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# Estimation of Floor Spectra in Nonlinear Multi-Degree of Freedom Systems

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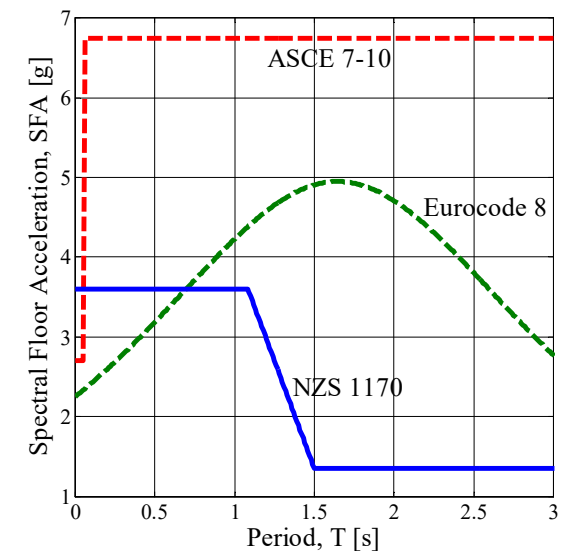
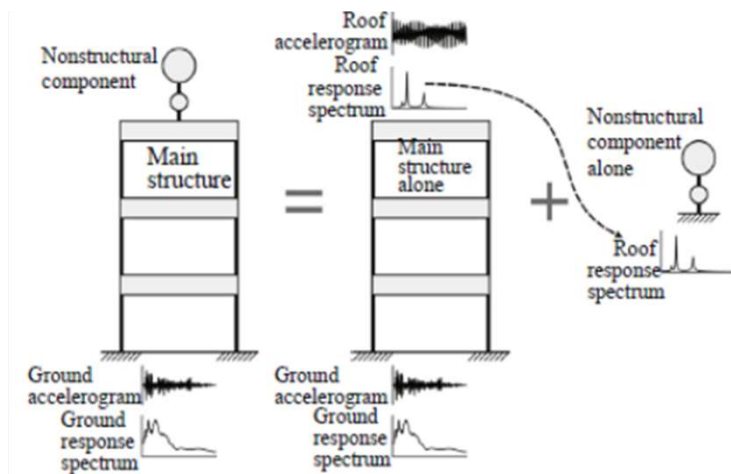
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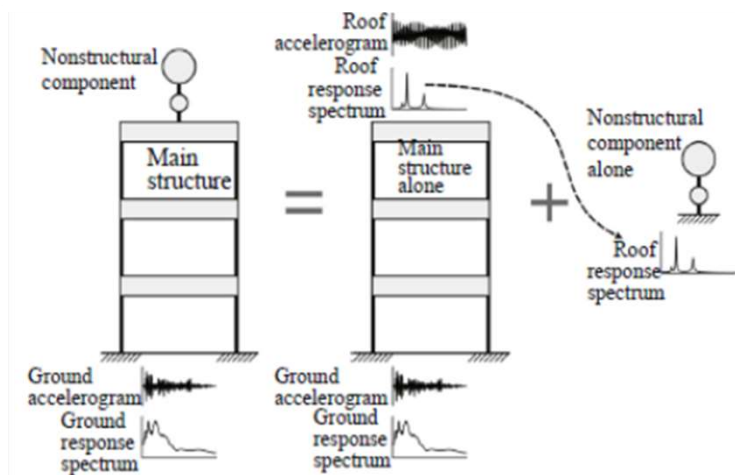
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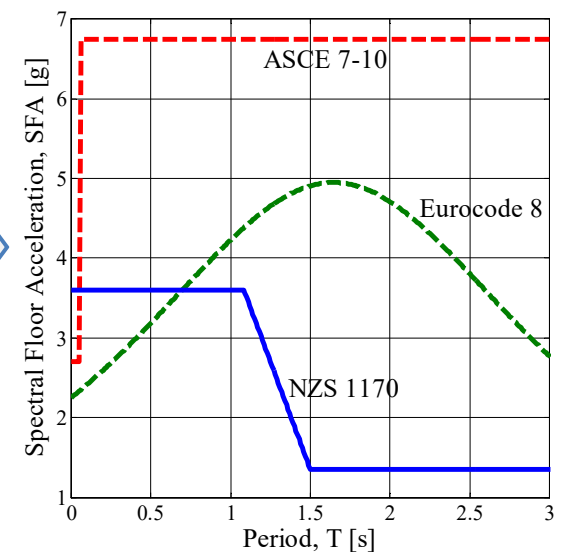


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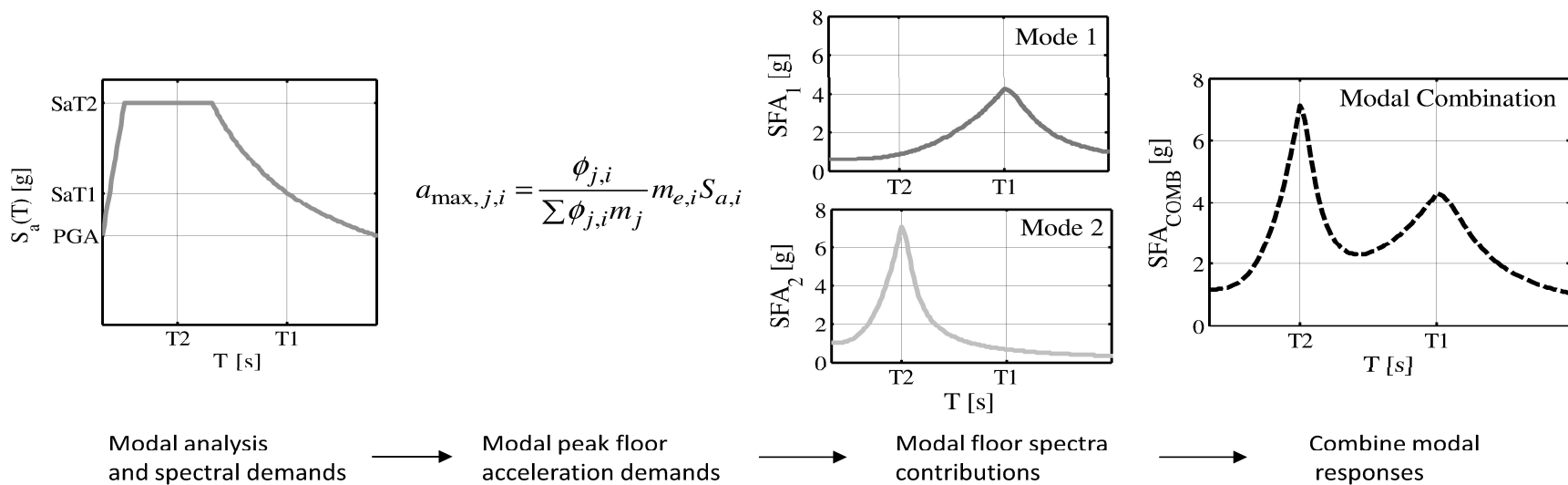


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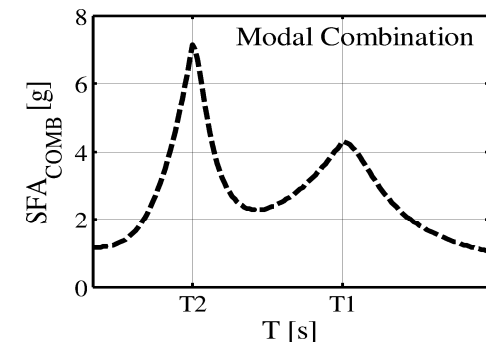


