

II LEVEL SEISMIC **MICROZONATION** AND ABACUSES OF **SEISMIC AMPLIFICATION**





LESSON CONTENTS



- Seismic Risk in Italy
- Seismic Microzonation
- Abacuses of Amplification Factors (F.A.):
 - Step 1: Model of the subsoil and seismic input
 - Step 2: Seismic Site Simulations
 - Step 3: Abacuses' realization





Basilic of San Francesco d'Assisi with Cimabue Paintings (XIII Century) Central Italy Seismic Sequence (1997)



Student House L'Aquila Earthquake (2009)

Hotel Roma Amatrice Earthquake (2016)







SEISMIC RISK:

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SEISMIC RISK: Hazard * Vulnerability * Exposed Value





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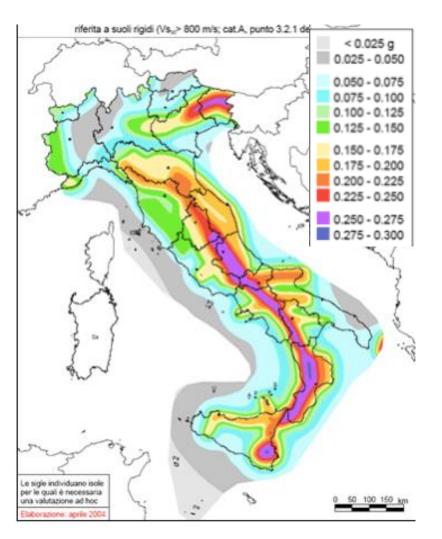


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Italy is one of the country in the Mediterranean with the highest seismic risk



SEISMIC HAZARD MAP



Seismic hazard maps provide **probabilistic** estimates of the earthquake ground shaking exceeding a given threshold in a given geographic region within a given time window.

Provides the 10% probability of exceedance in 50 years of the horizontal acceleration at rock sites (i.e., soil category A, $V_{s30} > 800$ m/s, Nuove Norme Tecniche per le Costruzioni, NTC 2008.)

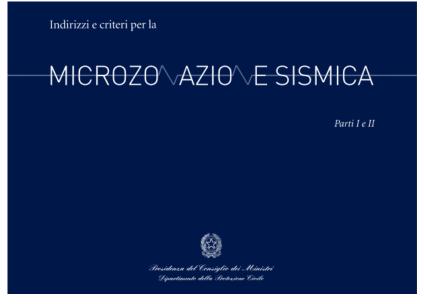
The engineering bedrock \rightarrow v_s \ge 800 m/s (soil category A = stiff soil or rock). Softer soils \rightarrow v_s \le 800 m/s Are expected to amplify the seismic action



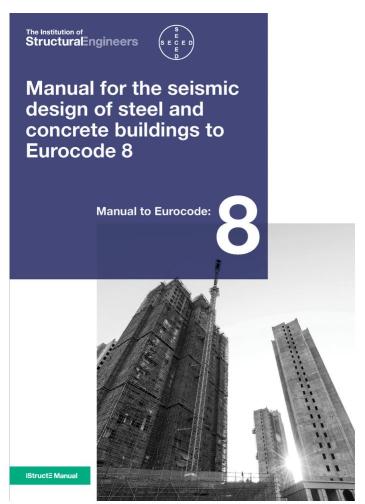
SEISMIC REGULATION



Program on Improved Seismic Safety Provisions









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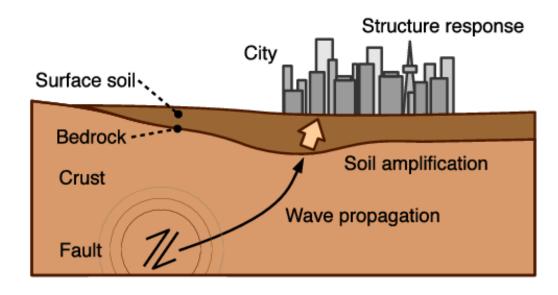
Guideline to perform studies of the dynamic behaviour of the soils.

Useful for application in urban planning and engineering design.





SEISMIC LOCAL RESPONSE



- 1) When an earthquake occurs, the seismic waves generated by the fault propagate through the crust.
- 2) The seismic waves are amplified near the interfeace of bedrock and soft sediment.
- 3) The building and structures are shaken by the resulting ground motion \rightarrow site response



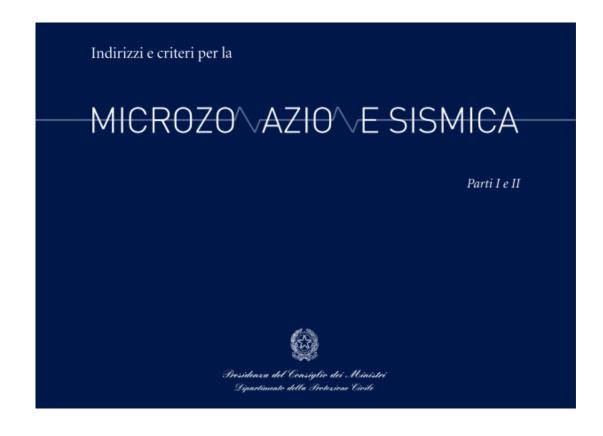
SEISMIC SITE RESPONSE

MICROZONATION LEVEL

- I LEVEL

- II LEVEL

- III LEVEL





SEISMIC SITE RESPONSE

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SEISMIC SITE RESPONSE

MICROZONATION LEVEL: AMPLIFICATION FACTORS' ABACUSES

CLAY

Vs30(m/s)	200	250	300
F.A. PGA	1.8	1.7	1.6
F.A. S1	1.5	1.4	1.4
F.A. S2	3.2	2.5	2.4
F.A. S3	3.8	3.8	3.6

SAND

Vs30(m/s)	250	300	350
F.A. PGA	1.5	1.4	1.2
F.A. S1	1.3	1.3	1.2
F.A. S2	2.1	2.1	1.8
F.A. S3	3.5	3.5	3.1

AMPLIFICATION

FACTORS: easy and immediate parameters descibing the geolithological conditions

GRAVEL

Vs30(m/s)	400	450	500	550	600
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SEISMIC SITE RESPONSE

MICROZONATION LEVEL: AMPLIFICATION FACTORS' ABACUSES

FINAL SCOPE: URBAN PLANNING



SEMPLIFIED APPROACH FOR THE AMPLIFICATION ESTIMATES

For local engineering projects (building design or building renovation) the III level is needed.



REGIONE DELVENETO

II LEVEL MICROZONATION



ICMS: Specific regional microzonation analysis (local geological features)



VENETO REGION



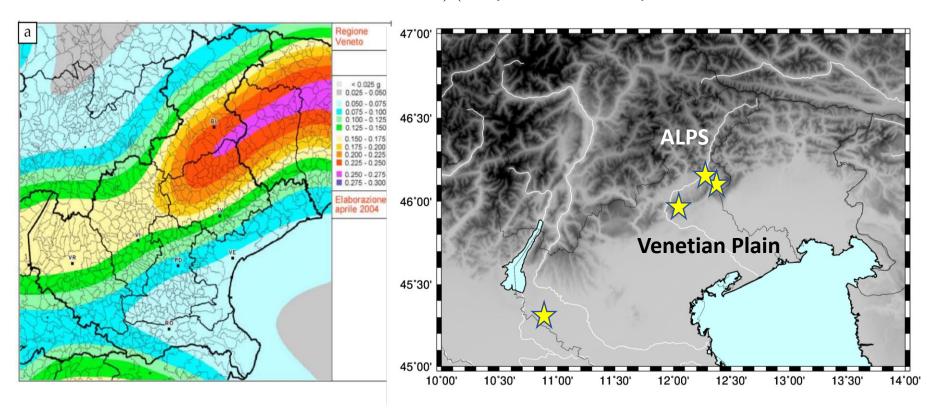
Collaboration Agreement
Between Regione Veneto and
University of Padua



VENETO REGION



★ Hystorical Earthquake with Mw > 6



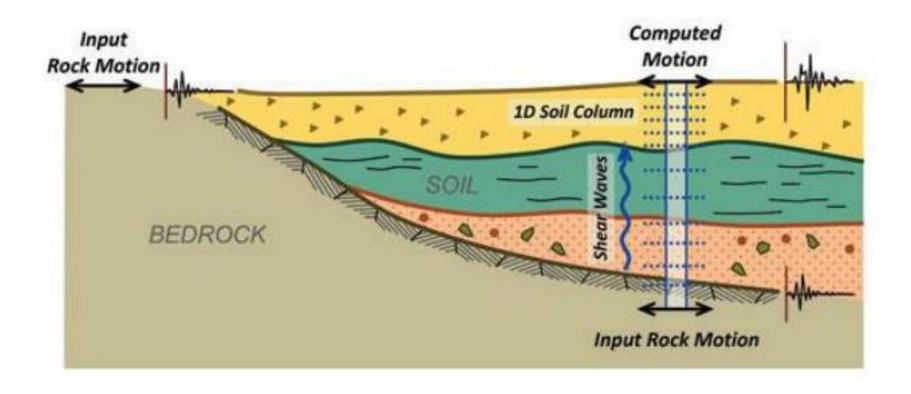
Mid-to-high seismic active area

Large and Deep alluvial basin



VENETO REGION

With simple methods we quantify the amplification phenomena



ABACUSES



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1.1 IDENTIFY LITHO-STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS

