

Lecture 1
**Observed Seismic Response of Concrete
Buildings during Earthquakes**



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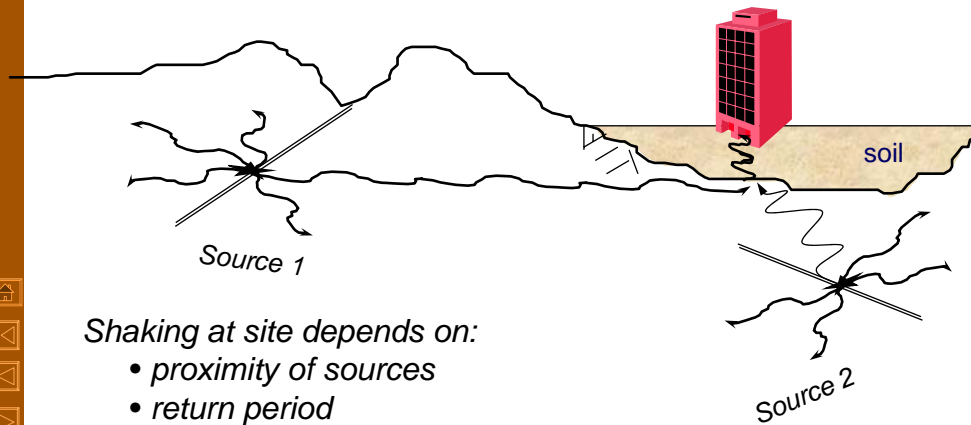
CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION

- Structural walls or frames
- Cast-in-place, or precast prestressed
- Combinations of the above

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Seismic Hazard

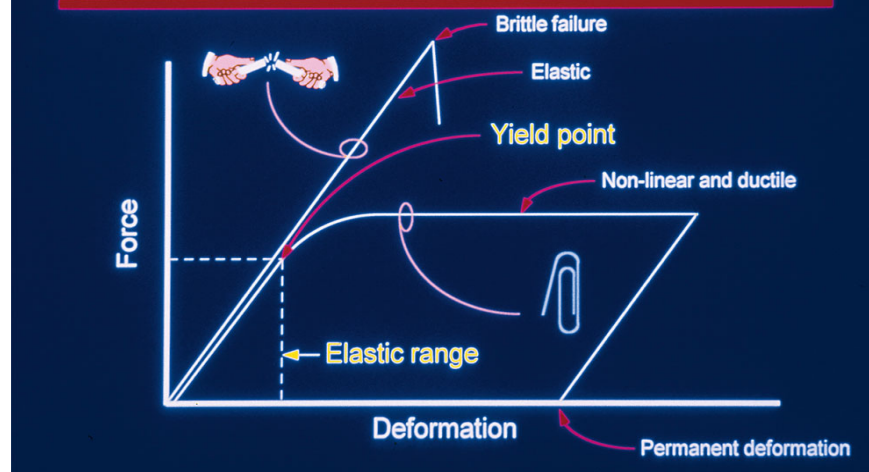


Shaking at site depends on:

