

# Single-Degree-of-Freedom (SDOF) and Response Spectrum

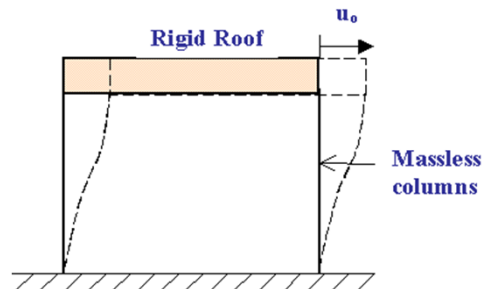
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## Dynamics of a Simple Structure The Single-Degree-Of-Freedom (SDOF) Equation

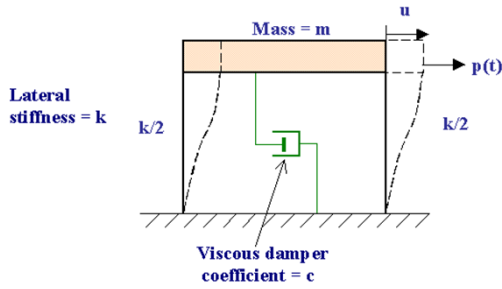
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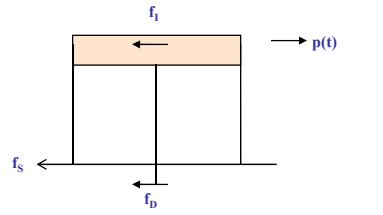
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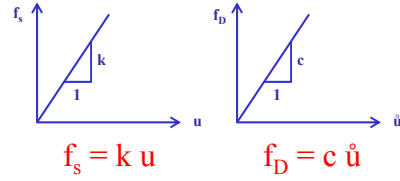
Equation of motion (external force)



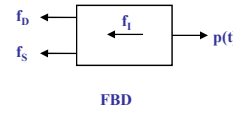
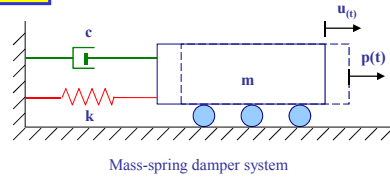
Free-Body Diagram (FBD)



$f_I + f_D + f_S = p(t)$   
 where  $f_I, f_D,$  and  $f_S$  are forces due to Inertia, Damping and Stiffness respectively:



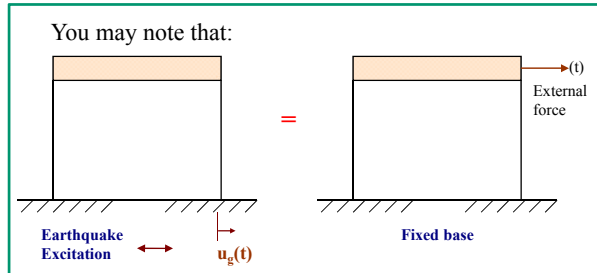
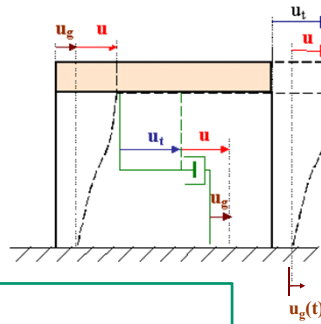
$m\ddot{u} + c\dot{u} + ku = p(t)$



Mass-spring damper system

Earthquake Ground Motion ( $u_g$ )

$f_I + f_D + f_S = 0$   
 $f_I = m \ddot{u}_t = m(\ddot{u} + \ddot{u}_g)$   
 $m(\ddot{u} + \ddot{u}_g) + c\dot{u} + ku = 0$   
 $m\ddot{u} + c\dot{u} + ku = -m\ddot{u}_g$



$u$  = relative displacement (displacement of the structure relative to the ground)  
 $u_t$  = total displacement  
 $f_I = m \times$  (total or absolute acceleration)

**Undamped natural frequency**

Property of structure when allowed to vibrate freely without external excitation

$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$  Undamped natural circular frequency of vibration (radians/second)

$f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$  natural cyclic frequency of vibration (cycles/second or 1/second or Hz)

$T = \frac{1}{f}$  natural period of vibration (second)

T is the time required for one cycle of free vibration

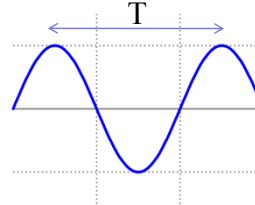
If damping is present, replace  $\omega$  by  $\omega_D$

where  $\omega_D = \omega\sqrt{1-\xi^2}$  natural frequency\*, and

$\xi = \frac{c}{2m\omega}$  fraction of critical damping coefficient (**damping ratio, zeta**)

$\xi = \frac{c}{c_c} = \frac{c}{2\sqrt{km}}$  (dimensionless measure of damping)

$c_c = 2m\omega = 2\sqrt{km}$   $c_c$  = critical damping

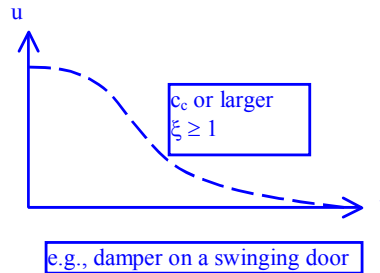


\* Note: In earthquake engineering,  $\omega_D = \omega$  approximately, since  $\xi$  is usually below 0.2 (or 20%)

$c_c$  is the least level of damping that prevents oscillation

In general  $\xi < 0.2$ , i.e.,  $\omega_D \approx \omega$ ,  $f_D \approx f$ ,  $T = T_D$

$\xi$  may be in the range of 0.02 – 0.2 or 2% - 20%  
5% is sometimes a typical value.



in terms of  $\xi$

$m\ddot{u} + c\dot{u} + ku = -m\ddot{u}_g$

$\ddot{u} + \frac{c}{m}\dot{u} + \frac{k}{m}u = -\ddot{u}_g$

$\ddot{u} + 2\xi\omega\dot{u} + \omega^2u = -\ddot{u}_g$

Note: After the phase of forced vibration (due to external force or base excitation, or initial conditions), the structure continues to vibrate in a “free vibration” mode till it stops due to damping. The ratio between amplitude in two successive cycles is

