

# Ground Motion Simulation Validation using Advanced Intensity Measures: NZ Small-Magnitude events

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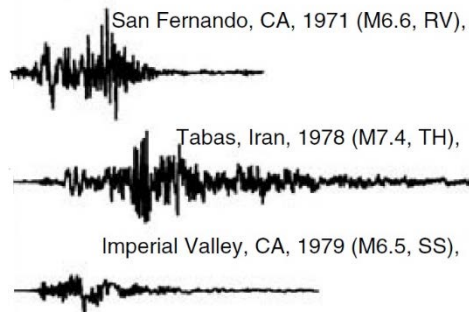
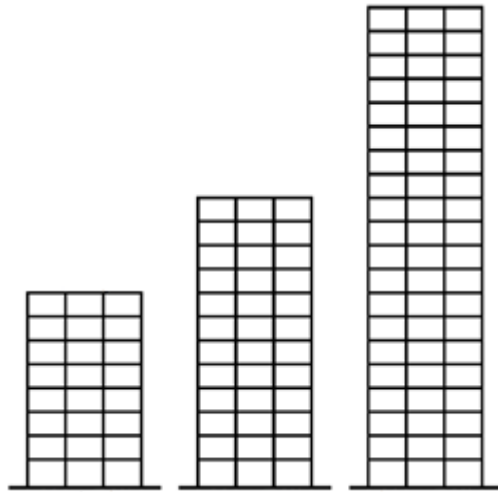
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# Motivation

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## Application in response history analysis:



## Limitations:

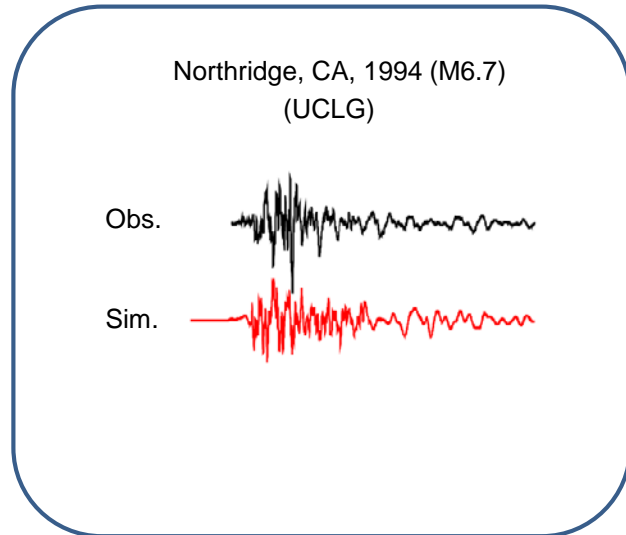
- ✓ Scarcity of ground motion representing the specific-site hazard
- ✓ Incompatibility of selected ground motions in terms of causal parameters

## Potential solution:

- ✓ Using simulated ground motions
- ✓ Validation is necessary before use

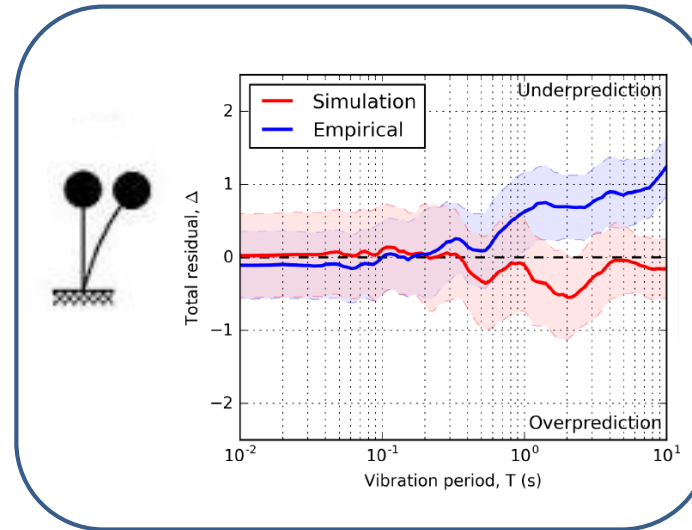
# Validation levels

## Qualitative (waveform comparison)



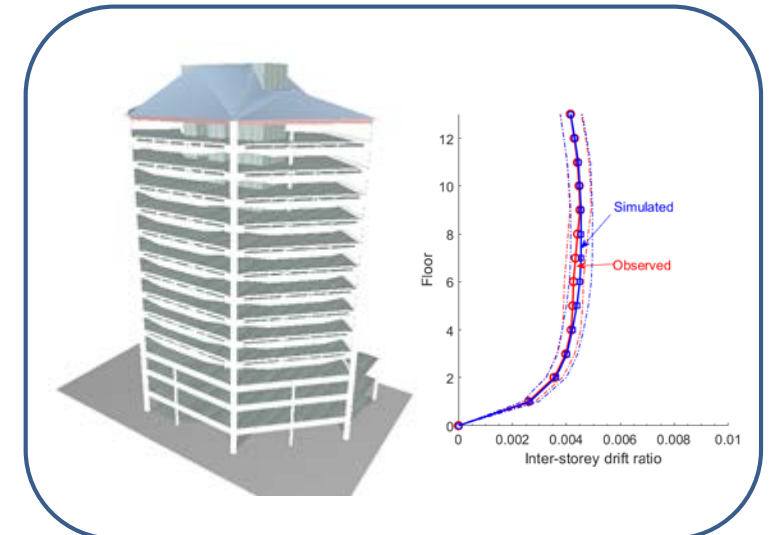
- Informative but not sufficient
- Not appropriate to use in practice

