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FOR SEISMIC ANALYSIS AND  
DESIGN OF TALL BUILDINGS  
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# Introductory Remarks





## Simple Facts

- Historical evidence shows that collapse is not a function of building height and flexibility but a result of configuration, detailing, workmanship, engineering, and construction issues.
- Examples from all earthquakes show this.
- Here are a few examples



Kobe 1995



Photo Courtesy of Dr. Charles Kircher

# Chi Chi, Taiwan 1999







# Most Typical Damage



































# How Would Various Well-Engineered Buildings Perform During a Large Event Affecting the Los Angeles Region?

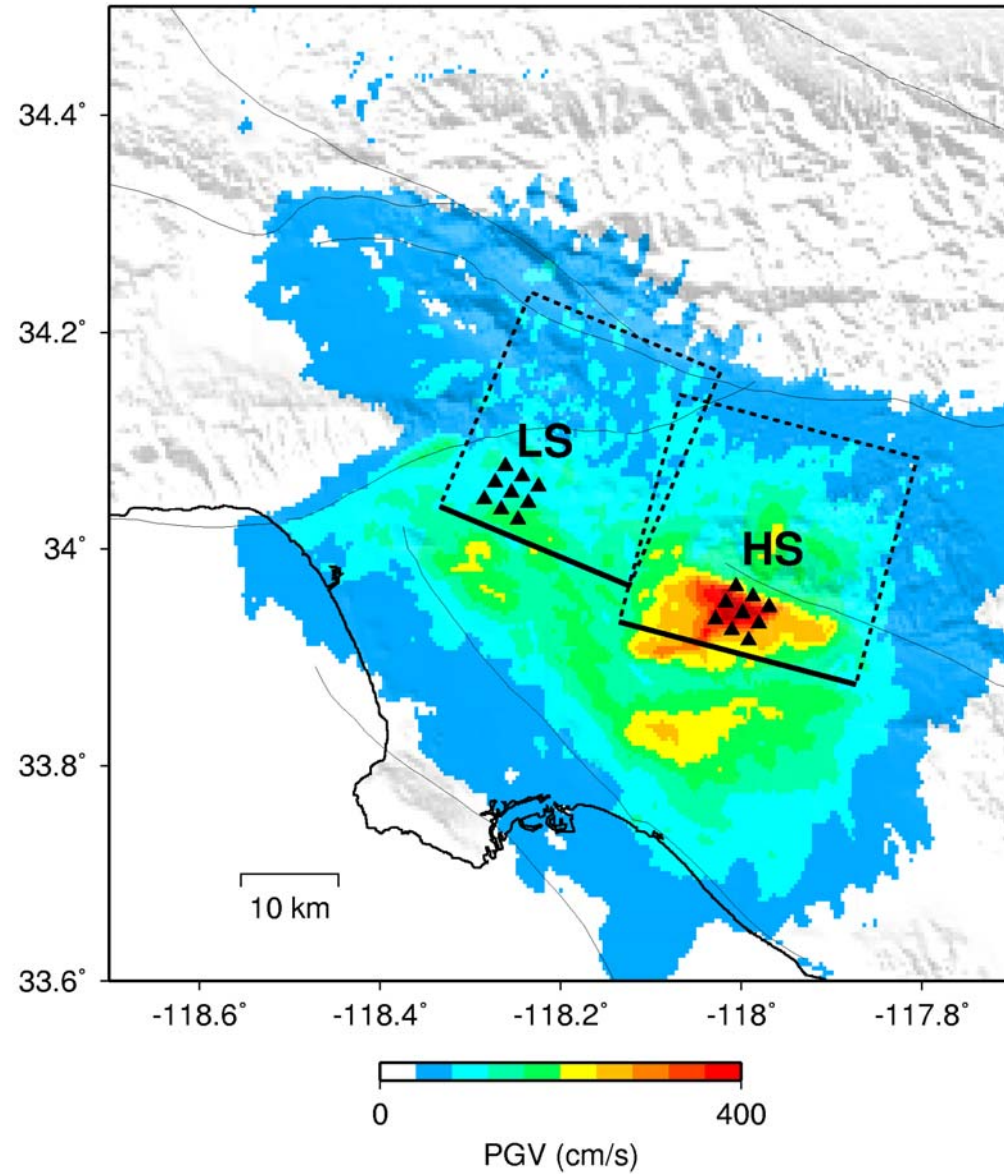
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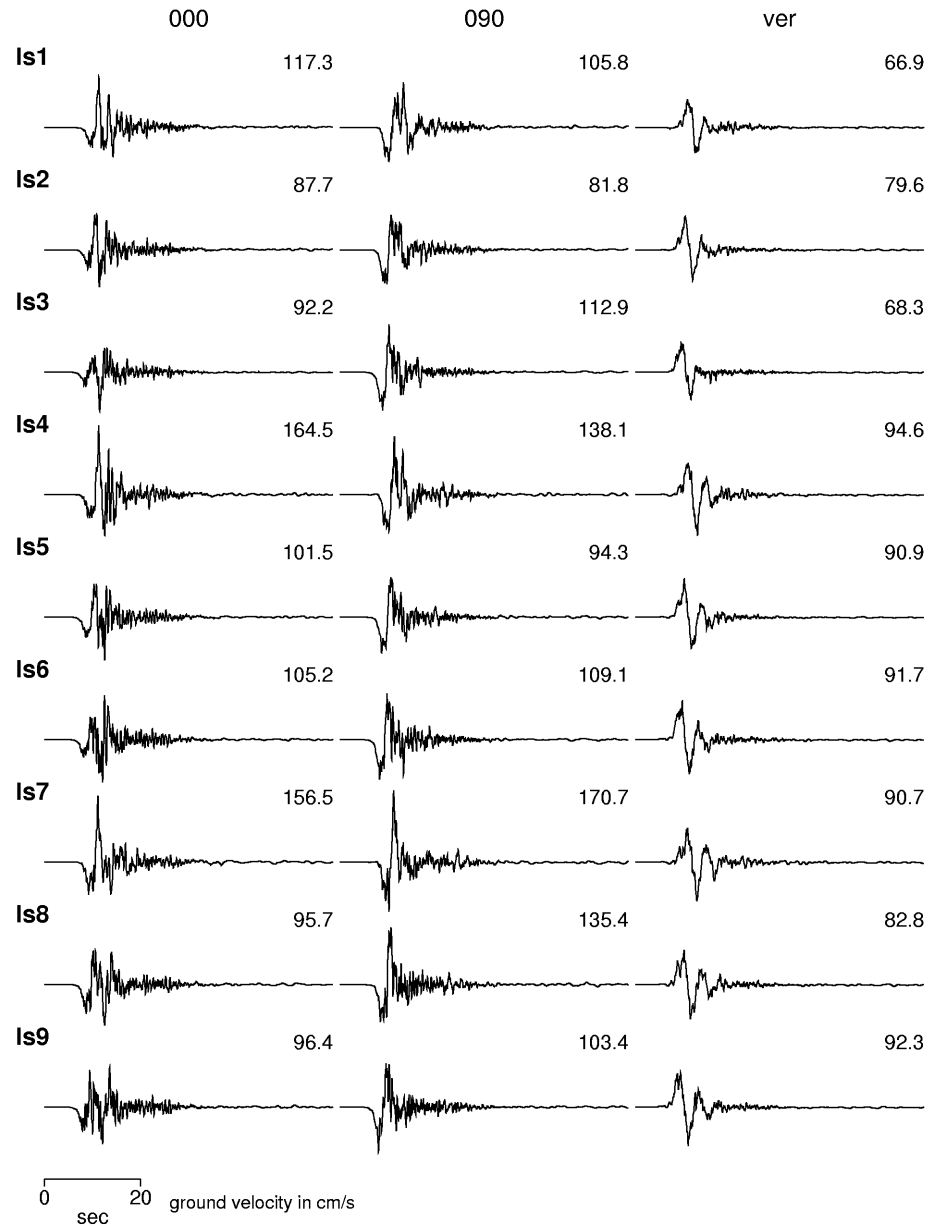




