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## **Task G1.1 ASCE 43-05 Performance- Based Method for Determining Site Ground Motion**

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# Task G1.1 Scope:

- Computed updated PSHA for 28 NPP sites, compute design basis response spectra using ASCE 43-05 approach, and evaluate ASCE 43-05 approach

## Updates:

### Seismic sources:

Charleston source  
New Madrid source  
Illinois sources  
Saline River sources  
Gulf Coast sources

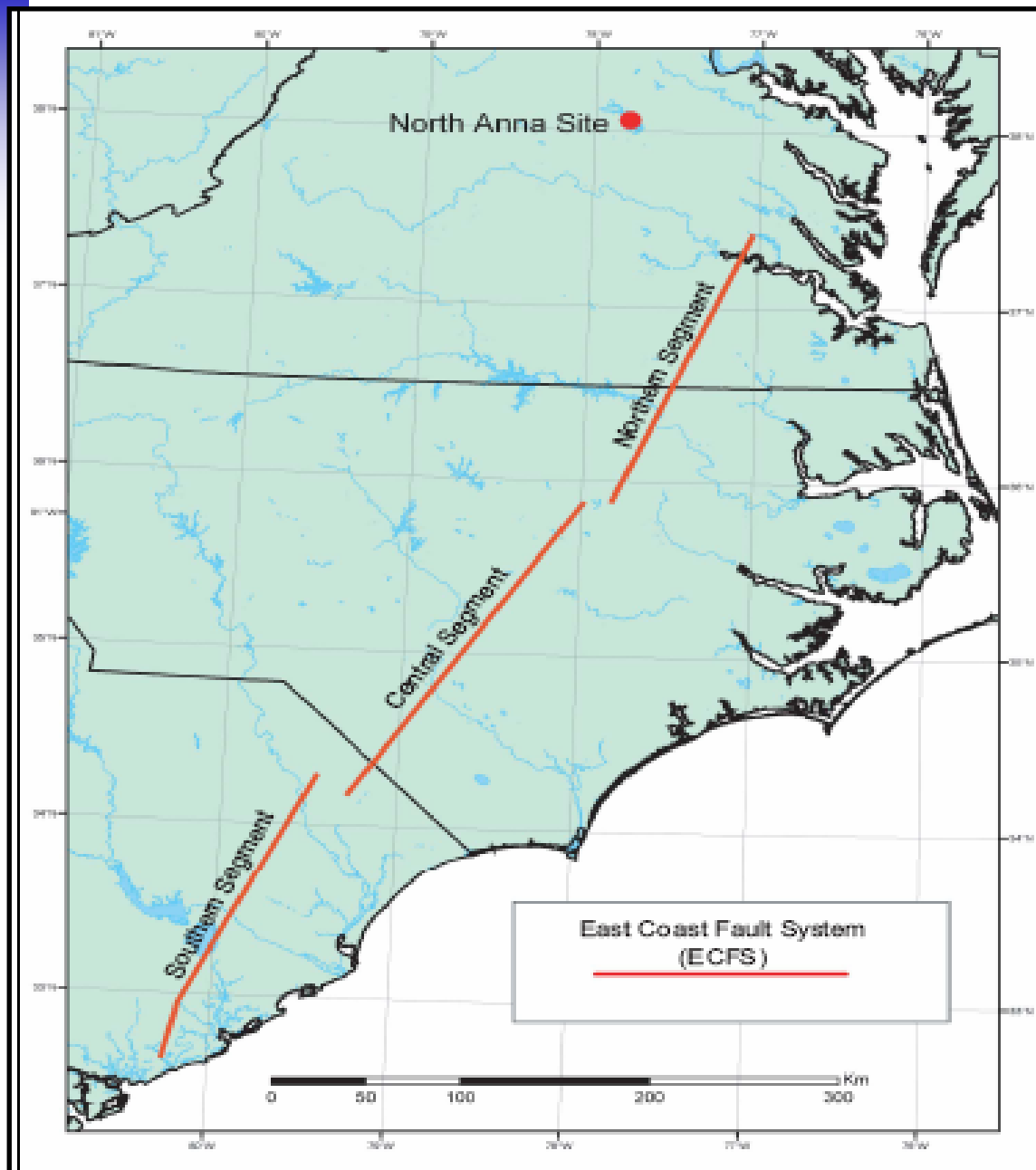
### Ground motion

EPRI 2003

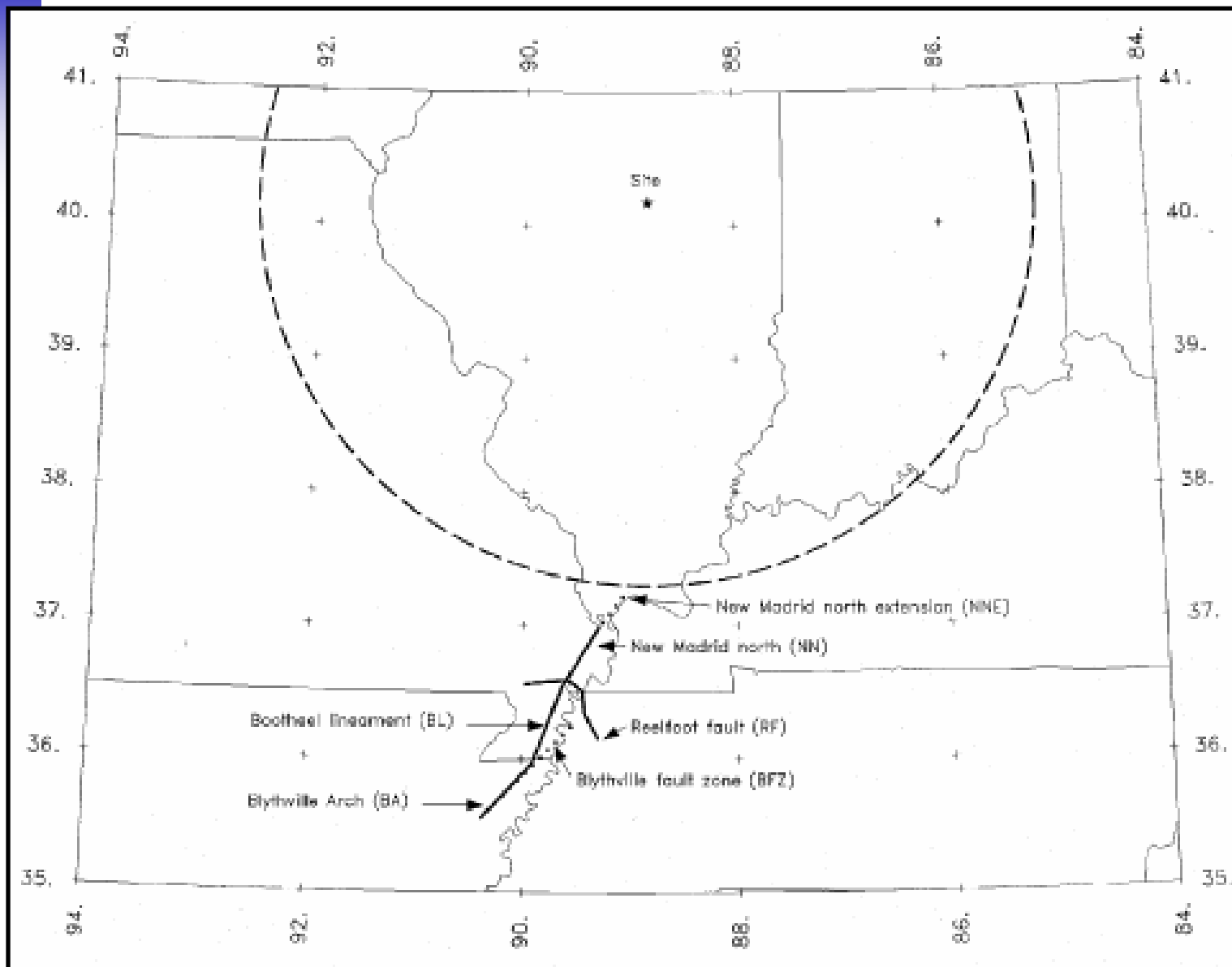
### Sources of Information:

