

A Methodology for Predicting Post-earthquake Traffic Capacity of Simply-Supported Girder Bridge Groups on Regional High-Speed Railways

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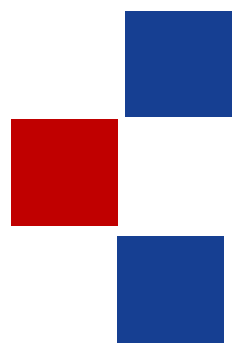
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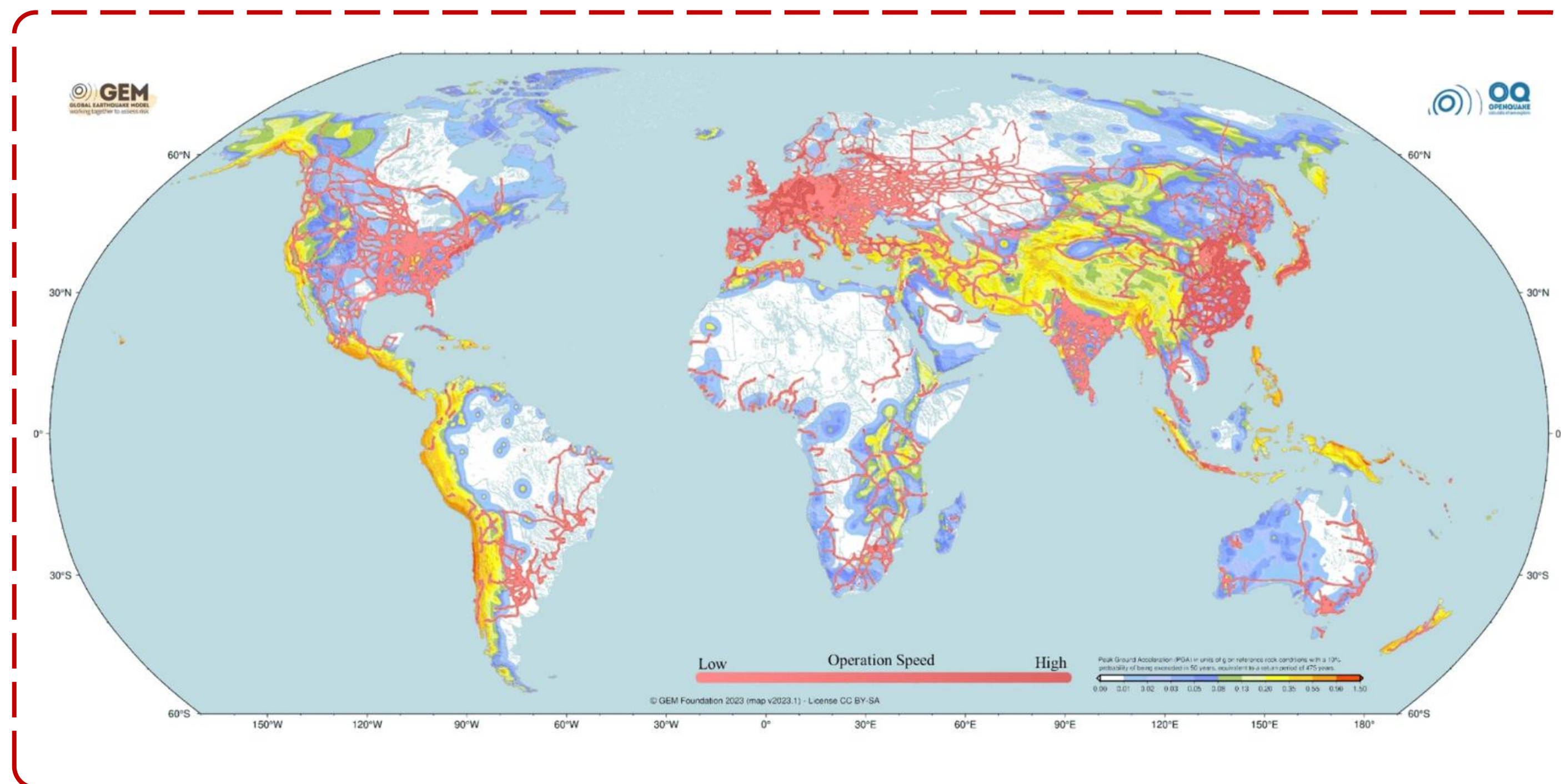
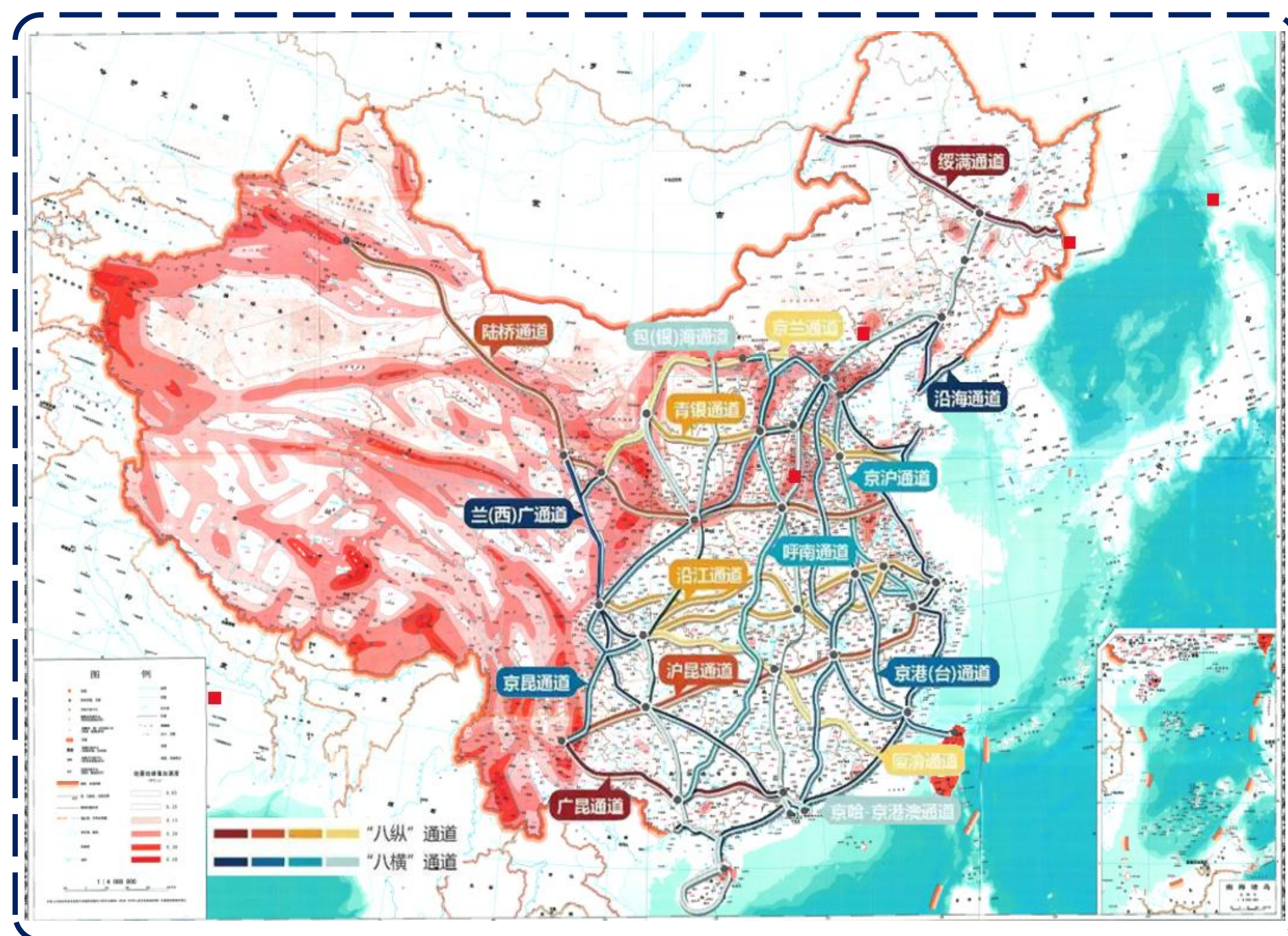
Seismic Reliability Assessment Method for High-Speed Railway Simply Supported Girder Bridge Systems

Regional Seismic Reliability Assessment of High-Speed Railway Simply Supported Girder Bridge Systems

Research Background and Significance



- High-speed railways often replace embankments with bridges to ensure running smoothness, resulting in long bridge sections and a **high bridge proportion**.
- Many planned and under-construction high-speed railways extend into seismic fault zones and **high-seismic-intensity regions**, with several routes in the “Eight Vertical and Eight Horizontal” network passing through such areas.



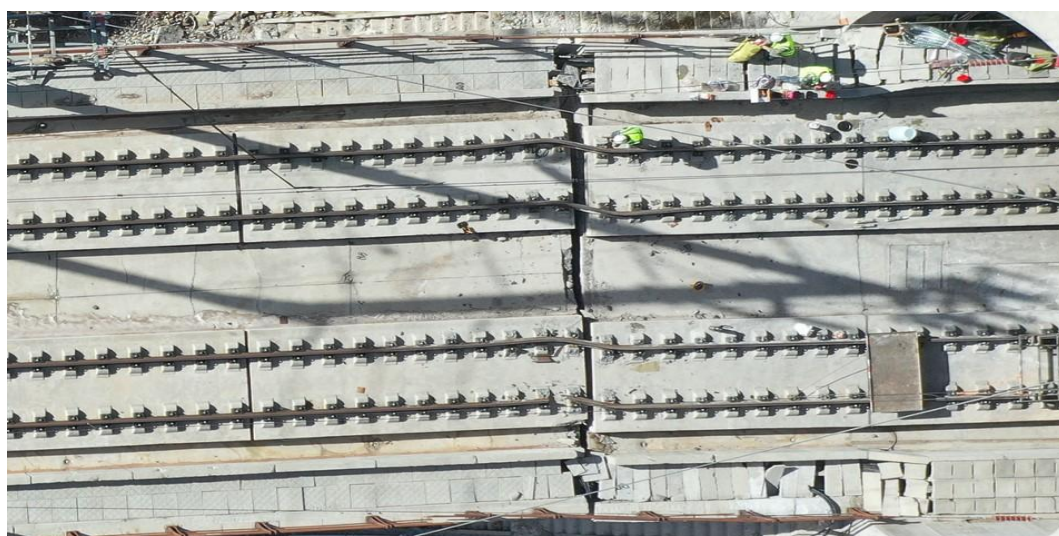
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- High-speed railway serves as a key means of **transporting emergency supplies and personnel** after earthquakes, owing to its high transport capacity, speed, and efficiency.
- Rapid prediction of component responses and damage states is critical for assessing **regional transport capacity**, supporting rescue decisions, guiding repairs, and restoring railway operability and bridge safety.



Seismic Damage of High-Speed Railway Bridges



Train Suspensions and Delays



Threatening Bridge Train Operation Safety

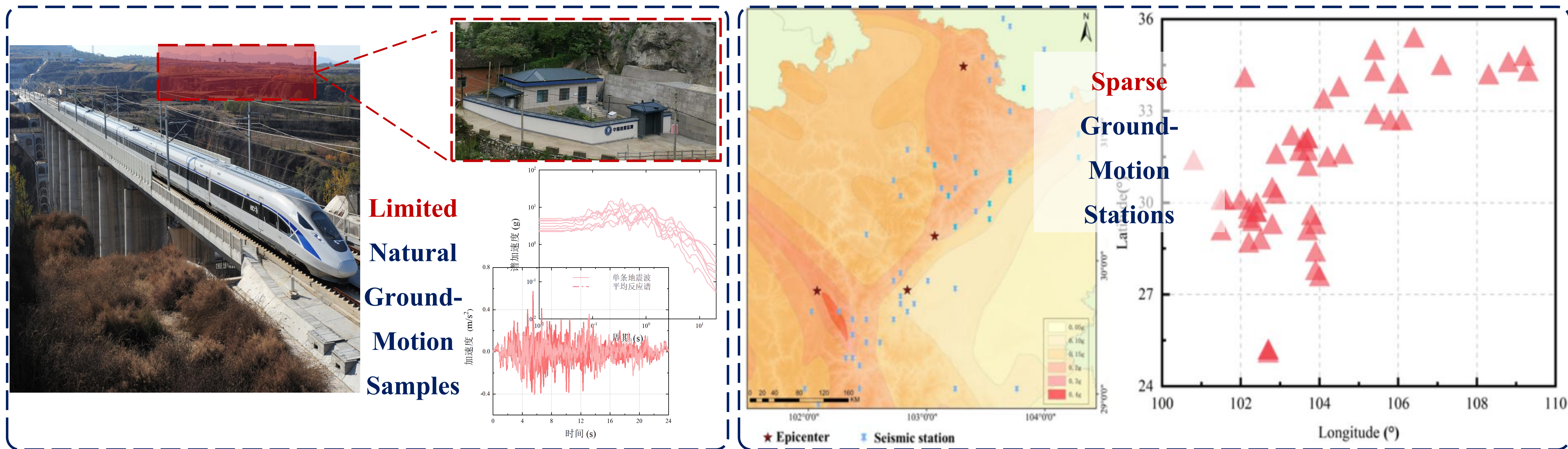


地震导致车厢严重倾斜
车厢连接部分偏移

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- Sparse station deployment has caused **a severe shortage of natural ground-motion records**, limiting the characterization of regional propagation–attenuation patterns and spatiotemporal evolution mechanisms.
- It further falls short of supporting post-earthquake structural damage mechanism analysis with sufficient high-fidelity samples, resulting in a regional **high-risk–low-data-density mismatch**.



Natural Ground-Motion Sample

Generation Methods

- **Physics-Based** Ground-Motion Simulation
 - **Statistical** Ground-Motion Models
 - **NN-Based (Neural Network-Based)**

Ground-Motion Generation

System-Level Seismic Damage

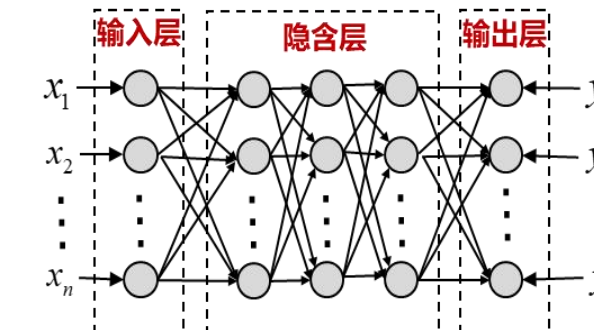
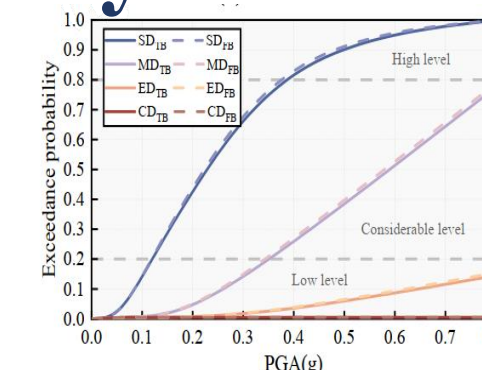
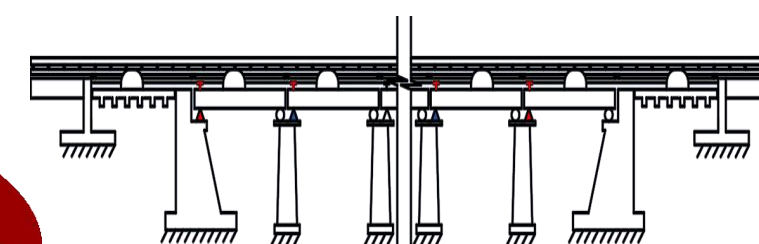
Assessment Methods

System Degradation
Seismic Damage

Seismic
Fragility

NN-Based
Rapid

Analysis Methods Prediction



System-Level Post-Earthquake Train Operation

Performance Assessment Methods

Seismic Structural Damage



Operability Loss

NN-Based
Rapid
Prediction

NN Surrogate Model

Performance

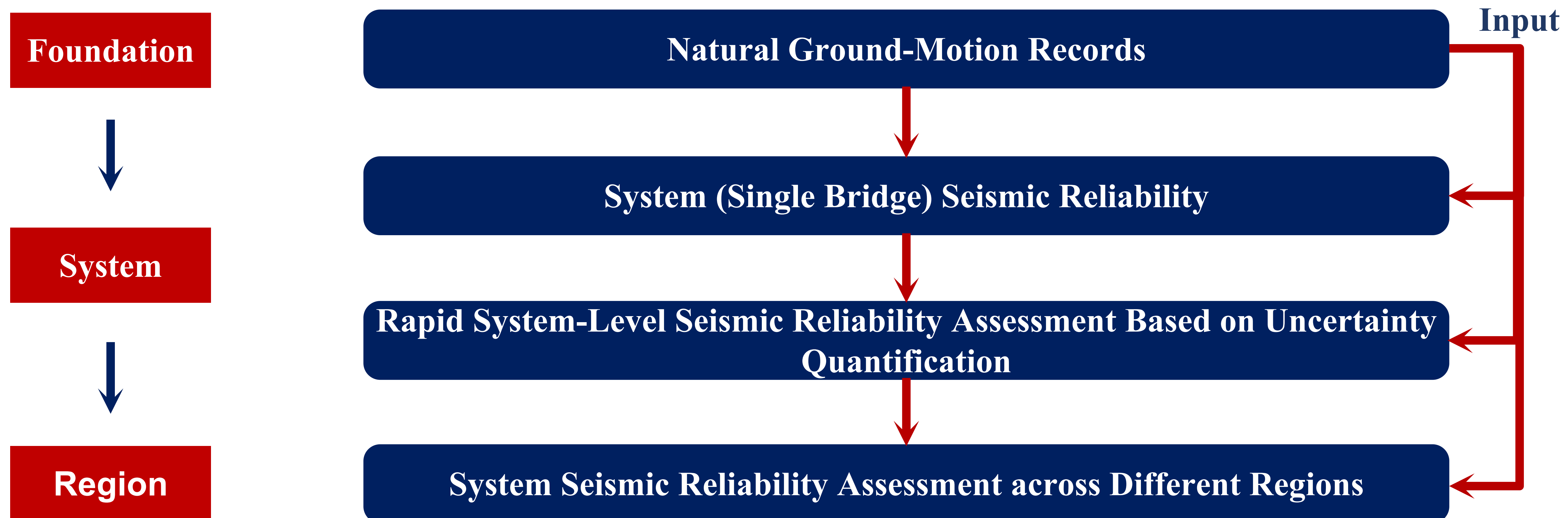
NN
Performance

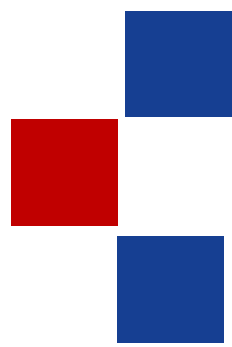
many

Prediction
Reliability

less

- (1) Existing studies on natural ground-motion samples often overlook scenario-dependent time costs and lack validation of generated samples in terms of ground-motion characteristics and network performance.
- (2) Existing assessments mainly rely on fragility analysis, **limiting the applicability**, efficiency, and accuracy of post-earthquake performance evaluation for high-speed railway simply supported girder bridge systems.
- (3) The **credibility of neural network** surrogate-based assessment remains insufficiently studied in complex post-earthquake scenarios involving multi-source stochastic variables and high efficiency requirements.
- (4) Existing regional studies mainly focus on uncertainties in ground-motion and structural parameters, while overlooking the **effects of regional topography** and **prior parameter distributions**.





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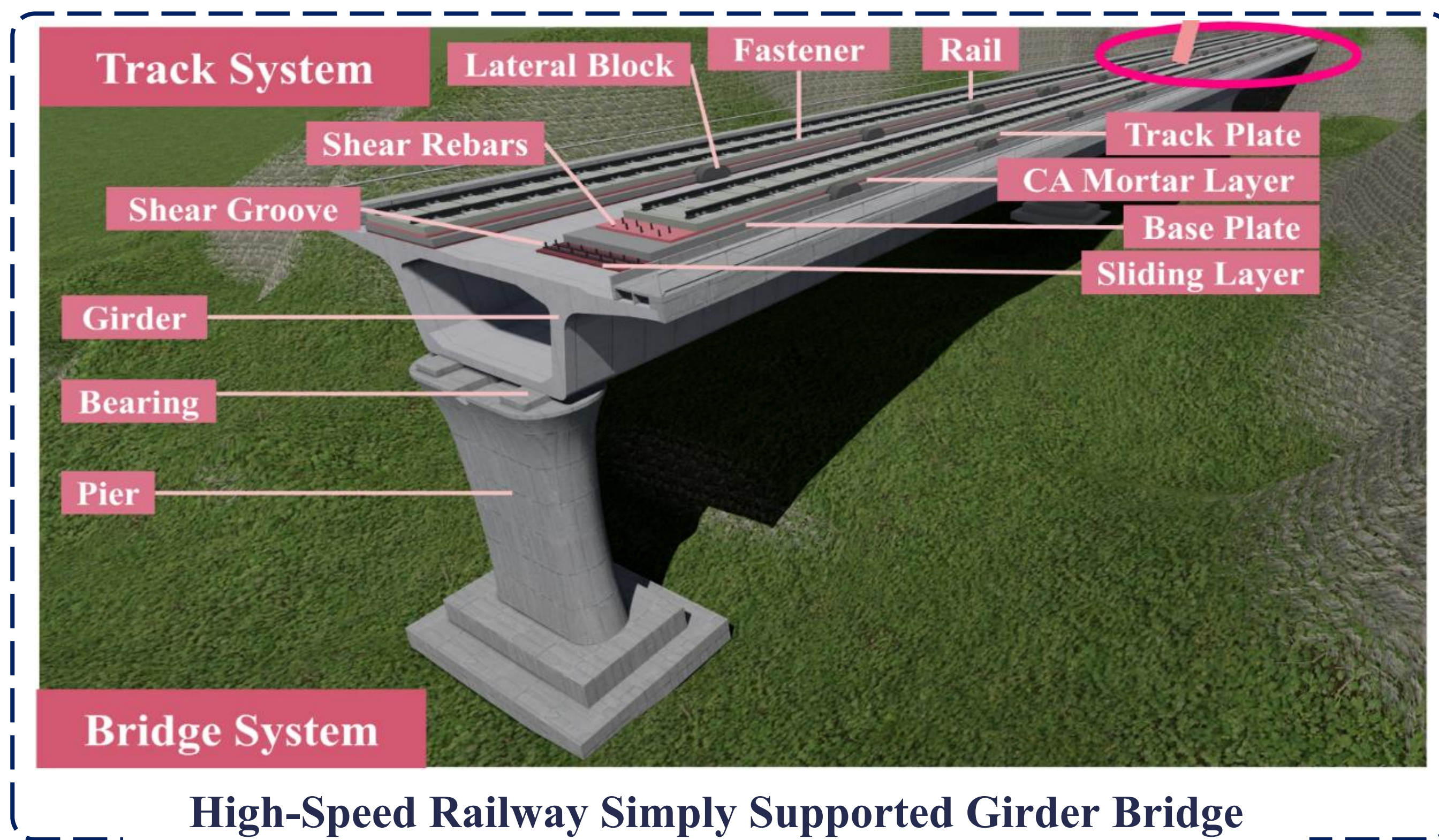
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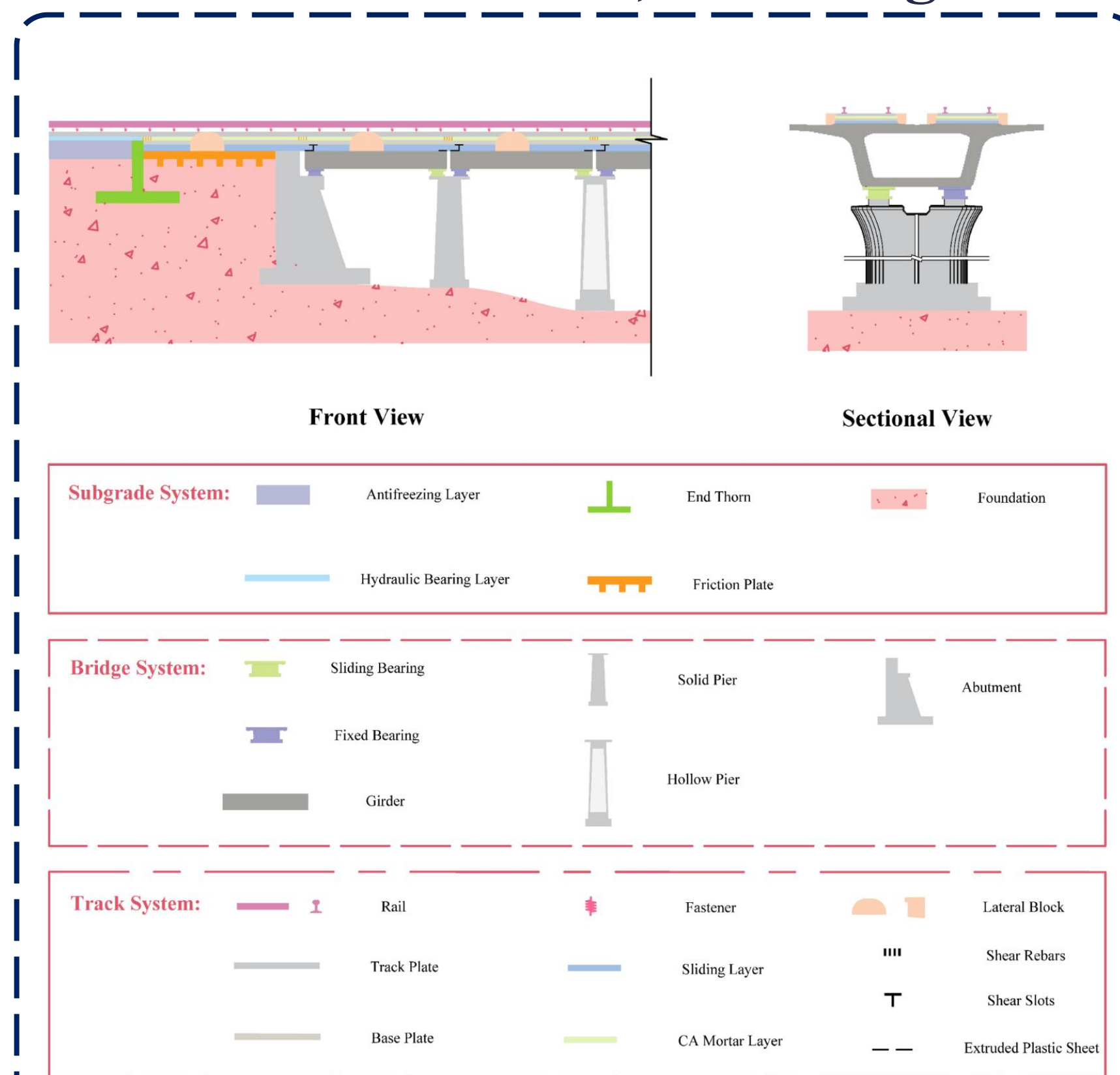
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- The high-speed railway CRTS II slab ballastless track–simply supported girder bridge system consists of three subsystems: the simply supported girder bridge, CRTS II slab ballastless track, and subgrade section subsystems

