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 Hybrid Simulation 101 Short Course  
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## Hybrid Simulation 101: Short course on the Theory, Implementation, and Application of Real-time Hybrid Simulation

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## Hybrid Simulation Short Course Syllabus






**Short course Objectives**

This short course provides a comprehensive overview of the various aspects of hybrid simulation. The participants are given the assignment to apply the method to assess the seismic performance and resiliency of a structural system. The objectives of the course are:

- 1) Gain foundational knowledge about hybrid simulation and its applications.
- 2) Acquire hands-on experience by participating in an exercise involving real-time hybrid simulation.
- 3) Create an awareness and appreciation of the power of using real-time hybrid simulation to assess the performance of complex systems subjected to extreme natural hazards.

**Course Contents**

- 1) Session 1: Overview and Motivation for Using Hybrid Simulation
- 2) Session 2: Hybrid Simulation Background and Theory
- 3) Session 3: Implementation and Execution to Perform a Real-time Hybrid Simulation (RTHS)
- 4) Session 4: Hands-on RTHS Group Assignment
- 5) Session 5: Short course - Perform RTHS
- 6) Session 6: Group Presentations of RTHS Outcomes and Conclusions






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# Hybrid Simulation Short Course Syllabus

## Workshop References

- 1) Course Notes (QR code to be posted)
- 2) List RTHS References (QR code to be posted)

## Prerequisites

The workshop is a short course on the theory and implementation of hybrid simulation, and its application to structural systems subjected to extreme natural hazards. The emphasis will be on real-time hybrid simulation (RTHS). Hybrid simulation involves the need to integrate theories from across several different disciplines. These include structural analysis, structural dynamics, structural mechanics, control engineering, numerical methods, linear algebra, computer science, artificial intelligence, and machine learning. While participants are likely not to have a familiarity with all of these theories, they can enhance their understanding of hybrid simulation by studying the course notes and reading the references.

## Assignments

Participants will be divided into groups. Each group will be using RTHS to assess the seismic performance of a structural steel building system. A presentation will be made by each group, where they present their simulation outcomes, an assessment, and conclusions.

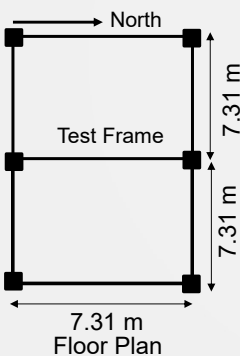


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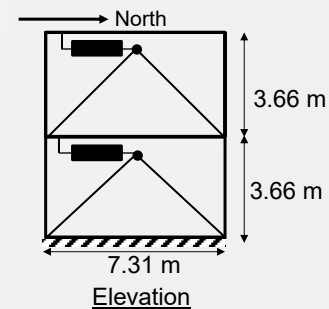
# Short Course Assignment

Evaluate the seismic performance of the Lateral Force Resisting System (LFRS) for the structure shown below

- What is the efficacy of the dampers?
- What are the effects of the soil-foundation-structure interaction?
- What is the performance under two prescribed hazard levels –
  - Design Basis Earthquake (DBE – 474-year return period)
  - Maximum Considered Earthquake (MCE – 2474-year return period)



- W12X45 beams
- W14X43 columns

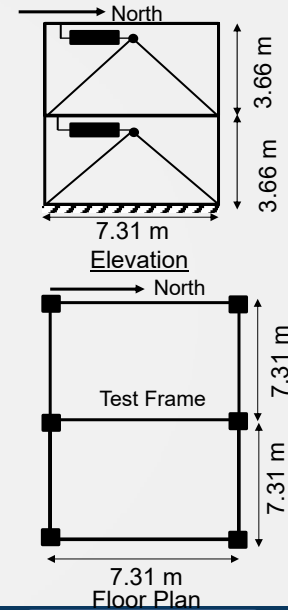


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## Short Course Assignment

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- W12X45 beams and W14X43 columns
- 3D force-based fiber beam column elements
  - BelPlastic Material as uniaxial material in the fibers
  - 5-point Lobatto integration scheme
- P-Delta effects accounted for by using lean on P-Delta columns
- Gravity loading
  - 413.34 kN on the first floor
  - 411.28 kN on the second floor
- Building located in Pomona California on a stiff soil (Type D)
- Two levels of hazard considered
  - DBE (474 years return period)
  - MCE (2474 years return period)
- Friction dampers in the first and second story



## Short Course Assignment

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- A HyCoM-3D input file and manual are provided on Workstations in Life Cycle Computational Lab
- The file needs to be completed by each individual group
  - Compare the natural periods obtained from the eigenvalue analysis
- A total of 6 cases need to be run
  - Without dampers (Will be done in Life Cycle Computational Lab)
    - DBE and MCE
  - With dampers on a fixed foundation (RTHS – Will be done in the control room)
    - DBE and MCE
  - With dampers considering SFSI (RTHS – Will be done in the control room)
    - DBE and MCE
- Each group will be assigned a workstation and will have to complete the HyCoM-3D input file and run the cases without dampers for the two specified hazard levels
  - Compare the results obtained from your analysis to the provided results



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## Session 1: Overview and Motivation for Using Hybrid Simulation



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## Resilient Structural Systems

- Resilient systems often created using response modification devices
- Performance-based design procedures require experimental validation, considering effects of:
  - Large-scale
  - Load-rate dependency
  - Realistic loading
  - Multi-directional system response
  - Interaction effects among components of the system

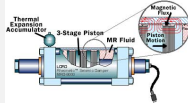
Assessment of large-scale systems subjected to multi-directional, multi-hazard demand in real-time



Elastomeric dampers (Kontopanos 2006)



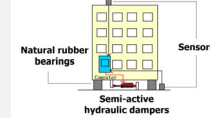
Nonlinear Viscous Fluid dampers (Kolay 2016)



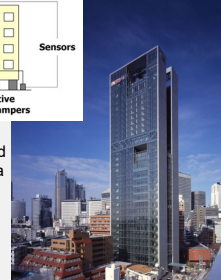
Magneto-Rheological damper (G. Yang, 2001)



Lead-rubber bearings (CivilDigital, 2016)



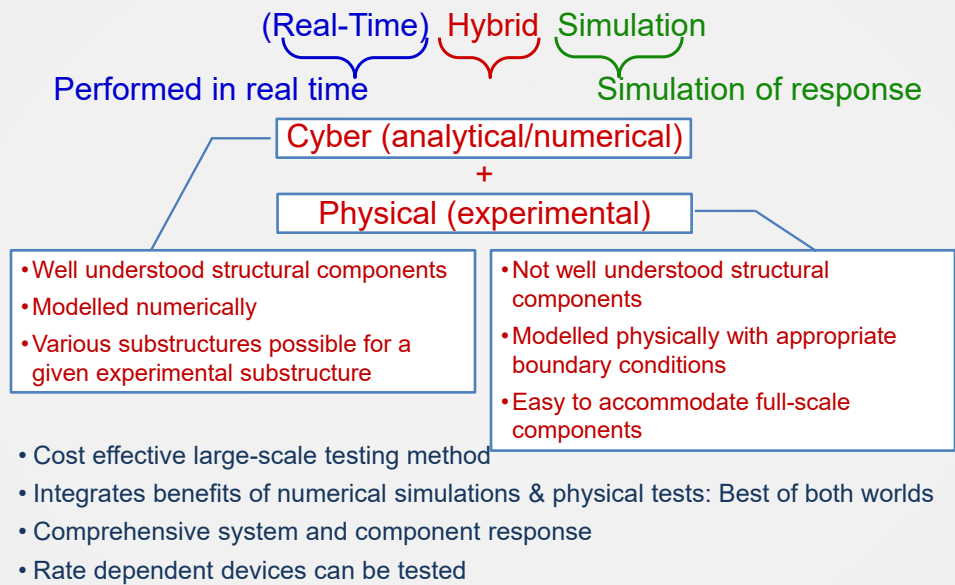
Rubber bearings w/ semi-active controlled dampers (Nagashima 2012)



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# What is (RT)HS? Why is it important?

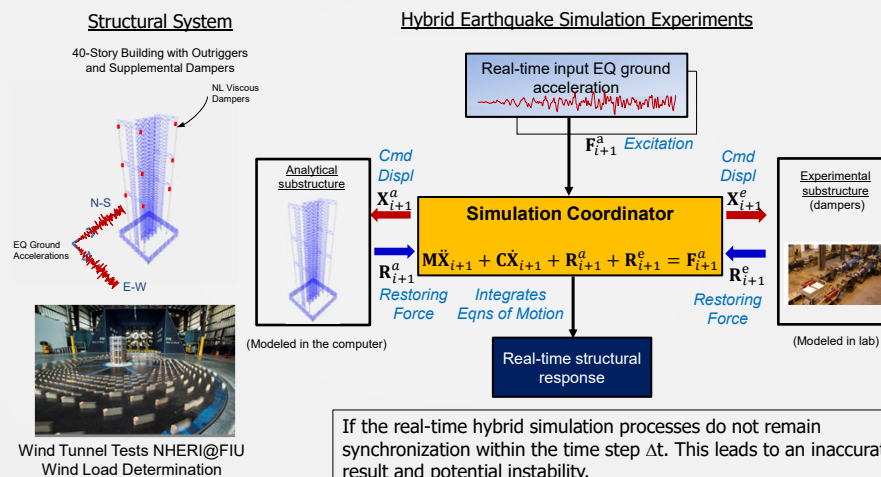
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## Real-time Hybrid Simulation (RTHS) Concept: Structural System Subject to Multi-Natural Hazards

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## Selected RTHS Examples

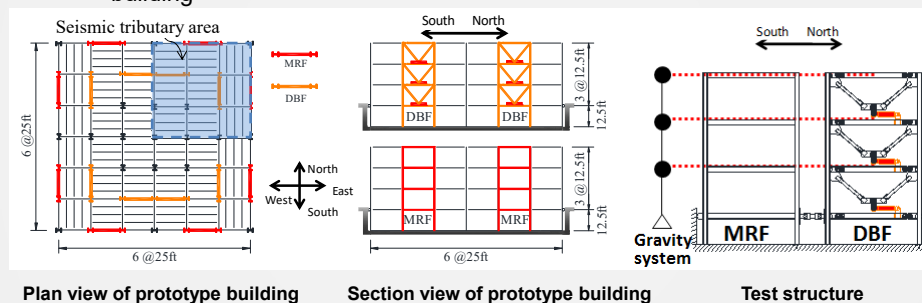


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### Steel Structure with Nonlinear Viscous Dampers Studied using Large-scale RTHS

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- **Prototype building**
  - 3-story, 6-bay by 6-bay office building located in Southern California
  - Moment resisting frame (MRF) with RBS beam-to-column connections, damped brace frame (DBF), gravity load system, inherent damping of building



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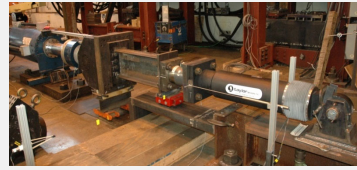


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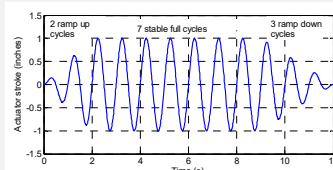
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# Nonlinear Viscous Dampers

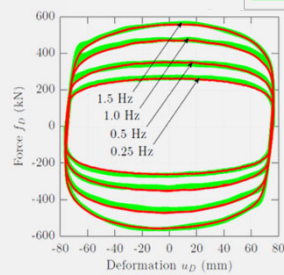
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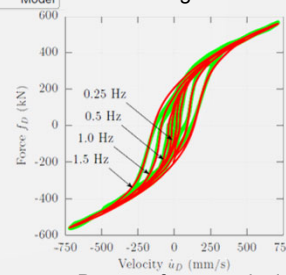
Damper testbed



Loading Protocol



Damper force - deformation



Damper force - velocity

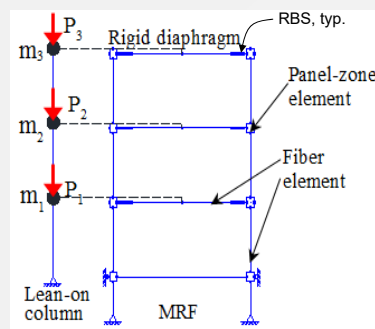


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# Large-scale RTHS on Structure with Nonlinear Viscous Dampers: Substructures

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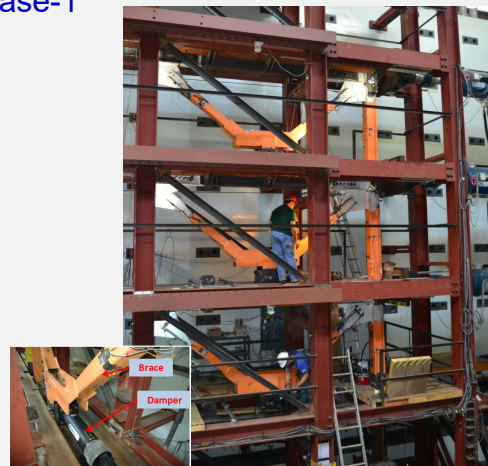
## Substructures for RTHS Phase-1



**Analytical substructure**  
(MRF, mass, gravity system,  
inherent damping)

### Real-time state determination

- Analytical substructure has 296 DOFs and 91 elements;
- Nonlinear fiber elements for beams, columns, and RBS;
- Nonlinear panel zone elements for panel zone of beam-column connection;
- Elastic beam-column element for the lean-on column;
- P-delta effects included in the analytical substructure.
- $\Delta t = 3/1024$  sec.



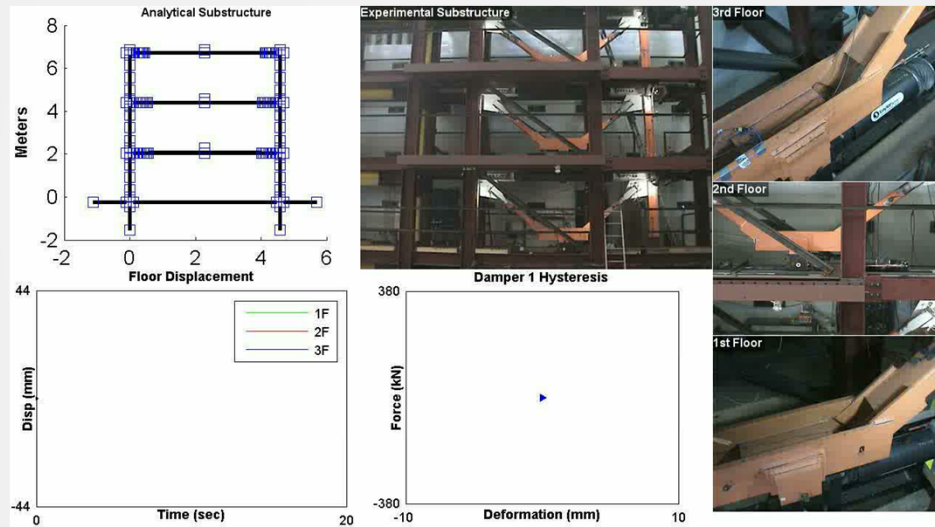
**Experimental substructure**  
(0.6-scale DBF)

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## Phase 1 Large-Scale Real-Time Hybrid Simulation

(MRF, Floor Diaphragm, Gravity System, Mass, Inherent Mass in Analytical Substructure)

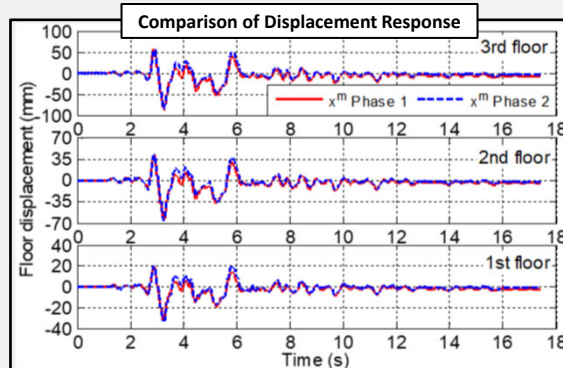


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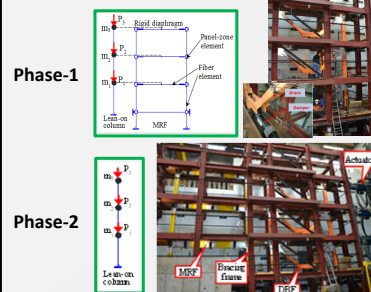
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## Phase 2 Real-Time Hybrid Simulations on MRF Building Structure with Nonlinear Viscous Dampers (MCE)

Comparison of Phase-1 and Phase-2 RTHS Results (Validate Phase-1 Analytical Substructure)



Maximum peak displacement difference:  
2.1, 1.7, 1.8 mm (6.8%, 2.7%, 2.1%)



1994 Northridge Earthquake record RRS318  
component scaled to MCE (~2500yr)

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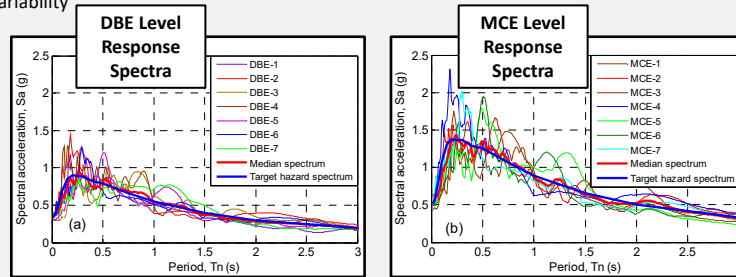
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## Phase-1 Real-Time Hybrid Simulations on MRF Building Structure with Nonlinear Viscous Dampers

### Phase-1 Real Time Hybrid Simulations (RTHS)

- Experimental substructure (DBF with dampers) is undamaged by DBE and MCE input; damage is confined to MRF within analytical substructure; enable use of new, undamaged MRF for each simulation
- Therefore, an ensemble of ground motion records could be used in Phase-1 RTHS to account for record-to-record variability



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## Response of RTHS Phase-1

- Response structure to Design Basis Earthquake (DBE) and Maximum Considered Earthquake (MCE) level RTHS
- Structure designed for 100% (D100V), 75% (D75), and 60% of the Design Base Shear.

