### The Northridge Experience and

CUREE-Caltech Woodframe Project





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Casualties: 24 of the 25 fatalities in the Northridge Earthquake that were caused by building damage occurred in woodframe buildings (1)

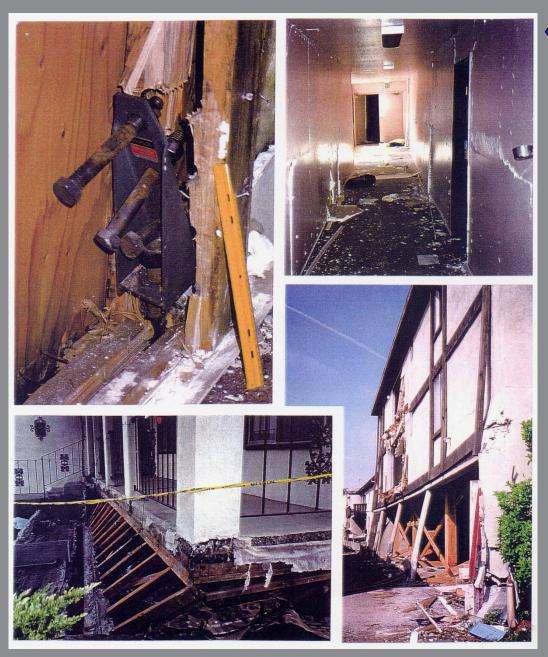


**Property Loss:** Half or more of the \$40 billion in property damage was due to damage to wood buildings; approximately. \$15 billion in insured loss (2)

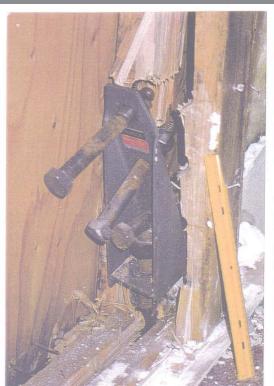


**Functionality**: 48,000 housing units, almost all of them in woodframe buildings, were rendered uninhabitable by the earthquake (3)

- (1) EQE and Calif. OES, 1995
- (2) Charles Kircher et al., 1997, and Robert Reitherman, 1998
- (3) Jeanne B. Perkins, et al., 1998



Property and functional loss







# Property and functional loss life safety





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### Woodframe Project Goal

 Advance the (seismic) engineering of woodframe buildings and improve the efficiency of their construction for targeted performance levels

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### Project Organization Chart



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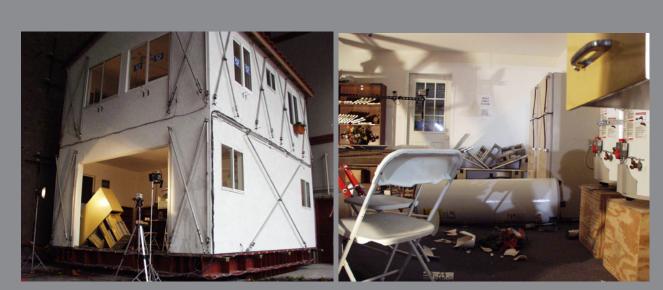
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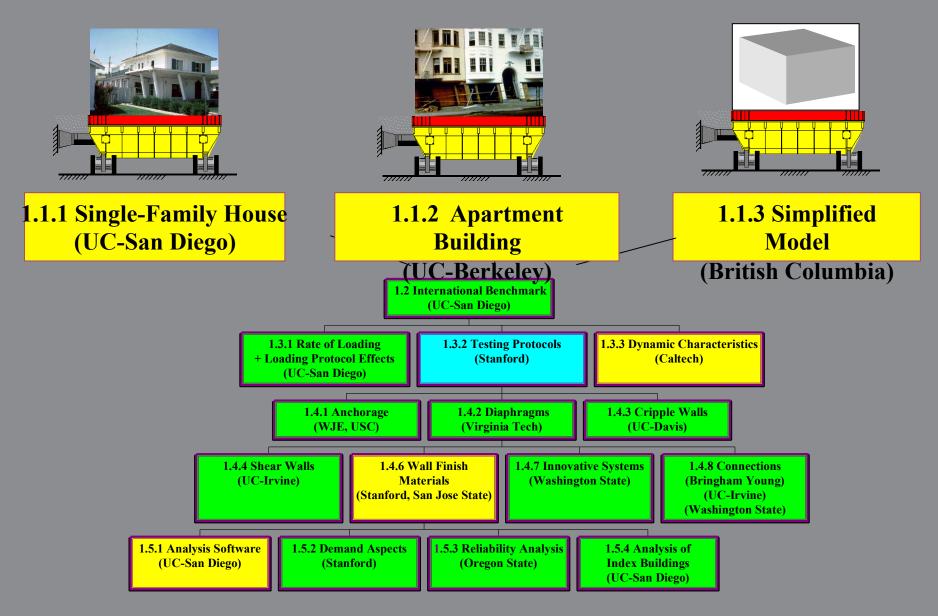
### Element 1: Testing and Analysis

