NHERI Lehigh EF Overview

James Ricles, PhD, PE

NHERI Lehigh EF Director

NHERI Lehigh EF Description

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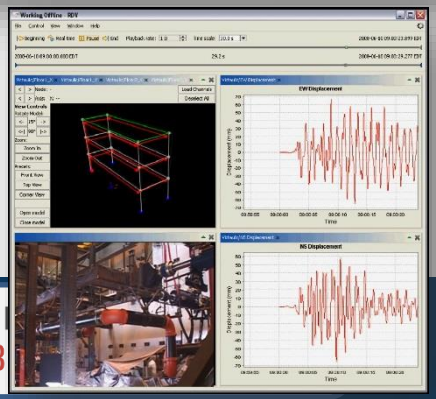

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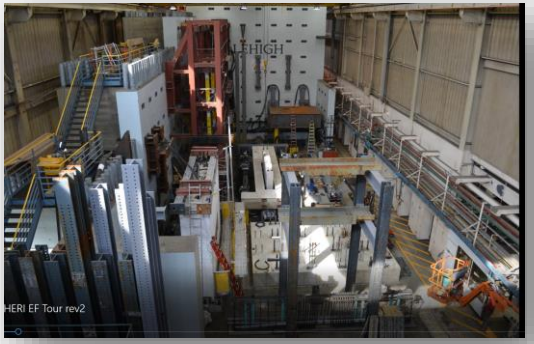
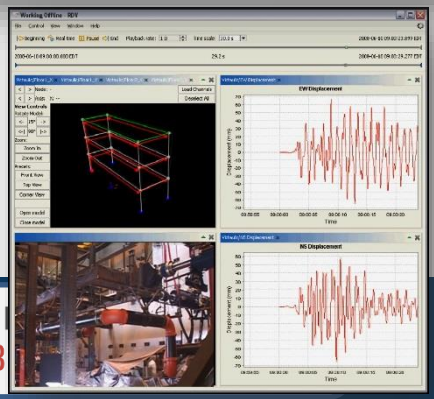
  - Concurrent multiple large-scale experiments
  - Operated by experienced staff
- Facility exists within ATLSS Center to provide access to additional resources and ATLSS infrastructure





ATLSS Center

NHERI Lehigh EF Strengths - Facility

- Large-scale, multi-directional testing capabilities
- Real-time loading
  - Dynamic actuators, hydraulic equipment and power
  - Actuator control with kinematic and adaptive compensation
- Hybrid simulation
  - Large-scale, real-time, multi-directional
  - Soil-structure interaction
  - Fluid-structure interaction
  - Integration algorithms
  - Analytical substructures with geometric and material nonlinearities
  - Multi-grid real-time simulations
  - Machine learning neural network modeling
  - Actuator multidirectional kinematic compensation
  - Real-time adaptive actuator control
  - Real-time on-line model updating
  - Data model for large-scale test data
- Instrumentation, DAQ, advanced instrumentation (Digital Image Correlation, laser transducers)
- Large inventory of ATLSS testing and ancillary equipment

NHERI Lehigh EF Strengths - People

Lehigh Team includes

- Expertise in
  - Structural Engineering
  - Structural Control
  - Structural Dynamics
  - EQ Engineering
  - Geotechnical Engineering
  - Aeroelasticity and Wind Engineering
  - Hydrodynamic and Fluid-structure Interaction Engineering
  - Probabilistic-based and Catastrophe Modeling Engineering
  - Structural monitoring and damage assessment
- Pioneers in real-time hybrid simulation (RTHS)
- Know-how in large-scale experimentation, RTHS
- Relationship with industry, practicing engineers, familiarity with codes and standards
- Experienced laboratory staff

NHERI Lehigh EF Team

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ATLSS Director

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Co-PI

Claudia Reis
Co-PI

Joseph Saunders
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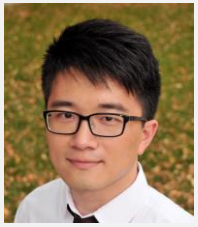
ATLSS Assoc Dir Ops



Liang Cao
Research Eng

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IT Systems Mgr

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ATLSS Lab Mgr

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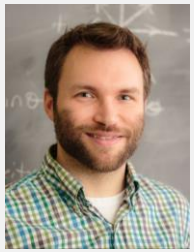
ATLSS Finance Mgr