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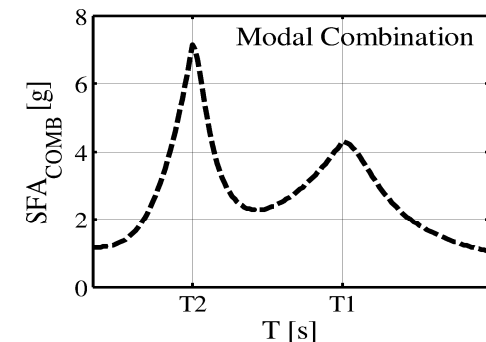
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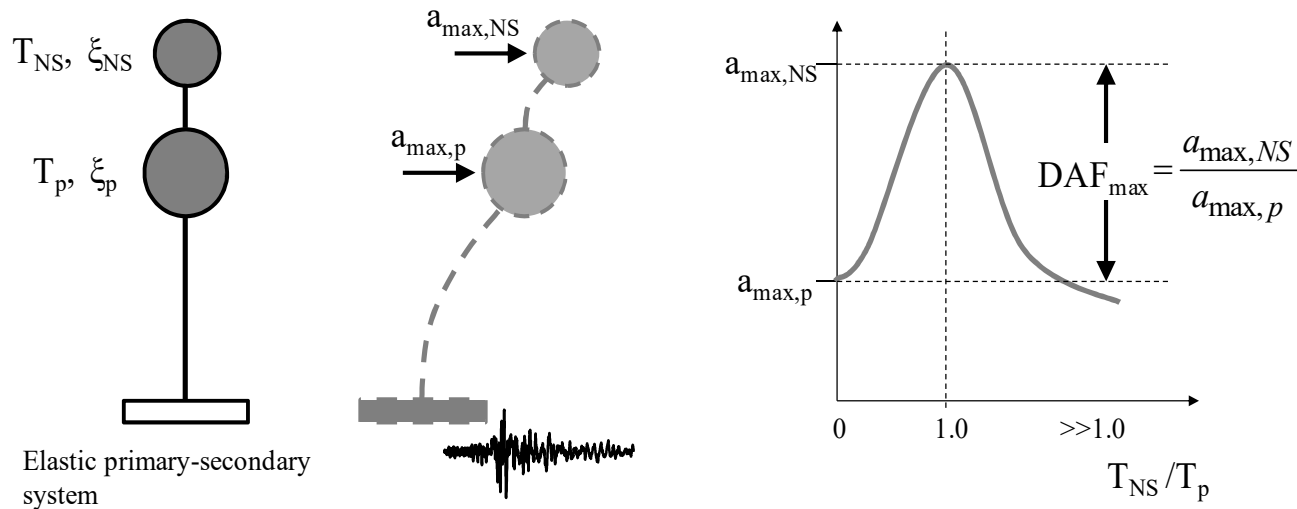
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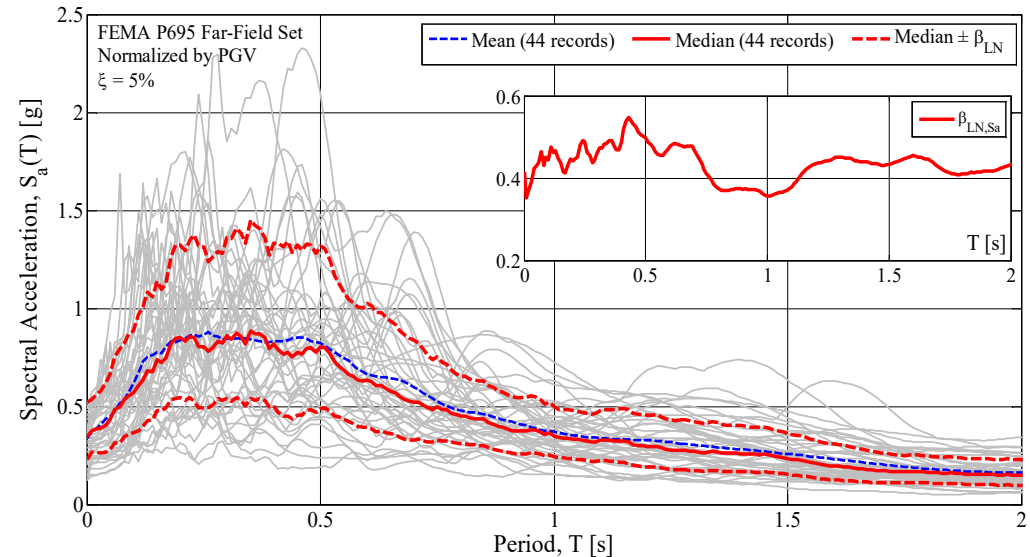
# Peak Dynamic Amplification

- $DAF_{max}$  is the amplification of a secondary elastic SDOF at the resonant condition ( $T_p = T_{NS}$ ) with the primary elastic SDOF system
- Main focus is to investigate the effects of both primary and nonstructural damping ratios (Important for steel buildings commonly attributed damping less than 5%)



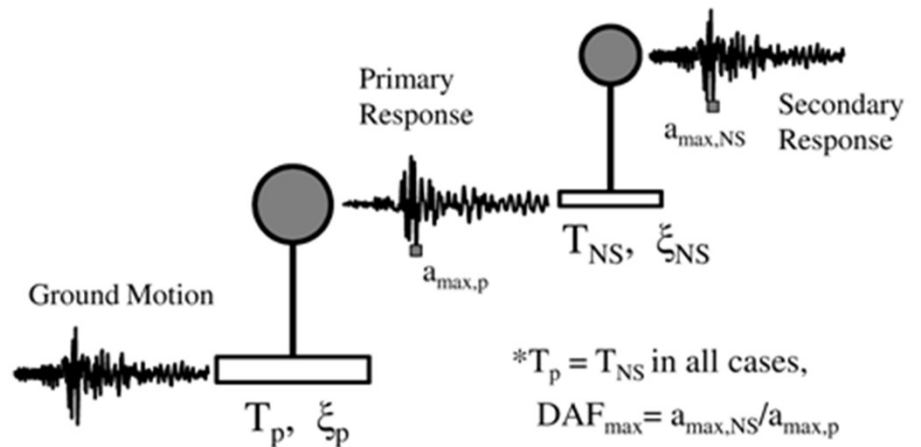
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- FEMA P695 far-field set [FEMA, 2009] is selected to represent seismic input
- 44 accelerograms total



## Primary-Secondary SDOF analysis

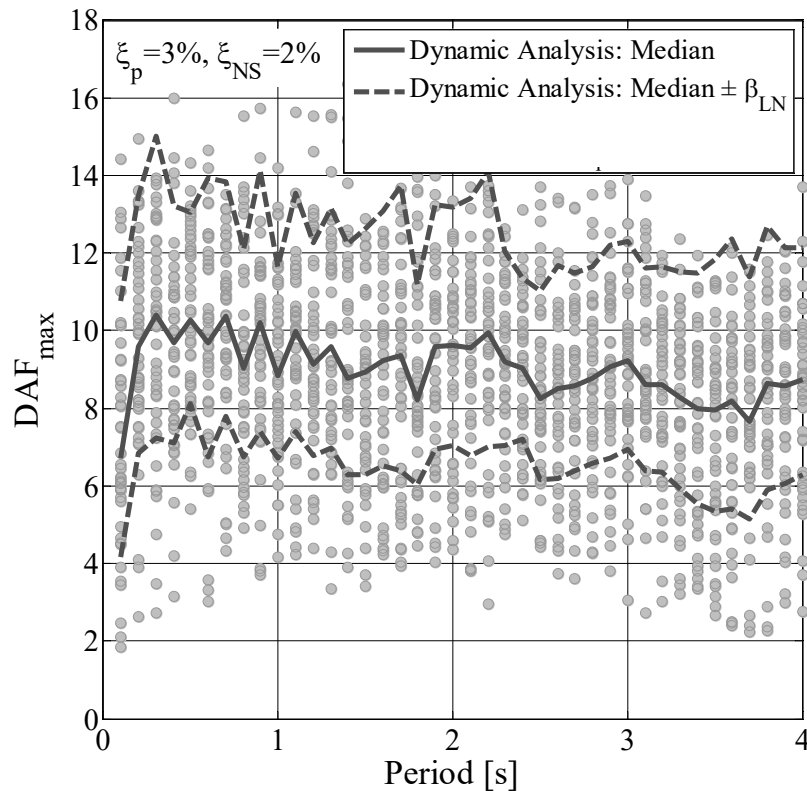
- $T = 0.1s$  to  $4.0s$  at  $0.1s$  intervals
- Primary Damping ( $\xi_p$ )  
1%, 3% and 5%
- Non-Structural Damping ( $\xi_{NS}$ )  
0.5%, 2%, 5% and 10%