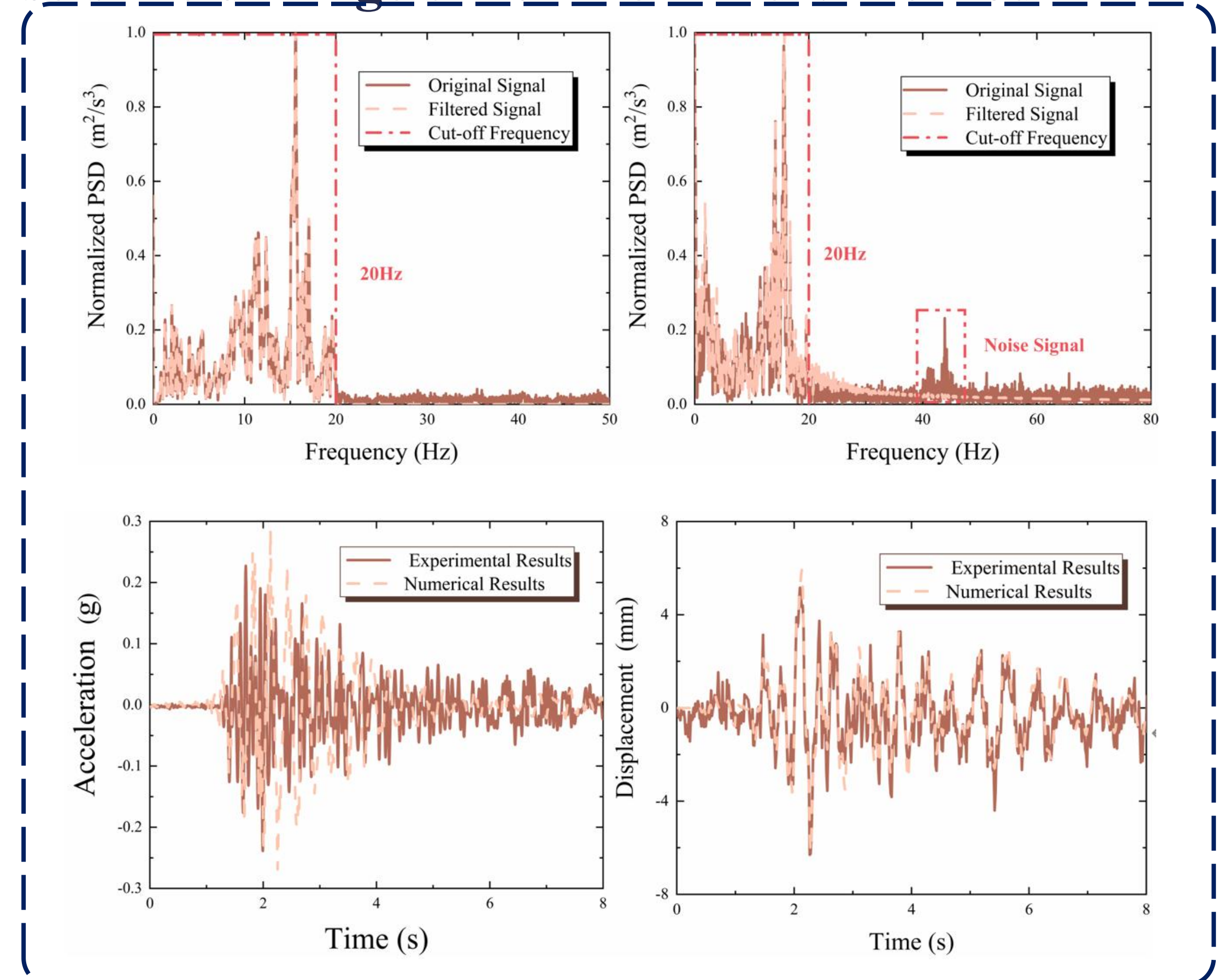
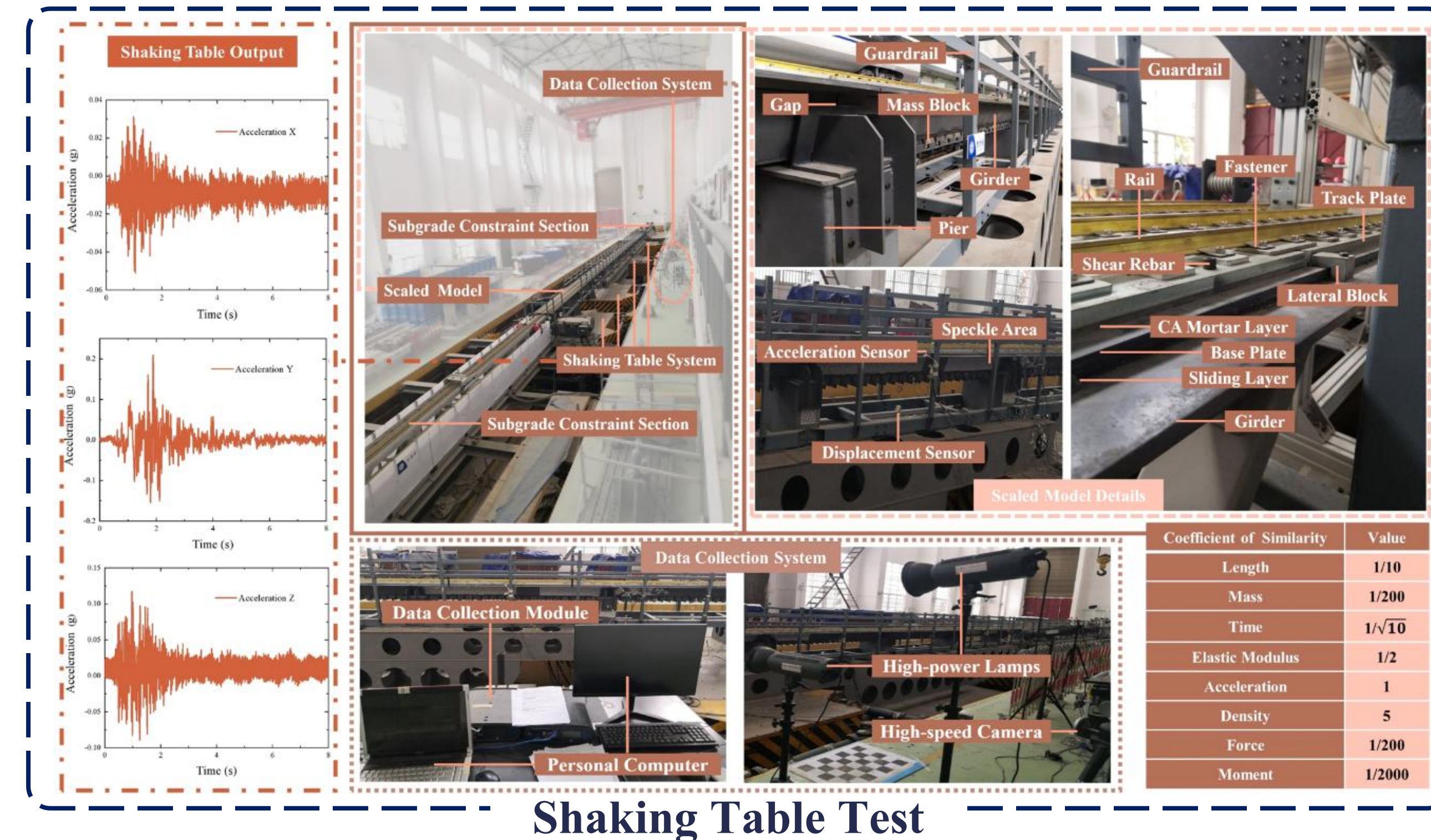


High-Speed Railway Simply Supported Girder Bridge System and Subsystems



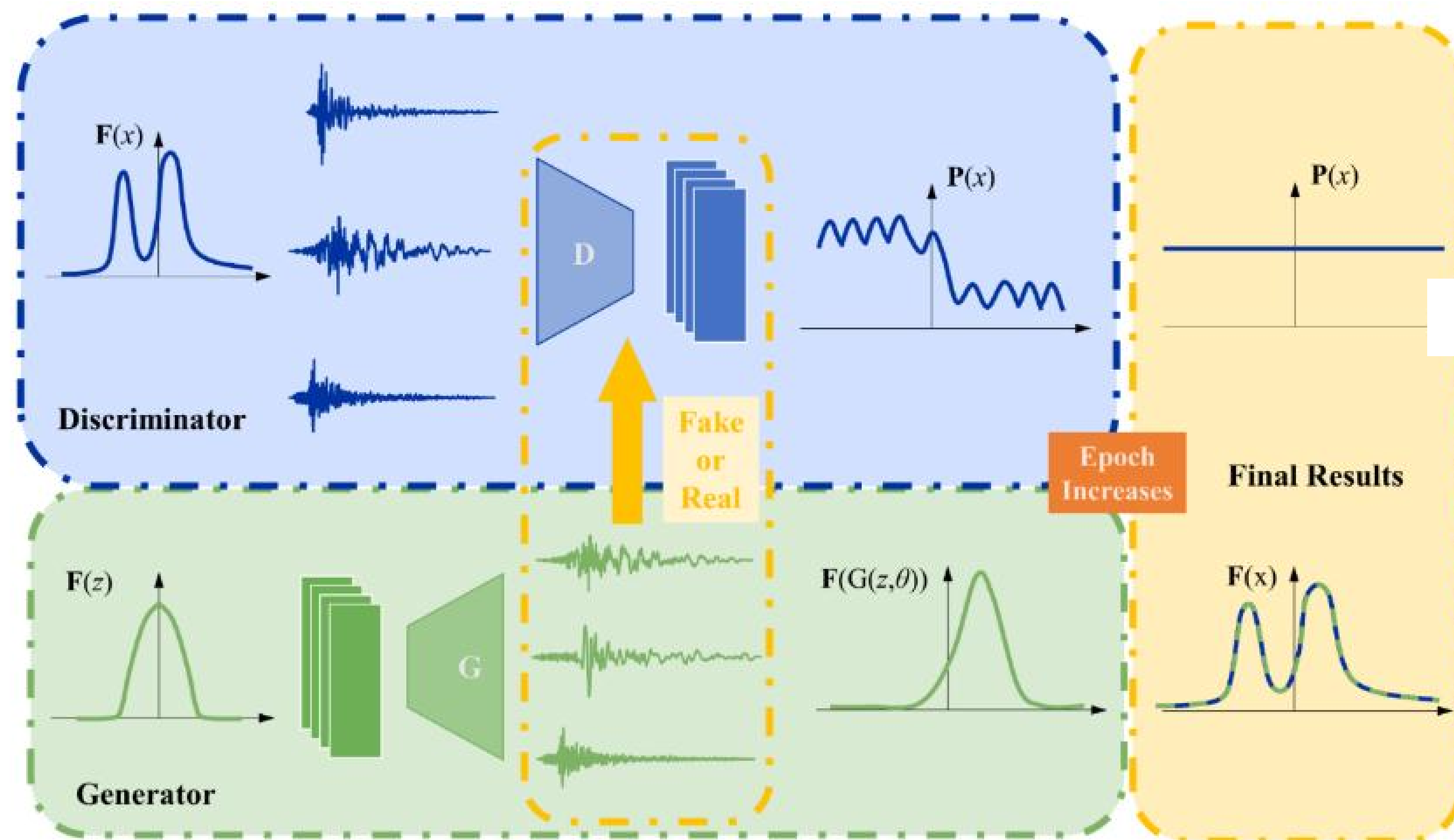
Simulation Model of the High-Speed Railway Simply Supported Girder Bridge

Real earthquake-induced damage data for high-speed railway systems are difficult to investigate and collect, leaving limited valid samples, while neural network surrogate models require large datasets. A finite element model was therefore developed for dynamic seismic damage simulation and validated through scaled model tests.

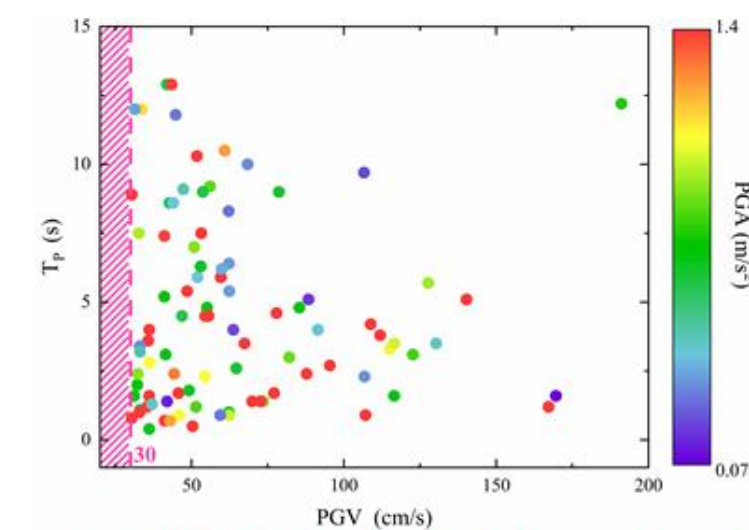


✓ Validated Model Providing Reliable and **Sufficient Samples** for NN surrogate-based rapid seismic damage prediction

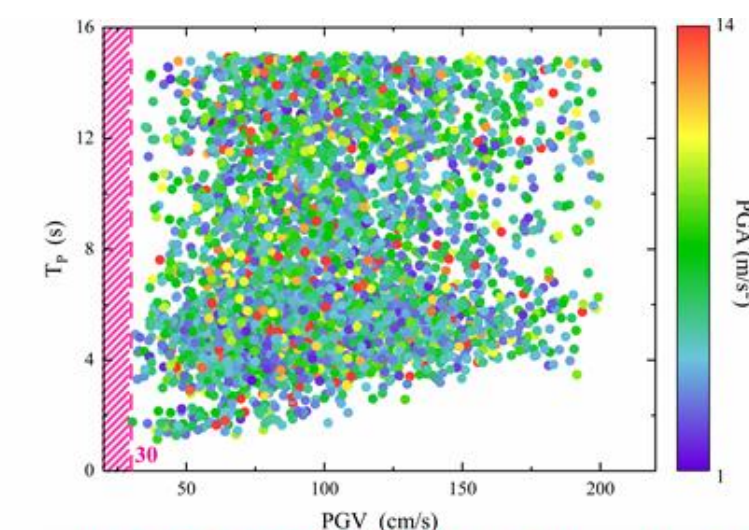
Existing natural ground-motion records are insufficient for seismic analysis, and this limitation is amplified in neural network surrogate-based seismic damage prediction of high-speed railway simply supported girder bridge systems. A deep convolutional generative adversarial network (DCGAN)-based ground-motion generation method was therefore proposed.



Validation



(a) The PGV- T_p -PGA distribution plot of seismic motions provided by references (Baker, 2007)



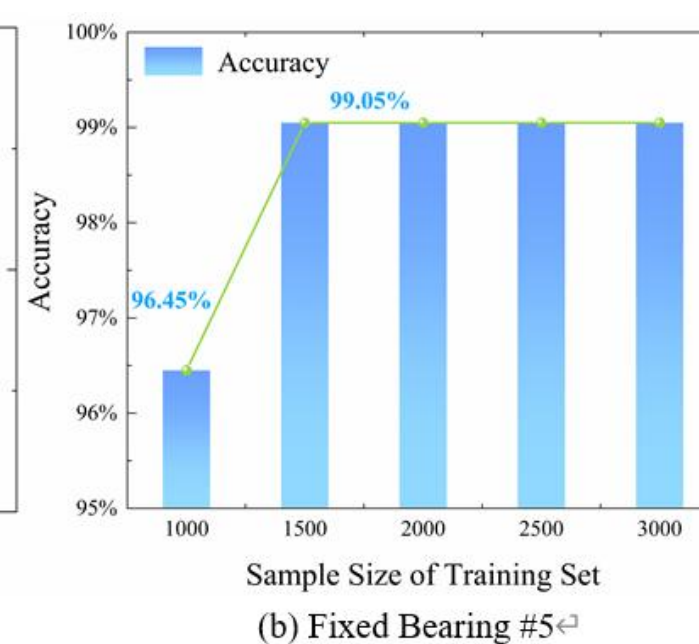
(b) The PGV- T_p -PGA distribution plot of seismic motions generated by the proposed method

$$PI = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-23.3 + 14.6 * PR + 20.5 * ER}}$$
$$t_{10\%} \sum E_{\text{phase}} < t_{20\%} \sum E_{\text{total}}$$
$$PGV > 30 \text{ cm/s}$$

Pulse Characteristics

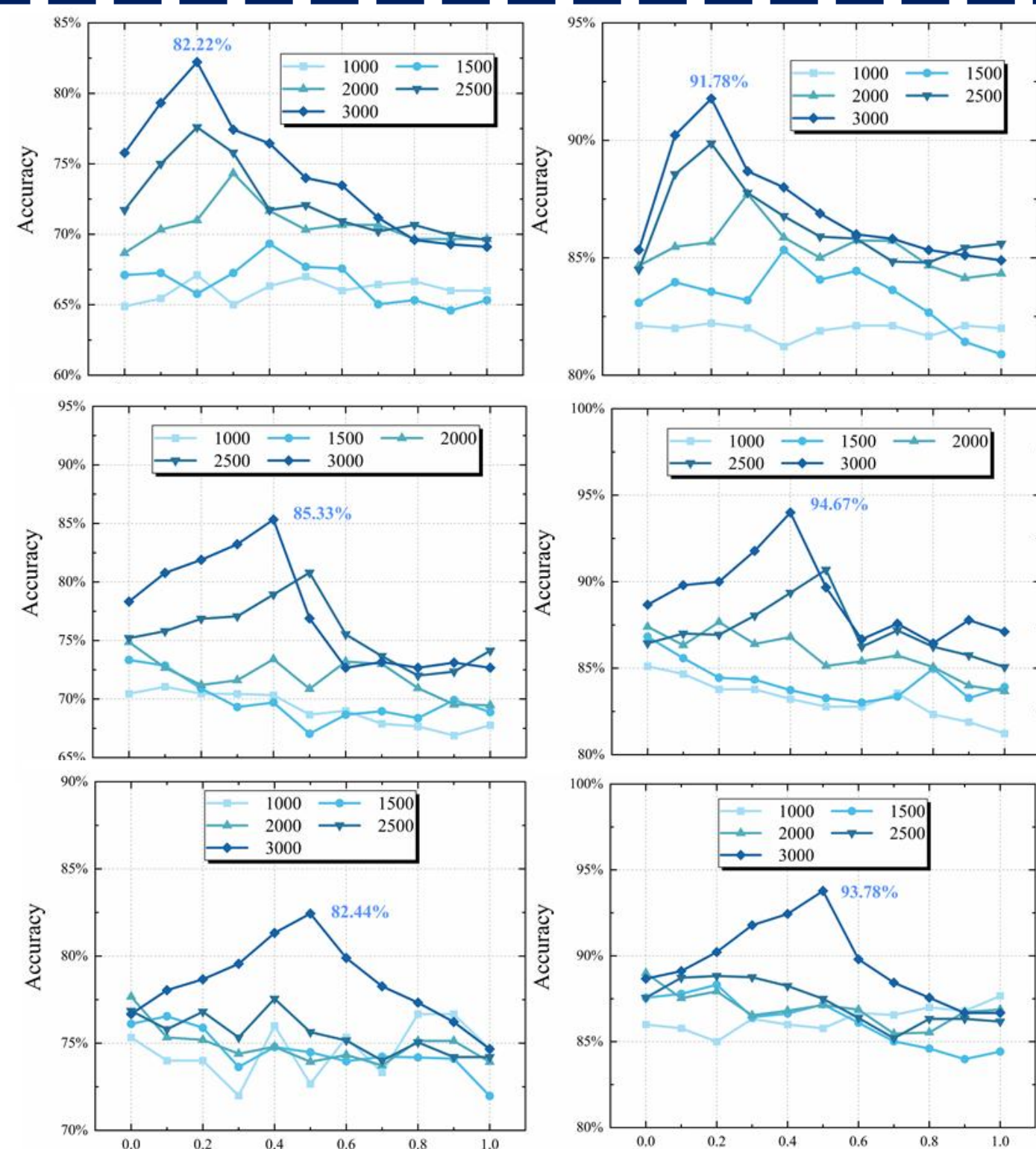
Neural Network

Prediction Results

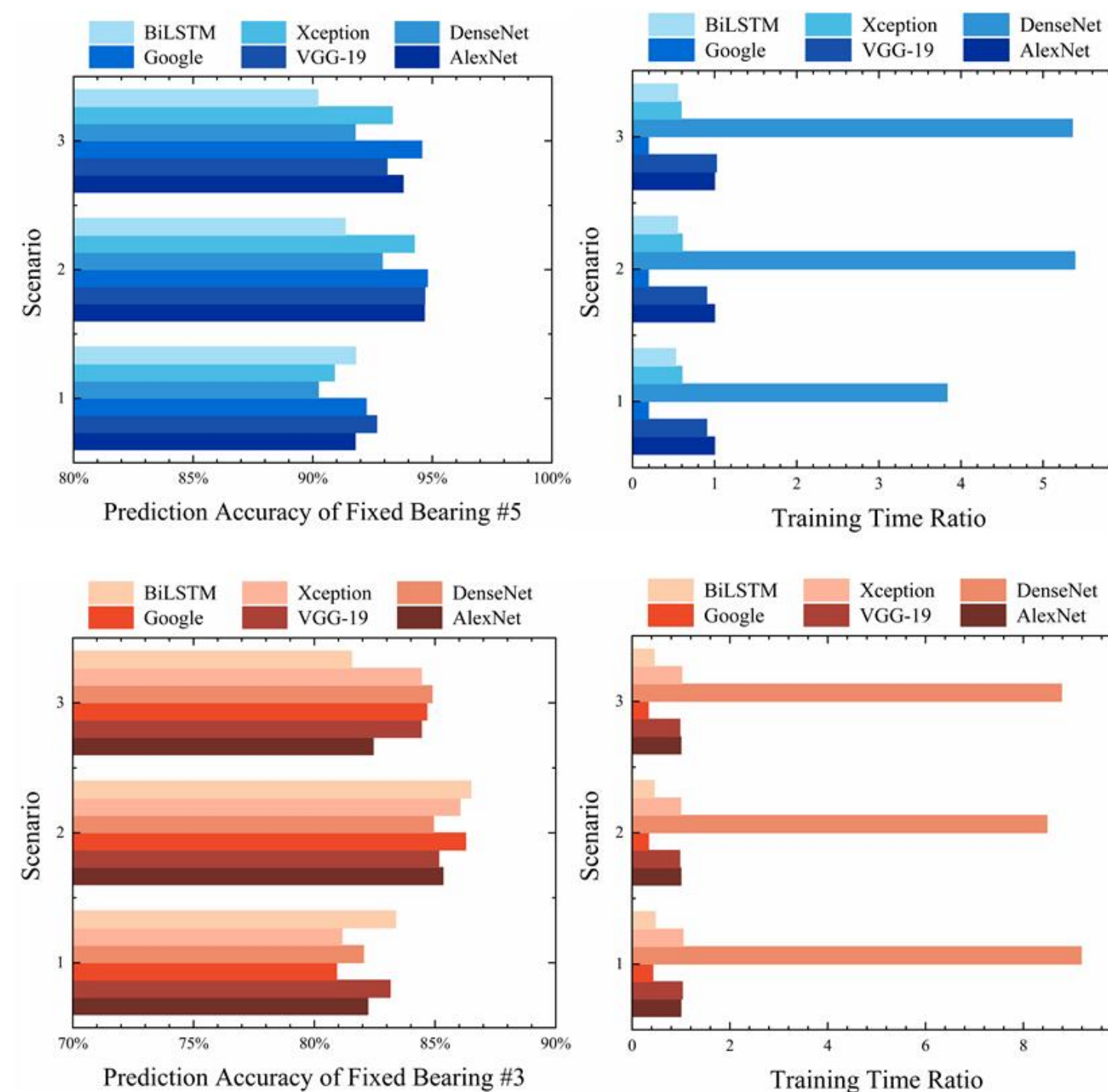


✓ Sufficient ground-motion samples were generated, and their physical plausibility was validated

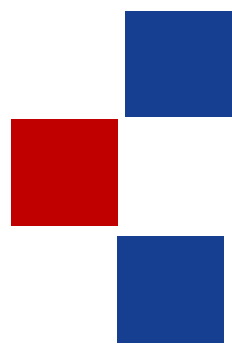
- For different regions, the effects of training-set size and composition on prediction results were analyzed, and the predictive performance of neural network models with different architectures was compared across regions.