Lehigh Faculty Capacity Building Partners



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Aero- and Hydrodynamics,
Fluid-Structure Interaction

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Soil-Structure Interaction
ATLSS Deputy Director

Paolo Bocchini
Probabilistic Modeling and
Infrastructure Resilience

Shamim Pakzad
Adv. Sensors,
Structural Monitoring

Advisory Council

- ***Advisory Council:*** *provide advice on marketing to broaden user base and ECO; advise on recent developments in natural-hazards engineering*
  - ***Expertise****: Community Resilience, Geotechnical Engineering, Performance-Based Engineering, Isolation Systems, Structural Control, Structural Surveillance and Health Monitoring, Advanced Damping and Structural Response Modification Devices.*

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Utah State

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NHERI Lehigh EF Science Plan

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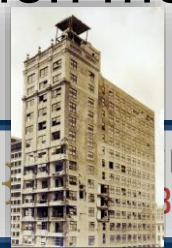
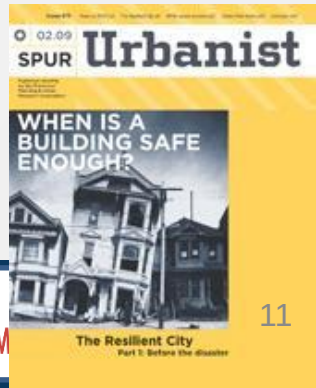
Provide a next generation multi-user facility to perform transformative research by closely integrating numerical simulations and experiments to advance natural hazards engineering research and education, enabling the challenge of community resilience to natural hazards to be met:

- Improved concepts for renewal and retrofit of the built environment
- Exploitation of new emerging materials
- Development of innovative, resilient structural concepts
- Economical design approaches toward natural hazard mitigation
- Development and validation of more accurate physics-based computational simulation models



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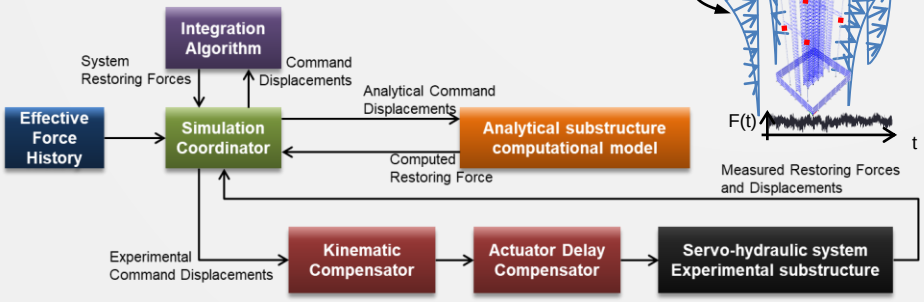
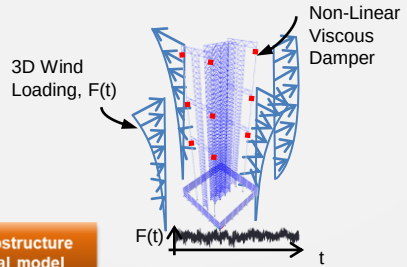
- The NEHRI Lehigh EF focus is on large-scale, multi-direction, real-time hybrid simulations that combine physical experiments with computer-based simulations for evaluating performance of large-scale components and systems.
- The NEHRI Lehigh EF provides user-friendly tools that enables researchers to readily utilize the advanced testing technology and algorithms to perform complex experiments.





