Earthquake Response of Inelastic Systems

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Outline

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In Earthquake Engineering it is common practice to design against a large earthquake, that has a given mean period of return (say 500 years), quite larger than the expected life of the construction.

A period of return of 500 years means that in a much larger interval, say 50000 years, you expect say 100 earthquakes that are no smaller (in the sense of some metrics, e.g., the peak ground acceleration) than the design earthquake.

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For the unlikely occurrence of a large earthquake, a large damage in the construction can be deemed acceptable as far as

- no human lives are taken in a complete structural collapse and
- in the mean, the costs for repairing a damaged building are not disproportionate to its value.

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The first part of this agenda pertains to Earthquake Engineering proper, the second part is across EE and Dynamics of Structures, and today's subject.

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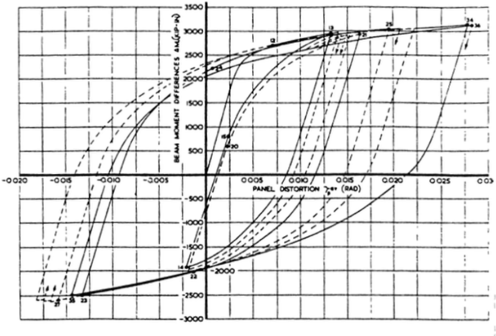

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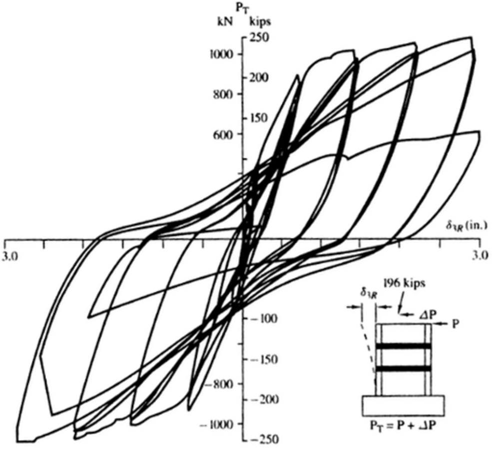

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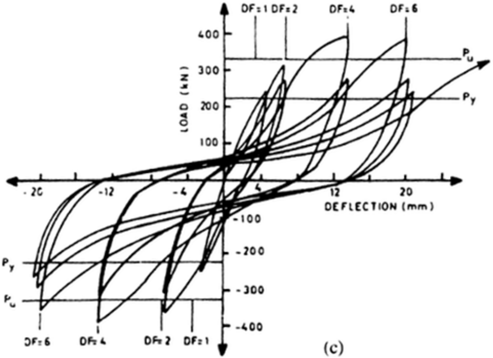

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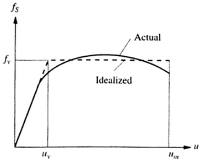

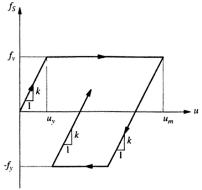

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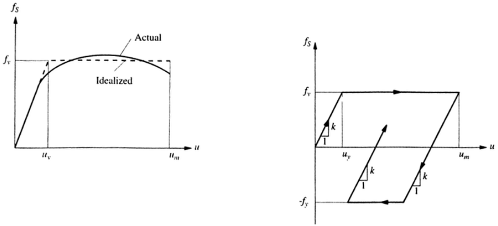

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1. the initial stiffness of the idealized e-p system is the same of the real system, so that the natural frequencies of vibration for small deformation are equal,
2. the yielding strength is chosen so that the sum of stored and dissipated energy in the e-p system is the same as the energy stored and dissipated in the real system.

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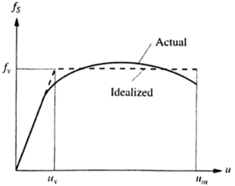

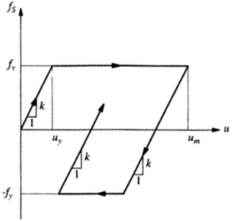

In perfect plasticity, when yielding (*a*) the force is constant, $f_S = f_y$ and (*b*) the stiffness is null, $k_y = 0$. The force f_y is the yielding force, the displacement $x_y = f_y/k$ is the yield deformation.
In the right part of the figure, you can see that at unloading $(\mathrm{d}x = 0)$ the stiffness is equal to the initial stiffness, and we have $f_s = k(x - x_{\mathrm{ptot}})$ where x_{ptot} is the total plastic deformation.

