

# Advancing Seismic Risk Analysis through an Integrated Web Service for Ground Motion Record Selection and Scaling

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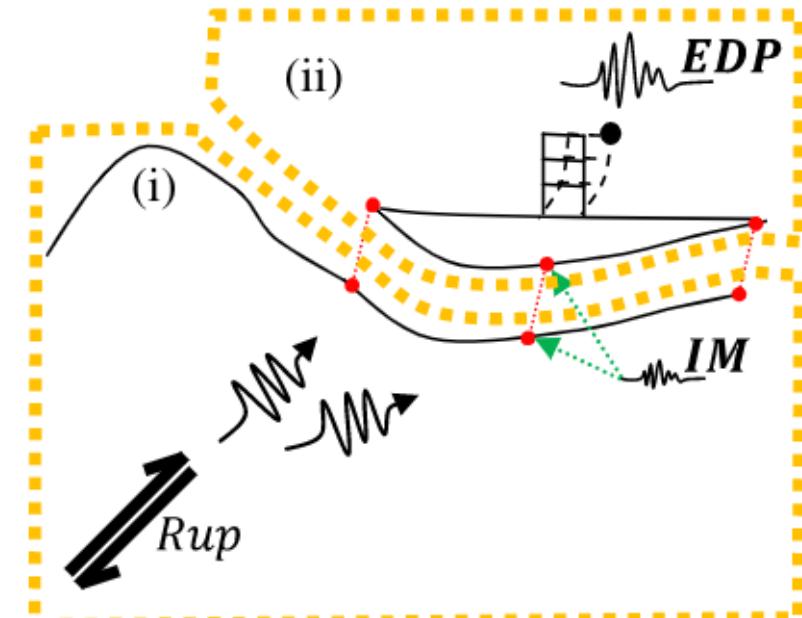
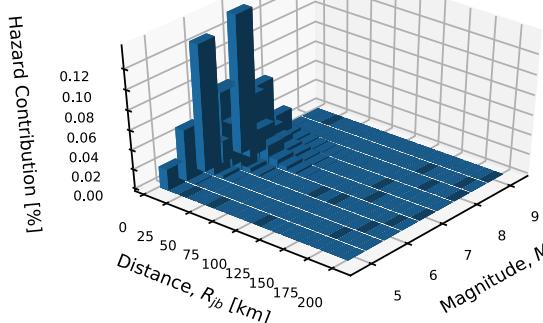
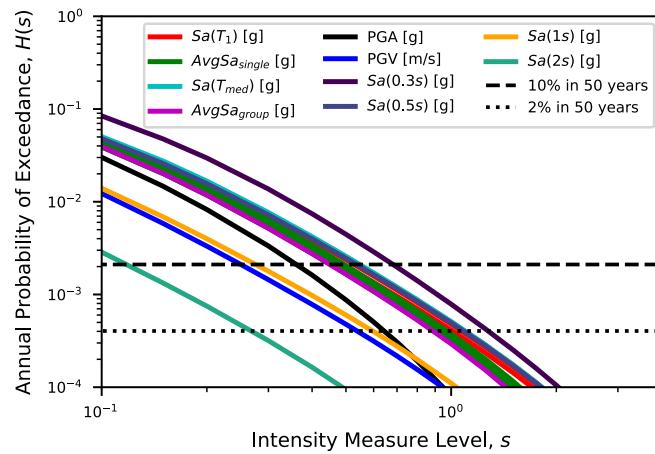
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# An engineering perspective on hazard and risk

- An intensity measure (IM) is the interface parameter linking seismological and engineering aspects in seismic design and assessment
- GMMs are used as part of PSHA to evaluate the probability of exceeding an IM level for a specific location over a given period of time
- Engineers then use the same IM to examine the subsequent response of structures and to evaluate seismic response



