

GROUND MOTION CLASSIFICATION AND REDUCTION
OF THE MAGNITUDE OF COMPLETENESS OF RMT
SOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW ZEALAND EARTHQUAKE
DATABASE, 2003-2020

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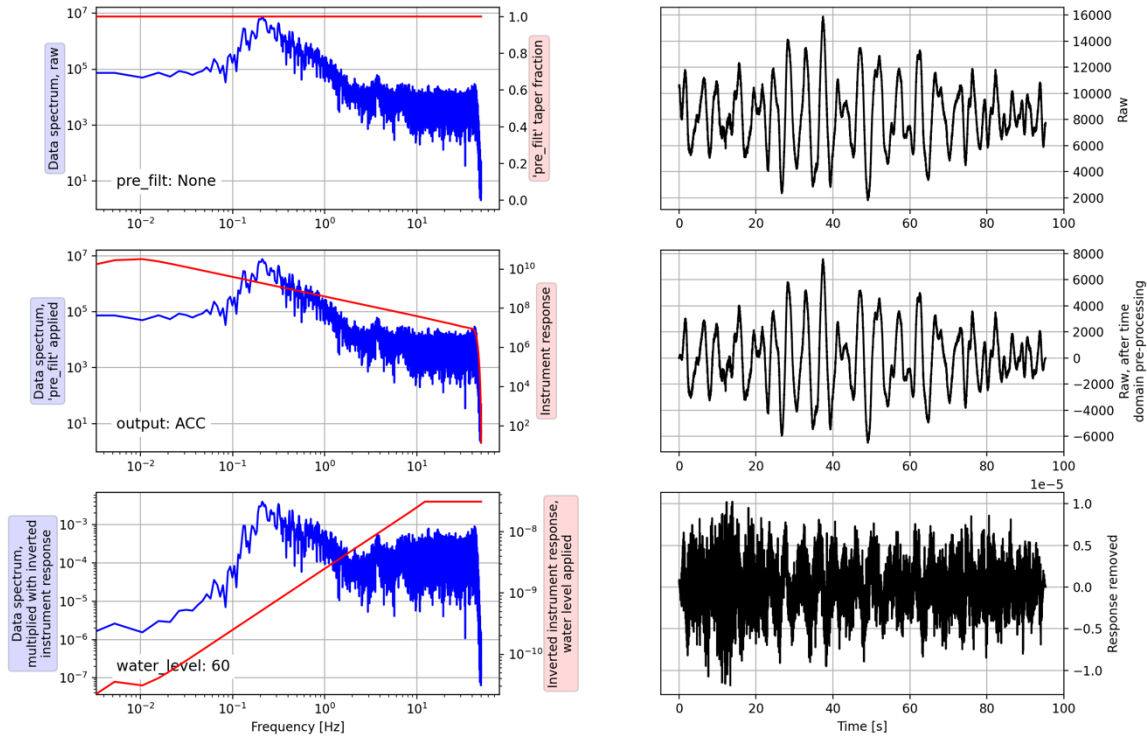
GROUND MOTION CLASSIFICATION

- Objective
 - Classify whether ground motions for events from the entire New Zealand GeoNet database are high quality.
 - High quality ground motions can be used to ascertain site response characteristics.
 - Site response informs the input for hazard prediction models.
 - Low quality ground motions indicate less than ideal conditions; site characteristics, azimuthal/depth distribution of certain events, instrument problems.
 - Provides minimum and maximum frequencies for bandpass filtering.

