

A Fully Decoupled Approach for a Class of Reliability-based Optimization Problems in Stochastic Linear Dynamics

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Motivation



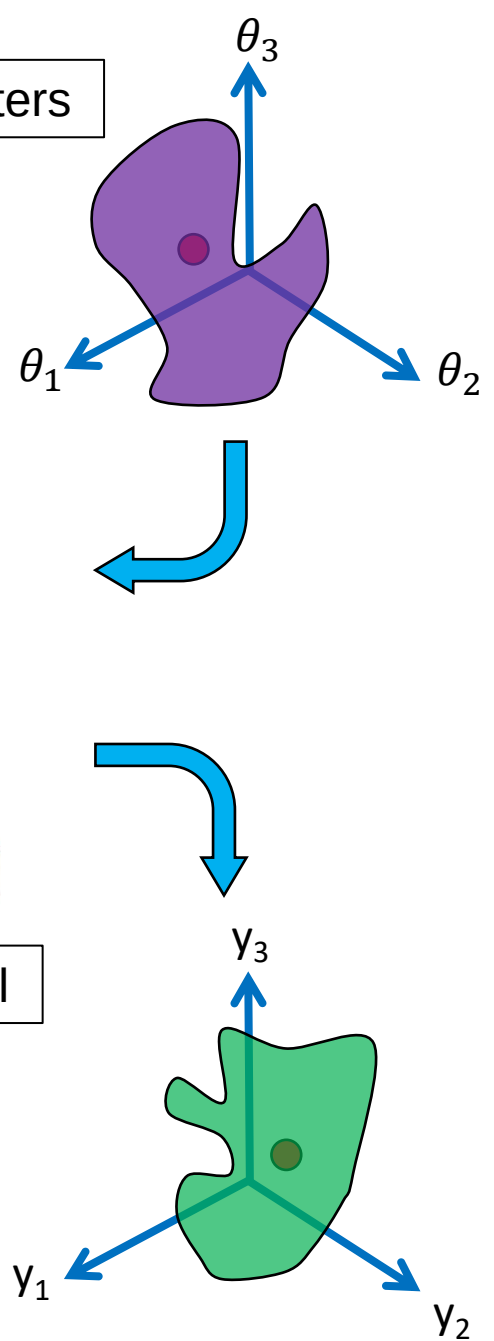