## Response spectra (Simplified Intensity Measures)



- Generalizable and easy to calculate
- Limited and imprecise

## Building response (Advanced Intensity Measures (IMs))



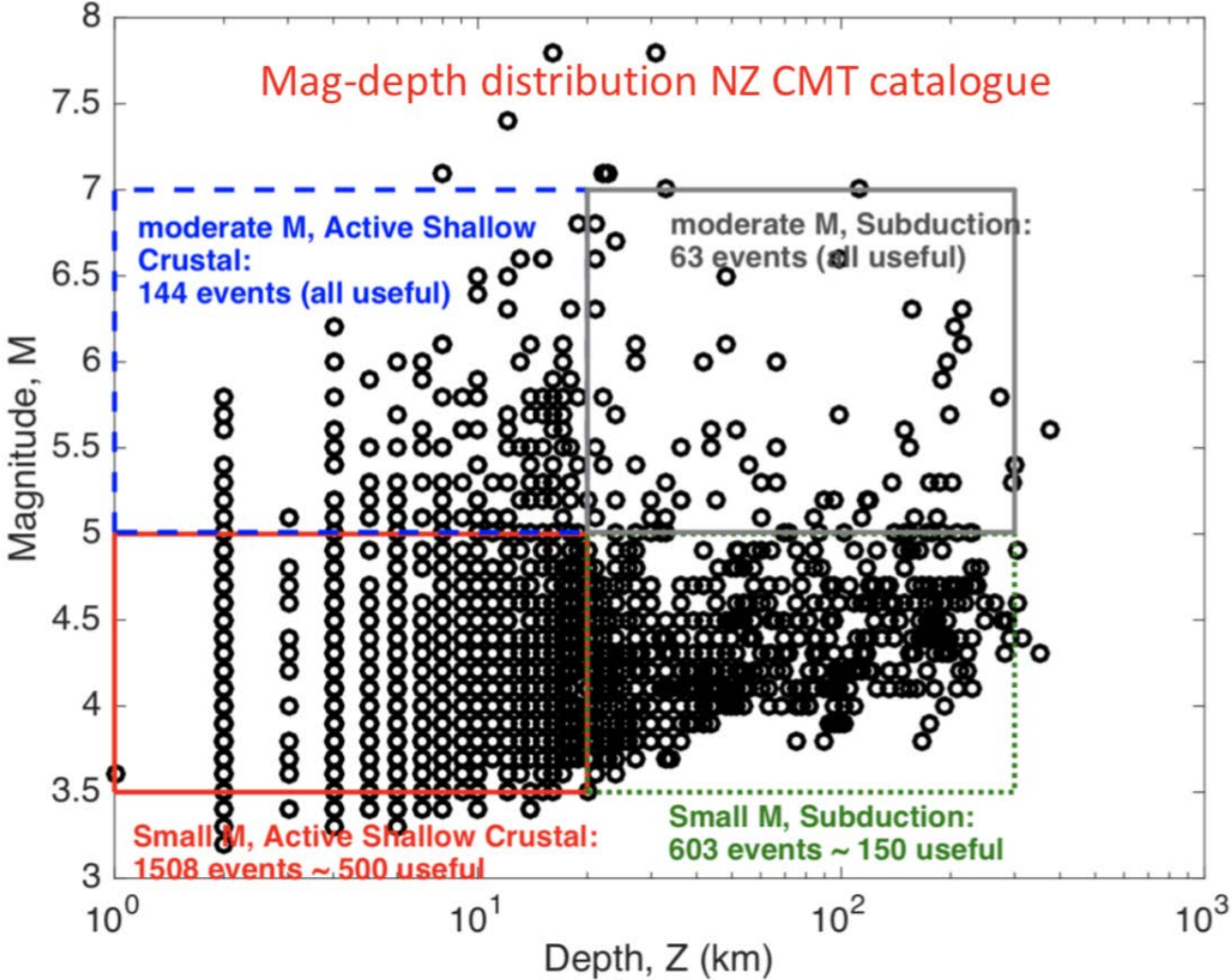
- Complex and comprehensive
- Model-specific



