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# Performance-Based Seismic Design in Real Life: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

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# **OPENING SCENE REMINISCING UPON DEFINITIONS**



### **Problem statement**





#### Izmit refinery (Kocaeli 1999)

#### Japan (Tohoku 1999)

How to design critical facilities for the desired seismic performance?

### What is a performance objective?

#### A triplet of values

1: Capacity: An EDP threshold to define LS 2: maximum allowable MAF of exceeding C  $\lambda_{x\%}(D > C) < \lambda_{O}$ 3: confidence level of meeting objective vis-àvis epistemic uncertainty



### **Examples**

- direct monetary losses exceeding C = 500,000€ with a maximum MAF of λ<sub>0</sub> = 0.0021, or 10% in 50yrs, at a confidence of x = 75%;
- downtime exceeding C = 1 week with  $\lambda_0 = 10\%$  in 10yrs, at x = 60%;
- no more than C = 20% of the columns enter Damage State 3 with  $\lambda_0 = 5\%$  in 50yrs, at x = 90%;
- maximum interstory drift less than 2% with  $\lambda_0 = 10\%$  in 50yrs, at x = 75%.

# THE BAD: NO PROBABILITY MEANS NO PERFORMANCE



# **BAD: Design code approach (EN1998)**



### Issue 1: Design spectrum ≠ Seismic hazard



Seismic hazard surface, hazard curve & UHS

### **Issue 2: Where is the variability?**



Unfortunately, each record has its own IDA curve

# Variability cannot be ignored



- Frequent lower intensity earthquakes also do damage
- MAF of damage > MAF of  $S_a(T_1)$  !

### **Uncertainty should not be ignored**



 Plastic rotation capacity of beam-column connections (Lignos & Krawinkler)  Potential realizations of dynamic response IDA curves for 9-story steel frame

# **Result: Inconsistent / Unknown Safety**



Behavior factor, overstrength, nominal material properties add conservativeness

# **BAD: Displacement-based design**

- Is Stefano Pampanin in the audience?
- Confusion dates back to SEAOC Vision 2000
  ... and even Priestley (2000) "Performance based seismic design"
- Saying that your objectives are expressed in terms of displacement is not the same as PBSD
- Displacement-based design is not that bad, it is simply not PBSD
- That does not mean it cannot be upgraded....

# Another BAD candidate: Risk targeted spectra



Workshop on Update of Pacific Northwest Portion of U.S. National Seismic Hazard Maps

"Potential Design Mapping Updates," N. Luco, USGS

March 22, 2012

# **RT** spectra ≠ performance

- They do account for hazard and risk... ... but for all structures at the same time
- They are site-specific but building-ignorant
- I like RT spectra, just not on their own and not for performance-based design
- We will take another look at them later on...

# THE UGLY: WIN SOMETHING - LOSE SOMETHING



# **Performance-Based Design = Iterations**

- Set performance targets
- Determine preliminary design (not always easy)
- Assess performance
- Iterate to convergence
  - Redesign and reassess in each cycle!
- Expensive!

# **UGLY: Iterate without guidance**



- Trial and error? (trust user "expertise")
- Genetic-style optimizer (shotgun approach)
- Iterate first on pushover then on dynamics? (Dolsek and coworkers)

Sinkovic et al. 2016

# **UGLY: Risk-based q-factor & RT-spectra guidance**



# Rough but workable

- Iterations are done by academics, not engineers
- The more fine-grained the q-factor is, the better
- Unfortunately, can only work for hard-wired objectives
- In the end, some proper nonlinear assessment would help

# THE GOOD: ALWAYS DELIVERS



# How to pick a "design invariant" proxy $(T_1?)$

- Easy with experience (usual design case)
- Difficult with novel structures or new requirements
  - Example for ELASTIC 1DOF oscillator:
  - Iterate:
    - 1. Select initial T
  - → 2. Find  $S_a(T)$  from UHS at x% in 50yrs
    - 3. Calculate new period  $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\delta_{\text{lim}} / S_a}$

# **Potential proxies**

- Equivalent linear MDOF? (Franchin et al.)
  - Not trivial. Works best with automated software
- Equivalent nonlinear SDOF
  - Assume constant  $T_1$  per cycle (force basis)
  - Assume constant  $d_y$  per cycle (yield disp. basis)
- Is Stefano Pampanin in the audience?

# **Yield Displacement Basis**



- Forget period, let's do yield displacement!
- "Constant" given system mass, general dimensions & material
- Largely independent of strength (Moehle, Priestley et al, Aschheim)
- Some systems (rocking walls?) may work better with constant T<sub>1</sub>

# Use equivalent nonlinear SDOF with variability



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# "Invert" Performance Integral



- Structural parameters: Backbone shape, Base shear coefficient, dy
- Limit state definition: MAF and ductility
- Map entire parameter space to solve

### **All together: Yield Frequency Spectra**



# How to compute?

- Numerically
  - As S<sub>di</sub> hazard curves (Inoue & Cornell, Jalayer & Cornell, Ruiz-Garcia & Miranda etc)
  - Dynamic analysis or R-µ-T with dispersion (e.g. SPO2IDA)
- Analytically
  - Invert Cornell & Jalayer or DV's closed-form solutions

$$C_{y} = \frac{1}{g\mu_{lim}^{1/b}} \cdot \exp\left[\frac{1}{2k_{2}}\left(-k_{1} + \sqrt{\frac{k_{1}^{2}}{\phi'} - \frac{4k_{2}}{\phi'}}\ln\frac{P_{o}}{k_{0}\sqrt{\phi'}}\right)\right]$$

### **Introduce uncertainty**

- Assume it adds to the total variability
  - Not perfect: Bias is also possible
  - ..... but tough to quantify
- Use "required confidence" to guard against uncertainty
  - Say 90-95% against brittle failure mechanisms
  - Only 60-75% for ductile, low-consequence failures
- Tune design to user and problem requirements

### A code-compatible approach

- Invert Cornell & Jalayer equations
  - Adopt power-law fit for hazard, IM vs EDP response
  - Derive solutions given the design spectral shape

• Constant accel: 
$$C_y = \frac{S_{amax}}{g\mu_{lim}^{1/b}} \cdot \exp\left[\frac{k_1}{2b^2}\beta_{T\theta}^2\right]$$
  
• Constant vel:  $C_y = \left(S_{amax}\cdot\frac{T_c}{2\pi}\right)^2 \frac{1}{\delta_y g\mu_{lim}^2} \exp\left[k_1\beta_{T\theta}^2\right]$ 

• Constant disp: "Any" result is ok!

# THE FINAL DUEL: THE GOOD DOES NOT ALWAYS WIN IN REAL LIFE



## Can we let the BAD win?

- Bad methods are currently dominating
  - Will continue to do so for run-of-the-mill design
  - ...not everybody needs accurate performance
- Good methods are lovely and will probably get better
  - Still, this does not mean engineers or codes will adopt them
- Ugly concepts may have a better chance
  - Create automated optimization (and modeling) software?
  - "Hack" the code with RT-spectra and risk-based q-factors

Academics love perfection, but in real life we need to be practical. Sometimes "better" is the enemy of "good enough"

So Ugly it is going to be for quite a while

For sure though, please do not let the Bad guy win



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