

*An Implicit Smooth Reformulation  
of Complementarity Constraints  
for Application to Robust Structural Optimization*

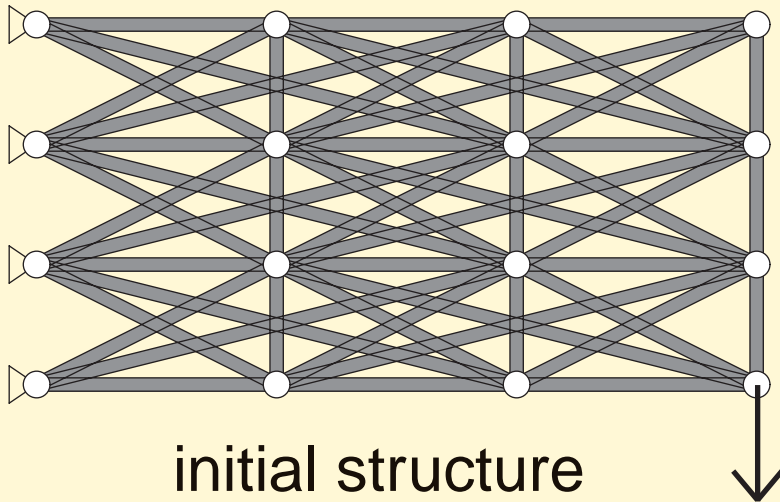
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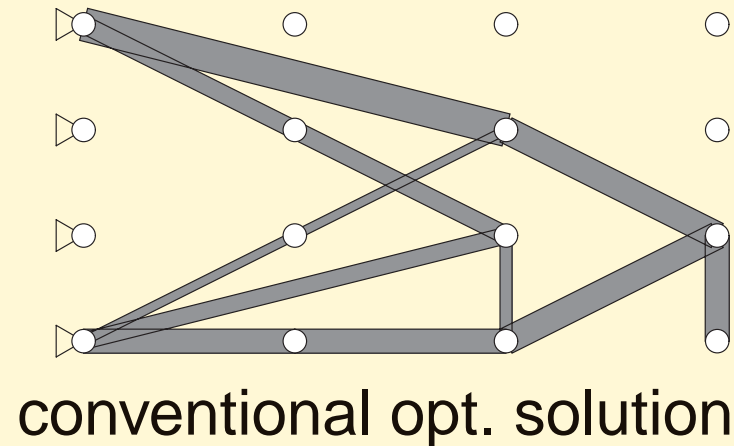
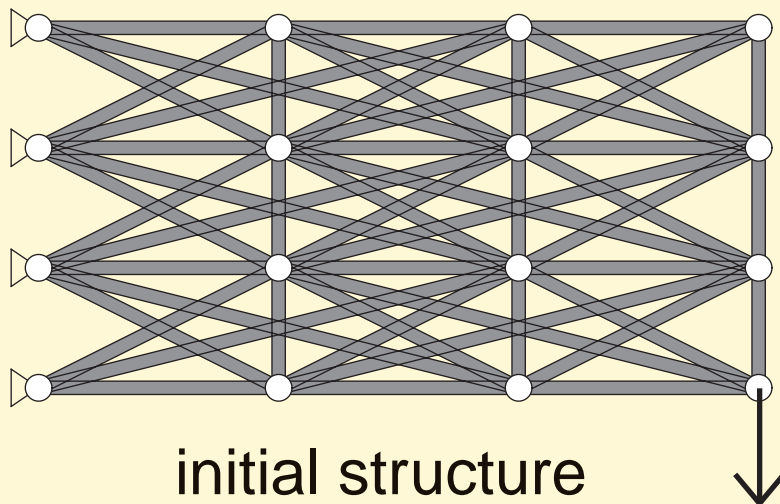
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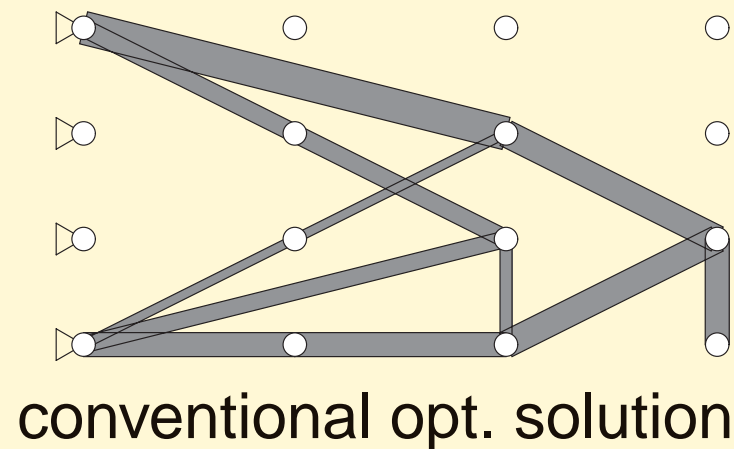
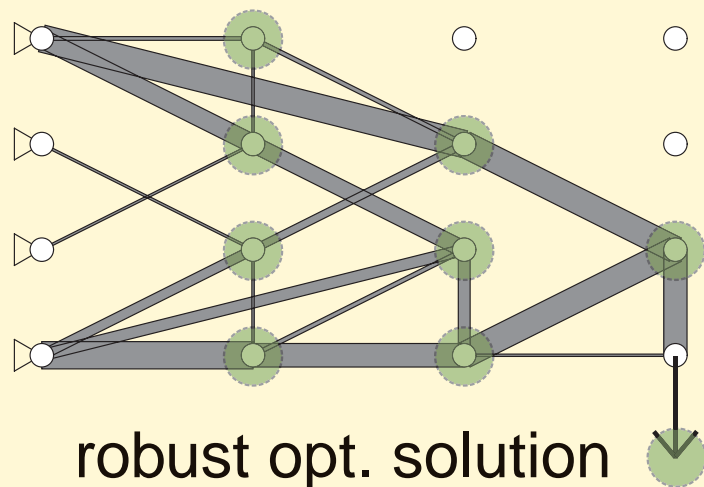
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  - **uncertainty** in loads, manufacturing variability, aging,...
  - → robust optimization



