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Urban-scale seismic risk assessment: (how) does it change if we include SSI and site amplification effects?

Abstract: Seismic risk assessment is still performed at an urban scale assuming all structures and the man-made environment are fixed on the soil. Intuitively, one could argue that this is the case if only the ground is rock hard. To tackle this shortcoming, in an ongoing effort, a new framework was developed, applied, and tested to include soil-foundation-structure interaction (SSI) and site effects in the vulnerability assessment of structures at an urban scale. Soil-structure interaction and, especially, local site-effects, should not be neglected in urban-scale risk assessment. This new framework uses state-of-the-art open-source software, bound together using Python. The results reveal the soil-related effects on the vulnerability of buildings.



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