

Fatigue and aircraft diagnostic systems

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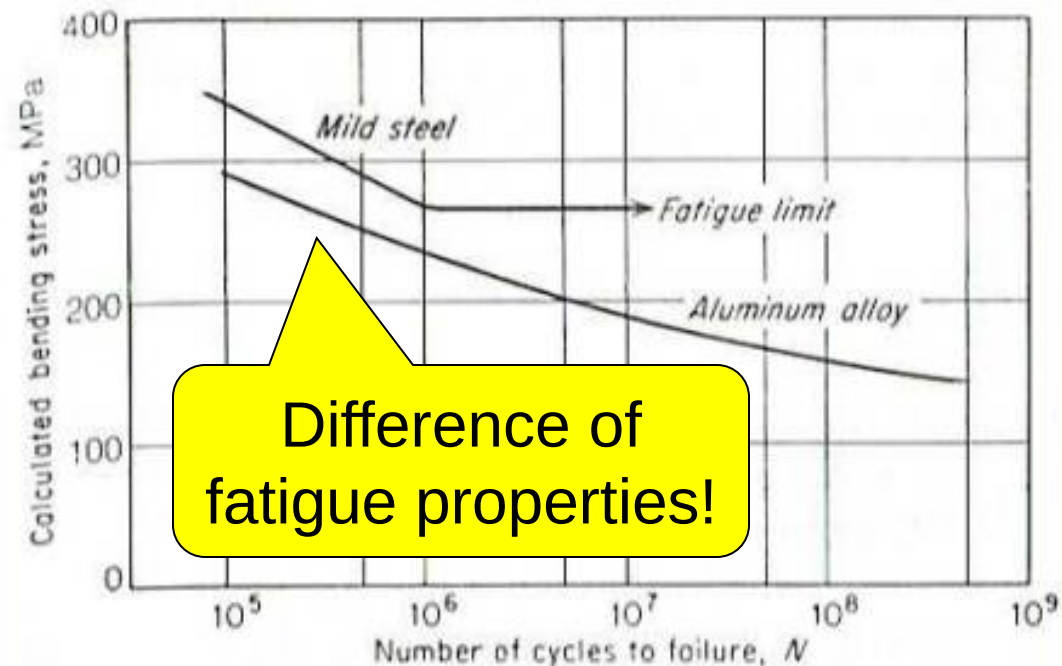
Factors causing fatigue failure

- 1) A maximum tensile stress of sufficiently high value.
- 2) A large amount of variation or fluctuation in the applied stresses
- 3) A sufficiently large number of cycles of the applied loads



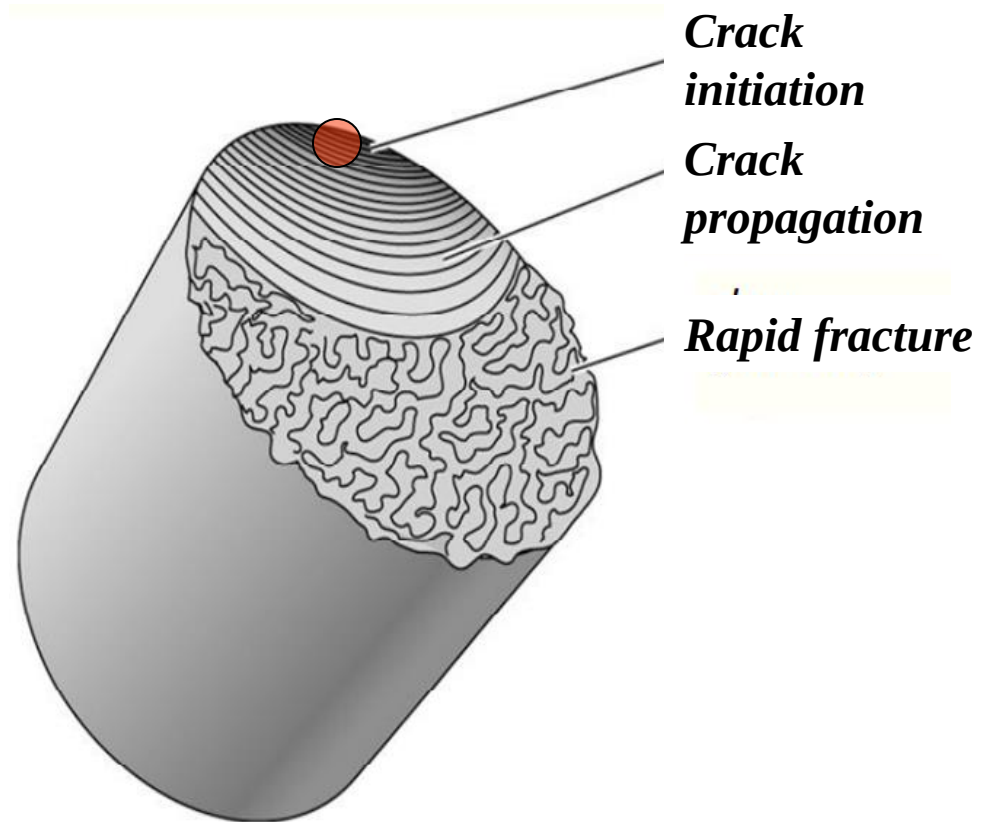
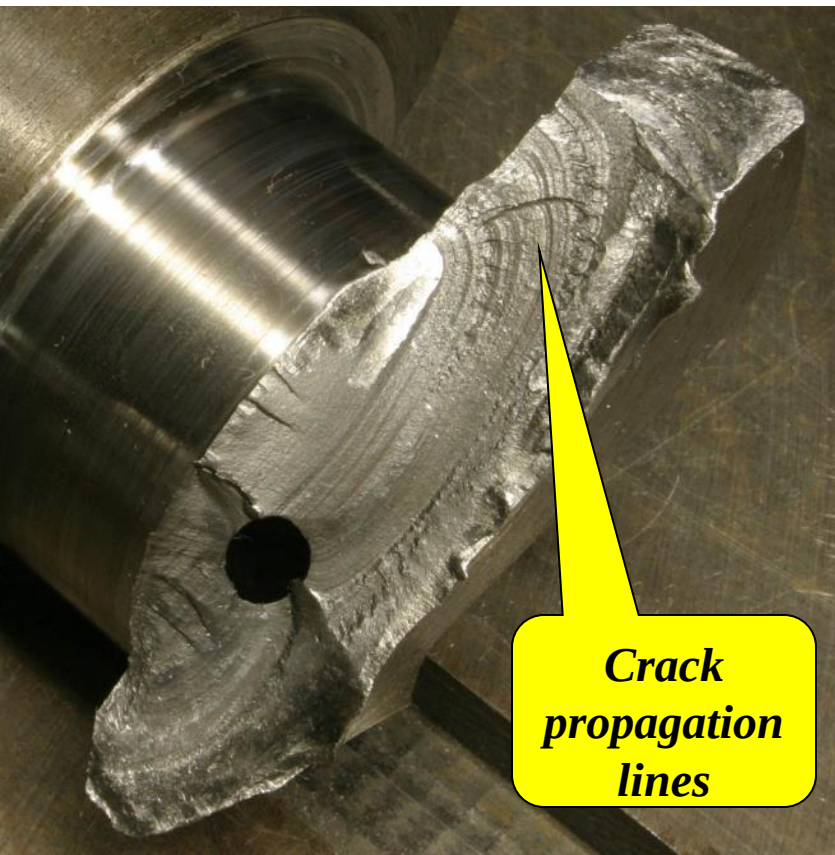
Other factors:

- Stress concentration
- Corrosion
- Temperature
- Overload
- Metallurgical structure
- Residual stress
- Combined stress

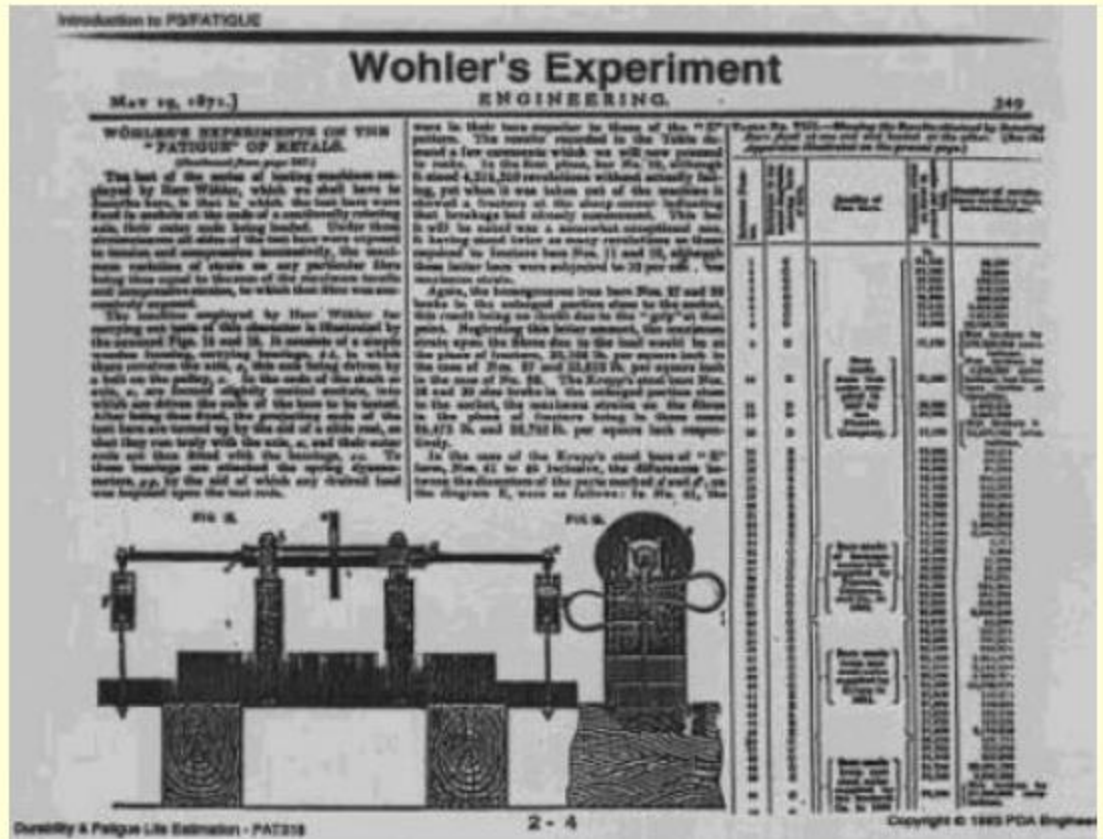


Introduction

Fatigue phenomenon



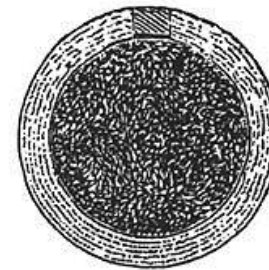
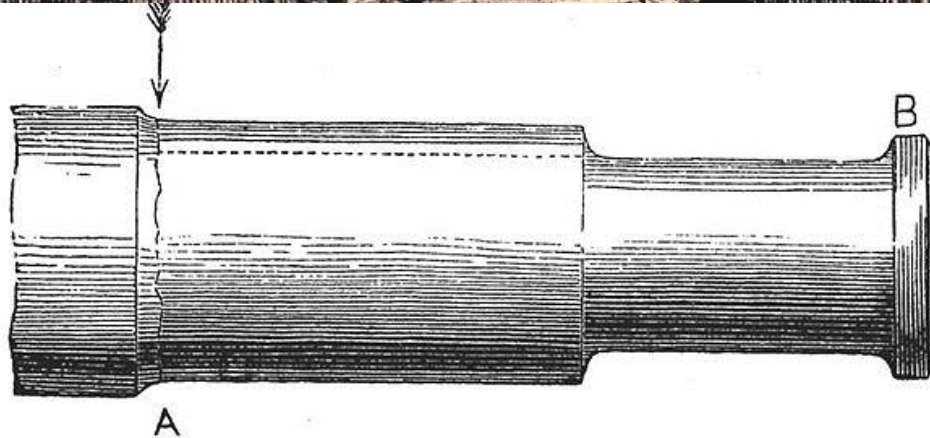
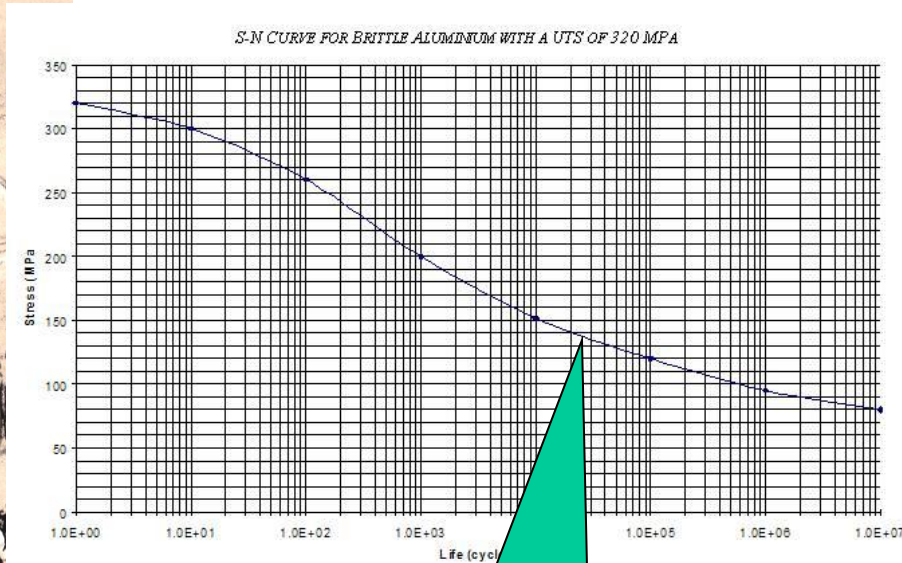
Introduction



Early 20th Century
Beginning of materials & design structures investigations regarding
problem of fatigue

Industrial revolution - raise of interest regarding fatigue properties of the materials

Investigations of railway disasters
- the first fatigue works



Wöhler
curve
(S-N curve)

Works of **August Wöhler** (22 June 1819 – 21 March 1914)

Aeronautics, 1950s - impulse for considering fatigue as a crucial problem of technical safety



Series of catastrophic accidents of the first passenger jet - raise of interest in subject of fatigue properties of the aeronautical structures

The **de Havilland Comet** was the world's first commercial jet airliner to reach production.^[N 1] Developed and manufactured by de Havilland, it first flew in 1949 and was considered a landmark in British aeronautical design. After introduction into commercial service, the initial Comet versions suffered from catastrophic metal fatigue, causing two well-publicised accidents.

The Comet had to be withdrawn and was redesigned. The Comet 4 series subsequently enjoyed a long and productive career of over 30 years, although sales never fully recovered.

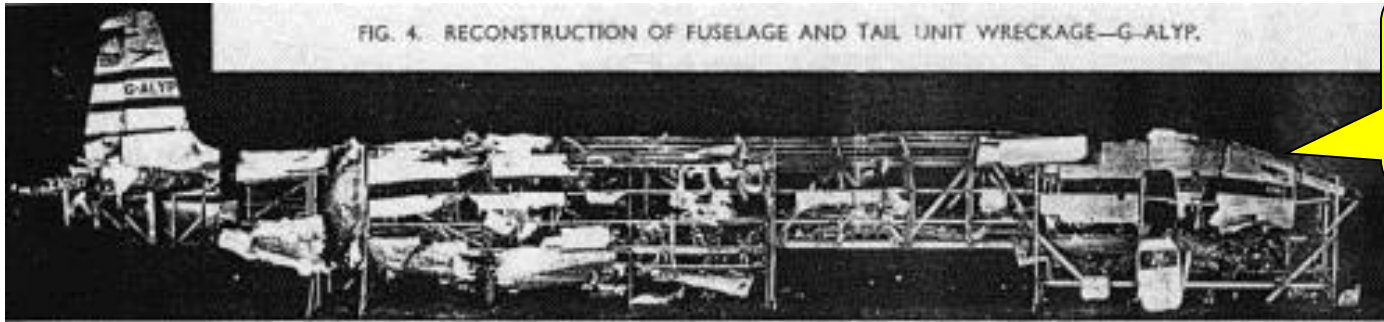
Accidents and incidents of the DH-106 COMET

- ☐ • 26 October 1952: Comet 1 G-ALYZ of BOAC crashed on takeoff from Rome-Ciampino Airport, Italy
- ☐ • 3 March 1953: Comet 1 CF-CUN of Canadian Pacific Airlines stalled on takeoff at Karachi, Pakistan
- ☐ • 2 May 1953: Comet 1 G-ALYV of BOAC crashed at Calcutta, India
- ☐ • 25 June 1953: Comet 1 F-BGSC of Union Aeromaritime de Transport skidded off a runway at Dakar, Senegal, damaged beyond repair
- ☐ • 15 July 1953: A BOAC Comet landed at Juhu Aerodrome instead of Santacruz Airport, Bombay. The aircraft was flown out some nine days later
- ☐ • 10 January 1954: Comet 1 G-ALYP of BOAC, operating Flight 781, crashed into the sea south of Elba, Italy
- ☐ • 8 April 1954: Comet 1 G-ALYY of BOAC, operating a charter as South African Airways Flight 201, crashed into the sea north of Stromboli, Italy
- 13 September 1957: Comet 2R XK663 of No. 192 Squadron RAF damaged beyond repair in a hangar fire



De Havilland DH-106 Comet

FIG. 4. RECONSTRUCTION OF FUSELAGE AND TAIL UNIT WRECKAGE—G-ALYP.



Investigations
of the reasons

Fatigue
tests

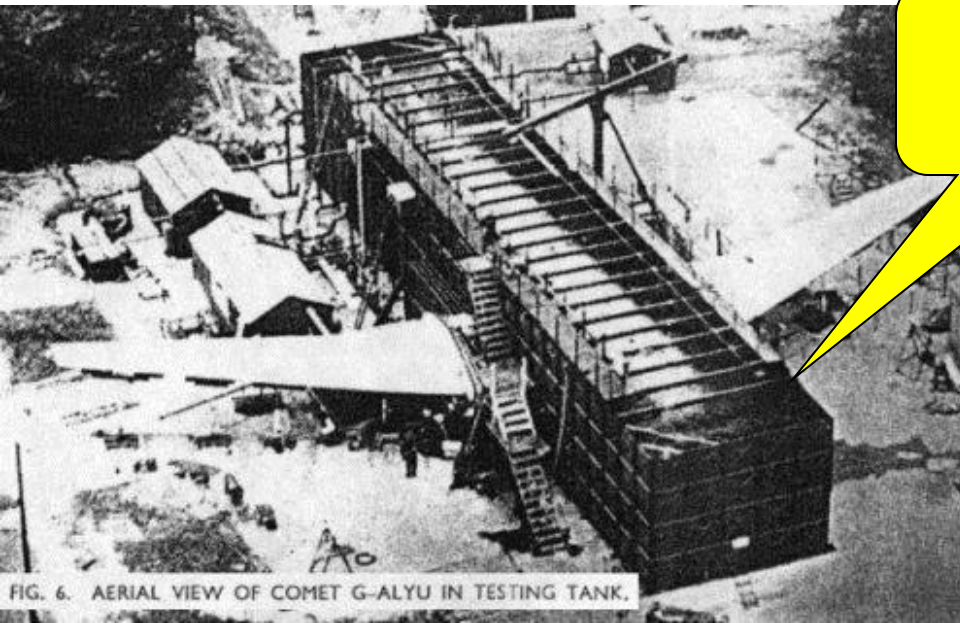
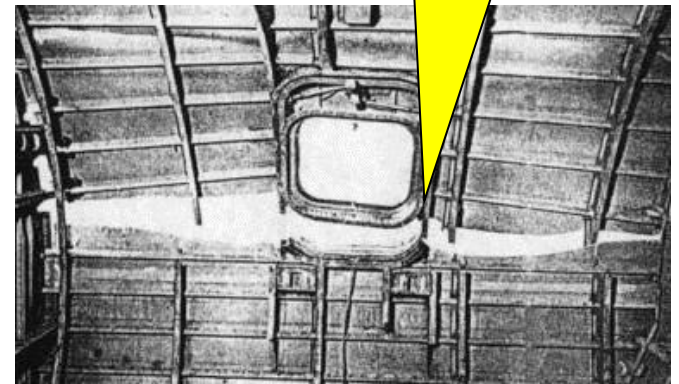
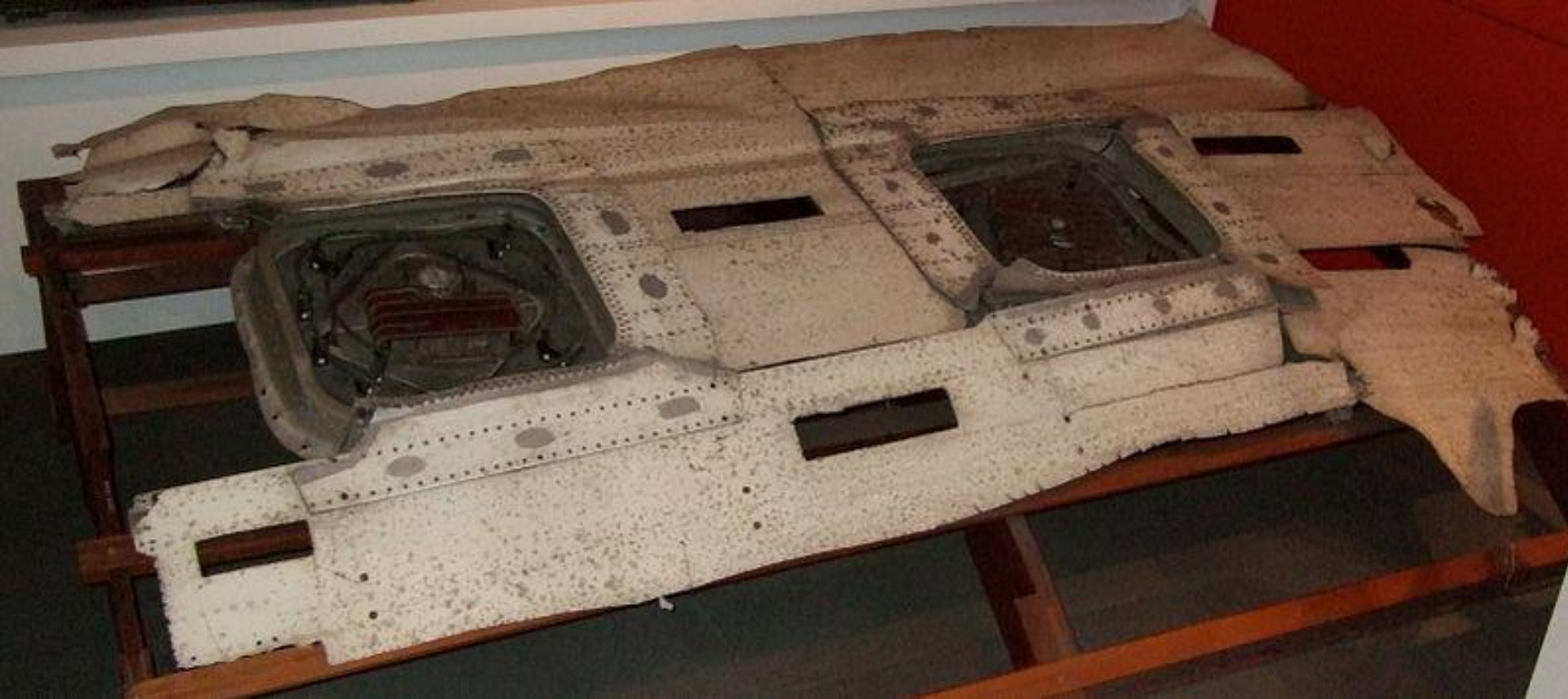


FIG. 6. AERIAL VIEW OF COMET G-ALYU IN TESTING TANK.

Fatigue
damage !!!



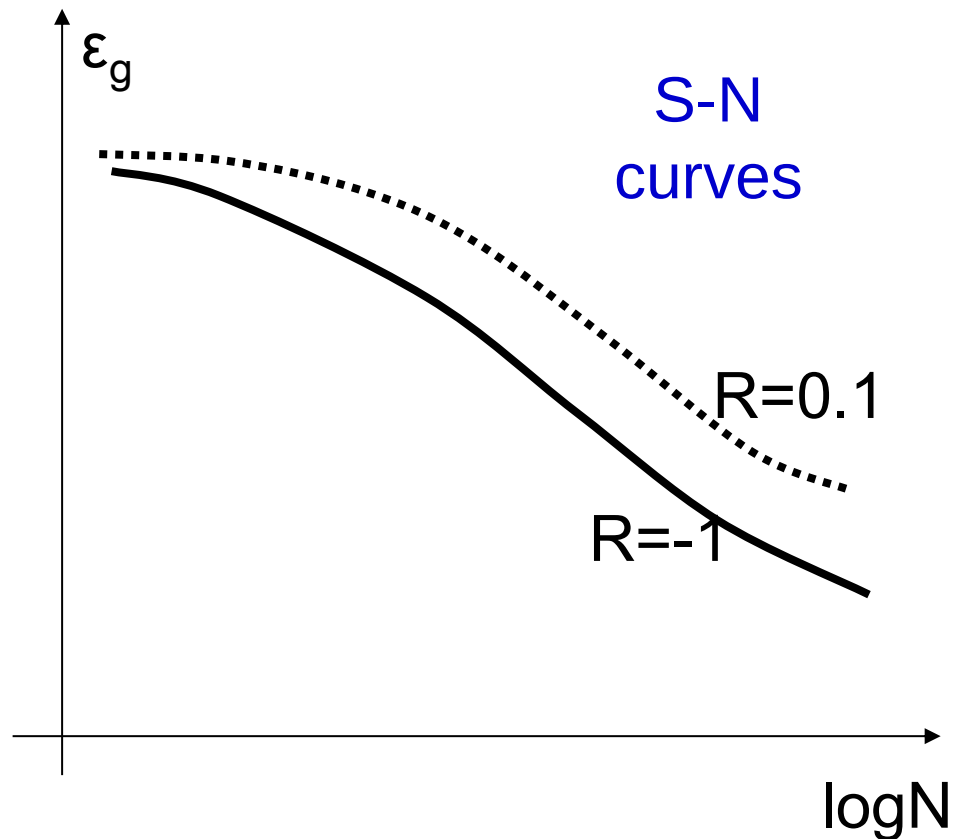


Fuselage of de Havilland Comet Airliner G-ALYP

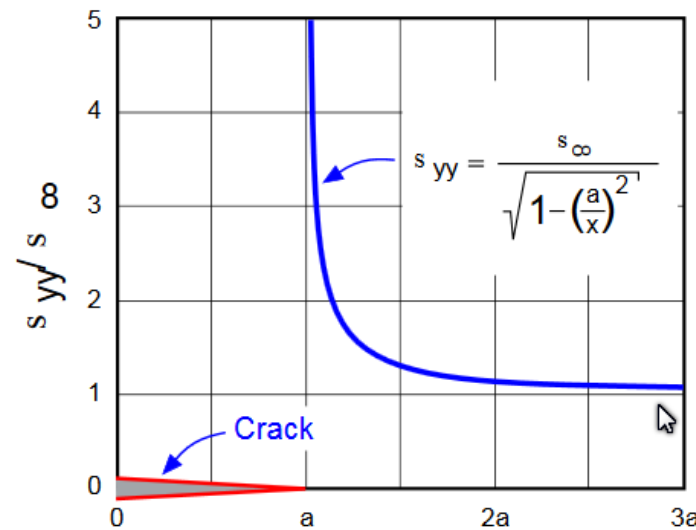
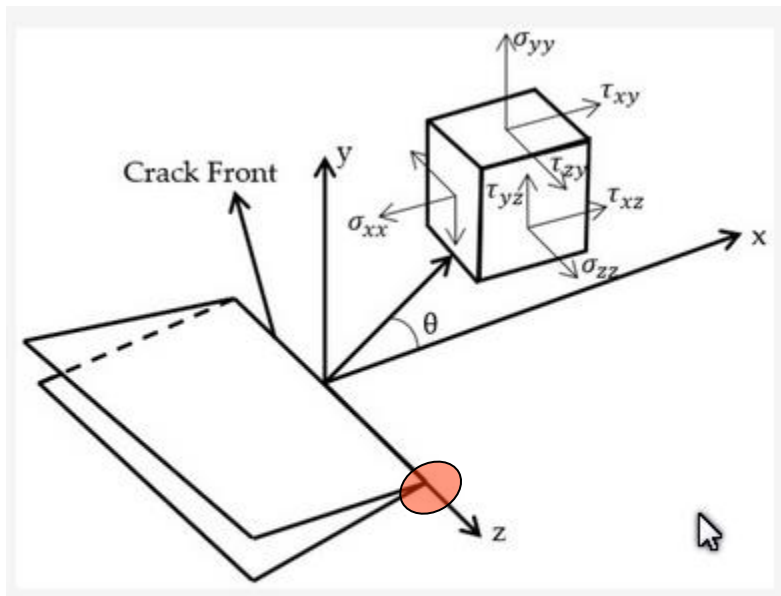
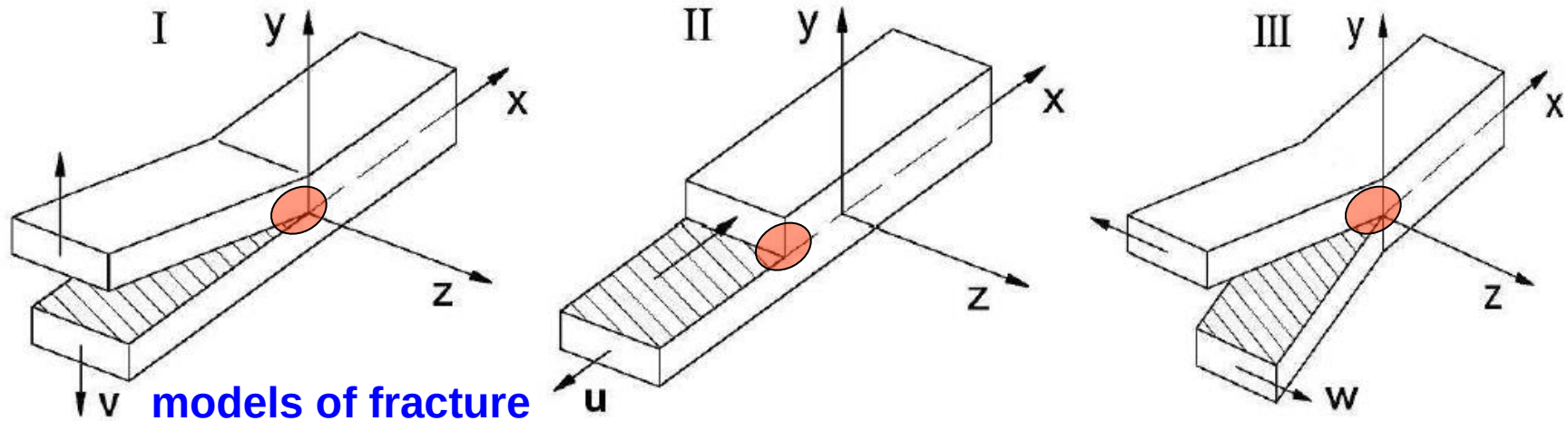
Method I – accumulation of fatigue damage

Original Palmgren – Miner formula

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^l \frac{n_i}{N_i} = 1$$



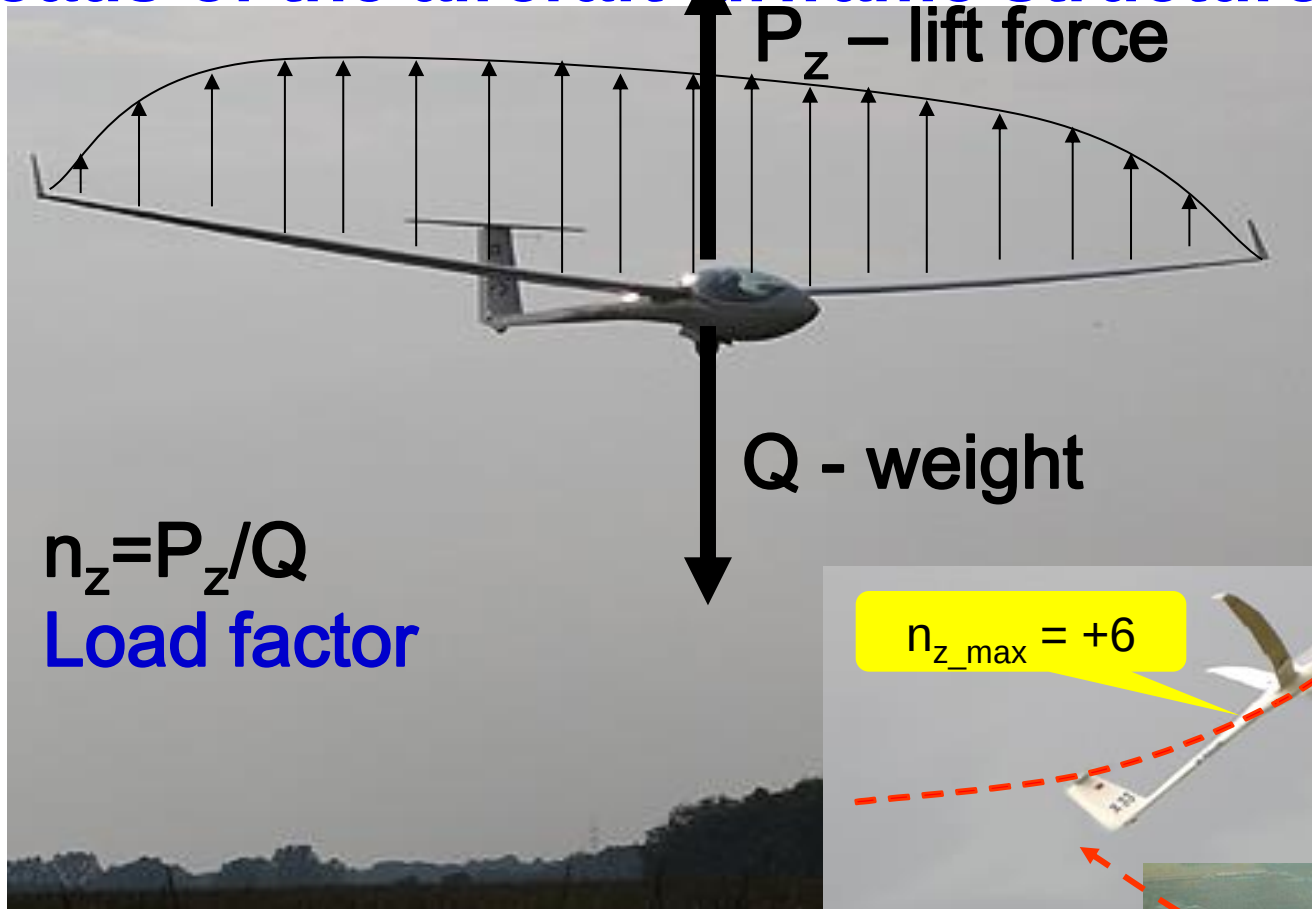
Method II – study of crack development – critical length of the crack, probability of detection



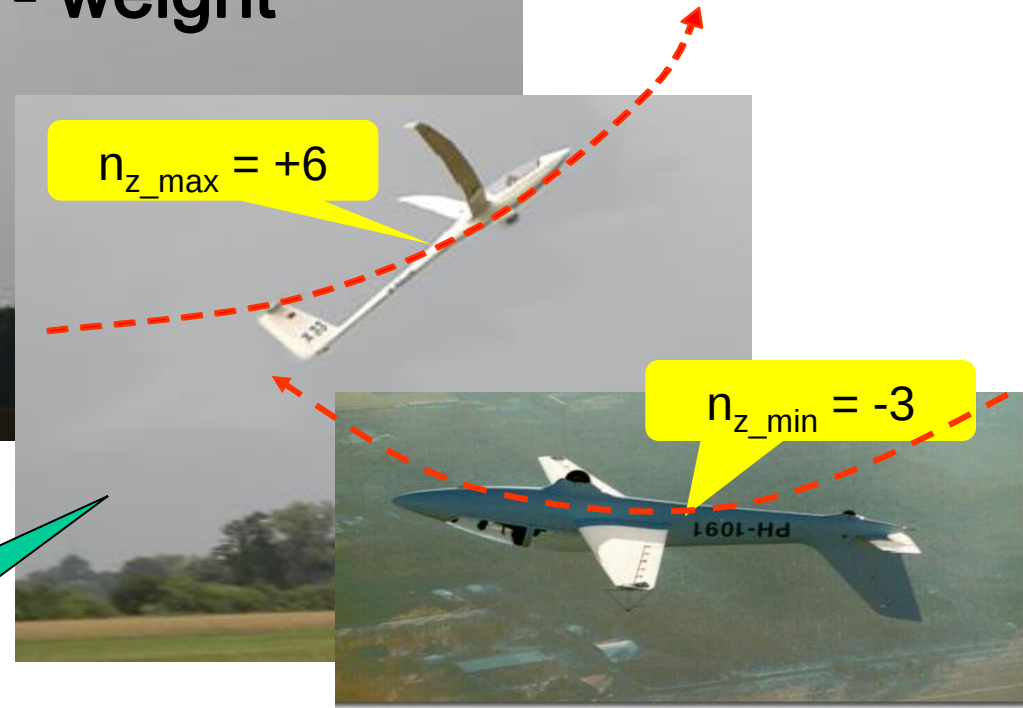
$$K = \sigma_{\infty} \sqrt{\pi a}$$

Stress Intensity Factor

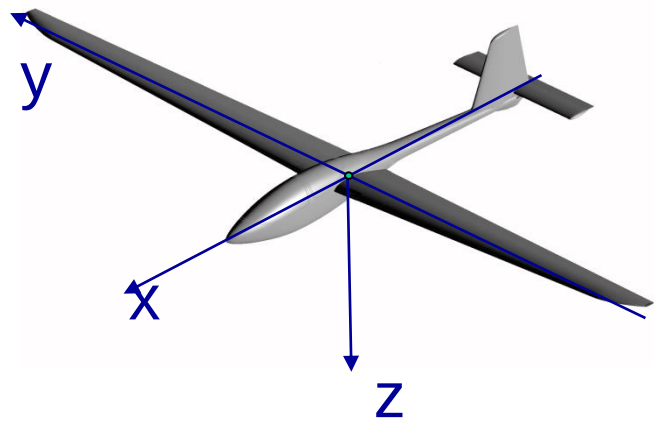
Loads of the aircraft airframe structure & Load Factor



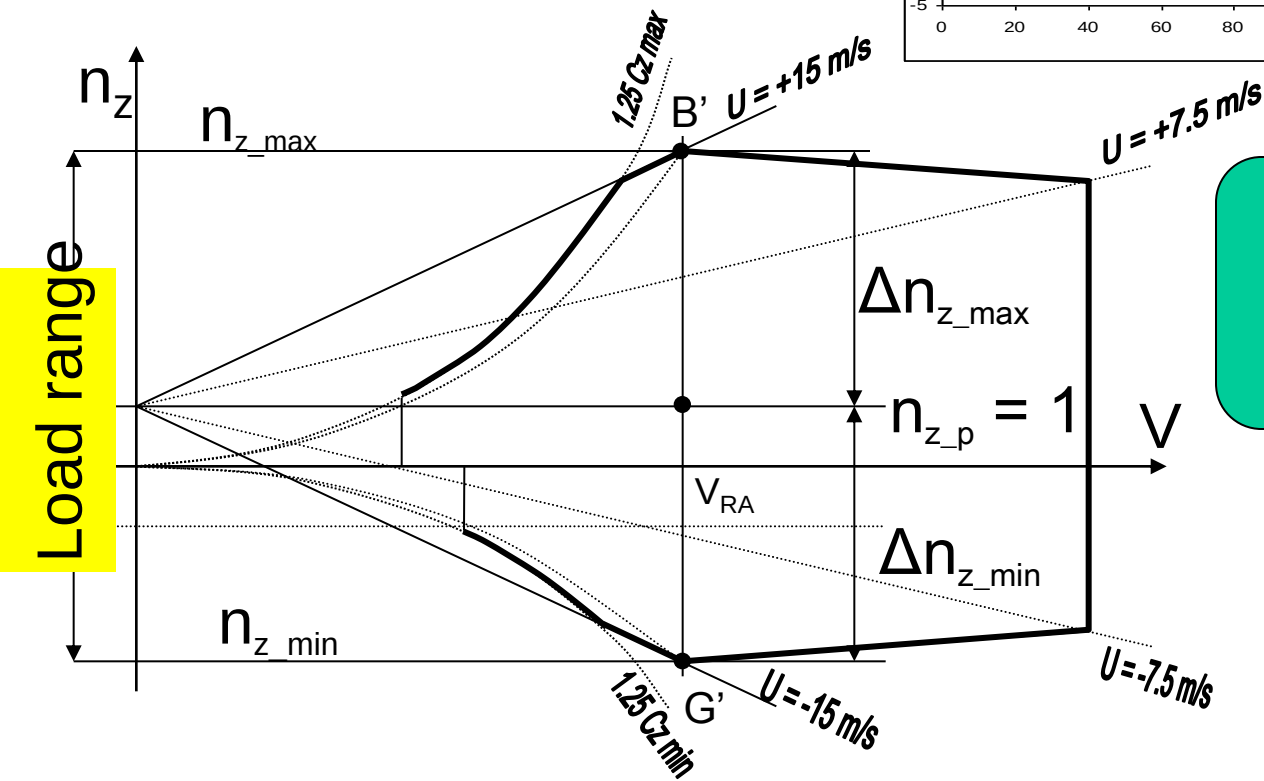
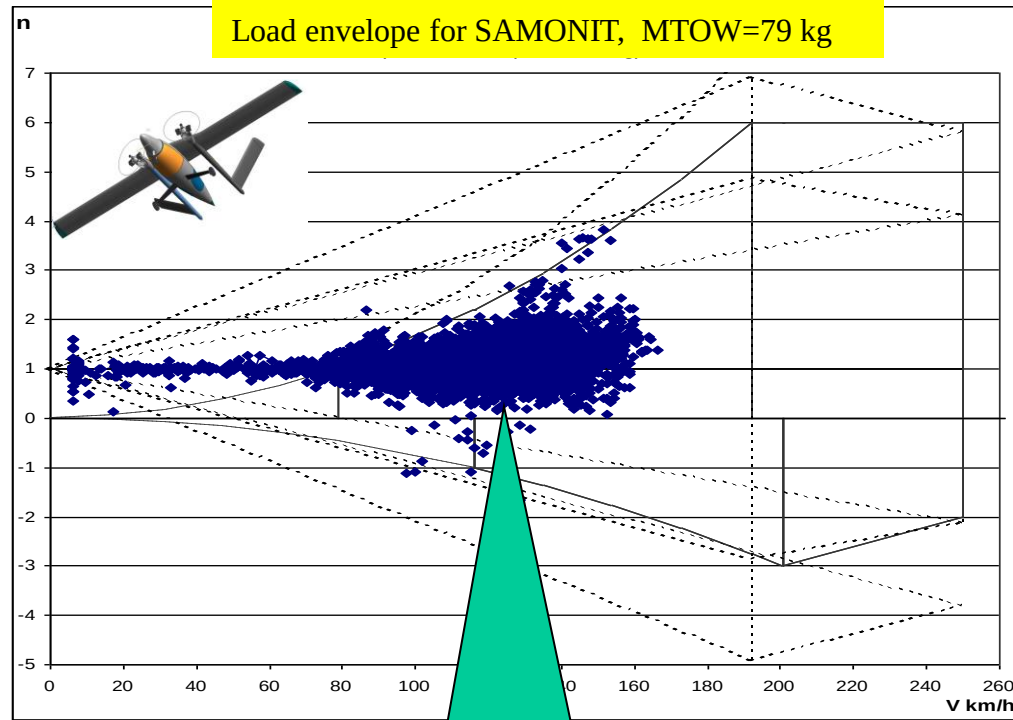
Design limit for load factor of the glider



What force is acting on the wing ?

