



***Overview of PEER Research  
on Selection and Scaling of  
Time-Series for Nonlinear  
Analysis***

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# *What's our objective?*

- ◆ Determine the average response of a nonlinear system given a design event (or hazard)
- ◆ Provide an estimate of the response  $\sigma$

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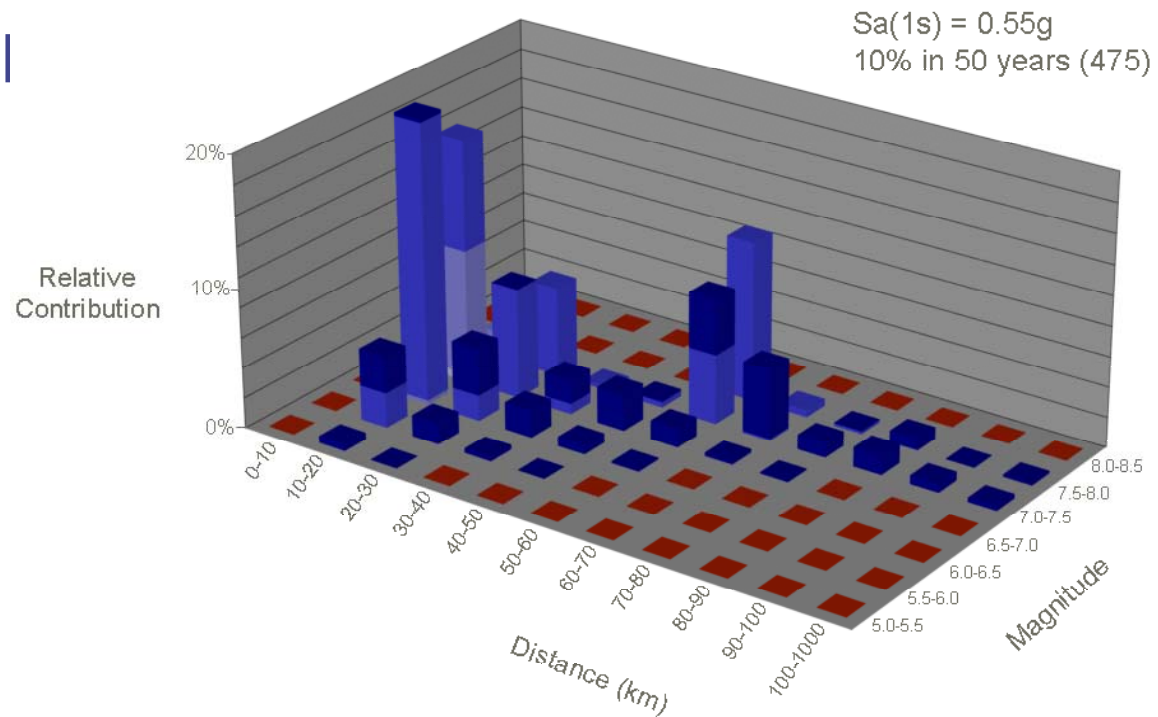
# Improved Search Tools... (Goulet and Stewart)

## ◆ Hazard Disaggregation

- Get the relative contribution of parameters controlling the hazard

## ◆ Disaggregation |

- Magnitude
- Distance
- Epsilon
- Others
  - ◆ Fault type
  - ◆ Directivity
  - ◆ Site condition



## *Improved Search Tools...*

The proposed selection tool will allow the user to select *any* of the parameters present in the NGA "flatfile" for record selection.

Examples:

- Ranges of magnitude, distance, latitude,  $V_{s30}$ , basin depth, etc.
- Ranges of  $S_a$ , PGA, PGV, Epsilon (for multiple period values)
- Instrument location, soil category, rupture mechanism and directivity, etc.



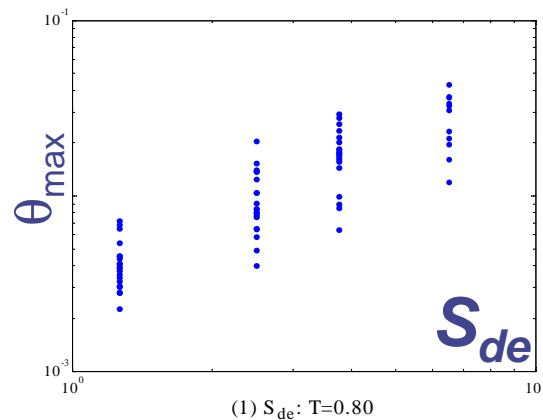
## *Evaluation of new IM's..* (Tothong and Cornell )

