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## SUMMARY

Horizontal and vertical PC 3 (2,500 yr) Soil Design Basis Earthquake (DBE) 5% damped spectra, corresponding time histories, and strain-compatible soil properties were developed for the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit (IWTU). The IWTU is located at the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center (INTEC) at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL). Mean and 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal DBE spectra derived from site-specific site response analyses were evaluated for the IWTU. The horizontal and vertical PC 3 (2,500 yr) Soil DBE 5% damped spectra at the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile were selected for Soil Structure Interaction (SSI) analyses at IWTU. The site response analyses were performed consistent with applicable Department of Energy (DOE) Standards, recommended guidance of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Standards, and recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Panel (BRP) and Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB).

Site-specific site response analyses were conducted for three soil layers (Layer A – disturbed alluvial soils; Layer B – alluvial soils; and Layer C – clay) above basalt bedrock (Layer D). The analyses used measured shear wave velocities ( $V_s$ ) and densities at the IWTU site to determine shear modulus and its variability for each soil and rock layer. Two sets of random soil profiles were generated with normal and log normal distributions of shear modulus. Two horizontal INTEC/RTC/RWMC/PBF Rock DBE acceleration time histories were propagated through the soil profiles. Strain-dependent soil properties were computed using shear modulus reduction and damping curves appropriate for alluvial and clay soils at IWTU.

The mean spectral peaks of the soil response spectra exceed the preliminary horizontal spectrum used in initial SSI analyses of IWTU by 30%. The “IWTU SSI Spectrum” was determined by increasing the horizontal RTC/INTEC PC 3 Soil DBE 5% damped spectrum by 10%. Sensitivity analyses indicated the greater spectral peaks of the site-specific soil response analyses can be attributed to less variability of the shear modulus in the random soil profiles, use of different degradation models, and the low  $V_s$  for Layer A.

Results of the site response analyses were used to develop horizontal and vertical IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE 5% damped spectra for the mean and 84<sup>th</sup>

percentile. The mean DBE peak spectral acceleration was set to 1.1 g to envelop the mean spectral peak of the site-specific soil response spectra. The spectral acceleration region was broadened by a factor of 1.5 from the mean spectral peak frequency of 7.18 Hz. Spectral accelerations at higher and lower frequencies were set equivalent to the RTC/INTEC PC 3 Soil DBE spectrum. An 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal spectrum was calculated for the 30 site-specific soil response spectra with the log-normal distribution of shear modulus. To envelop the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile soil spectrum, the spectral peak was set to 1.25 g and spectral accelerations at the higher and lower frequencies were set equivalent to the RTC/INTEC PC 3 Soil DBE spectrum. Vertical IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectra for the mean and 84<sup>th</sup> percentile were calculated by multiplying the spectral accelerations of the respective horizontal IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectrum by vertical to horizontal (V/H) spectral ratios appropriate for INL.

Corresponding horizontal and vertical soil DBE acceleration time histories were developed for the mean and 84<sup>th</sup> percentile IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE 5% damped spectra. Horizontal time histories from the output of site response analyses were used as seeds to develop the two orthogonal horizontal IWTU PC 3 soil DBE acceleration time histories. The vertical INTEC/RTC/RWMC/PBF PC 3 rock DBE time history was used as a seed to develop the vertical IWTU PC 3 soil DBE acceleration time history. Spectra of the horizontal and vertical IWTU PC 3 soil DBE acceleration time histories match their respective DBE target spectra for frequencies from 0.3 to 25 Hz, which is consistent with NUREG/CR-6728 and ASCE/SEI 43-05 recommendations.

Strain-compatible soil properties were calculated as a function of depth for the horizontal and vertical soil DBE spectra and corresponding time histories. Iterated Vs and damping were calculated based on ratios of the iterated Vs to the low-strain Vs. The ratios were used with Vs of the base case soil profile to calculate the best estimate, lower bound, and upper bound iterated Vs. The squared ratios were then used with the corresponding shear modulus reduction and damping curves to determine the best estimate, lower bound, and upper bound damping values. This approach was used to determine the iterated soil properties as function of depth because iterated Vs that cross the boundary between Layers A and B have bimodal distributions. Low-strain compressional wave velocities as function of depth were calculated using the low-strain Vs and Poisson's ratios measured at the IWTU site.

## FOREWORD

The purpose of this report is to summarize the development of site-specific PC 3 (2,500 yr) soil DBE 5% damped spectra, corresponding time histories, and strain-compatible soil properties for the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit (IWTU). The site response analyses incorporate geotechnical data measured at the IWTU site. The Blue Ribbon Panel (BRP), retained as independent reviewers of IWTU seismic analyses, reviewed the approaches, methods, and calculations used in the site response analyses and development of the IWTU DBE parameters. BRP recommendations for Phase I were incorporated into the site-specific site response analyses. Limited sensitivity analyses were performed in support of developing a mean horizontal and vertical IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE 5% damped spectra. The BRP proposed that additional sensitivity analyses be conducted as part of Phase 2. Prior to Phase 2, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) performed a review of the proposed mean soil DBE spectra. They recommended that the IWTU project use soil DBE spectra at an 84<sup>th</sup> percentile. The BRP concurred with the DNFSB recommendations and eliminated the need to perform the Phase 2 sensitivity analyses. Revision 1 of this report was issued to include the calculations and development of the site-specific 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal and vertical IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectrum and corresponding time histories.

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## ACRONYMS

ASCE	American Society of Civil Engineers
BRP	Blue Ribbon Panel
COV	Coefficient of Variation
CU	Coefficient of Uniformity
CWI	CH2M Hill Washington Group, Idaho
DBE	Design Basis Earthquake
DNFSB	Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
EDF	Engineering Design File
ESRP	Eastern Snake River Plain
G	Shear Modulus
$G_M$	Median Shear Modulus
H	Soil Column Height
H1	Horizontal One Component
H2	Horizontal Two Component
ICP	Idaho Cleanup Project
INTEC	Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center
INL	Idaho National Laboratory
IWTU	Integrated Waste Management Unit
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
PC	Performance Category
PGA	Peak Ground Acceleration
RTC	Reactor Technology Complex
SA	Spectral Acceleration
SD	Spectral Displacement



SSI	Soil Structure Interaction
STD	Standard
SV	Spectral Velocity
V/H	Vertical to Horizontal Ratio
V <sub>s</sub>	Shear Wave Velocity
V <sub>p</sub>	Compressional or Primary Wave Velocity

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## **1. Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to summarize the development of the site-specific Performance Category (PC) 3 (2,500 yr) Design Basis Earthquake (DBE) parameters for the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit (IWTU). The IWTU is located at the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center (INTEC), which is at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL). The PC 3 DBE soil parameters for IWTU are in the form of horizontal and vertical soil DBE response 5% damped spectra, corresponding time histories, and strain-compatible soil properties. They were developed for use in IWTU soil structure interaction (SSI) analyses.

Several independent reviews were conducted of the IWTU seismic analyses. The Blue Ribbon Panel (BRP), retained as independent reviewers, reviewed the approaches, methods, and calculations used in the site response analyses and development of the IWTU DBE parameters that are documented in this report. Phase I recommendations of the BRP were incorporated into the site-specific site response analyses, which included limited sensitivity analyses. The BRP proposed that additional sensitivity analyses be conducted as part of a “Phase 2” to evaluate the peak spectral levels and broadness of the peak spectral acceleration region of the mean DBE spectrum (Houston 2007a). Before the start of Phase 2, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) conducted a review of the proposed horizontal and vertical soil DBE response 5% damped spectra developed using the mean results of the site-specific site response analyses. They recommended that the IWTU project adopt an 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal and vertical PC 3 DBE 5% damped spectra for SSI analyses (Eggenberger 2008). Further, the DNFSB suggested that this approach adequately accounts for uncertainty in the soil profile randomizations. The BRP concurred with the recommendations of the DNFSB, thus eliminating the need to conduct Phase 2 sensitivity analyses (Houston 2007b).

Initially in response to BRP recommendations, site-specific site response analyses were conducted to determine whether site-specific response spectra for site conditions at IWTU are bounded by or exceed the design spectrum used in the preliminary IWTU SSI analyses (Houston et al. 2006). The preliminary design spectrum for the IWTU SSI analyses was determined by increasing the horizontal RTC/INTEC PC 3 Soil DBE spectrum by 10%. The horizontal RTC/INTEC PC 3 soil DBE spectrum is contained in the ICP Architectural Engineering Standards (2007) and is based on the report INEEL/EXT-03-00942 (Payne 2006). A factor of 1.1 was applied to the RTC/INTEC PC 3 soil DBE spectrum to account for mean spectral peaks of the three-layer soil profiles with the “Clay” layer that slightly exceed the RTC/INTEC PC 3 soil DBE spectrum (Appendix A; Payne 2006). Preliminary investigations by MSE Technology Applications, Inc. (2006) at the proposed IWTU site indicated boreholes with the “clay” layer.

This document summarizes the approaches and site response analyses performed to determine the horizontal and vertical PC 3 soil DBE spectra, corresponding time histories, and strain-compatible soil properties for IWTU. The site response analyses incorporate geotechnical data measured at the IWTU site. The IWTU is located in the region of the INTEC facility area (Figure 1) that, prior to IWTU geotechnical investigations, had limited borehole and soil property information. As part of the IWTU project, MSE Technology Applications, Inc. (2006) and Kleinfelder, Inc (2007a) collected geotechnical data for design of the IWTU. Site-specific geotechnical data were incorporated into the site-specific site response analyses based on recommendations of the BRP (Houston et al. 2006; Houston 2007a). Recommended degradation models were used in the site-specific site response analyses. The properties

and degradation models are different from those used in the Payne (2006), which determined the RTC/INTEC PC 3 (2,500 yr) Soil DBE spectrum. The soil surface response spectra from the IWTU site-specific site response analyses were compared to the “IWTU SSI Spectrum”. Results indicate the horizontal IWTU soil DBE spectrum should be based on the soil surface spectra generated by site-specific site response analyses.

## 1.1 Methodology

Site response analyses were conducted using random soil profiles to determine the mean and 84<sup>th</sup> percentile spectral peak amplitude and frequency for soil conditions at IWTU. Two sets of 30 random soil profiles with normal and lognormal distributions of shear modulus were developed using geotechnical data measured at IWTU. The soil profiles were then used as input to the site response analyses. Horizontal INTEC/RTC/RWMC/PBF PC 3 rock DBE time histories were propagated through each soil profile using degradation models for alluvial (Pyke 2007) and fine-grained (Vucetic and Dobry 1991) soils and SHAKE2000 (Deng and Ostadan 2000) to produce horizontal soil response spectra. The means of the two sets of site-specific soil response spectra exceeded the “IWTU SSI Spectrum”.

Horizontal and vertical IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE 5% damped spectra were developed based on the results of the site response analyses. The mean horizontal DBE peak spectral acceleration was set to 1.100 g to envelop the largest mean spectral peak of the site-specific soil response spectrum. The spectral acceleration region was broadened by a factor of 1.5 around the frequency (7.2 Hz) of the spectral peak to produce the mean soil DBE 5% damped spectrum. For the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile soil DBE spectrum, the spectral peak acceleration was set to 1.250 g. The mean and 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal spectra were constructed using an approach similar to Newmark and Hall (1978), having regions of constant acceleration, velocity, and displacement. The mean and 84<sup>th</sup> percentile vertical IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectra were determined using their respective horizontal IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectrum and the vertical to horizontal (V/H) spectral ratios appropriate for INL.

Horizontal time histories from the output of SHAKE2000 were used as seeds to develop the two orthogonal horizontal IWTU PC 3 soil DBE time histories. The vertical INTEC/RTC/RWMC/PBF PC 3 rock DBE time history was used as a seed to develop the vertical IWTU PC 3 soil DBE time history. The spectra of the horizontal and vertical IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE acceleration time histories were matched to their respective DBE target spectra following the guidance of NUREG/CR-6728 (NRC 2001), which consistent with ASCE/SEI 43-05 (ASCE 2005).

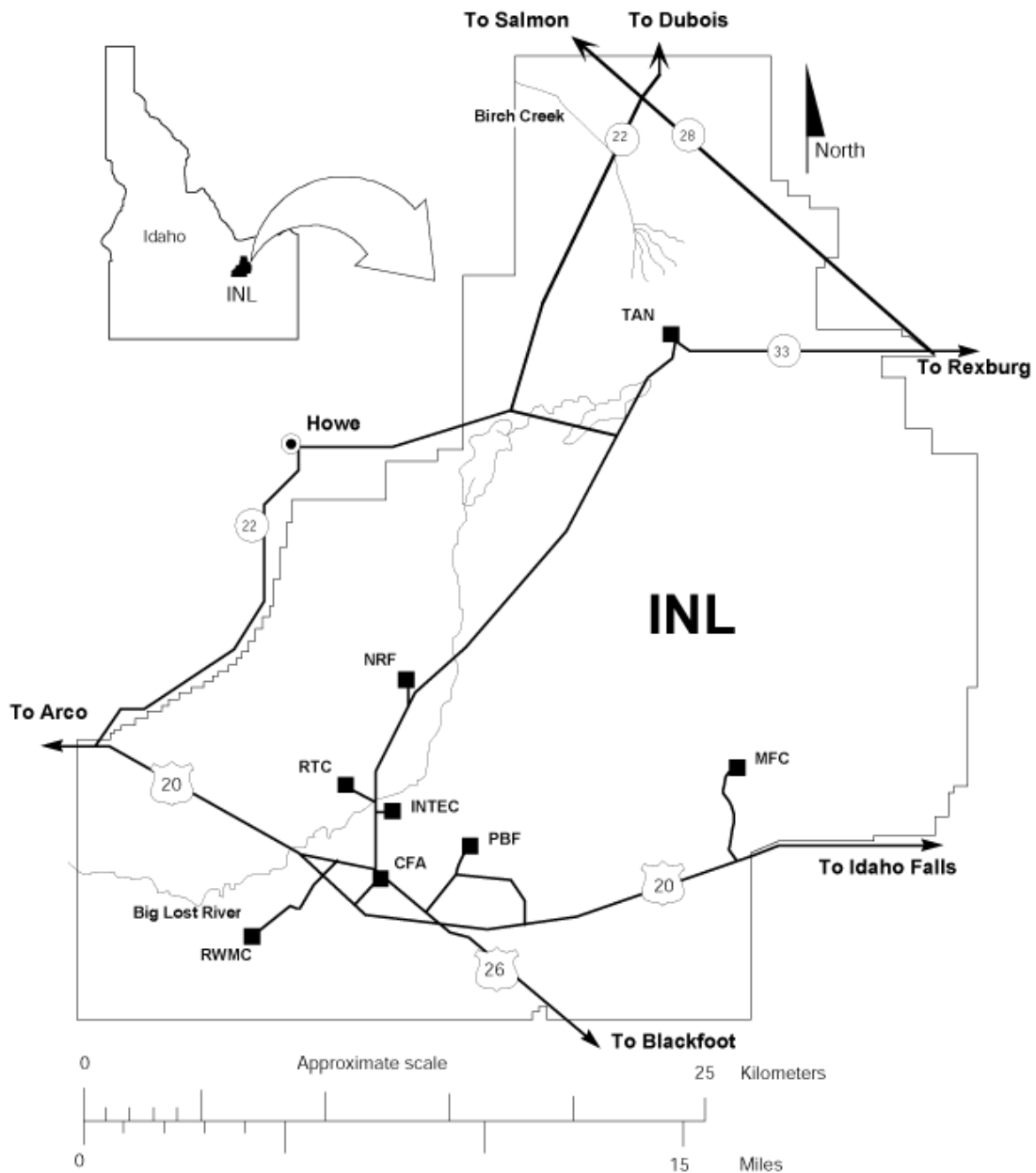
Strain-compatible soil properties were calculated for the horizontal and vertical components. Iterated shear wave velocity ( $V_s$ ) and damping were based on ratios of the iterated  $V_s$  (output from SHAKE2000) to the low-strain  $V_s$  (input to SHAKE2000). The ratios were used with  $V_s$  of the base case soil profile to calculate the best estimate, lower bound, and upper bound iterated  $V_s$ . The squared ratios were then used with the corresponding shear modulus reduction and damping curves to determine the best estimate, lower bound, and upper bound damping values. Low-strain compressional wave velocities were statistically calculated using the input soil profiles to SHAKE2000. The horizontal and vertical IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) soil DBE 5% damped spectra, corresponding time histories, and strain-compatible soil properties developed in this report will be used for SSI analyses of the IWTU.

## 1.2 Code and Quality Requirements

The work and results are consistent with current and applicable U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Orders and Standards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) guidance, American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Standards, and quality requirements. Engineering Design Files (EDF) document the implementation of the quality requirements and their citations are listed in the reference list. EDF-7903

contains the establishment of the quality requirements for IWTU PC 3 DBE analyses. EDF-5255 and EDF-7905 contain documentation that supports the approaches, technical basis, computer codes, and calculations used in the DBE analyses.

Two separate external peer reviews were conducted for the site response analyses. The first is part of the quality requirements. Dr. Carl Costantino was retained to review spectral matches of the time histories and calculations of the strain-compatible soil properties (EDF-7905). The second is the BRP, an external peer review panel that was retained by Idaho Cleanup Project (ICP) under CH2M Hill Washington Group, Idaho (CWI), which has the lead for the IWTU project. The BRP reviewed methodologies, geotechnical data, horizontal and vertical PC 3 DBE soil spectra, and strain-compatible soil properties. The BRP made recommendations that have been incorporated into the site response analyses. The documentation for these recommendations is held by CWI under the IWTU project number 25051. Where appropriate, copies of the recommendations are contained in the appropriate EDFs.



**Figure 1.** Map of the facility areas at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL). Facility areas include: The IWTU is located at INTEC. Abbreviations: Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center (INTEC), Materials and Fuels Complex (MFC), Power Burst Facility (PBF), Reactor Technology Complex (RTC), Central Facilities Area (CFA), Radioactive Waster Management Complex (RWMC), Naval Reactor Facility (NRF), and Test Area North (TAN).

## **2. Development of the Horizontal Soil Design Spectra**

Site-specific site response analyses were conducted to develop the horizontal PC 3 (2,500 yr) soil DBE 5% damped spectrum for IWTU. The site response analyses were performed for two sets of 30 random soil profiles that include variability in layer thickness, soil column heights, and soil properties. Two base case soil profiles were developed using the measured soil and rock properties at the IWTU site. The first base case soil profile was used to generate 30 random soil profiles with the log normal distribution of shear modulus, and the second base case soil profile was used to generate soil profiles with the normal distribution of shear modulus. Random soil profiles were generated for normal and log normal distributions of shear modulus as recommended by the BRP (CWI 2007).

Each soil profile within a set of 30 was used as input to the site response analysis program SHAKE2000 (Deng and Ostadan 2000). The two horizontal components for the PC 3 (2,500 yr) rock time histories were input as outcrop motions at the top of a rock uniform half-space and propagated through each soil profile. Strain-dependent soil properties (shear modulus reduction and hysteretic damping ratio) recommended by the BRP for the alluvial and fine-grained soils at IWTU were used in each of the site response analyses. The mean soil surface spectra were calculated for each set of 30 soil surface spectra generated from the base case profiles and compared with the IWTU SSI spectrum. The soil surface spectra were then enveloped to develop smoothed and broadened horizontal IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) soil DBE 5% damped spectra for the mean and 84<sup>th</sup> percentile.

### **2.1 Generation of Random Soil Profiles**

Base case soil profiles were developed to represent the variability in soil column heights, layer thickness, and soil properties observed in boreholes at IWTU. The base case soil profiles were described by the shear modulus for each soil layer, individual layer thickness, soil column height, and shear modulus for the basement rock. The measured soil and rock properties were obtained from geotechnical investigations at IWTU.

#### **2.1.1 Surface Geology**

The INL covers 890 square miles of the eastern Snake River Plain (ESRP). The ESRP is commonly recognized as representing the track of a hotspot currently centered beneath Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming. About 4 to 6 Ma, the hotspot was centered in the region of the ESRP near INL (Pierce and Morgan 1992). Since the passage of the hotspot, the ESRP has subsided and filled with 1 to 2 km of basalt lava flows and sediments from the surrounding Basin and Range (Reilinger et al. 1977; Brott et al. 1981; Kuntz et al. 1992; McQuarrie and Rodgers 1998).

IWTU is located at INTEC, which is within the floodplain of the Big Lost River (Figure 1). The Big Lost River flows south out of the Lost River valley onto the ESRP. On the ESRP the Big Lost River flows to the north into the Big Lost Sinks River area. The Big Lost River has been flowing to the north for about 0.5 to 1 Ma depositing alluvial sediments such as sands, silts, gravel and clay (which is mainly fine-grained sediments) over basalt lava flows (Scott, 1982). As a consequence, Big Lost River deposits form alluvial soil layers that overlie basalt bedrock beneath INTEC. At some locations immediately above bedrock and below the Big Lost River alluvial deposits is an older alluvium composed of fine-grained sediments of sandy clays, clayey sands, and fine silty sands primarily derived from wind blown loess (Dames and Moore 1976; 1977; EG&G Idaho Inc. 1984a; 1984b; Northern Engineering and Testing 1987; Hull 1989; Golder Associates 1992; Kleinfelder, Inc. 2007a).

### 2.1.2 Soil Type and Thickness

Soil profiles were developed using geotechnical data collected at the IWTU site that included: layer descriptions, layer thicknesses, ranges of layer thicknesses, and soil column heights. Based on the geomechanical model of Kleinfelder, Inc. (2007a), soil layers A, B, and C were used to describe the soil deposits above the basalt rock layers D<sub>1</sub> and D<sub>2</sub> for the site response analyses. The soil deposits and rock layer are:

- Layer A: Surface soils (man-made debris, fill material, and/or disturbed soils);
- Layer B: Alluvial soils (alternating layers of cohesionless gravels and sands that are poorly to well graded and contain silt that ranges from trace amounts up to 30-40% by weight with occasional cobbles);
- Layer C: Clay (cohesive silty clay and clayey silt);
- Layer D: Basalt layers D<sub>1</sub> and D<sub>2</sub> above the first sedimentary interbed.

Kleinfelder, Inc. (2007a) determined elevations of the soil and rock layers for boreholes drilled at the proposed IWTU site. The elevations were used to compute layer thicknesses. Soil layer thicknesses, variability of soil layer thicknesses, and range of soil column heights were calculated to develop base case soil profiles. The thickness of Layer A ranges from 9.0 to 15.0 ft, Layer B from 25.0 to 29.0 ft, and Layer C from 1.2 to 8.0 ft. The total thickness of soil deposits over bedrock or soil column height ranges from 40.0 to 47.0 ft (Table 1).

### 2.1.3 Soil and Rock Properties

Base case soil profiles that were used to generate random soil profiles have layer properties described by the shear modulus and variability of the shear modulus. The variability of shear modulus was calculated using normal and log normal distributions. Shear modulus (G) of the soil and rock layers were determined from down-hole V<sub>s</sub> measurements obtained in eight boreholes at IWTU and using the calculated mean densities of the soil and rock layers, respectively, based on measurements at IWTU.

#### 2.1.3.1 *Density*

Kleinfelder, Inc. (2007a; 2007b) measured densities in the soil and rock layers and computed their respective average densities (Table 2). The densities measured in basalt rock layers D<sub>1</sub> and D<sub>2</sub> were combined to compute one average density for rock (Kleinfelder, Inc. 2007b). The average densities were used to calculate G for the soil and rock layers.

#### 2.1.3.2 *Shear Wave Velocities*

Kleinfelder, Inc. (2007a) computed V<sub>s</sub> for the soil and rock layers from down- and cross-hole measurements in boreholes at the proposed IWTU site. Down-hole V<sub>s</sub> measurements in boreholes B-31, B-33, B-34, B-35, B-37, B-38, B-39, B-41 were used to compute G for soil and rock layers of the soil profiles (Kleinfelder, Inc. 2007a). V<sub>s</sub> measurements in basalt layers D<sub>1</sub> and D<sub>2</sub> above the first sedimentary interbed were used to calculate G for the rock layer of the starting soil profiles used to generate sets of random soil profiles. No cross-hole V<sub>s</sub> measurements were used in the site response analyses since measurements were influenced by frozen ground (Kleinfelder, Inc. 2007a).

### 2.1.3.3 Shear Modulus and Variability

G and its variability were used in the base case soil profiles for input to the soil randomization programs. These values were calculated using standard statistical methods for normal and log normal distributions. For the soil and rock layers, G was calculated using the measured borehole Vs, average densities, and Equation [1]:

$$G = (V_s^2 \rho) / g \quad [1]$$

Where: G is in units of ksf; Vs is in ft/s;  $\rho$  is density in kcf; and g is the acceleration of gravity or 32.17 ft/s<sup>2</sup> (kcf is kips/ft<sup>3</sup> and ksf is kips/ft<sup>2</sup> where kips is 1000 lbs).

The first base case soil profile was developed for the normal distribution of G (Table 2). Vs of individual soil layers (Layers A, B, and C) were used in the statistical calculations of G for each soil layer, and the measured Vs in Layers D<sub>1</sub> and D<sub>2</sub> were used in the statistical calculations of G for rock (Layer D). The mean and standard deviation of G of each soil layer and rock layer were used as input to the computer program (SPNORM; EDF-7905) to generate random soil profiles with the normal distribution of G.

The second base case soil profile was developed for the log normal distribution (Table 3). The median G and coefficient of variation (COV) were calculated for each soil layer and rock layer. The calculations were performed with Log<sub>10</sub> G data and standard statistical methods using the program SPRAND (Structural Dynamics Engineering 2000a). The uncertainty in the soil properties represented by the COV was calculated using equations:

$$COV = (Log_{10} G_{UB} - Log_{10} G_M) / Log_{10} G_M \quad [2]$$

$$Log_{10} G_{UB} = Log_{10} G_M + Log_{10} SDEV \quad [3]$$

Where: G<sub>UB</sub> is the upper bound; and SDEV is the standard deviation determined using Log<sub>10</sub> G.

Normal and log normal distributions of G were used in the site response analyses based on the recommendations of the BRP. Past site response analyses for INTEC with a greater number of Vs showed a reasonable match of G data to a log normal distribution for each soil layer (Structural Dynamics Engineering 2000b; also see Houston 2007a). Due to limited Vs data at IWTU for each soil layer and the rock layer, the normal distribution was also considered.

### 2.1.4 Random Soil Profiles

For the site response analyses, 30 random soil profiles were generated from base case soil profiles to incorporate uncertainty in subsurface data and variability at IWTU based on eleven borehole measurements. 30 was chosen for the number of random soil profiles consistent with the numbers of random soil profiles used to compute mean surface spectra for other site response analyses at INTEC (URS Greiner Woodward Clyde Federal Services et al. 1999; Structural Dynamics Engineering, 2000a).

Two sets of 30 random soil profiles were generated using the normal and log normal distributions of G. The starting three-layer soil profile listed in Table 2 was used as input to the computer program SPNORM (EDF-7905) to generate 30 random soil profiles with a normal distribution of G. The starting three-layer soil profile in Table 3 lists the soil and rock properties that were used as input to the computer program SPRAND (Structural Dynamics Engineering, 2000a) to generate 30 random soil profiles with a log normal distribution of G. The SPNORM and SPRAND programs use a uniform distribution about a



mean to calculate layer thickness and soil column heights. The soil layer thicknesses, thickness variations, and soil column height variation were derived from Table 1 for the boreholes at IWTU. For the two sets of random soil profiles generated, some thicknesses for Layer C exceed the maximum observed thickness by 2 ft (observed 8 ft and modeled 10 ft) so that the soil column heights generated by the program are consistent with the range observed in the boreholes. Figure 2 shows the starting soil profiles with their respective sets of 30 random soil profiles generated for each distribution of shear modulus.

The rock properties were also randomized based on the recommendations by Payne et al., (2002; Appendix F). They recommend randomizing the rock properties when using PC 3 and PC 4 rock motions as outcrop motions at the top of a rock uniform half-space for site response modeling that uses a program such as SHAKE2000 (Deng and Ostadan 2000). This approach is used to be consistent with the rock profile that is not uniform but is interspersed with a series of sedimentary interbeds. The PC 3 DBE rock motions can be treated as normal outcrop motions at the top of a uniform half-space, provided that randomization techniques are used for both soil and rock properties to determine mean soil surface spectra (Payne 2006; Payne et al. 2002).

For comparison, eight individual soil profiles were developed for IWTU boreholes with  $V_s$  measurements. They include both two and three-layer soil profiles. The three-layer soil profiles were compared to the resulting 30 soil profiles for the normal and log normal distribution of  $G$ . The comparisons show a reasonable match of the generated soil profiles to the borehole soil profiles. Eight or less out of thirty generated profiles have  $V_s$  values greater or less than the measured  $V_s$  values of the soil and rock layers (Figure A-2; Appendix A). Also, the plots show the generated soil profiles have  $V_s$  for Layer A greater than Layer B as observed in the measured  $V_s$ . Some  $V_s$  for Layer C are greater or less than those in Layer B, which is also consistent with the measured  $V_s$ .

Additionally, each borehole soil profile was used as input to SHAKE2000 and the resulting soil surface spectra were compared to the soil spectra generated by the normal and log normal distribution of shear modulus. The individual borehole soil surface spectra are within the 30 soil surface spectra for both distributions (Figure A-5; Appendix A).

**Table 1.** Soil layer thicknesses and soil column heights of IWTU boreholes.

Layer	IWTU Borehole <sup>a</sup>										
	B-31	B-32	B-33	B-34	B-35	B-36	B-37	B-38	B-39	B-40	B-41
A (Thickness ft)	10.0	15.0	11.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	12.0	9.0	10.0	10.0	13.0
B (Thickness ft)	27.7	25.0	25.5	29.0	28.8	28.8	27.0	27.6	27.0	29.0	26.3
C (Thickness ft)	2.3	6.0	7.0	2.0	1.2	1.2	8.0	7.4	8.0	4.5	2.2
D (Depth to Top of Basalt)	40.0	46.0	43.5	41.0	40.0	40.0	47.0	44.0	45.0	43.5	41.5

a. Kleinfelder, Inc. (2007a).

**Table 2.** Properties of the IWTU three-layer starting soil profile for the normal distribution of shear modulus (G).

Layer	Thickness Range (ft)	Average Density (kcf) <sup>a</sup>	G <sup>b</sup> (ksf)		Vs <sup>c</sup> (ft/s)
			Mean	Standard Deviation	Mean
A	9 to 13	0.1184	2385	576	805
B	25 to 29	0.1248	9371	1702	1554
C	2 to 10 <sup>d</sup>	0.1257	8830	1288	1503
D	Half-space	0.1599	84756	23484	4129

a. Average densities from (Kleinfelder, Inc. 2007a; 2007b). Units are kcf – kips/ft<sup>3</sup>; ksf – kips/ft<sup>2</sup>; kips – 1000 lbs.

b. Mean and standard deviation G were calculated by converting borehole Vs measurements to G using average densities.

c. Equivalent Vs for the mean G.

d. Thickness range exceeds maximum layer thickness by 2 ft to account for soil column height range.

**Table 3.** Properties of the IWTU three-layer starting soil profile for the log normal distribution of shear modulus (G).

Layer	Thickness Range (ft)	Average Density (kcf) <sup>a</sup>	Median G (ksf) <sup>b</sup>	Median Vs (ft/s) <sup>c</sup>	Coefficient of Variation – COV <sup>d</sup> (Log <sub>10</sub> )	Equivalent Factor
A	9 to 13	0.1184	2070	750	0.032	0.28
B	25 to 29	0.1248	9197	1540	0.020	0.20
C	2 to 10 <sup>e</sup>	0.1257	9387	1550	0.017	0.17
D	Half-space	0.1599	83115	4089	0.032	0.32

a. Average densities from (Kleinfelder, Inc. 2007a; 2007b). Units are kcf – kips/ft<sup>3</sup>; ksf – kips/ft<sup>2</sup>; kips – 1000 lbs.

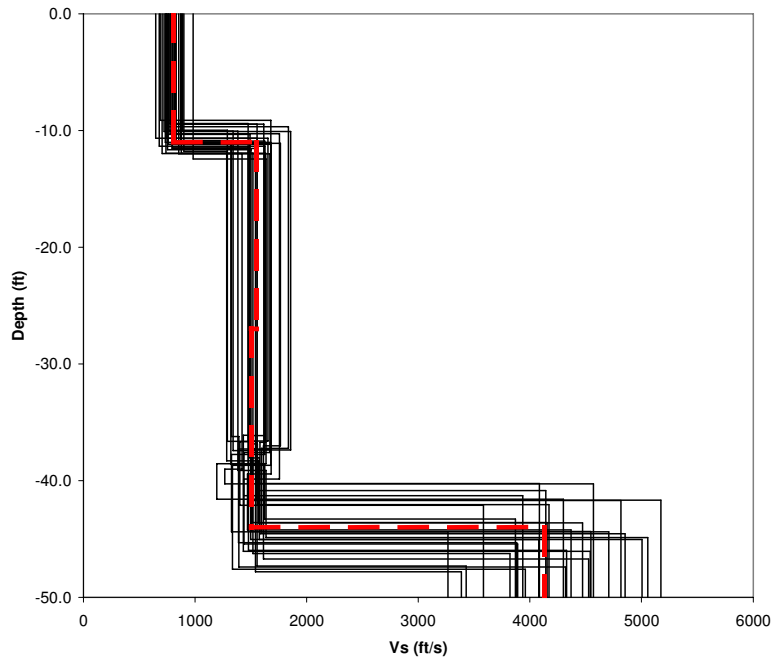
b. G<sub>M</sub> calculated by: 1) converting borehole Vs measurements to G using average density; and 2) performing statistical calculations using Log<sub>10</sub>G data.

c. Median Vs calculated by converting G<sub>M</sub> using average density.

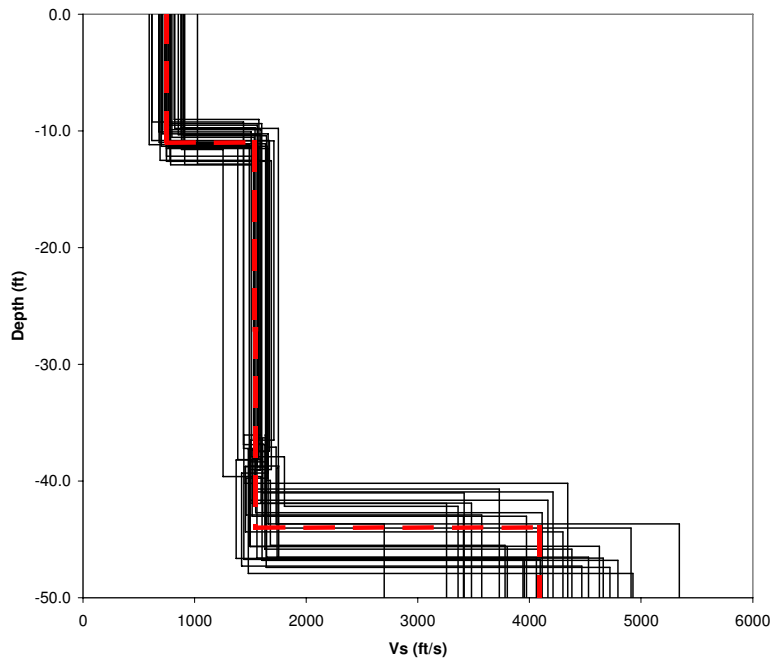
d. COV was calculated using Log<sub>10</sub>G data.

e. Thickness range exceeds maximum layer thickness by 2 ft to account for soil column height range.

(a)



(b)



**Figure 2.** Plot of thirty random (thin black lines) and starting soil profile (red dashed line) for (a) normal and (b) log normal distributions of shear modulus.

## 2.2 Site Response Analyses

Soil response spectra were generated using the SHAKE2000 program (Deng and Ostadan 2000). The SHAKE2000 program (Deng and Ostadan 2000) was used to calculate soil surface 5% damped spectra and time histories. SHAKE is a one-dimensional equivalent linear iterative analysis program. It calculates soil response spectra, time histories and strain-compatible soil properties consistent with the free-field ground surface response of horizontally layered soil deposits. Two horizontal rock acceleration time histories were propagated through each soil profile. Strain-dependent soil properties were determined using soil degradation models for shear modulus and damping as a function of shear strain. The soil profiles were divided into 2 ft sub-layers for input to SHAKE2000. SHAKE2000 computed strain-compatible soil properties for the center of the 2 ft layers. The new strain, shear modulus, and damping values were computed within 15 or less iterations. Thirty soil surface 5% damped spectra were generated for the 30 random soil profiles of each base case soil profile. Mean and 84<sup>th</sup> percentile soil surface 5% damped spectra were then calculated using the 30 soil surface spectra.

### 2.2.1 Rock Time Histories

The two horizontal INTEC/RTC/RWMC/PBF PC 3 (2,500 yr) acceleration rock time histories were used as input to each soil profile. The DBE rock time histories are from the ICP Architectural Engineering Standards (2007), which correspond to the horizontal INTEC/RTC/RWMC/PBF PC 3 Rock DBE 5% damped spectrum in Payne et al. (2002). Figures 3, 4, and 5 show the INTEC/RTC/RWMC/PBF PC 3 rock acceleration time histories. Arias intensity plots of the rock time histories show smooth increases from 1 to 15 seconds (Appendix B).

The rock time histories were input as outcrop motions at the top of the basalt half-space. This is consistent with current approaches. The response spectrum at the soil ground surface is generated by performing site response analyses using the ground motion defined at the top of rock as input. As currently recommended for site response analyses, soil properties are randomized for the multiple convolution calculations represented in 30 soil profiles. Each soil profile has a  $V_s$  for basalt that is represented as a uniform half-space.

### 2.2.2 Degradation Models

The BRP recommended use of three pairs of shear modulus reduction and damping curves (or degradation models) for use in the site response analyses (CWI 2007). The degradation models were selected for alluvial soils in Layers A and B, and for fine-grained soils referred to as clay in Layer C. The degradation models for the alluvial soils are different from those used in Payne (2006). Sensitivity analyses were conducted using three other pairs of shear modulus reduction and damping curves for the alluvial soils, including those used in Payne (2006). In addition to using other degradation models, COV was increased to assess the effects to spectral peak amplitudes and frequencies for all four degradation models. These results are discussed in Appendix C.

The three degradation models used in this site response analyses for the soil layers are:

- Layer A: “Darendeli/Menq CU 40” model for coefficient of uniformity (CU) of 40 at a soil depth of 5 ft (Pyke 2007).
- Layer B: “Darendeli/Menq CU 40” model for CU of 40 at a soil depth of 25 ft (Pyke 2007).
- Layer C: “PI 15” model from Vucetic and Dobry (1991) for Plasticity Index (PI) of 15.

The degradation models are shown in Figures 6, 7, and 8. The shear modulus reduction and damping values are listed in Tables 4, 5, and 6.

Pyke (2007) developed the “Darendeli/Menq CU 40” shear modulus reduction and damping curves from Darendeli (2001) and Menq (2003) consistent with grain size curves for the alluvial soils at IWTU. The CU for the alluvial soils at IWTU ranges from 30 to 50 (Kleinfelder, Inc. 2007a). Menq (2003) concluded that it is the uniformity of the gradation (or CU) of gravels that affects their nonlinearity, rather than the particle size. For Layer C, Kleinfelder, Inc. (2007a) determined the PI of these fine-grained sediments range from 7 to 28. Based on the PI data, the shear modulus reduction and damping curves of Vucetic and Dobry (1991) for a PI of 15 were used for Layer C.

Two assumptions were made to use the “Darendeli/Menq CU 40” degradation models in the site response analyses. The “Darendeli/Menq CU 40” model at 5 ft was assumed to be applicable to Layer A for depths from 0 to 13 ft. The “Darendeli/Menq CU 40” model at 25 ft was assumed to be applicable to Layer B for depths from 13 to 47 ft.

### **2.2.3 Horizontal Soil Surface Spectra**

The two horizontal PC 3 DBE rock time histories were propagated through the sets of 30 randomized soil profiles to produce horizontal soil surface 5% damped response spectra. Figures 9 and 10 show the mean soil surface spectra and spectra for 30 random soil profiles for the normal and log normal distributions of G, respectively, are generally similar. Individual spectral peaks exceed the mean spectral peaks for the H1 and H2 components. The majority of individual spectral peaks are between 7 and 8 Hz. The individual spectral peak accelerations are up to 1.2 g for the normal distribution and 1.4 g for the log normal distribution.

Strain and damping profiles as a function of depth were computed from the SHAKE2000 output. The individual strain and damping for each soil profile are shown in Figures 11 and 12 for the normal distribution of G and in Figures 13 and 14 for the log normal distribution. The strain and damping plots show the largest peaks at the boundary between Layers A and B. The strains at this boundary range from 0.01 to 0.06 % with the exception of two soil profiles that are up to 0.11%.

### **2.2.4 Spectral Amplification Factors**

One average horizontal spectrum was calculated by averaging spectral amplification factors of each horizontal component (H1 and H2). This approach was taken to calculate one soil surface spectrum each for the mean and 84<sup>th</sup> percentile. Spectral ratios were computed for spectral accelerations as a function frequency for each H1 and H2 soil surface spectrum to the corresponding H1 and H2 rock outcrop spectrum. The average amplification factors as function of frequency were computed for the two horizontal components. The average horizontal rock outcrop spectrum was computed for the H1 and H2 rock spectra. The average horizontal rock outcrop spectrum was multiplied by the average spectral amplification factors to produce the mean and 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal soil surface spectra that are used to develop design spectra (Appendix A; Table A-2).

The mean spectral amplification factors as a function of frequency are shown in Figure 15 for the normal and log normal distributions of G. The peak amplification factor is 3.5 at the spectral frequency of 7.18 Hz for both distributions.

**Table 4.** “Darendeli/Menq CU 40” shear modulus (G) reduction and damping curves for alluvial soils at 5 ft depth (Pyke 2007).

Log (Shear Strain - %)	G/Gmax	Log (Shear Strain - %)	Damping Ratio (%)
-4.00	0.97	-4.00	0.4
-3.70	0.95	-3.70	0.5
-3.52	0.94	-3.52	0.7
-3.30	0.91	-3.30	1.0
-3.00	0.85	-3.00	1.6
-2.70	0.76	-2.70	2.8
-2.52	0.70	-2.52	3.8
-2.30	0.61	-2.30	5.3
-2.00	0.47	-2.00	7.8
-1.70	0.34	-1.70	10.4
-1.52	0.27	-1.52	11.7
-1.30	0.20	-1.30	13.1
-1.00	0.12	-1.00	14.7
-0.70	0.08	-0.70	15.8
-0.52	0.06	-0.52	16.2
-0.30	0.04	-0.30	16.5
-0.15	0.03	-0.15	16.5
0.00	0.02	0.00	16.5

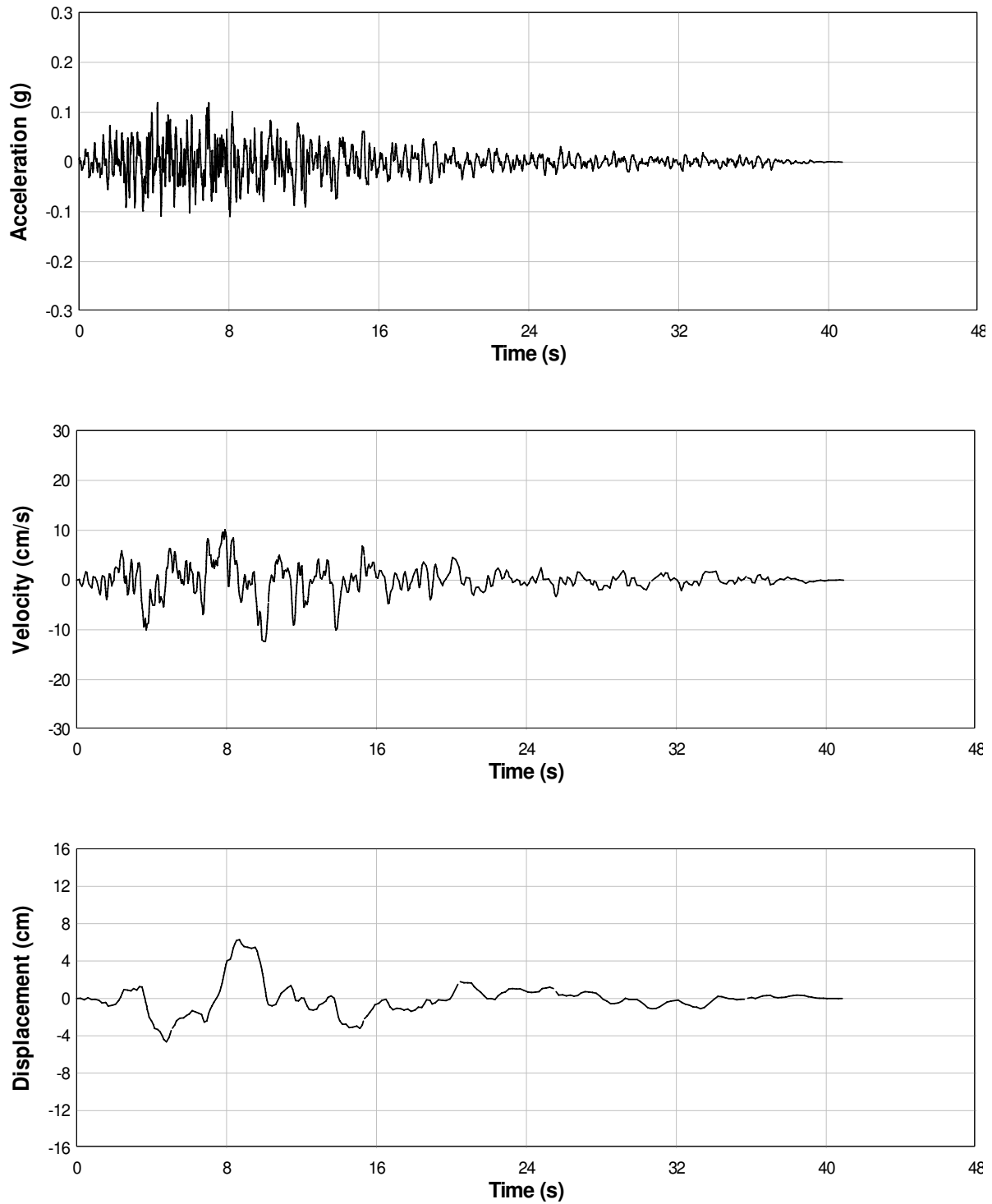
**Table 5.** “Darendeli/Menq CU 40” shear modulus (G) reduction and damping curves for alluvial soils at 25 ft depth (Pyke 2007).

Log (Shear Strain - %)	G/Gmax	Log (Shear Strain - %)	Damping Ratio (%)
-4.00	0.99	-4.00	0.2
-3.70	0.98	-3.70	0.3
-3.52	0.97	-3.52	0.4
-3.30	0.95	-3.30	0.6
-3.00	0.91	-3.00	1.0
-2.70	0.85	-2.70	1.8
-2.52	0.80	-2.52	2.5
-2.30	0.72	-2.30	3.8
-2.00	0.58	-2.00	6.2
-1.70	0.43	-1.70	9.2
-1.52	0.35	-1.52	11.0
-1.30	0.25	-1.30	13.2
-1.00	0.16	-1.00	15.7
-0.70	0.09	-0.70	17.5
-0.52	0.07	-0.52	18.2
-0.30	0.04	-0.30	18.7
-0.15	0.03	-0.15	18.9
0.00	0.02	0.00	18.9

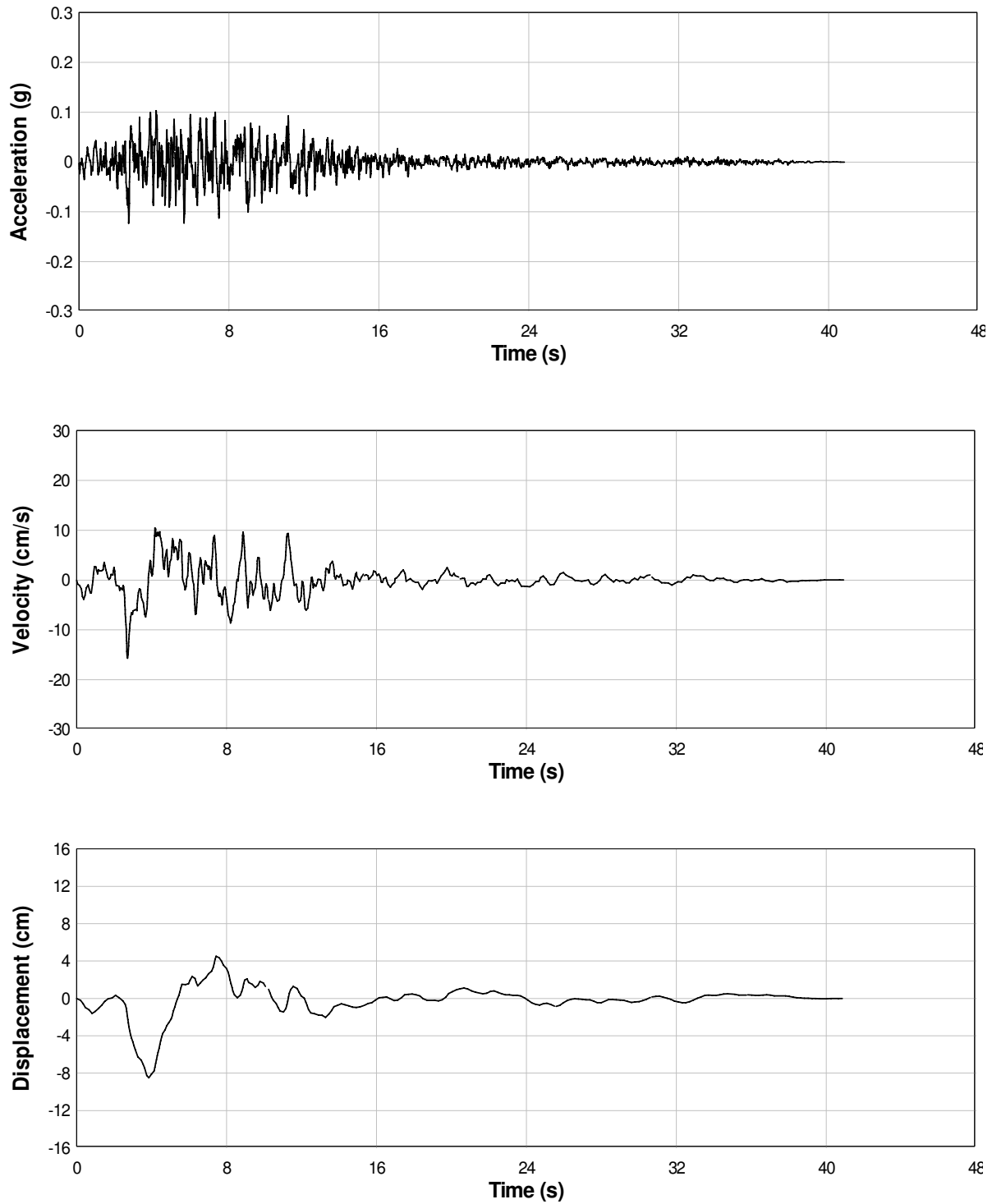


**Table 6.** Shear modulus (G) reduction and damping curves for fine-grained soils with a Plasticity Index (PI) of 15 (Vucetic and Dobry 1991).

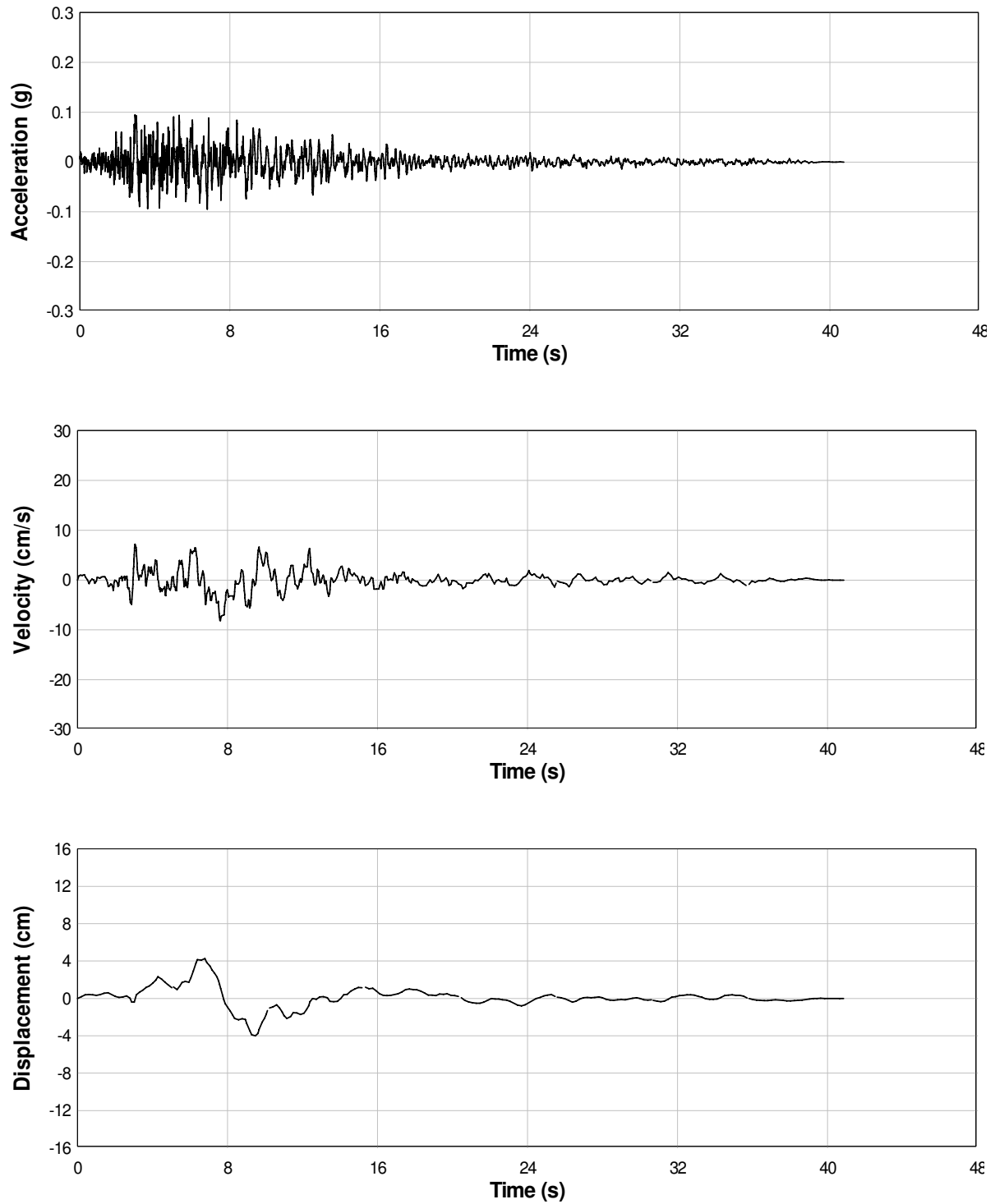
Log (Shear Strain - %)	G/Gmax	Log (Shear Strain - %)	Damping Ratio (%)
-4.0	1.000	-4.0	1.6
-3.5	1.000	-3.5	1.6
-3.0	0.994	-3.0	1.6
-2.5	0.935	-2.5	2.6
-2.0	0.819	-2.0	4.5
-1.5	0.637	-1.5	7.8
-1.0	0.410	-1.0	11.5
-0.5	0.211	-0.5	16.1
0.0	0.089	0.0	20.0



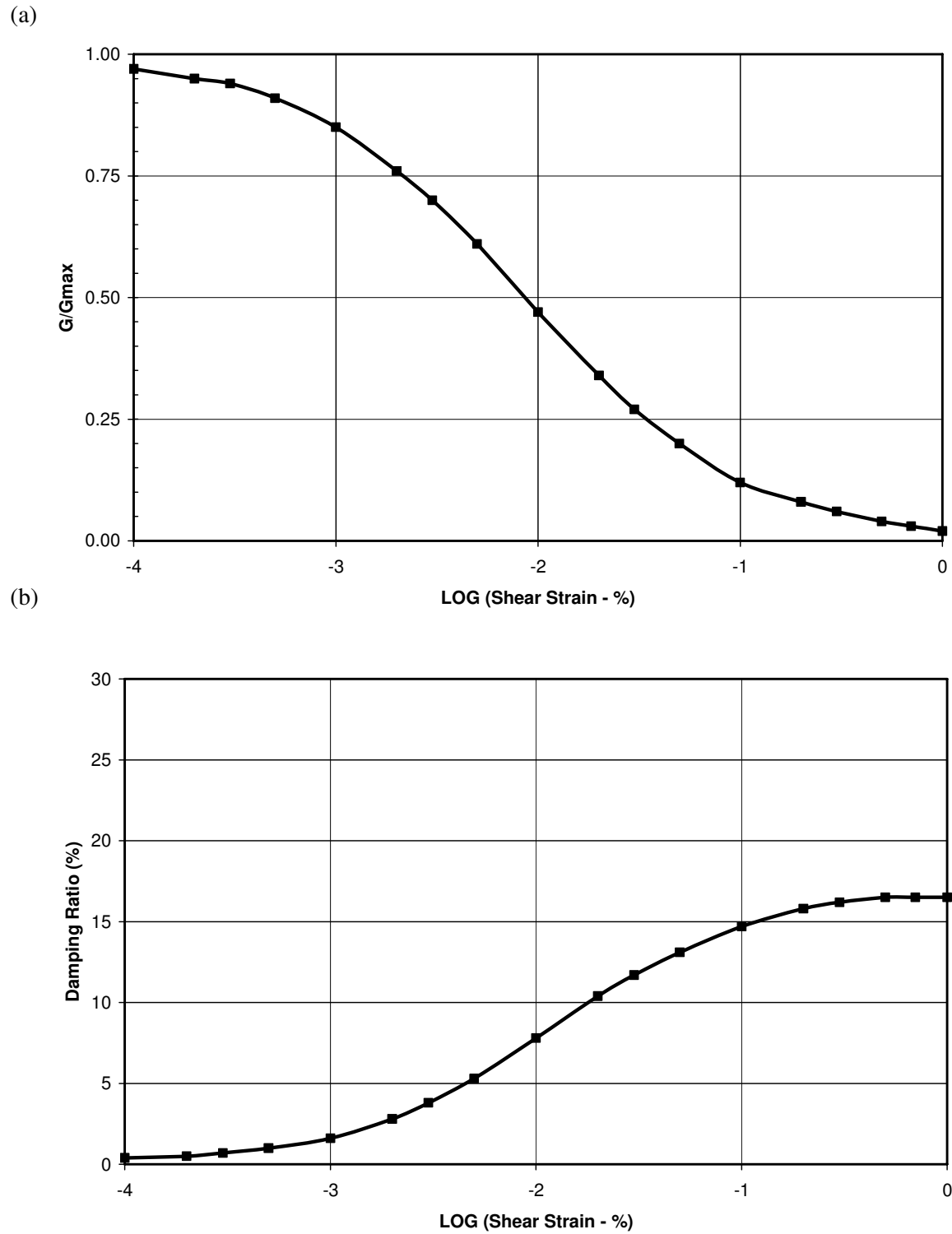
**Figure 3.** INTEC/RTC/RWMC/PBF PC 3 (2,500 years) Rock DBE time histories for the horizontal 1 component.



