Directionality of ground motions in the NGA-West2 database

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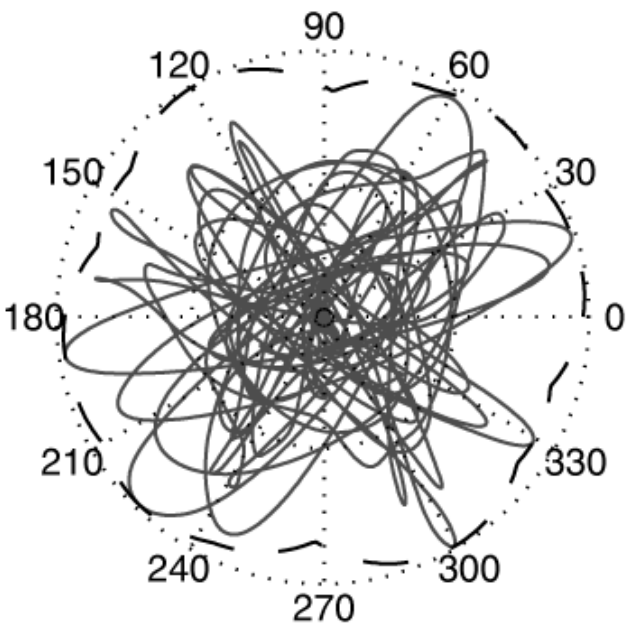
Motivation

- "Maximum-direction" spectral accelerations have received increasing attention in the engineering community in recent years (e.g., 2009 NEHRP Provisions)
- NGA-West2 models will provide predictions of "Sa_{RotD50}" spectra
- We provide a modification to convert those predictions to maximum-direction spectra
- We also report on orientations of the maximum direction motions, and suggest how to use these models for engineering analysis

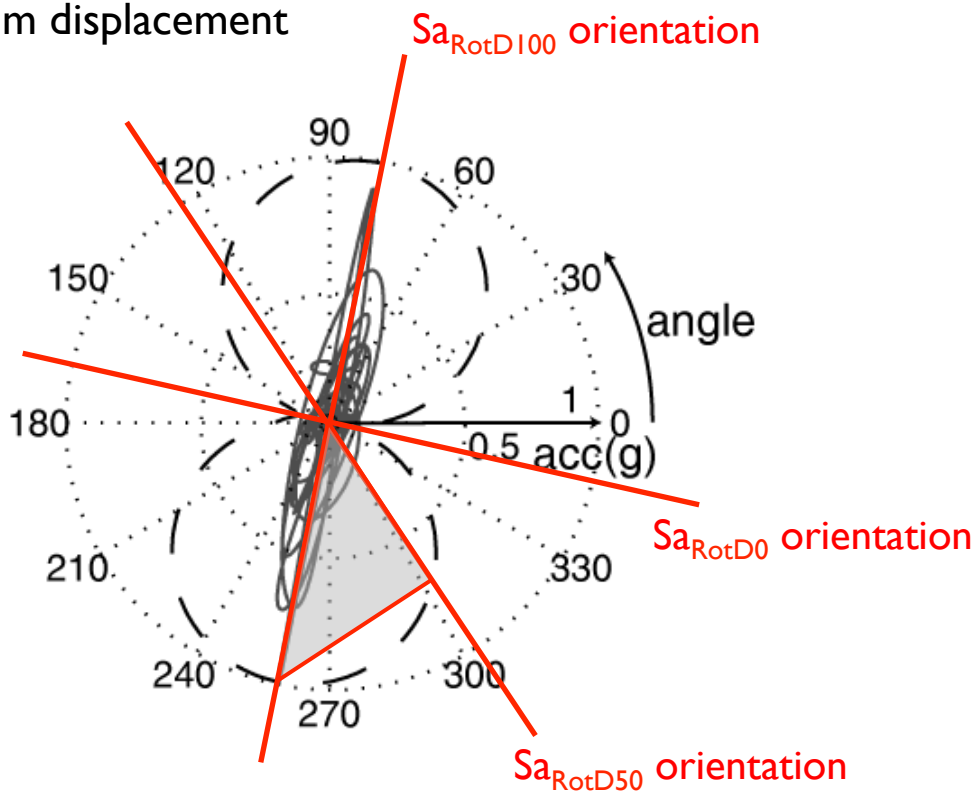
Example 1-second oscillator responses to multi-component motions

— – $Sa(1s) / Sa_{RotD100}(1s)$

——— Displacement / Maximum displacement



HWA031 recording from Chi-Chi-04, 1999 earthquake



Gilroy Array #6 recording from Morgan Hill, 1984 earthquake

Model formulation for $Sa_{RotD100}$ at a specified period

$$Sa_{RotD100} = \frac{Sa_{RotD100}}{Sa_{RotD50}} \, Sa_{RotD50}$$

$$\ln Sa_{RotD100} = \underbrace{\ln(Sa_{RotD100} / Sa_{RotD50})}_{\text{This study}} + \underbrace{\ln(Sa_{RotD50})}_{\text{Primary GMPE}}$$

$$\ln(Sa_{RotD100} / Sa_{RotD50}) = a + \eta' + \varepsilon'$$

Simple prediction (constant?)

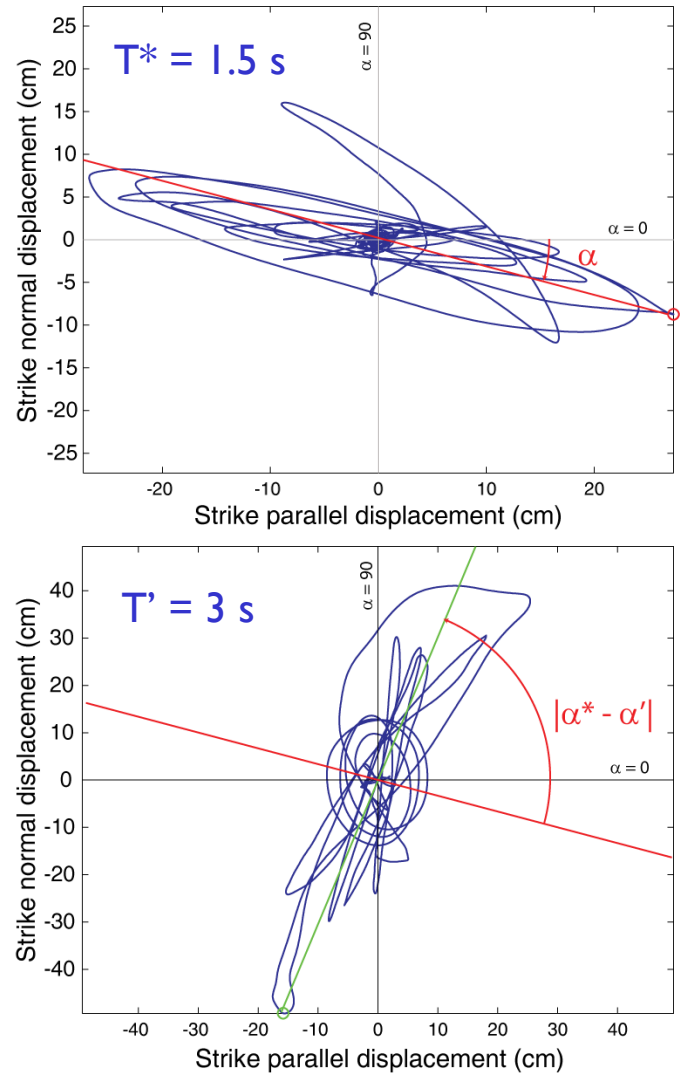
Independent of primary GMPE

$$\ln(Sa_{RotD50}) = f(M, R, V_{S30}, \ldots) + \eta + \varepsilon$$

Complex prediction

Results to discuss today

- $Sa_{RotD100}$ /Sa_{RotD50} ratios
- Orientation of $Sa_{RotD100}$ relative to strike
- Difference in orientation of $Sa_{RotD100}(T_1)$ and $Sa_{RotD100}(T_2)$
- Change in Sa(T) at angles away from the $Sa_{RotD100}$ orientation
- Amplitude of Sa(T) in a specified direction



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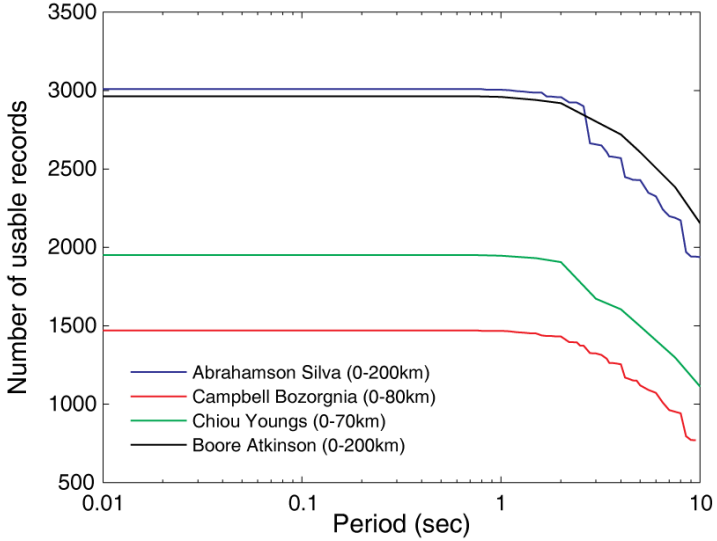
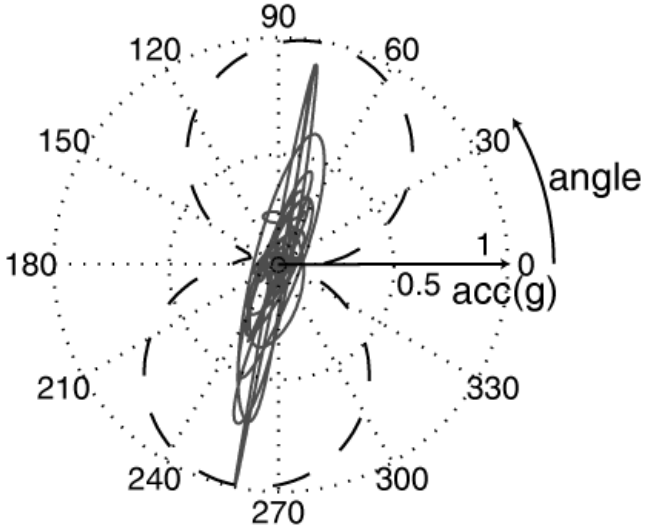
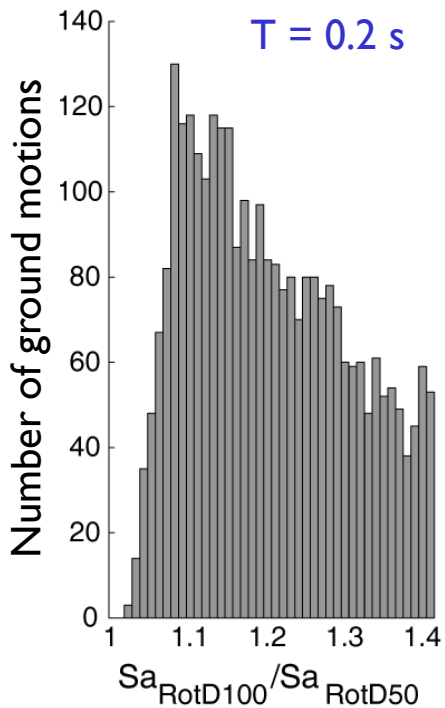
Data set

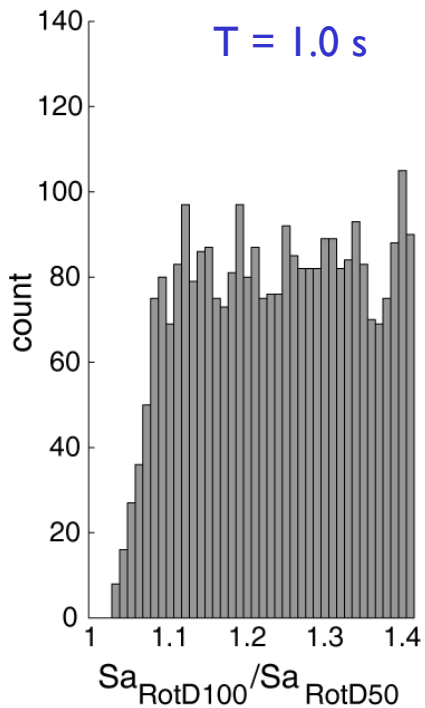
- NGA-West2 database
- We used subsets of the data chosen by the modelers (as of 11/1/2011), to ensure use of appropriate data and to be compatible with NGA West 2 models for Sa_{RotD50}
- Sa values computed for
  - 5% damping only
  - 21 periods
  - All orientations in 1° increments

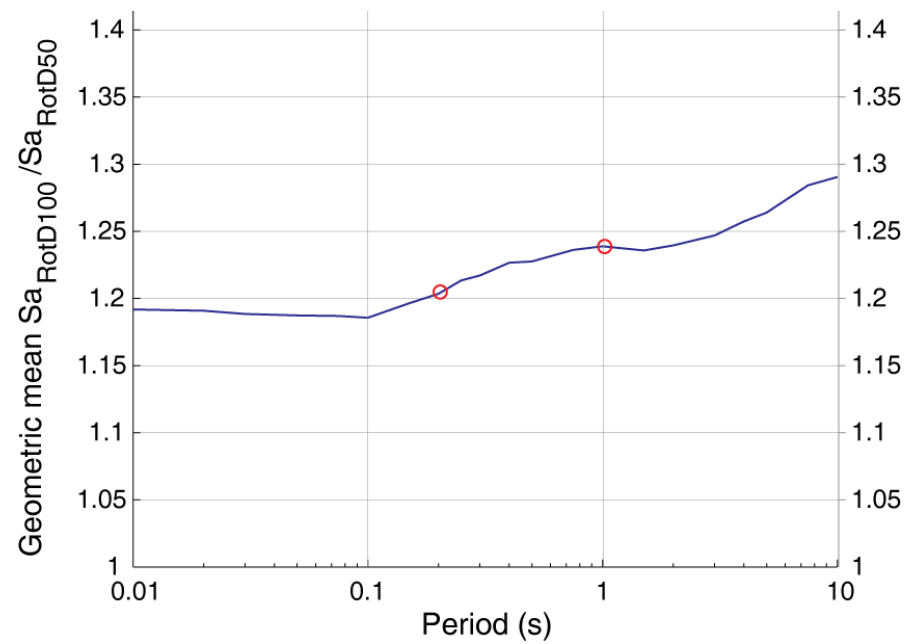




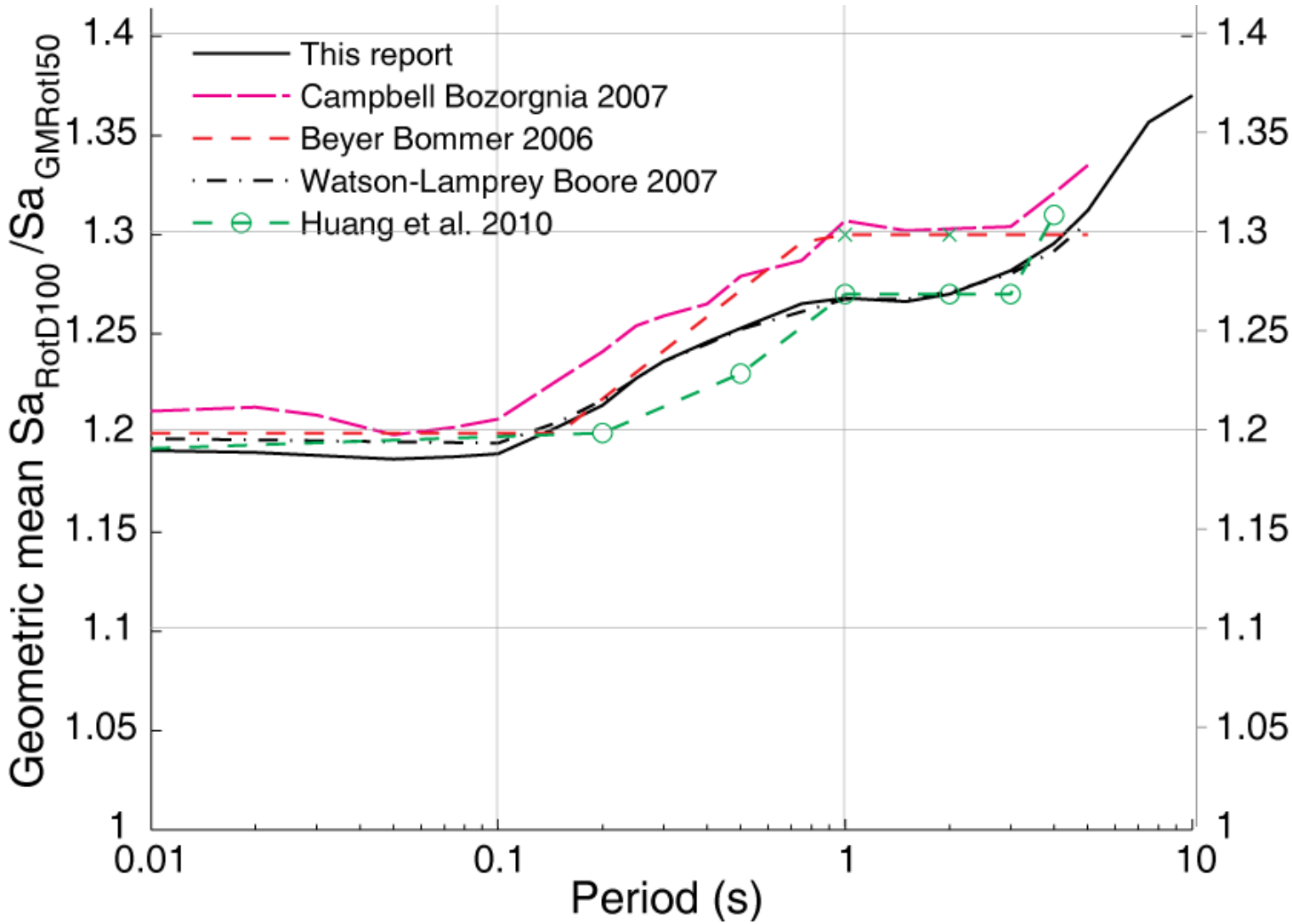
Histograms of $Sa_{RotD100}/Sa_{RotD50}$





