

New Near-Fault Adjustment Factors for Caltrans Seismic Design Criteria (SDC) Considering Elastic and Inelastic Response Spectra



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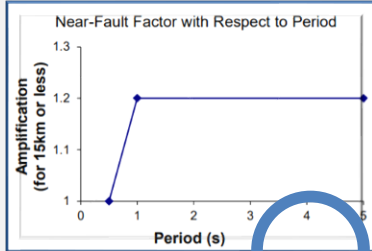
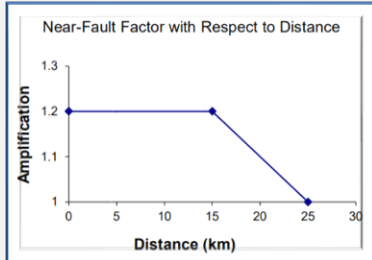


Project Outline

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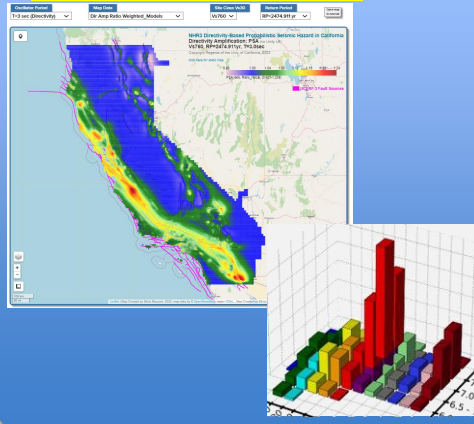
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Near-Fault Factor

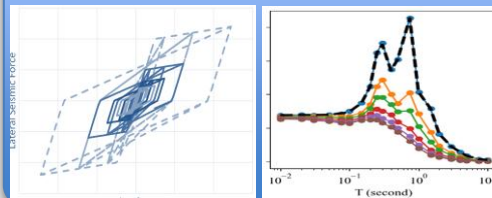


Past-Project Data

NHR3 California Statewide PSHA with Directivity

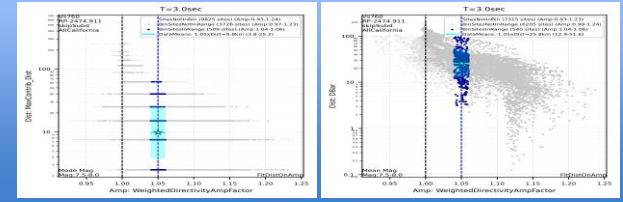


NHR3 Inelastic Response Spectra Database & Models

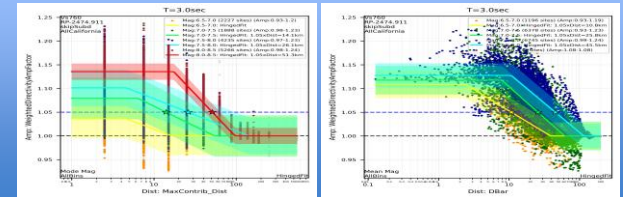


Findings

Threshold Distance

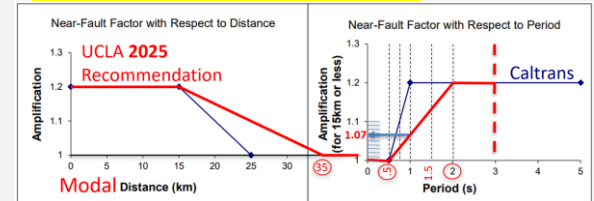


Directivity-Amplification Models



Recommendations

New Near-Fault Factor



0. Current Caltrans Near-Fault Factor -- 2019

APPENDIX B: DESIGN SPECTRUM DEVELOPMENT



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Near-Fault Factor

Sites located near a rupturing fault may experience elevated levels of shaking at periods longer than 0.5 second due to phenomena such as constructive wave interference, radiation pattern effects, and static fault offset (fling). As a practical matter, these phenomena are commonly combined into a single "near-fault" adjustment factor. This adjustment factor, shown in Figure B.1, is fully applied at locations with a site to rupture plane distance (R_{rup}) of 15 km (9.4 miles) or less and linearly tapered to zero adjustment at 25 km (15.6 miles). The adjustment consists of a 20% increase in spectral values with corresponding period longer than one second. This increase is linearly tapered to zero at a period of 0.5 second.

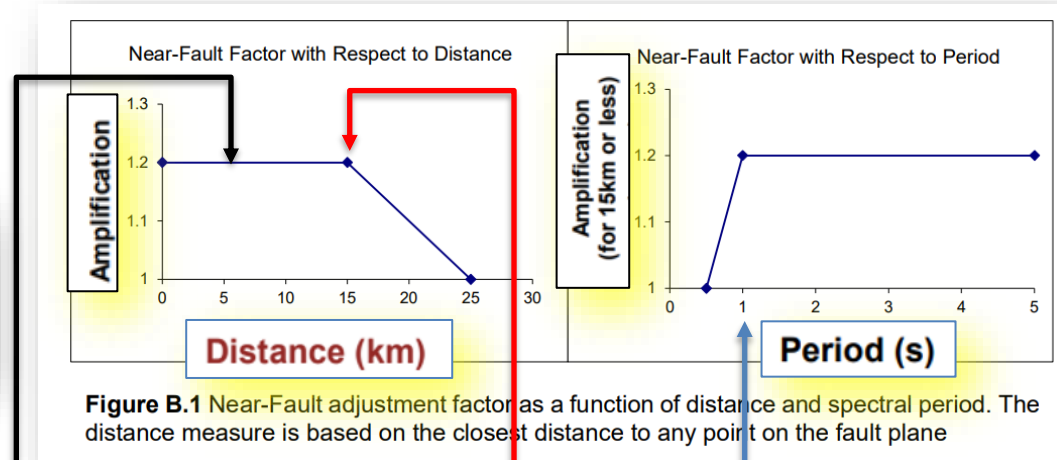


Figure B.1 Near-Fault adjustment factor as a function of distance and spectral period. The distance measure is based on the closest distance to any point on the fault plane

1. Maximum Distance
2. Maximum Amplification Factor
3. Minimum Elastic Period



1. NHR3 PSHA with Directivity Project & Products: 2023

www.risksciences.ucla.edu/nhr3/california-directivity

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Goal: PSHA for the State of CA:

- Directivity models
- NGA models
- UCERF3

Directivity Models:

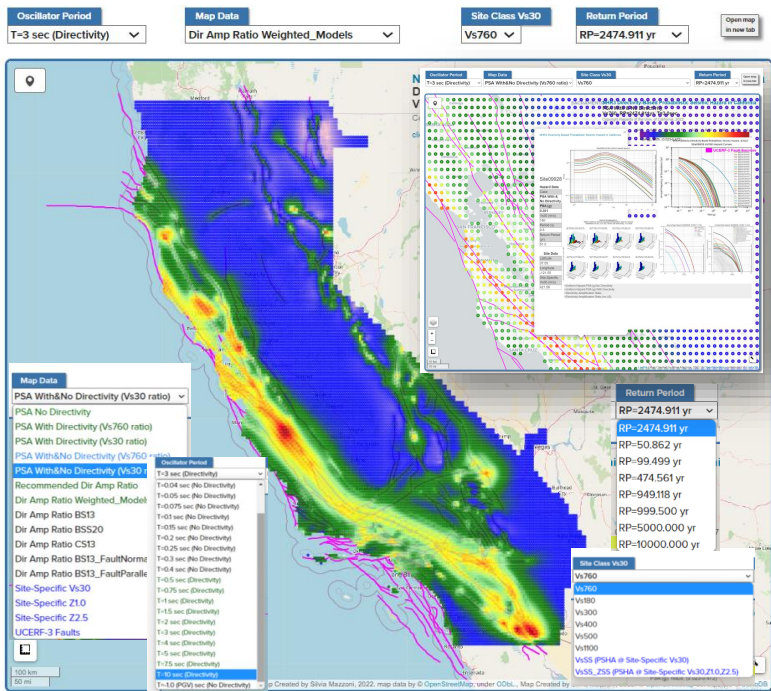
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2. BS13: Bayless and Somerville (2013)
3. BSS20: Bayless et al. (2020)