**Figure 4.** INTEC/RTC/RWMC/PBF PC 3 (2,500 years) Rock DBE time histories for the horizontal 2 component.

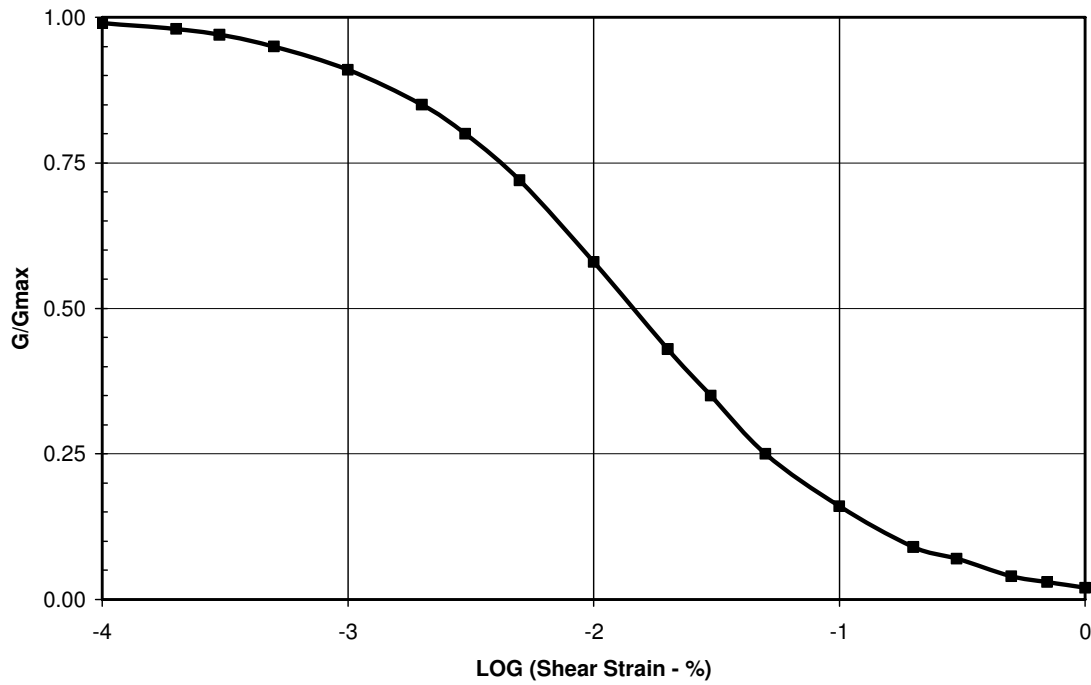


**Figure 5.** INTEC/RTC/RWMC/PBF PC 3 (2,500 years) Rock DBE time histories for the vertical component.

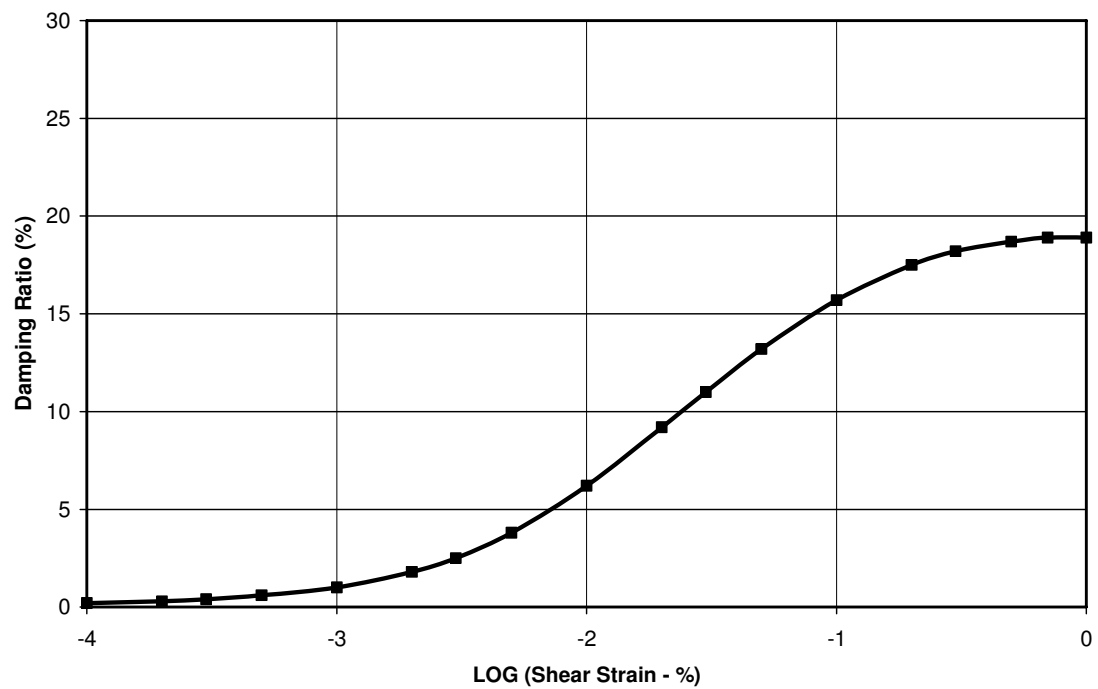


**Figure 6.** “Darendeli/Menq CU 40” (a) shear modulus ( $G$ ) reduction and (b) damping curves for alluvial soils at 5 ft depth (Pyke 2007).

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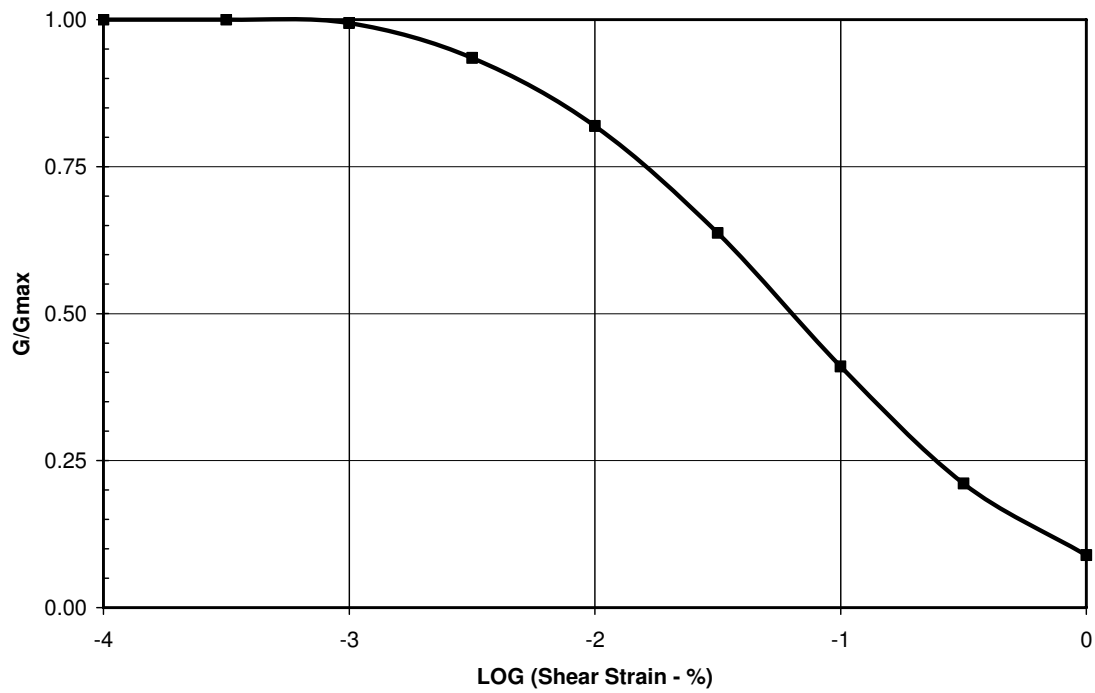


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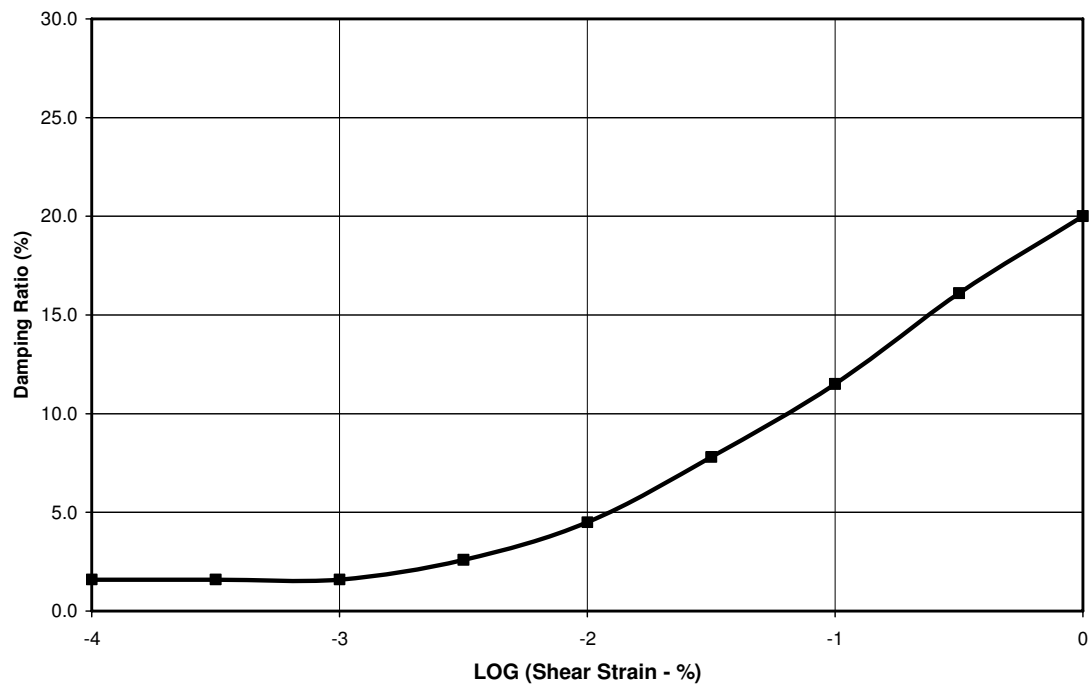


**Figure 7.** “Darendeli/Menq CU 40” (a) shear modulus ( $G$ ) reduction and (b) damping curves for alluvial soils at 25 ft depth (Pyke 2007).

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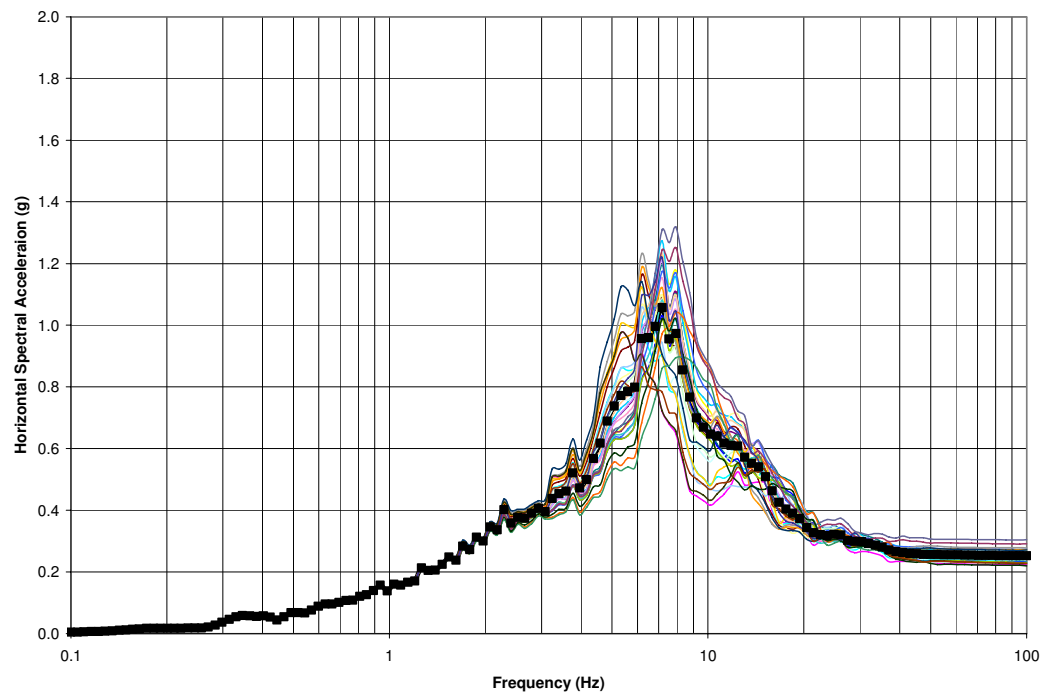


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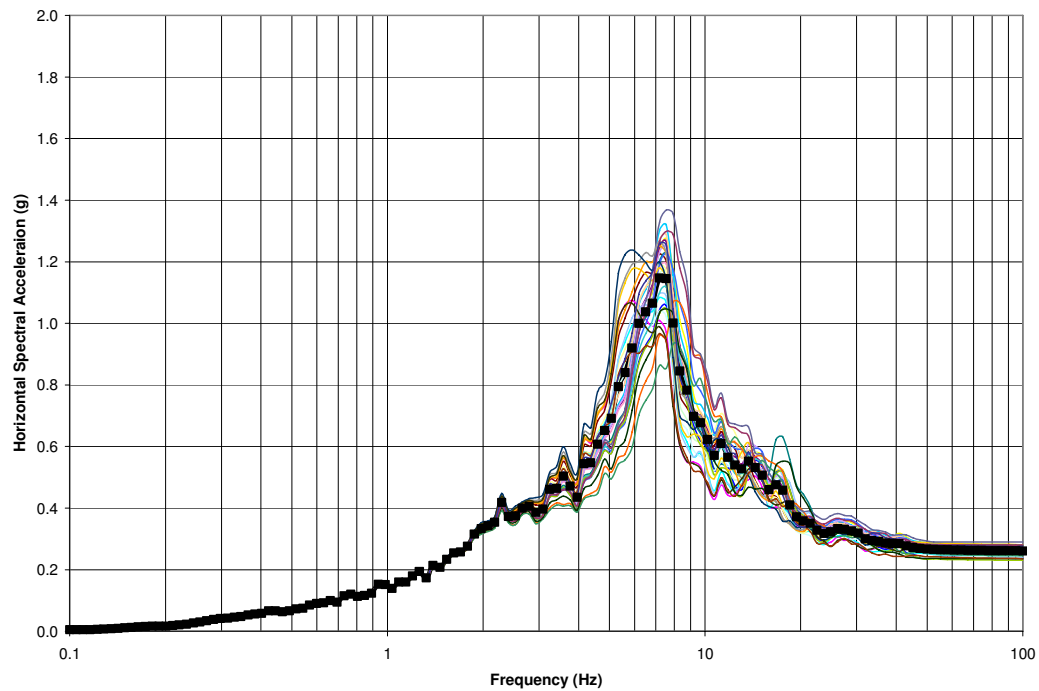


**Figure 8.** (a) Shear modulus ( $G$ ) reduction and (b) damping curves for fine-grained soils with a Plasticity Index ( $PI$ ) of 15 (Vucetic and Dobry 1991).

(a)



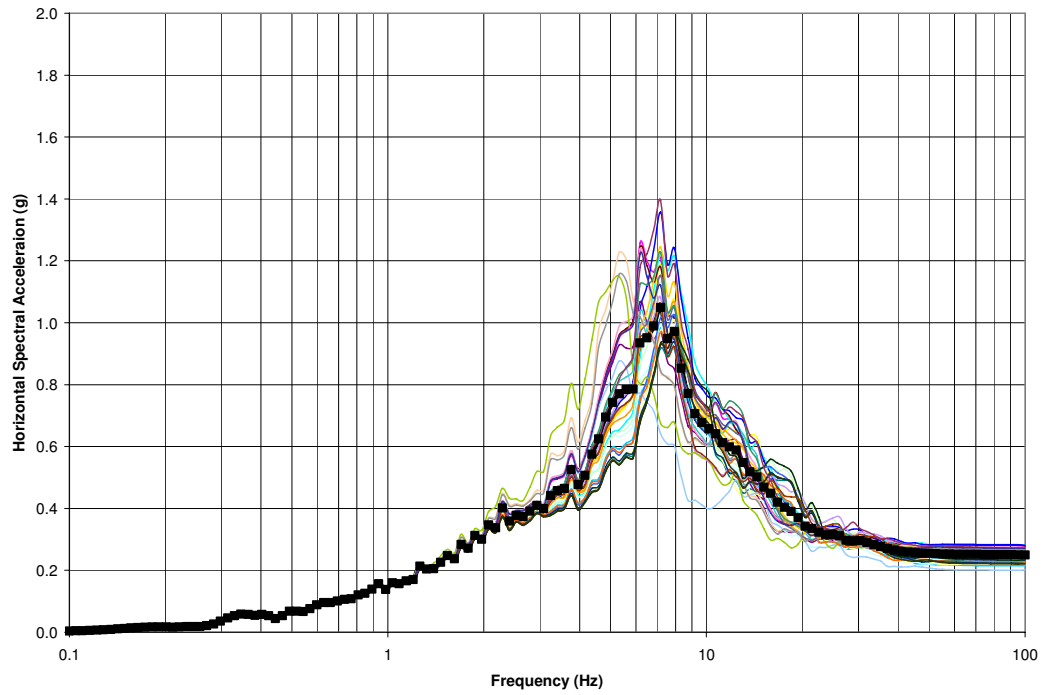
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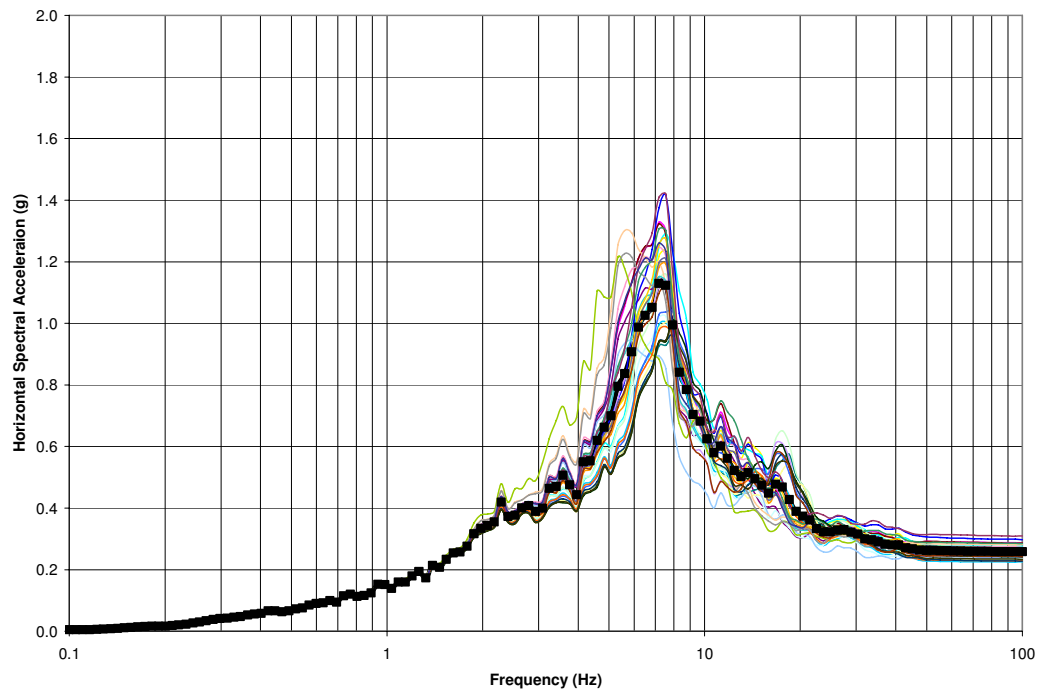
**Figure 9.** PC 3 (2,500 yr) mean (black jagged line) and 30 soil surface 5% damped spectra (colored lines) for: (a) H1 and (b) H2 corresponding to random soil profiles with normal distribution of  $G$ .



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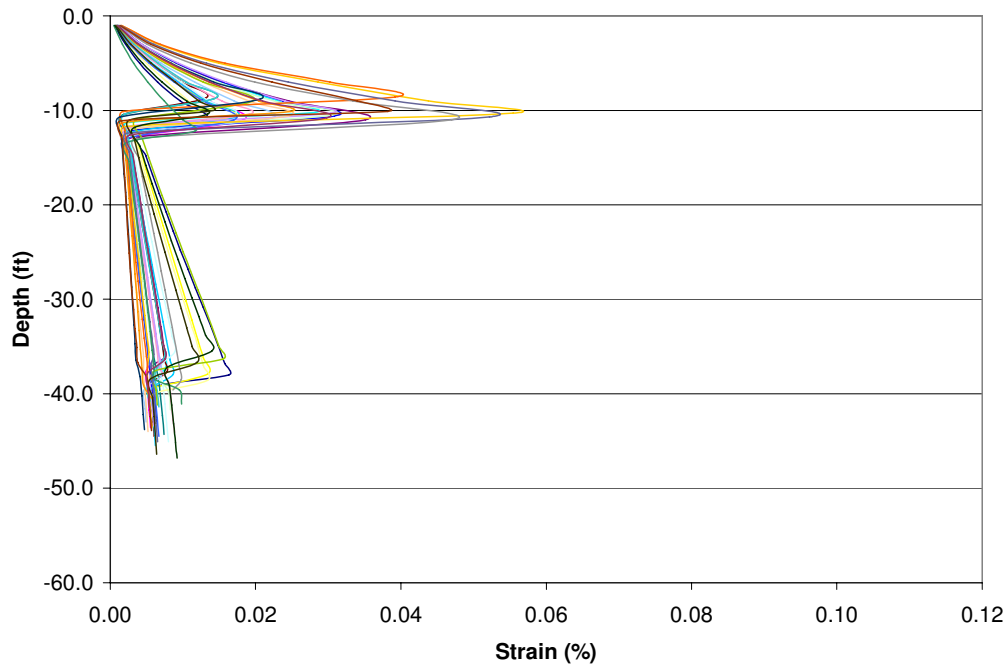


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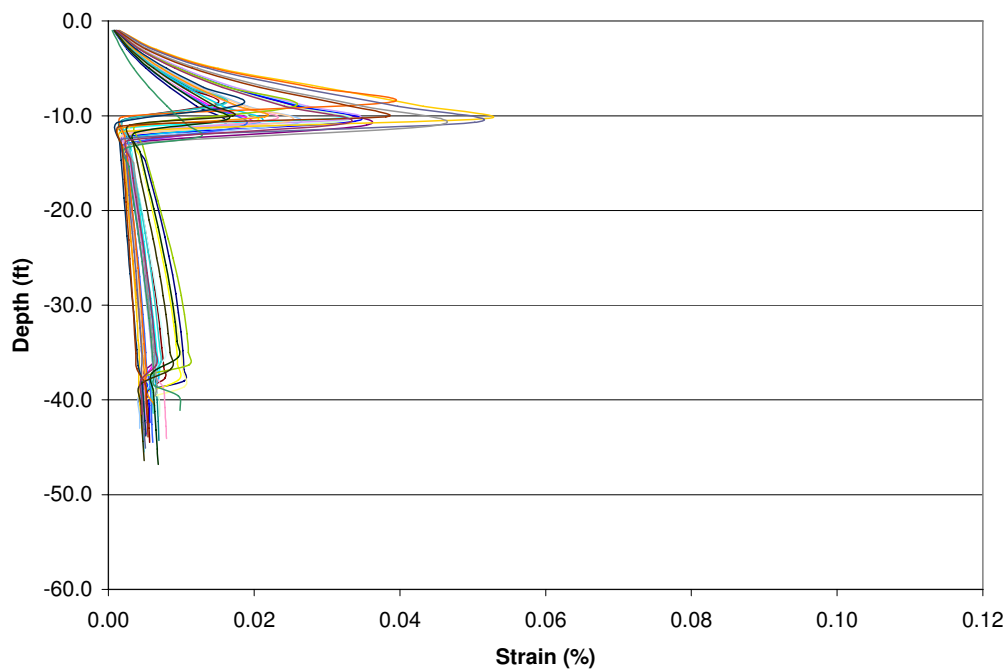


**Figure 10.** PC 3 (2,500 yr) mean (black jagged line) and 30 soil surface 5% damped spectra (colored lines) for: (a) H1 and (b) H2 corresponding to random soil profiles with log normal distribution of G.

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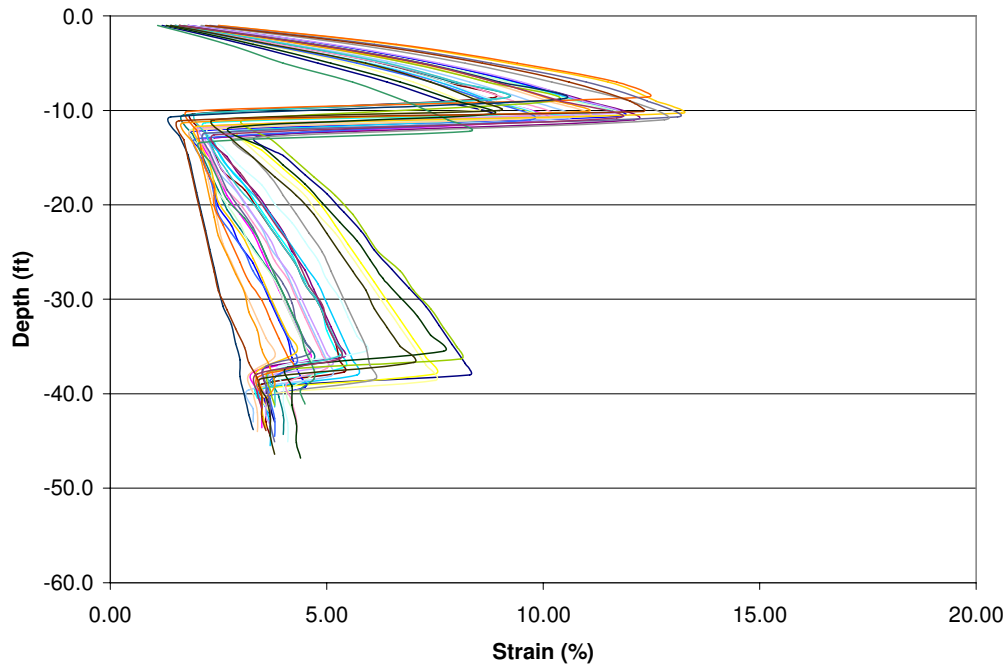


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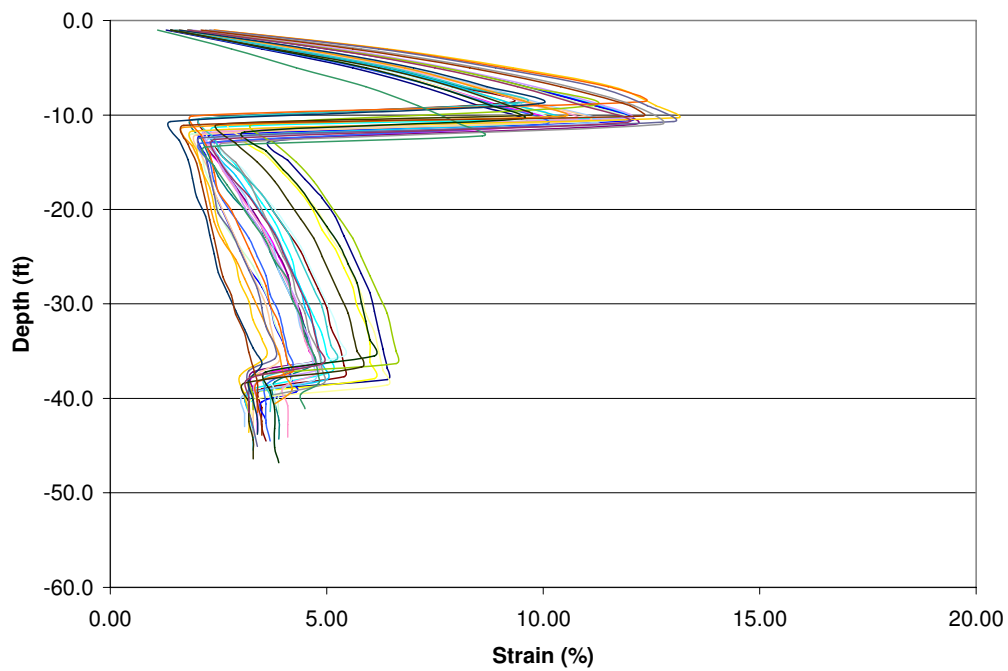


**Figure 11.** Strain as a function of depth corresponding to 30 random soil profiles with the normal distribution of  $G$  from the output of SHAKE2000 for: (a) H1 and (b) H2.

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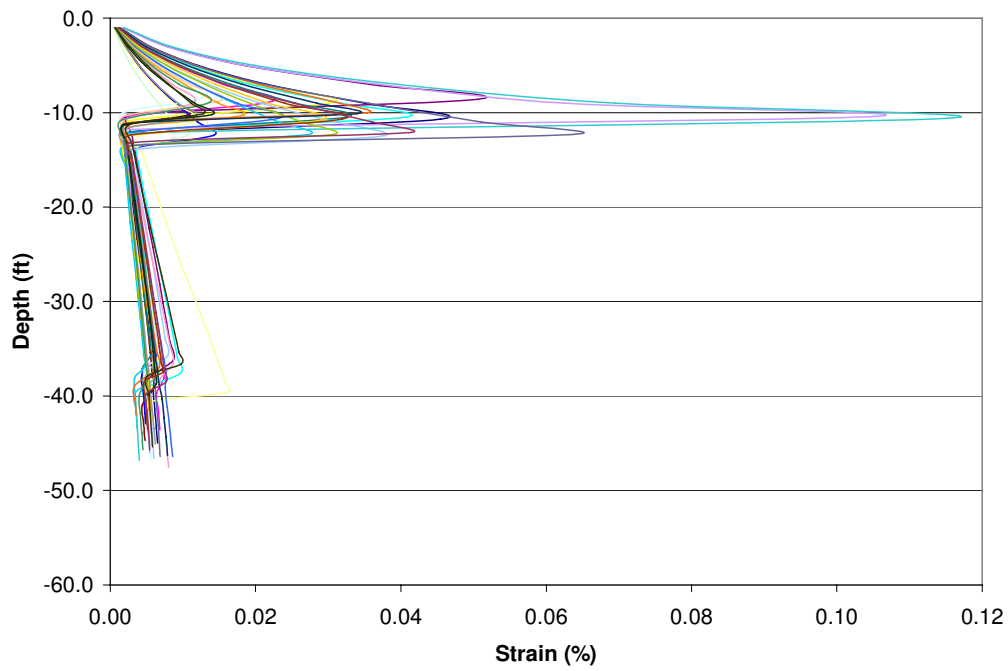


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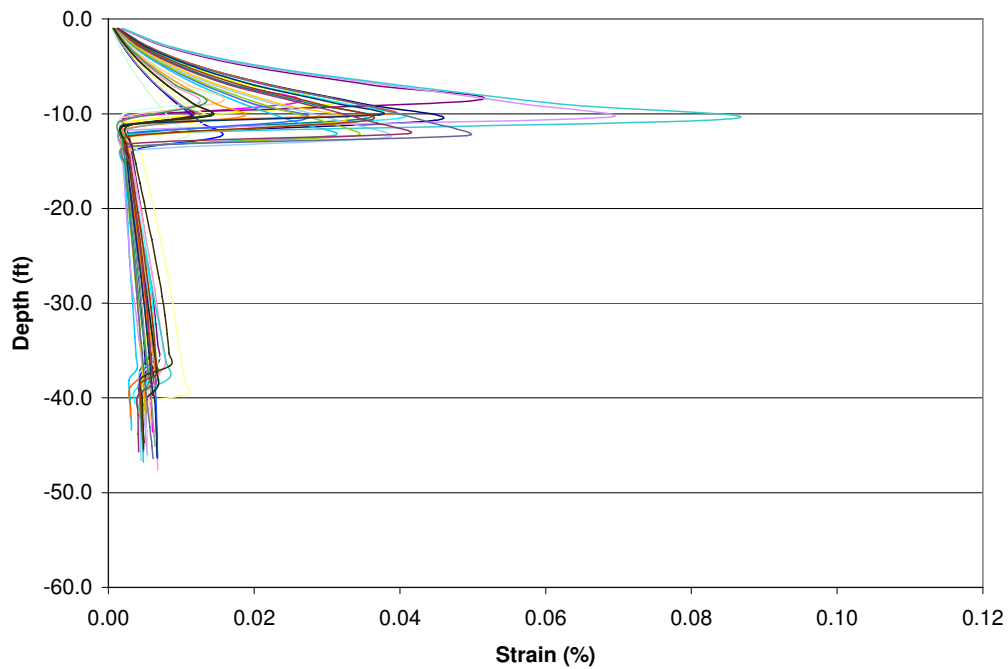


**Figure 12.** Damping as a function of depth corresponding to 30 random soil profiles with the normal distribution of  $G$  from the output of SHAKE2000 for: (a) H1 and (b) H2.

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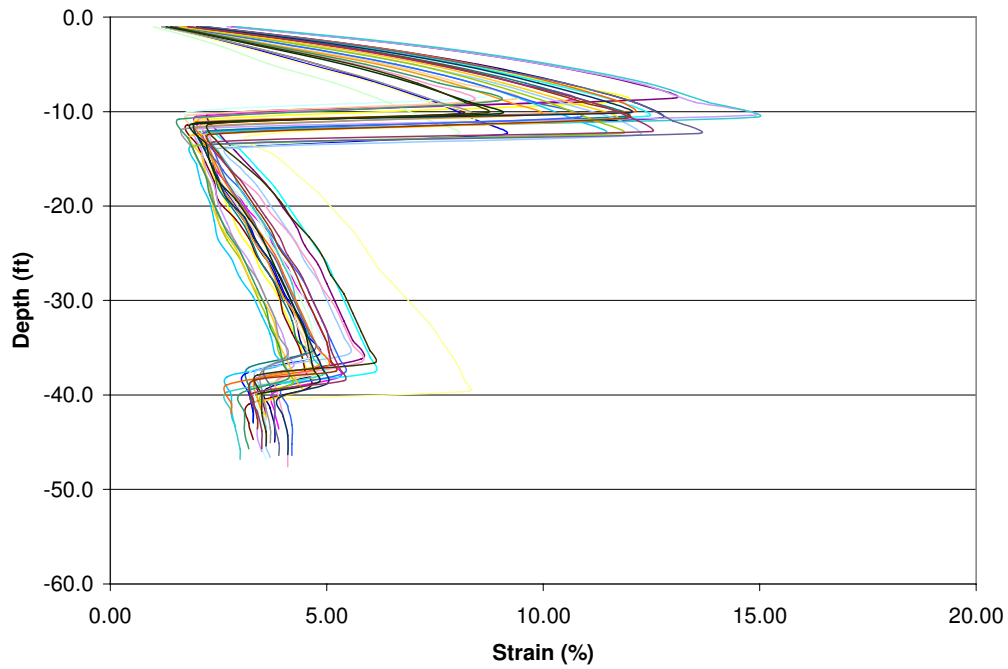


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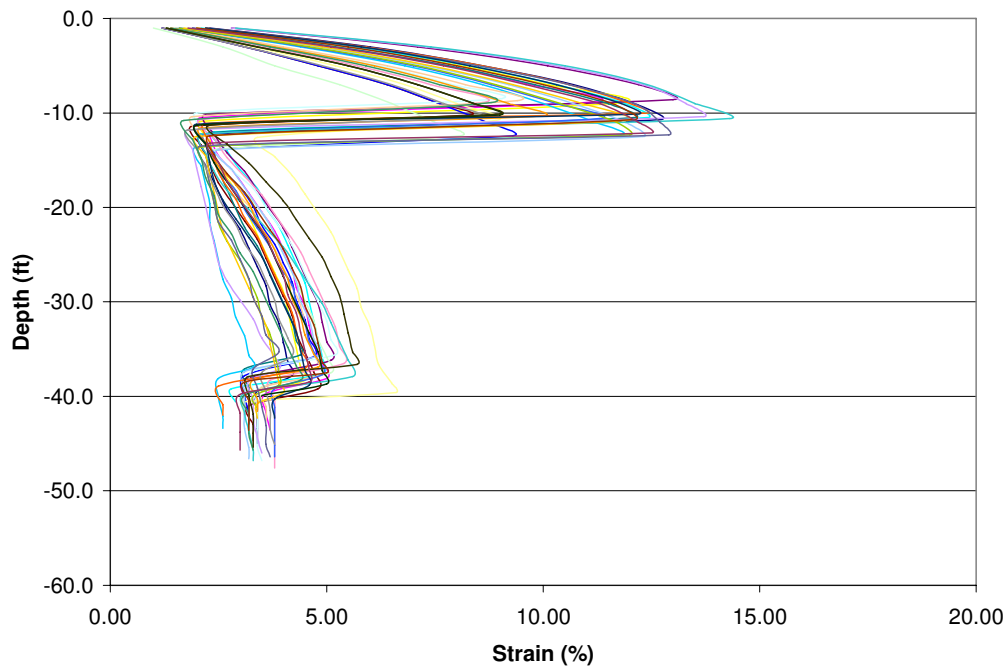


**Figure 13.** Strain as a function of depth corresponding to 30 random soil profiles with the log normal distribution of  $G$  from the output of SHAKE2000 for: (a) H1 and (b) H2.

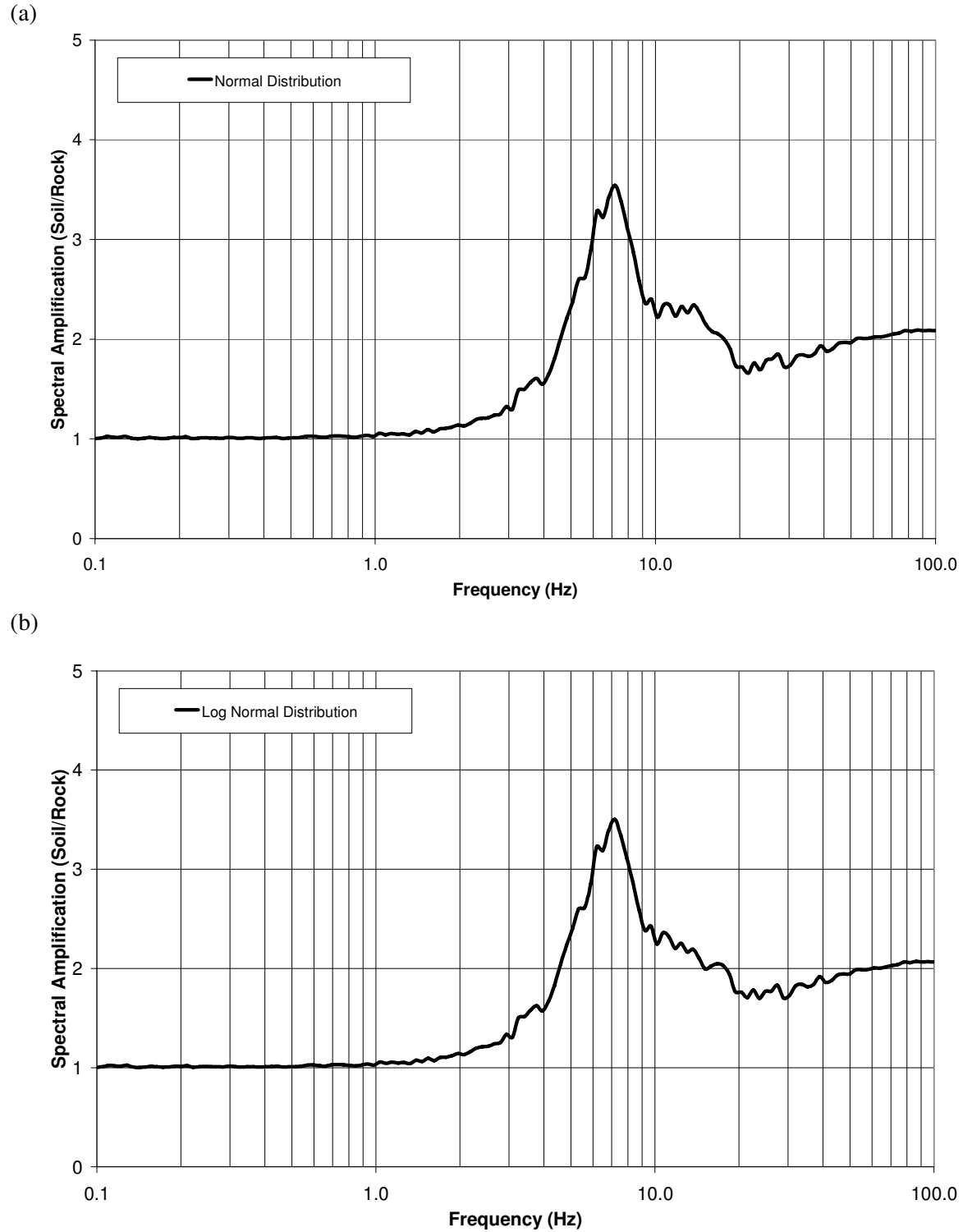
(a)



(b)



**Figure 14.** Damping as a function of depth corresponding to 30 random soil profiles with the log normal distribution of  $G$  from the output of SHAKE2000 for: (a) H1 and (b) H2.



**Figure 15.** Spectral amplification factors as function of frequency of the mean soil surface spectra for: a) normal and b) log normal distributions of shear modulus.

## **2.3 Horizontal IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE 5% Damped Spectrum**

### **2.3.1 Comparison to IWTU SSI Spectrum**

The mean soil surface 5% damped spectra from the two sets of random soil profiles were compared with each other and the IWTU SSI spectrum. The mean soil surface spectra for the two sets of random soil profiles with normal and log normal distributions of  $G$  have similar spectral peaks at 7.18 Hz with peak amplitudes of 1.1017 and 1.0892 g, respectively. The mean spectral peaks are narrower and exceed the IWTU SSI spectrum by 30% (Figure 16).

From these comparisons, the exceedance of the mean spectral peaks by over 20% indicates that a site-specific DBE spectrum should be developed for IWTU. The increased spectral peaks of the mean soil surface spectra for the normal and log normal distributions over those computed by Payne (2006) are the result of:

- Using “Darendeli/Menq CU 40” in place of the EPRI (1993) degradation models used in Payne (2006).
- Smaller variations (or COV) of  $G$  within the sets of 30 random soil profiles for the rock and all soil layers.
- The lower starting  $V_s$  of 750 ft/s for Layer A (which is equivalent to the Upper Alluvial Soil layer with  $V_s$  of 971 ft/s in Payne 2006).

Sensitivity analyses were conducted using three additional degradation models and a new set of 30 random soil profiles with a larger COV with the log normal distribution. Results of the sensitivity analyses indicate the greatest contribution to producing spectral peaks greater than the IWTU SSI Spectrum is use of smaller COVs for rock and soil layers combined with the “Darendeli/Menq CU 40” degradation models for Layers A and B (see Appendix C).

### **2.3.2 Development of the IWTU Mean DBE Spectrum**

The site-specific mean horizontal IWTU soil DBE 5% damped spectrum was developed by setting the spectral peak amplitude, broadening the acceleration part of the spectrum, and setting others parts of the spectrum equivalent to the RTC/INTEC PC 3 Soil DBE 5% damped spectrum. The DBE spectral peak amplitude was set to a value to envelop the spectral peaks of the mean soil surface spectra with normal and log normal distributions of  $G$  (Appendix A; Table A-2). This approach was recommended by the BRP since the mean soil surface spectral peaks are narrower than the RTC/INTEC PC 3 Soil DBE spectrum (Houston 2007a).

The RTC/INTEC PC 3 Soil DBE 5% damped spectrum has regions of constant acceleration, velocity and displacement similar to the approach of Newmark and Hall (1978). The mean IWTU soil DBE spectrum was developed to be consistent with this approach. Figure 17 shows the mean IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectrum compared with the RTC/INTEC PC 3 Soil DBE 5% damped spectrum and mean soil surface spectra for the normal and log normal distributions of  $G$ .

The spectral accelerations and frequencies of the mean IWTU soil DBE spectrum were calculated using new values or were set equivalent to values of the RTC/INTEC PC 3 Soil DBE 5% damped spectrum (Table 7). The constant acceleration of the mean IWTU soil DBE spectrum was set to 1.100 g. The constant acceleration region was broadened by a factor of 1.5 from the frequency of 7.18 Hz of the mean soil spectral peaks, resulting in spectral acceleration corners of 4.8 and 10.8 Hz. The spectral

accelerations at frequencies from 10.8 to 25 Hz were calculated using log-log interpolation. Spectral accelerations and frequencies from 25 to 100 Hz were set equivalent to the RTC/INTEC PC 3 Soil DBE 5% damped spectrum. The peak ground acceleration of the mean IWTU soil DBE spectrum is 0.2538 g at 50-100 Hz.

Spectral accelerations at frequencies from 0.208 and 4.8 Hz were calculated by determining the peak spectral velocity. The spectral velocity of 35.7964 cm/s was calculated using the spectral acceleration of 1.1 g and the corner frequency of 4.8 Hz. The frequency of 0.208 Hz was calculated using the peak spectral velocity and peak spectral displacement of 27.3477 cm, which is equivalent to the peak spectral displacement of the RTC/INTEC PC 3 Soil DBE 5% damped spectrum. Spectral accelerations and frequencies from 0.10 to 0.208 Hz are the same as those for the RTC/INTEC PC 3 Soil DBE 5% damped spectrum (Table 7).

A review by the DNFSB recommended the IWTU project not use a mean DBE soil spectrum, but consider an 84<sup>th</sup> percentile DBE soil spectrum for design purposes. Initially, the site-specific mean horizontal IWTU soil DBE 5% damped spectrum was selected for design of the IWTU. The DNFSB raised concerns with the standard practice of generating and averaging randomized spectra for shallow soil sites. For shallow soil sites, large variations of Vs and soil column heights result in rapid shifts of spectral peaks at different frequencies (Payne 2006). As shown in Figure 10, several spectral peaks of individual soil spectra exceed the mean soil surface spectrum (from 5.5 to 7.2 Hz). The DNFSB suggested that the IWTU site will respond to ground motions within a narrow frequency range since Vs and thickness of the soil deposit does not vary significantly. Further, they stated that at this time there is an absence of clear criteria to generate and judge the acceptability of random soil profiles and standard methods to produce a representative soil spectrum that accounts for the variability of randomizations in shallow soils. Thus, they recommended the IWTU project adopt an 84<sup>th</sup> percentile DBE spectrum, which would account for the uncertainty in the soil profile randomizations and an artificially low average spectrum (Eggenberger 2008).

### **2.3.3 Development of the IWTU 84<sup>th</sup> Percentile DBE Spectrum**

The spectral accelerations (SAs) and frequencies of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectrum were calculated using new values or were set equivalent to values of the SAs, peak spectral velocity (SV), or peak spectral displacement (SD) of the mean IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE 5% damped spectrum (Table 7). The following steps were taken to develop the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile soil DBE spectrum (Table 8):

- SAs from 100 to 25 Hz of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile DBE spectrum (Table F-2) were set to the SAs of the mean IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectrum (Table 7).
- The corner frequency of 10 Hz of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile DBE spectrum was selected so that SA levels could be extended to the peak SA of 1.250 g and still be consistent with the SAs of the mean IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectrum.
- The SAs of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile DBE spectrum between the corner frequencies of 10 and 25 Hz were calculated using log-log linear interpolations.
- The SAs of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile DBE spectrum between 10 Hz to the SA-SV corner frequency of 5.455 Hz were set to the spectral peak of 1.250 g to envelop the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile soil surface spectrum (Appendix A; Table A-2).



- The low frequency (f) corner of 5.455 Hz for the constant SA was calculated by using  $f = (SA * 981.45) / (SV * 2\pi)$ ; where SA is 1.250 g, SV is 35.7964 cm/s (peak SV of the mean IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectrum in Table 7), f is in Hz (or 1/s), and 981.45 is the conversion factor from cm/s/s to g.
- The SAs of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile DBE spectrum from 5.455 to 0.208 Hz were calculated using log-log linear interpolations to adjust for the new corner frequency of 5.455 Hz (Table F-2). Although these SAs were computed using log-log linear interpolation, the SAs of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile DBE spectrum from 4.0 to 0.208 Hz are the same as the mean IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectrum (Table 7).
- The SAs of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile DBE spectrum from 0.208 to 0.1 Hz (Table F-2) were set to the same values as the mean IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectrum for the peak SD of 27.3477 cm (Table 7).

The 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectrum was compared to the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile soil surface spectrum, the 30 random soil surface spectra, and the mean IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectrum. The 84<sup>th</sup> percentile IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectrum envelops the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile soil surface spectrum. The corner frequencies of 10 and 5.455 Hz result in a narrower 84<sup>th</sup> percentile DBE spectrum in the peak spectral acceleration region of the spectrum than for the mean IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE 5% damped spectrum (Figure 18). Figure 19 shows the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectrum envelops the majority of spectral peaks of the H1 and H2 soil surface spectra for the 30 soil profiles with the log normal distribution of shear modulus. Additionally, the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectrum envelops the two- and three-layer soil profiles of the IWTU boreholes except for the larger spectral peaks of one borehole (Appendix A; Figure A-8).

**Table 7.** Spectral accelerations, velocities, and displacements of the mean horizontal IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) Soil DBE 5% damped spectrum.

Mean Horizontal IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE 5% Damped Spectrum			
Frequency (Hz)	Spectral Acceleration (g)	Spectral Velocity (cm/s) <sup>a</sup>	Spectral Displacement (cm) <sup>b</sup>
100.000	0.2538	0.3964	0.0006
90.000	0.2538	0.4405	0.0008
80.000	0.2538	0.4956	0.0010
70.000	0.2538	0.5663	0.0013
60.000	0.2538	0.6607	0.0018
55.000	0.2538	0.7208	0.0021
50.000	0.2538	0.7929	0.0025
45.000	0.2647	0.9189	0.0032
40.000	0.2775	1.0835	0.0043
35.000	0.2927	1.3062	0.0059
30.000	0.3113	1.6207	0.0086
27.500	0.3223	1.8306	0.0106
25.000	0.3348	2.0919	0.0133
22.500	0.3887	2.6986	0.0191
20.000	0.4593	3.5875	0.0285
17.500	0.5550	4.9541	0.0451
15.000	0.6906	7.1911	0.0763
12.500	0.8942	11.1737	0.1423
12.000	0.9474	12.3325	0.1636
10.800	1.1000	15.9095	0.2345
9.000	1.1000	19.0914	0.3376
8.000	1.1000	21.4779	0.4273
7.000	1.1000	24.5461	0.5581
6.000	1.1000	28.6371	0.7596
5.500	1.1000	31.2405	0.9040
5.000	1.1000	34.3646	1.0939
4.800	1.1000	35.7964	1.1869
4.000	0.9167	35.7964	1.4243
3.829	0.8775	35.7964	1.4878
3.500	0.8021	35.7964	1.6278
3.000	0.6875	35.7964	1.8991

**Table 7.** Continued.

Frequency (Hz)	Mean Horizontal IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE 5% Damped Spectrum		
	Spectral Acceleration (g)	Spectral Velocity (cm/s) <sup>a</sup>	Spectral Displacement (cm) <sup>b</sup>
2.750	0.6302	35.7964	2.0717
2.500	0.5729	35.7964	2.2789
2.250	0.5156	35.7964	2.5321
2.000	0.4583	35.7964	2.8486
1.750	0.4010	35.7964	3.2555
1.500	0.3438	35.7964	3.7981
1.250	0.2865	35.7964	4.5577
1.000	0.2292	35.7964	5.6972
0.900	0.2063	35.7964	6.3302
0.800	0.1833	35.7964	7.1215
0.700	0.1604	35.7964	8.1388
0.600	0.1375	35.7964	9.4953
0.550	0.1260	35.7964	10.3585
0.500	0.1146	35.7964	11.3944
0.450	0.1031	35.7964	12.6604
0.400	0.0917	35.7964	14.2429
0.350	0.0802	35.7964	16.2777
0.300	0.0688	35.7964	18.9906
0.275	0.0630	35.7964	20.7170
0.250	0.0573	35.7964	22.7887
0.225	0.0516	35.7964	25.3208
0.208	0.0477	35.7964	27.3477
0.190	0.0397	32.6478	27.3477
0.175	0.0337	30.0703	27.3477
0.150	0.0248	25.7746	27.3477
0.125	0.0172	21.4788	27.3477
0.100	0.0110	17.1830	27.3477

a. Computed using frequency (column 1) and SA (column 2) and equation:  $SV = SA \cdot 981.45 / 2\pi f$ ; where 981.45 cm/s<sup>2</sup> is the factor to convert from g.

b. Computed using frequency (column 1) and SV (column 3) and equation:  $SD = SV / 2\pi f$ .

**Table 8.** Spectral accelerations, velocities, and displacements of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) Soil DBE 5% damped spectrum.

