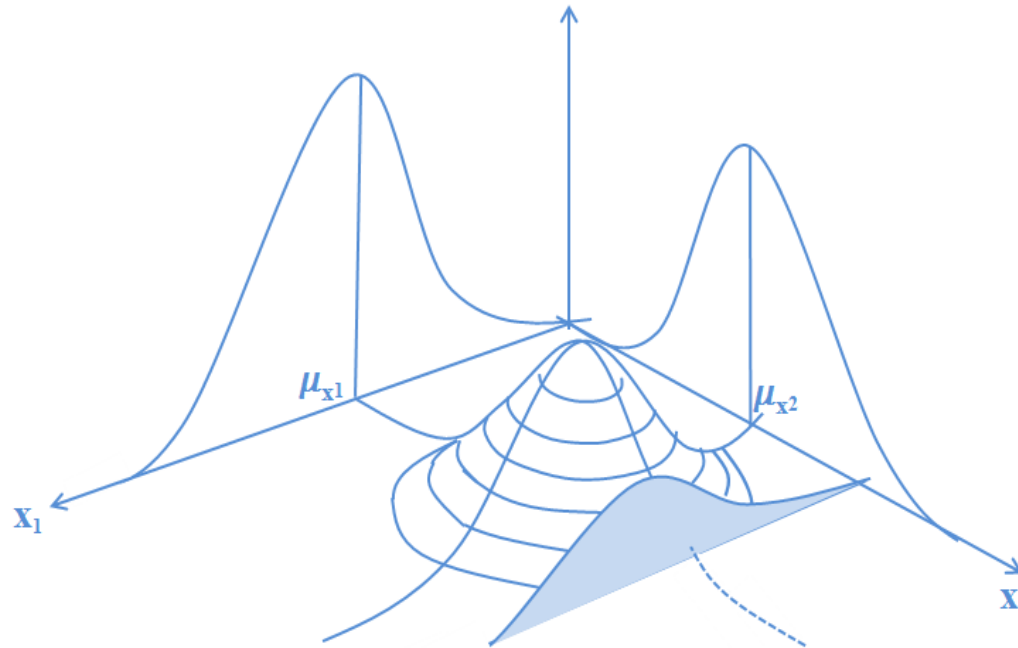


New methods for time-variant reliability assessment of degrading structures



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Problem context



Design → **Monitoring** → **Maintenance**

Uncertainty

Material properties
Geometry parameters
Loadings

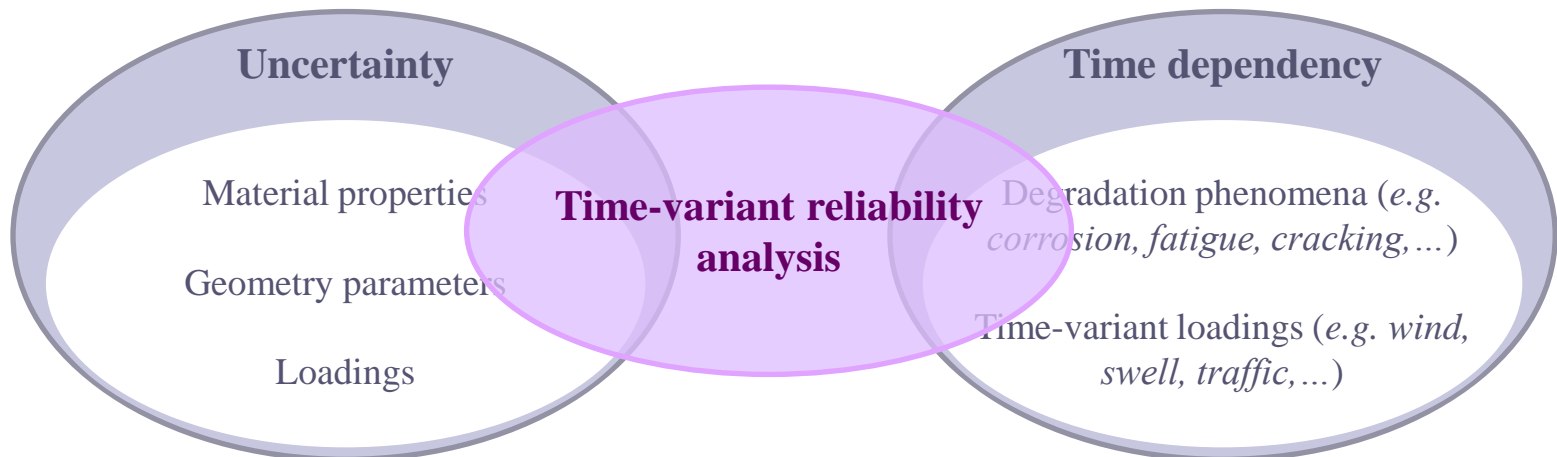
Time dependency

Degradation phenomena (*e.g. corrosion, fatigue, cracking, ...*)
Time-variant loadings (*e.g. wind, swell, traffic, ...*)

Problem context



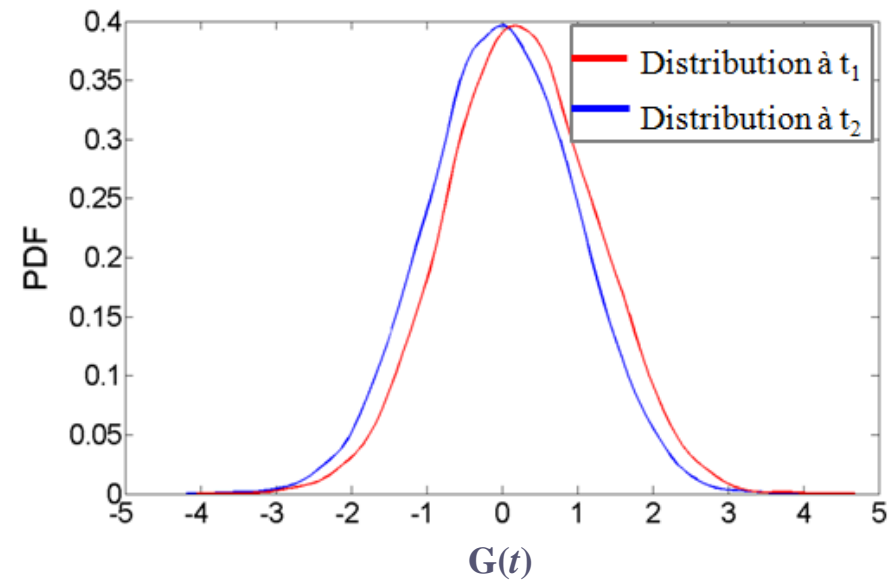
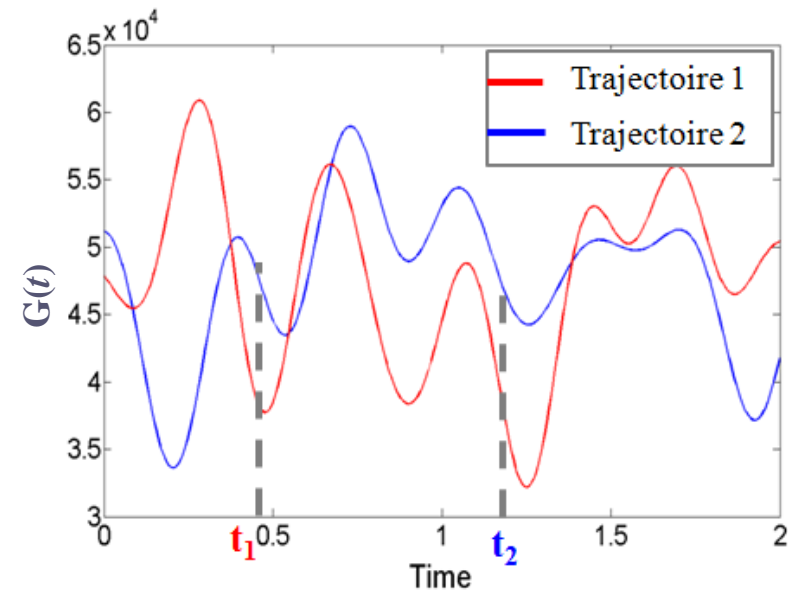
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Time-Variant Reliability Analysis

Time-dependent Limit State Function

$$G(\underbrace{\omega}_{\text{Uncertainty}}, \underbrace{t}_{\text{Time dependency}}) = \underbrace{R(\omega, t)}_{\text{Threshold resistance}} - \underbrace{S(\omega, t)}_{\text{Actual solicitation}}$$

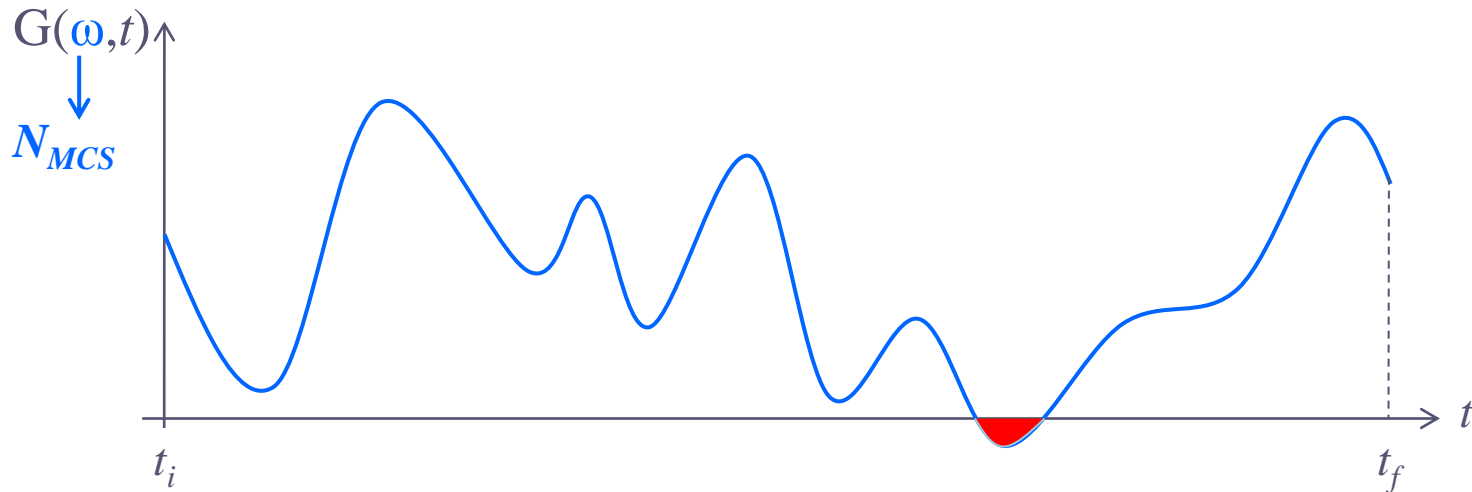


Time-Variant Reliability Analysis

Time-variant reliability problem

$$P_{f,c}(t_i, t_f) = \text{Prob} (\exists \tau \in [t_i, t_f] : G(\omega, \tau) < 0)$$

