



# **Symbolic Model Order Reduction (SMOR)**

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# Outline of Presentation

- **Motivation for Symbolic MOR**
- **Review of PRIMA**
- **Isolation method**
- **Single frequency point method**
- **Multiple frequency point method**
- **Conclusion**

# Motivation for SMOR

- Numerical Model Order Reduction Methods (AWE, PACT, PRIMA, PVL, NORM etc) are in general efficient and accurate
- But the reduced model **lacks flexibility**

# Motivation For SMOR

- **Sweep analysis** to find optimal design values
- **Process variation analysis** on interconnect (width, length, thickness, conductivity etc)
- **Repeating analysis** on similarly structured circuits with different element values

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# Motivation For SMOR

- **Symbolic MOR** is proposed to incorporate symbols in the Reduced Model
- With **symbolic reduced model**, we could handle those analyses more efficiently
- Symbolic model provides **Flexibility** compared to Numerical Reduced Model

# Motivation for SMOR

**Numerical MOR**

**One time reduction**

**SMOR**

**Sweep analysis**

**Variation analysis**

**Repeating analysis  
on similar circuits**

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# PRIMA review

$$C\dot{\mathbf{x}} + G\mathbf{x} = b\mathbf{u}$$

$$y = l^T \mathbf{x}$$



$$C_r \dot{\mathbf{z}} + G_r \mathbf{z} = b_r \mathbf{u}$$

$$y = l_r^T \mathbf{z}$$

By Congruence Transformation

$$C_r = V^T C V \quad G_r = V^T G V \quad b_r = V^T b \quad l_r = V^T l$$

$$V = \text{Krylov}\{G^{-1}C, G^{-1}b\}$$



# PRIMA review cont'

SMOR is based on PRIMA for **stability** and **simplicity** of reduced model

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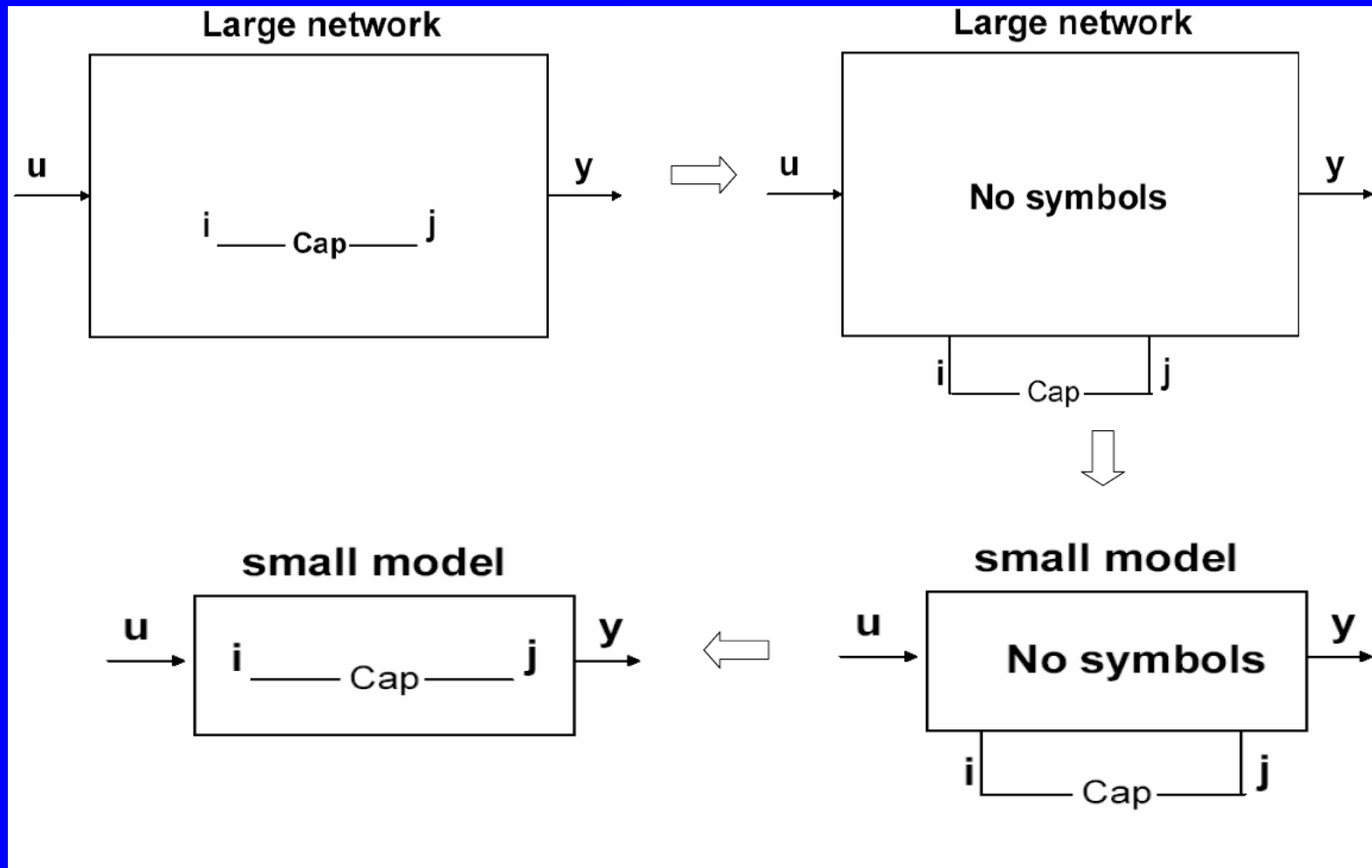
# Symbol isolation method

