

# Northridge Earthquake + 25 years

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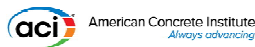
## Accomplishments + Challenges Design + Retrofit of Buildings

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# Observations Accomplishments Challenges

## Observations (1) - Retrofit

- Column Shear Failure



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- Joint Failure



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## Observations (1) – Retrofit/Repair

- Slab-column Punching shear

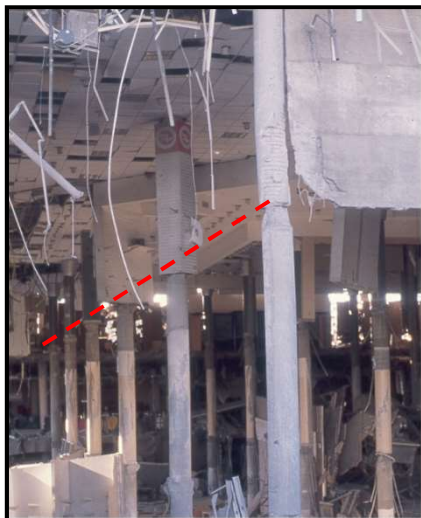


Photo: J. Wallace, UCLA

- Epoxy Injection



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# Observations (2) - Diaphragms



Photo: AP Photo: Reed Saxon (from The Atlantic)

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# Observations (3) - Gravity Systems



Photo: USGS.gov

Photo: Perry C. Riddle (see LA Times, March 10, 2015)

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## Observations (4): Other

- Redundancy

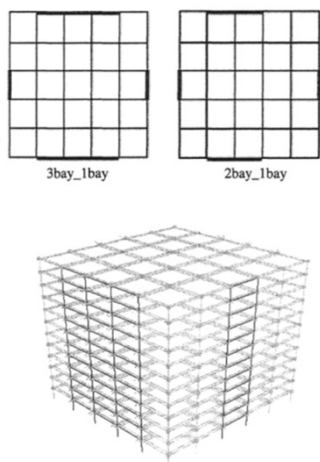
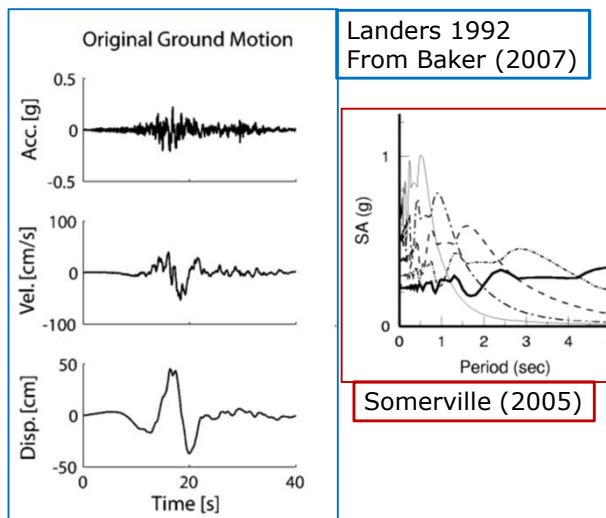


Figure: Liao& Wen, UIUC SRS 636, 2004

- Near fault ground motions



## Observations (6) – Wood Structures

- Tuck-under parking



Damage from the 1994 Northridge quake is shown. (Credit: Boris Yaro / Los Angeles Times).

- Wood houses



Photo: Joe Pugliese/Los Angeles Times via Getty Images

## Observations (7) – Steel Structures

- Steel moment frames



Photo: NIST GCR 9-917-3

- Brittle fractures



Photo provided by: Jim Malley, Degenkolb

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## Observations (7) – Steel Structures

- Steel moment frames



Photos: Provided by Tom Sabol, UCLA

- Steel braced frames



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# Accomplishments

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## Accomplishments (1) - Retrofit

### ■ Need for retrofit



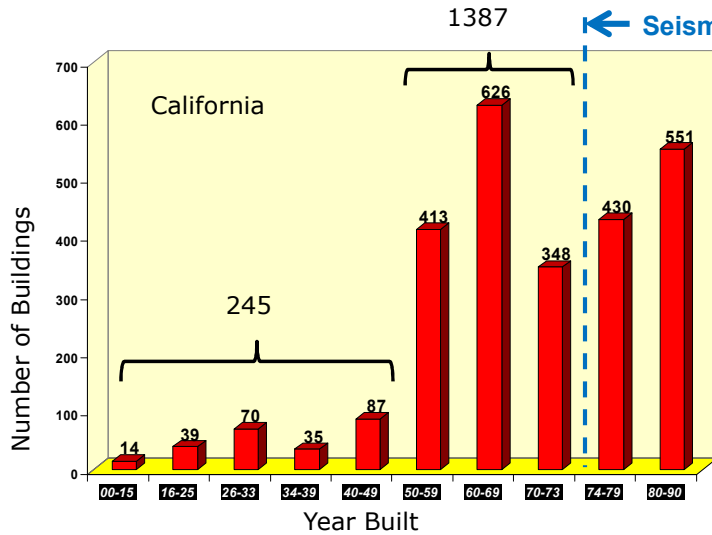
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### ■ Available tools