Puente Hills All (Mw 7.15): PGV

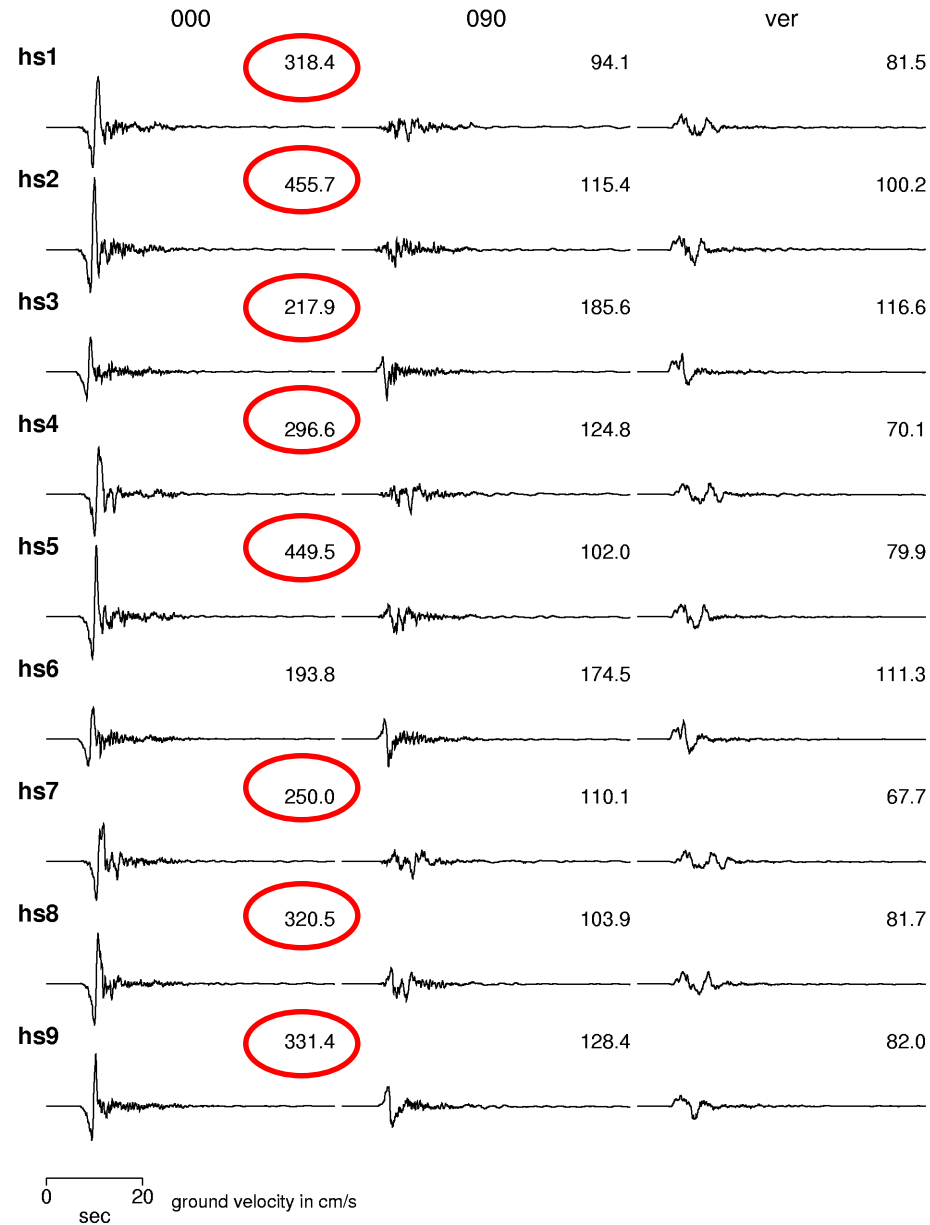


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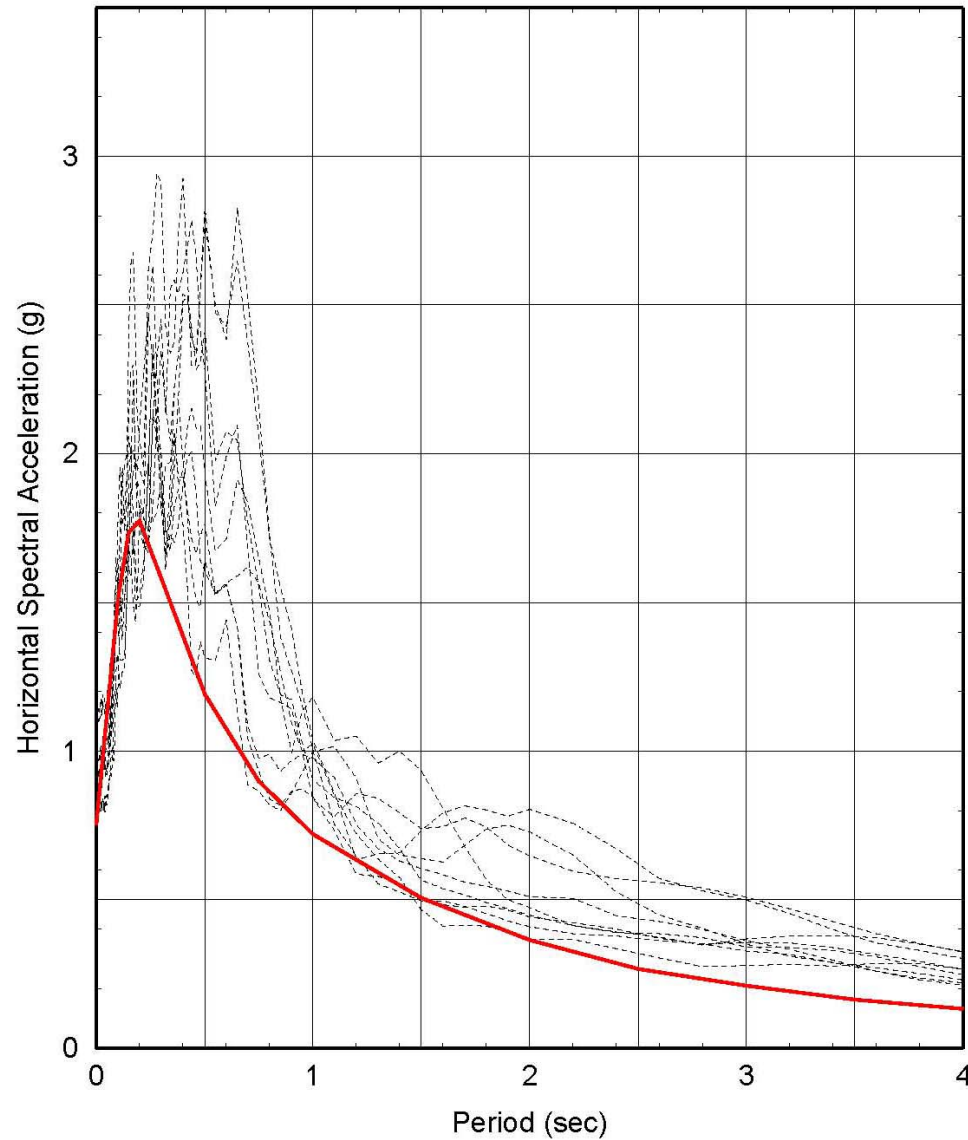
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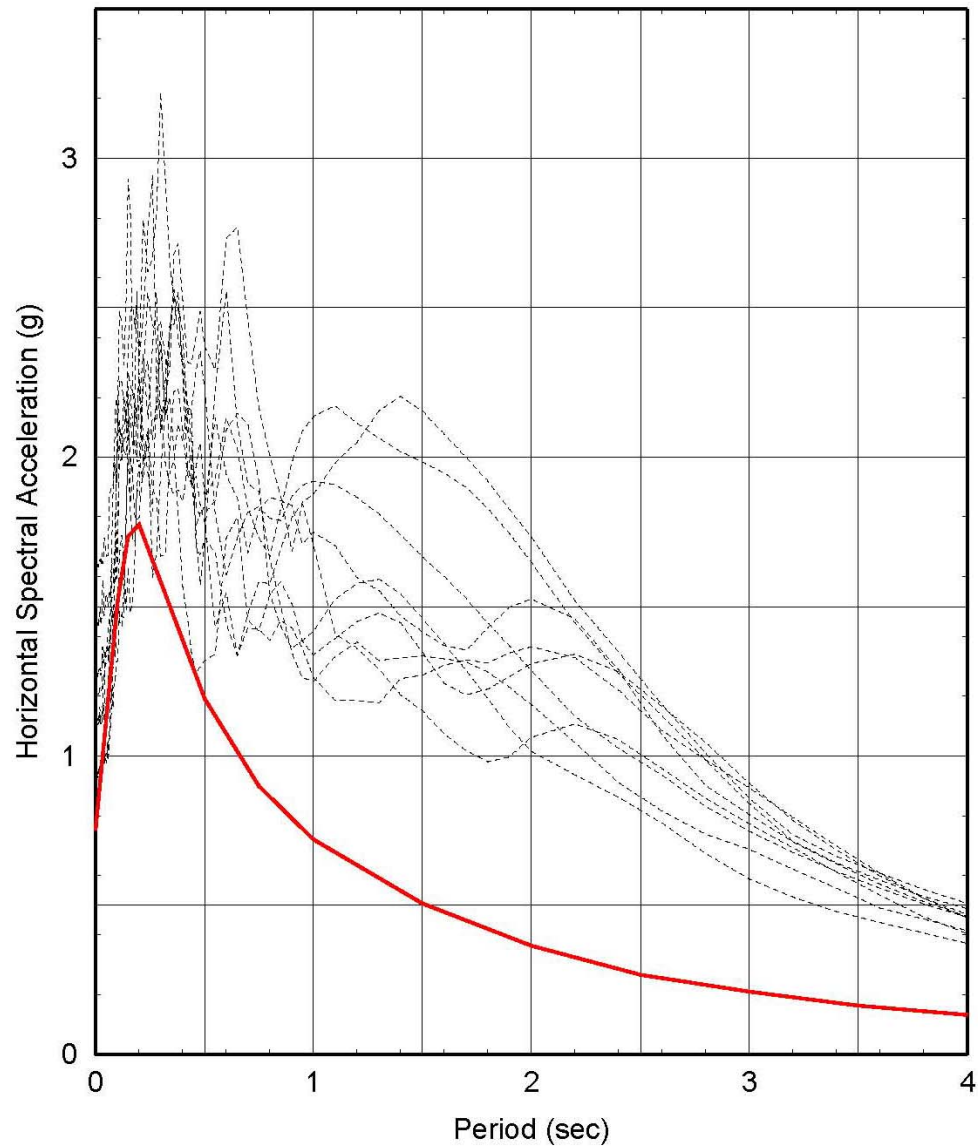
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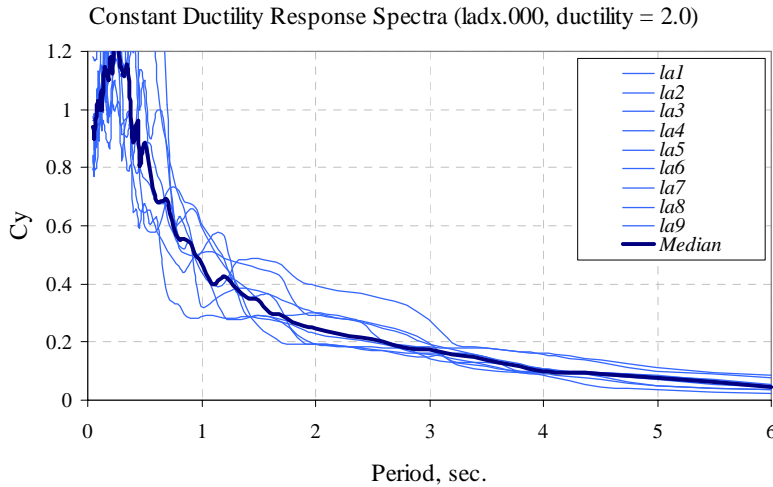
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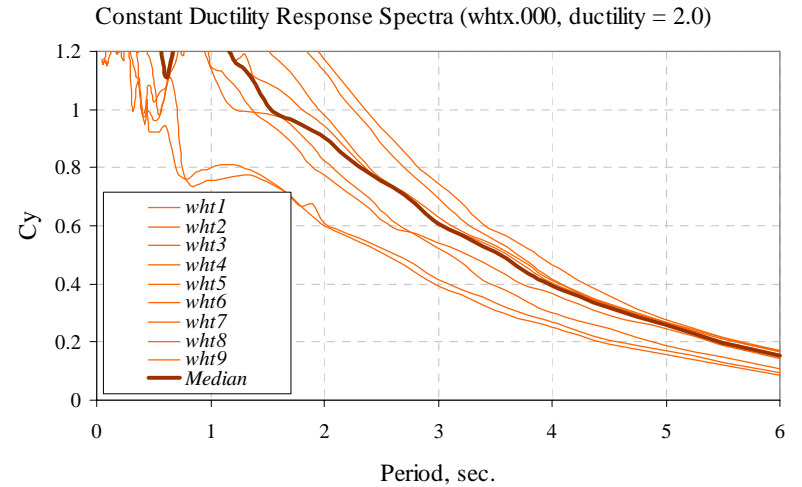
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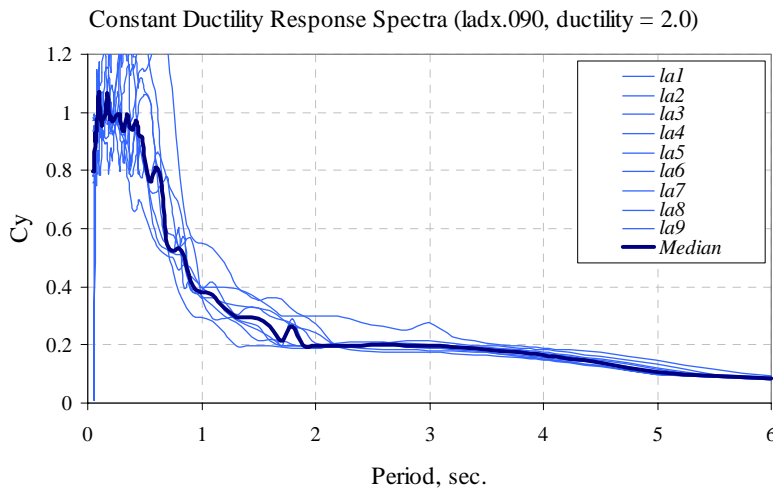
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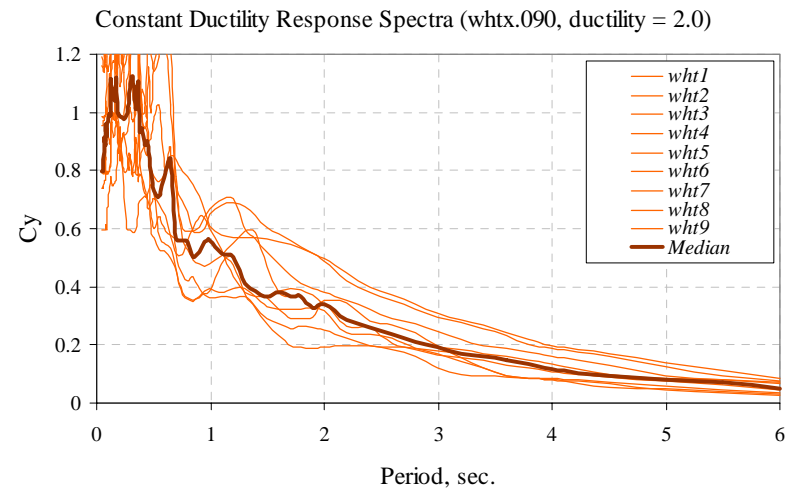
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Low-Slip Area E-W