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NB the ratio between the e-p and elastic peak responses is given by

$$\frac{x_m}{x_0} = \frac{x_m}{x_y}\frac{x_y}{x_0} = \mu\,\bar{f}_y = \frac{\mu}{R_y} \;\rightarrow\; \mu = R_y\frac{x_m}{x_0}.$$

Normalizing the force

We want to show that, for a given excitation $\ddot{x}_g(t)$, the response depends on 3 parameters, $\omega_n = \sqrt{k/m}$, $\zeta = c/(2\omega_n m)$ and x_y.

For an e-p system, the equation of motion (*EOM*) is

$$m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + f_S(x, \dot{x}) = -m\ddot{u}_g(t)$$

with f_S as shown in a previous slide. The *EOM* must be integrated numerically to determine the time history of the e-p response, $x(t)$. If we divide the *EOM* by m, recalling our definition of the normalized spring force, the last term is

$$\frac{f_S}{m} = \frac{1}{m}\frac{f_y}{f_y}f_S = \frac{1}{m}k\,x_y\frac{f_S}{f_y} = \omega_n^2 x_y \bar{f}_S$$

and we can write

$$\ddot{x} + 2\zeta\omega_n\dot{x} + \omega_n^2 x_y \bar{f}_S(x, \dot{x}) = -\ddot{u}_g(t)$$

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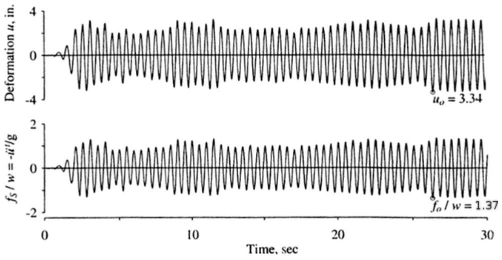
and recognizing that x_0 depends only on ζ and ω_n we conclude that, for given $\ddot{x}_g(t)$ and $\bar{f}_S(\mu,\dot{\mu})$ the ductility response depends only on ζ, ω_n, $\bar{f}_y$.

Elastic response, required parameters



Response of linear system with $T_n = 0.5$ sec and $\zeta = 0$ to El Centro

In the figure above, the elastic response of an undamped, $T_n = 0.5\,\mathrm{s}$ system to the NS component of the El Centro 1940 ground motion (all our examples will be based on this input motion).
Top, the deformations, bottom the elastic force normalized with respect to weight, from the latter peak value we know that all e-p systems with $f_y < 1.37\mathrm{w}$ will experience plastic deformations during the EC1940NS ground motion.

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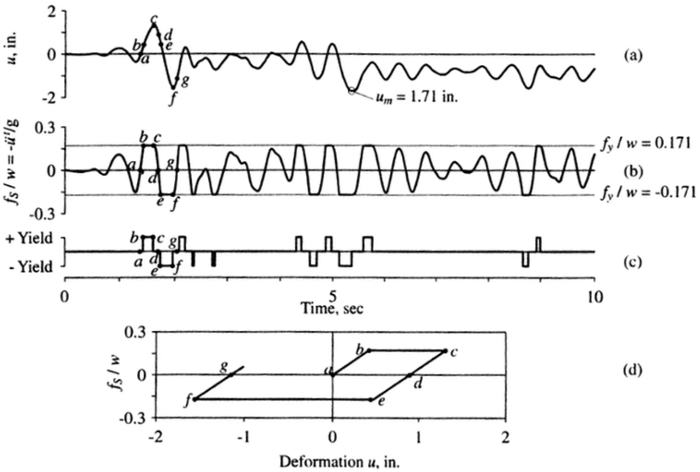

The various response graphs above were computed for $\bar{f}_y = 0.125$ (i.e., $R_y = 8$ and $f_y = \frac{1.37}{8}\mathrm{w} = 0.171\mathrm{w}$) and $\zeta = 0,\ T_n = 0.5\,\mathrm{s}$.