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  - **uncertain loads**
  - robust constraint satisfaction —  $g_i(\mathbf{x}; \zeta) \geq 0 \ (\forall \zeta \in \mathcal{Z})$



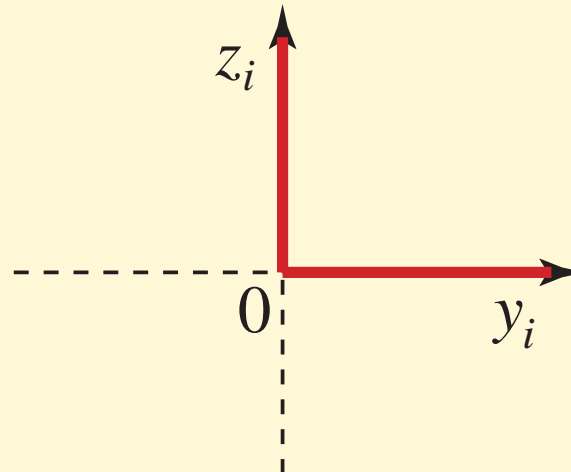
- optimization with **complementarity constraints**
  - propose a reformulation attacked by an NLP approach

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- does **not** satisfy any constraint qualification
- → standard NLP (nonlinear programming) approach cannot be applied

# Existing Methods of Robust Structural Optimization

- probabilistic approach
- possibilistic approach
  - convex model [Ben-Haim & Elishakoff 90]
    - [Elishakoff, Haftka & Fang 94] [Ganzerli & Pantelides 98], [Au, Cheng, Tham & Zheng 03] [Jiang, Han & Liu 07]
  - 1st-order approximation
    - [Lee & Park 01]
  - semidefinite program
    - compliance [Ben-Tal & Nemirovski 97]
    - stress [Kanno & Takewaki 06]

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- constraint on the mechanical performance

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- $\mathbf{x}$  : cross-sectional areas       $\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x})$  : stiffness matrix  
 $\mathbf{u}$  : displacement                       $\mathbf{f}$  : external load



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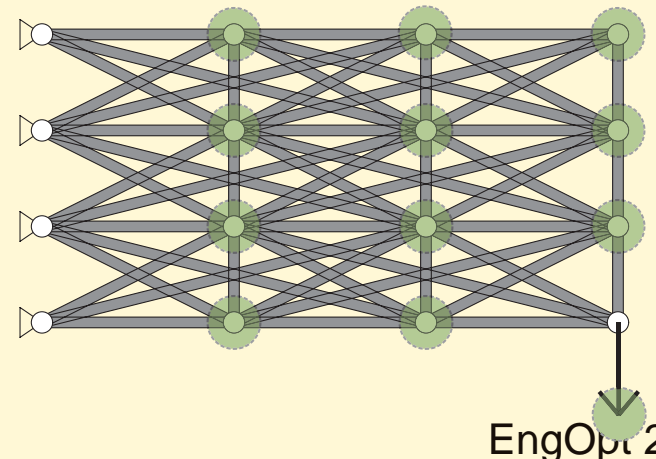
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- $\mathbf{F}_0$  : constant matrix
- $\alpha \geq 0$  : level of uncertainty

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can be rewritten in terms of **the KKT condition**

# MPEC Formulation

- robust optimization

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- MPEC formulation

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & v(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{s.t.} & \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}, \\ & \forall i = 1, \dots, n : \\ & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{u}_j - \tilde{\mathbf{f}} - \mathbf{F}_0\boldsymbol{\zeta}_i = \mathbf{0}, \\ \mathbf{a}_i + \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x})\boldsymbol{\mu}_i = \mathbf{0}, \\ \mathbf{a}_i^\top \mathbf{u}_i \leq b_i, \\ \mathbf{F}_0^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_i + \boldsymbol{\lambda}_i - \boldsymbol{\tau}_i = \mathbf{0}, \\ \alpha - \zeta_{pi} \geq 0, \lambda_{pi} \geq 0, \lambda_{pi}(\alpha - \zeta_{pi}) = 0, \quad \forall p, \\ \alpha + \zeta_{pi} \geq 0, \tau_{pi} \geq 0, \tau_{pi}(\alpha + \zeta_{pi}) = 0, \quad \forall p. \end{array} \right. \end{array}$$

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- reformulation (nonsmooth)

$$\phi(g_i(\mathbf{x}), h_i(\mathbf{x}); 0) = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad (\spadesuit)$$

- smoothing [Fukushima, Luo & Pang 98] [Tin-Loi 99]  $(\rho \searrow 0)$

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# Reformulation and Smoothing

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- min-function:

$$\psi(y, z) = \min\{y, z\} = 0$$

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$$\phi(y, z, 0) = \psi(y, z)$$

$$\phi(y, z, \rho) \text{ is continuously differentiable } (\forall \rho > 0)$$

- smoothed Fischer–Burmeister function:

$$\phi(y, z, \rho) = y + z - \sqrt{y^2 + z^2 + 2\rho^2} = 0$$

- CHKS smoothing function (Chen–Harker–Kanzow–Smale) :

$$\phi(y, z, \rho) = y + z - \sqrt{(y - z)^2 + 4\rho^2} = 0$$

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- idea:
    - regard  $\rho$  as a variable
    - add a constraint so that  $\rho = 0$  at the optimal solution
    - adjust  $\rho$  to  $\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{z}$  (the residual of CC)

