

APPLIED ARCHITECTURAL STRUCTURES:  
STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS AND SYSTEMS

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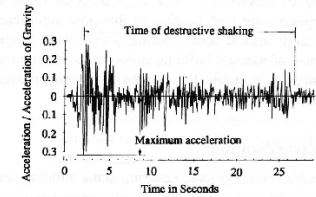
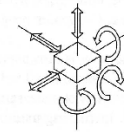
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Earthquake Design

- dynamic vs. static loading
  - amplification of static affect
  - time duration
  - acceleration & velocity



- a) Possible ground movements—normally accelerations in the horizontal plane are the largest and most significant.
- b) Typical accelerogram data: North-south component of ground acceleration recorded for the 1940 El Centro, California, earthquake (recorded 4 mi. from the causative fault on deep alluvium).

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Earthquake Design

- hazard types
  - surface fault ruptures
  - ground failures
  - tsunamis (sea waves)



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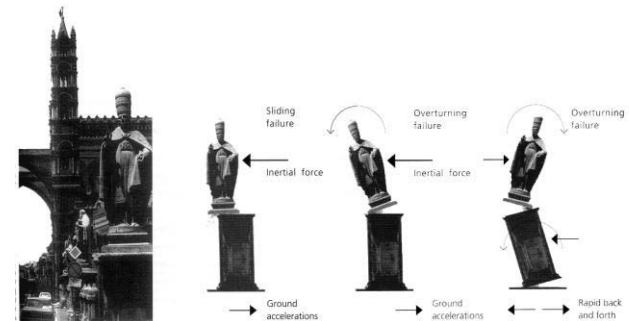
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Earthquake Design

- hazard types: ground shaking



Statue in front of the cathedral of Palermo, Sicily

Lateral ground motions associated with earthquakes cause inertial forces to develop that are dependent on the weight of the structure. Sliding failures can occur.

The lateral ground motions can also cause a sculpture to overturn. The magnitude of the overturning effect depends on the weight of the sculpture and its height above the ground.

Back and forth ground motions can cause different parts of the sculpture to move in different directions. Overturning or cracking of elements can consequently occur.

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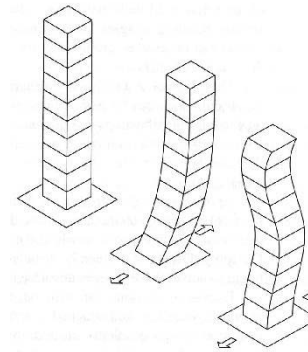
# Earthquake Design

- **fundamental considerations**
  - building configuration
    - symmetry with respect to mass
  - stiffness or vibration control
    - symmetry with respect to lateral resistance mechanisms
    - member sizes, rigidity, braces, dampers
  - anchorage of parts and components
    - seismic joints
  - “tie the building together”

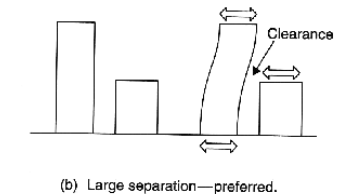
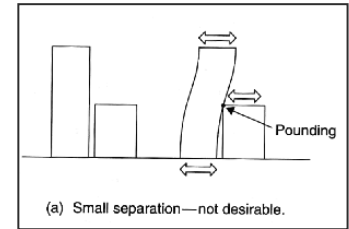


# Earthquake Design

- **building response**

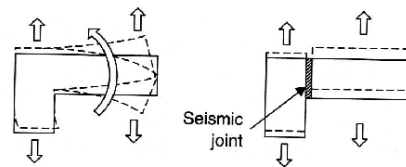
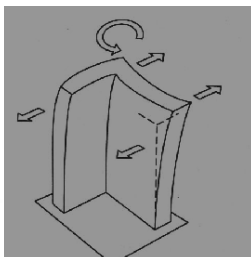
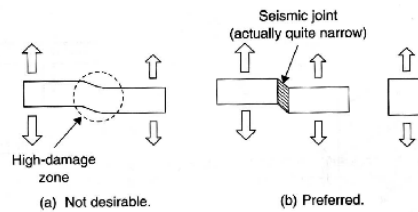


(c) Typical vibration modes for a tall building subjected to varying horizontal ground accelerations.