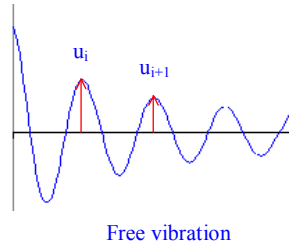
$$\frac{u_i}{u_{i+1}} \approx e^{2\pi\xi}$$

where we define the logarithmic decrement as

$$\delta = 2\pi\xi = \ln\left(\frac{u_i}{u_{i+1}}\right) \text{ if you measure a free vibration response you can find } \xi.$$

Note: for peaks  $j$  cycles apart

$$\ln\left(\frac{u_i}{u_{i+j}}\right) = j\delta = 2j\pi\xi$$



Why is  $c_c = 2m\omega = 2\sqrt{km}$

Critical viscous damping

The free vibration equation may be written as

$$m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = 0$$

and the general solution is

$$x = C_1 e^{\left[-\frac{c}{2m} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{c}{2m}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{k}{m}\right)}\right] t} + C_2 e^{\left[-\frac{c}{2m} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{c}{2m}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{k}{m}\right)}\right] t}$$

if  $\left(\frac{c}{2m}\right)^2 = \frac{k}{m}$ , the radical part of the exponent will vanish. This will produce aperiodic response (non-oscillatory). In this case

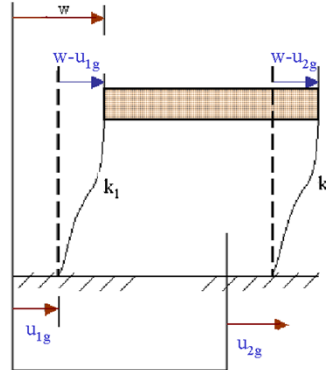
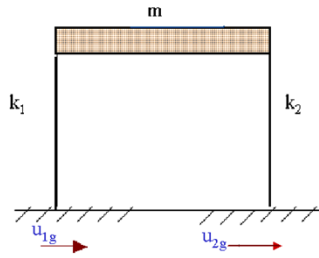
$$\frac{c^2}{(2m)^2} = \frac{k}{m} \text{ or } c = 2\sqrt{km} = c_c$$

since  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ ,  $c_c$  is also equal to  $2m\omega$  (note that  $2\sqrt{km} = 2\sqrt{m\omega^2 m} = 2m\omega$ )

$$\text{and also } c_c = 2\sqrt{km} = 2\sqrt{k(k/\omega^2)} = \frac{2k}{\omega}$$

Multi-support excitation

$w$  = absolute displacement,  $u_g$  = ground displacement



$$m\ddot{w} + k_1(w - u_{1g}) + k_2(w - u_{2g}) = 0$$

$$m\ddot{w} + (k_1 + k_2)w = k_1u_{1g} + k_2u_{2g}$$

if  $u_{1g} = u_{2g} = u_g$

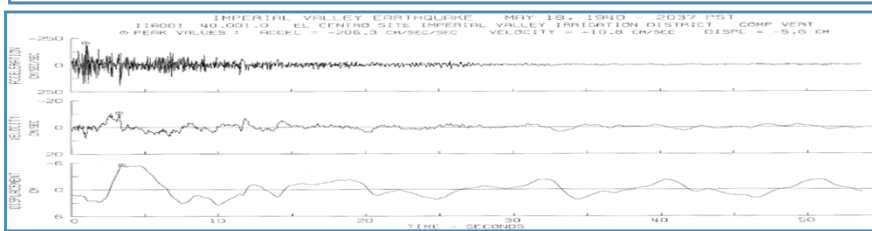
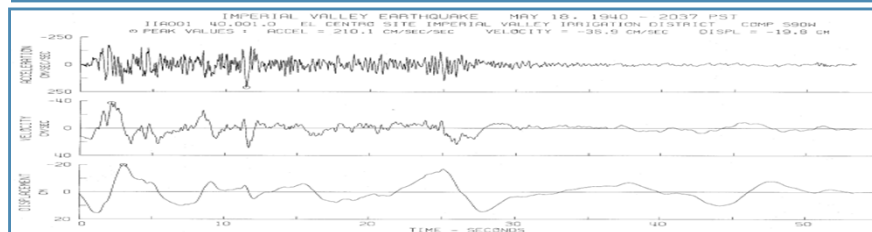
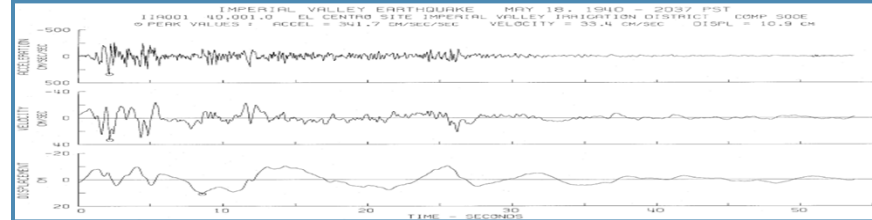
$$m\ddot{w} + (k_1 + k_2)w = (k_1 + k_2)u_g \quad \text{but } w = u + u_g$$