Influence of Training Samples on
Seismic Damage Prediction



Network Architecture Effects on
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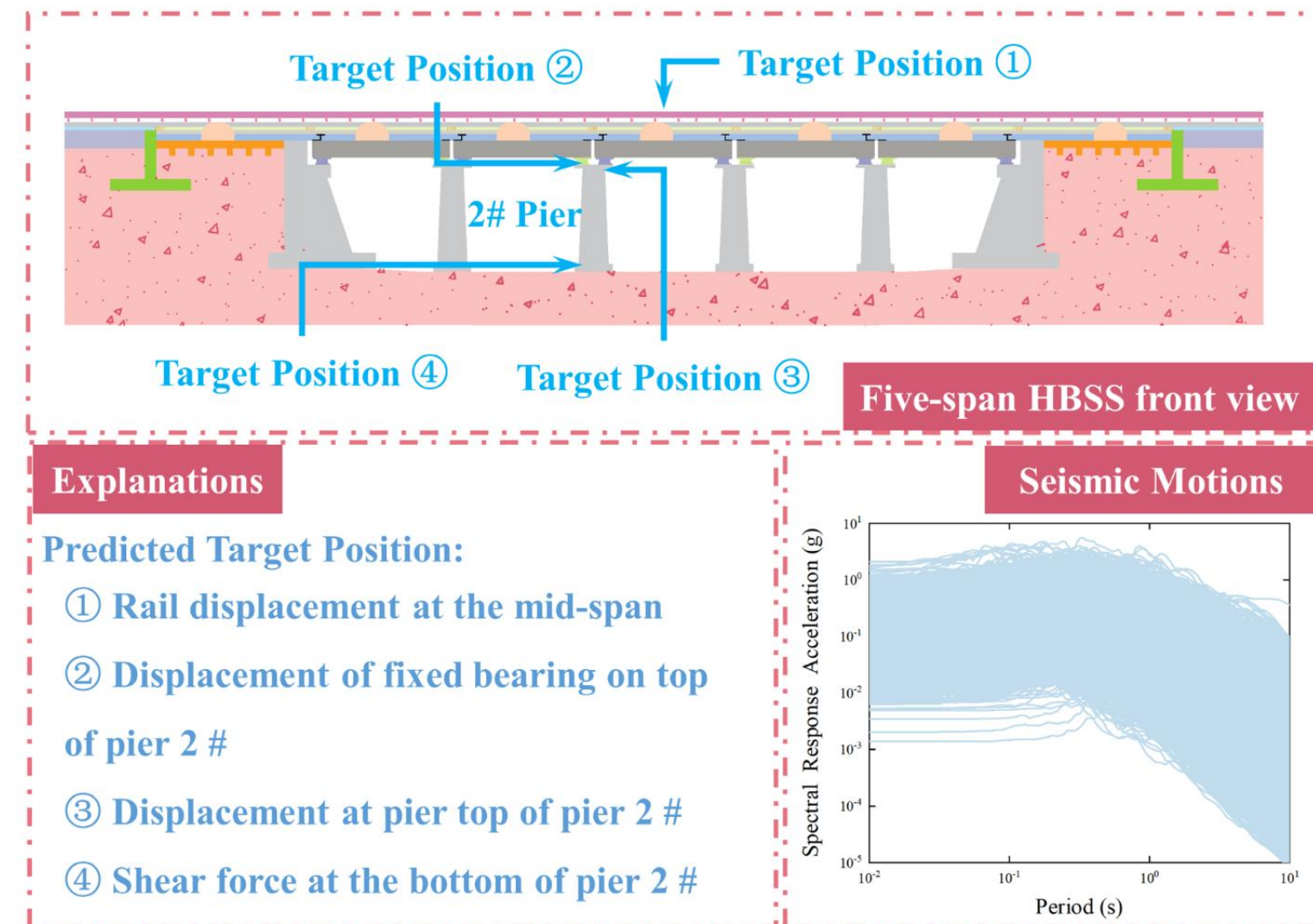
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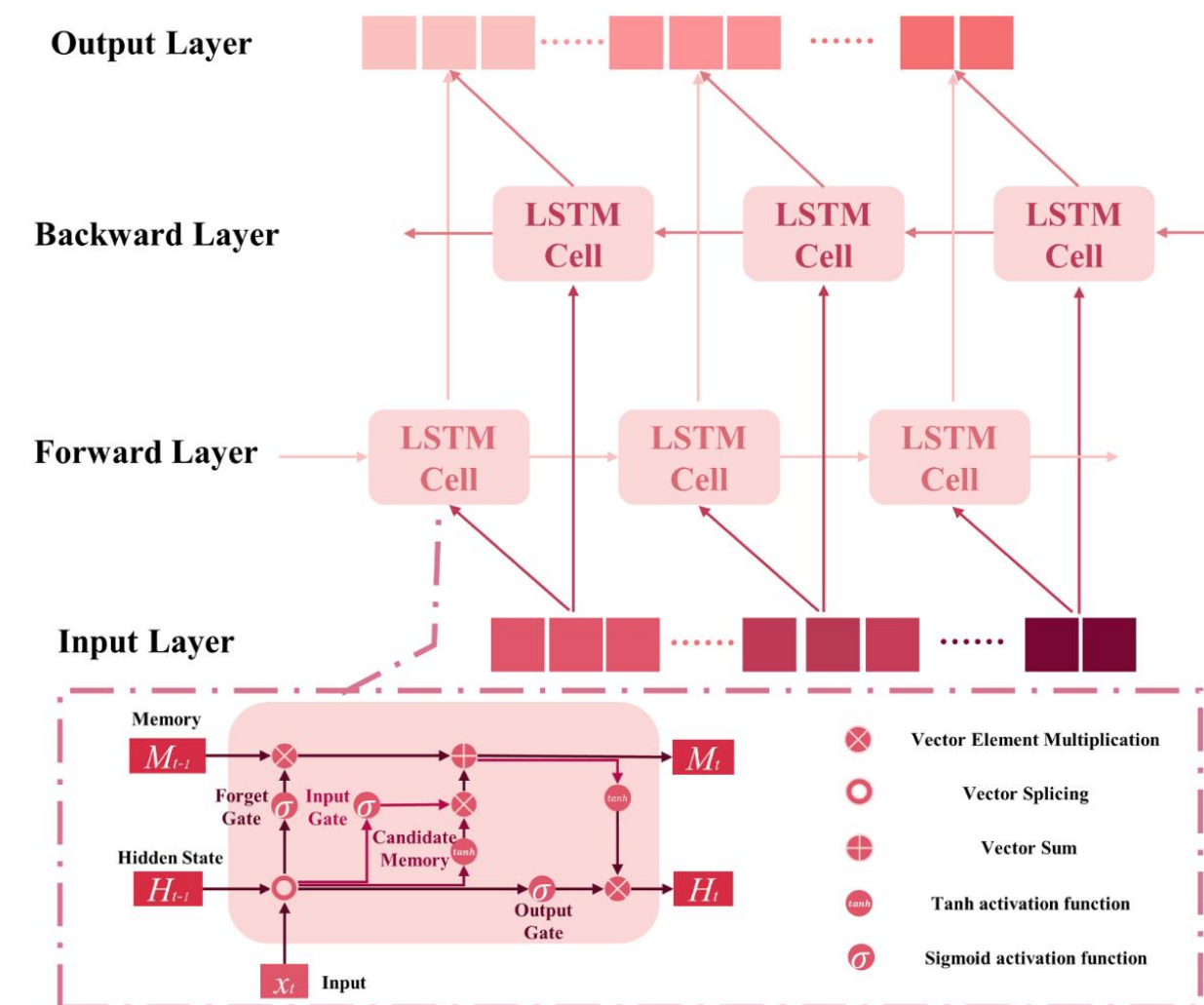
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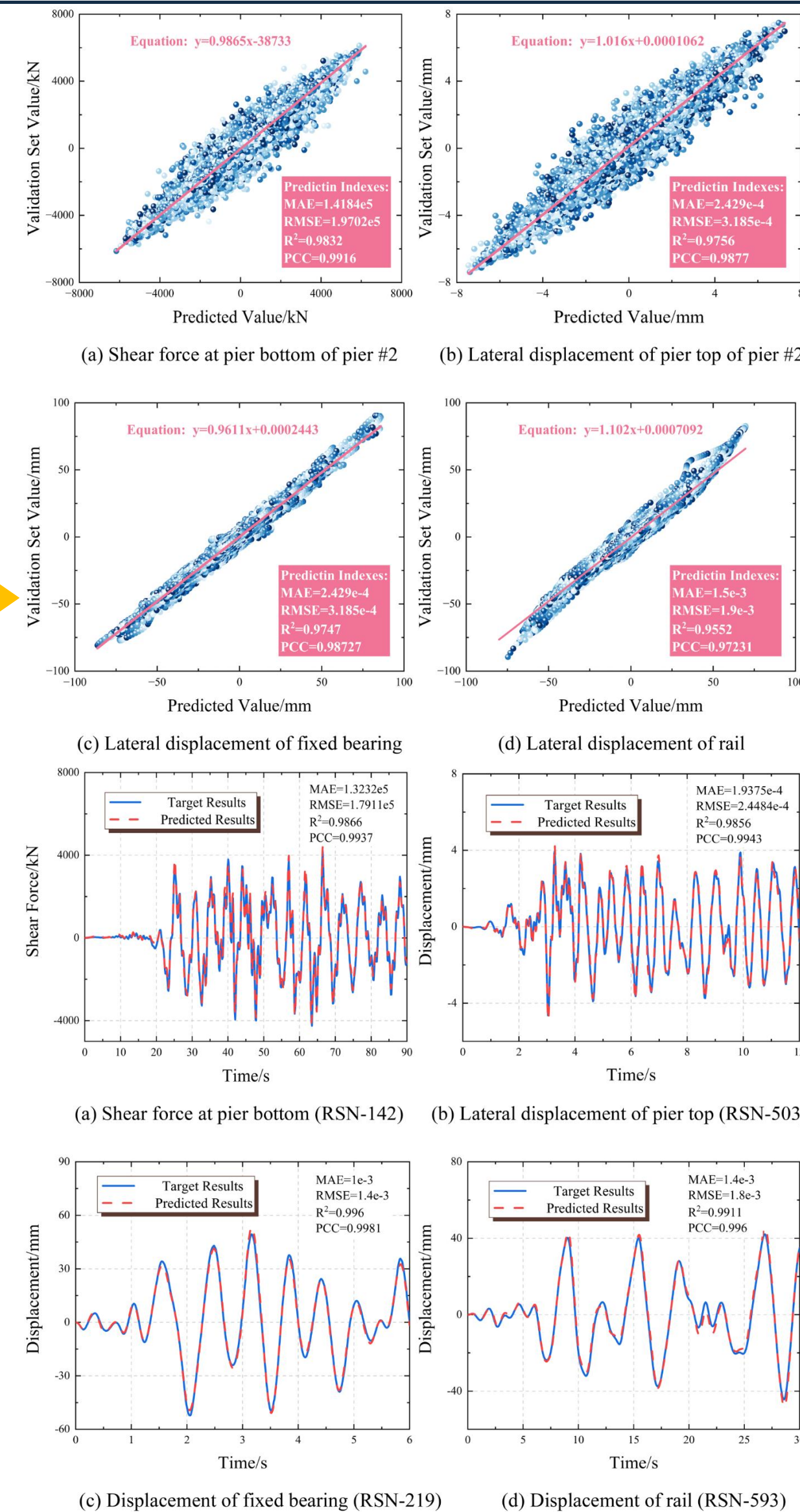
□ A NN Surrogate Model for Seismic Response Prediction of High-Speed Railway Simply Supported Girder Bridge Systems



Surrogate
Model



Prediction
Results



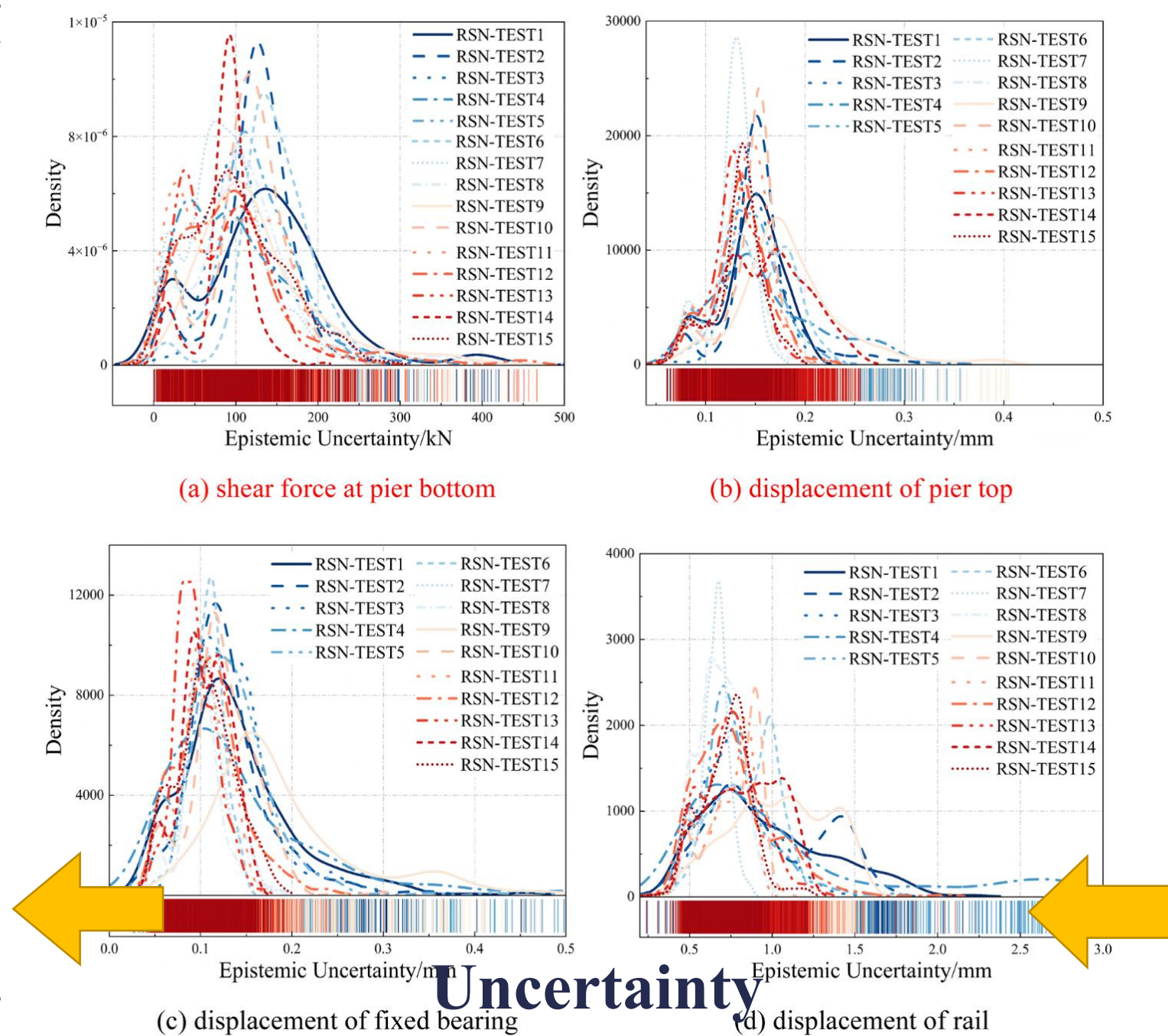
For the validation set at the target location, both the coefficient of determination and the correlation coefficient exceed 0.95. The seismic responses predicted by Bi-LSTM agree well with the finite element results, demonstrating the rationality of NN surrogate model-based rapid seismic damage prediction for HRSBS.

✓ An NN surrogate model was developed for seismic response prediction, supporting the **uncertainty quantification framework**

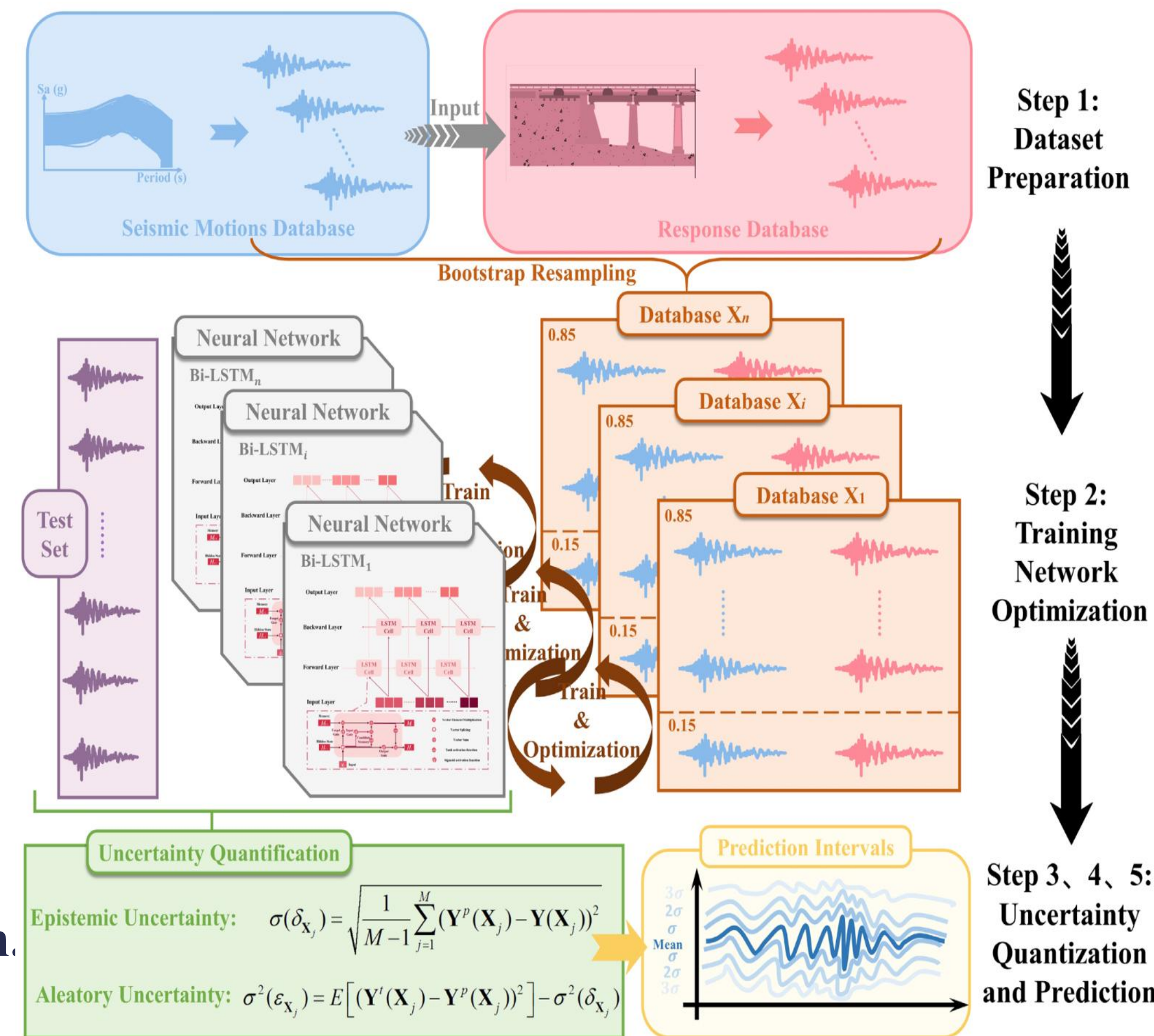
□ Uncertainty Quantification Framework for Neural Network-Based Seismic Response Prediction

Seismic Events	Index	Prediction	Prediction Interval 1	Prediction Interval 2	Prediction Interval 3
RSN-TEST1	I_b	0	12%	100%	100%
	M_b	/	0.0480	0.192	0.276
	C_b	/	1.46	0.192	0.276
RSN-TEST2	I_b	0	18.7%	100%	100%
	M_b	/	0.03	0.12	0.17
	C_b	/	0.74	0.12	0.17
RSN-TEST3	I_b	0	9.00%	100%	100%
	M_b	/	0.04	0.16	0.24
	C_b	/	1.26	0.16	0.24
RSN-TEST4	I_b	0	17.0%	100%	100%
	M_b	/	0.03	0.11	0.16
	C_b	/	0.74	0.11	0.16
RSN-TEST5	I_b	0	19.2%	100%	100%
	M_b	/	0.04	0.15	0.21
	C_b	/	0.89	0.15	0.21
RSN-TEST6	I_b	0	13.0%	100%	100%
	M_b	/	0.05	0.20	0.28
	C_b	/	1.45	0.20	0.28
RSN-TEST7	I_b	0	18.8%	100%	100%
	M_b	/	0.04	0.14	0.21
	C_b	/	0.88	0.14	0.21

Interval Prediction



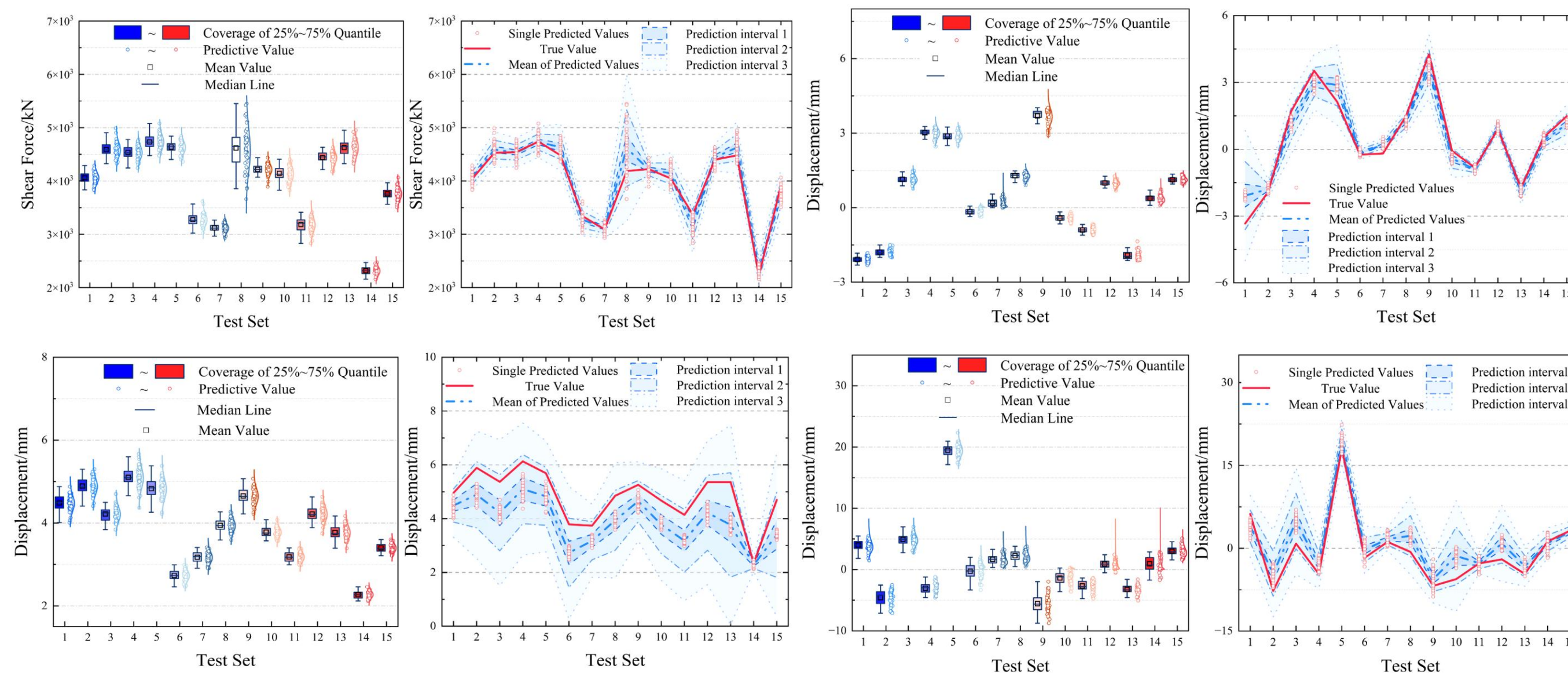
Uncertainty Quantification



- Quantified aleatory uncertainty in rapid seismic response prediction.
- Identified component location as a source of aleatory uncertainty.
- Obtained prediction intervals at different confidence levels.

