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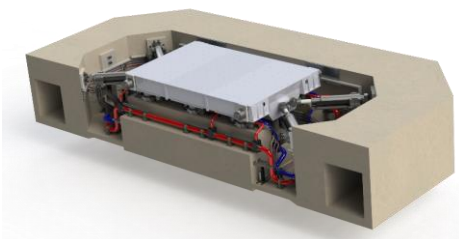


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# **Structural Systems:**

**List of Open Issues and Scope of Problems**  
**Example Use of Facilities to Address Scientific Needs**

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**NHERI@UC San Diego User Training Workshop**



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# Outline

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  - **Case Study 2: NSF NEES: Inertial Force-Limiting Anchorage Systems (IFAS)**

***Part 1***  
***Grand Challenges in Structural Earthquake Engineering***

# Grand Challenges in Structural Earthquake Engineering

7/29  $M_w$  6.4, 8/5  $M_w$  7.0, 8/9  $M_w$  6.2 & 8/19  $M_w$  6.5 +  $M_w$  6.9 2018 Lombok Is. Earthquake Swarm, Indonesia



<https://www.theatlantic.com/photo/2018/08/images-from-the-lombok-island-earthquake/567158/>

Tsunami Refuge Center, Pamenang, Lombok



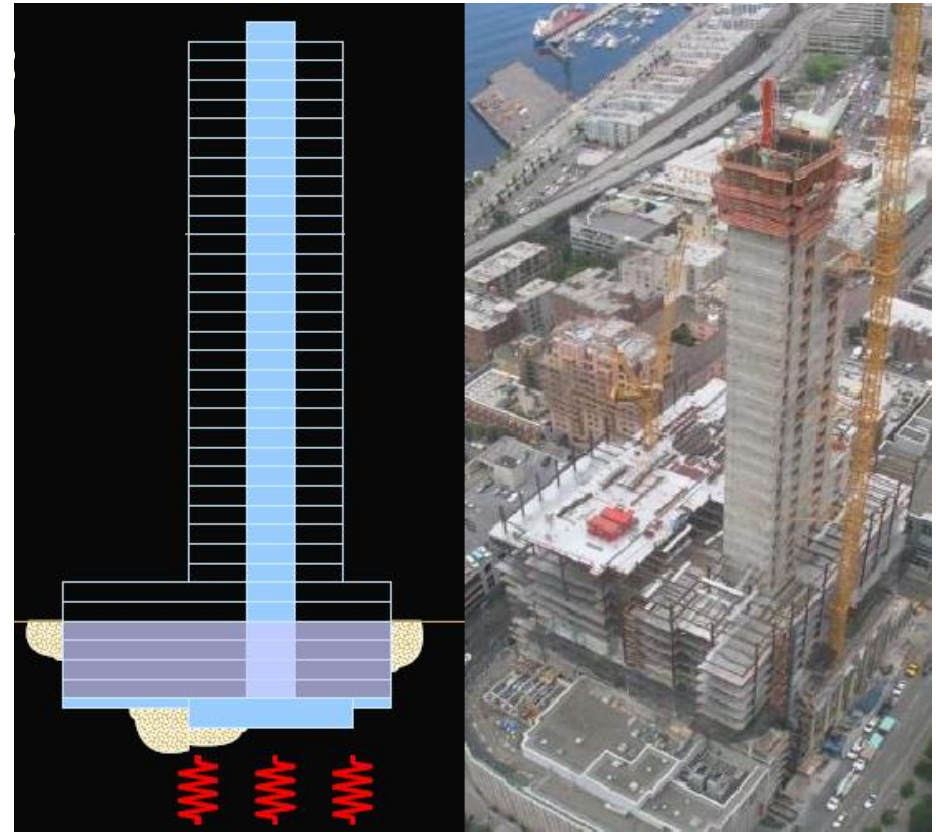
# Grand Challenges

- Experimental research in structural earthquake engineering has shifted from isolated characterization testing of components:
  - System Behavior & System Interactions
  - Old and Vulnerable Systems
  - Low-Damage, Protective, and Smart Systems
  - Non-structural Components and Contents
  - Sensors and Monitoring
  - Risk Assessment and Hazard Mitigation
  - Multi-Hazard, Multi-scale Investigations
  - Model calibration

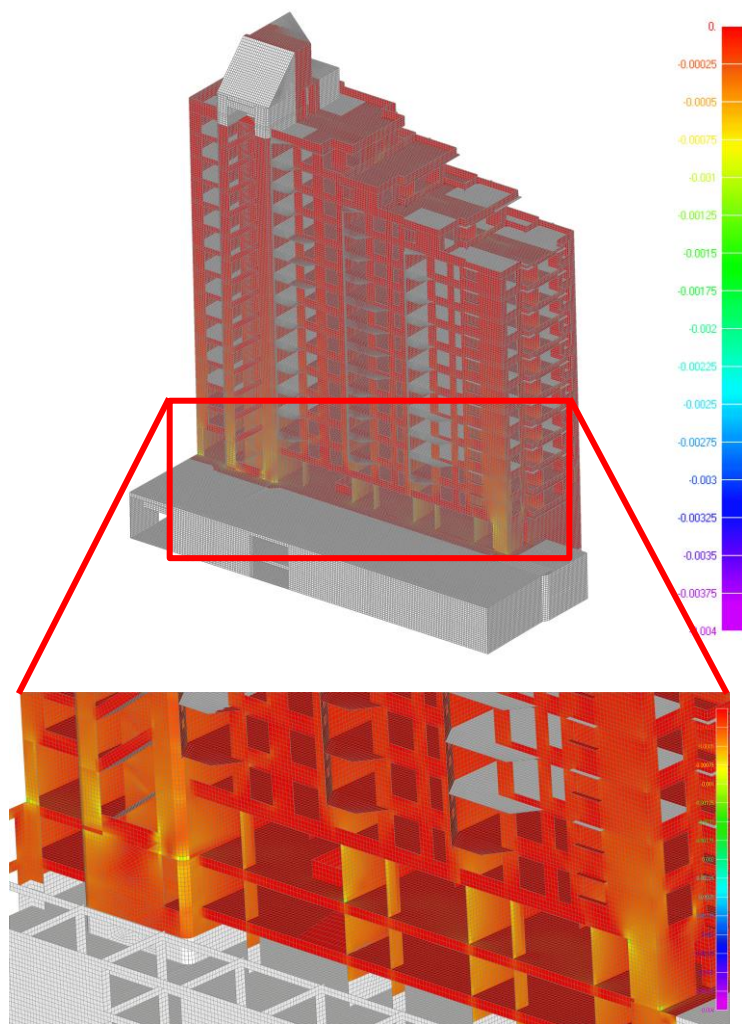
# System Behavior & System Interactions

## ➤ Complex System Behaviors:

- Tall Buildings
- Discontinuities (e.g., Transfer Conditions)
- Diaphragm action, Tie-back Effects
- Construction staging effects – Top-down Construction
- Structural Irregularity in Plan, Vertical Offsets
- Better understanding of SSI

