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Recent experimental and analytical studies on the seismic performance of Ceiling, Piping, and Partition systems at UNR

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Presentation Outline

GC Nonstructural Project: An integrated Multi-Institutional Effort

- **Introduction**
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Definition of Nonstructural Components

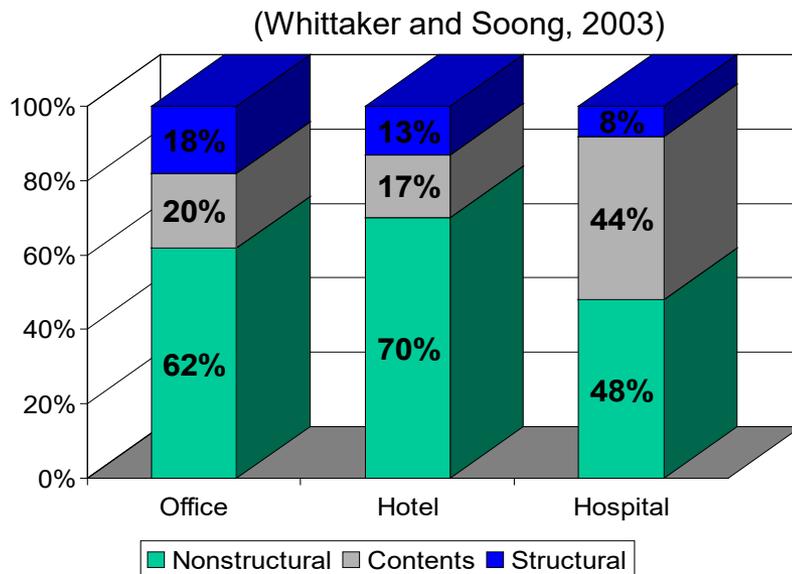
- Elements of a building that are **NOT** part of its gravity and/or seismic loading resisting system.



Why are Nonstructural Elements Important?

Nonstructural components account for 75-85% of total investment inside a structure

Nonstructural damage accounts for over 79% of the total earthquake damage



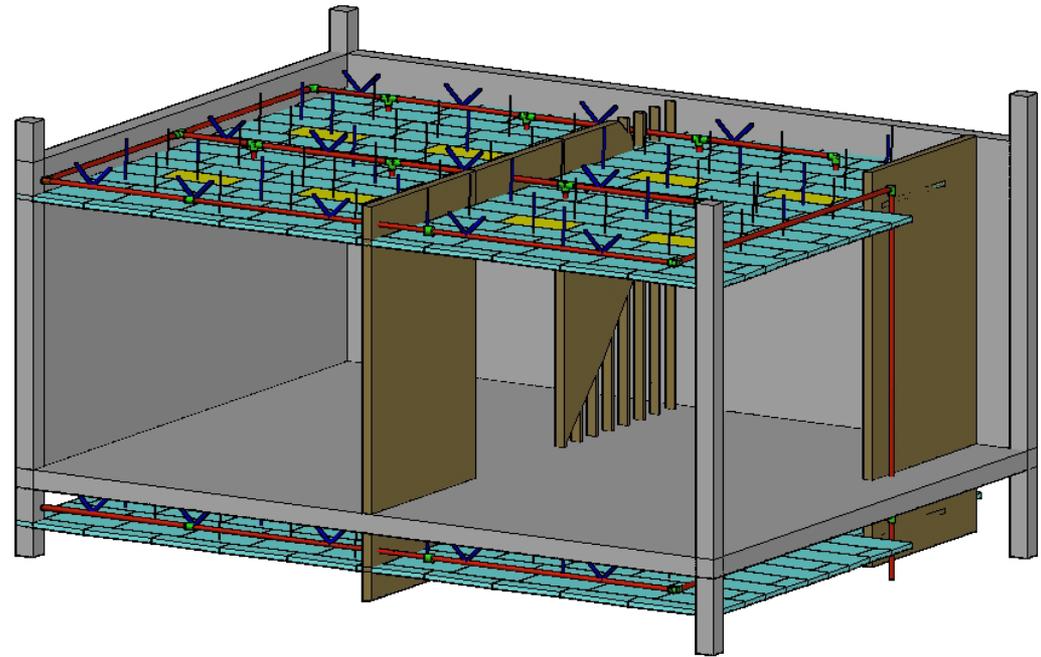
- ◆ **Subject to the dynamic environment of the building**
- ◆ **Damage can be triggered at response intensities smaller than those required to produce structural damage**



Ceiling-Piping-Partition Systems

The system is a set of three physically interacting subsystems

-  Ceiling Subsystem
-  Piping Subsystem
-  Partition Subsystem



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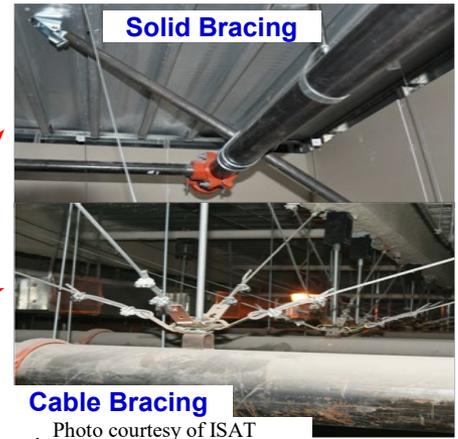
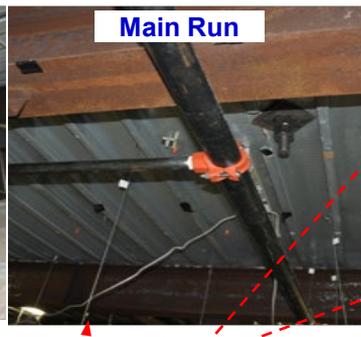
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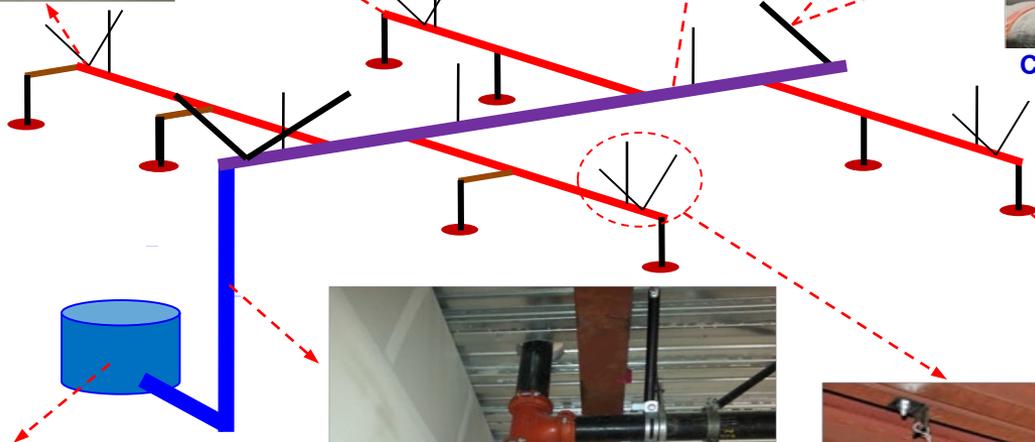
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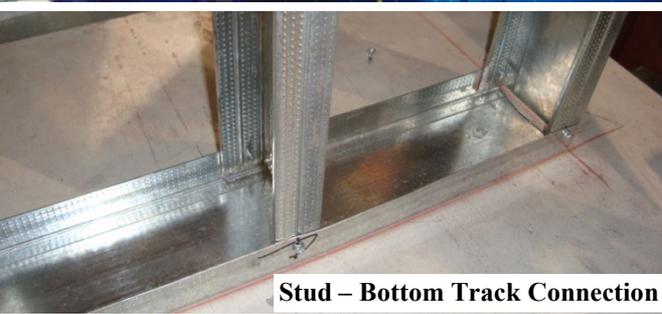
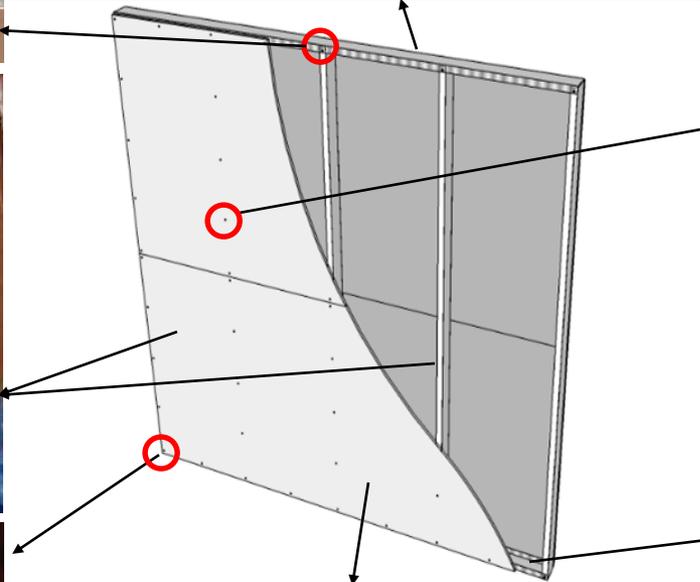
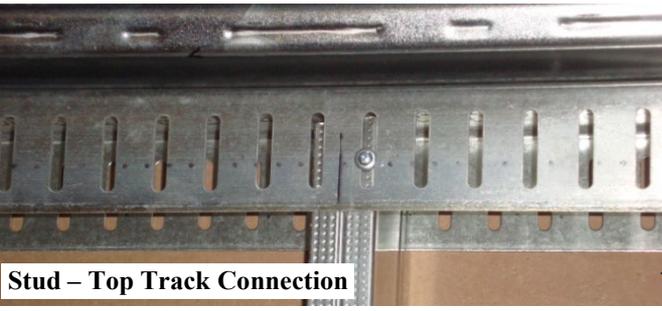
Fire Sprinkler Piping Systems



Cable Bracing
Photo courtesy of ISAT



Cold-Formed Steel-Framed Gypsum Partition Walls



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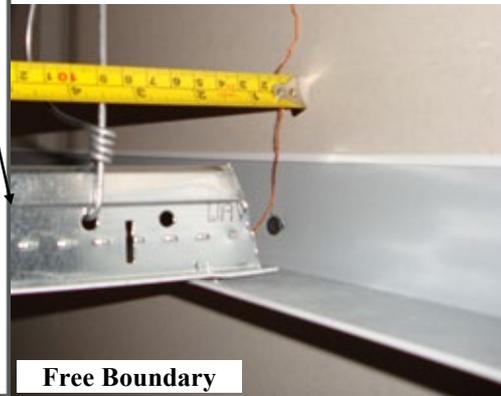
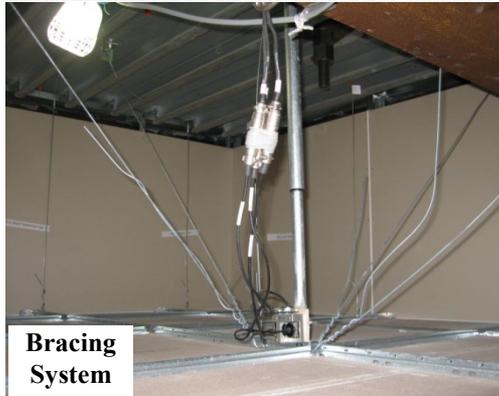
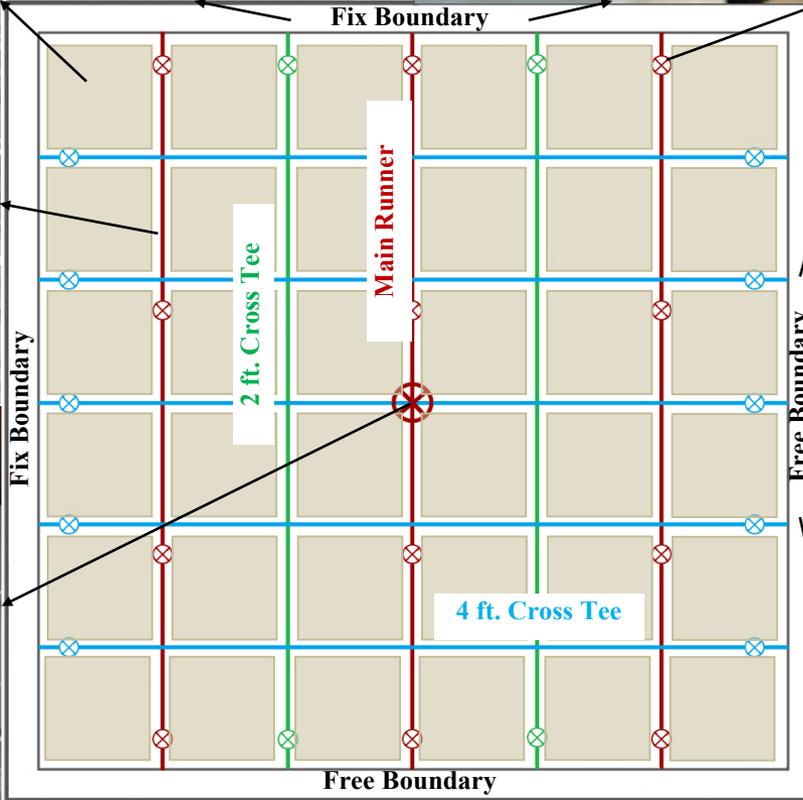
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Acoustic Tile Suspended Ceiling System



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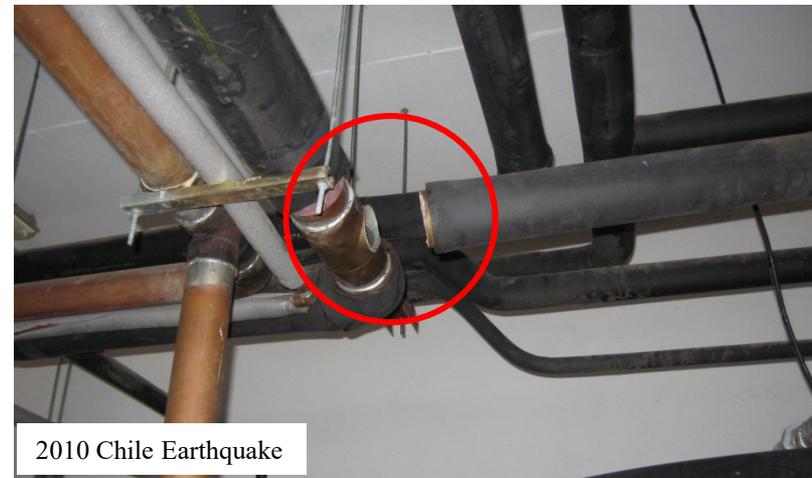
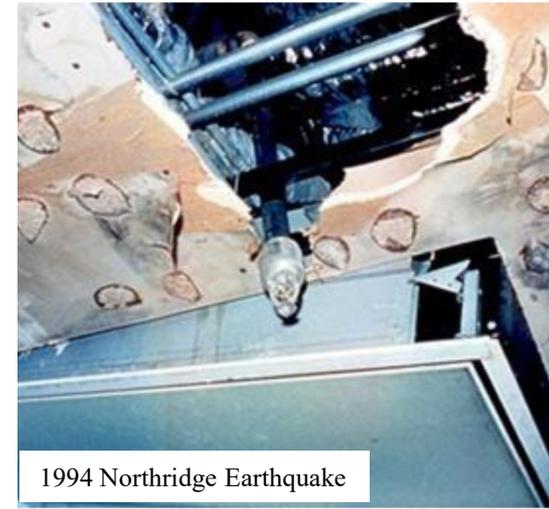
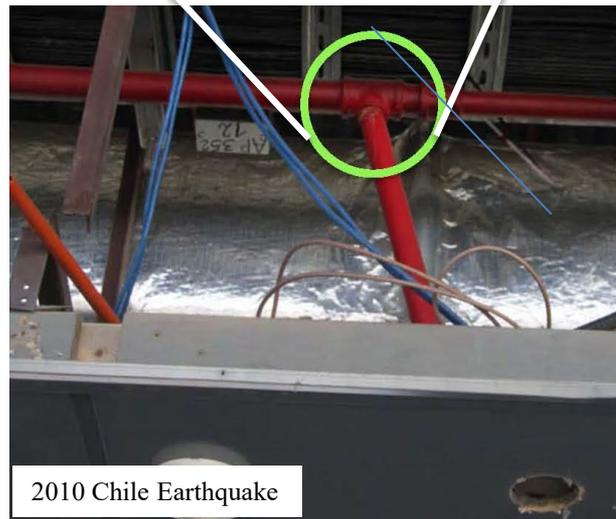
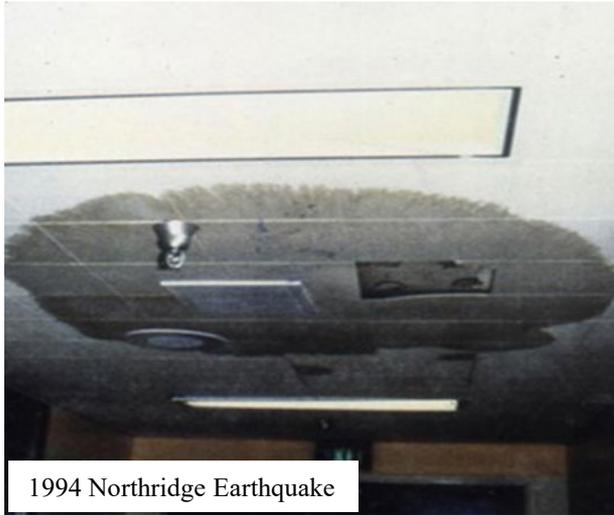
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Damage During Past Earthquakes - Piping



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Damage During Past Earthquakes - Partition



Damage During Past Earthquakes - Ceiling



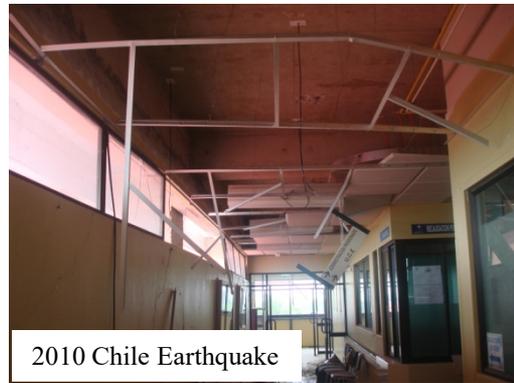
2010 Haiti Earthquake



2005 Miyagi-oki



2010 Chile Earthquake



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Vision Statement

To significantly enhance the seismic resilience of buildings and communities by providing practicing engineers and architects with verified tools and guidelines for the understanding, prediction and improvement of the **seismic response of the ceiling-piping-partition nonstructural system.**