✓ Seismic response **prediction uncertainty** was quantified, **yielding prediction intervals** for HRSBS

□ Uncertainty-Embedded Response Prediction for high-speed railway simply supported girder bridge systems.



Surrogate
Model

$$MR_p = \frac{N_i}{N_a} \quad (3-5)$$

$$MR_e = (1-c) * \int_v^\infty f(x)dx + c * \left(1 - \int_v^\infty f(x)dx\right) \quad (3-6)$$

$$MR_b = (1-c) * P(x < v_l) + c * (1 - P(x < v_l)) \quad (3-7)$$

$$P(x < v_l) = \Phi \left(\frac{N_a \ln(v_l) - \sum_{i=1}^{N_a} \ln(Y^p)}{N_a \sigma} \right) \quad (3-8)$$

Bearing Damage
Identification

- Prediction intervals with different coverage probabilities were obtained.
- The 95% prediction interval satisfies the prediction requirements for most scenarios.
- The accuracy of component critical-state identification was significantly improved.

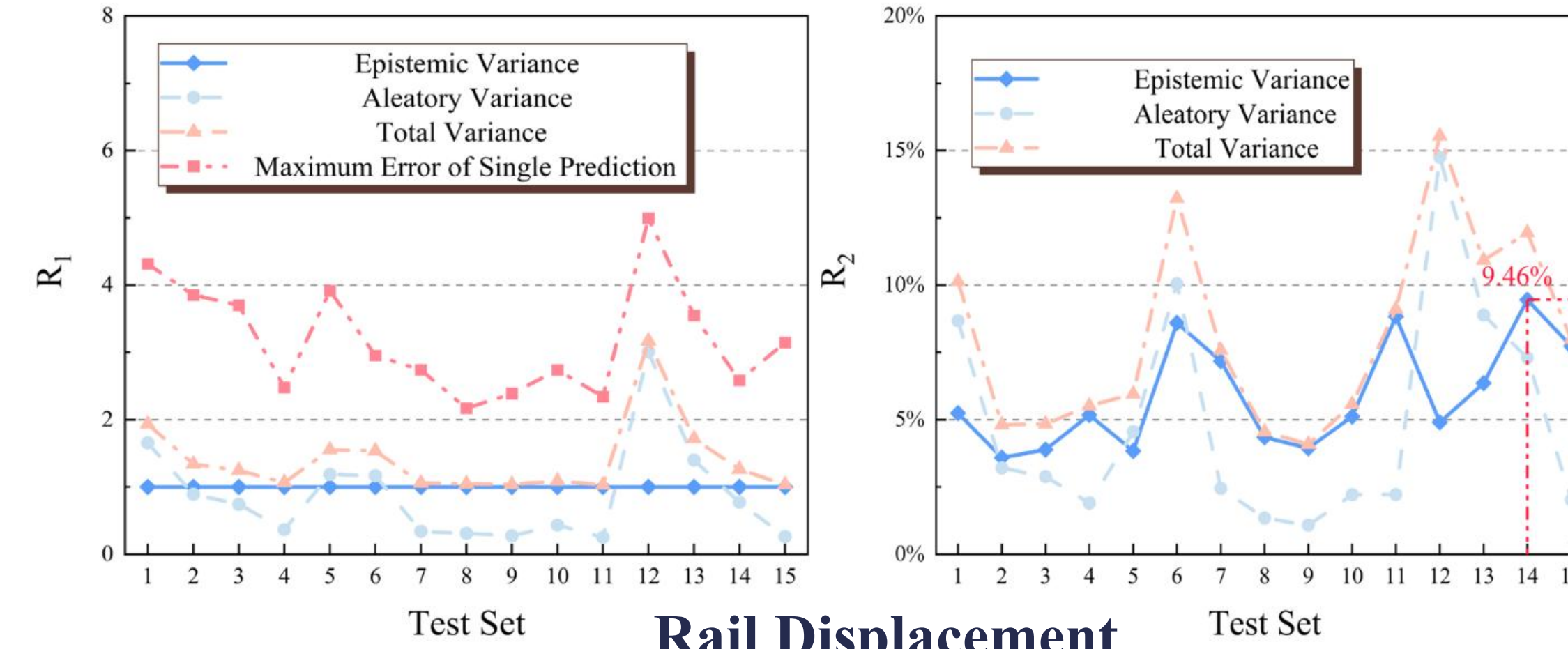
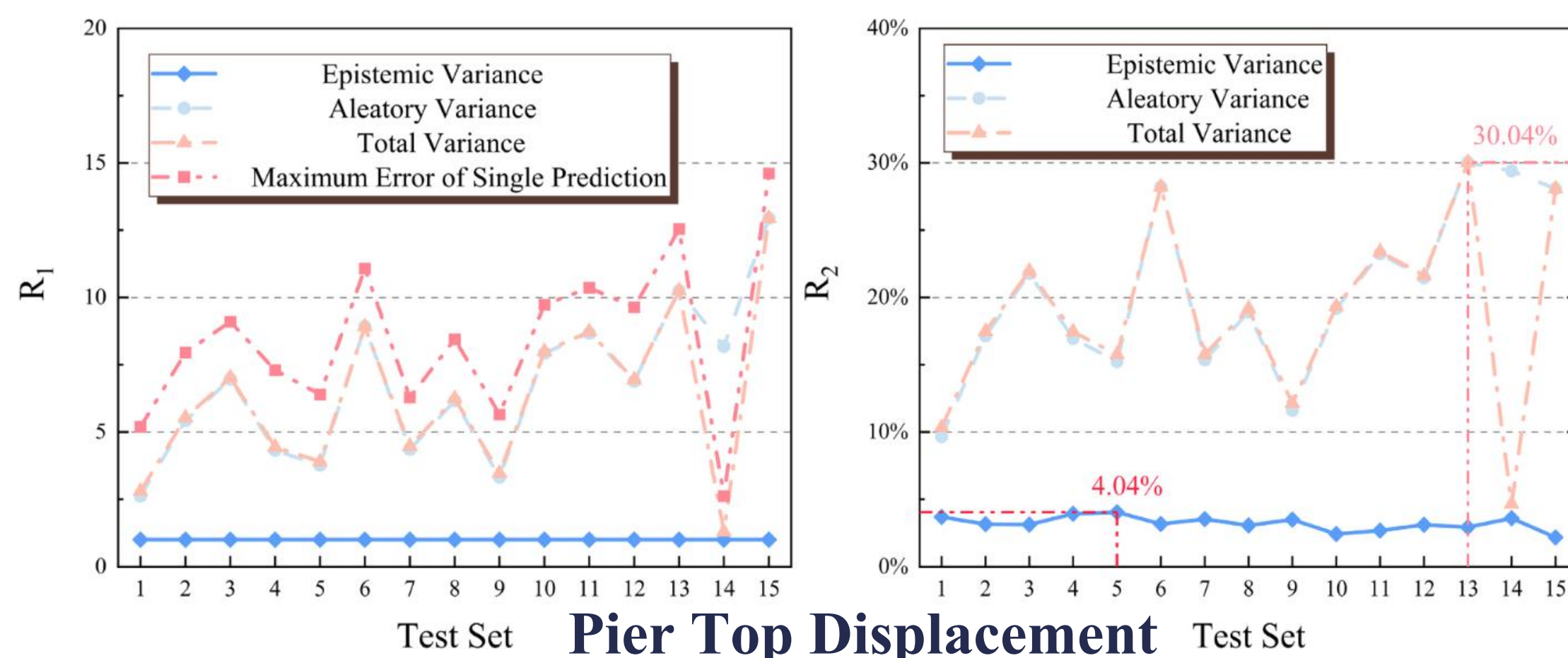
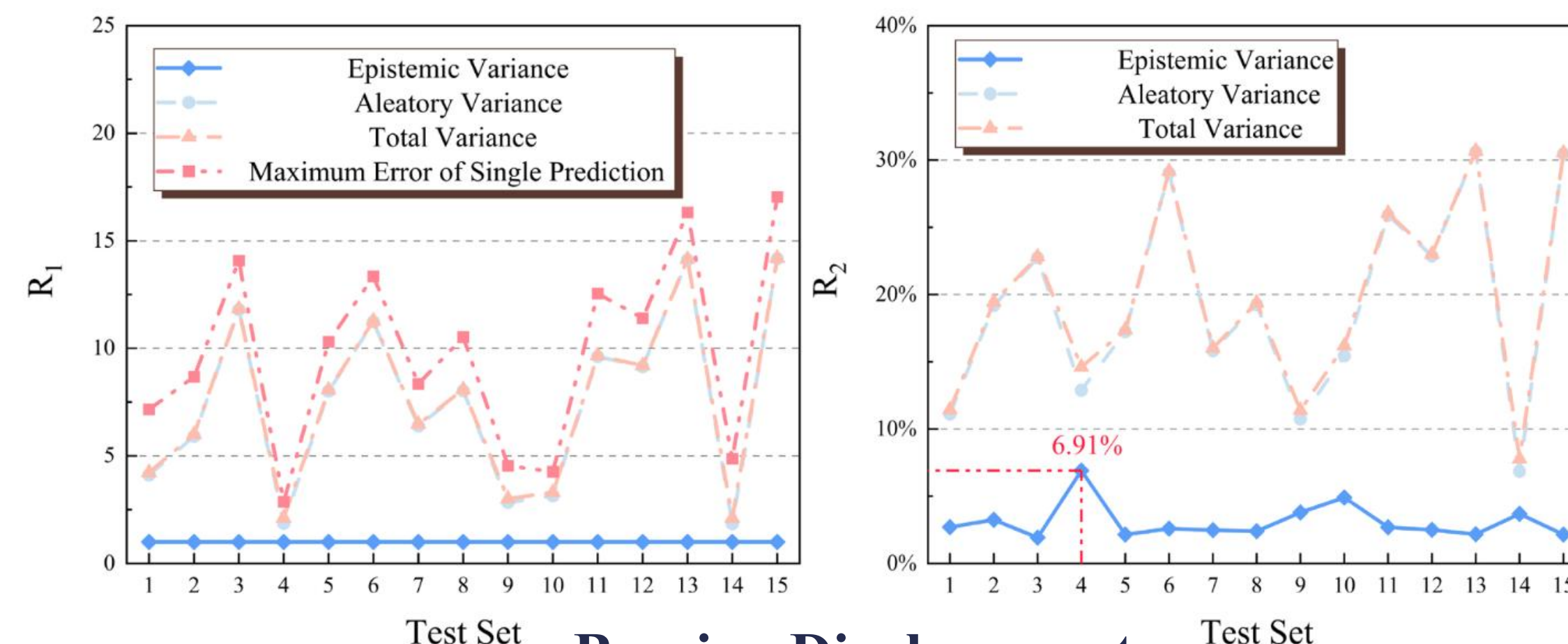
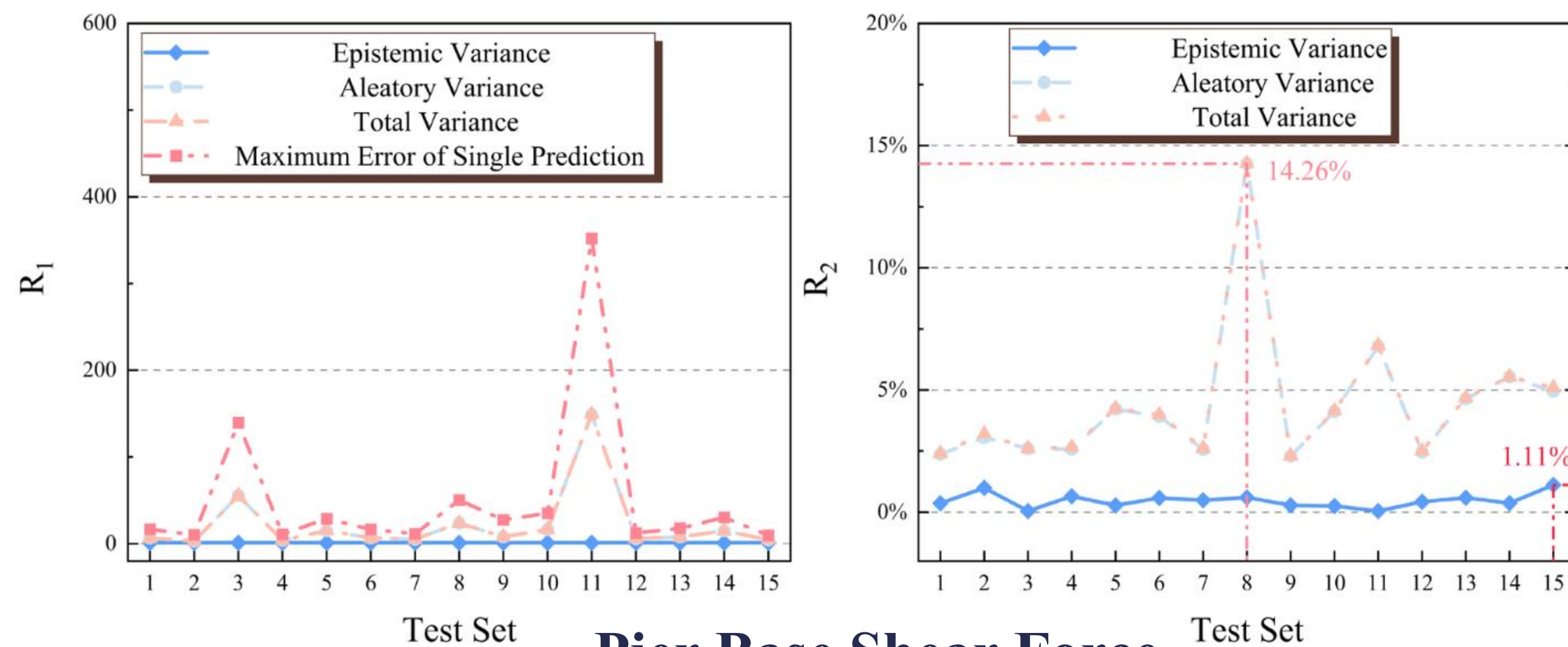
Misjudgment rate of fixed bearing damage state by different methods.

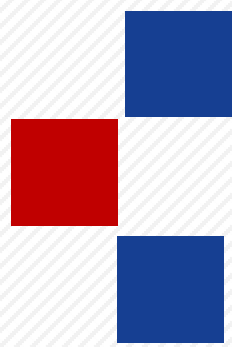
Condition	Actual Damage State	ESM	EP	ETBR	BBL
RSN-TEST1	Damage	14%	17.89%	24%	0.3%
RSN-TEST2	Safe	2%	2.22%	2%	0%
RSN-TEST13	Safe	32%	27.84%	42%	2.59%

✓ Confidence-dependent **prediction intervals** were constructed, improving component **damage-state identification accuracy**

□ Applicability of Bi-LSTM-Based Peak Response Prediction with a Single Ground-Motion Input

- Proposed evaluation metrics for the applicability domain of NN surrogate models.
- Determined the applicability domain of Bi-LSTM peak prediction with a single acceleration time-history input;





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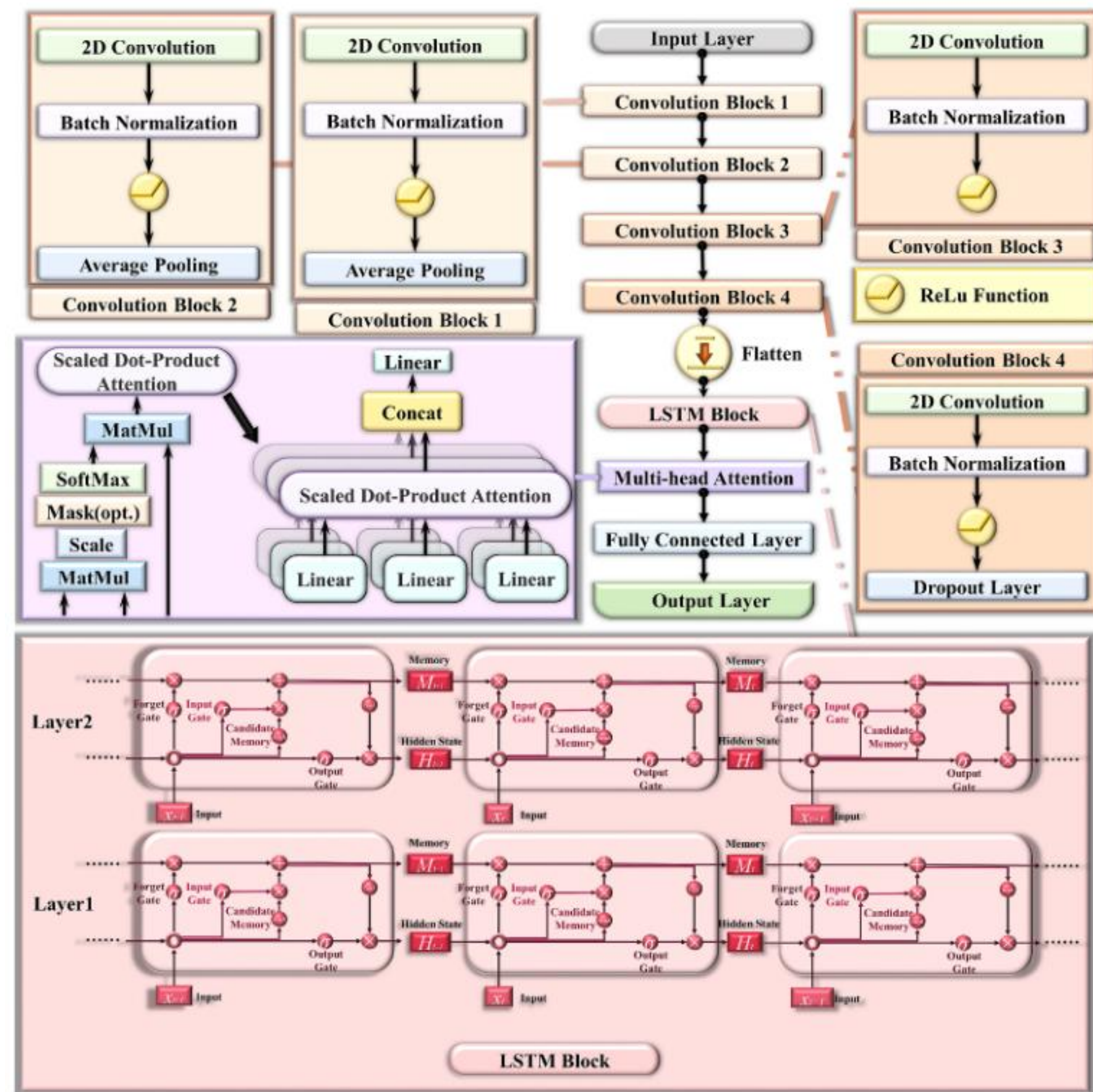
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Post-Earthquake Operability Prediction