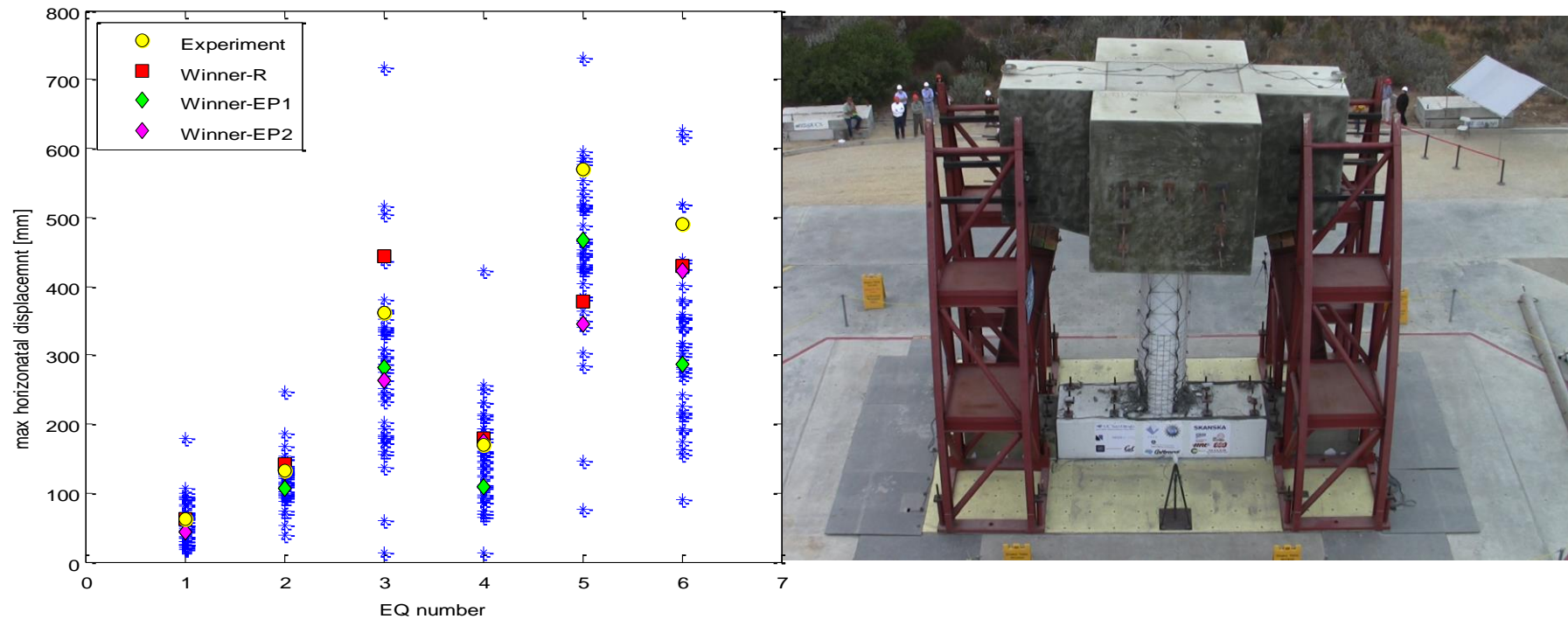


# System Behavior & System Interactions



# Model Calibration

- Involve practicing engineers and researchers to participate in blind prediction contests followed up by workshops





# Low-damage Systems



PRESSS Capstone Test by Priestley et al. – UC San Diego 1999



***Part 2***  
***Example Projects***

## NSF GOALI: DSDM



## NSF NEESR: IFAS



# PCI DSDM & IFAS PROJECTS

- Multi-University Research Projects
- U. Arizona, Lehigh & UCSD co-PIs and Grad Students
- Full- or Large-Scale Testing
- Strong Simulation Component
- Design Consultant Oversight
- Industry Partners
- General Topic: Floor Diaphragms

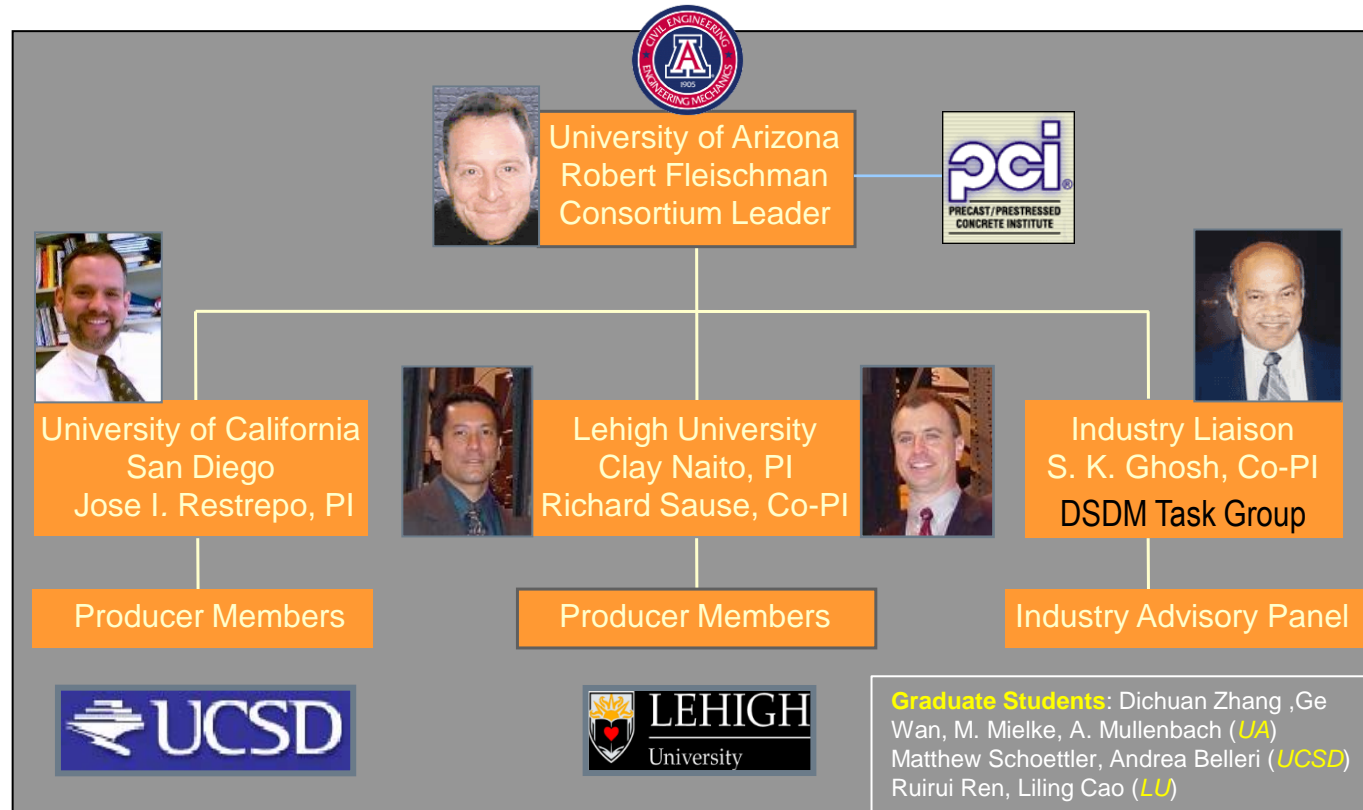
# Project 1: NSF GOALI - DSDM



*Development of a Seismic Design Methodology for  
Precast Floor Diaphragms (DSDM) 2005-2009*



# DSDM Research Team

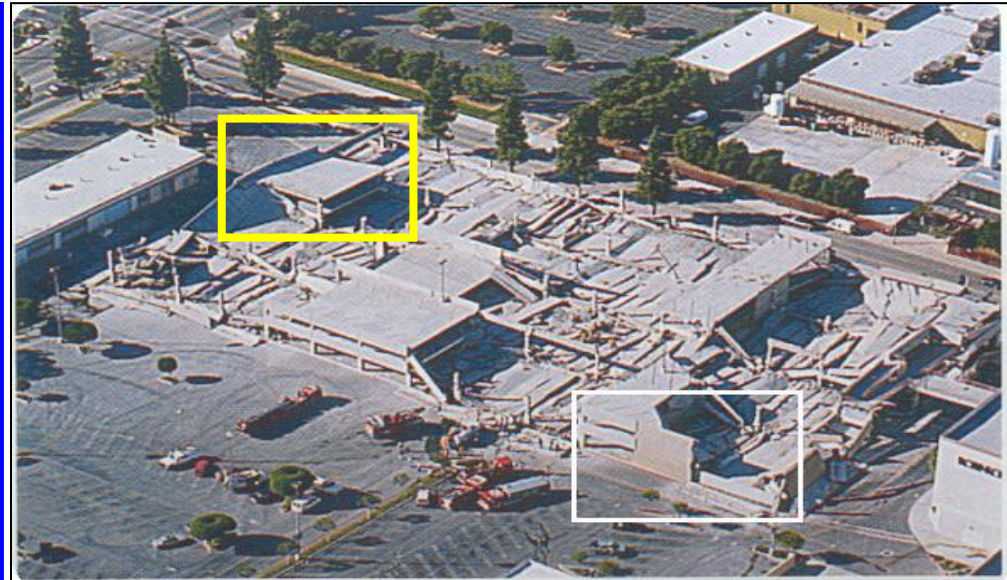


# Precast Concrete Diaphragms

Diaphragm action carries seismic forces horizontally in the floor slab to walls and frames...



