

David H. Sanders
Professor
University of Nevada, Reno
United States

*Innovative experimental technologies and
numerical simulation methods:
Future directions*



University of Nevada, Reno

Innovative Experimental Technologies

- Improving Shake Table Performance
 - Large loads can impact the ability of the shake table to recreate the desired motions – improvements in control
 - Higher velocities and larger displacements to recreate more complex motions
 - Handle impact loads
 - Rocking
 - Abutment pounding
- Instrumentation that captures the complete motion of the experiment
 - Non-contact sensors
 - Ability to process video data
 - Global movements
 - Local strains and displacements



Innovative Experimental Technologies

- Striving to work at larger scale
 - While not innovative, the larger the scale the more confidence we have in the results
- Working to address more complex issues
 - Soil-structure interaction
 - Difficulties with boundary conditions, soil conditions
 - Removing and replacing soil
 - Tsunamis
 - Large fault ruptures
- New innovative materials
 - Ultra High Performance Concrete (UHPC)
 - Engineered Cementitious Composites (ECC)
 - High Strength Steel Reinforcement and High Ductile Steel
 - Shape Memory Alloys



Innovative Numerical Simulation Method

- Global and material models are good
 - Need improvements in model building, can be very time consuming
 - Computational speed needs improvement. The speed improvement could be enhanced by finding ways to more easily tie programs into High Performance/Super Computers.



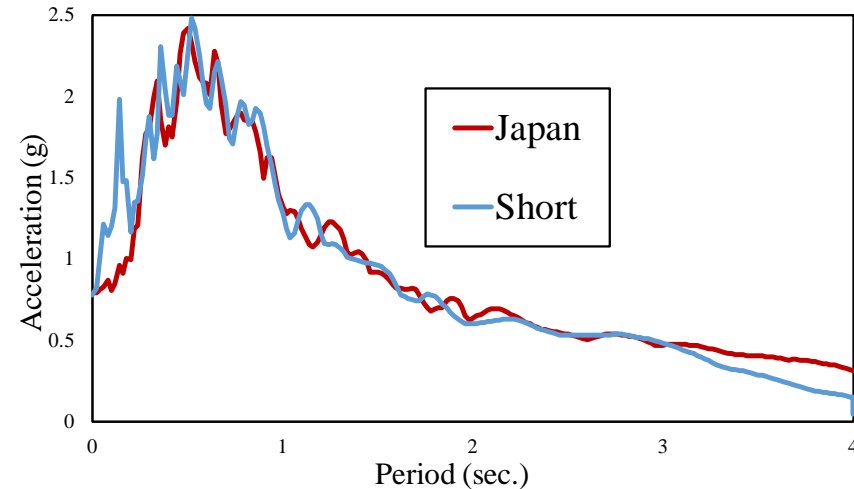
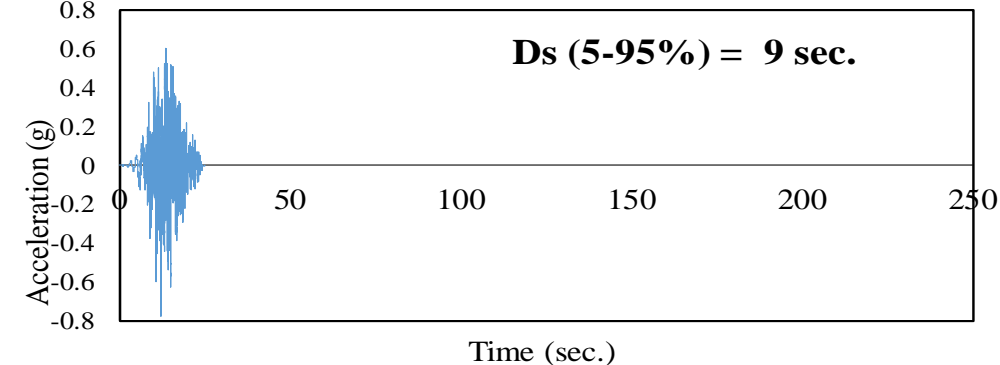
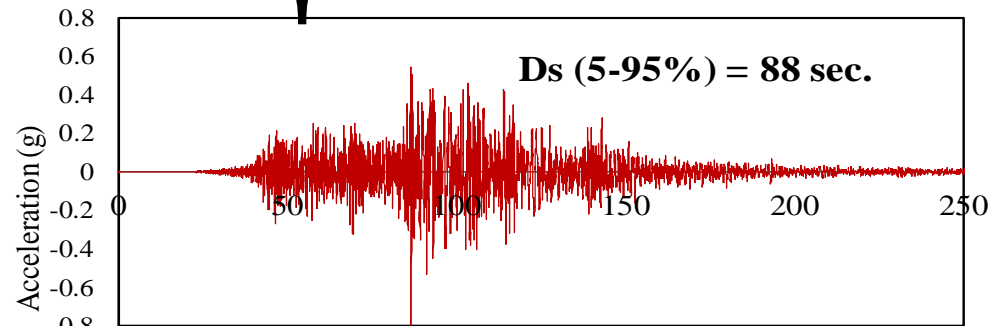
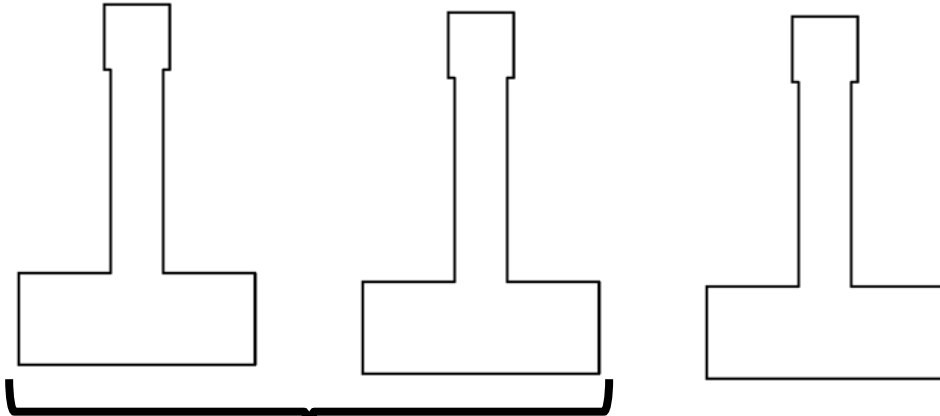
Impact of Earthquake Duration on Structural Performance