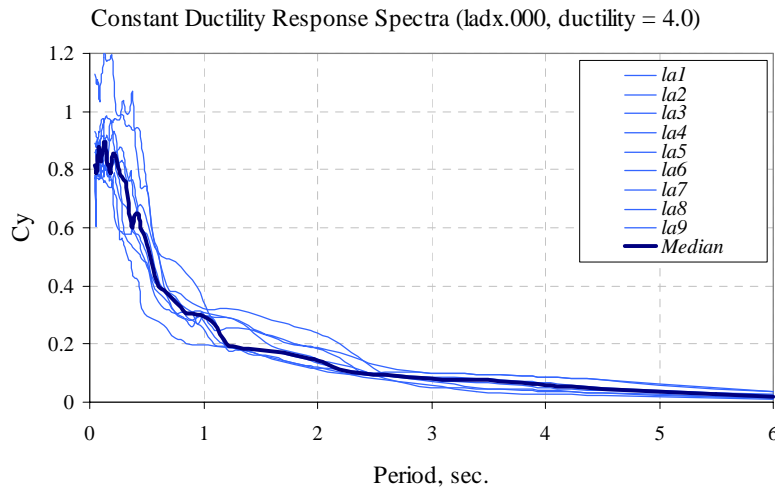


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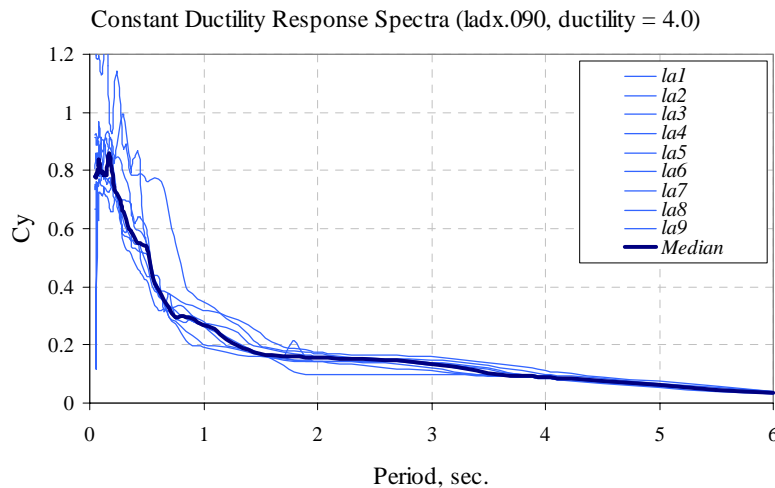
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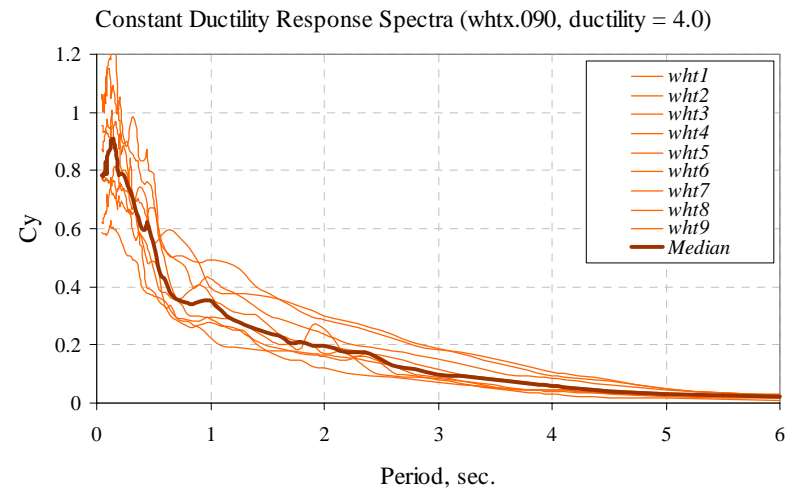
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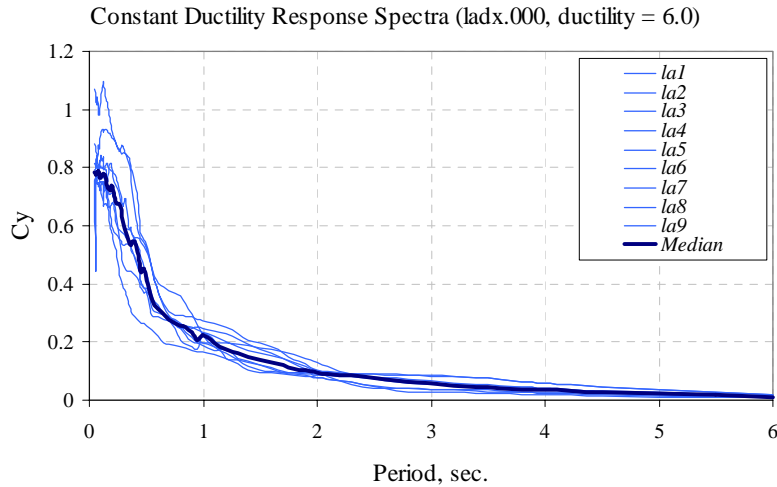


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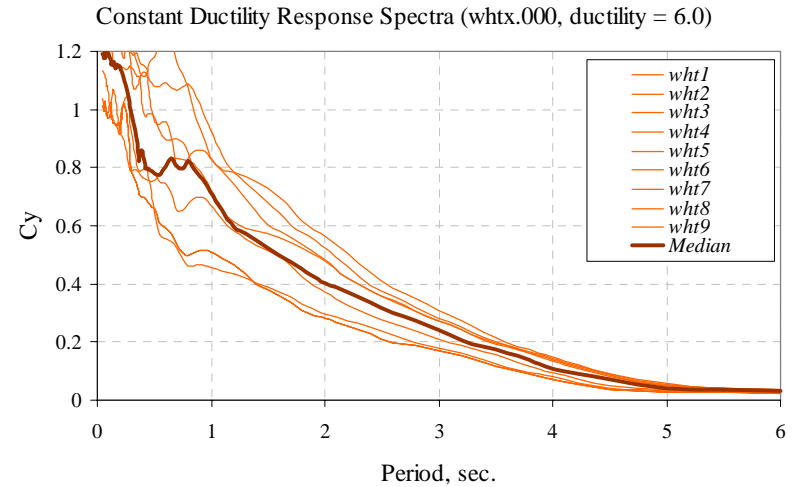




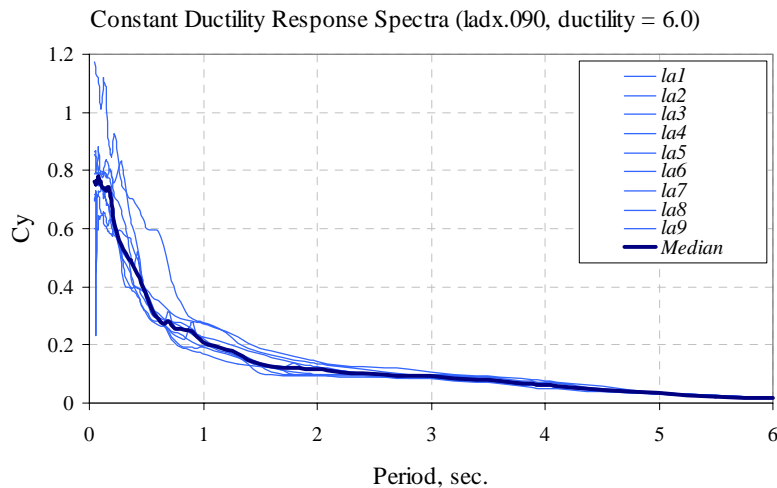
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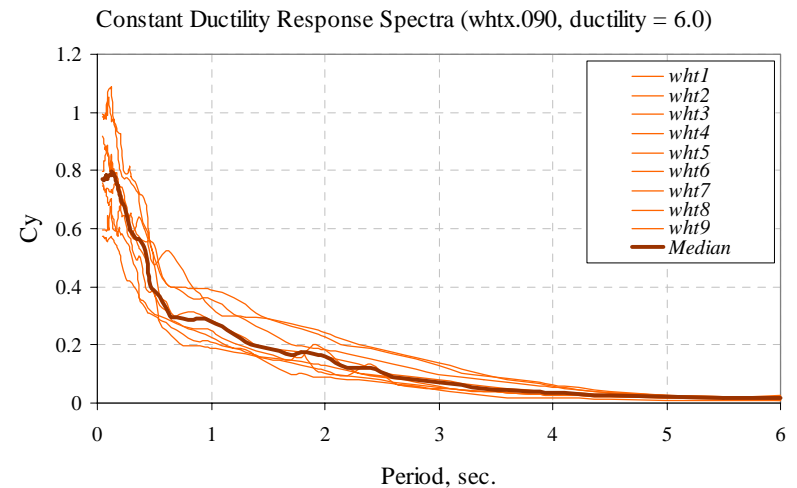
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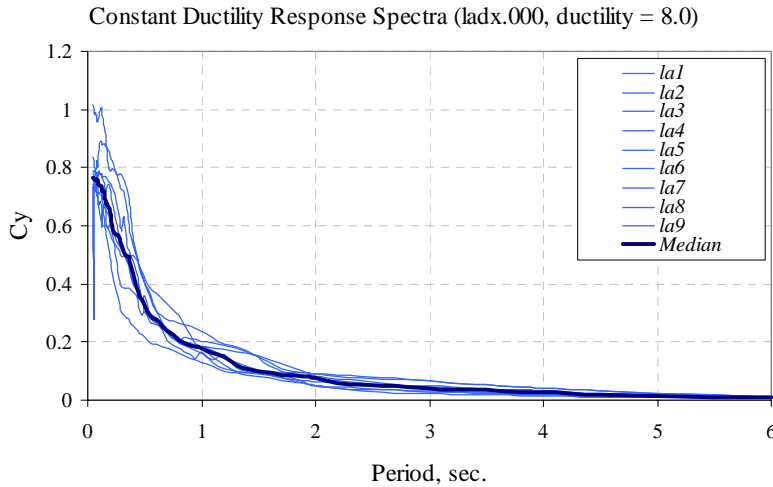


