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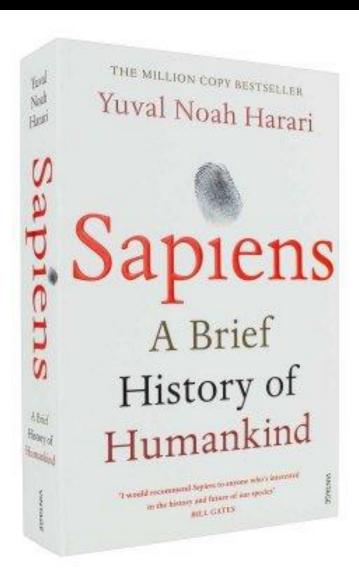
The best answer for most causal questions in earthquake engineering

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This is all Terje's fault.....back in 2016



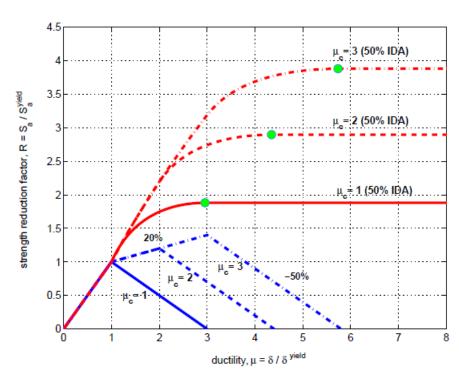
Let us zoom in a bit

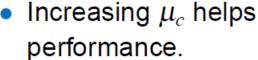


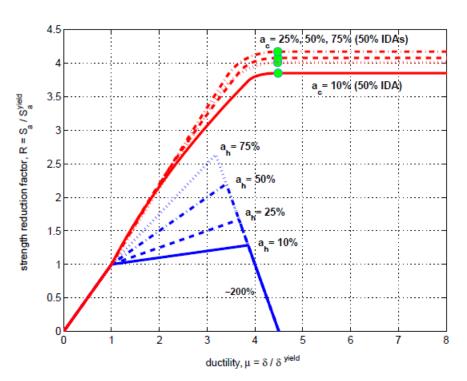
What is wrong with Sapiens?

- Author offers very convincing answers to important milestones in human societal evolution
- Reaching each milestone is explained by a single concept and attributed to a single cause
- Very convincing if you are not an earthquake engineer
- Non-engineers like simple explanations that make the matter go away with minimal hassle
- Earthquake engineers thrive in mayhem

Does the backbone shape matter?

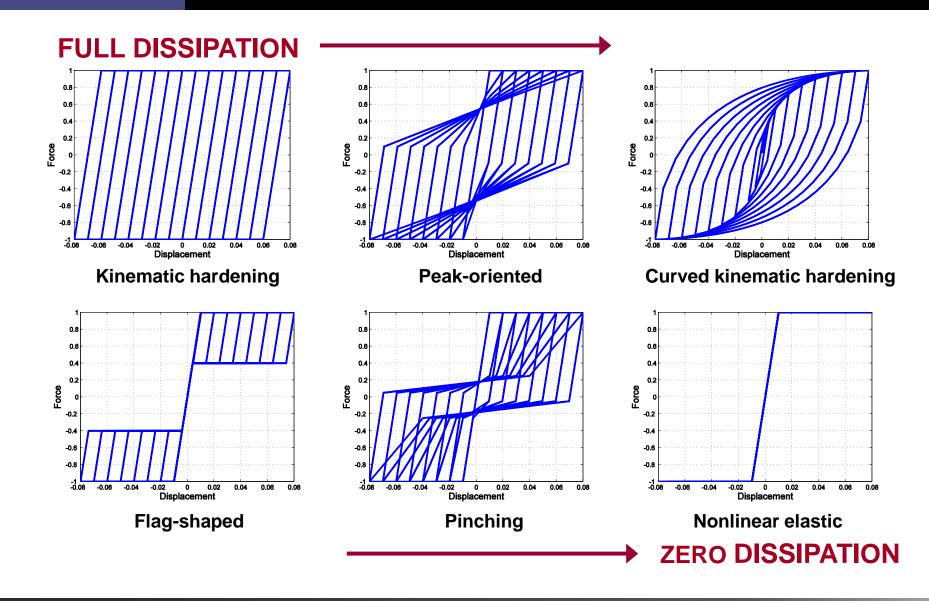






 Increasing a_h has negligible effects if same μ_{eq}.

Are full loops better than skinny ones?



Is Soil-Structure-Interaction detrimental?

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SEISMIC SOIL-STRUCTURE INTERACTION: BENEFICIAL OR DETRIMENTAL?

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The role of soil-structure interaction (SSI) in the seismic response of structures is reexplored using recorded motions and theoretical considerations. Firstly, the way current seismic provisions treat SSI effects is briefly discussed. The idealised design spectra of the codes along with the increased fundamental period and effective damping due to SSI lead invariably to reduced forces in the structure. Reality, however, often differs from this view. It is shown that, in certain seismic and soil environments, an increase in the fundamental natural period of a moderately flexible structure to SSI may have a detrimental effect on the imposed seismic demand. Secondly, a widely used structural model for assessing SSI effects on inelastic bridge piers is examined. Using theoretical arguments and rigorous numerical analyses it is shown that indiscriminate use of ductility concepts and geometric relations may lead to erroneous conclusions in the assessment of seismic performance. Numerical examples are presented which highlight critical issues of the problem.

