

Workshop

Affidabilità e codici per le costruzioni

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Dipendenza dell'affidabilità strutturale dalle
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Azioni

$$\gamma_F = \gamma_f \gamma_{Sd}$$

γ_f
Aleatorietà
dell'azione

γ_{Sd}

Incertezza di
Modello –
Azioni/sollecitazioni

Metodo del Fattore Parziale (semi probabilistico)

$$x_d = \frac{x_k}{\gamma_M}$$

$$\gamma_M = \gamma_m \gamma_{Rd}$$

γ_m

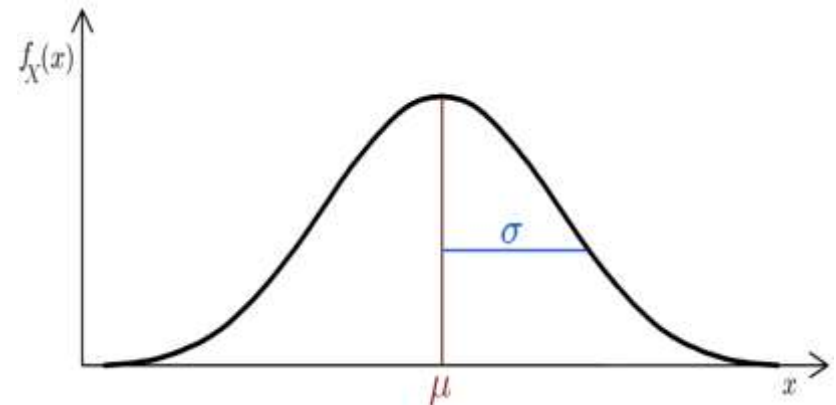
γ_{Rd}

Aleatorietà delle
caratteristiche
meccaniche

Incertezza
di
modello

Metodi probabilistici

$$x_d = f(\mu, \sigma, \dots)$$

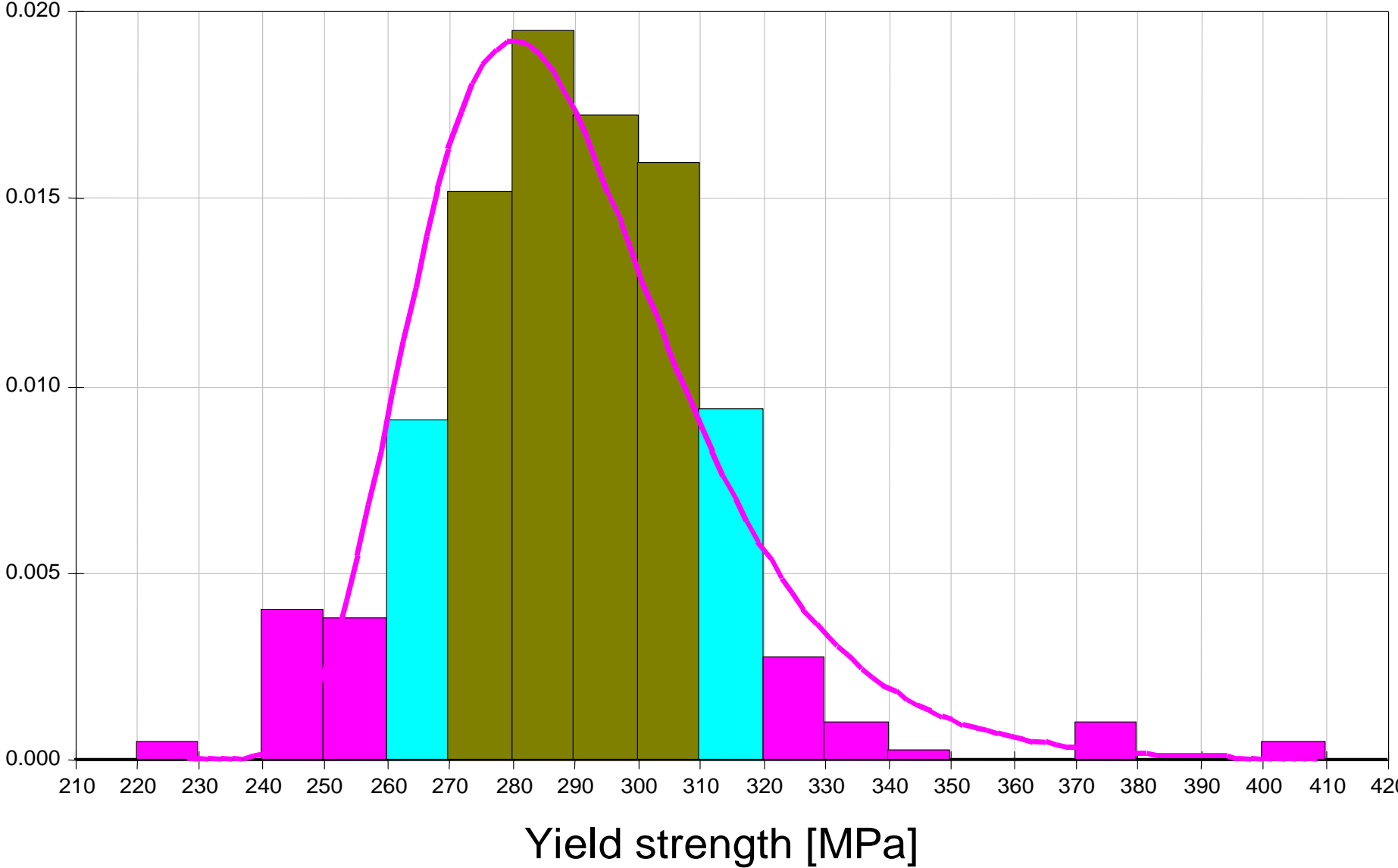


μ : media

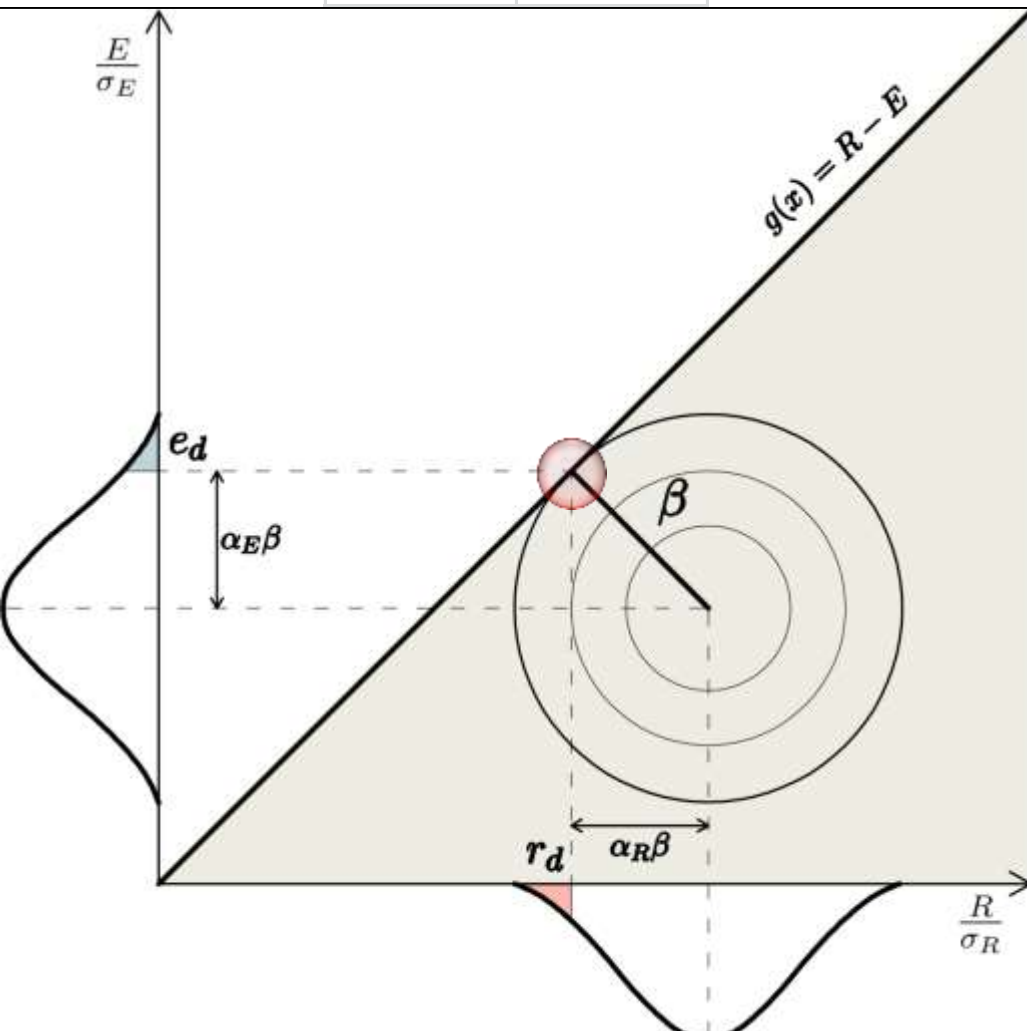
σ : deviazione standard

Relative frequency

Density Plot (Shifted Lognormal) - [A1_792]