4. Weighted-Average

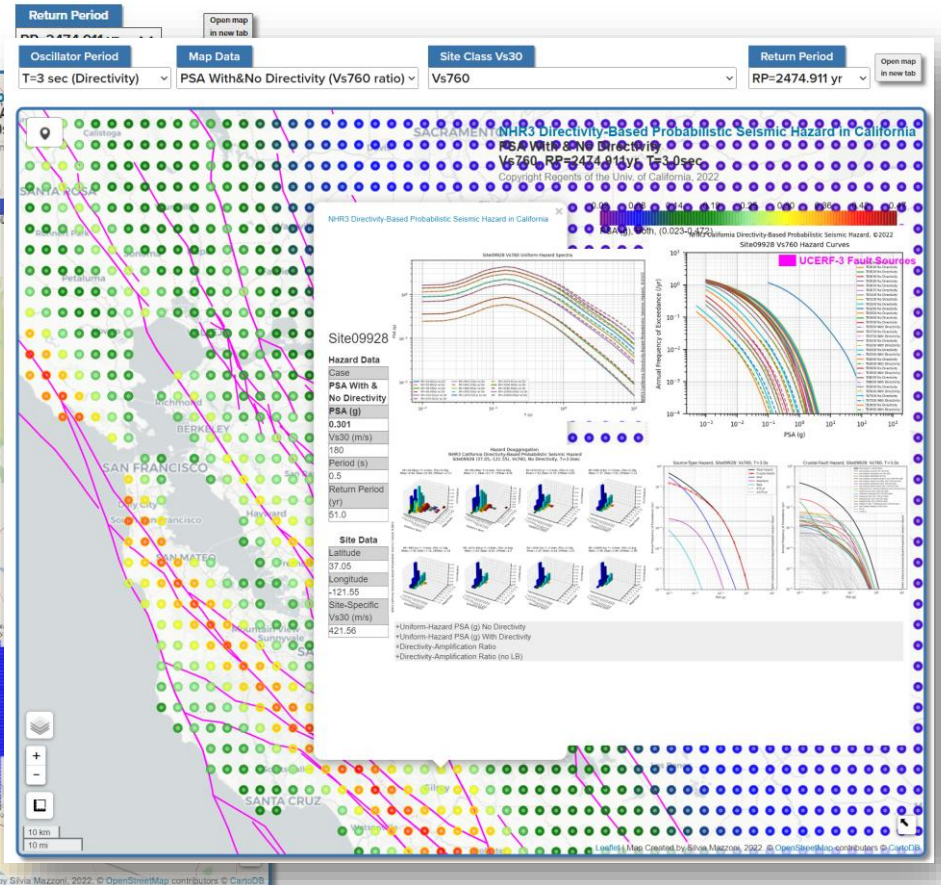
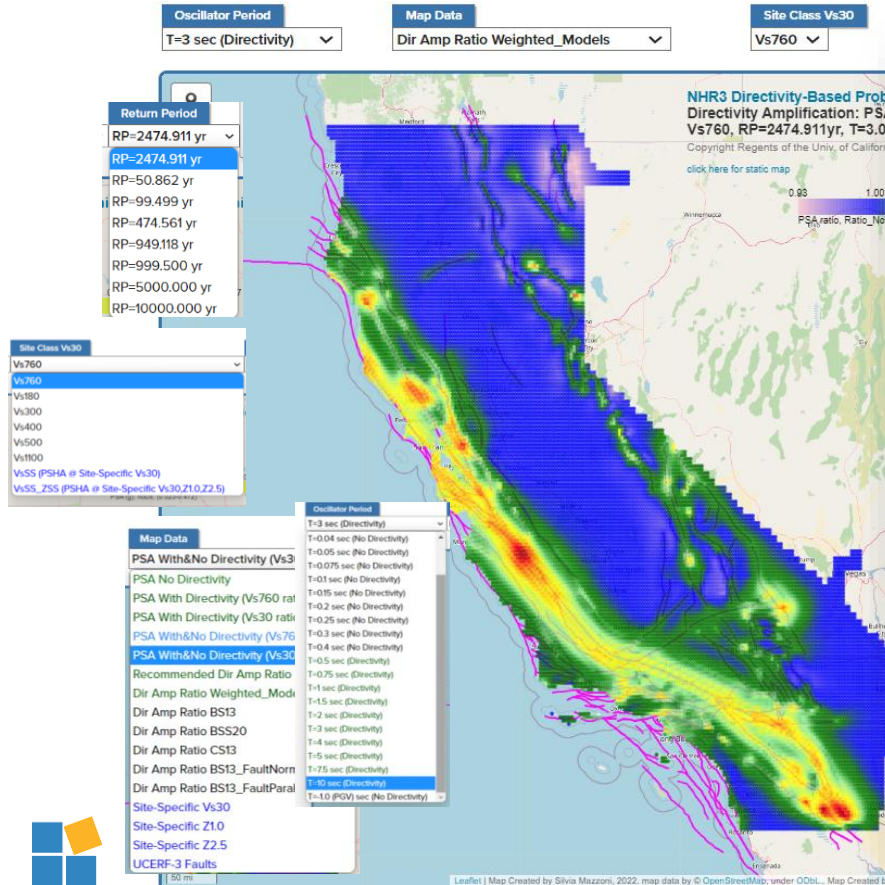
→ PSHA was carried out at over 19,000 sites in the State

1. PSA without directivity
2. PSA with Directivity
3. Directivity Amplification Factor

→ Deaggregation Data for no-directivity PSHA



California PSHA-Directivity Maps



2. NHR3 Inelastic-Response Spectra Project:

Database & Models

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- a) Compute **Inelastic** Response Spectra for NGA-West2 database (Bozorgnia, et al, 2014) for strength reduction factors $R_{\mu} = 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4$.

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1,225,230,300 OpenSees 2D-Model Analyses

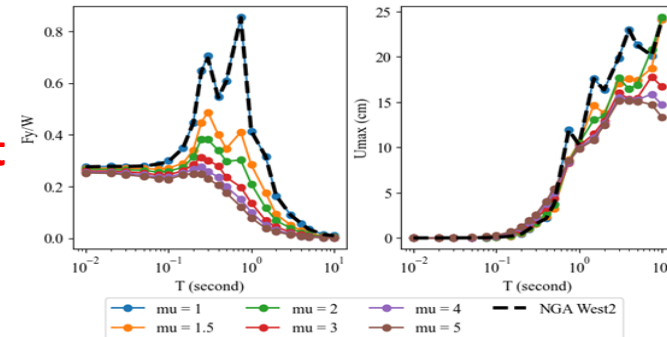
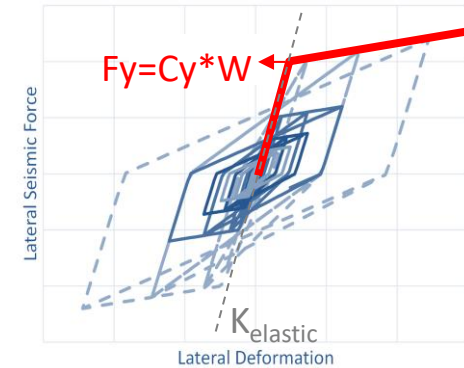


- b) Develop a **ground motion model** for median and uncertainty for **inelastic spectra**:

Mahdi Bahrampouri

- Displacement ratio (max inelastic displ / S_d _elastic)
- Constant-Ductility Inelastic Response Spectrum
- **Adjustment of NGA-West2 elastic PSA model to get inelastic response model**
- **Effect of directivity pulses on inelastic & elastic spectra**