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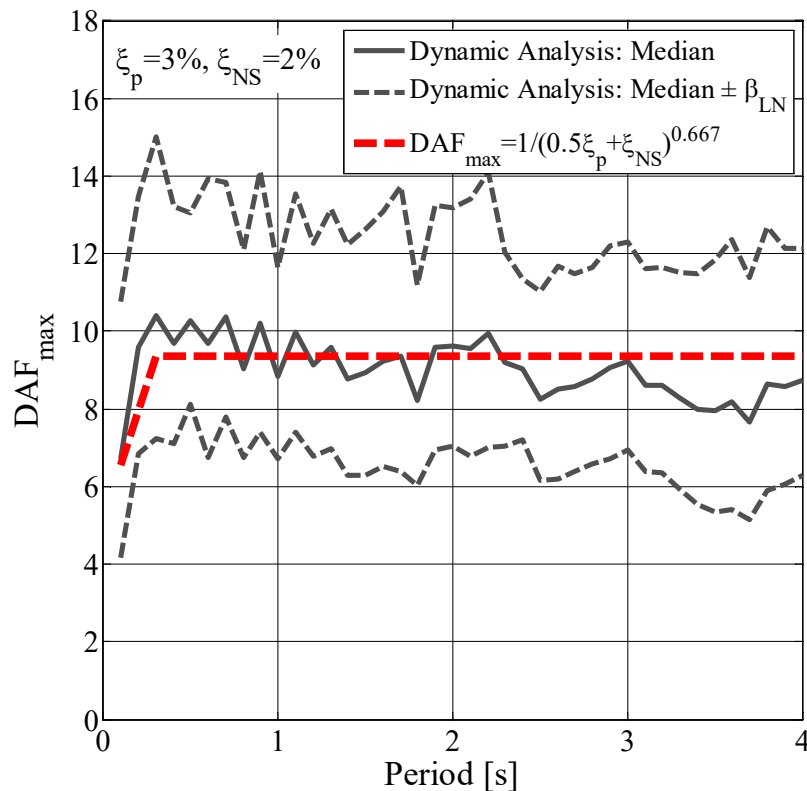
- “Amplification spectra” are produced (also recently used by Sullivan *et al.* 2013 and Vukobratović and Fajfar 2015)
- Regression analysis conducted from  $T_B = 0.3\text{s}$  to  $T = 4.0\text{s}$  using median data



# Peak Dynamic Amplification

$$DAF_{\max} = (a\xi_p + \xi_{NS})^b = (0.47\xi_p + \xi_{NS})^{-0.661} \approx (0.5\xi_p + \xi_{NS})^{-0.667}$$

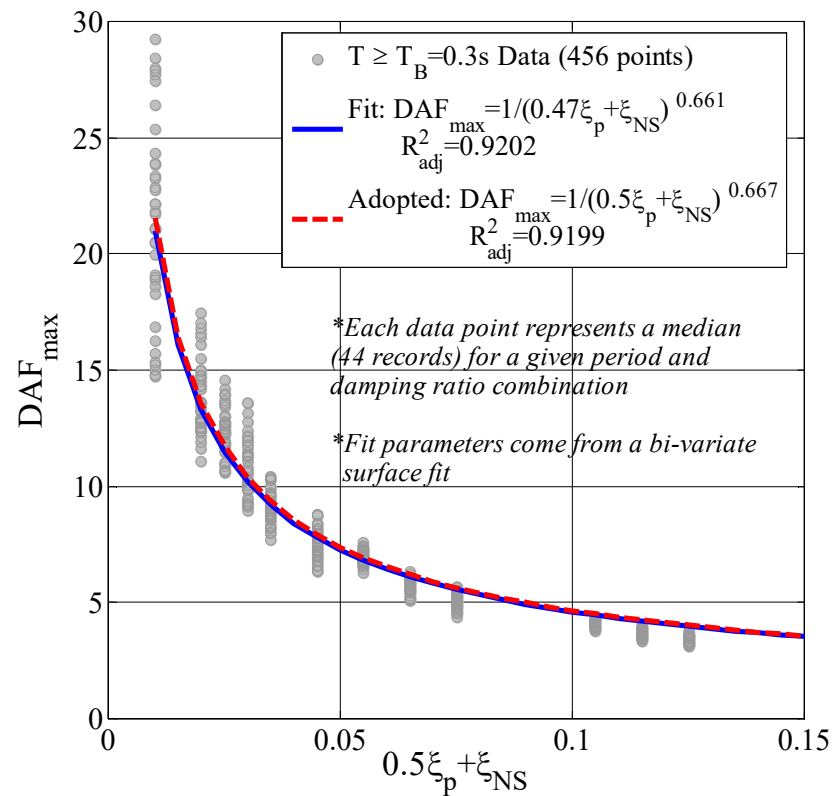
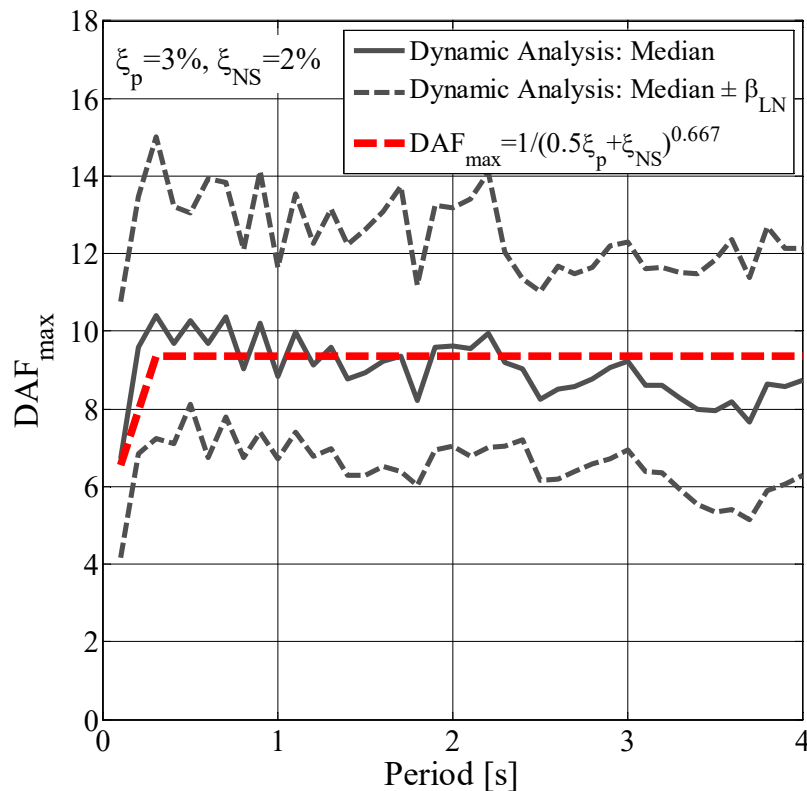
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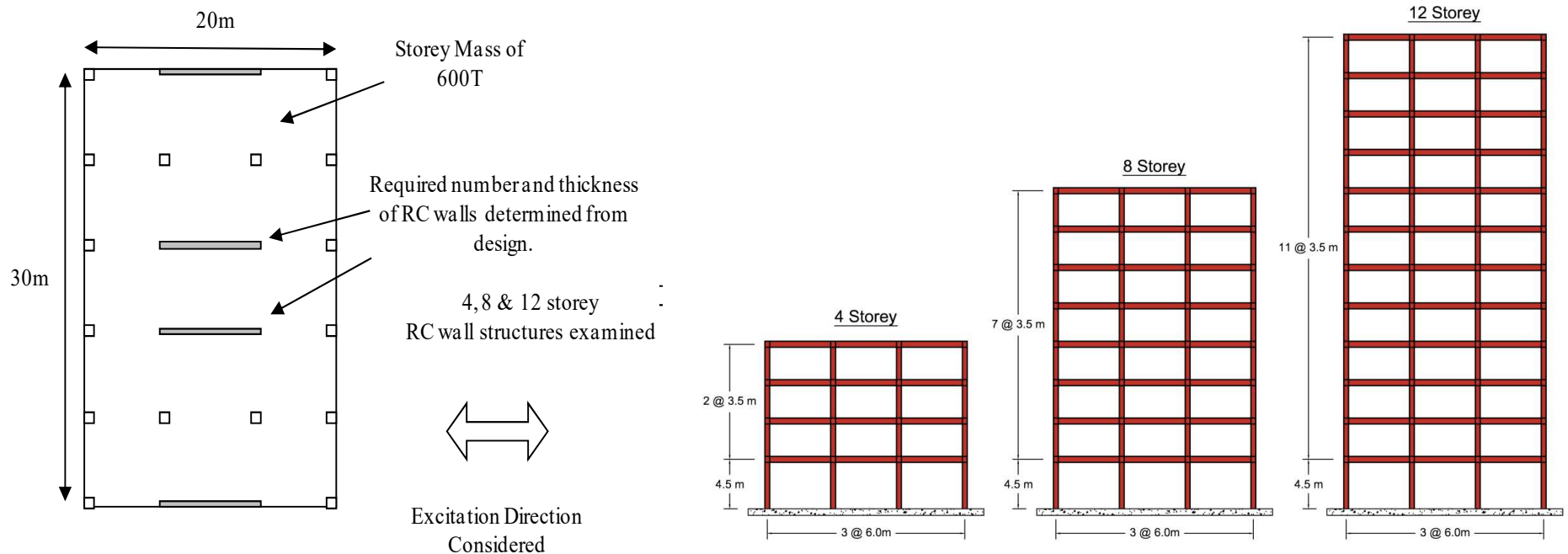
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# Analysis of MDOF Structures