Monte-Carlo Simulation (MCS) method

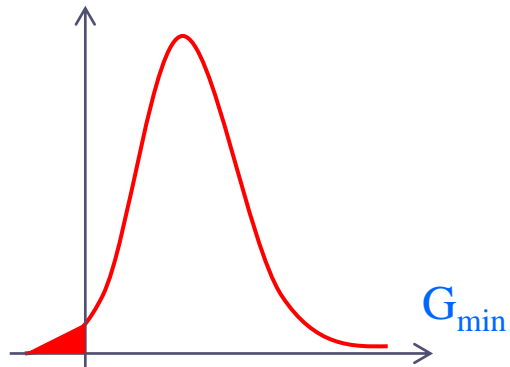
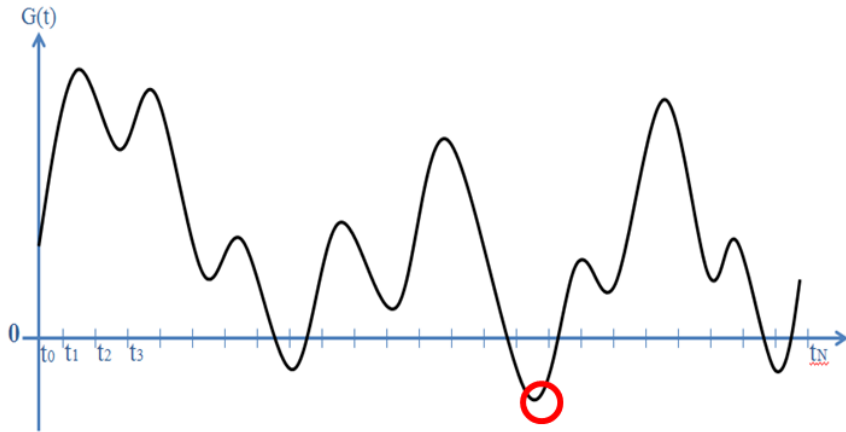


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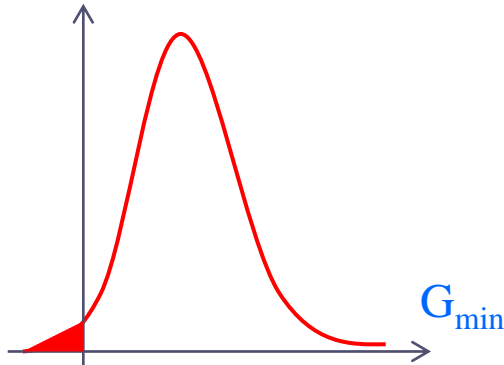
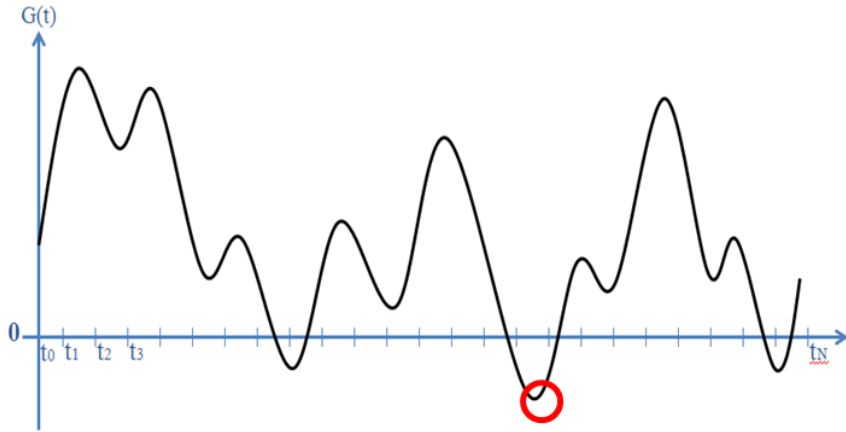
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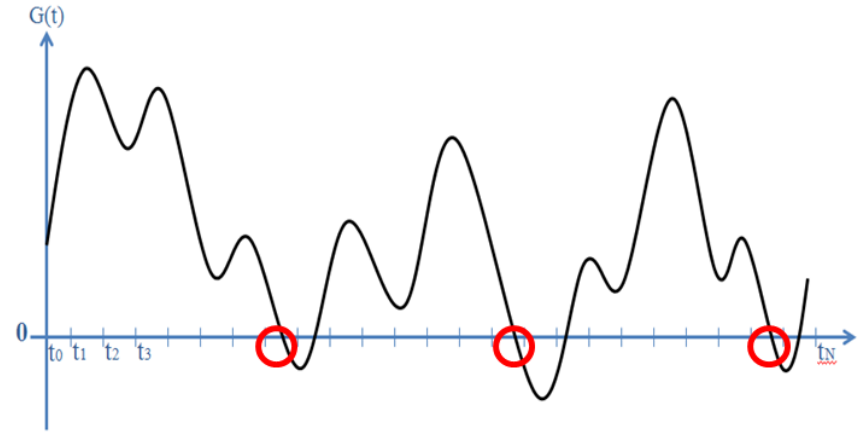
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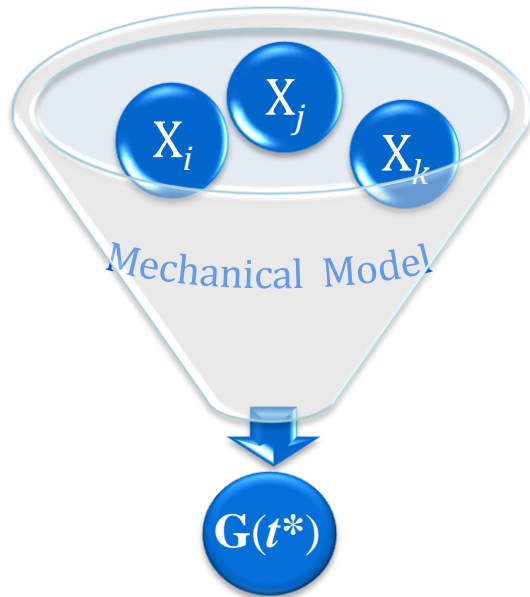
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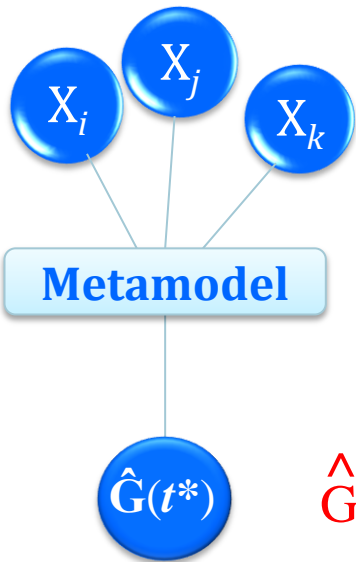
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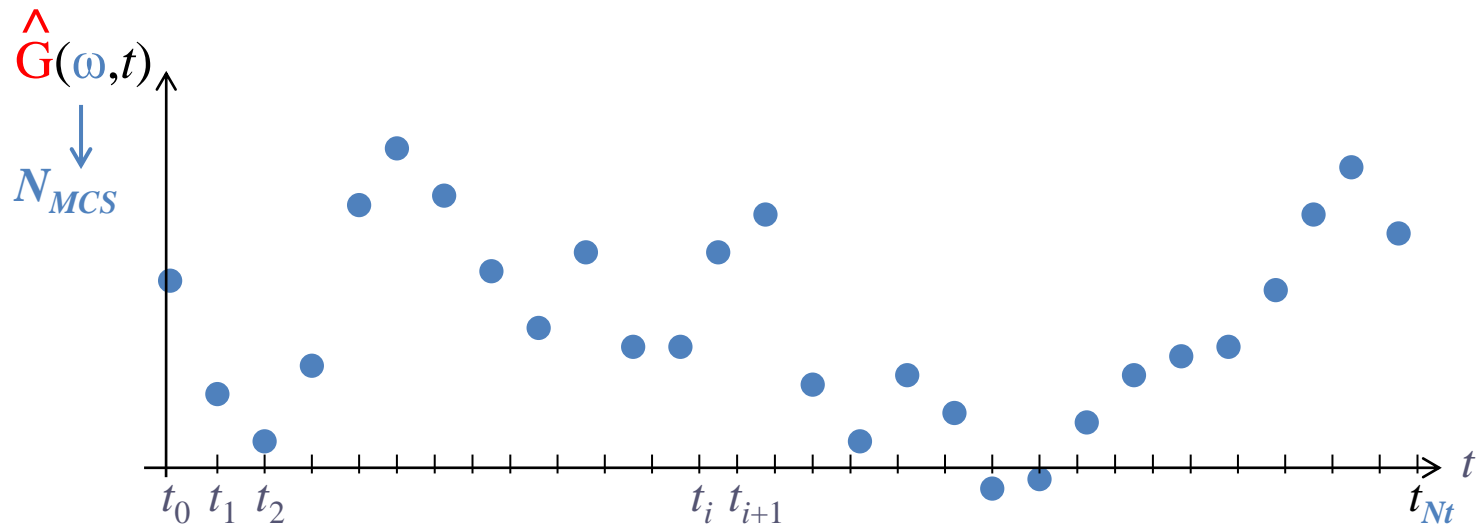


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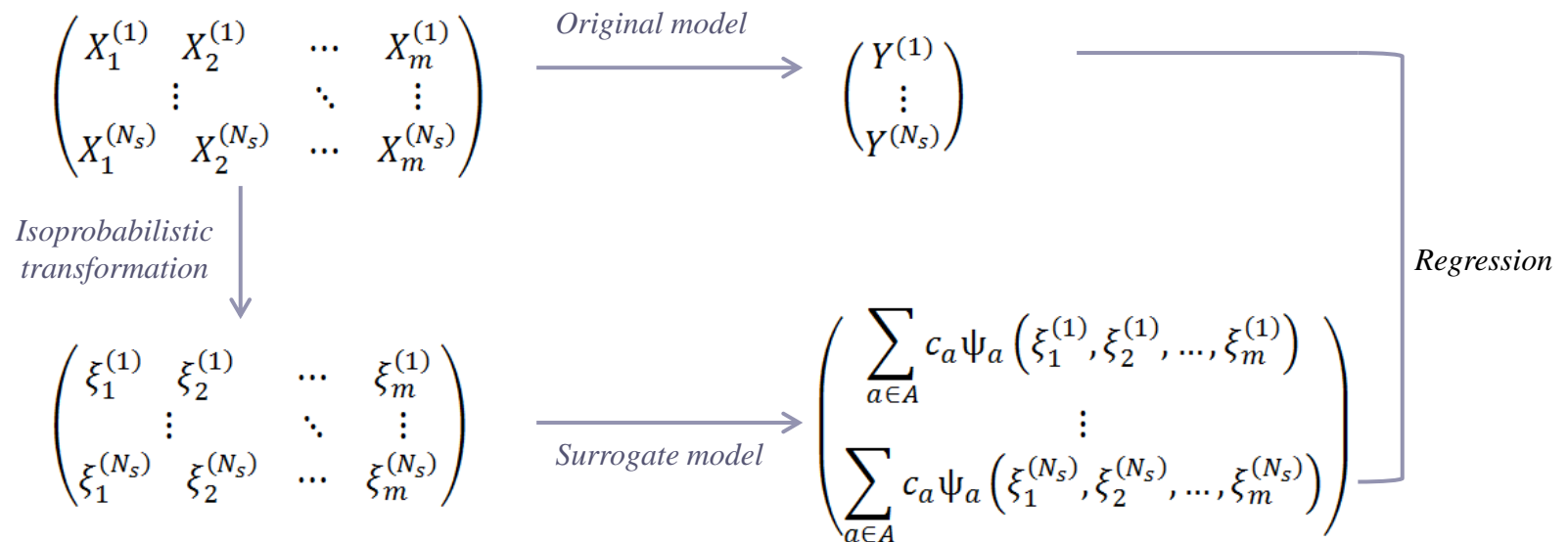
$$N_s \ll N_{MCS}$$

