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WP18 Task 1: Pericolosità sismica e normativa

state-of-art on the application of seismic hazard assessment as input for seismic hazard assessment in international seismic norms



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Intermediate Report

Deliverable WP18-D3

Overview of international norms on seismic input for design

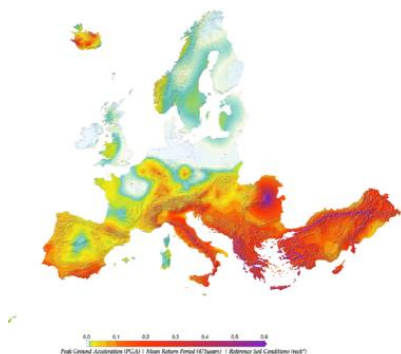


Table 1. International norms considered for this overview

	Italy	NTC18 (CS.LL.PP. 2018)
	Europe	Eurocode 8 (FprEN 1998-1-1:2024_TC 250)
	USA	ASCE/SEI 7-22
	New Zealand	DZ TS 1170.5:2024 (Draft for public consultation)
	China	GB50011-2010 - Code for seismic design of buildings
	India	Indian Standard Code IS 1893 - Parts 1 to 5 - Year 2016; Draft Standard for Comments Only CED 39(22343)WC April 2023
	México	MANUAL DE DISEÑO DE OBRAS CIVILES DISEÑO POR SISMO (MOC) 2022 Normas Técnicas Complementarias con Comentarios por la Ciudad de México (NTC 2023)
	Turkey	Turkish Earthquake Code (2018)
	Japan	Earthquake Resistant Design Method for Buildings - Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport 2024
	Chile	NCh-433-Of-1996-Mod-2009-DS-61-2011; NCh00433-2022-043
	Switzerland	STA:2061:2003
	Greece	Ελληνικός Αντισεισμικός Κανονισμός: Υ.Α. Δ17α/115/9/ΦΝ275/2003 ΦΕΚ1154/Β' 12.8.2003

Country Name

Normative Document

(1) Definition of seismic actions for design

- (a) Regularized spectral shape, based on few hazard-related parameters
- (b) Uniform hazard spectrum
- (c) Deterministic design spectrum

(2) Classification of the national territory

- (a) Zone-based: no
- (b) Site-specific, map-based

(3) Target structural performance

- (a) Limit states and importance categories
- (b) Association of limit states with return periods
- (c) Association with deterministically determined earthquakes

(4) Site categorization, reference site and site amplification factors

(5) Vertical Spectrum

(6) Criteria for ground motion selection and scaling

- (a) Classes of accelerograms
- (b) Selection criteria
- (c) Scaling
- (d) Selection and scaling in “special” conditions

(7) Conventional “design earthquake” (M, R)

(8) Miscellanea

- (a) other peak-value parameters for design (e.g., PGV)
- (b) criteria to account for “complex” site conditions

USGS National Seismic Hazard Maps - Research article

The 2023 US 50-State National Seismic Hazard Model: Overview and implications

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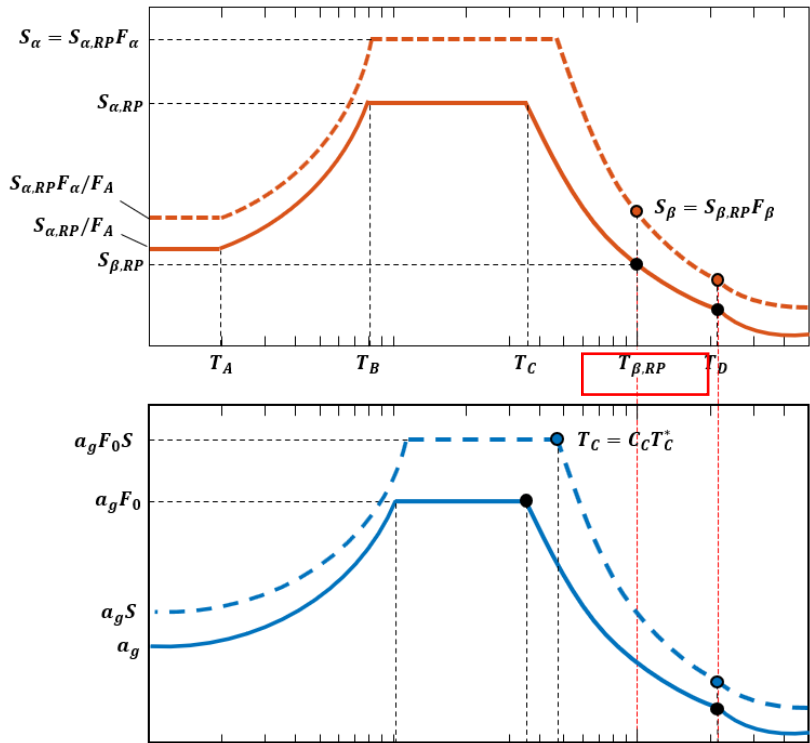
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Stato dell'arte: amplificazione stratigrafica nelle normative internazionali

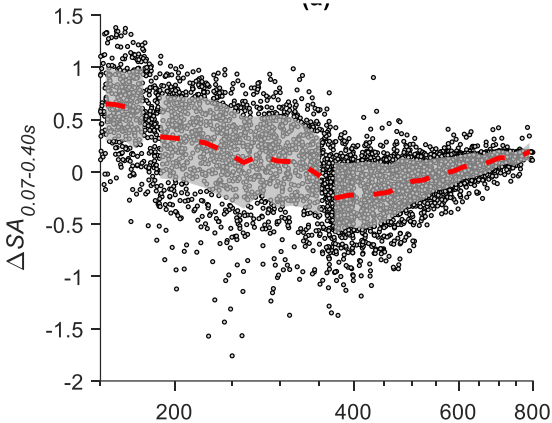


Coefficient-based approaches



Medium-seismicity level
– PGA = 0.18g

2nd Gen of EC8 (2025)



NTC18

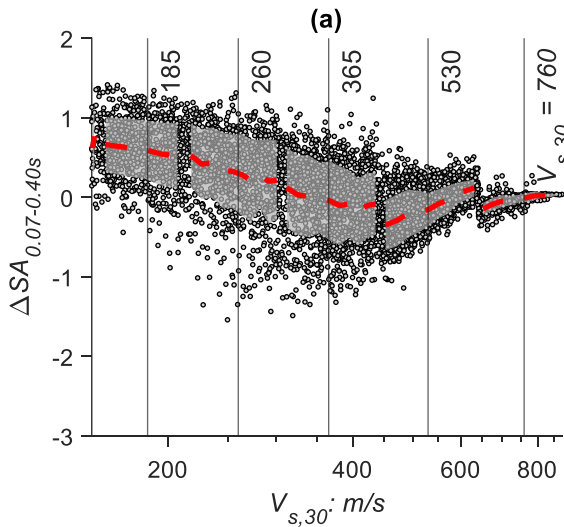
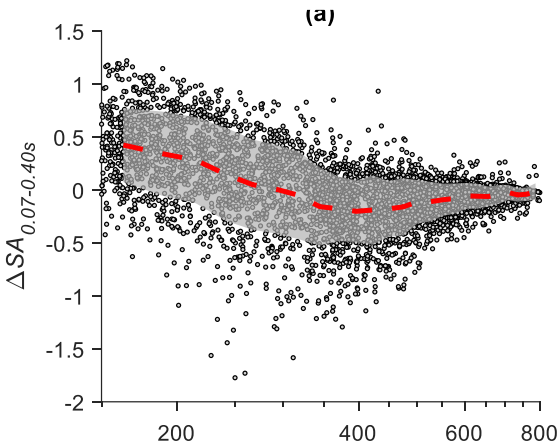
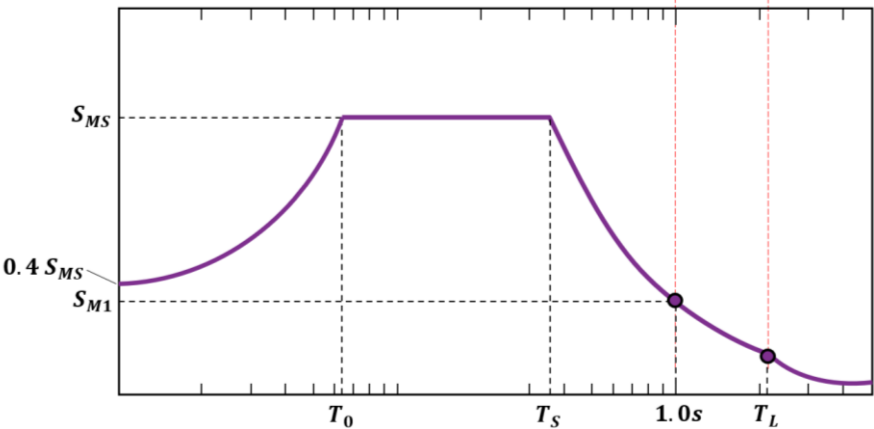
Probabilistic class-based approaches

