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- Floor acceleration of high-tech facilities under near-field movement
  High-tech facilities are sensitive to PFA which may have special characteristics
  from near-field movement.
- Torsional behavior of buildings
   Near-field movement may induce asymmetric damage to the structure followed by severe torsional behavior.
- Effects of vertical ground motions

  The ratio between the peak vertical and the horizontal ground acceleration can exceed 1.0. The large vertical excitation may cause different failure modes which are not observed from far-field earthquakes.
- Near-field effects of ground motions with less magnitude
   In design codes (Eurocode 8, for example), near-field effects are
   considered for earthquakes with certain magnitude and distance to the fault.
   However, near-field effects also exist for earthquakes with less magnitude.