

Prospects and challenges in
future timber engineering
research
- Japanese experience -

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Todaiji Daibutsuden (8th century, renovated in 1709): largest existing wooden building in Japan



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Major earthquakes 1978-2011

Year	Earthquake	Magnitude	Fatality/lost (person)	Number of damaged houses (unit)		
				Complete	Partial	Slight
1978	Miyagiken-oki	7.4	28	1,183	5,574	-----
1983	Nihonkai-chubu	7.7	104	934	2,115	3,258
1984	Naganoken-seibu	6.8	29	14	73	565
1995	Hyogo-ken nanbu	7.3	6,433/3	104,906	144,274	263,702
2000	Tottori-ken seibu	7.3	0	394	2,494	14,134
2003	Miyagi-ken hokubu	6.4	0	1,115	3,078	9,266
2003	Tokachi-oki	8	0/2	60	81	1,292
2004	Niigata-ken chuetsu	6.8	40	2,619	8,536	77,838
2007	Noto-hanto	6.9	1	649	1,655	24,959
2007	Niigata Chuetsu-oki	6.8	14	1,082	1,987	25,102
2008	Iwate-Miyagi	7.2	17/6	30	146	---
2011	Tohoku -Pacific Ocean	9.0	14,728/ 10,808	83,586	31,747	273,114

Damage of RC buildings(1995 Kobe)



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Damage of wood houses(1995 Kobe)



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Steel or wood?



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Damage of buildings (2011 Tohoku)



Damage by Tsunami(2011 Tohoku)



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Damage by Tsunami(2011 Tohoku)



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Damage of wooden house (2011 Tohoku)



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Design of timber structures

- Prescriptive design

Total floor area
 $\leq 500\text{m}^2$

less than three stories

Prescription described
in Building Standard
Law,

Enforcement Order,
Notifications

- Structural calculation

- allowable stress
design

- Horizontal load-
carrying capacity
calculation (seismic)

- limit capacity design
(seismic, wind and
snow)

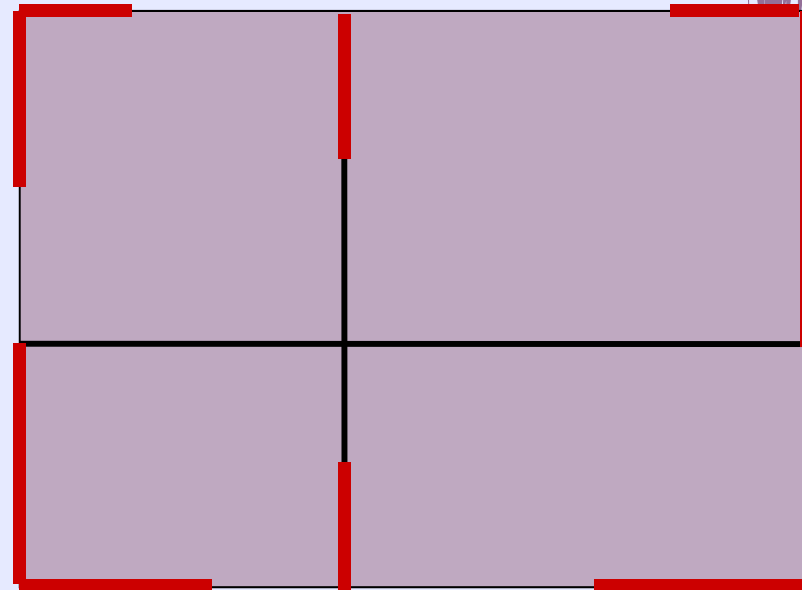
Prescriptive design - Simplified method-

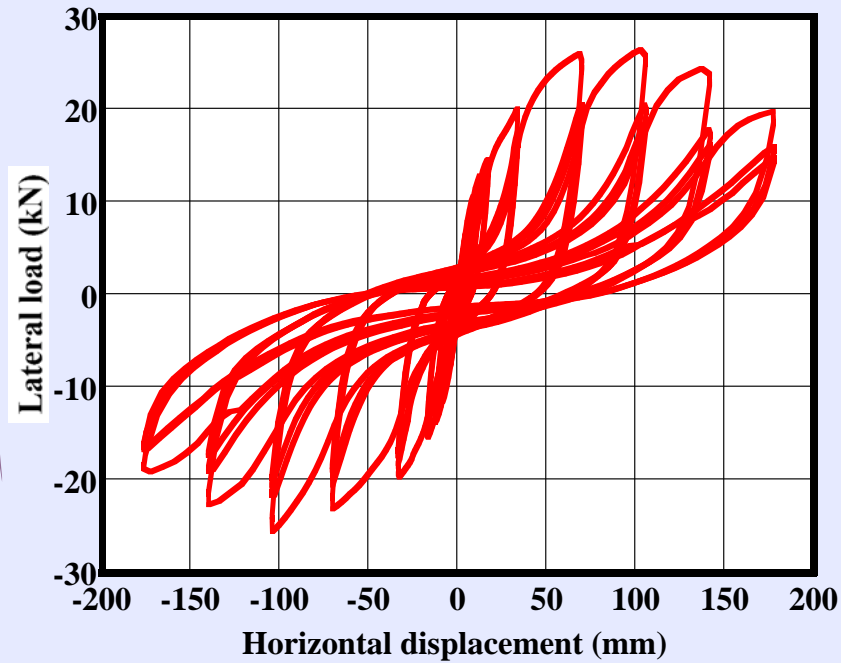
Effective length of shear walls
= sum of the wall coefficient \times
wall length

Effective length of shear walls
> Required wall length \times Area

For example:

Required wall length = 0.33m/m^2
in the case of the 1st story of two
story building