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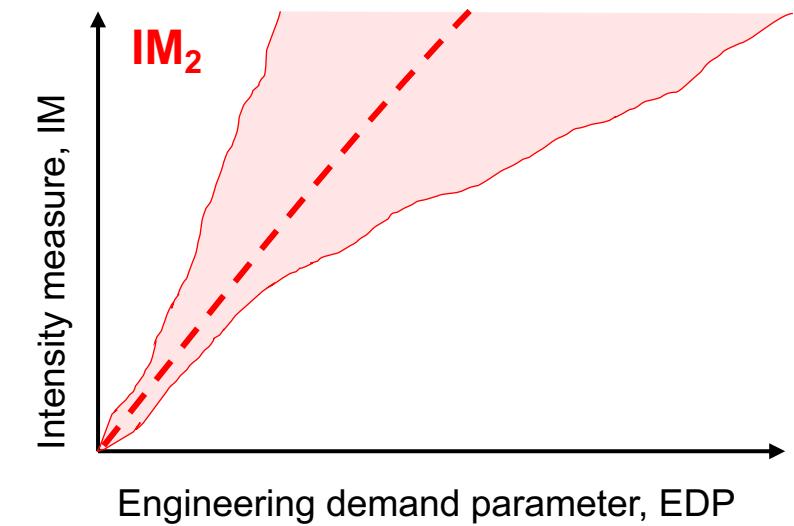
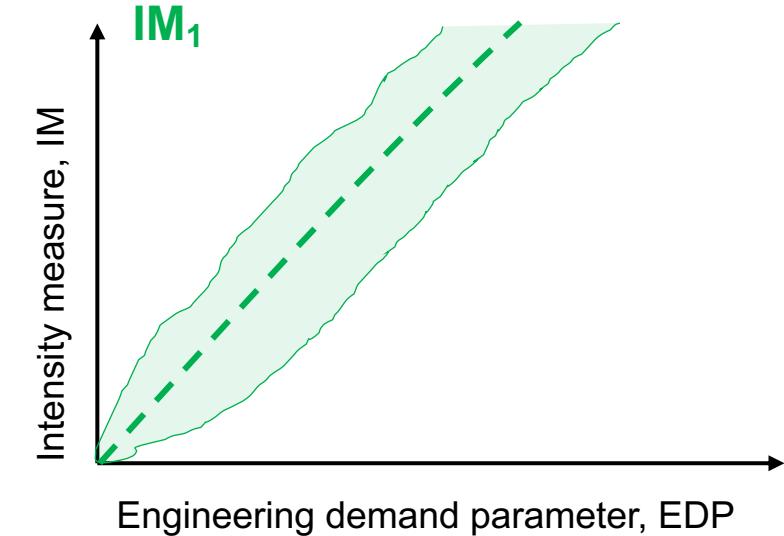
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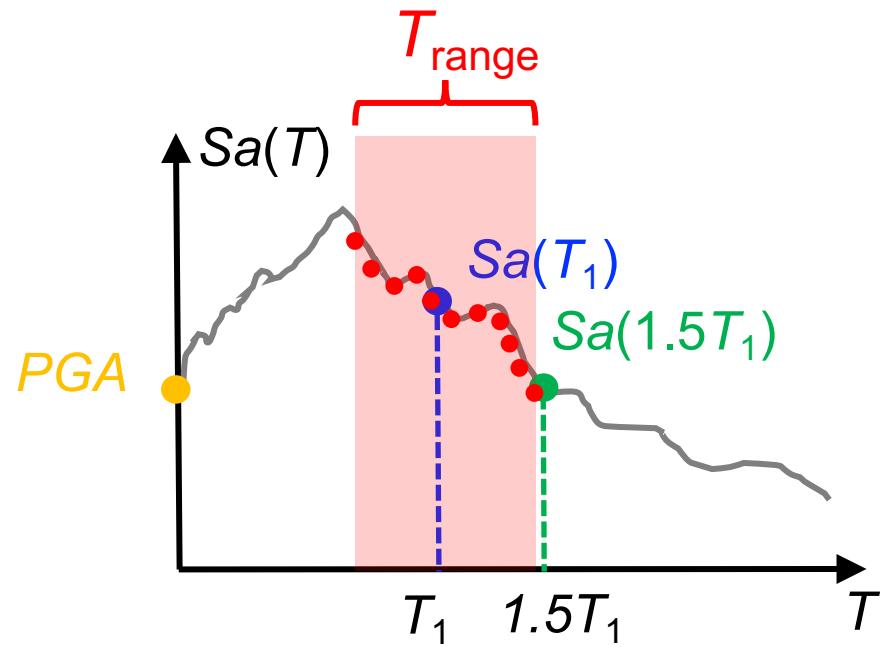
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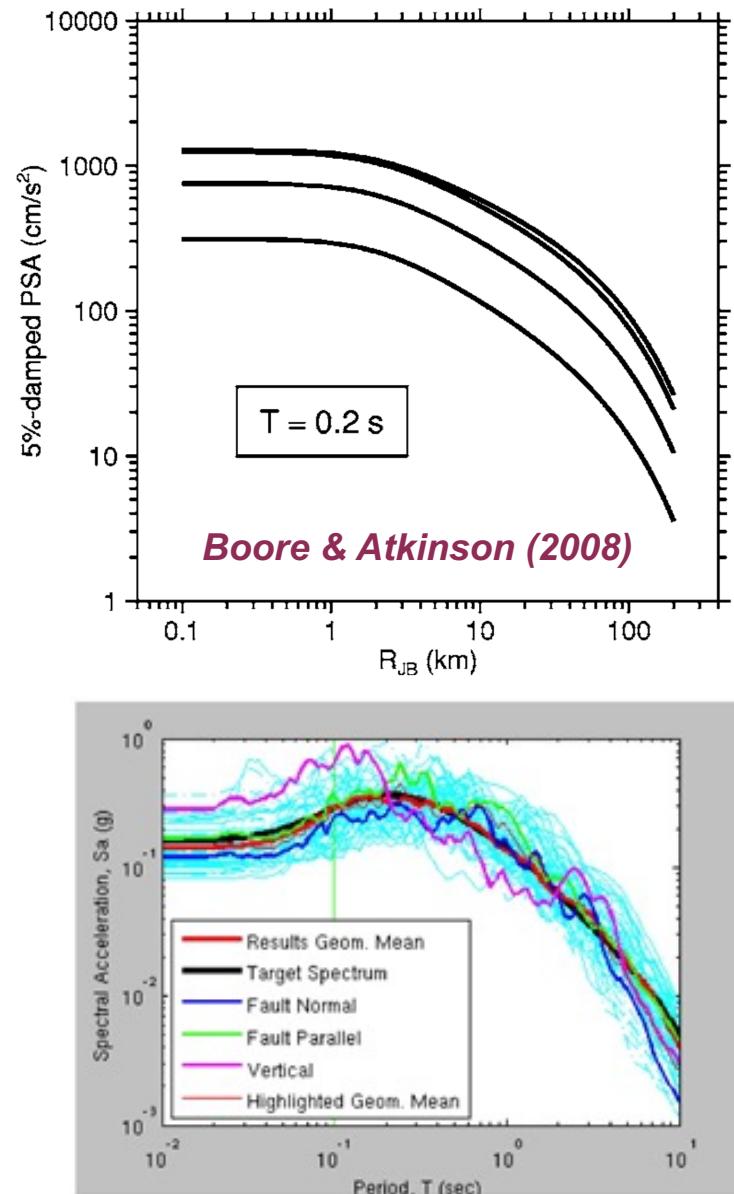
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- Many ground motion models do not cover these IMs
- Many record selection tools do not allow selection for engineering purposes based on these