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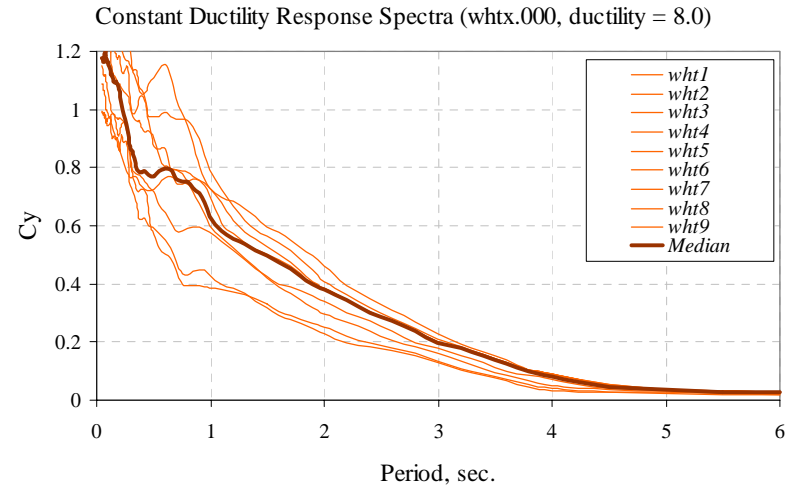




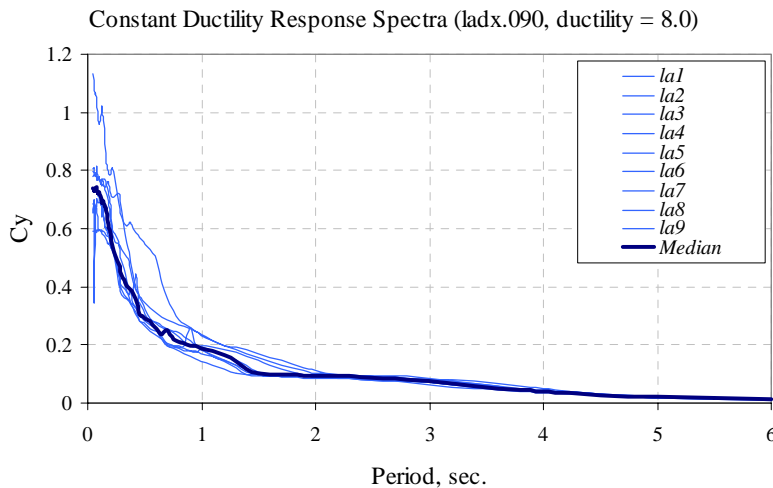
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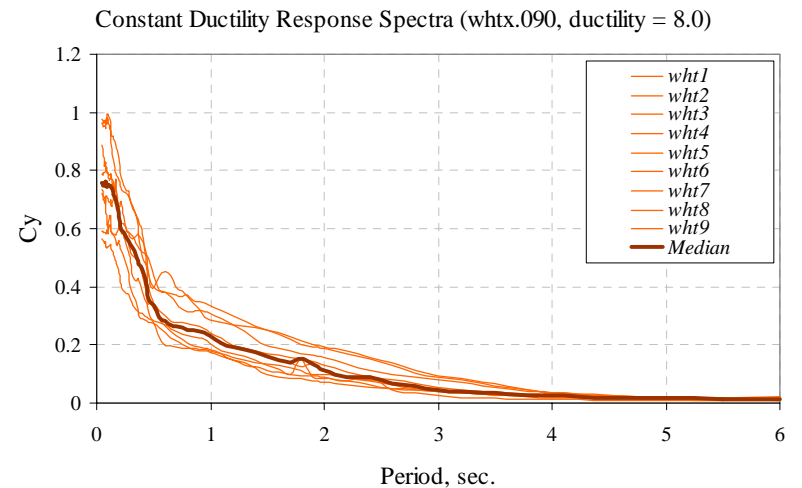
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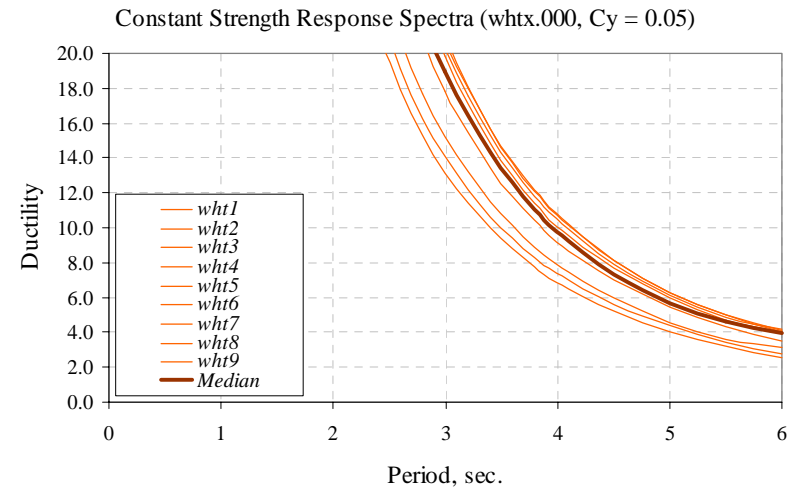
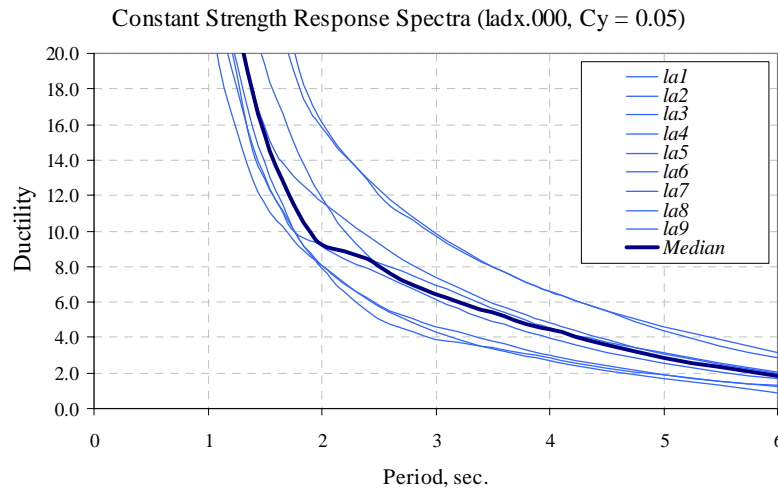
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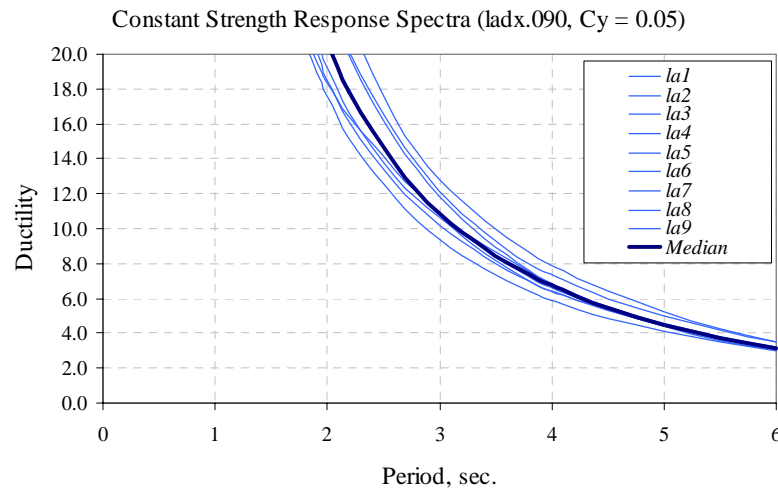
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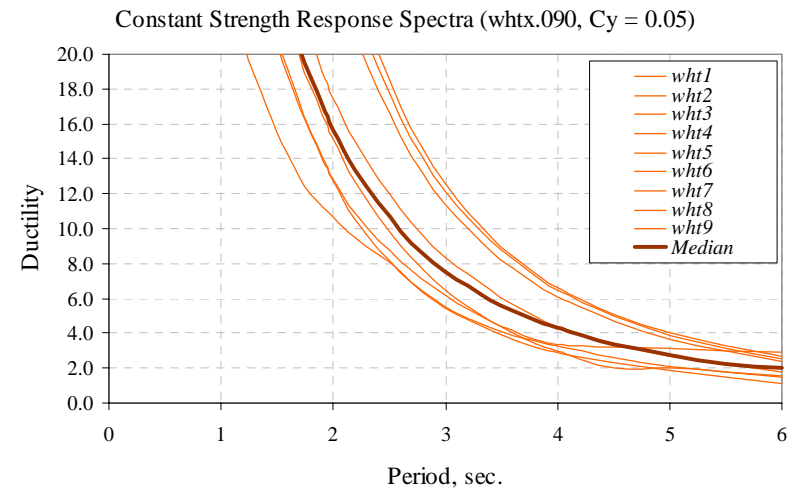
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### High-Slip Area N-S



