

# Propagation of uncertainty in the nonlinear site amplification

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# Motivation

## SEISMIC HAZARD ANALYSIS

### SITE RESPONSE

Nonlinear soil behavior      Linear-equivalent  
Selection of input motions      Fully nonlinear

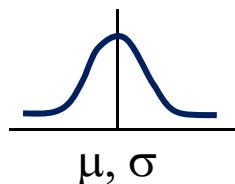
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Fixed soil properties

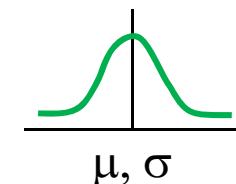
### PSHA

#### Sources of uncertainty

Heterogeneity of soil profile  
Ground motion selection



SITE PROFILE + INPUT MOTION

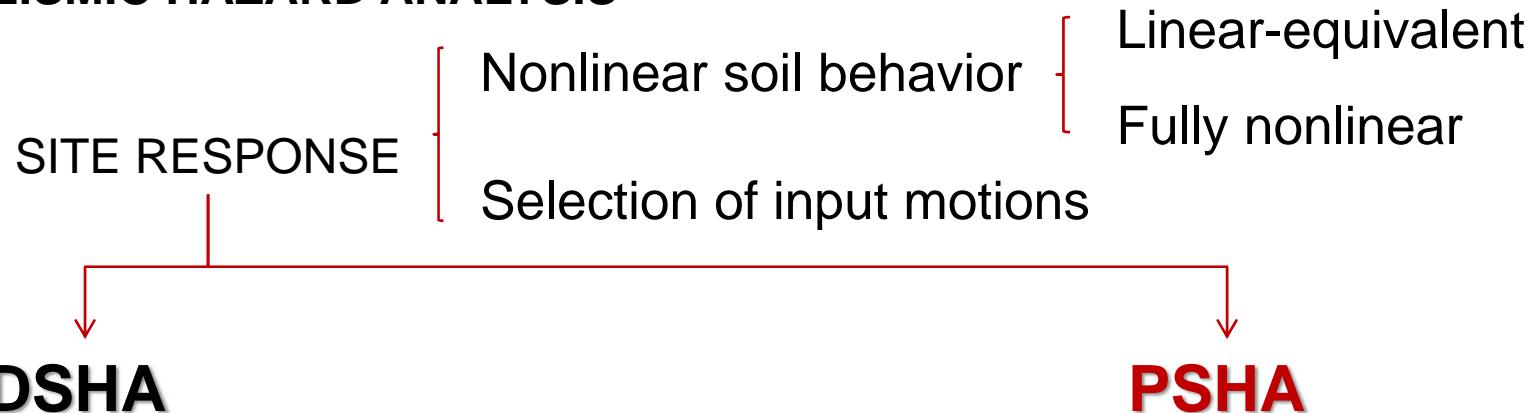


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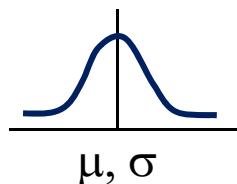
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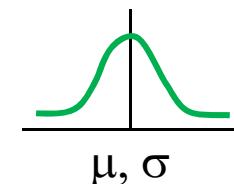
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# Outline

- CONSTITUTIVE MODEL
- METHODOLOGY
- RESULTS
- CONCLUSIONS



# Constitutive Model

**Hypoplasticity:**

$$\overset{o}{\dot{\mathbf{T}}} = \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{D}, e, \mathbf{h})$$

$$\overset{o}{\dot{\mathbf{T}}} = \mathbf{L} : \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{N} \|\mathbf{D}\|$$

$\overset{o}{\mathbf{T}}$  : Co-rotated Zaremba-Jauman stress rate

$\mathbf{D}$  : Strain rate tensor

$\mathbf{L}$  : 4th order tensor associated to the linear part of the eq.

$\mathbf{N}$  : 2nd order tensor associated to the nonlinear part of the eq.

**Visco-hypoplasticity (including Intergranular strain):**

$$\overset{o}{\mathbf{T}} = f_b \mathbf{M} : \mathbf{D} - \mathbf{L} : \mathbf{D}^{vis}$$

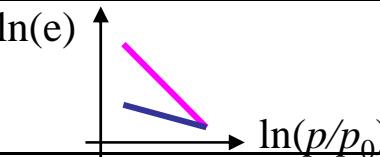
$f_b$  : Barotropy function.

$\mathbf{M}$  : Fourth order tensor that represent the tangential stiffness

# Constitutive Model

## Parameters

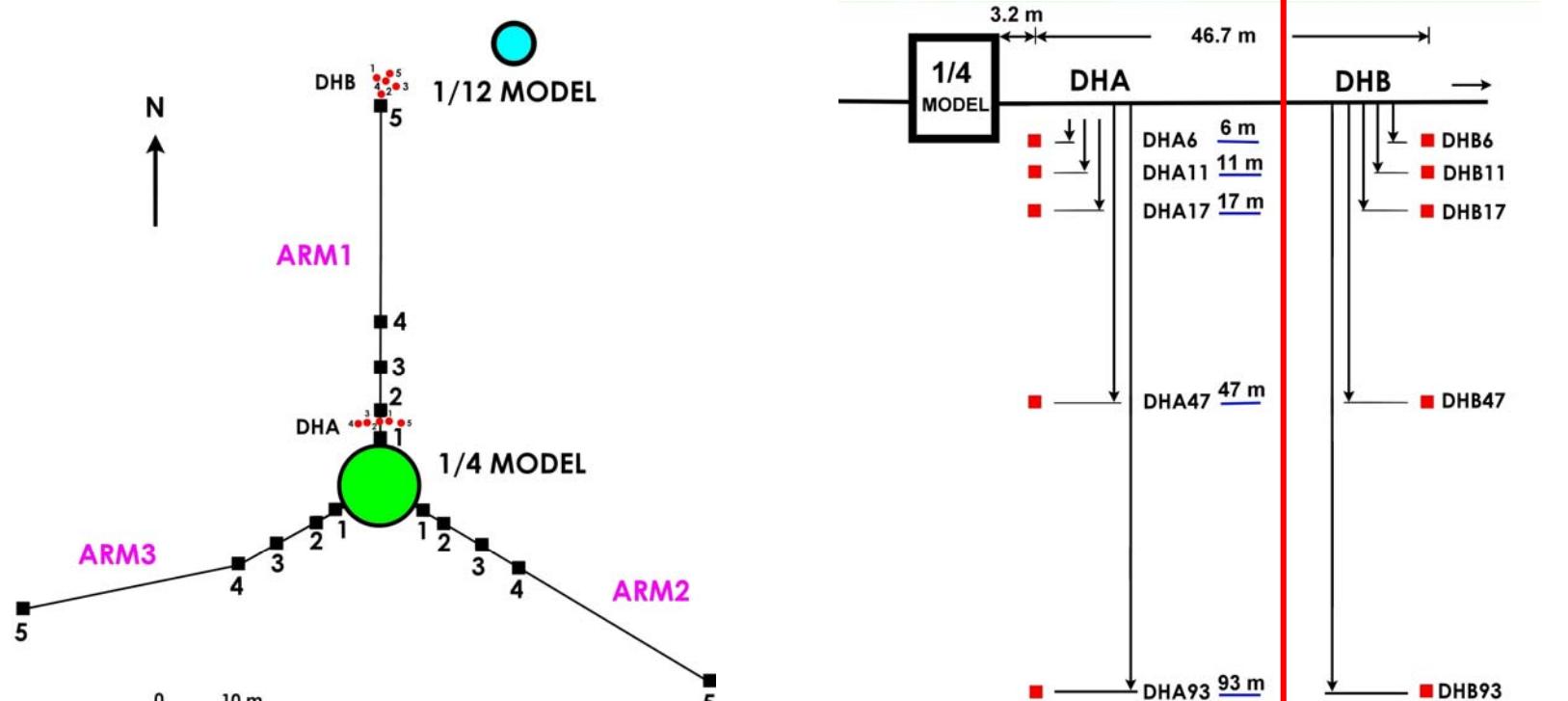
Visco-hypoplasticity	
$\varphi_c$	Critical friction angle
$\lambda$	Normal consolidation line
$\kappa$	Recompression line
$\beta_R$	Control parameter for generation of pore pressure considering an ellipsoidal yield surface
$I_v$	Viscosity index
$D_r$	Reference creep rate
$e_{100}$	Void ratio for $p = 100$ kPa on the isotropic consolidation line
Intergranular strain	
$m_R, m_T$	Characteristic stiffness for a strain path reversal ( $180^\circ$ ) and transversal direction ( $90^\circ$ )
$R$	Radius of elastic range
$\chi$	Material constant used for interpolation
$\beta_x$	Material constant which controls the rate of $h$



# Site Response Using a Visco-hypoplastic model

## ■ Case study: Large Scale Seismic Test LSST Lotung (Taiwan):

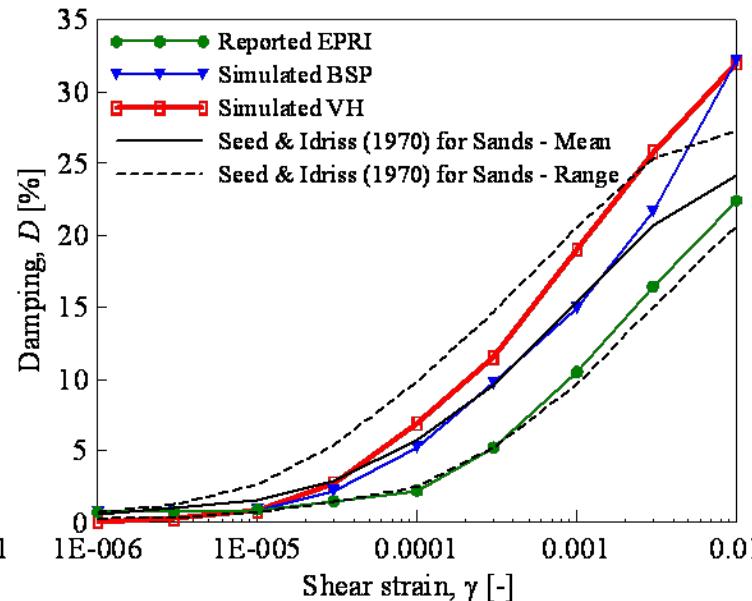
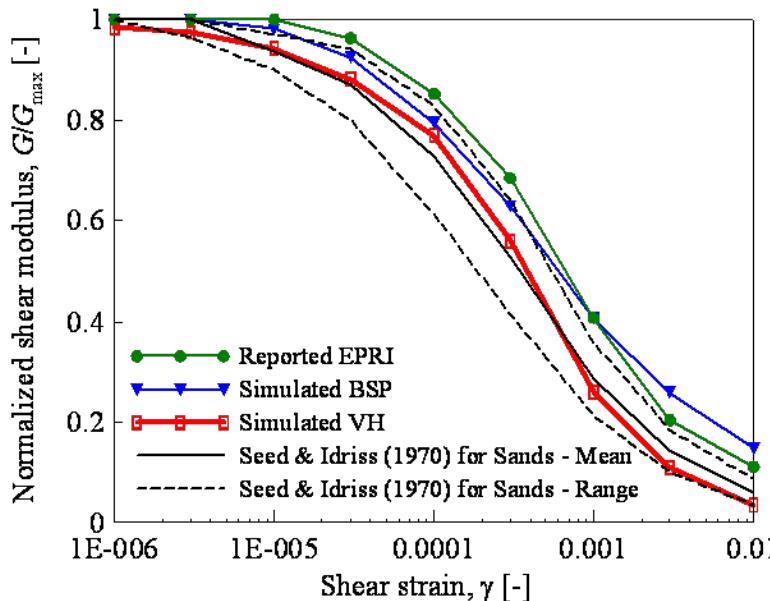
- ✓ U.S Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) + Taiwan Power Company (1985)
- ✓ 2 model structures: 1/4-scaled and 1/12-scaled
- ✓ 2 downhole arrays: DHA and DHB
- ✓ 3 component accelerometers
- ✓ 18 earthquake records: Sept 1985 – Nov 1986