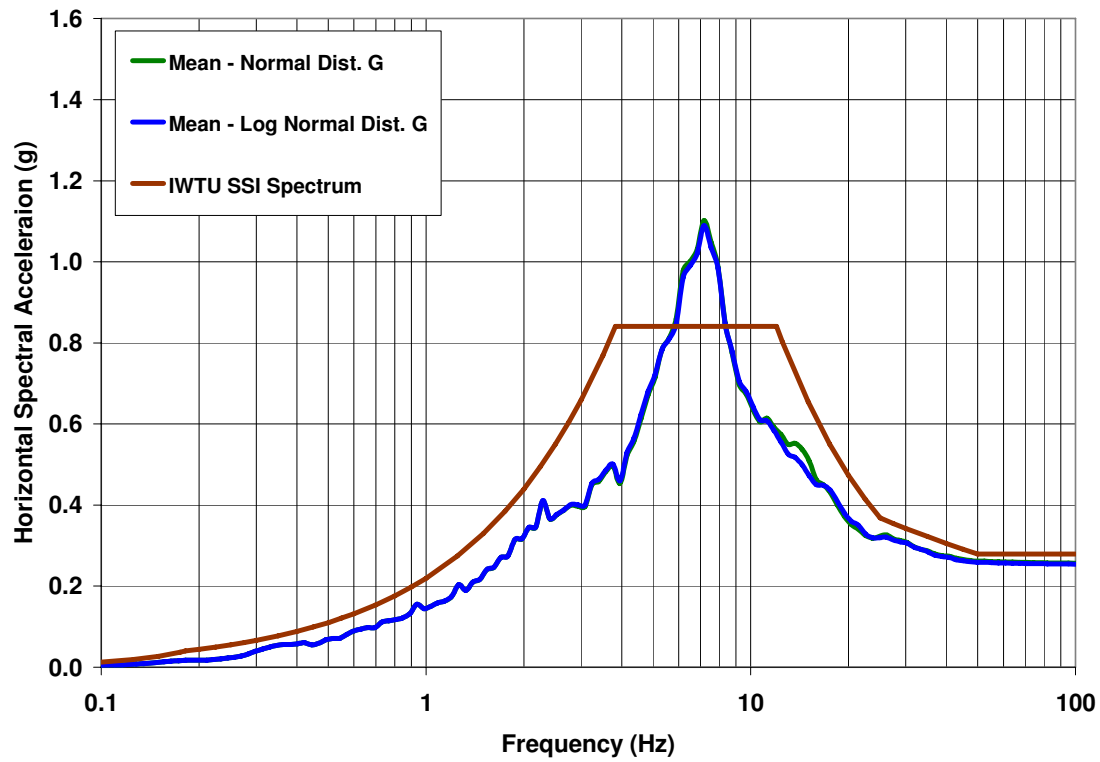
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90.000	0.2538	0.4405	0.0008
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27.500	0.3223	1.8306	0.0106
25.000	0.3348	2.0919	0.0133
22.500	0.3896	2.7044	0.0191
20.000	0.4614	3.6039	0.0287
17.500	0.5591	4.9905	0.0454
15.000	0.6978	7.2667	0.0771
12.500	0.9069	11.3334	0.1443
12.000	0.9618	12.5192	0.1660
10.000	1.2500	19.5253	0.3108
9.000	1.2500	21.6948	0.3836
8.000	1.2500	24.4067	0.4856
7.000	1.2500	27.8933	0.6342
6.000	1.2500	32.5422	0.8632
5.455	1.2500	35.7964	1.0445
5.000	1.1458	35.7964	1.1394
4.500	1.0313	35.7964	1.2660
4.000	0.9167	35.7964	1.4243
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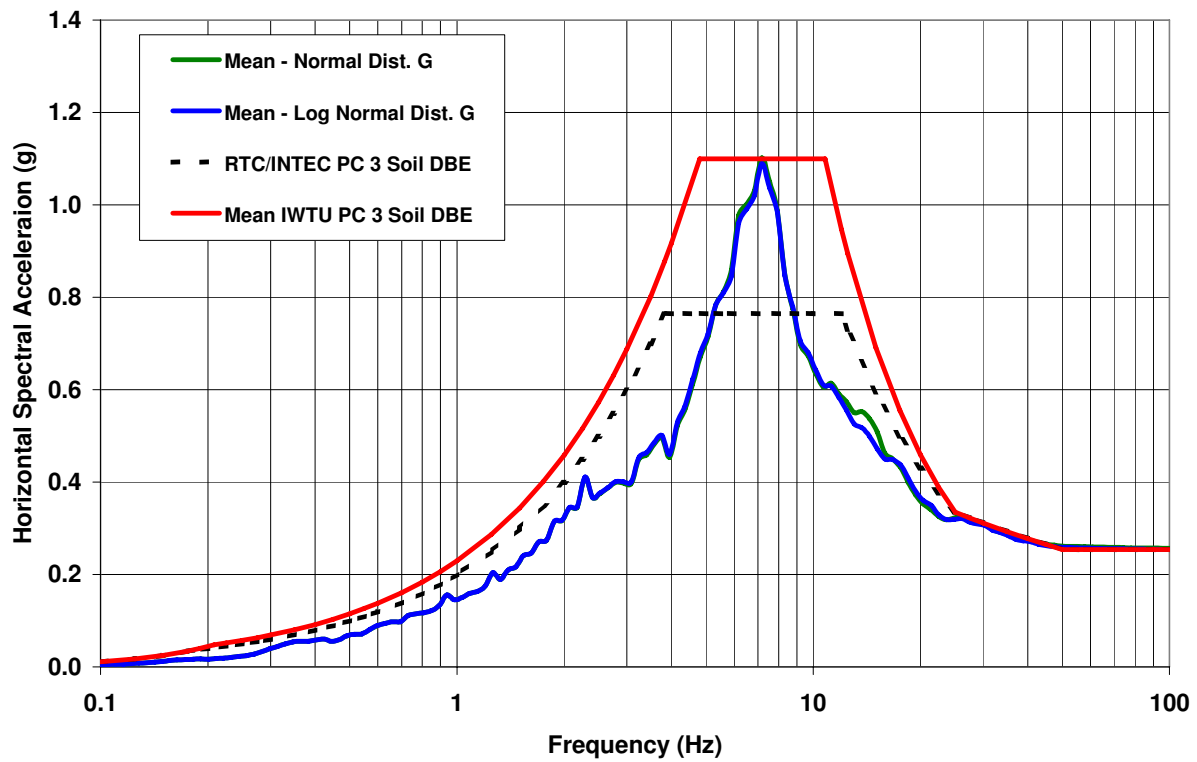
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0.275	0.0630	35.7964	20.7170
0.250	0.0573	35.7964	22.7887
0.225	0.0516	35.7964	25.3208
0.208	0.0477	35.7964	27.3477
0.190	0.0397	32.6478	27.3477
0.175	0.0337	30.0703	27.3477
0.150	0.0248	25.7746	27.3477
0.125	0.0172	21.4788	27.3477
0.100	0.0110	17.1830	27.3477

a. Computed using frequency (column 1) and SA (column 2) and equation:  $SV = SA \cdot 981.45 / 2\pi f$ ; where 981.45 cm/s<sup>2</sup> is the factor to convert from g.

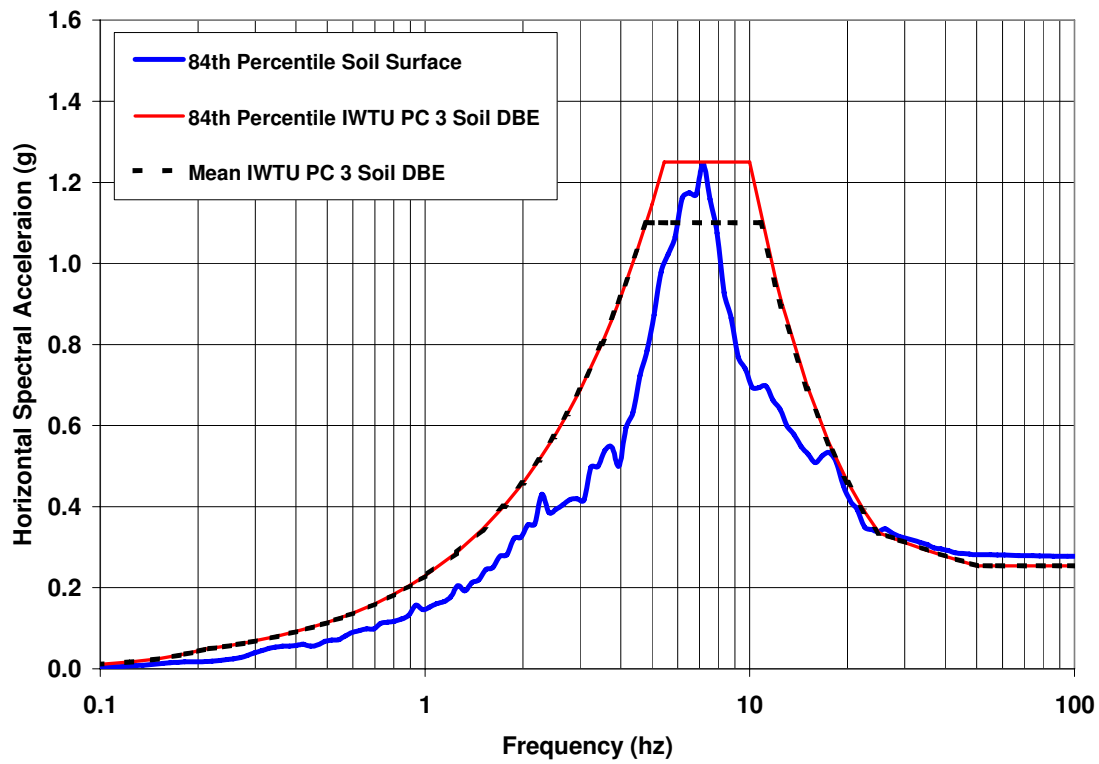
b. Computed using frequency (column 1) and SV (column 3) and equation:  $SD = SV / 2\pi f$ .



**Figure 16.** Horizontal PC 3 (2,500 yr) mean soil surface 5% damped spectra for the two sets of random soil profiles (log normal and normal distribution of  $G$ ).



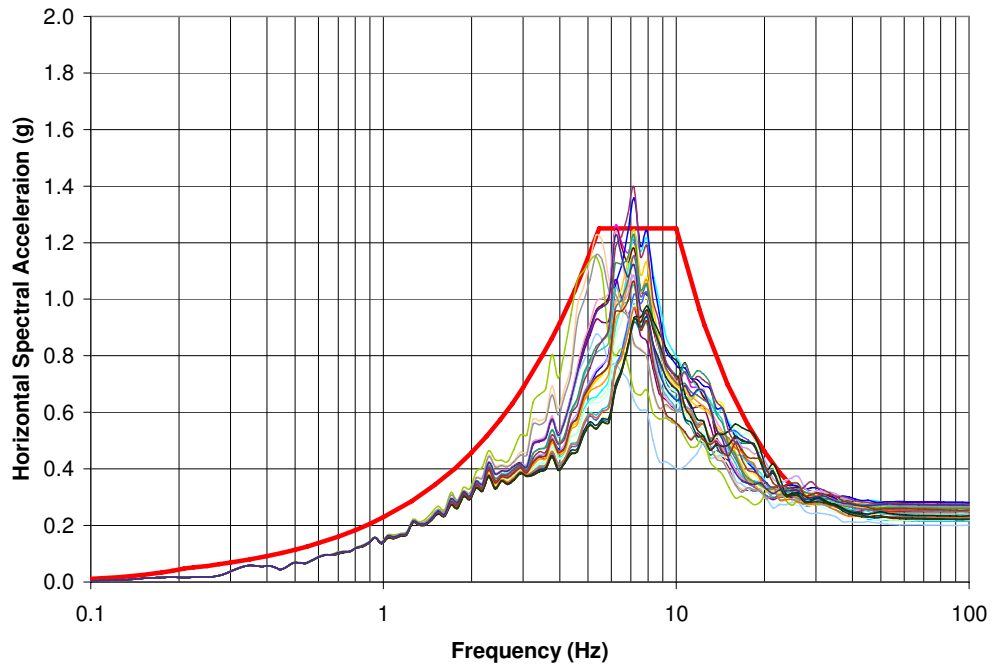
**Figure 17.** The mean horizontal IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) Soil DBE 5% damped spectrum, RTC/INTEC PC 3 DBE spectrum, and mean soil surface spectra for the two sets of random soil profiles (log normal and normal distribution of G).



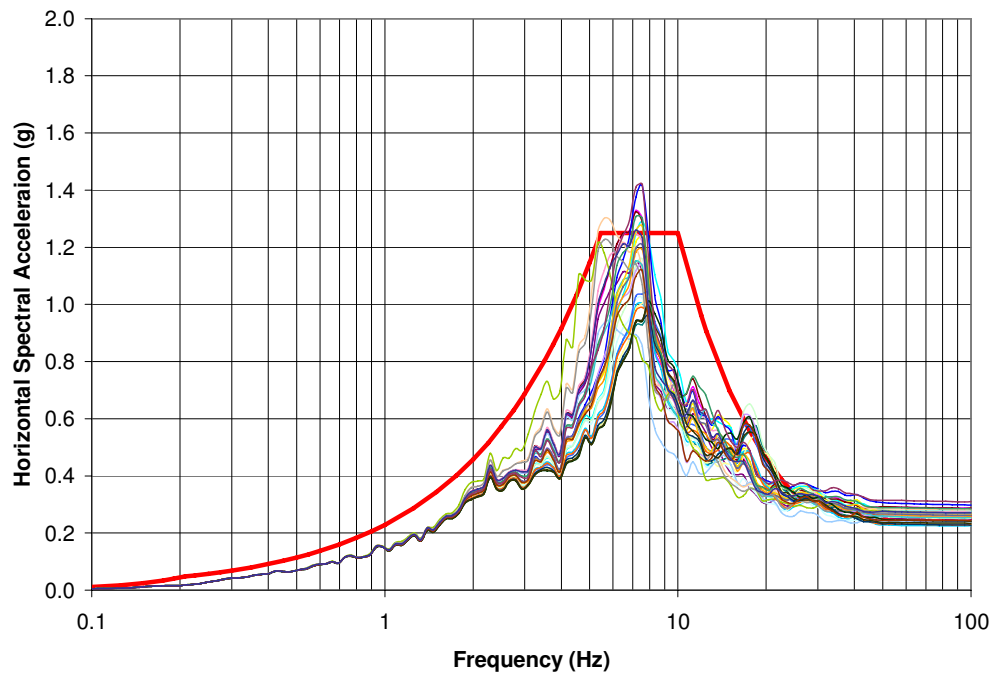
**Figure 18.** The 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) Soil DBE 5% damped spectrum, the mean IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) Soil DBE 5% damped spectrum, and the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile soil surface spectra for the 30 random soil profiles with the log normal distribution of shear modulus.



(a)



(b)



**Figure 19.** The 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) soil DBE 5% damped spectrum and individual soil surface spectra for the 30 random soil profiles with the log normal distribution of shear modulus for the (a) H1 and (b) H2 components.

### 3. Development of the Vertical Soil Design Spectra

Vertical IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE 5% damped spectra for the mean and 84<sup>th</sup> percentile were developed using V/H spectral ratios appropriate for INL. Spectral accelerations of the mean and 8<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectra were multiplied by the V/H spectral ratios (Figure 9). The resulting vertical spectral curves were then enveloped to produce the vertical DBE spectrum with region of constant acceleration, velocity, and displacement. It was assumed that the V/H spectral ratio developed for rock is also applicable for shallow soil conditions at IWTU. The V/H spectral ratio was developed with consideration of empirical ratios for rock and soil sites of less than 100 ft (Abrahamson and Silva, 1997). Additionally, this same approach has been used to develop other DBE soil spectra at INL (URS Greiner Woodward-Clyde Federal Services et al. 1999; Payne 2006).

#### 3.1 Development of the Mean Vertical Soil DBE Spectrum

Several steps were performed to develop the mean vertical IWTU soil DBE 5% damped spectrum. First, SAs of the mean horizontal IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE spectrum were computed at the frequencies of the V/H spectral ratios (Table 9). Second, the SAs of the mean horizontal IWTU PC 3 soil DBE spectrum were multiplied by the V/H spectral ratios to produce a mean vertical spectral curve (Table 9). Third, SVs and SDs were calculated for the mean vertical spectral curve using Equations [4] and [5] to determine the SA levels and corner frequencies for the constant SA, SV, and SD parts of the DBE spectrum (Table 10).

$$SV \text{ (cm/s)} = (SA * 981.45) / 2\pi f \quad [4]$$

$$SD \text{ (cm)} = SV / 2\pi f \quad [5]$$

Finally, the following steps were used to construct the mean vertical IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) soil DBE 5% damped spectrum using values in Table 10:

1. DBE SAs from 100 to 50 Hz were set to the SA of 0.1954 g of the vertical spectral curve.
2. The DBE SAs between frequencies of 50 and 25 Hz are from the vertical spectral curve for these frequencies.
3. The high frequency corner of 12.5 Hz for the DBE constant SA level was determined by selecting the frequency that resulted in SA (from a log-log linear interpolation) that closely matched the vertical spectral curve between 25 Hz and the high frequency SA corner.
4. The DBE constant SA was selected to be 0.9892 g, which is the spectral peak of the vertical spectral curve.
5. The DBE peak SV was determined by choosing the maximum SV of 23.8762 cm/s from the constant SV part of the vertical spectral curve. This value is 2/3 the horizontal DBE SV.
6. The peak DBE SV, peak SA, and Equation [4] were used to compute the DBE low frequency corner of 0.6472 Hz for constant SA.
7. The DBE SAs from 0.208 and 0.1 Hz are the same as the vertical spectral curve. This portion of the DBE spectrum has a constant SD= 18.2409 cm (or 2/3 times the horizontal DBE SD).

The mean vertical IWTU soil DBE 5% damped spectrum (Table 11) exceeds the spectral accelerations from frequencies of 4.8 to 10.8 Hz. It closely matches the spectral accelerations of the vertical spectral

curve at frequencies less than 4.8 Hz and greater than 15 Hz. The mean vertical soil DBE spectrum slightly exceeds the mean horizontal soil DBE spectrum near 12 Hz (Figure 18).

### 3.2 Development of the 84<sup>th</sup> Percentile Vertical Soil DBE Spectrum

The 84<sup>th</sup> percentile vertical IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectrum was developed using the same general approach as for the mean vertical soil DBE spectrum (Section 3.1). The SAs of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE spectrum were multiplied by the V/H spectral ratios to produce an 84<sup>th</sup> percentile vertical spectral curve (Table 12). The following steps were taken to develop the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile vertical IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectrum (Table 13).

1. The SA of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile DBE spectrum from 25 to 100 Hz were set to the SA of the mean vertical IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectrum (Table 10), since the same V/H spectral ratios were used.
2. The peak SA of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile DBE spectrum was set to 1.0875 g to envelop the peak SA of the vertical spectral curve (Table 12).
3. The corner frequency of 12 Hz was selected so that the SA levels 84<sup>th</sup> percentile DBE spectrum (Table 13) could be extended to the peak SA of 1.0875 g and still be consistent with the SAs of the mean vertical IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectrum (Table 10).
4. SAs of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile DBE spectrum between the corner frequencies of 12 and 25 Hz were calculated using log-log linear interpolations.
5. Peak SAs of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile DBE spectrum were set to 1.0875 g for frequencies between 12 Hz and the SA-SV corner frequency of 7.115 Hz, which was calculated using  $f = (SA * 981.45) / (SV * 2\pi)$ ; where SA is 1.0875 g, SV is 23.8762 cm/s (peak SV of the vertical spectral curve in Table 12), f is in Hz (or 1/s), and 981.45 is the conversion factor from cm/s/s to g. The peak SV of 23.8762 cm/s is the same as the mean vertical IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectrum (Table 10).
6. SAs of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile DBE spectrum from 7.115 to 0.208 Hz were calculated using log-log linear interpolation. Although the SAs were computed using log-log linear interpolations, the SAs of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile DBE spectrum from 4.5 to 0.208 Hz (Table 13) are the same as the mean vertical IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectrum (Table 10).
7. SAs of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile DBE spectrum from 0.208 to 0.1 Hz (Table 13) were set to the same values as the mean vertical IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectrum for a peak SD of 18.2409 cm (Table 10).

The 84<sup>th</sup> percentile vertical IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectrum envelopes the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile vertical spectral curve, with only a slight exceedance 16 to 25 Hz. The 84<sup>th</sup> percentile soil DBE spectrum has spectral accelerations the same as the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile spectral curve at frequencies greater than 25 Hz and less than 4.8 Hz. Additionally, spectral accelerations from 11 to 22 Hz of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile vertical soil DBE spectrum exceed those of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal soil DBE spectrum (Figure 21).

**Table 9.** Calculation of the mean vertical IWTU PC 3 spectral curve.

Frequency (Hz)	Mean Horizontal IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE Spectral Acceleration (g)	Vertical/Horizontal Spectral Ratio	Mean Vertical Curve Spectral Acceleration (g) <sup>a</sup>
100.00	0.2538	0.7700	0.1954
50.00	0.2538	0.7700	0.1954
45.00	0.2647	0.8070	0.2136
40.00	0.2775	0.8500	0.2358
33.33	0.2984	0.8970	0.2677
31.00	0.3072	0.9250	0.2842
30.00	0.3113	0.9360	0.2913
28.00	0.3200	0.9540	0.3053
25.00	0.3348	0.9850	0.3298
22.00	0.4013	1.0300	0.4133
20.00	0.4593	1.0600	0.4869
18.00	0.5333	1.0900	0.5813
17.50	0.5550	1.0900	0.6050
17.00	0.5783	1.0900	0.6304
16.00	0.6302	1.0700	0.6743
15.00	0.6906	1.0600	0.7320
14.50	0.7245	1.0600	0.7680
14.00	0.7615	1.0500	0.7996
13.50	0.8018	1.0400	0.8338
13.00	0.8458	1.0300	0.8712
12.50	0.8942	1.0000	0.8942
12.00	0.9474	0.9750	0.9237
11.50	1.0063	0.9490	0.9550
11.00	1.0718	0.9230	0.9892
10.50	1.1000	0.8970	0.9867
10.00	1.1000	0.8700	0.9570
9.50	1.1000	0.8420	0.9262
9.00	1.1000	0.8130	0.8943
8.50	1.1000	0.7890	0.8679
8.00	1.1000	0.7650	0.8415
7.75	1.1000	0.7460	0.8206
7.50	1.1000	0.7280	0.8008

**Table 9.** Continued.

Frequency (Hz)	Mean Horizontal IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE Spectral Acceleration (g)	Vertical/Horizontal Spectral Ratio	Mean Vertical Curve Spectral Acceleration (g) <sup>a</sup>
7.25	1.1000	0.7090	0.7799
7.00	1.1000	0.6900	0.7590
6.75	1.1000	0.6850	0.7535
6.50	1.1000	0.6790	0.7469
6.25	1.1000	0.6730	0.7403
6.00	1.1000	0.6670	0.7337
5.500	1.1000	0.6670	0.7337
5.000	1.1000	0.6670	0.7337
4.800	1.1000	0.6670	0.7337
4.000	0.9167	0.6670	0.6114
3.829	0.8775	0.6670	0.5853
3.500	0.8021	0.6670	0.5350
3.000	0.6875	0.6670	0.4586
2.750	0.6302	0.6670	0.4203
2.500	0.5729	0.6670	0.3821
2.250	0.5156	0.6670	0.3439
2.000	0.4583	0.6670	0.3057
1.750	0.4010	0.6670	0.2675
1.500	0.3438	0.6670	0.2293
1.250	0.2865	0.6670	0.1911
1.000	0.2292	0.6670	0.1529
0.900	0.2063	0.6670	0.1376
0.800	0.1833	0.6670	0.1223
0.700	0.1604	0.6670	0.1070
0.600	0.1375	0.6670	0.0917
0.550	0.1260	0.6670	0.0841
0.500	0.1146	0.6670	0.0764
0.450	0.1031	0.6670	0.0688
0.400	0.0917	0.6670	0.0611
0.350	0.0802	0.6670	0.0535
0.300	0.0688	0.6670	0.0459
0.275	0.0630	0.6670	0.0420

**Table 9.** Continued.

Frequency (Hz)	Mean Horizontal IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE Spectral Acceleration (g)	Vertical/Horizontal Spectral Ratio	Mean Vertical Curve Spectral Acceleration (g) <sup>a</sup>
0.250	0.0573	0.6670	0.0382
0.225	0.0516	0.6670	0.0344
0.208	0.0477	0.6670	0.0318
0.190	0.0397	0.6670	0.0265
0.175	0.0337	0.6670	0.0225
0.150	0.0248	0.6670	0.0165
0.125	0.0172	0.6670	0.0115
0.100	0.0110	0.6670	0.0073

a. SA (column 4) calculated by multiplying horizontal SA (column 2) by V/H spectral ratio (column 3).

**Table 10.** Spectral accelerations, velocities, displacements of the mean vertical IWTU PC 3 spectral curve.

Frequency (Hz)	Mean Vertical Curve Spectral Acceleration (g)	Mean Vertical Curve Spectral Velocity (cm/s) <sup>a</sup>	Mean Vertical Curve Spectral Displacement (cm) <sup>b</sup>
100.000	0.1954	0.3053	0.0005
50.000	0.1954	0.6105	0.0019
45.000	0.2136	0.7415	0.0026
40.000	0.2358	0.9210	0.0037
33.330	0.2677	1.2546	0.0060
31.000	0.2842	1.4319	0.0074
30.000	0.2913	1.5170	0.0080
28.000	0.3053	1.7029	0.0097
25.000	0.3298	2.0605	0.0131
22.000	0.4133	2.9347	0.0212
20.000	0.4869	3.8027	0.0303
18.000	0.5813	5.0445	0.0446
17.500	0.6050	5.4000	0.0491
17.000	0.6304	5.7920	0.0542
16.000	0.6743	6.5831	0.0655
15.000	0.7320	7.6226	0.0809
14.500	0.7680	8.2735	0.0908
14.000	0.7996	8.9210	0.1014
13.500	0.8338	9.6480	0.1137
13.000	0.8712	10.4679	0.1282
12.500	0.8942	11.1737	0.1423
12.000	0.9237	12.0242	0.1595
11.500	0.9550	12.9717	0.1795
11.000	0.9892	14.0474	0.2032
10.500	0.9867	14.6786	0.2225
10.000	0.9570	14.9486	0.2379
9.500	0.9262	15.2289	0.2551
9.000	0.8943	15.5213	0.2745
8.500	0.8679	15.9492	0.2986
8.000	0.8415	16.4306	0.3269
7.750	0.8206	16.5393	0.3397

**Table 10.** Continued.

Frequency (Hz)	Mean Vertical Curve Spectral Acceleration (g)	Mean Vertical Curve Spectral Velocity (cm/s) <sup>a</sup>	Mean Vertical Curve Spectral Displacement (cm) <sup>b</sup>
7.500	0.8008	16.6783	0.3539
7.250	0.7799	16.8031	0.3689
7.000	0.7590	16.9368	0.3851
6.750	0.7535	17.4368	0.4111
6.500	0.7469	17.9489	0.4395
6.250	0.7403	18.5019	0.4711
6.000	0.7337	19.1010	0.5067
5.500	0.7337	20.8374	0.6030
5.000	0.7337	22.9212	0.7296
4.800	0.7337	23.8762	0.7917
4.000	0.6114	23.8762	0.9500
3.829	0.5853	23.8762	0.9924
3.500	0.5350	23.8762	1.0857
3.000	0.4586	23.8762	1.2667
2.750	0.4203	23.8762	1.3818
2.500	0.3821	23.8762	1.5200
2.250	0.3439	23.8762	1.6889
2.000	0.3057	23.8762	1.9000
1.750	0.2675	23.8762	2.1714
1.500	0.2293	23.8762	2.5333
1.250	0.1911	23.8762	3.0400
1.000	0.1529	23.8762	3.8000
0.900	0.1376	23.8762	4.2222
0.800	0.1223	23.8762	4.7500
0.700	0.1070	23.8762	5.4286
0.600	0.0917	23.8762	6.3334
0.550	0.0841	23.8762	6.9091
0.500	0.0764	23.8762	7.6000
0.450	0.0688	23.8762	8.4445
0.400	0.0611	23.8762	9.5000
0.350	0.0535	23.8762	10.8572
0.300	0.0459	23.8762	12.6667



**Table 10.** Continued.

Frequency (Hz)	Mean Vertical Curve Spectral Acceleration (g)	Mean Vertical Curve Spectral Velocity (cm/s) <sup>a</sup>	Mean Vertical Curve Spectral Displacement (cm) <sup>b</sup>
0.275	0.0420	23.8762	13.8182
0.250	0.0382	23.8762	15.2001
0.225	0.0344	23.8762	16.8890
0.208	0.0318	23.8762	18.2409
0.190	0.0265	21.7761	18.2409
0.175	0.0225	20.0569	18.2409
0.150	0.0165	17.1916	18.2409
0.125	0.0115	14.3264	18.2409
0.100	0.0073	11.4611	18.2409

a. SV (column 3) calculated by using frequency (column 1), SA (column 2), and Equation [4].

b. SD (column 4) calculated by using frequency (column 1), SV (column 3), and Equation [5].

**Table 11.** Spectral accelerations, velocities, and displacements of the mean vertical IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) Soil DBE 5% damped spectrum.

Mean Vertical IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE 5% Damped Spectrum			
Frequency (Hz)	Spectral Acceleration (g)	Spectral Velocity (cm/s) <sup>a</sup>	Spectral Displacement (cm) <sup>b</sup>
100.000	0.1954	0.3053	100.000
50.000	0.1954	0.6105	50.000
45.000	0.2136	0.7415	45.000
40.000	0.2358	0.9210	40.000
33.330	0.2677	1.2546	33.330
31.000	0.2842	1.4319	31.000
30.000	0.2913	1.5170	30.000
28.000	0.3053	1.7029	28.000
25.000	0.3298	2.0605	25.000
22.000	0.4038	2.8673	22.000
20.000	0.4697	3.6683	20.000
18.000	0.5550	4.8166	18.000
17.500	0.5804	5.1804	17.500
17.000	0.6077	5.5835	17.000
16.000	0.6689	6.5307	16.000
15.000	0.7410	7.7163	15.000
14.500	0.7819	8.4230	14.500
14.000	0.8266	9.2227	14.000
13.500	0.8756	10.1317	13.500
13.000	0.9296	11.1699	13.000
12.500	0.9892	12.3617	12.500
12.000	0.9892	12.8768	12.000
11.500	0.9892	13.4366	11.500
11.000	0.9892	14.0474	11.000
10.500	0.9892	14.7163	10.500
10.000	0.9892	15.4521	10.000
9.500	0.9892	16.2654	9.500
9.000	0.9892	17.1691	9.000
8.500	0.9892	18.1790	8.500
8.000	0.9892	19.3152	8.000
7.750	0.9892	19.9383	7.750

**Table 11.** Continued.

Mean Vertical IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE 5% Damped Spectrum			
Frequency (Hz)	Spectral Acceleration (g)	Spectral Velocity (cm/s) <sup>a</sup>	Spectral Displacement (cm) <sup>b</sup>
7.500	0.9892	20.6029	7.500
7.250	0.9892	21.3133	7.250
7.000	0.9892	22.0745	7.000
6.750	0.9892	22.8921	6.750
6.500	0.9892	23.7725	6.500
6.472	0.9892	23.8762	6.472
6.000	0.9171	23.8762	6.000
5.500	0.8407	23.8762	5.500
5.000	0.7643	23.8762	5.000
4.800	0.7337	23.8762	4.800
4.000	0.6114	23.8762	4.000
3.829	0.5853	23.8762	3.829
3.500	0.5350	23.8762	3.500
3.000	0.4586	23.8762	3.000
2.750	0.4203	23.8762	2.750
2.500	0.3821	23.8762	2.500
2.250	0.3439	23.8762	2.250
2.000	0.3057	23.8762	2.000
1.750	0.2675	23.8762	1.750
1.500	0.2293	23.8762	1.500
1.250	0.1911	23.8762	1.250
1.000	0.1529	23.8762	1.000
0.900	0.1376	23.8762	0.900
0.800	0.1223	23.8762	0.800
0.700	0.1070	23.8762	0.700
0.600	0.0917	23.8762	0.600
0.550	0.0841	23.8762	0.550
0.500	0.0764	23.8762	0.500
0.450	0.0688	23.8762	0.450
0.400	0.0611	23.8762	0.400
0.350	0.0535	23.8762	0.350
0.300	0.0459	23.8762	0.300

**Table 11.** Continued.

Mean Vertical IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE 5% Damped Spectrum			
Frequency (Hz)	Spectral Acceleration (g)	Spectral Velocity (cm/s) <sup>a</sup>	Spectral Displacement (cm) <sup>b</sup>
0.275	0.0420	23.8762	0.275
0.250	0.0382	23.8762	0.250
0.225	0.0344	23.8762	0.225
0.208	0.0318	23.8762	0.208
0.190	0.0265	21.7761	0.190
0.175	0.0225	20.0569	0.175
0.150	0.0165	17.1916	0.150
0.125	0.0115	14.3264	0.125
0.100	0.0073	11.4611	0.100

a. Computed using frequency (column 1) and SA (column 2) and Equation [4].

b. Computed using frequency (column 1) and SV (column 3) and Equation [5].

**Table 12.** Calculation of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile vertical IWTU PC 3 spectral curve.

Frequency (Hz)	84 <sup>th</sup> Percentile IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE Spectral Acceleration (g)	Vertical/Horizontal Spectral Ratio	84 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Vertical Curve Spectral Acceleration (g) <sup>a</sup>
100.00	0.2538	0.7700	0.1954
50.00	0.2538	0.7700	0.1954
45.00	0.2647	0.8070	0.2136
40.00	0.2775	0.8500	0.2358
33.33	0.2984	0.8970	0.2677
31.00	0.3072	0.9250	0.2842
30.00	0.3113	0.9360	0.2913
28.00	0.3200	0.9540	0.3053
25.00	0.3348	0.9850	0.3298
22.00	0.4023	1.0300	0.4144
20.00	0.4614	1.0600	0.4891
18.00	0.5369	1.0900	0.5852
17.50	0.5591	1.0900	0.6094
17.00	0.5829	1.0900	0.6354
16.00	0.6360	1.0700	0.6805
15.00	0.6978	1.0600	0.7397
14.50	0.7327	1.0600	0.7766
14.00	0.7706	1.0500	0.8091
13.50	0.8119	1.0400	0.8444
13.00	0.8572	1.0300	0.8829
12.50	0.9069	1.0000	0.9069
12.00	0.9618	0.9750	0.9377
11.50	1.0225	0.9490	0.9703
11.00	1.0899	0.9230	1.0060
10.50	1.1653	0.8970	1.0453
10.00	1.2500	0.8700	1.0875
9.50	1.2500	0.8420	1.0525
9.00	1.2500	0.8130	1.0163
8.50	1.2500	0.7890	0.9863
8.00	1.2500	0.7650	0.9563
7.75	1.2500	0.7460	0.9325
7.50	1.2500	0.7280	0.9100

**Table 12.** Continued.

Frequency (Hz)	84 <sup>th</sup> Percentile IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE Spectral Acceleration (g)	Vertical/Horizontal Spectral Ratio	84 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Vertical Curve Spectral Acceleration (g) <sup>a</sup>
7.25	1.2500	0.7090	0.8863
7.00	1.2500	0.6900	0.8625
6.75	1.2500	0.6850	0.8563
6.50	1.2500	0.6790	0.8488
6.25	1.2500	0.6730	0.8413
6.00	1.2500	0.6670	0.8338
5.455	1.2500	0.6670	0.8338
5.000	1.1458	0.6670	0.7643
4.500	1.0313	0.6670	0.6878
4.000	0.9167	0.6670	0.6114
3.750	0.8594	0.6670	0.5732
3.500	0.8021	0.6670	0.5350
3.000	0.6875	0.6670	0.4586
2.750	0.6302	0.6670	0.4203
2.500	0.5729	0.6670	0.3821
2.250	0.5156	0.6670	0.3439
2.000	0.4583	0.6670	0.3057
1.750	0.4010	0.6670	0.2675
1.500	0.3438	0.6670	0.2293
1.250	0.2865	0.6670	0.1911
1.000	0.2292	0.6670	0.1529
0.900	0.2063	0.6670	0.1376
0.800	0.1833	0.6670	0.1223
0.700	0.1604	0.6670	0.1070
0.600	0.1375	0.6670	0.0917
0.550	0.1260	0.6670	0.0841
0.500	0.1146	0.6670	0.0764
0.450	0.1031	0.6670	0.0688
0.400	0.0917	0.6670	0.0611
0.350	0.0802	0.6670	0.0535
0.300	0.0688	0.6670	0.0459
0.275	0.0630	0.6670	0.0420

**Table 12.** Continued.

Frequency (Hz)	84 <sup>th</sup> Percentile IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE Spectral Acceleration (g)	Vertical/Horizontal Spectral Ratio	84 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Vertical Curve Spectral Acceleration (g) <sup>a</sup>
0.250	0.0573	0.6670	0.0382
0.225	0.0516	0.6670	0.0344
0.208	0.0477	0.6670	0.0318
0.190	0.0397	0.6670	0.0265
0.175	0.0337	0.6670	0.0225
0.150	0.0248	0.6670	0.0165
0.125	0.0172	0.6670	0.0115
0.100	0.0110	0.6670	0.0073

a. SA (column 4) calculated by multiplying horizontal SA (column 2) by V/H spectral ratio (column 3).

**Table 13.** Spectral accelerations, velocities, and displacements of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile vertical IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) Soil DBE 5% damped spectrum.

84 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Vertical IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE 5% Damped Spectrum			
Frequency (Hz)	Spectral Acceleration (g)	Spectral Velocity (cm/s) <sup>a</sup>	Spectral Displacement (cm) <sup>b</sup>
100.000	0.1954	0.3053	0.0005
50.000	0.1954	0.6105	0.0019
45.000	0.2136	0.7415	0.0026
40.000	0.2358	0.9210	0.0037
33.330	0.2677	1.2546	0.0060
31.000	0.2842	1.4319	0.0074
30.000	0.2913	1.5170	0.0080
28.000	0.3053	1.7029	0.0097
25.000	0.3298	2.0605	0.0131
22.000	0.4060	2.8823	0.0209
20.000	0.4740	3.7019	0.0295
18.000	0.5625	4.8817	0.0432
17.500	0.5889	5.2565	0.0478
17.000	0.6173	5.6722	0.0531
16.000	0.6813	6.6510	0.0662
15.000	0.7566	7.8791	0.0836
14.500	0.7995	8.6127	0.0945
14.000	0.8464	9.4440	0.1074
13.500	0.8980	10.3902	0.1225
13.000	0.9548	11.4726	0.1405
12.500	1.0177	12.7170	0.1619
12.000	1.0875	14.1559	0.1877
11.500	1.0875	14.7713	0.2044
11.000	1.0875	15.4428	0.2234
10.500	1.0875	16.1781	0.2452
10.000	1.0875	16.9870	0.2704
9.500	1.0875	17.8811	0.2996
9.000	1.0875	18.8745	0.3338
8.500	1.0875	19.9847	0.3742
8.000	1.0875	21.2338	0.4224
7.750	1.0875	21.9188	0.4501



**Table 13.** Continued.

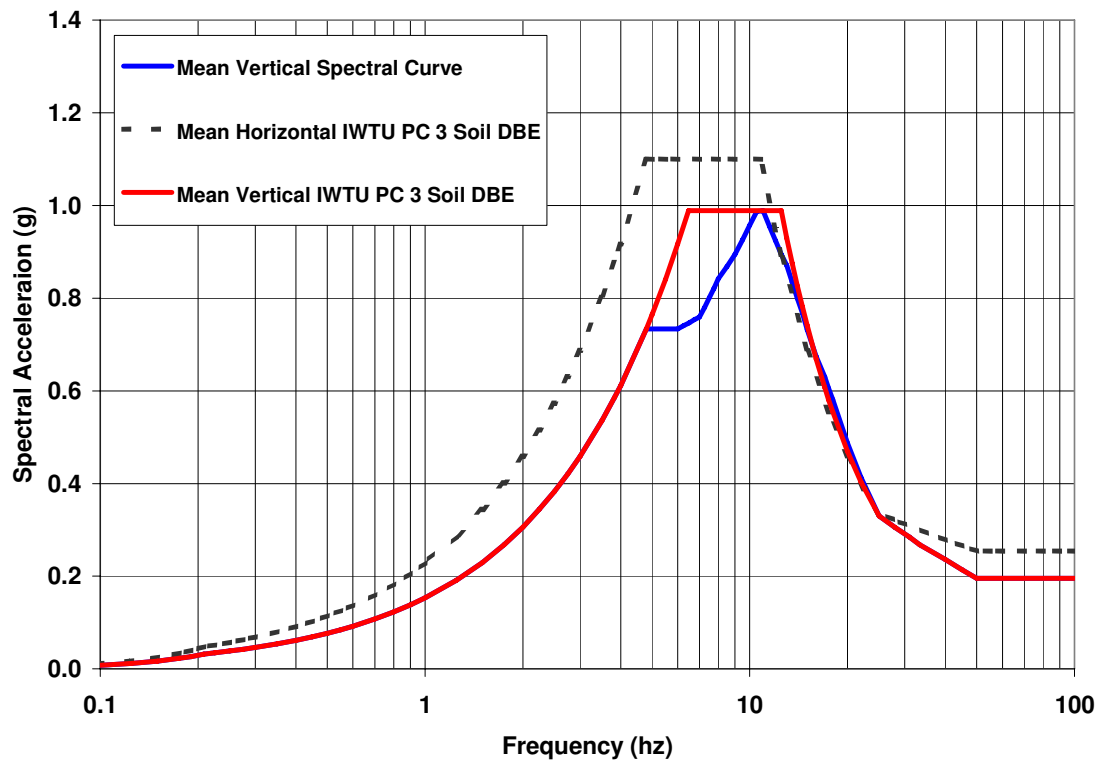
84 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Vertical IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE 5% Damped Spectrum			
Frequency (Hz)	Spectral Acceleration (g)	Spectral Velocity (cm/s) <sup>a</sup>	Spectral Displacement (cm) <sup>b</sup>
7.500	1.0875	22.6494	0.4806
7.115	1.0875	23.8762	0.5341
7.000	1.0700	23.8762	0.5429
6.750	1.0318	23.8762	0.5630
6.500	0.9936	23.8762	0.5846
6.250	0.9553	23.8762	0.6080
6.000	0.9171	23.8762	0.6333
5.500	0.8407	23.8762	0.6909
5.000	0.7643	23.8762	0.7600
4.500	0.6878	23.8762	0.8444
4.000	0.6114	23.8762	0.9500
3.750	0.5732	23.8762	1.0133
3.500	0.5350	23.8762	1.0857
3.000	0.4586	23.8762	1.2667
2.750	0.4203	23.8762	1.3818
2.500	0.3821	23.8762	1.5200
2.250	0.3439	23.8762	1.6889
2.000	0.3057	23.8762	1.9000
1.750	0.2675	23.8762	2.1714
1.500	0.2293	23.8762	2.5333
1.250	0.1911	23.8762	3.0400
1.000	0.1529	23.8762	3.8000
0.900	0.1376	23.8762	4.2222
0.800	0.1223	23.8762	4.7500
0.700	0.1070	23.8762	5.4286
0.600	0.0917	23.8762	6.3334
0.550	0.0841	23.8762	6.9091
0.500	0.0764	23.8762	7.6000
0.450	0.0688	23.8762	8.4445
0.400	0.0611	23.8762	9.5000
0.350	0.0535	23.8762	10.8572
0.300	0.0459	23.8762	12.6667

**Table 13.** Continued.

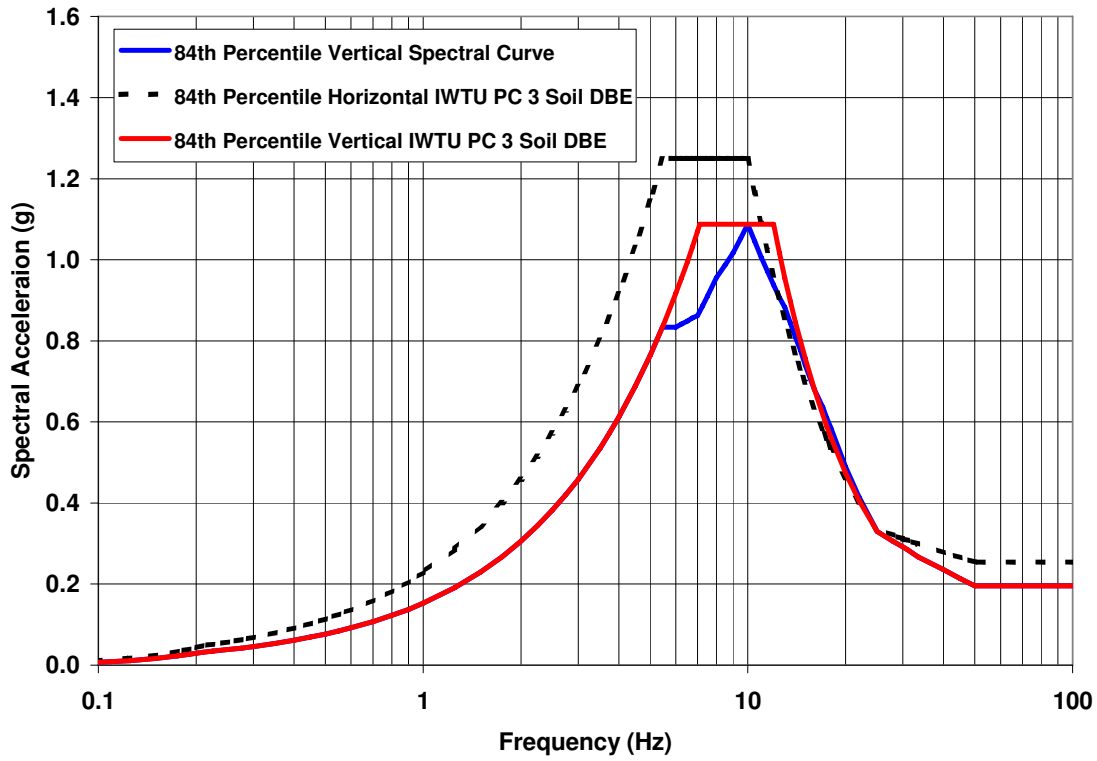
84 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Vertical IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE 5% Damped Spectrum			
Frequency (Hz)	Spectral Acceleration (g)	Spectral Velocity (cm/s) <sup>a</sup>	Spectral Displacement (cm) <sup>b</sup>
0.275	0.0420	23.8762	13.8182
0.250	0.0382	23.8762	15.2001
0.225	0.0344	23.8762	16.8890
0.208	0.0318	23.8762	18.2409
0.190	0.0265	21.7761	18.2409
0.175	0.0225	20.0569	18.2409
0.150	0.0165	17.1916	18.2409
0.125	0.0115	14.3264	18.2409
0.100	0.0073	11.4611	18.2409

a. Computed using frequency (column 1) and SA (column 2) and Equation [4].

b. Computed using frequency (column 1) and SV (column 3) and Equation [5].



**Figure 20.** The mean vertical and horizontal IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE 5% damped spectra and the mean vertical spectral curve.



**Figure 21.** The 84<sup>th</sup> percentile vertical and horizontal IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE 5% damped spectra and the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile vertical spectral curve.

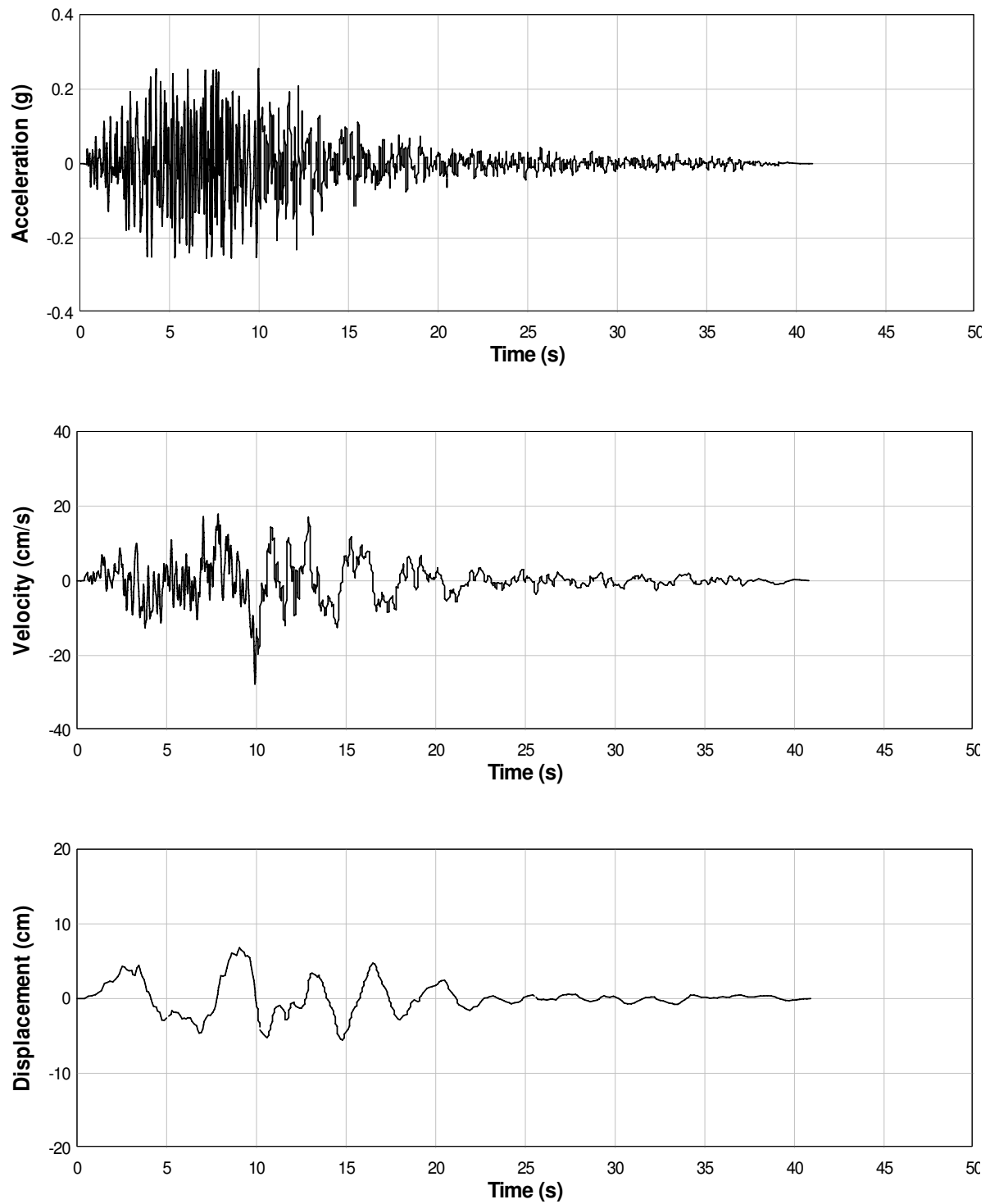
## 4. Development of Soil DBE Time Histories

Horizontal and vertical time histories were developed to match their respective IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) Soil DBE 5% damped spectra. The process used to generate time histories to match a target spectrum was consistent with the recommendations in NUREG/CR-6728 (NRC 2001) and ASCE/SEI 43-05 (ASCE 2005). The horizontal and vertical IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE 5% damped spectra (listed in Tables 8 and 13) were increased to 300 frequency points for the frequency range from 0.1 to 100 Hz.

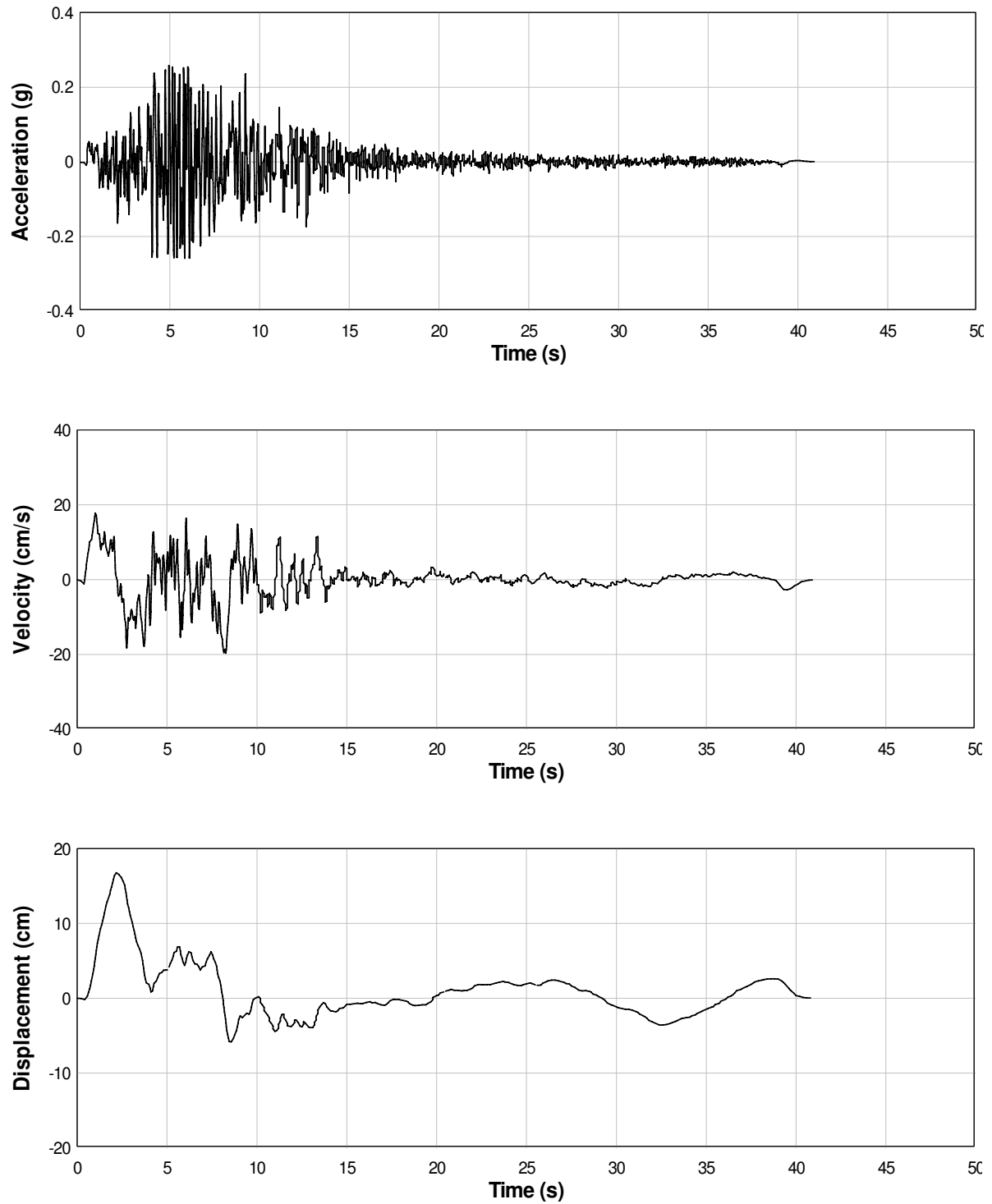
The horizontal time histories were selected from the output of the site response analyses. The acceleration time histories for the H1 and H2 components are from the output of SHAKE2000 for the base case soil profiles of the log normal distribution of G. These time histories were selected as seeds because they generally have spectral peaks within the range of the soil DBE spectral acceleration level. The vertical rock DBE time history (Figure 5) was used as a seed to compute the vertical soil DBE time history.

Two programs RSPM02 and BLINE02 were used to perform the spectral matches of the seed time history to the target soil DBE spectra (Abrahamson 1993; 1996). The RSPM02 program was used to modify the acceleration time history to match the target spectrum and the BLINE02 program was used to make baseline corrections. After each spectral match using RSPM02, the soil time history was baseline corrected using BLINE02. The corrected acceleration time history from BLINE02 was used as input to the next iteration with the RSPM02 program. The computed time history and target acceleration spectrum were visually examined to determine the minimum number of iterations. The horizontal and vertical starting time history, target, and final time history spectral matches are shown in Appendix D.

