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**Some issues with risk-targeted  
seismic design**

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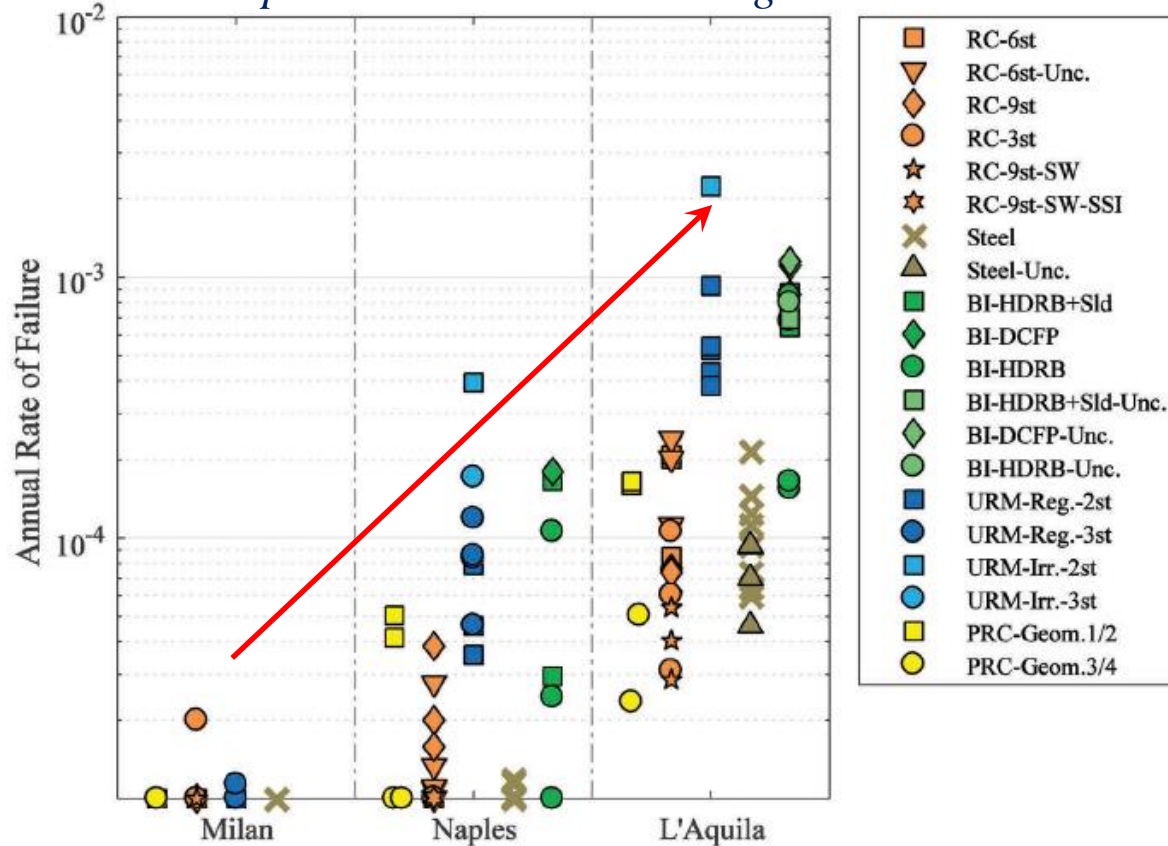
# Outline

- **Design for uniform-hazard seismic actions does not lead to uniform seismic reliability**
- **There are two major contributing factors to this**
  - **differences in shape of the hazard curves between sites**
  - **overstrength not dictated by seismic actions at low-hazard sites**
- **Can we obtain uniform reliability by tweaking design seismic actions?** **Tinker with the q factor**
  - **Maybe, but we can only do that for medium to high seismic hazard sites**
  - **We can't really tell from 475y return period elastic demand spectra**
  - **We'd need to be site- and structure-specific**
- **Can we define a Risk-Targeted design spectrum to fix this?** **Tinker with the design spectrum**
  - **Assuming collapse fragility a-priori will still leave us with uneven reliability**
  - **We will run into the known shortcomings of Sa(T) as intensity to predict collapse**

# Seismic risk across Italian sites

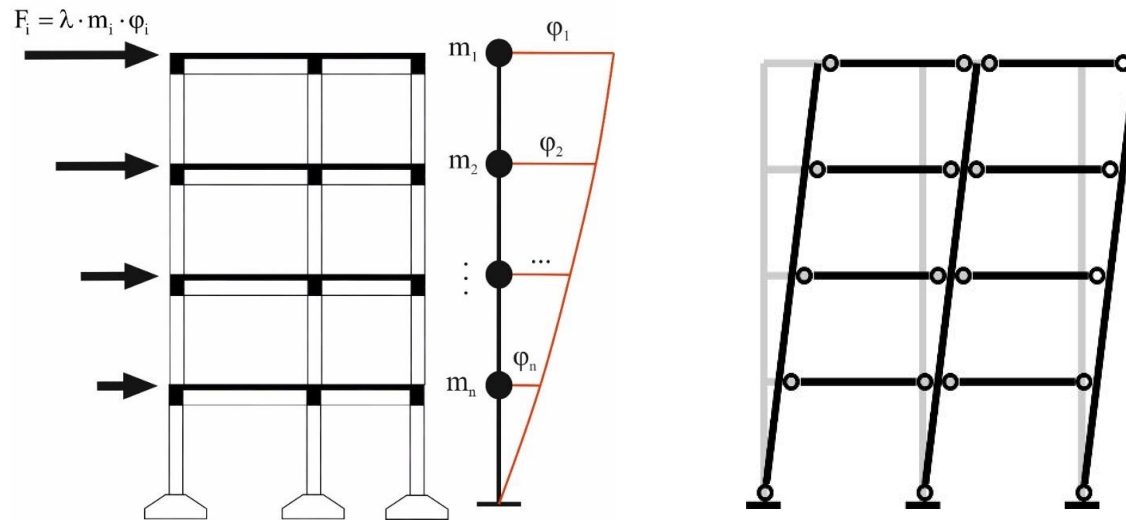
*Building structures designed under seismic actions with the SAME RETURN PERIOD, do NOT EXHIBIT the same level of seismic reliability*

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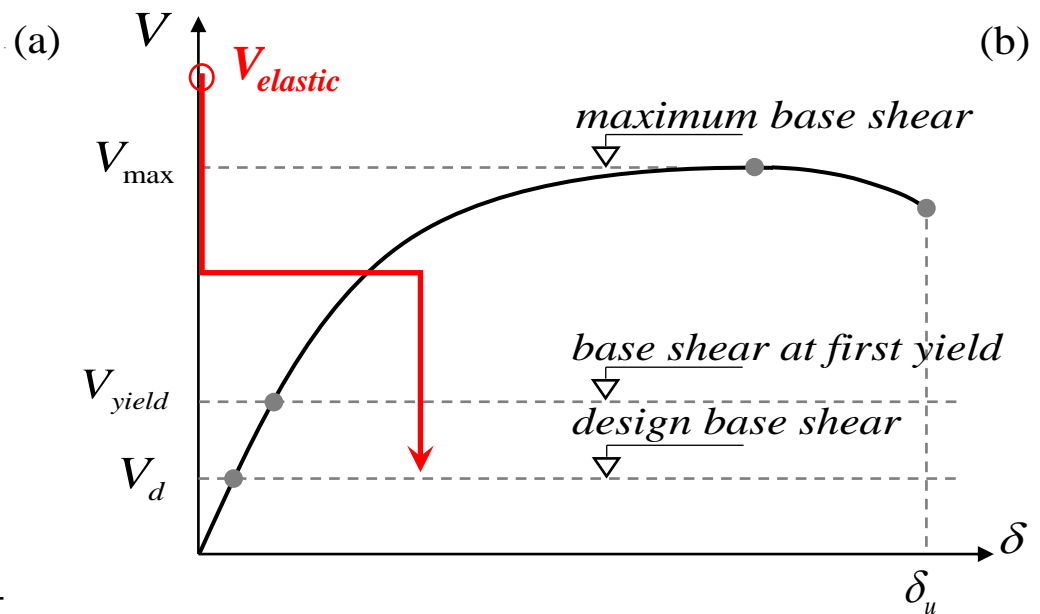
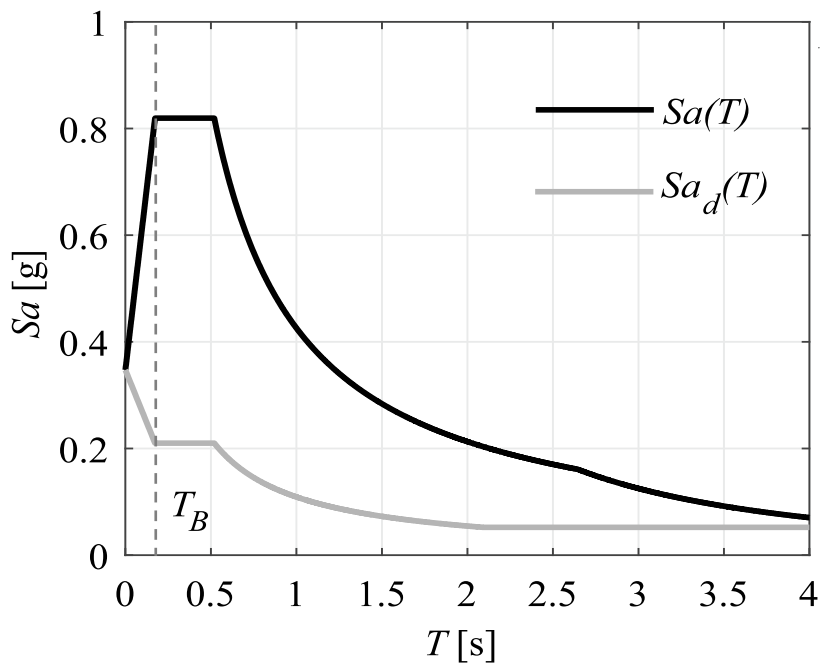
# Seismic actions and behavior factors



