## Nonlinearity in Soil Response: Nonlinear Volumetric Mechanism

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### Soil non-linearity: Isotropic (equivalent) linear materials



$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = -p\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{q}$$
$$p = -K\mathbf{I} : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$
$$\mathbf{q} = 2G\left(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{I} : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\right)$$

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Seed and Idriss (1970)

## Soil non-linearity Granular materials



## Virtual shear mechanism



$$\mathbf{\sigma'} = -p\mathbf{I} + \frac{1}{4\pi} \iint q \langle \mathbf{t} \otimes \mathbf{n} \rangle \mathrm{d}\omega \mathrm{d}\Omega$$

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathbf{I} : \mathbf{\mathcal{E}}, \quad \gamma = \langle \mathbf{t} \otimes \mathbf{n} \rangle : \mathbf{\mathcal{E}}, \quad \mathcal{E}' = \mathcal{E} - \mathcal{E}_{d}$$

$$dp = -K_{L/U}d\varepsilon'$$
$$dq = G_{L/U}d\gamma$$

Coupling through dilatancy Anisotropy (Beyond equivalent linear analysis) Iai (1993)

# $d\sigma' = C : d\epsilon'$

$$\mathbf{C} = K_{\mathrm{L/U}} \mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{I} + \frac{1}{4\pi} \iint G_{\mathrm{L/U}} \langle \mathbf{t} \otimes \mathbf{n} \rangle \otimes \langle \mathbf{t} \otimes \mathbf{n} \rangle \mathrm{d}\omega \mathrm{d}\Omega$$

$$d\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}' = d\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} - \frac{1}{3} d\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{d} \mathbf{I}$$

## Nonlinear Volumetric Mechanism

$$p = \begin{cases} p_{a} \left( -\left(1 - n_{K}\right) \frac{\varepsilon'}{\varepsilon_{ma}} \right)^{\frac{1}{1 - n_{K}}} \\ 0 \end{cases}$$

 $K_{\text{L/U}} = K_{\text{a}} \left(\frac{p}{p_{\text{a}}}\right)^{n_{\text{K}}}$  for  $p \ge 0$  (compression)

$$\varepsilon_{\rm ma} = \frac{p_{\rm a}}{K_{\rm a}}$$

for  $\varepsilon' < 0$  (compression)

#### for $\varepsilon' \ge 0$ (extension)



#### Model Behavior under Cyclic Vertical Streching and Compression





## Model Behavior under cyclic Vertical Input Acceleration (0.5g)



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### Nonlinear Volumetric Mechanism: Evidence from the Field









#### Mechanism of Spikes in Site Response









## Nonlinearity



## Conclusions

Gravity→confining stress in the soil
Strong vertical motion (large volumetric strain)→nonlinear volumetric response
A peak acceleration of 4.0g (2008 Iwate-Miyagi Inland, Japan, earthquake)
Nonlinearity of hard spring type→spikes in acceleration