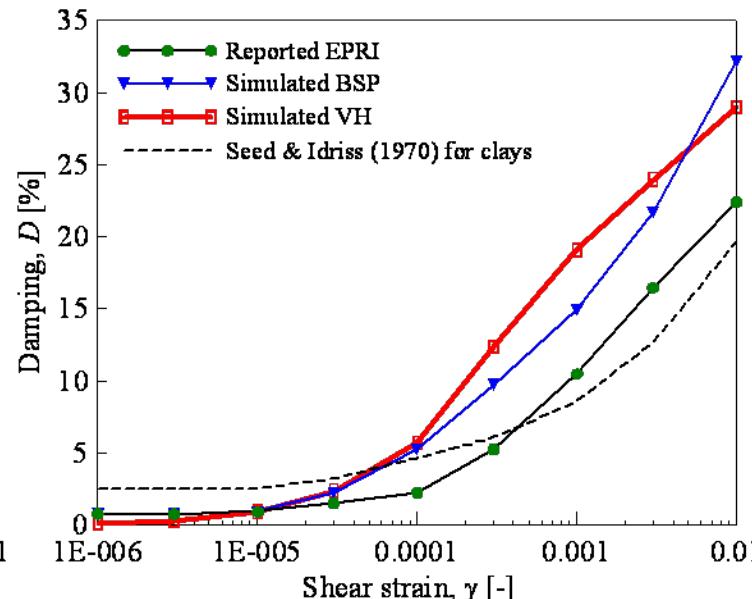
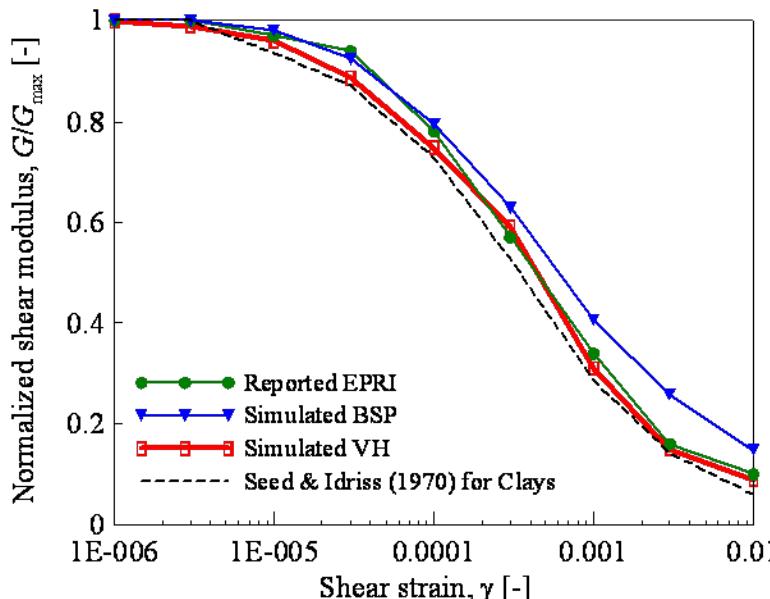
<http://www.earth.sinica.edu.tw/en/index.html>

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## Granular soils



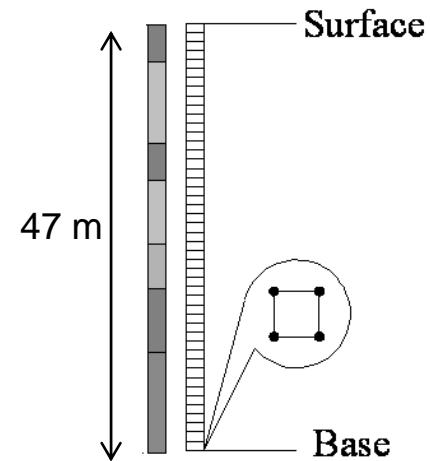
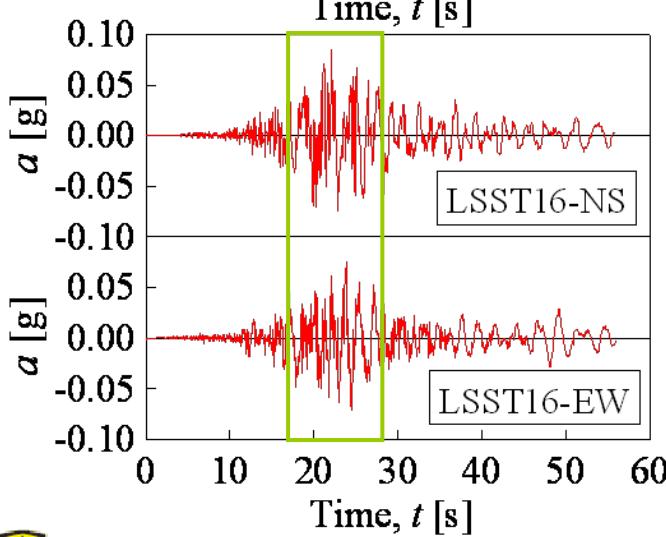
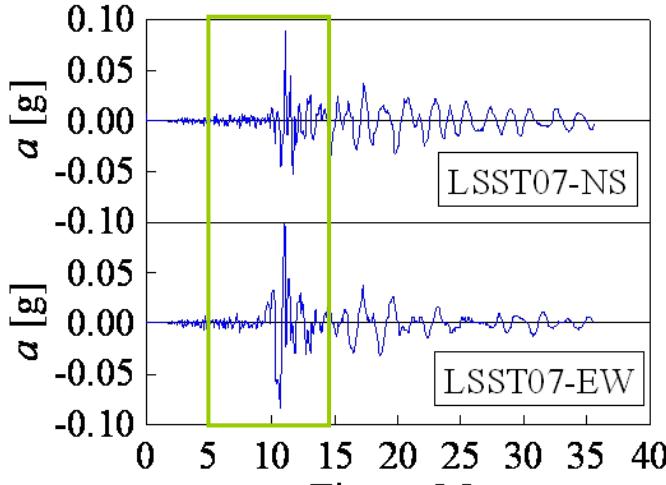
## Fine-grained soils



# Site Response Using a Visco-hypoplastic model

- Implementation of the constitutive model:

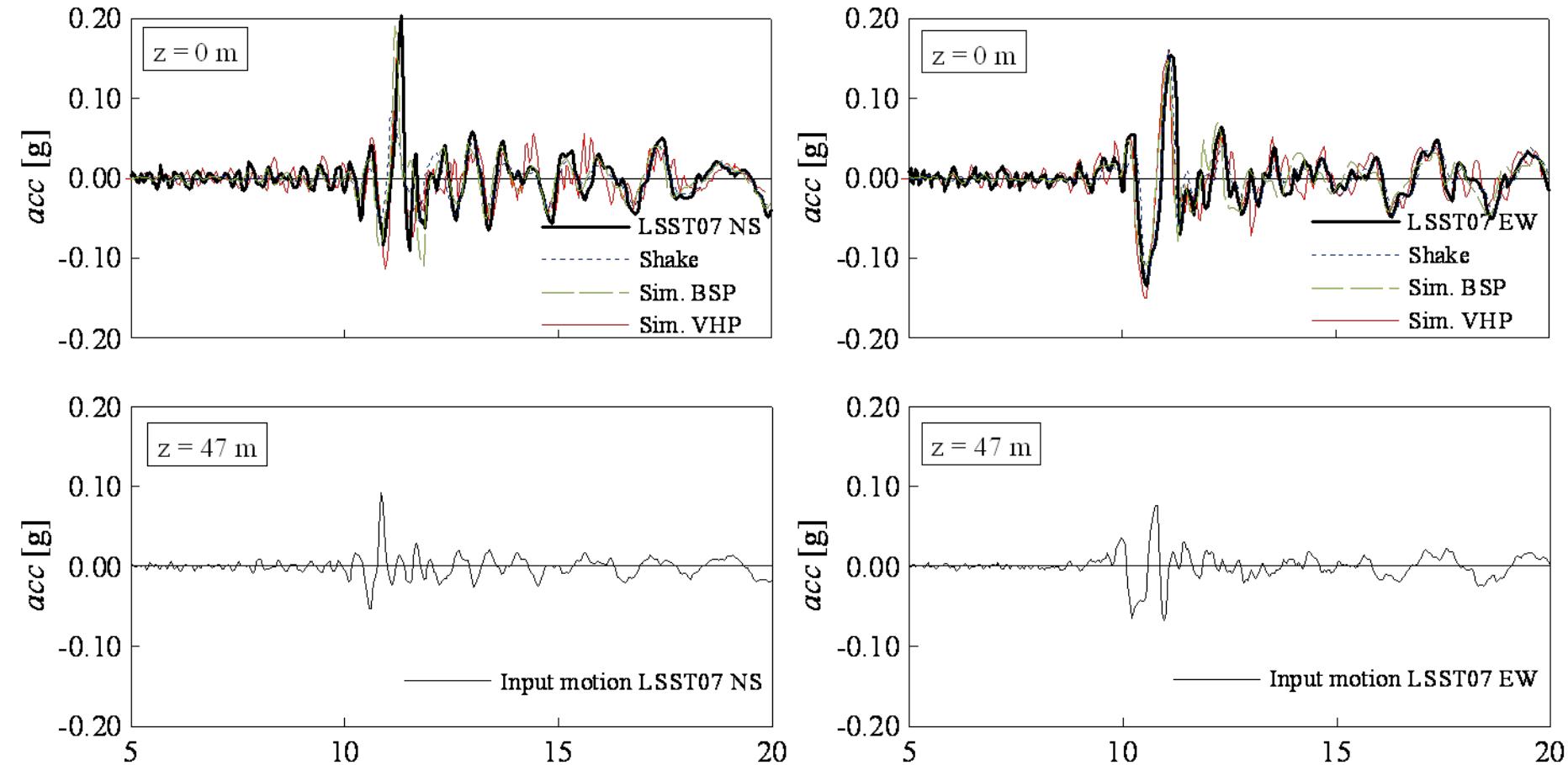
ABAQUS + user-defined subroutine



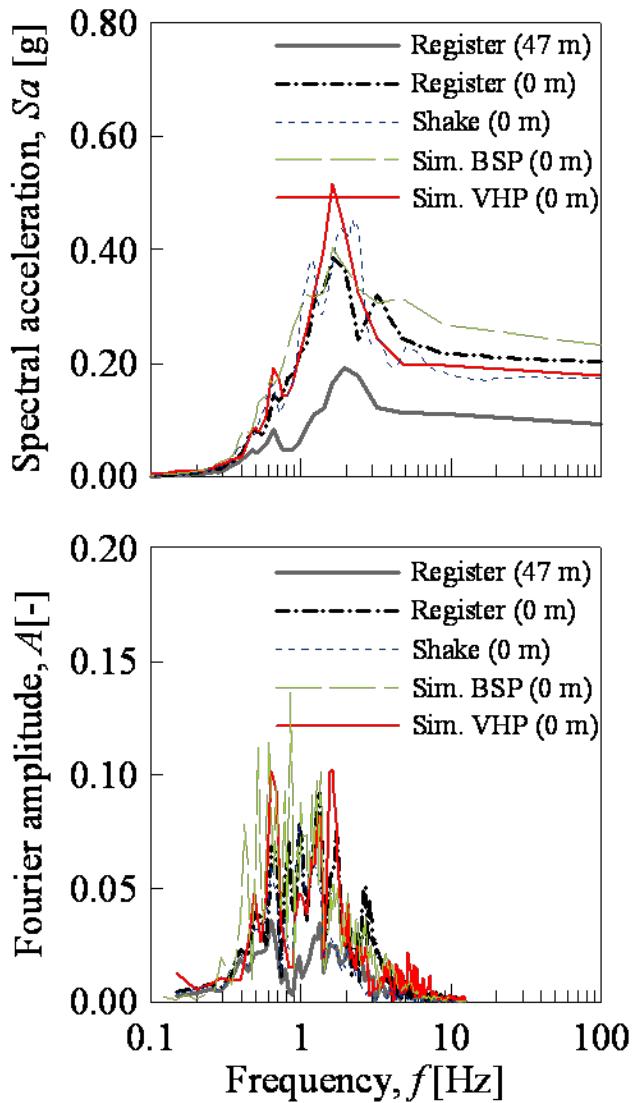
EVENT	LSST07	LSST16
Date	05/20/1986	11/14/1986
Closest distance [km]	64	39
Moment Magnitude [ $M_w$ ]	6.4	7.3
Focal depth [km]	15.8	6.9
PGA, NS [g]	0.207	0.17
PGA, EW [g]	0.156	0.13
Time increment, $\Delta t$ [s]	0.04	0.04