- Applicable for **sweep analysis**
- Simple and Easy to implement

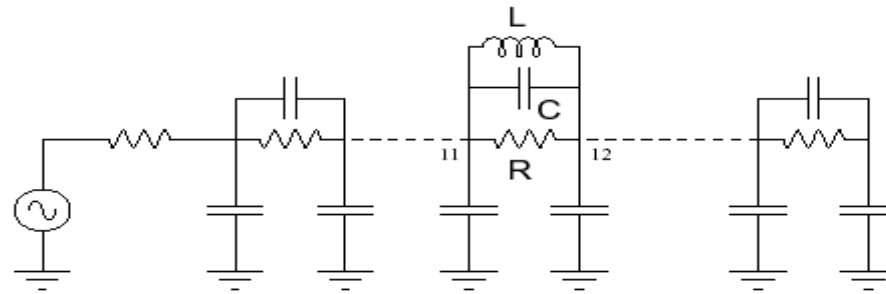
# Symbol Isolation Method

- Each symbolized element is isolated from the circuit
- The interaction between each symbolized element and the remaining circuit is treated as one port
- Reduction is done on the remaining circuit
- Each symbolized element will be merged back into reduced model

# Symbol Isolation Method cont'

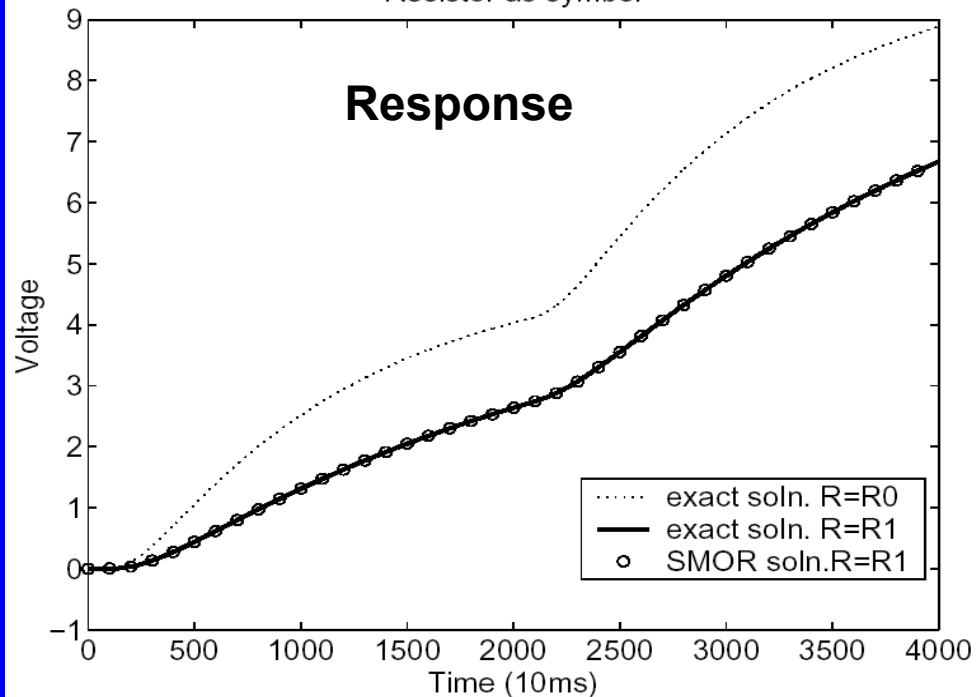


# test case



**Test circuit**

Resistor as symbol



# Single frequency point method

- Single frequency point method handles symbols for more general case than symbol isolation method
- Based on PRIMA algorithm; focus is on the construction of transformation matrix  $V$
- Constructs  $V$  **without orthonormalization**  
Or with **pseudo orthonormalization**
- Perform congruence transformation

# Single Frequency Method

$$H(s) = l^T (G + sC)^{-1} b \quad (H(s) \text{ is transfer function})$$

$$= l^T \left\{ \mathbf{G}^{-1}b - s\mathbf{G}^{-1}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{G}^{-1}b + s^2(\mathbf{G}^{-1}\mathbf{C})^2\mathbf{G}^{-1}b + \dots + s^q(-\mathbf{G}^{-1}\mathbf{C})^q\mathbf{G}^{-1}b + \dots \right\}$$

$$\mathbf{V} = \text{colsp} \left\{ \mathbf{G}^{-1}b, \mathbf{G}^{-1}\mathbf{C}\mathbf{G}^{-1}b, (\mathbf{G}^{-1}\mathbf{C})^2\mathbf{G}^{-1}b, \dots, (\mathbf{G}^{-1}\mathbf{C})^q\mathbf{G}^{-1}b \right\}$$

**V is constructed without orthonormalization**

**different from numerical reduction method  
such as PRIMA**



# Single Frequency Method

1). Symbolically inverse  $\mathbf{G}$

$$\mathbf{G}^{-1} = \text{inverse}(\mathbf{G})$$

2). Do matrix - vector multiplication

$$v_1 = \mathbf{G}^{-1}b$$

3). For  $k = 2$  to  $q$  ( $q$  is the size of reduced model)

$$v_k = \mathbf{G}^{-1}\mathbf{C}v_{k-1}$$

4). For  $k = 1$  to  $q$ , construct transformation matrix  $\mathbf{V}$

$$\mathbf{V}(:,k) = v_k$$

# Problems

1. Condition number of  $V$
2. Symbolic inversion of  $G$
3. Model Accuracy

# Pseudo orthonormalization

- Assume each symbol only varies moderately from its nominal value
- Use rotation matrix from numerical orthonormalization to **rotate** symbolically constructed matrix  $V$