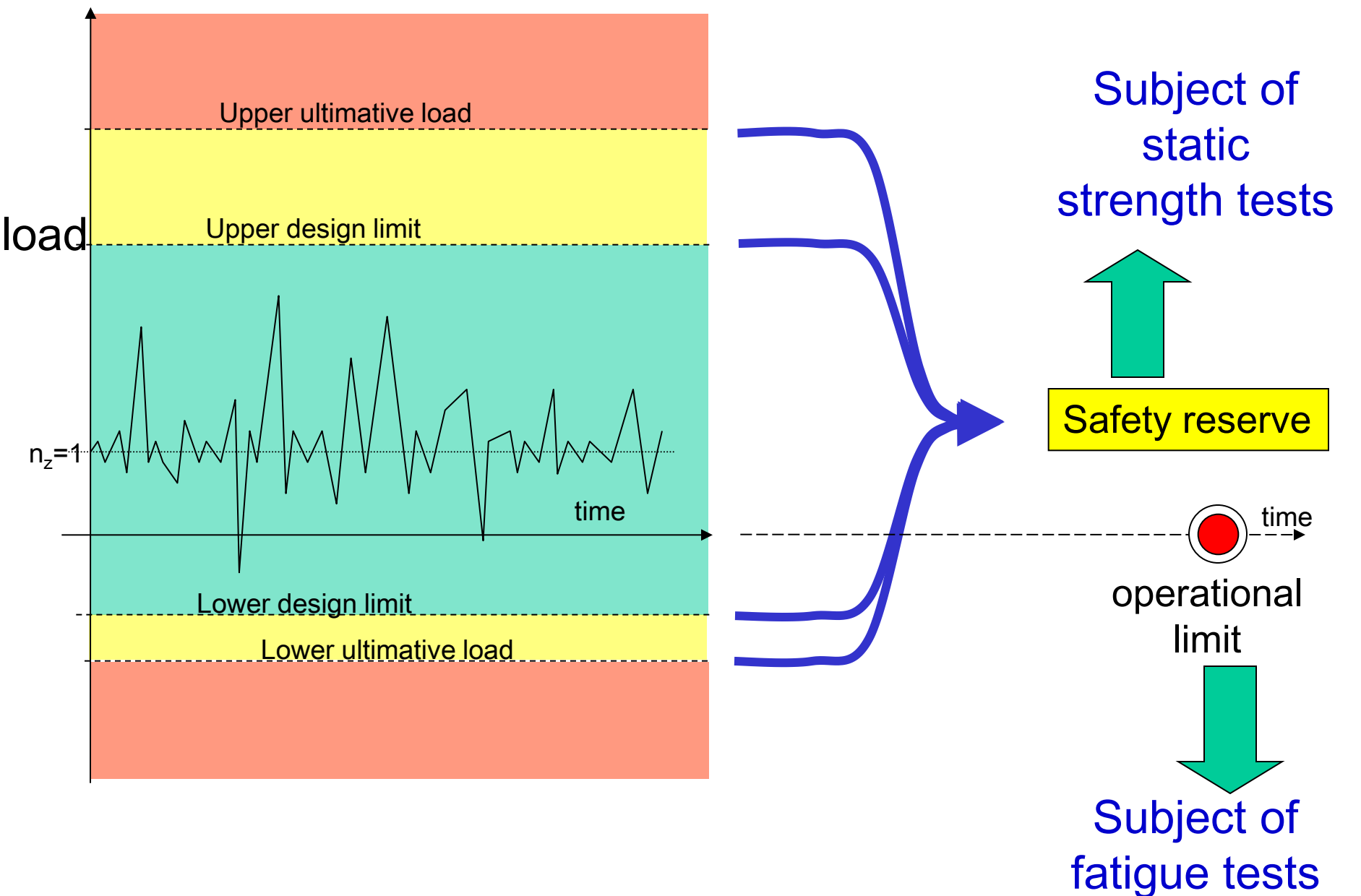


Aircraft load envelope



Evidence of loads recorded during flight-tests session

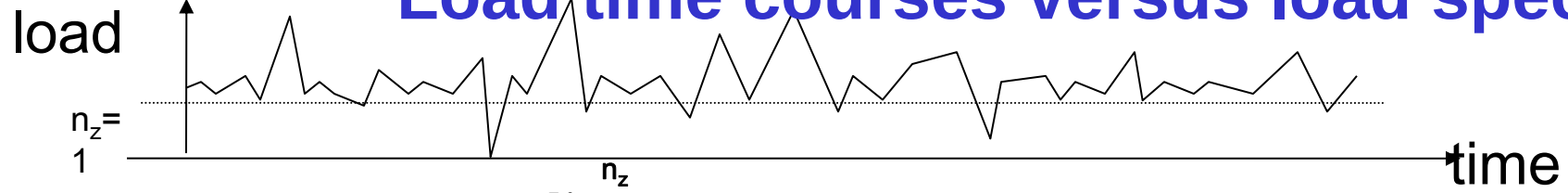
Glider loads - requirements for certification tests



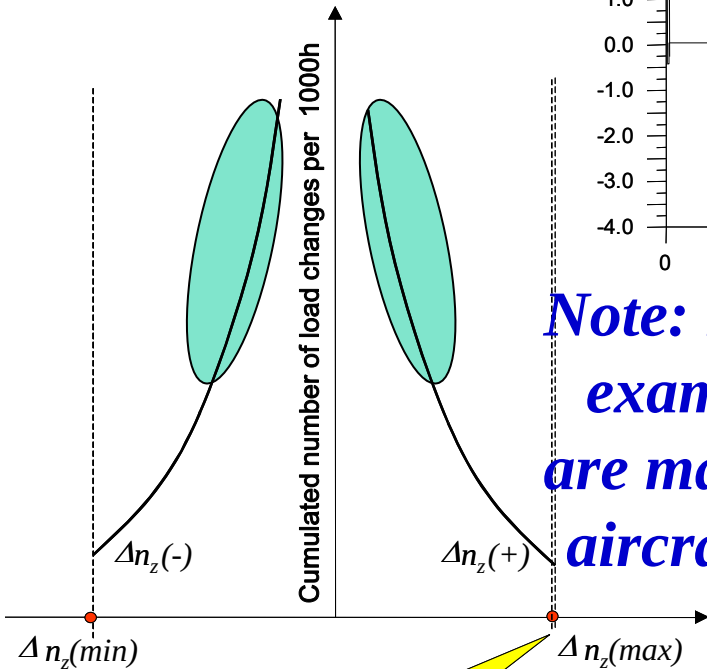
Load Spectra (LS)

LS as a statistics of load
increments apperances -
methods of presentation

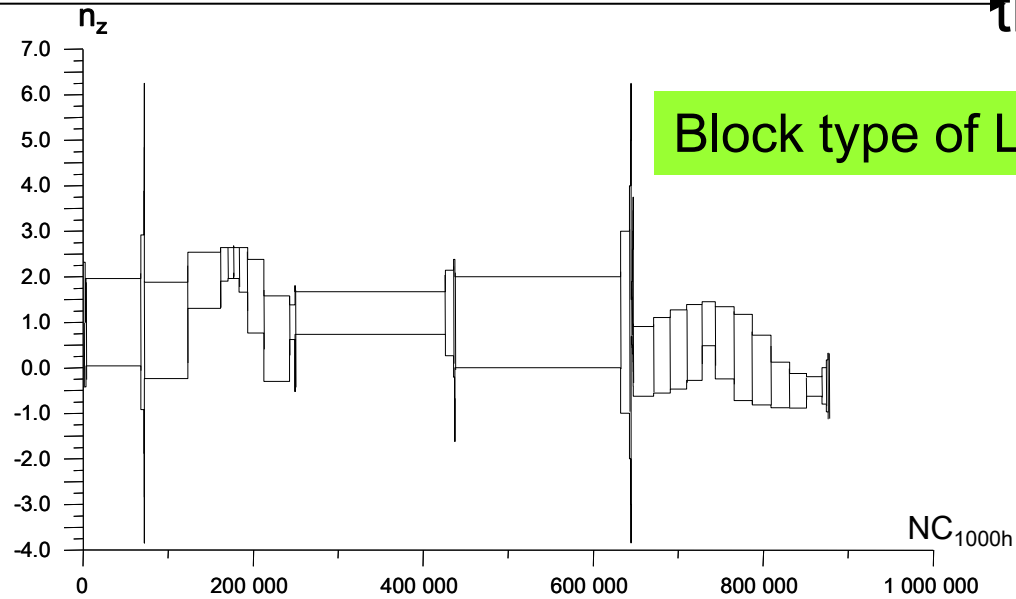
Load time courses versus load spectra



Incremental type of LS



Extreme values according design limit



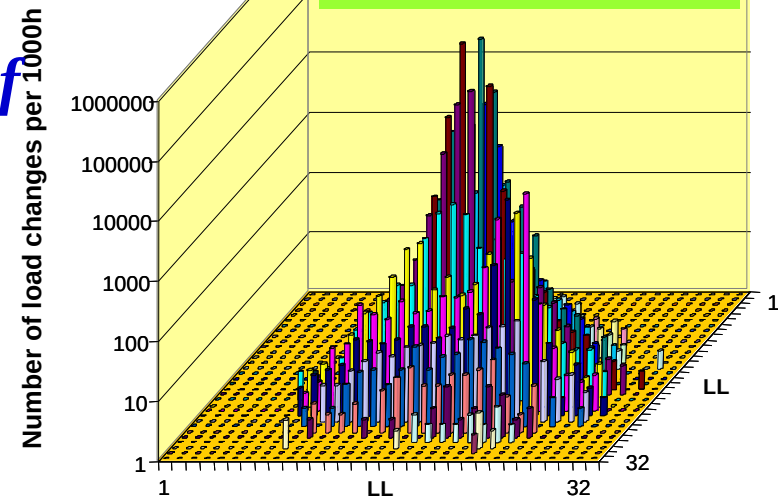
Block type of LS

Note: in this figure all examples of the LS are made for 1000h of aircraft operation!!!

TM = 1000 h

Can be different for other types of aircrafts!

Array type of LS



How to prove the fatigue safety ???



Fatigue
stand of the
glider wing
spar

$$TS = TP \cdot k_r = TM \cdot k_k \cdot k_r$$

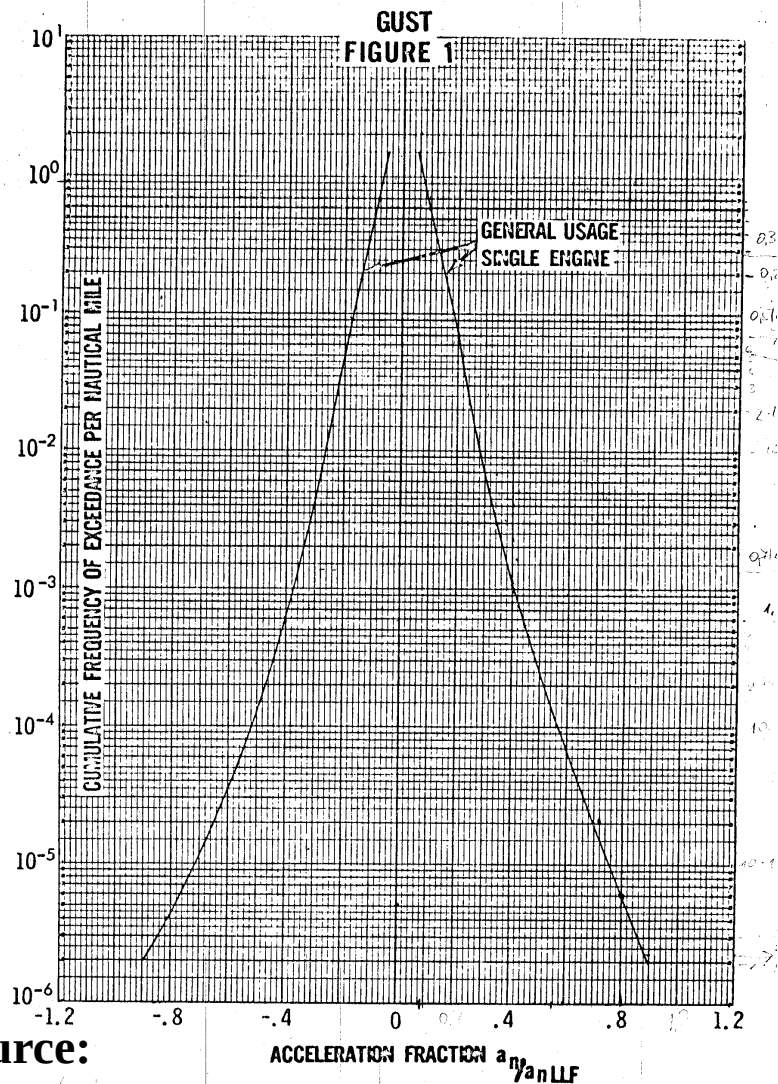
TS – operation period simulated on the fatigue stand as a proof of fatigue-safety

TP – postulated operation life

TM – time for which the LS was estimated (modelled period by load spectrum)

k_r scatter factor,

k_k ratio between modelled period by load spectrum and postulated operation life



Example of load spectra presentation
(classic way!)

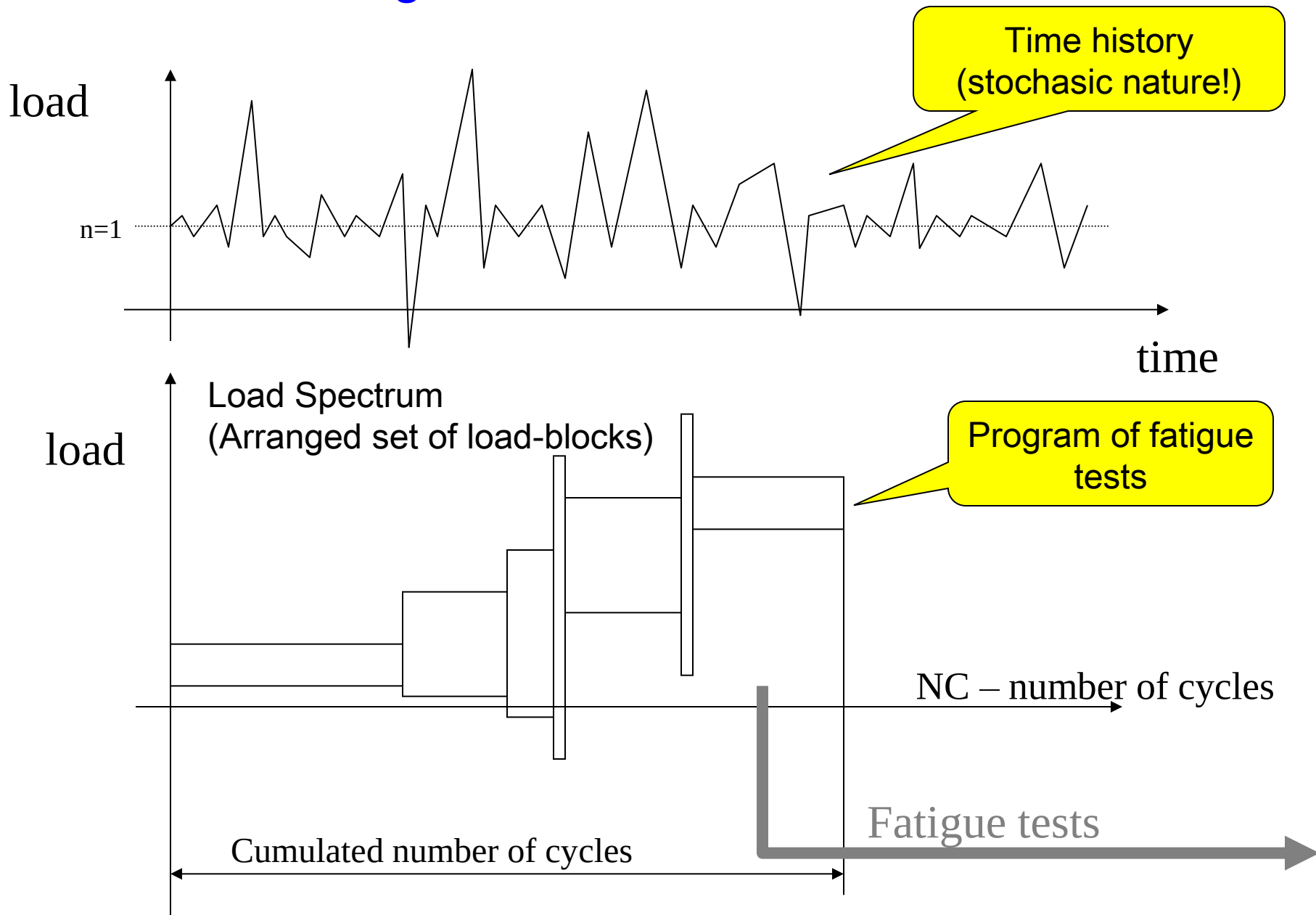
Source:

Engineering and Manufacturing Division Airframe Branch

Fatigue evaluation of wing and associated structure on small airplanes

Report No. AFS-120-73-2, sponsored by Department of Transportation,
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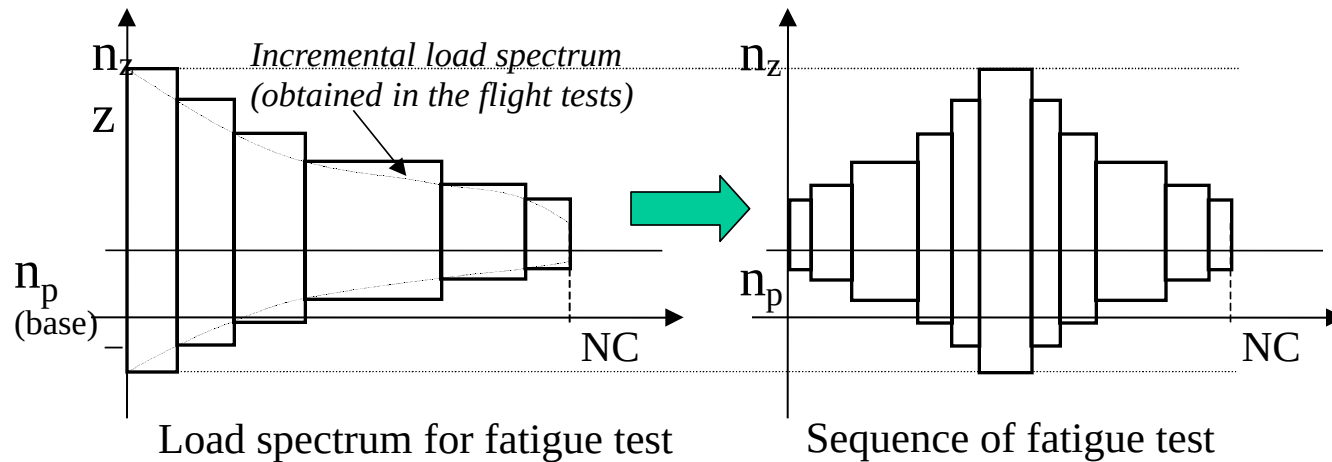
Loads acting on aircraft structure



(In case of the glider NC= about 1 000 000 load cycles for 1000 flight hours)

Can the set of the load-cycles arranged in the blocks substitute the real loads with they stochastic nature???

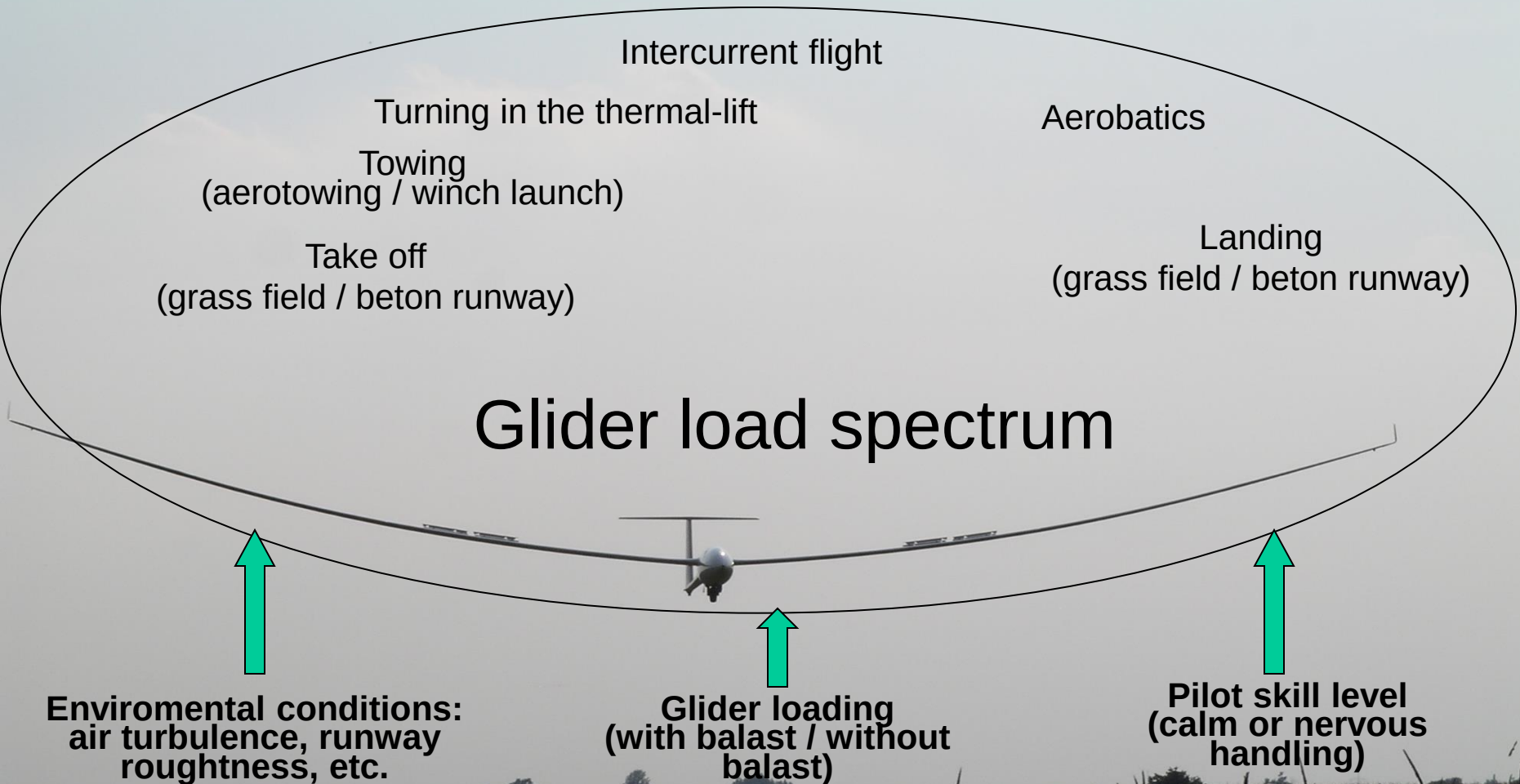
Is the damage caused by both loads realisation the same ???



Rather NOT
!!!

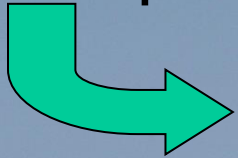
The way of fatigue test program setting
(compensation of constant amplitude cycles fatigue effect)

Factors having influence on the Load Spectrum



Load Spectrum and the aircraft structure

Load spectrum of the glider



Load spectrum of assembly i



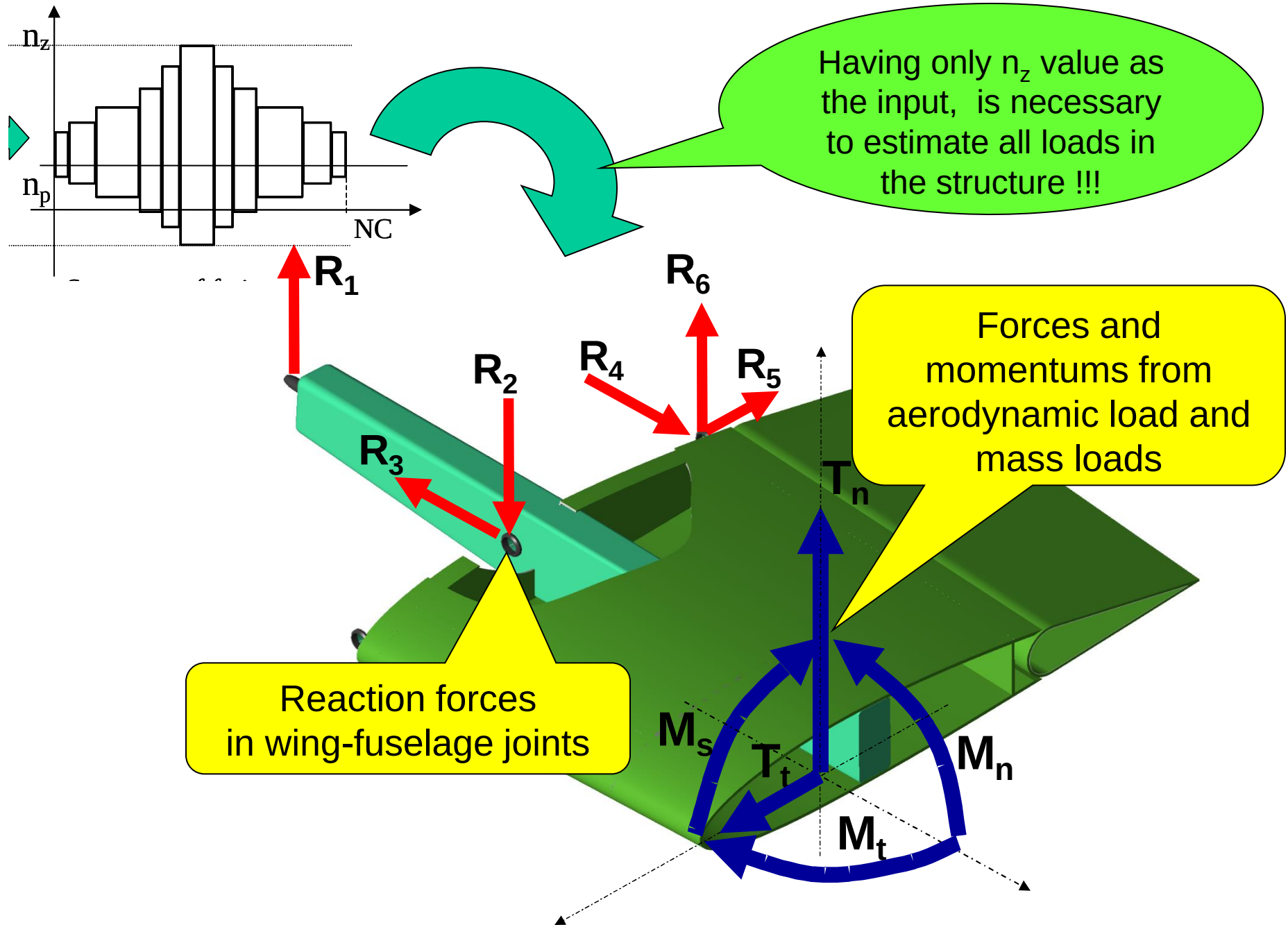
Load spectrum of subassembly i_k



load spectrum of structural element i_{kn}



Load Spectrum and the aircraft structure

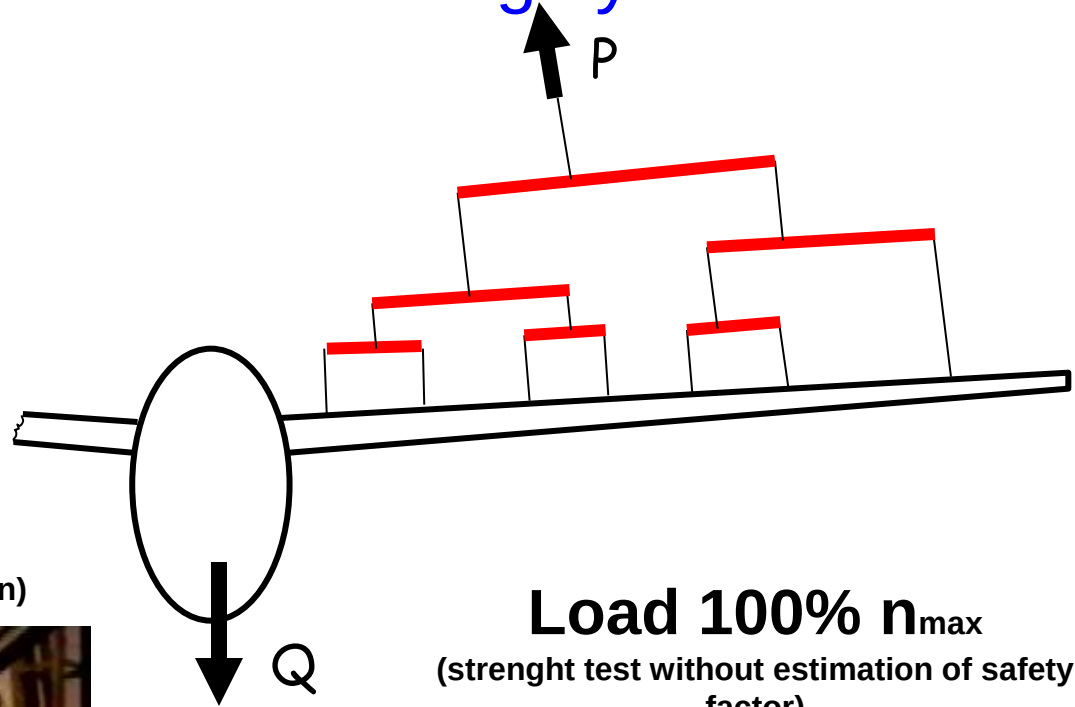


Testing the structure - Loading systems



Load 150% $n_{\max}$

(Strenght test with estimation of safety margin)



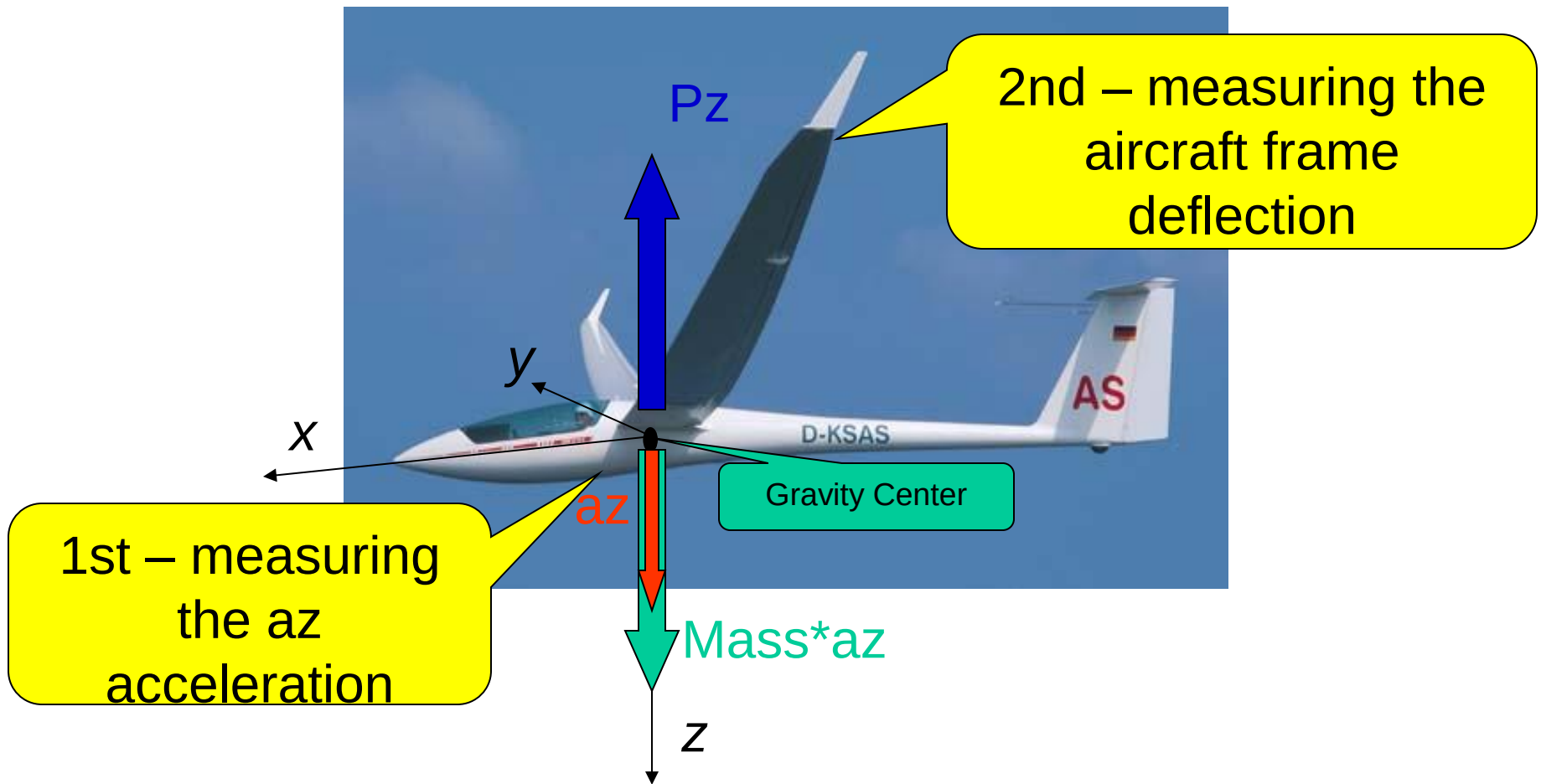
Load 100% $n_{\max}$

(strenght test without estimation of safety factor)

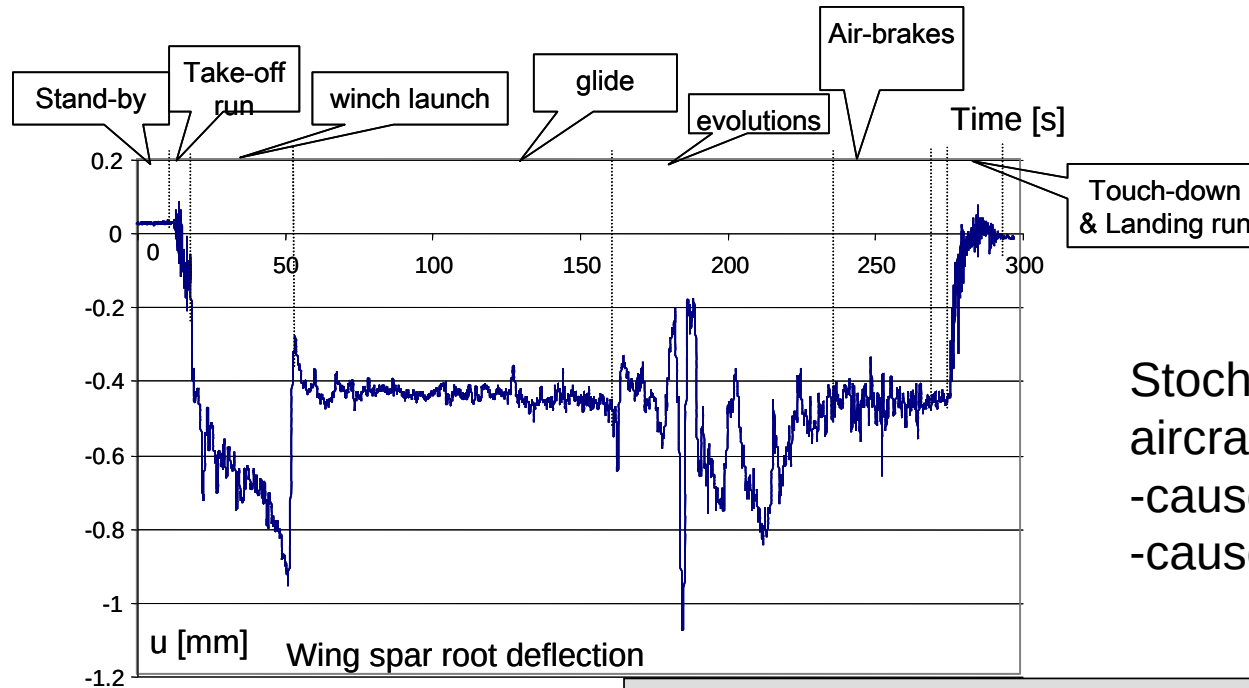


Investigations into load- spectra

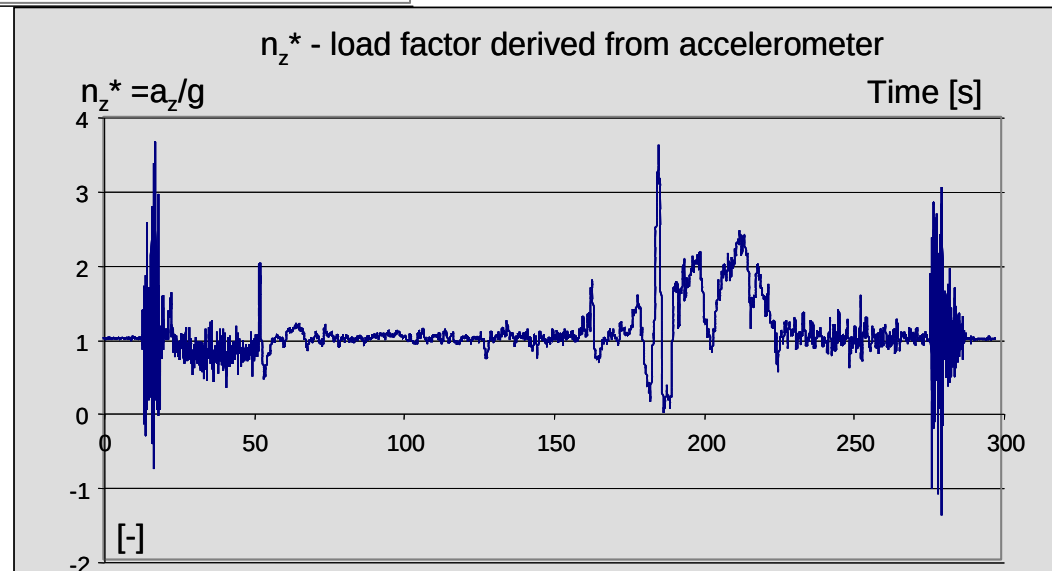
Methods of aircraft frame load measurements



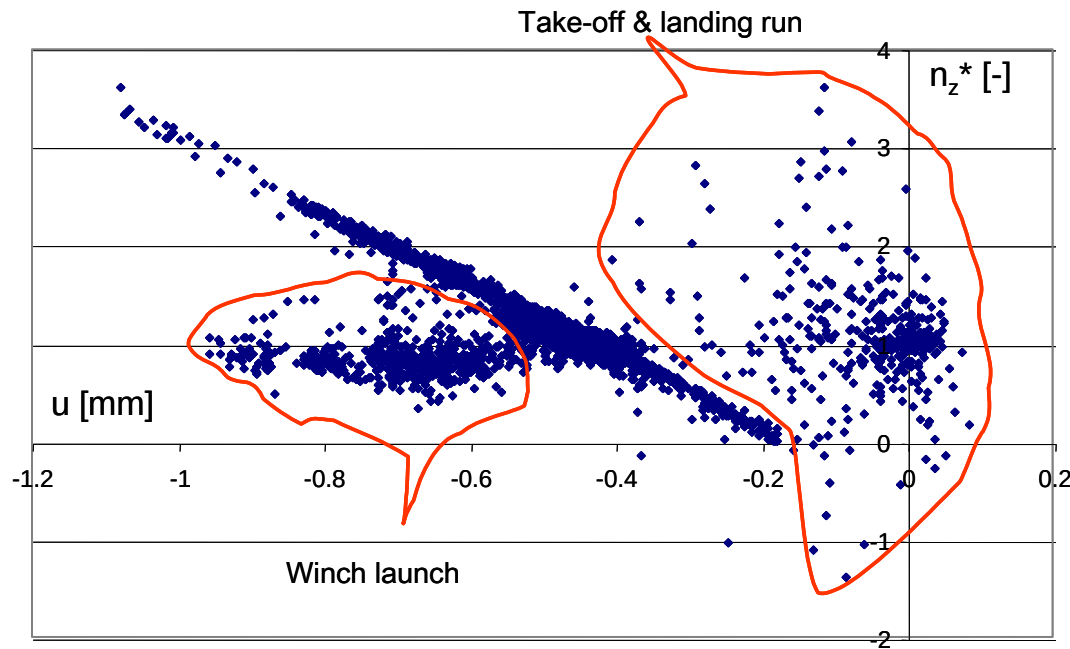
Comparison of signals recorded using both measurement methods



Stochastic nature of aircraft loads:
-caused by pilot
-caused by turbulence



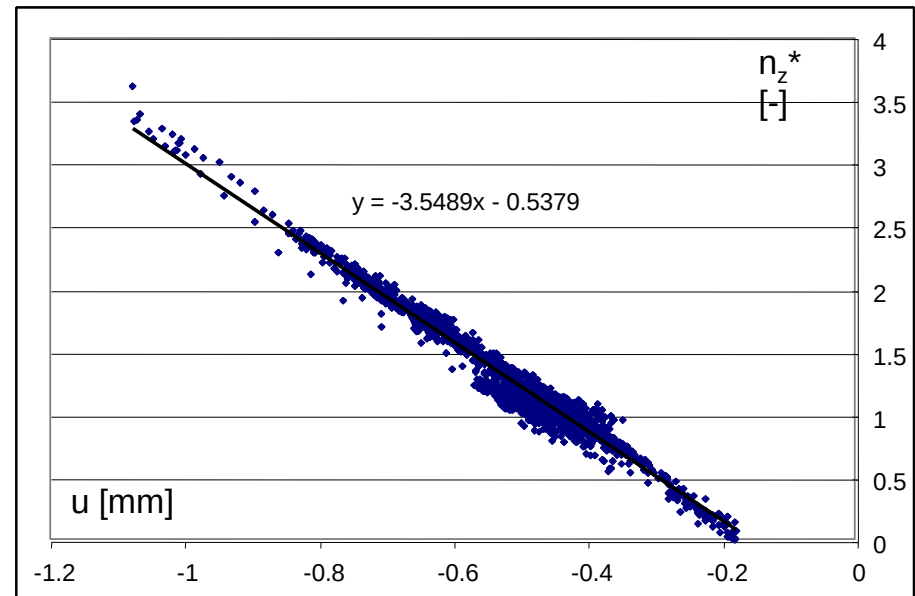
Correlation of the signals



Conclusion:

Acceleration and deflection signals are equivalent only in case of a free flight.