Mapped site-specific response spectra – Based on NSHMs:

ASCE 7-22

NBCC 2020 (Canada)

DZ TS 1170.5:2024 (New Zealand)



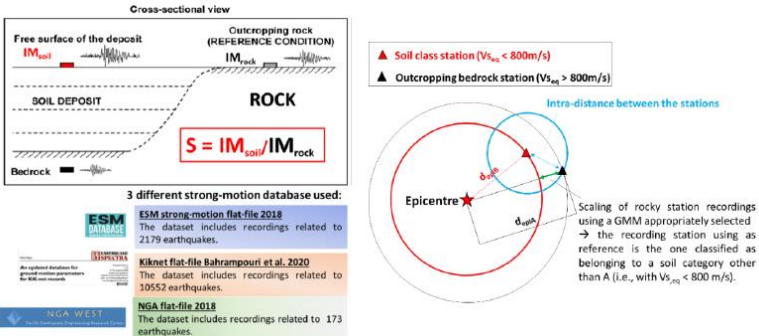
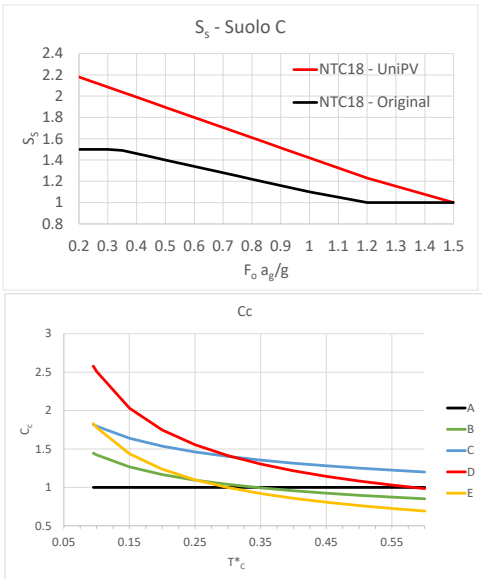
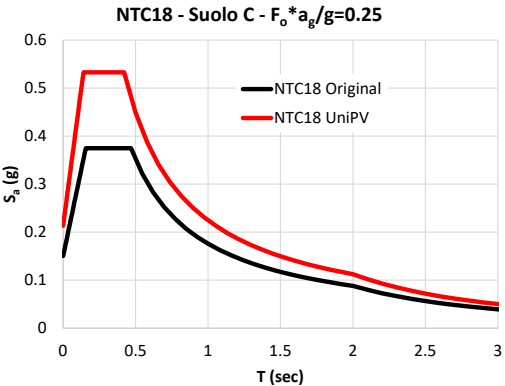
Revisione dei fattori di amplificazione stratigrafica nelle normative (NTC2028 & EC8 2nd gen)

DEFINITION OF HAZARD-DEPENDENT SOIL FACTORS

- NUMERICAL (site response analysis)
- REAL GROUND MOTION DATA

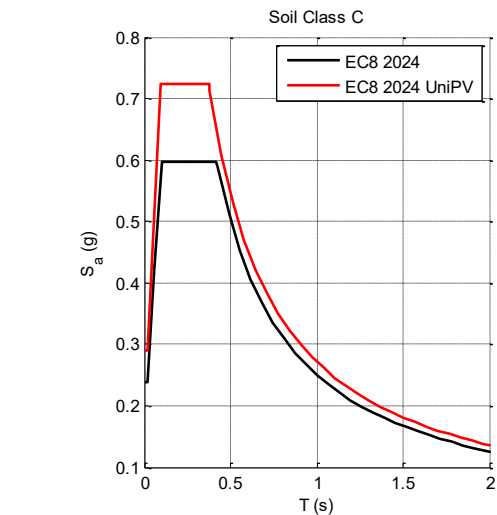
NTC18

Italian building code NTC18 Soil factor S _s		
Soil class	S _a -max	Short period
A	1.00	1.00
B	1.00 ≤ 1.72 − 0.36 F ₀ a _g	1.00 ≤ 1.88 − 0.46 F ₀ a _g
C	1.00 ≤ 2.09 − 0.76 F ₀ a _g	1.00 ≤ 2.37 − 0.95 F ₀ a _g
D	0.80 ≤ 1.60 − 0.64 F ₀ a _g	0.80 ≤ 1.20 − 0.45 F ₀ a _g
E	1.00 ≤ 2.28 − 0.72 F ₀ a _g	1.00 ≤ 2.02 − 0.68 F ₀ a _g



EC8

2024 final draft of EC8 – soil factor S		
Soil Class	Short period ≡ F _a defined by Eq.3 Intensity measure S _{amax}	Intermediate period ≡ F _β defined by Eq.4 Intensity measure S _β
A	1.00	1.00
B	$0.80 \leq \left(\frac{V_{S,H}}{800}\right)^{-0.80} \left(1 - \frac{S_{amax}}{250}\right)$	$1.00 \leq \left(\frac{V_{S,H}}{800}\right)^{-1.00} \left(1 - \frac{S_{\beta}}{600}\right)$
C		
D		
E	$1.00 \leq \left(\frac{V_{S,H}}{800}\right)^{-0.85} \left(1 - \frac{S_{amax}}{250}\right)$	$1.00 \leq \left(\frac{V_{S,H}}{800}\right)^{-0.80} \left(1 - \frac{S_{\beta}}{700}\right)$



S_s factor

4 different methodologies

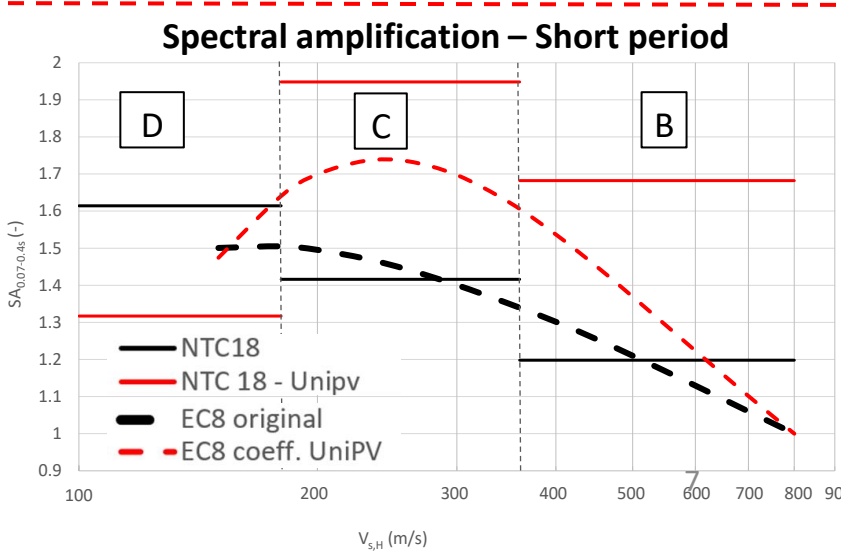
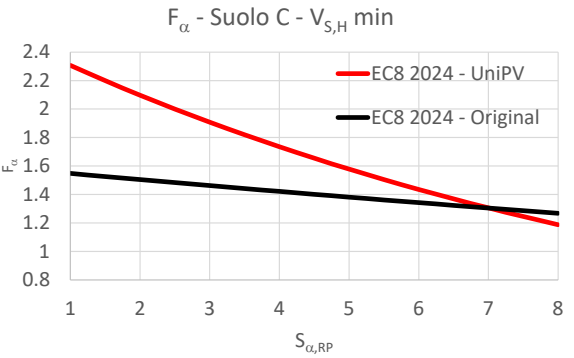
- $S = \frac{PGA_{soil}}{PGA_{rock}}$
- $S = \frac{Sa_{max soil}}{Sa_{max rock}}$
- $S = \frac{\int_{T=0.40s}^{T=0.07s} Rs_{soil}}{\int_{T=0.40s}^{T=0.07s} Rs_{rock}}$
- $S = \frac{\int_{T=2.00s}^{T=0.70s} Rs_{soil}}{\int_{T=2.00s}^{T=0.70s} Rs_{rock}}$

2 methodologies based (revised) on Andreotti et al. 2018

2 additional methodologies based of EC8 draft:

- Short periods (0.07-0.40s)
- Intermediate periods (0.70-2.0s)

