

Overhead Line Designer's Forum 2021 – South Island

Seismic Design

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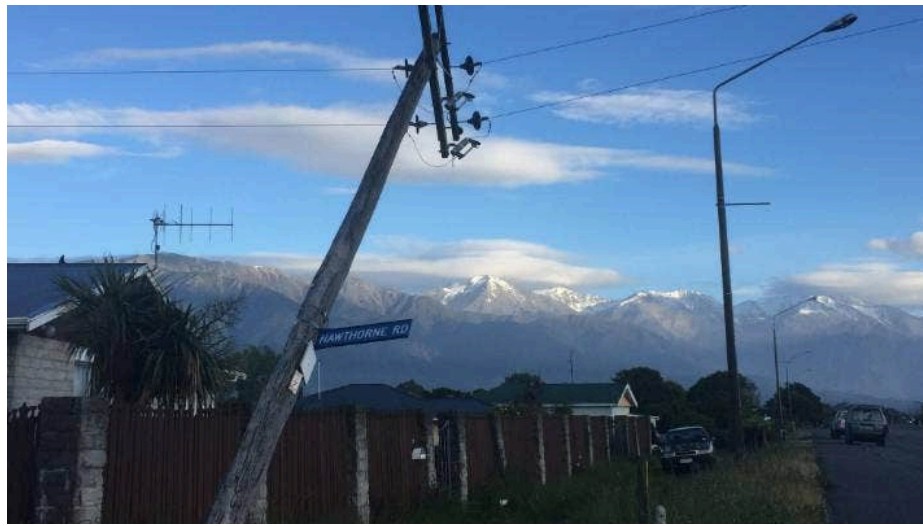
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Overview of Presentation

- Real world examples
- Discussion on Seismic portion of Overhead Line Design
- Background to Seismic Code
- Overview of Seismic Code
- Parts and Components
- HB331 - Example













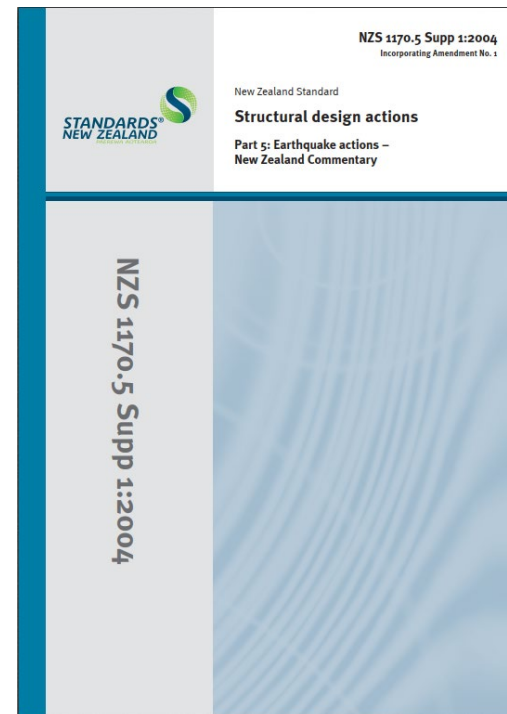
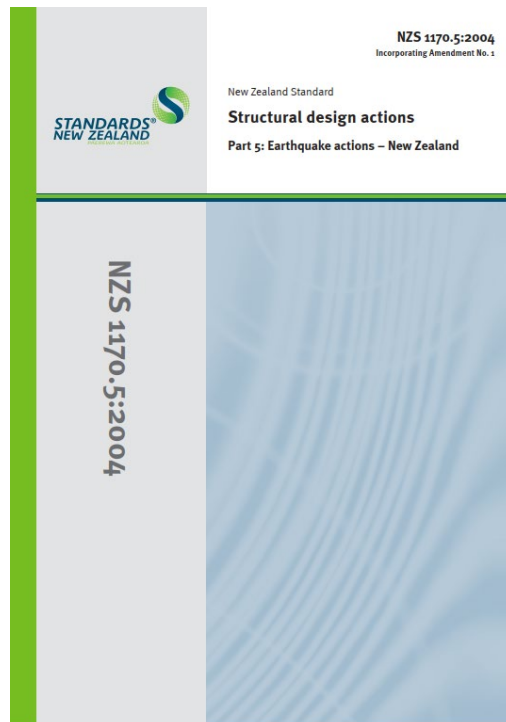
Seismic portion of Overhead