Engineering Problem

Uncertainty

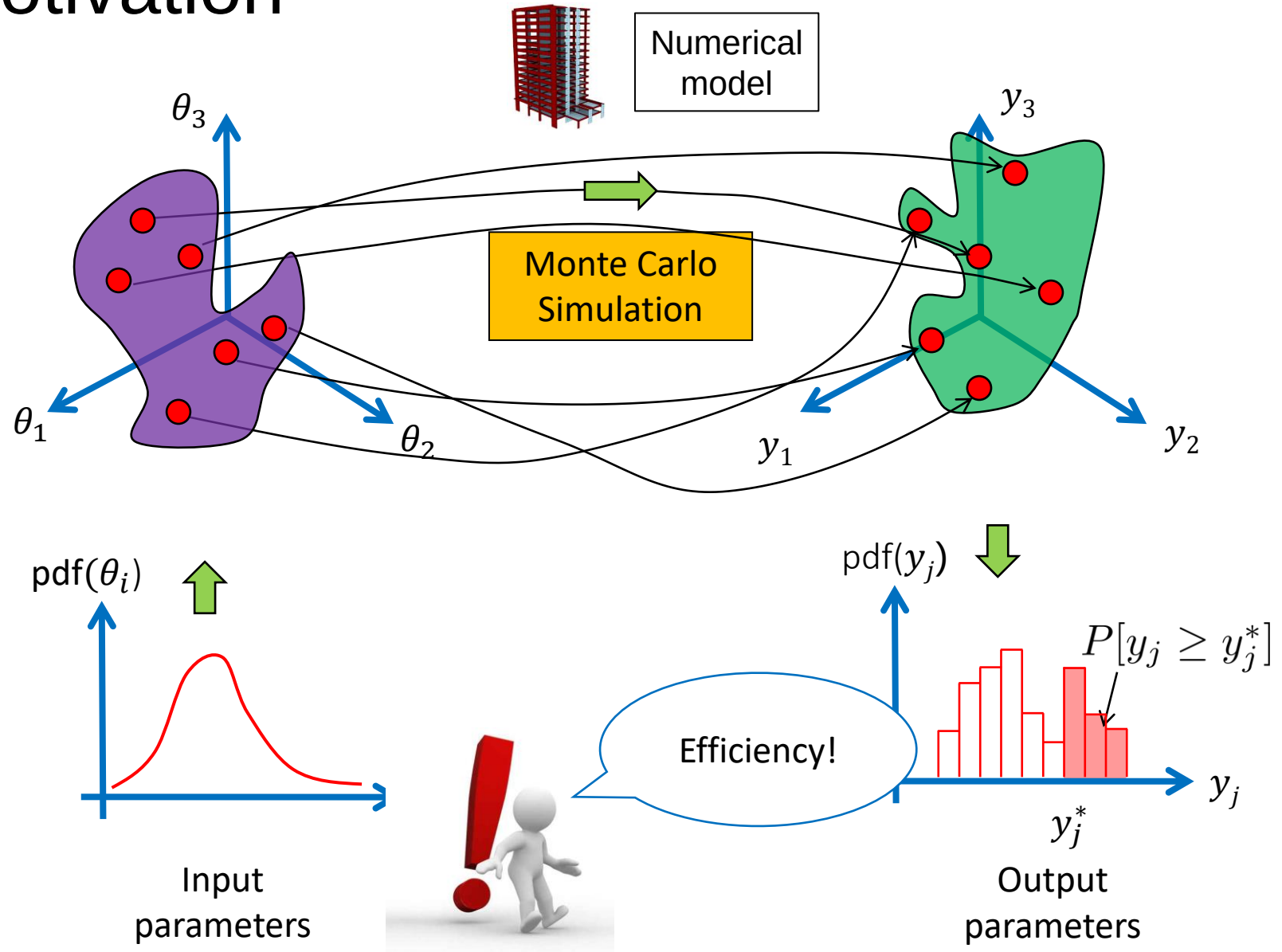


Numerical model

Response

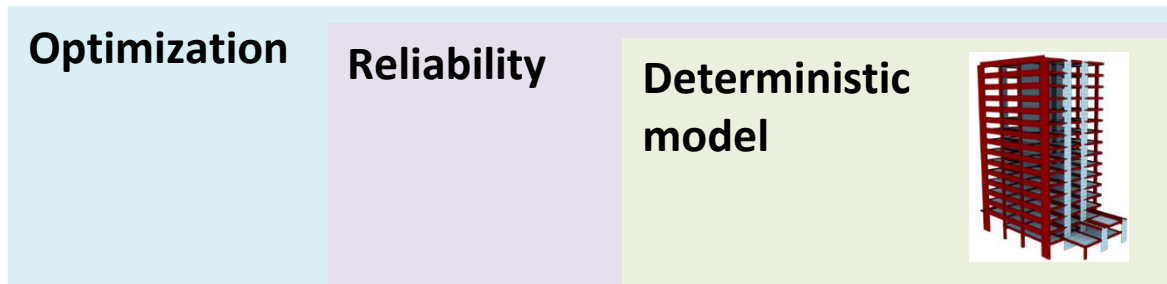


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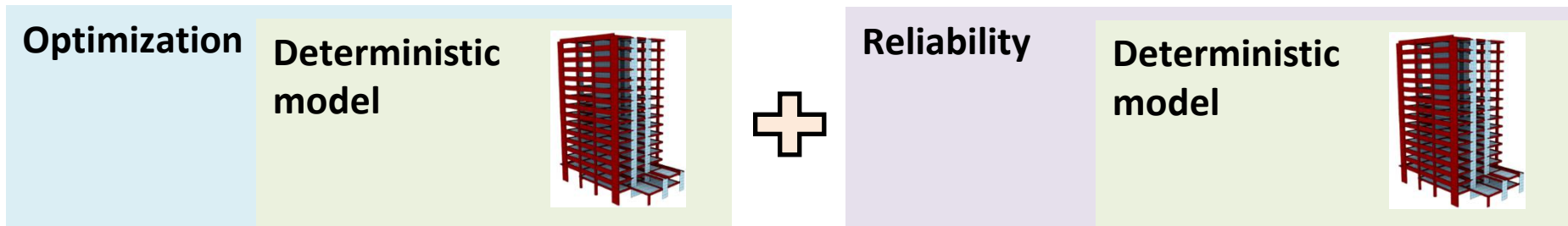