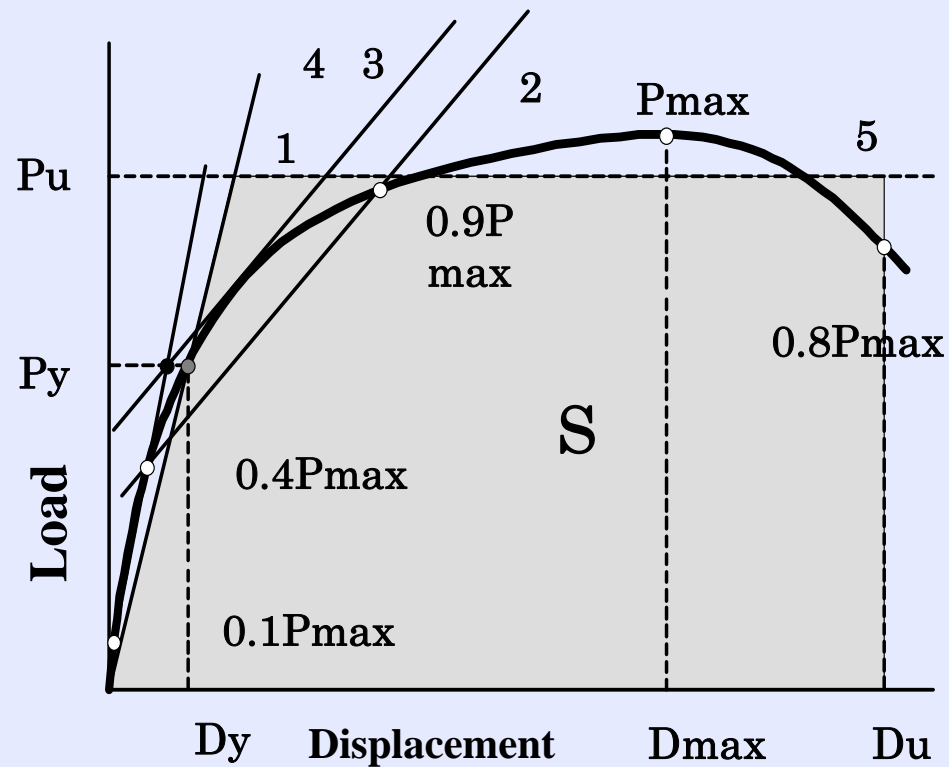


Wall coefficient is obtained by racking tests of shear walls

Full restraints are required to ensure full capacity of shear wall



Evaluation of wall Coefficient



$$W.C. = \frac{P_a}{1960 \times \text{wall length}}$$

$$P_a = \min. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} P_y \\ P_{1/120} \\ \frac{2}{3} P_{max} \\ 0.2 P_u \sqrt{2\mu - 1} \end{array} \right\}$$

Allowable stress design (moderate earthquake)

- Stress \leq allowable stress ($C_o = 0.2$)
- Story drift $\leq H/200$ ($H/120$)
- Eccentricity ratio (R_e) ≤ 0.15 (0.3)
- Stiffness ratio ≥ 0.6

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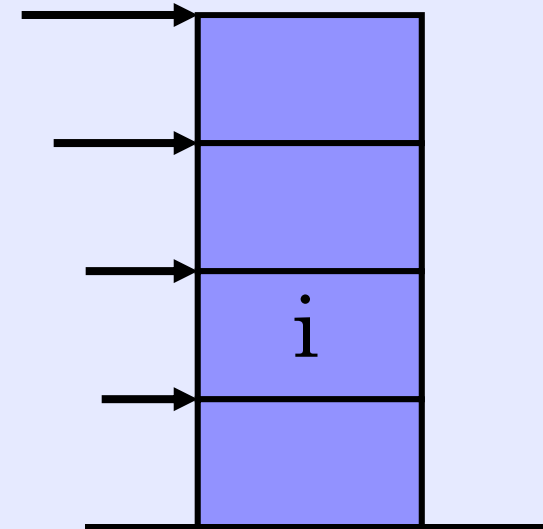
Requirements on structural methods

Horizontal load-carrying capacity (severe earthquake)

$$Q_i = C_i \cdot \sum W_i$$

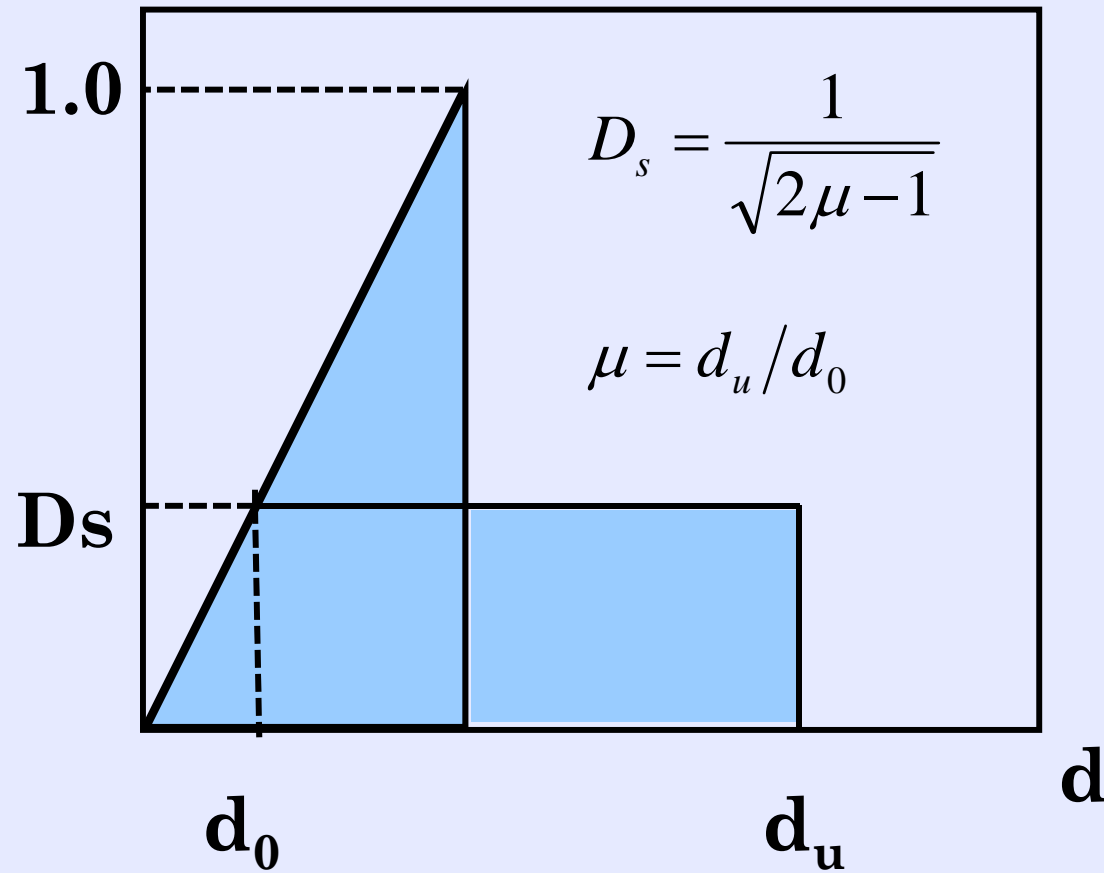
$$C_i = C_0 \cdot Z \cdot R_t \cdot A_i \cdot F_{es} \cdot D_s$$