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- $\rho$  serves as a measure of the residual of CC:

$$(\clubsuit) \Leftrightarrow \log \left( \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{z} + 1 \right) = \rho$$

$ \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{z} $ is large $\leftrightarrow$ $ \rho $ is large	$\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{z} \rightarrow 0 \leftrightarrow \rho \rightarrow 0$
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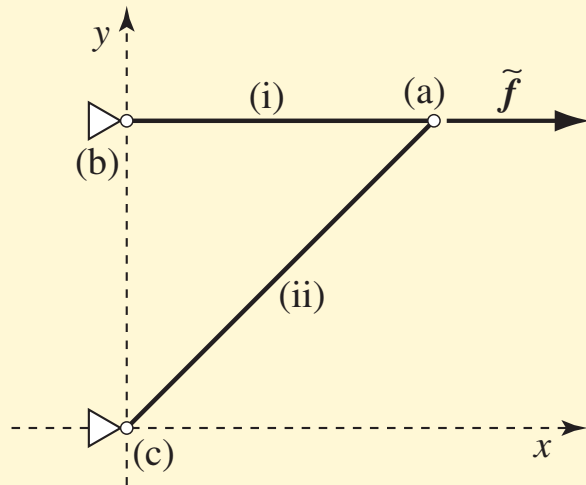
- reformulation

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{\mathbf{x}, \rho} & f_0(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{s.t.} & f_j(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0, \quad \forall j \\ & \phi(g_i(\mathbf{x}), h_i(\mathbf{x}), \rho) = 0, \quad \forall i \\ & \sum_{i=1}^n g_i(\mathbf{x})h_i(\mathbf{x}) = n(e^\rho - 1) \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \forall j \\ \forall i \end{array}} \right\} (\heartsuit)$$

- solve  $(\heartsuit)$  by using a standard NLP  
e.g., SQP, interior-point method



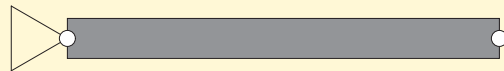
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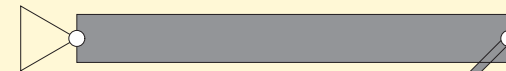
- uncertainty in external load

$$\mathbf{f} = \tilde{\mathbf{f}} + \begin{bmatrix} \zeta_1 \\ \zeta_2 \end{bmatrix},$$
$$\alpha \geq |\zeta_j| \quad (\forall j)$$

- stress constraints



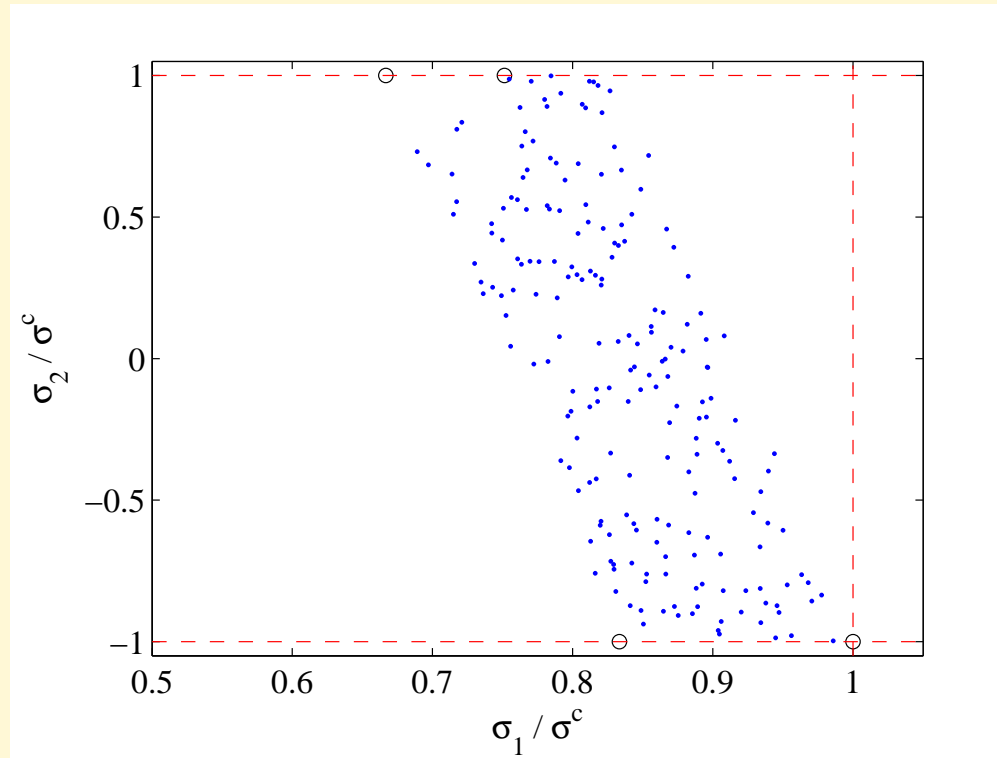
nominal opt.



robust opt.

