

# VERIFICHE DI SICUREZZA DI STRUTTURE NUOVE ED ESISTENTI IN C.A. e C.A.P. CON IL METODO DEGLI ELEMENTI FINITI

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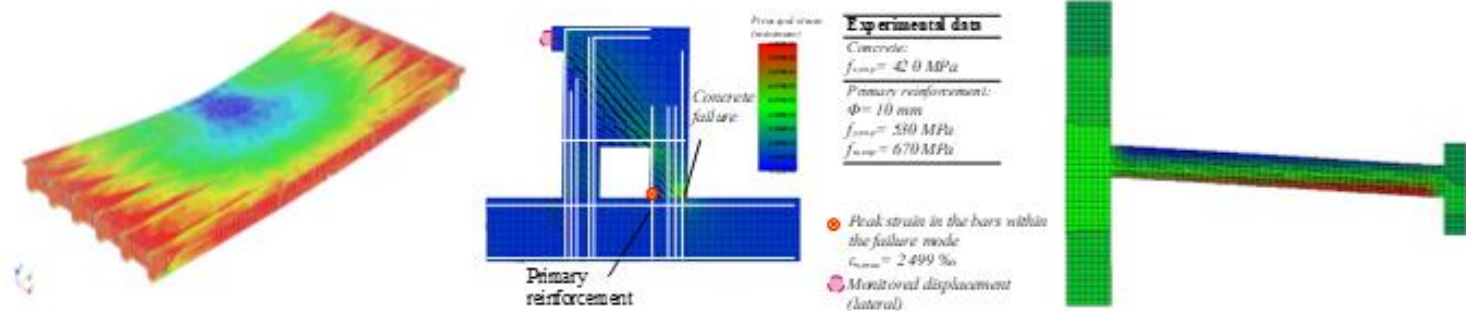


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*Metodologie di verifiche “Safety Formats” di strutture in c.a./c.a.p. secondo Annex F – EC2*

*Paolo Castaldo*

*9:00-10:00 1 ora*

*Modellazione agli elementi finiti di strutture in c.a./c.a.p.: ipotesi e validazione*

*Beatrice Belletti*

*10:00-11:00 1 ora*

*Progetto delle strutture in c.a./c.a.p. con elementi shell*

*Giuseppe Mancini*

*11:00-12:00 1 ora*

*Confronto tra analisi locale e globale agli elementi finiti di strutture in c.a./c.a.p.: esempi*

*Diego Gino*

*12:00-13:00 1 ora*

*Pausa pranzo*

*13:00-15:00*

*Valutazione della sicurezza statica e sismica di strutture in c.a. mediante i safety formats: esempi*

*Simone Ravasini*

*15:00-16:00 1 ora*

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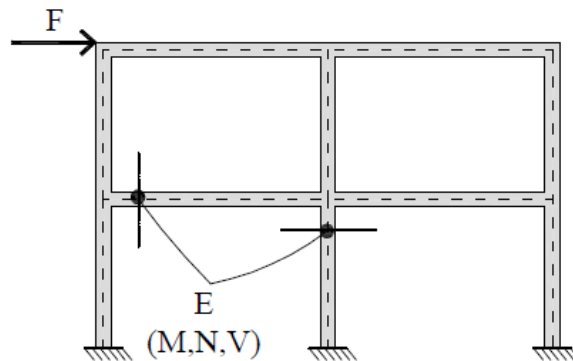
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# GLOBAL RESISTANCE FORMAT (GRF)

*fib* MODEL CODE 2010 and 2020

## "LOCAL" ANALYSIS

$$E_d \leq R_d$$



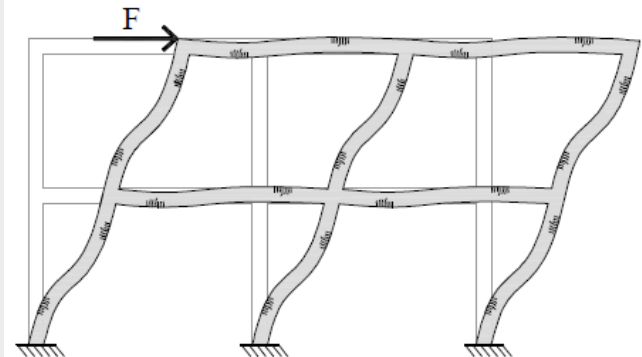
$F$  : agent external actions

$E_d$  : design value of effects of actions  
evaluated with linear elastic analysis

$R_d$  : sectional resistance in terms of  
internal actions (M,N,V) (design)

## "GLOBAL" ANALYSIS

$$F_d \leq R_d$$



$F$  : agent external actions

$F_d$  : design value of external actions

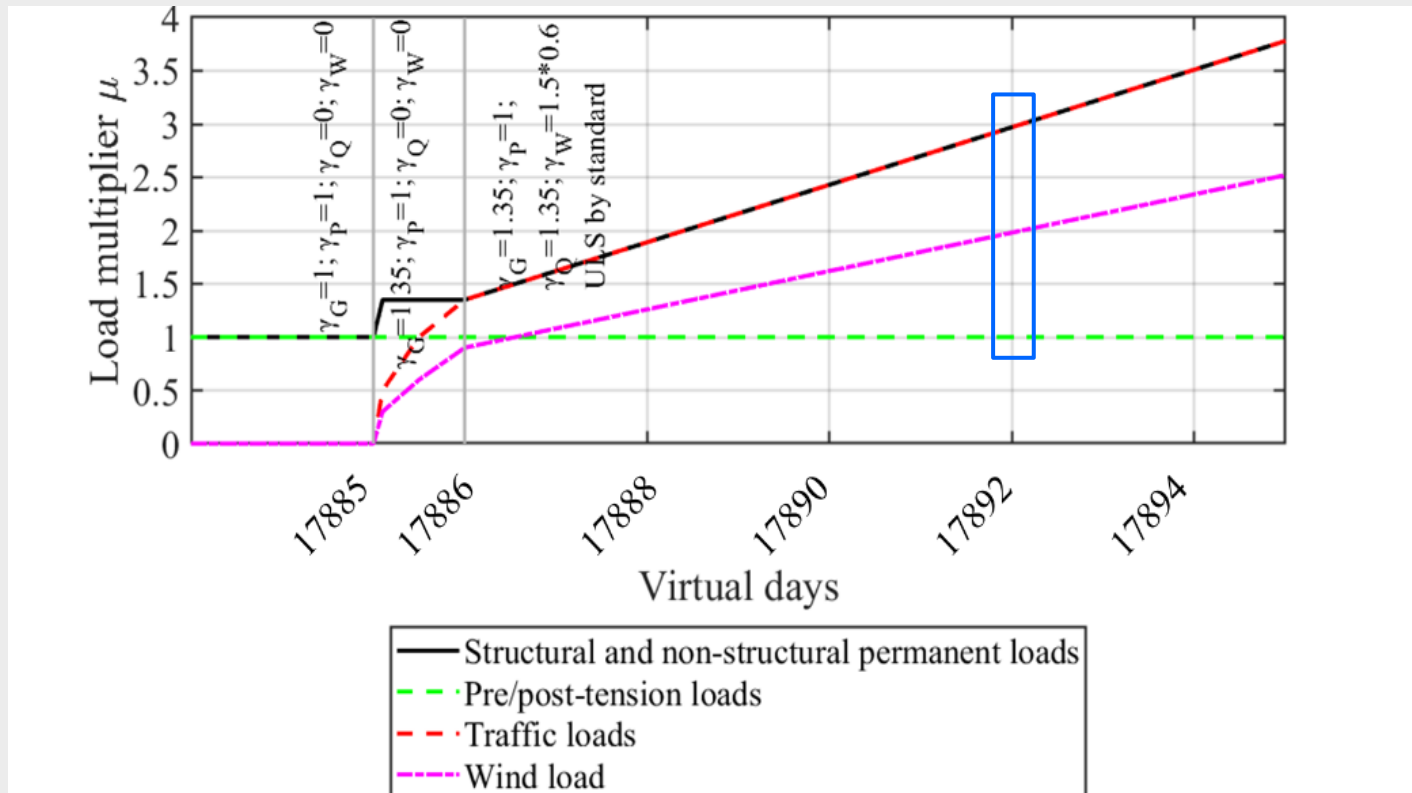
$R_d$  : global design resistance of the  
structure to the external action evaluated  
with non-linear analysis (design)

(NLNA: Non-Linear Numerical Analysis)

# GLOBAL RESISTANCE FORMAT (GRF)

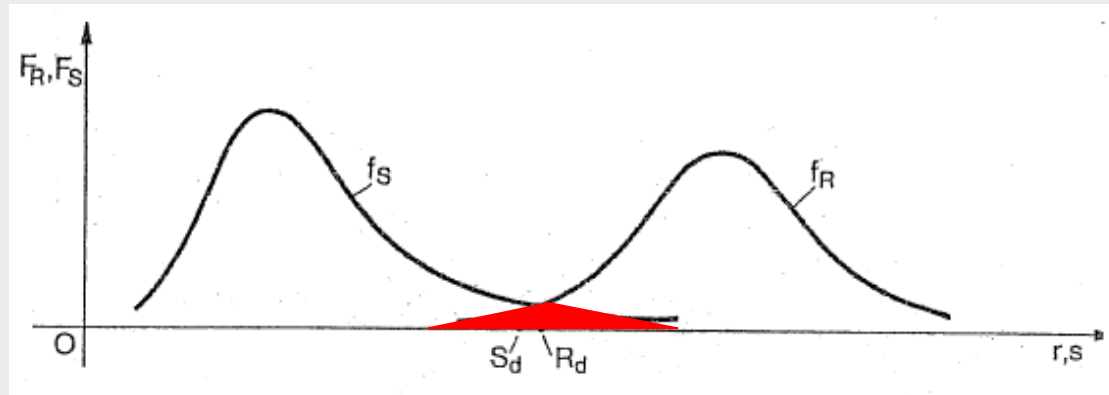
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## Global Structural Resistance



# GLOBAL RESISTANCE FORMAT (GRF)

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Partial safety factors

|                         |   |                        |
|-------------------------|---|------------------------|
| aleatory uncertainties  | { | actions                |
| epistemic uncertainties |   | materials and geometry |
|                         | { | modelling hypotheses   |



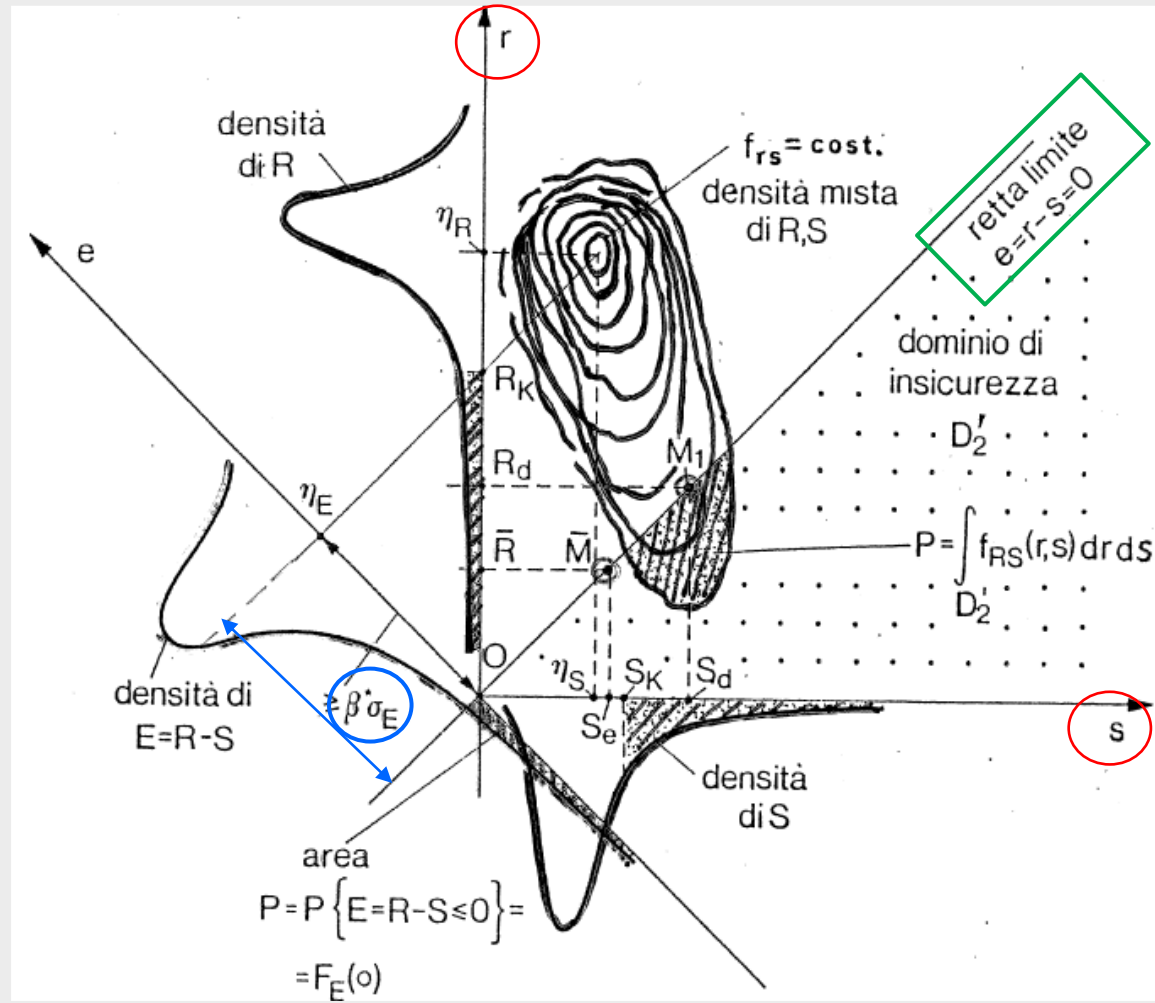
Probability of failure  $p_f$



# GLOBAL RESISTANCE FORMAT (GRF)

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R=resistenza  
S=azione



(A. Migliacci)