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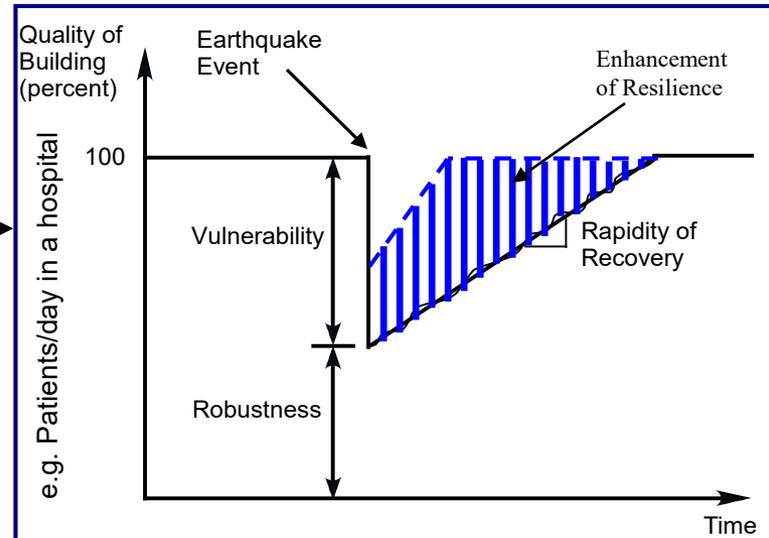


Enhancement of Resilience

For individual buildings proposed research will:

- Decrease the risks to life and property
- Limit loss of functionality after an earthquake

Quantify the impact of the research on the individual building and metropolitan scales - Implementation



- Reduce failure at the metropolitan scale
- Improve the community ability to recover after an earthquake

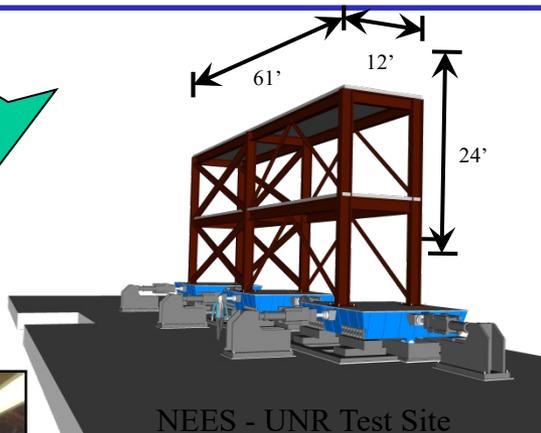
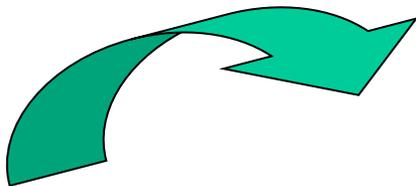
Enhancement of community resilience



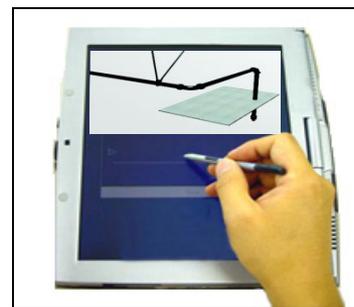
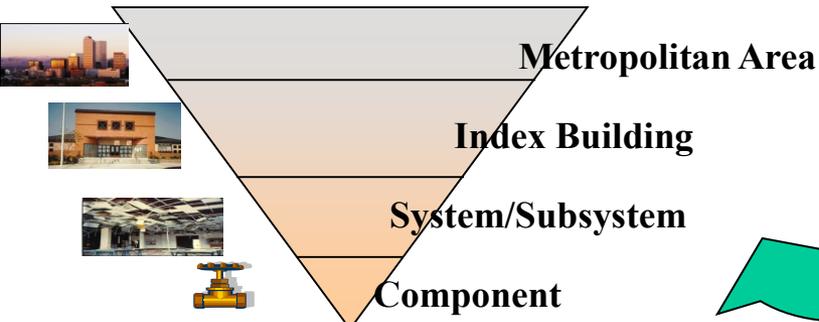
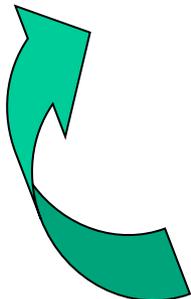
NEESR-GC: Simulation of the Seismic Performance of Nonstructural Systems



NEES – UB Test Site



NEES - UNR Test Site















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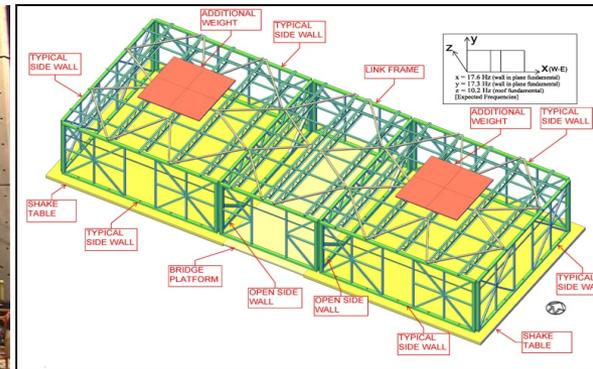
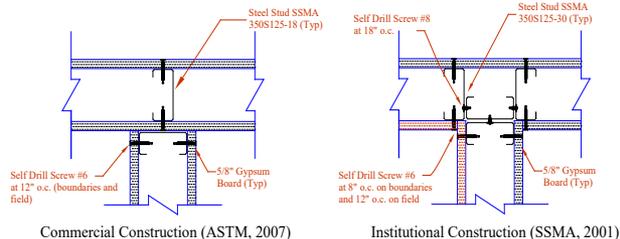
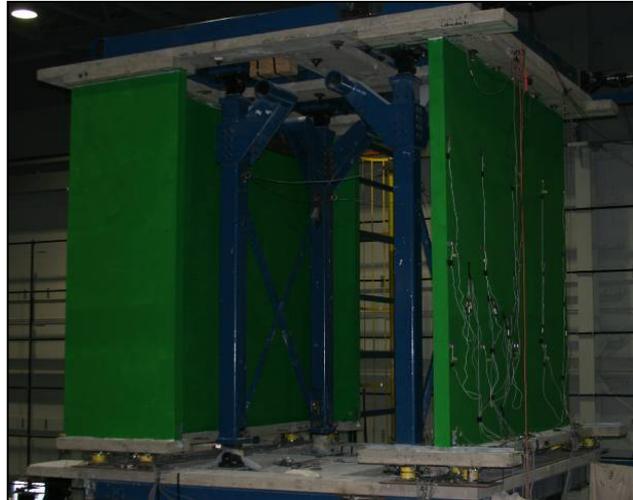


Component Level Experiments at UB NEES site

50 12-ft Wall Specimens

48 Pipe T-Joint Specimens
4 Piping Subsystems

10 Ceiling Specimens



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Experimental Program- System Level

Combination of Ceiling-Piping-Partition

E-Defense Experiment

Two Floors of
Nonstructural Systems

43 Earthquake
Simulations



UNR Experiment

Two Floors of Nonstructural Systems

8 Sets of Experiments



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E-Defense Experiment

- **Shake table tests of a full-scale 5-story steel moment frame building**
 - ❑ **Isolated with triple friction pendulum isolators**
 - ❑ **Isolated with lead rubber bearing/cross linear slider**
 - ❑ **Fixed base**
 - Simulations designed to impose large displacement demands in isolation systems (comparable motions could not be applied to fixed-base buildings for safety reasons)
 - Simulations both with and without vertical component of ground motion



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E-Defense Experiment – Ceiling Performance

Mid Span →



Near Riser →

5th Floor - Braced

4th Floor - Unbraced



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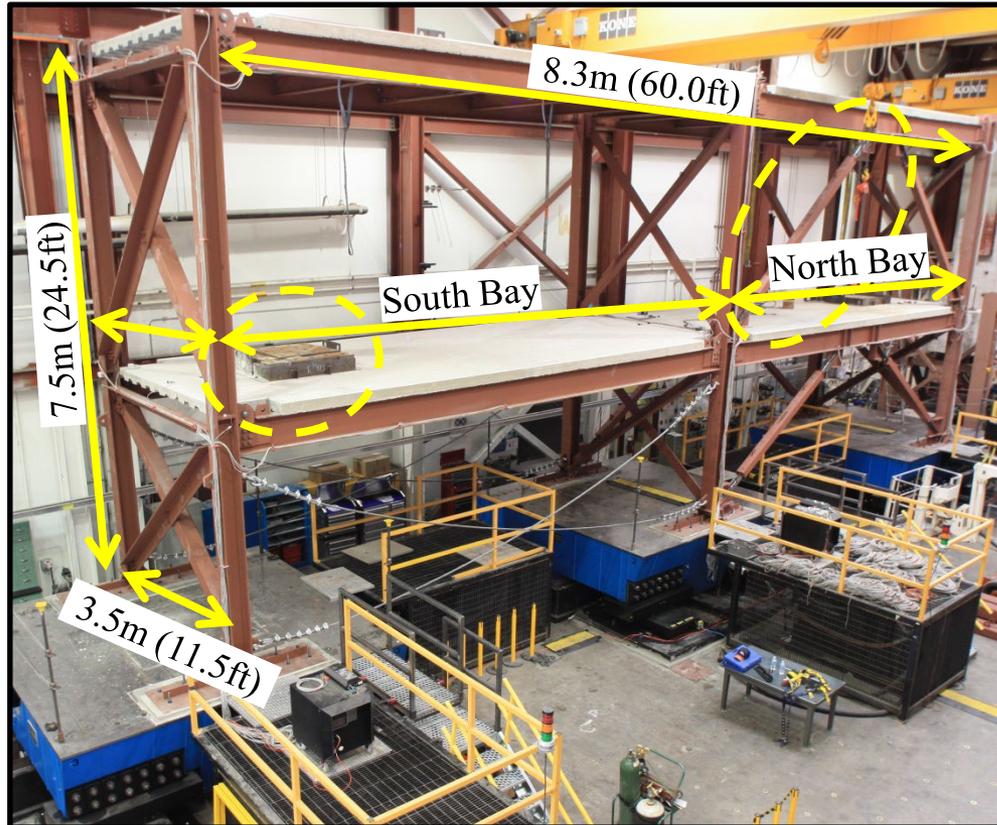
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Test-bed Structure: Overview



Steel Braced-Frame Structure

- Full-Scale
- Two-by-one bay

Approx. Dimensions

- 7.5m x 3.5m x 18.3m
- (24.5ft x 11.5ft x 60.0ft)

Configuration Variables

- Brace properties
- Addition attached floor mass



Test-bed Structure: Configurations

Two Configurations

- Linear: Large Accelerations
- Nonlinear: Large Inter-story Drift

Floor	Linear Configuration		Nonlinear Configuration	
	BRB Yield Capacity	Attached Mass	BRB Yield Capacity	Attached Mass
First	283 kN (64Kips)	30.7 kN (6.9Kips)	89 kN (20.0Kips)	62.5 kN (14.0Kips)
Second		17.6 kN (4.0Kips)		279.1 kN (62.8Kips)
T_n	0.2 sec		0.34 sec	



Test-bed Structure: Floor Layout



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UNR Experiments

➤ Linear Tests:

- ✓ Braces Remained Linearly Elastic
- ✓ Objective: Achieve High Floor Acceleration
- ✓ 5 linear tests → 42 Motions → PGA= 0.12-1.17g

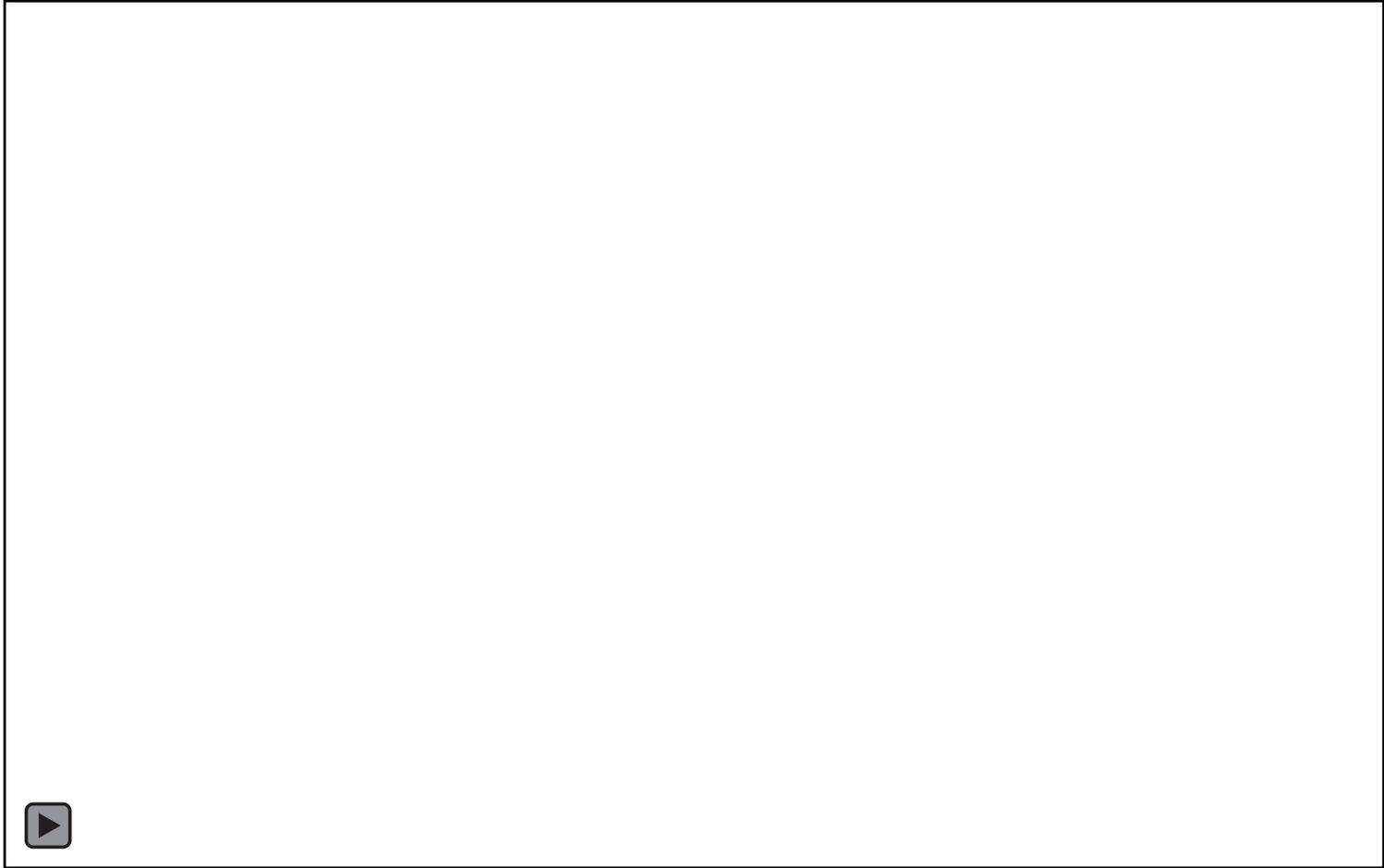
➤ Nonlinear Tests

- ✓ Braces with Lower Yield Force
- ✓ Braces Yielded
- ✓ Objective: Achieve Large Story Drift
- ✓ 3 Nonlinear tests → 17 Motions → PGA= 0.24-2.04g



UNR Experiment-Test Video

➤ Nonlinear Test



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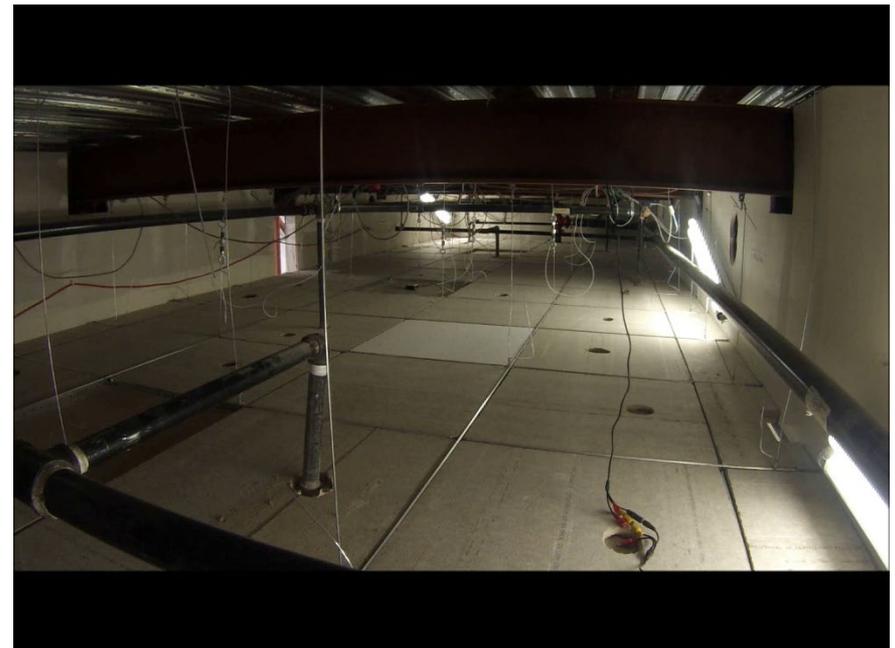
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UNR Experiment – Ceiling Performance



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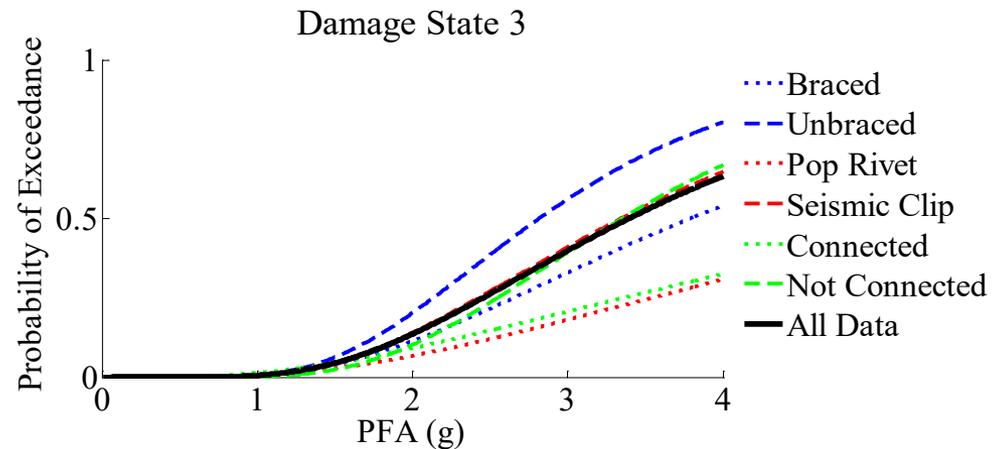
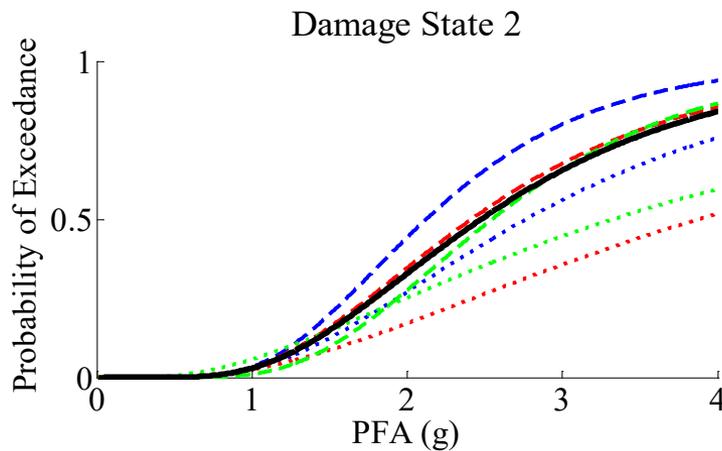
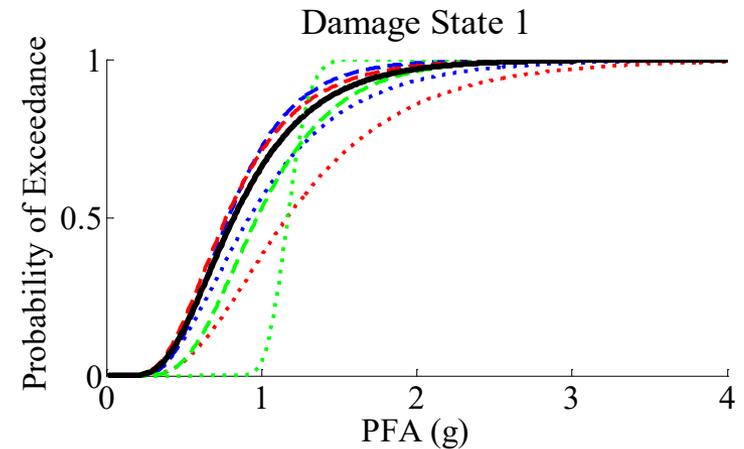