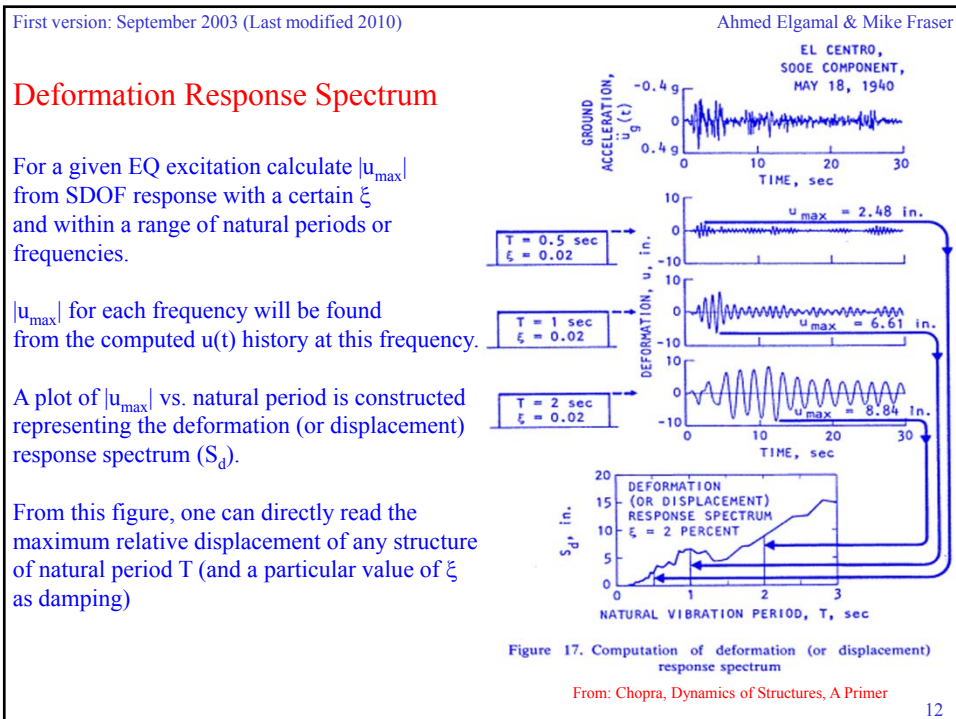
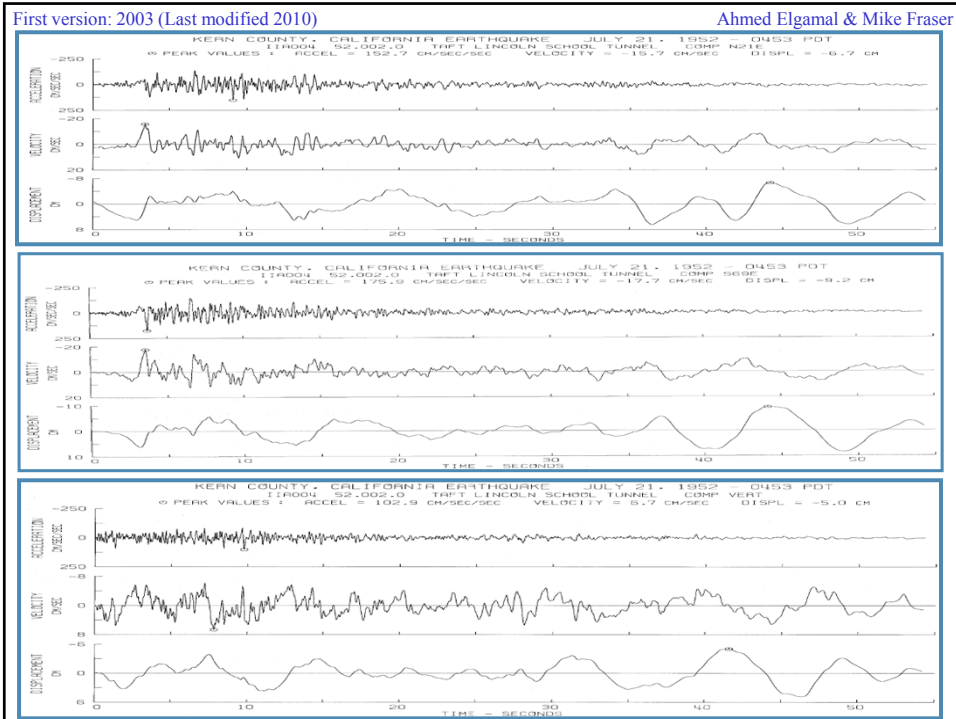
$$\frac{c}{c_c} = \xi \quad (0.05 \text{ for example})$$

$$m\ddot{u} + (k_1 + k_2)u_g + (k_1 + k_2)u = -m\ddot{u}_g + (k_1 + k_2)u_g$$

$$c_c = 2\sqrt{(k_1 + k_2)m}$$

or  $m\ddot{u} + (k_1 + k_2)u = -m\ddot{u}_g$





**Example**

**Units for natural frequency calculation (SI units)**

Weight = 9.81 kN = 9810 N = 9810 kg (m/s<sup>2</sup>)  
 Gravity (g) = 9.81m/s<sup>2</sup>  
 Mass (m) = W/g = 9180/9.81 = 1000 kg  
 Stiffness (k) = 81 kN/m = 81000 N/m = 81000 kg (m/s<sup>2</sup>)/m = kg /s<sup>2</sup>  
 $\omega = \text{SQRT}(k/m) = \text{SQRT}(81000/1000) = 9 \text{ radians/sec}$   
 $f = \omega / (2 \pi) = 1.43 \text{ Hz (units of 1/s or cycles/sec)}$

**Units for natural frequency calculation (English units)**

Weight (W) = 193.2 Tons = 193.2 (2000) = 386,400 lbs = 386.4 kips  
 $g = 386.4 \text{ in/sec/sec (or in/s}^2\text{)}$   
 Mass (m) = W/g = 1.0 kips s<sup>2</sup>/in  
 Stiffness (k) = 144 kips/in  
 $\omega = \text{SQRT}(k/m) = 12 \text{ radians/sec}$   
 $f = \omega / (2 \pi) = 1.91 \text{ Hz (units of 1/s or cycles/sec)}$

**Note:** The weight of an object is the force of gravity on the object and may be defined as the mass times the acceleration of gravity,  $w = mg$ . Weight is what is measured by a scale (e.g., weight of a person). Since the weight is a force, its SI unit is Newton.

**Concept of Equivalent lateral force  $f_s$**

If  $f_s$  is applied as a static force, it would cause the deformation  $u$ .

Thus at any instant of time:

$f_s = ku(t)$ , or in terms of the mass  $f_s(t) = m\omega^2u(t)$

$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$

The maximum force will be

$f_{s,max} = m\omega^2u_{max} = ku_{max} = mS_a = kS_d$

$S_a = \frac{k}{m}S_d$        $S_a = \omega^2S_d$

$S_d$  = deformation or displacement response spectrum

$S_a = \omega^2S_d$  = pseudo-acceleration response spectrum

The maximum strain energy  $E_{max}$  stored in the structure during shaking is:

$E_{max} = \frac{1}{2}ku_{max}^2 = \frac{1}{2}kS_d^2 = \frac{1}{2}\frac{k}{\omega^2}\omega^2S_d^2 = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2S_d^2 = \frac{1}{2}mS_v^2$

where  $S_v = \omega S_d$  = pseudo-velocity response spectrum

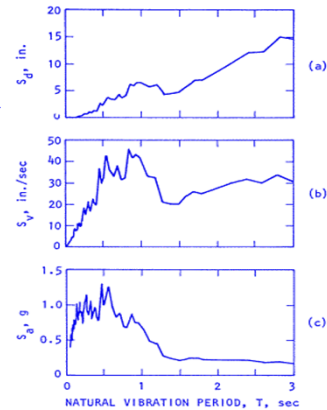


Figure 19. (a) Deformation (or Displacement), (b) pseudo-velocity and (c) pseudoacceleration response spectra, El Centro ground motion—S00°E component. Damping ratio  $\xi = 2$  percent.

