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12 **Abstract**

13 Current research trends in seismic frequent regions aim at developing the appropriate  
14 performance – based design approach for high asphalt concrete core rockfill dams (ACCRDs). Under  
15 intense ground motions (GMs), the seismic performance of dams depends on seismological  
16 characteristics mainly containing the frequency, amplitude, and duration. Recently, the characteristic  
17 of frequency and amplitude of GMs which can trigger severe damages to the dams has been accepted  
18 and incorporated into the seismic design codes in most countries. As one of the key characteristics of  
19 earthquakes, the duration of strong GMs also should be fully understood in order to carry out more

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20 reasonable performance – based design approach of dams. This paper explores the effect of the  
21 duration of strong GMs, investigating the seismic performance of high ACCRDs by employing integrated  
22 duration concept, which can reflect the duration of all components of GMs. The high ACCRD was  
23 built in the commercial software ABAQUS considering the dam-reservoir-foundation interaction  
24 systems. Additionally, the coupling multiple stripe analysis and maximum likelihood estimate method  
25 are used to generate seismic fragility curves for the dam according to two damage indicators. Findings  
26 from this study revealed that the longer duration GMs can give rise to higher probability of exceedance  
27 (POE) of the dam than shorter duration. It is recommended that in the work of the current seismic  
28 design and seismic performance evaluate, the effects of GM duration in addition to frequency and  
29 amplitude should be considered.

30 **Keywords:** Integrated duration; Asphalt concrete core rockfill dam; Fragility analysis; Performance  
31 level; Multiple stripe analysis

## 32 **1. Introduction**

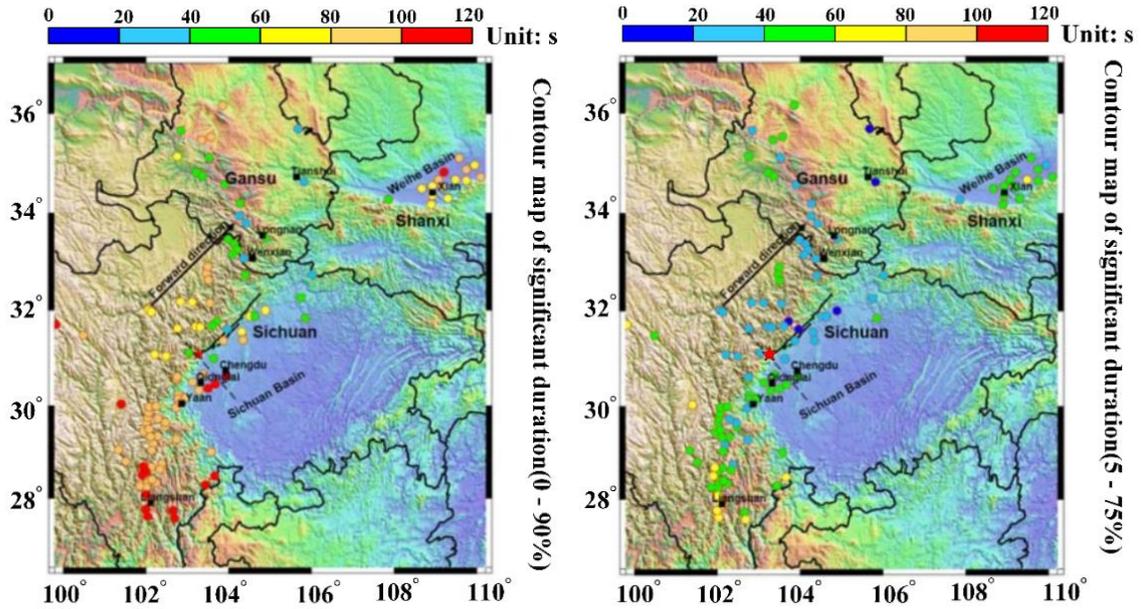
33 High dams are regarded as critical components of a nation’s lifeline engineering, which can  
34 effectively alleviate the contradiction between water supply and demand. Over the past few decades,  
35 the rapidly development of water resource has witnessed a boom and a larger number of embankment  
36 dams has been constructed all over the word because of their low cost, rapid, and adaptability. Recently,  
37 owing to the optimization and improvement of downstream water resources, the development and  
38 construction of high dams are gradually turning to the upstream of each watershed. High asphalt  
39 concrete core rockfill dams (ACCRDs) has attracted the interest of the world’s dam designers in

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40 upstream water resource development (Wang et al., 2010; Wang and Höeg, 2016). The mains reason  
41 for this is that the ACCRDs are situated in regions with variable climatic conditions and complex  
42 geological environment, or in areas with a shortage of natural earth core material. In light of the  
43 vulnerability of ACCRDs to strong ground motions (GMs), evaluating their seismic performance and  
44 safety is of obvious practical importance in dam construction and operation (Baziar et al., 2009).  
45 Currently, the prediction of the seismic performance of ACCRDs under GM excitation is still far  
46 behind concrete dams or other types of embankment dams.

47 Earthquake disaster that have frequently occurred in recent years, containing those in Sumatra,  
48 Indonesia (Mw 9.1, 2004), Wenchuan, China (Mw 7.9, 2008), Maule, Chile (Mw8.8, 2010), Tohoku,  
49 Japan (Mw 9.0, 2011), continue to remind us that strong GMs may trigger devastating high dam –  
50 break floods and further influence large regions downstream. The most significant particularly features  
51 of GMs are propagation path of seismic waves, spatial site conditions, source mechanism, ground  
52 motion duration (GMD), frequency and amplitude, each of which may plays a critical part in the  
53 seismic performance assessment. Generally, the characteristic of amplitude, which is one of effective  
54 engineering parameters on seismic performance assessment of structures, is illustrated by the peak  
55 ground displacement (PGD), the peak ground velocity (PGV) and the peak ground acceleration (PGA).  
56 Moreover, the Fourier spectrum of the GM is usually employed to reveal the frequency content.  
57 Conversely, present seismic design code and analysis methodology do not directly or indirectly  
58 consider the impact of GMD on the seismic performance of high ACCRDs. Besides, the length of the  
59 spatial distribution of GMDs is influenced by defining methods, site conditions, basin effects and  
60 rupture directivity (see Fig. 1) according to the record of Wenchuan earthquake. That is to say, if the

61 significant particularly features of the earthquake disaster are different, the high ACCRDs may  
62 encounter different durations of GMs during its life cycle. However, the seismic performance  
63 assessment of high ACCRDs under shorter duration motions and longer duration motions have not  
64 been verified.



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66 **Fig. 1.** Spatial distribution of significant duration recorded from Wenchuan earthquake (Mw7.9, 2008). (a) 0-90%  
67 significant duration; (b) 5-75% significant duration.

68 The effect of strong GMD on structural performance remains a rising controversial topic. It is  
69 well-known that GMD have a significant impact on some types of earthquake damage, such as  
70 containing high dams (Zhang et al., 2013), bridges (Ou et al., 2014), and liquefaction (Green and Terri,  
71 2005). Yet, several investigations on the influence of GMD on the structural response have shown that  
72 the GMD have insignificant effects on structural response. For example, Kitayama and Constantinou  
73 (2020) concluded that the peak isolator resultant displacement is no stronger correlation to the GMD.  
74 The relationship observed between structural response and GMD cannot be recognized uniform  
75 (Raghunandan and Lie, 2013). In other words, a large number of in-depth studies are needed to reveal

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76 the influence of GMD on the structural performance for different types of structures. On the other hand,  
77 some previous studies (Bommer and Martinez-Pereira, 1999; Green and Terri, 2005; Kitayama and  
78 Constantinou, 2020; Ou et al., 2014; Raghunandan and Liel, 2013; Trifunac and Brady, 1975; Zhang  
79 et al., 2013) on the impact of GMD on the structural performance only considering the one directional  
80 GMD. Nevertheless, the duration of GMs in one direction does not fully reflect the difference of  
81 duration in multi-direction. So far, it is worth noting that the definition of 30 different GMDs which  
82 does not clearly consensus on the multi-direction of duration of GMs. Very recently, to bridge the gap  
83 between multi-direction of GMs and duration employed for dynamic analysis, Wang et al. (2015)  
84 proposed a new duration concept of integrated duration (ID) to explain the duration component  
85 contributions of GMs in multi-direction. With the definition of ID, they reveal that the longer duration  
86 can cause greater damage cracks for Koyna concrete dam. Because of the randomness of earthquake  
87 disasters, the multi-direction of GMs have been recognized to easily trigger severe damage for high  
88 dams. Understanding the effect of multi-direction of GMD on the seismic performance assessment of  
89 high ACCRDs will bring the engineer one key step closer to decreasing the dam break risk.

90 Inspired by the above considerations, critical knowledge gaps exist in understanding and  
91 quantifying the impact of GMD on seismic performance of high ACCRDs. Therefore, the main  
92 objective of this paper is to highlight the significance of GMD for seismic performance assessment of  
93 high ACCRDs considering the shorter duration and longer duration. This paper consists of six major  
94 sections as follows. The basics concept and characteristic of ID is briefly reviewed in Section 2. In  
95 addition, to achieve this investigation, 30 short - and 16 long - durations of as-recorded GMs are  
96 selected in Section 2, and the distribution of the GMD generated spectrally equivalent methodology

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97 are provided. The framework of seismic performance assessment is illustrated using the multiple stripe  
98 analysis (MSA) and maximum likelihood estimate (MLE) with different seismic performance indices  
99 in Section 3. In Section 4, the finite element (FE) numerical model for the high ACCRD is illustrated.  
100 The seismic fragility analysis (FR) of the high ACCRD is discussed using the MSA - MLE with  
101 different seismic performance indices in Section 5. Finally, summaries and conclusions follow in  
102 Section 6.

## 103 **2. Integrated duration and ground motion database**

104 Although various definitions for GMD have been proposed to reveal the correlation between  
105 GMD and the seismic performance of structures, there is still no universally recognized scientific  
106 measure criterion of GMD since time history length of the accelerogram record may significantly  
107 depend up on the recording device and structural performance. Among these widely differing measures,  
108 the most generally applied scientific measure criterions for strong GMD can be characterized by four  
109 measures including: bracketed duration ( $\tau_b$ ) (Bolt, 1973), uniform duration ( $\tau_u$ ) (Bommer et al., 2009),  
110 significant duration (SD) ( $\tau_s$ ) (Trifunac and Brady, 1975) and effective duration ( $\tau_e$ ) (Bommer and  
111 Martinez-Pereira, 1999). Apparently, all the aforementioned measures of GMD is generally used to  
112 illustrating the duration of GMs in one direction. To be specific, the multi-direction incident seismic  
113 waves brings about challenge for decouple the effect of GMD in different directions. According to the  
114 concept of ID, the SD of different directions of GMs are selected as the basic component. The SD is  
115 regard as an effective measure representing the duration of GMs by a relative scientific criterion. In  
116 addition, the Husid diagram is determined to be the time history of the seismic energy content scaled

117 to the total energy content (Trifunac and Brady, 1975), which satisfied the Eq. (1):

$$118 \quad H(t) = \frac{\frac{\pi}{2g} \int_0^t a^2(t) dt}{I_0} \quad (1)$$

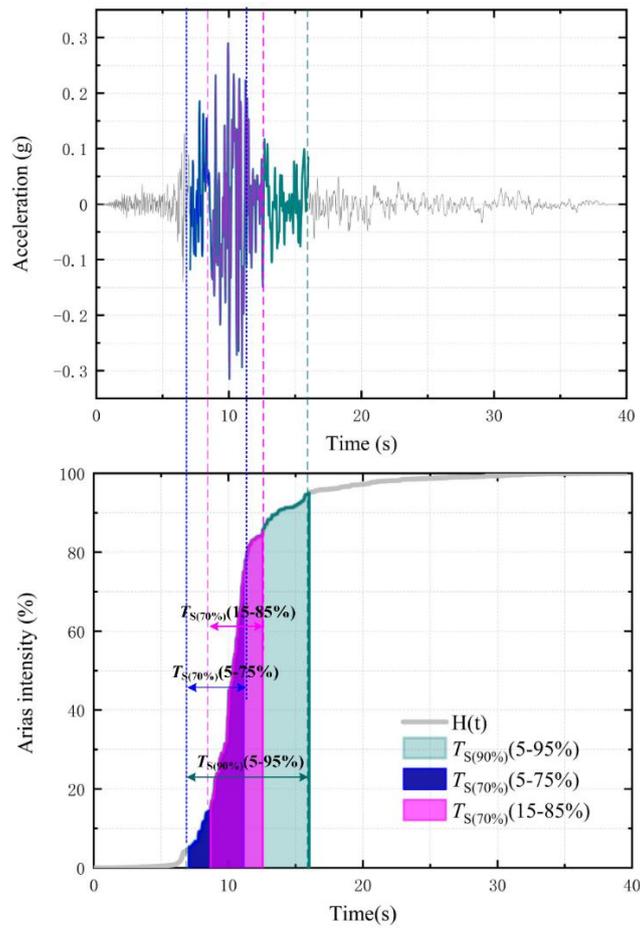
119 where  $H(t)$  is the Husid diagram defined as a function of time  $t$ .  $a$  is the time history of  
 120 accelerogram and  $g$  is the gravitational acceleration. The total Arias intensity,  $I_0$ , is obtained from

121 Eq. (2):

$$122 \quad I_0 = \frac{\pi}{2g} \int_0^{T_{max}} a^2(t) dt \quad (2)$$

123 where  $T_{max}$  is the length of the time history of accelerogram. Fig. 2 illustrates the SD of an as-record

124 strong GMs in different ranges of Arias intensity.



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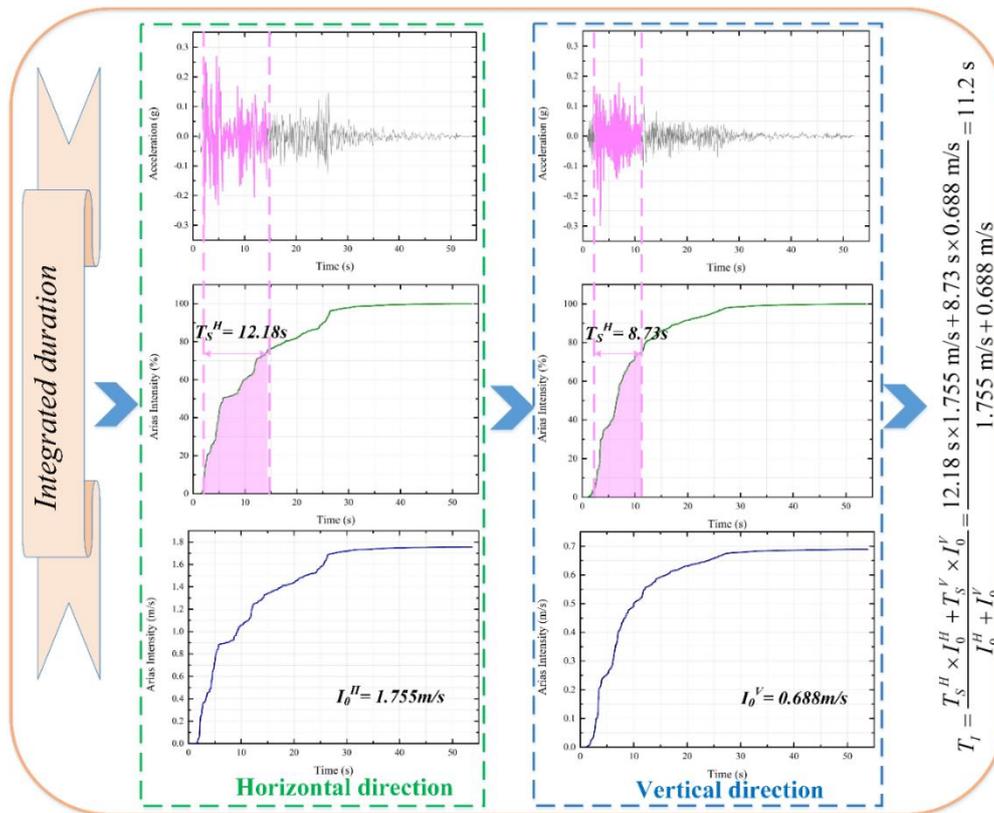
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**Fig. 2.** The husid diagram of three SDs of an as-record accelerogram.

127 It can be seen from Fig. 2 and Eq. (2) that the SD can only properly express the duration of GM  
 128 in single direction (horizontal or vertical component). On the contrary, the ID regards the Arias  
 129 intensity in multi-directions as the weighting function, which is applied to weighted average the  
 130 corresponding single direction duration to overcome the above shortcomings. Based on the work of  
 131 Wang et al. (2015) the detailed formula of ID considering double directional GMs can be determined  
 132 as follows:

$$133 \quad T_I = \frac{T_S^H \times I_0^H + T_S^V \times I_0^V}{I_0^H + I_0^V} \quad (3)$$

134 where  $T_S^H$  and  $T_S^V$  denotes the GMDs in the horizontal and vertical directions, respectively.  $I_0^H$  and  
 135  $I_0^V$  respectively represent the horizontal Arias intensities and vertical Arias intensities of GMs. The  
 136  $T_{S(70\%)}(5-75\%)$  which can be easily defined as the time gap between 5% and 75% of the Husid  
 137 diagram, is selected to indicate GMDs in multi-directions, as depicted in Fig. 3.



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**Fig. 3.** Calculation progress of ID based on SD (5-75%).

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To reveal the seismic performance of ACCRDs considering the shorter duration and longer

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duration effect, Forty - six bidirectional GMs are originated from the Pacific Earthquake Engineering

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Research center (PEER) strong database. For each of these short - duration bidirectional GMs, a

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corresponding long - duration bidirectional GMs with duration threshold longer than 25s (Barbosa et

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al., 2017), and having original spectral acceleration and matching spectral acceleration is determined.

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The detailed earthquake information is present in Table 1 and Table 2. On the other hand, it is crucial

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to avoid the impact of frequency, amplitude and other characteristics of GMs on the seismic

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performance assessment. All original GMs obtained PEER database are matched the target design

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spectrum by using time domain wavelet correction method to adjust the amplitude and shape of

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spectrum through the software of SeismoMatch. By doing so, the spectral acceleration of each

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bidirectional earthquake records is adjusted and scaled to have a good compatible with the target

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spectrum, reflecting that the influence of amplitude and shape of acceleration response spectrum can

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be minimized, as shown in Fig. 5. Figure. 6 illustrates the distribution of GMDs of matched GMs.

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Table 1

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List of short - duration database with two directions (matched records).