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Experimental Fragility Analysis: Ceiling Performance

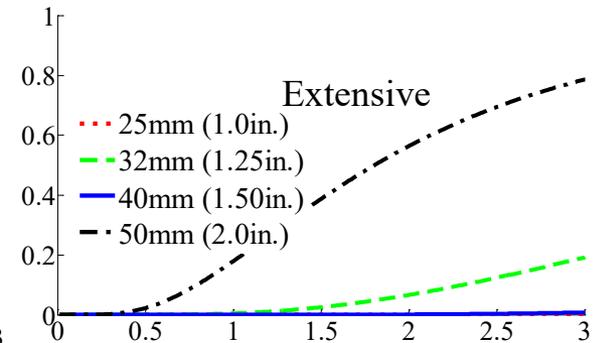
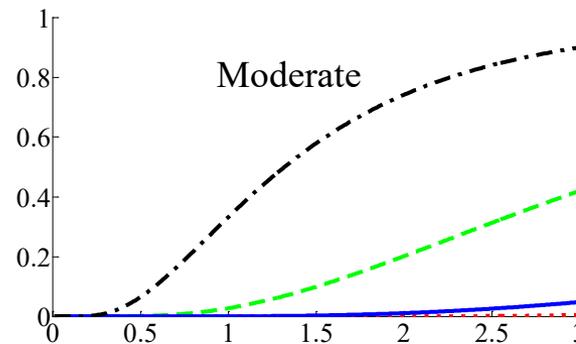
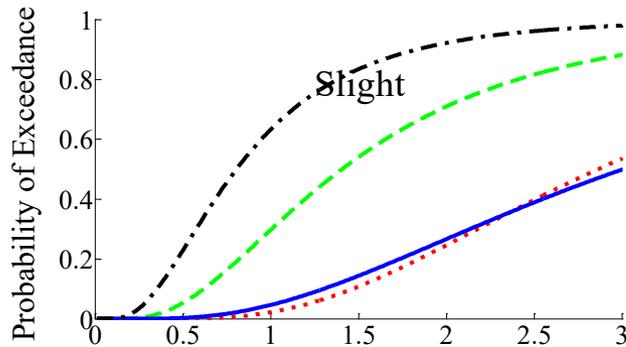
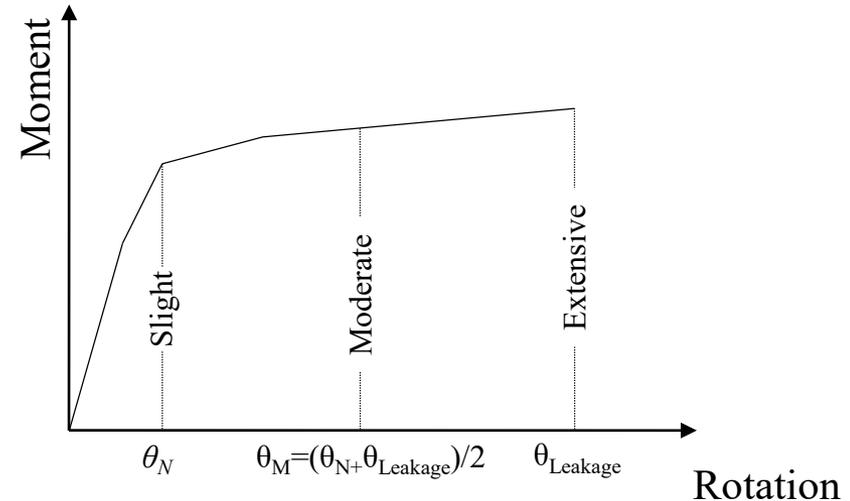
Damage State	Description	Repair	Percentage of Fallen Ceiling Area
DS1	Ceiling tiles dislodge and fall	Reinstall tiles	5%
DS2	Ceiling grid and tile damage	Replacement for grid and tile	30%
DS3	Major ceiling damage and some grid collapse	Total replacement of grid and tile	50%



Experimental Fragility Analysis: Pipe Joint Rotation

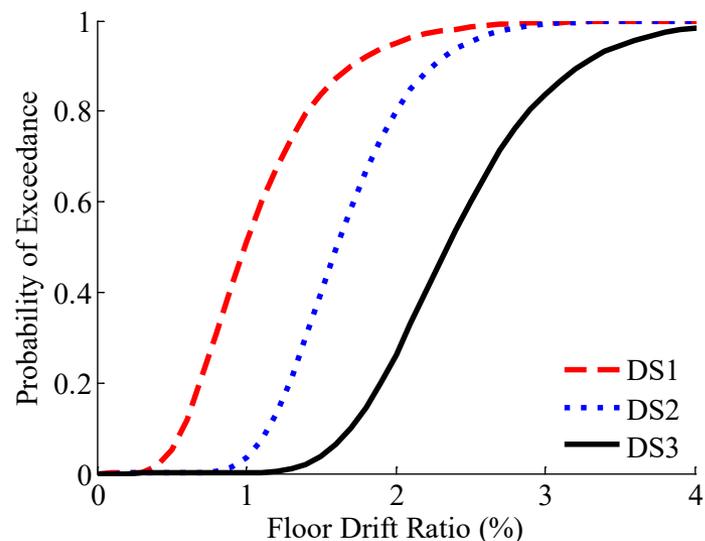
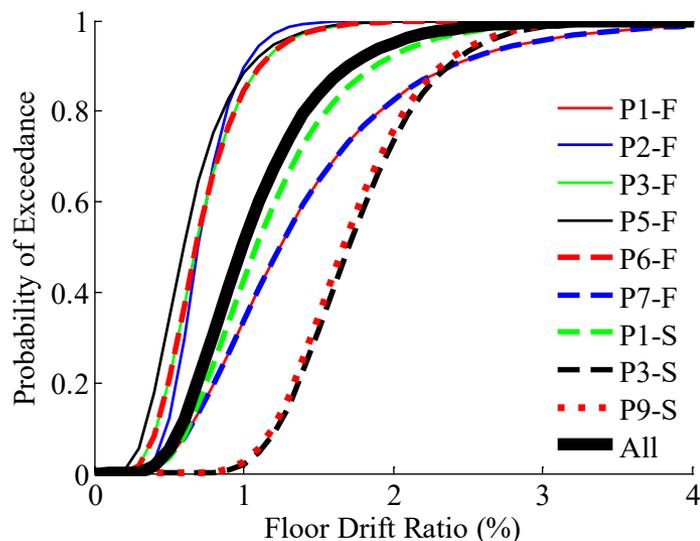
Damage State Descriptions

- Slight: Start of nonlinear behavior
- Moderate: Dripping/Spraying
- Extensive: First significant leakage



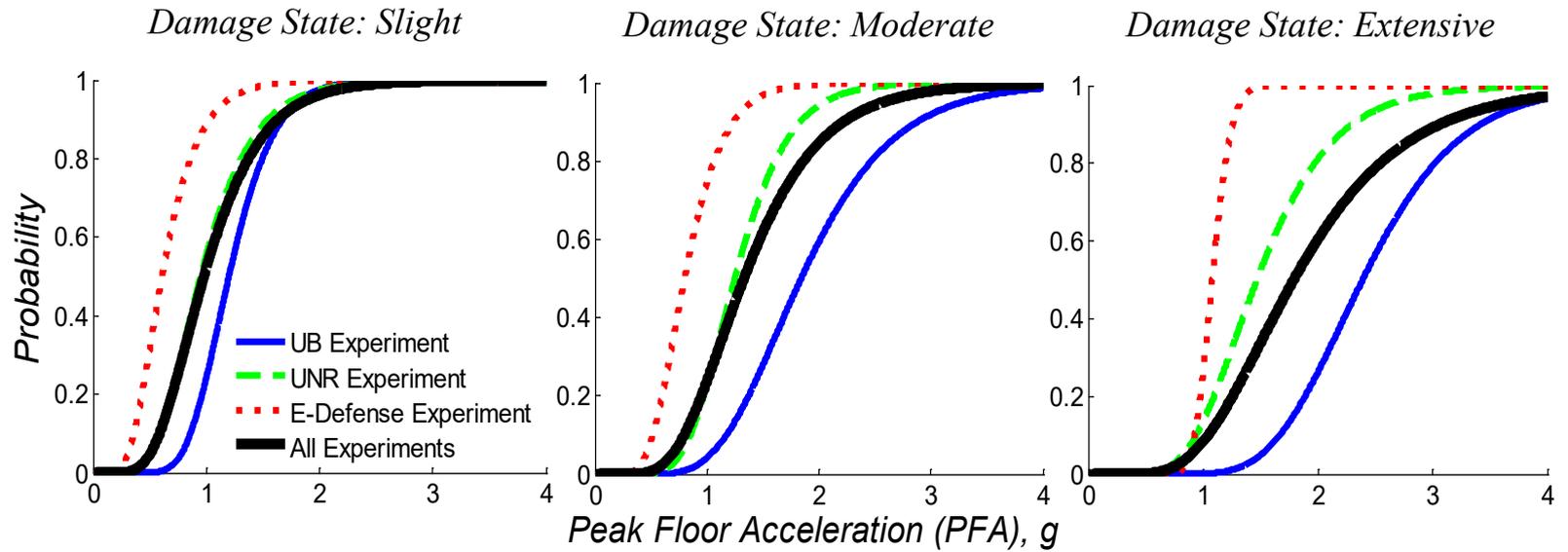
Experimental Fragility Analysis: Partition Walls

Damage State	Definition	Required Repair
DS1	Minor Damage: Popping out or rocking of gypsum board screws (field and boundary); Cracks forming at corners of openings; Minor gypsum cracking or crushing; Joint paper damage; Sliding of studs in top track.	Tape replacement at corners; gypsum board screw replacement at pop out locations; minor repairs to cracking.
DS2	Local Damage: Boundary stud deformation (bending, twisting, pulling out from top track); Crushing of gypsum boards; Damage to partial height brace connection.	Boundary stud replacement; replacing partial sections of gypsum board; replacing partial height brace system.
DS3	Severe Damage: Plastic hinging forming in field studs; tearing in steel track through slab fasteners.	Removal of full gypsum board sections and replacement of field studs; replacement of new full height gypsum wall boards; replacement of top tracks.



Fragility Curve Development Using UB, UNR, and E-Defense

Example: Ceiling System



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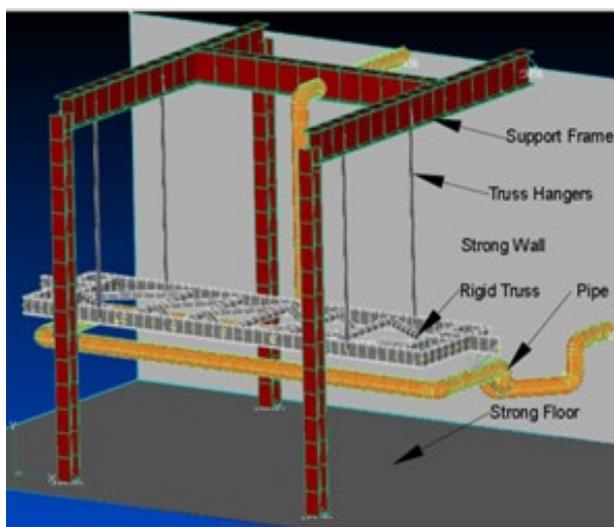
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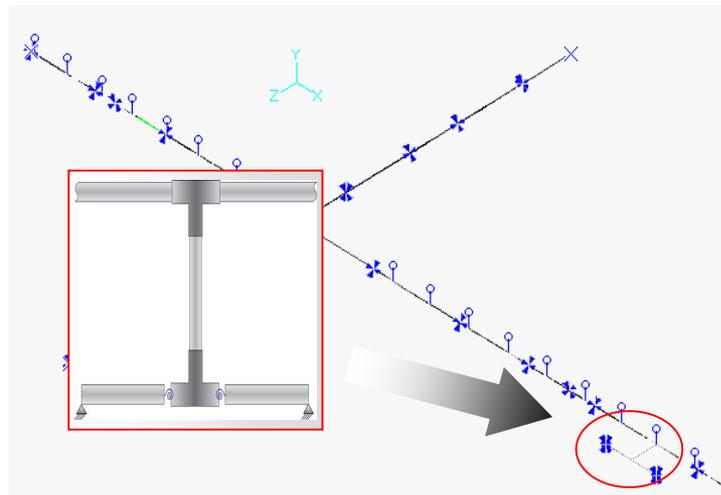
Previous Analytical Studies - Piping

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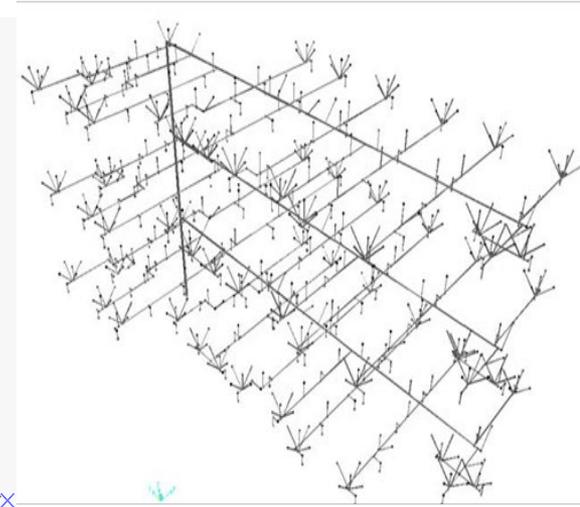
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- Propagation of damage due to the failure of supporting elements.
- Interaction with suspended ceiling system.



Martinez and Hodgson (2007)



Ju and Gupta (2012)



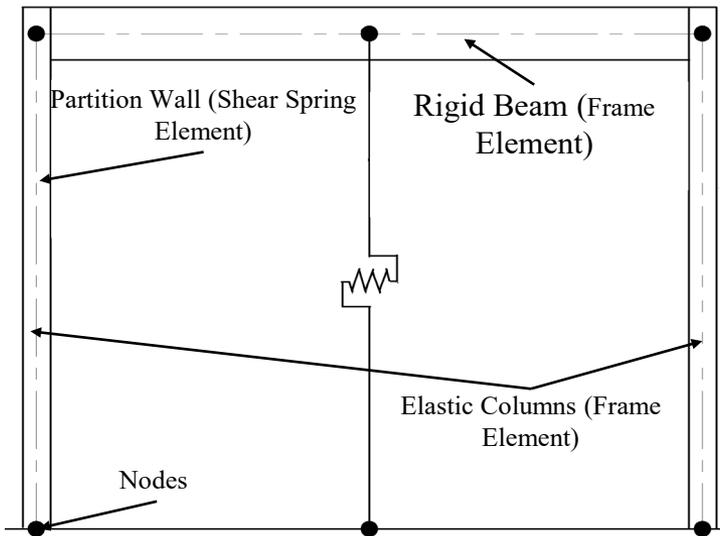
Soroushian et al. (2011)



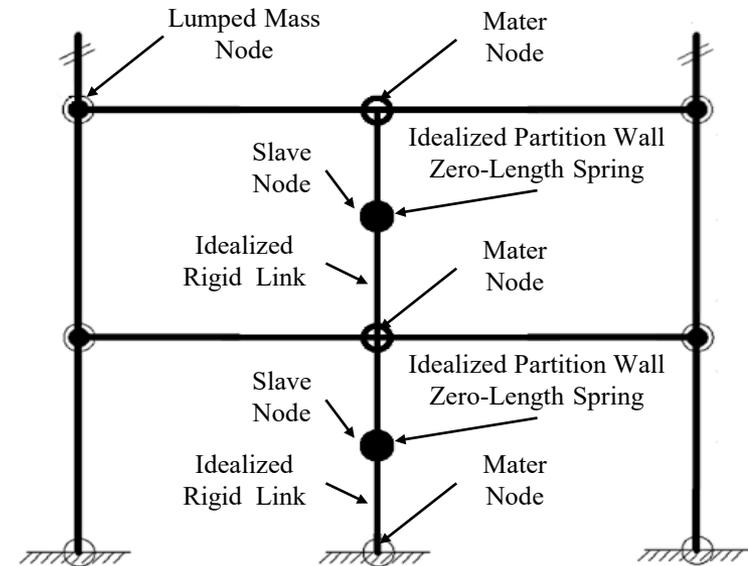
Previous Analytical Studies - Partitions

Limitations of Previous Studies

- Only lumped spring analytical models (limited to their experimental setups).
- Not able to identify local damage modes.
- Not useful for different design variables (e.g. spacing between studs).



Davies et al. (2011)



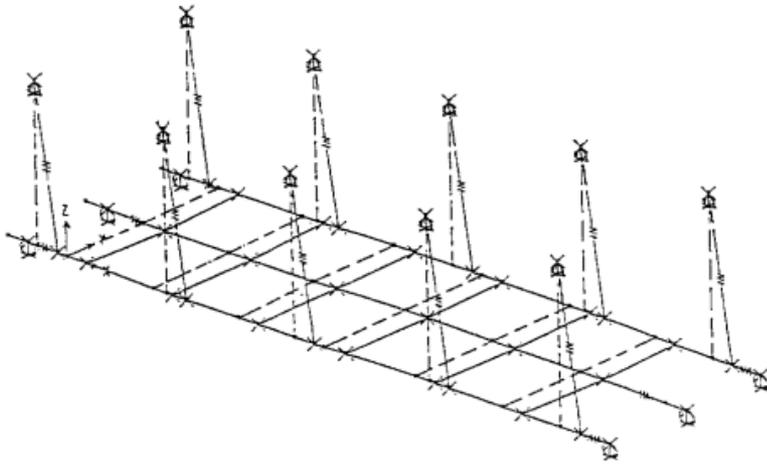
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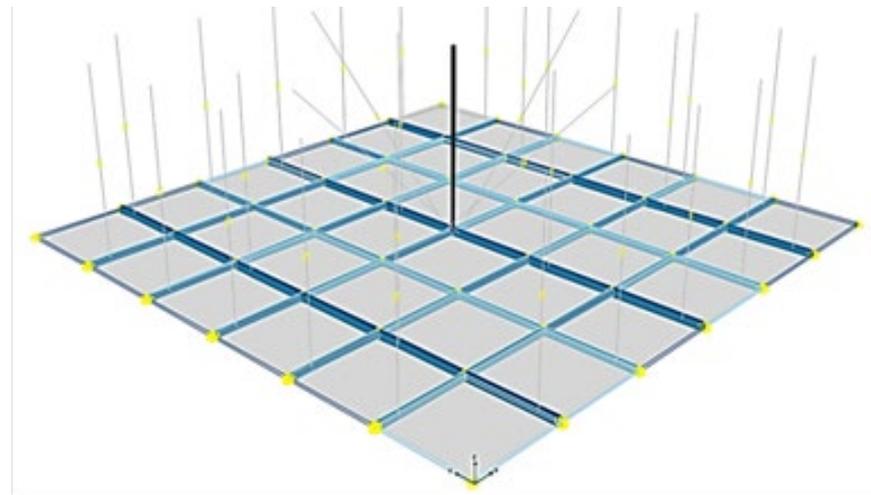
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- Propagation of damage due to the failure of ceiling panels and supporting elements.
- Interaction with fire sprinkler piping system.