- proximity of sources
- return period
- path
- site conditions



Brittle vs. Ductile Behavior





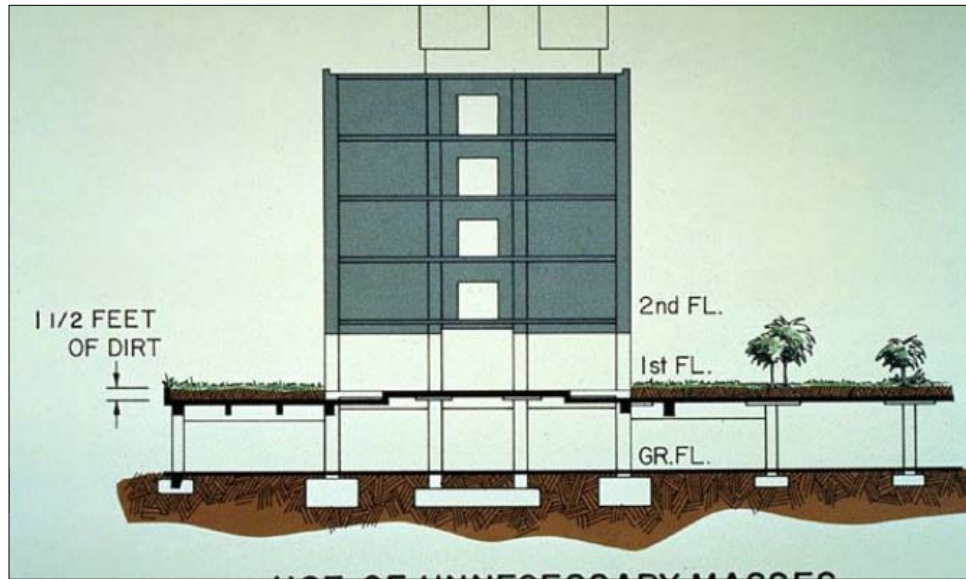
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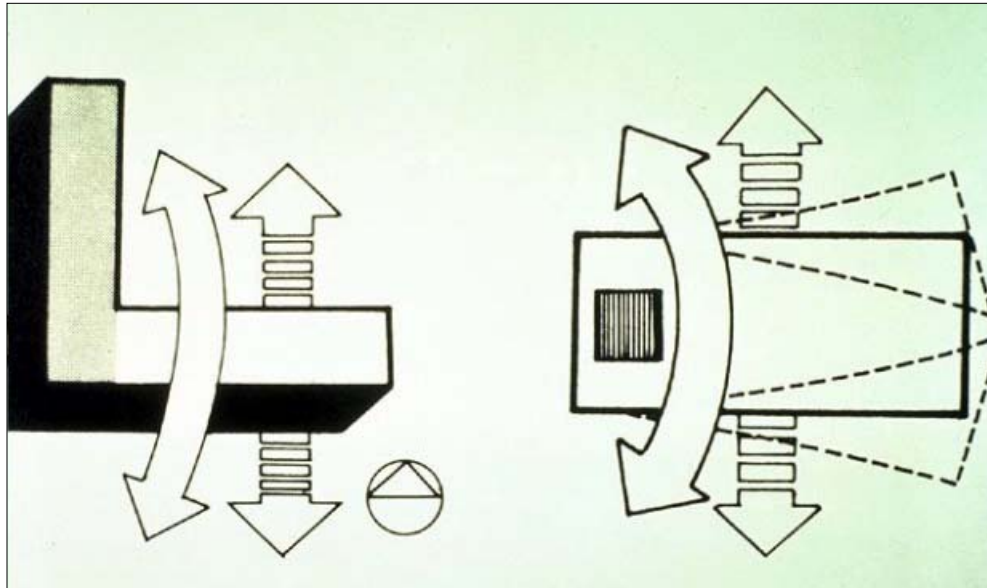
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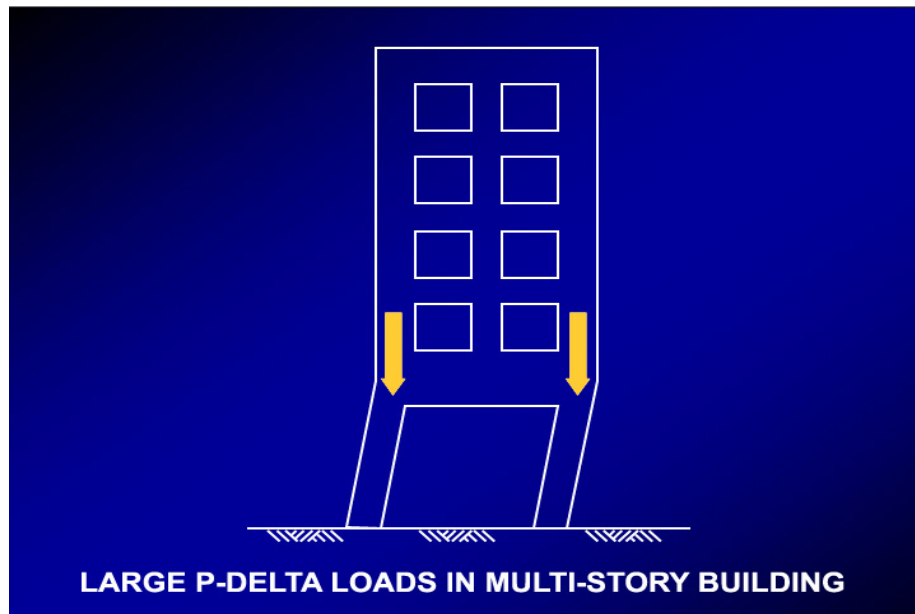