## **Research Objectives :**

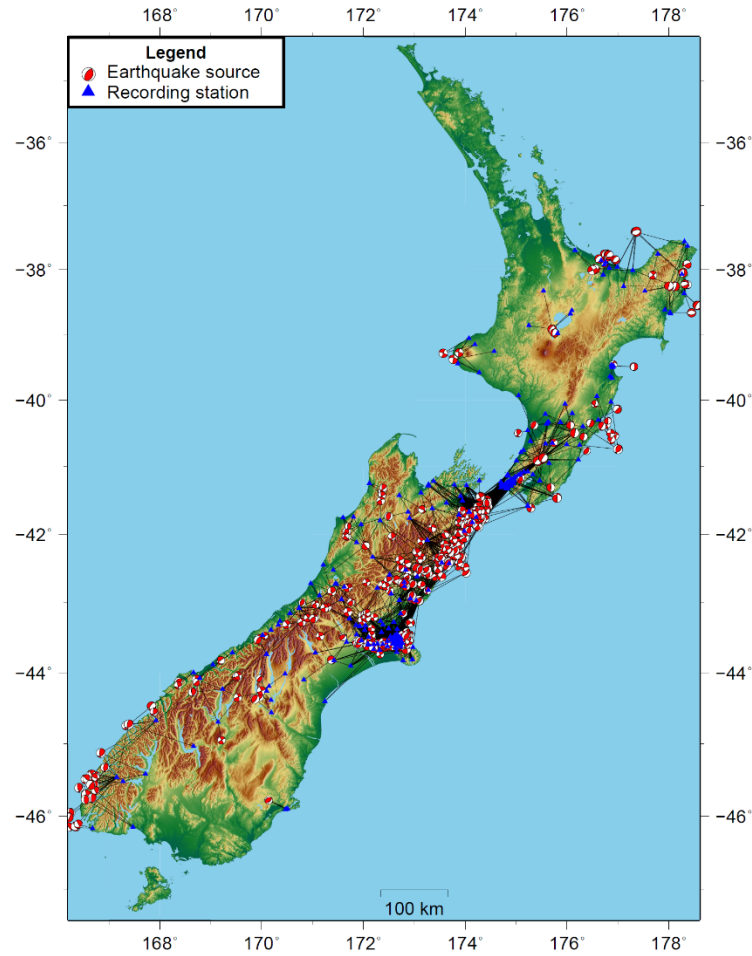
- Develop an analysis framework to infer the probable causative sources related to the discrepancies between observed and simulated ground motions via advanced IMs
- Provide feedback for improving ground motion simulation methodologies
- Investigating the application of simulated ground motions in practice

# Selection of Ground motion data set

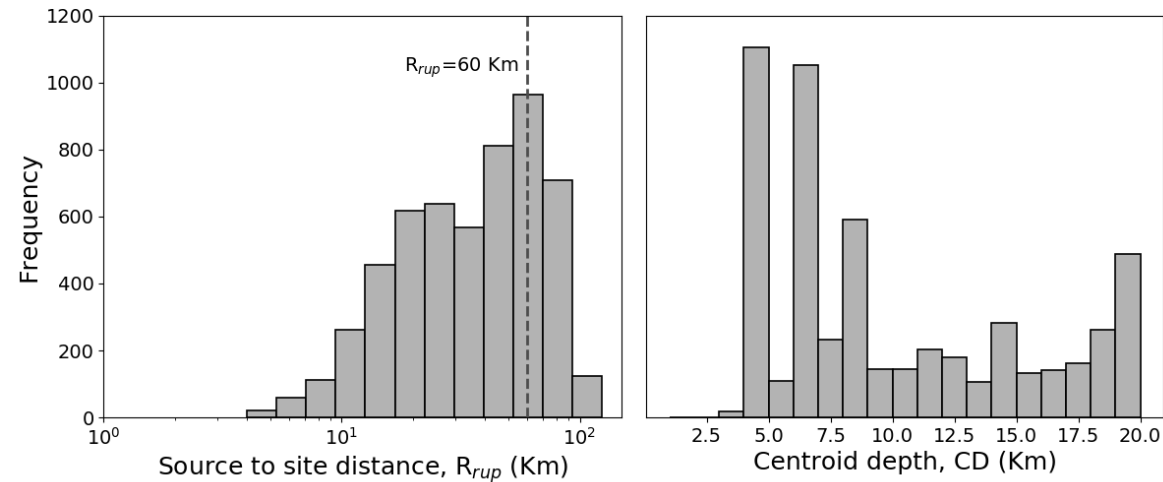
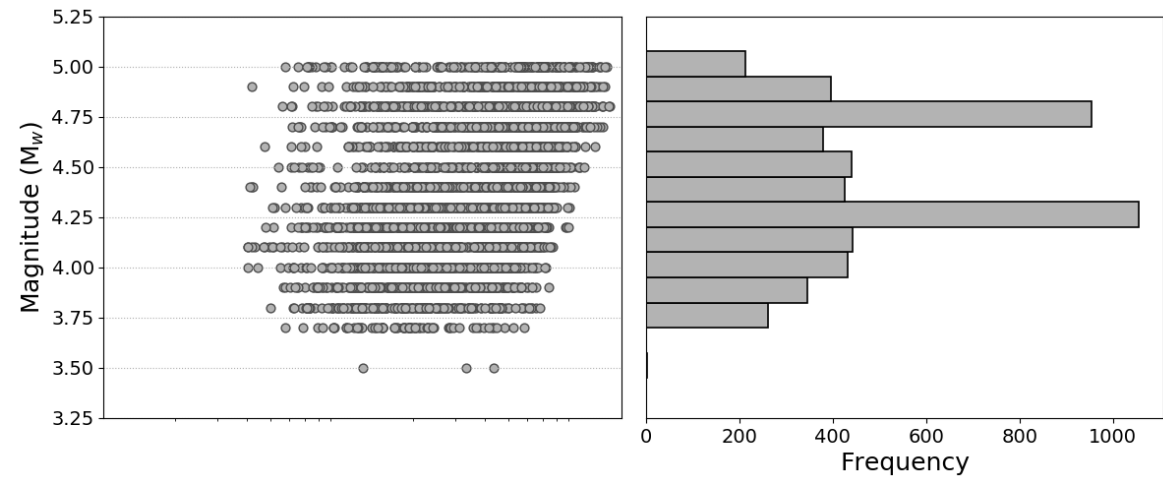