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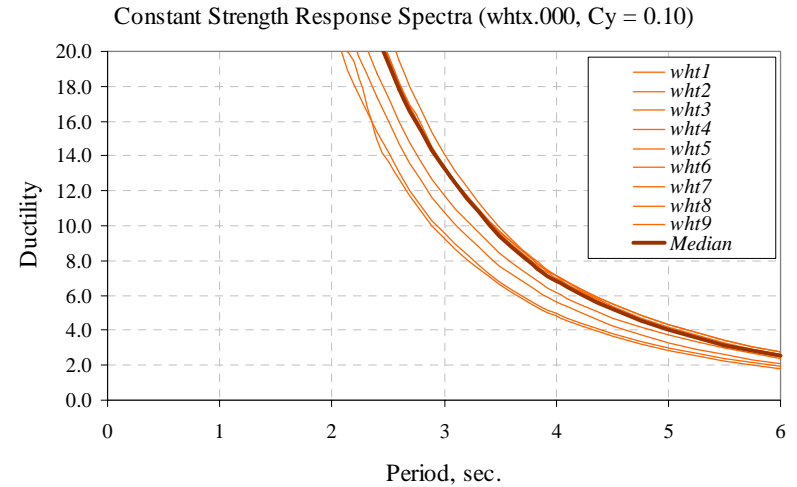
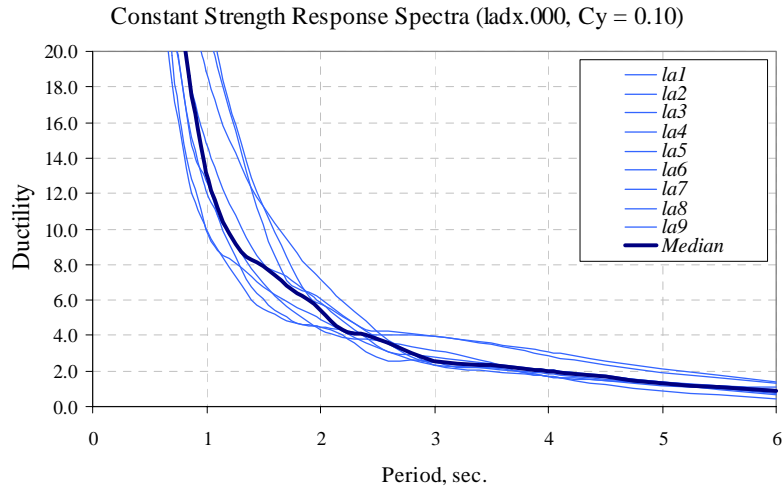
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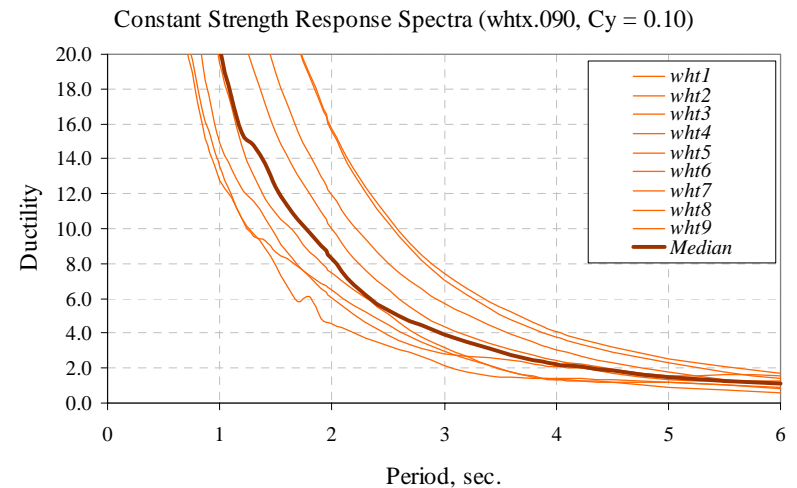
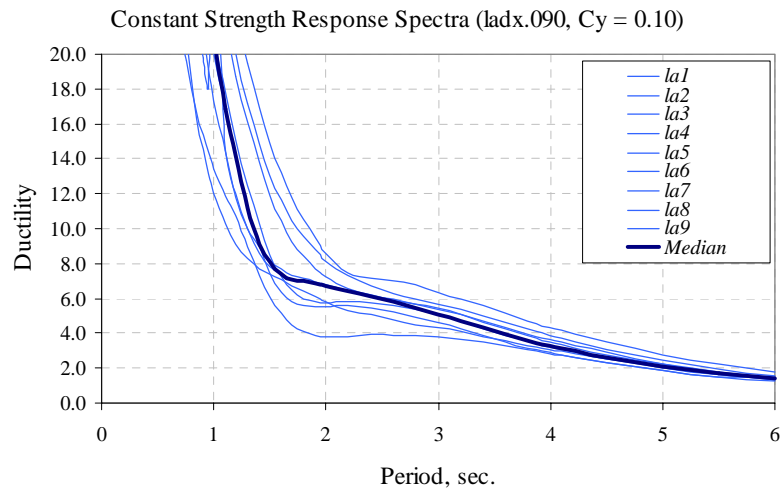


## Constant Strength Response Spectra ( $C_y = 0.10$ )



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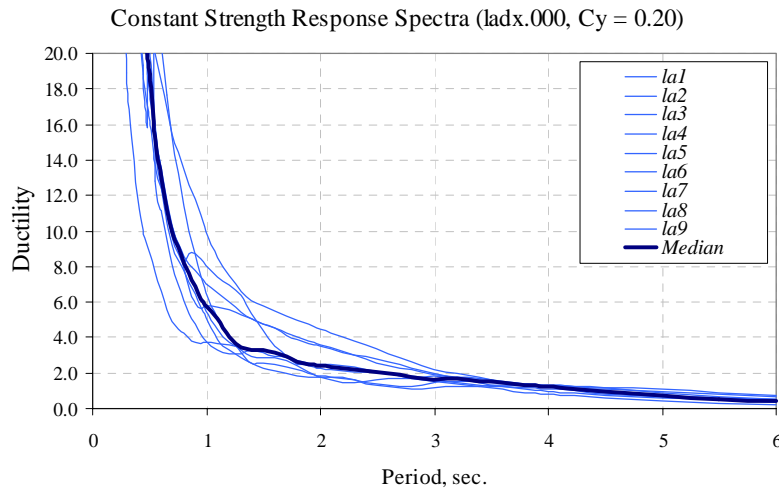
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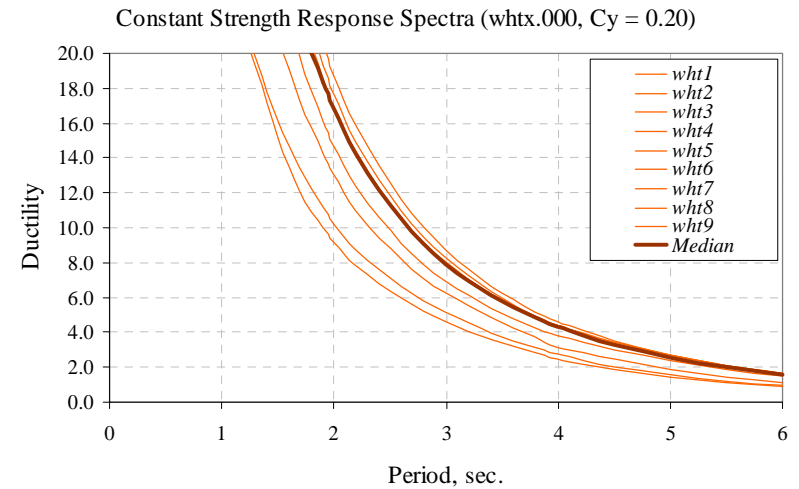
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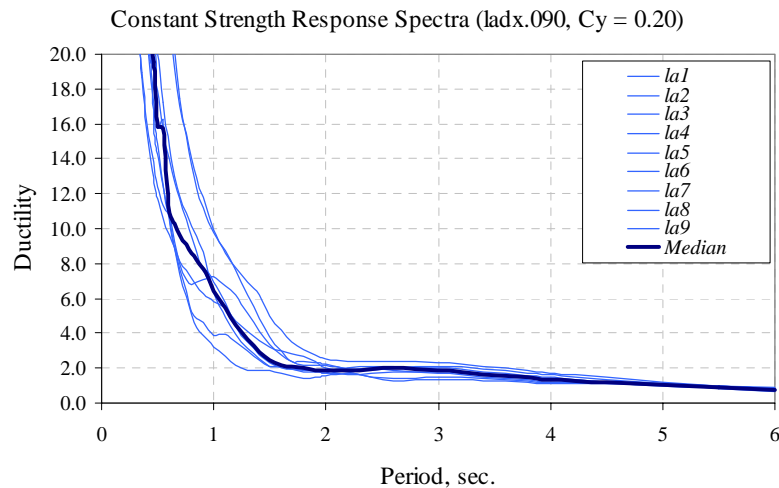
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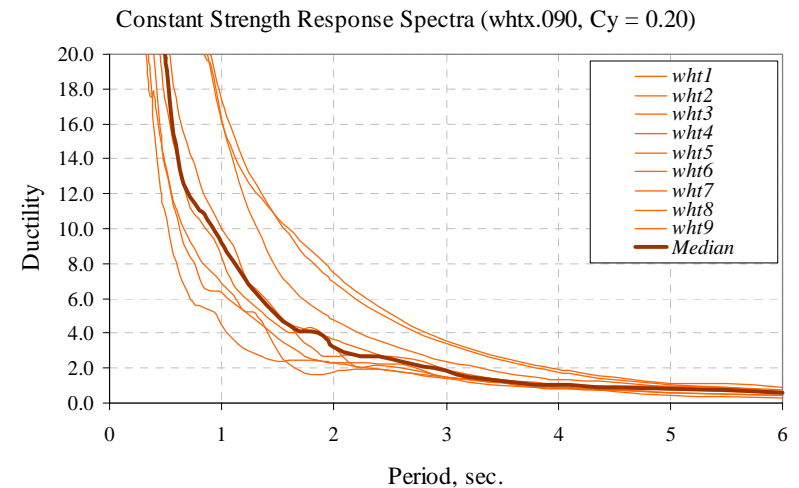
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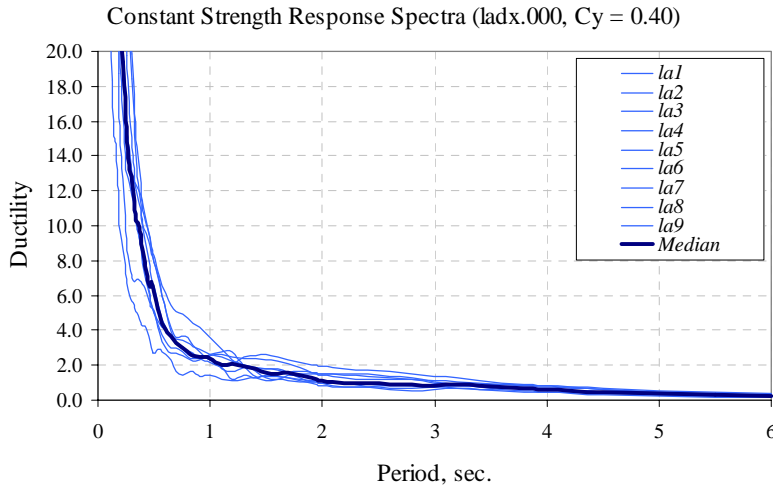
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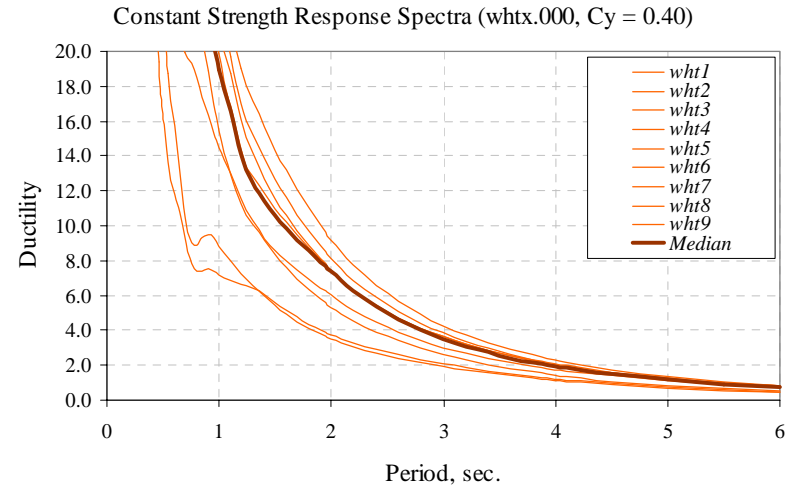
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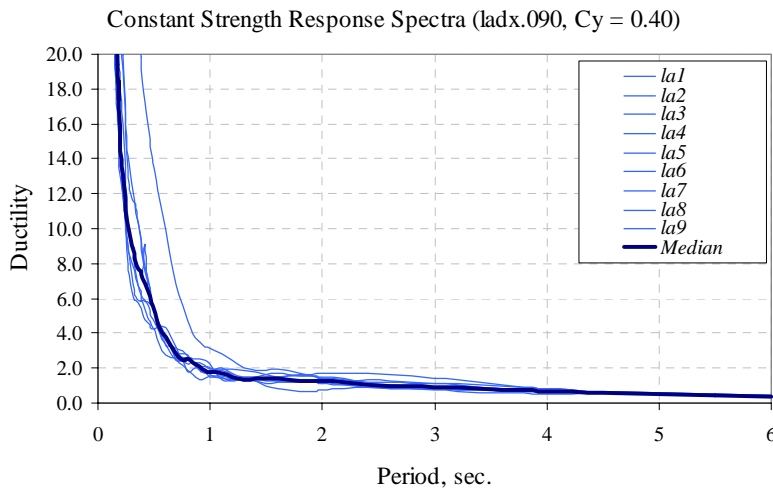
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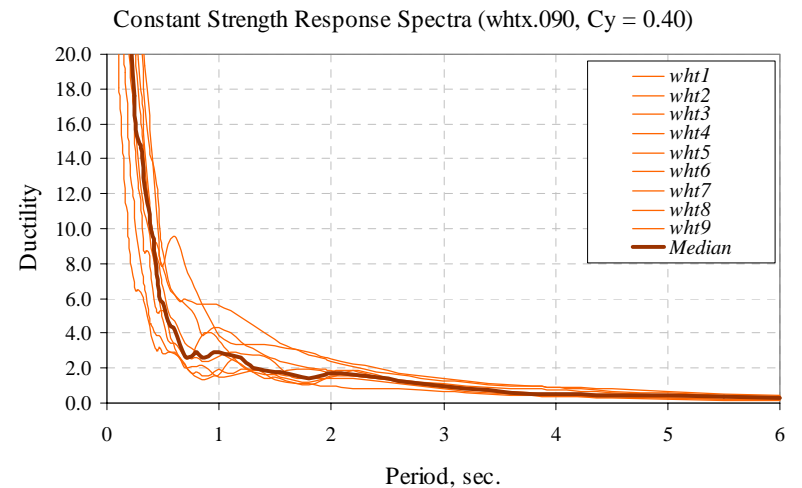
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Low-Slip Area E-W