$$C_0 = 1.0$$

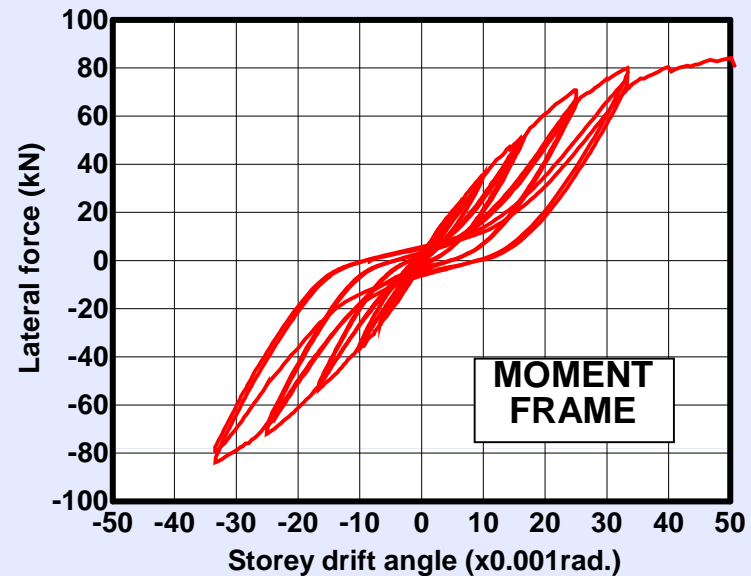
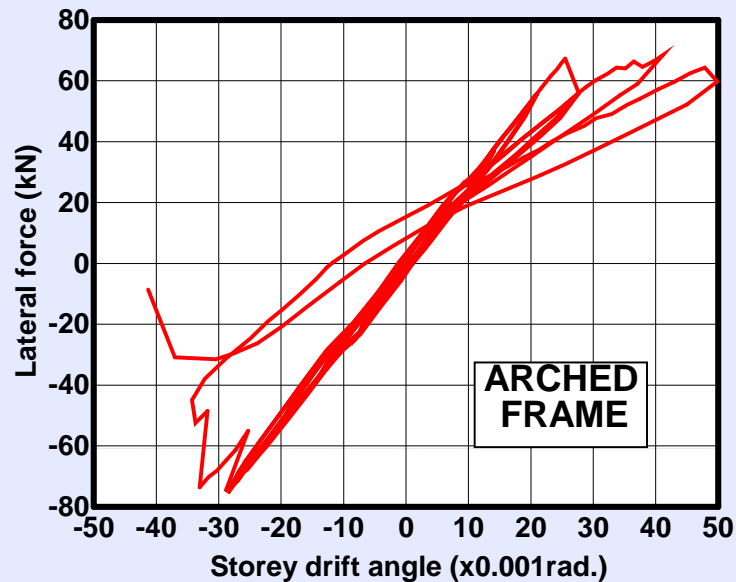
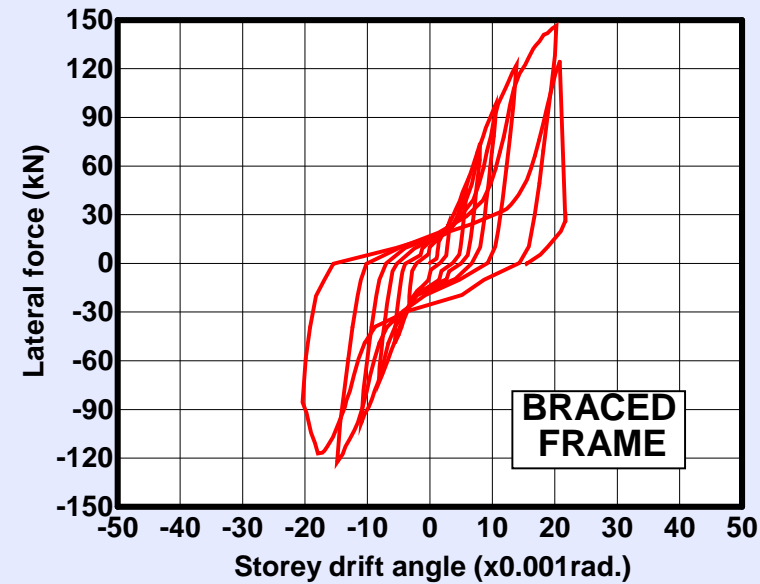
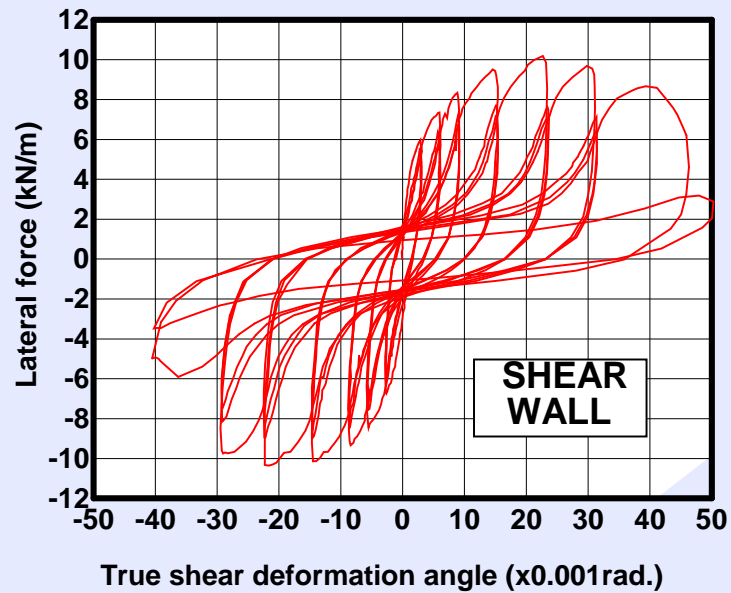


