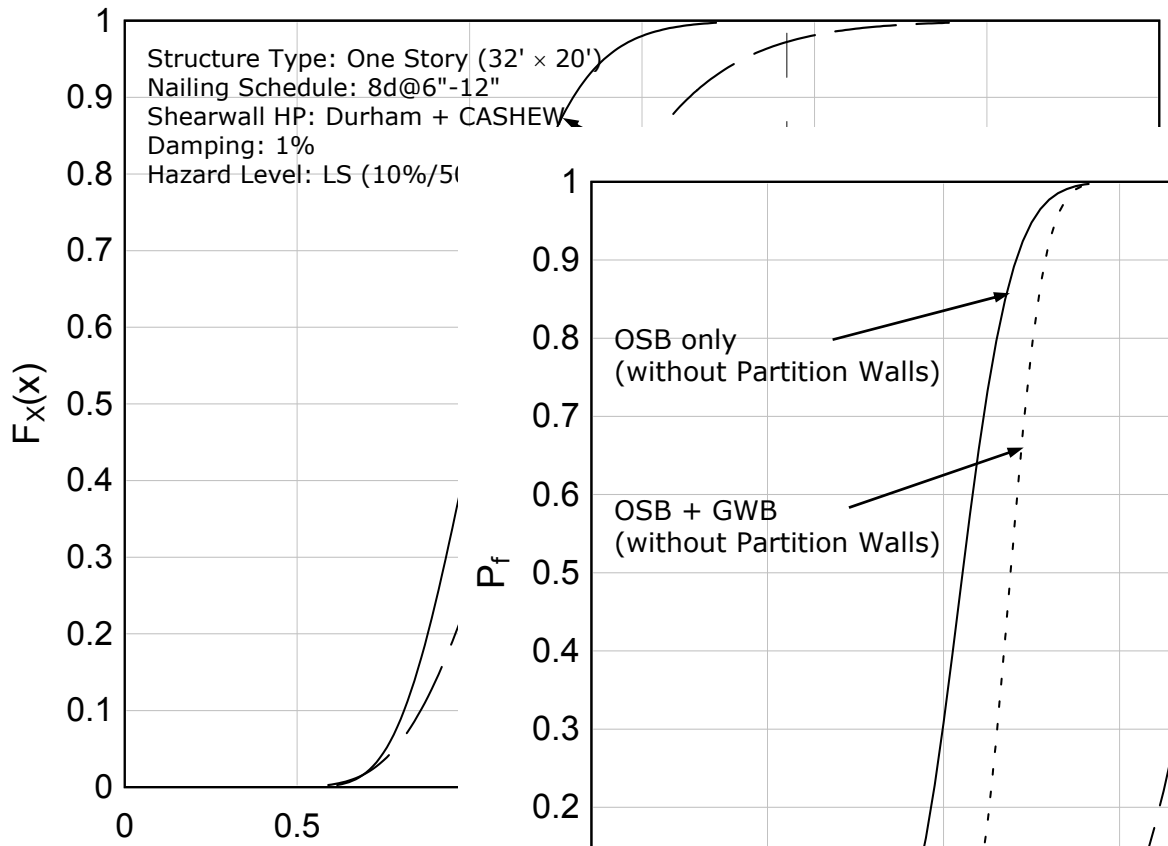
Ex., Fragility curves for one-story structure, isolated wall (3 modes)



Ex., One-story structure, isolated wall: retrofit evaluation (1)



Ex., One-story structure, isolated wall: retrofit evaluation (2)