### Peak story drift ratios

Structure	DBE			MCE		
	Mean (% rad)			Mean (% rad)		
	1 <sup>st</sup> story	2 <sup>nd</sup> story	3 <sup>rd</sup> story	1 <sup>st</sup> story	2 <sup>nd</sup> story	3 <sup>rd</sup> story
D100V	0.69	0.76	0.53	1.20	1.38	1.00
D75V	0.85	0.98	0.74	1.53	1.86	1.52
D60V	1.00	1.17	0.95	1.88	2.21	1.88



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## Response of RTHS Phase-1

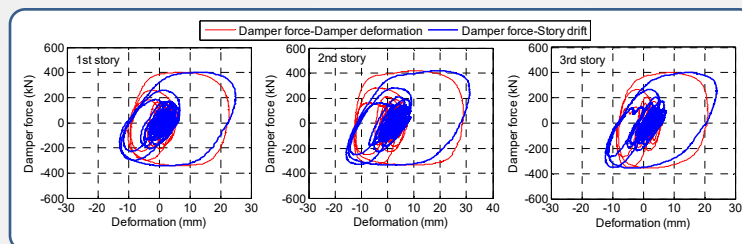
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### Residual story drift ratios

Structure	DBE			MCE		
	Mean (% rad)			Mean (% rad)		
	1 <sup>st</sup> story	2 <sup>nd</sup> story	3 <sup>rd</sup> story	1 <sup>st</sup> story	2 <sup>nd</sup> story	3 <sup>rd</sup> story
D100V	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.06	0.06	0.06
D75V	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.13	0.17	0.15
D60V	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.20	0.20	0.20

## Phase-1 RTHS Results Evaluation

- Damper-brace interaction



D75V structure,  
DBE level RTHS,  
PTS315 record

- Story drifts are larger than damper deformations, which indicates elastic flexibility exists within the damper force path;
- Damper forces are larger at the times of peak story drift, which indicates the partially in-phase behavior of damper force with story drift.

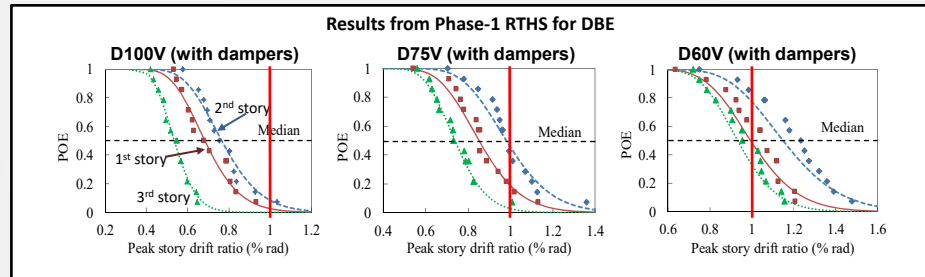
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## Phase-1 Real-Time Hybrid Simulations of MRF Building Structure with Nonlinear Viscous Dampers

**Seismic Fragility Curve:** Probabilistic Assessment of a Structure's Performance in terms of a Engineering Demand Parameter (e.g., Peak Story Drift)

Experimental substructure (DBF with dampers) is undamaged; enables use of undamaged MRF in analytical substructure for each simulation; an ensemble of ground motion records was used to account for record-to-record variability



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## Damped Systems Summary

Damped systems... reducing lateral drift without increasing accelerations

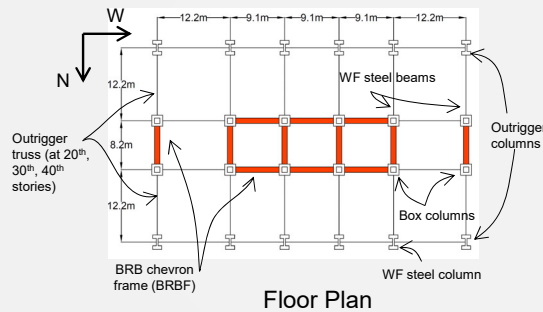
- ❑ Steel building structures (e.g., MRFs) with dampers can have significantly enhanced performance relative to conventional steel MRFs
- ❑ Elastic flexibility in the damper force path causes the viscous damper forces to be partially in phase with the story drift resulting in combined column response with large axial force at the time of peak bending moment. These combined column demands should be considered in the design of frames with nonlinear viscous dampers
- ❑ D75 and D60V MRFs with dampers (75% and 60% Design Base Shear):
  - Demonstrated that reduced-strength MRFs with dampers perform well compared to conventional MRFs
  - Performance is between "Immediate Occupancy" and "Life Safety" for DBE and MCE
  - Significantly better performance than conventional steel MRF



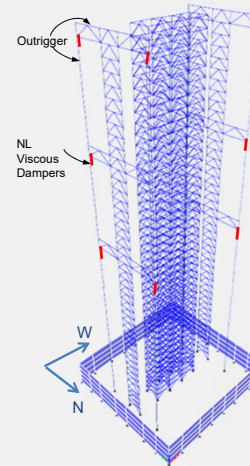
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## Tall Building Subject to Multi-natural Hazards © Ricles and Malik, 2025

- 40-story (+4 basement) BRBF building in Los Angeles designed by SGH<sup>(1)</sup> for PEER Tall Building Initiative case studies – BRBFs with Outriggers
- Objectives of study
  - Improve performance using nonlinear fluid viscous dampers with outriggers
  - Assess performance of structure under multi-hazards using RTHS.



<sup>(1)</sup> Moehle et al., PEER 2011/05



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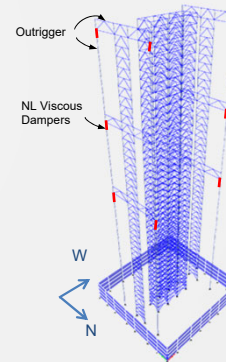
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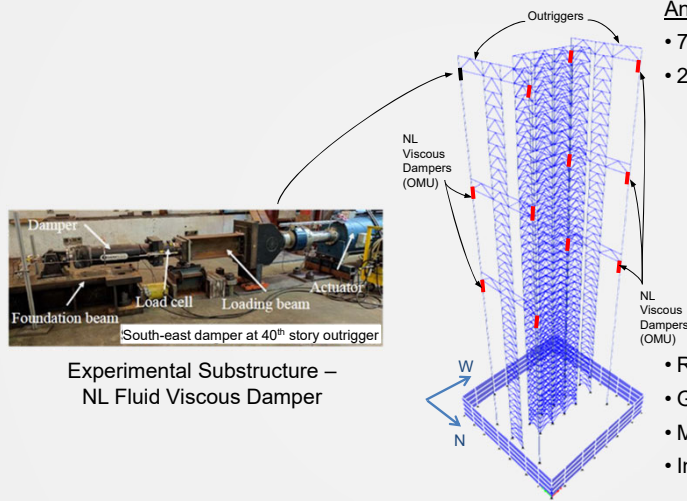
- Bidirectional EQ ground motions
  - 1989 Loma Prieta EQ – Saratoga Aloha Ave Station scaled to MCE (2500 year return period) hazard level
- Bidirectional wind loading
  - Wind speed of 110 mph, 700 MRI
  - Exposure B



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# RTHS Substructures

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Experimental Substructure –  
NL Fluid Viscous Damper

Analytical Substructure

## Analytical Sub. Key features:

- 7902 DOF
- 2974 Elements
  - 2411 Nonlinear Explicit Force-based fiber elements
  - 11 Nonlinear Explicit Maxwell Elements<sup>(1)</sup> with real-time on-line model updating (dampers placed in each outrigger at 20<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, & 40<sup>th</sup> floors)
  - 552 Nonlinear truss elements to model Buckling Restrained Braces (BRBs)
- Reduced Order Modeling
- Geometric nonlinearities
- Mass
- Inherent damping of building

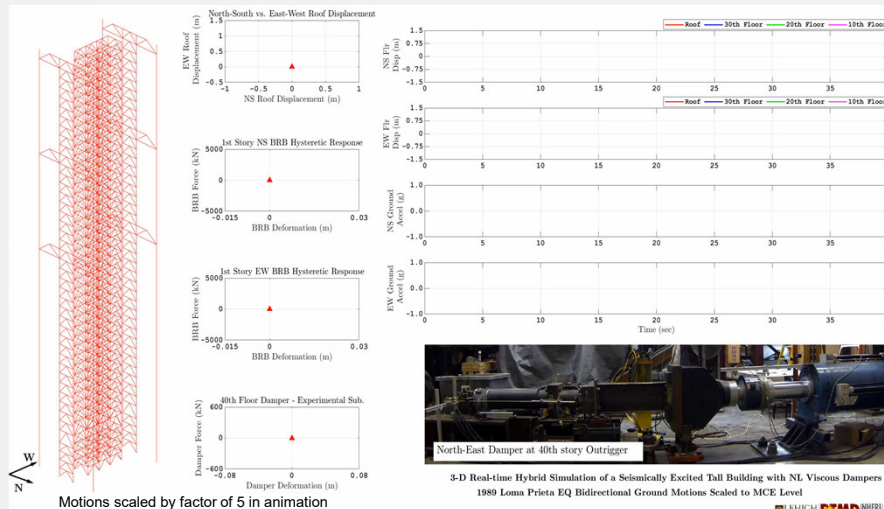
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## 3-D Real-time Hybrid Simulation 1989 Loma Prieta EQ Bidirectional Ground Motions Scaled to MCE

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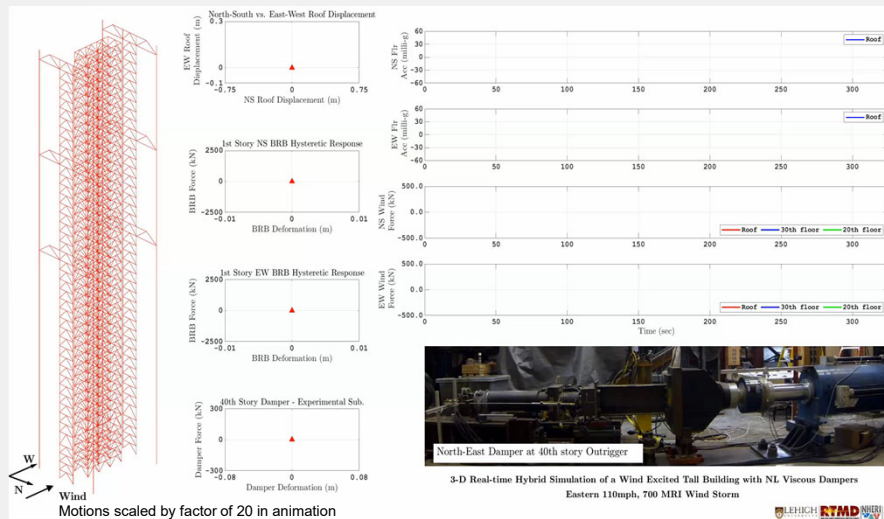


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### 3-D Real-time Hybrid Simulation 110 mph, 700 MRI Wind Storm (EW Windward Direction)

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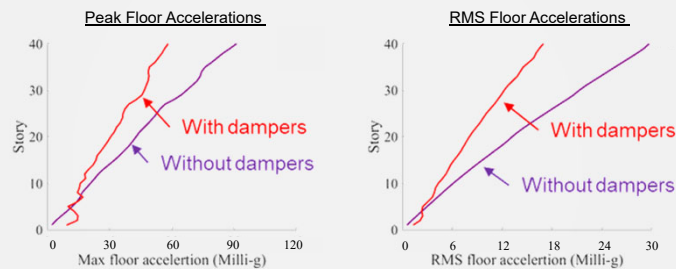


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### 3-D RTHS Results: Roof Lateral Accelerations Wind from East @ 110 mph, 700 Year MRI

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Floor Accelerations - NS direction



- Peak Acceleration: 35% reduction in NS, 10% reduction in EW
- RMS Acceleration: 49% reduction in NS, 2% reduction in EW

Note: Outrigger frames are in NS direction

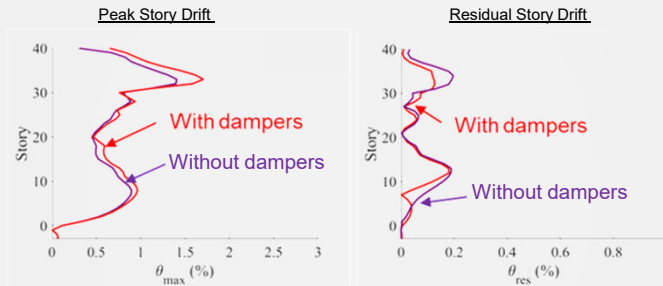


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## 3-D RTHS Results: Story Drift 1989 Loma Prieta EQ Scaled to MCE

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Story Drift- NS direction



- Peak Story Drift: 20% increase in NS, Minimal change in EW
- Residual Story Drift: 48% reduction in NS, Minimal reduction in EW
- BRB ductility demand: Minimal reduction in EW, 30% reduction in NS

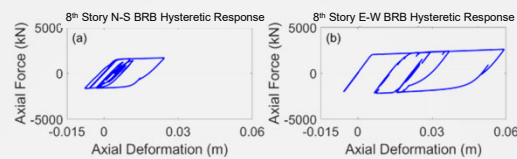
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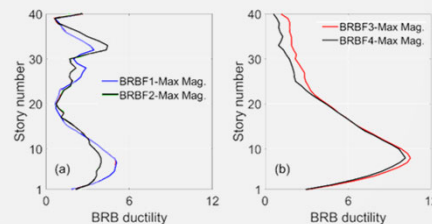
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## 3-D RTHS Results: Story Drift 1989 Loma Prieta EQ Scaled to MCE

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BRB force-deformation response under earthquake RTHS in (a) N-S and (b) E-W directions in BRBFs 1 and 3



Peak magnitude of BRB ductility over the height of the building in the (a) N-S and (b) E-W directions of selected BRBFs 1, 2, 3, and 4