β	$1/P_f$
2,3	93
2,8	391
3,3	2069
3,8	13822
4,3	117097
4,8	1260512



Distribuzioni normali

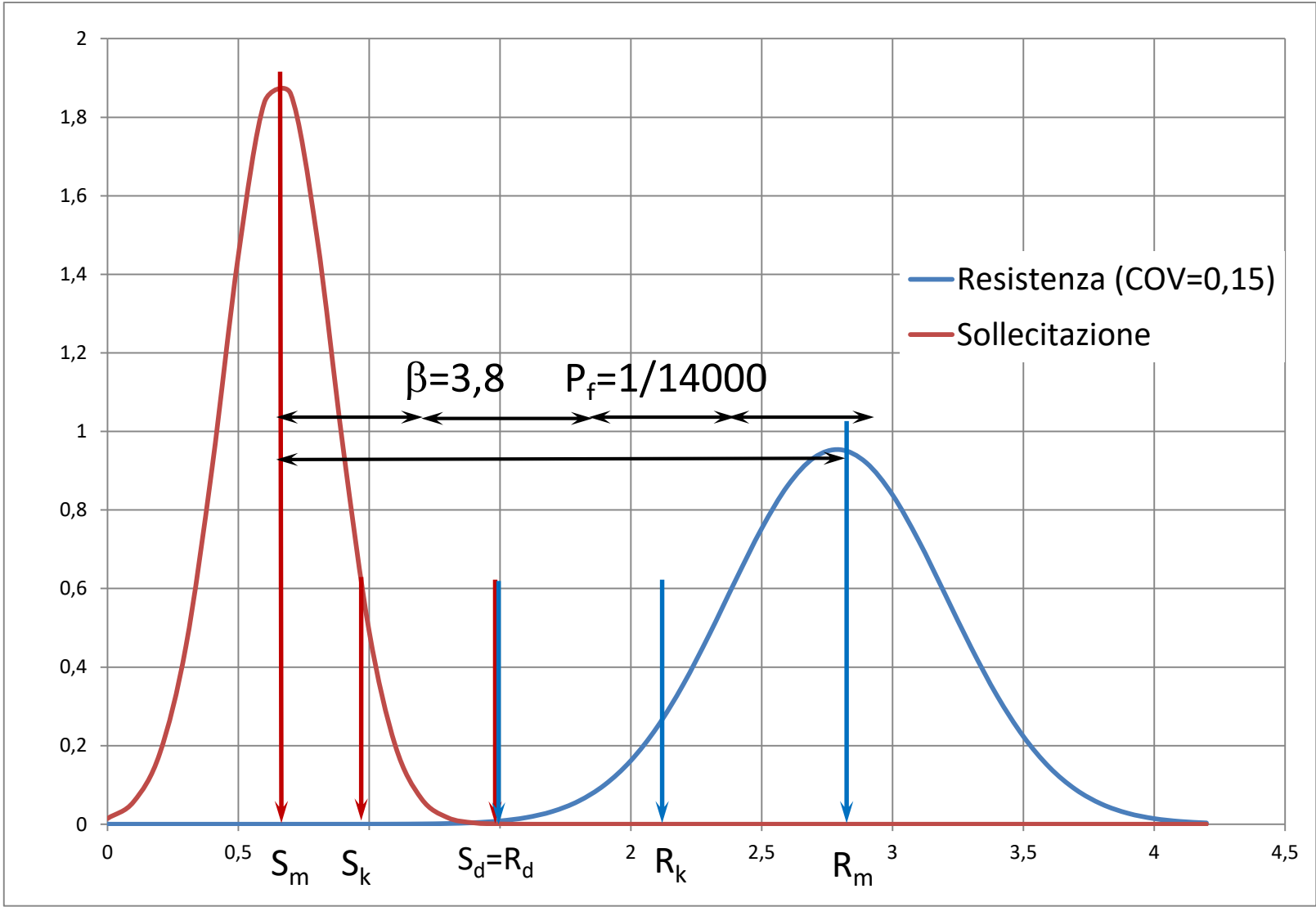
$$g(x) = R - E$$

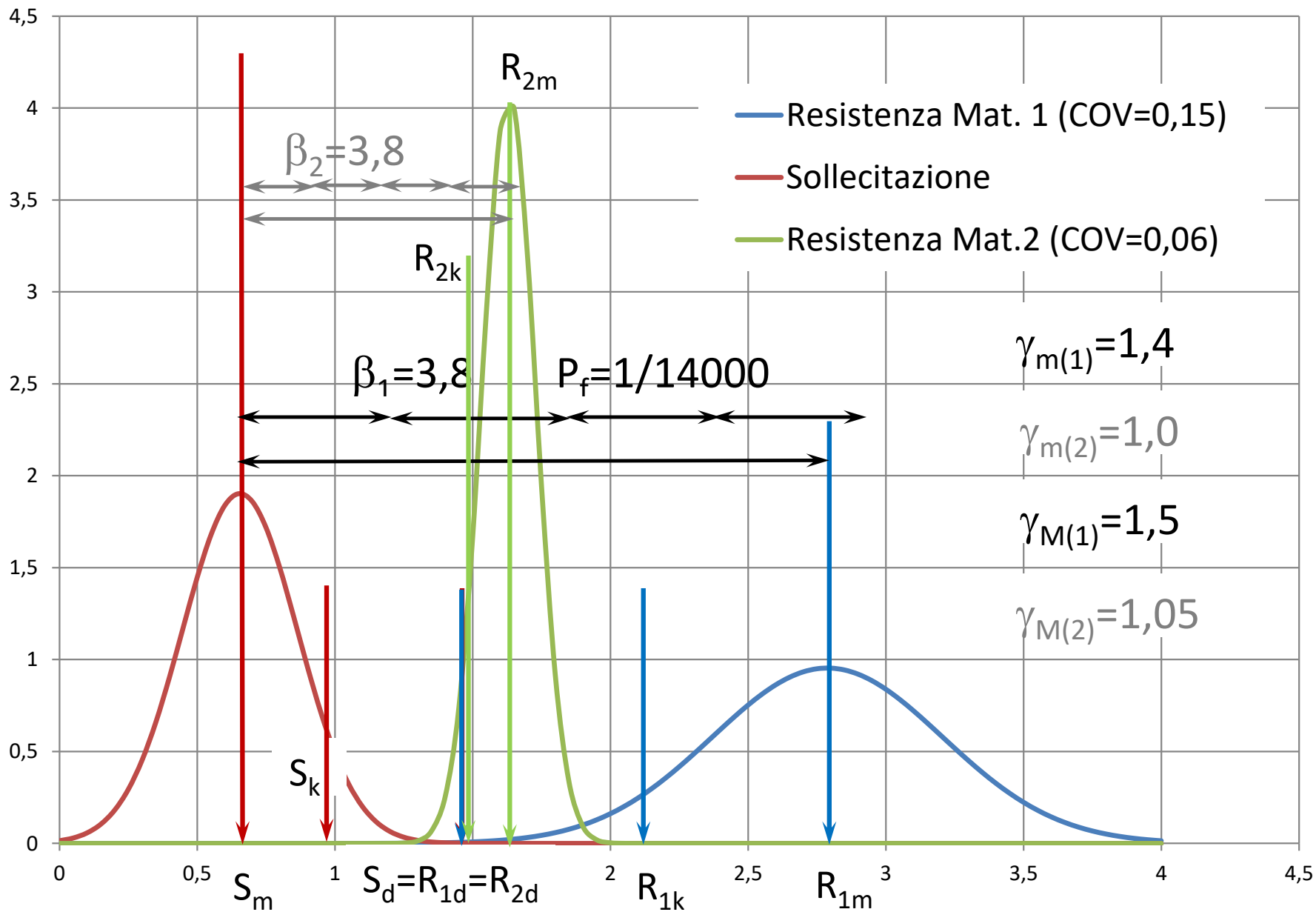
$$\beta = -\Phi^{-1}(P_f)$$

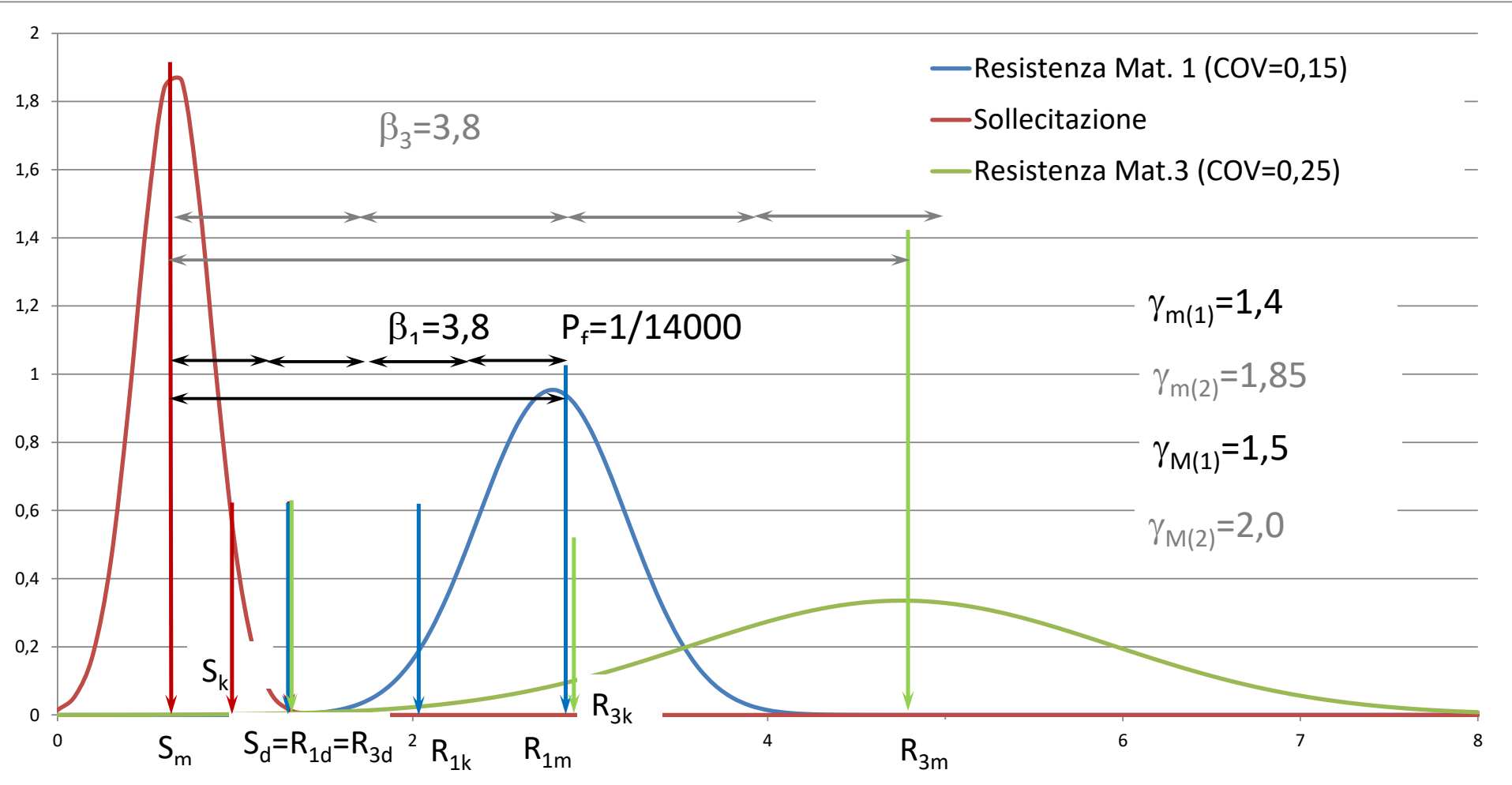
$$e_d, r_d$$

$$e_d = \mu_E + \alpha_E \beta \sigma_E$$

$$r_d = \mu_R - \alpha_R \beta \sigma_R$$

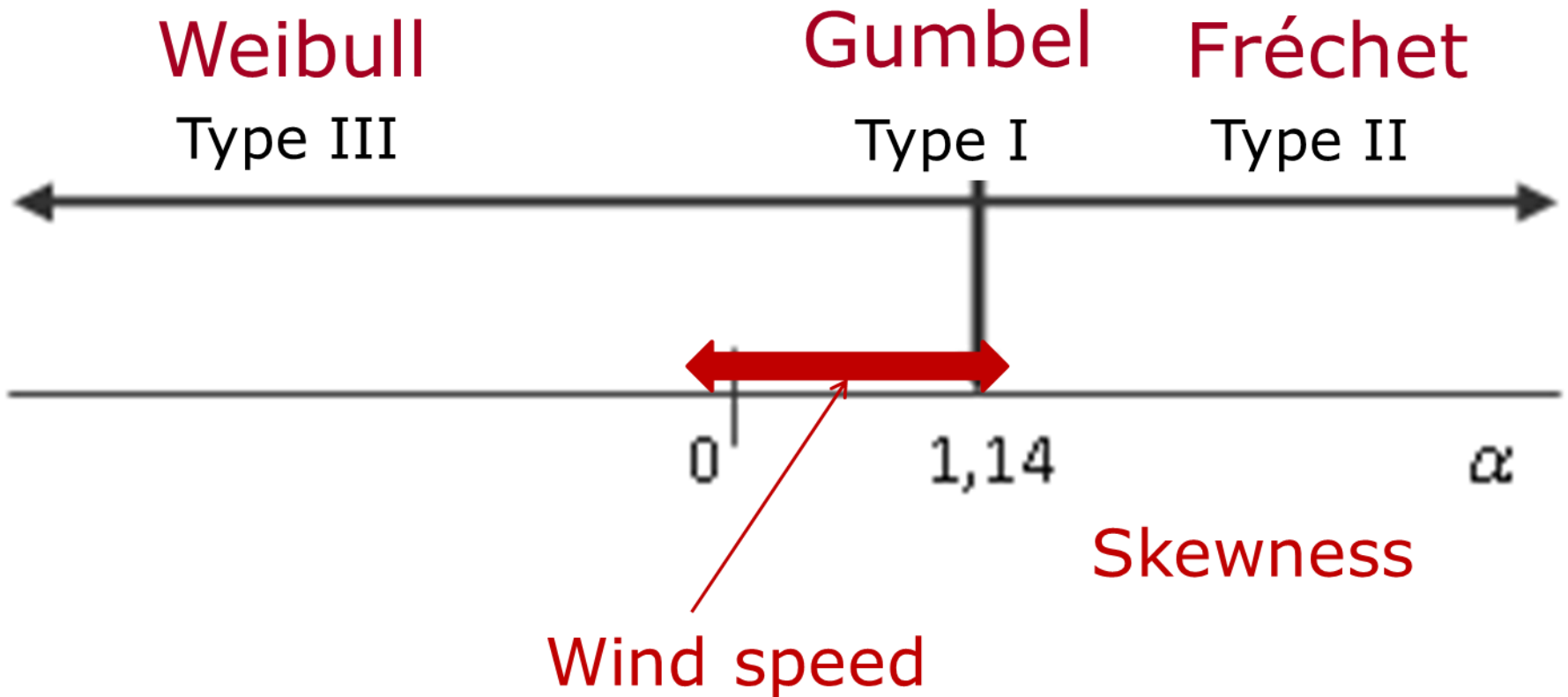






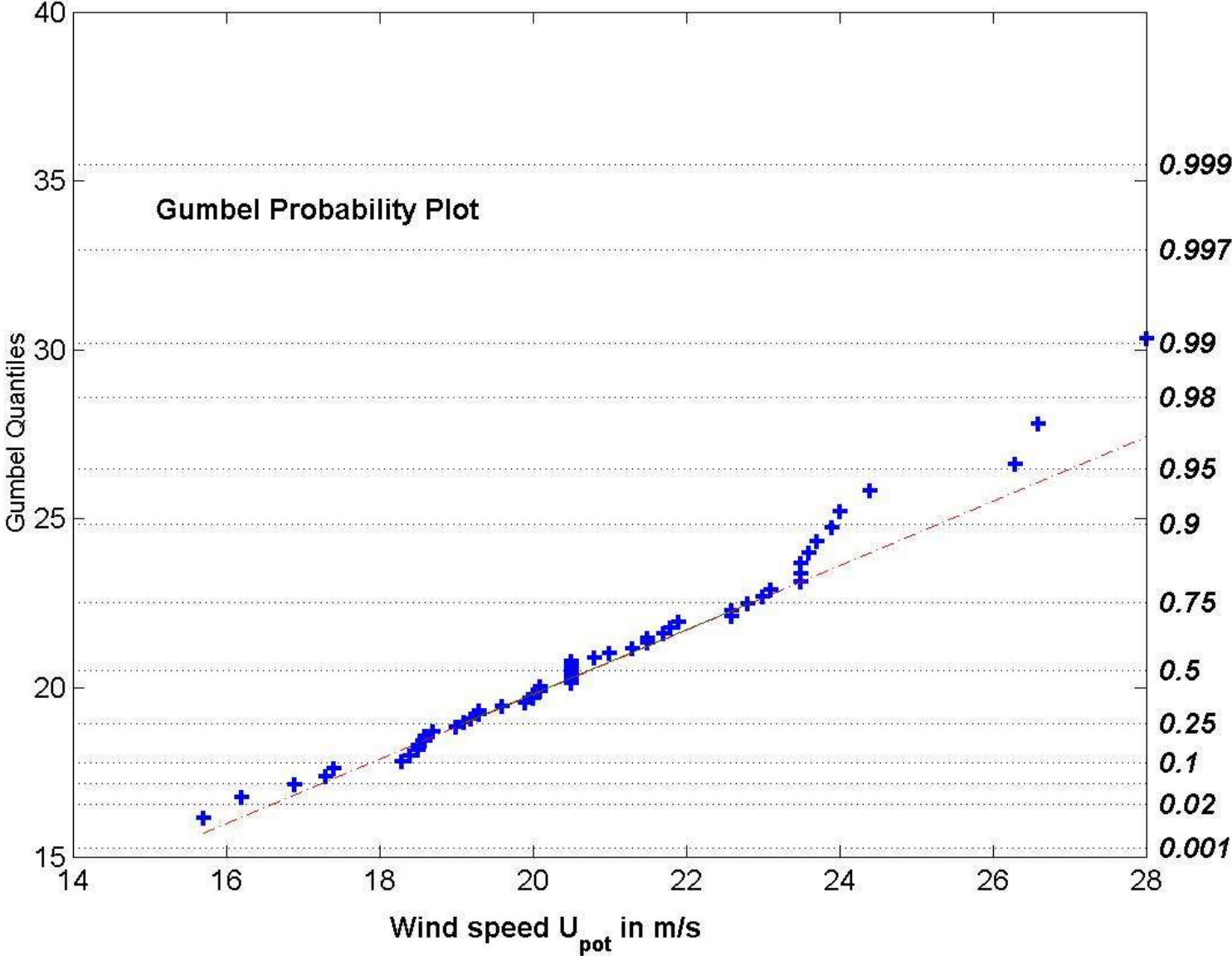
Wind speed

Commonly adopted extreme value distributions

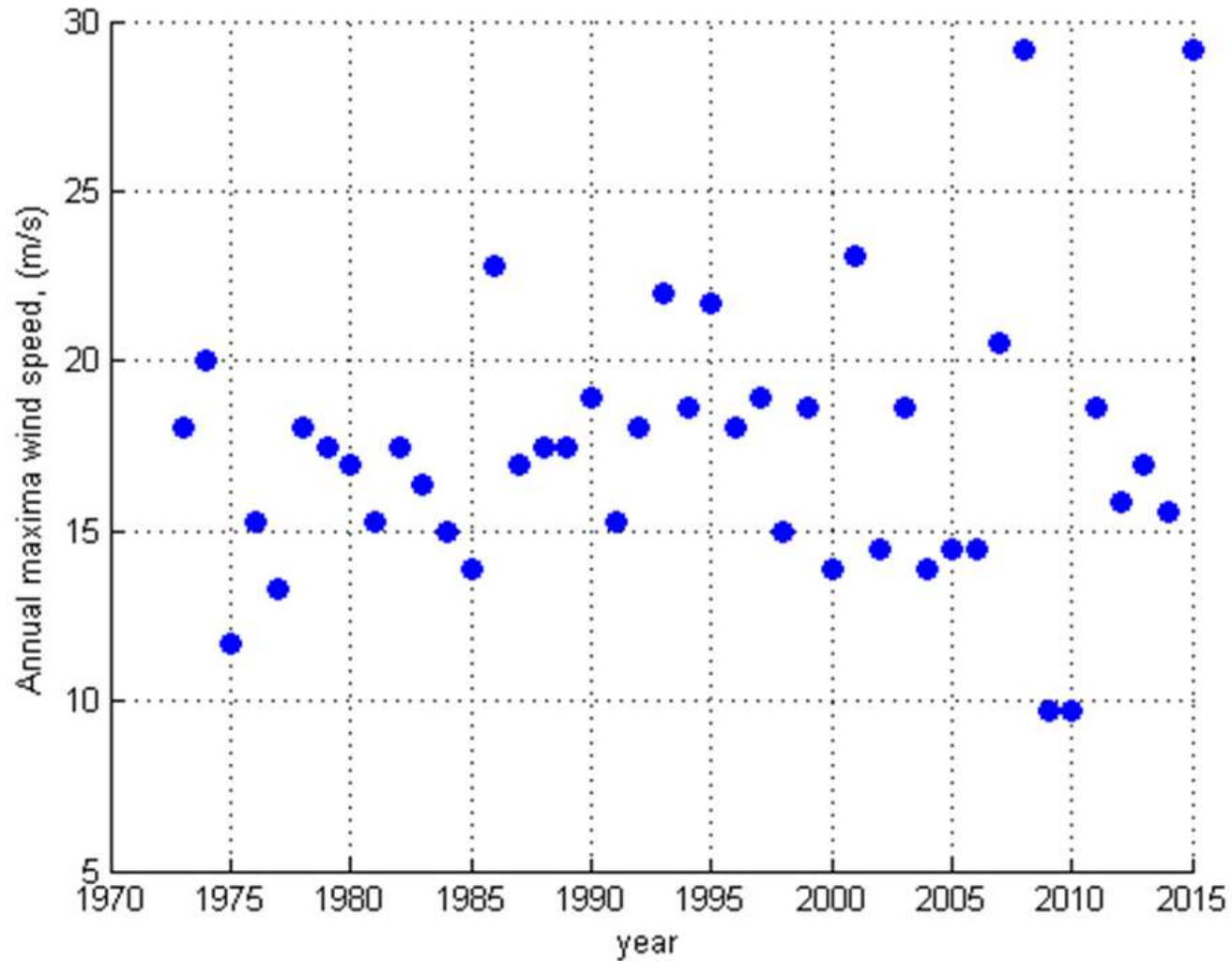


Wind speed

Annual wind speed maxima in Schiphol (1950-2002)

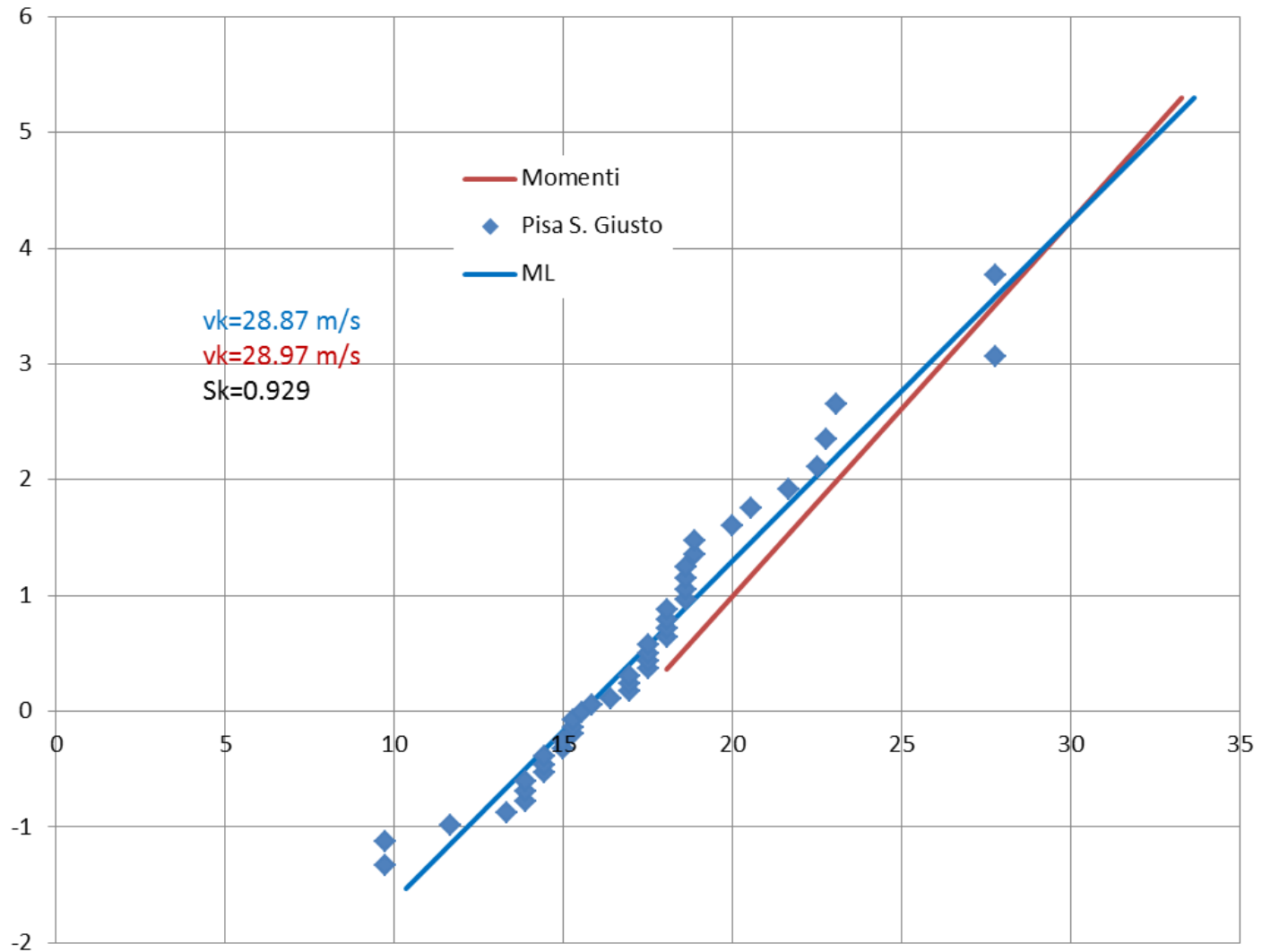


Wind speed

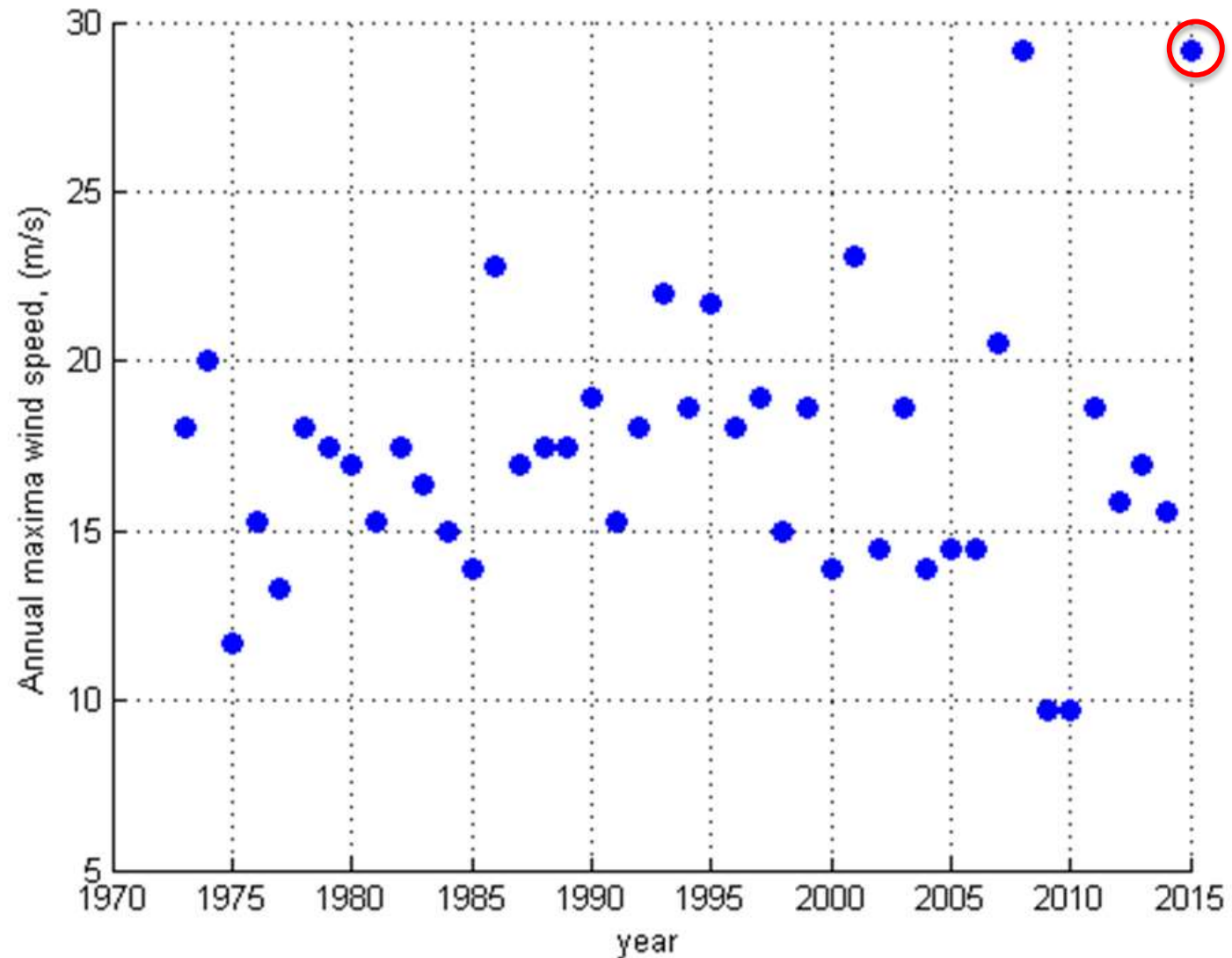


Annual maxima of wind speed at Pisa airport weather station

Wind speed – Pisa airport annual maxima elaboration

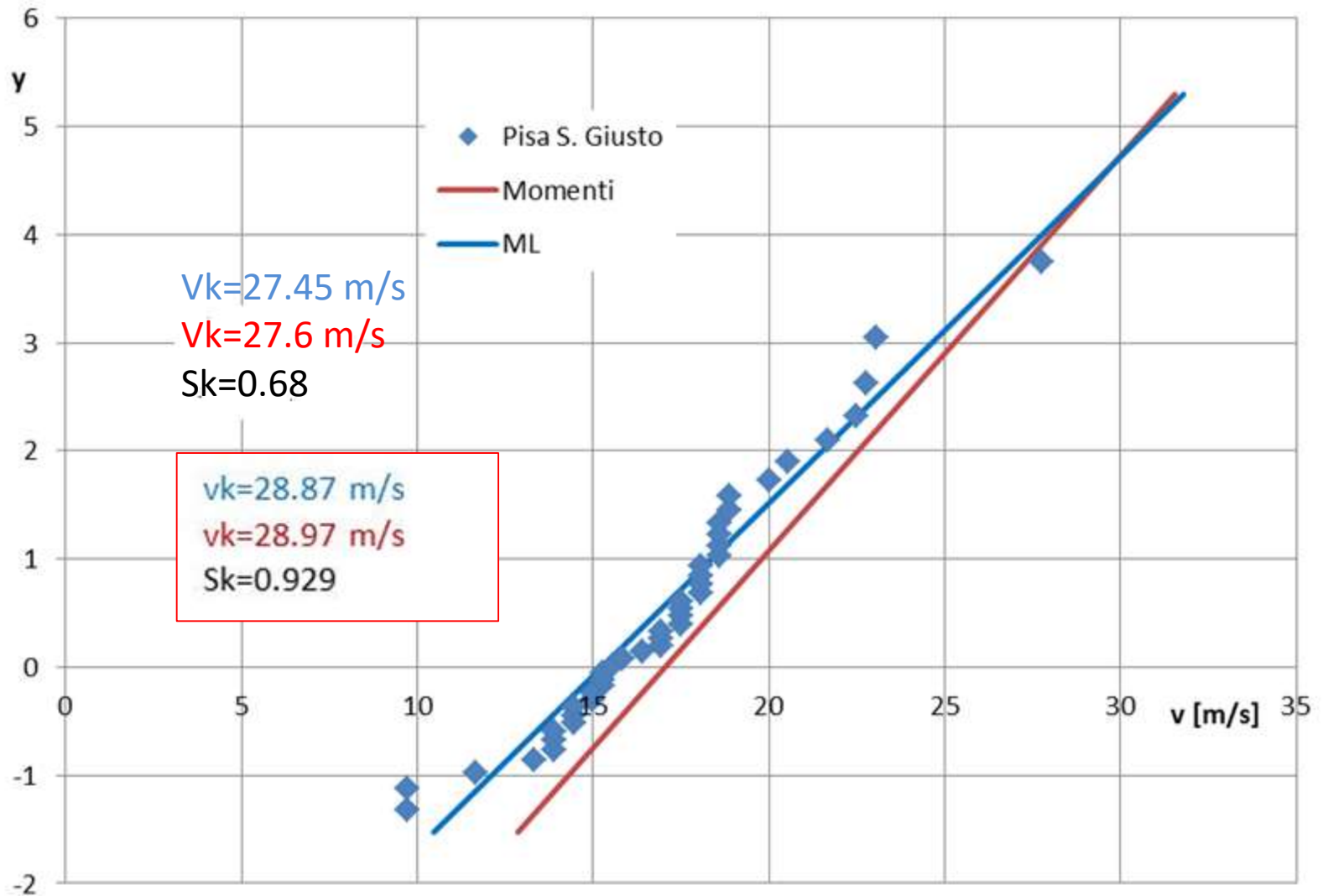


Wind actions



Annual maxima of wind speed at Pisa airport weather station

Wind speed – Pisa airport annual maxima elaboration



EXAMPLE APPLICATIONS

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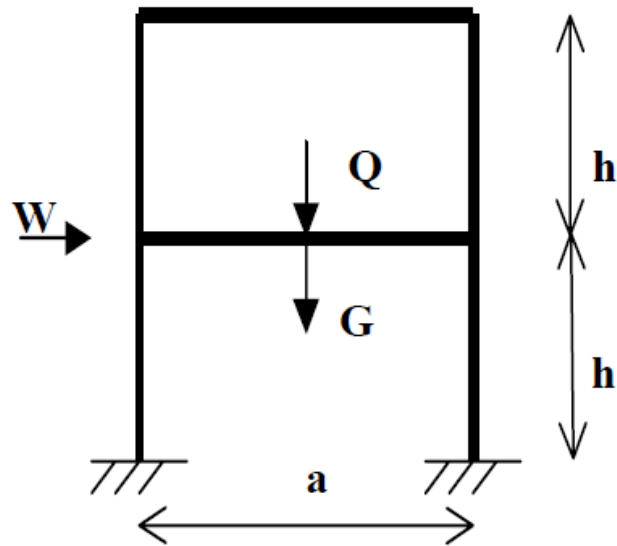