## Assembly vs. complete structure

# Whole structure modeling and analysis (NLTHA, seismic response characterization, PBSD)

## I. Numerical model

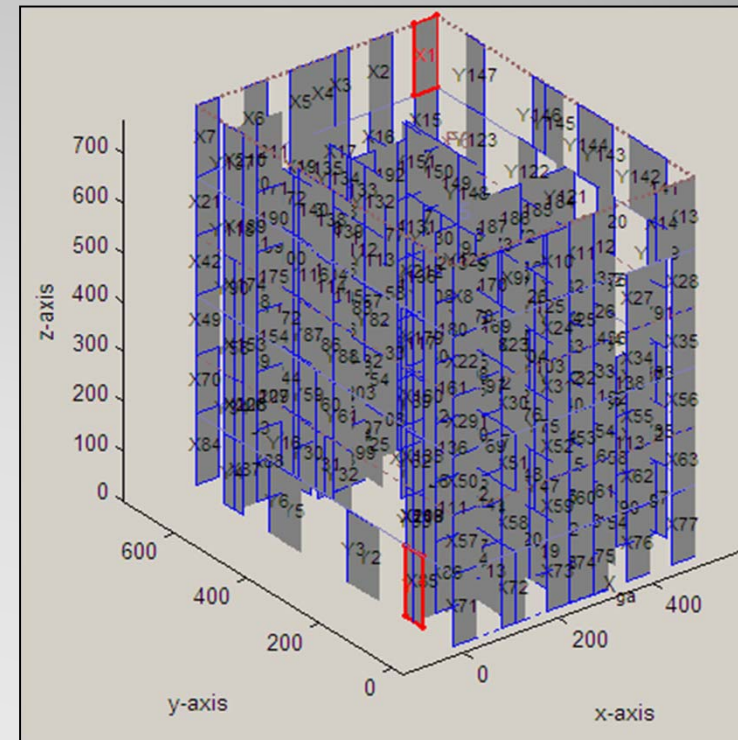


- SAWS (MATLAB)
- Shearwalls modeled as hysteretic spring elements

## II. Seismic hazard (OGM suites)

- 20 bi-axial records each
- Selected from the PEER database to match the design response spectra

## III. Post-processing of results





- Extend a procedure for Direct Displacement-Based Design (DDD) of midrise wood frame (timber) buildings, *e.g.*, 3-6 stories
- Develop a set of (probability-based) factors for use in the DDD procedure to meet specified performance levels with certain target probabilities
- Create design charts (*e.g.*, as a function of building height) to enable selection of appropriate  $C_{NE}$  factor for given target drift and non-exceedance probability

## Toward Probabilistic DDD

(Pang and Rosowsky, 2009; Rosowsky and Yue, 2010)

1. Calculate vertical distribution factors for the base shear
2. Calculate normalized story shear factors
3. Calculate effective height
4. Calculate target displacement
5. Calculate effective seismic weight
6. Determine damping reduction factor
7. **Determine design base shear coefficient**
8. Calculate design forces (base shear, lateral forces, story shears)
9. Select shear walls

## Simplified DDD procedure

- Original simplified procedure was median-based (50% non-exceedance)
- $C_{NE}$  factors introduced as a way to design for non-exceedance probabilities *other than* 50% (increased flexibility in defining performance requirements)

## Probabilistic DDD

Design base shear coefficient ( $C_c$ ) for DDD procedure:

$$C_c = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{C_{NE} S_{XS}}{B_\zeta} \\ \frac{g}{4\pi^2 \Delta_{eff}} \left( \frac{C_{NE} S_{X1}}{B_\zeta} \right)^2 \end{array} \right.$$