$$Q \geq Q_i$$

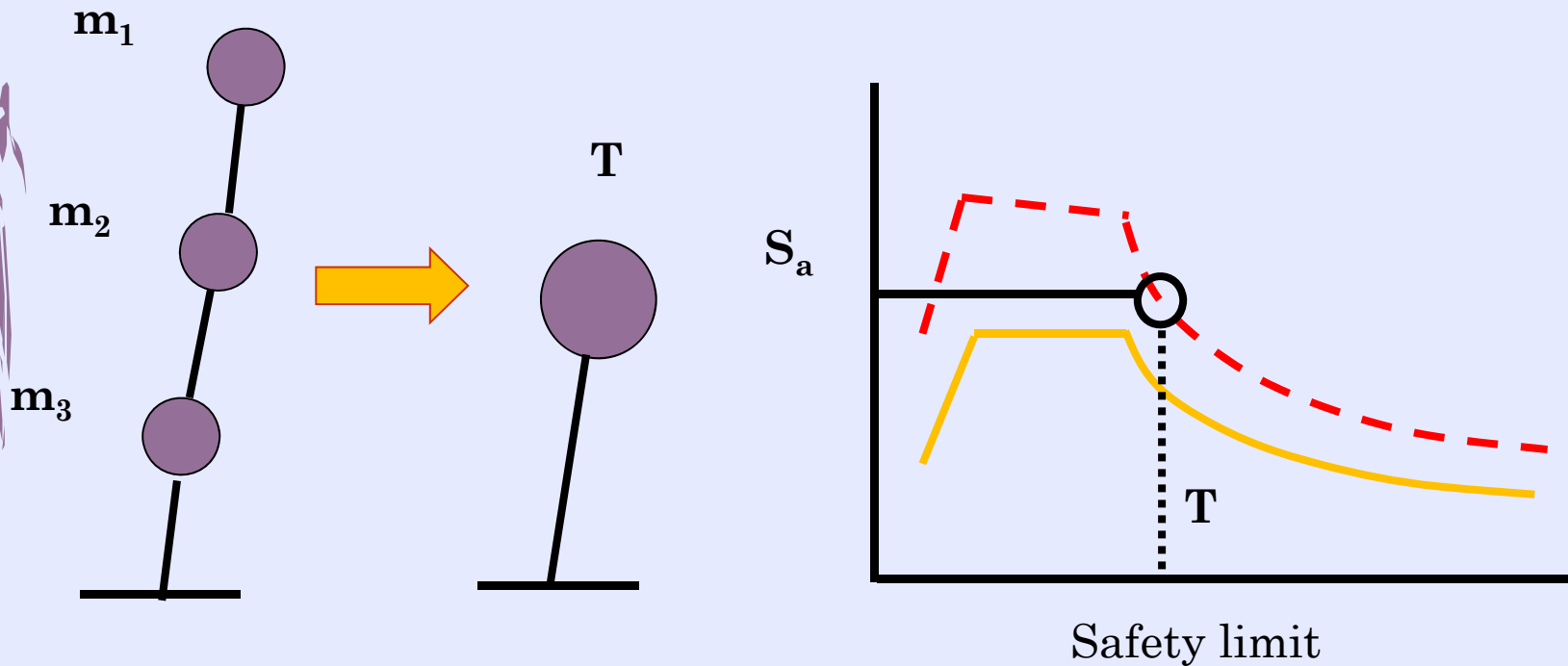
Structural behavior factor (D_s)



Ductility of timber structures

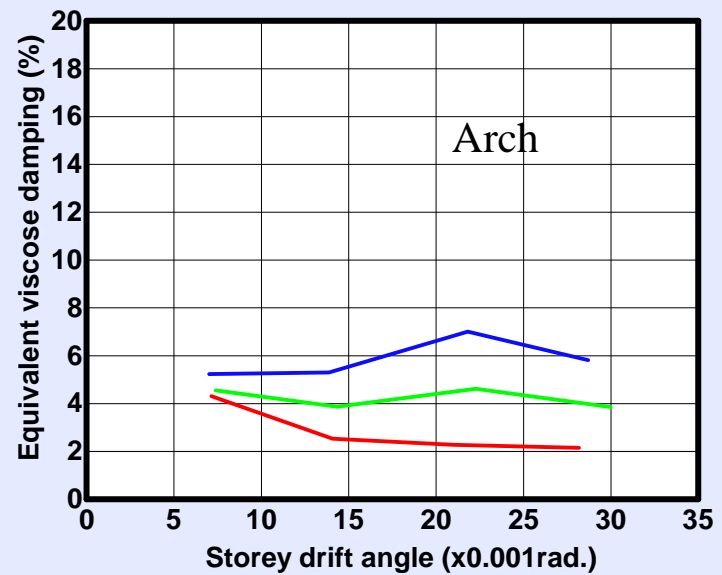
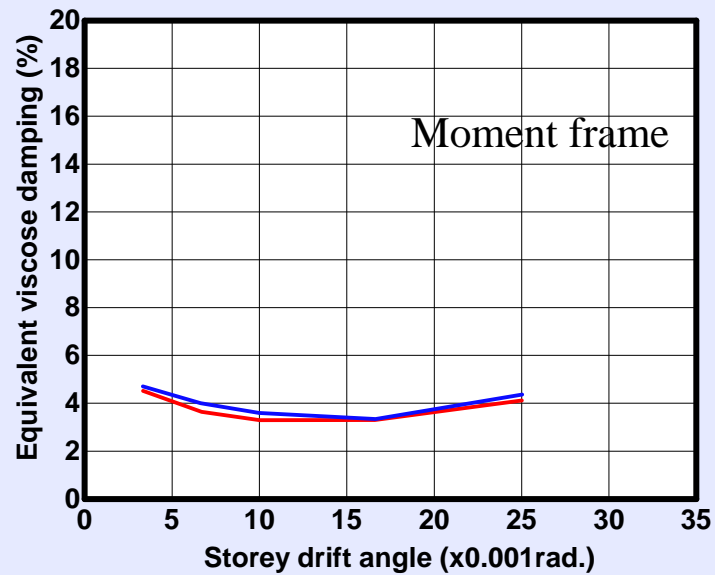
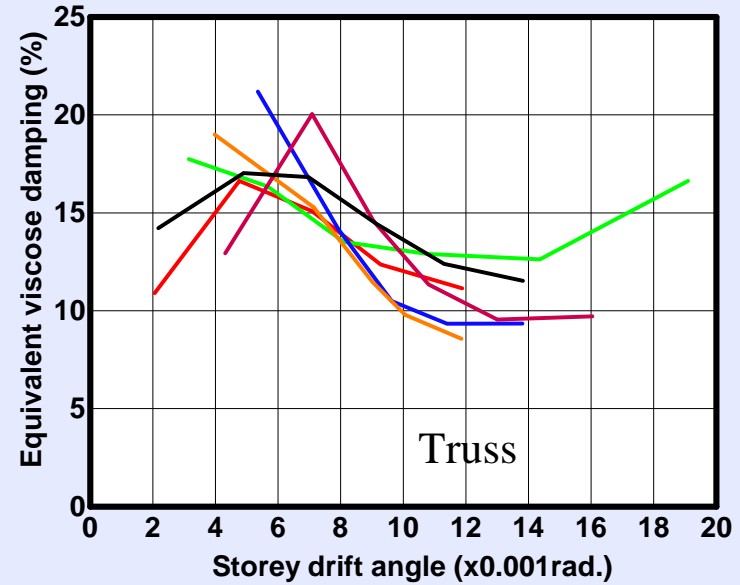
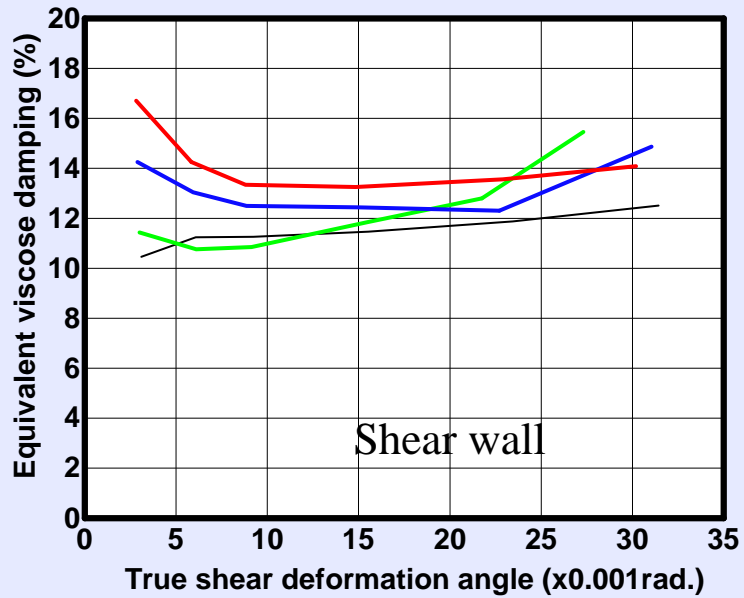


