



# Reliability & Sensitivity Analysis using **quoFEM**

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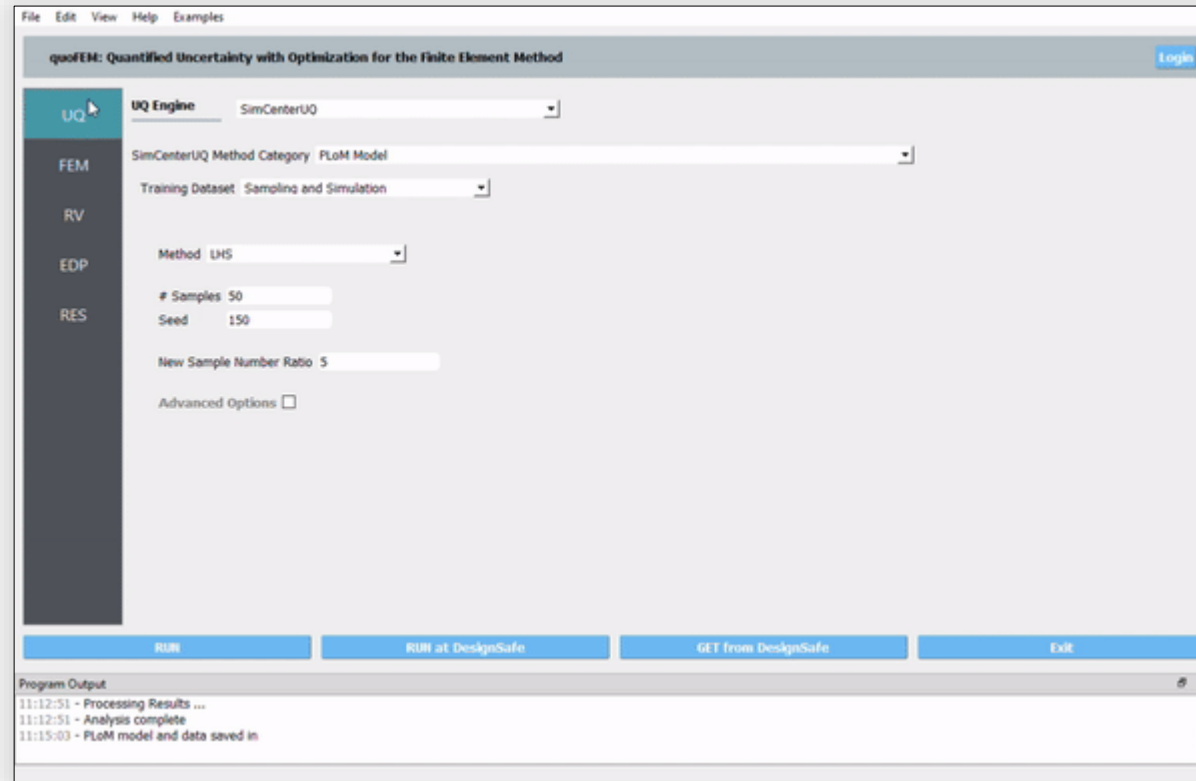
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# SimCenter

Develop **Opensource software tools** for researchers in **Natural hazard engineering**



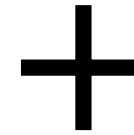
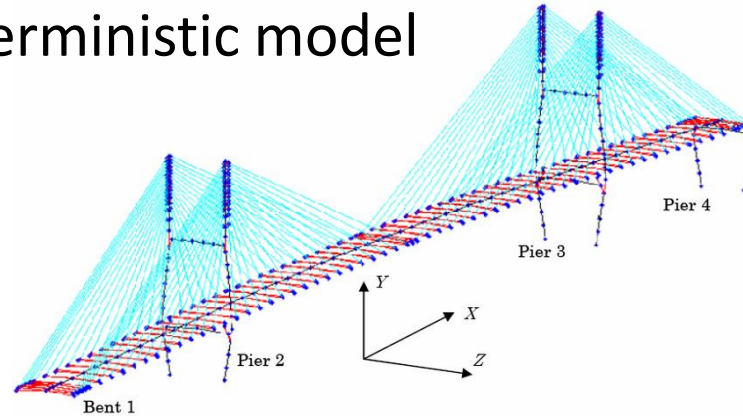
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# SimCenter Tools

