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# Seismic design of bridges with Eurocode 8

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## **Eurocode 8 - Design of structures for earthquake resistance**

- **EN1998-1: General rules, seismic actions and rules for buildings**
- **EN1998-2: Bridges**
- **EN1998-3: Assessment and retrofitting of buildings**
- **EN1998-4: Silos, tanks and pipelines**
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# EN1998-2: Bridges

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## EN1998-2: Bridges

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# EN1998-2: Bridges

## ANNEXES

- **A** (Informative): Probabilities related to the reference seismic action. Guidance for the selection of the design **seismic action during the construction phase**
- **B** (Informative): Relationship between **displacement ductility and curvature ductility factors** of plastic hinges in concrete piers
- **C** (Informative): Estimation of the **effective stiffness** of reinforced concrete ductile members
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- **K** (Informative): **Tests for validation** of design properties of seismic isolator units



## Objectives of EN 1998

**In the event of earthquakes:**

**Human lives are protected**

**Damage is limited**

**Structures important for civil protection  
remain operational**

**Special structures – Nuclear Power Plants, Offshore  
structures, Large Dams – outside the scope of EN 1998**

## Fundamental requirements

### No-collapse requirement:

Withstand the **design seismic action** without local or global collapse

Retain structural integrity and residual load bearing capacity after the event (even with considerable damage)

Flexural yielding of piers allowed. Bridge deck expected to avoid damage

For ordinary structures this requirement should be met for a **reference seismic action** with 10 % probability of exceedance in 50 years (recommended value) i.e. with **475 years Return Period**

## Fundamental requirements

### Minimisation of Damage

Withstand a **more frequent seismic action** without damage (remaining operational without interruption)

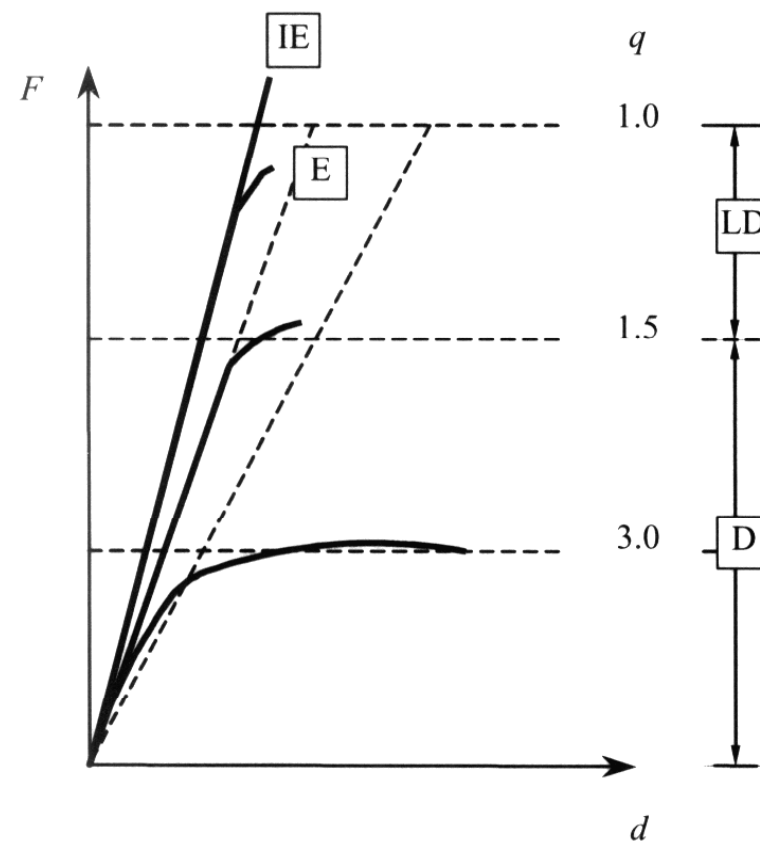
Minor damage only in secondary components (and/or in parts specifically intended to dissipate energy)

For ordinary structures this requirement should be met for a seismic action with “***high probability of occurrence***”.