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- worst-case scenarios



stress states of robust opt. solution

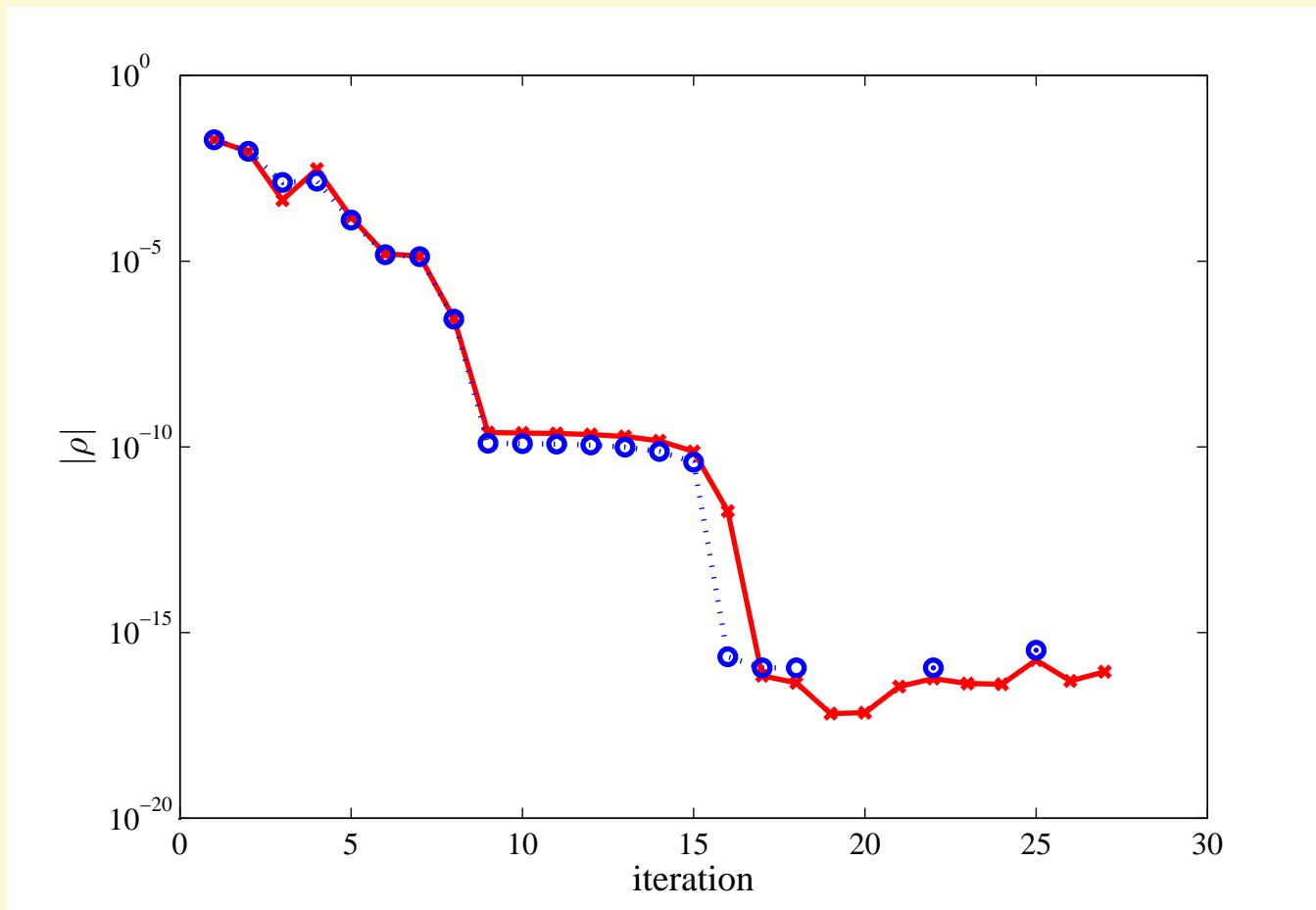
- each stress constraint become active in the worst case

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- the smoothing parameter  $\rho$

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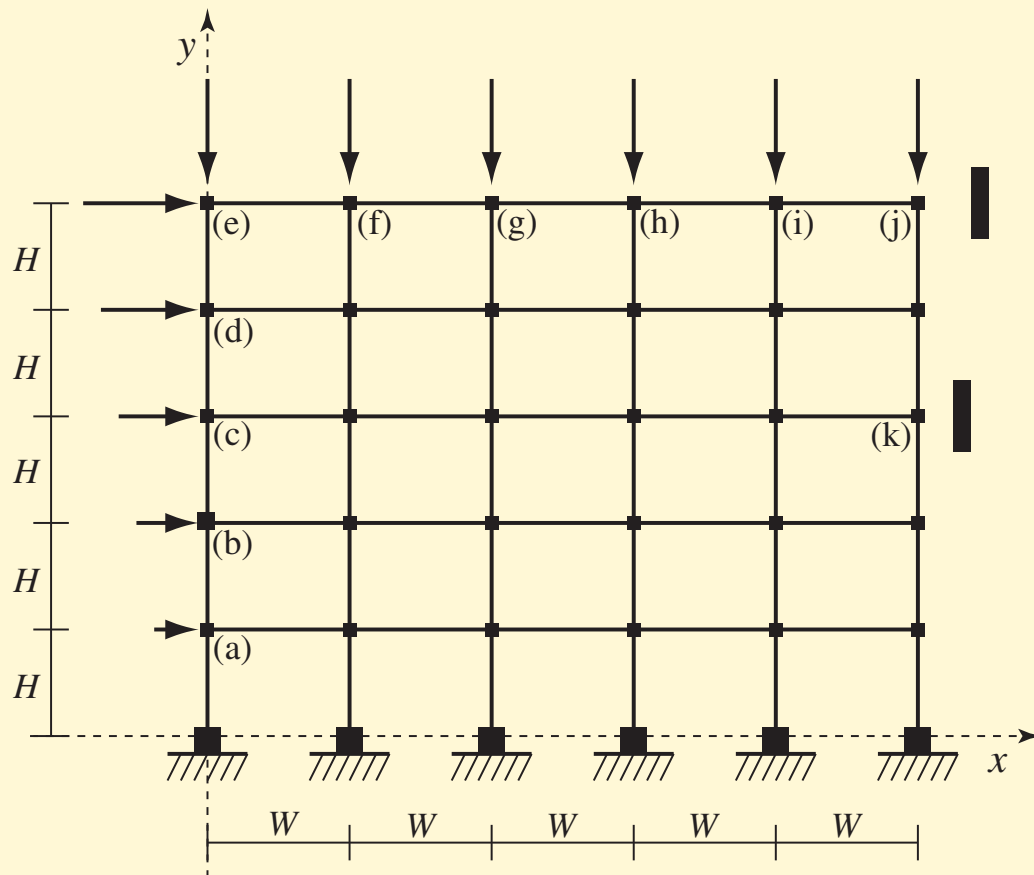
the residual of the complementarity constraints  $\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{z} = 0$