Capacity spectrum design (Limit capacity design)



$$Q_i = B_i F_h Z G_s S_a \sum m_i$$

Equivalent damping



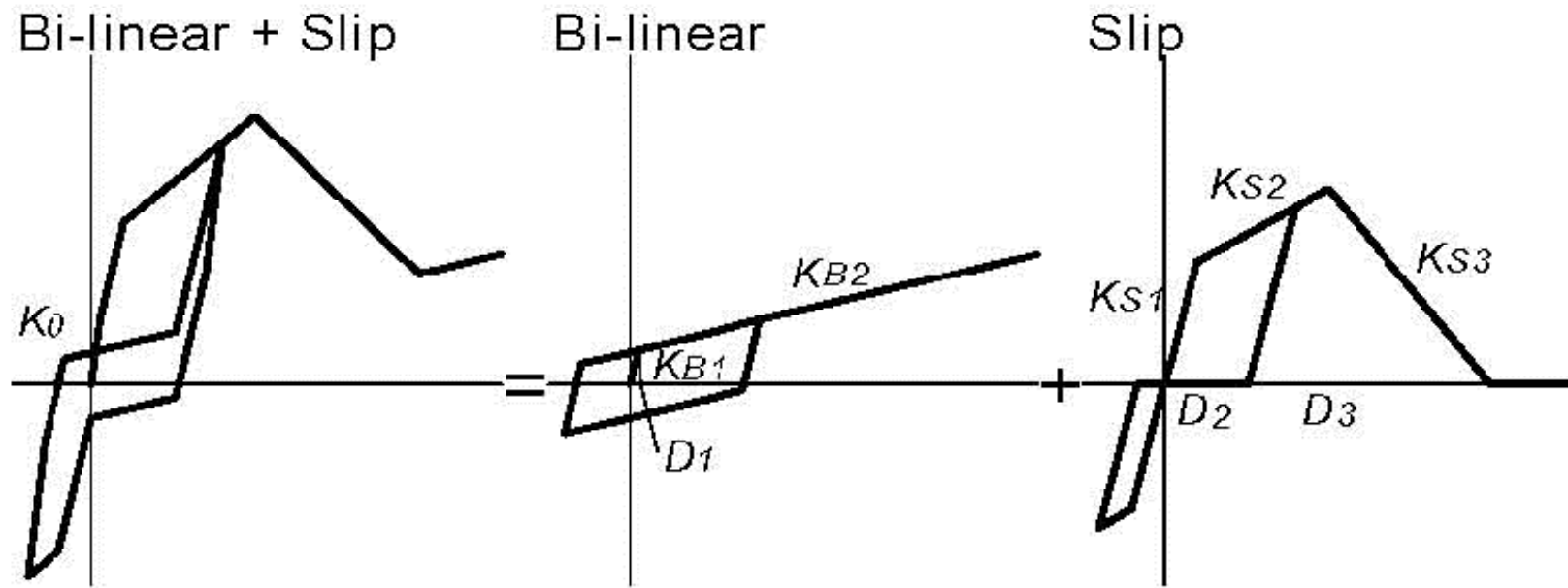
Time history response analysis

- ◆ Input earthquake ground motions
 - observed ground motion
 - simulated seismic motion following the spectrum stipulated in Building code or at the construction site
- ◆ Input ground motion level (level 1, level 2)
 - level 1 (return period of 50-100 years)
 - level 2 (return period of 500 years)