No recommended value is given (10 % probability of exceedance in 10 years i.e. with 95 years Return Period could be used)

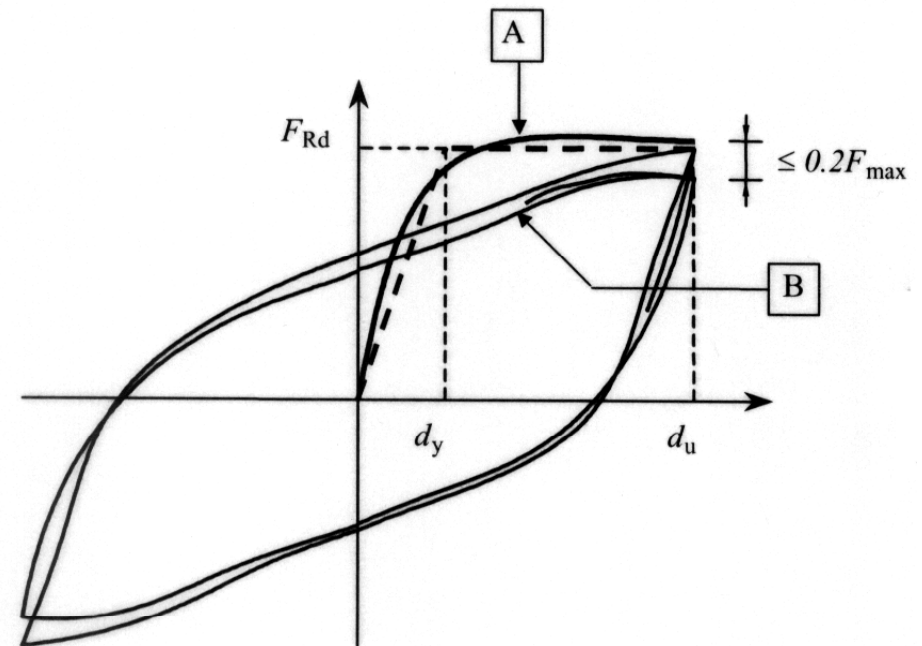
## Intended seismic behaviour

- Ductile (D)
- Limited ductile/essentially elastic (LD)



## Ductile behaviour

- Provide for the formation of an intended configuration of flexural plastic hinges
- The bridge deck shall remain within the elastic range
- Global F-D relation with a significant force plateau at yield. Ensure hysteretic energy dissipation over at least 5 inelastic deformation cycles



## Ductile behaviour

- **Resistance verifications** (for **Reinforced Concrete** in accordance with Eurocode 2, with some additional rules for shear and for **Steel Structures** in accordance with Section 6 of EN 1998-1 for dissipative structures)
- **Capacity design:** Shear and joints
- **Overstrength factors**
- **Detailing for ductility:** Global ductility  $\mu_d$  and local ductility  $\mu_\varphi$  (curvature) and  $\mu_\theta$  (rotation)
- **Ductility verification:** Deemed to satisfy rules in Section 6

## Limited ductility/Essentially elastic

- Deviation from ideal elastic provides some hysteretic energy dissipation.
- Corresponds to a value of the behaviour factor  $q \leq 1,5$
- Values of  $q$  in the range  $1 \leq q \leq 1,5$  are mainly attributed to the inherent margin between design and probable strength in the seismic design situation (*overstrength*)

## Reliability differentiation

**Target reliability of requirement depending on consequences of failure**

**Classify the structures into importance classes**

**Assign a higher or lower return period to the design seismic action**

**In operational terms multiply the reference seismic action by the importance factor  $\gamma_I$**



## Importance classes for bridges

**Class III:** Bridges of **critical importance** for maintaining communications, especially in the immediate post-earthquake period; bridges the failure of which is associated with a **large number of probable fatalities** and **major bridges** where a **design life greater** than normal is required

**Class II:** General road and railway bridges (average importance)

**Class I:** Bridges meeting the following conditions simultaneously (less than average importance):

- the bridge is **not critical** for communications, and
- the adoption of either the **reference probability** of exceedance, *PNCR*, in *50 years for the design seismic action*, or of the standard bridge design life of 50 years is **not economically justified**.

**Importance factors for bridges (recommended values):**

$$\gamma_I = 1,3; 1,0 \text{ and } 0,85$$

## Importance factor and return period

At most sites the annual **rate of exceedance**,  $H(a_{gR})$ , of the reference peak ground acceleration  $a_{gR}$  may be taken to vary with  $a_{gR}$  as:  $H(a_{gR}) \sim k_0 a_{gR}^{-k}$  with the value of the **exponent  $k$**  depending on seismicity, but being generally **of the order of 3**.