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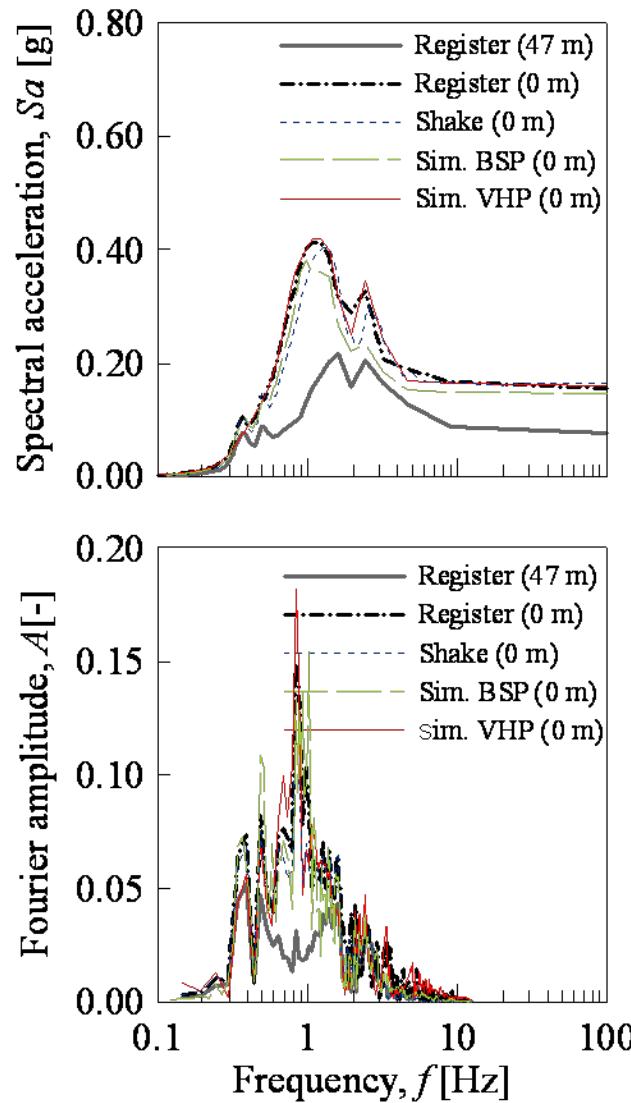
- Results LSST07



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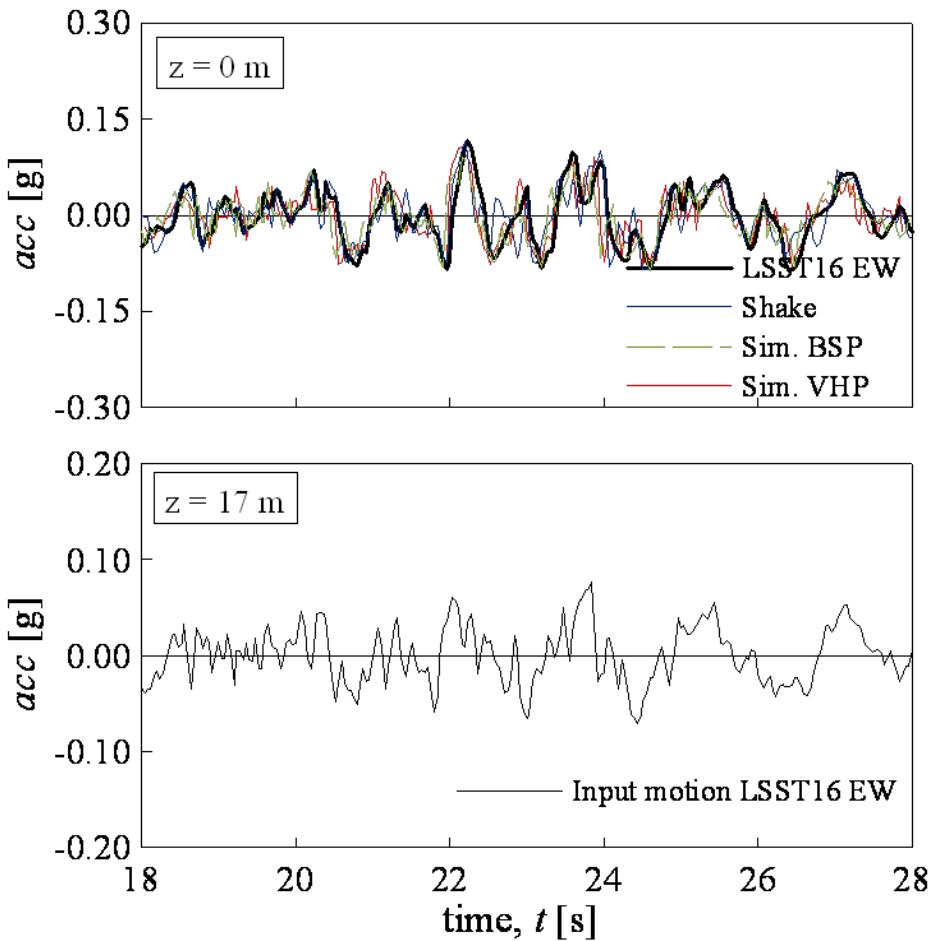
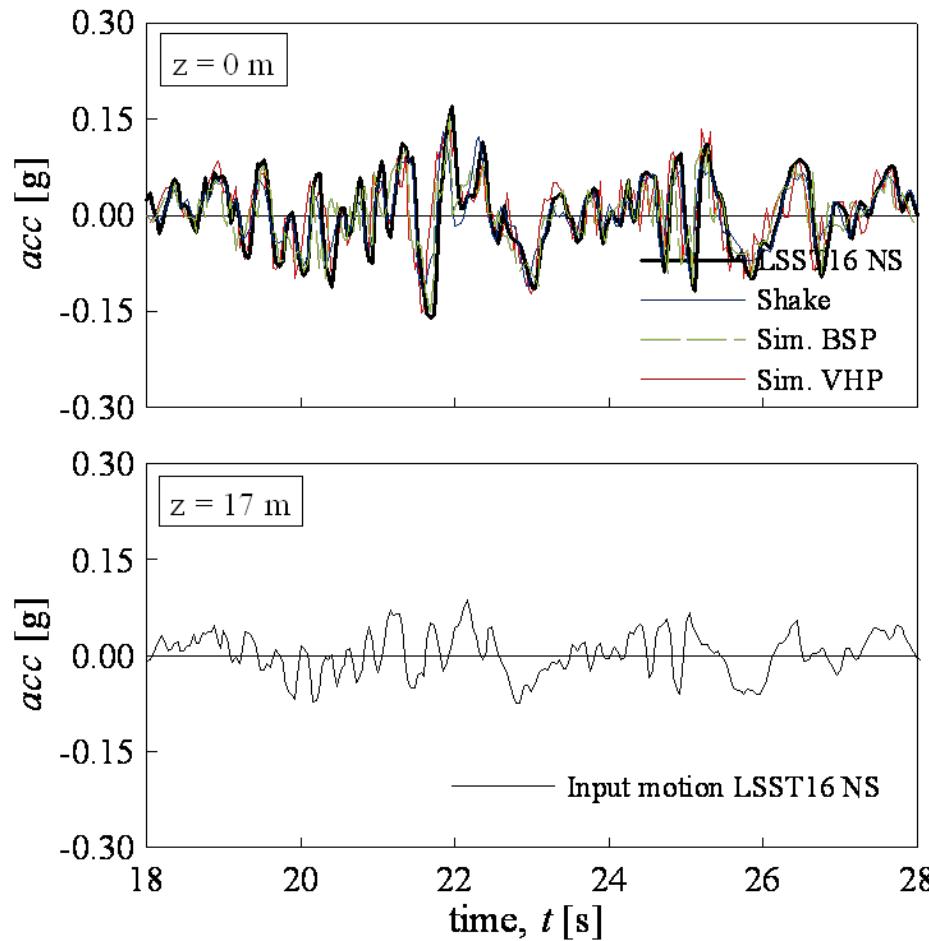
Lotung Case DHB - Event LSST07 NS



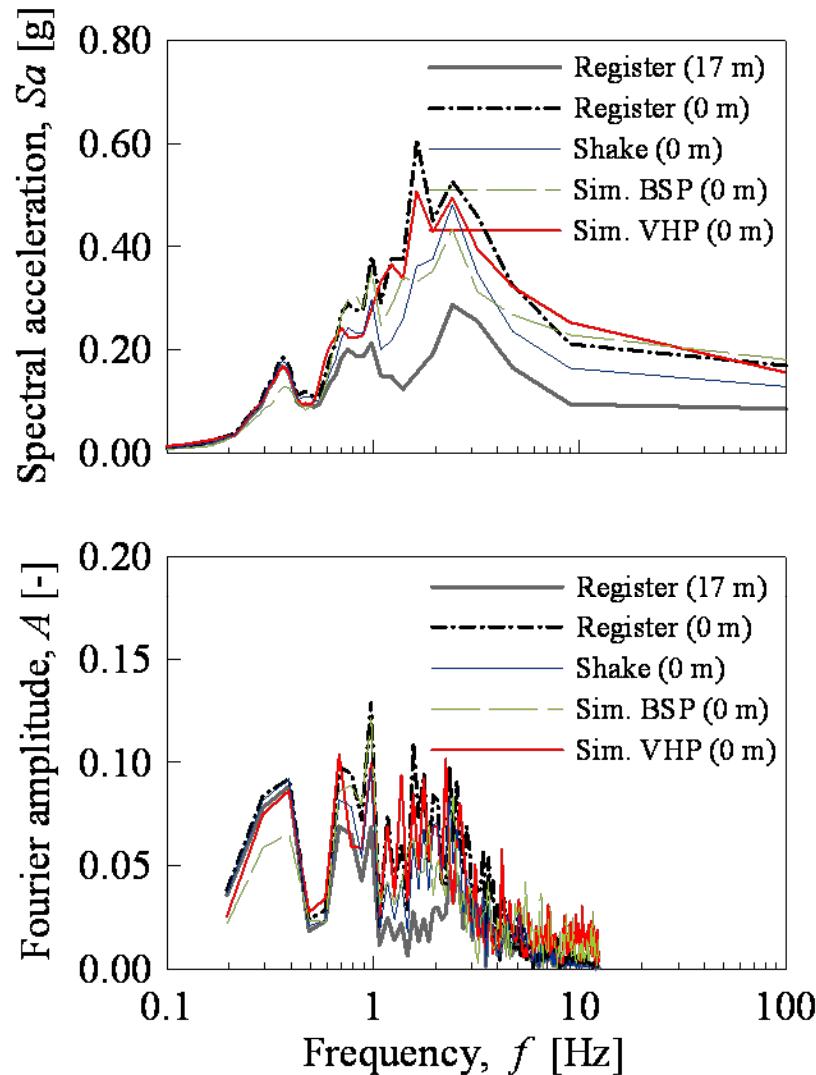
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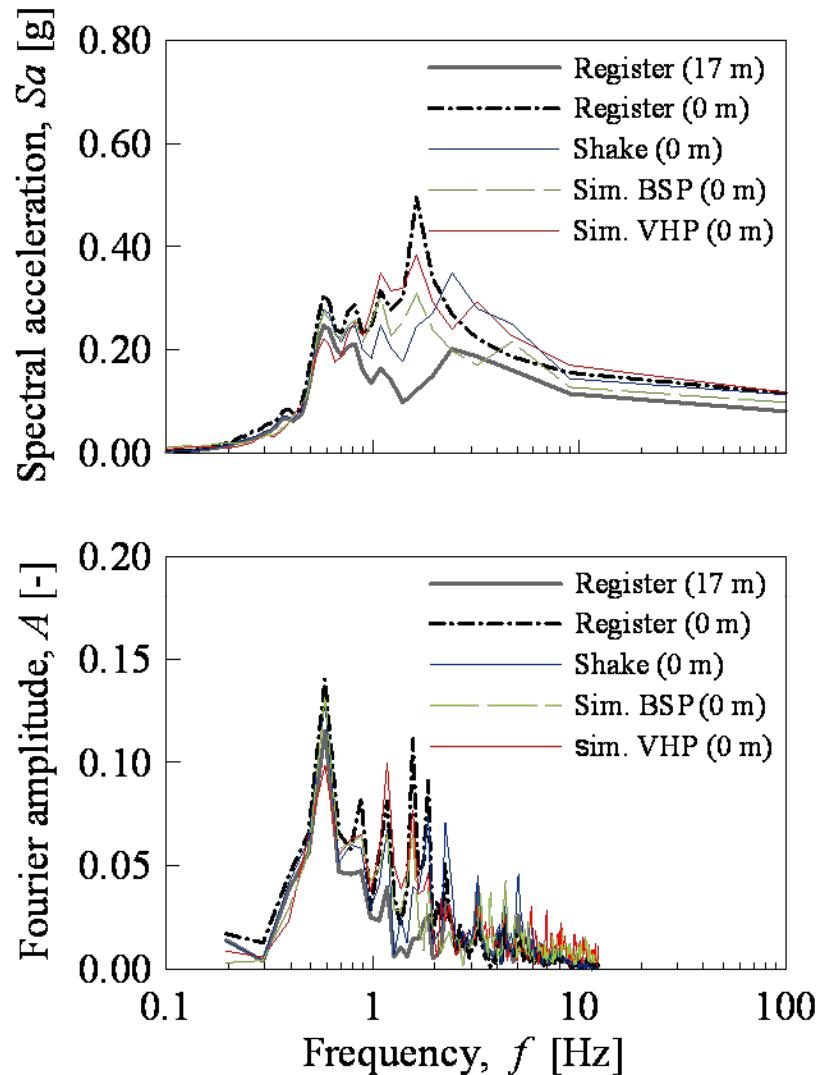
- Results LSST16



