

Structural Performance of the Hotel Grand Chancellor

Peer Review for the Commission

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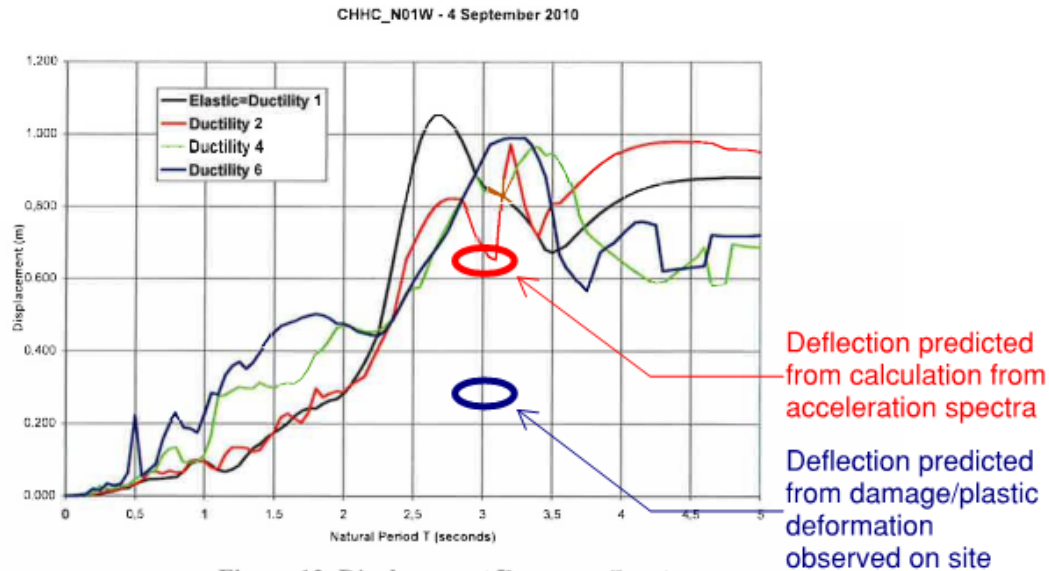
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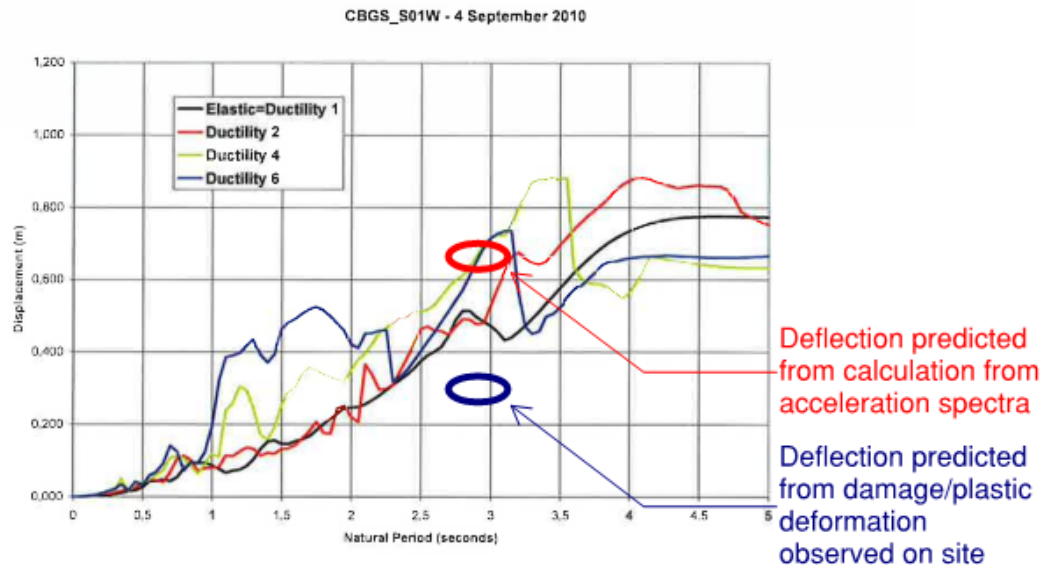
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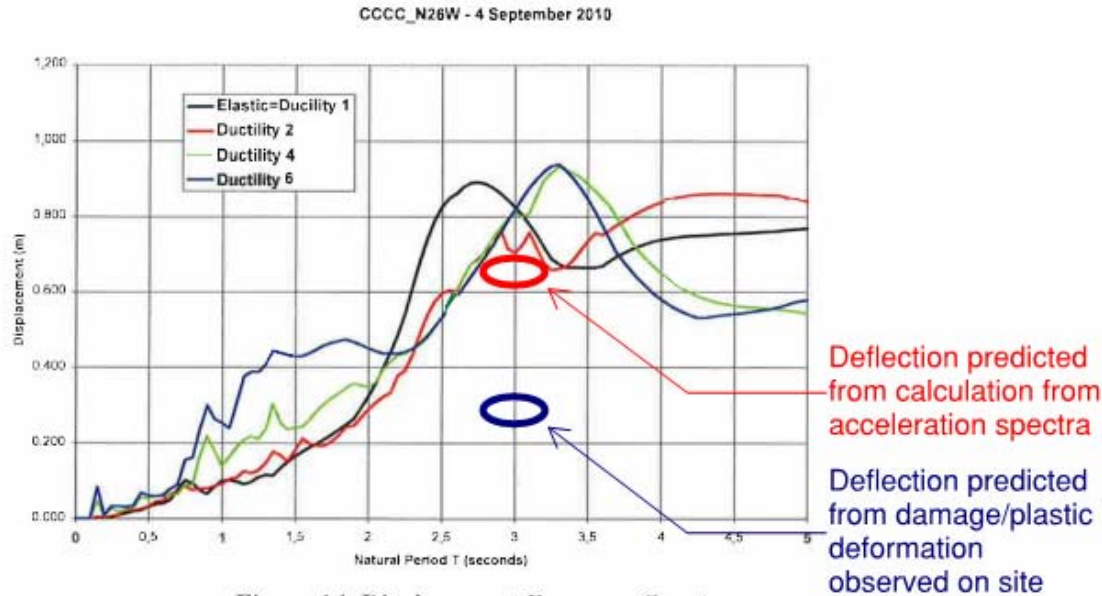
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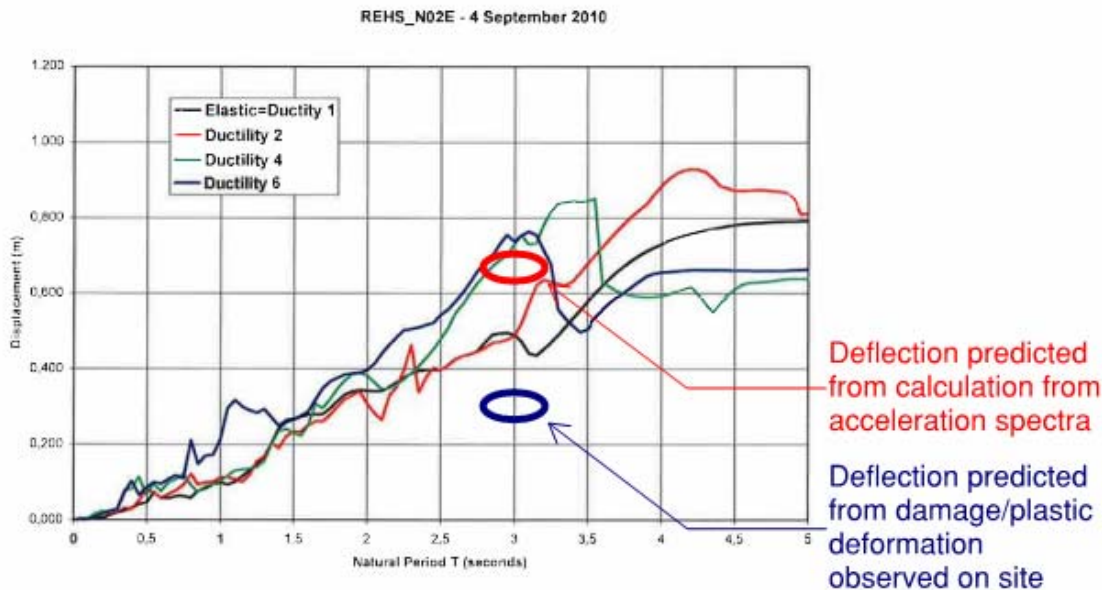
**Figure 12. Displacement Response Spectra
Christchurch Hospital, 4 September 2010- North 01° West Component**



**Figure 13. Displacement Response Spectra
Christchurch Botanic Gardens. 4 September 2010- South 01° West Component**



**Figure 14. Displacement Response Spectra
Christchurch Cathedral College. 4 September 2010- North 26° West Component**



**Figure 15. Displacement Response Spectra
Resthaven. 4 September 2010- North 02° East Component**

Possible Explanations

- Direction of strongest motion in Sept was NS which minimizes interaction with global moment from cantilevers on east face (potential ratcheting). In Feb, strongest was EW.
- Damage in September in frame superstructure was greater than reported.
- Inelastic spectra at base of upper moment frame was filtered by walled base structure in some way that response was minimized. Brittle Wall D5-6 did not go past its failure point (but did in February)

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