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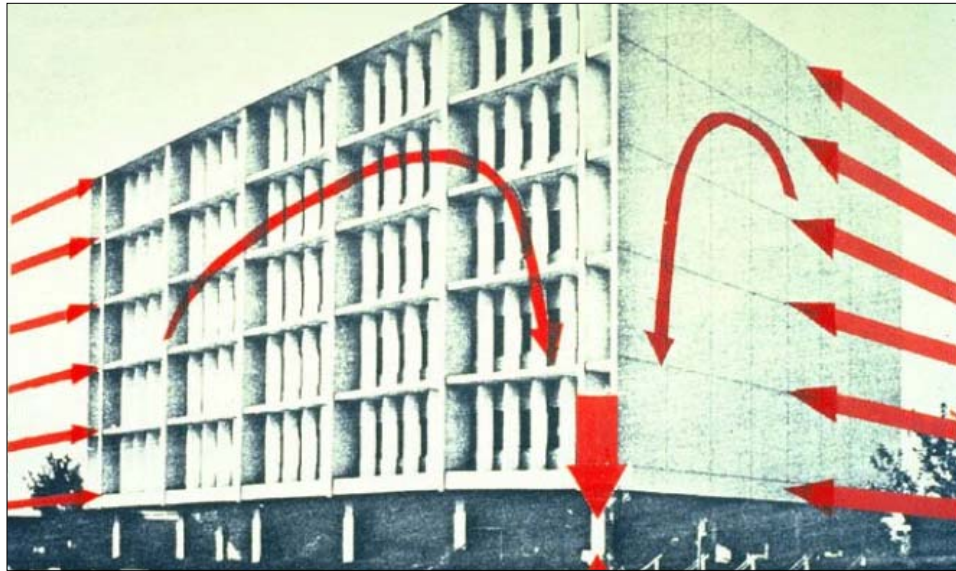
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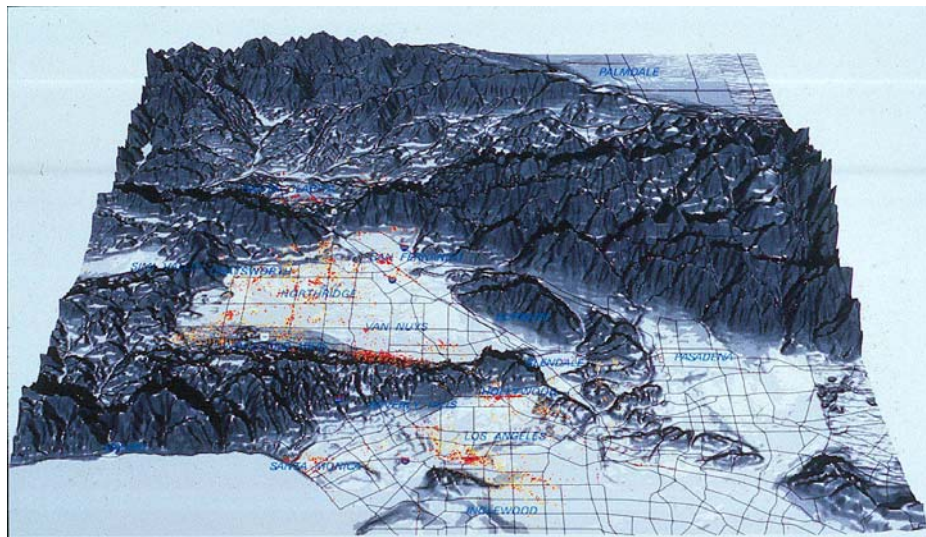
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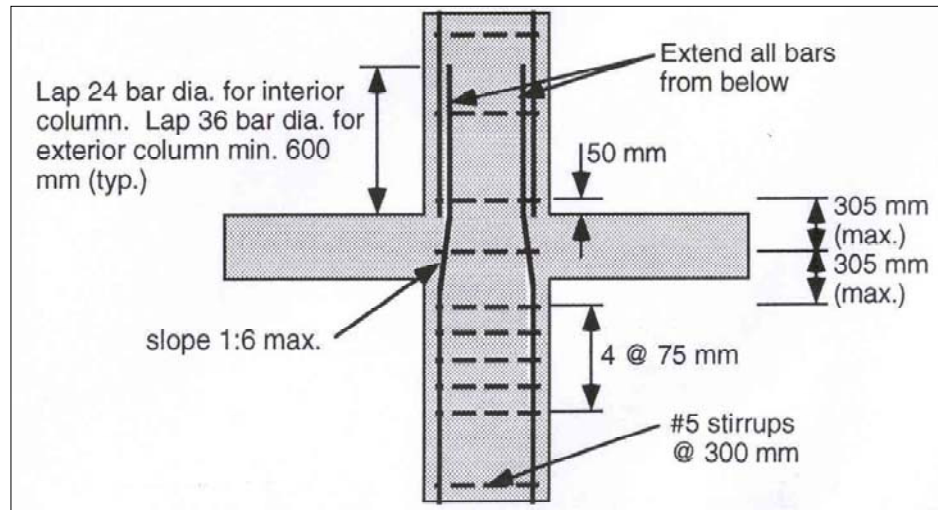
Recorded Motions in Buildings