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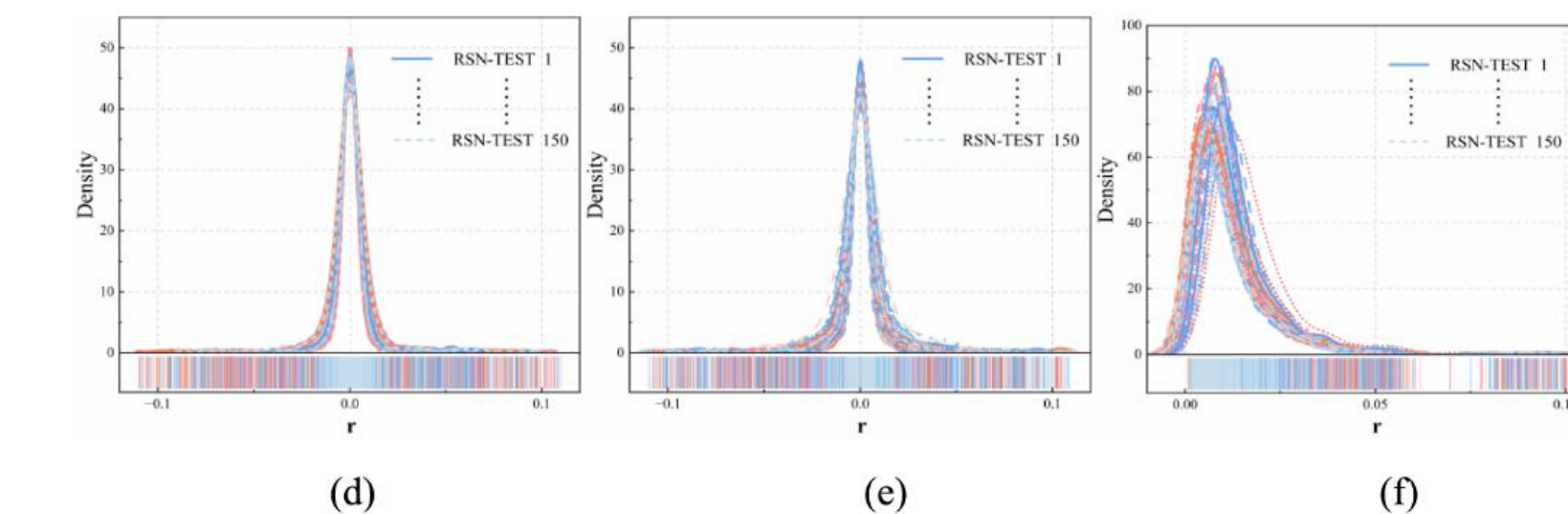
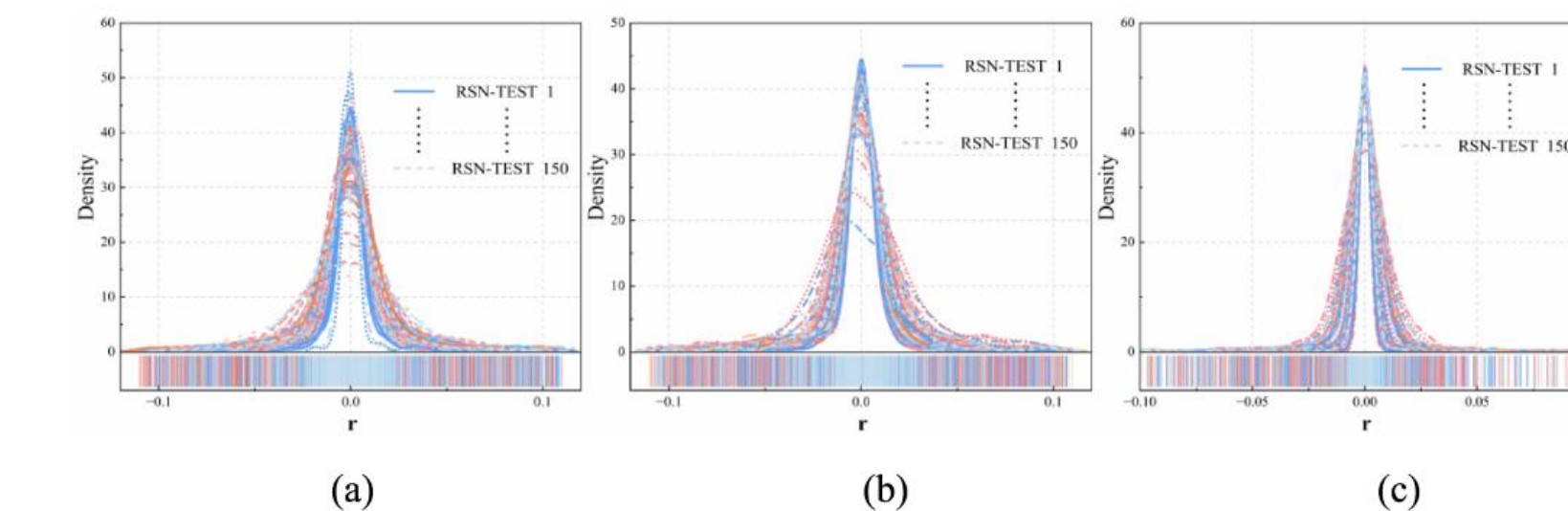
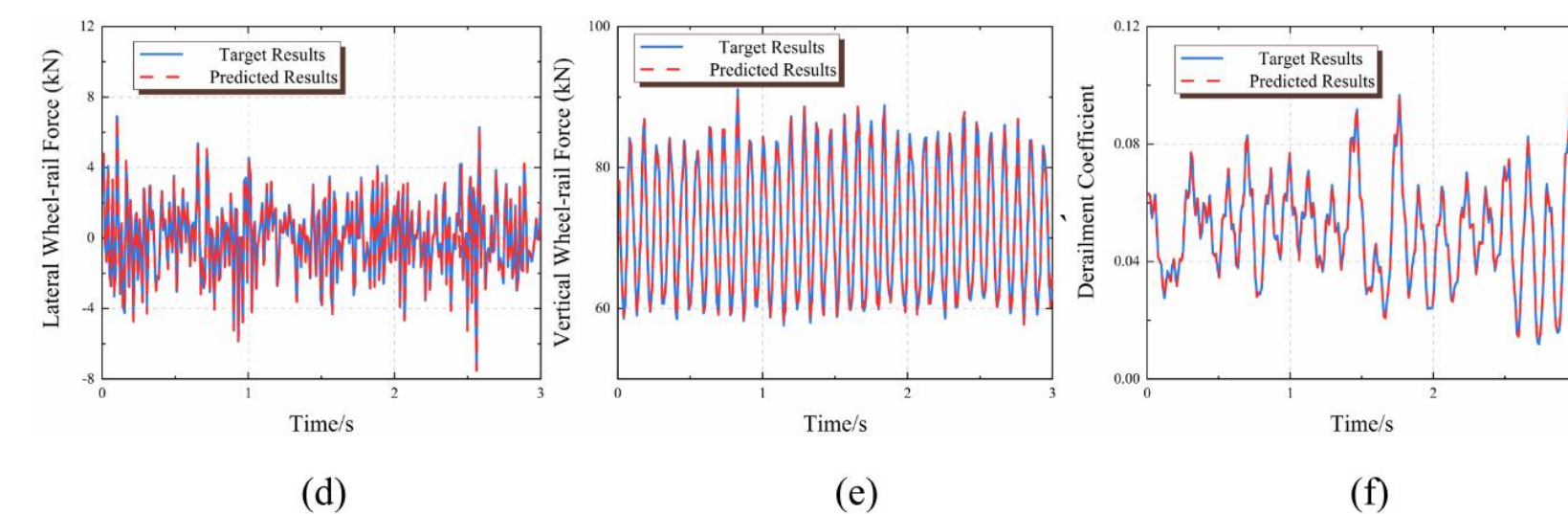
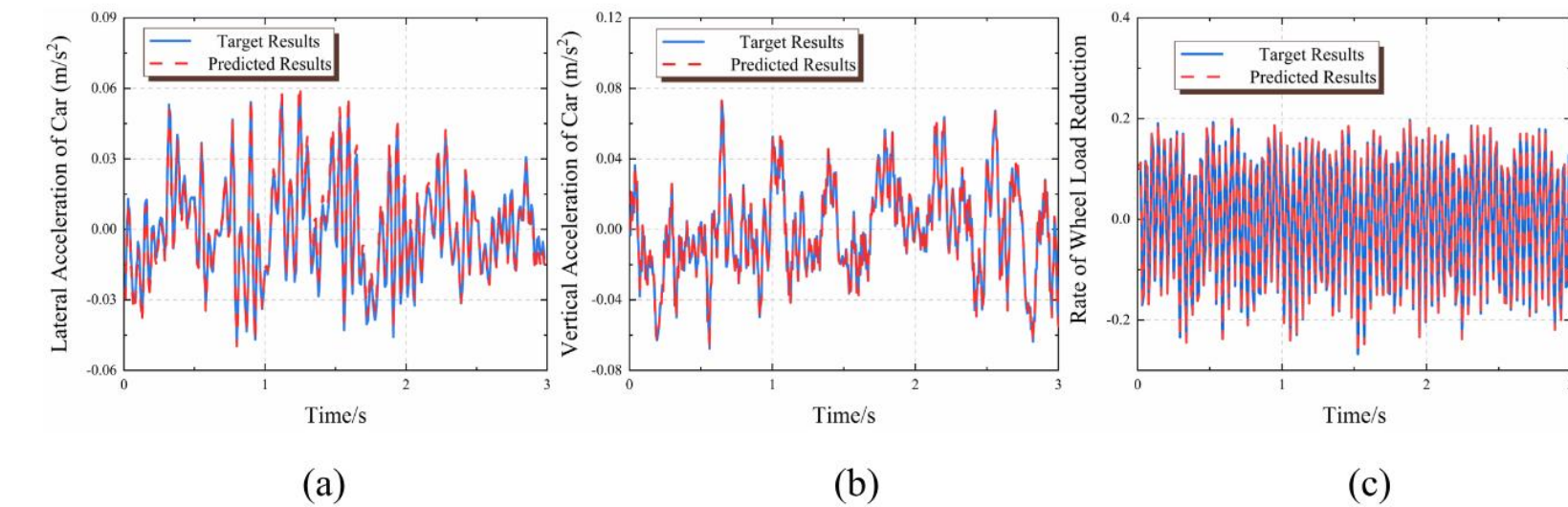
- A neural network surrogate model was developed to predict post-earthquake train operability on railway bridges



Prediction
Accuracy

Validation

Robustness



$$R_{MAE} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{G^{Te}} |Y^p(S_j^{Te}) - Y^t(S_j^{Te})|}{G^{Te}}$$
$$R_{RMSE} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{G^{Te}} (Y^p(S_j^{Te}) - Y^t(S_j^{Te}))^2}{G^{Te}}}$$
$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{G^{Te}} (Y^t(S_j^{Te}) - \bar{Y}^t(S_j^{Te}))^2}{\sum_{j=1}^{G^{Te}} (Y^t(S_j^{Te}) - \bar{Y}^t(S_j^{Te}))^2}$$
$$C = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{G^{Te}} (Y^p(S_j^{Te}) - \bar{Y}^p(S_j^{Te}))(Y^t(S_j^{Te}) - \bar{Y}^t(S_j^{Te}))}{\sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^{G^{Te}} (Y^p(S_j^{Te}) - \bar{Y}^p(S_j^{Te}))^2} \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^{G^{Te}} (Y^t(S_j^{Te}) - \bar{Y}^t(S_j^{Te}))^2}}$$

$$r(j) = \frac{\sigma(\delta_{S_j^{Te}})}{Y^t(S_j^{Te})}$$

✓ The proposed NN surrogate model provides **accurate and robust** predictions of post-earthquake train operability time histories

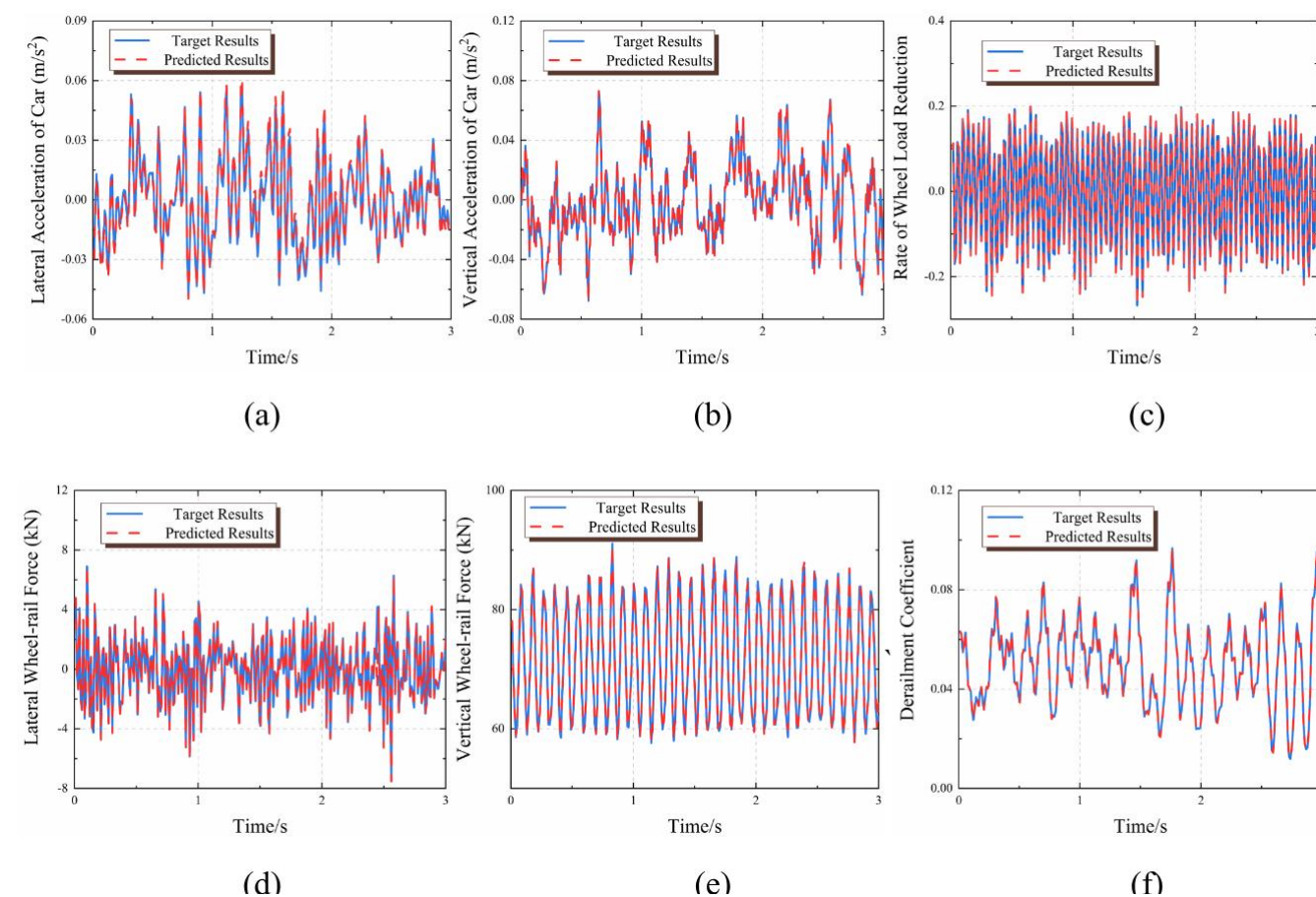
Sensitivity Analysis of Peak Response Prediction



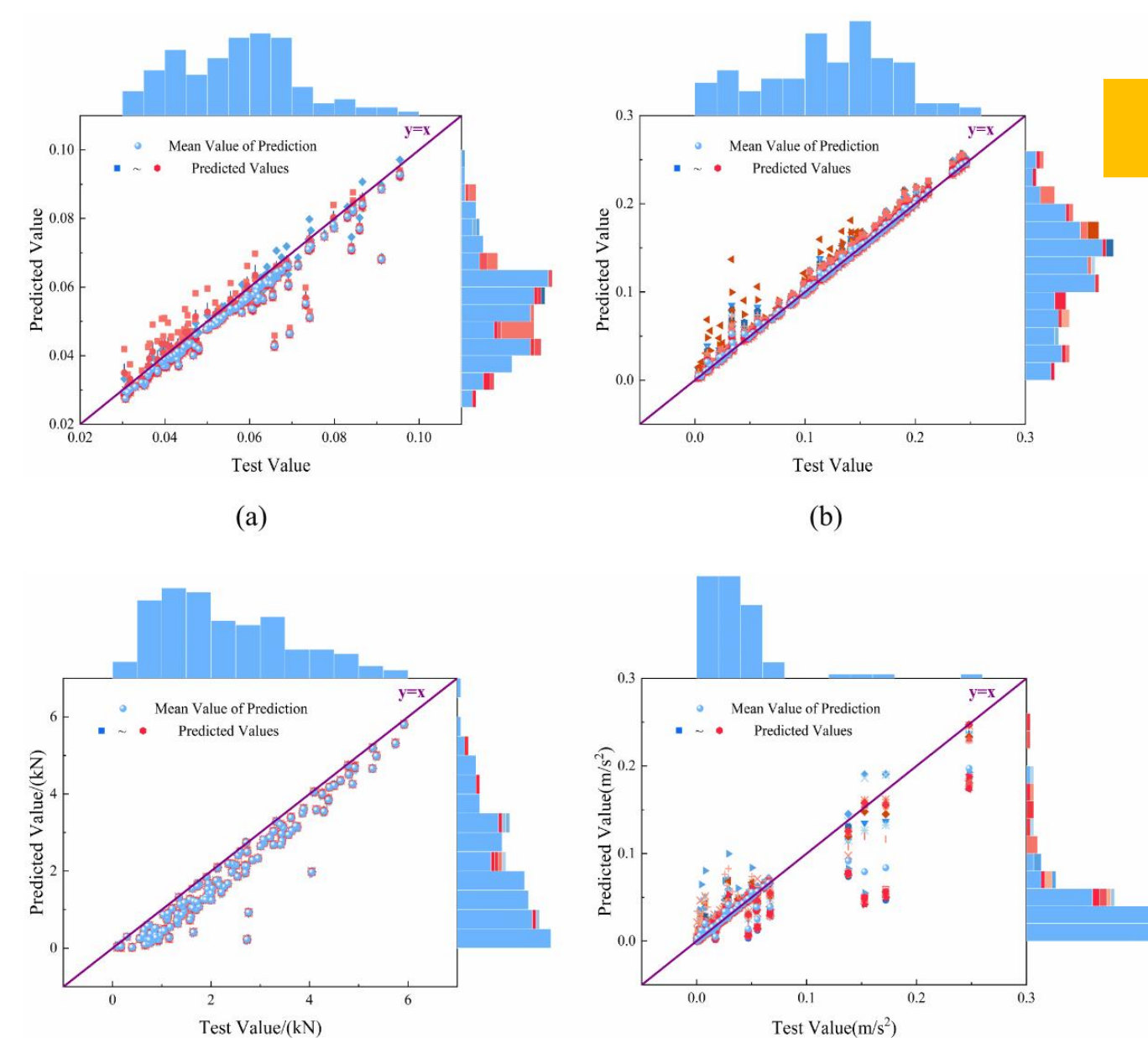
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Quantified uncertainty in peak response prediction and analyzed factors affecting robustness.

Time-History
Prediction
Results

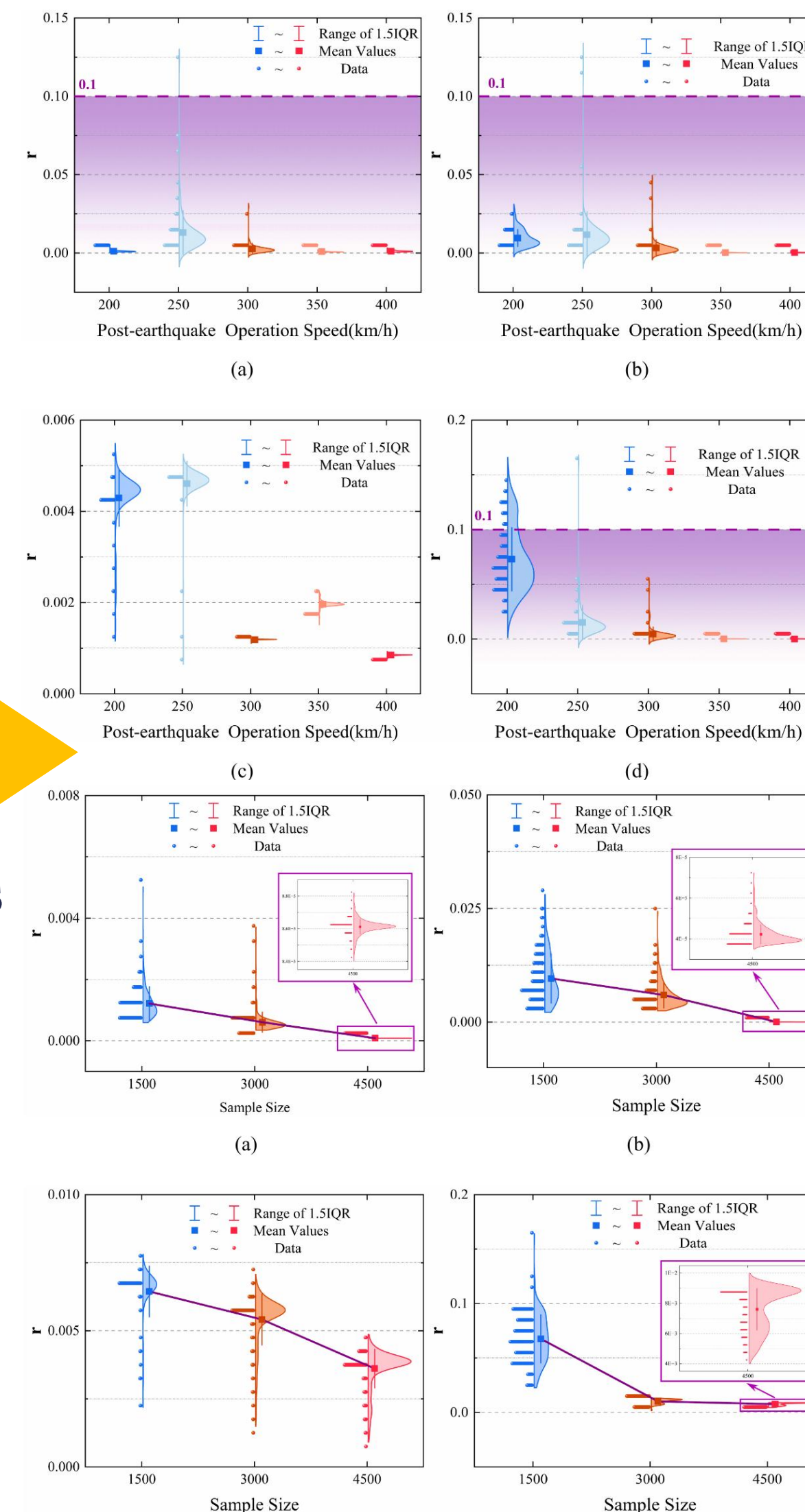


Peak Response
Prediction
Results



Uncertainty Quantification

Influencing Factor Analysis

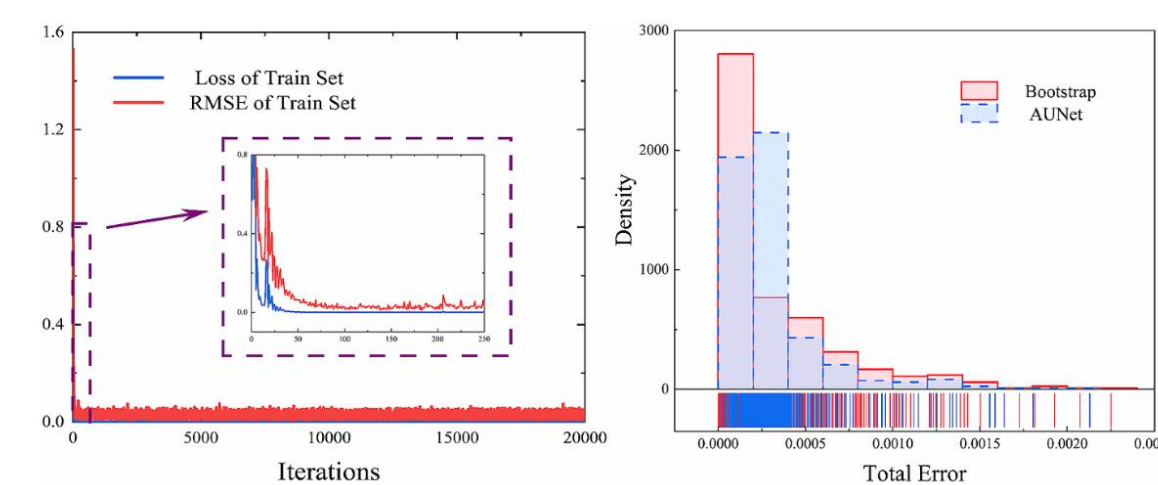
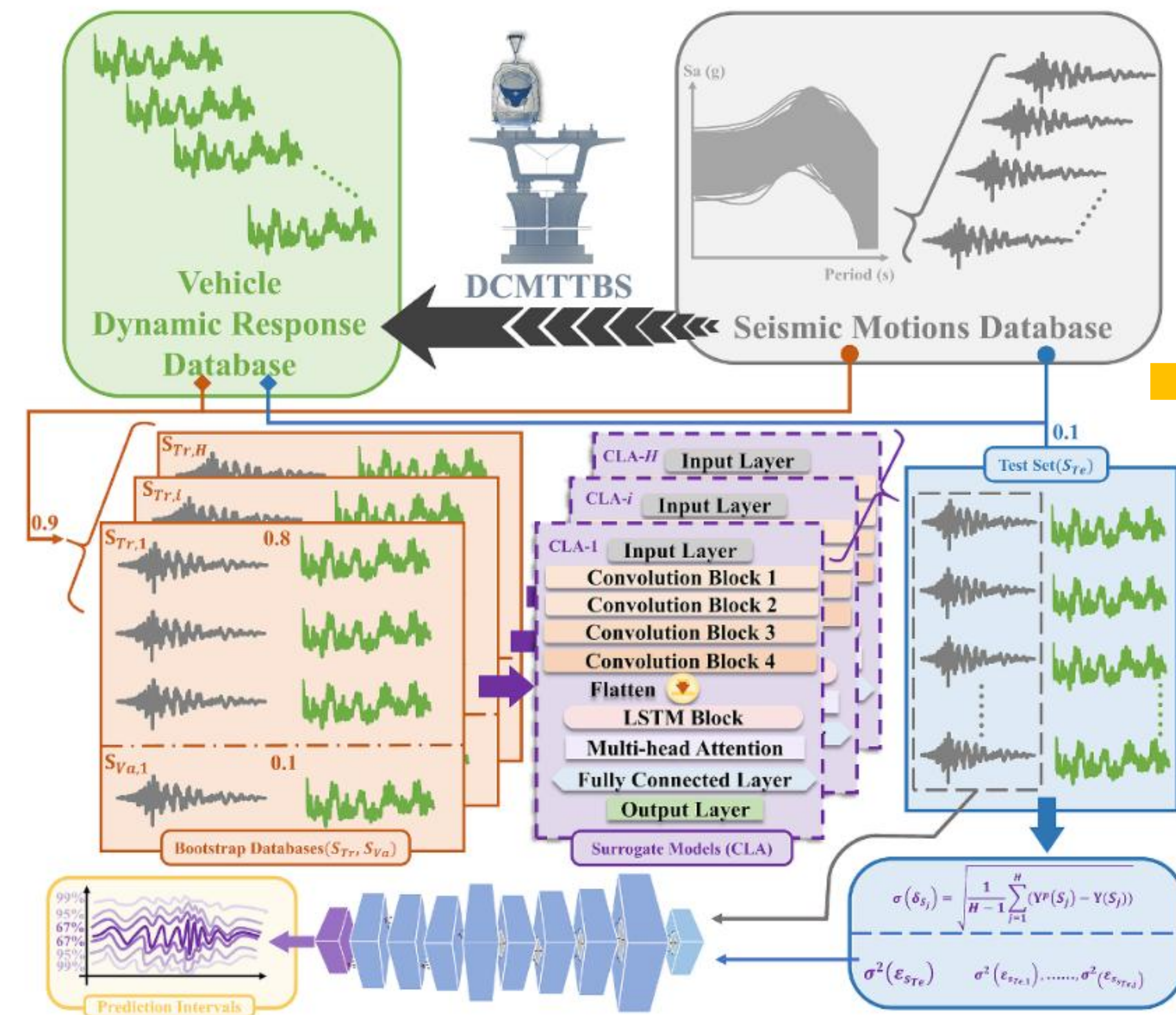