- **Keeping it simple: design is done using linear-elastic analysis (static, modal, dynamic)**
- **We do expect the structure to dissipate energy hysteretically once the seismic actions exceed some threshold**
- **But we don't explicitly control when inelastic response starts!**

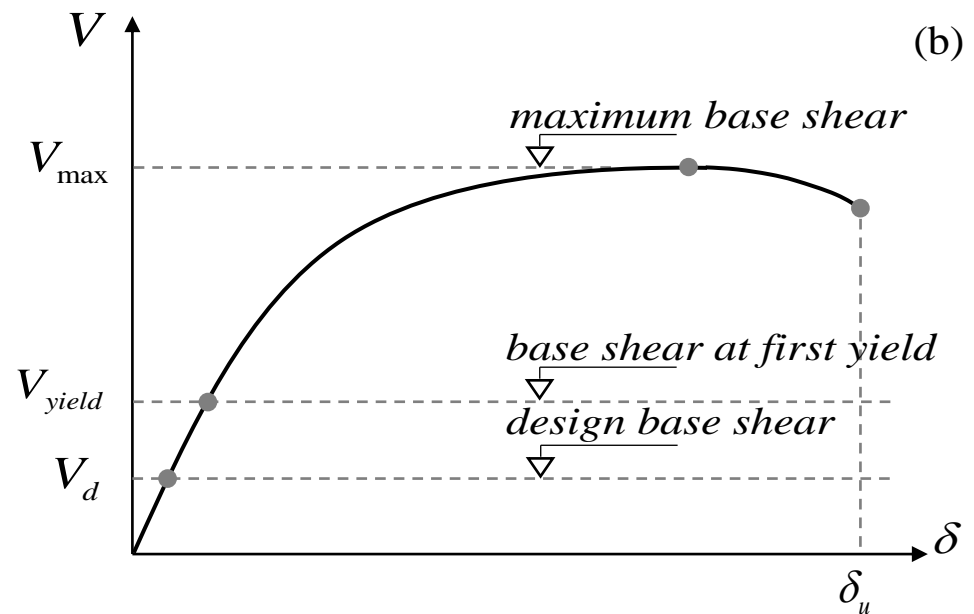
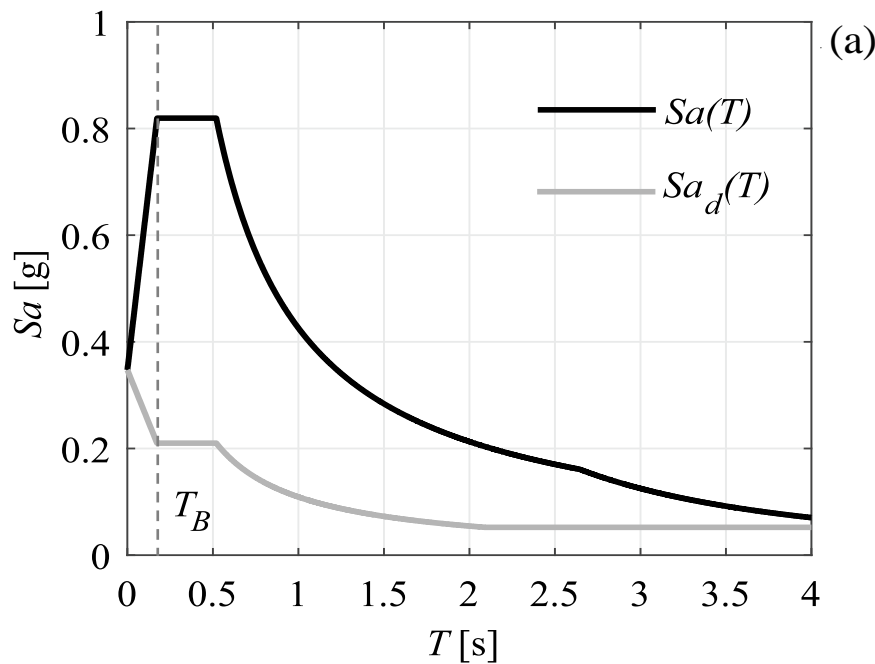
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- Start from elastic spectrum with given return period (e.g. 475 years)
- Obtain elastic demand (base shear)
- Reduce it using a “behavior factor” or “reduction factor”



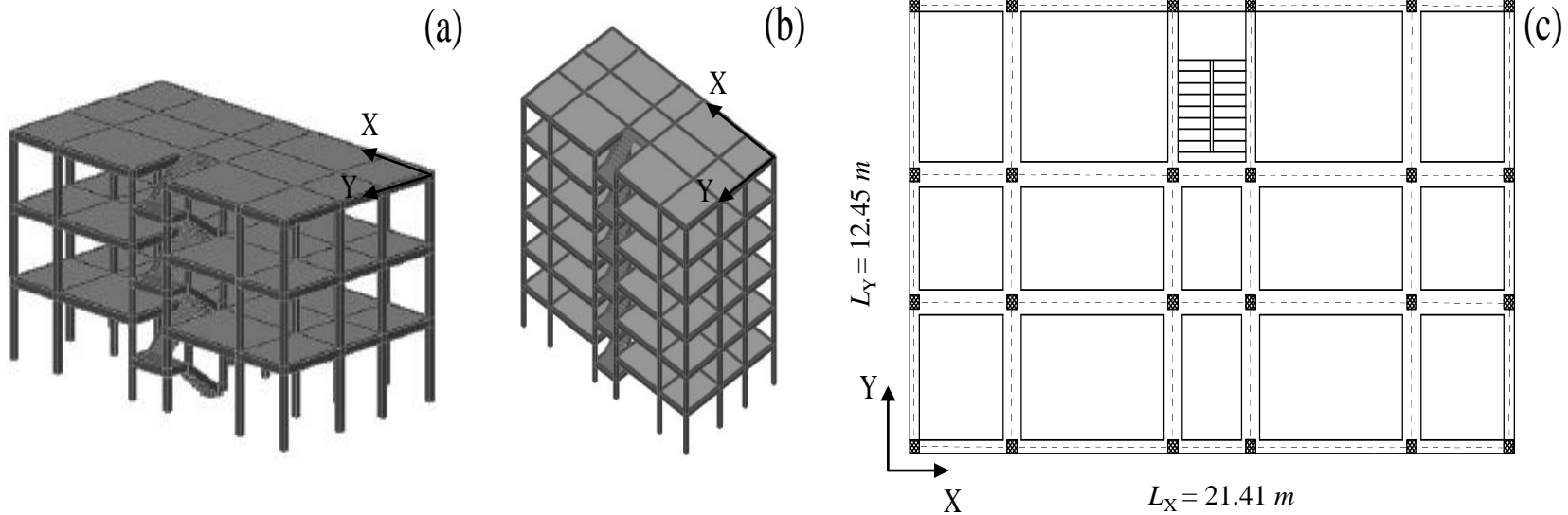
## Seismic actions and behavior factors

- The structure will not go into the nonlinear range upon occurrence of design actions
- There will be overstrength due to material partial safety factors
- Also because of provided reinforcement overshooting exact requirement in each section
- Redundancy and redistribution means a plastic mechanism is still far off