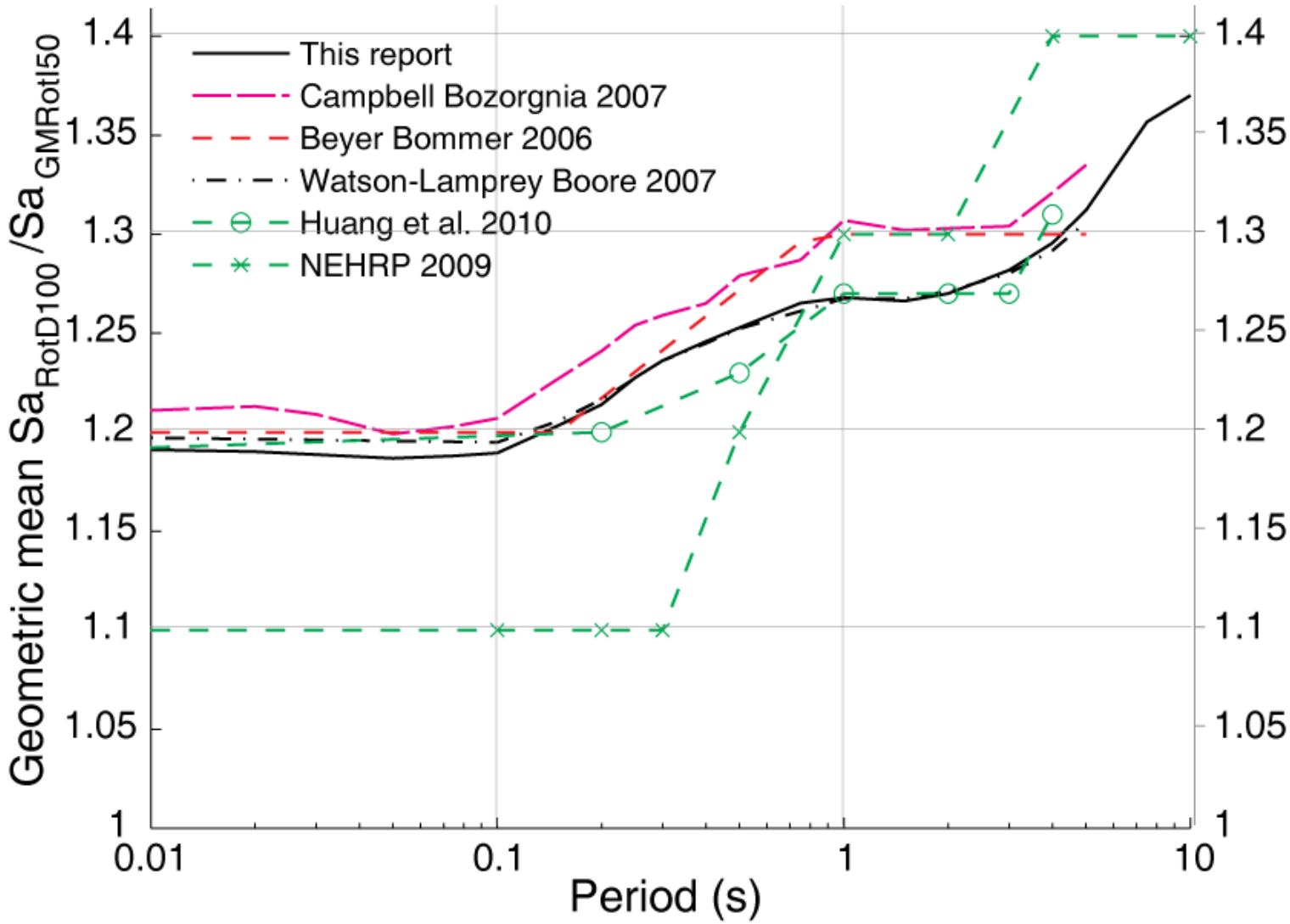


Median $Sa_{RotD100}/Sa_{GMRotI50}$ ratios, versus previous models

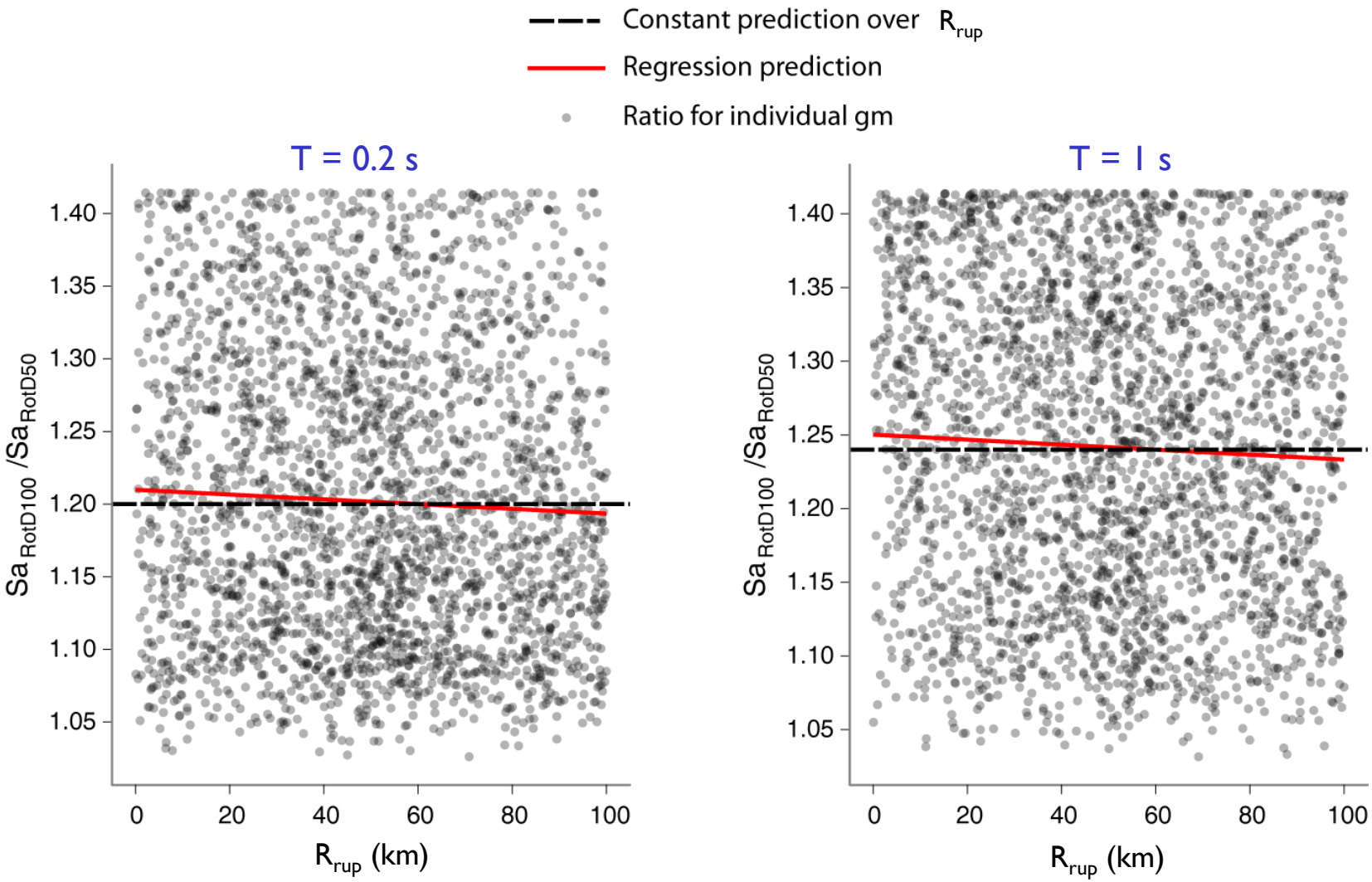


There is a clear period dependence in these ratios

These ratios differ from the NEHRP Provisions ratios

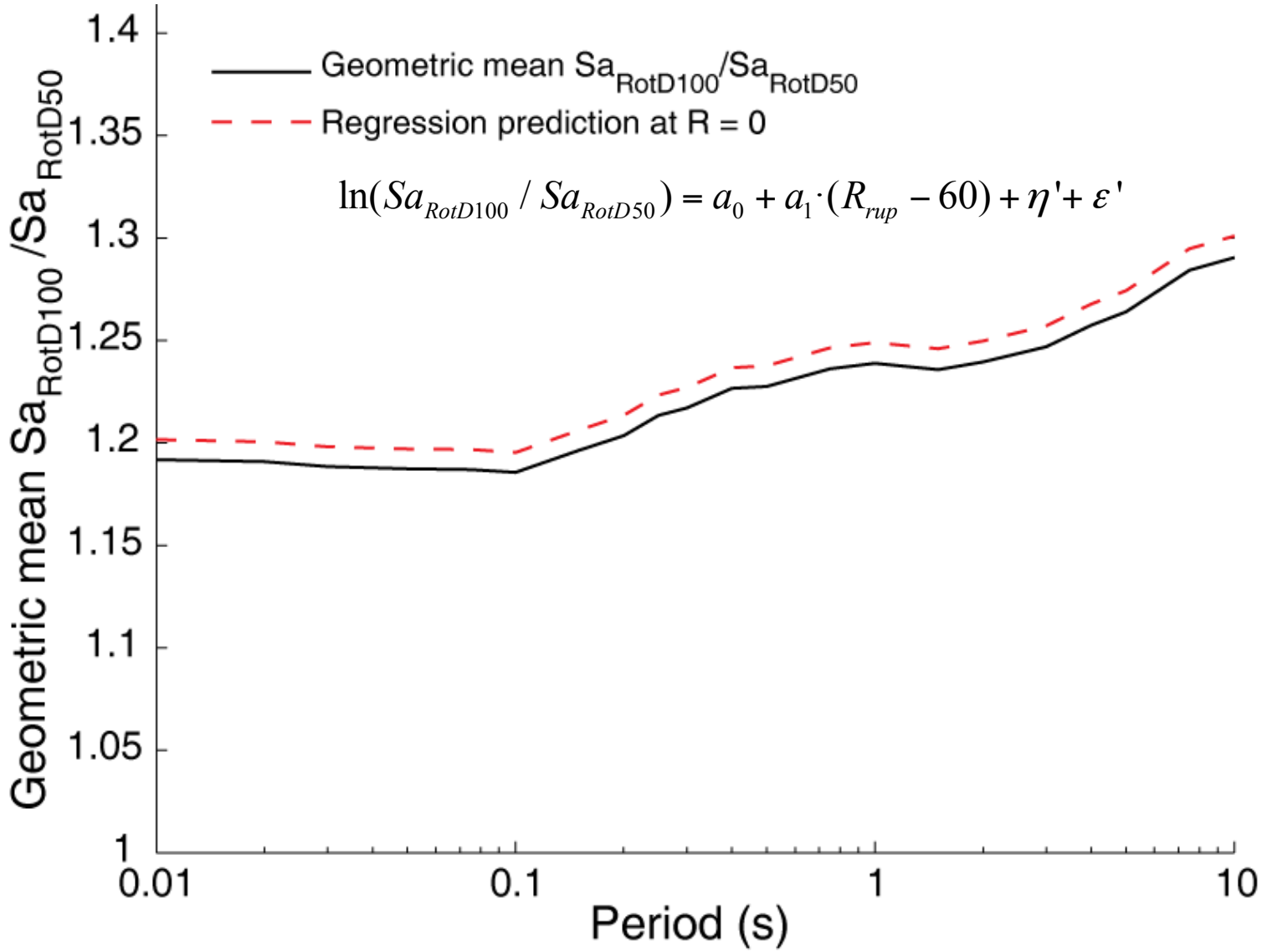


Variation in $Sa_{RotD100}/Sa_{GMRotI50}$ with closest distance (R_{rup})?



Other variables (M, directivity parameters) had less strong effects

Model with R_{rup} dependence



Standard deviations (example numbers for Sa(1s))

$\sigma' = 0.629$ $\sigma = 0.623$

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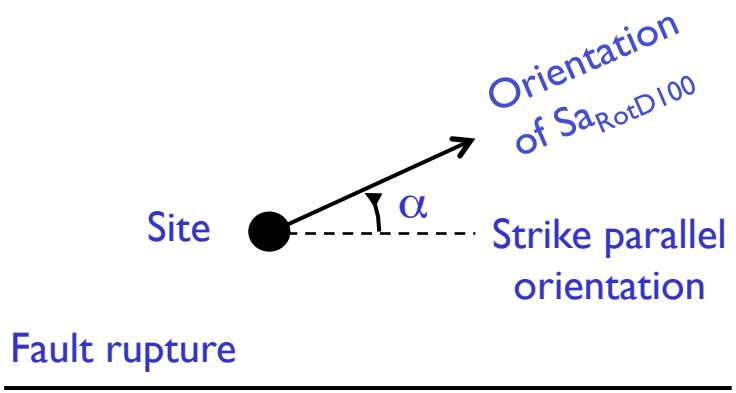
$$\ln(Sa_{RotD100} / Sa_{RotD50}) = a + \eta' + \varepsilon'$$

$$\ln(Sa_{RotD50}) = f(M, R, V_{S30}, \ldots) + \eta + \varepsilon$$

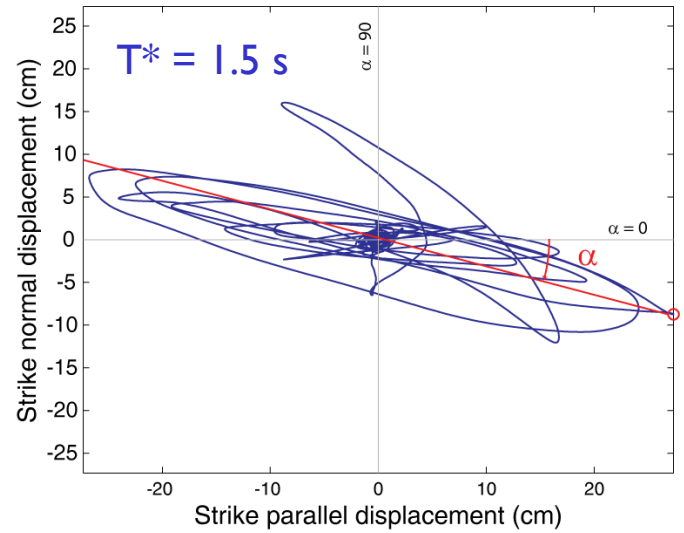
This study: $\tau' = 0.010$ $\phi' = 0.083$

