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# AN OVERVIEW OF THE NEHRP RECOMMENDED SEISMIC PROVISIONS

David Bonneville – Chair, Provisions Update Committee



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# What are the NEHRP Provisions

- Purpose
- Relationship to ASCE 7 Seismic

# What's New in the 2020 Provisions

- Provisions and Commentary
- Resource Papers

# Overview Topics to be Covered Today

- Selected Technical Topics
- Future Topics and Research Needs

# The NEHRP Recommended Seismic Provisions

- A set of recommendations written in building code language that serves as the starting point for the U.S. seismic standards development process
- Major technical changes to ASCE/SEI 7 seismic design maps, and analysis and design concepts originate in the Provisions



- Resistance to ground shaking is computed using spectral response acceleration parameters that reference a set of national seismic design values maps.
- The maps are produced by USGS working with BSSC
- The BSSC Provisions Update Committee defines the rules by which the maps are developed (e.g., the probabilistic ground motion, risk target, deterministic cap)



# 2020 NEHRP Provisions Update Committee (PUC)

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- IT 1 - Seismic Performance Objectives
- IT 2 - Seismic Resisting Systems and Design Coefficients
- IT 3 - Modal Response Spectrum Analysis
- IT 4 - Shear Wall Design
- IT 5 - Nonstructural Components
- IT 6 - Nonbuilding Structures
- IT 7 - Soil Foundation Interaction
- IT 8 - Base Isolation and Energy Dissipation
- IT 9 - Diaphragm Issues
- IT 10 - Seismic Design Maps and Multi-Period Response Spectrum



# NEHRP Recommended Seismic Provisions for New Buildings and Other Structures

Volume I: Part 1 Provisions, Part 2 Commentary

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# NEHRP Recommended Seismic Provisions for New Buildings and Other Structures

Volume II: Part 3 Resource Papers

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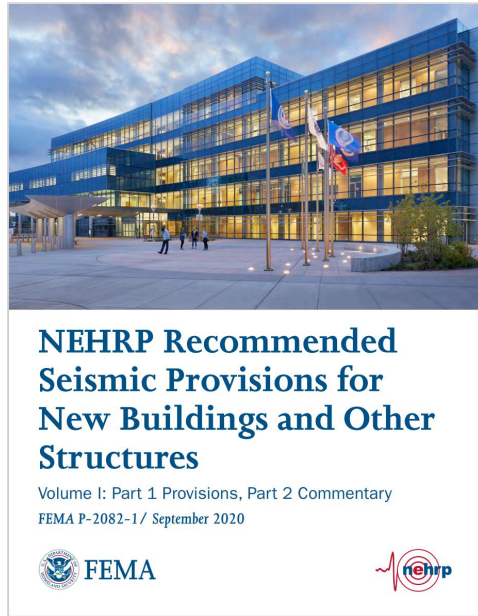




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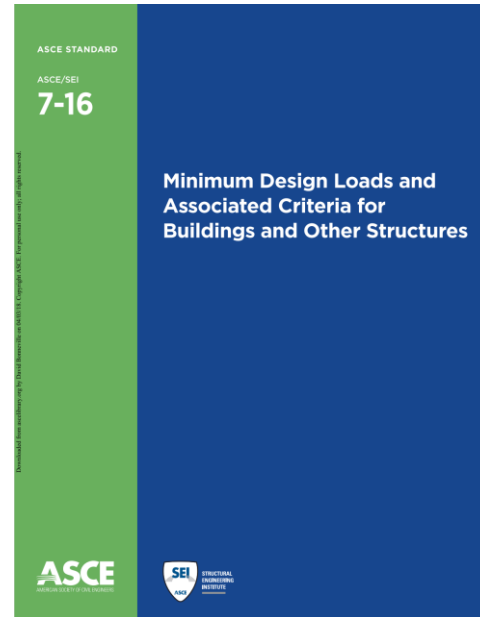
1. Avoid serious injury and loss of life due to:
  - a. Structure Collapse
  - b. Failure of nonstructural components and systems
  - c. Release of hazardous materials
2. Preserve means of egress
3. Avoid loss of function in critical facilities, and
4. Reduce structural and nonstructural repair costs where practicable

# The Path from NEHRP Provisions to Building Code



2020 NEHRP Provisions

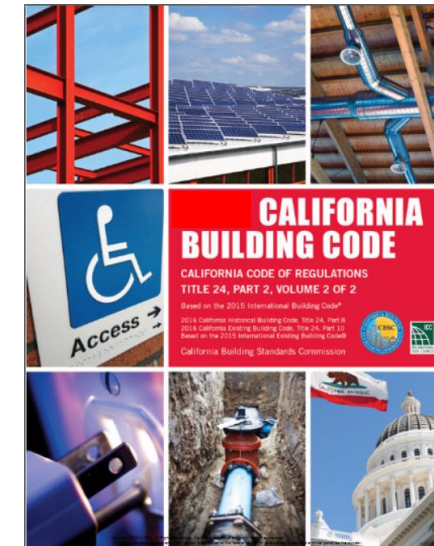
2016 – 2020



ASCE/SEI  
7-22



2024 & 2027  
IBC



2025 & 2028  
CBC

Jan 2026 – Dec 2031

# Summary of What's New in the Provisions

## Summary Tables In Intro

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Exemption for System Height Limitations	Provides an exemption that allows buildings with lateral force-resisting systems otherwise conforming to the design parameters defined in ASCE/SEI 7-16 Table 12.2-1 to exceed the height limits prescribed in the table when the building is designed in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 16.	Section <a href="#">12.2.1</a>	<a href="#">C12.2.1</a>
Reinforced Concrete Ductile Coupled Walls	Introduces reinforced concrete ductile coupled walls into Table 12.2-1.	Table <a href="#">12.2-1</a> , Section <a href="#">12.2.5.4</a>	<a href="#">C12.2</a>
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Elimination of Mass Irregularity	Eliminates the mass irregularity from <i>Vertical Structural Irregularities</i> in Table 12.3-2.	Table <a href="#">12.3-2</a>	<a href="#">C12.3.2.2</a>
Accidental Torsion Modification	Removes some of the unnecessary conservatism from the current code provisions, while adding requirements for building configurations not adequately addressed by the current code provisions.	Table <a href="#">12.3-1</a> and Sections <a href="#">12.3.3.1</a> , <a href="#">12.3.4.2</a> , <a href="#">12.5.3.1</a>	<a href="#">C12.3.4.2</a> , <a href="#">C12.5.3</a> , <a href="#">C12.5.4</a> , <a href="#">C12.6</a> and <a href="#">C12.8.4.3</a>
Application of Equivalent Lateral Force Analysis Procedure	Eliminates Table 12.6-1 <i>Permitted Analytical Procedures</i> and replaces it with a sentence stating that each Chapter 12 analysis procedure is permitted for each seismic design category.	Table <a href="#">12.6-1</a>	<a href="#">C12.6</a>



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References to ASCE 7 sections

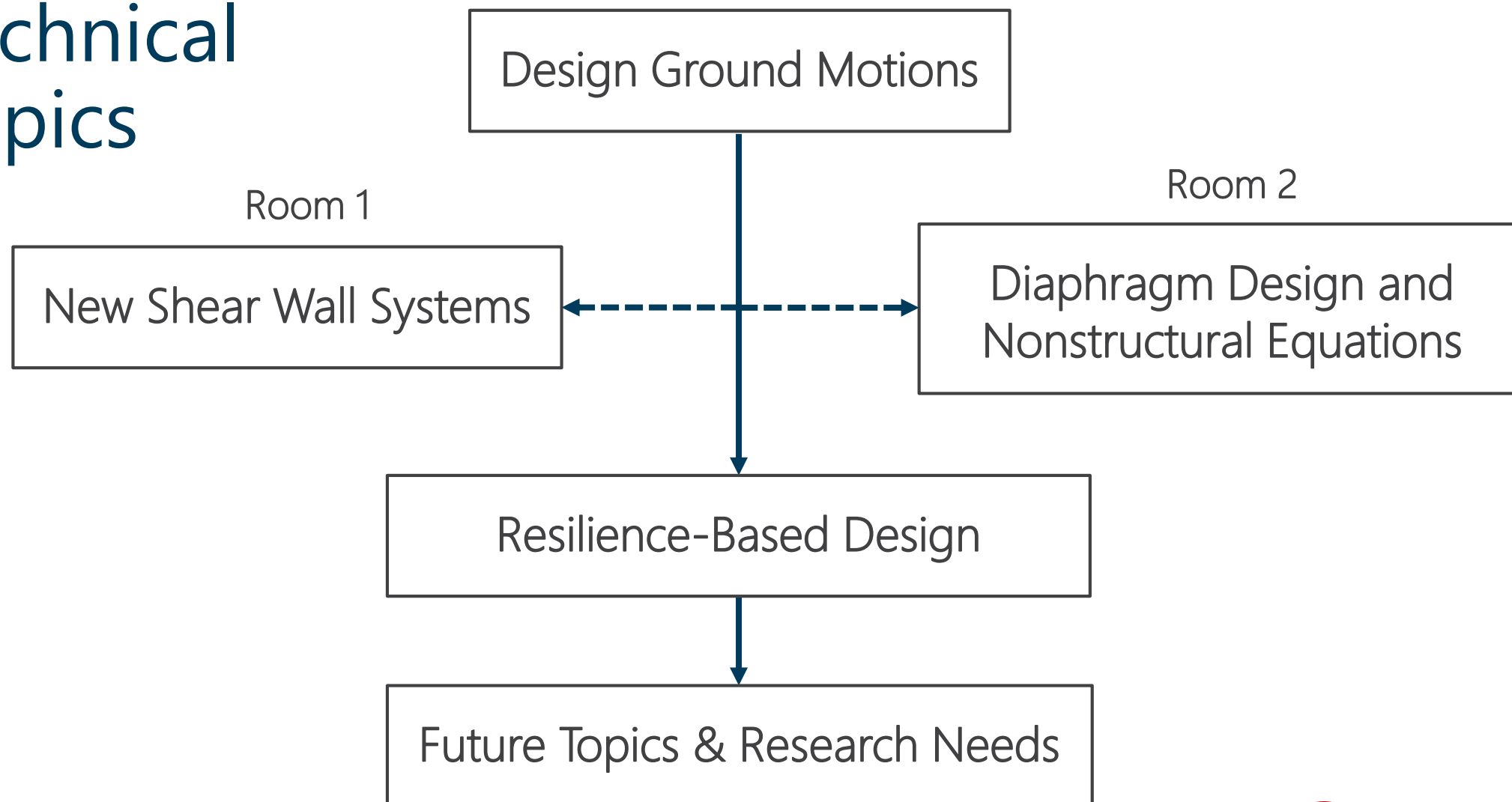
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# Part 3 Resource Papers

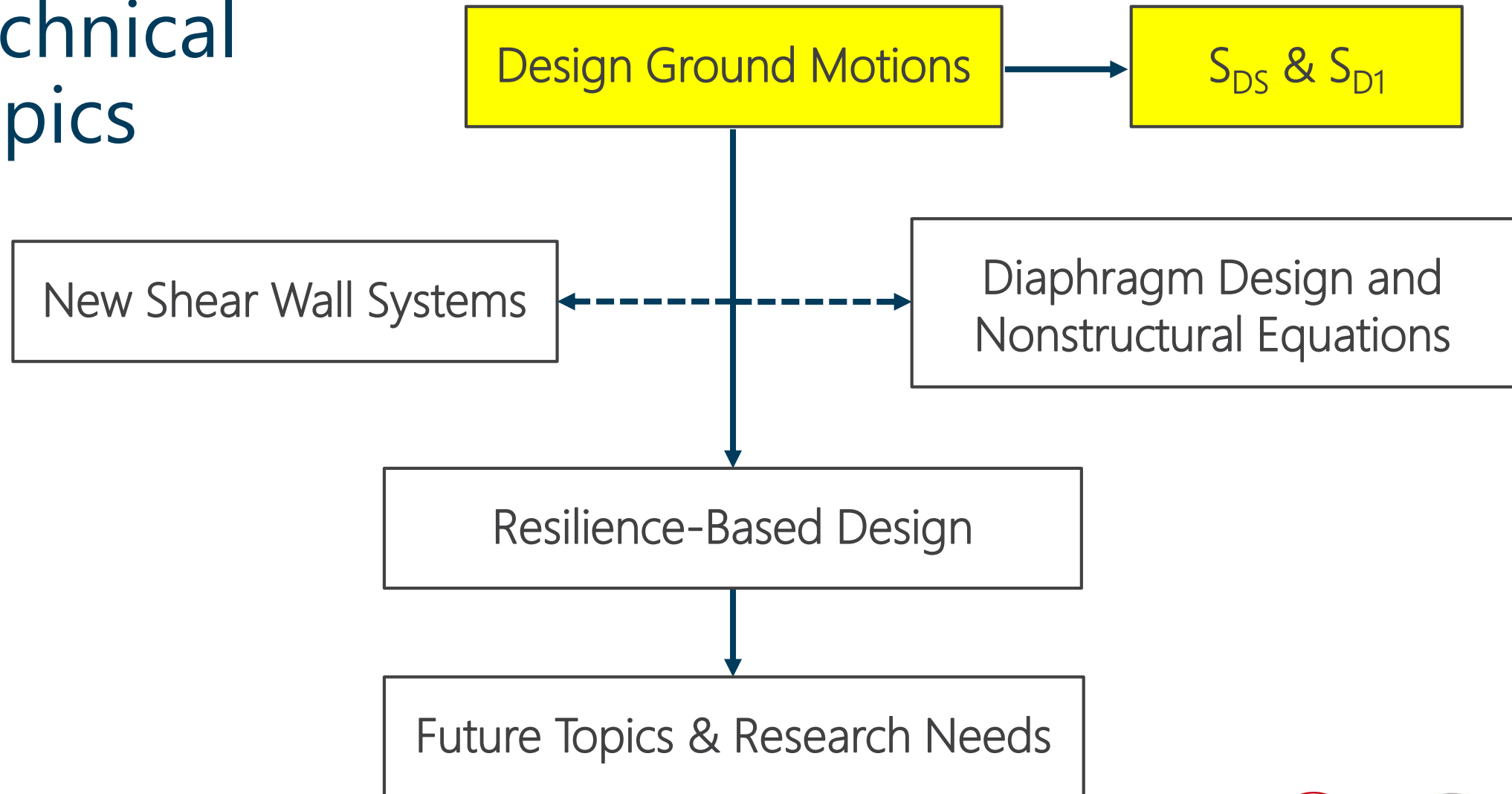
- Resilience-Based Design and the NEHRP Provisions
- Risk-Based Alternatives to Deterministic Ground Motion Caps
- Design of Isolated and Coupled Shear Walls of Concrete, Masonry, Structural Steel, Cold-Formed Steel and Wood
- Seismic Lateral Earth Pressures
- Seismic Design Story Drift Provisions – Needed Studies
- Diaphragm Design Factor  $R_s$  for Concrete on Metal Deck
- Development of Diaphragm Design  $R_s$  Factors
- Calculation of Diaphragm Deflections Under Seismic Loading
- Modal Response Spectrum Analysis Methods

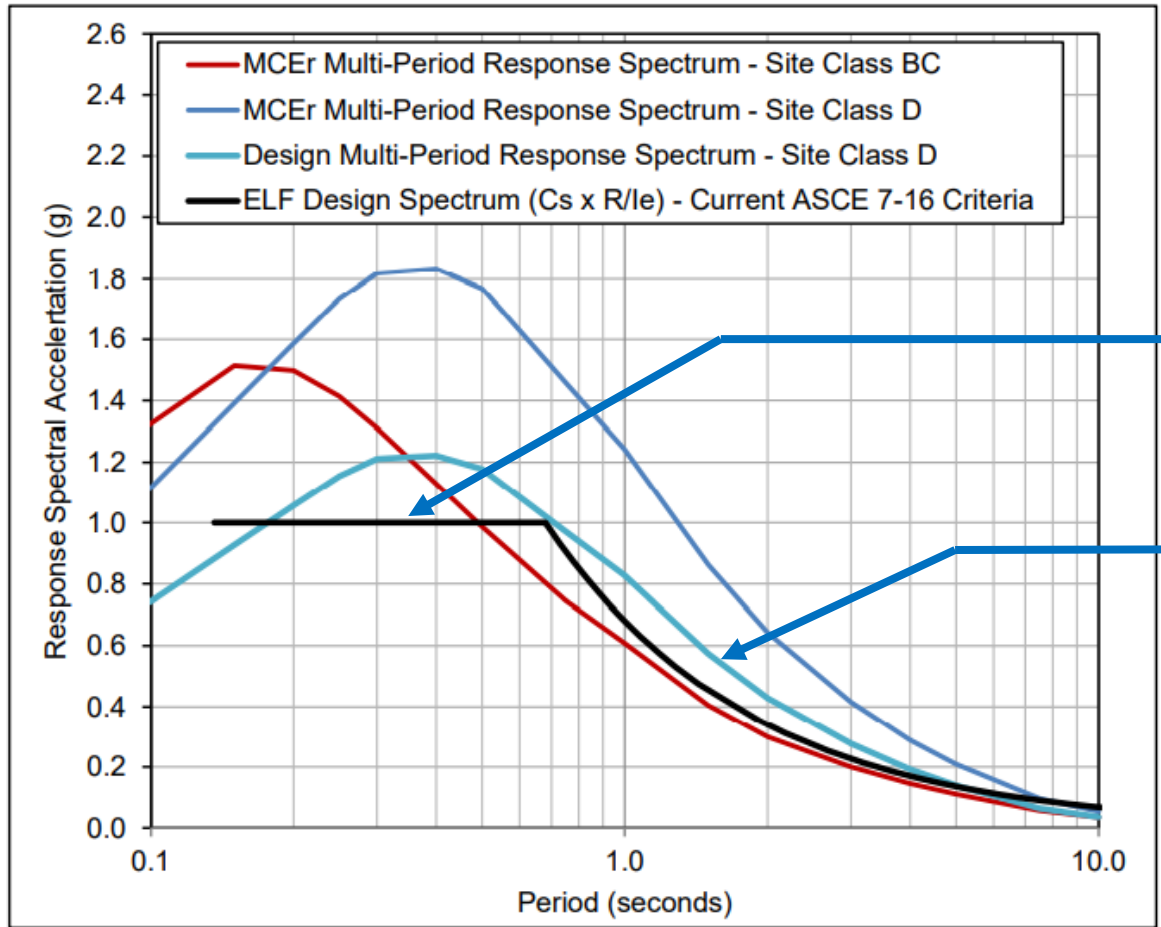
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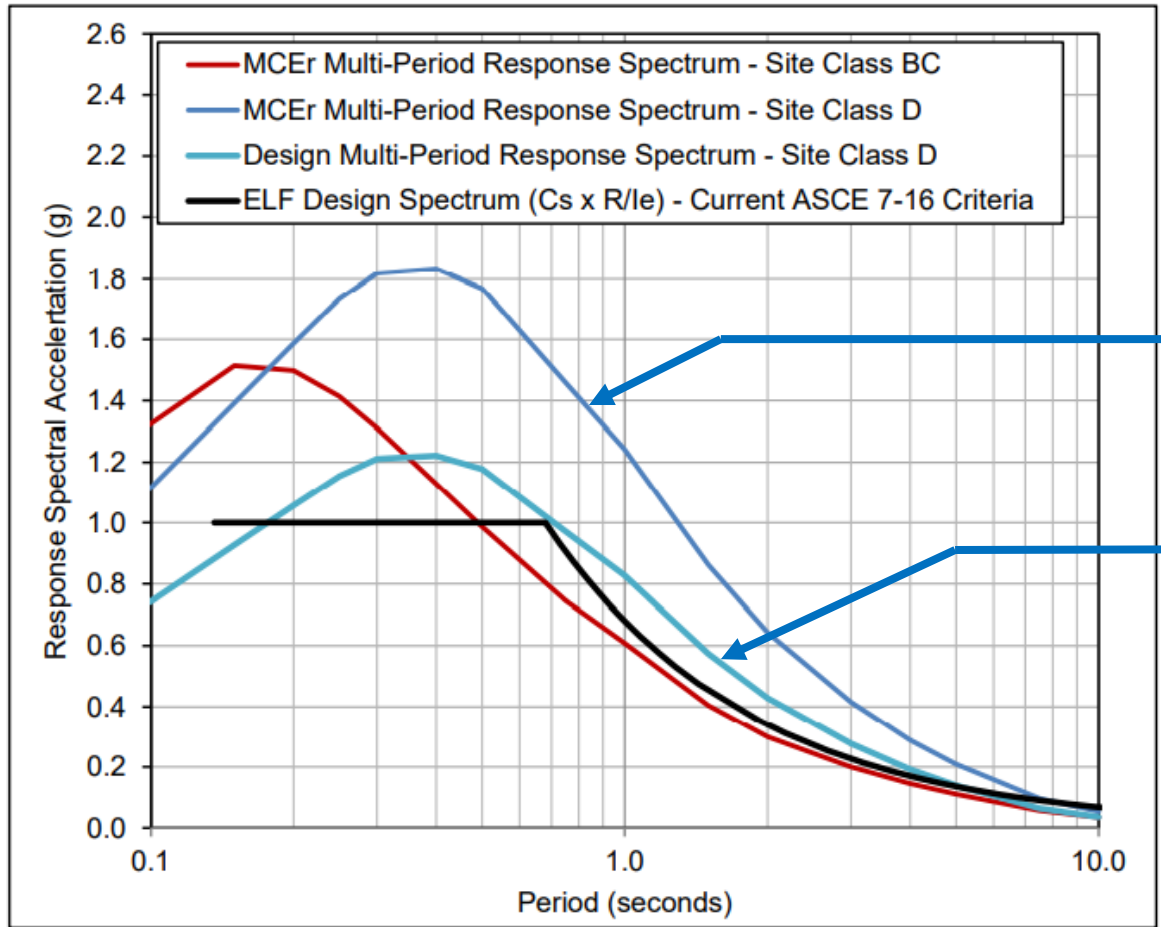
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Traditional two-domain Design Spectrum

Site-Specific Spectrum (Design level)



MCF<sub>R</sub> MPRS (USGS)  
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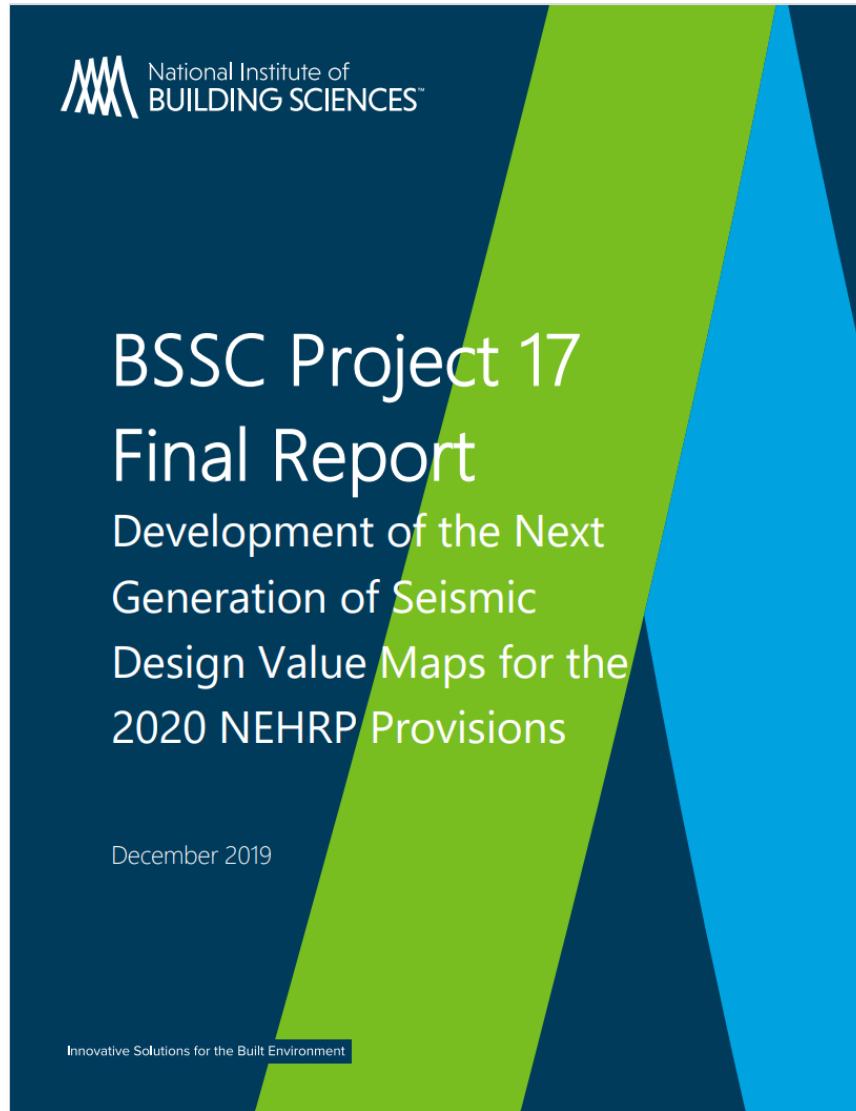
Design MPRS  
provides S<sub>DS</sub> and S<sub>D1</sub>

Site-specific – incorporates  
site class, location



# Developing Design Spectra for the U.S.

- Multi-Period and Design Ground Motions – Charles Kircher  
Why the MPRS and how to construct it
- Update to the USGS National Seismic Hazard Model – Sanaz Rezaeian  
The scientific modeling for the updated maps
- Example Changes to Design Ground Motion Values – Nico Luco  
The resulting changes to design ground motion values



## Project 17

A joint committee of USGS and BSSC

Purpose: To formulate recommendations for the rules by which next-generation seismic design value maps derived from the USGS NSHM will be developed for adoption by the 2020 NEHRP Provisions, ASCE/SEI 7-22 and 2024 IBC.