1.2 GEOPHYSICAL PARAMETERS OF THE UNITS

1.3 SEISMIC INPUT SELECTION

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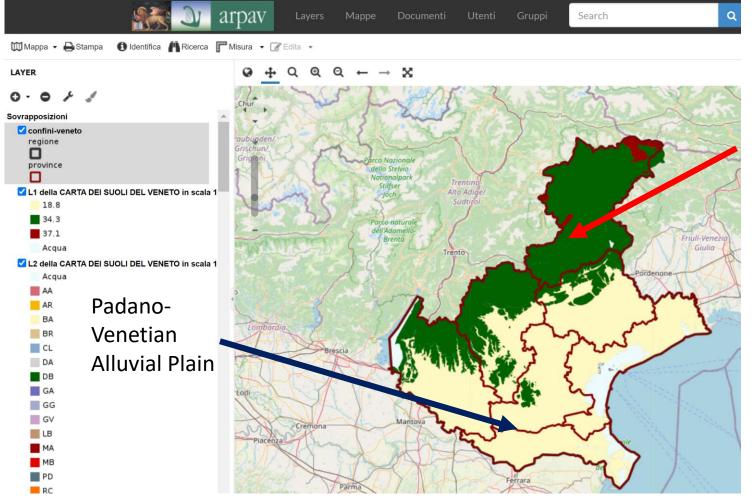
Subdivide the Veneto region in macro-areas, with dominant geological formations and same seismic behaviour.

Available data:

- Detailed Maps of different soil types
- Geotechnical official documents provided by Regione Veneto
- Other geophysical surveys performed by Geoscience Department, University of Padova



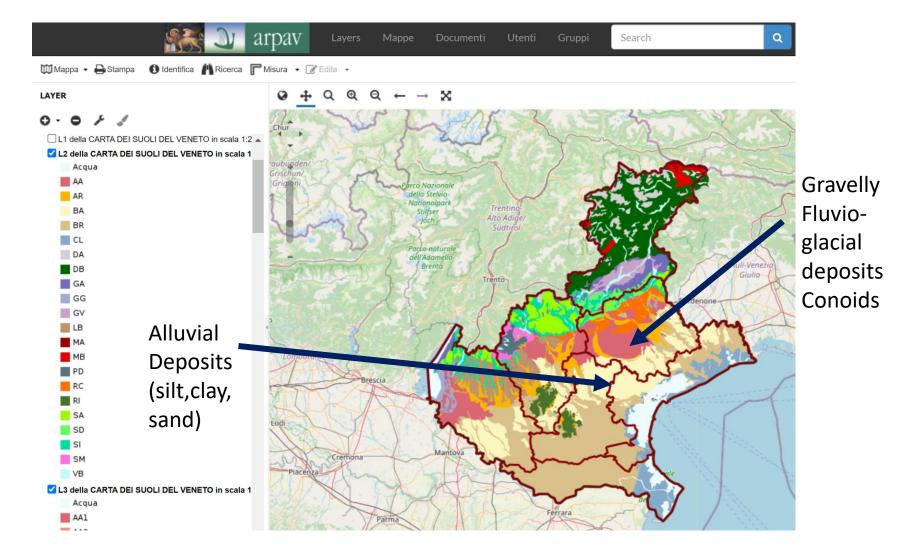
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Calcareous and Dolomitic Formation (Jurassic/Cretaceous)



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FINAL RESULT

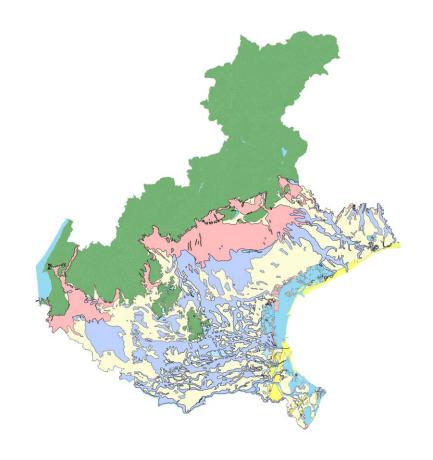
LITHO-STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS or MACRO-ZONES:

GRAVEL

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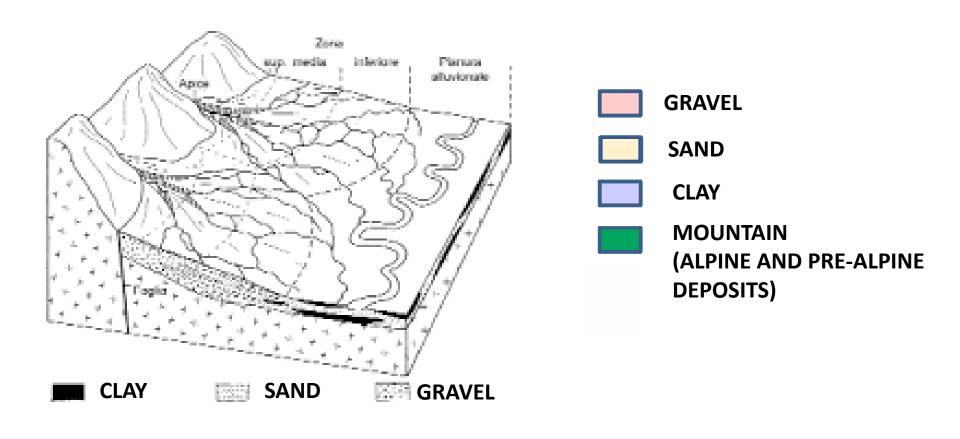
CLAY

MOUNTAIN
(ALPINE AND PRE-ALPINE
DEPOSITS)



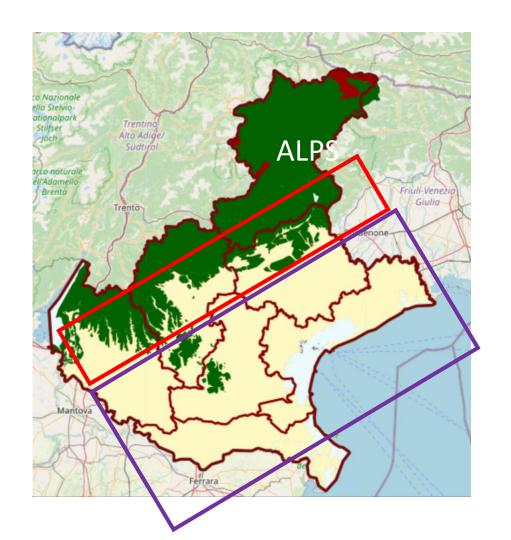


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1.2 GEOPHYSICAL PARAMETERS OF THE UNITS



Pre-Alpine zone (variable thickness)

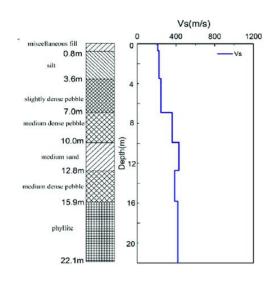
Alluvial Plain zone (thickness greater than 30 meters)

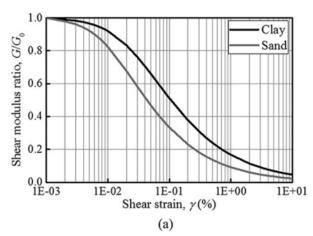


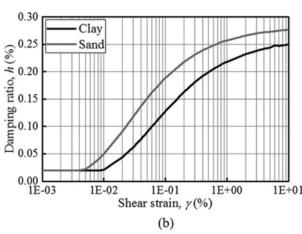
1.2 GEOPHYSICAL PARAMETERS OF THE UNITS

Geophysical Parameters (useful for II level microzonation analysis):

- Shear-waves velocity profiles
- Non-linear curves (Damping ratio and shear-modulus reduction)