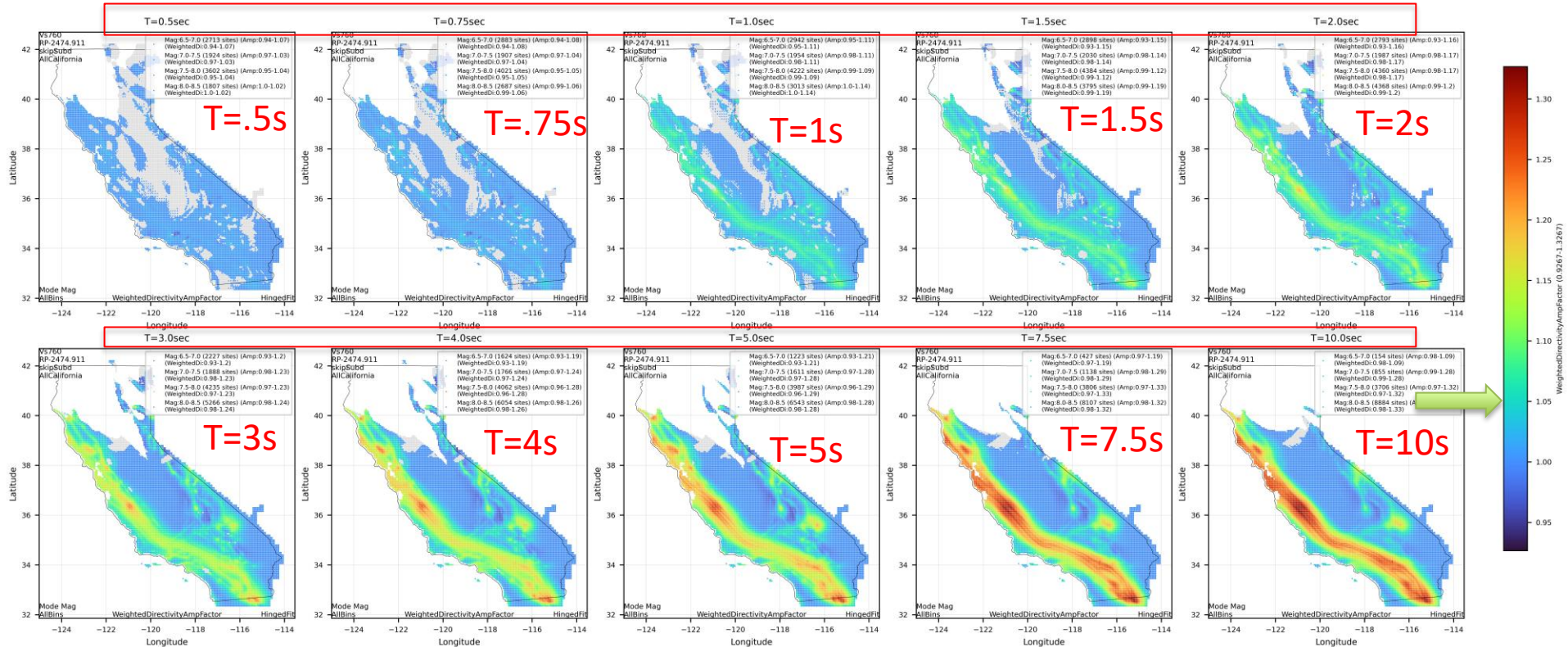
Idealized BILINEAR Model:



QUANTIFICATION & SIMPLIFICATION OF DIRECTIVITY EFFECTS AT THE HAZARD LEVEL



Directivity-Amplification Factor (Weighted-Avg Model)



Directivity Models:

1. CS13: Chiou and Spudich (2013) (2022)
2. BS13: Bayless and Somerville (2013)
3. BSS20: Bayless et al. (2020)

4. Weighted-Average Directivity

Vs30=760m/s

RP=2475yr

Sites controlled by Crustal Events

T : 0.5-10sec



SanAndreas Fault

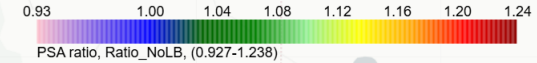
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Directivity Amplification: PSA (no Unity LB)

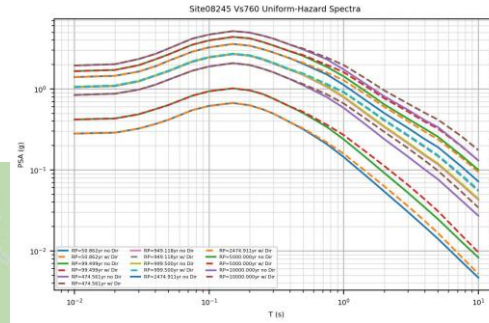
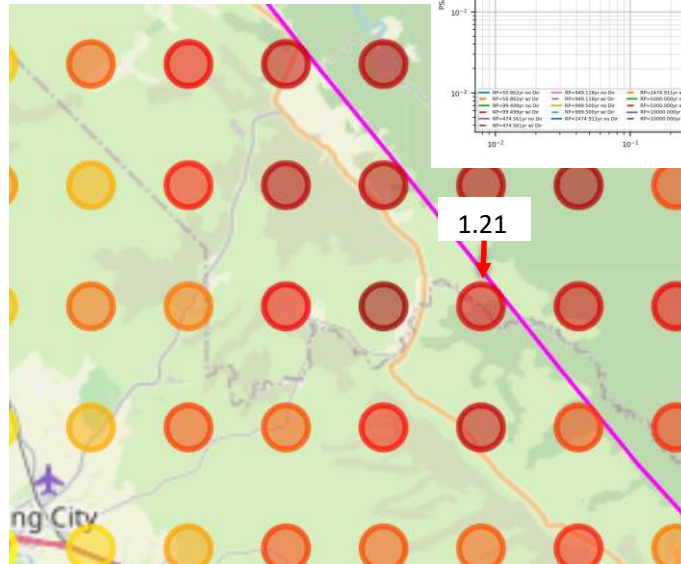
Vs760, RP=2474.911yr, T=3.0sec

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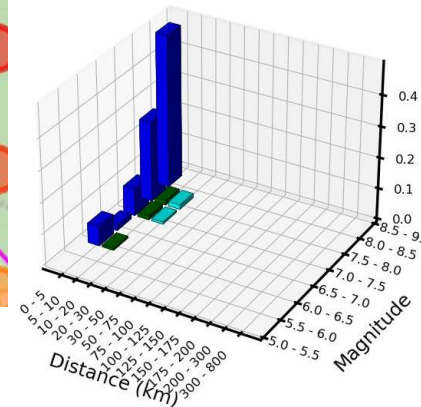
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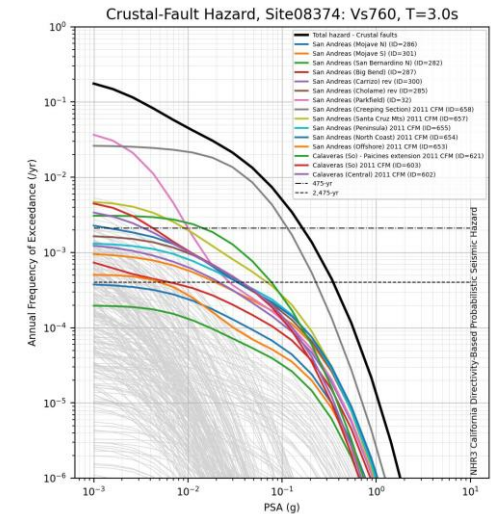
UCERF-3 Fault Sources



RP=2474.911yr T=3.0sec, PSA=0.33g
Mbar=7.79, Dbar=2.04, EPSbar=1.21



Directivity Amplification Ratio
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T=3.0sec



Mode & Mean Magnitude & Distance

SanAndreas Fault

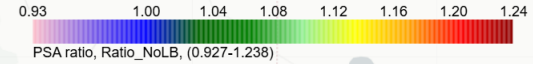
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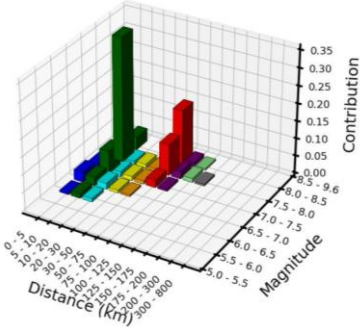
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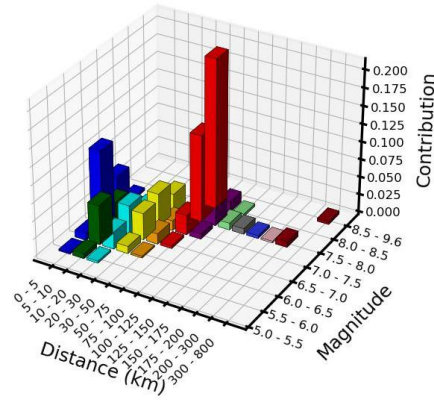
UCERF-3 Fault Sources



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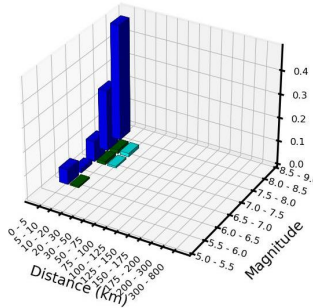
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132km