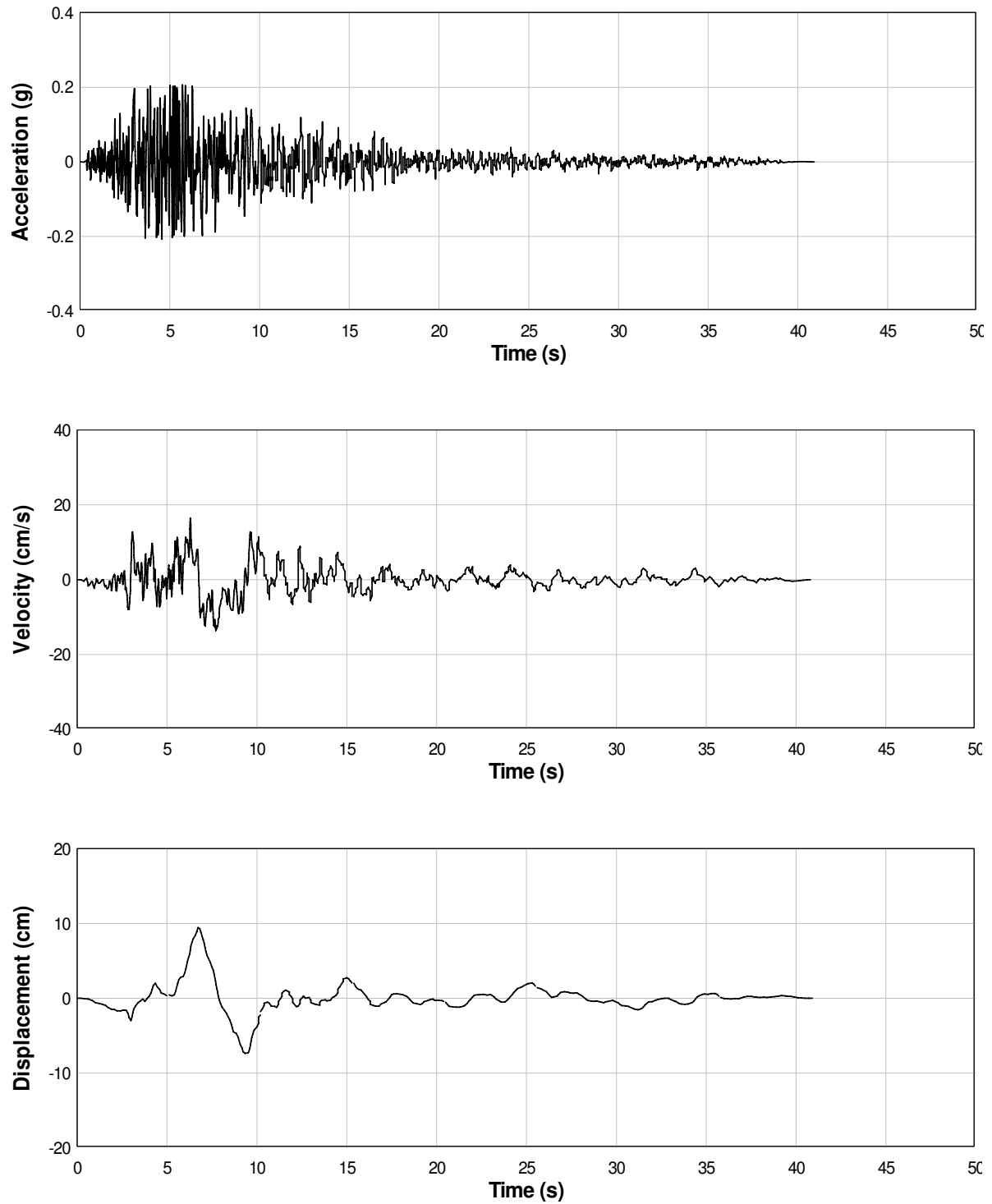
The mean and 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal and vertical IWTU PC 3 soil DBE time histories were matched to spectral frequencies from 0.3 to 100 Hz. Over this frequency range, the spectra computed for the horizontal and vertical soil DBE time histories relative to their corresponding DBE target spectrum meet the acceptance criteria in NUREG/CR-6728 and ASCE/SEI 43-05. Although the criteria recommend spectral matches to 0.2 Hz, the displacement regions of the horizontal DBE spectrum was set to 27.3 cm (or 10.7 inches) as discussed in Payne (2006). The spectral matches are considered acceptable considering the conservatism in the displacement levels of the horizontal and vertical DBE spectra (per. Comm. Carl Costantino 2007). The 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal and vertical IWTU PC 3 soil DBE acceleration, velocity, and displacement time histories are shown in Figures 22, 23, and 24. The mean soil DBE time histories and all arias intensity plots are shown in Appendix B. Arias intensity plots of the soil DBE time histories show smooth curves.



**Figure 22.** 84<sup>th</sup> percentile IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) soil DBE time histories for the horizontal 1 component.



**Figure 23.** 84<sup>th</sup> percentile IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr soil DBE) time histories for the horizontal 2 component.



**Figure 24.** 84<sup>th</sup> percentile IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) soil DBE time histories for the vertical component.



## 5. Strain-compatible Soil Properties

Strain-compatible soil properties were computed for the horizontal and vertical IWTU Soil DBE 5% damped spectra and corresponding time histories. The best estimate, lower bound, and upper bound strain-compatible Vs, Vp, and damping were calculated for soil and rock as a function of depth. The strain-compatible soil properties for Vs and damping were calculated using iterated Vs and damping for soil profiles from the output of SHAKE2000. Low-strain Vp for soil and rock were calculated using Vs of the soil profiles used as input to SHAKE2000. Soil profiles for the log normal distribution of shear modulus were used for the calculations of the strain-compatible soil properties (Houston 2007a). Vs and Vp soil properties were calculated for the depth profile consistent with computations of SHAKE2000 iterated soil profile layers at depths of 1, 3, 5, 7 ... 43 ft.

Strain-compatible soil properties for Vs and damping were calculated based on ratios of Vs for soil profiles from the output of SHAKE2000 to Vs for input soil profiles to SHAKE2000 as a function of depth. This approach was recommended (Per. Comm. Carl Costantino 2007) in place of computing the best estimate, upper bound, and lower bound iterated Vs and damping for a log normal distribution as first recommended by the BRP (Houston 2007a). Best estimate, upper bound, and lower bound iterated Vs and damping as function of depth for the log normal distribution resulted in anomalously high values for the upper bound at depths that cross the boundary between Layers A and B. The reason for high upper-bound values is the iterated Vs and damping at depths that cross this boundary do not have log normal distributions. The distributions are bimodal and result from sampling iterated Vs and damping in both Layers A and B at the profile depths of 11 and 13 ft. Vs of Layers A and B are different and do not overlap due to small COVs. Appendix E shows the bimodal distributions for these layers.

The low-strain Vp soil and rock properties were calculated using the log normal distribution of Vs of the input soil profiles to SHAKE2000 (Figure 2b). Kleinfelder, Inc. (2007a) computed average Poisson's ratios from seismic velocities measured in soil and rock layers at the IWTU. Average Poisson's ratios and Vs were used to calculate the low-strain mean, upper bound, and lower bound Vp.

### 5.1 Iterated Shear Wave Velocity and Damping Calculations

Iterated Vs and damping values were calculated based on ratios of the output to input Vs soil profiles for SHAKE2000. First, the shear modulus of the last iteration soil profile of SHAKE2000 and average density of each soil layer were used to compute the corresponding iterated Vs. The shear modulus of the input soil profile to SHAKE2000 and average density of each soil layer were used to calculate the corresponding input Vs.

Second, ratios of Vs for SHAKE2000 output soil profiles to the Vs for SHAKE2000 input soil profiles were calculated at depths that correspond to the iterated soil profile depths calculated by SHAKE2000. The input soil profiles to SHAKE2000 were divided into 2 ft sub-layers so the output soil properties were calculated in the middle of the sub-layers at depths of 1, 3, 5, 7 ...etc to depths less than 47 ft. The maximum depth of the soil profile for iterated Vs and damping was set to 43 ft, which is close to the average depth 42.9 ft of the borehole soil column heights (Kleinfelder, Inc. 2007a). Iterated Vs of SHAKE2000 input and output files were sorted at  $\pm 1$  ft of the depths 1, 3, 5, 7... 41 ft. Vs at depths between 42 and 47 ft were grouped with the soil profile depth of 43 ft. Ratios of the output to input Vs were then calculated at the soil profile depths by matching soil profile file names.

Third, the best estimate (or mean), lower bound (or minus one-sigma), and upper bound (or plus one-sigma) were calculated for each ratio. Vs for each soil layer of the base case soil profile listed in Table 4 were assigned to the depth profile consistent with each soil layer's thickness. To compute iterated

Vs as function of depth, the best estimate, lower bound, and upper bound ratios were multiplied by the Vs assigned to each depth (Table 14).

Fourth, corresponding damping values were calculated using the best estimate, lower bound, and upper bound ratios and the “Darendeli/Menq CU 40” shear modulus reduction curves.  $G/G_{MAX}$  can be obtained from:

$$\frac{G}{G_{MAX}} = \left( \frac{V_{iterated}}{V_{low\_strain}} \right)^2 \quad [6]$$

The squared-ratios for the best estimate, lower bound, and upper bound were used to select the range of  $G/G_{MAX}$  values of the shear modulus reduction curve appropriate for that layer’s depth (see Section 2.2.2). A linear interpolation was used over that range to determine the corresponding percent strain. The percent strain was then used to select the range of damping values for the corresponding damping ratio curve. A linear interpolation was then used to calculate the damping value (Table 15).

## 5.2 Low-strain Compressional Wave Velocity Calculations

The low-strain Vp soil and rock properties were calculated using the input soil profiles to SHAKE2000. The shear modulus of each soil layer was sorted for depths of 1, 3, 5, 7 ... 43 ft as discussed in Section 5.1. The best estimate (or mean), lower bound (or minus one-sigma), and upper bound (or plus one-sigma) shear modulus of each soil profile depth and the rock layer were calculated for the log normal distribution. Low-strain Vs were calculated using the average density and best estimate, lower bound, and upper bound shear modulus for each soil layer and the rock layer. Average Poisson’s ratios and low-strain Vs were used to calculate the low-strain mean, lower bound, and upper bound Vp (Table 16). Vp was calculated using Equation [7]:

$$V_p = V_s * \text{SQRT} ((2*(1-\nu)/(1-2\nu)) \quad [7]$$

**Table 14.** Calculations of iterated best estimate, lower bound, and upper bound shear wave velocities as function of depth.

Depth (ft)	Median Vs (ft/s) <sup>a</sup>	Ratio (Vs iterated/low-strain Vs)			Iterated Vs (ft/s) <sup>b</sup>		
		Lower Bound	Best Estimate	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Best Estimate	Upper Bound
1	750	0.8980	0.9187	0.9393	674	689	704
3	750	0.7586	0.8063	0.8541	569	605	641
5	750	0.6504	0.7160	0.7815	488	537	586
7	750	0.5650	0.6428	0.7205	424	482	540
9	750	0.4884	0.5915	0.6945	366	444	521
11	750	0.5058	0.7014	0.8970	379	526	673
13	1540	0.6851	0.8346	0.9842	1055	1285	1516
15	1540	0.8823	0.8963	0.9102	1359	1380	1402
17	1540	0.8704	0.8874	0.9044	1340	1367	1393
19	1540	0.8585	0.8780	0.8975	1322	1352	1382
21	1540	0.8473	0.8687	0.8900	1305	1338	1371
23	1540	0.8372	0.8596	0.8821	1289	1324	1358
25	1540	0.8279	0.8512	0.8746	1275	1311	1347
27	1540	0.8194	0.8434	0.8673	1262	1299	1336
29	1540	0.8115	0.8360	0.8604	1250	1287	1325
31	1540	0.8043	0.8292	0.8542	1239	1277	1315
33	1540	0.7977	0.8231	0.8485	1228	1268	1307
35	1540	0.7924	0.8178	0.8433	1220	1259	1299
37	1540	0.7791	0.8374	0.8956	1200	1290	1379
39	1550	0.8310	0.9004	0.9698	1288	1396	1503

**Table 14.** Continued.

Depth (ft)	Median Vs (ft/s) <sup>a</sup>	Ratio (Vs iterated/low-strain Vs)			Iterated Vs (ft/s) <sup>b</sup>		
		Lower Bound	Best Estimate	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Best Estimate	Upper Bound
41	1550	0.9323	0.9432	0.9541	1445	1462	1479
43	1550	0.9261	0.9377	0.9493	1435	1453	1471

a. Obtained from Table 4.

b. Calculated by multiplying median Vs by respective ratio.

**Table 15.** Calculations of the best estimate, lower bound, and upper bound damping.

Degradation Model	Squared Vs Ratio <sup>a</sup>	Shear Modulus Reduction Curve Values					Damping Ratio Curve Values				Corresponding Damping (%) <sup>c</sup>
		G/G <sub>MAX</sub>		% Strain		% Strain <sup>b</sup>	Damping (%)		% Strain		
		Y1	Y2	X1	X1		Y1	Y2	X1	X1	
Lower Bound											
D/M CU 40 5 ft	0.8064	0.76	0.85	0.002	0.001	0.0015	2.8	1.6	0.002	0.001	2.2
D/M CU 40 5 ft	0.5754	0.47	0.61	0.010	0.005	0.0062	7.8	5.3	0.010	0.005	5.9
D/M CU 40 5 ft	0.4231	0.34	0.47	0.020	0.010	0.0136	10.4	7.8	0.020	0.010	8.7
D/M CU 40 5 ft	0.3193	0.27	0.34	0.030	0.020	0.0230	11.7	10.4	0.030	0.020	10.8
D/M CU 40 5 ft	0.2386	0.20	0.27	0.050	0.030	0.0390	13.1	11.7	0.050	0.030	12.3
D/M CU 40 5 ft	0.2558	0.20	0.27	0.050	0.030	0.0340	13.1	11.7	0.050	0.030	12.0
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.4693	0.43	0.58	0.020	0.010	0.0174	9.2	6.2	0.020	0.010	8.4
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.7785	0.72	0.80	0.005	0.003	0.0035	3.8	2.5	0.005	0.003	2.8
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.7576	0.72	0.80	0.005	0.003	0.0041	3.8	2.5	0.005	0.003	3.2
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.7370	0.72	0.80	0.005	0.003	0.0046	3.8	2.5	0.005	0.003	3.5
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.7180	0.58	0.72	0.010	0.005	0.0051	6.2	3.8	0.010	0.005	3.8
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.7008	0.58	0.72	0.010	0.005	0.0057	6.2	3.8	0.010	0.005	4.1

**Table 15.** Continued.

Table 101 Continued.											
Degradation Model	Squared Vs Ratio <sup>a</sup>	Shear Modulus Reduction Curve Values					Damping Ratio Curve Values				Corresponding Damping (%) <sup>c</sup>
		G/G <sub>MAX</sub>		% Strain		% Strain <sup>b</sup>	Damping (%)		% Strain		
		Y1	Y2	X1	X1		Y1	Y2	X1	X1	
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.6854	0.58	0.72	0.010	0.005	0.0062	6.2	3.8	0.010	0.005	4.4
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.6714	0.58	0.72	0.010	0.005	0.0067	6.2	3.8	0.010	0.005	4.6
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.6585	0.58	0.72	0.010	0.005	0.0072	6.2	3.8	0.010	0.005	4.9
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.6469	0.58	0.72	0.010	0.005	0.0076	6.2	3.8	0.010	0.005	5.1
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.6363	0.58	0.72	0.010	0.005	0.0080	6.2	3.8	0.010	0.005	5.2
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.6279	0.58	0.72	0.010	0.005	0.0083	6.2	3.8	0.010	0.005	5.4
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.6071	0.58	0.72	0.010	0.005	0.0090	6.2	3.8	0.010	0.005	5.7
V&D PI 15	0.6906	0.637	0.819	0.03162	0.01000	0.0253	7.8	4.5	0.03162	0.01000	6.8
V&D PI 15	0.8691	0.819	0.935	0.01000	0.00316	0.0070	4.5	2.6	0.01000	0.00316	3.7
V&D PI 15	0.8577	0.819	0.935	0.01000	0.00316	0.0077	4.5	2.6	0.01000	0.00316	3.9
Best Estimate											
D/M CU 40 5 ft	0.8439	0.76	0.85	0.0020	0.0010	0.0011	2.8	1.6	0.0020	0.0010	1.7
D/M CU 40 5 ft	0.6501	0.61	0.70	0.0050	0.0030	0.0041	5.3	3.8	0.0050	0.0030	4.6
D/M CU 40 5 ft	0.5126	0.47	0.61	0.0100	0.0050	0.0085	7.8	5.3	0.0100	0.0050	7.0

**Table 15.** Continued.

Degradation Model	Squared Vs Ratio <sup>a</sup>	Shear Modulus Reduction Curve Values					Damping Ratio Curve Values				Corresponding Damping (%) <sup>c</sup>
		G/G <sub>MAX</sub>		% Strain		% Strain <sup>b</sup>	Damping (%)		% Strain		
		Y1	Y2	X1	X1		Y1	Y2	X1	X1	
D/M CU 40 5 ft	0.4132	0.34	0.47	0.0200	0.0100	0.0144	10.4	7.8	0.0200	0.0100	8.9
D/M CU 40 5 ft	0.3498	0.34	0.47	0.0200	0.0100	0.0192	10.4	7.8	0.0200	0.0100	10.2
D/M CU 40 5 ft	0.4920	0.47	0.61	0.0100	0.0050	0.0092	7.8	5.3	0.0100	0.0050	7.4
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.6966	0.58	0.72	0.0100	0.0050	0.0058	6.2	3.8	0.0100	0.0050	4.2
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.8033	0.80	0.85	0.0030	0.0020	0.0029	2.5	1.8	0.0030	0.0020	2.5
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.7875	0.72	0.80	0.0050	0.0030	0.0033	3.8	2.5	0.0050	0.0030	2.7
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.7708	0.72	0.80	0.0050	0.0030	0.0037	3.8	2.5	0.0050	0.0030	3.0
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.7546	0.72	0.80	0.0050	0.0030	0.0041	3.8	2.5	0.0050	0.0030	3.2
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.7390	0.72	0.80	0.0050	0.0030	0.0045	3.8	2.5	0.0050	0.0030	3.5
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.7246	0.72	0.80	0.0050	0.0030	0.0049	3.8	2.5	0.0050	0.0030	3.7
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.7113	0.58	0.72	0.0100	0.0050	0.0053	6.2	3.8	0.0100	0.0050	3.9
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.6988	0.58	0.72	0.0100	0.0050	0.0058	6.2	3.8	0.0100	0.0050	4.2
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.6876	0.58	0.72	0.0100	0.0050	0.0062	6.2	3.8	0.0100	0.0050	4.4

**Table 15.** Continued.

Table 10-1 Continued.											
Degradation Model	Squared Vs Ratio <sup>a</sup>	Shear Modulus Reduction Curve Values					Damping Ratio Curve Values				Corresponding Damping (%) <sup>c</sup>
		G/G <sub>MAX</sub>		% Strain		% Strain <sup>b</sup>	Damping (%)		% Strain		
		Y1	Y2	X1	X1		Y1	Y2	X1	X1	
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.6775	0.58	0.72	0.0100	0.0050	0.0065	6.2	3.8	0.0100	0.0050	4.5
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.6688	0.58	0.72	0.0100	0.0050	0.0068	6.2	3.8	0.0100	0.0050	4.7
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.7012	0.58	0.72	0.0100	0.0050	0.0057	6.2	3.8	0.0100	0.0050	4.1
V&D PI 15	0.8108	0.819	0.935	0.01000	0.00316	0.0105	4.5	2.6	0.01000	0.00316	4.6
V&D PI 15	0.8896	0.819	0.935	0.01000	0.00316	0.0058	4.5	2.6	0.01000	0.00316	3.3
V&D PI 15	0.8792	0.819	0.935	0.01000	0.00316	0.0064	4.5	2.6	0.01000	0.00316	3.5
Upper Bound											
D/M CU 40 5 ft	0.8823	0.85	0.91	0.0010	0.0005	0.0007	1.6	1.0	0.0010	0.0005	1.3
D/M CU 40 5 ft	0.7294	0.70	0.76	0.0030	0.0020	0.0025	3.8	2.8	0.0030	0.0020	3.3
D/M CU 40 5 ft	0.6107	0.61	0.70	0.0050	0.0030	0.0050	5.3	3.8	0.0050	0.0030	5.3
D/M CU 40 5 ft	0.5191	0.47	0.61	0.0100	0.0050	0.0082	7.8	5.3	0.0100	0.0050	6.9
D/M CU 40 5 ft	0.4823	0.47	0.61	0.0100	0.0050	0.0096	7.8	5.3	0.0100	0.0050	7.6
D/M CU 40 5 ft	0.8046	0.76	0.85	0.0020	0.0010	0.0015	2.8	1.6	0.0020	0.0010	2.2
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.9686	0.95	0.97	0.0005	0.0003	0.0003	0.6	0.4	0.0005	0.0003	0.4



**Table 15.** Continued.

Degradation Model	Squared Vs Ratio <sup>a</sup>	Shear Modulus Reduction Curve Values					Damping Ratio Curve Values				Corresponding Damping (%) <sup>c</sup>
		G/G <sub>MAX</sub>		% Strain		% Strain <sup>b</sup>	Damping (%)		% Strain		
		Y1	Y2	X1	X1		Y1	Y2	X1	X1	
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.8285	0.80	0.85	0.0030	0.0020	0.0024	2.5	1.8	0.0030	0.0020	2.1
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.8180	0.80	0.85	0.0030	0.0020	0.0026	2.5	1.8	0.0030	0.0020	2.2
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.8054	0.80	0.85	0.0030	0.0020	0.0029	2.5	1.8	0.0030	0.0020	2.4
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.7921	0.72	0.80	0.0050	0.0030	0.0032	3.8	2.5	0.0050	0.0030	2.6
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.7781	0.72	0.80	0.0050	0.0030	0.0035	3.8	2.5	0.0050	0.0030	2.9
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.7649	0.72	0.80	0.0050	0.0030	0.0039	3.8	2.5	0.0050	0.0030	3.1
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.7523	0.72	0.80	0.0050	0.0030	0.0042	3.8	2.8	0.0050	0.0030	3.4
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.7403	0.72	0.80	0.0050	0.0030	0.0045	3.8	2.8	0.0050	0.0030	3.5
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.7296	0.72	0.80	0.0050	0.0030	0.0048	3.8	2.8	0.0050	0.0030	3.7
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.7200	0.72	0.80	0.0050	0.0030	0.0050	3.8	2.8	0.0050	0.0030	3.8
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.7111	0.58	0.72	0.0100	0.0050	0.0053	3.8	2.8	0.0100	0.0050	2.9
D/M CU 40 25 ft	0.8021	0.80	0.85	0.0030	0.0020	0.0030	2.5	1.8	0.0030	0.0020	2.5

**Table 15.** Continued.

Degradation Model	Squared Vs Ratio <sup>a</sup>	Shear Modulus Reduction Curve Values					Damping Ratio Curve Values				Corresponding Damping (%) <sup>c</sup>
		G/G <sub>MAX</sub>		% Strain		% Strain <sup>b</sup>	Damping (%)		% Strain		
		Y1	Y2	X1	X1		Y1	Y2	X1	X1	
V&D PI 15	0.9406	0.935	0.994	0.00316	0.00100	0.0030	2.6	1.6	0.0032	0.0010	2.5
V&D PI 15	0.9102	0.819	0.935	0.01000	0.00316	0.0046	4.5	2.6	0.0100	0.0032	3.0
V&D PI 15	0.9011	0.819	0.935	0.01000	0.00316	0.0052	4.5	2.6	0.0100	0.0032	3.2

a. Equal to  $G/G_{MAX}$ , see Equation [6].

b. Computed using a linear interpolation of shear modulus reduction curve values.

c. Computed for the percent strain value in column 7 and linear interpolation of the damping ratio curve values.

d. Squared ratio exceeds  $G/G_{MAX}$  so damping value set to 0.4 for percent strain of 0.0001 (see Tables 4 and 5).

**Table 16.** Calculations of the best estimate, lower bound, and upper bound low-strain compressional wave velocities.

Layer	Poisson's Ratio <sup>a</sup>	Depth (ft)	Input Soil Profile Shear Modulus (ksf) <sup>b</sup>			Low-strain Shear Wave Velocity (ft/s) <sup>c</sup>			Low-strain Compressional Wave Velocity (ft/s) <sup>d</sup>		
			Lower Bound	Best Estimate	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Best Estimate	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Best Estimate	Upper Bound
A	0.23	1	1703.9	2192.1	2820.3	681.6	773.1	876.9	1151.0	1305.5	1480.8
A	0.23	3	1703.9	2192.1	2820.3	681.6	773.1	876.9	1151.0	1305.5	1480.8
A	0.23	5	1703.9	2192.1	2820.3	681.6	773.1	876.9	1151.0	1305.5	1480.8
A	0.23	7	1703.9	2192.1	2820.3	681.6	773.1	876.9	1151.0	1305.5	1480.8
A	0.23	9	1703.9	2192.1	2820.3	681.6	773.1	876.9	1151.0	1305.5	1480.8
A	0.23	11	1576.3	3108.2	6128.9	655.5	920.5	1292.6	1107.1	1554.5	2182.9
A	0.23	13	3702.1	6869.6	12747.2	1004.6	1368.5	1864.2	1696.6	2311.1	3148.1
B	0.33	15	8341.2	9543.3	10918.8	1465.2	1567.2	1676.3	2908.7	3111.2	3327.9
B	0.33	17	8341.2	9543.3	10918.8	1465.2	1567.2	1676.3	2908.7	3111.2	3327.9
B	0.33	19	8341.2	9543.3	10918.8	1465.2	1567.2	1676.3	2908.7	3111.2	3327.9
B	0.33	21	8341.2	9543.3	10918.8	1465.2	1567.2	1676.3	2908.7	3111.2	3327.9
B	0.33	23	8341.2	9543.3	10918.8	1465.2	1567.2	1676.3	2908.7	3111.2	3327.9
B	0.33	25	8341.2	9543.3	10918.8	1465.2	1567.2	1676.3	2908.7	3111.2	3327.9
B	0.33	27	8341.2	9543.3	10918.8	1465.2	1567.2	1676.3	2908.7	3111.2	3327.9
B	0.33	29	8341.2	9543.3	10918.8	1465.2	1567.2	1676.3	2908.7	3111.2	3327.9
C	0.33	31	8341.2	9543.3	10918.8	1459.3	1561.0	1669.7	2897.1	3098.9	3314.7
C	0.33	33	8341.2	9543.3	10918.8	1459.3	1561.0	1669.7	2897.1	3098.9	3314.7
C	0.33	35	8341.2	9543.3	10918.8	1459.3	1561.0	1669.7	2897.1	3098.9	3314.7
C	0.33	37	8367.5	9525.9	10844.6	1461.6	1559.5	1664.0	2901.7	3096.0	3303.4
C	0.33	39	8331.7	9712.9	11323.2	1458.5	1574.8	1700.3	2895.5	3126.3	3375.5
C	0.33	41	8410.1	9559.3	10865.6	1465.3	1562.3	1665.6	2909.1	3101.5	3306.6

**Table 16.** Continued.

Layer	Poisson's Ratio <sup>a</sup>	Depth (ft)	Input Soil Profile Shear Modulus (ksf) <sup>b</sup>			Low-strain Shear Wave Velocity (ft/s) <sup>c</sup>			Low-strain Compressional Wave Velocity (ft/s) <sup>d</sup>		
			Lower Bound	Best Estimate	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Best Estimate	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Best Estimate	Upper Bound
C	0.33	43	8286.7	9615.1	11156.3	1454.6	1566.8	1687.7	2887.6	3110.5	3350.5
D	0.31	NA	60782.1	81854.9	110233.4	3495.9	4056.8	4707.8	6661.9	7731.0	8971.6

a. Kleinfelder, Inc. (2007a).

b. Calculated using log normal distribution of the shear modulus in soil profiles from Figure 2b.

c. Calculated using shear modulus and average density of the layer.

d. Calculated using the low-strain Vs and Poisson's ratio.

## 6. Recommendations for Use of IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE

Site-specific site response analyses were conducted to determine the horizontal and vertical IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) Soil DBE 5% damped spectra, corresponding time histories, and strain-compatible soil properties. The soil DBE parameters were developed for use in SSI analyses of the IWTU. Base case soil profiles were developed for three soil layers above basalt bedrock. Measured Vs and densities were used to compute the shear modulus and its variability for the alluvial soil (Layers A and B), clay (Layer C), and rock (Layer D) layers (Tables 3 and 4). Thirty random soil profiles were generated for normal and log normal distributions of shear modulus (Figure 2).

For the site response analyses, two horizontal INTEC/RTC/RWM/PBF PC 3 DBE acceleration time histories were propagated through the two sets of 30 random soil profiles. Strain-dependent soil properties were determined from shear modulus reduction and damping curves (Figures 6, 7, and 8) appropriate for alluvial soil layers (“Darendeli/Menq CU 40”; Pyke 2007) and the clay layer (“PI 15”; Vucetic and Dobry 1991). SHAKE2000 was used to generate horizontal soil surface spectra for the two sets of 30 random soil profiles. The mean spectral peaks of the two sets of 30 random profiles with the normal and log normal distributions exceed the IWTU SSI Spectrum by 30% (Figure 16).

Two approaches were considered for developing the horizontal and vertical design spectrum. The first approach developed the mean horizontal and vertical IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectra, and the second, the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal and vertical IWTU PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectra. Both soil DBE spectra were developed using the 30 soil surface spectra of the soil profiles with the log normal distribution of shear modulus. The mean horizontal IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE 5% damped spectrum was determined by setting the spectral peak acceleration to 1.100g then broadening mean spectral peak at 7.18 Hz by a factor of 1.5 (Figure 17). For the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile soil DBE spectrum, the spectral peak acceleration was set to 1.250 g to envelop the spectral peak of an 84<sup>th</sup> percentile soil surface spectrum and the most of the spectral peaks of the 30 soil surface spectra of the log normal distribution of shear modulus (Figure 19). The PGA, peak spectral velocity, and peak spectral displacement of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile soil DBE spectrum were kept the same as the mean soil DBE spectrum (Figure 17). The mean and 84<sup>th</sup> percentile vertical IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE 5% damped spectra were calculated by multiplying the spectral accelerations of their respective horizontal soil DBE spectrum by V/H spectral ratios appropriate for INL (Figures 20 and 21).

Based on recommendations of the DNFSB, the IWTU project adopted the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal and vertical PC 3 Soil DBE 5% damped spectra for design purposes. Acceleration, velocity, and displacement time histories were developed to match their respective DBE target spectra for spectral frequencies from 0.3 to 25 Hz (Figures 22, 23, and 24). Over this frequency range, the spectra computed for the horizontal and vertical soil DBE time histories relative to their corresponding DBE target spectrum meet the acceptance criteria in NUREG/CR-6728 and ASCE/SEI 43-05.

Strain-compatible soil properties were calculated for the horizontal and vertical soil DBE spectra and corresponding time histories. Iterated Vs and damping were calculated based on ratios of the iterated Vs to the low-strain Vs. The ratios were used with the base case soil profile Vs to calculate the best estimate, lower bound, and upper bound iterated Vs (Table 14). The squared ratios were then used with the corresponding shear modulus reduction and damping curves to determine the best estimate, lower bound, and upper bound damping values (Table 15). Low-strain Vp were calculated using the low-strain Vs and Poisson’s ratios measured at the IWTU site (Table 16).

The 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal and vertical IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) Soil DBE 5% damped spectra and corresponding time histories can be used for seismic analysis of the IWTU. Strain-compatible soil properties for SSI analyses at IWTU are listed in Tables 17 and 18 and shown in Figures 27 and 28. The

strain-compatible soil properties can be used in SSI analyses with the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) Soil DBE 5% damped spectra and corresponding time histories. For SSI analyses, the iterated soil properties should consider the following guidance:

- Low-strain damping values should be calculated from the damping curves used in the site response analyses for each soil layer listed in Tables 4, 5, and 6.
- Iterated soil properties should be used without any further iteration or additional deconvolution analyses of the design soil DBE time histories.

**Table 17.** Iterated shear wave velocities and corresponding damping values for IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE.

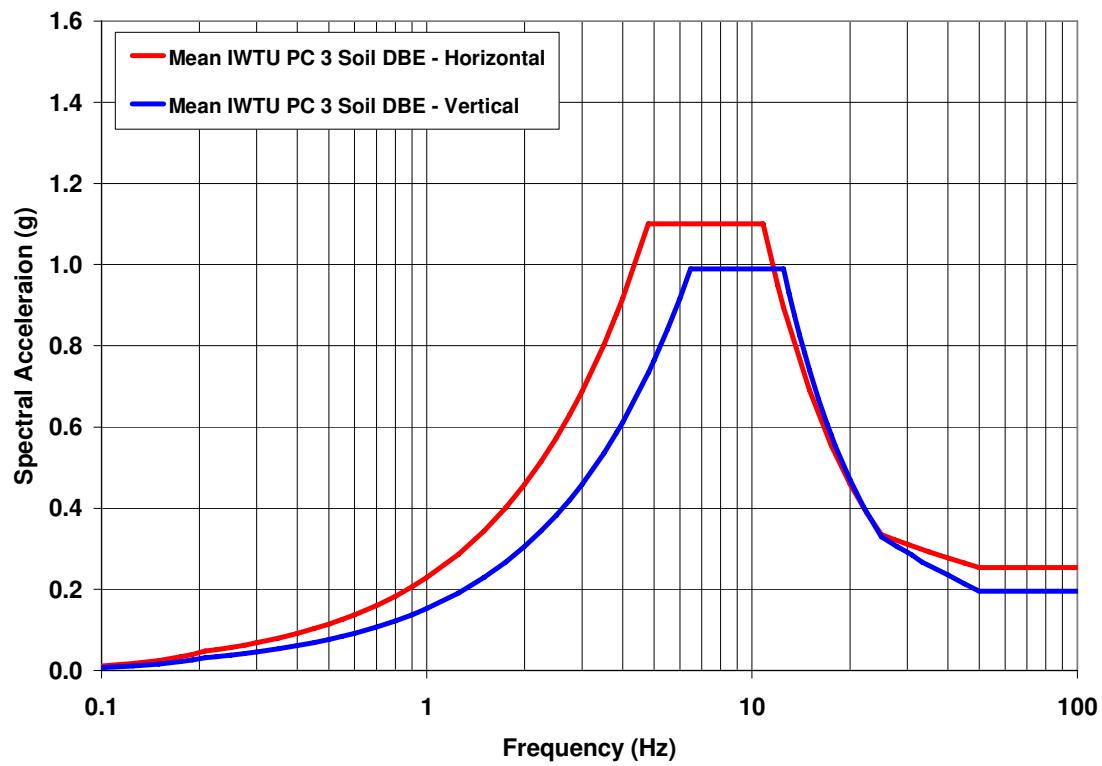
Layer	Depth (ft)	Iterated Shear Wave Velocity (ft/s)			Corresponding Damping (%)		
		Lower Bound	Best Estimate	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Best Estimate	Upper Bound
A	1	674	689	704	2.2	1.7	1.3
A	3	569	605	641	5.9	4.6	3.3
A	5	488	537	586	8.7	7.0	5.3
A	7	424	482	540	10.8	8.9	6.9
A	9	366	444	521	12.3	10.2	7.6
A	11	379	526	673	12.0	7.4	2.2
A	13	1055	1285	1516	8.4	4.2	0.4
B	15	1359	1380	1402	2.8	2.5	2.1
B	17	1340	1367	1393	3.2	2.7	2.2
B	19	1322	1352	1382	3.5	3.0	2.4
B	21	1305	1338	1371	3.8	3.2	2.6
B	23	1289	1324	1358	4.1	3.5	2.9
B	25	1275	1311	1347	4.4	3.7	3.1
B	27	1262	1299	1336	4.6	3.9	3.4
B	29	1250	1287	1325	4.9	4.2	3.5
B	31	1239	1277	1315	5.1	4.4	3.7
C	33	1228	1268	1307	5.2	4.5	3.8
C	35	1220	1259	1299	5.4	4.7	2.9
C	37	1200	1290	1379	5.7	4.1	2.5
C	39	1288	1396	1503	6.8	4.6	2.5
C	41	1445	1462	1479	3.7	3.3	3.0
C	43	1435	1453	1471	3.9	3.5	3.2
D <sup>a</sup>	NA	3496	4057	4708	NA	NA	NA

a. Vs for basalt rock are the low-strain Vs from Table 13.

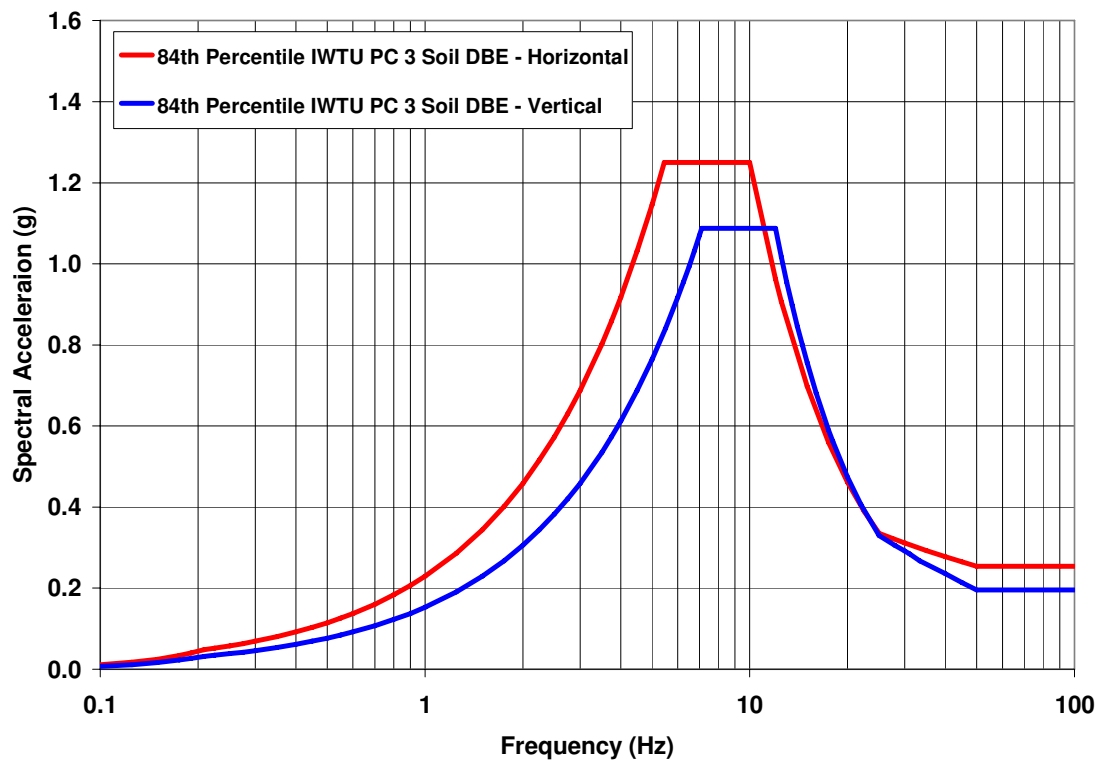
**Table 18.** Low-strain compressional wave velocities for IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE.

Layer	Depth (ft)	Low-strain Compressional Wave Velocity (ft/s)		
		Lower Bound	Best Estimate	Upper Bound
A	1	1151.0	1305.5	1480.8
A	3	1151.0	1305.5	1480.8
A	5	1151.0	1305.5	1480.8
A	7	1151.0	1305.5	1480.8
A	9	1151.0	1305.5	1480.8
A	11	1107.1	1554.5	2182.9
A	13	1696.6	2311.1	3148.1
B	15	2908.7	3111.2	3327.9
B	17	2908.7	3111.2	3327.9
B	19	2908.7	3111.2	3327.9
B	21	2908.7	3111.2	3327.9
B	23	2908.7	3111.2	3327.9
B	25	2908.7	3111.2	3327.9
B	27	2908.7	3111.2	3327.9
B	29	2908.7	3111.2	3327.9
B	31	2897.1	3098.9	3314.7
C	33	2897.1	3098.9	3314.7
C	35	2897.1	3098.9	3314.7
C	37	2901.7	3096.0	3303.4
C	39	2895.5	3126.3	3375.5
C	41	2909.1	3101.5	3306.6
C	43	2887.6	3110.5	3350.5
D	NA	6661.9	7731.0	8971.6



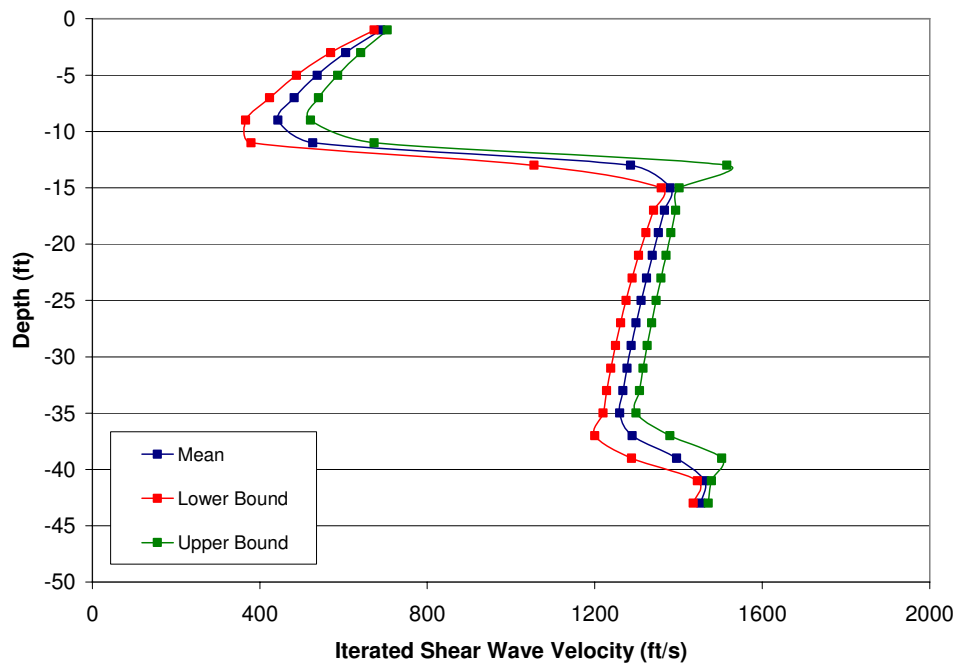


**Figure 25.** The mean horizontal and vertical IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) Soil DBE 5% damped spectra.

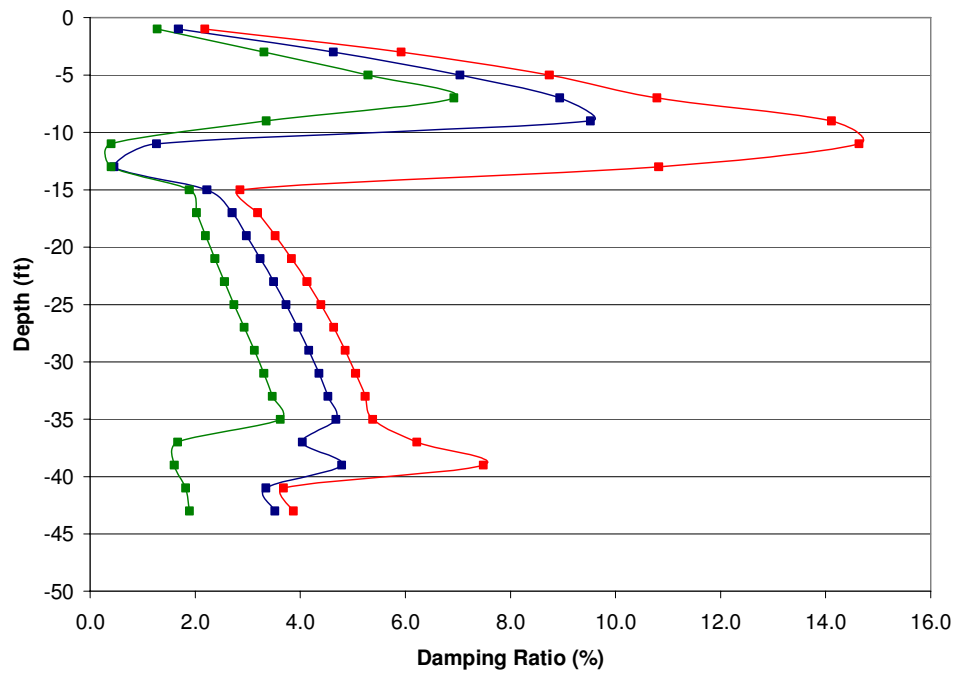


**Figure 26.** The 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal and vertical IWTU PC 2 (2,500 yr) Soil DBE 5% damped spectra.

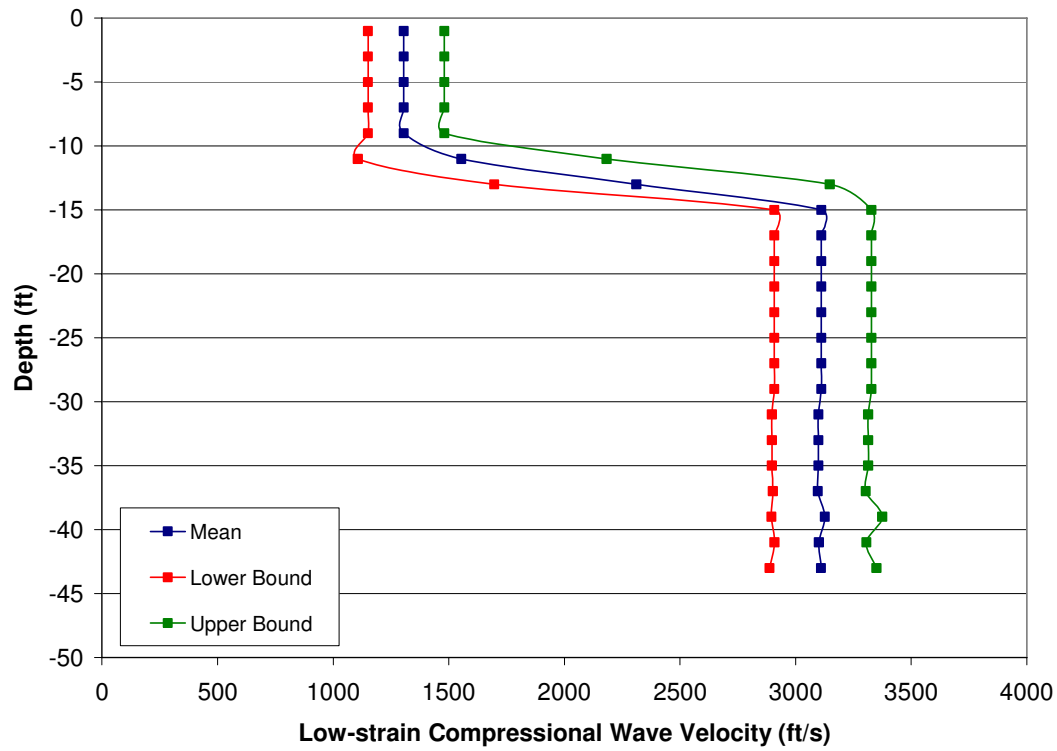
(a)



(b)



**Figure 27.** Best estimate, lower bound, and upper bound soil a) iterated shear wave velocities and b) corresponding damping ratios for the horizontal IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE spectra and time histories (rock values are not plotted).



**Figure 28.** Low-strain compressional wave velocities of the soils for the vertical IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE spectra and corresponding time history (rock values are not plotted).

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## **Appendix A**

### **Individual Borehole Soil Surface Spectra**

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## Individual Borehole Soil Surface Spectra

### Borehole Soil Profiles

Eight individual soil profiles were developed for IWTU boreholes with  $V_s$  measurements, these soil profiles were used as input to SHAKE2000. The soil profiles are referred to as B-31, B-33, B-34, B-34/B-35, B-37, B-38, B-39, and B-41. Both two- and three-layer soil profiles were developed (Table A-1). Two-layer soil profiles were developed for boreholes B-31, B-34, B-34/B-35, and B-41 because  $V_s$  was not measured in the 2.3 ft or less thicknesses of Layer C. The thickness of Layer B was extended to the depth of the top of bedrock, which means the thicknesses of Layer B exceed those listed in Table 1 for these boreholes. Three-layer soil profiles were developed for boreholes B-33, B-37, B-38 and B-39. The thicknesses (7.0-8.0 ft) of Layer C in these boreholes appear to be sufficient to acquire  $V_s$  measurements (Table 1). Borehole B-34/B-35 includes the  $V_s$  measured in B-35 for basalt. The  $V_s$  of the soil layers in B-34 (and layer dimension parameters) were combined with the  $V_s$  of the basalt rock layer  $D_2$  in B-35 (Kleinfelder, Inc. 2007a). This approach was taken since the  $V_s$  measurements in B-34 for  $D_1$  were suspect due to poor coupling of the casing.  $V_s$  measurements were then taken in B-35 to assess the reason for the suspect measurements in B-34. A soil profile was not developed for the cross-hole  $V_s$  measurements (B-34) since the  $V_s$  measurement for Layer A was excluded due to frozen ground. For the individual soil profiles, borehole  $V_s$  measurements were used with average densities of each layer to calculate corresponding  $G$  as discussed in Section 2.1.3.3. Layer dimension parameters were obtained from Table 1 (with the exceptions discussed above). Figure A-1 shows the two- and three-layer soil profiles that were developed for the IWTU boreholes listed in Table A-1. The three-layer soil profiles were compared to the sets of 30 soil profiles generated for the normal and log normal distributions of  $G$ . Figure A-2 shows a reasonable match to the sets of 30 random soil profiles for the normal and log normal distributions of  $G$ .

### Soil Surface Spectra

Soil surface spectra were calculated for the boreholes following the steps in Section 2.2. Two horizontal soil surface spectra were produced for each borehole (Figures A-3 and A-4). The individual borehole soil surface spectra are similar to the random soil surface spectra for the two sets of 30 random soil profiles. Figure A-5 shows the individual borehole soil surface spectra and the horizontal 1 (H1) and horizontal 2 (H2) components of soil surface spectra for the 30 random soil profiles with the log normal distribution of  $G$ . These two comparisons indicate the soil surface spectra of the individual borehole soil profiles are within the two sets of 30 random soil surface spectra.

The individual soil surface spectra were also compared to the mean and 84<sup>th</sup> percentile soil surface spectra of the 30 random soil profiles with the log normal distribution of shear modulus (Table A-2) and the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile PC 3 soil DBE 5% damped spectrum. The spectral peak of the mean soil surface spectrum envelops the spectral peaks of the soil surface spectra for the two-layer soil profiles except for one borehole, B-31 (Figure A-6). For the three-layer soil profiles, the spectral peak of the mean soil surface spectrum only envelops the spectral peak of one borehole, B-39 (Figure A-7). The 84<sup>th</sup> percentile soil surface spectrum envelops all two-layer soil profiles, except at 10 Hz for borehole B-34 due to a frequency shift in its spectral peak, and the spectral peak of borehole B-31 for the H2 component (Figure A-6). Only two spectral peaks for boreholes B-37 and B-38 exceed the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile soil surface spectrum (Figure A-7). The 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal soil DBE 5% damped spectrum envelops the soil surface spectra of the two-layer and three-layer borehole soil profiles except for larger spectral peaks of B-38 (Figure A-8).

**Table A-1.** Individual soil profiles for IWTU boreholes.

Soil Profile Name	Layer	Thickness (ft)	Depth (ft)	Density (kcf)	Vs (ft/s)	G (kcf)
B-31	A	10.0	10.0	0.1184	750	2070
	B	30.0	40.0	0.1248	1510	8845
	D	Half-space		0.1599	4240	89357
B-33	A	11.0	11.0	0.1184	730	1961
	B	25.5	36.5	0.1248	1570	9562
	C	7.0	43.5	0.1257	1560	9509
	D	Half-space		0.1599	3610	64776
B-34	A	10.0	10.0	0.1184	900	2981
	B	31.0	41.0	0.1248	1780	12291
	D	Half-space		0.1599	3390	57121
B-34/B-35 <sup>a</sup>	A	10.0	10.0	0.1184	900	2981
	B	31.0	41.0	0.1248	1780	12291
	D	Half-space		0.1599	4010	79926
B-37	A	12.0	12.0	0.1184	750	2070
	B	27.0	39.0	0.1248	1690	11080
	C	8.0	47.0	0.1257	1330	6912
	D	Half-space		0.1599	4820	115476
B-38	A	9.0	9.0	0.1184	670	1652
	B	27.6	36.6	0.1248	1590	9807
	C	7.4	44.0	0.1257	1570	9631
	D	Half-space		0.1599	4600	105175
B-39	A	10.0	10.0	0.1184	910	3048
	B	27.0	37.0	0.1248	1360	7175
	C	8.0	45.0	0.1257	1540	9267
	D	Half-space		0.1599	3750	69897

**Table A-1.** Continued.

Soil Profile Name	Layer	Thickness (ft)	Depth (ft)	Density (kcf)	Vs (ft/s)	G (kcf)
B-41	A	10.0	10.0	0.1184	890	2915
	B	33.5	43.5	0.1248	1480	8497
	D	Half-space		0.1599	4170	86431

a. The same layer dimensions as B-34 but uses B-35 Vs to calculate G for Layer D (see discussion in text).

**Table A-2.** Spectral accelerations of the mean and 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal soil surface spectrum of the random soil profiles with the normal and log normal distribution of shear modulus.

