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

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## Ground motion properties for validation

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- Spectral correlations
- Velocity pulses in near-fault motions **F** To be discussed today
- Polarization of response spectra
- Inelastic response spectra
- Simple structural model collapse capacities

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#### Spectral correlations

*Hypothetical* response spectra having the same means and standard deviations.



## Response spectra (max direction orientation)

Broadband platform simulations of M=7 Hayward events at  $R_{rup} = I$ km URS rupture generator and low-frequency module







## 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

 $T = 5s$ , RotD100/RotD50 = 1



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#### SDOF Oscillator Response

 $T = 0.2$ s, Rot $D100/R$ ot $D50 = 1$ 



displacement / max displacement

 $T = 0.2$ s, 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



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



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#### Elastic Response Spectra



#### Calculation of  $\varepsilon$  values at three periods



#### $\varepsilon$  values at varying periods, from many ground motions



#### Example Building Collapse Capacities

























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 $T = 0.75s$ 



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#### Effect of Matching Response Spectra on Collapse Capacity

 $T = 0.75s$ 



#### Effect of Matching Response Spectra on Collapse Capacity

 $T = 1.32s$ 