Precast floor diaphragms have shown a vulnerability in past earthquakes...



# Rationale for Large Scale Laboratory Testing

- **Rationale for laboratory testing:**

- Limited information existed on the characteristics of precast diaphragm connectors
- No information on the response of precast diaphragm connectors under non-proportional shear and tension
- No models existed for the nonlinear or non-ductile response of precast floor diaphragm systems

- **Rationale for ATLSS Laboratory:**

- Ability to create multi-axis control for cyclic shear, tension/compression, and positive/negative moment
- Ability to perform hybrid testing to develop realistic combinations of force, and adapt as the joint and connectors degrade.



# Rationale for Large Scale Shake Table Testing

- **Rationale for shake testing:**

- Boundary Conditions of a distributed system such as a diaphragm do not lend themselves to concentrated actions (e.g., from actuators)
- Finite Element Analysis can produce realistic boundary conditions, but *calibrated* models are required for code change.

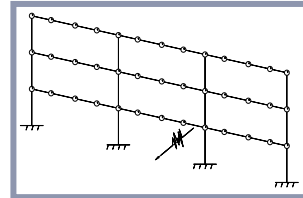
- **Rationale for NEES@UCSD Shake Table:**

- Scaling of precast elements, reinforcement and connectors has lower limit of  $1/3^{\text{rd}}$  to  $1/2$  scale before testing details become “toys”
- Observed diaphragm failures in precast diaphragms have historically occurred in longer span floor decks

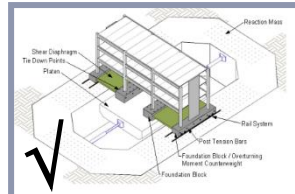
# Research Flow

## System Level (UCSD)

- Diaphragm Inertial Forces
- Flexible Diaphragm Structures



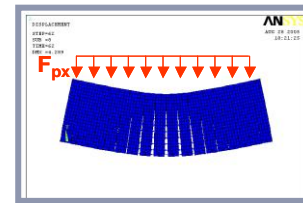
MDOF Dynamic Analysis



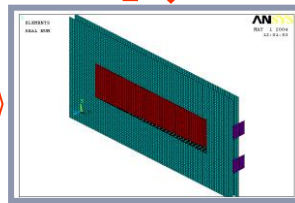
Scaled Shake Table Test

## Diaphragm Level (UA)

- Diaphragm Capacity
- Diagram Load Paths & Limit States



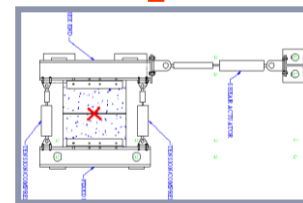
FE Pushover Analysis



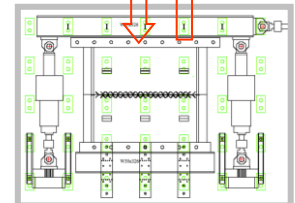
3D FE Dynamic Analysis

## Detail Level (LU)

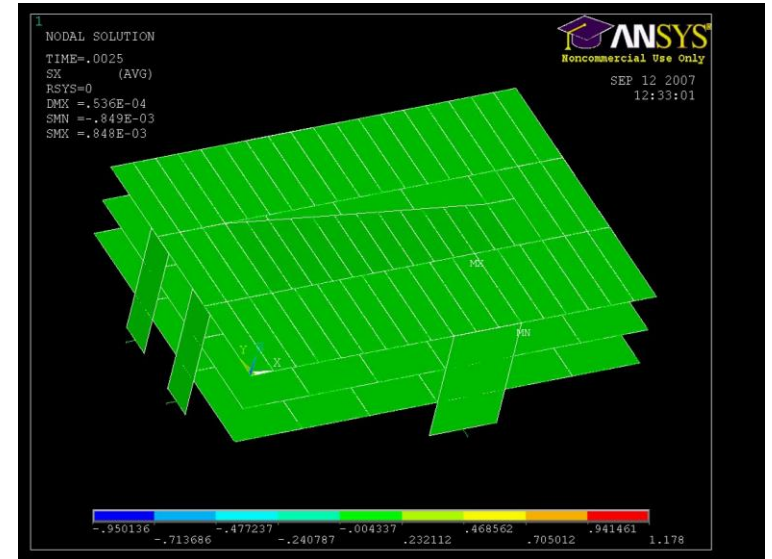
- Connector Properties
- Connector Classification