- A total of **9 case study buildings** were studied
- **Three types:** RC cantilever walls, Stiff steel MRF, and Flexible steel MRF
- All three types consider **4, 8 and 12 storey variations**
- Buildings are modeled in 2D using lumped plasticity (Ruaumoko)



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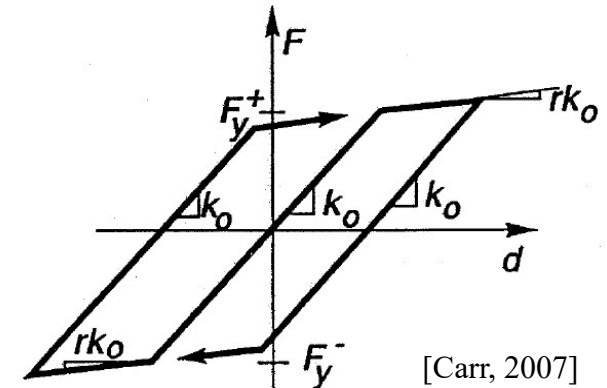
## Steel Moment-Resisting Frames

- Single 3 bay perimeter frame modeled
- Tributary mass from gravity columns considered
- **Bi-linear hysteresis** assumed for structural members
- 3% Tangent-stiffness proportional Rayleigh damping in the first two modes

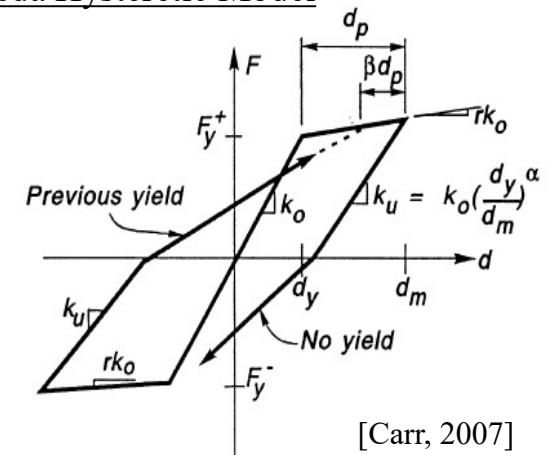
## RC Cantilever Walls

- Equivalent cantilever (“stick model”)
- **Nonlinearity only at the base**
- Base hinge assumes “**Takeda-Thin**” hysteresis using recommendations of Priestley *et al.* [2007]
- 5% Tangent-stiffness proportional Rayleigh damping in the first two modes

## Bi-Linear Hysteretic Model

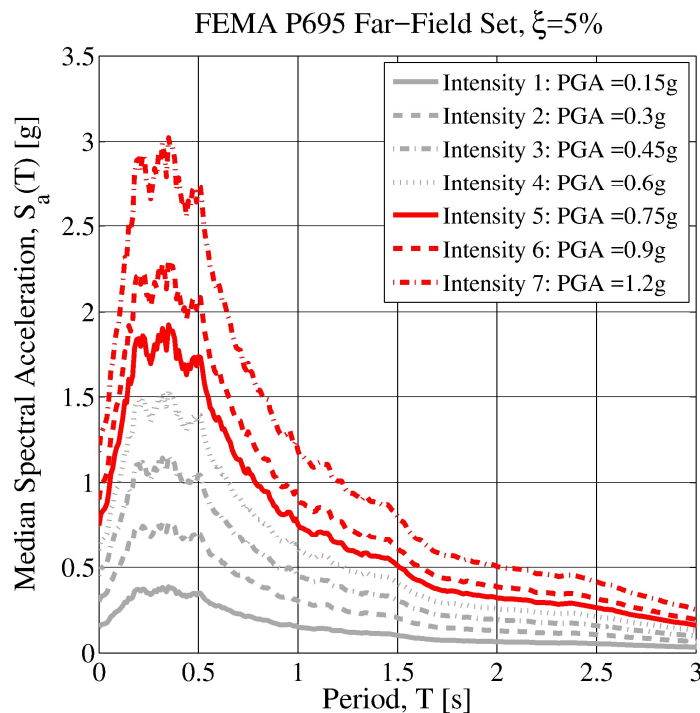


## Takeda Hysteretic Model



# Analysis of MDOF Structures

- FEMA P695 far-field set [FEMA, 2009] was assumed for seismic input
- Seven intensity levels scaled by median PGA (0.15g to 1.2g)
- Case study buildings analyzed using nonlinear and elastic response
- Floor spectra produced at damping ratios of 0.5%, 2%, 5% and 10% of critical

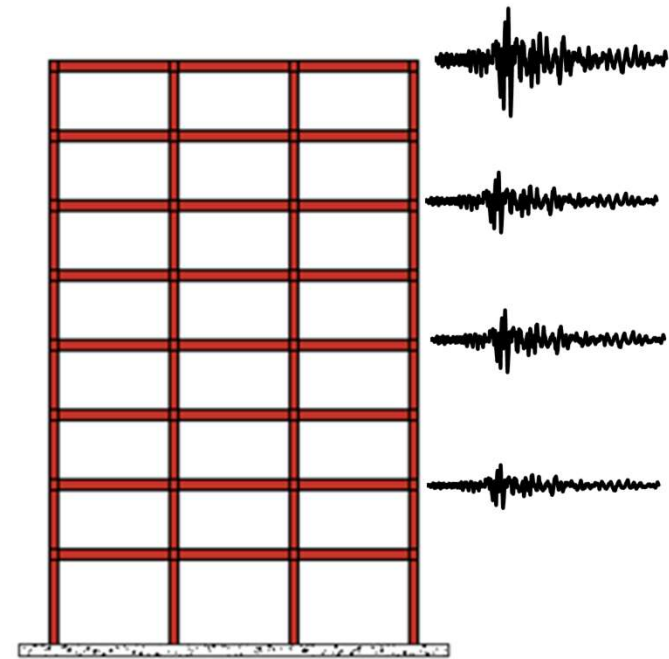


$H_i/H_n = 1.0$

$H_i/H_n = 0.75$

$H_i/H_n = 0.5$

$H_i/H_n = 0.25$



# Monitoring Ductility Demands

- Ductility demands are monitored on a record-by-record basis
- **RC Walls** assume the displacement ductility at the first mode effective height