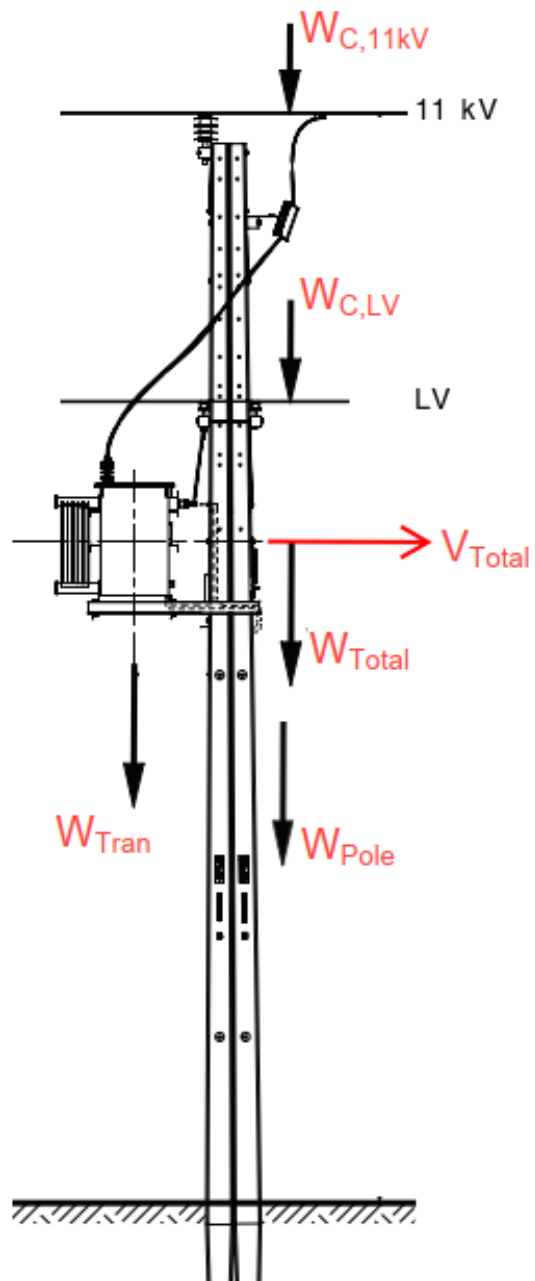
Line Design

- AS/NZS 7000 Appendix C: Special Forces has a section on Earthquakes
- “Wind loadings are usually the main determining factor in the design of overhead line towers”
- Conductors essentially don’t influence the design (but include their mass)
- Conductors can be considered a linear spring, not worth it for distribution.
- Number of methods to assess but simple Equivalent Static force method is best.
- Liquification: have to build infrastructure everywhere hard to avoid. Consider serviceability.

New Zealand's Seismic Code

- NZ loading code AS/NZS 1170
- Part 5 is Seismic and is NZ specific
- Based on research of fault lines and probabilities.
- Separate commentary





Development of the Code

- Seismic force proportional to the weight
- Code is a method to develop the code -efficient.
- Period of the structure is important

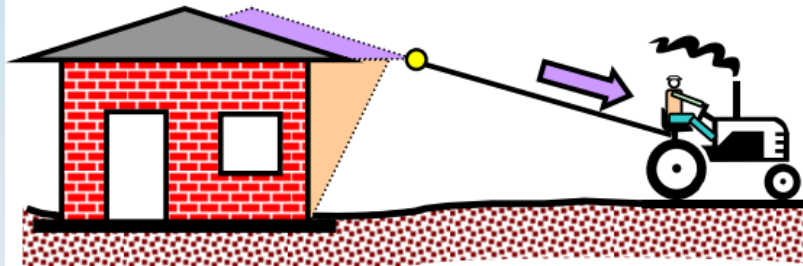
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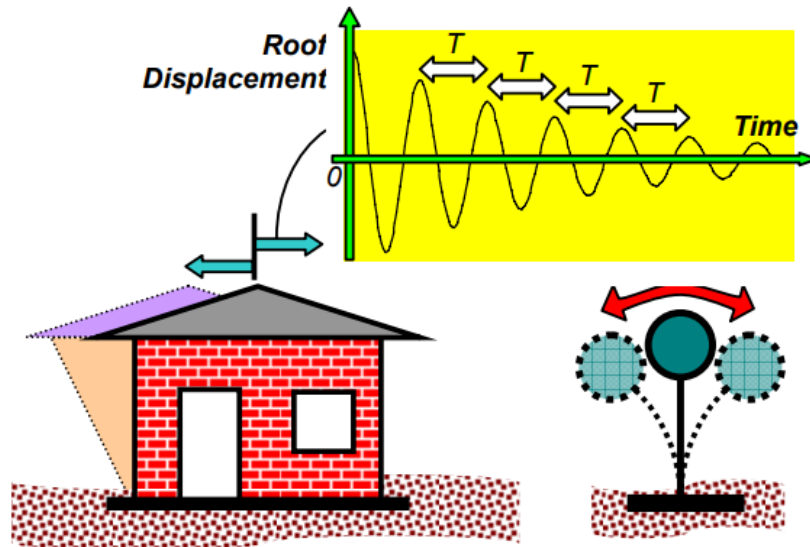
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- $C_h(T)$ – Spectral Shape
- Dependent on the soil type and period