- ◆ 3 different IM's compared :
  - *Sde* (elastic spectral displacement)
  - *Sdi* (inelastic spectral displacement)
  - *Sa-AVG.* (*Sa* averaged over several periods)

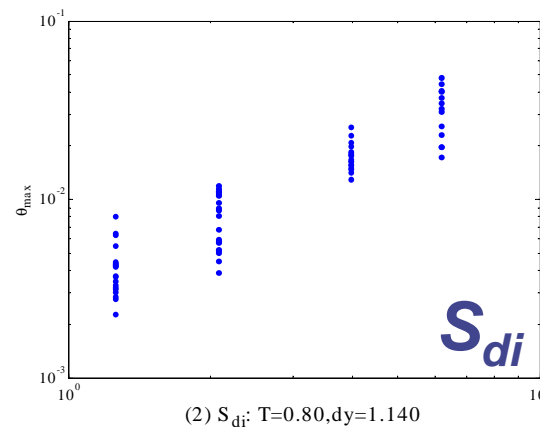
# Efficiency

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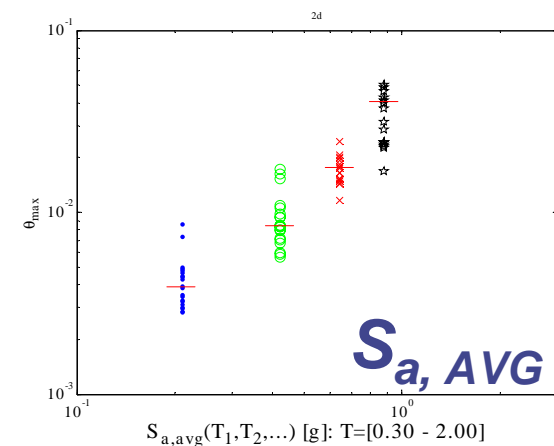
- Compare dispersion of EDP when GMs have been scaled to a specified IM level
- Plots show the EDP, ( $\theta_{max}$ ) of the Van Nuys test bed structure. Both  $S_{di}$  and  $S_{a-AVG}$ . reduce the dispersion in estimating EDP|IM



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 %Reduction = 2, 12, 58, 28

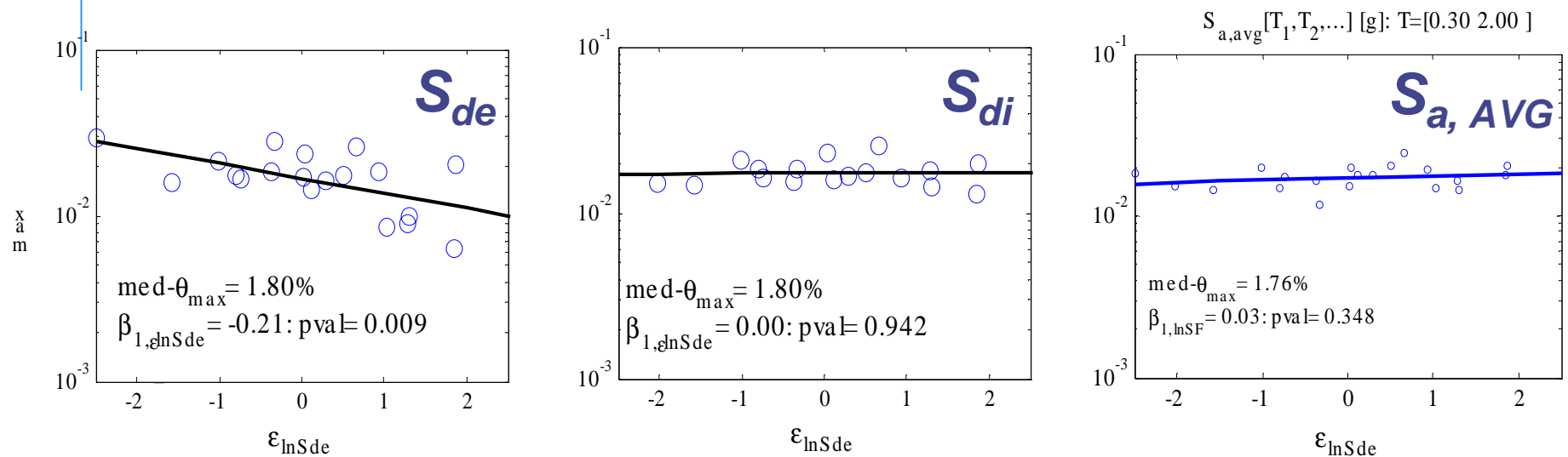


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- $S_{di}$  and  $S_{a-AVG}$ . tend to reduce the EDP dispersion.