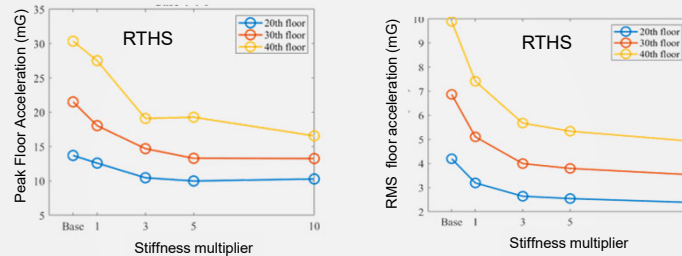
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## Member Stiffness in Damper Force Load Path – 700 Year MRI Wind



- Outrigger truss members' and columns' axial stiffness increased using stiffness multiplier in analytical substructure
- A larger member's stiffness results in an increase in the deformations being concentrated in the dampers
- Inefficient to increase stiffness multiplier beyond value of 3.0

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## Session 2: Hybrid Simulation Background and Theory



## RTHS: Implementation issues and challenges

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### Simulation coordinator

- ☐ Numerical integration algorithm
  - Accurate
  - Explicit
  - Unconditionally stable Preferred
  - Dissipative
- ☐ Fast communication

### Analytical substructure

- ☐ Fast and accurate state determination procedure for complex structures

### Experimental substructure

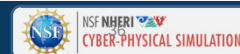
- ☐ Large capacity hydraulic system and dynamic actuators required
- ☐ Actuator kinematic compensation
- ☐ Robust control of dynamic actuators for large-scale structures



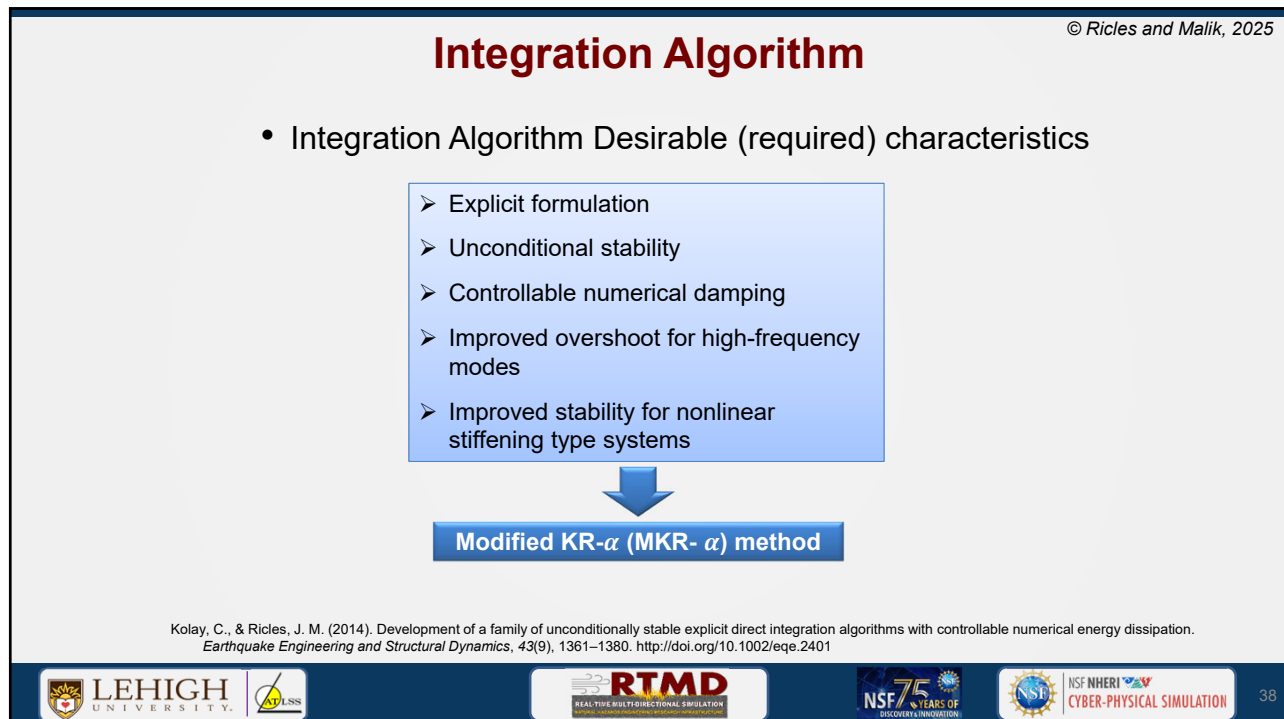
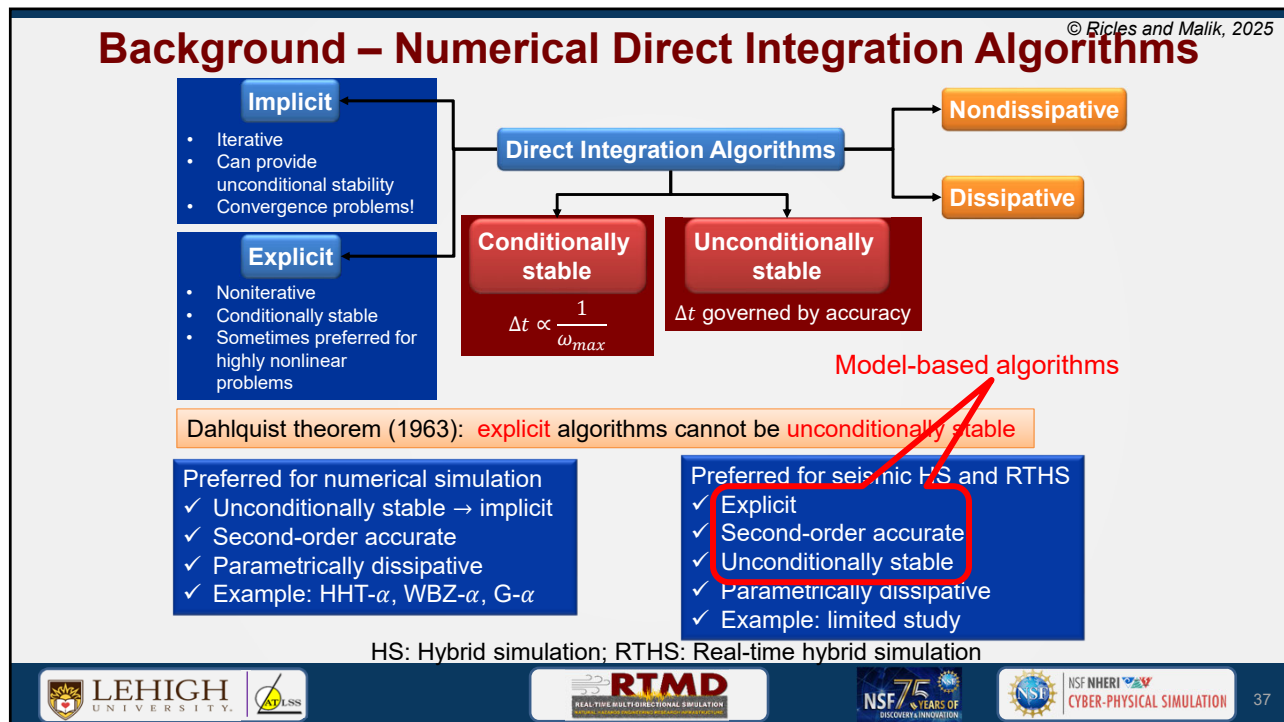
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## Direct Integration Algorithms

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# RTHS: Essentials of Discrete Control Theory [Ogata 1995]

- Temporally discretized form of equations of motion

$$m \cdot \ddot{x}_{i+1} + 2m\xi\omega_n \cdot \dot{x}_{i+1} + m\omega_n^2 \cdot x_{i+1} = F_{i+1}$$

- Z-transform for a discrete system

$$Z\{F(k)\} = F(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} F(k) \cdot z^{-k}$$

- The real translation theorem

$$Z\{F(k-1)\} = z^{-1} \cdot F(z)$$

- Discrete transfer function  $G(z)$

$$G(z) = \frac{X(z)}{F(z)} = \frac{n_r z^r + \dots + n_1 z + n_0}{d_q z^q + \dots + d_1 z + d_0}$$

X(z) = input  
F(z) = output

E.g., for Equations of motion  $G(z) = \frac{x(z)}{F(z)} = \frac{\Delta t^2 \cdot z^2 + 2 \cdot \Delta t^2 \cdot z + \Delta t^2}{\left[ (4 + \omega_n^2 \Delta t^2 + 4\xi\omega_n \Delta t)z^2 + (-8 + 2\omega_n^2 \Delta t^2)z + (4 - 4\xi\omega_n \Delta t + \omega_n^2 \Delta t^2) \right] m}$

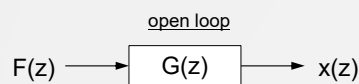
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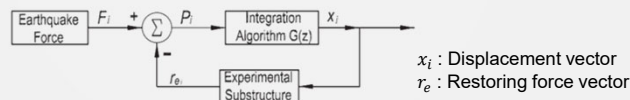
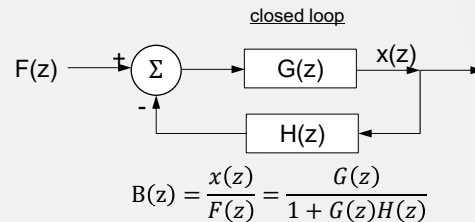
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# RTHS: Essentials of Discrete Control Theory

- Block diagrams



$$G(z) = \frac{x(z)}{F(z)}$$



Block diagram representation of real-time hybrid simulation



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## RTHS: Essentials of Discrete Control Theory

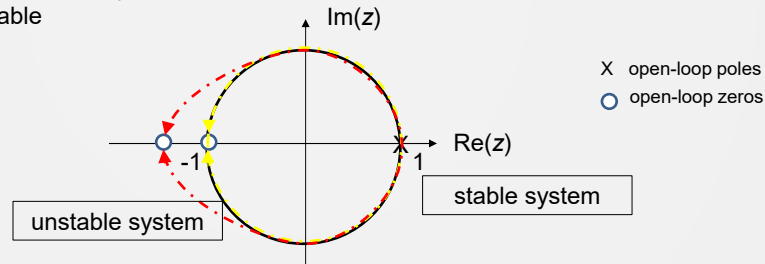
- Root locus: closed-loop system

$$B(z) = \frac{x(z)}{F(z)} = \frac{G(z)}{1 + G(z)H(z)}$$

- Roots of numerator of  $G(z)$  are *open zeros*
- Roots of denominator of  $G(z)$  are *open poles*
- Roots of numerator of  $B(z)$  are *closed-loop zeros*
- Roots of denominator of  $B(z)$  are *closed-loop poles*

Unit Circle in complex plane:

- Closed-loop poles migrate from open-loop poles to open-loop zeros
- If closed-loop poles stay on, or within the unit circle then closed-loop system is stable



## Analysis of an Integration Algorithm

- Discrete transfer function of an integration algorithm in z-domain

$$G(z) = \frac{X(z)}{F(z)} = \frac{n_3 z^3 + n_2 z^2 + n_1 z + n_0}{d_3 z^3 + d_2 z^2 + d_1 z + d_0}$$

$X(z)$  : output  
 $F(z)$  : input

Roots of numerator polynomial = **zeros**

$n_0 \dots n_3$ : numerator coefficients  
 $d_0 \dots d_3$ : denominator coefficients  
 $X(z)$ : z-transform of  $x_{n+1}$   
 $F(z)$ : z-transform of  $f_{n+1}$

Roots of denominator polynomial = **poles**

- $G(z)$  is a function of  $m$ ,  $\Omega = \omega\Delta t$ ,  $\xi$ , and algorithmic parameters
- Poles govern numerical **dispersion** (period error) and **dissipation** (equivalent damping ratio), and **stability** characteristics
- Want algorithm to be second-order and not too dissipative for important low-frequency modes

## Implicit G- $\alpha$ Method (Chung & Hulbert, 1993)

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- Weighted equation of motion; concept introduced by Hilber et al., 1977

$$m[(1 - \alpha_m)\ddot{x}_{n+1} + \alpha_m\ddot{x}_n] + c[(1 - \alpha_f)\dot{x}_{n+1} + \alpha_f\dot{x}_n] + k[(1 - \alpha_f)x_{n+1} + \alpha_fx_n] = (1 - \alpha_f)f_{n+1} + \alpha_ff_n$$

- At  $t_n = 0$   $m\dot{x}_0 + c\dot{x}_0 + kx_0 = f_0$
- Adopts displacement and velocity difference equations of Newmark method
- $\alpha_m, \alpha_f, \gamma$ , &  $\beta$  are related to  $\rho_\infty \in [1,0]$  to achieve unconditional stability, second-order accuracy, and an optimal dissipation characteristic



## Proposed Explicit KR- $\alpha$ & MKR- $\alpha$ Method: SDOF Systems

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- Difference equations

$$\text{Displacement (explicit): } x_{n+1} = x_n + \Delta t\dot{x}_n + \Delta t^2\alpha_2\ddot{x}_n$$

$$\text{Velocity (explicit): } \dot{x}_{n+1} = \dot{x}_n + \Delta t\alpha_1\ddot{x}_n$$

- How to develop an explicit (E) method which will inherit 3 poles of G- $\alpha$  method?
- Need 3 model-based parameters ( $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$ , and  $\alpha_3$ )
- Modify weighted equation of motion of G- $\alpha$  method by introducing  $\alpha_3$

$$m[(1 - \alpha_3)\ddot{x}_{n+1} + \alpha_3\ddot{x}_n] + c[(1 - \alpha_f)\dot{x}_{n+1} + \alpha_f\dot{x}_n] + k[(1 - \alpha_f)x_{n+1} + \alpha_fx_n] = (1 - \alpha_f)f_{n+1} + \alpha_ff_n$$



## Proposed Explicit- $\alpha$ method: SDOF systems

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- Determine  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$ , and  $\alpha_3$  so that E- $\alpha$  method inherits 3 poles of G- $\alpha$  method

$$G(z) = \frac{X(z)}{F(z)} = \frac{n_3 z^3 + n_2 z^2 + n_1 z + n_0}{d_3 z^3 + d_2 z^2 + d_1 z + d_0}$$

Characteristic equations:

G- $\alpha$  method:  $d_3^\alpha z^3 + d_2^\alpha z^2 + d_1^\alpha z + d_0^\alpha = 0$

E- $\alpha$  method:  $d_3^{\text{New}} z^3 + d_2^{\text{New}} z^2 + d_1^{\text{New}} z + d_0^{\text{New}} = 0$

Make identical

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{(1+2\gamma\xi\Omega)}{1+2\gamma\xi\Omega+\beta\Omega^2}; \quad \alpha_2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{[1+2(\gamma-2\beta)\xi\Omega]}{[1+2\gamma\xi\Omega+\beta\Omega^2]}; \quad \alpha_3 = \frac{\alpha_m + 2\alpha_m\gamma\xi\Omega + \alpha_f\beta\Omega^2}{1+2\gamma\xi\Omega+\beta\Omega^2}$$

- $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$ , and  $\alpha_3$  are functions of model parameters  $\xi$ ,  $\Omega$ , and integration parameters  $\alpha_m$ ,  $\alpha_f$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\beta$ , as intended



## Proposed Explicit- $\alpha$ method: MDOF systems

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Displacement (explicit):  $\mathbf{X}_{n+1} = \mathbf{X}_n + \Delta t \dot{\mathbf{X}}_n + \Delta t^2 \alpha_2 \ddot{\mathbf{X}}_n$

Velocity (explicit):  $\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{n+1} = \dot{\mathbf{X}}_n + \Delta t \alpha_1 \ddot{\mathbf{X}}_n$

$$\mathbf{M}[(\mathbf{I} - \alpha_3)\ddot{\mathbf{X}}_{n+1} + \alpha_3 \ddot{\mathbf{X}}_n] + \mathbf{C}[(1 - \alpha_f)\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{n+1} + \alpha_f \dot{\mathbf{X}}_n] + \mathbf{K}[(1 - \alpha_f)\mathbf{X}_{n+1} + \alpha_f \mathbf{X}_n] = (1 - \alpha_f)\mathbf{F}_{n+1} + \alpha_f \mathbf{F}_n$$