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Note that  $S_d$ ,  $S_v$  and  $S_a$  are inter-related by

$$S_a = \omega^2 S_d = \omega S_v$$

$S_a$ ,  $S_v$  are directly related to  $S_d$  by  $\omega^2$  and  $\omega$  respectively or by  $(2\pi f)^2$  and  $2\pi f$ ,

or  $\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^2$  and  $\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)$  as shown in Figure.

Due to this direct relation, a 4-way plot is usually used to display  $S_a$ ,  $S_v$  and  $S_d$  on a single graph as shown in Figure.

In this figure, the logarithm of period  $T$ ,  $S_a$ ,  $S_v$  and  $S_d$  is used.

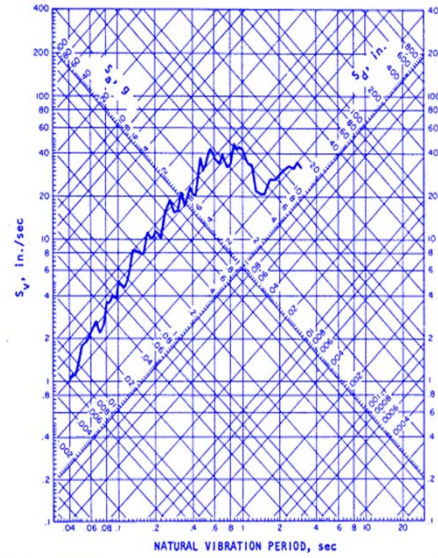


Figure 20. Four-way logarithmic plot of response spectrum. El Centro ground motion—S00°E component. Damping ratio  $\xi = 2$  percent

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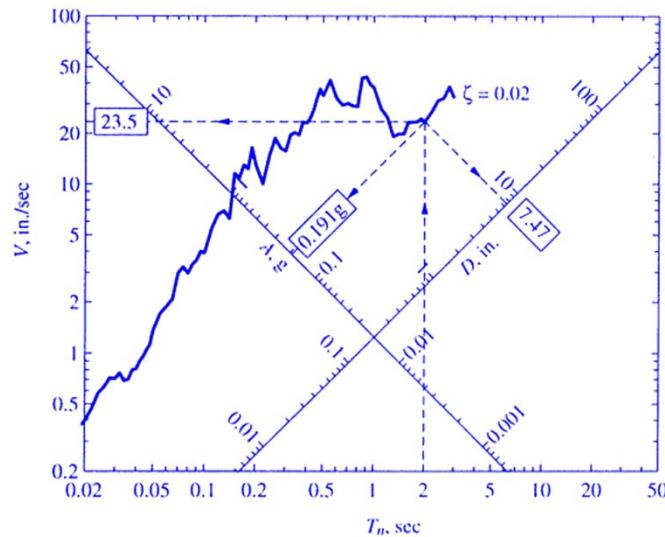


Figure 6.6.3 Combined  $D$ - $V$ - $A$  response spectrum for El Centro ground motion;  $\zeta = 2\%$ .

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 In order to cover the damping

range of interest,  
 it is common to perform  
 the same calculations for  
 $\xi = 0.0, 0.02, 0.05, 0.10,$   
 and  $0.20$  (see Figure)

Typical Notation:

$$S_v \equiv \text{PSV} \equiv V$$

$$S_a \equiv \text{PSA} \equiv A$$

$$S_d \equiv \text{SD} \equiv D$$

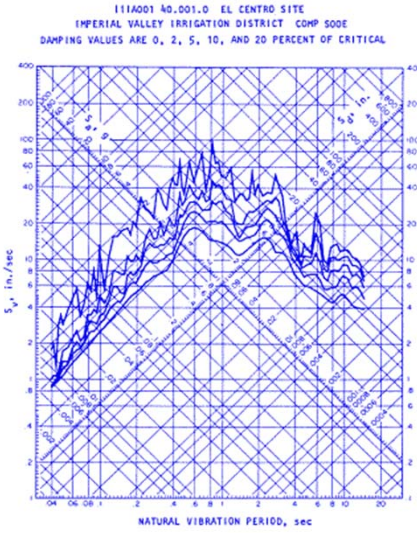
Example (El-Centro motion):  
 Find maximum displacement  
 and base shear of tower  
 with  $f = 2 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\xi = 2\%$   
 and  $k = 1.5 \text{ MN/m}$

$$\text{Period } T = 1/f = 0.5 \text{ second}$$

$$S_d = 2.5 \text{ inches} = 0.0635 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Force}_{\text{max}} = k u_{\text{max}} \\ = 1.5 \text{ MN/m} \times 0.0635 \text{ m} = 95.25 \text{ kN}$$

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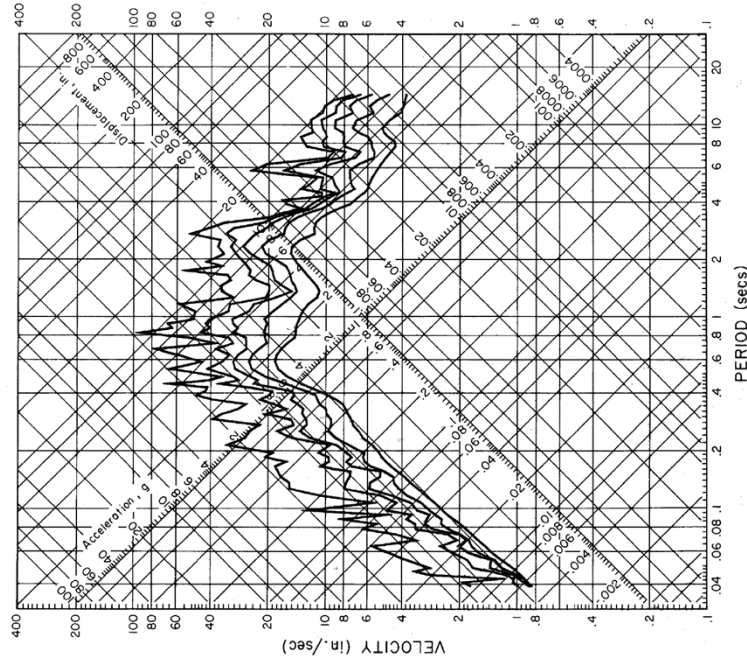
Figure 21. Four-way logarithmic plot of response spectrum. El Centro ground motion—S00°E component (after Hudson, 1979) 17