- **Chile Earthquake (2015, 2014, 2010) – Ruptured over ~ 500 km – 20 to 90 seconds**
- **Tohoku Earthquake (Japan, 2011) - Ruptured over ~ 500 km**
- **California earthquakes are less than 30 seconds**
- **Cascadia Subduction is longer than Tohoku**



Shake Table Tests

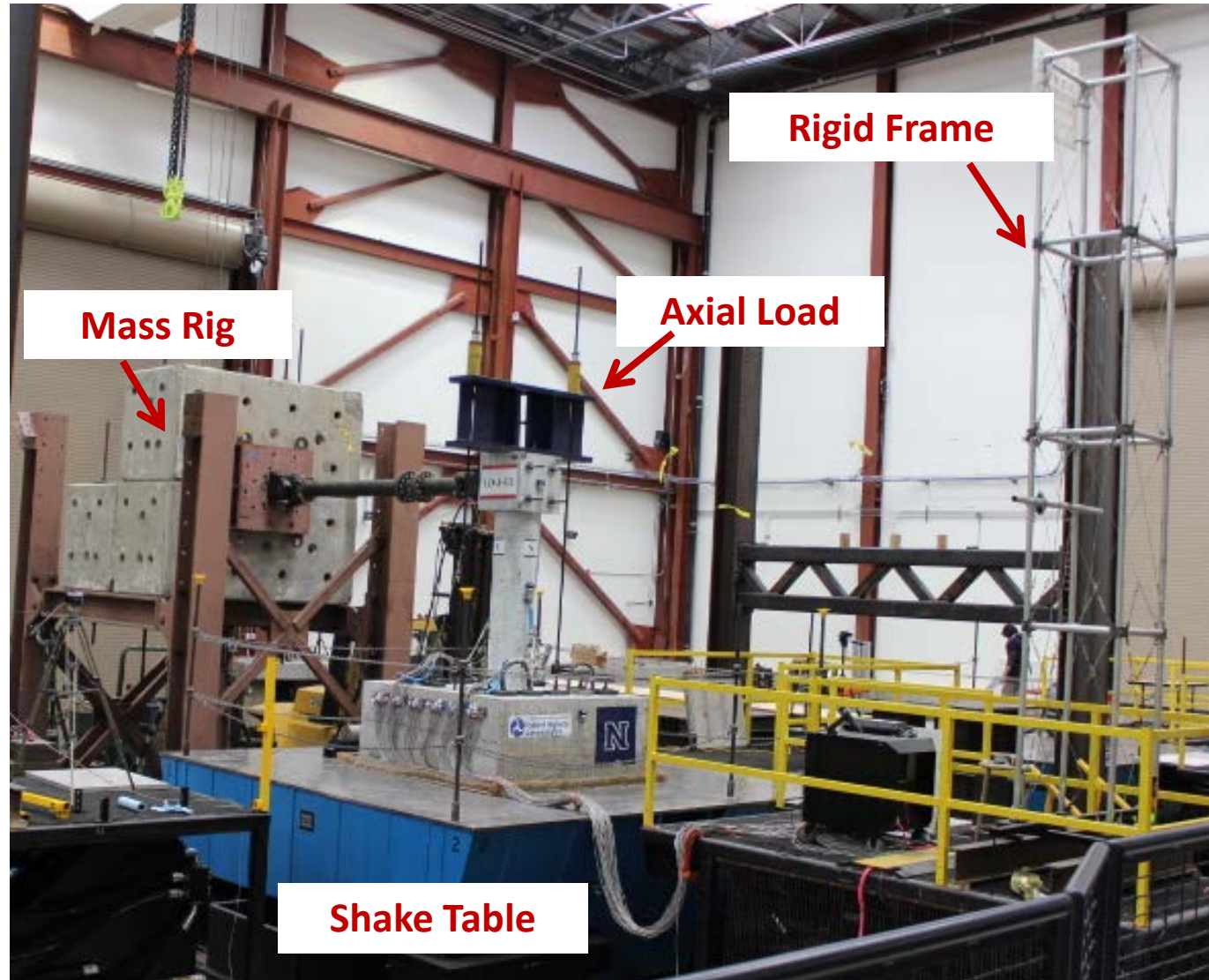
Japan Loma Prieta Japan
Long-dur. Short-dur. Long-dur.



Design codes →

These motions are the same

Test Setup



Test Results

100 % of the Ground Motion

**Column 1
(Japan- Long Dur.)**

Max. Disp.= 4.5''



South

- **4.4'' spalling**
- **Spirals Exposed**

North

- **3.0'' spalling**
- **Spirals Exposed**

**Column 2
(Short-duration)**

Max. Disp.= 3.88''



South

- **Cracks (max width= 0.4mm)**

North

- **4.5'' spalling**
- **No RFT. Exposed**

**Column 3
(Japan – Long Dur.)**

Max. Disp.= 4.7''



South

- **7.5'' spalling**
- **Spirals Exposed**

North

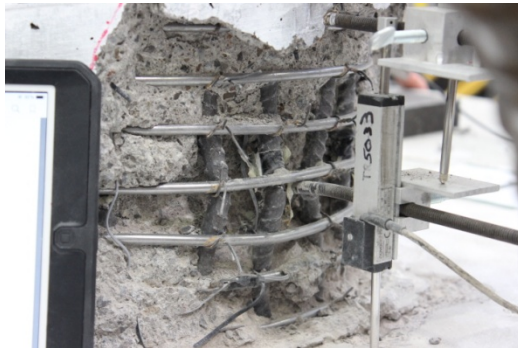
- **Minor spalling**
- **No RFT. Exposed**

Test Results

125 % of the Ground Motion

Column 1 (Japan- Long Dur.)

Max. Disp.= 4.98''



South

- **8.5'' spalling**
- **4 Bars fractured**

North

- **6.4'' spalling**
- **Core Damage**

Column 2 (Short-duration)

Max. Disp.= 4.8''



South

- **4.5'' spalling**
- **Spirals exposed**

North

- **4.5'' spalling**
- **Spirals exposed**

Column 3 (Japan – Long Dur.)

