# Seismic Fragility Functions Based on Actual Earthquakes

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#### Some of the Data Sites

_		Peak Ground Acceleration							
	0.60 – 0.80g	0.50 – 0.60g	0.40 - 0.50g	0.35 – 0.40g	0.30 - 0.35g	0.25 - 0.30g	0.20 – 0.25g	0.10 – 0.20g	
N	Onagawa	Anjar	Manzanillo	Trinidad	Oxiquim	Fertimex	Piti	Valdivia	
	Horcones	Madhapar	Takuan	Watson Waste	Con Con	Sicartsa	Guam Water	La Villita	
	Constitucion	20 Micron	Watkins	Metcalf	Guam Sewage	Guam Diesels	Orote Point	El Infiernillo	
	Licancel	Ballapur	Centerville	Cool Water	Watson Telco	Petacalco	Cabras	Ugama	
	Trupan	Bagio Teleco	Valley Steam	El Centro	Mitsubishi	Adak	Las Ventanas	Harmon	
	Nueva Aldea	Bata Shoes	Palco	Green Giant	Lipton	Santa Teresa	Rapel	Tanguisson	
	Olive View	Soquel	Great West	Cool Water	Moss Landing	San Mateo	San Manuel	Pasadena	
	Sylmar	Coalinga Water	Pitchess	San Luis	Castaic	Cardinal	Cabanatuan	Ormond	
	Rinaldi	Pleasant Valley	Placerita	Santa Cruz Tel	Mingtan	EPRI HQ	Monte Vista	Hunters Pt	
	Arco Cogen	Watson Water	UCSC	Seagate	Kosekoy	Burbank	Gates	Mesquite	
2	LLoleo	Changuinola	Santa Cruz H2O	Gilroy	National	Glendale	Kettlemen	Poterero	
	Getty	Techi	Andapazari	Humboldt	Pakayama	Drop IV	Dededo	Del Amo	
2	Shell Water	Wanta	Ticor	Sanwa	Renca	Newberry	Yigo	Grand Central	
	Union Oil	NZ Distillery	SCE HQ	Commerce	Tienlun	Whakatane	Mirassou	Lone Star	
	Shell Tanks	Edgecumbe	SCE Dispatch	Kawerau	San Martin	Matahina	Puente Hills	Laguna Verde	
	Whitewater	Moin	Caxton	Cal Fed	Rinconada	Hi Head	Mesa	Cachi	
	Devers	White Trout	Alhambra	Wells Fargo	San Antonio	Pfizer	Center	Nu Cemento	
	Olinda	Painted Hills	Soyopango	Rosemead	Rio Acehuate	Goodrich	Lighthype	SEGS	

### **Ground Motion Response Spectra from Database Sites**



## The Most Important Information Comes from Failure



Overall earthquake failure rate for some 22 categories of mechanical, electrical & electronic equipment: 2 – 3%, i.e., on the order of 100 failures of out ~4,000 items of equipment. Perhaps half of failures might apply to nuclear plant equipment installations.





Example Category of SSC: Instrument & Control Panels

#### **Instrument & Control Panels**







#### Seismic Hazard Functions for the Ten Nuclear Plant Sites Rated by the NRC as Priority 1

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# **Observations & Conclusions**

- For seismic fragility functions, F(a), anchored to actual earthquake experience, the contribution to the convolution integral, and hence the contribution to core damage frequency, is minor above PGA ≈ 1.0g.
- Only F(a) in the range of about 0.20g 1.0g is of importance. This is the range where fragility is shaped by failure rates observed in actual earthquakes, and the range of representation by the earthquake database.

"The problem is we don't design nuclear plants to withstand earthquakes; we design them to withstand finite element analysis." -- Enrico Fermi, 1939