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Seismic Soil–Foundation Interaction

on the Verge of "Failure"

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### **Topics of Presentation**

### PART 1

(a) Why Going to the Limit and "Beyond" in Seismic Foundation Analysis / Design

(b) Conventional versus New Design Concept: Bridge Pier Foundation

### PART 2

The Causes of Overturning of Buildings in Adapazari (1999)

# **Seismic Foundation Practice**

- Analysis in terms of FORCES
- Safety through SAFETY FACTORS

But now TIME has come for CHANGE :

Analysis–Design in terms of DISPLACEMENTS, ROTATIONS

"Performance-Based Design"

# Current Seismic Approach : "Capacity" Design

(a) Plastic Deformation Allowed Only in the (Super)Structure

(b) NO "Plastic Hinging" Below Ground:

- Piles, Cap, Footings : Structurally Elastic
- NO Mobilization of Bearing Capacity Failure Mechanisms
- NO Slippage, LIMITED Uplift

# Why we need to consider Soil-**Foundation Nonlinearity + Inelasticity:** (a) Records in last 20 years: have revealed very strong seismic shaking **Examples: 1994** Northridge : 0.98 g, 1.40 m/s **1995 Kobe** : 0.85 g , 1.50 m/s **1986 San Salvador : 0.75 g , 0.84 m/s** and SA values reaching 2g Foundation "Plastic Hinging": UNAVOIDABLE

(b) Retrofitting Existing/Damaged Structures

Usually Impossible to Accomplish Elastically (even if very conservative design required)

## Must Consider Inelastic Action in Soil + Foundation



### Retrofitted





⇒ M very large

### Retrofitted



### Uplifting, Nonlinearity:



Significantly affect the sharing of lateral force among shear-wall and frames (c) Need: Determine Collapse Motion

for Compatibility
with Structural Design

(Push-over analysis, ductility-based design)

 for Insurance Purposes
(special projects demanding estimate of LOSS in worst case) Can we move Beyond this Conventional "Capacity" Design ?

Major Contribution of Alain Pecker (1998) "Capacity design principles for shallow foundations in seismic areas"

## **Previous Research / Applications**

- **Pecker (1998):** Capacity Design for Foundations
- Paolluci (1998): Inelastic-soil SSI
- FEMA 356 (2000): Rehabilitation Code
- Kutter et al (2001): Centrifuge Experiments
- Martin & Lam (2000): Retrofit of Bridges
- El Naggar et al (2000): Elasto-plastic Winkler
- **Pecker et al (2009):** Inelastic Macro-element

## **Factors of Safety**

## • Static : FS > 1

# • Seismic: $\min_{t} FS(t) < 1$



# (b) if SEISMIC : Deformations

Inelastic Deformations (only)

# Thanks to the Nature of Seismic Excitation → CYCLIC → CYNEMATI











in Geotechnical Engineering the implications of Dynamic Safety Factor FS < 1 :

(a) Sliding (symmetric, asymmetric)

(b) Uplifting, Overturning

(c) Bearing Capacity "Failure" ??

N. Newmark: 1965 Rankine Lecture

Whitman 1964 Ambraseys & Sarma 1967 Seed et al 1967 Richards & Elms 1979 Pecker 1998

### **Current Seismic Codes**

- (Gravity) Retaining walls
- Embankments / Natural Slopes

Designed (indirectly) for inelastic deformation  $\Delta \sim 10-30 \text{ cm}$ :  $A_{\text{DESIGN}} = \frac{1}{2} A$ 







## **Effect of Excitation Frequency**



## Rigid Block on a Rigid Base



Uplifting Acceleration

Rocking of Slender Block on Rigid Base (undergoing a one-cycle sinusoidal shaking)



**Overturning of a Slender Tombstone** in the Athens Earthquake : 7 - 9 - 99

#### **Two Hypothetical Base Excitations :**



t:s

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Scaling of the Records needed

to Overturn the Tombstone



### **Overturning of Tombstone**



# Dynamic Safety Factor FS << 1 :

## Consequences

(α) Sliding (symmetric, asymmetric)

(b) Uplifting, Overturning

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## **Modelling with Finite Elements**



Soil and Column: Inelastic

### **Constitutive Cyclic Model for Soil**

Nonlinear, Von-Mises Yielding, Isotropic/Kinematic Hardening , Associative Flow Rule



### Calibration against G-y curves












### **Ricker Wavelet :** $f_o = 0.5 Hz$ and A = 0.30 g



#### **Pseudo – Static Analysis:**

# Determine the Yield Acceleration $A_c$

# (i.e., the maximum possible acceleration of the mass)



#### Seismic Analysis

#### **Excitation: Ricker Wavelet**





## Pseudo-Static Failure : $M = M_u$ Critical Acceleration : $A_c = 0.16 \text{ g}$

# Seismic ("Apparent") Safety Factor :

 $A_c/A = 0.16/0.50 = 0.32 << 1$ 



Will there be Failure ??