Number of evaluations of $G(t) = N_s \times N_t$



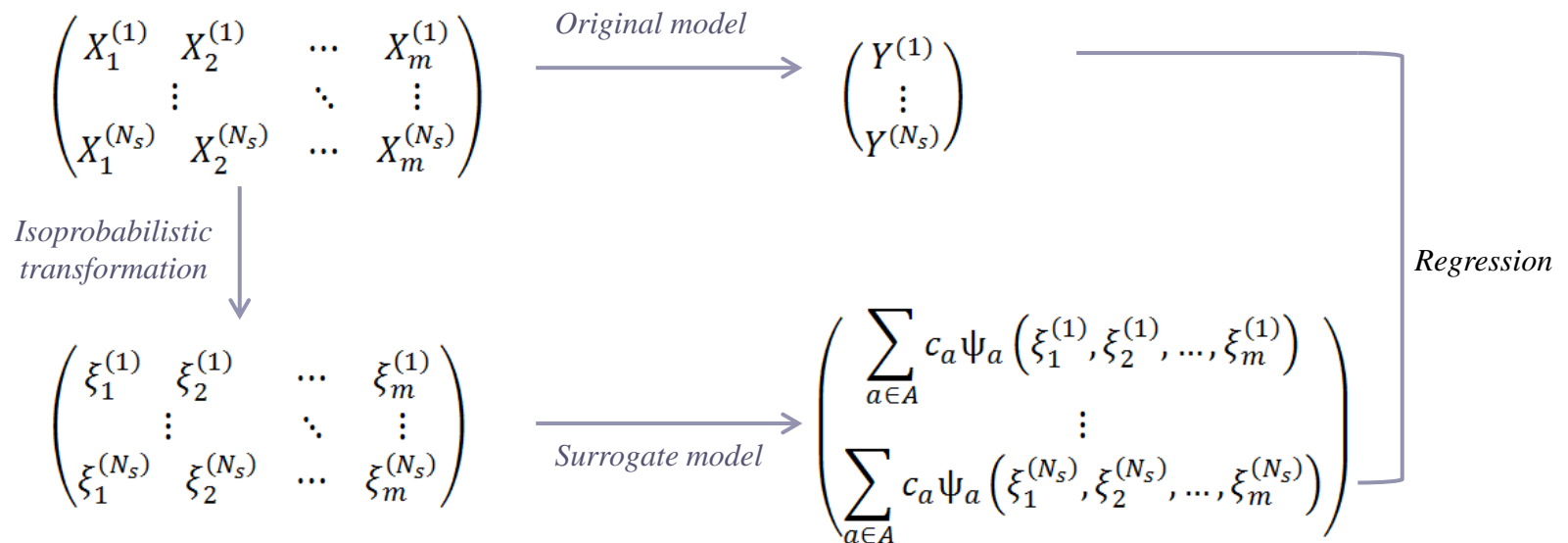
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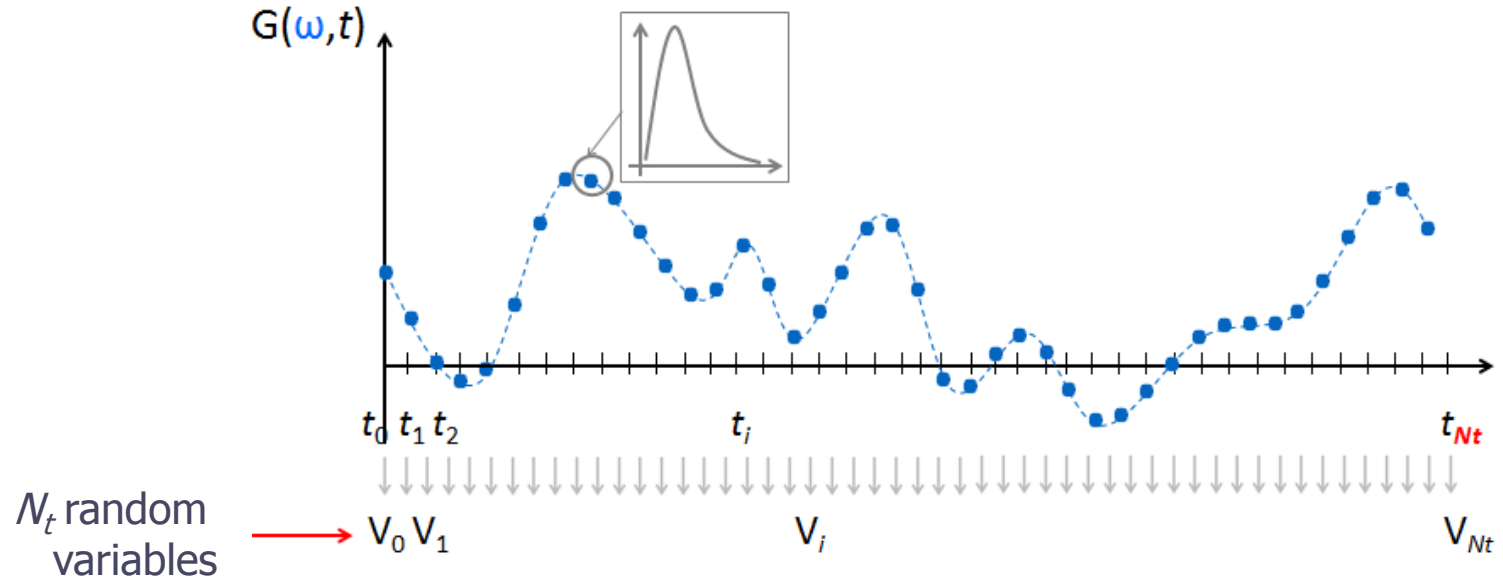
$$A_\beta = \left\{ \boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \mathbf{N}^m : \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_\beta = \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i^\beta \right)^{1/\beta} \leq p \right\}$$

Adaptive regression-based algorithm

R^2 : Local error
 Q^2 : Global error

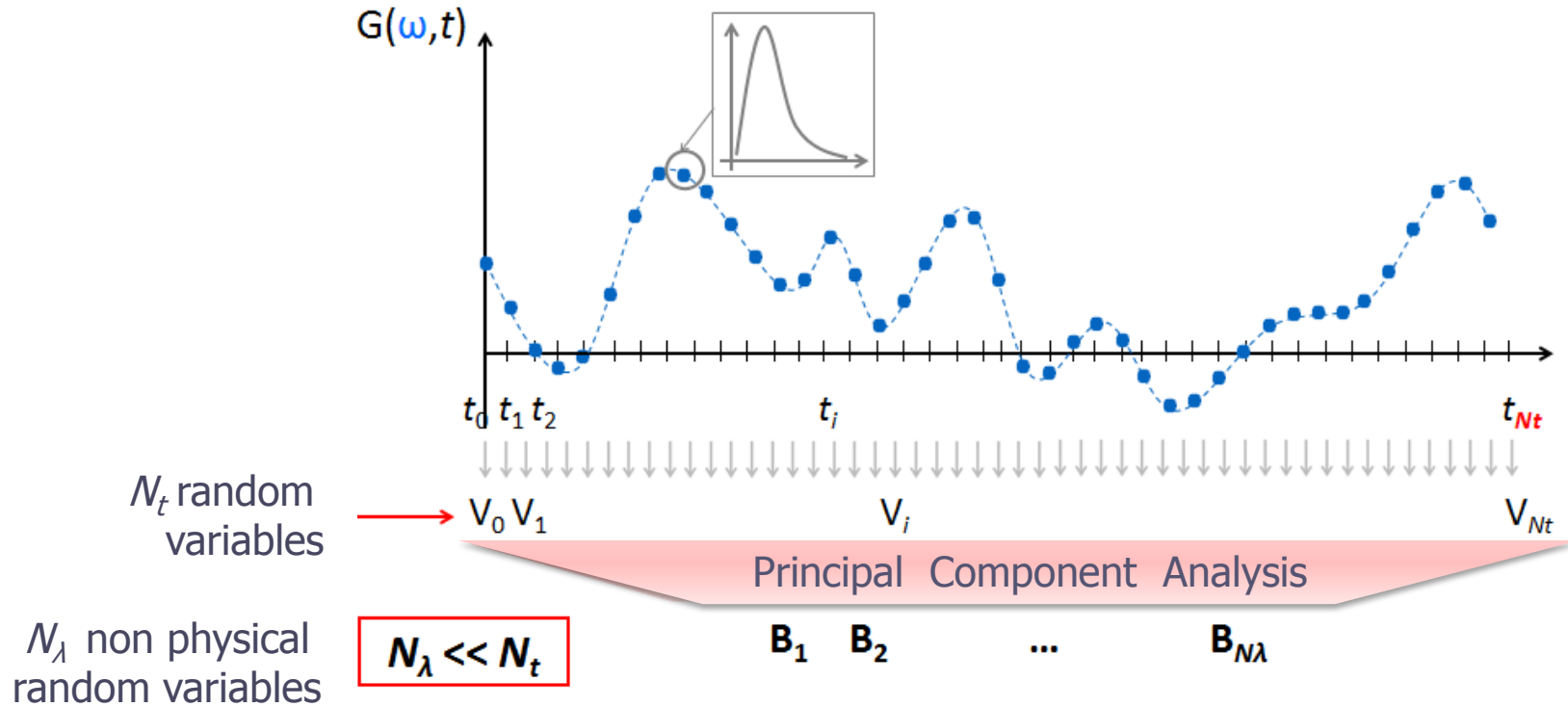
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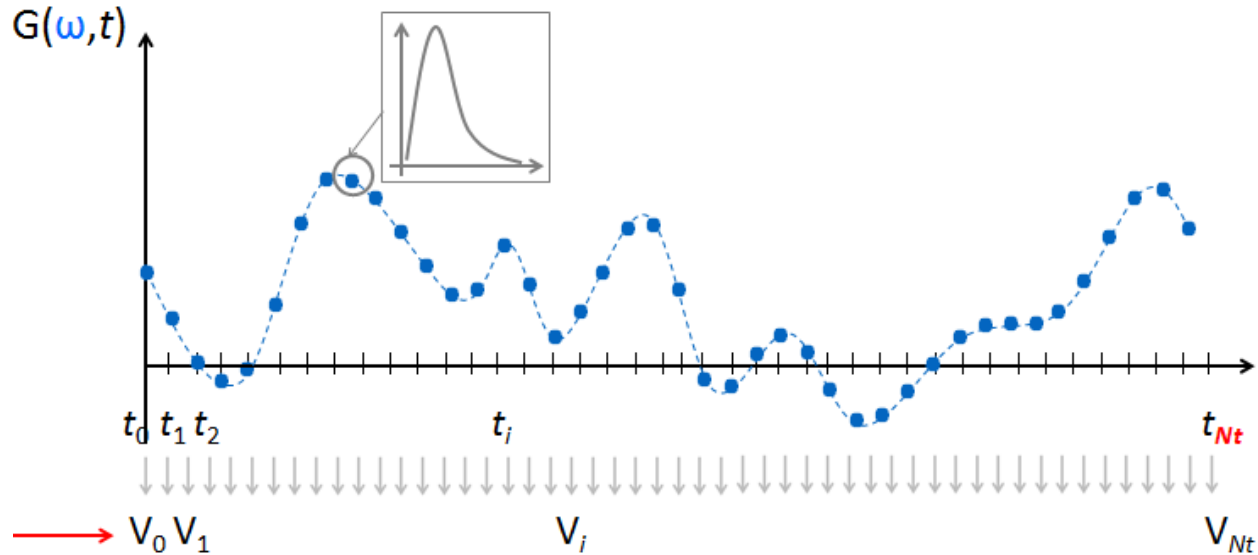
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N_t random variables