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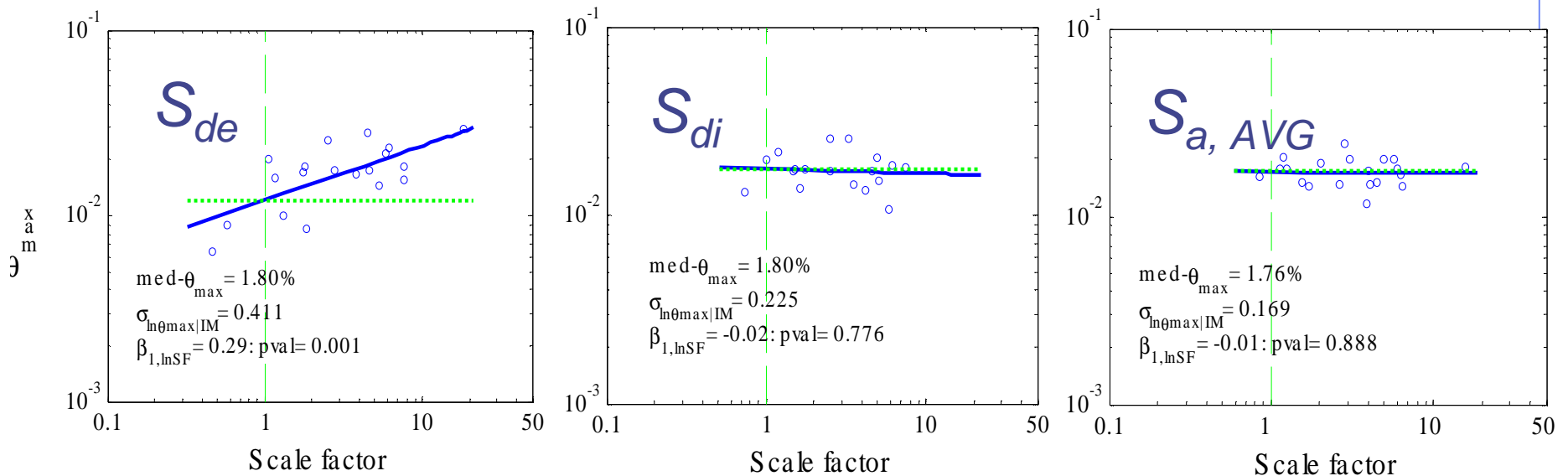
- ◆ Sufficiency: Defined as  $f_{EDP|im}$  being independent of GM record characteristics, e.g., Mw, distance,  $\epsilon$ .
  - Plots show the EDP|im against the variable that may improve the prediction (here  $\epsilon$ )
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- $\epsilon$  helps improve response prediction for *Sde* case
- Scaling GMs based on *Sdi* and *Sa-AVG*. show sufficiency w.r.t.  $\epsilon$ , i.e., no dependency on  $\epsilon$ .

# Bias-scaling

- Plots show EDP|im versus scale factor



- Scaling GMs based on  $S_{di}$  and  $S_{a-AVG}$ . does not introduce bias in the response of a structure.

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### ◆ Conclusions

- Sdi and Sa-AVG are robust IM's w.r.t. GM selection and scaling.
- Epsilon is not an issue when using Sdi and Sa-AVG.
- Both IM's require new attenuation relationships (feasible and available).

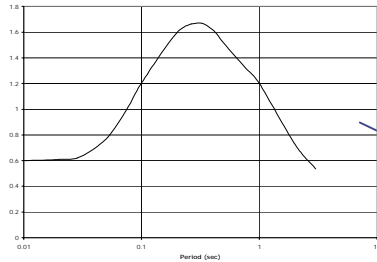
## *Evaluation of new IM's...* (Watson-Lamprey and Abrahamson)

### ◆ Approach

- Uses a simple inelastic system as a proxy for a more complicated system (Newmark block, inelastic oscillator)
- Seek record properties that correlate well with peak system response ( $PGV$ ,  $A_{rms}$ ,  $Dur_{ky}$ )
- Develop predictive model for peak system response using above parameters
- Choose scaled records that have record properties that are expected to produce an average response

# Example: Newmark Sliding Block.. (Watson-Lamprey and Abrahamson)

$M = 7$   
 $R = 5 \text{ km}$   
 $V_{S30} = 400 \text{ m/s}$   
 $PGA = 0.6g$   
 $k_y = 0.1g$