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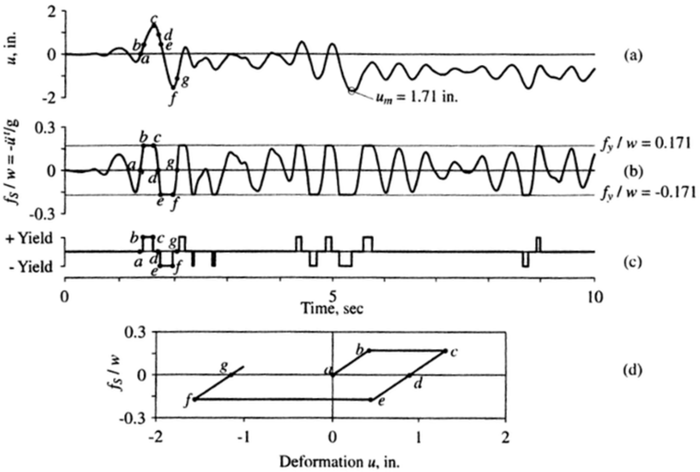

Top, the deformation response, note that the peak response is $x_m = 1.71\,\text{in}$, different from $x_0 = 3.34\,\text{in}$; it is $\mu = R_y \frac{x_m}{x_0} = 4.09$

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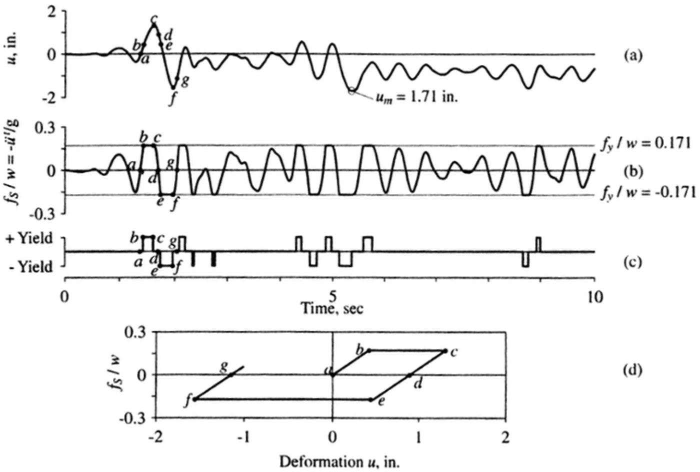

Second row, normalized force f_S/w, note that the response is *clipped* at $f_S = f_y = 1.171\mathrm{w}$

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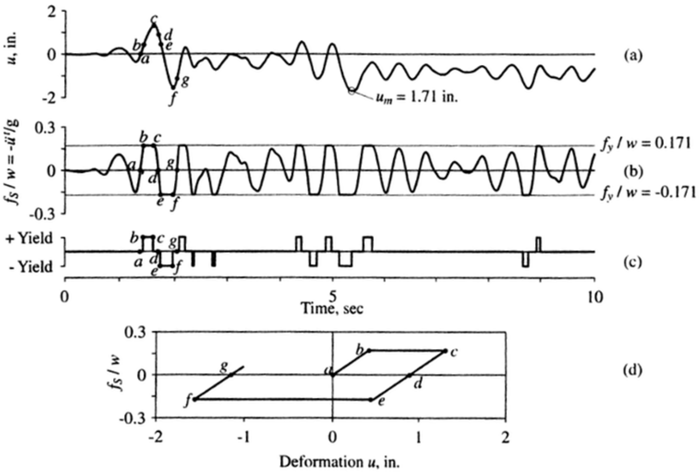

Third row, response in terms of yielding state, positive or negative depending on the sign of velocity

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The force-deformation diagram for the first two excursions in plastic domain, the time points a, b, c, d, e, f and g are the same in all 4 graphs:

- until $t = b$ we have an elastic behavior,
- until $t = c$ the velocity is positive and the system accumulates positive plastic deformations,
- until $t = e$ we have an elastic unloading (note that for $t = d$ the force is zero, the deformation is equal to the total plastic deformation),
- until $t = f$ we have another plastic excursion, accumulating negative plastic deformations
- until at $t = f$ we have an inversion of the velocity and an elastic reloading.