- Model-based parameters:

$$\alpha_1 = \alpha^{-1} \mathbf{M}$$

$$\alpha_2 = \left( \frac{1}{2} + \gamma \right) \alpha_1$$

$$\alpha_3 = \alpha^{-1} [\alpha_m \mathbf{M} + \alpha_f \gamma \Delta t \mathbf{C} + \alpha_f \beta \Delta t^2 \mathbf{K}]$$

$$\text{where } \alpha = [\mathbf{M} + \gamma \Delta t \mathbf{C} + \beta \Delta t^2 \mathbf{K}]$$

- $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  are related by a scalar



## Model-based Integration Parameters

- $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$ , and  $\alpha_3$  are functions of system matrices  $\mathbf{M}$ ,  $\mathbf{C}$ , and  $\mathbf{K}$
- For RTHS,  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$ , and  $\alpha_3$  need to include experimental substructure matrices
- For RTHS use
  - $\mathbf{M}_{IP} = \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{M}^e$ 
    - $\mathbf{M}$ : analytically defined mass matrix that exclude  $\mathbf{M}^e$
    - $\mathbf{M}^e$ : mass matrix for experimental substructure
  - $\mathbf{C}_{IP} = \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{C}_{eq}^a + \mathbf{C}_{eq}^e$ 
    - $\mathbf{C}$ : analytically defined inherent damping matrix
    - $\mathbf{C}_{eq}^a$  and  $\mathbf{C}_{eq}^e$ : equivalent damping matrices associated with supplemental damping devices, if any, in analytical and experimental substructures, respectively
  - $\mathbf{K}_{IP} = \mathbf{K}_I^a + \mathbf{K}_{eq}^e$ 
    - $\mathbf{K}_I^a$ : initial elastic stiffness matrix of analytical substructure
    - $\mathbf{K}_{eq}^e$ : equivalent initial elastic stiffness matrix of experimental substructure



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## MKR- $\alpha$ Method: Dissipative Characteristics

- One parameter ( $\rho_\infty$ ) family of algorithms
  - $\rho_\infty$  = spectral radius when  $\Omega = \omega_n \Delta t \rightarrow \infty$
  - ✓ varies in the range  $0 \leq \rho_\infty \leq 1$
- $\rho_\infty$  controls numerical energy dissipation
  - $\rho_\infty = 1$ : No numerical energy dissipation
  - $\rho_\infty = 0$ : Asymptotic annihilation

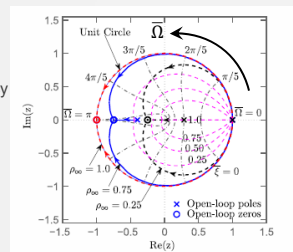
$$\alpha_f = \frac{\rho_\infty}{\rho_\infty + 1},$$

$$\alpha_m = \frac{2\rho_\infty^3 + \rho_\infty^2 - 1}{\rho_\infty^3 + \rho_\infty^2 + \rho_\infty + 1},$$

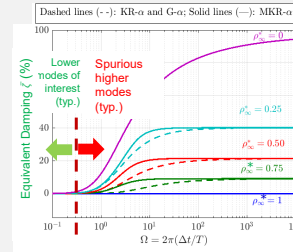
$$\gamma = \frac{1}{2} - \alpha_m + \alpha_f, \quad \beta = \frac{1}{2} \left( \gamma + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$\bar{\Omega} = \bar{\omega} \Delta t$ ,  
Normalized  
apparent frequency

$\xi$  = Equivalent  
damping ratio



Stability: Root-Loci



Controlled Numerical Damping

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## Demonstration of Numerical Dissipation

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- 3-DOF system with a very high-frequency for third mode

$$\omega_1 = 13.72, \omega_2 = 36.08, \text{ and } \omega_3 = 504.99 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\phi_1 = [0.9506 \quad 1.5433 \quad 1.5445]^T$$

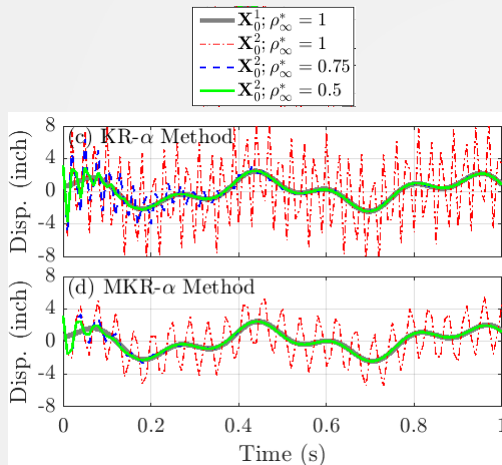
$$\phi_2 = [1.5587 \quad -0.9412 \quad -0.9461]^T$$

$$\phi_3 = [0.0005 \quad -0.2561 \quad 12.7823]^T$$

- Response for zero initial velocity and initial displacements:

$$\mathbf{X}_0^1 = (\phi_1 + \phi_2) \text{ inches and } \mathbf{X}_0^2 = (\phi_1 + \phi_2 + 0.2\phi_3)$$

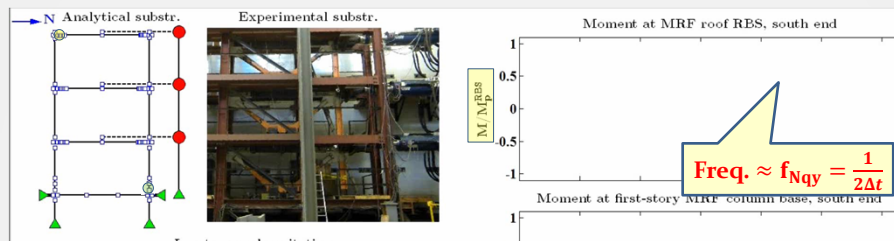
- Low-frequency mode response is negligibly influenced by numerical dissipation
- MKR- $\alpha$  possess better dissipative characteristics



## MCE\* level RTHS using $\rho_\infty = 1.0$

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\* Maximum considered EQ, return period = 2474 years



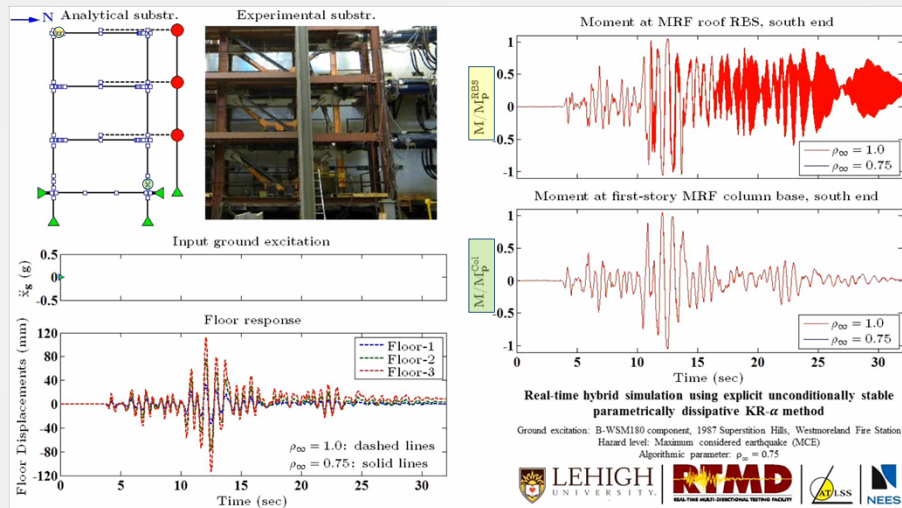
- Under nonlinear structural behavior, pulses are introduced in the acceleration at the Nyquist frequency  $\left(= \frac{1}{2\Delta t}\right)$  when the state of the structure changes within the time step
- Pulses excite spurious higher modes present in the system which primarily contribute to the member forces
- Problem becomes worst by the noise introduced through the measured restoring forces and the actuator delay compensation which can amplify high frequency noise.

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## MCE level RTHS using $\rho_{\infty} = 0.75$

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## Numerical Stability: Nonlinear SDOF Systems

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- Employ the concept of linearized stability
  - Provides necessary stability conditions which may not be sufficient
- Consider a linear SDOF system first

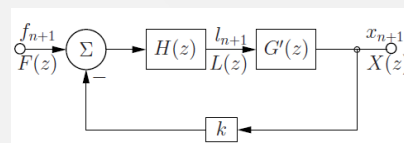
$$m\ddot{\hat{x}}_{n+1} + c\dot{\hat{x}}_{n+1} - \alpha_f = f_{n+1} - \alpha_f - kx_{n+1} - \alpha_f$$

$$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} l_{n+1}$$

Where

$$\hat{x}_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha_3)\ddot{x}_{n+1} + \alpha_3\ddot{x}_n$$

$$(\cdot)_{n+1} - \alpha_f = (1 - \alpha_f)(\cdot)_{n+1} + \alpha_f(\cdot)_n$$



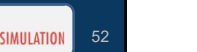
$$H(z) = \frac{L(z)}{F(z) - kX(z)} = (1 - \alpha_f) + \frac{\alpha_f}{z}$$

$$G'(z) = \frac{n'_3 z^3 + n'_2 z^2 + n'_1 z + n'_0}{d'_3 z^3 + d'_2 z^2 + d'_1 z + d'_0}$$

$$G_{CL}(z) = \frac{X(z)}{F(z)} = \frac{H(z)G'(z)}{1 + kH(z)G'(z)}$$

$G'(z)$  is a function of  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$ , &  $\alpha_3$

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## Numerical Stability: Nonlinear SDOF Systems

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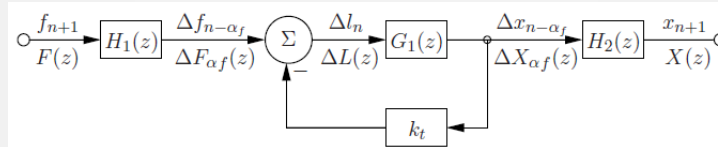
- Equation of motion for nonlinear SDOF system:

$$m\hat{\ddot{x}}_{n+1} + c\dot{\hat{x}}_{n+1-\alpha_f} = f_{n+1-\alpha_f} - r_{n+1-\alpha_f} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} l_{n+1}$$

- Incremental equation of motion:

$$m\Delta\hat{\ddot{x}}_n + c\Delta\dot{\hat{x}}_{n-\alpha_f} = \Delta f_{n-\alpha_f} - \Delta r_{n-\alpha_f} = \Delta f_{n-\alpha_f} - k_t\Delta x_{n-\alpha_f} = \Delta l_n$$

linearized



- Closed-loop transfer function:

$$G_{CL}^{NL}(z) = \frac{X(z)}{F(z)} = H_1(z) \frac{G_1(z)}{1 + k_t G_1(z)} H_2(z) = \frac{H(z)G'(z)}{1 + k_t H(z)G'(z)}$$

- $G'(z)$  is a function of  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$ , and  $\alpha_3$ , which are based on the initial stiffness ( $k$ ) of the system

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## Numerical Stability: Nonlinear SDOF Systems

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- Study location of closed-loop poles  $G_{CL}^{NL}(z)$  in complex z-plane
- $\Omega_{crit}$  = critical value of  $\Omega$  below which closed-loop poles lie on or inside unit circle
  - $\Omega = \omega\Delta t$ ,  $\omega$  = initial elastic frequency of system
- Study variation of  $\Omega_{crit}$  with ratio of tangent and initial stiffness  $\left(\frac{k_t}{k}\right)$  for various values of  $\rho_\infty^*$
- Closed-form expressions for stability conditions associated with  $\frac{k_t}{k}$  are derived (not presented)

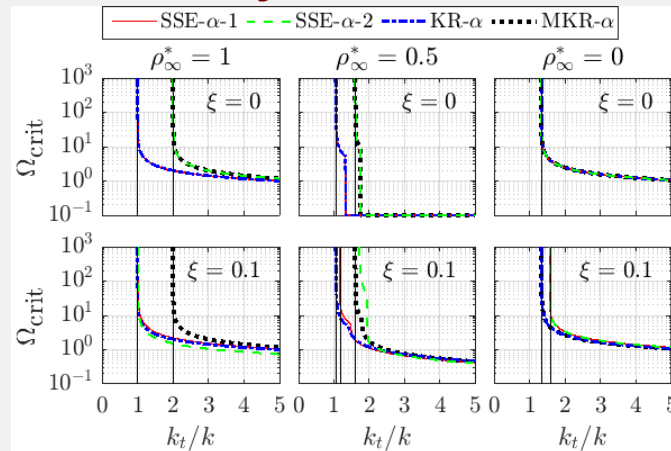
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## Numerical Stability: Nonlinear SDOF Systems

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- Proposed methods are unconditionally stable within the time step for linear and stiffness softening-type ( $k_t \leq \eta k$ ,  $\eta \geq 1$ ) response
- MKR- $\alpha$  compared with KR- $\alpha$  and SSE- $\alpha$ -2 (with  $\xi = 0$ ;  $\xi \neq 0$  &  $\rho_\infty^* < 1$ ) compared with SSE- $\alpha$ -1 show enhanced stability



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## Numerical Stability: Nonlinear MDOF Systems

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- Linearized stability analysis using discrete control theory can be extended to MDOF systems
  - Transfer function becomes a matrix of transfer functions
  - Does not lead to any closed-form expression for stability conditions
- Employ linearized stability concept using energy method (Hughes et al. 1979; Hughes 1983)
  - Consider nondissipative algorithms of proposed methods

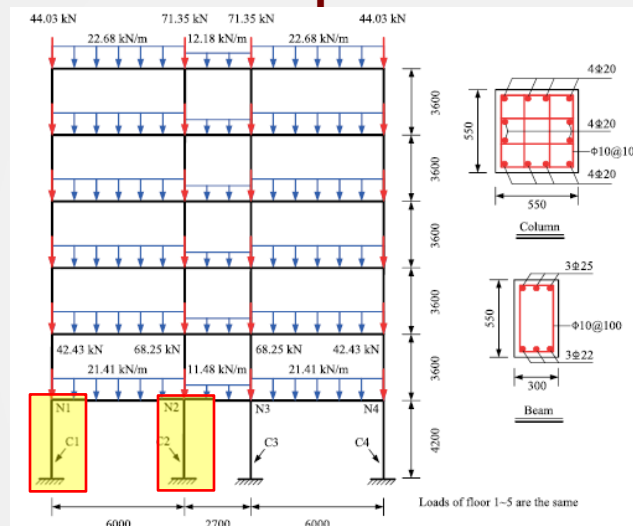
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## Computational Efficiency of MKR- $\alpha$ Algorithm

## Application to Collapse Simulation: Column Removal



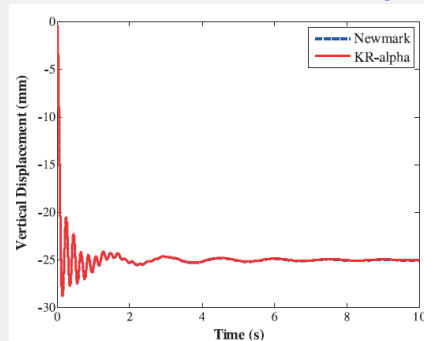
- ☐ Analysis case-1: Remove only column C2
- ☐ Analysis case-2: Remove only column C1
- ☐ Analysis performed using KR- $\alpha$  method
- ☐  $\Delta t = 0.001$  sec

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# Application to Collapse Simulation: Column Removal

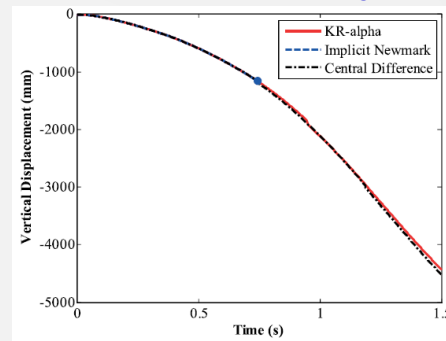
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Vertical displacement at N2 after removal of interior column C2



Method	Computational time (s)
Newmark CAA	208
KR- $\alpha$	188

Vertical displacement at N1 after removal of exterior column C1



Method	Computational time (s)
Newmark CAA	-
KR- $\alpha$	16
Central difference	>36,000