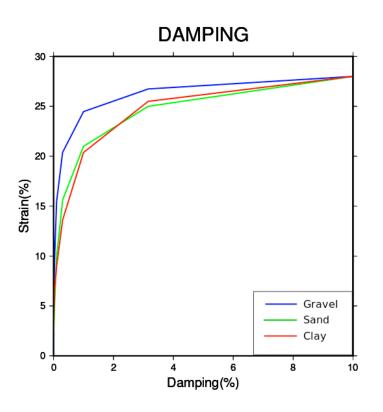


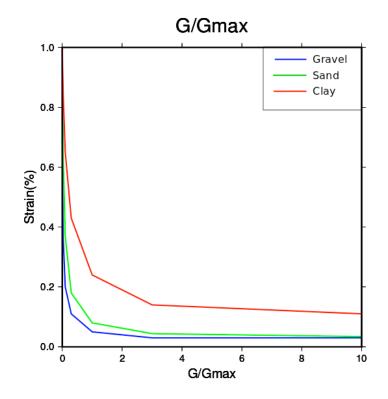




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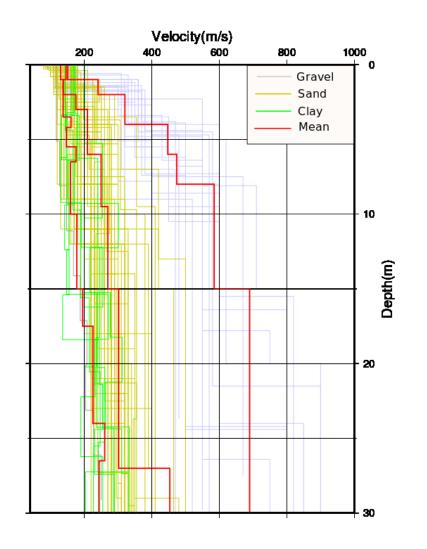
- Non-linear curves: Reference model in literature (Idriss and Sun, 1990)







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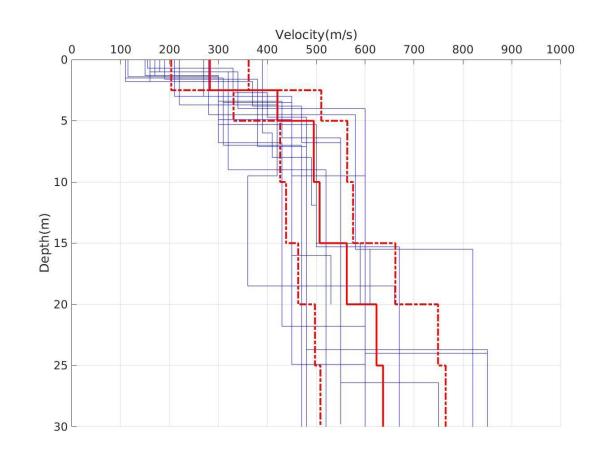
- Shear-waves velocity profiles: collect geophysical data contained in geological technical evaluation documents.
- Selection of highquality data
- Average
- Standard Deviation



1.2 GEOPHYSICAL PARAMETERS OF THE UNITS

GRAVEL

MAXIMUM
DEPTH = 30
meters

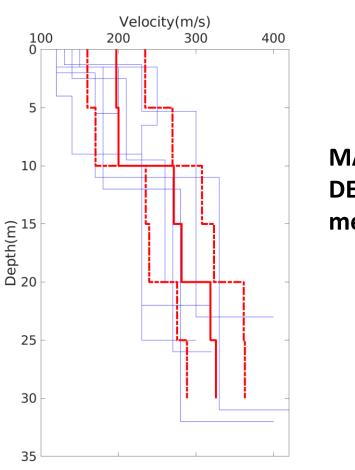


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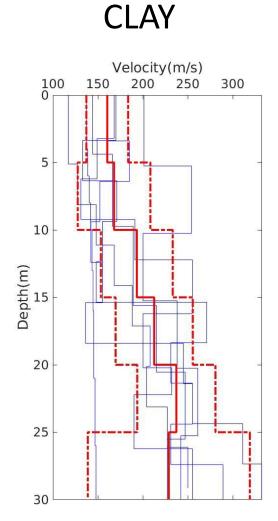


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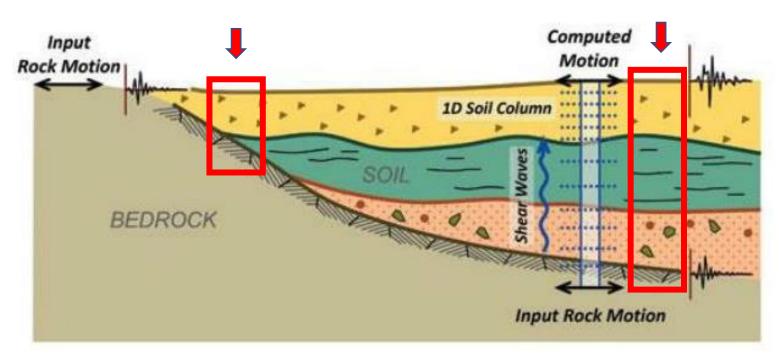




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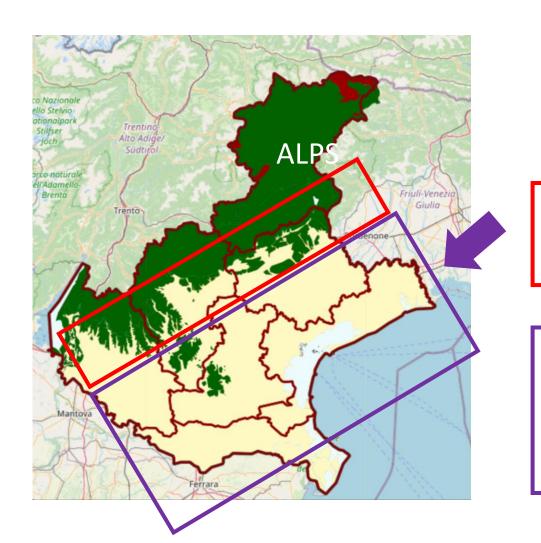
Shallow Vs profiles (30 meters)

Deeper vs structures ???????





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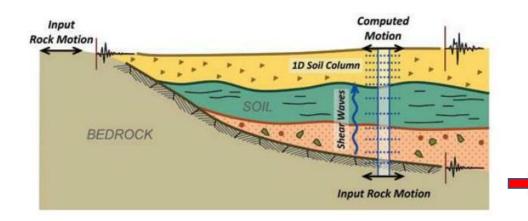


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1.2 GEOPHYSICAL PARAMETERS OF THE UNITS



VARIABLE BEDROCK DEPTH OF THE VENETIAN PLAIN:

Retrieve Geophysical information from oil and gas prospection in Veneto Region (1950)



Model the deeper structure with vs gradient ICMS: Linear Gradient

Data

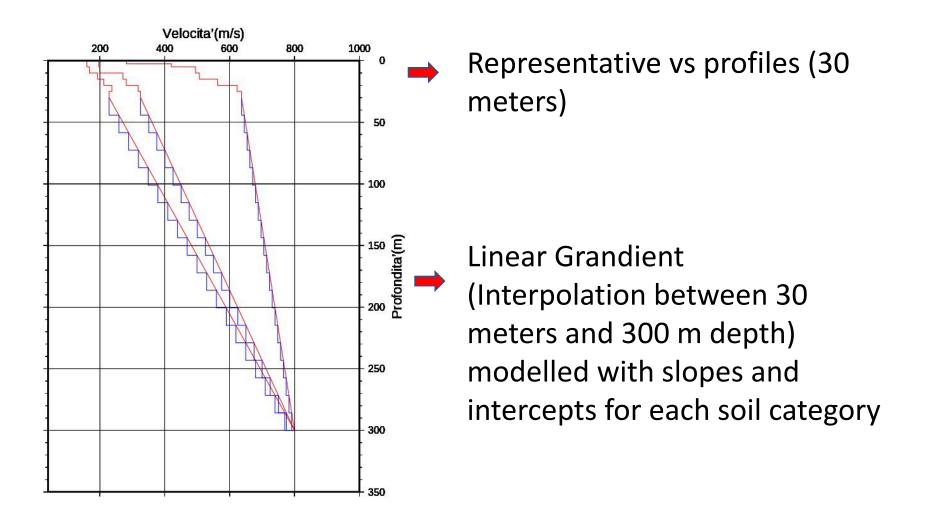
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300 meters