# GLOBAL RESISTANCE FORMAT (GRF)

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Probability of failure  $p_f$



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

$$\beta = -\Phi^{-1}(p_f)$$

# GLOBAL RESISTANCE FORMAT (GRF)

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Probability of failure



$\beta$

|         |           |           |           |           |           |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| $P_f$   | $10^{-1}$ | $10^{-2}$ | $10^{-3}$ | $10^{-4}$ | $10^{-6}$ |
| $\beta$ | 1.28      | 2.32      | 3.09      | 3.72      | 4.75      |

# GLOBAL RESISTANCE FORMAT (GRF)

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### Classi di conseguenza CC

| CC  | Qualitative description                                                           | Examples                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CC1 | Small number of persons at risk, and negligible economic or environmental losses. | Buildings where people do not normally enter (e.g. storage buildings, greenhouses).<br>Low rise buildings with only few people.<br>Bridges - short-span structures such as culverts, short river crossings.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| CC2 | All buildings not classified as CC1 or CC3                                        | Residential and office buildings. Most buildings up to 15 stories.<br>Bridges not in other consequence classes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| CC3 | Large number of persons at risk, or substantial economic or environmental losses. | Buildings where people may congregate (e.g. grandstands, concert halls), buildings designated as essential facilities (e.g. hospitals, schools) or buildings whose failure could pose a substantial hazard to a community (e.g. facilities for manufacture or storage of hazardous substances). High-rise buildings.<br>Railway bridges, bridges over railways.<br>Bridges over or under major roads. |

# GLOBAL RESISTANCE FORMAT (GRF)

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Classi di conseguenza CC

$\beta$  in 1 anno

| Relative cost of safety measure | Consequence Class |     |     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----|-----|
|                                 | CC1               | CC2 | CC3 |
| Large (A)                       | 3.1               | 3.3 | 3.7 |
| Normal (B)                      | 3.7               | 4.2 | 4.4 |
| Small (C)                       | 4.2               | 4.4 | 4.7 |

$\beta$  in 50 anni

| Consequence Class |     |     |
|-------------------|-----|-----|
| CC1               | CC2 | CC3 |
| 3.3               | 3.8 | 4.3 |

# GLOBAL RESISTANCE FORMAT (GRF)

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Modello numerico non lineare

Resistenza Globale = valore «incrementato» della combinazione di  
azioni esterne

Sicurezza strutturale (incertezze elatorie ed epistemiche -  $\beta$ )



Metodologie di verifica –  
Safety formats

# GLOBAL SAFETY FORMATS AND SAFETY FACTORS

## *fib* MODEL CODE 2010 and 2020 – EC2 - ANNEX F

### GLOBAL RESISTANCE FORMAT (GRF)

*fib* MODEL CODE 2010

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EC2 - ANNEX F

**PFM** – Partial Factor Method

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**GRMs** – Global  
Resistance  
Methods

**GRF** – Global  
Resistance Factor

**ECoV** – Estimation  
of Coefficient of  
Variation

**GSF** – Global Safety  
Factor

**GFM** – Global Factor Method

**PM** – Probabilistic Method

**PM** – Probabilistic Method

# GLOBAL SAFETY FORMATS AND SAFETY FACTORS

## *fib* MODEL CODE 2010 and 2020

1. Partial Factor Method (**PFM**) (*fib* Model Code 2010, 2013);
2. Global Resistance Methods (GRMs):
  - 2.a Global Resistance Factor (**GRF**) (*fib* Model Code 2010, 2013);
  - 2.b Method of Estimating the Coefficient of Variation of the structural resistance (**ECoV**) (*fib* Model Code 2010, 2013);
  - 2.c Global Safety Factor (**GSF**) based on mean values of material properties (Allaix, Carbone & Mancini, 2013);
3. The general probabilistic approach is considered the Probabilistic Method (**PM**) (*fib* Model Code 2010, 2013).



# GLOBAL SAFETY FORMATS AND SAFETY FACTORS

## *fib* MODEL CODE 2010 and 2020

1

### PFM – Partial Factor Method

N°of simulations required: **1**

$R_{NLNA}(f_d)$



$$R_d = \frac{R_{NLNA}(X_d; a_d)}{\gamma_{Rd}}$$

aleatory uncertainties



epistemic uncertainties



2.a

### GRF – Global Resistance Factor (EN 1992-2)

N°of simulations required: **1**

$R_{NLNA}(f_{cmd}, f_{ym})$

$$f_{cmd} = 0.85 f_{ck}$$

$$f_{ym} = 1.1 f_{yk}$$



$$R_d = \frac{R_{NLNA}(f_{cmd}, f_{ym}; a_{nom})}{\gamma_{GL}}$$



$$\gamma_{GL} = \gamma_R \gamma_{Rd} \quad (=1.27)$$

# GLOBAL SAFETY FORMATS AND SAFETY FACTORS

## *fib* MODEL CODE 2010 and 2020

### 2.b ECoV – Estimation of Coefficient of Variation

N° of simulations required:

2

1  $R_{NLNA}(f_k)$

1  $R_{NLNA}(f_m)$

$$V_R = \frac{1}{1.65} \ln \left( \frac{R_{NLNA}(X_m; a_{nom})}{R_{NLNA}(X_k; a_{nom})} \right)$$

$$R_d = \frac{R_{NLNA}(X_m; a_{nom})}{\gamma_R \cdot \gamma_{Rd}}$$

$\gamma_R = \exp(\alpha_R \cdot \beta \cdot V_R)$   
Log-normality assumption

aleatory uncertainties      epistemic uncertainties

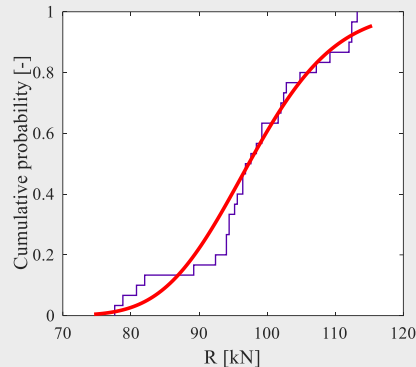
# GLOBAL SAFETY FORMATS AND SAFETY FACTORS

## *fib* MODEL CODE 2010 and 2020

2.c

### GSF – Global Safety Factor

- Reduced Monte Carlo simulation: Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS)



$$V_R$$

N° of simulations required:

(e.g., around **30**)

Then:

$$\gamma_R = \exp(\alpha_R \cdot \beta \cdot V_R)$$

Log-normality assumption



$$R_d = \frac{R_{NLNA}(X_m; a_{nom})}{\gamma_R \cdot \gamma_{Rd}}$$

aleatory uncertainties

epistemic uncertainties

# GLOBAL SAFETY FORMATS AND SAFETY FACTORS

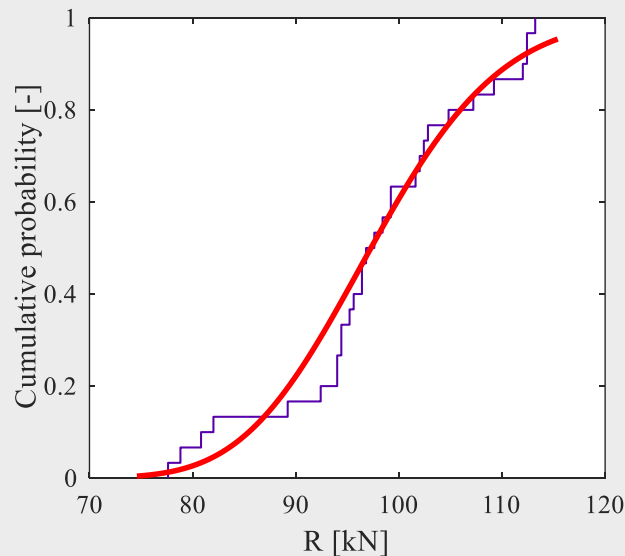
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### 3 PM – Probabilistic Method

- Reduced Monte Carlo simulation: Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS)

N° of simulations required:

(e.g., around **30**)



The distribution (which can be generic) is characterized.

# GLOBAL SAFETY FORMATS AND SAFETY FACTORS

## *fib* MODEL CODE 2010 and 2020 – EC2 - ANNEX F

| GLOBAL RESISTANCE FORMAT (GRF)                |                                                            |                                               |  |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--|
| <i>fib</i> MODEL CODE 2010                    |                                                            | <i>fib</i> MODEL CODE 2020 –<br>EC2 - ANNEX F |  |
| <b>PFM</b> – Partial Factor Method            |                                                            | <b>PFM</b> – Partial Factor Method            |  |
| <b>GRMs</b> – Global<br>Resistance<br>Methods | <b>GRF</b> – Global<br>Resistance Factor                   | <b>GFM</b> – Global Factor Method             |  |
|                                               | <b>ECoV</b> – Estimation<br>of Coefficient of<br>Variation |                                               |  |
|                                               | <b>GSF</b> – Global Safety<br>Factor                       |                                               |  |
| <b>PM</b> – Probabilistic Method              |                                                            | <b>PM</b> – Probabilistic Method              |  |

# PROBABILISTIC METHOD (PM)

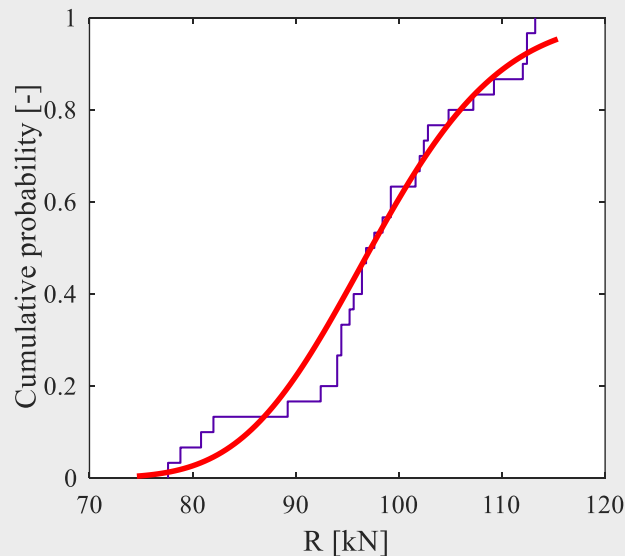
## *fib* MODEL CODE 2010 and 2020 EUROCODICE 2 - Annex F

### 3 PM – Probabilistic Method

- Reduced Monte Carlo simulation: Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS)

N° of simulations required:

(e.g., around **30**)



The distribution (which can be generic) is characterized.