Calculate

$$A_{\text{RMS}} = 0.185g$$

$$\text{Dur}_{k_y} = 2.411s$$

$$\text{PGV} = 92 \text{ cm/s}$$

Calculate

Average Expected Design Event

Newmark Displacement = 57.3 cm

## Select Candidate Records

$$6 < M < 8$$

$$0 < R < 50$$

All Soil Classes

1233 records

## Scale to Spectral Value

Scale all records to PGV =  
92 cm/s

## Reject Bad Fits

$$0.167g < A_{RMS} < 0.204g$$

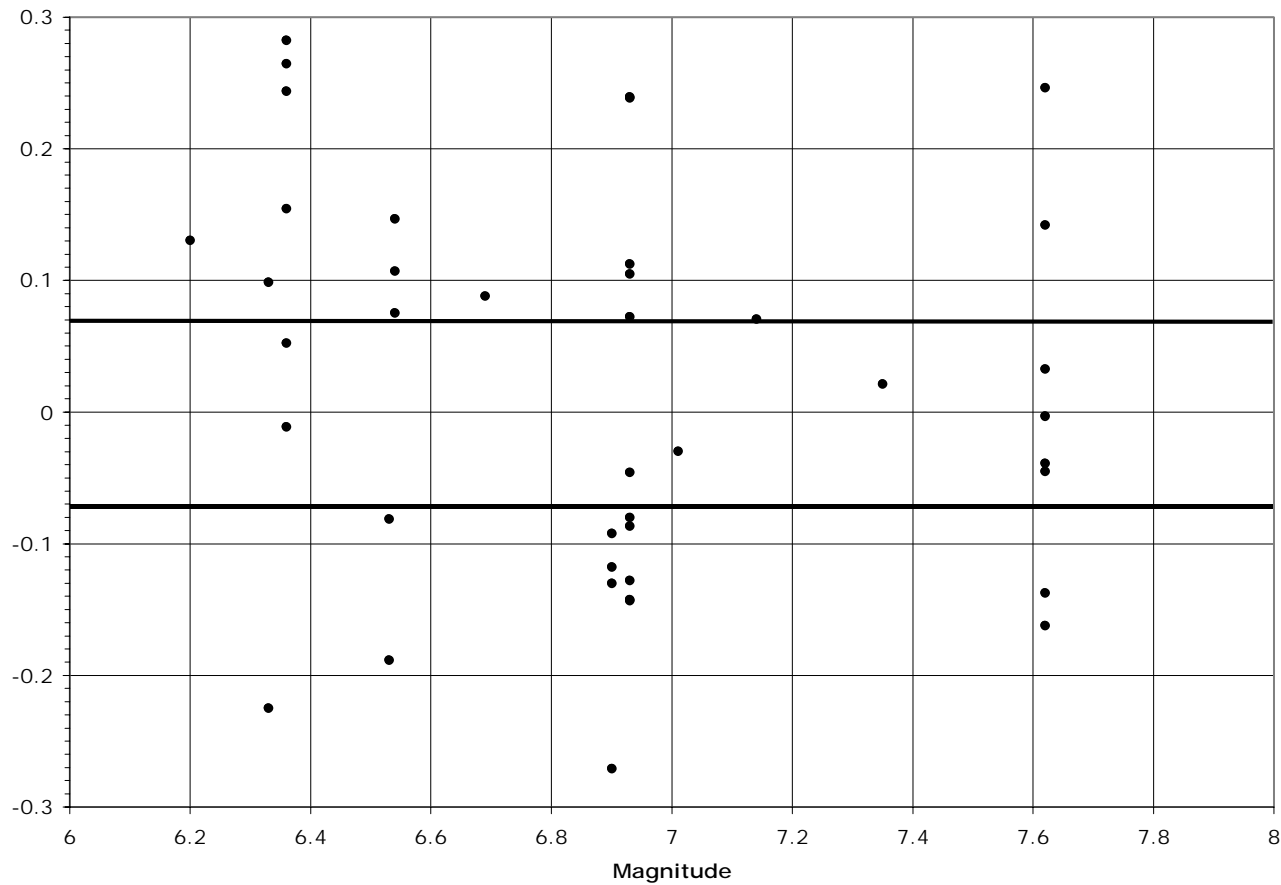
$$1.86s < Dur_{ky} < 3.13s$$

41 records



Calculate the expected Newmark displacement for each scaled record

Calculate the difference between the expected displacements and the Design Event Displacement