If the seismic action is defined in terms of the reference peak ground acceleration  $a_{gR}$ , the value of the **importance factor  $\gamma_I$**  to achieve the same probability of exceedance in  $T_L$  years as in the  $T_{LR}$  years for which the reference seismic action is defined, may be computed as:  $\gamma_I \sim (T_{LR}/T_L)^{-1/k}$

Hence, the implicit return periods for the 3 Importance Classes are:

Class III: 1.044 years (~ 5% in 50 years)

Class II: 475 years (10% in 50 years)

Class I: 292 years (~15% in 50 years)

## Ground conditions

### Five ground types:

**A - Rock**

**B - Very dense sand or gravel or very stiff clay**

**C - Dense sand or gravel or stiff clay**

**D - Loose to medium cohesionless soil or soft to firm cohesive soil**

**E - Surface alluvium layer C or D, 5 to 20 m thick, over a much stiffer material**

**2 special ground types  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  requiring special studies**

Ground conditions defined by **shear wave velocities** in the **top 30 m** and also by indicative values for  $N_{SPT}$  and  $c_u$

## Ground conditions

**Table 3.1: Ground types**

Ground type	Description of stratigraphic profile	Parameters		
		$v_{s,30}$ (m/s)	$N_{SPT}$ (blows/30cm)	$c_u$ (kPa)
A	Rock or other rock-like geological formation, including at most 5 m of weaker material at the surface.	> 800	–	–
B	Deposits of very dense sand, gravel, or very stiff clay, at least several tens of metres in thickness, characterised by a gradual increase of mechanical properties with depth.	360 – 800	> 50	> 250

## Ground conditions

**Table 3.1: Ground types**

Ground type	Description of stratigraphic profile	Parameters		
		$v_{s,30}$ (m/s)	$N_{SPT}$ (blows/30cm)	$c_u$ (kPa)
C	Deep deposits of dense or medium-dense sand, gravel or stiff clay with thickness from several tens to many hundreds of metres.	180 – 360	15 - 50	70 - 250
D	Deposits of loose-to-medium cohesionless soil (with or without some soft cohesive layers), or of predominantly soft-to-firm cohesive soil.	< 180	< 15	< 70

## Ground conditions

**Table 3.1: Ground types**

Ground type	Description of stratigraphic profile	Parameters		
		$v_{s,30}$ (m/s)	$N_{SPT}$ (blows/30cm)	$c_u$ (kPa)
E	A soil profile consisting of a surface alluvium layer with $v_s$ values of type C or D and thickness varying between about 5 m and 20 m, underlain by stiffer material with $v_s > 800$ m/s.			
$S_1$	Deposits consisting, or containing a layer at least 10 m thick, of soft clays/silts with a high plasticity index ( $PI > 40$ ) and high water content	< 100 (indicative)	–	10 - 20
$S_2$	Deposits of liquefiable soils, of sensitive clays, or any other soil profile not included in types A – E or $S_1$			

## Seismic zonation

### Competence of National Authorities

Described by  $a_{gR}$  (reference peak ground acceleration on type A ground)

Corresponds to the reference return period  $T_{NCR}$

Modified by the Importance Factor  $\gamma_I$  to become the design ground acceleration (on type A ground)  $a_g = a_{gR} \cdot \gamma_I$

Objective for the future updating of EN1998-1:  
**European zonation** map with **spectral values** for **different hazard levels** (e.g. 100, 500 and 2.500 years)

## Basic representation of the seismic action

### Elastic response spectrum

Common shape for the ULS and DLS verifications

2 orthogonal independent horizontal components

Vertical spectrum shape different from the horizontal spectrum (common for all ground types)

Possible use of more than one spectral shape (to model different seismo-genetic mechanisms)

Account of **topographical effects** (EN 1998-5) and **spatial variation** of motion (EN1998-2) required in some special cases



## Definition of the horizontal elastic response spectrum (four branches)

$$0 \leq T \leq T_B \quad S_e(T) = a_g \cdot S \cdot (1 + T/T_B \cdot (\eta \cdot 2,5 - 1))$$

$$T_B \leq T \leq T_C \quad S_e(T) = a_g \cdot S \cdot \eta \cdot 2,5$$

$$T_C \leq T \leq T_D \quad S_e(T) = a_g \cdot S \cdot \eta \cdot 2,5 (T_C / T)$$

$$T_D \leq T \leq 4 \text{ s} \quad S_e(T) = a_g \cdot S \cdot \eta \cdot 2,5 (T_C \cdot T_D / T^2)$$