Yao (2000)



Echevarria et al. (2012)



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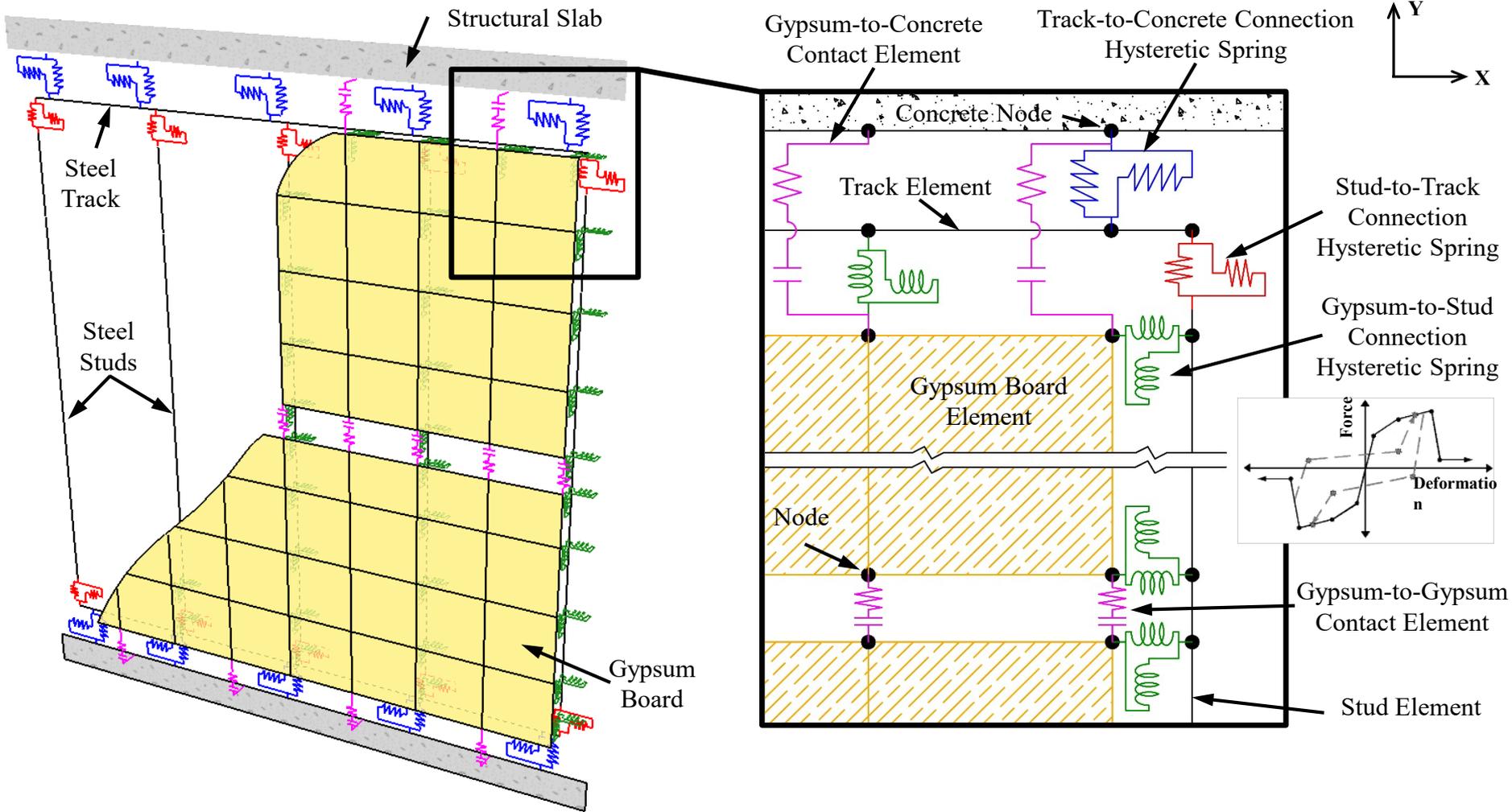
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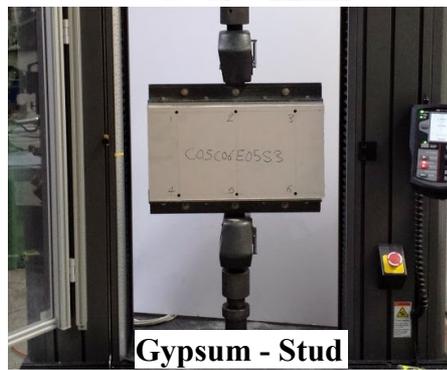
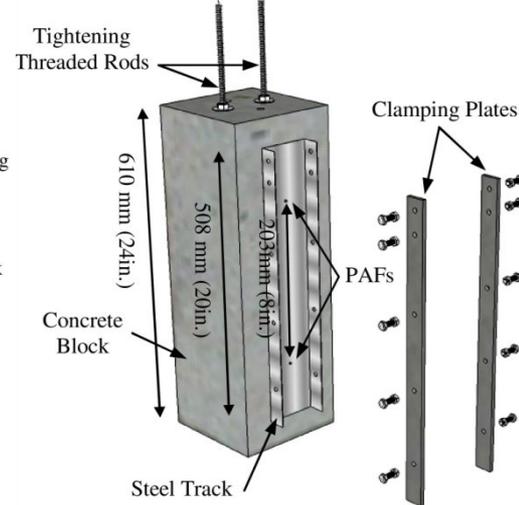
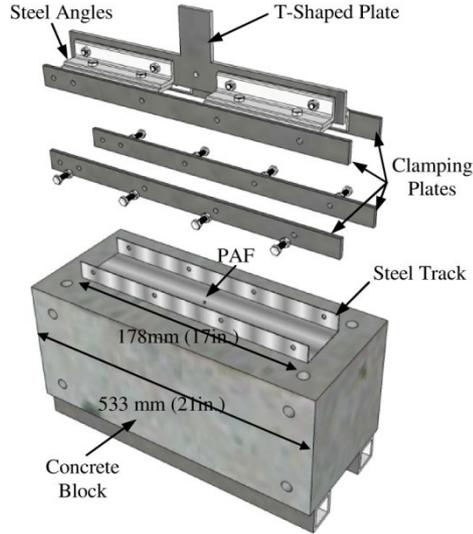
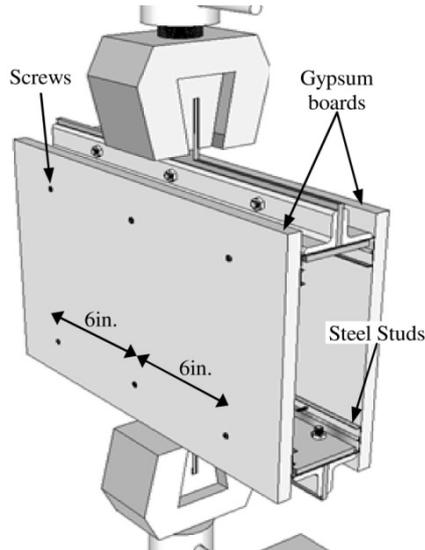
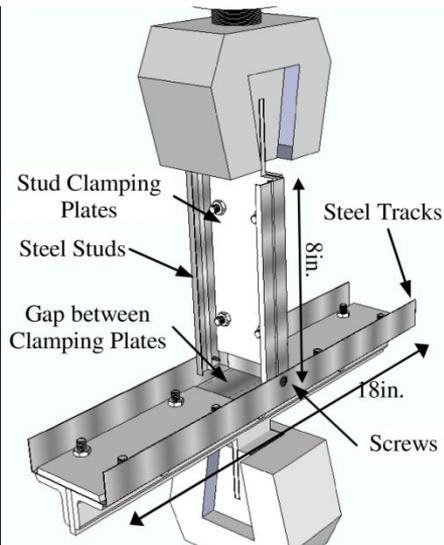


Analytical Model of Partition Walls



Partition Joint Tests at the University of Nevada, Reno

More than 100 Partition Joint Specimens Tested Under Monotonic and Cyclic Loading



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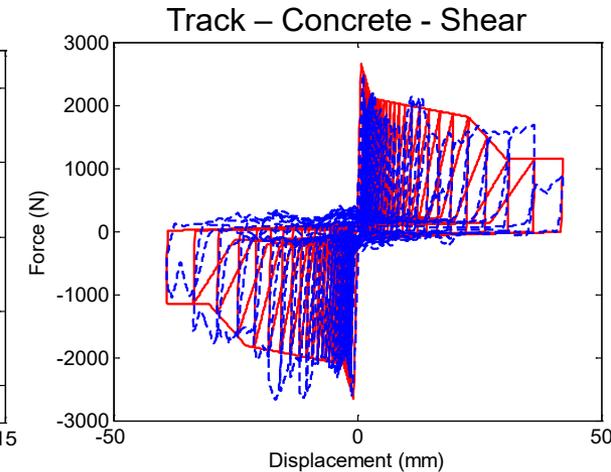
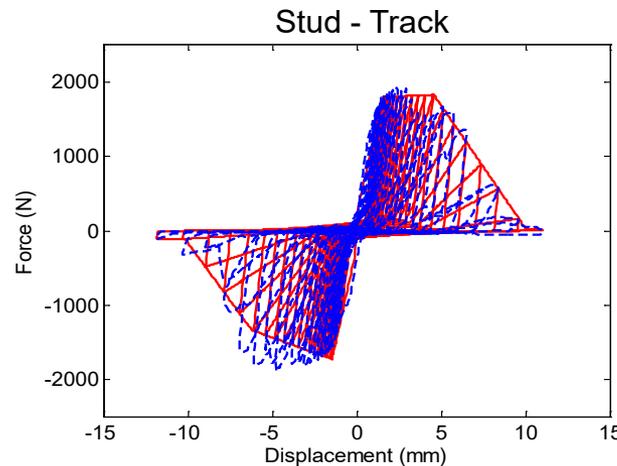
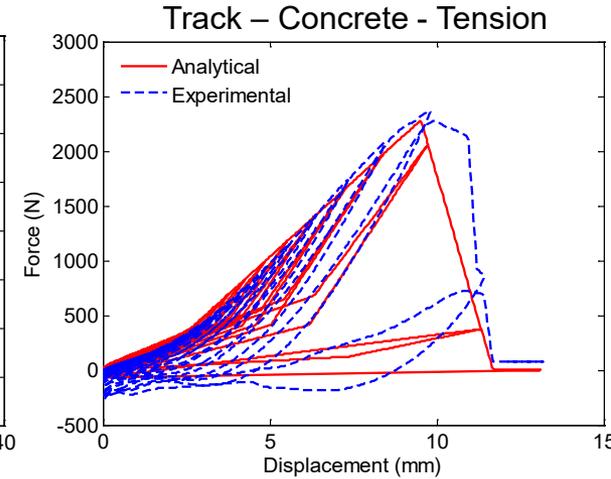
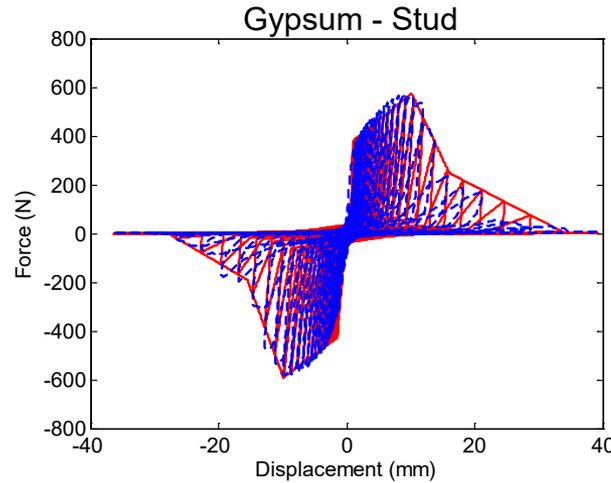
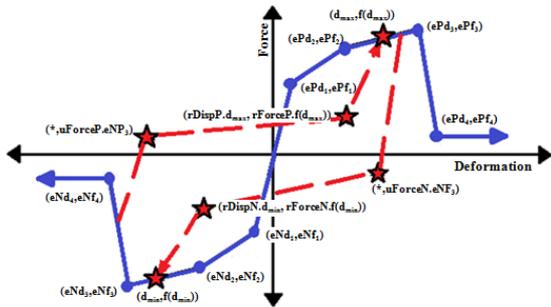


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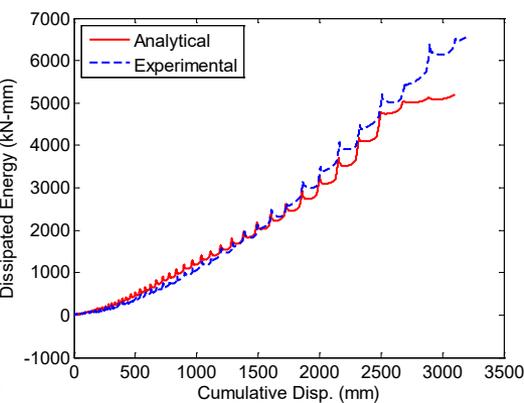
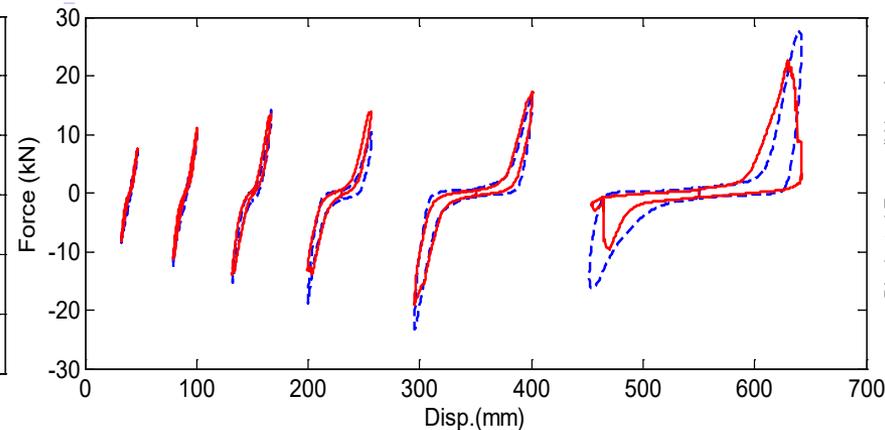
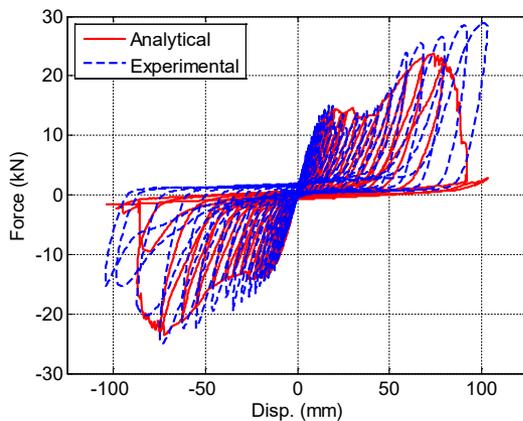
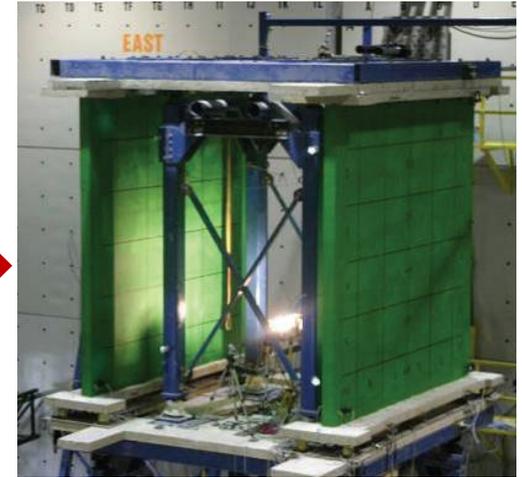
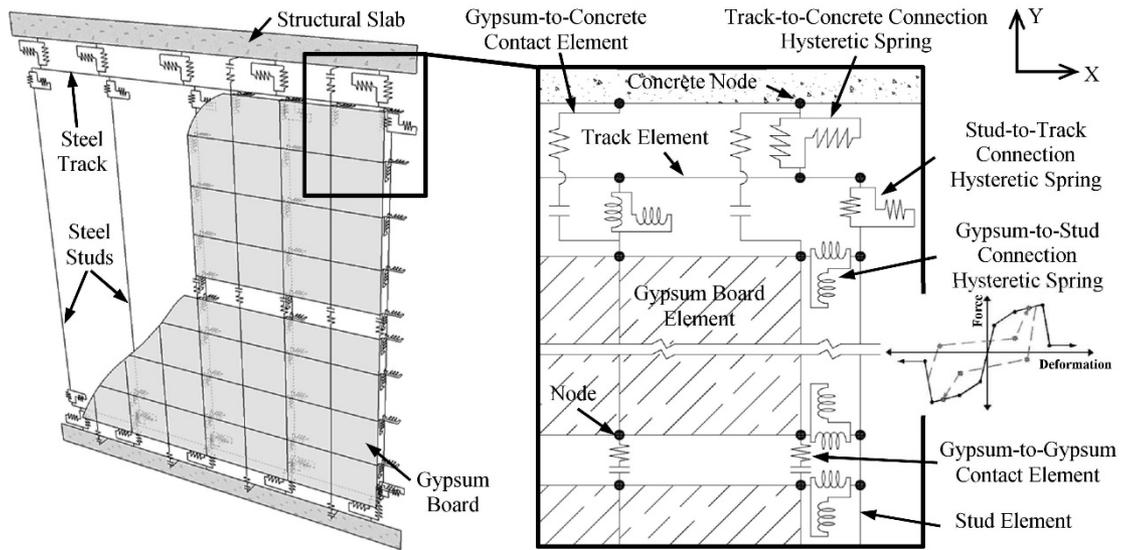


