



1 **Conversion relationships between Modified Mercalli Intensity and Peak Ground**
2 **Acceleration for historical shallow crustal earthquakes in Mexico**

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12 **Abstract.** New empirical relationships between modified Mercalli intensity (MMI) and synthetic peak
13 ground acceleration (PGA) are developed for shallow crustal earthquakes in Mexico. Ground motion
14 data from 18 moderate-to-large earthquakes ($4.5 < M_w < 7.5$) and the corresponding 531 MMI
15 information reports were employed. Synthetic PGA data were generated using the finite-fault stochastic
16 method considering different rupture scenarios in order to extend the limitations of the dataset. Linear
17 and bilinear regression techniques were used considering a binning averaging procedure and the whole
18 dataset. On one hand, a set of MMI predictive equations independent of moment magnitude (M_w) and
19 hypocentral distance (R) were derived. Despite weak dependencies of the residuals on M_w and R terms,
20 on the other hand, we also developed refined predictive relationships that include these parameters as
21 independent variables. The refined PGA to MMI conversion equations show slightly less variability
22 than simple linear equations in predicting intensity values. The proposed predictive equations are
23 consistent with similar relationships in other regions of the world. The discrepancies among the
24 different relationships may reflect the differences in input data, particularly related to the macroseismic
25 intensity assignments, which are inherently subjective, and the tectonic regime. The proposed
26 relationships can be used for improved hazard assessments in Mexico.

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1 Introduction

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3 Seismic intensity is a measurement that describes the degree of shaking or damage at a particular site.
4 Usually, seismic intensity is represented spatially by intensity maps. These maps provide shaking
5 patterns reflecting earthquake damage and its effects on human dwellings from a specific earthquake.
6 The intensity scale was originally designed to describe and quantify seismic damage in the absence of
7 instrumental recordings. Arguably, one of the first attempts to describe effects of earthquake shaking on
8 a map which led to the development of the intensity scales, was carried out by Mallet (1862). Several
9 intensity scales have been proposed throughout time, for example, the European Macroseismic Scale,
10 the Japan Meteorological Agency seismic intensity scale (JMA), the China Seismic Intensity Scale, the
11 Mercalli-Cancani-Sieberg scale, and the Modified Mercalli Intensity scale (MMI). MMI is currently the
12 most widely used scale worldwide. MMI quantifies the effects of an earthquake using 12 degrees, with
13 1 indicating not felt and 12 as complete destruction (Wood and Neumann, 1931). The intensity values
14 vary with the distance to the earthquake source, with the highest intensities usually around the
15 epicentral region and based on subjective information collected from persons who have felt the
16 earthquake at a specific location. Seismic intensity observations in Mexico have been reported in the
17 literature for particular earthquakes (mainly historical events) (e.g., DuBois and Smith, 1980; Suter et
18 al., 1996; Suter, 2015a, 2018, 2019, 2020; Suter and Morelos-Rodríguez, 2023) or in comprehensive
19 earthquake catalogs (Figueroa, 1963, 1986; Suárez, 2021).

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21 Several efforts have been made to develop relationships between seismic intensity and ground motion
22 parameters such as the peak ground acceleration (PGA), peak ground velocity (PGV), peak ground
23 displacement (PGD), seismic magnitude (M), and hypocentral distance (R) among others (Trifunac and
24 Brady, 1975; Murphy and O'Brien, 1977). In the absence of ground motion observations, various



1 approaches to model ground motion parameters for different rupture scenarios for historical
2 earthquakes have been explored, including dynamic rupture modeling, kinematic modeling, modeling
3 with ground-motion prediction equations, and stochastic modeling. Various prediction relations from
4 ground motion parameters have been proposed for different regions; for instance, for California (Wald
5 et al., 1999; Atkinson and Sonley, 2000; Atkinson and Kaka, 2007), Taiwan (Wu et al., 2003), Greece
6 (Tselentis and Danciu, 2008), and Turkey (Bilal and Askan, 2014), among other zones. The correlation
7 relationships can be developed in different forms, such as using regional, global, or synthetic data. In
8 this article, we determined conversion relationships between seismic intensities and PGA for 18
9 historical shallow crustal earthquakes which took place in Mexico with moment magnitudes in the
10 range of 4.5 – 7.5. The seismic events occurred between 1568 and 1989, and seismic intensities were
11 reported in the literature. Since the last $M \geq 6$ event originated in north and central Mexico (we exclude
12 the strike slip regime of northern Baja California Peninsula in this context) took place in 1920, we
13 cannot rely on observed records alone. Therefore, we rely on PGA values generated by synthetic
14 accelerograms derived from the finite-fault stochastic method (Motazedian and Atkinson, 2005). The
15 calculated relationships will be relevant for various purposes ranging from assessment of historical
16 seismicity to several applications in seismic hazard and risk studies from shallow crustal earthquakes in
17 Mexico.

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19 **2 Tectonic setting**

20 The epicenters of the studied earthquakes occurred in three tectonic provinces: 1) Basin and Range
21 province (BRP, two events), 2) Sierra Madre Oriental fold-thrust belt (SMOFTB, two events), and 3)
22 the Trans-Mexican Volcanic Belt (TMVB, 14 events) (Fig. 1). The BRP is characterized by the
23 alternance of north-south trending mountains and flat valley floors comprising the province. The 5
24 March 1887 Bavispe earthquake ($M_w = 7.5$) occurred in a north-south striking west-dipping normal



1 fault system distributed on the western limit of the Sierra Madre Occidental. This event is considered
2 the largest crustal fault earthquake in Mexico (Suter, 2015b). The rupture has been modeled with a dip
3 angle of 70° and a maximum displacement of 5.2 m and comprises three fault segments (the Pitáycachi,
4 Teras, and Otates segments, respectively) (Suter, 2015b). The second event in the BRP at the Bolaños
5 graben was the 6 November 1774 event ($M_w = 5.7$) (Suter, 2020). The SMOFTB is the most prominent
6 tectonic characteristic in eastern Mexico and constitutes the continuation to the south of the North
7 American Rocky Mountains. The southern part of the SMOFTB and the northern part of the TMVB are
8 being deformed by mostly north-south-striking extension structures. Two studied earthquakes occurred
9 in this geological structure at a latitude of about 21° in east-central Mexico in a segment 130 km length
10 along the Moctezuma River (Suter, 1987). The TMVB is an active volcanic arc associated with the
11 subduction of oceanic plates along the Pacific margin of Mexico. The TMVB spans over 1200 km,
12 from the Pacific Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico, and is 100 km wide (Ferrari et al., 2012). The western
13 part of the TMVB exhibits three major normal fault systems oriented: NW-SE, NNE-SSW, and WNW-
14 ESE. The central part of the TMVB is characterized by normal faults with a left-lateral strike-slip
15 component orientated east-west. The eastern segment of the central TMVB is dominated by a left-
16 lateral transtensive deformation, whose extension is oriented NW-SE (Ego and Ansan, 2002).

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18 **3 Data and methods**

19 We studied ground motion characteristics of 18 historical shallow crustal earthquakes in north and
20 central Mexico with magnitudes in the range of 4.5 – 7.5 (Table 1 and Fig. 1). For this purpose, we
21 used reported seismic intensities (531 MMI observations) in conjunction with synthetic PGA values to
22 derive conversion relationships. Reported MMI values varied from 2 to 11 recorded at hypocentral
23 distances in the range of 8.14 – 1800 km (Fig. 2).