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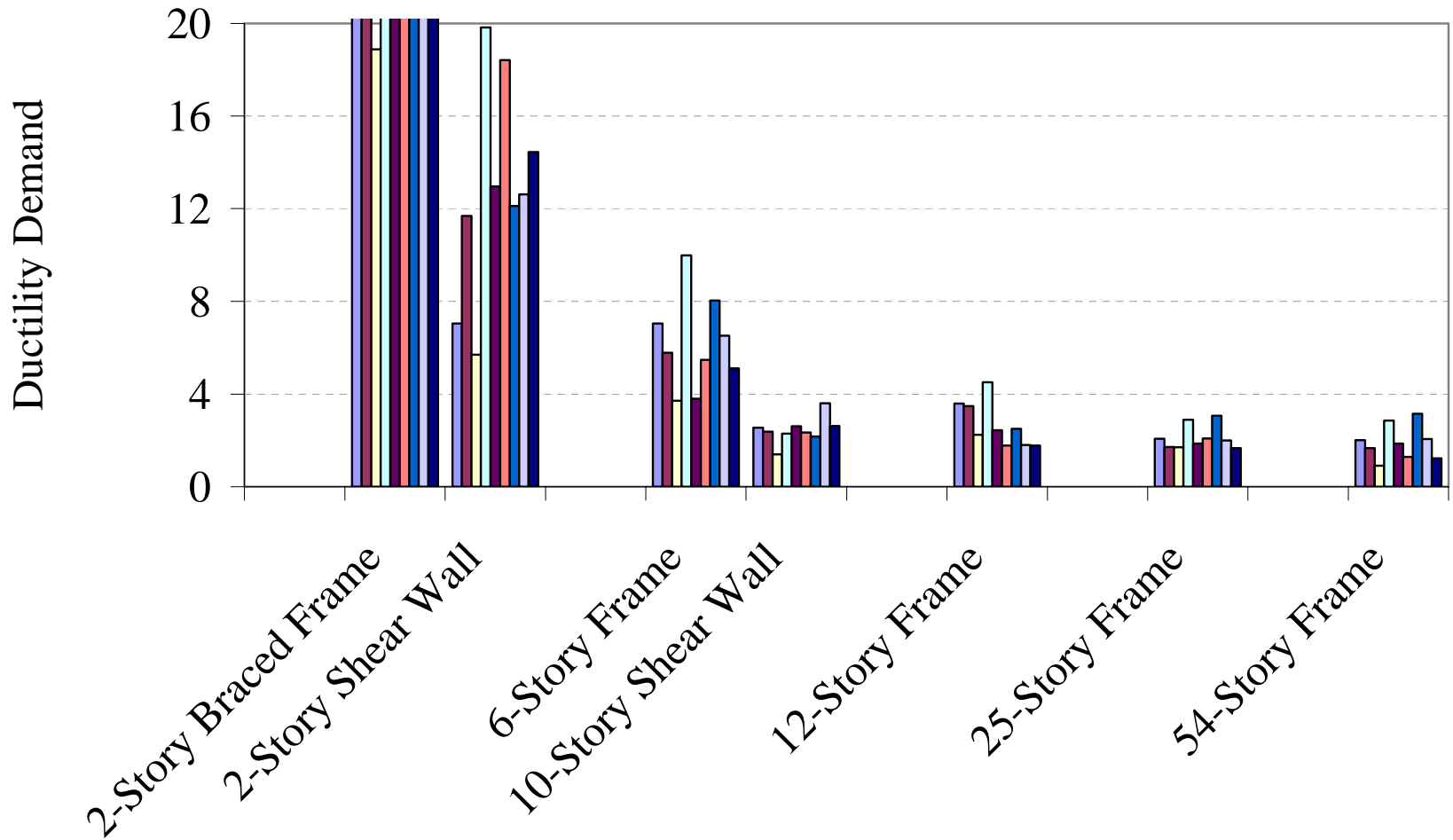


**Table 1.** Typical Building Types Considered to Measure Ductility Demands Imposed by a Postulated  $M_w$  7.15 Puente Hills Earthquake

Building Type	Fundamental Period (sec.)	Yield Seismic Base Shear Coefficient
2-Story Braced Frame System	0.30	0.20
2-Story Shear Wall System	0.30	0.40
6-Story Moment Frame System	1.0	0.20
10-Story Shear Wall System	1.0	0.40
12-Story Moment Frame System	2.0	0.20
25-Story Moment Frame System	4.0	0.10
54-Story Moment Frame System	6.0	0.05



# Low-Slip Region (N-S)



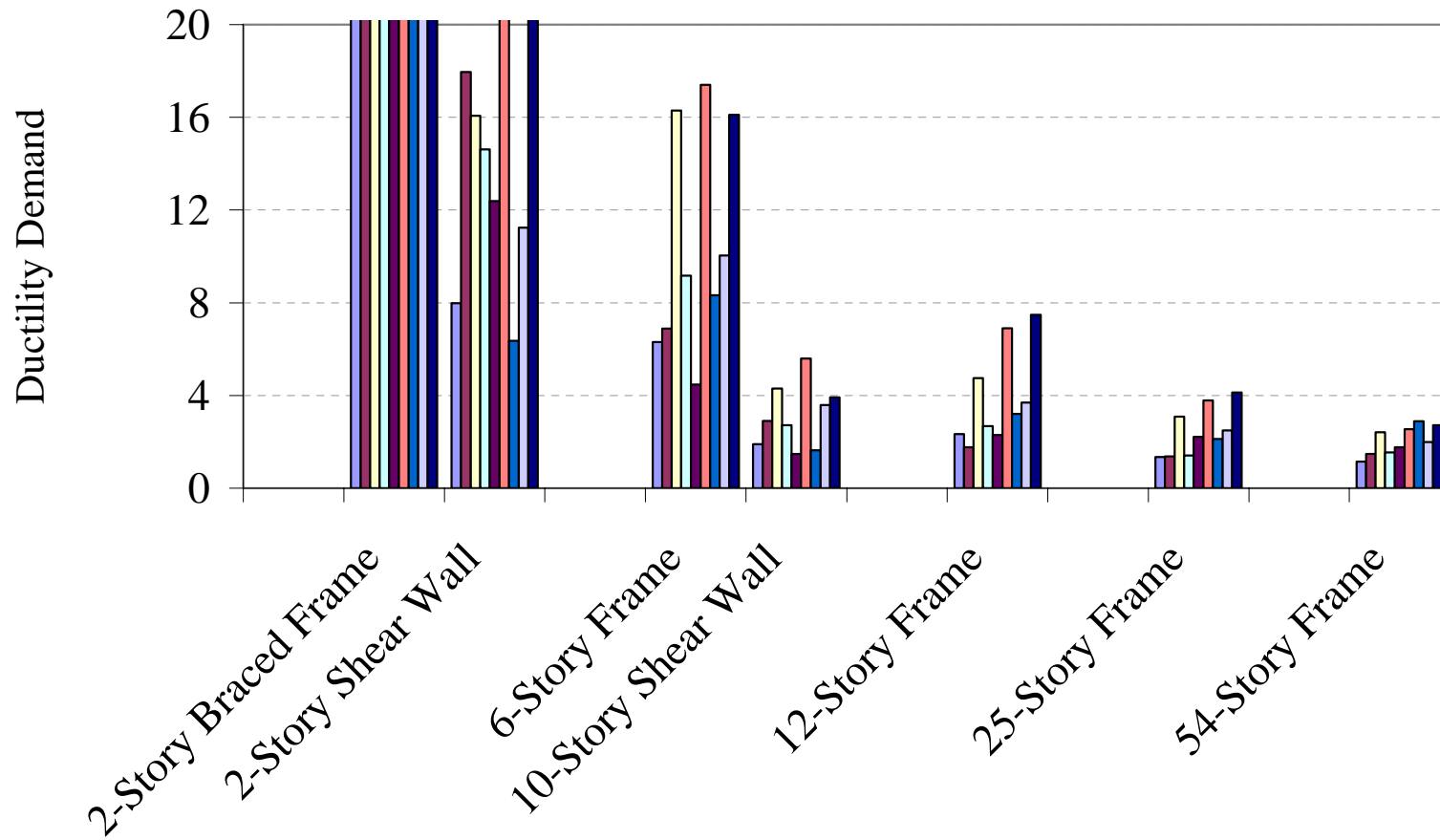








## High-Slip Region (E-W)





## Conclusions

- ❑ Demands from the simulated Puente Hills event are indeed extreme
- ❑ Demands imposed by such an event on shorter, more stiff structures, will be significantly larger than that imposed on taller, more flexible buildings.