1.21

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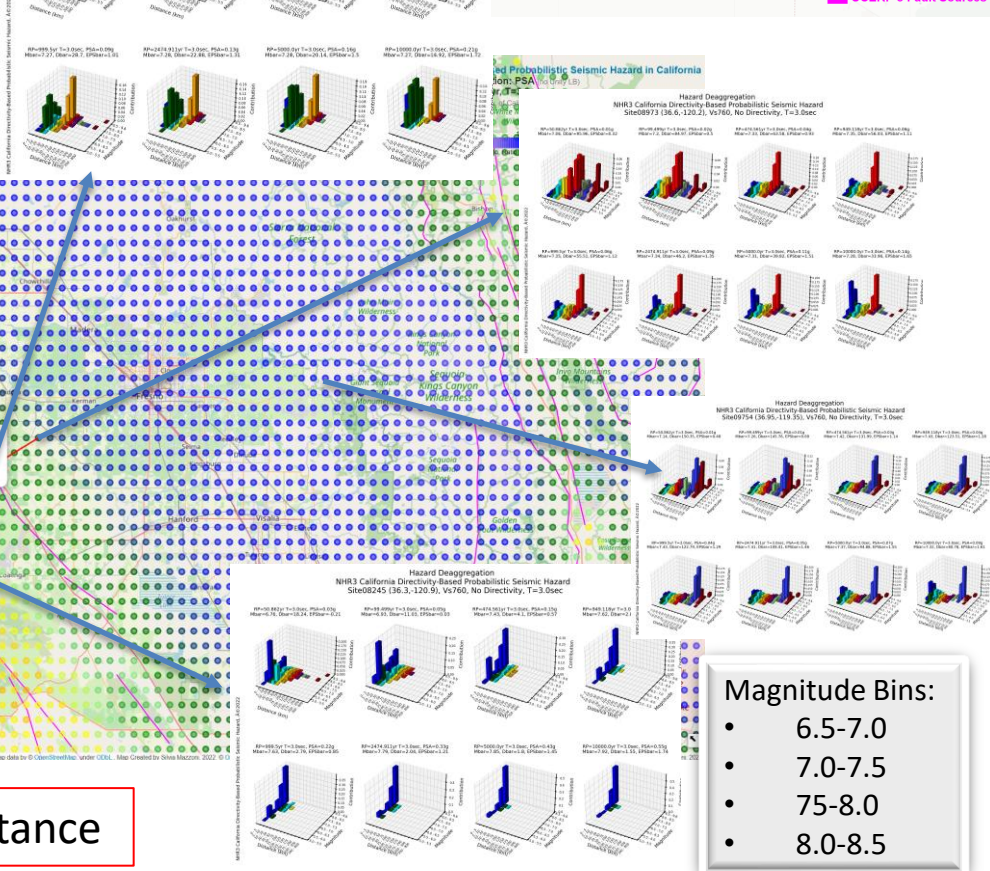
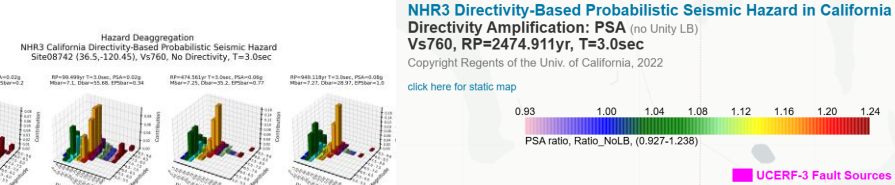
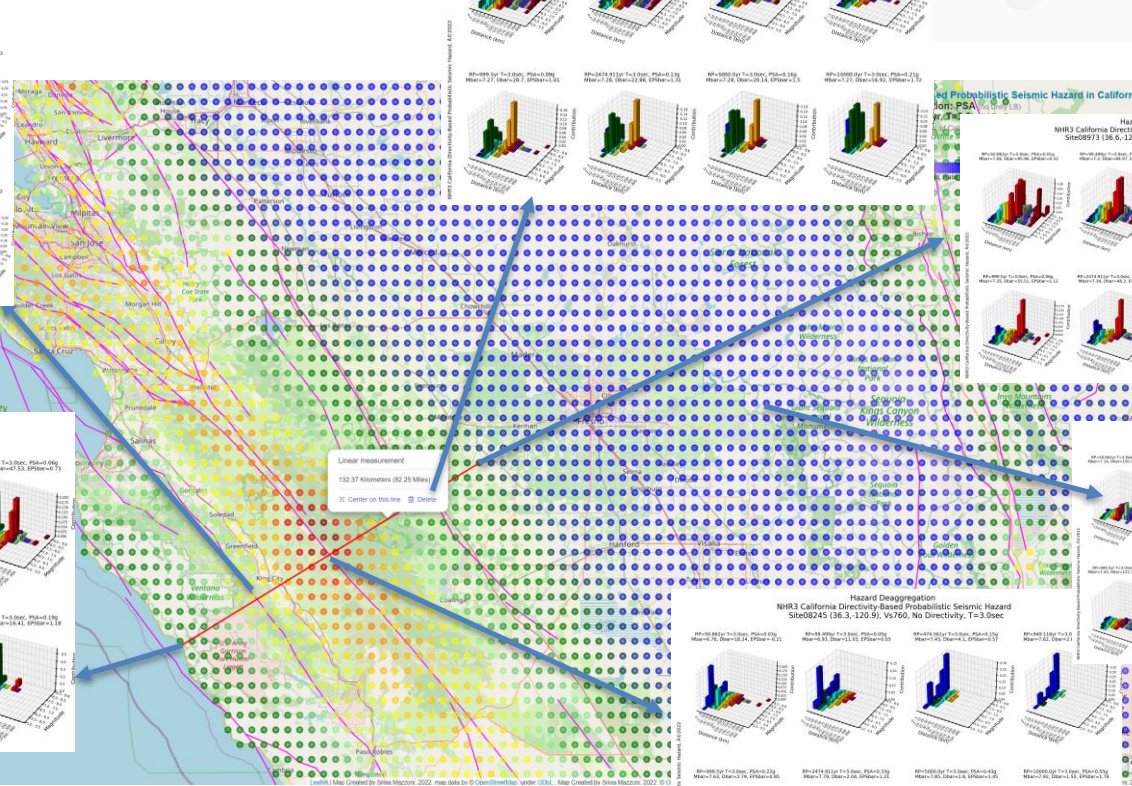
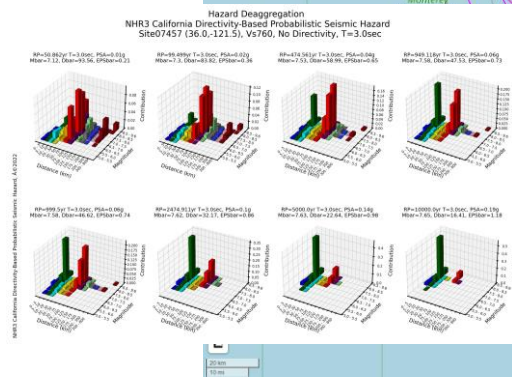
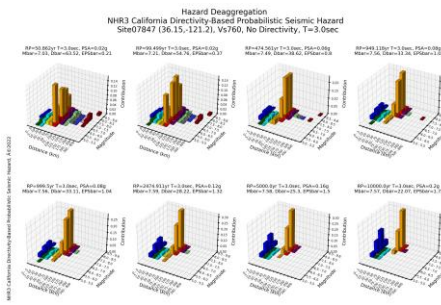
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Mode & Mean Magnitude & Distance



Deaggregation at each Site



- Magnitude Bins:**
- 6.5-7.0
 - 7.0-7.5
 - 7.5-8.0
 - 8.0-8.5

Mode & Mean Magnitude & Distance



Site-Specific Web Tool, of course...