$S_e(T)$

**elastic** response spectrum

$a_g$

**design ground acceleration** on type A ground

$T_B \ T_C \ T_D$

**corner periods** in the spectrum (NDPs)

$S$

**soil** factor (NDP)

$\eta$

**damping** correction factor ( $\eta = 1$  for 5% damping)

Additional **information** for  $T > 4$  s in Informative Annex in EN 1998-1

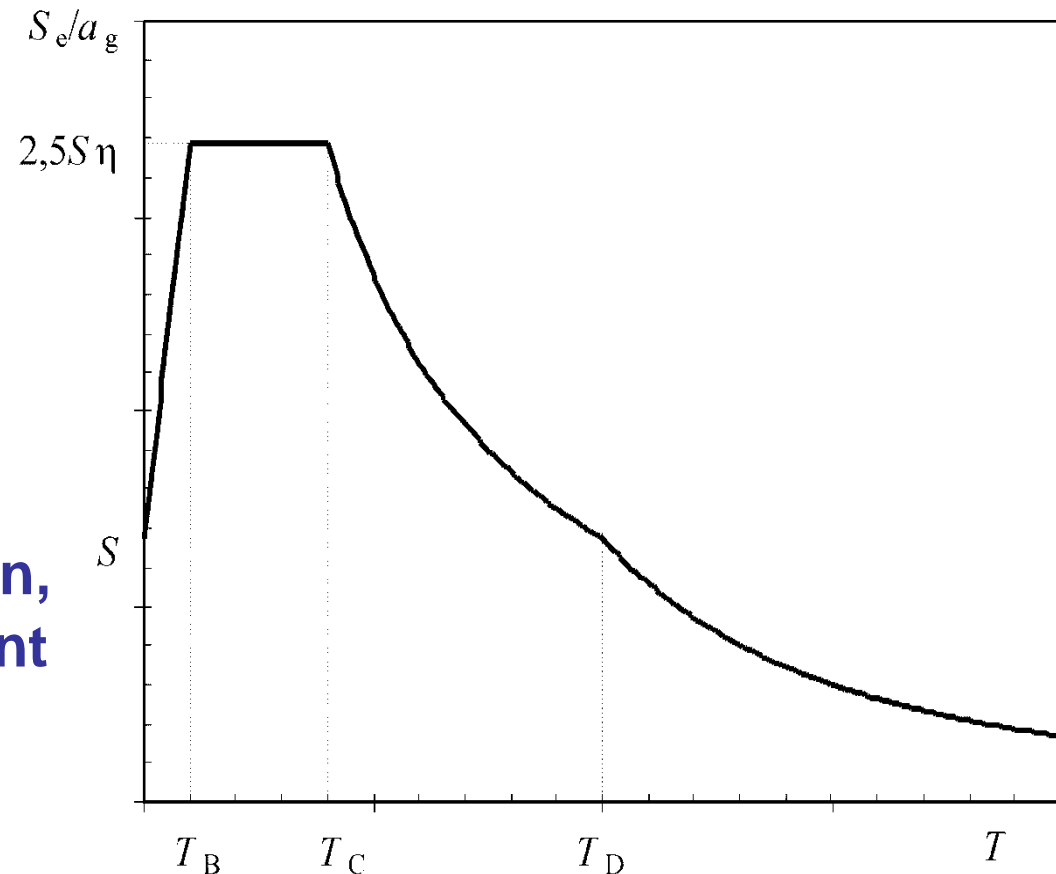
## Normalised elastic response spectrum (standard shape)

### Control variables

- $S, T_B, T_C, T_D$  (NDPs)
- $\eta (\geq 0,55)$  damping correction for  $\xi \neq 5 \%$