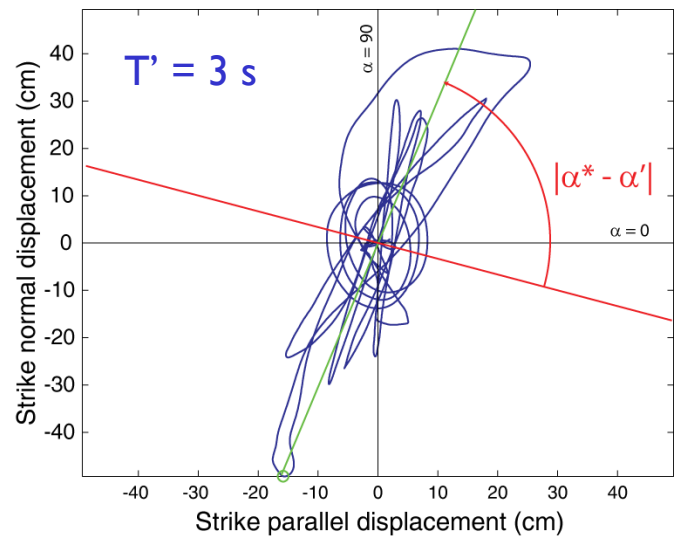
Campbell Bozorgnia (2008) NGA: $\tau = 0.255$ $\phi = 0.568$

Orientation of $Sa_{RotD100}$ (using α as angle to strike parallel)



- Dependence of α on various parameters was studied
- A parametric model to predict the distribution of α is proposed





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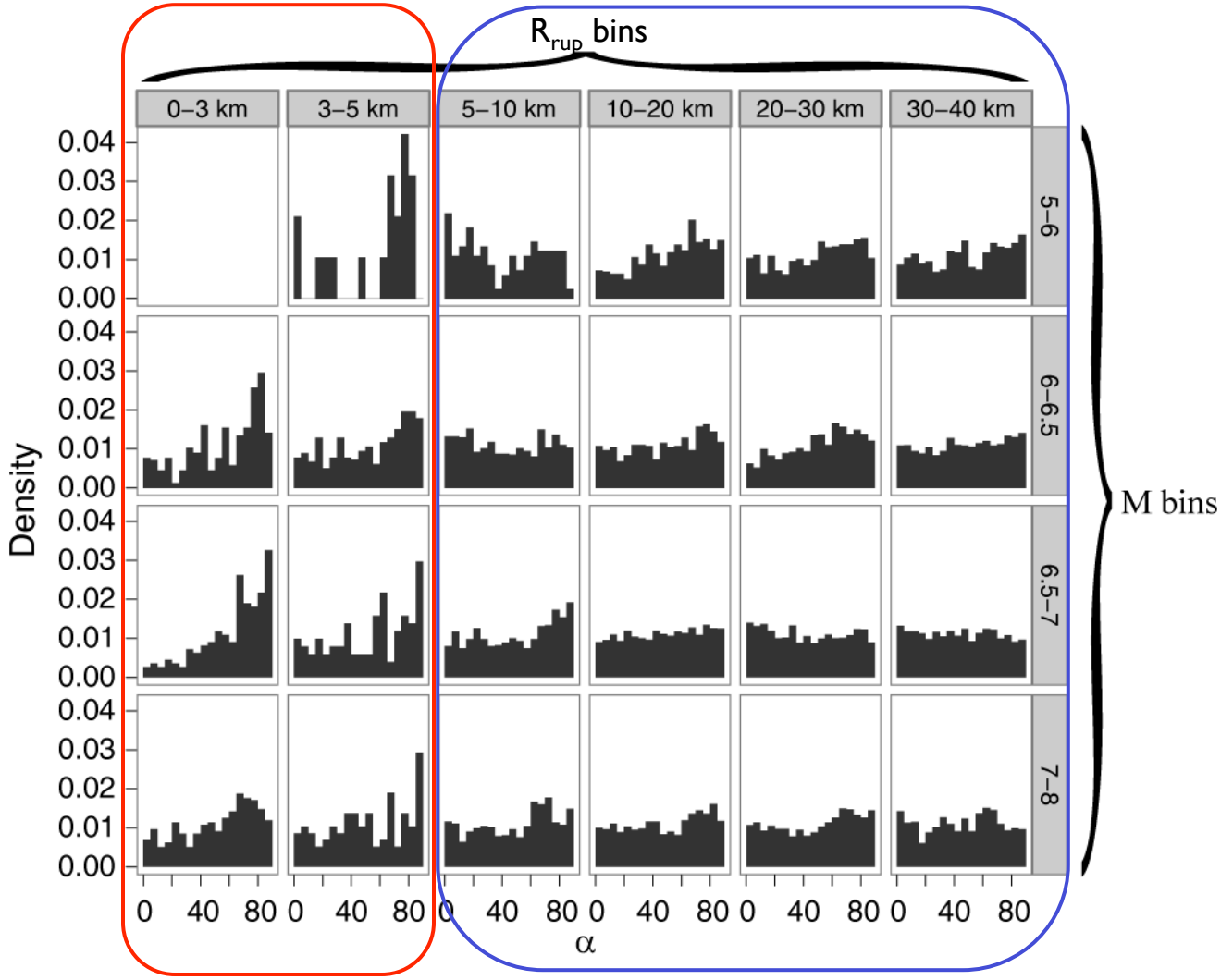
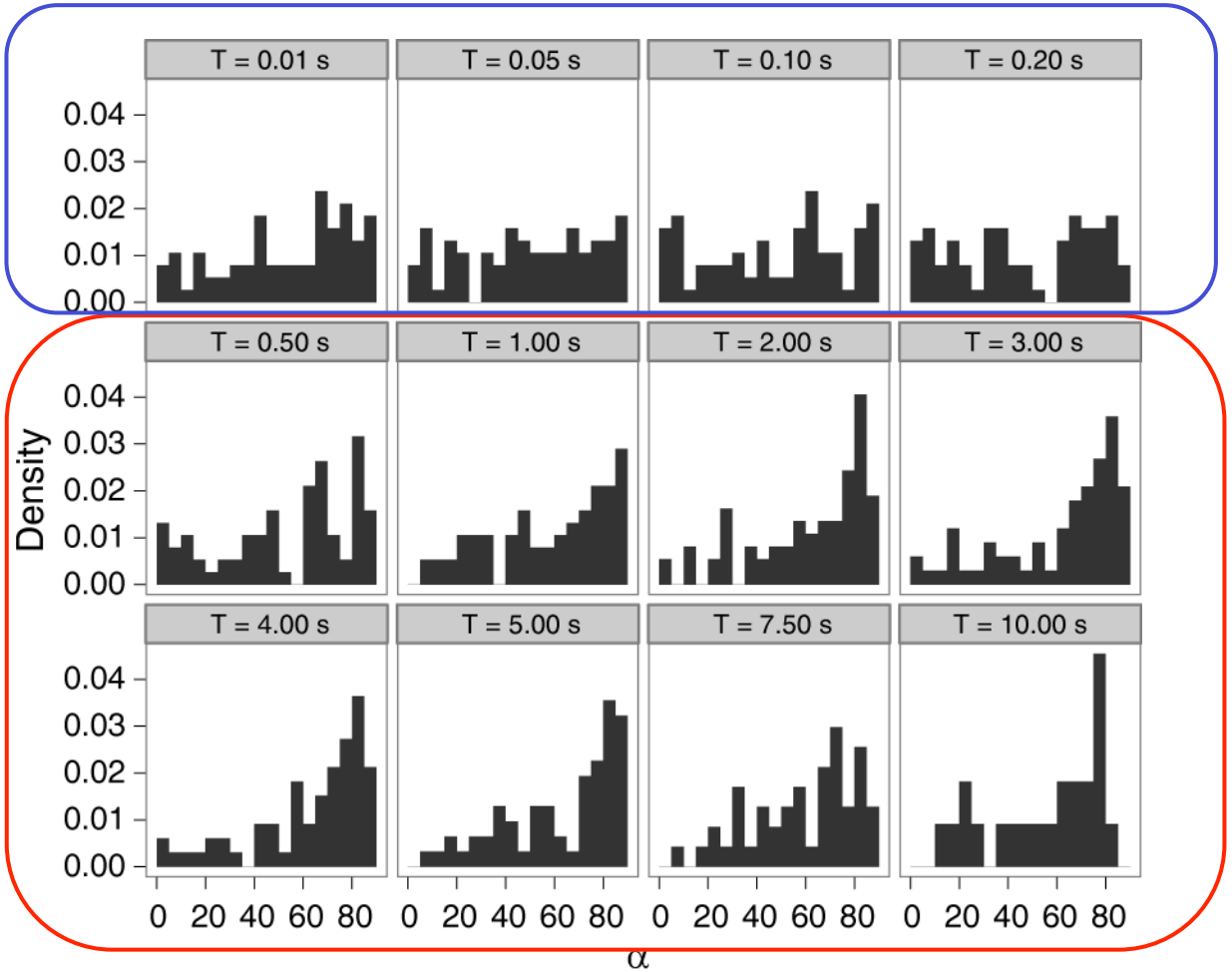
Dependence of α on M and R_{rup}



Distribution of α for varying T, with R_{rup} between 0 and 5 km



Apparent division at 0.5 or 1 second

Observations regarding distributions of α

Some dependence on distance and period (consistent with previous work)

- The distribution tends towards fault normal for $R < 5$ km and $T \geq 0.5$ s (This is not the same as saying α is *always* fault normal)
- The distribution is apparently uniform otherwise

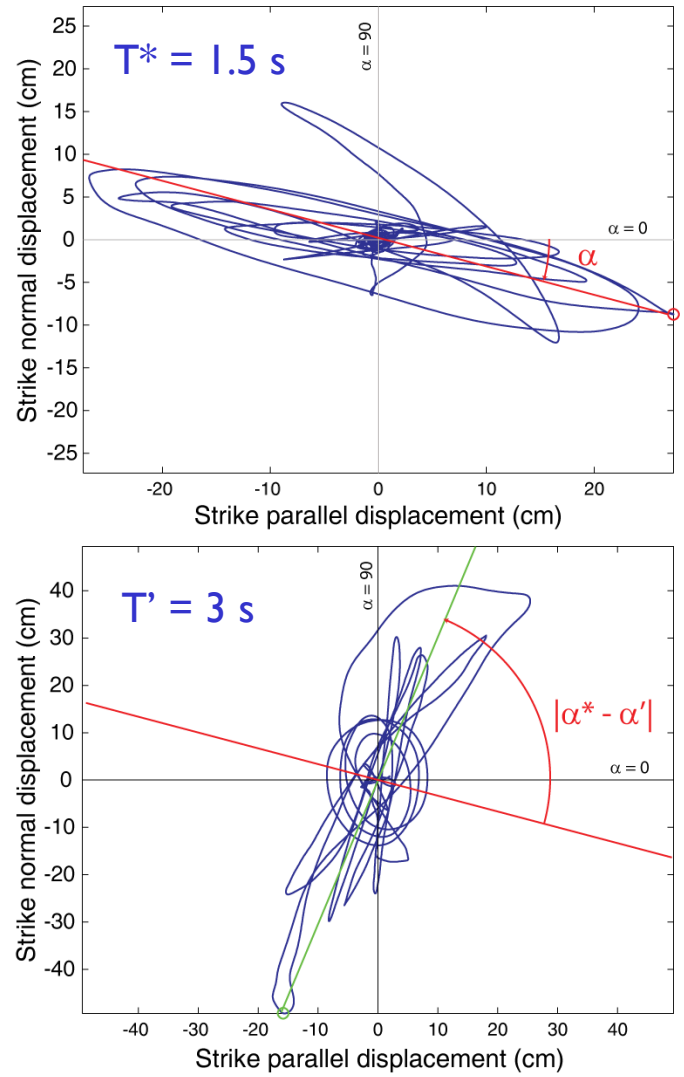
No obvious dependence on magnitude, directivity parameters, etc.

Other models for directionality

The direction of $Sa_{RotD100}(T)$ will vary with period

1. By how much will the azimuths of $Sa_{RotD100}(T^*)$ and $Sa_{RotD100}(T')$ vary?

2. If we identify a target $Sa_{RotD100}$ at one period (T^*), what will the spectral value be at some other period (T')?



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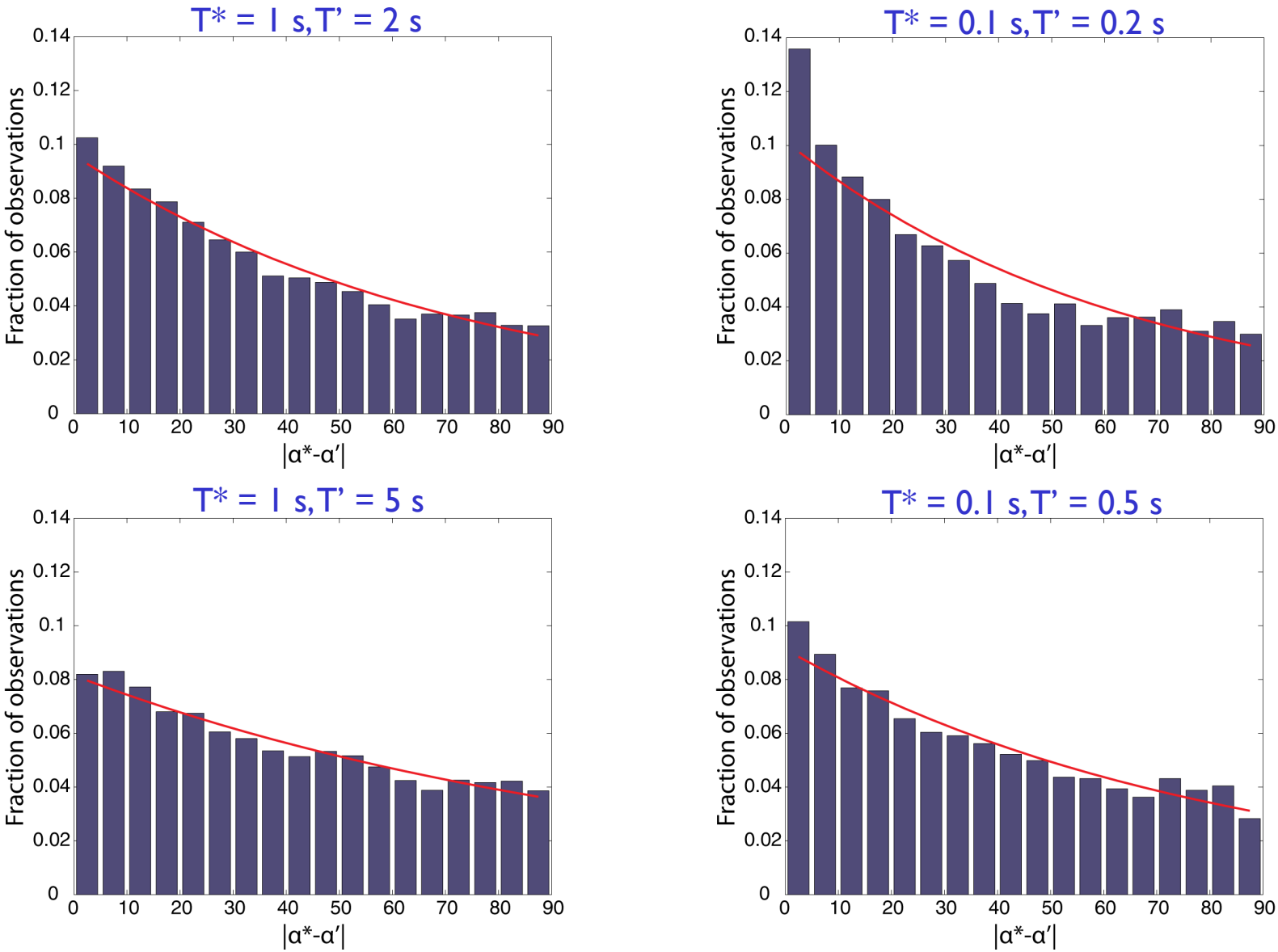
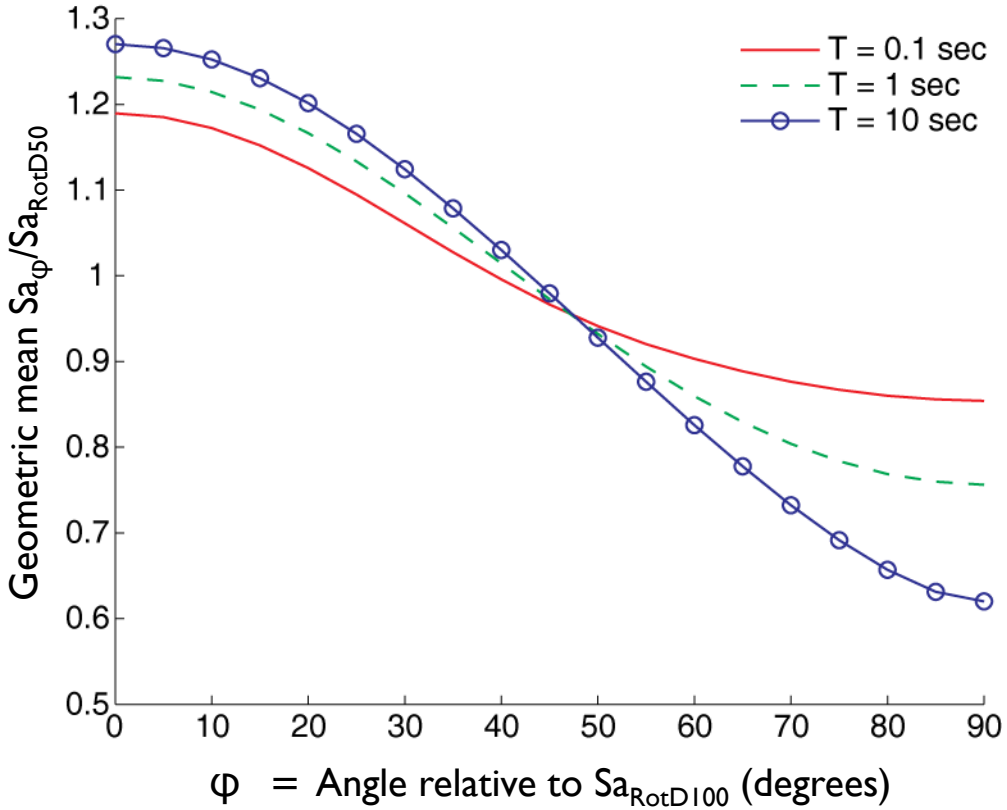
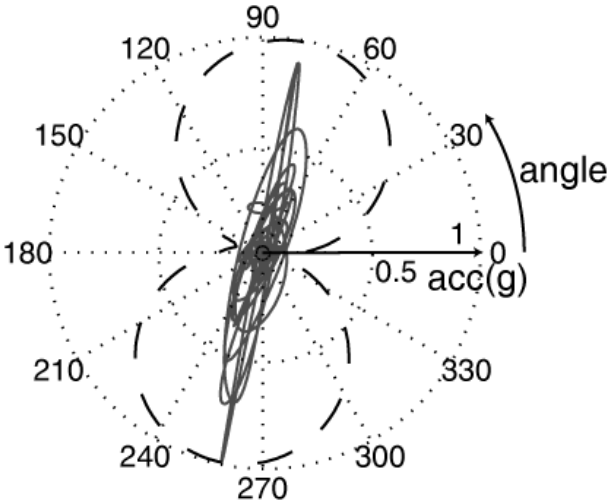
Distribution of α*-α' for various T* and T'