Figure 3.1. Two storey steel frame

$$R = m_R Z_p f_y$$

$$G = a b t \rho_c g$$

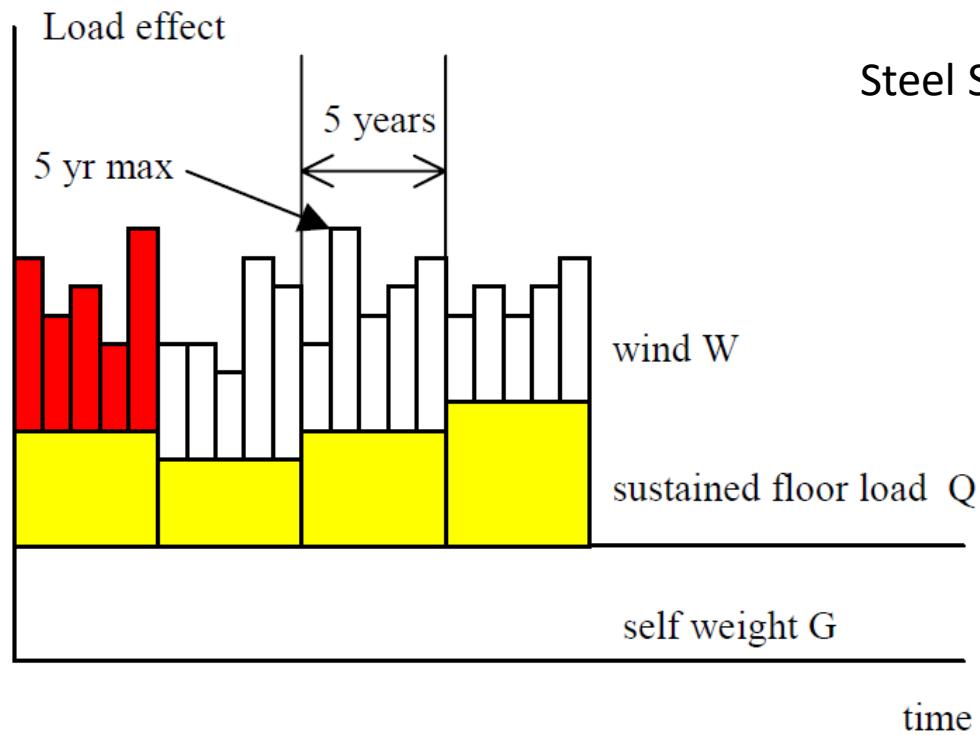
$$Q = a b (q_{long} + q_{short})$$

$$W = 2 h b c_a c_g c_r (0.5 m_q \rho_a U^2)$$

$$Z = R - 0.16 m_E h (G + Q + W)$$

Table 3.1 Probabilistic models for the steel frame example (according to the JCSS Probabilistic Model Code 2001)

X	Designation	Distribution	Mean	V	λ
a	in plane column distance	Deterministic	6 m	-	
b	frame to frame distance	Deterministic	5 m	-	
h	storey height	Deterministic	3 m	-	
t	thickness concrete floor slab	Normal	0.20 m	0.03	
Z_p	plastic section modulus	Normal	0.0007m ³	0.02	
f_y	steel yield stress	Lognormal	300 MPa	0.07	
g	acceleration of gravity	Deterministic	10 m/s ²	-	
ρ_c	mass density concrete	Normal	2.4 ton/m ³	0.04	
q_{long}	long term live load (sustained)	Gamma	0.50 kN/m ²	1.15	0.2/year
q_{short}	short term live load (1 day)	Exponential	0.20 kN/m ²	1.60	1.0/year
ρ_a	mass density air	Deterministic	0.125kg/m ³	-	
c_a	aerodynamic shape factor	Normal	1.10	0.12	
c_g	gust factor	Normal	3.05	0.12	
c_r	roughness factor	Normal	0.58	0.15	
u	ref wind speed (8 hours)	Weibull	5 m/s	0.60	3.0/day
U	ref wind speed (one year)	Gumbel	30 m/s	0.10	1.0/year
m_q	model factor wind pressure	Normal	0.80	0.20	
m_R	model factor resistance	Normal	1.00	0.05	
m_E	model factor load effect	Normal	1.00	0.10	



$W_k/(G_k+Q_k)$
0
0.1
0.245
0.5
1
2
3
4
6
10

Cases considered for extreme wind velocity

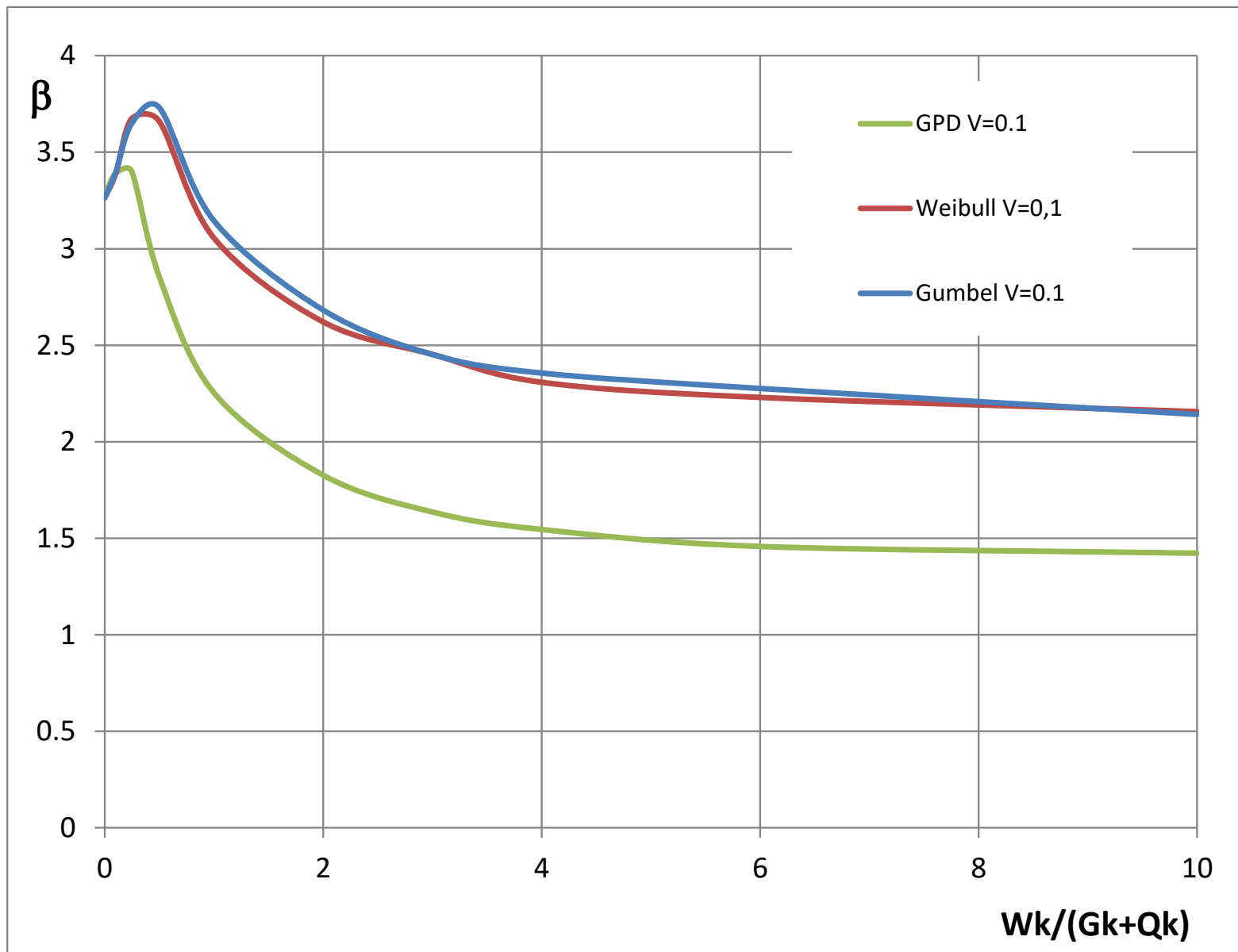
Gumbel distribution

3-parameters Weibull distribution

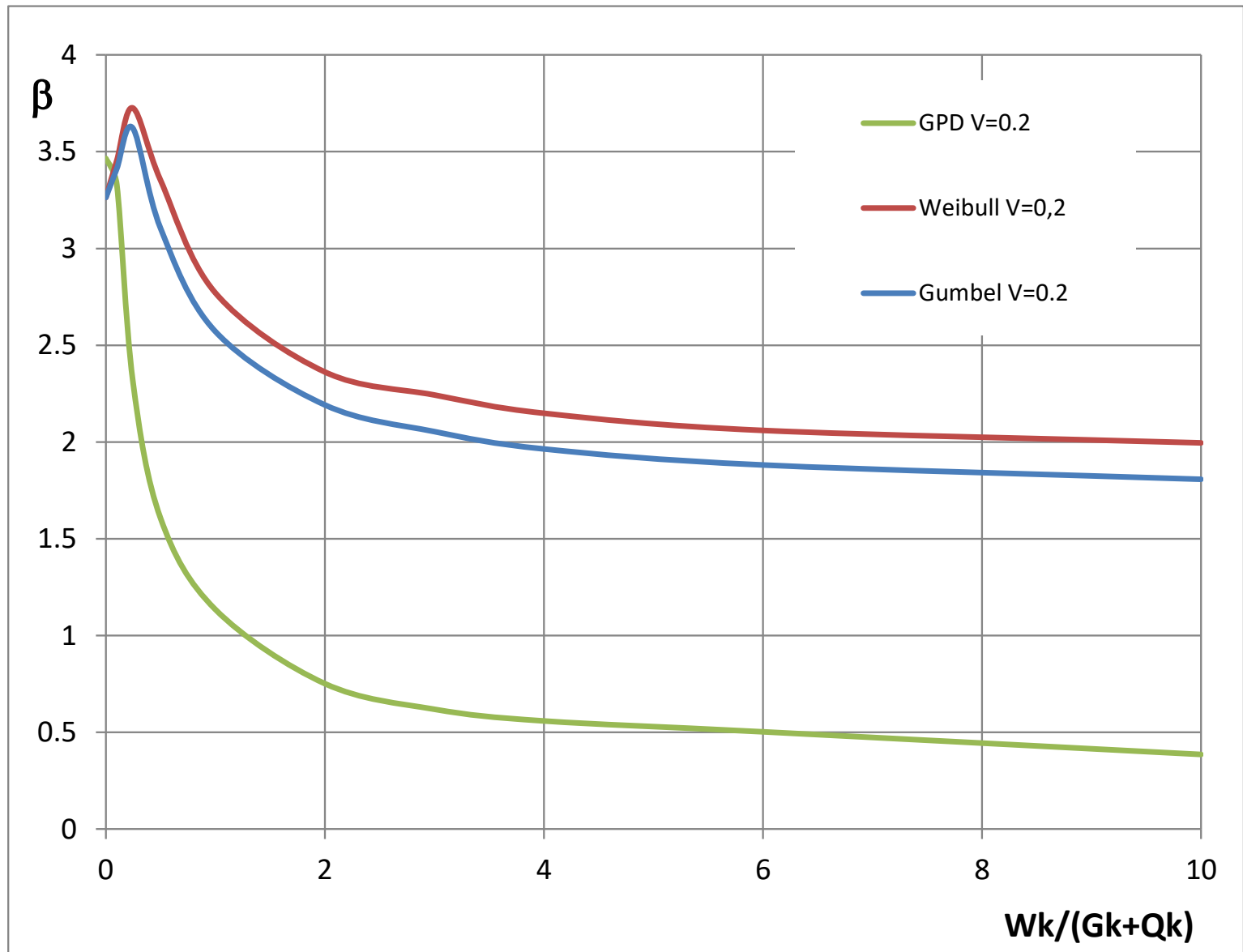
GPD

$V=0.1$

$V=0.2$



β - $W_k/(G_k+Q_k)$ diagrams for various extreme maxima distributions for wind ($V=0.1$)



β - $W_k/(G_k+Q_k)$ diagrams for various extreme maxima distributions for wind ($V=0.2$)

Reliability decreases when the wind action is very high

Reliability depends on the distribution assumed for extreme maxima

Wind pressure model is still an open question (each relevant coefficient needs to be discussion)

Fundamental combination (ULS)

$$\sum F_d = \sum_i \gamma_{G,i} G_{k,i} + \gamma_{Q,1} Q_{k,1} + \sum_{j>1} \gamma_{Q,j} \psi_{0,j} Q_{k,j} + (\gamma_P P_k)$$

Eqn. 8.20 (formerly 6.10)

$$\sum F_d = \begin{cases} \sum_i \gamma_{G,i} G_{k,i} + \gamma_{Q,1} \psi_{0,1} Q_{k,1} + \sum_{j>1} \gamma_{Q,j} \psi_{0,j} Q_{k,j} + (\gamma_P P_k) \\ \sum_i \xi_i \gamma_{G,i} G_{k,i} + \gamma_{Q,1} Q_{k,1} + \sum_{j>1} \gamma_{Q,j} \psi_{0,j} Q_{k,j} + (\gamma_P P_k) \end{cases}$$

Eqns. 8.21 a+b (formerly 6.10 a+b)

Fundamental combination (ULS)

$$\sum F_d = \begin{cases} \sum_i \gamma_{G,i} G_{k,i} + (\gamma_P P_k) \\ \sum_i \xi_i \gamma_{G,i} G_{k,i} + \gamma_{Q,1} Q_{k,1} + \sum_{j>1} \gamma_{Q,j} \psi_{0,j} Q_{k,j} + (\gamma_P P_k) \end{cases}$$

Eqns. 8.22 a+b (formerly 6.10 a+b mod)

$$\sum F_d = \sum_i \gamma_{G1,i} G_{1k,i} + \sum_i \gamma_{G2,i} G_{2k,i} + \gamma_{Q,1} Q_{k,1} + \sum_{j>1} \gamma_{Q,j} \psi_{0,j} Q_{k,j} + (\gamma_P P_k)$$

PT proposal (rejected)

Rand. Var.	Variable	distr	μ	<i>COV</i>	$F(x_k)$
θ_R	MU Concrete	LogN	1.00	0.20	$F(\mu_x)$
	MU Steel		1.00	0.10	
	MU Timber		1.00	0.15	
	MU Masonry			Input Jäger	
	MU Soil		/	/	
X	Concrete compressive strength	LogN	1.00	0.17	0.05
	Structural steel yielding strength		1.00	0.07	
	Re-bar yield strength		1.00	0.06	
	Solid timber bending strength		1.00	0.25	
	Glulam timber bending strength		1.00	0.15	
	Masonry compression			Input Jäger	
	Masonry shear			Input Jäger	
	Soil internal friction		1.00	0.09	
	Soil drained cohesion		1.00	0.47	
	Soil undrained shear strength		1.00	0.38	
	Timber bending MOE		1.00	0.13	
	Masonry MOE			Input Jäger	
	Steel bending MOE		1.00	0.02	
Concrete compression MOE	1.00	To be completed			
G_S	Concrete	Norm	1.00	0.05	0.50
	Steel		1.00	0.04	
	Timber		1.00	0.10	
	Masonry			Input Jäger	
	Soil		1.00	0.10	

Rand. Var.	Variable	distr	μ	COV	$F(x_k)$
G_p	Permanent load	Norm	1.00	0.10	0.50
G_p^*	Permanent load (large COV)	Norm	1.00	0.20	0.95
θ_Q	MU Wind	LogN	To be completed	0.35	0.78 for C_{pe} , Mean values for others
	MU Snow 1	LogN	1.00	0.20 - 0.30	Mu+sigma for Cr^a , mean values for others
	MU Snow 1			0.35	mean
	MU Imposed	LogN	1.00	0.10	Mean value
Q (1yr)	Wind pressure	Gumbel	1.00	0.25	0.98
	Snow on ground	Gumbel	1.00	0.40	0.98
	Imposed	Gumbel (LogN)	1.00	To be completed	0.98

Model uncertainty - LogNormal

Two cases:

Mean value 0.35 and 0.51 for wind – 0.20 and 0.28 for snow

$$\alpha_G = \frac{g_{sk}}{g_{sk} + g_{Pk}}$$

$$\alpha_G = \frac{1}{3}; 0.6; 0.8; 1.0$$

$$\alpha_Q = \frac{q_k}{g_{sk} + g_{Pk} + q_k}$$

$$\alpha_Q = 0.1; 0.2; 0.3; 0.4; 0.5; 0.6; 0.7; 0.8$$

Design equation according to:

γ_G	γ_Q
1.35	1.5

Eq. 8.20 (6.10)

Eq. 8.21 a+b (6.10 a+b)

γ_G	γ_Q	ξ	$\Psi_{0,1}$	$\Psi_{0,2}$
1.35	1.5	0.85	0.6	0.7

Eq. 8.20 prop

γ_{G1}	γ_{G2}	γ_{Qw}	γ_{Qs}
1.203	1.213	1.529	1.711

Eq. 8.20 a+b prop

γ_{G1}	γ_{G2}	γ_{Qw}	γ_{Qs}	ξ	$\Psi_{0,1}$	$\Psi_{0,2}$
1.221	1.229	1.516	1.675	0.85	0.6	0.7

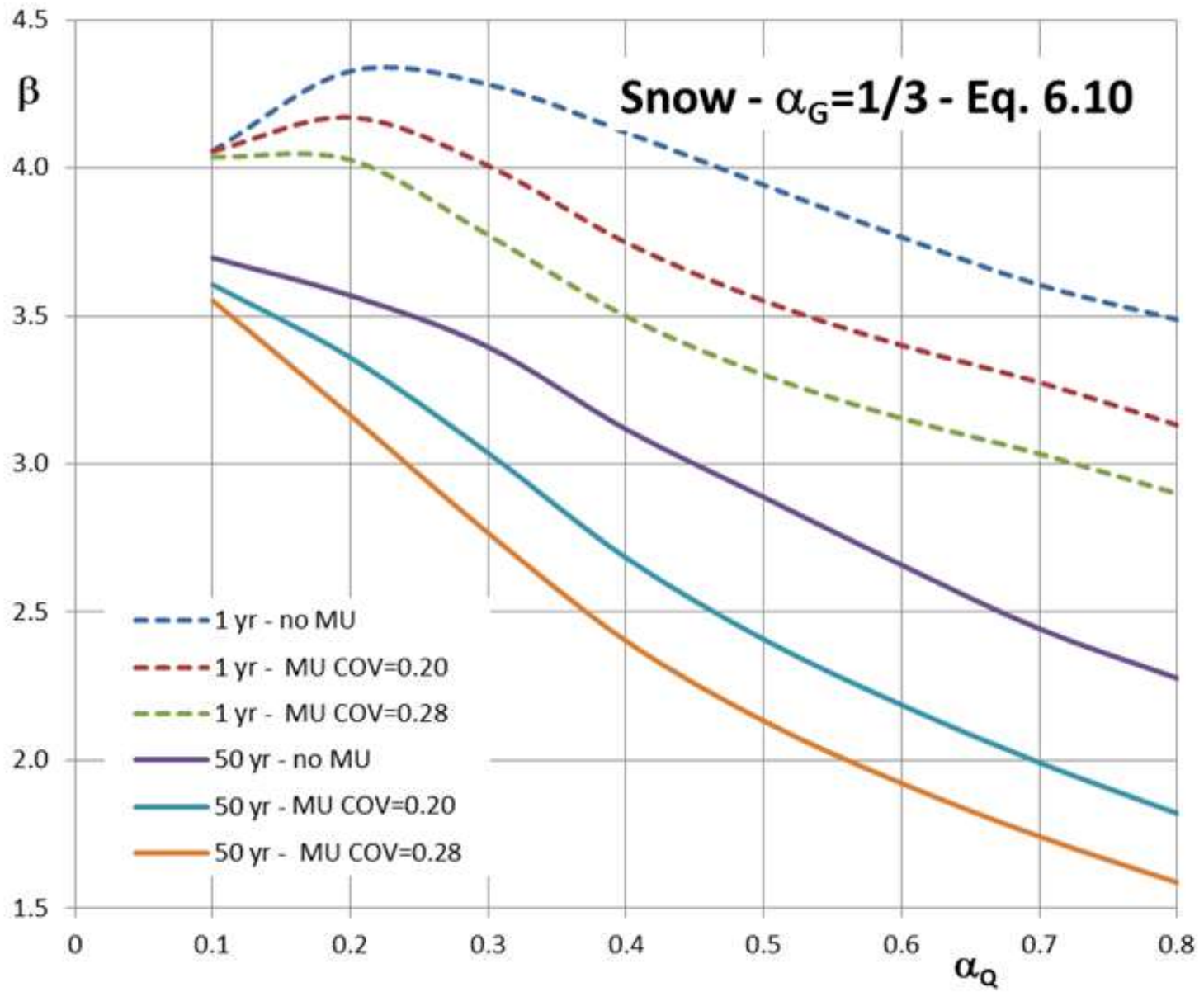
Probability of failure is evaluated for two cases:

1 year and 50 years

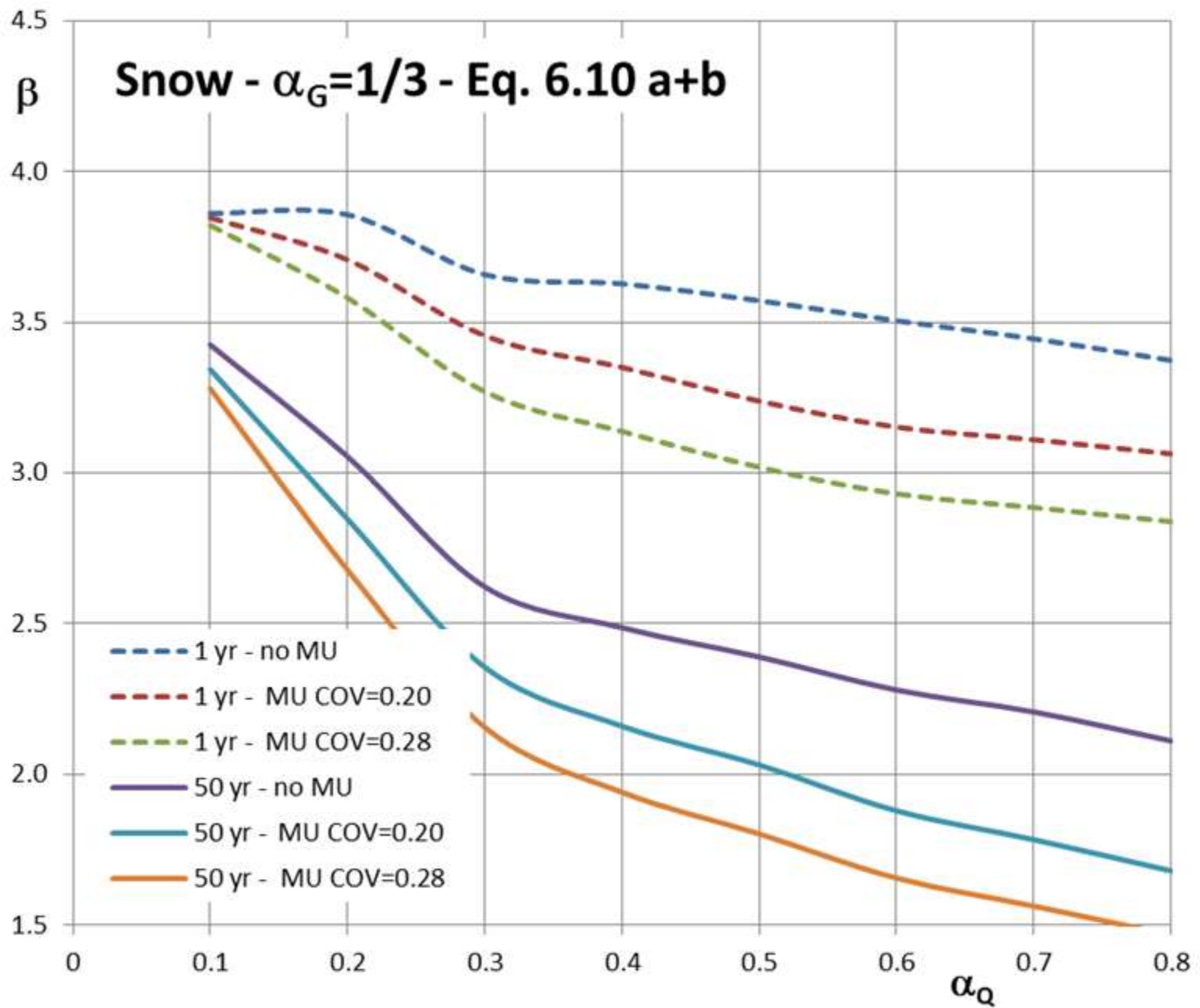
Steel

Concrete

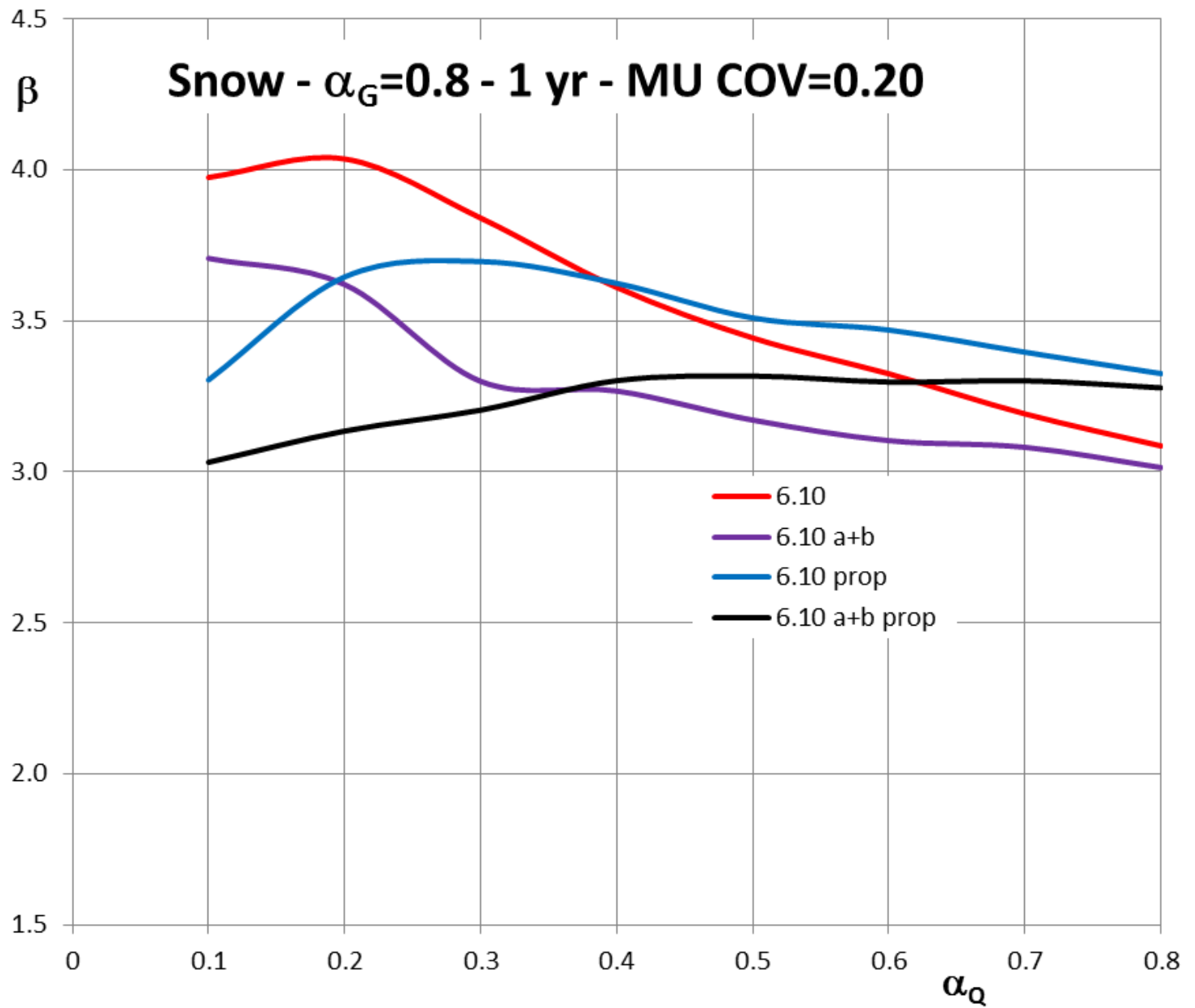
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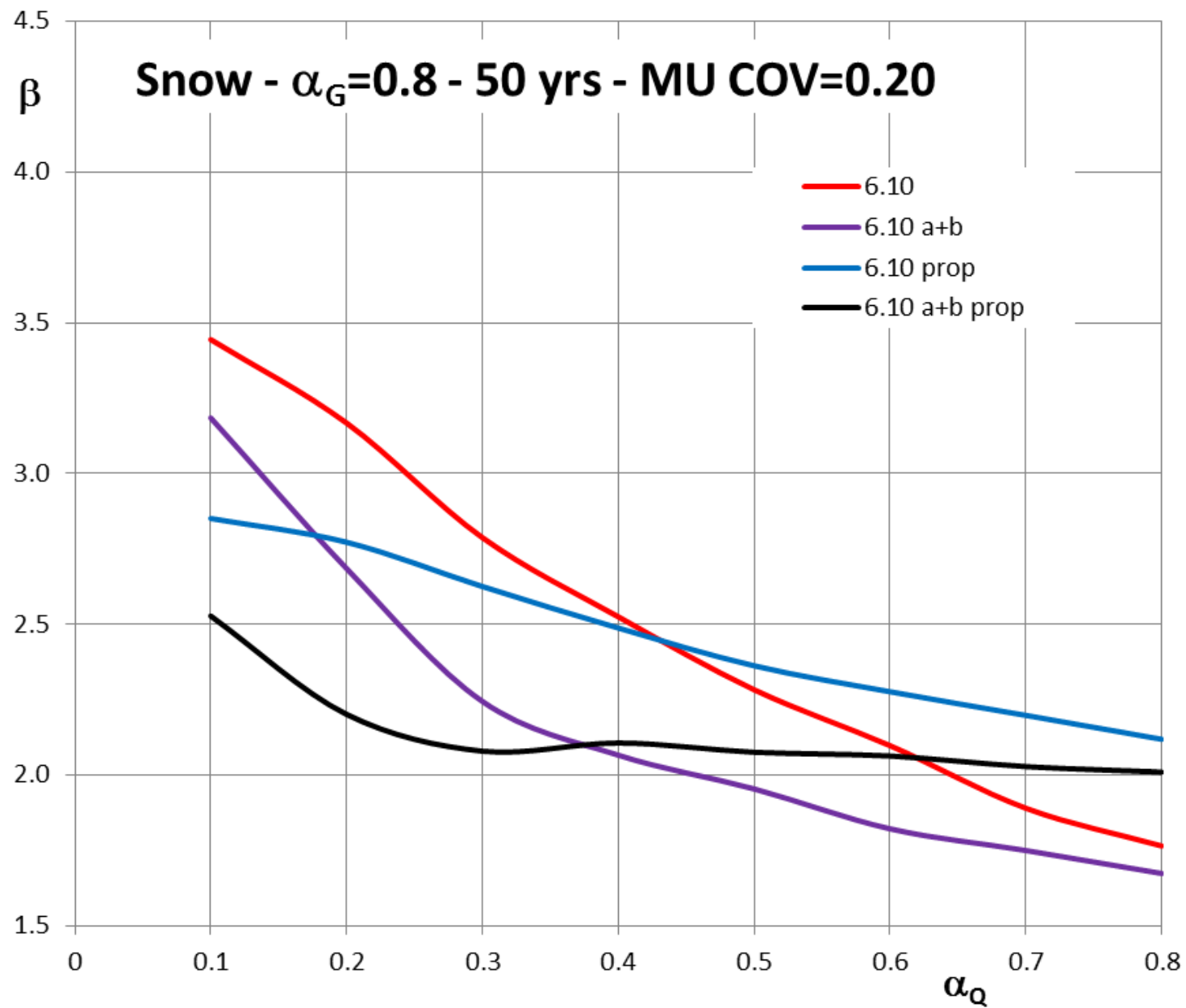
Steel – Snow – Eq. 6.10