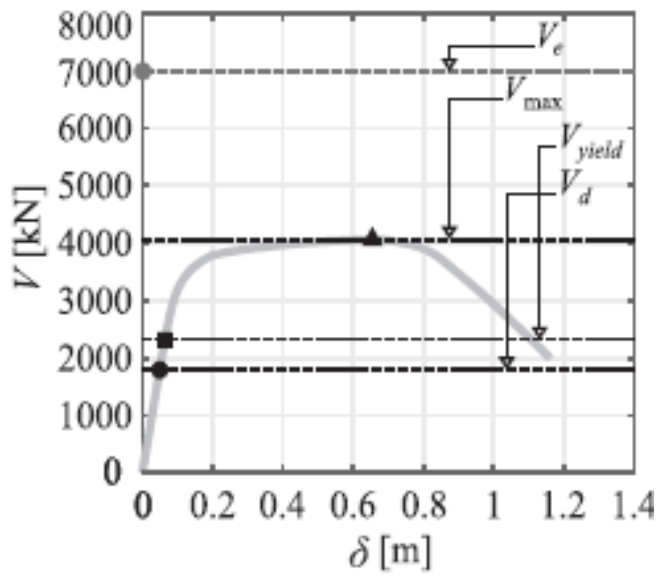
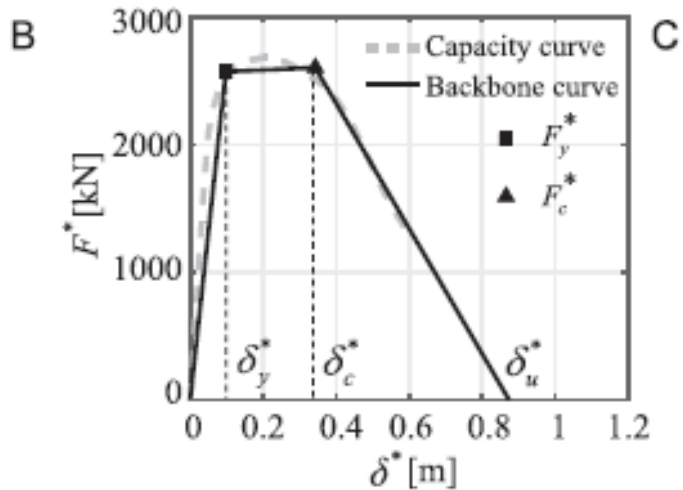
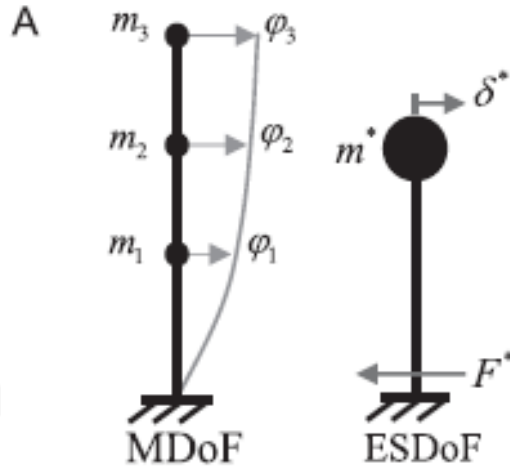
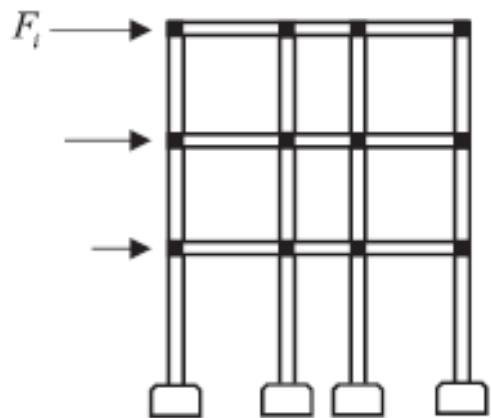




## Buildings used from RELUIS RINTC project

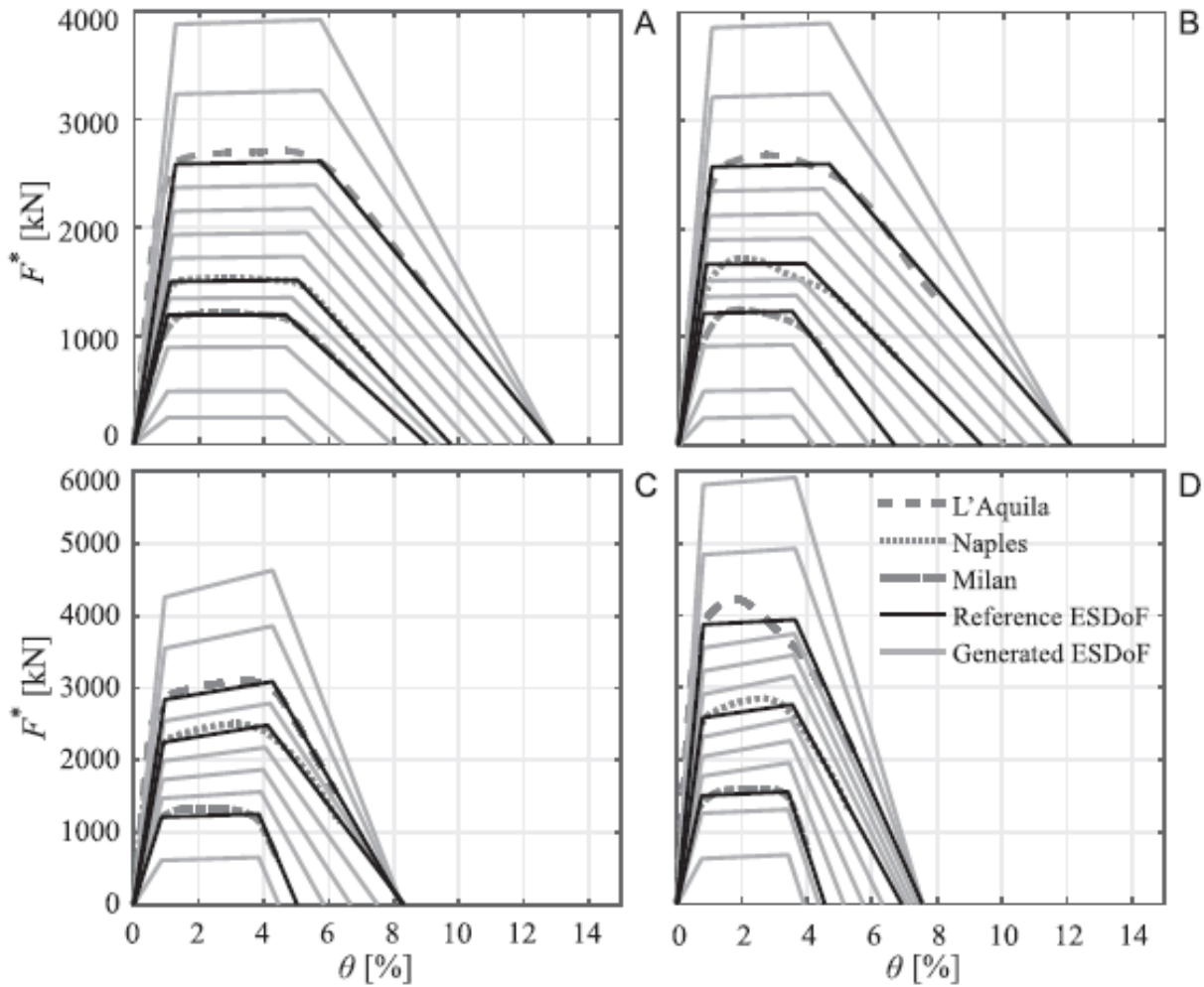


- **Regular, three- and six-storey RC moment resisting frames**
- **We treat each principal direction as a separate structure**
- **These were designed, according to the Italian code, at three different sites with different seismic hazard!**