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1 3.1 Stochastic finite-fault method

2 The stochastic strong-ground motion method was proposed by Boore (1983) as a fast and reliable
3 technique for simulating high-frequency characteristics generated by earthquakes. The method has been
4 subsequently improved by incorporating different sources (point or finite-fault models), paths, and site
5 effects (H/V curves or theoretical functions) to calculate synthetic signals (displacement, velocity, or
6 acceleration signals) to be contrasted then with the observed records. We used the stochastic finite-fault
7 ground motion approach developed by Motazedian and Atkinson (2005) as modified by Atkinson and
8 Assatourians (2015) to model ground motions of the selected events. Following that approach, the fault
9 plane is subdivided into a grid of subsources (or subfaults), assigning a stochastic point source to each
10 subfault. Each subfault is activated once with an appropriate delay time. A point source Brune ω^2 -
11 source spectrum (Brune, 1970) is generated for each subfault. The point source spectrum is derived by
12 multiplying the source, path, and site spectra in the frequency domain (Boore, 1983; 2003). The
13 acceleration spectrum of a point source is described by the equation

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$$15 \quad Y(M_0, R, f) = A(M_0, f) P(R, f) S(f) \quad , \quad (1)$$

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17 where $A(M_0, f)$, $S(f)$, and $P(R, f)$ represent the source, site, and path spectra, respectively. M_0 is the
18 seismic moment, R is the hypocentral distance, and f is the frequency. The acceleration spectra after
19 considering the Brune model is (Motazedian and Atkinson, 2005)

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$$21 \quad A(M_0, f) \frac{R_\theta VF M_0 H_{ij} (2\pi f)^2}{4\pi\rho\beta^3} G(r) \frac{1}{[1+(f/f_c)^2]} e^{-\pi f R_{\theta\phi}/Q|f|^\beta} Z(f) e^{-\pi\kappa f} \quad , \quad (2)$$

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23 where $R_{\theta\phi}$ is the radiation pattern (0.55), F is the free surface amplification (2.0), V is the partition of



1 energy into two horizontal components (0.7), ρ is the rock density, β is the S -wave velocity, f_c is the
2 corner frequency, M_0 is the seismic moment, H_{ij} is a frequency-dependent scaling factor for high-
3 frequencies, $G(R)$ is the geometrical spreading function, $Q(f)$ is the seismic attenuation factor, R_{ij} is the
4 distance from the observation point to the ij^{th} subfault, and $Z(f)$ is a function that describes site
5 amplification. The corner frequency is defined as $f_c = N(t)^{-1/3} 4.9 \times 10^6 \beta (\Delta\sigma/M_{0\text{ave}})^{1/3}$, where $\Delta\sigma$ is the
6 stress drop, $M_{0\text{ave}}$ is the average seismic moment of the fault ($M_{0\text{ave}} = M_0/N$, here N is the number of
7 subfaults), and $N(t)$ denotes the cumulative number of all ruptured subfaults at time t . The acceleration
8 spectra ($A(M_0, f)$) is combined with random phases and transferred into the time domain for each point
9 source on the finite-fault plane. The contribution from each subfault is summed up from the entire fault
10 in the time domain with the following equation ($a(t)$)

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$$12 \quad a(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{nl} \sum_{j=1}^{nw} a_{ij}(t - \Delta t_{ij} - T_{ij}) \quad , \quad (3)$$

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14 where nl is the subfault number along the fault length, nw is the same along the fault width, Δt_{ij} is the
15 relative time delay that the radiated waves from the ij^{th} subfault arrive at the observation point, and T_{ij} is
16 the fraction of rise time. The duration of motion comes from the source duration plus the path duration.
17 The ground motion simulations were performed with the code EXSIM12 (Assatourians and Atkinson,
18 2012).

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20 **3.2 Finite-fault stochastic ground motion simulation input parameters**

21 For the analyzed events, we used moment magnitude. In some cases, it was taken from previous studies
22 (Suter, 2015b; Suárez et al., 2019), but in other cases, it was derived from conversion relationships
23 between m_b and M_w estimated by Scordilis (2006). Seismic velocities and densities at hypocenter



1 locations were taken from the 3D elastic model of Mexico derived by Spica et al. (2016). For the case
2 of earthquakes along the TMVB, we used frequency-dependent attenuation models determined by
3 Pérez-Moreno et al. (2021). On the other hand, the seismic attenuation model for the Sonora region
4 (Castro et al., 2008) was used to simulate the March 5, 1887, Bavispe earthquake. Previous studies
5 showed that the spectral decay parameter is in the range of 0.03 – 0.04 sec for crustal earthquakes in
6 Mexico (e.g., Fernandez et al., 2009; Lermo et al., 2016). We calculated fault dimension with the
7 scaling relations for normal-faulting earthquakes following Thingbaijam et al. (2017). Strike and dip
8 angles for the studied events are reported in Table 2. Synthetic slip distributions were generated with
9 the slip spatial random field model proposed by Mai and Beroza (2002) using a von Karman
10 autocorrelation function. We used different stress drop values to perform stochastic ground motion
11 simulations to calculate PGA values (1, 5, 10, and 20 MPa). Site effects were both quantified by
12 generic rock and soil site amplification functions of Boore and Joyner (1997). We used the geometrical
13 spreading and distance-dependent path duration model for eastern North America based on shallow
14 crustal earthquakes proposed by Atkinson and Boore (1995).

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16 **3.3 Regression analysis**

17 After obtaining synthetic peak ground acceleration/reported intensity pairs, we fitted the data
18 considering two distinct forms: 1) using the complete dataset and 2) averaging the data by different
19 MMI levels as commonly presented by several authors (e.g., Atkinson and Kaka, 2007; Worden et al.,
20 2012). The latter approach is used to obtain regression results that are stable and well-constrained for
21 each intensity level. The relationship between PGA and intensity pairs is commonly represented by
22 linear models (Wald et al., 1999; Atkinson and Sonley, 2000). As previously reported, inspecting the
23 complete dataset exhibited a two-branched trend (Figs. 3 and 4). In this case, we fitted the data using
24 piecewise linear fitting Python code PWLF (Jekel and Venter, 2019). We adopted an approach similar



1 to Atkinson and Kaka (2007) to determine the averaged linear model. We started by finding the mean
2 $\log_{10}PGA$ for each MMI level (2 to 10), including in each average the data for MMI 2.0 – 3.75, 3.76 –
3 4.49, 4.50 – 5.49, 5.50 – 6.49, 6.50 – 7.49, 7.50 – 8.49, 8.50 – 9.49, 9.50 – 10.49, and 10.50 – 11.49.
4 The result followed a linear trend (Figs. 3 and 4). We regressed MMI against the $\log_{10}PGA$ to obtain
5 the bilinear predictive equations of the form (model 1, dark blue lines in Figs. 3 and 4)

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$$7 \quad MMI = c_1 + c_2 \log_{10}PGA \quad \text{for } \log_{10}PGA \leq t_1, \quad (4)$$

$$8 \quad MMI = c_3 + c_4 \log_{10}PGA \quad \text{for } \log_{10}PGA > t_1$$

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10 where c_1 to c_4 are the fitted parameters, and t_1 is intersection of the two lines. On the other hand, the
11 single linear model is here referred to as model 2 (red lines in Figs. 3 and 4). Table 3 summarizes the
12 parameters for each of the regression models. Following Atkinson and Kaka (2007), we applied a
13 correction term to the regressions previously described. This term accounts for magnitude and distance
14 effects and is defined as

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$$16 \quad \Delta_{MMI} = c_5 + c_6 M_w + c_7 \log_{10}R \quad \text{for } \log_{10}PGA \leq t_1, \quad (5)$$

$$17 \quad \Delta_{MMI} = c_8 + c_9 M_w + c_{10} \log_{10}R \quad \text{for } \log_{10}PGA > t_1$$

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19 where M_w is the moment magnitude and R is the hypocentral distance. The coefficients for these
20 regressions are given in Table 4. The improved prediction equations of MMI for PGA are the sum of
21 models 1 to 2 and Eq. (5). In the case of a simple linear model, only one part of Eq. (5) is used.