Motivation

- **Coping** with optimization and uncertainty: **huge challenge!**



- Proposed approach: **decoupling** via operator norm theorem



Scope:

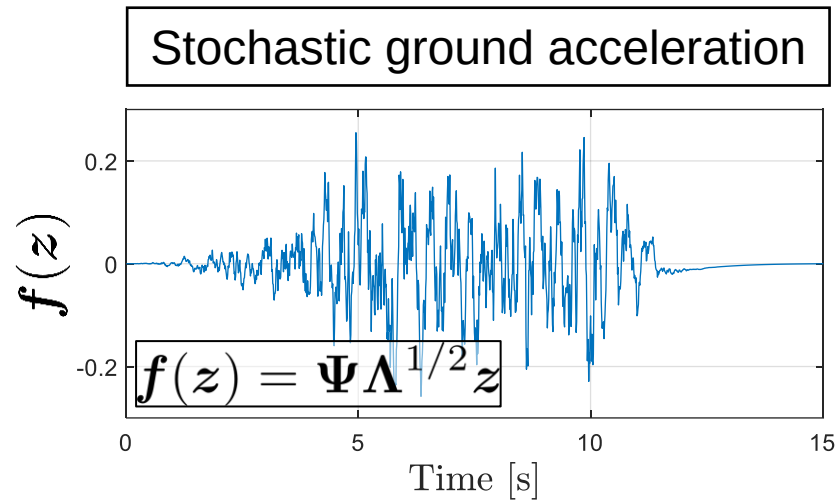
- Gaussian dynamic excitation
- Linear structure
- Minimization of failure probability

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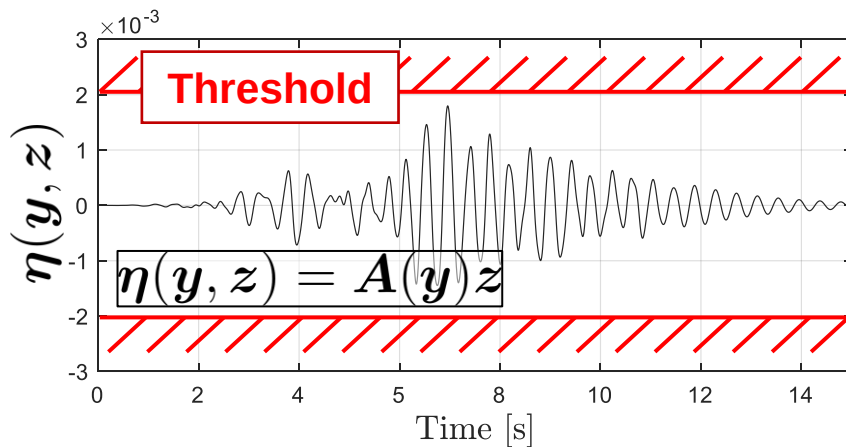
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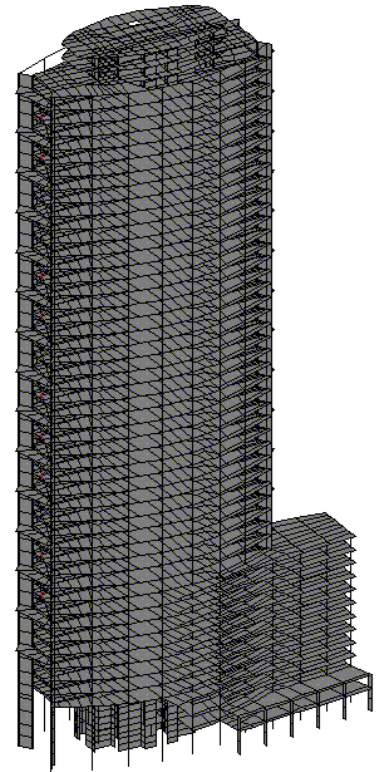
- **Random Vibration** problem



Stochastic response



Finite element model



y
(design variables)