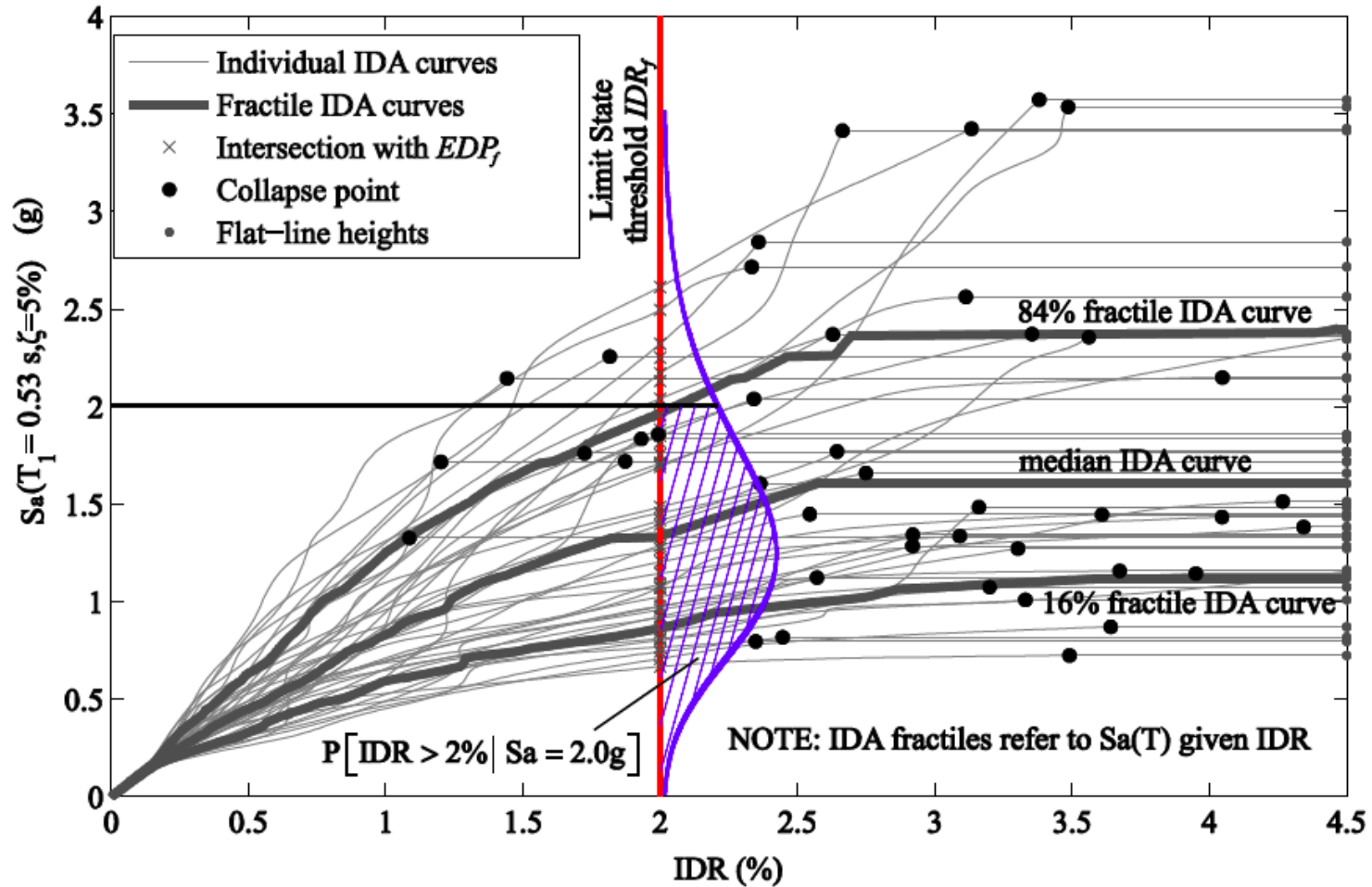
- **STEP 1:** We use the results of RELUIS RINTC project (pushover curves) to get equivalent SDOF systems for these RC buildings



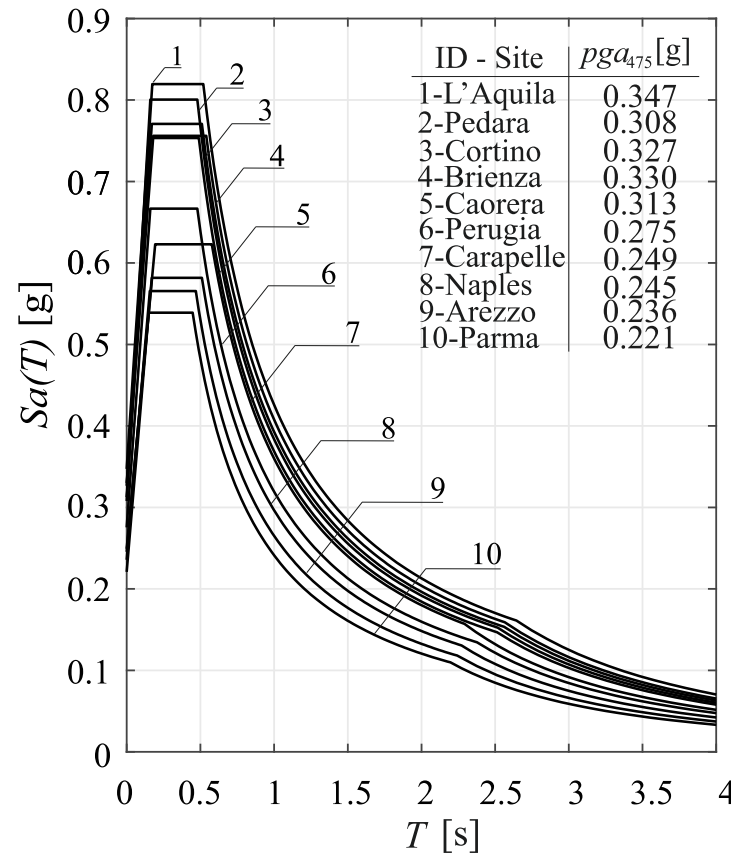
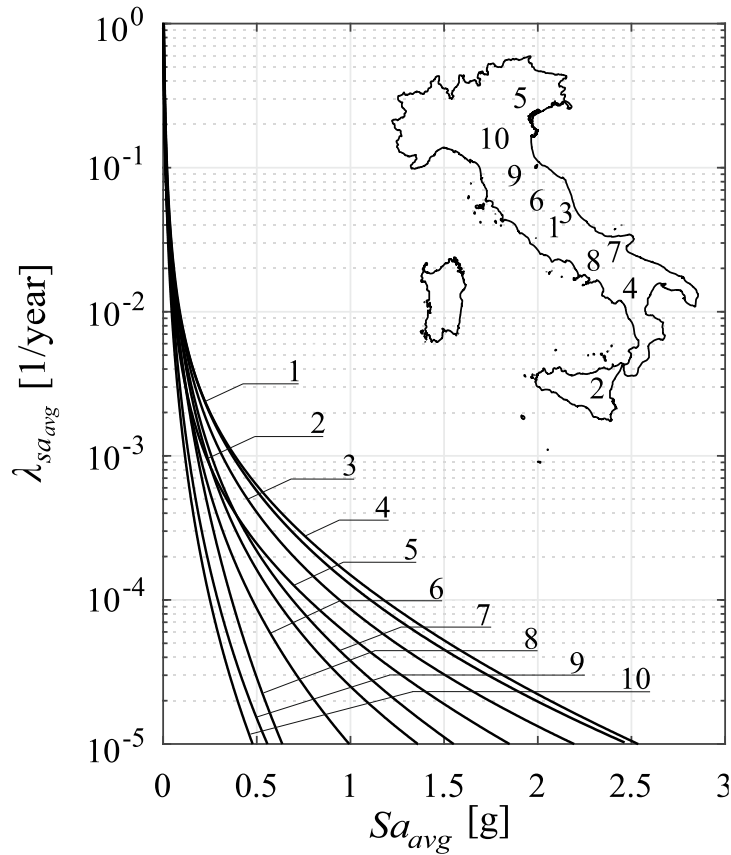


- **STEP 2:** We interpolate among the three designs for each structure (at 3 sites)
- We obtain pushovers (ESDoF backbones) for different levels of lateral strength