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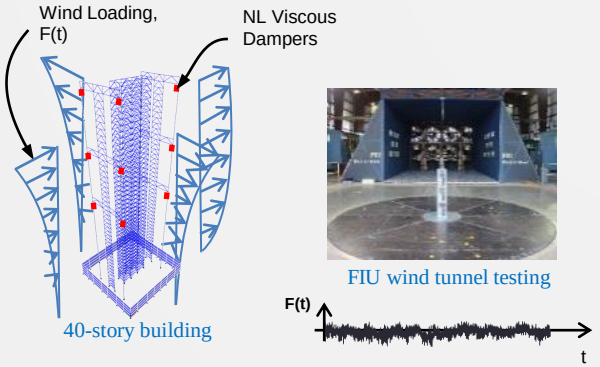
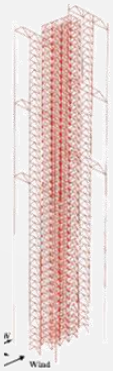
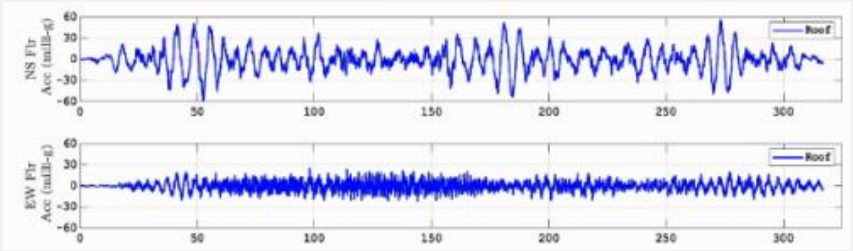
- Facility Enables Researchers to Readily Perform:
  - 3-D RTHS of large, complex nonlinear systems subjected to multi-natural hazards, (e.g., wind, water, and earthquake) using analytical substructures created with robust computational models that include machine learning-trained neural network models;
  - 3-D multi-natural hazard RTHS of systems with numerous response modification devices, where models of numerically modeled devices are updated in real-time using data from physically modeled devices;
  - Accurate large-scale 3-D multi-directional experiments (e.g., quasi-static, HS, RTHS) that involve nonlinear kinematics of actuator and specimen motions;
  - Accurate 3-D experiments of systems with precise hydraulic actuator control.





Analytical substructure



Windward and crosswind roof acceleration response

RTHS Wind Simulation Results, 40-story Building With Supplemental Damper Outriggers

NHERI Lehigh EF Broader Impacts

- Key questions in natural hazards mitigation can be addressed through research performed at NHERI Lehigh EF that will lead to:
  - Development and implementation into practice new natural hazard mitigation strategies and innovative resilient structural systems
  - Enhanced understanding of response to multi-natural hazards by accounting for SSI and FSI effects
  - Comprehension of system-level effects on structural and non-structural components through large-scale 3-D system experiments.
- Acquire high quality experimental data, leading to improved computational models for predicting community infrastructure system response to natural hazards.
- Training the next-generation workforce in natural-hazards engineering through research and ECO activities.

NHERI Lehigh EF Science Plan

- Examples of Potential Research Projects at NHERI Lehigh EF:
  - *Autonomous Semi-active Control Devices for Achieving Resilient Performance of Structural Systems Subject to Multi-hazards* (approach: real-time hybrid simulation)
  - *Advanced Bracing Systems with Shape Memory Alloys for Achieving Multi-hazard Resiliency of Buildings* (approach: quasi-static; hybrid simulation)
  - *Advancing Computational Modeling of Structural Damage in Reinforced Concrete Subject to Complex Loading Histories* (approach: quasi-static; multi-directional mixed mode control hybrid simulation)
  - *Quantifying Seismic Resilience of Multi-functional Floor Isolation Systems Through Cyber-physical Testing* (approach: real-time hybrid simulation)
  - *Performance of Nonstructural Components of Systems and Minimizing Multi-Hazard Losses* (approach: hybrid simulation, real-time hybrid simulation)
  - *Effects of Soil-Foundation-Structure Interaction on Multi-hazard Performance of Tall Buildings With Supplemental Damper Outrigger Systems* (approach: real-time hybrid simulation with neural networks)
  - *Semi-Active Controlled Cladding Panels for Multi-Hazard Resilient Buildings* (approach: hybrid simulation, real-time hybrid simulation)
  - *Resilience of Civil Infrastructure Transportation Systems to Multi-Natural Hazards* (approach: real-time hybrid simulation)
  - *Performance-based Engineering of Civil Infrastructure to Fire Hazards* (approach: hybrid simulation with furnace)
  - *Efficacy of Response Modification Devices in Structural Systems Accounting for the Effects of Soil-Structure and Fluid-Structure Interactions* (approach: real-time hybrid simulation with neural networks)
  - *Resiliency of Coastal Infrastructure to Inundation from Storm Surge and Tsunamis* (approach: real-time hybrid simulation)