Acceleration signal is not usable in case of measuring loads during take-off or landing and during winch-towing.



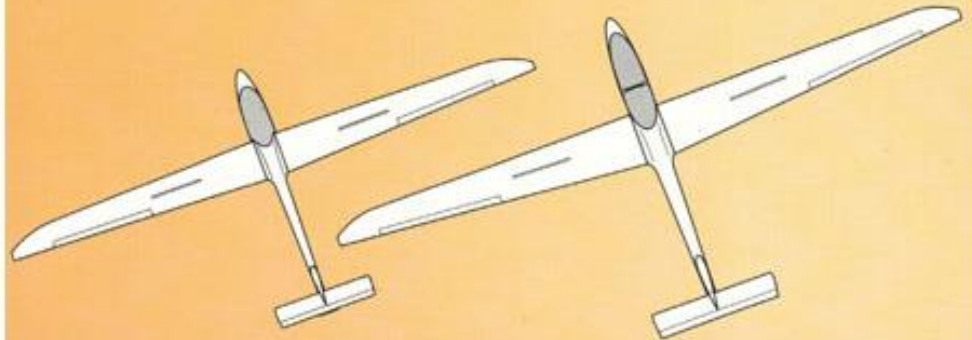
Example of instrumentation
used for testing the gliders

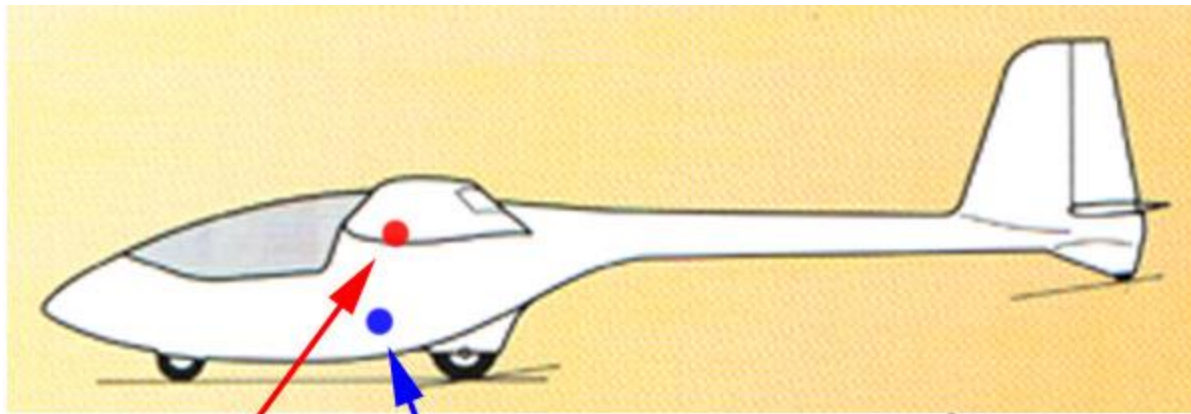
***The systems of data acquisition
in certification tests
of the PW-5 & PW-6 gliders***

PW-5 World Class Glider



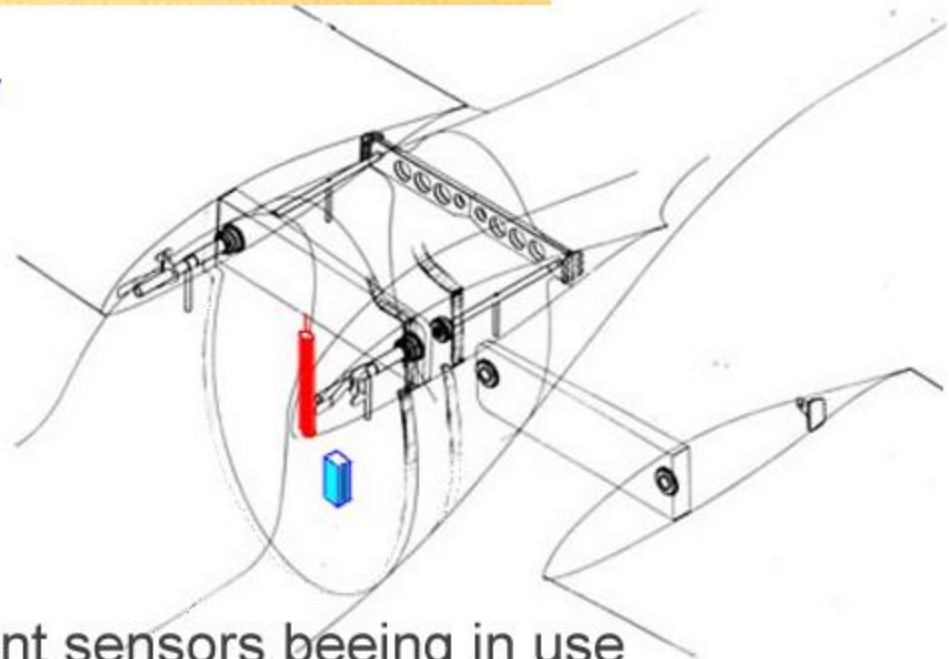
PW-6 World Class Trainer



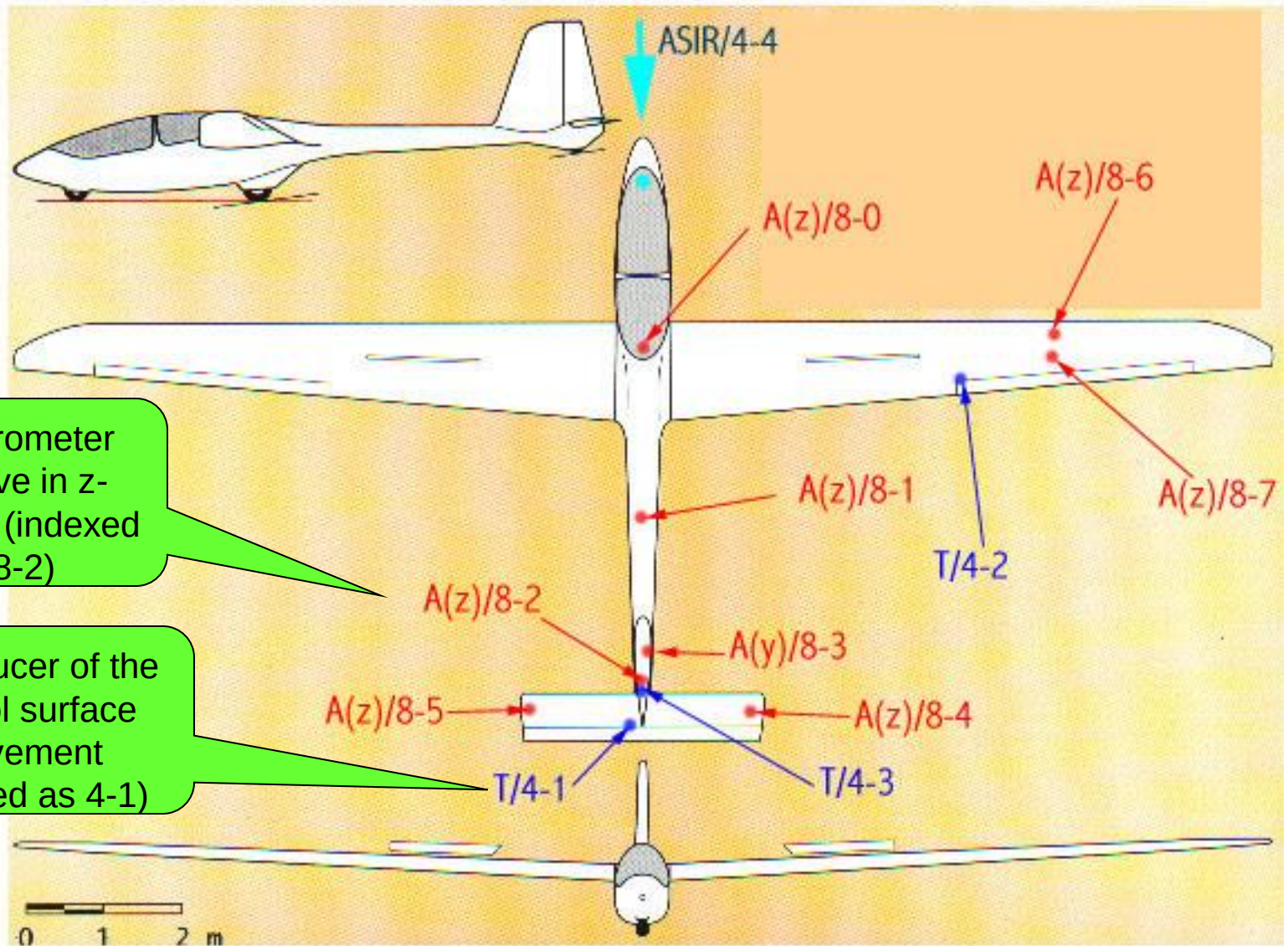


Wing spar root
deflection sensor

Accelerometer

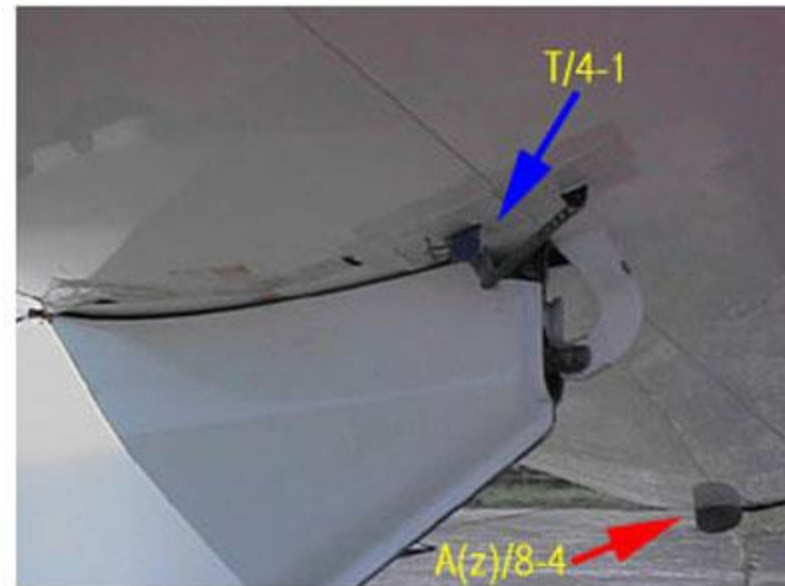
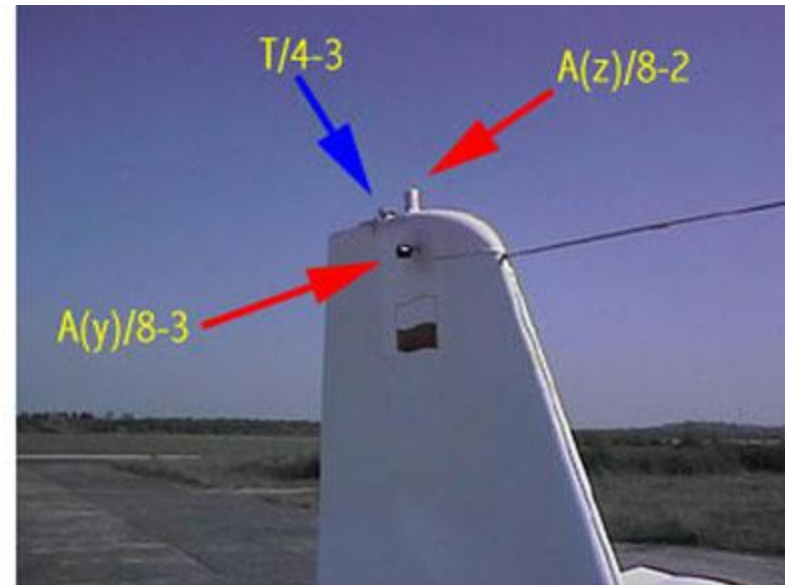
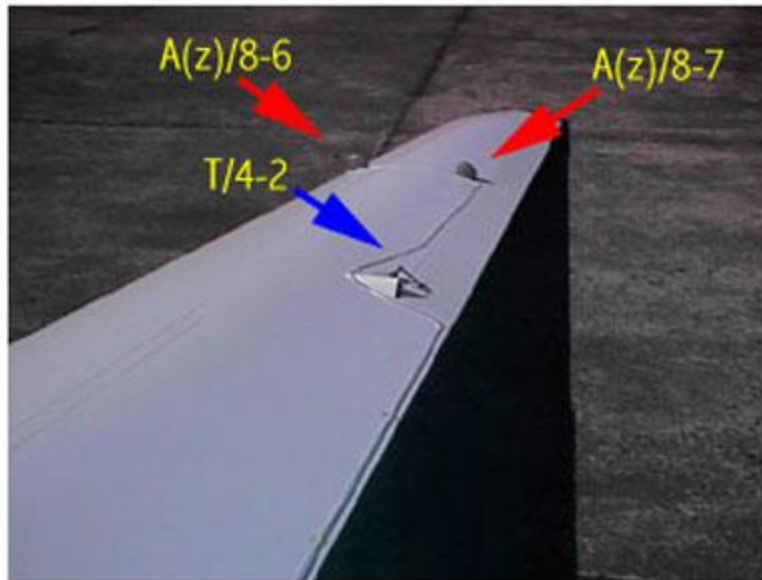


The set of measurement sensors beeing in use
for load spectrum estimation



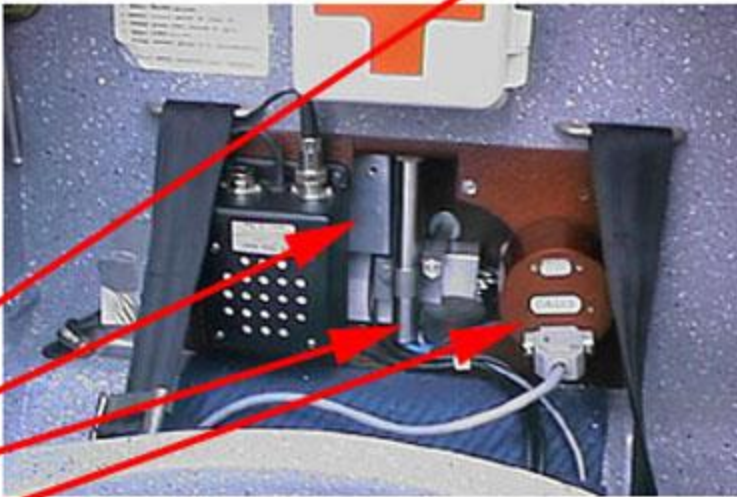
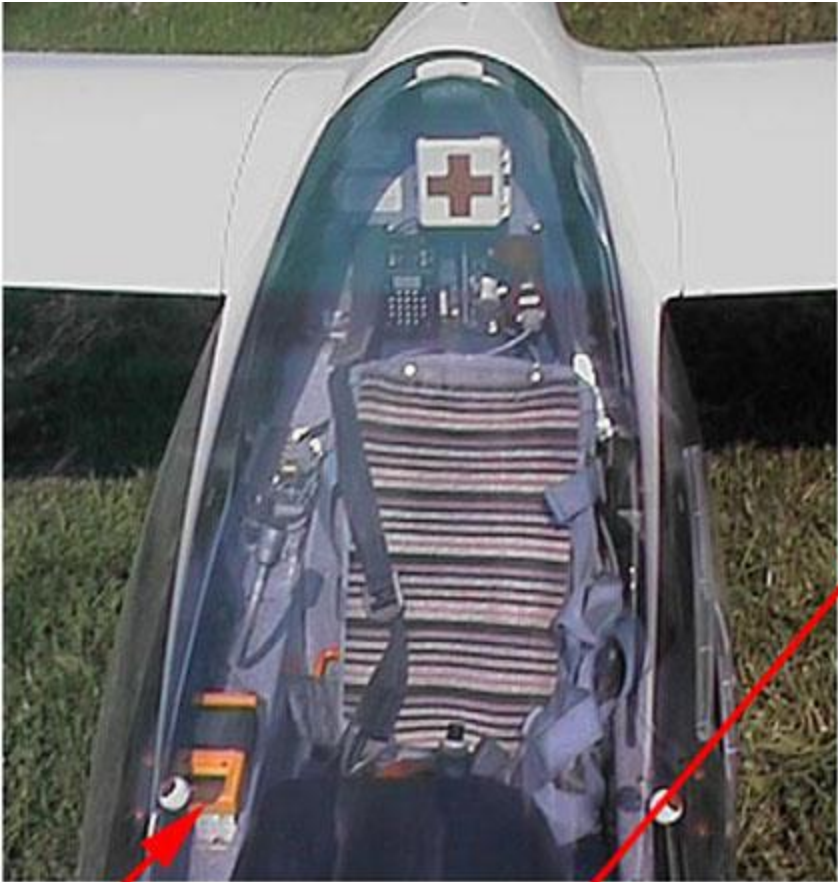
Placement of the sensors used for dynamic tests of the gliders (especially for flutter testing)

Details of the measurement equipment



Photos of accellerometers and deflection transducer fixed on the gl

Details of the measurement equipment



LOAD FACTOR INDICATOR

SIGNAL JUNCTION BOX

BATTERY

ACCELEROMETER

WING SPAR ROOT DEFLECTION SENSOR

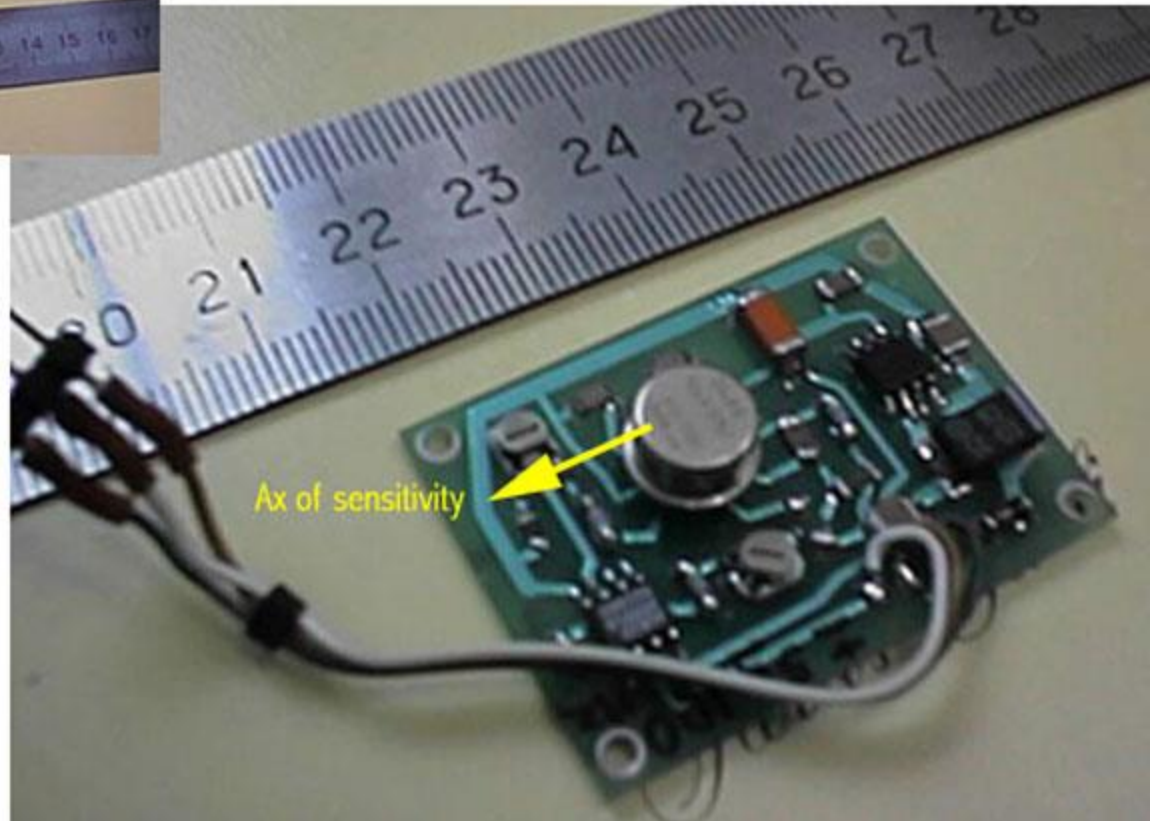
RECORDER

PW-5 Testing - LOCATION OF THE MEASUREMENT EQUIPMENT IN THE COCPIT

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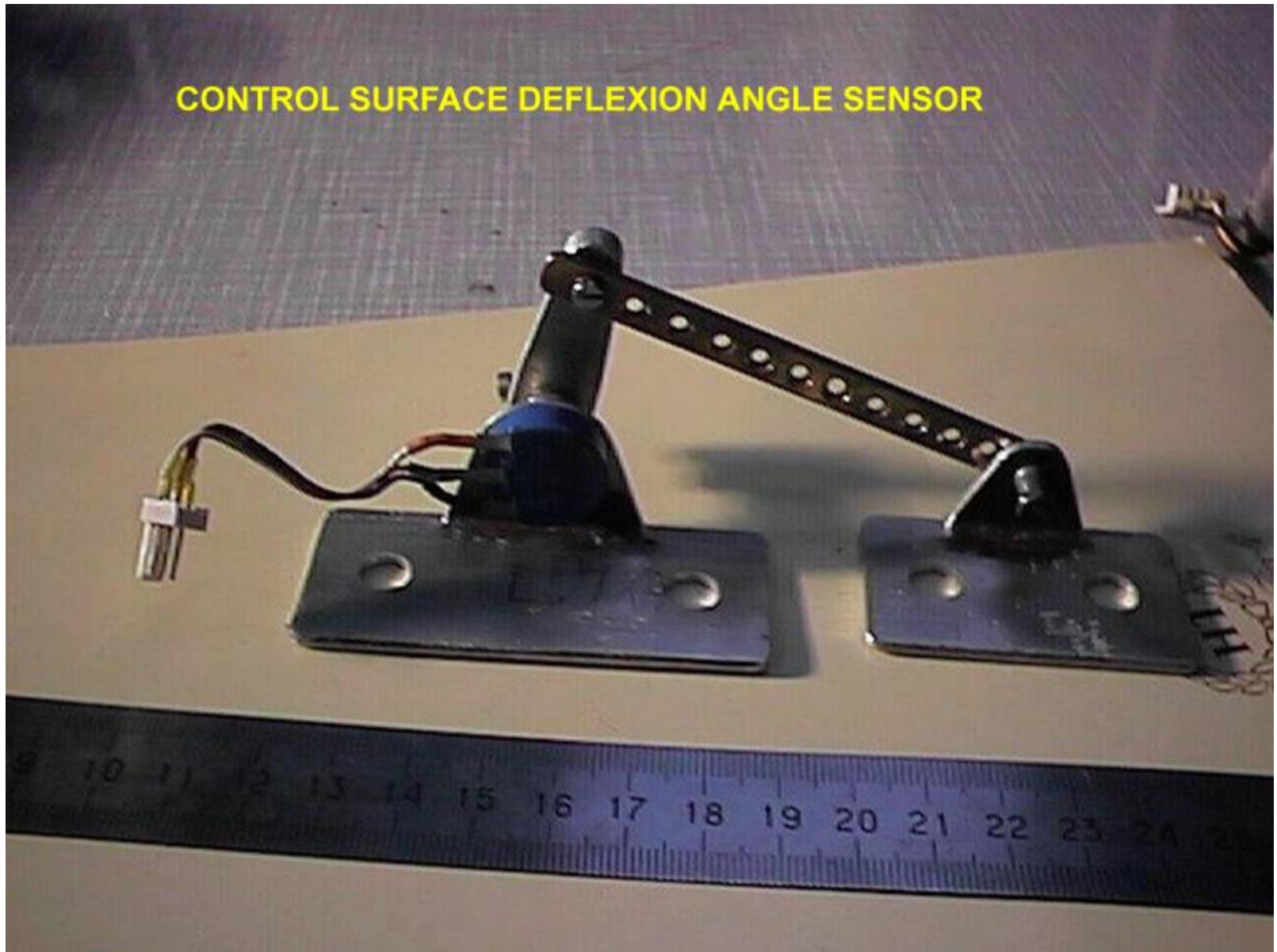


Accelerometer

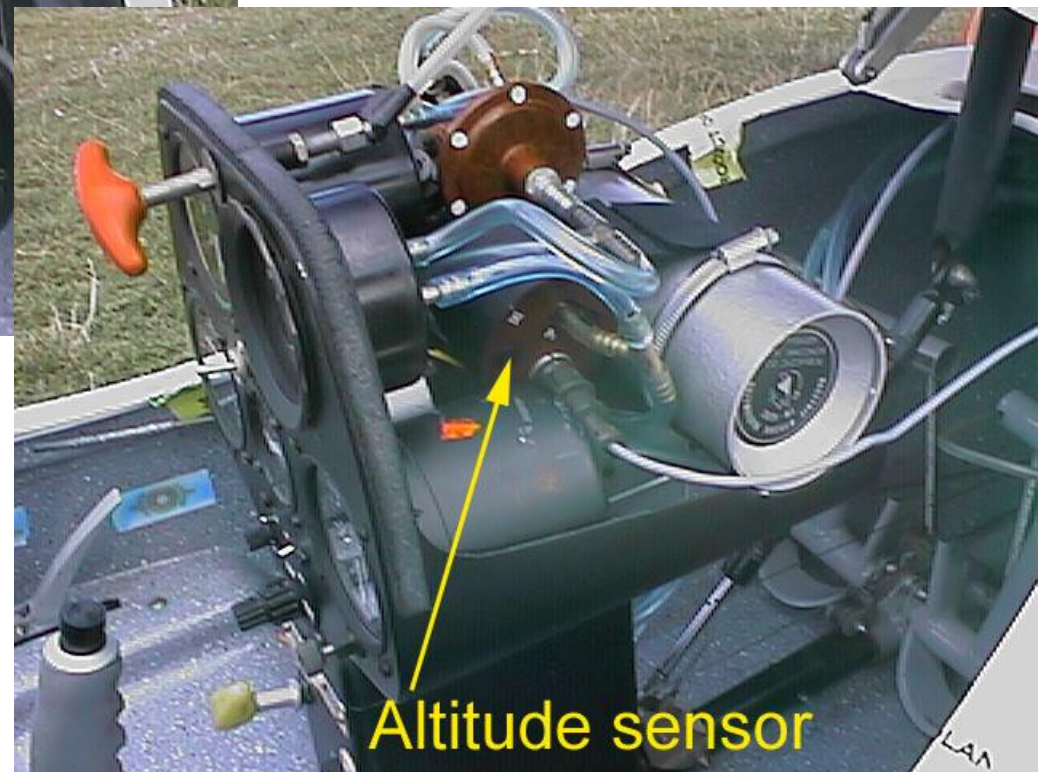
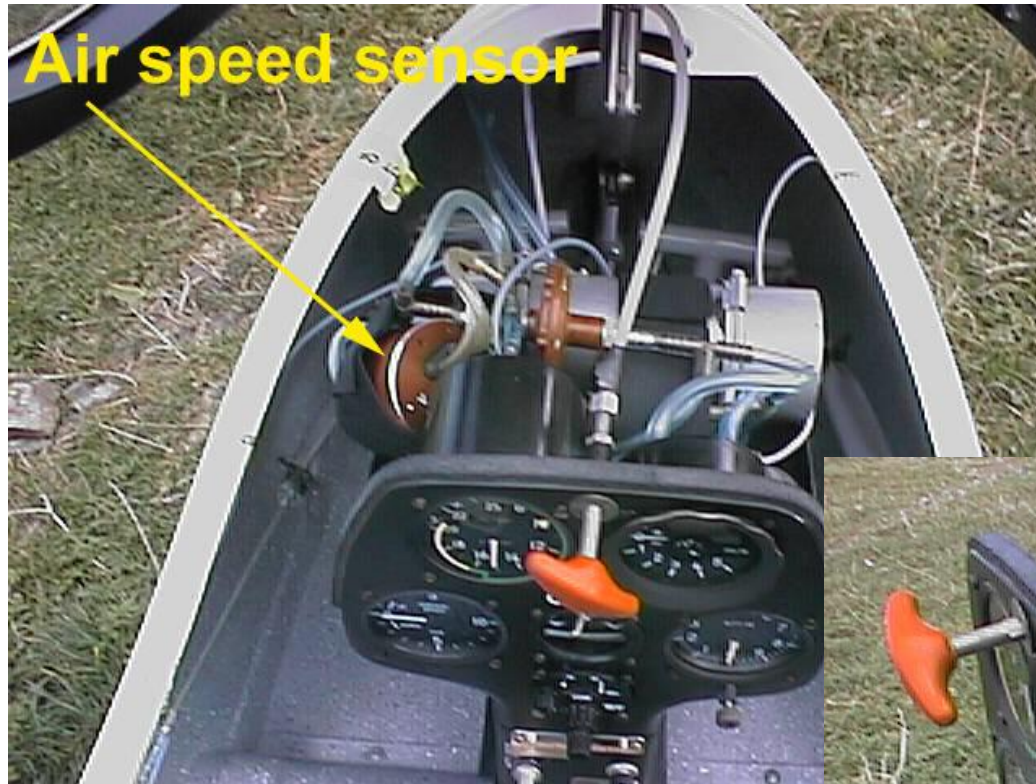


Details of the measurement equipment

CONTROL SURFACE DEFLEXION ANGLE SENSOR



Details of the measurement equipment



Details of the measurement equipment



Static @ dynamic pressure probe

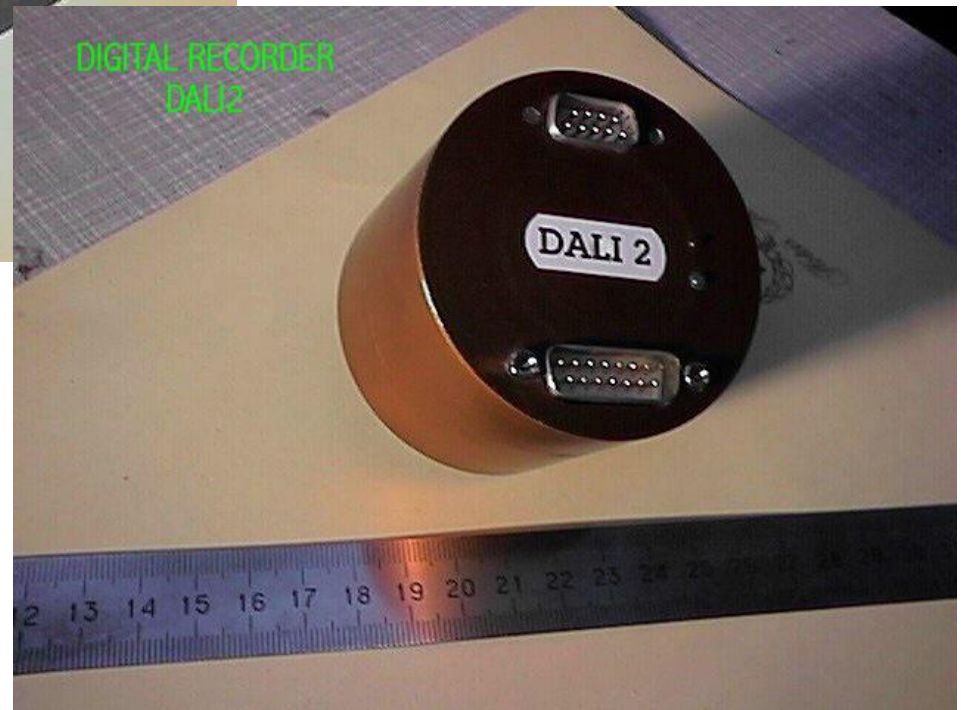


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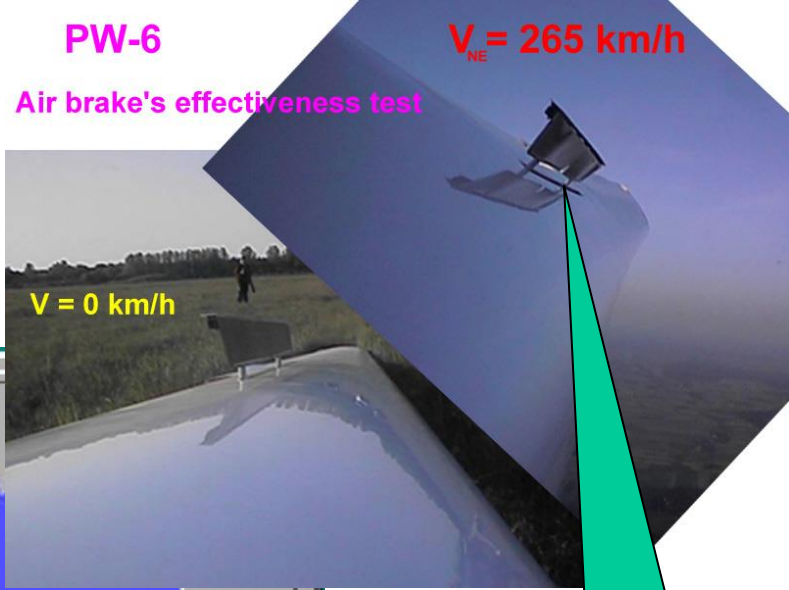
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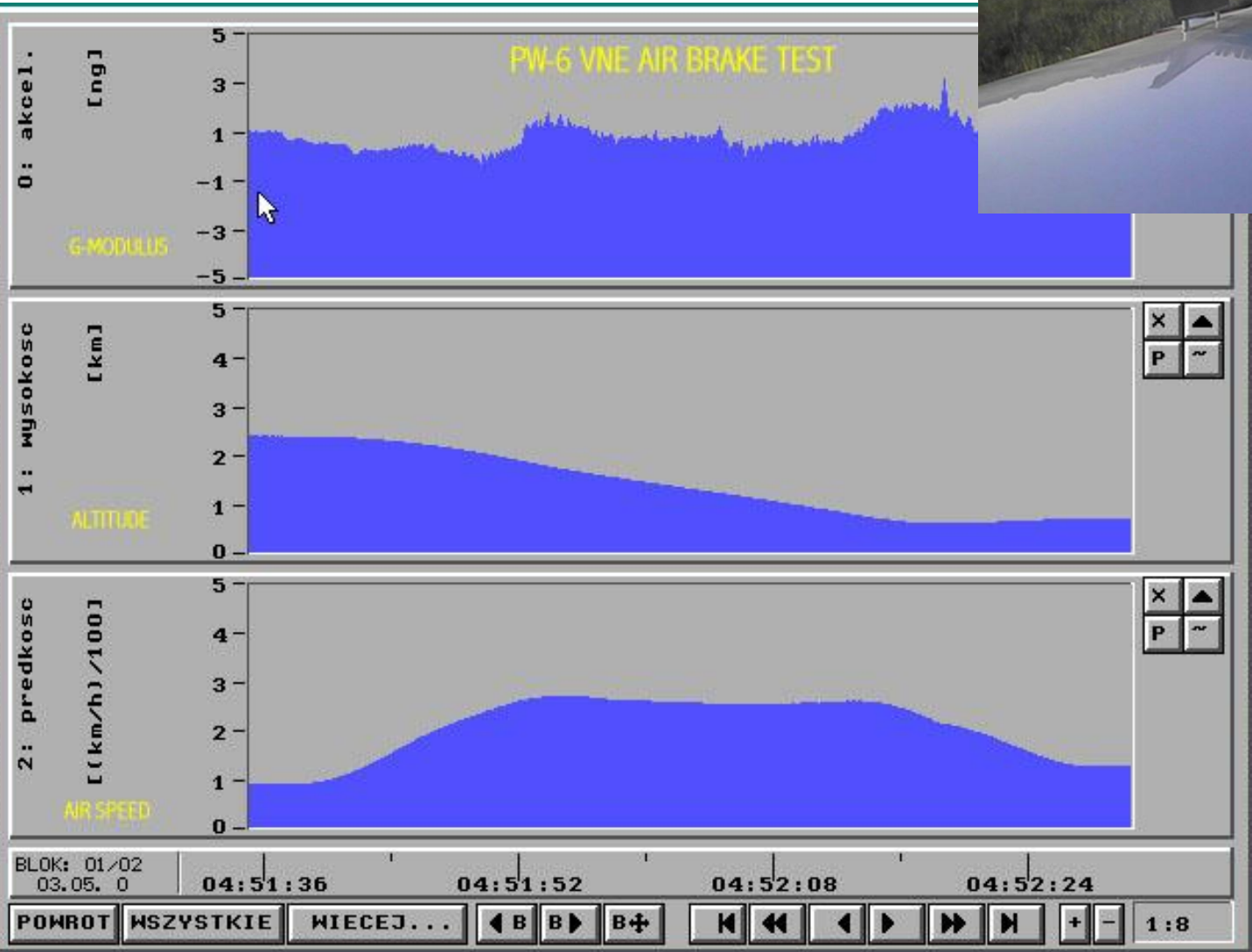
DIGITAL RECORDER
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Example of the signals recorded



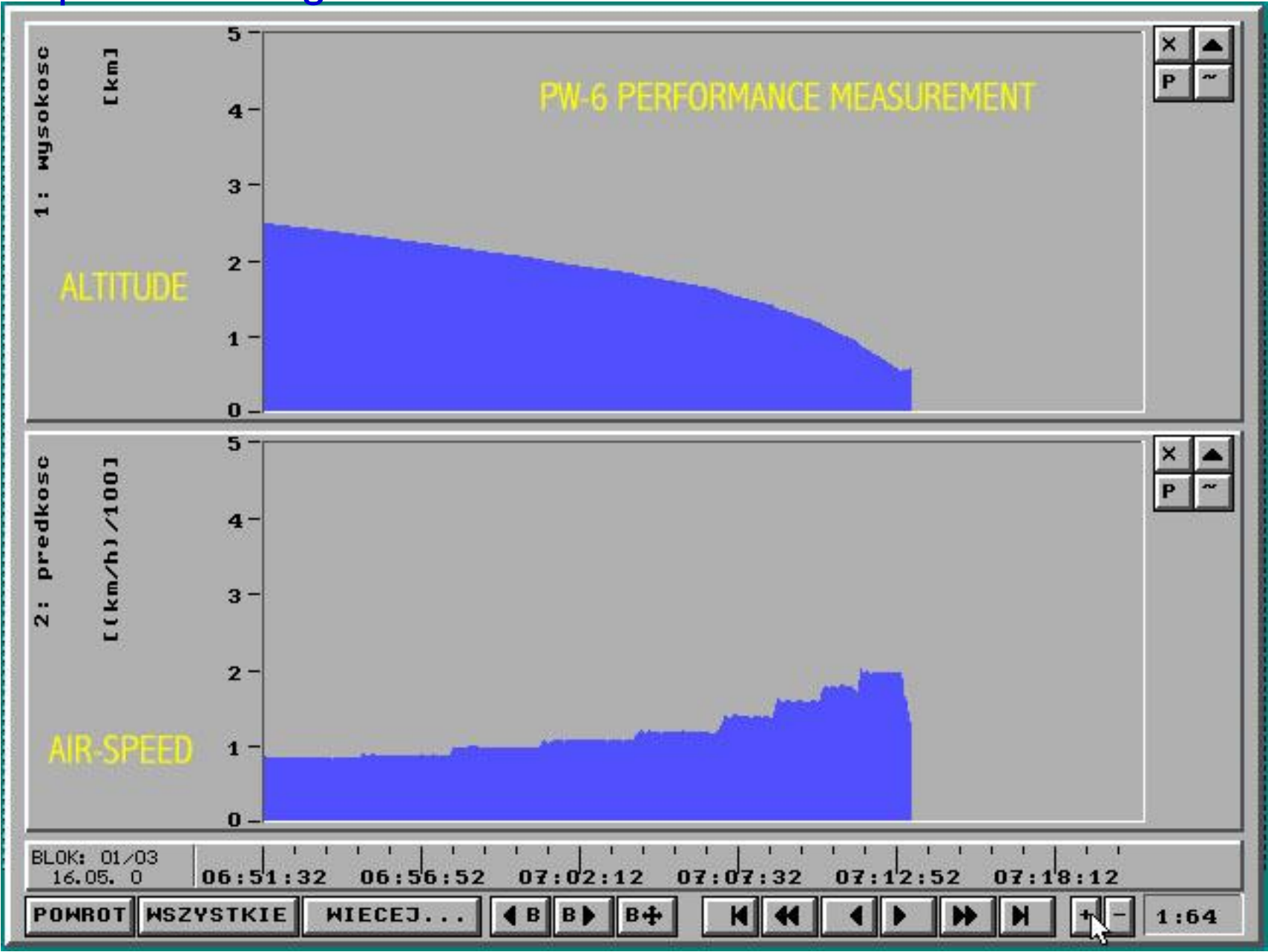
Effect of dynamic pressure



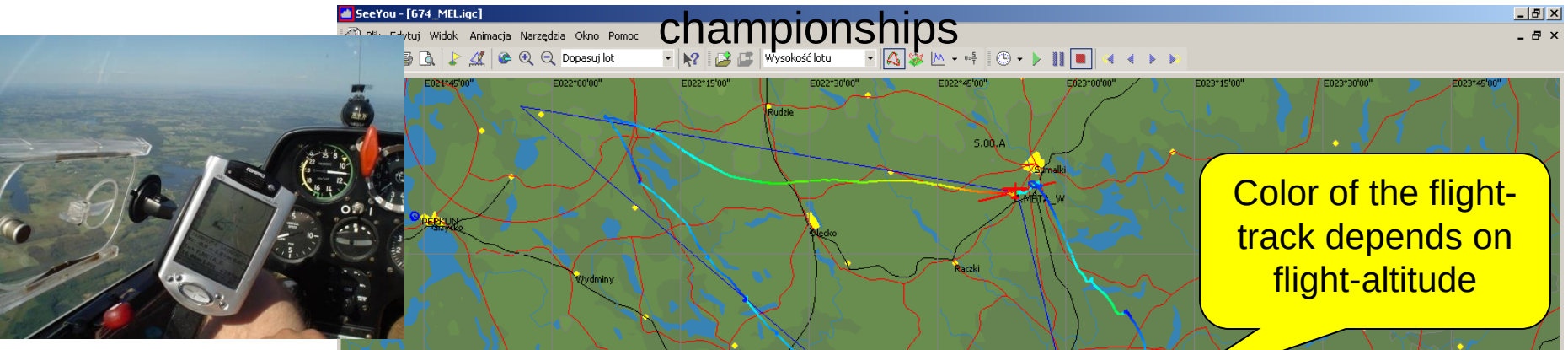
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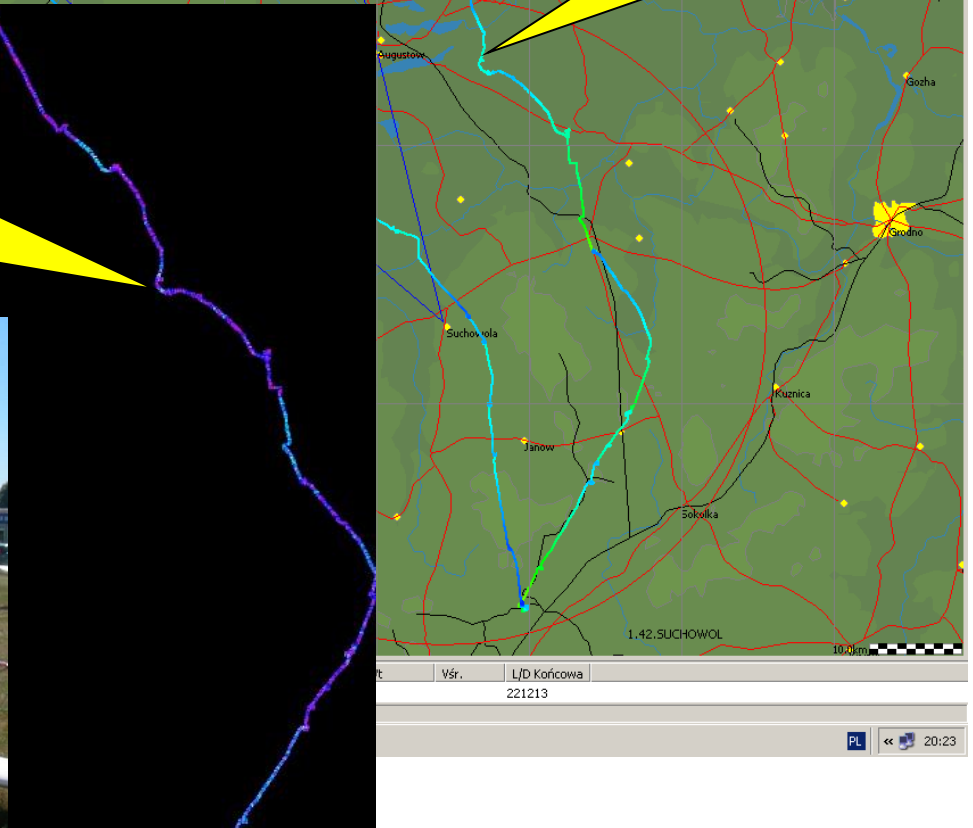
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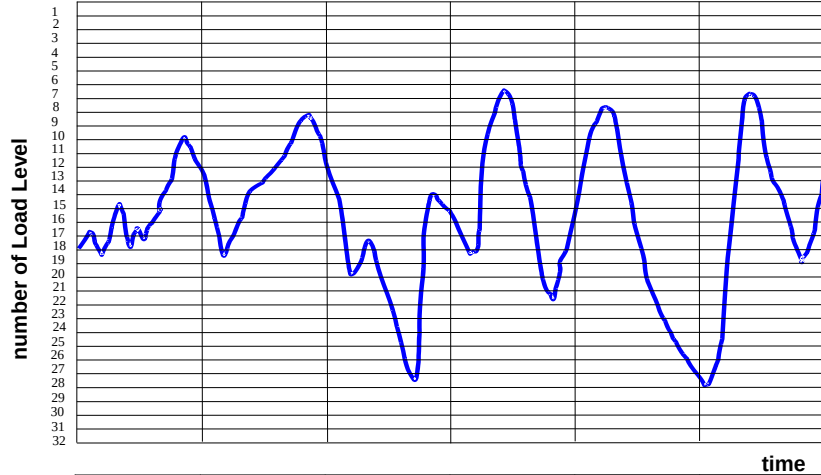
Visualisation of the load spectrum of the glider taking part in gliding championships