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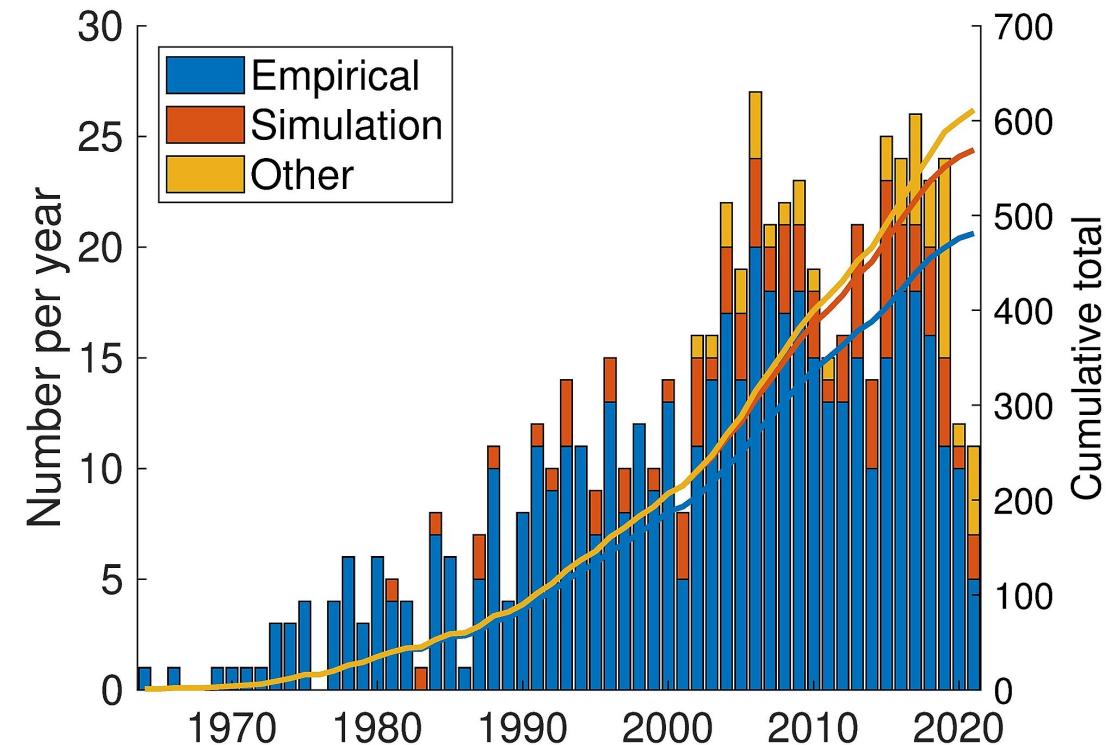
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  - Ground motion database and filtering criteria
  - Regional context
  - Modelling fitting techniques
  - Etc.



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- There has been a notable development of seismicity models and computational tools to conduct probabilistic seismic hazard analysis (PSHA):
  - ESHM 2013 and 2020
  - OpenQuake engine



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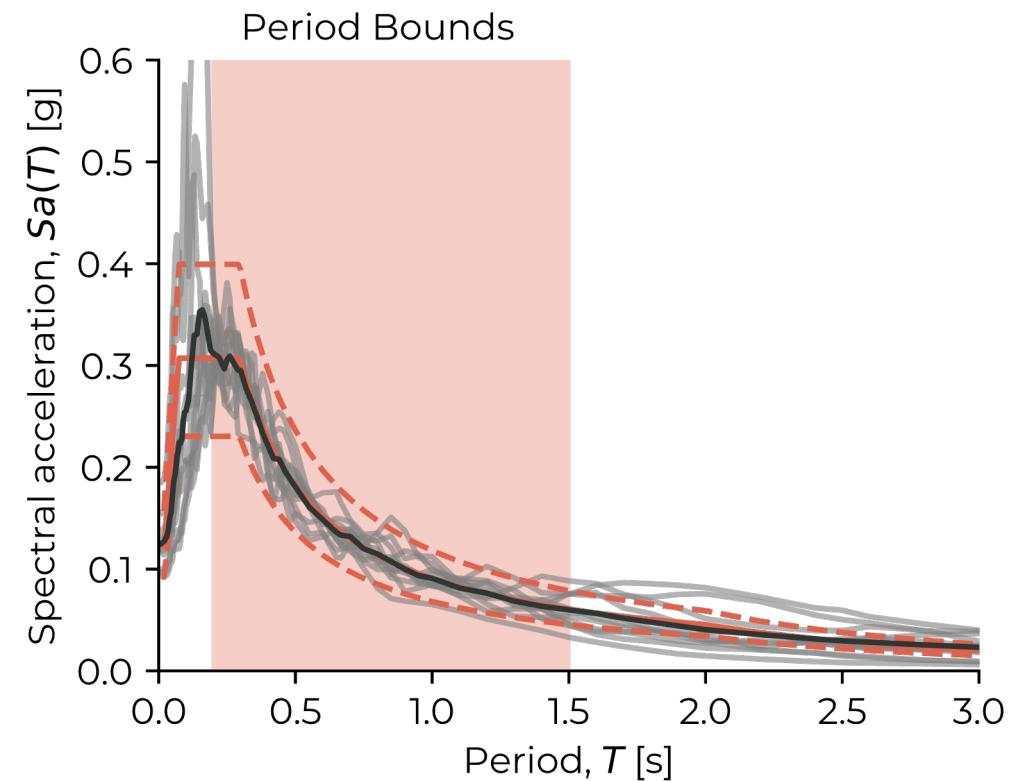
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# Utilisation of seismic in engineering practice

- Several approaches exist to identify the target hazard characteristics for ground motion record selection
  - Uniform hazard spectrum
  - Conditional spectrum
  - Unconditional spectrum (Scenario analysis)
  - Other generalised methods
- These records can be either natural, simulated, scaled, etc.