1994 Northridge Earthquake



Typical column reinforcement details

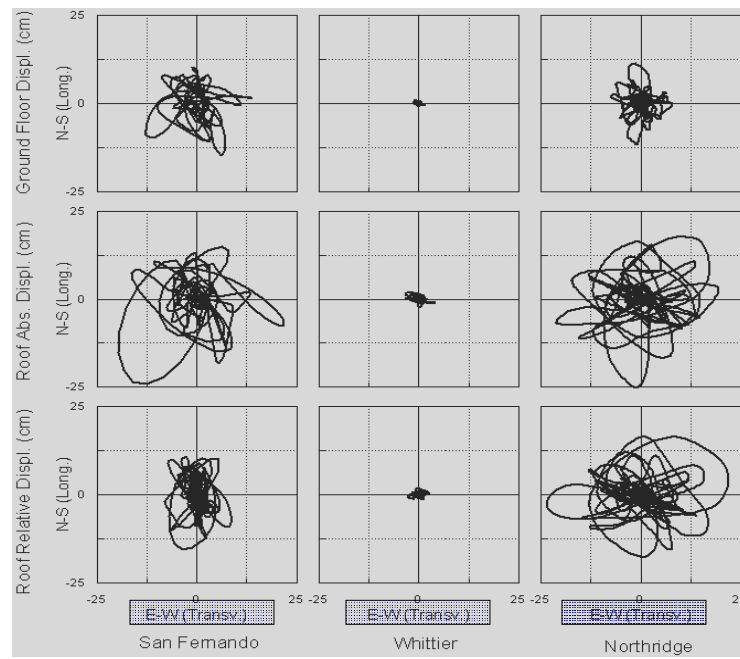


Recorded Earthquakes and Vibration Tests

	Max. Base Accel. (g)	Max. Roof Accel. (g)	Drift R-B (cm)	Period (Sec.)	Freq. (Hz)
Pre-1971 ambient measurement	-	-	-	0.52	1.92
1971 San Fernando (M=6.5, d=20 km)	0.14	0.32	7.8	1.3	0.77
Post-1971 ambient measurement	-	-	-	0.7	1.43
1987 Whittier (M=6.1, d=41 km)	0.14	0.17	2.8	1.1	0.91
1992 Landers (M=7.5, d=187 km)	0.04	0.13	3.2	1.2	0.83
1992 Big Bear (M=6.6, d=152 km)	0.02	0.06	1.6	1.2	0.83
1994 Northridge (M=6.7, d=7 km)	0.45	0.58	23.0	1.5 - 2.0	0.67 - 0.5

Comparison of Roof Particle Motion

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Column damage