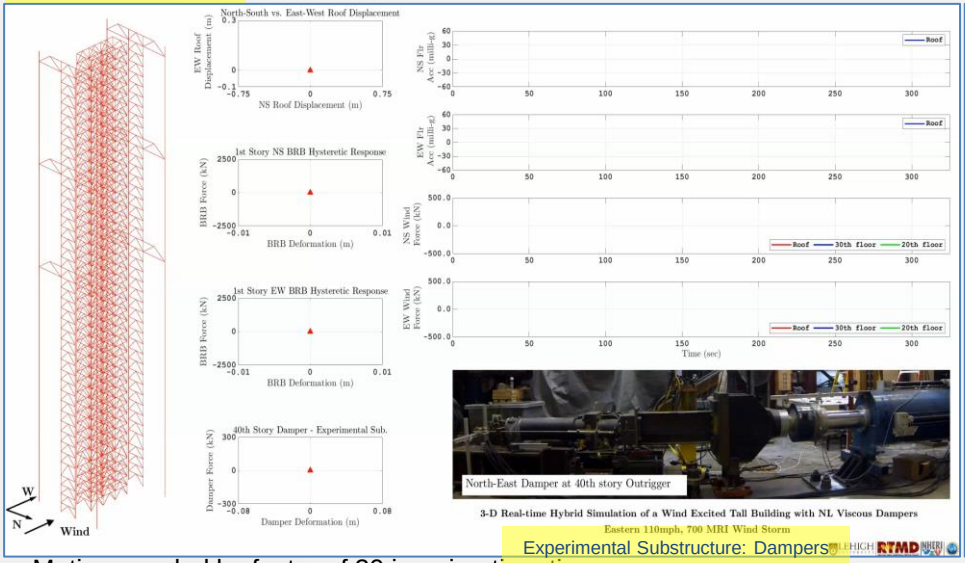
Examples of Research Vision at NHERI Lehigh

Multi-directional Nonlinear Real-time Hybrid Simulations (RTHS) to Improve Multi-Natural Hazards Resiliency of Tall Buildings

Rate Dependent Nonlinear Viscous Damper

3D Multi-hazards RTHS of 40-story Building with Supplemental Nonlinear Viscous Dampers in Outriggers

Analytical Substructure: Building



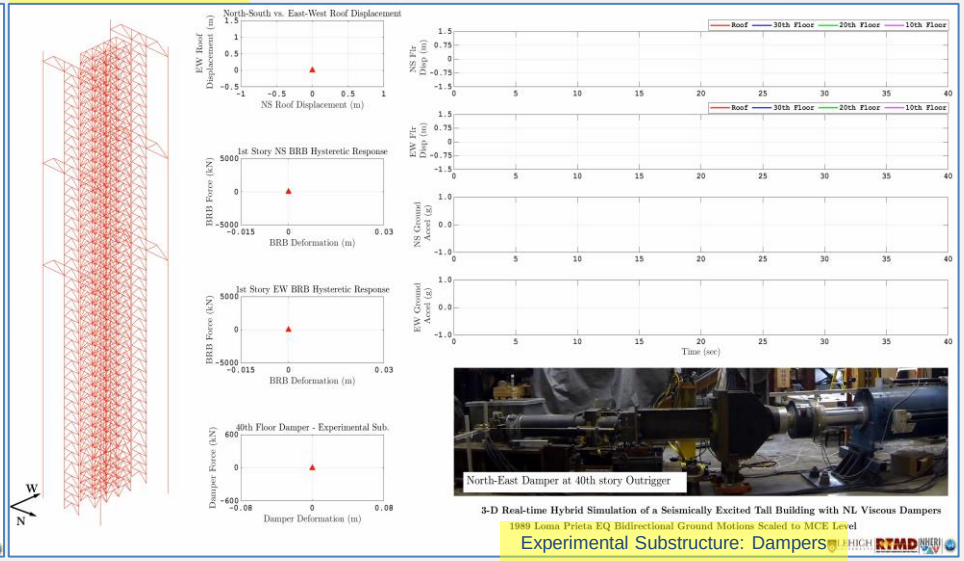
Experimental Substructure: Dampers

Motions scaled by factor of 20 in animation; time-lapse

RTHS: 700 year MRI (110 mph Wind Speed)

Wind

Analytical Substructure: Building



Experimental Substructure: Dampers

Motions scaled by factor of 5 in animation

RTHS: 2474 year EQ (MCE)