# PARTIAL FACTOR METHOD (PFM)

## EUROCODICE 2 - Annex F

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### PFM – Partial Factor Method

design structural resistance

$$R_d = \frac{R_{NLNA}(X_d; a_d)}{\gamma_{Rd}}$$

structural resistance by means of 1 NLNA considering the **design values** (assuming a target reliability index - prEN 1990:2020 and prEN 1992-1-1:2020 - Annex A) for the **material and geometrical properties**

partial safety factor for the resisting model uncertainties (between and within)

# GLOBAL FACTOR METHOD (GFM)

## EUROCODICE 2 - Annex F

2

### GFM – Global Factor Method (ECoV)

design structural resistance

$$R_d = \frac{R_{NLNA} (X_m; a_{nom})}{\gamma_R \cancel{\gamma_{Rd}}}$$

partial safety factor accounting for both the aleatory uncertainties of the material and geometrical properties

structural resistance by means of 1 NLNA considering the mean and nominal values, respectively, for the material and geometrical properties (actual failure mode)

partial safety factor for the resisting model uncertainties (between and within)



# GLOBAL FACTOR METHOD (GFM)

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Aleatory uncertainties:

$$R_d = \frac{R_{NLNA} (X_m; a_{nom})}{\gamma_R \gamma_{Rd}}$$

partial safety factor accounting for both the aleatory  
uncertainties of the material and geometrical properties

# GLOBAL FACTOR METHOD (GFM)

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sensitivity factor: set equal to 0.8 in line to the assumption of dominant resistance variable within the reliability analysis

$$\gamma_R = \frac{\exp(\alpha_R \beta_t \cdot V_R)}{\delta_R} \geq 1.00$$

the coefficient of variation (CoV) of the global structural resistance

is related to the bias factors of geometrical properties deviations  $\delta_{R,g}$  and to the mean-to-mean deviation  $\delta_{R,m}$   
( $\delta_R = \delta_{R,g} \cdot \delta_{R,m}$ )  $\simeq 1$

the target reliability index and can be adopted in compliance to:  
prEN 1990:2020 and prEN 1992-1-1:2020  
Annex A

# GLOBAL FACTOR METHOD (GFM)

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## EUROCODICE 2 - Annex F

The **coefficient of variation** of the global resistance:

$$V_R = \sqrt{V_{R,m}^2 + V_{R,g}^2} \quad \text{with } V_R \leq 0.3$$

$V_{R,m}$  represents the **coefficient of variation** associated to the material uncertainties (=0.15) or according to ECoV method:

$$V_{R,m} = \frac{1}{1.65} \ln \left( \frac{R_{NLNA}(X_m; a_{nom})}{R_{NLNA}(X_k; a_{nom})} \right)$$

the same NLNA

a second NLNA considering the **characteristic and nominal values**, respectively, for the **material** and **geometrical properties**

$V_{R,g}$  denotes the **coefficient of variation** related to the geometrical uncertainties = 0.05

# PARTIAL FACTOR METHOD (PFM) GLOBAL FACTOR METHOD (GFM)

*fib* MODEL CODE 2010 and 2020  
EUROCODICE 2 - Annex F

Modelling uncertainties:

$$R_d = \frac{R_{NLNA}(X_d; a_d)}{\gamma_{Rd}}$$

$$R_d = \frac{R_{NLNA}(X_m; a_{nom})}{\gamma_R \gamma_{Rd}}$$

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# PARTIAL FACTOR FOR THE RESISTING MODEL UNCERTAINTIES

experimental test

$$R_i \approx g_i R_{NLNA,i}$$

NLNA result

resisting model uncertainties (random variable)

$\mu_g$  the mean value of the resisting model uncertainties

$V_g$  the coefficient of variation of the resisting model uncertainties

Under the log-normality hypothesis, the partial safety factor representative of the resisting model uncertainties can be determined, according to JCSS Probabilistic Model Code (2001), as follows:

$$\gamma_{Rd} = \frac{1}{\mu_g \cdot \exp(-\alpha_R \cdot \beta \cdot V_g)}$$

the sensitivity factor, equal to 0.32 for non-dominant resistance variable

the reliability index

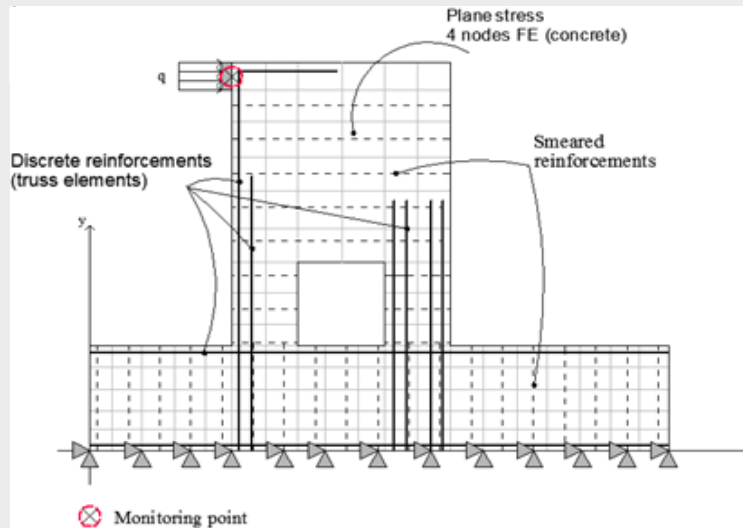
the coefficient of variation associated to the epistemic uncertainties

# EXPERIMENTAL TESTS

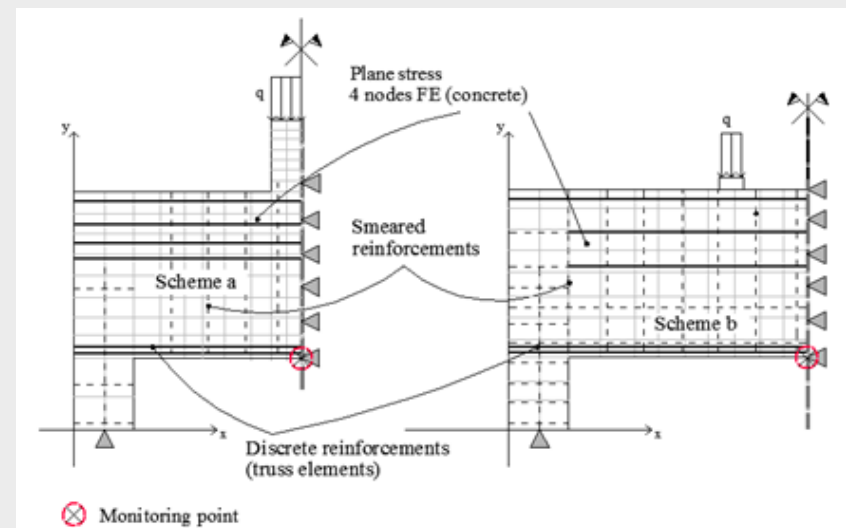
The **experimental** results reported in the scientific literature (Filho 1995, Foster and Gilbert 1998, Lefas and Kotsovos 1990, Leonhardt and Walther 1966, Vecchio and Collins 1982) and related to **25** different typologies of structural members are considered and assumed as benchmark test set.

(**four shear panels, five deep beams and eleven walls**)

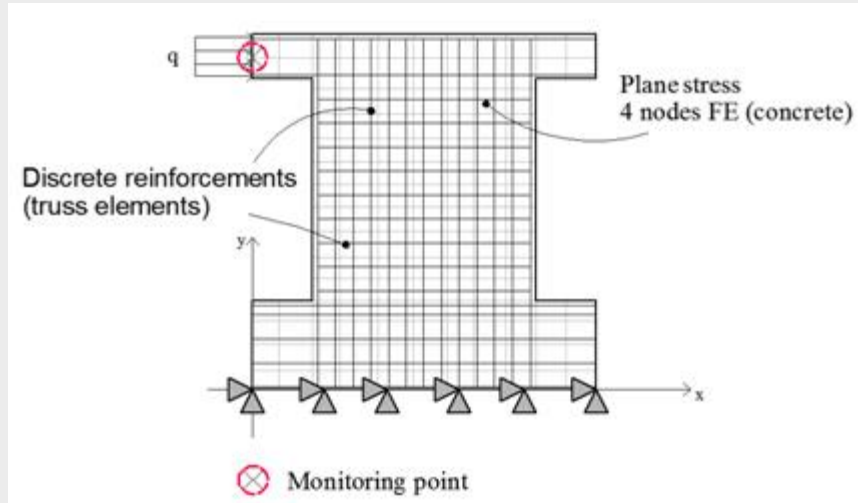
Filho 1995



Foster and Gilbert 1998

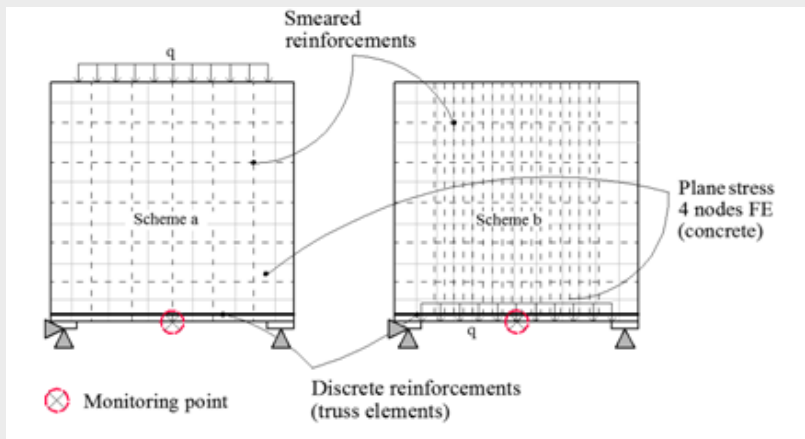


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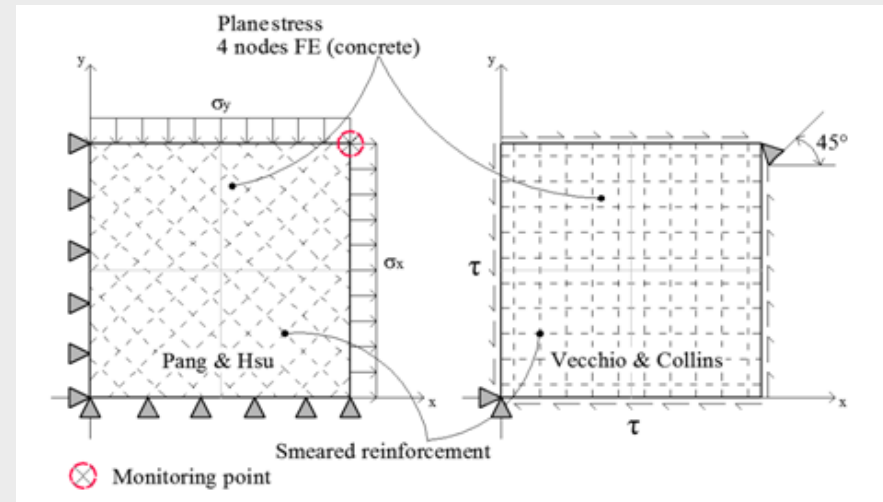