Clinton ESP application (2003)  
Grand Gulf ESP application (2003)  
North Anna ESP application (2003)  
TVA seismic hazard study (2004)



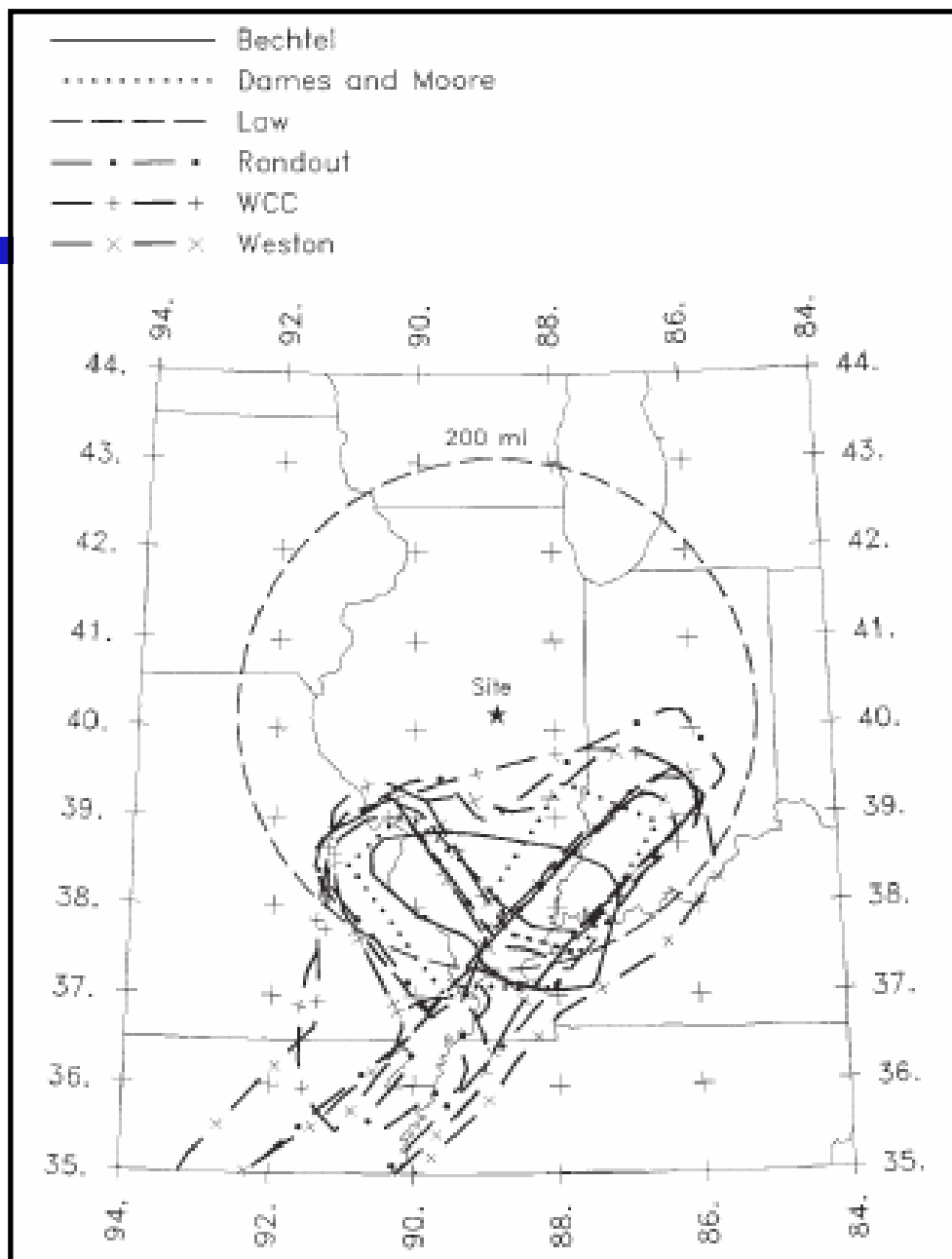


**Figure 3.5-13**  
**Northern, Central, and**  
**Southern Segments of**  
**the East Coast Fault**  
**System**

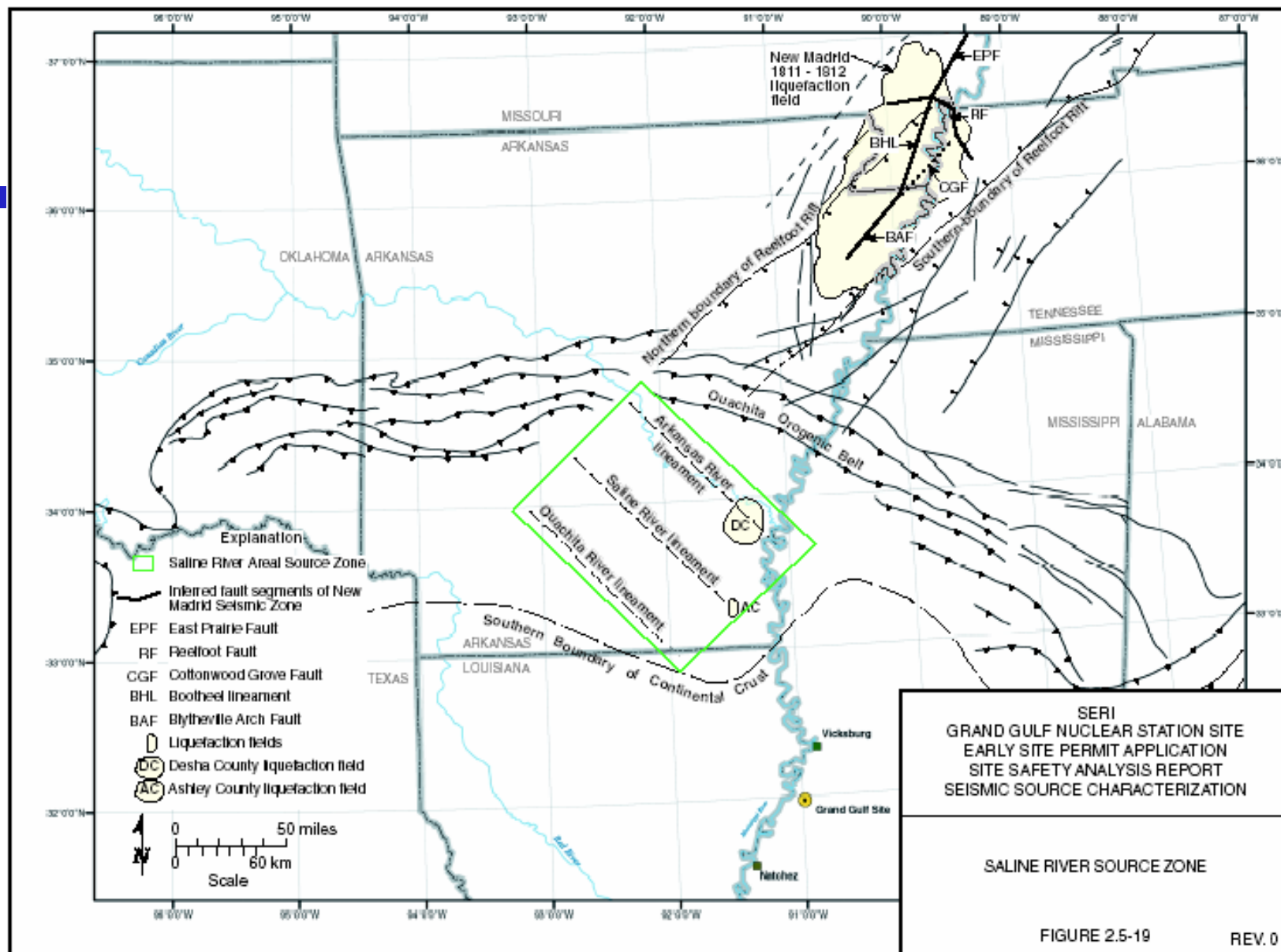


**Figure 4.1-2  
Seismic  
Hazards Report  
for the EGC  
ESP Site:  
Locations  
of Fault  
Sources for  
Characteristic  
New Madrid  
Earthquakes**