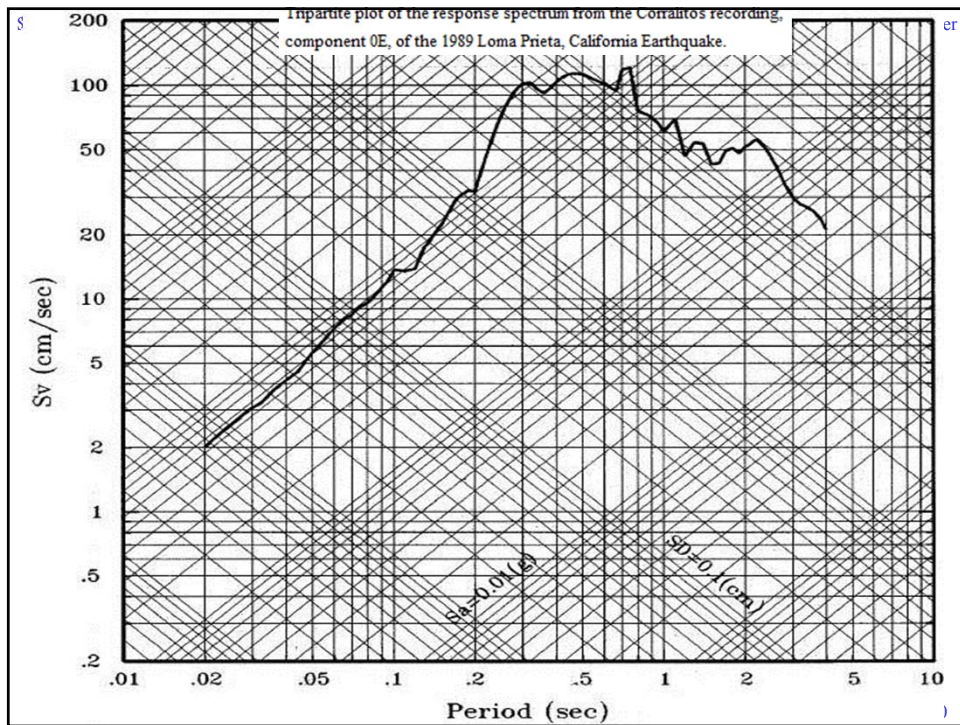
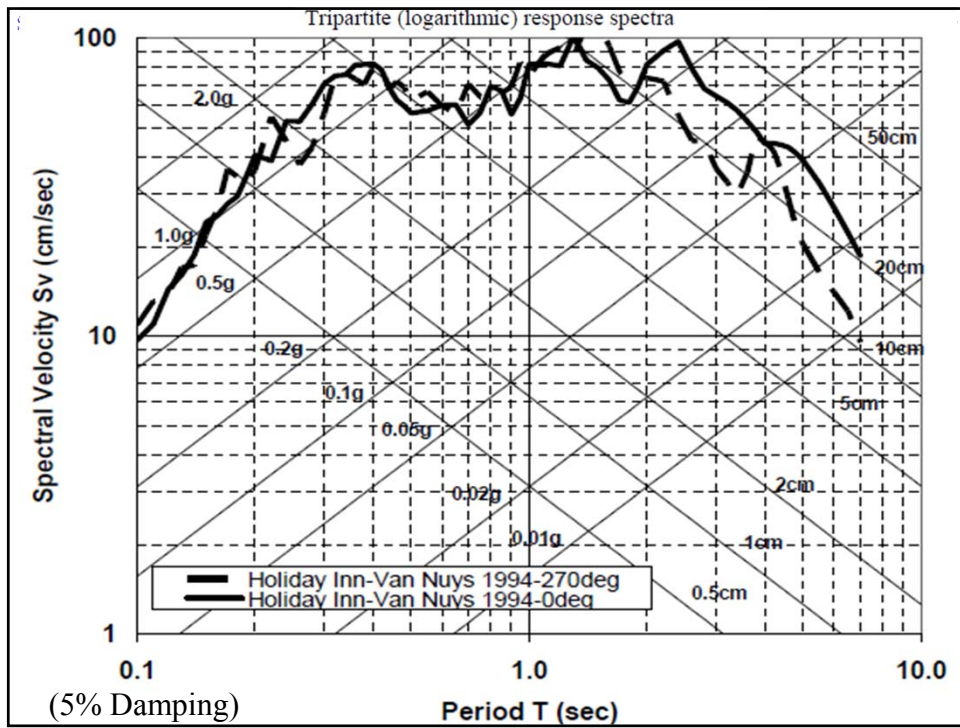
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Inspection of this figure shows that the maximum response at short period (high frequency stiff structure) is controlled by the ground acceleration, low frequency (long period) by ground displacement, and intermediate period by ground velocity.

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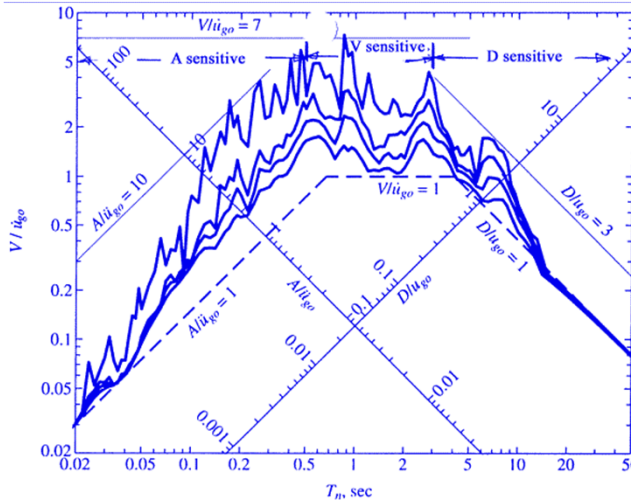


Figure 6.8.2 Response spectrum for El Centro ground motion plotted with normalized scales  $A/\ddot{u}_{g0}$ ,  $V/\dot{u}_{g0}$ , and  $D/u_{g0}$ ;  $\zeta = 0, 2, 5$ , and  $10\%$ .