Frequency (Hz)	Spectral Accelerations (g)		
	Mean – Normal Distribution	Mean – Log Normal Distribution	84 <sup>th</sup> Percentile – Log Normal Distribution
100.000	0.2565	0.2539	0.2773
95.152	0.2568	0.2543	0.2774
90.539	0.2569	0.2544	0.2775
86.149	0.2571	0.2546	0.2778
81.973	0.2574	0.2548	0.2780
77.999	0.2577	0.2551	0.2783
74.217	0.2580	0.2554	0.2787
70.619	0.2584	0.2557	0.2790
67.195	0.2587	0.2560	0.2793
63.937	0.2591	0.2564	0.2797
60.838	0.2595	0.2567	0.2801
57.888	0.2600	0.2572	0.2806
55.082	0.2605	0.2577	0.2811
52.411	0.2612	0.2586	0.2816
49.870	0.2616	0.2588	0.2815
47.452	0.2630	0.2597	0.2827
45.152	0.2654	0.2622	0.2842
42.963	0.2688	0.2651	0.2858
40.880	0.2735	0.2705	0.2917
38.898	0.2752	0.2728	0.2958
37.012	0.2789	0.2764	0.2982
35.218	0.2861	0.2839	0.3062
33.510	0.2907	0.2904	0.3116
31.886	0.2966	0.2958	0.3173
30.340	0.3080	0.3058	0.3217
28.869	0.3126	0.3093	0.3269
27.469	0.3166	0.3134	0.3345
26.138	0.3267	0.3209	0.3450
24.870	0.3226	0.3192	0.3387
23.665	0.3182	0.3192	0.3435

**Table A-2.** Continued.

Frequency (Hz)	Spectral Accelerations (g)		
	Mean – Normal Distribution	Mean – Log Normal Distribution	84 <sup>th</sup> Percentile – Log Normal Distribution
22.517	0.3252	0.3288	0.3504
21.426	0.3402	0.3500	0.3920
20.387	0.3520	0.3600	0.4139
19.399	0.3724	0.3804	0.4518
18.458	0.4004	0.4091	0.5096
17.563	0.4315	0.4368	0.5331
16.712	0.4504	0.4486	0.5249
15.902	0.4623	0.4501	0.5083
15.131	0.5087	0.4723	0.5288
14.397	0.5369	0.4990	0.5485
13.699	0.5526	0.5172	0.5773
13.035	0.5501	0.5261	0.5989
12.403	0.5736	0.5556	0.6404
11.802	0.5911	0.5834	0.6620
11.229	0.6140	0.6074	0.6975
10.685	0.6055	0.6101	0.6937
10.167	0.6349	0.6421	0.6944
9.674	0.6733	0.6802	0.7404
9.205	0.6980	0.7053	0.7697
8.759	0.7752	0.7792	0.8656
8.334	0.8498	0.8473	0.9288
7.930	0.9867	0.9834	1.0753
7.546	1.0493	1.0358	1.1591
7.180	1.1017	1.0892	1.2461
6.832	1.0305	1.0203	1.1701
6.501	1.0014	0.9906	1.1743
6.185	0.9781	0.9611	1.1608
5.886	0.8587	0.8459	1.0654
5.600	0.8115	0.8099	1.0223
5.329	0.7832	0.7831	0.9775
5.070	0.7146	0.7212	0.8719



**Table A-2.** Continued.

Frequency (Hz)	Spectral Accelerations (g)		
	Mean – Normal Distribution	Mean – Log Normal Distribution	84 <sup>th</sup> Percentile – Log Normal Distribution
4.825	0.6713	0.6796	0.7848
4.591	0.6125	0.6227	0.7234
4.368	0.5577	0.5649	0.6328
4.156	0.5215	0.5289	0.5945
3.955	0.4533	0.4602	0.5000
3.763	0.4961	0.5007	0.5466
3.581	0.4822	0.4862	0.5384
3.407	0.4586	0.4638	0.4990
3.242	0.4498	0.4535	0.4969
3.085	0.3961	0.3997	0.4162
2.935	0.3974	0.4005	0.4193
2.793	0.3995	0.4010	0.4173
2.657	0.3876	0.3880	0.4043
2.529	0.3757	0.3771	0.3933
2.406	0.3658	0.3665	0.3855
2.289	0.4102	0.4111	0.4304
2.178	0.3452	0.3464	0.3570
2.073	0.3446	0.3452	0.3553
1.972	0.3166	0.3172	0.3249
1.877	0.3144	0.3149	0.3210
1.786	0.2742	0.2742	0.2814
1.699	0.2704	0.2706	0.2777
1.617	0.2461	0.2464	0.2497
1.538	0.2405	0.2408	0.2445
1.464	0.2164	0.2169	0.2194
1.393	0.2097	0.2099	0.2126
1.325	0.1892	0.1894	0.1921
1.261	0.2036	0.2037	0.2054
1.200	0.1748	0.1749	0.1770
1.142	0.1630	0.1631	0.1652
1.086	0.1587	0.1589	0.1611

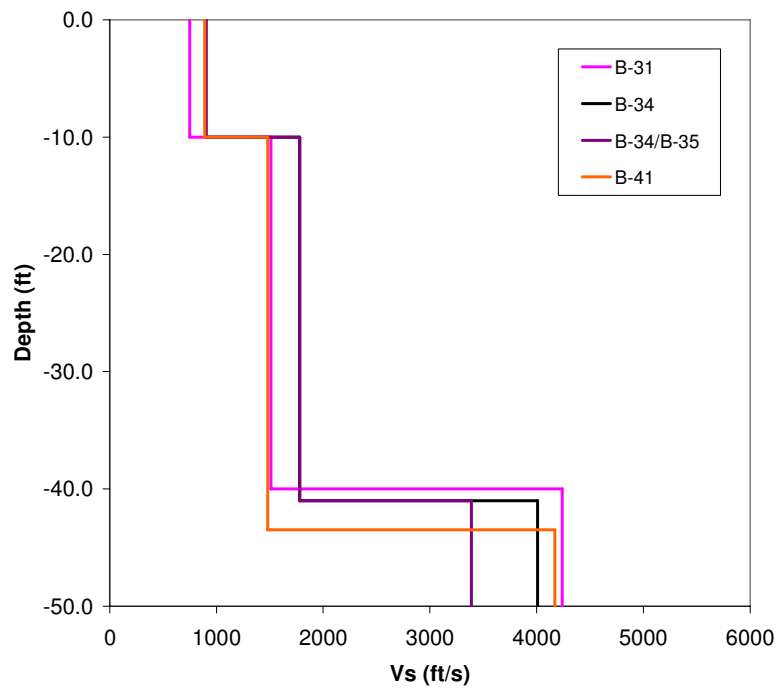
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Frequency (Hz)	Spectral Accelerations (g)		
	Mean – Normal Distribution	Mean – Log Normal Distribution	84 <sup>th</sup> Percentile – Log Normal Distribution
1.034	0.1499	0.1499	0.1522
0.984	0.1446	0.1447	0.1457
0.936	0.1554	0.1554	0.1565
0.891	0.1317	0.1318	0.1324
0.847	0.1214	0.1215	0.1223
0.806	0.1172	0.1172	0.1176
0.767	0.1144	0.1144	0.1151
0.730	0.1111	0.1111	0.1119
0.695	0.0976	0.0977	0.0987
0.661	0.0977	0.0977	0.0984
0.629	0.0939	0.0939	0.0942
0.598	0.0891	0.0891	0.0897
0.569	0.0807	0.0807	0.0813
0.542	0.0712	0.0712	0.0716
0.516	0.0703	0.0702	0.0704
0.491	0.0673	0.0673	0.0674
0.467	0.0587	0.0587	0.0588
0.444	0.0553	0.0553	0.0555
0.423	0.0601	0.0601	0.0603
0.402	0.0577	0.0577	0.0579
0.383	0.0554	0.0554	0.0556
0.364	0.0557	0.0557	0.0559
0.346	0.0537	0.0537	0.0537
0.330	0.0496	0.0496	0.0498
0.314	0.0444	0.0444	0.0445
0.298	0.0392	0.0392	0.0393
0.284	0.0329	0.0330	0.0331
0.270	0.0276	0.0276	0.0277
0.257	0.0243	0.0243	0.0244
0.245	0.0224	0.0224	0.0225
0.233	0.0203	0.0203	0.0204

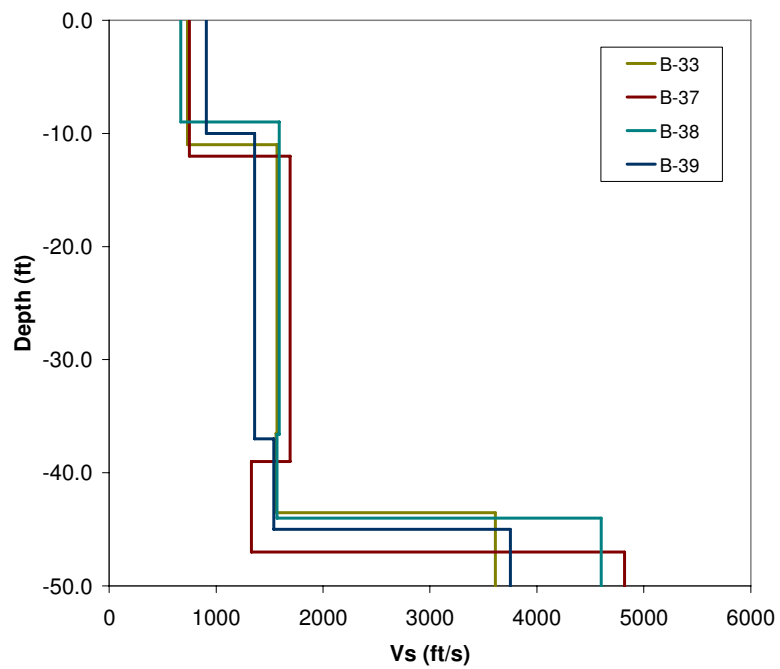
**Table A-2.** Continued.

Frequency (Hz)	Spectral Accelerations (g)		
	Mean – Normal Distribution	Mean – Log Normal Distribution	84 <sup>th</sup> Percentile – Log Normal Distribution
0.221	0.0187	0.0187	0.0188
0.211	0.0176	0.0176	0.0177
0.201	0.0166	0.0166	0.0167
0.191	0.0168	0.0168	0.0169
0.182	0.0166	0.0166	0.0167
0.173	0.0158	0.0158	0.0159
0.164	0.0147	0.0147	0.0147
0.156	0.0134	0.0134	0.0134
0.149	0.0119	0.0119	0.0119
0.142	0.0103	0.0103	0.0103
0.135	0.0089	0.0089	0.0089
0.128	0.0076	0.0076	0.0077
0.122	0.0066	0.0066	0.0066
0.116	0.0058	0.0058	0.0058
0.110	0.0054	0.0054	0.0054
0.105	0.0049	0.0049	0.0049
0.100	0.0044	0.0044	0.0044

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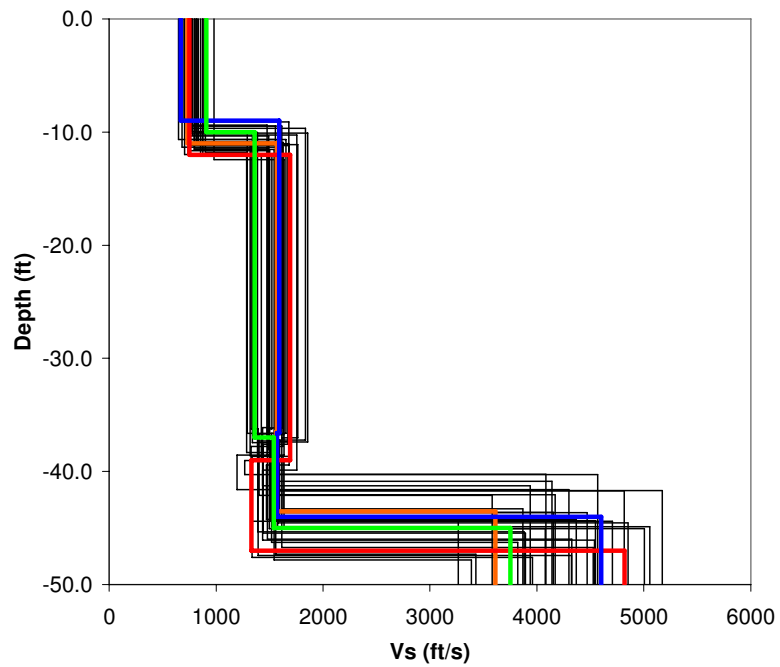


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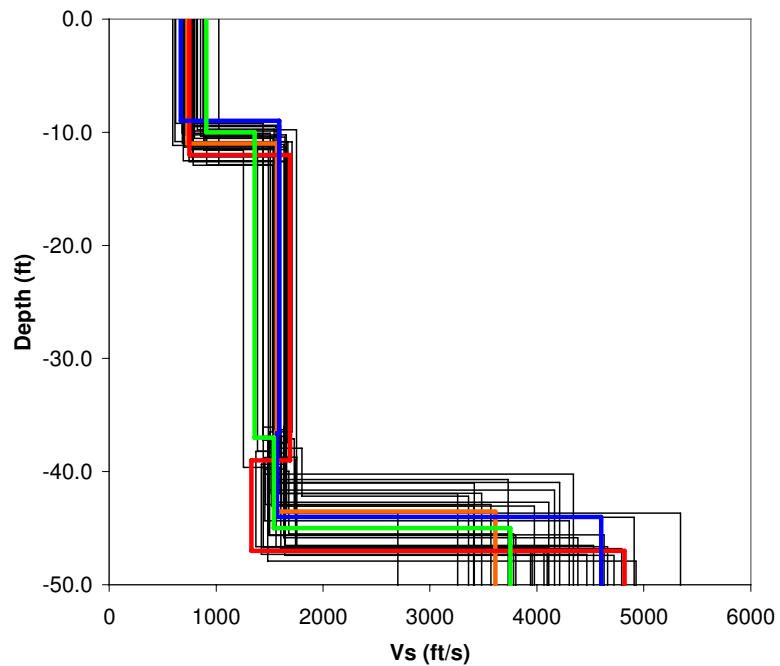


**Figure A-1.** Individual soil profiles for IWTU boreholes: (a) two-soil layers and (b) three-soil layers.

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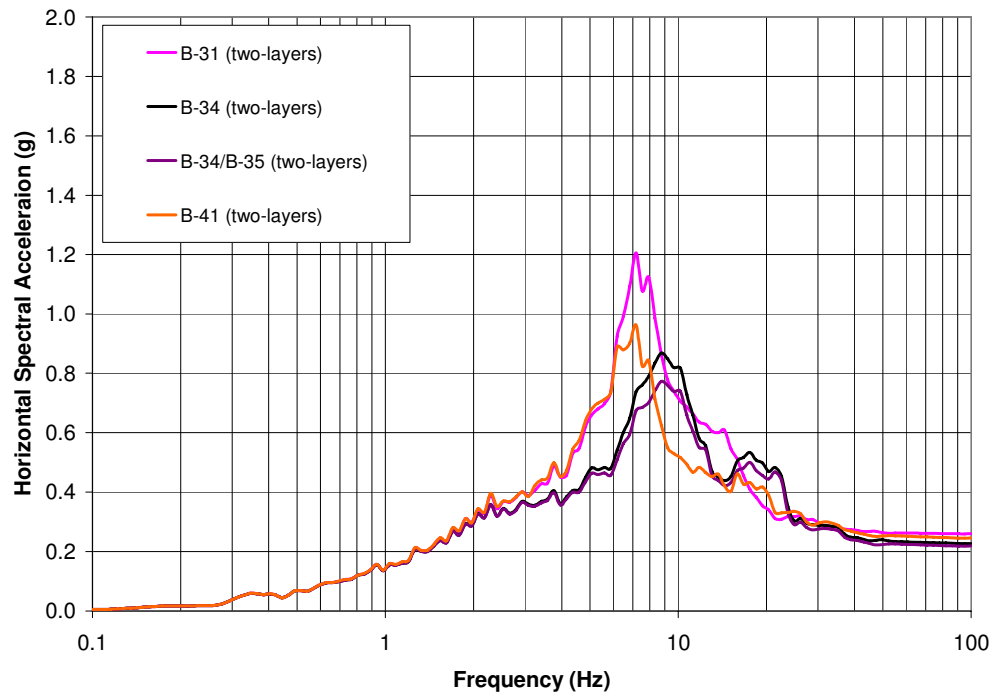


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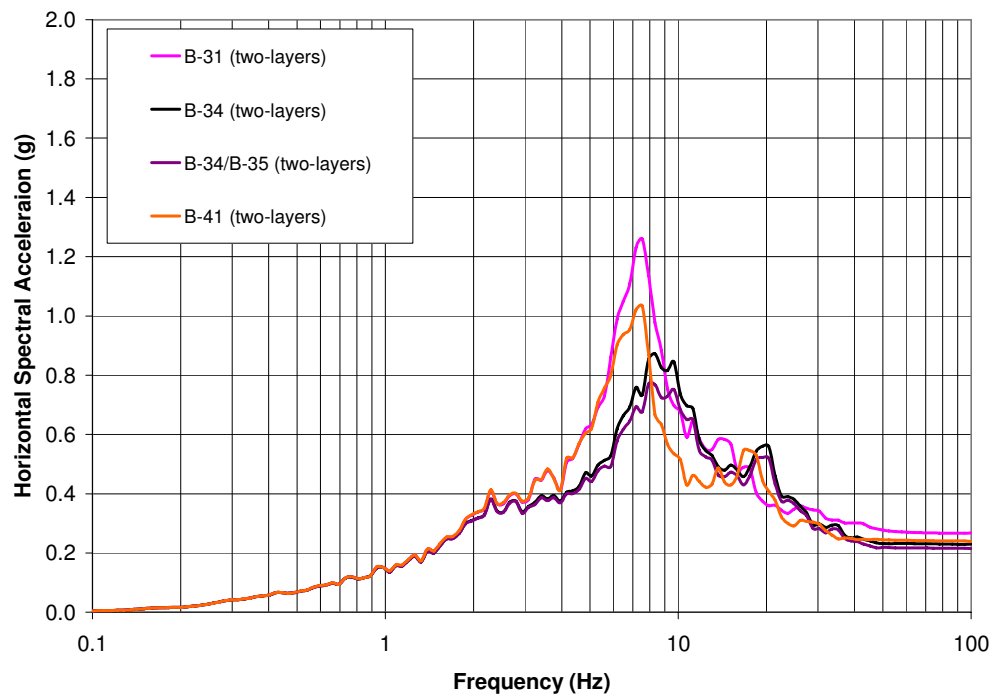


**Figure A-2.** Plot of individual soil profiles for IWTU boreholes and thirty random soil profiles (thin black lines) for the: (a) normal and (b) log normal distributions of shear modulus. The three-layer soil profiles are shown for boreholes: B-33 (orange); B-37 (red); B-38 (blue); and B-39 (green).

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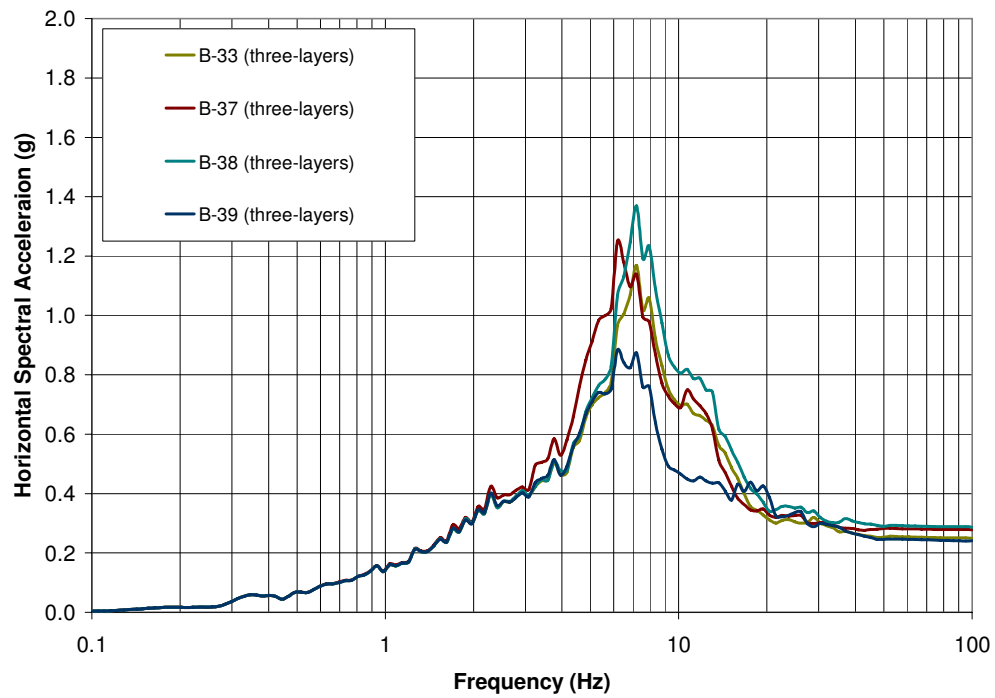


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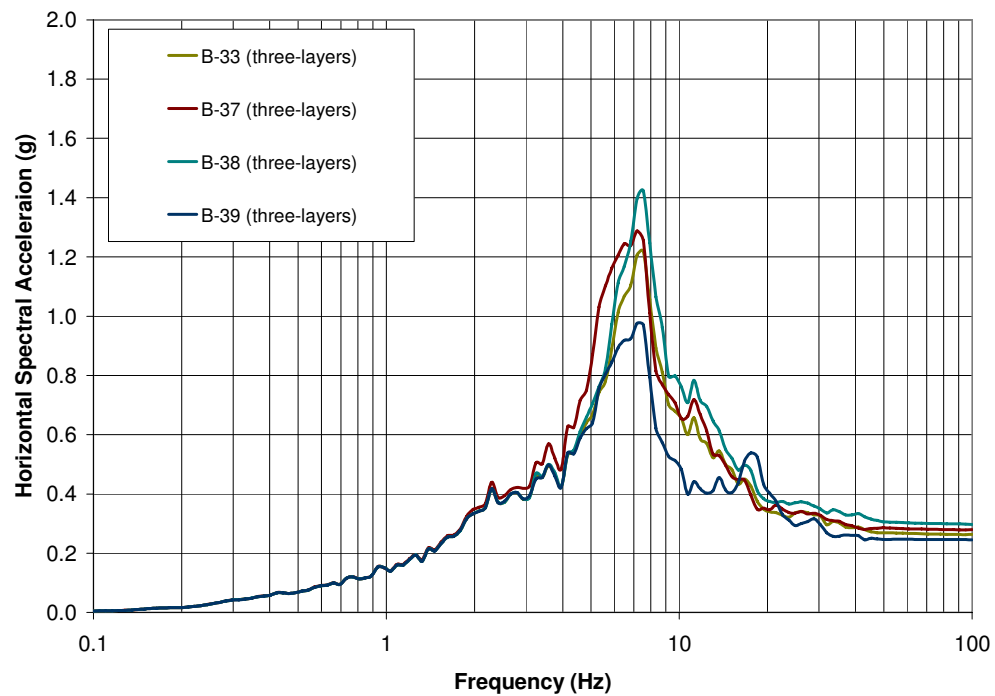


**Figure A-3.** PC 3 (2,500 yr) soil surface 5% damped spectra of two-layer soil profiles for: (a) H1 and (b) H2.

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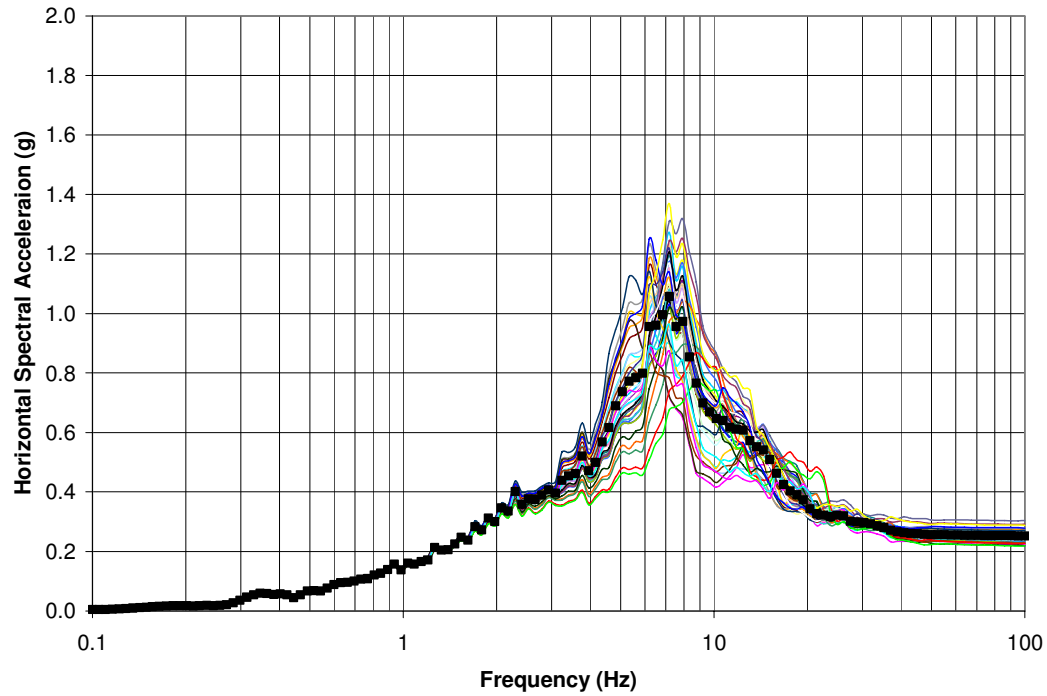


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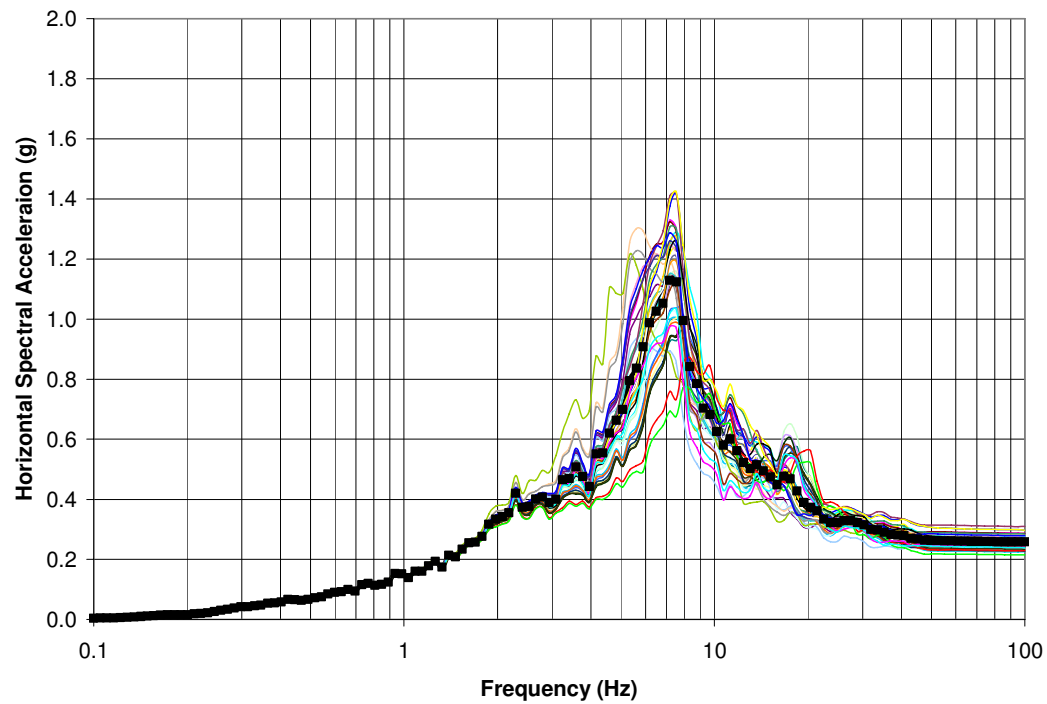


**Figure A-4.** PC 3 (2,500 yr) soil surface 5% damped spectra of three-layer soil profiles for: (a) H1 and (b) H2.

(a)



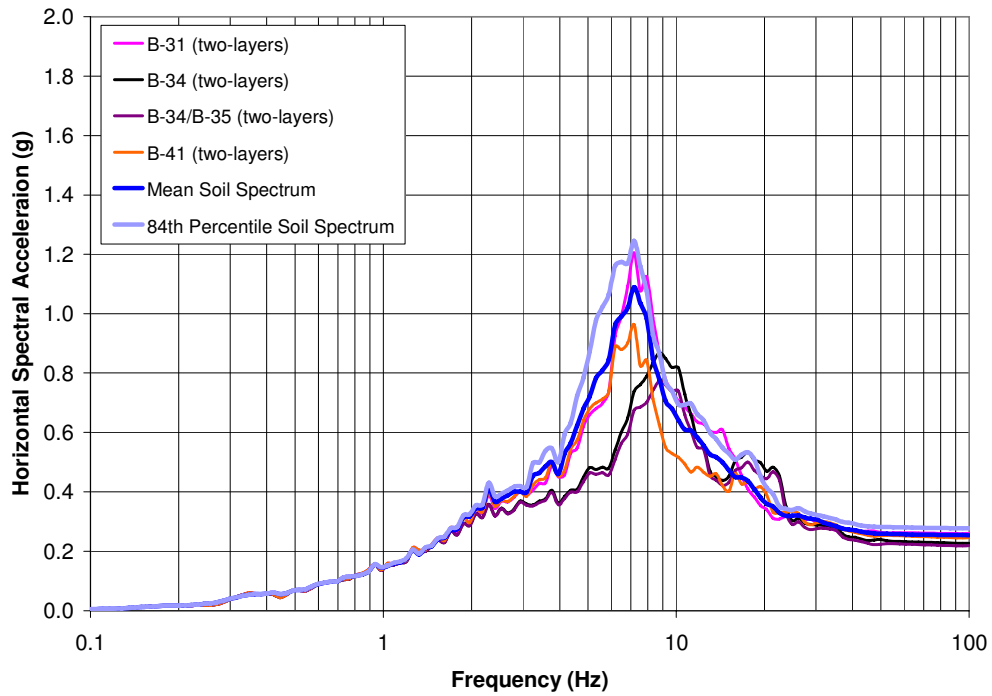
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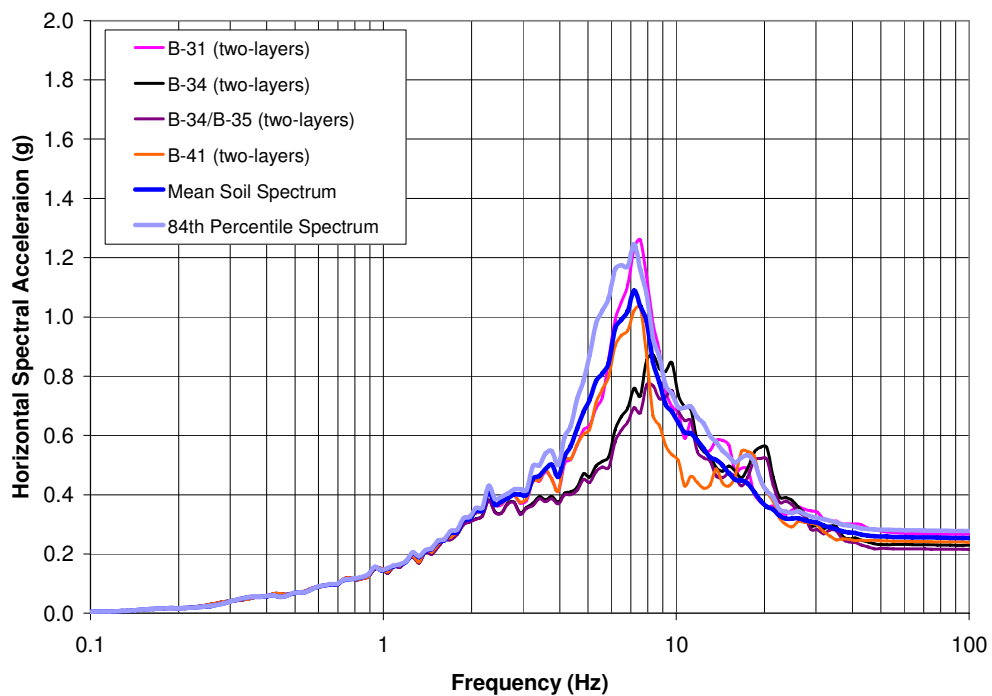
**Figure A-5.** PC 3 (2,500 yr) mean (black jagged line) and soil surface 5% damped spectra (colored lines) for: (a) H1 with 30 soil profiles that have the normal distribution of G and each individual borehole; (b) H2 with 30 soil profiles that have the log normal distribution of G and each individual borehole.



(a)

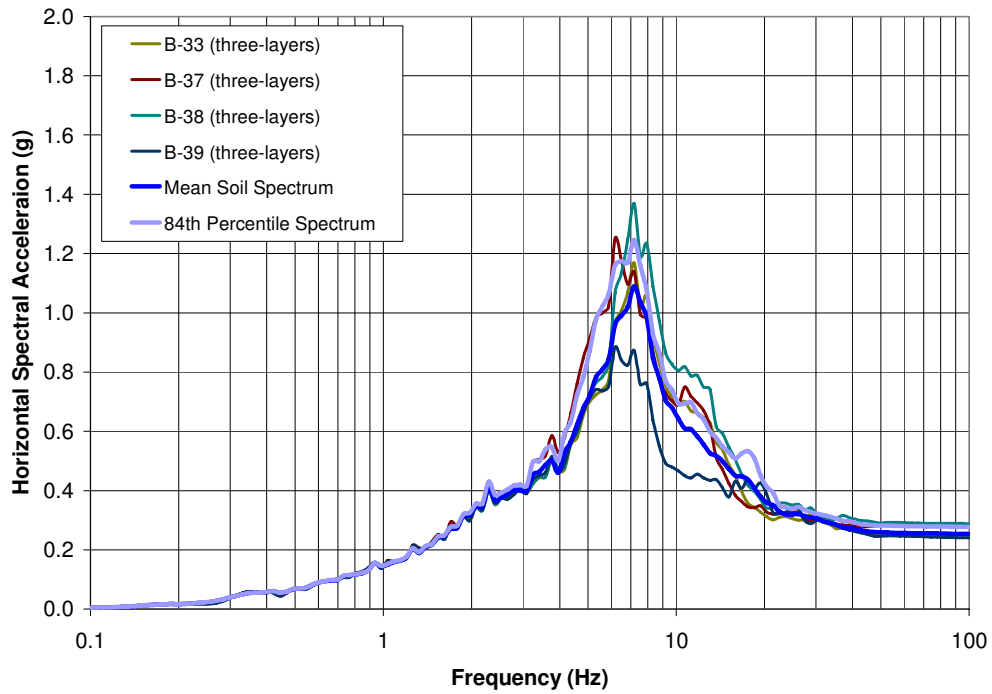


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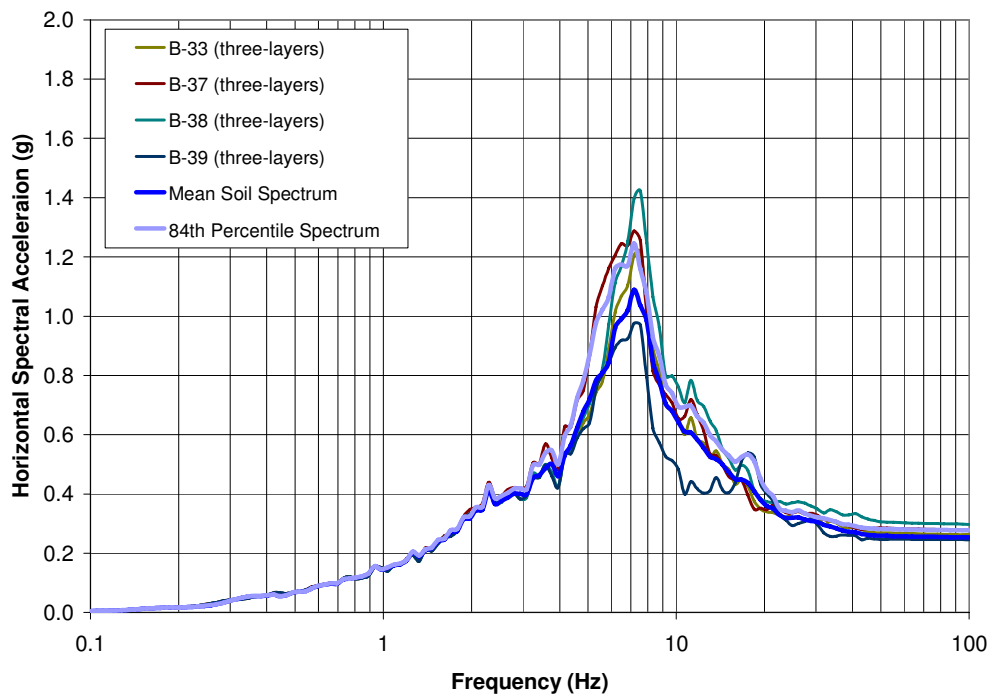


**Figure A-6.** Mean and 84<sup>th</sup> percentile PC 3 (2,500 yr) soil 5% damped spectrum of 30 random soil profiles for the log normal distribution of shear modulus and individual borehole soil surface spectra of two-layer soil profiles for: (a) H1 and (b) H2.

(a)

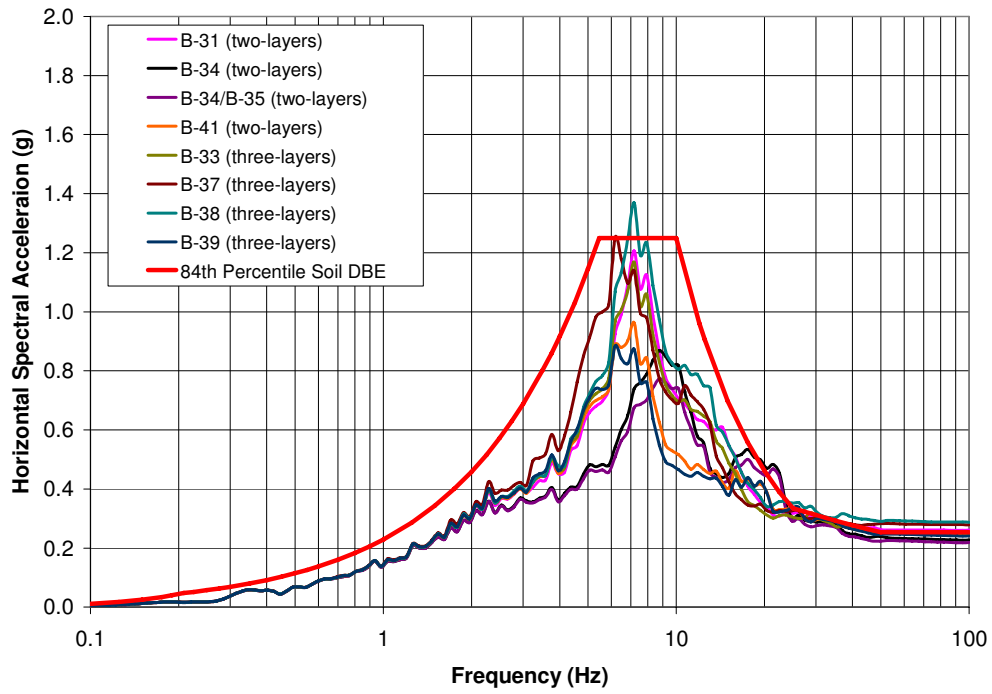


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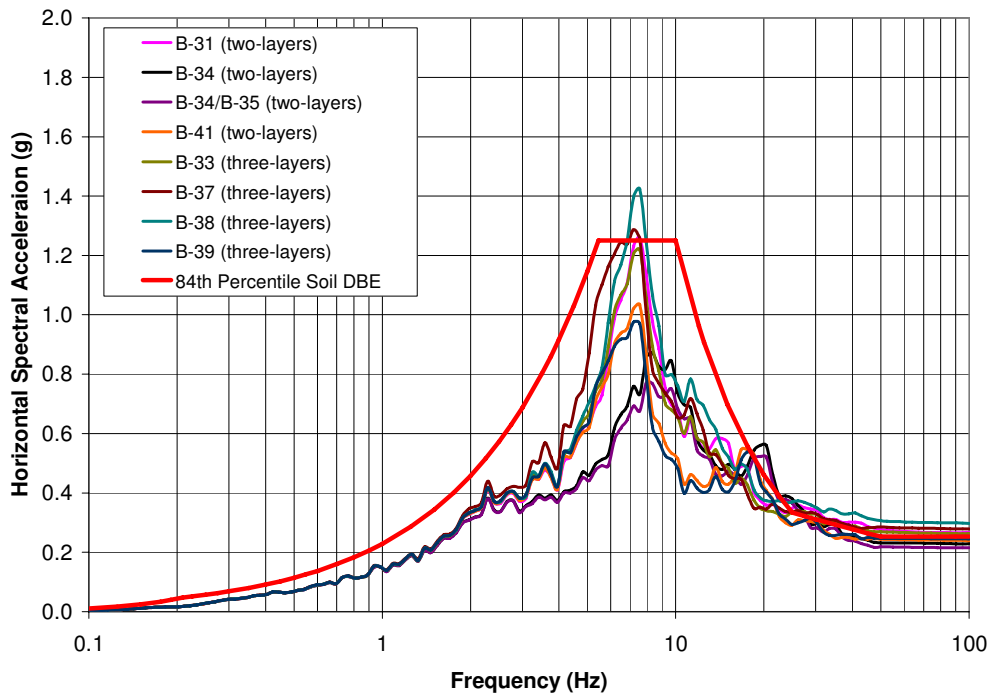


**Figure A-7.** Mean and 84<sup>th</sup> percentile PC 3 (2,500 yr) soil 5% damped spectrum of 30 random soil profiles for the log normal distribution of shear modulus and individual borehole soil surface spectra of three-layer soil profiles for: (a) H1 and (b) H2.

(a)



(b)



**Figure A-8.** 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal PC 3 (2,500 yr) soil DBE 5% damped spectrum and all individual borehole soil surface spectra for: (a) H1 and (b) H2.

## **Appendix B**

### **Time Histories and Arias Intensity Plots**

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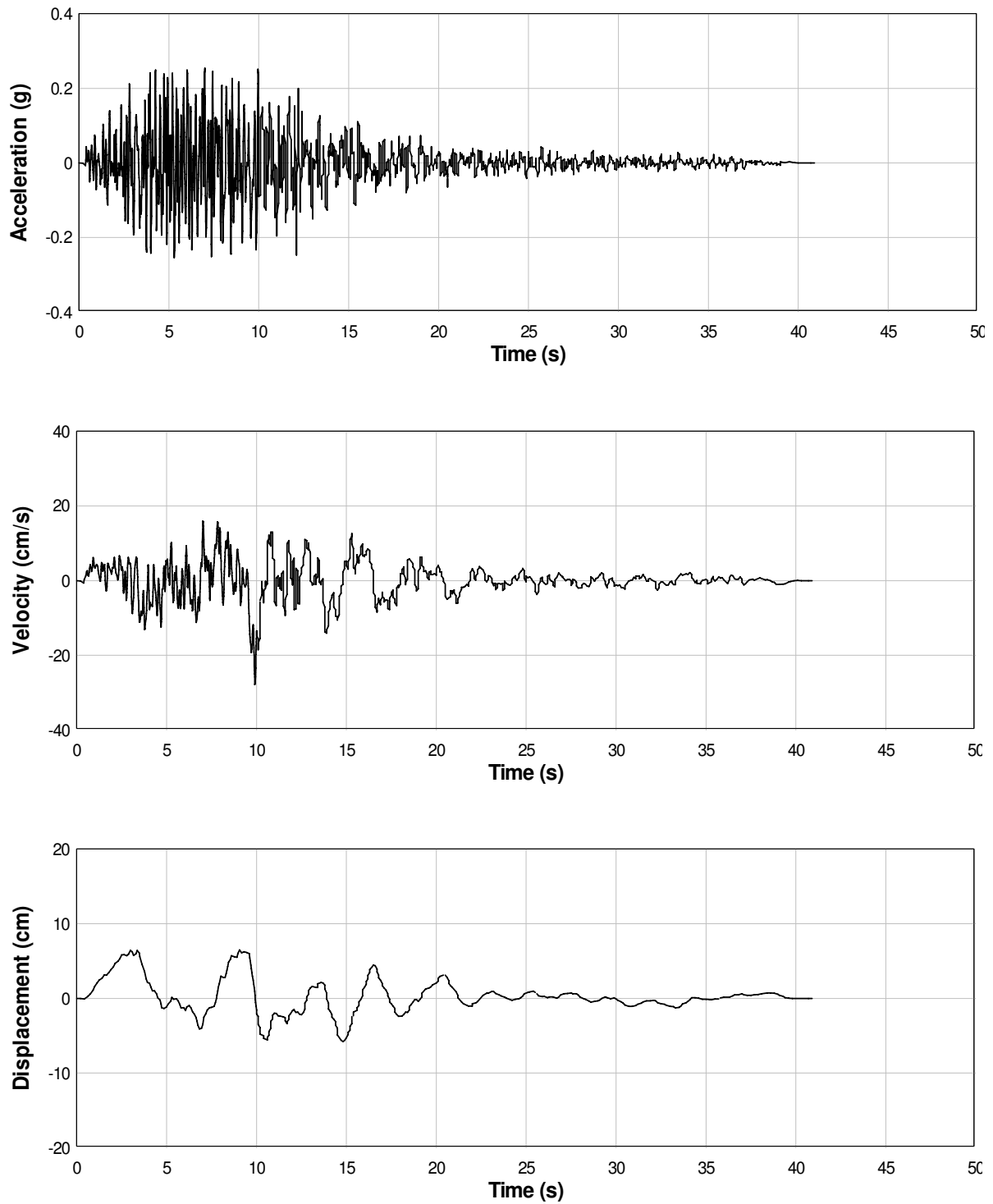
#### **Mean Soil DBE Time Histories**

Acceleration, velocity, and displacement time histories corresponding to the mean horizontal and vertical IWTU soil DBE spectra (Tables 7 and 11) are shown in Figures B-1, B-2, and B-3, respectively. The time histories were developed as discussed in Section 4.

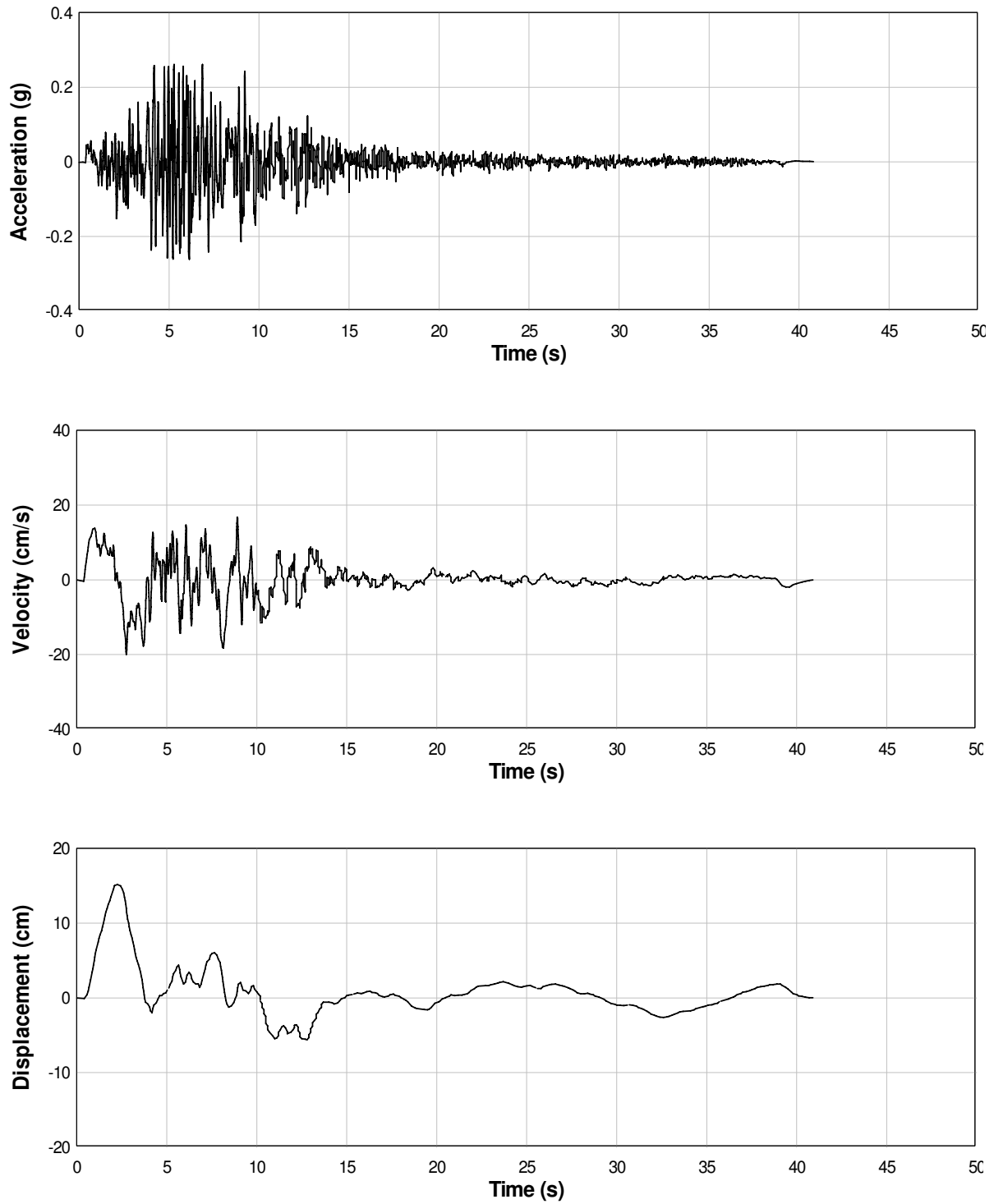
#### **Arias Intensity Plots**

Arias intensities were computed for the rock and soil DBE time histories. Plots of the arias intensity were generated for the two horizontal and one vertical INTEC/RTC/RWMC/PBF PC 3 (2,500 yr) rock DBE acceleration time histories. The BLIN02 program was used to generate the arias intensity of each time history (Abrahamson 1996). Figures B-4 and B-5 show the plots for the horizontal components (H1 and H2) and the vertical component, respectively. Plots of the arias intensity of the INTEC/RTC/RWMC/PBF PC 3 (2,500 yr) acceleration rock DBE time histories show smooth increases from 0 to 15 seconds then they generally level out from 15 to 41 seconds.

Plots of the arias intensity were also generated for the mean and 84<sup>th</sup> percentile IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE acceleration time histories. Figures B-6 and B-7 show the plots for the mean horizontal and vertical components, respectively. Figures B-8 and B-9 show the plots for the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal and vertical components, respectively. The arias intensity plots of the mean and 84<sup>th</sup> percentile IWTU PC 3 Soil DBE acceleration time histories show smooth curves.

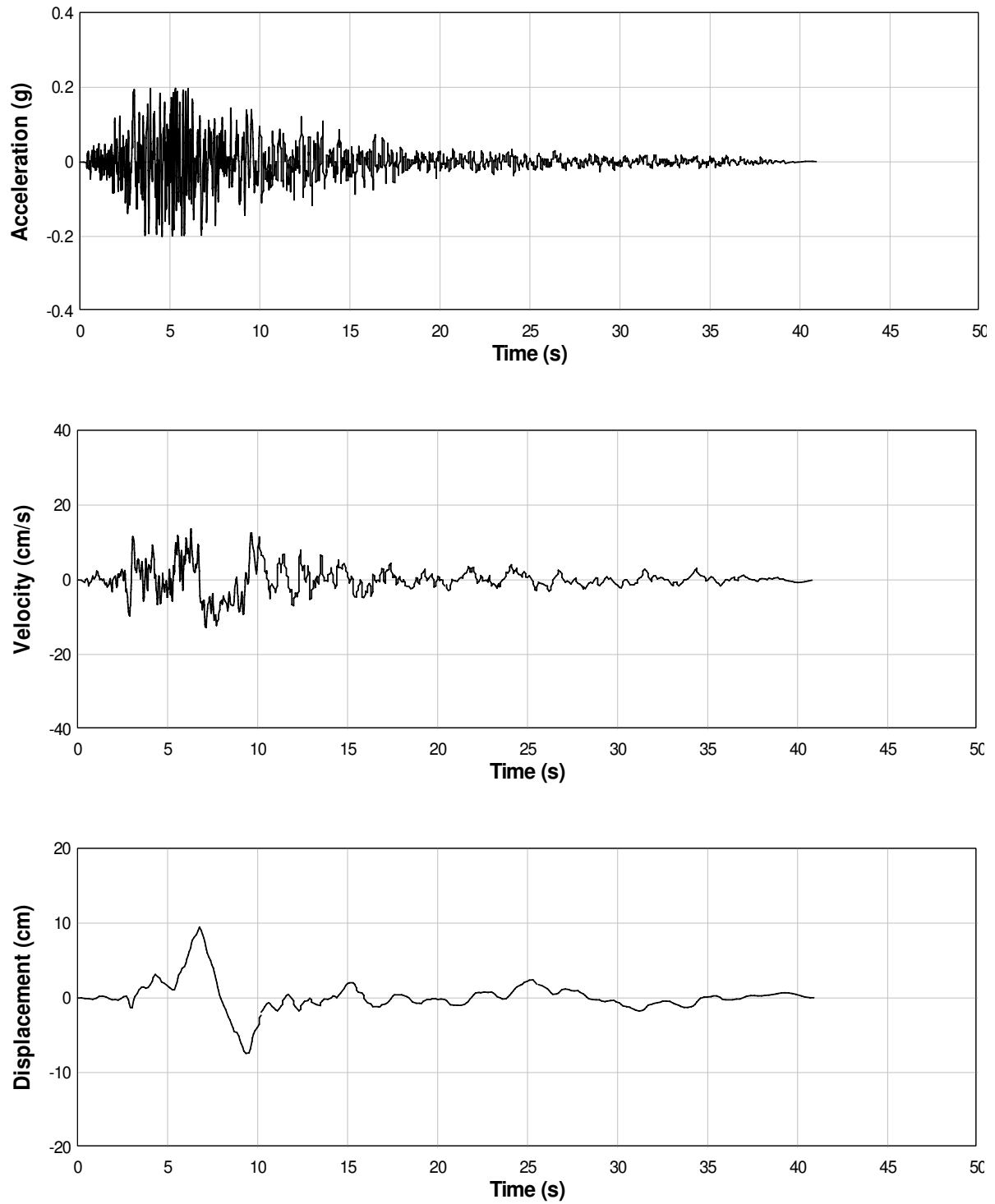


**Figure B-1.** Mean IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) Soil DBE time histories for the horizontal 1 component.



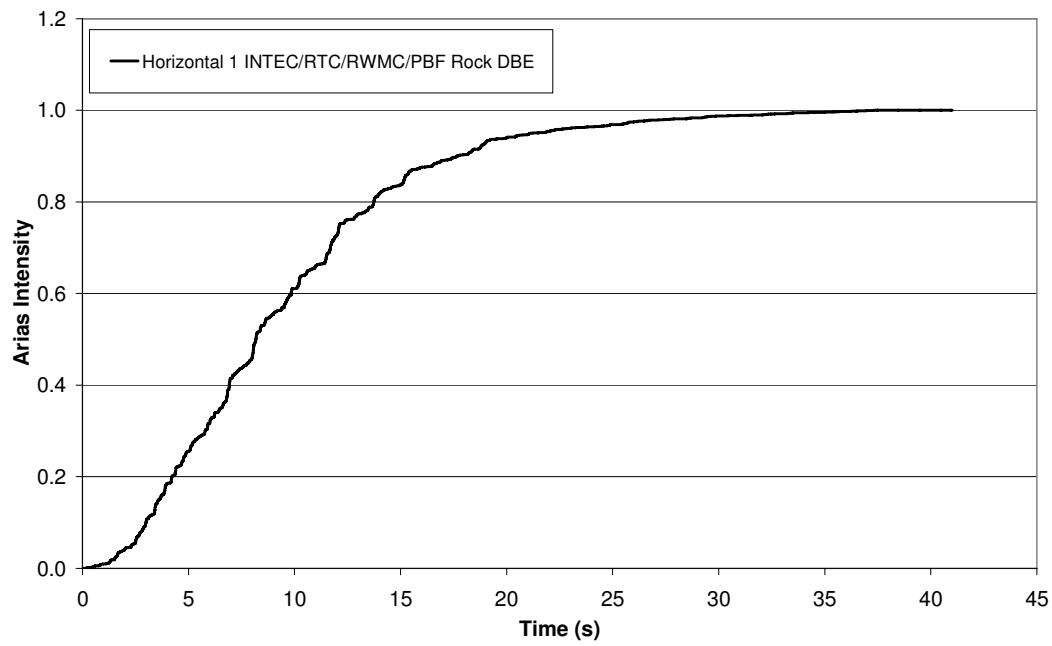
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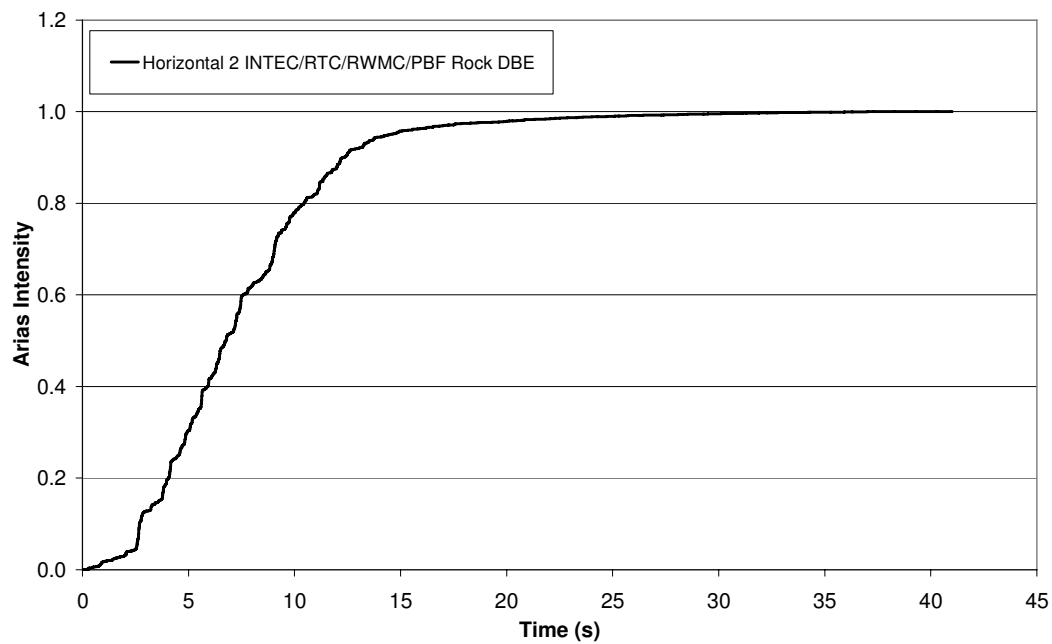


**Figure B-3.** Mean IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) Soil DBE time histories for the vertical component.