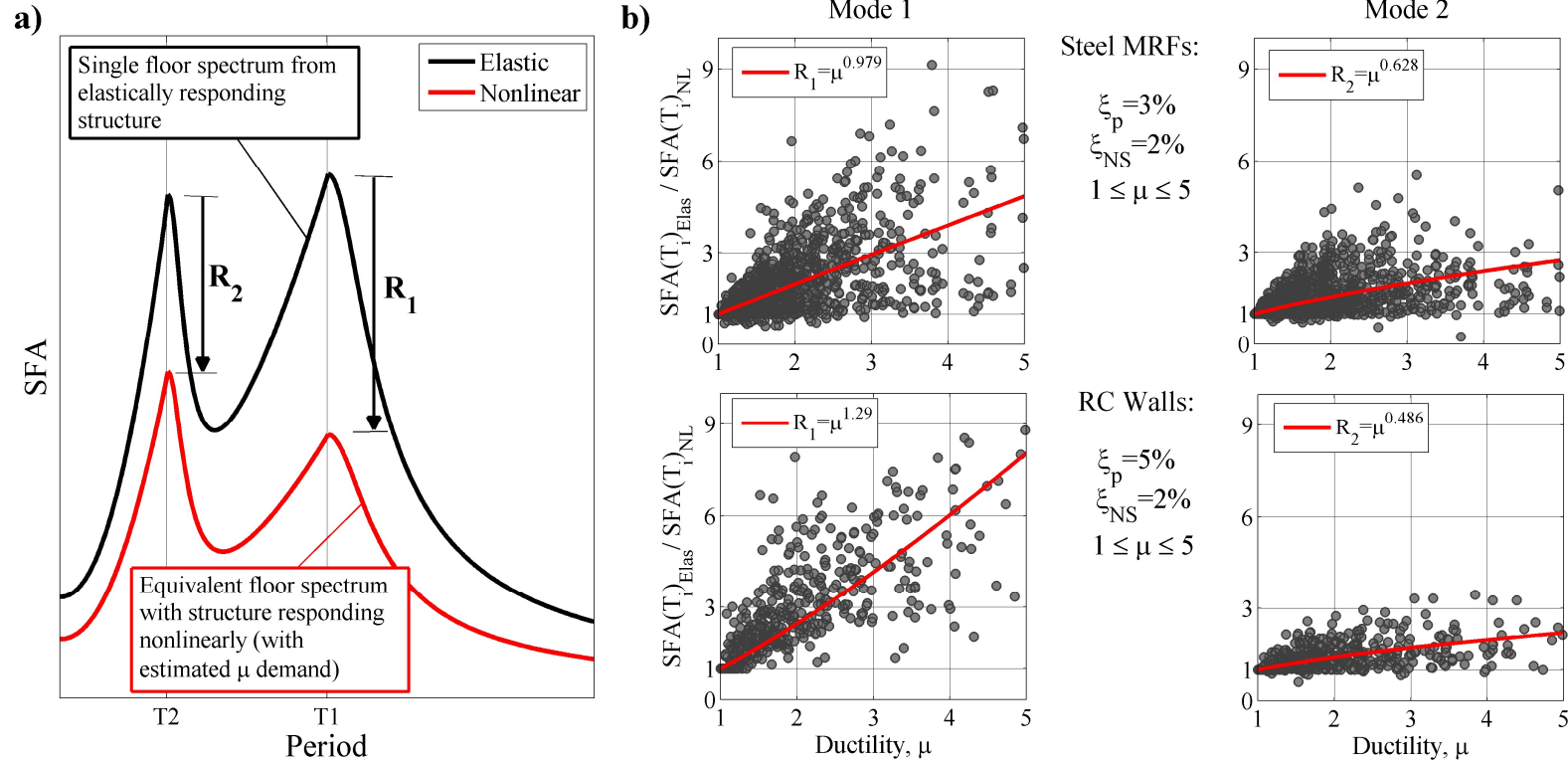
$$\Delta_{y,i} = \frac{\varepsilon_y}{L_w} H_i^2 \left( 1 - \frac{H_i}{3H_n} \right) \quad H_e = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \Delta_i H_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \Delta_i}$$

- **Steel MRFs** use an estimated yield drift profile [Della Corte *et al.* 2014] and a work-done approach [Sullivan *et al.* 2010] to estimate system ductility

$$\theta_{y,j} = \frac{m_{j,R} \phi_{b,y}}{6} \left( \psi_{j,b} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\beta I_b h}{I_c L_b} \right) \quad \mu_{\theta,i} = \frac{\theta_{d,i}}{\theta_{y,i}} \quad \mu = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n V_i \theta_i \mu_{\theta,i}}{\sum_{i=1}^n V_i \theta_i}$$

# Nonlinear Modal Reduction Factors

- Quantify the reduction in spectral peaks at modal periods due to non-linear demands (Roof level data assumed for generalized values)
- Represented using a simple **power law fit to the ductility demand**  $R_i \approx \mu^\alpha$

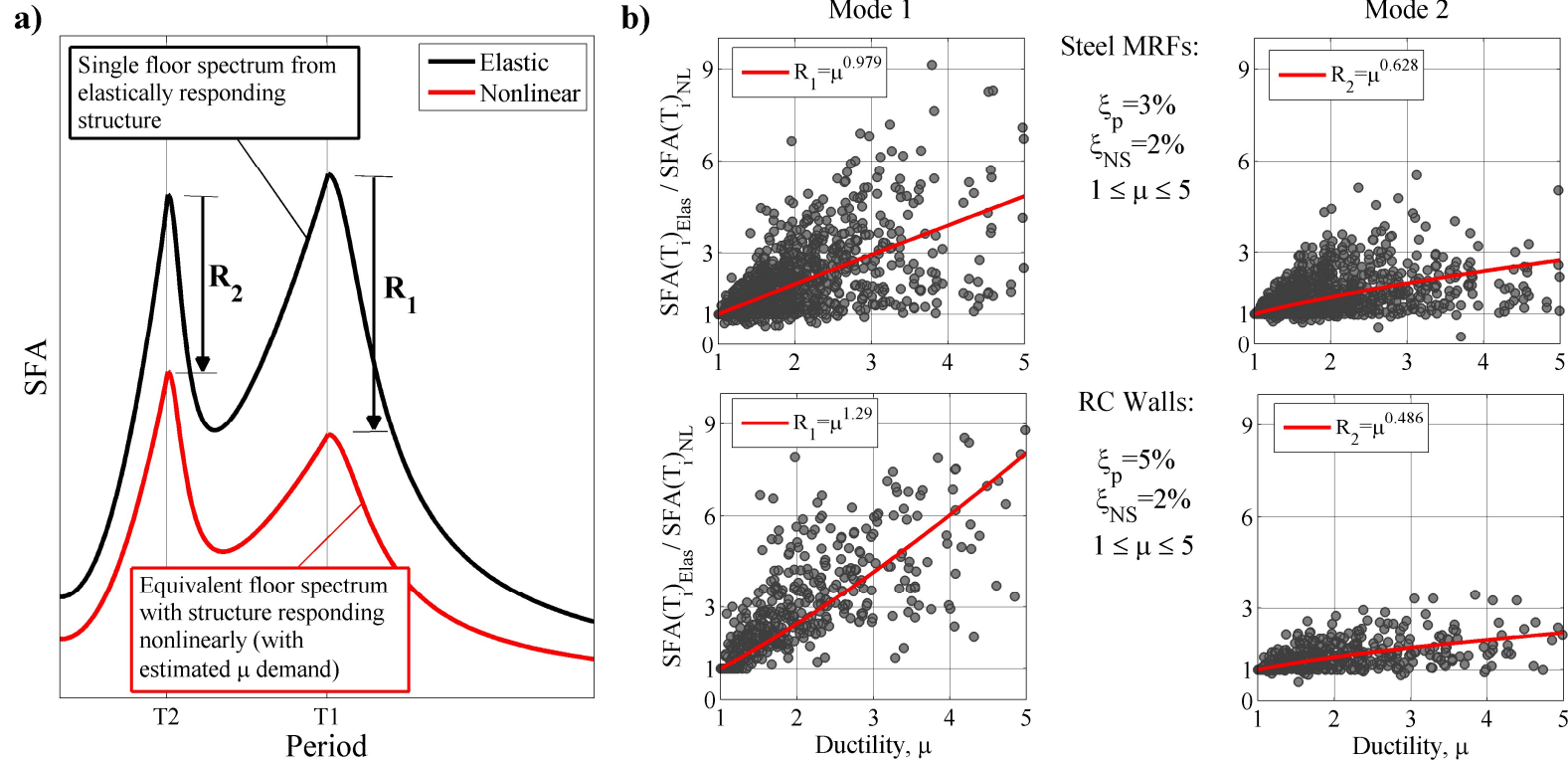




# Nonlinear Modal Reduction Factors

Fundamental Mode:  $R_1 = R_{i=1} \approx \mu$  *Steel MRF*;  $R_1 = R_{i=1} \approx \mu^{1.25}$  *RC Wall*