Lefas and Kotsovos 1990

Leonhardt and Walther 1966

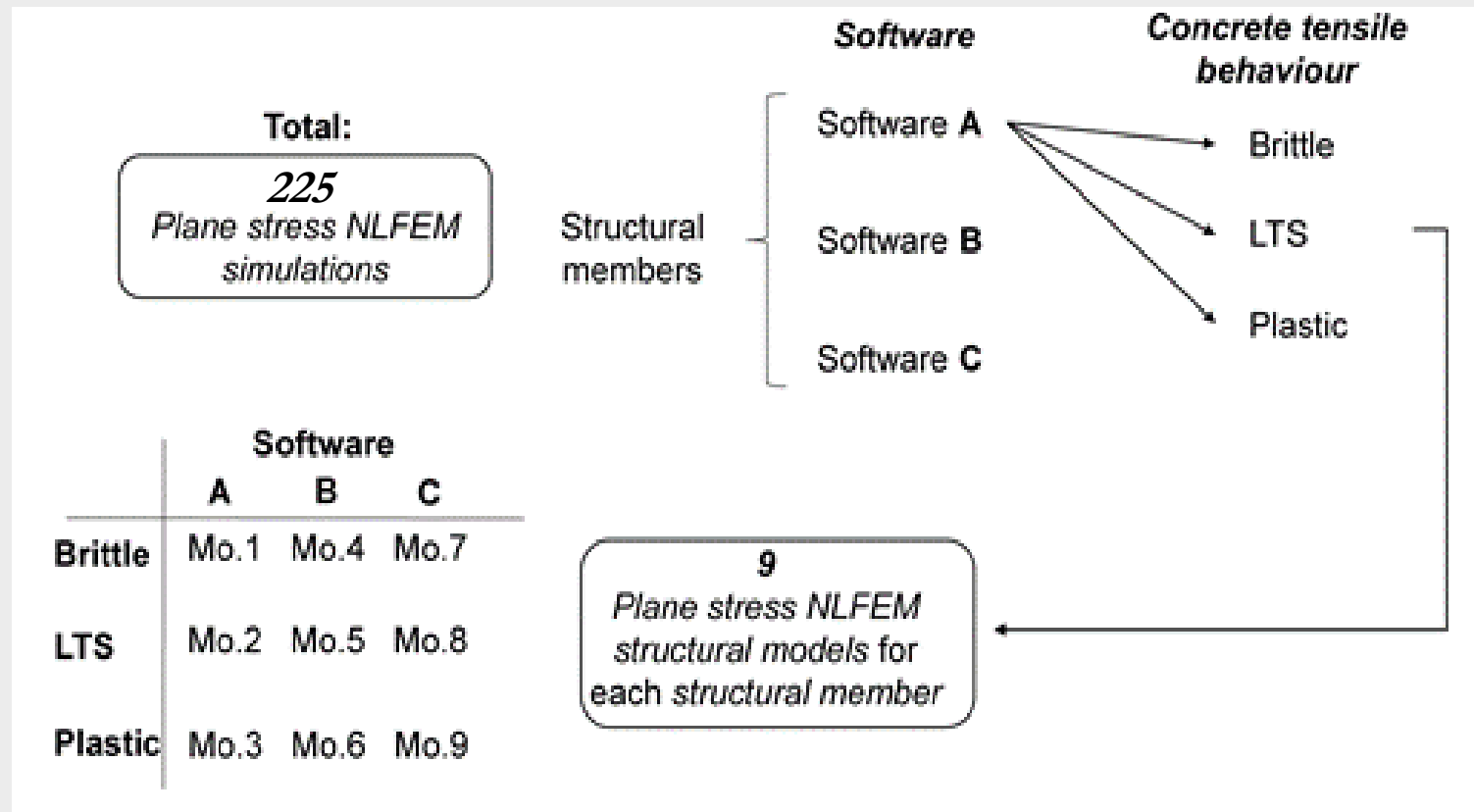


Vecchio and Collins 1982



# DEFINITION OF THE NLN MODELS – MODEL UNCERTAINTIES

225 NLNAs = 25 r.c. structures x 3 Software codes x 3 Constitutive laws in  
tension for concrete





# DEFINITION OF THE NLN MODELS – MODEL UNCERTAINTIES

**Table 1**

Summary of the basic hypotheses assumed in the definition of non-linear FE numerical models.

|                   | Software A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Software B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Software C |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Equilibrium       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Standard Newton-Raphson based on the hypothesis of linear approximation [1]</li> <li>– Convergence criteria based on strain energy</li> <li>– Load step sizes defined in compliance with the experimental procedure</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |            |
| Compatibility     | <p><i>Finite elements</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Isoparametric plane stress 4 nodes (<math>2 \times 2</math> Gauss points integration scheme with linear interpolation)</li> <li>– Discrete reinforcements</li> <li>– Element size defined by means of an iterative process of numerical accuracy</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p><i>Finite elements</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Isoparametric plane stress 4 nodes (<math>2 \times 2</math> Gauss points integration scheme with linear interpolation)</li> <li>– Smeared reinforcements/discrete reinforcements</li> <li>– Element size defined following an iterative process of numerical accuracy</li> </ul> |            |
| Constitutive laws | <p><i>Concrete</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Fixed crack model, smeared cracking, constant shear retention factor = 0.2</li> <li>– Mono-dimensional model extended to biaxial stress state</li> <li>– Compression: non-linear with post peak linear softening branch</li> <li>– Tension (differentiating between 3 modelling hypotheses):</li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Elastic - Brittle (BRITTLE)</li> <li>(2) Elastic with post peak linear tension softening (LTS)</li> <li>(3) Elastic - perfectly plastic (PLASTIC)</li> </ul> </div> <p><i>Reinforcements steel</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Tri-linear elastic-plastic</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |            |

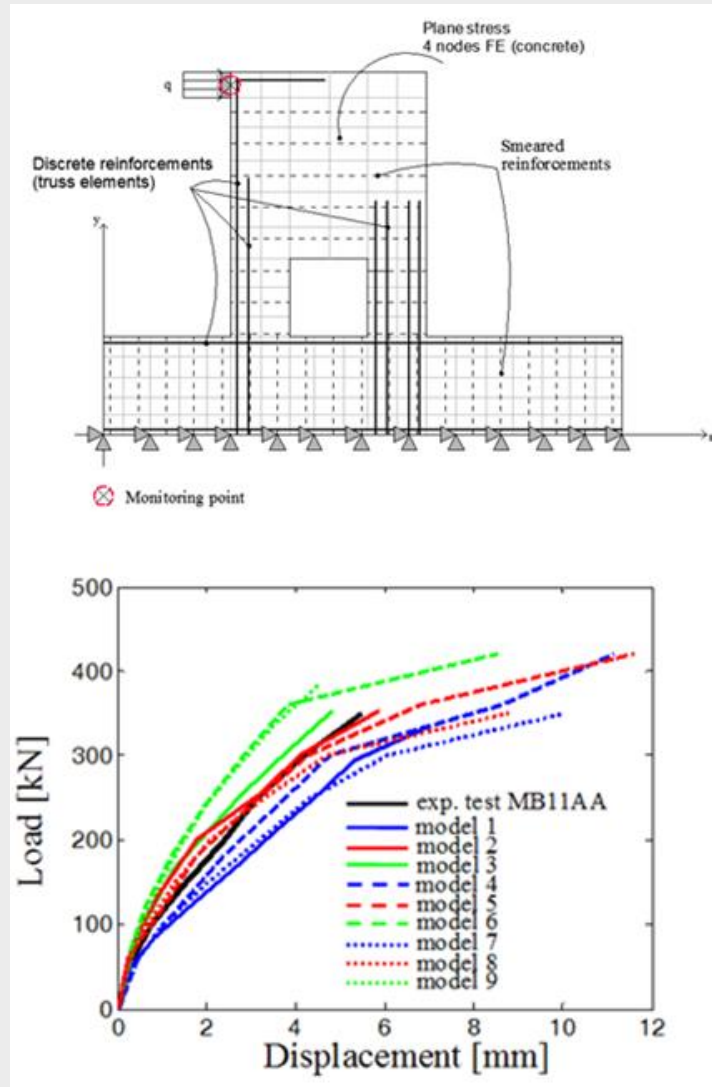
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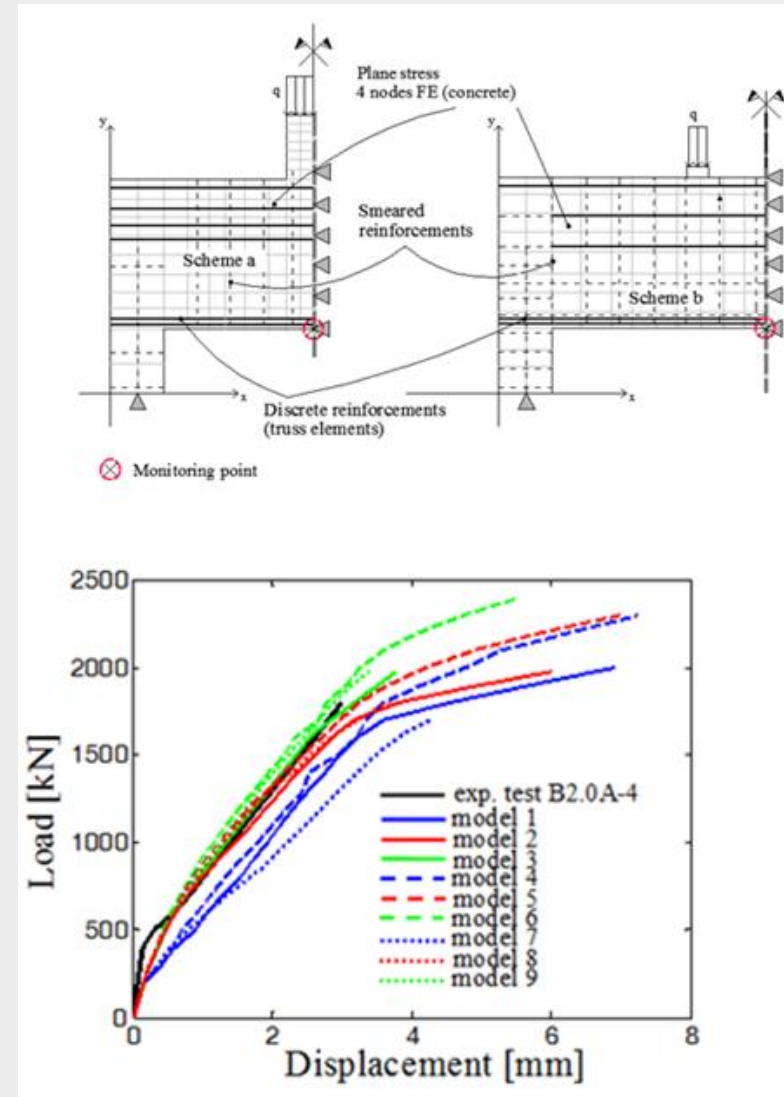
within)

# NLNAs RESULTS

Filho 1995



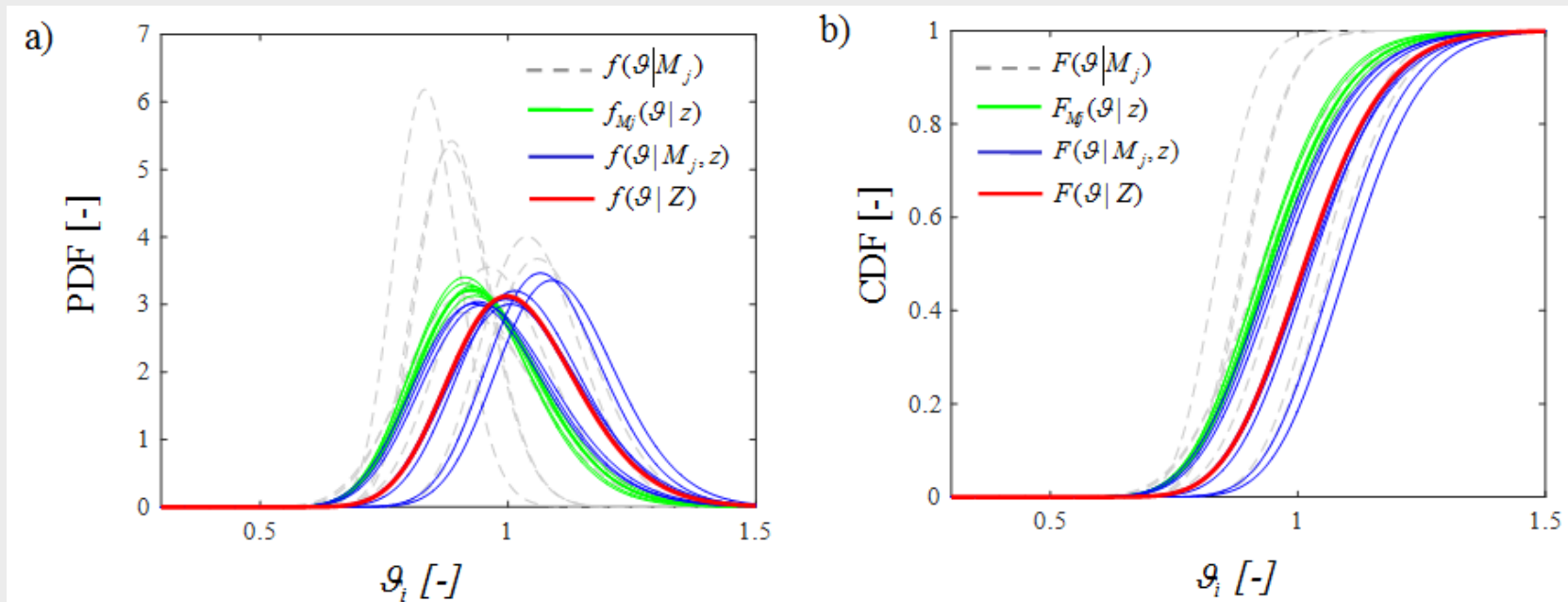
Foster and Gilbert 1998



# PROBABILISTIC MODEL AND BAYESIAN UPDATING

From NLNAs results, resisting model  
uncertainties have been computed:

$$\mathcal{G}_i = \frac{R_{EXP,i}}{R_{NLNA,i}}$$



# PARTIAL SAFETY FACTOR FOR THE RESISTING MODEL UNCERTAINTIES

| <i>New structures</i>      | Service life          | Consequences of failure | Reliability index $\beta$ | FORM factor $\alpha_R$ | Partial safety factor $\gamma_{Rd}$ |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                            | [Years]               | [-]                     | [-]                       | [-]                    | [-]                                 |
|                            | 50                    | Low                     | 3.1                       | Non-dominant<br>0.32   | 1.12                                |
|                            | 50                    | Moderate                | 3.8                       |                        | 1.15                                |
| <i>Existing structures</i> | 50                    | High                    | 4.3                       |                        | 1.17                                |
|                            | Residual service life |                         | Reliability index $\beta$ | FORM factor $\alpha_R$ | Partial safety factor $\gamma_{Rd}$ |
|                            | [Years]               |                         | [-]                       | [-]                    | [-]                                 |
|                            | 50                    |                         | 3.1 - 3.8                 | Non-dominant<br>0.32   | 1.12 - 1.15                         |
| <i>Existing structures</i> | 15                    |                         | 3.4 - 4.1                 |                        | 1.13 - 1.16                         |
|                            | 1                     |                         | 4.1 - 4.7                 |                        | 1.16 - 1.19                         |

$$\gamma_{Rd} = 1.15$$

# Model uncertainties for cyclic loads

## Experimental tests

16 different r.c. walls:

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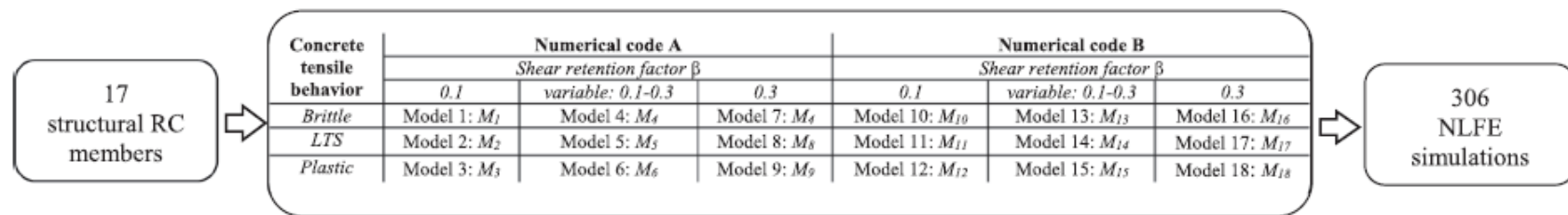
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# Model hypotheses

|                   | Software A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Software B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Equilibrium       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Standard Newton-Raphson based on the hypothesis of linear approximation [1]</li> <li>- Convergence criteria based on strain energy</li> <li>- Load step sizes defined in compliance with the experimental procedure</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Compatibility     | <p><i>Finite Elements</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Isoparametric plane stress 4 nodes (2x2 Gauss points integration scheme with linear interpolation)</li> <li>- Discrete reinforcements</li> <li>- Element size defined by means of an iterative process of numerical accuracy</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p><i>Finite Elements</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Isoparametric plane stress 4 nodes (2x2 Gauss points integration scheme with linear interpolation)</li> <li>- Smeared reinforcements/discrete reinforcements</li> <li>- Element size defined following an iterative process of numerical accuracy</li> </ul> |
| Constitutive laws | <p><i>CONCRETE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fixed crack model, smeared cracking, constant shear retention factor equal to:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) 0.1</li> <li>2) Variable</li> <li>3) 0.3</li> </ol> </li> <li>- Mono-dimensional model extended to biaxial stress state</li> <li>- Compression: Non-linear with post peak linear softening branch</li> <li>- Tension (differentiating between 3 modelling hypotheses):               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Elastic - Brittle (BRITTLE)</li> <li>2) Elastic with post peak linear tension softening (LTS)</li> <li>3) Elastic - perfectly plastic (PLASTIC)</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p><i>REINFORCEMENTS STEEL</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tri-linear elastic – plastic</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

# NLNAs

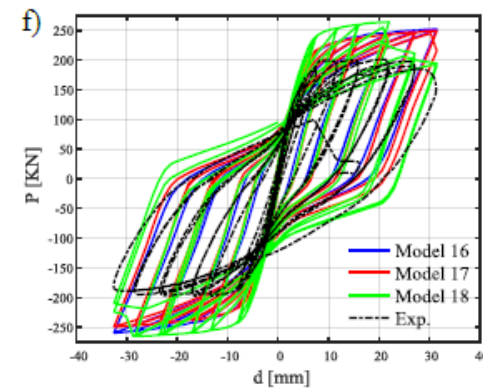
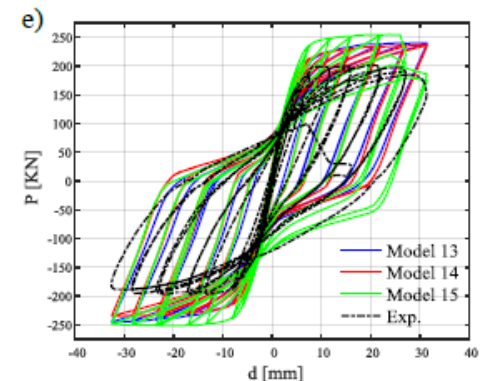
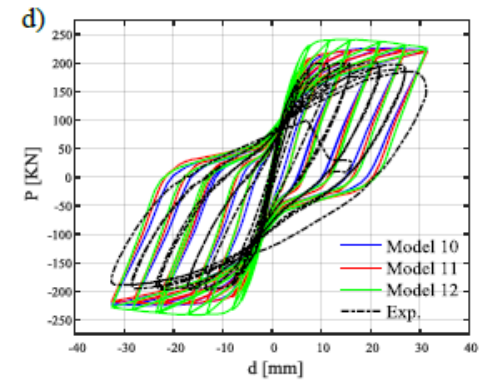
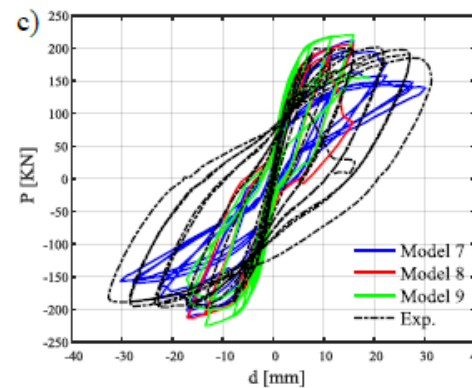
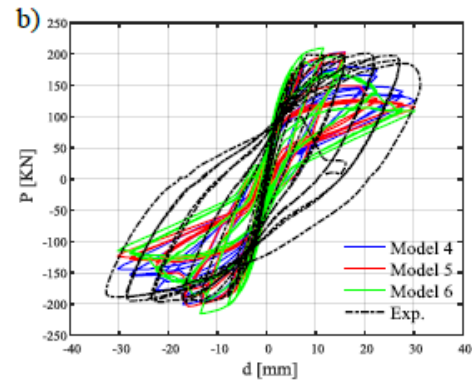
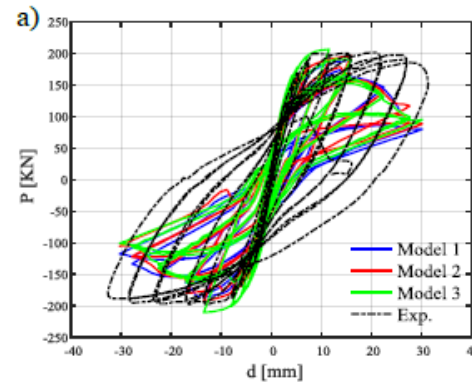


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**Load vs  
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results:  
(a-c) Software A,  
(d-f) Software B**

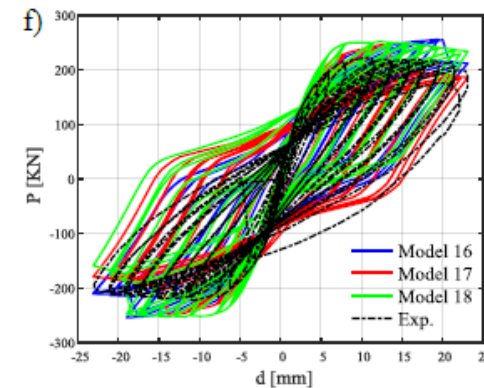
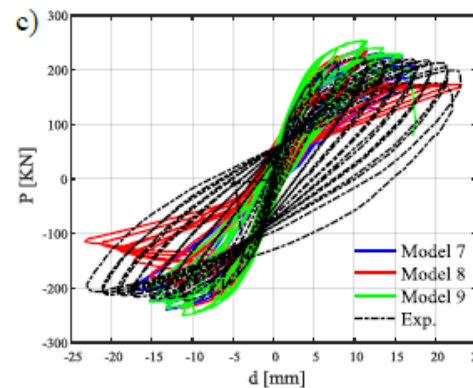
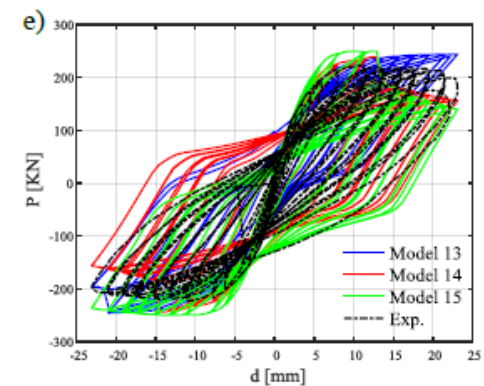
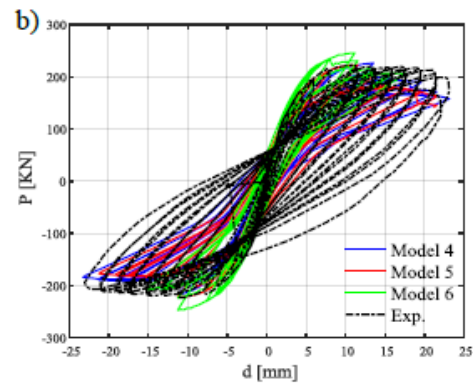
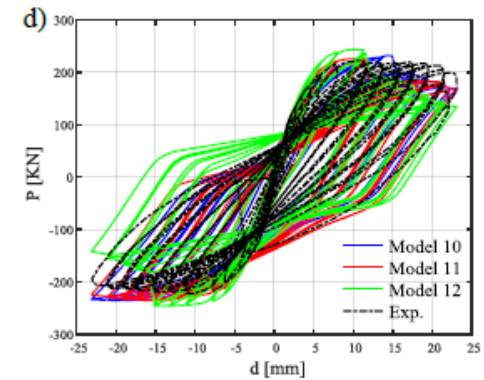
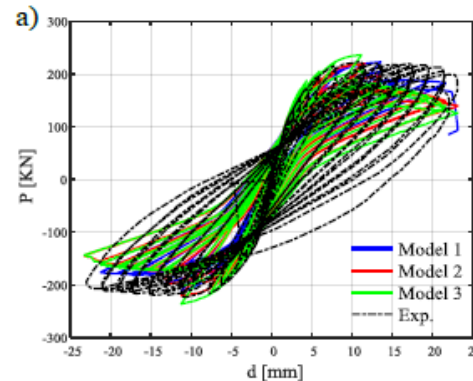
## Results:





# Results

Load vs  
displacement  
diagrams from  
experimental tests  
SW8 of Zhang and  
Wang [22] and  
NLFEA results:  
(a-c) Software A,  
(d-f) Software B.