# Pseudo orthonormalization

1) Every symbol takes its nominal value

$$\mathbf{V}_{\text{symbolic}} \Rightarrow \mathbf{V}_{\text{nominal}}$$

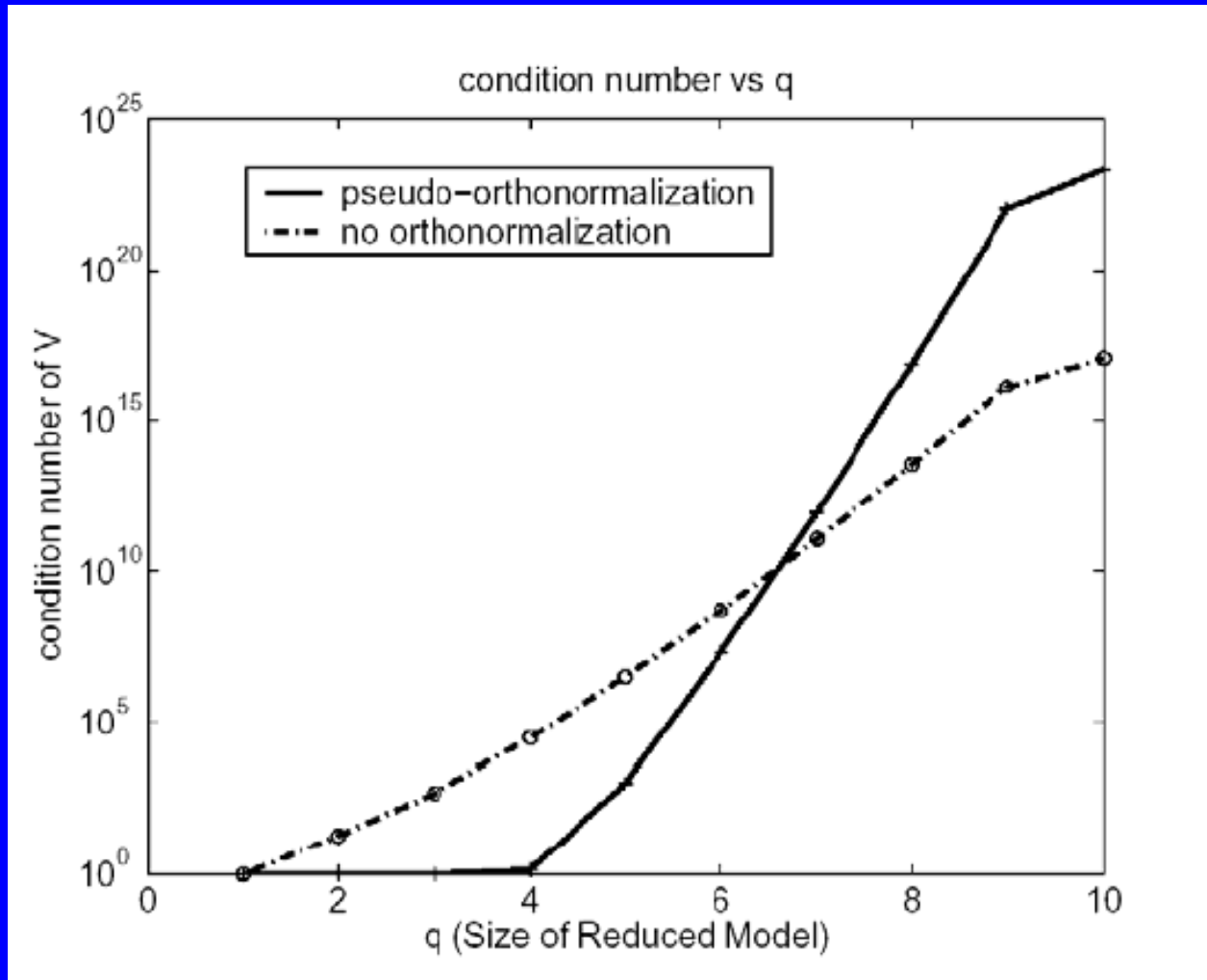
2) Find  $\mathbf{R}_{\text{nominal}}$  to orthonormalize  $\mathbf{V}_{\text{nominal}}$

$$\mathbf{V}_{\text{nominal}} \mathbf{R}_{\text{nominal}} \Rightarrow \mathbf{V}_{\text{orthnorm}}$$

3) Use  $\mathbf{R}_{\text{nominal}}$  to pseudo orthonormalize  $\mathbf{V}_{\text{symbolic}}$

$$\mathbf{V}_{\text{symbolic}} \mathbf{R}_{\text{nominal}} \Rightarrow \mathbf{V}_{\text{pseudo-orthnorm}}$$

# Pseudo orthonormalization



# Successive first order approximation

- **Symbolic inversion** of  $G$  is computationally very expensive operation\*
- **Successive first order approximation** method will reduce the computation cost to a manageable level

# Successive first order approximation

Suppose  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{G}_0 + \Delta\mathbf{G}$

$\mathbf{G}_0$  : nominal valued numerical matrix

$\Delta\mathbf{G}$  : symbolic perturbation matrix

**The perturbation is small  
(+/- 30% of nominal value)**

By First Order Approximation

$$\mathbf{G}^{-1} \approx \mathbf{G}_0^{-1} - \mathbf{G}_0^{-1} \Delta\mathbf{G} \mathbf{G}_0^{-1}$$

# Successive first order approximation

$$C = C_0 + \Delta C, G = G_0 + \Delta G$$

$\Delta C$  and  $\Delta G$  are small perturbation matrices (symbolic)

**Keep only first order**

$$(G + \Delta G)^{-1} b \quad \longleftarrow \text{First column vector of } \mathbf{V}$$

$$\approx G_0^{-1} b - G_0^{-1} \Delta G G_0^{-1} b$$

$$= \{G_0^{-1} b\} + \{\Delta G\}$$

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$$(G_0 + \Delta G)^{-k} (C_0 + \Delta C)^k (G_0 + \Delta G)^{-1} b$$