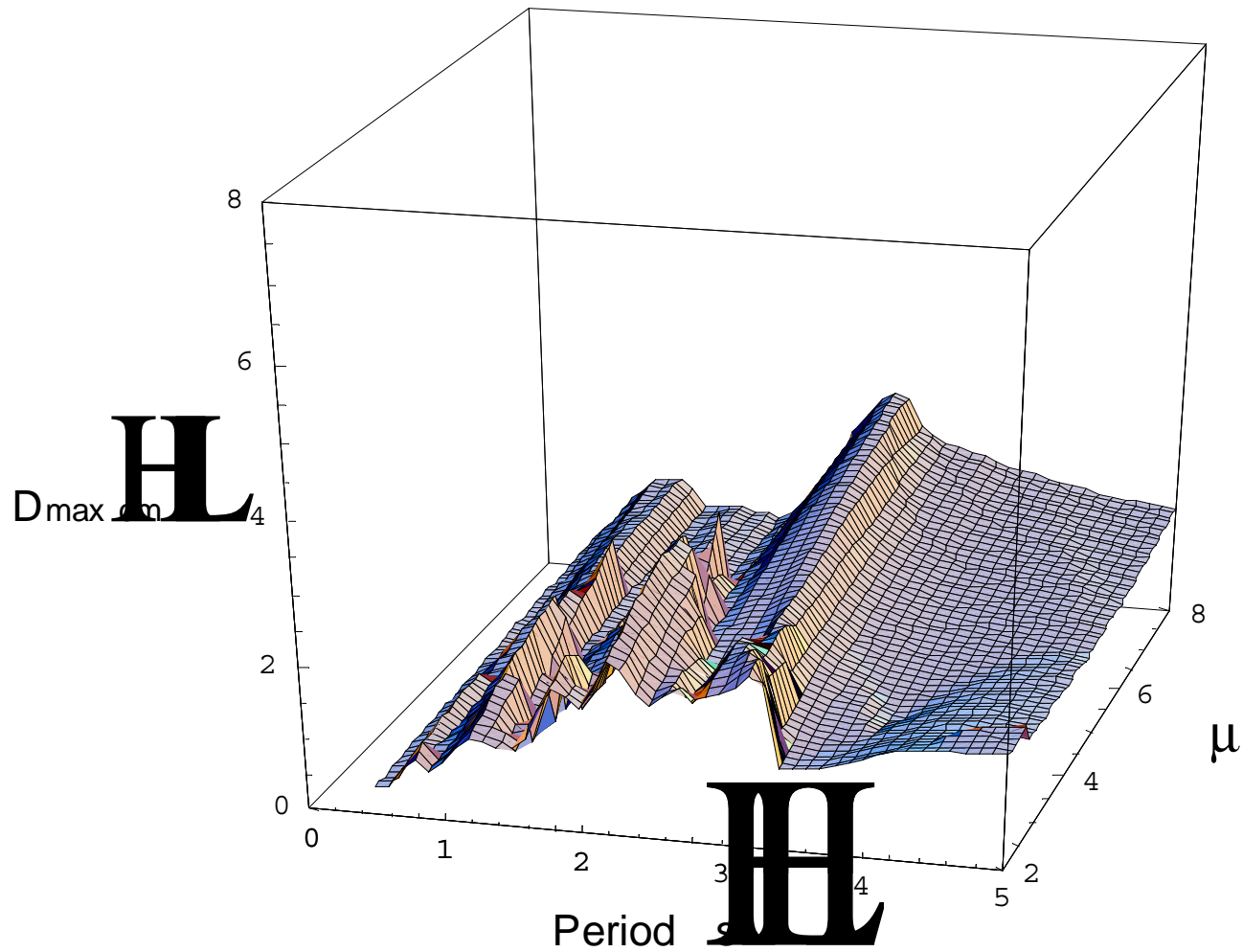


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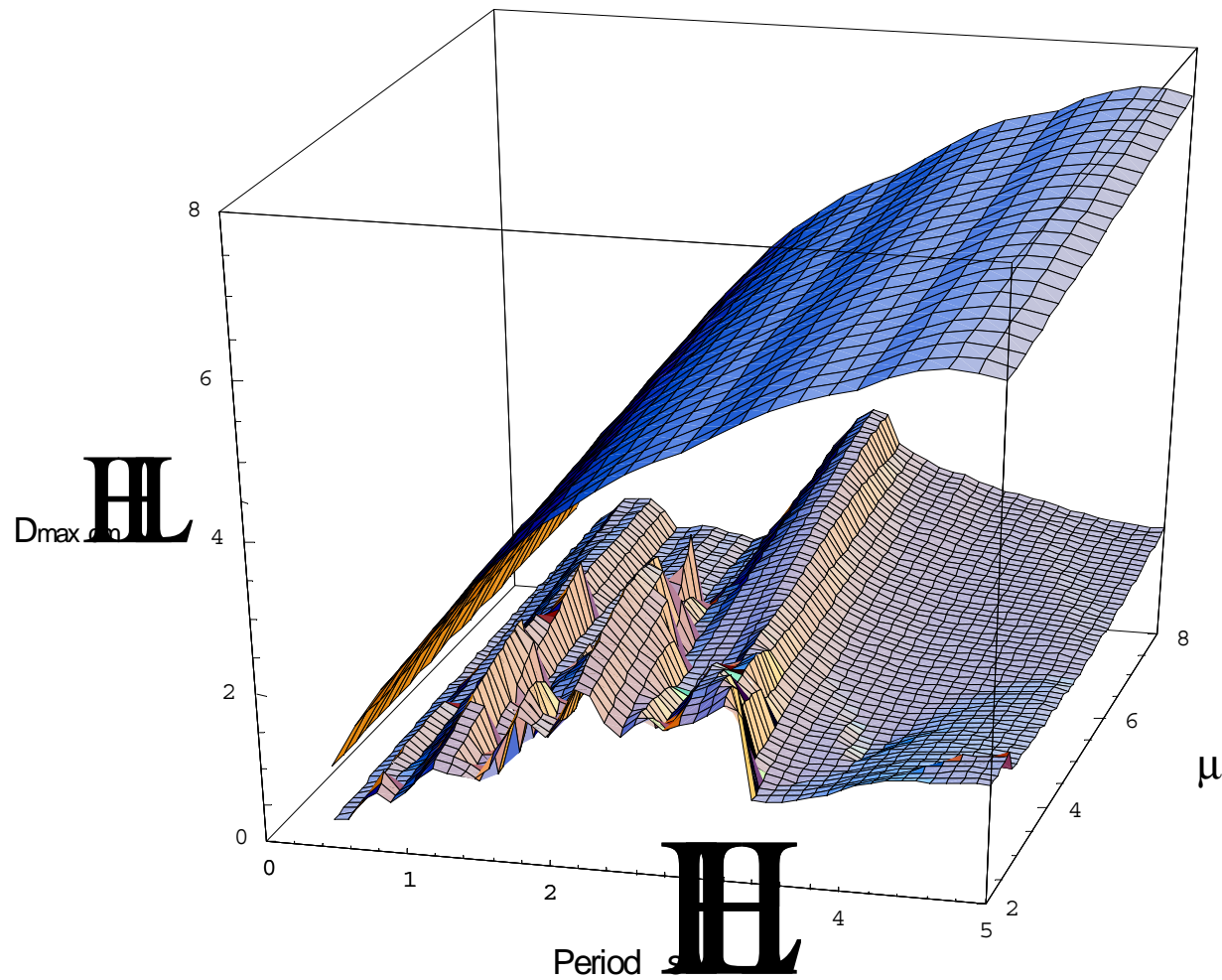
### ◆ Advantages:

- Allows for a much wider selection of records than magnitude-distance binning
- Scale factors as large as 20 can be used without bias