#### **Contours of Plastic Strains**













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### a Comparative Example:

To demonstrate the feasibility of designing a foundation to undergo large deformations, beyond the conventional wisdom









Low-Intensity Shaking: Kalamata 1986

RESULTS for the RESPONSE of the: (a) FOUNDATION (b) STRUCTURE – FOUNDATION System





Very Strong Shaking: Takatori (Kobe 1995)

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#### Comparison of the two Foundation Schemes Takatori (Kobe, 1995)













Conventional Solution: "Capacity" Design

New Concept: Beyond "Capacity" Design The Main Conclusions of Part 1

(a) The Dynamic behaviour of inelastic soil-foundation systems differs from the
Pseudo-Static response.

Sometimes dramatically

B) New Design Approach ("Philosophy"): Plastification not only in the structure but also:

> at the soil-footing interface (sliding, detachment+uplifting)

in the supporting soil (bearing-capacity mechanism) (c) The following should NOT be a priori "forbidden" modes

• Sliding at the Interface

- Detachment–Uplifting
- Mobilisation of "Bearing-Capacity" Mechanisms







# FIN Partie 1

# The Overturning of Buildings in Adapazari

## 1999 Izmit [Kocaeli] Earthquake
"Even the most refined theories (before they can be established) must be VALIDATED by **COMPARISONS** against the **REALITY** that these theories describe ... »



#### **ADAPAZARI : 17 – 8 – 1999**

(a) Seismology; Damage distribution

(b) Soil: the disputed role of fines

(c) Soil: wave propagation analysis

(d) Seismic Analysis of Building Response Explanation of Toppling, Settlement

## **PGA (% g) Izmit (Kocaeli) 17-8-99**

























Typical Soil Profile: Very Soft/Loose Soils



Small total thickness of any liquefiable layers

























## Teverler (Appartment Building)







## Soil Response : Teverler



### **Possible Ground Motions**



#### 1D Inelastic Analysis BWGG

Without Pore pressure rise With Pore pressure rise



**Excitation : SKR** 

#### Nonlinear Dynamic SFSI Analysis







Deformation Scaling =  $\times 3$ 



# This is a Critical Moment for our Approach:

# it predicts Non-Overturning

when in REALITY the building Overturned !
### Many Plausible Causes

#### (1) Actual Base Motion Stronger

missing NS comp. : "Fault Normal" (FN), used EW comp. : "Fault Parallel" (FP) : FN > FP

#### (2) Soil at D > 20 m : Detrimental Role

due to larger soil amplification

## (3) **2-D and 3-D wave focusing** due to irregular bedrock geometry



# But what about **Out-of-Phase Response of** Adjacent Buildings, and hence IMPACT Forces ?? Did this Play any ROLE in Adapazari ??

### NO Sign of IMPACT between the 2 buildings



#### **Insignificant Damage to the "Host" Buildings**

#### → Impact Velocity very small





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# Now what about the very Presence of Adjacent Buildings ?

M<sub>ult</sub> >> M<sub>ult</sub>: due to greater confinement of the soil Reversal of Plastic Rotation: inhibited

# Analysis of 2 Buildings







Deformation Scaling : X 3



Let us further explore this possible role

by replacing the adjacent building by its Vertical Pressure



The Role of the Adjacent Building :

#### **One-Directional Accumulation of Tilt**

# NO Reversal of PLASTIC Deformation, Asymmetric Yielding

Here is a Mechanical Analogue

#### One-Directional vs. Two-Directional SLIPPAGE



"Lonely" Buildings did not fail Buildings surrounded by others

did not fail ... even if they were very slender!

> Here is some (further) evidence :





### 2–D Seismic Response of Adapazari



# Buildings: 1, 2 + 3, 4 + 5 + 6



**Deformation Scale : X 3** 

# **Buildings:** 4 + 5 + 6







## **CONCLUSION:** The MAIN CAUSES of FAILURES

1. Large Overturning Moment + Very Soft Soils :

**Bearing Capacity Failure** 

Lateral Soil Displacement (squeezing out)

Volumetric Compression

2. Large Periods ( $T \ge 2 \sec$ ) of ground oscillation with  $A \approx 0.20 \text{ g} - 0.30 \text{ g}$ 

**But causes (1) and (2) are** (at least in some of the cases) not sufficient to explain the overturning even of very slender buildings

3. A key culprit appears to be the PRESENCE of ADJACENT Buildings !

- as with downward sliding on INCLINED plane,

- in contrast to the symmetric sliding on HORIZONTAL plane. This presentation was possible only thanks to my co-workers at NTUA: **Ioannis Anastasopoulos** Nikos Gerolymos **Marios Apostolou** Marianna Loli **Evangelia Garini** 

# FIN

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