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**A Framework for Assessing Seismic Safety
Using Reliability Physics.**

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Abstract

A framework for assessing seismic safety is suggested in this paper. The concepts of requirement and achievement are used in this framework. The quantified correlation between requirement and achievement derived from two competing variables results in the unconditional frequency of exceeding a damage level. This framework can be applied to any other external safety assessment of nuclear power plants.