Earthquake

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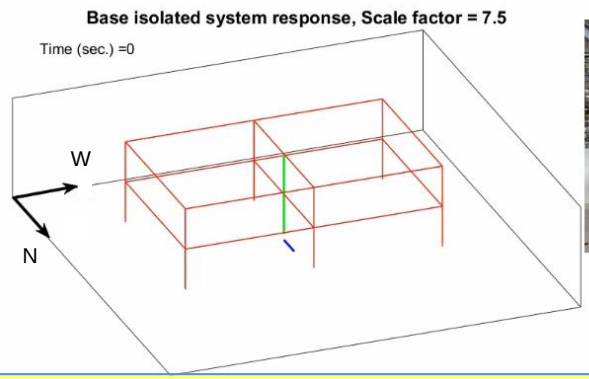
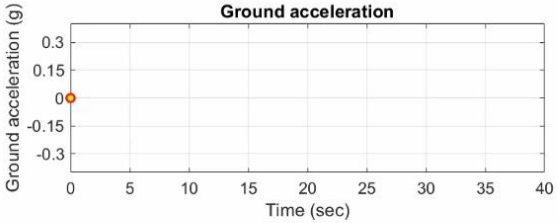
Multi-directional Nonlinear Real-time Hybrid Simulations (RTHS) to Improve Seismic Resiliency of RC Buildings

Banded Rotatory Friction Damper

RTHS of 2-story RC Building Outfitted with a Next-generation Rotary Banded Friction Base Isolation System



Experimental + Analytical Substructures = Base-Isolated Building



RTHS of 2-Story RC Building with BRFD Base Isolation System

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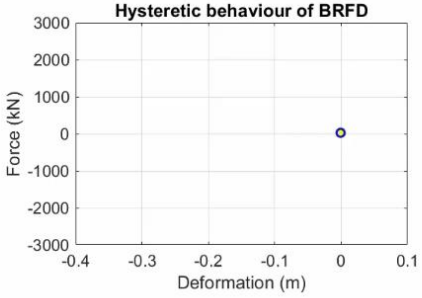
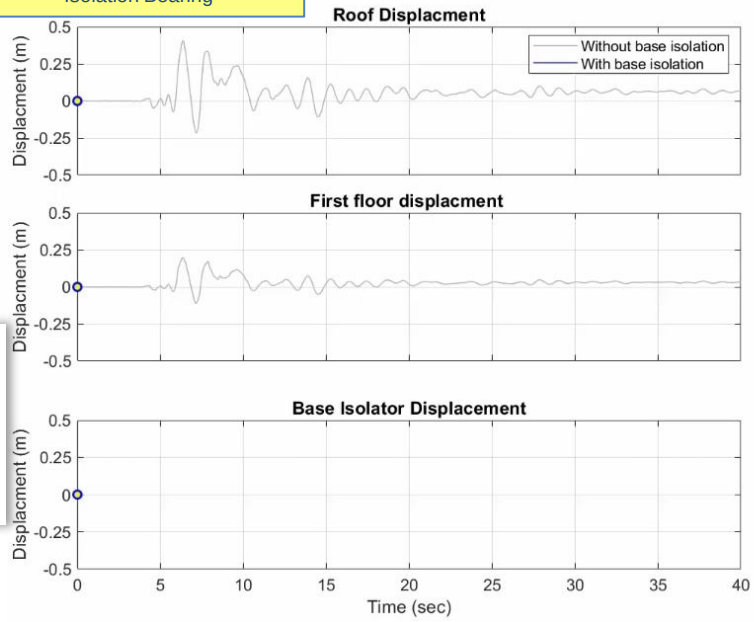
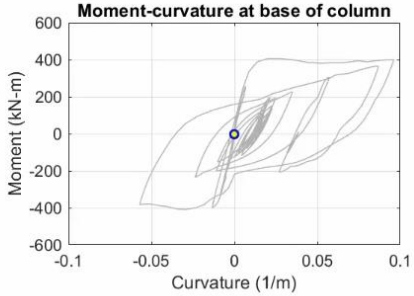
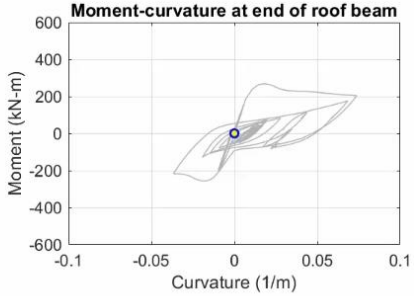
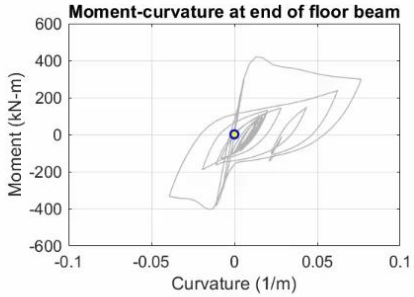
Experimental Substructure: Banded Rotary Friction Damper Isolation Bearing