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Damage Details

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Interior Damage

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North side damage

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Temporary shoring

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Repaired & Retrofitted Building (1996)



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Ground Failure



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EXAMPLE – SEVERE GROUND DISPLACEMENT OR FOUNDATION DAMAGE



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Liquefaction

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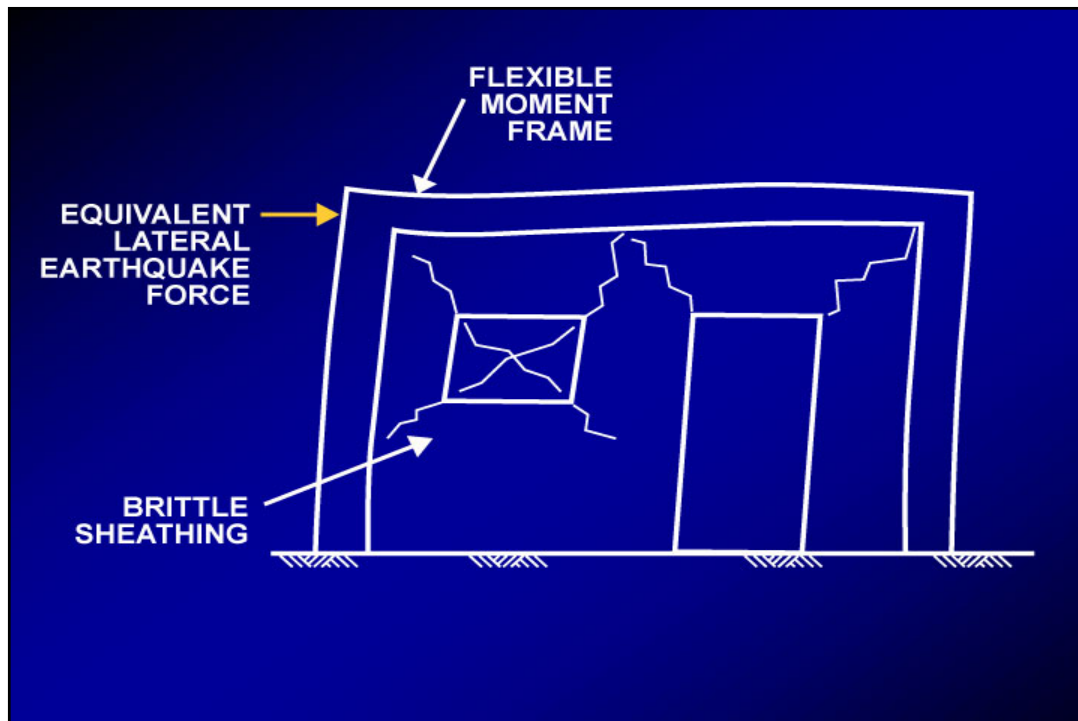
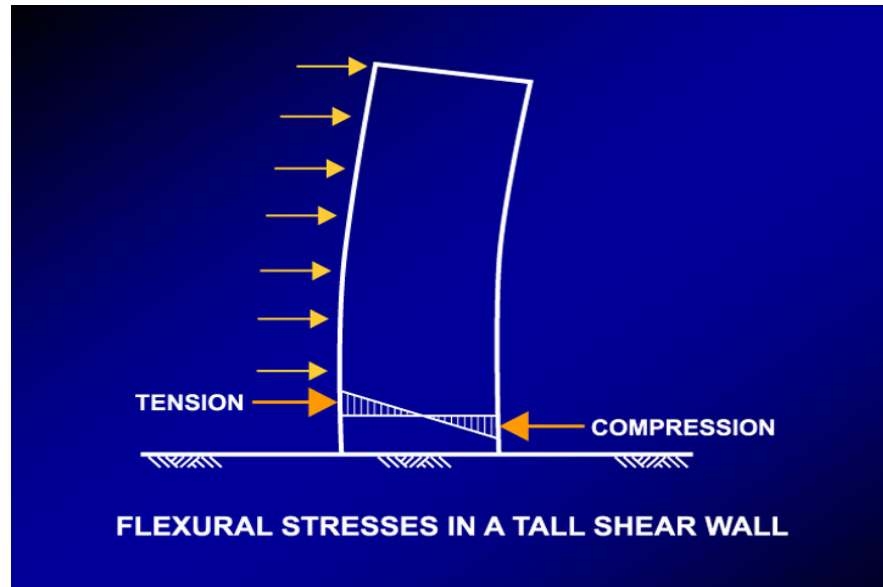
Points to remember

