Spectral correlations, polarization, and near-fault pulses in simulated ground motions

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- Polarization of response spectra ullet
- Inelastic response spectra
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Spectral correlations

Hypothetical response spectra having the same means and standard deviations.



Response spectra (max direction orientation)

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Velocity pulses in near-fault ground motions

Near-fault recordings from the 1994 Northridge earthquake



Comparable simulations and velocity time histories



The "correct" answer for this property is not well constrained empirically, but it is of engineering interest.

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"Flagpole" oscillator responses





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Histograms of Sa_{RotD100}/Sa_{RotD50} from recordings



Results NGA -West2 data

Geometric mean $Sa_{RotD100}/Sa_{RotD50}$ ratios from simulations



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SDOF Oscillator Response

T = 0.2s, RotD100/RotD50 = 1



- displacement / max displacement

T = 0.2s, RotD100/RotD50 = 1.42



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Conclusions

- In this case, the UCSB rupture generator produces relatively smoother slip time histories than the URS rupture generator and the inverted source used by the validation module
- Simulations tend to have more pulse-like ground motions than recordings
- The elastic response spectra computed from simulations match recordings at long periods in general, but tend to underestimate responses at periods shorter than 1s
- Structural collapse capacities are inconsistent between simulations and recordings, even when the elastic spectral shape is matched

Thank you!

Extra Slides

Simulation Validation Example

Northridge Ground Motion Data

- Recordings from NGA database
- Simulations from SCEC Broadband Platform
 - Validation simulations
 - 6 realizations of simulations using the rupture generator

Ground Motion Set	Туре	Rupture Generator*	Short Name
I	Recordings	N/A	NGA
2	Simulations	Validation	VAL
3	Simulations	URS	URS I
4	Simulations	URS	URS 2
5	Simulations	URS	URS 3
6	Simulations	UCSB	UCSB I
7	Simulations	UCSB	UCSB 2
8	Simulations	UCSB	UCSB 3

*URS method was used for low and high frequency and site response



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Elastic Response Spectra



Calculation of \mathcal{E} values at three periods



$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}}$ values at varying periods, from many ground motions



Example Building Collapse Capacities

























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Effect of Matching Response Spectra on Collapse Capacity

T = 0.75s



Effect of Matching Response Spectra on Collapse Capacity

T = 1.32s