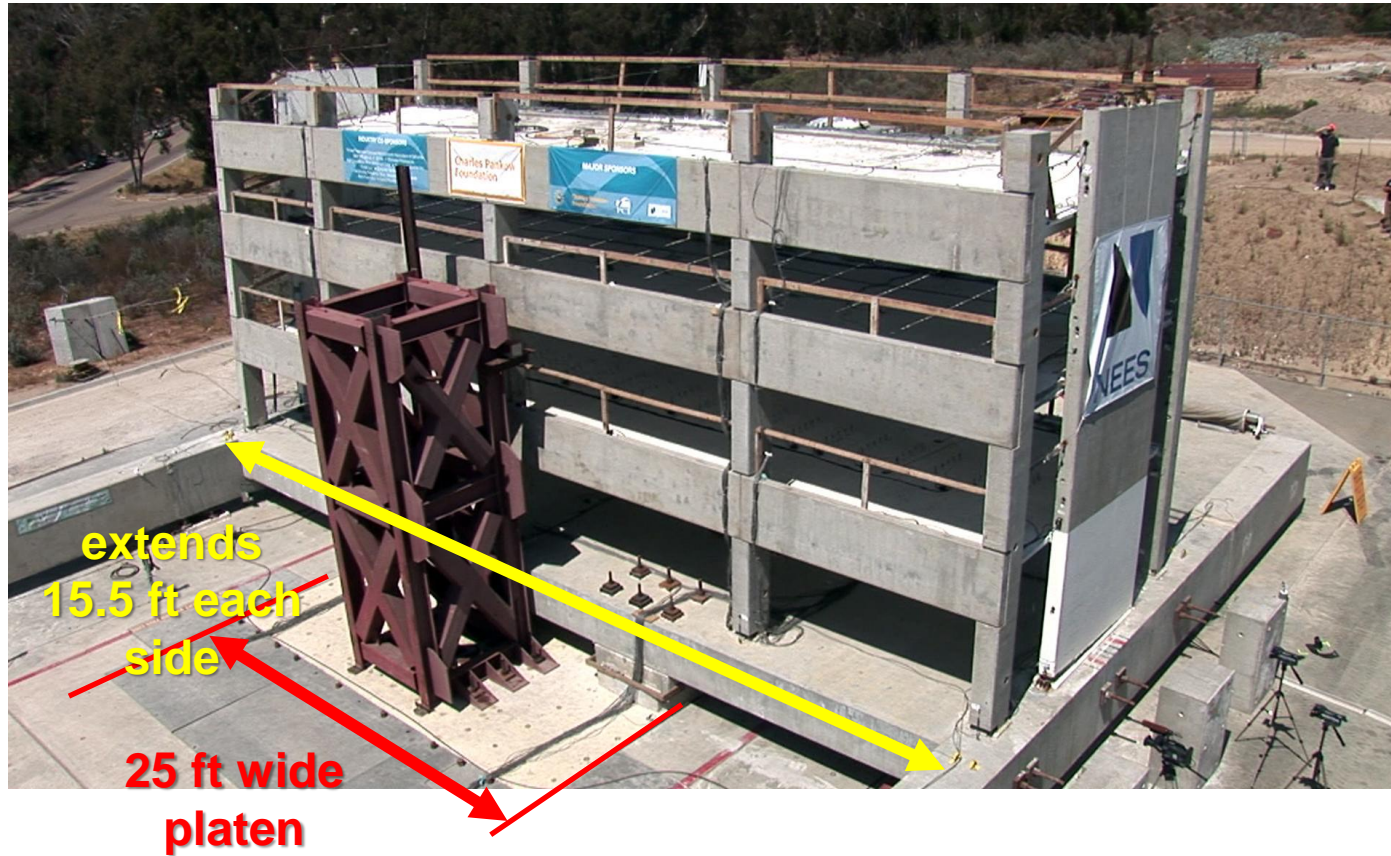
Full-Scale Detail Tests



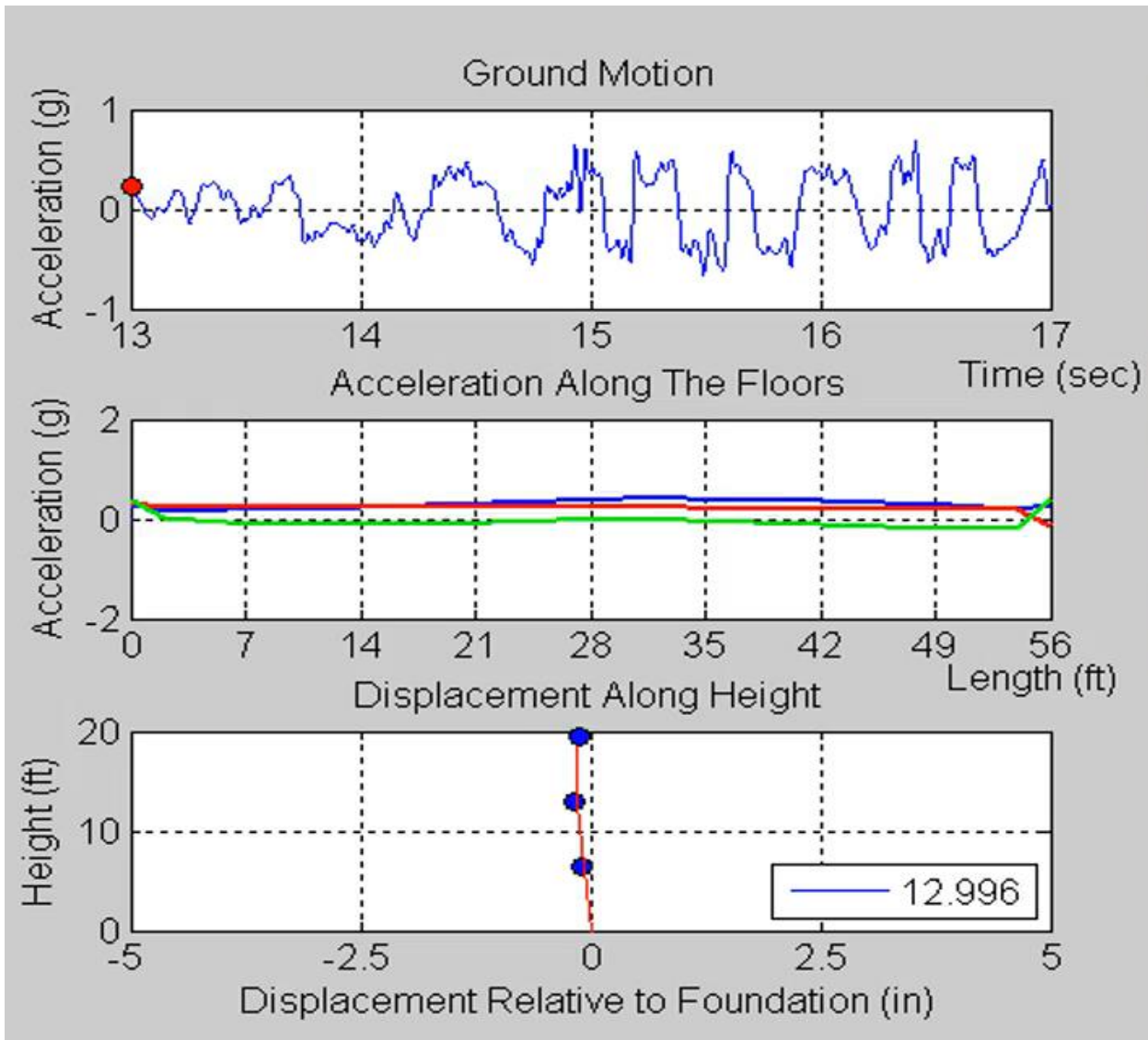
Hybrid Testing of Joints



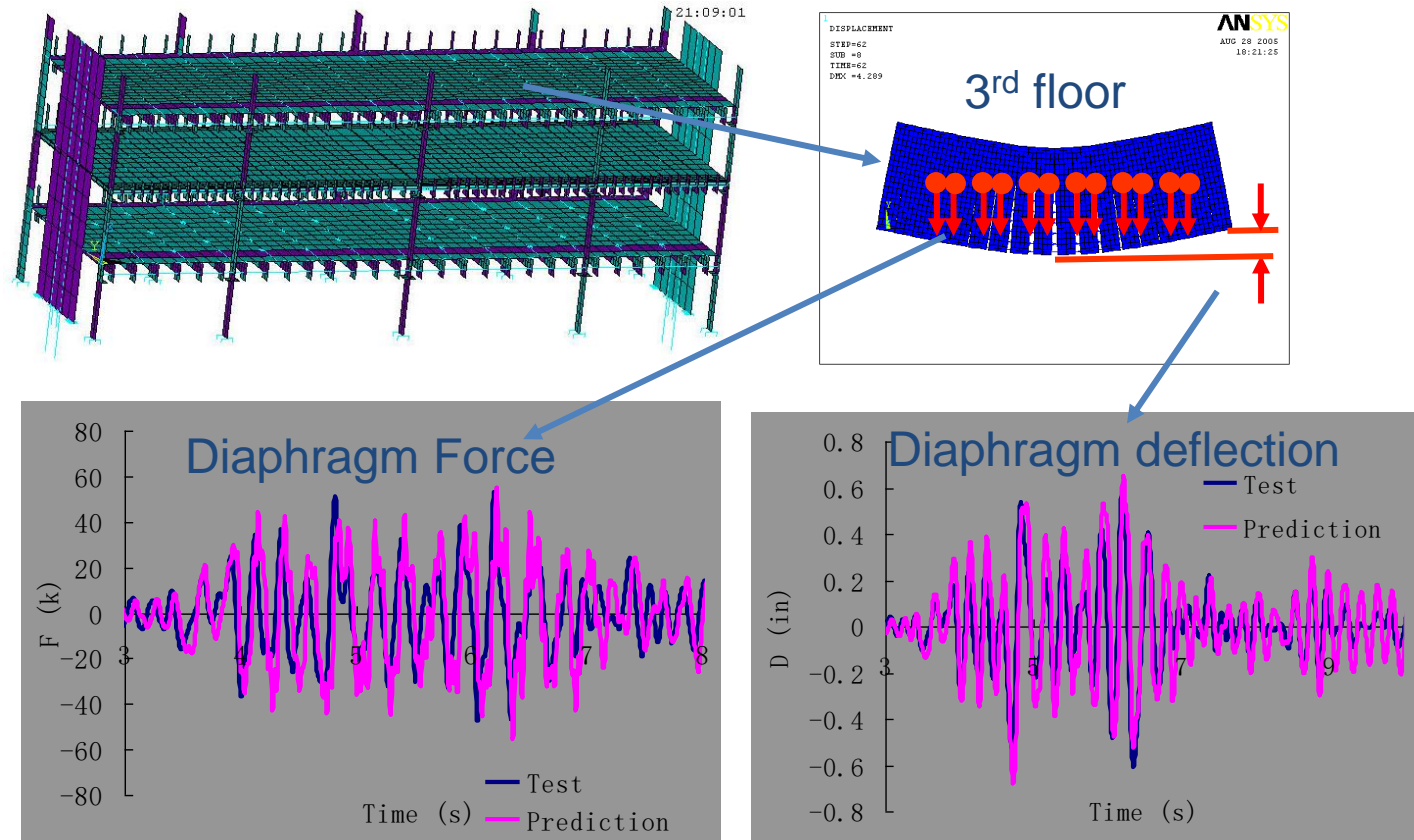
# Practical Considerations



# Shake Table Test



# Analytical Simulation



# DSDM Project Outcome

- **Deliverable:** A new seismic design methodology for precast concrete diaphragms.
- **Outcome:** New design provisions approved for inclusion in **ASCE 7-16** and Part 3 of the **2015 NEHRP Provisions**.