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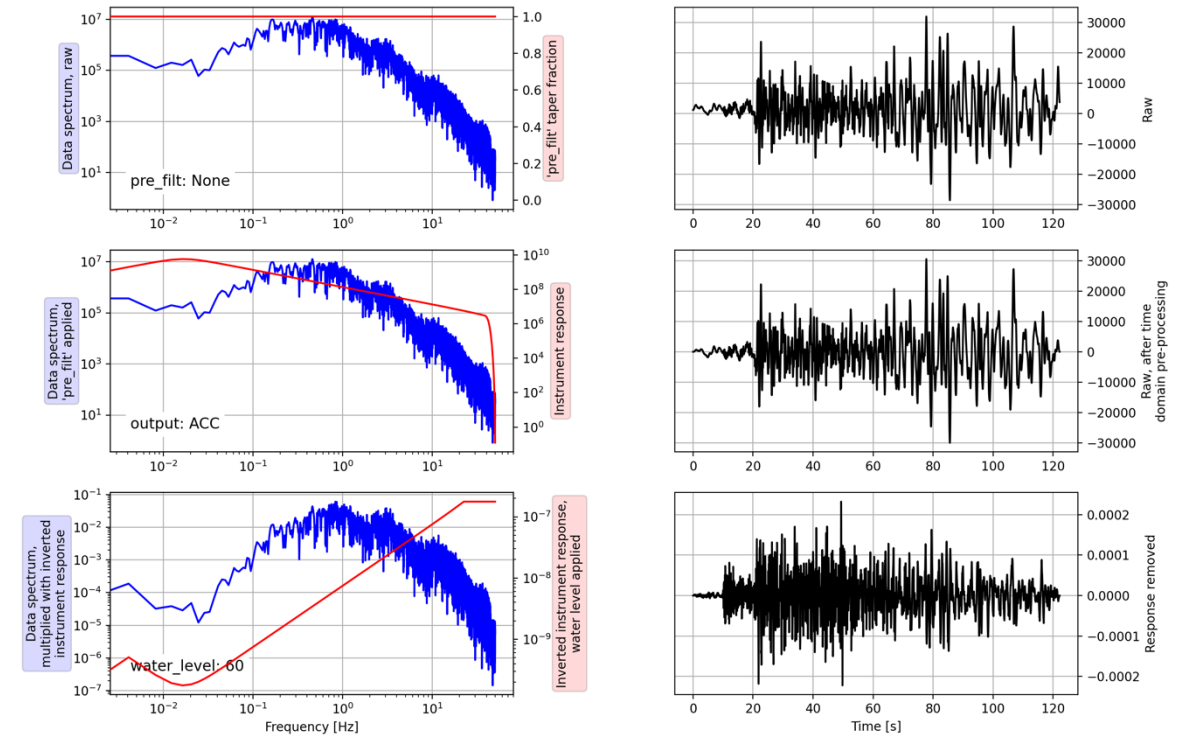
- Procedure
 - Acquire data from the GeoNet FDSN webserver:
 - Performed with the Obspy module for Python
 - Miniseed waveform data for short-period, broadband, and strong-motion seismometers.
 - StationXML data for the station inventory
 - Also include SNZO from IRIS
 - Process miniseed data:
 - Performed on yearly basis.
 - Instrument sensitivity is removed and data is converted to accelerograms and detrended.
 - Waveform parameters, such as peak noise, PGA, and the SNR at various frequencies are recorded.
 - Evaluate waveform parameters:
 - Evaluates feature records using the TensorFlow neural network.

NZ.CTZ.10.HHZ | 2016-08-13T13:06:35.718394Z - 2016-08-13T13:08:10.988394Z | 100.0 Hz, 9528 samples



A very low-quality GM record.

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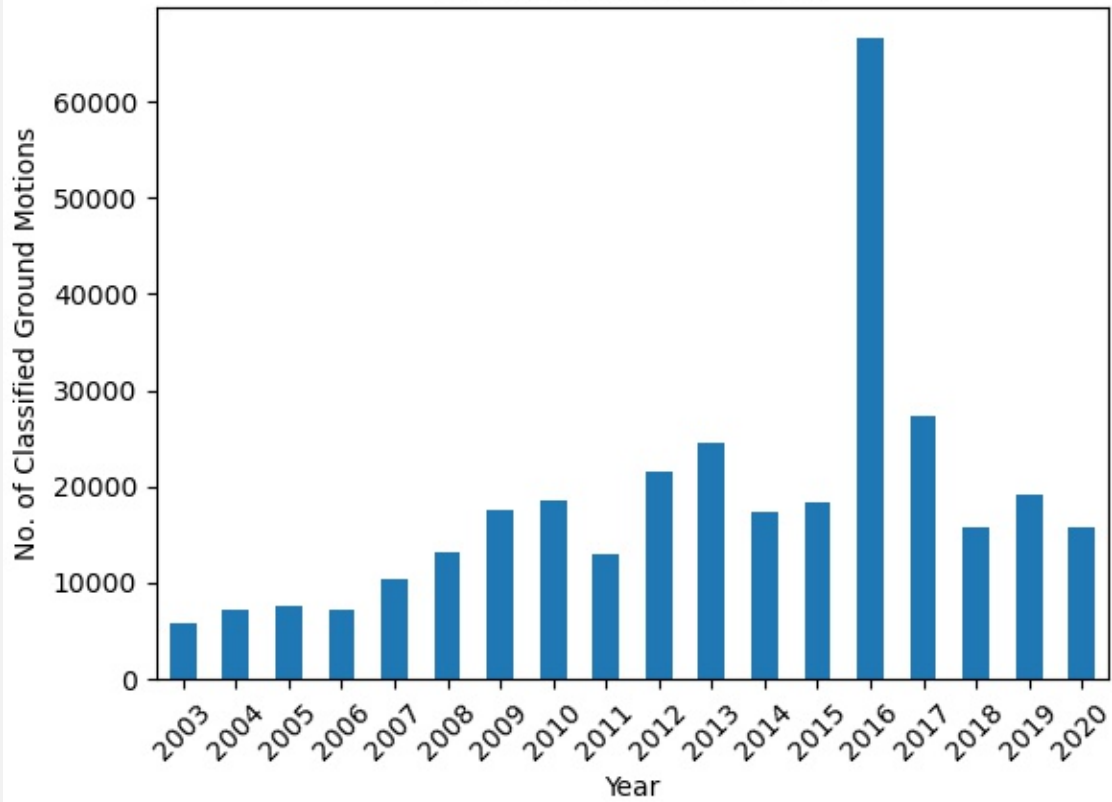


A higher quality GM record.