UQ-enabling Tool

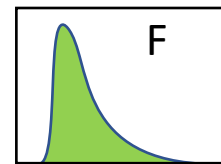
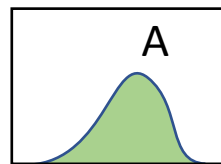
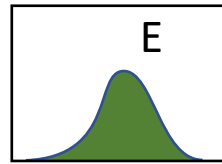


Deterministic model



UQ/Optimization  
Analysis

Random Variables



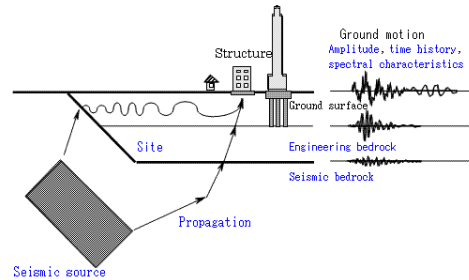
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## Hazard-specific Modeling and Analysis Tools

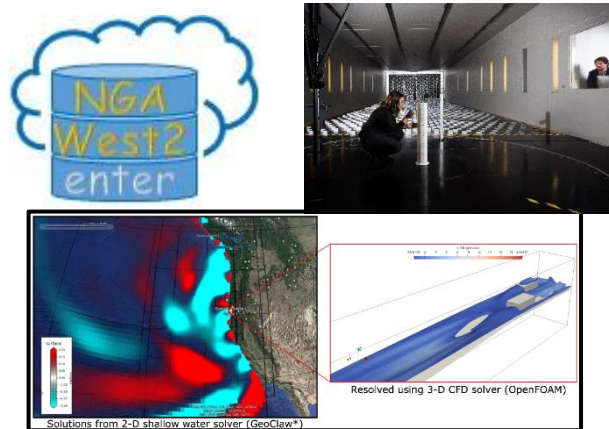


### Hazard models

Your own model

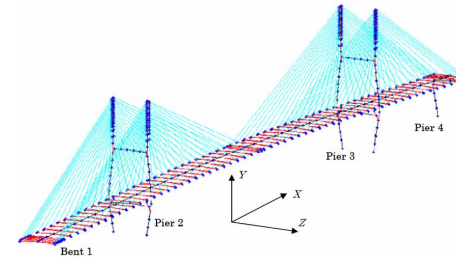


or hazard scenario generator



### Structure models

Your own model



or building model generator



**+** UQ analysis

+ Damage and Loss Analysis

**PBE**

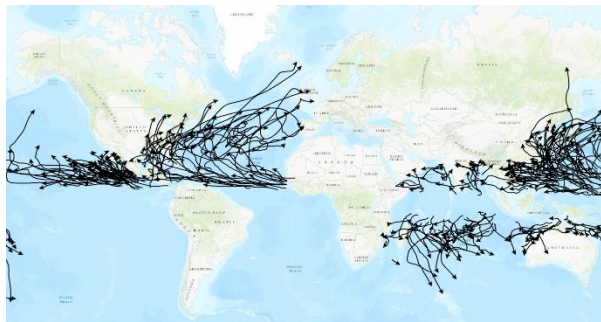
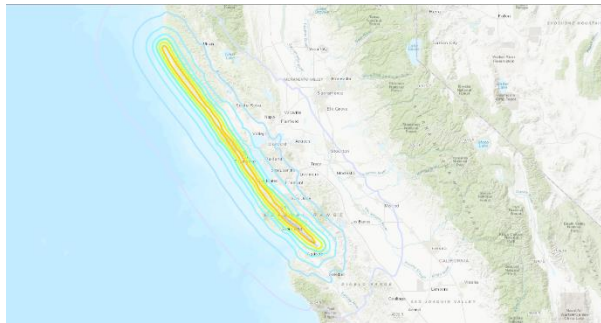


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## Regional-Scale Risk Management Tool