Median ratio of Sa_{φ}/Sa_{RotD50}, as a function of distance from $Sa_{RotD100}$ orientation

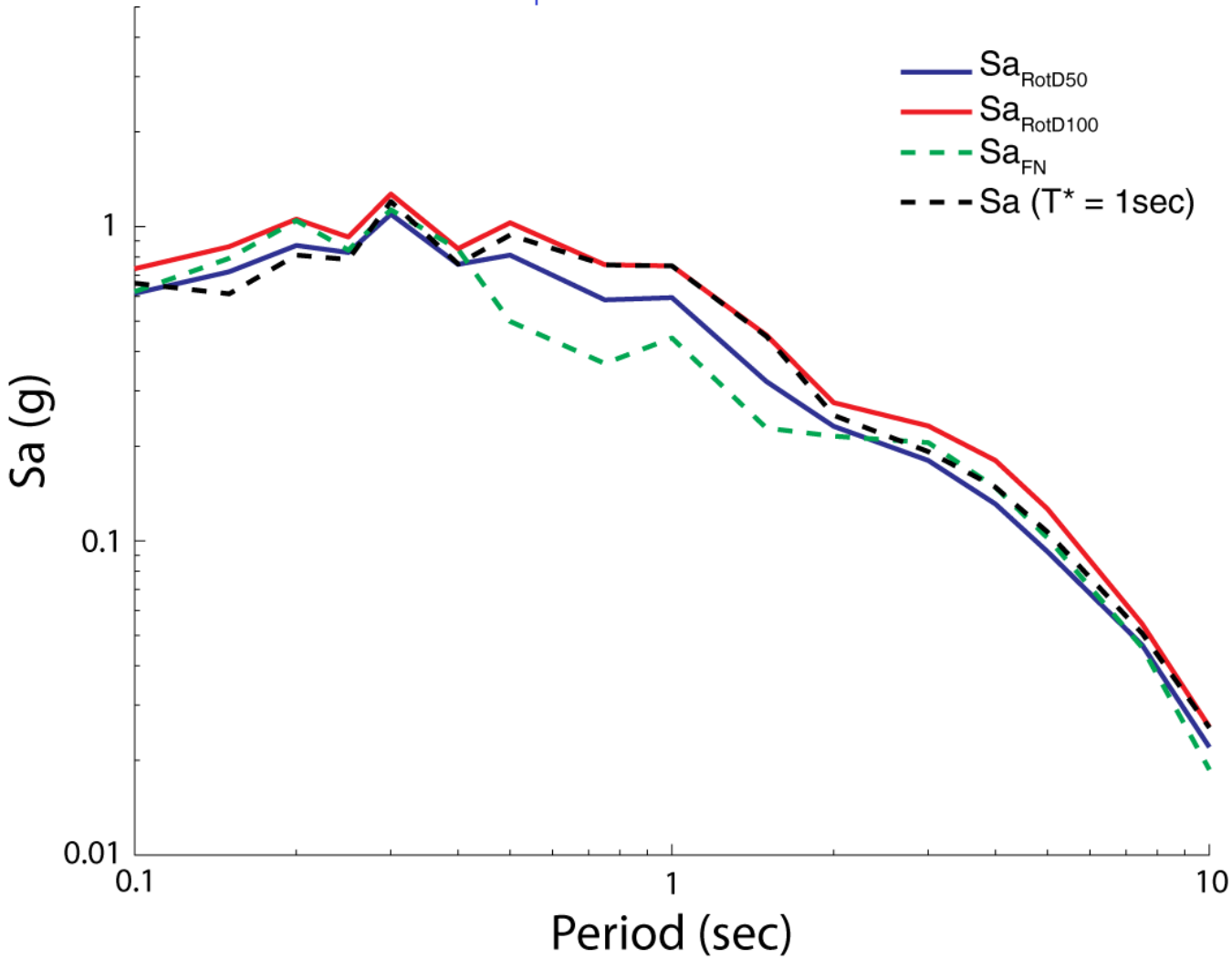


Example 1s response case:



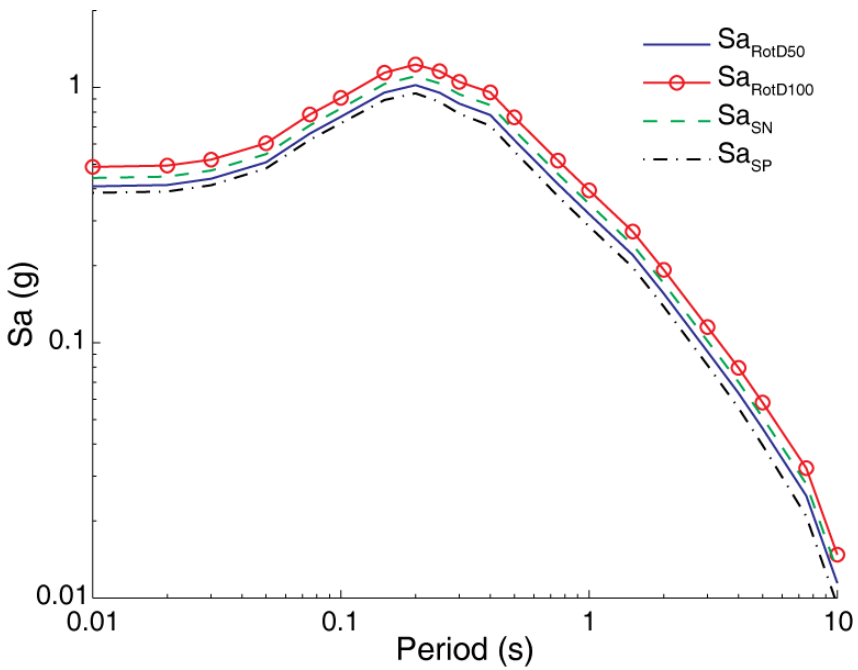
Individual ground motion example

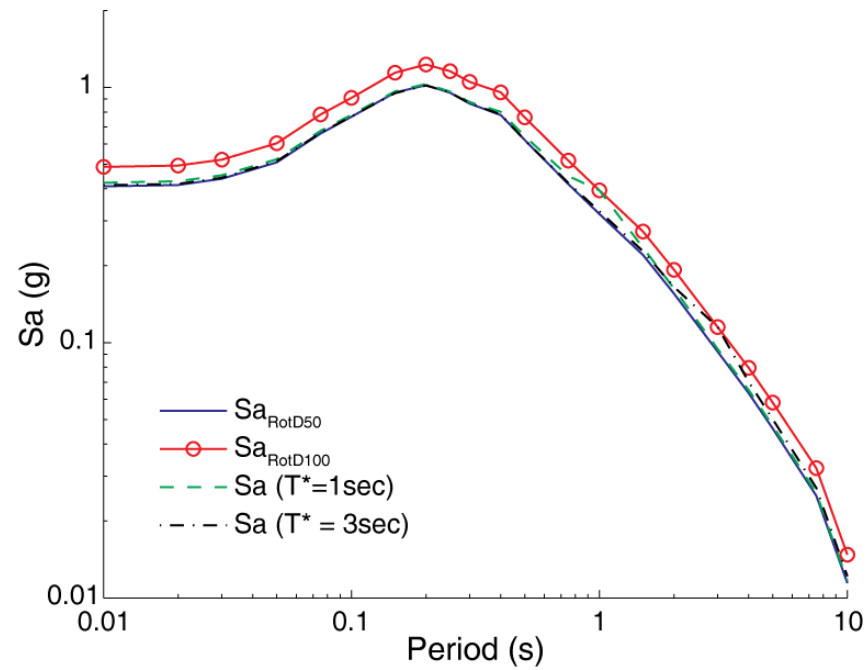
TCU076 station, 1999 Chi-Chi earthquake
R_{rup} = 3 km, M = 7.6



Example predictions using above results

$M = 7$, $R_{clst} = 2.5$ km, $V_{S30} = 760$ m/s





Conclusions

- Observed ratios of $Sa_{RotD100}$/ Sa_{RotD50} are consistent with previous studies
  - Dependent on period and (weakly) on distance
  - No clear dependence on other properties (magnitude, directivity-related parameters)

- Orientations of $Sa_{RotD100}$ appear to be uniform beyond 5 km closest distance
  - Within 5 km and for $T \geq 0.5$s, there is a tendency towards fault-normal orientation

- Orientations of $Sa_{RotD100}$ vary with period, for a given ground motion, which complicates target spectrum calculation and ground motion selection

- We aim to address that problem by providing models for:
  - Difference in orientation of $Sa_{RotD100}$ at two periods
  - Deviation from $Sa_{RotD100}$ as a function of the above orientation difference

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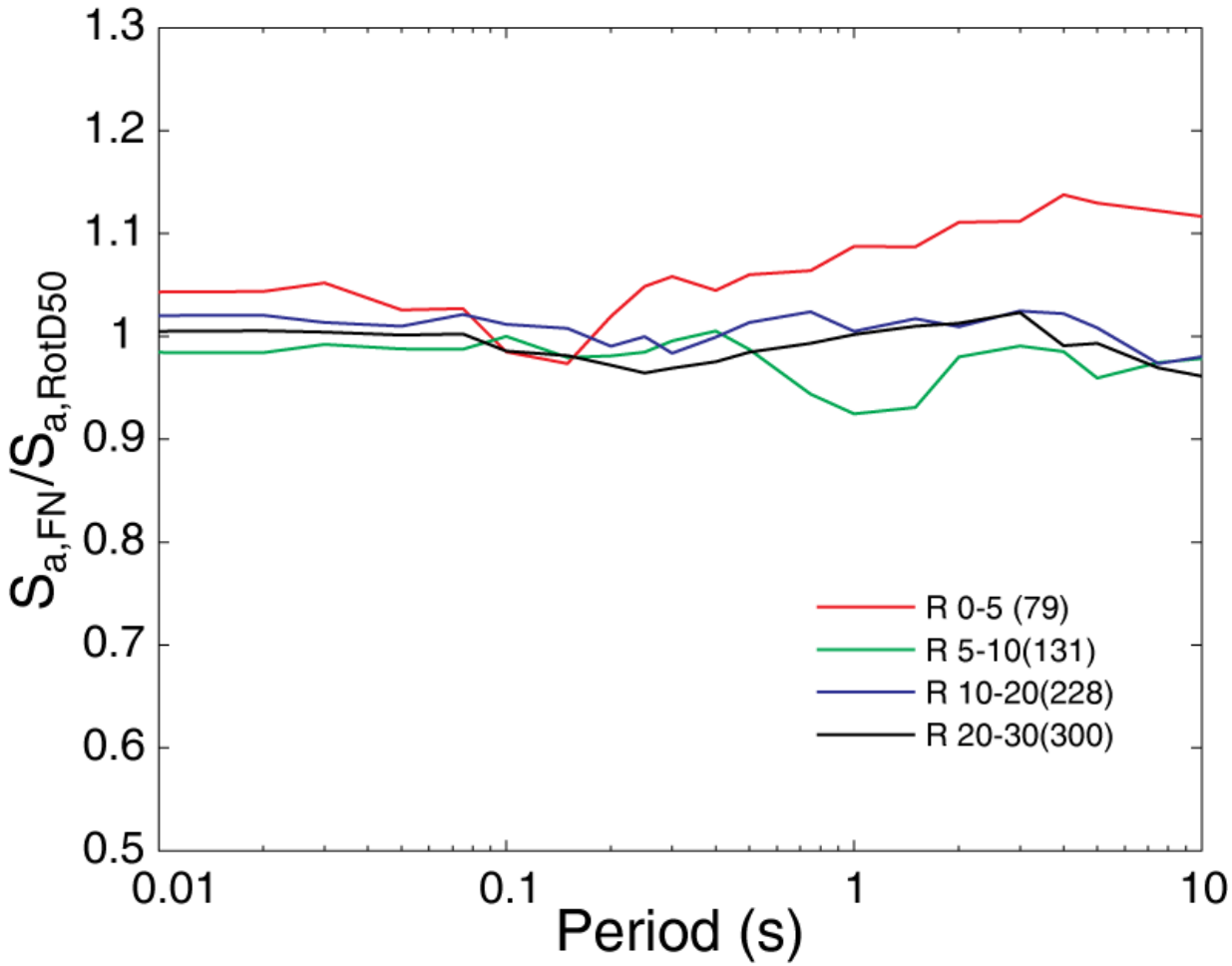
Fault normal spectra versus Sa_{RotD50}