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23 **4 Results**



1 The regression coefficients and standard errors based on Eqs. (4) and (5) are listed in Tables 3 and 4.
2 Residuals as a function of magnitude and distance are shown in Figs. 5 and 6 for the bilinear and linear
3 models, respectively. We evaluated the variations of residuals versus M_w and hypocentral distance,
4 observing that there is no obvious dependency in the residuals on these parameters. Our results also
5 showed that the residuals are smaller for the linear model by a factor of 8 concerning residuals for the
6 bilinear model. The standard errors of regression equations support this observation; in this case, errors
7 are smaller by factors between 2 and 3 (Table 3). After applying the correction term to the residuals, we
8 observed a slight reduction in the standard errors (Table 4). By comparing results for rock and soil site
9 conditions, our results exhibit similar standard error values (Tables 3 and 4). Our results showed that
10 MMI-PGA relationships derived for stress drop values of 10 and 20 MPa have the lowest standard
11 errors. Figures. 7 to 10 show a comparison of the resulting MMI-PGA models with relations obtained
12 in previous studies for regions with similar tectonic features based on shallow crustal earthquakes.
13 These are discussed in the following section.

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15 **5 Discussion and conclusions**

16 We contrasted our results with reported MMI-PGA relations for California ($5.8 < M < 7.3$, Wald et al.,
17 1999; $4.9 < M_w < 7.4$, Atkinson and Sonley, 2000), Central United States ($1.8 < M < 7.1$, Atkinson and
18 Kaka, 2007), Greece ($4 < M < 6.9$, Tselentis and Danciu, 2008), Iran ($5.1 < M_w < 7.3$, Ahmadzadeh et
19 al., 2020), and Türkiye ($5.7 < M_w < 7.4$, Bilal and Askan, 2014) (Figs. 7 to 10). The bilinear models
20 differ significantly at lower PGA values ($< 10 \text{ cm/s}^2$). On the other hand, linear models are consistent
21 with most of the relationships reported in previous studies. The observed discrepancies among the
22 MMI-PGA relationships may reflect the differences in input data, especially the macroseismic intensity
23 assignments and the regional tectonic environment.

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1 The standard errors of our linear models reinforce the observation that the binning procedure proposed
2 by Atkinson and Kaka (2007) provides stable and reliable results. Although the whole data may be
3 considered without averaging, it gives more significant standard errors. In particular, a stress drop value
4 of 10 MPa provides a correlation between PGA and MMI in good agreement with global studies.
5 According to Kanamori and Anderson (1975), a stress drop value of 10 MPa can be considered typical
6 for intraplate earthquakes. On the contrary, Allmann and Shearer (2009) reported a median stress drop
7 of 5.95 ± 1 MPa for intraplate events. If we are to follow this assumption, our regression models
8 determined for a stress drop value of 5 MPa might be the best choice. Our results showed weak
9 dependencies of the residuals on magnitude or distance terms; we also developed refined predictive
10 relationships that include these parameters as independent variables.

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12 In Mexico, few strong-motion recordings of shallow crustal earthquakes have led to uncertainties in the
13 estimation of seismic risk in the region. Estimations of ground motions during these events can be
14 obtained by converting reported MMI to PGA or PGV using conversion relations derived from other
15 regions. This, nevertheless, has not been carried out, mainly because no such conversion relationships
16 were available for Mexico (Córdoba-Montiel et al., 2018). In this sense, we tested our conversion
17 relationships with other PGA estimations, particularly for the 1920 Jalapa earthquake (event 13 in Table
18 1). Córdoba-Montiel et al. (2018) determined a PGA for the Jalapa City (MMI = 9, with $\Delta\sigma = 5$ and 10
19 MPa) of $100 - 250$ cm/s². Our estimates of PGA are consistent with their results for the same stress
20 drops ($176 < \text{PGA} < 300$ cm/s²). Our conversion relations are the first MMI-PGA relations proposed for
21 north and Central Mexico. Overall, our results showed that the stochastic ground motion simulation
22 method is a valid methodology to determine MMI-PGA relations consistent with those derived with
23 peak ground motion observations, being a suitable option to add to the study the effects of historical
24 earthquakes with MMI observations available. The proposed methodology can be improved by



1 including precise site effect estimations (e.g., horizontal-to-vertical spectral ratio, H/V) instead of
2 considering generic site effects. The predictive equations herein proposed can also be used to produce
3 intensity maps for shallow crustal earthquakes in Mexico.

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6 ground motions simulations and regression analysis. All the authors discussed the results and wrote the
7 paper.

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9 *Code availability.* Bilinear regression analysis was performed with the PWLF code
10 (https://github.com/cjekel/piecewise_linear_fit_py, Jekel and Venter, 2019). We used the software
11 EXSIM12 to simulate ground motions (<https://github.com/GFZ-Centre-for-Early-Warning/exsim>,
12 Assatourians and Atkinson, 2012).