All Higher Modes:  $R_{HM} = R_{i>1} \approx \mu^{0.6}$  *Steel MRF*;  $R_{HM} = R_{i>1} \approx \mu^{0.4}$  *RC Wall*



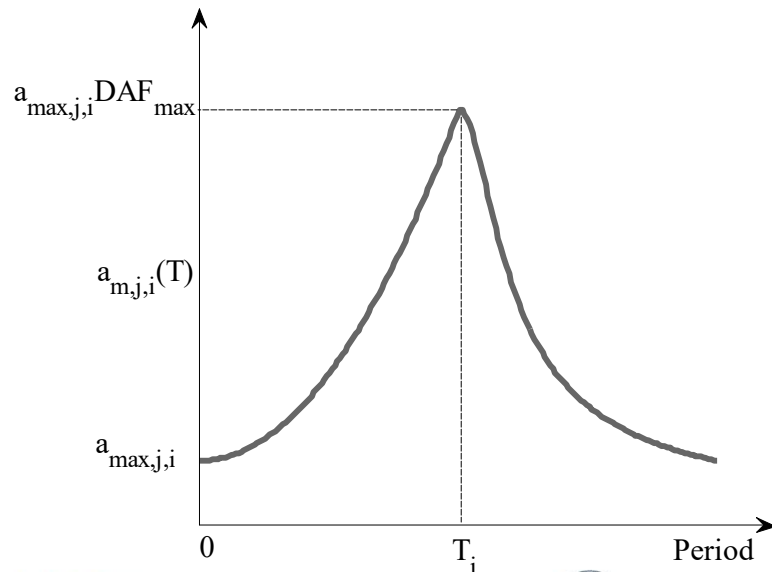
# Summary of Approach

- Define target acceleration spectrum, modal properties and ductility demand
- For each mode  $i$  and DOF  $j$ , the modal floor acceleration must be estimated

$$a_{\max,j,i} = \phi_{j,i} \Gamma_i \left( \frac{S_a(T_i)}{R_i} \right)$$

- Then, individual modal contributions can be estimated

$$DAF_{\max} = \left( 0.5\xi_p + \xi_{NS} \right)^{-0.667}$$



$$a_{m,j,i}(T < T_i) = (T/T_i)^2 \left[ a_{\max,j,i} (DAF_{\max} - 1) \right] + a_{\max,j,i}$$

$$a_{m,j,i}(T_i \leq T \leq T_{i,e}) = a_{\max,j,i} DAF_{\max}$$

$$a_{m,j,i}(T > T_{i,e}) = a_{\max,j,i} \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{T}{T_{i,e}} \right)^2 + \left( 0.5\xi_p + \xi_{NS} \right) \right]^{-0.667}$$

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- **Period elongation** of modal peak region considered for **RC walls** in modes 1 and 2

$$T_{1,eff} = T_1 \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{(1+r(\mu-1))}} \quad T_{2,eff} = T_2 \left( 1 + 0.5 \left( \frac{\mu}{\mu_{pin}} \right) \right) \quad \text{for } 1.0 < \mu \leq \mu_{pin}$$
$$\mu_{pin} \approx 5.0$$

- All modal contributions are combined with the SRSS rule

$$SFA_j(T)_{SRSS} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{nm} a_{m,j,i}(T)^2} \quad *nm = 3 \text{ for RC Walls, } 4 \text{ for steel MRFs}$$

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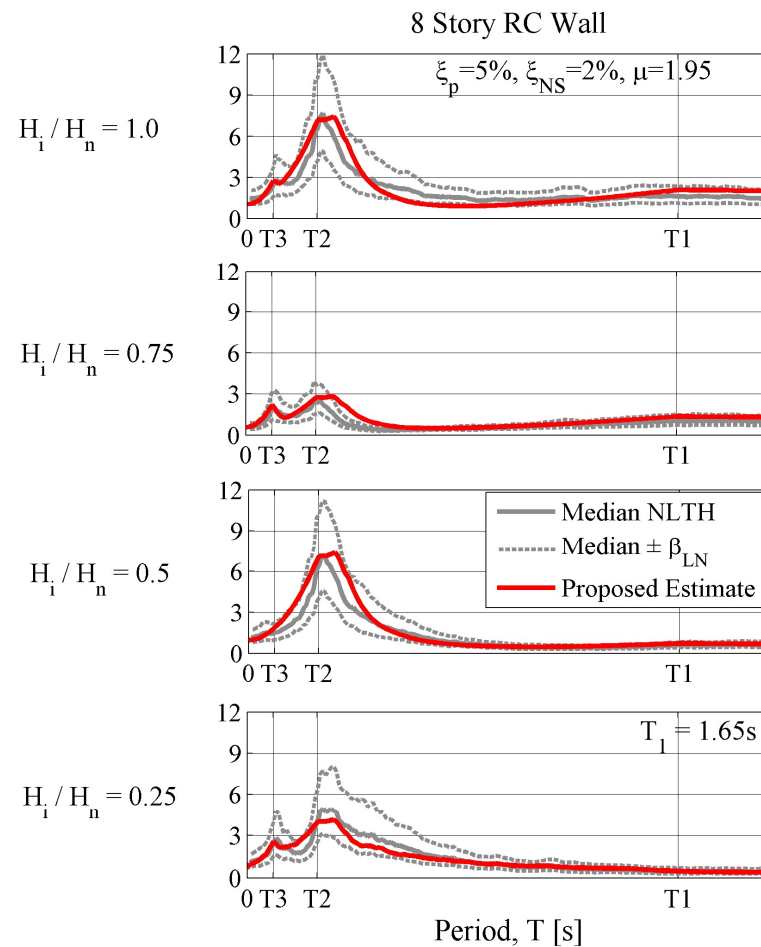
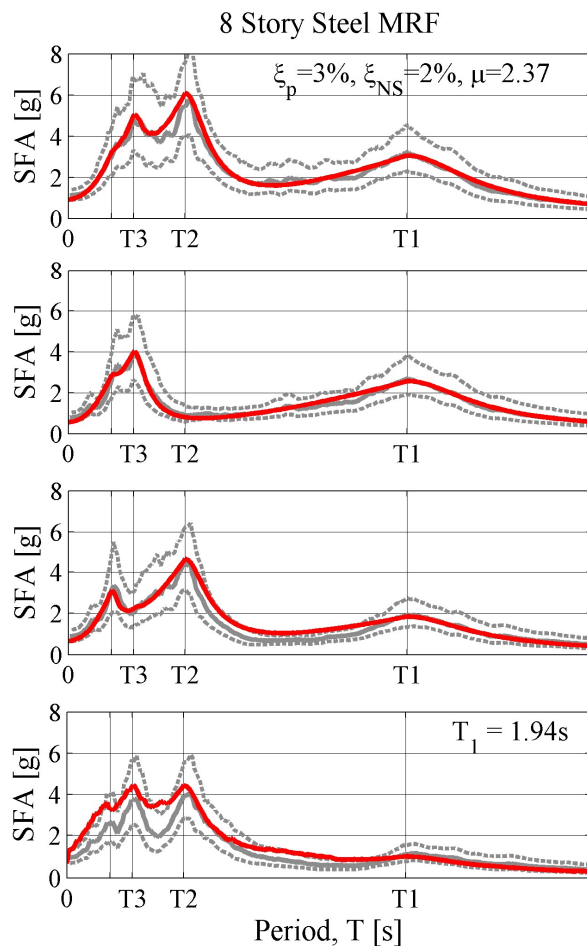
- **Steel MRFs are adjusted for peak floor acceleration (PFA) considering reduction in modes 1 and 2 only**

$$PFA_{j,Steel\ MRF} = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^2 (a_{\max,j,i})^2 + \sum_{i=3}^{nm} (a_{\max,j,i} R_i)^2 \right]^{0.5}$$