Uniform hazard spectrum  
- Typically required by building codes



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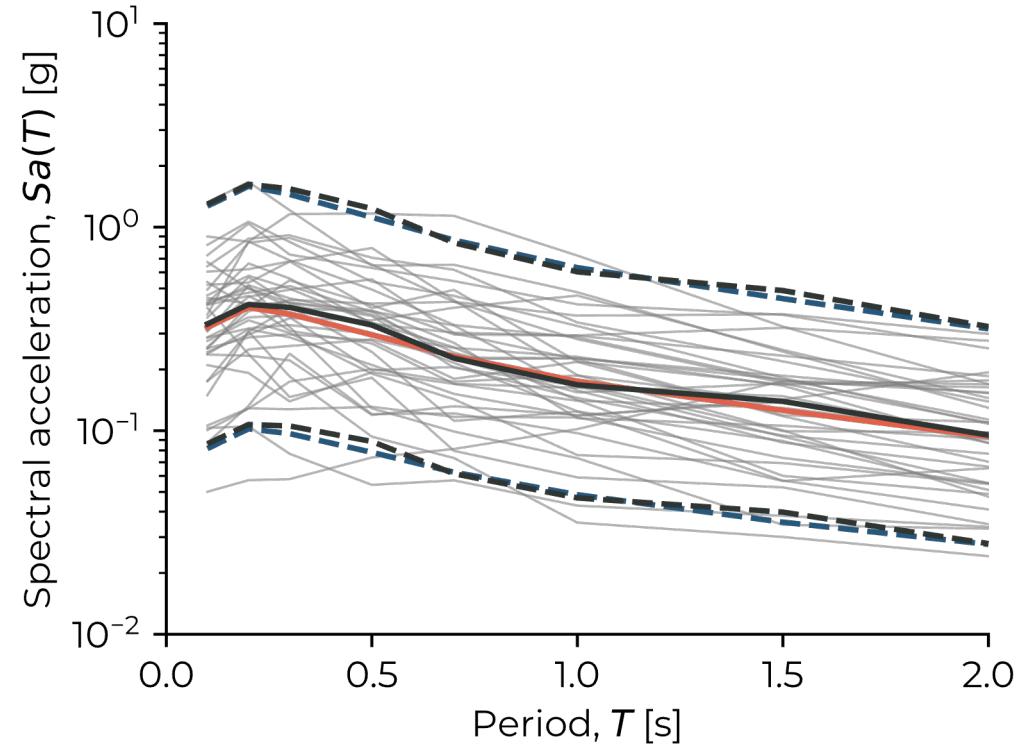
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**Unconditional spectrum**  
- Useful for analysing the consequences of specific earthquake scenarios



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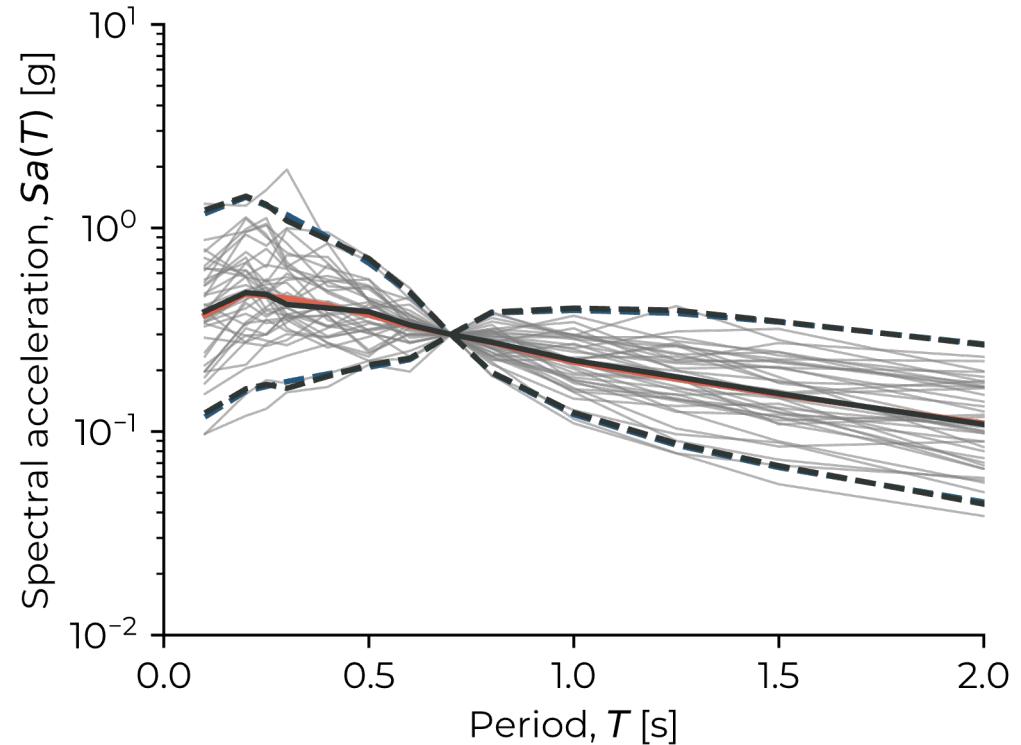
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**Conditional spectrum**  
- **Useful for hazard-consistent analysis for multiple stripe analysis**