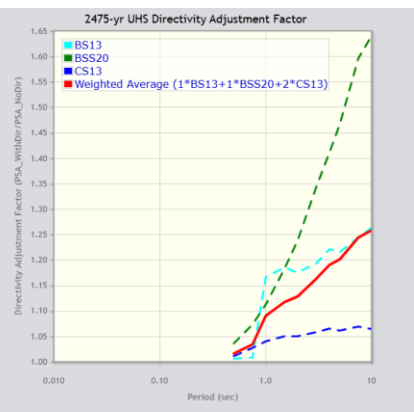
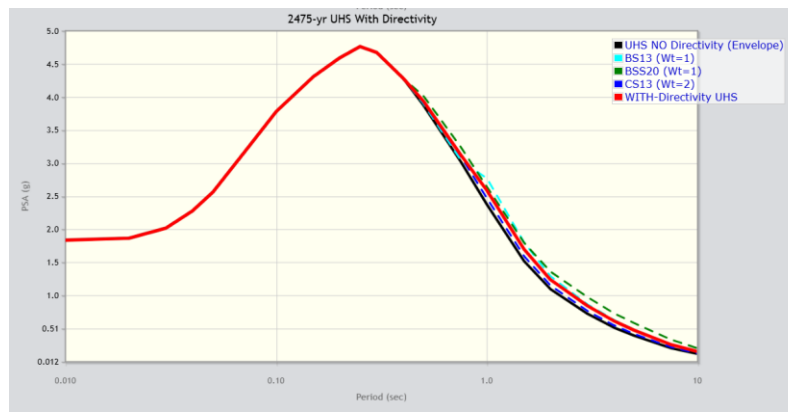
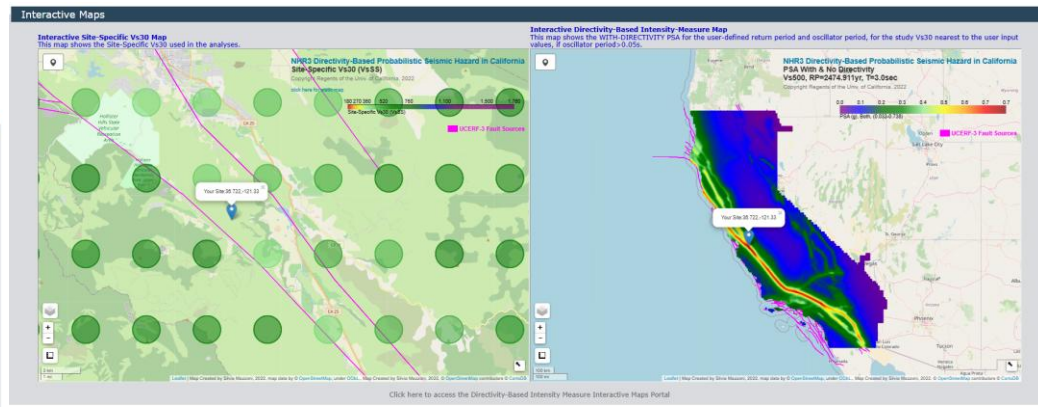
Directivity-Based PSHA in California Interactive Tool

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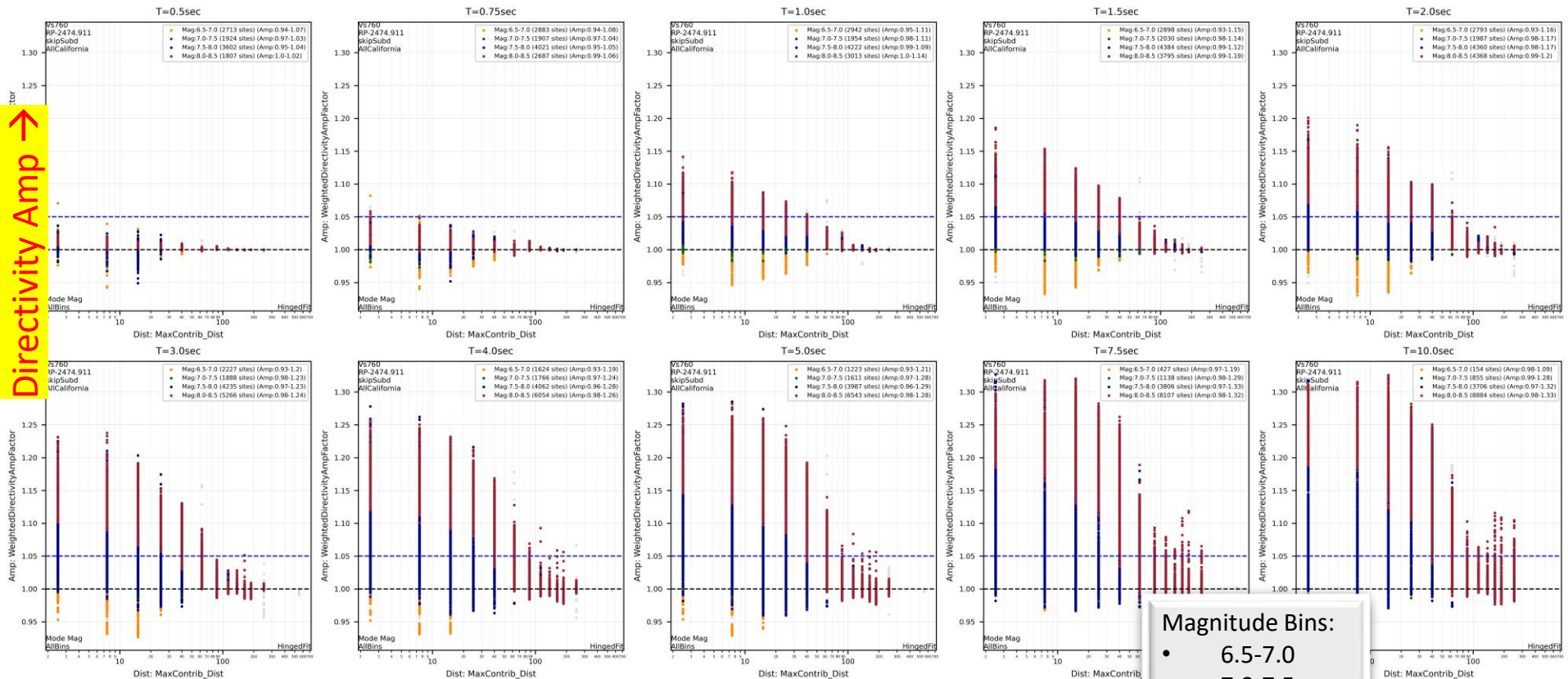
Step 1

DIRECTIVITY-AMPLIFICATION MODELS



Directivity-Amplification Factor (Weighted Model)

Directivity Amp →



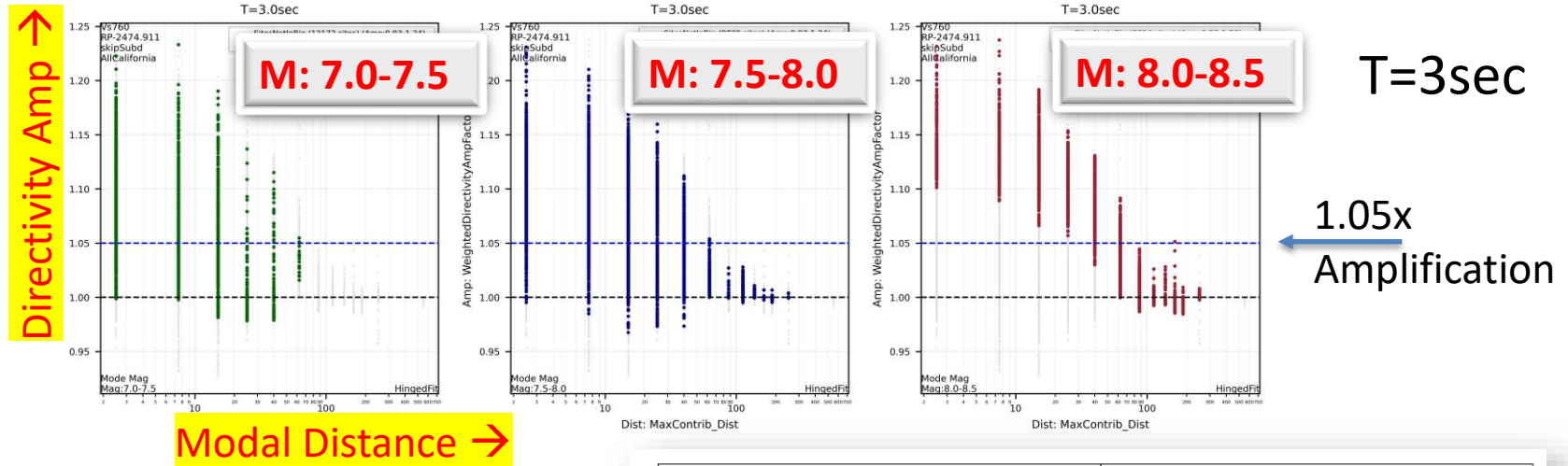
Magnitude Bins:

- 6.5-7.0
- 7.0-7.5
- 7.5-8.0
- 8.0-8.5

Modal Distance →



Objective



1. Determine **Threshold Distance** for Directivity (Modal or Mean)
2. Directivity Amplification Factor vs Distance (& Magnitude?) (& Period)