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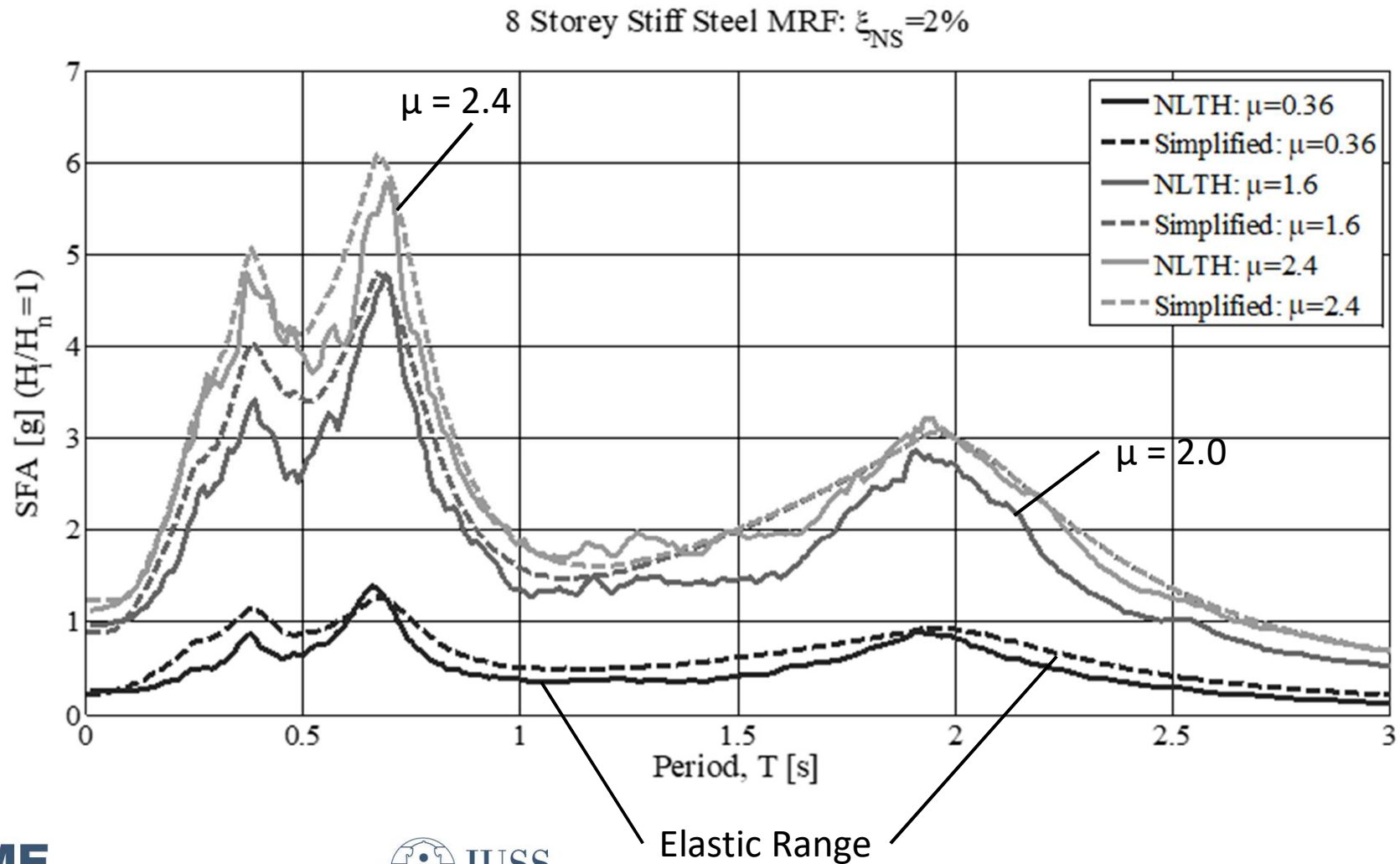
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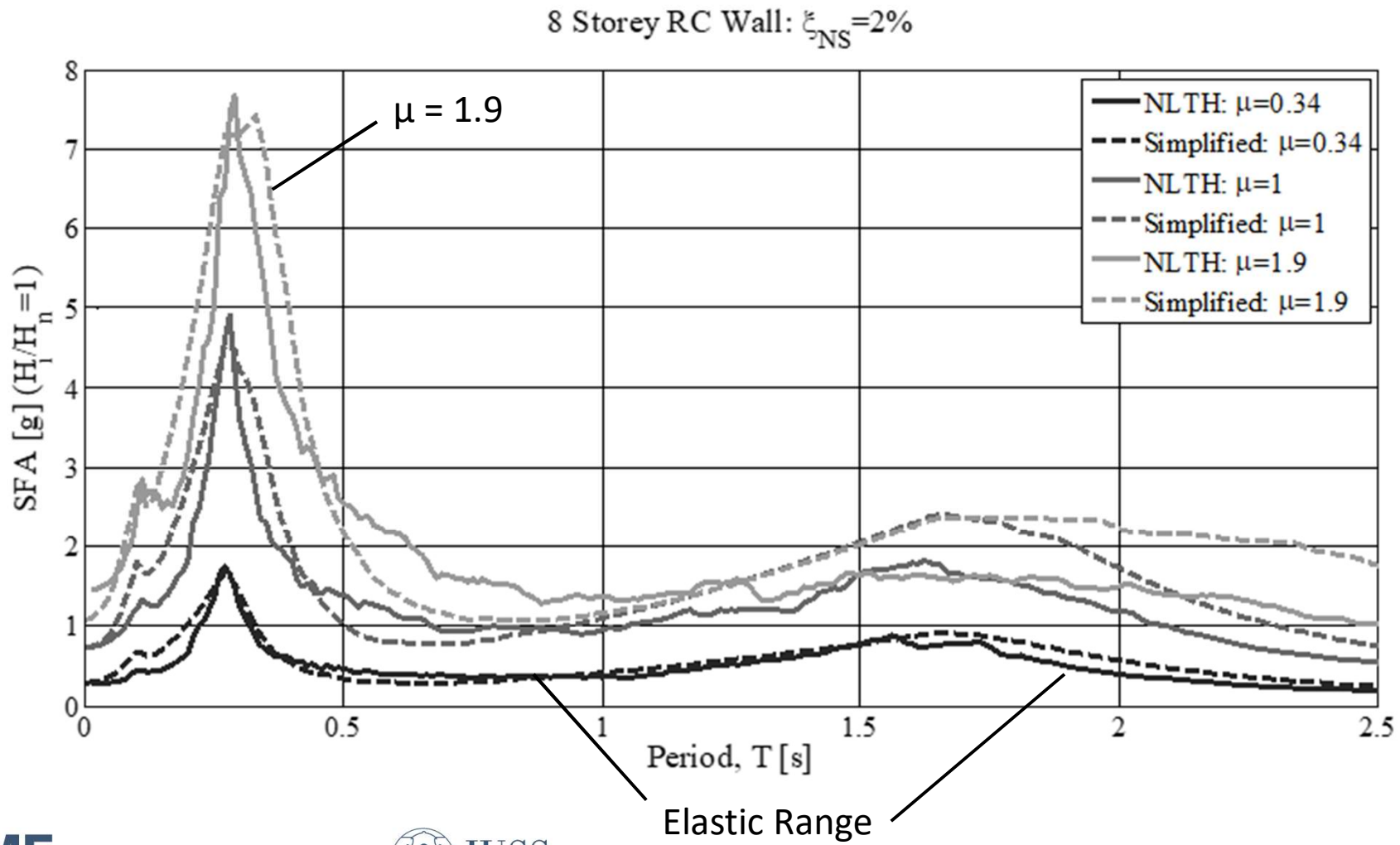
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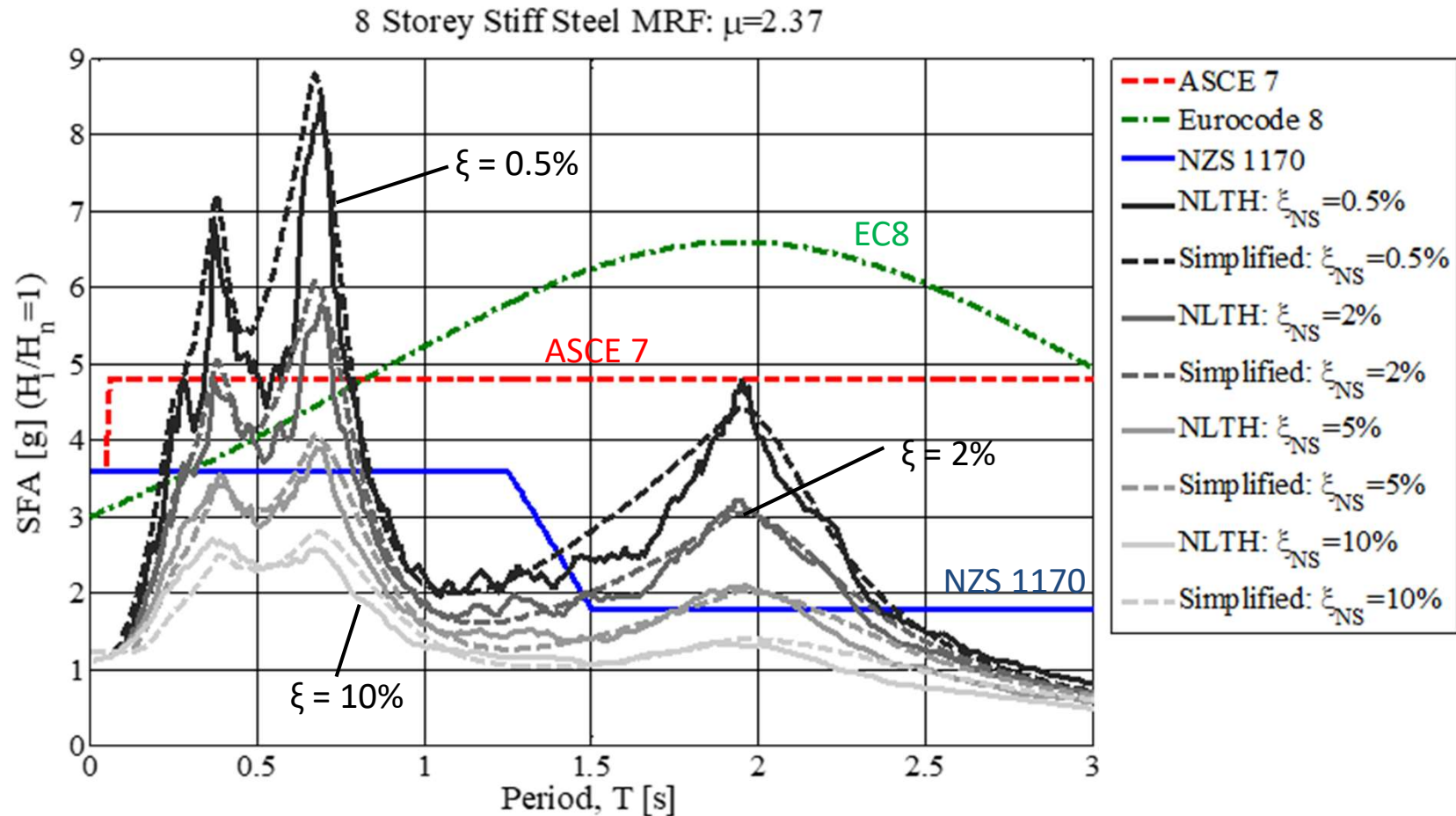