Range values are based on Paolucci et al. (2021)



Modello Machine Learning per il fattore di amplificazione topografica sulla base di parametri geometrici, geotecnici e sismici

dataset 18 sezioni di rilievi isolati

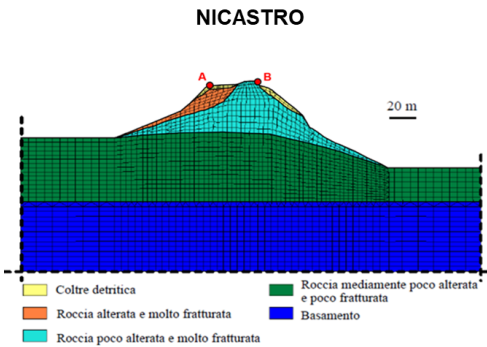
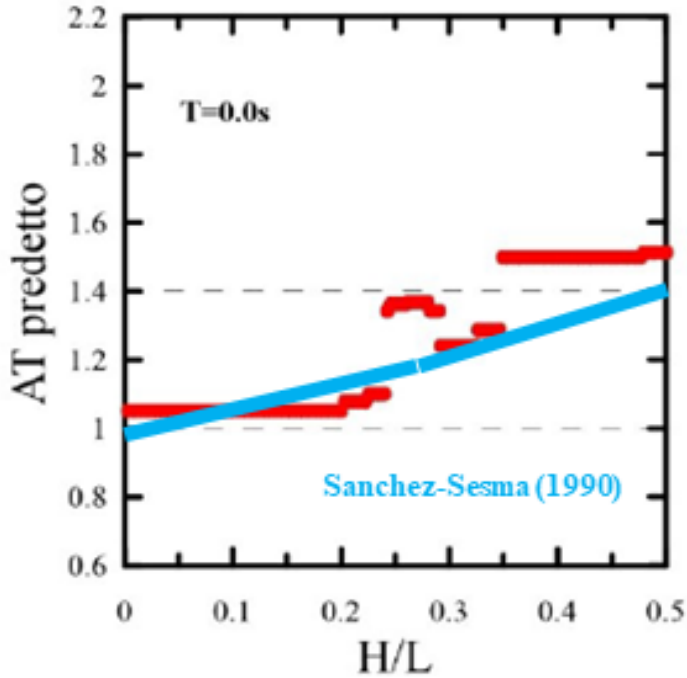
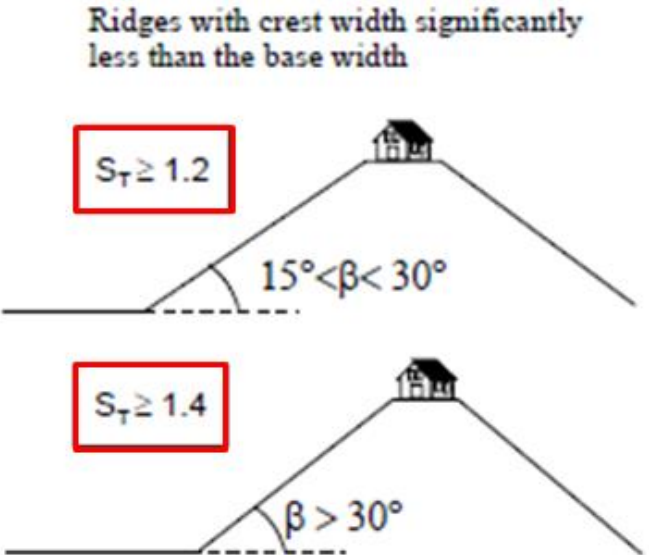
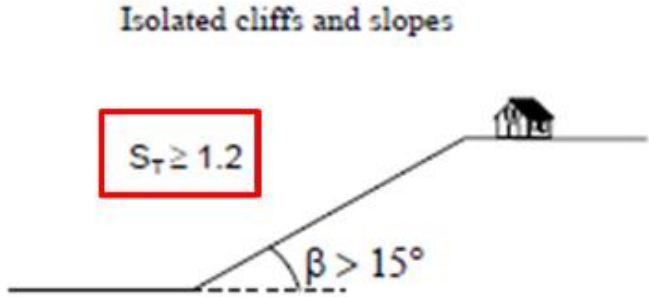
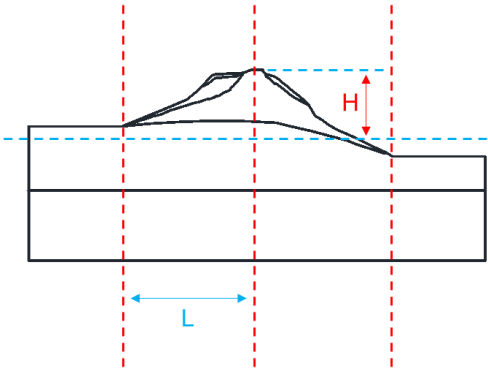
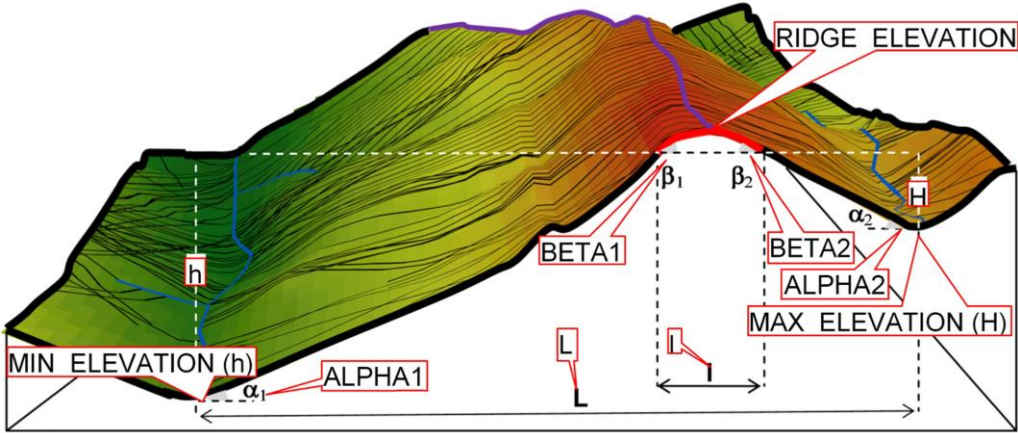