# Earthquake Design

- **building response**
  - seismic joints
  - L, T, H shapes bad



# Earthquake Design

- **building response**
  - center of mass
    - ex.:  $\bar{x} = \frac{\sum W_{NS} x}{\sum W_{NS}}$
  - center of rigidity
    - ex. ( $R = 1/\delta$ ):  $r_E = \frac{\sum R_y x}{\sum R_y}$
  - torsion (eccentricity)

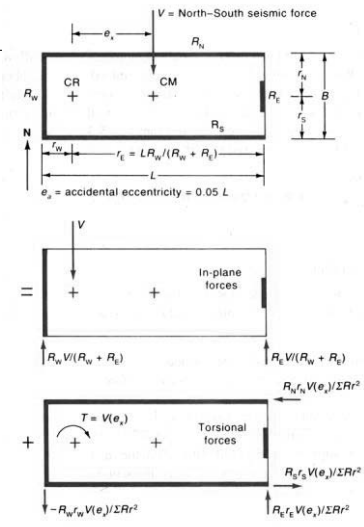
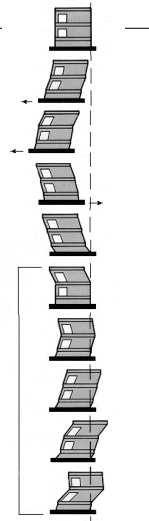


Fig. 5-33. Torsional effects

## Low-Rise Response

- lateral ground movement
- drift



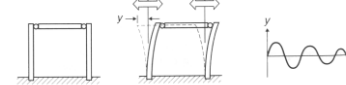
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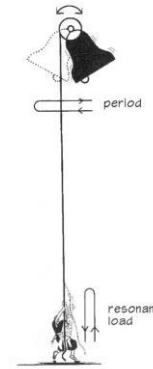
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## Frequency and Period

- natural period of vibration



- avoid resonance
- hard to predict seismic period
- affected by soil
- short period
  - high stiffness
- long period
  - low stiffness



“To ring the bell, the sexton must pull on the downswing of the bell in time with the natural frequency of the bell.”

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## Earthquake Design

- codes
  - purpose is to provide a simple uniform method of determining potential earthquake forces in any location with enough accuracy to ensure a safe and economical building design
  - National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP)
  - evaluate structural response (spectrum) to earthquake (motion vs. time)



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## Earthquake Design Loads

- derived from  $W$  & amplification factors
- at base of structure:
  - $Z$ , zone
  - $I$ , importance (1.0 – 1.5)
  - $C$ , stiffness related to period of vibration
  - $R_W$ , response modifications for building type (1.25 – 8)
- distribution per floor
  - simple vs. tall -  $\frac{W_x h_x}{\sum W h}$

$$V = \frac{ZICW}{R_W}$$

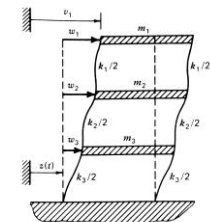


Figure 20.9. Multistory building subjected to earthquake excitation.

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# Earthquake-Resistant Structures

- absorb energy input from ground motion
- pins can't, rigid frames can
  - energy goes into forming plastic hinges (ductility)
  - continuous
  - steel, timber or reinforced concrete
- redundancy helpful
- use rigid diaphragms
- horizontal members fail before verticals