Development of an Analytical Model for Partition Joints

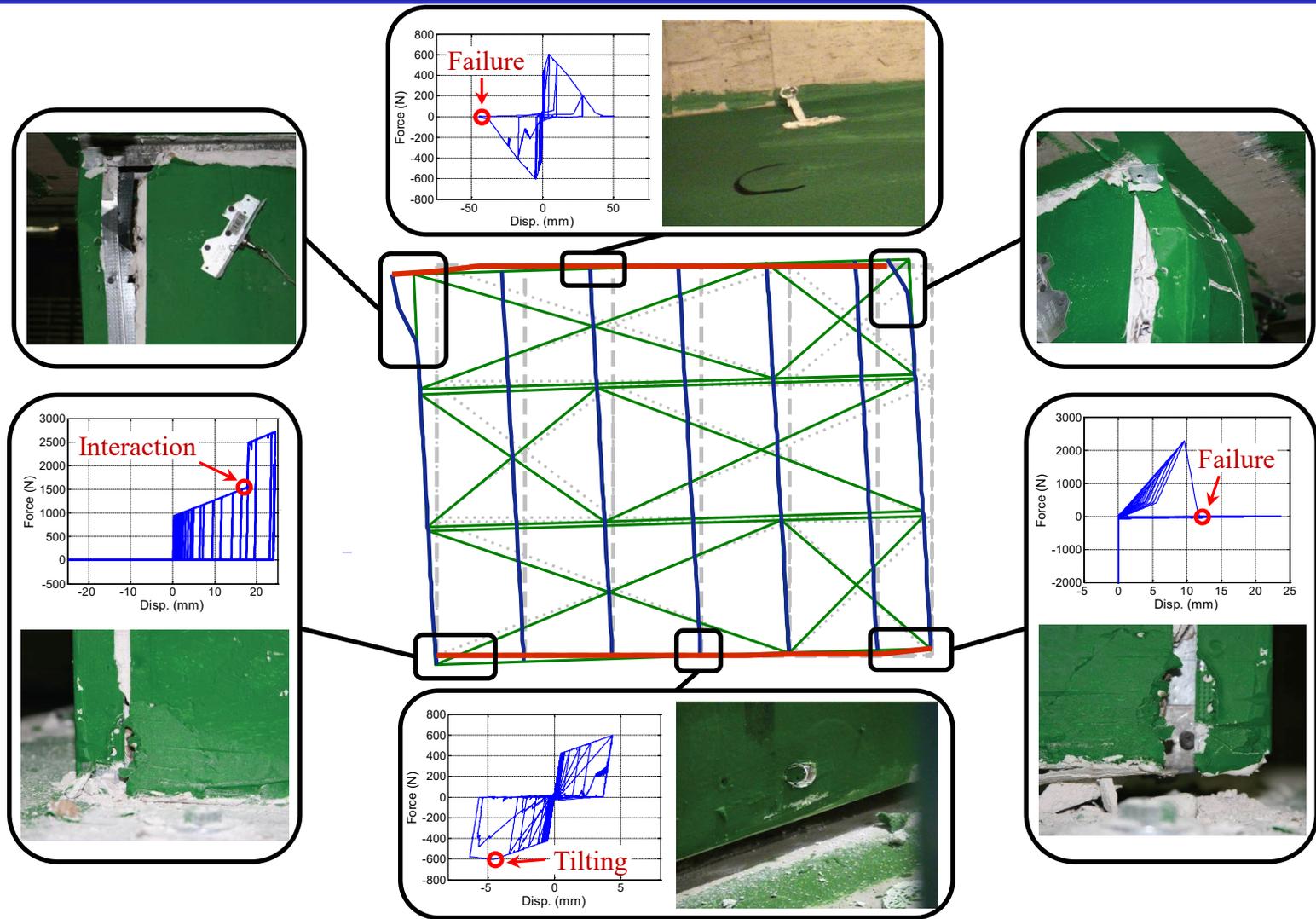
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Validation of the Analytical Model for Partition Walls

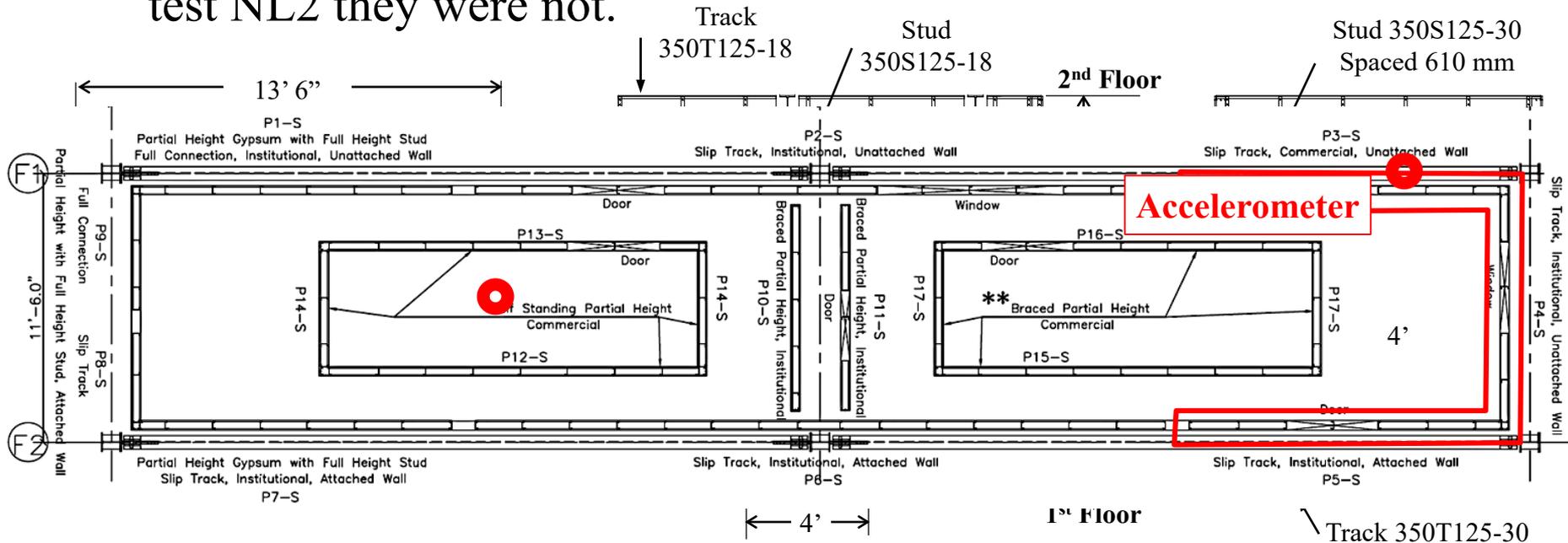


Damage Mechanisms Detected by Analytical Model

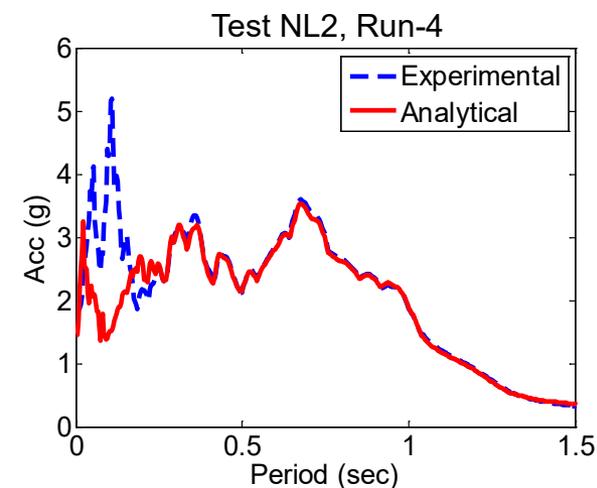
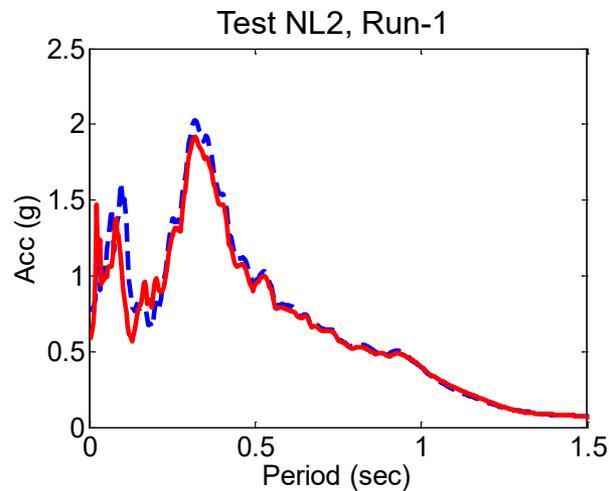
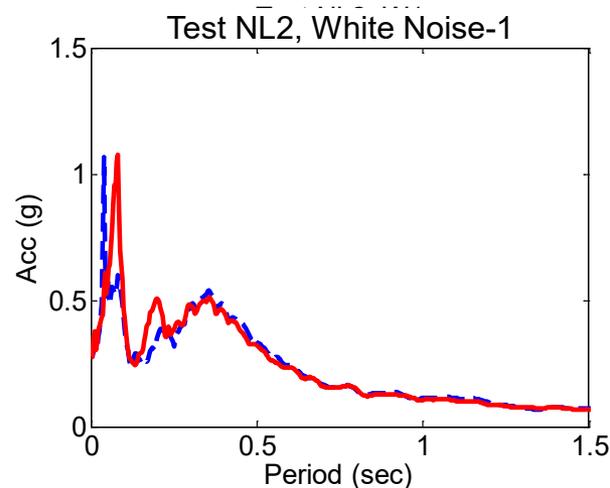
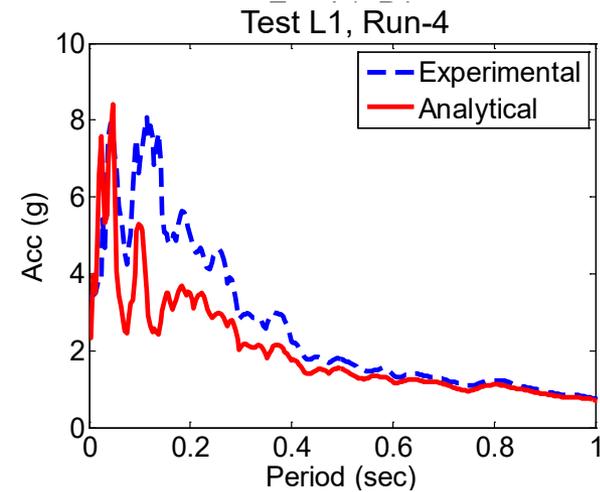
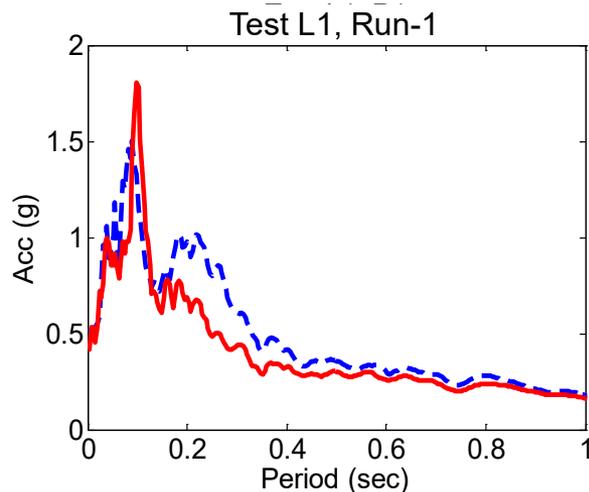
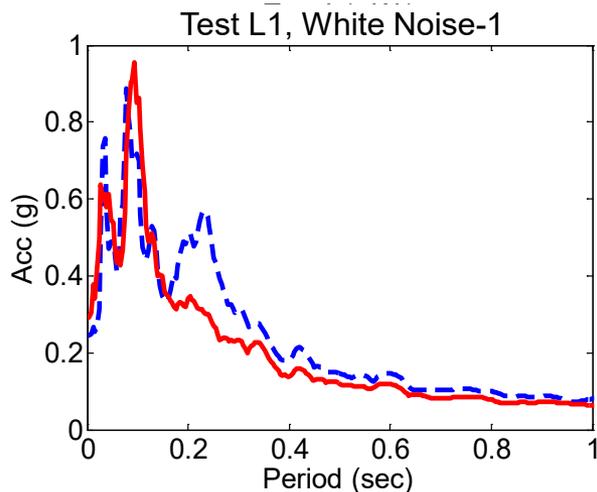


Validation – UNR Experiments

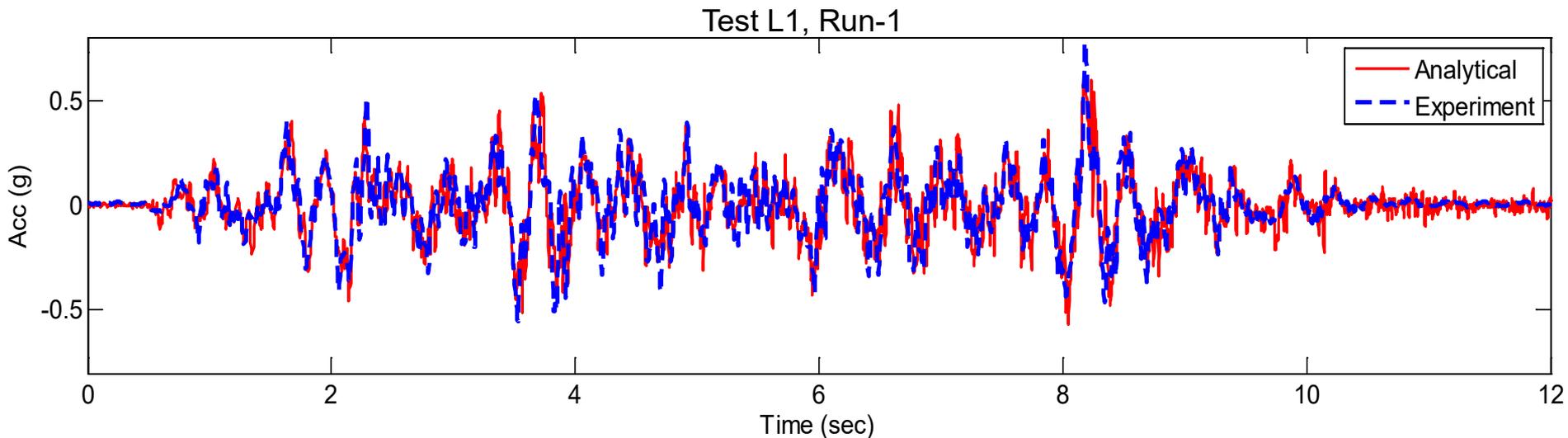
- A C-shaped wall system
- The first linear and second nonlinear tests (test L1 and test NL2)
- In test L1, the gypsum boards were screwed to the top tracks while in test NL2 they were not.



Validation, Out-of-Plane Response



Validation, Out-of-Plane Response



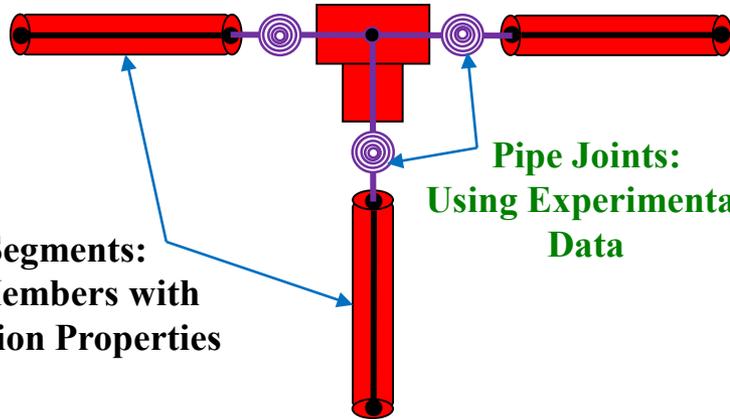
➤ Damage Prediction

- ✓ The predicted damage mechanisms in the analytical model consisted of damage to partition corners, damage to the top tracks of return walls, damage to gypsum-to-tracks screw connections, crushing of gypsum boards, and slight damage to track-to-concrete PAF connections.



Analytical Model of Fire Sprinkler Systems

Pipe Runs

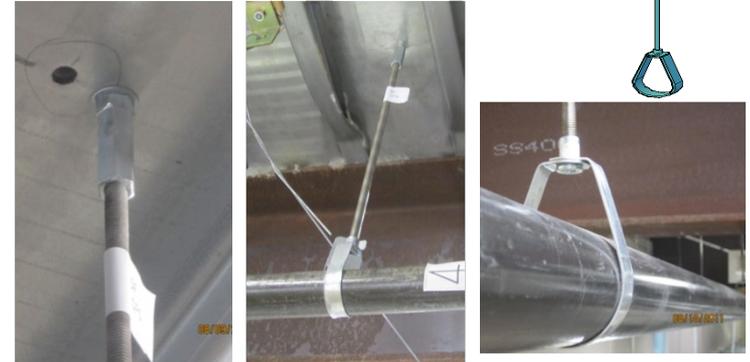


Pipe Segments:
Elastic Members with
Cross Section Properties

Pipe Joints:
Using Experimental
Data

Pipe Hangers

Pipe Hangers:
Using Experimental Data



Braces

Solid Braces
Elastic Members with
Cross Section Properties



Wire Restrainer

Wire Restrainers:
Using Experimental Data



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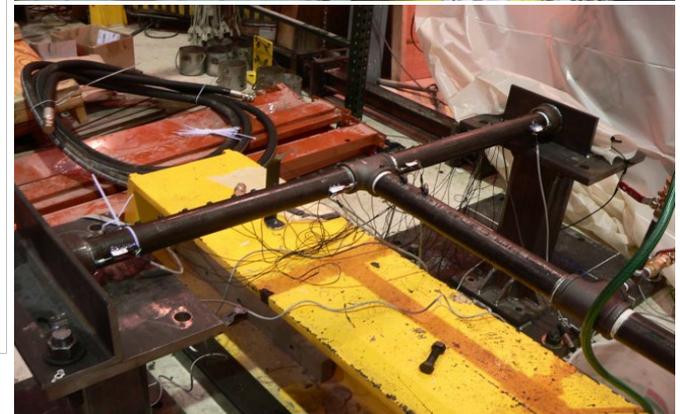
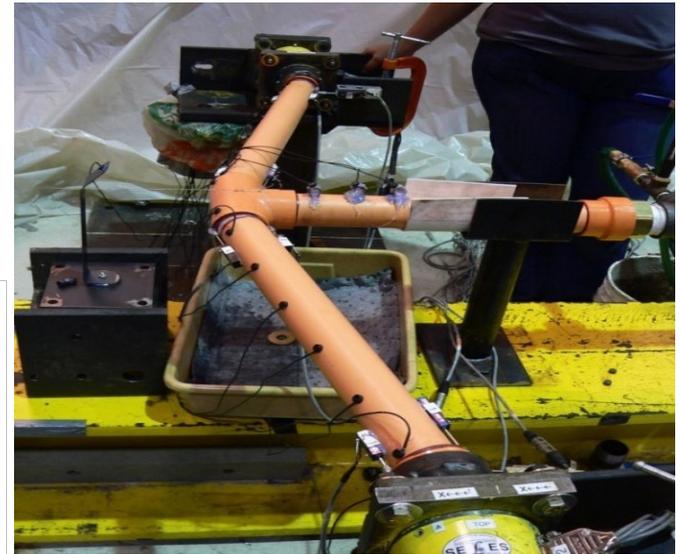
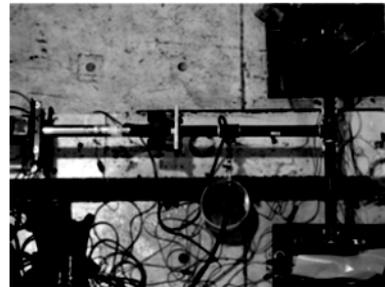
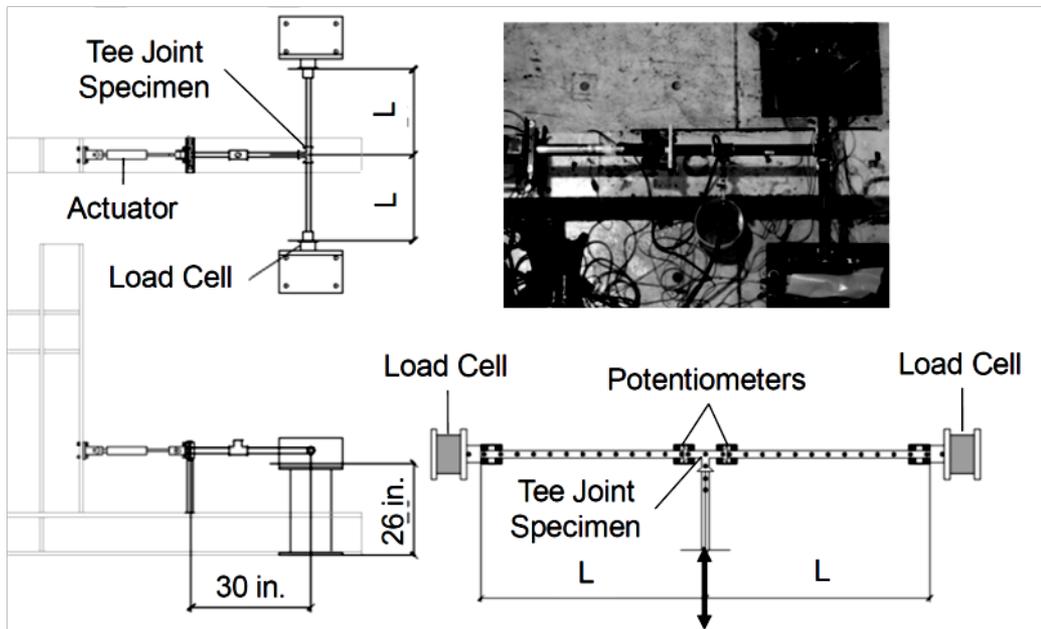