### Multi-hazard Simulation

Earthquakes



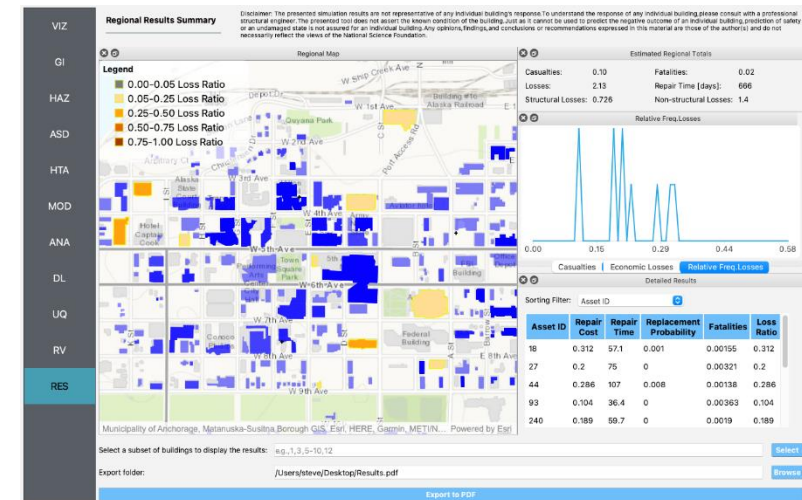
Hurricanes

### Multi-asset Analysis

Buildings



Lifeline Networks



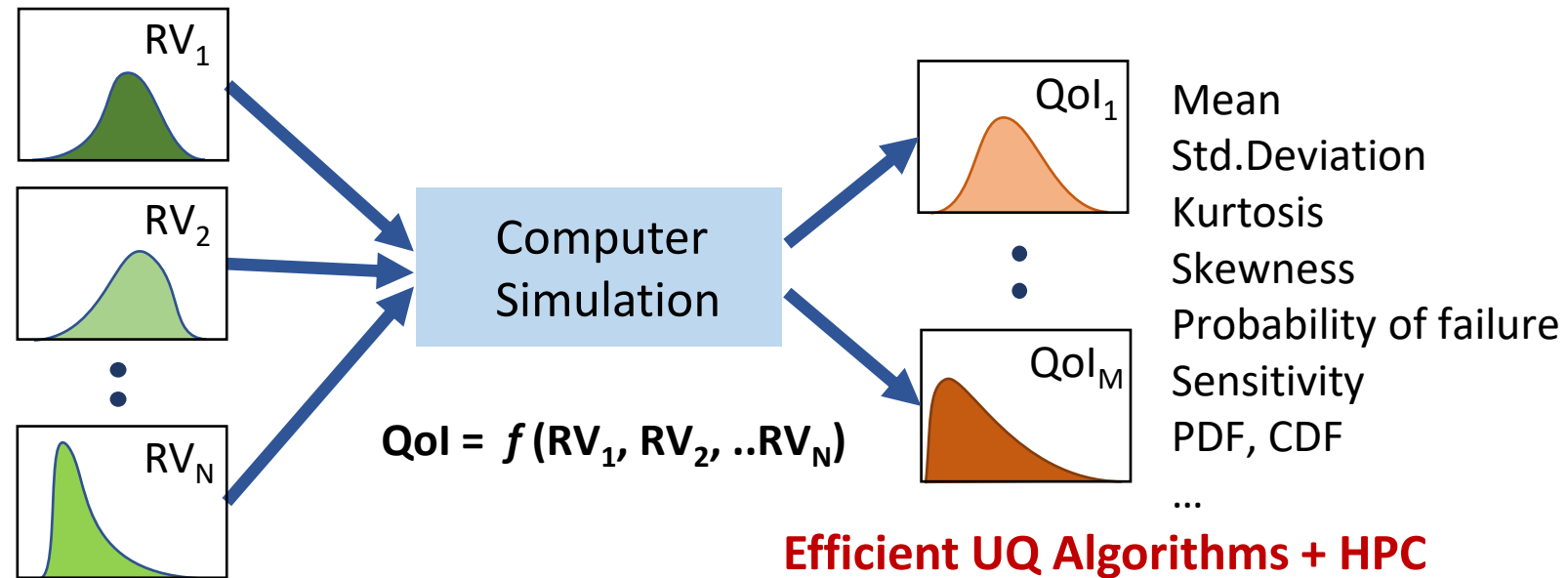
e.g. “The buildings are mostly likely in moderate damage states. The non-structural damage would dominate the economic losses. The repair costs range from 1% to 7% of the total replacement costs, and the repair time range from 1 to 20 days.”

# SimCenter Tools



SimCenter's scientific workflow

We are running UQ workflow



# Introduction to quoFEM

quoFEM:

Quantified Uncertainty with Optimization for the Finite Element Method



**EE-UQ, WE-UQ, Hydro-UQ, PBE, R2D**

- Helps generate event scenarios for specified hazards and provides seamless workflow

**quoFEM**

- Flexible to problem/model types
- Strong UQ capacity



# quoFEM (v.3.0)

## FEM Engines

OpenSees

FEAPpv

OpenSeesPy  
(general python interface)