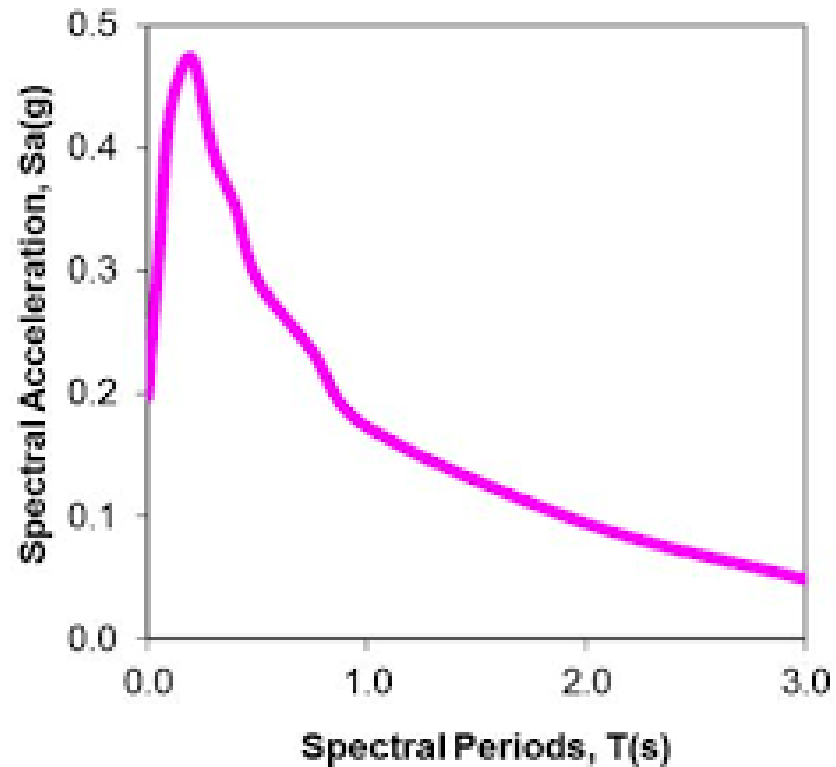


(a) Building pulled with a rope tied at its roof



Inverted Pendulum Model

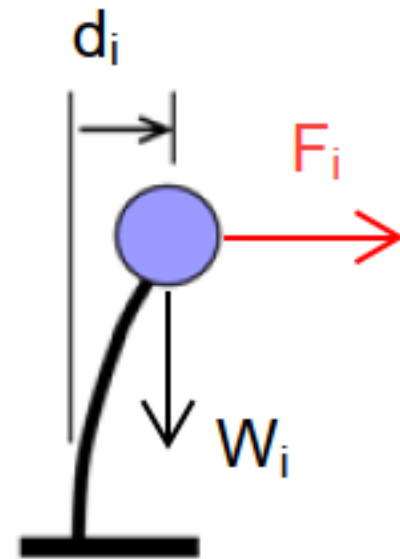
(b) Oscillation of building on cutting the rope



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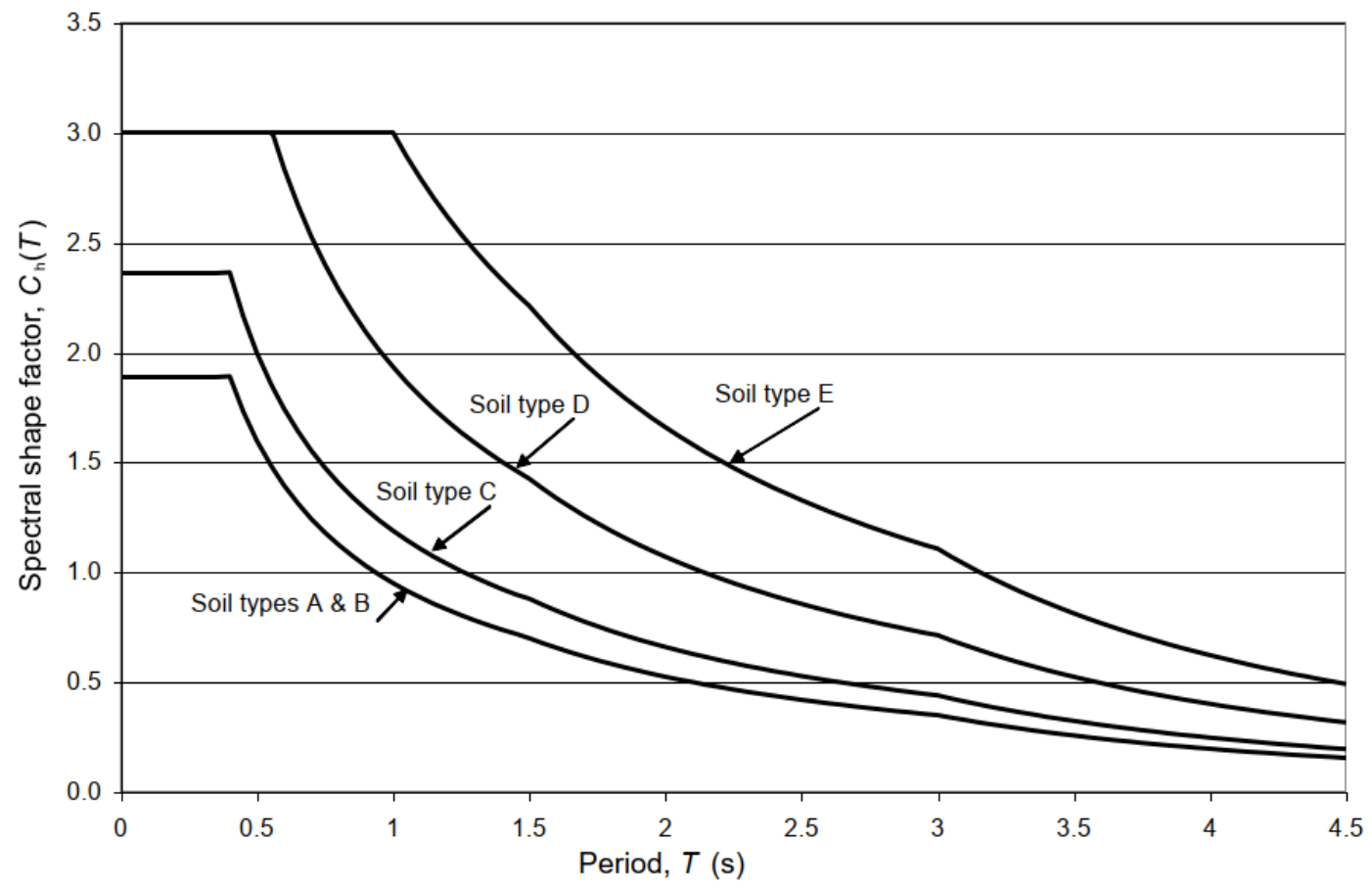
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$$T_1 = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (W_i d_i^2)}{g \sum_{i=1}^n (F_i d_i)}}$$