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# Earthquake Design

- want horizontal elements to fail before vertical elements do

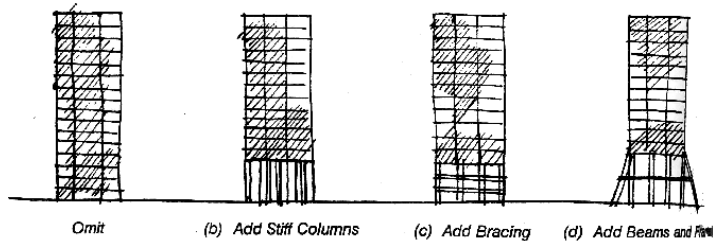


Figure 3.23 Solutions to the Soft First Story Problem

# Earthquake Design

- soft first stories
  - problematic

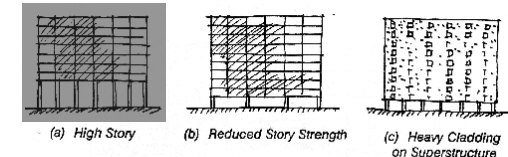


Figure 3.21 Building Types with Soft First Story

- ground level story weaker than those above

- usually higher
- reduced strength in vertical elements
- significantly increased mass above

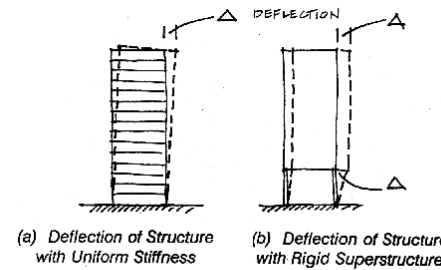
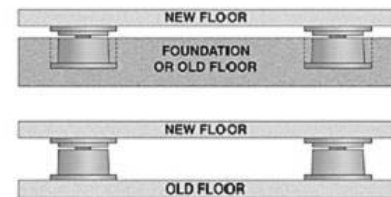


Figure 3.22 Deformation of a Building with Soft First Story

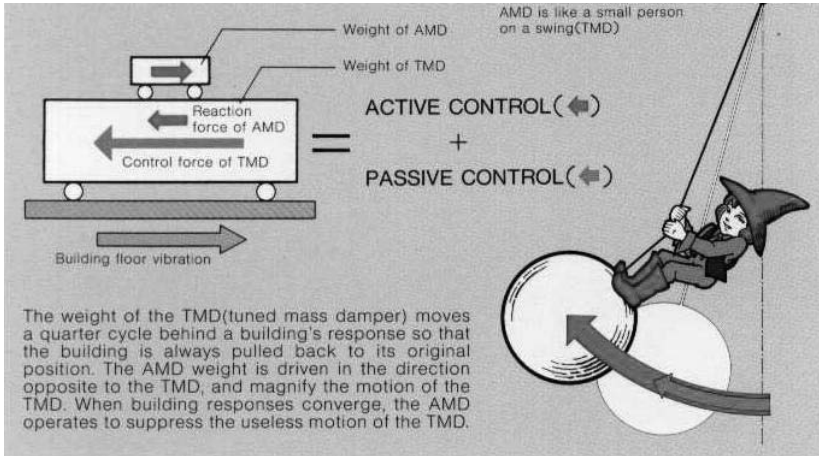
# Earthquake Design

- passive base isolation
  - low stiffness layer between foundation and structure



# Earthquake Design

- *tuned mass damping systems*



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# Earthquake Design

- *dampers*
- *elastomer bearings*  
– neoprene or rubber
- *sliding systems*
- *friction pendulum systems*



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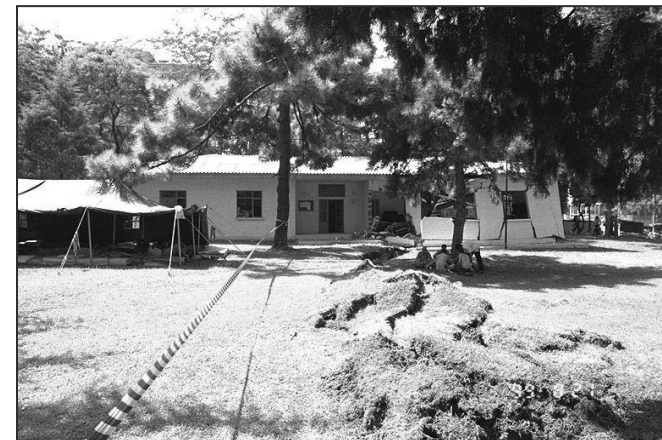
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# Architectural Considerations



Video – Buildings at Risk

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