Principal Component Analysis

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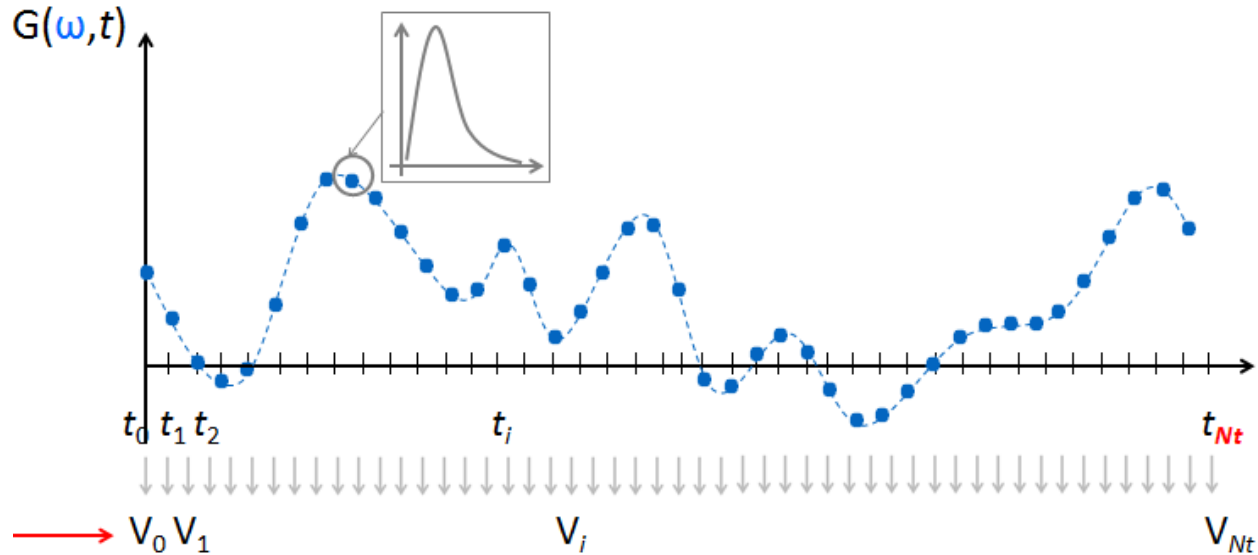
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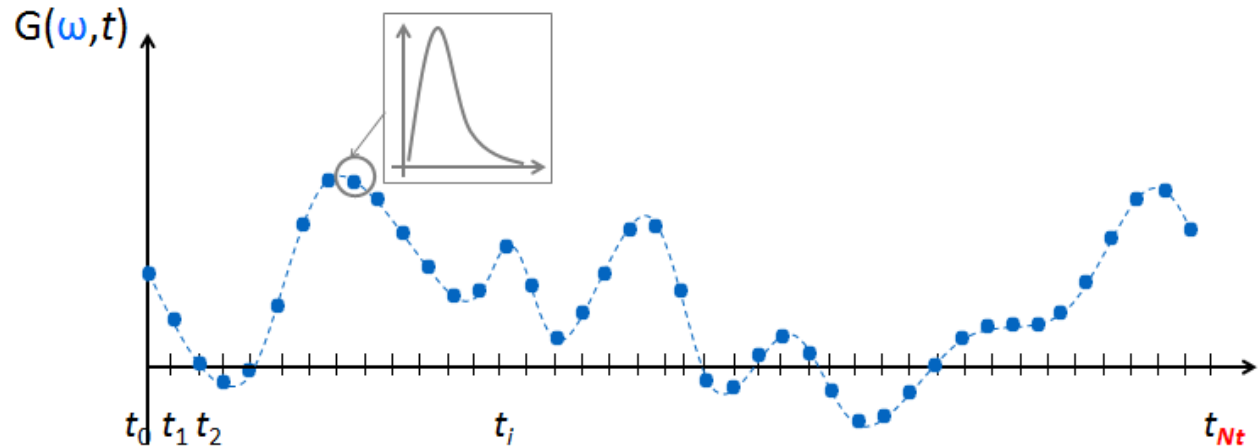
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$$\tilde{\mathbf{G}}^{(CP)} = \boxed{\bar{\mathbf{G}}} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_\lambda} \hat{\mathbf{B}}_i \boxed{\mathbf{w}_i^T} \text{ eigenvectors}$$

mean values
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Inputs

Standard Gaussian random variables ξ_1, ξ_2, \dots

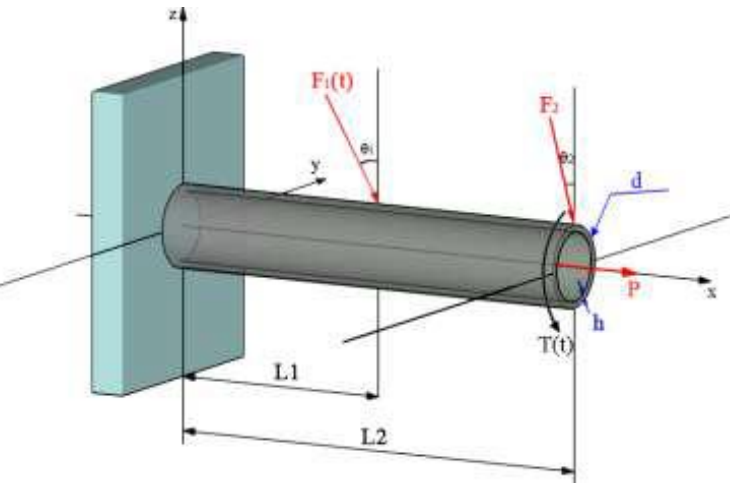
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Illustrative Examples

Case study 1



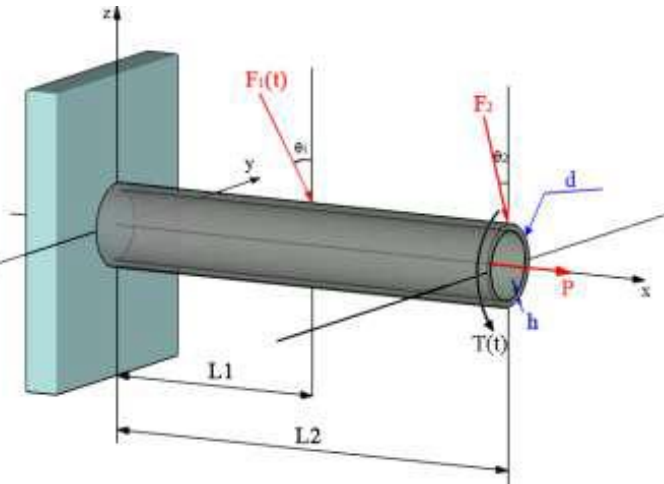
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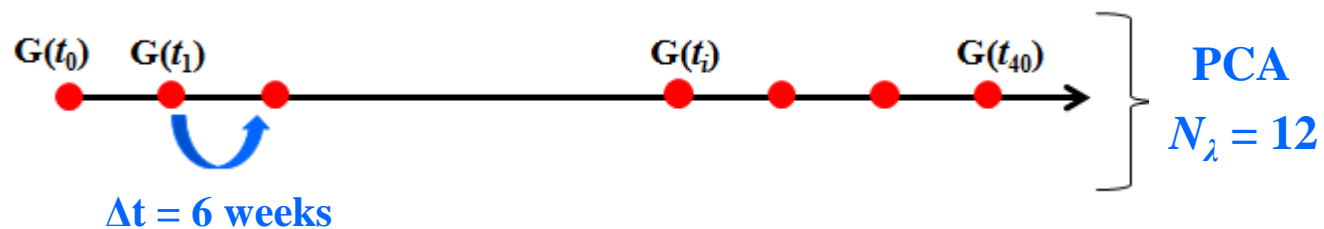
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Discretization of the stochastic processes