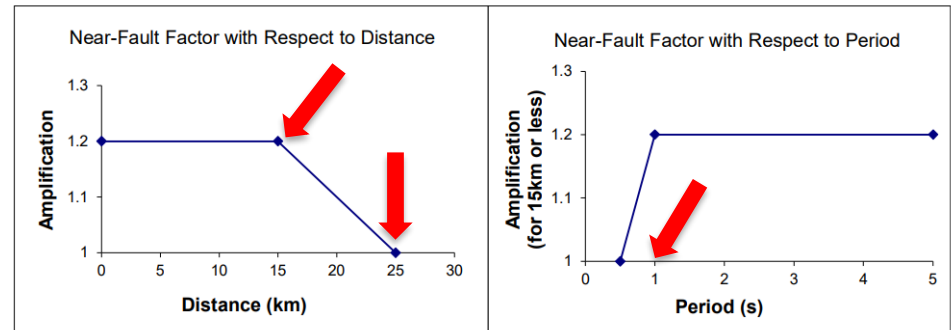
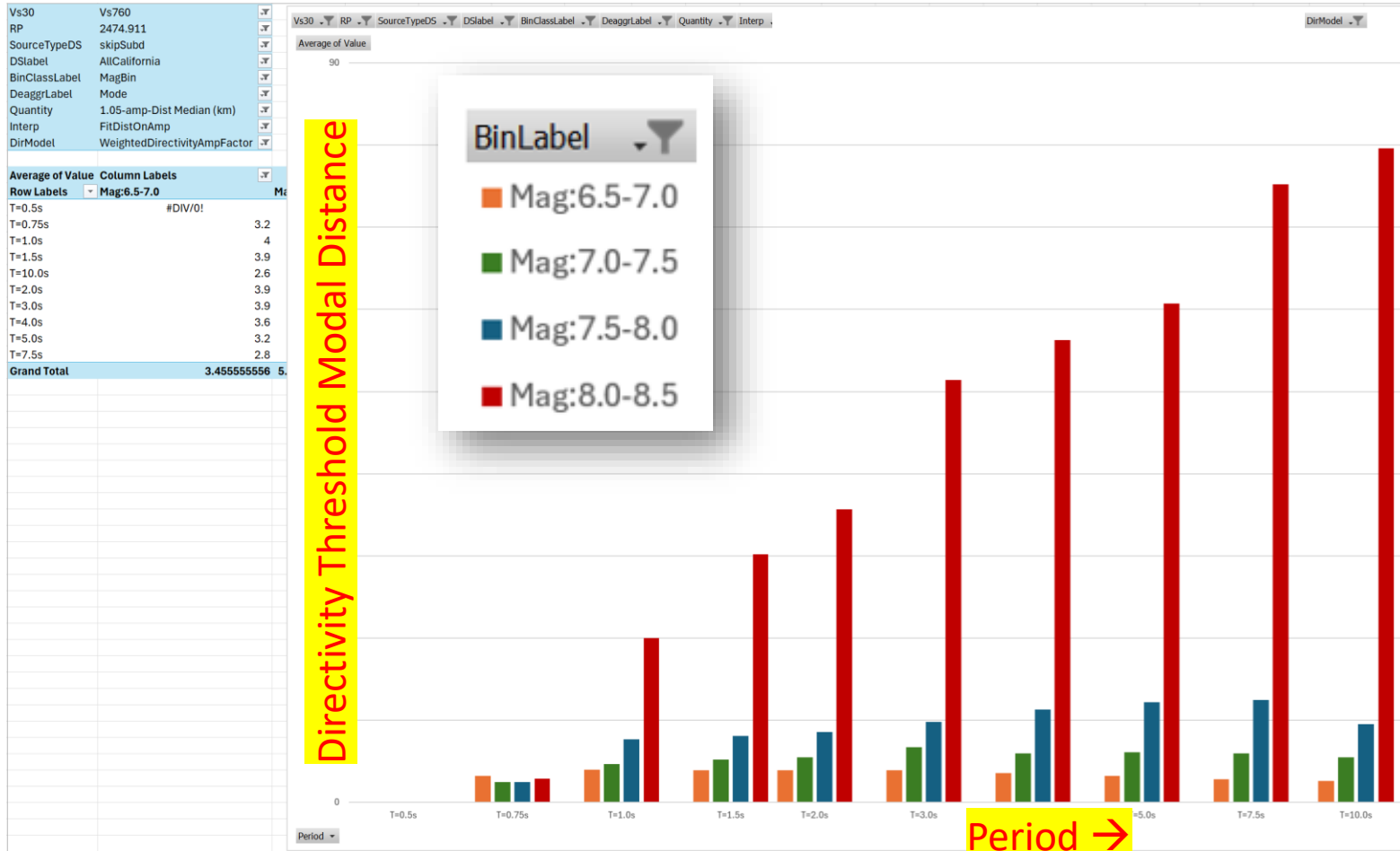


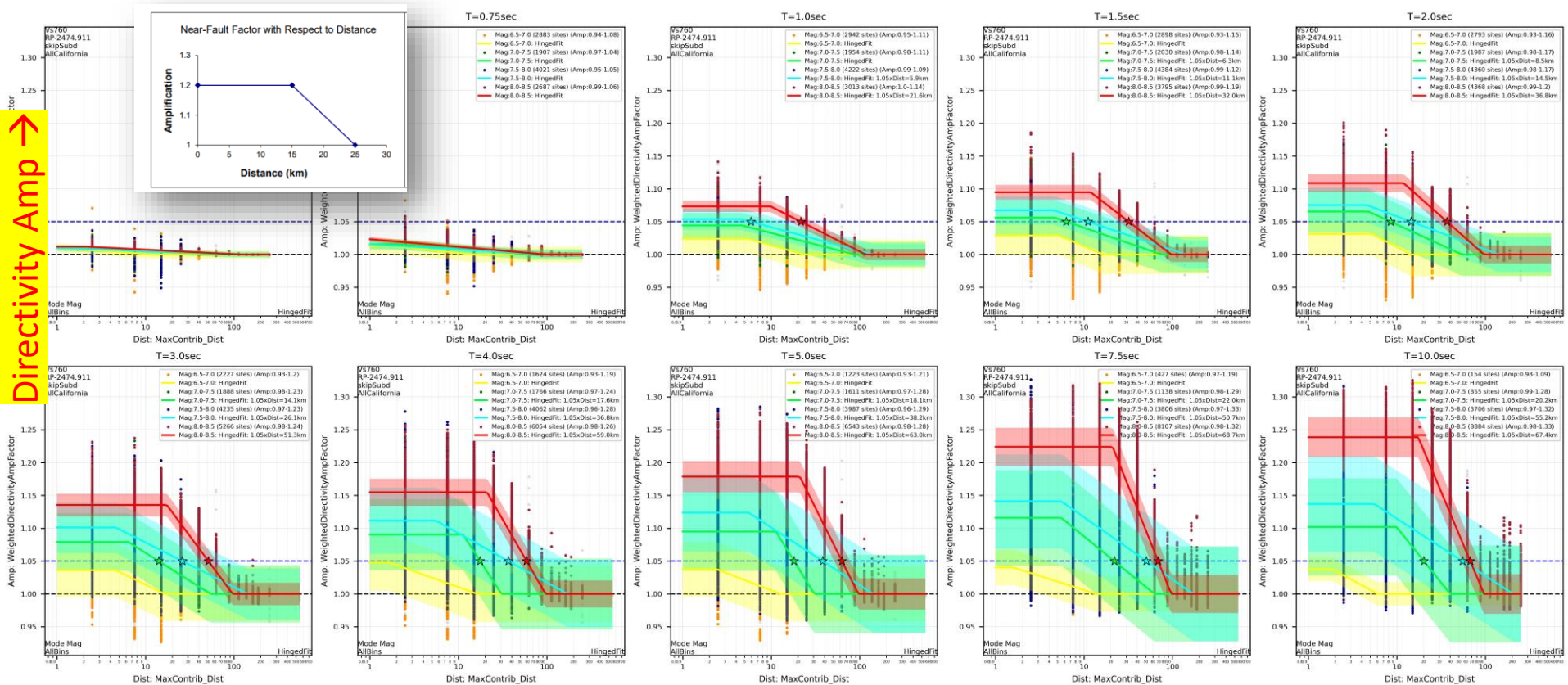
Figure B.1 Near-Fault adjustment factor as a function of distance and spectral period. The distance measure is based on the closest distance to any point on the fault plane