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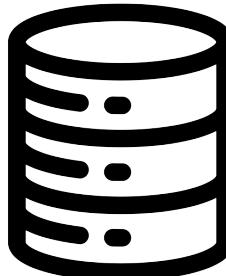
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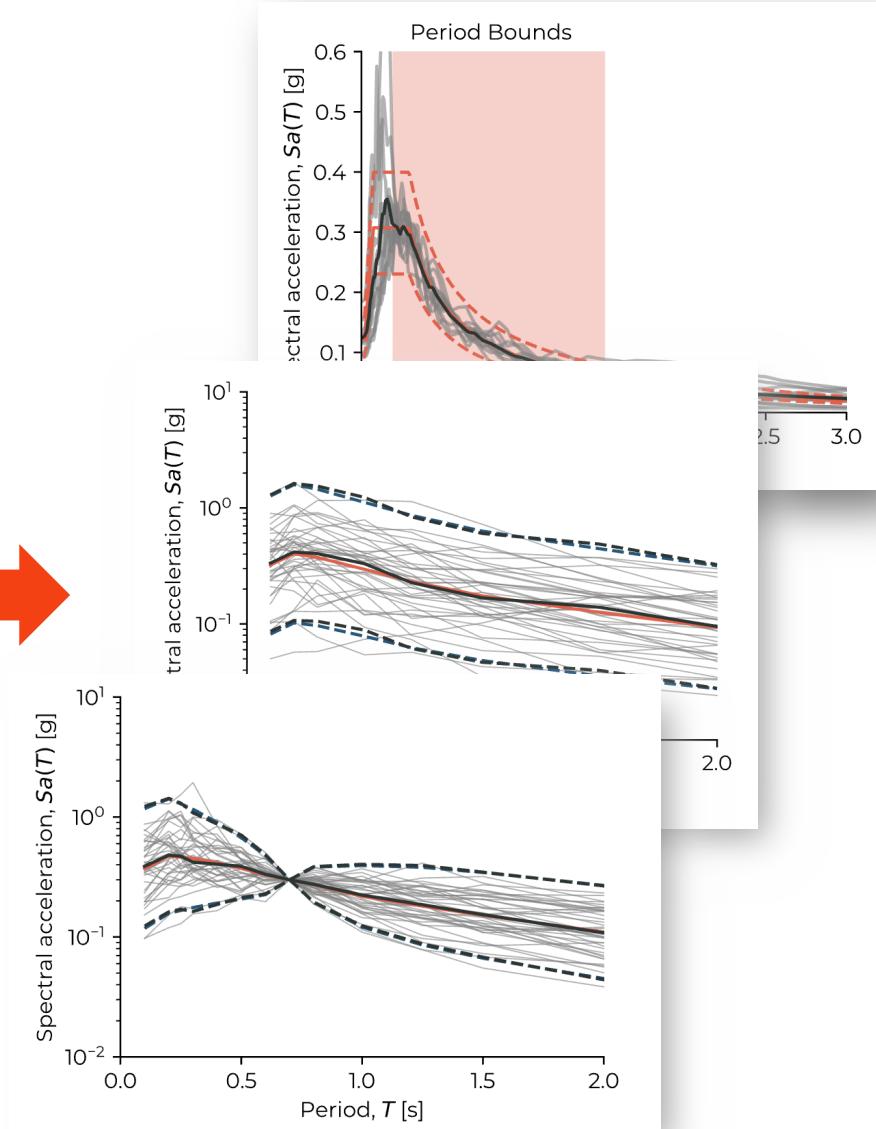
# Overview

- There is a lot of valuable information on engineering seismology
- To be fully utilised in engineering practice, it needs to be better integrated with web services and APIs
- It needs to incorporate recent engineering research
- We have developed a tool that does these things

*Ground motion databases*



*Expert knowledge*



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# Online platform

- An online platform has been developed to integrate many of these existing services and know-how
- It is designed to fill the gap between seismic hazard analysis and engineering practice

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and hazard*



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*Practical  
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*Workflow*

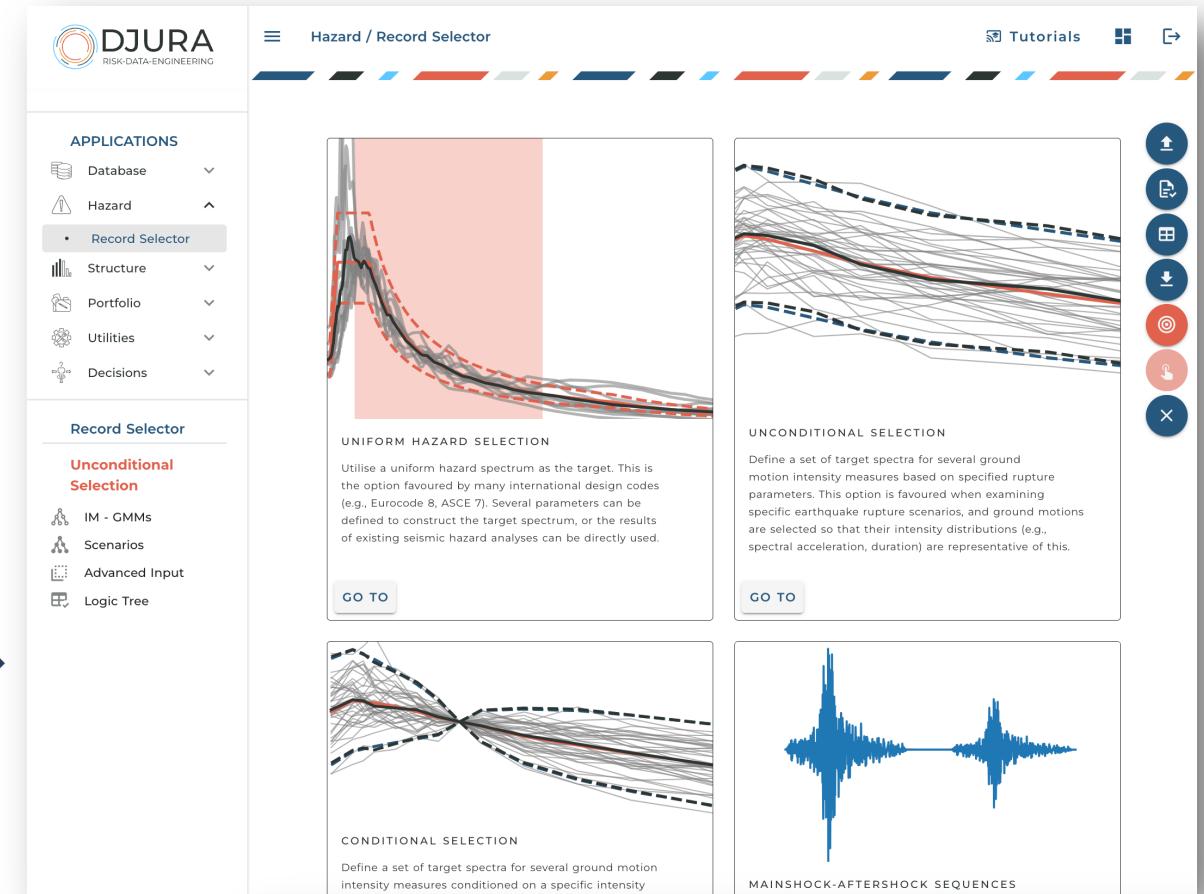


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# Generalised Conditional Spectra