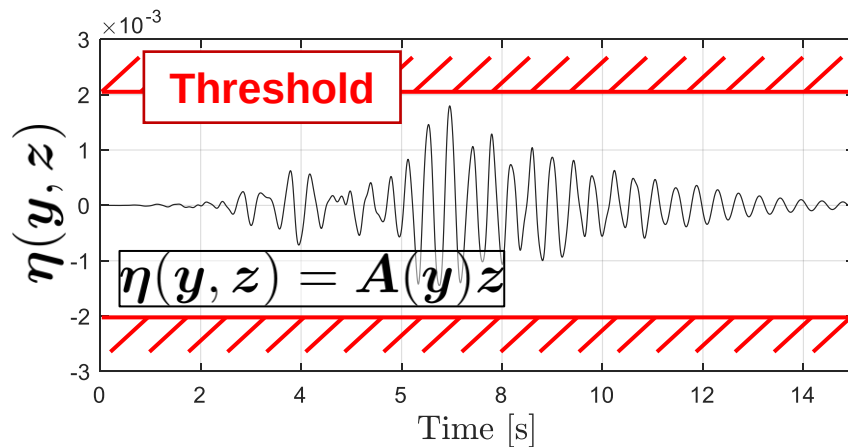
Problem Statement

- **First excursion probability**: probability that structural response of interest exceeds acceptable threshold within the duration of the excitation

$$p_F(\mathbf{y}) = \int_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_D}} I_F(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) f_Z(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z}$$

Indicator
function

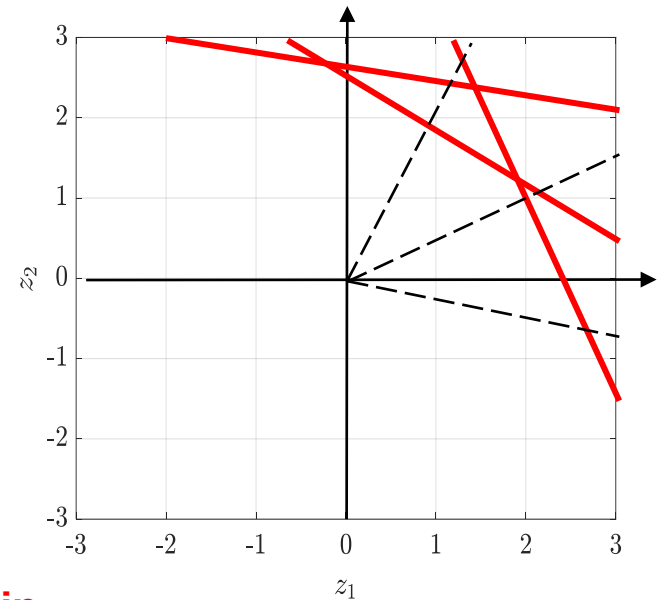
PDF,
excitation



Failure Domain

Safe Domain

Failure Domain



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Problem Statement

- Reliability-based optimization (RBO) problem

$$\begin{array}{ll}\min_{\mathbf{y}} & p_F(\mathbf{y}) \\ \text{subject to} & \\ & c_l(\mathbf{y}) \leq 0, \quad l = 1, \dots, n_C \\ & y_j^L \leq y_j \leq y_j^U, \quad j = 1, \dots, n_y\end{array}$$

- $c_l(\mathbf{y})$: deterministic constraints (e.g. physical constraint, budget)
- y_j^L, y_j^U : bounds