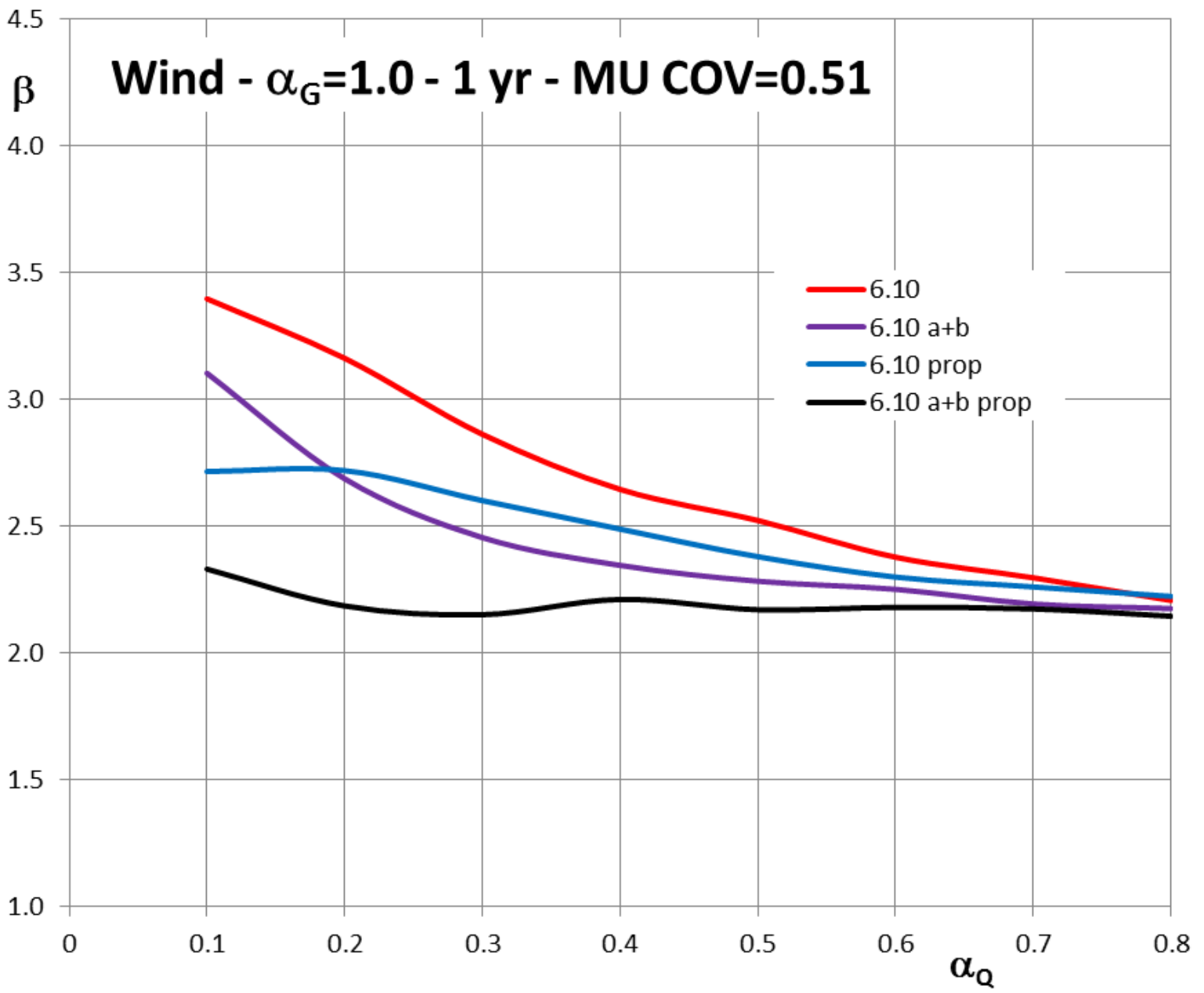
Steel – Snow – Eq. 6.10 a+b



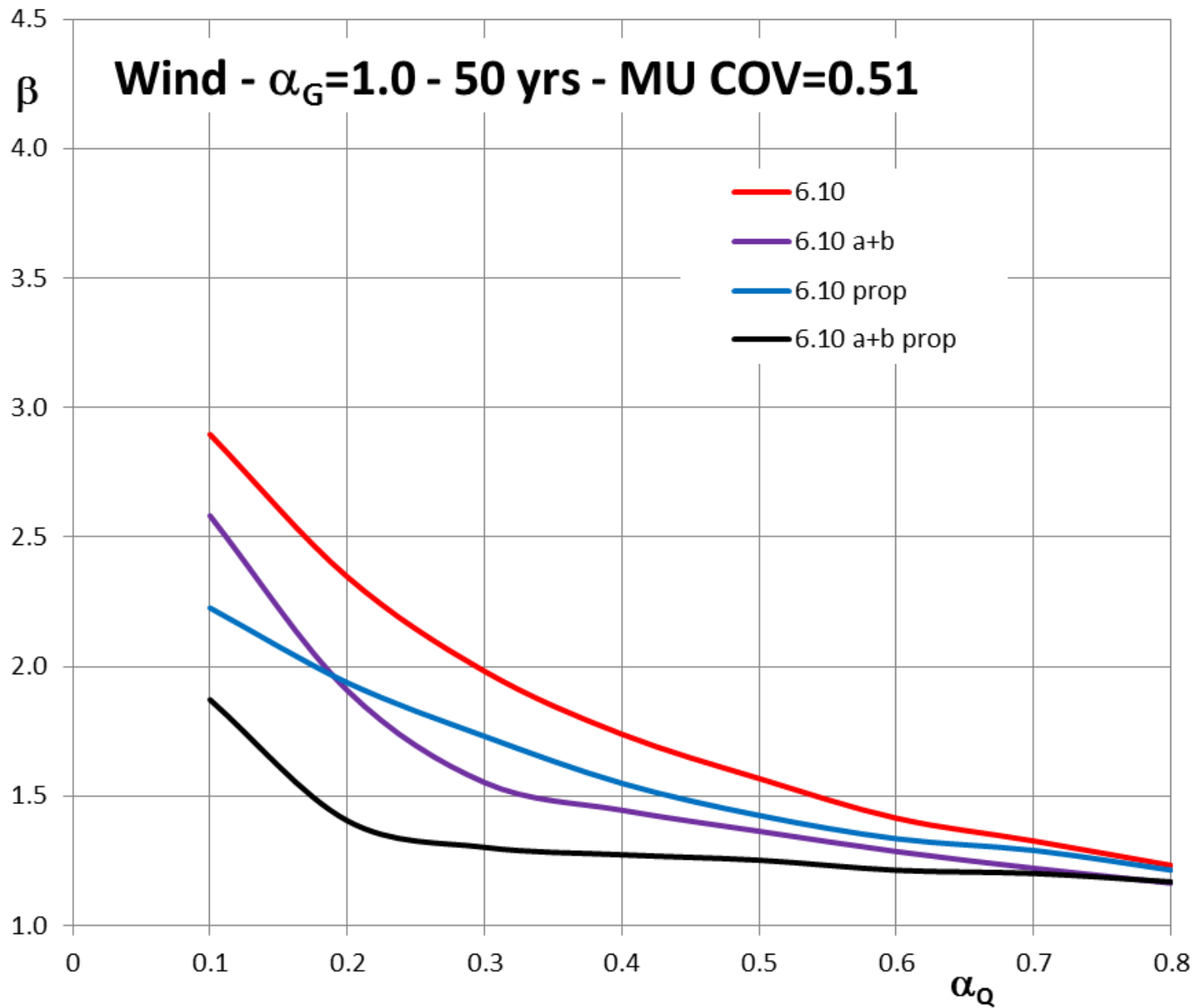
Steel – Snow – MU COV=0.20



Steel - Snow - MU COV 0.20

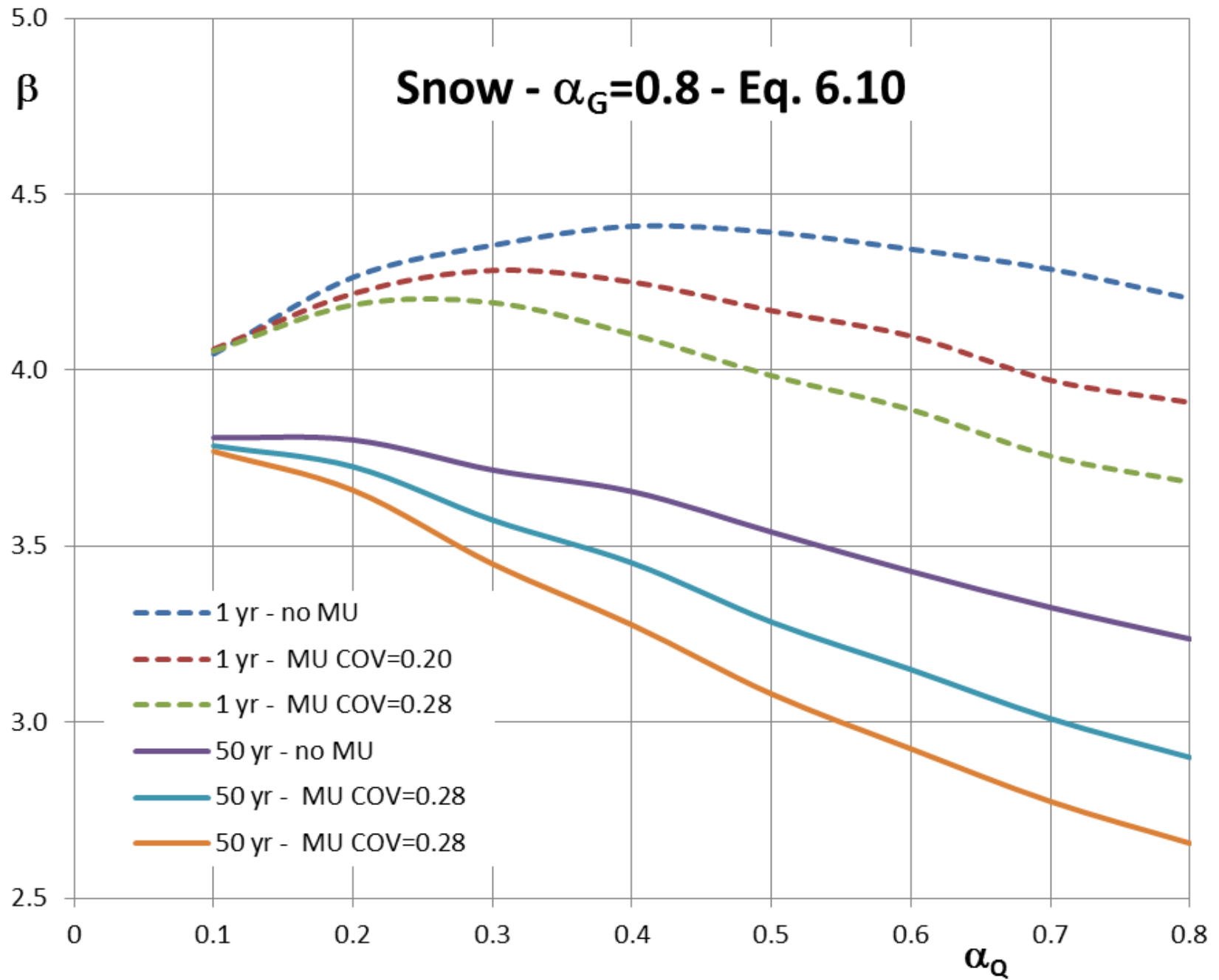


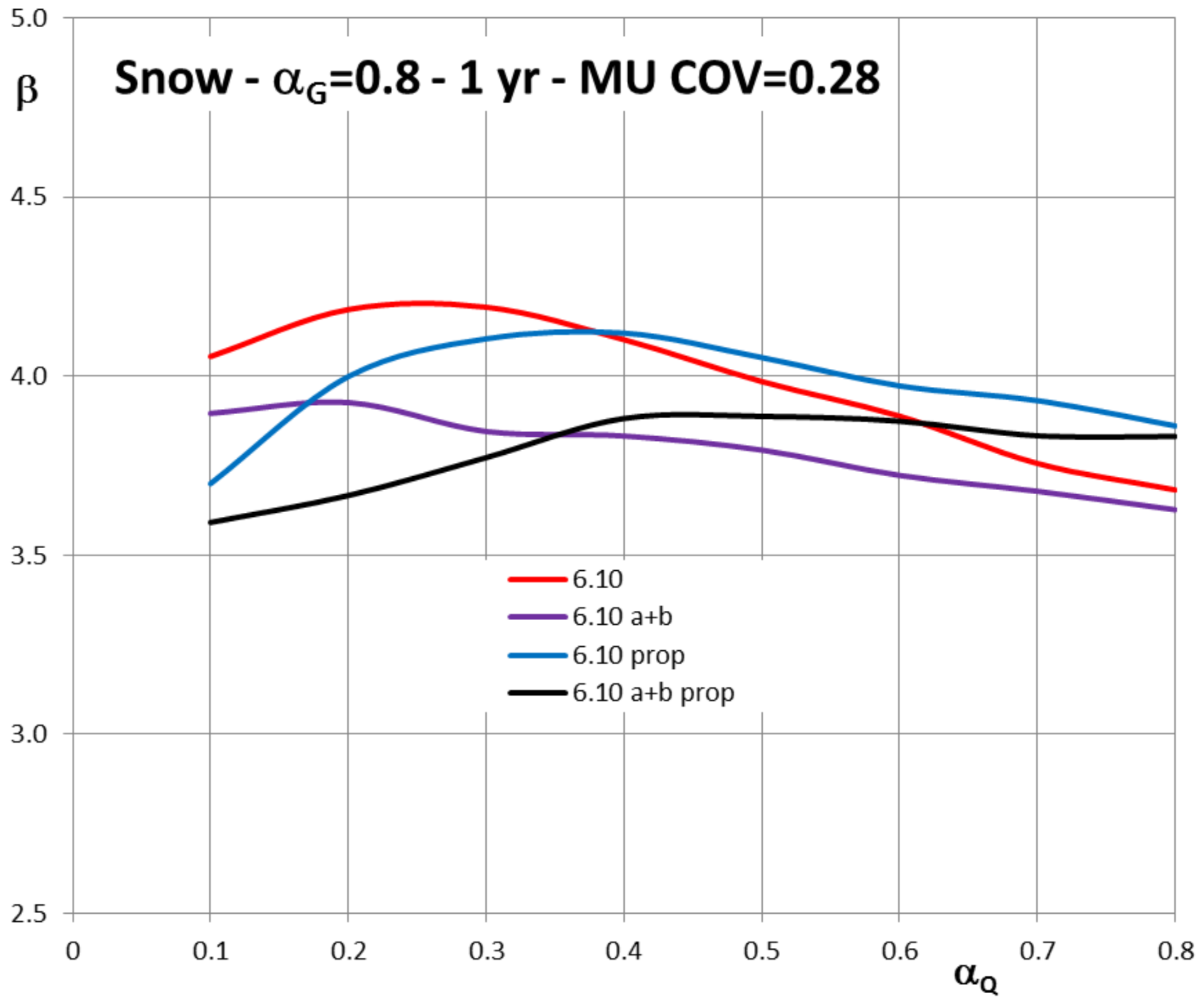
Steel - Snow - MU COV=0.51



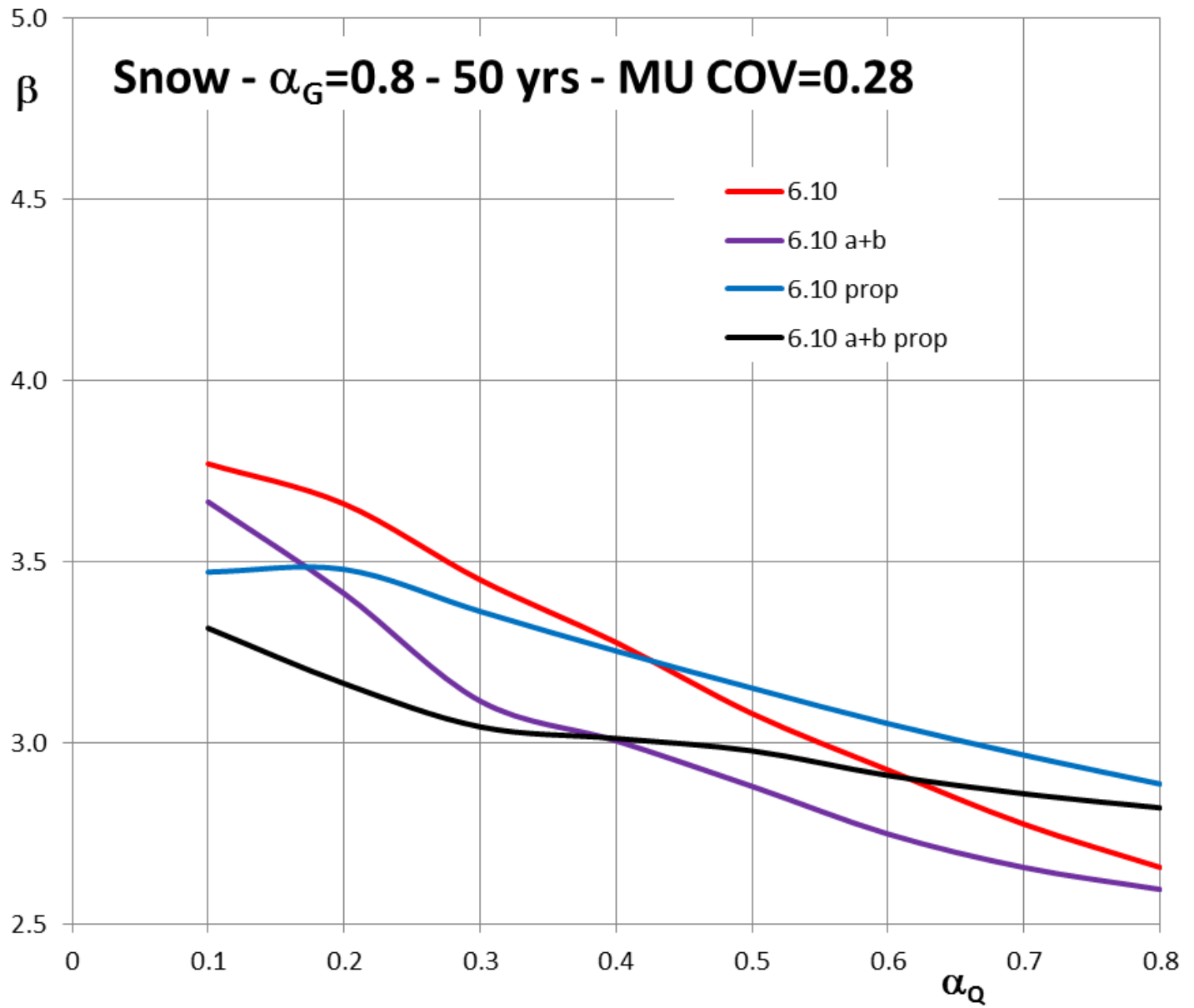
Steel - Snow - MU COV 0.51

Snow - $\alpha_G=0.8$ - Eq. 6.10

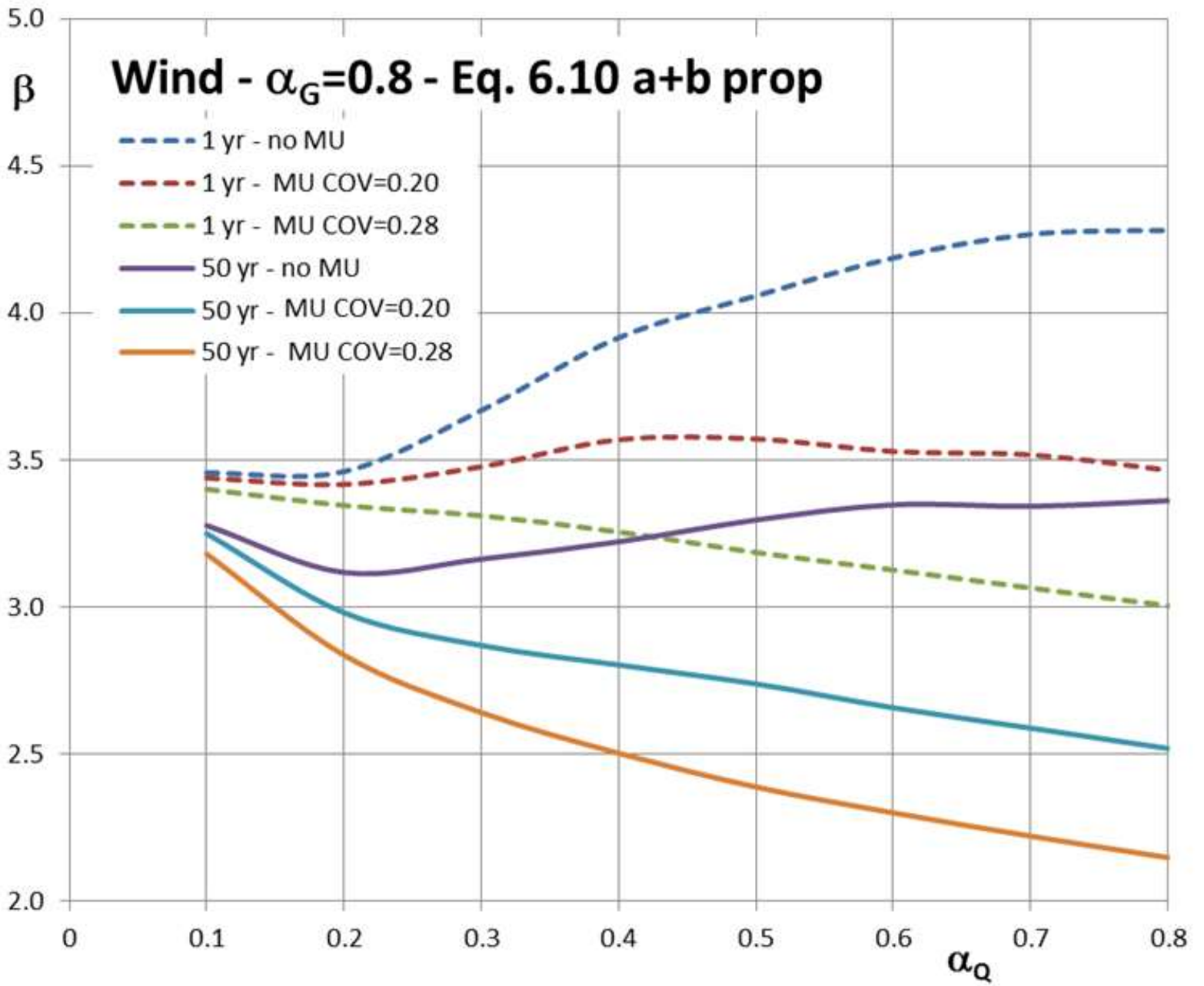




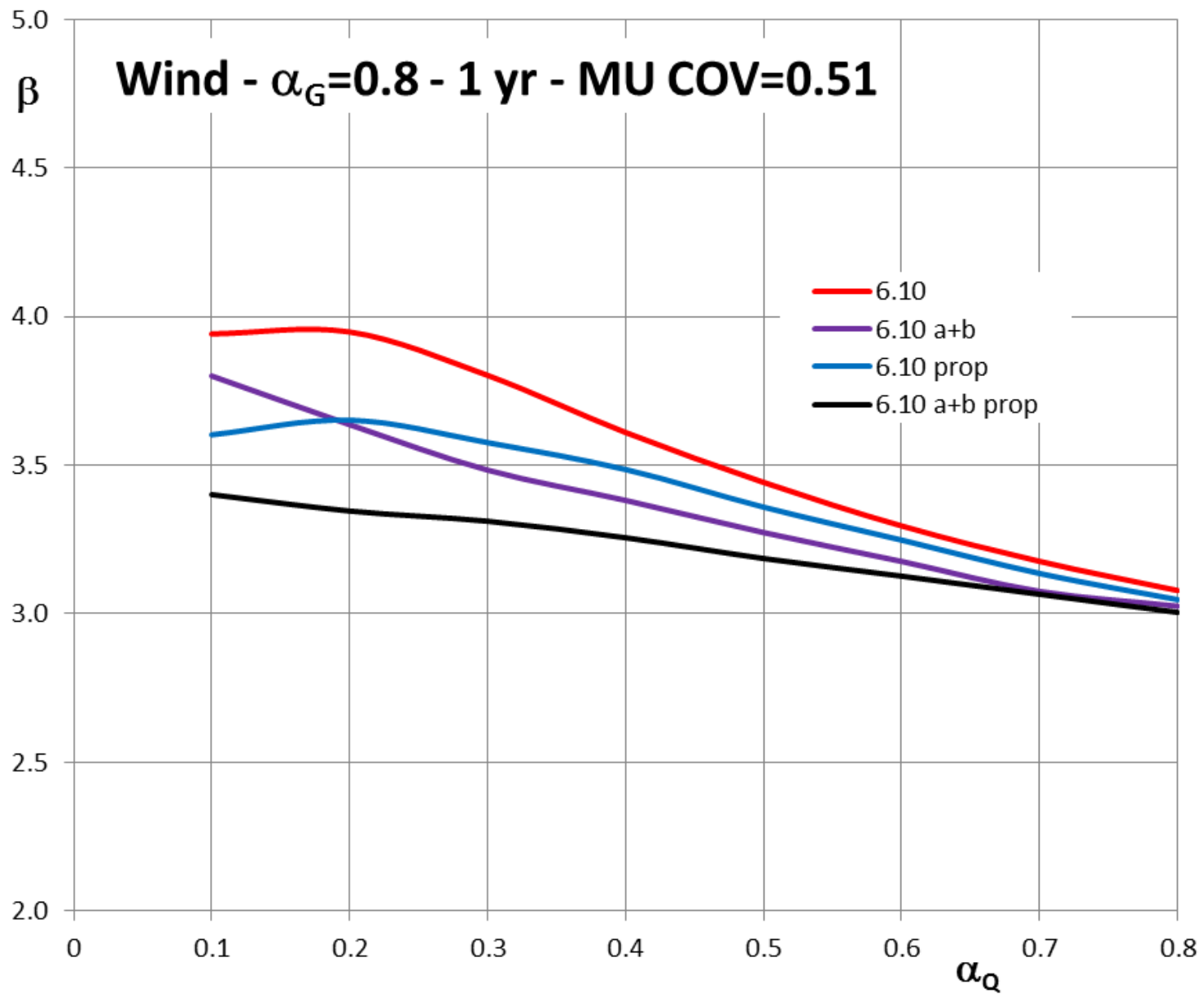
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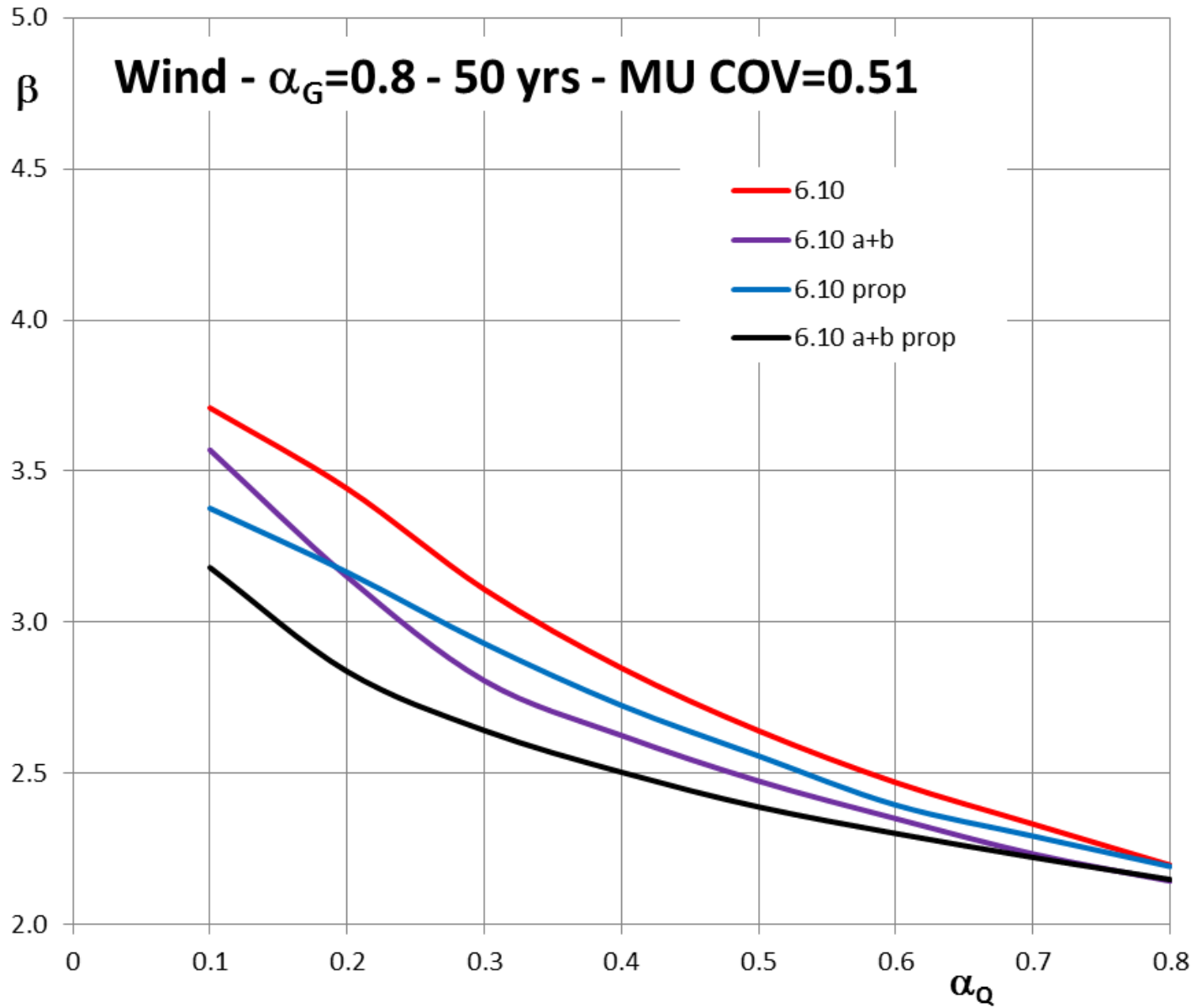
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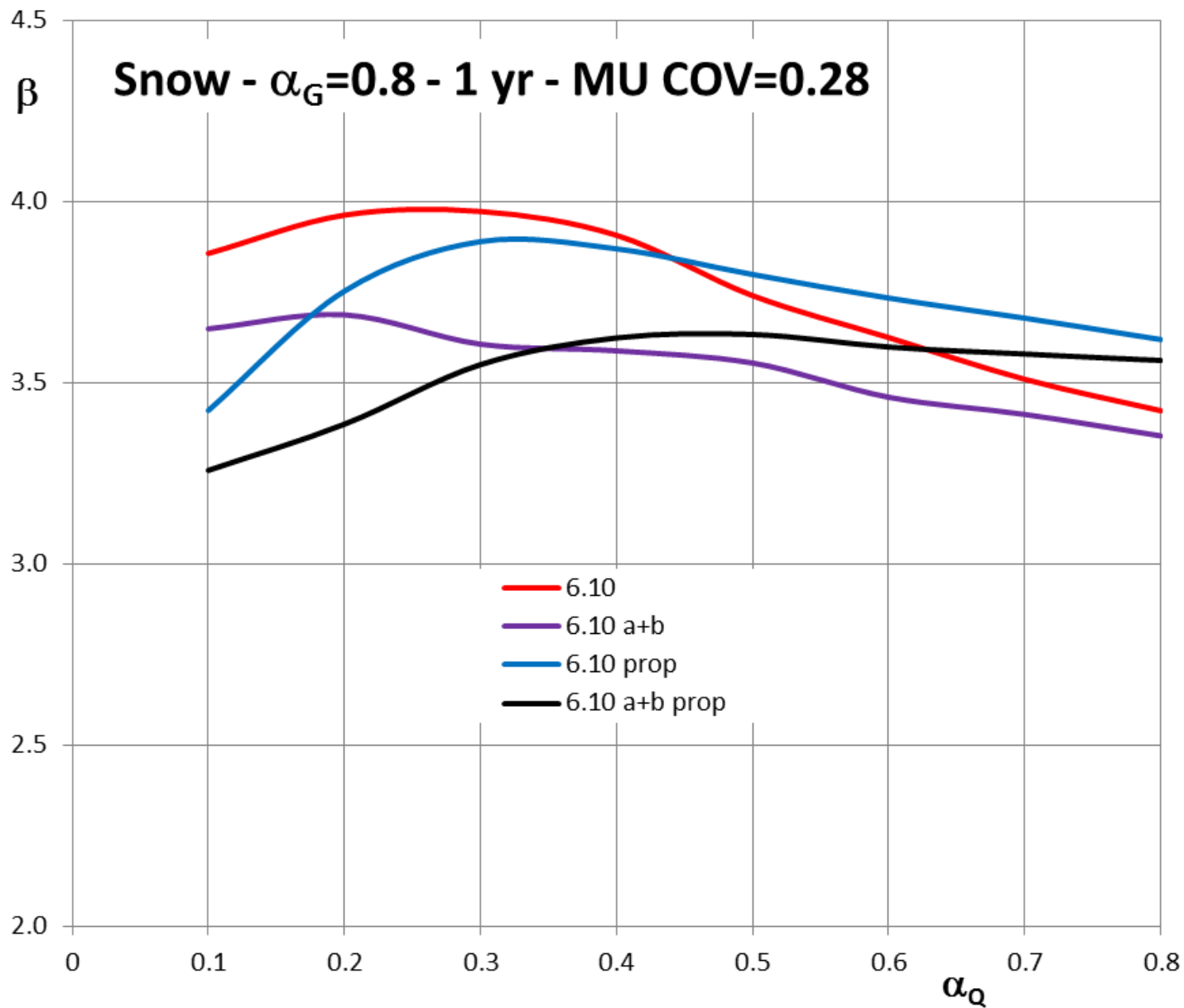
Concrete – Wind – Eq. 6.10 a+b prop