Custom

Surrogate  
Model

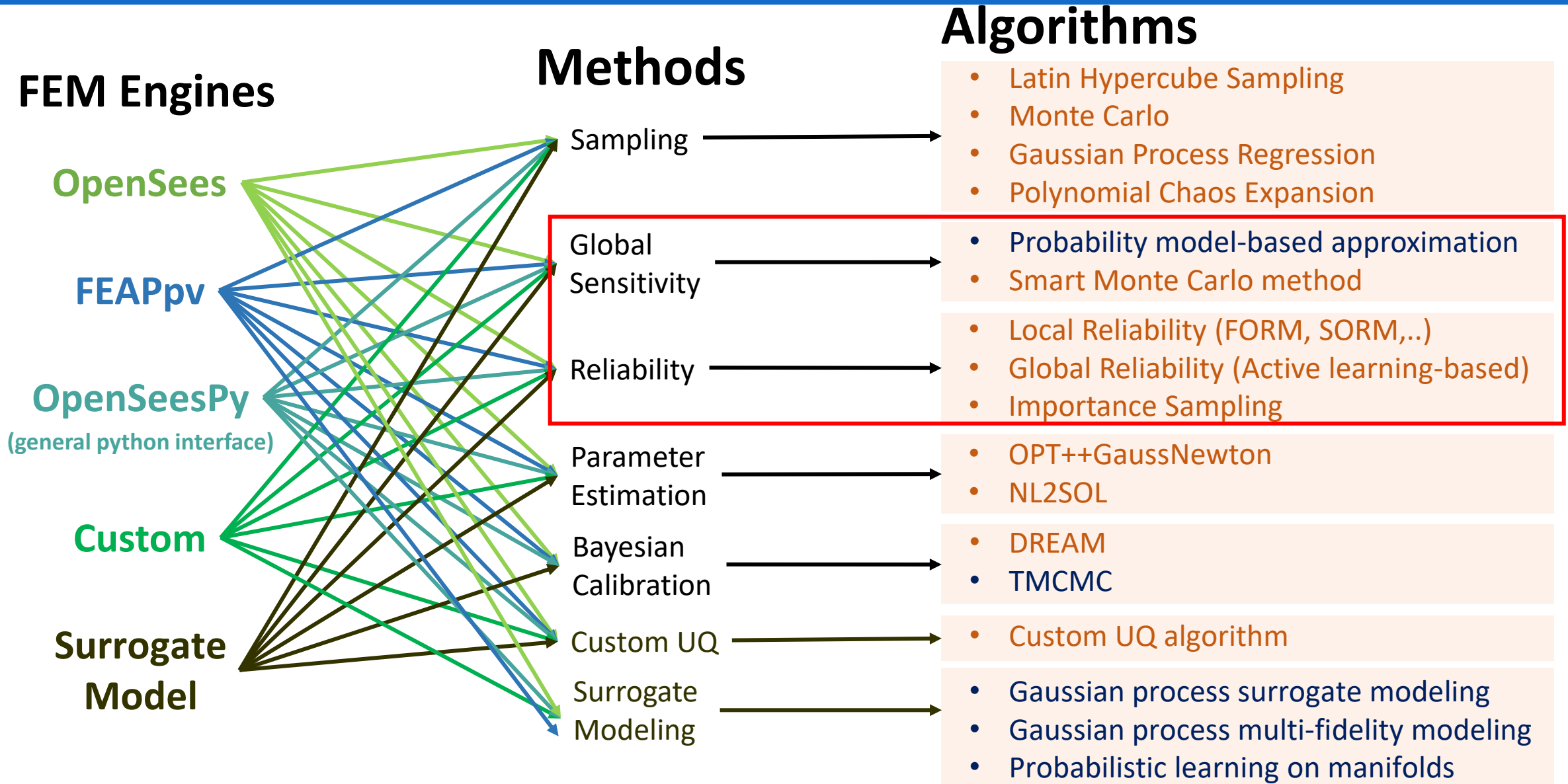
## Methods



## Algorithms

- Latin Hypercube Sampling
- Monte Carlo
- Gaussian Process Regression
- Polynomial Chaos Expansion
- Probability model-based approximation
- Smart Monte Carlo method
- Local Reliability (FORM, SORM,..)
- Global Reliability (Active learning-based)
- Importance Sampling
- OPT++GaussNewton
- NL2SOL
- DREAM
- TMCMC
- Custom UQ algorithm
- Gaussian process surrogate modeling
- Gaussian process multi-fidelity modeling
- Probabilistic learning on manifolds

# quoFEM (v.3.0)



# Reliability Analysis

[Dakota theory manual Section 2.1](#)