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Note that response spectrum for relative velocity may be obtained from the SDOF response history, and similarly for  $\dot{u}^t = (\dot{u} + \dot{u}_g)$ . These spectra are known as relative velocity and total acceleration response spectra, and are different from the pseudo velocity and pseudo acceleration spectra  $S_v$  and  $S_a$  (which are directly related to  $S_d$ ).  
 e.g. for  $\zeta = 0\%$   
 $m(\ddot{u} + \ddot{u}_g) + ku = 0$   
 or  $(\ddot{u} + \ddot{u}_g) + \omega^2 u = 0$

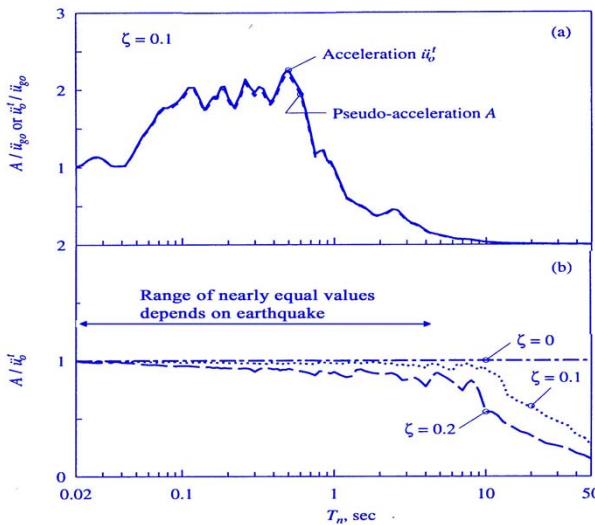




Figure 6.12.2 (a) Comparison between pseudo-acceleration and acceleration response spectra;  $\zeta = 10\%$ ; (b) ratio  $A/\ddot{u}_g^t$  for  $\zeta = 0, 10$ , and  $20\%$ .


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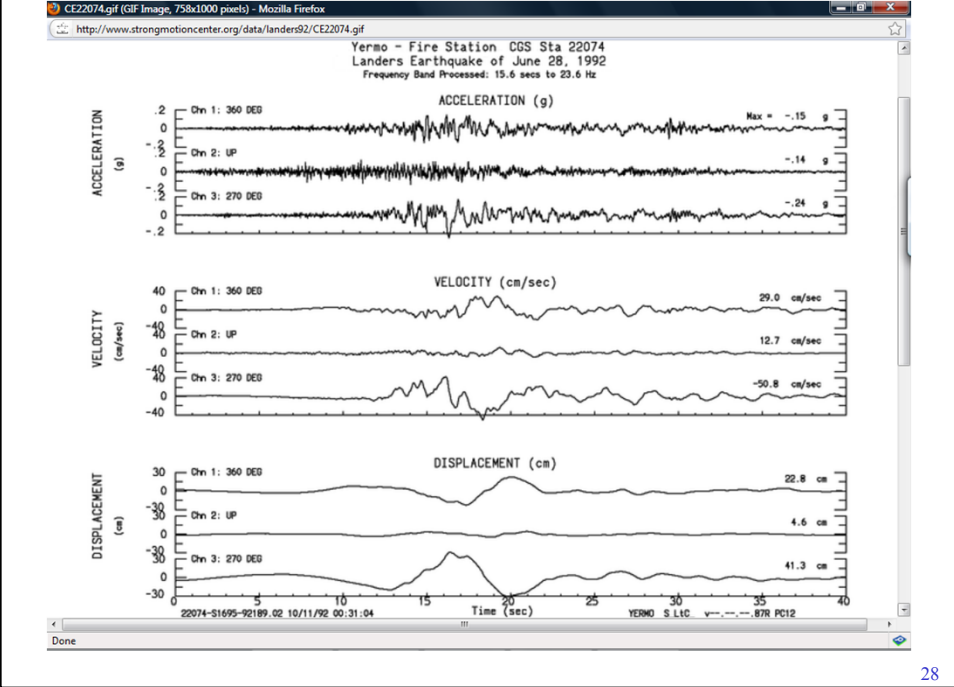
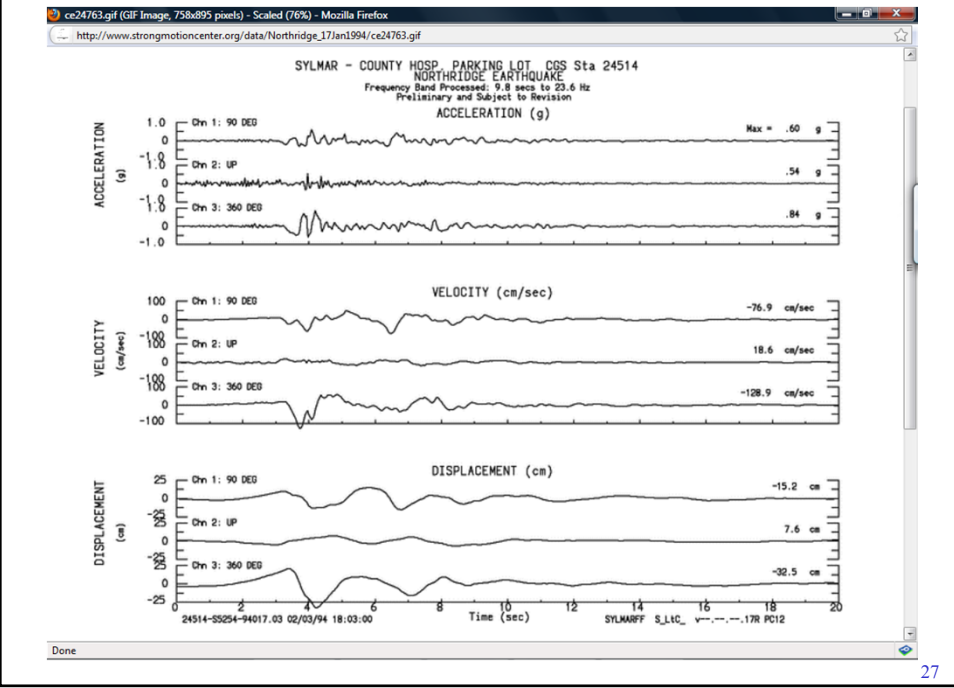