1. Median Value of Directivity-Threshold Distance



2. Directivity Amplification vs Modal Distance Model



Directivity Amp →

Modal Distance (log) →

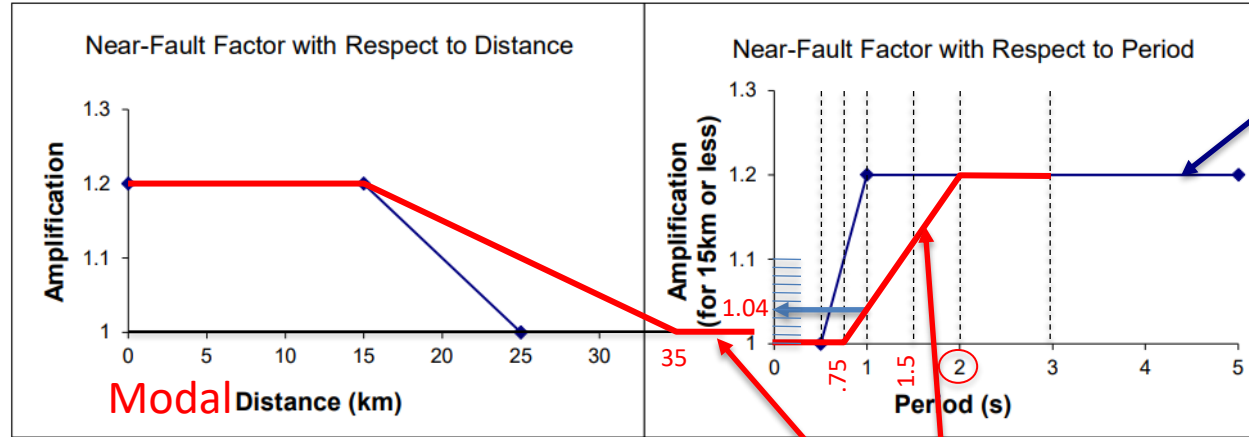
RECOMMENDATIONS

BASED ON LINEAR-ELASTIC RESPONSE



Recommendation – linear-elastic response ONLY

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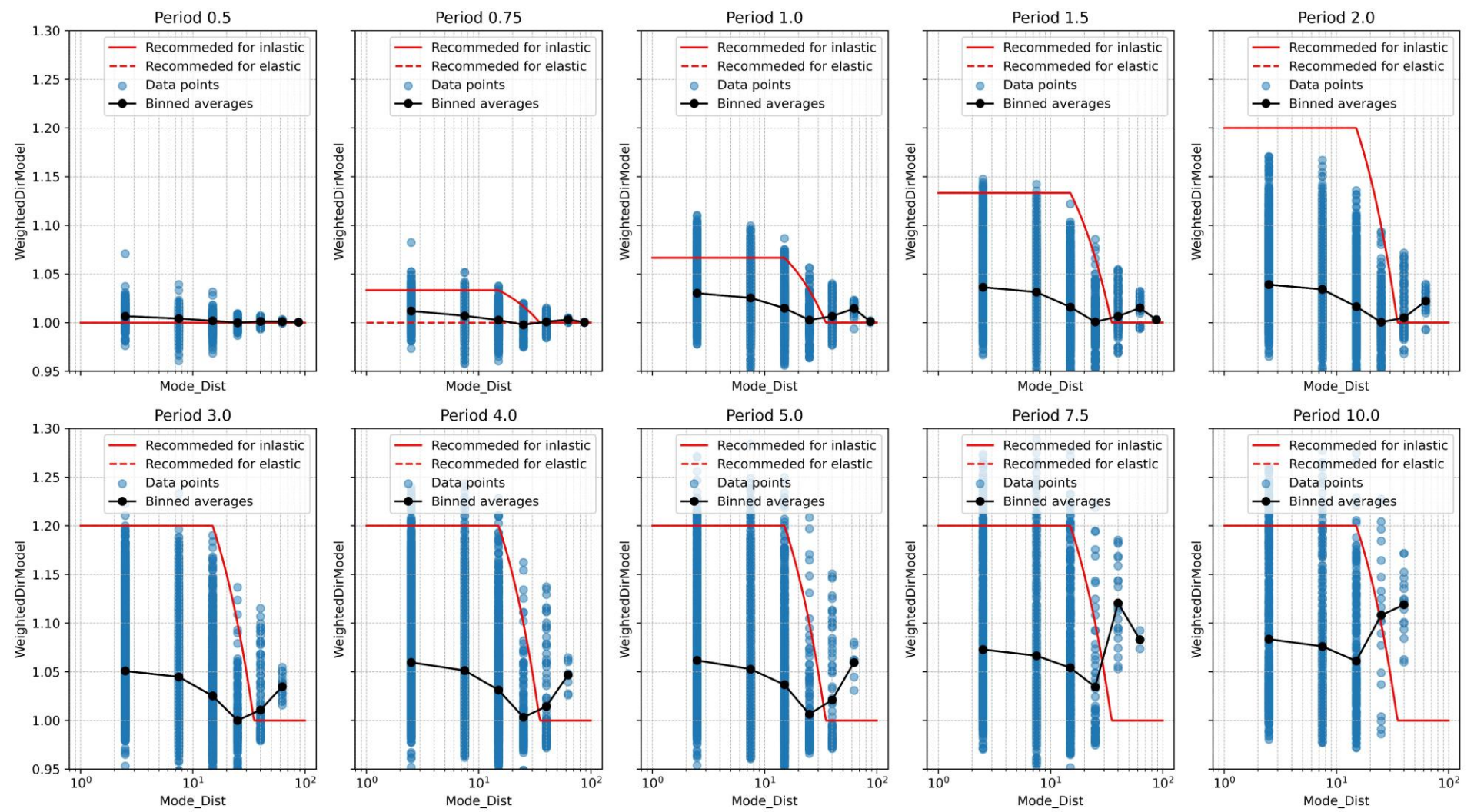
Recommendation -- elastic