Response for different $\bar{f}_y$'s

$\bar{f}_y$	x_m	x_{perm}	μ
1.000	2.25	0.00	1.00
0.500	1.62	0.17	1.44
0.250	1.75	1.10	3.11
0.125	2.07	1.13	7.36

This table was computed for $T_n = 0.5\,\text{s}$ and $\zeta = 5\%$ for the EC1940NS excitation.
Elastic response was computed first, with peak response $x_0 = 2.25\,\text{in}$ and peak force $f_0 = 0.919\text{w}$, later the computation was repeated for $\bar{f}_y = 0.5,\ 0.25,\ 0.125$.
In our example, all the peak values of the e-p responses are smaller than the elastic one, but this is not always true, and shouldn't be generalized.
The permanent displacements increase for decreasing yield strengths, and also this fact shouldn't be generalized.
Last, the ductility ratios increase for decreasing yield strengths, for our example it is $\mu \approx R_y$.

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Ductility capacity is, in the first instance, the ability of individual members to sustain the plastic deformation demand without collapsing, the designer must verify that the capacity is greater than the demand for all structural members that go non linear during the seismic excitation.

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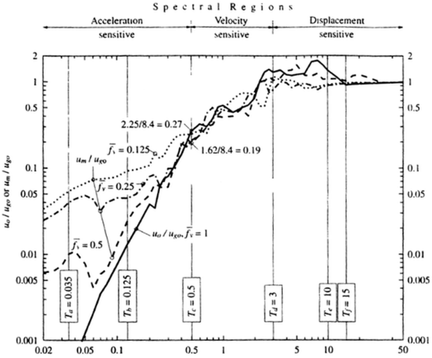

$x_m / x_{g,0}$

For EC1940NS, for $\zeta = .05$, for different values of T_n and for $\bar{f}_y = 1.0,\ 0.5,\ 0.25,\ 0.125$ the peak response x_0 of the equivalent system (in black) and the peak responses of the 3 inelastic systems has been computed.

There are two distinct zones: left there is a strong dependency on $\bar{f}_y$, the peak responses grow with R_y; right the 4 curves intersect one with the others and there is no clear dependency on $\bar{f}_y$.

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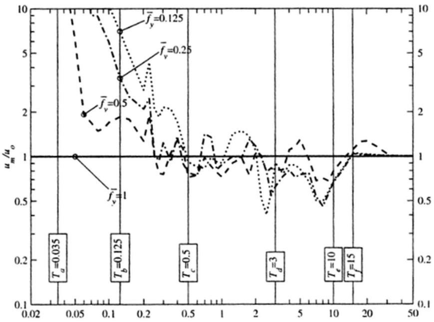

x_m/x_0

With the same setup as before, here it is the ratio of the x_m's to x_0, what is evident is the fact that, for large T_n, this ratio is equal to 1... this is justified because, for large T_n's, the mass is essentially at rest, and the deformation, either elastic or elastic-plastic, are equal and opposite to the ground displacement.

Also in the central part, where elastic spectrum ordinates are dominated by the ground velocity, there is a definite tendency for the x_m/x_0 ratio, that is $x_m/x_0 \approx 1$

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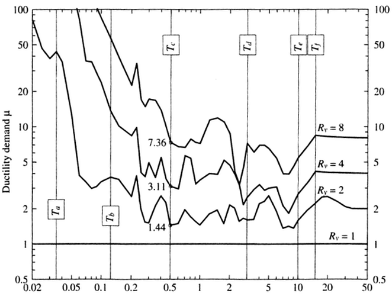

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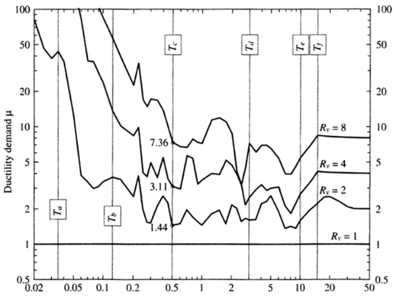

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The results we have discussed are relative to one particular excitation, nevertheless research and experience confirmed that these propositions are true also for different earthquake records, taking into account the differences in the definition of spectral regions.

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The first step in an anti seismic design is to set an available ductility (based on materials, conception, details).
In consequence, we desire to know the yield displacement u_y or the yield force f_y

$$f_y = k u_y = m\omega_n^2 u_y$$

for which the ductility demand demand imposed by the ground motion is not greater than the available ductility.