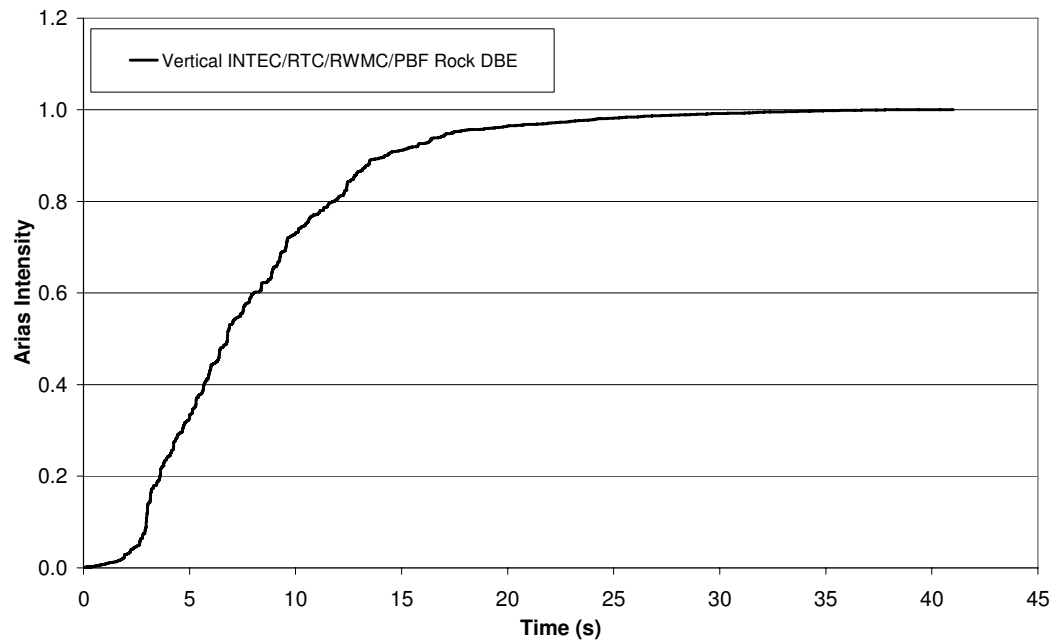
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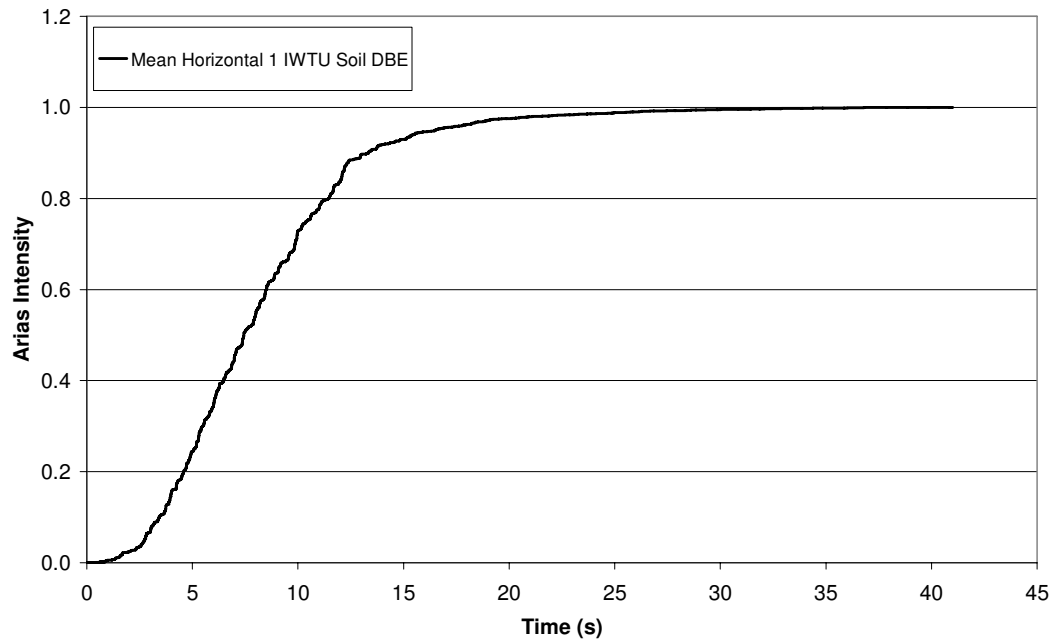


**Figure B-4.** Arias intensity of the horizontal INTEC/RTC/RWMC/PBF PC 3 (2,500 yr) Rock DBE acceleration time histories for: (a) H1 and (b) H2.

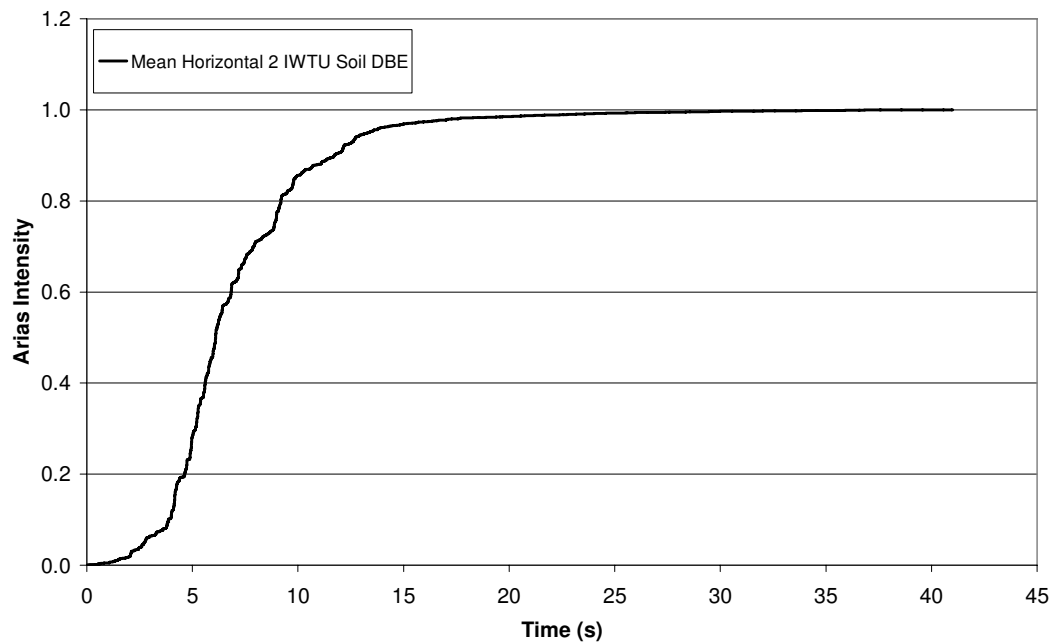


**Figure B-5.** Arias intensity of the vertical INTEC/RTC/RWMC/PBF PC 3 (2,500 yr) Rock DBE acceleration time history.

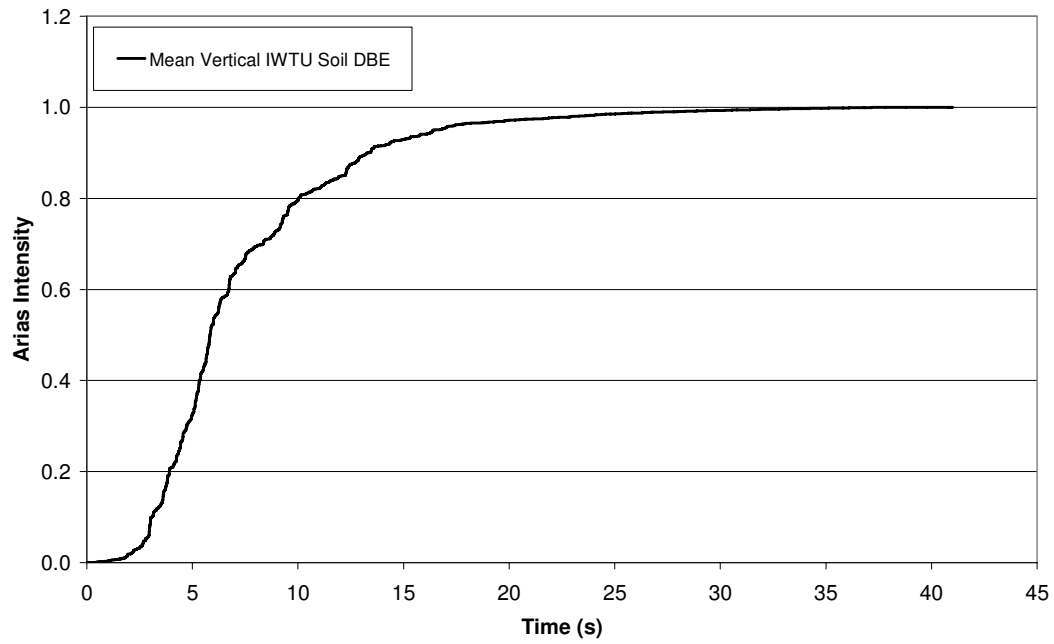
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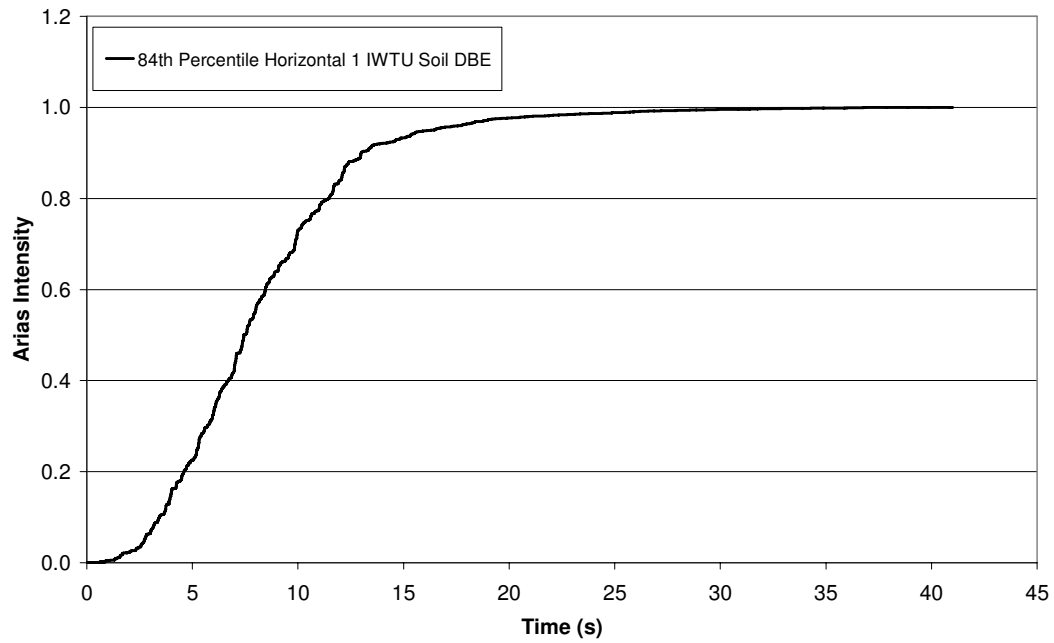


**Figure B-6.** Arias intensity of the mean horizontal IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) Soil DBE acceleration time histories for: (a) H1 and (b) H2.

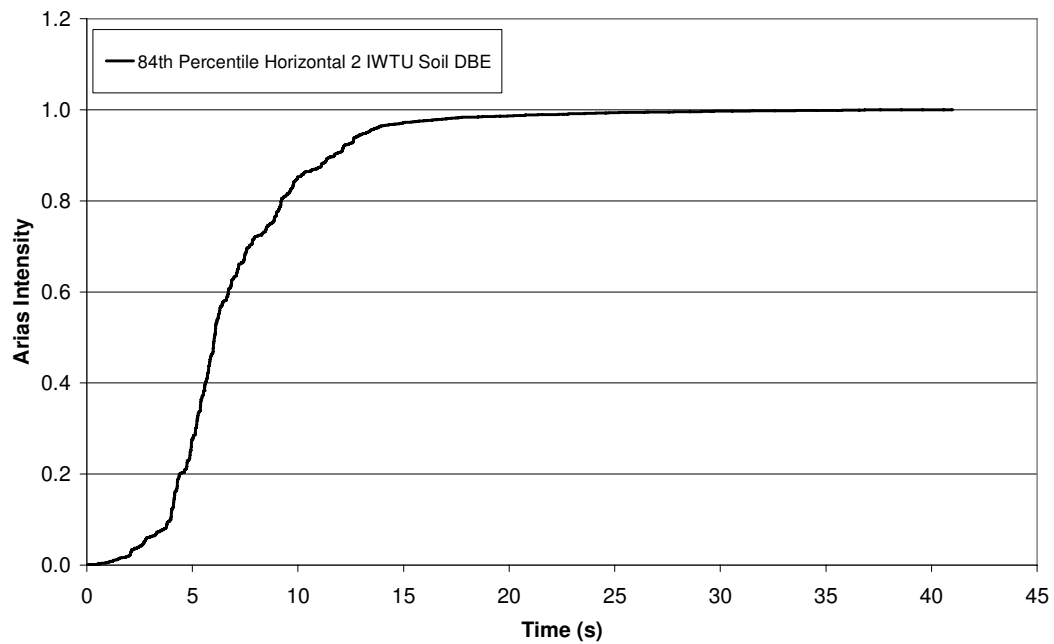


**Figure B-7.** Arias intensity of the mean vertical IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) Soil DBE acceleration time history.

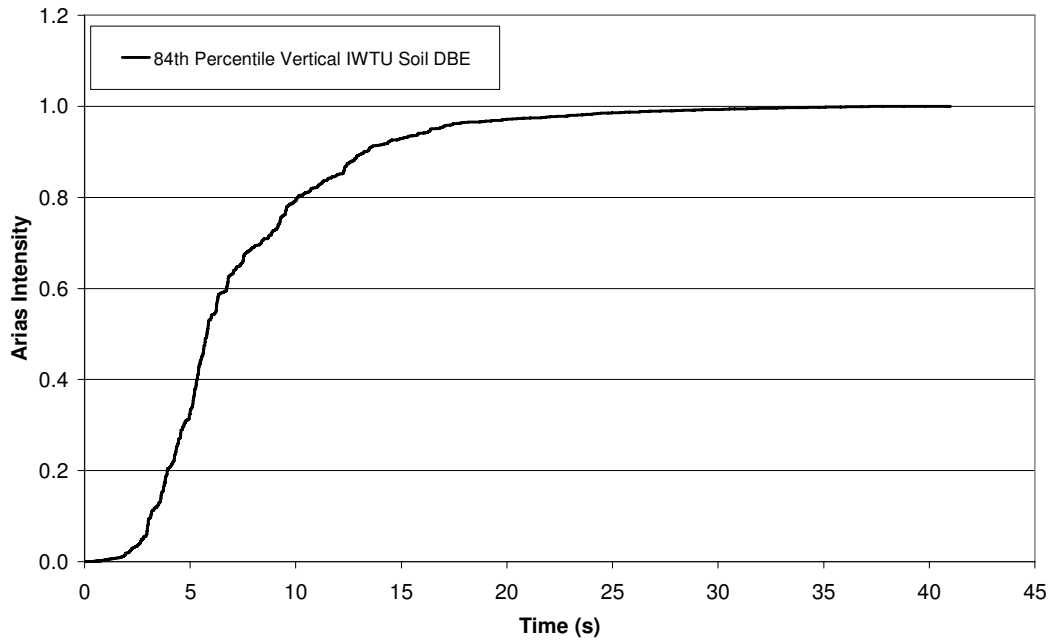
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**Figure B-8.** Arias intensity of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) 84<sup>th</sup> percentile Soil DBE acceleration time histories for: (a) H1 and (b) H2.



**Figure B-9.** Arias intensity of the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile vertical IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) 84<sup>th</sup> percentile Soil DBE acceleration time history.

## **Appendix C**

### **Sensitivity Analyses**



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Additional site response analyses were performed to evaluate effects to mean spectral peaks resulting from 1) choice of degradation model for the alluvial soils; and 2) amount of variability of G for sets of random soil profiles (soil and rock layers). Results of the site response analyses indicate the amount of variability in G of the soil profiles has the greater effect on the mean spectral peak levels than degradation models. Degradation models do influence mean spectral peaks for a given set of random soil profiles.

Three additional mean soil surface spectra were generated using the same set of 30 random soil profiles with the log normal distribution of G and three different degradation models. The set of 30 random soil profiles chosen for these analyses has COVs equivalent to factors of less than 0.32 for the soil (0.28, 0.20, 0.17) and rock (0.32) layers and is shown in Figure 2b. This set of 30 random soil profiles and the degradation model “Darendeli/Menq CU 40” (Figures 6 and 7) was used to compute the mean soil spectrum shown in Figure 16 (noted as “Mean – Log Normal Dist. G”).

For the additional site response analyses, the following three degradation models (listed with reference names for the plots) were used in SHAKE2000 runs for the alluvial soil layers (Layers A and B):

1. “Darendeli/Menq CU 100” model at soil depths of 10 and 35 ft. This set of curves was developed by Pyke (2006) and was recommended for use at IWTU in May 2006. The curves were used in preliminary site response analyses with preliminary soil and rock properties for IWTU performed in advance of the draft report by Kleinfelder, Inc. (2007). The values are listed in Tables C-1 and C-2 and shown in Figures C-1 and C-2.
2. “EPRI (Pyke 2007)” model for alluvial soils at depths of 0-20 ft and 20-50 ft. These curves were developed by Pyke (2007), who computed the curves by extrapolating the Gilroy No. 2 gravel curves (EPRI 1993) from deeper (140 ft) to shallower soil depths (0-50 ft) and adjusting for confining pressure. The values are listed in Tables C-3 and C-4 and shown in Figures C-3 and C-4.
3. “EPRI (Payne 2006)” model for alluvial soils at depths of 0-20 ft and 20-50 ft. These curves are from EPRI (1993) and were used by Payne (2006) in development of the RTC/INTEC PC 3 Soil DBE spectrum. The values are listed in Tables C-5 and C-6 and shown in Figures C-5 and C-6.

The “Darendeli/Menq CU 100” curves were applied in the same manner as the “Darendeli/Menq CU 40” curves. The curves for 10 ft were applied to the thickness range of Layer A (0-13 ft), and the curves for 35 ft to the thickness range of Layer B (13-47 ft). Both sets of “EPRI” curves were applied to Layers A and B based on the depth of the sub-layer for the ranges of 0-20 and 20-50 ft, which is the same approach used by Payne (2006).

An additional four mean soil surface spectra were generated using the same new set of 30 random soil profiles that have higher COVs and the four degradation models. First, the starting soil profile listed in Table C-4 was developed for soil and rock layers that have COVs equivalent to factors of 0.50. The median G for each soil and rock layer listed in Table 3 was multiplied by 1.5 to compute each new upper bound G. The upper bound G of each layer was used with the respective median G to calculate COV (in log units) using Equations 2 and 3 listed in Section 2.1.3.3). Second, the starting soil profile in Table C-7 was used as input to the SPRAND program to produce the new set of 30 random soil profiles with a log

normal distribution of G shown in Figure C-7. The new set of 30 random soil profiles with the larger COV has greater variability is the distribution of G for the soil and rock layers, which is observed by comparing Figures 2b and C-7.

Horizontal soil response spectra were generated using the SHAKE2000 program and the two horizontal INTEC/RTC/RWMC/PBF PC 3 (2,500 yr) acceleration rock time histories. The set of 30 random soil profiles (Figure 2b) were used as input to SHAKE2000 with each of the three degradation models. Plots of each mean and set of 30 random soil surface spectra for the two horizontal components are shown in Figures C-8, C-9, and C-10. The new set of 30 random soil profiles with the larger COVs were used with each of the degradation models in SHAKE2000 to produce four mean soil surface spectra for each horizontal component and are shown in C-11, C-12, C-13, and C-14.

As discussed in Section 2.2.4, one horizontal mean soil surface spectrum was computed for the H1 and H2 components using average horizontal spectral amplification factors and the average rock spectrum. Additionally, mean strain and damping profiles as a function of depth were computed from the SHAKE2000 output for all computations. The plots are shown in Figures C-15 through C-22.

The mean soil surface spectra from the seven additional site response analyses were compared to each other and the IWTU SSI spectrum. For these comparisons, the mean soil surface 5% damped spectrum derived from the set of 30 random soil profiles with the log normal distribution of G (Figure 2b) and using “Darendeli/Menq CU 40” was chosen as the “standard” mean spectrum (shown in Figure 16 as “Mean – Log Normal Dist. G”). Comparisons are first made between the mean soil surface spectra for the same set of soil profiles that have COVs less than 0.32 (Figure 2b) and the four different degradation models (which includes the “Standard” spectrum). Comparisons are then made between the mean soil spectra computed using the four degradation models and the two sets of soil profiles with different COVs.

The mean spectral peaks of the three degradation models with soil profiles that have COVs equivalent to factors less than 0.32 (Figure 2b) and the “Standard” spectrum are within 16% of each other (Figure C-23). The mean spectral peaks are 12 to 30% higher than the IWTU SSI spectrum and the largest exceedance is for the mean spectral peak of the “Standard” spectrum (Table C-8). The mean spectral peak with the lowest exceedance is “Darendeli/Menq CU 100” (Figure C-23). This comparison shows that the use of “Darendeli/Menq CU 40” degradation model with the set of 30 random soil profiles in Figure 2b resulted in the highest mean spectral peak relative to the other degradation models.

Use of the “Darendeli/Menq CU 100” degradation model with the soil profiles in Figure 2b resulted in the lowest mean spectral peaks. For this degradation model, the individual spectral peaks are spread over a wider range of frequency relative to the other site response analyses. The mean spectral peaks for “Darendeli/Menq CU 100” range from 3.5 to 7.2 Hz (Figure C-8) whereas the mean spectral peaks for the individual spectra with the other three degradation models range from 5.2 to 8 Hz, with the majority at 7.2 Hz (Figures 10, C-9, and C-10). Use of the “Darendeli/Menq CU 100” degradation model causes a shift toward lower frequencies due to changes in G (or Vs) of the soil layers more different from those of the other degradation models used. There is a slight shift in frequency from 7.2 to 7.9 Hz (Table C-8) for the “EPRI (Payne 2006)” mean spectral peak. The “EPRI (Payne 2006)” mean spectral peak is lower than the “Standard” spectral peak, but not as low as the “Darendeli/Menq CU 100” mean spectral peak. Since the mean soil spectrum is calculated using spectral accelerations as a function of frequency, shifts in any of the 30 individual spectral peaks from 7.2 Hz to other frequencies will result in the decrease of the mean spectral peak.

For site response analyses using the “Darendeli/Menq CU 40” curves, the “Standard” spectrum (COVs less than equivalent factors of 0.32) and the mean soil spectrum for soil profiles that have COVs equivalent to factors of 0.50 (Figure C-7) are within 17% of each other (Figure C-24). Both spectra

exceed the IWTU SSI spectrum, the “Standard” spectrum by 30% and the other by 11% (Table C-8). This comparison indicates that the lower mean spectral peak resulted from having greater variability of  $G$  in the soil profiles when combined with the “Darendeli/Menq CU 40” degradation model. The lower mean spectral peak for the larger COVs equivalent to factors of 0.50 is the result of the wider range of frequencies for the individual spectral peaks from 2.5 to 8.5 Hz (Figure C-11).

The mean spectral peaks of the four degradation models with soil profiles that have the COVs equivalent to the factors of 0.50 are within 30% of each other (Figure C-25). This percentage is about twice the percentage for the differences of the mean spectral peaks using the four degradation models and the soil profiles that have COVs equivalent to the factors of less than 0.32. Additionally, three of the mean spectral peaks shown in Figure C-24 exceed the IWTU SSI spectrum by up to 20%, whereas the mean soil spectrum for “Darendeli/Menq CU 100” is 11% less. The results of these comparisons emphasize the importance of amount of variability of  $G$  in sets of random soil profiles. For each site response analysis using the COVs equivalent to factors of 0.50, the mean soil spectrum is calculated using individual spectral peaks that occur at wide frequencies ranges from 3 to 11 Hz (Figures C-11, C-12, C-13, and C-14). As observed previously, the widest range of individual spectral peak frequencies results from using “Darendeli/Menq CU 100” (Figure C-12).

Overall, the results of these comparisons indicate that the choice of degradation model (“Darendeli/Menq CU 40”) combined with the site-specific variability of  $G$  (smaller COVs  $< 0.32$  for soil and rock layers) at IWTU results in higher mean spectral peaks than those computed by Payne (2006). The primary reason are the different COVs used to produce the random soil profiles in each analysis. The COVs for the Payne (2006; Appendix Table A-1) are equivalent to factors of 0.74 (Upper Alluvial Soil), 0.50 (Lower Alluvial Soil), 0.60 (Clay), and 0.74 (Rock), which is much greater than those used for the IWTU site response analyses. Use of the “Darendeli/Menq CU 40” degradation model with the set of 30 random soil profiles generated from the COVs equivalent to factors less than 0.32 also results in higher spectral peaks than those for the other degradation models (Figure C-23).

**Table C-1.** “Darendeli/Menq CU 100” shear modulus (G) reduction and damping curves for alluvial soils at 10 ft depth (Pyke 2006).

Log (Shear Strain - %)	G/Gmax	Log (Shear Strain - %)	Damping Ratio (%)
-4.00	0.97	-4.00	0.4
-3.70	0.95	-3.70	0.6
-3.52	0.93	-3.52	0.7
-3.30	0.90	-3.30	1.1
-3.00	0.83	-3.00	1.9
-2.70	0.73	-2.70	3.4
-2.52	0.66	-2.52	4.5
-2.30	0.56	-2.30	6.3
-2.00	0.42	-2.00	9.1
-1.70	0.29	-1.70	11.9
-1.52	0.22	-1.52	13.3
-1.30	0.16	-1.30	14.8
-1.00	0.09	-1.00	16.3
-0.70	0.05	-0.70	17.2
-0.52	0.04	-0.52	17.5
-0.30	0.03	-0.30	17.6
-0.15	0.02	-0.15	17.5
0.00	0.01	0.00	17.4

**Table C-2.** “Darendeli/Menq CU 100” shear modulus (G) reduction and damping curves for alluvial soils at 35 ft depth (Pyke 2006).

Log (Shear Strain - %)	G/Gmax	Log (Shear Strain - %)	Damping Ratio (%)
-4.00	0.98	-4.00	0.3
-3.70	0.97	-3.70	0.4
-3.52	0.96	-3.52	0.5
-3.30	0.93	-3.30	0.8
-3.00	0.88	-3.00	1.5
-2.70	0.80	-2.70	2.6
-2.52	0.73	-2.52	3.6
-2.30	0.63	-2.30	5.3
-2.00	0.48	-2.00	8.2
-1.70	0.33	-1.70	11.4
-1.52	0.26	-1.52	13.2
-1.30	0.18	-1.30	15.3
-1.00	0.11	-1.00	17.4
-0.70	0.06	-0.70	18.8
-0.52	0.04	-0.52	19.2
-0.30	0.03	-0.30	19.4
-0.15	0.02	-0.15	19.4
0.00	0.01	0.00	19.2

**Table C-3.** “EPRI (Pyke 2007)” shear modulus (G) reduction and damping curves for alluvial soils from 0 to 20 ft depth.

Log (Shear Strain - %)	G/Gmax	Log (Shear Strain - %)	Damping Ratio (%)
-4.00	1.00	-4.00	1.0
-3.70	0.99	-3.70	1.1
-3.52	0.97	-3.52	1.3
-3.30	0.95	-3.30	1.5
-3.00	0.90	-3.00	2.1
-2.70	0.82	-2.70	3.1
-2.52	0.75	-2.52	4.0
-2.30	0.65	-2.30	5.4
-2.00	0.51	-2.00	8.1
-1.70	0.36	-1.70	11.4
-1.52	0.28	-1.52	13.7
-1.30	0.20	-1.30	15.0
-1.00	0.12	-1.00	15.0
-0.70	0.07	-0.70	15.0
-0.52	0.05	-0.52	15.0
-0.30	0.03	-0.30	15.0
-0.15	0.02	-0.15	15.0
0.00	0.01	0.00	15.0

**Table C-4.** “EPRI (Pyke 2007)” shear modulus (G) reduction and damping curves for alluvial soils from 20 to 50 ft depth.

Log (Shear Strain - %)	G/Gmax	Log (Shear Strain - %)	Damping Ratio (%)
-4.00	1.00	-4.00	1.0
-3.70	0.99	-3.70	1.0
-3.52	0.98	-3.52	1.1
-3.30	0.97	-3.30	1.3
-3.00	0.94	-3.00	1.7
-2.70	0.88	-2.70	2.3
-2.52	0.83	-2.52	2.9
-2.30	0.75	-2.30	4.0
-2.00	0.61	-2.00	6.0
-1.70	0.46	-1.70	8.9
-1.52	0.38	-1.52	10.9
-1.30	0.28	-1.30	13.7
-1.00	0.18	-1.00	15.0
-0.70	0.10	-0.70	15.0
-0.52	0.07	-0.52	15.0
-0.30	0.05	-0.30	15.0
-0.15	0.03	-0.15	15.0
0.00	0.02	0.00	15.0



**Table C-5.** “EPRI (Payne 2006)” shear modulus (G) reduction and damping curves for alluvial soils from 0 to 20 ft depth (EPRI 1993).

Log (Shear Strain - %)	G/Gmax	Log (Shear Strain - %)	Damping Ratio (%)
-4.00	1.00	-4.00	1.4
-3.50	1.00	-3.50	1.4
-3.00	0.98	-3.00	1.8
-2.50	0.90	-2.50	2.8
-2.00	0.73	-2.00	5.1
-1.50	0.49	-1.50	9.4
-1.00	0.27	-1.00	15.5
-0.50	0.11	-0.50	22.3
0.00	0.04	0.00	27.6

**Table C-6.** “EPRI (Payne 2006)” shear modulus (G) reduction and damping curves for alluvial soils from 20 to 50 ft depth (EPRI 1993).

Log (Shear Strain - %)	G/Gmax	Log (Shear Strain - %)	Damping Ratio (%)
-4.00	1.00	-4.00	1.3
-3.50	1.00	-3.50	1.3
-3.00	0.99	-3.00	1.4
-2.50	0.94	-2.50	2.0
-2.00	0.82	-2.00	3.7
-1.50	0.59	-1.50	7.1
-1.00	0.36	-1.00	12.6
-0.50	0.16	-0.50	19.4
0.00	0.07	0.00	24.9

**Table C-7.** Properties of the IWTU three-layer starting soil profile for the log normal distribution of shear modulus (G) with COV equivalent to the factor of 0.5.

Layer	Thickness Range (ft)	Average Density (kcf) <sup>a</sup>	Median G (ksf) <sup>b</sup>	Median Vs (ft/s) <sup>c</sup>	Coefficient of Variation – COV <sup>d</sup> (Log <sub>10</sub> )	Equivalent Factor
A	9 to 13	0.1184	2070	750	0.053	0.50
B	25 to 29	0.1248	9197	1540	0.044	0.50
C	2 to 10 <sup>e</sup>	0.1257	9387	1550	0.044	0.50
D	Half-space	0.1599	83115	4089	0.036	0.50

a. Average densities from (Kleinfelder, Inc. 2007a; 2007b). Units are kcf – kips/ft<sup>3</sup>; ksf – kips/ft<sup>2</sup>; kips – 1000 lbs.

b. G<sub>M</sub> calculated by: 1) converting borehole Vs measurements to G using average density; and 2) performing statistical calculations using Log<sub>10</sub>G data.

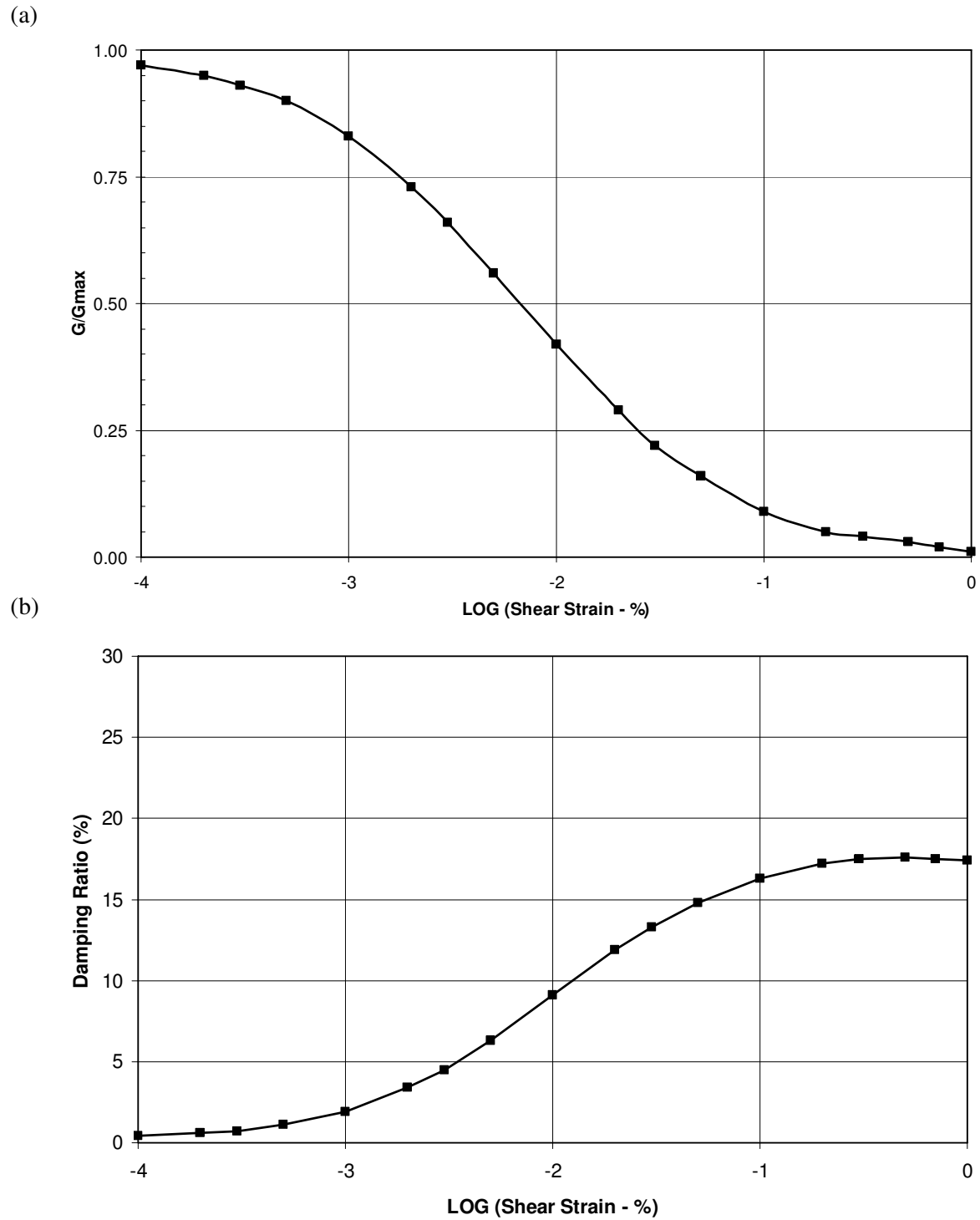
c. Median Vs calculated by converting G<sub>M</sub> using average density.

d. COV was calculated using Log<sub>10</sub>G data.

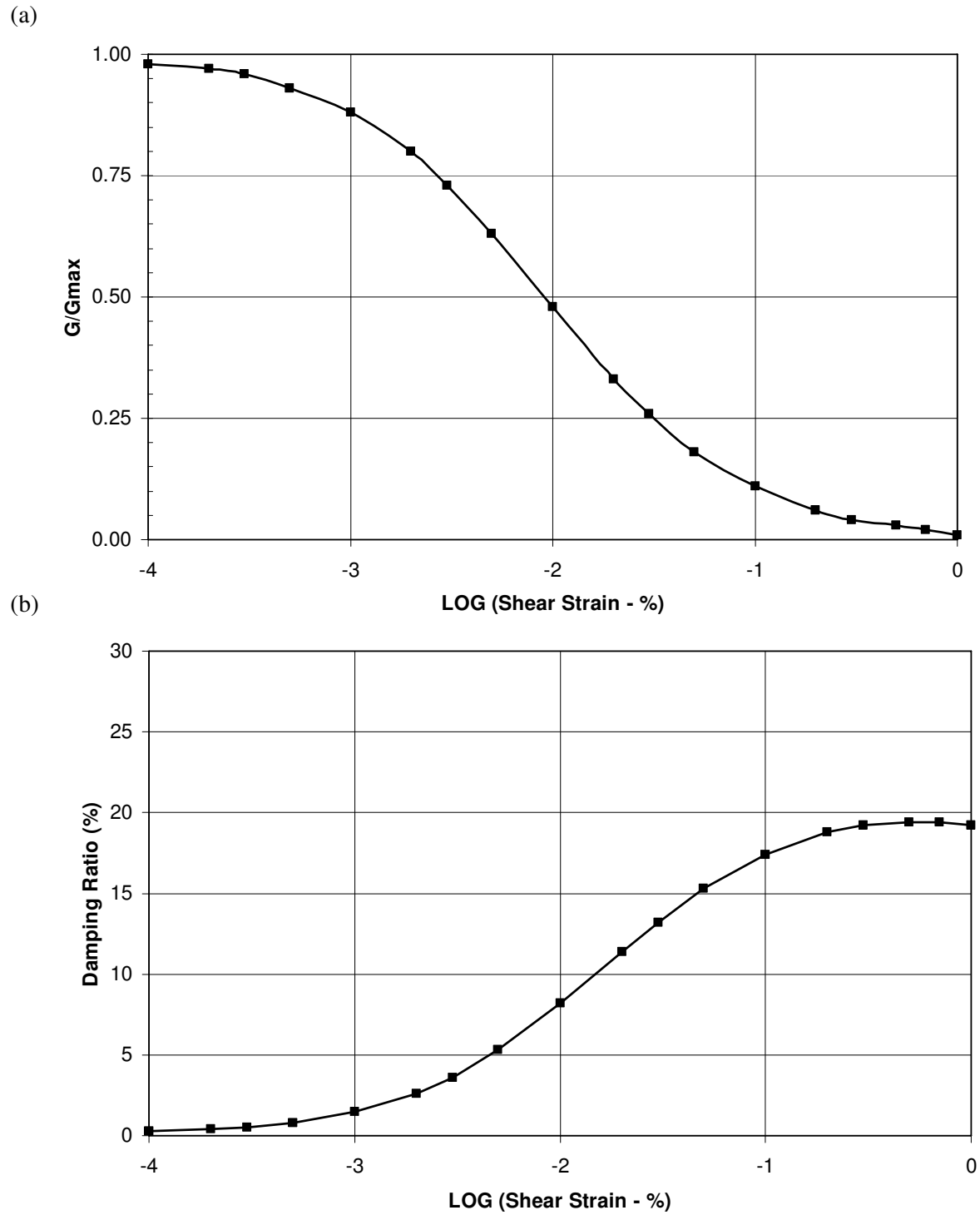
e. Thickness range exceeds maximum layer thickness by 2 ft to account for soil column height range.

**Table C-8.** Spectral peak accelerations of mean soil surface spectra and difference from IWTU SSI Spectrum.

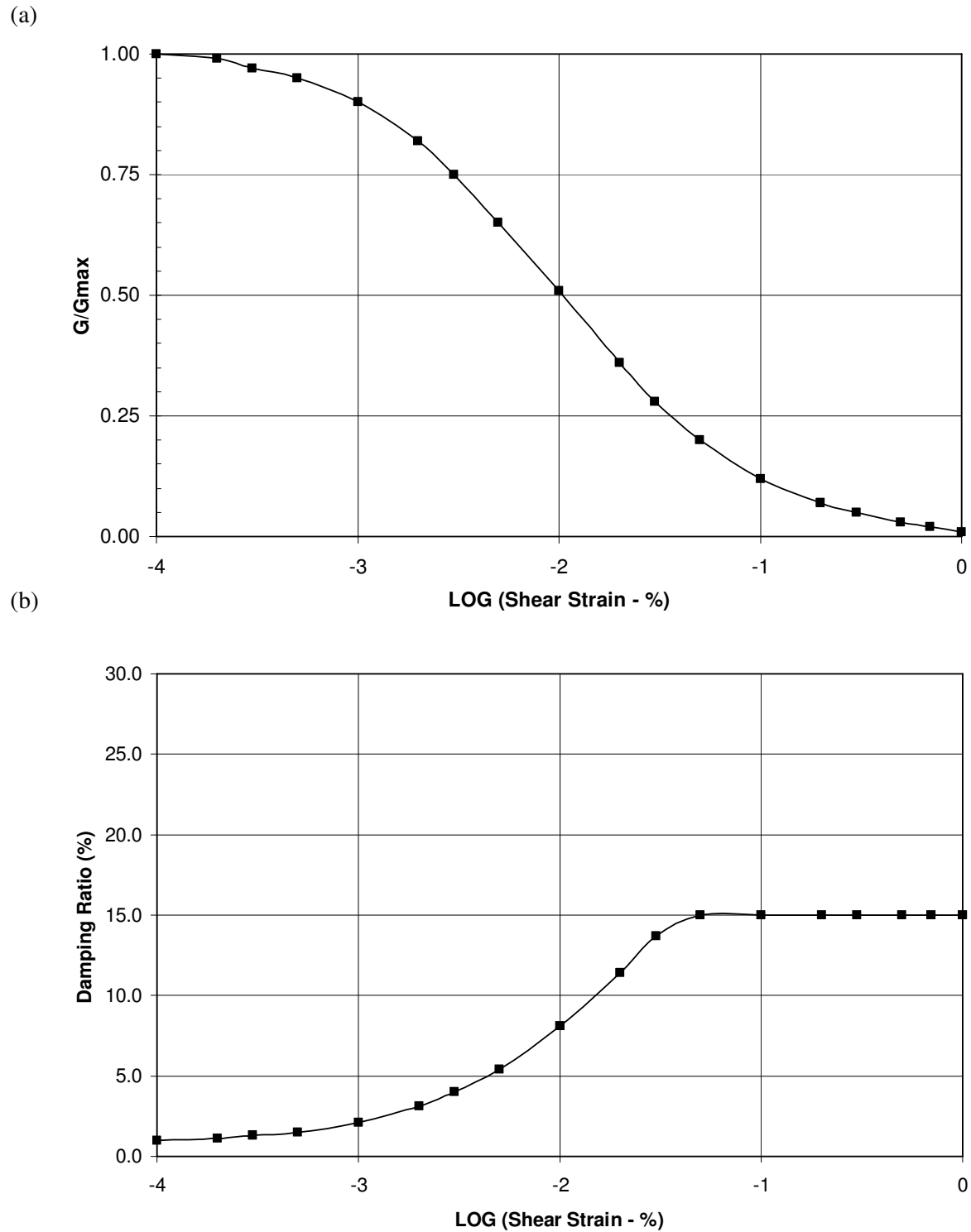
Surface Spectrum Name	Soil	Spectral Peak		Difference from IWTU SSI Constant Spectral Acceleration Level (%)
		Acceleration (g)	Frequency (Hz)	
Set of 30 Random Soil Profiles (COV < 0.32) in Figure 2b				
“Standard” (Darendeli/Menq CU 40)		1.0892	7.180	30
“Darendeli/Menq CU 100”		0.9403	7.180	12
“EPRI (Pyke 2007)”		1.0552	7.180	25
“EPRI (Payne 2006)”		0.9923	7.930	18
Set of 30 Random Soil Profiles (COV 0.5) in Figure C-7				
“Darendeli/Menq CU 40”		0.9296	7.180	11
“Darendeli/Menq CU 100”		0.7733	7.180	-8
“EPRI (Pyke 2007)”		0.9033	7.180	7
“EPRI (Payne 2006)”		1.0072	7.180	20
a. Negative indicates the spectral peak acceleration is less than the IWTU SSI constant spectral acceleration.				



**Figure C-1.** “Darendeli/Menq CU 100” at 10 ft depth (Pyke 2006): (a) shear modulus ( $G$ ) reduction; and (b) damping curves.

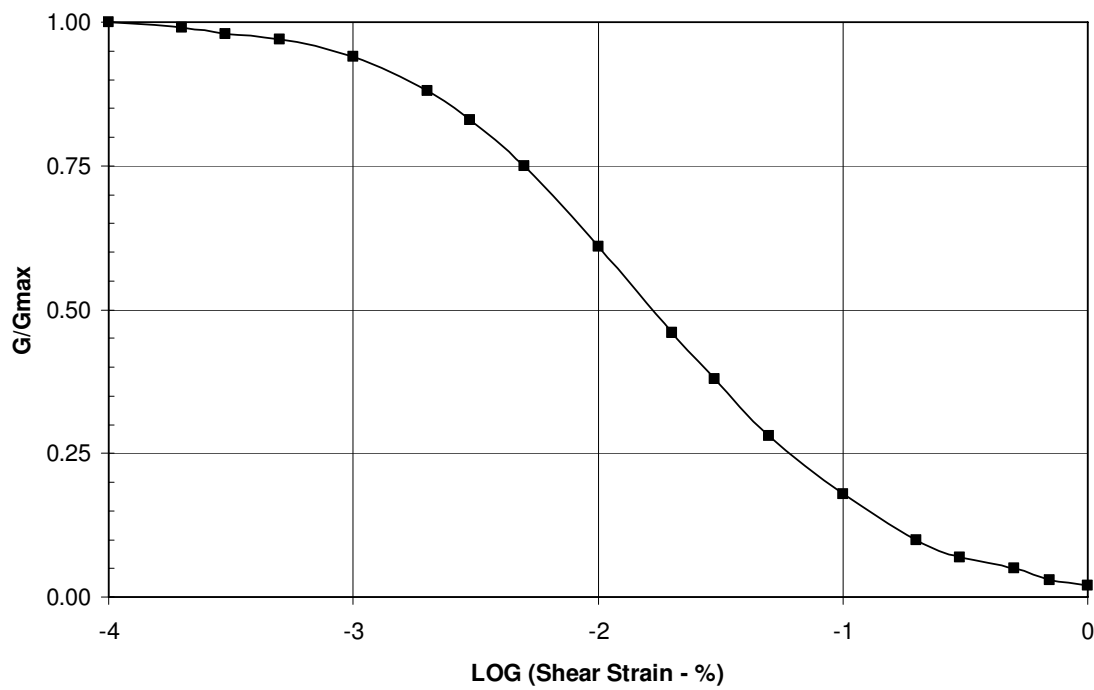


**Figure C-2.** “Darendeli/Menq CU 100” at 35 ft depth (Pyke 2006): (a) shear modulus ( $G$ ) reduction; and (b) damping curves.

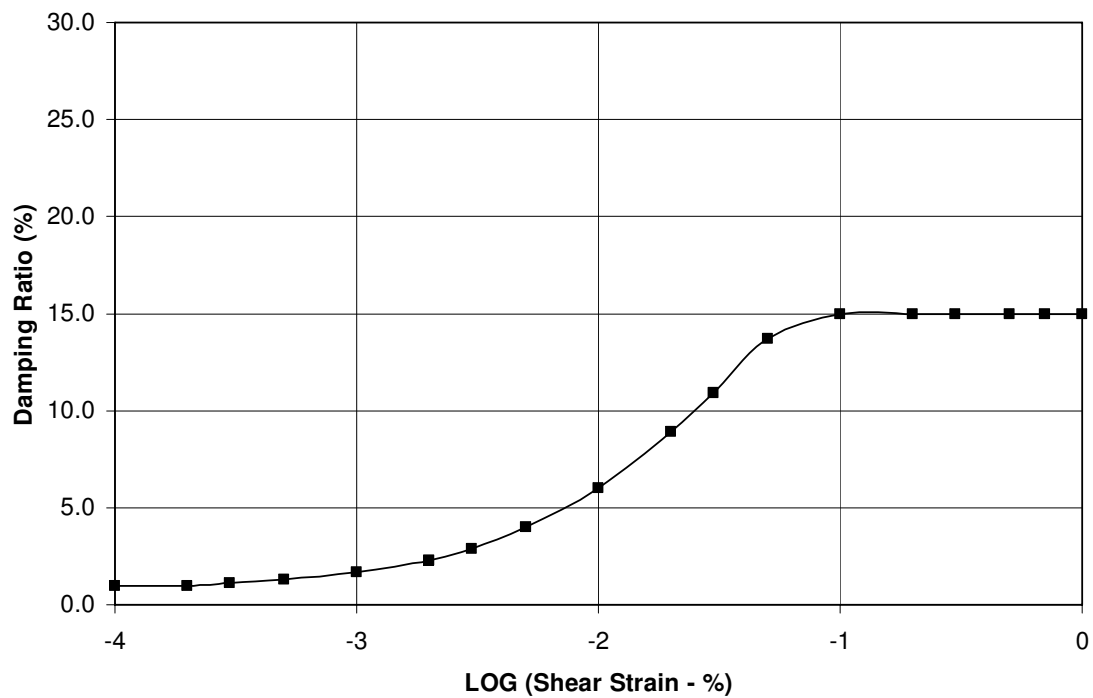


**Figure C-3.** “EPRI (Pyke 2007)” 0-20 ft depth range: (a) shear modulus ( $G$ ) reduction; and (b) damping curves.

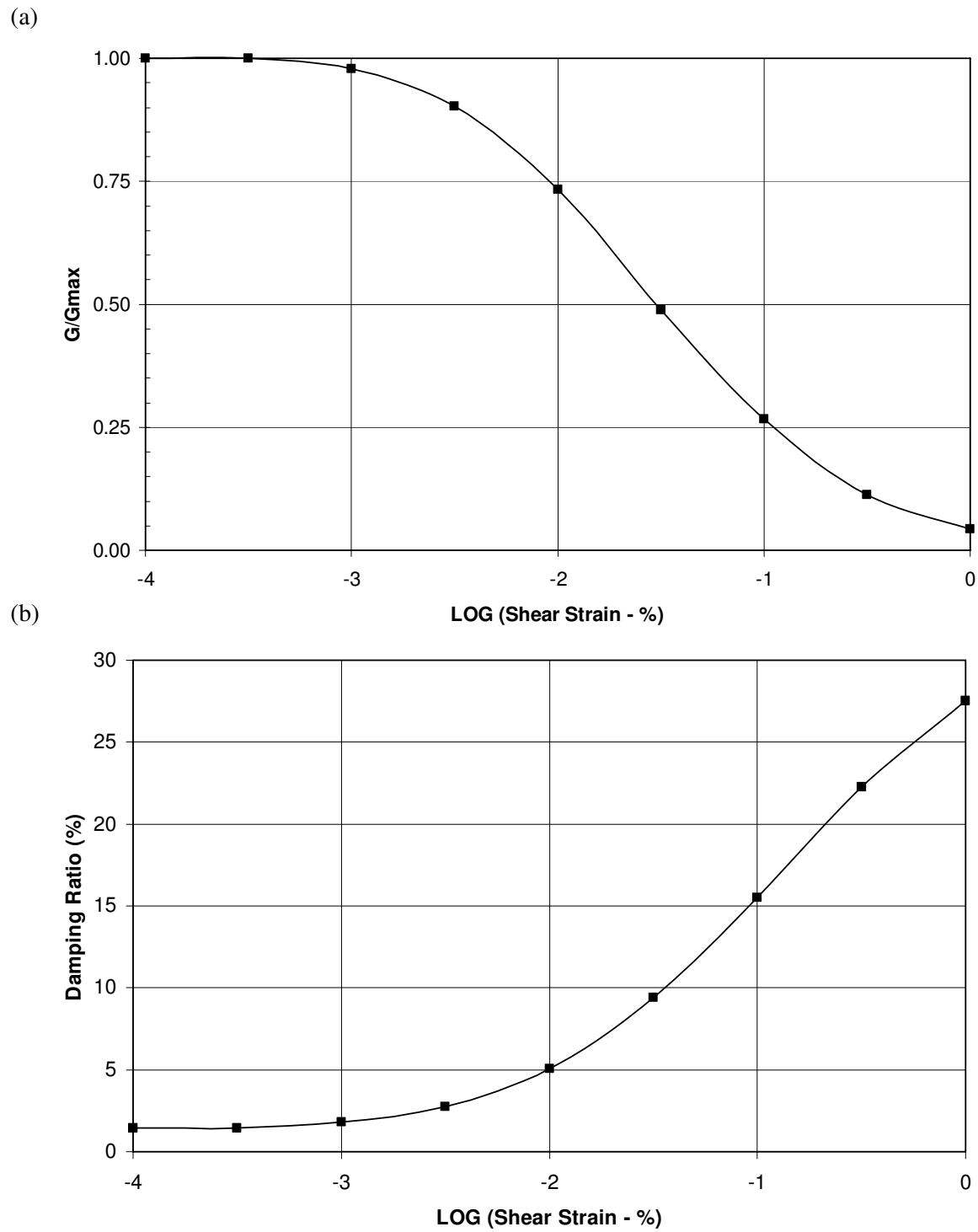
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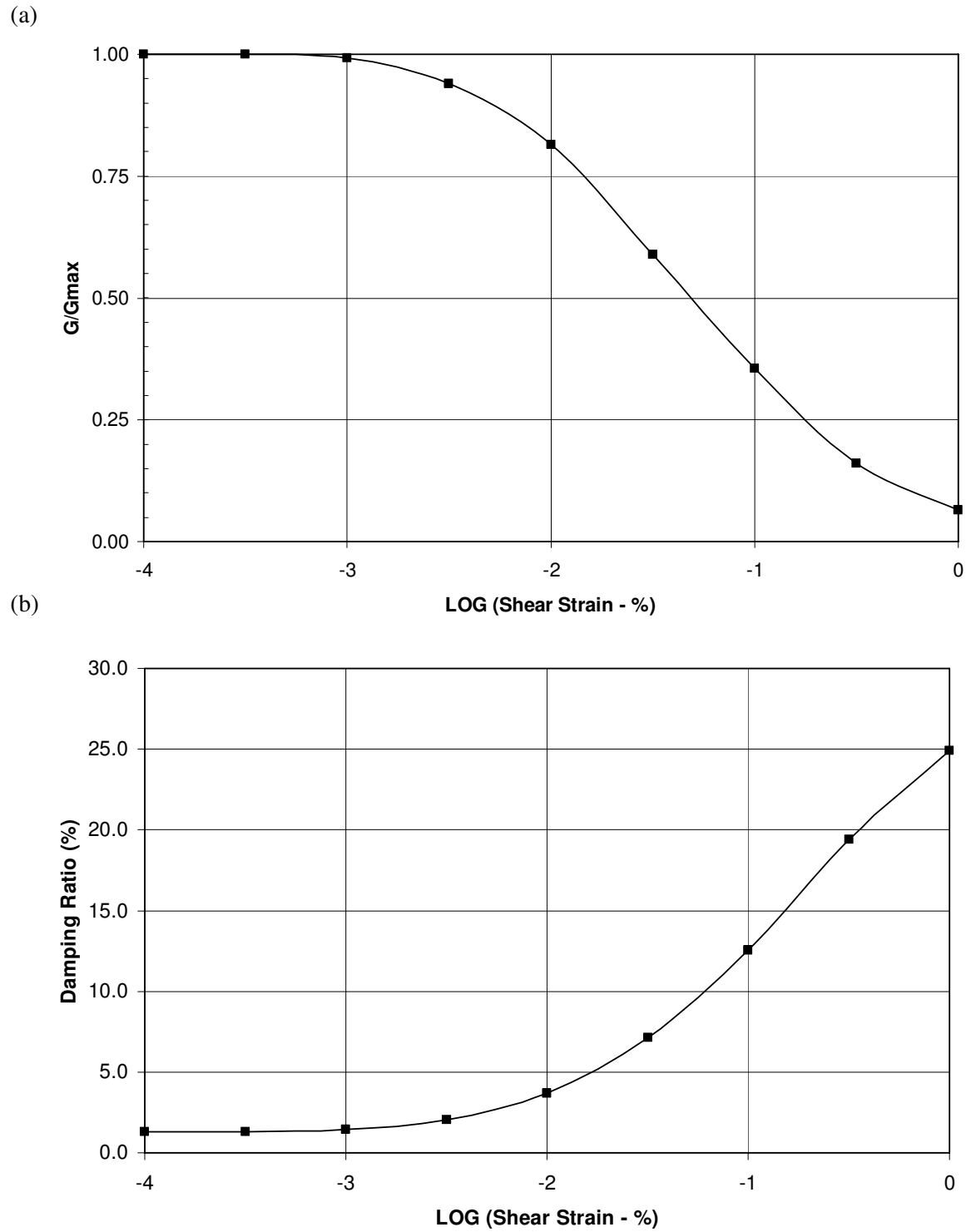


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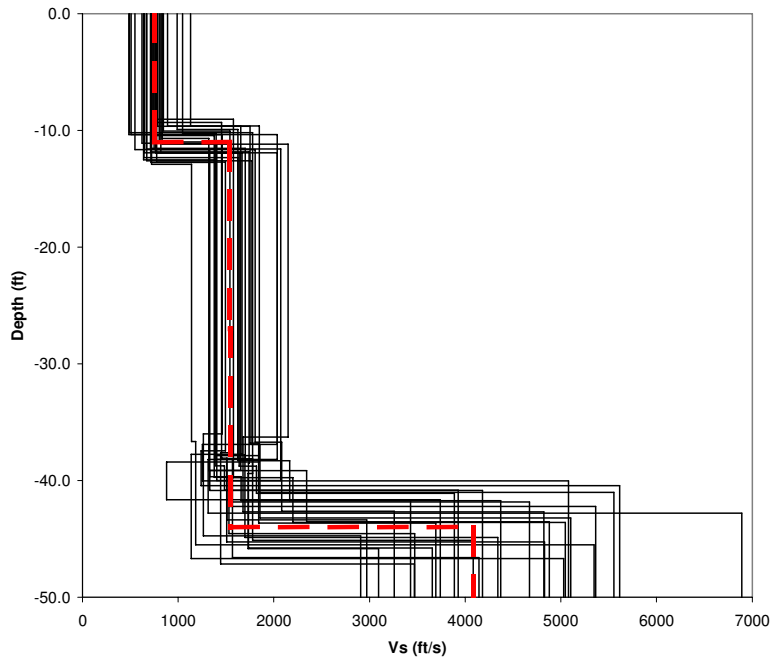


**Figure C-5.** “EPRI (Payne 2006)” 0-20 ft depth range: (a) shear modulus ( $G$ ) reduction; and (b) damping curves.

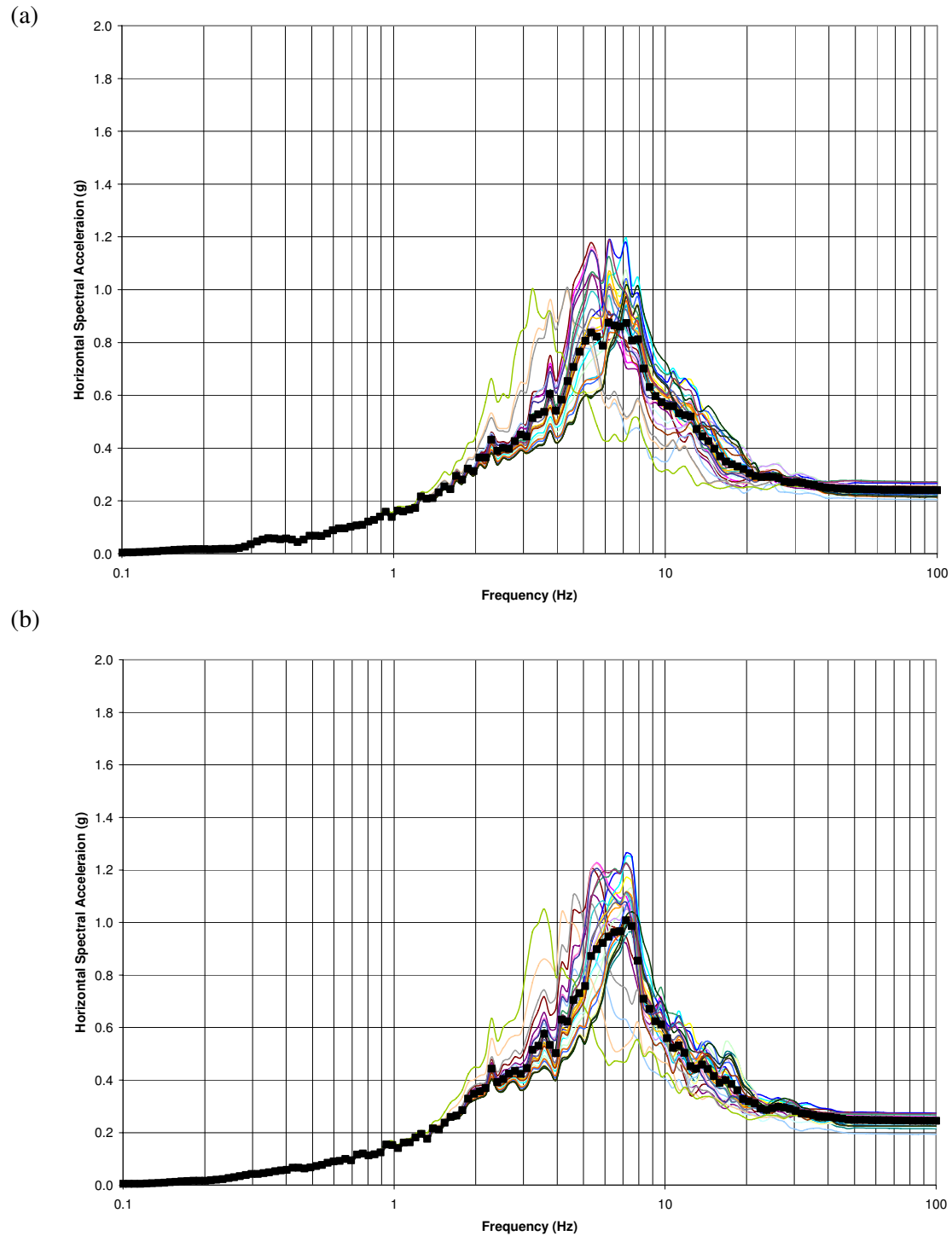




**Figure C-6.** “EPRI (Payne 2006)” 20-50 ft depth range: (a) shear modulus ( $G$ ) reduction; and (b) damping curves.

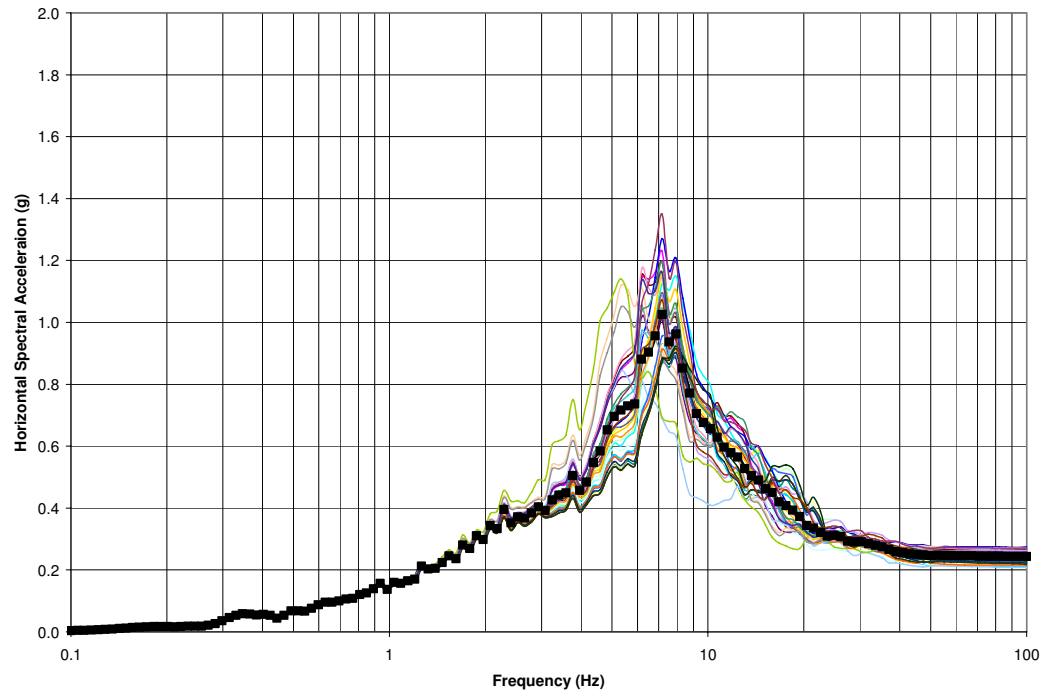


**Figure C-7.** Plot of thirty random (thin black lines) and starting soil profile (red dashed line) for the log normal distributions of shear modulus with COV equivalent to the factor of 0.5.