No.	Earthquake	Year	Station Name	Magnitude	Mechanism	Rrup (km)	Comp.	SD (5-75%) (s)	Arias (m/s)	ID (s)
1	Imperial Valley	1940	El Centro Array #9	6.95	strike slip	6.09	180	20.35	0.35	16.09
							up	9.31	0.22	
2	Imperial Valley	1951	El Centro Array #9	5.6	strike slip	25.24	0	12.22	0.06	15.61
							up	20.69	0.04	
3	Kern County	1952	Pasadena - CIT	7.36	Reverse	125.59	180	15.86	0.08	17.77
			Athenaeum				up	20.32	0.06	
4	Imperial Valley	1953	El Centro Array #9	5.5	strike slip	15.64	0	6.4	0.03	7.92
							up	8.83	0.05	

5	Northern Calif	1954	Ferndale City Hall	6.5	strike slip	27.02	44 up	12.12 9.07	0.13 0.06	11.16
6	Hollister-01	1961	Hollister City Hall	5.6	strike slip	19.56	180 up	10.76 12.7	0.08 0.05	11.51
7	Parkfield	1966	Cholame - Shandon Array #12	6.19	strike slip	17.64	50 down	15.15 14.1	0.08 0.08	14.62
8	Borrego Mtn	1968	LA - Hollywood Stor FF	6.63	strike slip	222.42	90 up	8.72 5.96	0.04 0.04	7.34
9	Borrego Mtn	1968	San Onofre - So Cal Edison	6.63	strike slip	129.11	33 up	15 22.96	0.05 0.06	19.34
10	San Fernando	1971	Borrego Springs Fire Sta	6.61	Reverse	214.32	135 down	9.05 4.08	0.04 0.04	6.56
11	San Fernando	1971	Buena Vista - Taft	6.61	Reverse	112.52	90 down	10.59 16.89	0.04 0.04	13.65
12	San Fernando	1971	Cedar Springs_ Allen Ranch	6.61	Reverse	89.72	95 down	1.24 1.69	0.03 0.03	1.46
13	San Fernando	1971	Cholame - Shandon Array #2	6.61	Reverse	218.13	51 down	2.98 11.55	0.02 0.05	9.10
14	San Fernando	1971	Cholame - Shandon Array #8	6.61	Reverse	218.75	51 down	15.73 11.95	0.05 0.04	14.05
15	San Fernando	1971	Isabella Dam (Aux Abut)	6.61	Reverse	130.98	14 down	11.5 9.45	0.06 0.05	10.59
16	San Fernando	1971	LA - Hollywood Stor FF	6.61	Reverse	22.77	90 up	4.27 2.75	0.24 0.18	3.62
17	San Fernando	1971	Maricopa Array #1	6.61	Reverse	193.91	130 down	13.72 12.02	0.06 0.05	12.95
18	San Fernando	1971	Maricopa Array #2	6.61	Reverse	109.73	130 down	14.29 12.335	0.05 0.04	13.42
19	San Fernando	1971	Maricopa Array #3	6.61	Reverse	110.18	130 down	10.21 9.14	0.04 0.04	9.67
20	San Fernando	1971	Pacoima Dam (upper left abut)	6.61	Reverse	1.81	120 up	6 7.18	0.04 0.04	6.59
21	San Fernando	1971	Palmdale Fire Station	6.61	Reverse	28.99	120 up	10.23 11.89	0.18 0.14	10.96
22	San Fernando	1971	Pasadena - CIT Athenaeum	6.61	Reverse	25.47	0 down	7.32 8.56	0.10 0.09	7.91
23	San Fernando	1971	San Diego Gas & Electric	6.61	Reverse	205.77	0 down	25.03 24.35	0.05 0.04	24.73
24	San Fernando	1971	Santa Felita Dam (Outlet)	6.61	Reverse	24.87	172 up	16.1 17.78	0.16 0.06	16.56

25	San Fernando	1971	Wheeler Ridge - Ground	6.61	Reverse	70.23	90 up	9.96 22.84	0.03 0.05	18.01
26	San Fernando	1971	Whittier Narrows Dam	6.61	Reverse	39.45	143 down	9.73 10.805	0.10 0.05	10.09
27	Nicaragua	1972	Managua_ ESSO	5.2	strike slip	4.98	90 down	7.215 2.53	0.11 0.10	4.98
28	Point Mugu	1973	Port Hueneme	5.65	Reverse	17.71	180 up	5.735 2.39	0.07 0.04	4.52
29	Oroville	1975	Up & Down Cafe (OR1)	4.79	Normal	12.65	0 down	3.85 2.255	0.04 0.03	3.17
30	Oroville	1975	Oroville Airport	4.37	Normal Oblique	14.36	180 down	2.56 2.415	0.03 0.03	2.49

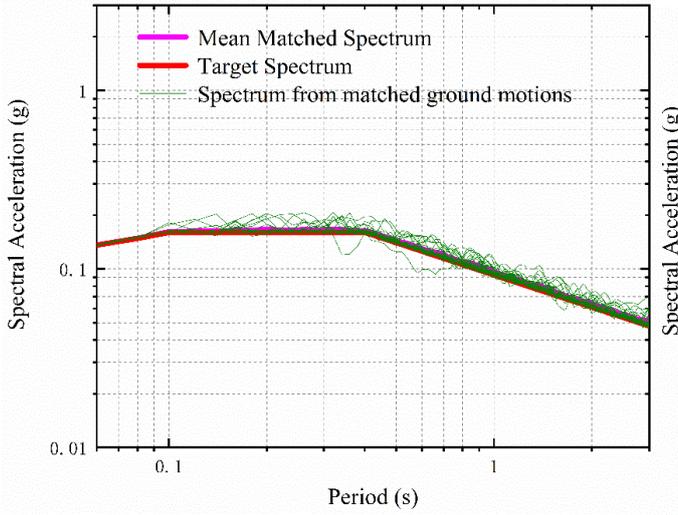
155 Table 2

156 List of long - duration database with two directions (matched records).

No.	Earthquake	Year	Station	Magnitude	Mechanism	Rrup (km)	Comp.	SD (5-75%) (s)	Arias (m/s)	ID (s)
1	Borrego Mtn	1968	El Centro Array #9	6.63	strike slip	45.66	180 up	25.54 26.8	0.24 0.02	25.64
2	Morgan Hill	1984	Fremont - Mission San Jose	6.19	strike slip	31.34	75 up	23.18 26.85	0.33 0.33	25.01
3	Landers	1992	Mission Creek Fault	7.28	strike slip	26.96	0 up	51.89 50.46	0.52 0.54	51.16
4	Chi-Chi	1999	CHY076	7.62	Reverse Oblique	42.15	E V	64.43 46.12	1.23 1.57	54.16
5	Chi-Chi	1999	CHY082	7.62	Reverse Oblique	36.09	E V	54.82 42.24	1.68 0.51	51.89
6	Chi-Chi	1999	KAU001	7.62	Reverse Oblique	44.93	N V	34.82 58.74	1.12 0.63	43.44
7	Chi-Chi	1999	KAU077	7.62	Reverse Oblique	82.96	E V	37.95 32.09	0.92 1.08	34.79
8	Chuetsu-oki	2007	AKTH02	6.8	Reverse	285.32	NS up	22.835 46.325	0.81 1.33	37.43
9	Chuetsu-oki	2007	IWTH05	6.8	Reverse	271.78	NS up	72.59 102.83	0.59 0.97	91.39
10	Iwate	2008	FKS025	6.9	Reverse	188.17	NS up	37.37 44.52	0.25 0.47	42.04
11	Iwate	2008	FKSH05	6.9	Reverse	194.76	NS up	43.3 69.97	0.41 0.42	56.80
12	Tottori	2000	MIEH05	6.61	strike slip	275.84	NS up	41.055 45.75	1.17 0.17	41.65
13	Niigata	2004	IBR006	6.63	Reverse	171.21	NS up	27.05 34.15	0.26 0.17	29.85

14	Niigata	2004	MYGH11	6.63	Reverse	243.44	NS up	29.72 39.38	0.46 0.45	34.50
15	Niigata	2004	TYM003	6.63	Reverse	127.28	NS up	24.07 32.28	0.25 0.27	28.37
16	Darfield	2010	TRCS	7	strike slip	95.85	E up	20.955 29.81	0.60 0.73	25.82

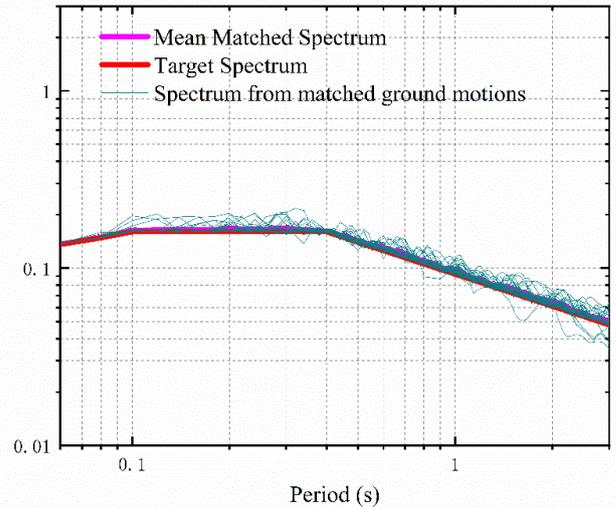
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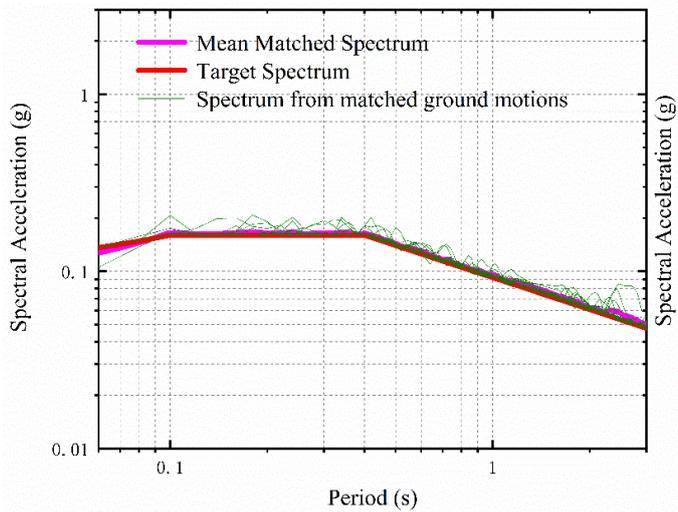
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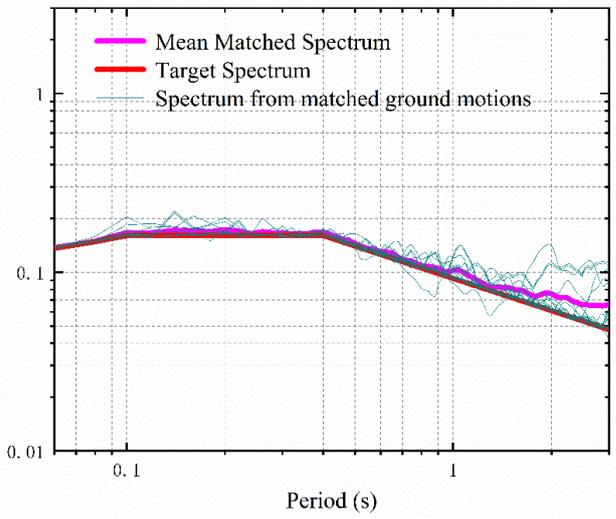
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(c)



(d)

162 **Fig. 4.** Comparison of the adjusted response spectra of short - and long - duration GMs: (a) horizontal short - duration; (b)

163 vertical direction short - duration; (c) horizontal long - duration; (d) vertical direction long - duration.

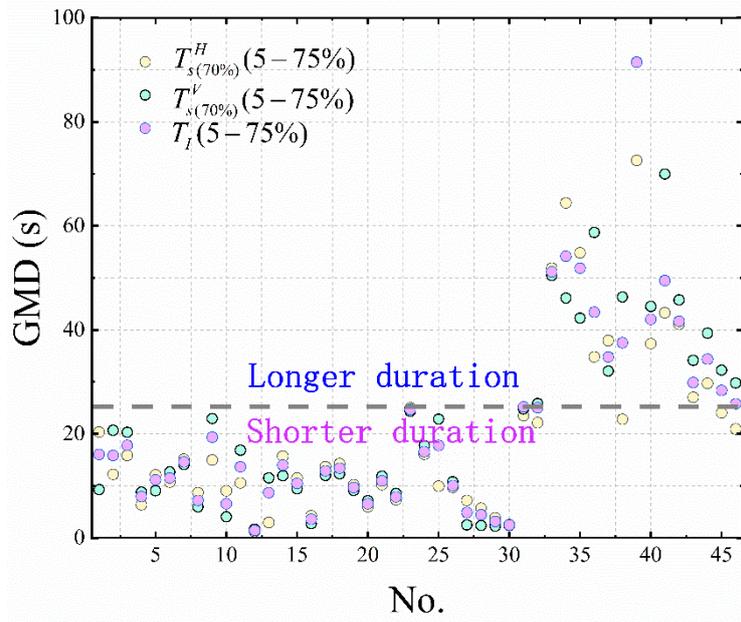


Fig. 5. Distribution of GMD in database after matching spectral acceleration.

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### 166 3. Framework for seismic performance assessment

#### 167 3.1. Fragility function

168 The development of fragility curves of ACCRDs under short - and long - duration GMs are  
 169 significant steps for seismic performance assessment according to the performance-based earthquake  
 170 engineering (PBEE) framework. For the purpose of assessing the seismic performance of high dams,  
 171 there have been several in-depth approaches to collecting the results for generating fragility curves,  
 172 such as incremental dynamic analysis (IDA) (Vamvatsikos and Cornell, 2004), multiple stripe analysis  
 173 (MSA) (Baker, 2015), and cloud analysis (Celik and Ellingwood, 2010). IDA is an efficient  
 174 performance evaluation methodology, which linearly scaled from a low seismic intensity level to an  
 175 extremely high seismic intensity level for each selected GMs. MSA is conducted at a specified set of  
 176 seismic intensity level, each of which has engineering demand parameters (EDP). As the type of results

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177 collected in these two methods differs, the effectively approach for estimating fragility curves from  
178 the results also differs. It is worth noting that the efficient fragility estimates of IDA may be lower than  
179 MSA for a given number of high performance structures. In this study, the fragility curves for the  
180 ACCRD are investigated employing the MSA approach. Besides, the PGA of GMs is acknowledged  
181 as the variable on behalf of the intensity measure (IM) of short - and long – duration GMs, and is  
182 scaled from 0.1g to 0.7g in gaps of 0.1g.

183 As a critical and integrated component of a PBEE framework (Fajfar, 2000), the mainly purpose  
184 of FR is to quantify the probability of exceedance (POE) relationships between structural damage state  
185 with the various IM level. The fragility curves of an ACCRD can be conducted by a lognormal  
186 cumulative distribution function (Baker, 2015):

$$187 \quad FR(x) = \Phi \left( \frac{\ln(x / \theta)}{\beta} \right) \quad (4)$$

188 where  $FR(x)$  is the POE that the structural damage state under a particularly seismic intensity level  
189 reaching the specific DS;  $\theta$  and  $\beta$  are the median and the logarithmic standard deviation of the  
190 fragility function (the seismic intensity level with 50% POE) that is connected with the EDP and  
191 structural capacity (Baker, 2015), respectively;  $\Phi$  is the fragility curves function that belong to the  
192 normal cumulative distribution. It is worth noting that the generally lognormal distribution is not only  
193 one methodology that can be applied on Eq. (4). In this study, the methodology of MSA and maximum  
194 likelihood estimate (MLE) is employed to fit the fragility curves.

195 On the basis of MSA-MLE, an analytical estimation approach is depicted in the present study to  
196 generate the FR. At different seismic intensity level  $IM = x_i$ , the time – history analyses conduct  
197 some number of collapses out of  $N_i$  total number of Nevertheless, early several study methodologies

198 on the sensitive extent of seismic behavior of structures under different GMD are obviously mixed  
 199 results. GMs. Assuming that collection of EDPs from short - and long - duration GMs are  
 200 independent of collections from other GMs, the probability of observing  $n_i$  collapses out of  $n_j$   
 201 GMs with  $IM = x_j$  is given by the binomial distribution:

$$202 \quad P(n_i \text{ collapses in } N_i \text{ short and long ground motions} | IM = IM_i) = \binom{N_i}{n_i} p_i^{n_i} (1 - p_i)^{N_i - n_i} \quad (5)$$

203 where  $p_i$  is the probability of collapse of the structure under short - and long - duration GMs with  
 204  $IM = IM_i$ .

205 Following the MLE approach, the way to identify the fragility function for  $p_i$  is to select the  
 206 function that gives us the highest probability of observing the collapse data that was originated from  
 207 nonlinear dynamic analysis. Subsequently, the product of binominal probabilities according to Eq. (5)  
 208 at each IM levels, is employed to get the likelihood in the entire database.

$$209 \quad Likelihood = \prod_{i=1}^m P(n_i \text{ collapses in } N_i \text{ short and long ground motions} | IM = IM_i) = \prod_{i=1}^m \binom{N_i}{n_i} p_i^{n_i} (1 - p_i)^{N_i - n_i}$$

210 (6)

211 where  $m$  is the number of short - and long - duration GMs at each IM levels;  $\prod$  represent a  
 212 product over all dates.

213 To conduct this maximize the likelihood function,  $p_i$  is replaced by the Eq. (4), and estimation  
 214 of the key parameters  $\hat{\theta}$  and  $\hat{\beta}$  (logarithmic mean and standard deviation) are then obtained by this  
 215 likelihood function. It is worth noting that the estimation of parameters by maximizing the logarithm  
 216 of the likelihood, which is equivalent and numerically more efficient and easier than the maximizing  
 217 the likelihood function itself, so that the fragility function can be explicit as follows:

$$\hat{\theta}, \hat{\beta} = \arg \max_{\theta, \beta} \sum_{i=1}^m \left[ \ln \binom{N_i}{n_i} n_i \ln \left( \Phi \left( \frac{\ln(x_i) - \theta}{\beta} \right) \right) + (N_i - n_i) \ln \left( 1 - \Phi \left( \frac{\ln(x_i) - \theta}{\beta} \right) \right) \right] \quad (7)$$

Standard commercial software packages such as Matlab, R, python, or Microsoft Excel can be utilized to calculate the Eq. (7), and detailed code can be found in the work of Baker (Baker, 2015).

### 3.2. Definitions of seismic performance indicators

After the earthquake disaster, the potential failure mode (PFM) of high dams is generally depicted as a function of concrete stiffness degradation, concrete strength degradation, dam crest settlement, landslide, cracks and liquidation among others. Due to the complex combination of these PFMs, the unsatisfactory performance and uncontrolled failure mode of high dams can be regarded as a chain of events. In addition, high ACCRDs are the complex system mainly composed of rockfill, transition and asphalt concrete core, as shown in Fig. 6. Therefore, from the perspective of safe operation of complex hydraulic engineering, the employ of a single damage index to evaluate performance level of high ACCRDs may not be accurate enough and overestimate its ability to resist earthquakes. In this study, two damage indicators from different aspects have been applied to evaluated seismic performance of high ACCRDs under shorter duration and longer duration GMs.