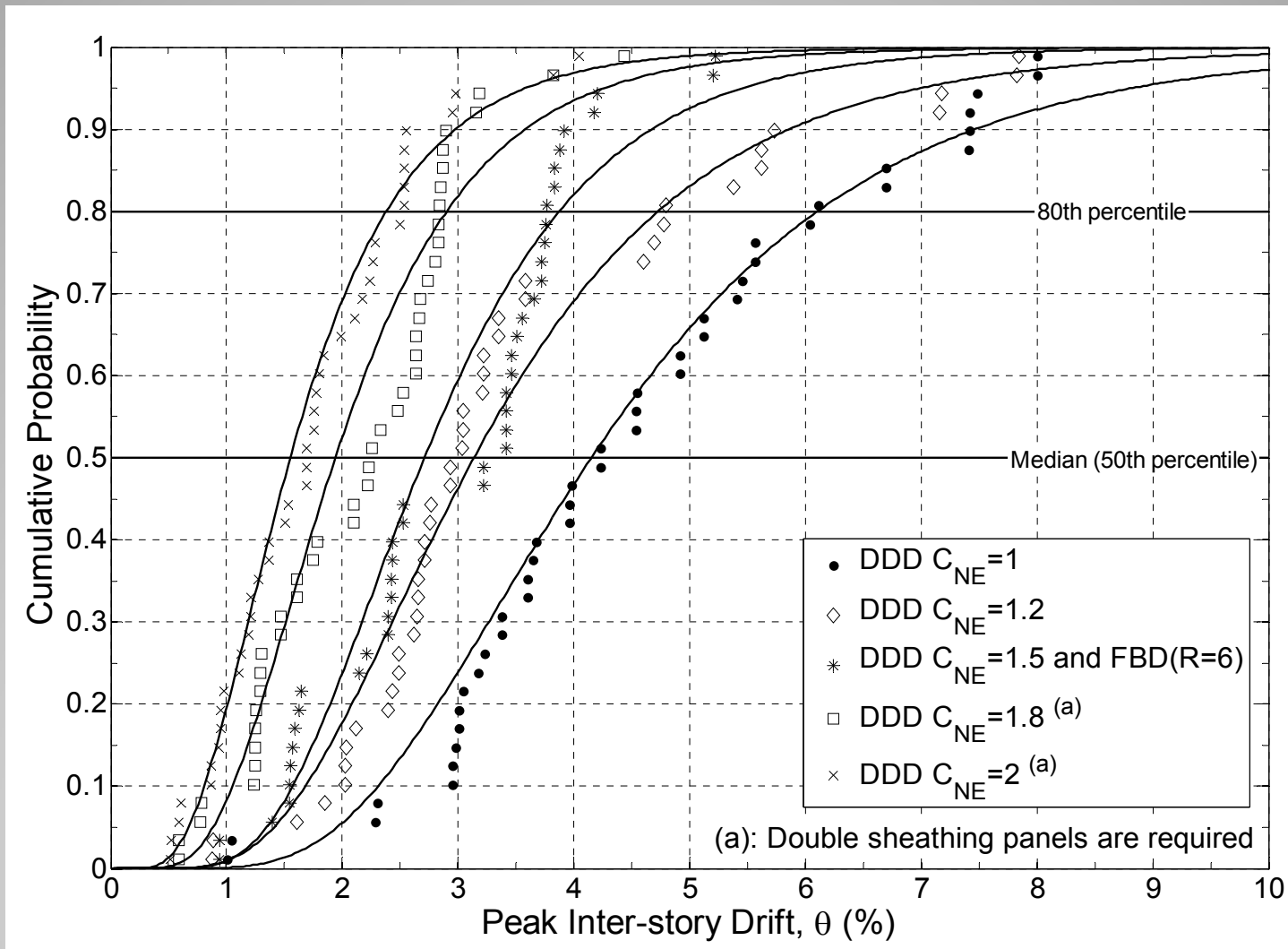
Vary factor from 1-2, re-design building, re-analyze (NLTHA) for drift profile using suite of ground motions, evaluate peak inter-story drift performance

where  $C_{NE}$  = adjustment factor for different  $Pr(NE)$

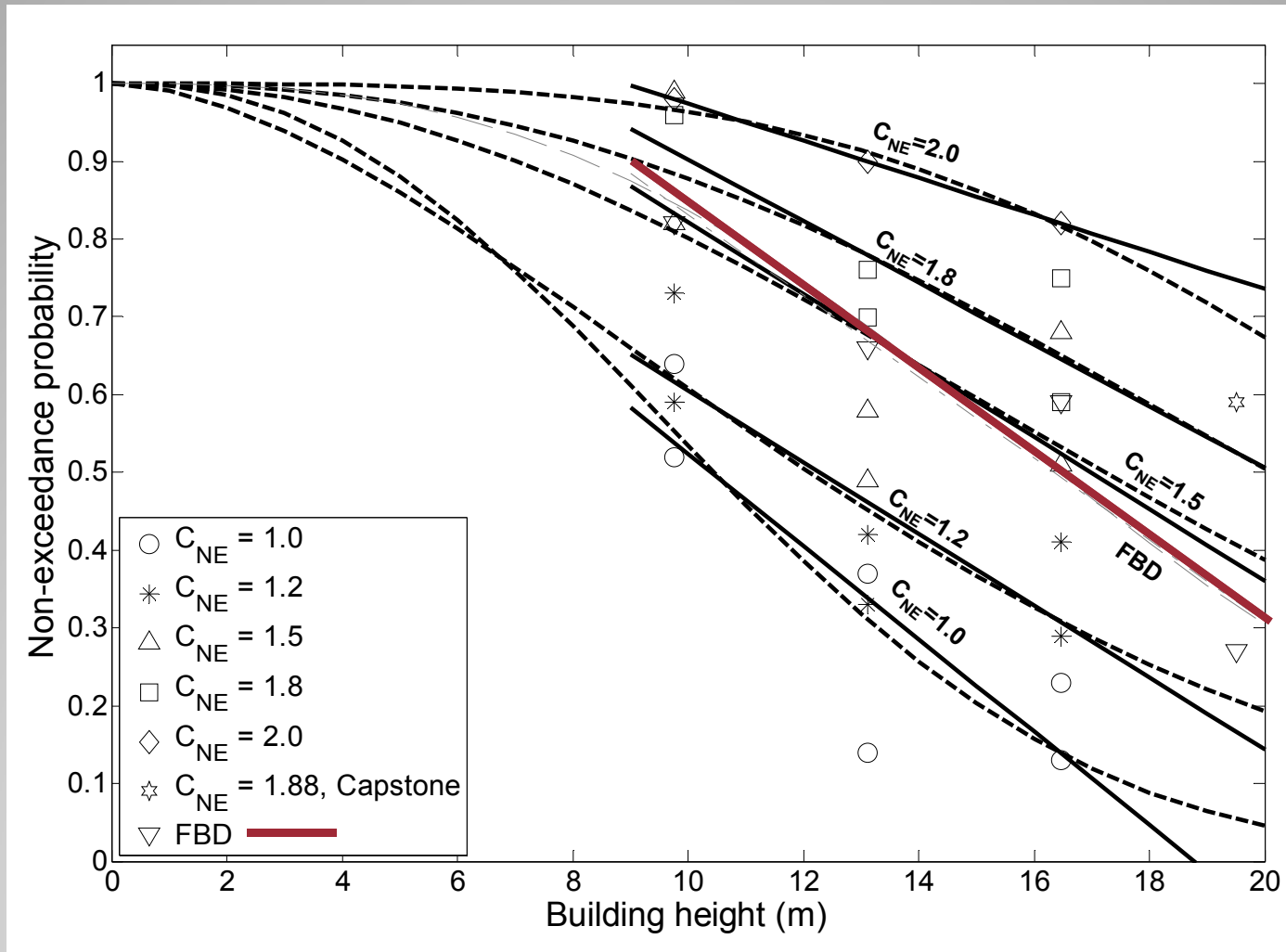
Base shear **demand** = product of the effective seismic weight and  $C_c$