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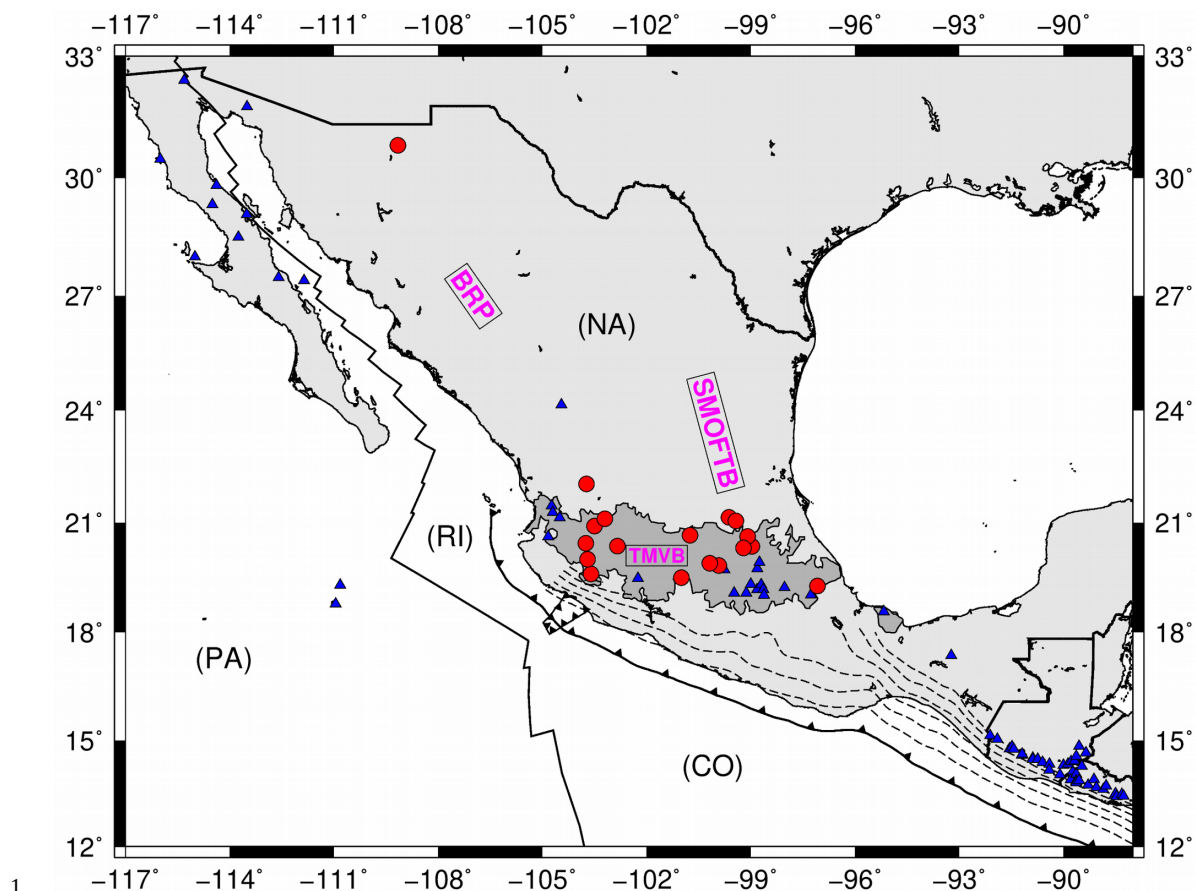
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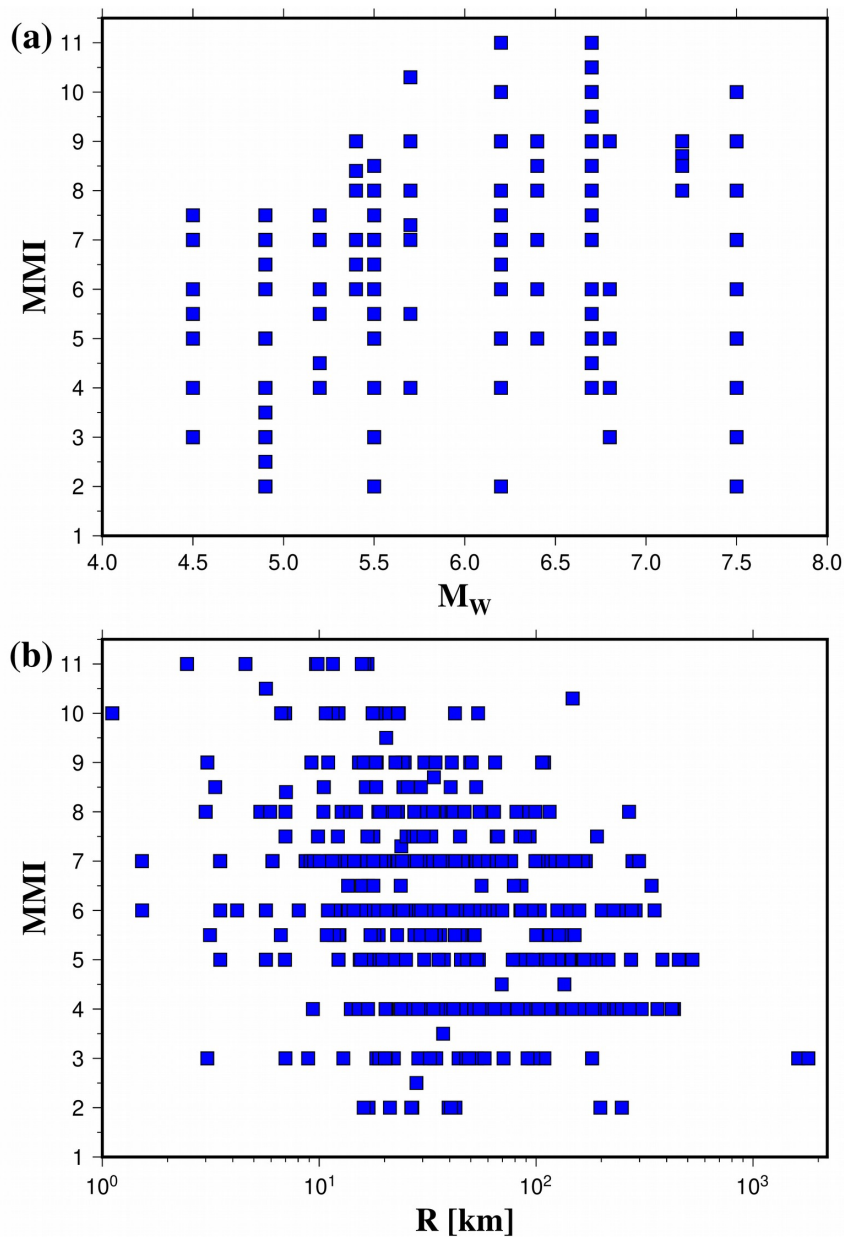
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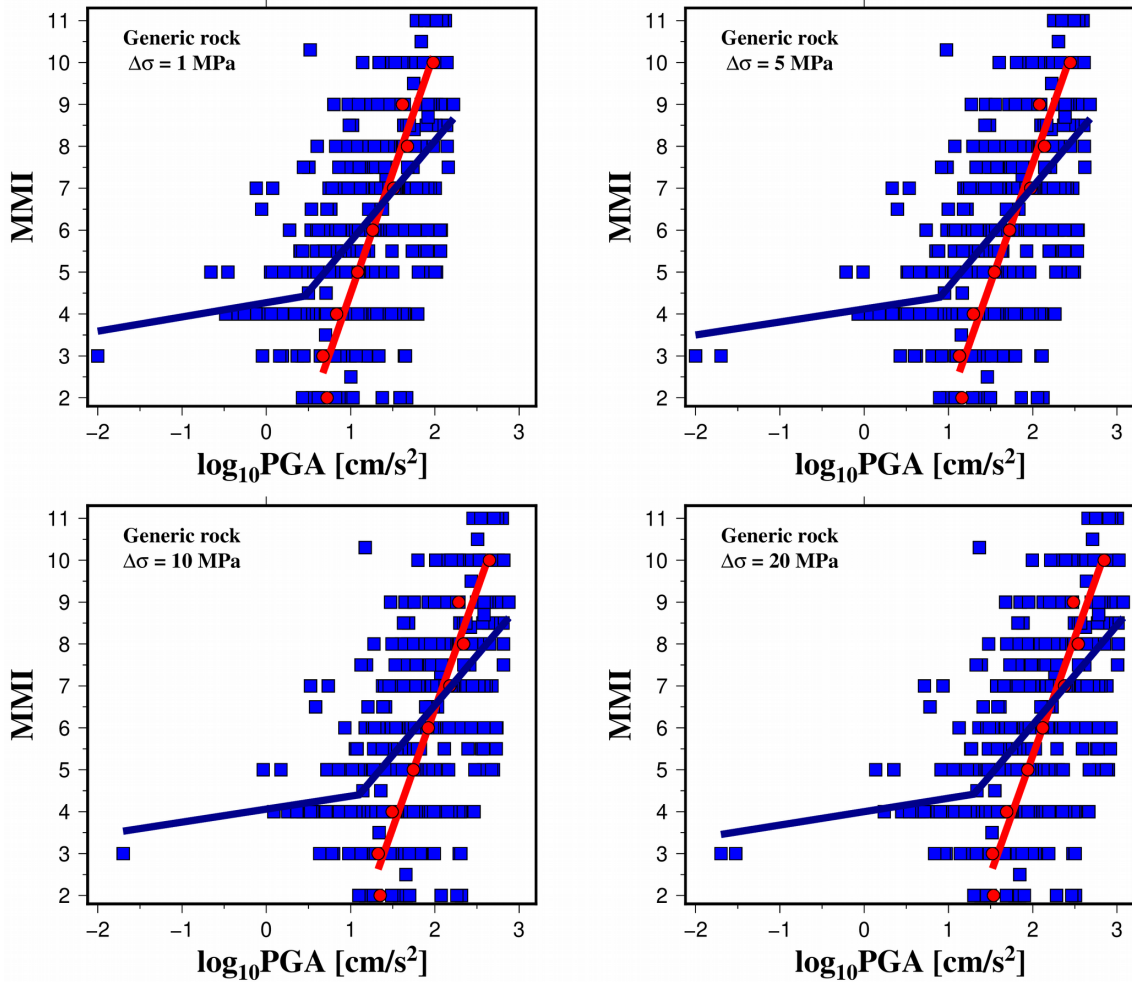
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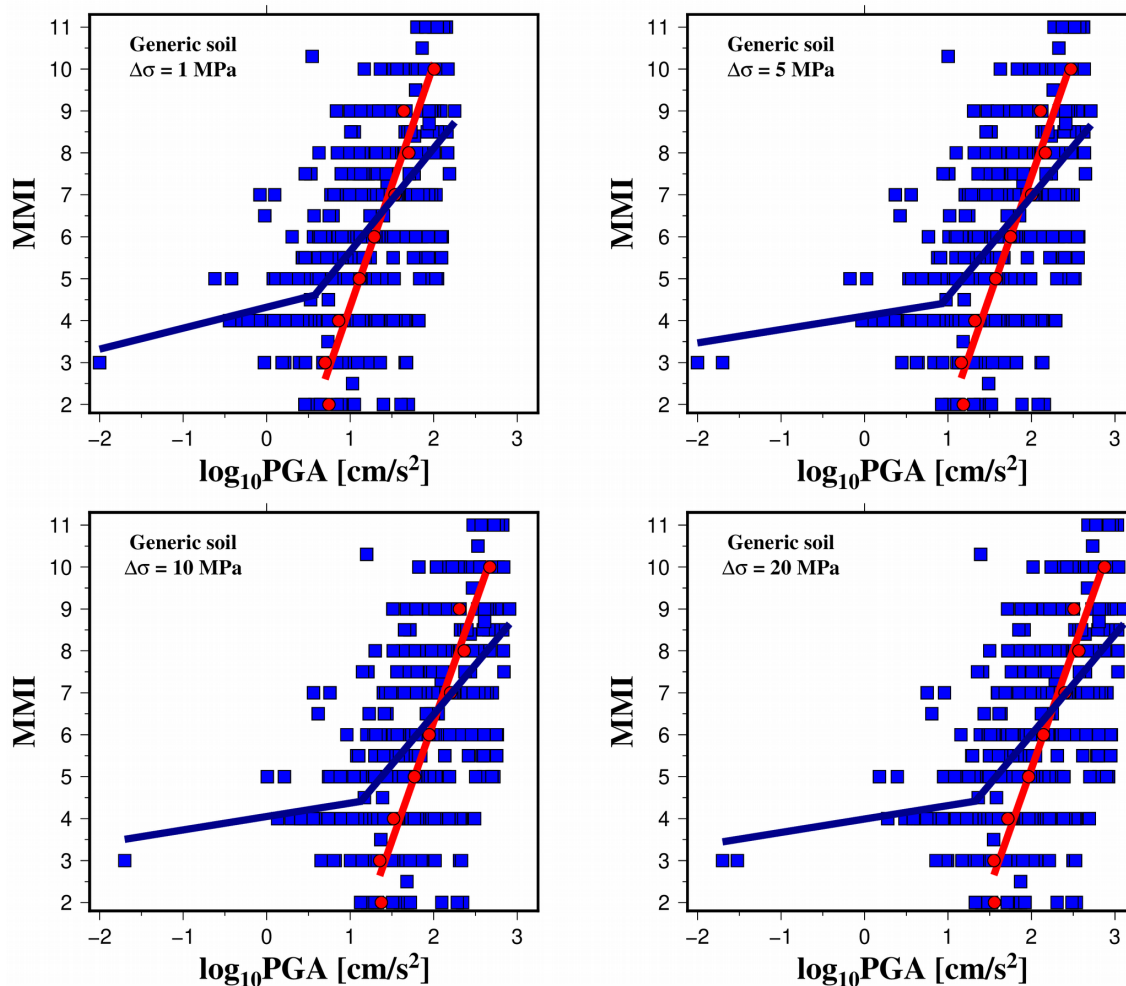
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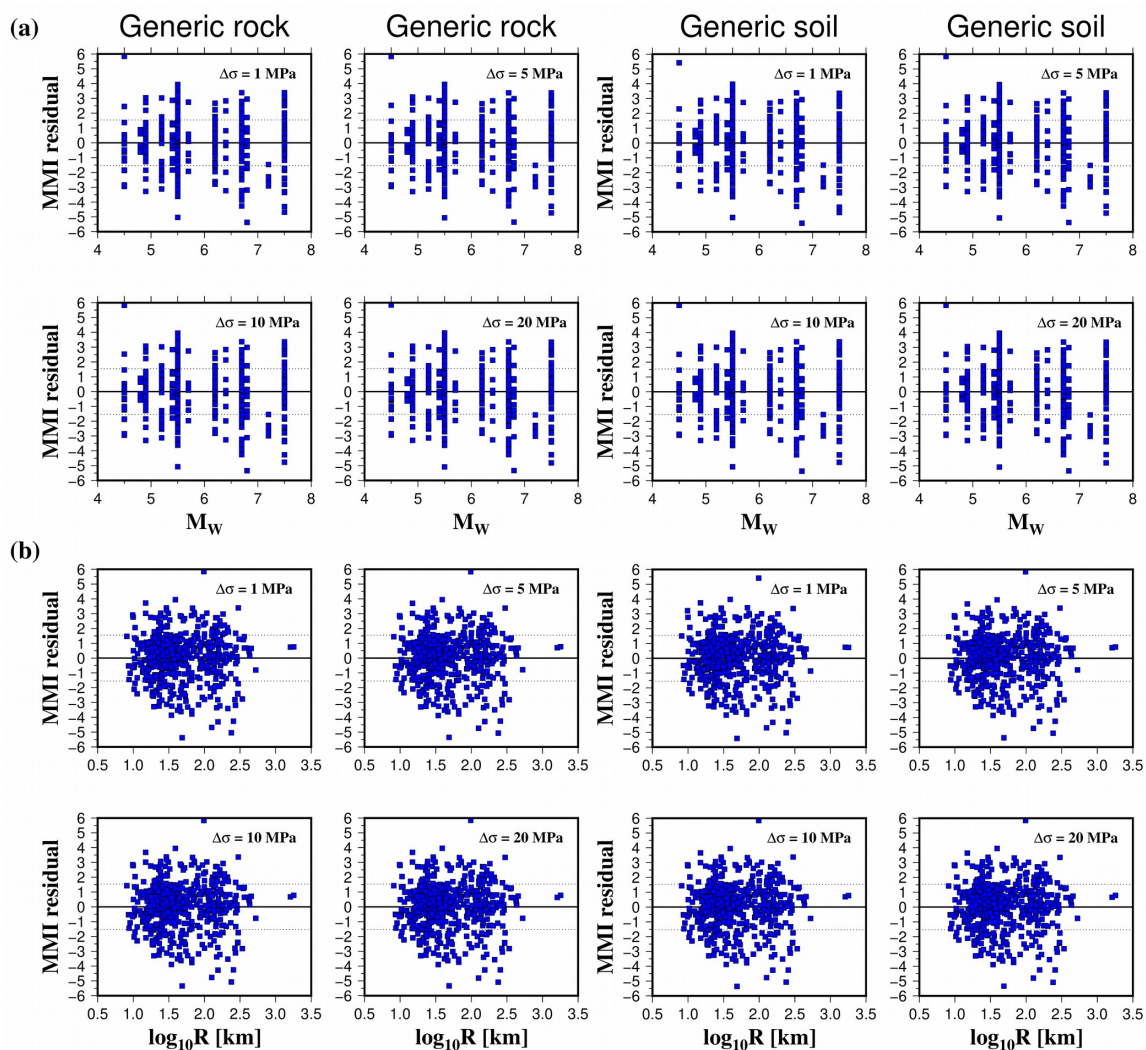