### Fixed variables

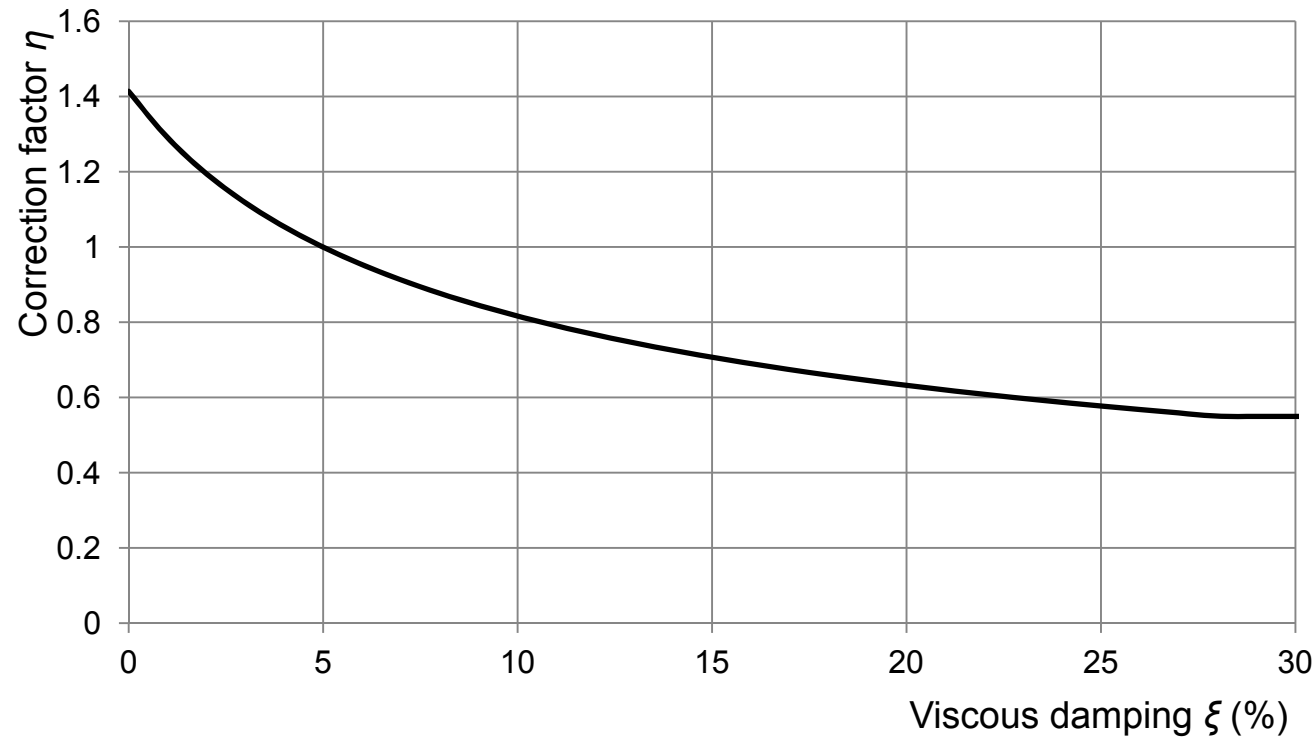
- Constant acceleration, velocity & displacement spectral branches
- acceleration spectral amplification: **2,5**



Different spectral shape for **vertical spectrum** (spectral amplification: **3,0**)

## Correction for damping

$$\eta = \sqrt{10 / (5 + \xi)} \geq 0,55$$



**To be applied only to elastic spectra**

## Elastic response spectrum

### Two types of (recommended) spectral shapes

Depending on the characteristics of the most significant earthquake contributing to the local hazard:

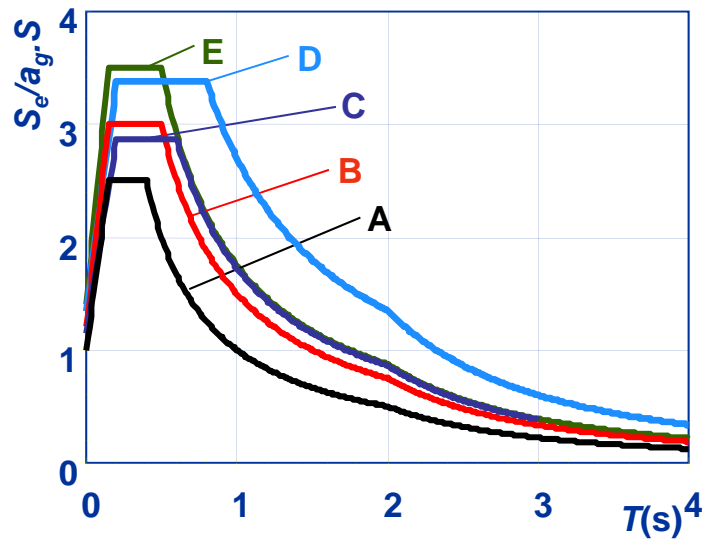
- **Type 1 - High and moderate seismicity regions ( $M_s > 5,5$ )**
- **Type 2 - Low seismicity regions ( $M_s \leq 5,5$ ); near field earthquakes**