# New Zealand small-magnitude events

## Ground Motions:



- 489 small-magnitude events ( $3.5 < M_W < 5.0$ )



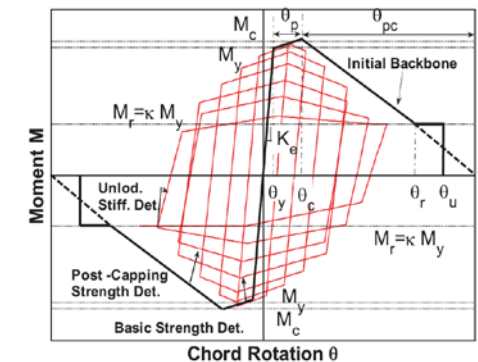
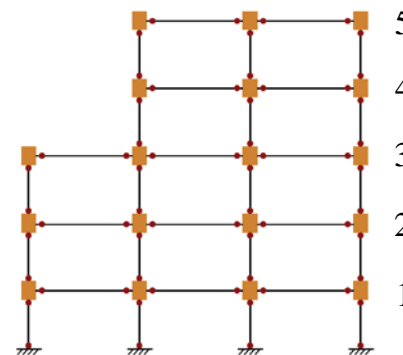
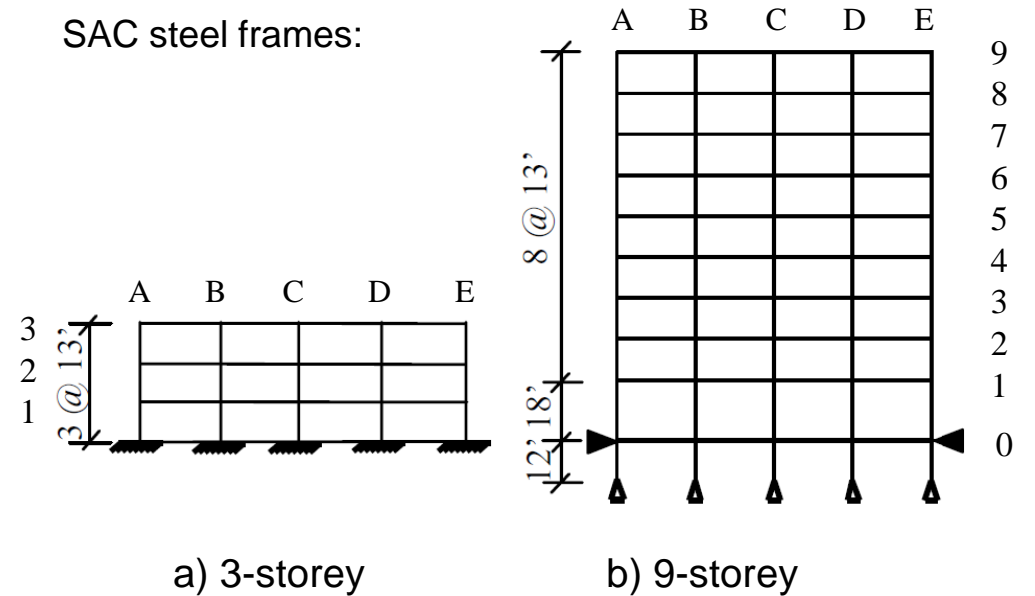
- 5350 ground motions