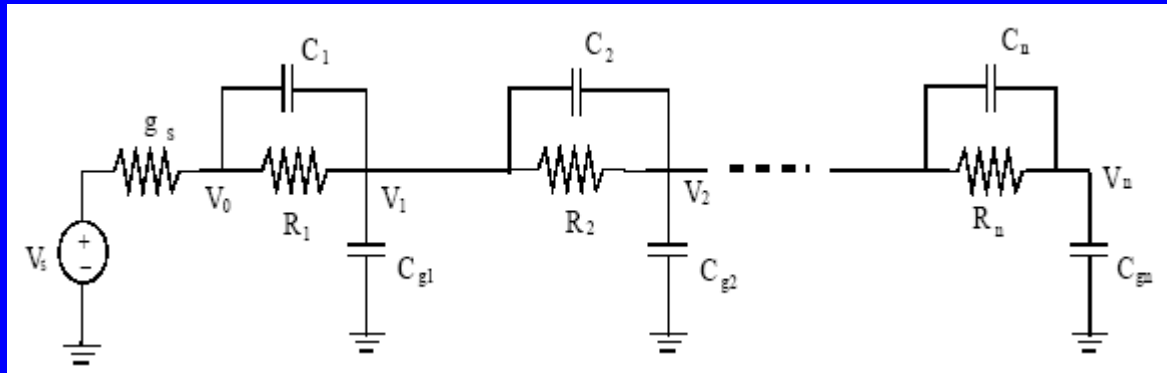
$$\approx \{0\text{th order}\} + \{1\text{st order of } \Delta G\} + \{1\text{st order of } \Delta C\}$$



# Successive first order approximation

- After  $V$  is constructed, perform **Congruence Transformation** as in PRIMA
- **Keep all orders** in Congruence Transformation, otherwise, model could diverge