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Region: California  
 Latitude: 34.2057  
 Longitude: -118.5539  
 Depth: 17.50 km  
 Mechanism: Reverse  
 Strike: 122  
 Dip: 40  
 Rake: 104  
 Seismic Moment: 1.21618600064638e+26  
 ML: 6.4  
 Mw: 6.7  
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 Garden Grove, Ca (Patton School)  
 Glendale, Ca (Fremont Elem School)  
 Glendora, Ca (Azusa Lds Church)  
 Goldstone Lake (Terrascope Station)  
 Goleta, Ca (Jc Santa Barbara/Physical Plant)  
 Hacienda Heights, Ca (16750 Colma Rd)  
 Hemet, Ca (Ryan Airfield)  
 Hollywood, Ca (Laurel Childrens Center)  
 Huntington Beach, Ca (Haven View School)  
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 Huntington Beach, Ca (18401 Springdale)  
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**Los Angeles, CA - UCLA Grounds** Closest dist to fault: 22.9 km  
 CSMIP station 24688 Site Geology: Alluvium  
 Processing by: CSMIP Structure: Inst Shelter  
 Data Available: corrected acceleration, velocity, displacement, & spectra  
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**Pacific Palisades, CA - Fire Station 23 - 17291 Sunset Blvd** Closest dist to fault: 25.5 km  
 USC station 5349 Site Geology: Nonmarine Deposit  
 Structure: 1-Story Bldg  
 Data Available: uncorrected and corrected acceleration only  
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 Station Owner: California Strong Motion Instrumentation Program  
 Station Latitude & Longitude: 34.0680, -118.4390  
 Earthquake: Northridge 1994-01-17 12:30:55 UTC  
 Hypocentral Distance: 26.4 km  
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Component: 1Up Ground Level  
 Component: 90 Ground Level  
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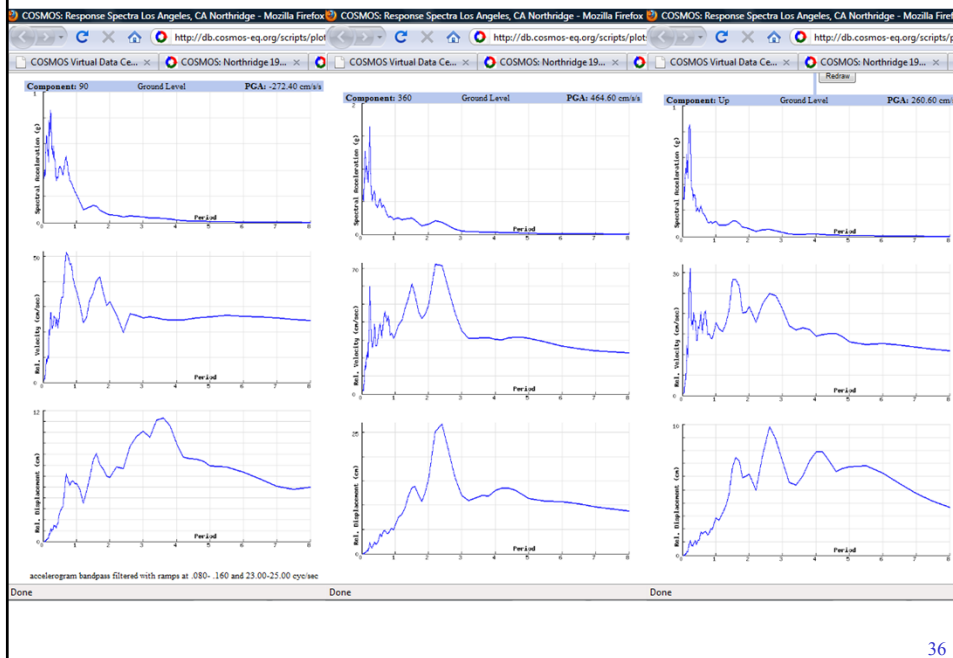
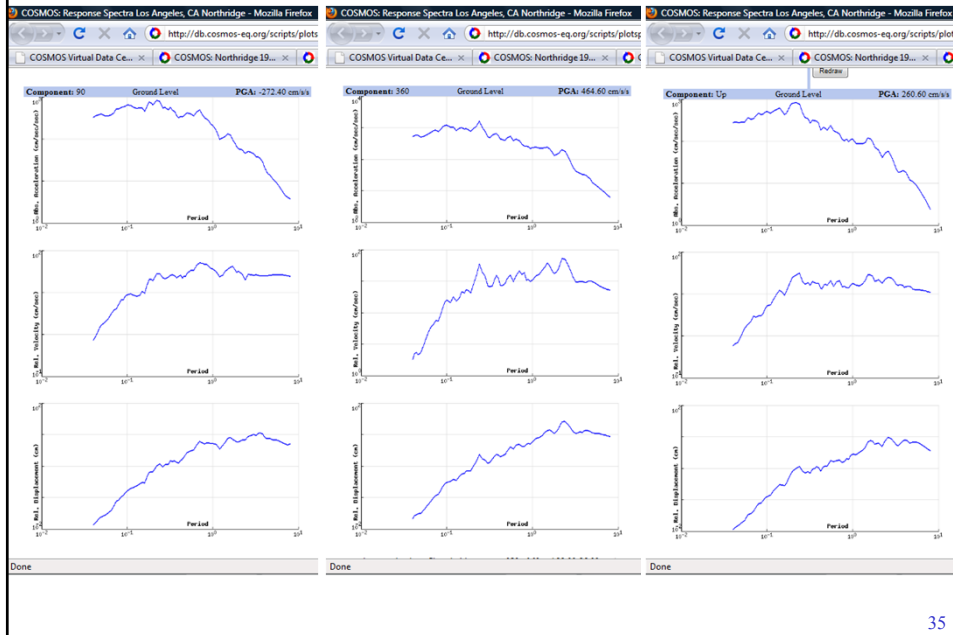
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Station: Los Angeles, CA - UCLA Grounds  
 Station Owner: California Strong Motion Instrumentation Program  
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 Earthquake: Northridge  
 Hypocentral Distance: 26.4 km  
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 IBC 2000 or  Ground-motion  
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## Elastic Design Spectrum