Optional account of **deep geology effects** (NDP) for the definition of the seismic action

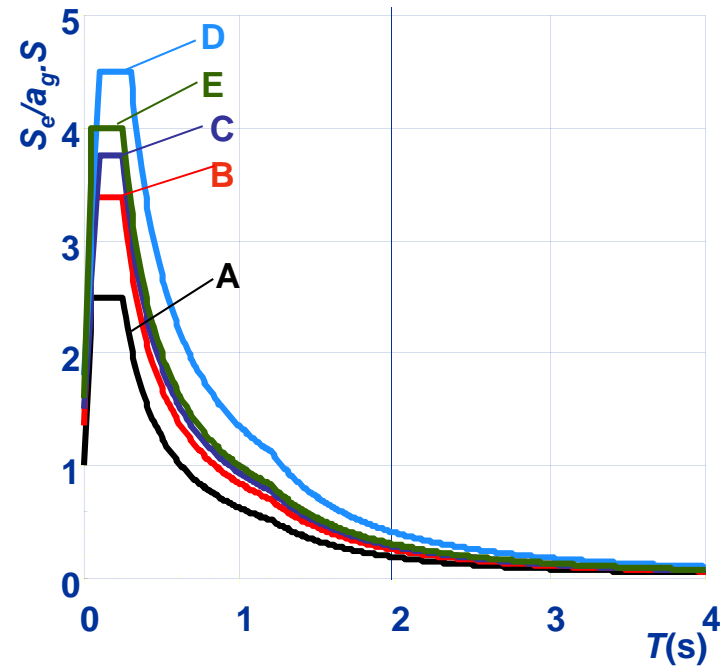
## Recommended parameters for the definition of the response spectra for **various ground types**

Ground Type	Seismic action Type 1				Seismic action Type 2			
	S	$T_B$ (s)	$T_C$ (s)	$T_D$ (s)	S	$T_B$ (s)	$T_C$ (s)	$T_D$ (s)
A	<b>1,0</b>	<b>0,15</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>2,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>0,05</b>	<b>0,25</b>	<b>1,2</b>
B	<b>1,2</b>	<b>0,15</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>2,0</b>	<b>1,35</b>	<b>0,05</b>	<b>0,25</b>	<b>1,2</b>
C	<b>1,15</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>2,0</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>0,25</b>	<b>1,2</b>
D	<b>1,35</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>2,0</b>	<b>1,8</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>1,2</b>
E	<b>1,4</b>	<b>0,15</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>2,0</b>	<b>1,6</b>	<b>0,05</b>	<b>0,25</b>	<b>1,2</b>

## Recommended elastic response spectra



**Type 1 -  $M_s > 5,5$**



**Type 2 -  $M_s \leq 5,5$**

## Design spectrum for elastic response analysis

(derived from the elastic spectrum)

$$0 \leq T \leq T_B \quad S_d(T) = a_g \cdot S \cdot (2/3 + T/T_B \cdot (2,5/q - 2/3))$$

$$T_B \leq T \leq T_C \quad S_d(T) = a_g \cdot S \cdot 2,5/q$$

$$T_C \leq T \leq T_D \quad S_d(T) = a_g \cdot S \cdot 2,5/q \cdot (T_C / T) \\ \geq \beta \cdot a_g$$

$$T_D \leq T \leq 4 \text{ s} \quad S_d(T) = a_g \cdot S \cdot 2,5/q \cdot (T_C \cdot T_D / T^2) \\ \geq \beta \cdot a_g$$

$S_d(T)$  design spectrum

$q$  behaviour factor

$\beta$  lower bound factor (NDP recommended value: 0,2)

Specific rules for **vertical action**:

$$a_{vg} = 0,9 \cdot a_g \text{ or } a_{vg} = 0,45 \cdot a_g ; S = 1,0 ; q \leq 1,5$$

## Alternative representations of the seismic action

**Time history representation** (essentially for NL analysis purposes)

### Three simultaneously acting accelerograms

- **Artificial accelerograms**

Match the elastic response spectrum for 5% damping

Duration compatible with Magnitude ( $T_s \geq 10$  s)

Minimum number of accelerograms: 3

- **Recorded or simulated accelerograms**

Scaled to  $a_g \cdot S$

Match the elastic response spectrum for 5% damping



## Spatial variability of the seismic action

**Spatial variability shall be considered if one of the following holds:**

- More than one ground type occurs in the supports of the bridge
- The length of continuous deck exceeds  $L_{lim} = L_g/1,5$   
 $L_g$  - Distance beyond which motion is uncorrelated