Gives CDF value  $(1 - P_f)$

## ▪ Local reliability

- Mean value (MVFOSM)
- Most Probable Point (Design point)
  - Exact MPP search – traditional FORM/SORM
  - Approximate MPP search – faster convergence, less accuracy

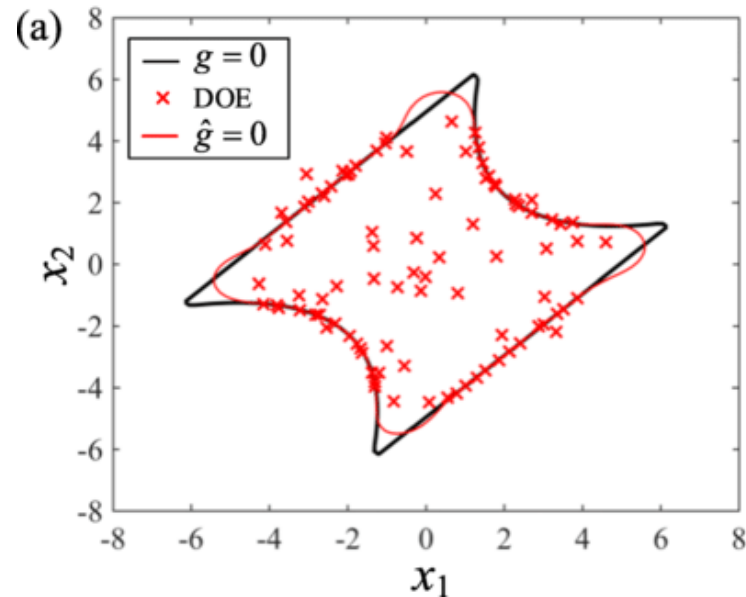
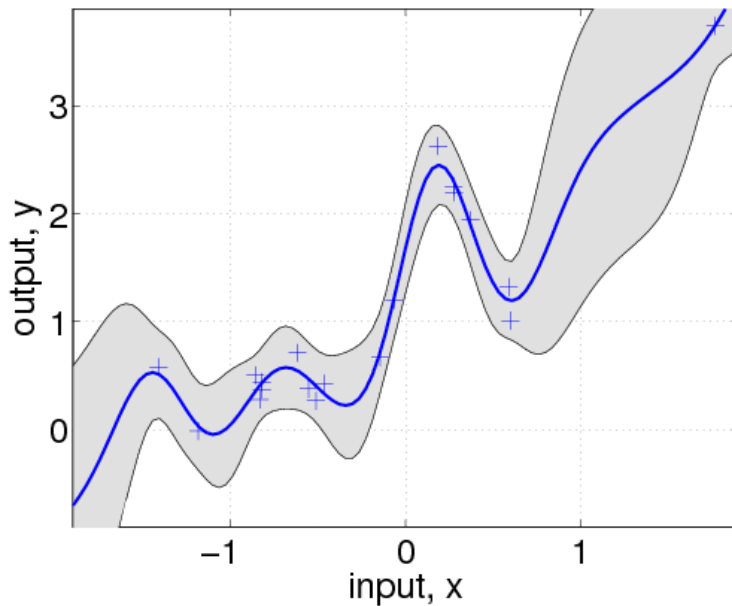
**Optimization:** sequential quadratic programming (SQP) and nonlinear interior-point (NIP) optimization

# Reliability Analysis

[Dakota theory manual Section 2.2.2, Chapter 8](#)

## ■ Global reliability

- Use surrogate model (Gaussian process) to approximate limit-state function
- Works well when the limit-state function is multi-modal / highly nonlinear