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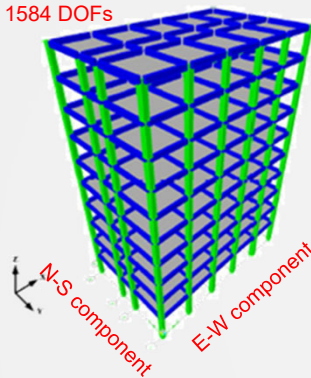


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## Seismic Collapse Simulation

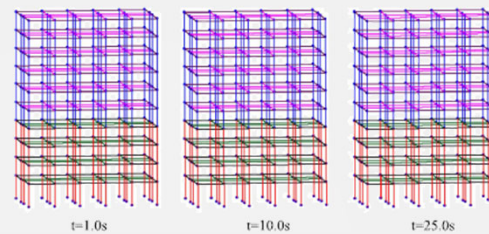
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1584 DOFs

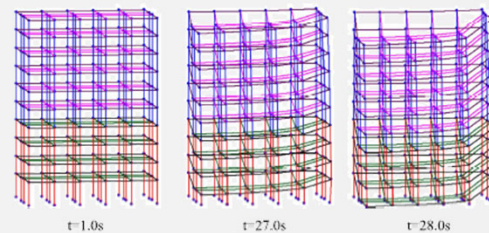


1994 Imperial Valley Earthquake scaled to 0.9 g  
Computational time (s)

Method	$t = 25$ s	$t = 28$ s
Newmark CAA	668	-
KR- $\alpha$	294	344



Newmark constant average acceleration:  $\Delta t = 0.005$  s



KR- $\alpha$ :  $\Delta t = 0.005$  s &  $\rho_{\infty} = 0.25$

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## Analytical Substructure Modeling



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## Analytical Substructure

- Desirable Characteristics of State Determination for RTHS

- Fast and accurate state determination procedure

Solution

- Explicit formulated force-based element



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# Fiber Element

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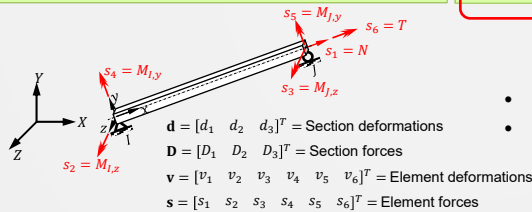
## FE Modeling of Analytical Substructure

### Displacement-based fiber elements

- ❑ Curvature varies linearly
  - Requires many elements per structural member to model nonlinear response
  - Increases number of DOFs
- ❑ State determination is straight forward

### Force-based fiber elements

- ❑ Equilibrium is strictly enforced
  - ✓ Material nonlinearity can be modeled using a single element per structural member
  - ✓ Reduces number of DOFs
- ❑ Requires iterations at the element level



Fiber element

- Must be completed within the time step
- Jeopardizes explicit integration



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## Force-Based Fiber Element State Determination

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- ❑ Given element deformations  $\mathbf{v}$ , need element restoring forces  $\mathbf{s}$
- ❑ Know the force interpolation function,  $\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x})$ 
  - Constant axial force and linear bending moment if no element loads
- ❑ Possible to get section forces but not clear how to get element restoring forces from section forces

- ❑ Spacone et al. (1996) developed an iterative procedure at element level

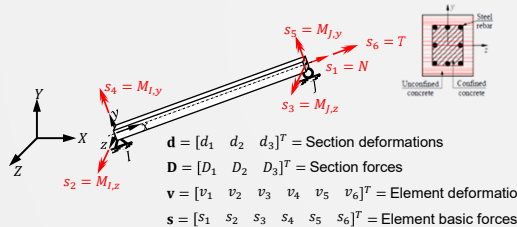
- Not well suited for RTHS

- ❑ Neuenhofer and Filippou (1997) proposed a noniterative procedure

- Uses iteration at the structure level (Newton-Raphson type)
- Not applicable for RTHS using explicit algorithms

- ❑ New implementation scheme

- Limit number of iterations to a fixed value
- Carry unbalanced section forces to the next integration time step



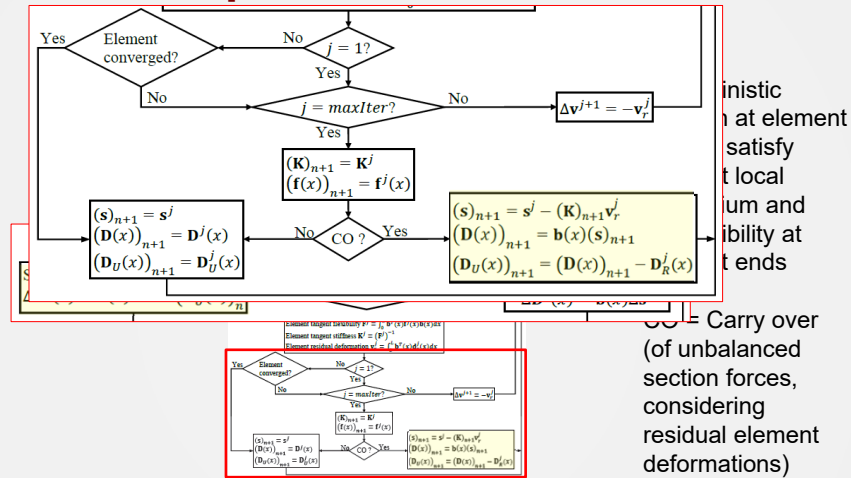
3D Explicit-Formulated Fiber Element



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## New Implementation Scheme

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## Element Convergence Criteria

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- Employ energy-based criteria (Taucer et al., 1991)

$$(NEI^j)_{n+1} = \frac{(EI^j)_{n+1}}{(EI^{j=1})_{n+1}} \leq Etol \quad \text{for } j > 1$$

where

$$(EI^j)_{n+1} = (\Delta s^j)^T (\Delta v^j) = (\Delta v_r^{j-1})^T K^{j-1} (\Delta v_r^{j-1})$$

$$(EI^{j=1})_{n+1} = (\Delta s^{j=1})^T (\Delta v^{j=1}) = ((\Delta v)_{n+1})^T (K)_n (\Delta v)_{n+1}$$

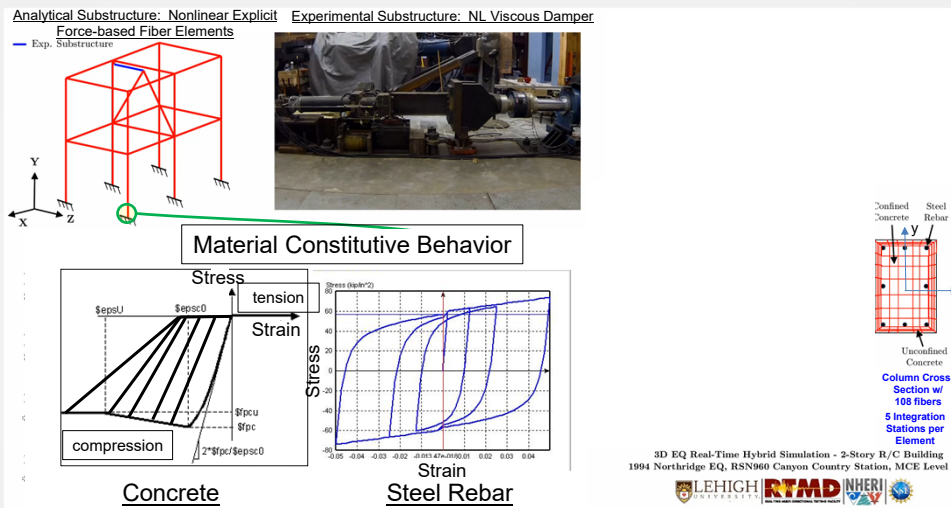
- A typical value for  $Etol = 10^{-16}$  is used (Taucer et al., 1991)

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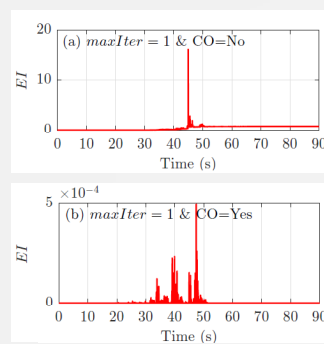
Column develops inelastic behavior with cyclic strength and stiffness deterioration, and hysteretic pinching in force-deformation response



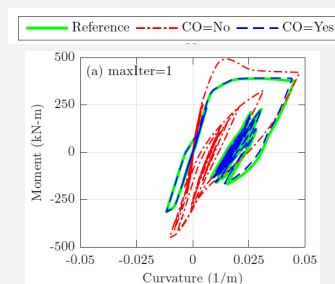
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## Explicit-formulated Force-Based Fiber Element © Ricles and Malik, 2025

- Energy Error and Section Force-Deformation Results



Time step Energy Increment (EI)  
Error –  $5 \times 10^5$  times smaller



Moment Curvature Response – 1st story RC column  
(CO: Carry over unbalanced section forces)

Note: Reference = Newmark Constant Acceleration Method

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## Experimental Substructure: Real-time Actuator Control



## Experimental Substructure

- Desirable Servo-hydraulic Controlled System for RTHS

- Large capacity hydraulic system and dynamic actuators required
- Actuator kinematic compensation
- Robust control of dynamic actuators for large-scale structures

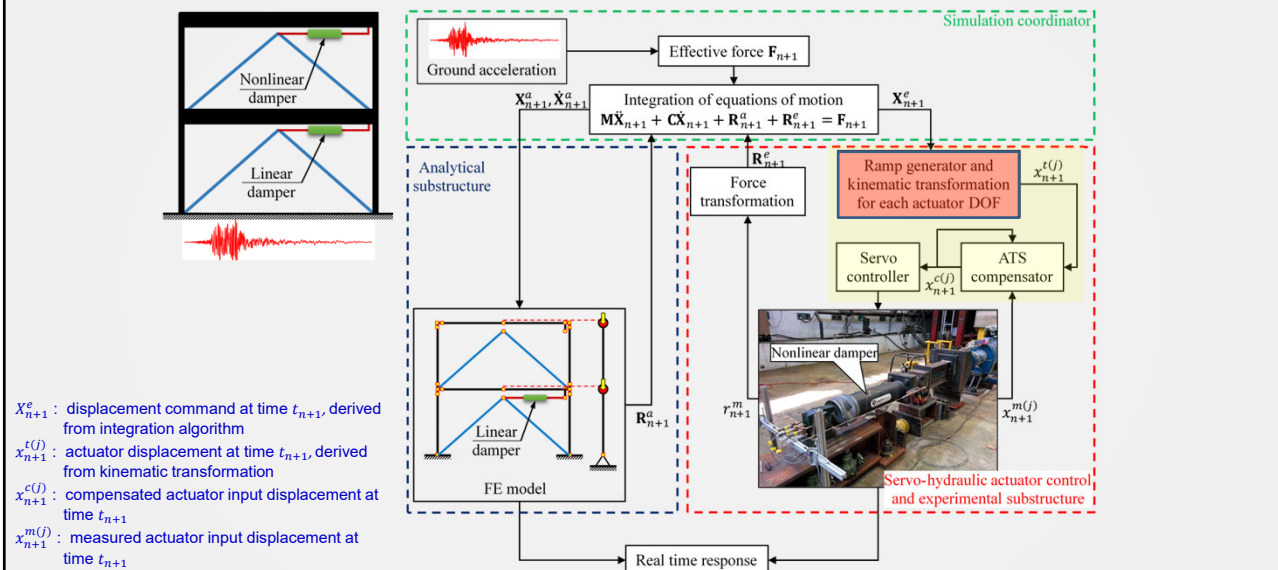
Solutions

Adaptive control for large servo-hydraulic actuator systems with kinematic compensation



## RTHS: Experimental Substructure – Actuator Control

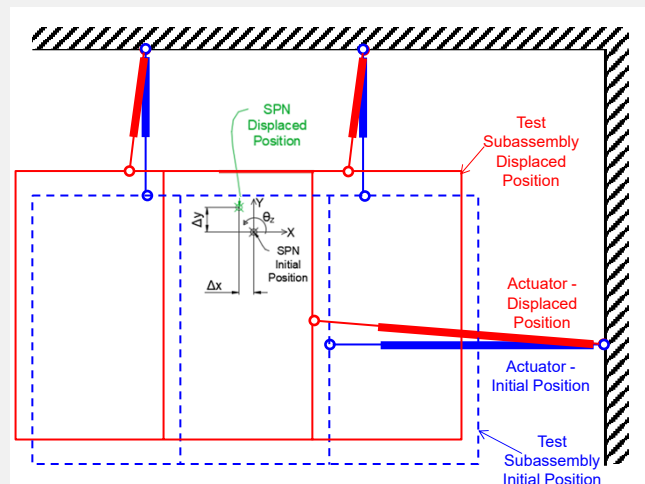
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## Actuator Kinematic Compensation: Specimen Large Target Multi-directional Displacements

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Floor diaphragm subjected to in-plane bi-directional displacements

To achieve specimen's target displaced position requires accounting for kinematic relationship between actuator DOF and specimen DOFs



# Actuator Kinematic Compensation

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## • Kinematic compensation scheme and implementation for RTHS (Mercan et al. 2009)

- Kinematic correction of command displacements for multi-directional actuator motions
- Robust, avoiding accumulation of error over multiple time steps; suited for RTHS
- Exact solution

$$(M_1 SNxL_{new}, M_1 SNyL_{new}) = (-LMa_{inew} \sin(\theta_2 + \phi_1), LMa_{inew} \cos(\theta_2 + \phi_1))$$

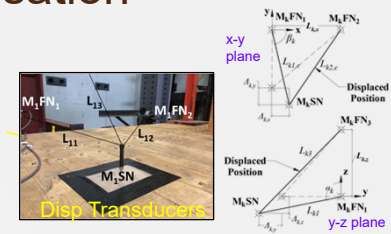
$$\theta_2 = \arcsin \left[ \frac{LMb_{inew} \sin \theta_3}{yF_1 / \cos \phi_1} \right]$$

$$\theta_3 = \arccos \left[ \frac{LMa_{inew}^2 + LMb_{inew}^2 - (yF_1 / \cos \phi_1)^2}{2LMa_{inew} LMb_{inew}} \right]$$

$$(SPN^m x_{new}, SPN^m y_{new}) = (M_1 SN^m x_{new} - \sqrt{M_1} \cos(\theta M_{1,0} + d^m SPN\theta), M_1 SN^m y_{new} - \sqrt{M_1} \sin(\theta M_{1,0} + d^m SPN\theta))$$

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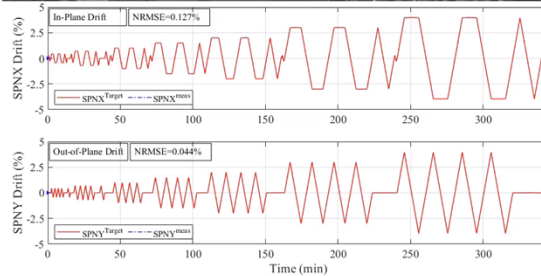
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3-D motion of test sub-assembly



Experimental Substructure (0.625-Scale)