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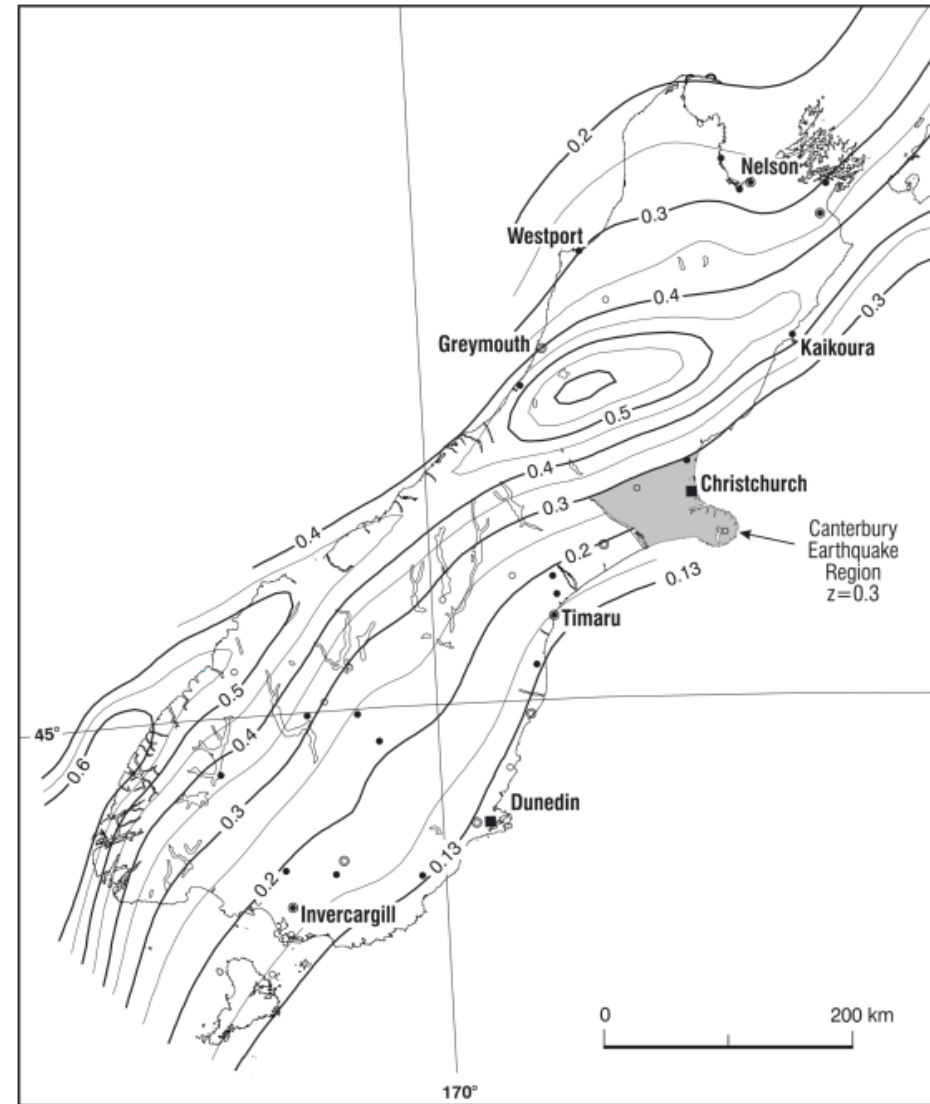
- $C_h(T)$ – Spectral Shape
- A and B rock
- C, D and E soft

