Ground motions for PEER Transportation Systems Research Program

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Online data:

http://www.stanford.edu/~bakerjw/PEER_gms.html
Background

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The goal of this project is to select a standardized set of ground motions for the TSRP that

– Can be used to analyze a variety of bridge and geotechnical systems
– Are appropriate for a variety of locations in California

Because these are not structure-specific and site-specific goals, ground motion selection techniques developed in previous PEER projects are not directly applicable here

Today I will present our “first draft” proposed ground motions, based on feedback from our August 2009 meeting

We intend to make (minor?) modifications and finalize these ground motion sets shortly after this meeting
Proposed ground motion sets

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• Group 1: “Broad-band ground motions”

• Group 2: “Pulse-like ground motions”

• All ground motions are unscaled, three-component (SN/SP/Vertical), …
Group 1: Broad-band ground motions

- 40 unscaled ground motions

- Varying magnitudes and distances

- Response spectra have means and standard deviations equivalent to that predicted (per Boore and Atkinson, 2008) for a
  - Magnitude = 7
  - Distance = 10 km
  - Strike slip event
  - $V_{s30} = 250$ ms
Group 1: Broad-band ground motions

Record set mean lnSa versus predicted mean for $M=7$, $R=10\text{km}$

Record set standard deviation of lnSa versus predicted standard deviation
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Record set correlations at pairs of spectral values

Predicted correlations at pairs of spectral values
Coming soon: suggested analysis techniques

We will prepare a (short?) report describing how EDP results can be post-processed to choose effective intensity measures for a given system, integrate with hazard curves, etc.

(figure adopted from Curt Haselton)
Group 2: Pulse-like ground motions

These are strong ground motions, with distinct velocity pulses of varying periods.

Original orientation will be strike-normal and strike-parallel, and I will provide information about the range of angles over which a strong pulse is present.
Group 2: Pulse-like ground motions

![Histograms showing number of observations for different parameters: Pulse Period [s], PGV [cm/s], Closest distance to fault rupture (km).]
Additional documentation for Pulse-Like Ground Motions

1979 Imperial Valley-06, El Centro Array #7

All three “parts” of the ground motions will be available as plots and raw data files.
Our next steps

- Review the candidate records individually

- Get all documentation in order, file formats standardized, etc.

Our requests for you:

- Let me know if you have analysis needs that won’t be met by these ground motions

- Let me know if you have concerns regarding data formats, documentation, etc.

- Let me know if you have any concerns about specific ground motions in these draft sets (of lesser importance at the moment)