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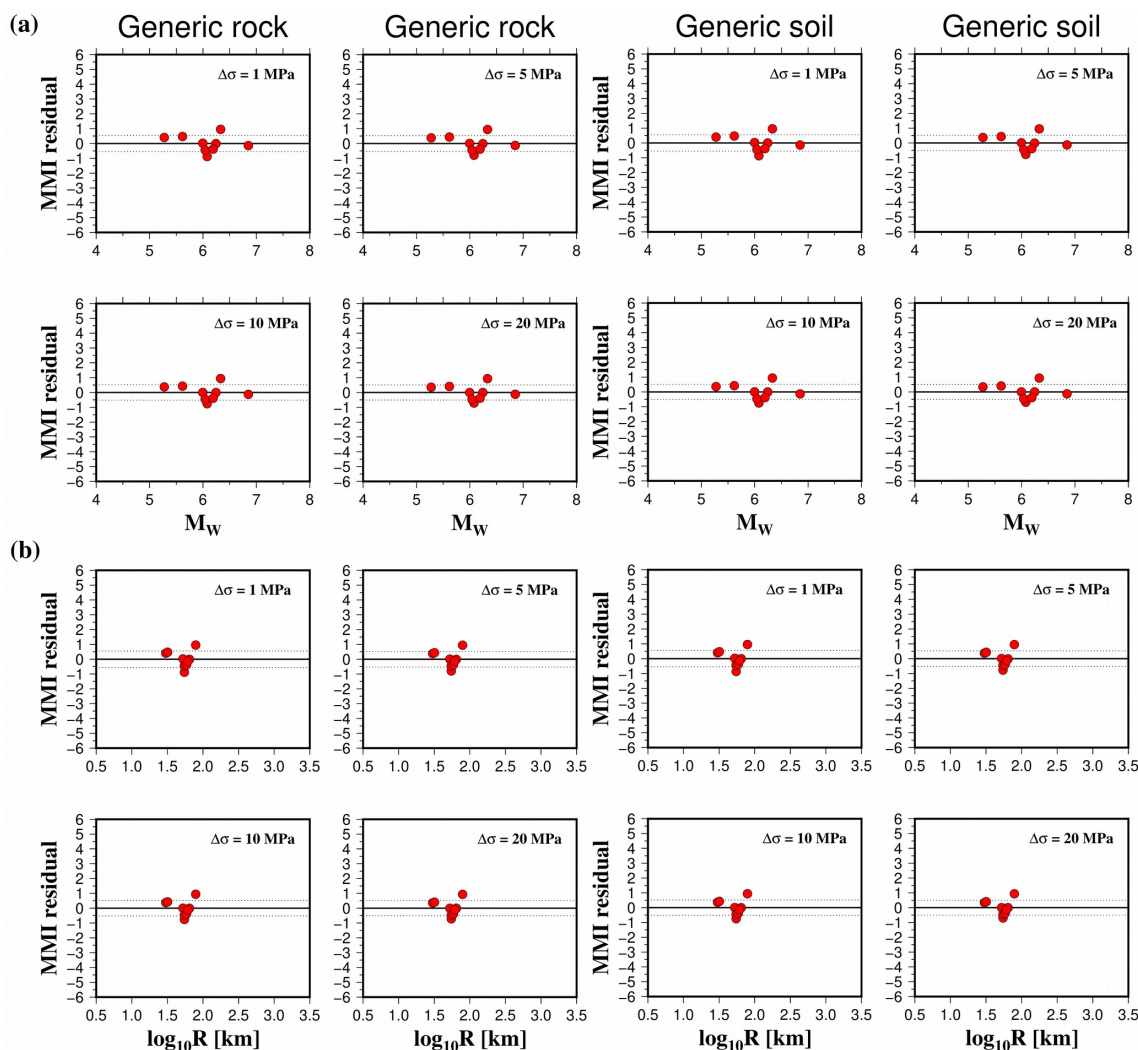
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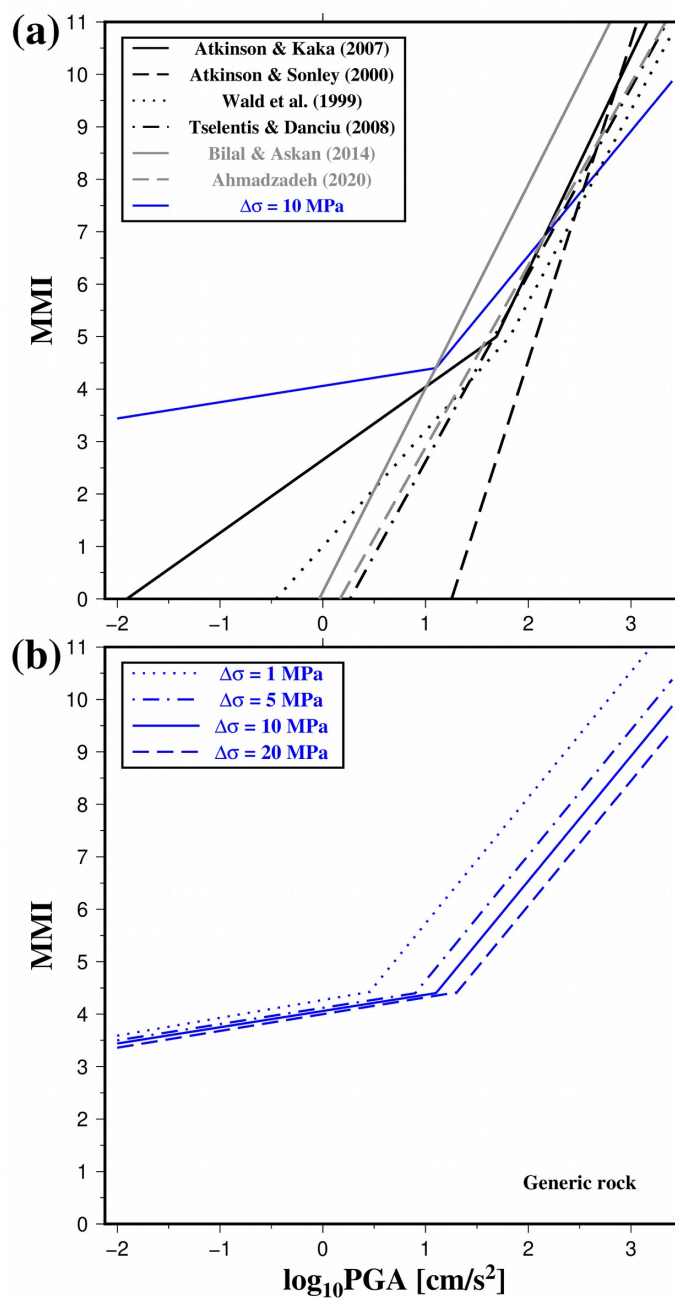
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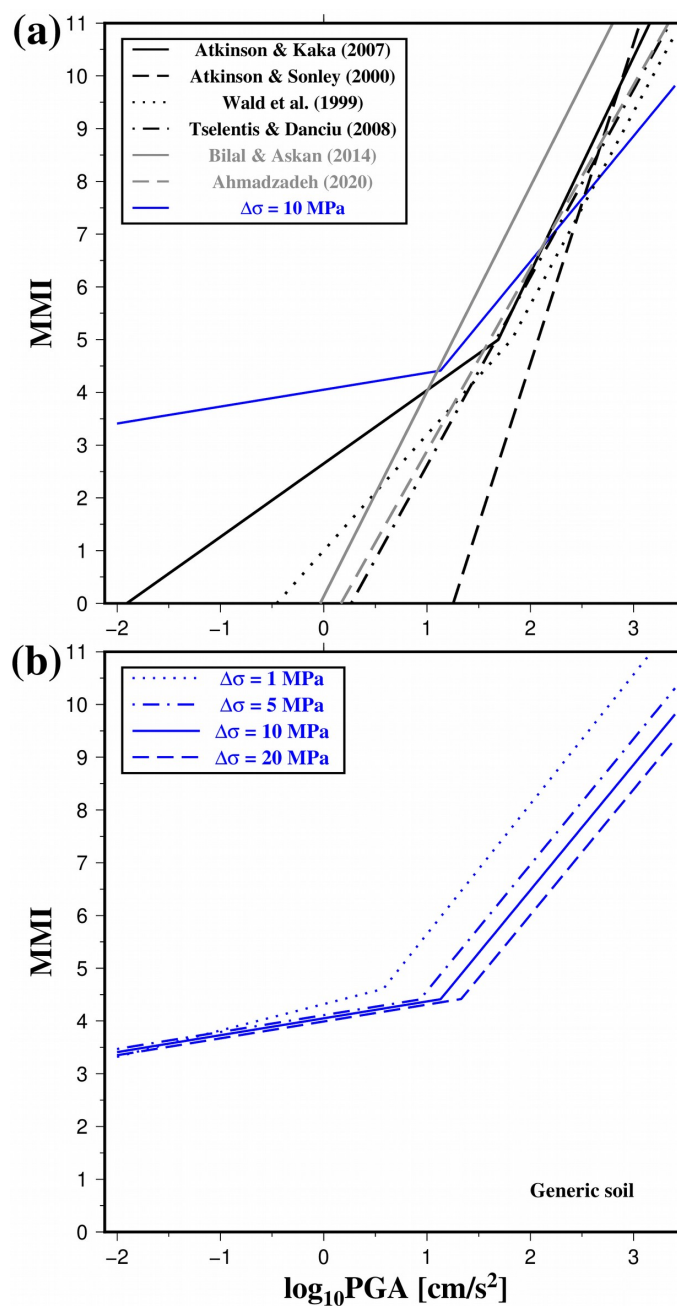
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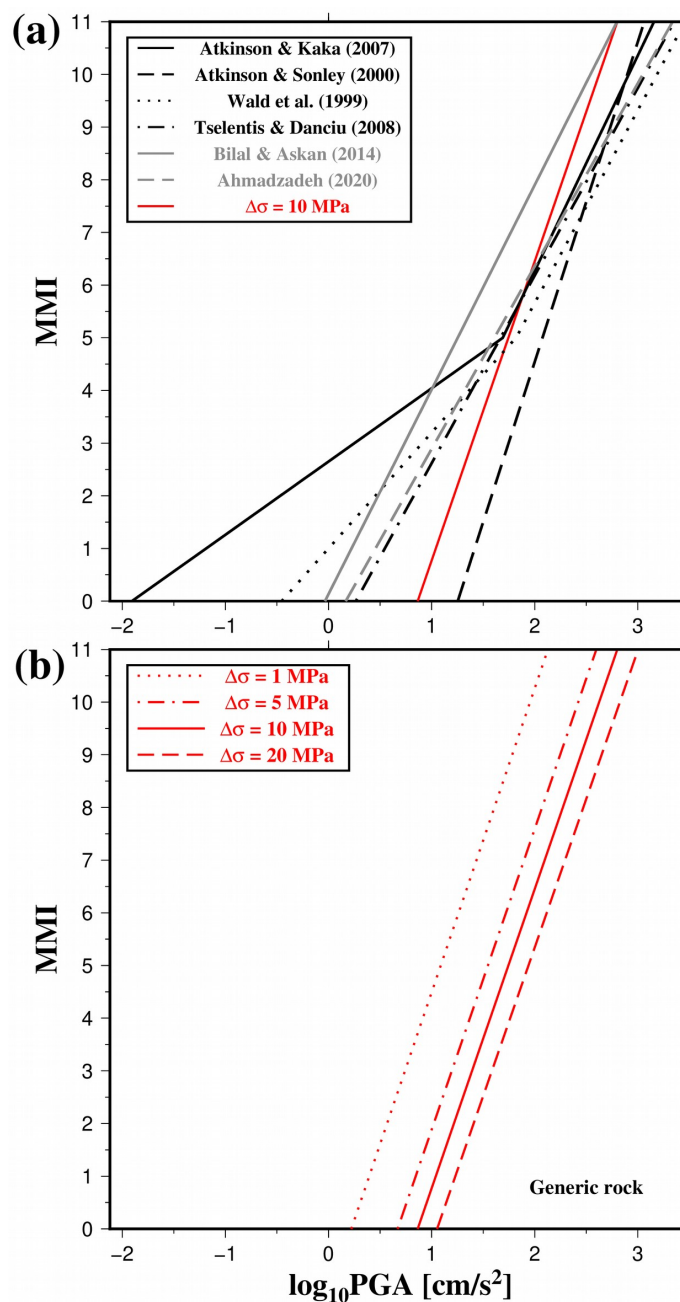
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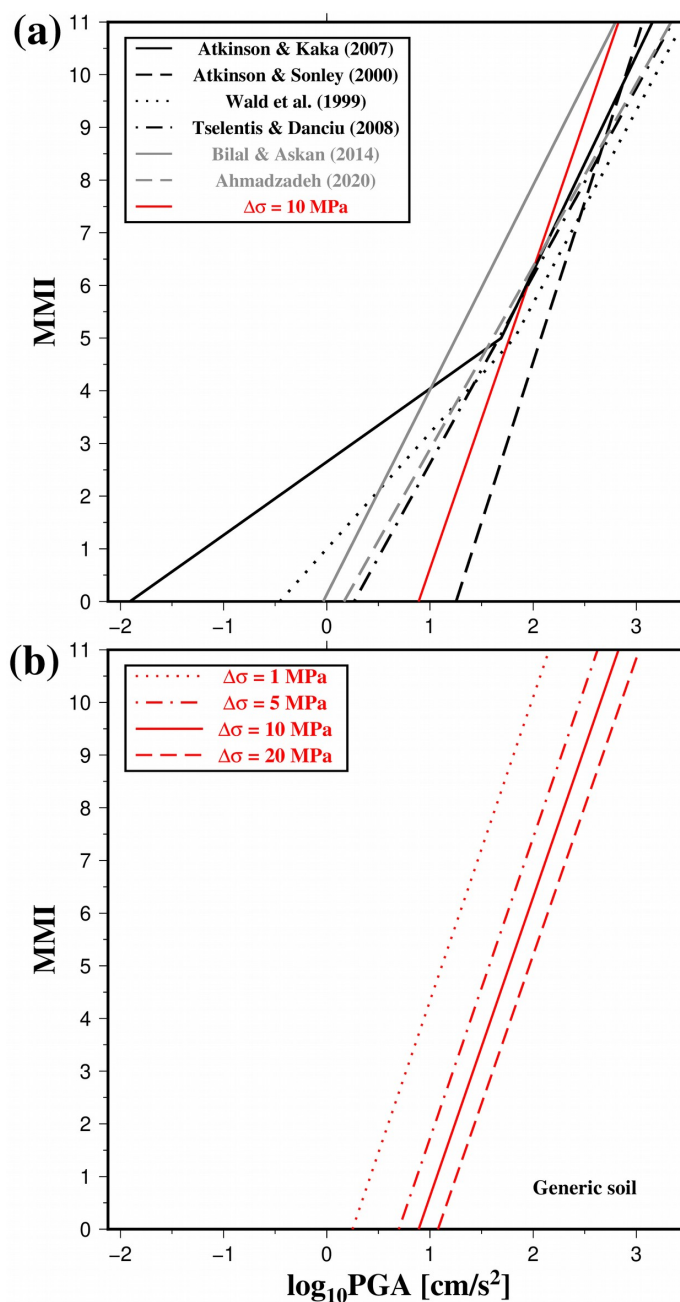
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3 site conditions for the averaged data with previous studies. **(b)** The lower panel shows results for
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2 **Figure 10. (a)** Comparison of the obtained MMI-PGA relationships (red lines) considering generic soil
3 site conditions for the averaged data with previous studies. **(b)** The lower panel shows results for
4 different stress drop values.