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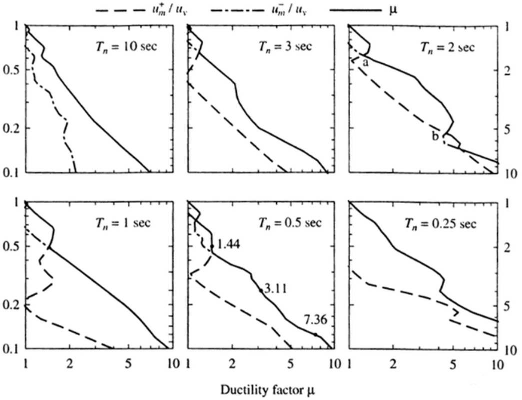
Our definition of inelastic spectra is compatible with the definition of elastic spectra, because for $\mu = 1$ it is $u_y = u_0$.

Finally, the D_y spectrum and its derived pseudo spectra can be plotted on the tripartite log-log graph.

Computing D_y



On the left, for different T_n's and $\mu = 5\%$. the independent variable is in the ordinates, either $\bar{f}_y$ (left) or R_y (right) the strength reduction factor. Dash-dash lines is u_m^+/u_y, dash-dot is u_m^-/u_y. u_m^+ and u_m^- are the peaks of positive and negative displacements of the inelastic system. The maximum of their ratios to u_y is the ductility μ.

If we look at these graphs using μ as the independent variable, it is possible that for a single value of μ there are different values on the tick line: in this case, for security reasons, the designer must design for the higher value of $\bar{f}_y$.

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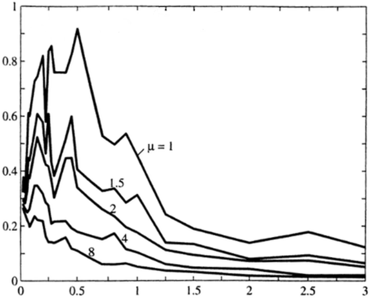

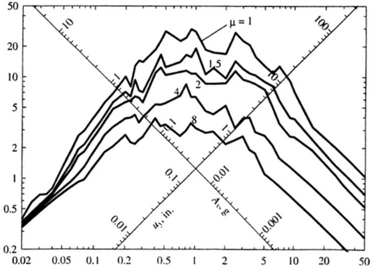

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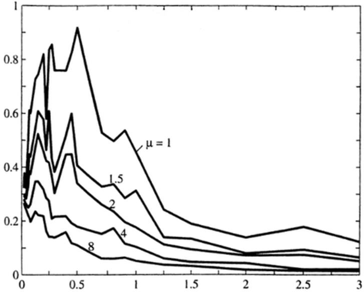

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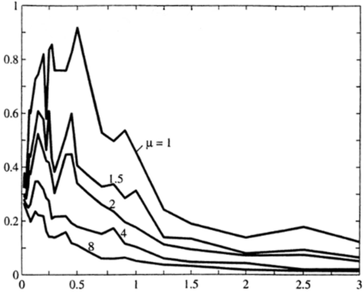

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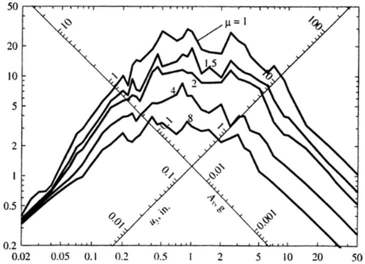

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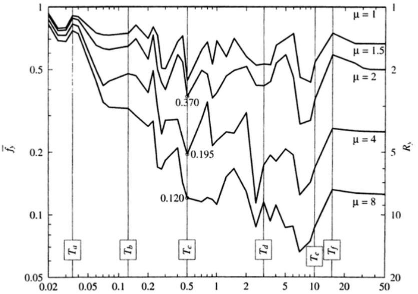
We have seen that $\bar{f}_y = \bar{f}_y(\mu, T_n, \zeta)$ is a monotonically increasing function of μ for fixed T_n and ζ.



Left the same spectra of the previous slides, plotted in a different format, $\bar{f}_y$ vs T_n for different values of μ.

The implication of this figure is that an anti seismic design can be based on strength, ductility or a combination of the two.