# Test case and experimental observations

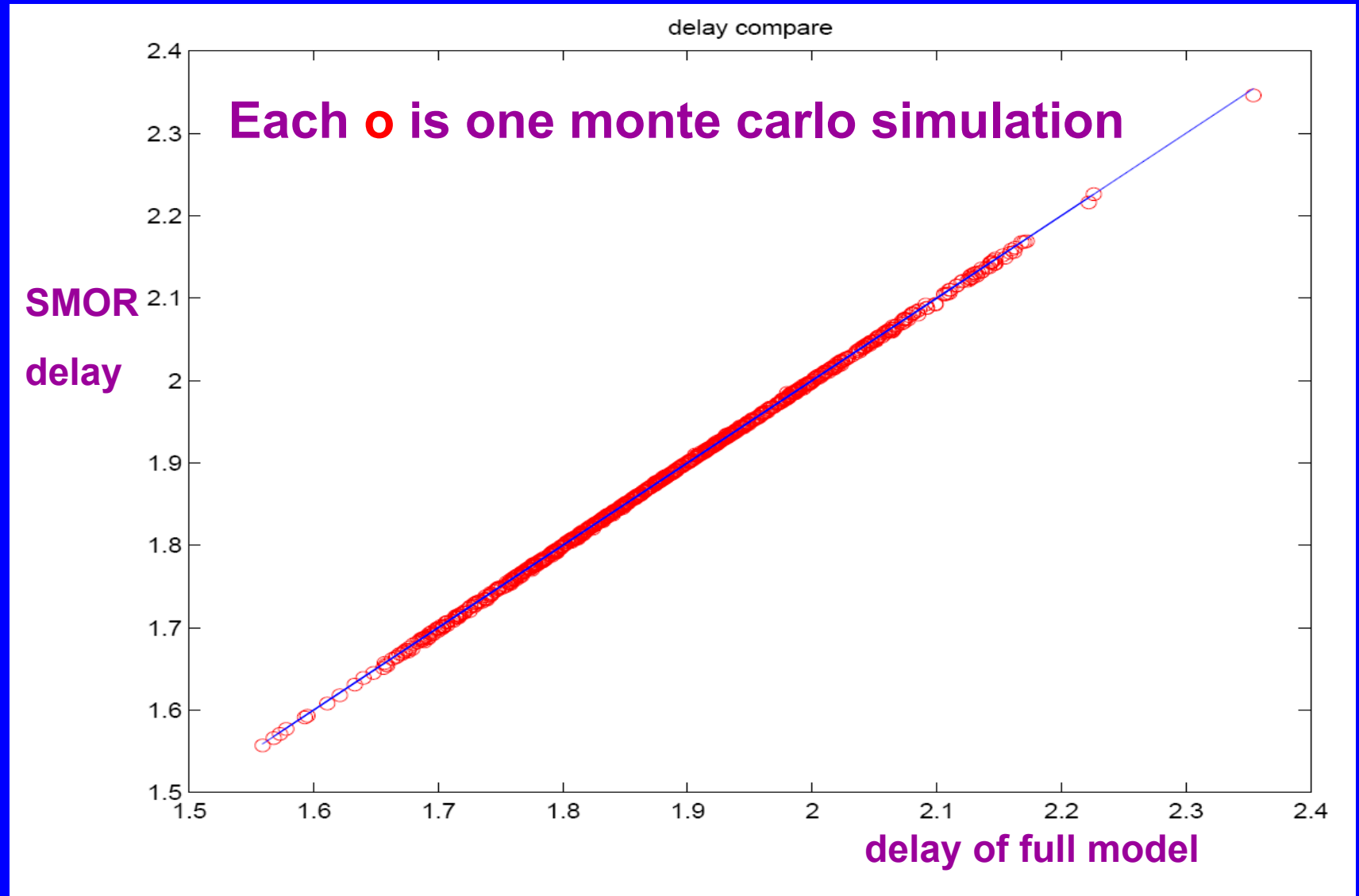


- RC ladder example to simulate the process variation(+/- 30%)