2016 ASCE Pankow Award for Innovation

# Project 2: NEESR IFAS



## NEESR: Inertial Force-Limiting Floor Anchorage Systems for Seismic Resistant Building Structures (IFAS)

NEES @ UCSD



NEES @ Lehigh



# IFAS Project Team

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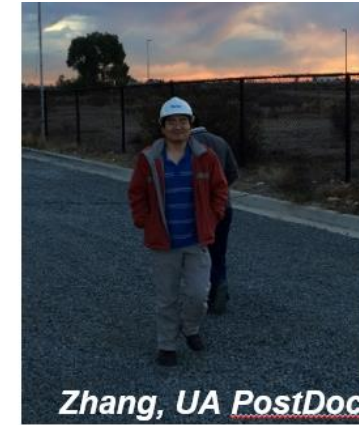
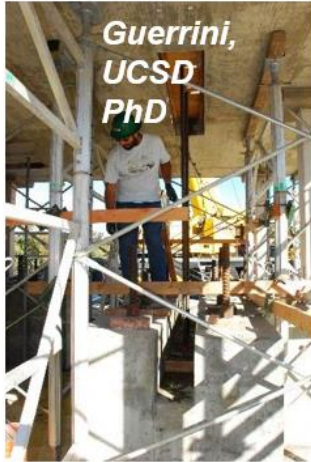
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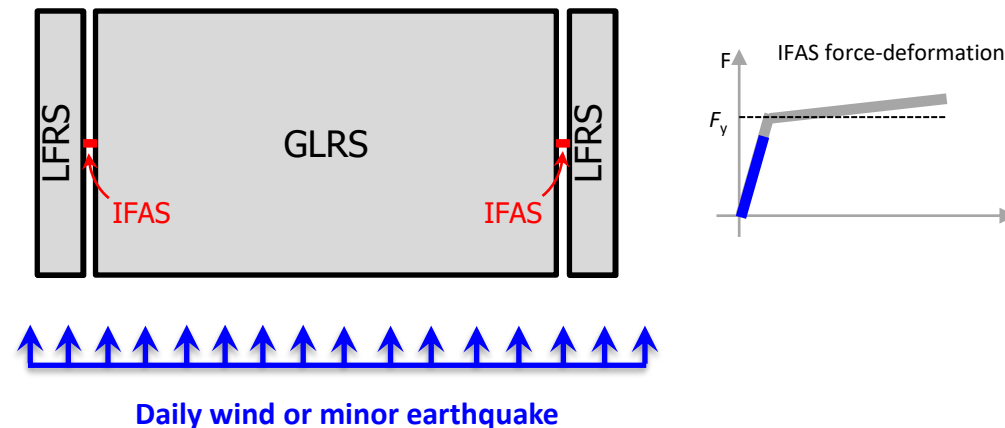


# Student Participation



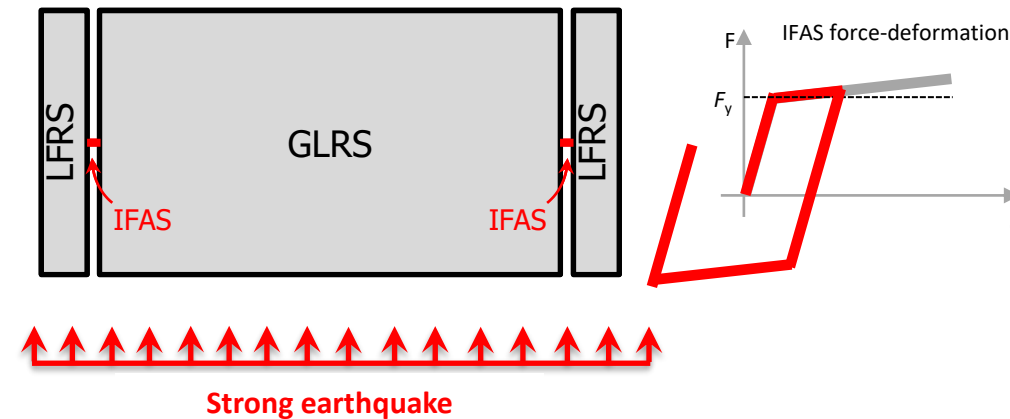
# IFAS Concept

- Provides a deformable (ductile) connection between the floor system (GLRS) and the primary vertical plane LFRS elements (e.g., shear walls, braced frames)
- Designed with a predefined design strength ( $F_y$ ) to partially uncouple the GLRS and the LFRS
- The structure acts as a traditional structure for daily loads