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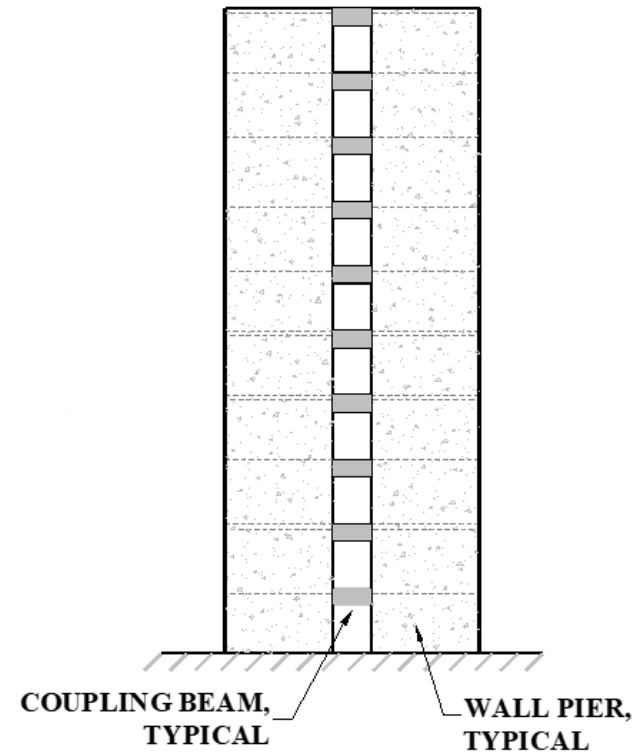
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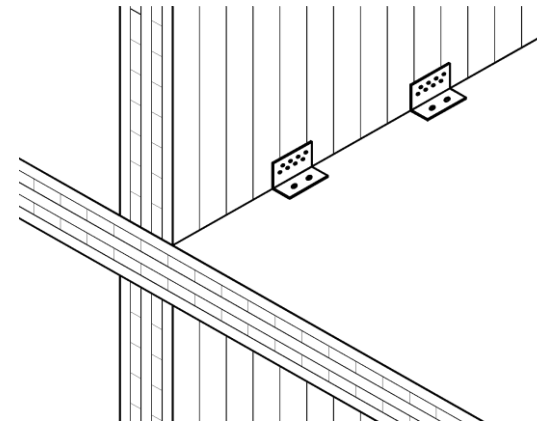
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# New Nonstructural Force Equations

John Gillengerten

$$F_p = \frac{0.4 I_p S_{DS} W_p}{\left(\frac{R_p}{I_p}\right)} \left(1 + 2 \frac{z}{h}\right)$$

Old

$$F_p = 0.4 S_{DS} I_p W_p \left[\frac{H_f}{R_\mu}\right] \left[\frac{C_{AR}}{R_{po}}\right]$$

New

# New Diaphragm Design Provisions

Kelly Cobeen

- New Provisions for RWFD Buildings
- Provisions for Bare Metal Deck
- Enhanced Commentary and Diaphragm Resource Paper



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# Resilience-Based Design and the NEHRP Provisions

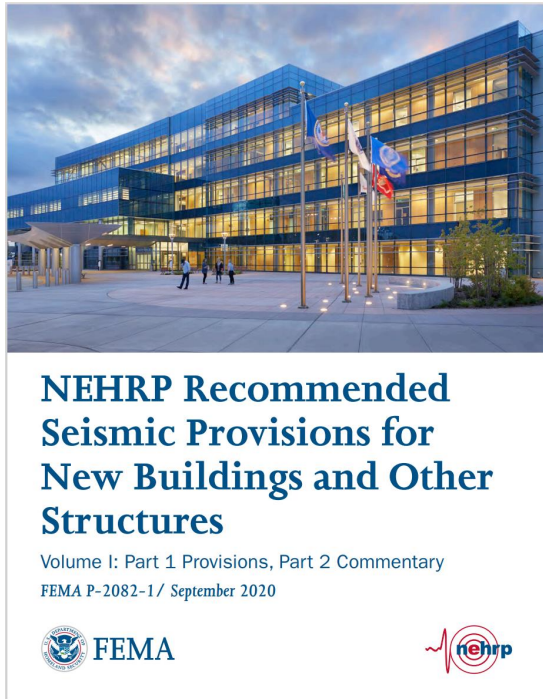
David Bonowitz

Adopting the current code-and-standard model to resilience-based design with consideration of functional recovery.

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# Future Topics and Research Needs



Presentation and Discussion  
led by Kelly Cobeen and S.K. Ghosh

Purpose:

- Recap 2020 PUC and BSSC Member Organization input received to date
- Outreach to you - the engineering community - related to future direction

# Thank You!





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# NEW MULTI-PERIOD RESPONSE SPECTRA AND GROUND MOTION REQUIREMENTS AND NEW SITE CLASSES

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Principal Kircher & Associates



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# Presentation Topics

- Overview of Multi-Period Response Spectra (MPRS) Code Requirements
  - Changes to Chapters 11, 20, 21 and 22 of the *2020 NEHRP Provisions* (and *ASCE 7-22*)
- Background Material
  - Design response spectrum (Figure 11.4-1 of *ASCE 7-16*) and multi-period design spectra
- The Problem (with *ASCE 7-10*) – Need for MPRS
- Interim Solution (*2015 NEHRP Provisions* and *ASCE 7-16*)
  - Revised site-specific requirements of *ASCE 7-16* Code (in lieu of MPRS)
- Long-Term MPRS Solution (*2020 NEHRP Provisions* and *ASCE 7-22*)
  - Definition, calculation and example comparisons with *ASCE 7-16* (and *ASCE 7-10*)
  - **USGS Science – USGS updating of  $MCE_R$  ground motions (now defined by MPRS)**
  - **MPRS Study – FEMA-funded ATC-136-1 study of MPRS methods for OCONUS sites (e.g., Alaska and Hawaii, etc.) – FEMA P-2078 (August 2020)**

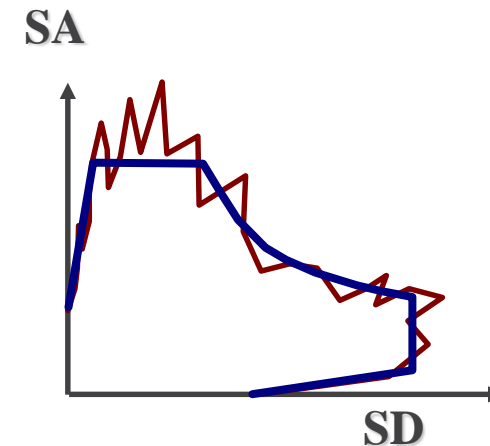
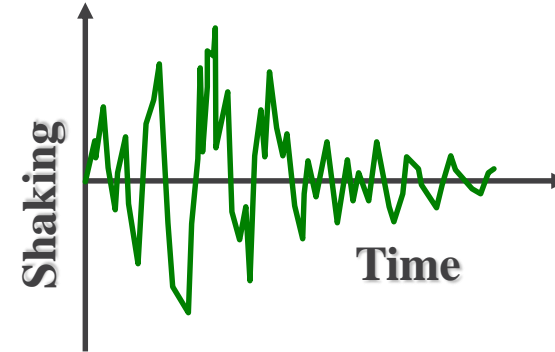
# Multi-Period Response Spectra (MPRS)

Multi-Period Response Spectra of the *2020 NEHRP Provisions*:

- Collectively improve the accuracy of the frequency content of earthquake design ground motions
- Enhance the reliability of the seismic design parameters derived from these ground motions
- Make better use of the available earth science (including the 2018 update of the USGS NSHM) which has, in general, sufficiently advanced to accurately define spectral response for different site conditions over a broad range of periods
- Eliminate the need for site-specific hazard analysis required by *ASCE 7-16 (2015 NEHRP Provisions)* for certain (soft soil) sites where the site coefficients are either undefined or inadequate
- Do no change the ELF (MRSA) design procedures commonly used by most design engineers and projects

# Earthquake Ground Motion Characterization

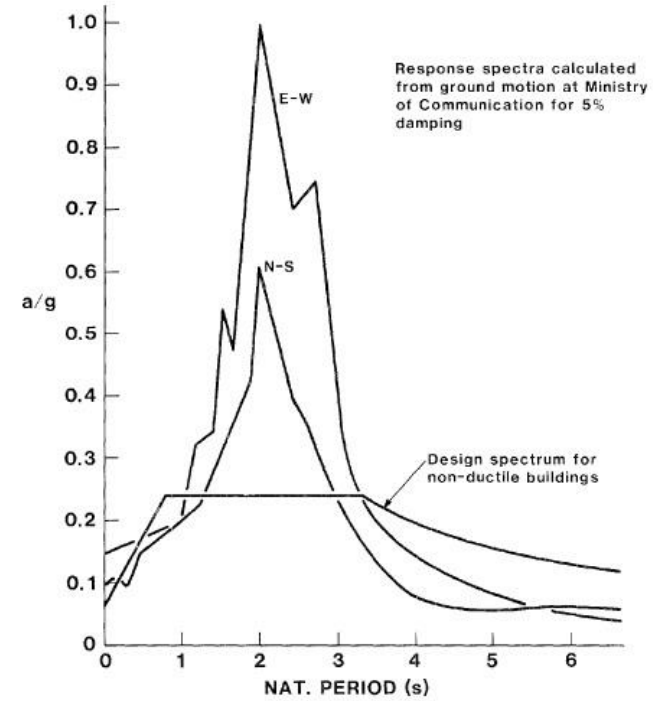
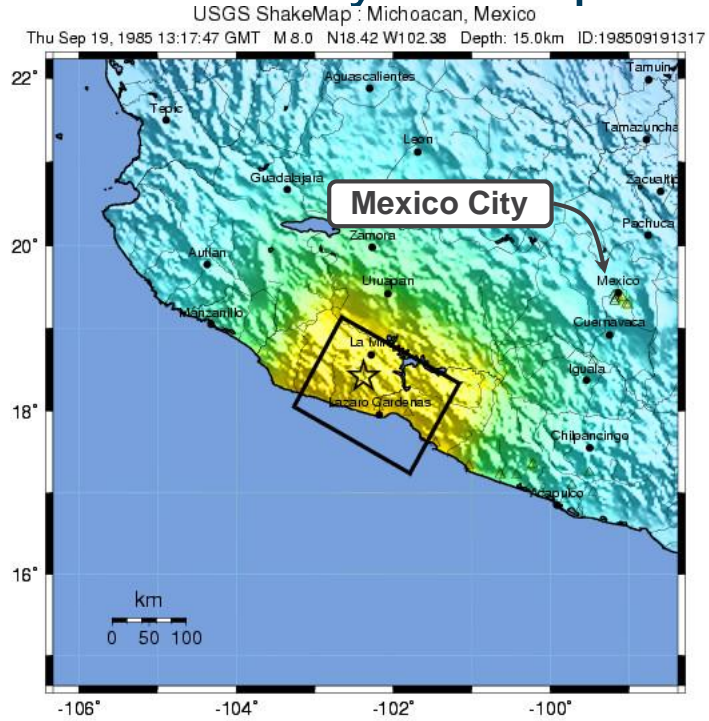
- Ground Motion Records (Time Histories)
  - Acceleration (including PGA)
  - Velocity (including PGV)
  - Displacement (including PGD)
- Elastic Response Spectra (e.g., MPRS)
  - Peak response of a collection of linear single-degree-of-freedom systems with 5% viscous damping
  - “Smooth” spectra used for design (to represent many different possible ground motion time histories)



# Earthquake Damage - What Matters?

- Ground Motions Characteristics:
  - Intensity - Strength of Shaking
  - Frequency Content of Shaking (site conditions)
  - *Duration of (Strong) Shaking*
- Building Properties:
  - Configuration (height, irregularity, etc.)
  - Structural system (ductility, durability, etc.)
  - Strength of building (relative to strength of shaking)
  - Dynamic response properties (relative to frequency content of ground motions)

# 1985 Mexico City Earthquake – Collapse of 6 – 15-Story Buildings



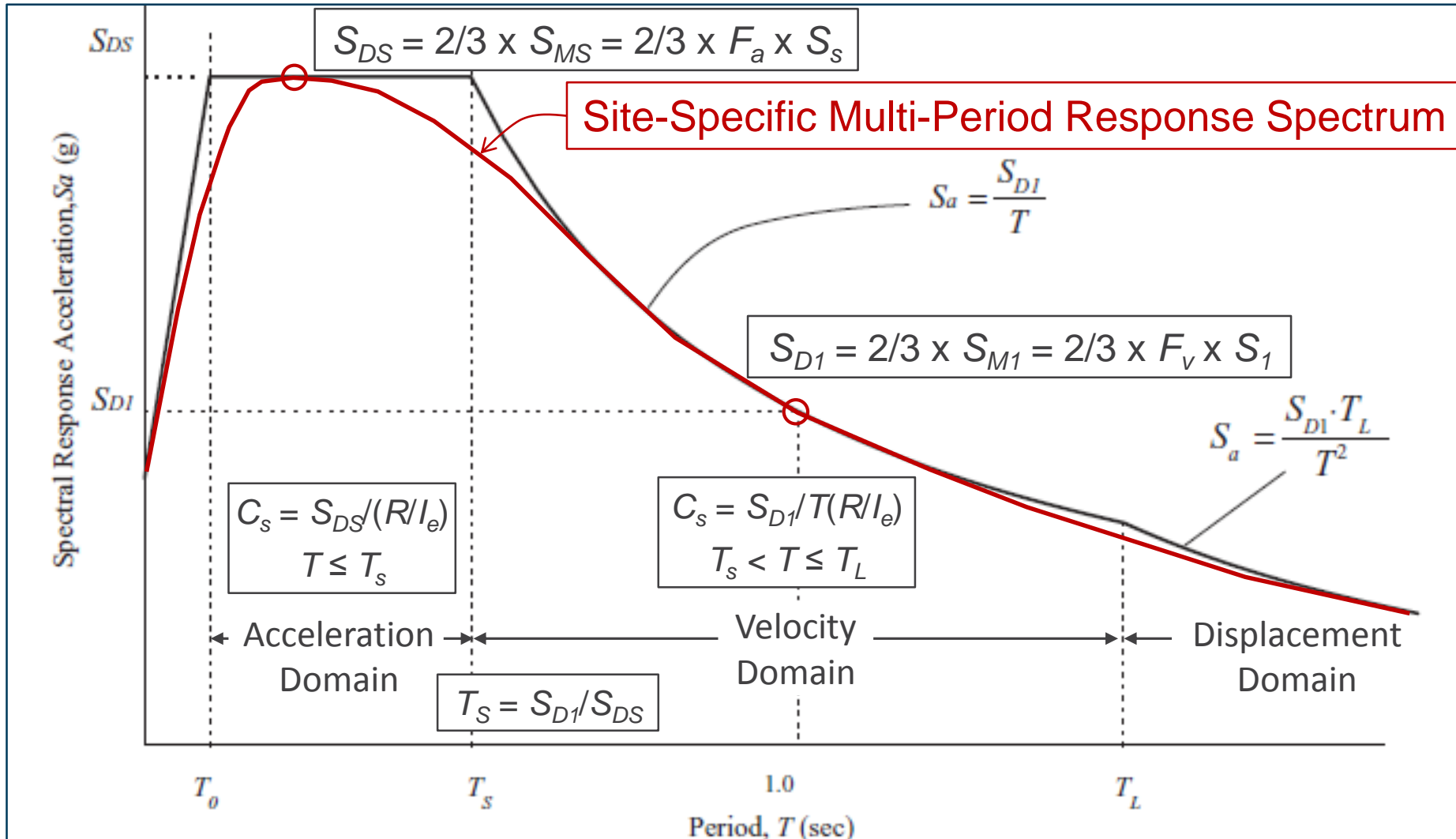


# Summary of MPRS and Related Changes (to ASCE 7-16)

- Chapter 11 – Seismic Ground Motion Values
  - Added new “site-specific” multi-period design spectra and related values of seismic design parameters (e.g.,  $S_{MS}$ ,  $S_{M1}$  and  $PGA_M$ ) of the “USGS Seismic Design Geodatabase”, available online from a USGS web service for user-defined site location and site conditions (i.e., site class)
  - Deleted site coefficient tables (i.e., site factors are no longer required)
  - Removed the site-specific (interim solution) ground motion procedures of ASCE 7-16
- Chapter 20 – Site Classification Procedure for Seismic Design
  - Added three new site classes (Site Classes BC, CD and DE) to Table 20.3-1
  - *Added new site class shear wave velocity-based requirements*
- Chapter 21 – Site-specific Ground Motion Procedures for Seismic Design
  - Added new deterministic  $MCE_R$  “scenario” earthquake requirements (based on de-aggregation)
  - Revised determination of  $S_{D1}$  from site-specific design spectrum (Section 21.4)
- Chapter 22 – Seismic Ground Motion and Long-Period Period Maps
  - Incorporated USGS update of  $MCE_R$  ground motions based on 2018 update of the USGS NSHM
  - Updated to provide new maps of  $S_{MS}$  and  $S_{M1}$  (and  $PGA_M$ ) for “default” site conditions

# Two-Period Design Response Spectrum (Multi-Period Design Spectrum)

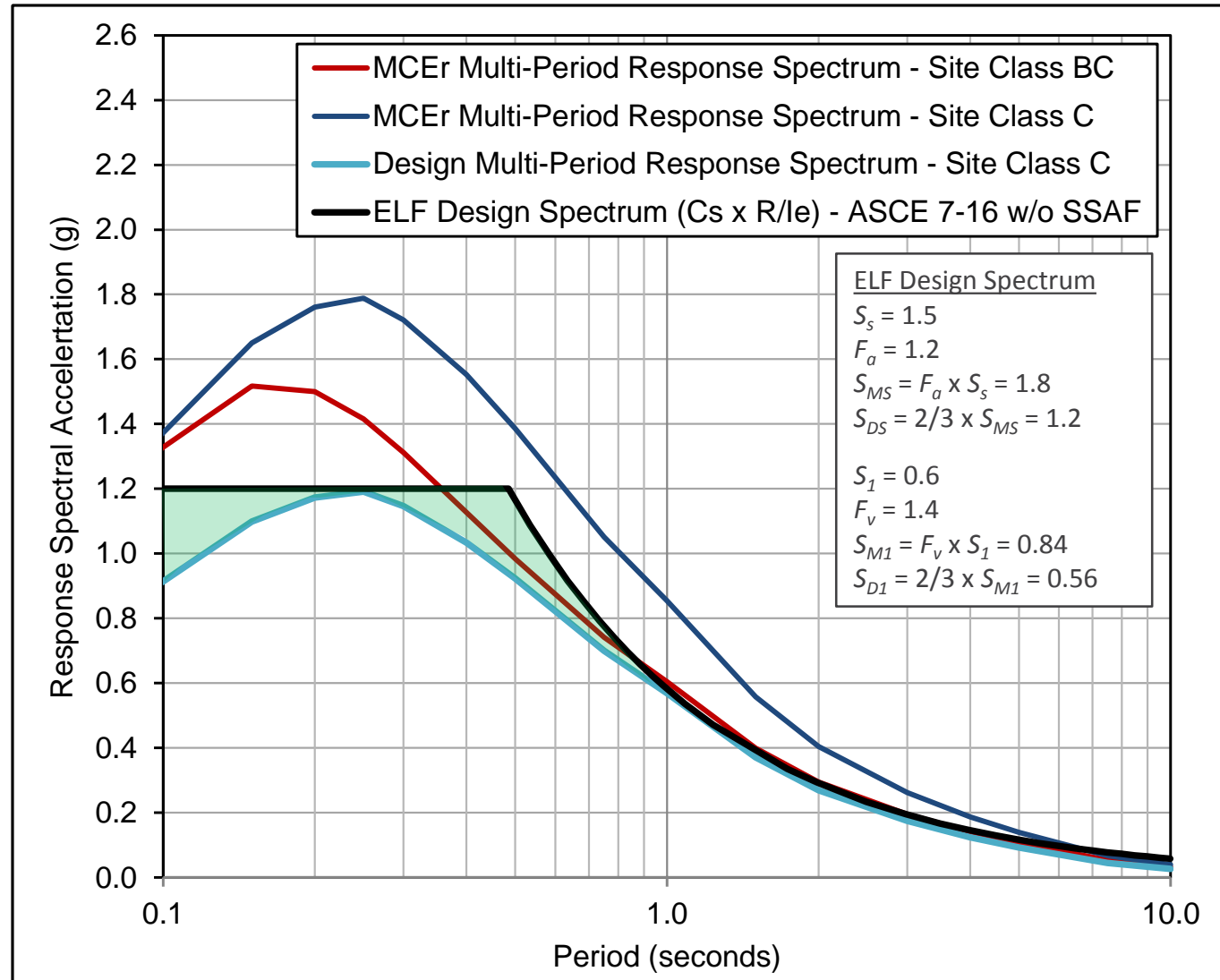
(Figure 11.4-1, ASCE 7-05, ASCE 7-10 and ASCE 7-16 with annotation)