- 4 symbolic parameters are put into the circuit

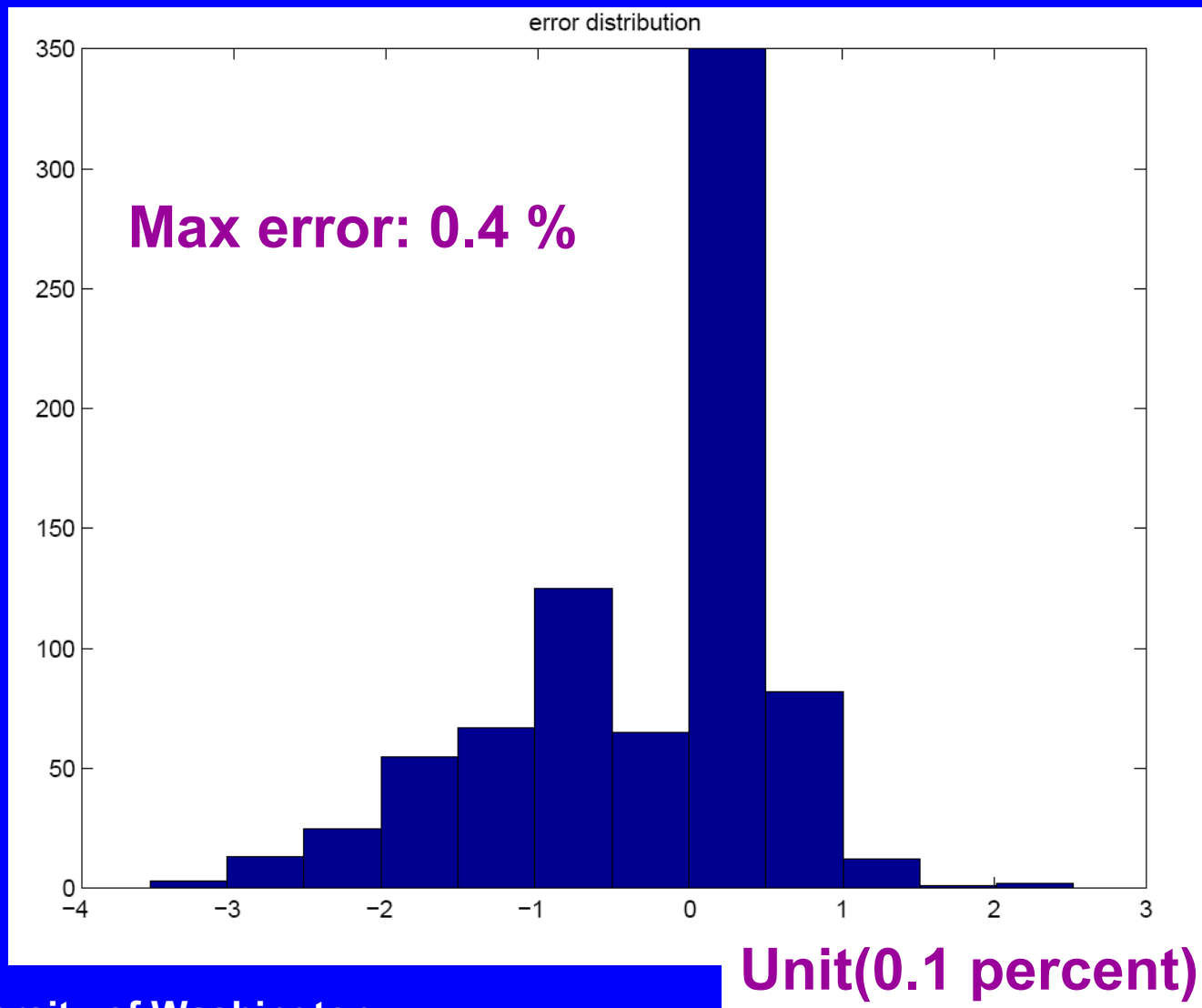
# Test case and experimental observation