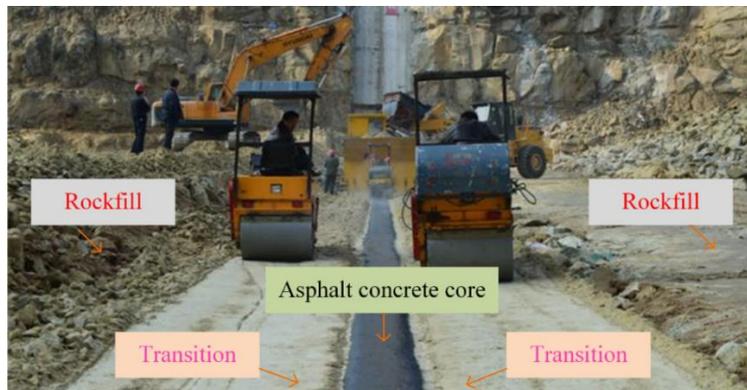
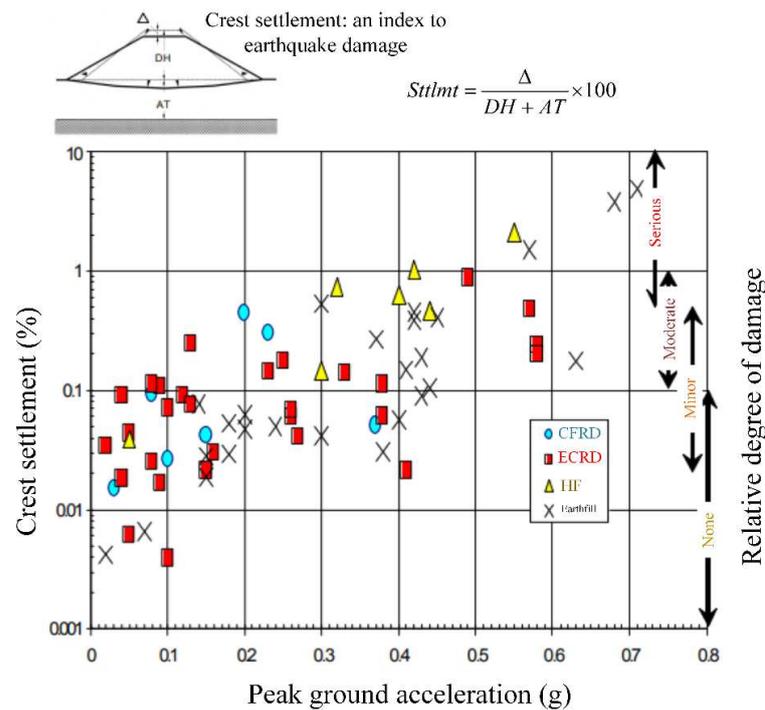


Fig. 6. Construction of high ACCRD.

The relative settlement ratio (RSR) of dam crest is one of the most generally seismic damage

235 modes of embankment dams. Swaisgood (2003) surveyed 69 embankment dams settlement and  
 236 deformation, including concrete faced rockfill dams, earth core rockfill dams, earthfill dams, hydraulic  
 237 fill dams, and recommended RSR of dam crest as an seismic performance index. Besides, the seismic  
 238 performance index is divided the PFM situation into four performance levels: none ( $< 0.1\%$ ), minor  
 239 ( $0.012 - 0.5\%$ ), moderate ( $0.1 - 1.0\%$ ) and severe ( $> 1\%$ ), as displayed in Fig. 7. Based on the work  
 240 of Swaisgood et al. (2003), Wang et al. (2015) proposed the RSR of  $0.1\%$ ,  $0.4\%$  and  $1\%$  as the  
 241 assessment performance levels when this embankment dams reached to minor, moderate and severe.  
 242 To more safely assess the seismic performance of the high ACCRD, the four performance levels of  
 243 embankment dam proposed by Wang et al. (2015) is utilized in this paper.



244  
 245 **Fig. 7.** Construction of high ACCRD.

246 The seismic performance of the asphalt concrete core, employed as an indispensable component  
 247 of the impervious system, is one of major concerns in high ACCRD design. To account for the impacts  
 248 of cyclic earthquake loading, a qualitative methodology assessed the seismic performance of concrete

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249 materials structure is firstly proposed by Ghanaat (2004). Subsequently, the performance index is  
250 widely employed to forecast the seismic performance of concrete gravity dams (Wang et al., 2014),  
251 concrete arch dams (Ardebili and Mirzabozorg, 2012) and concrete face rockfill dams (Xu et al., 2020).  
252 As shown in Fig. 8, the performance index is systematic and rational formulated in light of the stress  
253 demand-capacity ratios (DCR), the cumulative inelastic duration (CID), overstressed regions of  
254 concrete materials, and other considerations form the basis for an approximate and qualitative estimate  
255 of damage. The DCR can be calculated according to the follow formula:

$$256 \quad DCR = \frac{\sigma_d}{f_t} \quad (8)$$

257 where  $\sigma_d$  is the maximum tensile stress during dynamic analysis;  $f_t$  is ultimate tensile stress  
258 strength of concrete materials.

259 The static tensile strength of concrete materials characterized by the standard un-axial splitting  
260 tension experimental tests or from:

$$261 \quad f_t = 1.7 f_c^{2/3} \quad (9)$$

262 where  $f_c$  represent the static ultimate compressive strength of concrete materials. The maximum  
263 permitted DCR of dams is 2 during the dynamic analysis, which means the maximum tensile stress  
264 twice the ultimate tensile stress strength of the concrete materials. In this study, the experimental  
265 compressive strength of the asphalt concrete is approximately 1.6 MPa under  $10^\circ$  condition (Feng et  
266 al., 2020; Ning et al., 2020, 2019), and the corresponding tensile strength of asphalt concrete can be  
267 obtained from the Eq. (9).

268 The CID refers to the total duration of cyclic stress above a certain stress strength, which is related  
269 to different DCR levels. As shown in Fig. 8(a), the hypothetical harmonic stress time - history

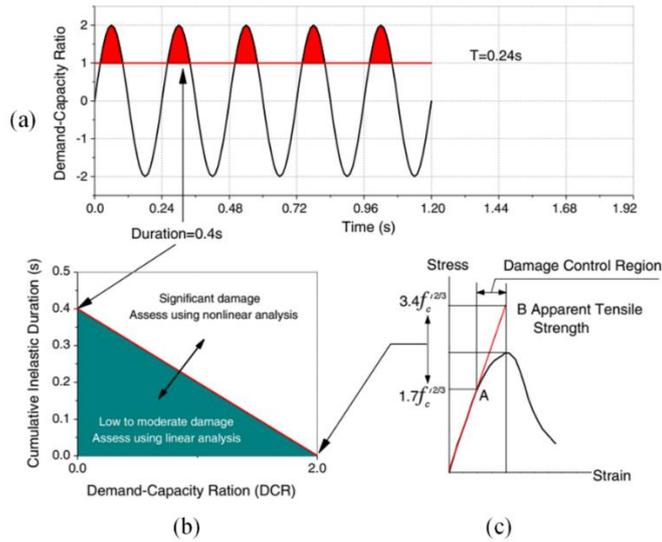
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270 (oscillation period of 0.24s) includes 5 cyclic tensile stress (shaded area) exceeding the specific tensile  
271 strength. Between one oscillation period, the CID of the stress excursion beyond the upper tensile  
272 strength (shaded area) is taken equal to  $0.8s (T/3)$ . The total cumulative inelastic duration ( $DCR \geq 1$ )  
273 for all 5 cycles exceeding the tensile strength amounts to 0.4s. Moreover, it can also be found from  
274 Fig. 8(a) that the CID for a  $DCR = 2$  is assumed 0. Based on the high dams resist loads mechanism,  
275 the cumulative duration of 0.3s, 0.4s and 0.6s is respectively for gravity dams (Wang et al., 2014), arch  
276 dams (Ardebili and Mirzabozorg, 2012) and concrete face rockfill dams (Pang et al., 2018; Xu et al.,  
277 2020). In view of the fact that the recovery capacity of asphalt concrete and the resist loads mechanism  
278 of asphalt concrete core is similar to gravity dams (cantilever mechanism), the CID is taken as 0.35 in  
279 this paper. On the hand, the seismic performance of high ACCRDs is evaluated on the basis of the  
280 combined criteria and their possible coupling (DCR-CID). Three performance levels are considered  
281 according to the aforementioned assessment methodology:

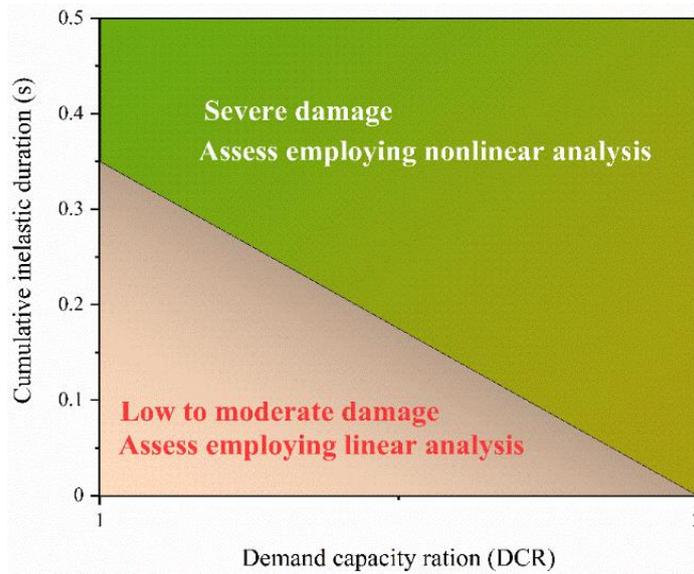
282 1. Minor or no damage. The tensile stress of asphalt concrete core response is lower than extremely  
283 tensile strength of asphalt concrete, which means the asphalt concrete core is in a no or minor damage  
284 if  $DCR \leq 1$ .

285 2. Moderate damage. The asphalt concrete core will exhibit inelastic behavior in the form of damage  
286 cracking if the estimated  $DCR > 1$ . If the estimated  $1 < DCR < 2$ ,  $0 < CID \leq 3.5$  for all DCR's, and  
287 overstressed regions are less than 15% of the asphalt concrete core, it is considered that the asphalt  
288 concrete core is acceptable with no possibility of failure, as shown in Fig. 9

289 3. Severe Damage. The damage state of the asphalt concrete core is regarded as severe when  $DCR > 2$ ,  
290 or  $3.5 < CID$  for all DCR's given in Fig. 9.



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292 **Fig. 8.** Illustration of seismic performance and damage criteria (Ghanaat, 2004).



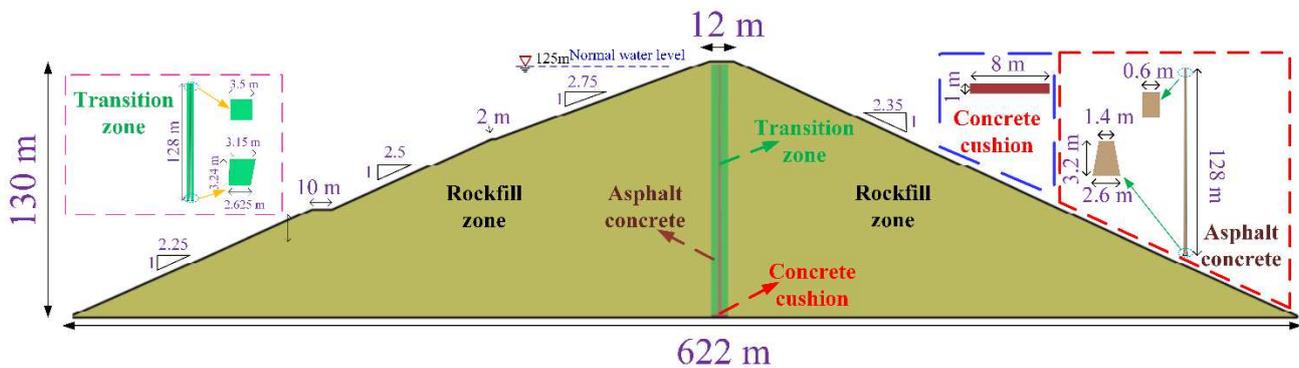
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294 **Fig. 9.** Seismic performance and limit state threshold value of asphalt concrete core.

295 **4. Numerical case study**

296 **4.1. Engineering background of the Dashimen dam**

297 Dashimen dam is located on the Cheerchen River in Bayingol mongolian autonomous prefecture  
298 (Xinjiang, China) and started construction in January 2018. It is planned to achieve the goal of

299 impounding water for Dashimen dam in October 2020. Dashimen dam is currently the highest asphalt  
 300 concrete core rockfill dam in Xinjiang, with a maximum crest height of 130 m, a crest length of 205  
 301 m, and a crest width of 12 m (see Fig. 10). The asphalt concrete core adopts the geometric form of  
 302 upper narrow and lower width. As shown on the Fig. 10, the top width and the bottom width of asphalt  
 303 concrete core is 0.6 m and 1.4 m, respectively. In addition, there is a magnifying foot with a height of  
 304 3.2 m, and the thickness of the magnifying foot changes gradually from 1.4 m to 2.6 m. The total  
 305 storage capacity of the reservoir is 127 million cubic meters, and the adjusted storage capacity is 99  
 306 million cubic meters. The bedrock materials are composed of diabase, Jurassic mudstone, sandstone  
 307 and sand pebble bed. On the other hand, Dashimen dam is located in the regions where strong  
 308 earthquakes frequently occur with design peak ground acceleration (PGA),  $PGA=0.52g$ . Seismic  
 309 performance of Dashimen dam under different seismic intensities GMs is a crucial factor for the  
 310 hydraulic engineering.



313 **Fig. 10.** Construction and design of Dashimen dam: (a) aerial view; (b) cross section

#### 314 **4.2. Finite element model considering the dam – water – foundation interaction system**

315 The FE model is developed utilizing in the commercial software ABAQUS. The FE model of  
 dam – reservoir – foundation (DRF) interaction system is discretized into an assemblage of solid

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316 element, as depicted in Fig. 11. In these models, rockfill zone, transition zone, asphalt concrete core,  
317 concrete cushion, foundation rock and reservoir water have 41742, 4032, 1344, 108, 132840 and 51318  
318 finite elements, respectively. Moreover, 672 interface elements were defined in asphalt concrete core  
319 – transition zone interface. The total numbers of integration points of the Dashimen dam body,  
320 foundation rock and reservoir water are 57232, 157990 and 61138, respectively. To more precisely  
321 simulate the seismic behaviour of the asphalt concrete core, four layers of spatial 8-node isoparametric  
322 elements is employed to model the core thickness.

323 Before the time-history dynamic analyses, the initial stress condition for Dashimen dam needs to  
324 be determined by static analysis. As shown in Fig. 11, the Dashimen dam reproducing a staged  
325 construction and staged water impounding are step – by – step and are modelled with 11 steps and 12  
326 steps, respectively. To reflect the extremely unfavorable water table of Dashimen dam, the presence of  
327 water in the reservoir is assumed the case of full reservoir, which is impounded from dam base to dam  
328 crest after dam construction was completed. Moreover, the water pressure is applied on the upstream  
329 face of asphalt concrete core and concrete cushion by means of a triangular hydrostatic profile. The  
330 static boundary conditions are restrained in the x, y and z directions at the bottom truncated boundary.  
331 For left and right boundaries, the static boundary conditions are fixed only in the lateral direction and  
332 are free in the y direction. On the other hand, the front and back static boundary conditions of dam and  
333 foundation rock are restrained in the z direction. During the filling and impounding process, the typical  
334 hyperbolic Duncan Chang E-B model (Duncan and Chang, 1970) is used to describe the pre-seismic  
335 stress–strain for rockfill zone, transition zone and asphalt concrete core. The detailed material  
336 parameters of the Duncan E-B model are described in Table 3.



344 Drnevich, 1972) have been widely used in practical engineering to reflect the mechanical seismic  
 345 behavior of rockfill zone, transition zone and asphalt concrete core ( $10^\circ$ ). Moreover, the model of  
 346 parameters are easily obtained from the experiment test. According to Hardin and Drnevich's  
 347 postulation which indicates that the maximum dynamic shear modulus of a damming rockfill and  
 348 asphalt concrete is formulated as follows (Hardin and Drnevich, 1972):

$$349 \quad G_{\max} = K \cdot p_a \cdot (p/p_a)^n \quad (10)$$

350 where  $K$  and  $n$  is the experimental parameters, respectively;  $p_a$  represent the standard  
 351 atmospheric pressure;  $p$  is the average effective stress. The detailed model parameters are listed in  
 352 Table 4.

353 **Table 4** Parameters for Hardin - Drnevich model (Kong et al., 2014; Li et al., 2020)

Materials	$K$	$n$	$\nu$
Rockfill	2270	0.273	0.22
Transion	2700	0.375	0.22
Asphalt concrete ( $10^\circ$ )	1979	0.4	0.345

354 The cycle earthquake load will induce the high ACCRDs to generate irrevocably permanent  
 355 deformation. However, the equivalent linear viscoelasticity model is only used to obtain the time  
 356 history curves of the shear strain, stress and acceleration, whereas the methodology cannot directly  
 357 obtain the permanent deformation of the dam body. Currently, there are many acceptably numerical  
 358 models according to the equivalent nodal force approach that are utilized to compute the permanent  
 359 deformation, such as the Serff and Seed model, the IWHR model, Taniguchi model, improved  
 360 Taniguchi model, Shen Zhu-jiang model and improved Shen Zhu-jiang model. The permanent  
 361 deformation of dam body is calculated according the work of Serff and Seed model (Serff et al., 1976).  
 362 Moreover, the relationships based on dynamic triaxial experiments and Shen Zhu-jiang model (Zhu-

363 Jiang and Gang, 1996) of drainage conditions among the residual dynamic volumetric strain increment  
 364  $\Delta\varepsilon_{vr}$ , the residual dynamic shear strain increment  $\Delta\gamma_r$ , the dynamic stress state and the vibration  
 365 duration can be expressed as follows (Zhu-Jiang and Gang, 1996):

$$366 \quad \Delta\varepsilon_{vr} = c_1\gamma_d^{c_2} \exp(-c_3S_1^2) \frac{\Delta N}{1+N} \quad (10)$$

$$367 \quad \Delta\gamma_r = c_4\gamma_c^{c_5} S_1^n \frac{\Delta N}{1+N} \quad (11)$$

368 where  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ ,  $c_3$ ,  $c_4$ , and  $c_5$  are the experimental test parameters;  $\gamma_d$  represents the dynamic  
 369 strain amplitude;  $\Delta N$  and  $N$  is the time increment and total vibration times, respectively;  $S_1^n$  is the  
 370 stress level;  $n$  is the stress level index and is generally 0.9–1.0. The detailed permanent deformation  
 371 model parameters of the rockfill materials are shown in Table 5.