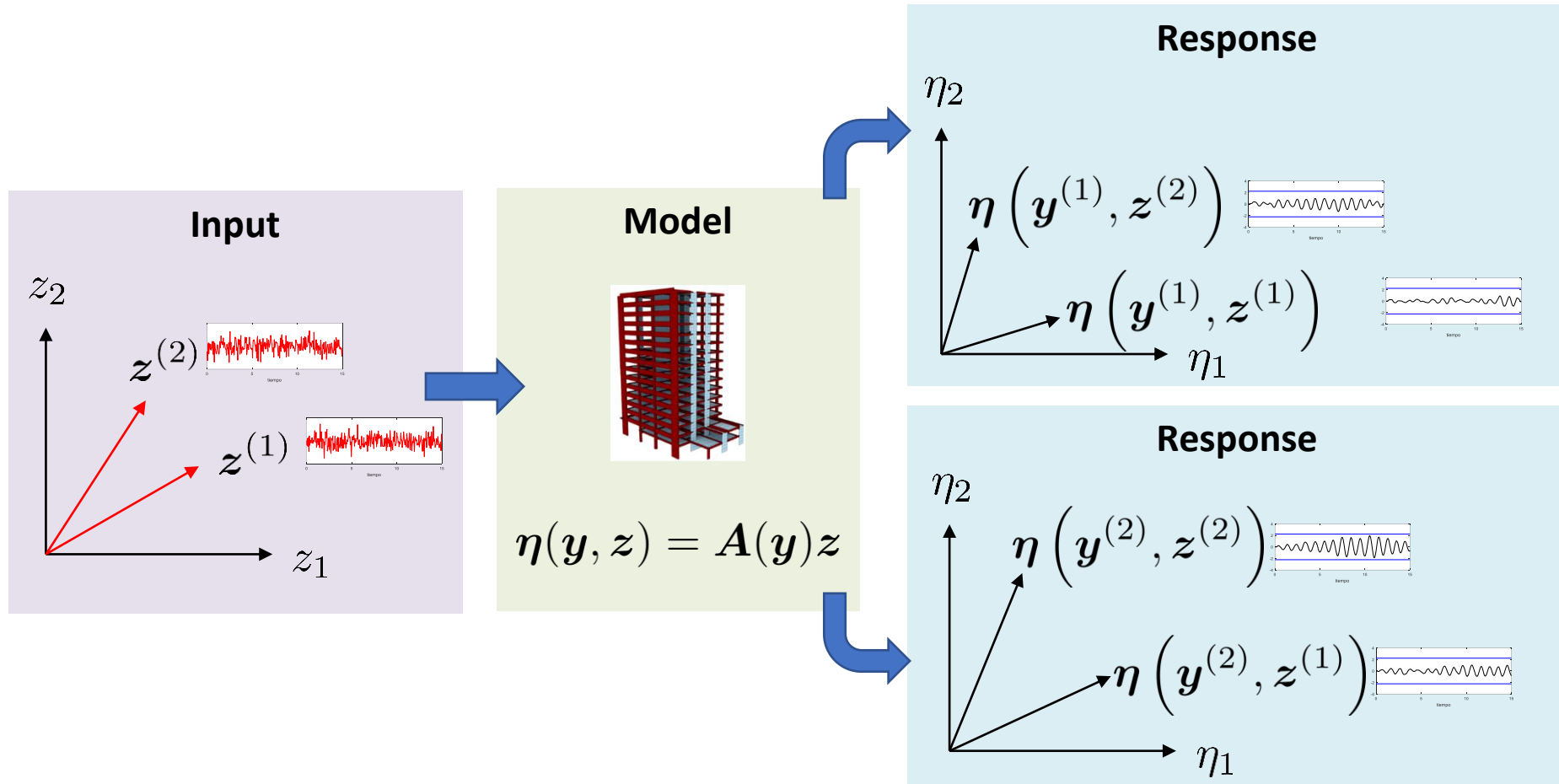
Challenges:

- Double loop
- High dimensional probability integral
- Probability available through simulation

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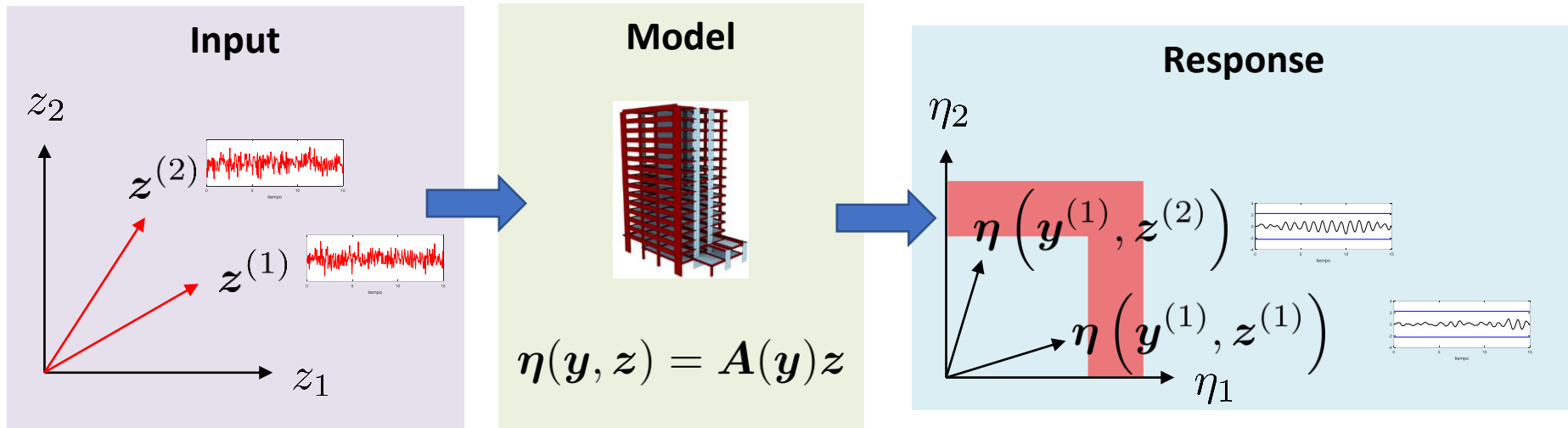
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Operator Norm Theorem for RBO