TABLE 3.2
MAXIMUM DEPTH LIMITS FOR SITE SUBSOIL CLASS C

| Soil type and description | | Maximum depth of soil (m) |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Cohesive soil | Representative undrained shear strengths (kPa) | |
| Very soft | < 12.5 | 0 |
| Soft | 12.5 – 25 | 20 |
| Firm | 25 – 50 | 25 |
| Stiff | 50 – 100 | 40 |
| Very stiff or hard | 100 – 200 | 60 |
| | | |
| Cohesionless soil | Representative SPT N values | |
| Very loose | < 6 | 0 |
| Loose dry | 6 – 10 | 40 |
| Medium dense | 10 – 30 | 45 |
| Dense | 30 – 50 | 55 |
| Very dense | > 50 | 60 |
| | | |
| Gravels | > 30 | 100 |

$$C(T) = C_h(T) Z R N(T,D)$$

- Z – Hazard Factor
- Location, how close to a fault line and likelihood of the fault rupturing and severity of rupture



$$C(T) = C_h(T) Z R N(T,D)$$

- R – Return period
- Importance level and design life
- Given in AS/NZS 7000 Table 6.1

TABLE 3.5
RETURN PERIOD FACTOR

| Required annual probability of exceedance | R_s or R_u |
|---|----------------|
| 1/2500 | 1.8 |
| 1/2000 | 1.7 |
| 1/1000 | 1.3 |
| 1/500 | 1.0 |
| 1/250 | 0.75 |
| 1/100 | 0.5 |
| 1/50 | 0.35 |
| 1/25 | 0.25 |
| 1/20 | 0.20 |

$$C(T) = C_h(T) Z R N(T,D)$$

- R – Return period
- ULS vs SLS



$$C(T) = C_h(T) Z R N(T,D)$$

- R – Return period

TABLE 3.3
ANNUAL PROBABILITY OF EXCEEDANCE

| Design working life | Importance level | Annual probability of exceedance for ultimate limit states | | | Annual probability of exceedance for serviceability limit states | |
|--|------------------|--|-------|------------|--|---------------------------------|
| | | Wind | Snow | Earthquake | SLS1 | SLS2 Importance level 4 only |
| Construction equipment, e.g., props, scaffolding, braces and similar | 2 | 1/100 | 1/50 | 1/100 | 1/25 | |
| Less than 6 months | 1 | 1/25 | 1/25 | 1/25 | — | |
| | 2 | 1/100 | 1/50 | 1/100 | 1/25 | |
| | 3 | 1/250 | 1/100 | 1/250 | 1/25 | |
| | 4 | 1/1000 | 1/250 | 1/1000 | 1/25 | |
| 5 years | 1 | 1/25 | 1/25 | 1/25 | — | — |
| | 2 | 1/250 | 1/50 | 1/250 | 1/25 | — |
| | 3 | 1/500 | 1/100 | 1/500 | 1/25 | — |
| | 4 | 1/1000 | 1/250 | 1/1000 | 1/25 | 1/250 |
| 25 years | 1 | 1/50 | 1/25 | 1/50 | — | — |
| | 2 | 1/250 | 1/50 | 1/250 | 1/25 | — |
| | 3 | 1/500 | 1/100 | 1/500 | 1/25 | — |
| | 4 | 1/1000 | 1/250 | 1/1000 | 1/25 | 1/250 |
| 50 years | 1 | 1/100 | 1/50 | 1/100 | — | — |
| | 2 | 1/500 | 1/150 | 1/500 | 1/25 | — |
| | 3 | 1/1000 | 1/250 | 1/1000 | 1/25 | — |
| | 4 | 1/2500 | 1/500 | 1/2500 | 1/25 | 1/500 |
| 100 years or more | 1 | 1/250 | 1/150 | 1/250 | — | — |
| | 2 | 1/1000 | 1/250 | 1/1000 | 1/25 | — |
| | 3 | 1/2500 | 1/500 | 1/2500 | 1/25 | — |
| | 4 | * | * | * | 1/25 | * |