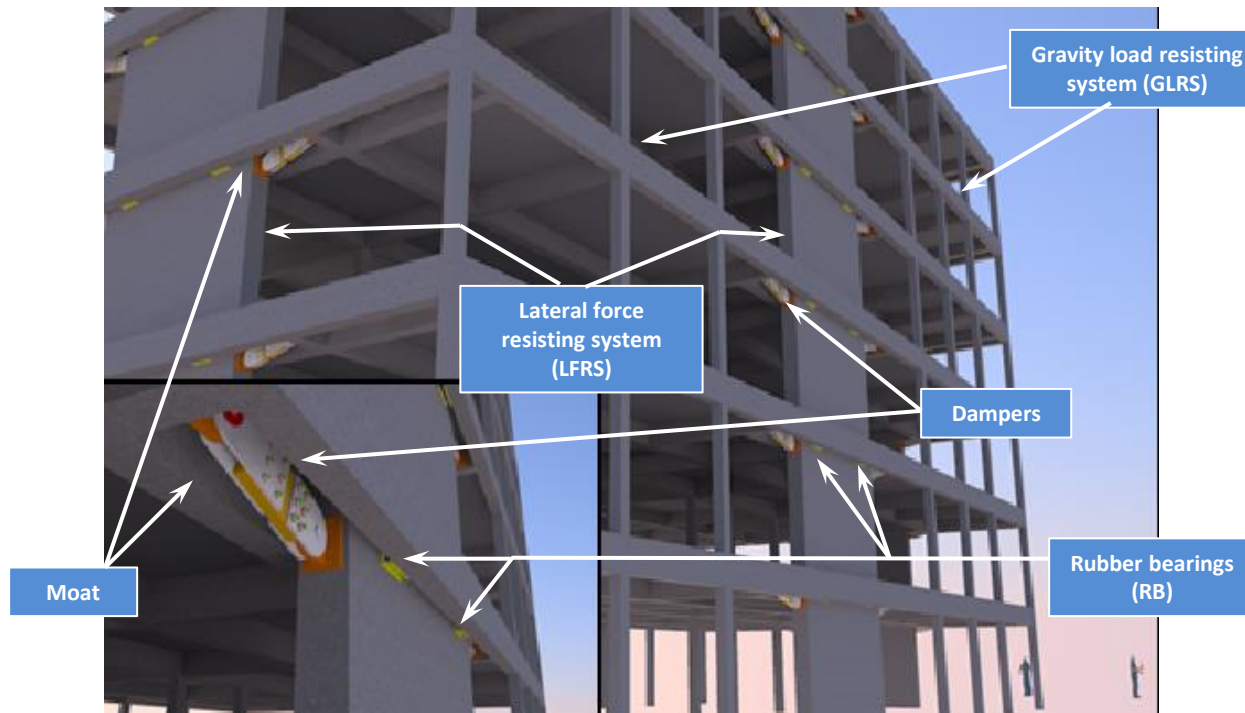


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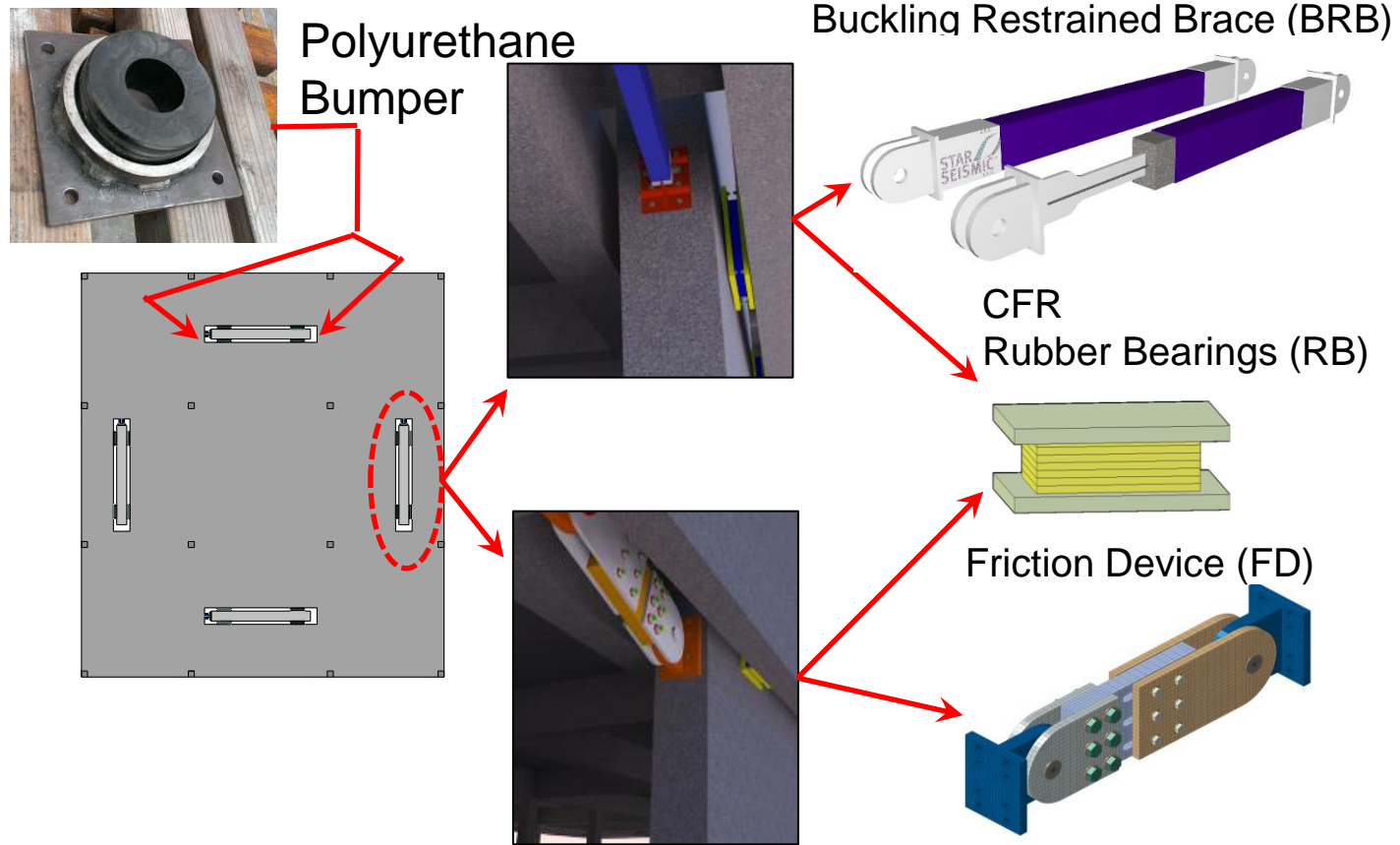
- The IFAS will reach its design strength in a strong earthquake...
- ...and deform, thereby transforming the seismic demands into relative displacement between the GLRS and the LFRS...
- ...dissipating energy and lowering seismic demands



