Consideration and Planning Strategies for Whole Building Testing at NHERI@UCSD
Challenges and Opportunities

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Today’s Presentation

• Current status of building-level systems research
• Where should we be going and why? The Grand Challenges
• Academia-industry collaborations
  – NHERI@UCSD – 2013 & 2017
  – Opportunities and challenges
  – Four interrelated grand challenges for building research/practice
A new kind of research is needed ...

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Building research is needed ...

A new kind of building research is needed that: (1) can address risk and resilience over time, and (2) can link information or data to functionality priorities, to ultimately (3) link building research, data, and information with new design philosophies, innovative technologies, and collective recovery goals.”
Stages of Resilience

1. Current state
   - Existing vs. Desired Performance
   - Dependencies

2. Immediate damage
   - Loss of Life/Injury
   - Physical Damage
   - Loss of Function
   - Decision Support

3-5. Recovery Stages
   - Social and Economic
   - Repaired Damage
   - Recovered Functions
   - Decision Support

Functionality
Hazard Event
Time

- Performance of Physical Infrastructure
- Functionality of Social and Economic Institutions
- Impacts to Population
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Structural design: where are we currently?

- Structures are generally designed at the sub-assembly level
- Resulting performance under extreme loading is only implicitly provided.
- Rare events dictate changes in philosophy or corrections in codified design
- Modeling at the system of systems level is becoming more and more accurate

1989 Loma Prieta earthquake (Bridges, soft-story multi-family buildings)
1992 Hurricane Andrew (Building codes)
1994 Northridge earthquake (Woodframe, Steel frame)
2005 Hurricane Katrina (Public works, public policy, flood/surge loads)
2011 Great Tohoku tsunami (Nuclear power plants, evacuation for nearfield tsunamis, ASCE 7 tsunami chapter)
2011 New Zealand earthquake (Resilience, advanced technologies)
2011 Tornado season (ASCE 7 wind loads)
2017 Hurricane Maria (Puerto Rico)
Do we need to test whole buildings?

- How accurate are our nonlinear numerical models?
- Trust a SDOF?
- Trust 1000 DOF’s?
- Components and sub-assemblies possess different boundary conditions
  - Difficult to enforce in space and time
- System testing can provide information on how to add components and subassemblies into models
- Effect of retrofits
- Collapse simulation

Earthquakes
Unfortunately, the sum of the part does not always equal the whole!
System of Systems

- Recent disasters have revealed shortcomings in building practices that focus on performance of individual facilities.

- Financial limits on public investments in infrastructure renewal

Existing Systems

• Performance of buildings
• Resilience of cities

• ASCE 41
• Optimization
2013: Motivation for NEES-Soft
"Seismic Risk Reduction for Soft-Story Woodframe Buildings"

- Many buildings built prior to the 1970s are prone to collapse during major earthquake event due to insufficient lateral resistance of their first story.
- Community Action Plan for Seismic Safety (CAPSS)
- FEMA P807
- NEES-Soft: Seismic Risk Reduction for Soft-Story Woodframe Buildings
  - *Five-university-industry NSF-funded collaboration*
  - Develop better understanding of soft-story woodframe behavior through numerical analyses and experimental testing
  - Experimental validation of FEMA P807
  - Performance-based retrofit methodology and techniques
  - Develop better models of woodframe collapse mechanisms


The lifecycle of the test building

**Construction**

Recycling and Disposal

**Collapse Testing**

Viscous damping devices + WSP (PBSR)

Ready for testing

Cross laminated timber rocking walls

Steel SMF (FEMA P807)

Recycling and Disposal
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Existing Buildings

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NEES-Soft Test Building

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Phase V: Collapse Testing

97% of instrumentation and cables removed

The Collapse Motion, Sa
The Collapse Motion, $Sd$
Phase I: Cross Laminated Timber Rocking Walls

Applying the FEMA P807 Methodology
Phase III: Steel SMF + WSP


Performance-Based Seismic Design/Retrofit

To this point, the DDD procedure only can be employed for structures which have negligible in-plane torsional moments (i.e., No In-plane Eccentricities).

Pang et al., 2010
Applied DDD to a Six Story woodframe building, 2010
(Part of NEES-Wood Project in Miki, Japan, van de Lindt et al.)

Bahmani et al. (2013)
DBDT

Pang et al., 2009
Simplified DDD

Filiatrault & Folz, 2002
Modified DDD

Priestley, 1998
DDD

**Objective:** Develop and validate Resilience-based seismic design for tall CLT buildings

- Consensus on tall wood building
- Rocking wall component tested
GAME PLAN

Project duration: 2016~2021

Nheritallwood.mines.edu

Two-story test at NHERI@UCSD 2017 Summer

Define Tall Wood Archetypes

Investigative testing at system level

Assembly test at NHERI@Lehigh 2019

Full-scale 10-story validation Test (2021)

Mixed-Use building w/ CLT rocking wall lateral system

UCSD Shake Table

Seismic R & D (2018~2021)
A Test to Validate Structural System Resilience

- Total height 22 ft.
- 20x58 ft. diaphragms with different CLT panel layout
- Mass Timber gravity framing
- Steel foundation to extend the width of the shake table
- Seismically Resilient Rocking Wall System
- Shaking Direction

NHERI@UCSD Shake Table
Public Test Northridge x 2 (Test 6)

The MCE+ Shake (Test 14) 5% drift

Close up on Rocking

Second story wall & column
Damage?

Only Cosmetic Damage after 14 earthquakes

Slight compression deformation at the rocking wall corner

Chipping of wood at the rocking wall corner
Next Step: A 10-story wood building test

- First building ever designed to minimizing down-time.
- Full-scale 112 ft tall mass timber building
- Three different applications (Commercial, Office, Residential)
- 3D seismic testing (UCSD shake table is being upgraded to 3D!)
- Non-structural elements and finishing materials
- Showcase various Mass Timber & Engineered Wood Products
Opportunities and Challenges

• Early experiences in 2009 - Japan during NEESWood (2005-2009)
  • Industry always at the table – start early
  • Project teams for NSF proposals
  • Give them lead time to handle their IP/prelim patent issues
  • Treat it like a cooperative agreement

• Experiences at UCSD in 2013 during NEES-Soft (2010-2014)
  • Whole building testing is expensive – partner
  • Budget is often gone by the last year of an NSF
  • Breakdown
    • 20% NSF from the original proposal and maybe even a supplement
    • 30% NHERI@UCSD included as shake table use time
    • 50% to find
    • So, for a $2M test you need to find ....
Opportunities and Challenges

• Experiences at UCSD in 2017 during Tallwood (2016-2021) (PI: S. Pei, CSM)
  • Test of opportunity
  • Simpson Strong-Tie
  • Katerra
  • City of Springfield, OR
  • Tallwood Design Institute (TDI)
  • Others
Four Interrelated Grand Challenges as I see them...

• Enabling collectivism in building design
  • Just as a building is designed with components; a building should be designed with a community/city’s resilience in mind

• New codes and standards that are equitable and effective for recovery following extreme events

• Developing advanced technologies that are affordable for widespread use

• Enabling incorporation and incentivization of technologies and concepts in U.S. standards
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