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Towards Modeling Three-Dimensional Shallow Crust Nonlinearity in Broadband Deterministic Earthquake Simulations

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Ingredients for broadband deterministic earthquake simulations





Primary effects of shallow crust nonlinearity



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Primary effects of nonlinearity:

- Reduction in shear modulus
- Increase in material damping
- Reduction in site amplification factors
- Increase in residual deformations



Different proxies for modeling shallow crust nonlinearity at the regional-scale



Hybrid 3D-1D analysis: Blind to 3D nonlinear scattering effects

- 3D equivalent linear analysis: Incapable of modeling residual deformations
- 3D nonlinear analysis: Capable of modeling both residual deformations and 3D nonlinear scattering effects



Today we have a rich library of constitutive models for geotechnical engineering applications. Which ones are suitable for regional scale simulations?

Constitutive models for soils (Lade 2005)

- Simple Elastic Plastic Models
- Single Yield Surface Models
- Bounding Surface Models
- Multiple Surfaces Models
- Incrementally Nonlinear Models
- Double Hardening Models
- Critical State Models



Elastic perfectly plastic models can overestimate an increase in residual displacements and a reduction in site amplification factors.



Disadvantages:

- Do not accurately reproduce the behavior of most geomaterials
- Artificially large hysteresis loops at large strains; overestimation of residual deformations and attenuation.

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• Blind to the effects of geomaterial nonlinearity at small to moderate strain ranges



Going beyond perfect plasticity in large scale simulations



Necessary considerations:

- Rigorous but computationally efficient
- Small number of free model parameters

AWP-ODC (Olsen, Day, and Cui @ SDSU)





Verification of Hercules BSP model at different scales

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Verification of Hercules BSP model at different scales











(B) z = 34 m



(C) z = 54 m

Garner Valley: Our testbed for broadband nonlinear simulations



 $3{\leq}\;Mw{\leq}4$



GVDA and GVAR sensor locations (plan view)



 $Mw \ge 5$

Garner Valley: Plane wave simulations



Time [s]





PGA Ratio Maps: PGA / Outcrop PGA



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[m]

Garner Valley: Earthquake simulations



Simulation	Processors	Time [hrs]	Total # of Elements	Nonlinear Elements [%]	Maximum Frequency [Hz]
Linear	17,408	2.30	521,079,703	0	3.0
Nonlinear	17,408	28.5	521,079,703	19	3.0



3D differential ground motions and shifts in predominant frequencies can change seismic risk to both distributed lifelines and buildings.







Existing gaps and next steps...

- Today, the accuracy of deterministic earthquake simulations is limited by our knowledge of the elastic and anelastic properties of earth materials.
- Enabling scalable nonlinear simulations.
- Enriching the library of computationally efficient but rigorous constitutive models.
- Enriching the existing velocity models to incorporate constitutive model and water table information.
- Enabling validation of 3D linear and nonlinear simulations at the large-scale.
- Revisiting the predictive capability of hybrid proxies.
- Enhancing modeling capabilities for using the outcome of nonlinear simulations in engineering applications, and in connection with large deformation problems.







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