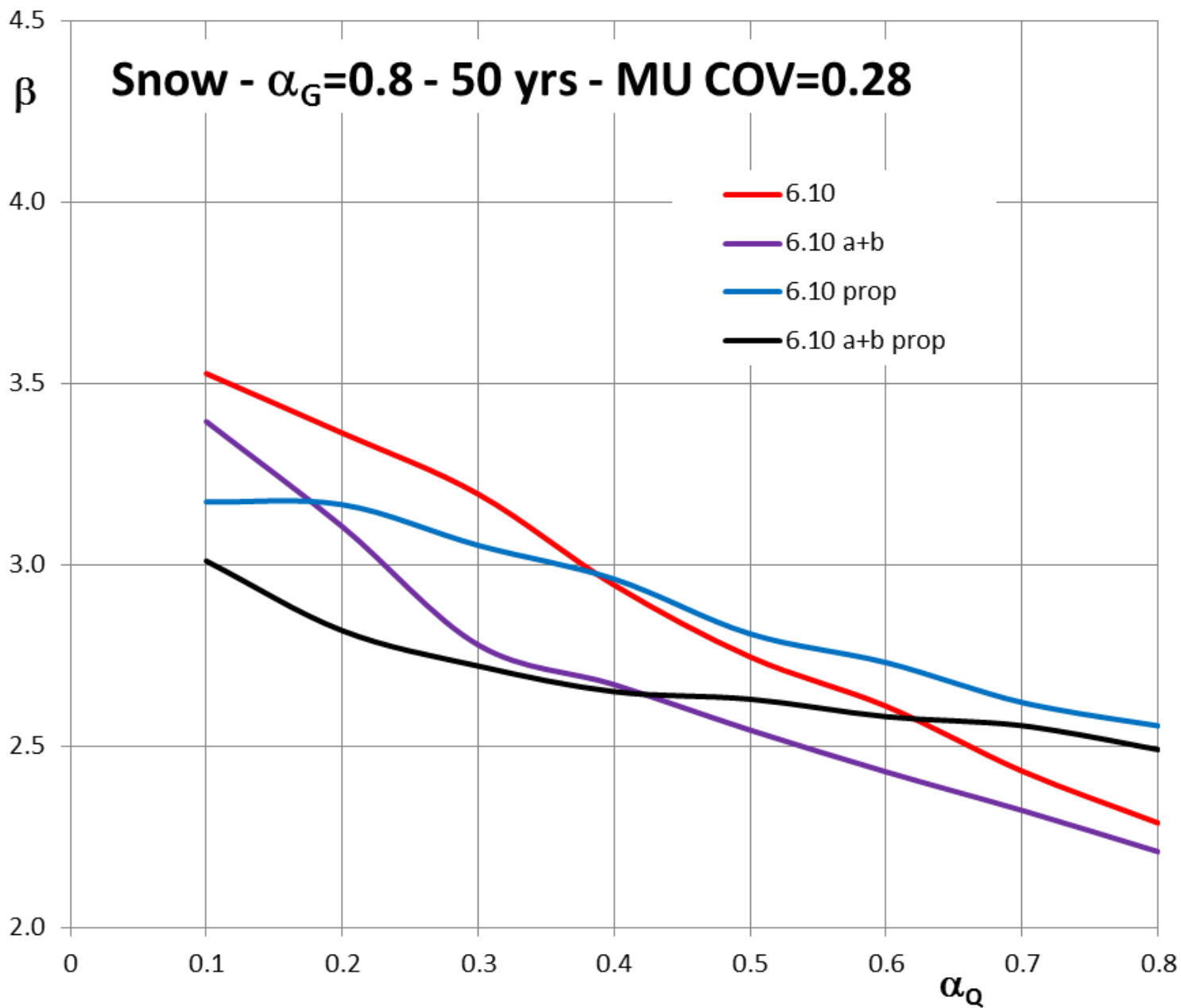
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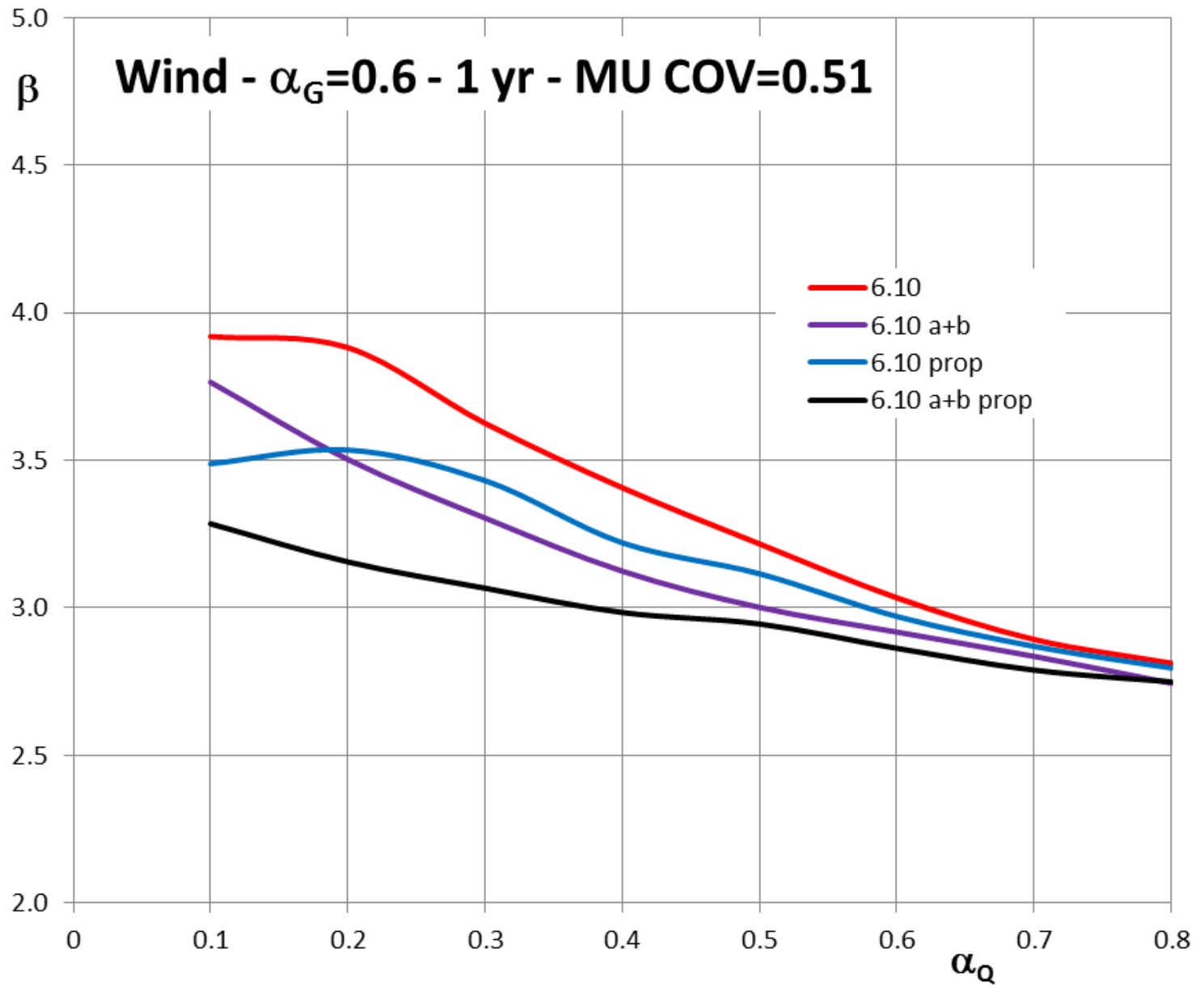
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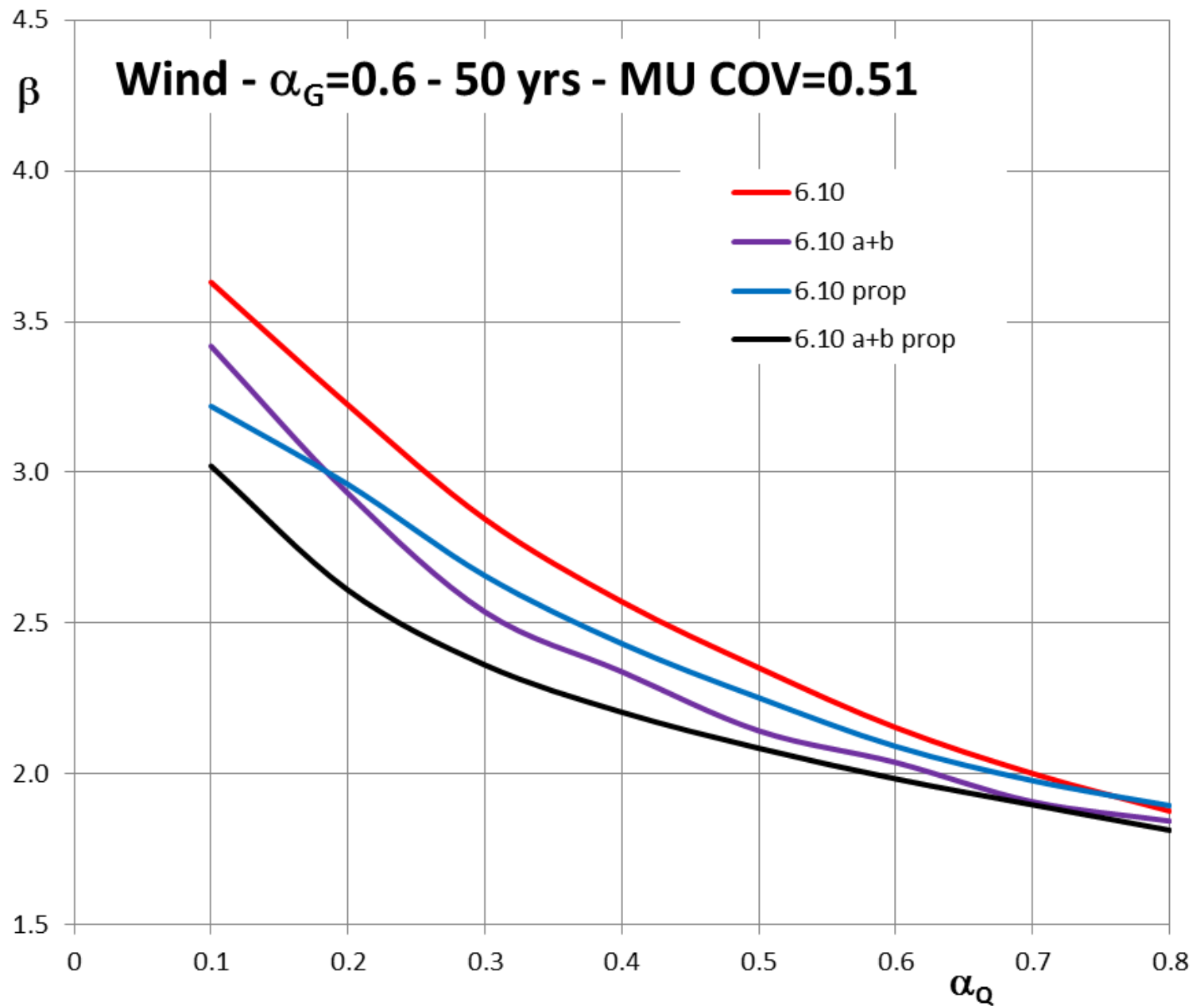
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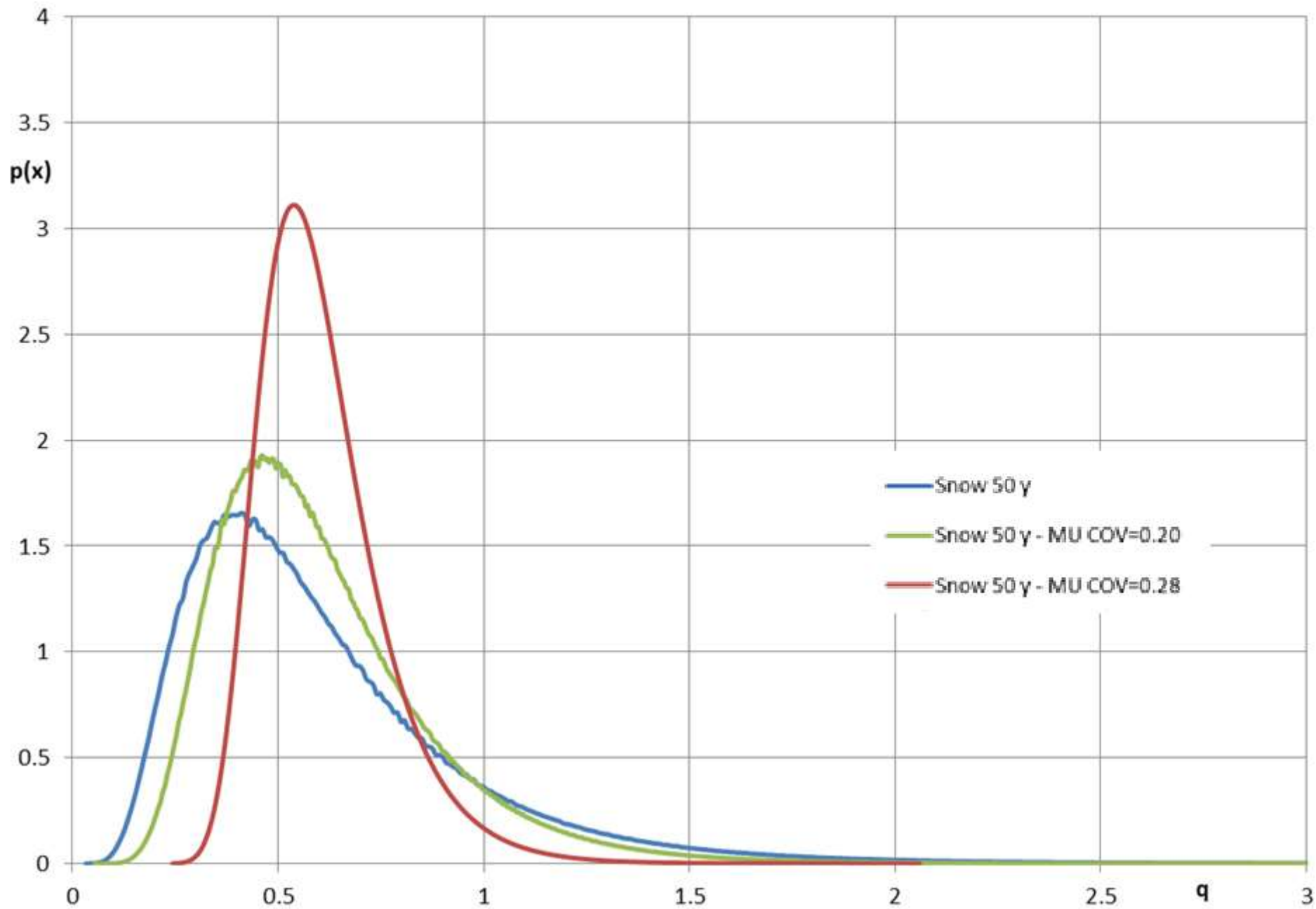
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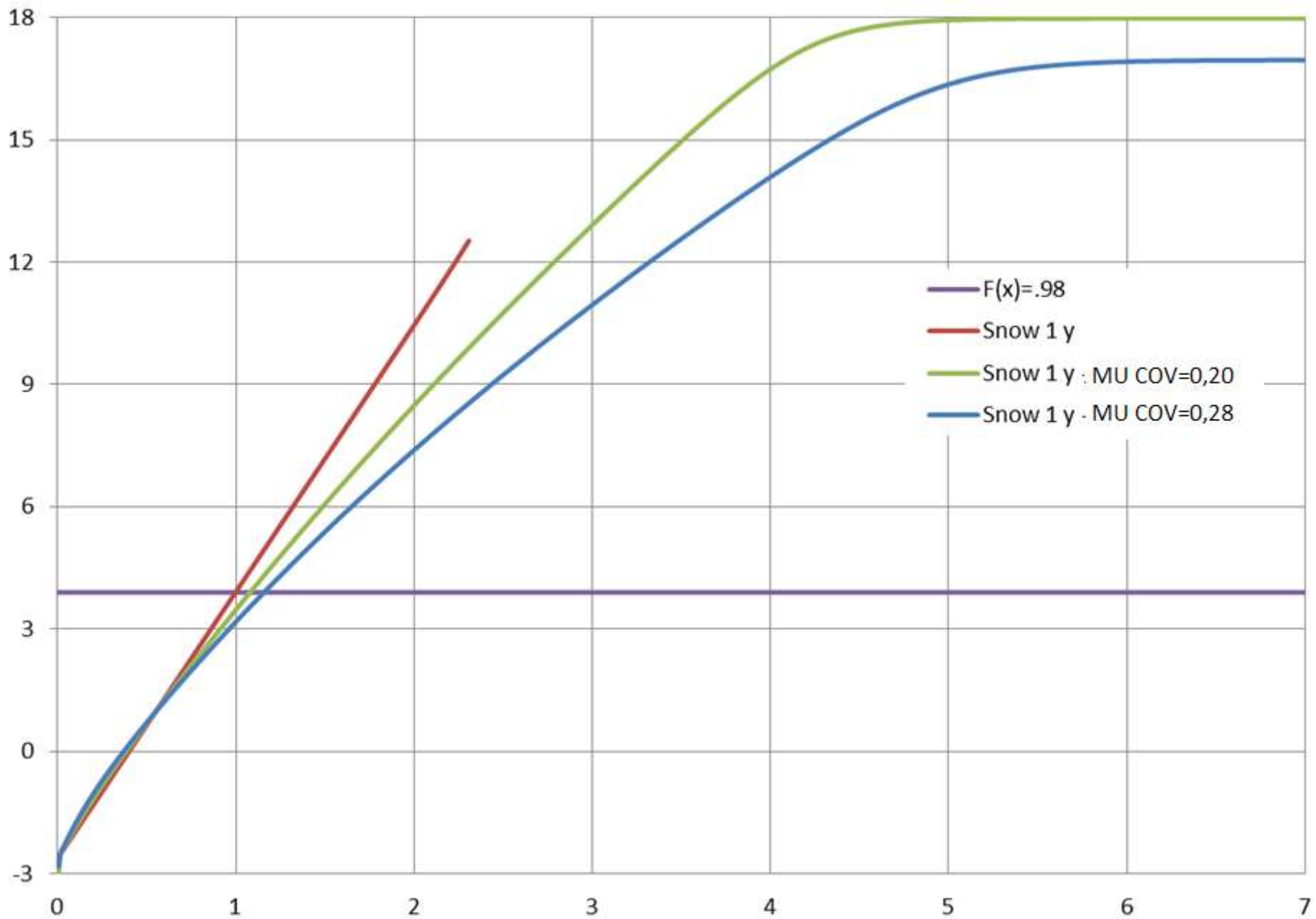
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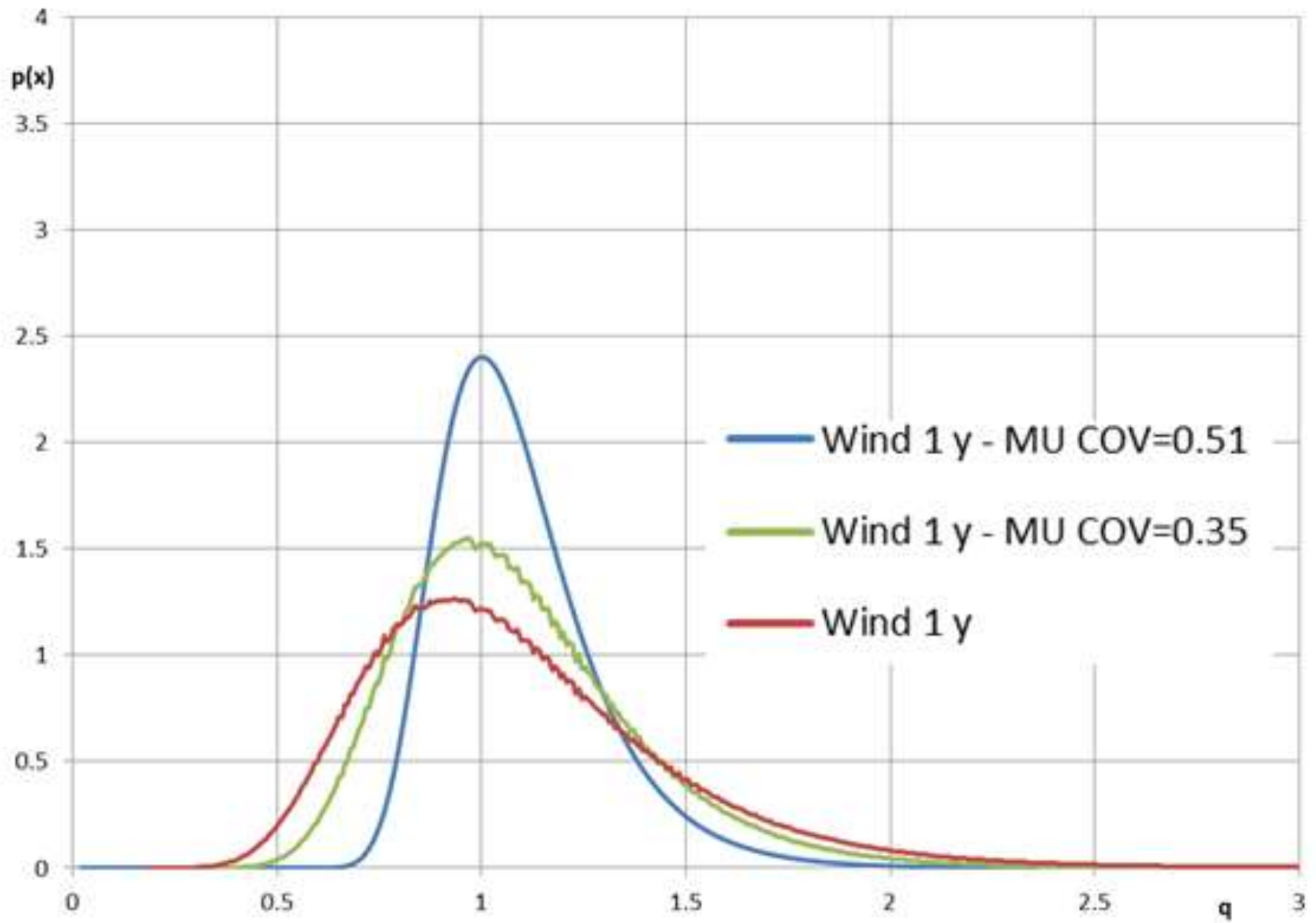
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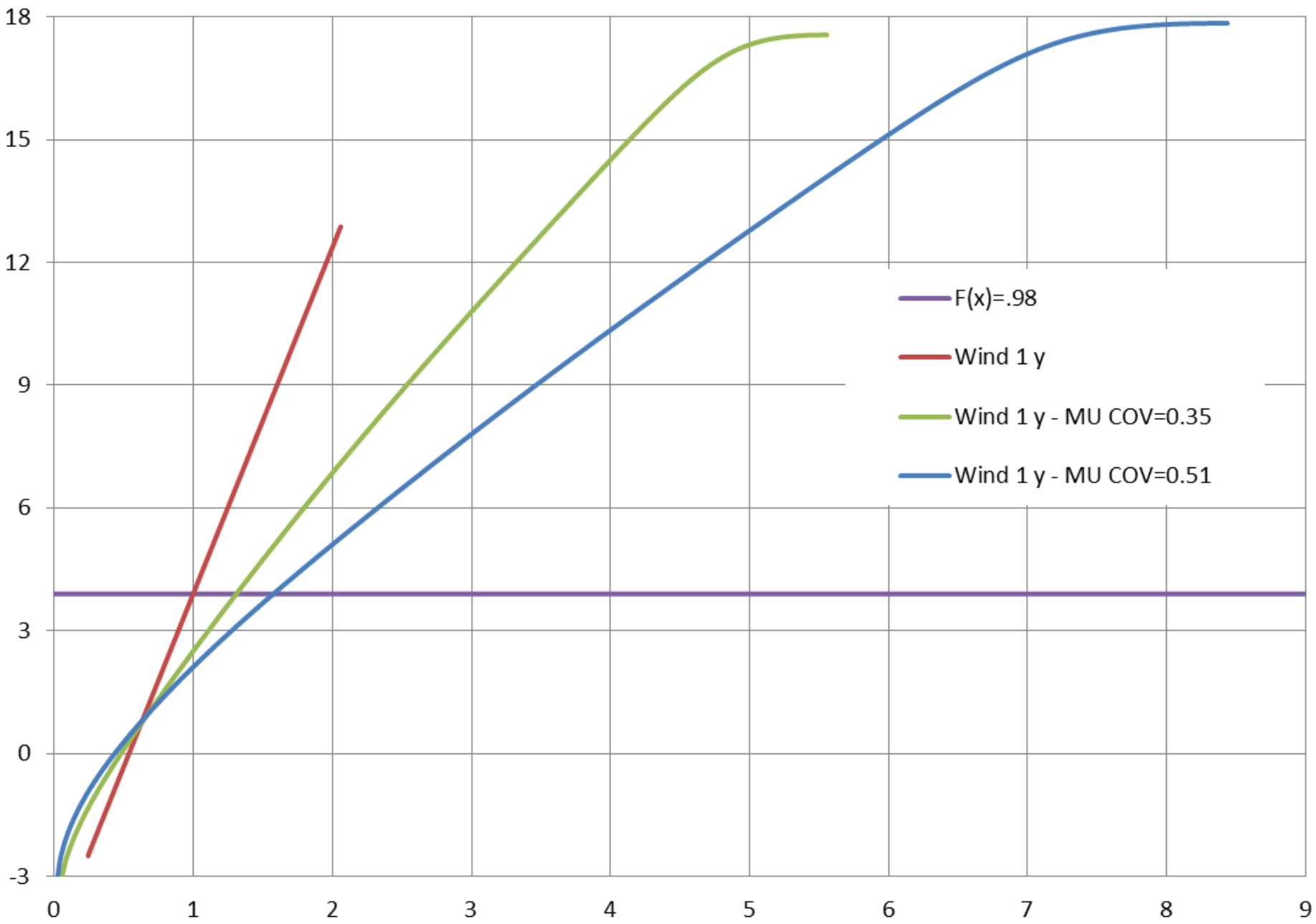
Snow – Resulting pdfs