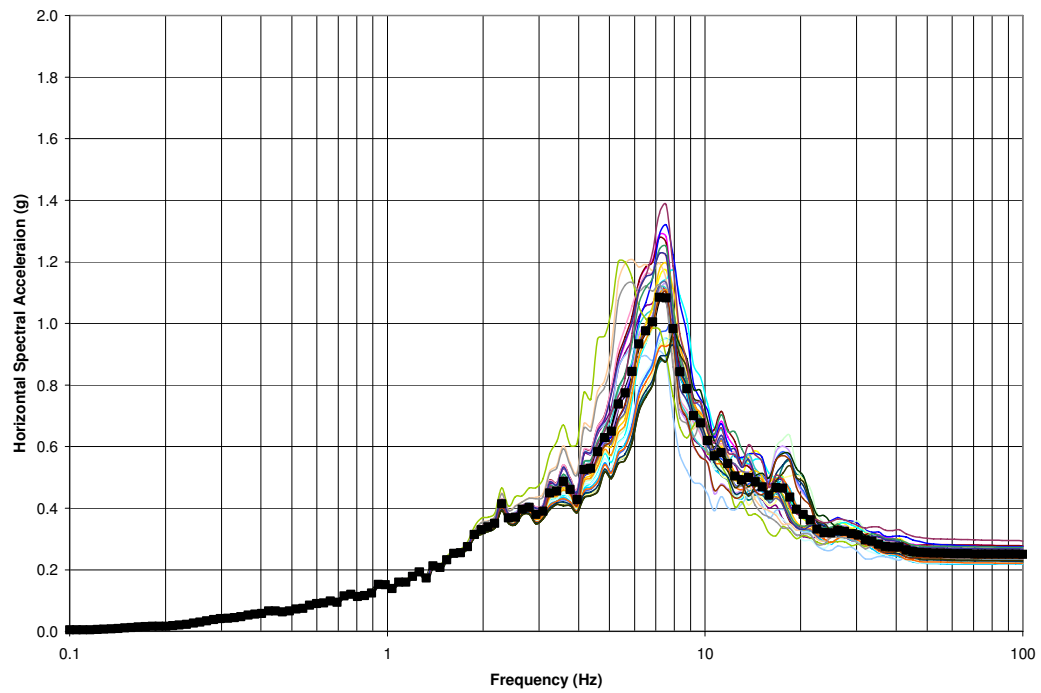


**Figure C-8.** PC 3 (2,500 yr) mean (black jagged line) and 30 soil surface 5% damped spectra (colored lines) for: (a) H1 and (b) H2 corresponding to random soil profiles with log normal distribution of  $G$  ( $COVs < 0.32$ ) and degradation model “Darendeli/Menq CU 100” (Pyke 2006).

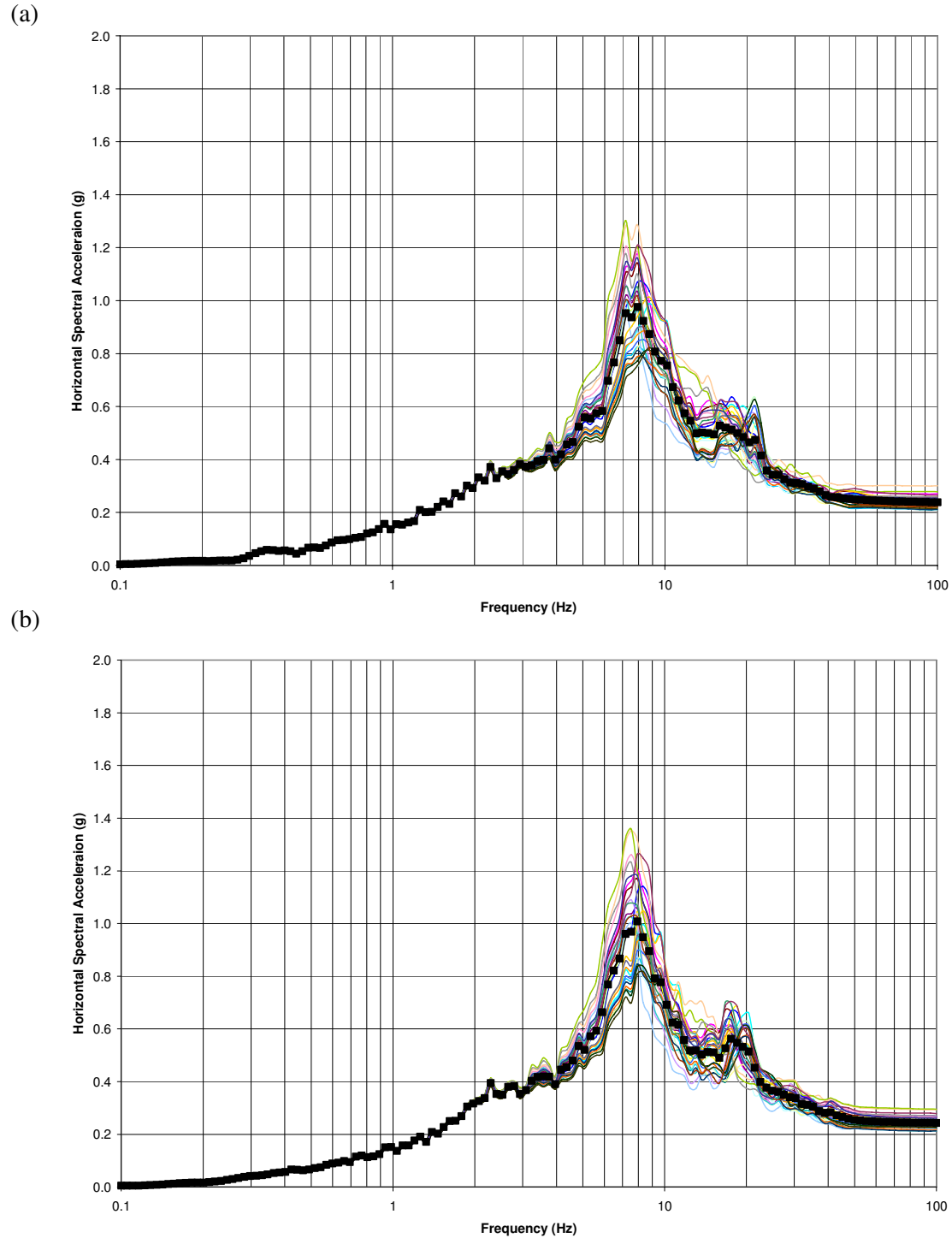
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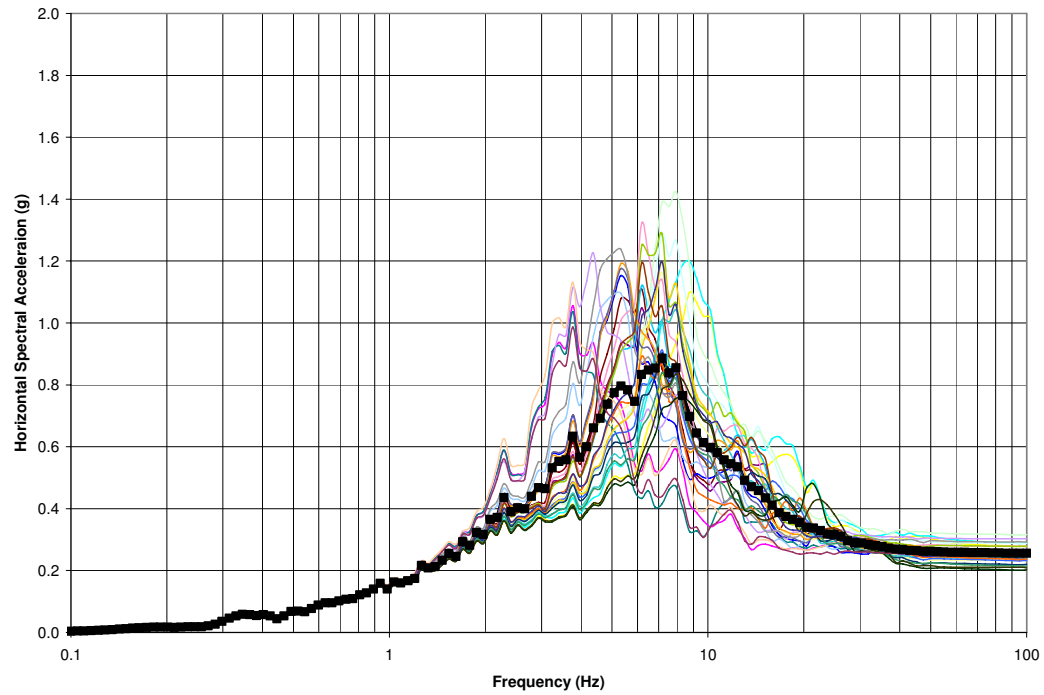


**Figure C-9.** PC 3 (2,500 yr) mean (black jagged line) and 30 soil surface 5% damped spectra (colored lines) for: (a) H1 and (b) H2 corresponding to random soil profiles with normal distribution of  $G$  ( $COVs < 0.32$ ) and degradation model “EPRI (Pyke 2007)”.

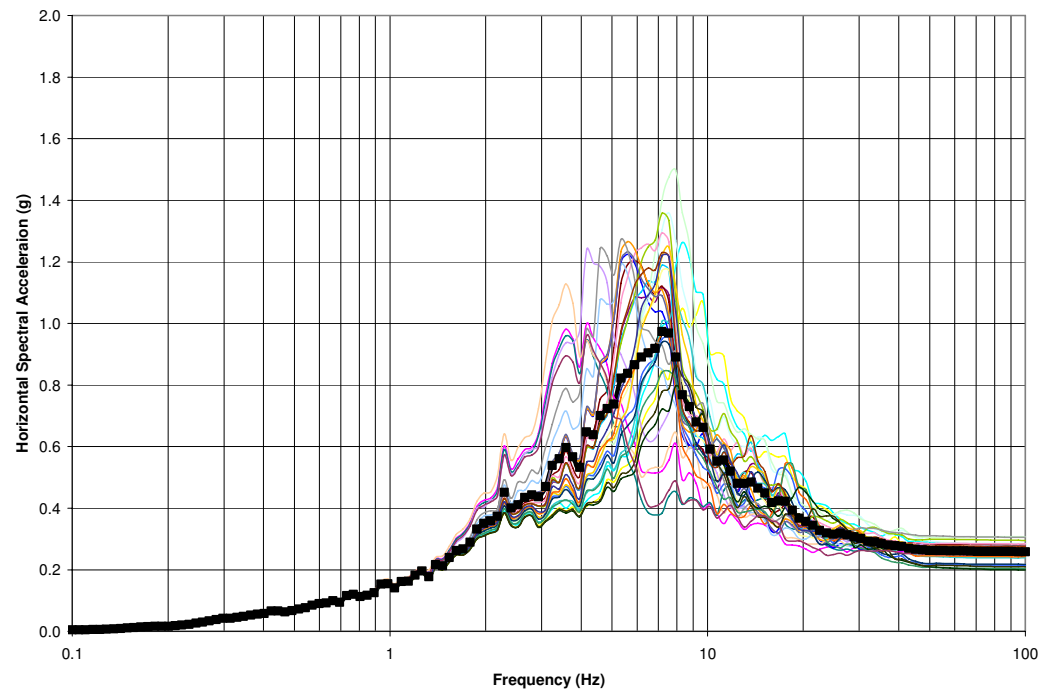


**Figure C-10.** PC 3 (2,500 yr) mean (black jagged line) and 30 soil surface 5% damped spectra (colored lines) for: (a) H1 and (b) H2 corresponding to random soil profiles with log normal distribution of  $G$  ( $COVs < 0.32$ ) and degradation model “EPRI (Payne 2006)”.

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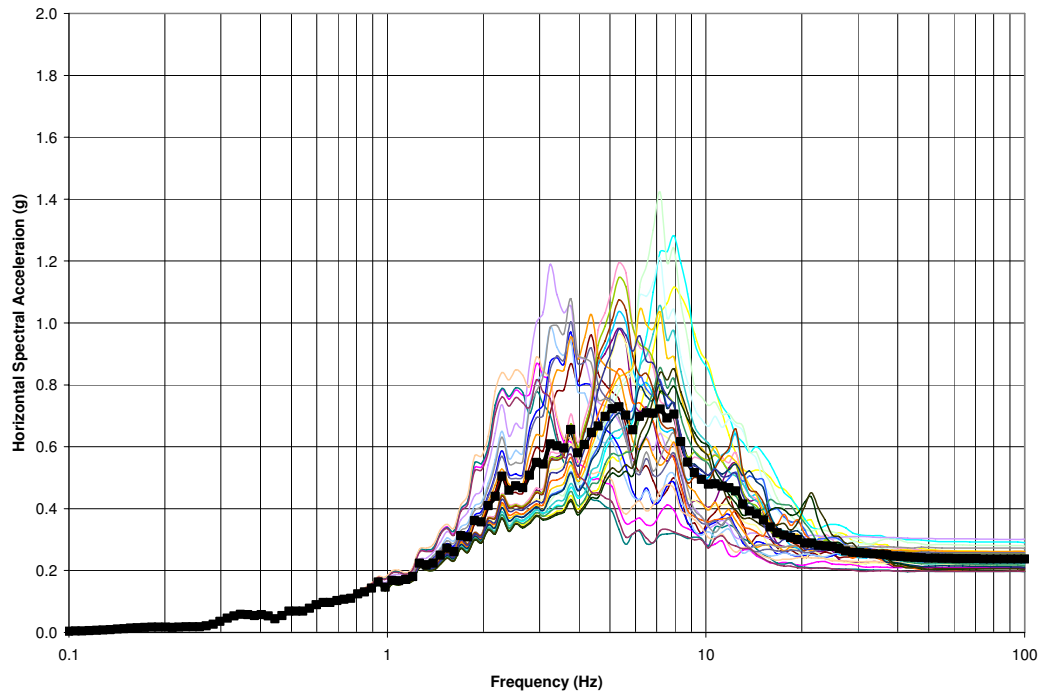


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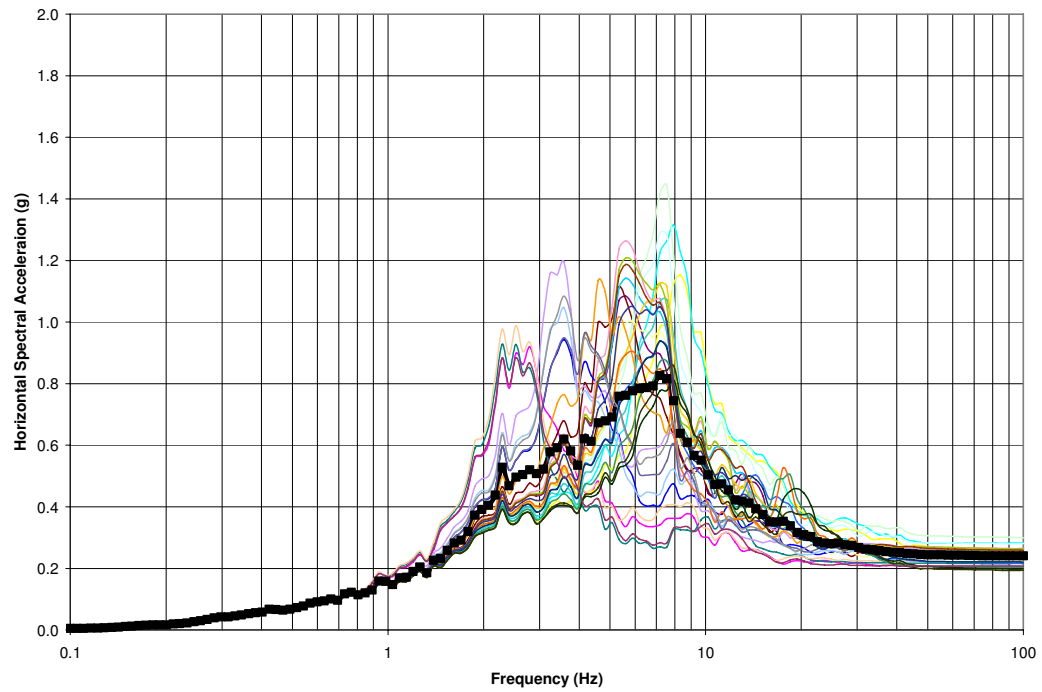


**Figure C-11.** PC 3 (2,500 yr) mean (black jagged line) and 30 soil surface 5% damped spectra (colored lines) for: (a) H1 and (b) H2 corresponding to random soil profiles with larger COV (0.5), log normal distribution of  $G$ , and degradation model “Darendeli/Menq CU 40” (Pyke 2007).

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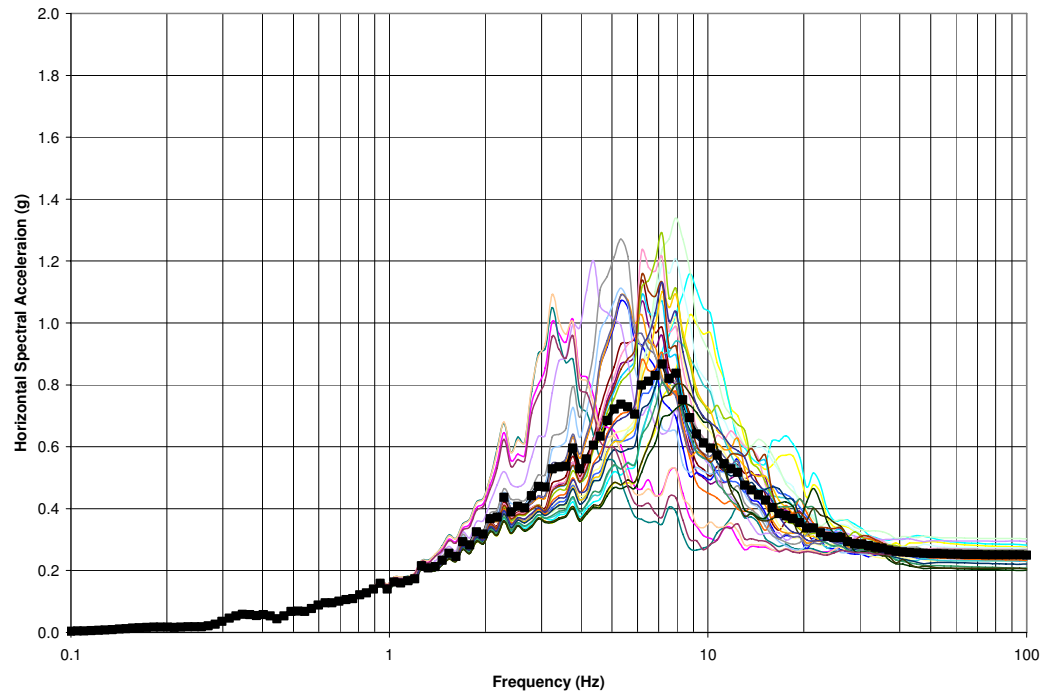


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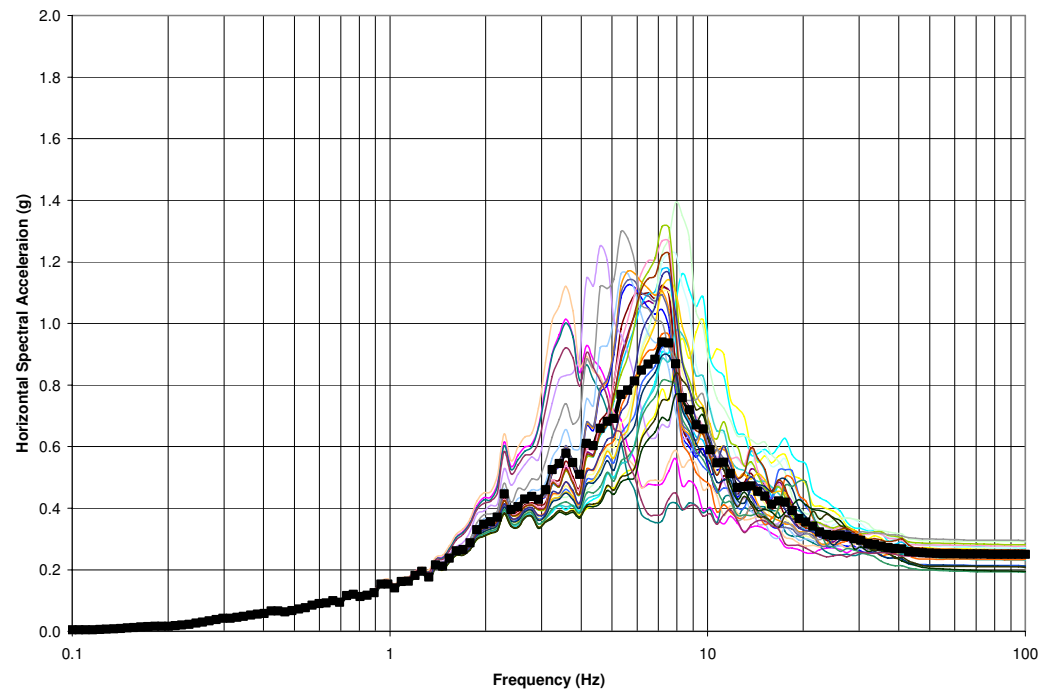


**Figure C-12.** PC 3 (2,500 yr) mean (black jagged line) and 30 soil surface 5% damped spectra (colored lines) for: (a) H1 and (b) H2 corresponding to random soil profiles with larger COV (0.5), log normal distribution of  $G$ , and degradation model “Darendeli/Menq CU 100” (Pyke 2006).

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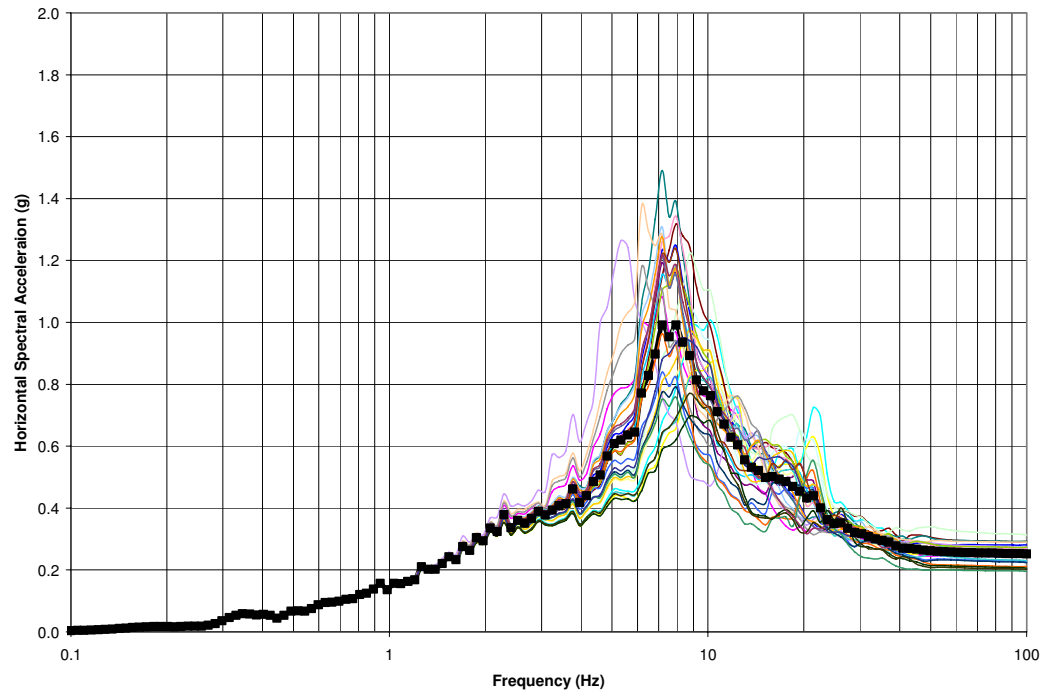
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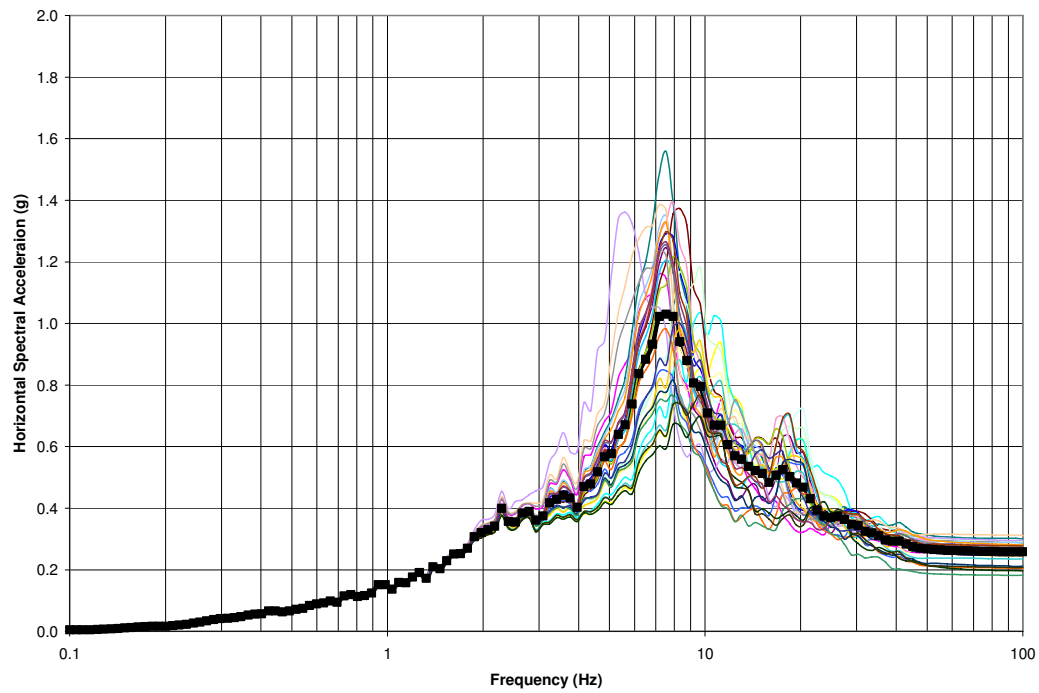
**Figure C-13.** PC 3 (2,500 yr) mean (black jagged line) and 30 soil surface 5% damped spectra (colored lines) for: (a) H1 and (b) H2 corresponding to random soil profiles with larger COV (0.5), log normal distribution of  $G$ , and degradation model “EPRI (Pyke 2007)”.



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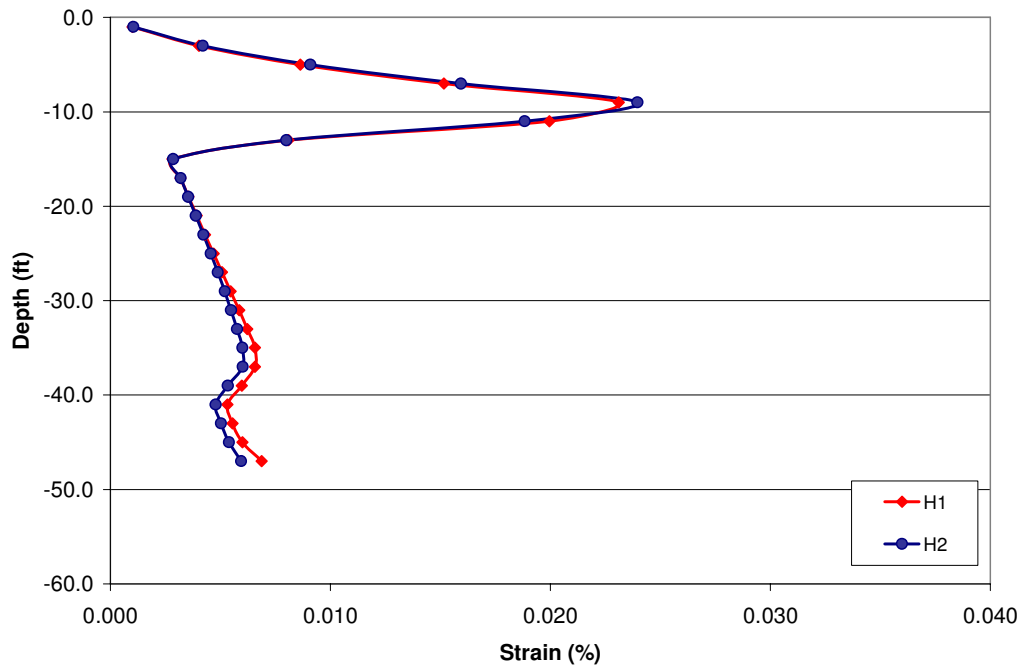


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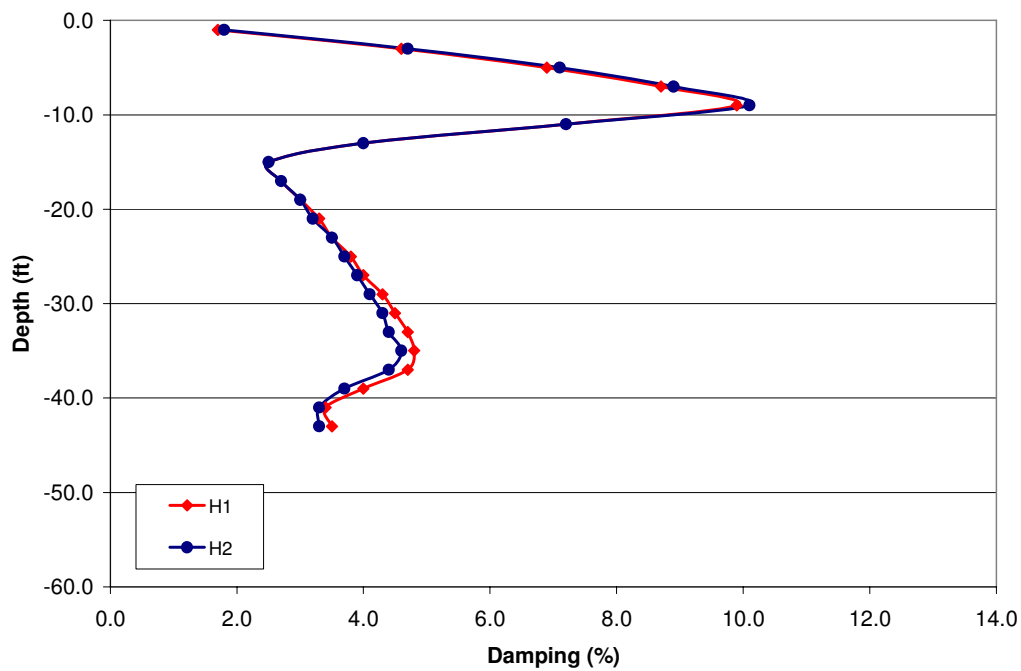


**Figure C-14.** PC 3 (2,500 yr) mean (black jagged line) and 30 soil surface 5% damped spectra (colored lines) for: (a) H1 and (b) H2 corresponding to random soil profiles with larger COV (0.5), log normal distribution of  $G$ , and degradation model “EPRI (Payne 2006)”.

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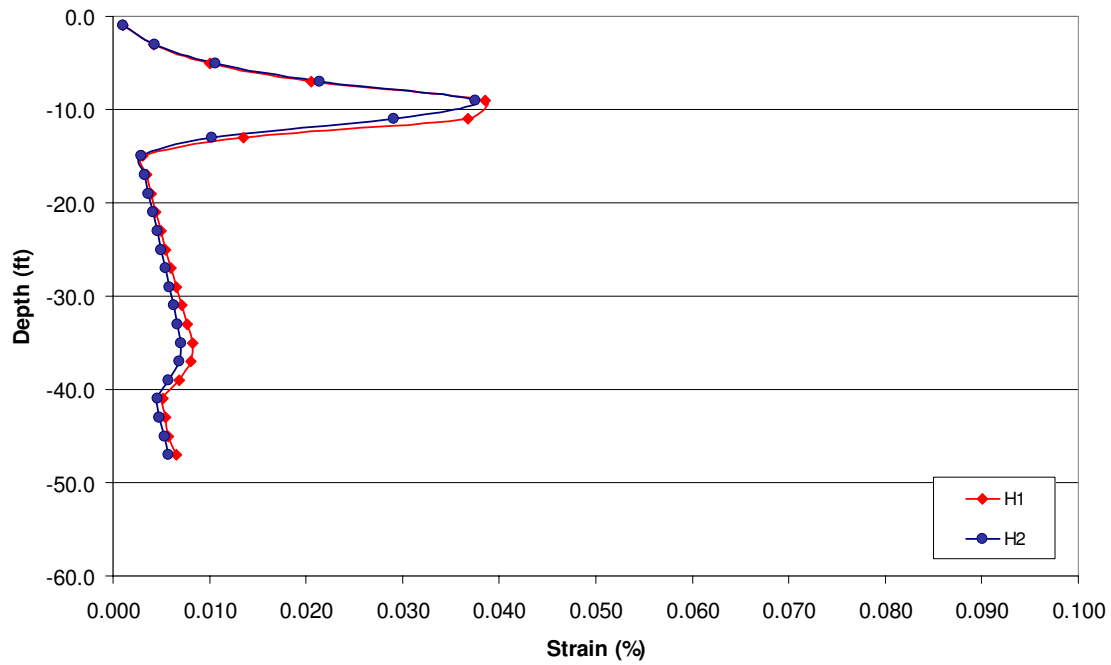


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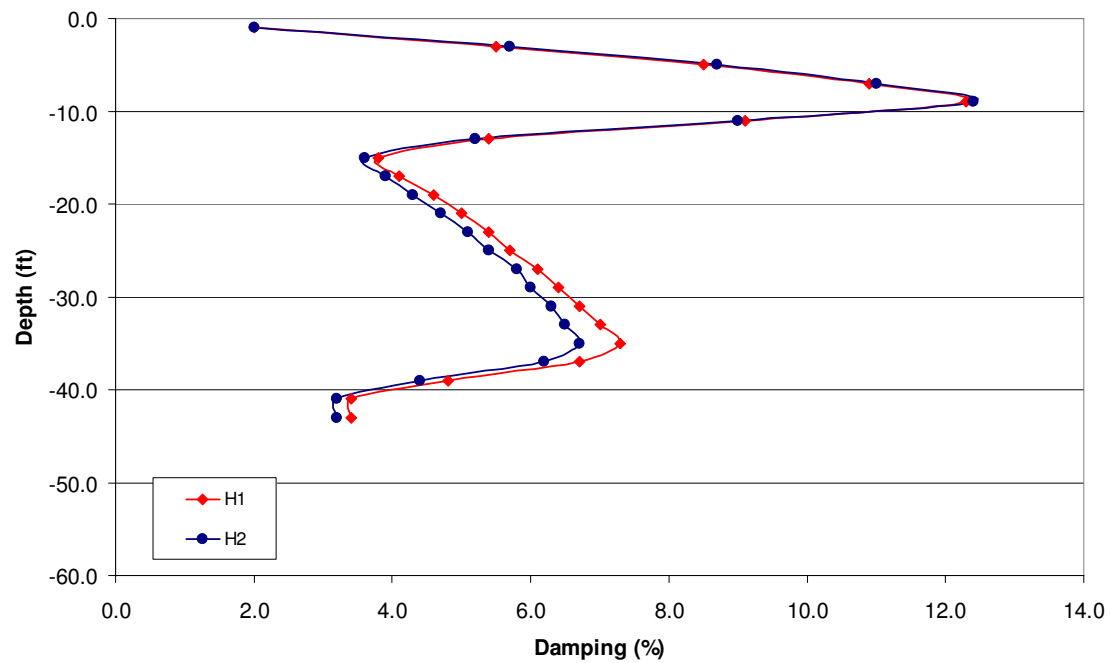


**Figure C-15.** Average PC 3 (2,500 yr) soil (a) strain and (b) damping computed from the output of SHAKE2000 for 30 random soil profiles with the log normal distribution of  $G$  ( $COVs < 0.32$ ) and degradation model “Darendeli/Menq CU 40” (Pyke 2007).

(a)

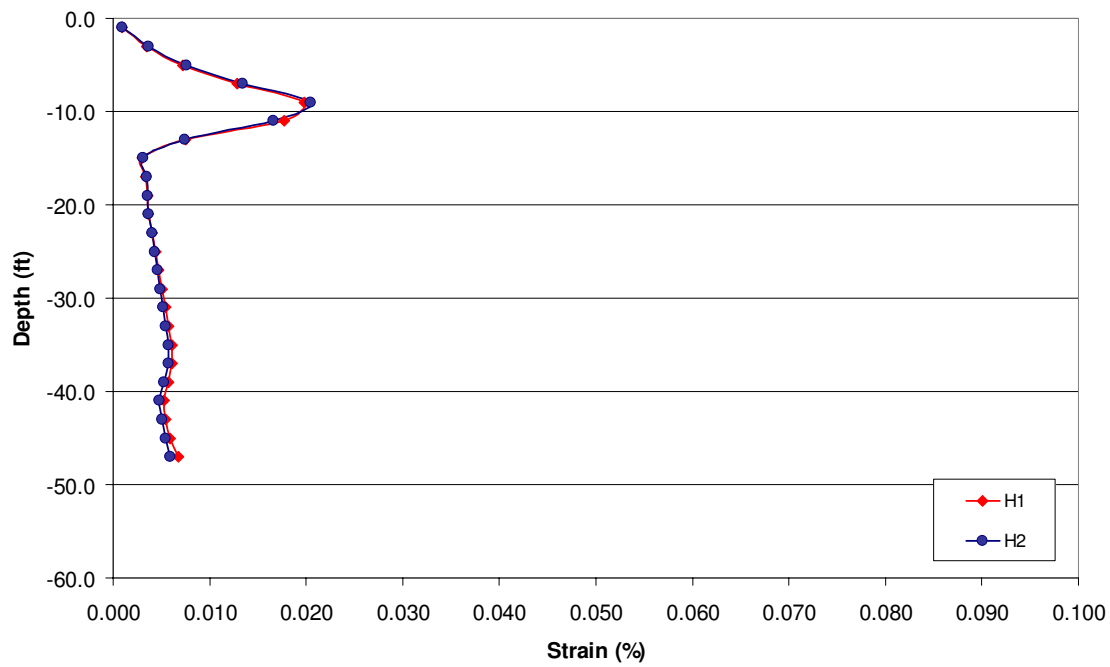


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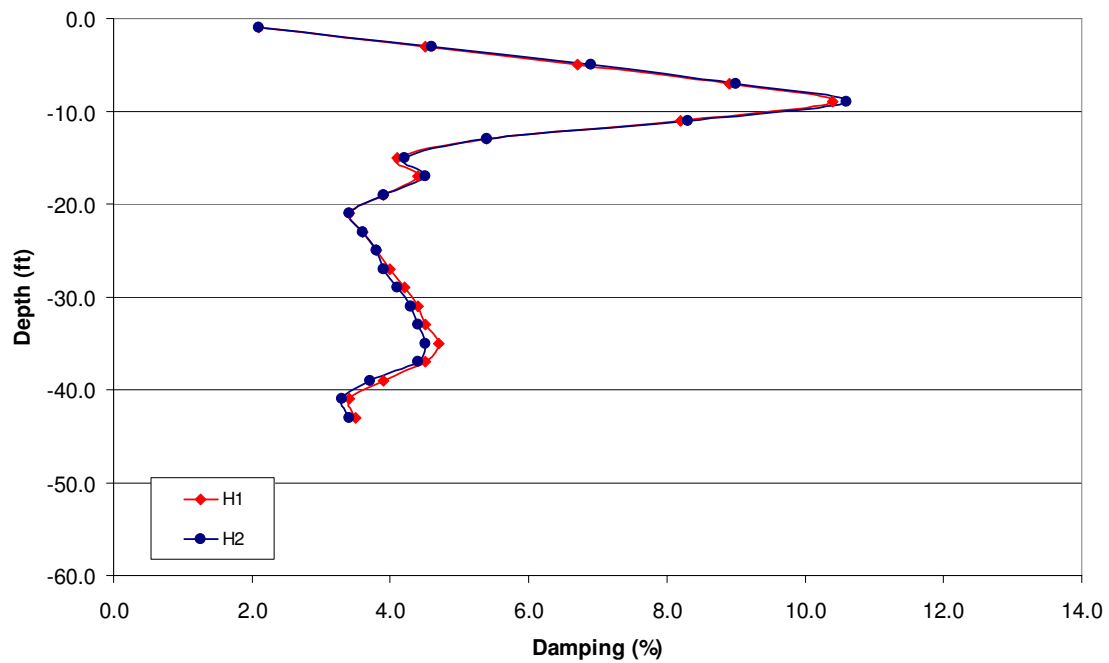


**Figure C-16.** Average PC 3 (2,500 yr) soil (a) strain and (b) damping computed from the output of SHAKE2000 for 30 random soil profiles with the log normal distribution of  $G$  ( $COVs < 0.32$ ) and degradation model “Darendeli/Menq CU 100” (Pyke 2006).

(a)

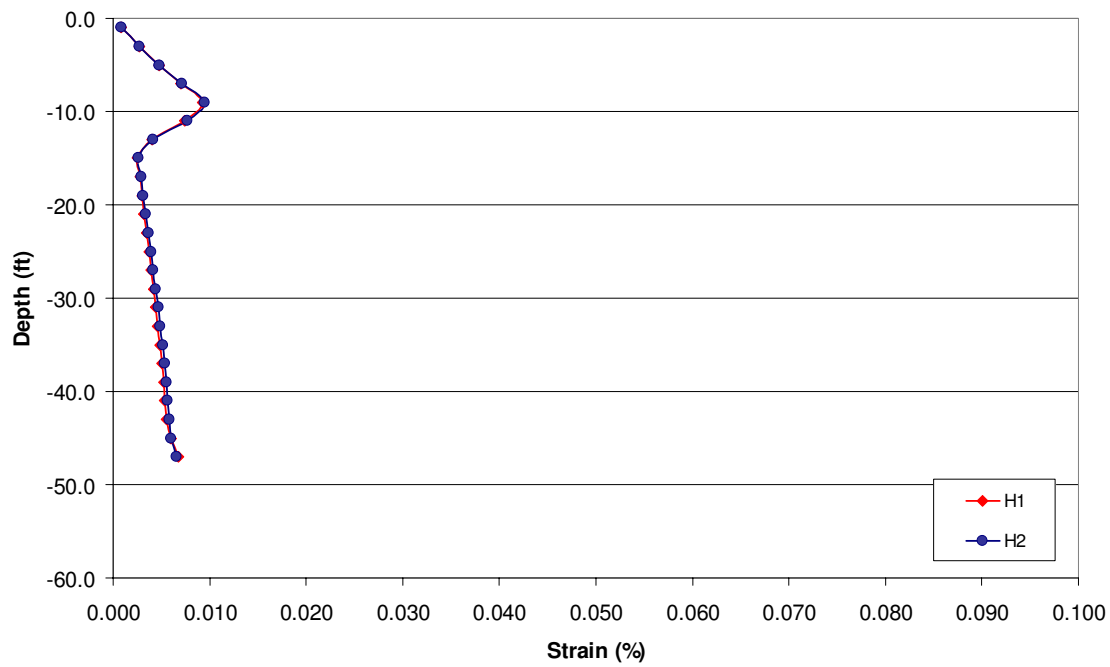


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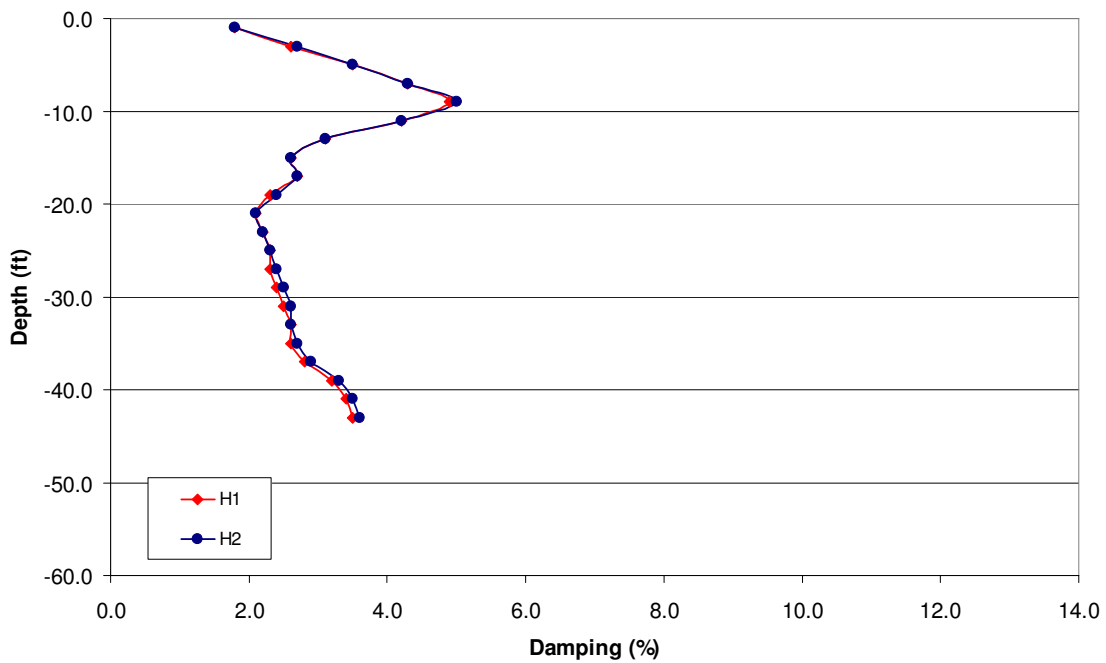


**Figure C-17.** Average PC 3 (2,500 yr) soil (a) strain and (b) damping computed from the output of SHAKE2000 for 30 random soil profiles with the log normal distribution of  $G$  ( $COVs < 0.32$ ) and degradation model “EPRI (Pyke 2007)”.

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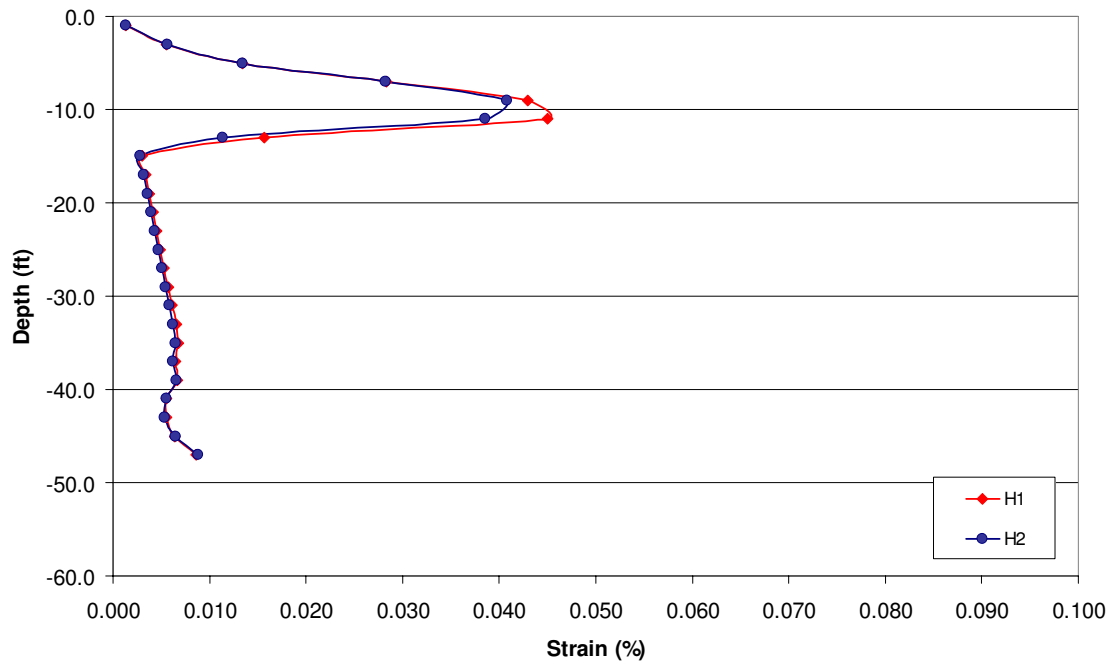


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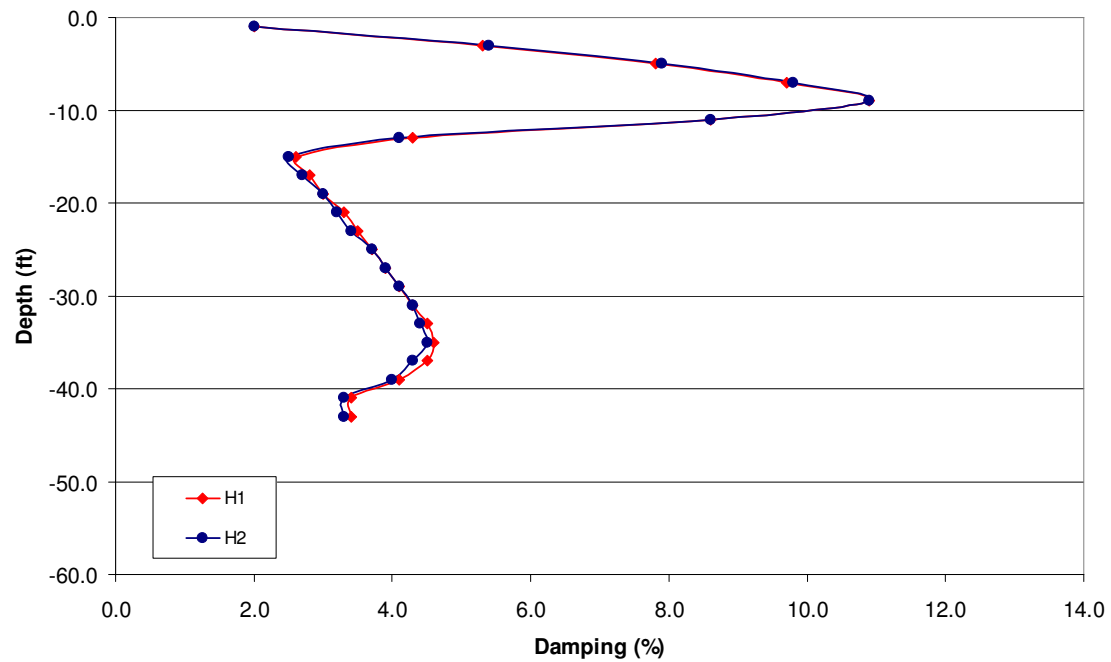


**Figure C-18.** Average PC 3 (2,500 yr) soil (a) strain and (b) damping computed from the output of SHAKE2000 for 30 random soil profiles with the log normal distribution of  $G$  ( $COVs < 0.32$ ) and degradation model “EPRI (Payne 2006)”.

