Influence of ground motion duration on structural collapse risk

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Background and Motivation

- Current standards and guidelines for ground motion selection focus only on response spectra; they do not explicitly consider duration
- Previous studies using spectrally equivalent long and short duration ground motions have demonstrated that ground motion duration does influence structural collapse capacity
- The effect of duration is attributed to the in-cycle and cyclic deterioration of structural strength and stiffness, and the ratcheting of drifts due to destabilizing $P - \Delta$ effects

Typical *interface* and *crustal* ground motions



Median source-specific targets at Seattle

Structural model

- Eight-story reinforced concrete moment frame building, designed for a site in Seattle
- Concentrated plastic hinge model incorporates the in-cycle and cyclic deterioration of strength and stiffness, and destabilizing $P - \Delta$ effects



Objectives

- Characterize seismic hazard in terms of the durations and response spectra of the anticipated ground motions
- Quantify the influence of ground motion duration on structural collapse risk at different sites
- Incorporate the effect of duration into structural performance assessment and design guidelines (ongoing research)



- The Cascadia subduction zone produces two types of earthquakes
 - Large magnitude *interface* earthquakes, e.g. 2011 Tohoku ($M_W = 9.0$)



- ► Target distributions of 5-75% significant duration (*Ds*₅₋₇₅) are computed similar to a conditional spectrum using
 - deaggregation results
 - prediction equation for Ds_{5-75}
 - ▶ model for the correlation between the ε -values of Ds_{5-75} and $S_a(T^*)$

Ground motions selected for Seattle

- CS and duration group
 - Selected to match duration and response spectrum targets
- Interface records were selected from large magnitude earthquakes like 2011 Tohoku (Japan) and 2010 Maule (Chile)
- ► In-slab and crustal records were selected from the PEER NGA database
- CS only control group
- Selected to match response spectrum targets only
- All records were selected from the PEER NGA database
- Each group contains 8 sets of records chosen at different



Conclusions

- Selecting ground motions from the PEER NGA database without considering their durations can lead to the unconservative underestimation of structural collapse risk at sites where the seismic hazard is dominated by large magnitude ($M_W \sim 9.0$) interface earthquakes
- This warrants the explicit consideration of ground motion duration, in a manner similar to response spectra, in structural performance assessment and design

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