# Results

$$g_i = R_{EXP,i} / R_{NLFA,i}$$

| Ref<br>[*] | Exp.<br>tests | Structural model |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|------------|---------------|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|            |               | 1                | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7    | 8    | 9    | 10   | 11   | 12   | 13   | 14   | 15   | 16   | 17   | 18   |
| [34]       | SW4           | 0.83             | 1.00 | 0.76 | 0.82 | 0.81 | 0.75 | 0.81 | 0.82 | 0.85 | 0.82 | 0.77 | 0.68 | 0.82 | 0.77 | 0.67 | 0.81 | 0.74 | 0.67 |
|            | SW6           | 1.08             | 0.90 | 0.89 | 0.92 | 0.90 | 0.81 | 0.88 | 0.87 | 0.80 | 0.98 | 0.90 | 0.76 | 0.98 | 0.87 | 0.76 | 0.97 | 0.88 | 0.76 |
|            | SW8           | 0.74             | 0.75 | 0.67 | 0.72 | 0.73 | 0.64 | 0.69 | 0.70 | 0.62 | 0.74 | 0.68 | 0.60 | 0.74 | 0.69 | 0.59 | 0.72 | 0.68 | 0.59 |
| [35]       | SW31          | 1.04             | 0.96 | 0.72 | 0.96 | 0.87 | 0.69 | 0.91 | 0.83 | 0.66 | 1.32 | 0.99 | 0.83 | 1.18 | 0.91 | 0.79 | 1.17 | 0.88 | 0.77 |
|            | SW32          | 1.01             | 0.97 | 0.78 | 0.97 | 0.94 | 0.78 | 0.93 | 0.85 | 0.77 | 1.18 | 1.09 | 0.86 | 1.18 | 1.09 | 0.86 | 1.12 | 1.09 | 0.86 |
|            | SW33          | 1.04             | 1.00 | 0.86 | 1.01 | 0.98 | 0.80 | 0.98 | 0.95 | 0.78 | 1.18 | 1.16 | 0.94 | 1.17 | 1.10 | 0.91 | 1.16 | 1.13 | 0.88 |
| [36]       | SW7           | 1.06             | 1.03 | 0.97 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.96 | 0.95 | 0.98 | 0.89 | 0.89 | 0.90 | 0.83 | 0.84 | 0.85 | 0.79 | 0.80 | 0.81 | 0.76 |
|            | SW8           | 1.00             | 1.02 | 0.95 | 0.99 | 1.00 | 0.93 | 0.93 | 0.95 | 0.88 | 0.96 | 0.99 | 0.92 | 0.92 | 0.93 | 0.89 | 0.88 | 0.90 | 0.89 |
|            | SW9           | 0.94             | 0.93 | 0.88 | 0.88 | 0.90 | 0.84 | 0.84 | 0.88 | 0.83 | 0.94 | 0.95 | 0.88 | 0.91 | 0.92 | 0.86 | 0.88 | 0.90 | 0.85 |
| [37]       | B6            | 0.96             | 1.01 | 0.87 | 0.92 | 1.01 | 0.88 | 0.91 | 0.97 | 0.88 | 0.94 | 0.93 | 0.82 | 0.94 | 0.92 | 0.82 | 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.82 |
|            | B7            | 0.96             | 1.00 | 0.79 | 0.91 | 0.96 | 0.78 | 0.90 | 0.95 | 0.76 | 0.78 | 0.81 | 0.69 | 0.77 | 0.79 | 0.69 | 0.75 | 0.79 | 0.68 |
|            | B8            | 0.95             | 0.97 | 0.85 | 0.89 | 0.91 | 0.81 | 0.86 | 0.91 | 0.79 | 0.80 | 0.82 | 0.72 | 0.77 | 0.82 | 0.73 | 0.76 | 0.82 | 0.73 |
|            | F2            | 1.07             | 1.00 | 0.80 | 1.01 | 1.01 | 0.77 | 0.97 | 0.93 | 0.76 | 0.80 | 0.82 | 0.67 | 0.80 | 0.82 | 0.67 | 0.76 | 0.82 | 0.66 |
| [38]       | WSH2          | 0.95             | 0.99 | 0.70 | 0.93 | 0.97 | 0.69 | 0.82 | 0.88 | 0.64 | 0.95 | 0.88 | 0.73 | 0.98 | 0.87 | 0.73 | 0.92 | 0.87 | 0.73 |
|            | WSH3          | 1.03             | 1.02 | 0.75 | 1.00 | 1.01 | 0.69 | 0.83 | 0.96 | 0.67 | 0.94 | 0.85 | 0.75 | 0.91 | 0.84 | 0.74 | 0.94 | 0.85 | 0.75 |
|            | WSH6          | 0.94             | 0.96 | 0.81 | 0.90 | 0.91 | 0.80 | 0.87 | 0.88 | 0.75 | 0.97 | 0.90 | 0.81 | 0.96 | 0.90 | 0.79 | 0.93 | 0.89 | 0.78 |

# Probabilistic analysis

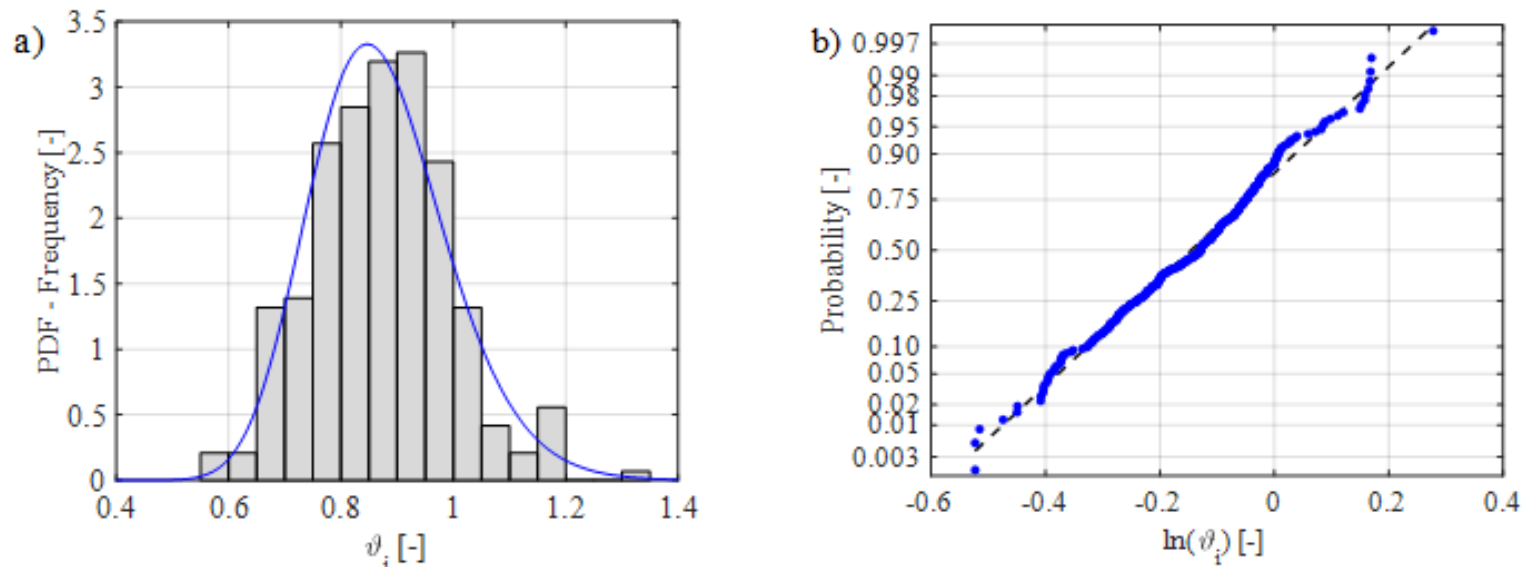


Fig. 20. Histogram and lognormal probability density function of the ratio  $\varphi_i$  for all the models (a); Probability plot of  $\ln(\varphi_i)$  for all the models (b).

# Results

| <i>New structures</i>      | Reference life | Consequences of failure | Reliability index $\beta$ | FORM factor $\alpha_R$ | Partial safety factor $\gamma_{Rd}$ |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                            | [Years]        | [-]                     | [-]                       | [-]                    | [-]                                 |
|                            | 50             | Low                     | 3.1                       | Non-dominant<br>0.32   | 1.31                                |
|                            | 50             | Moderate                | 3.8                       |                        | <b>1.35</b>                         |
|                            | 50             | High                    | 4.3                       |                        | 1.38                                |
| <i>Existing structures</i> | Reference life |                         | Reliability index $\beta$ | FORM factor $\alpha_R$ | Partial safety factor $\gamma_{Rd}$ |
|                            | [Years]        |                         | [-]                       | [-]                    | [-]                                 |
|                            | 50             |                         | 3.1 - 3.8                 | Non-dominant<br>0.32   | 1.31-1.35                           |
|                            | 15             |                         | 3.4 - 4.1                 |                        | 1.33-1.37                           |
|                            | 1              |                         | 4.1 - 4.7                 |                        | 1.37-1.41                           |

# PARTIAL SAFETY FACTOR FOR THE RESISTING MODEL UNCERTAINTIES – STATIC ANALYSES

| <i>New<br/>structures</i>      | Service<br>life       | Consequences<br>of failure | Reliability<br>index<br>$\beta$ | FORM<br>factor<br>$\alpha_R$ | Partial safety factor<br>$\gamma_{Rd}$ |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                | [Years]               | [-]                        | [-]                             | [-]                          | [-]                                    |
|                                | 50                    | Low                        | 3.1                             | Non-<br>dominant<br>0.32     | 1.12                                   |
|                                | 50                    | Moderate                   | 3.8                             |                              | 1.15                                   |
|                                | 50                    | High                       | 4.3                             |                              | 1.17                                   |
| <i>Existing<br/>structures</i> | Residual service life |                            | Reliability<br>index<br>$\beta$ | FORM<br>factor<br>$\alpha_R$ | Partial safety factor<br>$\gamma_{Rd}$ |
|                                | [Years]               |                            | [-]                             | [-]                          | [-]                                    |
|                                | 50                    |                            | 3.1 - 3.8                       | Non-<br>dominant<br>0.32     | 1.12 - 1.15                            |
|                                | 15                    |                            | 3.4 - 4.1                       |                              | 1.13 - 1.16                            |
|                                | 1                     |                            | 4.1 - 4.7                       |                              | 1.16 - 1.19                            |

$$\gamma_{Rd} = 1.15$$

# PARTIAL SAFETY FACTOR FOR THE RESISTING MODEL UNCERTAINTIES – SEISMIC ANALYSES

| New structures      | Service life          | Consequences of failure | Reliability index $\beta$ | FORM factor $\alpha_R$ | Partial safety factor $\gamma_{Rd}$ |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                     | [Years]               |                         | [-]                       | [-]                    | [-]                                 |
|                     | 50                    | Low                     | 3.1                       | Non-dominant<br>0.32   | 1.30                                |
|                     | 50                    | Moderate                | 3.8                       |                        | 1.33                                |
|                     | 50                    | High                    | 4.3                       |                        | 1.36                                |
| Existing structures | Residual service life |                         | Reliability index $\beta$ | FORM factor $\alpha_R$ | Partial safety factor $\gamma_{Rd}$ |
|                     | [Years]               |                         | [-]                       | [-]                    | [-]                                 |
|                     | 50                    |                         | 3.1 - 3.8                 | Non-dominant<br>0.32   | 1.30-1.33                           |
|                     | 15                    |                         | 3.4 - 4.1                 |                        | 1.31-1.35                           |
| 1                   |                       | 4.1 - 4.7               | 1.35-1.38                 |                        |                                     |

$$\gamma_{Rd} = 1.35$$

# PARTIAL SAFETY FACTOR FOR THE RESISTING MODEL UNCERTAINTIES – SLENDER MEMBERS

|                        | Reference<br>life | Consequences<br>of failure | Reliability<br>index<br>$\beta$ | FORM<br>factor<br>$\alpha_R$ | Partial safety factor<br><del>2.84</del> |                    |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------|
|                        |                   |                            |                                 |                              | Experimental uncertainty                 |                    |
|                        |                   |                            |                                 |                              | Limited                                  | Significant        |
|                        | [Years]           | [-]                        | [-]                             | [-]                          | [-]                                      | [-]                |
| New<br>structures      | 50                | Low                        | 3.1                             | Non-<br>dominant<br>0.32     | 1.14                                     | 1.11               |
|                        |                   | Moderate                   | 3.8                             |                              | 1.19                                     | 1.15               |
|                        |                   | High                       | 4.3                             |                              | 1.22                                     | 1.17               |
|                        |                   | Low                        | 3.1                             | Dominant<br>0.8              | 1.49                                     | 1.38               |
|                        |                   | Moderate                   | 3.8                             |                              | 1.65                                     | 1.50               |
|                        |                   | High                       | 4.3                             |                              | 1.77                                     | 1.59               |
| Existing<br>structures | Reference life    |                            | Reliability<br>index<br>$\beta$ | FORM<br>factor<br>$\alpha_R$ | Partial safety factor<br><del>2.84</del> |                    |
|                        |                   |                            |                                 |                              | Experimental uncertainty                 |                    |
|                        | [Years]           |                            | [-]                             | [-]                          | Limited<br>[-]                           | Significant<br>[-] |
|                        | 50                |                            | 3.1 - 3.8                       | Non-<br>dominant<br>0.32     | 1.14-1.19                                | 1.11-1.15          |
|                        | 15                |                            | 3.4 - 4.1                       |                              | 1.16-1.21                                | 1.13-1.16          |
|                        | 1                 |                            | 4.1 - 4.7                       |                              | 1.21-1.25                                | 1.16-1.20          |
|                        | 50                |                            | 3.1 - 3.8                       | Dominant<br>0.8              | 1.49-1.65                                | 1.38-1.50          |
|                        | 15                |                            | 3.4 - 4.1                       |                              | 1.56-1.72                                | 1.43-1.56          |
|                        | 1                 |                            | 4.1 - 4.7                       |                              | 1.72-1.87                                | 1.56-1.67          |