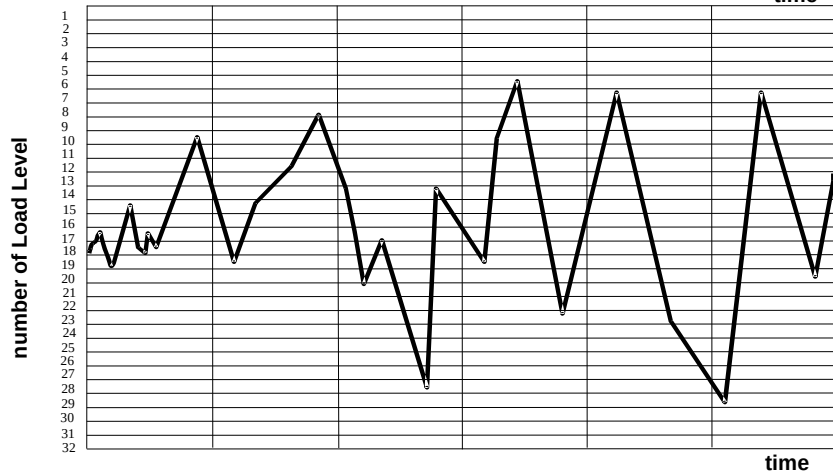
Color of the flight-track depends on acceleration a_z
(There are displayed extreme values recorded in 1 sec. periods are displayed)



Load signals elaboration
and determination of the
LS

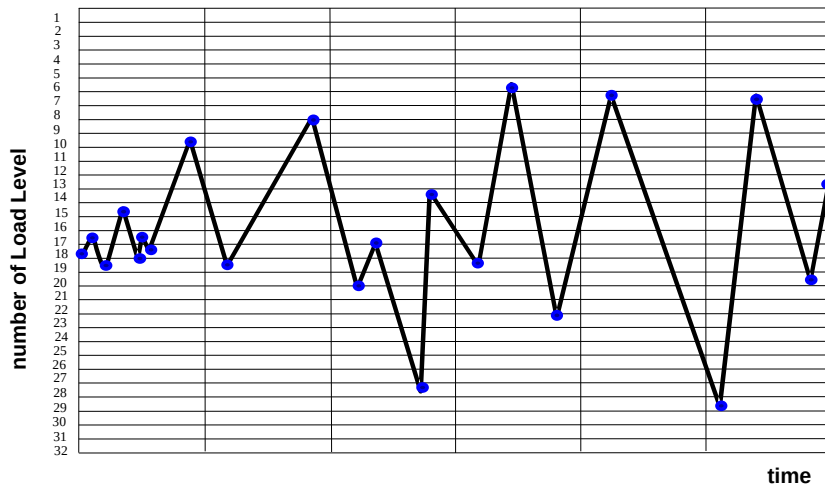


*Load signal in a raw form
(density of the blue dots
depends on sampling frequency
of the recorder)*



1st stage of filtration

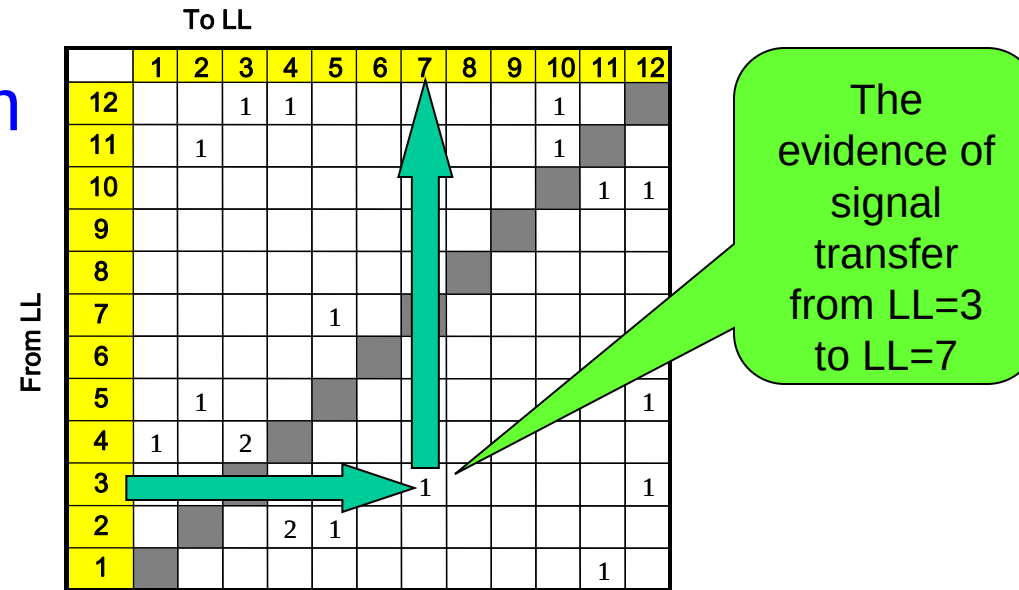
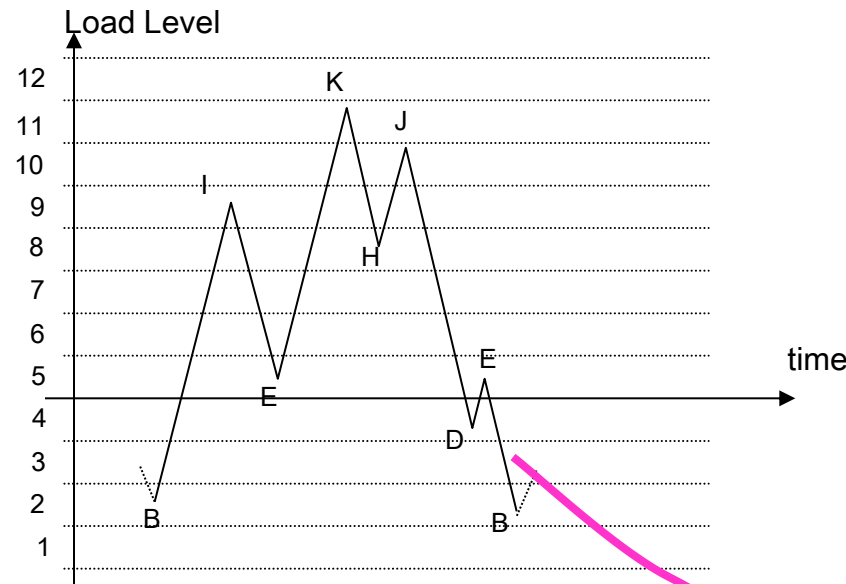
Transition from quasi-continuous form of the signal to the form of chain of local extremes



2nd stage of filtration

Load Spectrum in the form of a Transfer Array (TA)

The evidence how many signal transfers from i- Load Level to j- Load Level was noticed in the time history of the load signal



„Zero-diagonal”

Number of transfers from LL=5 to LL=2

Active zone of transfer array

Standardisation of the Load Signal – Load Levels (LL)

Correlation between load factor n_z and load level LL

Example of standard applicable for load spectrum of the glider.

In this case an assumed number of load level is 32

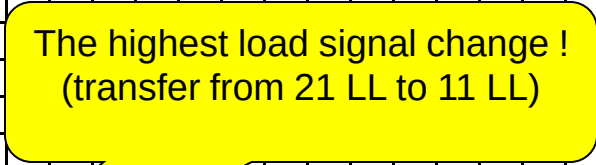
if $n_z = n_{z_max}$ then LL=3

if $n_z = n_{z_min}$ then LL=31

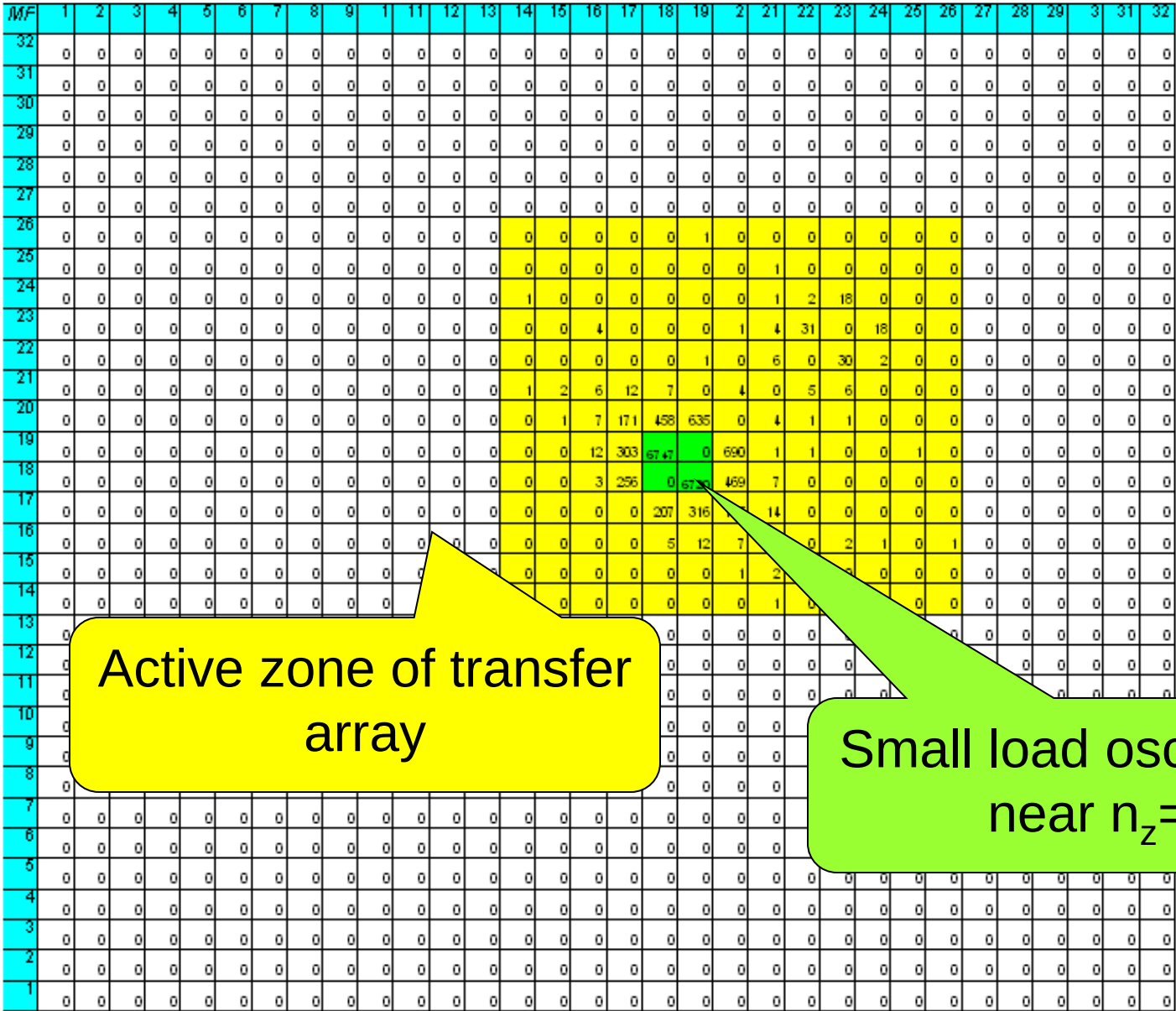
Note:

LL=1, LL=2 and LL=32 are reserved for the loads exceeding operational limit

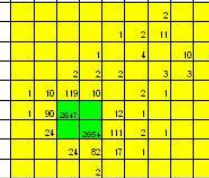
during flight of a glider



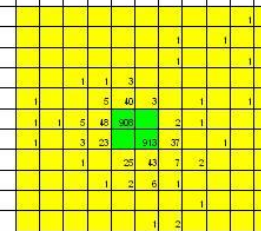
Properties & features of the Transfer Array



Thermal flight

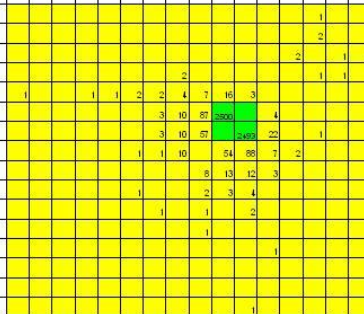


Soaring flight

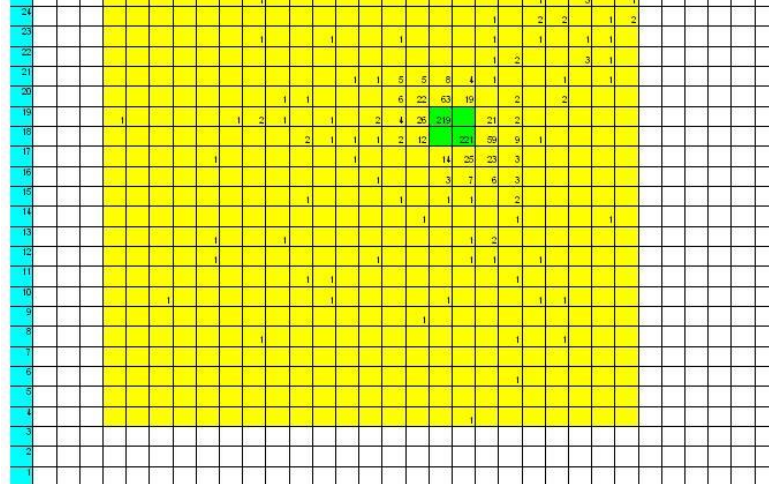


Examples of the glider LSs

Wave flight



Aerobatic flight



Therma flight

Calm handling $\Rightarrow$ small active zone

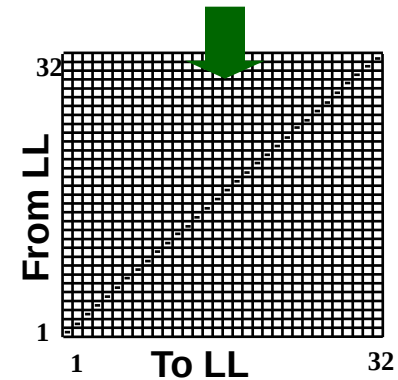
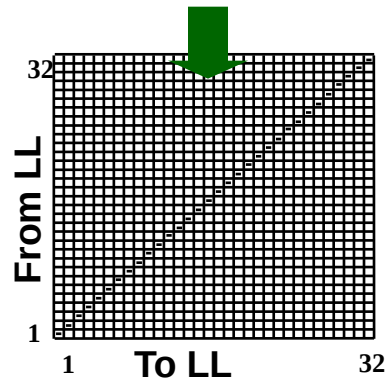
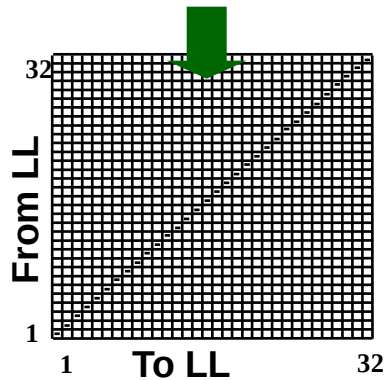
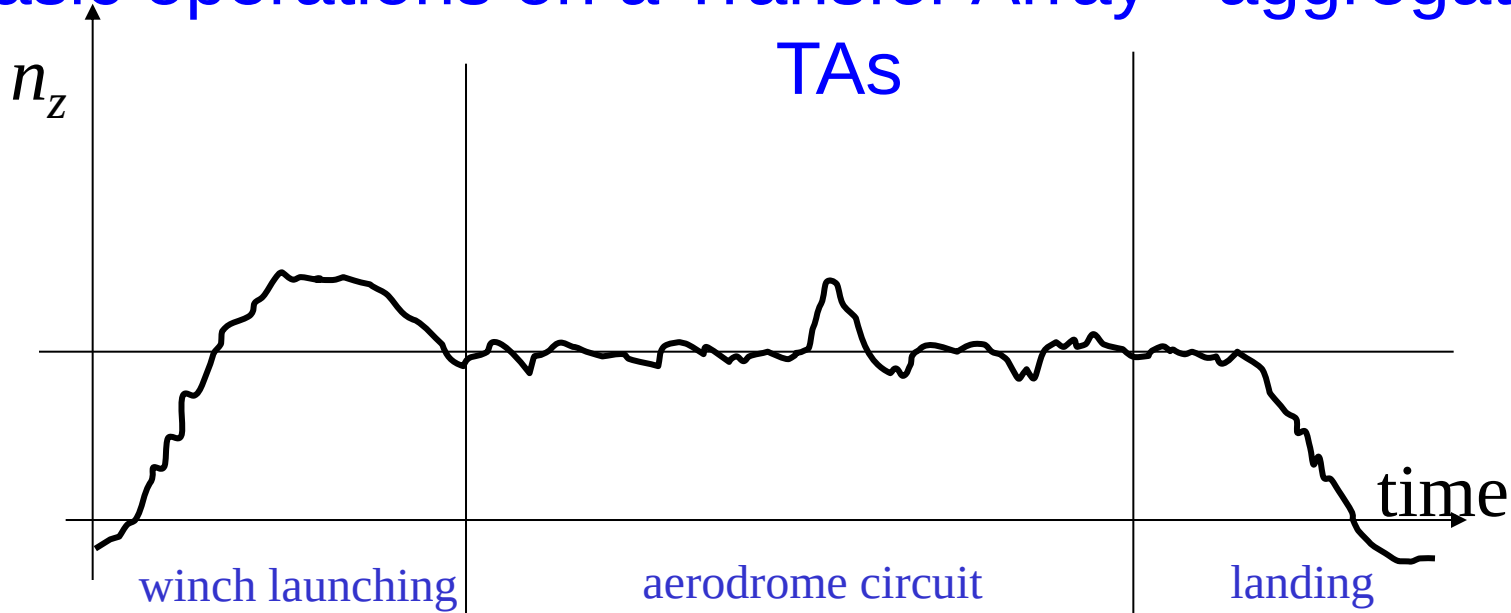
Soaring flight

Wave flight

Hazardous handling $\Rightarrow$ large active zone

Aerobatic flight

Basic operations on a Transfer Array - aggregating the TAs



$$TA_{full\ flight} = TA_{winch\ launching} + TA_{aerodrome\ circuit} + TA_{landing}$$

$$TA_{i,j\ full_flight} = \sum TA_{i,j\ flight_components}$$

Basic operations on a Transfer Array - enveloping the set pf TAs

Transfer Array TA1

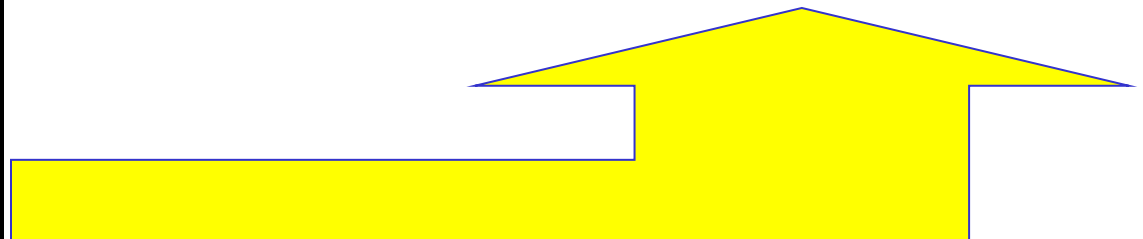
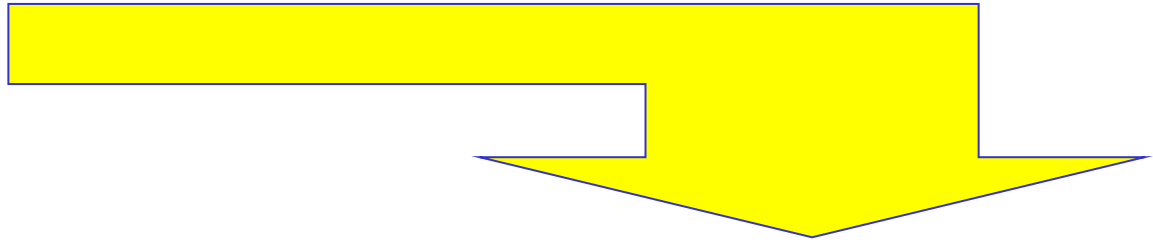
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-		8					

Transfer Array TA2

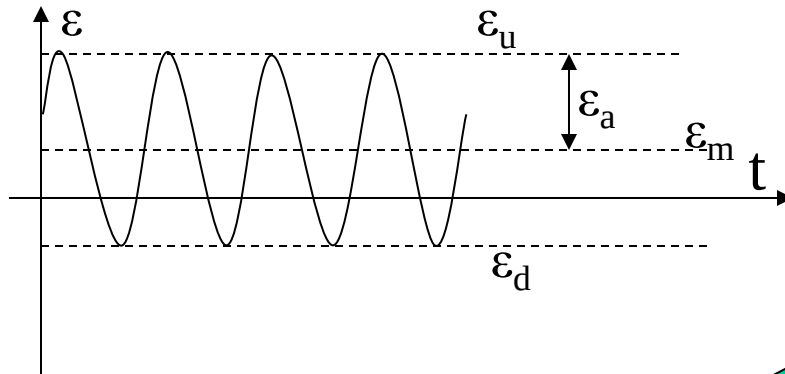
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		12	-		18		22
		-		2	26	14	
	-		13		1		
-	1						

Envelope of TA1&TA2

				1			-
			8	7	12	-	
		8	24	7	-	25	13
		14	8	-		7	
		12	-	33	18	16	22
	2	-	34	2	26	14	
	-		13	2	1		
-	1	8					



Index of TA cell versus the load oscillation parameters



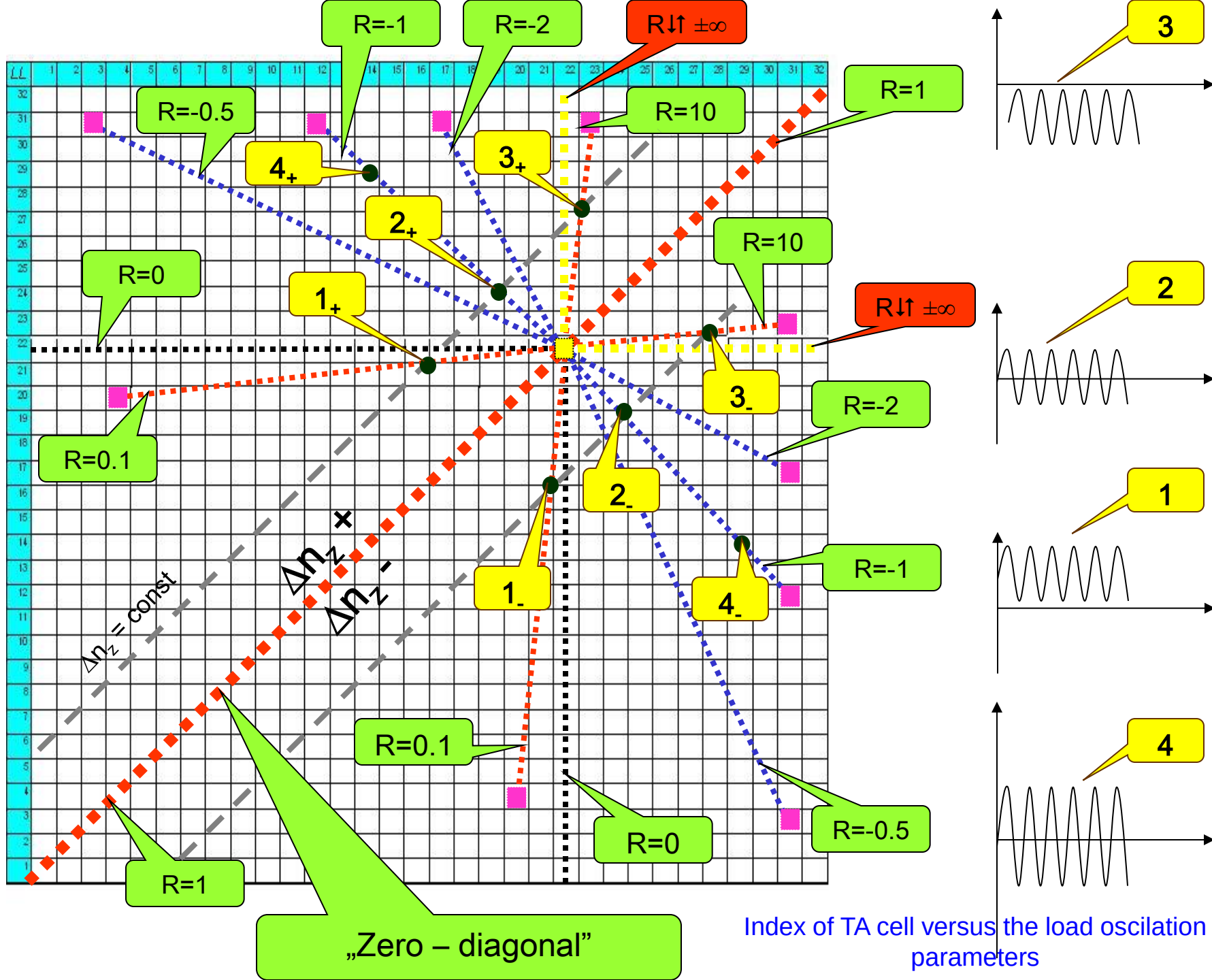
Characterization factors of
load oscillations
(or deformation oscillations)

$$R = \frac{\varepsilon_d}{\varepsilon_u}$$

Coefficient of load cycle asymmetry

$$K = \frac{\varepsilon_m}{\varepsilon_a}$$

Coefficient of load cycle constancy



Distribution of R-values in the Transfer Array

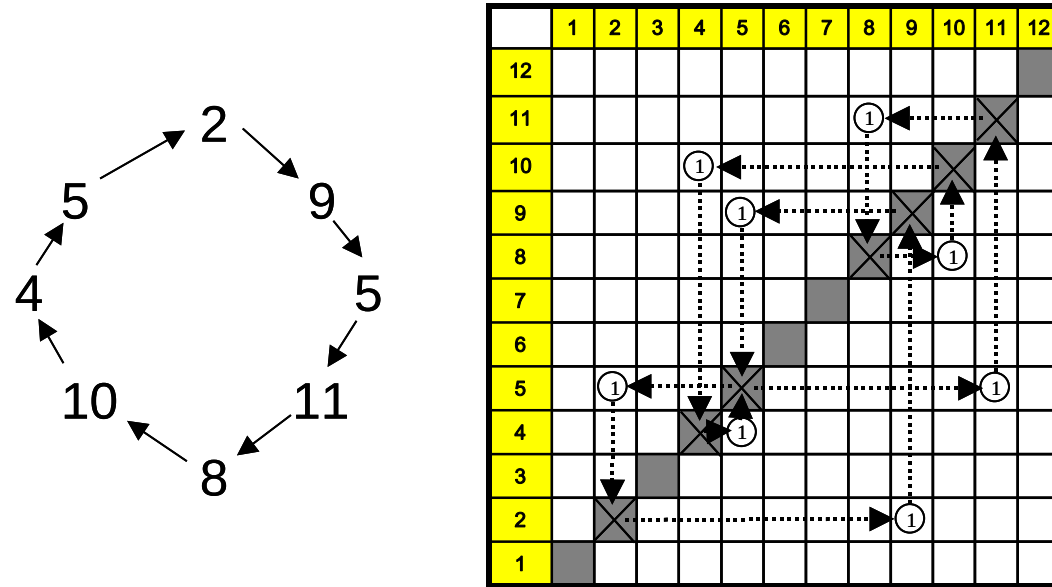
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32	-0.50	-0.53	-0.55	-0.58	-0.62	-0.66	-0.70	-0.76	-0.82	-0.89	-0.97	-1.07	-1.19	-1.35	-1.55	-1.82	-2.21	-2.82	-3.87	-6.19	-15.45	31.18	7.76	4.43	3.10	2.39	1.94	1.63	1.41	1.24	1.11	
31	-0.45	-0.47	-0.50	-0.53	-0.56	-0.60	-0.64	-0.68	-0.74	-0.80	-0.87	-0.97	-1.08	-1.22	-1.40	-1.65	-2.00	-2.54	-3.50	-5.59	-13.96	28.16	7.01	4.00	2.80	2.15	1.75	1.47	1.27	1.12		1.11
30	-0.40	-0.42	-0.45	-0.47	-0.50	-0.53	-0.57	-0.61	-0.66	-0.71	-0.78	-0.86	-0.96	-1.09	-1.25	-1.47	-1.78	-2.27	-3.12	-4.99	-12.46	25.14	6.26	3.57	2.50	1.92	1.56	1.32	1.14		1.12	1.24
29	-0.35	-0.37	-0.39	-0.41	-0.44	-0.47	-0.50	-0.54	-0.58	-0.63	-0.69	-0.76	-0.85	-0.96	-1.10	-1.29	-1.57	-2.00	-2.75	-4.39	-10.96	22.12	5.51	3.14	2.20	1.69	1.38	1.16		1.14	1.27	1.41
28	-0.31	-0.32	-0.34	-0.36	-0.38	-0.40	-0.43	-0.46	-0.50	-0.54	-0.59	-0.65	-0.73	-0.83	-0.95	-1.12	-1.36	-1.73	-2.37	-3.79	-9.47	19.11	4.76	2.72	1.90	1.46	1.19		1.16	1.32	1.47	1.63
27	-0.26	-0.27	-0.29	-0.30	-0.32	-0.34	-0.36	-0.39	-0.42	-0.46	-0.50	-0.55	-0.62	-0.70	-0.80	-0.94	-1.14	-1.45	-2.00	-3.20	-7.97	16.09	4.00	2.29	1.60	1.23		1.19	1.38	1.56	1.75	1.94
26	-0.21	-0.22	-0.23	-0.25	-0.26	-0.28	-0.30	-0.32	-0.34	-0.37	-0.41	-0.45	-0.50	-0.56	-0.65	-0.76	-0.93	-1.18	-1.62	-2.60	-6.48	13.07	3.25	1.86	1.30		1.23	1.46	1.69	1.92	2.15	2.39
25	-0.16	-0.17	-0.18	-0.19	-0.20	-0.21	-0.23	-0.24	-0.26	-0.29	-0.31	-0.34	-0.38	-0.43	-0.50	-0.59	-0.71	-0.91	-1.25	-2.00	-4.98	10.05	2.50	1.43		1.30	1.60	1.90	2.20	2.50	2.80	3.10
24	-0.11	-0.12	-0.12	-0.13	-0.14	-0.15	-0.16	-0.17	-0.18	-0.20	-0.22	-0.24	-0.27	-0.30	-0.35	-0.41	-0.50	-0.64	-0.87	-1.40	-3.49	7.04	1.75		1.43	1.86	2.29	2.72	3.14	3.57	4.00	4.43
23	-0.06	-0.07	-0.07	-0.08	-0.08	-0.08	-0.09	-0.10	-0.11	-0.11	-0.12	-0.14	-0.15	-0.17	-0.20	-0.23	-0.29	-0.36	-0.50	-0.80	-1.99	4.02		1.75	2.50	3.25	4.00	4.76	5.51	6.26	7.01	7.76
22	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	-0.03	-0.03	-0.03	-0.03	-0.04	-0.04	-0.05	-0.06	-0.07	-0.09	-0.12	-0.20	-0.50		4.02	7.04	10.05	13.07	16.09	19.11	22.12	25.14	28.16	31.18
21	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.12	0.14	0.18	0.25	0.40		-0.50	-1.99	-3.49	-4.98	-6.48	-7.97	-9.47	-10.96	-12.46	-13.96	-15.45
20	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.14	0.16	0.17	0.19	0.22	0.25	0.29	0.36	0.45	0.63		0.40	-0.20	-0.80	-1.40	-2.00	-2.60	-3.20	-3.79	-4.39	-4.99	-5.59	-6.19
19	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.20	0.21	0.23	0.25	0.28	0.31	0.35	0.40	0.47	0.57	0.73		0.63	0.25	-0.12	-0.50	-0.87	-1.25	-1.62	-2.00	-2.37	-2.75	-3.12	-3.50	-3.87
18	0.18	0.19	0.20	0.21	0.22	0.23	0.25	0.27	0.29	0.31	0.34	0.38	0.42	0.48	0.55	0.65	0.79		0.73	0.45	0.18	-0.09	-0.36	-0.64	-0.91	-1.18	-1.45	-1.73	-2.00	-2.27	-2.54	-2.82
17	0.23	0.24	0.25	0.26	0.28	0.30	0.32	0.34	0.37	0.40	0.44	0.48	0.54	0.61	0.70	0.82		0.79	0.57	0.36	0.14	-0.07	-0.29	-0.50	-0.71	-0.93	-1.14	-1.36	-1.57	-1.78	-2.00	-2.21
16	0.27	0.29	0.30	0.32	0.34	0.36	0.39	0.41	0.45	0.49	0.53	0.59	0.65	0.74	0.85		0.82	0.65	0.47	0.29	0.12	-0.06	-0.23	-0.41	-0.59	-0.76	-0.94	-1.12	-1.29	-1.47	-1.65	-1.82
15	0.32	0.34	0.36	0.38	0.40	0.43	0.45	0.49	0.53	0.57	0.63	0.69	0.77	0.87		0.85	0.70	0.55	0.40	0.25	0.10	-0.05	-0.20	-0.35	-0.50	-0.65	-0.80	-0.95	-1.10	-1.25	-1.40	-1.55
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13	0.42	0.44	0.46	0.49	0.52	0.55	0.59	0.63	0.68	0.74	0.81	0.90		0.88	0.77	0.65	0.54	0.42	0.31	0.19	0.08	-0.04	-0.15	-0.27	-0.38	-0.50	-0.62	-0.73	-0.85	-0.96	-1.08	-1.19
12	0.47	0.49	0.52	0.55	0.58	0.62	0.66	0.71	0.76	0.83	0.91		0.90	0.79	0.69	0.59	0.48	0.38	0.28	0.17	0.07	-0.03	-0.14	-0.24	-0.34	-0.45	-0.55	-0.65	-0.76	-0.86	-0.97	-1.07
11	0.52	0.54	0.57	0.60	0.64	0.68	0.73	0.78	0.84	0.91		0.91	0.81	0.72	0.63	0.53	0.44	0.34	0.25	0.16	0.06	-0.03	-0.12	-0.22	-0.31	-0.41	-0.50	-0.59	-0.69	-0.78	-0.87	-0.97
10	0.56	0.59	0.63	0.66	0.70	0.74	0.80	0.85	0.92		0.91	0.83	0.74	0.66	0.57	0.49	0.40	0.31	0.23	0.14	0.06	-0.03	-0.11	-0.20	-0.29	-0.37	-0.46	-0.54	-0.63	-0.71	-0.80	-0.89
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8	0.66	0.69	0.73	0.77	0.82	0.87	0.93		0.93	0.85	0.78	0.71	0.63	0.56	0.49	0.41	0.34	0.27	0.20	0.12	0.05	-0.02	-0.10	-0.17	-0.24	-0.32	-0.39	-0.46	-0.54	-0.61	-0.68	-0.76
7	0.71	0.75	0.79	0.83	0.88	0.94		0.93	0.86	0.80	0.73	0.66	0.59	0.52	0.45	0.39	0.32	0.25	0.18	0.11	0.05	-0.02	-0.09	-0.16	-0.23	-0.30	-0.36	-0.43	-0.50	-0.57	-0.64	-0.70
6	0.76	0.80	0.84	0.89	0.94		0.94	0.87	0.81	0.74	0.68	0.62	0.55	0.49	0.43	0.36	0.30	0.23	0.17	0.11	0.04	-0.02	-0.08	-0.15	-0.21	-0.28	-0.34	-0.40	-0.47	-0.53	-0.60	-0.66
5	0.81	0.85	0.89	0.94		0.94	0.88	0.82	0.76	0.70	0.64	0.58	0.52	0.46	0.40	0.34	0.28	0.22	0.16	0.10	0.04	-0.02	-0.08	-0.14	-0.20	-0.26	-0.32	-0.38	-0.44	-0.50	-0.56	-0.62
4	0.85	0.90	0.95		0.94	0.89	0.83	0.77	0.72	0.66	0.60	0.55	0.49	0.43	0.38	0.32	0.26	0.21	0.15	0.09	0.04	-0.02	-0.08	-0.13	-0.19	-0.25	-0.30	-0.36	-0.41	-0.47	-0.53	-0.58
3	0.90	0.95		0.95	0.89	0.84	0.79	0.73	0.68	0.63	0.57	0.52	0.46	0.41	0.36	0.30	0.25	0.20	0.14	0.09	0.04	-0.02	-0.07	-0.12	-0.18	-0.23	-0.29	-0.34	-0.39	-0.45	-0.50	-0.55
2	0.95		0.95	0.90	0.85	0.80	0.75	0.69	0.64	0.59	0.54	0.49	0.44	0.39	0.34	0.29	0.24	0.19	0.14	0.08	0.03	-0.02	-0.07	-0.12	-0.17	-0.22	-0.27	-0.32	-0.37	-0.42	-0.47	-0.53
1		0.95	0.90	0.85	0.81	0.76	0.71	0.66	0.61	0.56	0.52	0.47	0.42	0.37	0.32	0.27	0.23	0.18	0.13	0.08	0.03	-0.02	-0.06	-0.11	-0.16	-0.21	-0.26	-0.31	-0.35	-0.40	-0.45	-0.50
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32

Load signal sequence restoring

During TA processing – the information about load signal sequence is lost.

Exact signal sequence restoring from the TA is possible only for very simple cases (short-closed-loop events).

In other cases the load sequence can be restored only in an approximate way (on the basis of Markov chains theory)



$$MP \Rightarrow MP''$$

Markov chains

$$p_i(k) = \sum_{j \in S} p_j(k-1) \cdot MP'_{ji} \quad \forall_i \in S$$

$$\left\{ p_i = \sum_{j \in S} p_j \cdot MP'_{ji} \quad \forall_i \in S \right.$$

(Hidden Markov chains)

Rabiner L.R., *A tutorial on hidden Markov models and selected applications in speech recognition*, Proceedings of the IEEE 77(2), pp 257-286, 1989

Status defined by 2-parameters: s – Load Level, k – direction of signal change (binary: „up” or „down”).