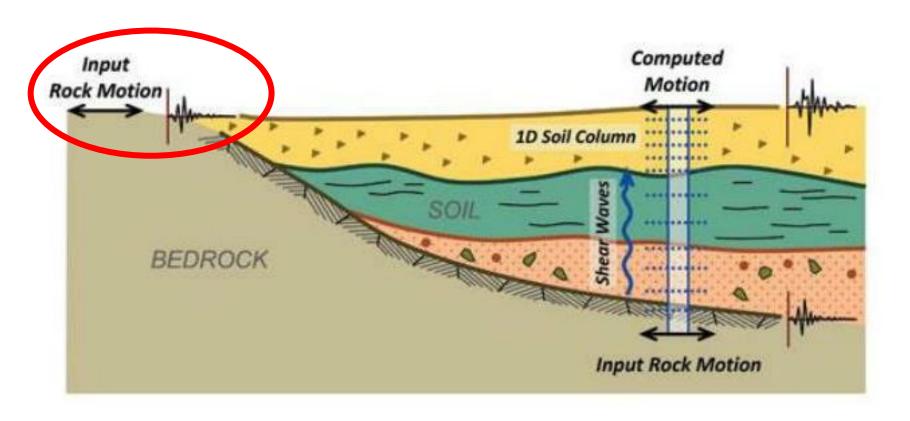
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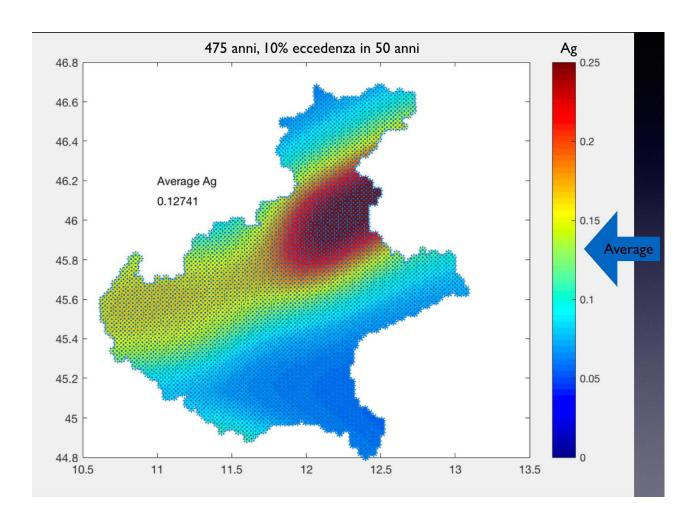
1.3 SEISMIC INPUT SELECTION

Seismic site response analysis requires the definition of seismic input: previously recorded accelerograms. The accelerograms MUST be recorded in bedrock-type formations.





1.3 SEISMIC INPUT SELECTION



Selection of spectrum-compatible accelerograms

Averaged PGA: 1.27 g



1.3 SEISMIC INPUT SELECTION



REXEL PROGRAM:

Real accelerogram compatible with the spectra suggested by the Italian Seismic Codes (Norme Tecniche per le Costruzioni).

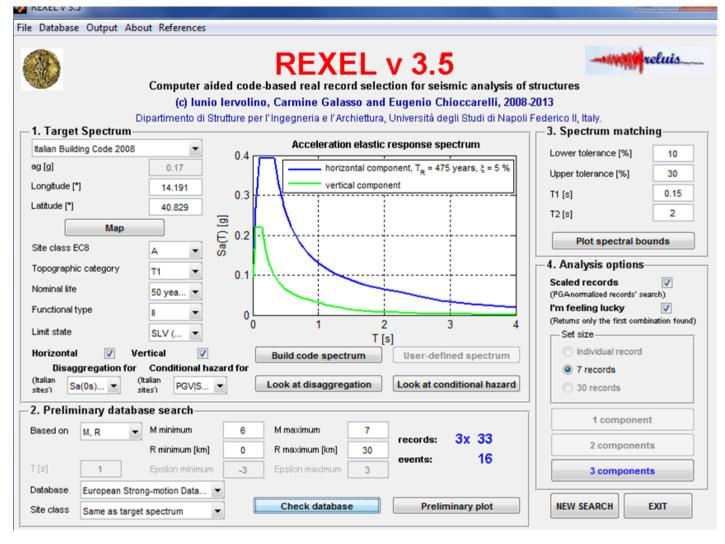
Extract set of spectrum-compatible accelerograms from the European Strong Motion Database on the basis of:

- Soil type
- Target spectrum



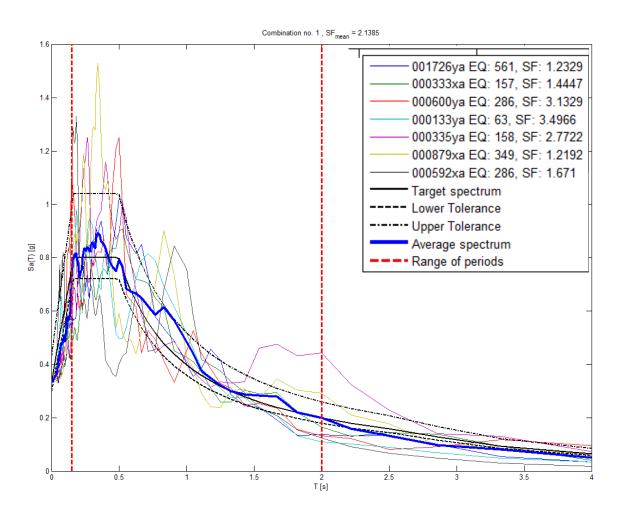
1.3 SEISMIC INPUT SELECTION

Elastic Target
Spectrum:
Soil type
Local Seismic
Hazard and
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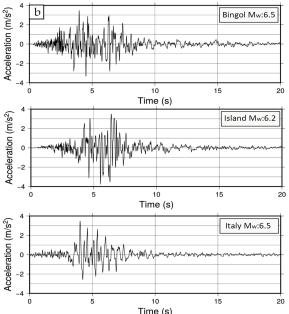


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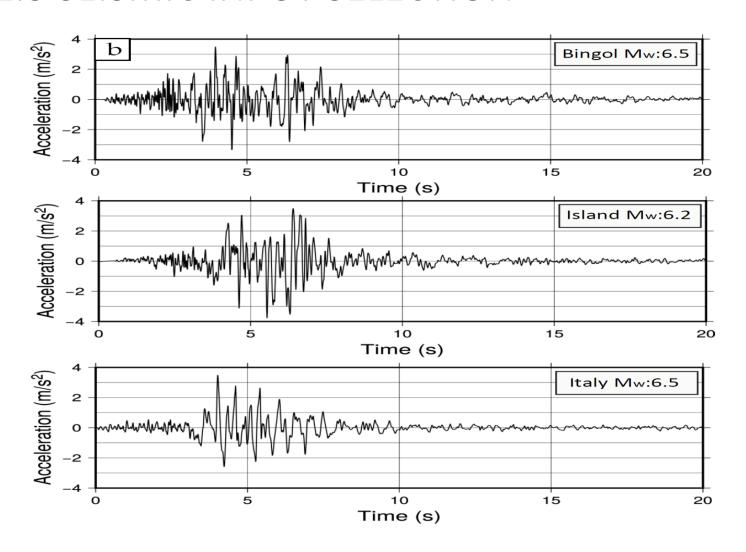
OUTPUT:

- 7 spectro-compatible accelerograms (scaled with the same amplitude)





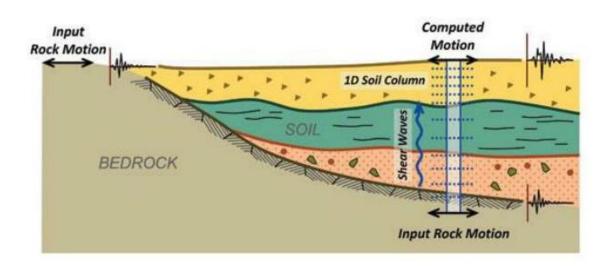
1.3 SEISMIC INPUT SELECTION





Required information for the estimate of amplification in the II level:

- 1) Bedrock Depth (or the thickness of alluvial soft soil deposits)
- Stratigraphic model of the alluvial deposits (vs and non-linear properties)
- 3) Seismic input



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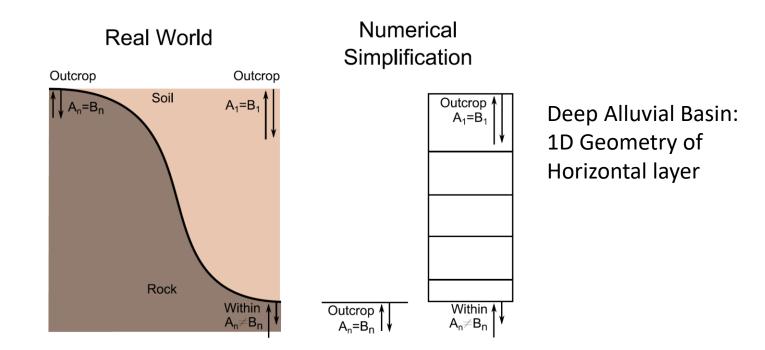
3.1 ABACUSES REALIZATION



STRATA SOFTWARE

SOFTWARE: **STRATA** (Rattje & Kottle, 2001)

Strata computes the dynamic site response of a one-dimensional soil column using linear wave propagation with strain dependent dynamic soil properties.