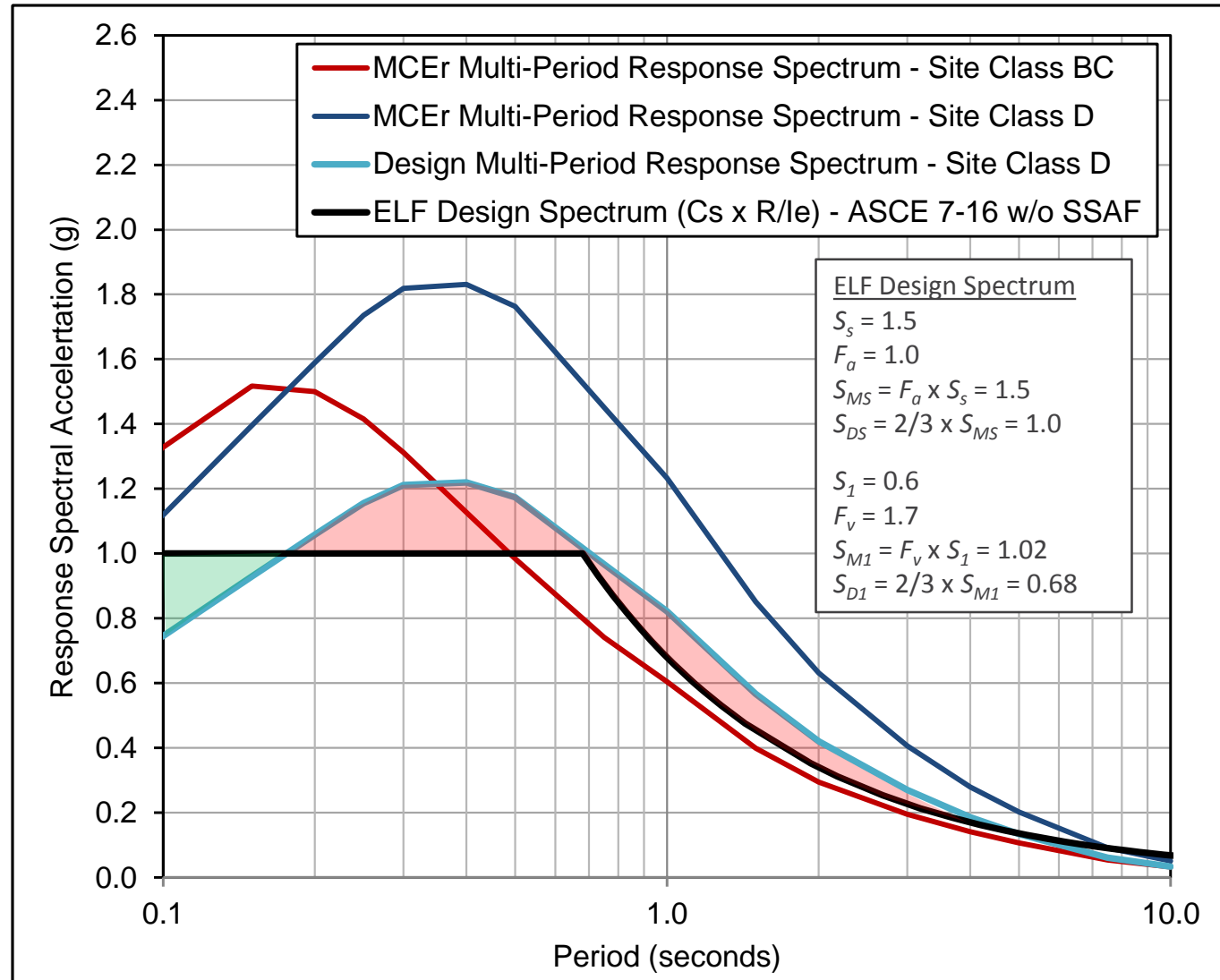
# The “Problem” with ASCE 7-10

- For softer sites, in particular those where seismic hazard is governed by large magnitude earthquakes:
  - Frequency content of ground motions (spectrum shape) is not accurately characterized by of the two-period design response spectrum and site coefficients
  - Design ground motions are significantly underestimated (e.g., by as much as a factor of 2 at longer response periods)

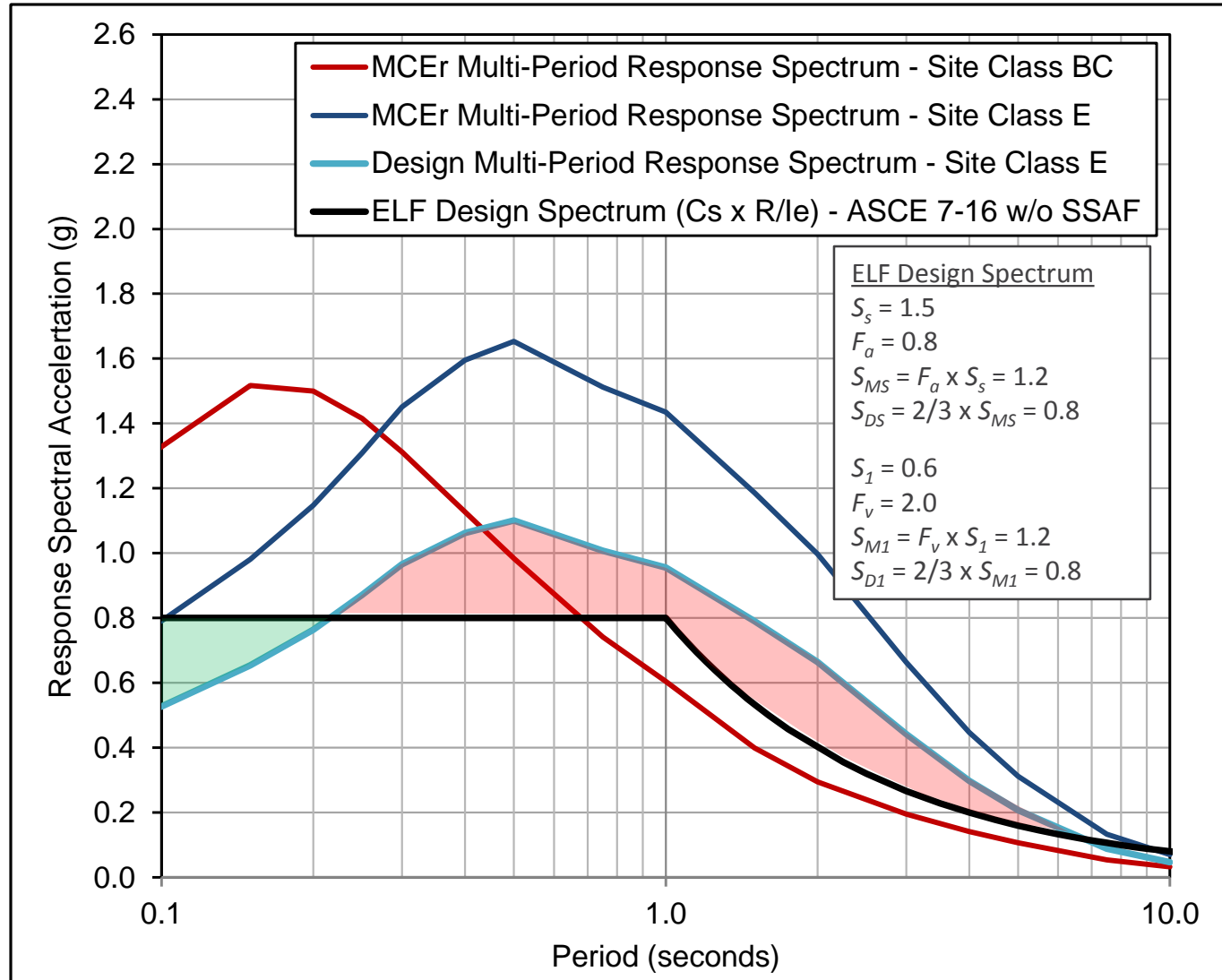
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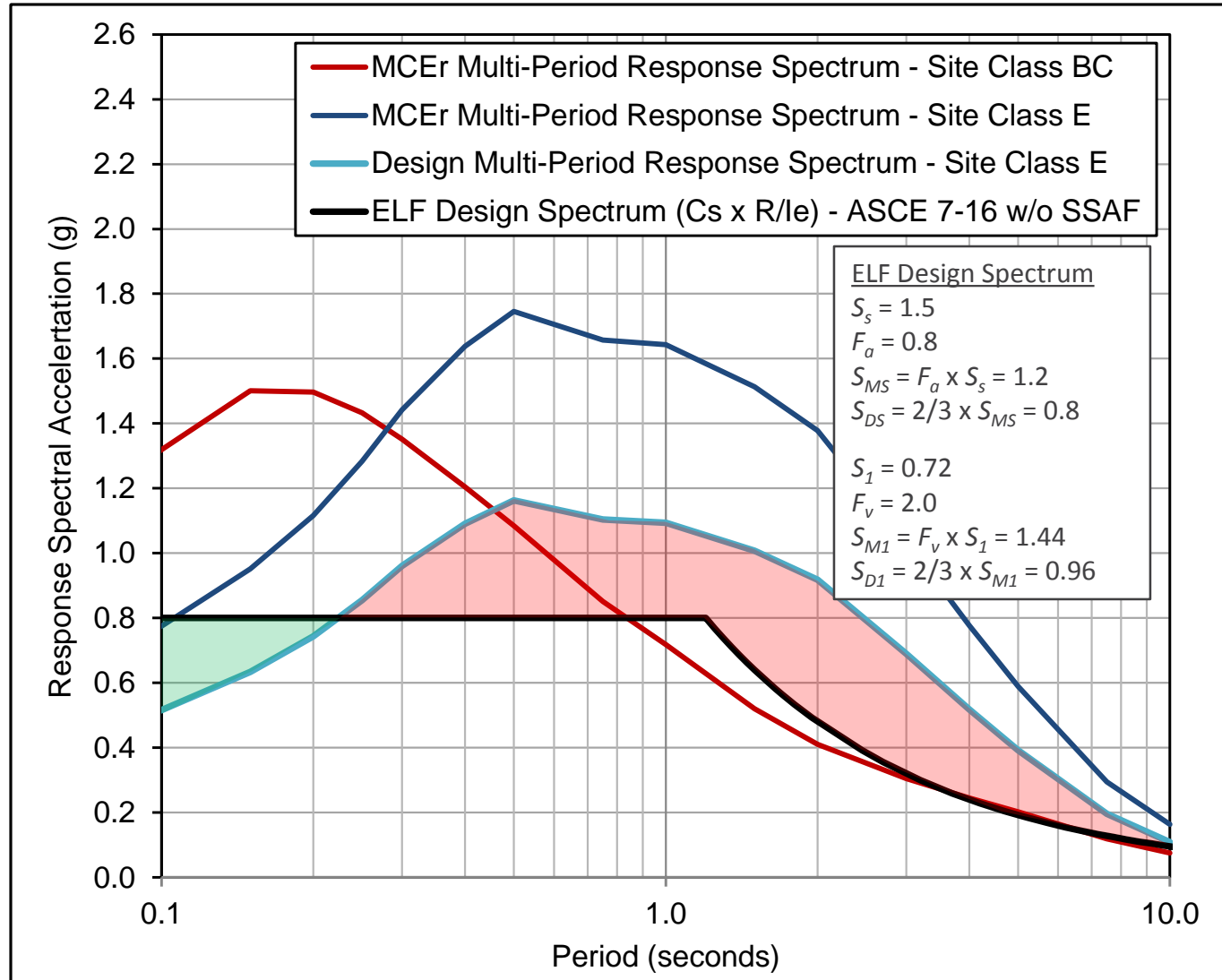


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# Comparison of ASCE 7-16 Two-Period (ELF) Design Spectrum w/o Spectrum Shape Adjustment and Multi-Period Response Spectra based on M8.0 earthquake ground motions at $R_x = 9.9$ km) – Site Class E



# Interim Solution of *ASCE 7-16* (*2015 NEHRP Provisions*)

- Require site-specific analysis to determine design ground motions for softer sites, but
- Provide exceptions to permit design using “conservative” values seismic design parameters

# Site-Specific Requirements of Section 11.4.7 of *ASCE 7-16* (*2015 NEHRP Provisions*)

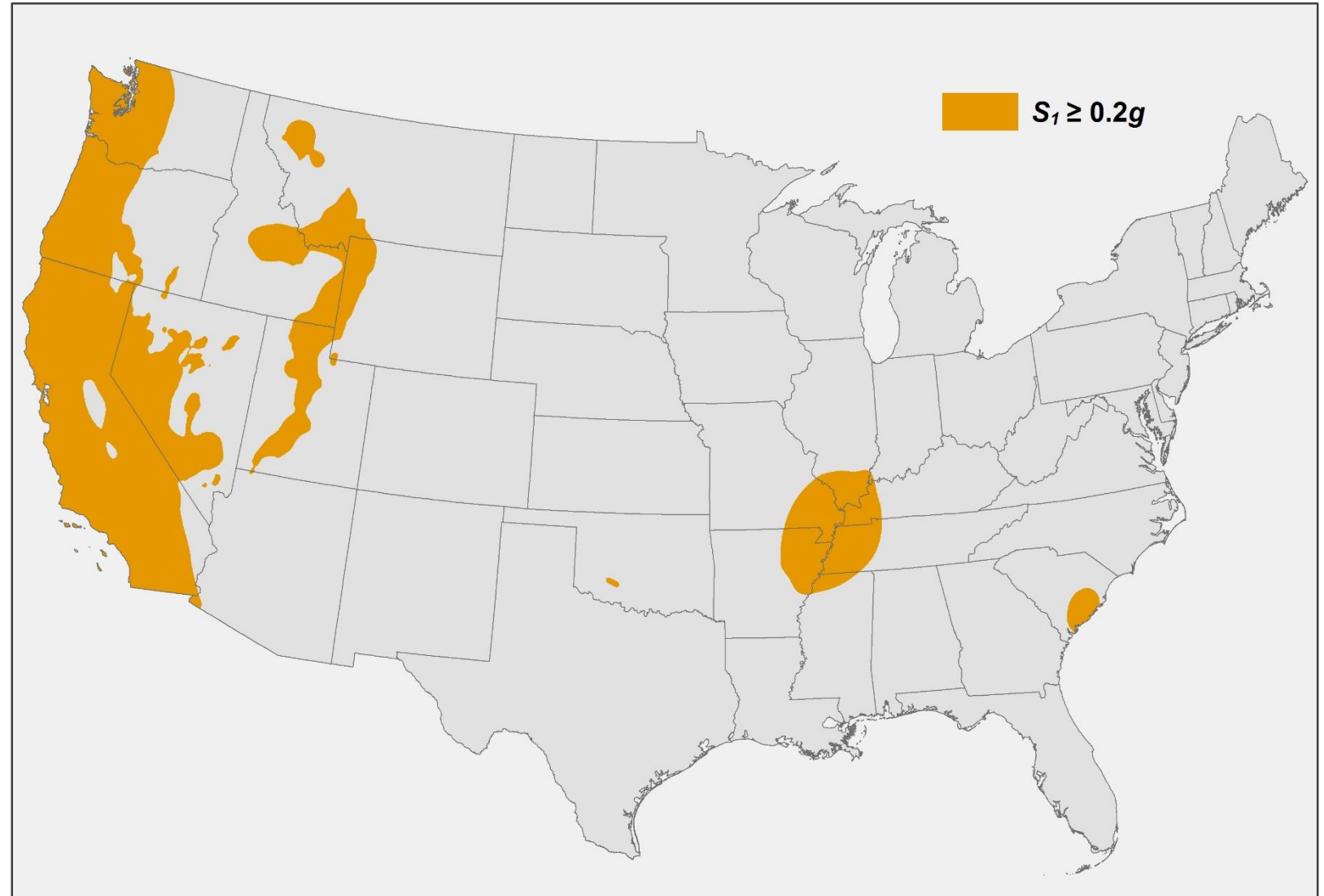
- Site Class D - Site-specific ground motion procedures are required for structures on Site Class D sites where values of  $S_1$  are greater than or equal to 0.2.
  - An exception permits ELF (and MRSA) design using a “conservative” value of the seismic design coefficient based on a 50 percent increase in the value of the seismic parameter  $S_{M1}$  ( $S_{D1}$ ), effectively extending the acceleration domain to  $1.5T_s$
- Site Class E - Site-specific ground motion procedures required for structures on Site Class E sites where values of  $S_S$  are greater than or equal to 1.0 (or  $S_1$  greater than 0.2)
  - An exception permits ELF design using a “conservative” value of the seismic design coefficient based on the seismic parameter  $S_{MS}$  ( $S_{DS}$ ) for Site Class C, regardless of the design period,  $T$ , effectively eliminating the velocity domain

# Conterminous United States Regions with $S_1 \geq 0.2g$ (ASCE 7-16)

Orange Shaded Regions  
( $S_1 \geq 0.2g$ )

10 percent of the area

90 percent of the risk  
(AEL, FEMA 366)



# Long-Term Multi-Period Response Spectrum (MPRS) Solution of the 2020 NEHRP Provisions (and ASCE 7-22)

- Define design ground motions in terms of MPRS (e.g., for MRSA design or as the basis for selecting records for NRHA)
- Derive values of seismic design parameters (e.g.,  $S_{MS}$  and  $S_{M1}$ ) from the MPRS of interest (e.g., for ELF design)
- Provide MPRS and associated values of seismic design parameters for User-specified values of:
  - Site Location (latitude, longitude)
  - Site Class
  - From USGS web service at <http://doi.org/10.5066/F7NK3C76> (aka USGS Seismic Design Geodatabase for ASCE 7-22) and
  - Other User-friendly providers (e.g., ASCE 7 Hazard Design Tool, etc.)

# Multi-Period Response Spectra Format

(matrix showing the combinations of twenty-two response periods and eight site classes of the standard format of multi-period response spectra)

- CONUS regions with ground motion models for all 22 x 8 combinations of site class and period (USGS 2018 NSHM):
  - WUS
  - CEUS

Period $T$ (s)	5%-Damped Response Spectral Acceleration or PGA by Site Class (g)							
	A	B	BC	C	CD	D	DE	E
0.00	0.501	0.565	0.658	0.726	0.741	0.694	0.607	0.547
0.010	0.503	0.568	0.662	0.730	0.748	0.703	0.617	0.547
0.020	0.519	0.583	0.676	0.739	0.749	0.703	0.617	0.547
0.030	0.596	0.662	0.750	0.792	0.778	0.703	0.617	0.547
0.050	0.811	0.888	0.955	0.958	0.888	0.758	0.620	0.551
0.075	1.040	1.142	1.214	1.193	1.076	0.900	0.713	0.624
0.10	1.119	1.252	1.371	1.368	1.241	1.040	0.825	0.724
0.15	1.117	1.291	1.535	1.606	1.497	1.266	1.002	0.875
0.20	1.012	1.194	<b>1.500</b>	1.710	1.662	1.440	1.153	1.010
0.25	0.897	1.075	1.397	1.714	1.766	1.584	1.299	1.153
0.30	0.810	0.976	1.299	1.665	1.829	1.705	1.443	1.301
0.40	0.689	0.833	1.138	1.525	1.823	1.802	1.607	1.484
0.50	0.598	0.724	1.009	1.385	1.734	1.803	1.681	1.596
0.75	0.460	0.536	0.760	1.067	1.407	1.566	1.598	1.589
1.0	0.368	0.417	<b>0.600</b>	0.859	1.168	1.388	1.512	1.578
1.5	0.261	0.288	0.410	0.600	0.839	1.086	1.348	1.540
2.0	0.207	0.228	0.309	0.452	0.640	0.877	1.192	1.458
3.0	0.152	0.167	0.214	0.314	0.449	0.632	0.889	1.111
4.0	0.120	0.132	0.164	0.238	0.339	0.471	0.655	0.815
5.0	0.100	0.109	0.132	0.188	0.263	0.359	0.492	0.607
7.5	0.063	0.068	0.080	0.110	0.148	0.194	0.256	0.311
10	0.042	0.045	0.052	0.069	0.089	0.113	0.144	0.170
$PGA_G$	0.373	0.429	<b>0.500</b>	0.552	0.563	0.527	0.461	0.416



# Multi-Period Response Spectra Format

(matrix showing the combinations of twenty-two response periods and eight site classes of the standard format of multi-period response spectra)

- CONUS regions with ground motion models for all 22 x 8 combinations of site class and period (USGS 2018 NSHM):
  - WUS
  - CEUS
- OCONUS regions with only two ground motion response parameters ( $S_S$  and  $S_1$ ) and  $PGA$  (2018 USGS NSHM):
  - Alaska
  - Hawaii
  - Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands
  - Guam and American Samoa

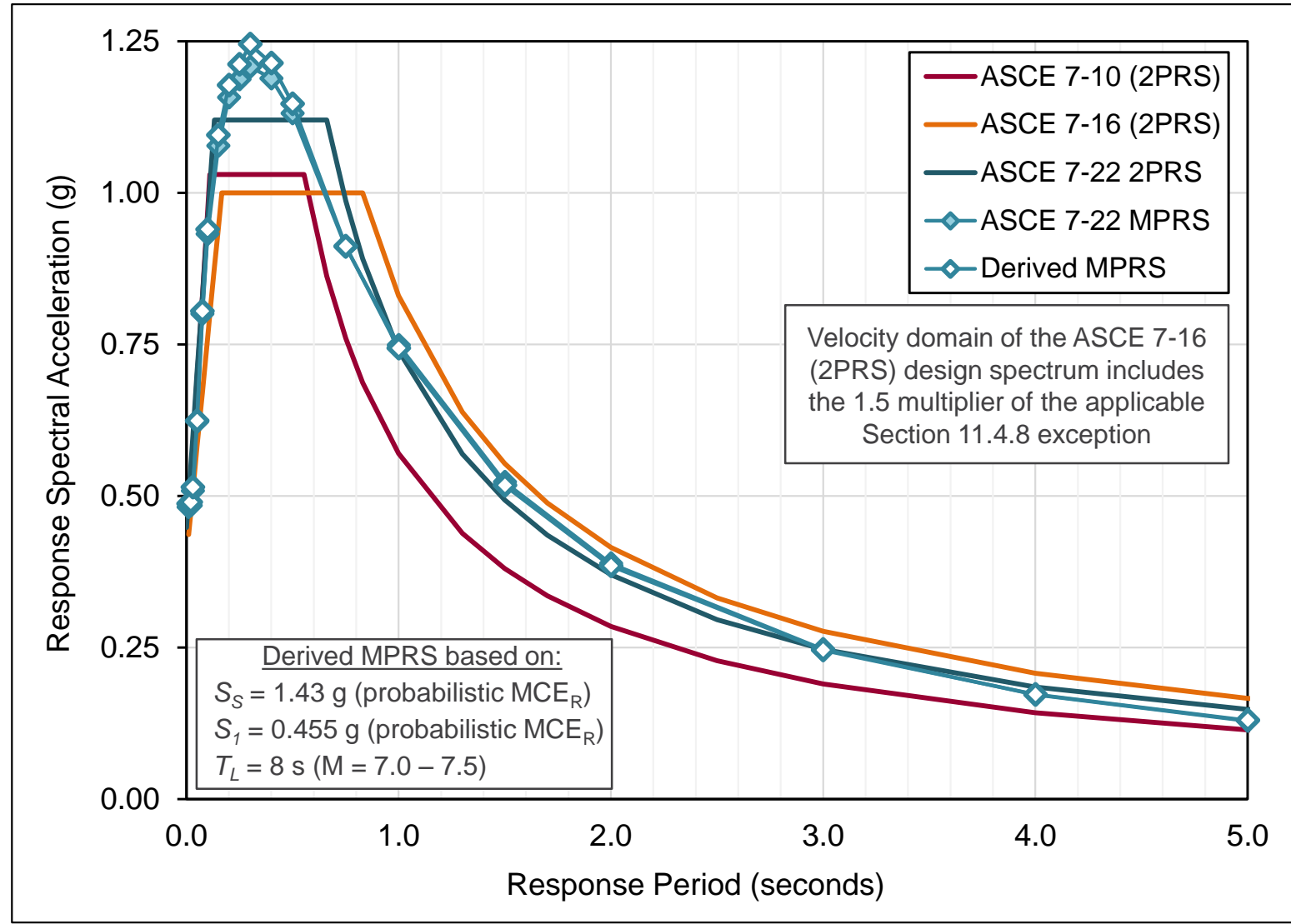
Period $T$ (s)	5%-Damped Response Spectral Acceleration or PGA by Site Class (g)							
	A	B	BC	C	CD	D	DE	E
0.00								
0.010								
0.020								
0.030								
0.050								
0.075								
0.10								
0.15								
0.20			1.500					
0.25								
0.30								
0.40								
0.50								
0.75								
1.0			0.600					
1.5								
2.0								
3.0								
4.0								
5.0								
7.5								
10								
$PGA_G$			0.500					

# Approach for Developing Multi-Period Response Spectra for United States Regions of Interest (CONUS and OCONUS sites)

- CONUS Sites (WUS and CEUS):
  - Science - 2018 Update of the USGS National Seismic Hazard Model (NSHM)
  - $MCE_R$  Ground Motions – Site-specific requirements of Section 21.2 of the 2020 *NEHRP Provisions* and *ASCE 7-22*
- OCONUS Sites (Alaska, Hawaii, etc.):
  - Science – Most current values of  $S_S$  and  $S_1$  (and  $T_L$ )
  - $MCE_R$  Ground Motions – Site-specific requirements of Section 21.2 of the 2020 *NEHRP Provisions* and *ASCE 7-22* and the MPRS procedures of FEMA P-2018
- FEMA P-2078 (FEMA-funded ATC-136-1 Project)
  - “Procedures for Developing Multi-Period Response Spectra at Non-Conterminous United States Sites,” FEMA P-2078, June 2020.