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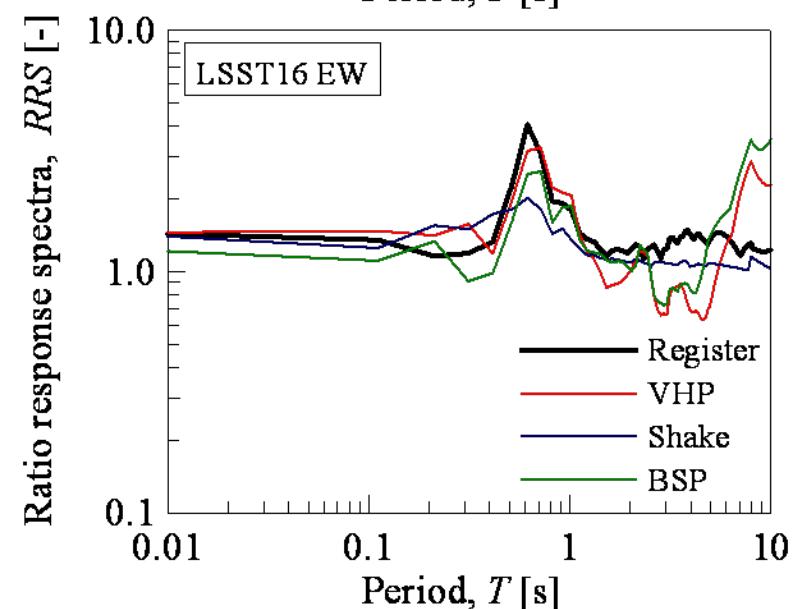
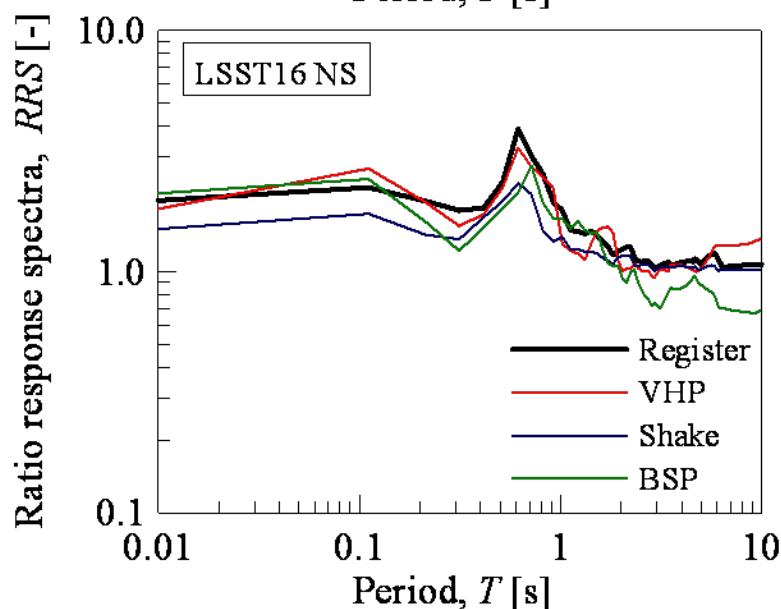
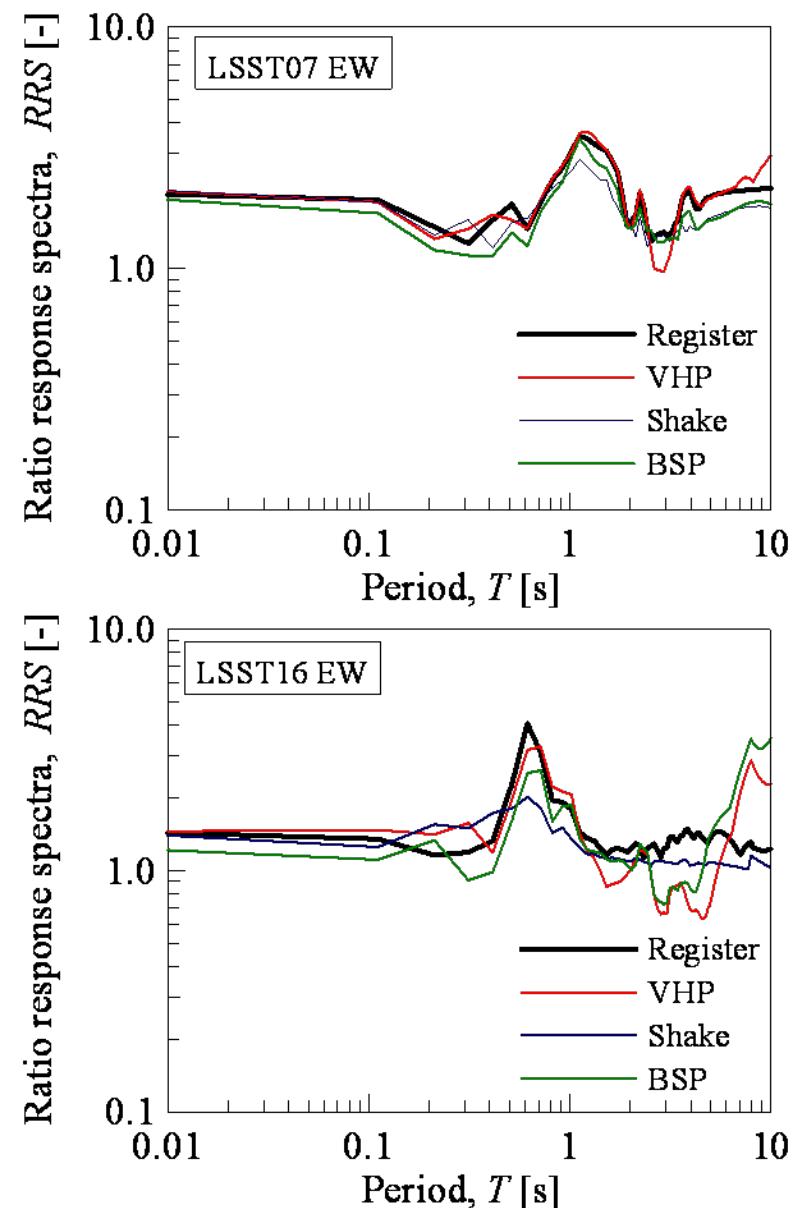
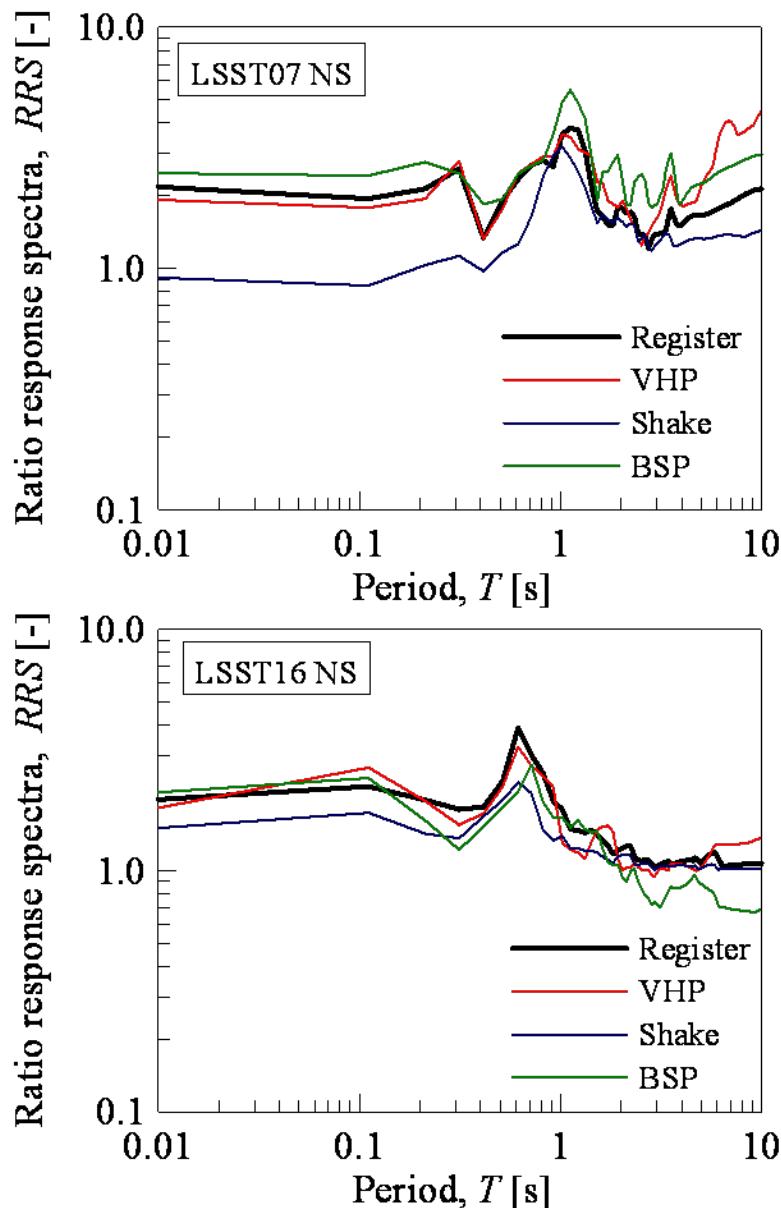


Lotung Case DHB - Event LSST16 NS



Lotung Case DHB - Event LSST16 EW

# Site Response Using a Visco-hypoplastic model



# Uncertainty in Site Properties

Linear -equivalent characterization:

Shear wave velocity  $V_S$



Visco-hypoplastic parameters

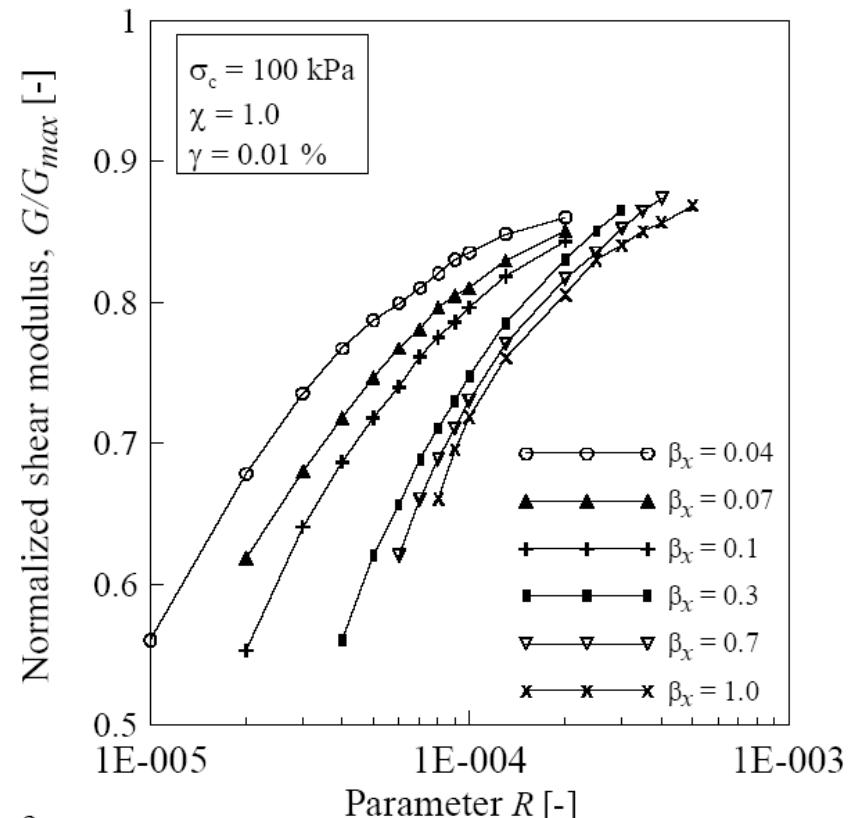
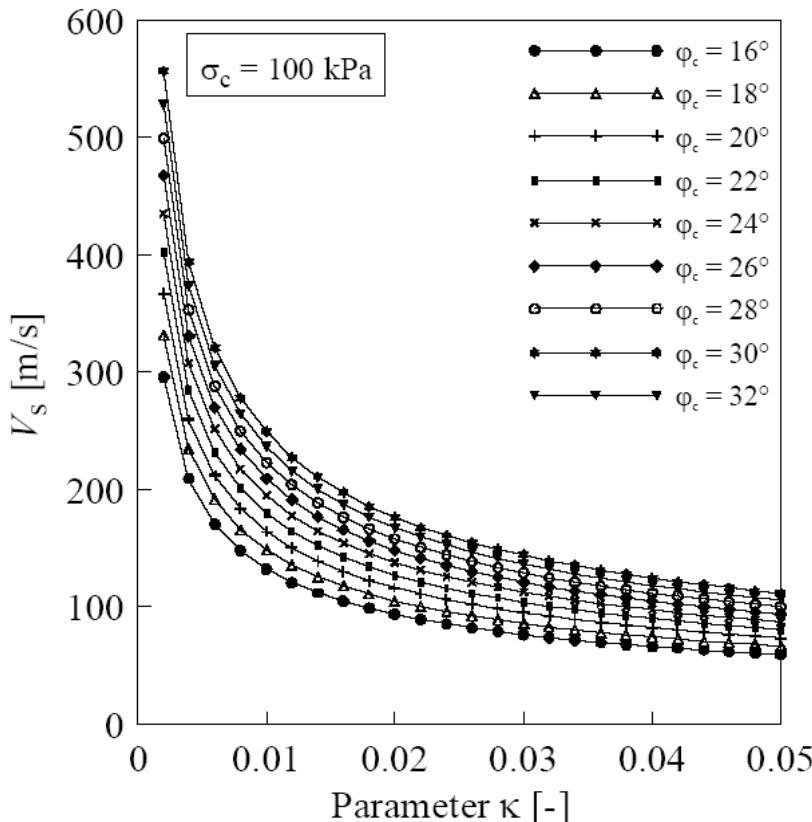
$\kappa, \varphi_c$

Dynamic curves

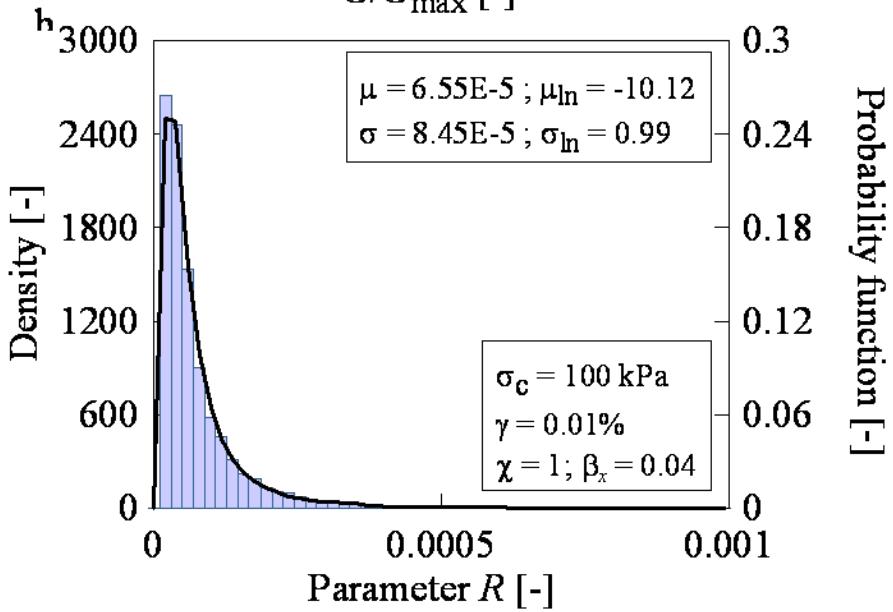
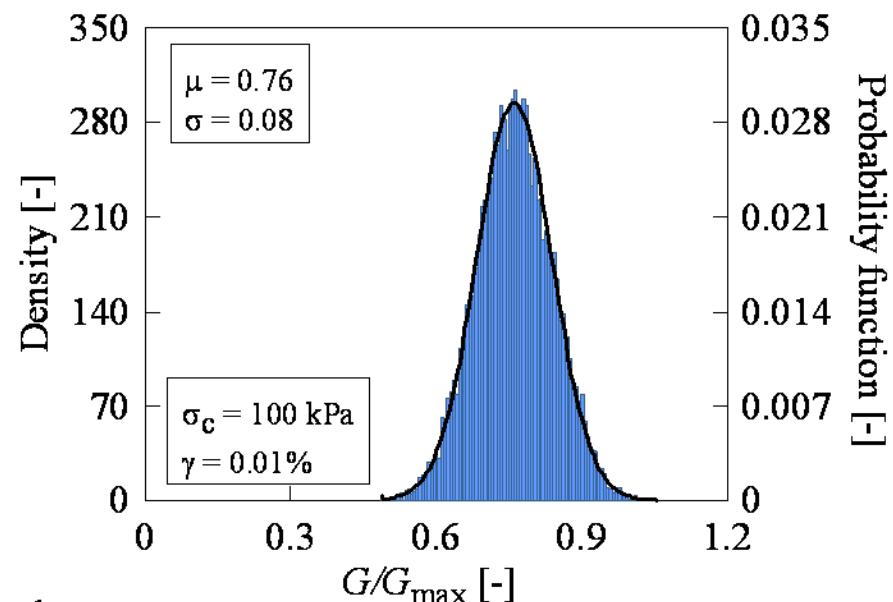
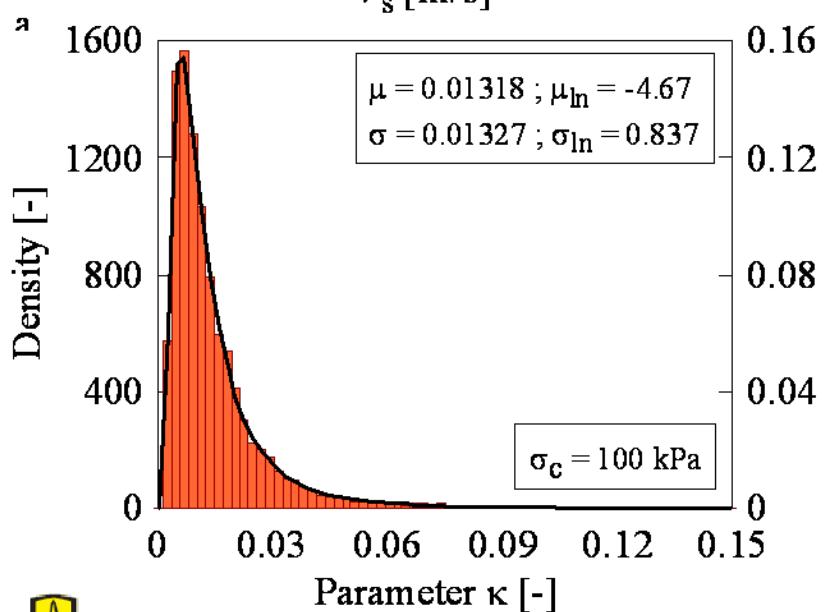
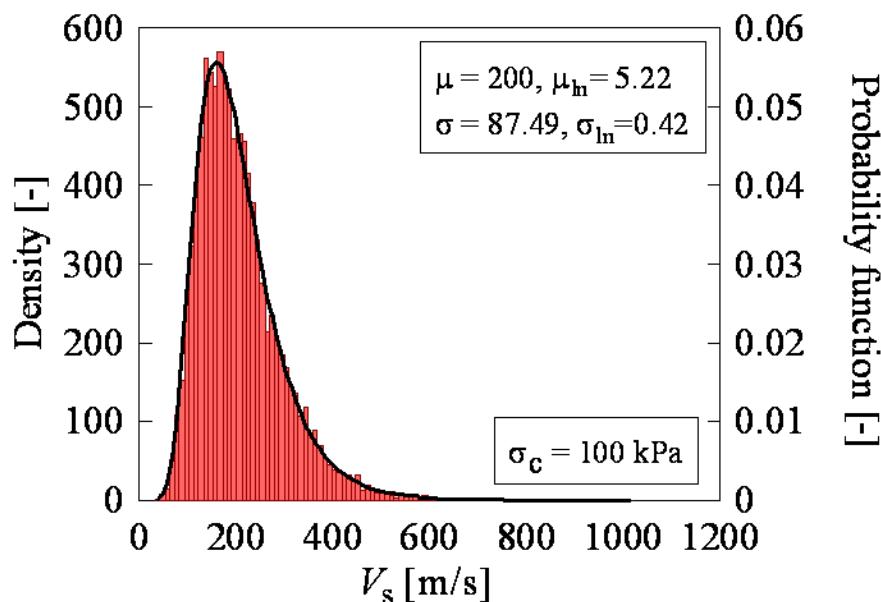
$G/G_{max}$  vs.  $\gamma$   
 $D$  vs.  $\gamma$



$R$



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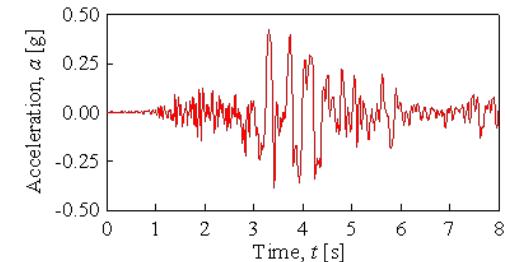
## Results

**Site profile 1:** Uniform soil profile 50 m – soft soil

**Input motions:** Deterministic

Strong motion ( $PGA = 0.2 \text{ g}$ )

Weak motion ( $PGA = 0.05 \text{ g}$ )