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Piping Tee-Joint Tests at the University at Buffalo

✓ 48 T-Joint Specimens Tested Under Cyclic Loading



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Threaded



Grooved



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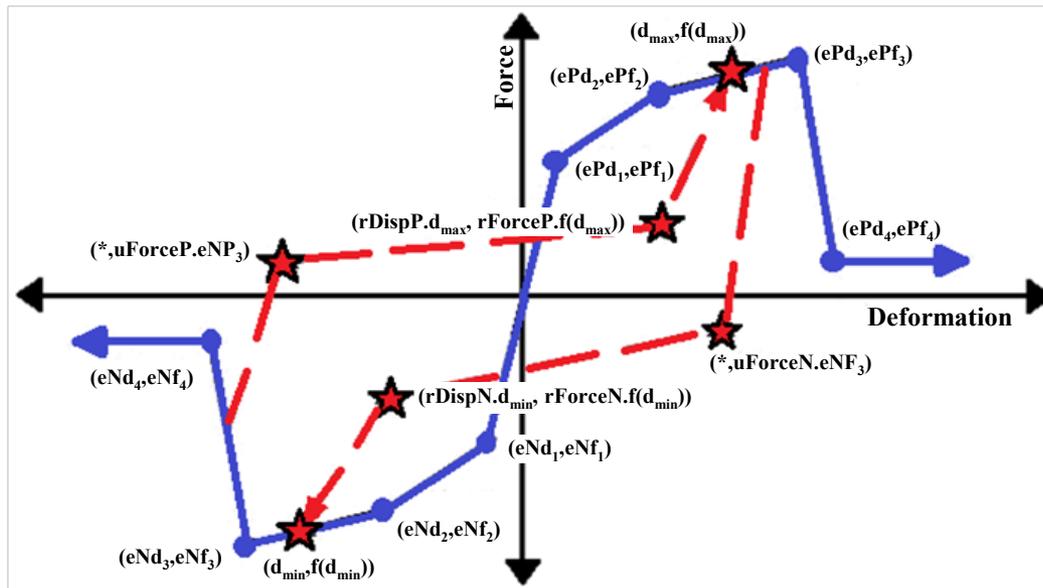


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Development of an Analytical Model For Piping Tee-Joint

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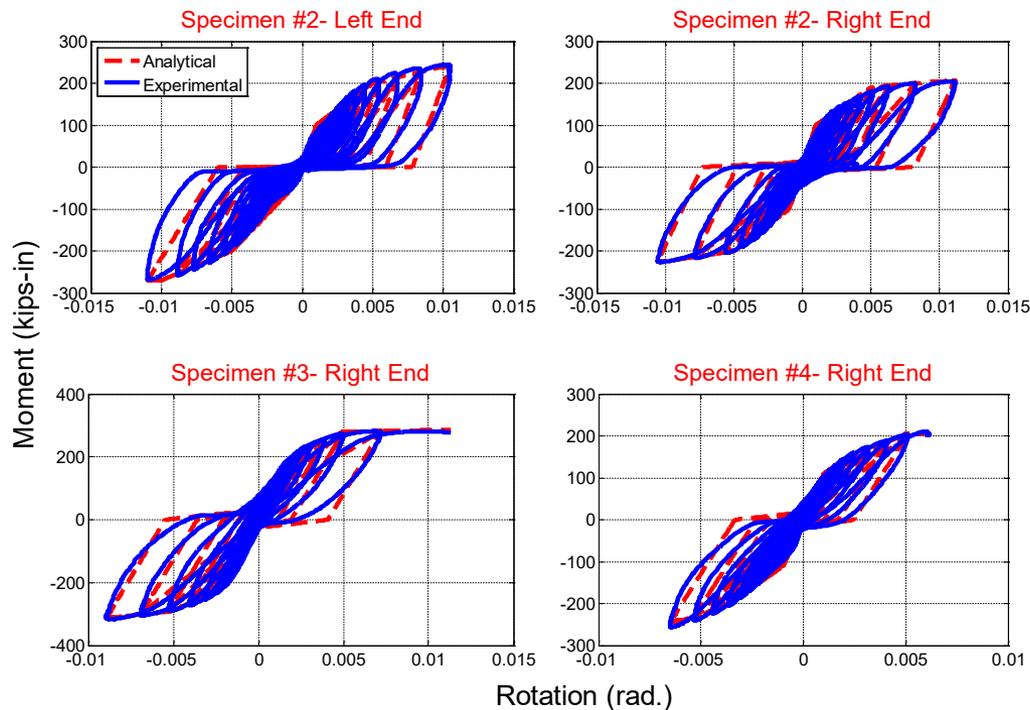


- Total number of 39 parameters were defined

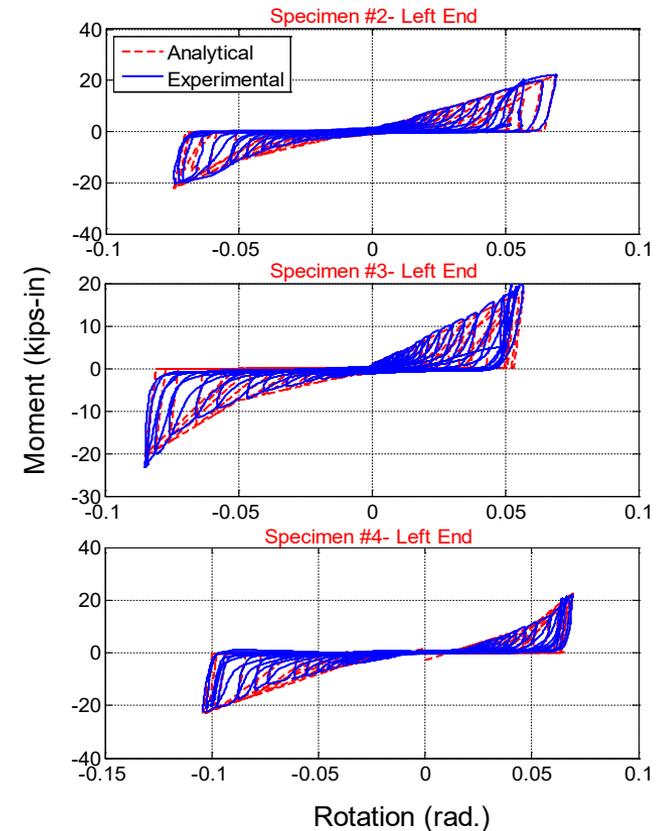
Validation of Analytical Model with Experimental Data for Pipe Tee Joint Components – Examples

- Total number of **29** joint components (Threaded/Grooved) were calibrated

Threaded (6 in.)

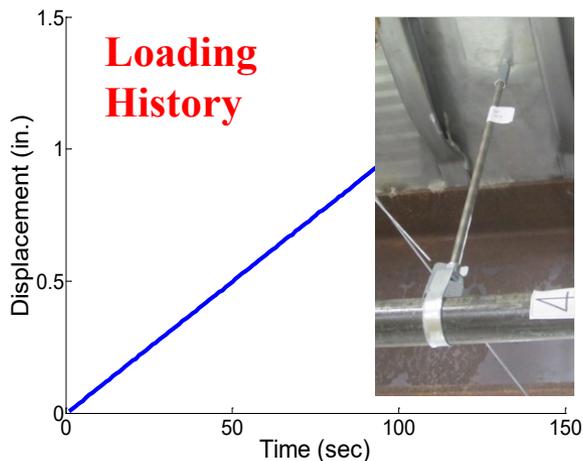


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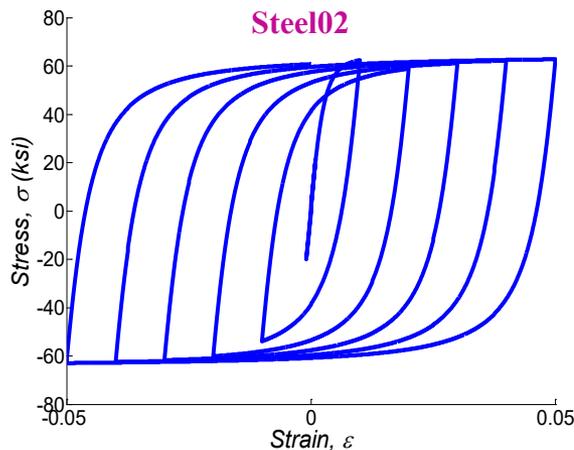


Generation of Analytical Model for Supporting Elements – Pipe Hangers

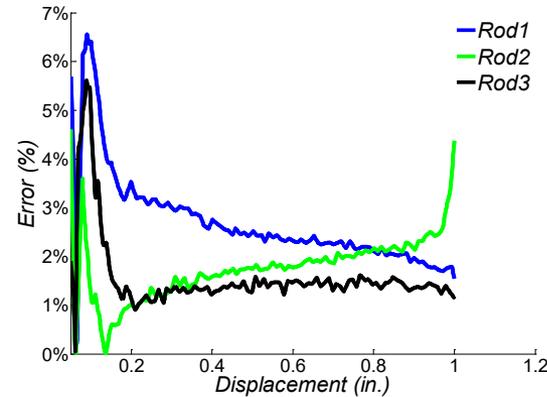
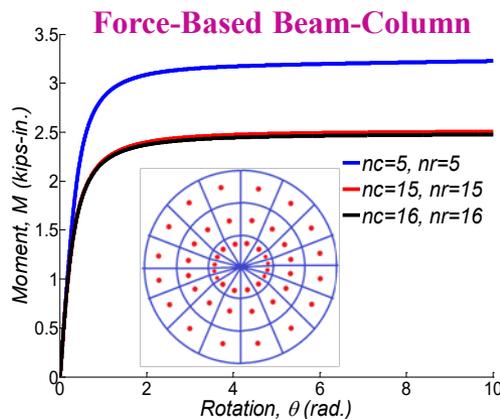
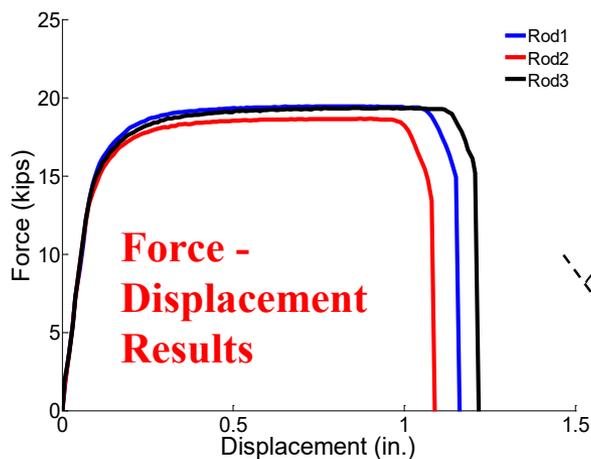
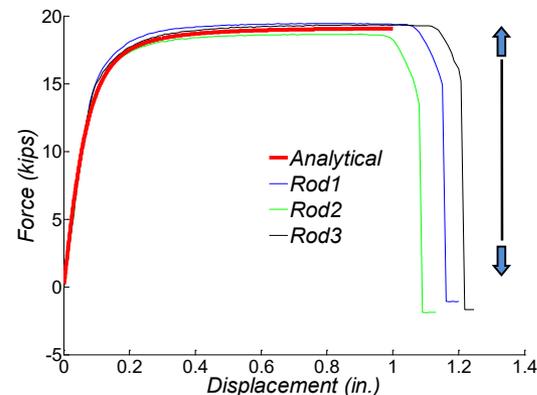
Threaded Rod Tests at the University of Nevada, Reno



Analytical Model of Threaded Rods (OpenSees)

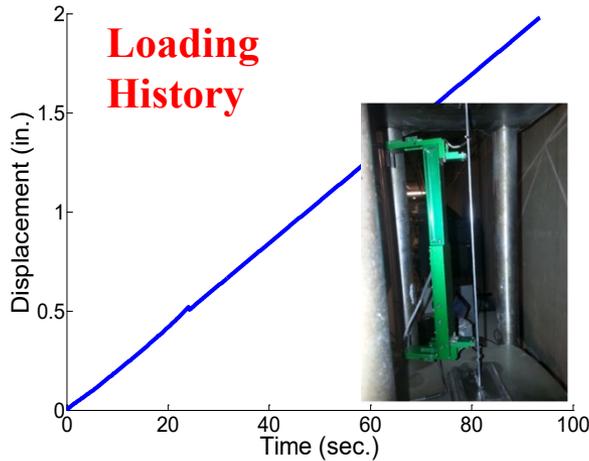


Calibration of Analytical Model for Threaded Rods

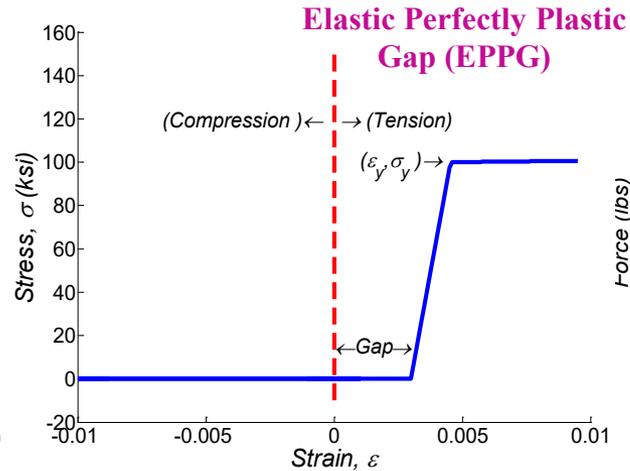


Generation of Analytical Model for Supporting Elements – Pipe Restrainers and Ceiling Hangers

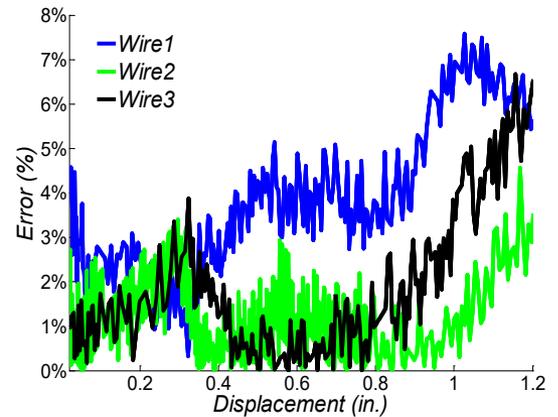
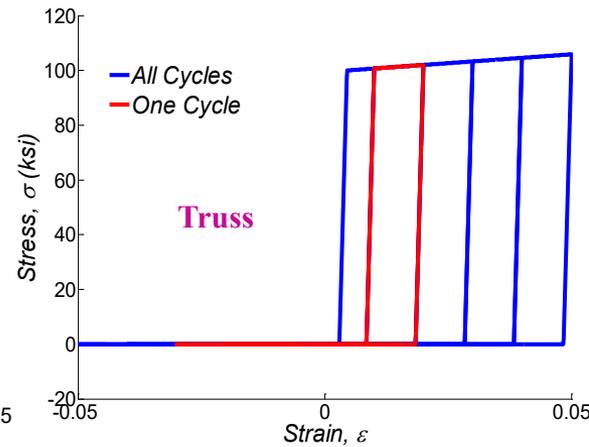
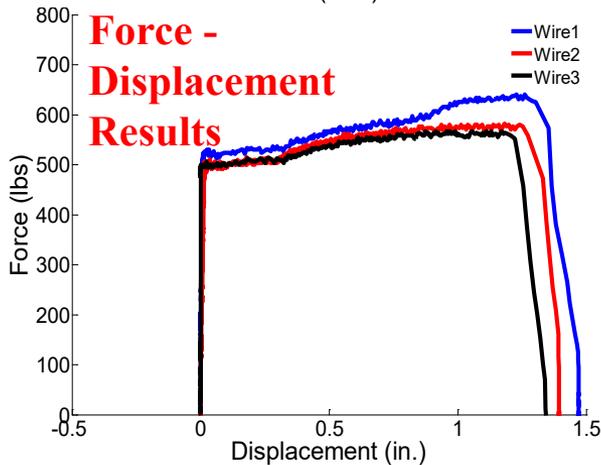
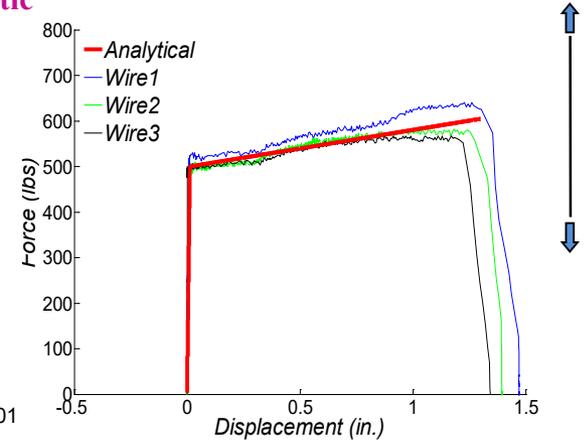
Wire Tests at the University of Nevada, Reno