Shear wall **capacity** from database

***Design: Total shear wall capacity > base shear demand***



*3-story ATC-63 archetype 10 structure under high seismic hazard (2%/50 yrs)*



Performance-based design charts ( $C_{NE}$  factor)

- The simplified DDD procedure has been extended into a risk-based PBD procedure through the introduction of  $C_{NE}$  factors, enabling the engineer to specify (1) target drift and (2) non-exceedance probability at a given hazard level
- Portfolio of archetype structures captures variability in building configurations; suite of scaled ground motion records captures variability in seismic hazard
- Proposed DDD procedure with  $C_{NE}$  factors is able to provide more risk-consistent designs across the range of building heights considered; this is advantageous in a PBD framework

## Summary: first generation PB/DDD

- Reliability-based design concepts are now mature for timber structures, codes developed/maintained worldwide, partial factor format (member-based), region-specific design loads and material properties groupings
- Performance-based design concepts evolving worldwide, (first focus on seismic), multi-objective design, region-specific hazard characterization
- Fast and efficient MCS techniques have enabled time-dependent analyses, systems-level analyses, nonlinear time-history analyses, advanced modeling/simulation, complex structural-environmental interactions, etc.

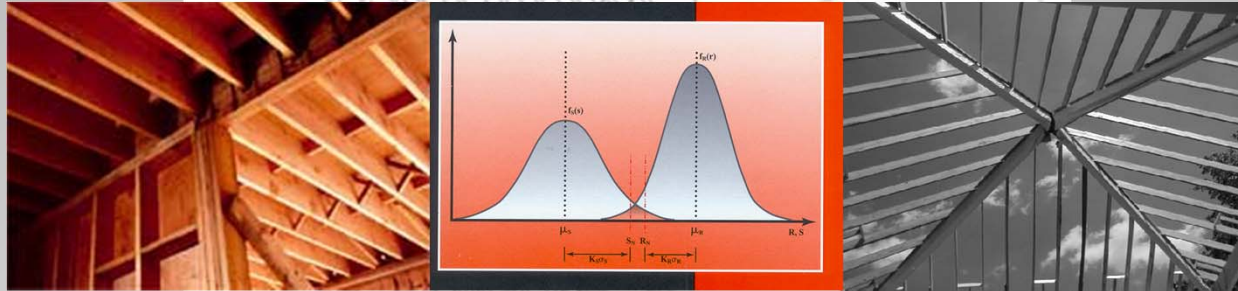
**In closing:**

**Evolution of probabilistic methods for timber structures**



- Harmonization of LSD codes (across materials, countries)
- ASD 2.0 (where needed)
- Linkage between LSD and PBD (multi-tier, partial factors)
- Advances in whole structure modeling
- Multi-hazard design
- Performance-based design for durability (sustainability)

**In closing:**  
**What's next?**



Thank you.