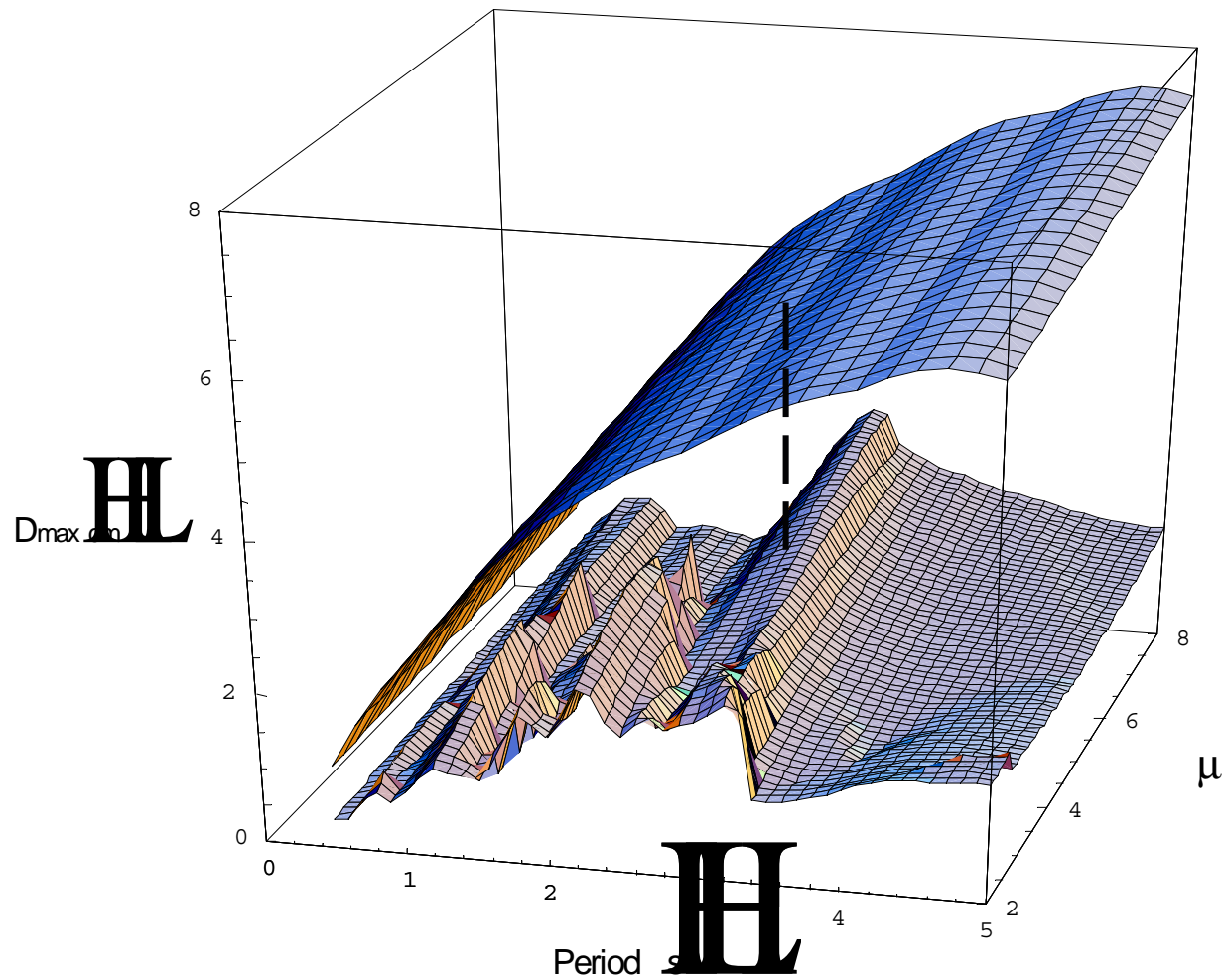
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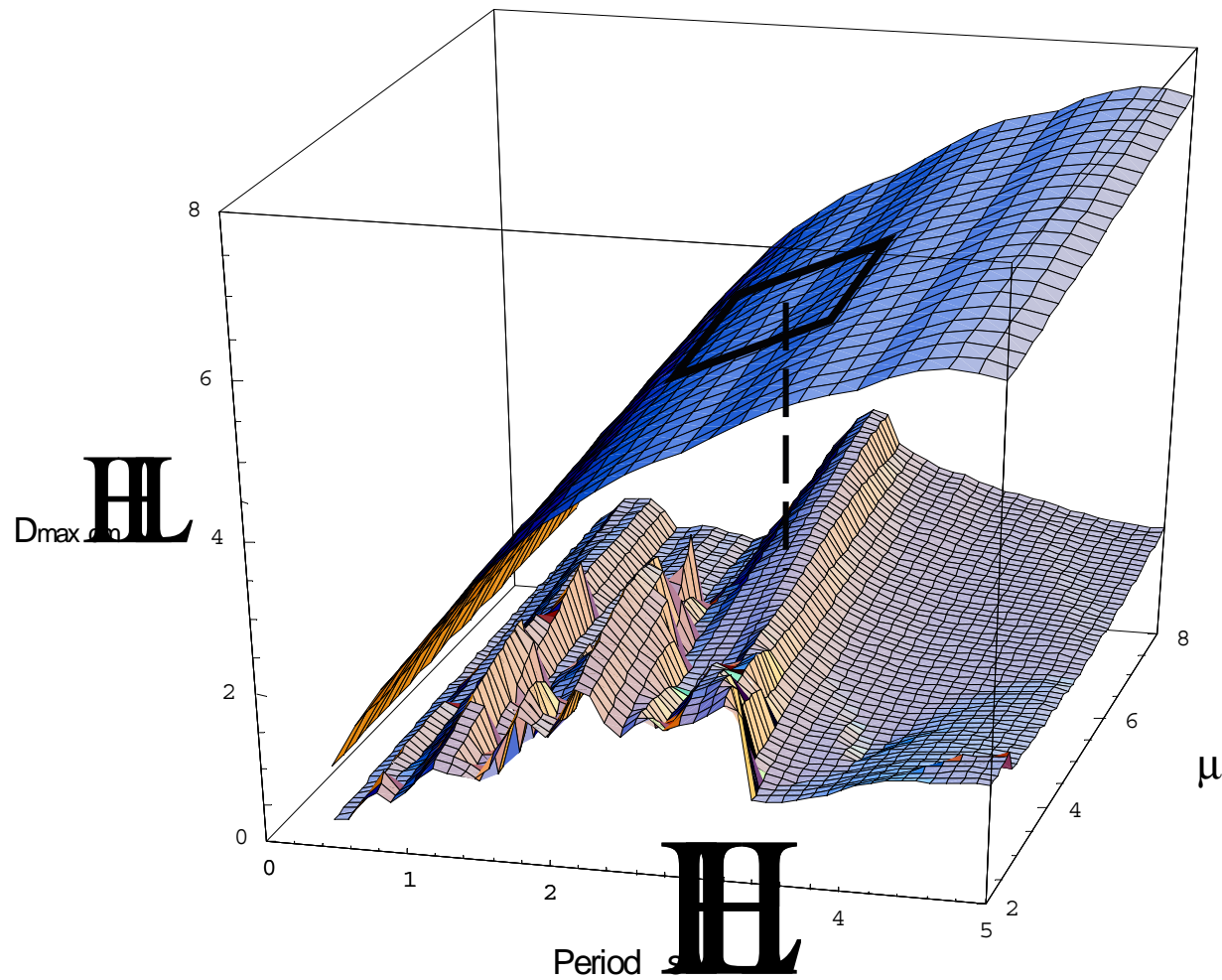
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