# Reliability Analysis

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- **Importance sampling**

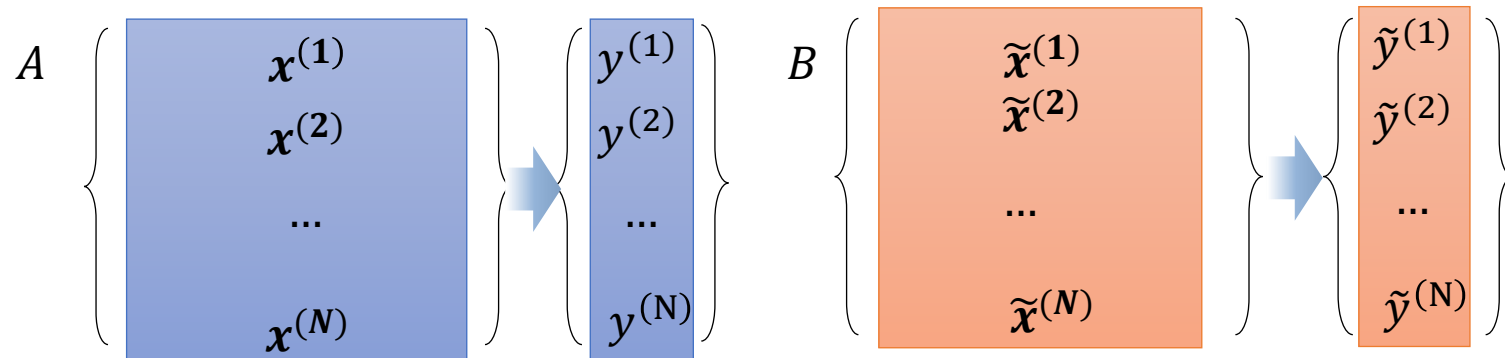
- Basic/adaptive/multimodal-adaptive

[Dakota theory manual Section 2.2.1](#)