- FEMA Guidelines
  - 273/274 Guidelines (1997)
  - FEMA 356 Pre-Standard (2000)
  - FEMA 351 Steel Moment Frames (2000)
- PEER Research (1997-2007)
  - Columns/Joints/Analysis tools
  - Performance-based design
  - NEES Grand Challenge
- ASCE 41-06/13/17
  - ACI Committee 369
- ATC Projects
  - ATC 78 Ranking Approach (2017)
  - ATC 140 Updates (ongoing)

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# Accomplishments (2) – Hospitals



- SB 1953
  - FEMA 356/ASCE 41
  - Nonlinear Procedures
  - Laboratory Testing

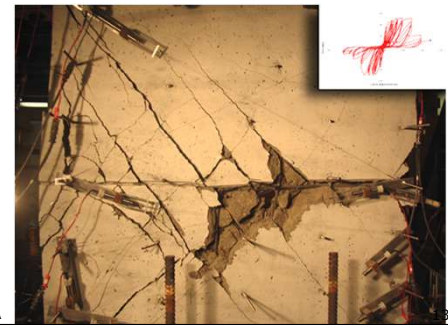


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# Accomplishments (3) - Retrofit

## Seismic Ordinances OF CALIFORNIA

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- WOOD-FRAME SOFT-STORY STRUCTURES**
- Alameda
  - Berkeley
  - Beverly Hills
  - Burbank
  - Fremont
  - Long Beach
  - Los Angeles
  - Oakland
  - San Francisco
  - Santa Monica
  - West Hollywood

**LOS ANGELES NON-DUCTILE CONCRETE STRUCTURES**

On October 13, 2015, the city of Los Angeles passed Ordinance #183893, which includes the LA Non-Ductile Reinforced Concrete Ordinance found here: [Article 1, Division 95, Mandatory Earthquake Hazard Reduction in Existing Non-Ductile Concrete Buildings](#).

**Scope**

Los Angeles' mandatory non-ductile concrete ordinance applies to existing buildings that have the following characteristics:

- Reinforced concrete construction
- Construction permit was applied for prior to January 13, 1977

This ordinance excludes detached single-family dwellings and detached duplexes.

It is currently estimated that approximately 1,500 buildings in the city of Los Angeles fall within the scope of this ordinance.

**Timeline**

The city of Los Angeles requires that non-ductile concrete building retrofits adhere to the timeline shown below. The timeline is similar to that of the wood-frame soft-story retrofit mandates, however, longer time allowances were



LA Department of Building and Safety Mandatory Retrofit Programs  
 Los Angeles Ordinance #183893  
 Non-Ductile Concrete Building Failure Graphic  
 Resilience by Design Report  
 Southern California Earthquake Center

**NON-DUCTILE CONCRETE STRUCTURES**

- Beverly Hills
- Burbank
- Long Beach
- Los Angeles
- Santa Monica
- West Hollywood

**Pre-Northridge Steel Moment Frames**

- Santa Monica
- West Hollywood

California AB 2681

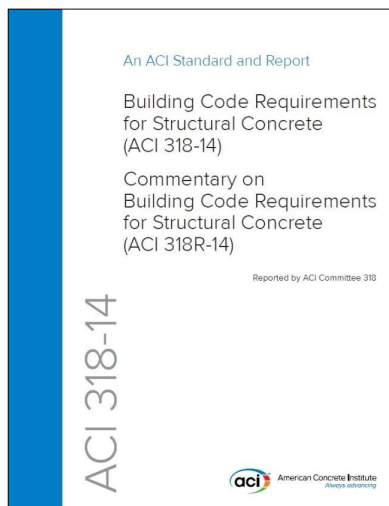
## Accomplishments (3) – LA Ordinance

MILESTONE		REQUIREMENT
Begin Process	●	Order received by building owner
3 Years after Order	●	<u>Submit one of the following:</u> 1. Proof that the structures meets the ordinance requirements, or 2. Plans for retrofit, or 3. Plans for demolition
10 Years after Order	●	<u>Obtain one of the following:</u> 1. Permit for retrofit, or 2. Permit for Demolition
25 Years after Order	●	<u>Complete one of the following:</u> 1. Construction/retrofit, or 2. Demolition

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## Accomplishments (4) – New Design

### ■ ACI 318-19



- 318-95 Chapter 21: 24 pages
  - Introduction (21.1 – 21.2; 4 pp)
  - Frames (21.3 – 21.5; 10 pp)
  - Walls and diaphragms (21.6; 5 pp)
  - Gravity Systems (21.7; 1+ pp)
  - Moderate seismic (21.8; 4 pp)
- 318-14 Chapter 18: 52 pages
  - Ordinary + Intermediate Moment frames
  - Special Moment Frames
  - Special walls, wall piers, coupling beams (pp 292 – 303)
  - Diaphragms (18.12; pp 304-310)
  - Foundations (18.13)
  - Gravity systems (18.14)