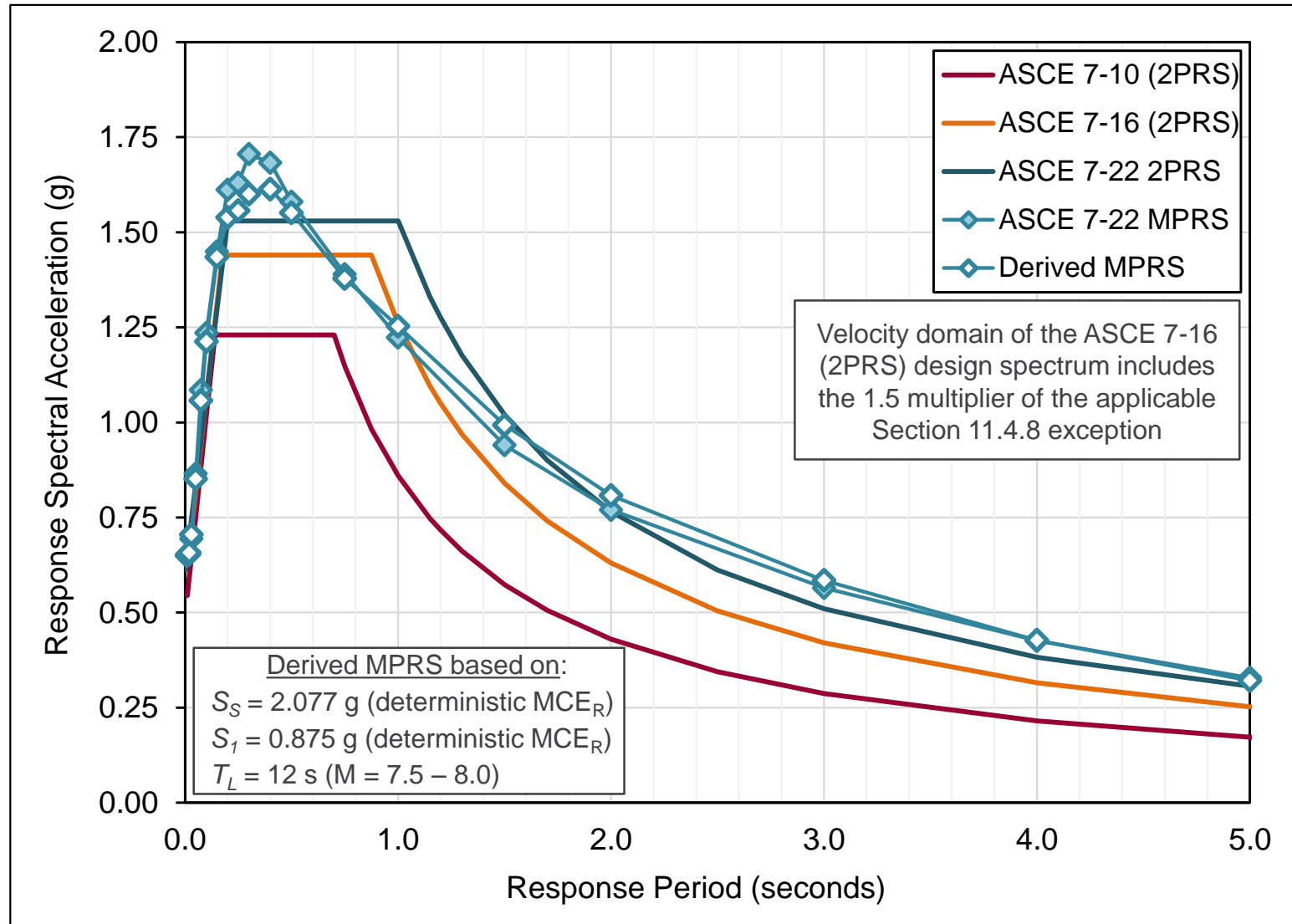
# Comparison of Design Response Spectra – Irvine

(assuming default site conditions, Figure 8.2-1, FEMA P-2078, June 2020)



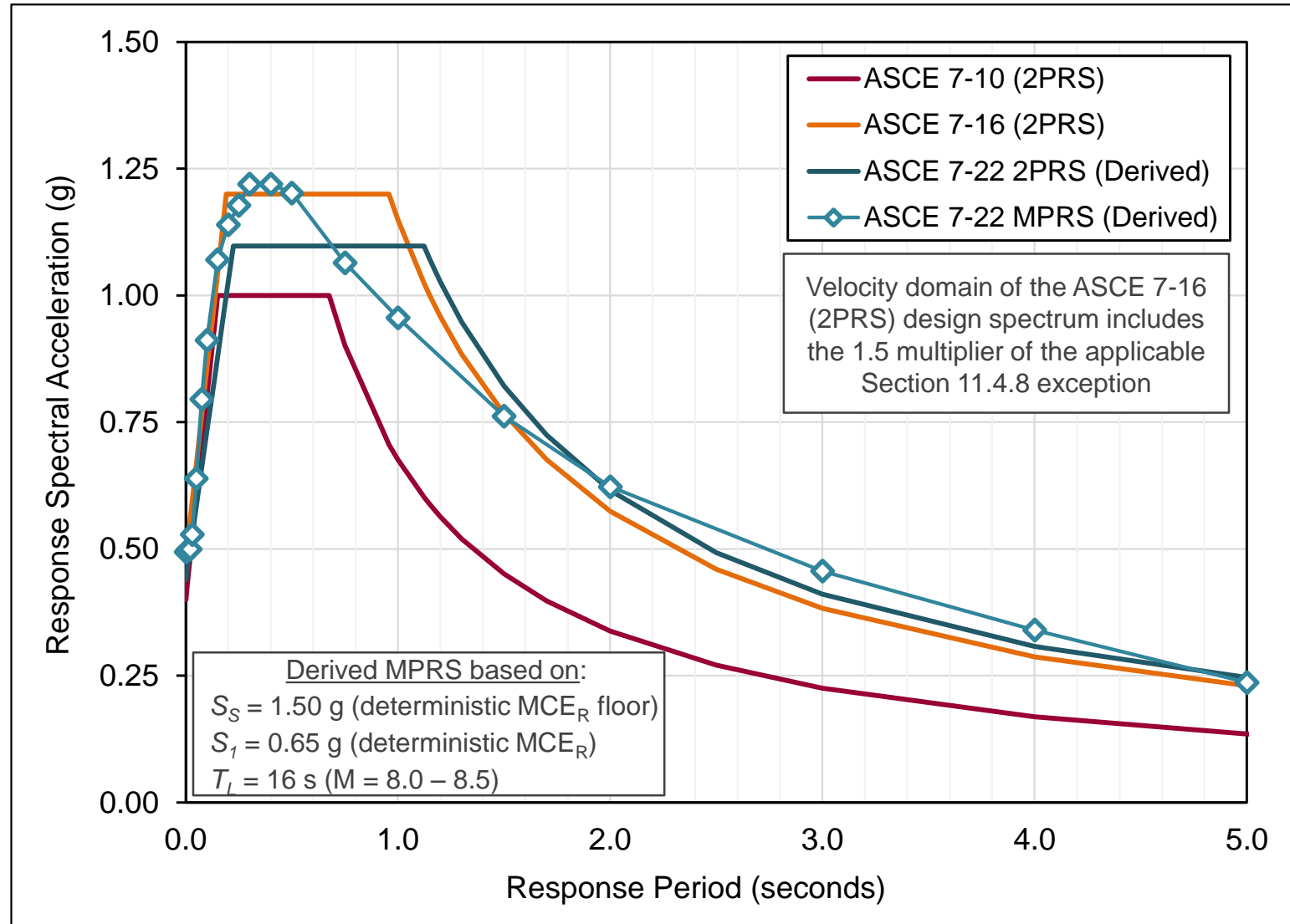
# Comparison of Design Response Spectra – San Mateo

(assuming default site conditions, Figure 8.2-2, FEMA P-2078, June 2020)



# Comparison of Design Response Spectra – Anchorage

(assuming default site conditions, Figure 8.2-4, FEMA P-2078, June 2020)





# Site Classes and Associated Values of Shear Wave Velocities

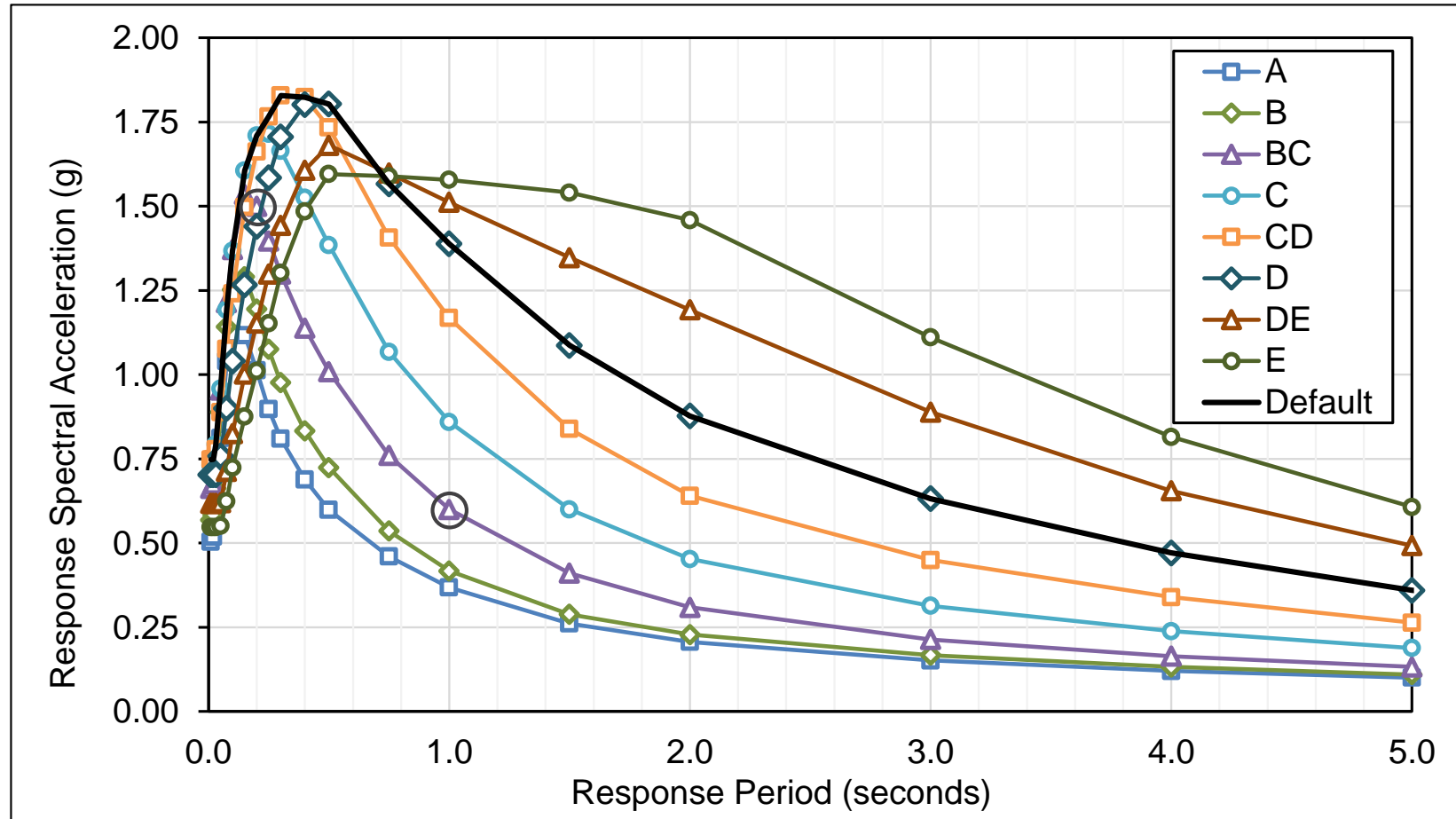
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Site Class		Shear Wave Velocity, $V_{s30}$ (fps)			USGS <sup>2</sup>
Name	Description	Lower Bound <sup>1</sup>	Upper Bound <sup>1</sup>	Center	$V_{s30}$ (mps)
A	Hard rock	5,000			1,500
B	Medium hard rock	3,000	5,000	3,536	1,080
<b>BC</b>	<b>Soft rock</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>760</b>
C	Very dense soil or hard clay	1,450	2,100	1,732	530
<b>CD</b>	<b>Dense sand or very stiff clay</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>365</b>
D	Medium dense sand or stiff clay	700	1,000	849	260
<b>DE</b>	<b>Loose sand or medium stiff clay</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>185</b>
E	Very loose sand or soft clay		500		150

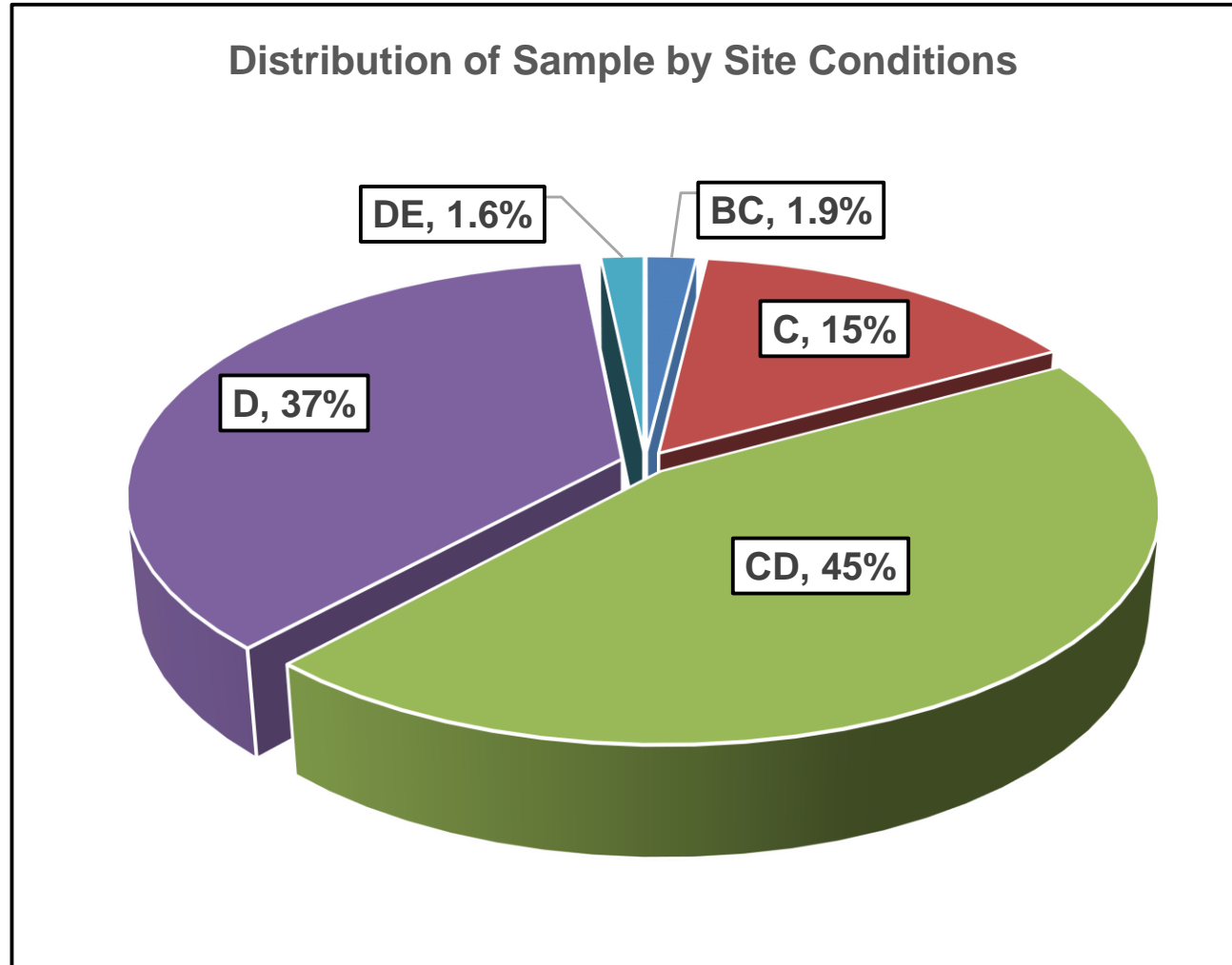
1. Upper and lower bounds, Table 20.3-1, ASCE 7-22.
2. Center of range (rounded) values used by USGS to develop MPRS.

# Example Multi-Period Response Spectra (MPRS)

(Deterministic  $MCE_R$  Lower Limit, new Table 21.2-1, 2020 NEHRP Provisions/ASCE 7-22, anchored to  $S_S = S_{SD} = 1.5$  g,  $S_1 = S_{1D} = 0.6$  g)



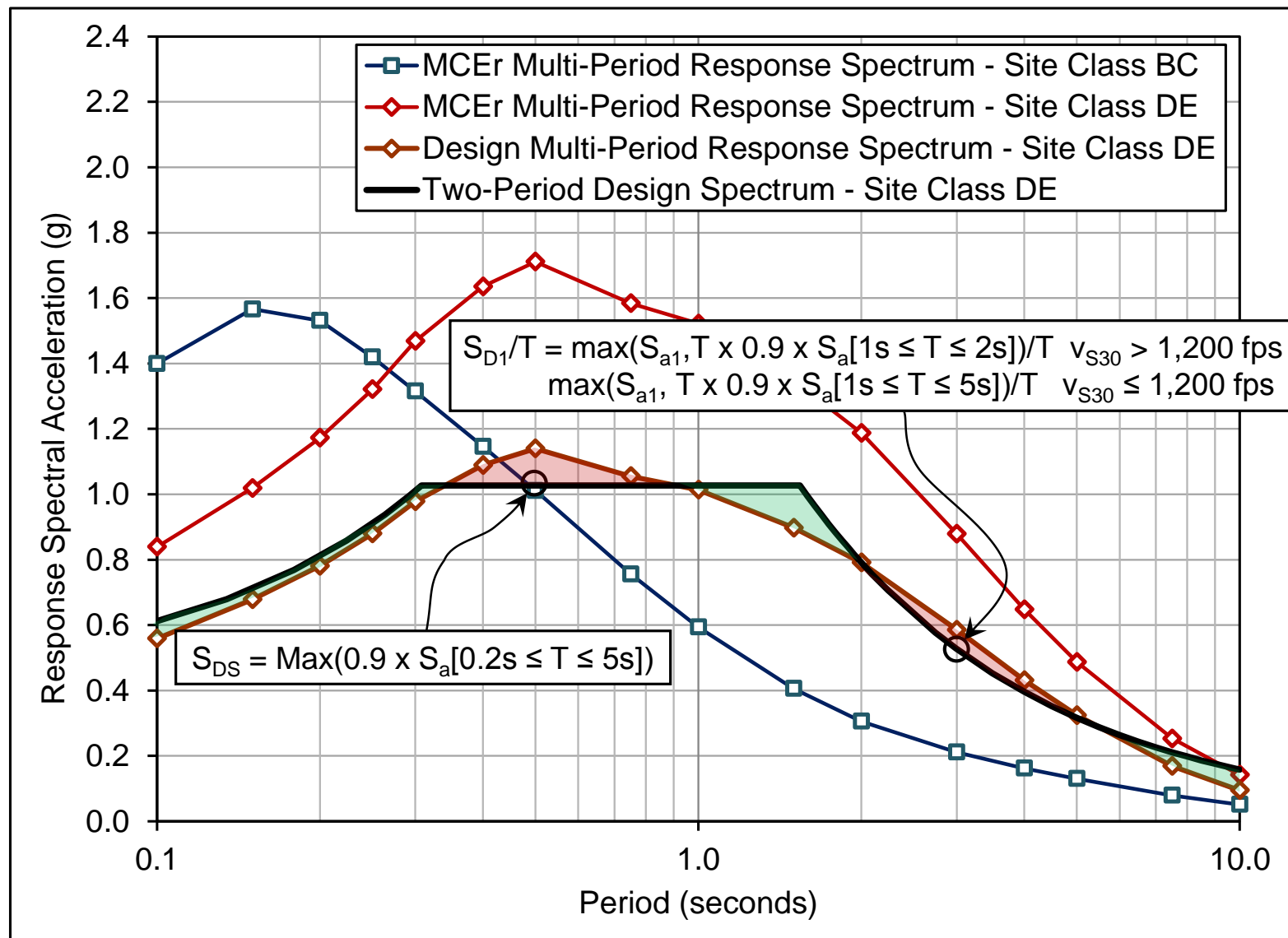
Distribution of 9,050 of census tracts of densely populated areas of California, Oregon and Washington by site class (90% of population)  
(from Table A.2-1, FEMA P-2078, June 2020)