Snow – CDFs



Wind – Resulting pdfs



Wind – Resulting CDFs

Design equation

(eq. 8.20 of prEN1990:2019)

$$\frac{p r_k}{\gamma_M} = (1 - \alpha_Q) \gamma_G g_k + \alpha_Q \gamma_Q q_k \quad (1)$$

$$\gamma_M = 1.00 \text{ (steel);}$$

$$\gamma_G = 1.35$$

$$\gamma_Q = 1.50$$

p is a suitable parameter granting that (1) is satisfied

α_Q is a parameter expressing the relative weight of variable and permanent actions

Probability of failure

$$P_f = P \left(p \theta_R r - \left((1 - \alpha_Q) g + \alpha_Q \theta_Q q \right) < 0 \right)$$

Hypotheses

Random variable		Distr. type	Mean (μ)	CO V	Charact. Fractile (value)	Charact. Value
Resistance model unc. (steel)	Θ_R	Logn.	1.00	0.05	(μ)	$\theta_{R,k}$
Mat. property (steel yielding strength)	R	Logn.	1.00	0.07	$\mu - 2\sigma$	r_k
Permanent load	G	Normal	1.00	0.1	0.50	g_k
Variable Load model unc.	Θ_Q	Logn.	1.00	0.30	($\mu + \sigma$)	$\theta_{Q,k}$
Variable Load (yearly extreme)	Q	Gumbel	1.00	0.40	0.98	q_k

Considered cases

- 1 year reference period considering permanent actions and wind actions including variable load model uncertainty θ_Q ;
- 1 year reference period considering permanent actions and wind actions excluding θ_Q ;
- 50 years reference period considering permanent actions and wind actions including variable load model uncertainty θ_Q ;
- 50 years reference period considering permanent actions and wind actions excluding θ_Q .

$$P_f = P \left(p \theta_R r - \left((1 - \alpha_Q) g + \alpha_Q \theta_Q q \right) < 0 \right)$$

Reference values of β_t and P_{ft}

Reference value of β_t and P_{ft} have been determined referring to the following conditions:

$$\min \sum w_i (\beta_i - \beta_t)^2 \quad (3)$$

$$\min \sum \sum w_{i,j} (\beta_{i,j} - \beta_{tj})^2$$

$$\min \sum w_i (P_{fi} - P_{ft})^2 \quad (5)$$

Different distribution of weights have been considered

Case 1: (basic case)

$$\alpha_Q = 0.20, 0.30, 0.40, 0.50, 0.60, 0.70, 0.80$$

subcase 1.1 like case 1 (most refined coverage)

$$\alpha_Q = 0.20, 0.25, 0.30, 0.35, \dots, 0.70, 0.75, 0.80$$

Case 2: (basic case shifted by -0.1)

$$\alpha_Q = 0.10, 0.20, 0.30, 0.40, 0.50, 0.60, 0.70$$

Case 3: (higher influence of permanent loads)

$$\alpha_Q = 0.05, 0.15, 0.25, 0.35, 0.45, 0.55$$

subcase 3.1 like case 3 (most refined coverage)

$$\alpha_Q = 0.05, 0.10, 0.15, \dots, 0.50, 0.55$$

Case 4: (basic case shifted by +0.05)

$$\alpha_Q = 0.25, 0.35, 0.45, 0.55, 0.65, 0.75, 0.85$$

Case 5: like case 3, $\alpha_Q = 0.05, 0.15, 0.25, 0.35, 0.45, 0.55$, with linearly decreasing weights (relative weights are

3 for $\alpha_Q = 0.05$; 2.5 for $\alpha_Q = 0.15$; 2.0 for $\alpha_Q = 0.25$; 1.5 for $\alpha_Q = 0.35$; 1.0 for $\alpha_Q = 0.45$; 0.5 for $\alpha_Q = 0.55$).

Case 1 - 1 year reference period - Permanent load + wind without model uncertainty

Weight factors

	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
w	0	0	0	0	0.1428571	0	0.1428571	0	0.1428571	0	0.1428571	0	0.1428571	0	0.1428571	0	0.1428571	0	0
α_Q	0	0.05	0.1	0.15	0.2	0.25	0.3	0.35	0.4	0.45	0.5	0.55	0.6	0.65	0.7	0.75	0.8	0.85	0.9

Target values

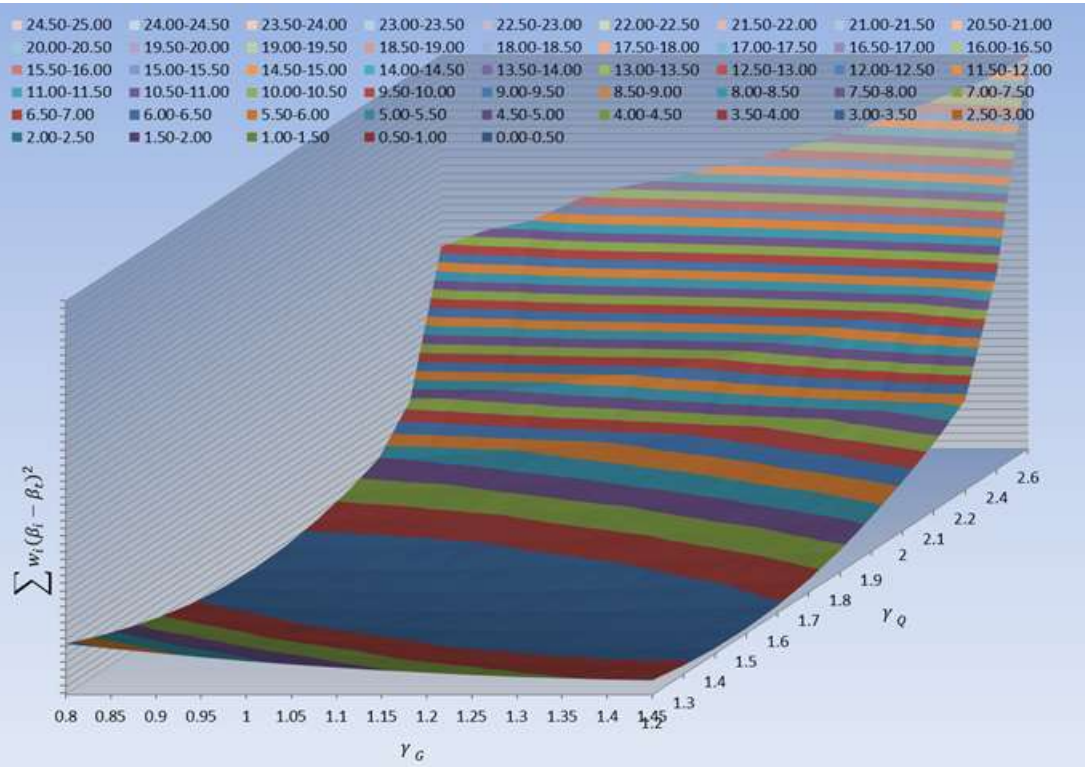
β_t 4.998

P_{ft} 1.077E-06

$\gamma_G = 1.03$

$\gamma_Q = 1.67$

$\gamma_G=1.03 \quad \gamma_Q=1.67$			$\gamma_G=1.35 \quad \gamma_Q=1.5$		
α_Q	P_f	β	α_Q	P_f	β
0.00	1.154E-02	2.27	0.00	6.809E-07	4.83
0.05	5.016E-04	3.29	0.05	3.165E-08	5.41
0.10	2.238E-05	4.08	0.10	4.914E-09	5.73
0.15	3.234E-06	4.51	0.15	4.870E-09	5.74
0.20	1.263E-06	4.71	0.20	8.097E-09	5.65
0.25	6.996E-07	4.83	0.25	1.474E-08	5.54
0.30	4.756E-07	4.90	0.30	3.255E-08	5.40
0.35	3.250E-07	4.98	0.35	6.703E-08	5.27
0.40	3.213E-07	4.98	0.40	1.277E-07	5.15
0.45	2.738E-07	5.01	0.45	2.248E-07	5.05
0.50	2.437E-07	5.03	0.50	3.681E-07	4.95
0.55	2.298E-07	5.04	0.55	6.643E-07	4.84
0.60	1.944E-07	5.07	0.60	9.529E-07	4.76
0.65	2.143E-07	5.06	0.65	1.506E-06	4.67
0.70	2.164E-07	5.05	0.70	2.245E-06	4.59
0.75	2.025E-07	5.07	0.75	3.185E-06	4.51
0.80	2.109E-07	5.06	0.80	3.804E-06	4.48
0.85	2.067E-07	5.06	0.85	5.002E-06	4.42
0.90	1.913E-07	5.08	0.90	6.359E-06	4.36
0.95	2.010E-07	5.07	0.95	8.805E-06	4.29



Case 1 - 1 year reference period - Permanent load + wind without model uncertainty

Weight factors

	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
w	0	0	0	0	0.1428571	0	0.1428571	0	0.1428571	0	0.1428571	0	0.1428571	0	0.1428571	0	0.1428571	0	0
α_Q	0	0.05	0.1	0.15	0.2	0.25	0.3	0.35	0.4	0.45	0.5	0.55	0.6	0.65	0.7	0.75	0.8	0.85	0.9

Target values

β_t 4.998

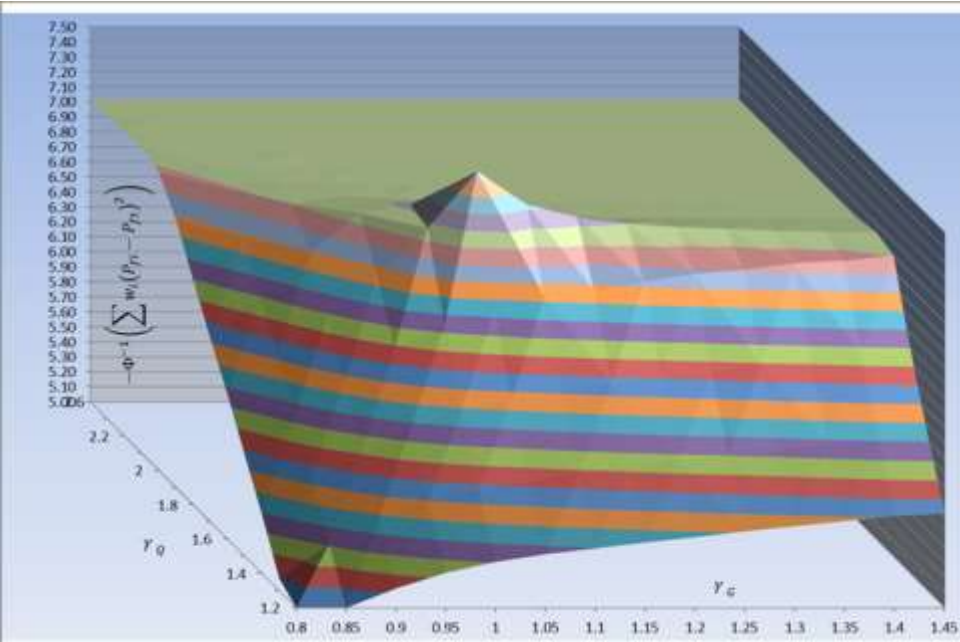
P_{ft} 1.077E-06

$\gamma_G = 1.05$

$\gamma_Q = 1.61$

3D Plot of $-\Phi^{-1} \left(\sum w_i (P_{fi} - P_{ft})^2 \right)$

$\gamma_G=1.05$		$\gamma_Q=1.61$		$\gamma_G=1.35$		$\gamma_Q=1.5$	
α_Q	P_f	β	α_Q	P_f	β	α_Q	P_f
0.00	3.644E-03	2.68	0.00	6.809E-07	4.83	0.00	6.809E-07
0.05	1.644E-04	3.59	0.05	3.165E-08	5.41	0.05	3.165E-08
0.10	1.022E-05	4.26	0.10	4.914E-09	5.73	0.10	4.914E-09
0.15	2.284E-06	4.58	0.15	4.870E-09	5.74	0.15	4.870E-09
0.20	1.239E-06	4.71	0.20	8.097E-09	5.65	0.20	8.097E-09
0.25	8.496E-07	4.79	0.25	1.474E-08	5.54	0.25	1.474E-08
0.30	7.538E-07	4.81	0.30	3.255E-08	5.40	0.30	3.255E-08
0.35	7.034E-07	4.82	0.35	6.703E-08	5.27	0.35	6.703E-08
0.40	8.125E-07	4.80	0.40	1.277E-07	5.15	0.40	1.277E-07
0.45	8.368E-07	4.79	0.45	2.248E-07	5.05	0.45	2.248E-07
0.50	7.788E-07	4.80	0.50	3.681E-07	4.95	0.50	3.681E-07
0.55	9.119E-07	4.77	0.55	6.643E-07	4.84	0.55	6.643E-07
0.60	9.808E-07	4.76	0.60	9.529E-07	4.76	0.60	9.529E-07
0.65	9.799E-07	4.76	0.65	1.506E-06	4.67	0.65	1.506E-06
0.70	1.071E-06	4.74	0.70	2.245E-06	4.59	0.70	2.245E-06
0.75	1.280E-06	4.70	0.75	3.185E-06	4.51	0.75	3.185E-06
0.80	1.252E-06	4.71	0.80	3.804E-06	4.48	0.80	3.804E-06
0.85	1.351E-06	4.69	0.85	5.002E-06	4.42	0.85	5.002E-06
0.90	1.397E-06	4.69	0.90	6.359E-06	4.36	0.90	6.359E-06
0.95	1.608E-06	4.66	0.95	8.805E-06	4.29	0.95	8.805E-06



Case 1 - 1 year reference period - Permanent load + wind with model uncertainty

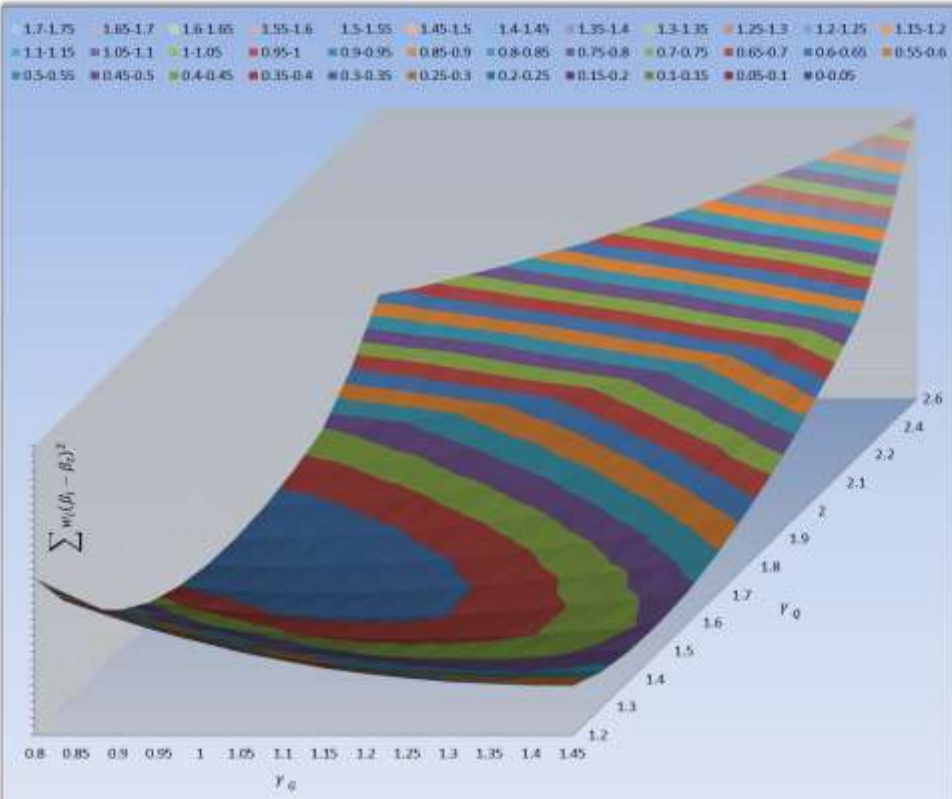
Target values

β_t 3.610

P_{ft} 2.638E-04

$\gamma_G = 0.88$

$\gamma_Q = 1.81$



$\gamma_G=0.88 \quad \gamma_Q=1.81$			$\gamma_G=1.35 \quad \gamma_Q=1.5$		
α_Q	P_f	β	α_Q	P_f	β
0.00	7.324E-02	1.45	0.00	6.809E-07	4.83
0.05	4.495E-03	2.61	0.05	5.318E-08	5.32
0.10	3.641E-04	3.38	0.10	2.343E-07	5.04
0.15	1.514E-04	3.61	0.15	2.233E-06	4.59
0.20	1.244E-04	3.66	0.20	9.024E-06	4.29
0.25	1.236E-04	3.67	0.25	2.435E-05	4.06
0.30	1.295E-04	3.65	0.30	4.892E-05	3.90
0.35	1.377E-04	3.64	0.35	8.397E-05	3.76
0.40	1.471E-04	3.62	0.40	1.265E-04	3.66
0.45	1.570E-04	3.60	0.45	1.809E-04	3.57
0.50	1.578E-04	3.60	0.50	2.325E-04	3.50
0.55	1.682E-04	3.59	0.55	2.865E-04	3.44
0.60	1.691E-04	3.58	0.60	3.579E-04	3.38
0.65	1.702E-04	3.58	0.65	4.063E-04	3.35
0.70	1.805E-04	3.57	0.70	4.672E-04	3.31
0.75	1.814E-04	3.57	0.75	5.426E-04	3.27
0.80	1.822E-04	3.56	0.80	6.046E-04	3.24
0.85	1.831E-04	3.56	0.85	6.468E-04	3.22
0.90	1.932E-04	3.55	0.90	7.323E-04	3.18
0.95	1.939E-04	3.55	0.95	7.951E-04	3.16

Case 1 - 1 year reference period - Permanent load + wind with model uncertainty

Target values

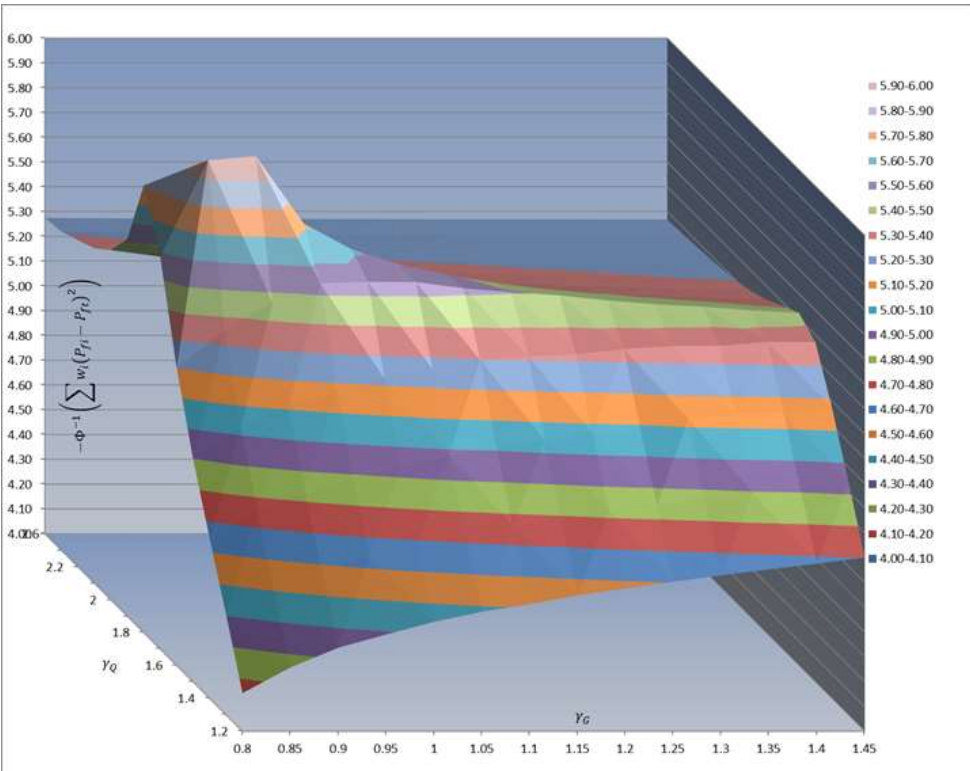
β_t 3.610

P_{ft} 2.638E-04

$\gamma_G = 0.88$

$\gamma_Q = 1.70$

3D Plot of $-\Phi^{-1} \left(\sum w_i (P_{fi} - P_{ft})^2 \right)$



$\gamma_G=0.88 \quad \gamma_Q=1.70$			$\gamma_G=1.35 \quad \gamma_Q=1.5$		
α_Q	P_f	β	α_Q	P_f	β
0.00	7.324E-02	1.45	0.00	6.809E-07	4.83
0.05	5.524E-03	2.54	0.05	5.318E-08	5.32
0.10	5.428E-04	3.27	0.10	2.343E-07	5.04
0.15	2.241E-04	3.51	0.15	2.233E-06	4.59
0.20	2.068E-04	3.53	0.20	9.024E-06	4.29
0.25	1.972E-04	3.54	0.25	2.435E-05	4.06
0.30	2.188E-04	3.52	0.30	4.892E-05	3.90
0.35	2.170E-04	3.52	0.35	8.397E-05	3.76
0.40	2.343E-04	3.50	0.40	1.265E-04	3.66
0.45	2.395E-04	3.49	0.45	1.809E-04	3.57
0.50	2.612E-04	3.47	0.50	2.325E-04	3.50
0.55	2.695E-04	3.46	0.55	2.865E-04	3.44
0.60	2.640E-04	3.47	0.60	3.579E-04	3.38
0.65	2.741E-04	3.46	0.65	4.063E-04	3.35
0.70	2.848E-04	3.45	0.70	4.672E-04	3.31
0.75	2.960E-04	3.44	0.75	5.426E-04	3.27
0.80	2.928E-04	3.44	0.80	6.046E-04	3.24
0.85	3.047E-04	3.43	0.85	6.468E-04	3.22
0.90	3.021E-04	3.43	0.90	7.323E-04	3.18
0.95	3.147E-04	3.42	0.95	7.951E-04	3.16

Case 1 - 50 year reference period - Permanent load + wind without model uncertainty