 23 CUREE reports are available from 22 testing and analysis tasks





### Analysis and Experimental Components



#### Element 2: Field Investigations

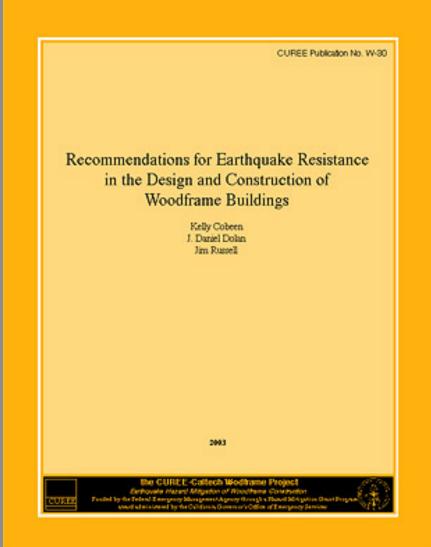
• CUREE Pub. W-04: Woodframe Project Case Studies, ed. by G.G. Schierle

CUREE Pub. W-09:
 Northridge Earthquake
 Field Investigations:
 Statistical Analysis, G.G.
 Schierle



#### Element 3: Codes & Standards

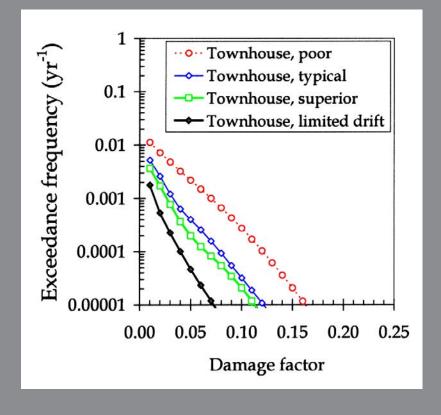
 CUREE Publication W-30: Recommendations for Earthquake Resistance in the Design and Construction of Woodframe Buildings, Parts I and II



#### Element 4: Loss Estimation

• CUREE Report W-18: Improving Loss Estimation for Woodframe Buildings, Porter

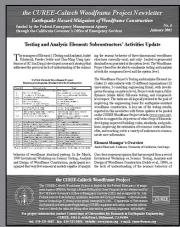
et. al.



#### Element 5: Education & Outreach

- Video Updates
- Newsletters
- Museum Displays
- Coordination of Media Information