For $T_n = 1.0$, the peak force for EC1940NS in an elastic system is $f_0 = 0.919\,\mathrm{w}$, so it is possible to design for $\mu = 1.0$, hence $f_y = 0.919\,\mathrm{w}$ or for an high value of ductility, $\mu = 8.0$, hence $f_y = 0.120 \cdot 0.919\,\mathrm{w}$ or. If $\mu = 8.0$ is hard to obtain, one can design for $\mu = 4.0$ and a yielding force of 0.195 times f_0.

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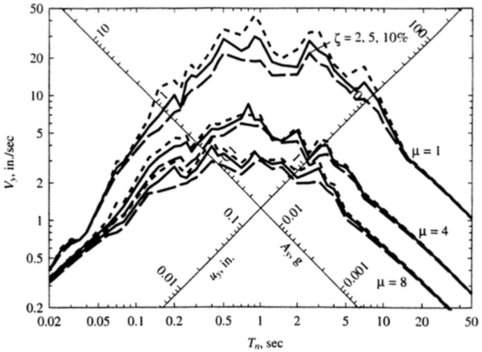

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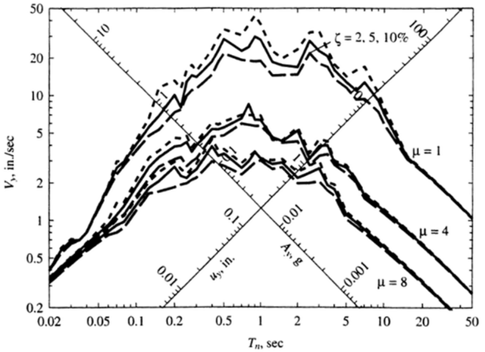

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This is an energy balance, between the input energy $\int m\ddot{x}_\mathrm{g}$ and the sum of the kinetic, damped, elastic and dissipated by yielding energy.

In every moment, the elastic energy $E_S(t) = \frac{f_S^2(t)}{2k}$ so the yielded energy is

$$E_y = \int f_S(x,\dot{x})\,\mathrm{d}x - \frac{f_S^2(t)}{2k}.$$

The damped energy can be written as a function of t, as $\mathrm{d}x = \dot{x}\,\mathrm{d}t$:

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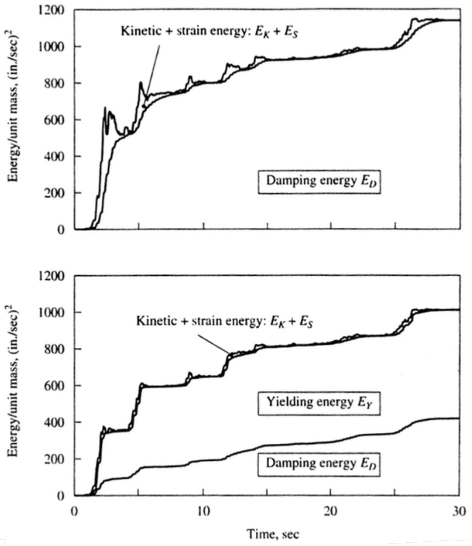

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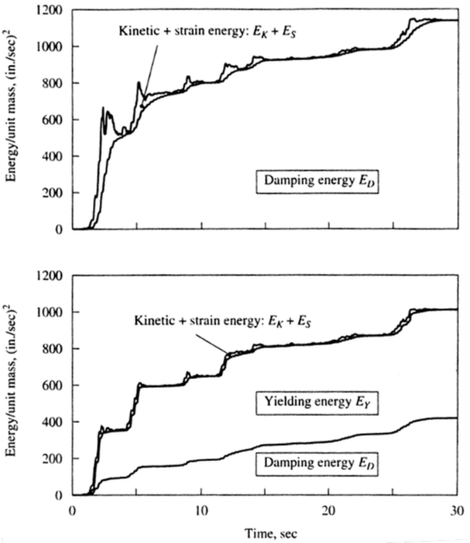