# Seismic Fragility Functions

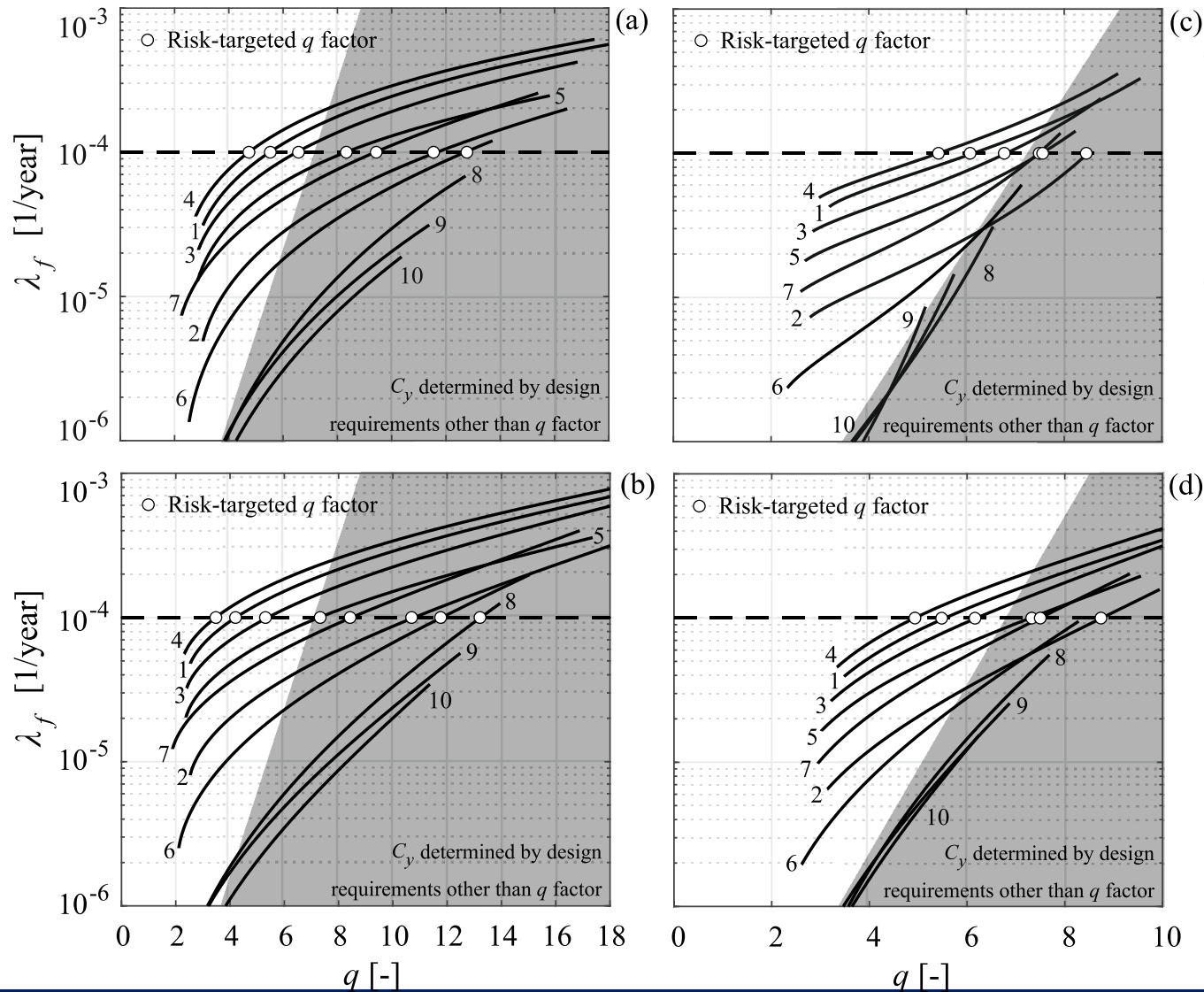


- **STEP 3:** We use IDA to obtain fragilities for each generated backbone-structure

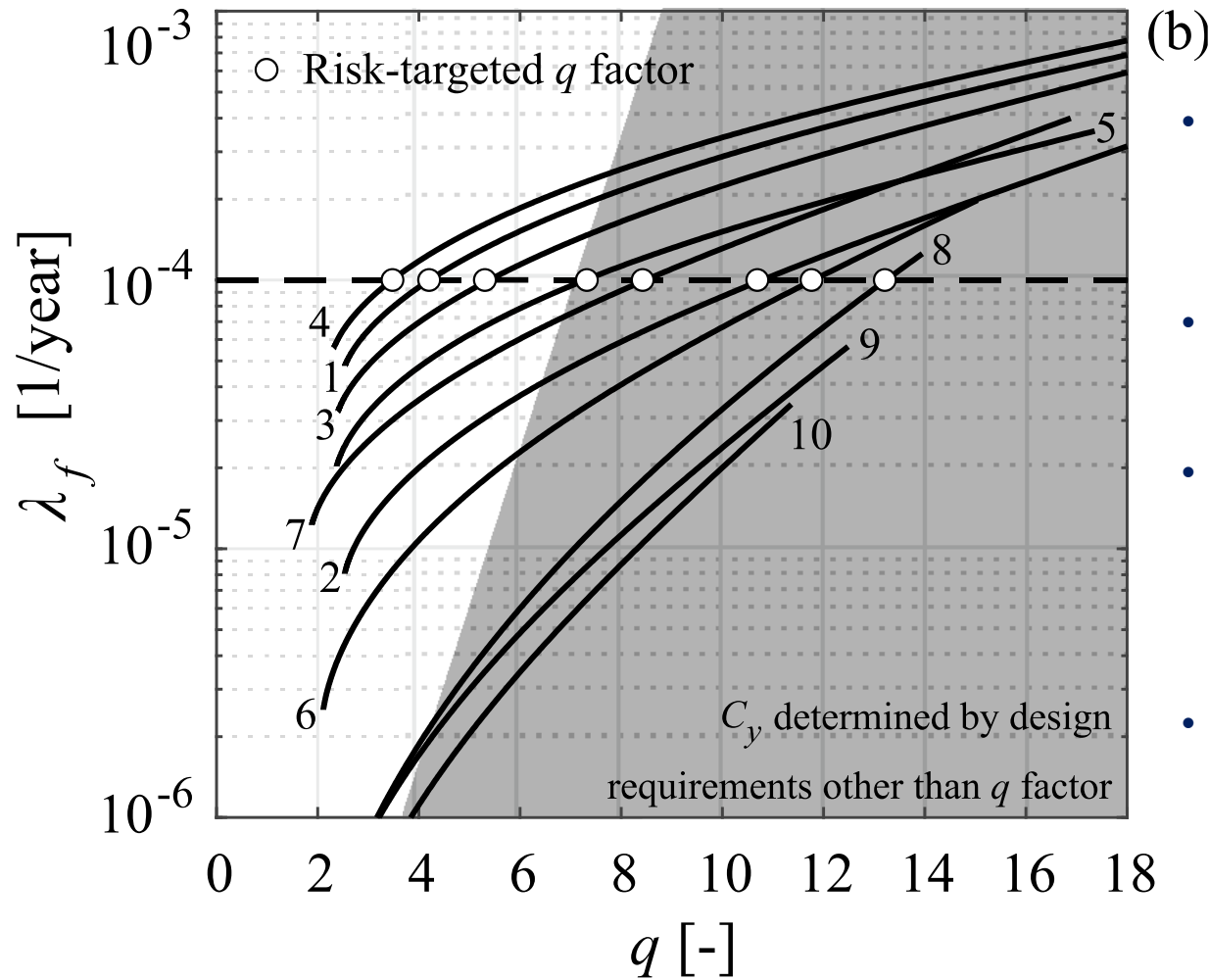


$$\lambda_f = \int_0^{+\infty} P[f | IM = im] \cdot |d\lambda_{im}|$$

- **STEP 4:** We assume 10 sites across Italy
- **STEP 5:** We define a limit state and calculate its exceedance rate for all structures and all lateral strengths at all sites!



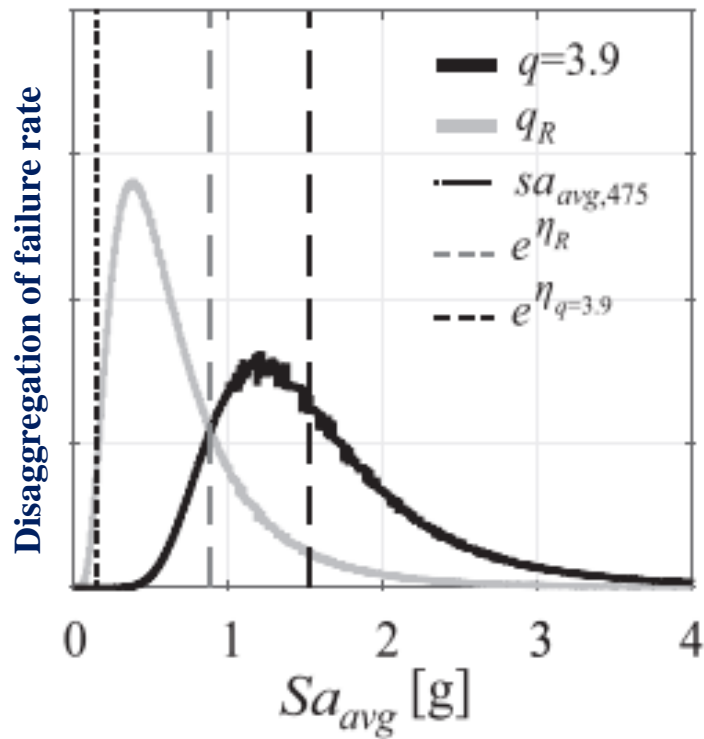
- **STEP 5:** We define a risk threshold and find the strength needed at each site to achieve it.
- **STEP 6:** We back calculate the corresponding behavior factor, considering overstrength



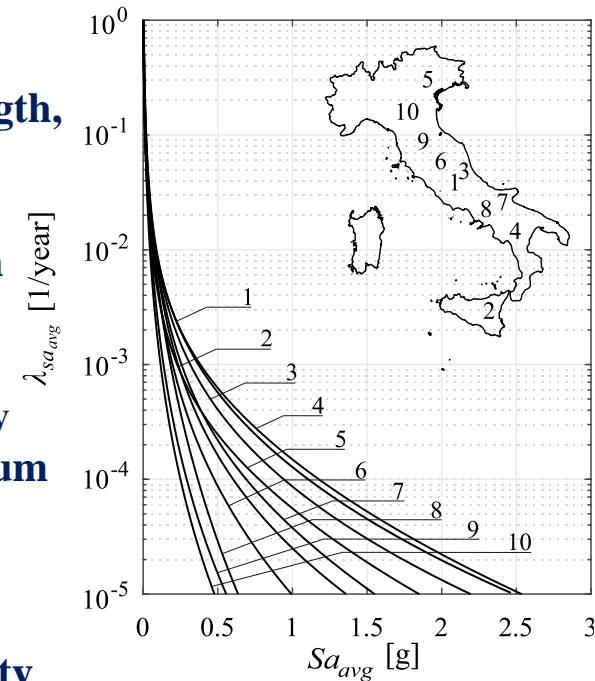
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- **Behavior factor needed for uniform reliability across sites varies (same structure!)**
- **It is only realistic for a few higher-seismicity sites!**
- **In the other cases (shaded area), other design considerations would determine lateral strength**
- **These would be minimum requirements, gravity load design etc.**

