

## CHARACTERIZATION OF GROUND RESPONSE TO SHAKING (15)

### I Main Topics (see USGS Professional Paper 1360)

A Ground Response "Equations"

B Linear response of ground

C Frequency-dependent effects

D Use of shear wave velocity as a predictor of shaking

### II Ground response = f(source strength, path, "receiver")

A Empirical equation of Joyner and Boore (PP 1360: p. 204)

$$\log y = c_0 + c_1(M_W - 6) + c_2(M_W - 6)^2 + c_3 \log r + c_4 r + S$$

·  $y$  = ground-motion parameter

·  $c_x$  = frequency-dependent constants

·  $M_W$  = Moment magnitude

·  $r = \sqrt{(d^2 + h^2)}$ :  $d$  = dist. from surface trace of fault;  $h$  = pseudodepth.

·  $S = 0$  (rock sites);  $S = C_m \log (V_{\text{shear}}/V_0)$  (soil sites)

B Evernden's ground-motion equations (PP 1360: p. 201)

C Arias Intensity (acceleration) equation (PP 1360: p. 331-333)

$$\text{Log } I_a = K_0 + K_M M_W - 2 \log r + K_{\sigma P}$$

·  $I_a$  = Arias intensity (dimensions of acceleration)

[http://www.itc.nl/ilwis/Applications/Earth\\_Sciences/App07.html](http://www.itc.nl/ilwis/Applications/Earth_Sciences/App07.html)

·  $K_0$  and  $K_M$  = constants

·  $M_W$  = Moment magnitude

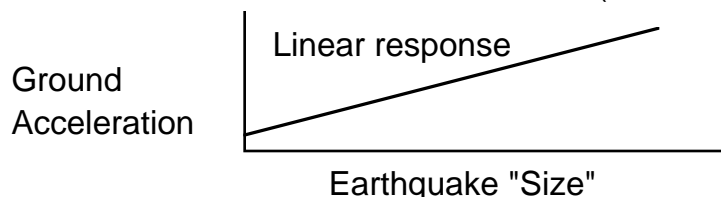
·  $r$  = distance from slip surface

•  $K_{\sigma P}$  = probability terms (This accounts for path [geology] effects)

See also [http://rccg03.usc.edu/Software/EERA/EERA\\_Manual.pdf](http://rccg03.usc.edu/Software/EERA/EERA_Manual.pdf)

### III Linear behavior

A  $\Delta$  variable 1  $\sim$   $\Delta$  variable 2 or  $(\Delta \text{variable} 1)/(\Delta \text{variable} 2) = \text{constant}$



The response to a small stimulus can be easily and accurately scaled up ( $\Rightarrow$ ) to predict the response to a large stimulus for linear cases.

B Ground response to explosions  $\Rightarrow$  response to seismic waves

(Even though strains from blasts are two orders of magnitude or so less than for earthquakes)

C Ground response to little quakes  $\Rightarrow$  ground response to large quakes

D Linear response not adequate to treat liquefaction phenomena; the near-epicenter response to large quakes is nonlinear.

#### IV Frequency-dependent effects

A Fourier analysis: If a quantity (e.g. acceleration, velocity, displacement) is a function of time, then the same information can be portrayed as a function of frequency

B Examples from LA (Prof Paper 1360, p. 227-228)

- 1  $T < 0.5$  seconds: Shaking on Quaternary sedimentary deposits is 3-4 times that of sites founded on crystalline rock.
- 2  $T > 0.5$  seconds: Ground motion increases as thickness of Quaternary deposits increases and/or as depth to basement rock increases
  - a Ground motion depends on  $\mu$ "ave" ("average" shear modulus)
  - b  $\mu$ Quaternary deposits  $<$   $\mu$ Basement rocks
- 3 Depth over which the sediment thickness is important scales with the wave period and therefore the wavelength (longer wavelength waves stimulate material at greater depths).
- 4 Sites with thin alluvium amplify shaking over a narrower frequency range than sites with thick alluvium.

#### V Use of shear wave velocity ( $V_s$ ) for predicting ground response

A Shear strain = Shear Stress/Shear modulus  $\gamma = \tau_s/\mu$

For a given stress, the material with a lower  $\mu$  deforms more

B  $V_s = (\mu/\rho)^{1/2}$  ( $\rho$  = density)

C Low  $V_s \Rightarrow$  low  $\mu$  (i.e. a higher deformability)

D S-wave amplitude  $\sim (\cos\theta_i)^{1/2}/(\rho V_s)^{1/2}$ , where  $\theta_i$  is the angle of incidence as measured from the vertical

E S-wave amplitude  $\sim \frac{1}{(\rho V_s)^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{\rho^{1/2}[(\mu/\rho)^{1/2}]^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{\rho^{1/2}[(\mu/\rho)^{1/4}]} = \frac{1}{(\mu\rho)^{1/4}}$

Decreases in  $V_s$ ,  $\mu$ , or  $\rho \Rightarrow$  increases in S-wave amplitude

F S-wave velocities can be used to predict the relative shaking at different sites.