$$C(T) = C_h(T) Z R N(T,D)$$

- R – Return period

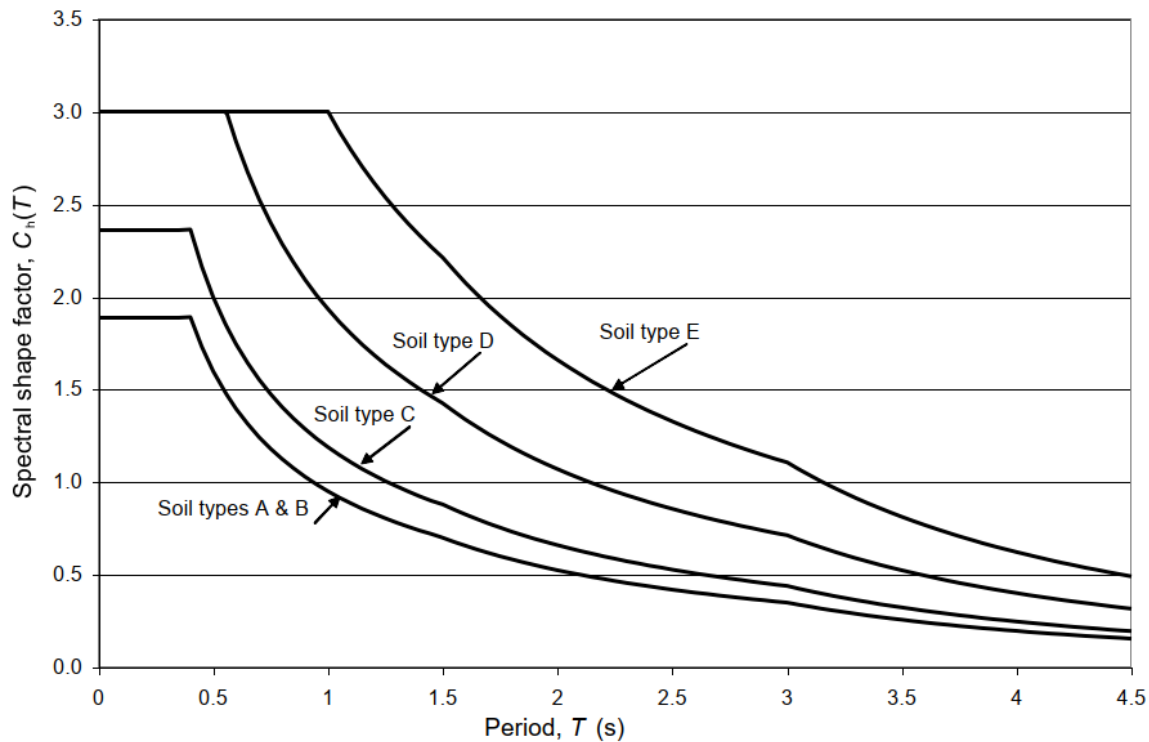
TABLE 6.1

**ULTIMATE LIMIT STATE WIND RETURN PERIODS FOR
DESIGN WORKING LIFE AND LINE SECURITY LEVELS**

| Minimum design return period—all wind regions | | | |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Design working life | Line security level | | |
| | Level I | Level II | Level III |
| Temporary construction and construction equipment, e.g. hurdles and temporary line diversions with design life of less than 6 months | 5 | 10 | 20 |
| <10 years | 10 | 20 | 40 |
| 25 years | 25 | 50 | 100 |
| 50 years | 50 | 100 | 200 |
| 100 years | 100 | 200 | 400 |

$$C(T) = C_h(T) Z R N(T,D)$$

- $N(T,D)$ – Near fault factor
- Extra loading if close to a stated fault line
- Unlikely to contribute as kicks in for long period structures



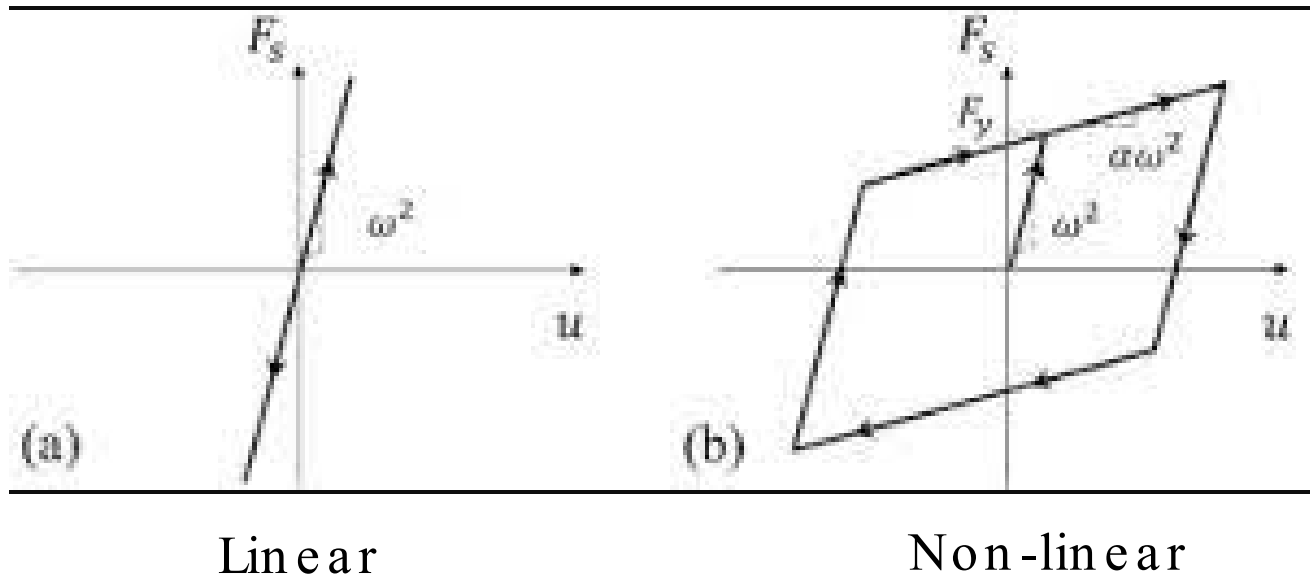
$$C_d(T_1) = \frac{C(T_1)S_p}{k_\mu}$$

- S_p – Structural Performance Factor
- K_μ – Ductility Factor
- Based on the ductility and non-linearity
- Can reduce the demand if the system has ductility
- Determine if you want the system to remain linear or non-linear
- Damage after an event