# Structural properties

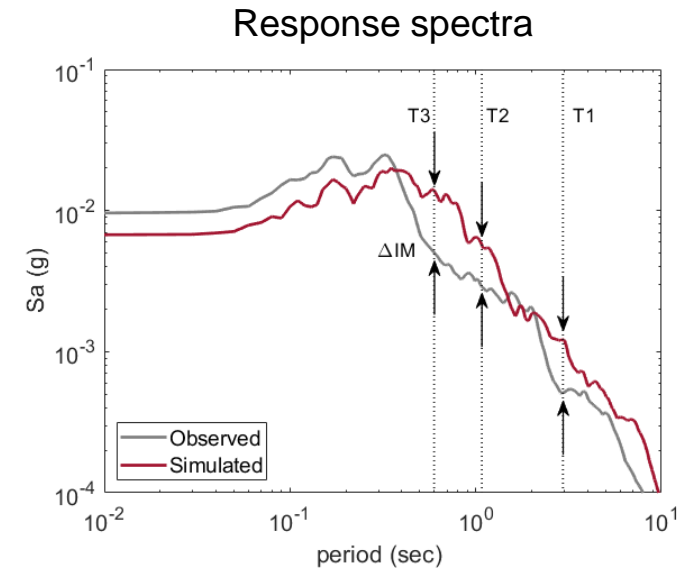
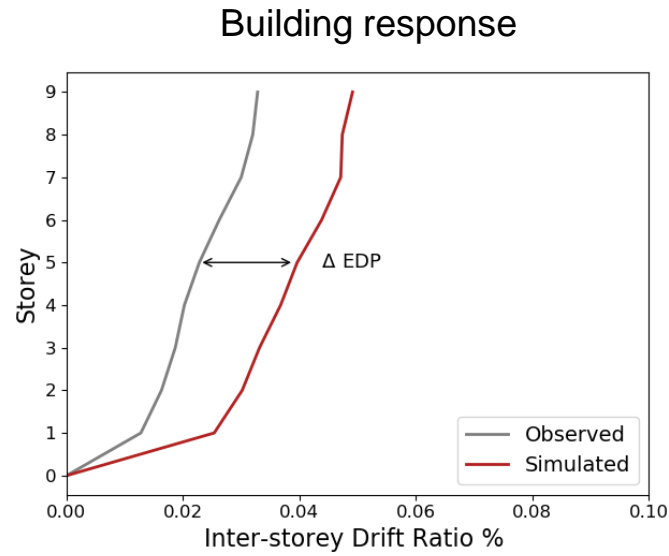
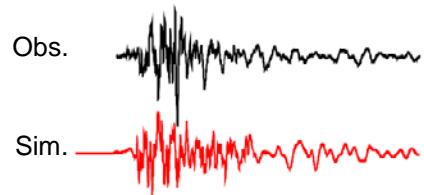
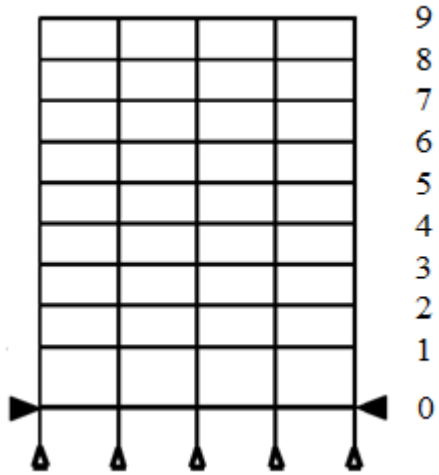
## Case study:

- Three SMRF archetypes
    - ✓ 3-storey,  $T_n = 0.98$  sec.
    - ✓ 9-storey,  $T_n = 2.95$  sec.
    - ✓ 5-storey,  $T_n = 1.64$  sec.
  
  - Nonlinear Model:
    - ✓ Elastic Elements Lumped Plastic Hinges
    - ✓ Modified Ibarra-Medina-Krawinkler hysteretic model
- Note:**
- ✓ Linear behaviour subjected to small-magnitude events
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- Responses :
    - ✓ Inter-story drift ratio (IDR)
    - ✓ Peak floor acceleration (PFA)

SAC steel frames:



# Analysis Framework



$$\Delta EDP \sim f(\Delta IM_1, \dots, \Delta IM_n \dots)$$



## $\Delta EDP$ relationship with $\Delta IM$ :

$$\Delta_{EDP} \sim f \left( \Delta_{IM_1}, \dots, \Delta_{IM_n}, \dots \right)$$

$$\Delta_{EDP} = a_0 + a_1 \Delta_{IM_1} + \dots + a_n \Delta_{IM_n} + \xi$$

IM = Simplified IMs  
(e.g. PGA, pSa(T)...)

EDP = Advanced IMs  
(e.g. Drift at n<sup>th</sup> story...)