Ground Type	A	B	C	D	E
$L_g$ (m)	600	500	400	300	500

Recommended values

Simplified model for accounting for the spatial variability and additional information in Annex D

## Modelling - Mass

- **Mass** of Permanent loads and Quasi-permanent values of the Variable loads ( $\psi_2 Q_k$ )  
(For traffic loads:  $\psi_2 = 0,2$  in road bridges;  $\psi_2 = 0,3$  in railway bridges)
- Mass of **entrained water** added to the mass of immersed piers  
(Procedure for calculation in **Informative Annex F**)
- **Damping ratio** values for elastic analysis :
  - Welded steel:  $\xi = 0,02$
  - Bolted steel:  $\xi = 0,04$
  - Prestressed concrete:  $\xi = 0,02$
  - Reinforced concrete :  $\xi = 0,05$

## Modelling - Stiffness

- For linear analysis methods adopt the **secant flexural stiffness** at yield (in Limited Ductile bridges the unreduced stiffness of gross concrete sections may be used)
- For Prestressed and Reinforced **concrete decks** the flexural stiffness of the **gross sections** should be used
- Reduced **torsional stiffness** of concrete decks:
  - Open sections: Ignore torsional stiffness
  - Prestressed box sections: 50% stiffness
  - Reinforced concrete box sections: 30% stiffness

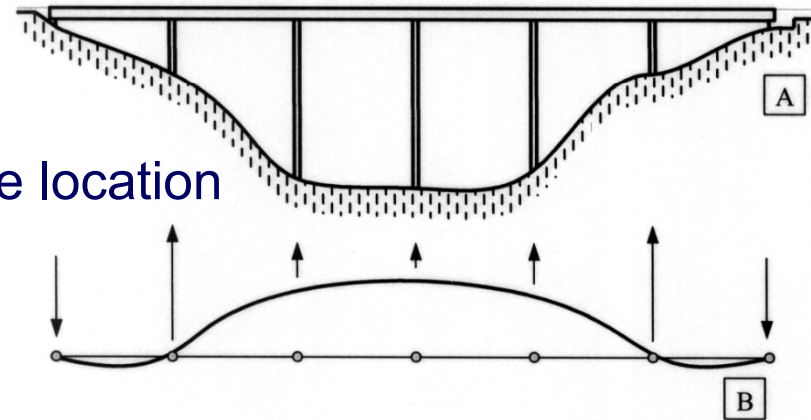
## Regularity

- Local force reduction factor (for member i):

$$r_i = q M_{Ed,i} / M_{Rd,i}$$

$M_{Ed,i}$  - Maximum value of design moment at the intended plastic hinge location from the analysis

$M_{Rd,i}$  - Design flexural resistance with actual reinforcement



- A bridge is considered **regular** if:

$$\rho = r_{\max} / r_{\min} \leq \rho_0 \quad (\text{recommended value } \rho_0 = 2,0)$$

- For **irregular bridges** the **q factor is reduced**:

$$q_r = q \rho_0 / \rho \geq 1,0$$

Regularity of the bridge conditions the admissible methods of analysis

## Methods of Analysis

- **Linear dynamic analysis – Response spectrum method**

*Significant modes: Sum of effective mass > 0,9 total mass*

*Combination of **modes**:*

*Square root of the sum of squares (SRSS) or*

*Complete Quadratic Combination (CQC) for closely spaced modes*

*Combination of **components** of seismic action:*

*Square root of the sum of squares (SRSS) of each component*

- **Fundamental mode method** (static forces)

*Field of application limited to **very simple situations** (Rigid deck model; Flexible deck model and Individual pier model)*

- **Nonlinear dynamic time history analysis**

- **Static nonlinear analysis (pushover analysis)**

## Maximum values of the behaviour factor $q$

Valid for  
normalized axial  
load:  $\eta_k \leq 0,3$

Type of Ductile Members	Seismic Behaviour	
	Limited Ductile	Ductile
Reinforced concrete piers:		
Vertical piers in bending	1,5	3,5 $\lambda(\alpha_s)$
Inclined struts in bending	1,2	2,1 $\lambda(\alpha_s)$
Steel Piers:		
Vertical piers in bending	1,5	3,5
Inclined struts in bending	1,2	2,0
Piers with normal bracing	1,5	2,5
Piers with eccentric bracing	-	3,5
Abutments rigidly connected to the deck:		
In general	1,5	1,5
Locked-in structures (see. <b>4.1.6(9), (10)</b> )	1,0	1,0
Arches	1,2	2,0

\*  $\alpha_s = L_s/h$  is the shear span ratio of the pier, where  $L_s$  is the distance from the plastic hinge to the point of zero moment and  $h$  is the depth of the cross-section in the direction of flexure of the plastic hinge.