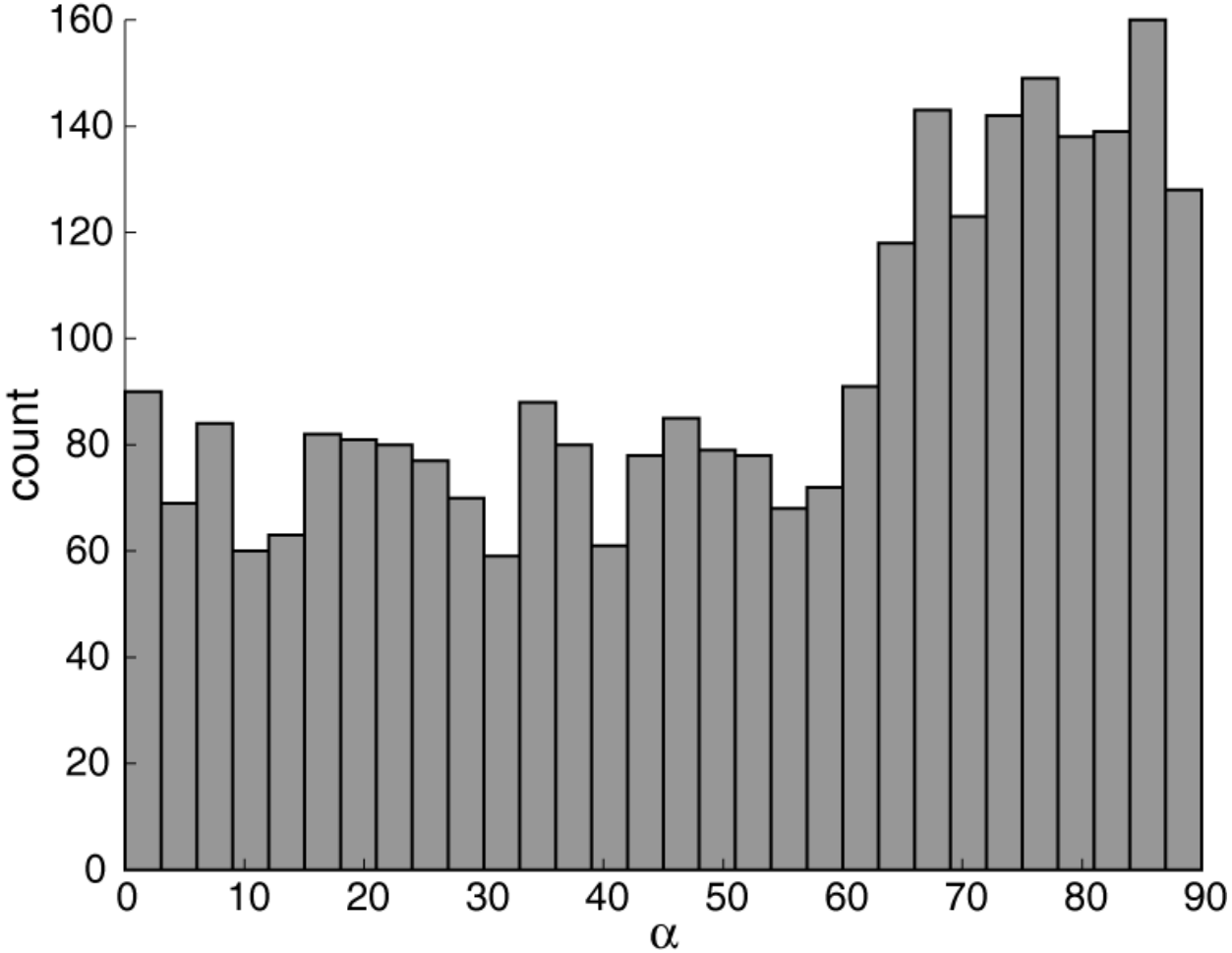
Is $Sa_{RotD100} = Sa_{FN}$ for directivity ground motions?

- Each ground motion in the NGA West 2 database classified as pulse or non-pulse
  - Improved pulse-classification algorithm (Shahi and Baker)
  - Documentation in progress

- Source-site geometry used to manually identify Pulse-like ground motions caused by directivity

$Sa_{RotD100}$ orientation for directivity ground motions

Data pooled from 21 periods



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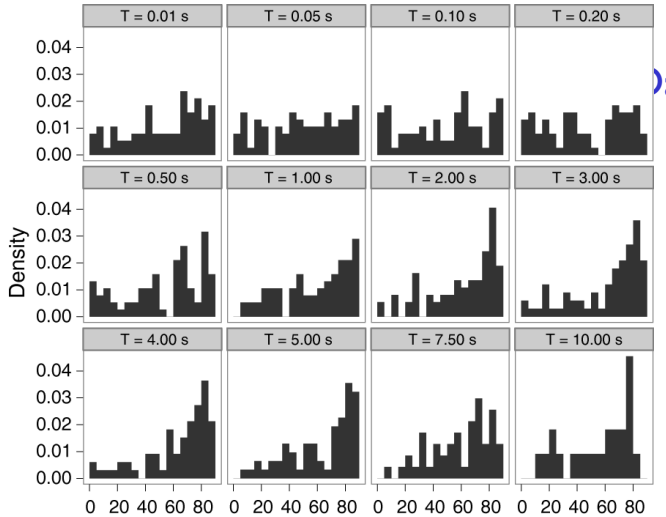

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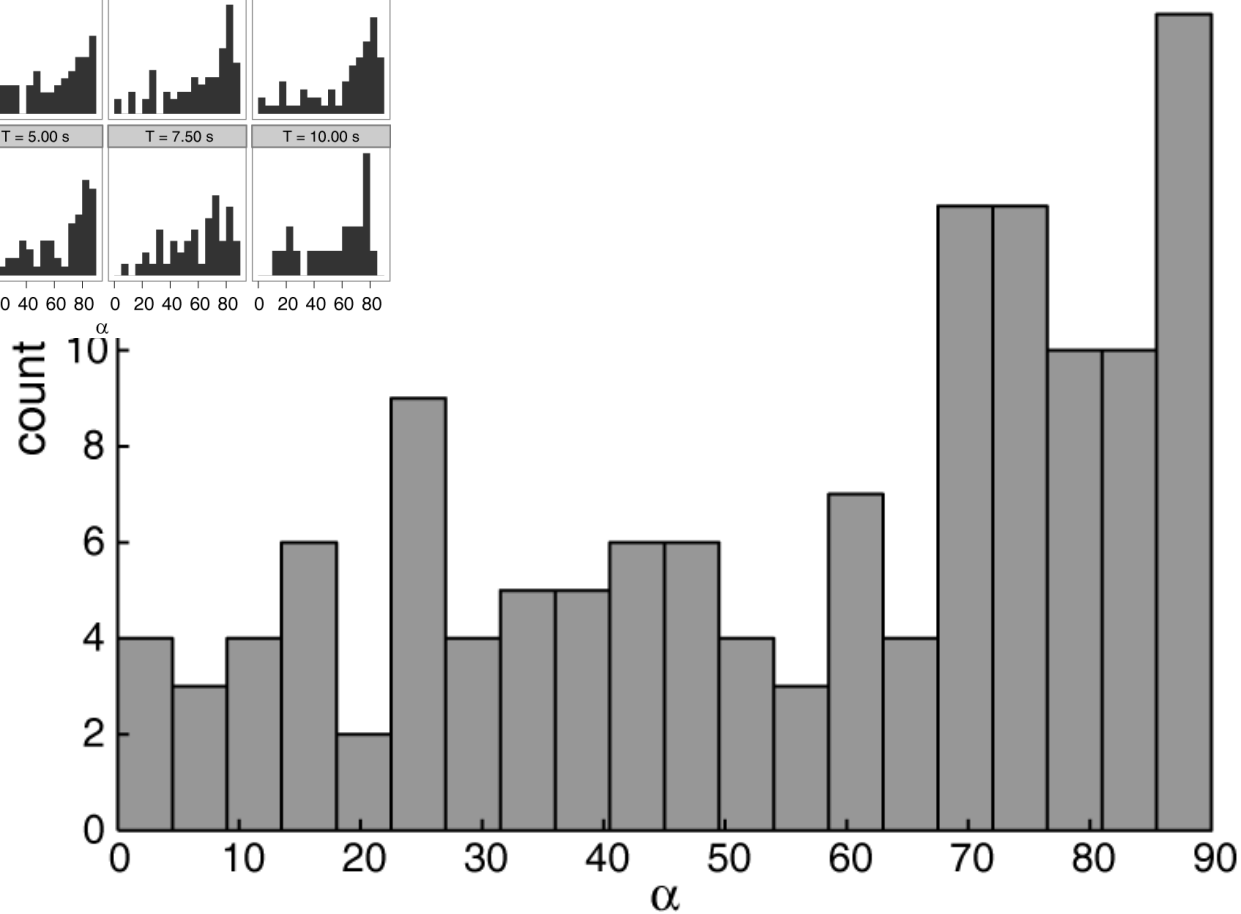
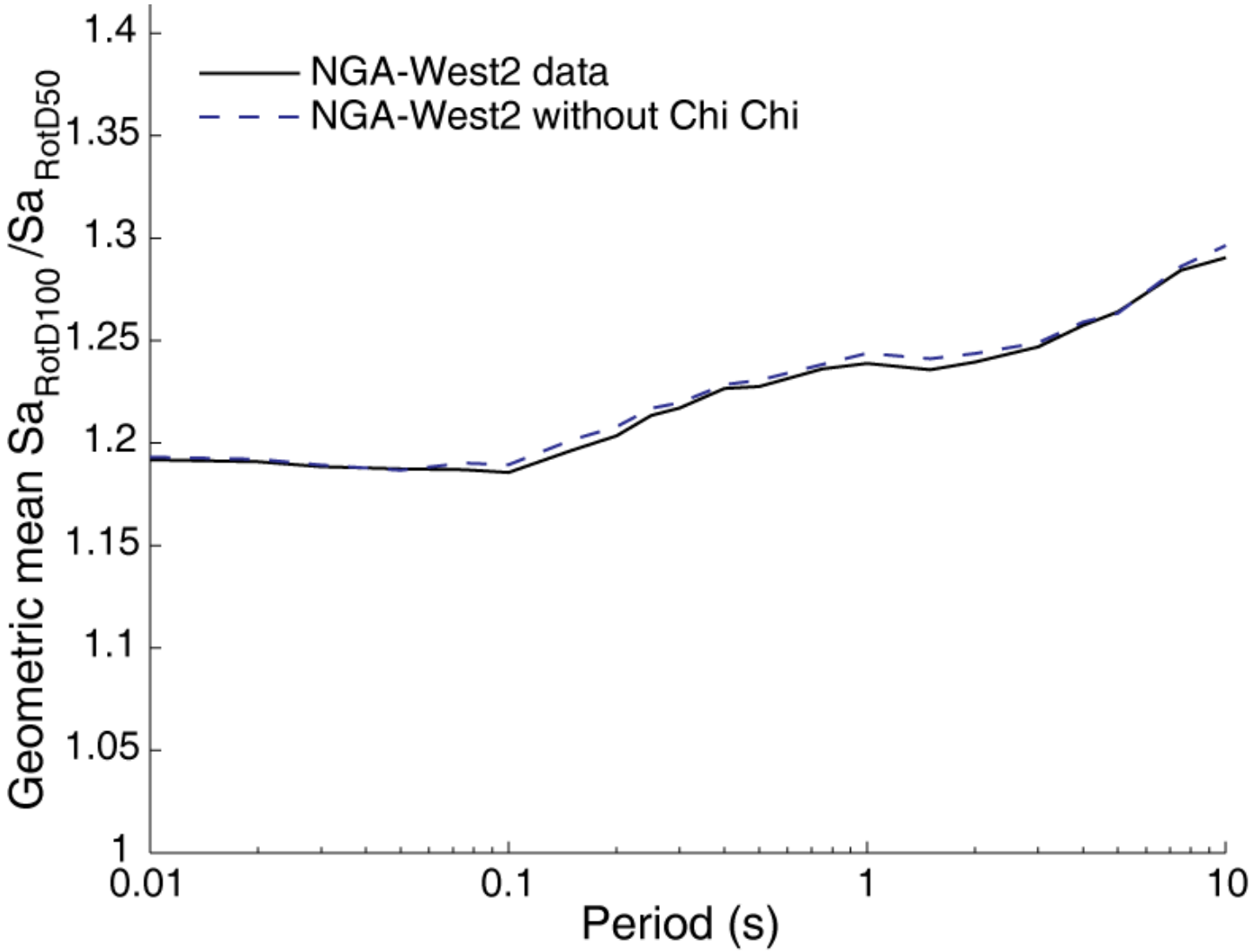
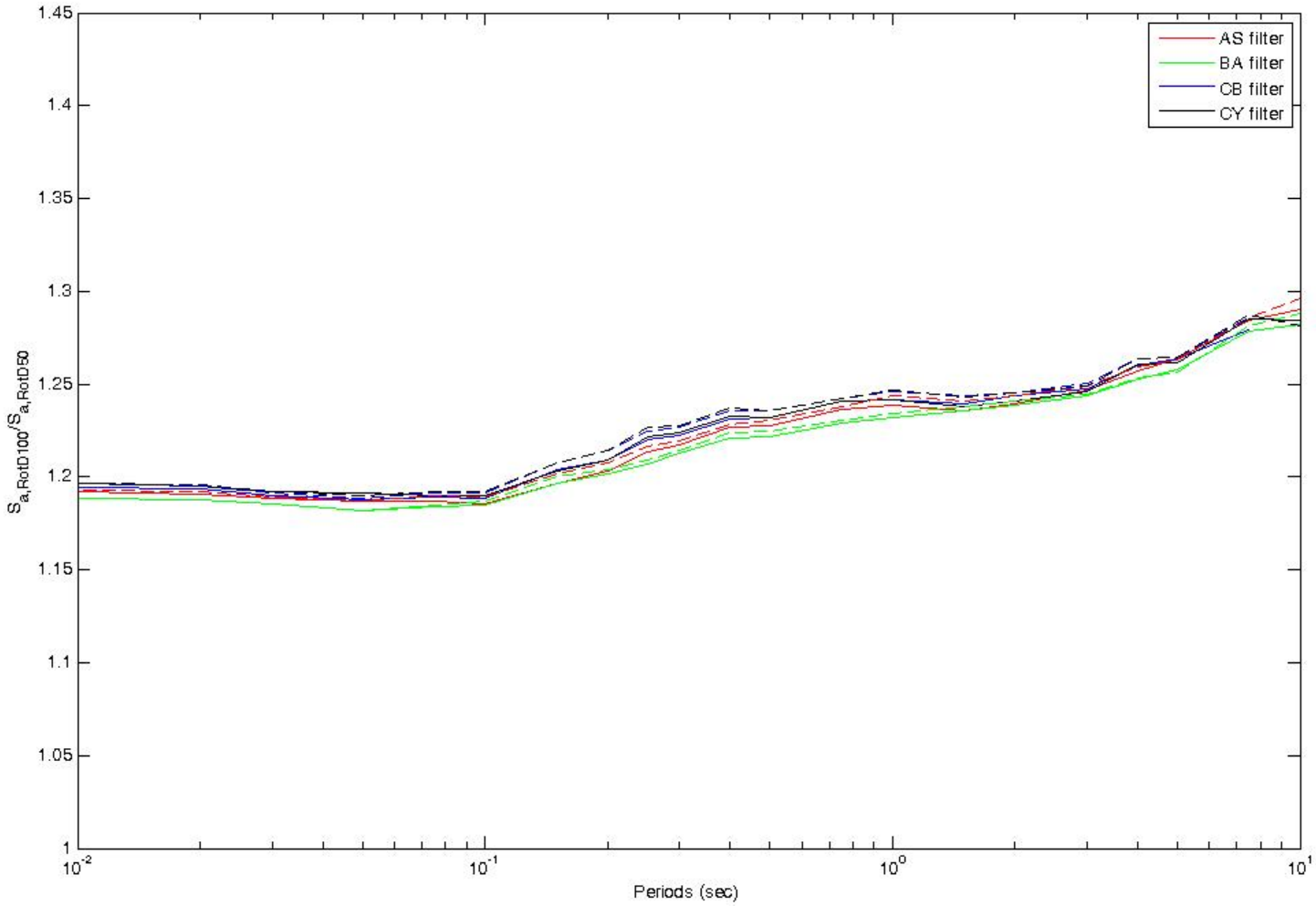


Effect of Chi-Chi



Effect of changing the dataset



Any variation in this ratio with distance (M)?