## Main findings:

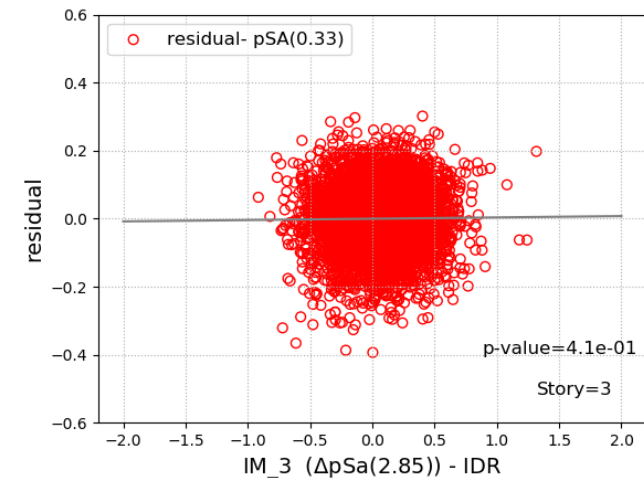
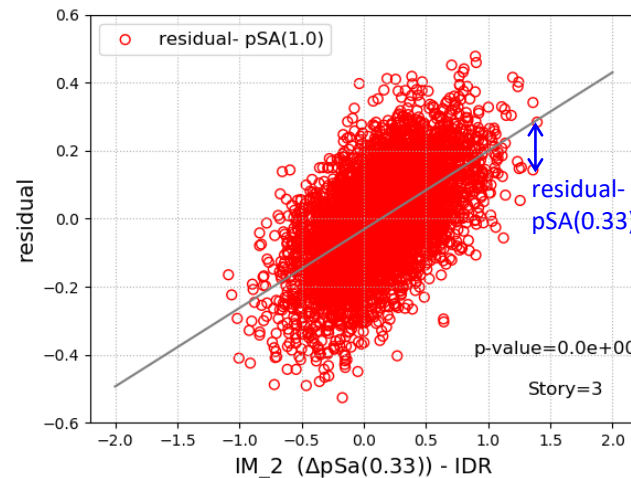
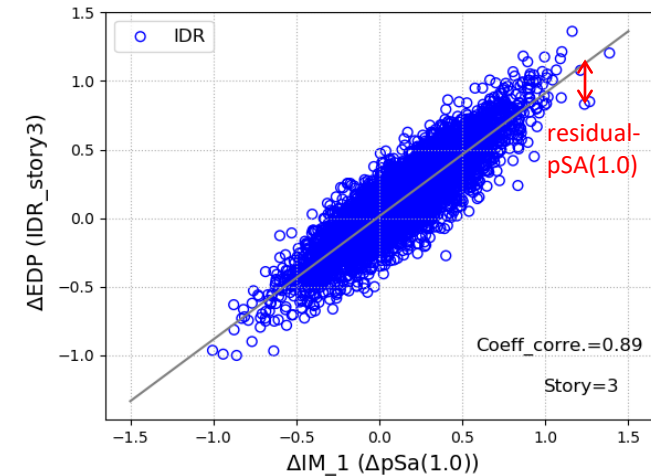
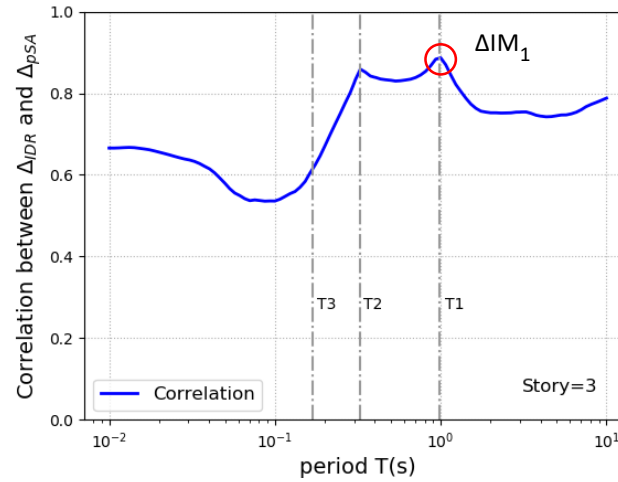
- To find which IMs contribute in the EDP of interest
- To find how much bias **can be explained** by the considered IMs
- To find how much bias **cannot be explained** by the considered IMs
- To find other candidates which can be the future IMs

# Variable Selection

**Variable selection methods:**  
(forward stepwise selection approach )

- Correlation analysis (p-value)
- K-fold cross-validation
- AIC/BIC

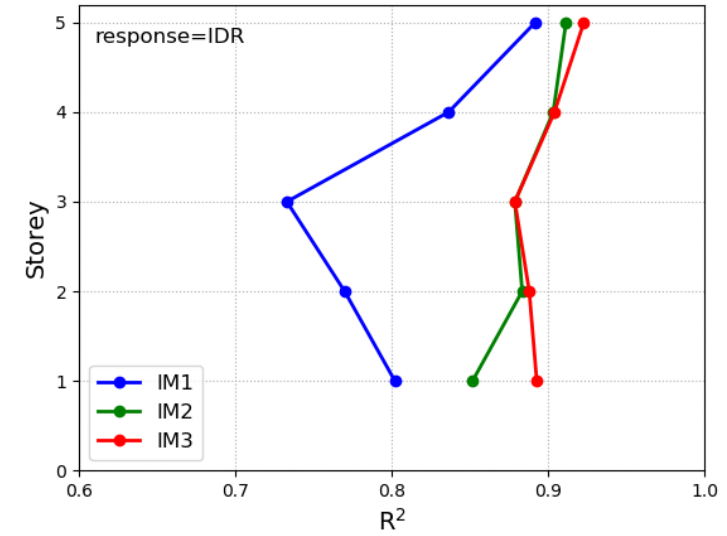
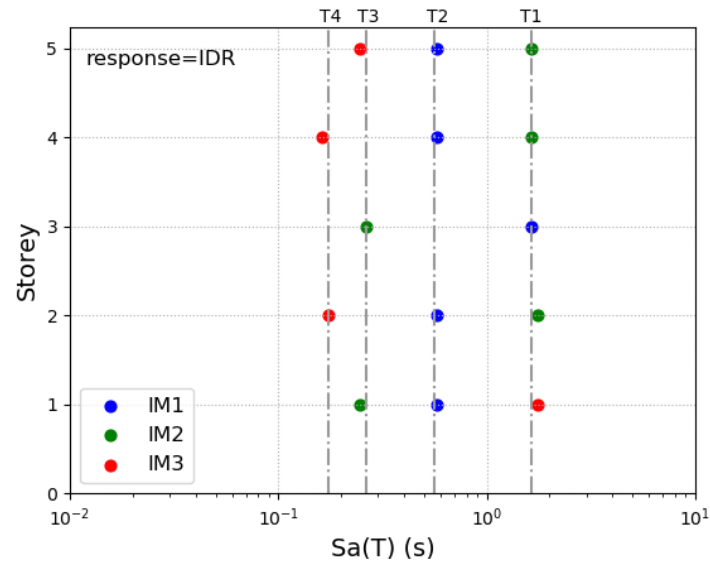
## Correlation analysis (p-value)