1 **Table 1.** Studied earthquakes (M_w – moment magnitude)

Event	Date dd/mm/yyyy	Longitude (°)	Latitude (°)	Depth [km]	M_w	Seismic Intensity Data
1	27/12/1568	-103.74	20.43	15	7.2	Suter (2015)
2	15/04/1611	-103.60	19.60	15	6.4	Suarez (2021)
3	23/10/1749	-103.70	20.00	15	6.4	Suter (2019)
4	12/12/1771	-103.50	20.90	10	5.5	Suarez (2021)
5	06/11/1774	-103.73	22.04	10	5.7	Suter (2020)
6	02/10/1847	-102.84	20.36	10	5.4	Suter (2018)
7	19/06/1858	-101.00	19.50	15	7.5	Suarez (2021)
8	11/02/1875	-103.20	21.10	15	6.8	Suarez (2021)
9	05/03/1887	-109.16	30.81	18	7.5	DuBois and Smith (1980)
10	26/11/1887	-99.63	21.14	10	5.5	Suter et al. (1996)
11	19/12/1912	-99.92	19.83	15	6.7	Suter et al. (1996)
12	14/07/1934	-100.75	20.65	10	4.8	Suter and Morelos-Rodriguez (2023)
13	04/01/1920	-97.08	19.27	12	6.2	Suter et al. (1996)
14	11/03/1950	-98.97	20.35	10	5.2	Suter et al. (1996)
15	25/03/1976	-99.09	20.62	10	5.5	Suter et al. (1996)
16	22/02/1979	-100.18	19.89	8	5.5	Suter et al. (1996)
17	27/01/1987	-99.21	20.31	10	4.5	Suter et al. (1996)
18	10/09/1989	-99.43	21.04	10	4.9	Suter et al. (1996)