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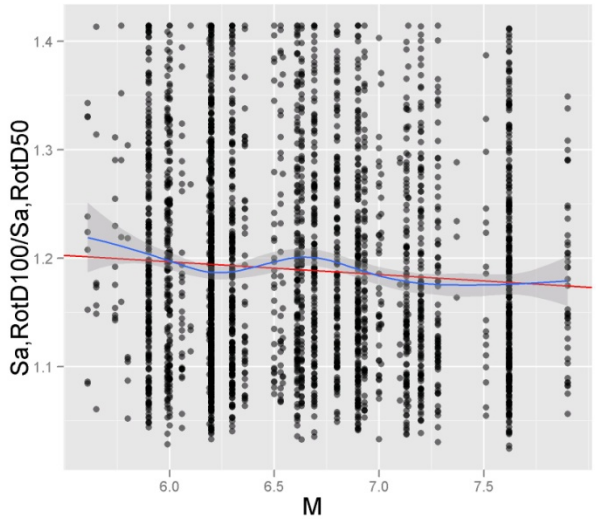

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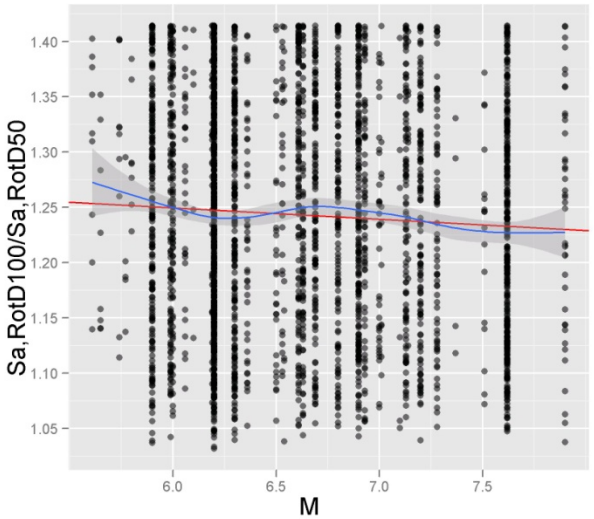

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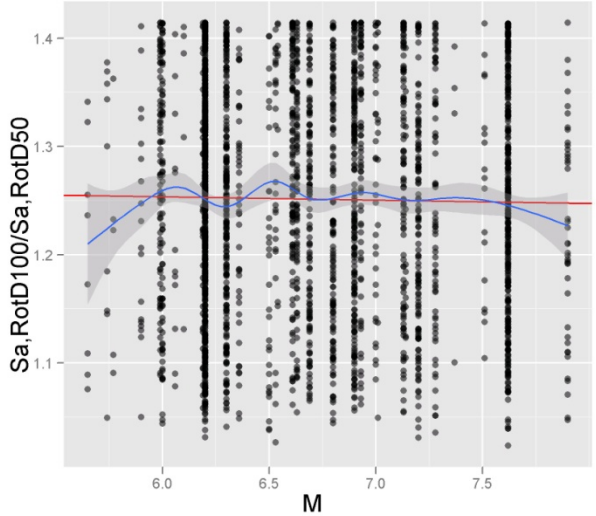

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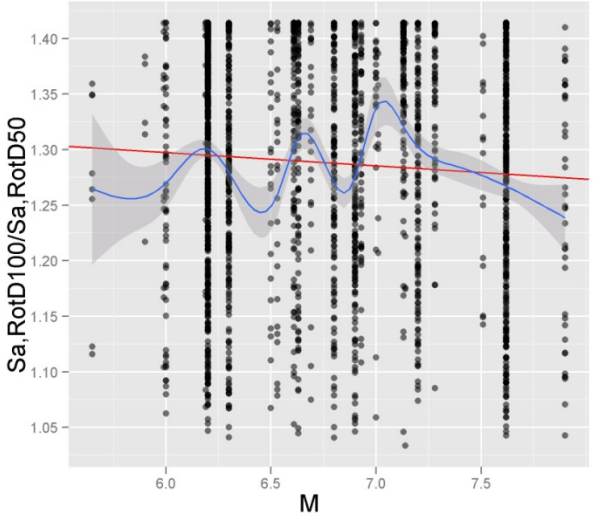

Any variation in this ratio with s? (Strike slip only)

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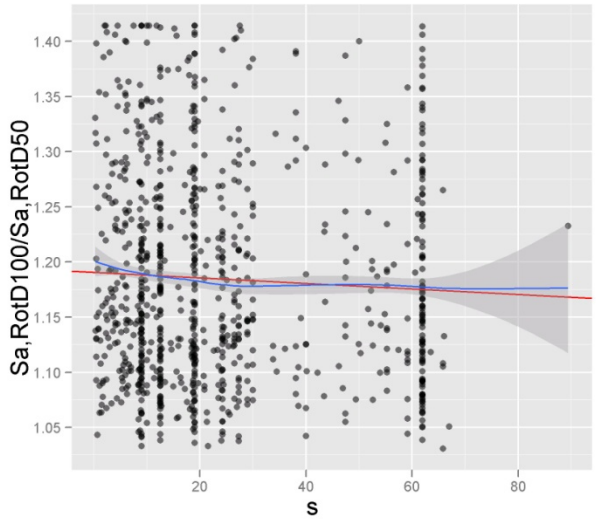

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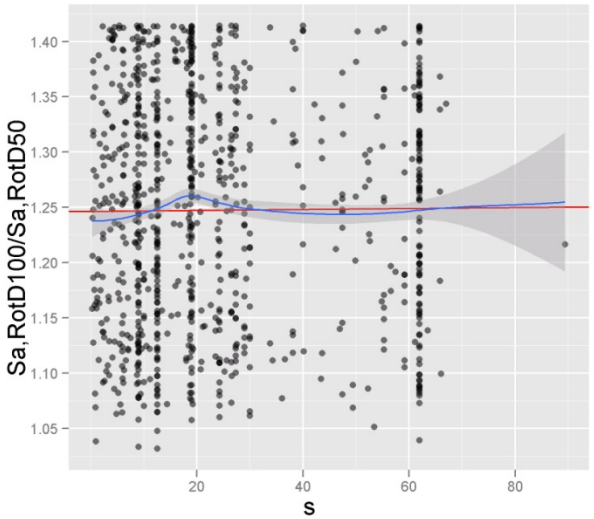

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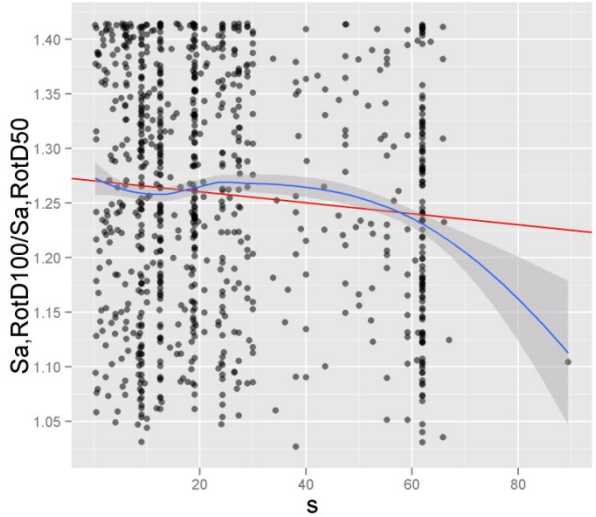

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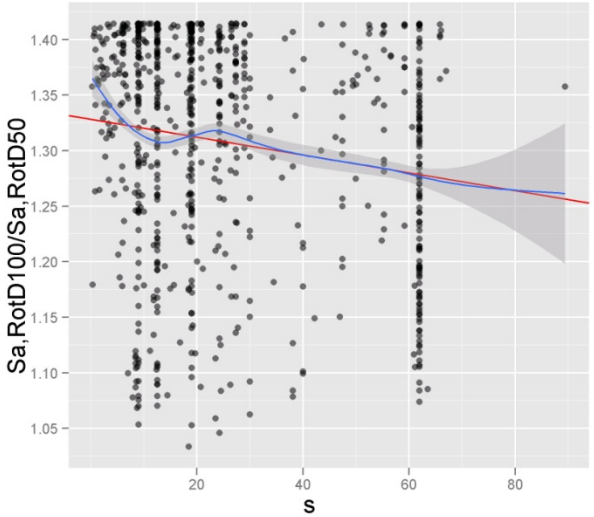

Any variation in this ratio with θ? (Strike slip only)

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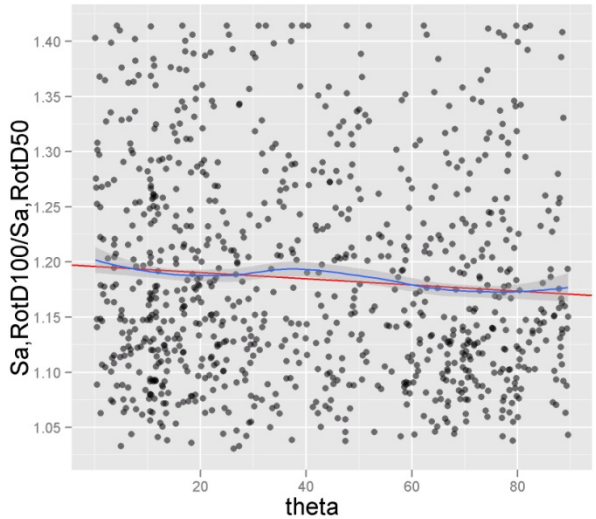

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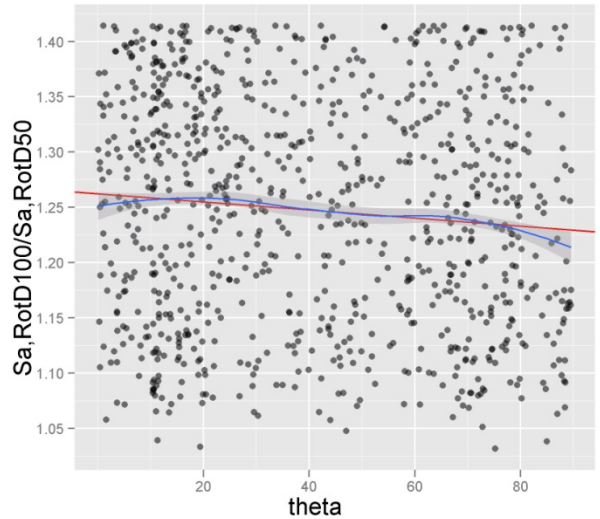

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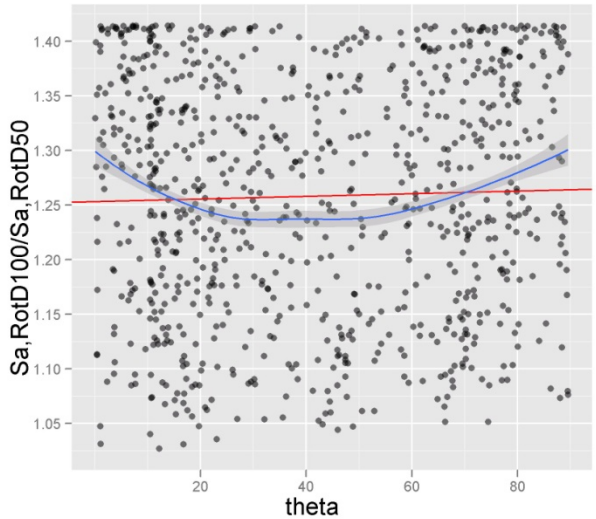

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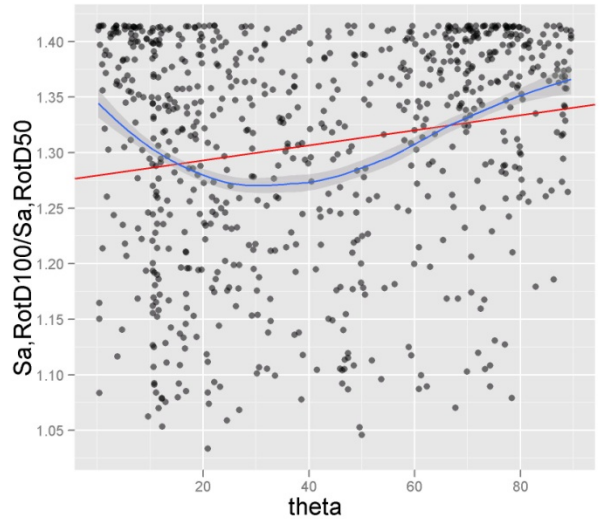

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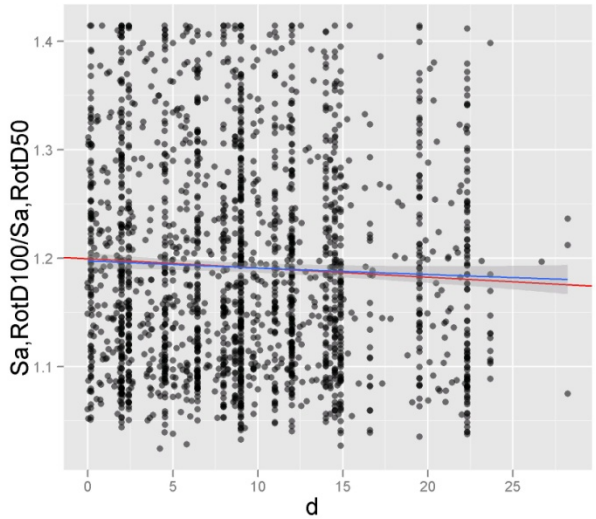

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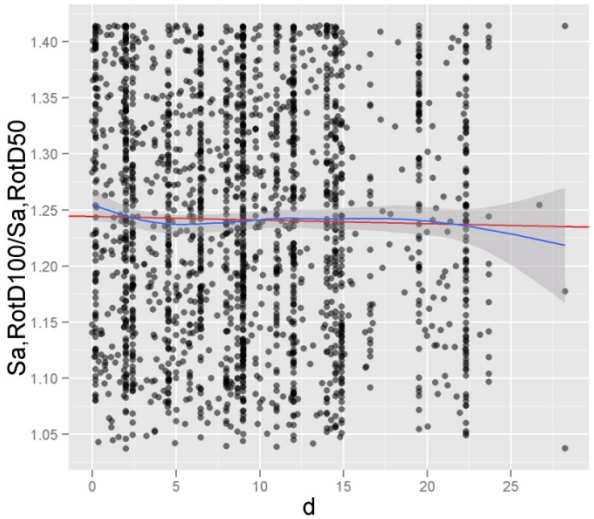

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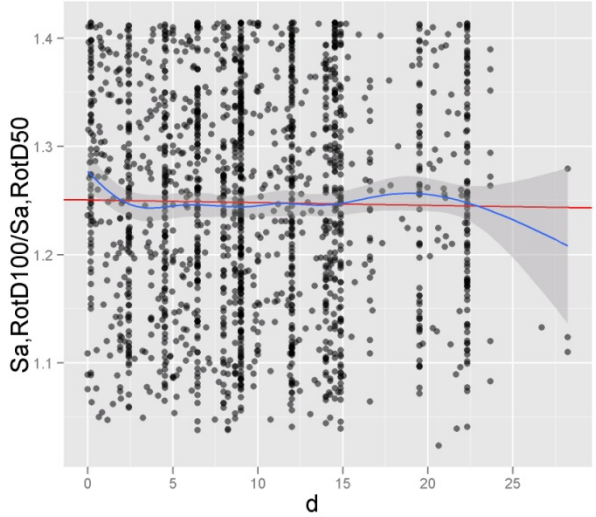

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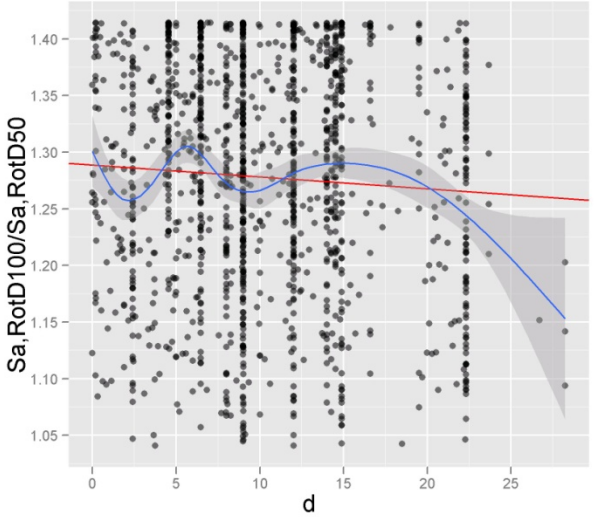

Regression analysis to evaluate significance of above parameters

- Both forward and backward step-wise regression was used to select statistically significant parameters
- Some dependence on M and R (depends upon period)
- Some dependence on directivity parameters at higher periods
- Our recommendation : a simple model dependent on R only