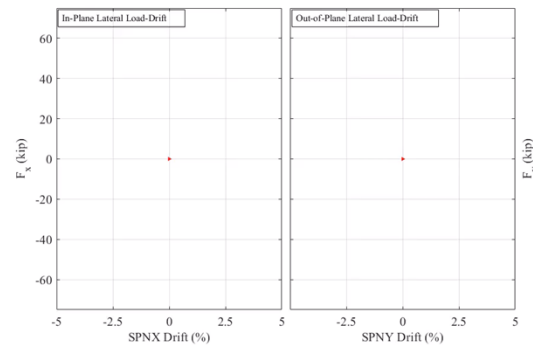


Comparison of Target vs. Measured Subassembly Drift

South Wall Panel



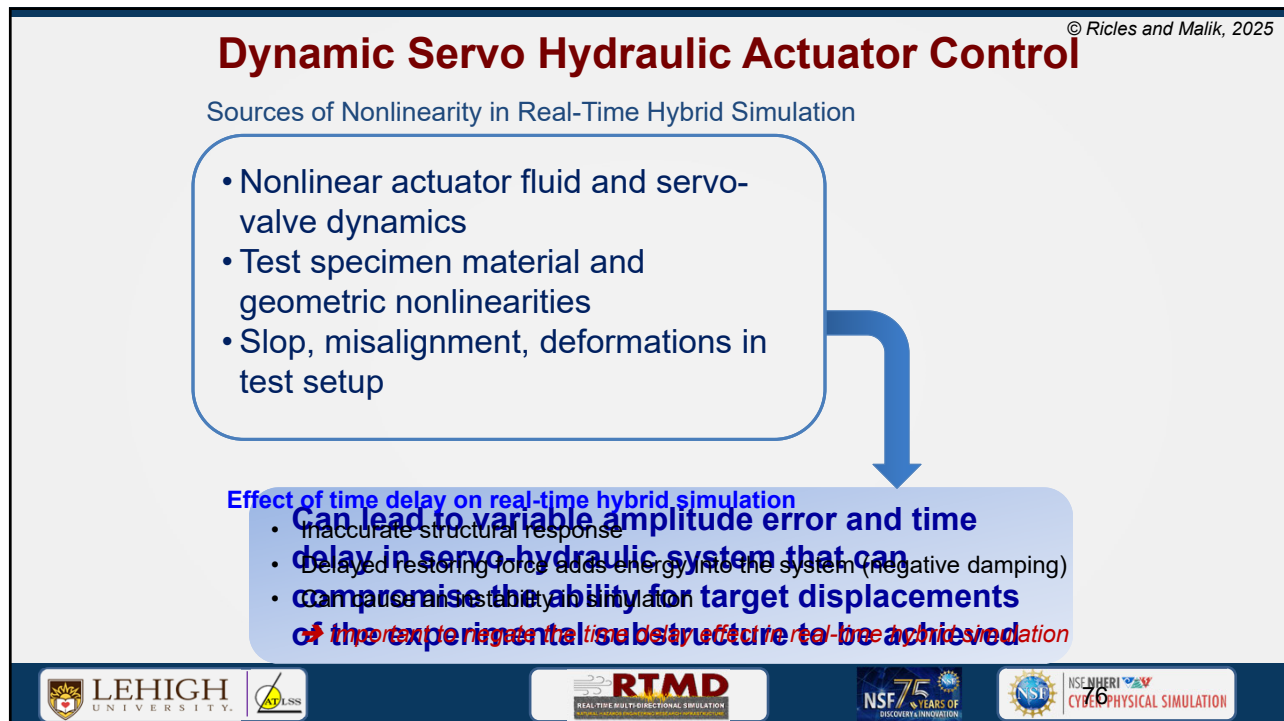
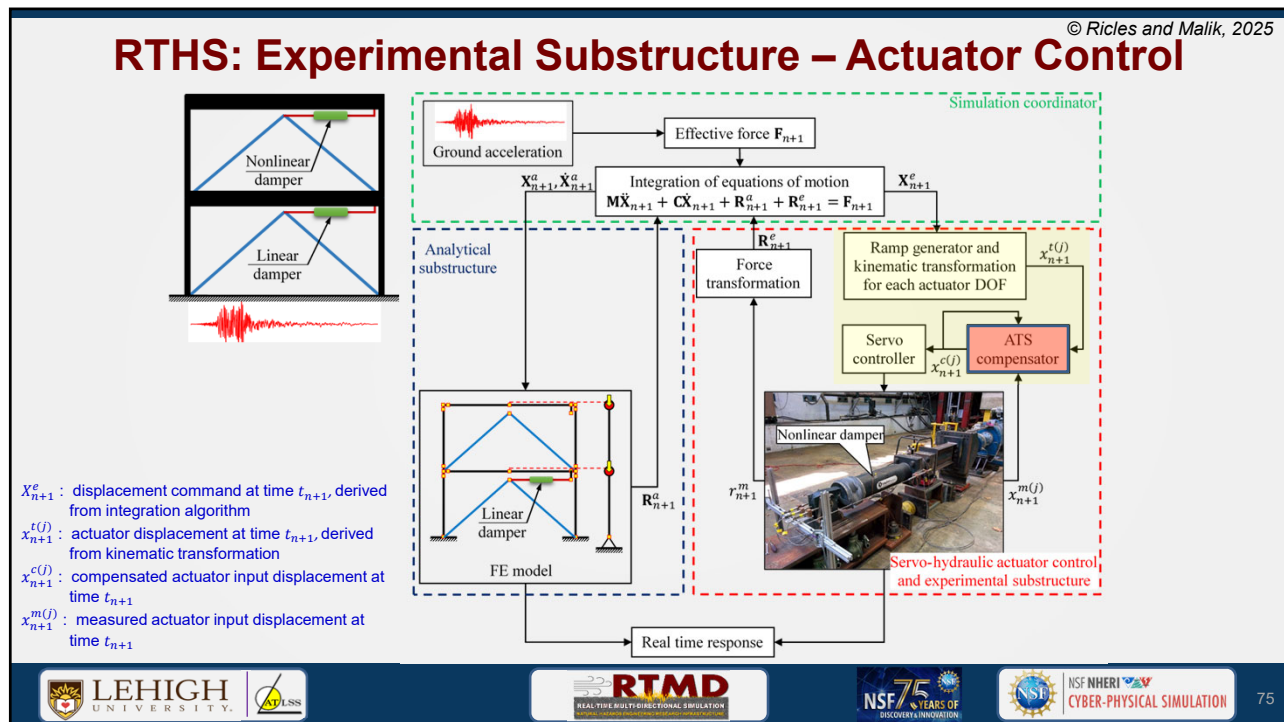
North Wall Panel



Multi-Directional  
Cyclic Testing of CLT Subassembly







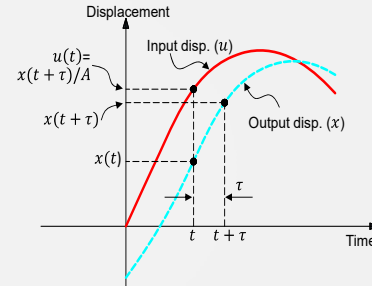
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## Servo Hydraulic Actuator Control Adaptive Time Series (ATS) Compensator

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Consider output displacement  $x$  of a servo-hydraulic system, with a constant time delay of  $\tau$  and amplitude error  $A$  with respect to the input displacement of the actuator  $u$  at time  $t$ :

$$u(t) = \frac{1}{A} x(t + \tau)$$



Approximate using a Taylor Series expansion, assuming  $x$  is  $n$ -times differential in the neighborhood of  $t$ :

$$u(t) \cong \frac{1}{A} \left[ x(t) + \tau \dot{x}(t) + \frac{\tau^2}{2} \ddot{x}(t) + \dots + \frac{\tau^n}{n!} \frac{d^n x}{dt^n} \right]$$

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## Servo Hydraulic Actuator Control Adaptive Time Series (ATS) Compensator

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To obtain accurate experimental results in a RTHS, the time delay and amplitude error need to be appropriately compensated whereby the target displacement  $x^t$  is achieved by the actuator

$$u_k^c = a_{0k} x_k^t + a_{1k} \dot{x}_k^t + \dots + a_{nk} \frac{d^n x_k^t}{dt^n}$$

where  $u_k^c$  is the compensated input displacement into actuator at time time  $t_k$

with the coefficients equal to

$$a_j = \frac{\tau^j}{A j!}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

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## Servo Hydraulic Actuator Control Adaptive Time Series (ATS) Compensator

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Minimize a cost function to arrive at the best actuator command displacements  $u_k^c$  in each time step of a RTHS

$$J_k = \sum_{i=1}^q (u_{k-i}^c - u_{k-i}^{est})^2$$

$u_{k-i}^c$ : compensated input displacement into actuator at time  $t_{k-i}$  associated with targeted specimen motions  $x_{k-i}^t$ ,  $\dot{x}_{k-i}^t$ , etc.

$u_{k-i}^{est}$ : estimated compensated input actuator displacement at time  $t_{k-i}$  associated with recent history measured specimen motions  $x_{k-i}^m$ ,  $\dot{x}_{k-i}^m$ , etc.

where

$$u_{k-i}^c = a_{0k}x_{k-i}^t + a_{1k}\dot{x}_{k-i}^t + \dots + a_{nk}\frac{d^n x_{k-i}^t}{dt^n}$$

$$u_{k-i}^{est} = a_{0k}x_{k-i}^m + a_{1k}\dot{x}_{k-i}^m + \dots + a_{nk}\frac{d^n x_{k-i}^m}{dt^n}$$

Determine coefficients  $a_{ik}$  using regression analysis applied to a moving window of size  $q \cdot \Delta t$

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## Servo Hydraulic Actuator Control Adaptive Time Series (ATS) Compensator

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### 2nd order ATS compensator

$$u_k^c = a_{0k}x_k^t + a_{1k}\dot{x}_k^t + a_{2k}\ddot{x}_k^t$$

$u_k^c$ : compensated input displacement into actuator

$x_k^t$ : target **specimen** displacement

$a_{jk}$ : adaptive coefficients

**Adaptive coefficients are optimally updated in real time** to minimize error between the **specimen target** and **measured displacements** to avoid instabilities in a RTHS

$$A = (X_m^T X_m)^{-1} X_m^T U_c$$

$$A = [a_{0k} \ a_{1k} \ \dots \ a_{nk}]^T, \quad X_m = \left[ x^m \ \dot{x}^m \ \dots \ \frac{d^n}{dt^n}(x^m) \right], \quad x^m = [x_{k-1}^m \ x_{k-2}^m \ \dots \ x_{k-q}^m]^T$$

$$U_c = [u_{k-1}^c \ u_{k-2}^c \ \dots \ u_{k-q}^c]^T$$

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## ATS Compensator

### Unique features of ATS compensator

- No user-defined adaptive gains → applicable for large-scale structures susceptible to damage (e.g., concrete structures)
- Negates both variable time delay and variable amplitude error response
- Time delay and amplitude response factor can be easily estimated from the identified values of the coefficients

$$\text{Amplitude error: } A = \frac{1}{a_{0k}}$$

$$\text{Time delay: } \tau = \frac{a_{1k}}{a_{0k}}$$

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## Phase 2 Large-Scale Real-Time Hybrid Simulation

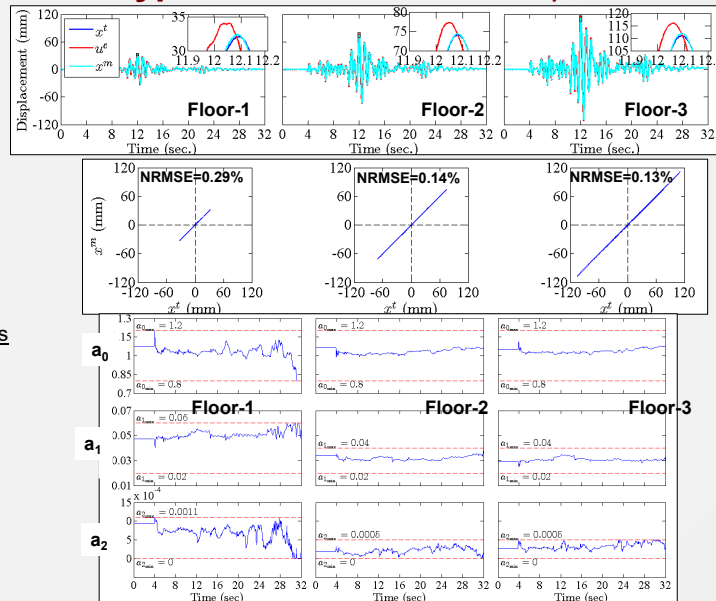
Experimental Substructure: MRF and Braced Frame with Dampers  
(Floor Diaphragm, Gravity System, Mass, Inherent Mass in Analytical Substructure)



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## Actuator control: Typical MCE level test & $\rho_\infty = 0.75$ © Ricles and Malik, 2025

$x^t$ : targeted specimen displacement  
 $u^c$ : input command to actuator  
 $x^m$ : measured specimen displacement



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## Analytical Substructure: On-Line Model Updating



## On-line Model Updating - Motivation

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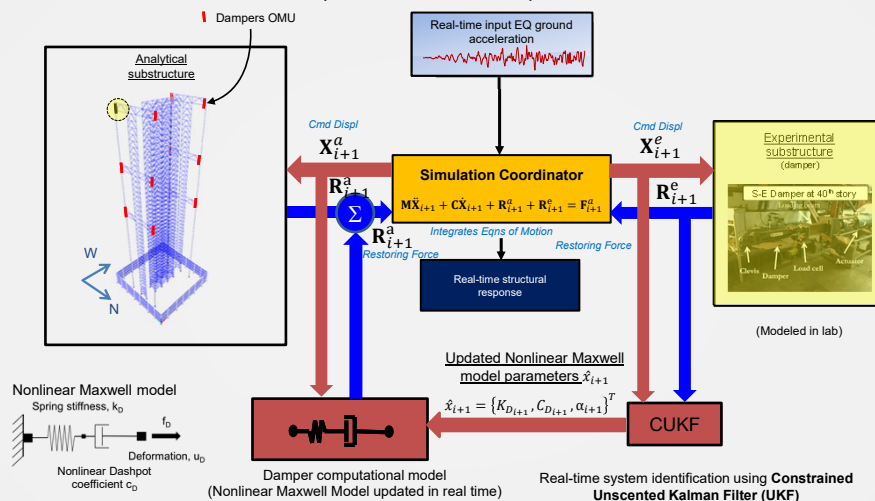
- Number of physical devices in laboratory (i.e., experimental substructure) are often less than number of response modification devices in the structure
  - Accurate modeling of their complex nonlinear behavior important
  - Traditional methods for online model updating (OMU) such as Unscented Kalman Filter (UKF): sensitivity to initial parameter settings; non-positive definite covariance matrices
  - Neural networks for online model updating
- Neural networks coupled in real-time with an experimental substructure can provide optimal performance
  - **Physics based model:** Updates the parameters of the constitutive routine of the device, which is used to predict the restoring force
  - **Data-driven model:** Does not rely on a constitutive routine; directly predicts the restoring force of the device



## Real-time Hybrid Simulation with Real-time On-line Model Updating Constrained Unscented Kalman Filter

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Hybrid Wind Simulation Experiments



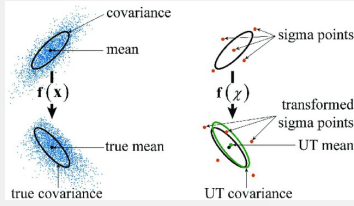
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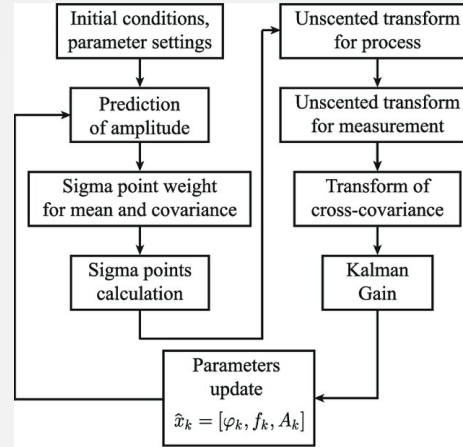
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Graphical representation of the idea of UKF sigma points.



Block diagram of UKF prediction algorithm.