372 **Table 5** Parameters for permanent deformation (Li et al., 2020)

Materials	$c_1/(%)$	$c_2$	$c_3$	$c_4/(%)$	$c_5$
Rockfill	0.72	0.96	0	9.34	0.37
Transion	0.56	0.42	0	8.25	0.4

373 For the concrete cushion, the mechanical responses and dynamic cracking mechanism is  
 374 specifically described by the concrete damage plastic (CDP) model in the ABAQUS material library.  
 375 The CDP model is firstly proposed by Lubliner et al. (1989) and improved by Lee and Fenves (1998).  
 376 Many previous studies demonstrate that the CDP model can particularly for simulating the realistic  
 377 dynamic crack profiles in concrete materials (Huang et al., 2017; B. Sun et al., 2020; Benbo Sun et al.,  
 378 2020b; Wang et al., 2019). The foundation rock of Dashimen dam is assumed to be linearly elastic  
 379 model. Table 6 present the detailed material parameters of foundation rock and concrete cushion.

380 **Table 6** Material parameters of bedrock and concrete cushion.

Material	Constitutive model	Input parameter	Value
(a) foundation rock	Linear elastic	Mass density	2730

		P (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	
		Elastic modulus (GPa)	5.0
		Poisson's ratio	0.25
	Concrete	Mass density	
(b) Concrete cushion	damage plastic model	$\rho$ (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2450
		Elastic modulus (GPa)	28
		Poisson's ratio	0.167
		Tensile yield stress (MPa)	1.78
		Compressive yield stress (MPa)	16.7
		Dynamic magnification factor	1.2

381 Generally, to obtain more accurate numerical results, the contact element should be defined to  
382 reflecting the interface behavior between two materials with significantly different mechanical  
383 property. In this paper, the Goodman zero-thickness contact element is used to simulate the transition  
384 – concrete interface. Moreover, the thin-layer contact element (5 cm) is applied between transition and  
385 asphalt concrete to reveal the contact behavior. Although many models have been proposed to reflect  
386 the strain – stress relationship of contact element, a Clough – Duncan hyperbolic model is employed  
387 for the contact element and the parameters of hyperbolic model can be easily obtained from shear test  
388 experiment. The dynamic hyperbolic model developed by Wu et al. (1992) is applied to simulate the  
389 dynamic behavior of the contact element. The detailed parameters of the contact element are presented  
390 in Tables 7 and 8.

391 **Table 7** Parameters for static contact element (Ji, 2006)

Contact element	Materials	$K$	$n$	$\varphi$	$R_f$
Thin-layer contact element	Transition – asphalt concrete	3200	0.42	27	0.65
Goodman zero-thickness contact element	Transition-concrete cushion	5600	0.52	36	0.86

392 **Table 8** Parameters for dynamic contact element (Ji et al., 1995; Wu et al., 1992)

Contact element	Materials	$C$	$M$	$\delta$	$\lambda_{\max}$
Thin-layer contact element	Transition – asphalt concrete	300	0.96	0.58	0.15
Goodman zero-thickness contact element	Transition-concrete cushion	22	2.0	34	0.2

393 For embankment dams, hydrodynamic pressure generally has no significantly effect on the dam

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394 crest accelerations (Pelecanos et al., 2016). However, the stress and strain of the upstream dam body  
395 may be sensitive to hydrodynamic pressure (Pelecanos et al., 2020). To simulate the DRF dynamic  
396 interaction system, fluid elements, which represent a linearly elastic inviscid, irrotational, and  
397 compressible medium, are used to model the reservoir. In addition, the coupled Lagrangian  
398 formulation of FE method is directly conduct for seismic dynamic analysis of interacting DRF systems.  
399 As illustrated in Fig. 11(a), the upstream face of the reservoir is set as non-reflecting boundary  
400 condition to enable energy dissipation during the dynamic analysis process. The direction normal  
401 displacement is assumed to simulate the interface between the reservoir and the dam following the  
402 recommendations of Wang et al. (2018). At the dam – foundation interface, the reservoir is tied with  
403 the foundation of the dam. The material mechanical properties of the fluid element can be found in our  
404 previous work of Wang et al. (2015). The typical damping ratio for DRF dynamic interaction system  
405 is assumed as 5% in time - history dynamic analyses. Rayleigh damping, calculated by two parameters  
406 obtained from modal damping ratios of the DRF dynamic interaction system, is considered in time-  
407 history dynamic analyses.

### 408 **4.3. Seismic wave input mechanism**

409 An effective and reasonable GM input mechanism is required to ensure the stability and accuracy  
410 of the numerical results before the dynamic analysis of Dashimen dam. Recently, the methodology in  
411 which the near-field numerical calculation region is extracted from a semi-infinite elastic medium is  
412 commonly applied on the hydraulic engineering. Liu et al. (2006) proposed widely employed viscous-  
413 spring artificial boundary (VASB) with good high-frequency and low-frequency stability. Moreover,

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414 the VSAB can absorb scattered waves and reflect the elastic recovery feature of a semi-infinite medium  
415 under strong GM excitation. The VSAB is generally employed on the truncated boundary of  
416 foundation, as display on Fig. 11(a). On the other hand, the horizontal and vertical component of GM  
417 excitation can be simulated by converting the time – history of GM into time – history of equivalent  
418 nodal forces of truncated boundary nodes according to the work of Liu et al. (2006). The equivalent  
419 nodal force  $f_{li}^f$  of truncated boundary nodes  $l$  in direction can be derived as follows:

$$420 \quad f_{li}^f = K_{li} d_{li}^f + C_{li} v_{li}^f + \sigma_{li}^f \quad (12)$$

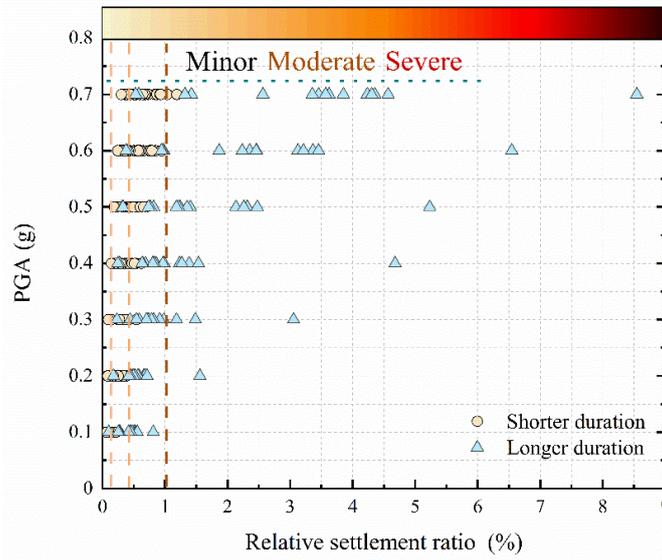
421 where  $K_{li}$  and  $C_{li}$  represents the parameter of stiffness and damping coefficients for spring – damper;  
422  $d_{li}^f$ ,  $v_{li}^f$  and  $\sigma_{li}^f$  represent displacement vector, velocity vector, stress vector at the truncated  
423 boundary node  $l$ , respectively (Du and Zhao, 2006). The detailed seismic wave input method and  
424 validation cases in the infinite elastic medium can be found in our previous work (Benbo Sun et al.,  
425 2020b, 2020c, 2020a).

## 426 **5. Fragility analysis and discussion**

### 427 **5.1 Relative settlement ratio index**

428 Results of the dynamic analyses show that the ID of strong GMs take a significant effect on the  
429 RSR of a high ACCRD, as shown in Fig. 12. This figure shows the RSR of a high ACCRD under long  
430 - duration is mostly greater than that under short - duration. To interrogate the differences in the RSR  
431 of a high ACCRD under shorter duration and longer duration GMs, the mean value of the RSR under  
432 different seismic intensities is compared in Fig. 13. As displayed in Fig. 13, the difference between  
433 short - duration GMs and long - duration GMs increases as the seismic intensity increases. This

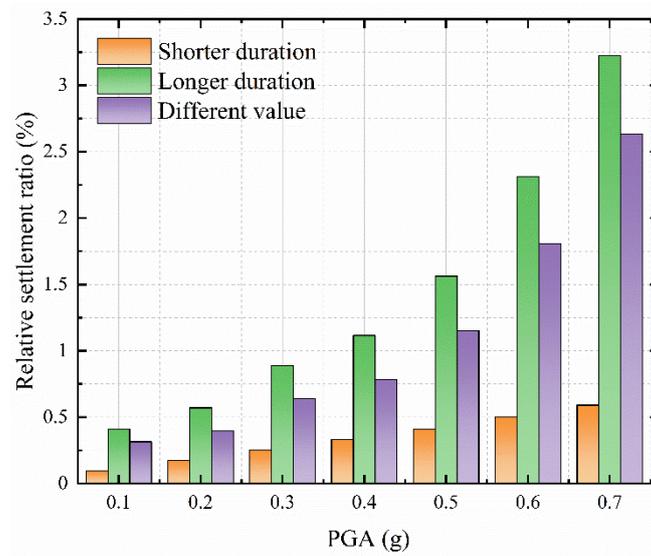
434 observation means that the coupling of high intensity GMs and long - duration may induce serious  
 435 damage for a high ACCRD.



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**Fig. 12.** The RSR of multiple strip response under different seismic intensities.



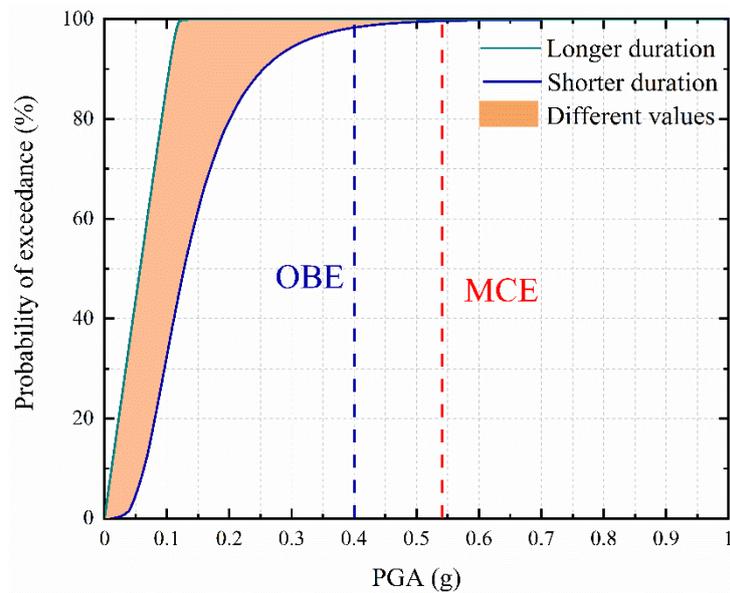
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**Fig. 13.** Mean value of RSR.

440 The seismic fragility curves for the minor, moderate and severe performance levels obtained from  
 441 Eq. (7) are given in Fig. 14. For simplicity of illustration, this figure provides presents the comparison  
 442 of seismic fragility curves of short - and long - duration GMs for different performance levels. For the  
 443 same performance levels, the seismic fragility curve for the short - duration is uniformly situated to

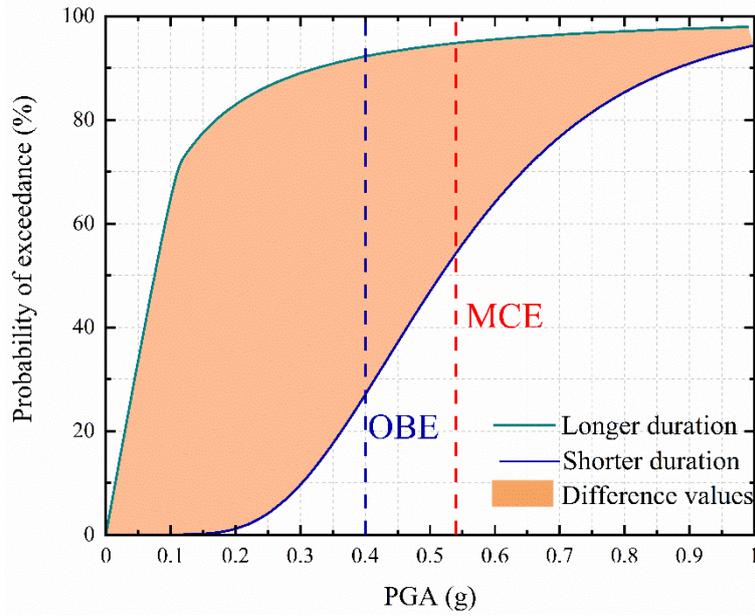
444 the right of the seismic fragility curve of long - duration, meaning the increasing POE when the high  
445 ACCRD is excited by long - duration GMs. Currently, the seismic design of high dams generally  
446 consider two seismic levels to assure structural safety, containing the operating basis earthquake (OBE)  
447 and the maximum credible earthquake (MCE). For this high ACCRD, the OBE and MCE stipulated in  
448 the actual engineering project situation is defined as 0.4g PGA and 0.54g PGA, respectively. Figure  
449 15 further list the POE of RSR in different performance level. The highest POE is given by long -  
450 duration GMs of the order of 100% in Minor damage, 95% in moderate damage, 54% in severe damage  
451 under MCE excitation.



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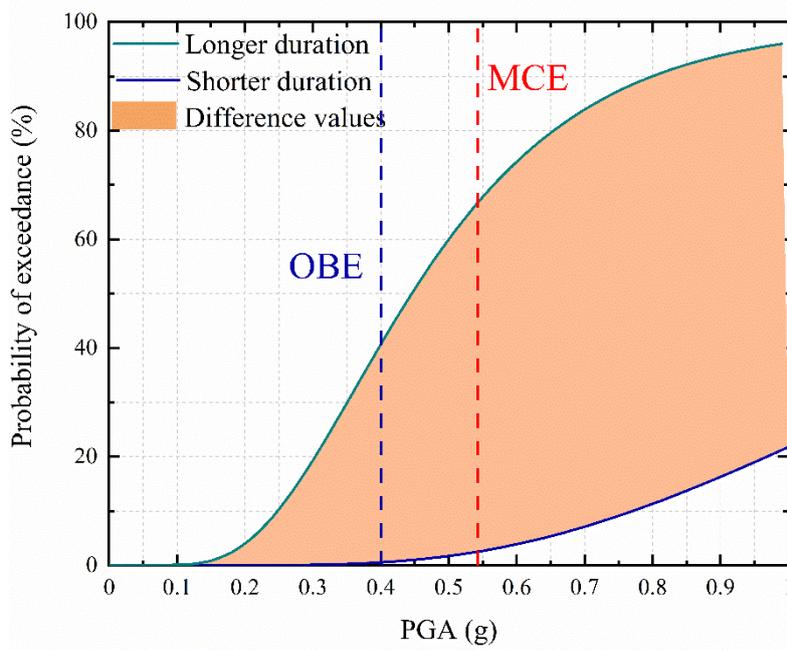
(a) Minor



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(b) Moderate

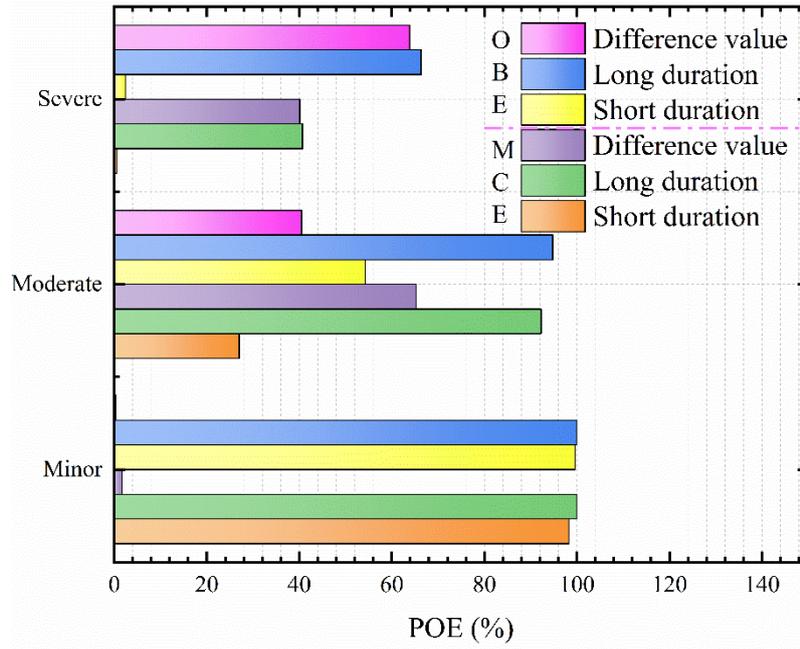


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(c) Severe

458 **Fig. 14.** Comparison of fragility curves of short - and long - duration GMs for different performance levels: (a) Minor  
 459 damage. (b) Moderate damage, and (c) Severe damage.

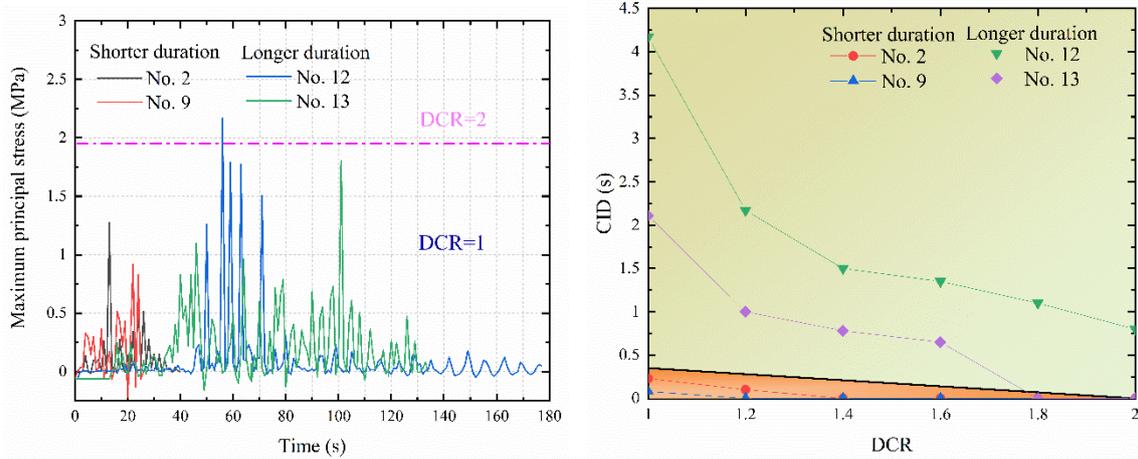


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461 **Fig. 15.** The POE of different performance levels of RSR under OBE and MCE.