- It can handle multiple IM and GMM combinations
- It considers several rupture scenarios
- The analyst just needs to feed it the outputs of PSHA

The screenshot displays a software interface for 'Generalised Conditional Spectra' with three distinct panels, each representing an 'IM – GMM PAIR'.  
1. **IM – GMM PAIR 1:** Shows 'Select IM SA' and 'Select GMM Aristeid...'. A 'GMM' button is visible.  
2. **IM – GMM PAIR 2:** Shows 'Select IM Ds595' and 'Select GMM Aristeido...'. A 'GMM' button is visible.  
3. **IM – GMM PAIR 3:** Shows 'Select IM PGV' and 'Select GMMs Atkinson2015, BindiEtAl2011, BooreAtkinson2008'. A 'GMM WEIGHTS' button is visible.  
Each panel includes a 'REMOVE TREE' button in the top right corner.



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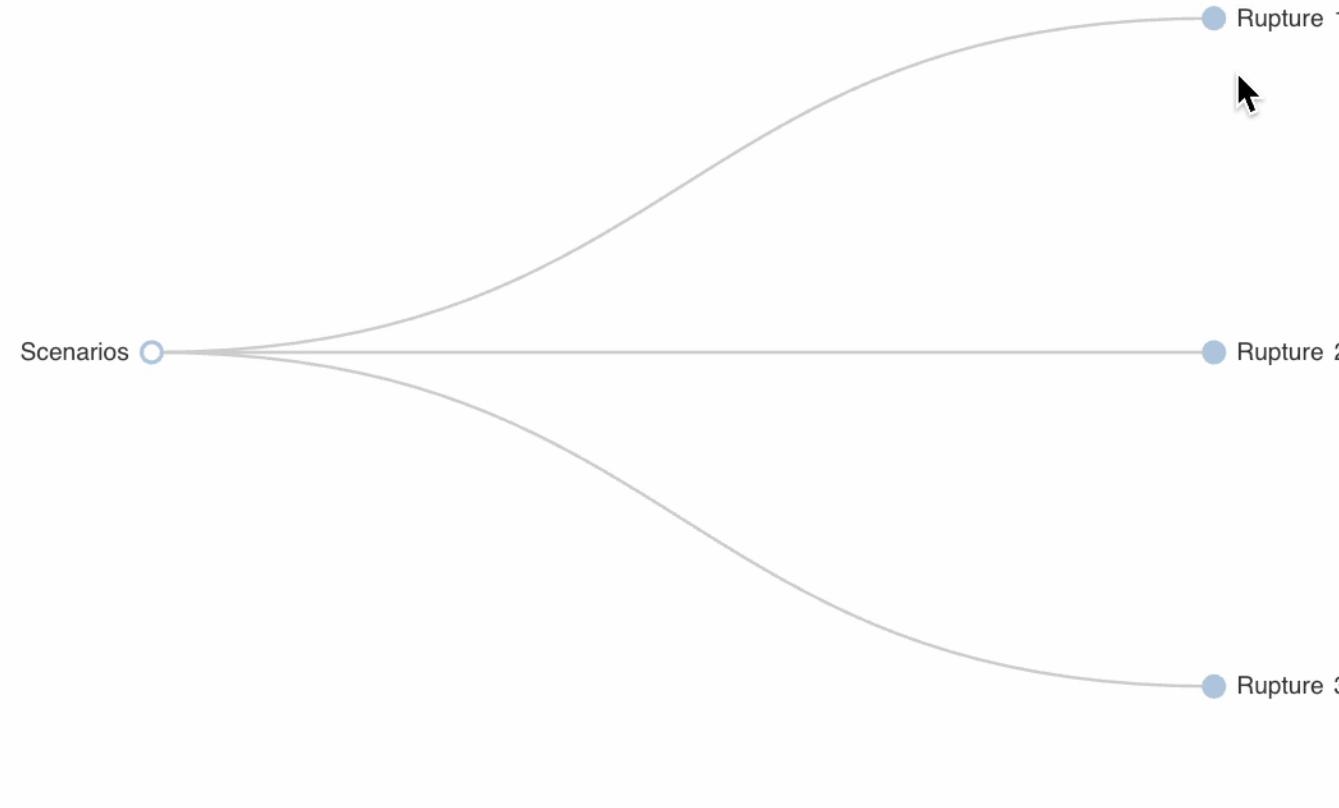
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# Generalised Conditional Spectra

- Visualise the full logic tree
- In terms of rupture scenarios and GMMs
- Inspect the individual weights and contributions