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1 **Table 2.** Input parameters for finite-fault stochastic ground motion simulations ($Q(f)$ – attenuation
 2 model, κ – spectral decay parameter, β – S-wave velocity, ρ – density, L – fault length, ΔL – subfault
 3 length, W – fault width, ΔW – subfault width, φ – strike, θ – dip, $\Delta\sigma$ – stress drop)

N	$Q(f)$	κ	β [km/s]	ρ [kg/m ³]	L [km]	ΔL [km]	W [km]	ΔW [km]	φ [°]	θ [°]	$\Delta\sigma$ [MPa]	Site conditions
1	$113f^{0.98}$	0.03	3.30	2360	60	6	30	6	150	50	1 5 10 20	generic rock/soil
2	$113f^{0.98}$	0.03	3.58	2416	24	3	16	4	5	60	1 5 10 20	generic rock/soil
3	$113f^{0.98}$	0.03	3.31	2362	24	3	16	4	10	70	1 5 10 20	generic rock/soil
4	$113f^{0.98}$	0.03	3.75	2450	9	3	9	3	200	50	1 5 10 20	generic rock/soil
5	$113f^{0.98}$	0.03	3.59	2418	10	2	10	2	15	60	1 5 10 20	generic rock/soil
6	$113f^{0.98}$	0.03	3.73	2446	8	2	8	2	87	55	1 5 10 20	generic rock/soil
7	$142f^{1.20}$	0.03	3.27	2354	80	8	40	8	265	70	1 5 10 20	generic rock/soil
8	$113f^{0.98}$	0.03	3.48	2396	40	4	20	4	165	50	1 5 10 20	generic rock/soil
9	$84f^{0.90}$	0.04	3.54	2408	80	8	40	8	12	70	1 5 10 20	generic rock/soil
10	$107f^{0.98}$	0.04	3.50	2400	9	3	9	3	10	50	1 5 10 20	generic rock/soil
11	$107f^{0.98}$	0.04	3.45	2390	30	3	20	4	296	60	1 5 10 20	generic rock/soil
12	$107f^{0.98}$	0.04	3.41	2382	4	1	5	1	5	65	1 5 10 20	generic rock/soil
13	$186f^{0.86}$	0.03	3.68	2436	18	3	15	3	72	50	1 5 10 20	generic rock/soil
14	$107f^{0.98}$	0.04	3.47	2394	6	1	7	1	270	50	1 5 10 20	generic rock/soil
15	$107f^{0.98}$	0.04	3.39	2378	9	3	9	3	270	50	1 5 10 20	generic rock/soil
16	$107f^{0.98}$	0.04	3.45	2390	9	3	9	3	280	66	1 5 10 20	generic rock/soil
17	$107f^{0.98}$	0.04	3.58	2416	3	1	4	1	270	50	1 5 10 20	generic rock/soil
18	$107f^{0.98}$	0.04	3.36	2372	5	1	6	1	10	50	1 5 10 20	generic rock/soil

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1 **Table 3.** Results of regressions (GR – generic rock; GS – generic soil; $\Delta\sigma$ – stress drop; c_1 , c_2 , c_3 , and c_4
 2 – regression coefficients; t_1 – intersection of the bilinear model; σ_{12} and σ_{34} – standard errors of
 3 equations)

Model	Site	$\Delta\sigma$ [MPa]	c_1	c_2	c_3	c_4	t_1	σ_{12}	σ_{34}
1	GR	1	4.27	0.34	3.33	2.40	0.46	0.98	1.61
		5	4.12	0.31	2.25	2.39	0.90	0.92	1.61
		10	4.06	0.31	1.78	2.38	1.10	0.92	1.61
		20	4.00	0.32	1.31	2.38	1.30	0.86	1.61
1	GS	1	4.32	0.50	3.19	2.46	0.58	1.22	1.60
		5	4.11	0.32	2.18	2.39	0.93	0.92	1.61
		10	4.05	0.32	1.72	2.38	1.13	0.91	1.62
		20	3.99	0.32	1.25	2.38	1.33	0.91	1.61
2	GR	1	-1.28	5.77				0.55	
		5	-3.83	5.71				0.53	
		10	-4.91	5.68				0.52	
		20	-5.94	5.64				0.51	
2	GS	1	-1.44	5.77				0.55	
		5	-3.99	5.71				0.53	
		10	-5.06	5.68				0.51	
		20	-6.08	5.64				0.50	

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1 **Table 4.** Results of regressions for the magnitude and distance residual correction term (Δ_{MMI}) (GR –
 2 generic rock; GS – generic soil; $\Delta\sigma$ – stress drop; c_5 , c_6 , c_7 , c_8 , c_9 , and c_{10} – regression coefficients; t_1 –
 3 intersection of the bilinear model; σ_{12} and σ_{34} – standard errors of equations)

Model	Site	$\Delta\sigma$ [MPa]	c_5	c_6	c_7	c_8	c_9	c_{10}	t_1	σ_{12}	σ_{34}
1	GR	1	2.46	-0.54	0.15	-0.17	0.06	-0.10	0.46	0.96	1.61
		5	1.87	-0.40	0.07	-0.17	0.05	-0.09	0.90	0.91	1.61
		10	1.88	-0.40	0.07	-0.17	0.06	-0.09	1.10	0.91	1.61
		20	2.25	-0.43	-0.08	-0.23	0.06	-0.08	1.30	0.84	1.61
1	GS	1	3.31	-0.64	-0.06	-0.29	0.08	-0.10	0.58	1.19	1.60
		5	1.89	-0.40	0.06	-0.17	0.05	-0.09	0.93	0.91	1.61
		10	1.95	-0.41	0.07	-0.18	0.06	-0.09	1.13	0.90	1.61
		20	1.96	-0.41	0.06	-0.19	0.06	-0.09	1.33	0.90	1.61
2	GR	1	1.62	-0.47	0.70					0.53	
		5	1.46	-0.45	0.75					0.51	
		10	1.40	-0.45	0.77					0.50	
		20	1.29	-0.44	0.80					0.49	
2	GS	1	1.59	-0.47	0.74					0.53	
		5	1.42	-0.46	0.79					0.51	
		10	1.35	-0.45	0.81					0.50	
		20	1.25	-0.44	0.85					0.49	

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