462 **5.2 The stress demand-capacity ratios and cumulative inelastic duration index**

463 The seismic performance evaluation based on the DCR-CID is utilized to assess the performance  
 464 levels of the ACCRD subjected to short - and long - duration GMs. Figures 16(a) presents the  
 465 maximum principle tensile stress time histories for short - and long - duration GMs with a PGA level  
 466 of 0.5g. The corresponding performance evaluation curves are illustrated in Fig. 16(b). It is clear from  
 467 Fig. 16(a) that the long - duration records make the number of cycles that excess of the tensile strength  
 468 of the asphalt concrete greater than the short - duration. Results in Fig, 16(b) display that the stress  
 469 DCR exceed 1 or 2 and the CID under long - duration GMs are significantly greater than the short -  
 470 duration. In addition, the DCR-CID under short - duration GMs with a PGA level of 0.5g are in the  
 471 range of low to moderate damage. The DCR-CID seismic fragility curves obtained at each damage  
 472 levels for the asphalt concrete core is shown in Fig. 17. It is evident from this figure that the effect of

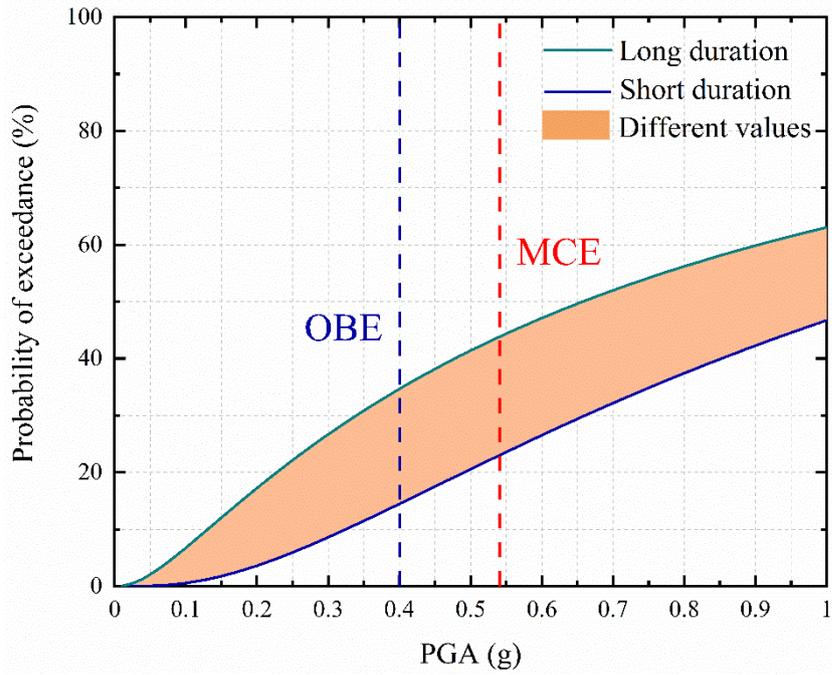
473 GMD on the seismic fragility curve of the high ACCRD is maximal for the two damage levels, while  
 474 a significantly difference value of POE can be found. Overall, the probability of exceeding the each  
 475 performance levels under long - duration is greater that the POE under short - duration. Furthermore,  
 476 the probability of exceeding the severe performance level under strong GMs is below the 50%, which  
 477 means the asphalt concrete core can perform its engineering function under extremely earthquake  
 478 excitation. For simplicity of illustrate the difference characteristic of short - duration and long -  
 479 duration, Fig. 18 list the POE of two performance levels of DCR-CID under OBE and MCE.  
 480 Comparing short - duration and long - duration under OBE and MCE in Fig. 18 shows that they are  
 481 generally different from each other. For instance, the difference value between short - duration and  
 482 long - duration for POE of moderate damage is 20.2% at OBE, 20.8% at MCE, corresponding the POE  
 483 of severe damage is 9.2% at OBE, 12.8% at MCE.



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 485 (a) Time histories of maximum principal stress

(b) Performance assessment curves

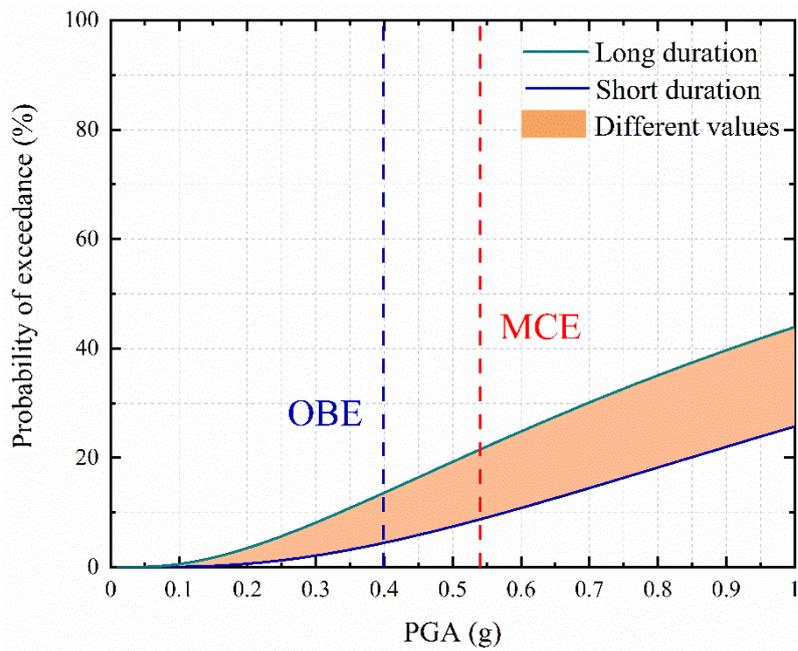
486 **Fig. 16.** Time histories of maximum principal stress and performance assessment curves for short - and long - duration  
 487 GMs with a PGA level of 0.5g.



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(a) Moderate



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(b) Severe

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Fig. 17. Seismic fragility curves with short - and long - duration GMs for (a) moderate; (b) severe.

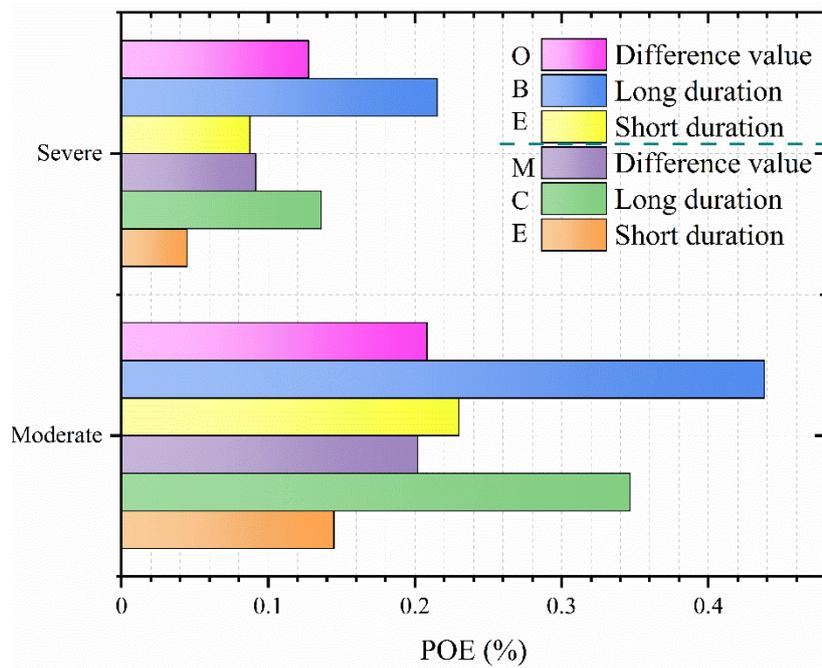


Fig. 18. The POE of different performance levels of RSR under OBE and MCE.

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## 495 6. Summary and conclusions

496 This study entirely studied the impact of short - and long - integrated duration (ID) on the seismic  
 497 fragility analysis (FR) of a high asphalt concrete core rockfill dam (ACCRD) considering dam –  
 498 reservoir – foundation (DRF) dynamic interaction system. A series of seismic dynamic analysis of  
 499 finite element model were conducted to generate 322 numerical results to determine the seismic  
 500 fragility curves of a high ACCRD via coupling multiple stripe analysis and maximum likelihood  
 501 estimate.

502 In this particular study, the developed multiple stripe data showed that the relative settlement ratio  
 503 (RSR) of a high ACCRD is more vulnerable to moderate damage or severe damage when subjected to  
 504 longer duration. Furthermore, the results of the system fragility curves indicate that for damage states  
 505 for which the high ACCRD behaves under strong GMs, there is significantly effect due to the different

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506 ID on the fragility curves and risk. The damage state of a high ACCRD under shorter duration exhibit  
507 smaller seismic fragilities. Such phenomenon is explained by the fact that for the the operating basis  
508 earthquake (OBE) or the maximum credible earthquake (MCE), the longer duration may trigger severe  
509 damage of a high ACCRD.

510 The impact of ID on the stress DCR and CID demonstrates that the stress DCR exhibits sensitivity  
511 to the longer duration, while the CID also shows relatively strong sensitivity to the longer duration. It  
512 is reasonable that the longer duration, the greater DCR-CID, since the performance index is related to  
513 the duration of cycles exceeding the tensile strength of the asphalt concrete core. Similarly, the  
514 developed seismic fragility curves for the asphalt concrete core under longer duration exhibited  
515 significantly higher POE than shorter duration. In addition, the difference value of POE between short  
516 - duration and long - duration is increase along with the increase seismic intensity. The study provides  
517 important insight into the seismic behavior of the high ACCRD and highlights the need for further  
518 development of seismic design codes in consideration of the impact of ground motion duration,  
519 frequency, amplitude.

520 Finally, several restrictions of the present study should be paid more attention. Among the effect  
521 of real environment, the dam-reservoir-foundation dynamic interaction system is more complex, so  
522 only the effect of hydrodynamic pressure is considered. Further, the tensile strength of asphalt concrete  
523 is approximately determined according the work of Ghanaat (2004). Further research should consider  
524 the shaking model test and numerical analysis with more than two performance indicators or with  
525 different elastic-plastic analysis combinations of the multi-field coupling approach.

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# Figures

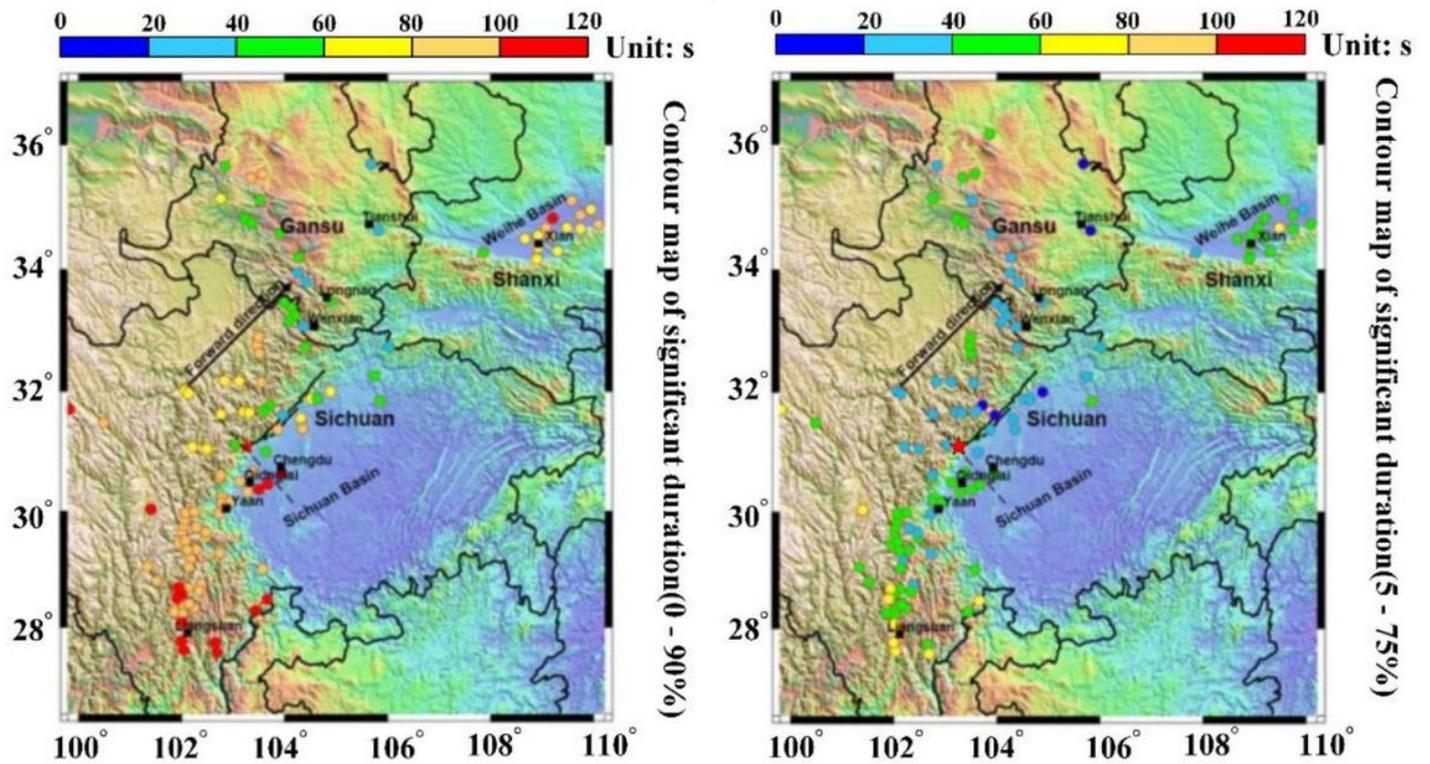
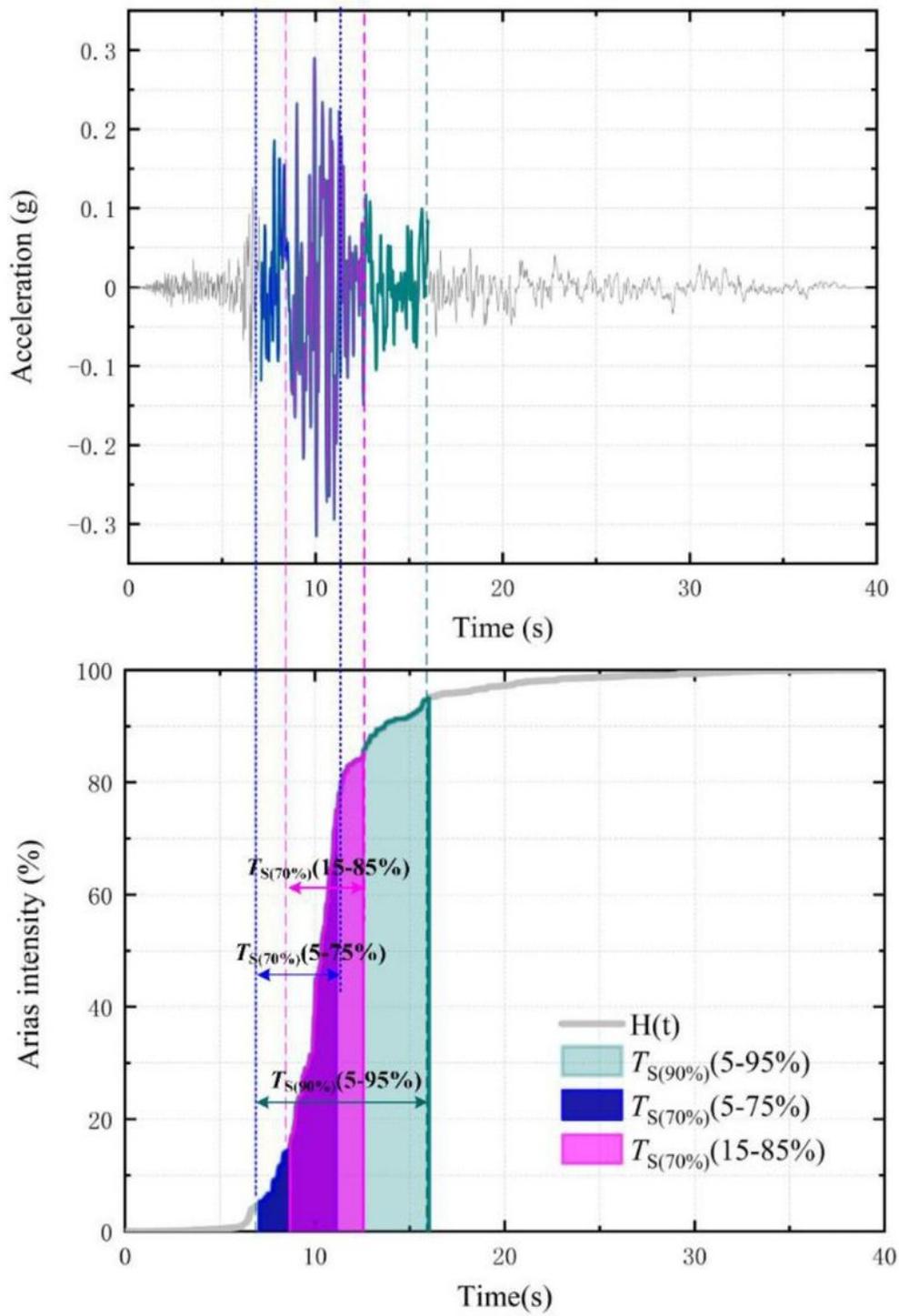


Figure 1

Spatial distribution of significant duration recorded from Wenchuan earthquake (Mw7.9, 2008). (a) 0-90% significant duration; (b) 5-75% significant duration. Note: The designations employed and the presentation of the material on this map do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of Research Square concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city or area or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries. This map has been provided by the authors.



**Figure 2**

The husid diagram of three SDs of an as-record accelerogram.