**Figure 3.1-1**  
**Alternative Southern**  
**Illinois-Wabash Valley**  
**Source Configurations**  
**used in EPRI-SOG**



# Changes in seismic sources:

Charleston:

- mean recurrence interval  $\sim 550$  years for large earthquakes ( $M \bullet 6.8$  to  $7.3$ )

New Madrid:

- mean recurrence interval  $\sim 500$  years for large earthquakes ( $M \bullet 7.5$  to  $8.2$ )
- cluster model used for earthquake occurrence

Wabash Valley/  
Illinois sources:

- Wabash Valley/Southern Illinois:  $M \bullet 7.3$  to  $7.5$
- Central Illinois:  $M \bullet 6.3$  to  $7.0$

Saline River  
source: (new source)

- $M \bullet 6$  to  $7$
- recurrence interval 1,000 to 125,000 years

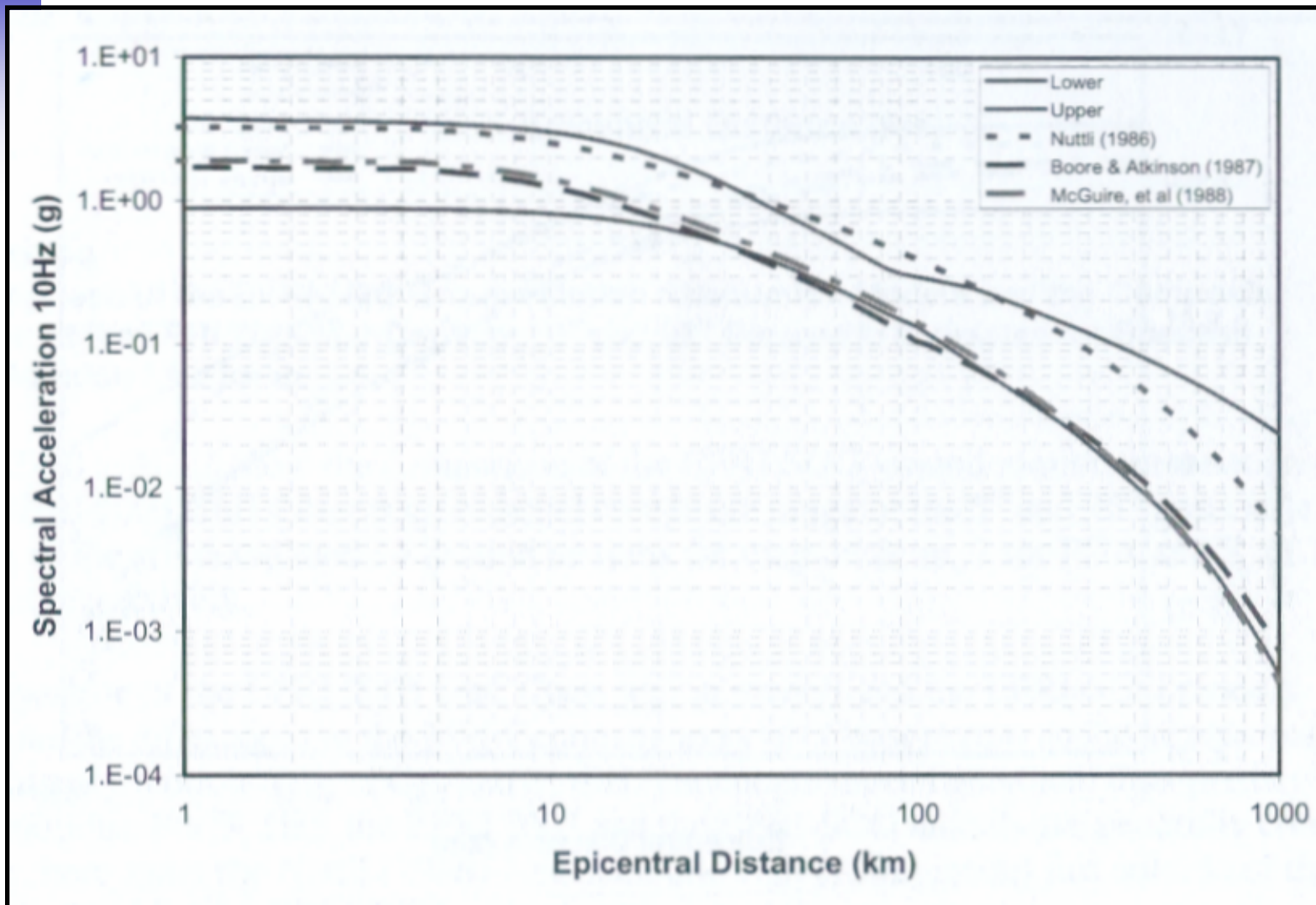
Gulf Coast sources:

- raised minimum  $m_{\max}$  to  $m_b 5.4$  ( $M 5.0$ )