Max. Disp.= 7.38''



South

- **8.0'' spalling**
- **3 Bars buckled**

North

- **5'' spalling**
- **1 Bar fractured**

Test Results

175 % of the Ground Motion

**Column 1
(Japan- Long Dur.)**

Max. Disp.= 4.98”

**Column 2
(Short-duration)**

Max. Disp.= 9.22”

**Column 4
(Japan – Long Dur.)**

Max. Disp.= 7.38”

**Not Applicable
Bars Fractured at
125%**



South

- **4 bars buckled**

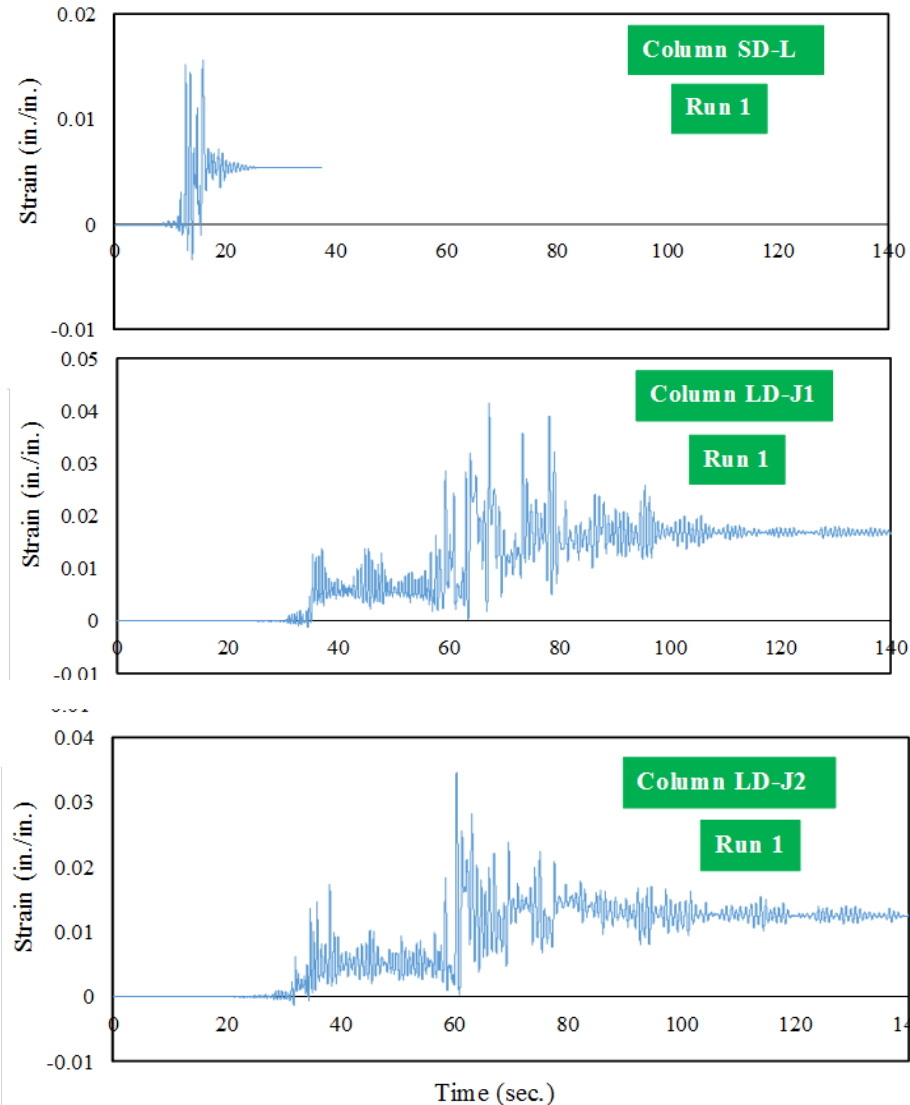
North

- **1 bar fractured**
- **2 bars buckled**

**Not Applicable
Bars Fractured at
125%**

Test Results

Strain History



Short-Duration

**Long-Duration
(Japan-1)**

**Long-Duration
(Japan 2)**

Existing analytical models still struggle with overall displacements and residual displacement, But certainly capture trends in displacements and strain.

Straw-bale Housing in Pakistan



Straw-bale House - Lifted onto Shake Table



Straw-bale House after 2 x Northridge Earthquake



Develop models for non traditional structures and system both structural and non-structural