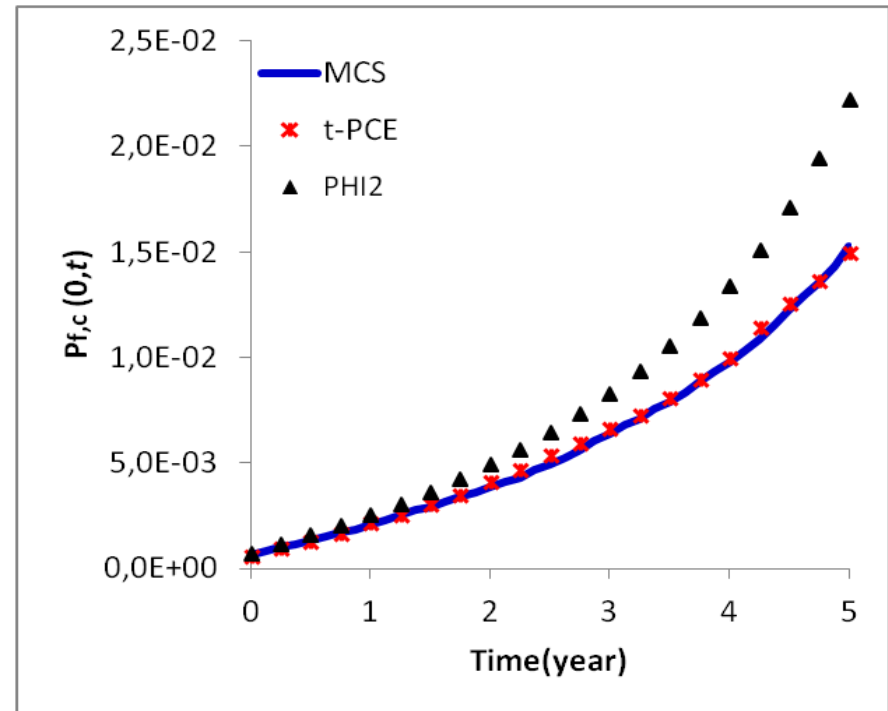
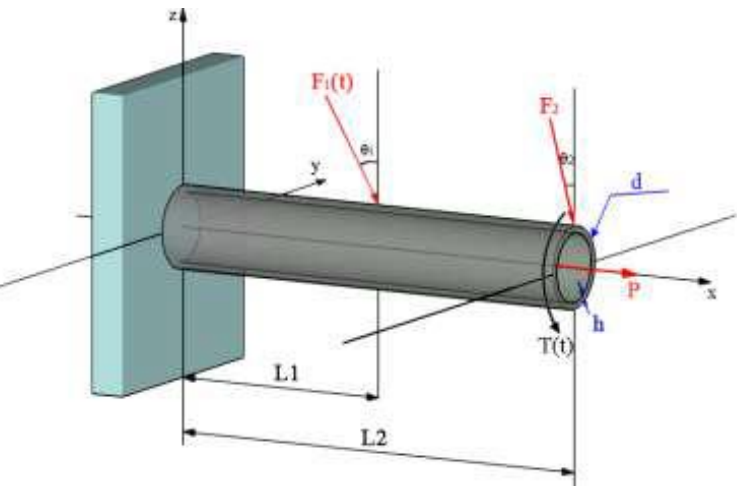


28 input random variables in total



Illustrative Examples

Case study 1



- Evolution in time of the cumulative probability of failure -

The proposed method is efficient for problems with Non-Gaussian Non-Stationary stochastic processes.

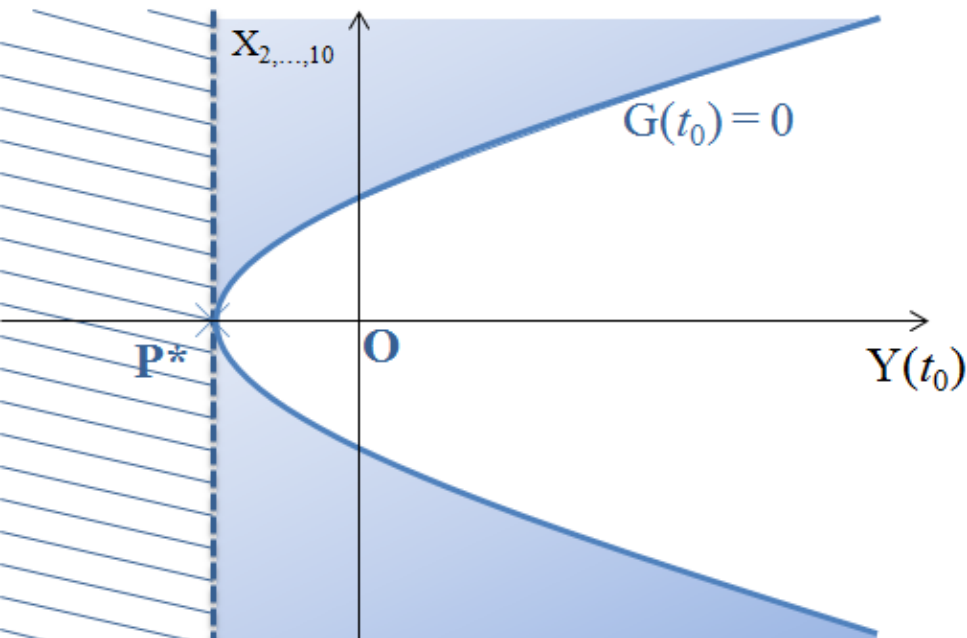
| | MCS | t-PCE | PHI2 |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| $P_{f,c}(0, 5)$ | $[1.50 \times 10^{-2} ; 1.55 \times 10^{-2}]$ | 1.50×10^{-2} | 2.23×10^{-2} |
| $\varepsilon\%$ | --- | 1.71 % | 46.22 % |
| number of function evaluations | 41,000,000 | 14,760 | 22,468 |

Illustrative Examples

Case study 2

Highly non linear limit state function

$$G(t) = 3 + \underset{\substack{\text{Gaussian} \\ \text{Random process}}}{Y(t)} - \frac{1}{6} \sum_{i=2}^{10} \underset{\substack{\text{Standard Gaussian} \\ \text{Random variables}}}{X_i^2}$$



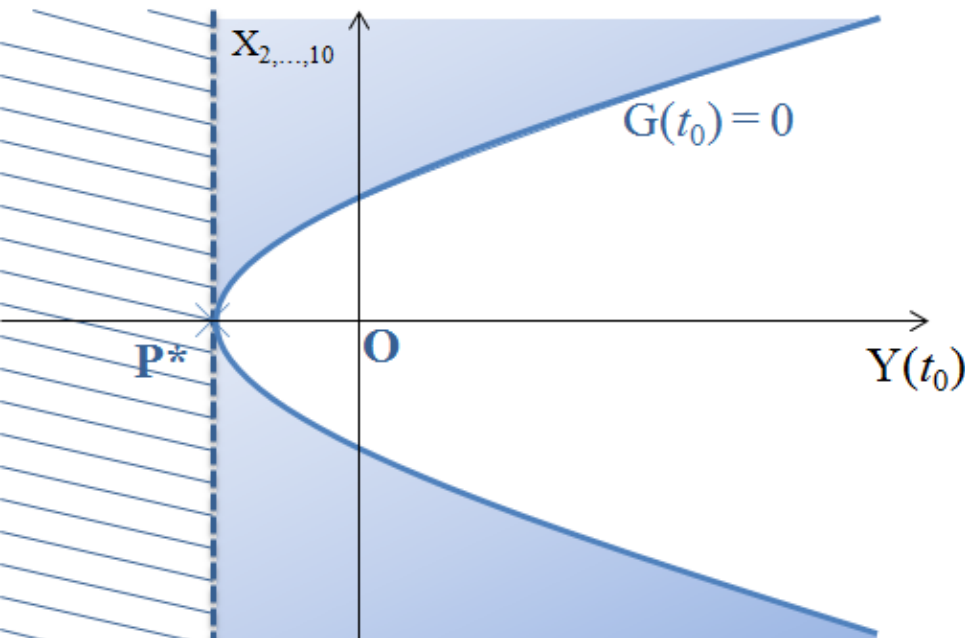
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Illustrative Examples

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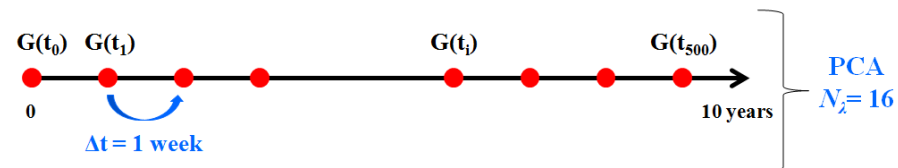


$$\rho_F(t_1, t_2) = \exp\left(-\left(\frac{t_2 - t_1}{1 \text{ month}}\right)^2\right)$$

$$Y(t), X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6, X_7, X_8, X_9, X_{10}$$

$\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3, \xi_4, \xi_5, \xi_6,$
 $\xi_7, \xi_8, \xi_9, \xi_{10}, \xi_{11},$
 $\xi_{12}, \xi_{13}, \xi_{14}, \xi_{15}$

24 random variables



- Shape of the limit state function at the initial time -

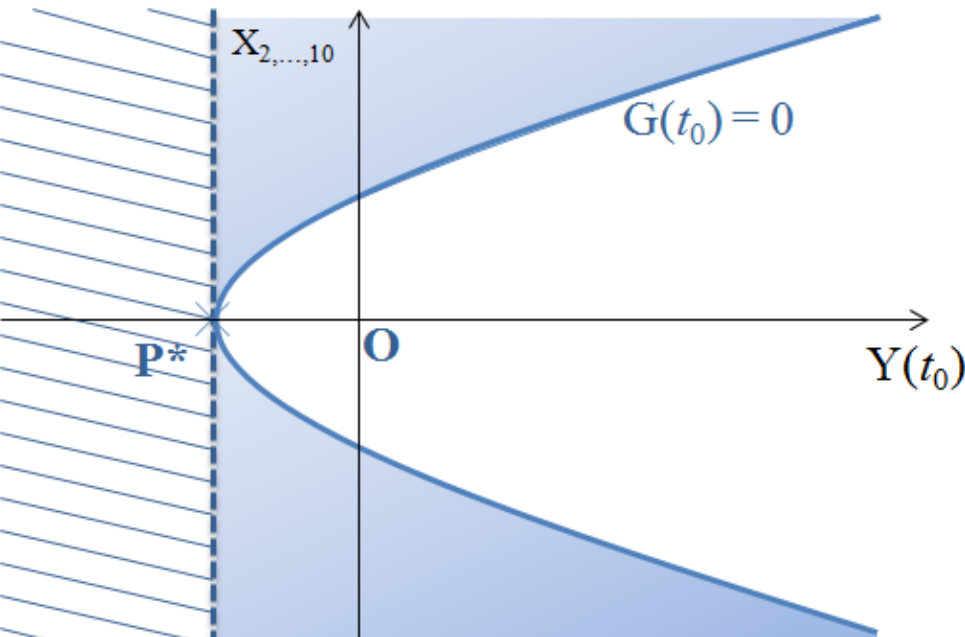
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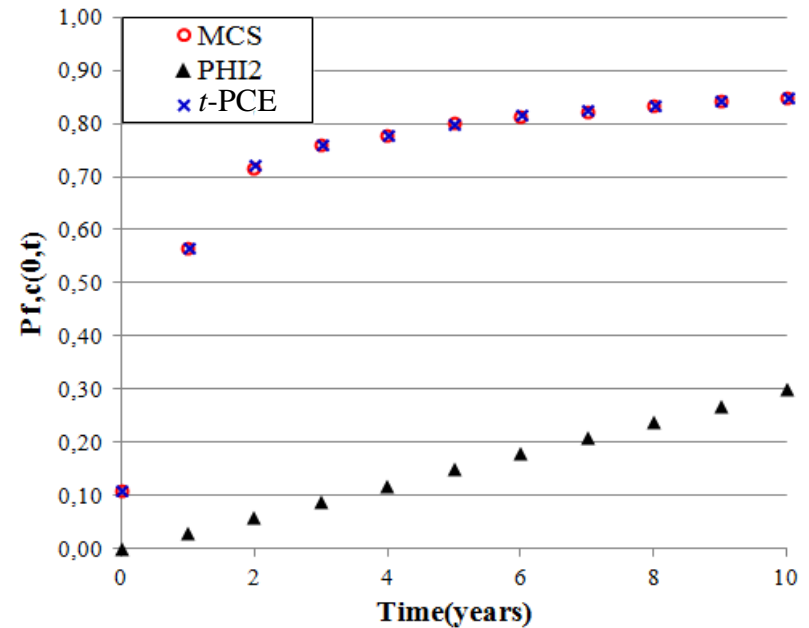
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Gaussian Random process \nearrow \nwarrow Standard Gaussian Random variables