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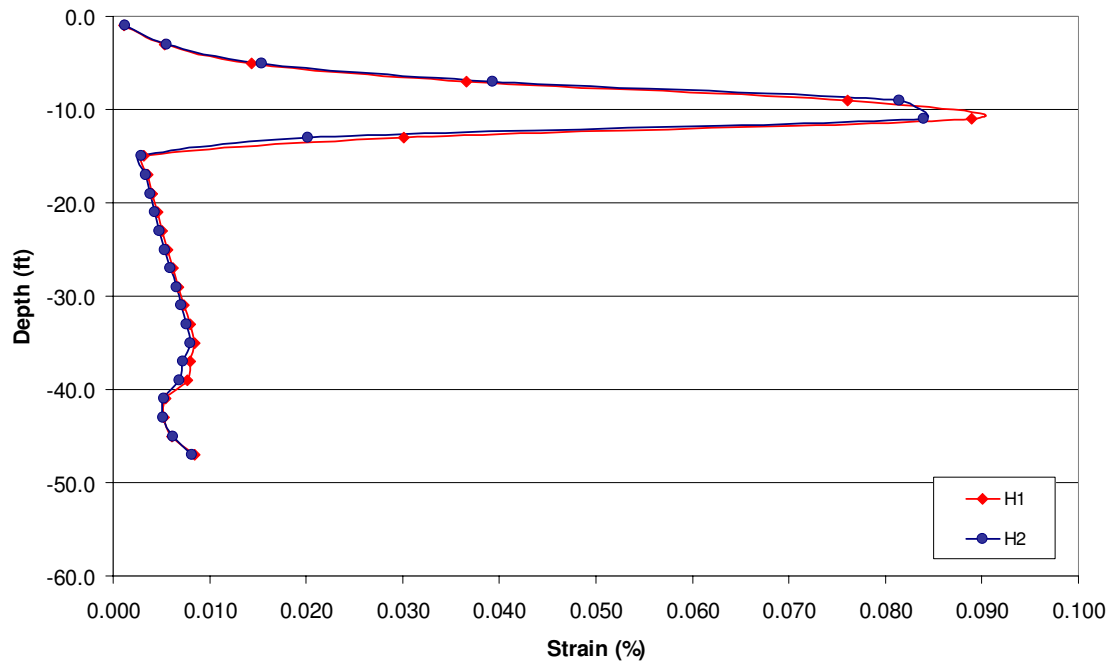


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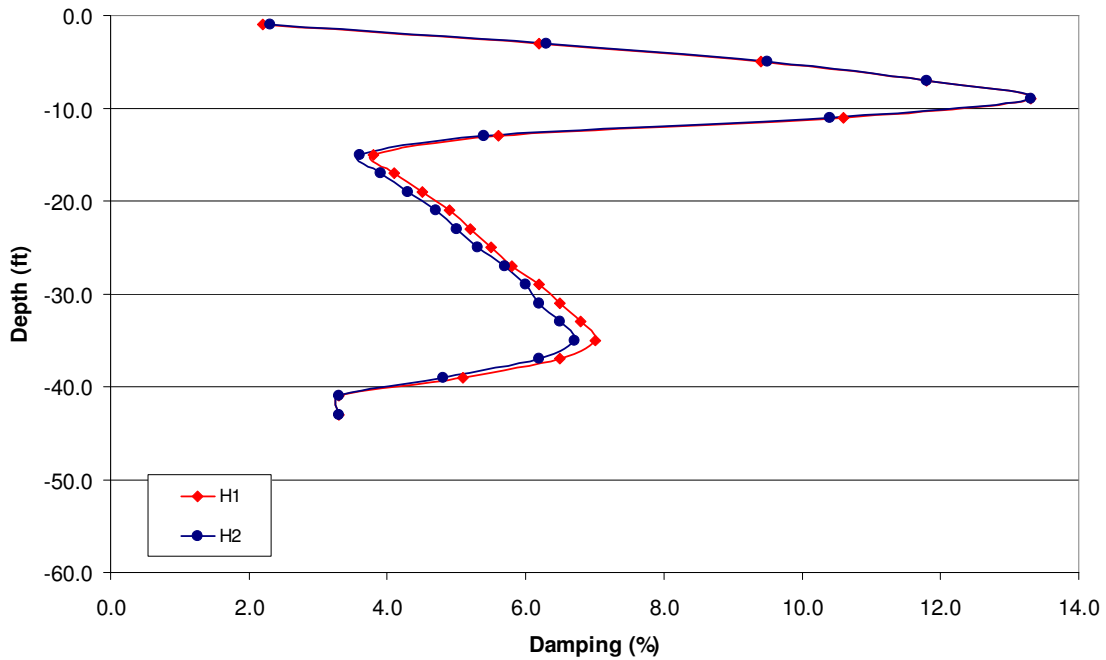


**Figure C-19.** Average PC 3 (2,500 yr) soil (a) strain and (b) damping computed from the output of SHAKE2000 for 30 random soil profiles with the log normal distribution of  $G$ , larger COV (0.5), and degradation model “Darendeli/Menq CU 40” (Pyke 2007).

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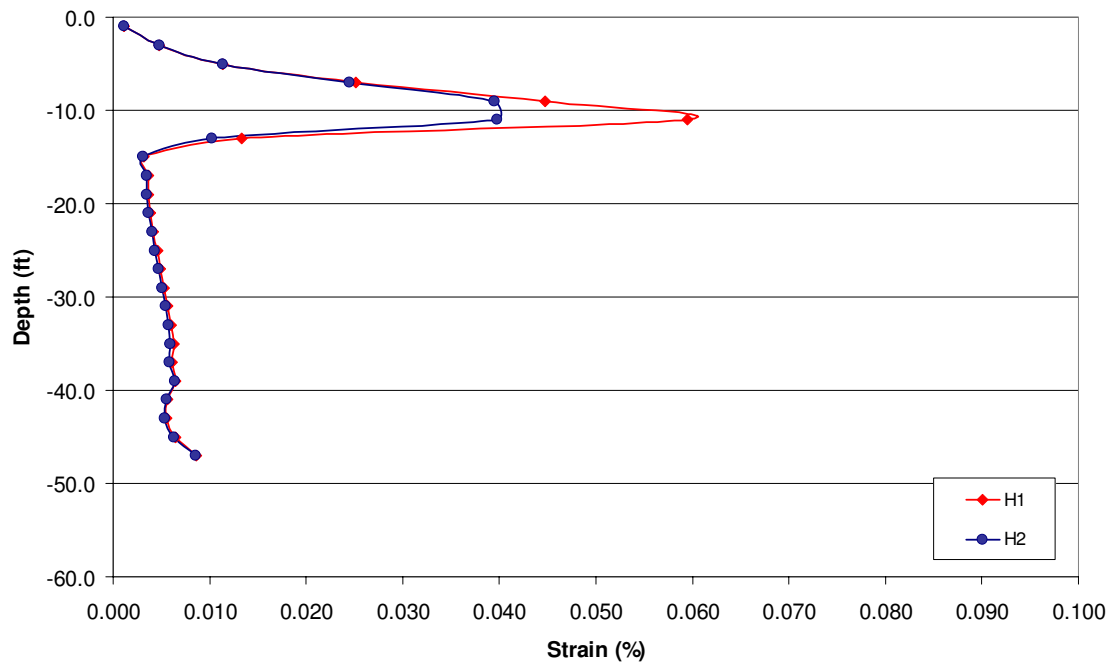


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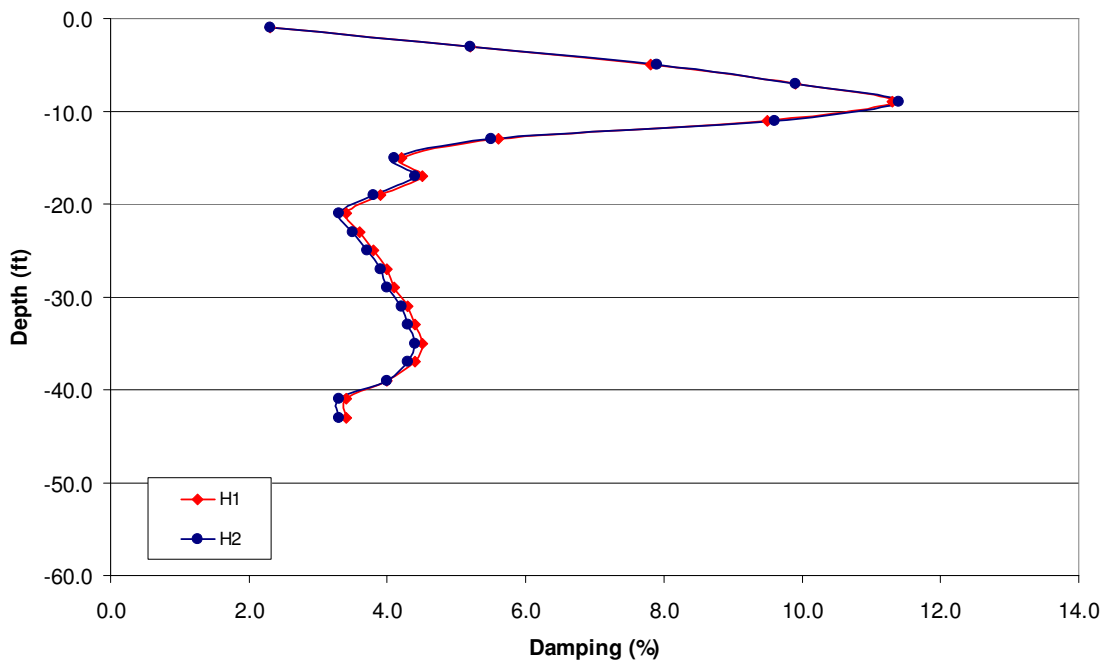


**Figure C-20.** Average PC 3 (2,500 yr) soil (a) strain and (b) damping computed from the output of SHAKE2000 for 30 random soil profiles with the log normal distribution of  $G$ , larger COV (0.5), and degradation model “Darendeli/Menq CU 100” (Pyke 2006).

(a)



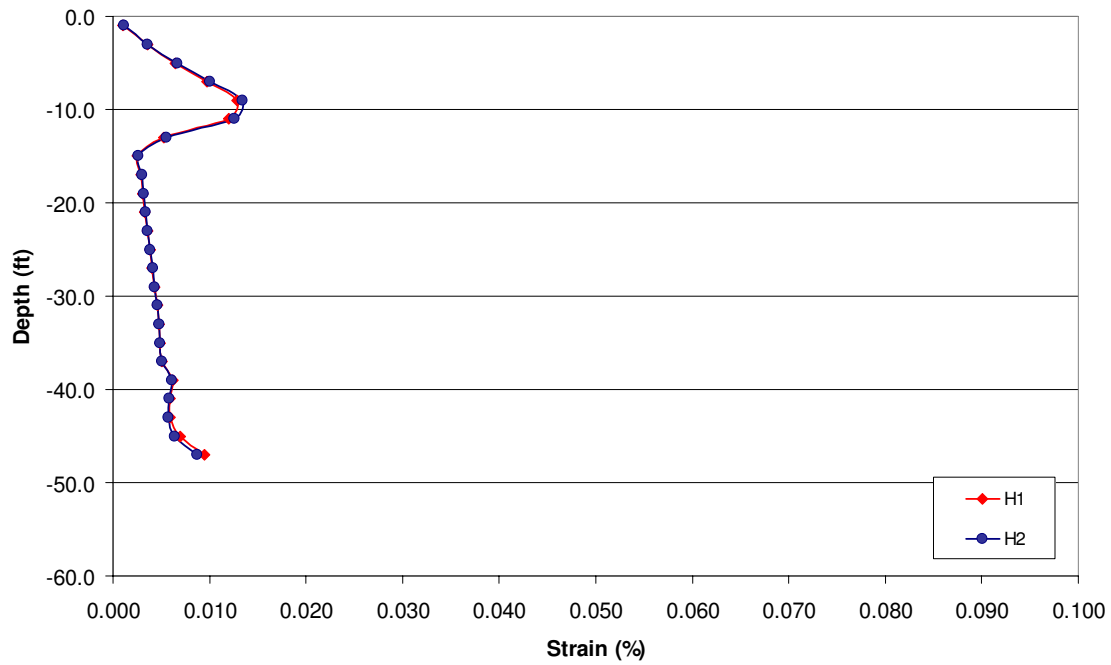
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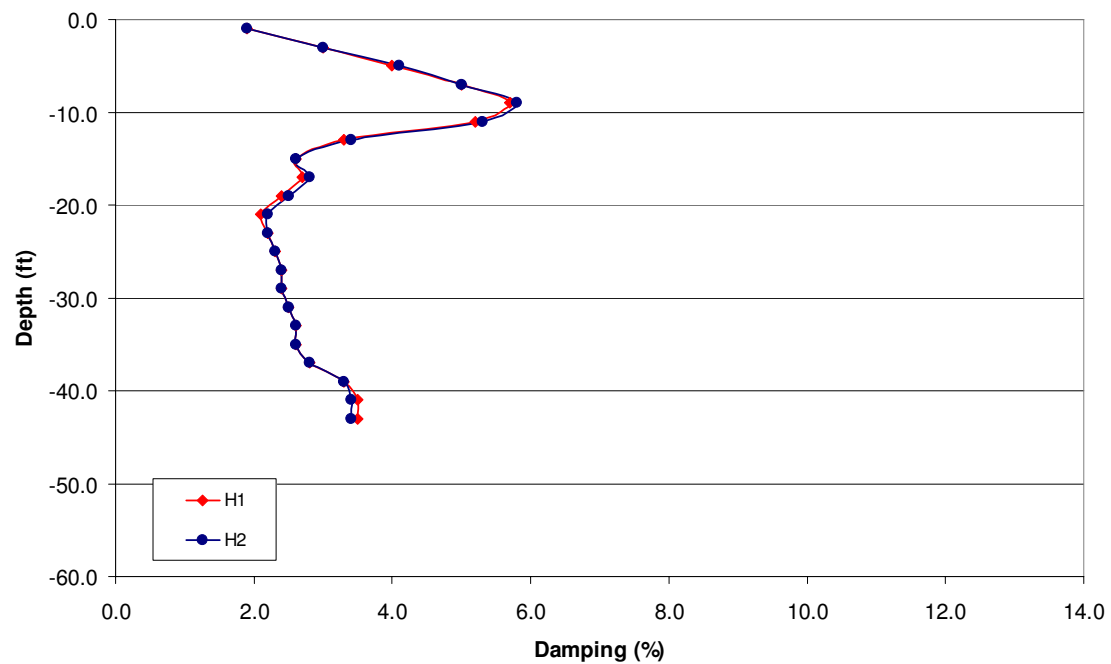
**Figure C-21.** Average PC 3 (2,500 yr) soil (a) strain and (b) damping computed from the output of SHAKE2000 for 30 random soil profiles with the log normal distribution of  $G$ , larger COV (0.5), and degradation model “EPRI (Pyke 2007)”.



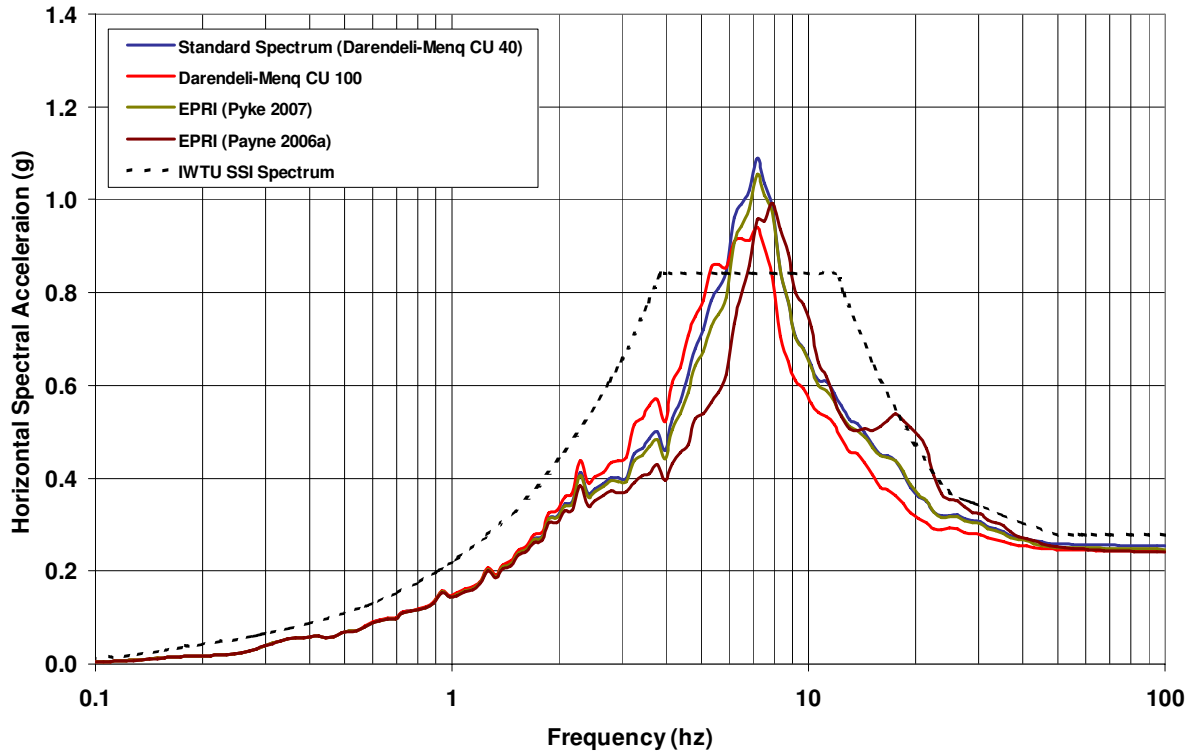
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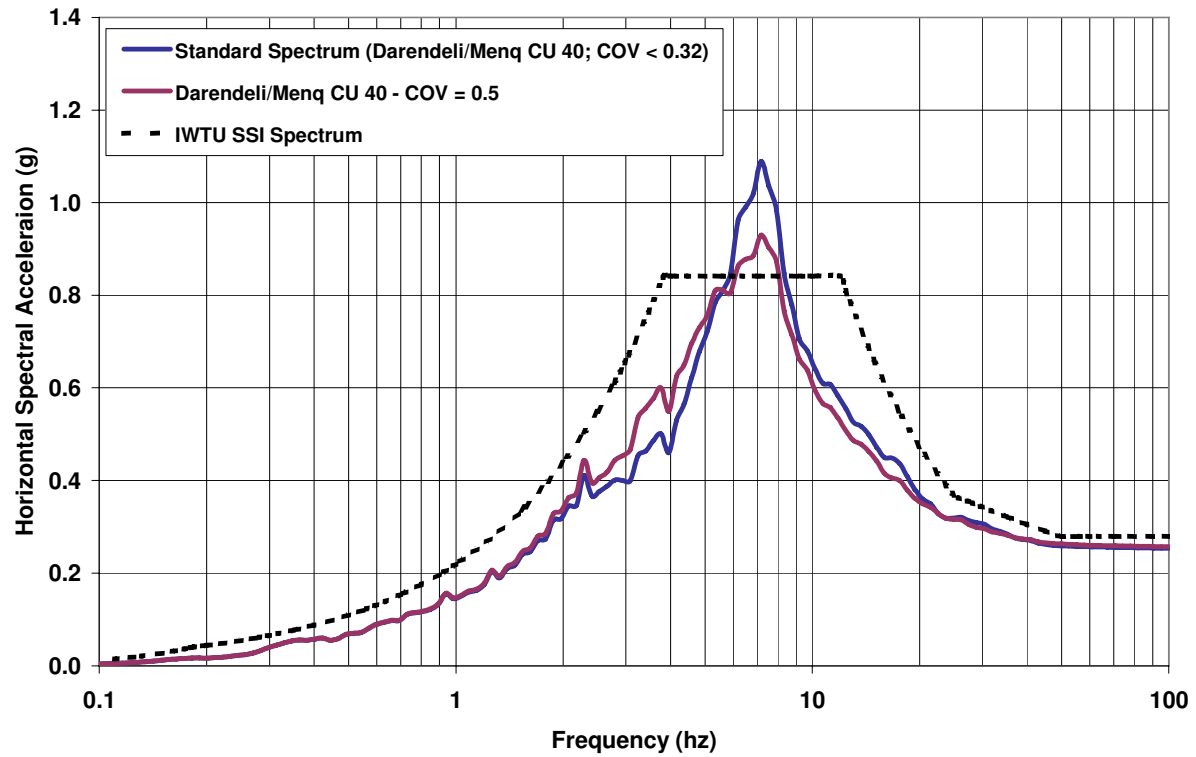
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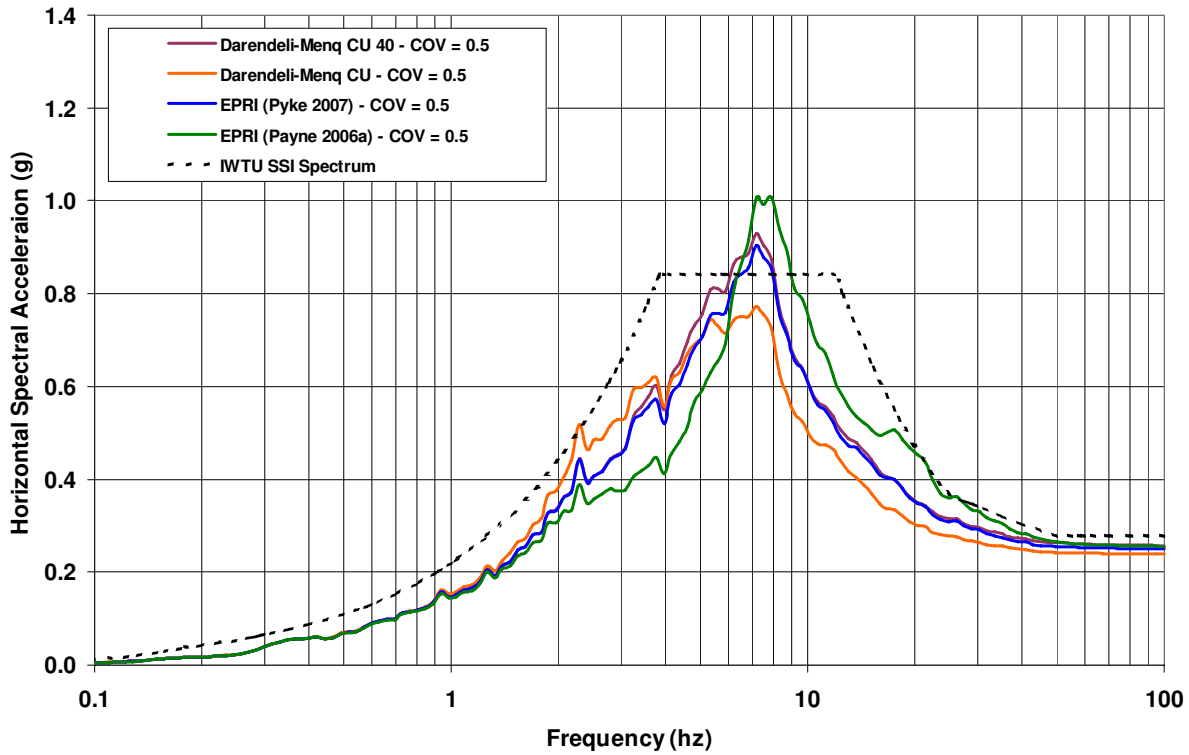
**Figure C-22.** Average PC 3 (2,500 yr) soil (a) strain and (b) damping computed from the output of SHAKE2000 for 30 random soil profiles with the log normal distribution of  $G$ , larger COV (0.5), and degradation model “EPRI (Payne 2006)”.



**Figure C-23.** Horizontal PC 3 (2,500 yr) mean soil surface 5% damped spectra for the “Standard Spectrum” (“Darendeli/Menq CU 40”), “Darendeli/Menq CU 100”, “EPRI Pyke (2007)”, and “EPRI (Payne 2006)”. The mean soil surface spectra are computed for the same set of 30 random soil profiles with log normal distribution of  $G$  ( $COVs < 0.32$ ).



**Figure C-24.** Horizontal PC 3 (2,500 yr) mean soil surface 5% damped spectra with soil profiles for the log normal distribution of  $G$  and two different COVs ( $< 0.32$  and  $0.5$ ). The mean soil surface spectra were computed for each set of 30 random soil profiles using the same degradation model, “Darendeli/Menq CU 40”.



**Figure C-25.** Horizontal PC 3 (2,500 yr) mean soil surface 5% damped spectra “Darendeli/Menq CU 40”, “Darendeli/Menq CU 100”, “EPRI Pyke (2007)”, and “EPRI (Payne 2006)” for the same set of soil profiles with log normal distribution and COV equivalent to the factor of 0.5.

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## **Appendix D**

### **Spectral Matches**

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The starting horizontal acceleration time histories generated from SHAKE2000 were used as seeds to develop the horizontal soil DBE time histories. The horizontal time histories correspond to soil profiles number 4 for the H1 component and number 12 for the H2 component (EDF-7905). The vertical rock DBE acceleration time history (Figure 5) was used as the seed time history to develop the vertical DBE time history.

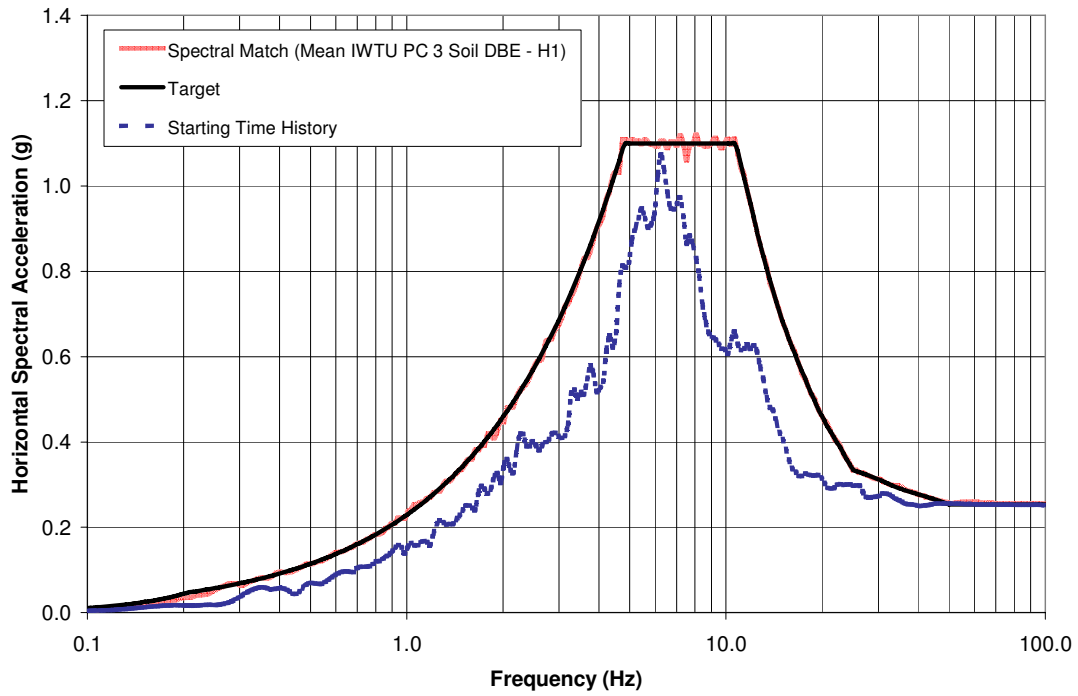
The spectra computed for the horizontal and vertical rock DBE time histories relative to their corresponding DBE target spectrum meet the acceptance criteria in NUREG/CR-6728 (NRC 2001):

1. No spectral point of the DBE time history spectrum falls more than 10% below the target spectrum.
2. No spectral point of the DBE time history spectrum exceeds the target spectrum by more than 30%.
3. No more than nine adjacent frequency points of the DBE time history spectrum fall below the target spectrum.

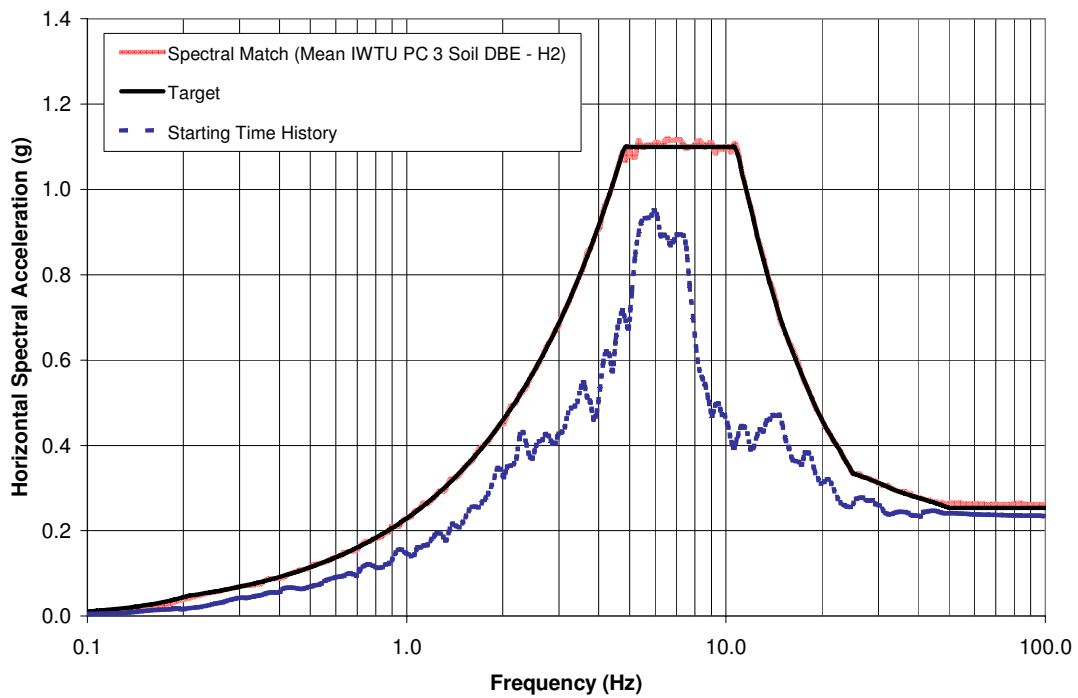
The approach in NUREG/CR-6728 is consistent with the guidance in ASCE/SEI 43-05 (ASCE 2005) and is technically adequate to meet the requirements of ASCE 4-86 (see ASCE 2000), which is recommended by DOE Standards. Figures D-1 and D-2 show the spectral matches for development of the mean horizontal and vertical IWTU Soil DBE acceleration time histories. Figures D-3 and D-4 show the spectral matches for the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile horizontal and vertical IWTU Soil DBE acceleration time histories.



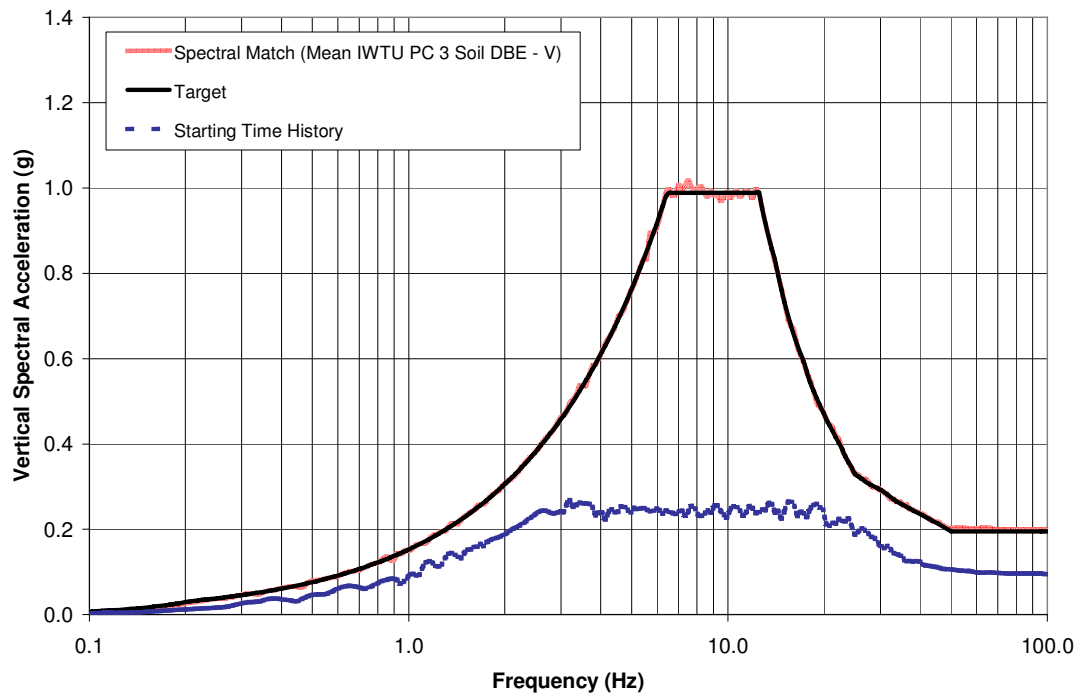
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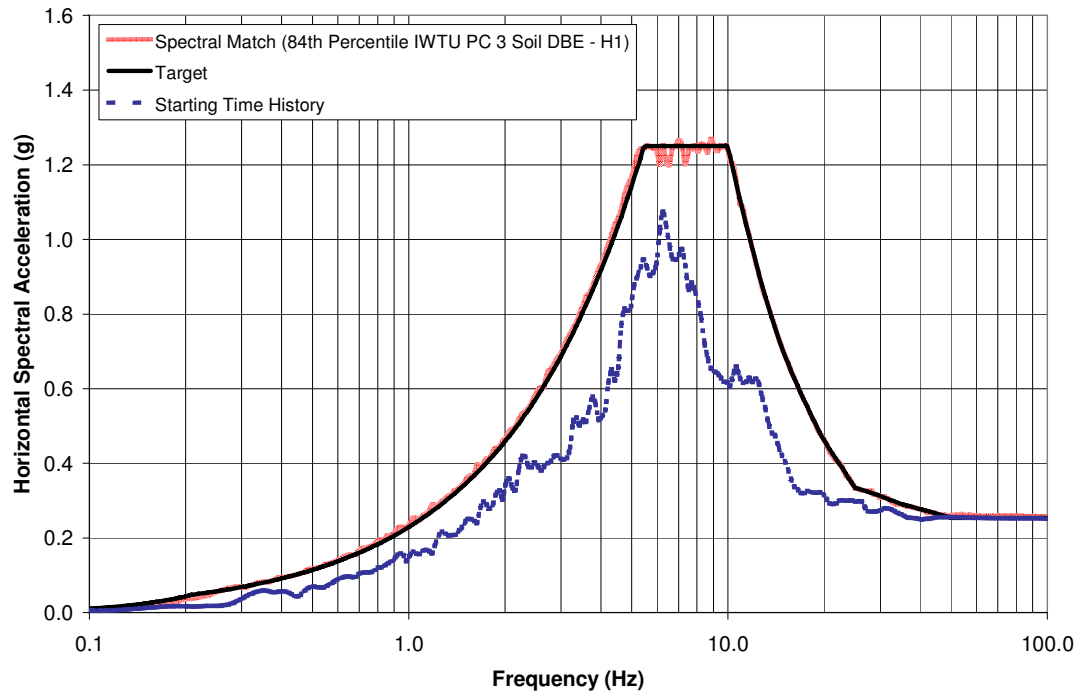


**Figure D-1.** Plot showing the starting time histories, targets, and matching DBE time histories of the 5% damped spectra for the mean IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) soil DBE horizontal (a) H1 and (b) H2 components.

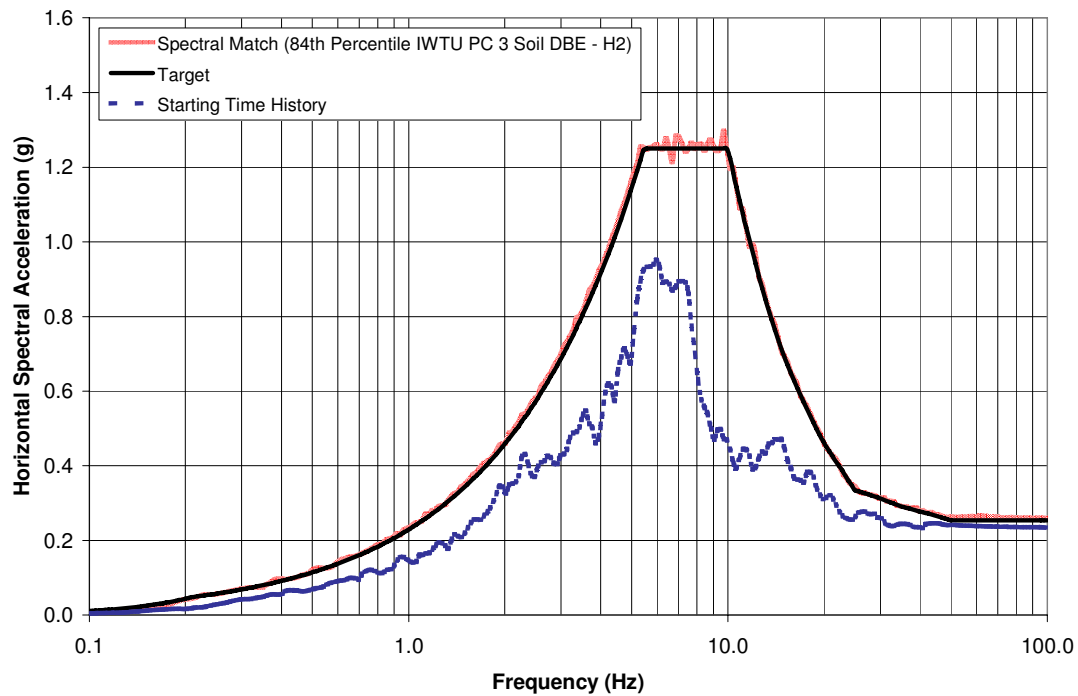


**Figure D-2.** Plot showing the starting time history, target, and matching DBE time history 5% damped spectra for the mean IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) soil DBE vertical component.

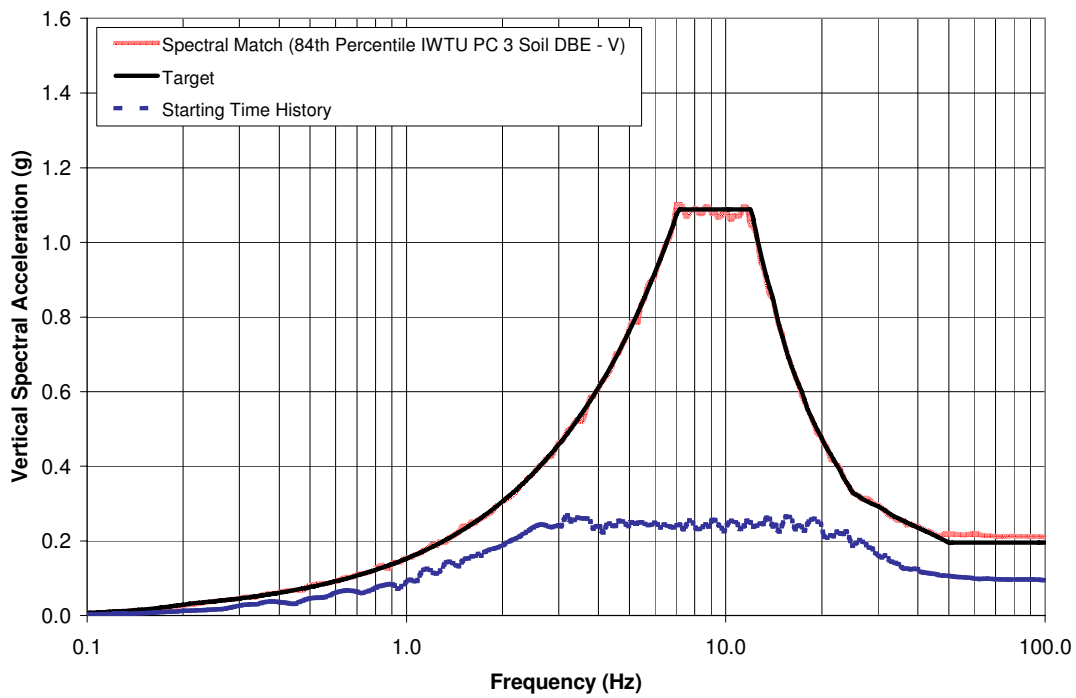
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(b)



**Figure D-3.** Plots showing the starting time histories, targets, and matching DBE time histories of the 5% damped spectra for 84<sup>th</sup> percentile IWTU PC 3 soil DBE horizontal (a) H1 and (b) H2 components.



**Figure D-4.** Plot showing the starting time history, target, and matching DBE time history 5% damped spectra for the 84<sup>th</sup> percentile IWTU PC 3 (2,500 yr) soil DBE vertical component.

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## **Appendix E**

### **Strain-Compatible Soil Property Calculations**

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Strain-compatible soil properties for Vs and damping were calculated based on ratios of iterated Vs from the output of SHAKE2000 to low-strain Vs for input for the input soil profiles to SHAKE2000. This approach was recommended to calculate the iterated Vs and damping as function of depth in place of computing the best estimate, upper bound, and lower bound iterated Vs and damping for log normal distributions at each depth (Per. Comm. Carl Costantino 2007). Iterated Vs and damping were calculated as a function of depth to incorporate the higher strains observed across the boundary of Layers A and B (see Figures 11, 12, 13 and 14). The BRP recommended calculating the best estimate, lower bound, and upper bound iterated Vs and damping assuming log normal distributions (Houston 2007a).

The best estimate, upper bound, and lower bound iterated Vs and damping calculated as function of depth for the log normal distribution resulted in anomalously high values for the upper bound at depths that cross the boundary between Layers A and B (Figure E-1). The reason for high upper-bound values is the iterated Vs and damping in the soil layers at depths that cross this boundary no longer have log normal distributions. Bimodal distributions of Vs are illustrated in Figure E-2, which shows the iterated shear modulus at depths of 11 and 13 ft from the output of SHAKE2000. Bimodal distributions are attributed to the following:

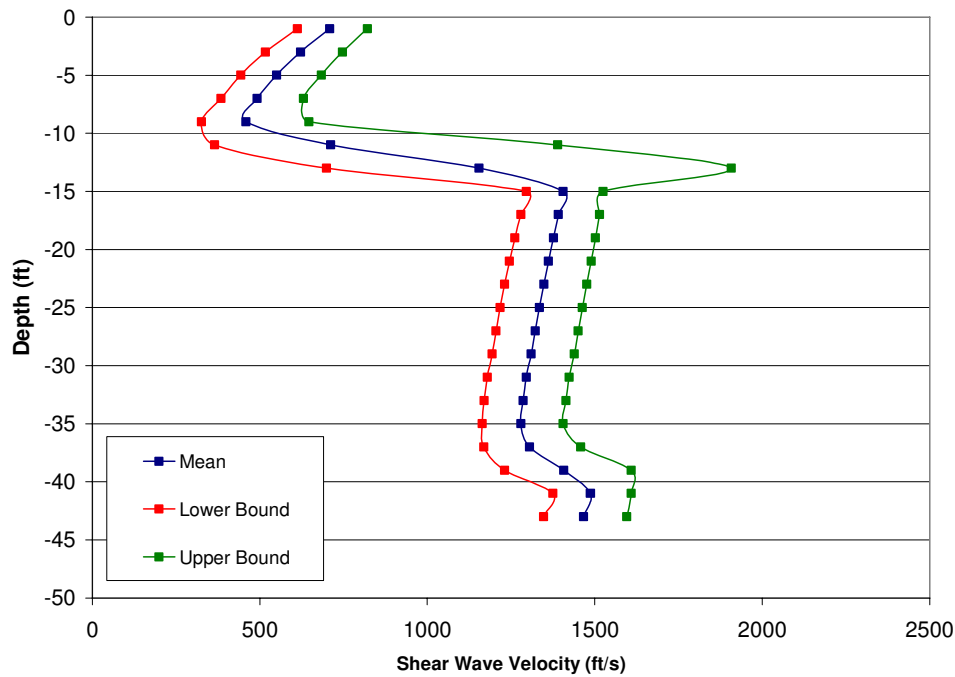
- Sorting iterated Vs by  $\pm 1$  ft at the SHAKE2000 specific depths of 1, 3, 5, 7 ... 43 ft samples the iterated Vs and damping for both layers A and B.
- Vs of Layers A and B do not overlap due to small COVs of less than 0.32 for the log normal distribution of G.
- Layer A has a median Vs of 750 ft/s and Layer B has a median Vs of 1540 ft/s.

This same effect is expected to occur at the boundary between Layers B and C, but is less obvious because the median Vs are similar. The median Vs of Layer C is 1550 ft/s so the resulting iterated Vs is similar for Layers B and C, even though different degradation models were used in the SHAKE2000 computations. Figure E-3 does not show bimodal distributions for iterated shear modulus at depths of 29 and 31 ft, which cross the boundary between Layers B and C.

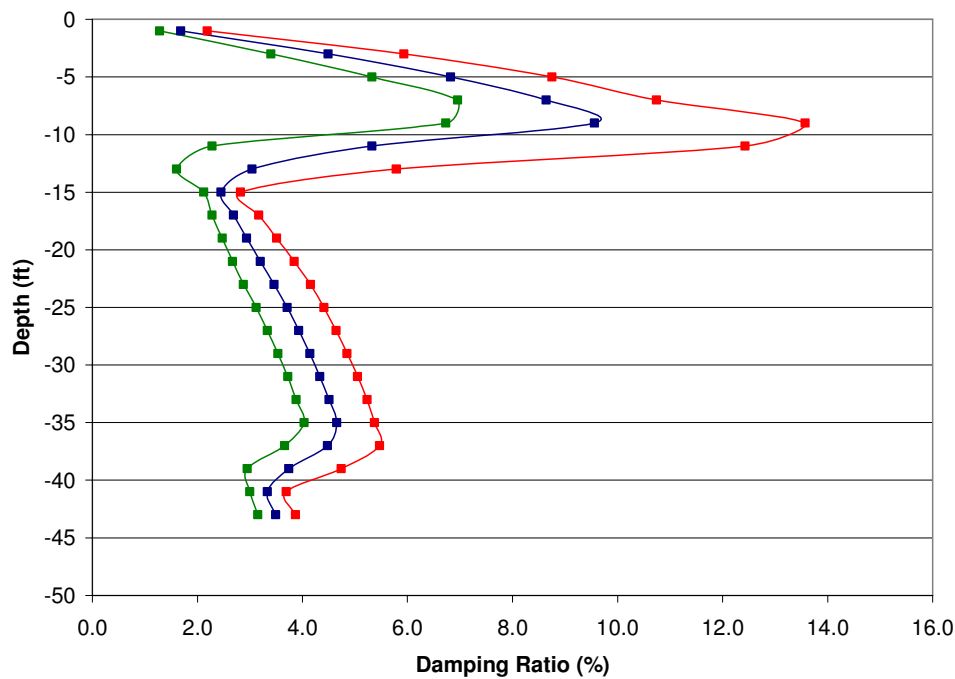
In previous calculations of strain-compatible soil properties for INL site response analyses, bimodal distributions were not observed (Payne 2006). This is attributed to the approach used to calculate iterated Vs and damping as a function of soil layer type and not as a function of depth.



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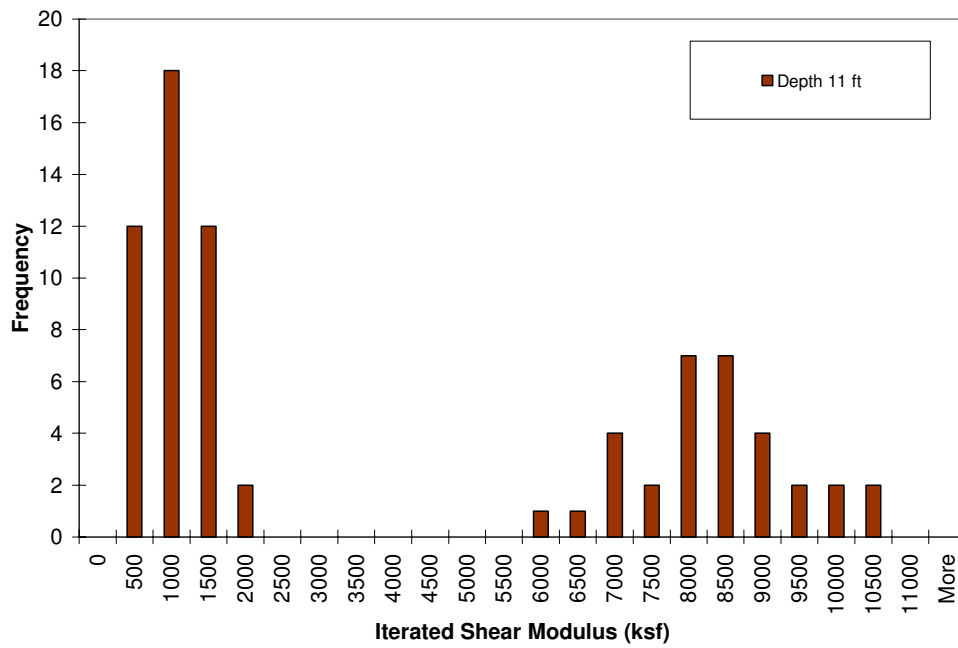


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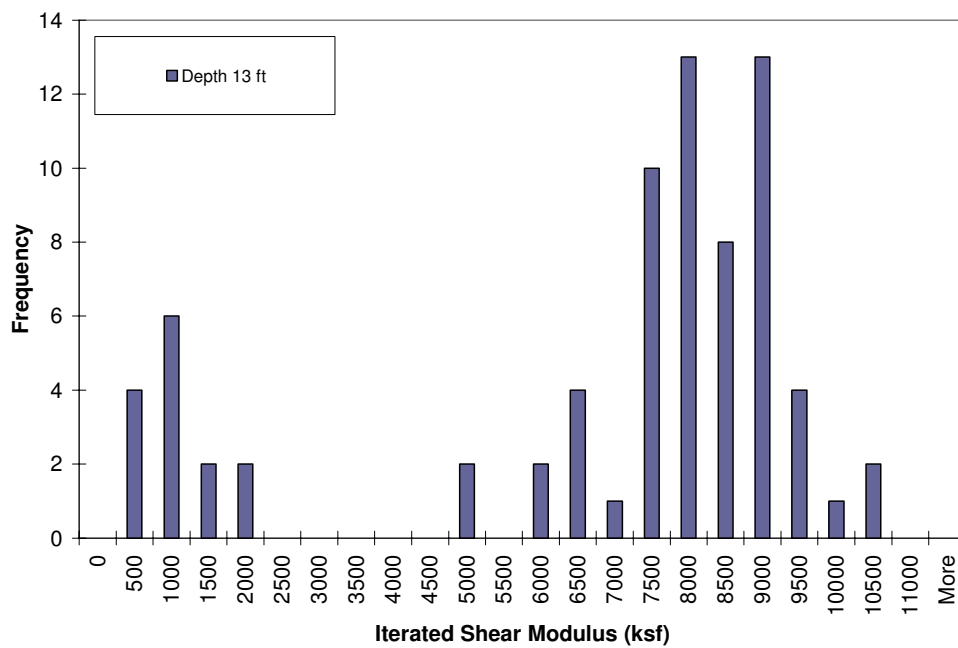


**Figure E-1.** Iterated shear wave velocities and corresponding damping ratios for best estimate, upper bound, and lower bound calculated using a log normal distribution of soil profiles from SHAKE2000. Iterated shear wave velocities at depths of 11 and 13 ft have bimodal distributions.

(a)

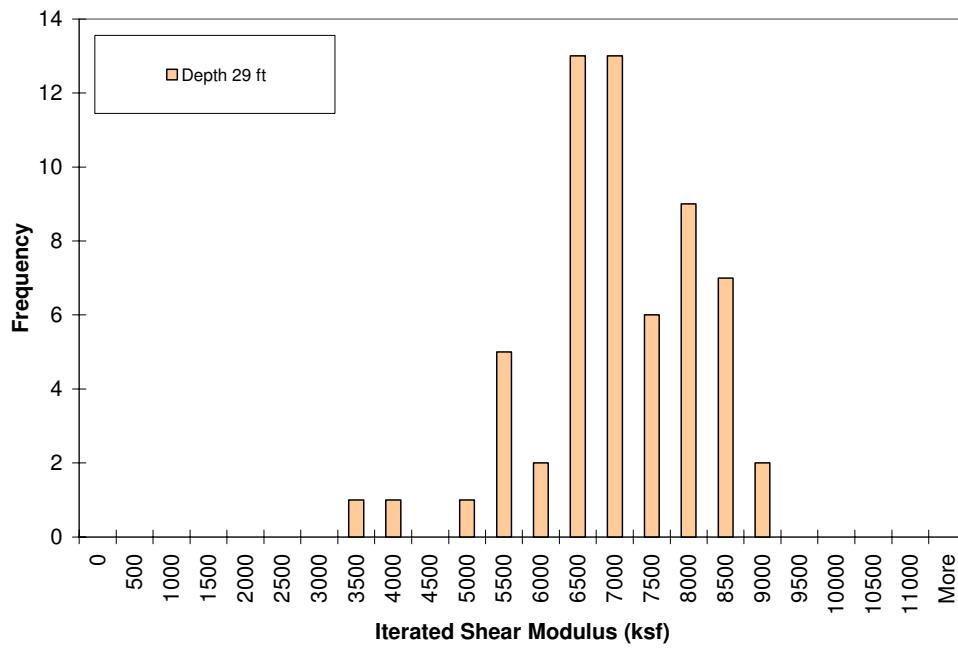


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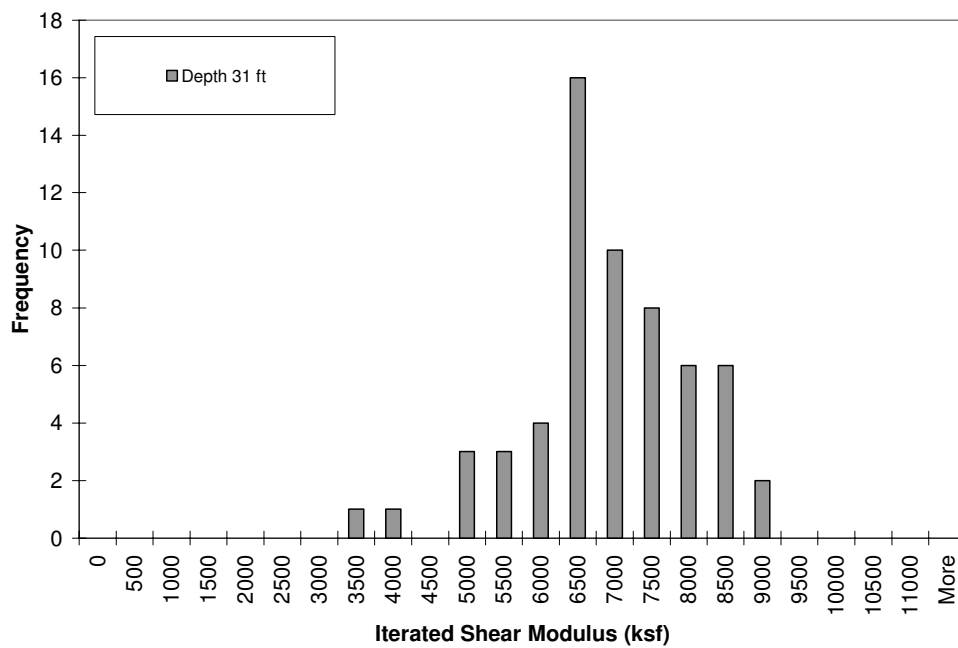


**Figure E-2.** Histograms show bimodal distributions of iterated shear modulus for soil profiles depths of a) 11 ft and b) 13 ft that cross the boundary between Layers A and B.

(a)



(b)



**Figure E-3.** Histograms show the distributions of iterated shear modulus for soil profiles depths of a) 29 ft and b) 31 ft that cross the boundary between Layers B and C.