Keywords: Soil-structure interaction, earthquake, ductility, inelastic response, seismic regulations, bridge.

I think I can let someone else take this one

Does duration matter?

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Ground motion duration effects on nonlinear seismic response

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This one too

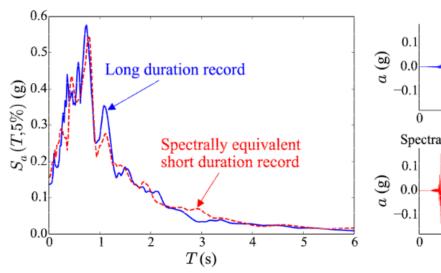
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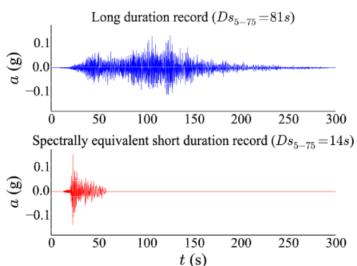
The study presented in this paper addresses the question of which nonlinear demand measures are sensitive to ground motion duration by statistical analyses of several case studies. A number of single degree of freedom (SDOF) structures were selected considering: (1) four oscillation periods; (2) three evolutionary and non-evolutionary hysteretic behaviours; (3) two target ductility levels.

Effects of duration are investigated, by nonlinear dynamic analysis, with respect to six different demand indices ranging from displacement ductility ratio to equivalent number of cycles. Input is made of six real accelerogram sets representing three specific duration scenarios (small, moderate and large duration). For all considered demand quantities time-history results are formally compared by statistical hypothesis test to asses the difference, if any, in the demand concerning different scenarios. Incremental dynamic analysis curves are used to evaluate duration effect as function of ground motion intensity (e.g. spectral acceleration corresponding to the SDOF's oscillation period). Duration impact on structural failure probability is evaluated by fragility curves.

The results lead to the conclusion that duration content of ground motion is statistically insignificant to displacement ductility and cyclic ductility demand. The conclusions hold regardless of SDOF's period and hysteretic relationship investigated. Copyright © 2005 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

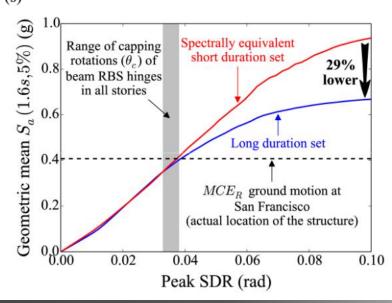
But does it matter?



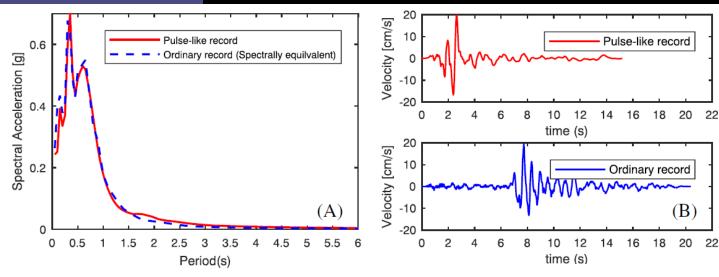


Spectral twins!

Chandramohan, Baker, Deierlein 2015

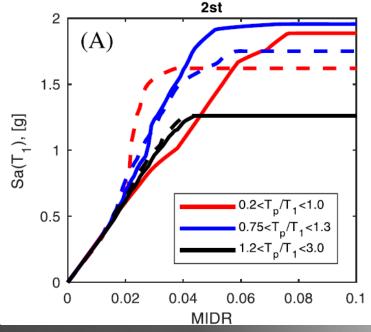


Is a pulse-like motion worse?

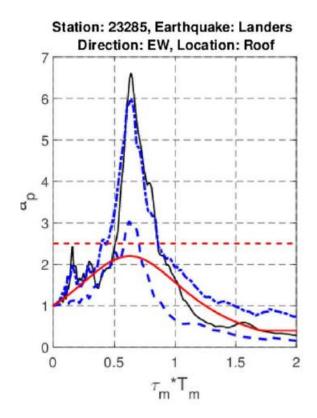


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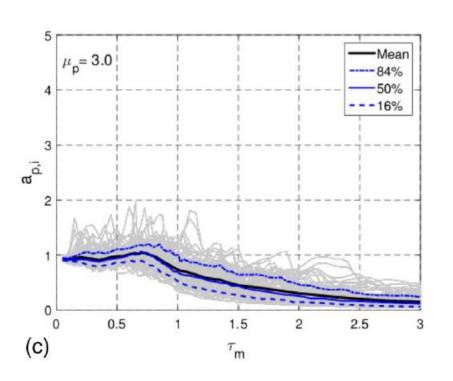
Kohrangi, Vamvatsikos, Bazzurro 2018



Does NS component resonance matter?



Of course it does if your component is elastic



Not if it is inelastic!

Kazantzi, Vamvatsikos, Miranda 2018

Just one thing to remember

- You knew it already, but let me say it again
- Beware of monocausal explanations in EQ engineering
- Beware of them in any kind of engineering
- Actually, beware of them in any context
- Feel free to use probabilistic concepts to refute them
- After all, this is why we are here

...and now a message from our sponsors



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