$$Sa_{avg} = \left[ \prod_{i=1}^k Sa(T_i) \right]^{1/k}$$



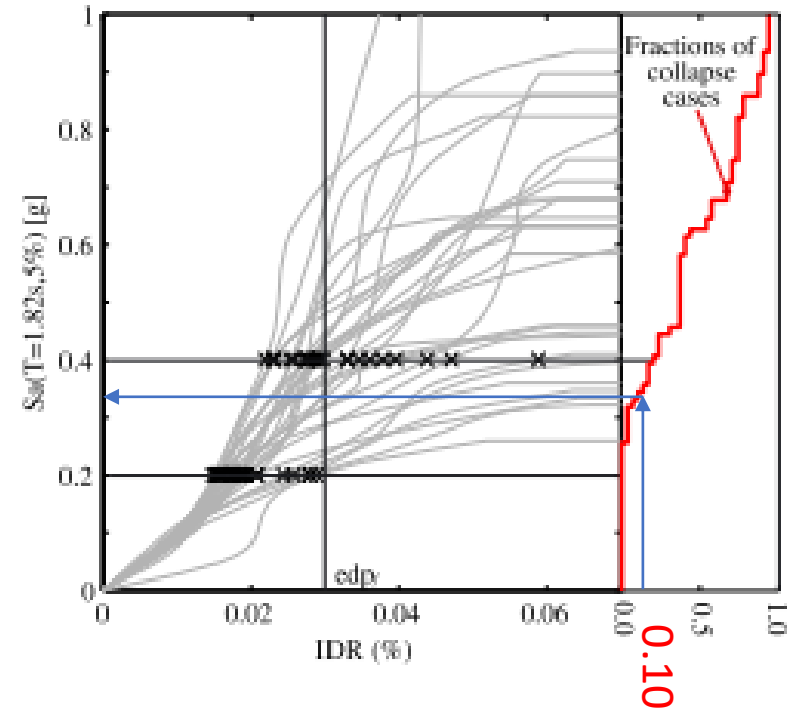
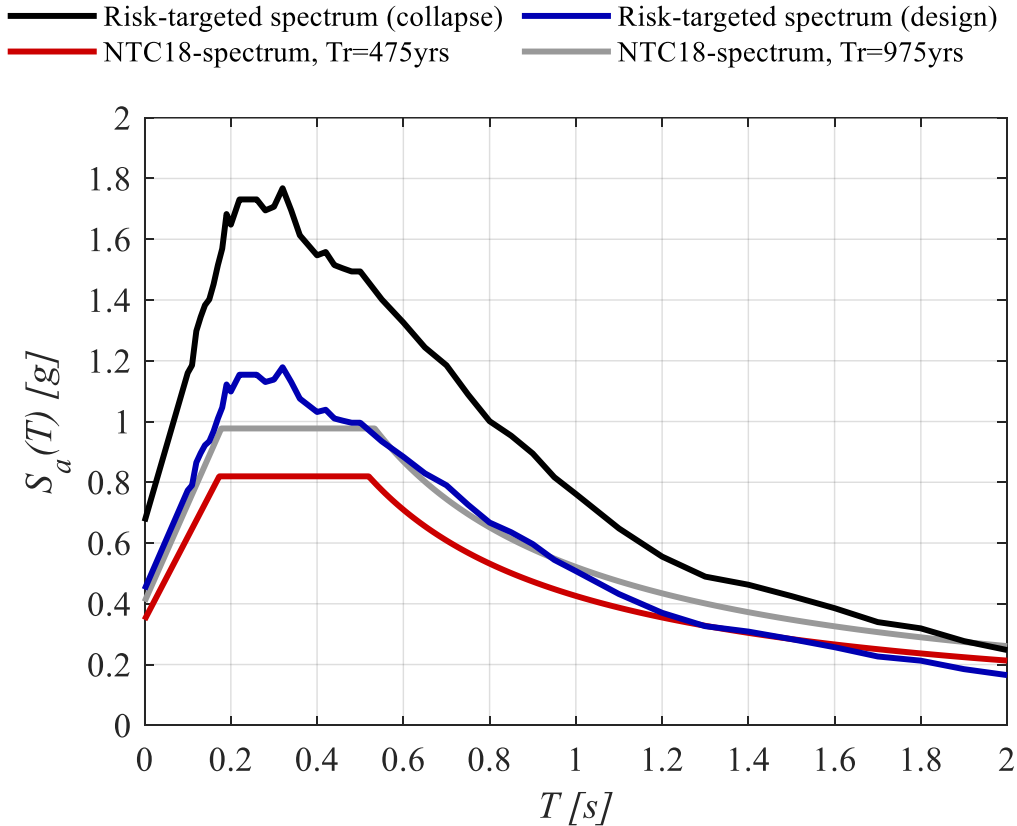
- **There is enough overstrength, for the intensities causing failure to have far longer return periods than design actions**
- **That means we can't easily distinguish high and medium seismicity from 475 year design spectra!**
- **The differences in reliability stem from differences on the hazard curve shape away from that point**





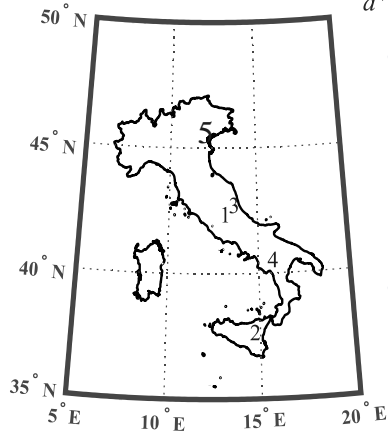
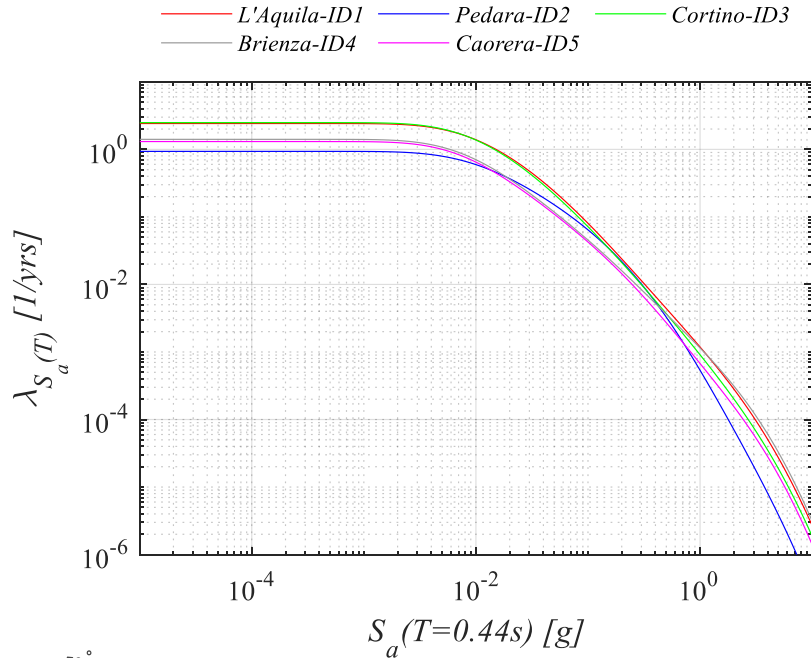
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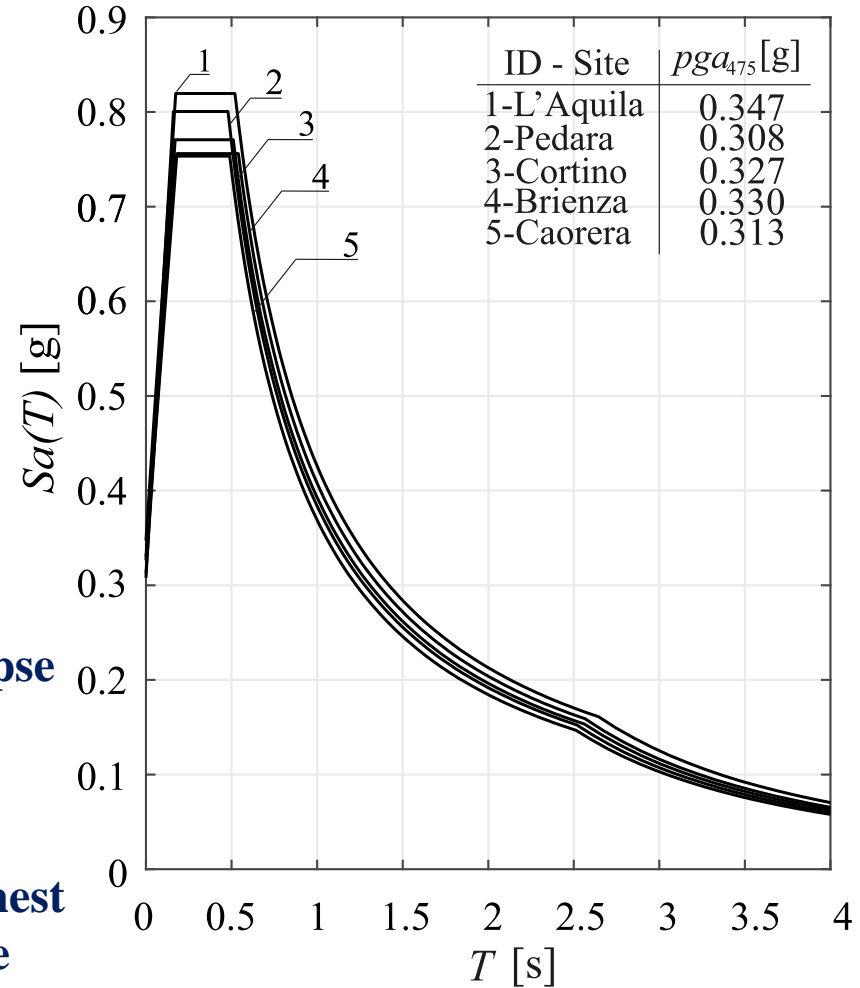