$\rho =$

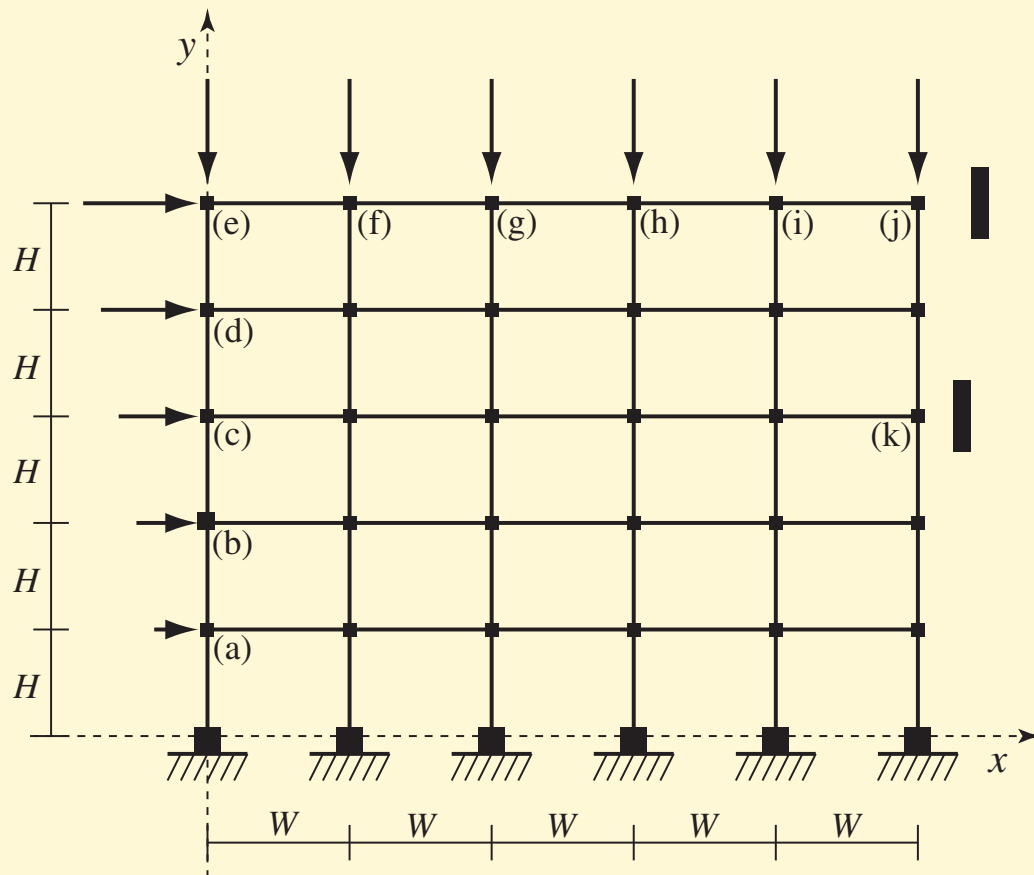
$$\log \left( \frac{\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{z}}{n} + 1 \right)$$

# Ex.) 5-story Frame



- plane frame
- sandwich cross-section
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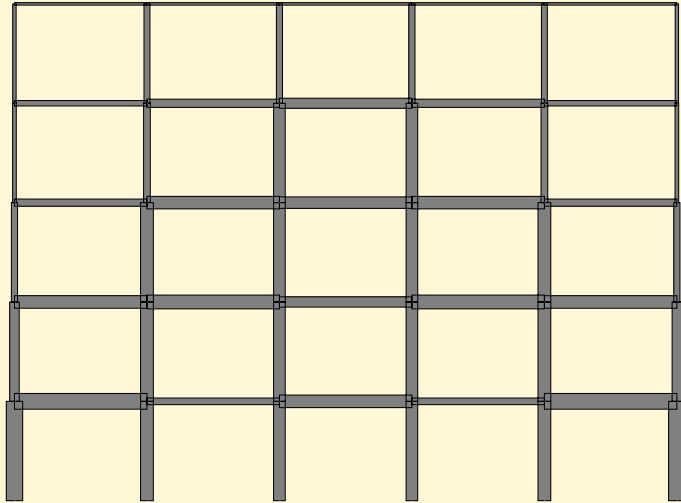
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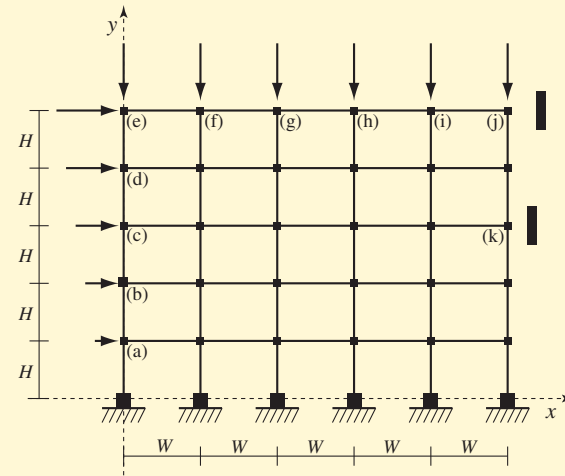
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- displacement constraints
- 776 variables, 240 complementarity constraints