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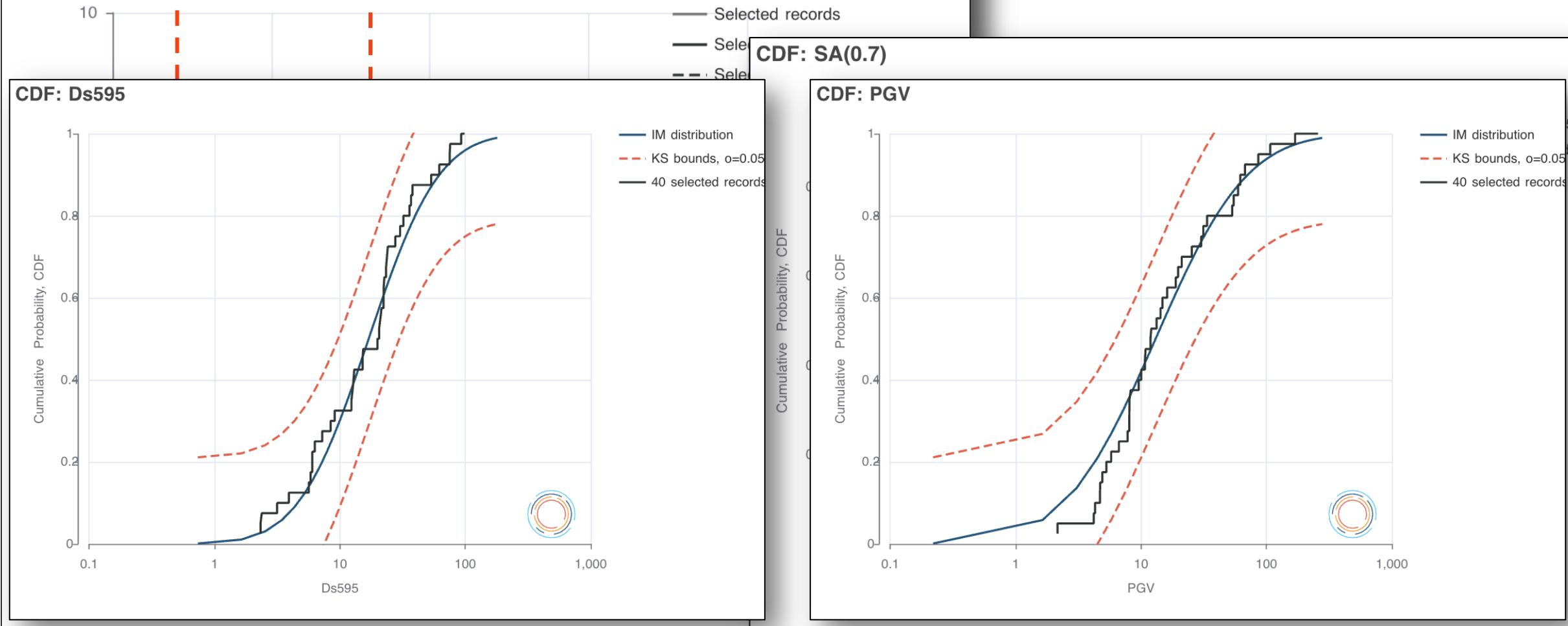
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# Record Selector Outputs

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We can inspect the target and spectral  
selected distribution of spectral IMs



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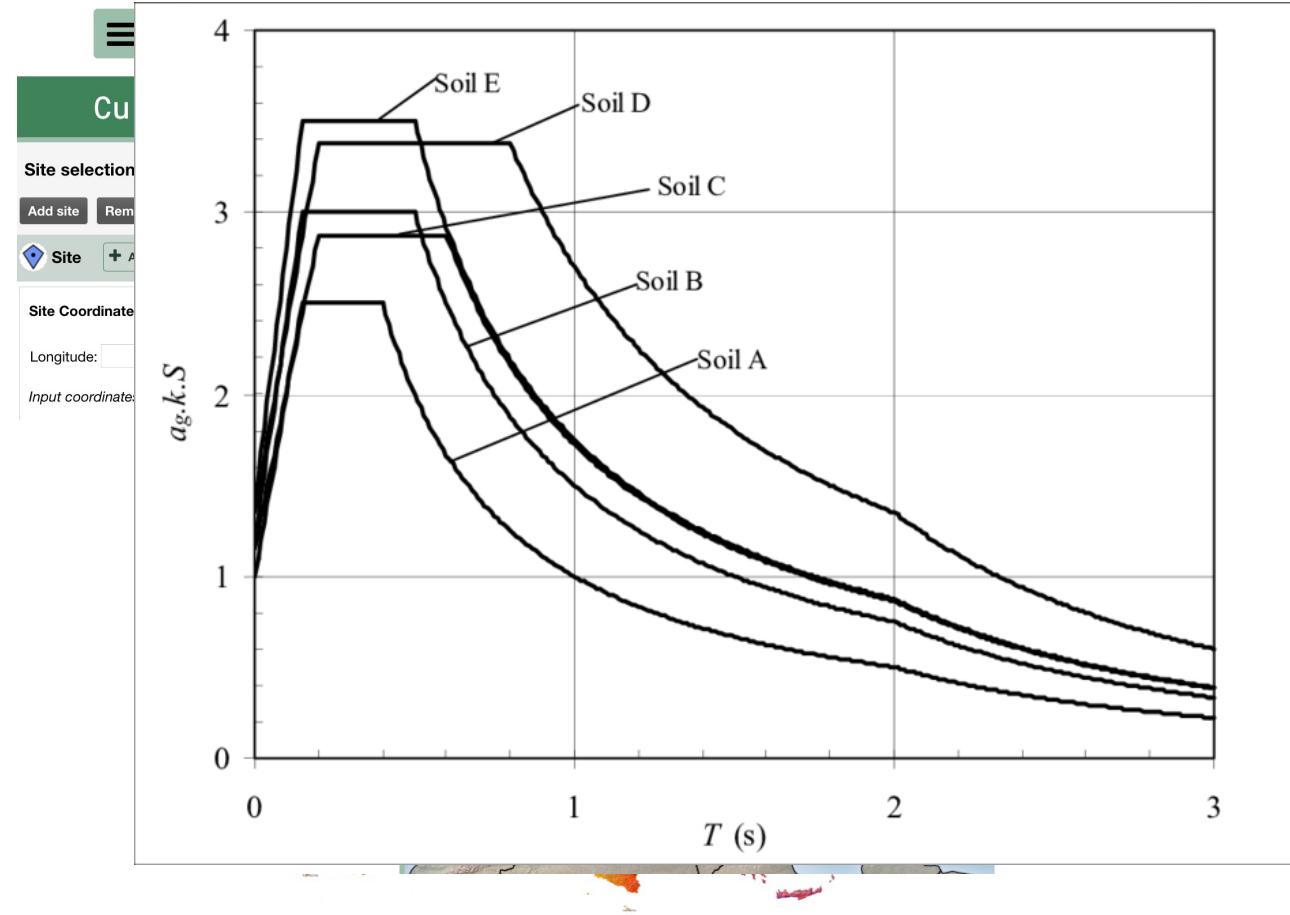
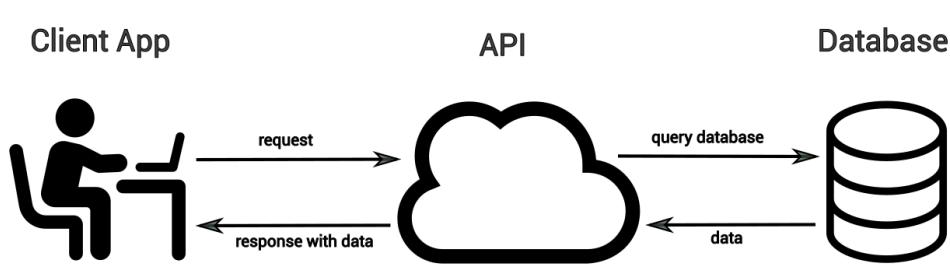
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# Integration with EFEHR via web services