| Structure type | Maximum ductility factor (μ) | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|------|
| Free standing pole | Timber | 1 |
| | Steel | 2 |
| | Concrete | 1.25 |
| Free standing lattice tower | 3 | |
| Guyed tower | 3 | |

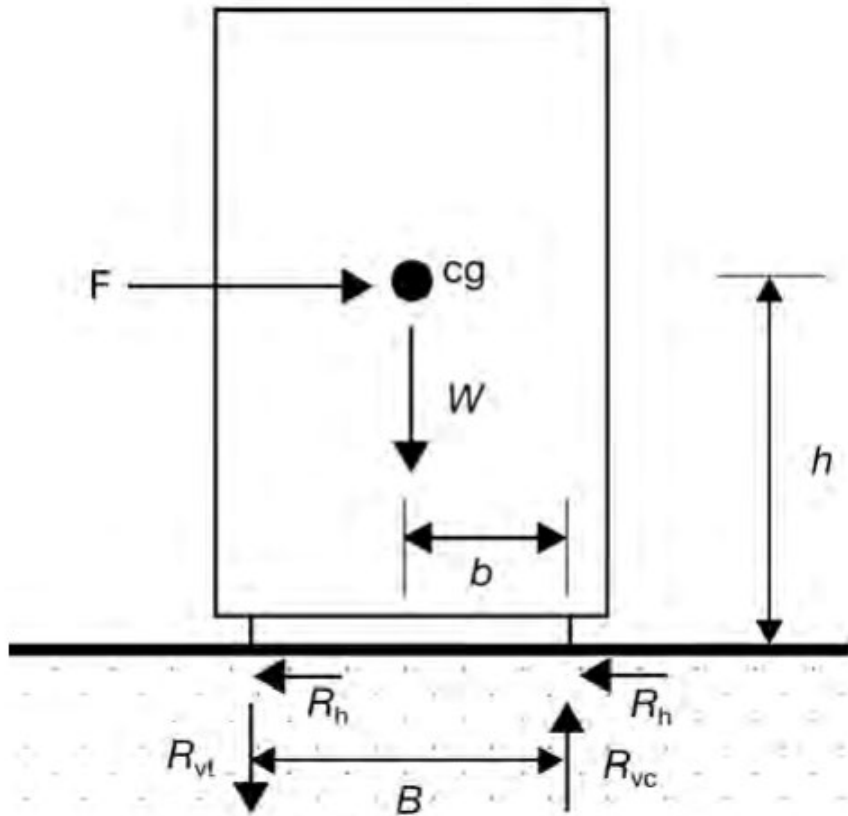
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- Force displacement curves

Parts and Components



- Something in the code which is not well understood
- Secondary structure supported by the primary structure
- Description from commentary: Items of plant, machinery and services
- Example: Transformer connected to a pole
- For the design of the connection to the structure

$$F_{ph} = C_p(T_p) C_{ph} R_p W_p \leq 3.6 W_p$$

$$C_p(T_p) = C(0) C_{Hi} C_i(T_p)$$

- $C(0)$ – Site Hazard Co -efficient
- As previously shown but for a period of 0
- C_{Hi} – Floor Height Co -efficient
- How high the part is attached to the structure
- $C_i(T_p)$ – Part Spectral Shape Co -efficient
- Uses the period of the part and how it will move

- C_{ph} – Part Response Factor
- Takes into account the level of ductility that the part can sustain
- Note need to show that part under the seismic force can achieve the ductility stated.
- Usually taken as 1

TABLE 8.2

PART RESPONSE FACTOR, C_{ph} and C_{pv}

| Ductility of the part μ_p | C_{ph} and C_{pv} |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1.0 | 1.0 |
| 1.25 | 0.85 |
| 2.0 | 0.55 |
| 3.0 or greater | 0.45 |

- R_p – Part Risk Factor
- The risk of the part if it were to fail.