Weight factors

	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
w	0	0	0	0	0.1428571	0	0.1428571	0	0.1428571	0	0.1428571	0	0.1428571	0	0.1428571	0	0.1428571	0	0
α_Q	0	0.05	0.1	0.15	0.2	0.25	0.3	0.35	0.4	0.45	0.5	0.55	0.6	0.65	0.7	0.75	0.8	0.85	0.9

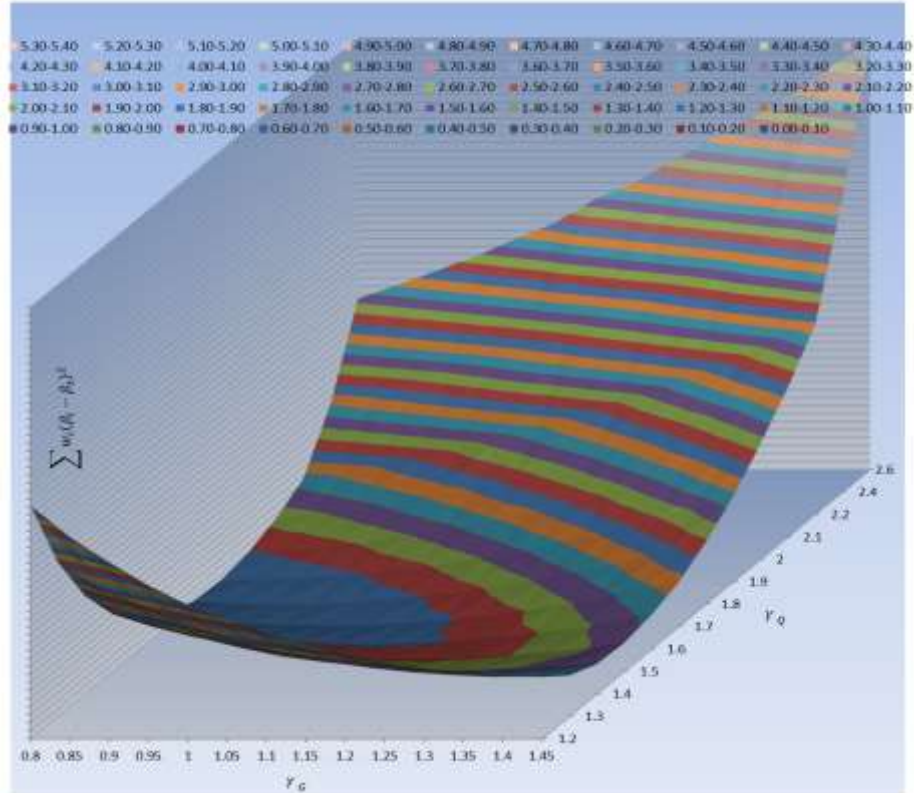
Target values

β_t 3.521

P_{ft} 5.464E-04

$\gamma_G = 0.91$

$\gamma_Q = 1.80$



$\gamma_G=0.91$ $\gamma_Q=1.80$			$\gamma_G=1.35$ $\gamma_Q=1.5$		
α_Q	P_f	β	α_Q	P_f	β
0.00	7.324E-02	1.45	0.00	6.809E-07	4.83
0.05	1.329E-02	2.22	0.05	2.348E-07	5.04
0.10	2.328E-03	2.83	0.10	2.732E-07	5.01
0.15	6.082E-04	3.24	0.15	1.113E-06	4.73
0.20	3.092E-04	3.42	0.20	4.480E-06	4.44
0.25	2.278E-04	3.51	0.25	1.410E-05	4.19
0.30	2.035E-04	3.54	0.30	3.681E-05	3.96
0.35	1.836E-04	3.56	0.35	8.001E-05	3.77
0.40	1.799E-04	3.57	0.40	1.488E-04	3.62
0.45	1.881E-04	3.56	0.45	2.439E-04	3.49
0.50	1.913E-04	3.55	0.50	3.599E-04	3.38
0.55	1.902E-04	3.55	0.55	4.855E-04	3.30
0.60	2.005E-04	3.54	0.60	6.512E-04	3.22
0.65	2.073E-04	3.53	0.65	8.683E-04	3.13
0.70	2.109E-04	3.53	0.70	1.076E-03	3.07
0.75	2.118E-04	3.52	0.75	1.249E-03	3.02
0.80	2.103E-04	3.53	0.80	1.547E-03	2.96
0.85	2.215E-04	3.51	0.85	1.691E-03	2.93
0.90	2.160E-04	3.52	0.90	1.971E-03	2.88
0.95	2.234E-04	3.51	0.95	2.298E-03	2.83

Case 1 - 50 year reference period - Permanent load + wind without model uncertainty

Weight factors

	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
w	0	0	0	0	0.1428571	0	0.1428571	0	0.1428571	0	0.1428571	0	0.1428571	0	0.1428571	0	0.1428571	0	0
α_Q	0	0.05	0.1	0.15	0.2	0.25	0.3	0.35	0.4	0.45	0.5	0.55	0.6	0.65	0.7	0.75	0.8	0.85	0.9

Target values

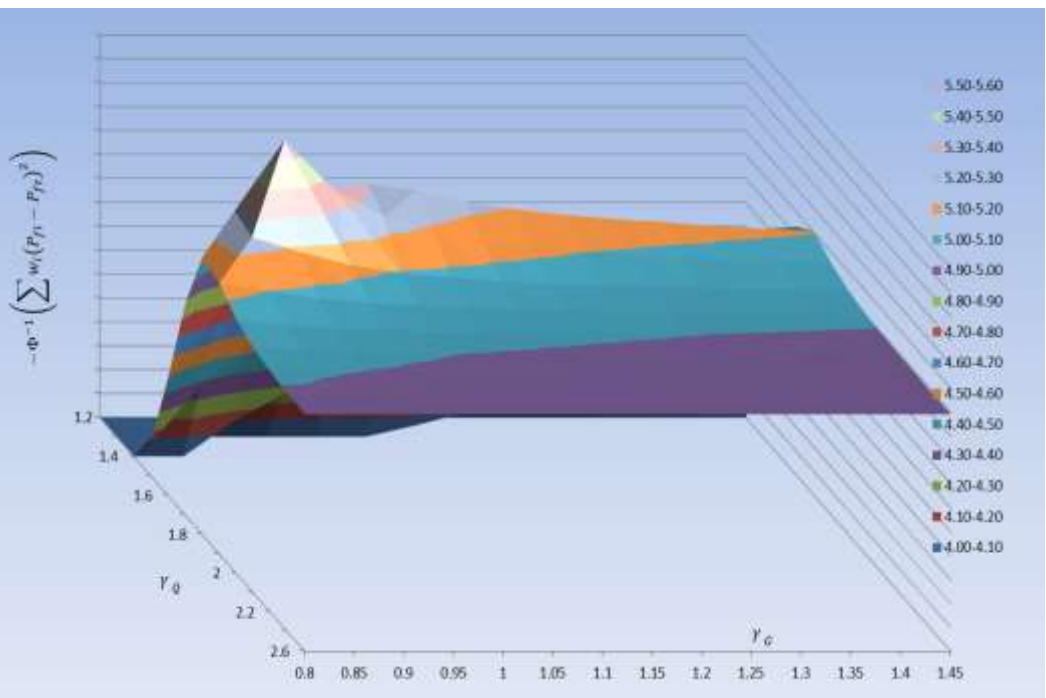
β_t 3.521
 P_{ft} 5.464E-04

$\gamma_G = 0.90$

$\gamma_Q = 1.70$

3D Plot of $-\Phi^{-1} \left(\sum w_i (P_{fi} - P_{ft})^2 \right)$

$\gamma_G=0.90$ $\gamma_Q=1.70$			$\gamma_G=1.35$ $\gamma_Q=1.5$		
α_Q	P_f	β	α_Q	P_f	β
0.00	7.324E-02	1.45	0.00	6.809E-07	4.83
0.05	1.754E-02	2.11	0.05	2.348E-07	5.04
0.10	3.793E-03	2.67	0.10	2.732E-07	5.01
0.15	1.241E-03	3.03	0.15	1.113E-06	4.73
0.20	6.633E-04	3.21	0.20	4.480E-06	4.44
0.25	4.579E-04	3.32	0.25	1.410E-05	4.19
0.30	4.382E-04	3.33	0.30	3.681E-05	3.96
0.35	3.887E-04	3.36	0.35	8.001E-05	3.77
0.40	4.153E-04	3.34	0.40	1.488E-04	3.62
0.45	4.007E-04	3.35	0.45	2.439E-04	3.49
0.50	4.144E-04	3.34	0.50	3.599E-04	3.38
0.55	4.216E-04	3.34	0.55	4.855E-04	3.30
0.60	4.232E-04	3.34	0.60	6.512E-04	3.22
0.65	4.514E-04	3.32	0.65	8.683E-04	3.13
0.70	4.431E-04	3.32	0.70	1.076E-03	3.07
0.75	4.620E-04	3.31	0.75	1.249E-03	3.02
0.80	4.771E-04	3.30	0.80	1.547E-03	2.96
0.85	4.887E-04	3.30	0.85	1.691E-03	2.93
0.90	4.972E-04	3.29	0.90	1.971E-03	2.88
0.95	5.029E-04	3.29	0.95	2.298E-03	2.83



Case 1 - 50 year reference period - Permanent load + wind with model uncertainty

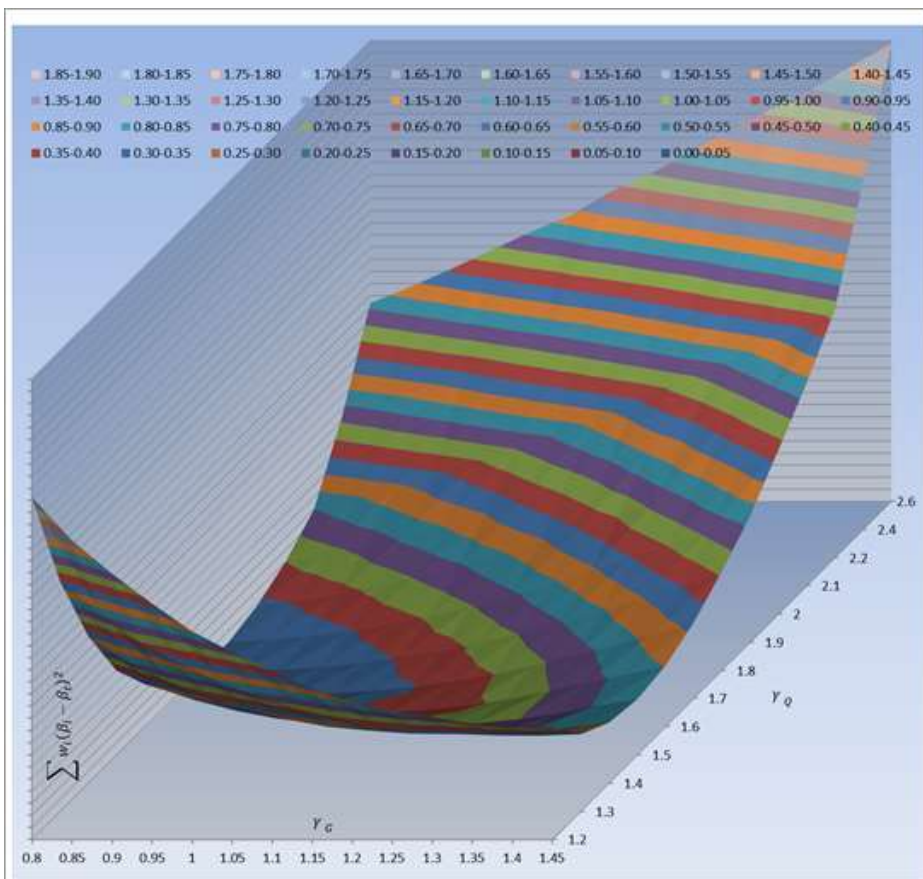
Target values

β_t 2.451

P_{ft} 1.071E-02

$\gamma_G = 0.87$

$\gamma_Q = 1.83$



$\gamma_G=0.87$ $\gamma_Q=1.83$			$\gamma_G=1.35$ $\gamma_Q=1.5$		
α_Q	P_f	β	α_Q	P_f	β
0.00	2.912E-01	0.55	0.00	3.435E-04	3.39
0.05	1.687E-02	2.12	0.05	9.135E-07	4.77
0.10	7.004E-03	2.46	0.10	1.913E-05	4.12
0.15	5.370E-03	2.55	0.15	1.507E-04	3.61
0.20	5.118E-03	2.57	0.20	5.878E-04	3.24
0.25	5.485E-03	2.54	0.25	1.414E-03	2.99
0.30	6.132E-03	2.50	0.30	2.526E-03	2.80
0.35	6.212E-03	2.50	0.35	4.180E-03	2.64
0.40	6.873E-03	2.46	0.40	5.812E-03	2.52
0.45	7.040E-03	2.46	0.45	7.734E-03	2.42
0.50	7.075E-03	2.45	0.50	1.035E-02	2.31
0.55	7.370E-03	2.44	0.55	1.211E-02	2.25
0.60	7.884E-03	2.41	0.60	1.399E-02	2.20
0.65	8.096E-03	2.40	0.65	1.683E-02	2.12
0.70	7.966E-03	2.41	0.70	1.857E-02	2.08
0.75	8.446E-03	2.39	0.75	2.109E-02	2.03
0.80	8.540E-03	2.38	0.80	2.314E-02	1.99
0.85	8.725E-03	2.38	0.85	2.452E-02	1.97
0.90	8.487E-03	2.39	0.90	2.645E-02	1.94
0.95	8.812E-03	2.37	0.95	2.898E-02	1.90

Case 1 - 50 year reference period - Permanent load + wind with model uncertainty

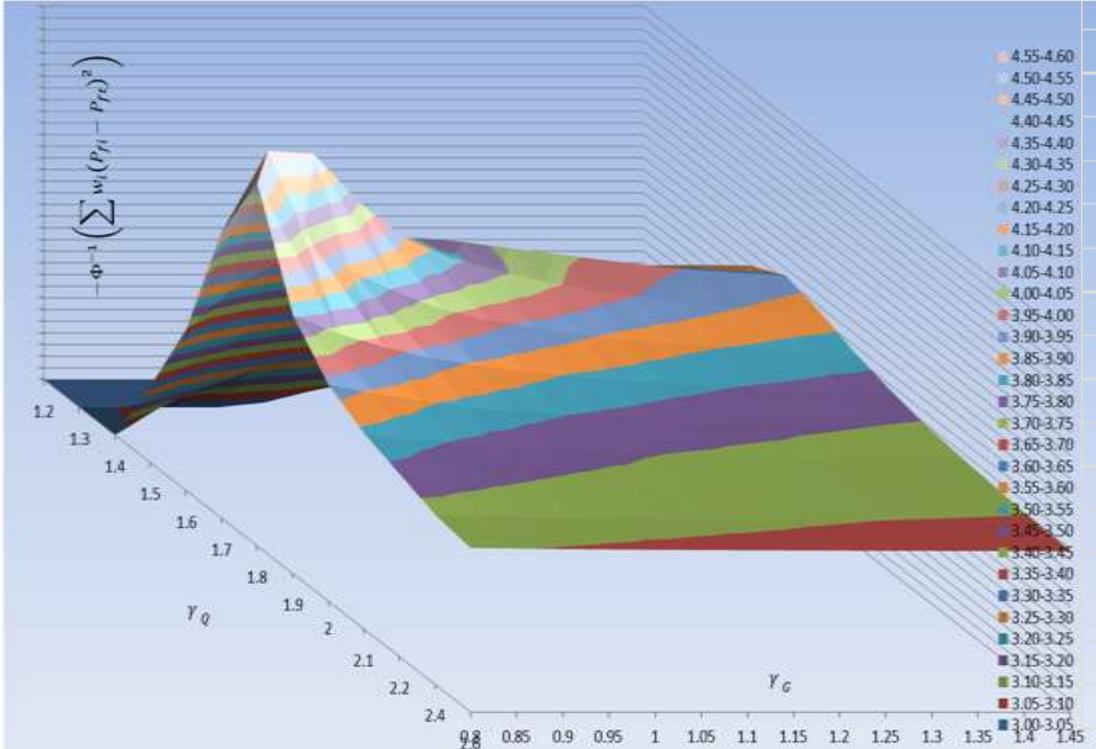
Target values

β_t 2.451
 P_{ft} 1.071E-02

$\gamma_G = 0.87$

$\gamma_Q = 1.72$

3D Plot of $-\Phi^{-1} \left(\sum w_i (P_{fi} - P_{ft})^2 \right)$



$\gamma_G=0.87$ $\gamma_Q=1.72$			$\gamma_G=1.35$ $\gamma_Q=1.5$		
α_Q	P_f	β	α_Q	P_f	β
0.00	2.912E-01	0.55	0.00	3.435E-04	3.39
0.05	2.028E-02	2.05	0.05	9.135E-07	4.77
0.10	9.841E-03	2.33	0.10	1.913E-05	4.12
0.15	7.822E-03	2.42	0.15	1.507E-04	3.61
0.20	7.855E-03	2.42	0.20	5.878E-04	3.24
0.25	8.287E-03	2.40	0.25	1.414E-03	2.99
0.30	9.289E-03	2.35	0.30	2.526E-03	2.80
0.35	9.564E-03	2.34	0.35	4.180E-03	2.64
0.40	1.010E-02	2.32	0.40	5.812E-03	2.52
0.45	1.067E-02	2.30	0.45	7.734E-03	2.42
0.50	1.110E-02	2.29	0.50	1.035E-02	2.31
0.55	1.125E-02	2.28	0.55	1.211E-02	2.25
0.60	1.176E-02	2.26	0.60	1.399E-02	2.20
0.65	1.185E-02	2.26	0.65	1.683E-02	2.12
0.70	1.217E-02	2.25	0.70	1.857E-02	2.08
0.75	1.271E-02	2.24	0.75	2.109E-02	2.03
0.80	1.268E-02	2.24	0.80	2.314E-02	1.99
0.85	1.280E-02	2.23	0.85	2.452E-02	1.97
0.90	1.305E-02	2.22	0.90	2.645E-02	1.94
0.95	1.342E-02	2.21	0.95	2.898E-02	1.90

Summary of the sensitivity study (50 years reference)

			Wind with model uncertainty 50 years reference period			Wind without model uncertainty 50 years reference period		
				$\gamma_{G,new}$	$\gamma_{Q,new}$		$\gamma_{G,new}$	$\gamma_{Q,new}$
Case 1		β_t	2.451	0.87	1.83	3.521	0.91	1.80
		P_{Rk}	1.07E-02	0.87	1.72	5.46E-04	0.90	1.70
	Subcase 1.1	β_t						
		P_{Rk}						
Case 2		β_t	2.755	0.90	2.01	3.814	1.01	1.89
		P_{Rk}	7.41E-03	0.90	1.80	3.25E-04	1.01	1.73
Case 3		β_t	3.114	0.99	2.16	4.086	1.12	1.93
		P_{Rk}	4.26E-03	0.96	1.90	1.38E-04	1.11	1.72
	Subcase 3.1	β_t				4.085	1.10	1.90
		P_{Rk}				1.25E-04	1.11	1.72
Case 4		β_t	2.346	0.78	1.80	3.405	0.94	1.72
		P_{Rk}	1.26E-02	0.85	1.70	6.62E-04	0.85	1.70
Case 5		β_t	3.289	0.99	2.36	4.392	1.19	1.88
		P_{Rk}	4.47E-03	0.95	1.90	6.08E-05	1.15	1.79

Summary of the sensitivity study (1 year reference)

			Wind with model uncertainty 1 year reference period			Wind without model uncertainty 1 year reference period		
				$\gamma_{G,new}$	$\gamma_{Q,new}$		$\gamma_{G,new}$	$\gamma_{Q,new}$
Case 1		β_1	3.610	0.88	1.81	4.998	1.03	1.67
		P_{R1}	2.64E-04	0.88	1.70	1.08E-06	1.05	1.61
	Subcase 1.1	β_1	3.594	0.87	1.83			
		P_{R1}	2.59E-04	0.88	1.71			
Case 2		β_1	3.868	0.94	1.98	5.177	1.15	1.68
		P_{R1}	1.78E-04	0.96	1.74	5.34E-07	1.16	1.62
Case 3		β_1	4.123	1.06	2.10	5.307	1.27	1.62
		P_{R1}	9.64E-05	1.06	1.81	1.68E-07	1.30	1.61
	Subcase 3.1	β_1						
		P_{R1}						
Case 4		β_1	3.524	0.76	1.80	4.9	1.11	1.63
		P_{R1}	3.10E-04	0.85	1.70	1.52E-06	1.00	1.61
Case 5		β_1	4.426	1.16	2.28	5.431	1.30	1.60
		P_{R1}	4.81E-05	1.06	2.01	7.56E-08	1.31	1.63

Conclusions

Target reliability and then the solution is strongly influenced on the considered cases and on the model uncertainty;

shifting the considered α_Q window results vary (even taking into account different number of subintervals can have some effect)

for the same case, partial factors γ_Q “calibrated” referring to β and partial factors calibrated referring to P_f can differ up to 0.3 - 0.4, while γ_G factors look very close due to small COV and no model uncertainty ;

In general, γ_Q values calibrated referring to P_f are smaller and less sensitive to model uncertainty than those calibrated with respect β

The $-\Phi^{-1} \left(\sum w_i (P_{fi} - P_{ft})^2 \right)$ surfaces are characterized by extensive plateau indicating that the region of optimal solutions in terms of probability of failure is much more wide than crudely indicated by the maximum;

Conclusions

Considering one variable action characterized by high COV and high model uncertainty and one permanent action characterized by small COV could lead to capricious results: in effect, surprisingly, increasing the relevance (case 3) or the relative weights (case 5) of permanent loads results in a moderate increase of γ_G and in a much more evident increase of γ_Q ;

Since the calibration tends to uniform the calculated reliability, it increases the reliability in the region where α_Q is high and it reduces the reliability in the region where α_Q is low. But, comparing the figures before and after the calibration, it is evident that the decrease of the reliability in region where permanent actions dominates could be unacceptable. In addition, it should be considered that permanent actions are always present and that structures sensitive to them cannot rely on hidden safety.

Conclusions

Hidden safety resources are often invoked to justify the apparent reduced reliability of structures whose design is dominated by variable actions (characterized by high COV). Disregarding hidden safety could affect effective reliability in high α_Q , but, at present, hidden safety cannot be quantified.

From the engineering point of view, tackling the calibration of partial factors as a pure mathematical challenge could lead to manifestly bizarre results.

As already discussed, in many cases it results $\gamma_G < 1$, especially when model uncertainty dominates; clearly, such finding cannot be accepted.

The procedure, if not accompanied by sound engineering judgement, could lead in a very wrong direction: paradoxically, the effect of an increase of the uncertainty is not only, as expected, an increase of γ_Q , but also a parallel, even relatively more pronounced, decrease of γ_G .

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