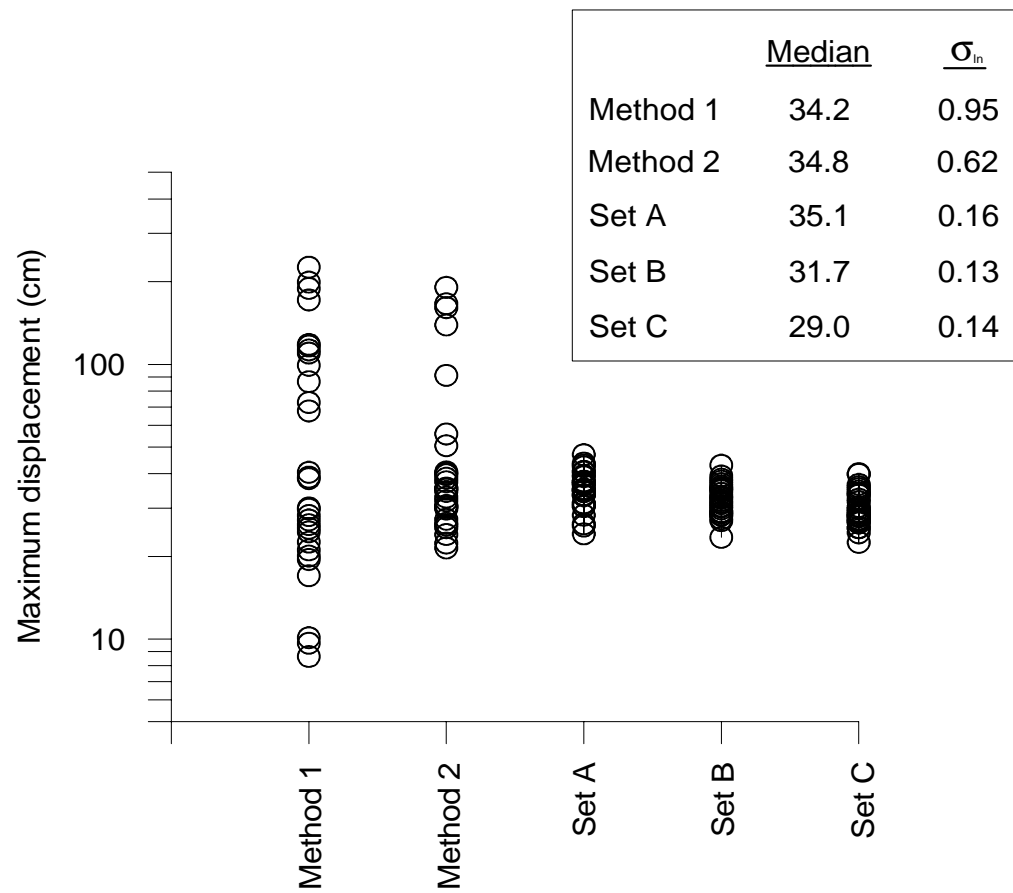
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# Attenuation of Inelastic Spectra (Bozorgnia et al.)