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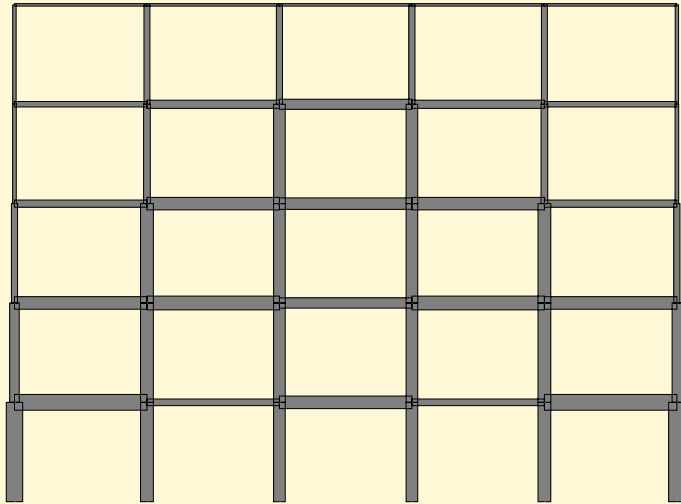


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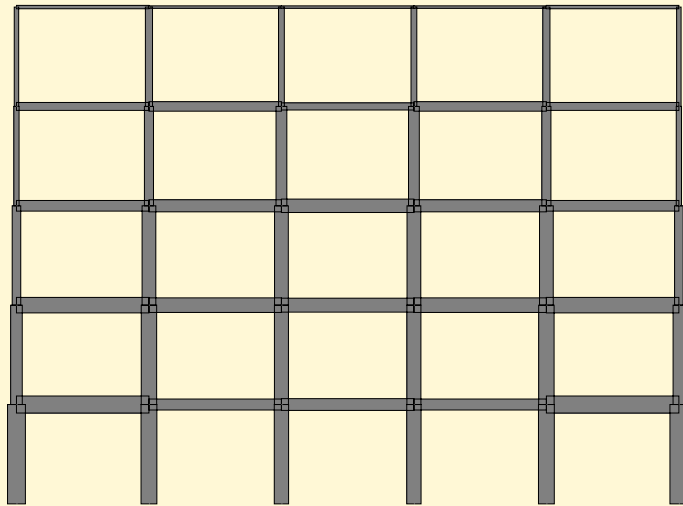
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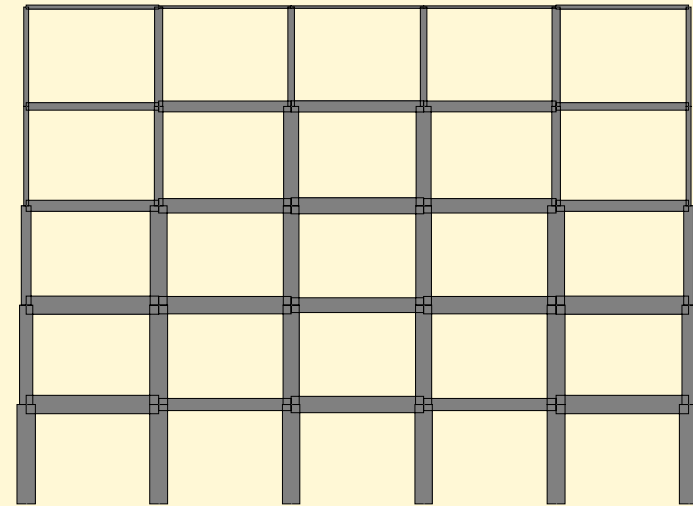


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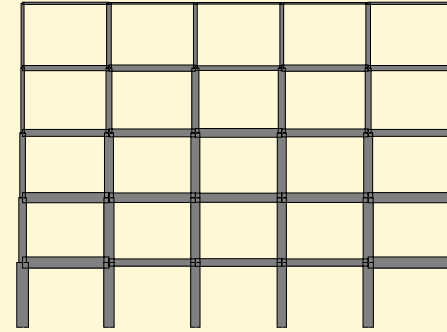
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- interior-point method: `fmincon` (Malab)

$\alpha$	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	CPU (sec)	Iter.
nominal	14.1948	13.4	66
0.05	15.3665	238.1	122
0.10	16.5896	118.8	57
0.15	17.7392	283.1	144
0.20	18.9299	245.6	125