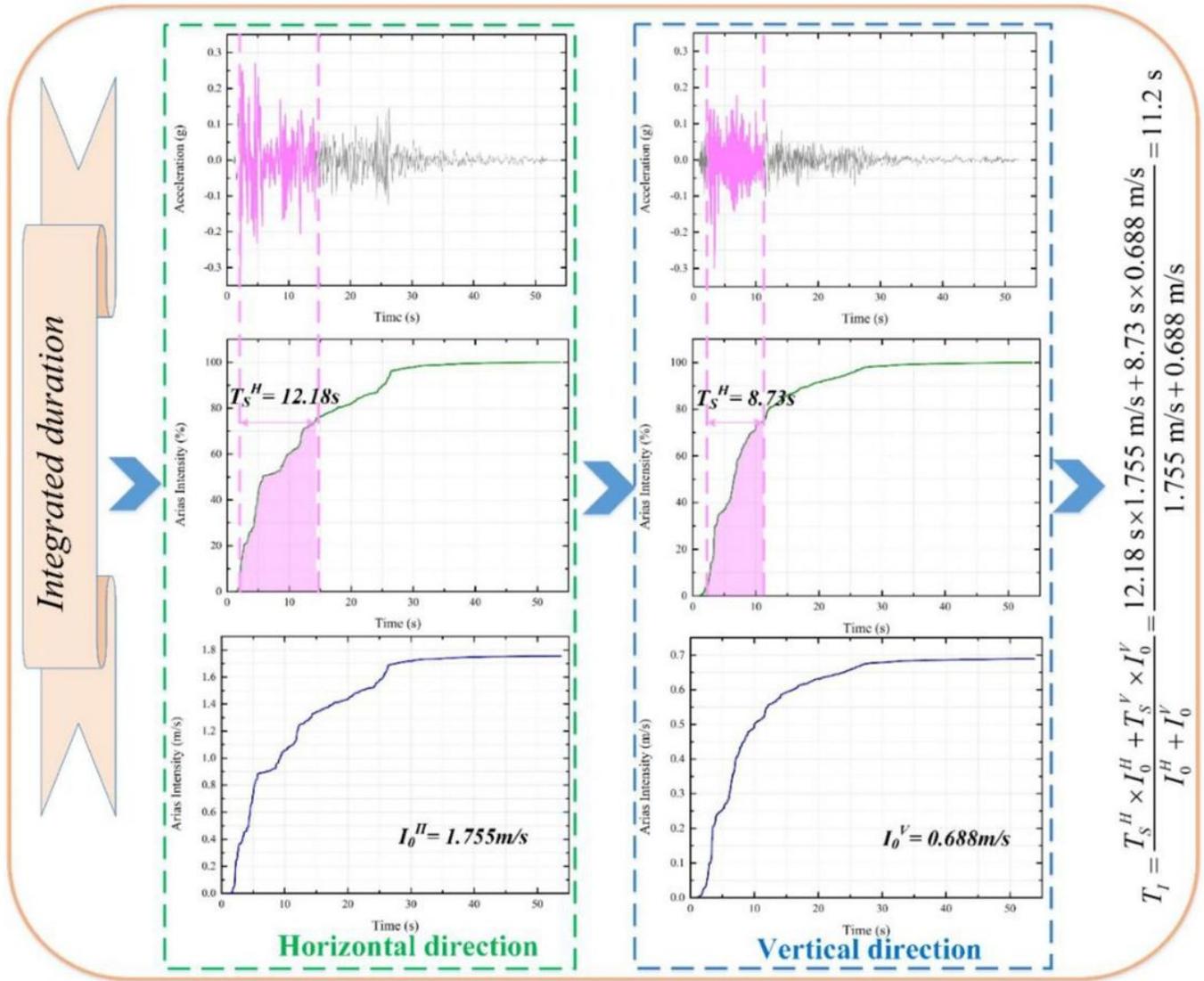
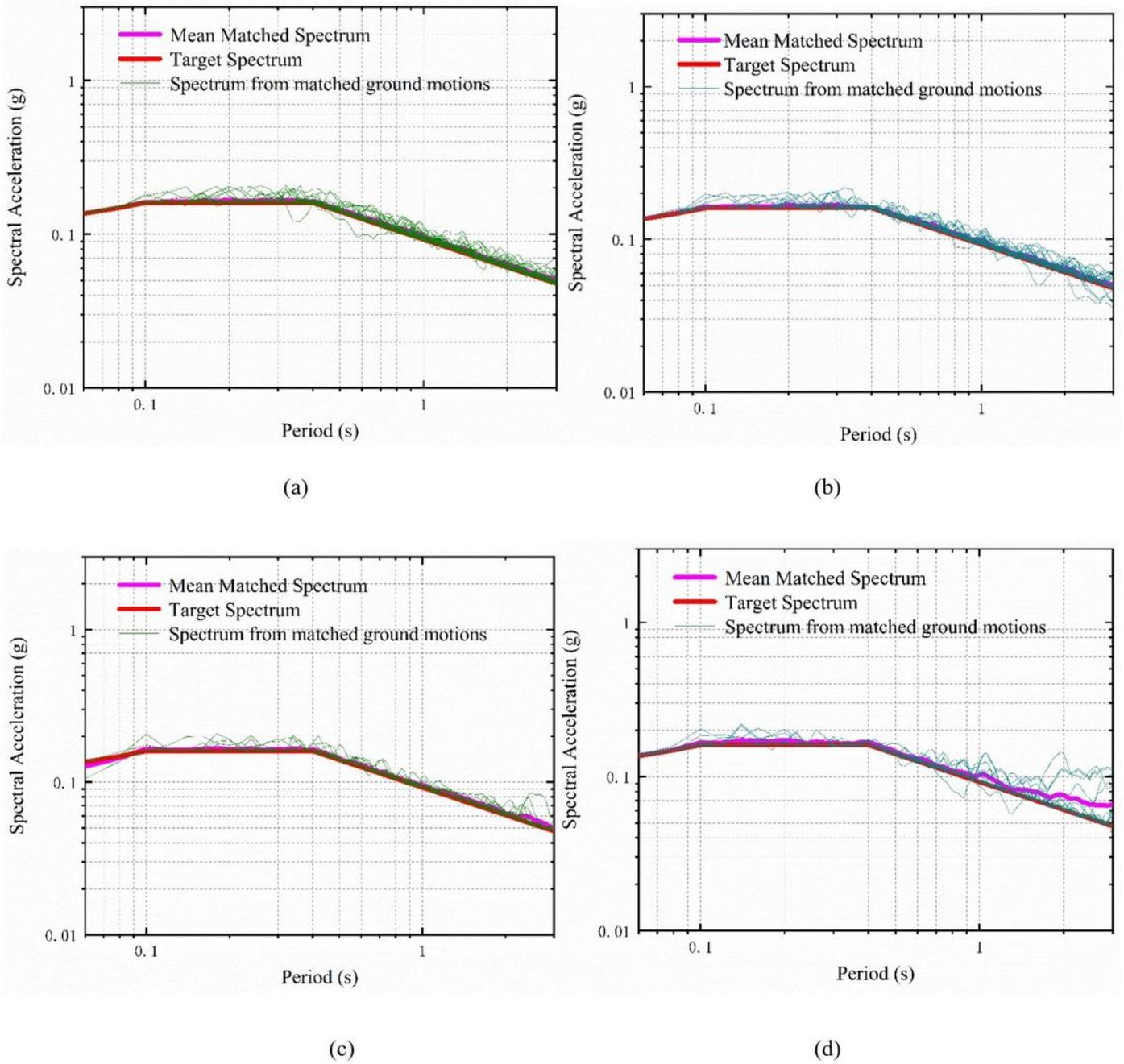


Figure 3

Calculation progress of ID based on SD (5-75%).



**Figure 4**

Comparison of the adjusted response spectra of short - and long - duration GMs: (a) horizontal short - duration; (b) vertical direction short - duration; (c) horizontal long - duration; (d) vertical direction long - duration.

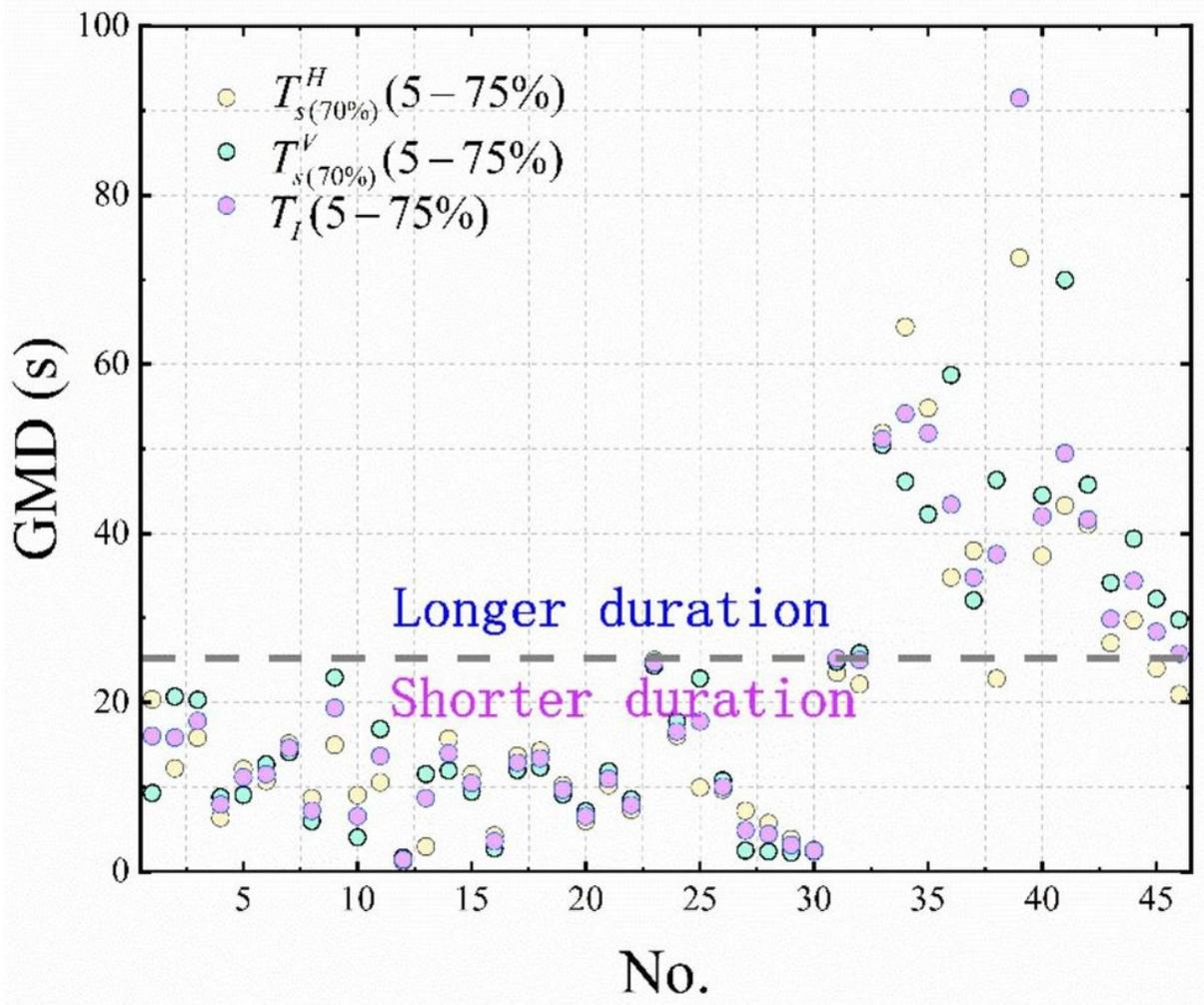


Figure 5

Distribution of GMD in database after matching spectral acceleration.

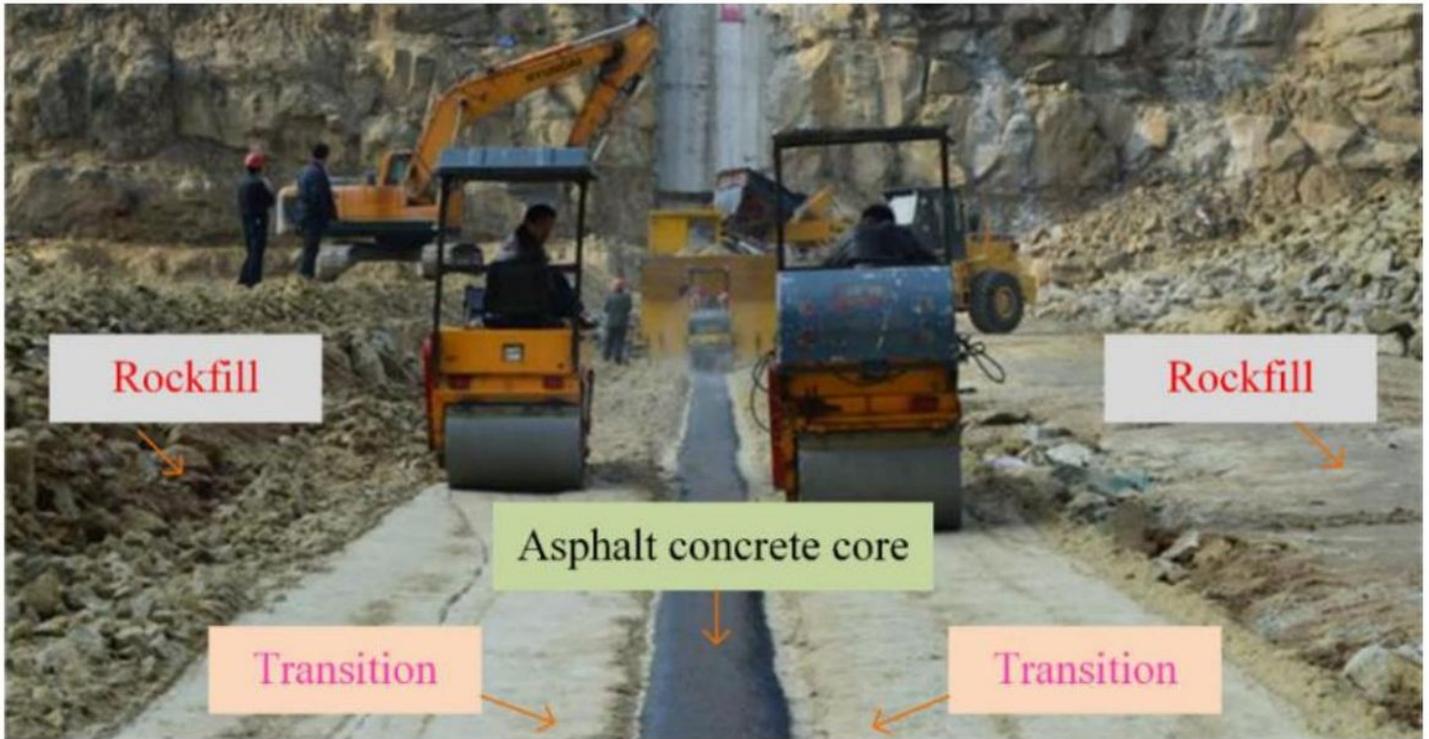


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Construction of high ACCRD.