Fig. 2. Sezione bidimensionale del comune di Nicastro

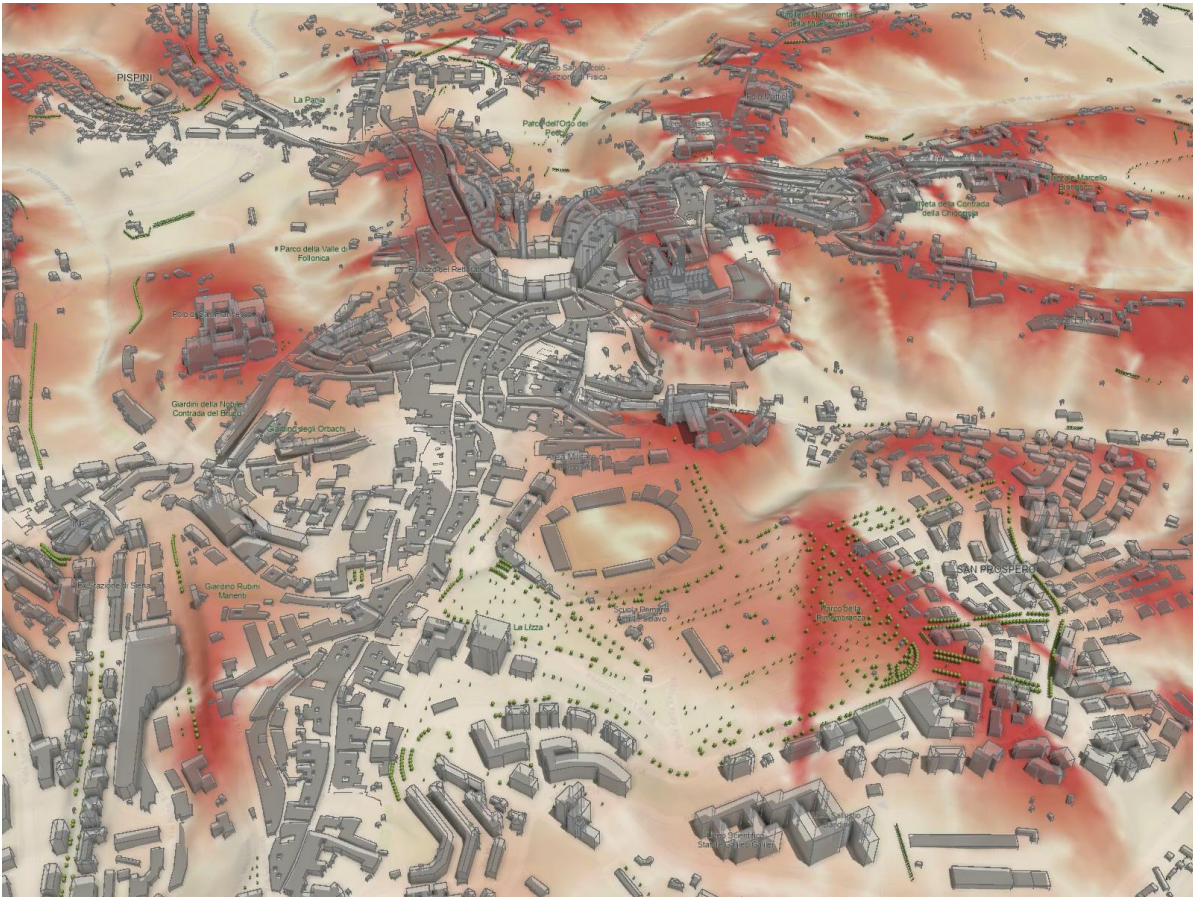


Metodologia automatica per la stima del **fattore di amplificazione** topografica secondo le NTC18 in contesti morfologici reali con la massima risoluzione disponibile del **DEM**



Topographic Category	Characteristics of the topographic surface	St
T1	Flat surface, slopes and isolated reliefs with average inclination $i \leq 15^\circ$	1
T2	Slopes with average inclination $> 15^\circ$	1.2
T3	Reliefs with width at the crest much smaller than at the base and average inclination $15^\circ \leq i \leq 30^\circ$	1.2
T4	Reliefs with width at the crest much smaller than at the base and average inclination $> 30^\circ$	1.4

risultato relativo al centro storico di Siena



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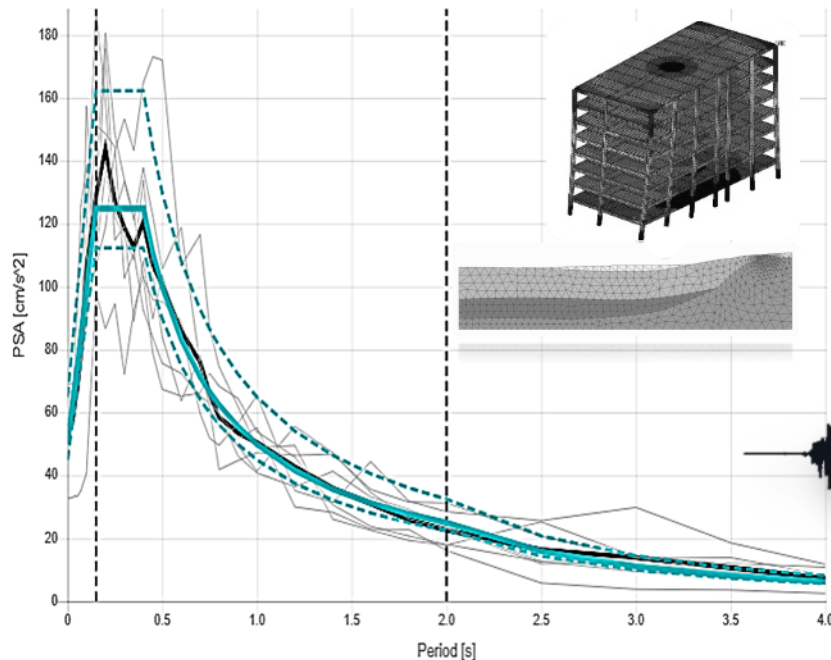
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Task 3: miglioramento dei criteri e degli strumenti di selezione di accelerogrammi spettro-compatibili

Tool di selezione spettro-compatibile

Miglioramento del tool di selezione **RexelWEB** attraverso l'implementazione di nuove funzionalità utili a soddisfare le crescenti esigenze dei professionisti nei settori geotecnico e strutturale



REXELweb

Software per selezione
di accelerogrammi
registrati spettro-
compatibili

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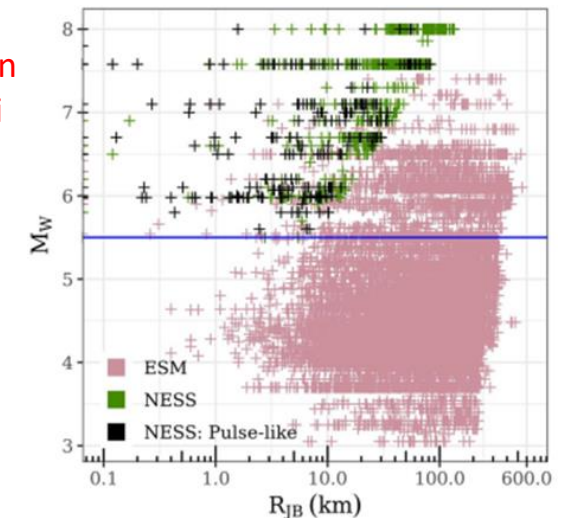
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**ESM
DATABASE**
ENGINEERING STRONG MOTION DATABASE

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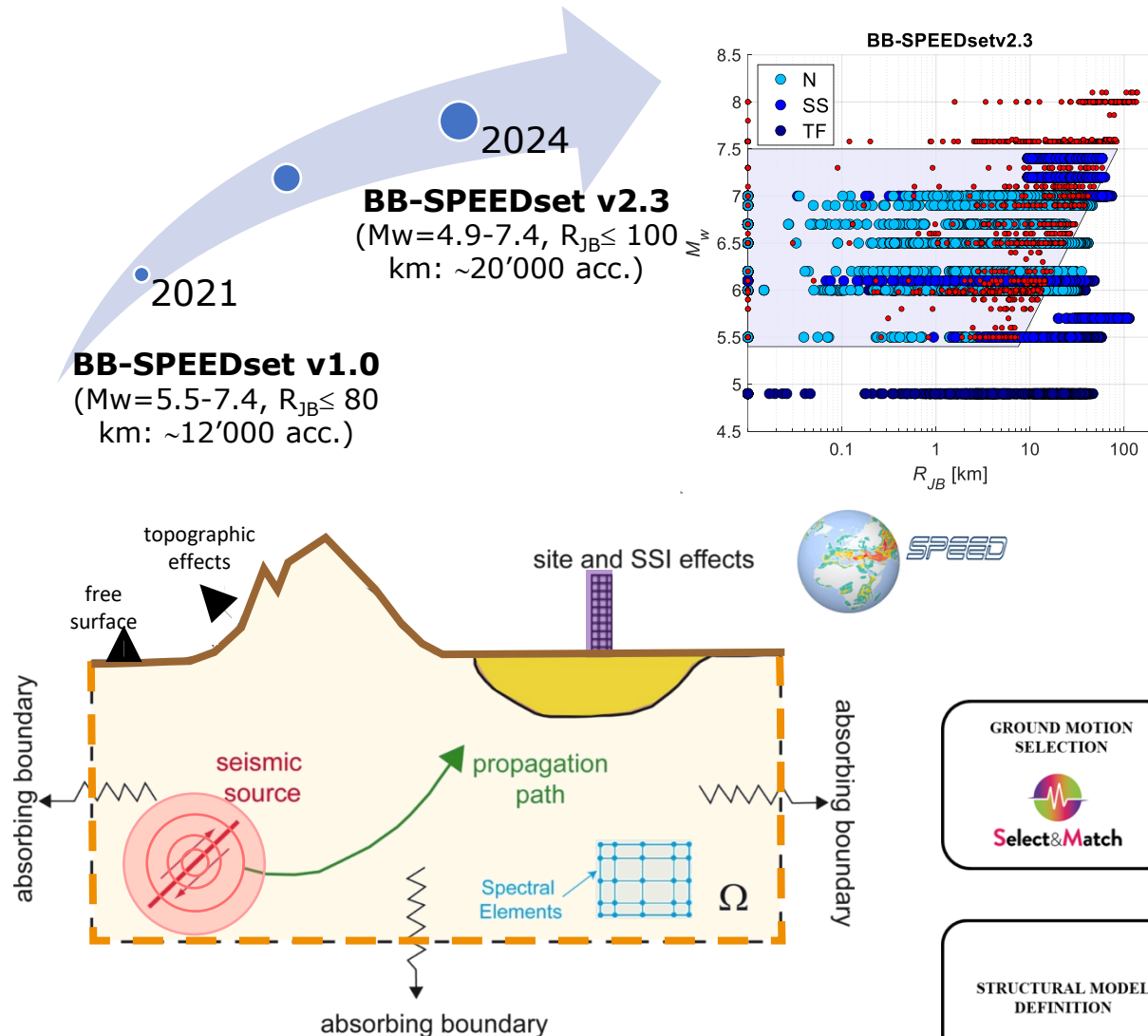
- ▶ Aggiornamento ed espansione delle **banche dati** di accelerogrammi, sia da registrazioni di terremoti reali in **campo vicino** che da simulazioni numeriche
- ▶ Valutazione e implementazione di vari criteri per definire lo **spettro obiettivo** nella selezione di accelerogrammi spettro-compatibili alla luce del nuovo contesto normativo
- ▶ Inclusione di criteri di compatibilità spettrale con un focus sulla **selezione multi-componente** (aggiornamento normativo, introduzione di obiettivi per la componente verticale in linea con lo stato dell'arte più recente, proposta V/H ReLUIS ecc.)
- ▶ Definizione del **Terremoto di Progetto**: stato dell'arte e nuove proposte