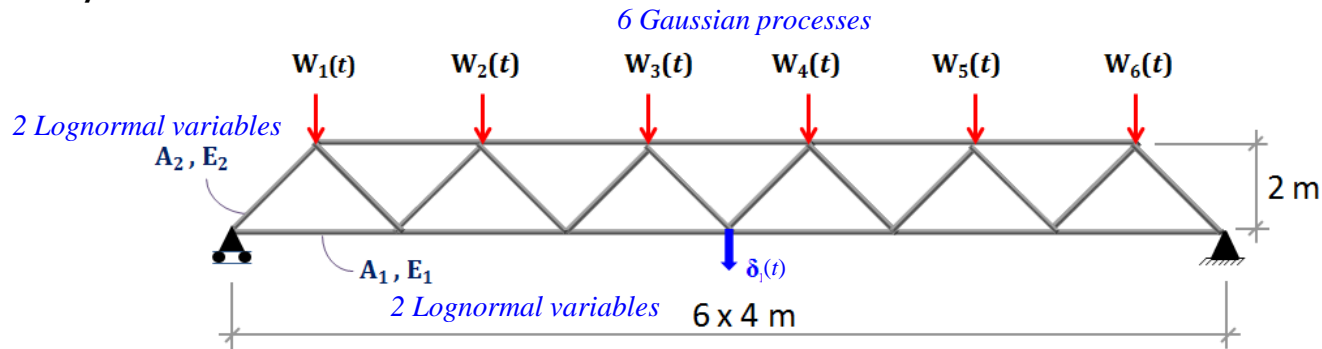
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- Evolution in time of the cumulative probability of failure -

Illustrative Examples

Case study 3



$$G(t) = \delta_{\max} - \delta(t)$$

“Finite Element Model”

Discretization of the stochastic processes



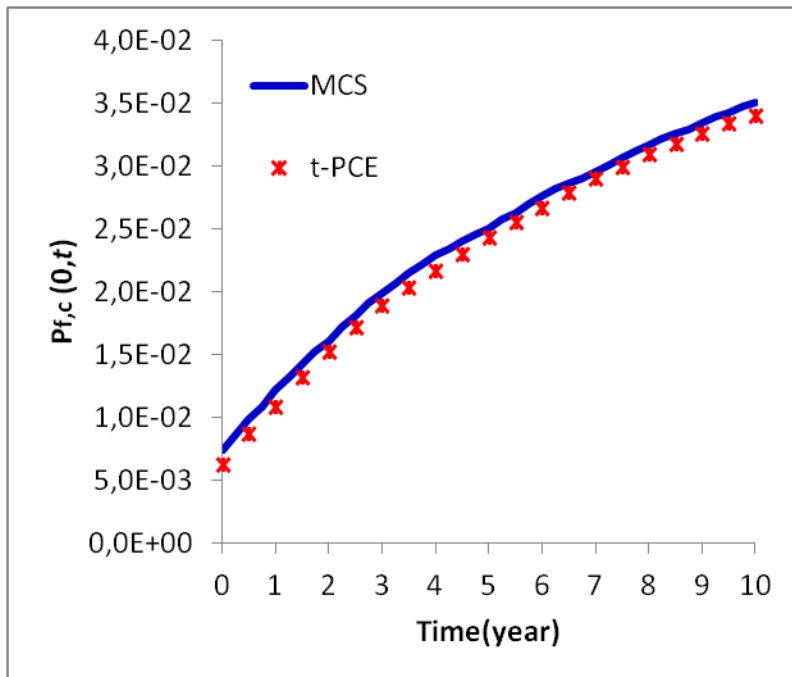
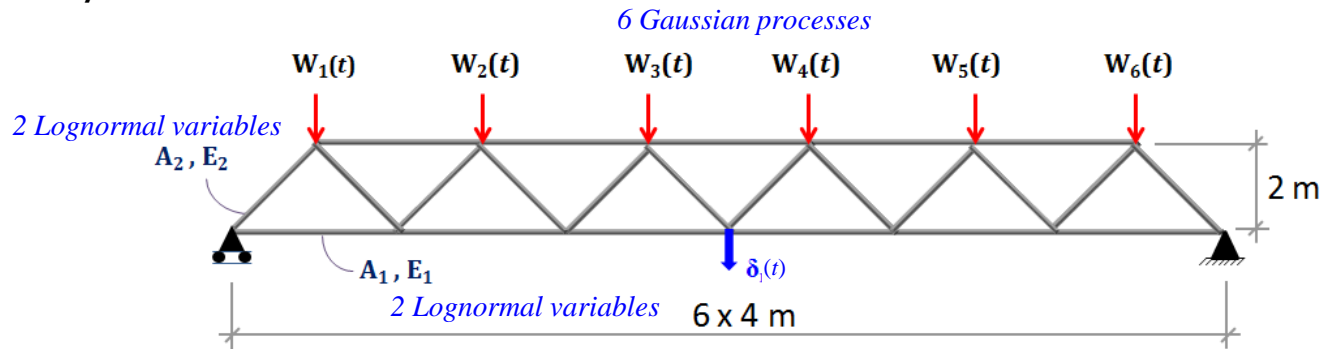
76 input random variables in total



High dimensional problem

Illustrative Examples

Case study 3



| | MCS | t-PCE |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| $P_{f,c}(0, 5)$ | $[3.48 \times 10^{-2} ; 3.55 \times 10^{-2}]$ | 3.40×10^{-2} |
| $\varepsilon\%$ | --- | 3.13 % |
| number of function evaluations | 41,000,000 | 32,800 |

The proposed method is efficient for high dimensional problems.

- Evolution in time of the cumulative probability of failure -

Conclusion and Work in Progress

PCE *combined with PCA* is:

- ✓ efficient for time-variant reliability problems involving Non-Gaussian Non-Stationary stochastic processes.
- ✓ better and more general than some recent methods (PHI2)
- ✓ affordable for high dimensional problems
- ✓ suitable for highly nonlinear limit state functions

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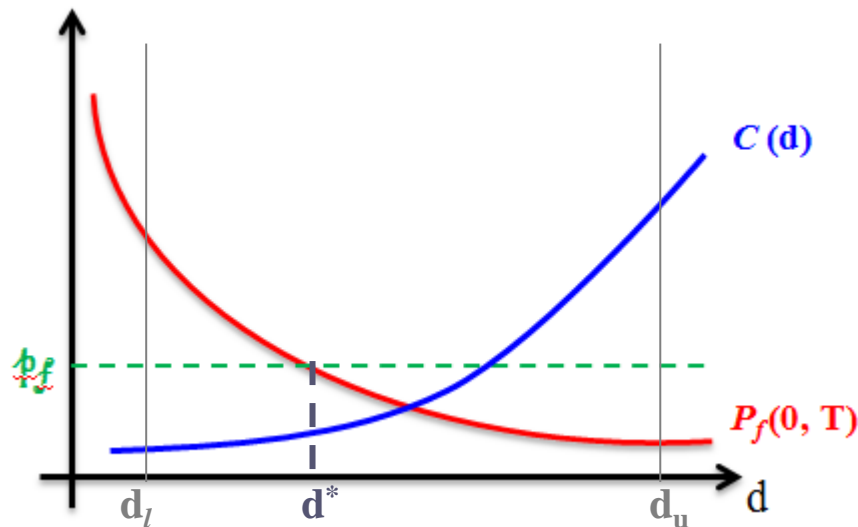
Time-Variant Reliability-Based Design Optimization (*t*-RBDO)

**Time-variant
reliability analysis**

aims to calculate the cumulative probability of failure of a given structure over its intended lifetime.

**Time-variant
reliability -based
design optimization**

aims to find the optimal design (cost) of a structure while procuring a certain reliability level over the structure lifetime.



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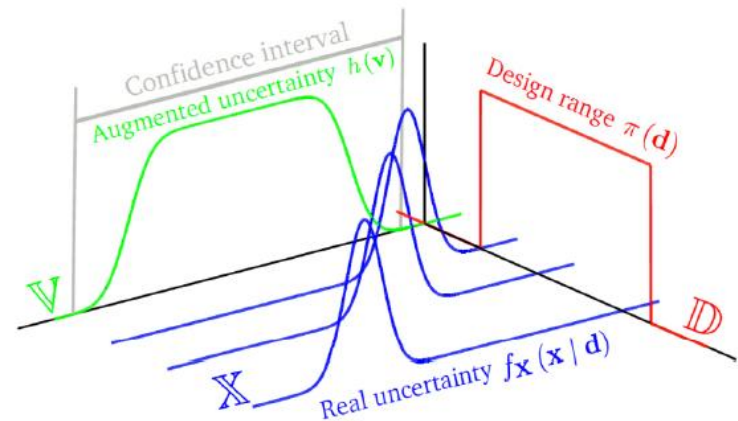
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Minimize: $C(\mathbf{d})$ $d_l \leq d \leq d_u$

Subject to: $P_f(0, t_i) \leq p_{f,i}(t_i)$ $0 \leq t_i \leq T$ with $i = 1, \dots, N_t \rightarrow N_t$ probabilistic constraints
 $p_{f,i}(t_i)$ is the threshold for P_f at t_i

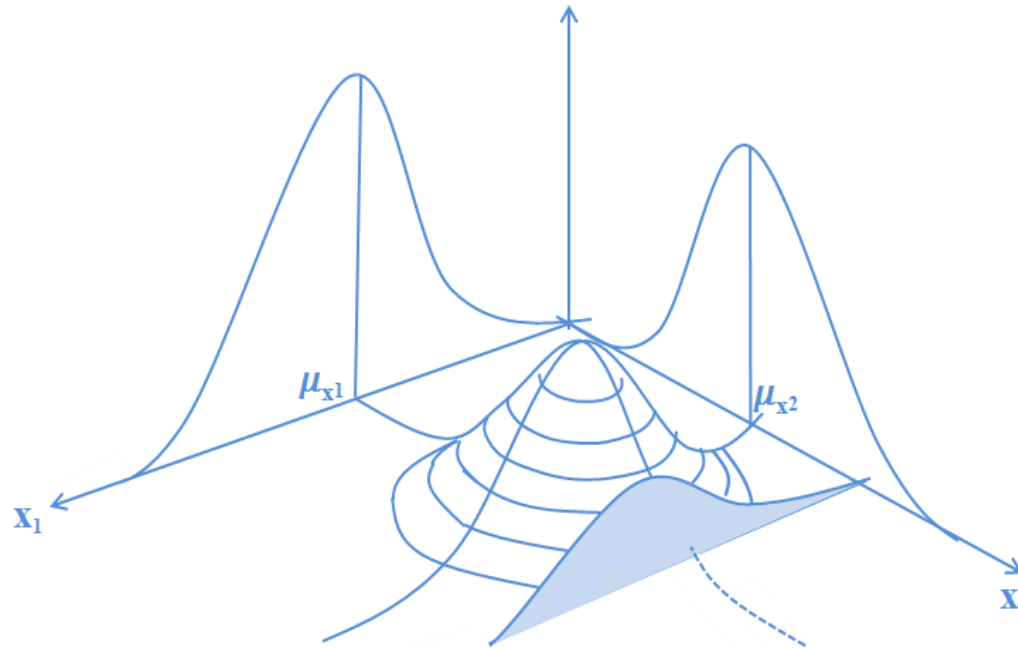
Augmented reliability space

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\mathbb{D}} f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{d}) \pi(\mathbf{d}) d\mathbf{d}$$