# Improved Values of Seismic Design Parameters

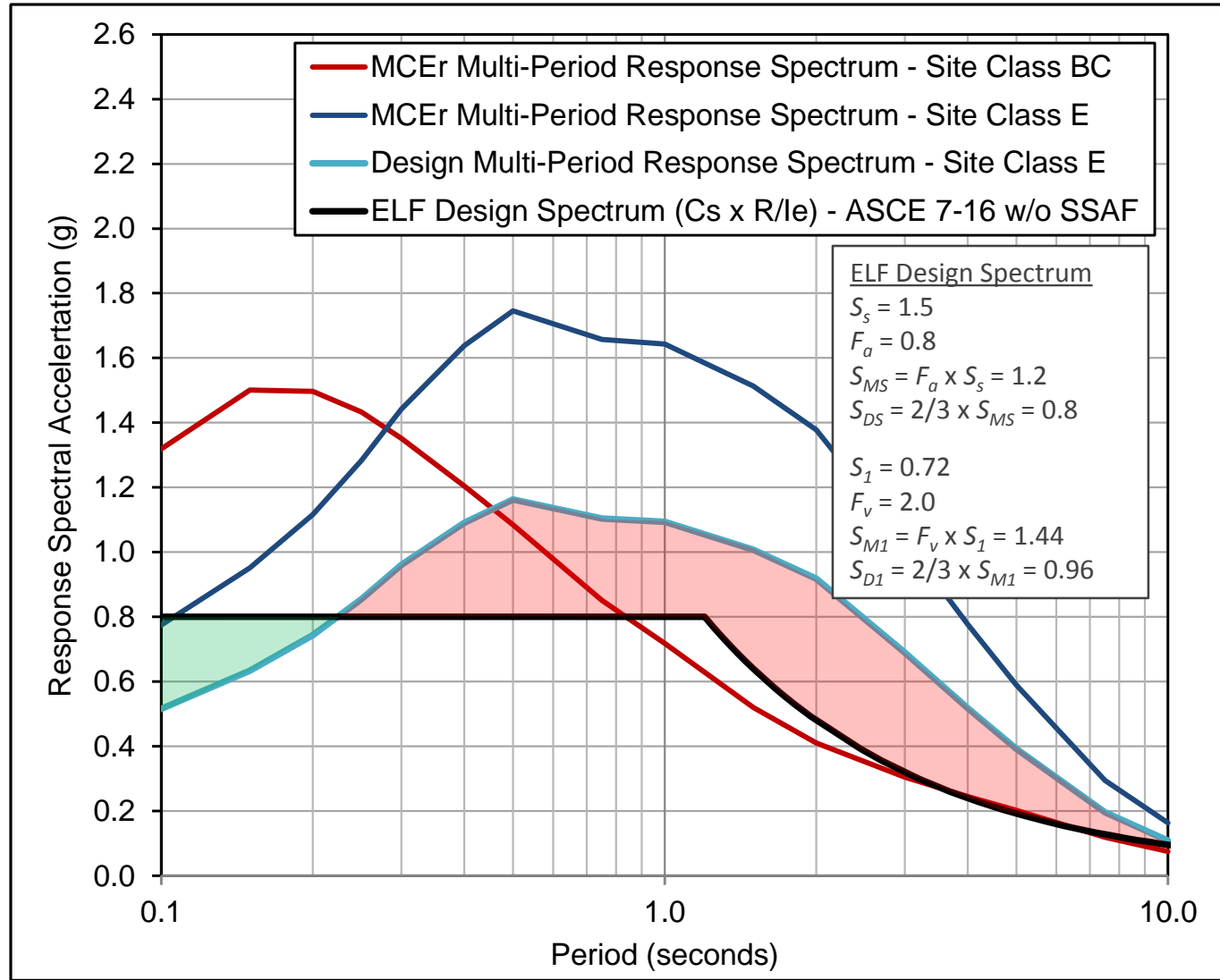
- Derive values of seismic design parameters ( $S_{DS}$  and  $S_{D1}$ ) from “best fit” of the 2-period spectrum to the multi-period design spectrum of the site of interest

# Example derivation of values of $S_{DS}$ and $S_{D1}$ from a multi-period design spectrum (Section 21.4, 2020 NEHRP Provisions/ASCE 7-22)



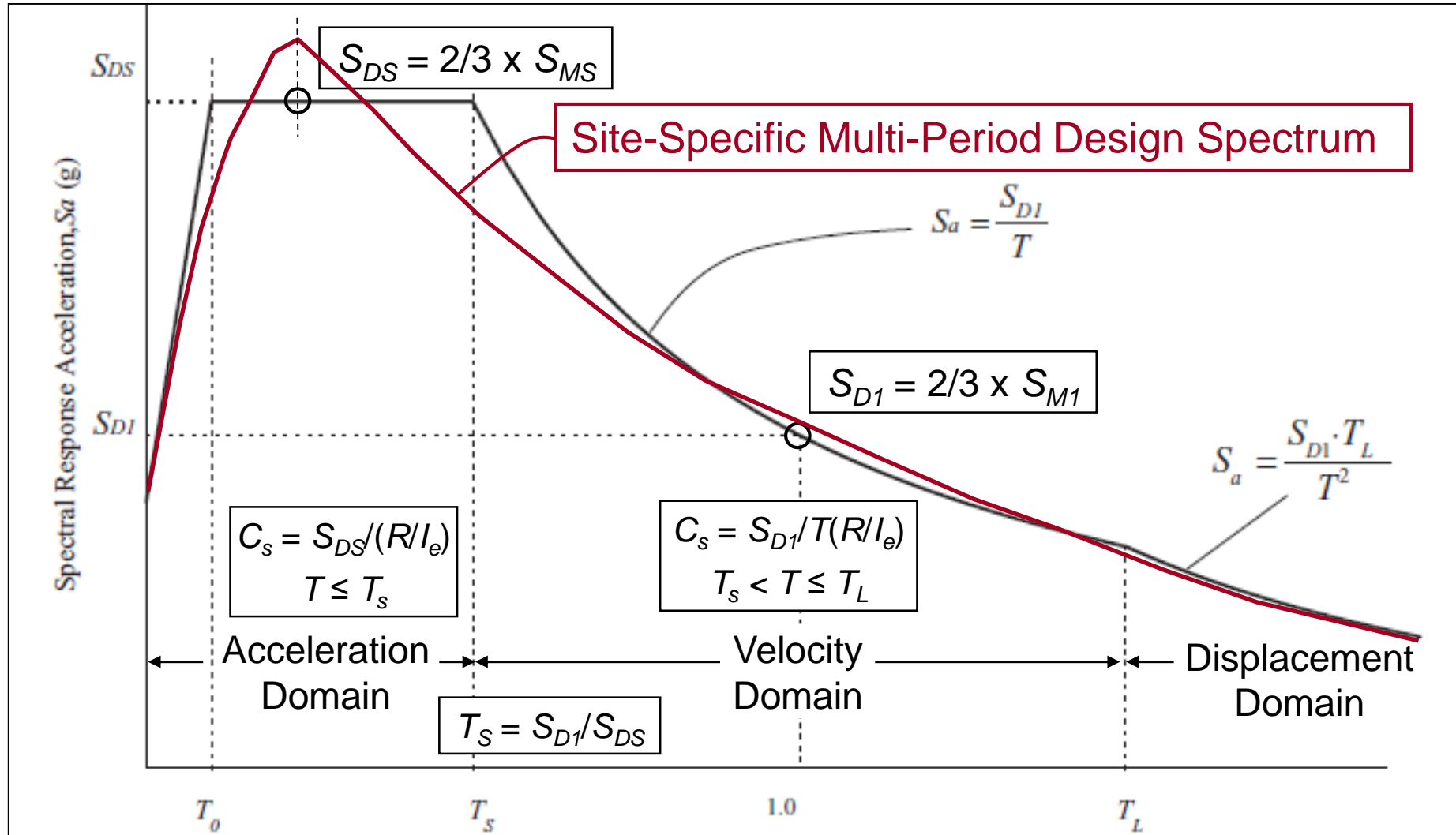


# Comparison of ASCE 7-16 Two-Period (ELF) Design Spectrum w/o Spectrum Shape Adjustment and Multi-Period Response Spectra based on M8.0 earthquake ground motions at $R_x = 9.9$ km) – Site Class E



# Multi-Period Design Spectrum

(Figure 11.4-1, 2020 NEHRP Provisions and ASCE 7-22 with annotation)



# Design (As Usual) Using Proposed MPRS

- Design Ground Motions
  - Ground motion parameters (and MPRS) are available online from a USGS web service [<https://doi.org/10.5066/F7NK3C76>] for user specified site location (i.e., latitude and longitude) and site conditions (i.e., site class)
  - Site-specific ground motion procedures (Chapter 21) now permit use of MPRS obtained online from the USGS web service (in lieu of a hazard analysis)
- Design Procedures
  - ELF procedures (Chapter 12) are not affected by proposed changes (although values of design parameters,  $S_{DS}$  and  $S_{D1}$ , would better match the underlying response spectrum of the site of interest)
  - MRSA procedures (Chapter 12) are not affected by proposed changes (although multi-period design spectra would provide a more reliable calculation of dynamic response)

# Some Key Milestones Underlying the New MPRS

Date and Reference	Description and Significance
• 1932 – USCGS	• First deployment of seismographs in California
• <b>1933 Long Beach Earthquake</b>	• <b>First (3) earthquake records (120 deaths, \$40 billion loss)</b>
• 1941 (1932) – Housner (Biot), CIT	• Response spectrum (of an earthquake record) defined
• 1948 – USCGS (1949 UBC)	• First US seismic zone map (non-mandatory)
• <b>1961 UBC (SEAOC “Blue Book”)</b>	• <b>First US model building code w/mandatory seismic zone map</b>
• 1968 – Cornell, Stanford	• Probabilistic risk (hazard) methods introduced
• <b>1971 San Fernando Earthquake</b>	• <b>Numerous earthquake records (50 deaths, \$50 billion loss)</b>
• 1976 – Seed et al., UC Berkeley	• Site effects recognized from earthquake records
• <b>1978 ATC 3-06 (1985 NEHRP)</b>	• <b>First model seismic code based conceptually on the “science”</b>
• 1981 – Joyner & Boore (USGS)	• Multi-period attenuation functions (developed from records)
• <b>1994 Northridge Earthquake</b>	• <b>Hundreds of earthquake records (20 deaths, \$60 billion loss)</b>
• <b>1997 NEHRP (Project 97)</b>	• <b>Seismic contour maps based on the “science”</b>
• <b>2020 NEHRP (Project 17)</b>	• <b>Multi-period response spectra based on the “science”</b>





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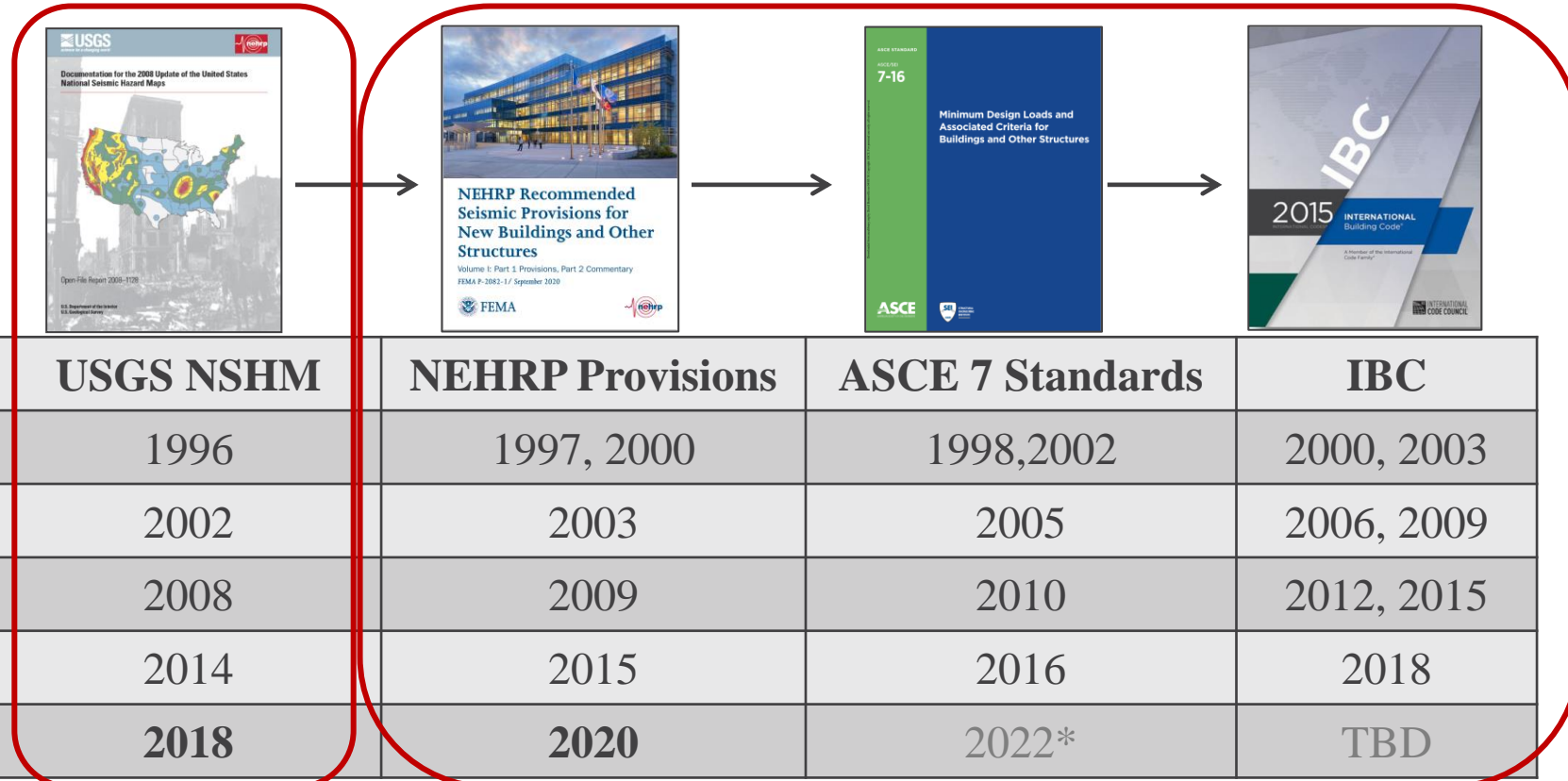




# USGS NSHMs & BSSC PUC Requirements:

Hazard Model (PSHA)

Site-specific procedures of Ch21



Hazard Curves + (RiskTarget, MaxDir, SiteAmpl, DetCaps) → "Design" Ground Motions

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1. Using **multi-period multi-Vs30 response spectrum (MPRS)**
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MPRS issue directly influenced the 2018 update of USGS NSHM (GMMs applicable for all periods and site classes)

# Updates to 2020 NEHRP Design Ground Motions in Conterminous US:

## 2018 USGS NSHM

- Necessary for MPRS**
1. New ground motion models (GMMs), including **NGA-East**, & amplification factors in the Central & Eastern US (CEUS)
  2. Deep **basin effects** in Los Angeles, Seattle, San Francisco, and Salt Lake City regions
  3. Minor modifications of GMMs (crustal & subduction) in the Western US (WUS)
  4. Updating **background seismicity** to include 2013-2017 earthquakes



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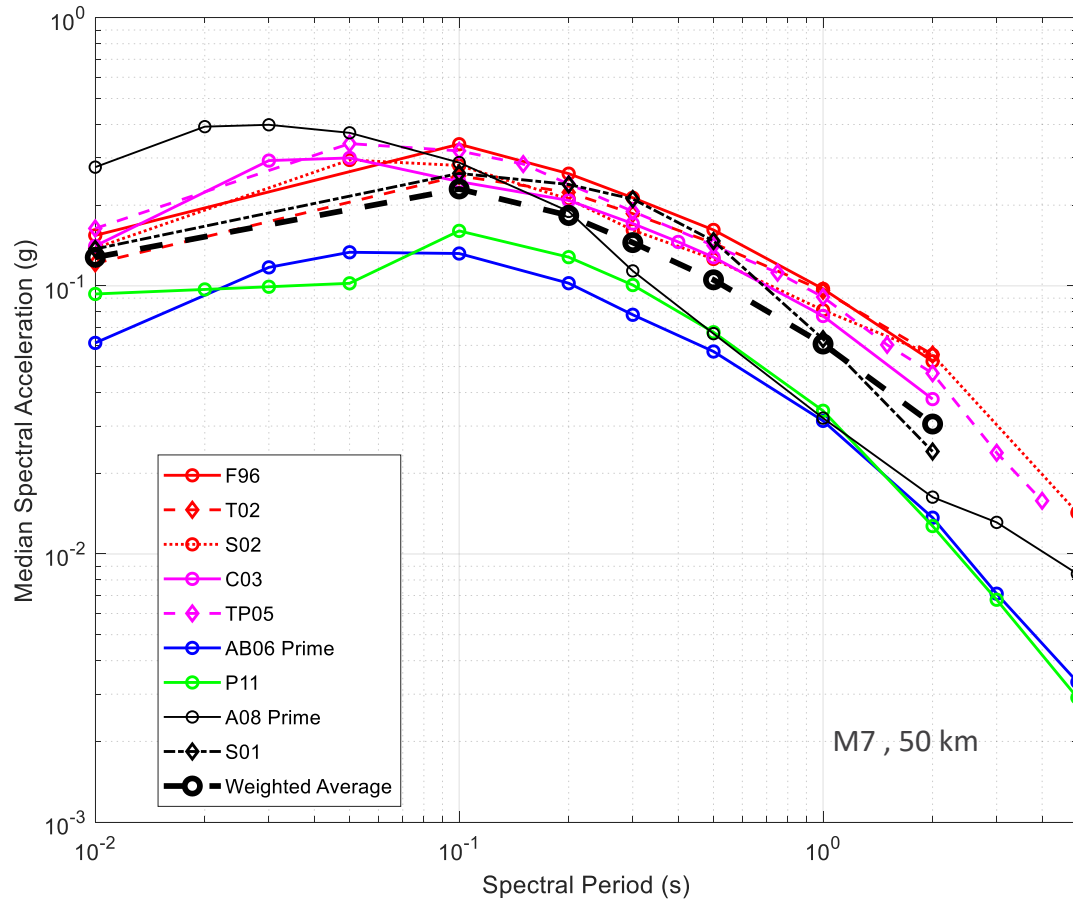


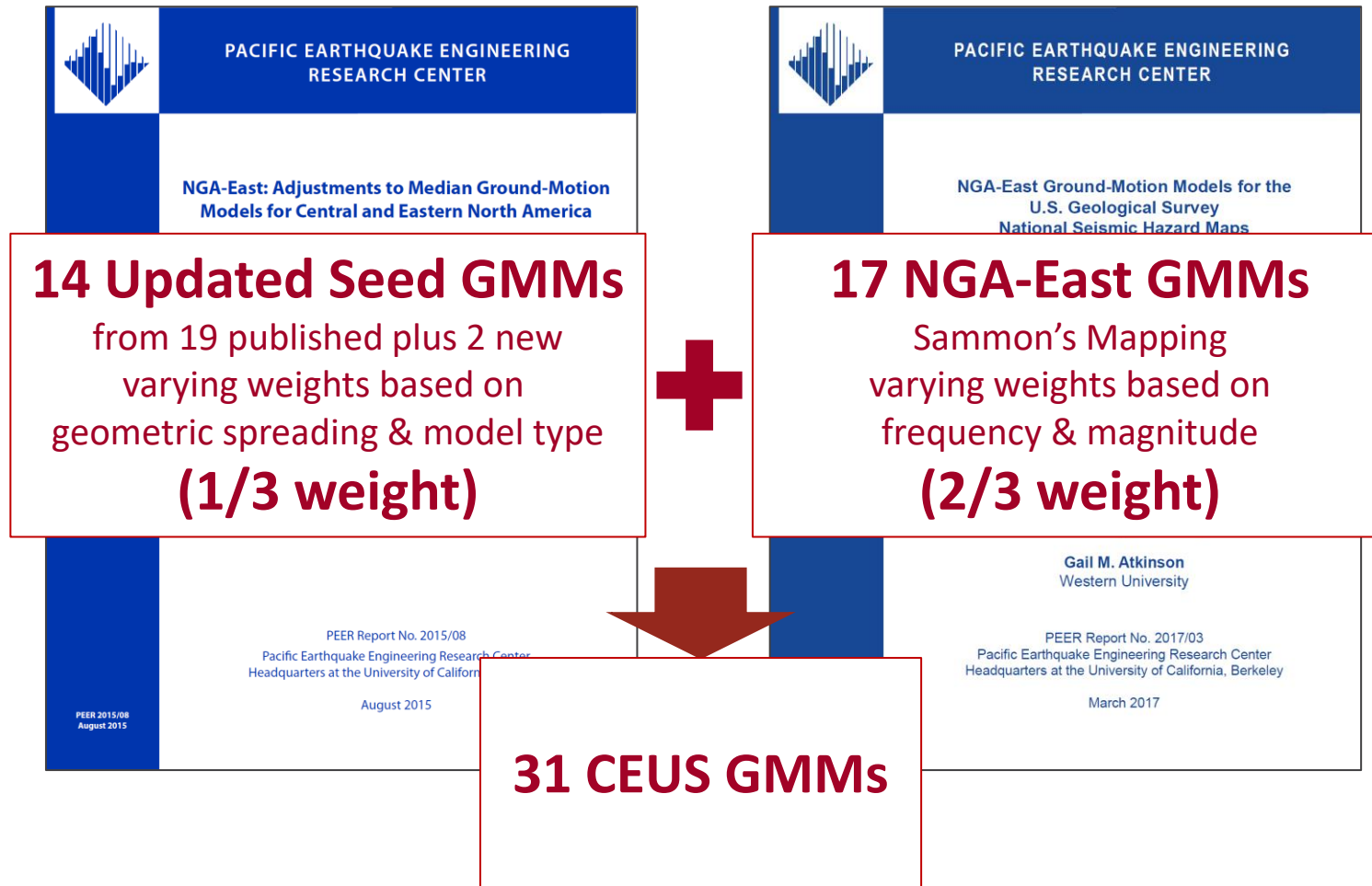
Table from Rezaeian et al. (2021):

2014 CEUS GMMs:	Period Range	Site Classes
AB06'	PGA to 5 s	A, BC (A to E)
A08'	PGA to 5 s	A, BC (A to E)
C03	PGA to 2 s (4 s)	A, BC*
F96	PGA to 2 s	A, BC
P11	PGA to 5 s (10 s)	A, BC*
S02	PGA to 5 s (10 s)	A, BC*
S01	PGA to 2 s (4 s)	A, BC*
TP05	PGA to 4 s	A, BC*
T02	PGA to 2 s	A, BC*

Parentheses indicate the published range when a different range is supported in the USGS codes.  
 \*Through conversion factors.

