Performance-Based PFDHA Using the Third Uniform California Earthquake Rupture Forecast

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UCERF3 Model

- UCERF3: State of practice earthquake forecast for California (Field et al., 2014, 2015)
 - Covers known active faults with slip rates
 - New: fault-to-fault connectivity; unsegmented
 - Basis for USGS fault slip hazard in California



- -- Faults comprised of ~7x14 km
- "subsections".
- -- Unique combinations make >253,000
- ruptures in FM3.1, >306,000 in FM3.2.
- -- Each rupture gets an annual rate ("Grand Inversion").
- -- Displacement hazard at a point comes from the subset of ruptures passing the point.

Non-UCERF3 faults still require traditional FDHA methods.

What Is Included With UCERF3

The earthquake rupture forecast provides many PFDHA parameters

Factor	From UCERF3
Earthquake magnitudes and rupture lengths	Yes
Site location in ruptures	Yes (user computes x/L)
Probability of surface rupture	Yes
Rupture rates	Yes
Displacement per rupture	Yes
Fault location uncertainty	No, only a nominal location
Width of fault zone	No, not considered
Co-seismic/post-seismic ratio	No, not included
Epistemic uncertainties – slip rate, fault geometry	No, one nominal geometry. Deaggregate first to adjust slip rate
Faults not in UCERF3 model	No, full PFDHA required



Challenge of UCERF3 Ruptures

- Long, complex ruptures.
- Choices including maximum considered event not straight-forward.



Left: Ruptures using the Mojave North section of the San Andreas fault.

Above: 200 of ~70,000 ruptures passing Mojave N.



Subset ruptures affecting the fault crossing



Left: Example SAF crossing by the California Aqueduct.

Above: 67,931 ruptures pass this California Aqueduct crossing of the San Andreas Fault. Red dots: individual rupture magnitudes and annual rates; Blue line: summary on 0.1 M units

California Aqueduct "CAA West", Ridge Route area, east of I-5.

From per-rupture displacements to fault displacement PDF



Model displacement profiles

- Gather rupture profiles from crustal earthquakes
- Average displacement shape after normalizing by AD and L is a "rainbow"
 - Below average displacements near rupture ends, above average in the middle.



Probability that D will be greater than the horizontal axis value

- UCERF3 provides P(R), L, AD; add location of site in rainbow to get nominal rupture displacement.
- Sort by displacement, accumulate probability to get P(D|Event) at this fault crossing.
- Example: West CAA crossing. D₅₀: 5.2 m; D₁₀:
 ≤3.6 m; D₉₀ ≤6.6 m

Adding Displacement Variability in Ruptures

- Summarize rupture variability from mapped ruptures
 - Normalize as D_{obs}/AD
 - Normalize to unit length
- SS ruptures:

Fault crossing site

- same average shape across subsets
- variability depends on subset of lengths
- longer ruptures are somewhat less variable

All SS ruptures



Red analytic curves are not fit to the data, just drawn over it

SS ruptures >200 km



Displacement PDF depends on variability model



- Displacement variability depends on distance from rupture end
- Parameterize by x/L, x=distance from end, L=rupture length.
- Draw variability from histograms of empirical observations.



Fractional variability depends rupture length =>Apply rupture-length-specific fuzz

0.1 > = x/L > 0

West California Aqueduct SAF Crossing

Best estimate: "fuzz" UCERF3 ruptures using length matched empirical variability (so fuzz long ruptures with variability from >200 km SS ruptures).

Result: Displacement-probability pairs for performance-based engineering input:

 D_{50} : 6.2 m D_{10} : 2.2 m D_{90} : 9.7 m





Displacement vs. Return Time West California Aqueduct SAF Crossing





UCERF3 magnitude, annual rate of ground rupture CDF of displacement given ground rupture



Combine displacements with UCERF3 rupture annual rates =>

- Displacement vs. Annual Rate
- Displacement vs. Return Time





Example, High Pressure Gas Crossing, Elsinore Fault



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Newport Inglewood Fault **Near LAX**



-6 FM3_1 Newport-Inglewood alt 1 (235) -2

-4

-10

-8

Newport Inglewood Fault Pipeline Crossing Near LAX

Annual Rate vs. Unfuzzed D, Sub. 1393

Displacement (m)

Annual Rate vs. Fuzzed AD, Sub. 1393

10

Displacement (m)

14

16

ubsection 1393, 300 Rupture

x in L distribution

18

10⁰

10⁻⁵

10⁻¹⁰

10⁰

10-5

0

Annual rate

Annual rate



10⁻¹⁰ Magnitude-frequency Site crossed by 300 UCERF3 ruptures.







Return times



Performance-Based PFDHA Using UCERF3: Conclusions

- UCERF3 provides many PFDHA components
 - Rupture set, length, magnitude, rupture end points
 - Probabilities of each rupture
 - Mean rupture displacements
 - In this sense UCERF3 is easier to use than UCERF2 or earlier forecasts.
- Displacement variability depends on normalized location (x/L) and rupture length
- Well-posed probabilistic fault displacement estimates can be developed for crossings of UCERF3 faults
 - Conditional probability given rupture
 - Actual probability: Return periods and annual rates of displacement