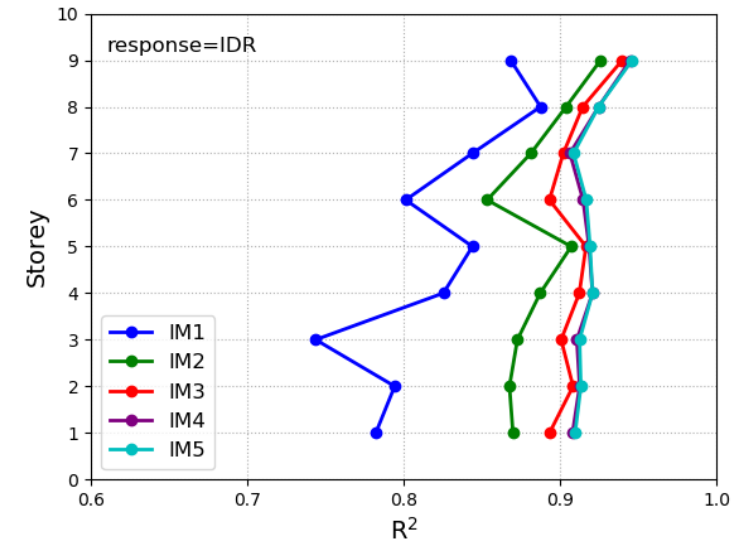
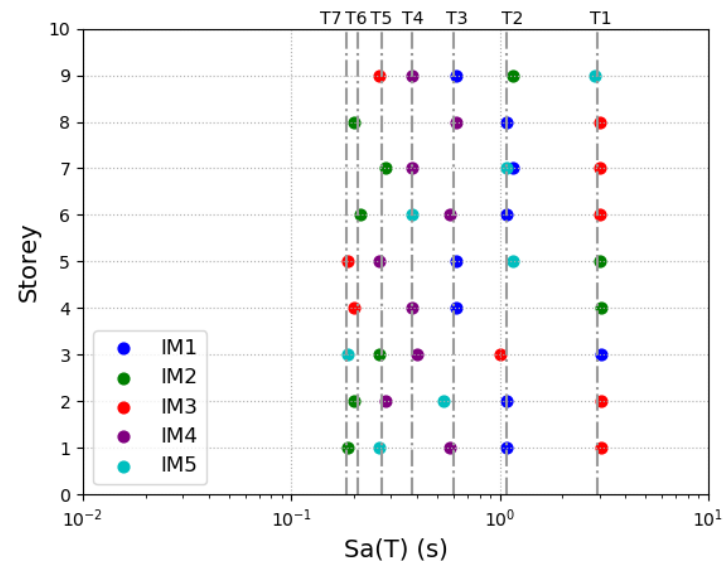
$$\Delta IDR_{story3} = a_0 + a_1 \Delta pSa(1.0 \text{ s}) + a_2 \Delta pSa(0.33 \text{ s}) + \xi$$