### W-06: Shake Table Tests of a Two-Story Woodframe House

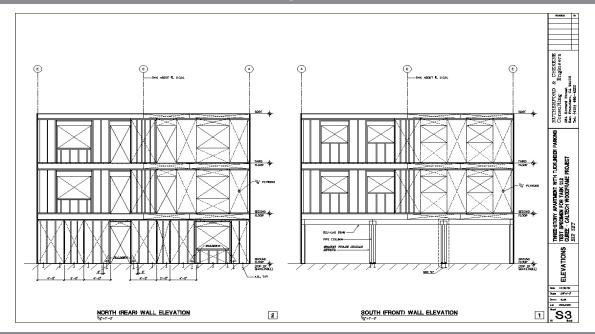




D. Fischer; A. Filiatrault; B. Folz; C.-M. Uang; and F. Seible, *UC San Diego Designer: K. Cobeen, S.E.* 



W-19: Seismic Evaluation of an Asymmetric Three-Story Woodframe Building







K. M. Mosalam, C. Machado, K.-U. Gliniorz C. Naito, E. Kunkel, and S. Mahin, *UC Berkeley Designer: Bret Lizundia, S.E.* 

### W-14: Anchorage of Woodframe Buildings: Laboratory Testing Report





J. Mahaney and B. Kehoe *Wiss, Janney, Elstner, and Assoc.* 

### W-15: Seismic Performance of Gypsum Walls: Experimental Test Program







K. McMullin and D. Merrick San Jose State University

### W-17: Seismic Behavior of Level and Stepped Cripple Walls

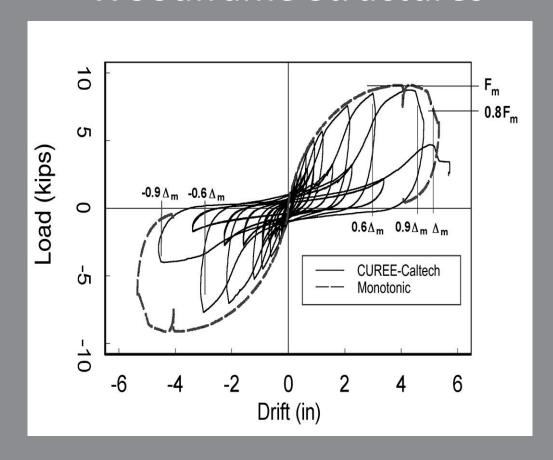






R. Chai, T. Hutchinson, and S. Vukazich *UC Davis* 

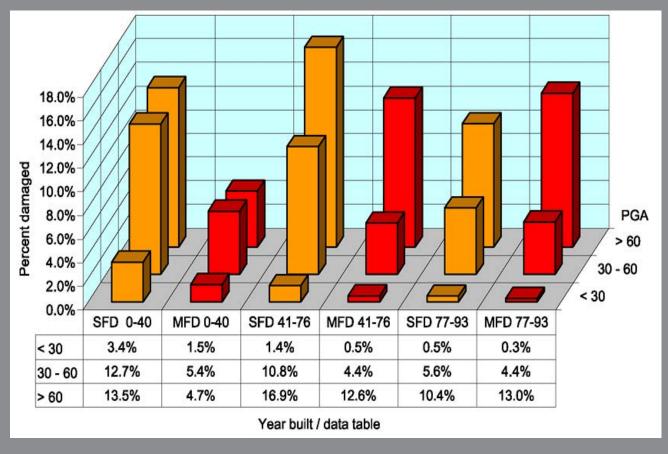
### W-02: Development of a Testing Protocol for Woodframe Structures





H. Krawinkler, F. Parisi, L. Ibara, A. Ayoub, and R. Medina *Stanford University* 

### W-09: Northridge Earthquake Field Investigations: Statistical Analysis of Woodframe Damage





G. G. Schierle *University of Southern California* 

# W-21: SAWS – Version 1.0 – A Computer Program for the Seismic Analysis of Woodframe Shearwalls



Rigid plane stress quadrilateral elements for roof diaphragm Frame elements representing quasi-static loading channel section Boundary frame elements at all edges of floor and Floor roof diaphragms opening Plane stress quadrilateral elements for floor diaphragm Typical zero-length nonlinear shear spring elements with Wavne Stewart Hysteresis for shearwall elements Direction of Shaking North

Task 1.1.1 - Phase 9 Test Structure

A Computer Program for
Sciencic Analysis of Woodfarms Structures
From the
International

3-D Model of Task 1.1.1 Test Structure

B. Folz and A. Filiatrault *UC San Diego* 

### W-04: Woodframe Project: Case Studies





Edited by G. G. Schierle *University of Southern California* 

### **Future Needs**

Goal: Advance the (seismic) engineering of woodframe buildings and improve the efficiency of their construction for targeted performance levels

Update: Ability to predict performance, move towards improved performance are key

Question: What happens if we do nothing:

- New buildings similar to recent
- Existing buildings
- Future mid-rise/ larger buildings

#### **Future Needs**

- Research
- Design
- Implementation
- Quality control
- Evaluation and retrofit of existing buildings
- Evaluation and repair of damaged buildings

### Future Needs — Research

- Close gap between state of the art analysis tools and full building performance to provide reliable prediction of strength, deflection, and collapse
  - Large scale component testing with realistic boundary conditions, new and archaic material
  - Full building testing to collapse for analysis validation
  - Analytical studies of existing buildings with known earthquake performance
  - Analysis tool development and validation with all available information

### Future Needs – Design

- Simplified design tools that capture actual building behavior and performance
  - For new buildings
  - For evaluation and retrofit of existing buildings
  - To understand performance
  - To aid in day-to-day design decisions
  - To inform trends in structural design
  - To inform development of proprietary components

### Future Needs – Implementation

- Screening tools to quickly identify vulnerable building configurations that rise to the level of requiring detailed evaluation
- Broad estimates of performance and cost benefits of retrofit to encourage above-code construction
- Tools to communicate anticipated performance to nontechnical community in a responsible and realistic fashion

### Future Needs – Quality Control

- Quality of construction and resulting performance issues remains significant concern in engineering community
  - Training of construction industry
  - Oversight

# Future Needs – Evaluation and Retrofit of Existing Buildings

- Better understanding of when and why buildings become vulnerable
  - Realistic evaluation of performance
  - How weak is too weak
  - Construction quality influence
  - Deterioration influence?
- Efficient methods to improve performance

# Future Needs – Evaluation and Repair of Damaged Buildings

- Better understanding of performance implications of damage
  - Technical understanding
  - Guidance for building evaluators
  - Guidance for repair design
- Efficient methods of repair

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### Questions, Comments?