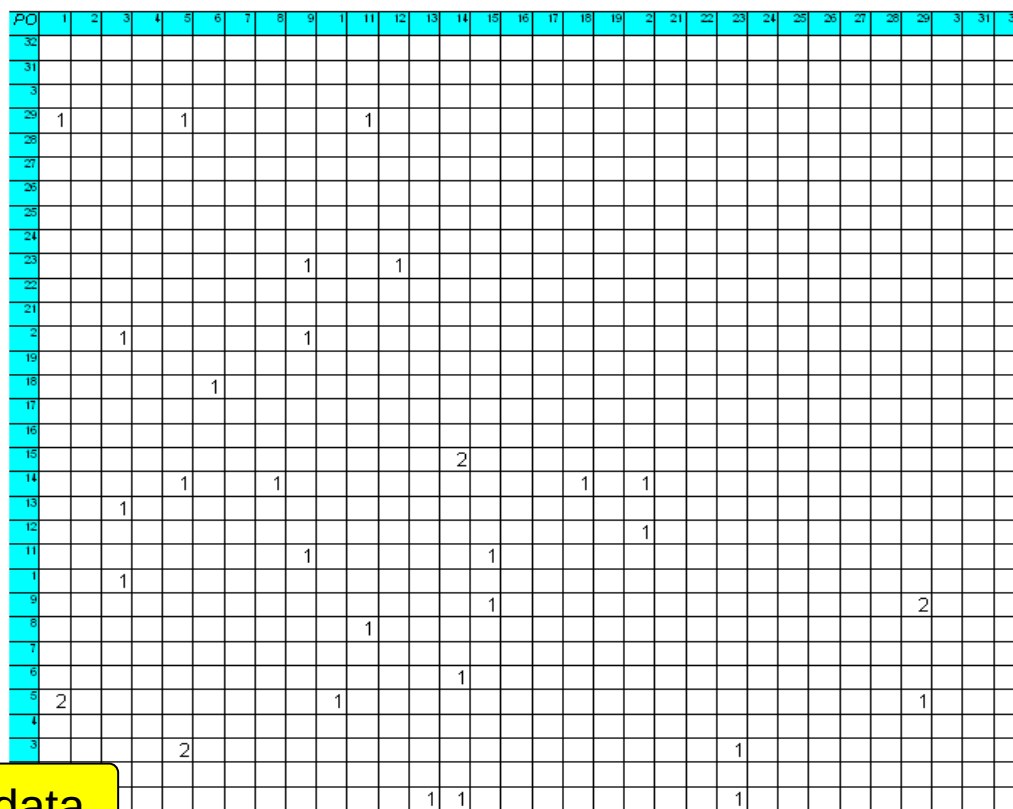
Example of signal sequence restoring

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Input data

-KONRFNEJCEAMCEANHKI-AWLTIONTCWI-E-

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Output data

JCWI-E-KONRFNEJCEAMCWLTIONTCCEANHKI-



Load sequence
restoring -
example

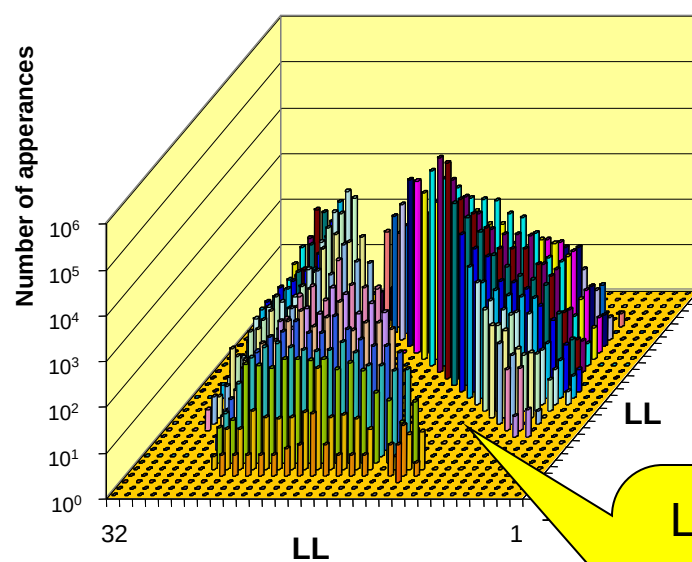
ASCII codes of the Load Levels

ASCII code of Load Levels

Load Level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
ASCII symbol	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
Load Level	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
ASCII symbol	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	#	\$	-	*	!	+

KoSMOS – Load Spectrum Standard applied in Germany

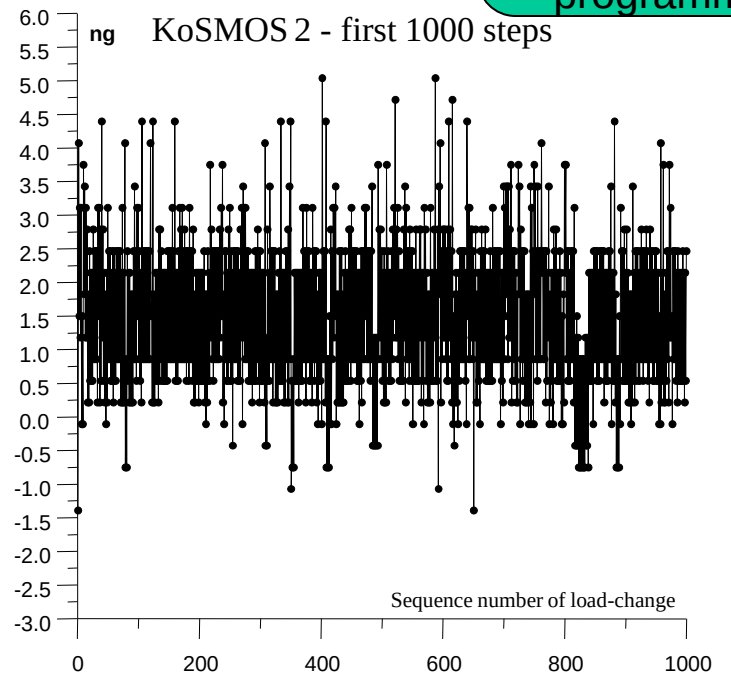
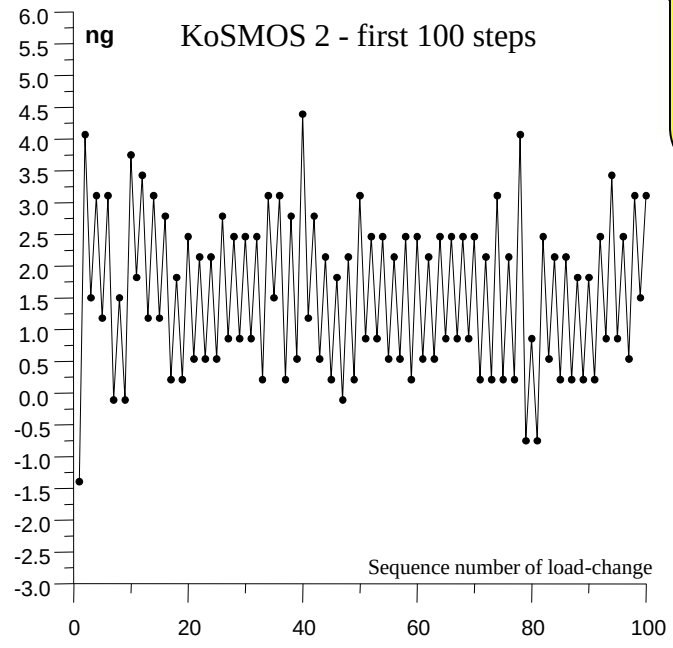
Kollektiv für Segelflugzeuge, Motorflugzeuge bis ca. 2 Abfulgmasse und Motor-Segler



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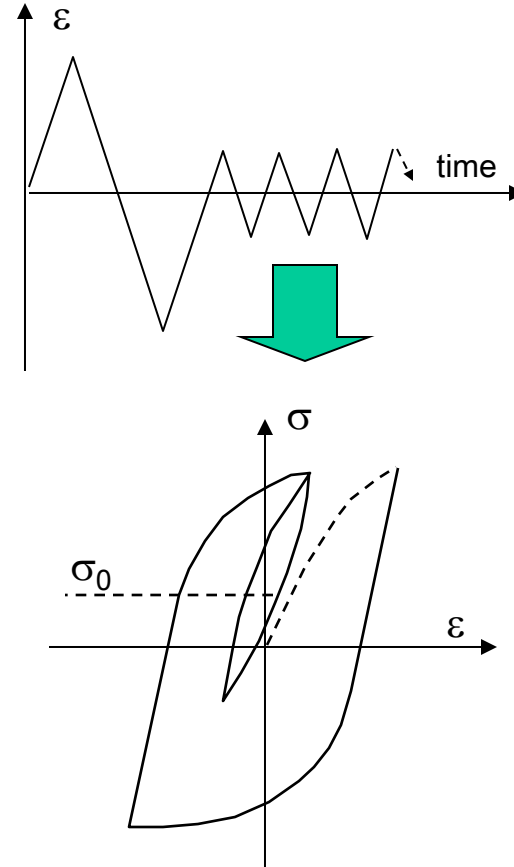
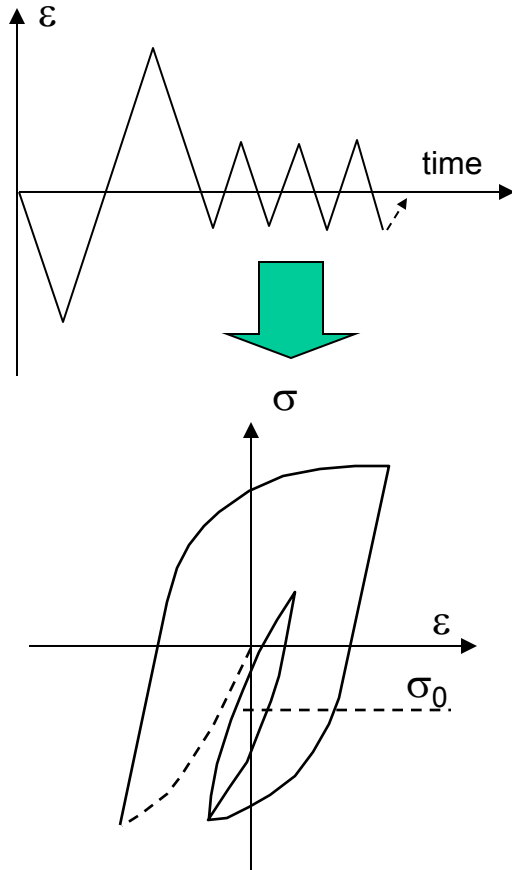
Load cycles near the „0-diagonal“ are intentionally neglected!!!

Example of ASCII code of the fatigue test programme



Algoritms of full-load- cycles counting

Importance of load-cycles sequence: example

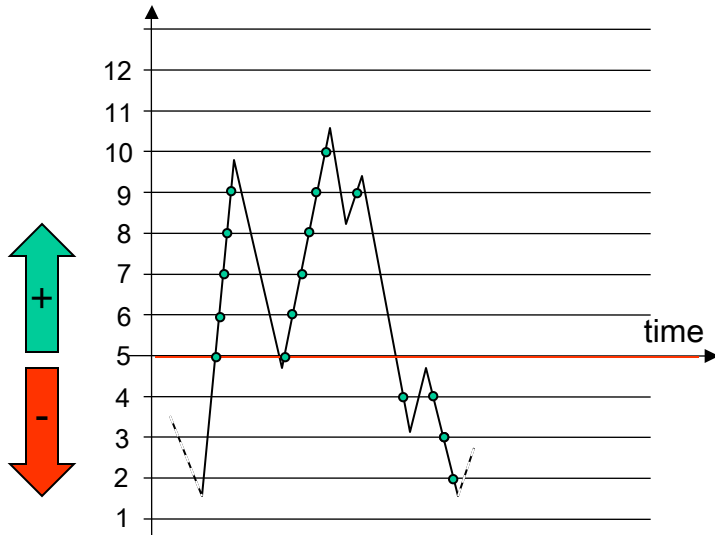


- Put the attention on the mean value (σ_0) of small hysteresis-loop
- It corresponds with mean value of the stress in critical cross-section of the material, caused by initial overloading
- The value and the sign depend on sequence of loading

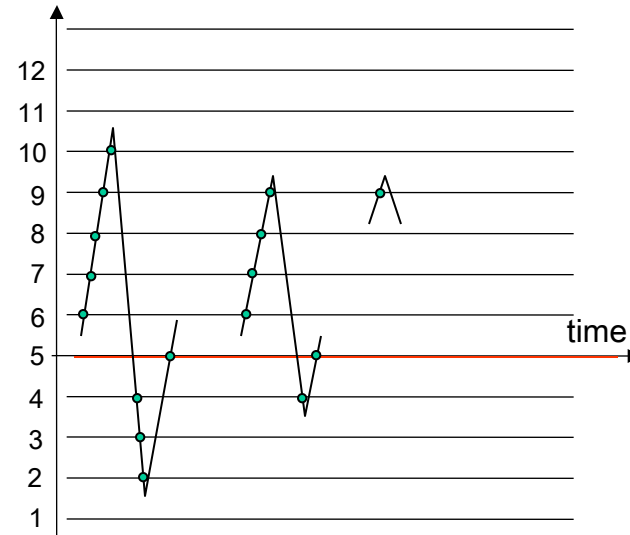
Algoritms of full-load-cycles counting

Counting of LL exceeding

Load Levels represented by lines



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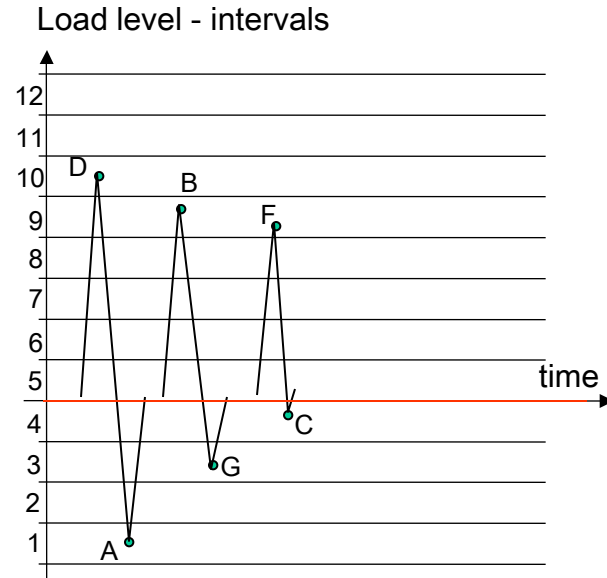
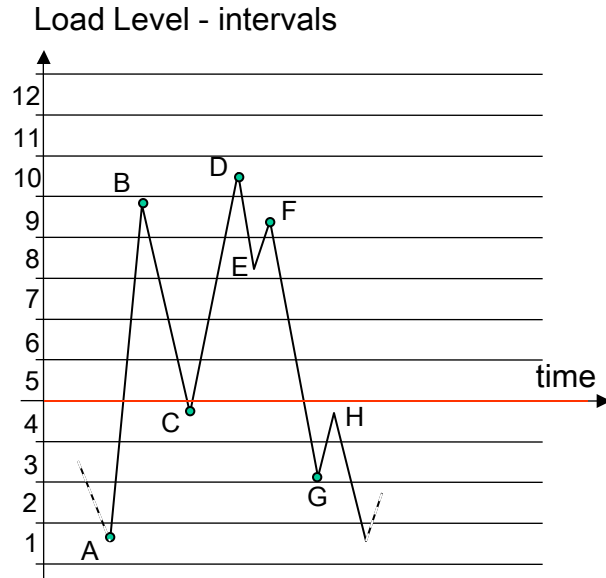


Load Level	Number of passes
1	0
2	1
3	1
4	2
5	2
6	2
7	2
8	2
9	3
10	1
11	0
12	0

- Designate load levels and reference load level
- For signal increase cases – begin the counting of LL exceeding when signal is over reference load level
- For signal decrease cases – begin the counting of LL exceeding when signal is under reference load level
- Starting from extremal exceeded LL – complete the full load cycles

Algoritms of full-load-cycles counting

Counting of local extremes



Load Level	Number of LE
1	1
2	0
3	1
4	1
5	0
6	0
7	0
8	0
9	2
10	1
11	0
12	0

- Designate load levels and reference load level
- Mark all local extremes (LE) related with change of signal angle
- Ignore the LE created by signal changes, which do not exceed the reference LL
- Starting from extremal values of LE – complete the full load cycles

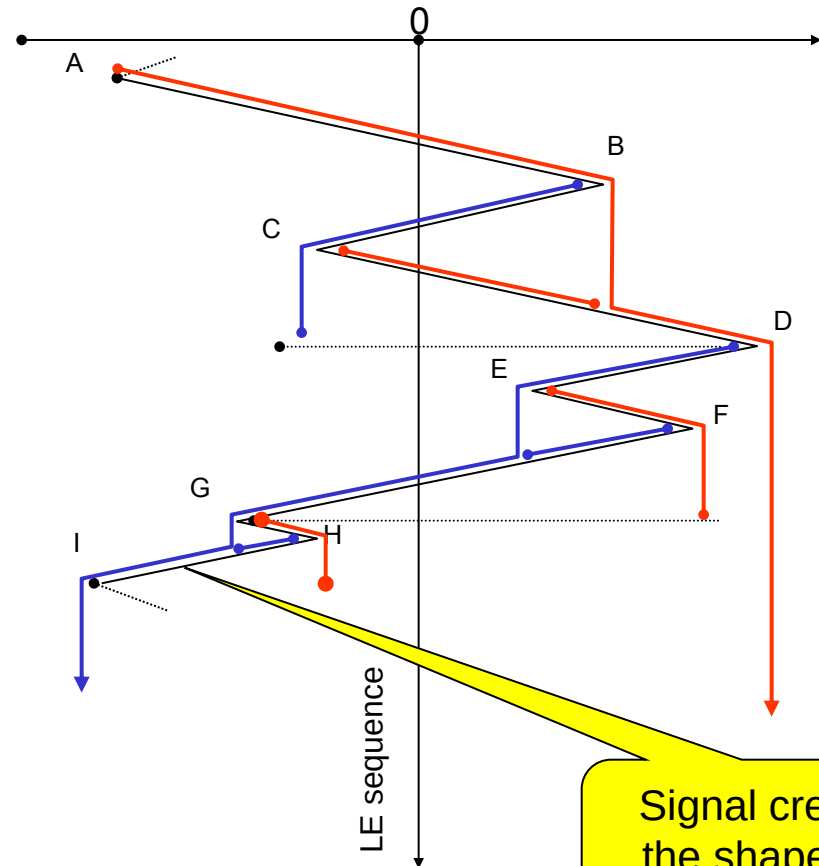
Rainflow Fatigue Cycle Counting



<https://vibrationdata.wordpress.com/2012/10/31/rainflow-fatigue-cycle-counting/>

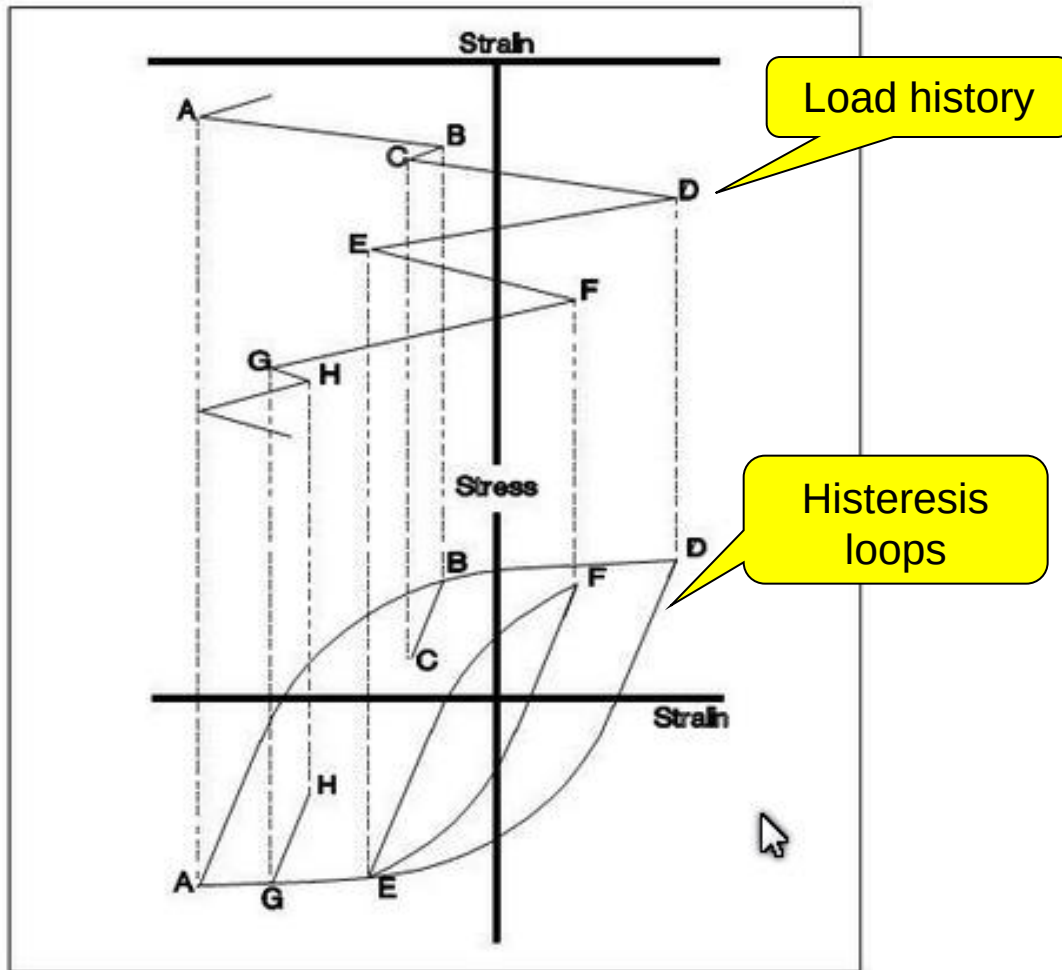
Endo & Matsuishi (1968) developed the Rainflow Counting method by relating stress reversal cycles to streams of rainwater flowing down a Pagoda.

Rainflow Counting



Signal creates
the shape like
„pagoda-roof”

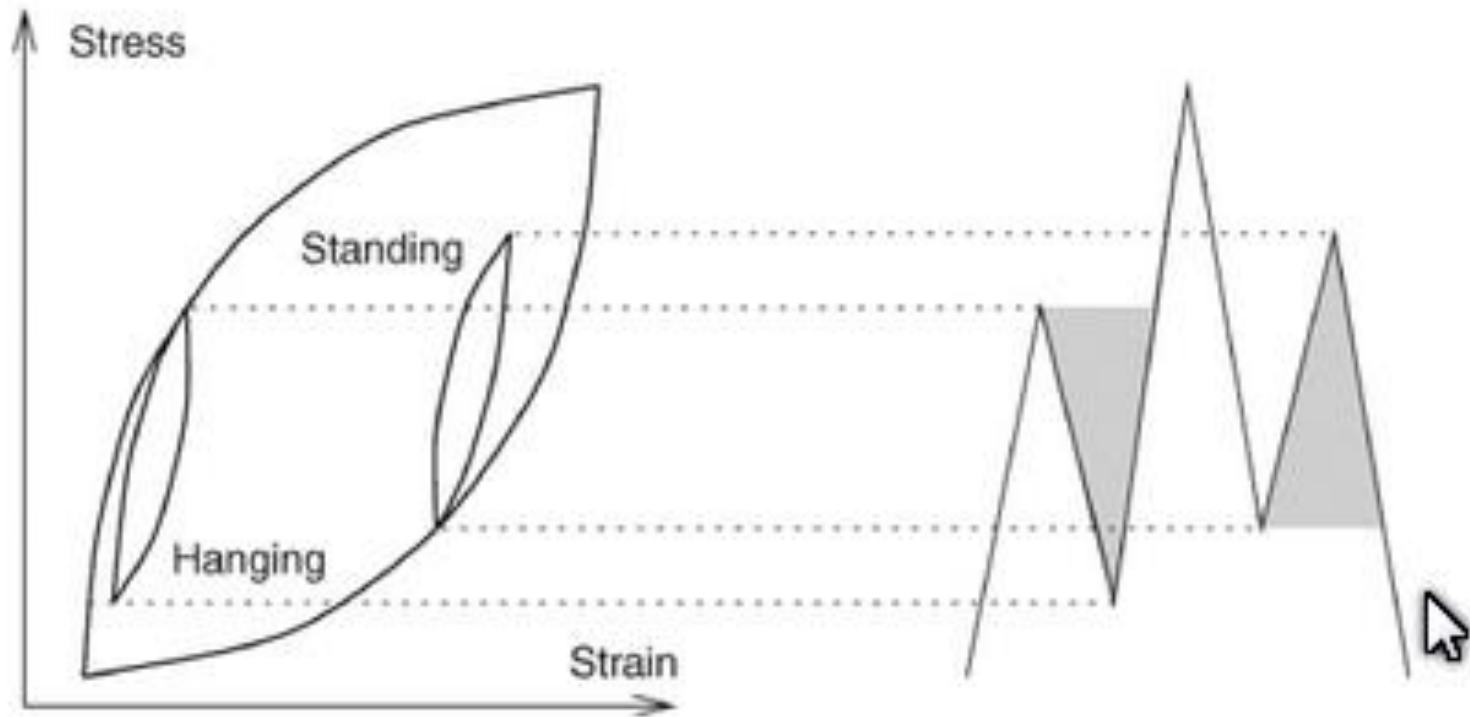
Identyfication of closed hysteresis-loops



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A-D, B-C, E-F, G-H
(similary to the tips of hysteresis-loops)

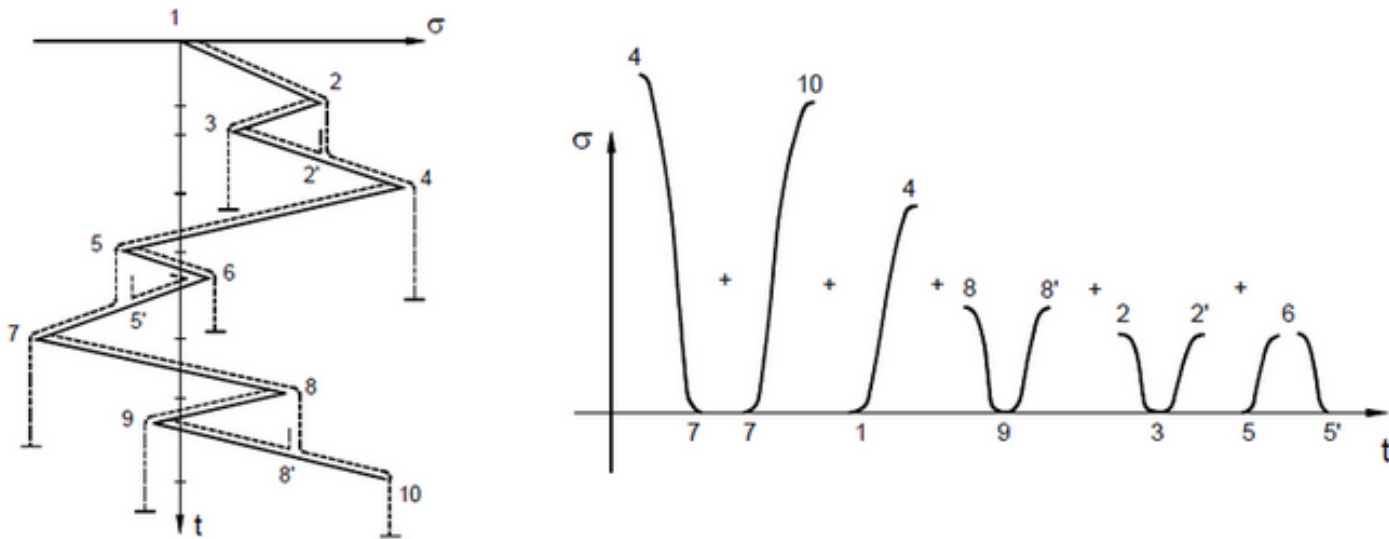
Identification of closed hysteresis-loops

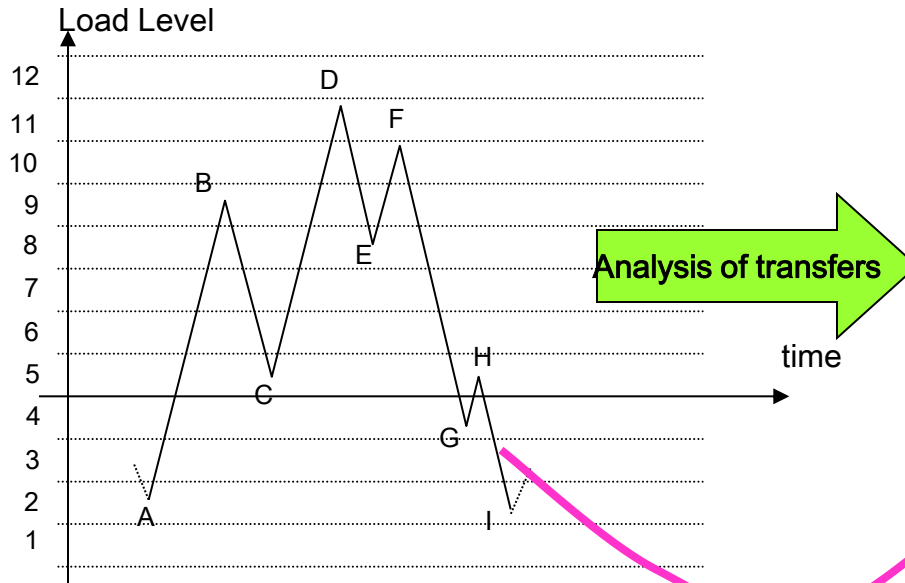


Rainflow Counting algorithm rule:

Water-stream has the source in each depression, and can flow until:

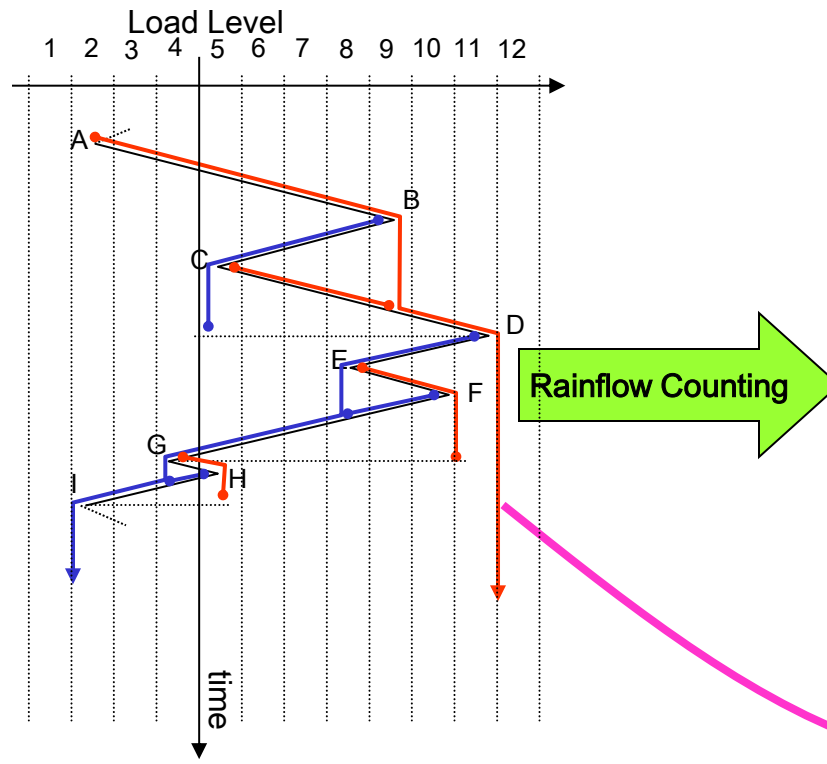
- A/ meets the depression bigger than the depth of own source
- B/ meets the flow, which drops from higher step of the „roof“





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**Result:
Transfer Array**

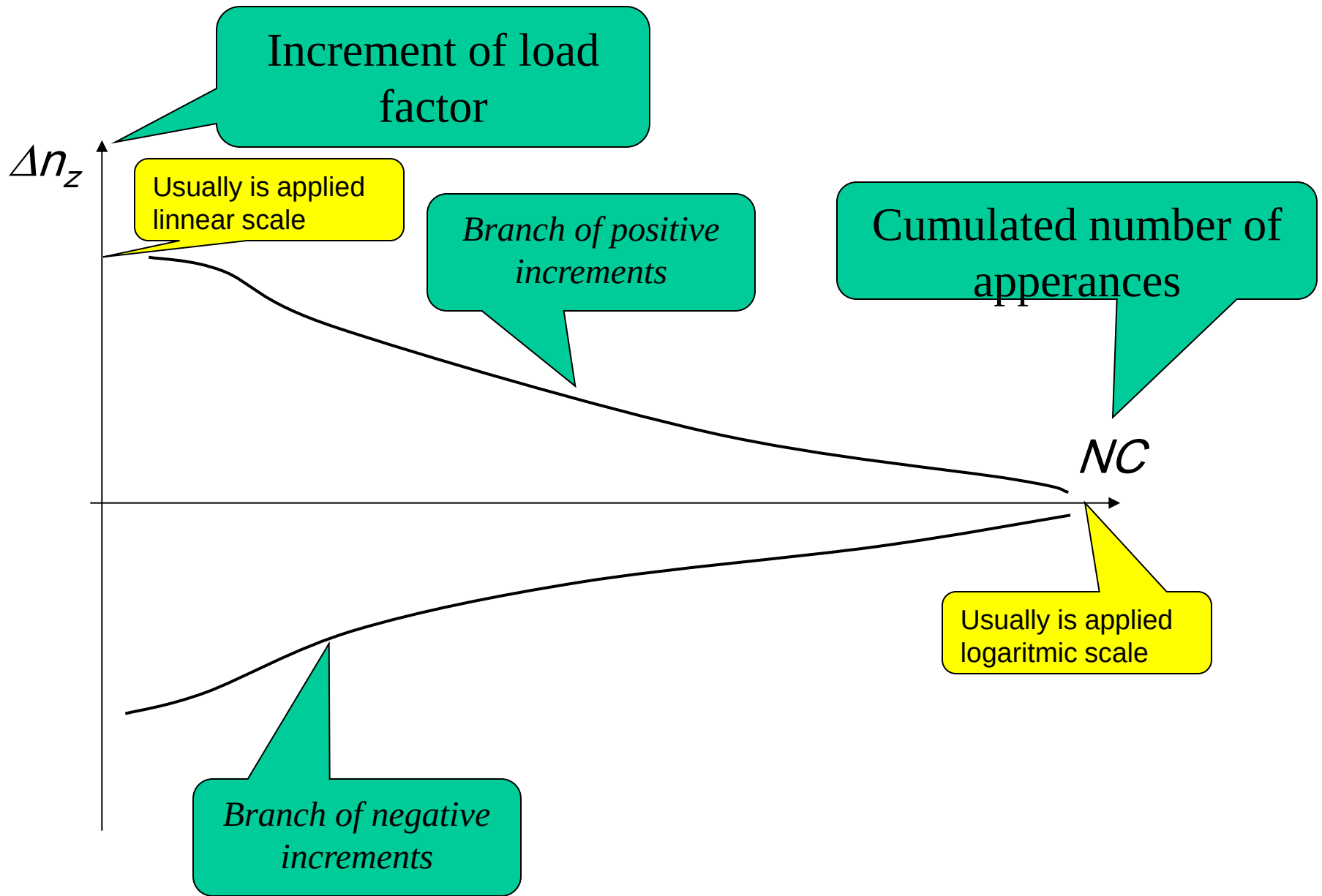


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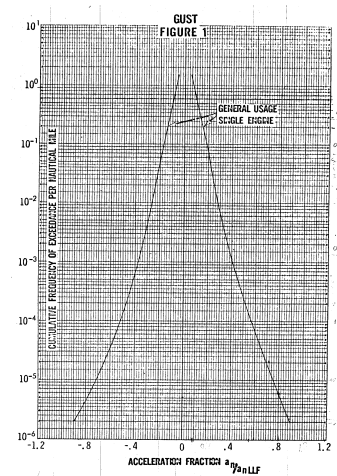
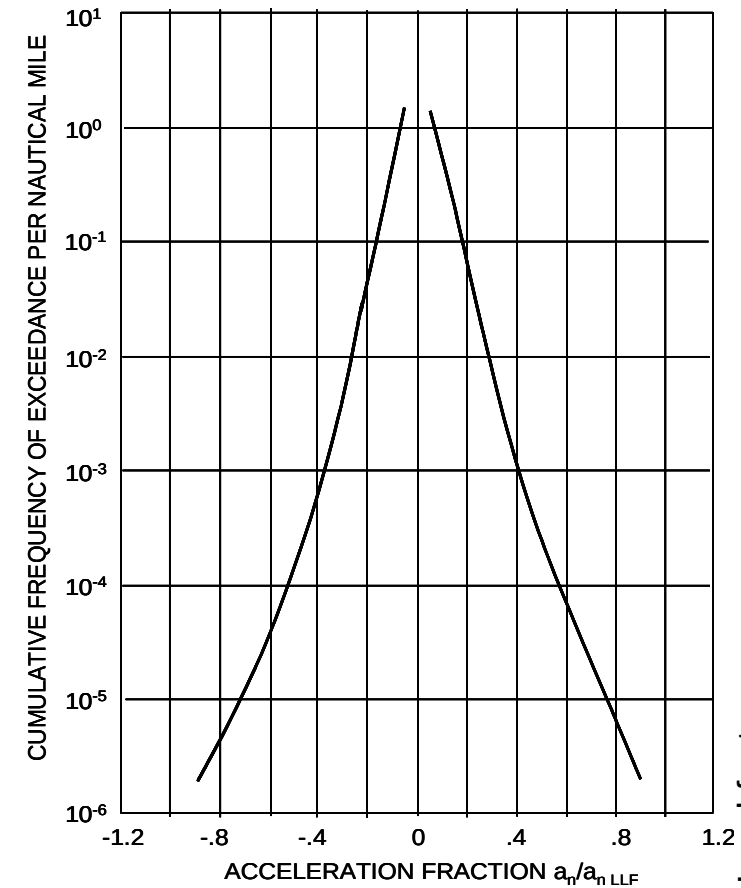
**Result:
Half-Cycles
Array**

Half-Cycles Array and incremental load spectra

Incremental load spectra (classic form)