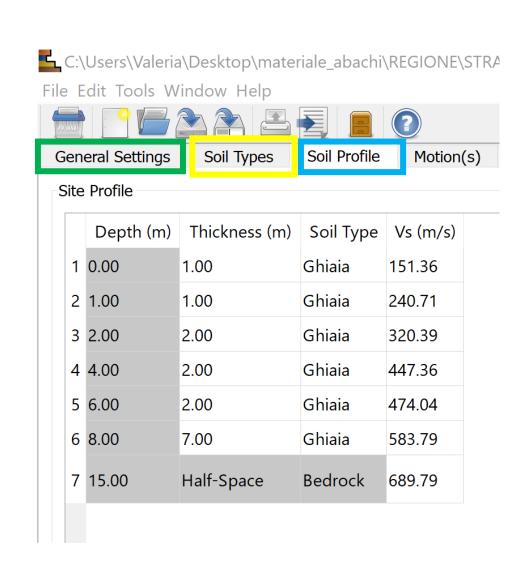
STRATA SOFTWARE

- Allow 1D seismic site analysis
- Horizontal layer boundaries
- Infinite lateral extension
- Vertically propagating horizontally polarized Shear-waves (SH waves)



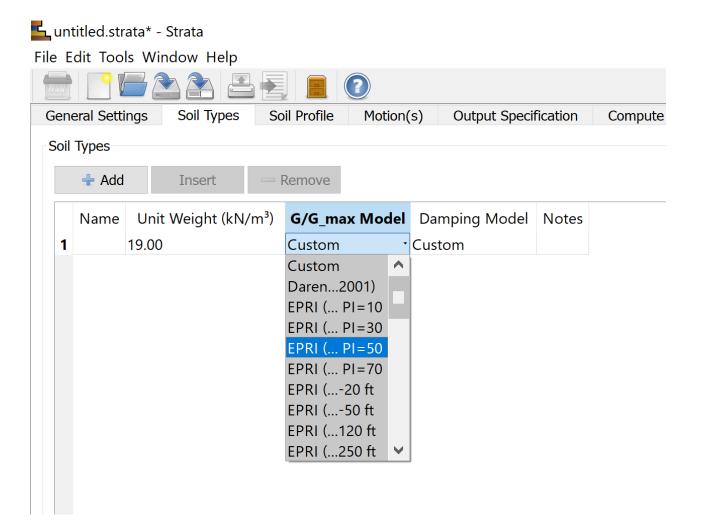
STRATA SOFTWARE

- 1) General Setting
- Soil Type: G and D curves and Unit weight (KN/m3)
- Soil Profile: Average of vs profiles





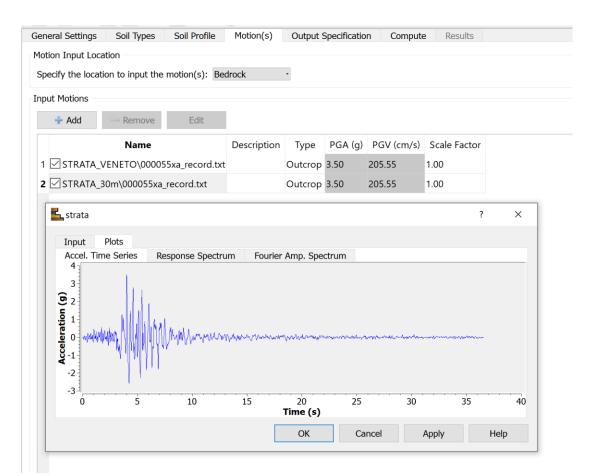
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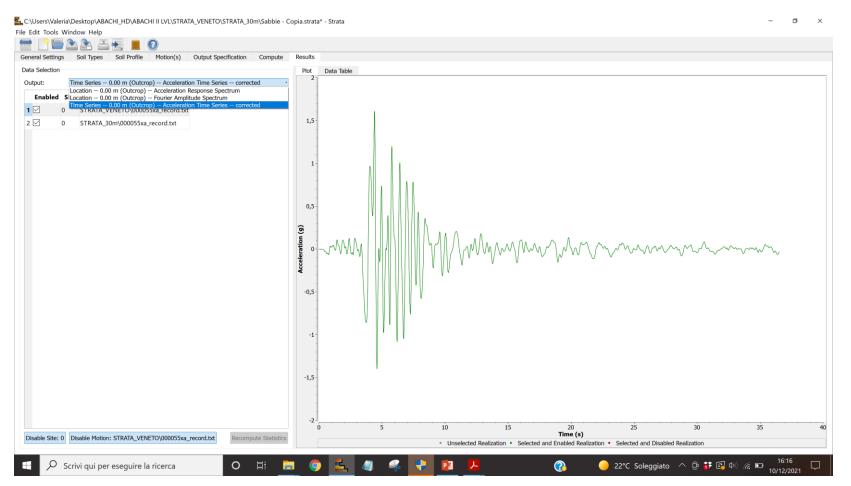
3) SEISMIC INPUT MOTION





STRATA SOFTWARE

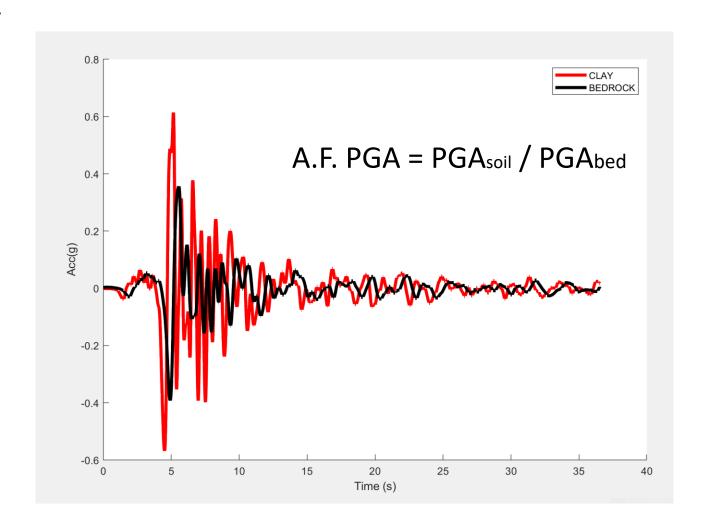
3) OUTPUT





AMPLIFICATION FACTORS

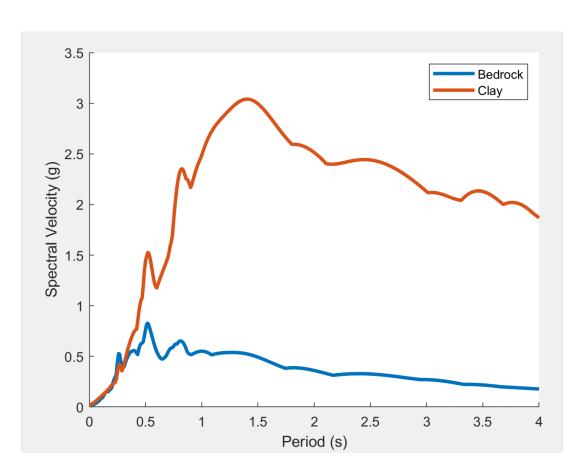
A.F. PGA





AMPLIFICATION FACTORS

Housner Intensity: Spectral Intensity SI



Paramter adopted in the seismic codes (expressed in cm). Evaluate the seismic input energy and building damage capacity

$$S_I(\xi) = \int_{0.1}^{2.5} Sv(\xi, T) dT$$

 $Sv \rightarrow Spectral Velocity$

 ξ \rightarrow Damping Ratio (5%)

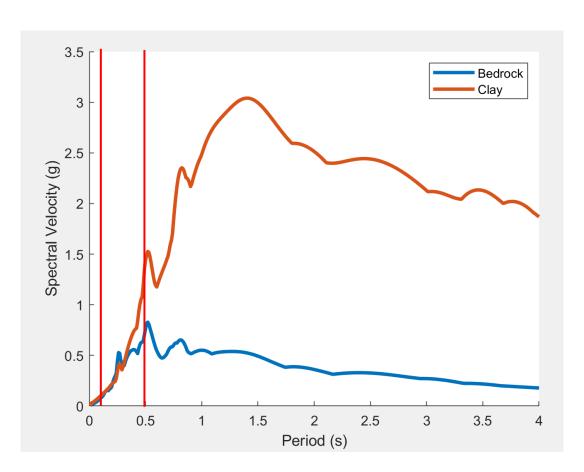
T → Period

The time integral considers the area under the pseudo-velocity response spectra over the period 0.1-0.5