- Response $\eta(y, z)$ is the result of **stretching** loading z by $A(y)$
- Less stretching should lead to **smaller** p_F

Operator Norm Theorem for RBO



- The amount of **stretching** induced by $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y})$ can be bounded by **operator norm theorem**

$$\|\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y})\|_{\infty,2} = \inf\{c(\mathbf{y}) \geq 0 : \|\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y})\mathbf{z}\|_{\infty} \leq c(\mathbf{y}) \|\mathbf{z}\|_2\}$$

- Operator norm: find row of $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y})$ with largest Euclidean norm

$$\|\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y})\|_{\infty,2} = \max_{i=1,\dots,n_R, k=1,\dots,n_T} \left(\sqrt{\mathbf{a}_{i_k} \mathbf{a}_{i_k}^T} \right)$$

Operator Norm Theorem for RBO

Optimization

Deterministic
model



Reliability

Deterministic
model



$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\mathbf{y}} \|\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y})\|_{\infty,2} \\ & \text{subject to} \\ & c_l(\mathbf{y}) \leq 0, \quad l = 1, \dots, n_C \\ & y_j^L \leq y_j \leq y_j^U, \quad j = 1, \dots, n_y \end{aligned}$$

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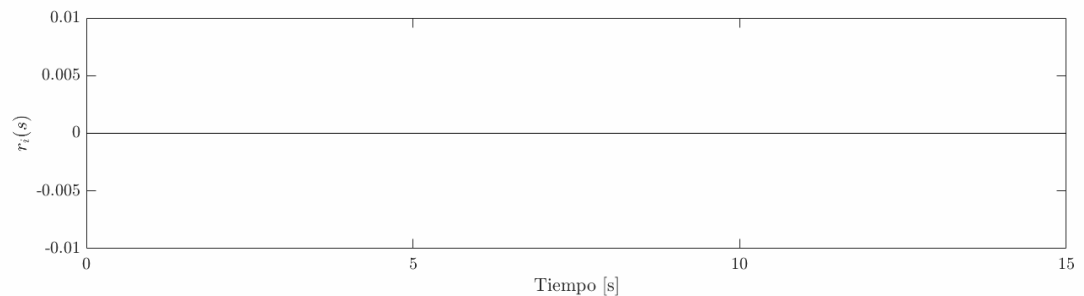
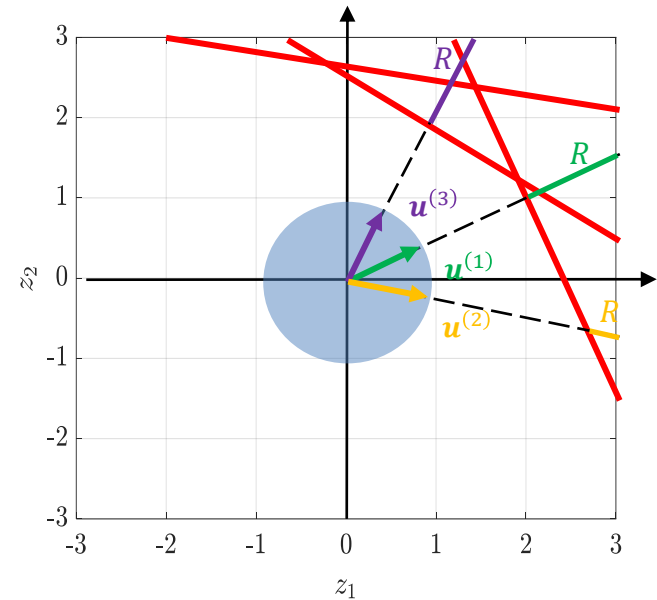
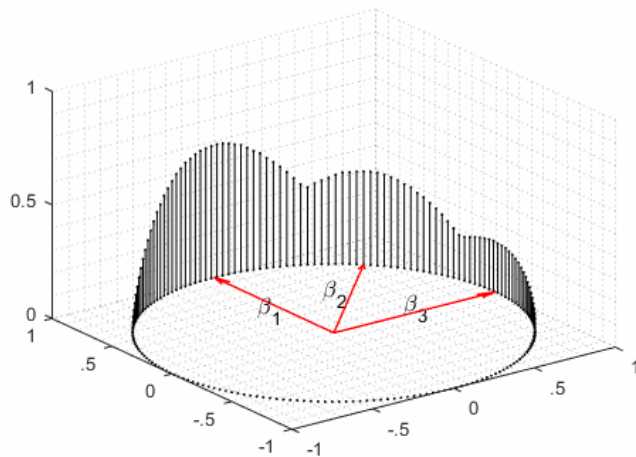
Minimization of operator norm: find $\mathbf{y}$ that minimizes amount of stretching induced by $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y})$