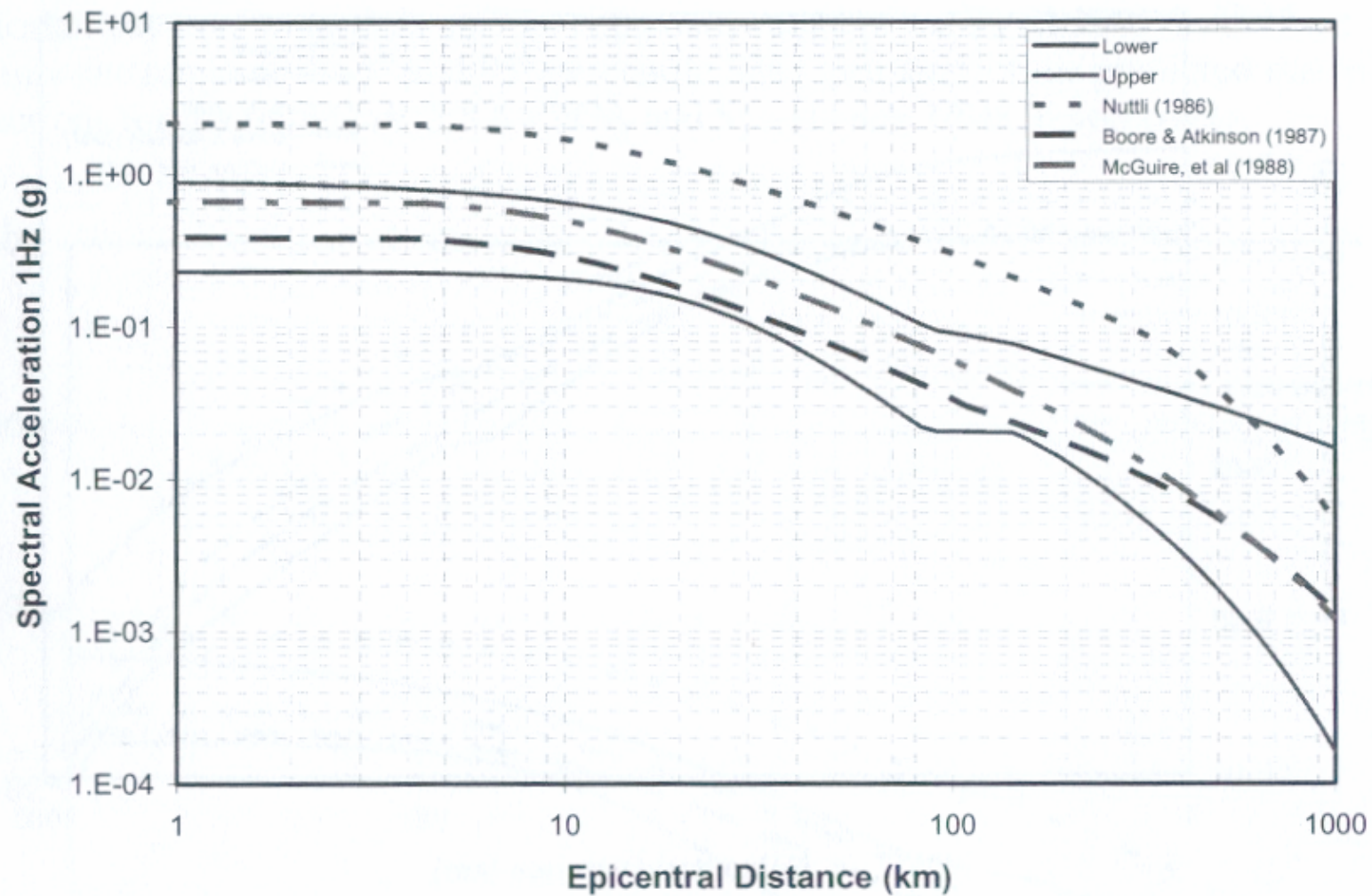


# Changes in ground motion models:

- High frequencies: EPRI 2003 similar to EPRI 1989 in mean,  $\sigma$  larger
- Low frequencies: EPRI 2003 lower than EPRI 1989,  $\sigma$  larger

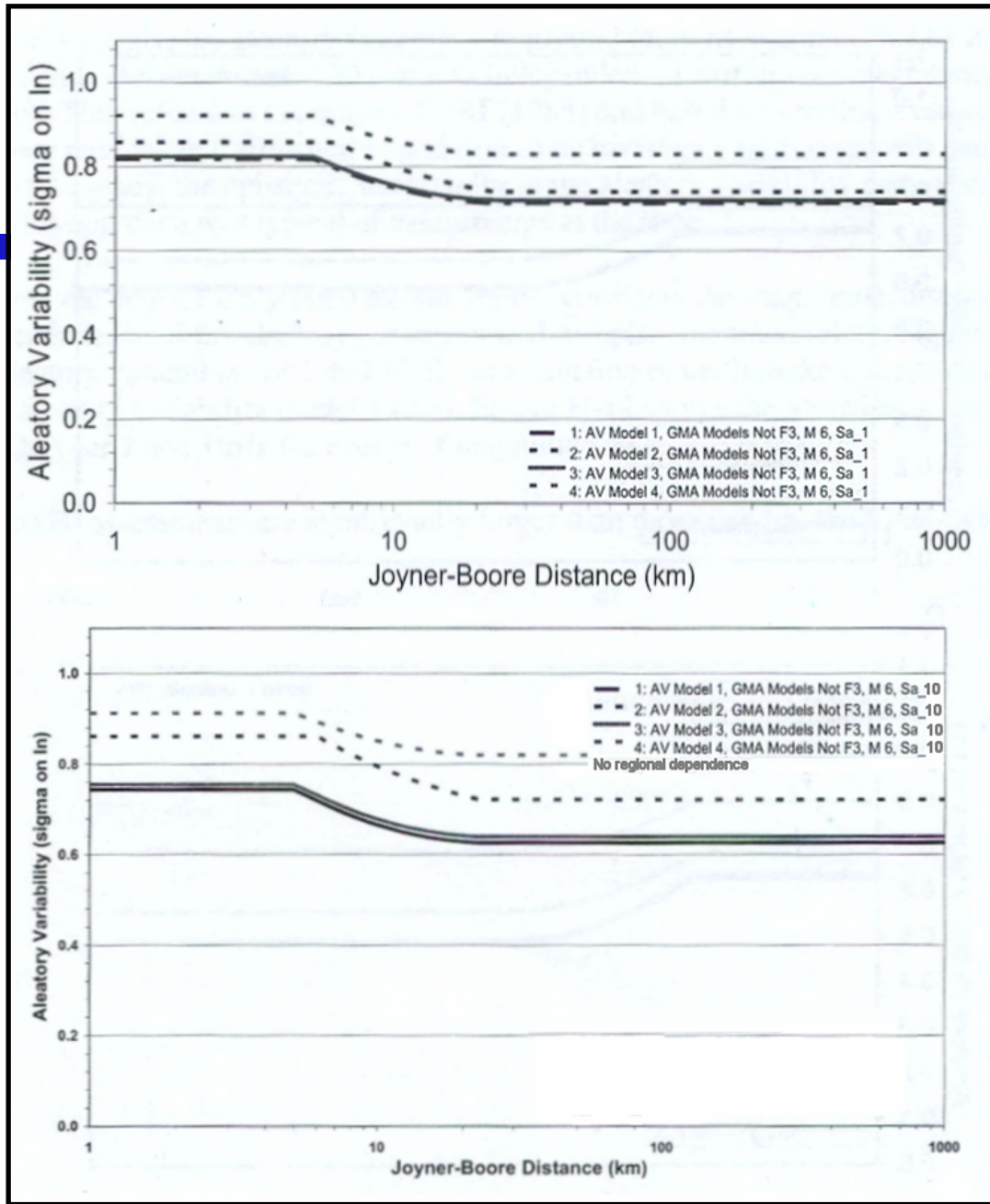


**EPRI 2003  
10 Hz SA  
for  $m_b 7$ ,  
compared  
to EPRI-  
SOG  
equations**



**EPRI 2003  
1 Hz SA for  
 $m_b$  7,  
compared  
to EPRI-  
SOG  
equations**





EPRI  $\sigma$  for M 6, 1 Hz (top)  
and 10 Hz (bottom)





**Figure 1.1**  
**Map**  
**Showing 28**  
**Plant Sites**  
**Where**  
**Hazard**  
**Curves**  
**were**  
**Calculated**

# Verification Studies:

- Replicated EPRI 1989 rock hazard calculations at 4 test sites (verifies FRISK88 software, EPRI-SOG sources)
- Replicated ESP application rock hazard calculations at 3 ESP sites (verifies updates to seismic sources, EPRI 2003 ground motion model)

# Assumptions for seismic hazard analysis:

- Minimum magnitude =  $m_b$  5.0 (follows EPRI-SOG and 2 of 3 ESP applications)
- Cluster model used for New Madrid earthquakes (follows Clinton ESP application)