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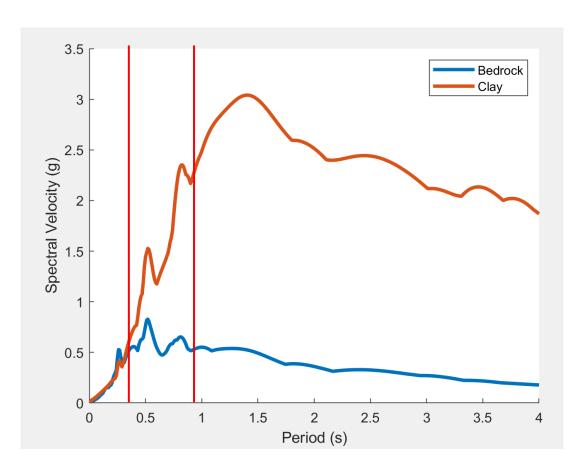
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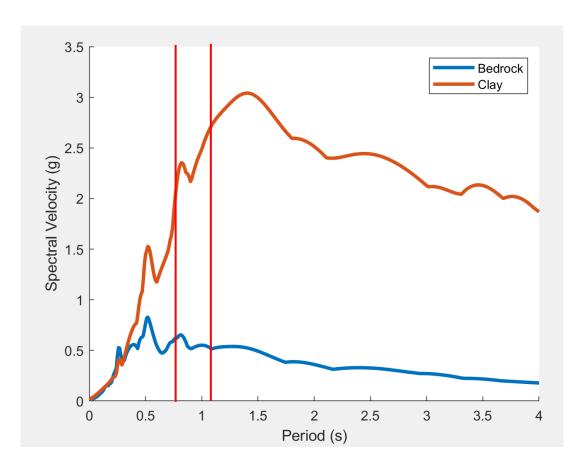
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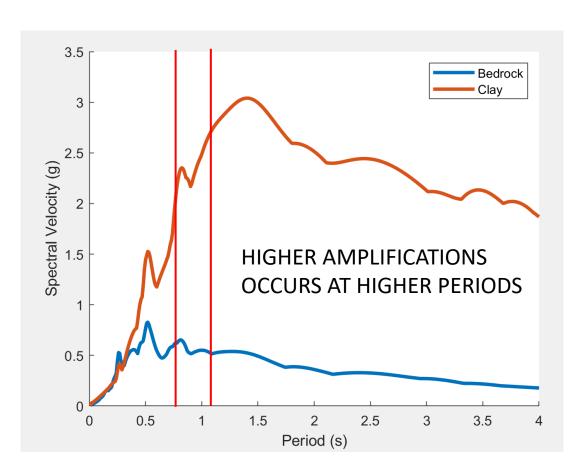
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2.1 RANDOM GENERATION OF Vs PROFILES

SOFTWARE: **STRATA** (Rathje & Kottle, 2009)

An estimate of the expected surface response and its standard deviation due to variations in the soil properties can be made through **Monte Carlo simulations**.

Monte Carlo Method: consists of an iterative calculation of deterministic model defined with a set of random realizations. The parameters are randomly generated on the basis of previously defined probability distributions.



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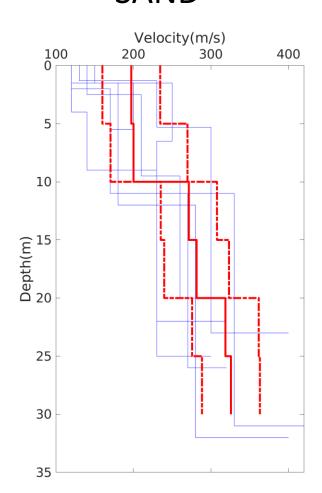
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Monte Carlo simulations estimate the response of a system by generating parameters of the system based on defined statistical distributions and computing the response for each set of input parameters.

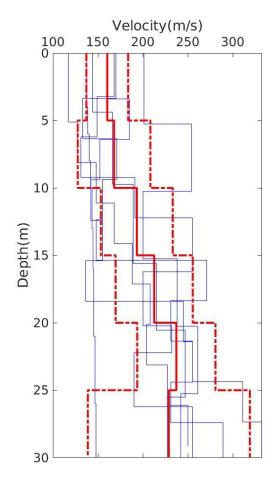
Stochastic site response analysis: Take in account the uncertainty of the measures and the variability of different geological settings.



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CLAY





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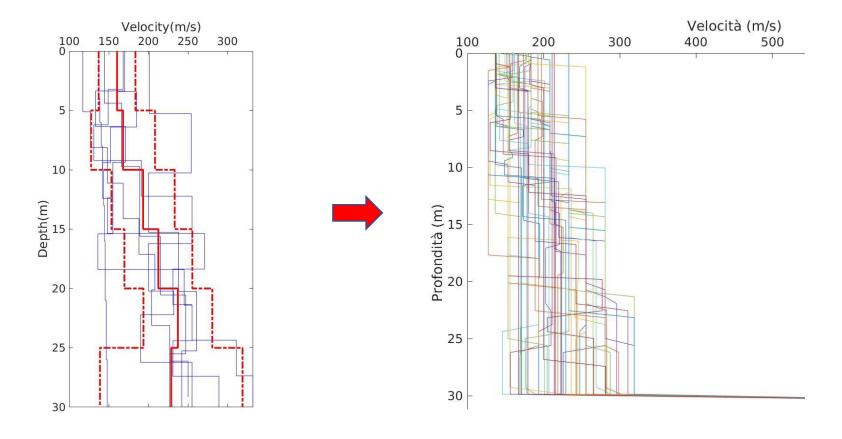
Standard deviation of the vs profiles

ite	Profile						
	Depth (m)	Thickness (m)	Soil Type	Vs (m/s)	Minimum (m/s)	Maximum (m/s)	Varied
1	0.00	5.00	Α	160.27	☑ 137.01	☑ 183.52	
2	5.00	5.00	Α	167.84	☑ 127.44	208.23	
3	10.00	5.00	Α	193.17	☑ 153.22	☑ 233.12	
4	15.00	5.00	Α	212.50	✓ 169.58	✓ 255.45	
5	20.00	5.00	Α	237.13	☑ 193.61	280.65	
6	25.00	5.00	Α	228.74	☑ 190.61	☑ 250.00	
7	30.00	Half-Space	Bedrock	250.00	0.00	0.00	



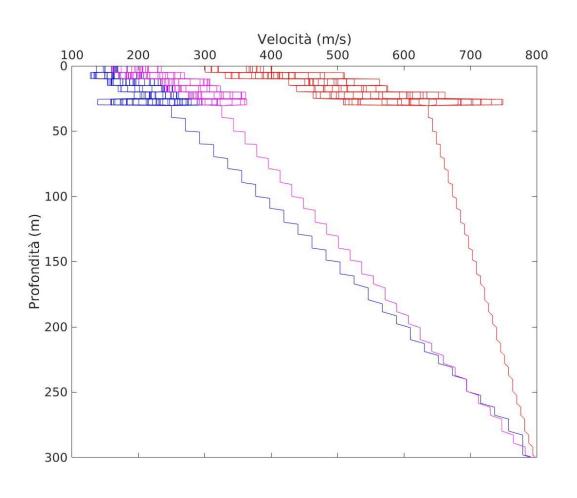
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Monte Carlo simulations is applied to site response analysis in order to take in account the variability of the shear-wave velocities





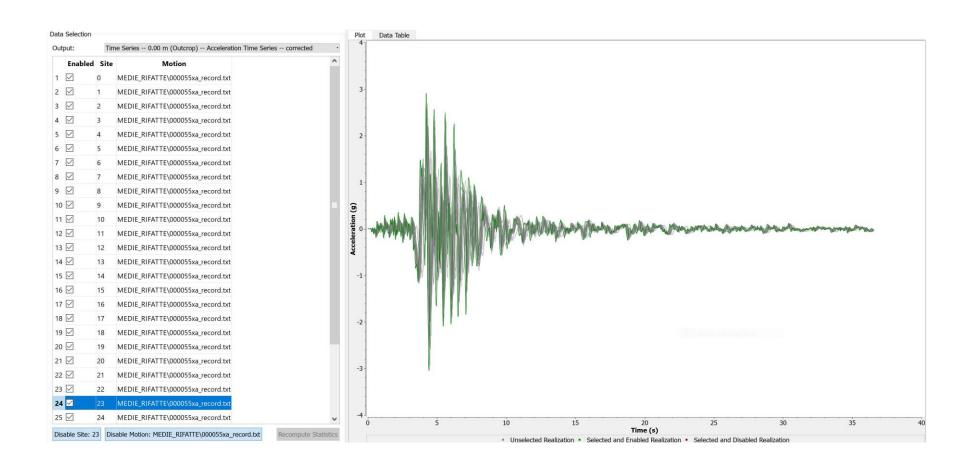
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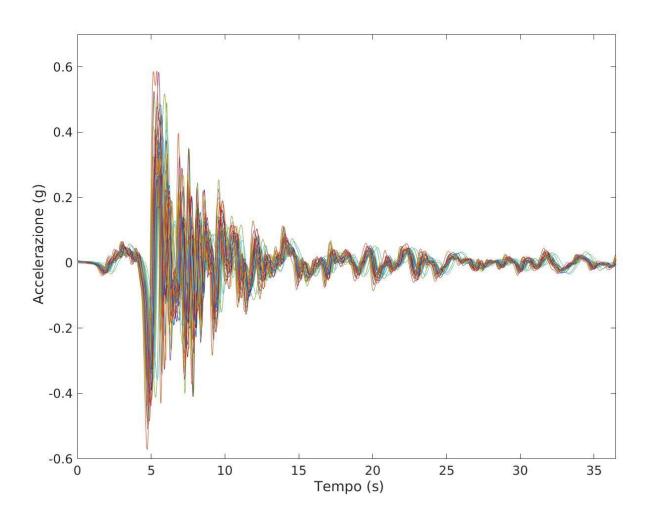
Deep Alluvial Plain:

We change the soil properties only in the upper 30 meters

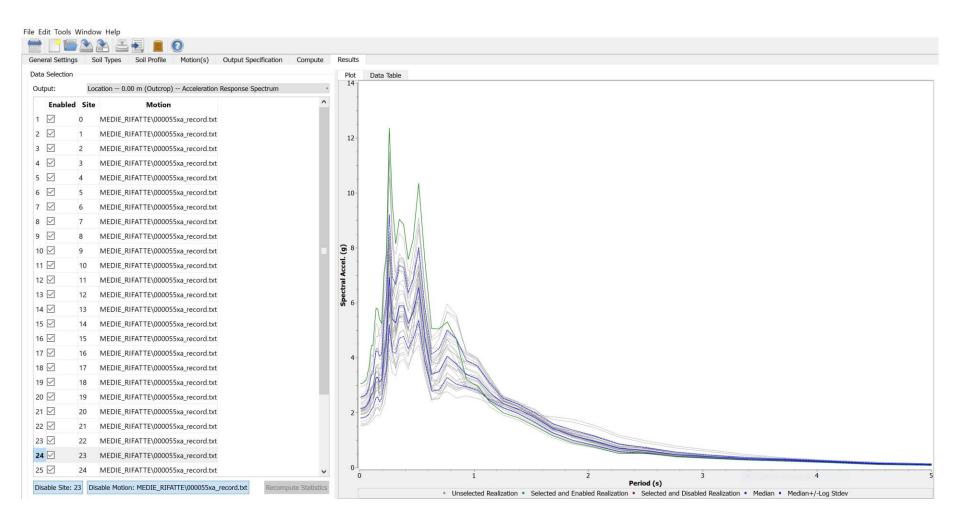




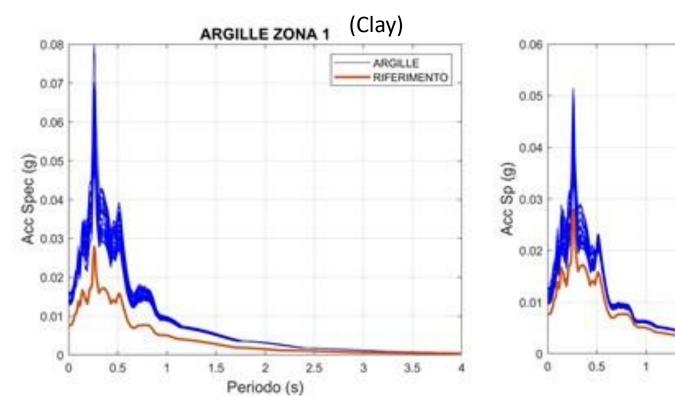


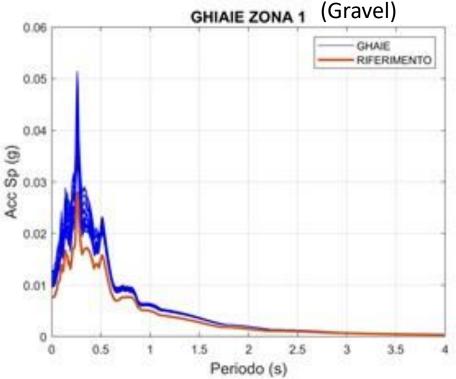












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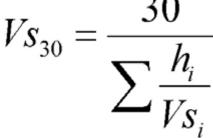
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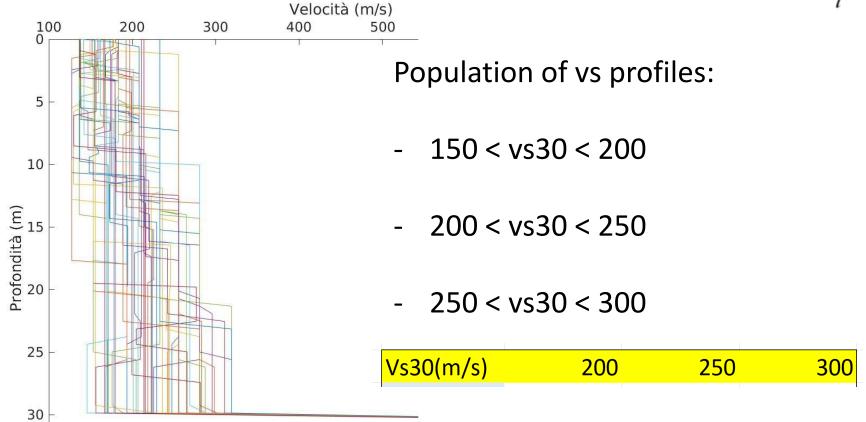
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3.1 ABACUSES REALIZATION

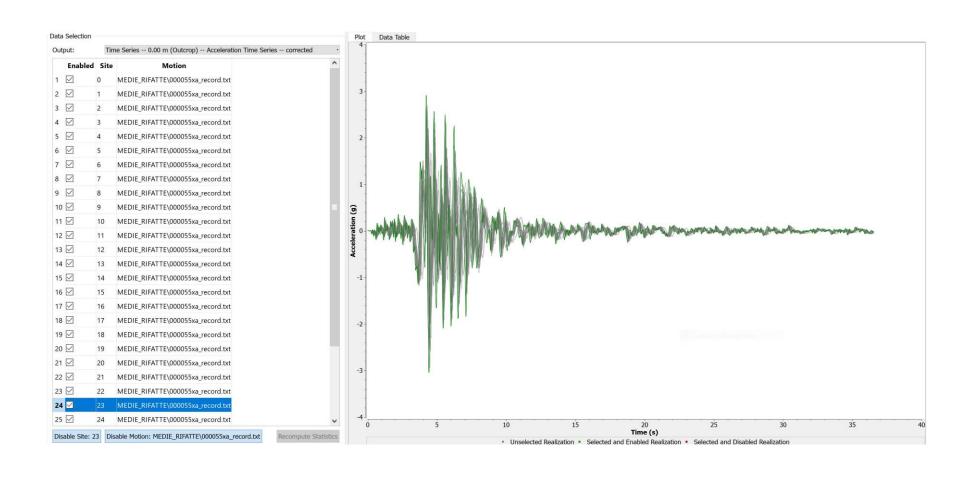


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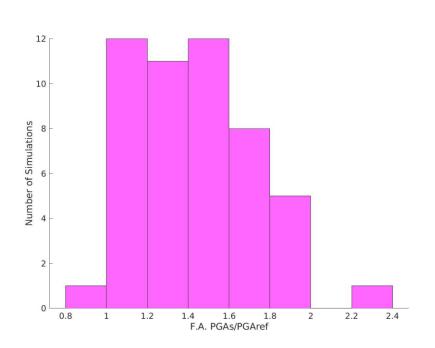








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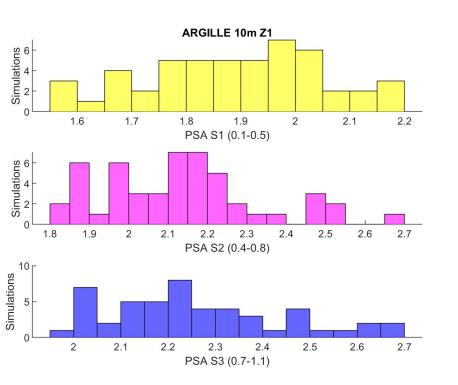
Example: 250 < vs30 < 350

For each profile included in this range we estimate the Amplification Factor of PGA and we estimate the mean. In this case the mean is equal to 1.6

Vs30(m/s)	200	250	300
F.A. PGA	1.8	1.7	1.6



2.1 STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

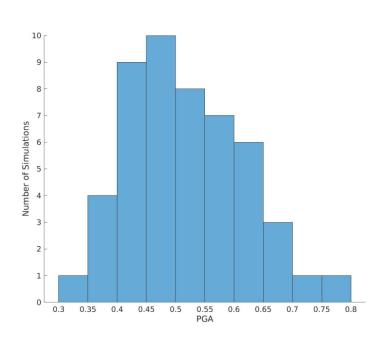


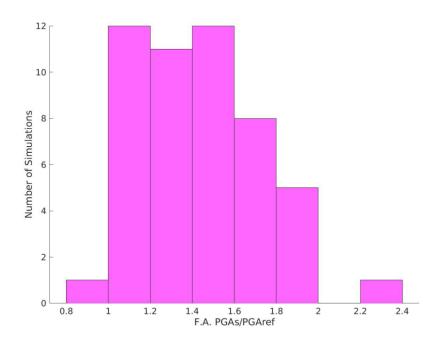
Vs30(m/s)	200	250	300
F.A. PGA	1.8	1.7	1.6
F.A. S1	1.5	1.4	1.4
F.A. S2	3.2	2.5	2.4
F.A. S3	3.8	3.8	3.6