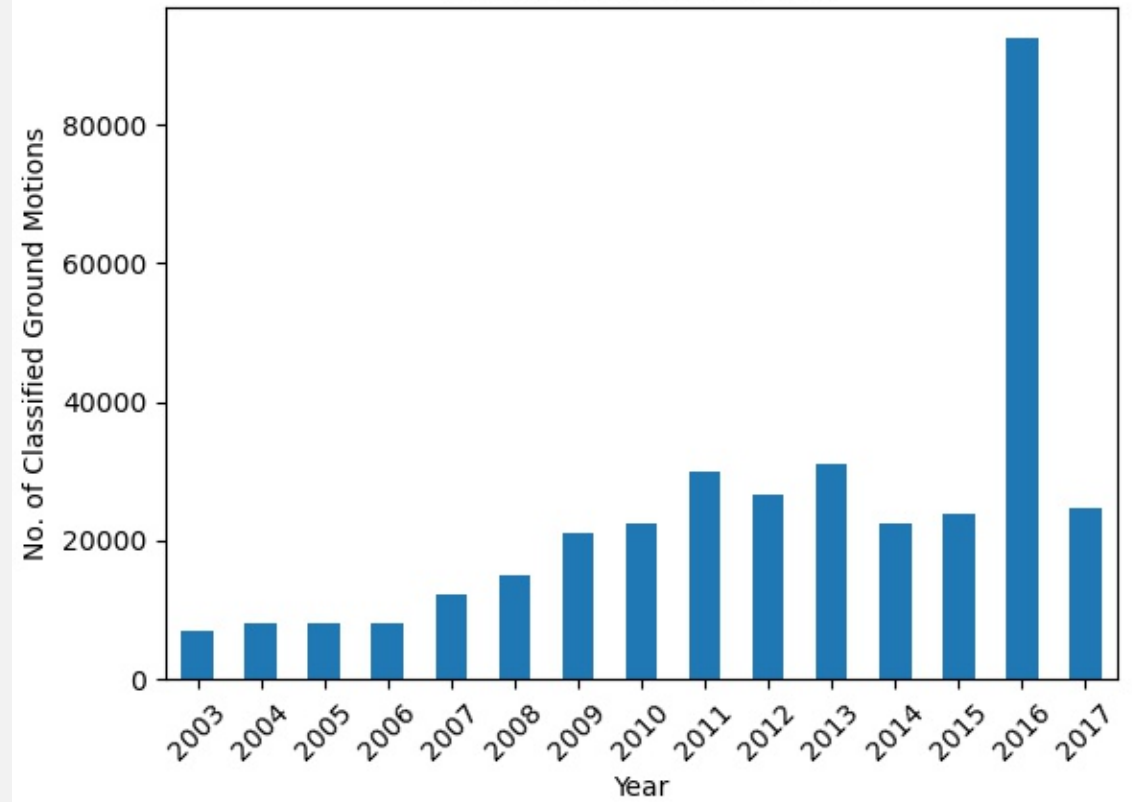
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 - Originally tested with VIA data. Implementation of miniseed support has greatly reduced processing times.
 - All events for $M \geq 4$ have been processed from 2003-2017.
 - The input model for the final phase will be retrained with the new dataset.
 - We must still process ground motions for lower magnitude events and for events through 2020.

Ground Motions per Year



Ground Motions per Year



- 2011 Total Classified GMs : 13,002 vs 22,504
- 2016 Total Classified GMs: 66,571 vs 92,426
- Processing for 2017 is still in progress.



RMT SOLUTIONS WITH GROND

- Objective
 - To expand the national catalogue of regional moment tensor solutions.
 - Moment tensor solutions contain accurate estimations of magnitude, which can be used to further calibrate local magnitude to moment magnitude scales.
 - RMTs illuminate rupture types for faults, directly informing our hazard models.



RMT SOLUTIONS WITH GROND

- What is Grond?
 - <https://pyrocko.org/grond/docs/current/>
 - Grond is a probabilistic forward modelling approach to computing earthquake source characteristics.
 - Grond uses Green's function data (synthetic waveforms) to find the best-fit models to waveforms for events over a number of user-defined inversions.
 - The final results can be output into an HTML style report database.
 - Grond can also accept GNSS and InSAR observations as input.



RMT SOLUTIONS

- Procedure
 - Retrieve 1-hour miniseed waveforms from the GeoNet FDSN webservice for broadband seismometers.
 - The time-window for these data are centered around the origin times for events defined by the user (currently events with $M \geq 4$).
 - Run Grond for selected events.
 - Generate reports.
 - Review reports for potential problems and/or events with poor inversions.



RMT SOLUTIONS

- Progress
 - Currently testing with data from 2011.
 - Inversions for a single event can take up to 100 minutes, but can be processed in parallel.
 - Further configuration could reduce processing times (fewer iterations, L1 vs L2 normalization, fewer stations considered for input)