**Variability:** Visco-hypoplastic soil parameters ( $\kappa, R$ )

**Site Response:** 1D – Soil column

**Comp. Tool:** ABAQUS

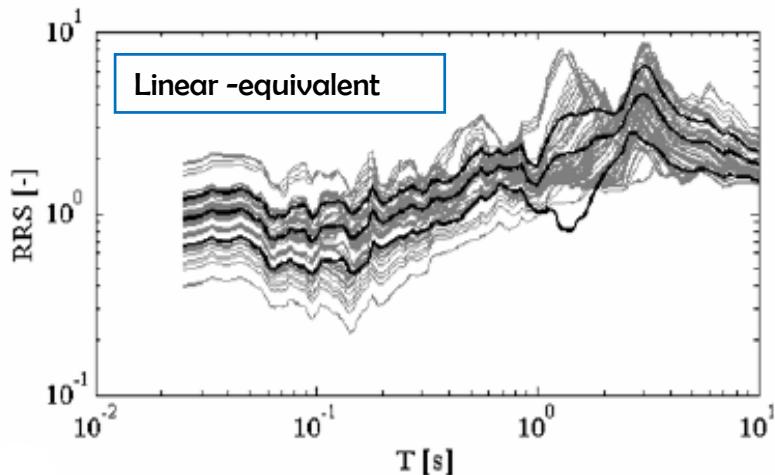
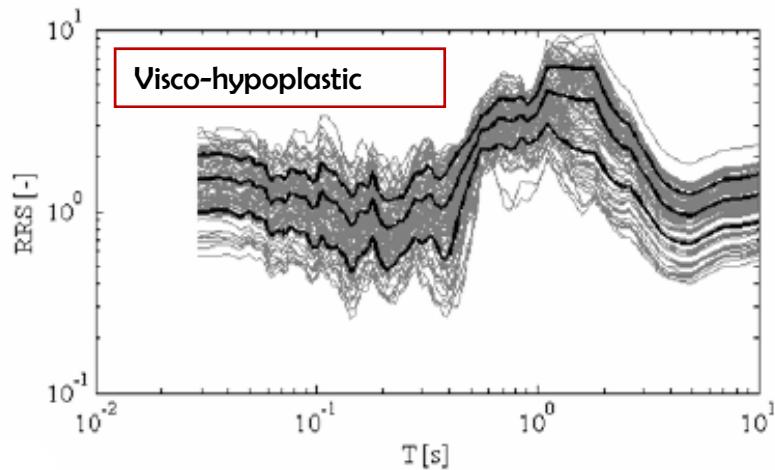
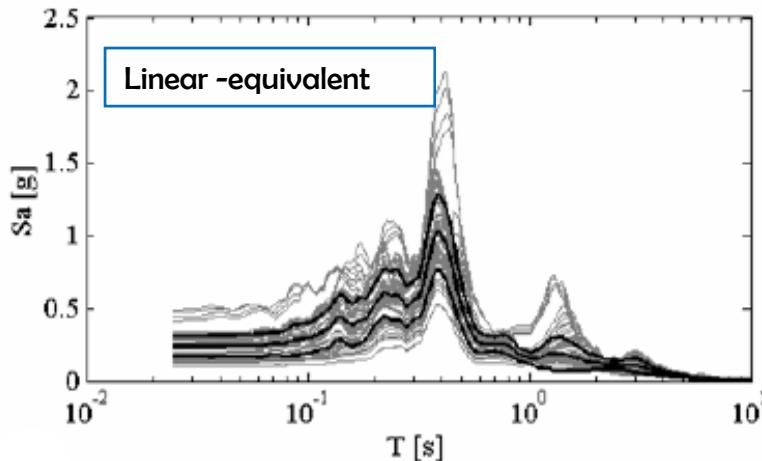
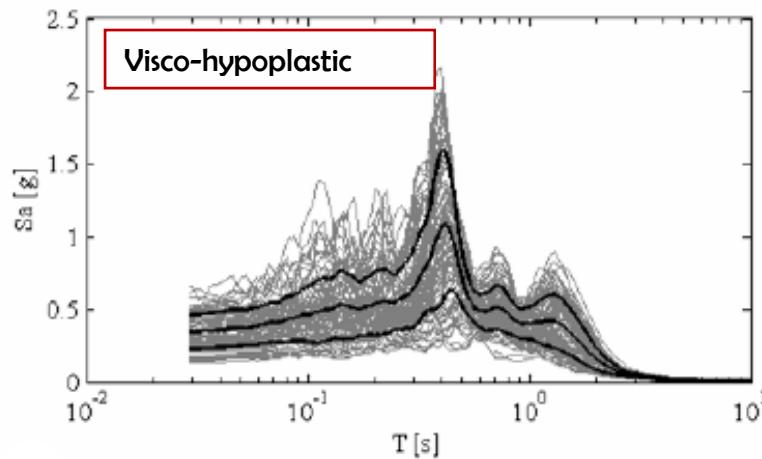
**Methodology:** Monte Carlo simulations

**Comparison:** Results from linear-equivalent approach

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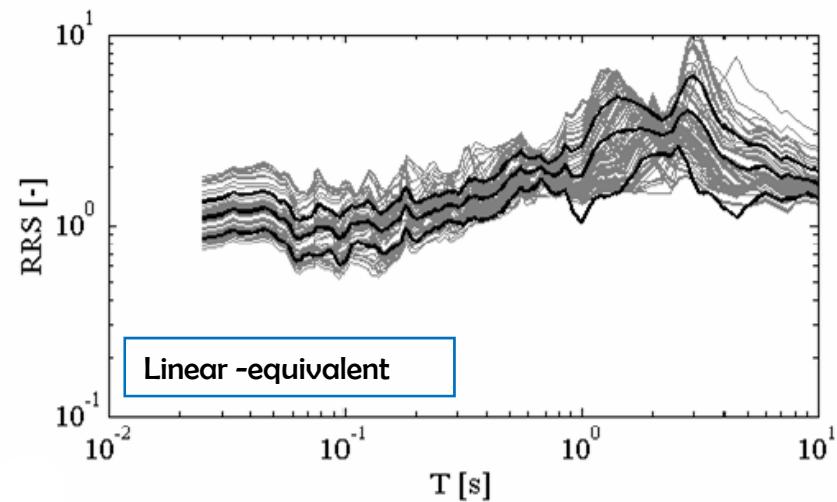
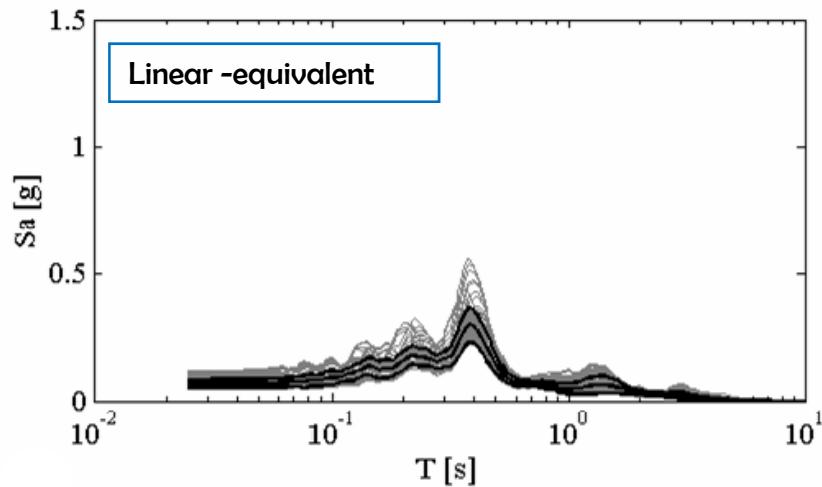
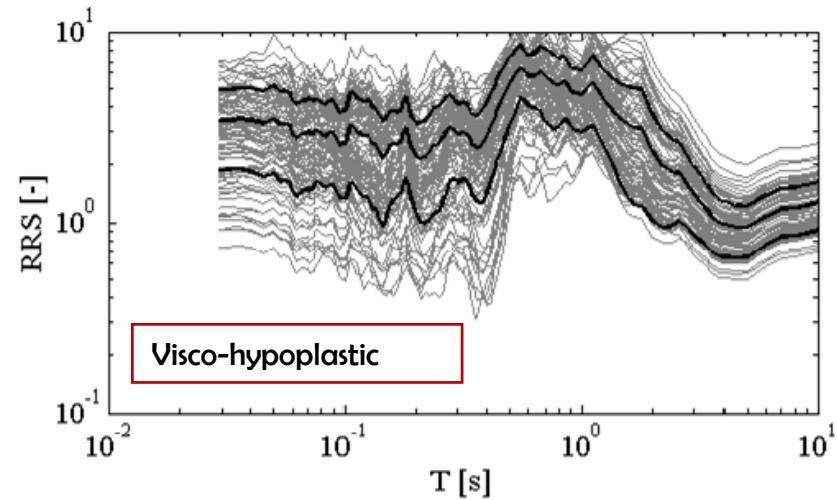
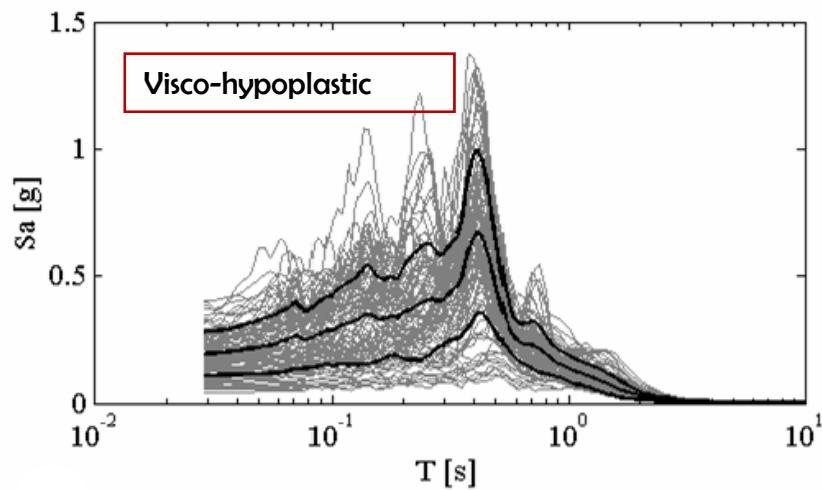
**$PGA = 0.2 \text{ g}$  (Strong motion)**



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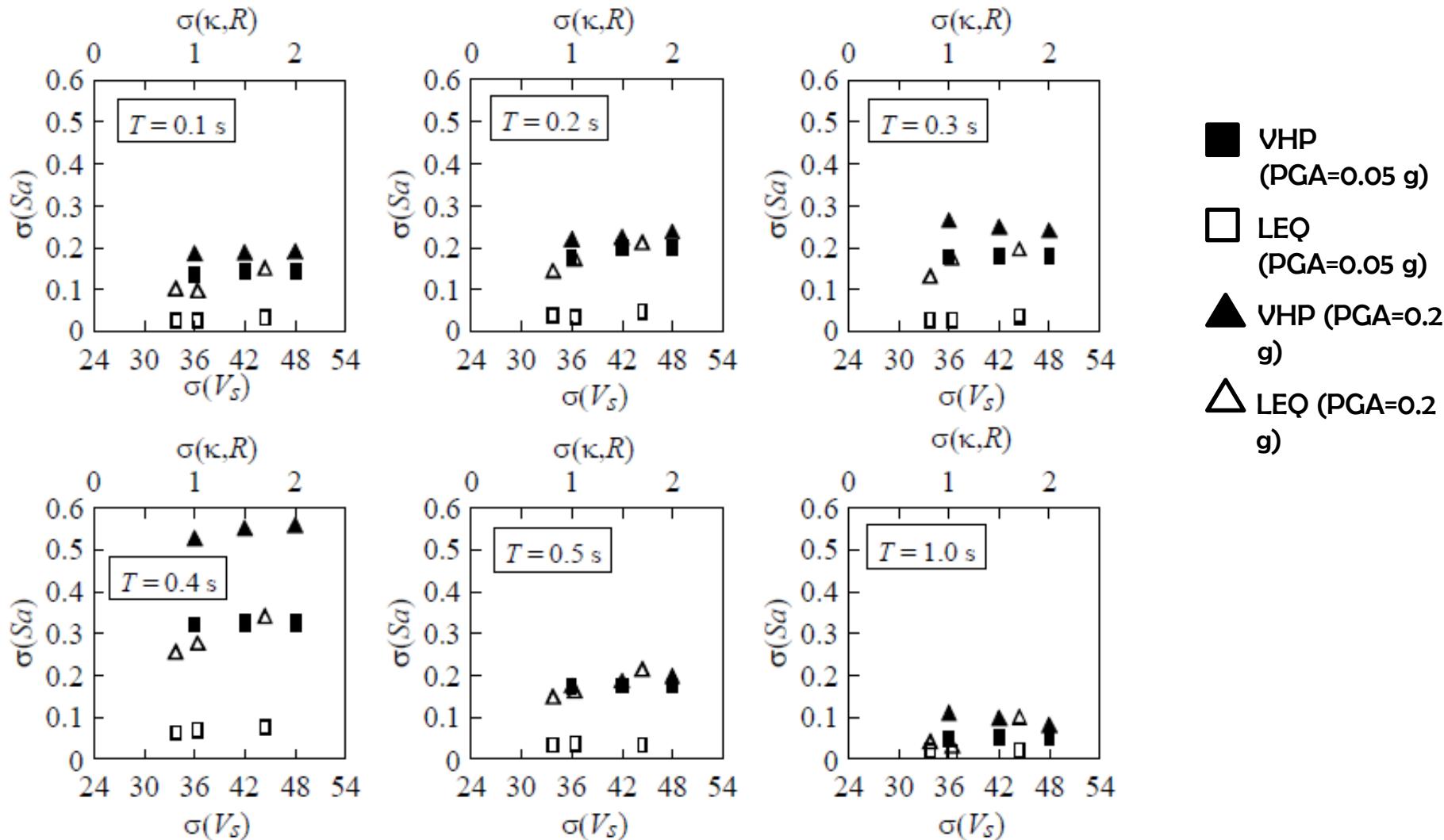
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$PGA = 0.05 \text{ g}$  (*Weak motion*)