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CLAY

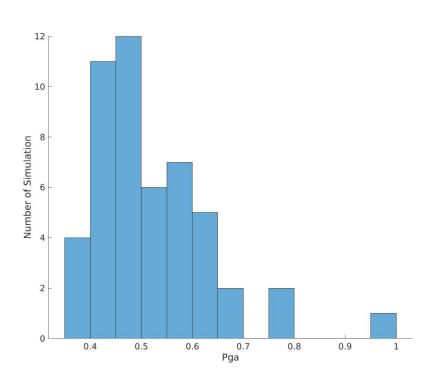


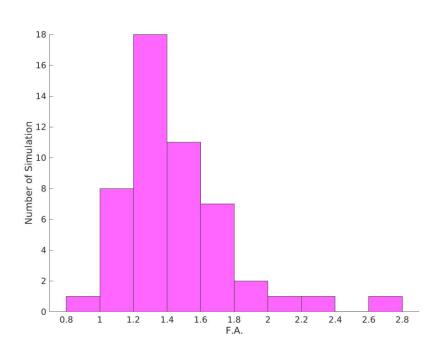




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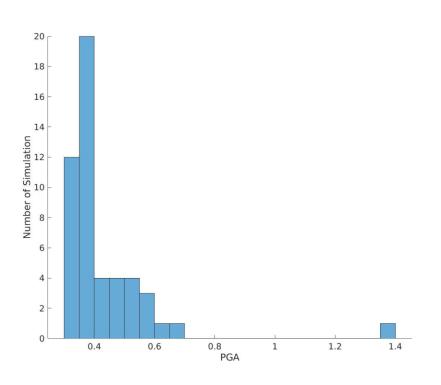


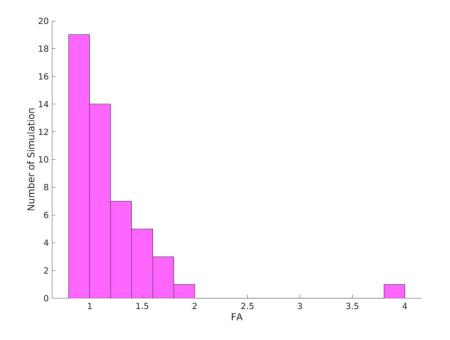




2.1 STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

GRAVEL







2.1 STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

CLAY

Vs30(m/s)	200	250	300
F.A. PGA	1.8	1.7	1.6
F.A. S1	1.5	1.4	1.4
F.A. S2	3.2	2.5	2.4
F.A. S3	3.8	3.8	3.6

SAND

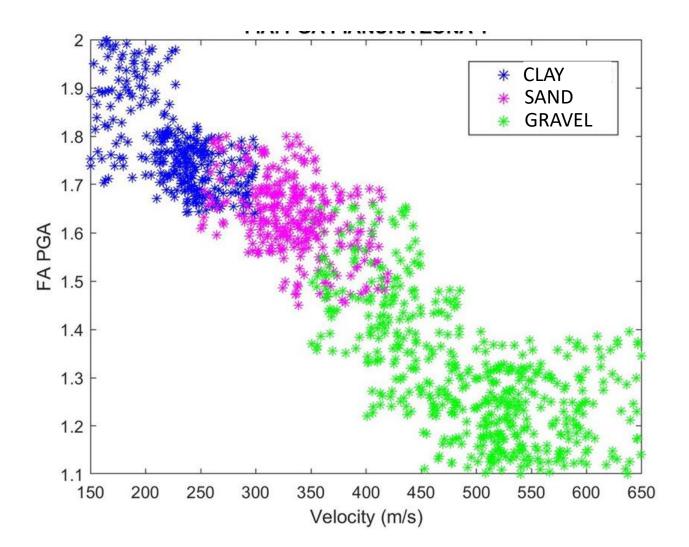
Vs30(m/s)	250	300	350
F.A. PGA	1.5	1.4	1.2
F.A. S1	1.3	1.3	1.2
F.A. S2	2.1	2.1	1.8
F.A. S3	3.5	3.5	3.1

GRAVEL

Vs30(m/s)	400	450	500	550	600
F.A. PGA	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
F.A. S1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.1
F.A. S2	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.6
F.A. S3	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.8

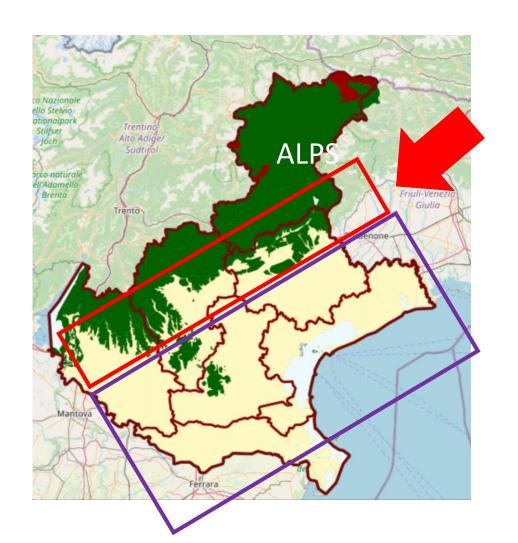


2.1 STATISTICAL ANALYSIS





1.2 GEOPHYSICAL PARAMETERS OF THE UNITS



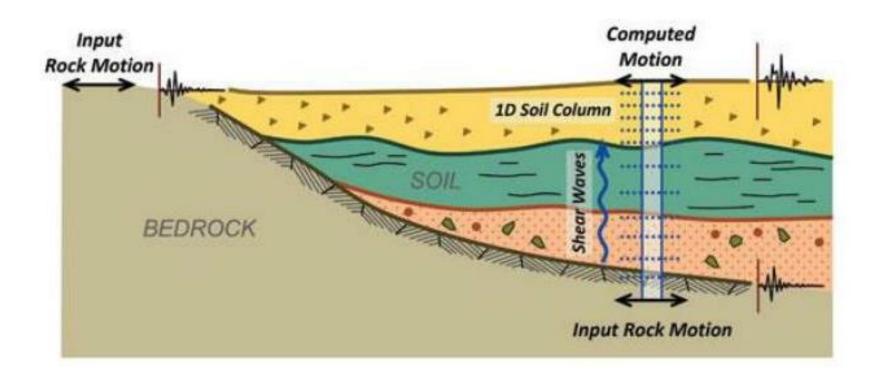
Pre-Alpine zone (variable thickness)

Alluvial Plain zone (thickness greater than 30 meters)



Pre-Alpine zone (variable thickness)

Alluvial Plain zone (thickness greater than 30 meters)





2.1 STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

Abacuses for the Pre-Alpine Zone

VsH	CLAY		SAND		GRAVEL				
V 31 1									
	150	200	250	300	350	400	450	500	600
10	2	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2
15	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.1	1.1
20	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.1
30		1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.2
40		1.8	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.3	1.2	1.2
50		1.9	2	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.2

$$V_{S,eq} = \frac{H}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{h_i}{V_{S,i}}}$$



2.1 STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

INTENSITA' DI HOUSNER										
SI (0.1 s < T < 0.5 s)		150	200	250	300	350	400	450	500	600
	10	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.3	1	1	1	1
	15	2.2	2.2	2	1.7	1.3	1.1	1	1	1
	20	2.3	2.2	2	2	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.2
	30		2	2	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2
	40		2.6	2.6	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.1
	50		2.3	2.2	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1
INTENSITA' DI HOUSNER										
SI (0.1 s < T < 0.5 s)		150	200	250	300	350	400	450	500	600
·	10	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.3	1	1	1	1
	15	2.2	2.2	2	1.7	1.3	1.1	1	1	1
	20	2.3	2.2	2	2	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.2
	30		2	2	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2
	40		2.6	2.6	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.1
	50		2.3	2.2	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1
S2 (0.4 s < T < 0.8 s)		150	200	250	300	350	400	450	500	600
·	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	15	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3	1	1	1	1	1
	20	2.3	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.1	1	1	1
	30		2.2	2.2	1.7	1.8	1.3	1.2	1	1
	40		2.6	2.4	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.1	1
	50		2.3	2.3	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.1

ABACUSES





- 1.1 IDENTIFY LITHO-STRATIGRAPHIC UNITS
- 1.2 GEOPHYSICAL PARAMETERS OF THE UNITS
- 1.3 SEISMIC INPUT SELECTION



- 2.1 STRATA SOFTWARE
- 2.2 AMPLIFICATION FACTOR ESTIMATIONS
- 2.2 RANDOM GENERATION OF Vs PROFILES

STEP 3

3.1 ABACUSES REALIZATION