Perform ordinary reliability analysis to determine minimum failure probability

Operator Norm Theorem for RBO

- Probability estimation: **Directional Importance Sampling***

Key concepts for simulation



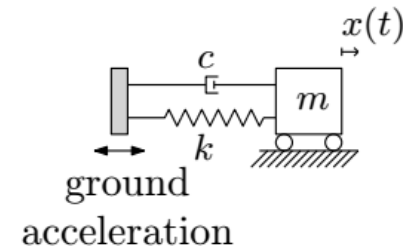
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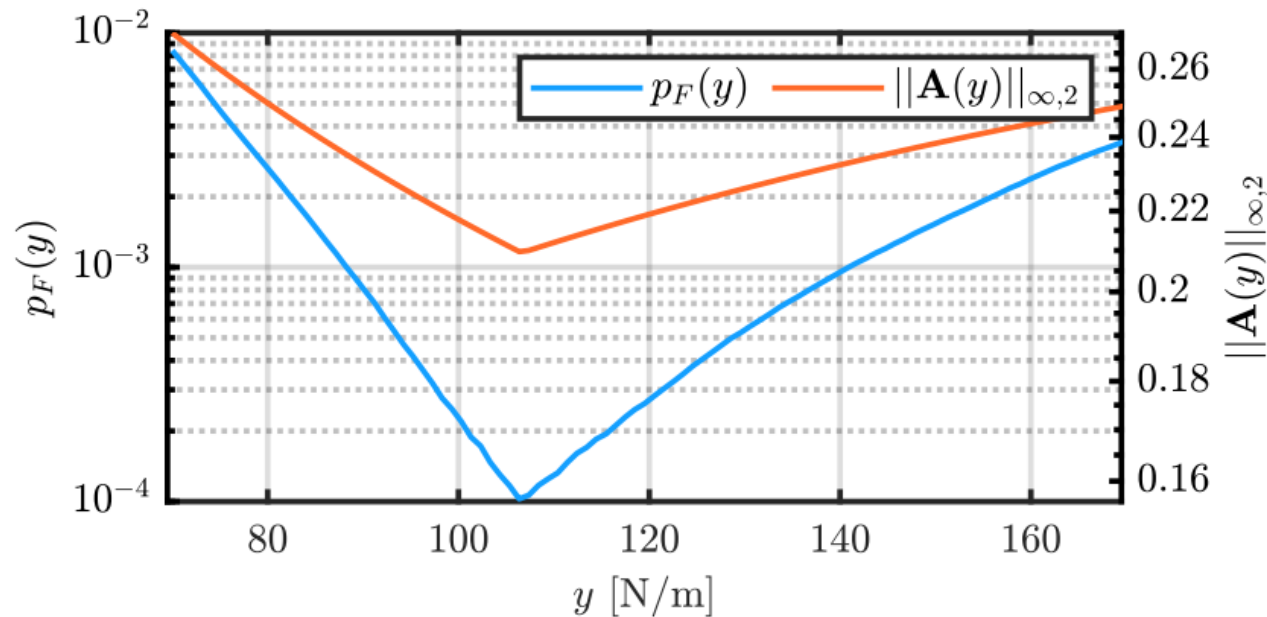
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Example

- SDOF system
- Stochastic ground acceleration (Clough-Penzien + Shinozuka-Sato), **more than 1000 rv's**
- Design variable: stiffness k
- Failure criteria
 - Maximum displacement below a threshold
 - Maximum acceleration below a threshold



Example



- Operator norm serves as suitable proxy for failure probability
- Speed up of about two orders of magnitude

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- Operator norm theorem offers a framework for decoupling optimization and reliability
- Limited to a specific class of problems
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