Post-Earthquake
Operating Speed

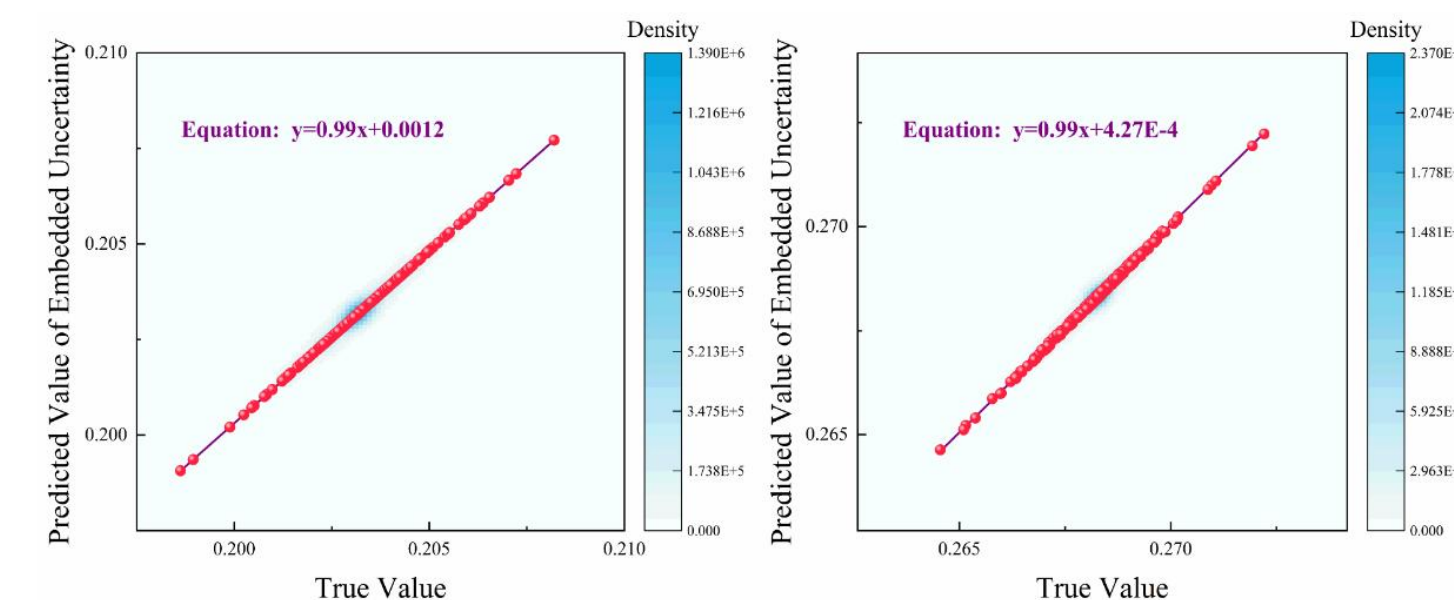
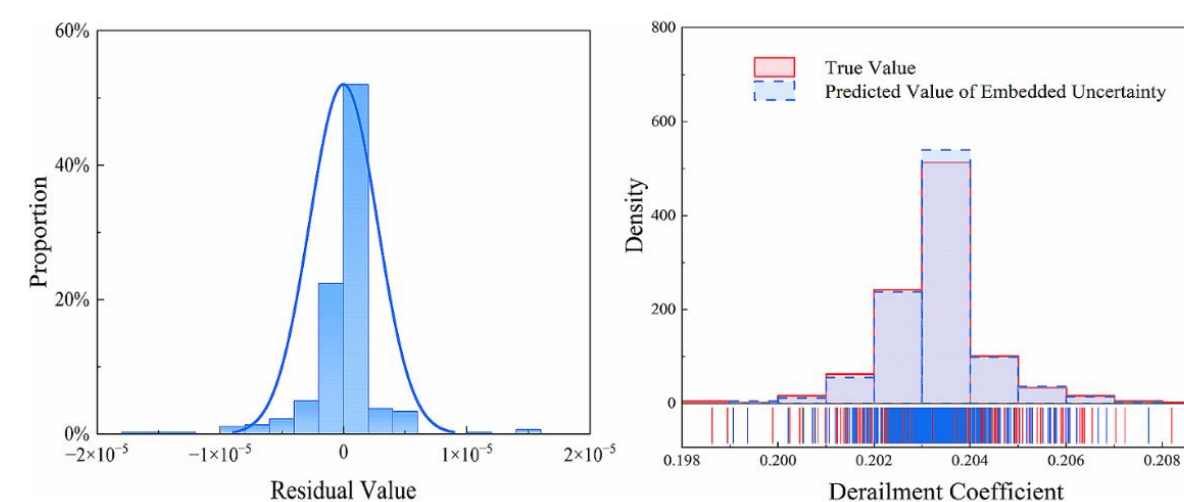
Sample Size

✓ Uncertainty in post-earthquake operability peak prediction is non-negligible; **increasing sample size** most effectively improves NN robustness

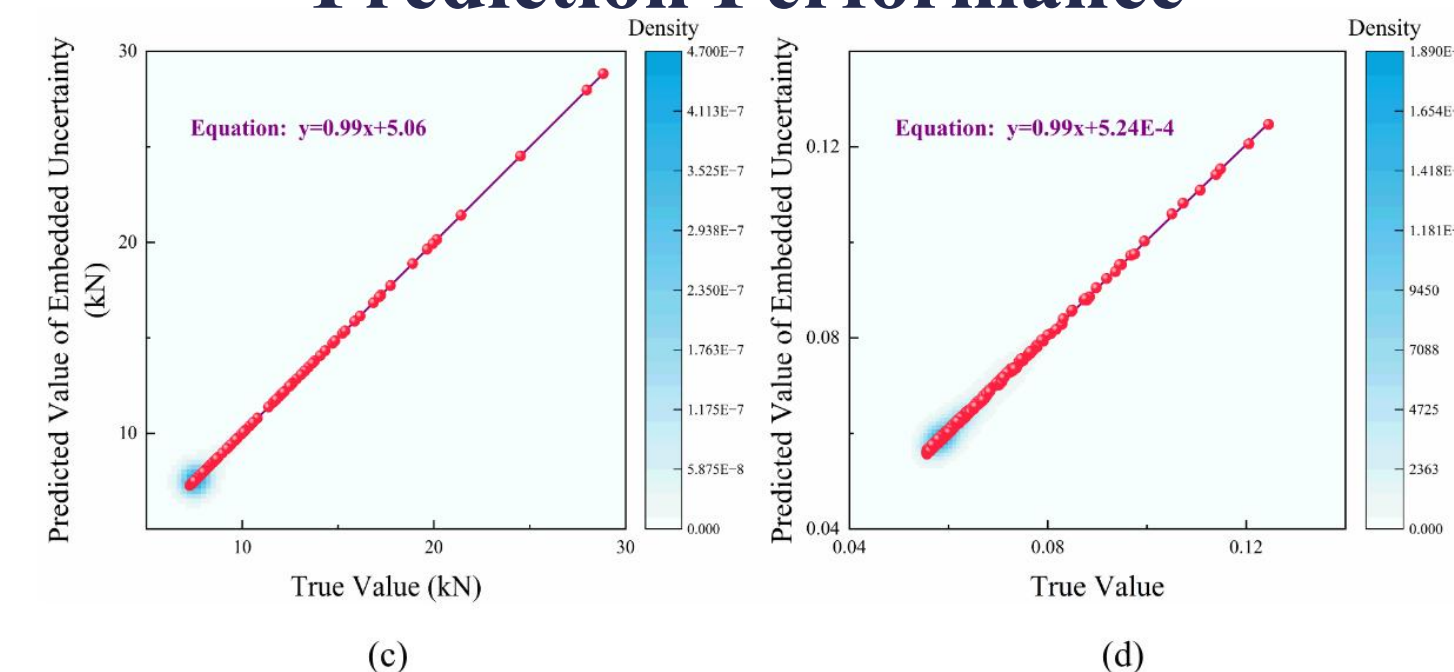
- A neural network surrogate model was developed to predict the total peak-value error of train operation indicators.



Network Performance



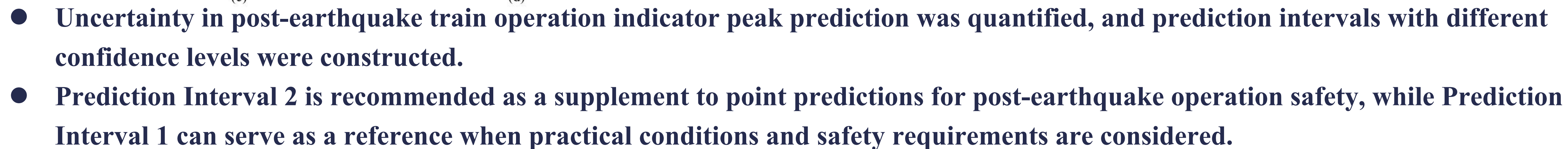
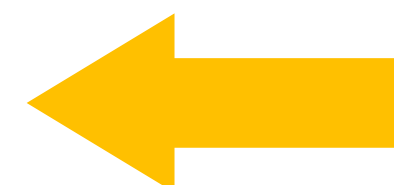
Prediction Performance



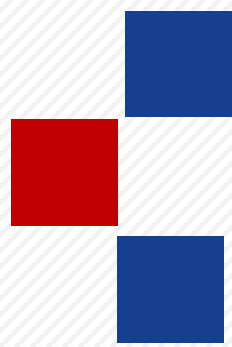
- After uncertainty incorporation, the R^2 and C values for peak derailment coefficient prediction approached 100% and 99%, respectively.

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Peak Response Prediction Intervals



✓ The **95% prediction interval** covered all peak values of the post-earthquake train operation indicators in the test set



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□ A sample database generation method for regions with different topographic characteristics was proposed based on Latin hypercube sampling and Gibbs hybrid sampling, considering the prior distributions of structural parameters

Structural Priors:
$$P(x_r | x_{-r}) = \frac{P(x_{-r} | x_r) P_{\text{prior}}(x_r)}{P(x_{-r})} \propto \prod_{a=1}^A P(x_a | x_r) P_{\text{prior}}(x_r)$$

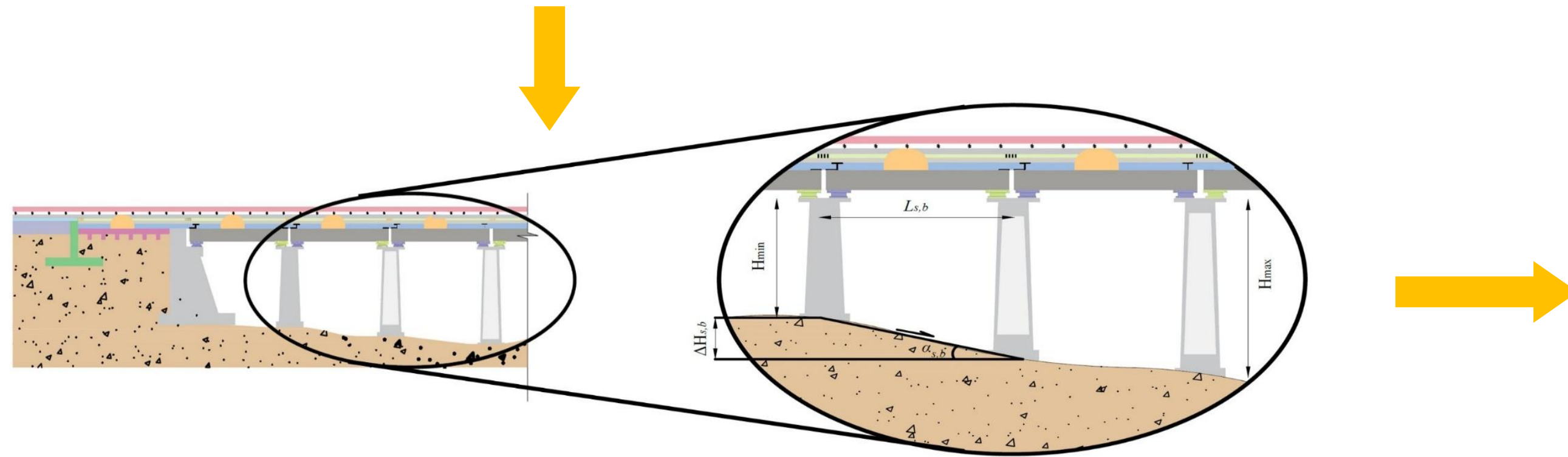


Table 6
Geomorphological features and corresponding pier height constraints in the region.

Geomorphological Feature	Description	Pier Height Arrangement and Combination Limits
Flat Land	$\alpha_{s,b} < 2^\circ$, Pier height difference not exceeding 20 m	$\Delta H_{s,b} < L_{s,b} \times \tan(2^\circ)$, $H_{\min} < 20$ m
Hills	$2^\circ < \alpha_{s,b} < 6^\circ$, Pier height difference not exceeding 150 m	$L_{s,b} \times \tan(2^\circ) < \Delta H_{s,b} < L_{s,b} \times \tan(6^\circ)$
Mountainous Terrain	$6^\circ < \alpha_{s,b} < 25^\circ$, Pier height difference not exceeding 150 m	$L_{s,b} \times \tan(6^\circ) < \Delta H_{s,b} < L_{s,b} \times \tan(25^\circ)$
High Mountain Terrain	$25^\circ < \alpha_{s,b}$, altitude exceeding 300 m	$L_{s,b} \times \tan(25^\circ) < \Delta H_{s,b}$, Using simply supported beams is generally not advisable.

Regional Geographic Information

Notes: 1. Elevation Difference refers to the altitude difference between the region's highest and lowest terrain points. 2. $\Delta H_{s,b}$ is the height difference between adjacent piers for the s-th span of the b-th bridge, $L_{s,b}$ is the span length, and $\alpha_{s,b}$ is the corresponding slope. 3. The mountainous terrain conditions discussed in this section still adopt the slab ballastless track structure form, as researched in this study.

Algorithm 1. Generation of Pier Height Sample Repository for Bridge Groups in Areas with Different Topography.

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1. Inputs
   NS - Total number of samples
   Burn - Number of discarded samples
   PNb - Number of piers for the b-th bridge
   ΔHpier_Range - Range of pier height differences
   σ - the Standard deviation of N

2. Initialization
   Initialize the random number generator
   Initialize the sample storage matrix, Samples

3. Gibbs Sampling
   For each pier g (2 ≤ g ≤ PN) in the b-th (1 < b < NS) bridge, perform the following steps:
   3.1. Generate the Initial Pier Height State Matrix and Determine the conditional distribution of the initial pier height and the height differences between piers.
       From the target distribution of each pier in the b-th bridge (initial pier height: Hb 1 ~ Db{ub, vb}), calculate the initial pier height state matrix H1(H1 1,..., Hb 1,..., HNS 1) for all bridges in the region. Also, obtain the conditional distribution (ΔHb g, g-1 ~ Ng{0, σg,g-1} of height differences ΔHb g,g-1 between the initial pier height H1 and the other piers Hb g,g-1.
   3.2. Obtain Pier Height Arrangement:
       For (b in 2:(NS)) {
         For (g in 1:(PNb)) {
           For (k in 1:g) {
             Sample the pier height Hb(k) from the conditional probability distribution p(Hb(k) | Hb(1),...,Hb(k-1), Hb-1(k+1),...,Hb-1(g))
           }
           Hb+1 ← Hb(1,...,g)
         }
       }
   3.3. Update the Sample Matrix
       Store the generated pier height combination in the Samples and Perform a GR diagnostic value test on the obtained samples to verify whether the maximum pier height difference satisfies the regional topographical conditions. The final set of samples is denoted as Final_Samples

4. Output
   The final set of pier height arrangements for different topographical regions: Final_Samples
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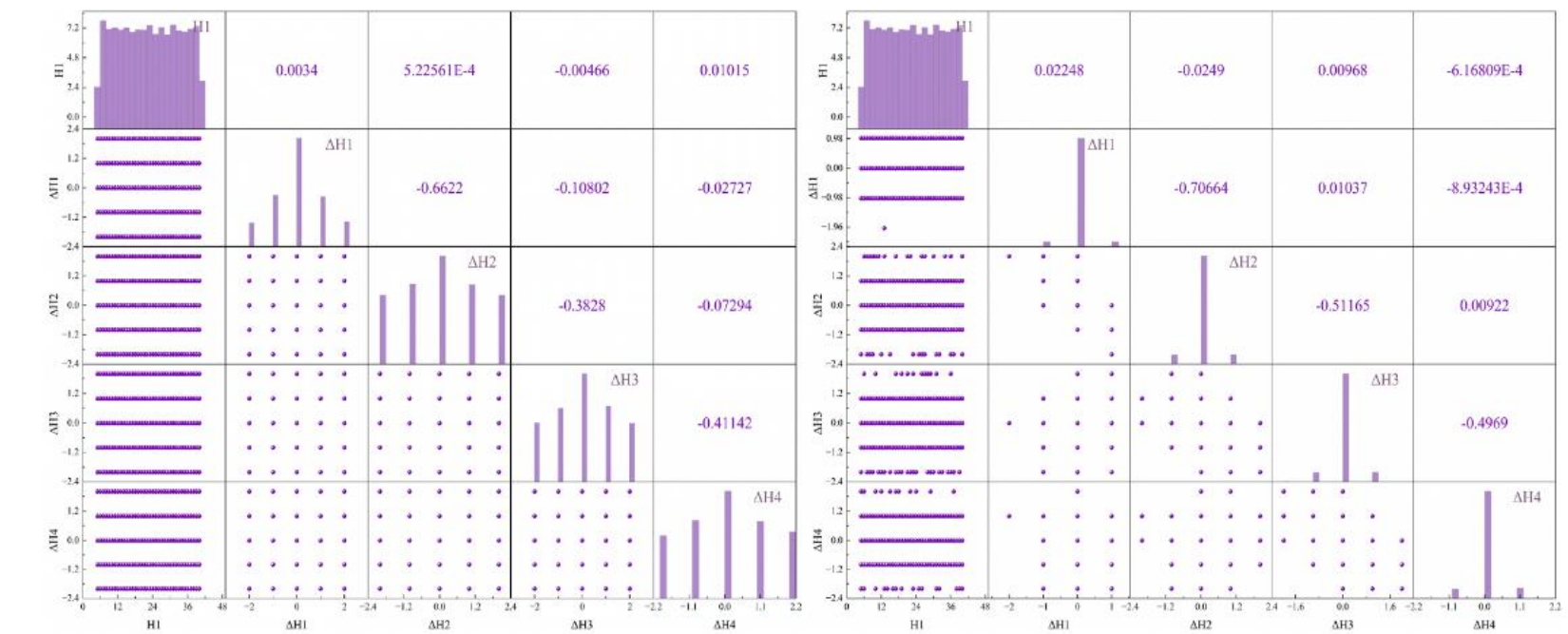
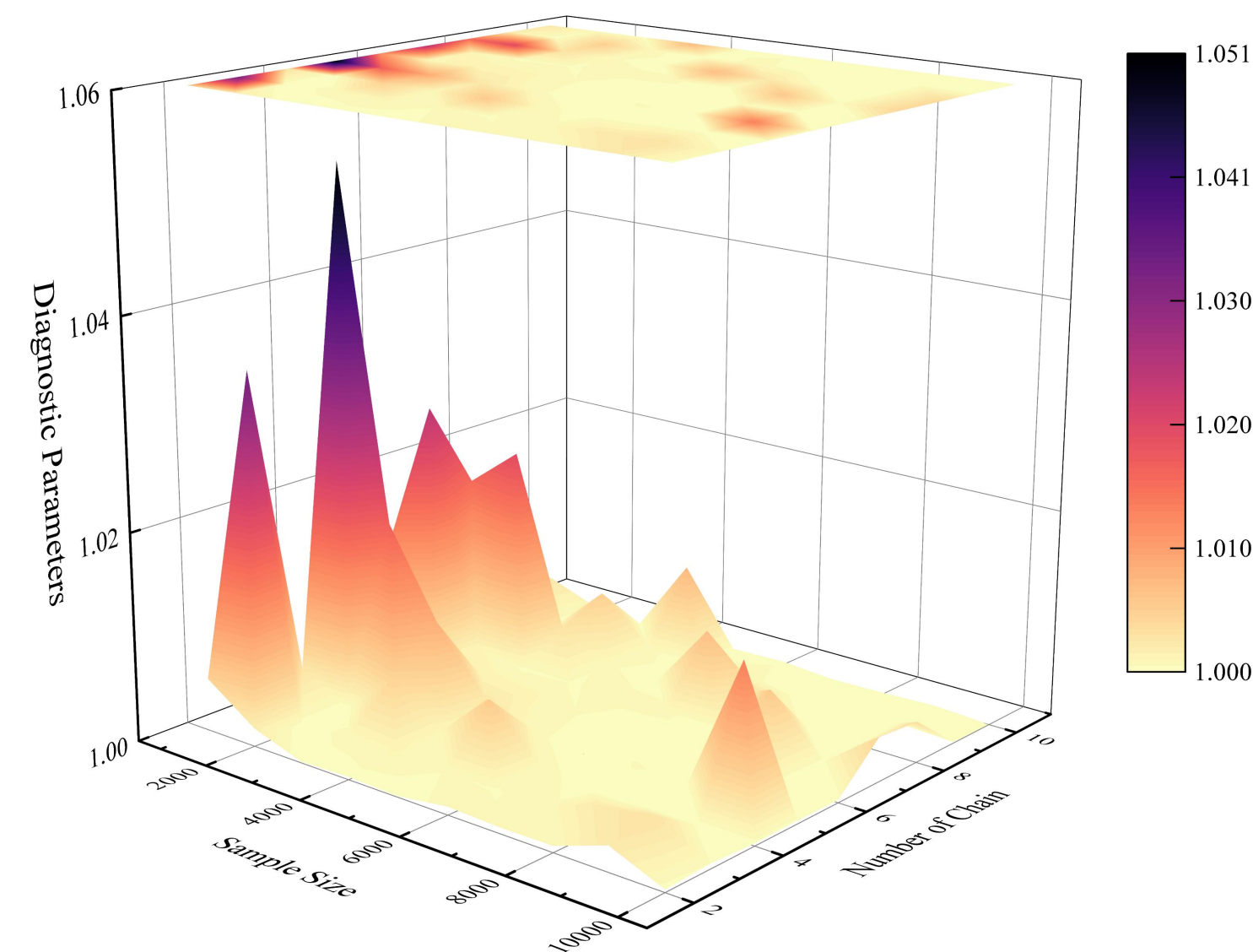
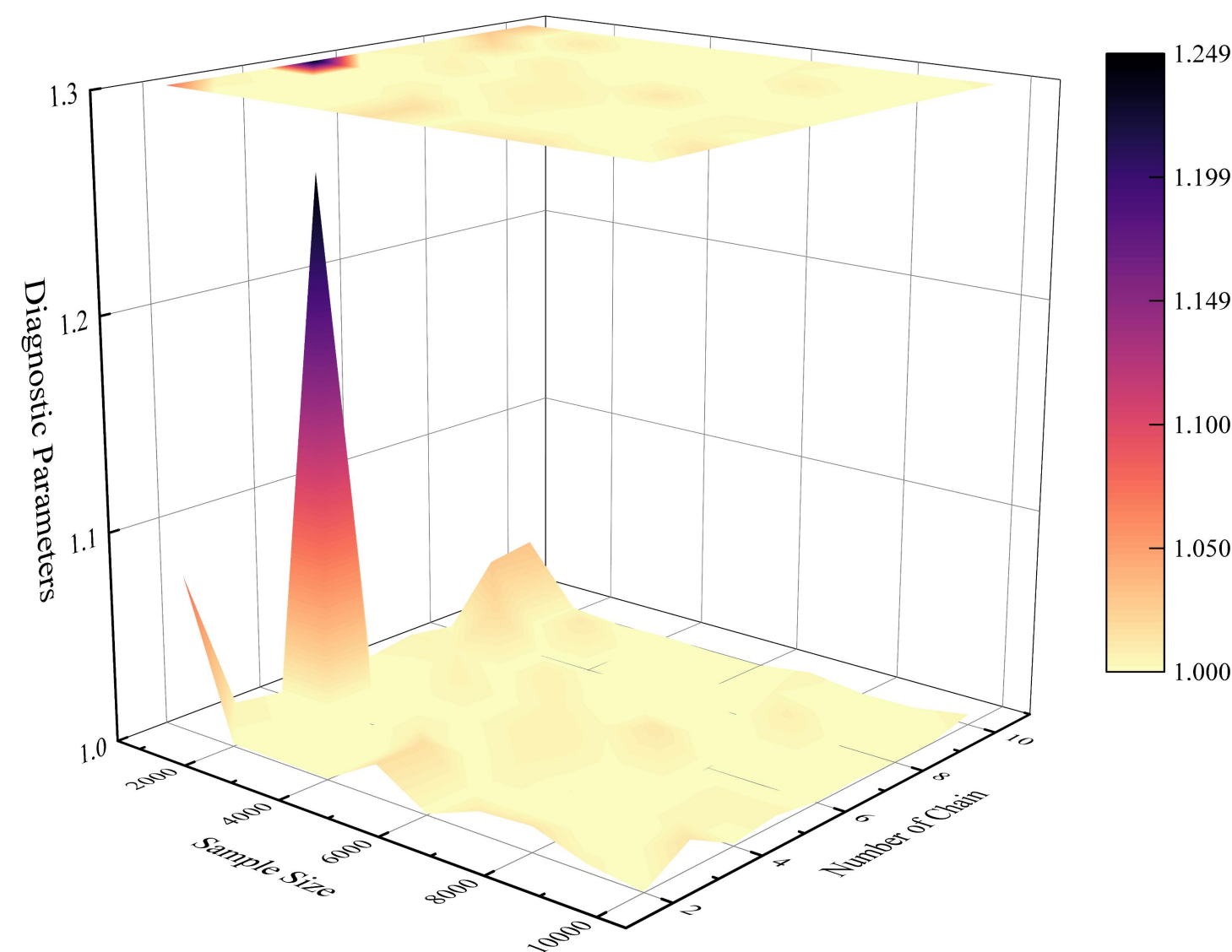
- Evaluated the convergence of the sample database generation method for different topographic regions