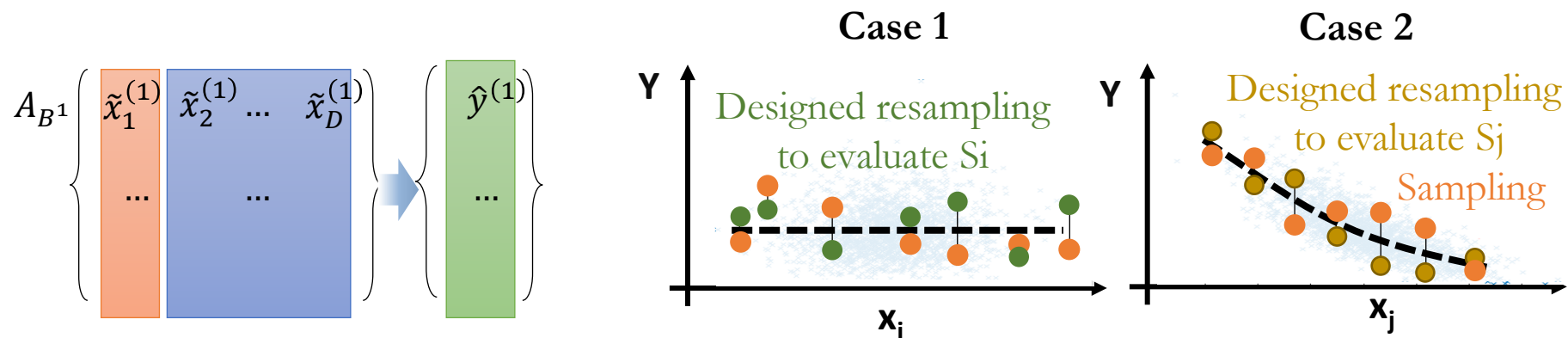
# Global Sensitivity Analysis

## Smart Monte Carlo (Dakota Engine)

Two independent N sample set

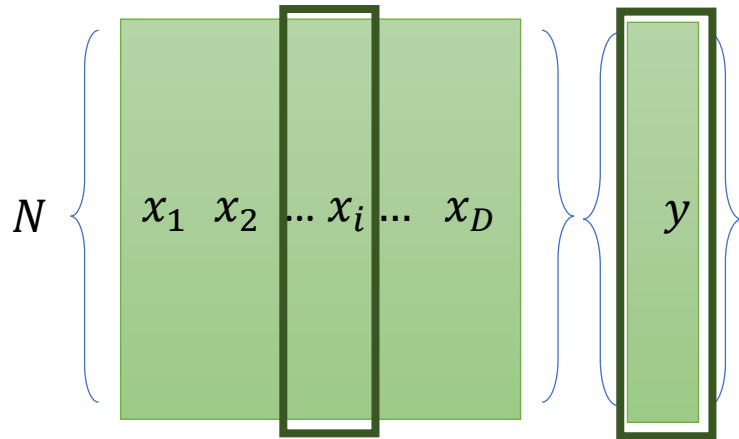


Designed sample set to estimate Sobol indices of  $X_1$



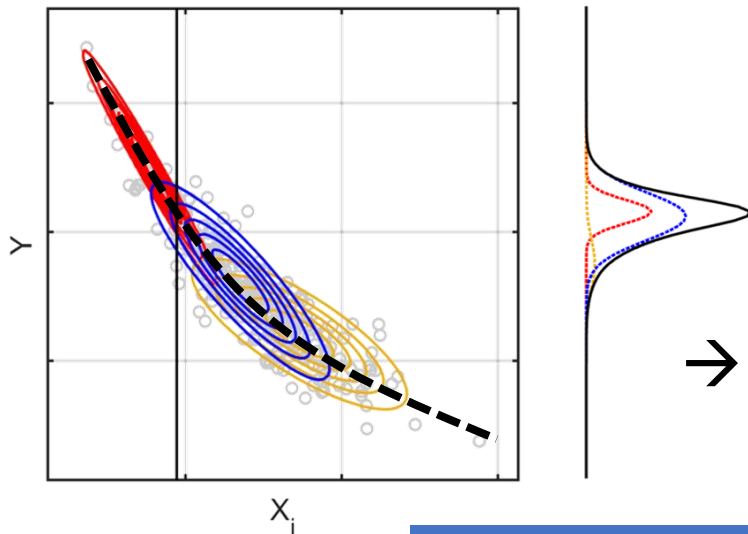
# Global Sensitivity Analysis

## Probability-mode based GSA (SimCenter UQ engine)



### Estimation algorithm

- Approximate joint distribution of  $f(X_i, Y)$  using a Gaussian mixture model (GMM)
- Estimate  $\mathbb{E}[Y|X_i]$  from GMM  $f(X_i, Y)$
- Repeat for different  $X_i^{(n)}$  samples to get sample variance

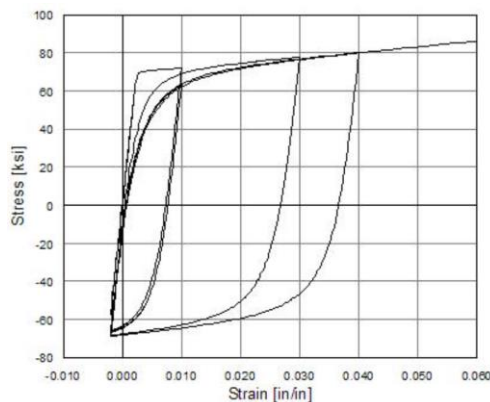
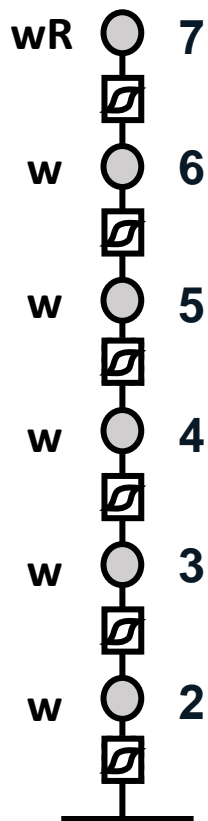


$$\text{Var}_{x_i} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{x_i} \left[ Y | X_i^{(n)} \right] \right]$$

→ Supports group-wise sensitivity index

# Example 1

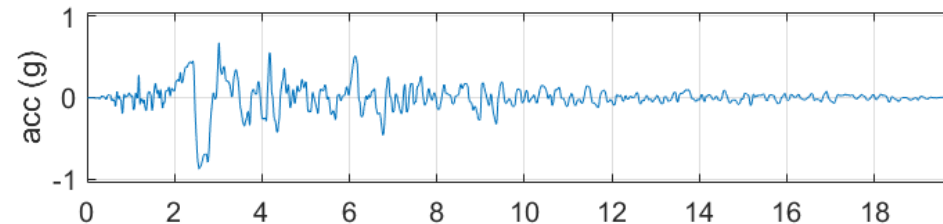
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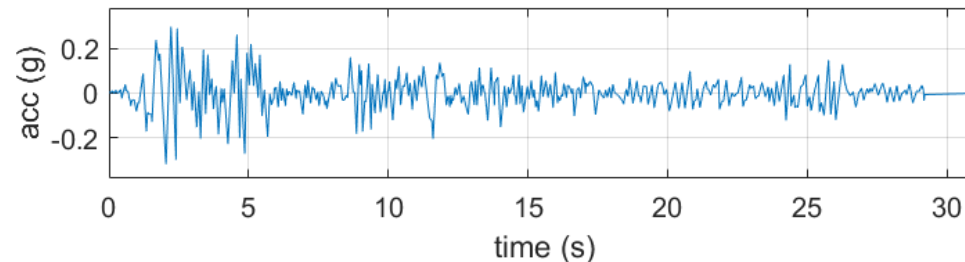
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## Excitation