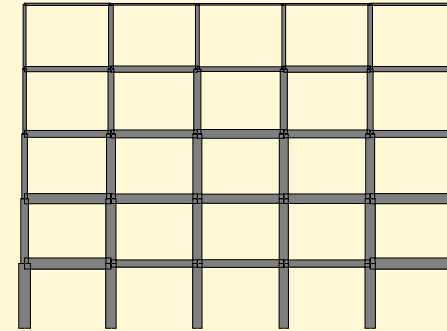
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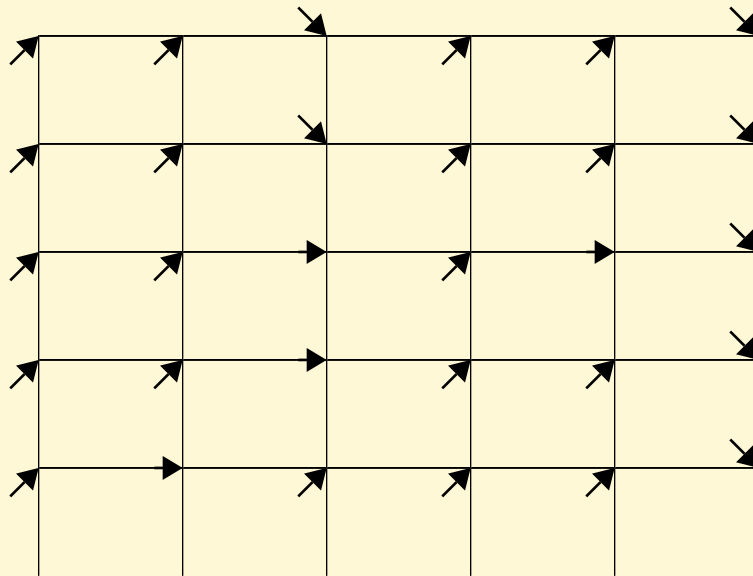
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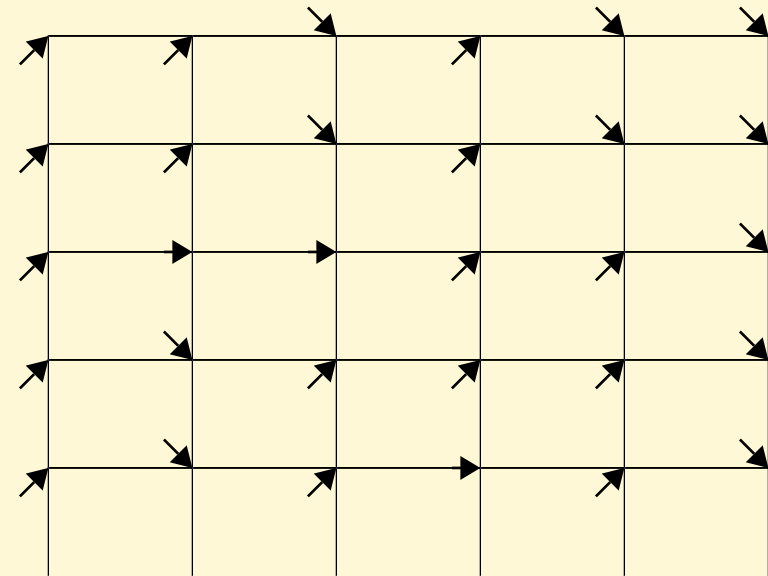


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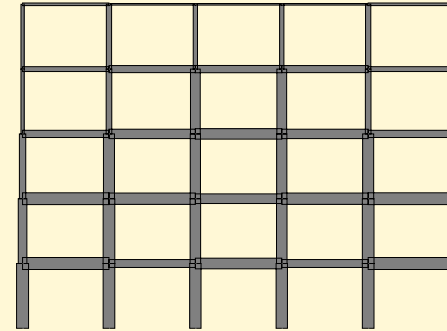


for displacement (j)



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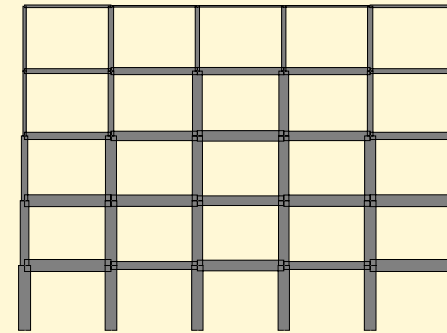
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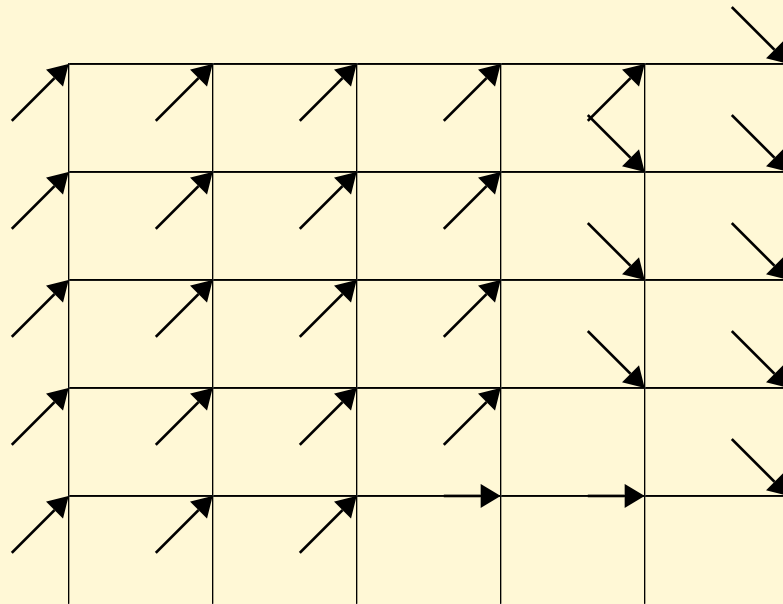
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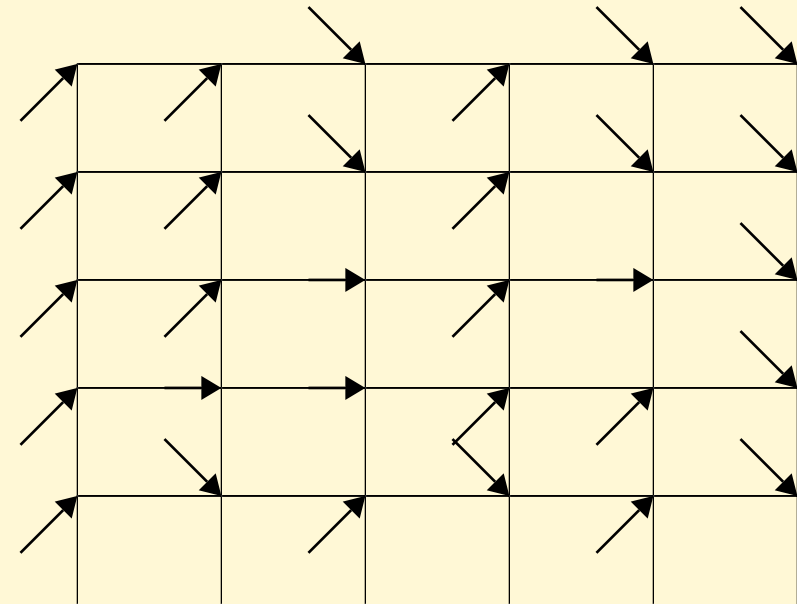