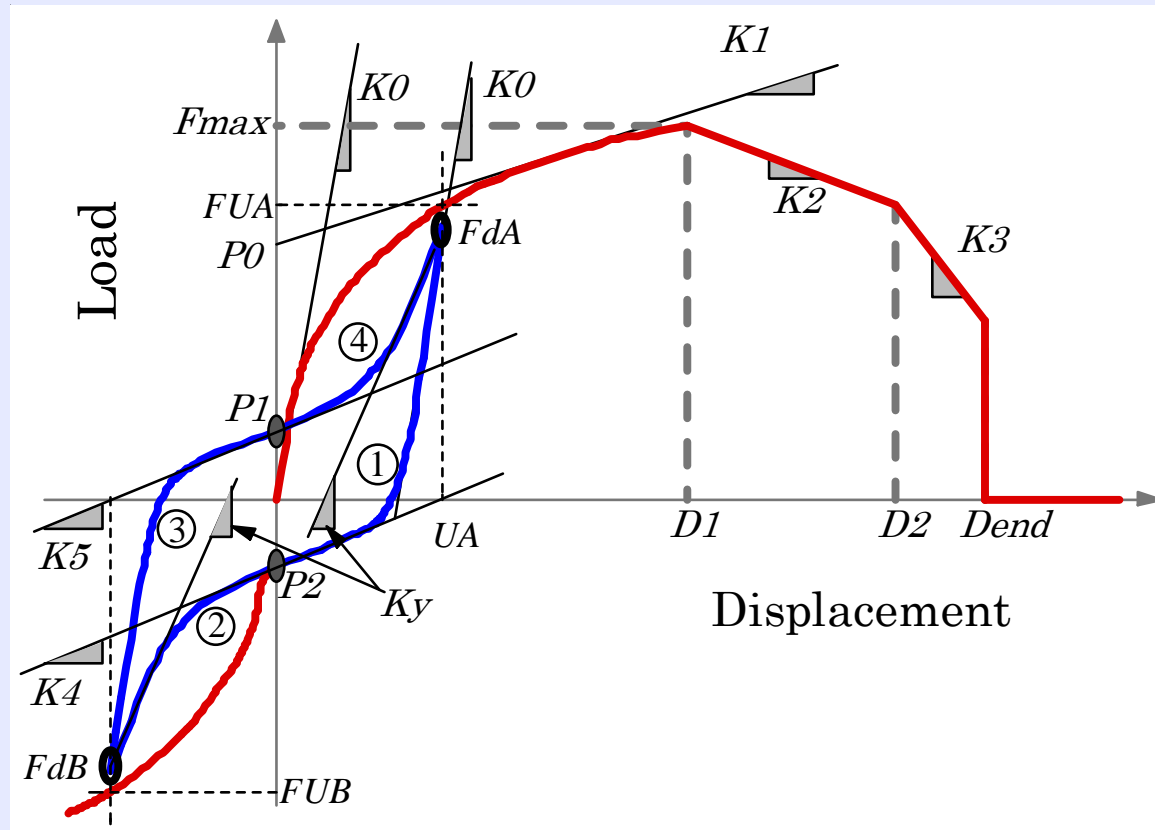
Modeling of timber structure

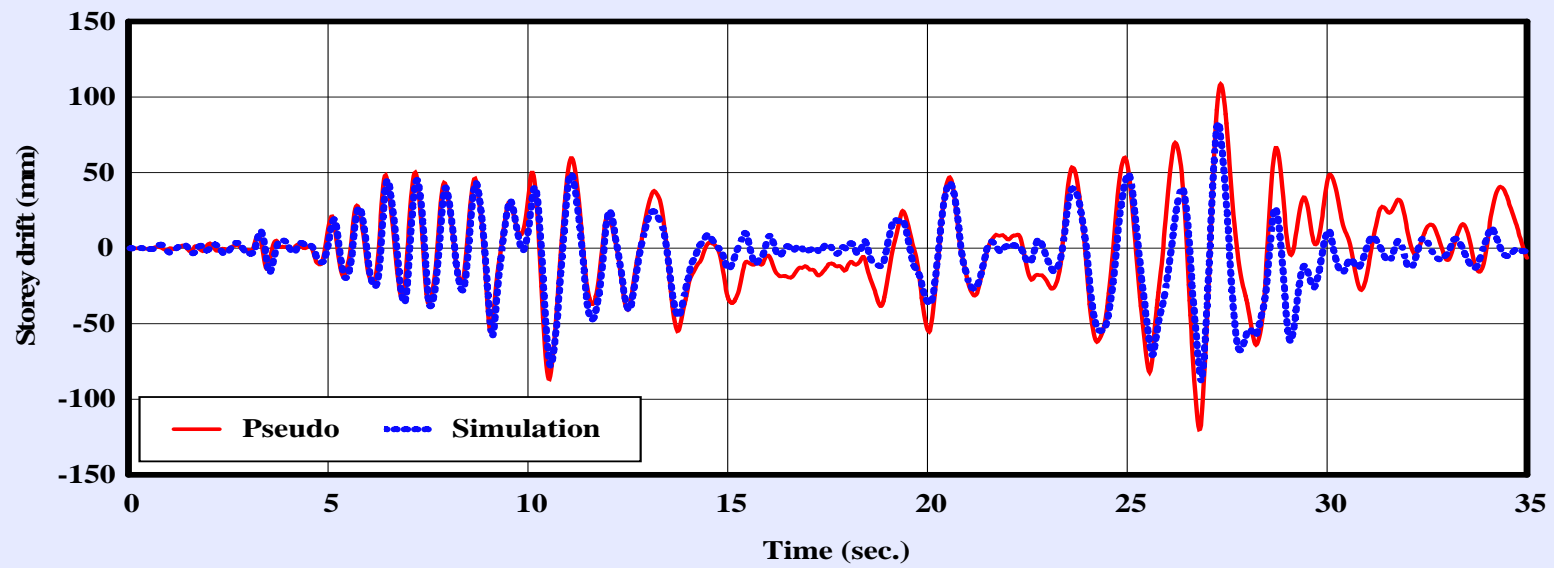
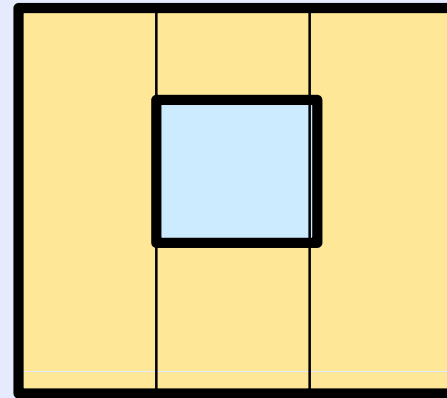
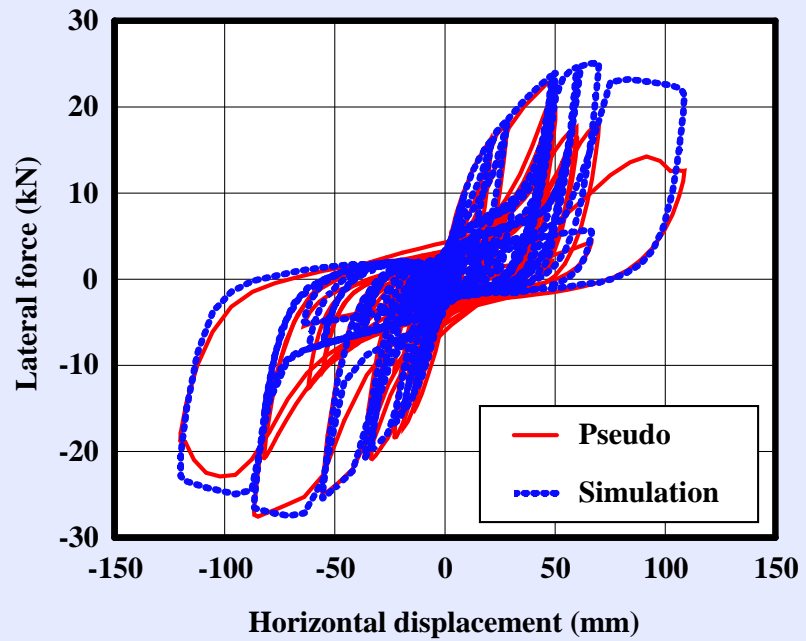
- ◆ Joints dissipate seismic energy while wooden members remain elastic
- ◆ Modeling of hysteretic properties of joints or seismic resistant assembly
- ◆ SDOF damped mass-spring system
- ◆ Finite Element Method
- ◆ Distinct Element Method
- ◆ Micro-macro model

Hysteresis model for joints, shear walls, etc.