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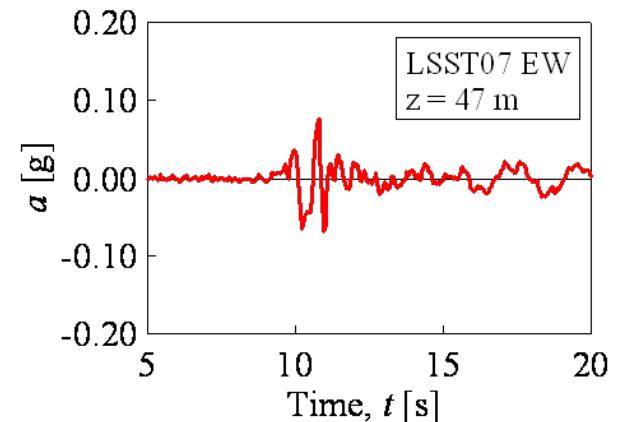
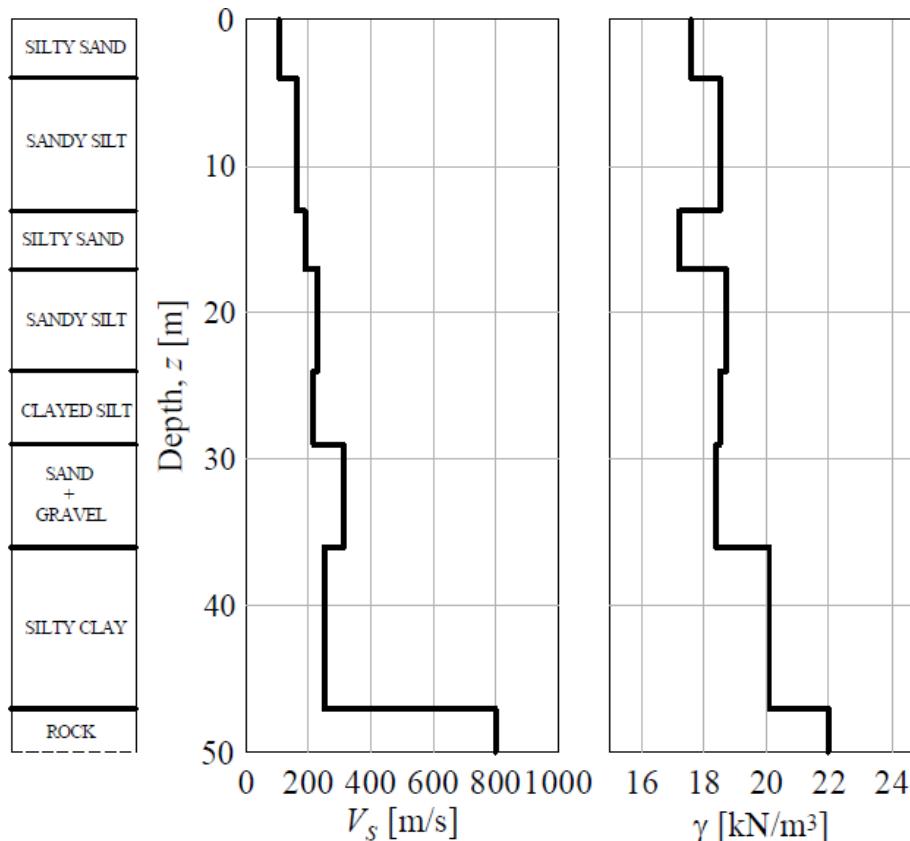


# Uncertainty in the Input Ground Motion

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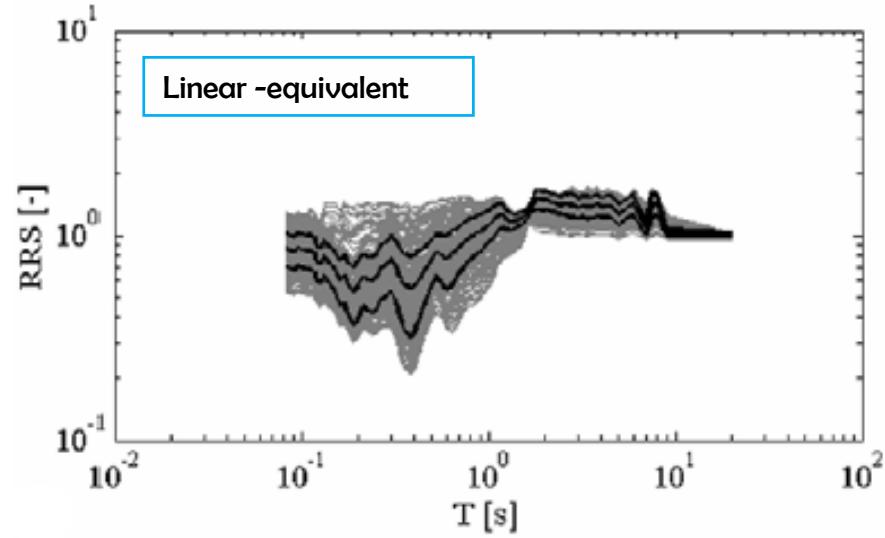
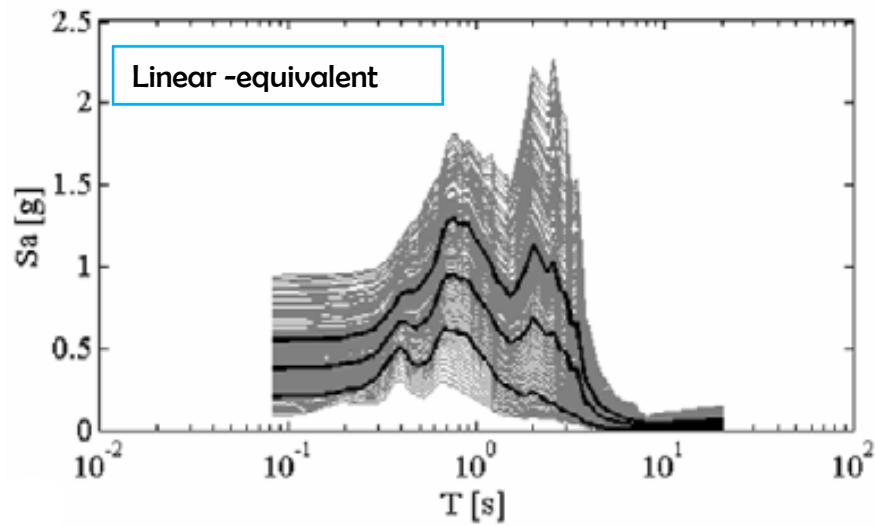
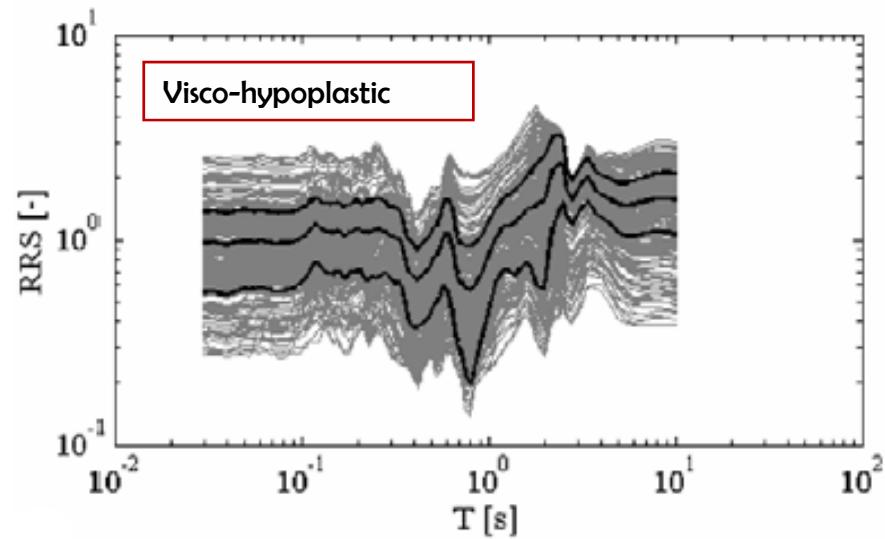
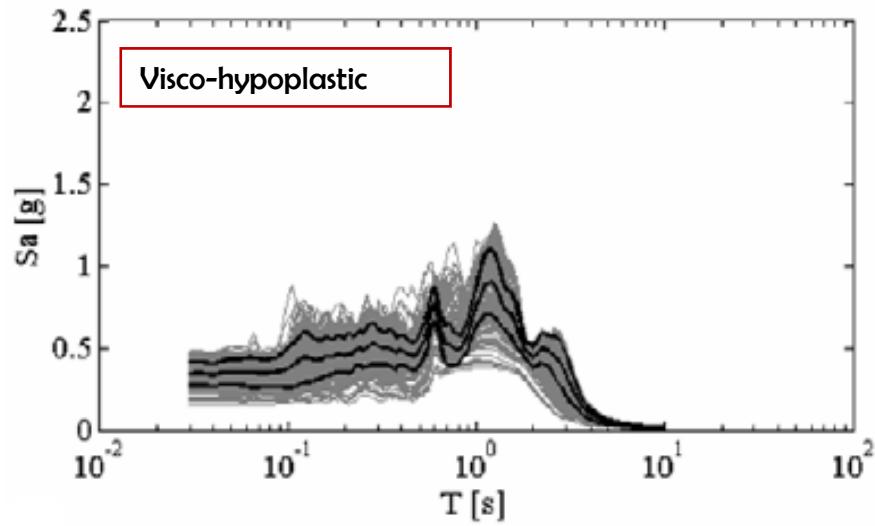
**Site profile 2 :** Lotung array, LSST, Taiwan (EPRI, 2003)