Analytical Model of Wires (OpenSees)

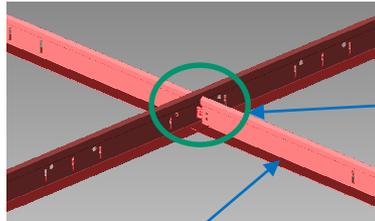


Calibration of Analytical Model for Wires



Analytical Model of Suspended Ceiling Systems

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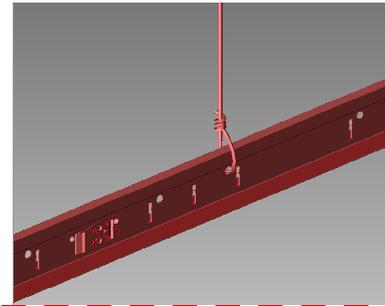


Grid Joints:
Using Experimental
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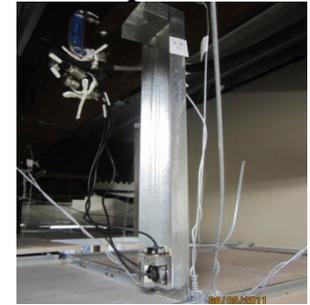
Grid Segments:
Elastic Members with
Cross Section
Properties

Hangers and Braces

**Ceiling Hangers and
Diagonal Wires:**
Using Experimental
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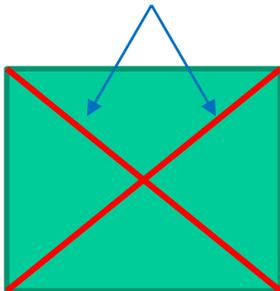


Compression Posts:
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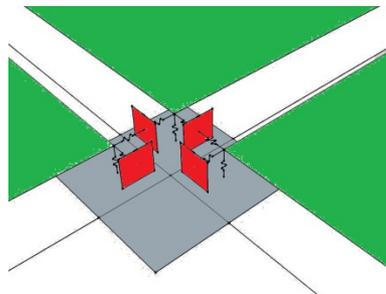


Panels

Ceiling Panels:
X- Shape Rigid Link
Assembly



Ceiling Panel Movement:
12 zeroLengthImpact3D
Elements



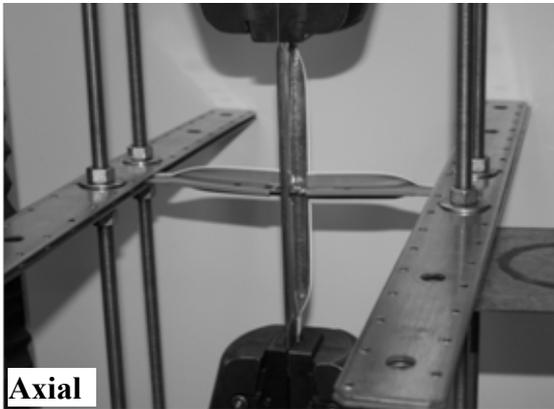
Panel/Sprinkler Interaction

Interactions:
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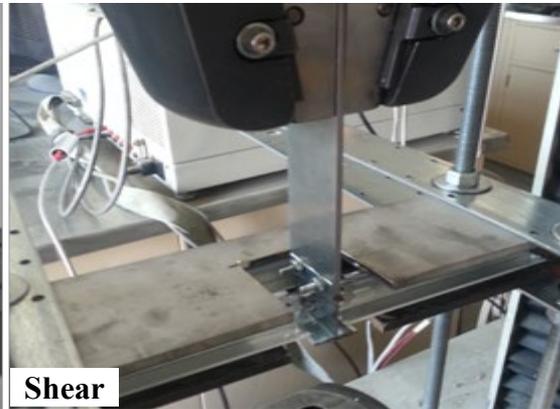


Ceiling Joint Tests at the University of Nevada, Reno

- ✓ More than 100 Ceiling Joint Specimens Tested Under Monotonic and Cyclic Loading



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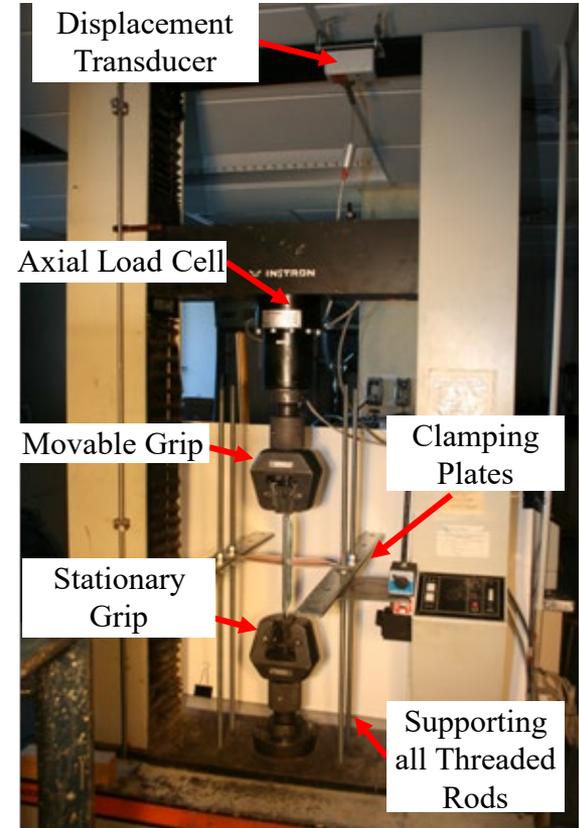
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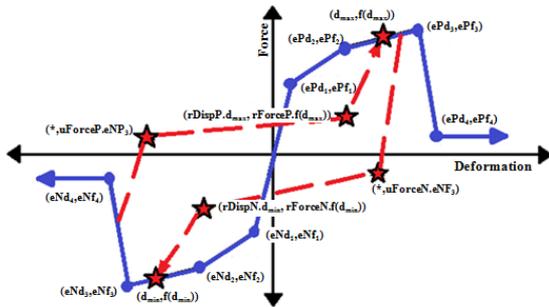
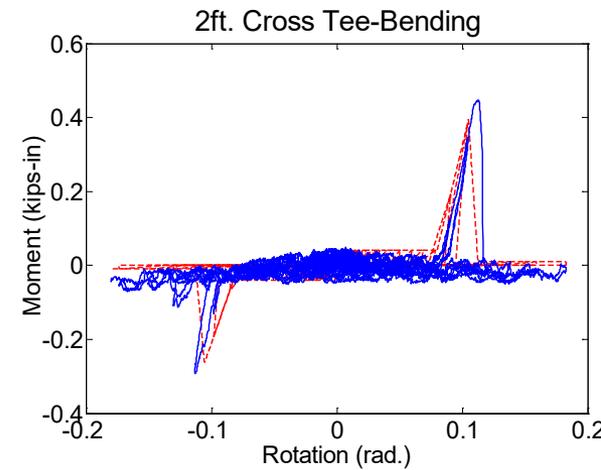
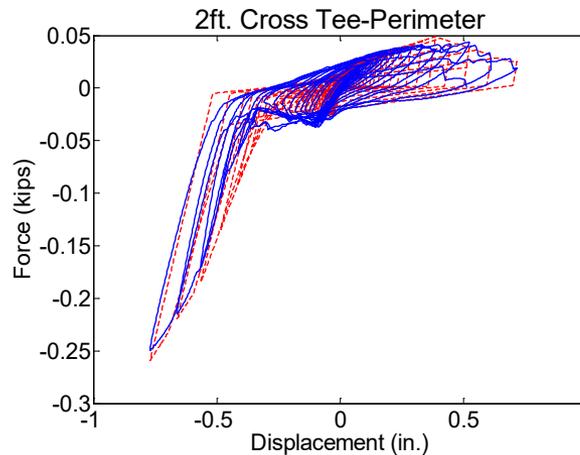
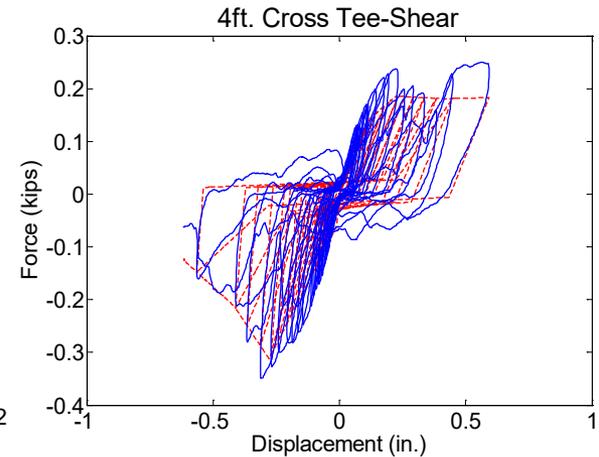
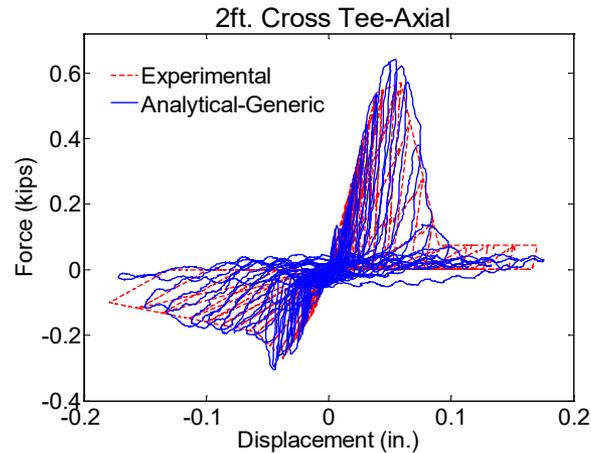


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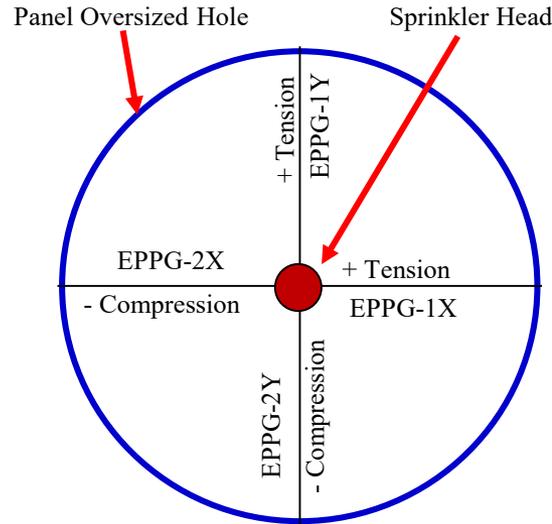
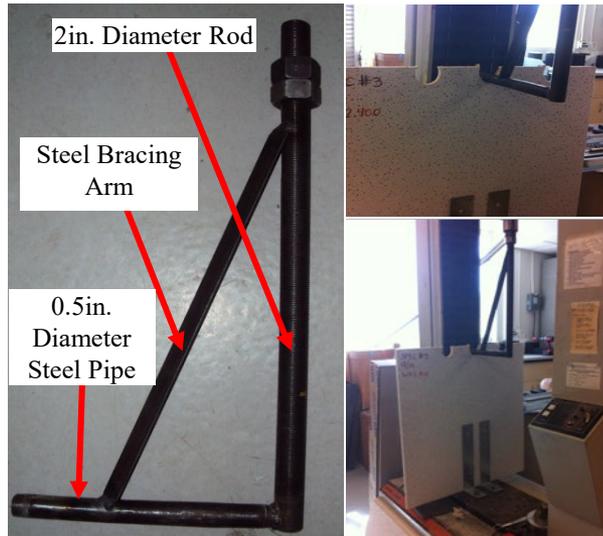
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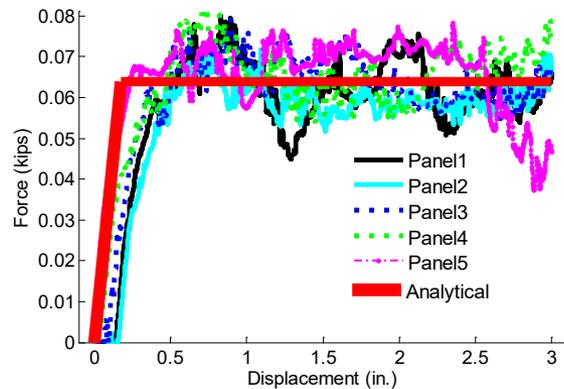


Generation of Analytical Model for Capturing Ceiling Panel-Sprinkler Head Interaction

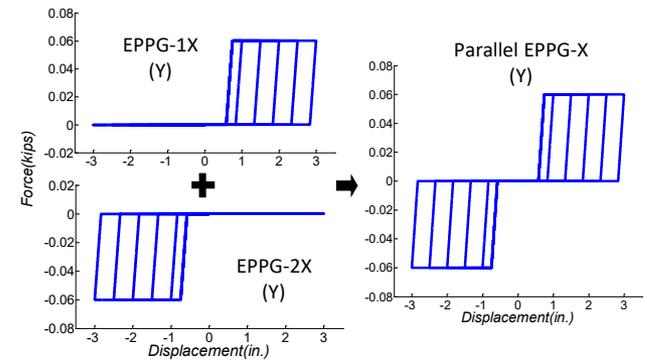
Panel-Sprinkler Tests at the University of Nevada, Reno



Elastic Perfectly Plastic Gap (EPPG)
+
zeroLengthElement



5 Monotonic Ceiling Panel-Sprinkler head Tests



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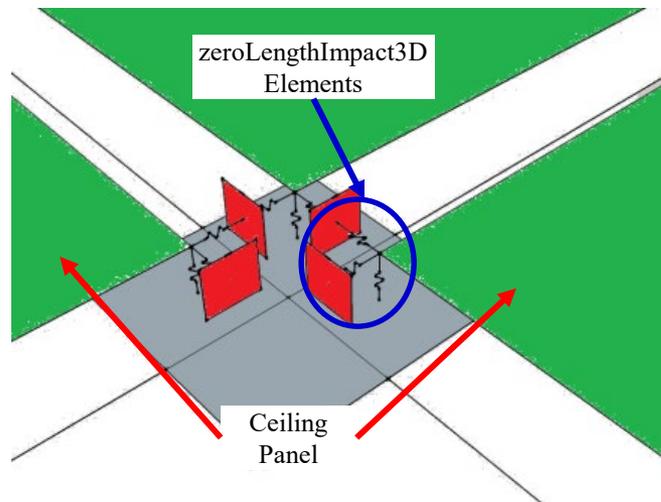


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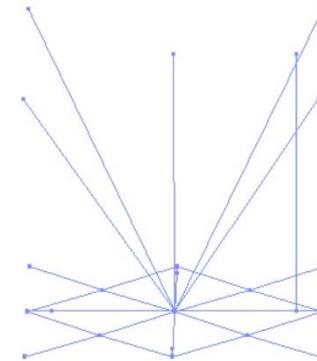


Generation of Analytical Model for Ceiling Panel Movement

- 12 zeroLengthImpact3D elements were used:
 - Initial normal **gap**
 - In-plane **friction** transfer after gap closure
 - Energy dissipation due to **impact** (Hertz Model)



Dancing of Ceiling Panels
(Example Provided by UCONN)



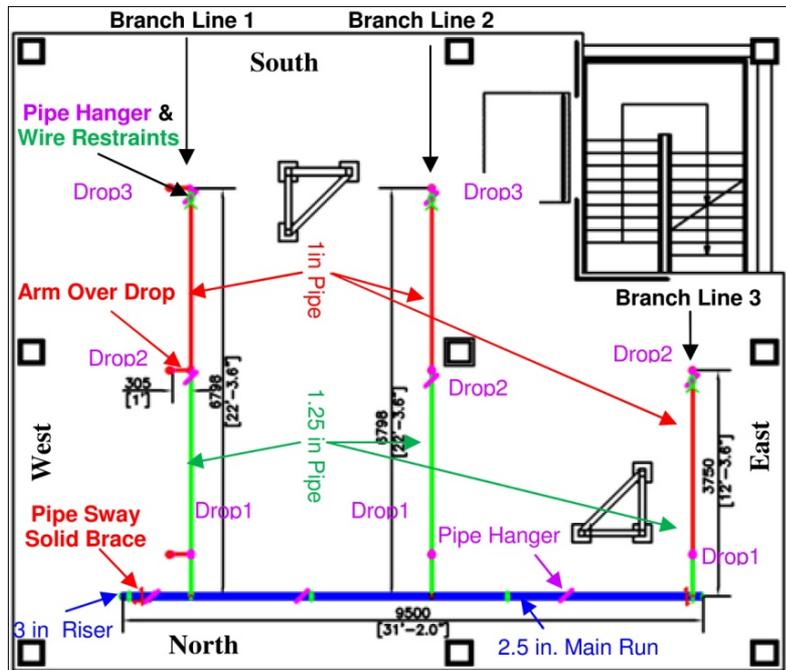
Location of CPP Nonstructural Systems

- ❑ Ceilings, Partition Walls, and Sprinkler Piping installed on 4th and 5th floors
- ❑ Nearly identical configurations over two complete floors

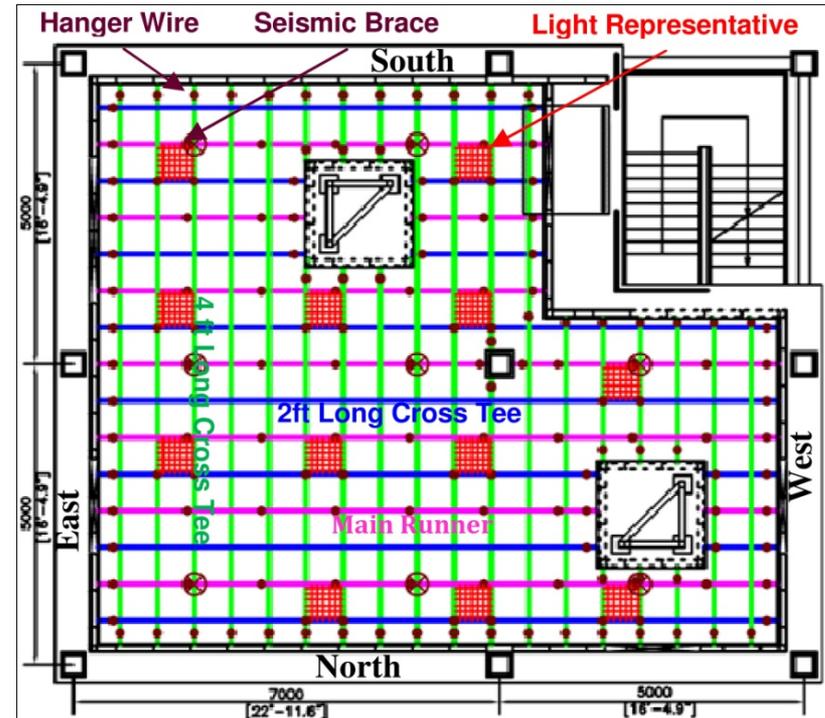


Suspended Ceiling and Sprinkler Piping Plan Views

Fire Sprinkler Piping System



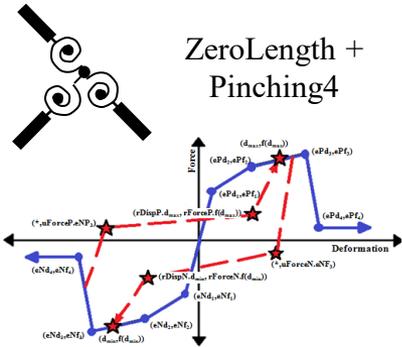
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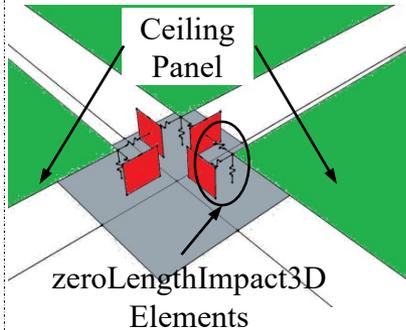
Integrated Analytical Model