## Site specific amplification model for soil and soft-rock sites:

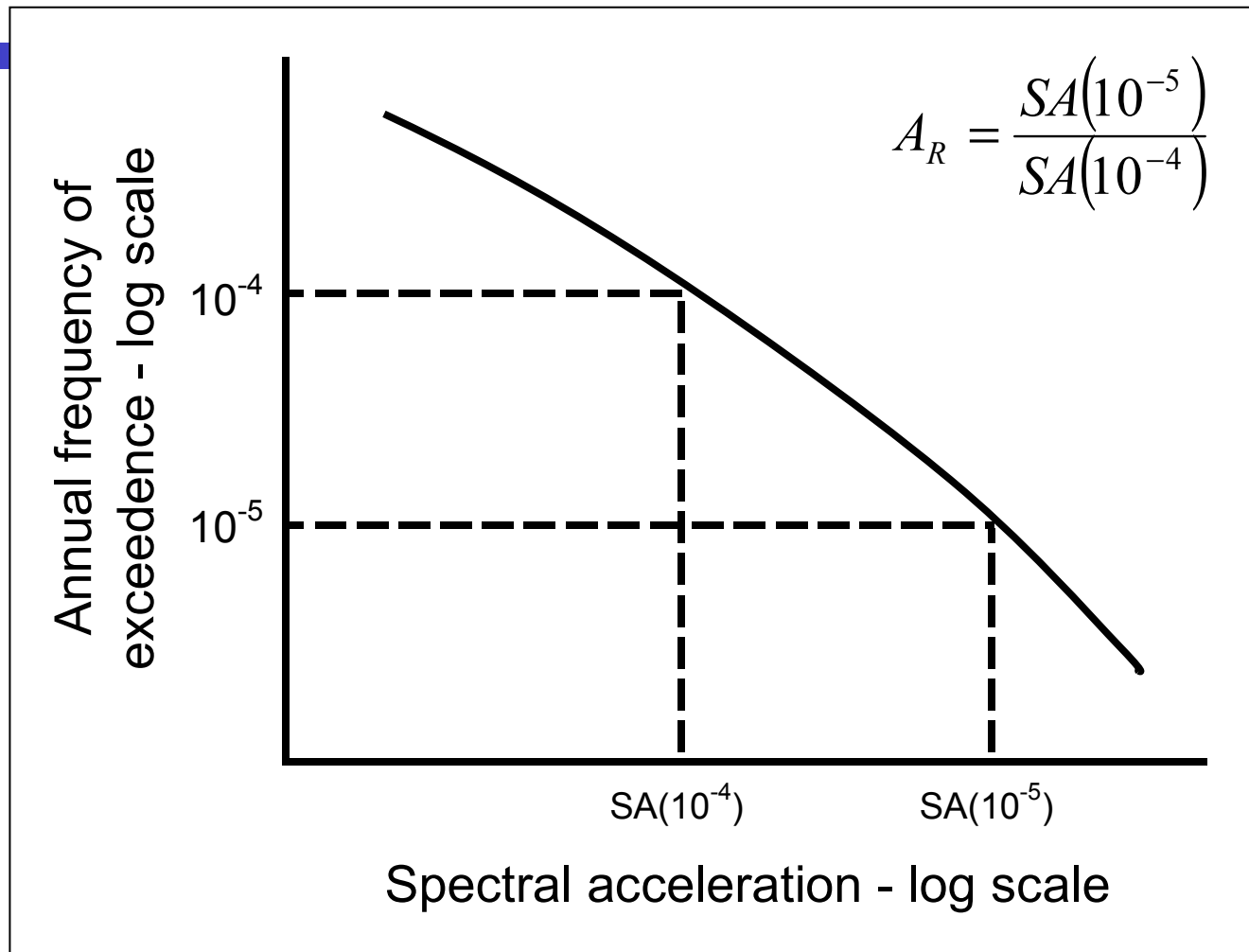
- equivalent linear vertically propagating shear-wave model
- site properties (shear-wave velocity,  $K$ ,  $G/G_{\max}$ , hysteretic damping) modeled to basement rock ( $V_s = 9200$  ft/s)
- site properties and depth to basement were randomized using correlation model
- site information taken from FSAR publications
- rock hazard curves were integrated with amplification factors to calculate site-specific hazard curves, accounting for epistemic uncertainties

# Calculations:

- Focus on 5 and 10 Hz spectral response (following Reg. Guide 1.165)
- Develop recommended design response spectra following ASCE (2005):
  - $DRS = DF \cdot UHRS$

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## Calculate ground motion ratio $A_R$



## 2 Establish design basis earthquake response spectrum DRS:

$UHRS = \text{mean } 10^{-4} \text{ spectrum}$

$DF = \max (1.0, 0.6A_R^{0.8})$

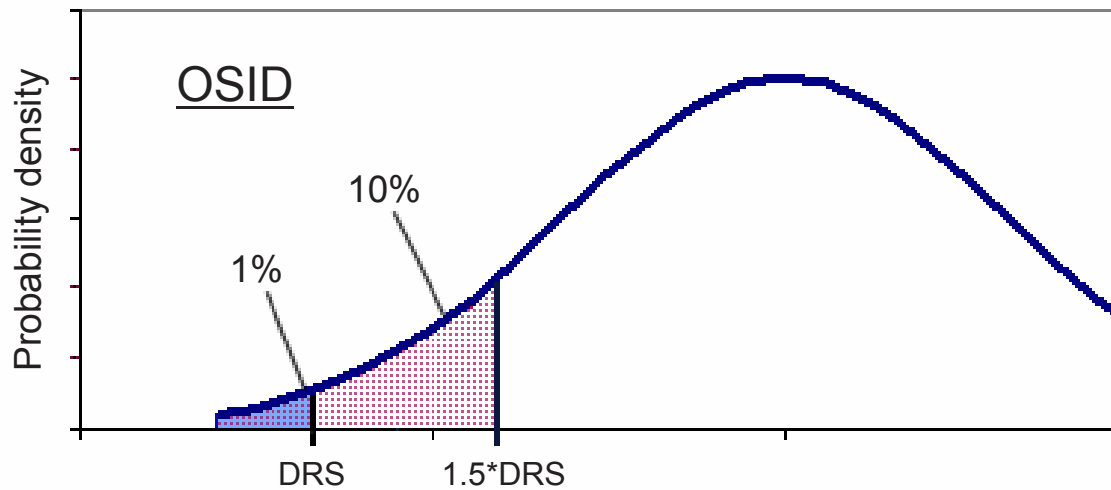
$DRS = DF * UHRS$



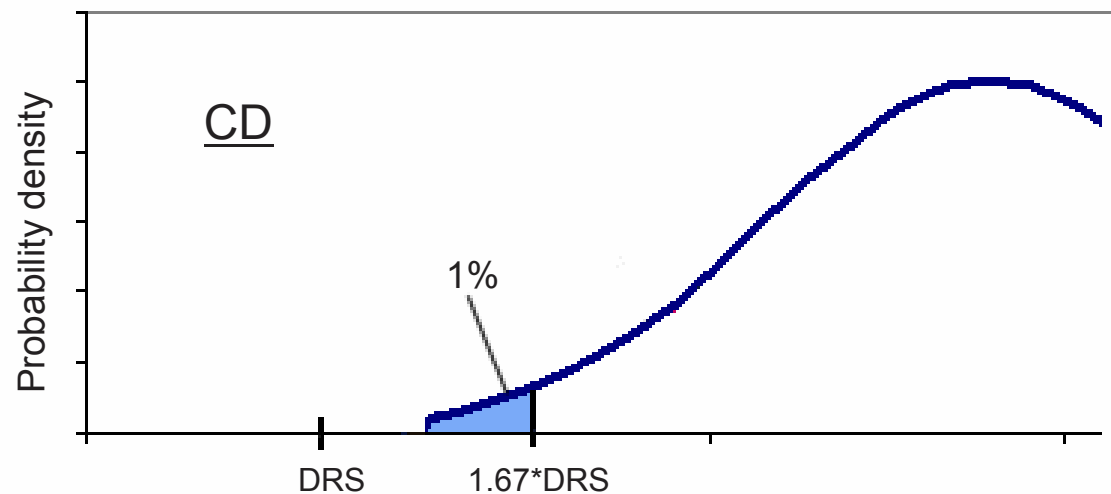
## Range of AR, DF, and P[exceedance] for 28 sites in study

	Min	16th	50th	84th	Max
10 Hz, AR	1.50	2.26	3.01	3.67	4.36
10 Hz, DF	1	1.15	1.45	1.70	1.95
10 Hz, PE/1E-4	0.37	0.40	0.48	0.68	1
5 Hz, AR	1.64	2.17	2.63	3.33	4.05
5 Hz, DF	1	1.11	1.30	1.57	1.84
5 Hz, PE/1E-4	0.38	0.43	0.54	0.75	1
2.5 Hz, AR	1.54	2.19	2.42	3.23	3.81
2.5 Hz, DF	1	1.13	1.22	1.53	1.75
2.5 Hz, PE/1E-4	0.4	0.45	0.62	0.76	1
1 Hz, AR	1.58	2.24	2.49	3.40	3.77
1 Hz, DF	1	1.14	1.24	1.60	1.74
1 Hz, PE/1E-4	0.39	0.44	0.61	0.73	1