# PARTIAL FACTOR METHOD (PFM) GLOBAL FACTOR METHOD (GFM)

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Comparison neglecting the modelling uncertainties:

PARTIAL FACTOR METHOD (PFM)

$$R_d = \frac{R_{NLNA}(X_d; a_d)}{\cancel{\gamma_{Rd}}}$$

GLOBAL FACTOR METHOD (GFM) - ECoV

$$R_d = \frac{R_{NLNA}(X_m; a_{nom})}{\gamma_R \cancel{\gamma_{Rd}}}$$

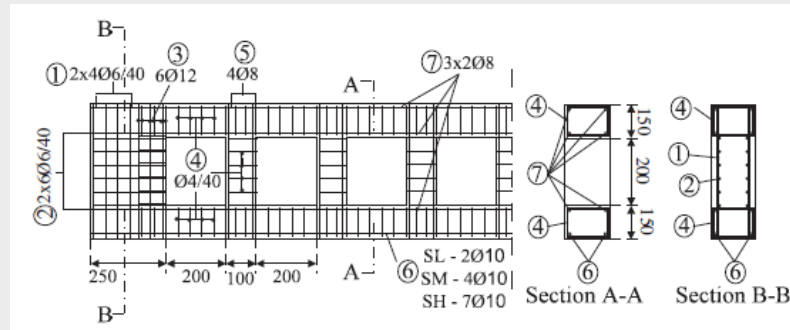


# RC structures - beams

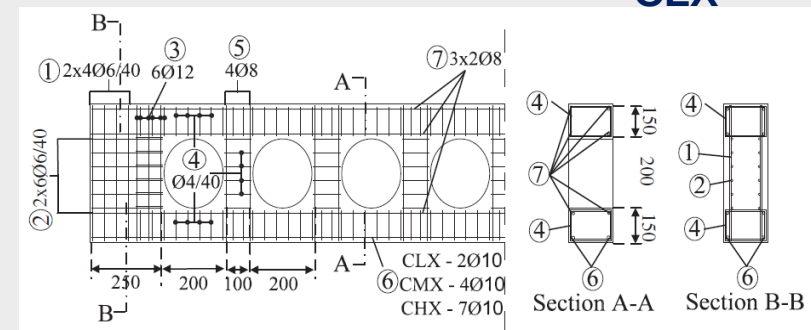
## - 4 Beams with web openings:

\*Aykaç, B., Kalkan, I., Aykaç, S., Egriboz, E.M. : Flexural behaviour of RC beams with regular square or circular web openings, *Engineering Structures*, 56, pp. 2165-2174, 2013.

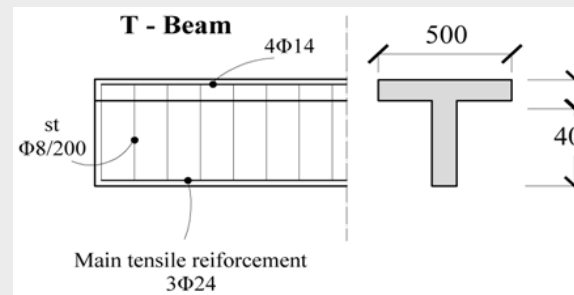
SL  
SM  
SH



CLX



## - 1 Beam with a T-shaped cross section designed according to *fib* Model Code 2010 and to EC 2.



# RC beams

The **failure mode** identifies a specific resisting mechanism developed with the crisis of a specific material in a certain region of the structural member.

## FAILURE MODES

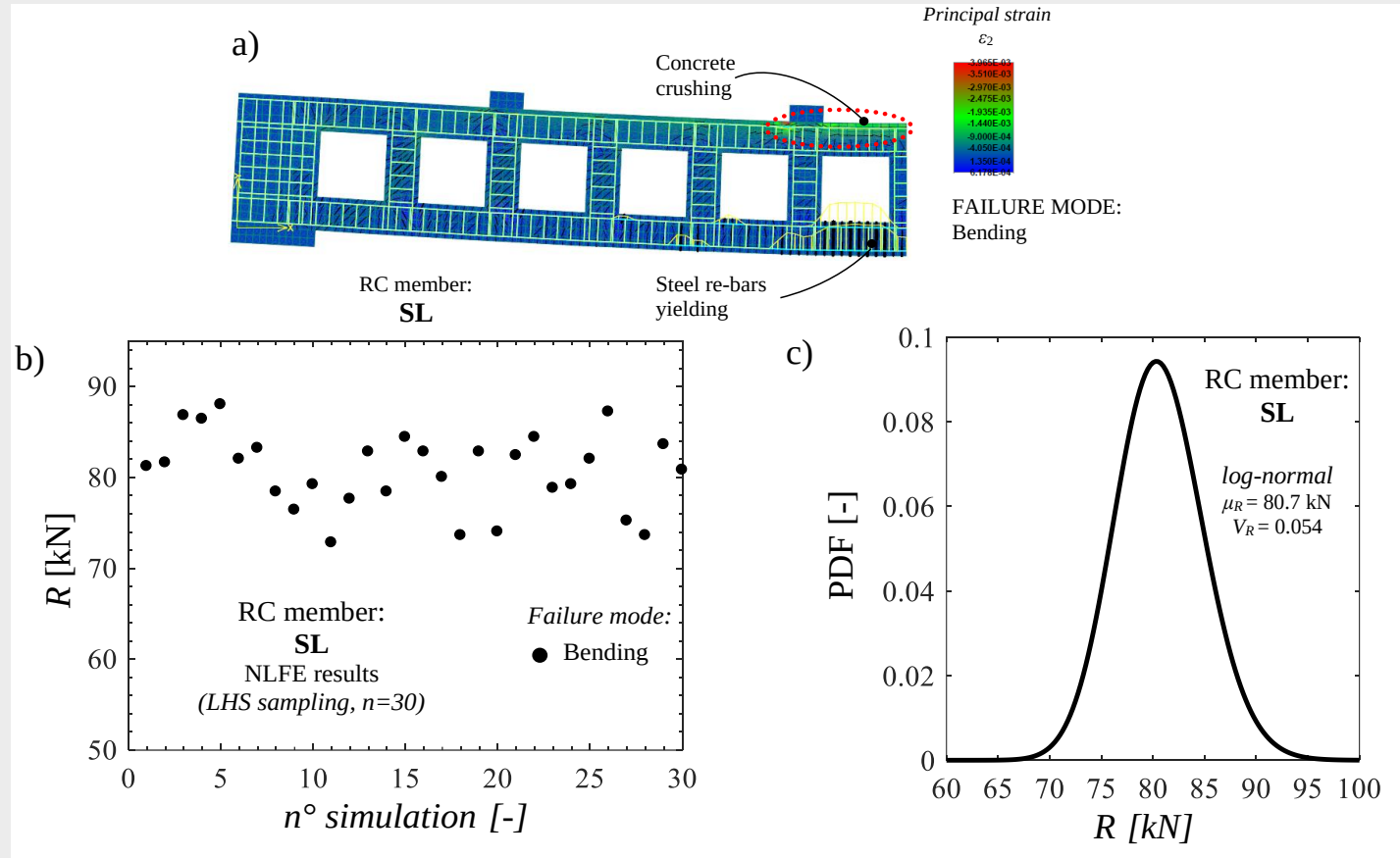
**NLFEA Results:** PFM, GRF, ECOV and GSF

- SL: Beam type (Bending)
- SM: Vierendeel type
- SH: Vierendeel type
- CLX: Beam type (Bending)
- T-Beam: Beam type (Bending)