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## 1. INTENT, SCOPE, JUSTIFICATION, AND METHODOLOGY

- INTENT: Provide an alternate, performance-based approach for seismic design and analysis of tall buildings
- SCOPE: Limited to tall buildings (total height of 160 feet or more).
- JUSTIFICATION: Code's Alternative Analysis Clause (Section 16.29.10.1 of the 2002 City of Los Angeles Building Code (2002-LABC)).
- METHODOLOGY: Performance Based Approach with three levels of analysis.



## METHODOLOGY:

- Essentially a performance based approach which embodies the performance goals provided in:
  - The 1999 SEAOC BlueBook
  - A number of latest provisions from the ASCE 7-05, the upcoming 2006-IBC, and the FEMA-356 documents.
  - Three levels of ground motion and performance are considered:
    - Serviceability
    - Life-Safety
    - Collapse Prevention



## SERVICEABILITY:

- The service level design earthquake is taken as an event having a 50% probability of being exceeded in 30 years (43 year return period).
- For this level, the building structural members are designed without a reduction factor ( $R = 1$ ).
- This evaluation is not contained in current code requirements.
- The objective is to produce a structure that remains serviceable following such event.



## LIFE-SAFETY:

- ❑ This is a code-level seismic evaluation.
- ❑ The life-safety level design earthquake is taken as an event having a 10% probability of being exceeded in 50 years (475 year return period).
- ❑ For this level of earthquake, building code requirements are strictly followed with a small number of carefully delineated exceptions and modifications.
- ❑ The prescriptive connection detailing conforms to the requirements of the code.
- ❑ Standard code load combinations and material code standards are used.





## COLLAPSE-PREVENTION:

- The collapse-prevention level earthquake is taken as an event having a 2% probability of being exceeded in 50 years (2,475 year return period) with a deterministic limit.
- This is larger than the current 2002-LABC MCE event which has a return period of 975 years.
- Evaluation is performed using nonlinear response history analyses.
- Demands are checked against both structural members of the lateral force resisting system and other structural members.
- Nonstructural components are not evaluated at this level.



□ SEAOC PBD Framework (1999)

Earthquake Design Level	Earthquake Performance Level			
	Fully Operational	Operational	Life Safe	Near Collapse
Frequent (43 years)	Basic Objective	Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Unacceptable
Occasional (72 years)	Essential/Hazardous Objective	Basic Objective	Unacceptable	Unacceptable
Rare (475 years)	Safety Critical Objective	Essential/Hazardous Objective	Basic Objective	Unacceptable
Very Rare (975 years)	Not Feasible	Safety Critical Objective	Essential/Hazardous Objective	Basic Objective

- Our procedure is consistent with, but more stringent than SEAOC PBD Framework (1999)
- MCE level event is consistent with ASCE 7-05



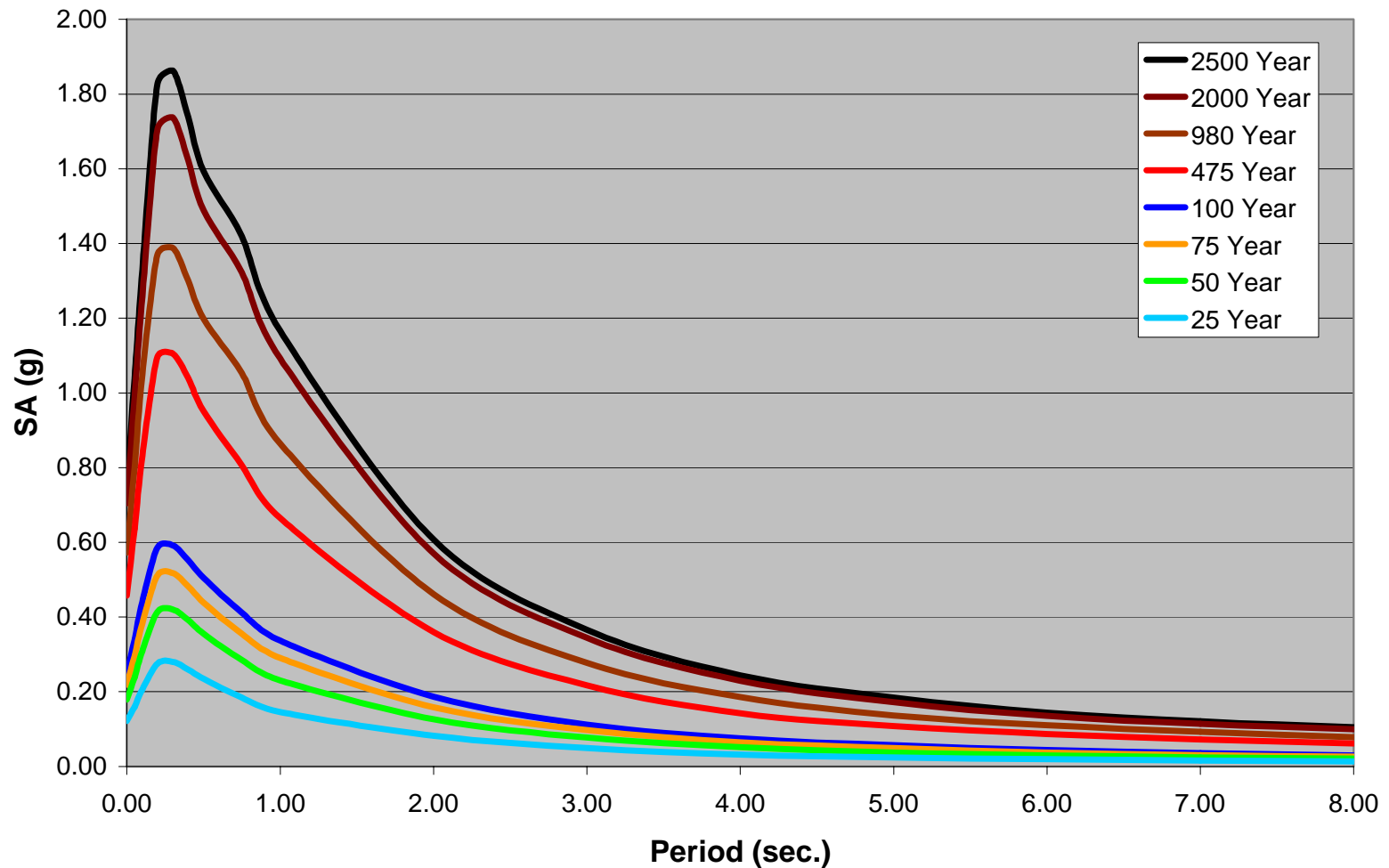


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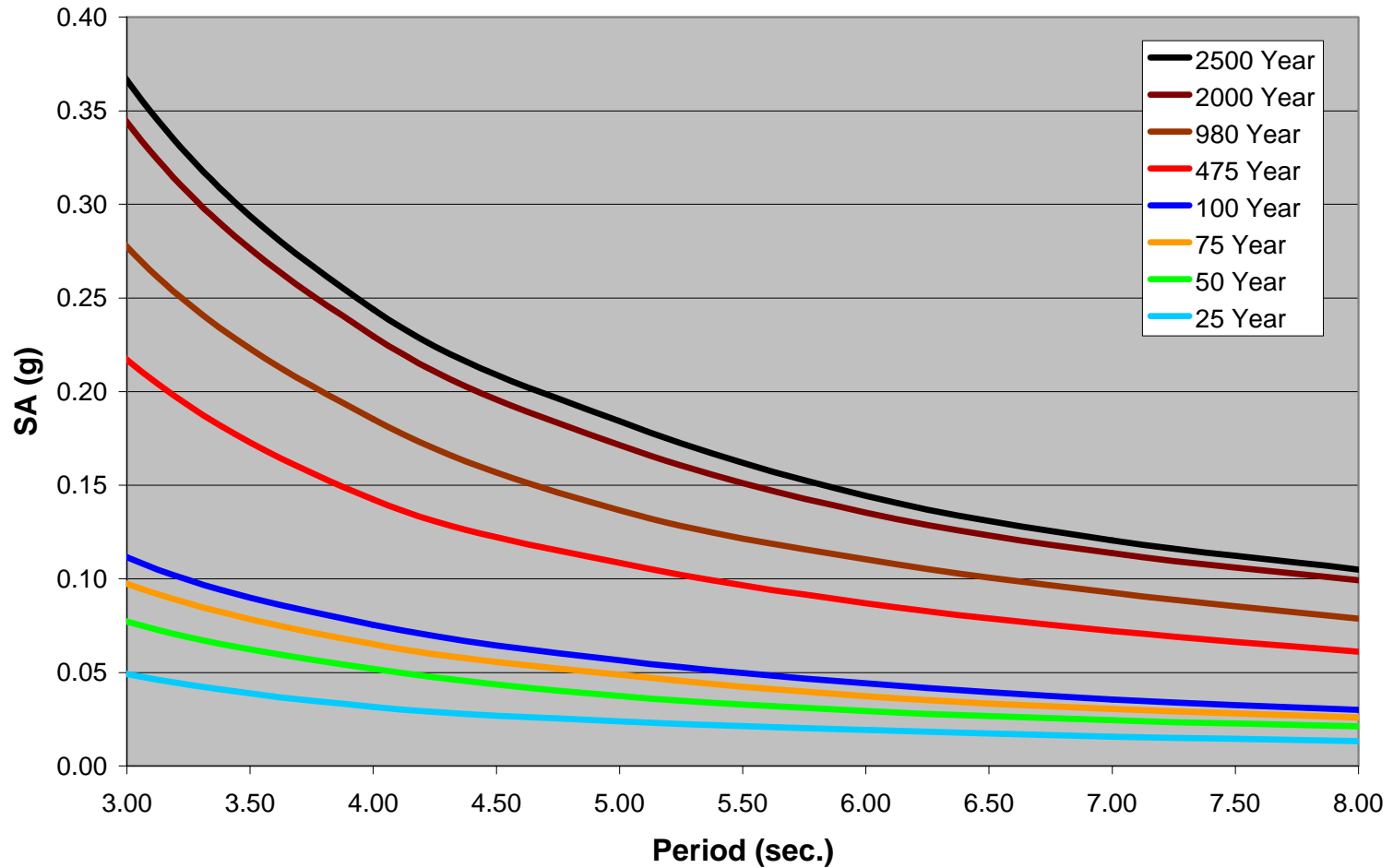