- Original size of circuit matrices: 100
- Reduced symbolic model size: 4
- Statistical Perturbation of 4 symbolic parameters: +/- 30%
- 50-50 Delay of step input response is measured

# delay-delay plot



$$\frac{\text{Delay of reduced model} - \text{Delay of full model}}{\text{Delay of full model}}$$



# Multiple Frequency Point Method

- Using Multiple frequency points to improve model accuracy at higher frequency range
- In the same time, reduce the condition number of  $V$  during Symbolic MOR

# Multiple Frequency Method

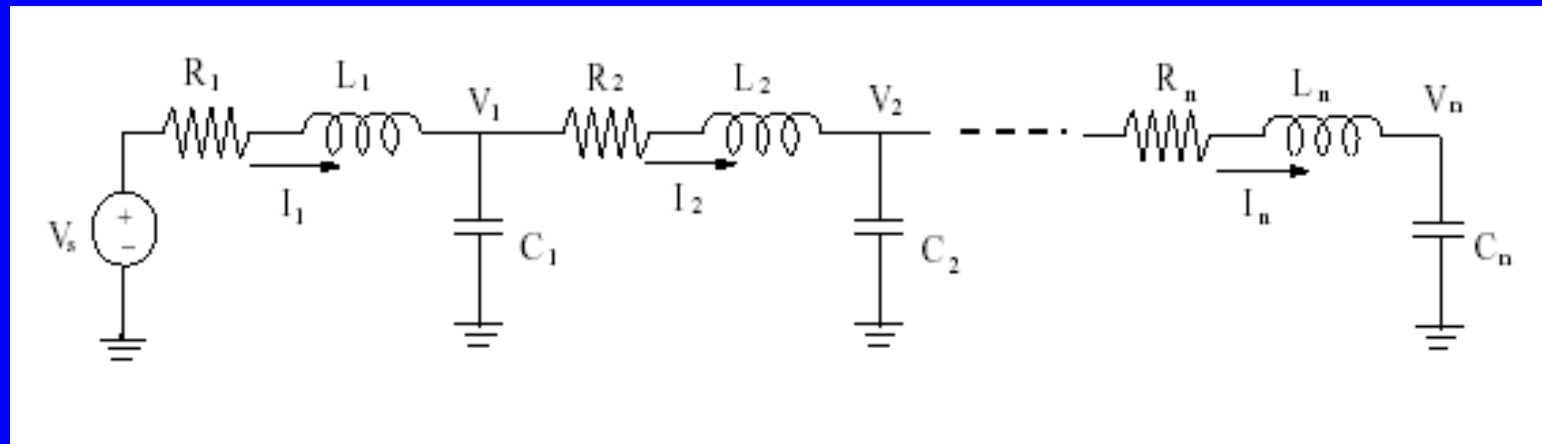
For each choice of  $\sigma$ , we generate a few vectors in the Krylov subspace :

$$V_{\sigma} = \text{Krylov}\left\{(C\sigma + G)^{-1}C, (C\sigma + G)^{-1}b\right\}$$