# IFAS Concept



# IFAS Components



# Subassemblage Testing: NEES@Lehigh

Lehigh  
Test  
Specimen

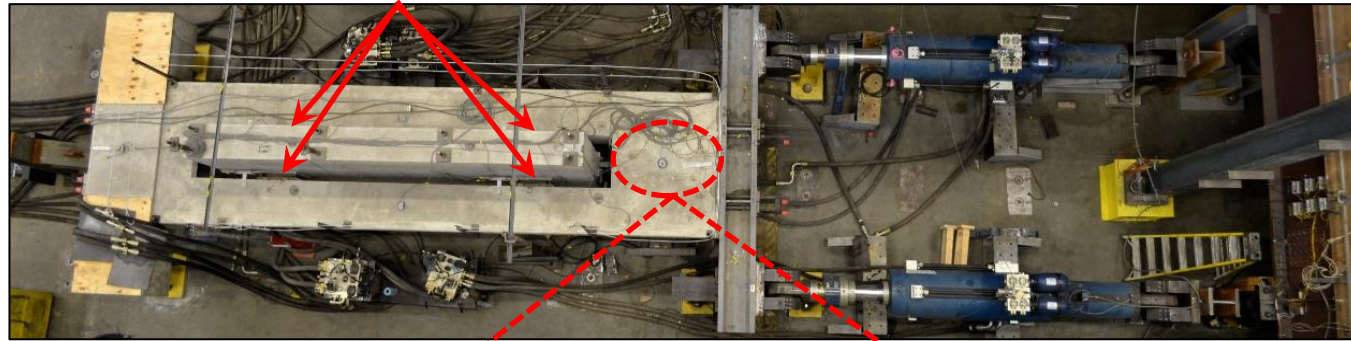


# Full-Scale IFAS Testing: RB

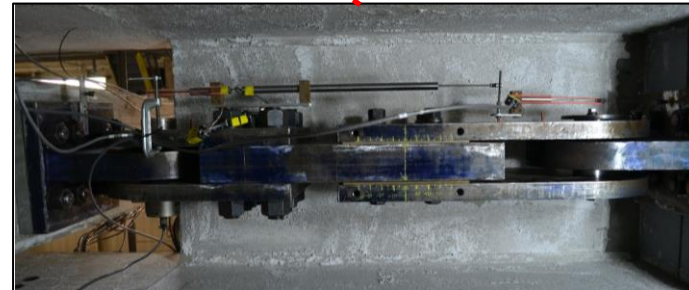


# Full-Scale IFAS Testing: FD

Carbon Fiber Reinforced RB

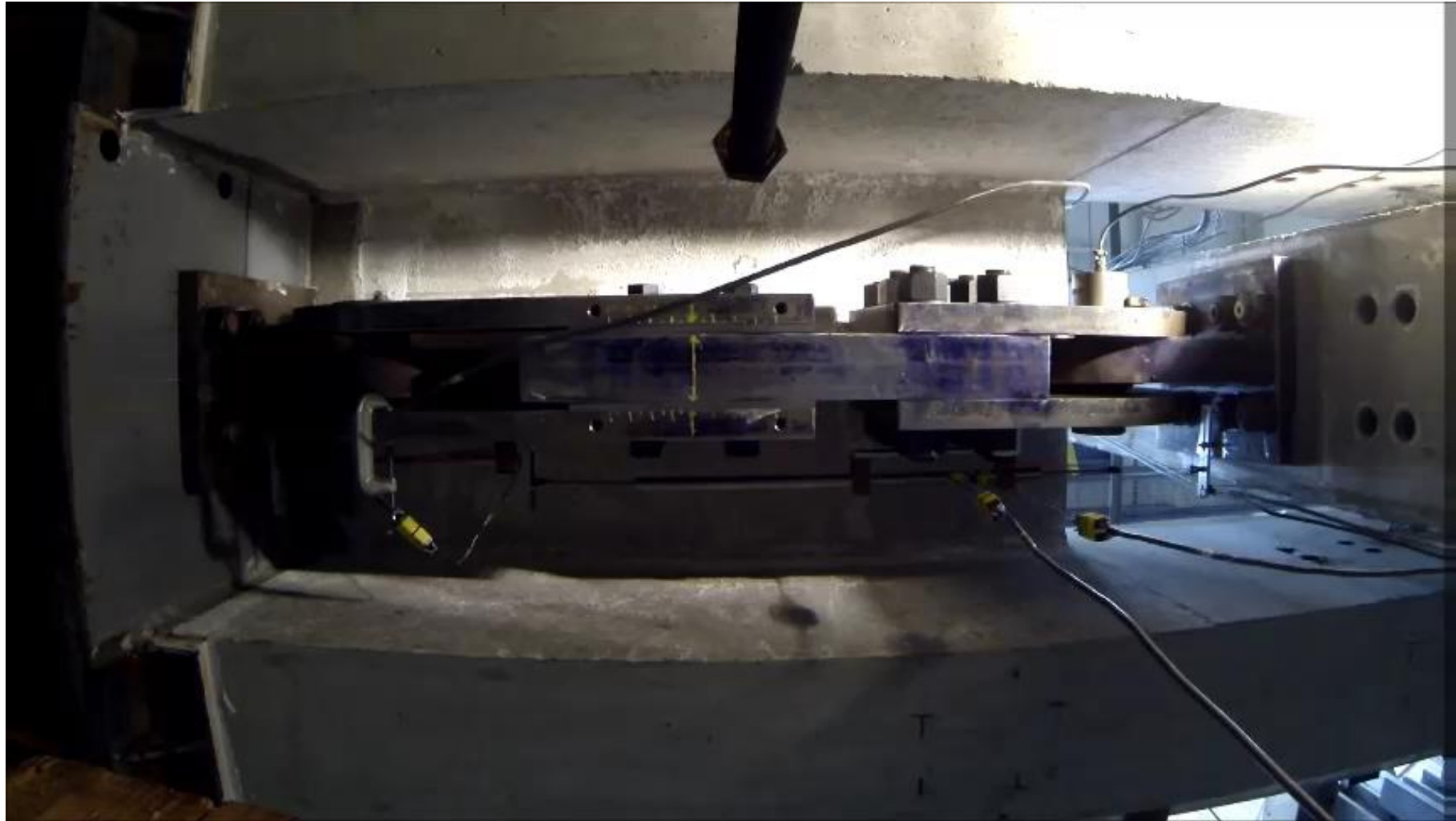


FD





# Full-Scale IFAS Testing: FD



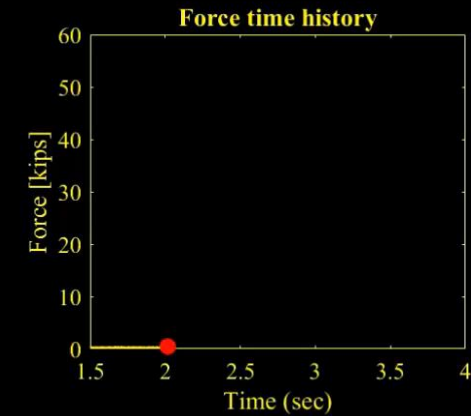
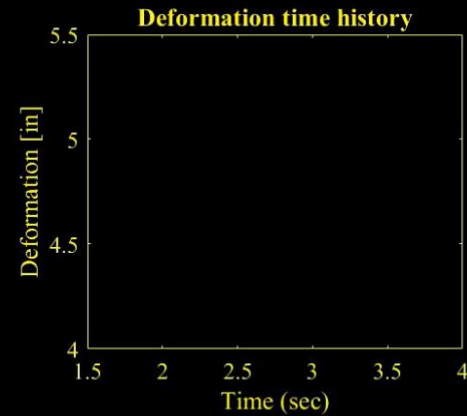
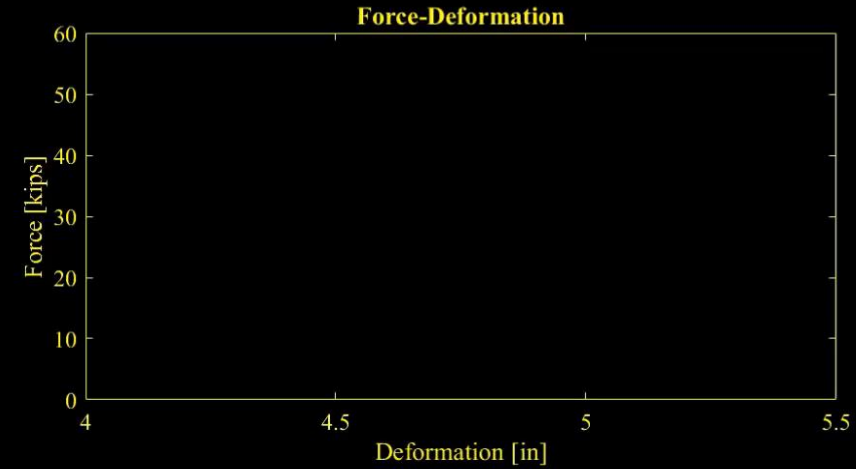
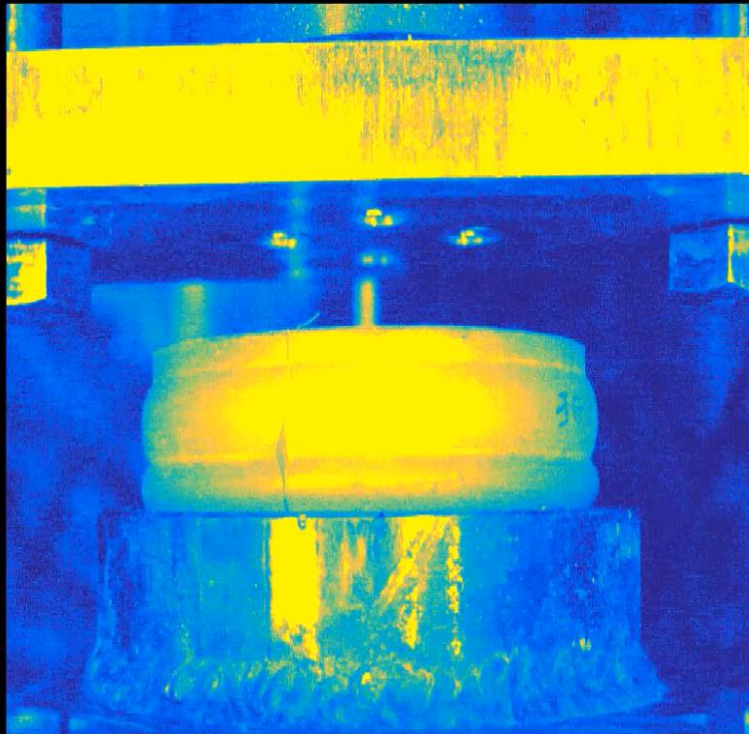
# Bumper Impact Tests: NHERI@Lehigh



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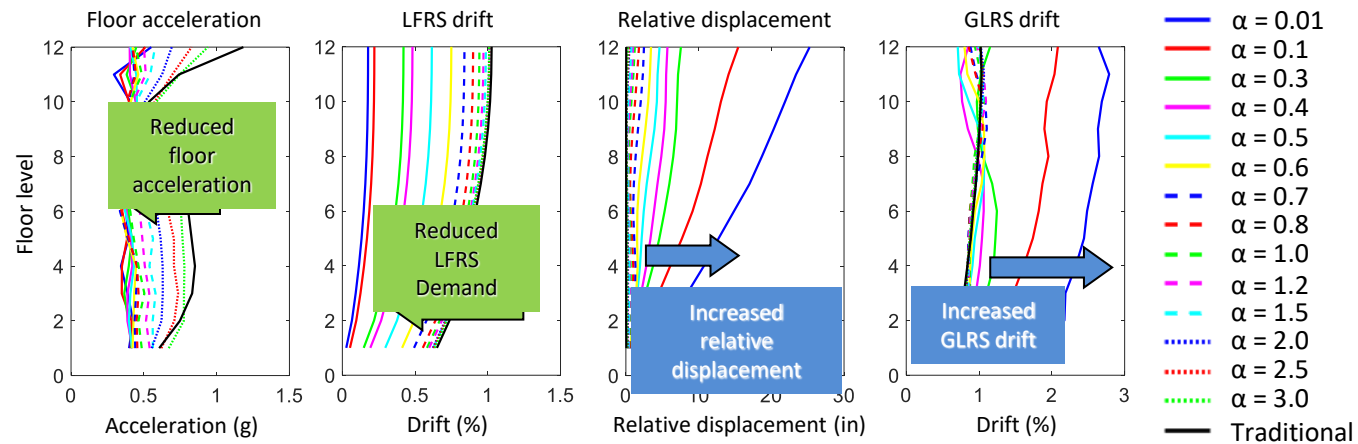
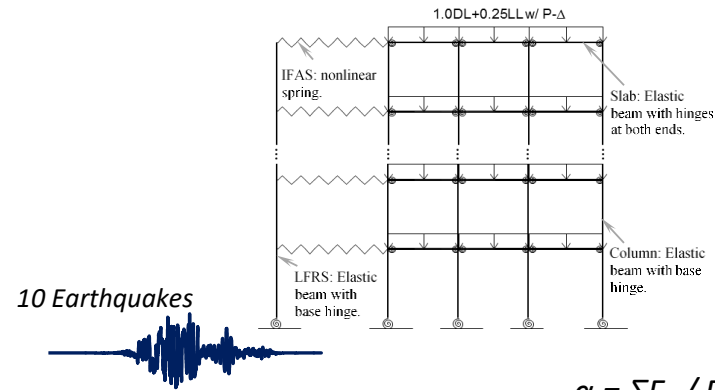
Bumper Test (1-22)