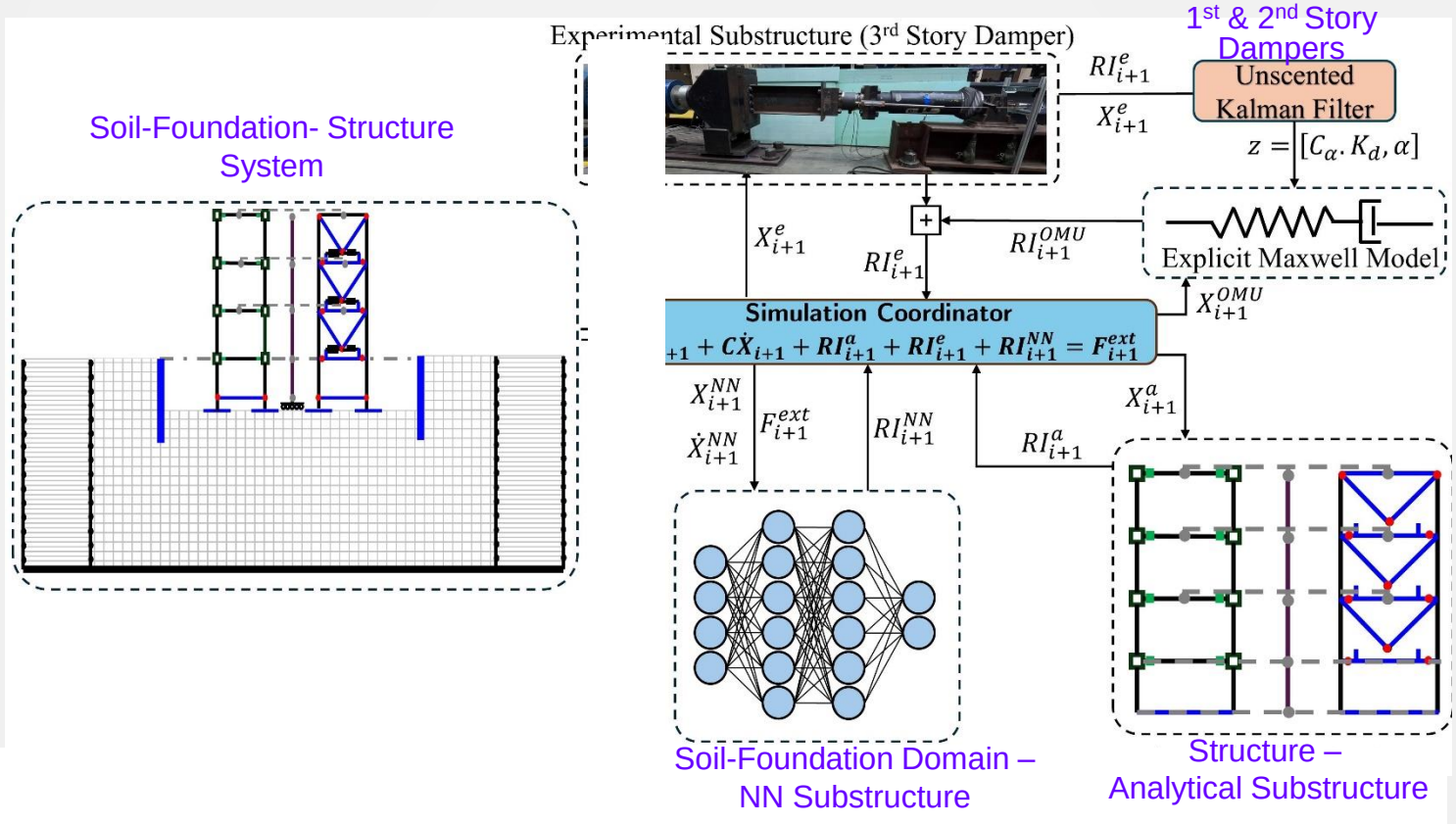


Examples of Research Vision at NHERI Lehigh

Multi-physics RTHS: Seismic Real-time Hybrid Simulation with Soil-Foundation-Structure Interaction Using Neural Networks