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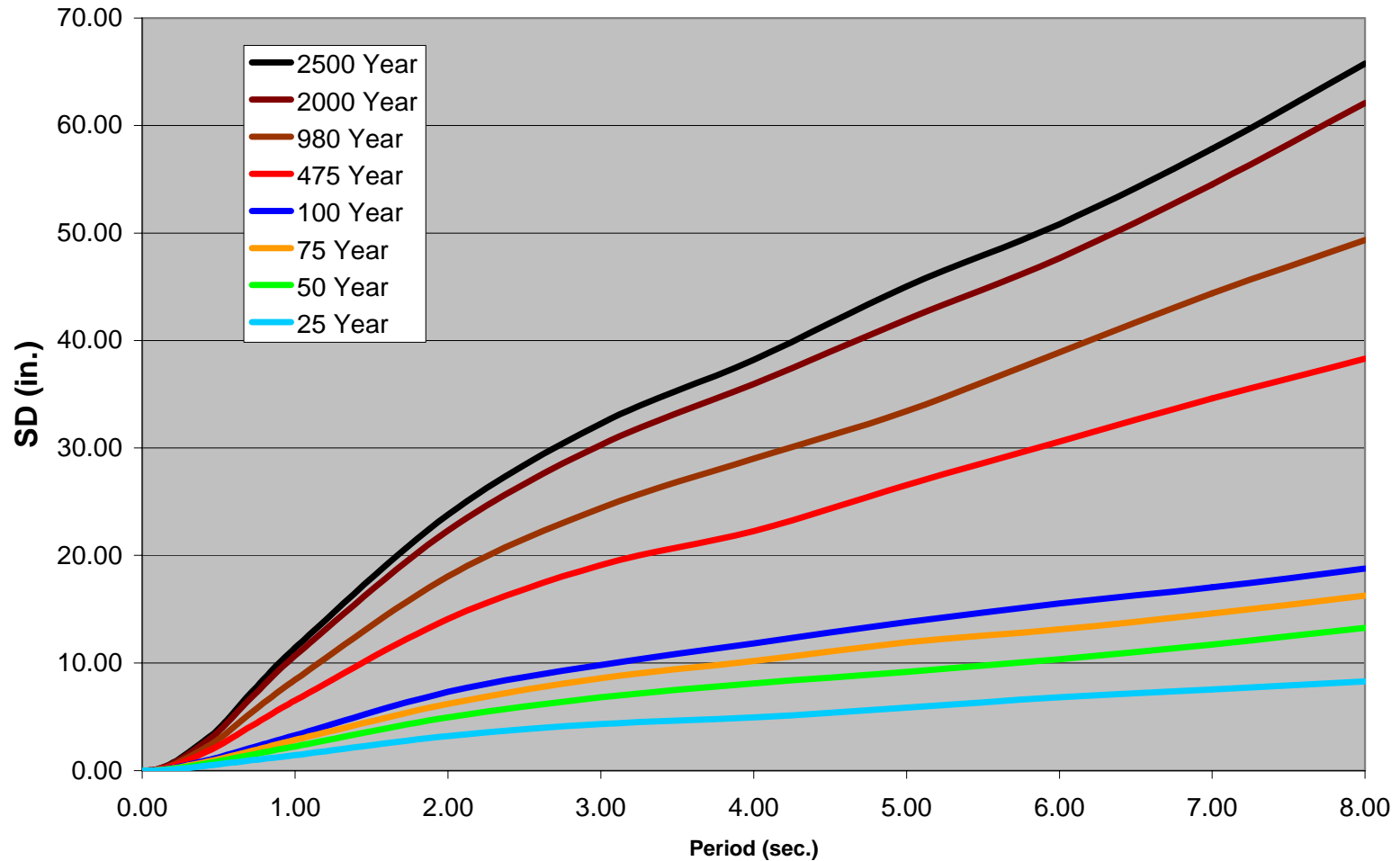


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## Summary of Basic Requirements

Evaluation Step	Ground Motion Intensity <sup>1</sup>	Type of Analysis	Type of Mathematical Model	Reduction Factor ( <i>R</i> )	Accidental Torsion Considered?	Material Reduction Factors ( $\phi$ )	Material Strength
1	50/30	LDP <sup>2</sup>	3D <sup>4</sup>	1.0	No	1.0	Expected
2	10/50	LDP <sup>2</sup>	3D <sup>4</sup>	Per 2002-LABC	Yes	Per 2002-LABC	Specified
3	2/50 <sup>5</sup>	NDP <sup>3</sup>	3D <sup>4</sup>	N/A	No.	1.0	Expected

<sup>1</sup> probability of exceedance in percent / number of years

<sup>3</sup> nonlinear dynamic procedure

<sup>5</sup> with deterministic limit per ASCE 7-05 and 2006-IBC

<sup>2</sup> linear dynamic procedure

<sup>4</sup> three-dimensional



## Step 1: Serviceability Requirement

- Ground Motion:
  - 50% probability of being exceeded in 30 years
  - Not be reduced by the quantity R.
  - Site-specific elastic design response spectrum
  - The spectrum shall be developed for 5% damping, unless a different value is shown to be consistent with the anticipated structural behavior at the intensity of shaking established for the site.
- Mathematical Model
  - 3D mathematical model required
  - The stiffness properties used in the analysis and general mathematical modeling shall be in accordance with 2002-LABC Section 1630.1.2.
  - Expected material strengths may be used.



## Step 1: Serviceability Requirement

- Description of Analysis Procedure
  - Elastic response spectrum analysis
  - At least 90 percent of the participating mass included
  - Complete Quadratic Combination (CQC) method used.
  - Response Parameters shall not be reduced.
  - Inclusion of accidental torsion is not required.
  - The following load combinations shall be used:

$$1.0D + 0.5L + 1.0E_x + 0.3E_y \quad (1)$$

$$1.0D + 0.5L + 0.3E_x + 1.0E_y \quad (2)$$





## Step 1: Serviceability Requirement

- Acceptability Criteria
  - None of the members exceed the applicable LRFD limits for steel members or USD limits for concrete members ( $\phi = 1.0$ ).
  - Note that the design spectral values shall not be reduced by the quantity R.





## Step 2: Life-Safety Requirement

- Ground Motion:
  - Code DBE
  - Reduced by the quantity R per Code.
  - Site-specific elastic design response spectrum
- Mathematical Model
  - 3D mathematical model
- Description of Analysis & Design Procedure
  - Elastic response spectrum analysis
  - Structural analysis and design shall be performed in accordance with all relevant 2002-LABC provisions except for the provisions specifically excluded in Section 2.4 of this document.
- Acceptability Criteria
  - The structure shall satisfy all relevant 2002-LABC requirements except the provisions explicitly identified in Section 2.4 of this document



## Step 3: Collapse-Prevention Requirement

- Ground Motion:
  - ASCE 7-05 MCE
  - 7 Pairs or more time-histories required
  - Selection and scaling according to ASCE 7-05
- Mathematical Model
  - 3D nonlinear model
  - P- $\Delta$  effects included
  - All elements and components that in combination represent more than 15% of the total initial stiffness of the building, or a particular story, shall be included in the mathematical model.
  - The hysteretic behavior of elements shall be modeled consistent with suitable laboratory test data or applicable modeling parameters for nonlinear response analyses published in FEMA-356.
  - Various degradations must be modeled if relevant  
Exception invoked.
  - Use expected strength considering material overstrength.



**Table 2.3.2-1. Expected Material Strengths**

Material	Expected Strength
	Strength (ksi)
Structural steel*	
Hot-rolled structural shapes and bars	
ASTM A36/A36M	$1.5F_y$
ASTM A572/A572M Grade 42 (290)	$1.3F_y$
ASTM A992/A992M	$1.1F_y$
All other grades	$1.1F_y$
Hollow Structural Sections	
ASTM A500, A501, A618 and A847	$1.3F_y$
Steel Pipe	
ASTM A53/A53M	$1.4F_y$
Plates	$1.1F_y$
All other products	$1.1F_y$
Reinforcing steel**	1.17 times specified $f_y$
Concrete**	1.3 times specified $f'_c$

\* based on 2002 AISC Seismic Provisions

\*\* based on FEMA-356





## Step 3: Collapse-Prevention Requirement

- Description of Analysis Procedure:
  - 3D nonlinear response history analyses
  - For each ground motion pair, the structure shall be analyzed for the effects of the following loads and excitations:
    - $1.0D + 0.5L + 1.0Ex + 1.0Ey$  (1)
    - $1.0D + 0.5L + 1.0Ex - 1.0Ey$  (2)
    - $1.0D + 0.5L - 1.0Ex + 1.0Ey$  (3)
    - $1.0D + 0.5L - 1.0Ex - 1.0Ey$  (4)
  - Inclusion of accidental torsion is not required.
- Acceptability Criteria
  - Capacity > Demand
    - Demand = Average of 7.
    - Capacity = FEMA-356 Primary CP values for NL response unless Exception invoked.



## Step 3: Collapse-Prevention Requirement

- Acceptability Criteria
  - EXCEPTION
    - Larger deformation capacities may be used only if substantiated by appropriate laboratory tests and approved by the Peer Review Panel and the Building Official.
    - If FEMA-356 Primary Collapse Prevention deformation capacities are exceeded, strength degradation, stiffness degradation and hysteretic pinching shall be considered **and**
    - base shear capacity of the structure shall not fall below 90% of the base shear capacity at deformations corresponding to the FEMA-356 Primary Collapse Prevention limits.



## Step 3: Collapse-Prevention Requirement

- Acceptability Criteria
  - Collector elements shall be provided and must be capable of transferring the seismic forces originating in other portions of the structure to the element providing the resistance to those forces.
  - Every structural component not included in the seismic force-resisting system shall be able to resist the gravity load effects, seismic forces, and seismic deformation demands identified in this section.
  - Components not included in the seismic force resisting system shall be deemed acceptable if their deformation does not exceed the corresponding Secondary Life Safety values published in FEMA-356 for nonlinear response procedures.





## EXCLUSIONS

- For buildings analyzed and designed according to the provisions of this document:
  1. The seismic force amplification factor,  $\Omega_0$ , in 2002-LABC formula 30-2 is set to unity ( $\Omega_0 = 1.0$ ).
  2. The Reliability/Redundancy Factor,  $\rho$ , as provided by 2002-LABC formula 30-3 is set to unity ( $\rho = 1.0$ ).
  3. Static 2002-LABC formulas 30-6 and 30-7 do not apply. Instead in Step 2, the seismic base shear ( $V$ ) shall not be taken less than  $0.025W$  where  $W$  is the effective seismic weight.

~~$$V = 0.11 C_a I W$$~~

~~$$V = \frac{0.8 Z N_v I}{R} W$$~~

$$V = 0.025 W$$





## EXCLUSIONS

- For buildings analyzed and designed according to the provisions of this document:
  4. Method A (2002-LABC Sec. 1630.2.2.1) does not apply. Results obtained by Method B or more advanced analysis are not bound by the results obtained from Method A.
  5. The limit on calculated story drift of  $0.020/T^{1/3}$  specified in 2002-LABC 1630.10.2 does not apply.
  6. The height limitations of 2002-LABC Table 16-N do not apply.



## Design Review

- Peer Review Panel:
  - Design review shall be conducted according to the provisions of 2002-LABC Section 1631.6.3.2.
  - In addition, the review need not be limited to lateral system and may include review of the
    - the gravity system
    - acceptance criteria
    - configuration of structural elements
    - performance/design philosophy
    - design ground motions, and
    - quality assurance measures.
  - The cost for the peer review process shall be borne by the owner



## Design Review

- Assurance of Consistency and Quality of the Peer Review Process:
  - An advisory board appointed by the region's building and safety authorities to be formed.
  - This advisory board shall consist of widely respected and recognized experts in
    - structural engineering
    - performance-based design
    - nonlinear analysis techniques, and
    - geotechnical engineering.
  - The advisory board members to be elected to serve for a predetermined period of time on a staggered basis.
  - The advisory board shall
    - oversee the design review process across multiple projects periodically;
    - assist the building department in developing criteria and procedures spanning similar design conditions, and
    - resolve disputes arising under peer review.



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