Ampliamento della base dati in campo vicino da dati registrati (**NESS2** – Sgobba et al., 2021 e sintetici **BB-SPEEDset** – Paolucci et al. 2021)



Task 3: integrazione di dataset di accelerogrammi registrati e simulati

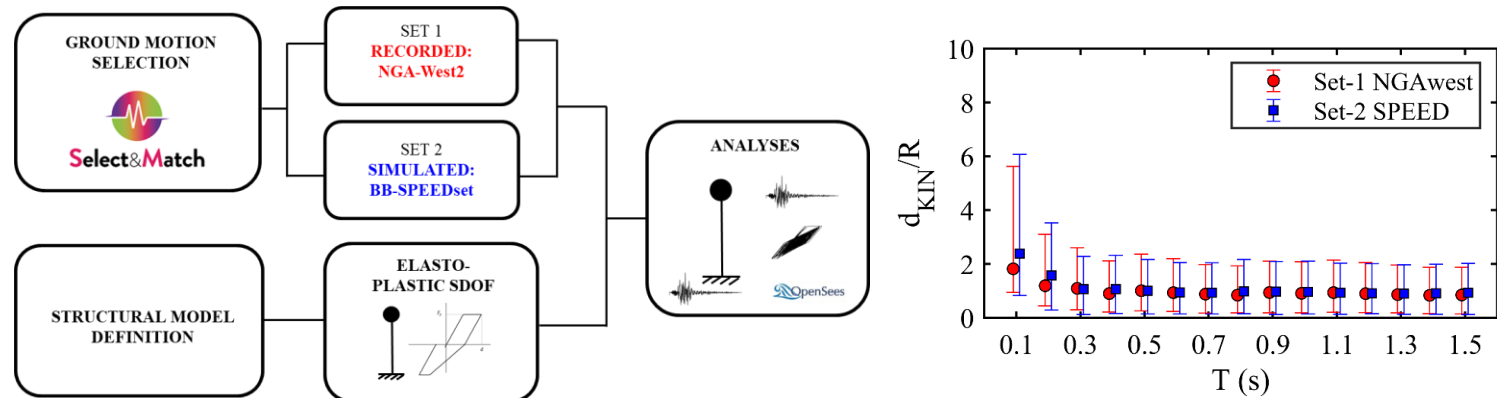
Banca dati di accelerogrammi da simulazioni numeriche 3D



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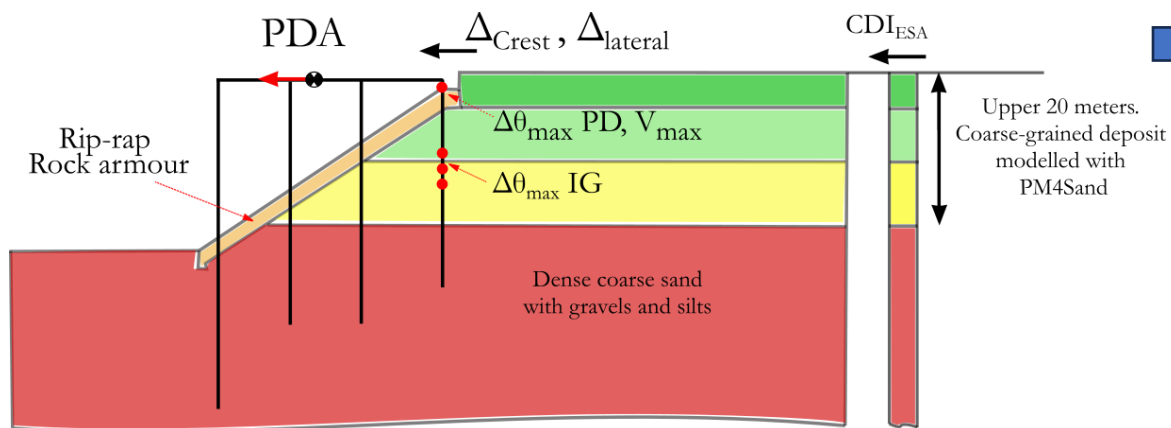
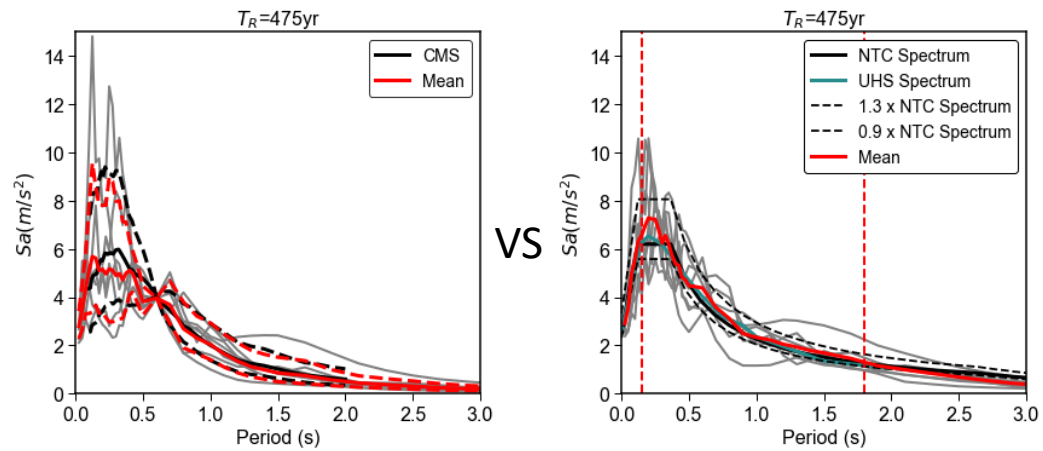
- ✓ Ulteriore **ampliamento di BB-SPEEDset** man mano che nuovi scenari simulati (e validati) risultano disponibili
- ✓ Ulteriori studi e “validazioni” su BB-SPEEDset (e.g. utilizzo ingegneristico per ADNL, scenari di danno sismico, analisi sistematica delle diverse componenti della variabilità, in sinergia con WP4)
- ✓ **Integrazione di BB-SPEEDset in REXELweb** al fine di effettuare ricerche di accelerogrammi spettro-compatibili su banche dati ibride (reali + simulati)- fase di testing con Select&Match