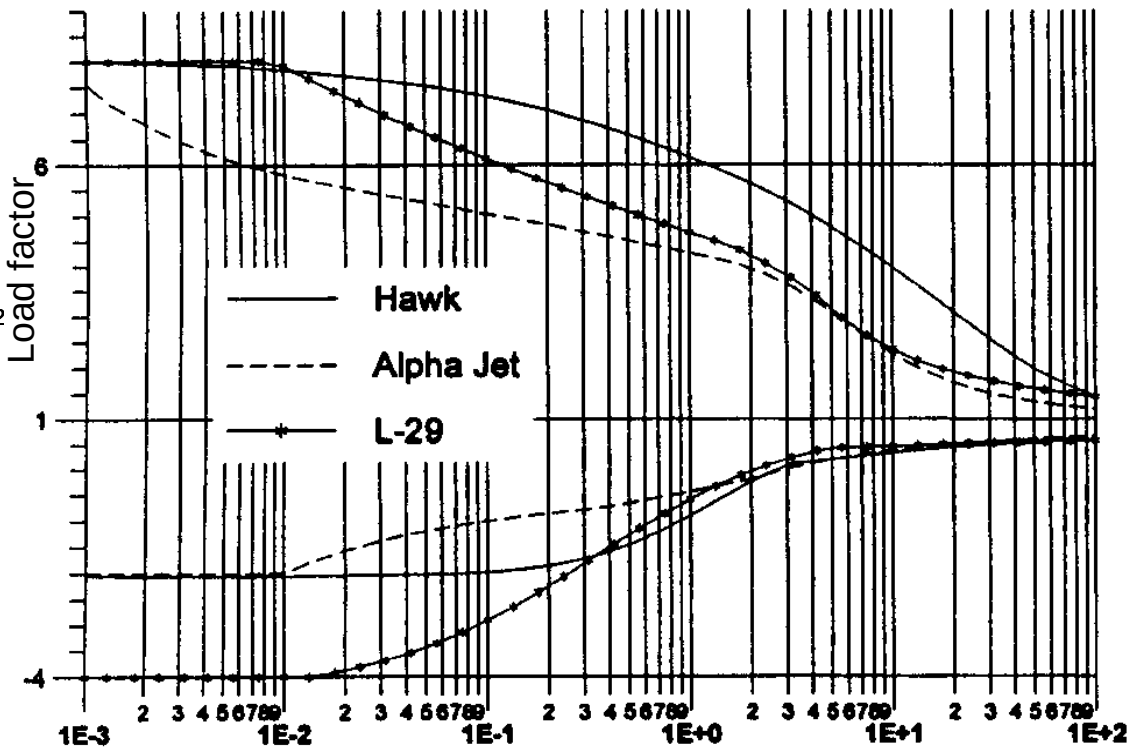


Incremental load spectra (classic form) - examples



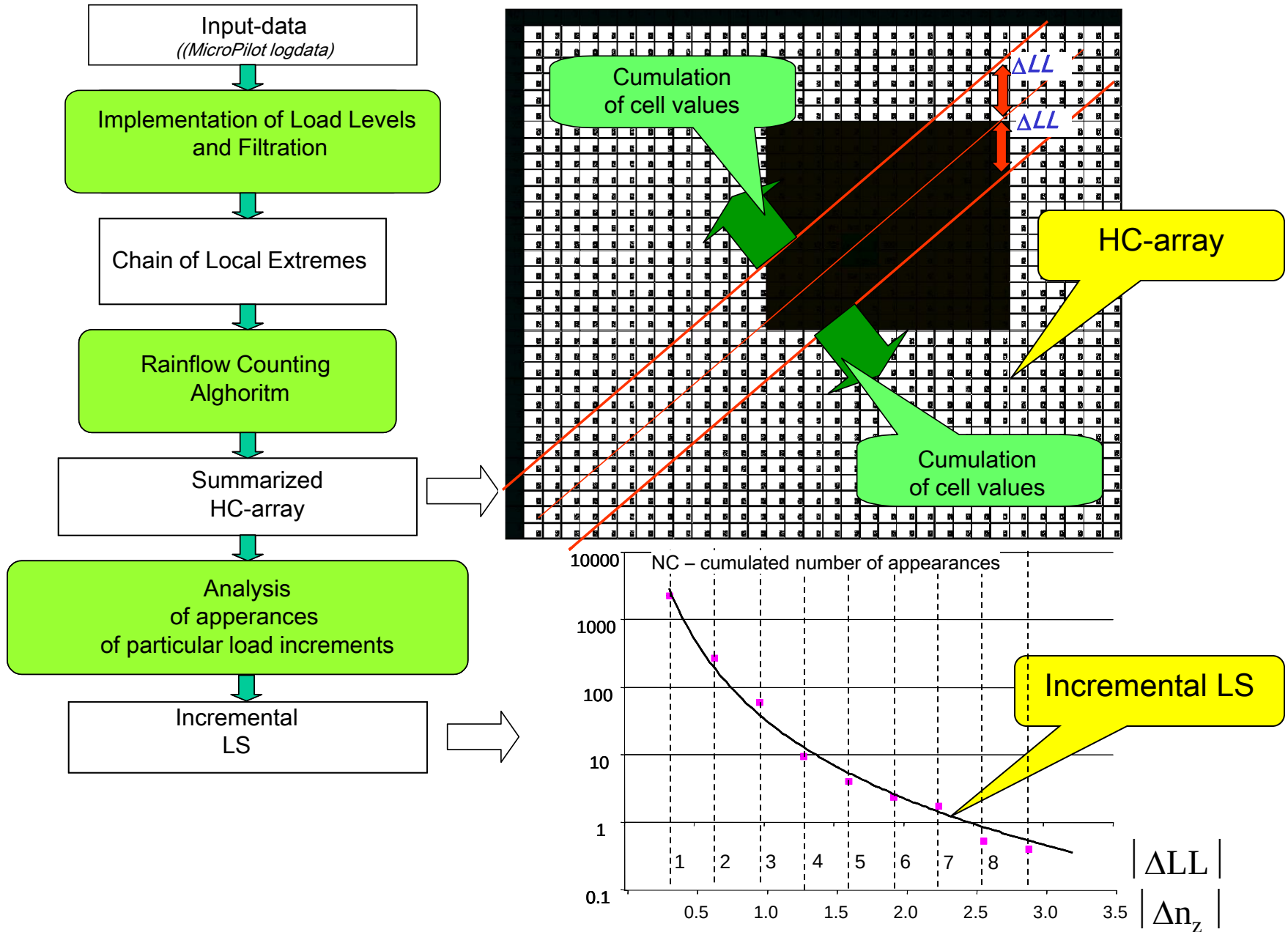
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Fatigue evaluation of wing and associated structure on
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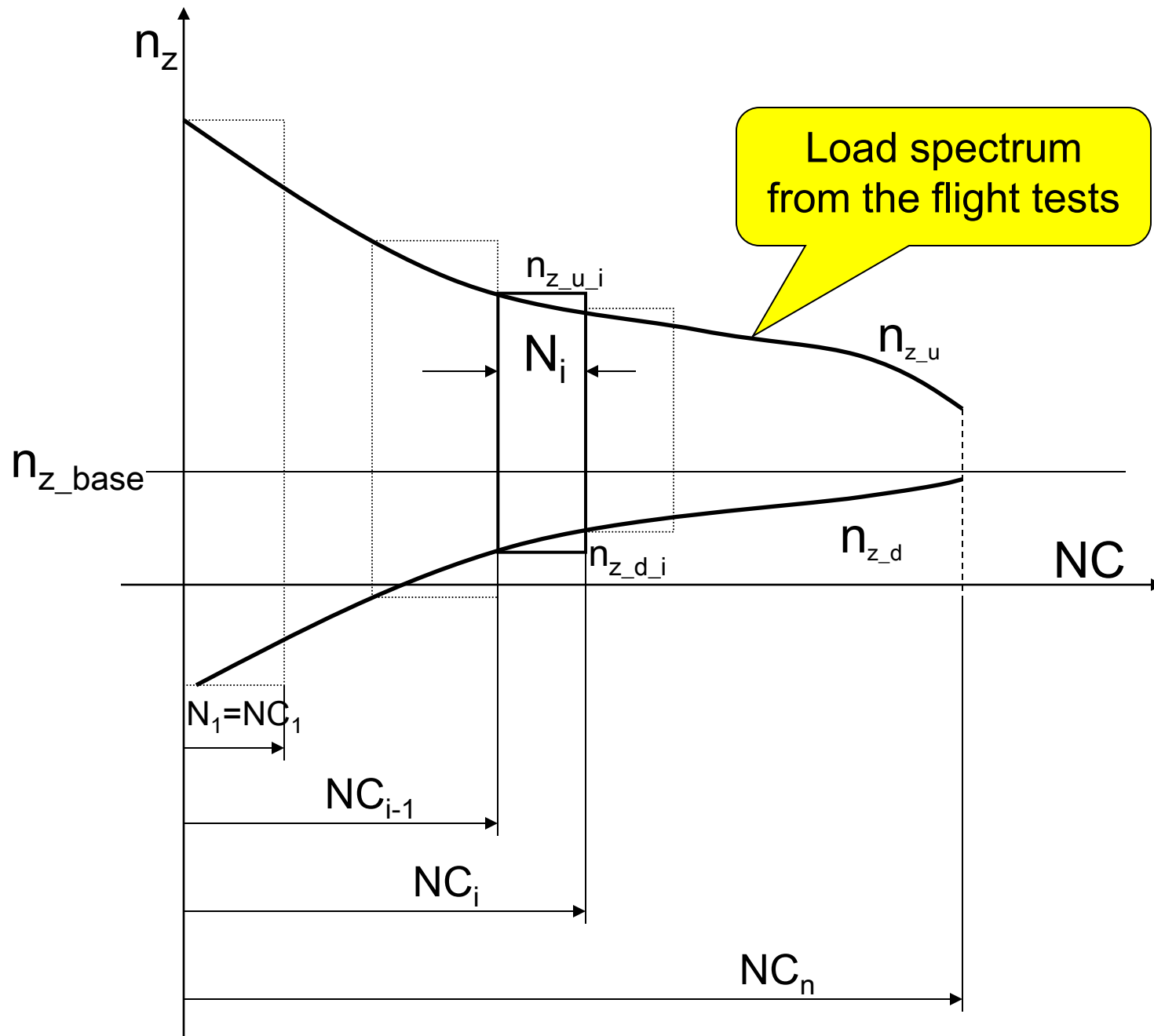


Cumulated number of appearances

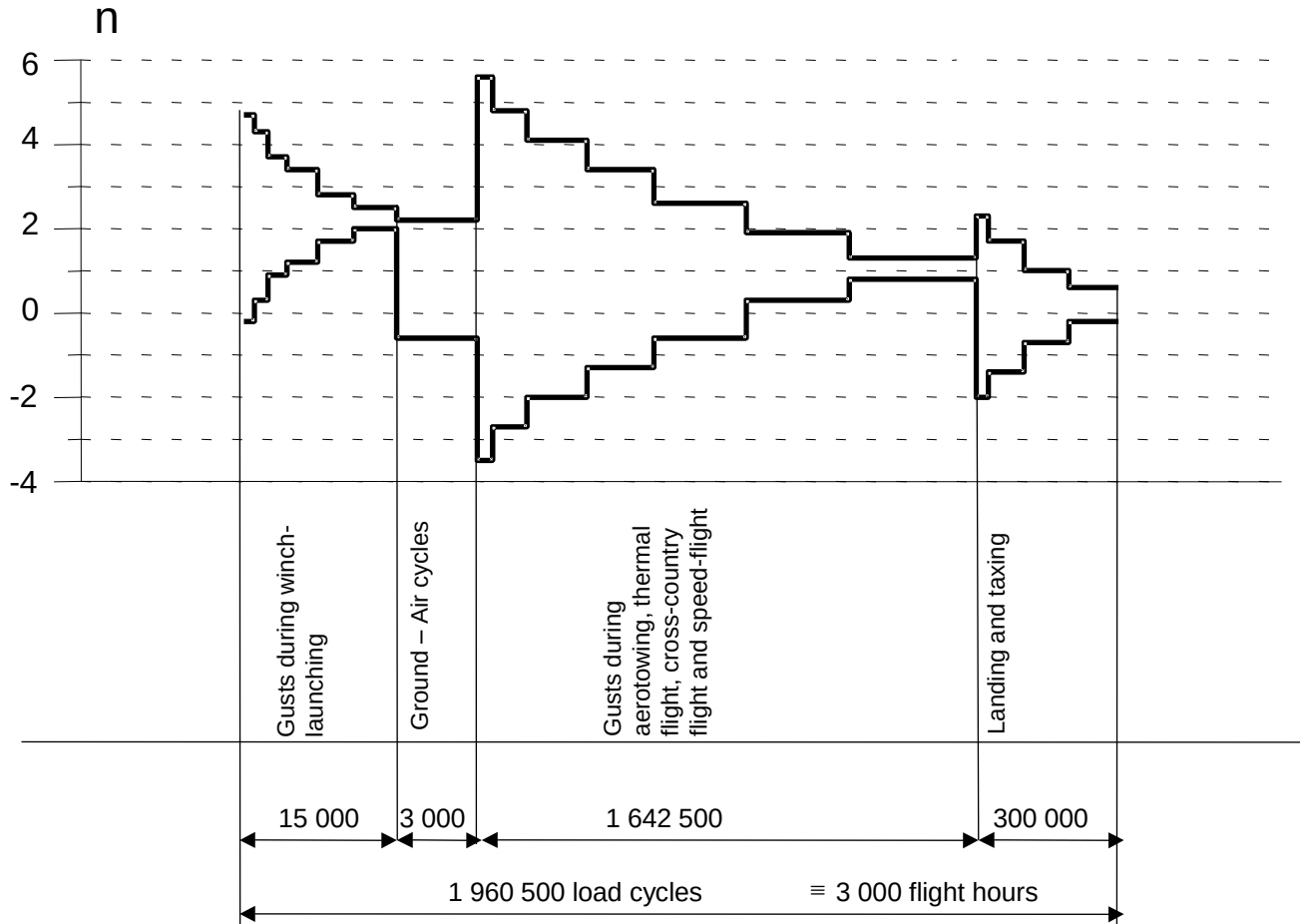
Transition from a Transfer Array to an incremental LS



Transition from incremental LS to the block form of a

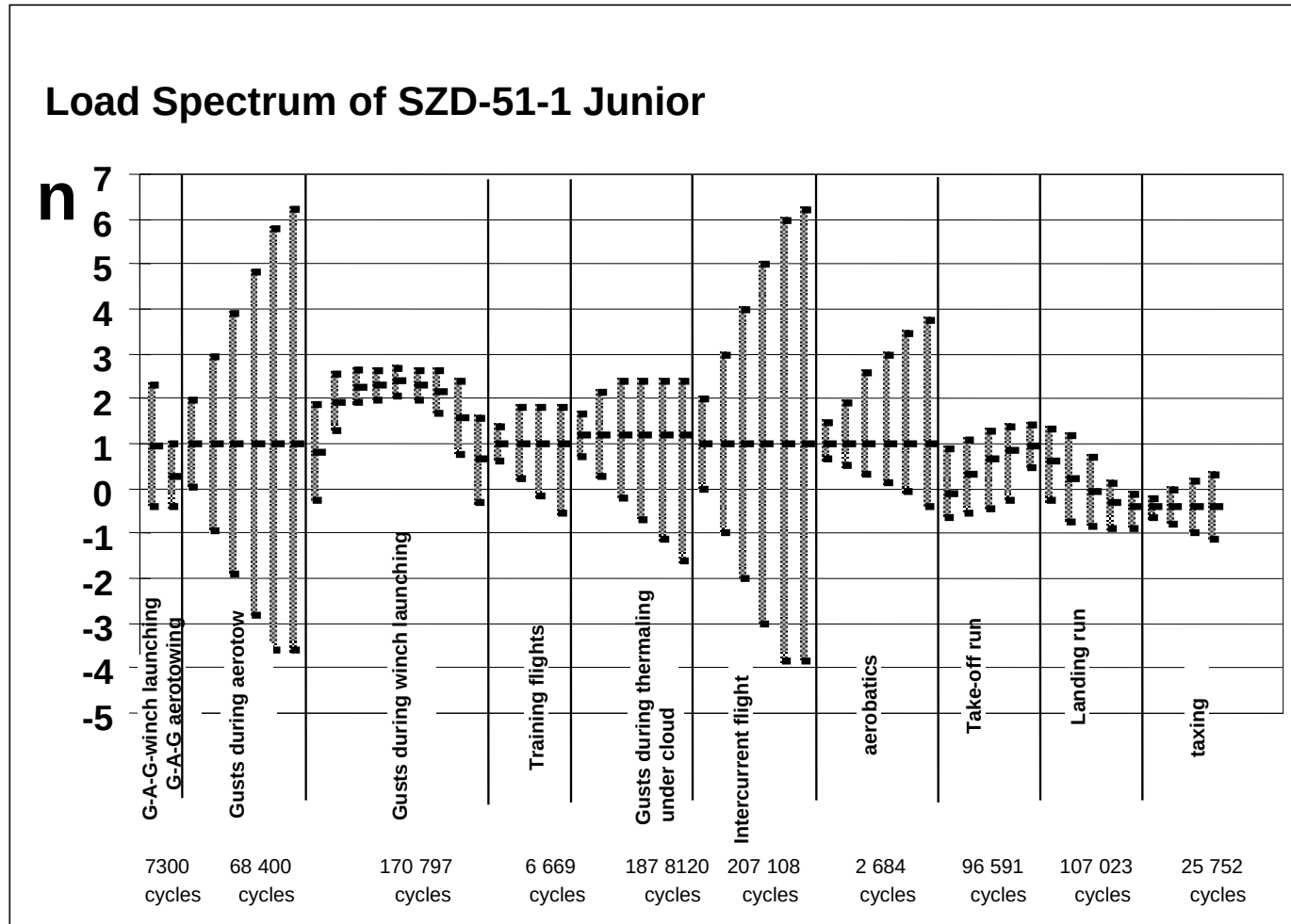


LS as a set of blocks of load cycles



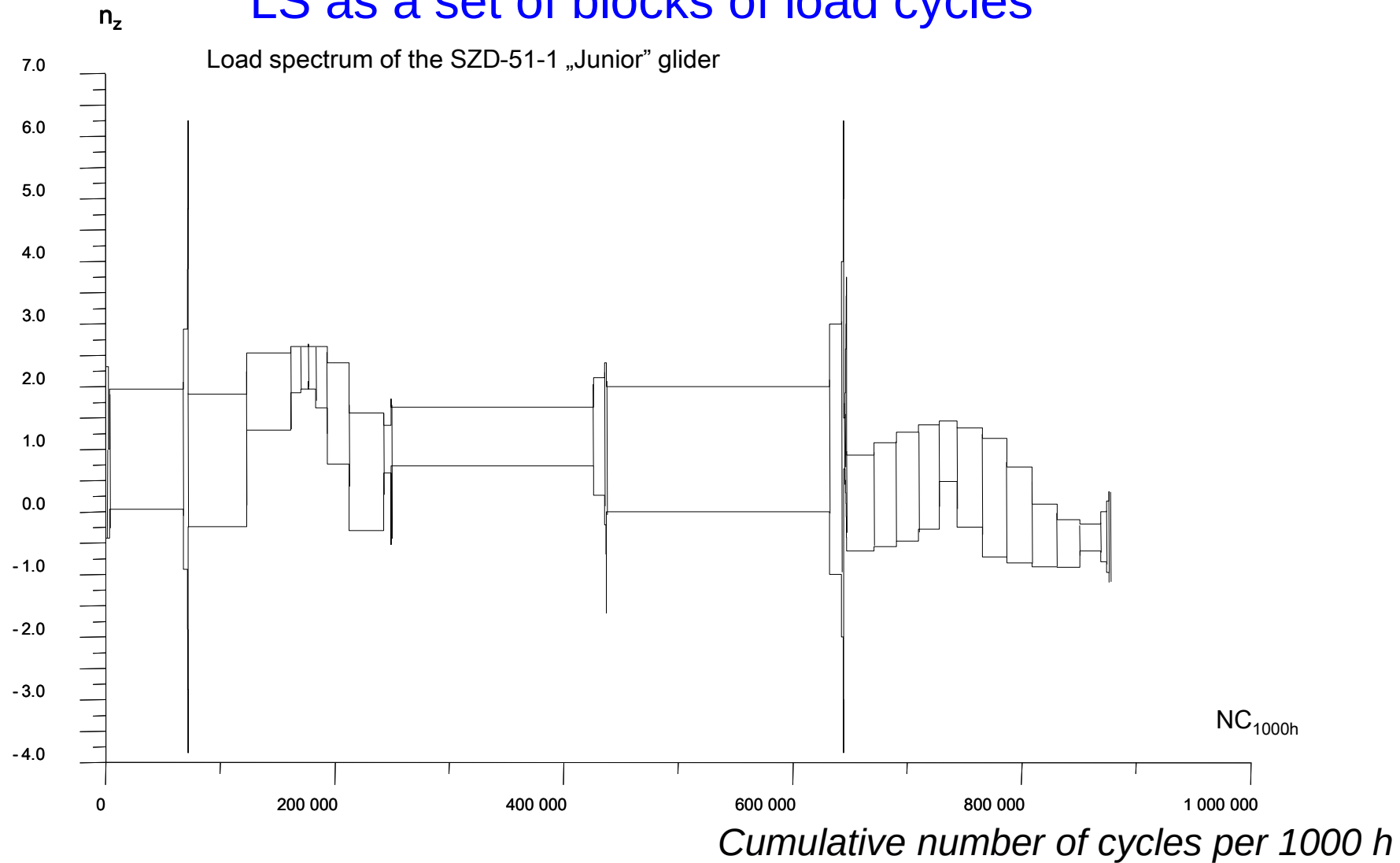
Glider Load Spectrum elaborated by Thielemann –Franzmeyer
(applied in Germany in 60's of the XX century for testing GFRP gliders)

LS as a set of blocks of load cycles



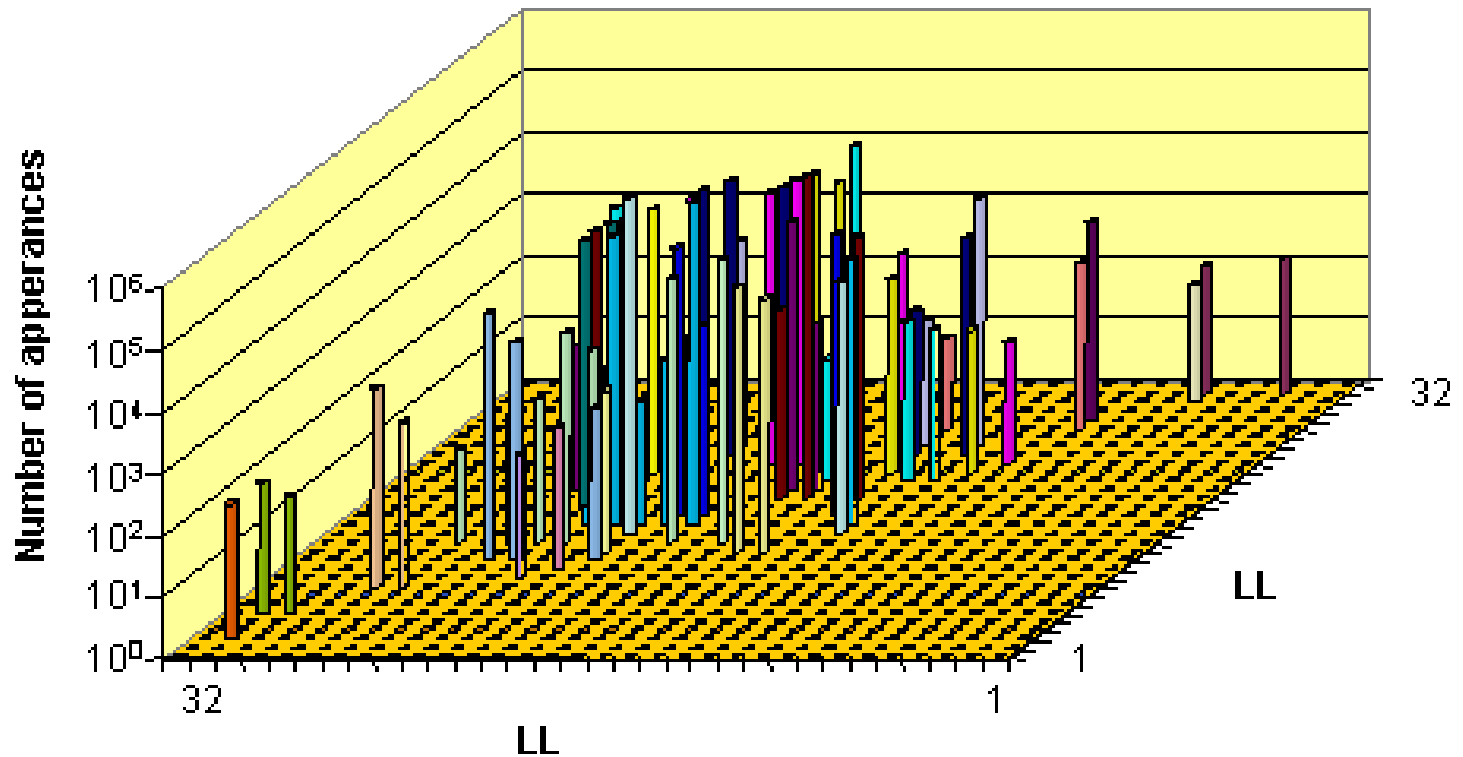
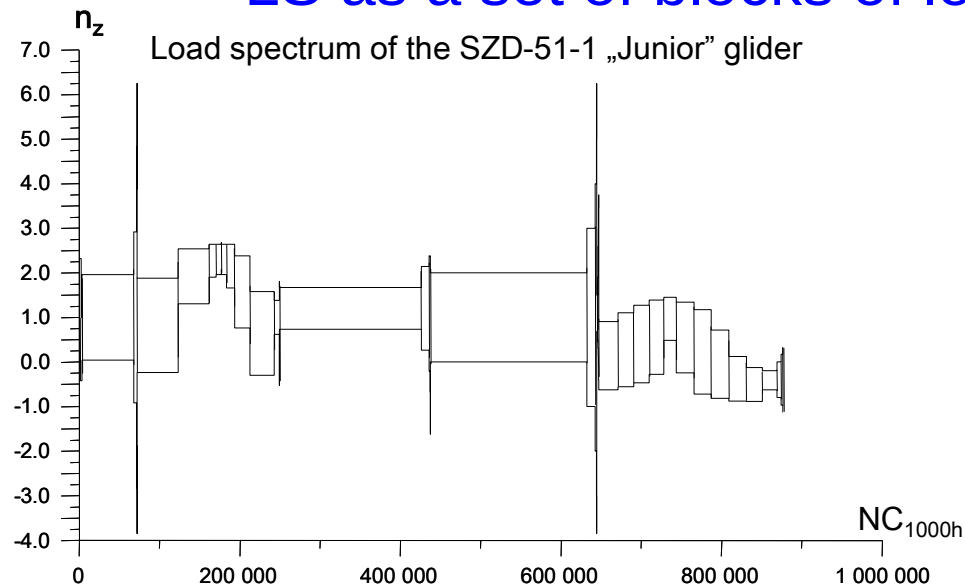
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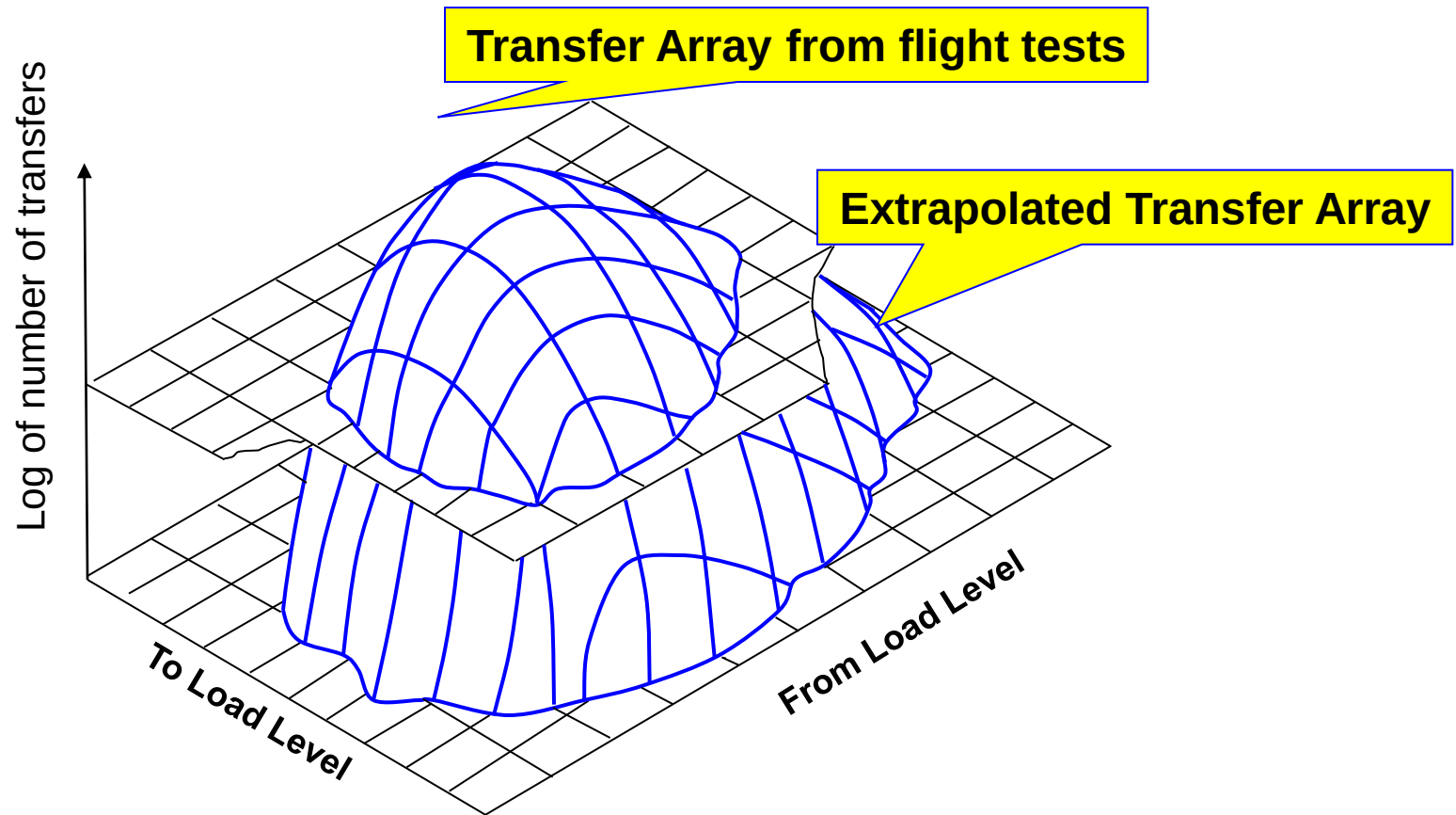
Load spectrum of SZD-51-1 glider – elaboration based on Stafiej method
another form of the LS presentation

LS as a set of blocks of load cycles versus a Transfer A

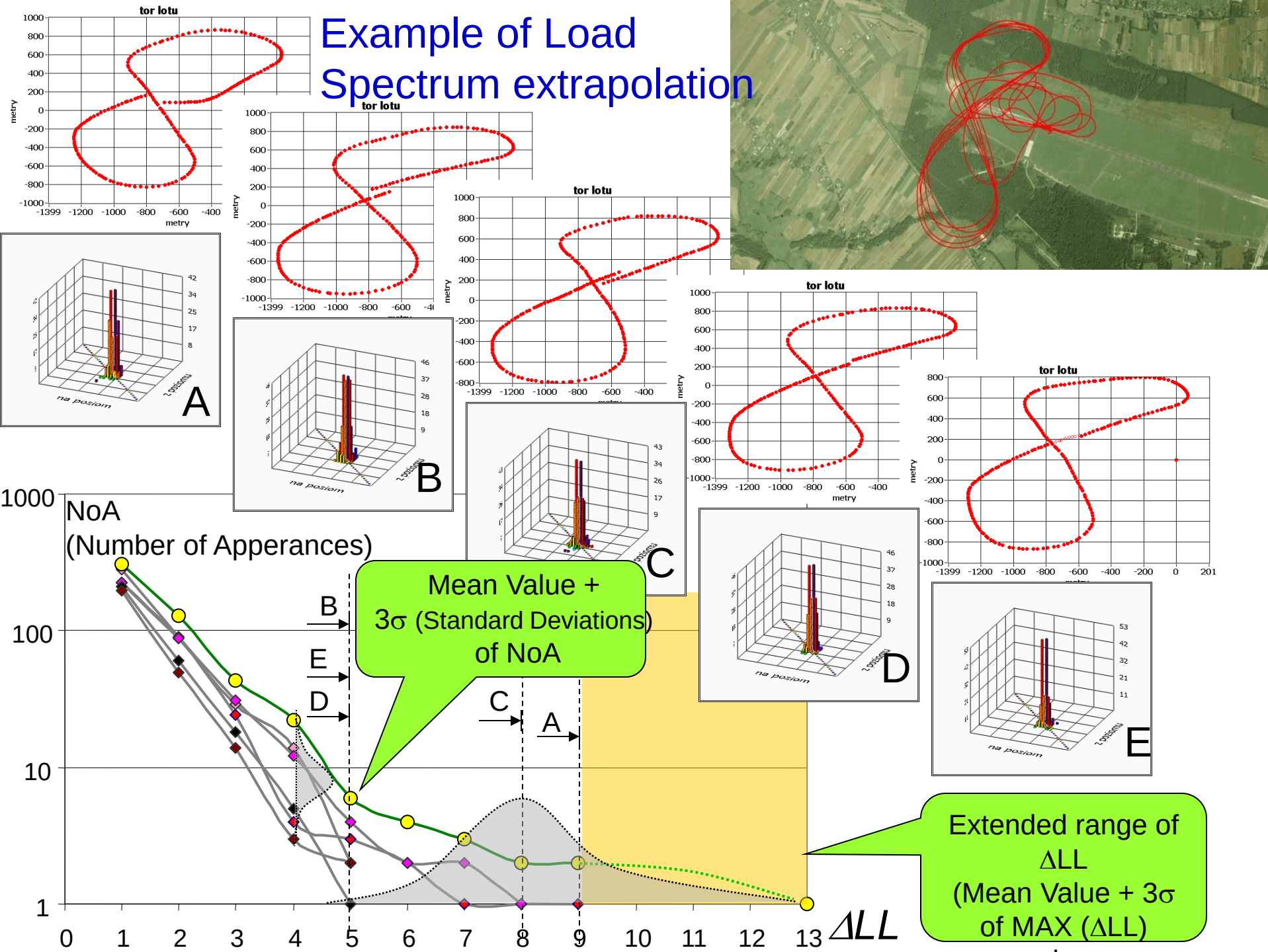


Extrapolation of Load Spectra

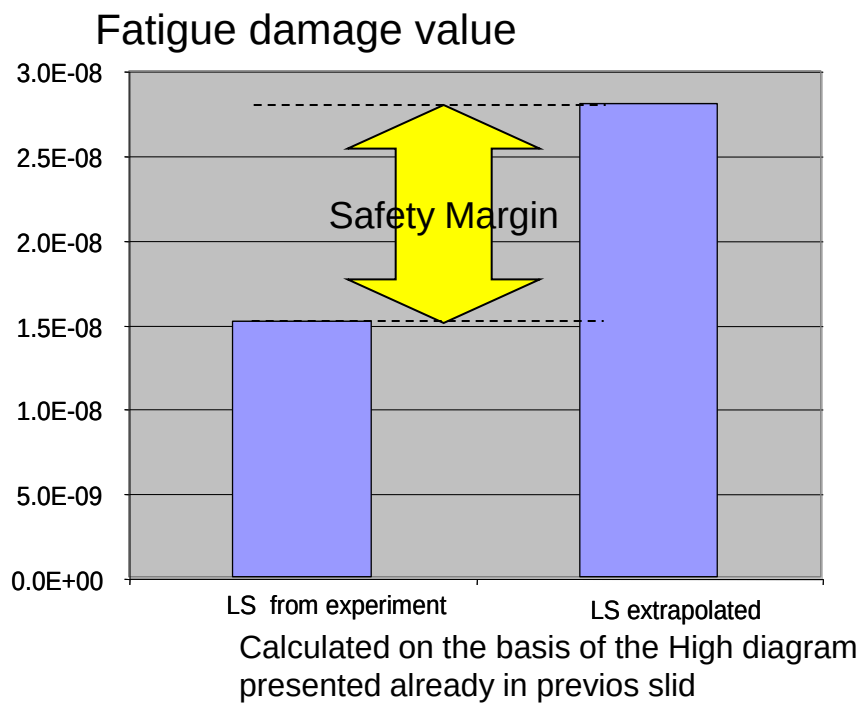
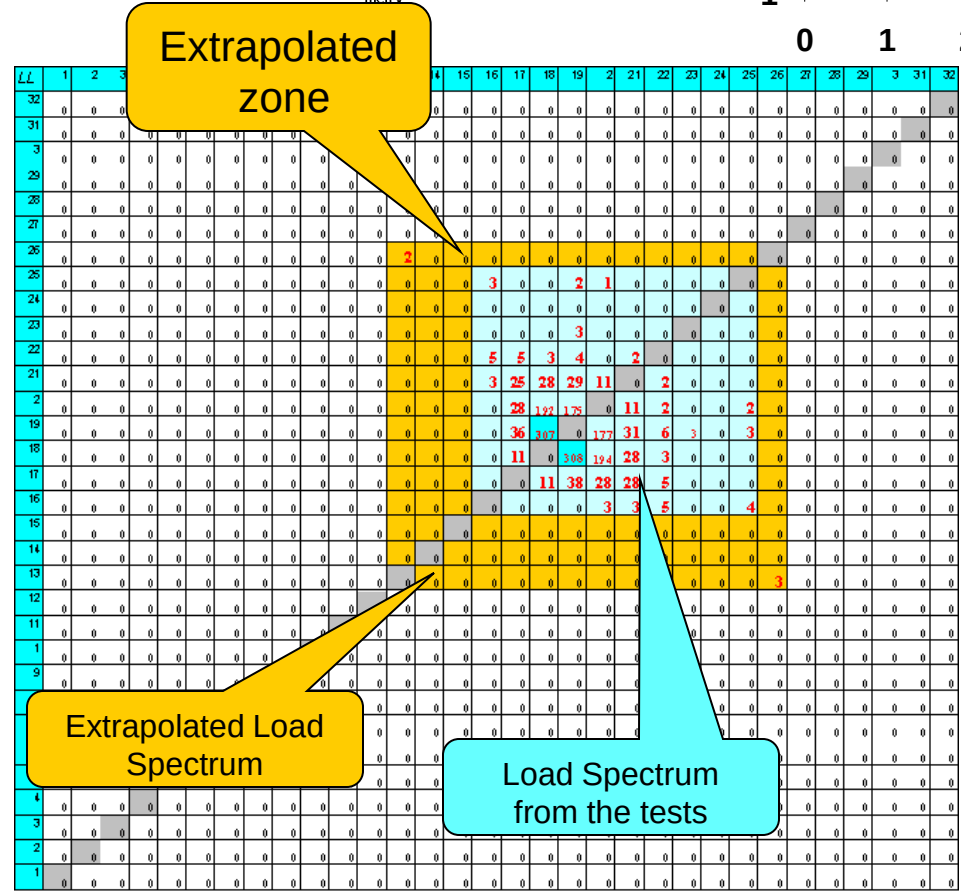
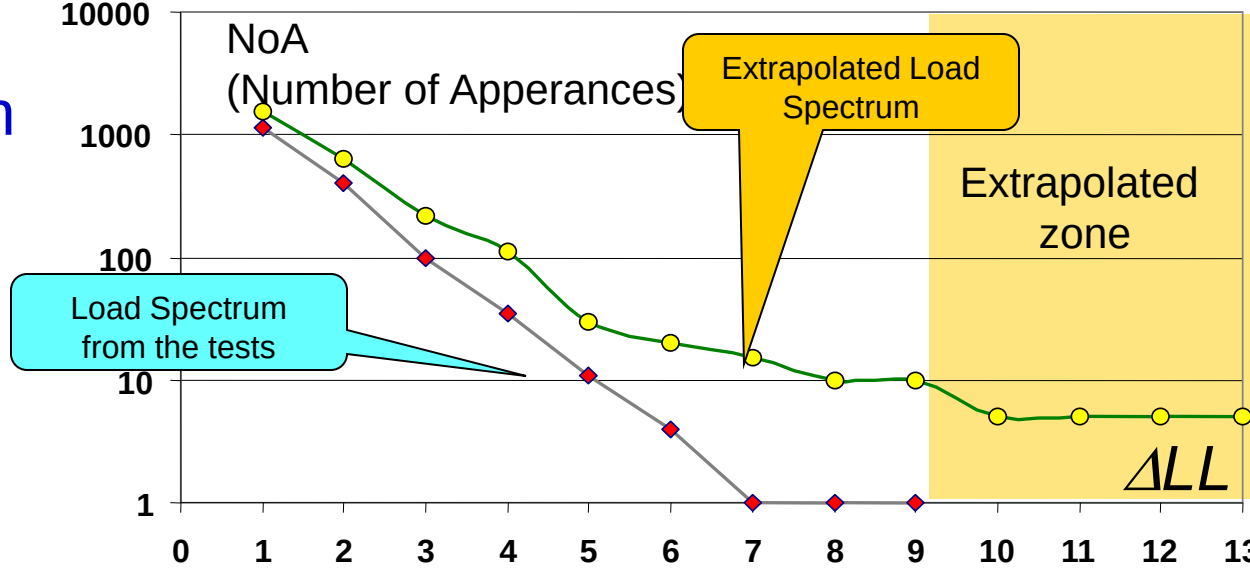
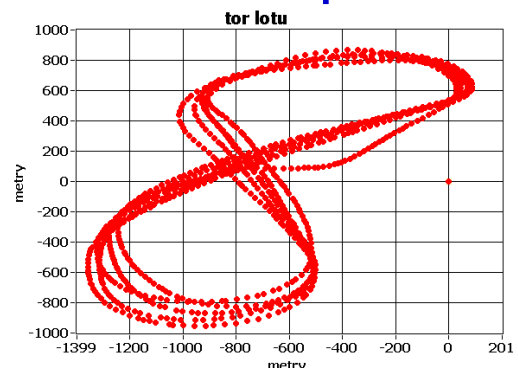
Idea of Load spectrum extrapolation



Example of Load Spectrum extrapolation



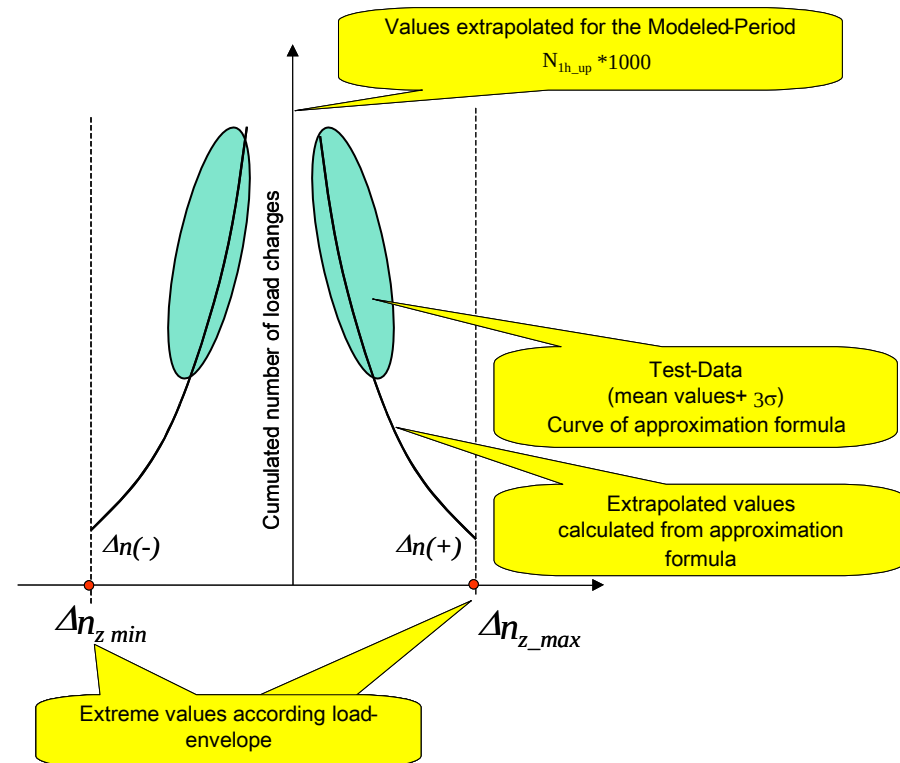
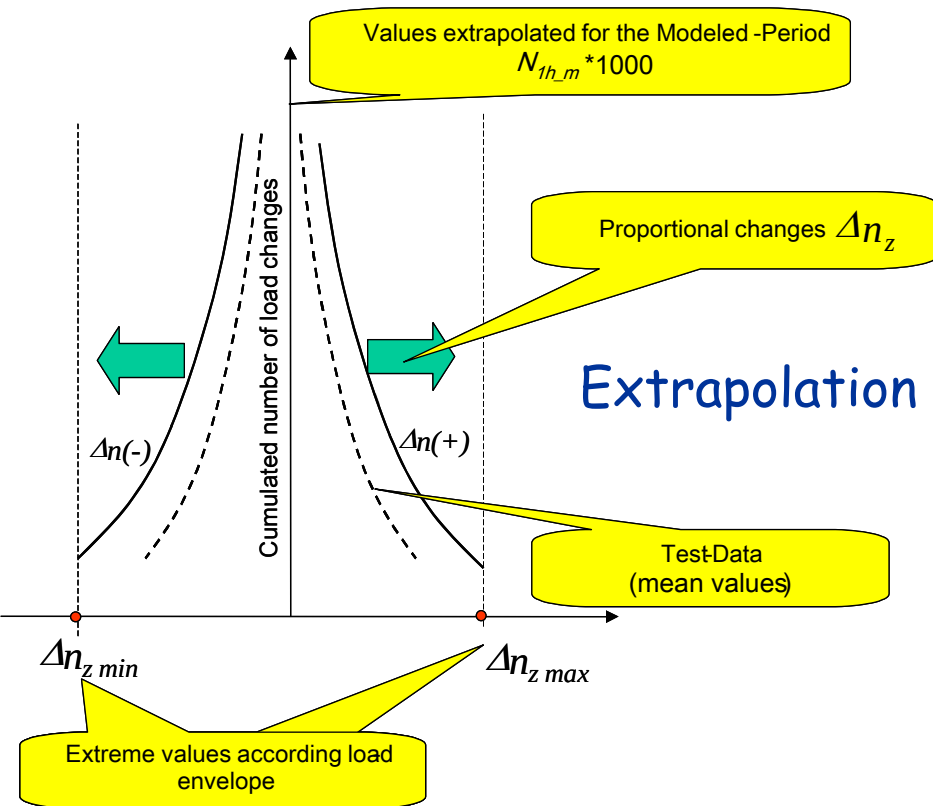
Example of Load Spectrum extrapolation