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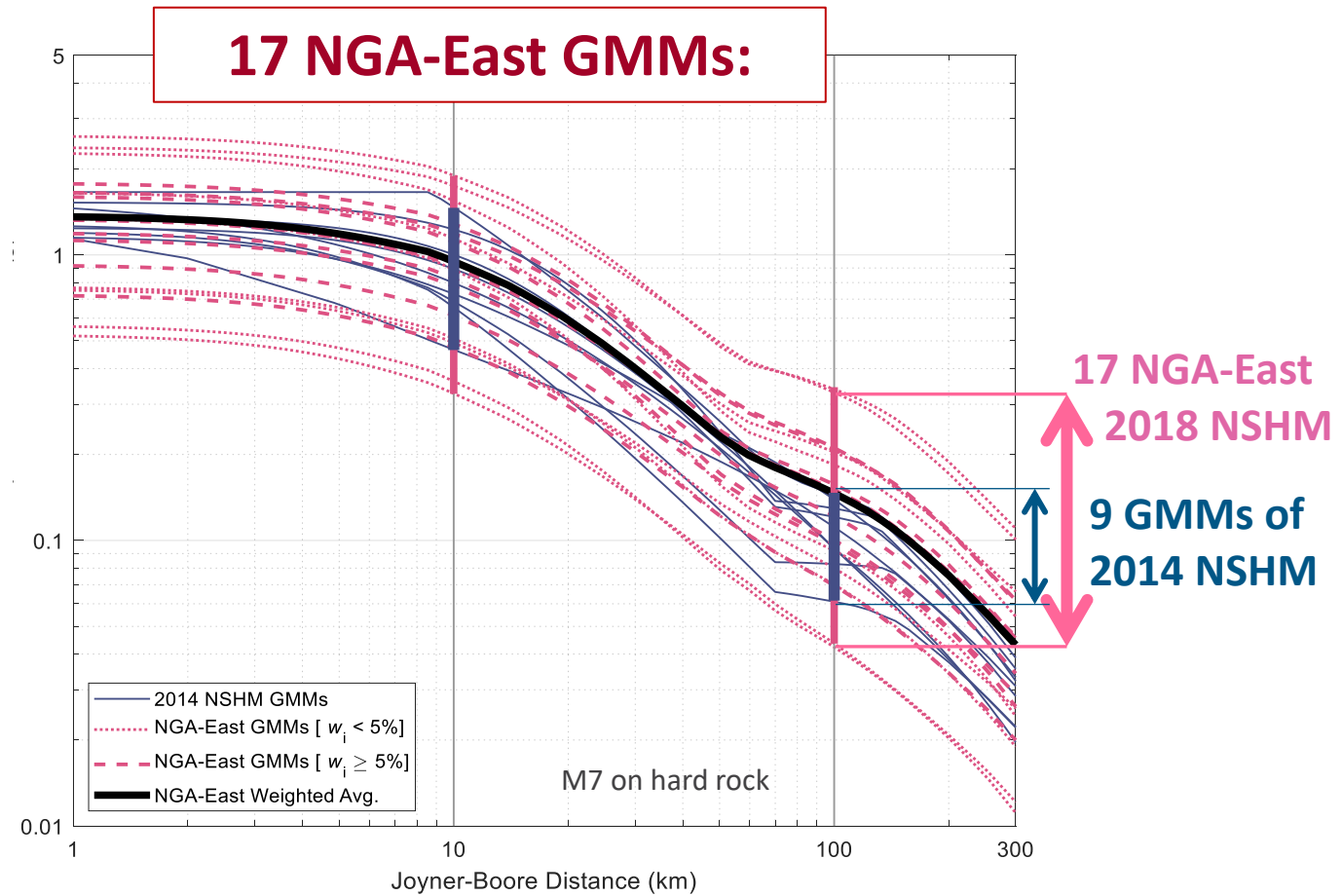
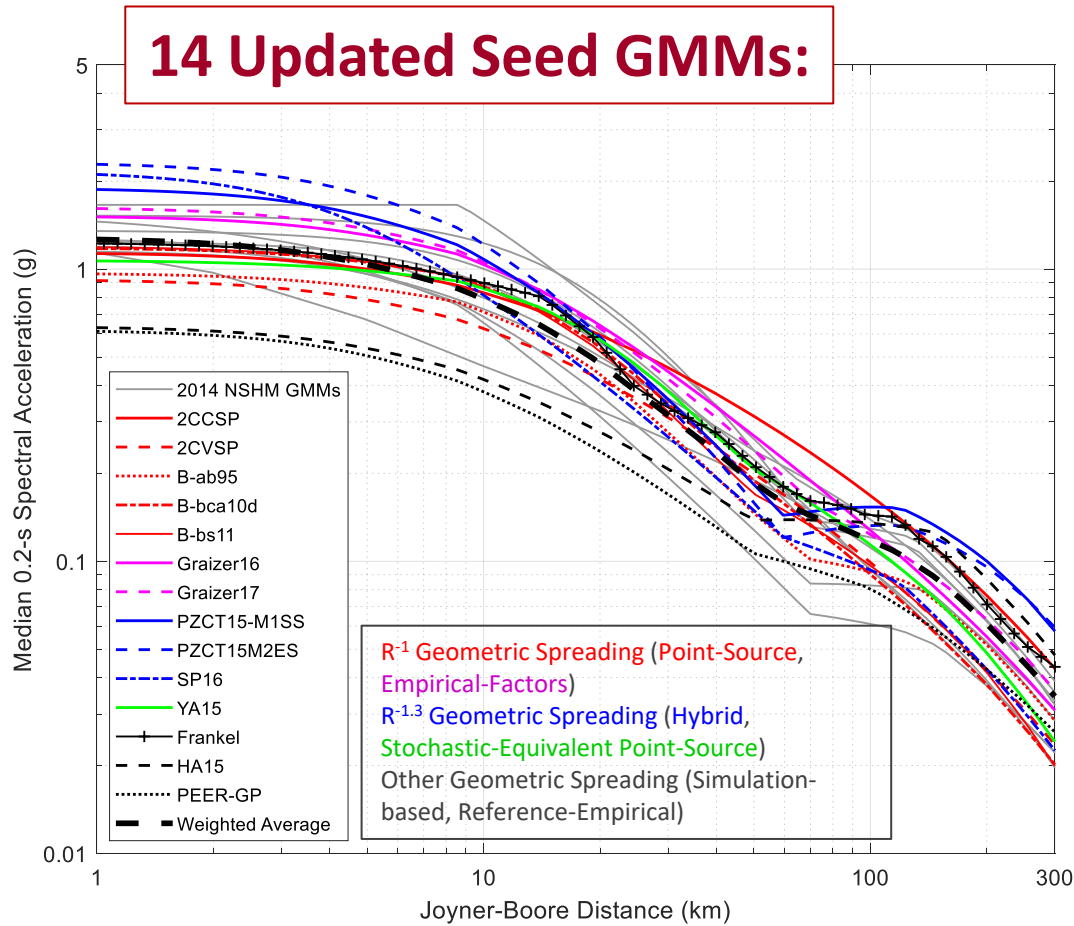
## Changes made to:

1. Median ground motions (increases for large M, middle to large distances)
2. Epistemic uncertainty (increased)
3. Aleatory uncertainty (minor)




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# New CEUS Site-Effects Models:



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**Principal Investigator and Panel Chair:**  
Jonathan P. Stewart  
University of California, Los Angeles

**Graduate Students:**

**Memorandum**

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To: The USGS National Seismic Hazard Mapping Project

From: Jonathan P. Stewart, Grace A. Parker, Youssef M.A. Hashash, Gail M. Atkinson, David M. Boore, Robert B. Darragh, Walter J. Silva, Okan Ilhan and Joseph A. Harmon

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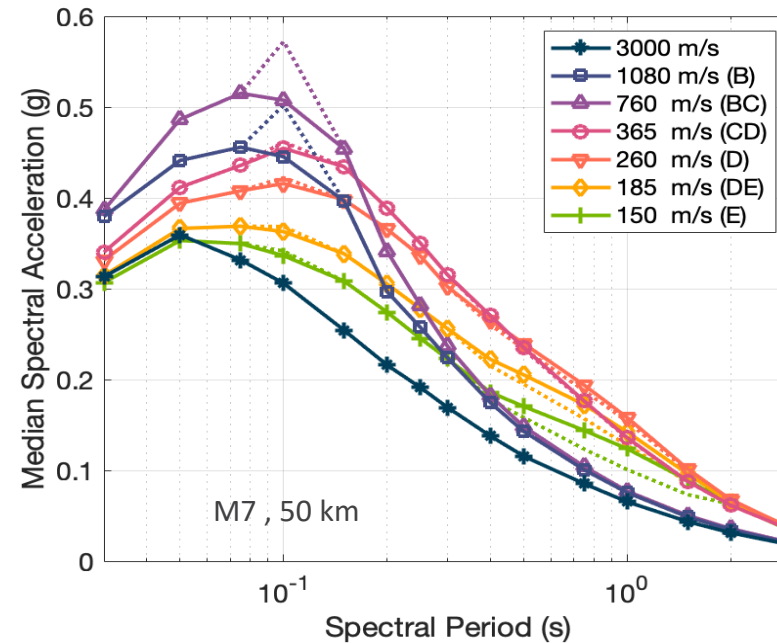
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$$\text{Site Effects} = F_{760} + F_{\text{linear}} + F_{\text{nonlinear}}$$



CEUS has very different spectral shapes compared to WUS, as expected!

This is the first time that site-effects specific to the CEUS have been implemented in the NSHMs (prior NEHRP coefficients were based on WUS)

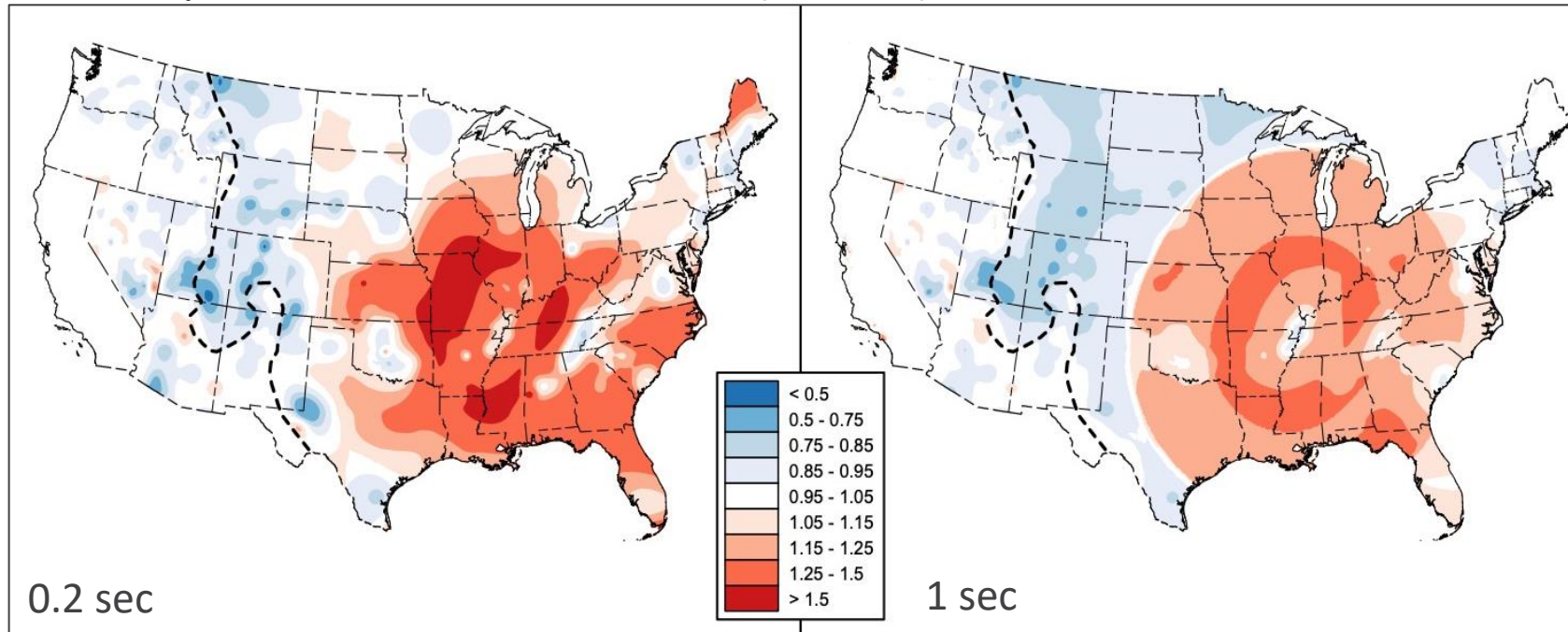
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# Hazard Changes (CEUS):

Ratio Maps (2018/2014):

2% in 50yr uniform hazard, BC site class (760 m/s)



**Medians:** more significant increases for large M at mid-large distances

**Epistemic uncertainty:** increased significantly for large M, more around 70-100 km

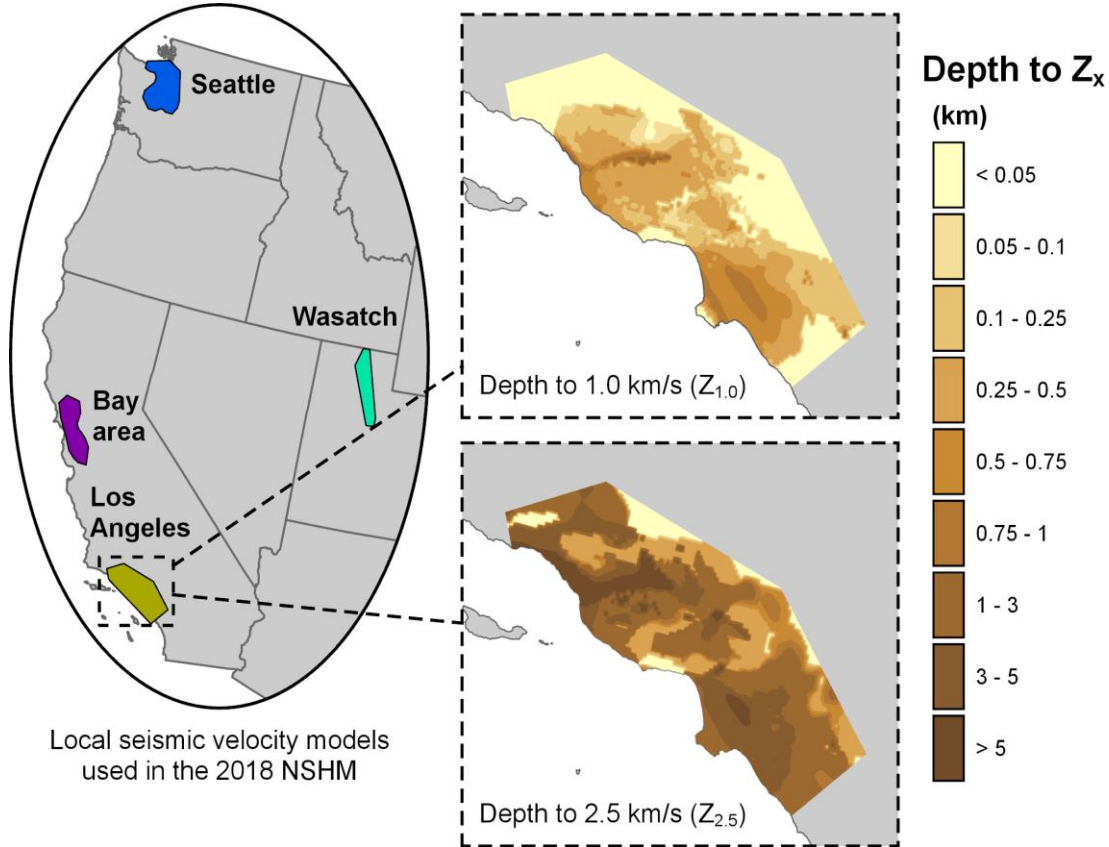
**Aleatory uncertainty:** minor changes

**Site-effect model:** only  $F_{760}$  in this figure

**Seismicity catalog updates:** outside CA, mostly affecting intermountain west region

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# Deep Basin Effects:



Map of basin locations (Shumway et al., 2021)

Categorized by:  
basin depth terms  $Z_{1.0}$  &  $Z_{2.5}$

Within basins:  
measurements only in deep portions of basins are used, “default” values are used in shallow depths

Outside basins:  
“default” values are used

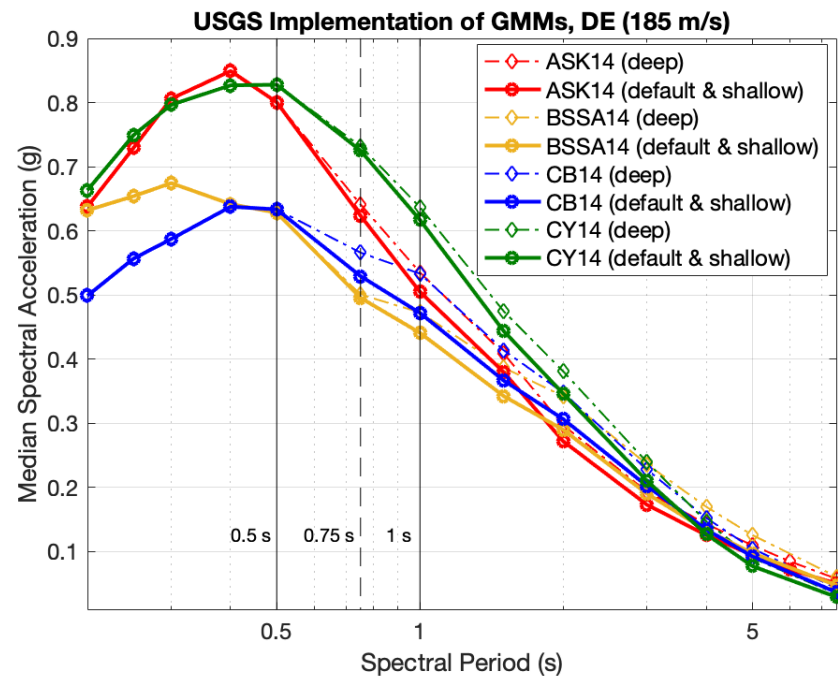


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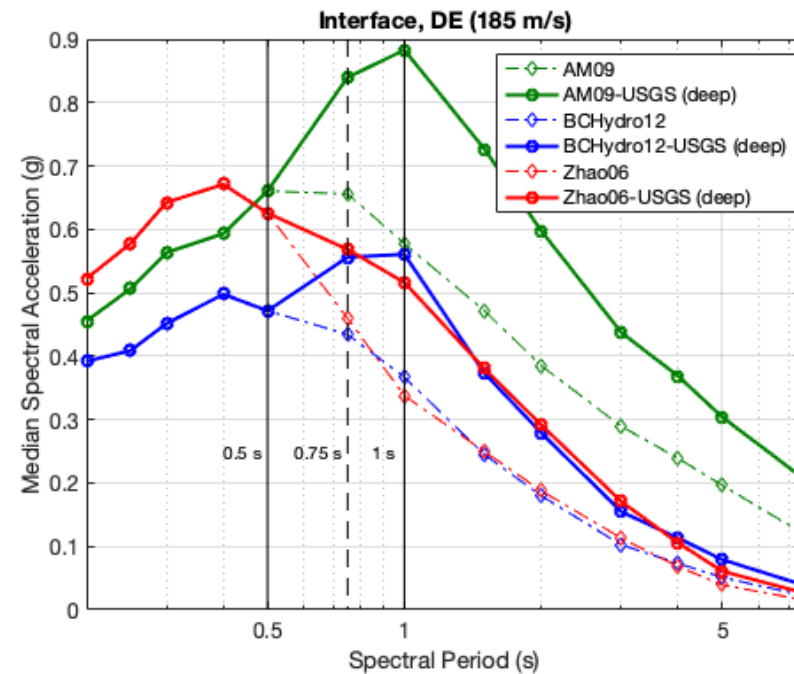
Minor modifications made to crustal and subduction models.  
 Basin effects fully applied at periods above 1 sec:

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Implementation of Crustal Earthquake GMMs:



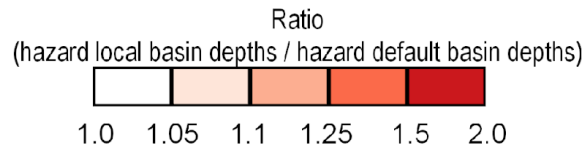
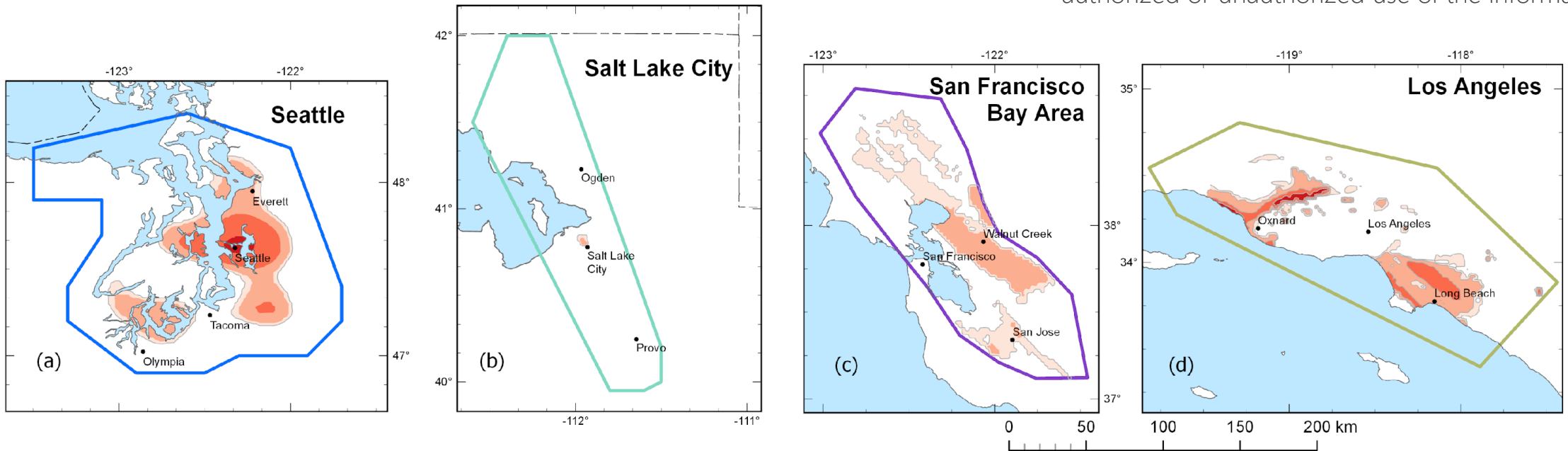
Modifications to Subduction Earthquake GMMs:



# Hazard Changes (WUS):

Ratio Maps (2018 local basin depth/2018 default basin depth):  
 2% in 50yr uniform hazard, 5 sec, Site Class D (260 m/s)

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# Outside of Conterminous US (OCONUS):



## Procedures for Developing Multi-Period Response Spectra at Non-Conterminous United States Sites

FEMA P-2078 / June 2020



FEMA



### Developed Generic Spectral Shapes:

FEMA/ATC report, approved by BSSC PUC.