### 3 Estimate plant resistance to:



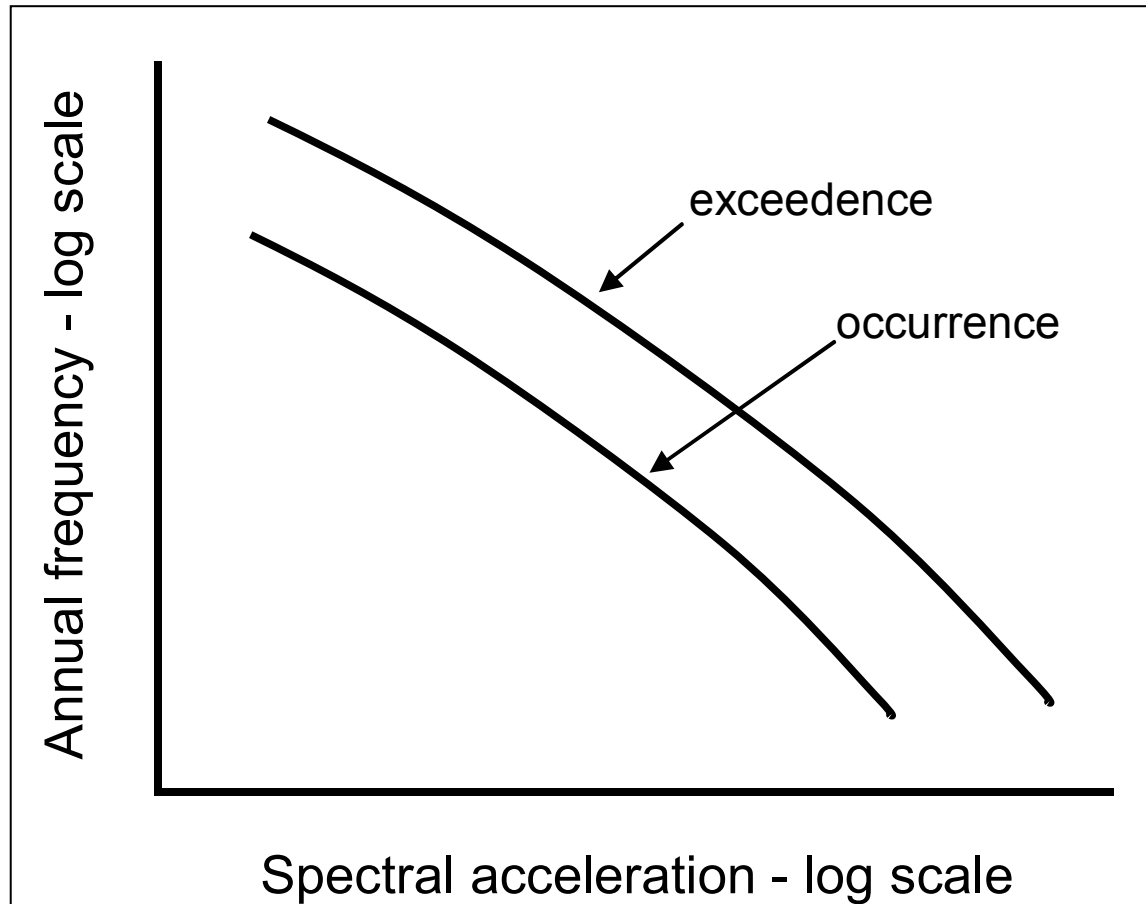
A. Onset of significant inelastic deformation



B. Core damage

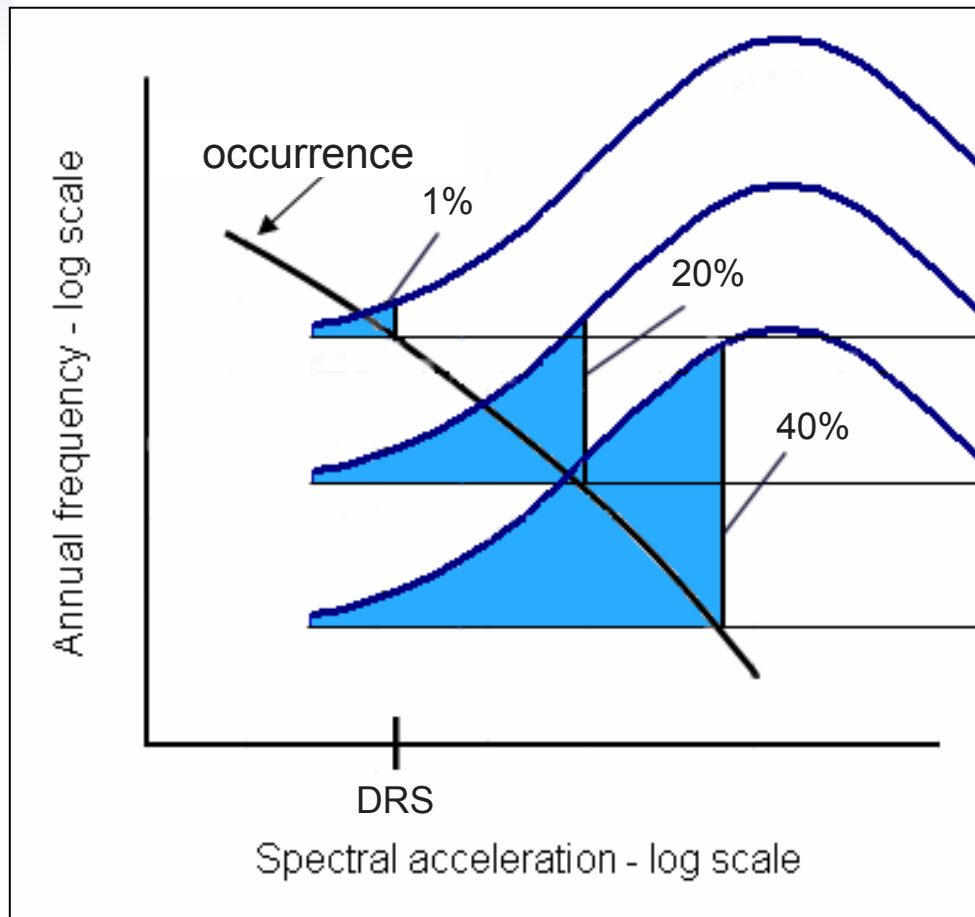
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## Derive $P[\text{occurrence}]$ from $P[\text{exceedence}]$