**In line with the  
experimental  
outcomes!**

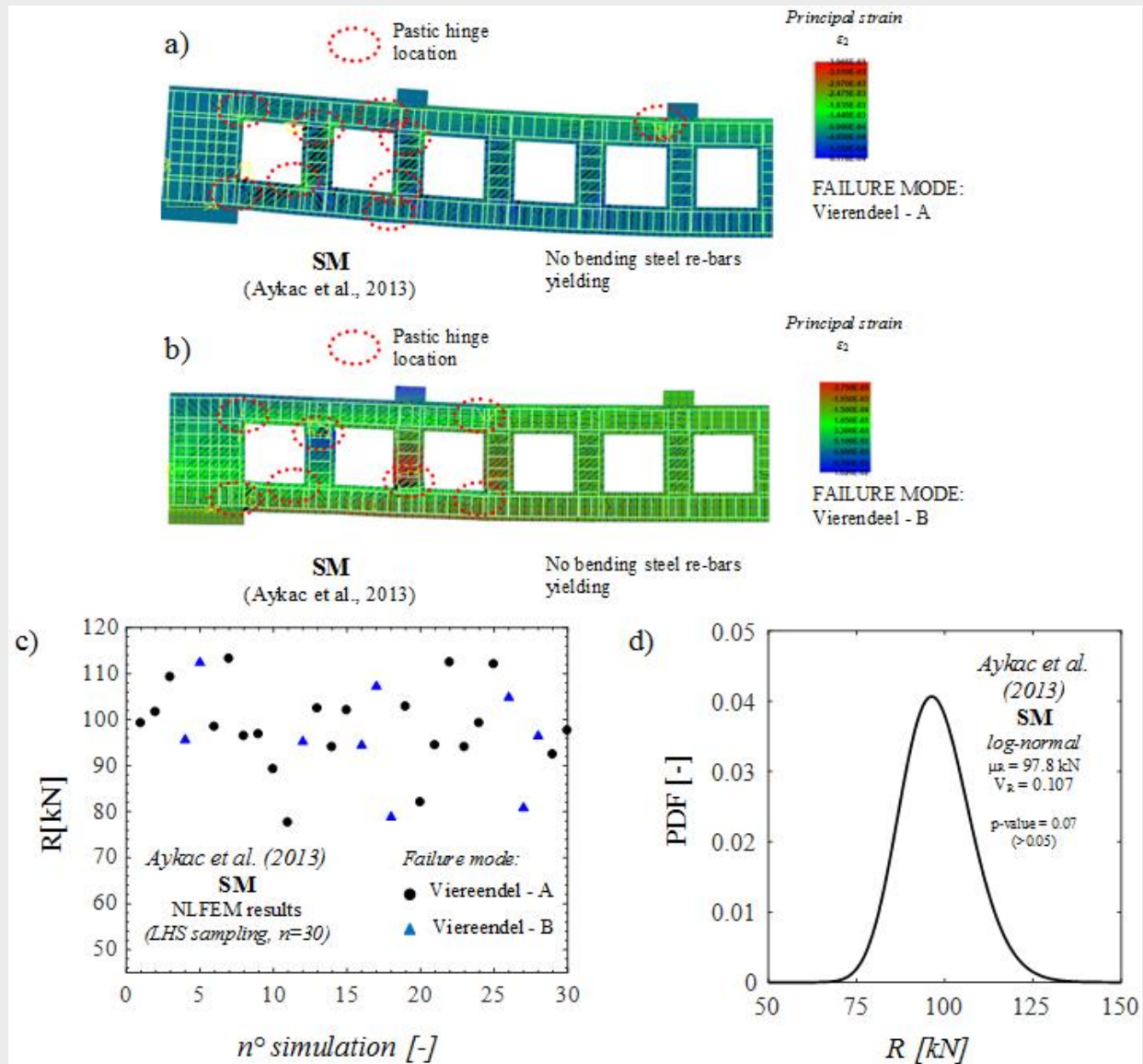
# NLNA Results: PM

## Beam SL



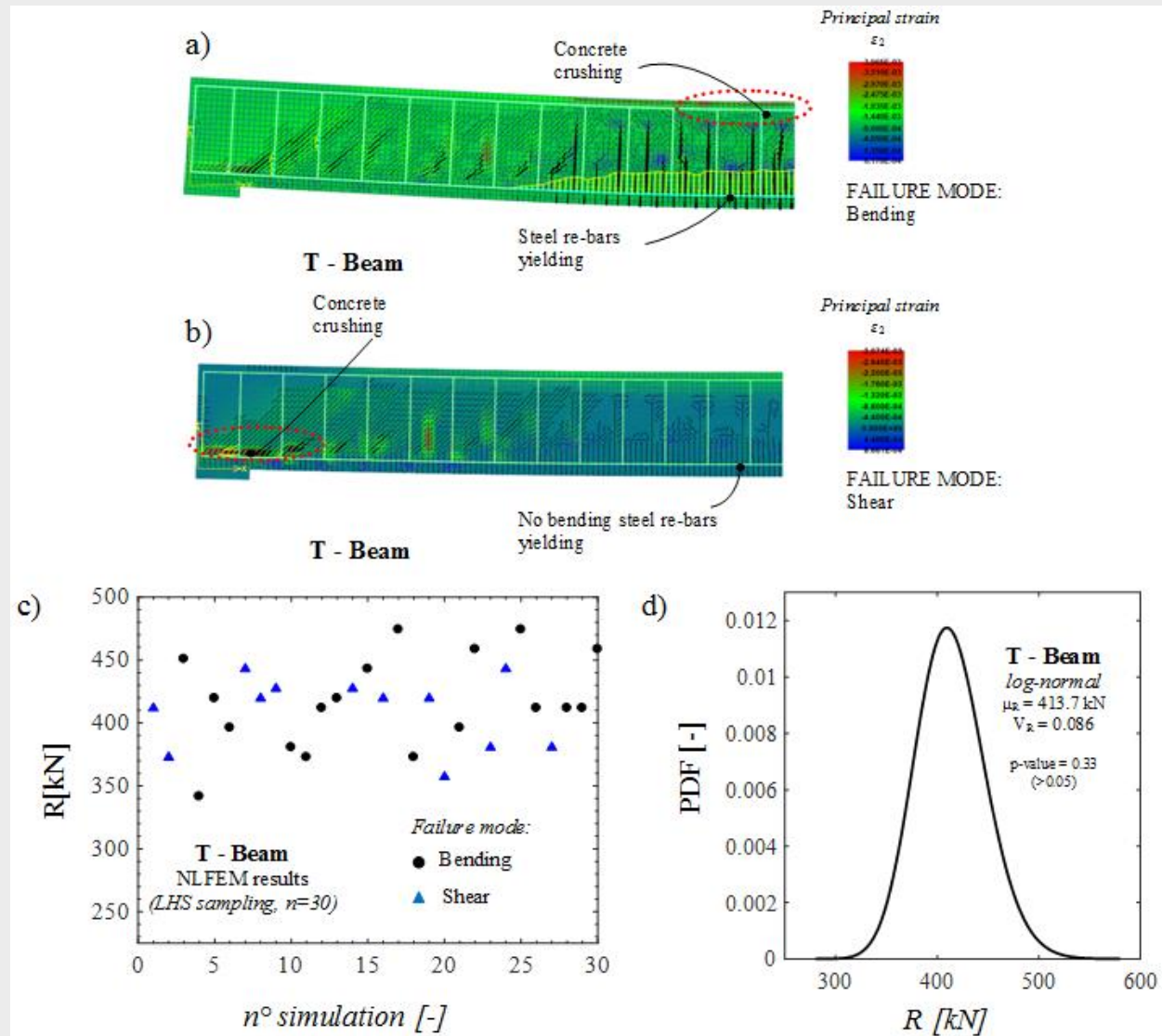
# NLNA Results: PM

## Beam SM

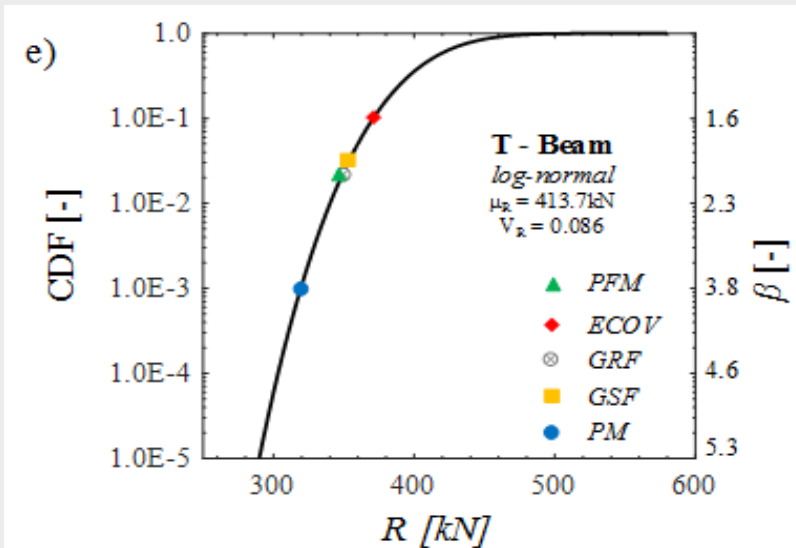
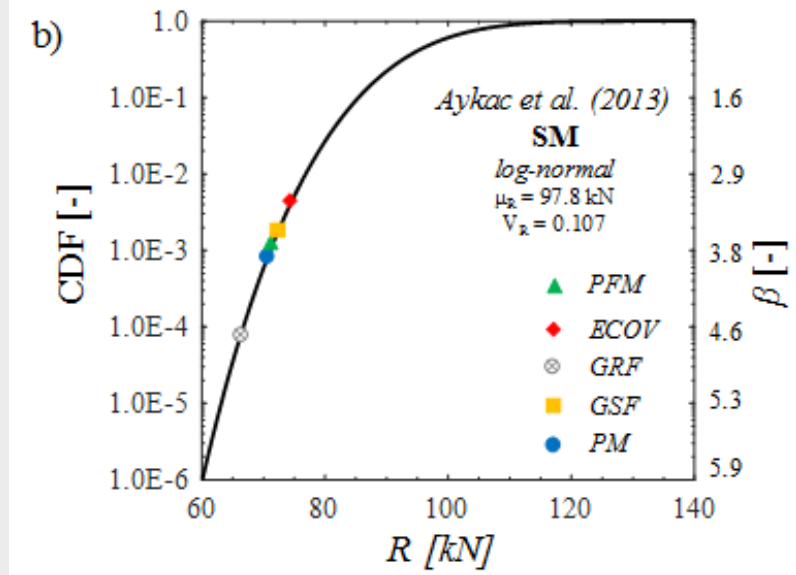


# NLNA Results: PM

## T-Beam



# Comparison between GLOBAL SAFETY FORMATS



The model uncertainties are not considered in these evaluations!

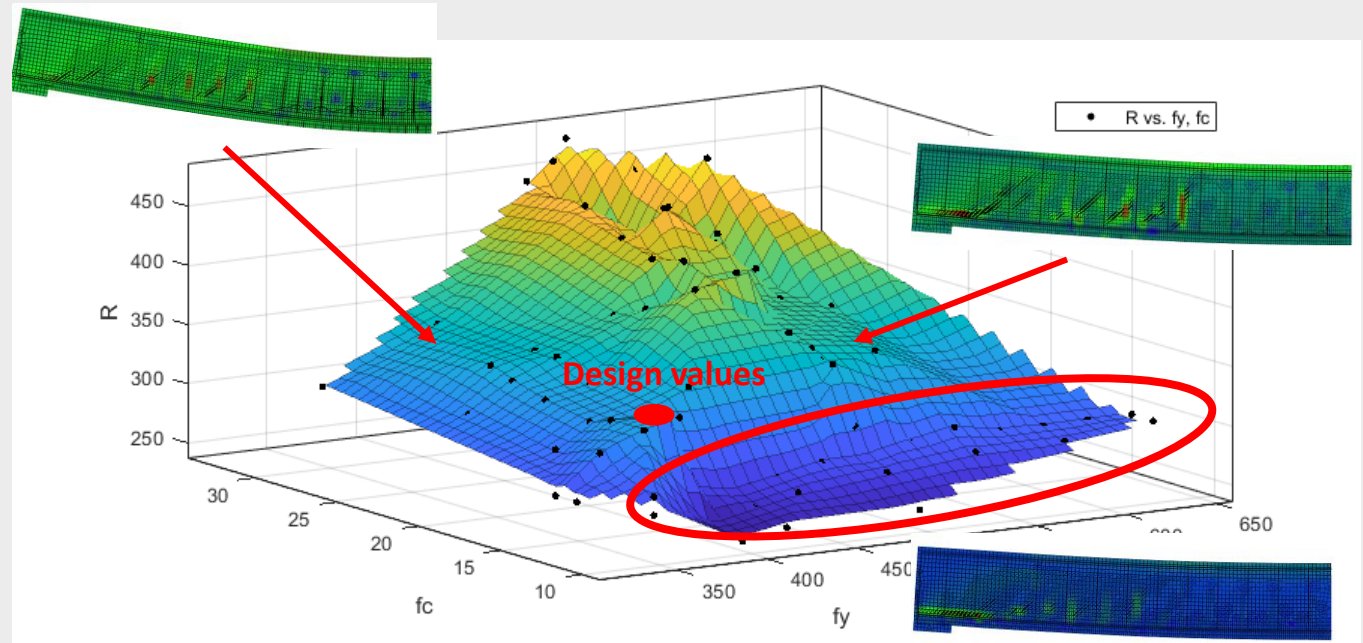
# GLOBAL SAFETY FORMATS AND SAFETY FACTORS

## *fib* MODEL CODE 2010 and 2020

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...different failure modes: the **RESPONSE SURFACE IS NOT CONVEX!!!**

T-Beam



- The uncertainty related to sensitivity of the model to modify the prediction of failure mode depending on material uncertainties is not accounted for in  $\gamma_{Rd}$ , that should be always applied



# *fib* MODEL CODE 2010 and 2020 EUROCODICE 2 - Annex F

## PRELIMINARY ANALYSES (3)

- Mean concrete strength – Design reinforcements strength
- Design concrete strength – Mean reinforcements strength
- Design concrete strength – Design reinforcements strength



$$R\{f_{cd}, f_{yd}; a_{nom}\} \leq R\{f_{cd}, f_{ym}; a_{nom}\} \quad \text{and} \quad R\{f_{cd}, f_{yd}; a_{nom}\} \leq R\{f_{cm}, f_{yd}; a_{nom}\}$$

(The **FAILURE MODES** are the same?)

YES

NO

$$R_d = \frac{R_{rep}}{\gamma_R \cdot \gamma_{FM} \cdot \gamma_{Rd}}$$

Failure mode-based safety factor  $\gamma_{FM}$ : 1.15



# PARTIAL FACTOR METHOD (PFM) GLOBAL FACTOR METHOD (GFM)

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## PARTIAL FACTOR METHOD (PFM)

$$R_d = \frac{R_{NLNA}(X_d; a_d)}{\gamma_{Rd}}$$

$$R_d = \frac{R_{NLNA}(X_d; a_d)}{\gamma_{Rd} \cdot 1.15}$$

## GLOBAL FACTOR METHOD (GFM)

$$R_d = \frac{R_{NLNA}(X_m; a_{nom})}{\gamma_R \gamma_{Rd}}$$

$$R_d = \frac{R_{NLNA}(X_m; a_{nom})}{\gamma_R \gamma_{Rd} \cdot 1.15}$$

Failure mode-based  
partial safety factor  $\gamma_{FM}$

# *fib* MODEL CODE 2010 and 2020

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### PARTIAL FACTOR METHOD (PFM)

- Mean – Design properties
- Design – Mean properties
- Design – Design properties

*$\beta$  fixed*

### GLOBAL FACTOR METHOD (GFM)

- Mean – Design properties
- Design – Mean properties
- Design – Design properties
- Mean – Mean properties

### *Future developments ...*

- Mean – Design properties
- Design – Mean properties
- Design – Design properties

*$\beta$  variable*

Repeated as a function of  $\beta$  for both **actions** and **materials**

- Mean – Design properties
- Design – Mean properties
- Design – Design properties
- Mean – Mean properties
- Repeated as a function of  $\beta$  only for **actions**

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