NL Viscous Damper

RTHS of 3-story Steel Frame Building Outfitted with Nonlinear Viscous Dampers



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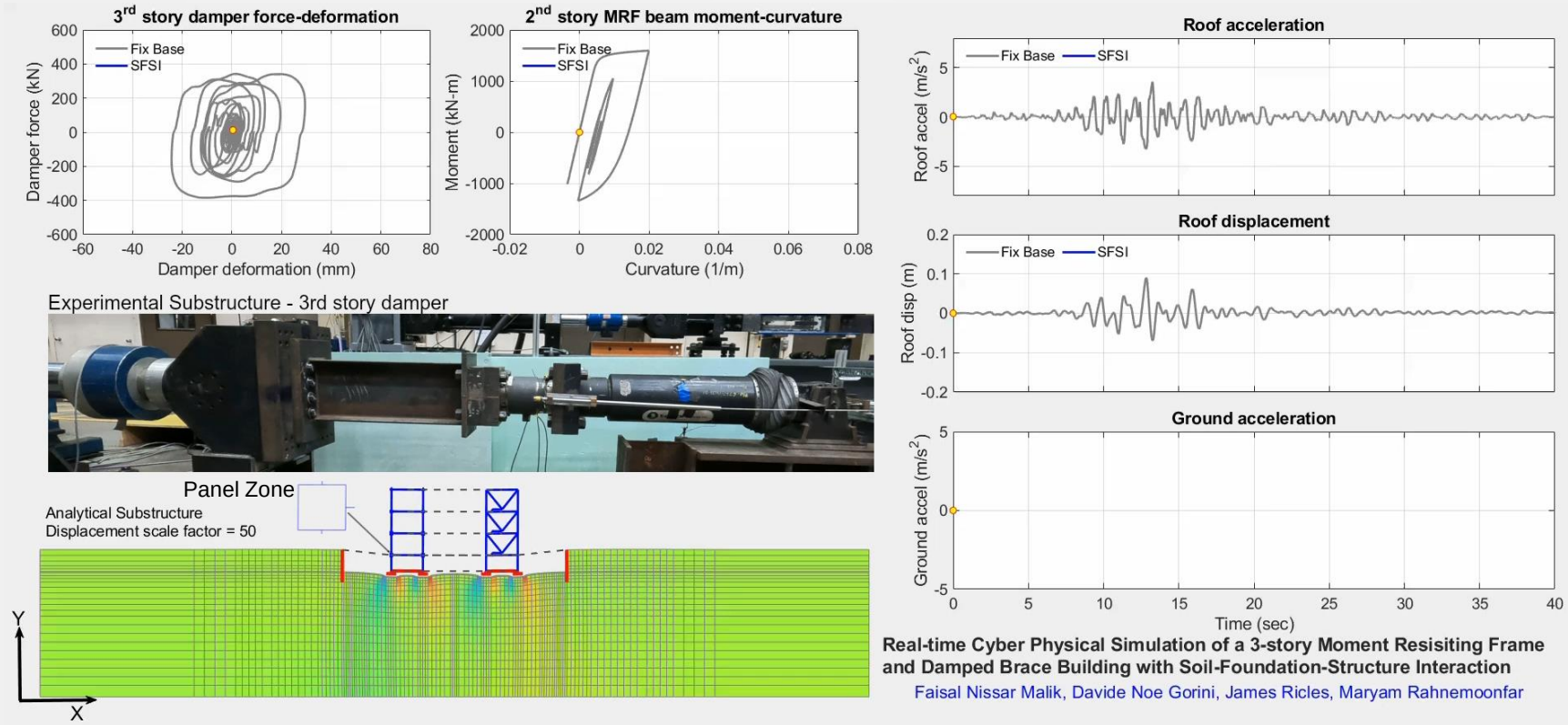

Real-time Cyber Physical Simulation of a 3-story Moment Resisiting Frame and Damped Brace Building with Soil-Foundation-Structure Interaction

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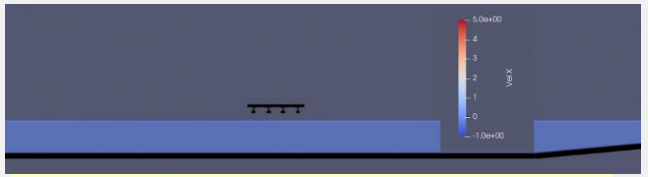
Resiliency: Understanding the Effects of Natural Hazards on the Built Environment

What needs to be considered?