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## Convolution

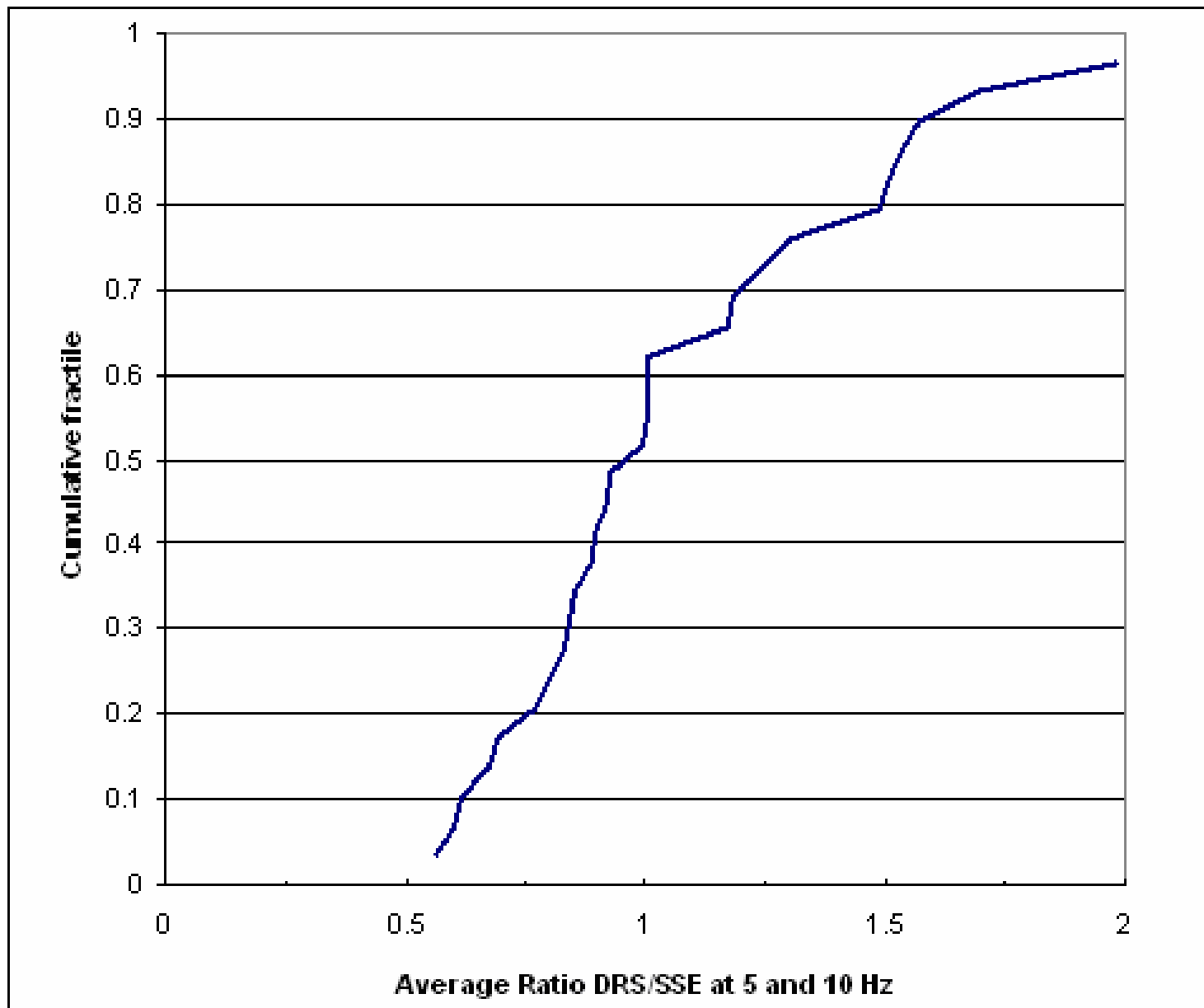


$$FOSID = \sum_{SA} f(SA) * P[OSID|SA]$$

$$SCDF = \sum_{SA} f(SA) * P[CD|SA]$$

## Calculations:

- Comparison 1: Recommended design response spectra vs. SSE spectra used for existing plants:
  - average of DRS/SSE at 5 and 10 Hz
  - minimum DRS is RG 1.60 spectrum anchored to 0.1g (ASCE, 2005)



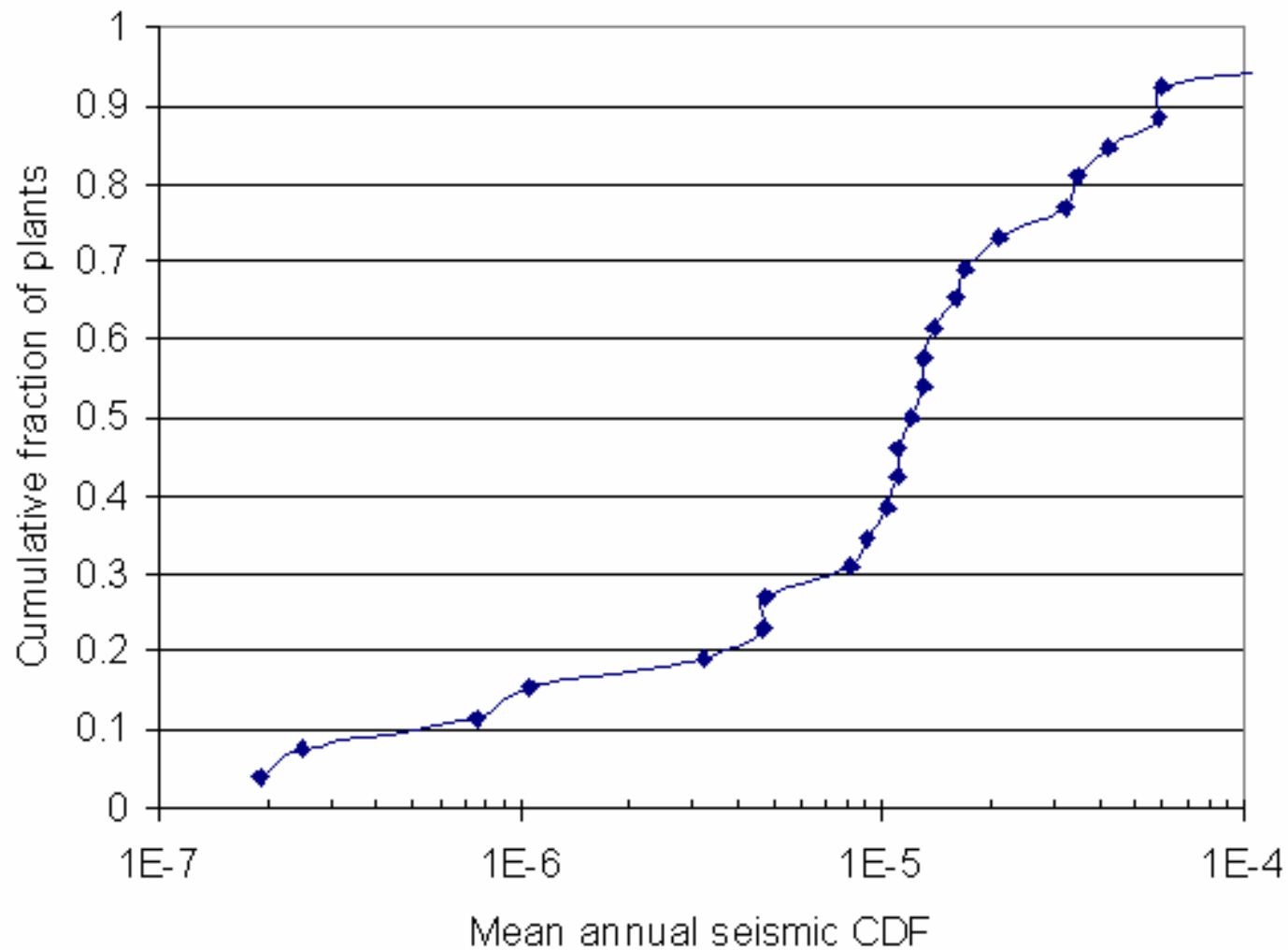
**Figure 3.1**  
**Cumulative**  
**Distribution**  
**of DRS/SSE**  
**Ratio at 5**  
**and 10 Hz**