# Analysis results

## 5-Storey model - IDR:

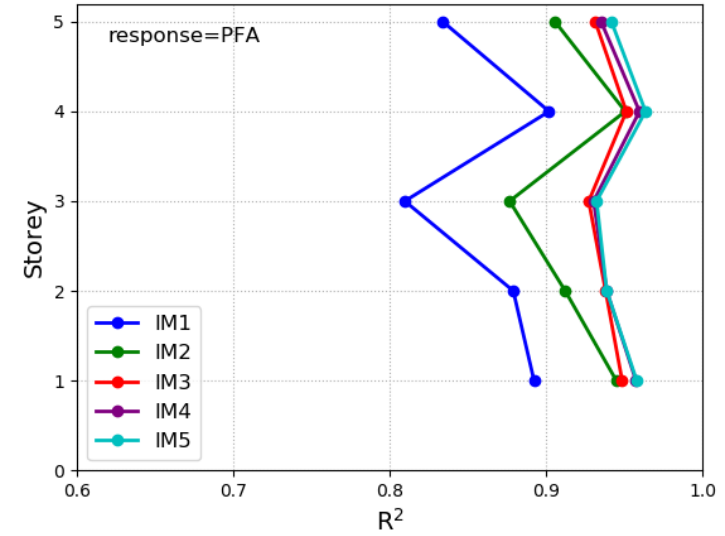
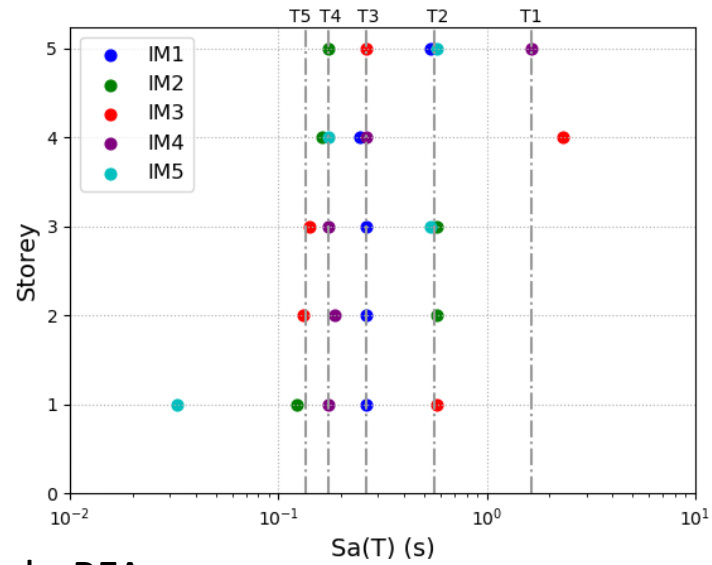


## 9-Storey model - IDR :

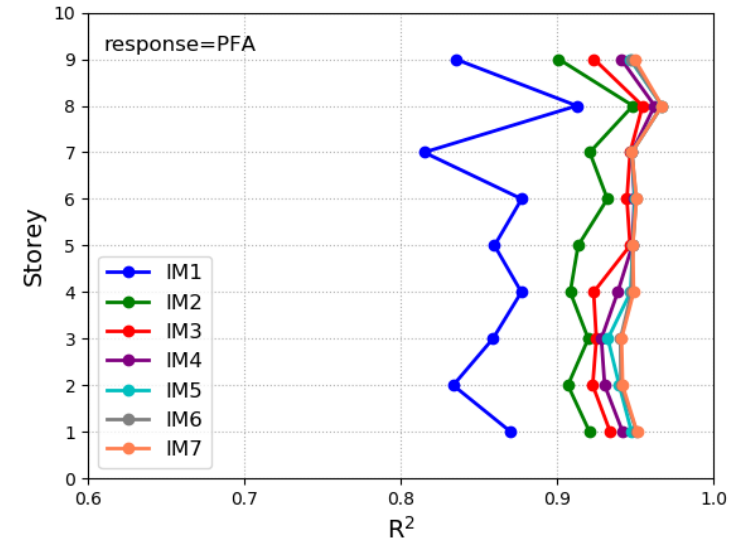
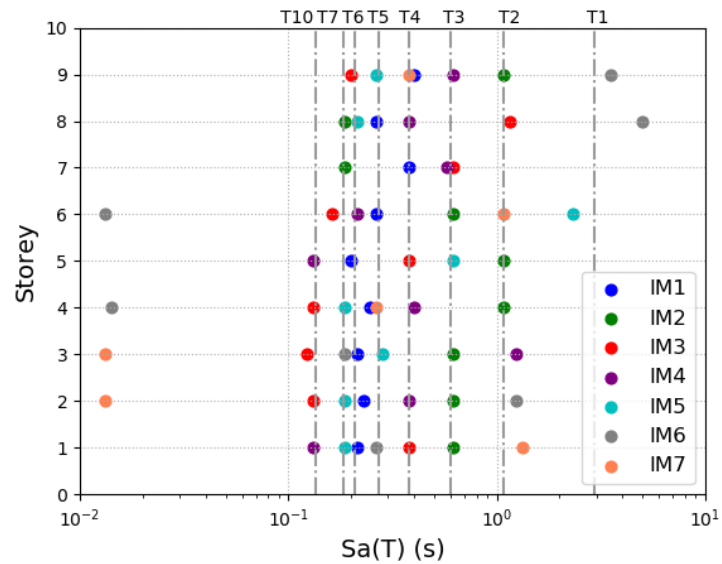


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## 5-Storey model - PFA:



## 9-Storey model - PFA :



### Conclusions :

- Developing an analysis framework to infer the probable causative sources related to biases between observed and simulated ground motion via response of complex models
- Providing a benchmark for analysis framework in linear level  
(This will be extended to consider non-linear responses)
- The majority of the biases can be explained by the difference of the spectral acceleration at the **main modes of vibration** contributed to the selected response
- More than **90%** of the differences can be explained via selected variables
- Simulated ground motions which can capture the response spectra at the main modes of vibration can capture the response of structure well in the linear level

### **Future Works :**

- Validation of NZ moderate-to-large magnitude events ( $5 < M_W < 7$ )  
(to capture the nonlinear behavior and collapse cases)
- Considering different structural models  
(3D model to consider the effect of torsion...)
- Comparing different GMs simulation methods
- Seismic performance assessment using simulated ground motions

***Thank You!***

***Questions...?***