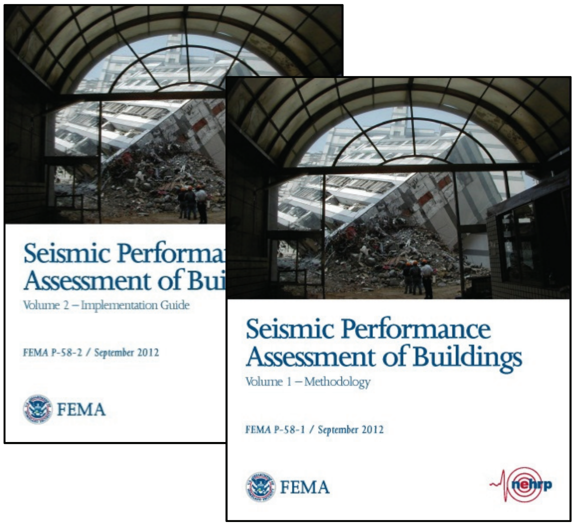

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Table 1. Summary results

Fragility, damage measures, and consequences for	
Component category:	D5012.020, low voltage switchgear, avg. or unknown conditions D5012.021, low voltage switchgear, well anchored, strong load path to floor, cabinets within ½ inch are bolted together, no large items that could fall on switchgear D5012.022, low voltage switchgear, 1 deficiency (typ. no anchorage) D5012.023, low voltage switchgear, 2+ deficiencies (e.g., no anchorage + interaction concerns)
Basic composition:	Electrical cabinet. See Figure 1.
Units:	ea
Number of damage states:	1
If multiple damage states:	simultaneous
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Damage states, fragilities, and consequences for D5012.020, average or unknown conditions. For other conditions see Table 7.	
	DS1
Description:	Inoperative
Illustration:	Not available
Demand parameter	Peak floor acceleration (geometric mean, g)
Median demand (θ)(1):	1.2g
Data dispersion (β_d)(2)	0.6
Uncertainty (β_u)(2)	
Total dispersion (β)(1):	0.6
Probability(1):	
Correlation:	
Repairs required:	Replace burnt-out circuit breakers (50% of cases) or replace insulators (50% of cases)
Possible consequences:	
Repair cost (Y/N/?):	Y
Death or injury (Y/N/?):	N
Inoperative facility (Y/N/?):	Y
Red tagging (Y/N/?)	N
Comments(2):	

(1) If ordered damage states, leave "probability" blank. If mutually exclusive or simultaneous damage states, provide parameters in DS1 column only, and probabilities of each damage state in "probability." Round θ to 2 significant figures and β to nearest 0.05.
(2) For methods A and B only, provide β_d and β_u and explain in the "comments" row any β_u value that differs from recommendations in Appendix C.

Table 2. Summary supporting information template

Literature summary See Porter et al., ND. Fragility of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing equipment. EPRI (1991) offers data on 4 specimens and proposes a GERS ZPA = 1.0g for LVS without frame reinforcement, 1.5g with base frame reinforcement. 1 specimen had a breaker trip, but this failure is ignored.	
Number of specimens tested:	149 from data set 1 (EPRI + EQE data) 43 with known PMFs from data set 2 (EPRI) 4 from GERSs tests (EPRI 1991)
Construction quality:	□ exceeds □ meets □ does not meet requirements of: all available data are for well anchored motor generators
Seismic installation conditions:	varies
Loading protocols applied:	19 earthquakes
Method for observing demand:	Nearby strong-motion instruments
Method for observing damage:	First-hand observations by EQE International (e.g., DL McCormick, Nancy Horstman, Sam Swan, Peter Yanev, etc.) and by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), e.g., Bob Kassawara. The investigators also examined facility engineers' records or interviewed them. Observations made during post-earthquake facility surveys on behalf of EPRI, with the intention of documenting failures *and* non-failures, with installation conditions, etc.