# Calculations:

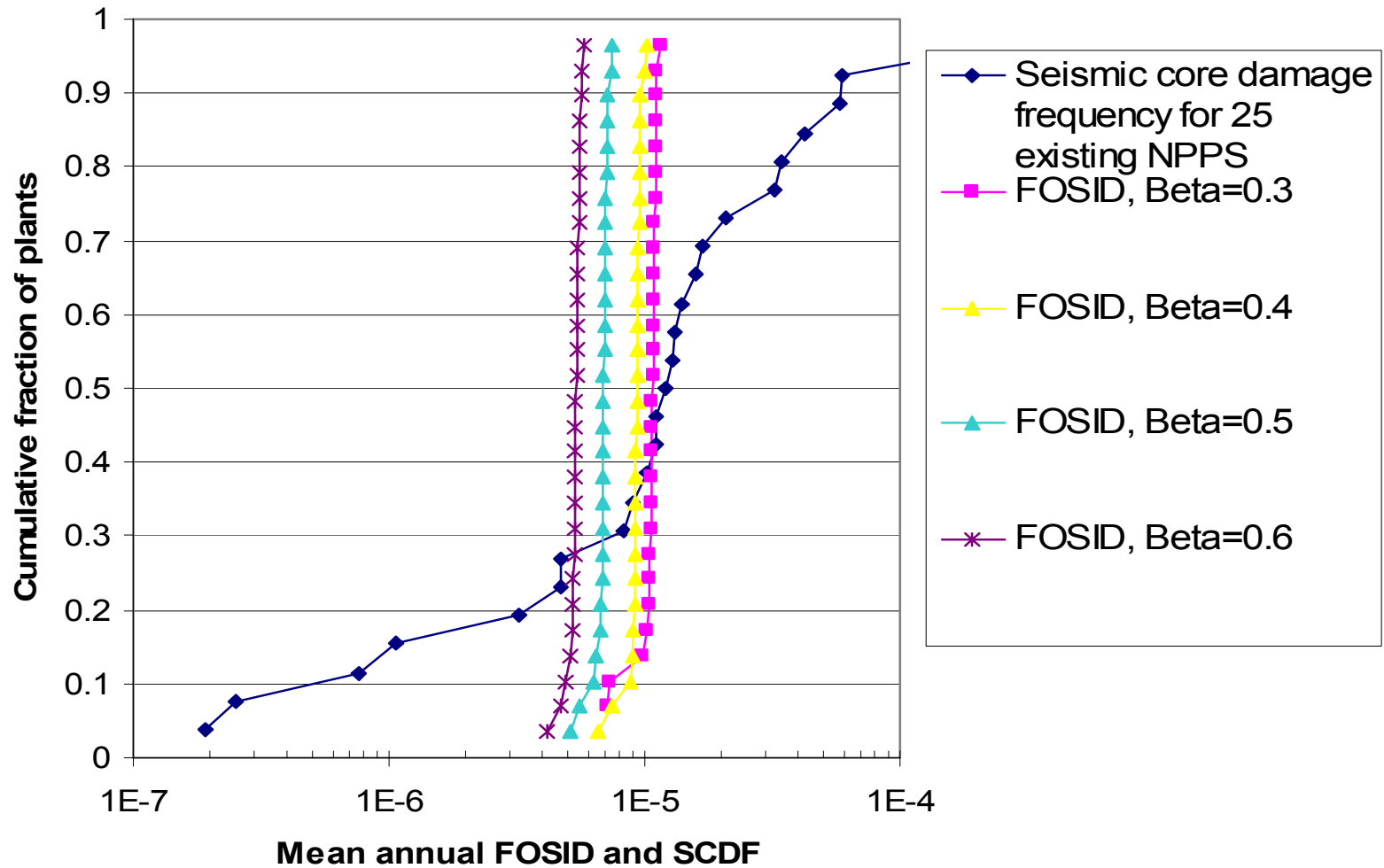
- Comparison 2: Component-level behavior:
  - calculate Frequency of Onset of Significant Inelastic Deformation (FOSID), compare to distribution of Seismic Core Damage Frequency (SCDF) from 25 seismic PRAs



Distribution of mean annual seismic core damage frequency  
for 25 US nuclear plants



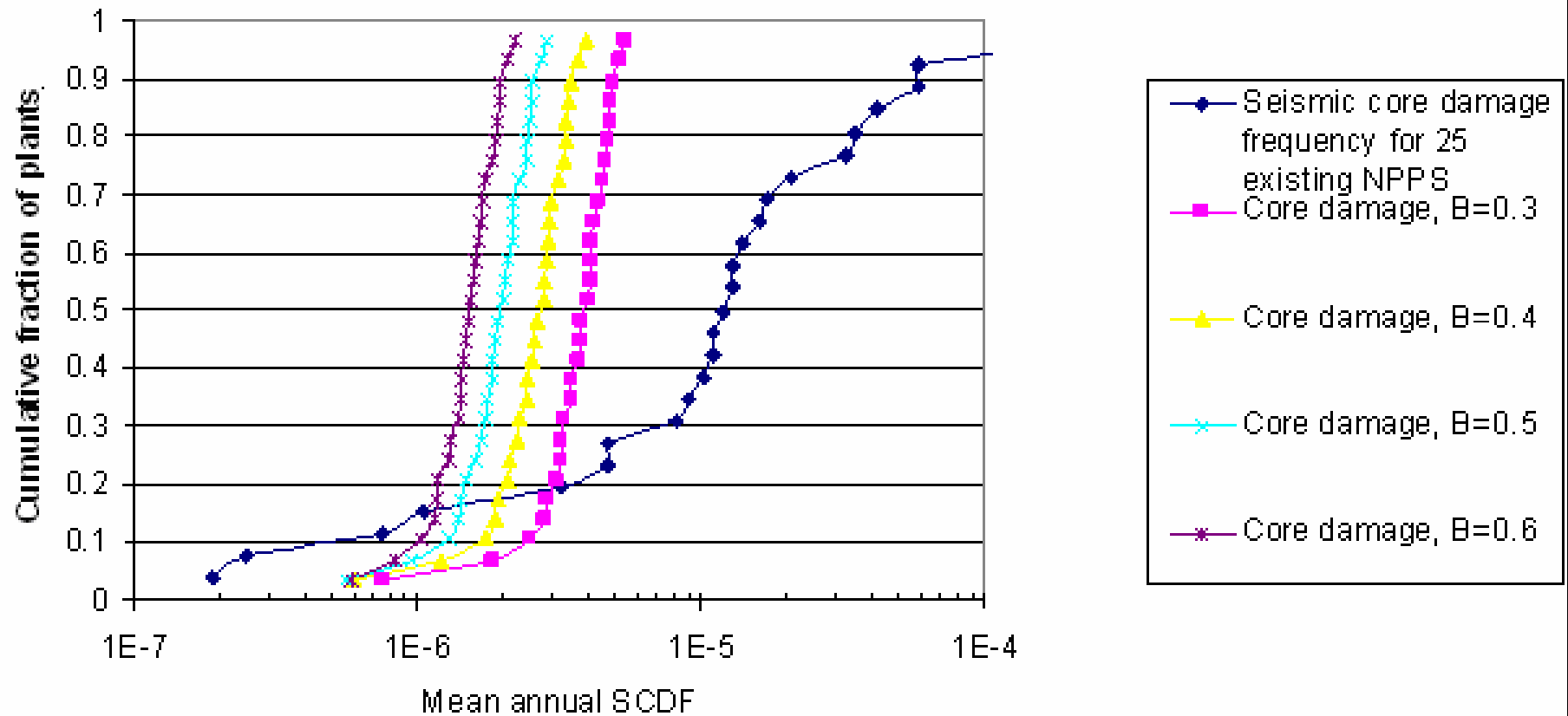
Distribution of mean annual frequency of significant nonlinear performance



# Calculations:

- Comparison 3: Plant-level behavior:
  - calculate frequency of plant-level damage, compare to distribution of Seismic Core Damage Frequency (SCDF) from 25 seismic PRAs

Distribution of mean annual seismic core damage frequency



# Conclusions:

- ASCE DRS method leads to recommended design response spectra at 5 and 10 Hz that, as a whole, are equivalent to those used at 28 existing NPPs
- ASCE DRS method leads to recommended site-specific design response spectra that achieve a performance goal of  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  per year, for individual components at 5 and 10 Hz
- ASCE DRS method leads to plant-level performance estimates that are safer against seismic initiated core damage than 80% of existing nuclear plants (based on 5 and 10 Hz)