Rinaldi  
near-field



El Centro  
far-field



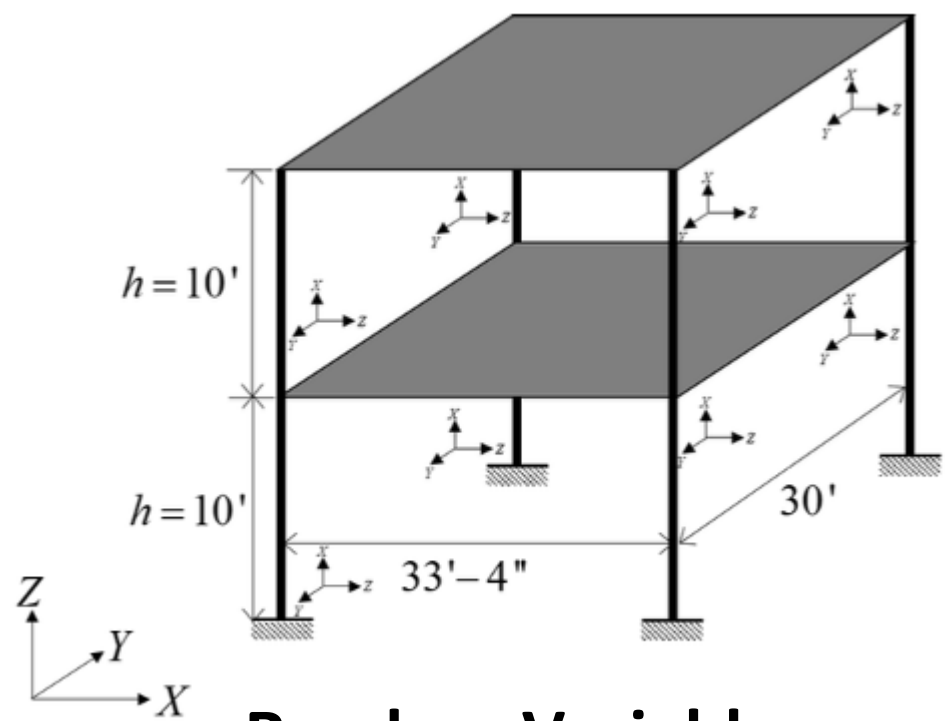
## Random Variables

Name	Mean	C.O.V
w	100	0.1
wR	50	0.1
k	326	0.1
Fy	50	0.1
alpha	0.2	0.1
factor (PGA)	0.1	0.1

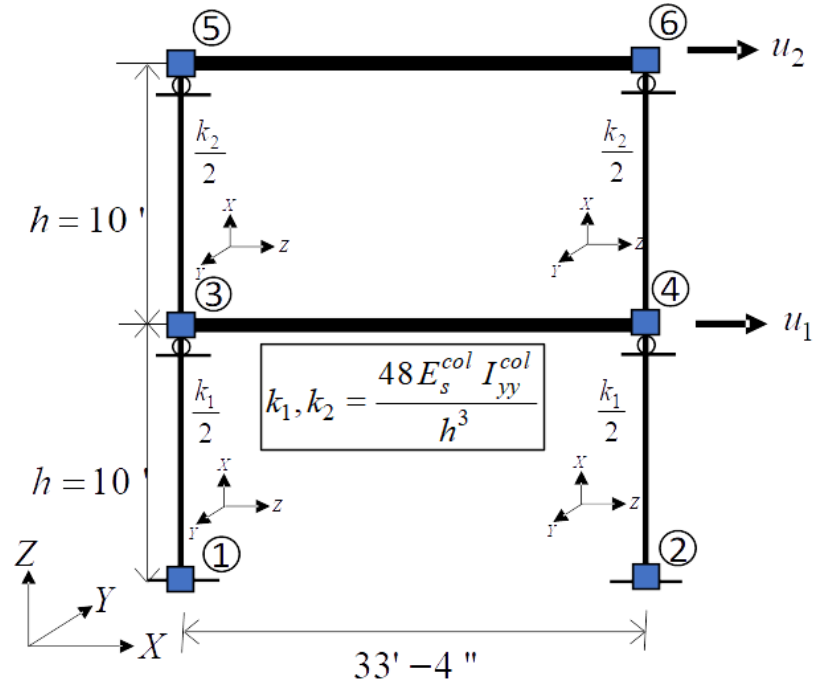


# Example 2

## Structure (Opensees)



**Random Variables:**  
 $k_1, k_2$



**Quantity of Interest:**  
 Eigenvalue  $(\text{rad/s})^2$

# Example 3

Truss model written in [OpenSeesPy](#)