Table 3. Failure data for all low voltage switchgear (data set 1: EQE + EPRI data set)

r, *g*	Units, *M*	Failed, *m*	*w* =*M*/Σ*M*	*y* = *m*/*M*	Φ
0.20	17	0	0.114	0.000	0.002
0.23	6	0	0.040	0.000	0.004
0.24	5	0	0.034	0.000	0.005
0.25	38	3	0.255	0.079	0.005
0.26	6	0	0.040	0.000	0.007
0.30	26	0	0.174	0.000	0.013
0.35	6	0	0.040	0.000	0.024
0.37	2	0	0.013	0.000	0.029
0.40	20	1	0.134	0.050	0.039
0.42	9	1	0.060	0.111	0.047
0.47	1	0	0.007	0.000	0.068
0.50	5	0	0.034	0.000	0.083
0.56	3	1	0.020	0.333	0.110
0.57	3	0	0.020	0.000	0.115
0.65	2	0	0.013	0.000	0.164
Sum	149	6			

Table 4. Failure data for low voltage switchgear with 0 installation deficiencies (EPRI data set)

r, g	Units, M	Failed, m	Comment
0.30	5	0	EPRI (2007) UNO
0.40	2	0	
0.35	1	0	
0.26	4	0	
0.42	4	0	
0.25	1	1	Cracked fiberglass supporting vertical bus bars in the switchgear assembly
0.25	1	0	
0.30	1	0	
0.20	4	0	
0.20	4	0	
0.25	4	0	
0.25	1	0	
0.51	2	0	
1.0	1	0	EPRI (1991)
1.9	1	0	Ditto
2.9	1	0	Ditto
3.4	1	0	Ditto, breaker trip ignored here
Sum	38	1	

Table 5. Failure data for low voltage switchgear with 1 installation deficiency (typ. unanchored, EPRI data set)

r, g	Units, M	Failed, m
0.30	3	0
0.35	1	0
0.40	5	0
Sum	9	0

Table 6. Quality tests

Quality test	DS1	DS2	DS3
Passes Lilliefors goodness of fit test? (Type A only)	NA		
Are θ and β within 20% of past results? If not discuss.	θ: ~Y, β: Y		
Are $0.2 \leq \beta \leq 0.6$? If not discuss.	Y		
Do you believe demand with 10% failure probability?	Y		
Discussion. Prior vulnerability functions are from Johnson et al. (1999), whose θs vary from 0.9 to 1.4; compare with 0.9 to 2.0 here. Re believing 10% failure probability, curve goes through data cloud.			

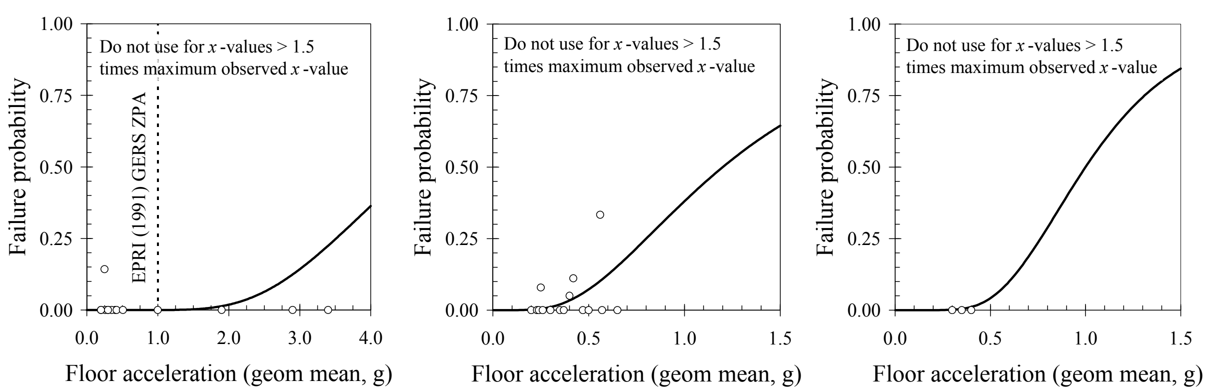
Table 7. Extrapolation to other detailed conditions and to average conditions

Condition (describe)	From tests?	DS1		J99	
		θ	β	θ	β
Best: anchored; good load path; no pounding concerns; no interaction concerns. Method C used after adding GERS data.	Y	4.6	0.4		
Moderate: one deficiency, typ. unanchored	Y	1.0	0.4		
Worst: 2 or more deficiencies, e.g., unanchored and pounding concerns	N	0.9	0.5		
Average or unknown	Y	1.2	0.6		

Do not use fragility functions for PFA > 1.5 times maximum value in the observations.
Basis for extrapolation. For moderate, average, and best conditions, from data shown above.
For worst conditions, borrow worst conditions from Johnson et al. (1999).
What factors affect θ and β? Those listed under "best" conditions.

"From tests" means that the tests reported here are believed to represent this condition level

Figure 1. Low voltage switchgear



(a) (b) (c)

Figure 2. Low voltage switchgear fragility (a) well anchored, strong load path to floor, cabinets within ½ inch are bolted together, no large items that could fall on switchgear, (b) average of unknown conditions, (c) 1 deficiency, typ. unanchored

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