$$\hat{R} = \sqrt{\frac{W(1 + \frac{1}{N_{c,n}}) + \frac{B}{N_{c,n}}}{W}}$$

$$W = \frac{1}{N_c} \sum_{n=1}^{N_c} S_{c,n}^2$$

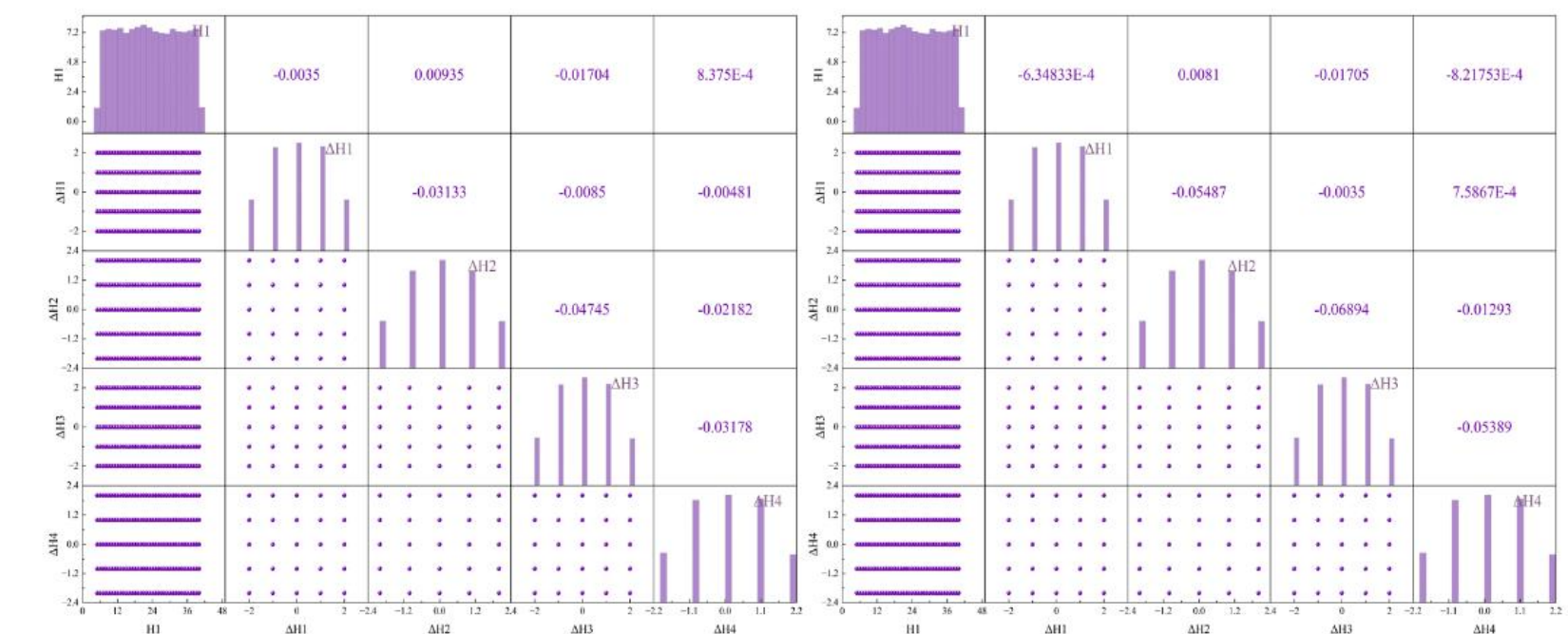
$$B = \frac{N_{c,n}}{N_c - 1} \sum_{n=1}^{N_c} (\mu_{c,n} - \sum_{i=1}^{N_c} \mu_{c,n})^2$$

Gelman–Rubin Diagnostic



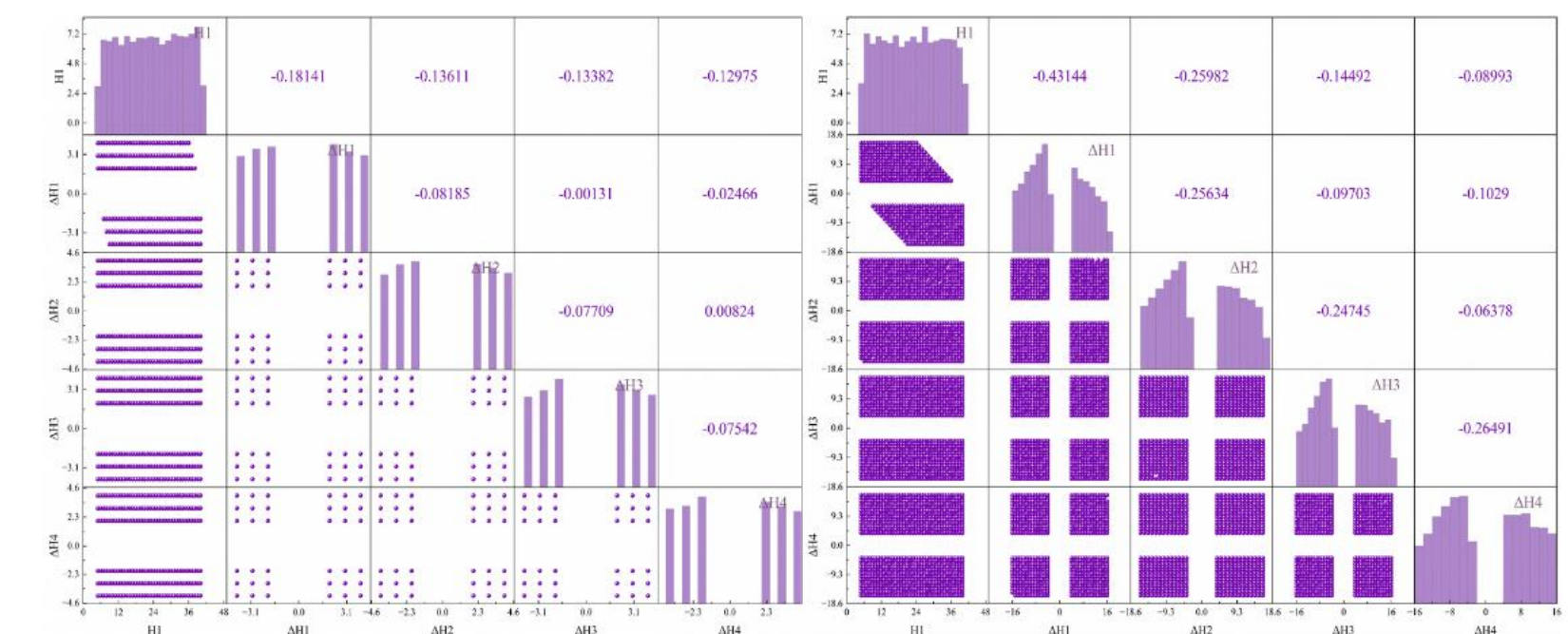
(a)

(b)



(c)

(d)



(e)

(f)

✓ The **rationality of the construction** method was validated, and the required number of sampling chains and sample size were determined.

Multimodal Feature Fusion-Based Interval Prediction of Post-Earthquake Regional Bridge Operability

Prediction Intervals:

$$\mathbf{X}_p(b) = A_{\text{RHN}}^p(b) + \mathbf{K}(b)\sigma(\delta_{\text{RHN}}(b))$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{p,u}(b) = A_{\text{RHN}}^p(b) + \mu(\varepsilon_{\text{RHN}}(b)) + \rho(b)\mathbf{K}(b)\sigma(\delta_{\text{RHN}}(b))$$

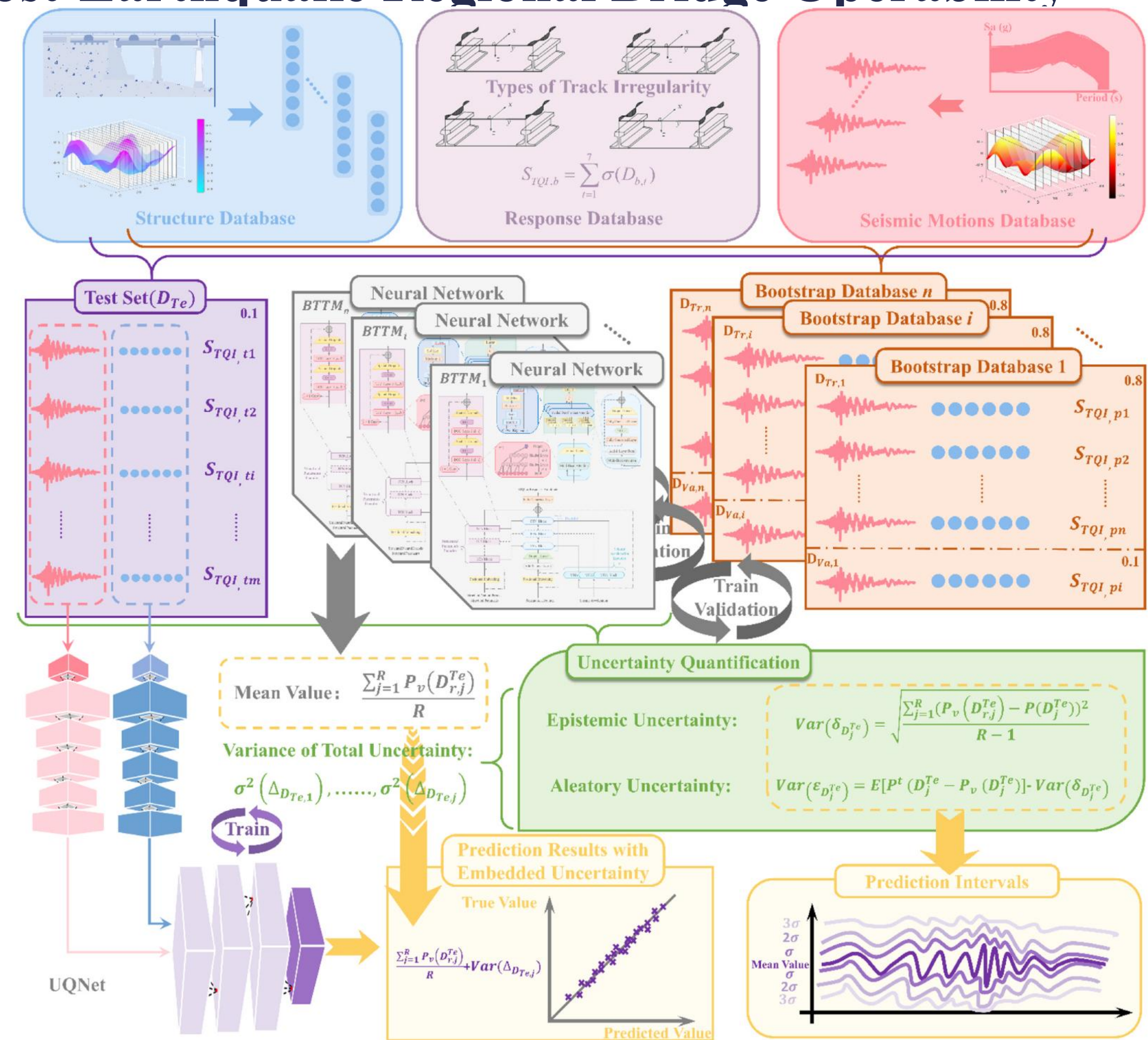
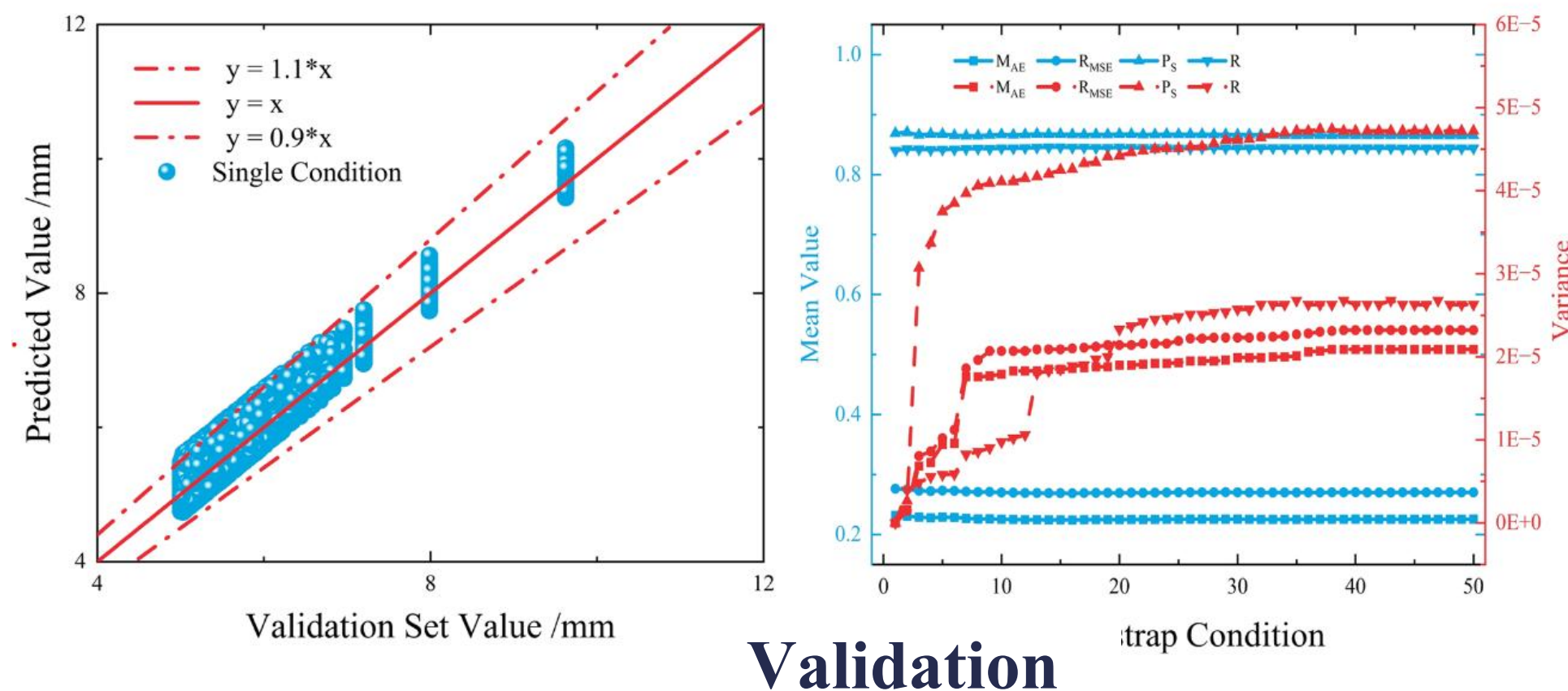
$$\mathbf{K}_i(b) = \frac{Y_{\text{RHN},i}^p(b) - A_{\text{RHN}}^p(b)}{\sigma(\delta_{\text{RHN}}(b))}$$

$$\rho(b) = \frac{\sigma(\Delta_{\text{RHN}}(b))}{\sigma(\delta_{\text{RHN}}(b))}$$

Loss Function:

$$F_{\text{loss,RNUQ}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{b=1}^{N_{te}} [\ln(\sigma^2(\varepsilon_{\text{RHN}}(b)) + 1)]$$

$$F_{\text{loss,RAN}} = \sum_{b=1}^{N_{te}} (\mu(\varepsilon_{\text{RHN}}(b)))$$

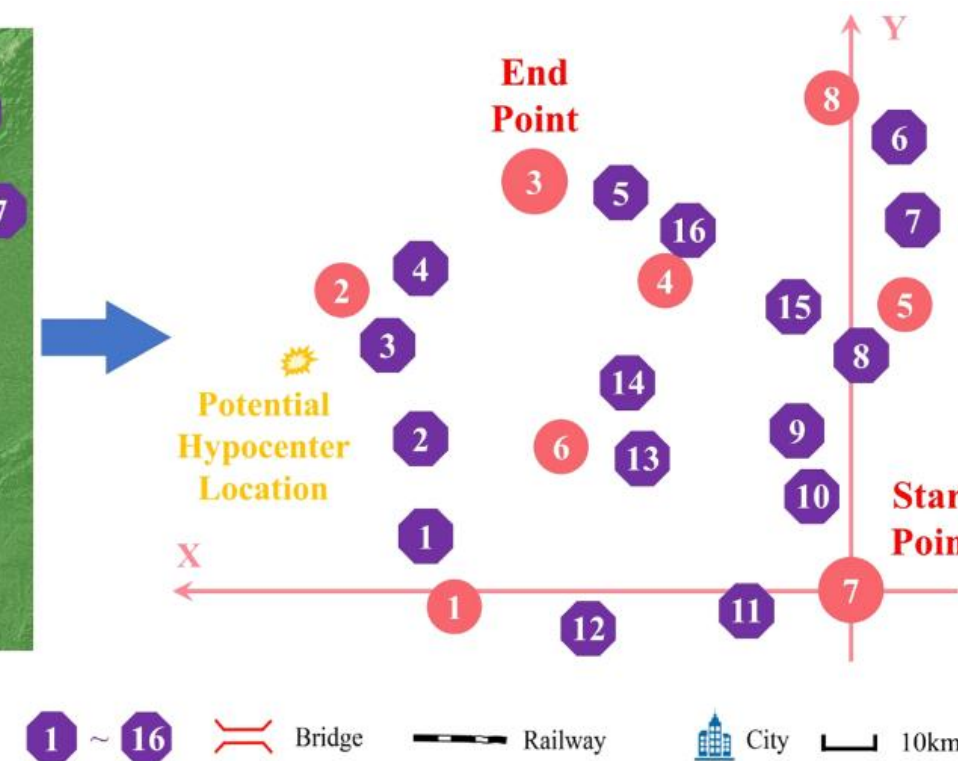
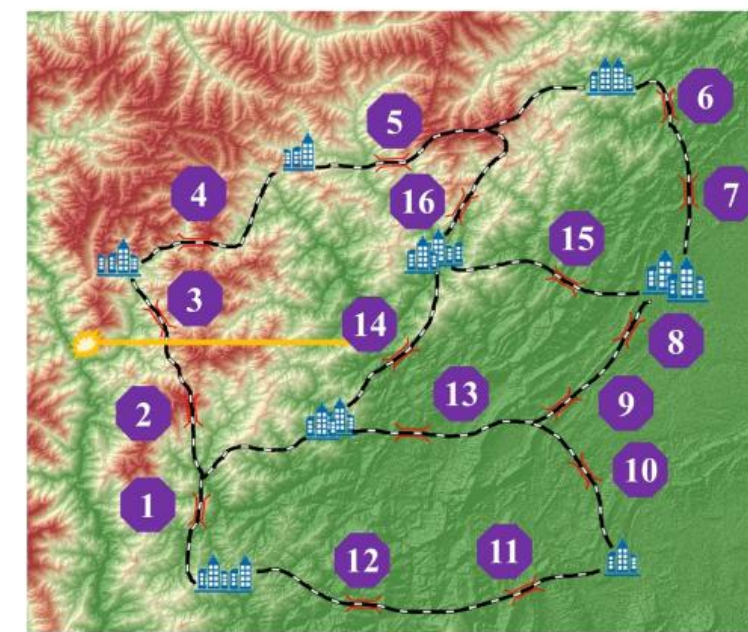


Probabilistic Prediction of Post-Earthquake Regional Bridge Performance

Earthquake Magnitude Effects on Regional Bridge Network Operability

Bridge ID	X-Coordinate (km)	Y-Coordinate (km)	Slope $\alpha_d(^{\circ})$
1	74.5	6.5	8
2	75.5	24.2	11
3	79.5	41.0	12
4	76.9	55.8	15
5	41.8	69.6	10
6	-7.6	77.9	9
7	-11.2	62.2	4
8	-1.0	39.3	5
9	10.6	27.1	3
10	6.3	15.4	2
11	17.3	-5.6	5
12	45.3	-7.0	5
13	36.9	22.2	3
14	38.8	35.6	4
15	10.1	48.5	5
16	28.2	61.7	8
Potential Earthquake Source	100	35.6	