Other methods of LS extrapolation

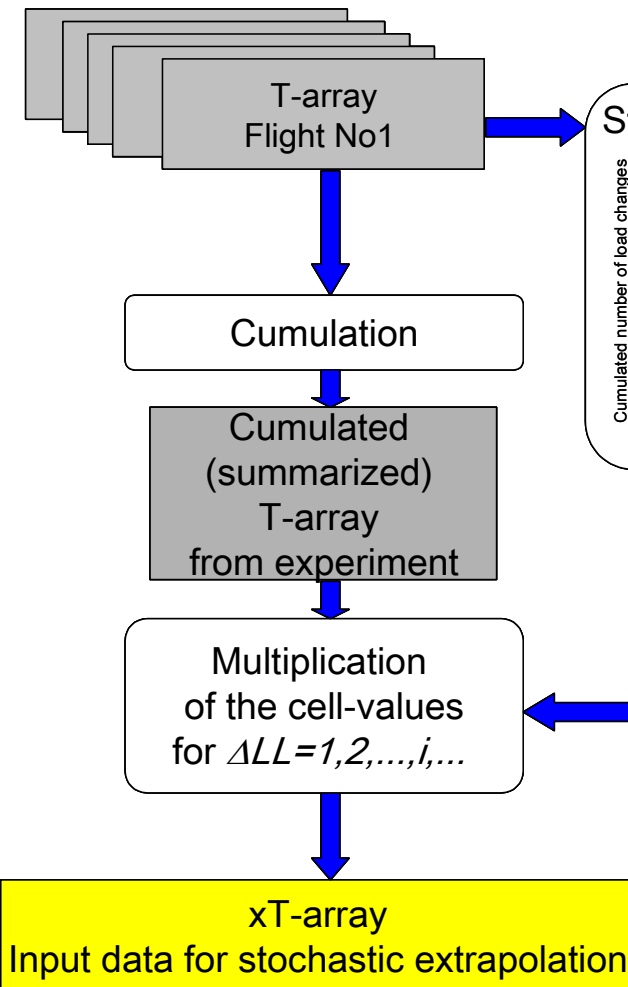
Trivial methods of LS extrapolation (without physical basis)

Extrapolation by the test-data range rescaling

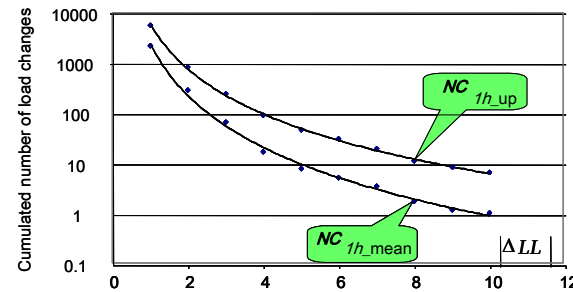


+3σ load number concept

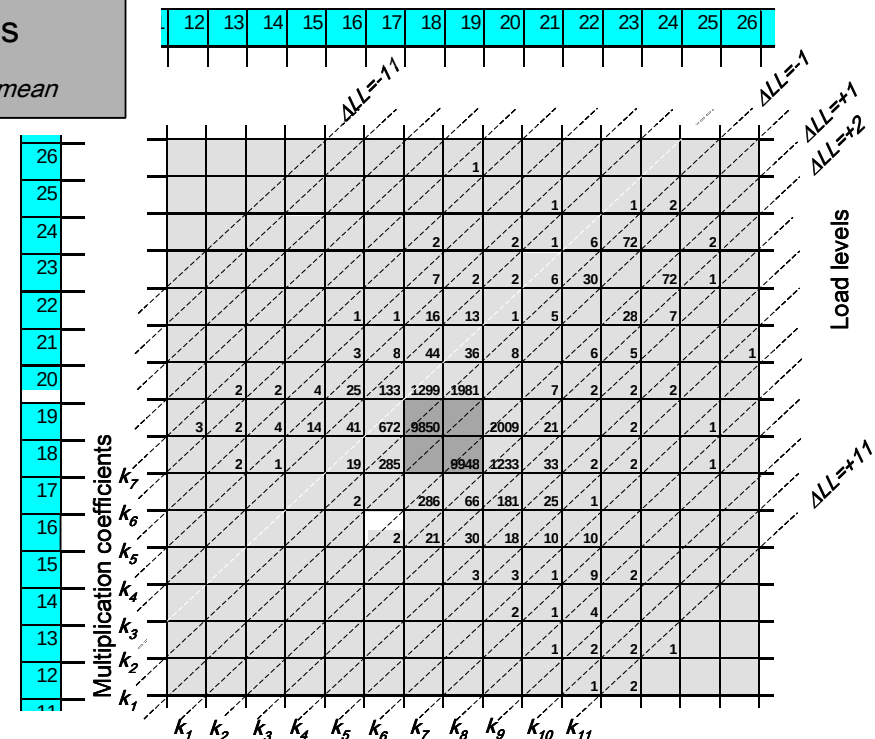
Stochastic method of LS extrapolation 1/4



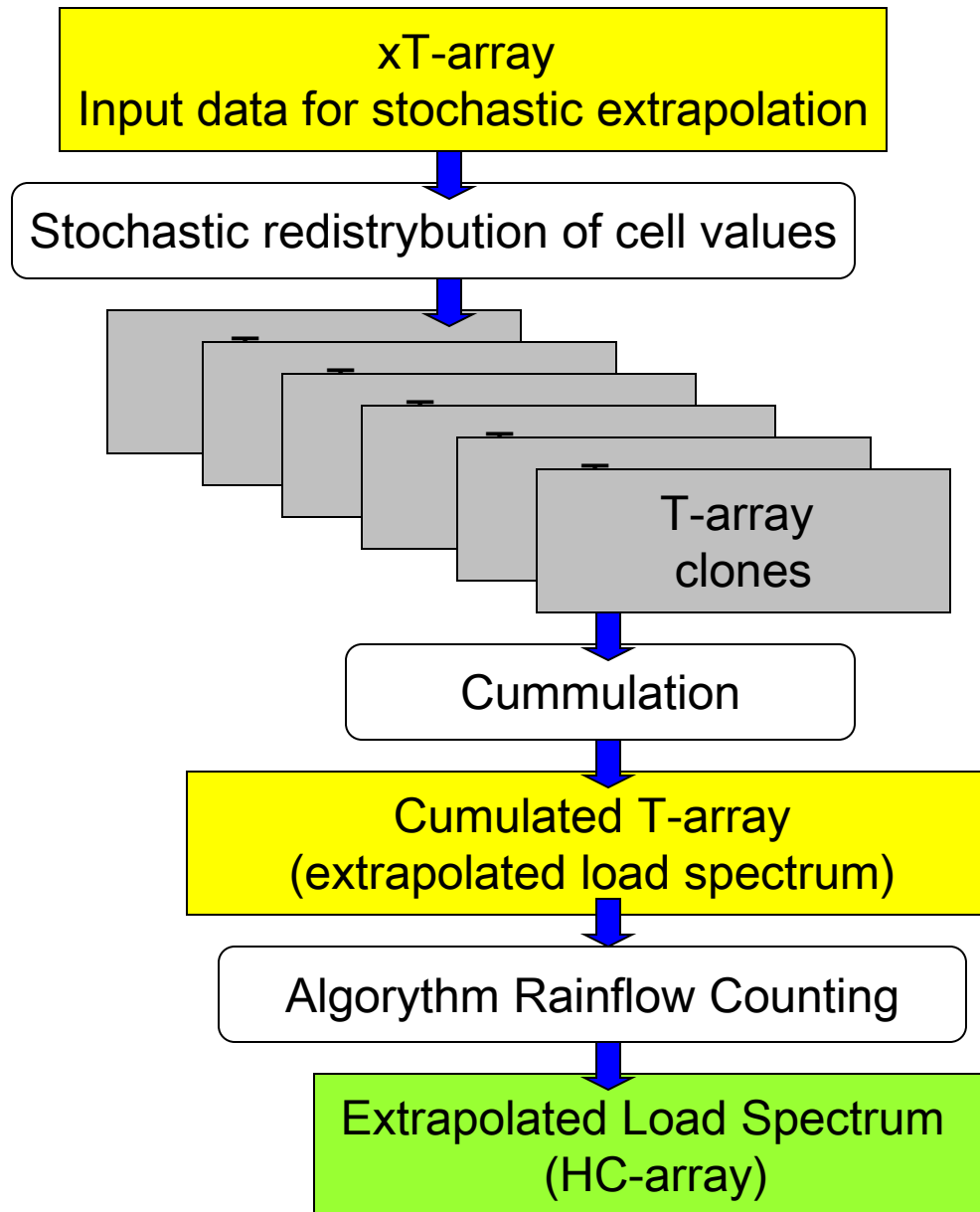
Statistical analysis of ΔLL apperances



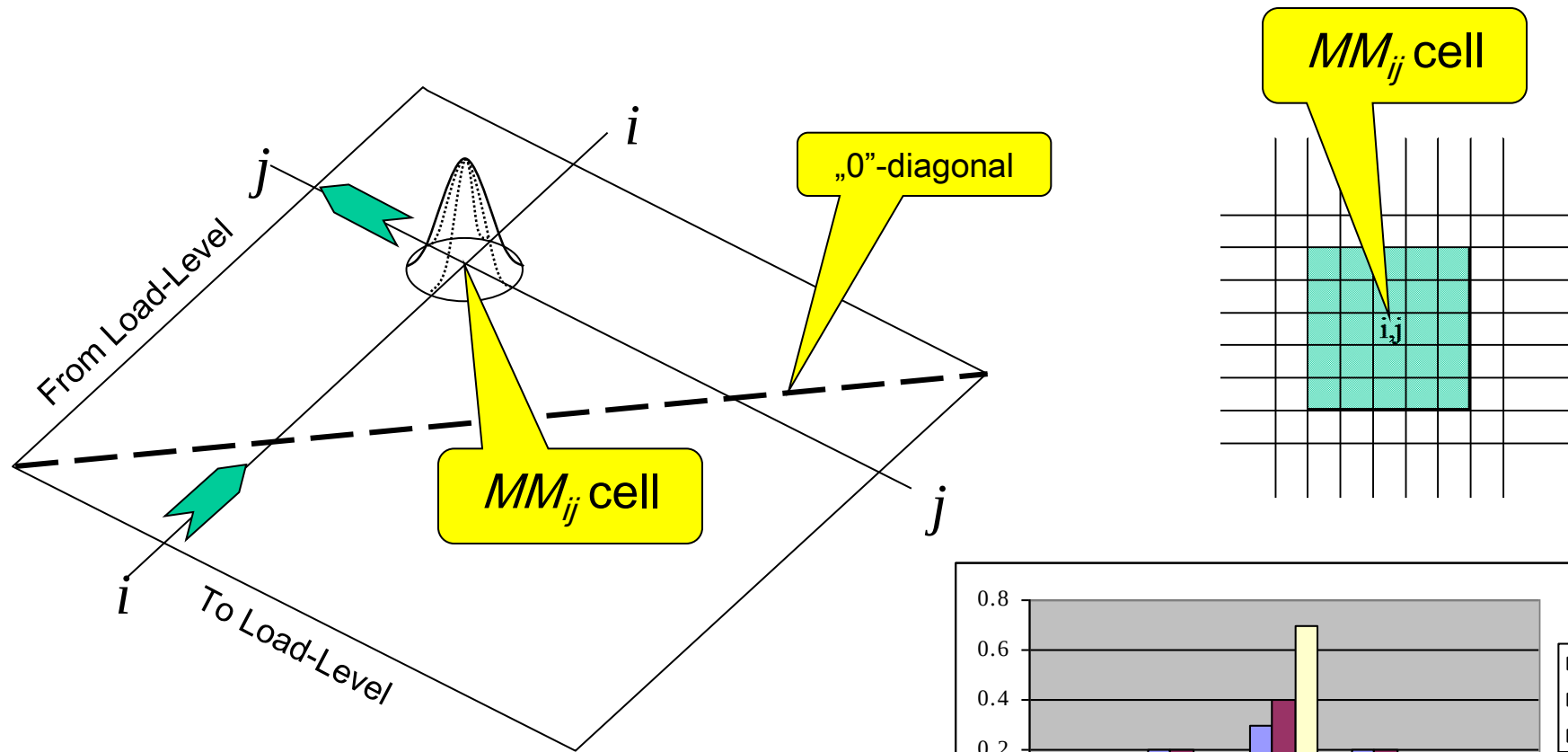
Multiplication of the cell-values for $\Delta LL=1, 2, \dots, i, \dots$



Stochastic method of LS extrapolation 2/4

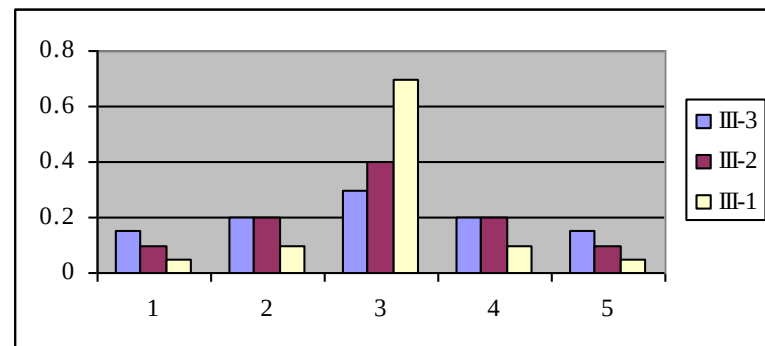


Stochastic method of LS extrapolation 3/4



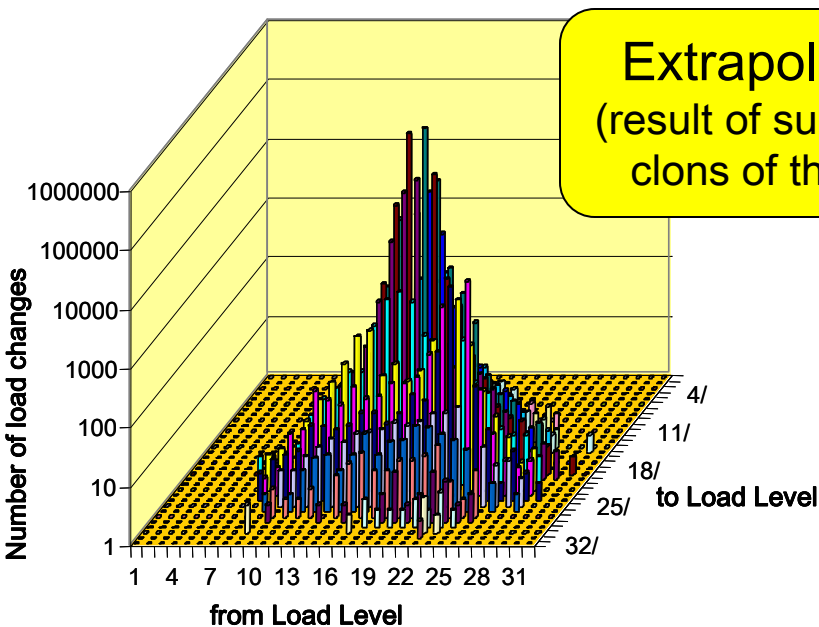
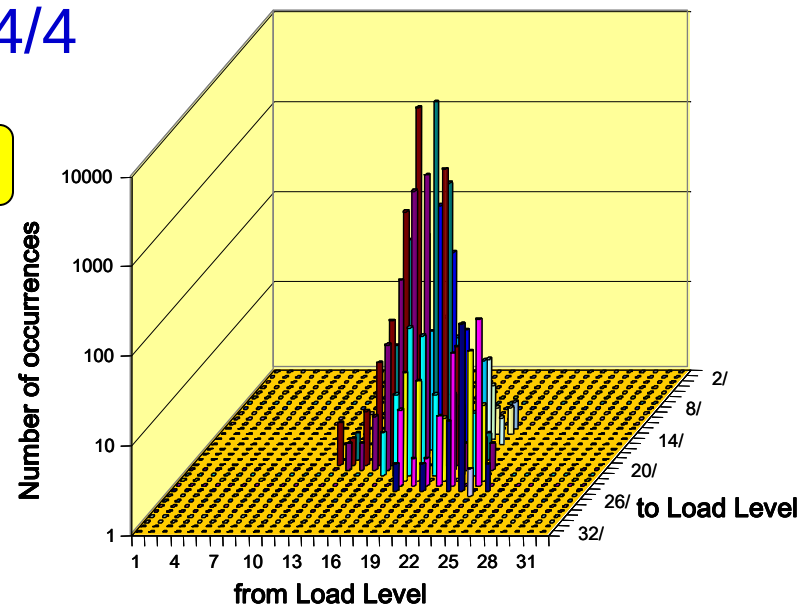
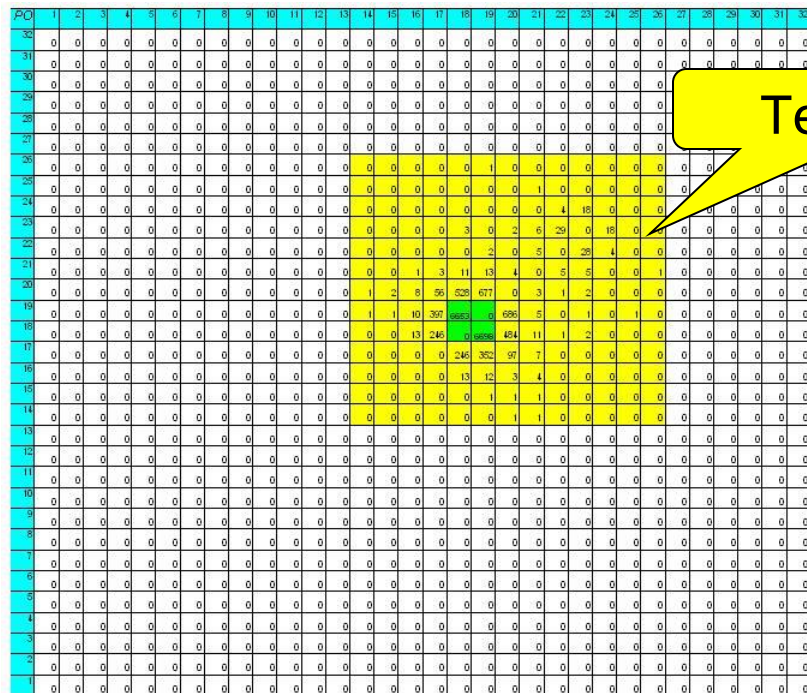
Reproduction clons of the xT- array

The number of xT-clons depends on the ratio between modeled period of operation and the time of all flights included to the xT-array

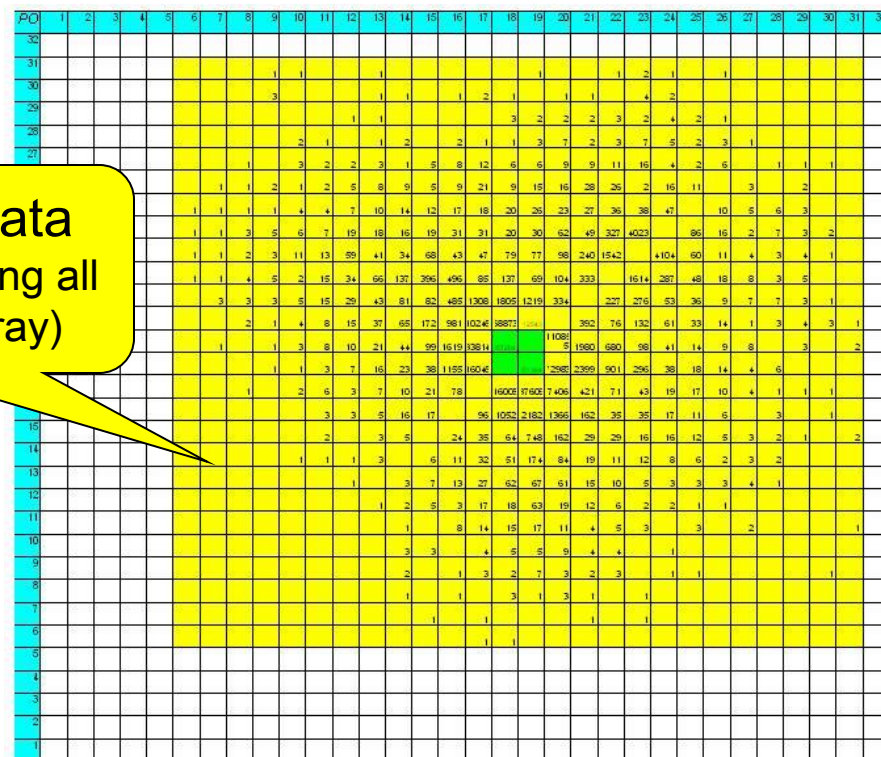


Probability distributions used for numerical simulations

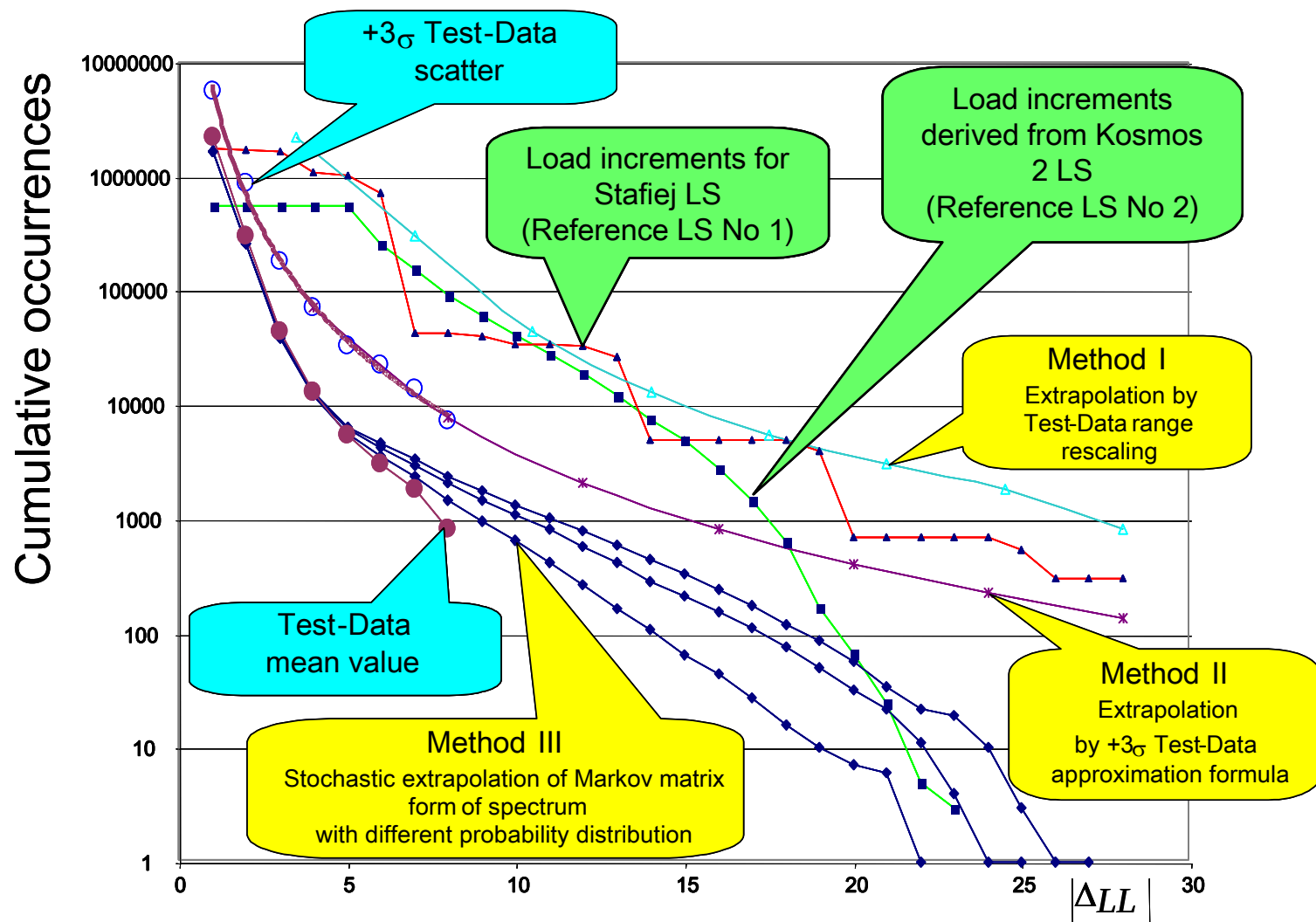
Stochastic method of LS extrapolation 4/4



Extrapolated-data
(result of summarising all
clons of the xT-array)

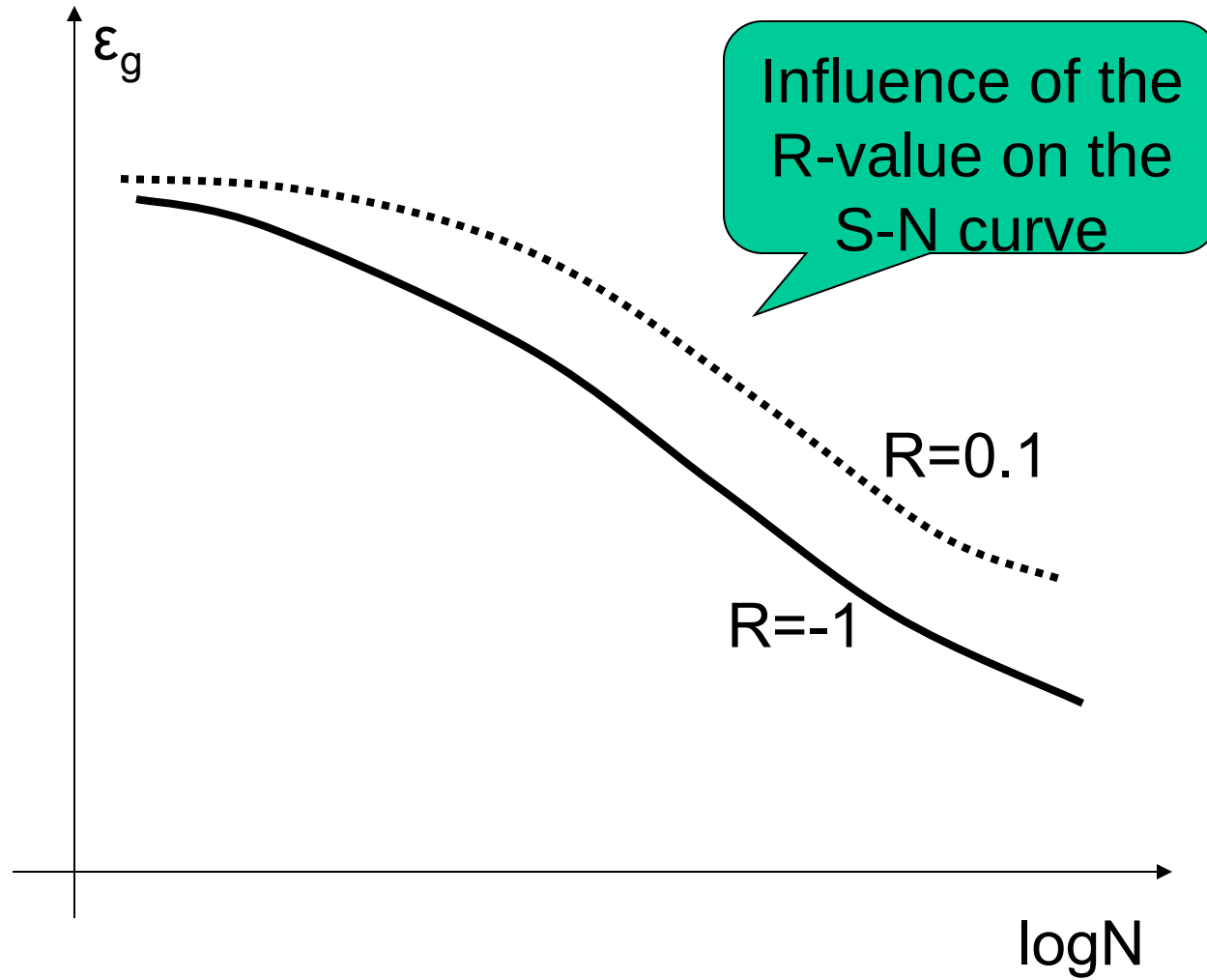


Comparison of the methods of LS extrapolation

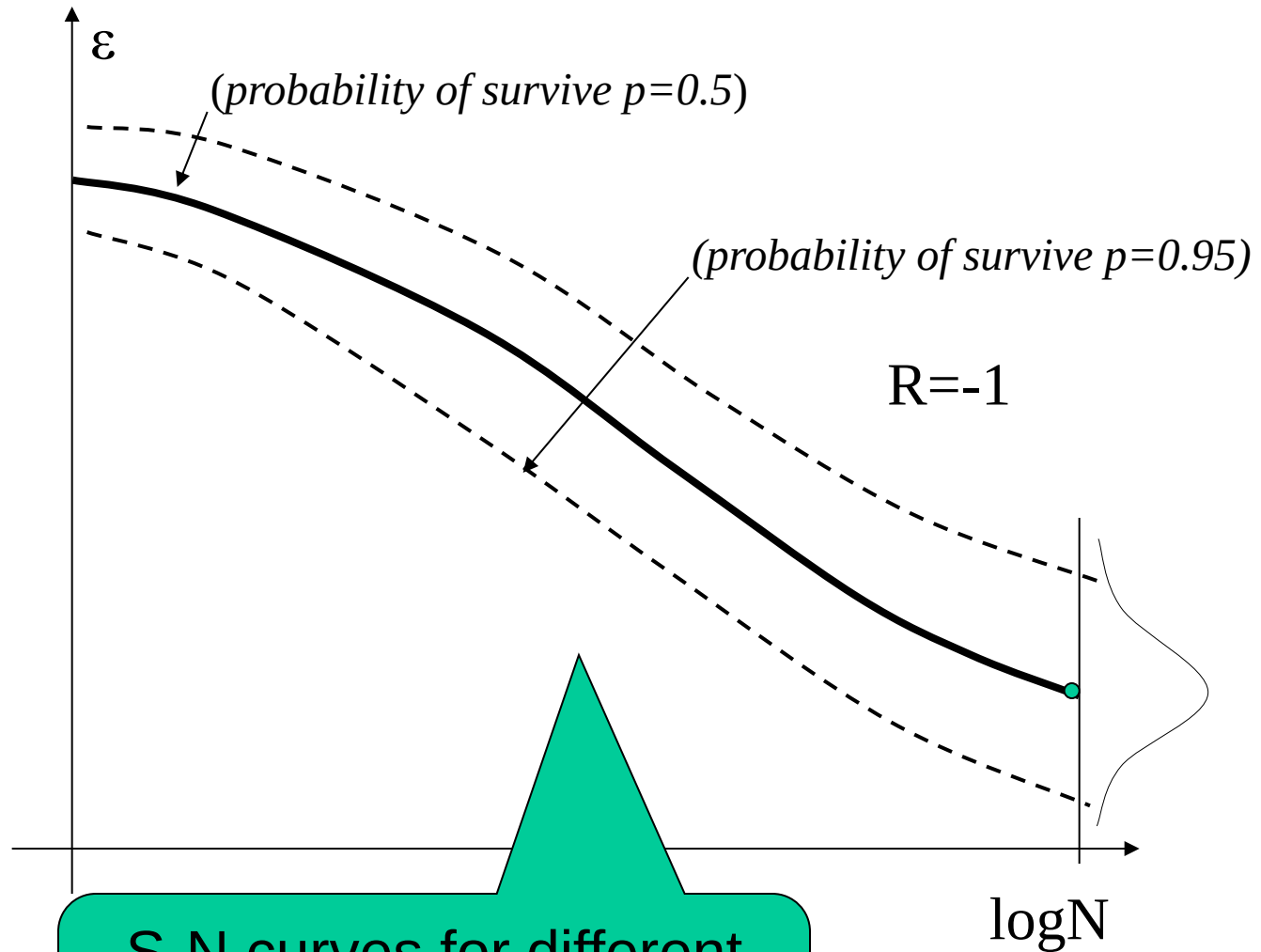


Fatigue properties of the materials & Fatigue charts

S-N curves

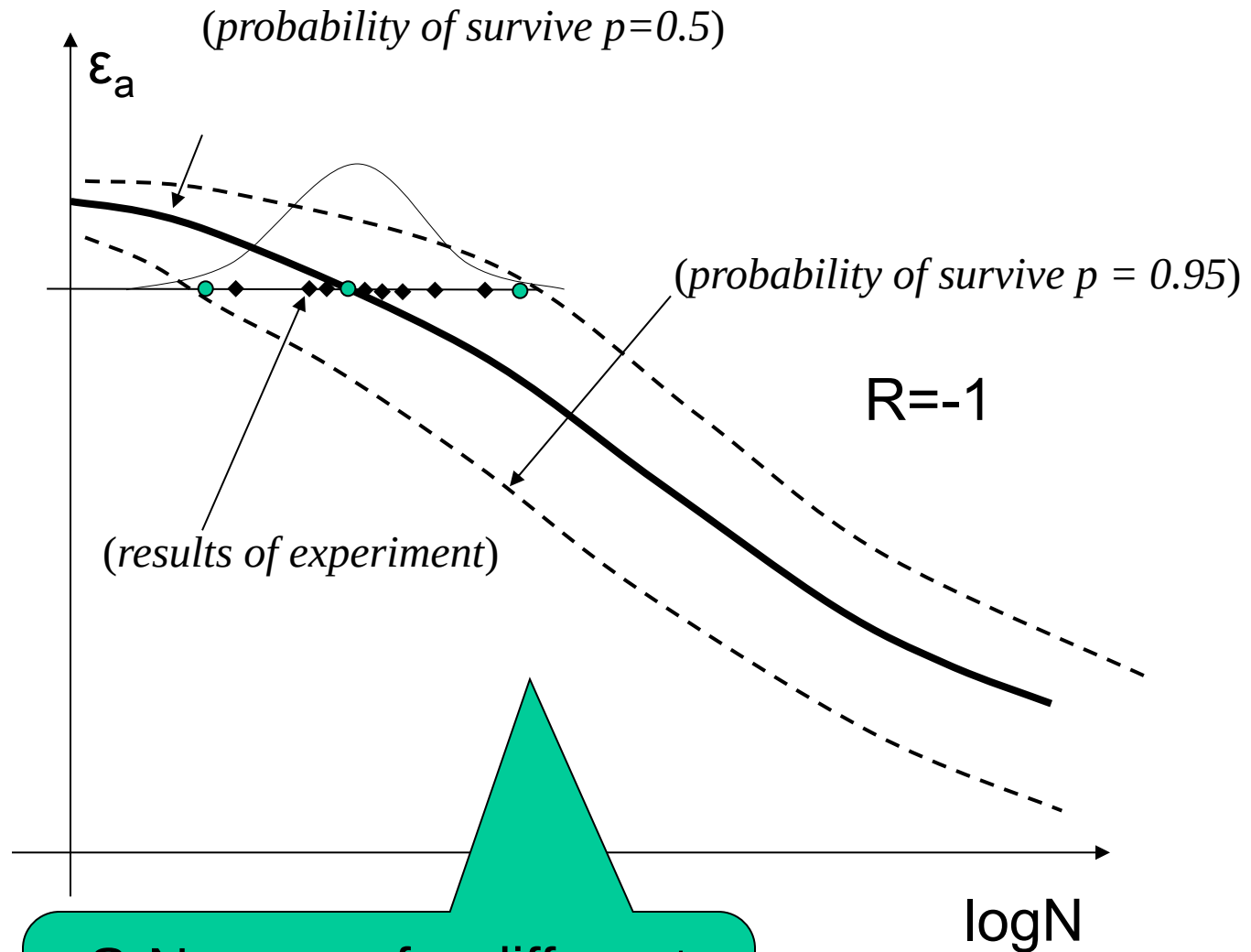


S-N curves



S-N curves for different
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S-N curves

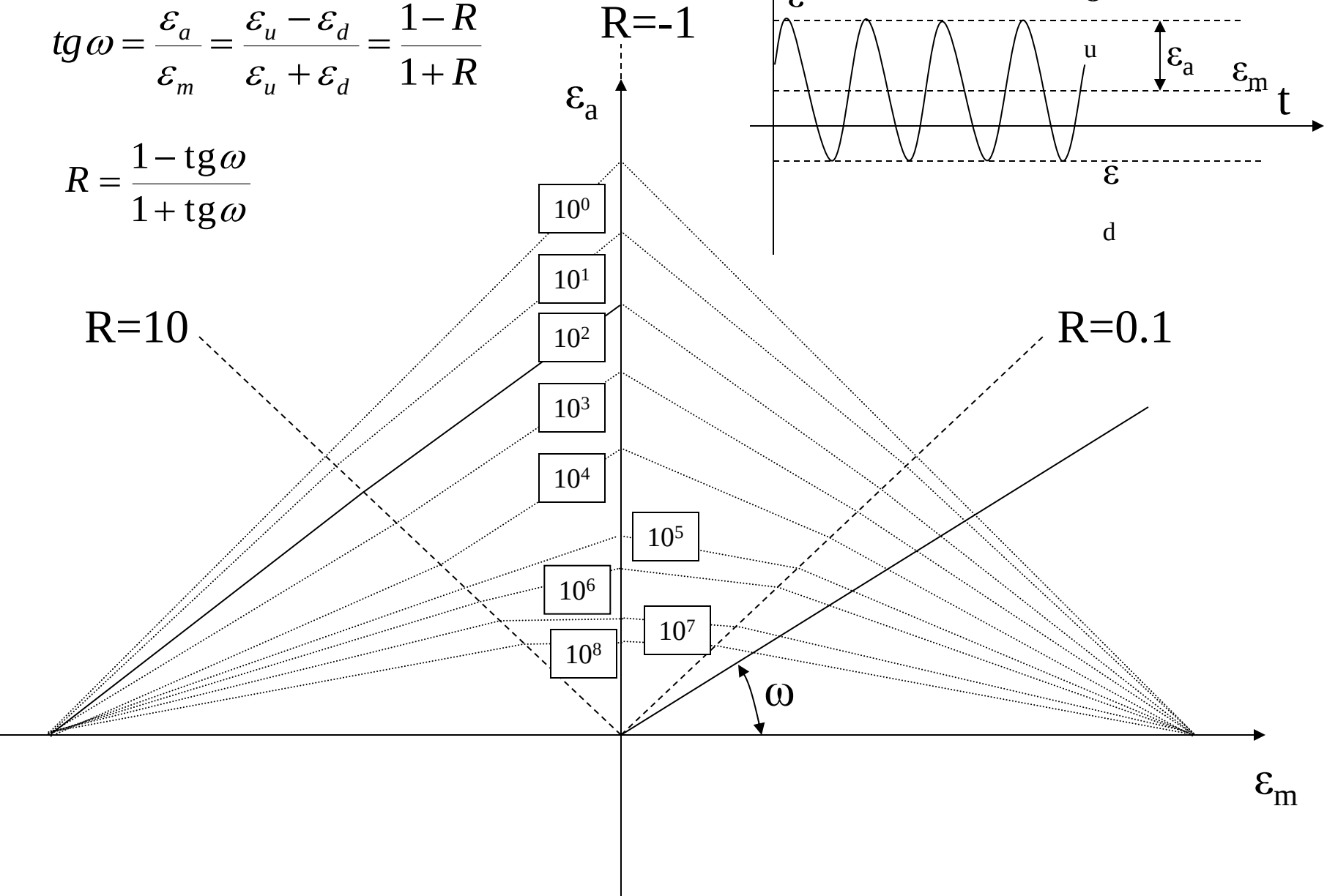
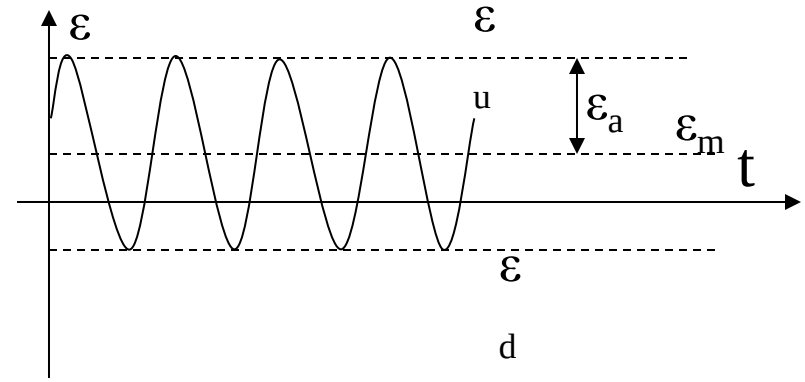