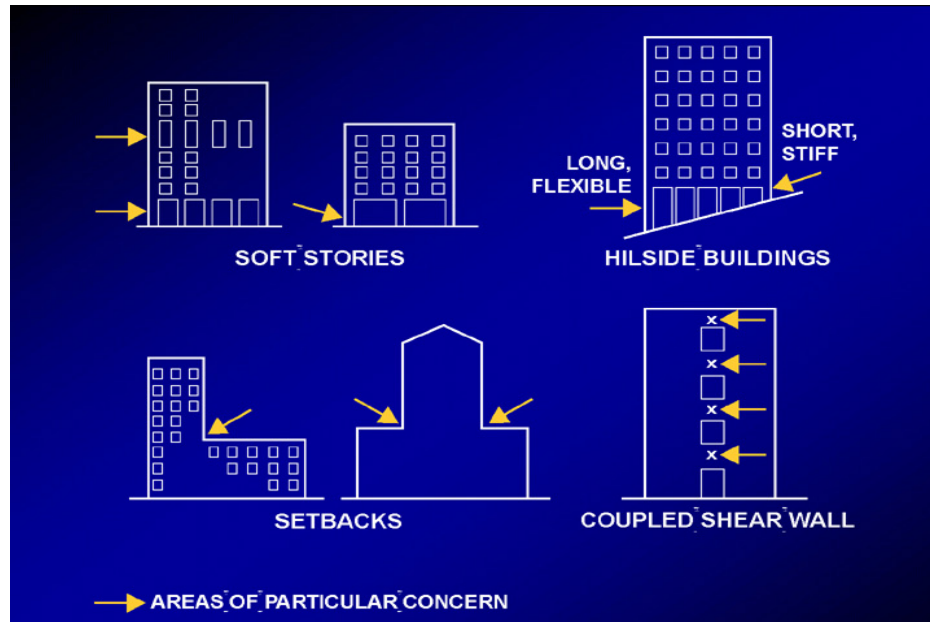
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Remarks

- Instrumentation of buildings is valuable for understanding their response to severe shaking
- Observed response of RC buildings provides valuable information and lessons
- Ground motions with the same PGA, but different mechanisms can have very different demands upon a structure