**Variability:** Input motion (PGA Log-normally distributed)



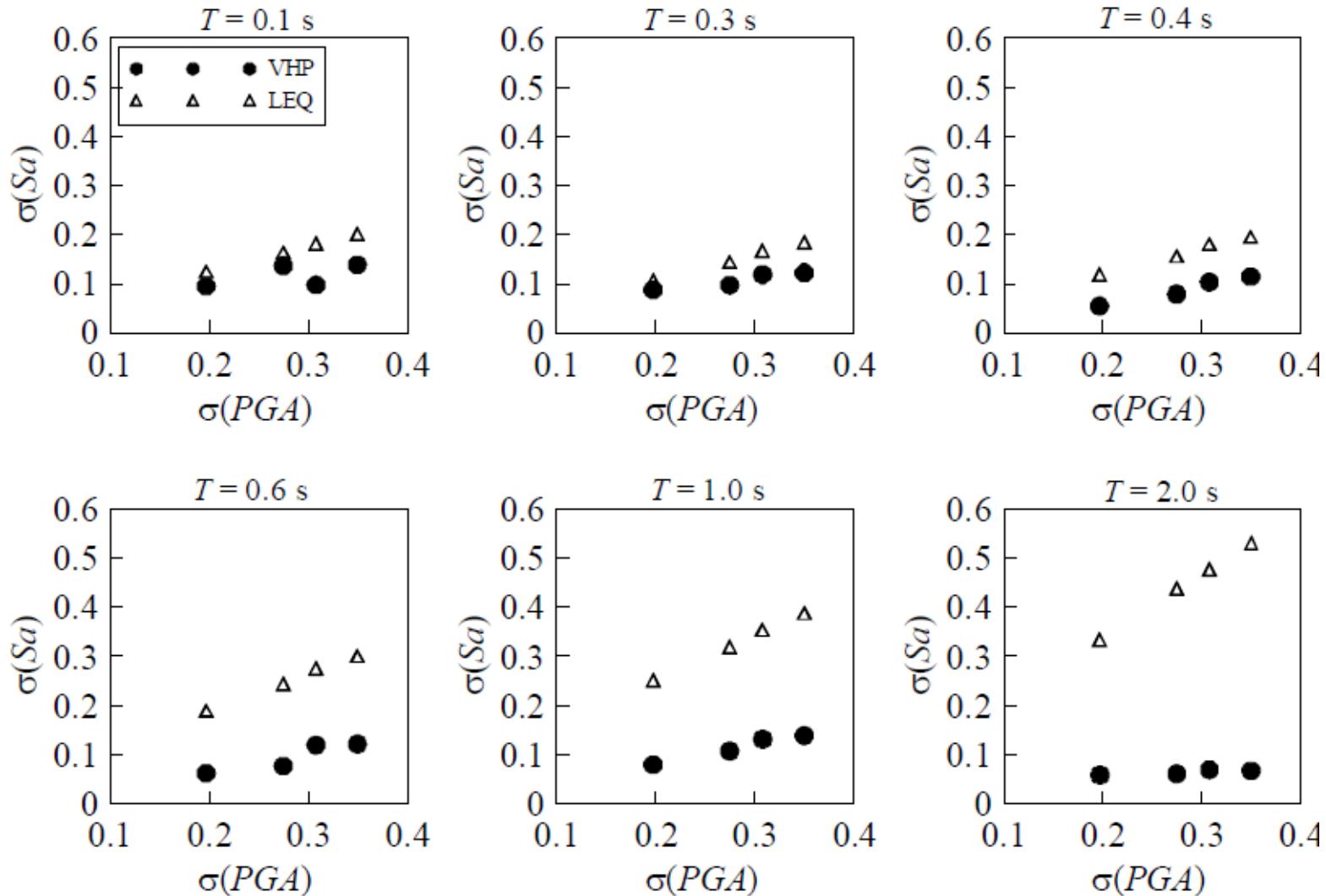
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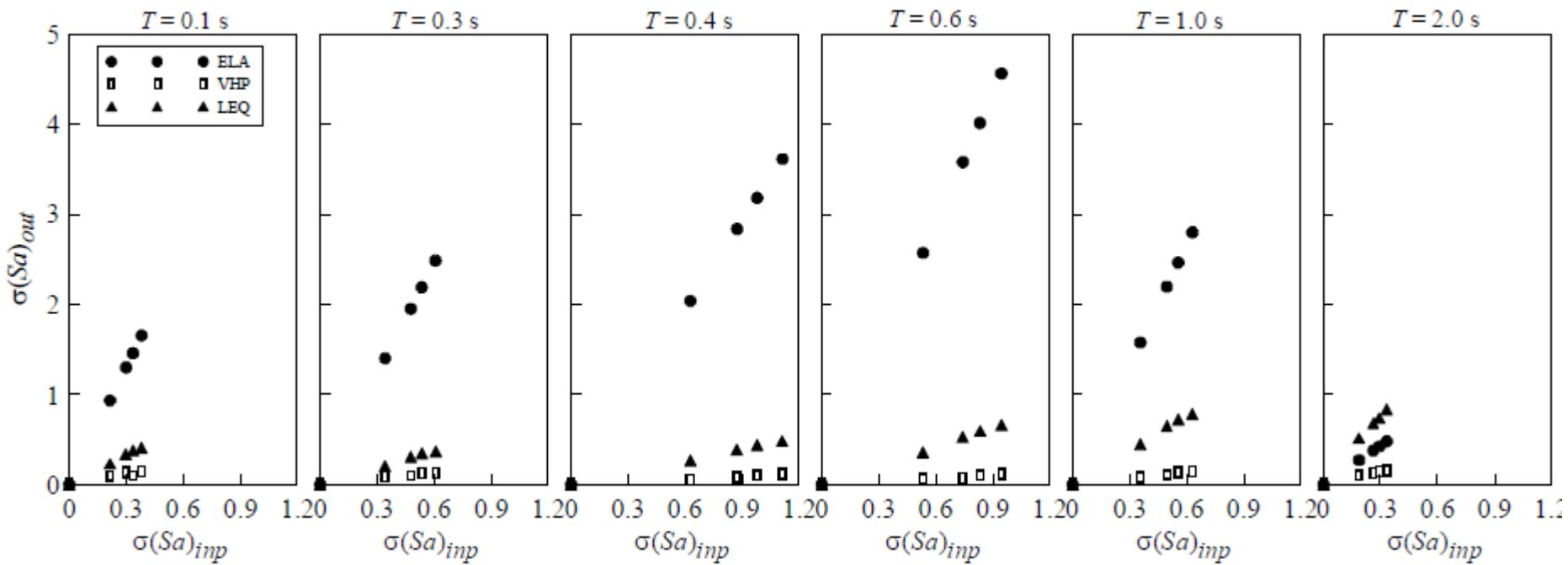
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# Conclusions

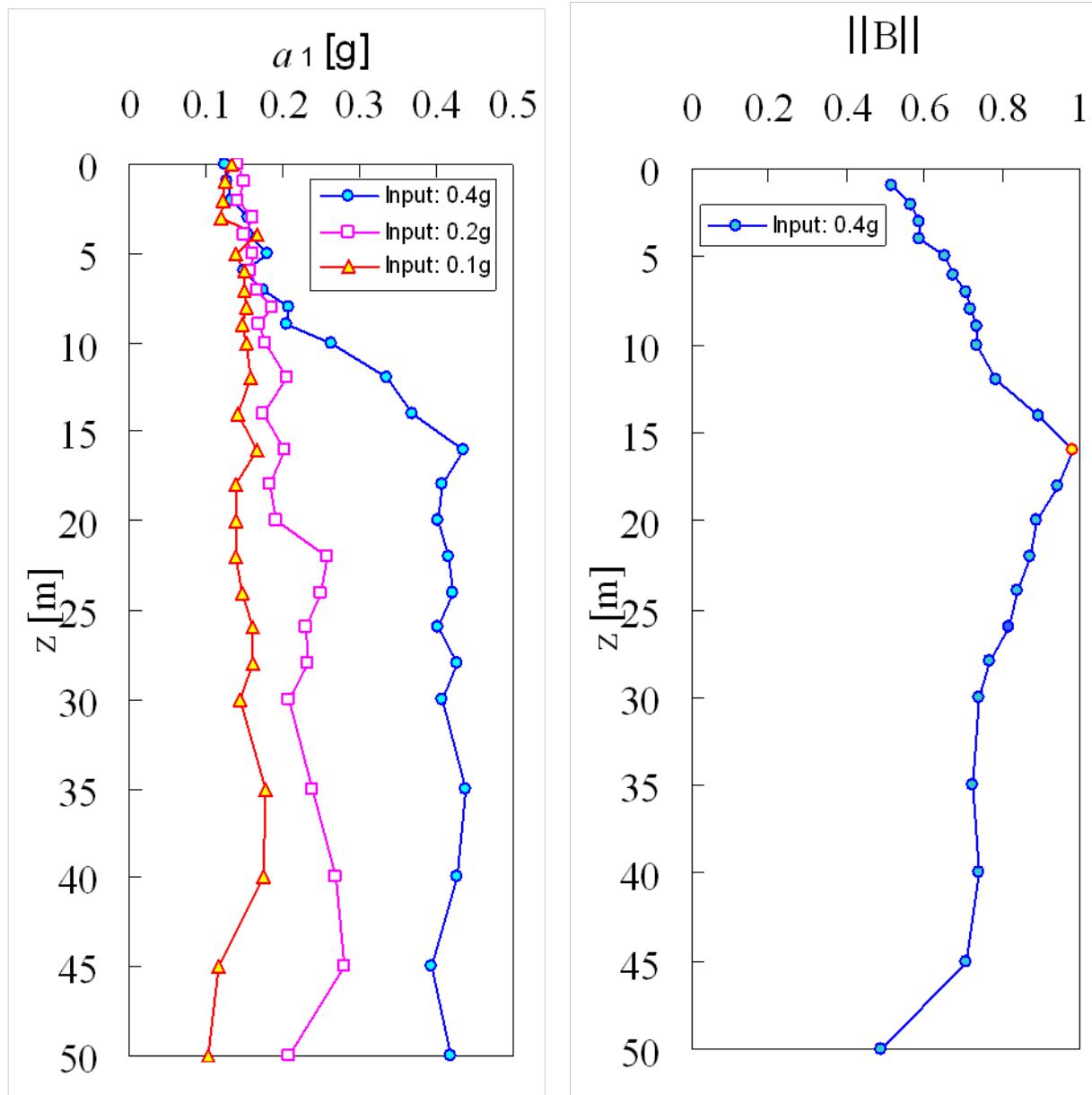
- Nonlinear models reduce the expected uncertainty of ground motions
- Output variability is controlled by the variability of the input motion
- For the visco-hypoplastic model, overamplification is observed when subjected to low intensities. For higher intensities, the median results from the equivalent linear and visco-hypoplastic models are comparable.
- For high intensities the visco-hypoplastic model predicts incursions into plastic regions. This episodic yielding results in a cap in output spectral accelerations which in turn result in lower output variability when compared to an equivalent linear model.
- Output uncertainty in site response analyses is smaller when fully non-linear analyses are conducted as opposed to equivalent linear analyses.

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- $G_{\max}$  is controlled by:

Visco-hypoplastic parameters:  $\varphi_c$ ,  $\kappa$

$$c_1 = \sqrt{\frac{(k_1 + k_2) f_b L_{1212} - (T_{22} - T_{11}) L_{12kl} D_{kl}^{vis}}{\rho}} \quad \text{for } h_{12} D_{12} > 0$$

$$c_2 = \sqrt{\frac{(k_1 + k_3) f_b L_{1212} - (T_{22} - T_{11}) L_{12kl} D_{kl}^{vis}}{\rho}} \quad \text{for } h_{12} D_{12} < 0$$

$$f_b \text{tr}(\mathbf{T}) = -\frac{\text{tr}(\mathbf{T})}{(1 + a^2/3)\kappa}$$

$$a = \frac{\sqrt{3}(3 - \sin \varphi_c)}{2\sqrt{2}\sin \varphi_c}$$

$$k_1 = \rho^\chi m_T + (1 - \rho^\chi) m_R$$

$$k_2 = \rho^\chi (1 - m_T)$$

$$k_3 = \rho^\chi (m_R - m_T)$$

Hypoplastic parameters:  $\varphi_c$ ,  $h_s$ ,  $n$ ,  $e_{i0}$ ,  $e_{c0}$ ,  $e_{d0}$ ,  $\beta$

$$f_b = \left( \frac{e_{i0}}{e_{c0}} \right)^\beta \frac{h_s}{n} \frac{1 + e_i}{e_i} \left( -\frac{\text{tr} \mathbf{T}}{h_s} \right)^{1-n} \left[ 3 + a^2 - a \sqrt{3} \left( \frac{e_{i0} - e_{d0}}{e_{c0} - e_{d0}} \right) \right]^{-1}$$

# Predicted dynamic curves using visco-hypoplasticity for the Bay Mud