Distribution of α for different M-R bins

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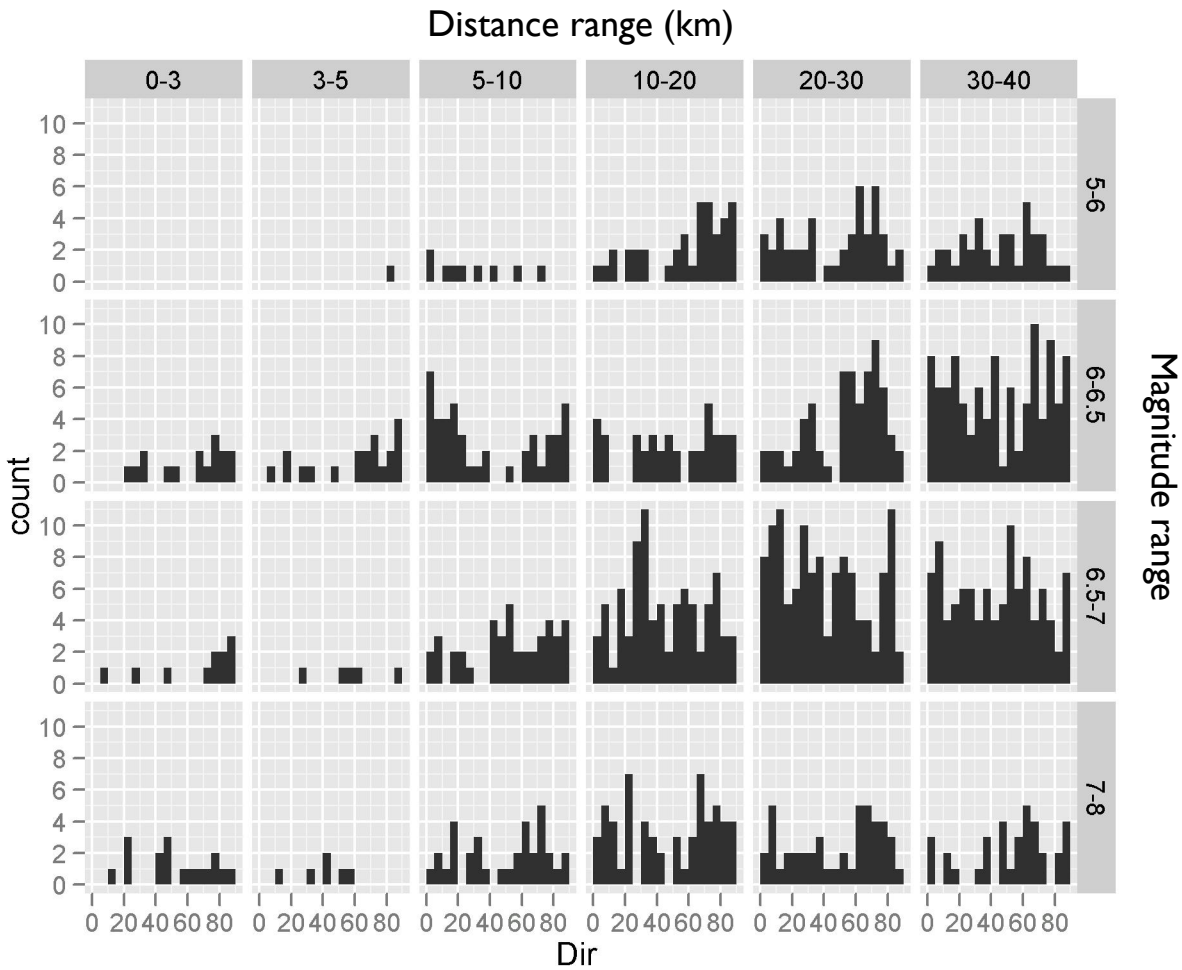
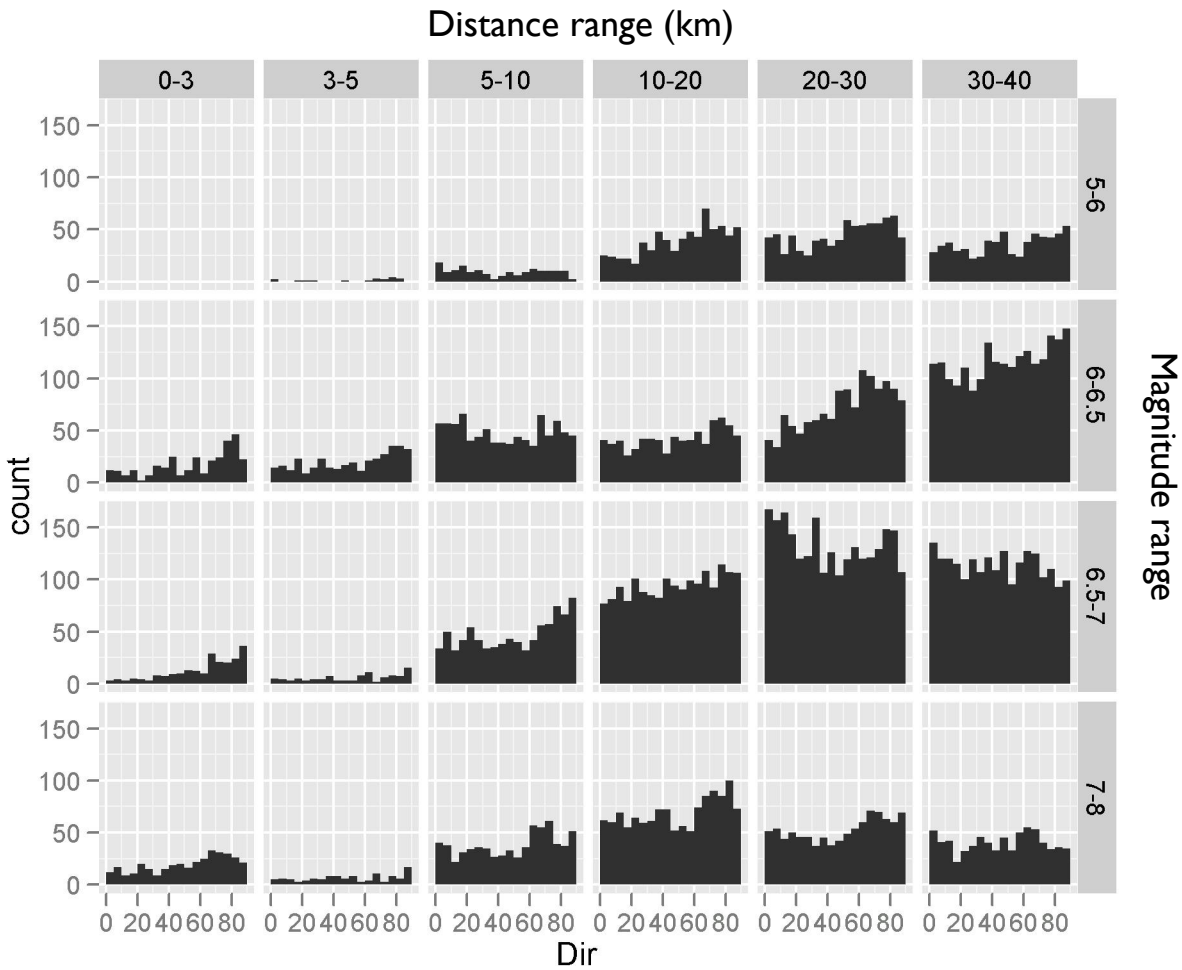


Distribution of α for different M-R bins

Data pooled from all periods



Distribution of α for different R bins

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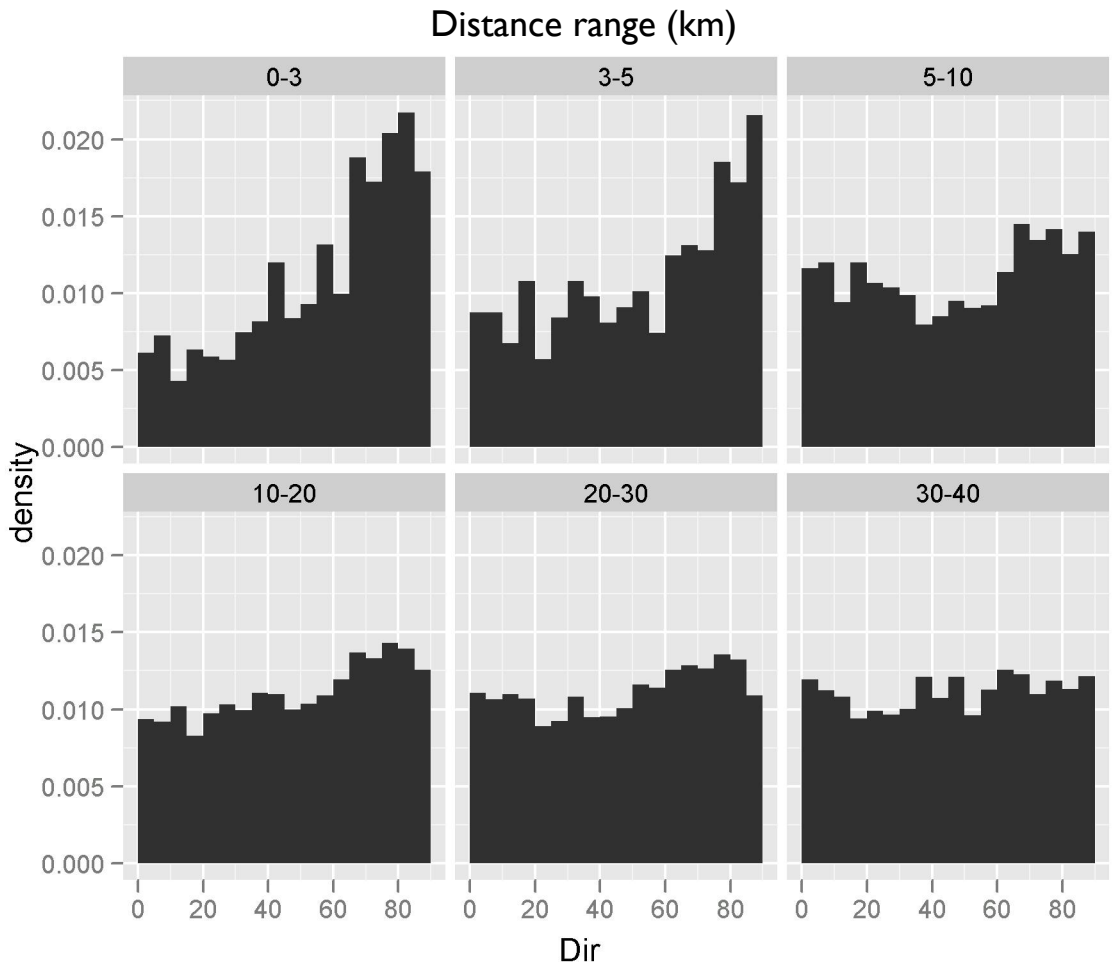
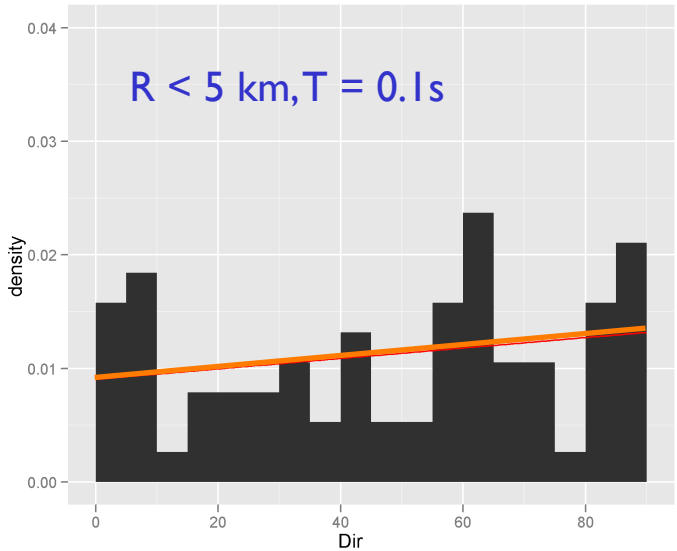
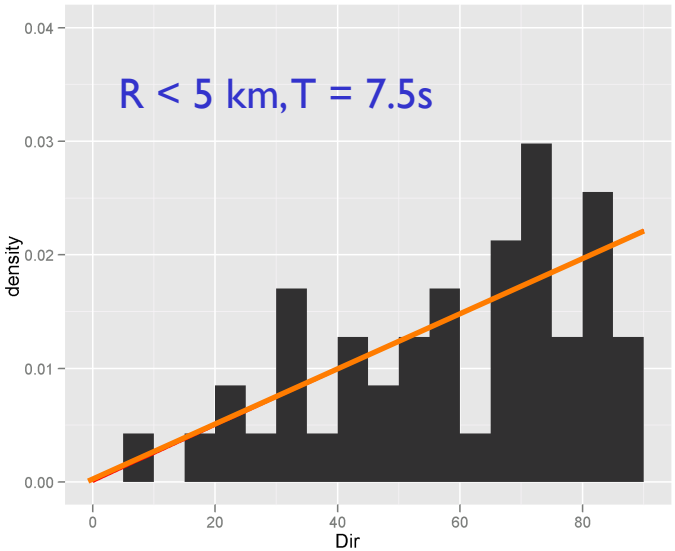


Models for α? Two options:

1. Parametric model for distribution of α (i.e., equation for a probability distribution)
   - Linearly-varying distribution of α for R < 5 km (function of T)
   - Uniform distribution for R > 5 km

2. Just report histogram values at different T for R < 5 km
   - Simpler, but hard to do calculations with





Direction of RotD100 with θ

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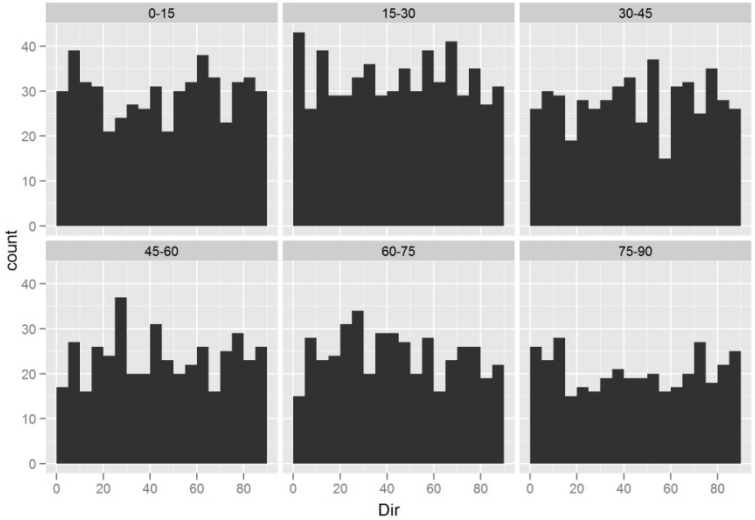

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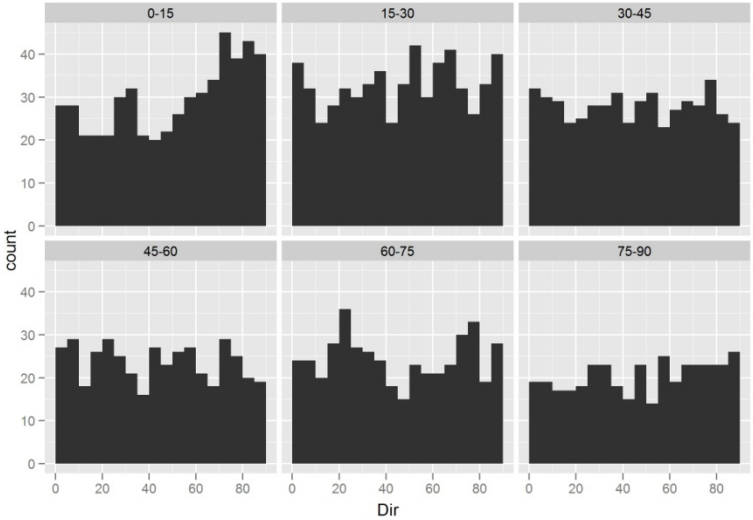