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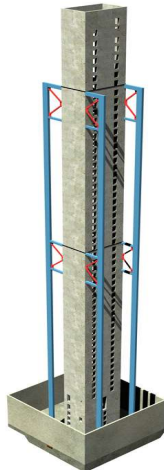


## Accomplishments (5) – New Design

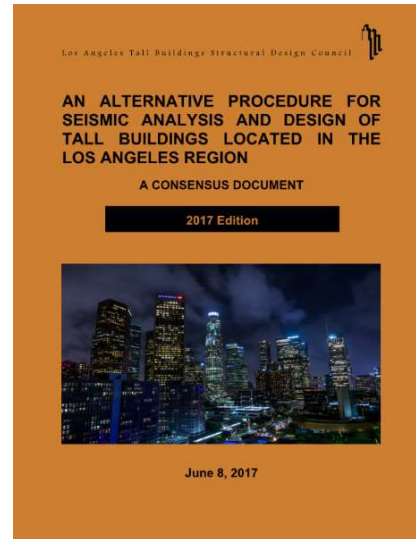
- Tall Buildings



Renderings: MKA, Seattle, WA



- LATBSDC + PEER TBI



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## Accomplishments (6): Collaboration

- Practice + Research



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- International

- Japan, New Zealand
- China, Taiwan, Korea
- Europe, etc
- Modeling, databases testing...



Photo: J. Wallace, UCLA; Video: E-Defense, Miki, Japan

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## Accomplishments (7) – Steel Structures

- Steel moment frames
  - Improved detailing
  - Multiple beam-column connection choices
  - Stricter welding requirements for material toughness
  - Improved inspection requirements
- Steel braced frames
  - Capacity-based analytical and design requirements
  - Stricter member proportioning requirements
  - Alternative system choices (e.g., buckling-restrained braced frames)



Photo: NIST 09-917-3



Photo: Tom Sabol, UCLA

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## *Challenges*

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## Challenges (1): New + Existing Construction

- System level response

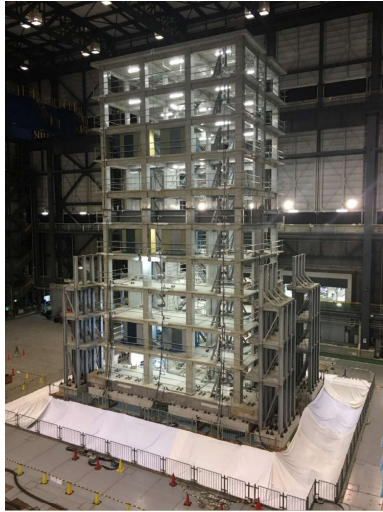


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- Shake Table Tests

- E-Defense, UCSD, other

- Challenges

- Test cost
  - Large-scale, 3D, instrumentation
- Damage level
  - Collapse level information
- System complexity
  - Foundation, soil, non-structural
- Data sharing
  - Time/effort
- Funding Sources

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## Challenges (2): New + Existing Construction

- System level response



Photo: Hunter Kerhart, from NABE

- Instrumented Buildings

- City of Los Angeles program
- Other programs (e.g., CSMIP)

- Challenges

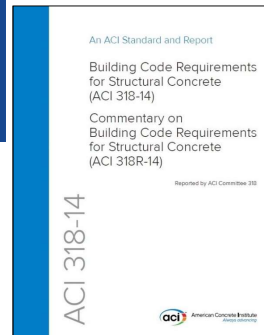
- Data sharing
- Triggered vs continuous data
- Data sharing/access
- Instrumentation density
  - 24 to 40 channels
- Instrumentation diversity
  - Acceleration vs displacements

- Opportunities

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## Challenges (3): New + Existing Construction

- Performance Goals



- Design objectives

- Limit damage (SLE)
- Life-safety (DE)
- Collapse prevention (MCE)

- Challenges (Societal impact)

- Chile 2010 (0.3%)
- New Zealand 2011 (185/115)
- California 20XX

- Revise Goals

- Target higher performance
- Existing buildings
- Communication

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## Challenges (4): Repair

- Moderate damage



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- Repair performance

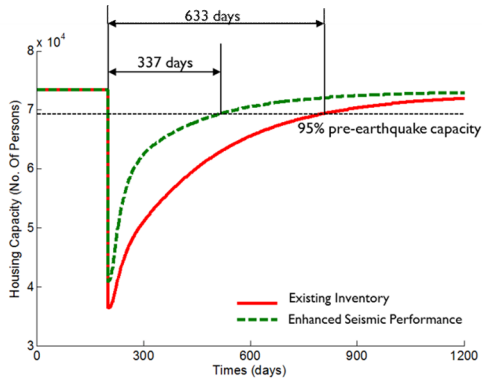


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## Challenges (5): System Interactions/Resilience

### ■ Resilience



Henry Burton, UCLA

### ■ Resilience

- Resilience by Design (2016)
- Promote as an objective
- Improve/measure resilience

### ■ Problem Complexity

- Single/multiple structure
- Interactions
  - Transportation systems
  - Water, electricity, etc

### ■ Collaboration

- PEER, CA, US, International

### ■ Funding

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# Outlook

Optimist/Pessimist/Realist

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