TABLE 8.1
CLASSIFICATION OF PARTS

| Category | Criteria | Part risk factor R_p | Structure limit state ¹ |
|-------------|--|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| P.1 | Represents a hazard to human life outside the structure. ^{2,3} | 1.0 | ULS |
| P.2 and P.3 | Represents a hazard to human life within the structure. ^{2,3} | 1.0 | ULS |
| P.4 | Required for the continuing function of the evacuation (after earthquake) and human life support systems within the structure. | 1.0 | ULS |
| P.5 | IL4 buildings: Required to maintain operational continuity ^{4,6} and/or All buildings: Required to be operational/functional for the building to be occupied. ^{5,6} | 1.0 | SLS2 |
| P.6 | Where the consequential damage caused by its failure is disproportionately great. | $2.0 R_u^4$ | SLS1 |
| P.7 | All other parts | 1.0 | SLS1 |

Vertical Actions

- NZS 1170.5 Vertical action. Generally less than weight of the structure so not an issue.
- Similar method as for horizontal.
- But for Parts and Components (transformers) need to consider the vertical action for the connections.

HB331 Example

- Section 15.7

Table 15.8 — Principal design parameters

| Item | Detail | Reference |
|--|---|--|
| Line location | Coastal plain North Island — near Palmerston North | |
| Soil type | Soft/firm clays max depth < 20 m Subsoil Class C | NZS 1170.5:2004 Table 3.1 and Table 3.2 |
| | $C_h(T)$ 3.0 for $T = 0.5$ s | |
| Hazard factor (Z) | $Z = 0.38$ | NZS 1170.5:2004 Table 3.3 and Figure 3.3 |
| Distance (D) to major fault | $D = 20$ km | |
| Design life | 50 years | AS/NZS 7000 Table 6.1 |
| Design security level | Level II | AS/NZS 7000 Table 6.1 |
| Return period factor R_u | 0.5 | NZS 1170.5:2004 Table 3.5 |
| Near fault factor $N(T,D)$ for $D = 20$ km | 1.0 | NZS 1170.5:2004 Clause 3.1.6.2 |
| Ice load | Nil | AS/NZS 7000 Appendix DD |

15.7.2.2.4 Seismic load

The seismic load is determined using the equivalent static method (refer to NZS 1170.5:2004 Clause 6.2):

The elastic site hazard spectrum for horizontal loading is:

$$C(T) = C_h(T) Z R_u N(T,D) \text{ [refer to NZS 1170.5:2004 Equation 3.1(1)]}$$

$$= 0.3 \times 0.38 \times 0.5 \times 1.0$$

$$= 0.57$$

2.0

0.38

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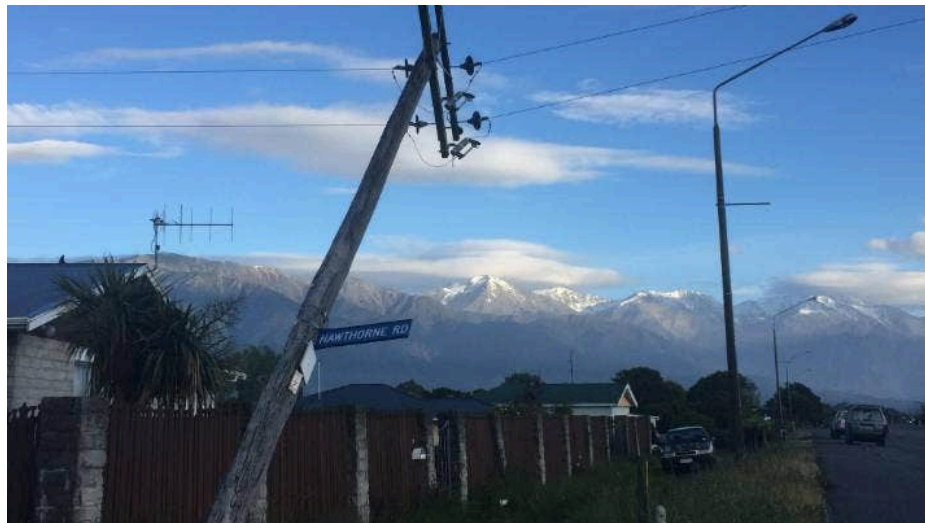
| Period, T (seconds) | Site subsoil class | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| | A Strong rock and B rock | C Shallow soil | D Deep or soft soil | E Very soft soil |
| 0.0 | 1.89 (1.00) ¹ | 2.36 (1.33) ¹ | 3.00 (1.12) ¹ | |
| 0.1 | 1.89 (2.35) ¹ | 2.36 (2.93) ¹ | 3.00 | |
| 0.2 | 1.89 (2.35) ¹ | 2.36 (2.93) ¹ | 3.00 | |
| 0.3 | 1.89 (2.35) ¹ | 2.36 (2.93) ¹ | 3.00 | |
| 0.4 | 1.89 | 2.36 | 3.00 | |
| 0.5 | 1.60 | 2.00 | 3.00 | |

Conclusions

- Earthquakes don't follow the code, based on probabilities
- Need to understand the return period being considered as AS/NZS 7000 is different to AS/NZS 1170
- ULS and SLS and what damage they equate to
- When to consider something as a part.

When to consider Seismic Design

- Transformers mounted on poles.
- Ground that is liquefiable or susceptible to lateral spread
- Most cases seismic doesn't actually govern



Questions

Thank you

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