Simulations that include:

- **Spatial and Temporal Discretization & Multi-directionality Effects**
- **Real-time**
- **Multi-physics**



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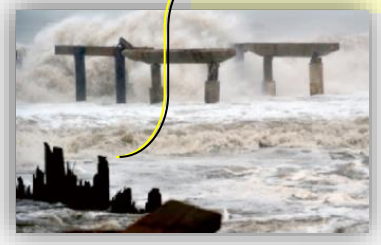

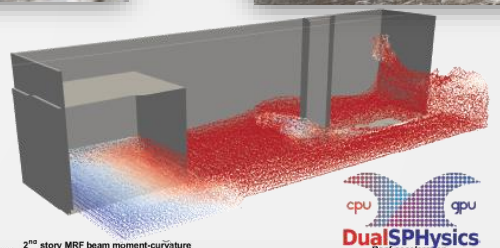

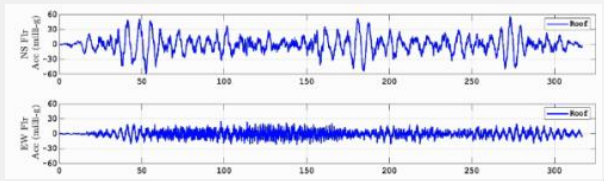

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Southside damper at 40th floor

Explicit damper model

Southside damper at 30th floor

Loading beam

Clevis Damper Load cell Actuator

$\mathbf{X}^e_{i+1}$

$\mathbf{R}^e_{i+1}$

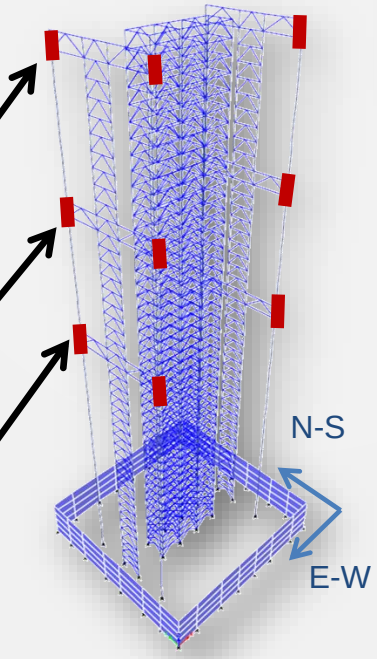
UKF

Real-time system identification

Southside damper at 20th floor

Loading beam

Actuator Load cell Damper Clevis



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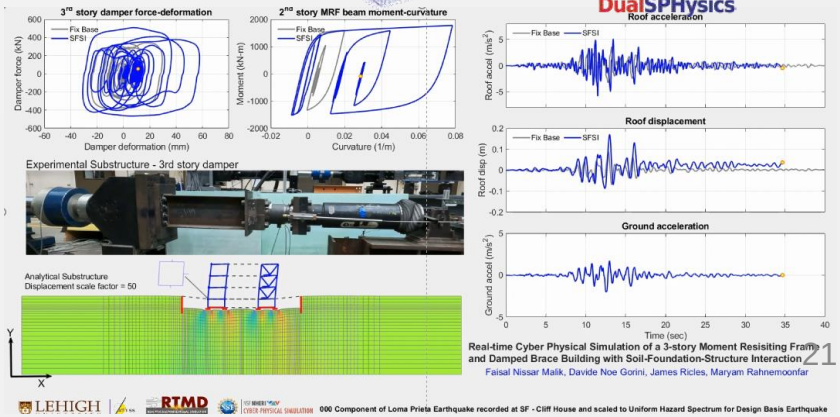

3rd story damper force-deformation

2nd story MRF beam moment-curvature

Experimental Substructure - 3rd story damper

Analytical Substructure
Displacement scale factor = 50

Roof acceleration

Roof displacement

Ground acceleration

Time (sec)

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