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## Constrained Unscented Kalman Filter

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Sigma points for device state variables at time step  $k$  of a RTHS

$$\mathbf{x}_{k-1|k-1} = \left[ \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1|k-1} \quad \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1|k-1} + \left( \gamma \sqrt{(L + \lambda) \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k-1}} \right)_{i=1,2,3} \quad \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1|k-1} - \left( \gamma \sqrt{(L + \lambda) \mathbf{P}_{k-1|k-1}} \right)_{i=1,2,3} \right]$$

Predicted state vector  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1}$ , updated covariance matrices  $\mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}^{xx}$  and  $\mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}^{yy}$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1} = \sum_{j=0}^{2L} W_j^{(m)} * (\mathbf{x}_{k|k-1})_j; \quad \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}^{xx} = \sum_{j=0}^{2L} W_j^{(c)} * \left( (\mathbf{x}_{k|k-1})_j - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1} \right) \left( (\mathbf{x}_{k|k-1})_j - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1} \right)^T + \mathbf{Q}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}^{yy} = \sum_{j=0}^{2L} W_j^{(c)} * \left( (y_{k|k-1})_j - \hat{y}_k \right)^2 + \mathbf{R}$$

Prediction of the process  $\hat{y}_k$  and updating of its covariance  $\mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}^{yy}$ , where  $h\{\cdot\}$  is the constitutive routine for the damper

$$(y_{k|k-1})_j = h\{(\mathbf{x}_{k|k-1})_j, \hat{y}_{k-1}, u_{d_k}, u_{d_{k-1}}, \Delta t\}; \quad \hat{y}_k = \sum_{j=0}^{2L} W_j^{(m)} * (y_{k|k-1})_j$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}^{yy} = \sum_{j=0}^{2L} W_j^{(c)} * \left( (y_{k|k-1})_j - \hat{y}_k \right)^2 + \mathbf{R}$$

Updated state vector  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k}$  and covariance matrix  $\mathbf{P}_{k|k}$ , where  $\bar{y}_k$  is the measured viscous damper force for the experimental substructure

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1} + \mathbf{K}_k (\bar{y}_k - \hat{y}_k); \quad \mathbf{P}_{k|k} = \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}^{yy} \mathbf{K}_k^T$$

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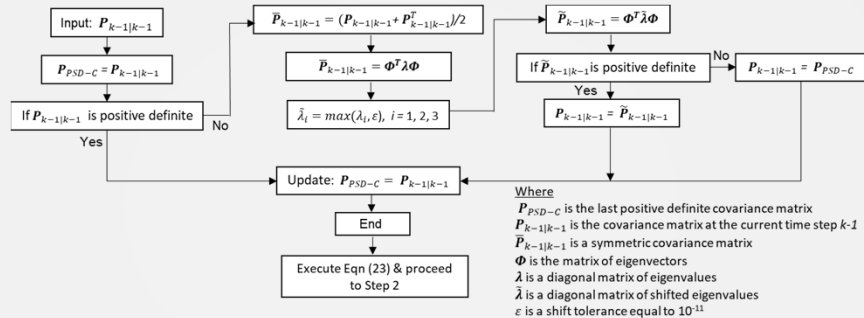
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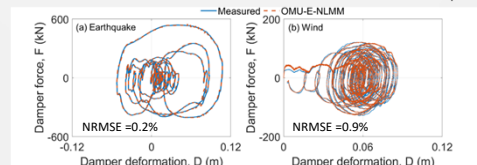
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## Constrained Unscented Kalman Filter: Positive Definite Covariance Matrix

Algorithm to ensure positive definite covariance  $P_{k-1|k-1}$  matrix during a RTHS



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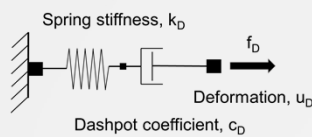


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## RTHS Results – Damper Model Updating Assessment Constrained Unscented Kalman Filter

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Nonlinear Maxwell model



Explicit nonlinear Maxwell model formulation

$$f_{D,k+1} = f_{D,k} - K_D \delta t \left| \frac{f_{D,k}}{C_D} \right|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \text{sign}(f_{D,k}) + K_D (u_{D,k+1} - u_{D,k})$$

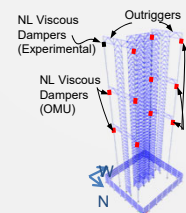
$$J_1 = \frac{|f^p - f^r|_{@f^{\max}}}{|f^r|_{@f^{\max}}} \times 100, \quad J_2 = \frac{|f^p|_{\max}}{|f^r|_{\max}}$$

Where:

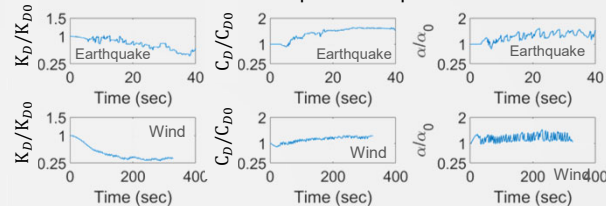
$f^p$ : Predicted damper force

$f^r$ : Measured damper force

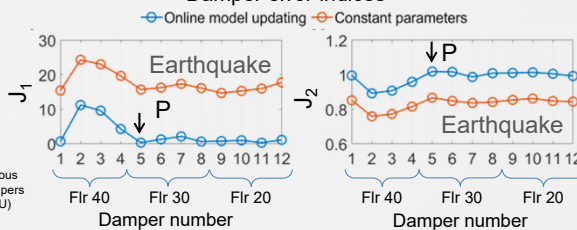
$f_{D,k+1}$ : Damper force



Time history of damper model parameters



Damper error indices



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## Online Cyber-Physical Neural Network (OCP-NN) Model for RTHS

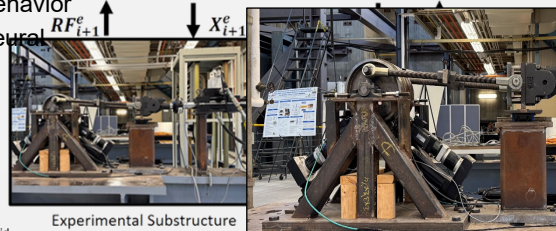
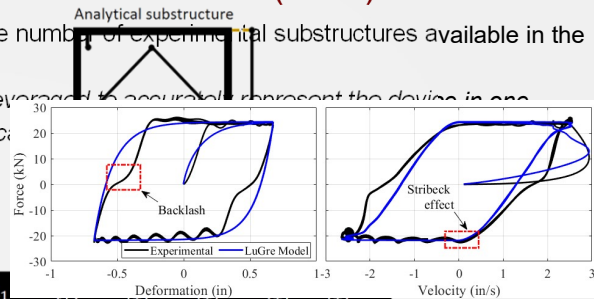
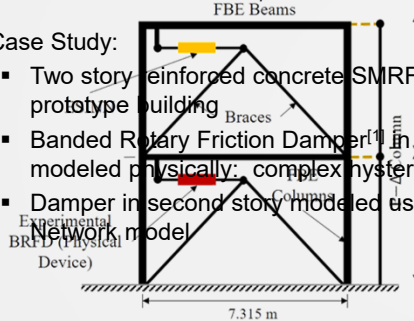
### Experimental Substructure-Integrated Neural Networks (ESINN)

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- Number of devices in building are often greater than the number of experimental substructures available in the laboratory.
- In modeling the complete system, can NN models be leveraged to accurately represent the device in one location if the real-time experimental data at another location is available?

#### Case Study:

- Two story reinforced concrete SMRF used as the prototype building
- Banded Rotary Friction Damper (BRFD) in first story modeled physically: complex hysteretic behavior
- Damper in second story modeled using Neural Network model



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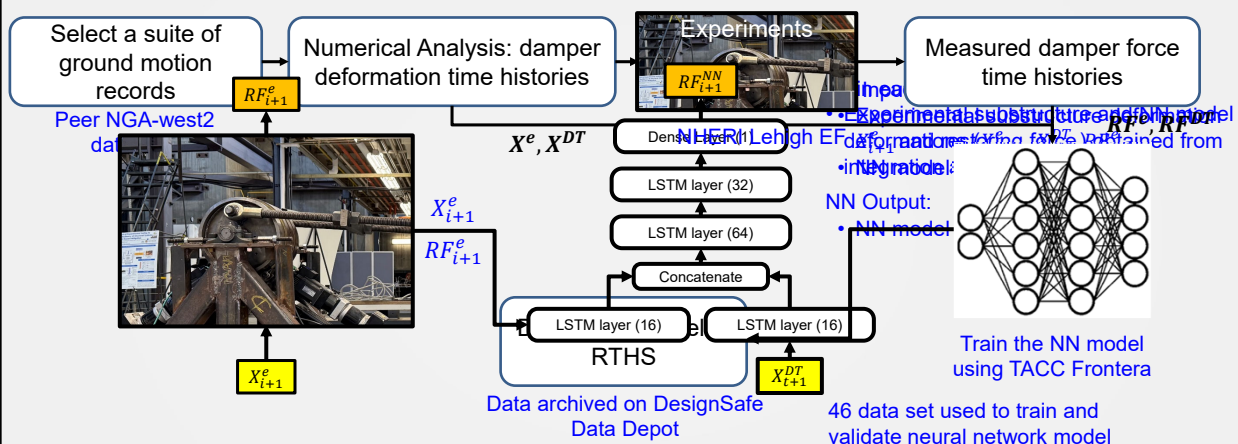


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## ESINN: Architecture, Training and Deployment

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### 4 Neural Network Training and Deployment



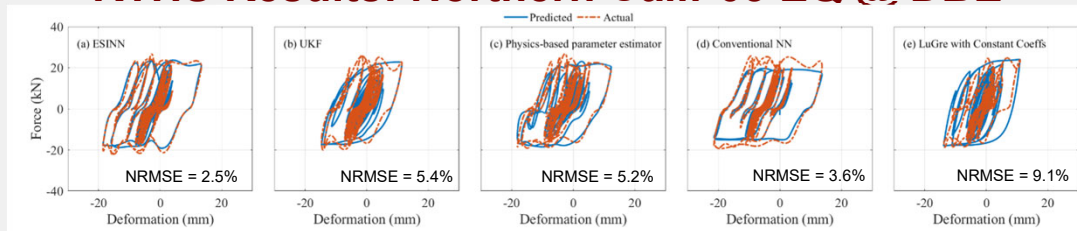
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## RTHS Results: Northern Calif-03 EQ @ DBE

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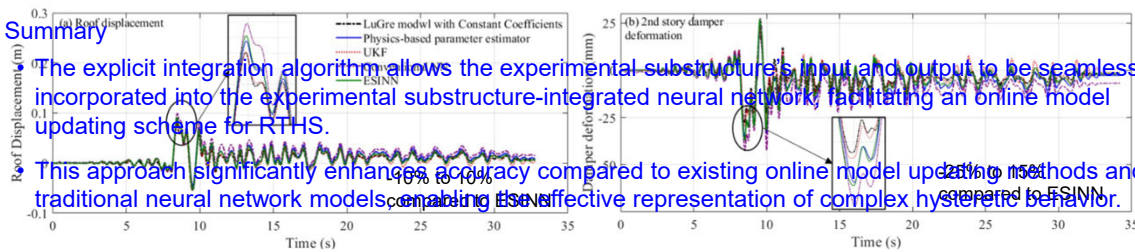


Predicted force-deformation hysteresis compared to the actual force-deformation of damper

### Summary

The explicit integration algorithm allows the experimental substructure's input and output to be seamlessly incorporated into the experimental substructure-integrated neural network, facilitating an online model updating scheme for RTHS.

This approach significantly enhances accuracy compared to existing online model updating methods and traditional neural network models, enabling more effective representation of complex hysteretic behavior.



Roof displacement response of prototype building and damper deformation

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## Real-time Hybrid Simulation: Neural Network Modeling of Multi-physics Phenomena



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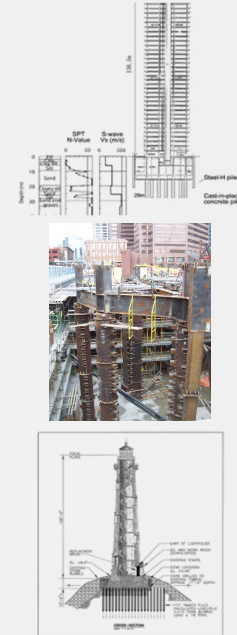
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## Why considering Soil-Foundation-Structure-Interaction is important?

- SFSI can be beneficial or determinantal to performance of structures during natural hazards
  - SFSI affects structural response during a natural hazard, such as earthquake or severe windstorm
    - Structural response; Response modification devices
- Modelling SFSI in RTHS is difficult
  - Experimentally: Large payload size; Scaling issues
  - Analytically: Continuum-based modelling of soil is computationally prohibitive in real-time

Solution: Use Neural networks to model SFSI

- NN based models trained on continuum-based model of soil-foundation system

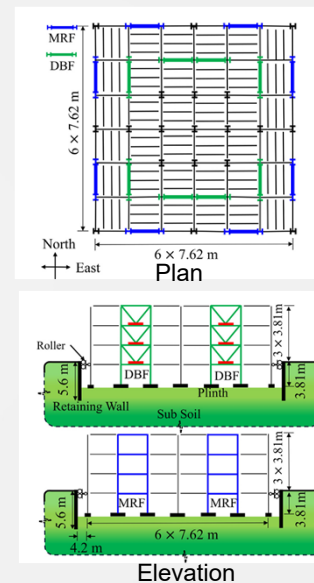


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## Prototype Structure

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- 3-story moment resisting frame (MRF) and damped brace frame (DBF) building<sup>[1]</sup>
  - MRF designed for strength and DBF designed to control drift
  - Nonlinear viscous dampers in DBF at each story level
- Foundation designed according to Eurocode-8
- Dry sandy soil deposit calibrated to experimental data in Milan, Italy
  - Increasing shear wave velocity with depth

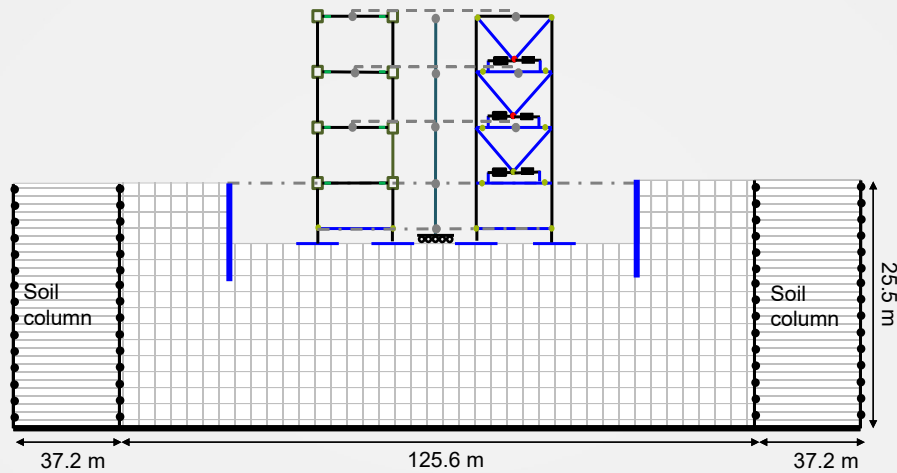


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## RTHS Configuration

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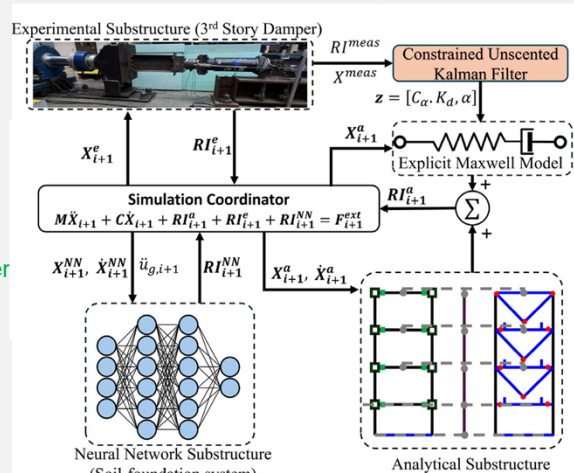
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## RTHS Configuration

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### □ Structural system divided into three substructures

- **Experimental substructure:** Nonlinear viscous damper @ 3<sup>rd</sup> story
  - Manufactured by Taylor Devices
  - Physically present in the lab
- **Analytical substructure:**
  - MRF and DBF without the 3<sup>rd</sup> story damper
  - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> story dampers using explicit nonlinear Maxwell model with real-time online model updating via a UKF<sup>[2]</sup>
  - Modeled in Simulink using HyCOM-3D<sup>[3]</sup>
- **Neural Network Substructure**
  - Soil-foundation domain
  - Modeled in Simulink



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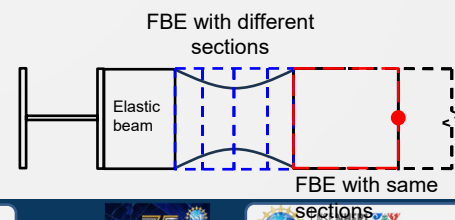
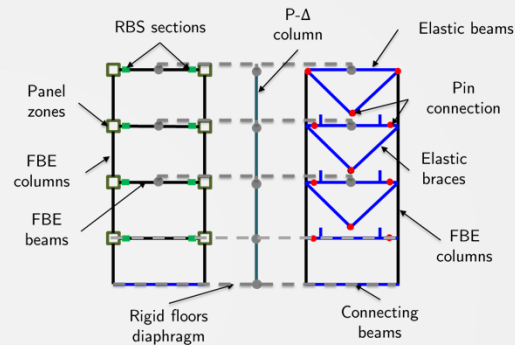
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## Analytical Substructure

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- Columns of MRF and DBF modeled using explicit force-based fiber elements<sup>[4]</sup>
  - Steel material with kinematic hardening
- Beams of MRF modeled using FBE elements with reduced beam section flanges
  - Multiple force-based fiber elements in the MRF beams
  - RBS modeled using FBE with different section sizes at integration points
- Geometric nonlinearities accounted using lean-on P-Δ column
- Nonlinear panel zone elements at beam-to-column connections in MRF
- Beams and braces of DBF pin ended
  - Modeled using elastic beam column elements



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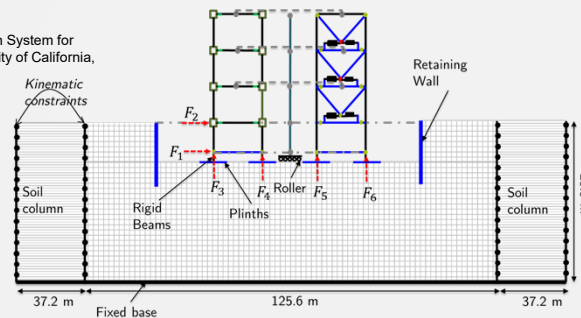
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## NN Model of Soil-Foundation System

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- Trained on a coupled soil-foundation-structure interaction model developed in OpenSees<sup>[5]</sup>
  - Soil elements modeled using 4 node quadrilateral type Plane Strain elements
  - Pressure Dependent Multi Yield Material model
  - Foundation modeled as an assembly of elastic beam column elements
  - Obtain interface restoring forces, displacements and velocities

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## NN Model of Soil-Foundation System (cont.)