LMT model

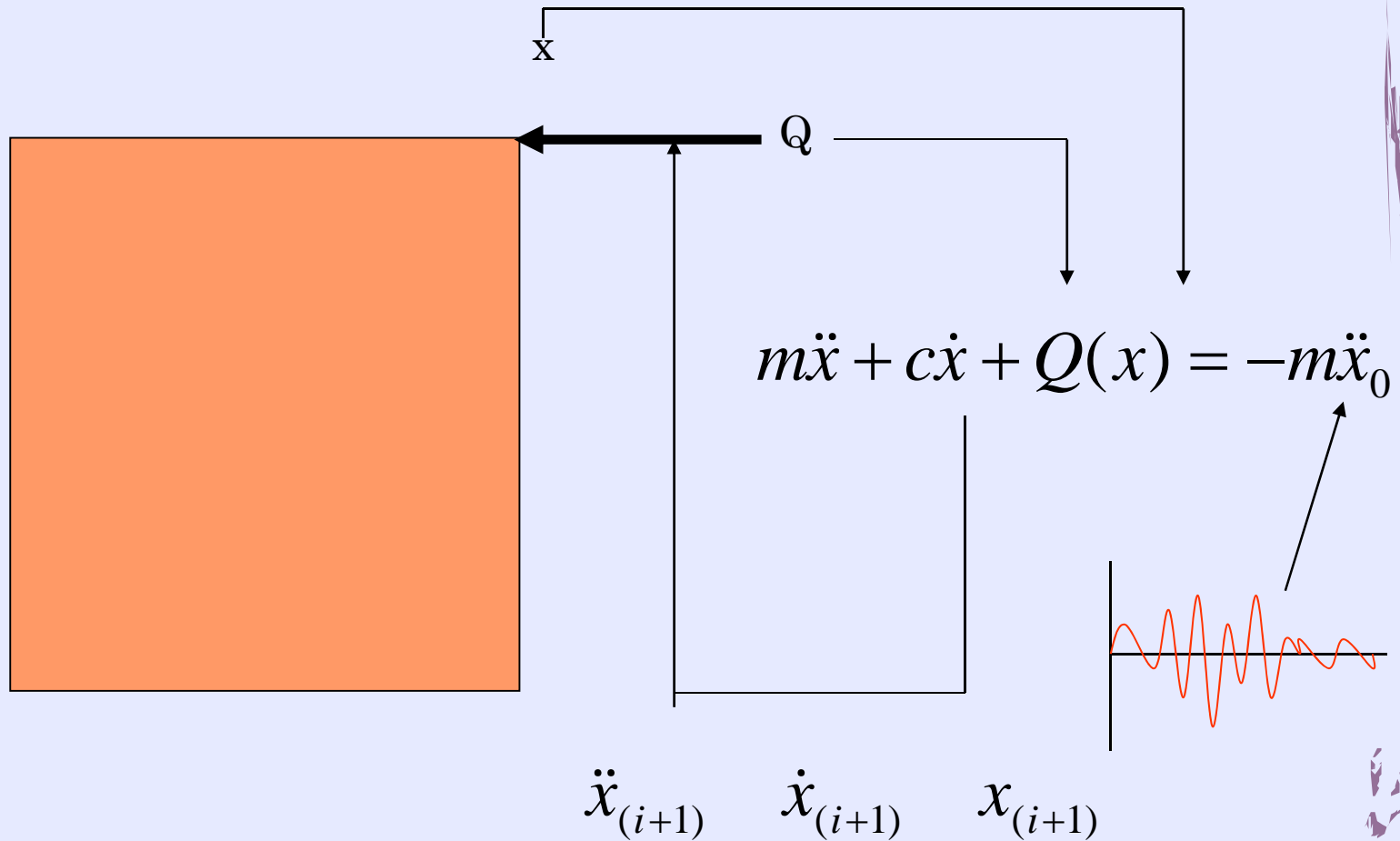




Validation of model

- ◆ Pseudo-dynamic test
- ◆ Shaking table test

What is Pseudo-dynamic test?





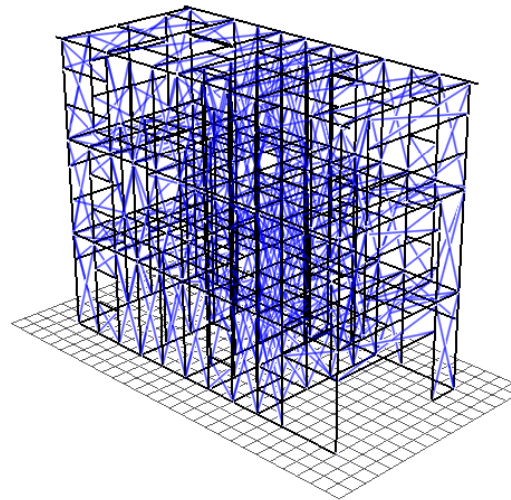
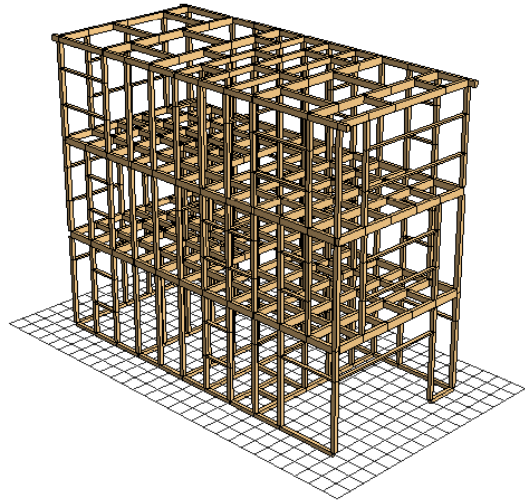




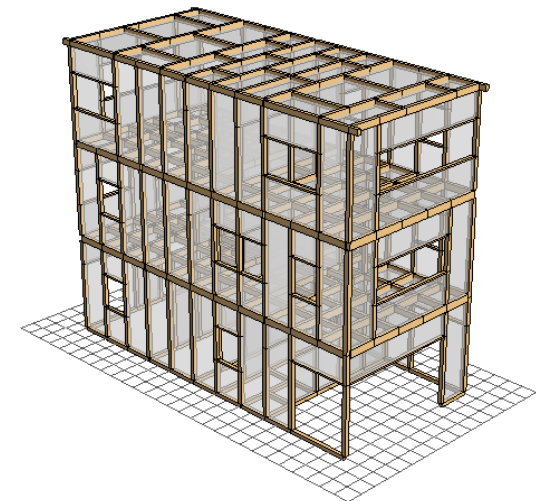
Is deterministic approach correct?