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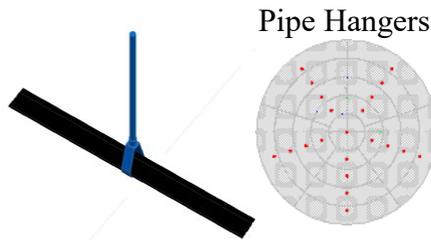


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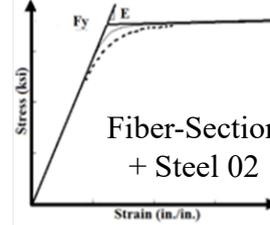


Ceiling Panel

zeroLengthImpact3D Elements

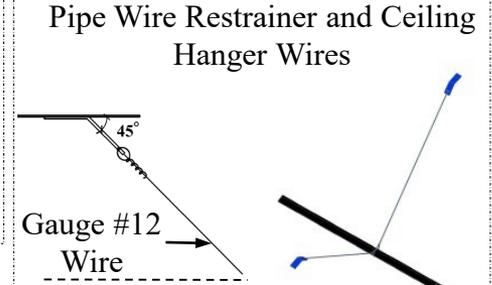
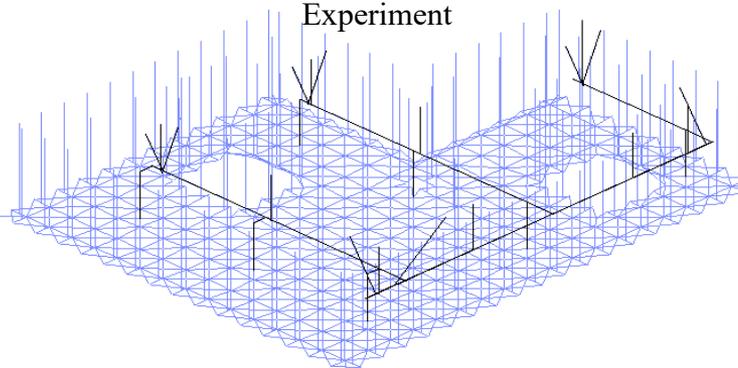


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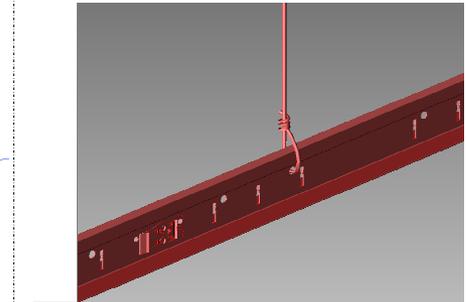


Fiber-Section + Steel 02

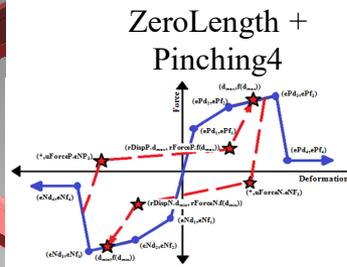
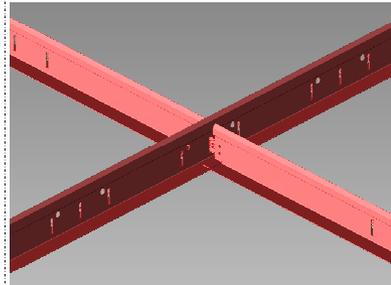
Integrated Ceiling-Piping Model of E-Defense Experiment



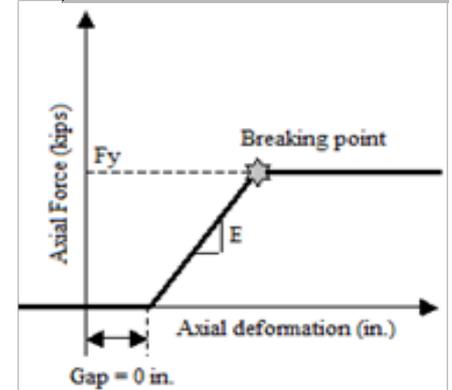
Pipe Wire Restrainer and Ceiling Hanger Wires



Ceiling Grid Connection

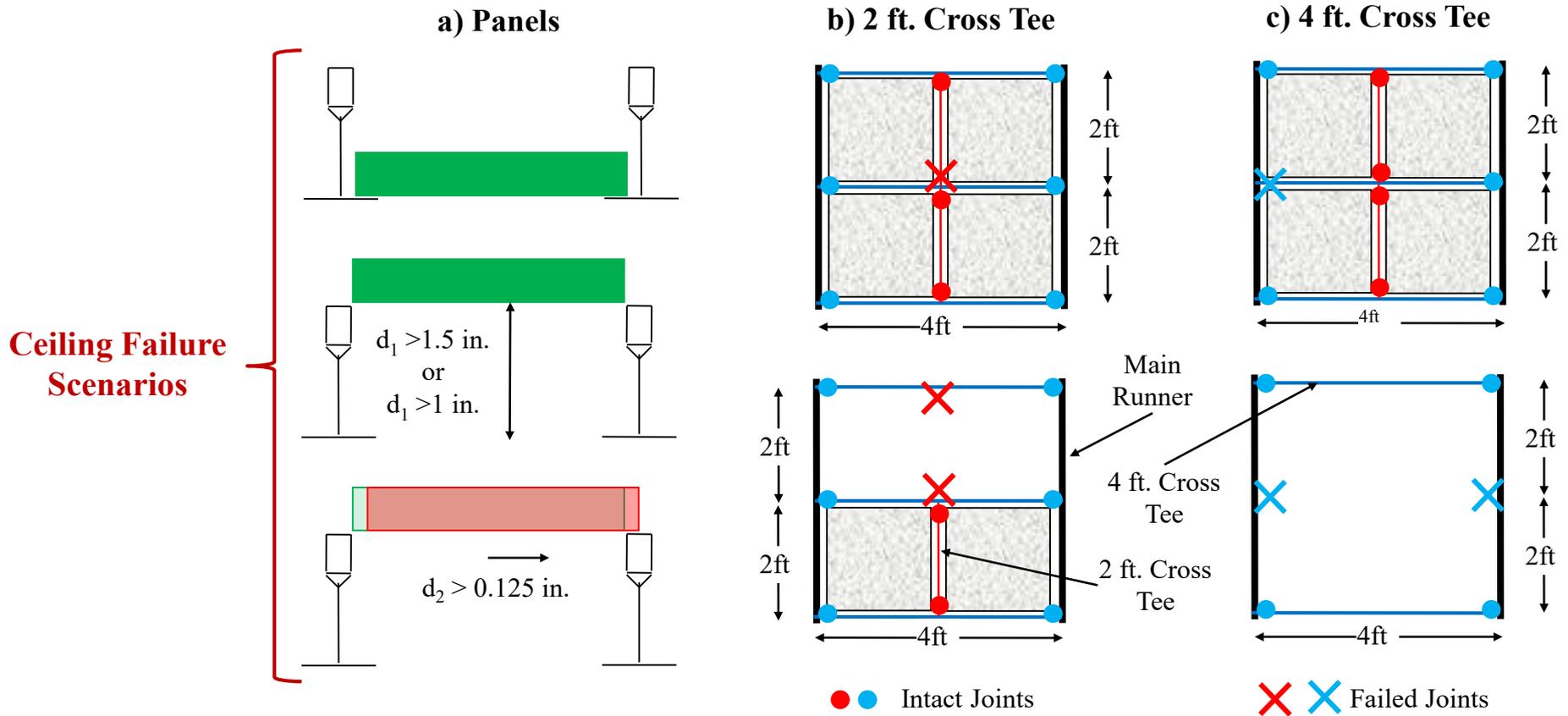


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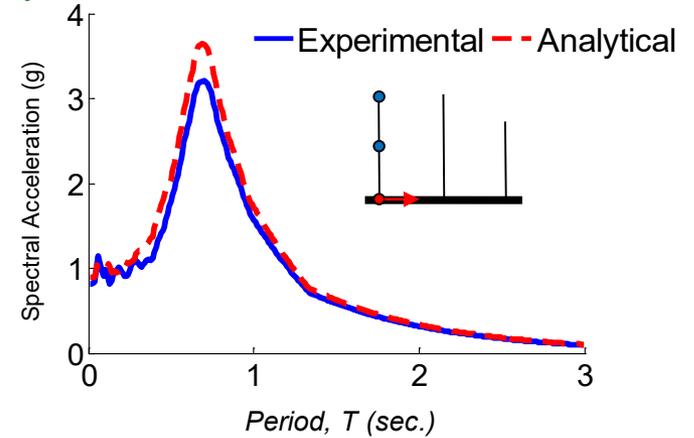
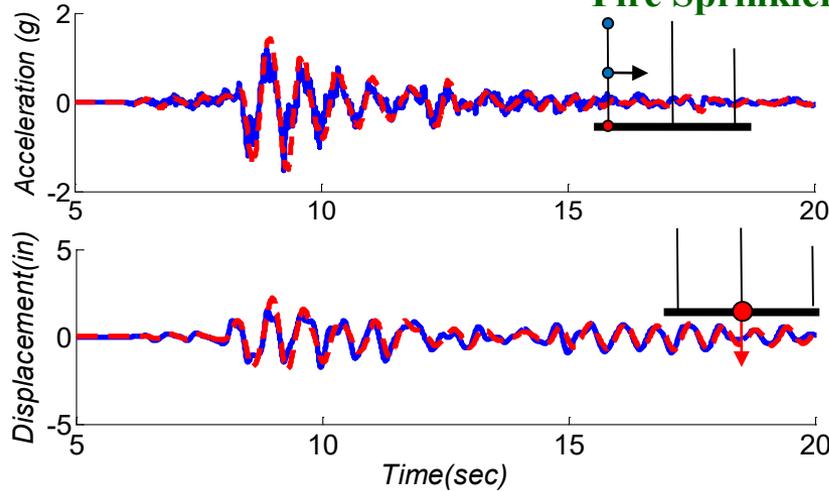
Remove Element Algorithms

- All of the ceiling and piping **supporting elements** were removed **during** the time history analysis when they reached their **predefined capacity** values.

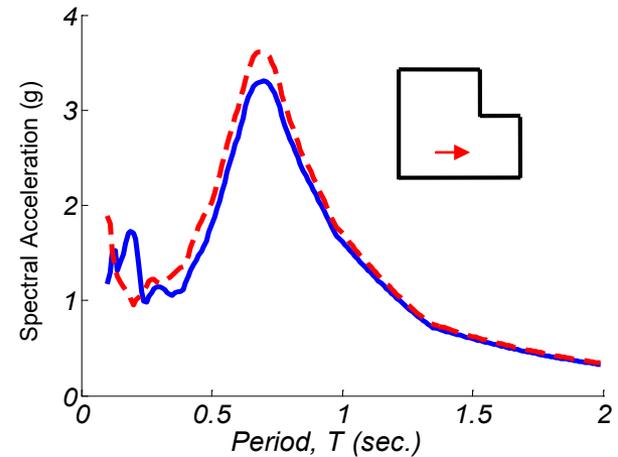
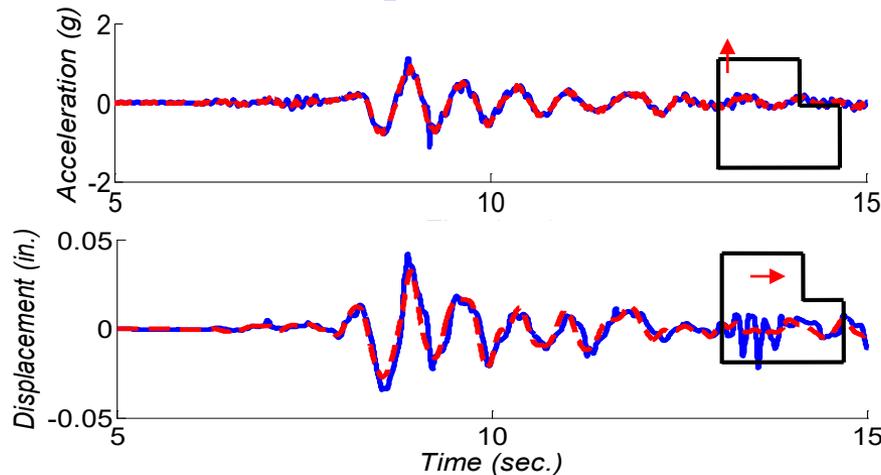


Validation of Integrated Analytical Models (35% RRS – Fixed Base)

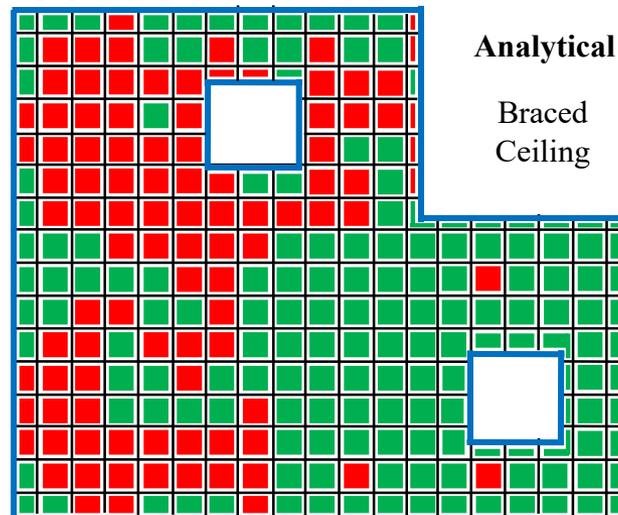
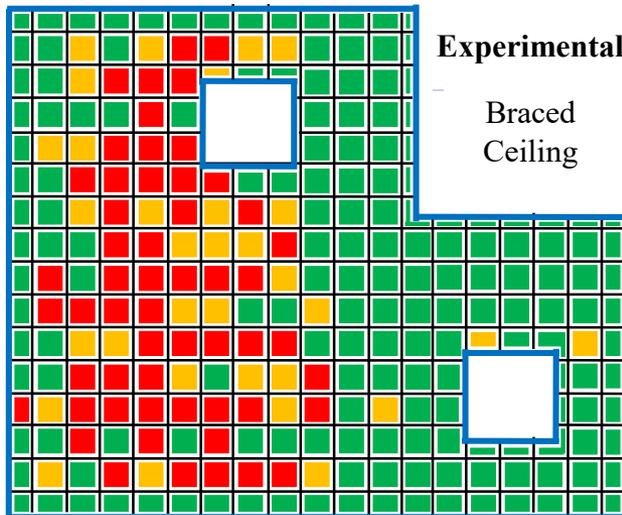
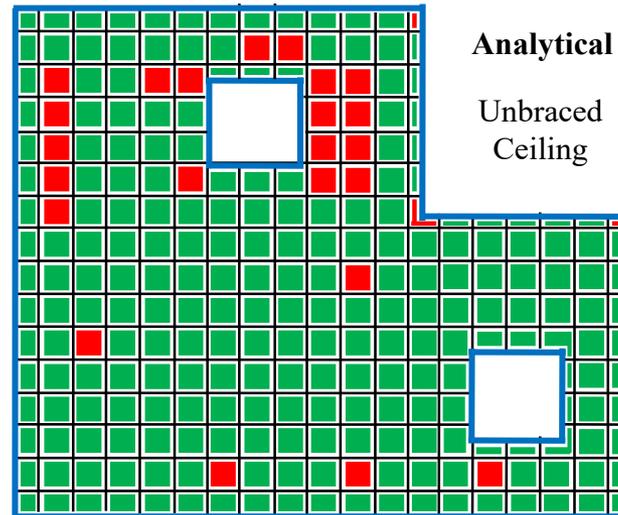
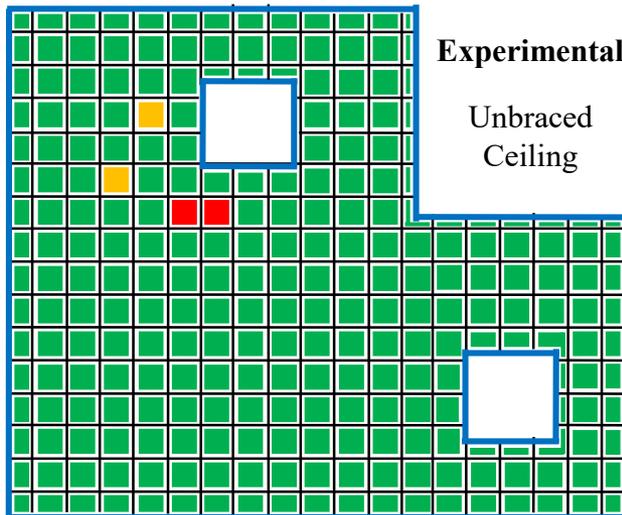
Fire Sprinkler Piping System



Suspended Ceiling System



Pattern of Fallen Ceiling Panels (RRS35XY-88Z – Fixed Base)



■ Misaligned ceiling panels

■ In-place ceiling panels

■ Fallen ceiling panels



Outline

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- **NEES Nonstructural Grand Challenge Project**
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Some Major Contributions

- ❑ **Several component-level and two major system-level tests.**
- ❑ **Experimentally validated models for ceiling, piping., partition systems and integrated piping/ceiling systems.**
- ❑ **Development of fragility curves.**
- ❑ **Provided FEMA-58 new fragility sets for partition and ceiling systems.**
- ❑ **Provided ASCE7 code modification on ceiling perimeter attachments**



Research Areas that Need Improvements

- ❑ **Crack mechanisms in partition gypsum boards.**
- ❑ **Out-of-plane behaviour of partition walls.**
- ❑ **Nonlinear bending response of partition studs.**
- ❑ **Torsional behaviour of pipe joints.**
- ❑ **Connection capacity of ceiling and piping supporting elements.**
- ❑ **Nonlinear behaviour of ceiling grid segments.**
- ❑ **Accurate model of ceiling panels.**



Research Areas that Need Improvements

- ❑ **New Construction practices should be pursued**
- ❑ **Other non-structural elements need detailed research, e.g. HVAC systems, facads, stairs, equipment**
- ❑ **Building-dependent response spectra are needed**



Thank You!



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