- Use recorded ground motions (available)
- Use ground motions recorded at similar sites:
  - Magnitude of earthquake
  - Distance of site from earthquake fault
  - Fault mechanism
  - Local Soil Conditions
  - Geology/travel path of seismic waves

Motions recorded at the same location. For design, we need an envelope. One way is to take the average (mean) of these values (use statistics to define curves for mean and standard deviation, see next page)

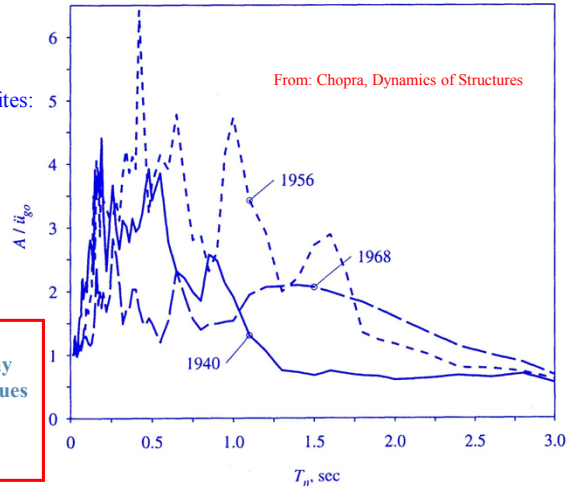
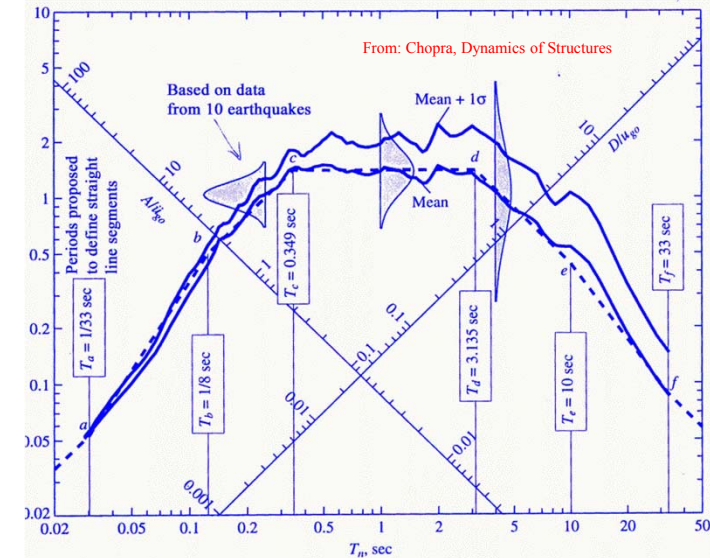


Figure 6.9.1 Response spectra for the north-south component of ground motions recorded at the Imperial Valley Irrigation District substation, El Centro, California, during earthquakes of May 18, 1940; February 9, 1956; and April 8, 1968.  $\zeta = 2\%$ .



The response spectra used to derive this design spectrum would typically share common characteristics of relevance to the geographic location of interest such as: distance from causative fault, soil profile at the site, expected earthquake magnitude, fault rupture mechanism, and so forth, ..

Figure 6.9.2 Mean and mean +  $1\sigma$  spectra with probability distributions for  $V$  at  $T_n = 0.25, 1, \text{ and } 4 \text{ sec}$ ;  $\zeta = 5\%$ . Dashed lines show an idealized design spectrum. (Based on numerical data from R. Riddell and N. M. Newmark, 1979.)

Mean response spectrum is smooth relative to any of the original contributing spectra

As an alternative Empirical approach, the periods shown on the this Figure and the values in the Table can be used to construct a Median elastic design spectrum (or a Median + one Sigma), where Sigma is the Standard Deviation. **For any geographic location, these spectra are built based on an estimate of peak ground acceleration, velocity, and displacement as this location.**

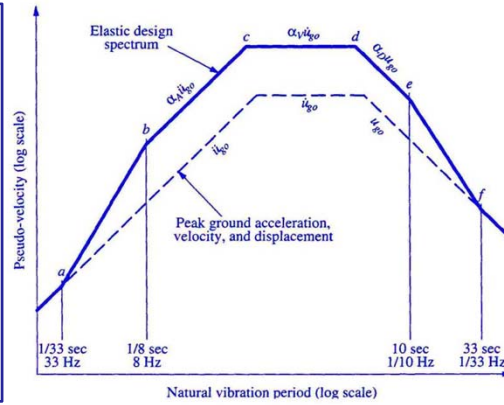


Figure 6.9.3 Construction of elastic design spectrum.

From: Chopra, Dynamics of Structures

The periods and values in Table 6.9.1

were selected to give a good match

to a statistical curve such as Figure 6.9.2

based on an ensemble

of 50 earthquakes on competent soils.

TABLE 6.9.1 AMPLIFICATION FACTORS: ELASTIC DESIGN SPECTRA

Damping, $\zeta$ (%)	Median (50 percentile)			One Sigma (84.1 percentile)		
	$\alpha_A$	$\alpha_V$	$\alpha_D$	$\alpha_A$	$\alpha_V$	$\alpha_D$
1	3.21	2.31	1.82	4.38	3.38	2.73
2	2.74	2.03	1.63	3.66	2.92	2.42
5	2.12	1.65	1.59	2.71	2.30	2.01
10	1.64	1.37	1.20	1.99	1.84	1.69
20	1.17	1.08	1.01	1.26	1.37	1.38

Source: N. M. Newmark and W. J. Hall, *Earthquake Spectra and Design*, Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, Berkeley, Calif., 1982, pp. 35 and 36.

(Design Spectrum may include more than one Earthquake fault scenario)

About Caltrans ARS Online

This web-based tool calculates both deterministic and probabilistic acceleration response spectra for any location in California based on criteria provided in *Appendix B of Caltrans Seismic Design Criteria*