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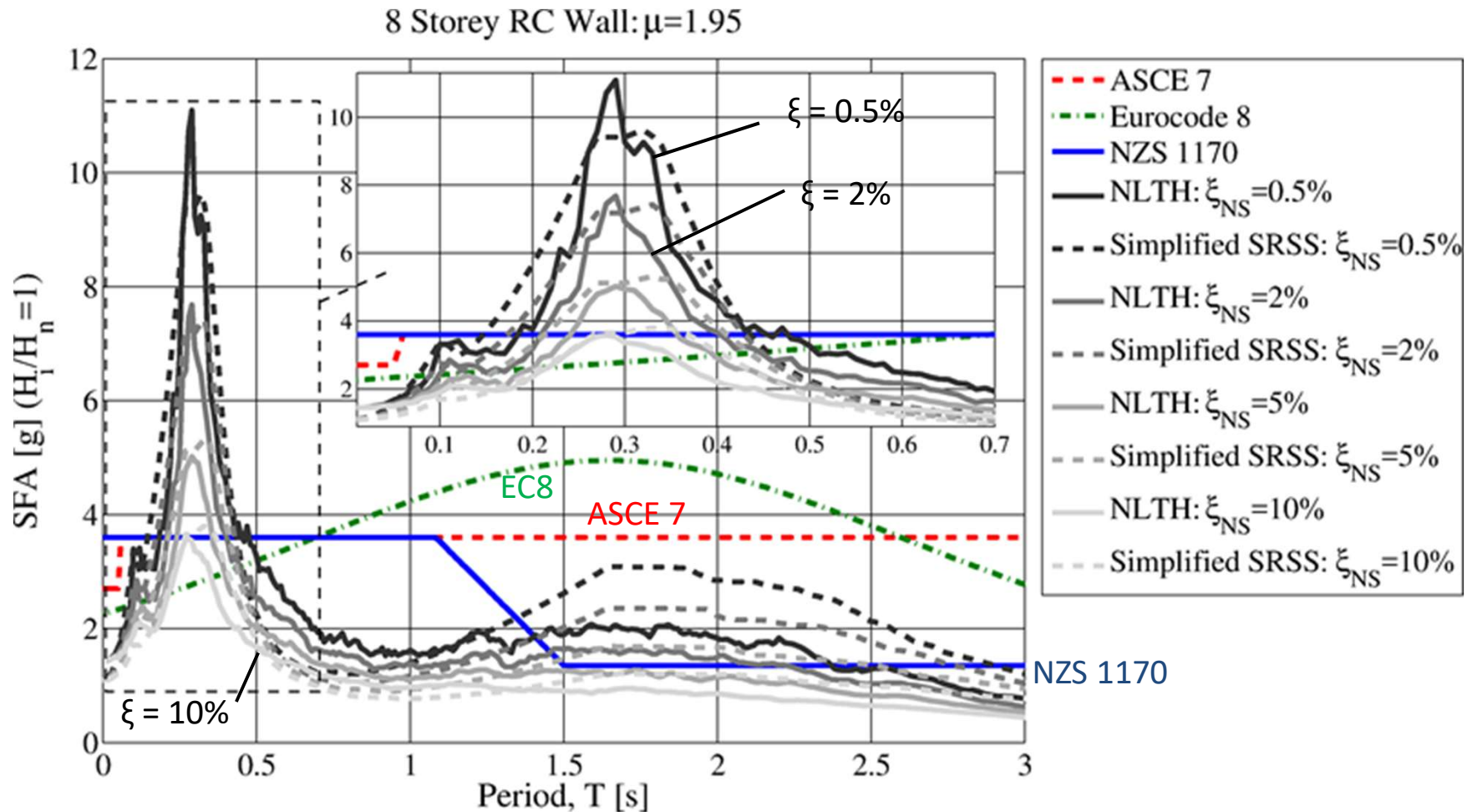
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## Ongoing and Future Research

- Refined consideration of modal reduction factors
- More explicit considerations of peak floor accelerations
- Extension to reinforced concrete frame structures
- Considerations for uncertainties in modal properties and record to record variability (dispersion)

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