- One of the most significant developments on a European level is the integration with EFEHR's hazard platform
- There is a wealth of knowledge on the latest hazard models for all of Europe
- When possible, this would be preferable to smoothed code spectra that at times can not be aligned with detailed hazard analyses
- We can do this with web services



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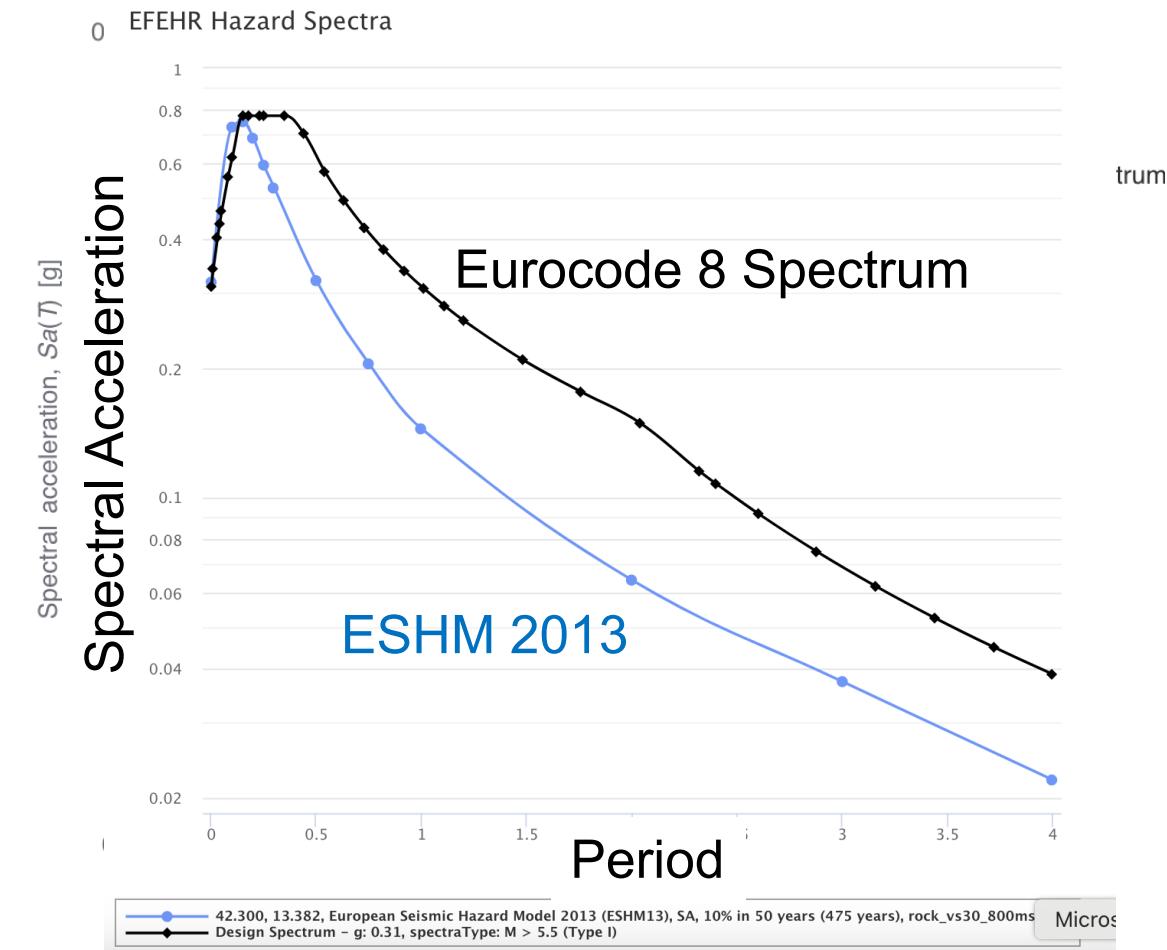
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# Integration with EFEHR via web services

- The user needs to input the longitude and latitude of their site
- They are then prompted for a series of parameters:
  - Model: ESHM 2013 and 2020
  - Probability of Exceedance (POE): 0.5, 0.39, 0.1, 0.05, 0.02, 0.01
  - Investigation time span: 50 years
  - Site class: Soil class A (Rock)
  - Hazard disaggregation type: mean, percentiles
- This is more desirable in many instances, as it represents the actual hazard based on updated models
- Not an analytical function based on data from the 1990s



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# Conclusions

- Ground motion record selection is a vital part of practical engineering
- This ranges from vulnerability model development all the way to risk models
- Practical engineering design and verification depend a lot on this, too
- There is sometimes a gap in tools and know-how when transferring research knowledge to practice and widespread use
- This tool is implemented as a user-friendly GUI and also API
- It can be used directly from Python or Matlab on your machine
- The development of these tools aims to address that



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