Esempio validazione ingegneristica di BB-SPEEDset



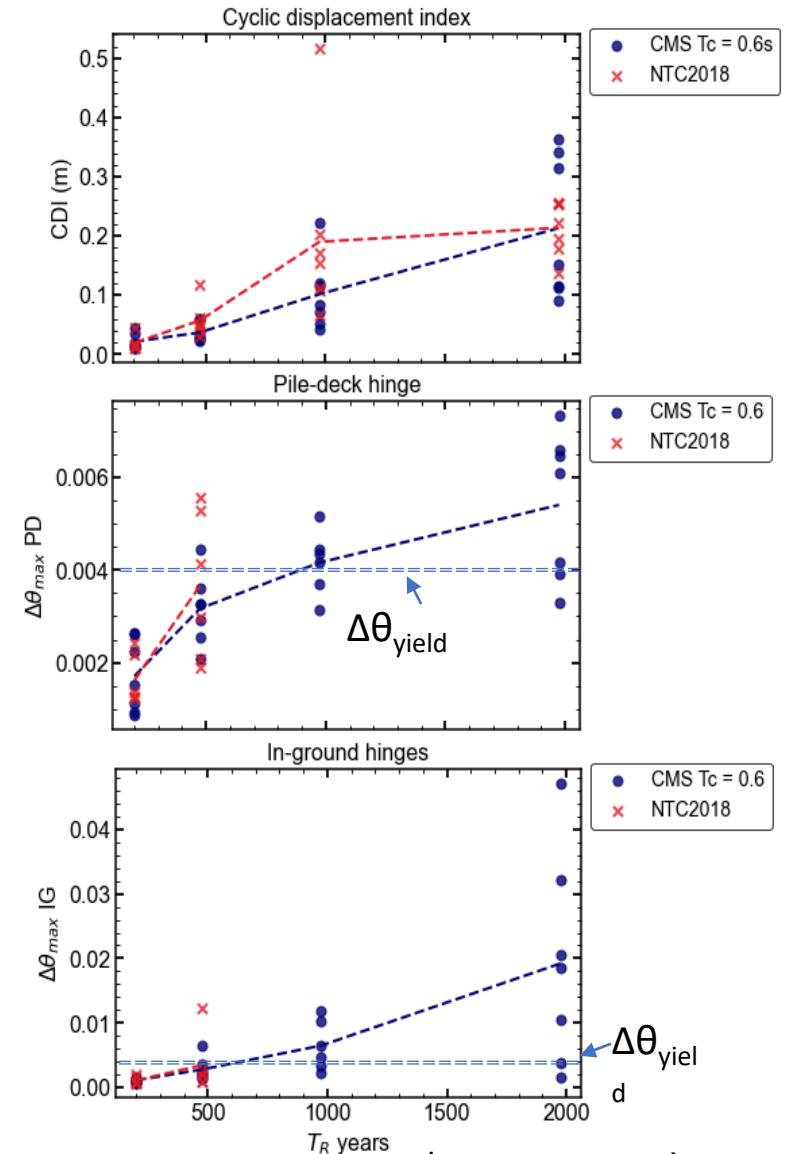
WP18 Task 3: Terremoto di progetto e selezione di accelerogrammi

Effects of ground motion selection procedures on the response of complex geotechnical systems



Fully coupled 2D, plane strain, effective stress, DSSI analyses. Nonlinear soil + Nonlinear wharf

Ground and wharf EDPs ↓



*additional analyses underway...

WP18 Task 3: Terremoto di progetto e selezione di accelerogrammi

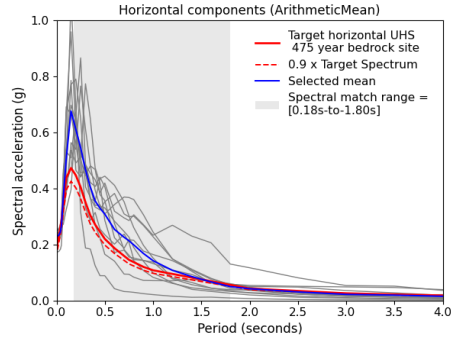
Impact of Seismic Input Selection Criteria (UHS vs CMS) on the Nonlinear Response of Reinforced Concrete Structures with Emphasis on Vertical Motion

Site Specific UHS

For 6 Storey Regular Frame $T_1 = 0.9s$ and $T_v = 0.06s$

Record selection

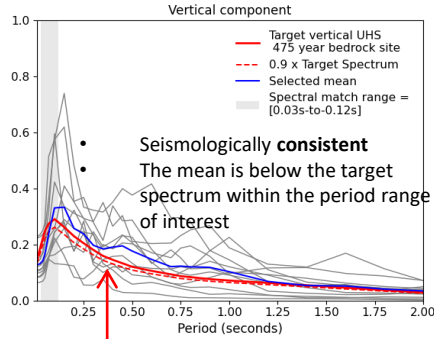
Select horizontal components and scale records by spectral matching



$[0.5T_1 \text{ to } 2T_1]$

Approach 1

Use the same SF for horizontal and vertical components

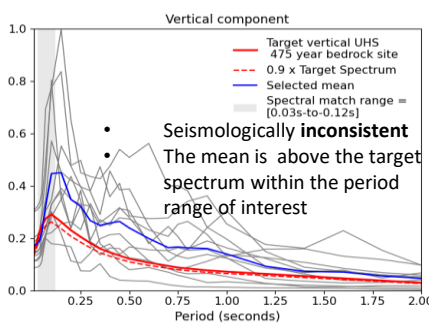


$[0.5T_v \text{ to } 2T_v]$

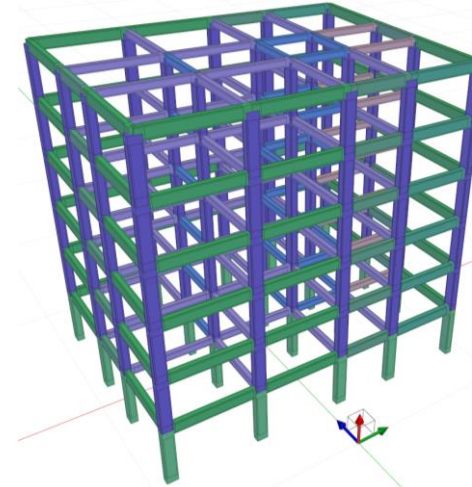
Gulerce and Abrahamson vertical UHS

Approach 2

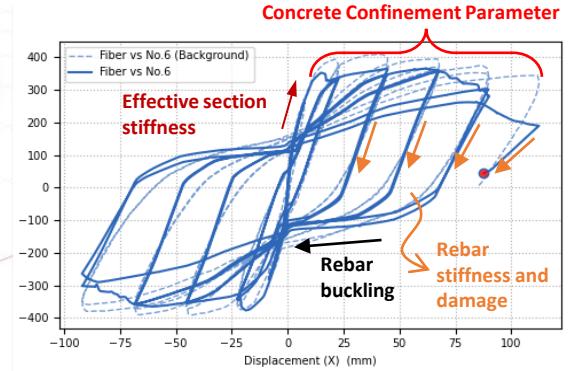
Compute a separate SF for vertical components



$[0.5T_v \text{ to } 2T_v]$



6-Storey Frame (NTC2018)

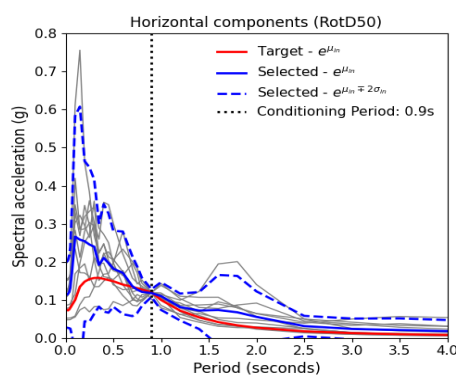


Element calibration (solid line) to cyclic column tests (dashed line) by Tanaka and Park 1990, No.6 – PEER Structural Performance Database

Conditional Mean Spectrum

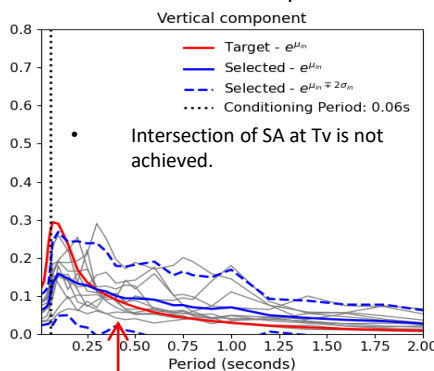
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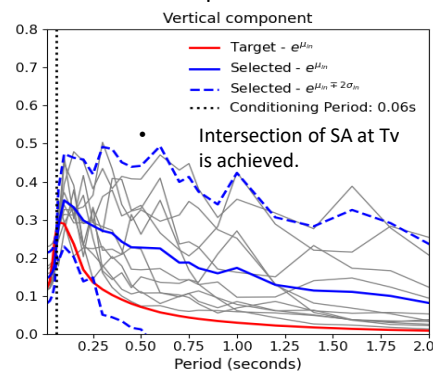
Use the same SF for horizontal and vertical components



Gulerce and Abrahamson vertical CMS

Approach 2

Compute a separate SF for vertical components



How would a multi-component record selection strategy that also considers vertical target spectrum and T_v change the assessment results?