- Consider that the tenth quantile of the collapse capacity has a given exceedance probability in a time interval
- Collapse capacity being shaking intensity causing collapse
- Assume the RV's dispersion

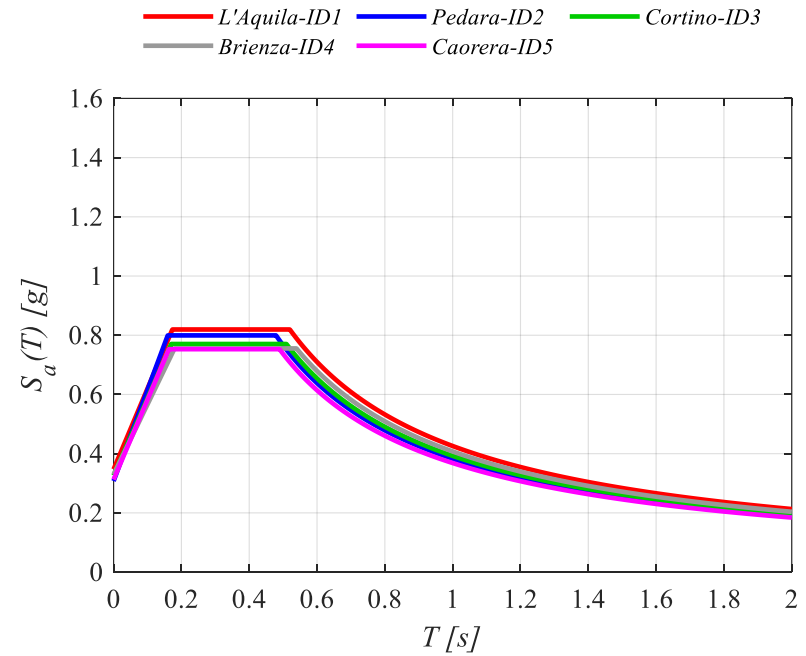
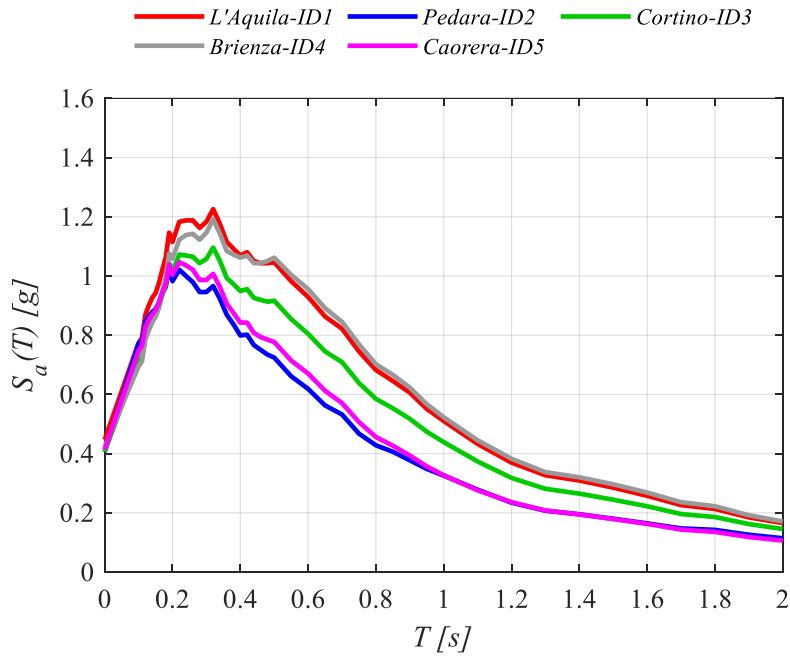
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- We will use the five highest hazard sites from before and see what happens!



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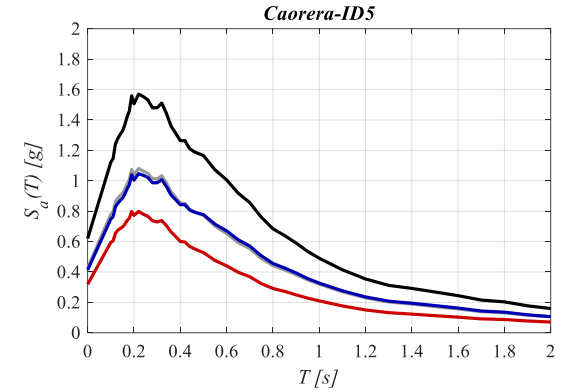
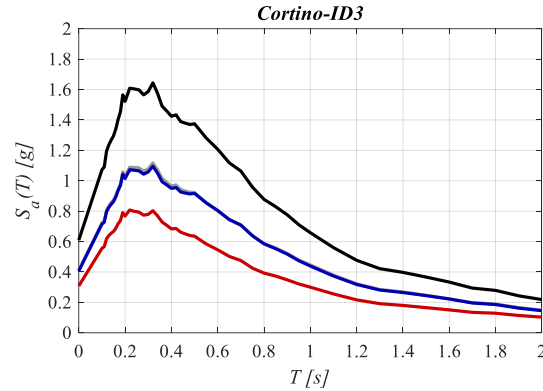
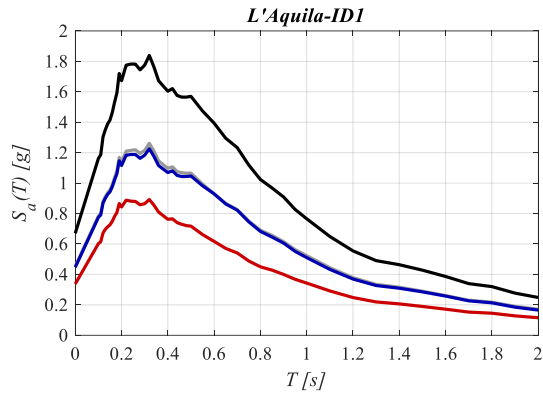
$$f_c(c) = \Phi \left[ \frac{\ln c - (\ln c_{10} + 1.28 \cdot \beta)}{\beta} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{c \cdot \beta}$$

$$\begin{cases} \eta = \ln c_{10} + 1.28 \cdot \beta; & c_{10} = 1.5 \cdot DGM \\ \beta = 0.8 \end{cases}$$

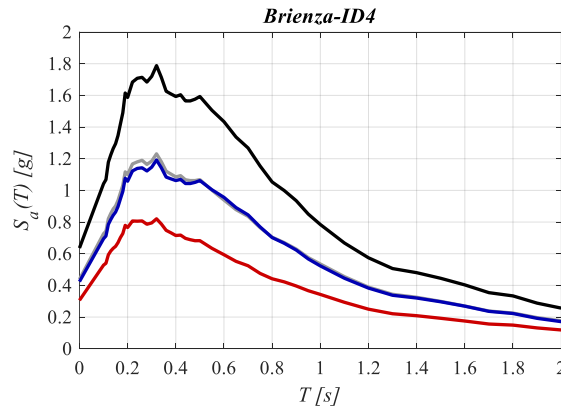
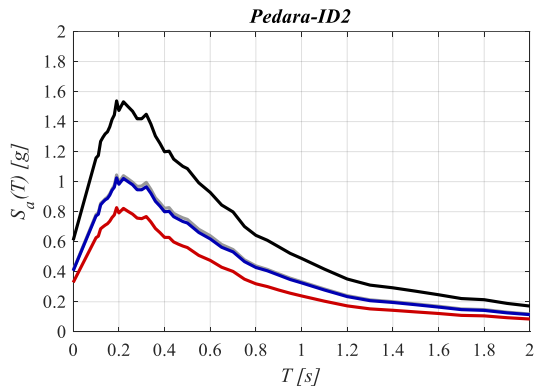
- Let's use Luco's suggestion assuming standard deviation of log capacity 0.8