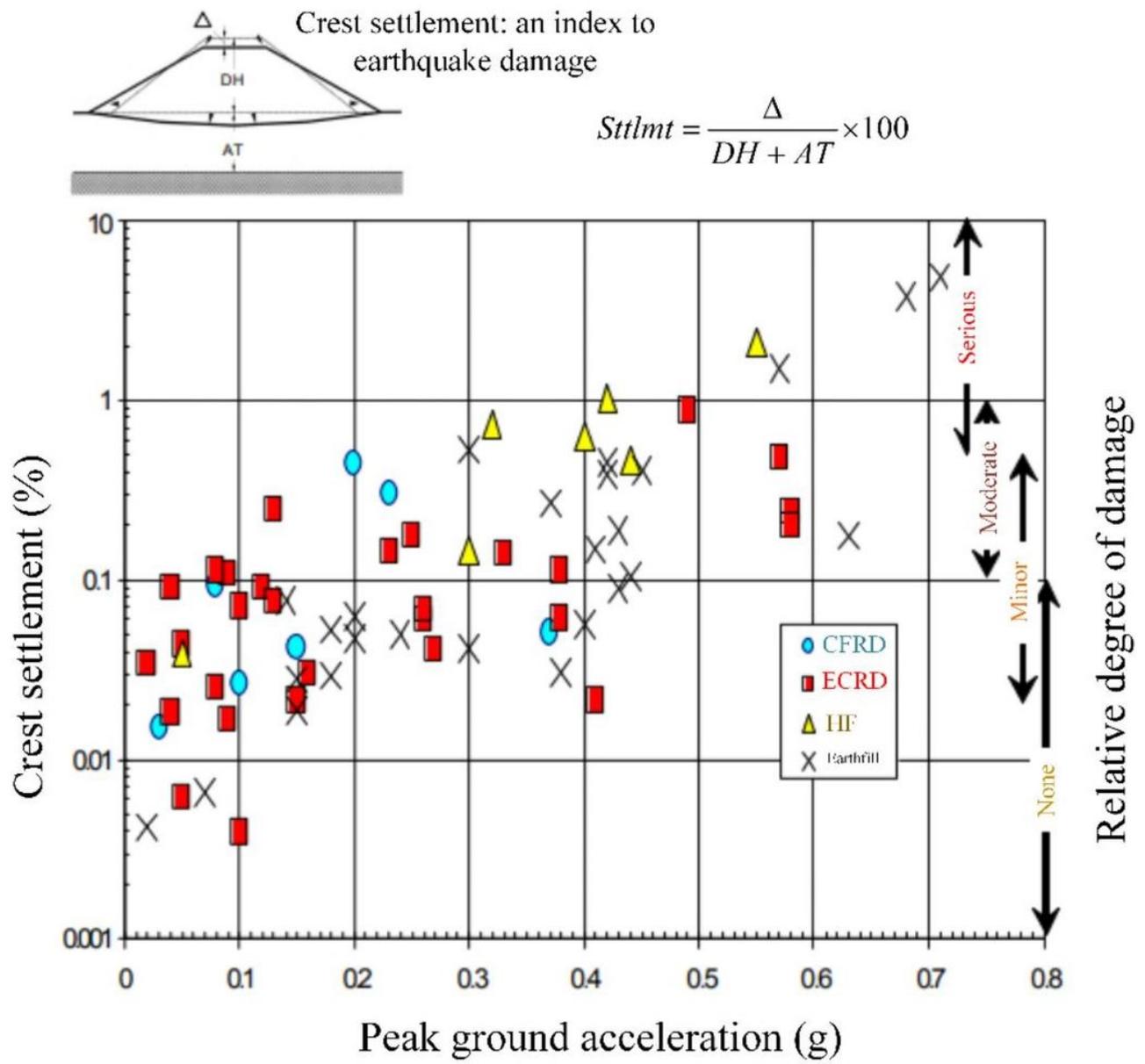


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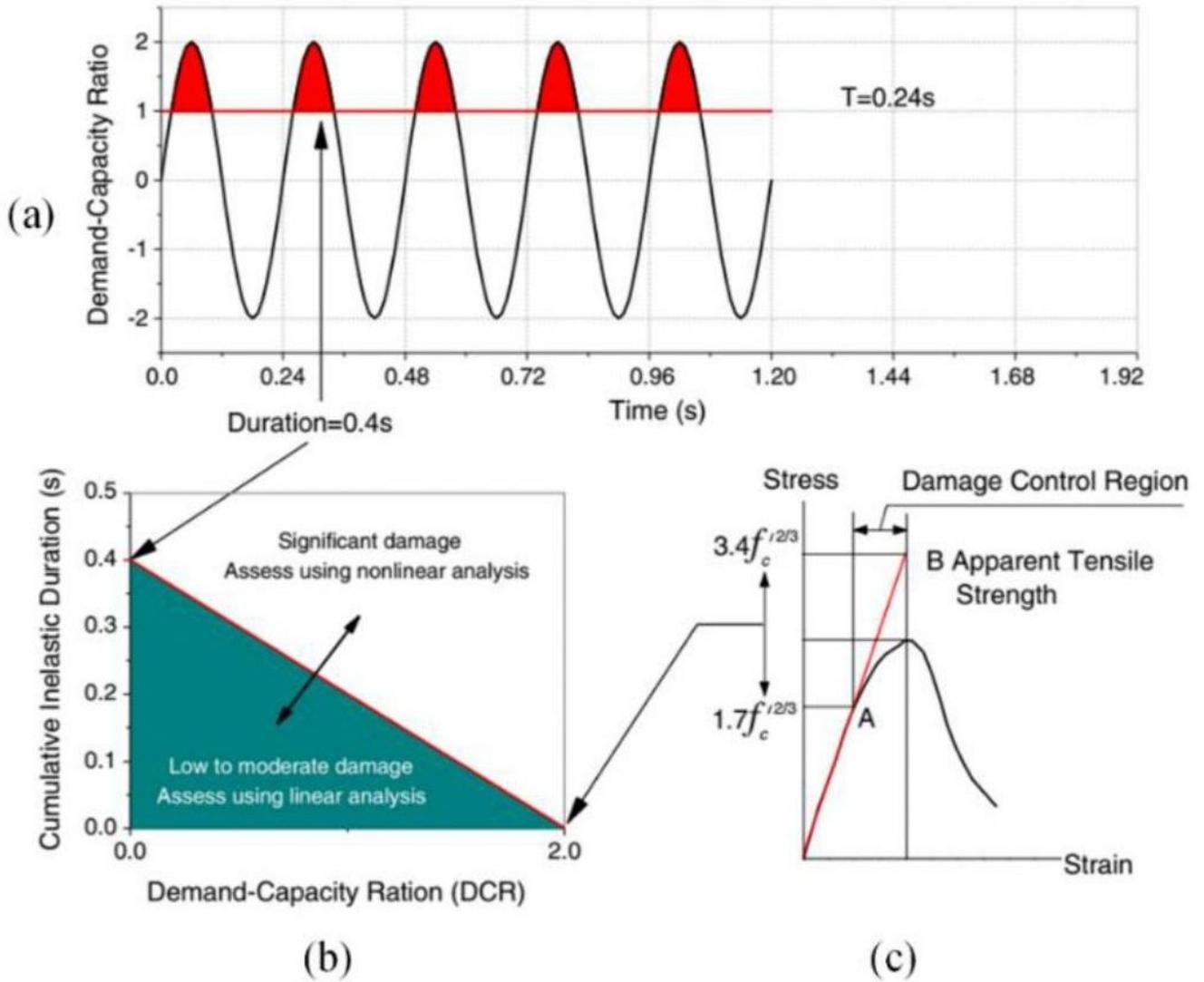


Figure 8

Illustration of seismic performance and damage criteria (Ghanaat, 2004).

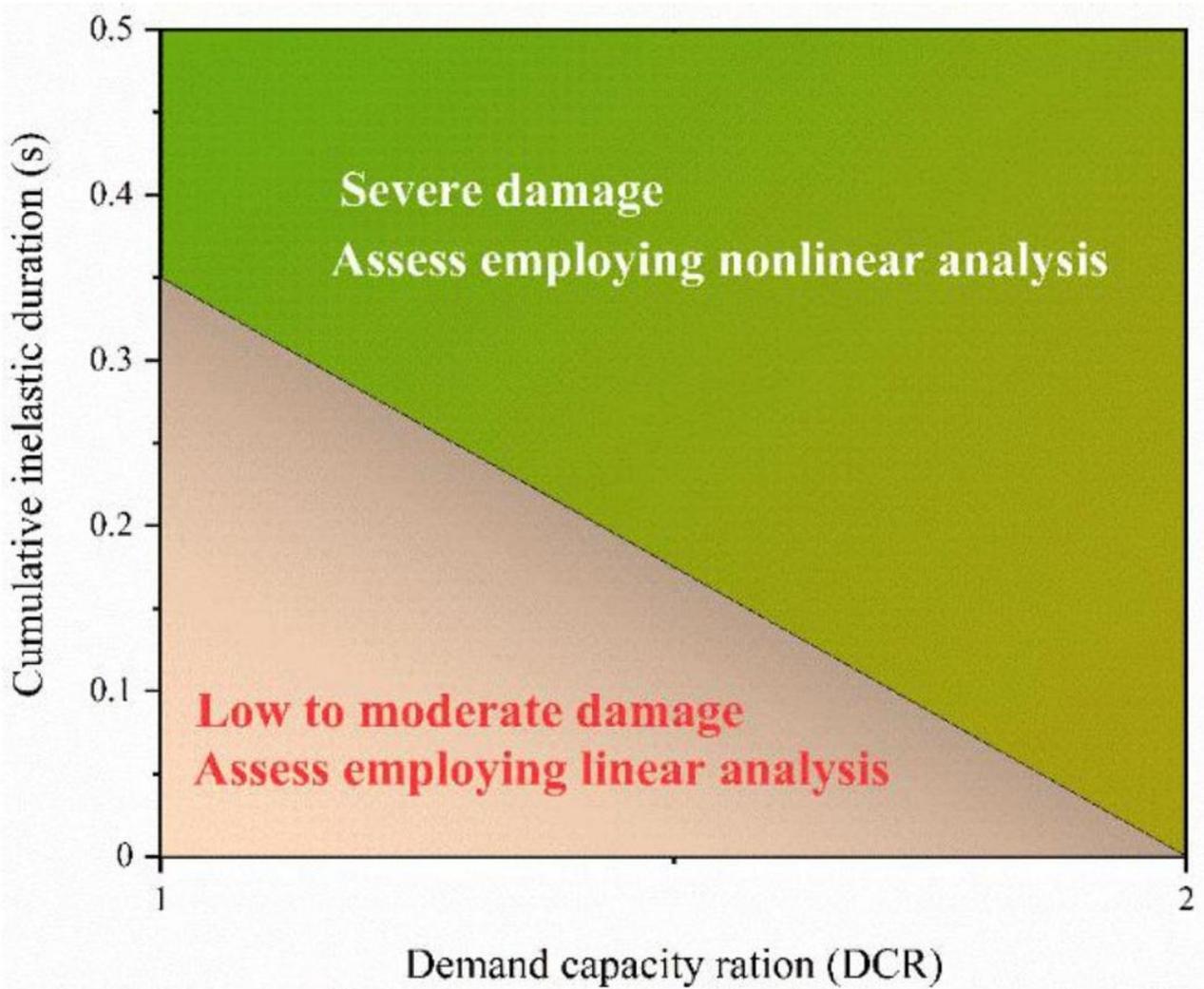


Figure 9

Seismic performance and limit state threshold value of asphalt concrete core.

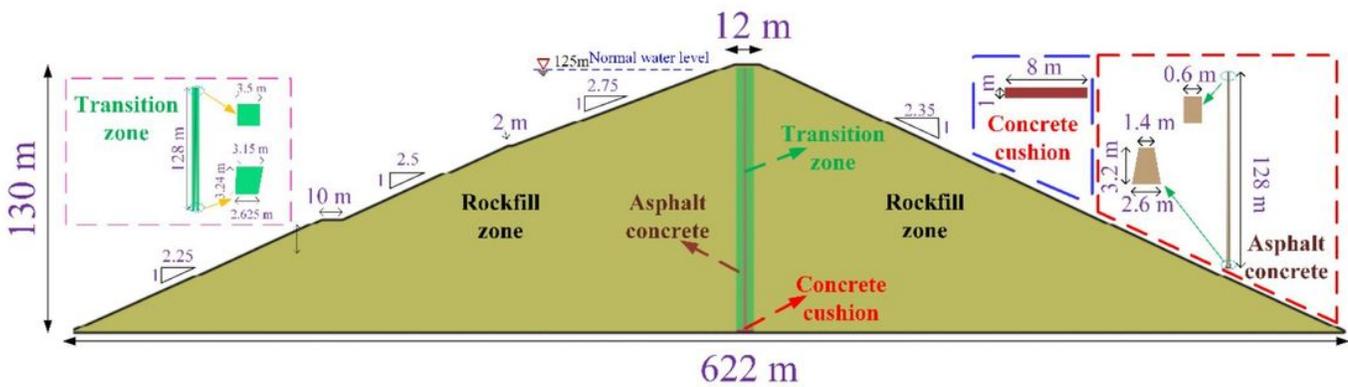
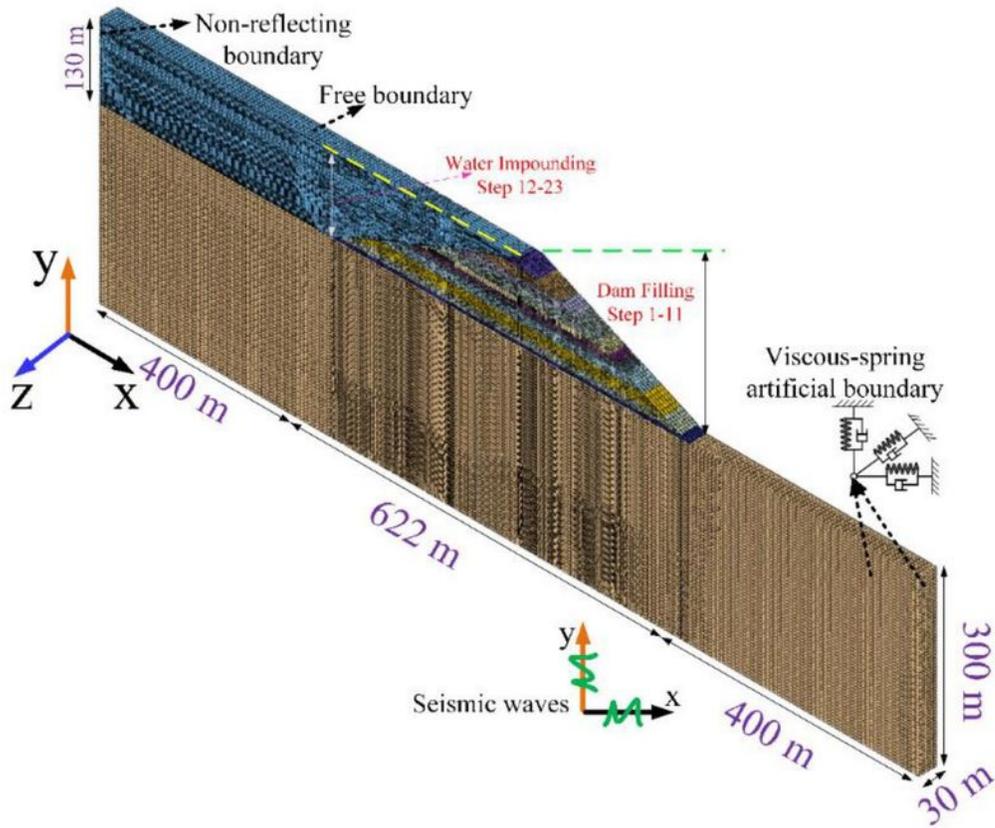
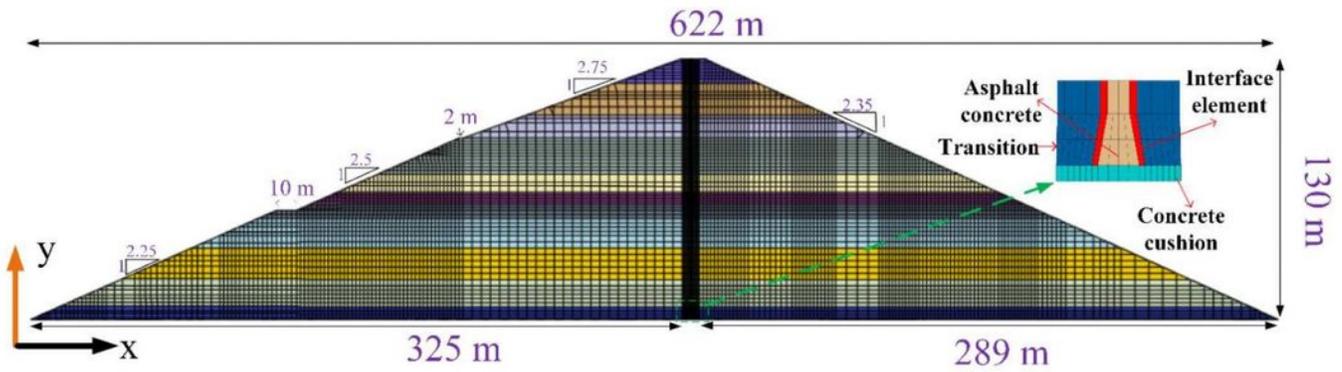


Figure 10

Construction and design of Dashimen dam: (a) aerial view; (b) cross section



(a)



(b)

Figure 11

Details of the high ACCRD – water – foundation FE model.

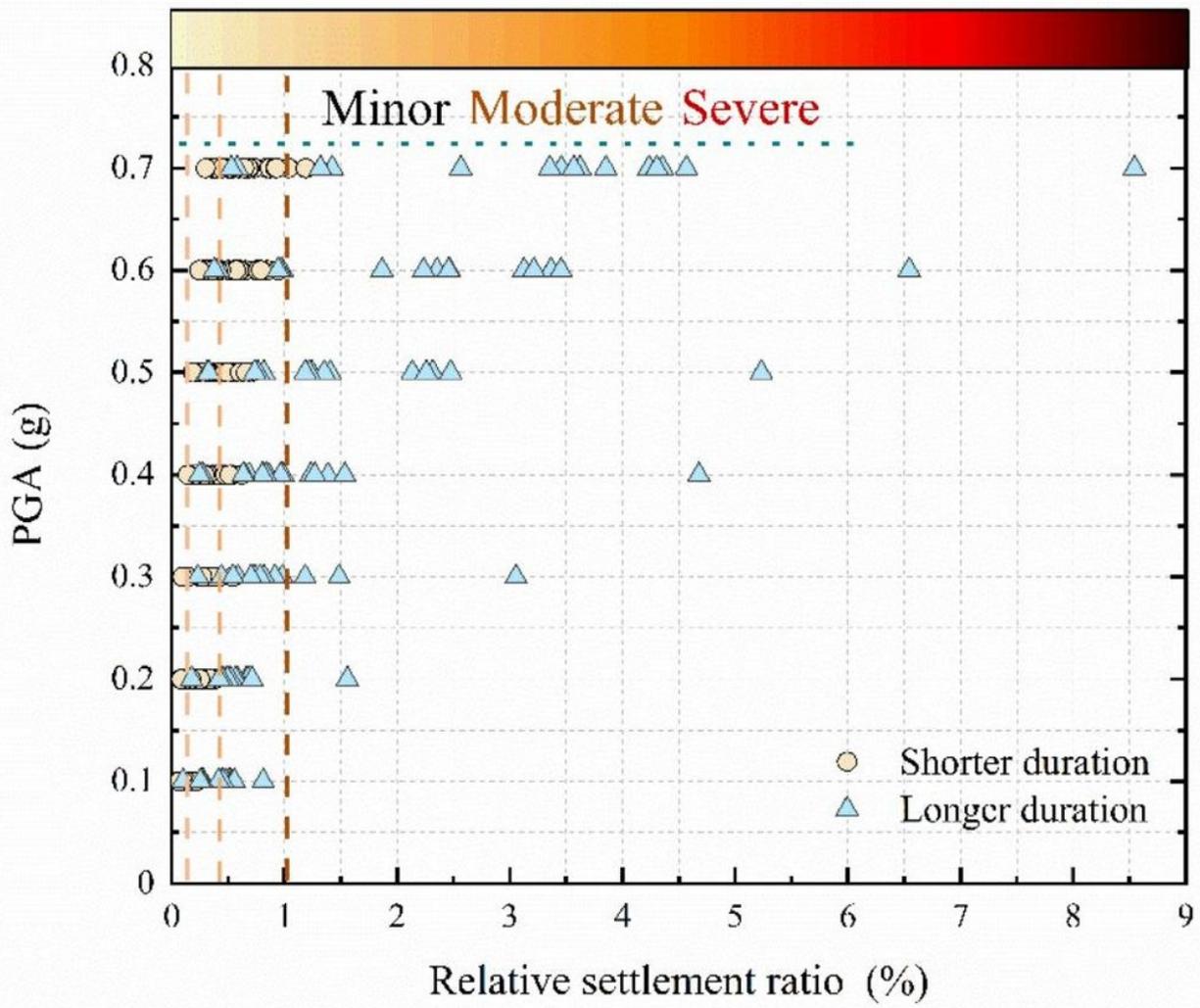


Figure 12

The RSR of multiple strip response under different seismic intensities.