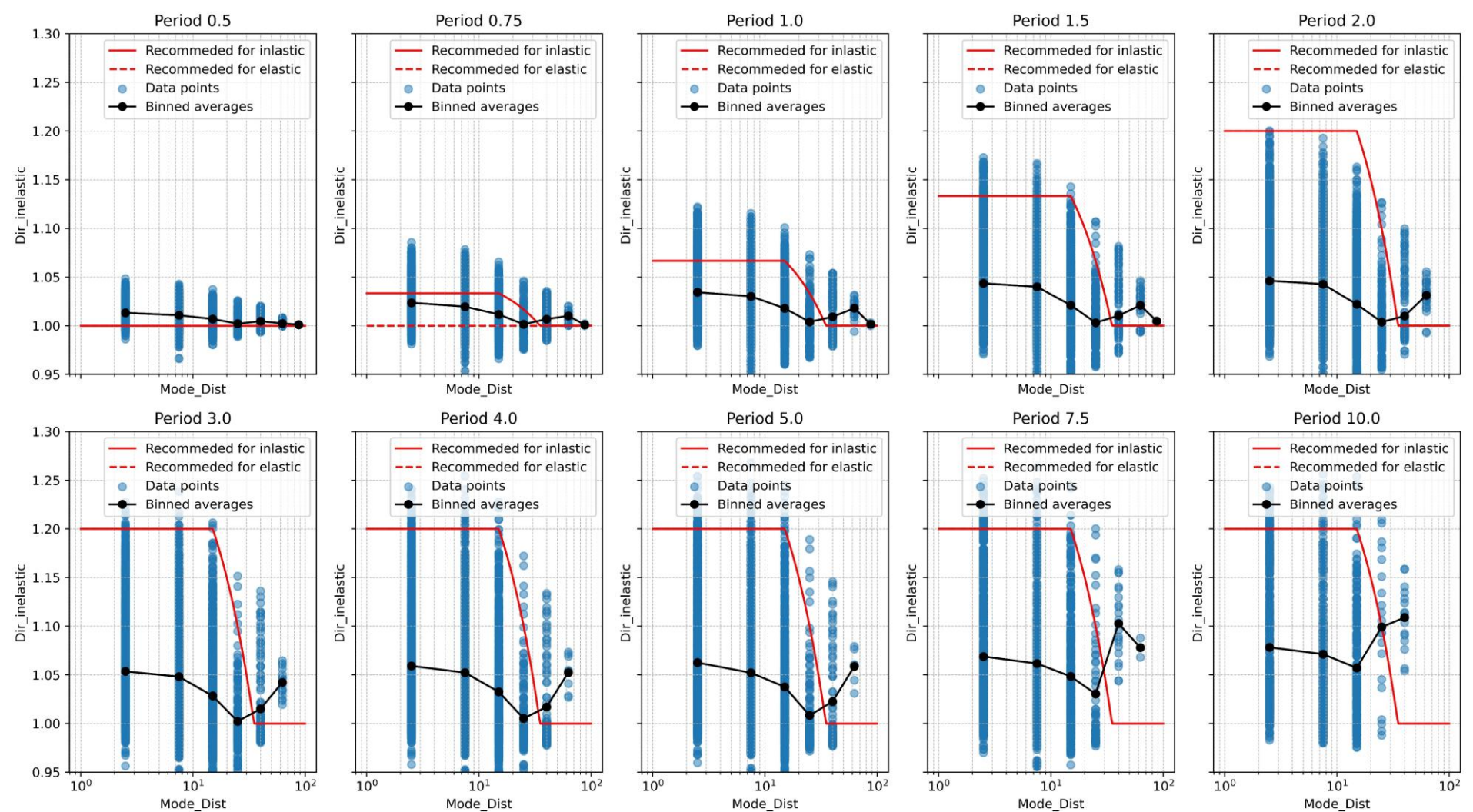


RECOMMENDATIONS

BASED ON INELASTIC RESPONSE







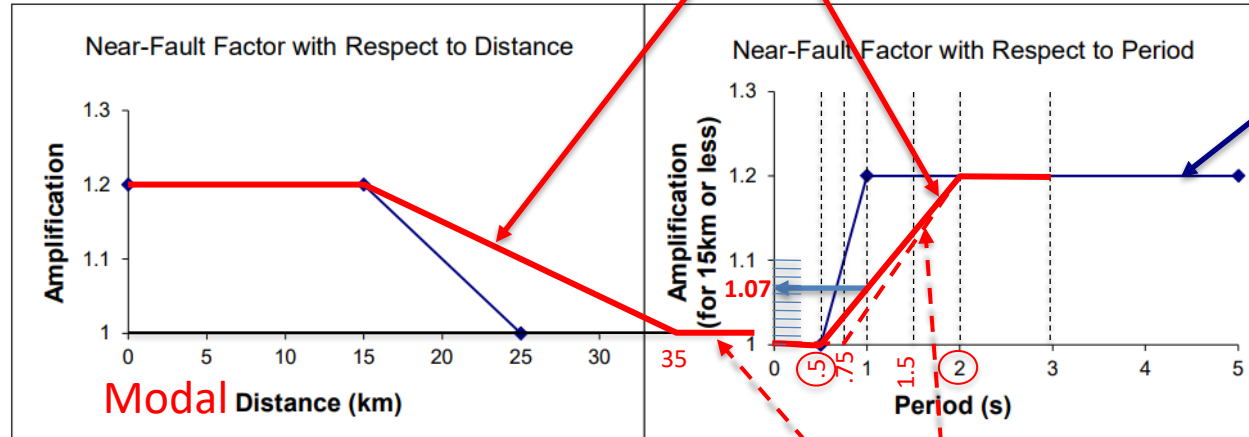
Recommendation considering period shift due to inelastic-response

Shift T0 to 0.5 sec

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Recommendation -- inelastic

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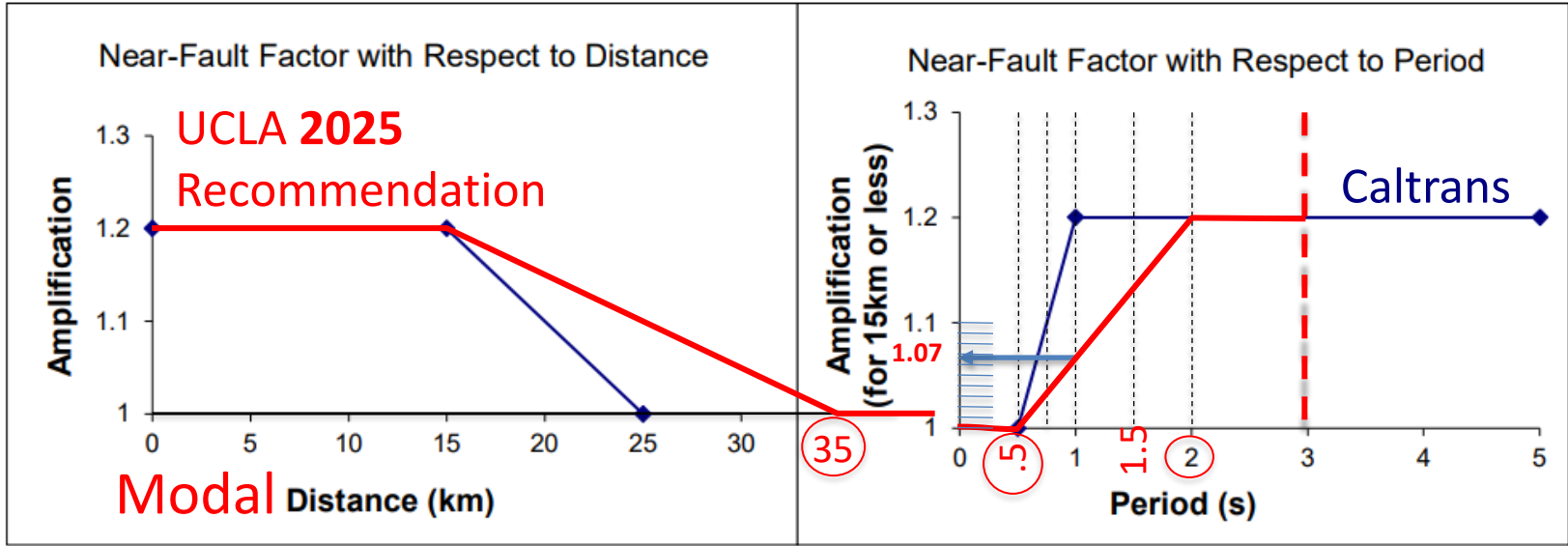


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Recommendation -- elastic



Recommended Model:



Distance →

Period ↓

		UCLA-Directivity Recomm, Inelastic Effects												
		Distance (km)												
		0.1	1	2.5	5	7.5	10	12.5	15	20	25	30	35	40
Period (sec)	0.01	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	0.1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	0.2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	0.3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	0.4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	0.5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	0.75	1.033	1.033	1.033	1.033	1.033	1.033	1.033	1.033	1.025	1.017	1.008	1	1
	1	1.067	1.067	1.067	1.067	1.067	1.067	1.067	1.067	1.05	1.033	1.017	1	1
	1.25	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.075	1.05	1.025	1	1
	1.5	1.133	1.133	1.133	1.133	1.133	1.133	1.133	1.133	1.1	1.067	1.033	1	1
	1.75	1.167	1.167	1.167	1.167	1.167	1.167	1.167	1.167	1.125	1.083	1.042	1	1
	2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.15	1.1	1.05	1	1
	2.5	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.15	1.1	1.05	1	1
	3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.15	1.1	1.05	1	1
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		Ratio: UCLA-Directivity Recomm, Inelastic Effects/Caltrans SDC												
		Distance (km)												
		0.1	1	2.5	5	7.5	10	12.5	15	20	25	30	35	40
Period (sec)	0.01	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	0.1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	0.2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	0.3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	0.4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	0.5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	0.75	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.98	1.02	1.01	1	1
	1	0.89	0.89	0.89	0.89	0.89	0.89	0.89	0.89	0.95	1.03	1.02	1	1
	1.25	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.98	1.05	1.03	1	1
	1.5	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	1	1.07	1.03	1	1
	1.75	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97	1.02	1.08	1.04	1	1
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Summary

- ❖ Project started April 2024
- ❖ Statewide PSHA directivity results have been reduced and simplified
- ❖ Distance and directivity amplification ranges for ***elastic & inelastic*** response spectra have been quantified via different models
- ❖ Worked with Caltrans to develop the recommendations on model and metrics

- ❖ Dr. Bahrampouri, Dr. Zengin, and Prof. Bozorgnia are currently working on:
 - Ground-Motion Selection
 - Use the modified near-fault factors, select and scale input motions at various sites in CA for two return periods (e.g., 975 years and 5000 years).
 - Numerical Simulation of Bridge
 - Simulate the responses of bridges (e.g., ductility demand) and compare them using the current Caltrans near-fault factors