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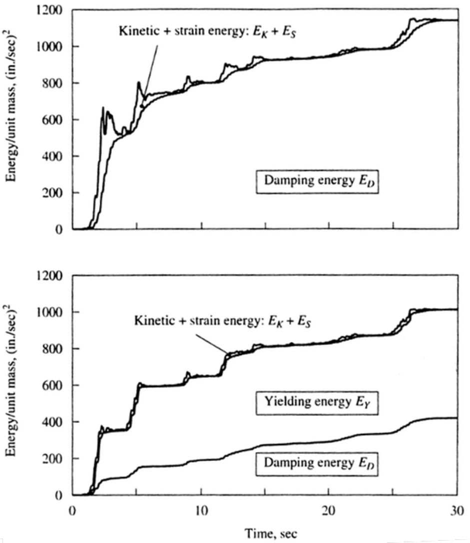

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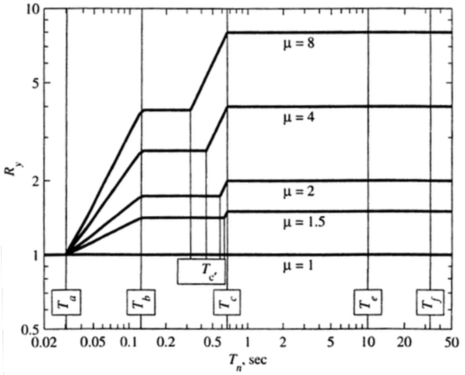
Inelastic Design Spectra

Two possible approaches:

1. compute response spectra for constant ductility demand for many consistent records, compute response parameters statistics and derive inelastic design spectra from these statistics, as in the elastic design spectra procedures;
2. directly modify the elastic design spectra to account for the ductility demand values.

The first procedure is similar to what we have previously seen, so we will concentrate on the second procedure, that it is much more used in practice.

R_y — μ — T_n equations

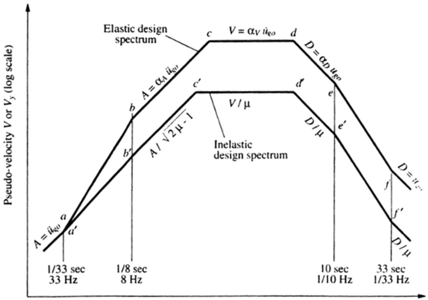


Based on observations and energetic considerations, the plots of R_y vs T_n for different μ values can be approximated with straight lines in a log-log diagram, where the constant pieces are defined in terms of the key periods in $D - V - A$ graphs.

$$R_y = \begin{cases} 1 & T_n < T_a \\ \sqrt{2\mu - 1} & T_b < T_n < T_{c'} \\ \mu & T_c < T_n \end{cases}$$

The key period $T_{c'}$ is different from T_c, as we will see in the next slide; the constant pieces are joined with straight lines in the log-log diagram.

Construction of Design Spectrum



Start from a given elastic design spectrum, defined by the points a-b-c-d-e-f.
Choose a value μ for the ductility demand.
Reduce all ordinates right of T_c by the factor μ, reduce the ordinates in the interval $T_b < T_n < T_c$ by $\sqrt{2\mu/1}$.

Draw the two lines $A = \frac{\alpha_A \ddot{x}_{g0}}{\sqrt{2\mu-1}}$ and $V = \frac{\alpha_V \dot{x}_{g0}}{\mu}$, their intersection define the key point $T_{c'}$.
Connect the point $(T_a, A = \ddot{x}_{g0})$ and the point $(T_b, A = \frac{\alpha_V \dot{x}_{g0}}{\mu})$ with a straight line.
As we already know (at least in principles) the procedure to compute the elastic design spectra for a given site from the peak values of the ground motion, using this simple procedure it is possible to derive the inelastic design spectra for any ductility demand level.

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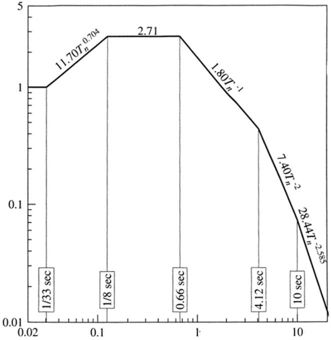

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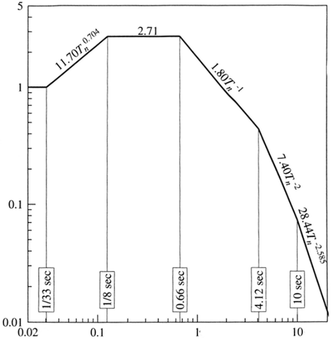

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