Proposed Multi-Component Approach

$E(SF)$ is the 3-component error function for a single record:

$$E(SF) = \frac{1}{W} \sum_{i=0}^{T_N} \omega_H(T_i) \cdot [SF \times Sa_H(T_i) - \mu_H(T_i)]^2 + \omega_V(T_i) \cdot [SF \times Sa_V(T_i) - \mu_V(T_i)]^2 + \lambda \cdot P(SF, T_i)$$

- λ and $P(SF, T_i)$ penalizes events that are 10% lower than the target spectra.
- $\omega_H(T_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & T_i \in [0.5T_1, 2T_1] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ and $\omega_V(T_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & T_i \in [0.5T_v, 2T_v] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

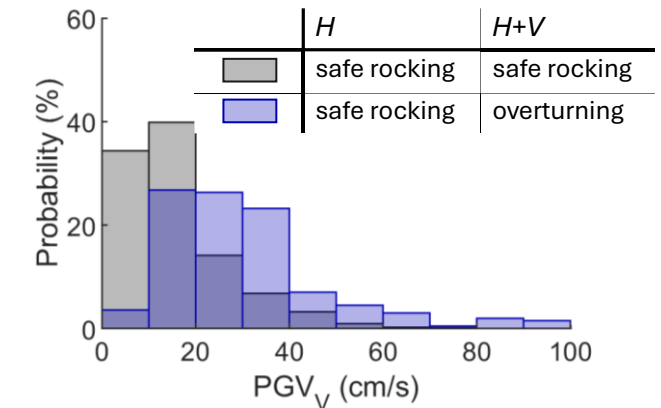
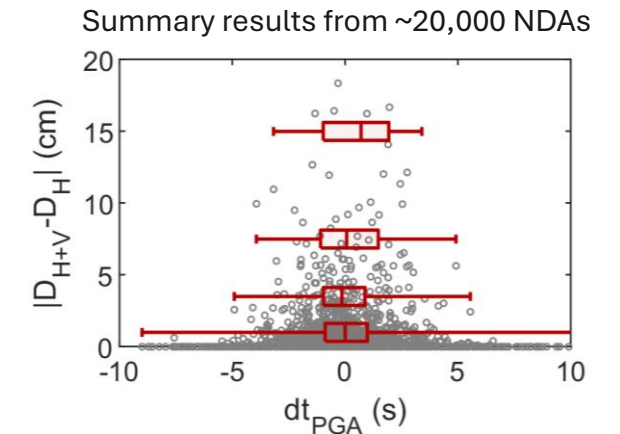
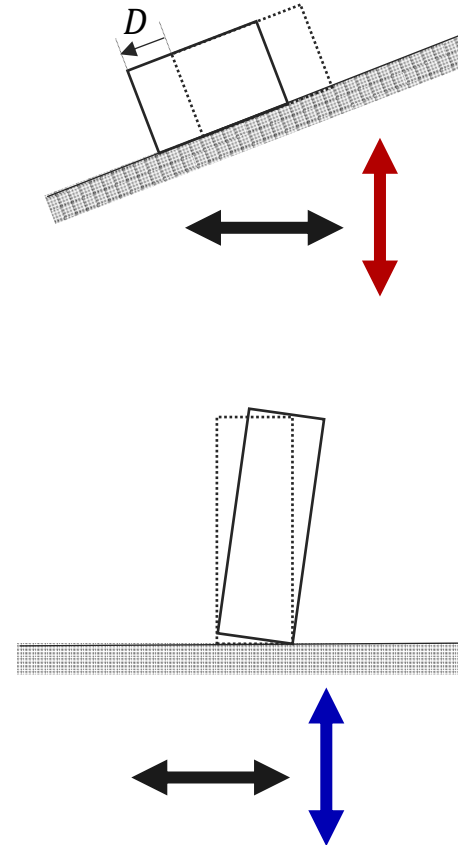
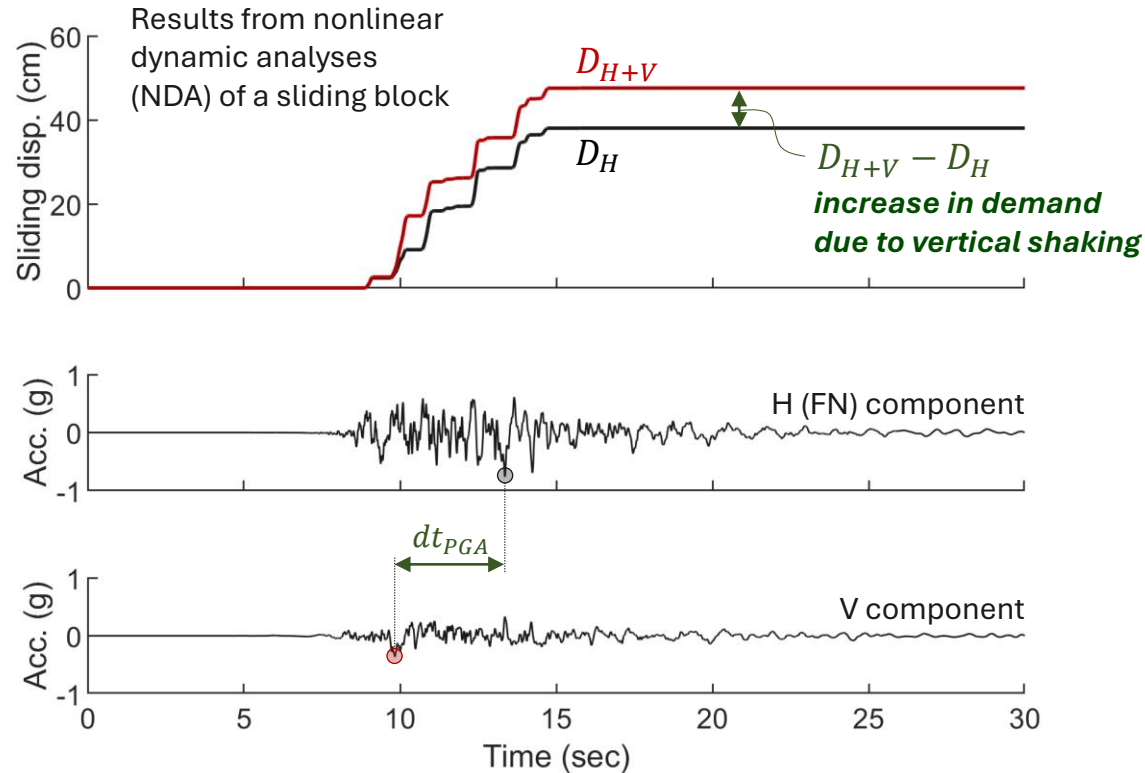
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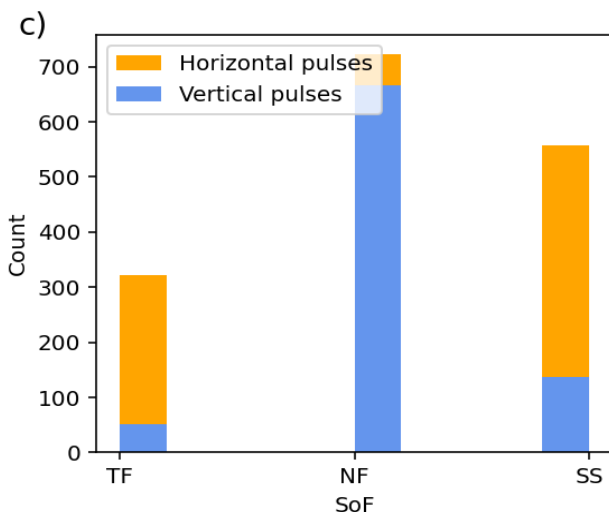
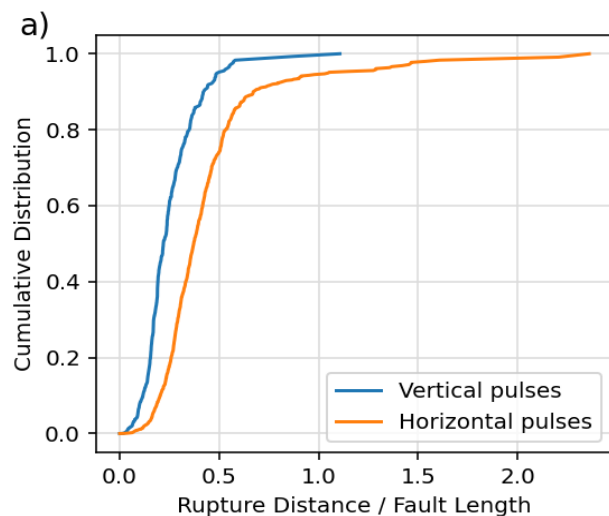
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Current objective: to identify *intensity measures* and/or *synchronism parameters* that best correlate with the increase in seismic demand due to the vertical seismic action.