Bridge Information

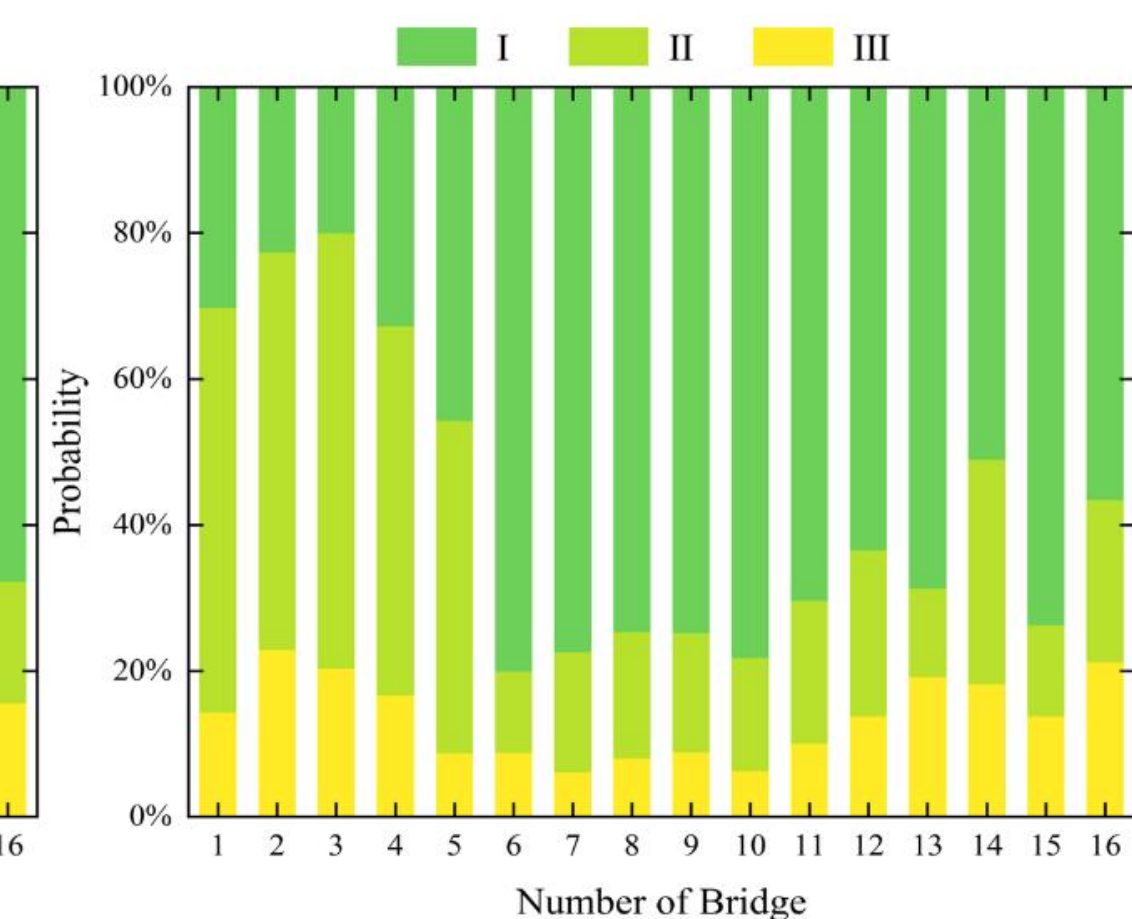
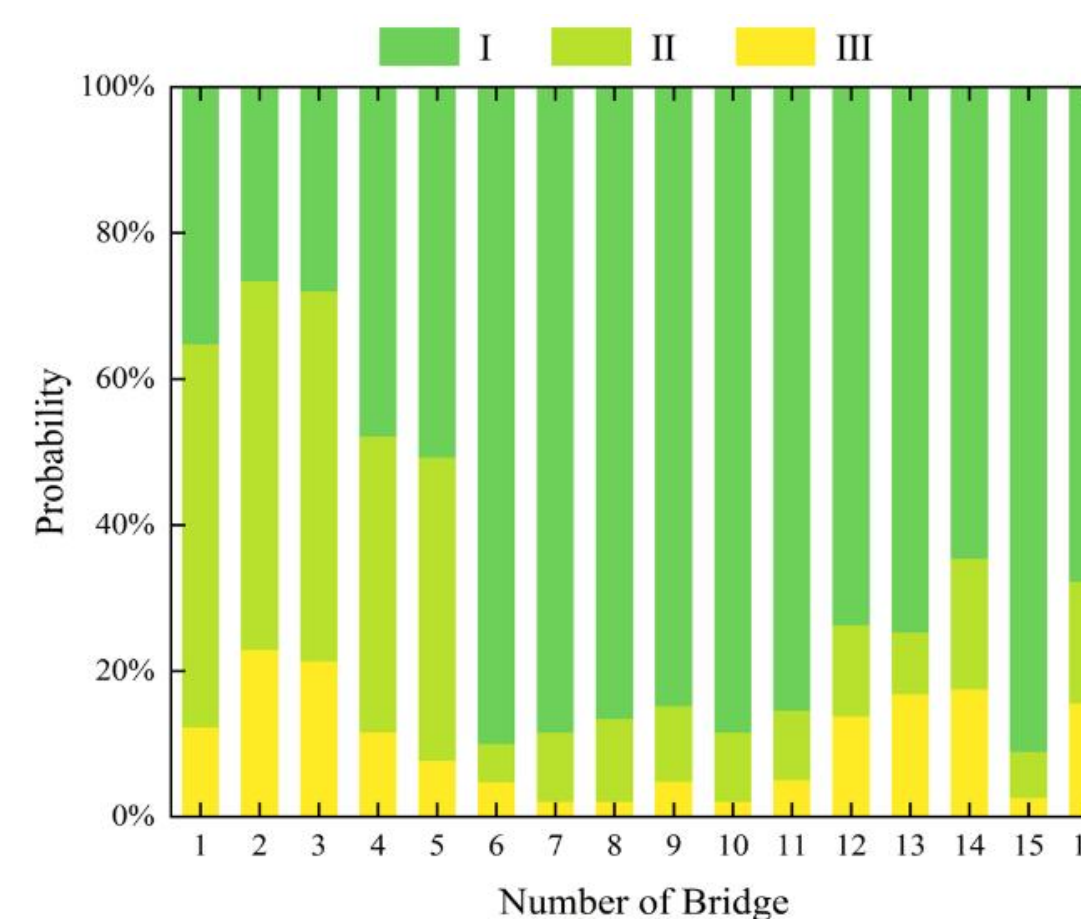
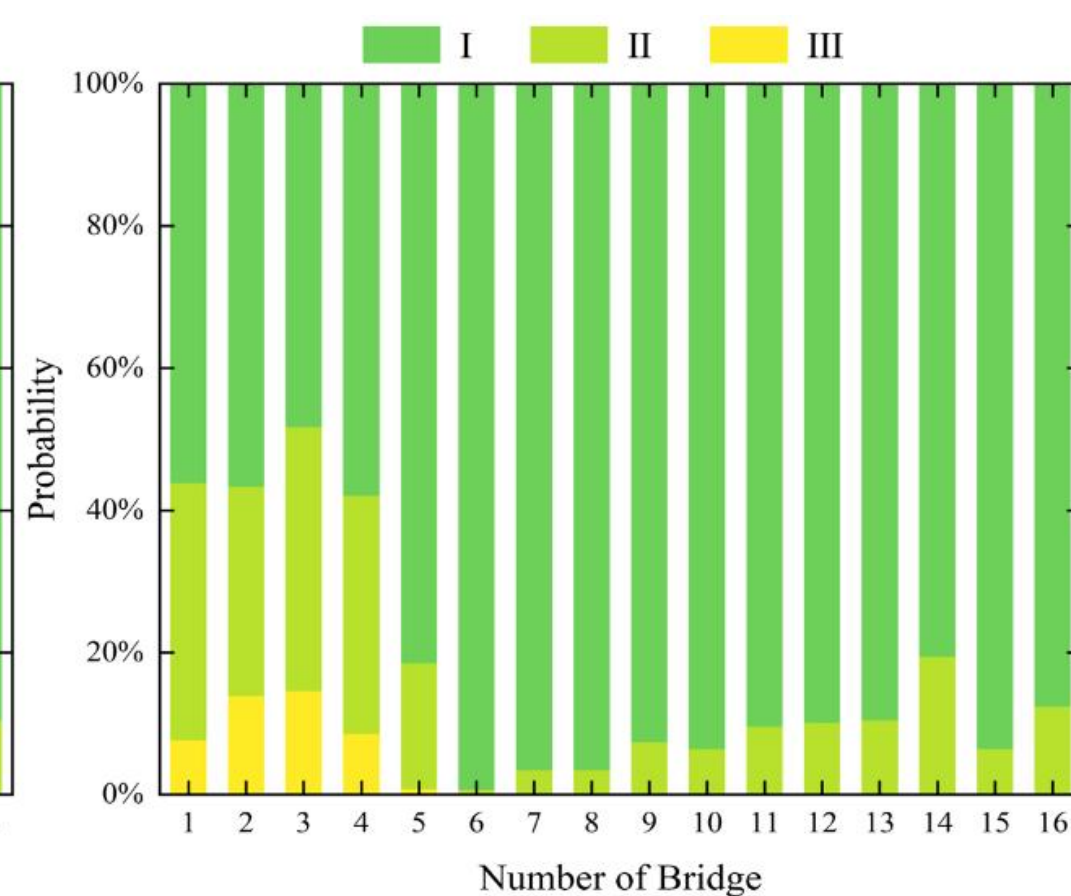
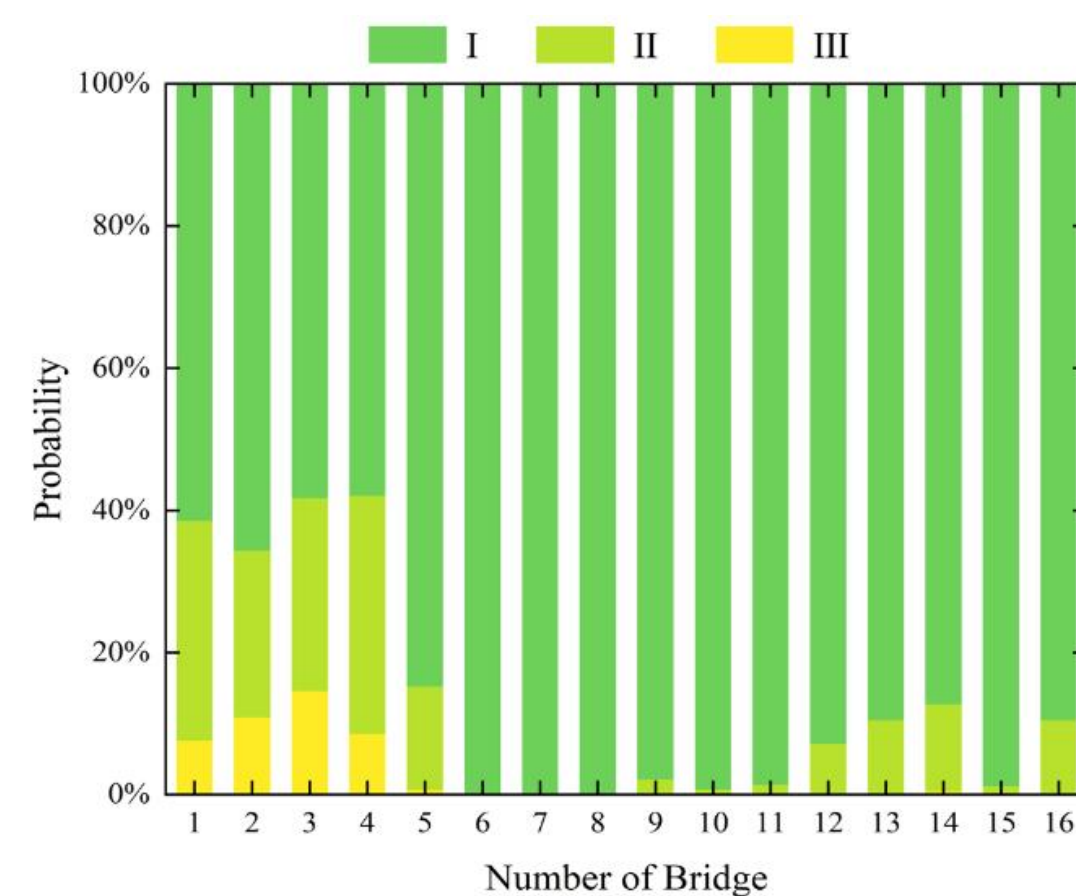


City	1	2	6	7	3	4	5	8
1		72.1	46.6	84.2				
2	72.1		48.9		41.1			
6	46.6	48.9		74.4		45.4	81.6	
7	84.2		74.4				70.3	
3		41.1				70.2		64.8
4			45.4		70.2		54.3	59.6
5			81.6	70.3		54.3		46.9
8					64.8	59.6	46.9	

Railway Line Information

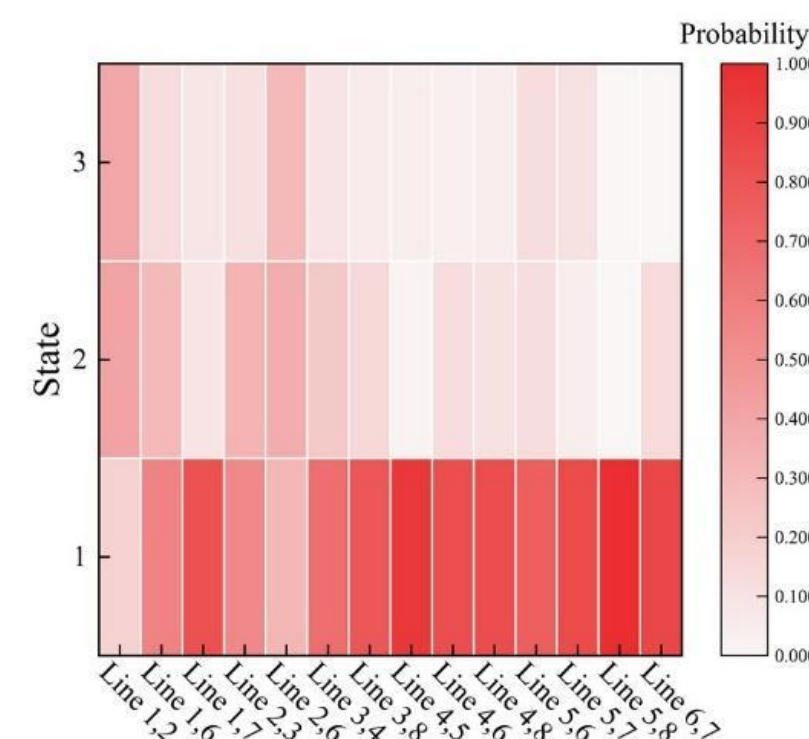
Source–Bridge Site–Topography
Ground-Motion Prediction
Equation

$$\log(S_{b,i}) = \eta_1 + \eta_2 M_L + \eta_3 M_L^2 + \eta_4 \log(R_b + \eta_5 e^{\eta_6 M_L})$$
$$S_{b,i,t} = \gamma_{b,i,t} S_{b,i}$$

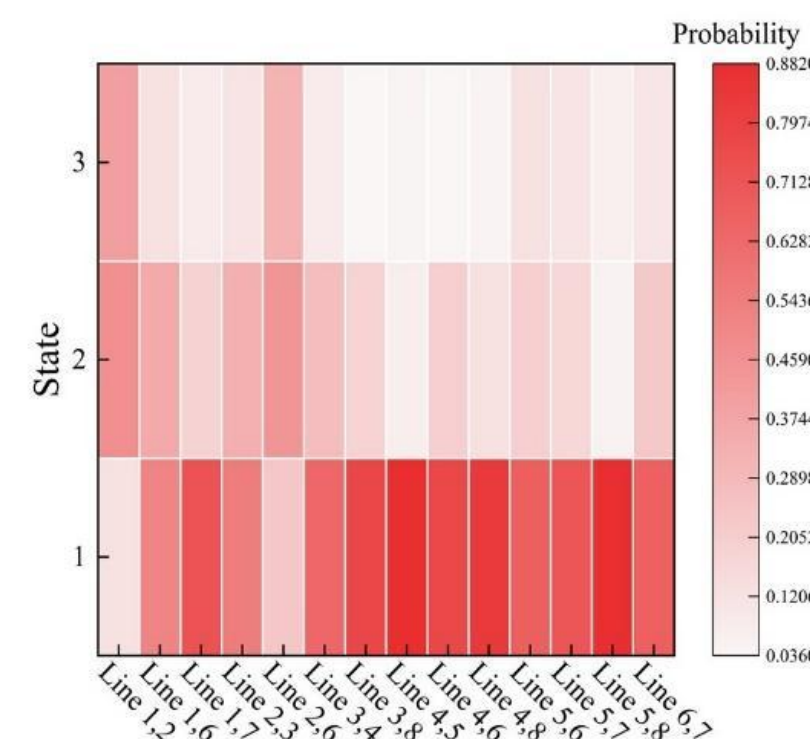


Earthquake Magnitude Effects on Regional High-Speed Railway Line Operability

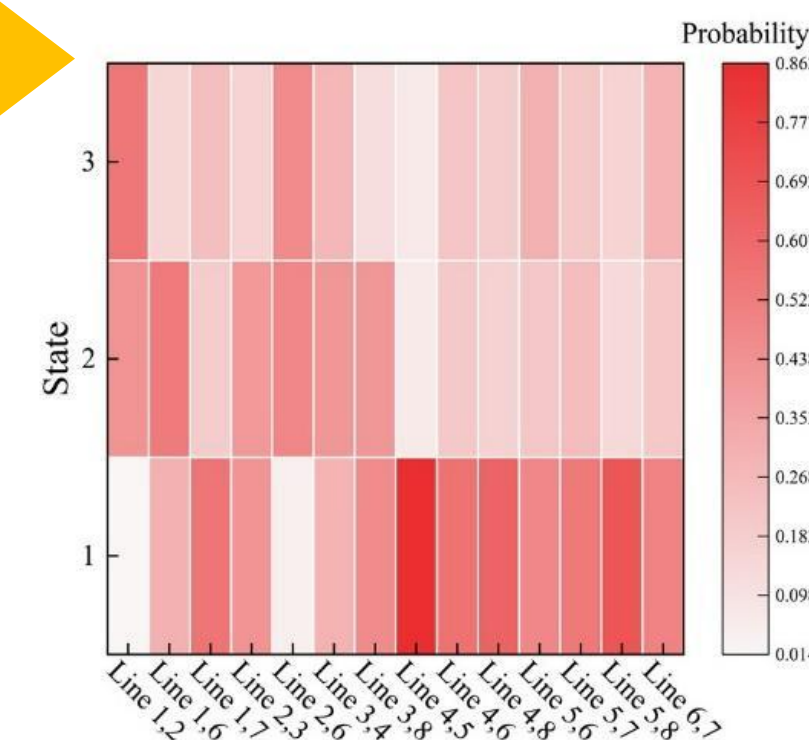
$$f_{s_1,v}(L_n) = \prod_{p=1}^P f_{s_1,v}(b_p)$$
$$f_{s_2,v}(L_n) = \prod_{p=1}^P [f_{s_1,v}(b_p) + f_{s_2,v}(b_p)] - \prod_{p=1}^P f_{s_1,v}(b_p)$$
$$f_{s_3,v}(L_n) = 1 - \prod_{p=1}^P [f_{s_1,v}(b_p) + f_{s_2,v}(b_p)]$$



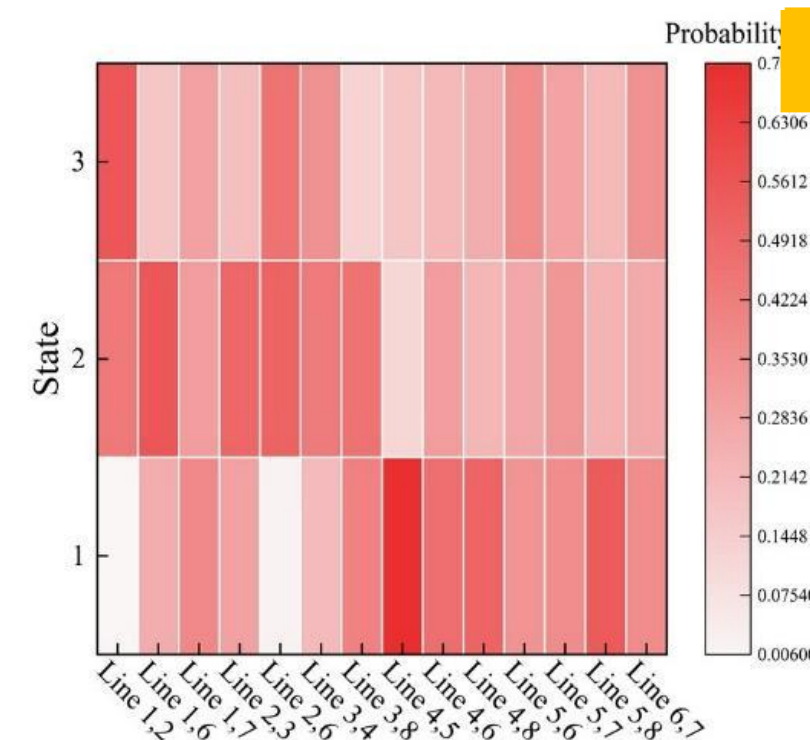
Magnitude 6



Magnitude 6.5

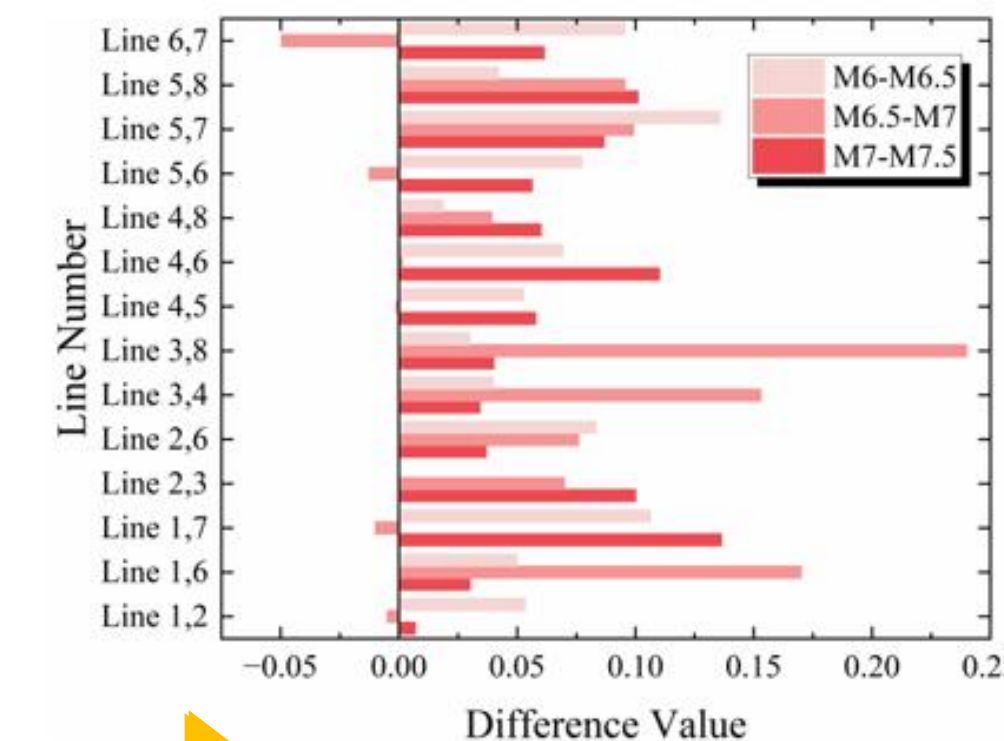


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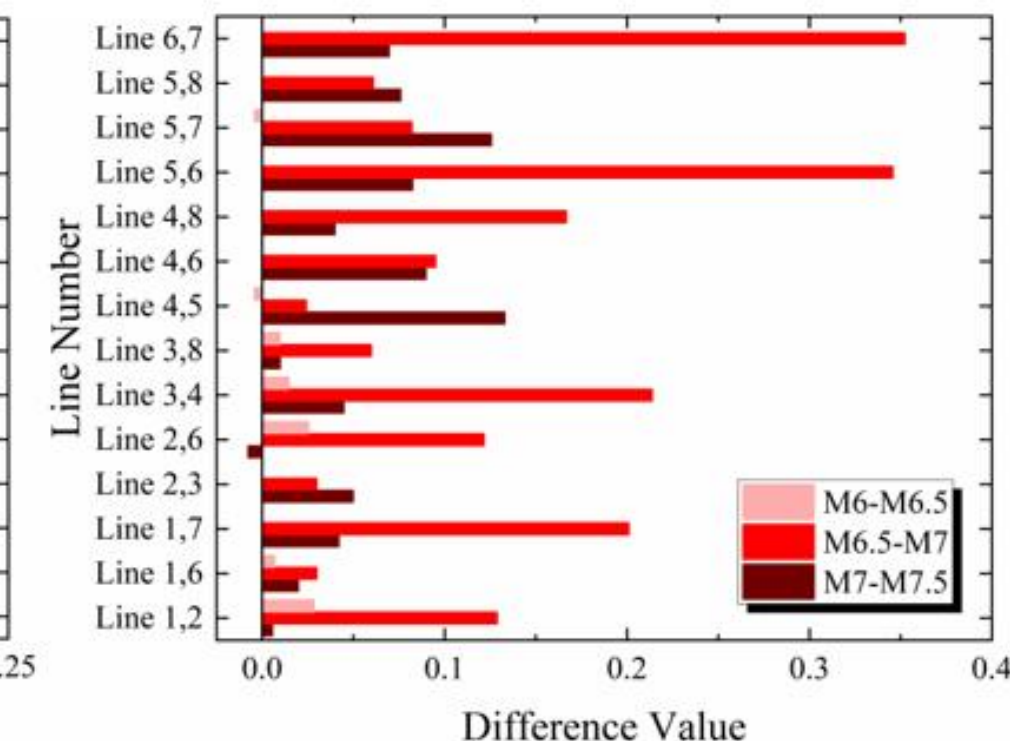


Magnitude 7.5

Probability Distribution of
Post-Earthquake Line Operability



(a) Performance State II



(b) Performance State III

Seismic intensity [⚡]	Line names [⚡]
6.5 [⚡]	Line 5-7, Line 1-7 [⚡]
7 [⚡]	Line 1-7, Line 1-2, Line 3-8, Line 3-4, Line 1-6, Line 6-7, Line 5-6 [⚡]
7.5 [⚡]	Line 4-6, Line 5-7, Line 4-5, Line 1-7 [⚡]

Post-Earthquake Priority Railway Lines

✓ Obtained the probability distribution of post-earthquake line operability and identified **vulnerable routes** under different earthquake magnitudes.

- **A regional limited-sample ground-motion generation method was proposed, and the effects of training-set composition on prediction accuracy were revealed. Region-specific network selection criteria and an uncertainty-integrated seismic response prediction framework were developed. Applicability metrics for NN surrogate models were established based on epistemic uncertainty, and the effects of sample size and train speed on peak operability prediction uncertainty were clarified, enabling accurate uncertainty-informed prediction of structural seismic responses and post-earthquake bridge operability**
- **A geography- and prior-driven generation method for regional HRSBS was proposed, and a multi-source NN surrogate model was developed to couple topographic features with pier parameters. Epistemic uncertainty-embedded prediction intervals for post-earthquake operability were obtained, enabling regional bridge and line performance evaluation and supporting post-earthquake transport capacity assessment.**

- **Post-earthquake performance of other bridge and track structural forms, tunnel groups, and bridge–tunnel transition sections should be further investigated.**
- **The influencing factors of epistemic uncertainty remain insufficiently discussed. Further studies should focus on reducing, decomposing, and quantifying epistemic uncertainty.**
- **Regional ground-motion parameter attenuation equations should more accurately account for local site effects and near-fault pulse effects.**

Thank You for Your Attention!

Comments and Suggestions Are Welcome.

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