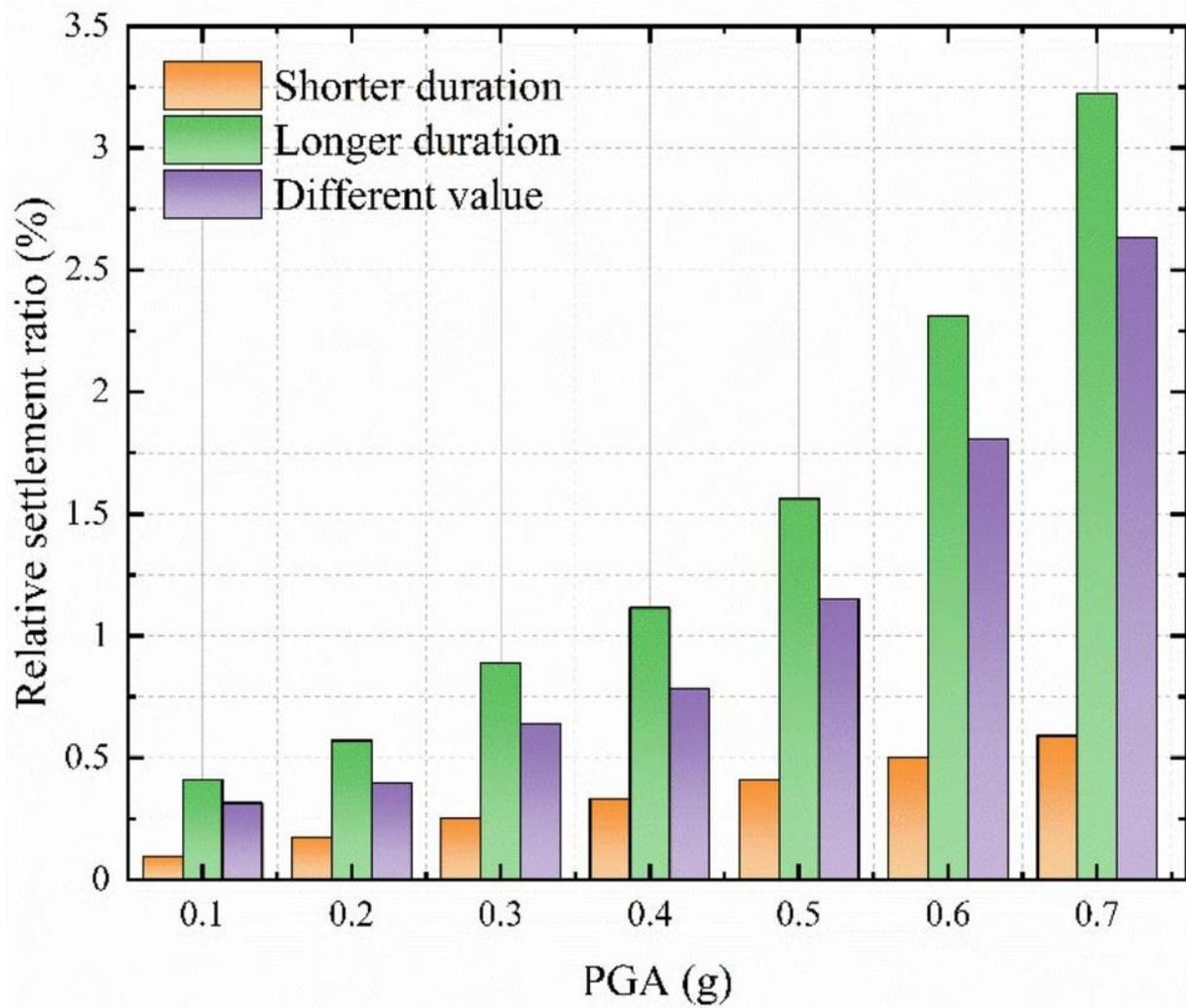
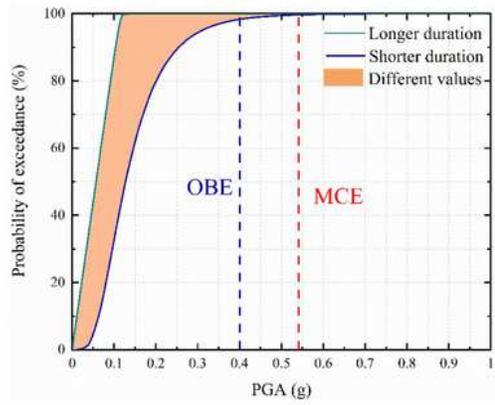
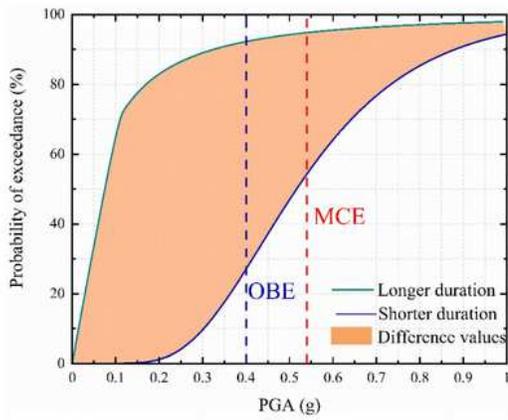


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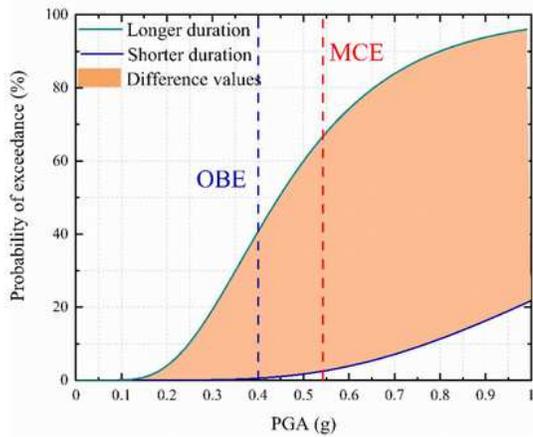
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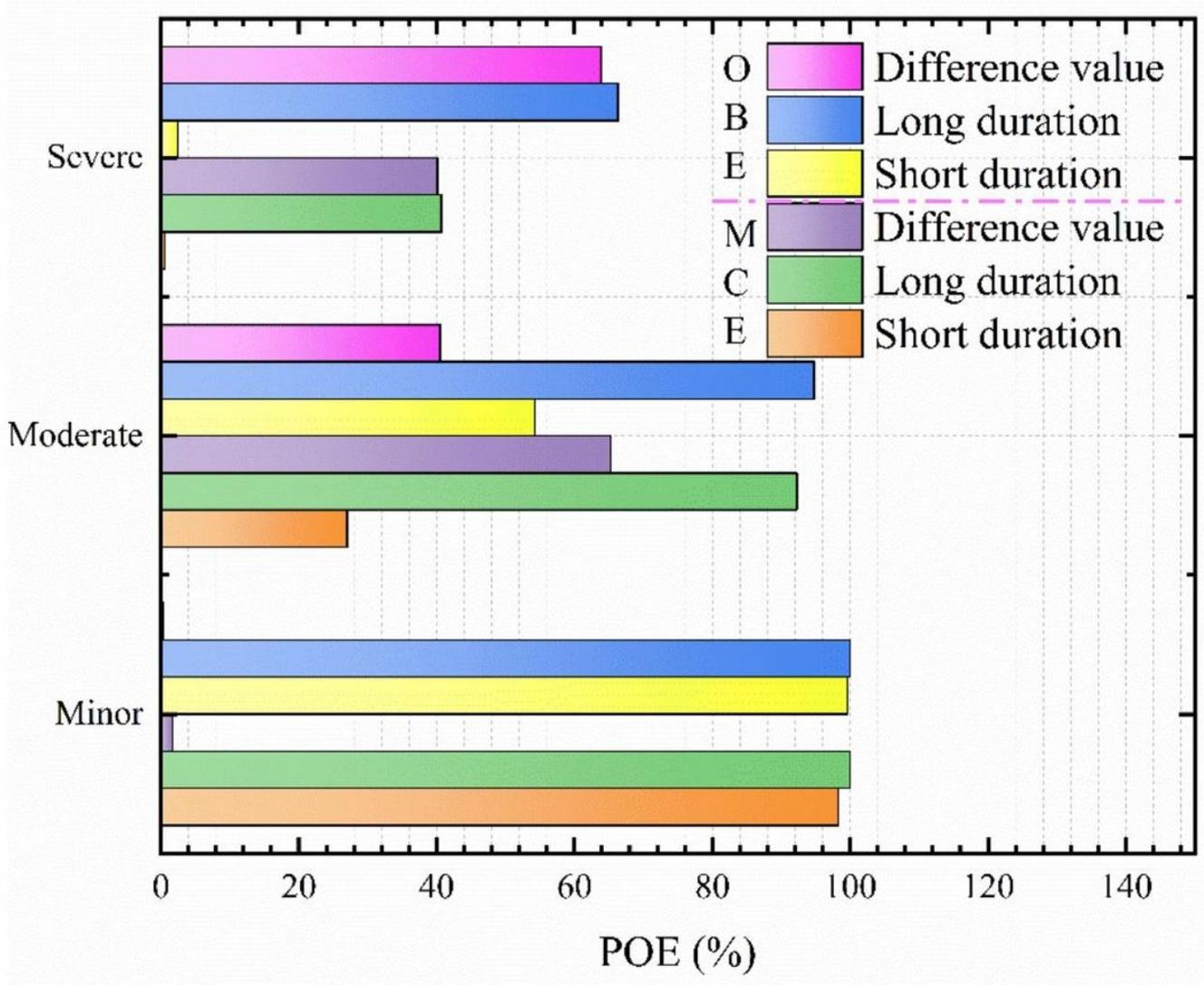
(b) Moderate



(c) Severe

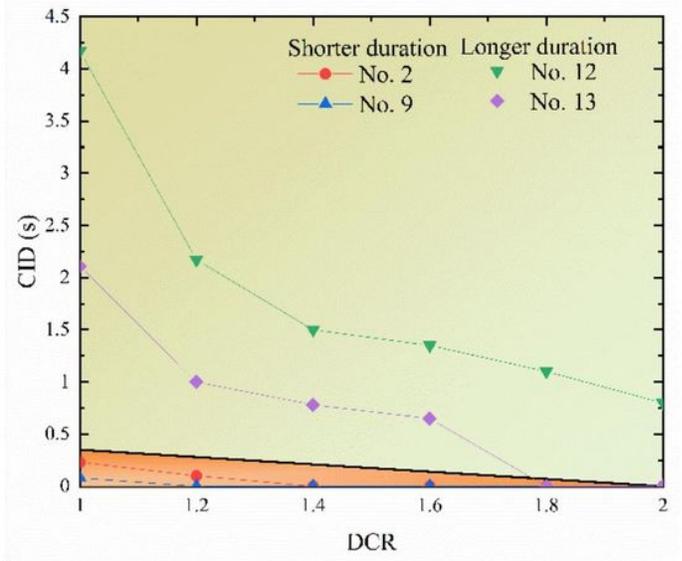
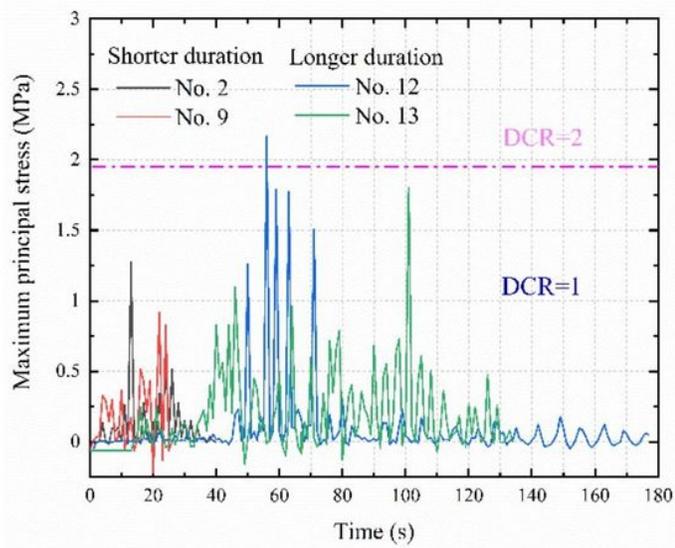
**Figure 14**

Comparison of fragility curves of short - and long - duration GMs for different performance levels: (a) Minor damage. (b) Moderate damage, and (c) Severe damage.



**Figure 15**

The POE of different performance levels of RSR under OBE and MCE.

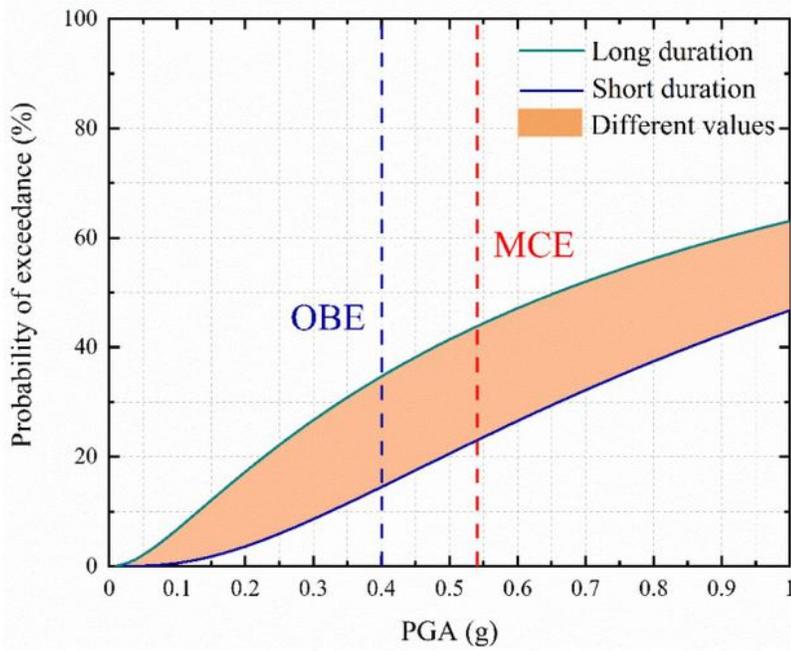


(a) Time histories of maximum principal stress

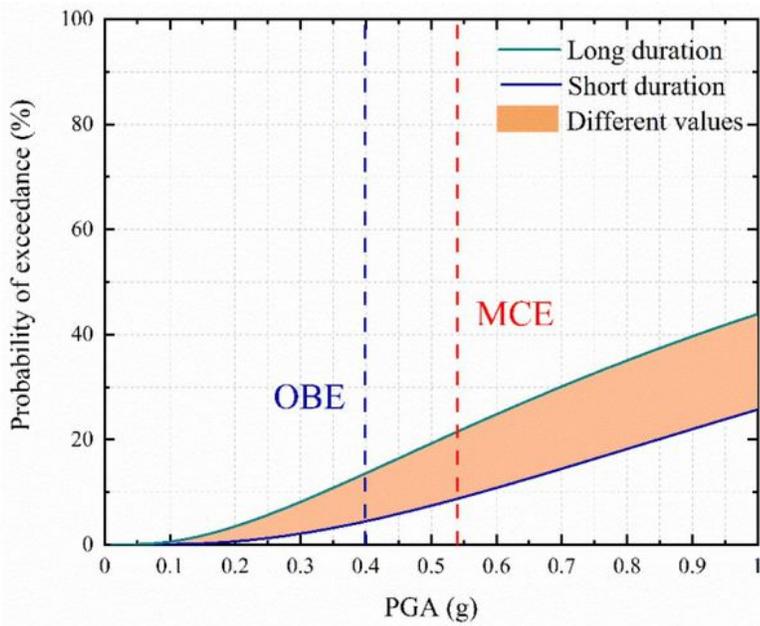
(b) Performance assessment curves

**Figure 16**

Time histories of maximum principal stress and performance assessment curves for short - and long - duration GMs with a PGA level of 0.5g.



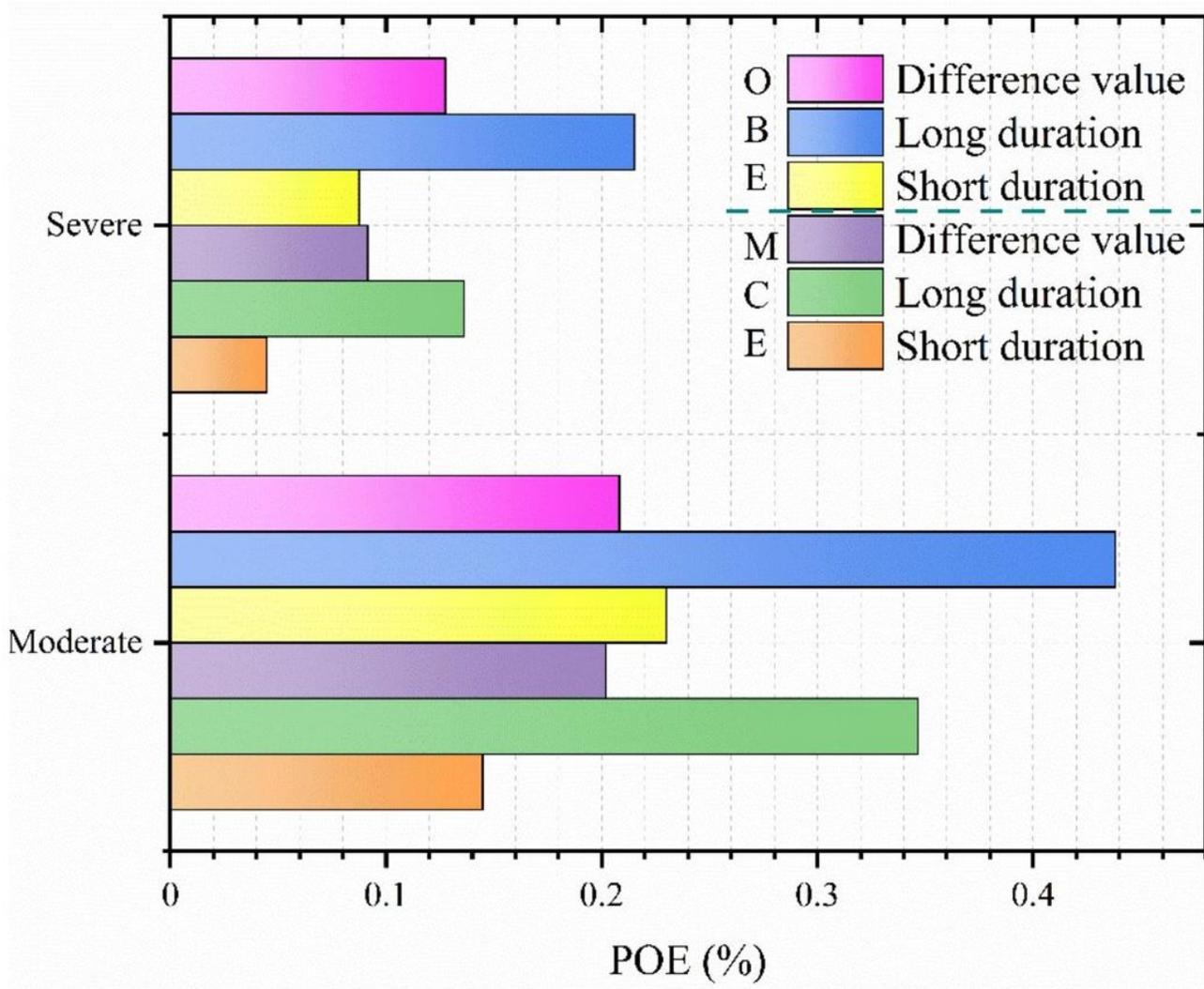
(a) Moderate



(b) Severe

**Figure 17**

Seismic fragility curves with short - and long - duration GMs for (a) moderate; (b) severe.



**Figure 18**

The POE of different performance levels of RSR under OBE and MCE.