New methods for time-variant reliability
assessment of degrading structures

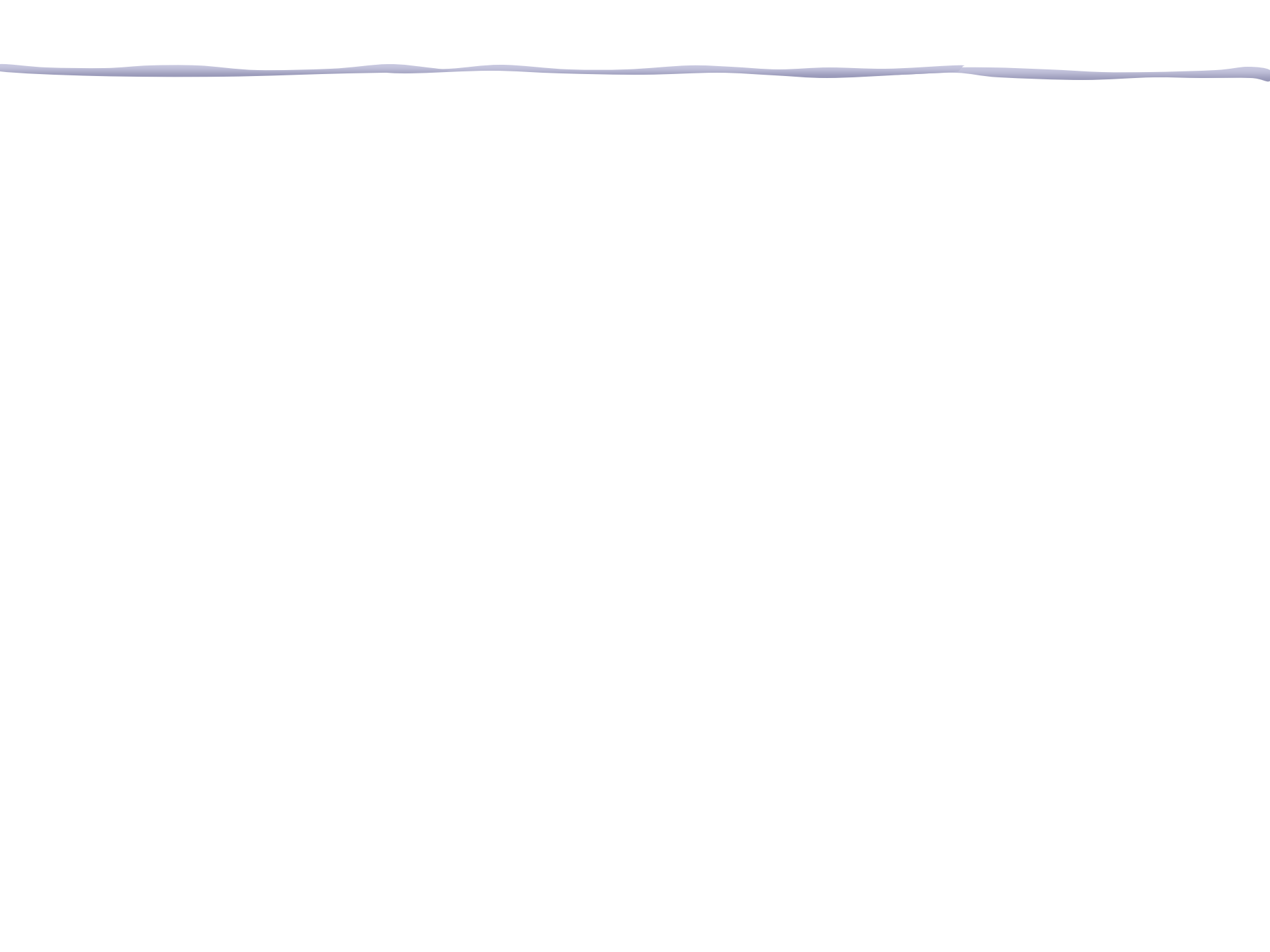
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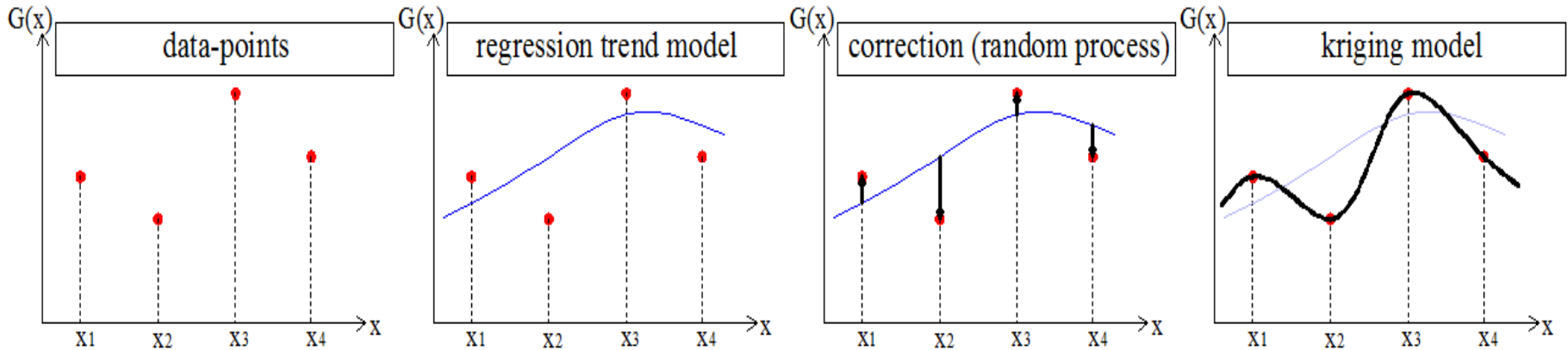


Conclusion and Work in Progress

KRIGING (Gaussian Process Modeling)

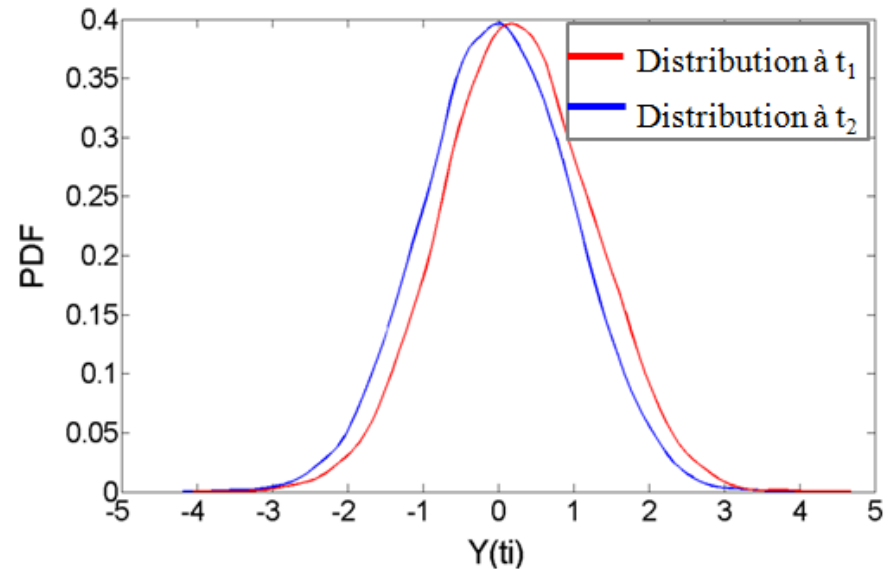
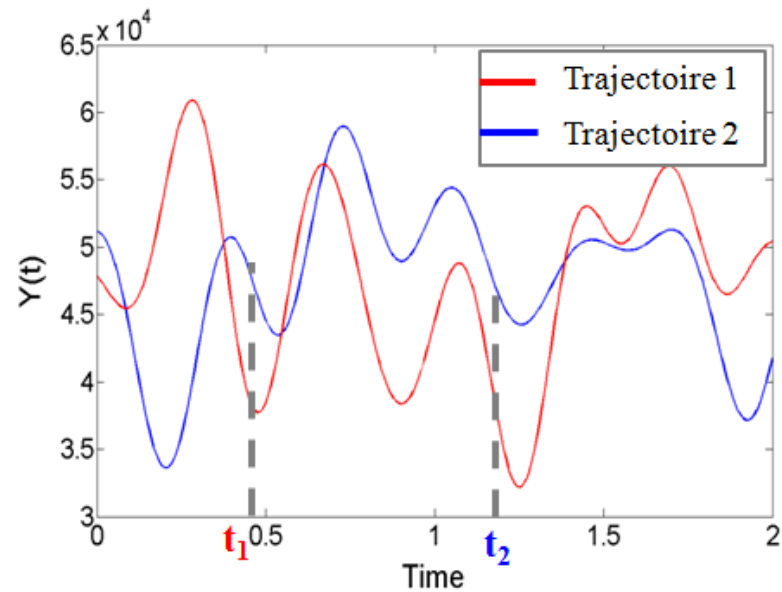
$$B_i(\mathbf{X}) \approx \hat{B}_i^{(K)}(\mathbf{X}) = \underbrace{f(\mathbf{X})^T}_{\text{Set of regression functions}} \underbrace{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{\text{Vector of unknown coefficients}} + \underbrace{\sigma^2}_{\text{Variance}} \underbrace{Z(\mathbf{X})}_{\text{Standard Gaussian random process}}$$

Regression model Gaussian random process



Time-Variant Reliability Analysis

Stochastic process $Y(t)$

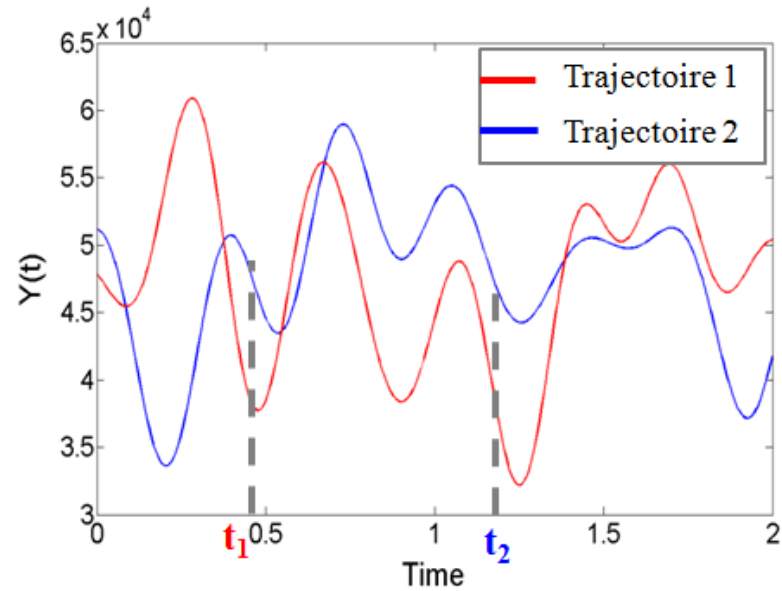


At two instants t_1 and t_2 , the corresponding random variables $Y(t_1)$ and $Y(t_2)$ are correlated. The exponential square autocorrelation function is commonly used:

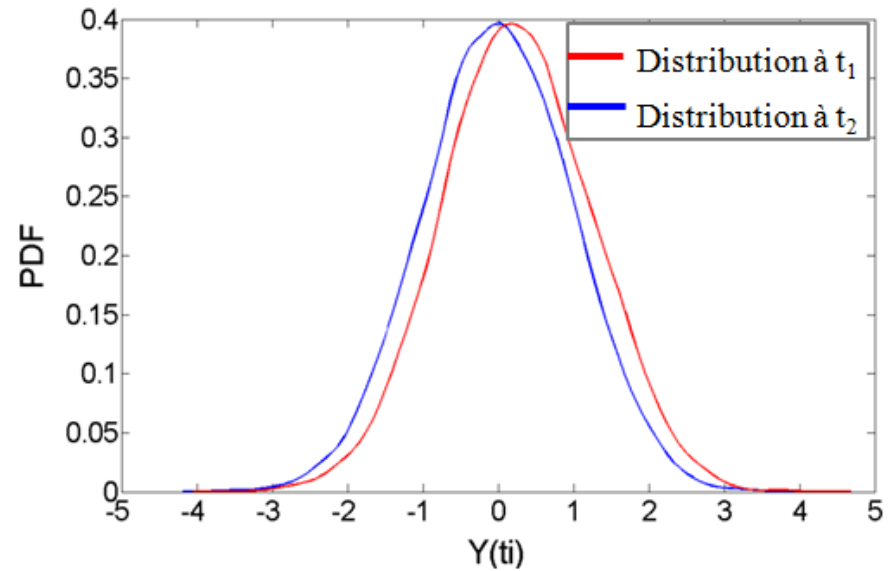
$$\rho_Y(t_1, t_2) = e^{-\left(\frac{t_2 - t_1}{\ell}\right)^2}, \ell = \text{autocorrelation length}$$

Time-Variant Reliability Analysis

Stochastic process $Y(t)$



Stationary
or
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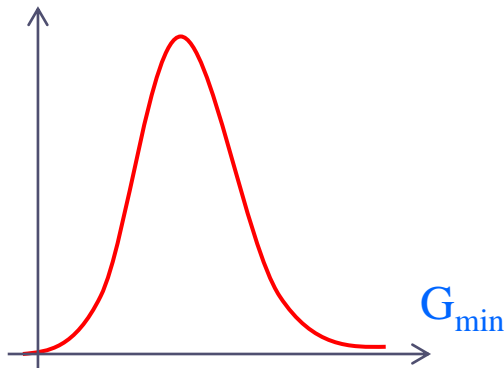


Gaussian
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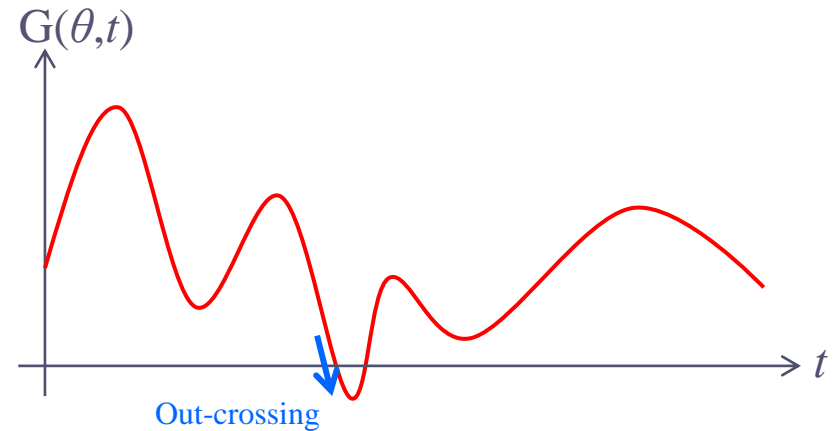
Extreme performance approach

| Sample | Time | G_{\min} |
|----------|----------|------------|
| X_1 | t_1^* | $G(t_1^*)$ |
| X_2 | t_2^* | $G(t_2^*)$ |
| \vdots | \vdots | \vdots |
| \vdots | \vdots | \vdots |
| X_N | t_N^* | $G(t_N^*)$ |



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Outcrossing approach



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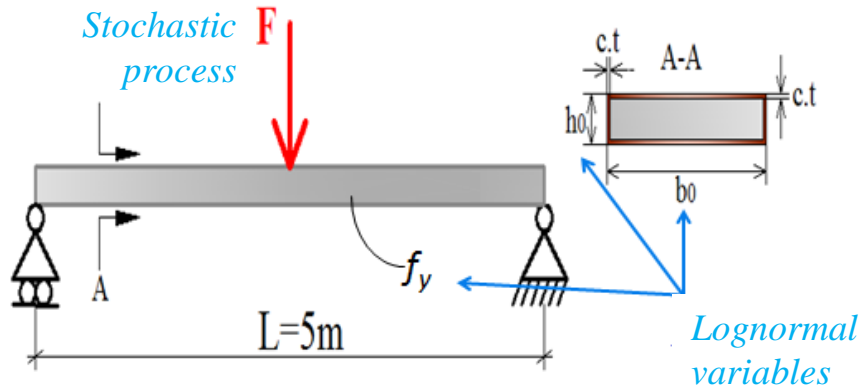
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Main challenges

- requires a very high number of evaluations of the deterministic mechanical model
- existent time-variant reliability methods have some limitations (nonlinear limit state functions, computationally demanding global optimization)
- high dimensionality of time-dependent problems (discretization of stochastic processes)

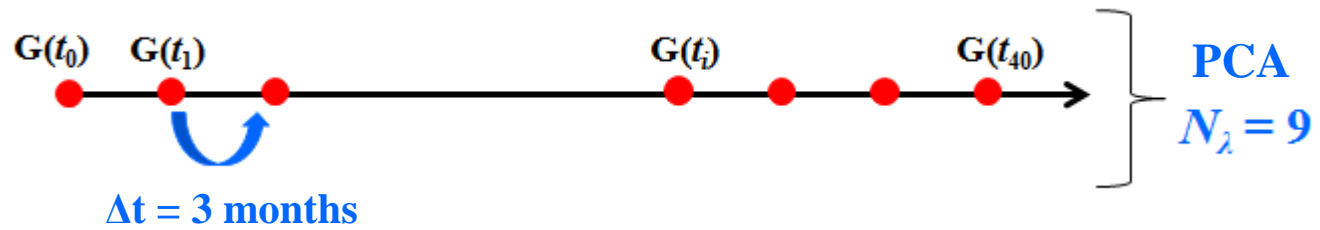
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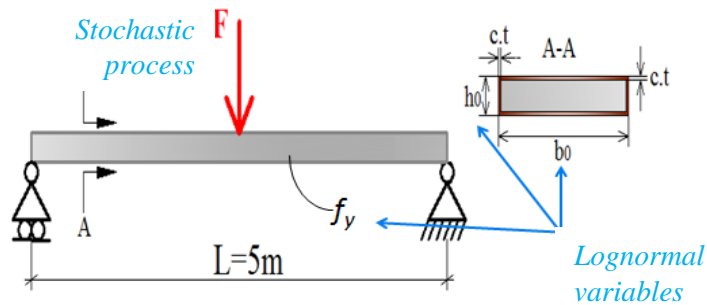
$$G(t) = \mathcal{M}_u(t) - \mathcal{M}_{max}(t) = \frac{(b_0 - 2ct)(h_0 - 2ct)^2}{4} f_y - \left[\frac{F(t)L}{4} + \rho_{st} \frac{b_0 h_0 L^2}{8} \right]$$

$$\rho_F(t_1, t_2) = \exp\left(-\left(\frac{t_2 - t_1}{1an}\right)^2\right)$$

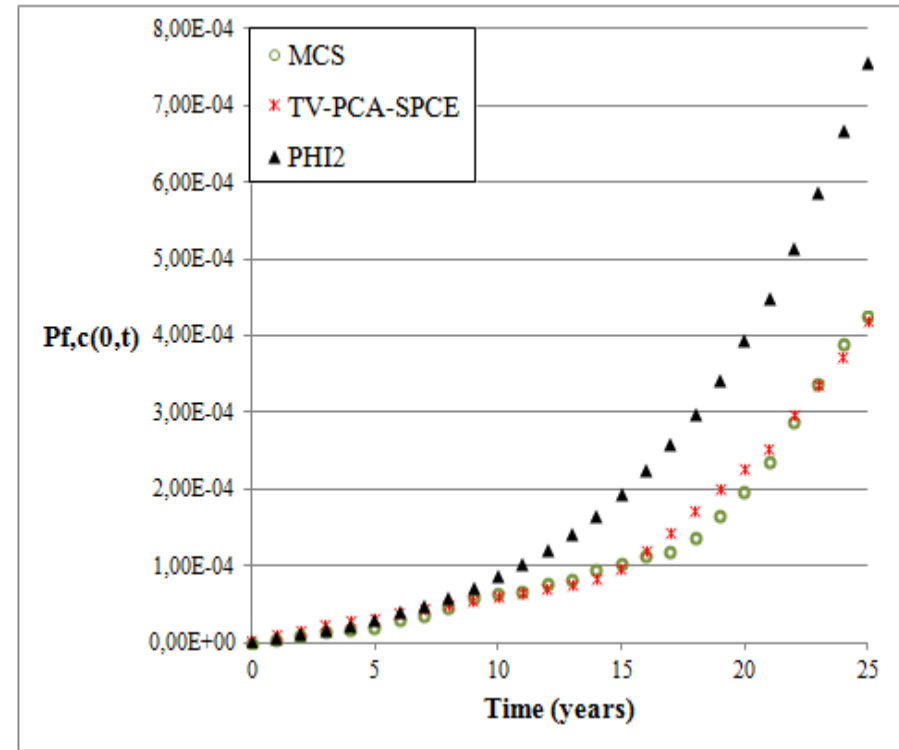


Illustrative Examples

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| | Number of function evaluations |
|-------------|--------------------------------|
| MCS | 1,000,000 x 100 |
| PHI2 | 18,720 |
| TV-PCA-SPCE | 200 x 100 |



- Evolution in time of the cumulative probability of failure -

The proposed method (TV-PCA-SPCE):

- ✓ is very accurate,
- ✓ is more efficient than PHI2 (better accuracy with comparable computational costs).