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- LSTM based NN model used to represent the soil-foundation system in RTHS

- Parallel spring elements to eliminate rigid body modes

- $K_s$  is obtained by performing linear regression between interface displacements and forces

- Parallel dashpot elements to dissipate spurious mid frequency noise

$$C_s = \frac{\int F \cdot X dx}{\int V \cdot X dx}$$

- NN model trained to predict the interface restoring force

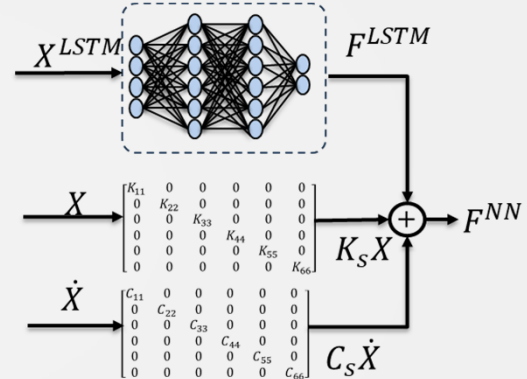
- Inputs: Interface displacement, velocity and ground acceleration

- Outputs: Interface restoring forces

- Interface restoring force based on total dynamic equilibrium at the interface

$$F_{i+1}^{NN} = F^{LSTM}(X_{i+1}, \dot{X}_{i+1}, \ddot{u}_{g,i+1}) + K_s X_{i+1} + C_s \dot{X}_{i+1}$$

$X$ : Vector of interface displacements,  $\dot{X}$  is vector of interface velocities,  $\ddot{u}_g$  is the ground acceleration

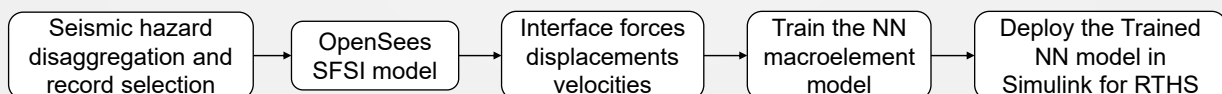


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## NN Model of Soil-Foundation System (cont.)

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- Training data generated by conducting OpenSees analysis on a suite of ground motion records
  - Ground motions obtained from PEER NGA West2 database
  - 108 records used for training the NN model
- Uncertainties in the experimental substructure properties accounted for by running OpenSees analysis with 10 different damper properties
  - Total 1080 ground motions used for training (930) and validating (150) NN model



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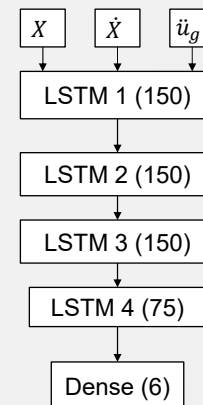
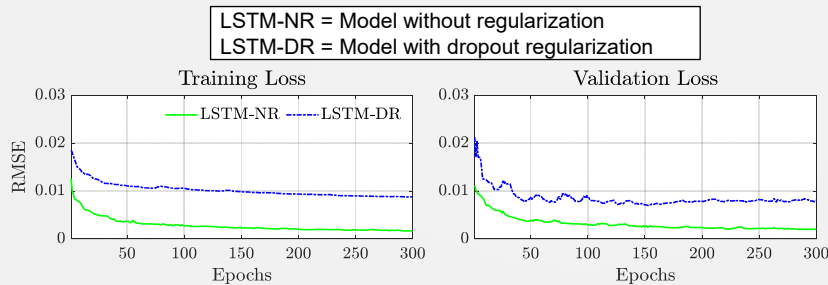


## NN Model of Soil-Foundation System (cont.)

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- The NN model is composed of a 4-layer LSTM model

- Adam optimizer used for gradient backpropagation
- Regularization in the NN model to prevent overfitting
  - RTHS is closed loop; overfitting is detrimental to accuracy



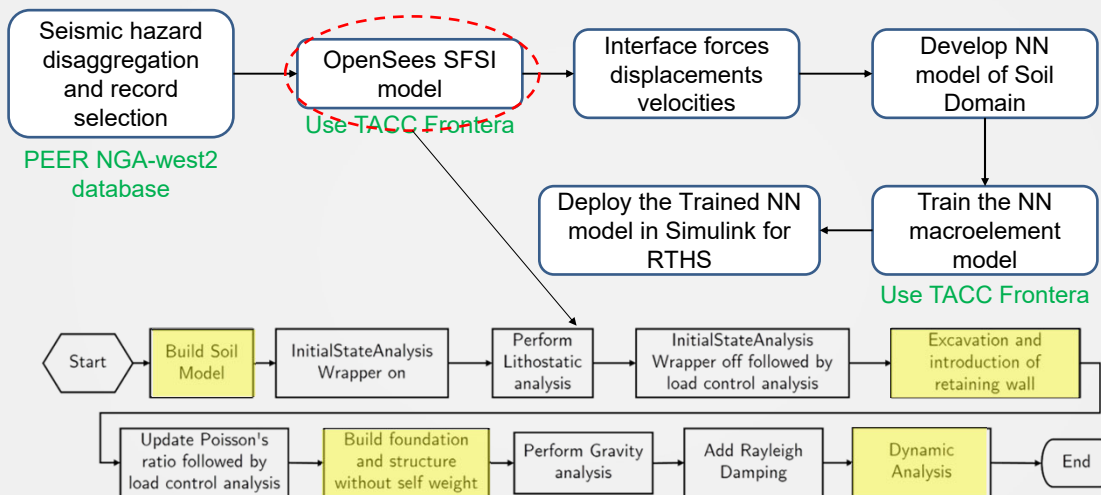
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## Procedure for Analysis

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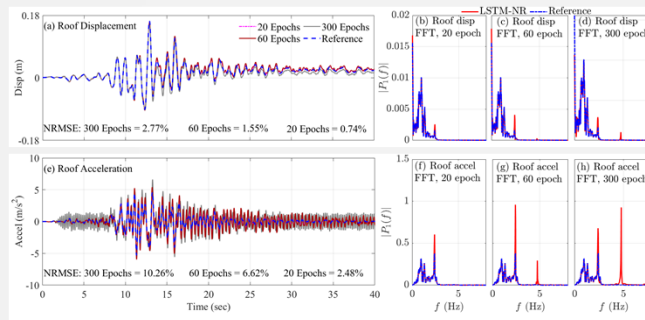


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## Results: Hydraulics-off Validation

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- Hydraulics-off validation conducted by using a numerical model of damper in a Simulink model
  - Linear viscous damper with damping coefficient of 3600 kNs/m
  - Same damper properties used in OpenSees model (reference solution) and compared to Simulink model



LSTM-NR: Model  
without  
regularization

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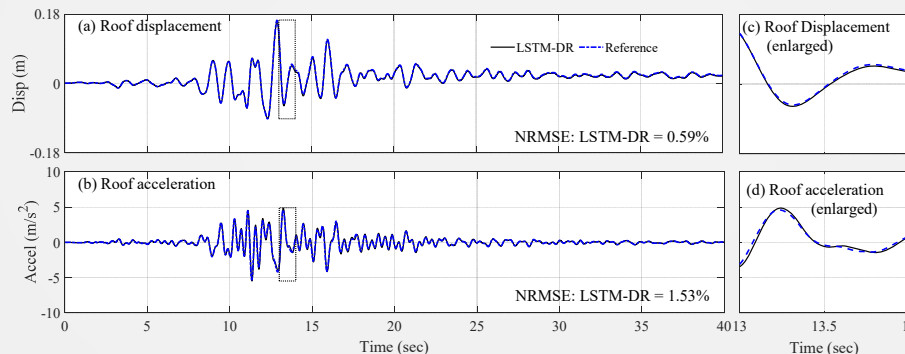


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LSTM-DR: Model  
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NRMSE (%) on the hydraulics-off validation dataset

Response	LSTM-NR (20 epoch)	LSTM-NR (300 epoch)	<b>LSTM-DR</b>
Roof displacement	0.70±0.33	3.51±0.88	<b>0.43±0.26</b>
Roof acceleration	2.83 ± 1.06	16.15±2.72	<b>1.88±0.65</b>
Damper deformation	1.47 ± 0.73	3.18±0.70	<b>0.77±0.39</b>

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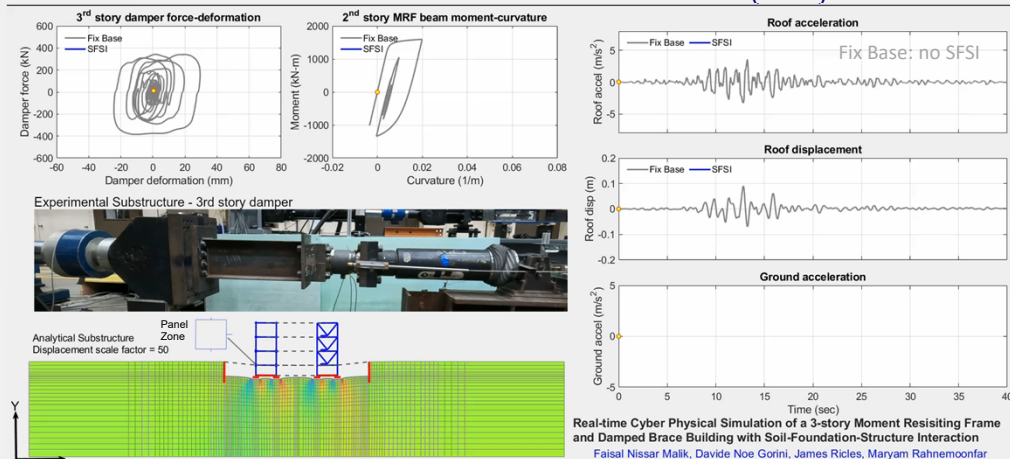


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## Multi-Physics Cyber-Physical Simulation: RTHS with SFSI Effects

### Relevance of Soil-Foundation-Structure Interaction (SFSI) Effects



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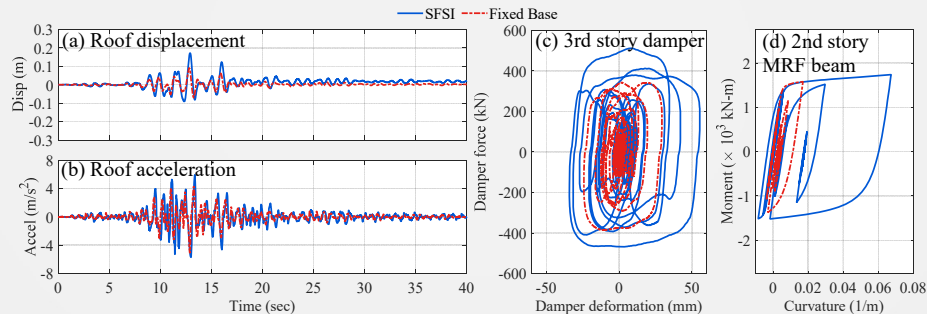
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## Results: Comparison Between SFSI and Fixed Base

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- Accounting for SFSI leads to
  - Increase in displacement demand of damper; Increase in peak damper force → Higher member forces
  - Increased Ductility in structural members
  - Increased peak and residual displacements

Loma Prieta ground motion recorded at SF Cliff House



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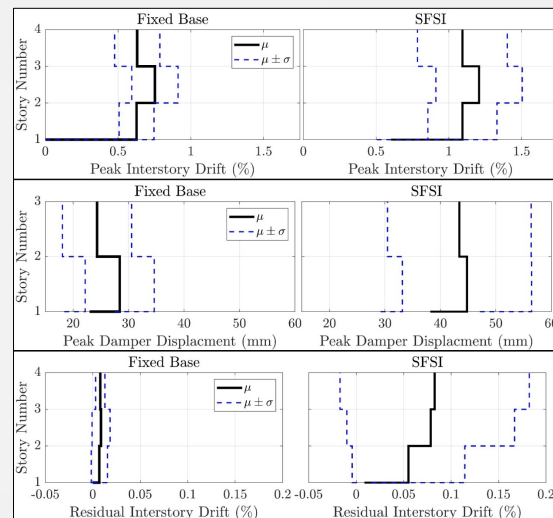


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## RTHS Results: Statistics on Ensemble of 14 Ground Motions

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- Ensemble of 14 ground motion records
- Accounting for SFSI leads to an increase in
  - Peak inter-story drift: 61 %
  - Peak damper deformation: 65 %
  - Residual inter-story drift
- No residual inter-story drift observed in Fixed Base (i.e., no foundation) case.
- Residual inter-story drift when SFSI is considered



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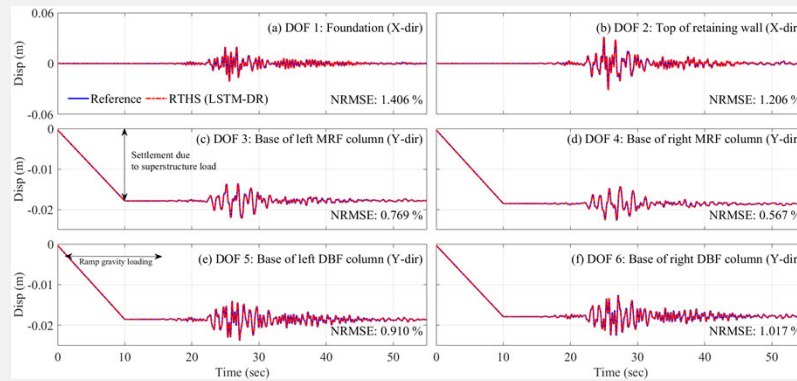
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## Results: RTHS Error Quantification

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- NN model restoring forces during the RTHS input to OpenSees SFSI model
  - Resulting interface displacements compared to ones obtained from RTHS

Loma Prieta ground motion recorded at Point Bonita



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