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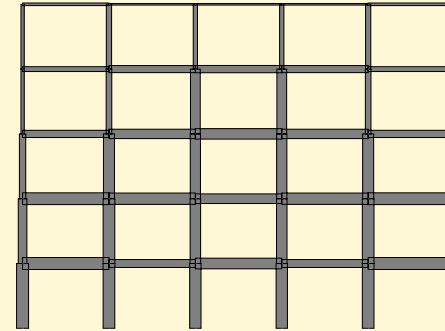


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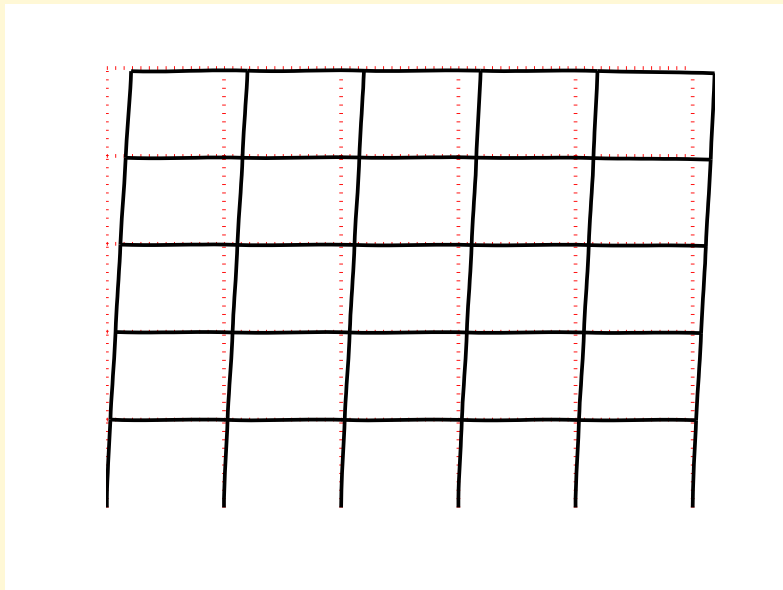
for displacement (k)

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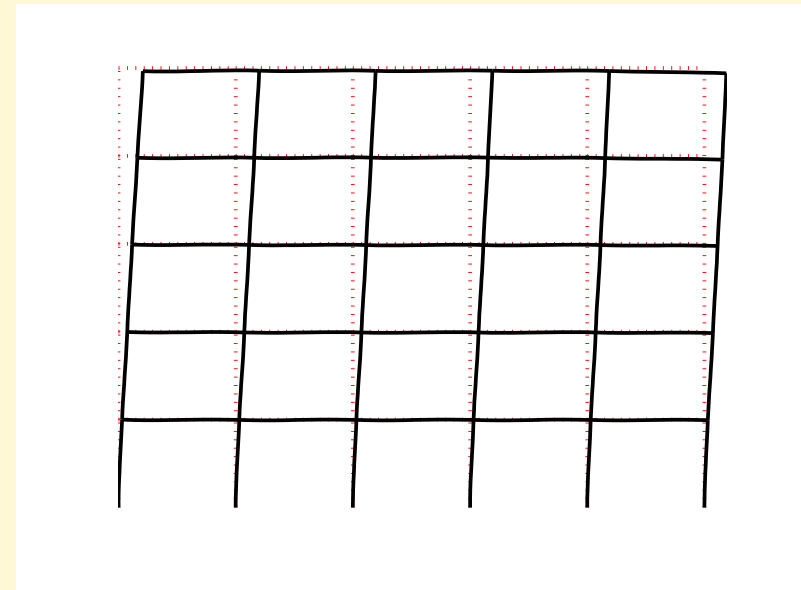


$$\alpha = 0.2$$

- worst-case scenarios — responses



for displacement (j)



for displacement (k)

# Conclusions

- robust structural optimization
  - uncertainty in external load
  - MPEC — involving complementarity constraints
- reformulation and smoothing
  - complementarity function
  - smoothing with a parameter  $\rho$ 
    - Fischer–Burmeister/CHKS functions
- implicit reformulation
  - treat  $\rho$  as an independent variable
  - $\rho$  is related to the residual of CC
  - solved by a standard NLP approach