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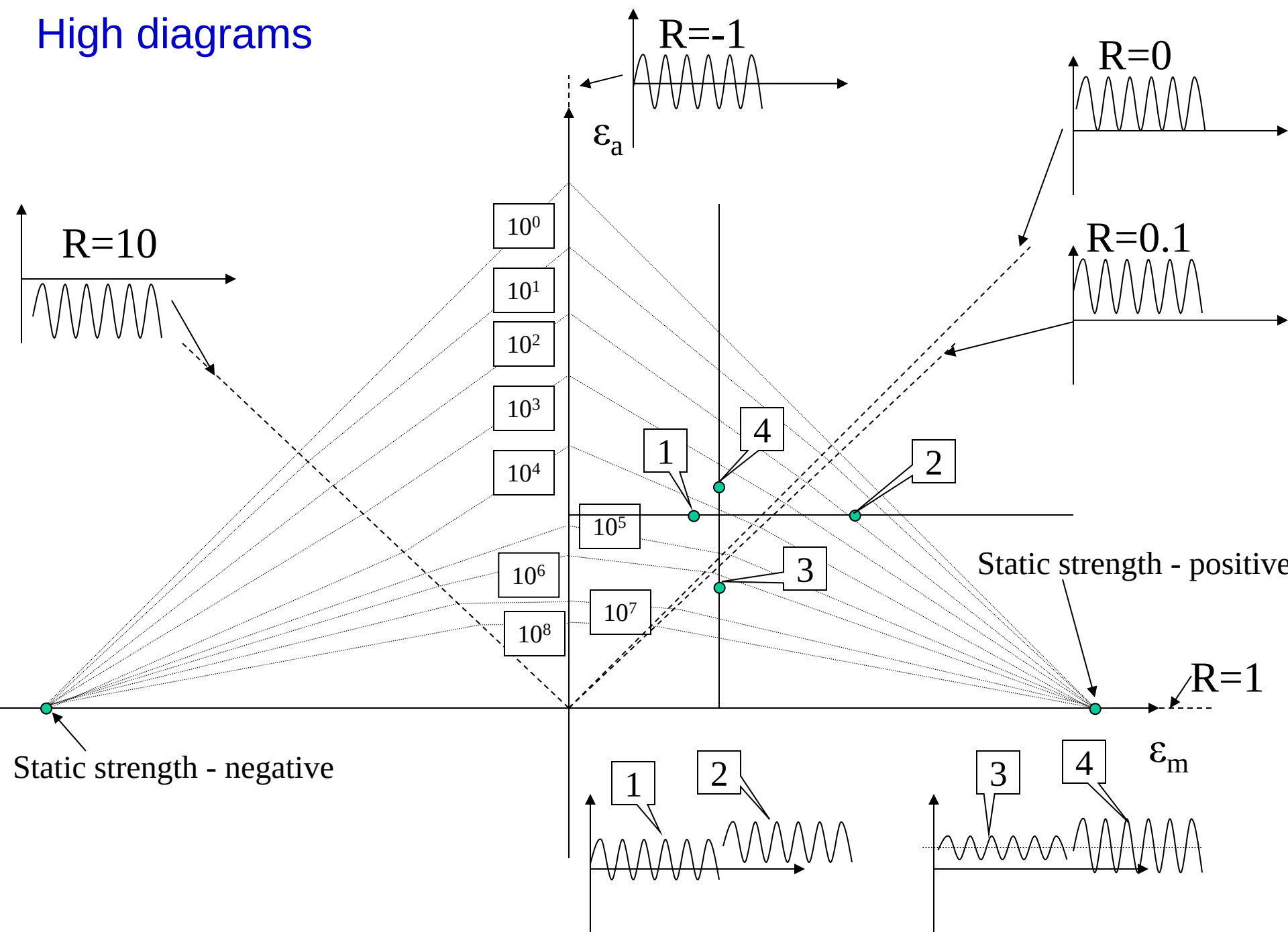
High diagrams

$$\operatorname{tg} \omega = \frac{\varepsilon_a}{\varepsilon_m} = \frac{\varepsilon_u - \varepsilon_d}{\varepsilon_u + \varepsilon_d} = \frac{1-R}{1+R}$$

$$R = \frac{1 - \operatorname{tg} \omega}{1 + \operatorname{tg} \omega}$$



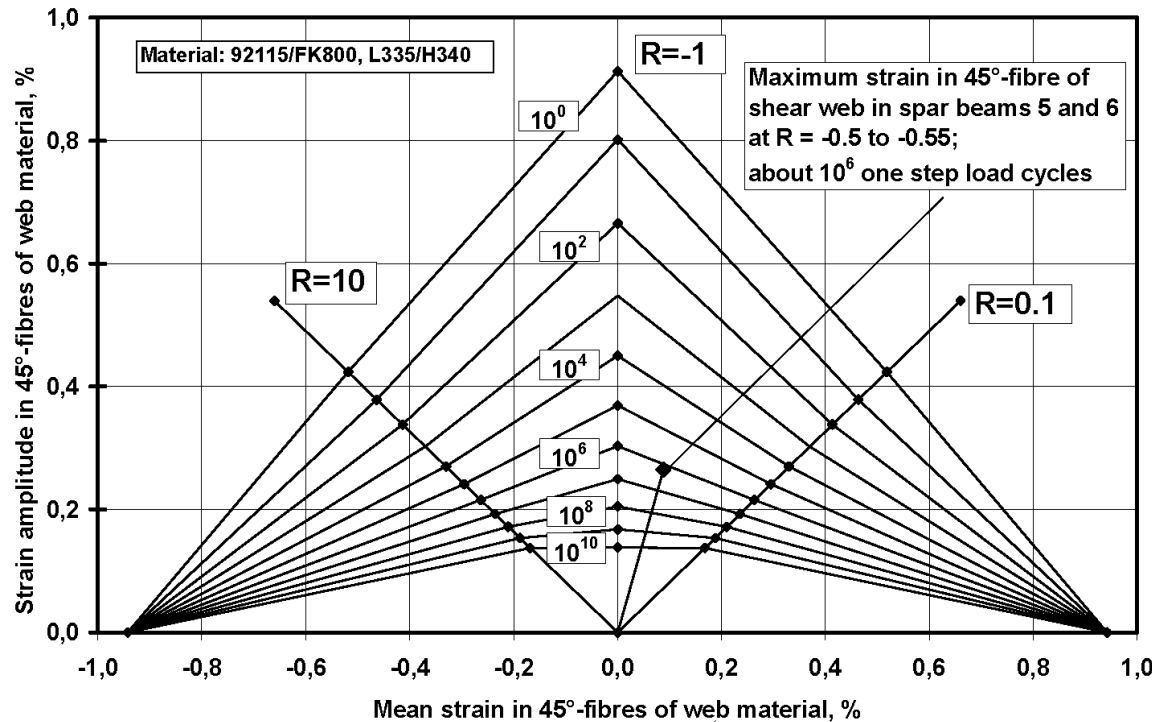
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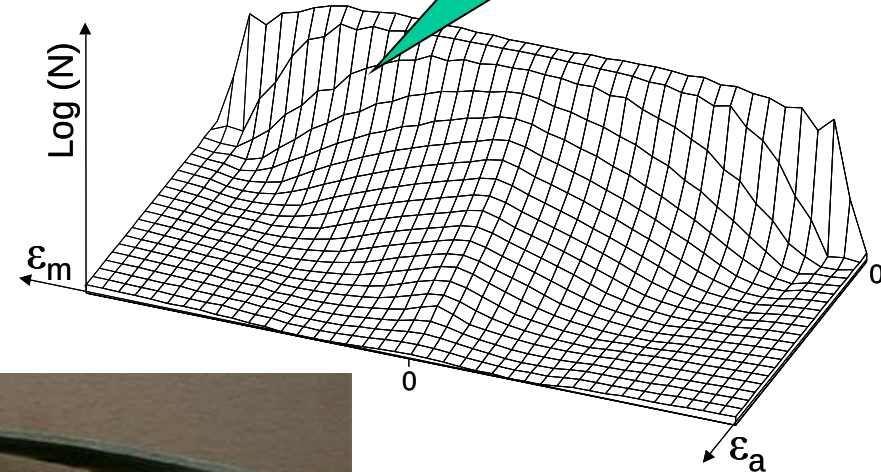
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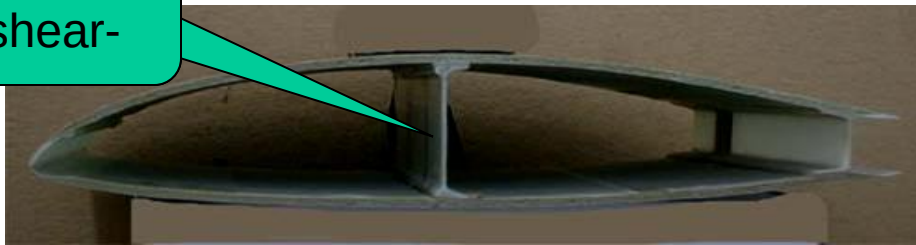
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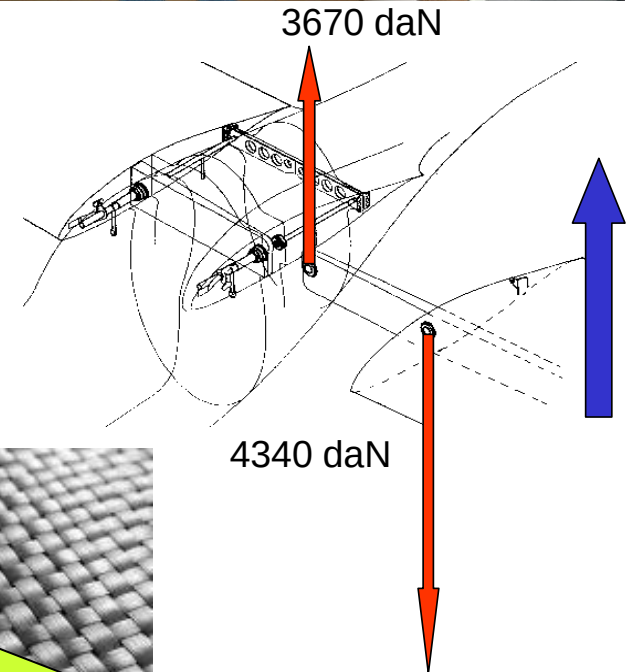
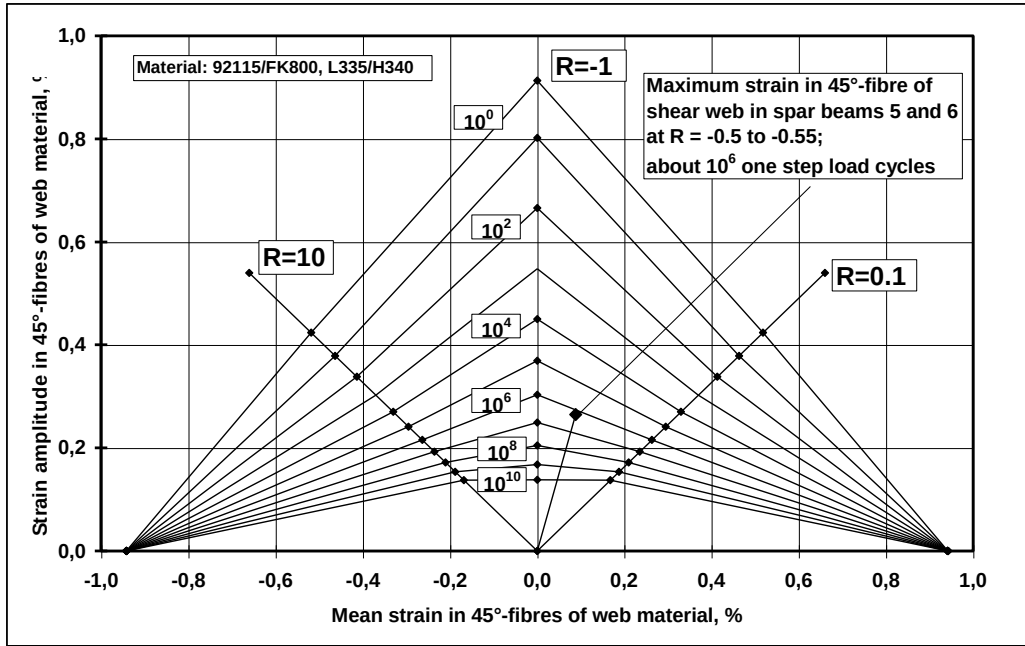
3D visualisation
of Number of
Cycles to Failure



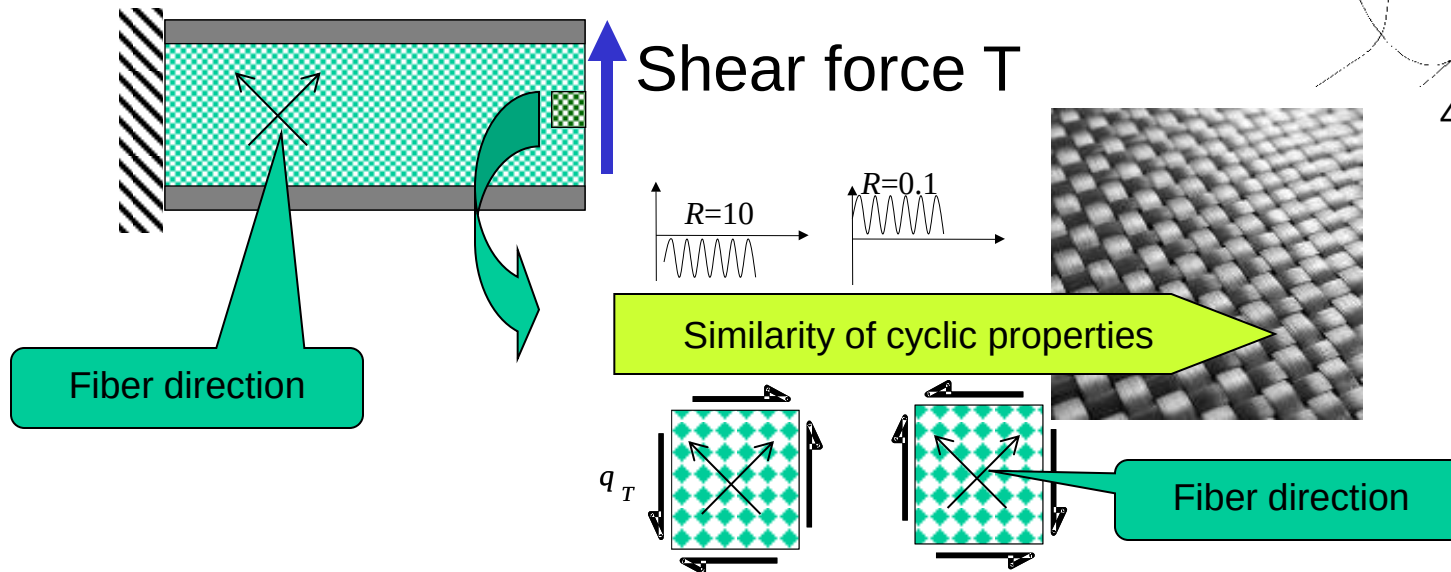
Example of High diagram
for the wing spar shear-
web



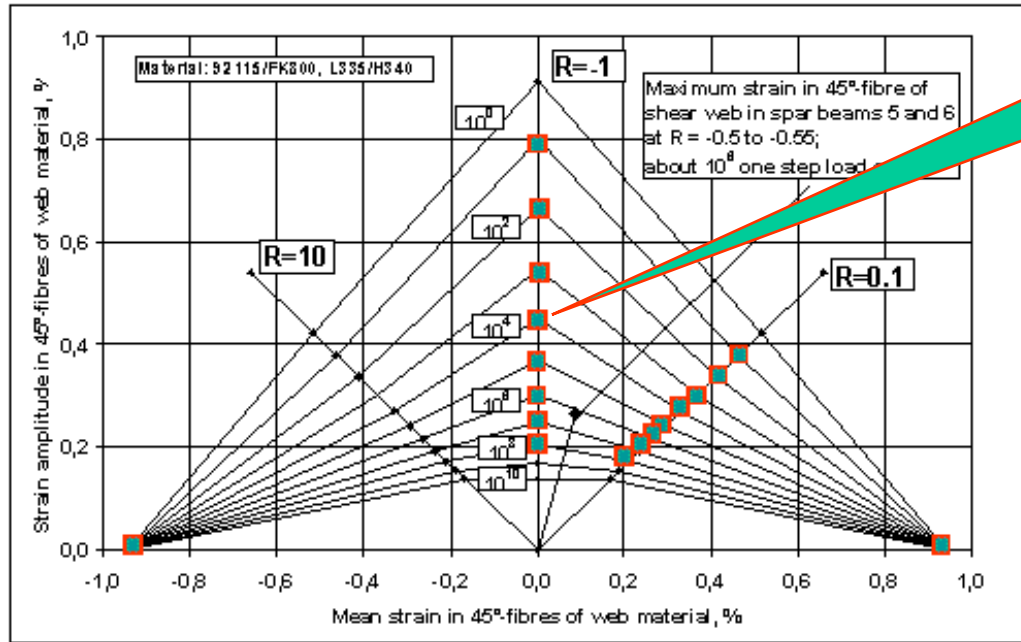
Why this High diagram is symmetrical ?



High diagram for the shear-web of the wing spar



Work consumption for the High diagram



At least seven specimens in each marked point

Even in simplest case it is necessary to test at least 126 specimens !!!

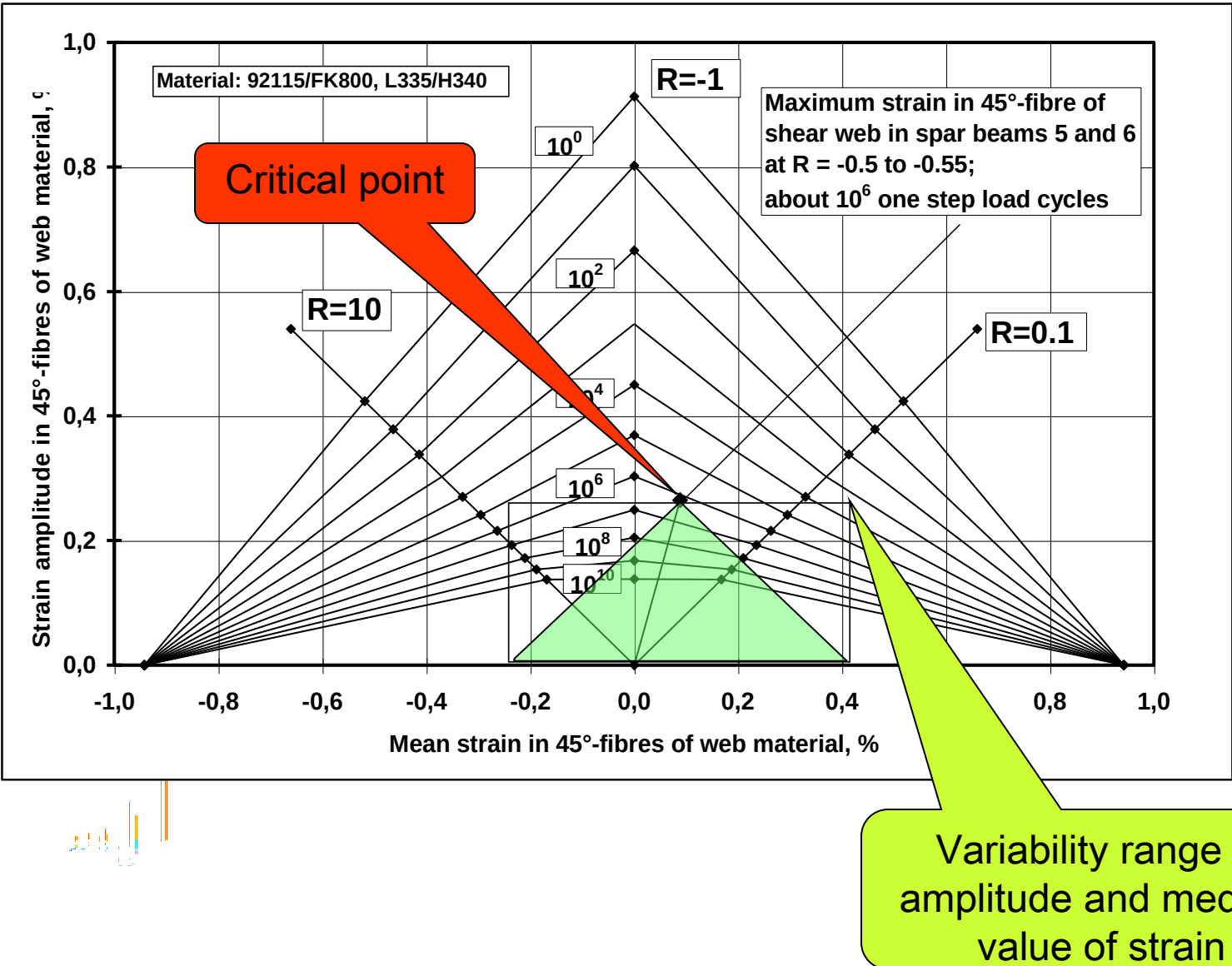
Sources of information about fatigue properties of the composites:

O. Krause, Ch. Kensche „Summary Fatigue Test Report OB_TG1_R026 rev. 0”, 2006 - raport z programu OPTIMAT BLADES („**Confidential**”).

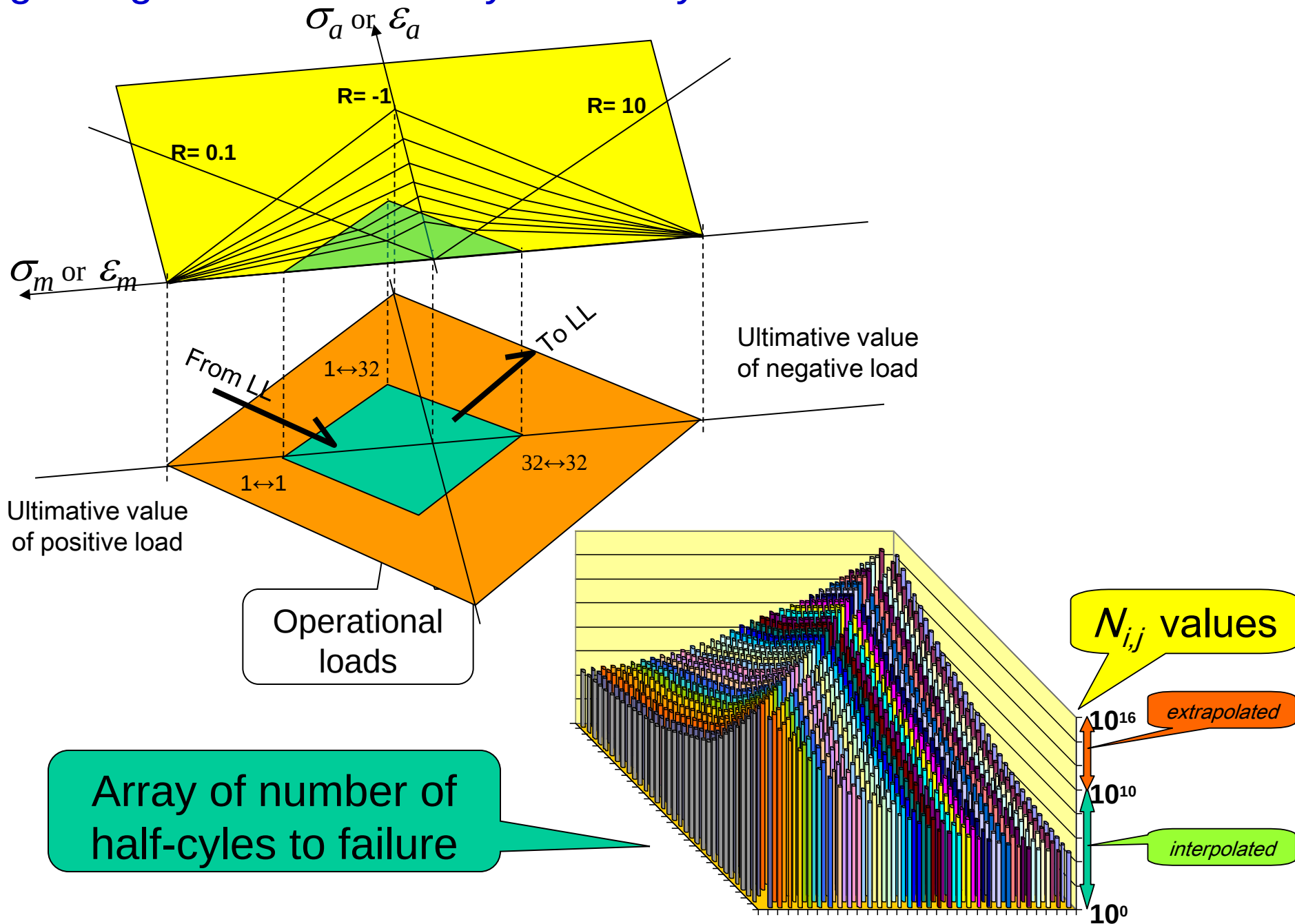
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Raports from wind turbine developement programs

High diagrams – operational zones



High diagrams versus array of half-cycles to failure



$$D = \sum_{i=1}^l \frac{n_i}{N_i} = 1$$

For majority of materials $D \neq 1$

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^{32} \sum_{j=1}^{32} D_{i,j} = \sum_{i=1}^{32} \sum_{j=1}^{32} \frac{n_{i,j}}{N_{i,j}}$$

Number of half-cycles in the LS

Number of half-cycles to failure

Palmgren – Miner formula modified for array calculations

Unitary Damage Array

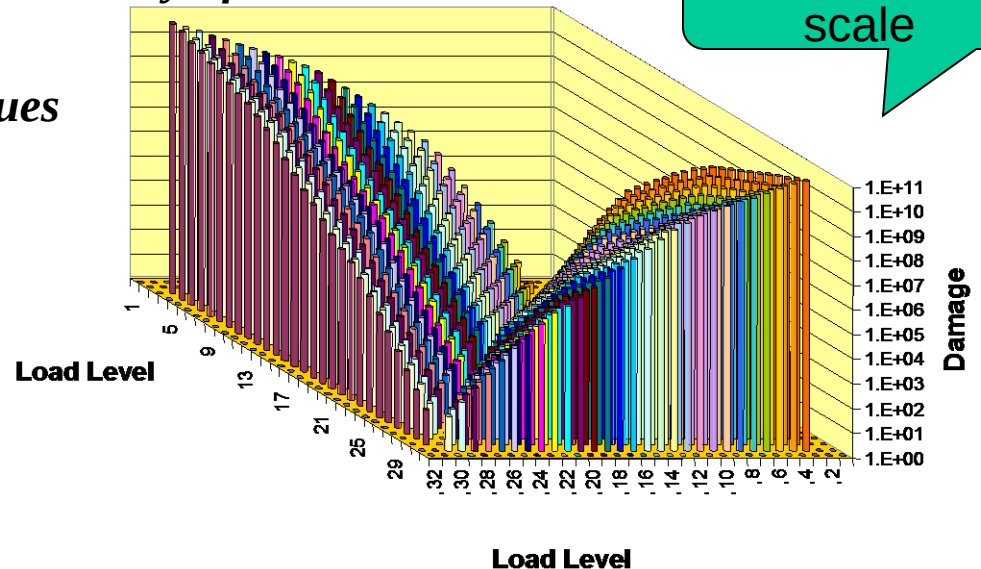
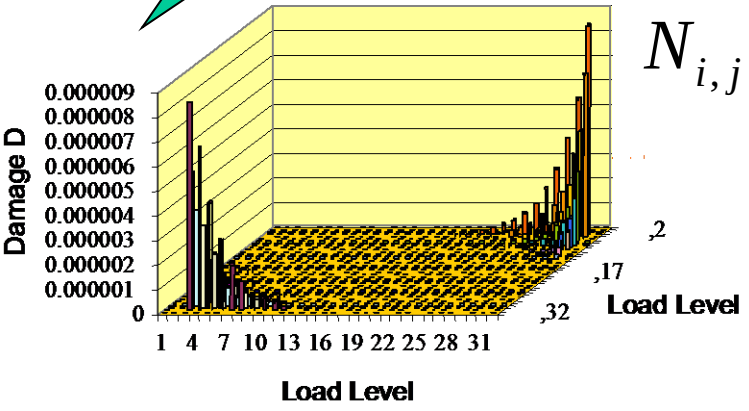
(UDA - array of damage-values for the Unitary Transfer-Array, i.e. array having all values equal to 1)

Linneer scale

In other words it is array of

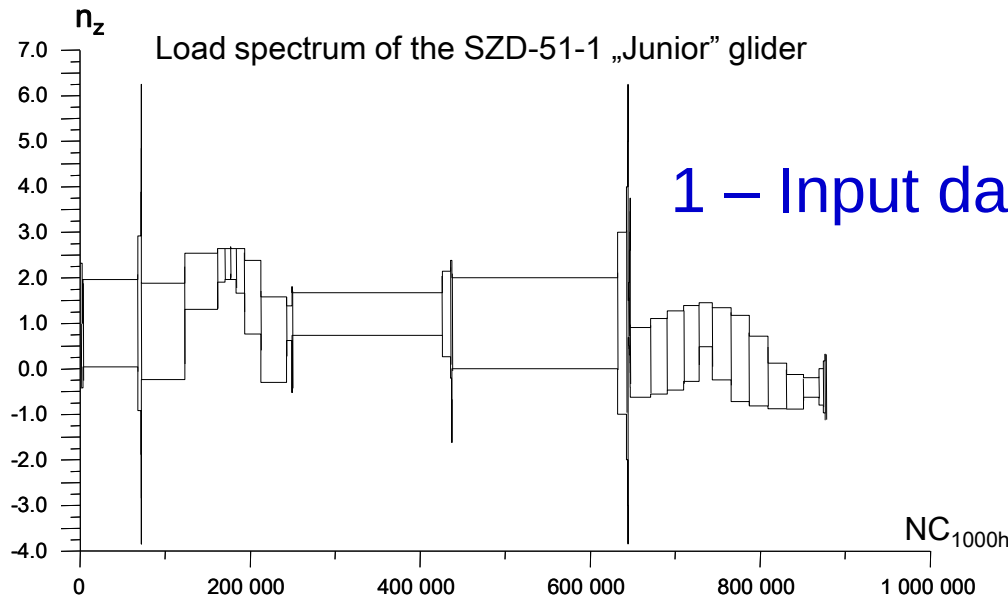
$$\frac{1}{N_{i,j}} \text{ values}$$

Logarithmic scale



Example of fatigue calculations 1/2.

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^{32} \sum_{j=1}^{32} D_{i,j} = \sum_{i=1}^{32} \sum_{j=1}^{32} \frac{n_{i,j}}{N_{i,j}}$$

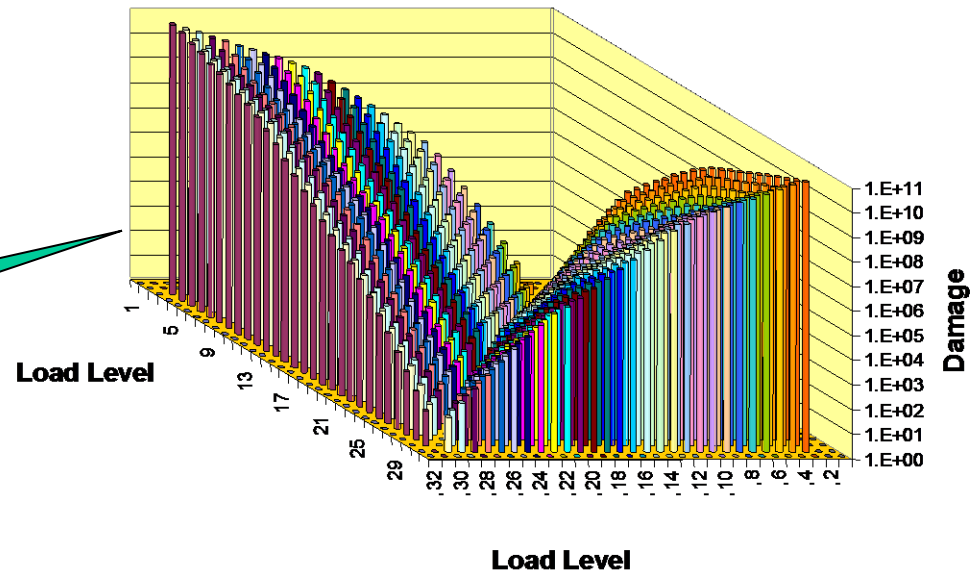


1 – Input data: the Load Spectrum of the PW-5 glider

Cumulated number of load cycles for 1000h of PW-5 operation = 1 753 072

2 – Input data: fatigue properties of the material

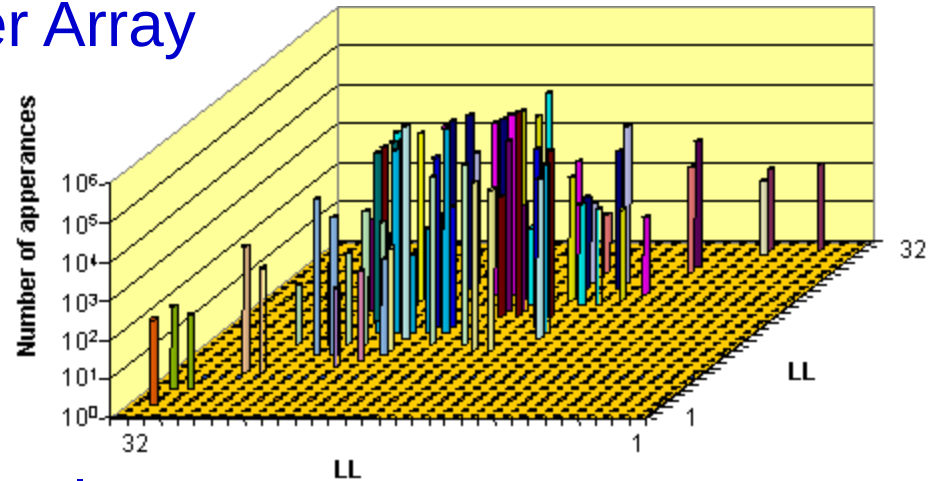
$1/N_{i,j}$ values



Example of fatigue calculations 2/2:

3 – Transition of LS to Transfer Array

$n_{i,j}$ values for 1000 h
of glider operation



4 – Calculation of the damage value:

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^{32} \sum_{j=1}^{32} D_{i,j} = \sum_{i=1}^{32} \sum_{j=1}^{32} \frac{n_{i,j}}{N_{i,j}}$$

In the case of PW-5 glider wing spar shear web

5 – Calculation the life-time:

(Assumption that critical D value is equal to 1)

$$D_{1000h} = 0.00389$$

$$\text{Life Time} = (1/0.00389) * 1000h = 257\,069h$$

Improvement of the fatigue testing - Equivalent Load Spectra

Problem description:

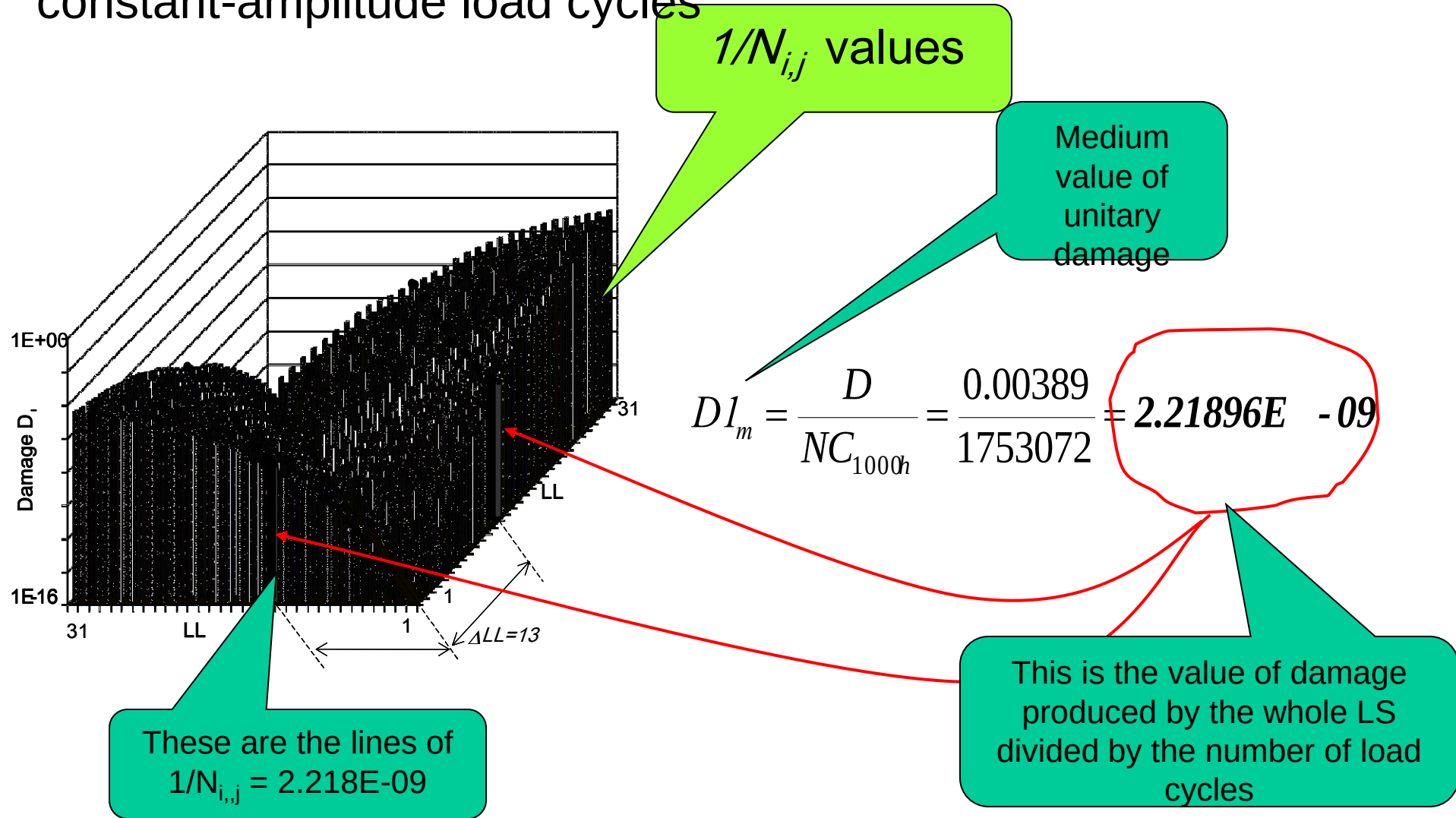
Can we substitute a full Load Spectrum by another Load Spectrum, which allows simplification of the fatigue test arrangement and decreasing the workload?

The main requirement:

In both cases of the LS the D value should be the same

Equivalent Load Spectra

A – simplification by substituting the full LS by the blocks of constant-amplitude load cycles

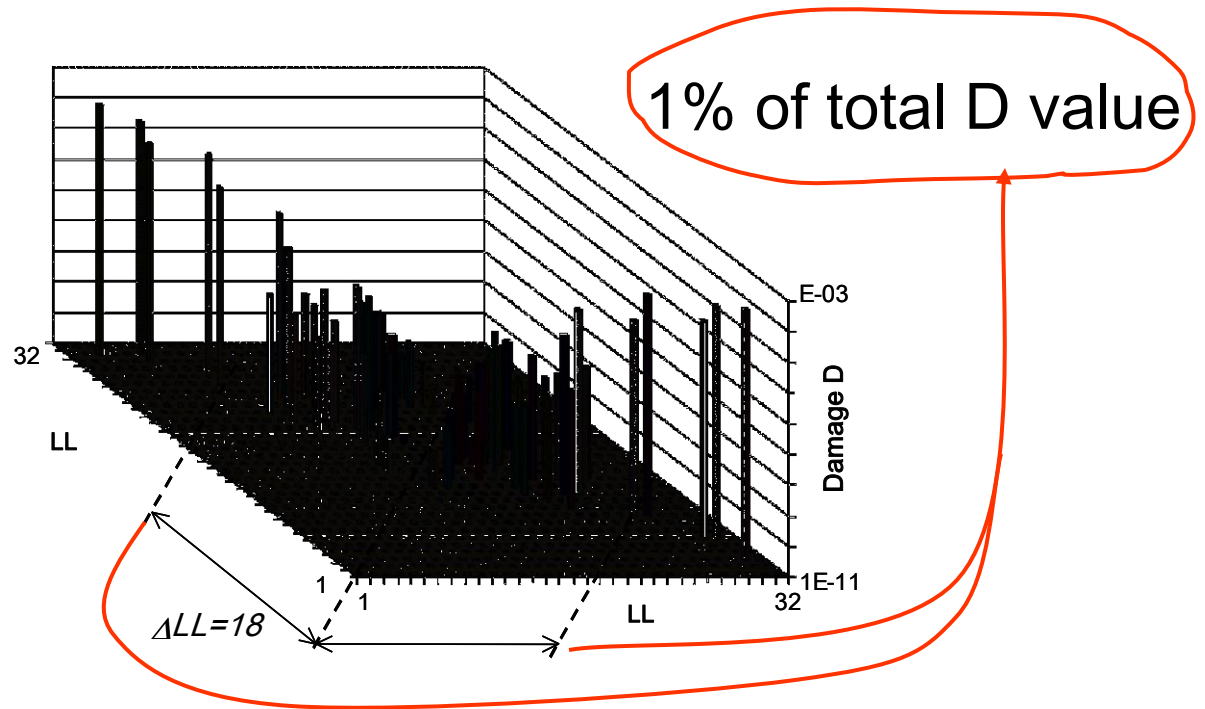


Conclusion: Instead of the full LS one can apply 1 753 072 load cycles having constant Load Level increments equal to 13

Equivalent Load Spectra

Problem: are all cells in the Half-Cycle Array equally important ?

Damage-values for the
Unitary Transfer-Array



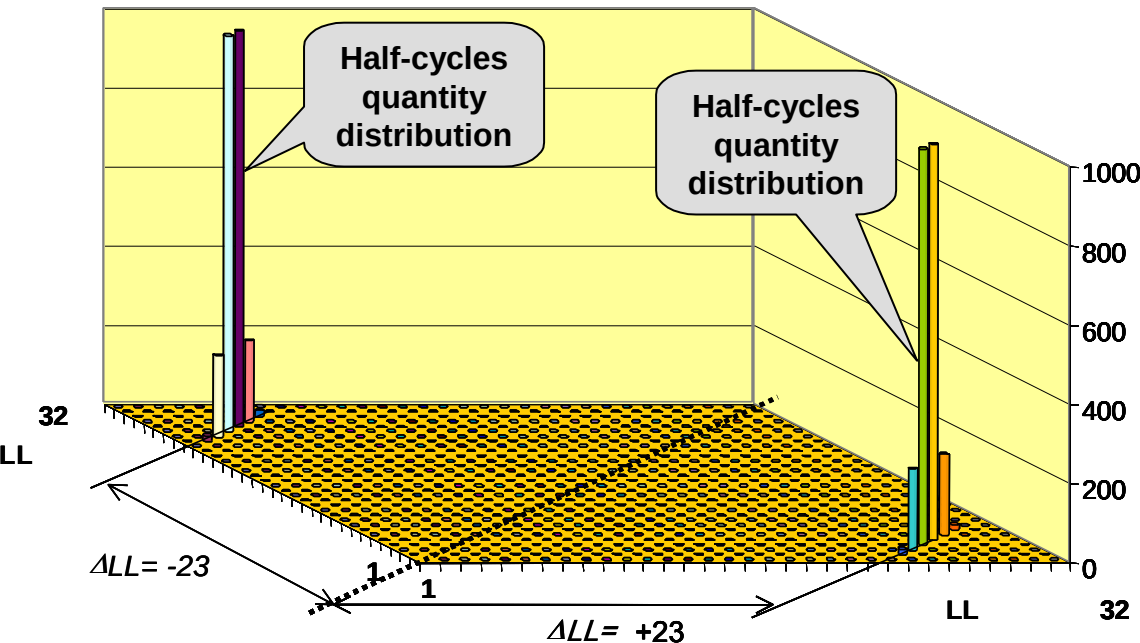
Note: In the case of PW-5 glider LS – the half –cycles placed within $\Delta LL = 18$ zone are producing only 1% of total D value

Conclusion: We can neglect the load cycles within $\Delta LL = 18$ zone
Result: The LS is reduced from 1 753 072 load cycles to only 4882 load cycles without significant change of the D value

Equivalent Load Spectra

The new value of D_{1m}
after this reduction:

$$Dl_m = \frac{D}{NC_{1000h}} = \frac{0.00389}{4882} = 7.96E-07$$



This value corresponds with
the values of Unitary Damage
Array for DLL = 23

	Load Spectrum - full	Load Spectrum reduced
Number of half-cycles LP	1 753 072	4882
Equivalent load increment $ \Delta LL $	13	23
Value of Damage coefficient D for 1000h of operation	0.00389	0.003866

Conclusion: This is significant simplification of the fatigue test!!!

Equivalent Load Spectra

Another method of fatigue test simplification – „One- step” fatigue test:

„One-step” fatigue test, i.e. 10 000 cycles of loads within design limit as a prove of 12 000 hours of operation

The biggest load increment is between LL=31 and LL=3

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$$\frac{D}{UDA_{3,31}(\text{medium value})} = \frac{0.00389}{8.52E-06} = 457$$

load changes
(i.e. ~229 load cycles for 1000h of operation)

What is the safety margin if we apply such a test?

(comparison of the number of cycles for 12 000h of glider operation)

$$\frac{10\,000 \text{ cycles}}{12 \cdot 229 \text{ cycles}} \cdot 100\% = 365\%$$

Equivalent to scatter factor of 3.65

The end of the part
regarding the Load
Spectra