# Risk Targeted Design Spectra

— Risk-targeted spectrum (collapse) — Risk-targeted spectrum (design)  
— UHS,  $T_r=475$ yrs — UHS,  $T_r=975$ yrs

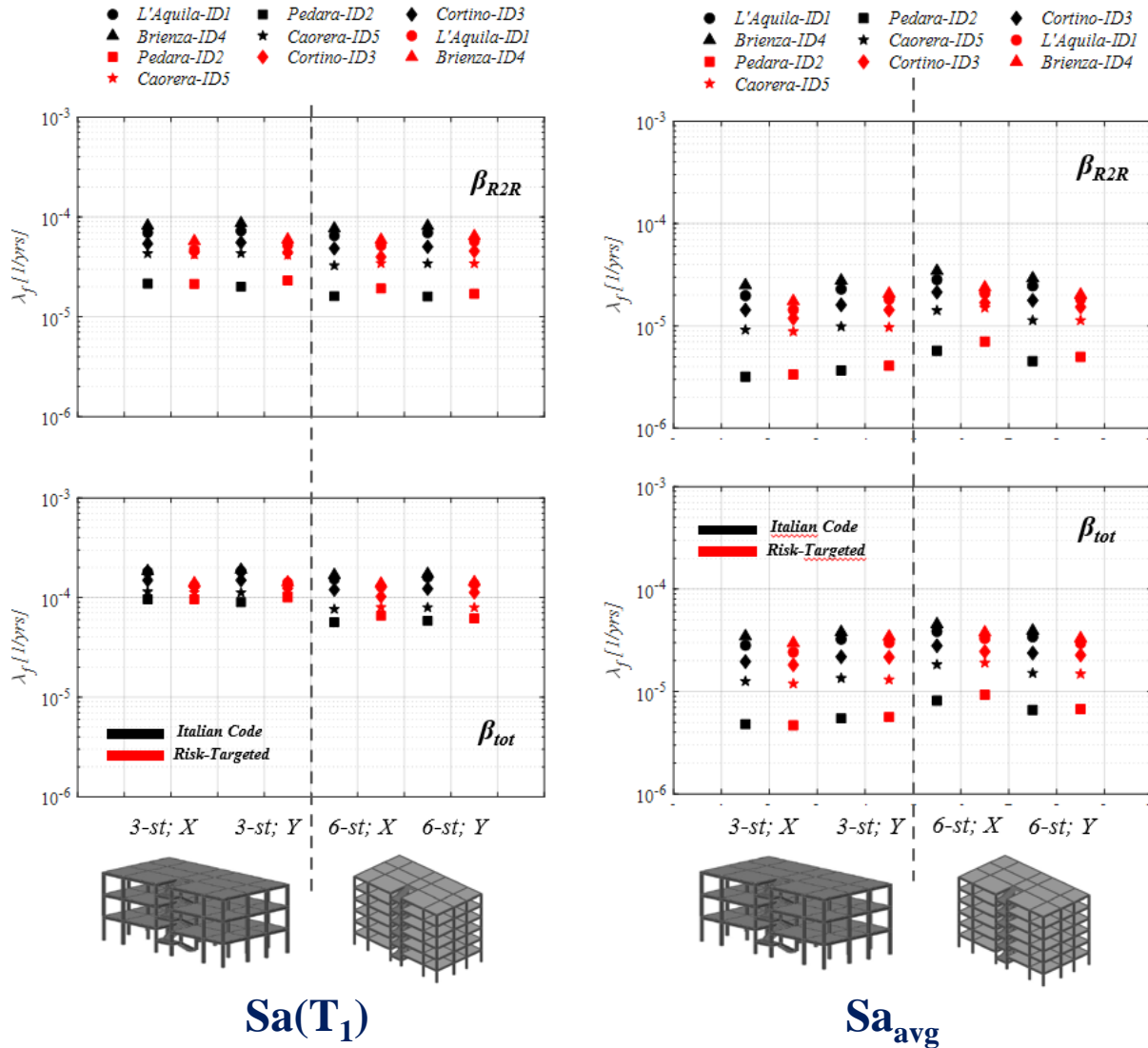


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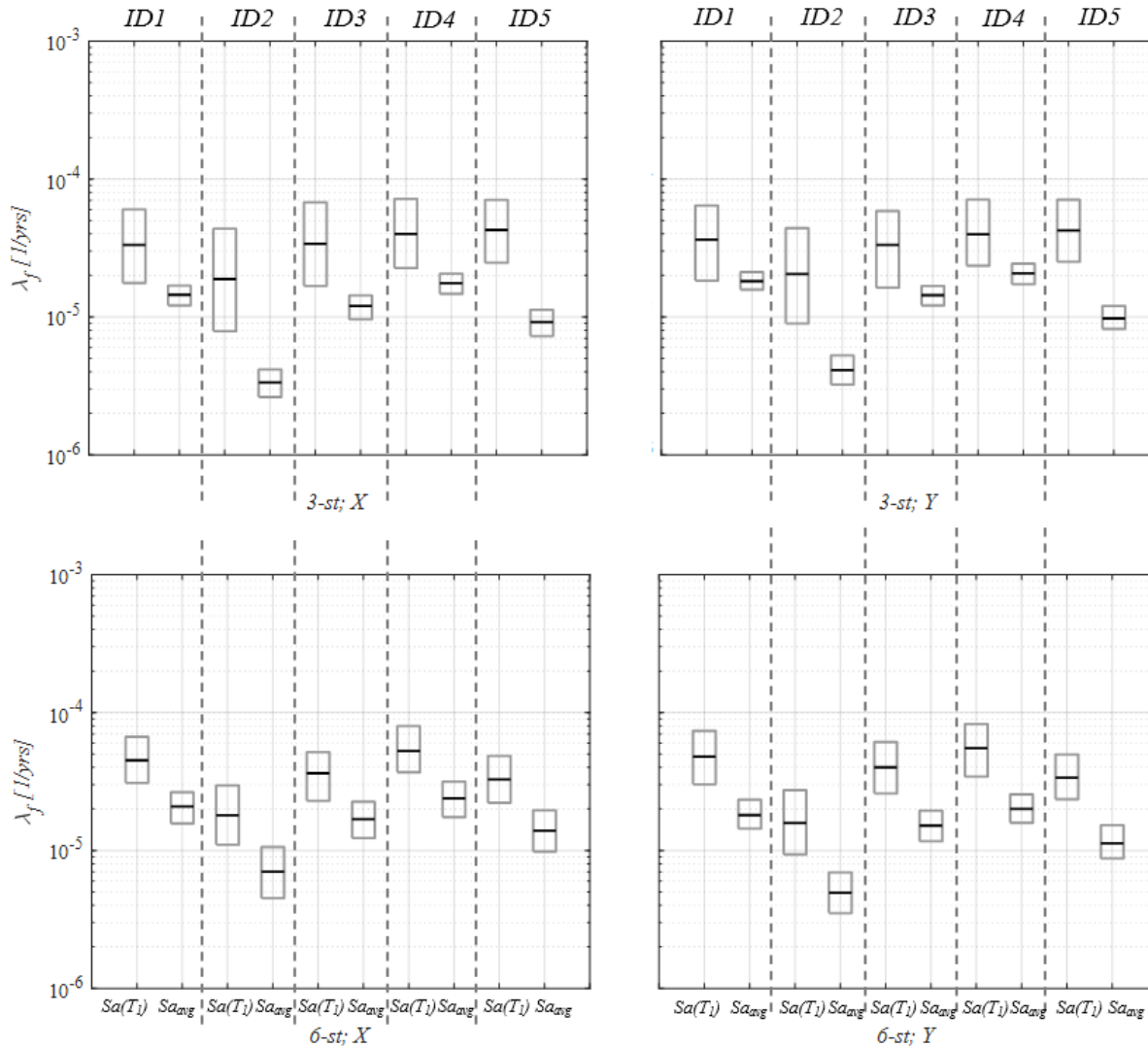
**We keep getting a design spectrum that is almost UHS at 975y at all of these sites**

# Risk Targeted Design Spectra



- We redesign the ESDoFs according to the risk-targeted spectra we got
- We then calculate the collapse MAF using IDA-based fragilities
- Apart from a wayward child, it seems to be working but...
- A more sufficient and efficient IM seems to suggest we did not gain much with respect to uniform hazard design spectrum!

# Risk Targeted Design Spectra



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A look at estimation uncertainty behind collapse MAFs



## Conclusions

- **Can we obtain uniform reliability via risk-targeted behavior factors?**
  - **Maybe, but we can only do that for medium to high seismic hazard sites**
  - **We can't really tell which sites from 475y return period elastic demand spectra alone**
  - **We'd need to be site- and structure-specific**
  
- **Can we define a Risk-Targeted design spectrum to the same end?**
  - **Assuming collapse fragility a-priori may still leave us with uneven reliability**
  - **Reliability might look uniform using S<sub>a</sub>(T) as intensity to predict collapse, but if we look at better predictor IMs, the advantage seems less obvious**