For  $\alpha_s \geq 3$        $\lambda(\alpha_s) = 1,0$

$3 > \alpha_s \geq 1,0$        $\lambda(\alpha_s) = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_s}{3}}$

## Correction of values of the behaviour factor $q$

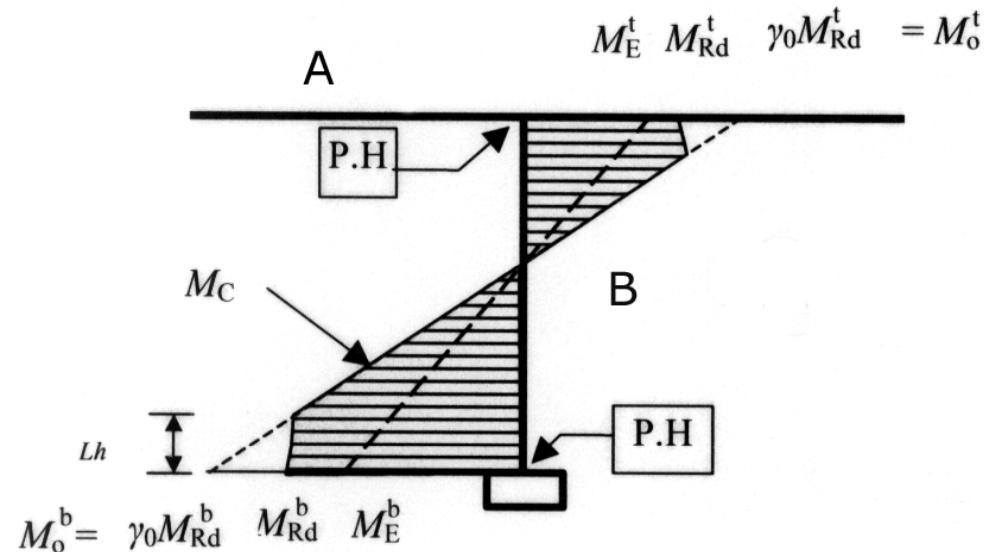
- Reduction for **normalised axial load**  $\eta_k$  for  $0,3 < \eta_k \leq 0,6$ :

$$q_r = q - ((\eta_k - 0,3) / 0,3) \times (q - 1) \geq 1,0$$

- If locations of plastic hinges are **not accessible** for inspection and repair:

$$q_r = 0,6 \times q \geq 1,0$$

## Capacity Design



$M_E$  - Moment (from the analysis) at the plastic hinge location

$M_{Rd}$  - Design flexural resistance with actual reinforcement

$M_0 = \gamma_0 M_{Rd}$  - **Overstrength moment** (for the calculation of shear)

*Recommended values:*

*For concrete members*       $\gamma_0 = 1,35$

*For steel members*           $\gamma_0 = 1,25$



## Detailing

- **Confinement of concrete piers**
- **Avoidance of buckling of longitudinal reinforcement**
- **Foundations**
- **Bearings and seismic links**
- **Abutments and retaining walls**

## Seismic Displacements

*Seismic displacement:*  $d_E = \pm \eta \mu_d d_{Ee}$

$d_{Ee}$  displacement computed with the design spectrum (including the  $q$  factor)

$\eta$  damping correction factor

$\mu_d$  displacement ductility factor

$$T \geq T_o = 1,25T_C \quad \mu_d = q$$

$$T < T_o \quad \mu_d = (q - 1) (T_o/T) + 1 \leq 5q - 4$$

## Clearances

Structural and non-structural detailing should **accommodate the displacements** in the seismic design situation

***Seismic situation displacement:***  $d_{Ed} = d_E + d_G + \psi_2 d_T$

$d_E$  Seismic displacement

$d_G$  Long term displacement (prestress, creep, shrinkage)

$d_T$  Thermal displacement

$\psi_2$  Quasi permanent combination factor

**Thank you for your attention**