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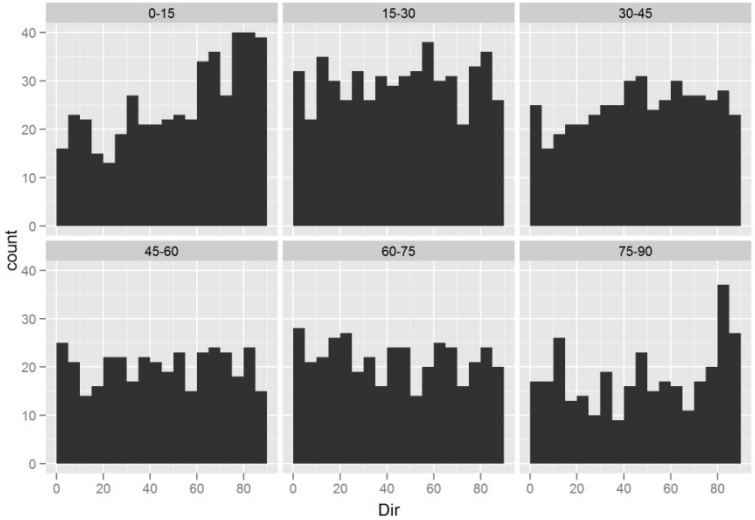

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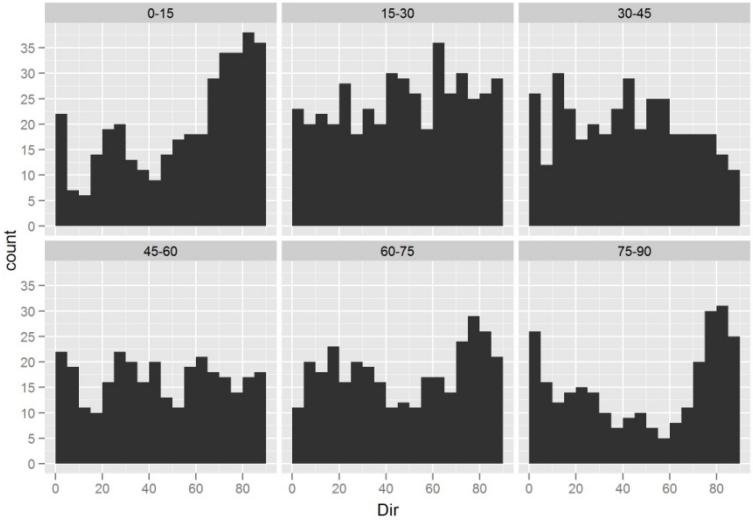
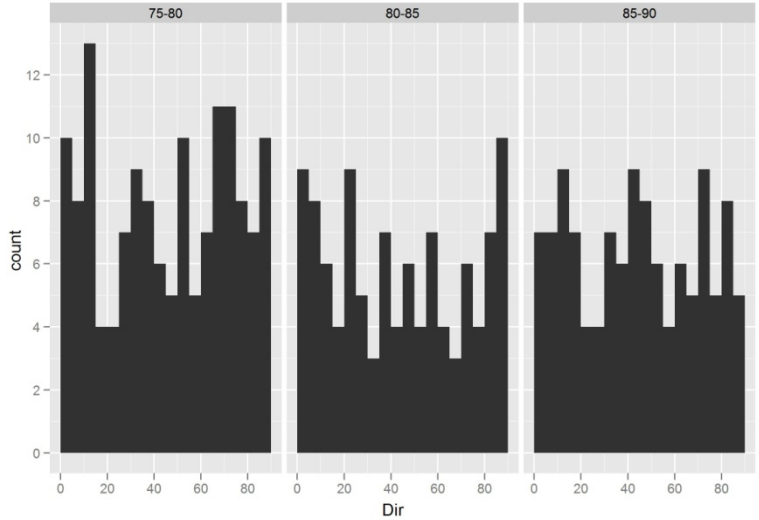


Zooming in towards high θ

T = 0.1 s



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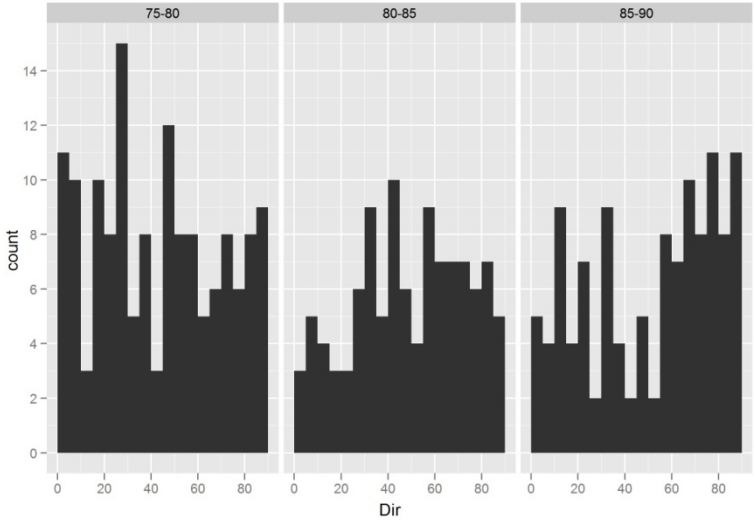

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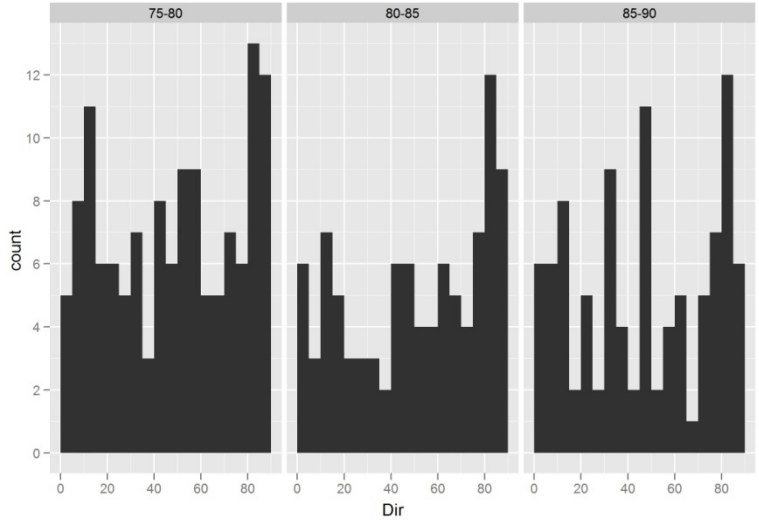

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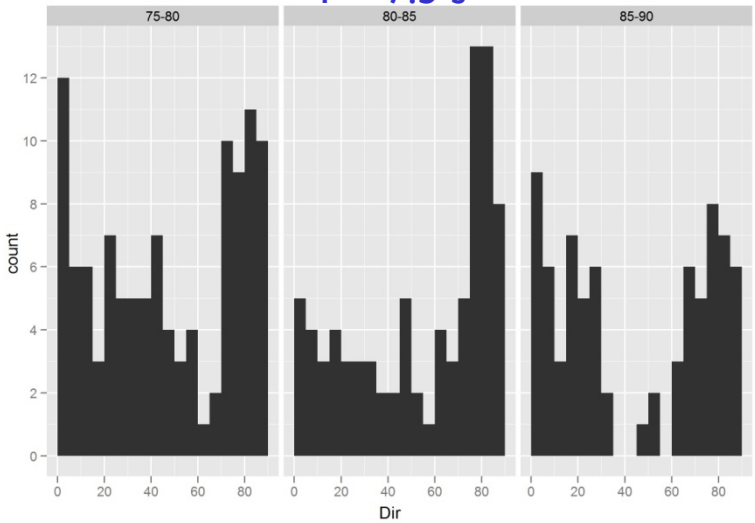

Only records with high amplification

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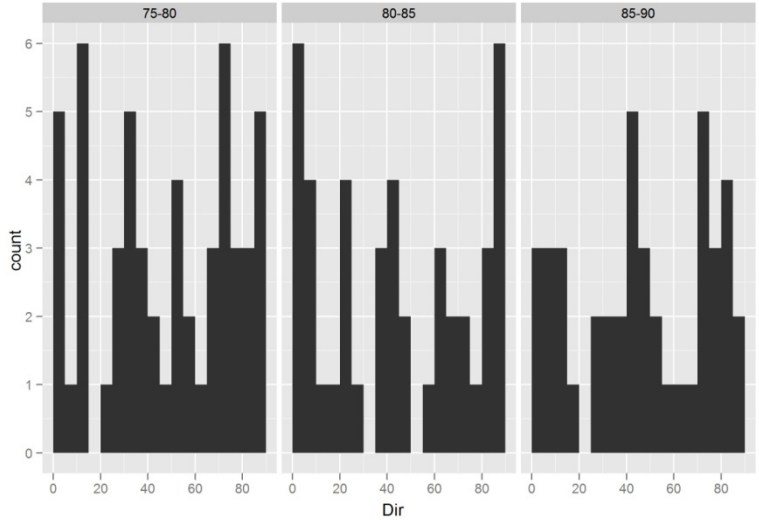

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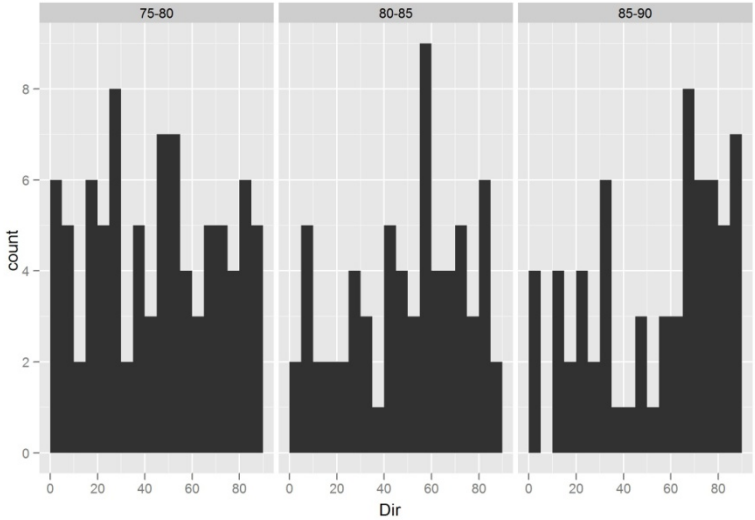

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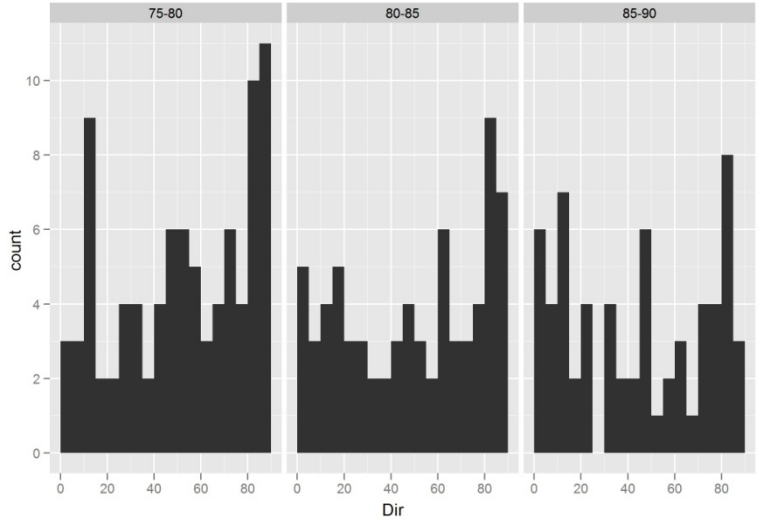

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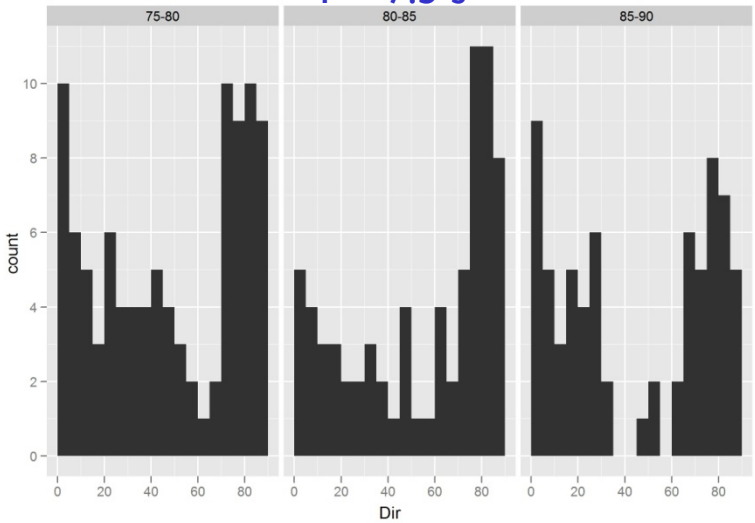
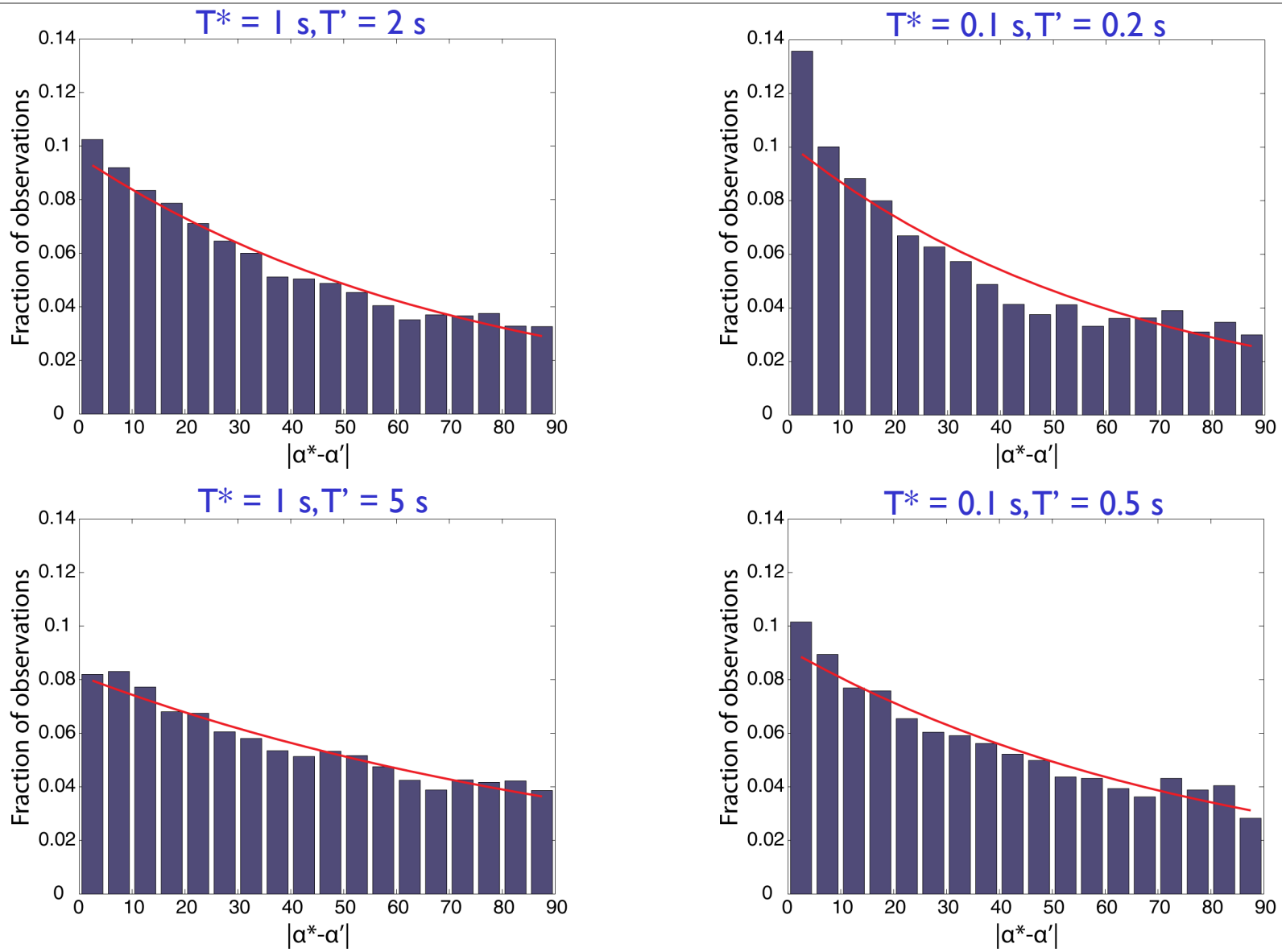


- When θ is high some $S_{a,RotD100}$ values are found in fault parallel orientation. This may be due to the radiation patterns

- Due to low sample size and presence of randomness we cant make confident conclusions.

Distribution of α^*-α' for different T*,T'



Median ratio of $Sa(\Phi)/Sa_{RotD50}$, as a function of distance from $Sa_{RotD100}$ orientation