Shapes developed based on WUS data, function( $S_S, S_S/S_1, T_L$ )

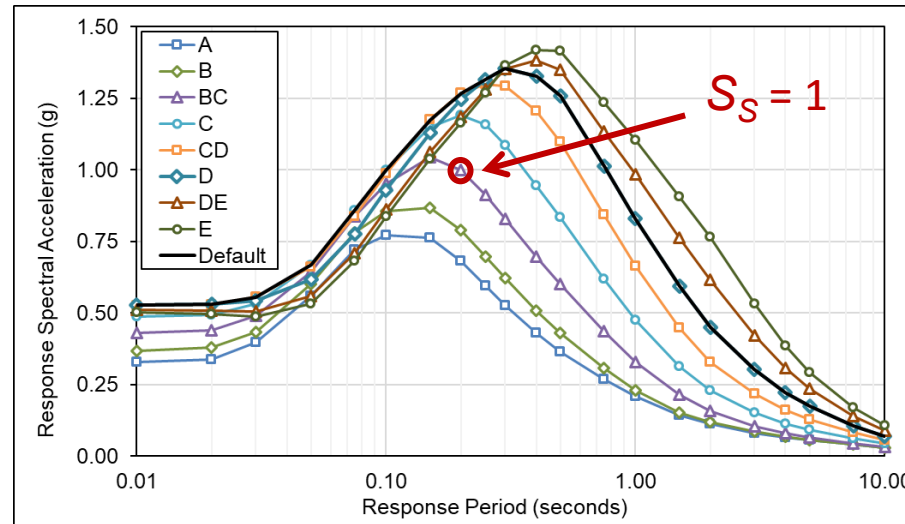
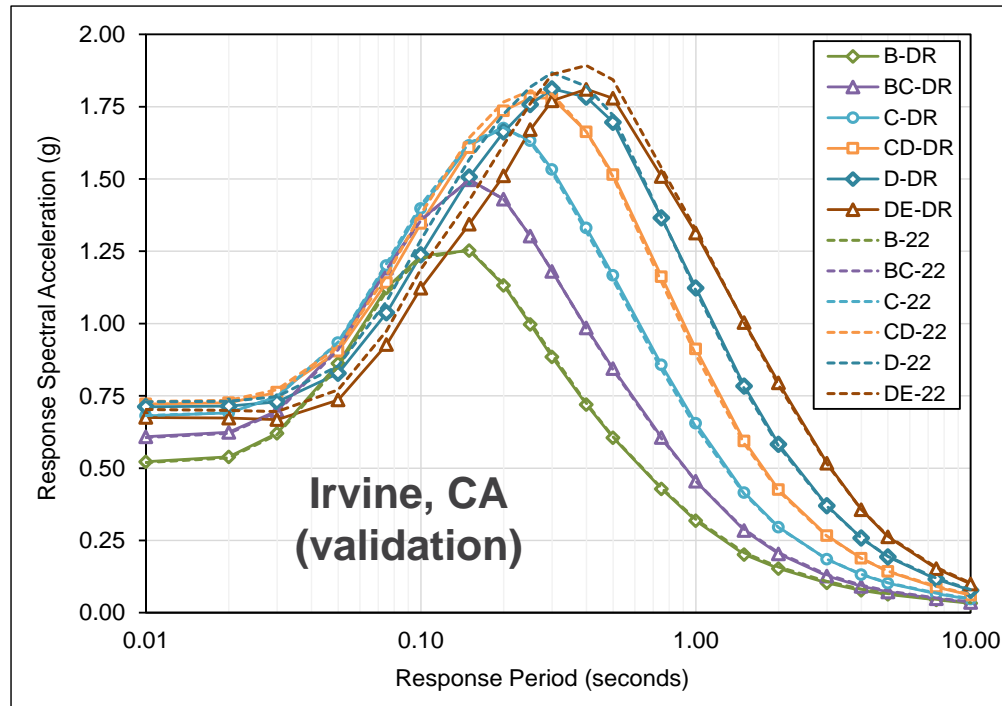


Figure B-17. Plots of probabilistic response spectrum shape parameters (RSSPs) by site class for Table B-17. GTL12S3R2.

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Solid Lines: Predicted values from  $S_s$  &  $S_1$   
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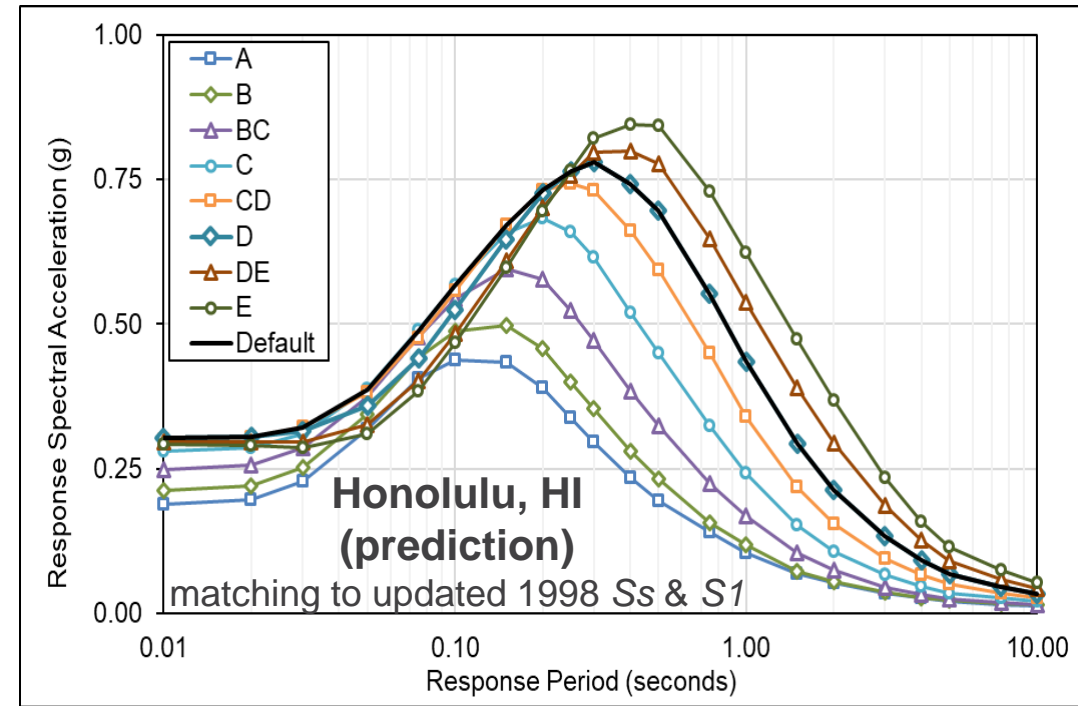


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# Summary:

- The Multi-Period-Response-Spectra requirement of the BSSC PUC influenced the 2018 update of USGS NSHM because GMMs needed to be applicable for 22 periods and 8 site classes
- The 2018 USGS NSHM updates included: (1) new GMMs in CEUS (14 updated seeds + 17 NGA-East + new site-effects model), (2) incorporation of deep basin effects in WUS, (3) removal of one crustal and one subduction GMM and minor modifications in WUS, and (4) update of seismicity catalog.
  1. *Petersen et al. (Feb 2020), Earthquake Spectra (Overview paper)*
  2. *Petersen et al. (Dec 2020 online), Earthquake Spectra (sensitivity analysis)*
  3. *Shumway et al. (Dec 2020 online), Earthquake Spectra (data paper on added Ts and Vs30s)*
  4. *Rezaeian et al. (2021 in press), Earthquake Spectra (CEUS GMM details)*
  5. *Powers et al. (2021 in press), Earthquake Spectra (WUS and basin effect details)*
- Generic spectral shapes used for OCONUS locations in 2020 NEHRP (*FEMA P-2078 / ATC 136*)

**Questions?**

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# DISSECTION OF EXAMPLE CHANGES TO THE $MCE_R$ GROUND MOTION VALUES

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# USGS 2018 NSHM Updates

(NSHM = National Seismic Hazard Model)

## Incorporation of ...

- 1) the NGA-East ground-motion models \*
- 2) deep sedimentary basin effects in the Los Angeles, Seattle, San Francisco, and Salt Lake City regions \*
- 3) earthquakes that occurred in 2013 through 2017
- 4) updated weighting of the western U.S. ground-motion models

\* see Rezaeian's presentation



# BSSC Project '17 Recommendations

Modifications to ...

- 1) site-class effects \*
- 2) spectral periods that define the  $S_{MS}$  &  $S_{M1}$  ground-motion parameters \*
- 3) deterministic caps on the otherwise probabilistic ground motions
- 4) maximum-direction scale factors

\* see Kircher's presentation

# Maximum-Direction Scale Factors

2015 NEHRP Provisions

Part 3, Resource Paper 4

## RESOURCE PAPER 4 UPDATED MAXIMUM-RESPONSE SCALE FACTORS

### RP4-1 UPDATED MAXIMUM-RESPONSE SCALE FACTORS

The proposed changes below update the “maximum-response scale factors” specified in the site-specific ground motion procedures (Chapter 21) of ASCE/SEI 7-10. These factors increase spectral response accelerations that represent the geometric mean (or a similar metric) of two horizontal ground motion components, such that they represent the maximum response in the horizontal plane. Recall that ASCE/SEI 7-10, via both Chapter 21 and the  $MCE_R$  ground motion maps, specifies maximum-response spectral response accelerations. Typical ground motion attenuation relations, including those applied by the USGS in preparing the  $MCE_R$  ground motion maps, provide geometric-mean spectral response accelerations.

# Maximum-Direction Scale Factors

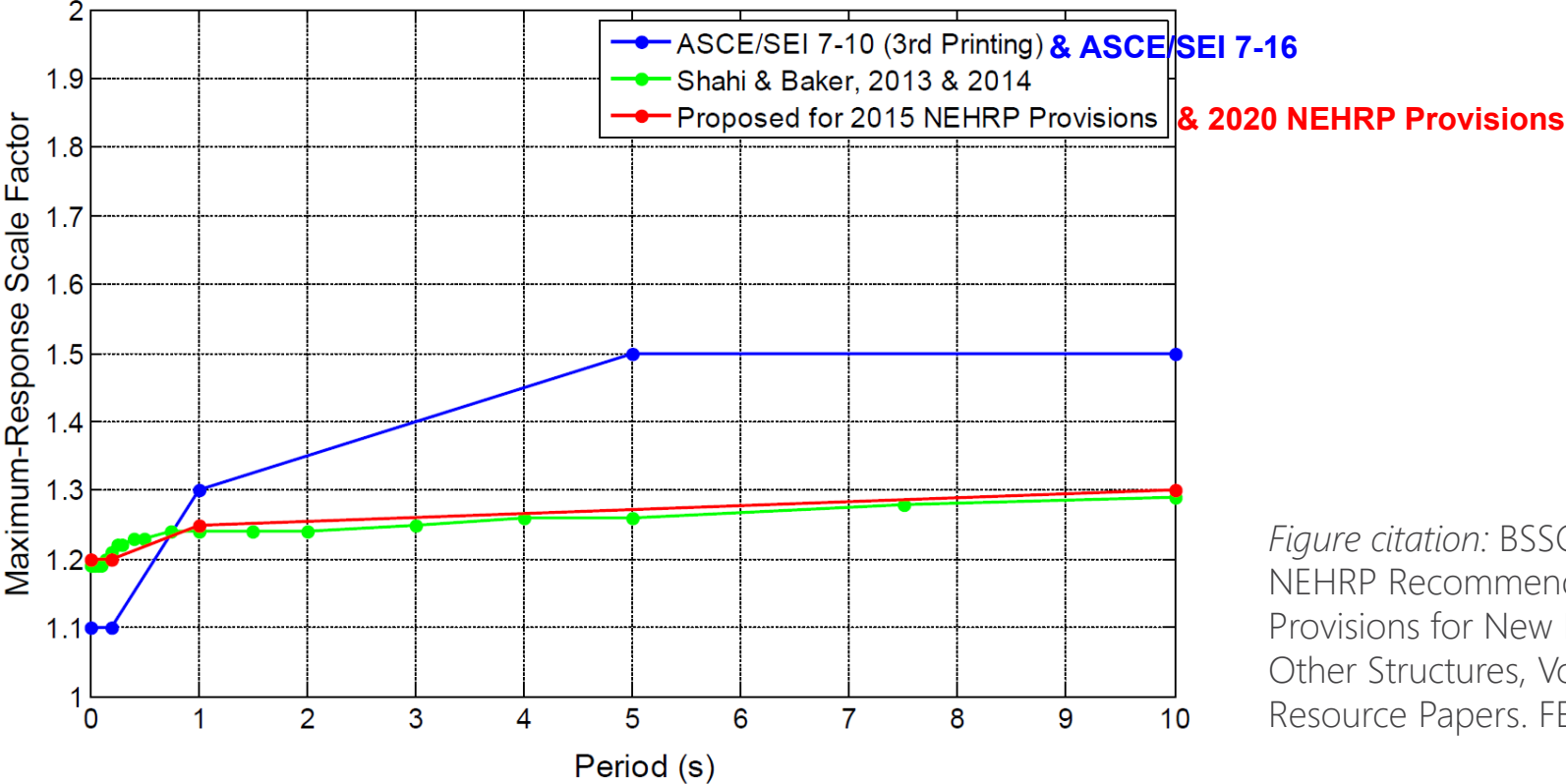


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# Deterministic Caps

## 21.2.2 Deterministic ( $MCE_R$ ) Ground Motions

The deterministic spectral response acceleration at each period shall be calculated as an 84th-percentile 5% damped spectral response acceleration in the direction of maximum horizontal response computed at that period. The largest such acceleration calculated for ~~the characteristic scenario~~ earthquakes on all known ~~active~~ faults within the region shall be used. The scenario earthquakes shall be determined from deaggregation for the probabilistic spectral response acceleration at each period. Scenario earthquakes contributing less than 10% of the largest contributor at each period shall be ignored.

# Deterministic Caps

**Table C21.2.2-1 Examples of scenario earthquake from hazard deaggregations at a site in San Jose, California**

Period <i>T</i> (s)	Scenario Earthquake							
	Hayward		Calaveras		San Andreas		Silver Creek	
	<i>M</i>	Contribution	<i>M</i>	Contribution	<i>M</i>	Contribution	<i>M</i>	Contribution
0.20	7.0	53%	7.2	16%	7.9	11%	6.9	3%
0.25	7.0	52%	7.2	16%	7.9	12%	6.9	3%
0.30	7.0	52%	7.2	16%	7.9	13%	6.9	3%
0.40	7.0	52%	7.2	16%	7.9	15%	7.0	3%
0.50	7.0	51%	7.3	16%	7.9	16%	7.0	3%
0.75	7.1	49%	7.3	16%	7.9	19%	7.0	3%
1.0	7.1	48%	7.3	16%	7.9	20%	7.1	2%

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# Examples of Changes in $MCE_R$ Values

2009 NEHRP Recommended Seismic Provisions

Table C11.4-1 Thirty-Four Cities, Site Locations (Latitude and Longitude), and Associated Counties and Populations At Risk for Which Values of Ground Motions Are Provided

Region	City and Location of Site										
	Name	Latitude	Longitude								
Southern California	Los Angeles	34.05	-118.25	Northern California	Oakland	37.80	-122.25	Alameda	1,502,759		
	Century City	34.05	-118.40		Concord	37.95	-122.00	Contra Costa	955,810		
	Northridge	34.20	-118.55		Monterey	36.60	-121.90	Monterey	421,333		
	Long Beach	33.80	-118.20		Sacramento	38.60	-121.50	Sacramento	1,233,449		
	Irvine	33.65	-117.80		San Francisco	37.75	-122.40	San Francisco	776,733		
	Riverside	33.95	-117.40		San Mateo	37.55	-122.30	San Mateo	741,444		
	San Bernardino	34.10	-117.30		San Jose	37.35	-121.90	Santa Clara	1,802,328		
	San Luis Obispo	35.30	-120.65		Santa Cruz	36.95	-122.05	Santa Cruz	275,359		
	San Diego	32.70	-117.15		Vallejo	38.10	-122.25	Solano	423,473		
	Santa Barbara	34.45	-119.70		Santa Rosa	38.45	-122.70	Sonoma	489,290		
	Ventura	34.30	-119.30	Total Population - N. California		14,108,451	Population - 10 Counties		8,621,978		
	Total Population - S. California			22,349,098							
	Pacific Northwest				Pacific Northwest	Seattle	47.60	-122.30	King WA	1,826,732	
						Tacoma	47.25	-122.45	Pierce WA	766,878	
						Everett	48.00	-122.20	Snohomish WA	669,887	
						Portland	45.50	-122.65	Portland Metro OR (3)	1,523,690	
						Total Population - OR and WA		10,096,556	Population - 6 Counties		4,787,187
		Other WUS				Other WUS	Salt Lake City	40.75	-111.90	Salt Lake UT	978,701
							Boise	43.60	-116.20	Ada/Canyon ID (2)	532,337
							Reno	39.55	-119.80	Washoe NV	396,428
			Las Vegas	36.20	-115.15		Clarke NV	1,777,539			
			Total Population - ID/UT/NV		6,512,057		Population - 5 Counties		3,685,005		
CEUS				CEUS	St. Louis	38.60	-90.20	St. Louis MSA (16)	2,786,728		
					Memphis	35.15	-90.05	Memphis MSA (8)	1,269,108		
					Charleston	32.80	-79.95	Charleston MSA (3)	603,178		
					Chicago	41.85	-87.65	Chicago MSA (7)	9,505,748		
					New York	40.75	-74.00	New York MSA (23)	18,747,320		
			Total Population - MO/TN/SC/IL/NY		48,340,918	Population - 57 Counties		32,912,082			

# Examples of Changes in $MCE_R$ Values

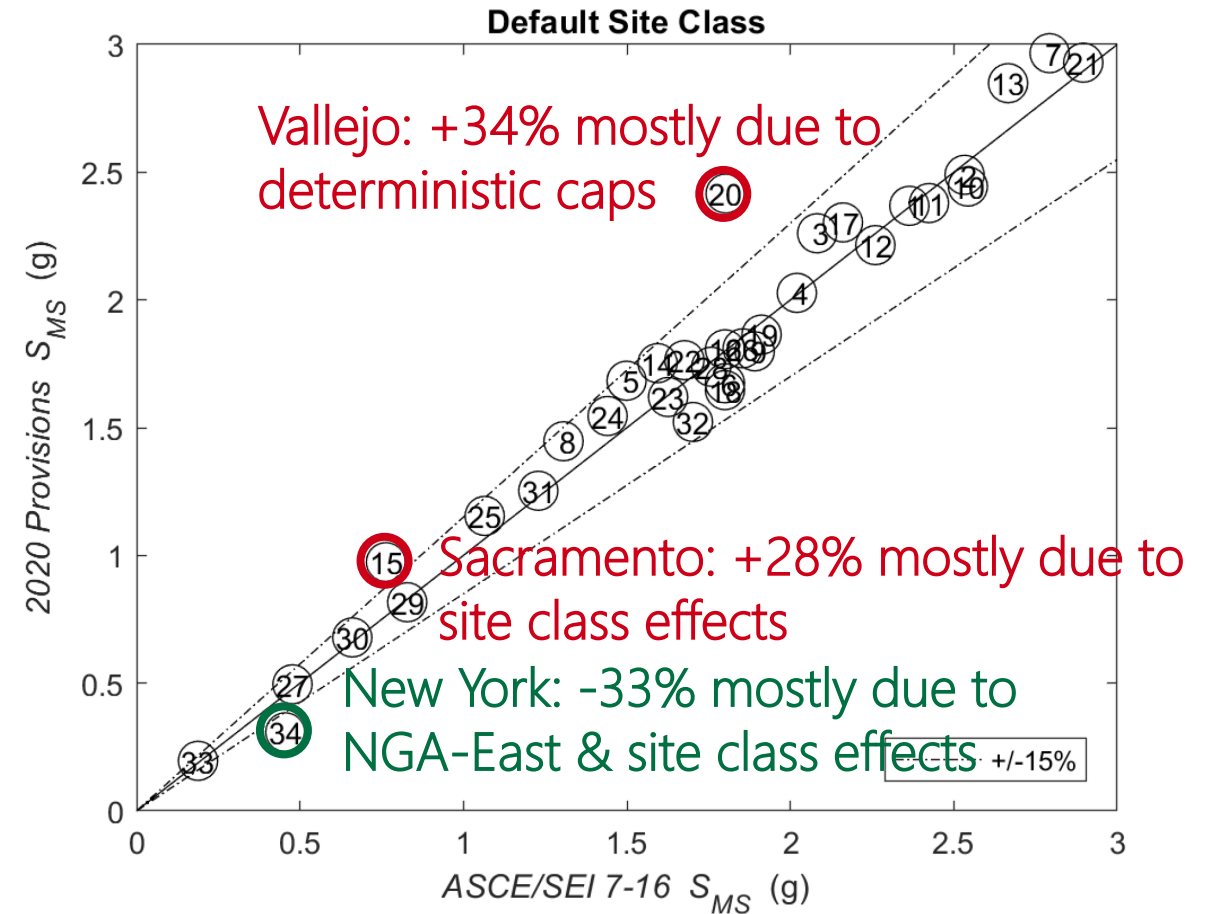
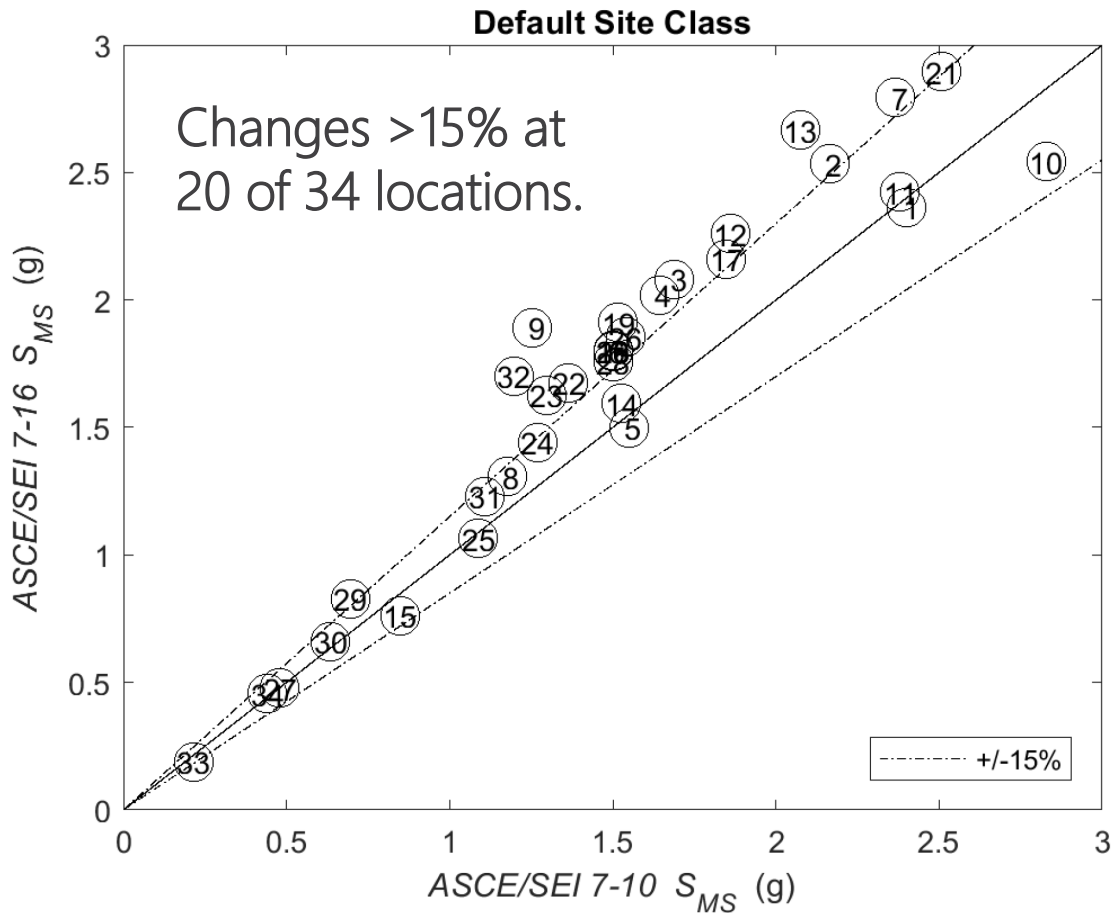
2020 NEHRP Provisions