If we use multiple frequency points  $\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n\}$  transformation matrix  $V$  is given by grouping each subspace together :

$$V = \text{colsp}\{V_{\sigma_1}, V_{\sigma_2}, \dots, V_{\sigma_n}\}$$

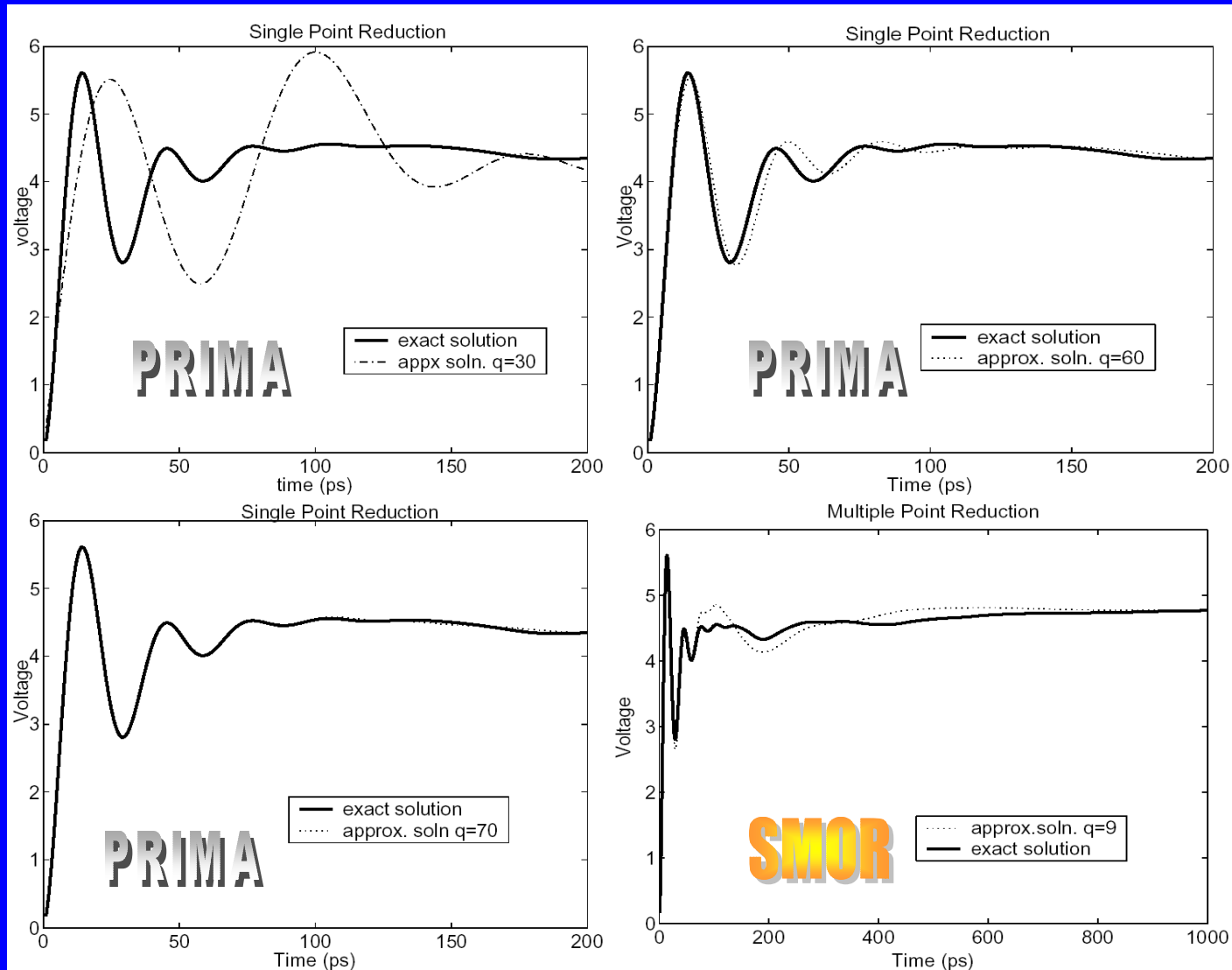
# Multiple Frequency method



Test circuit (300 blocks)



# Multiple Frequency Method



# Conclusion

- Isolation method is simplest, but applicable to only special cases
- Single frequency point method applies to low order reduction
- Multiple frequency point method improves the order of reduced model

# Conclusion cont'

- Difficulties in reducing the **condition number** of symbolic model
- **Symbolic inversion** is expensive\*
- **Number of symbols** is limited(a few)

**SMOR need further research!**