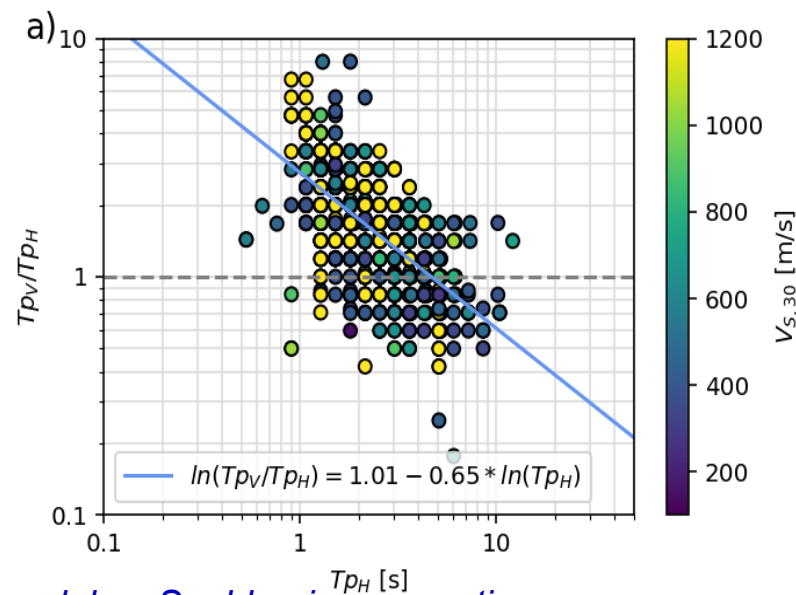


Overarching goal: define specific conditions under which designers should account for the effects of vertical shaking & synchronism (i.e. near-simultaneous arrival of strong H and V components of ground motion).

Impulsi Verticali



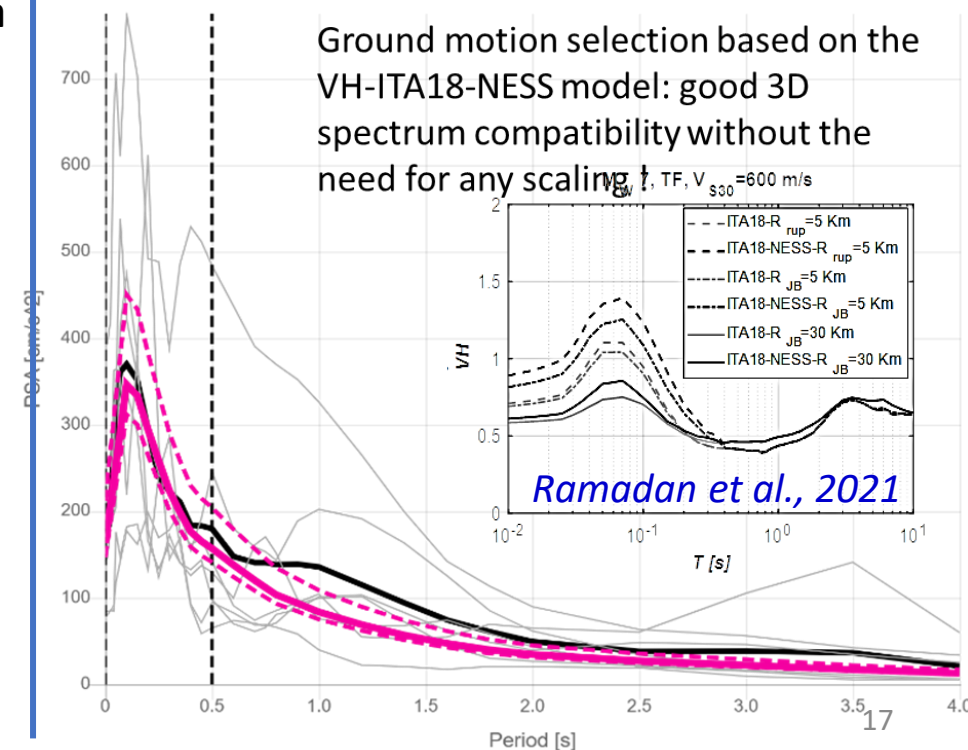
- ✓ **18% (NESS2.0) e 35% (BB-SPEEDset)** mostrano impulsi anche sulla componente verticale. Nella maggior parte dei casi **sincroni**
- ✓ Gli impulsi verticali compaiono soprattutto in terremoti di **alta magnitudo ($M_w > 6.5$)**, con **meccanismo di fagliazione normale** e a **distanze ≤ 1 lunghezza di faglia**.



Mascandola e Sgobba, in preparation

Spettro-compatibilità 3D

- ✓ **Spettro-compatibilità** sulla media delle 14 registrazioni (7 coppie di registrazioni) → molto difficile trovare soluzioni con spettro verticale **NTC18**, *ampiezze e contenuto in frequenza non compatibile!* → **rapporti VH (es. ITA18-VH-NESS)**

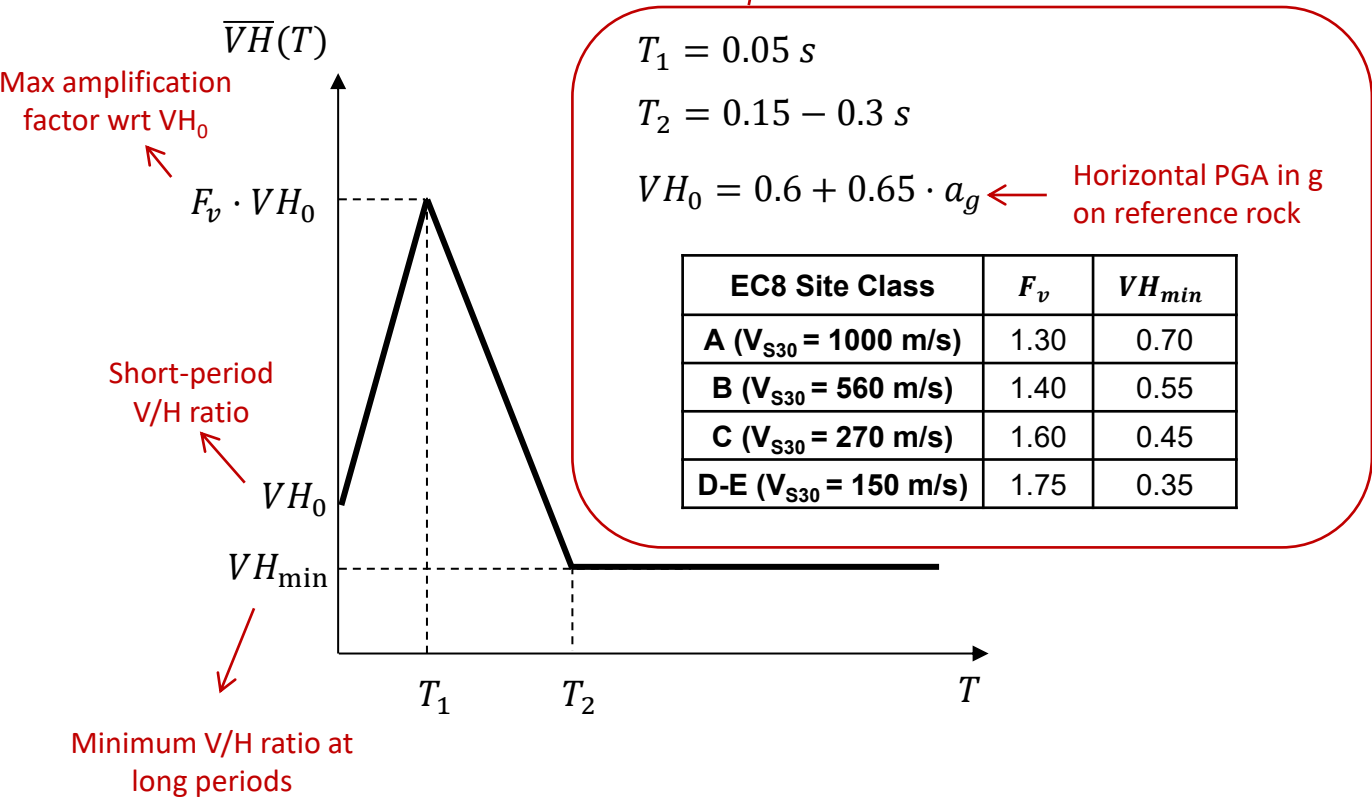


Task 4: proposta di un fattore V/H per lo spettro di progetto verticale

Tasks 2024-2026

- ✓ Criteri per la selezione multi-componente (H+V)
- ✓ Proposta di un fattore V/H, vincolato alle registrazioni, ma parametrizzato in chiave normativa

Parametri basati sul modello empirico per
ITA18 - V/H calibrato su registrazioni
italiane (Ramadan et al. 2021)



Confronto del fattore proposto con nuovo EC8, NTC18, ASCE 7/22 e rapporti V/H di UHS da PSHA per H e V