**Table C22-3 Comparison of short-period  $MCE_R$  spectral response acceleration values from these Provisions, ASCE/SEI 7-16, and ASCE/SEI 7-10. The  $S_{MS}$  values are for the default site class.**

Location Name	ASCE/SEI 7-10		ASCE/SEI 7-16		2020 Provisions	
	$S_S$ (g)	$S_{MS}$ (g)	$S_S$ (g)	$S_{MS}$ (g)	$S_S$ (g)	$S_{MS}$ (g)
Los Angeles, CA	2.40	2.40	1.97	2.36	2.25	2.37
Century City, CA	2.17	2.17	2.11	2.53	2.37	2.49
Northridge, CA	1.69	1.69	1.74	2.08	2.09	2.26
Long Beach, CA	1.64	1.64	1.68	2.02	1.90	2.03
Irvine, CA	1.55	1.55	1.25	1.50	1.43	1.68
Riverside, CA	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.80	1.50	1.67
San Bernardino, CA	2.37	2.37	2.33	2.79	2.78	2.97
San Luis Obispo, CA	1.12	1.18	1.09	1.31	1.23	1.45
San Diego, CA	1.25	1.25	1.58	1.89	1.74	1.80
Santa Barbara, CA	2.83	2.83	2.12	2.54	2.37	2.44
Ventura, CA	2.38	2.38	2.02	2.42	2.25	2.38

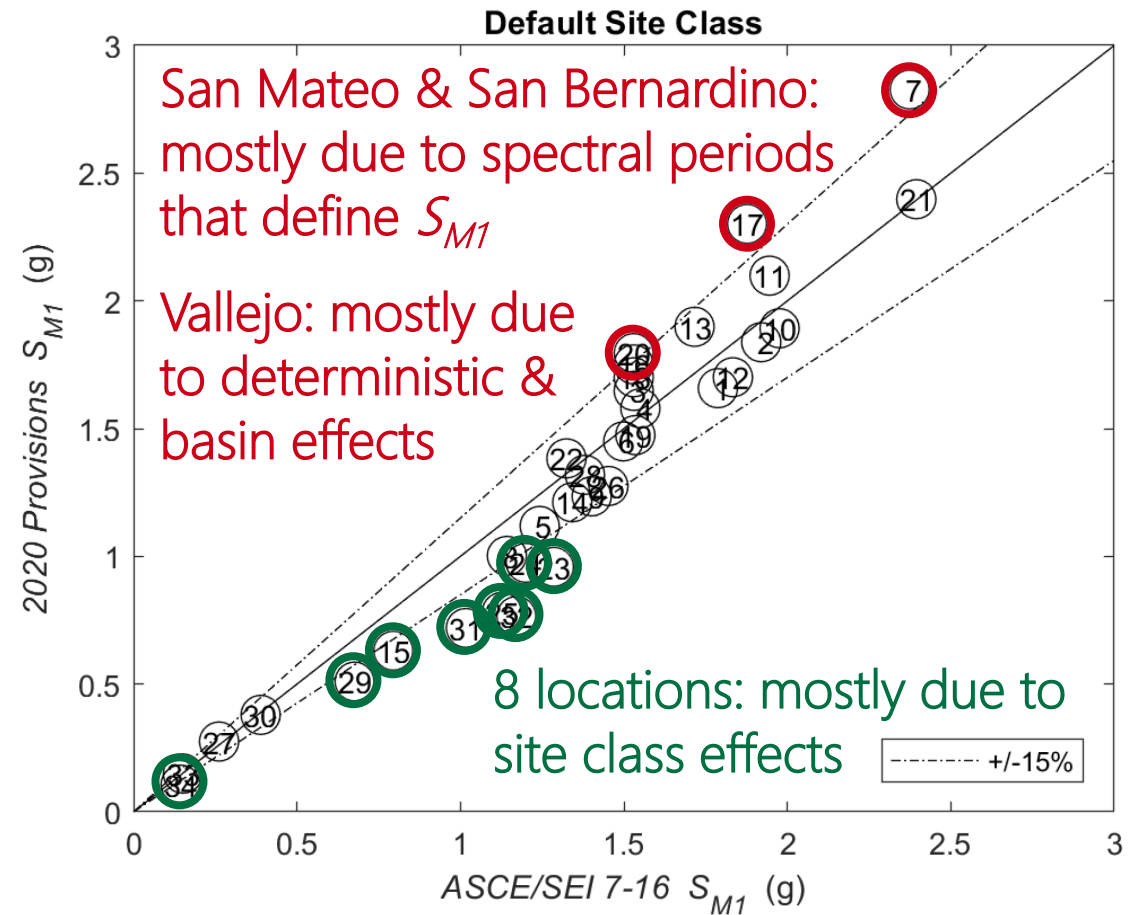
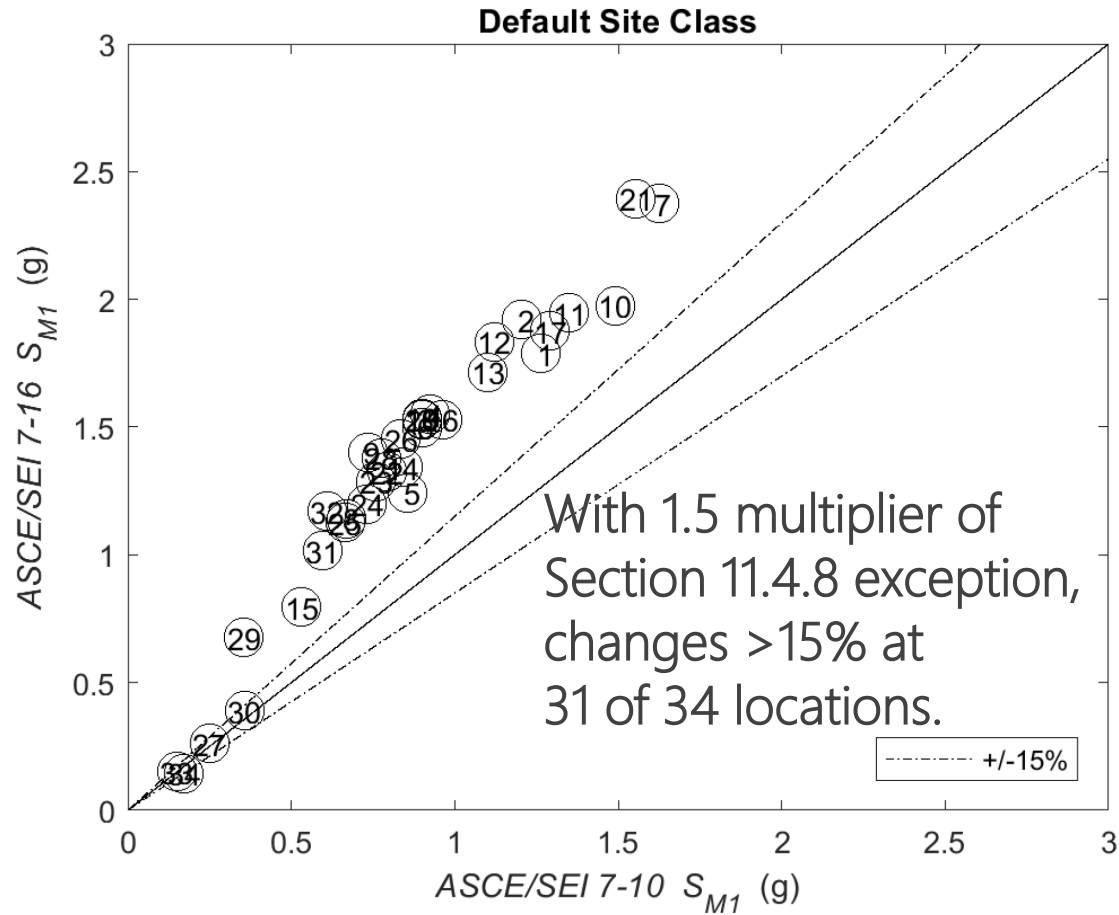
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# Examples of Changes in SDC

From *ASCE 7-10* to *ASCE 7-16*, SDC decreases at 2 of 34 locations, from E to D.

from these categories I, II, or category Bas 5g.

From *ASCE 7-16* to *2020 Provisions*, SDC increases at 4 of 34 locations, from D to E, mostly due to deterministic capping and basin effects.

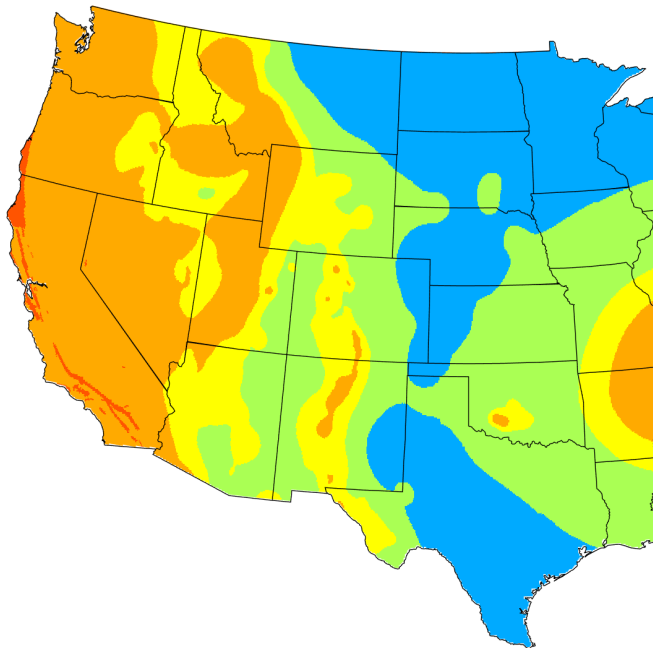
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Los Angeles, CA	N/A	E	D	D	D	D
Century City, CA	N/A	E	N/A	E	N/A	E
Northridge, CA	D	D	D	D	D	D
Long Beach, CA	D	D	D	D	N/A	E
Irvine, CA	D	D	D	D	D	D
Riverside, CA	D	D	D	D	D	D
San Bernardino, CA	N/A	E	N/A	E	N/A	E
San Luis Obispo, CA	D	D	D	D	D	D
San Diego, CA	D	D	D	D	D	D
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Ventura, CA	N/A	E	N/A	E	N/A	E



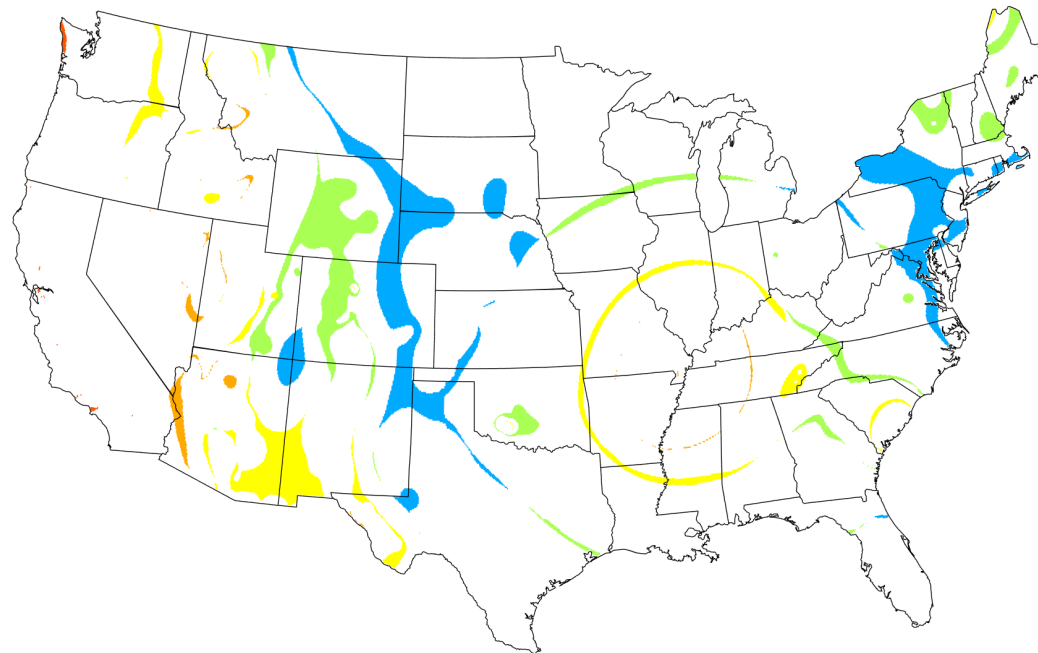
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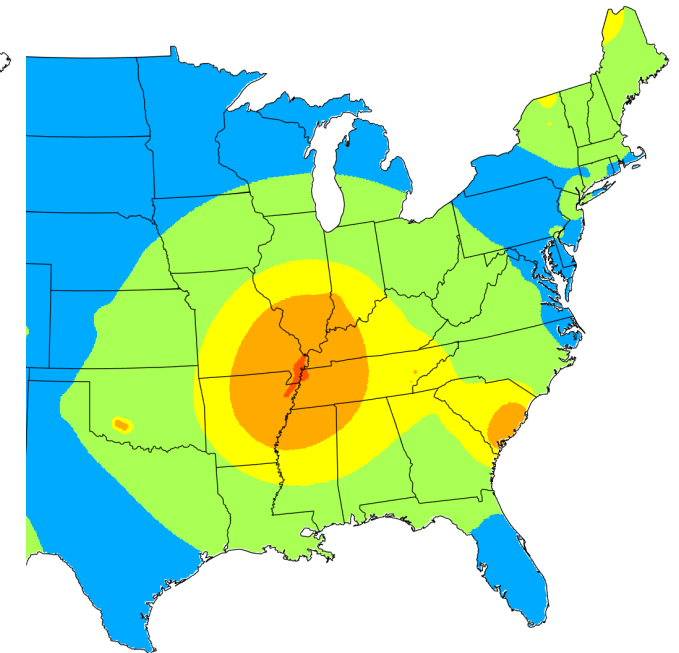
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where different



*2020 Provisions*





# Summary of Changes in $MCE_R$ Values

For the default site conditions ...

- $S_{MS}$  changes by less than 15% at 31 of the 34 locations;
- $S_{M1}$  changes by less than 15% at 23 of the 34 locations;
- SDC changes at 4 of the 34 locations, from SDC D to E;
- Most of these changes are due to the Project '17 modifications to site-class effects or deterministic caps, but some are caused by the other Project '17 and 2018 NSHM updates, particularly the 2018 NSHM incorporation of basin effects.

Changes for other site classes at other locations can be probed using the *USGS Seismic Design Web Services* and *BSSC Tool for Seismic Design Map Values*.

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# USGS Seismic Design Geodatabase

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- USGS Logo:** science for a changing world
- Navigation Bar:** ScienceBase-Catalog, Communities, More ▾, Help ▾
- Breadcrumbs:** ScienceBase Catalog → Geologic Hazards Sci... → Engineering & Risk Pr... → U.S. Seismic Design ... → Based on 2018 Nation... → Gridded earthquake gr...
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# USGS Seismic Design Geodatabase

1.1 : Conterminous United States

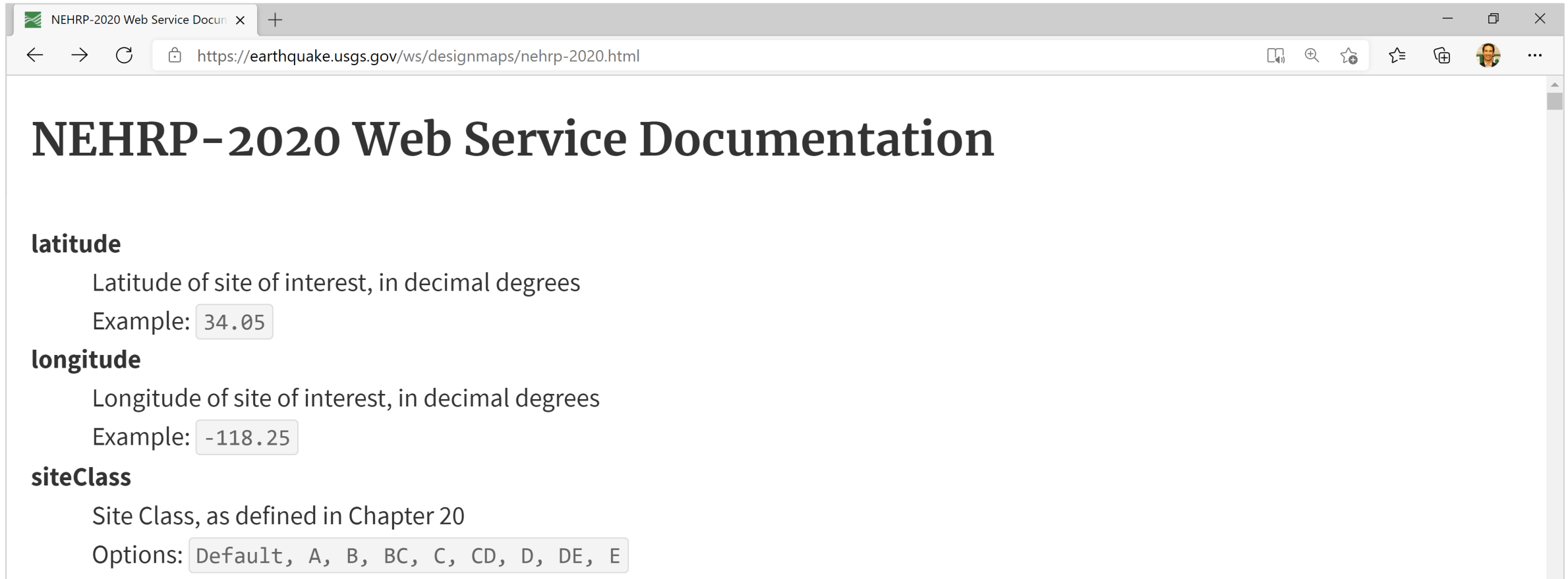
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# USGS Seismic Design Web Service



NEHRP-2020 Web Service Documentation

**latitude**  
Latitude of site of interest, in decimal degrees  
Example: 34.05

**longitude**  
Longitude of site of interest, in decimal degrees  
Example: -118.25

**siteClass**  
Site Class, as defined in Chapter 20  
Options: Default, A, B, BC, C, CD, D, DE, E

# USGS Seismic Design Web Service

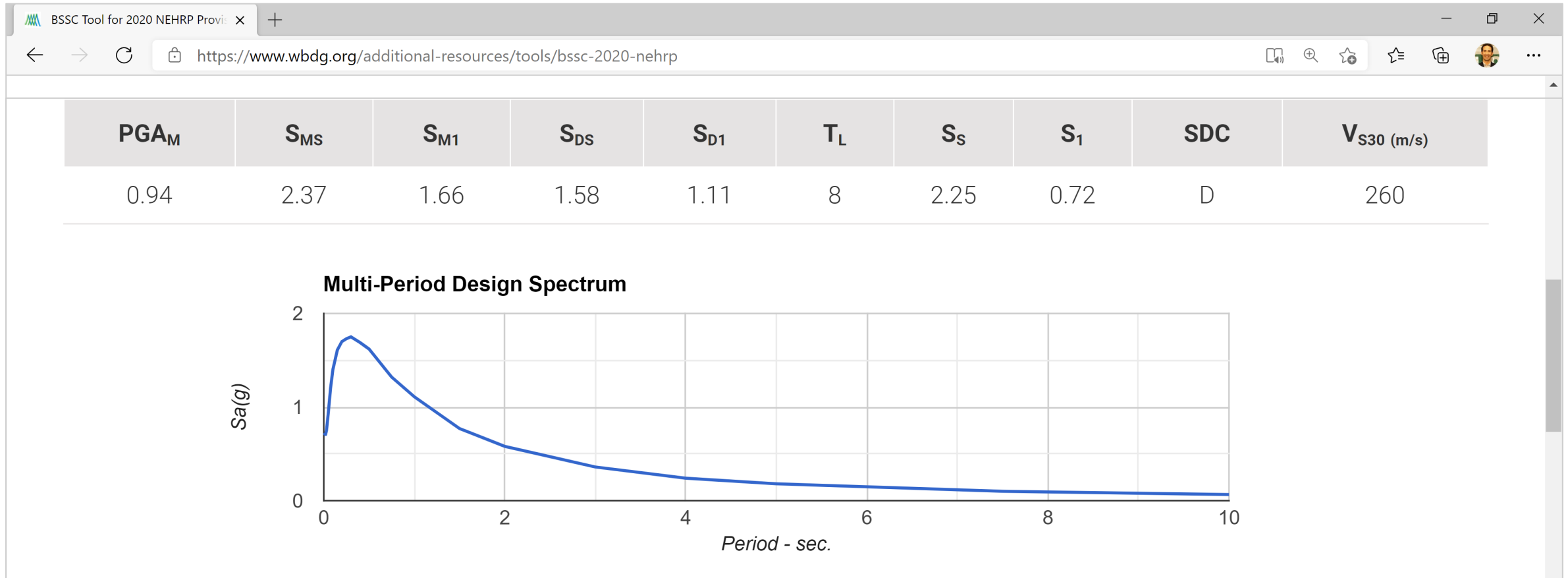
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# BSSC Tool for Seismic Design Map Values

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## 2020 NEHRP Provisions (NEHRP-2020)

**Web Interface:** [BSSC Tool for 2020 NEHRP Provisions Seismic Design Maps Values](#)

**Web Service (source of data for Web Interface):** ["USGS Seismic Design Web Service"](#) for NEHRP-2020

**Maps (in document):** See 2020 NEHRP Recommended Seismic Provisions for New Buildings and Other Structures

**Maps (online only):** USGS Online-only maps referenced by the 2020 NEHRP Recommended Seismic Provisions and 2022 ASCE/SEI 7 Standard ([preview one example](#))

**Data:** ["USGS Seismic Design Geodatabase"](#) for NEHRP-2020 (*currently requires [sign up](#)*)