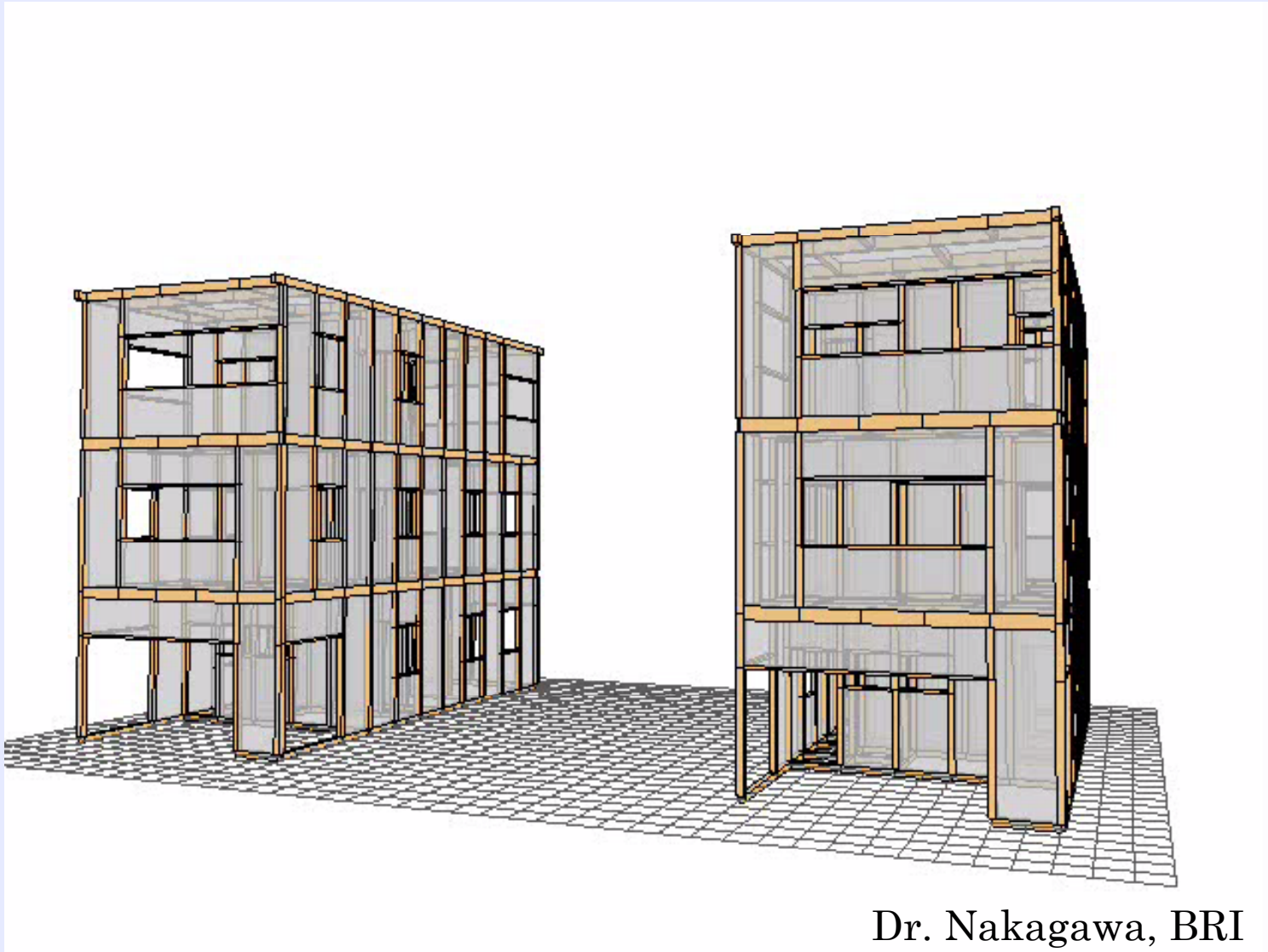
Analysis by Distinct Element Method



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Calculation before the test

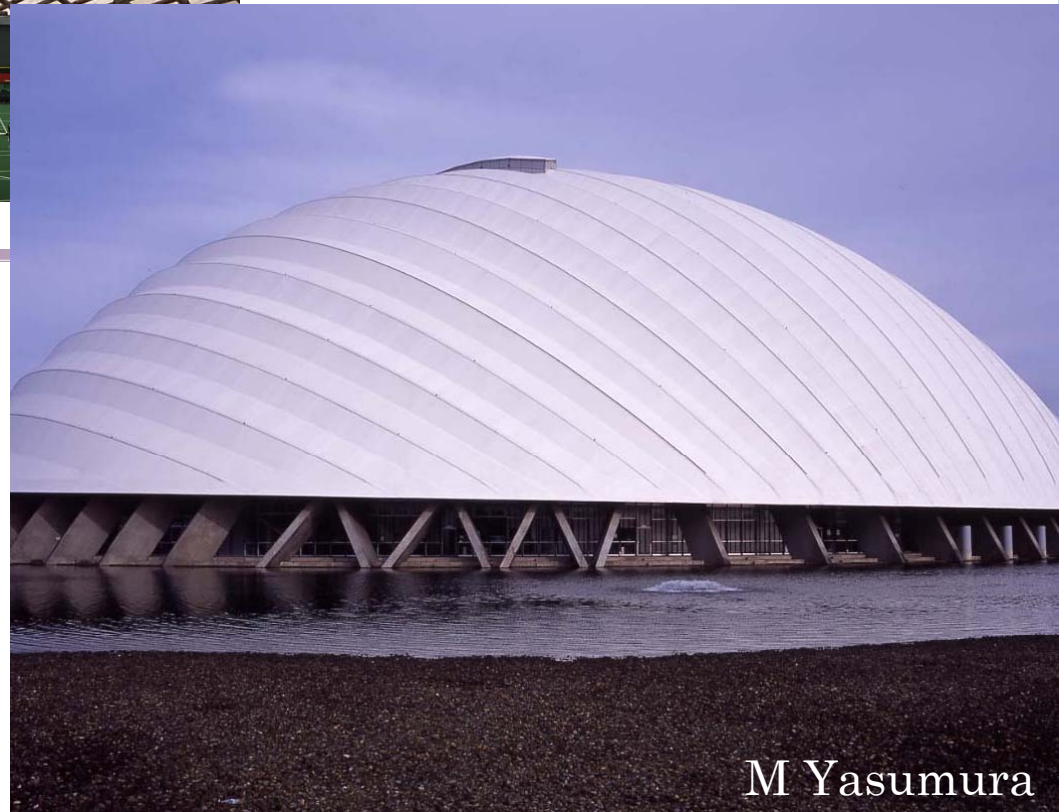


Conclusions

- ◆ How can we determine $D_s(q)$ values for new types of timber structures?
- ◆ Probabilistic approach will be necessary to determine the failure mode.
- ◆ We need the data base on the reversed cyclic loading test results for joints and seismic resistant assemblies.



Thank you for
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