# Analytical Research

## Response Profile (DBE):

- Benefits
- Tradeoffs



# Shake Table Test Structure



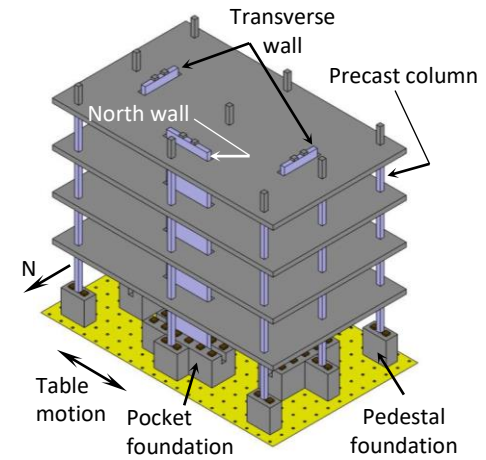
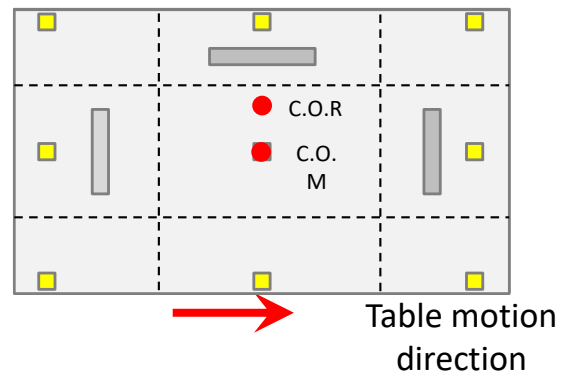
4-story reinforced concrete building

- Half-scale
- Provide direct comparison between IFAS and traditional
- Rocking Walls for repeatability

# Shake Table Test Specimen

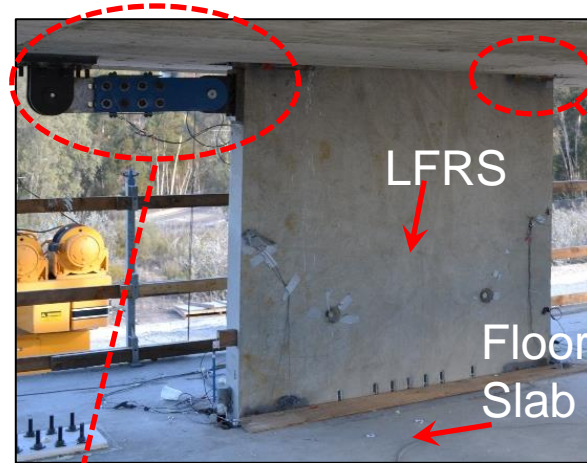
## Test specimen description

- LFRS eccentricity was purposely introduced for torsional response

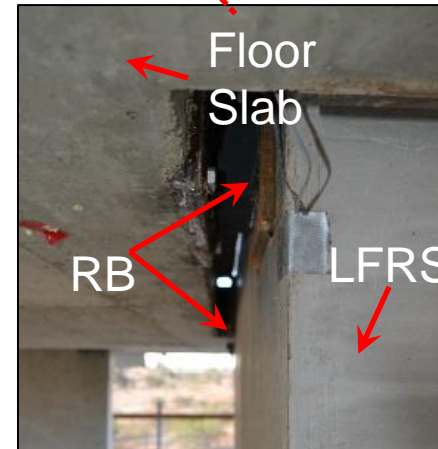


# IFAS Shake Test Installation

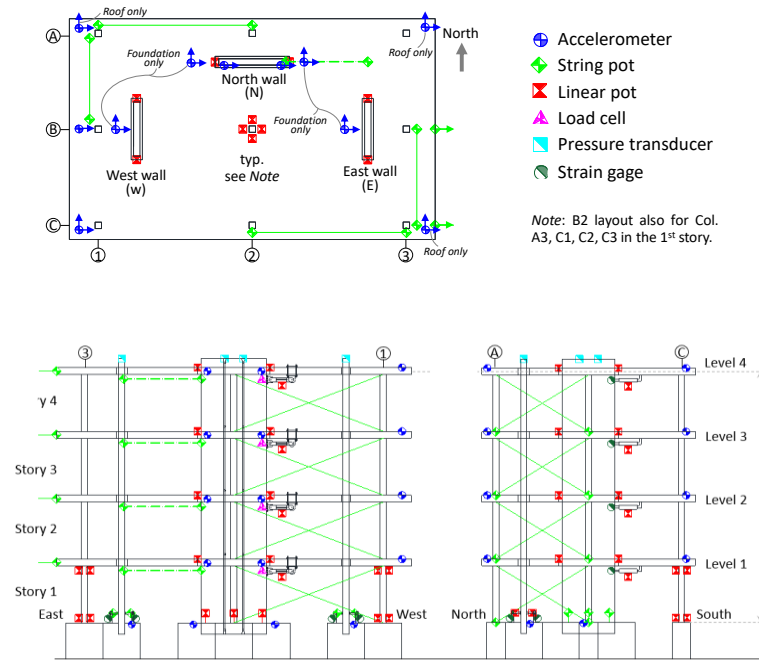
Half-Scale 4-story Precast Rocking Shear Wall Structure



NEES @ UCSD

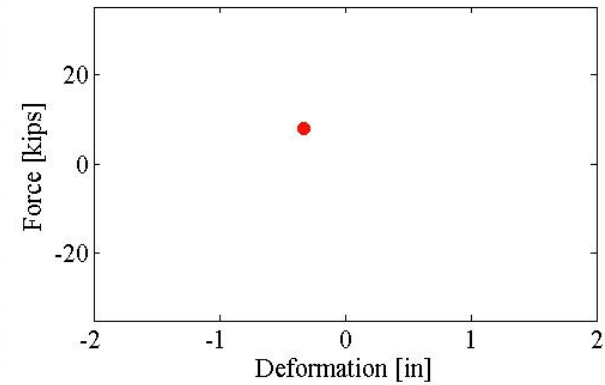
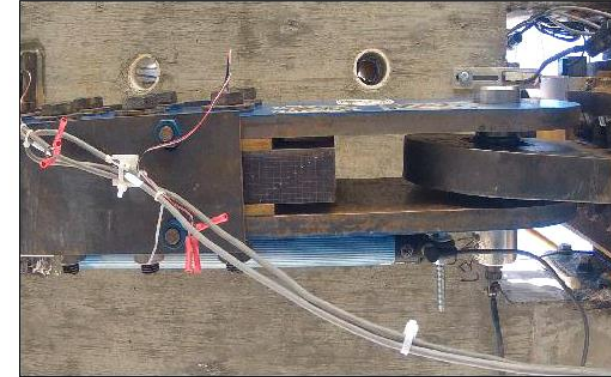


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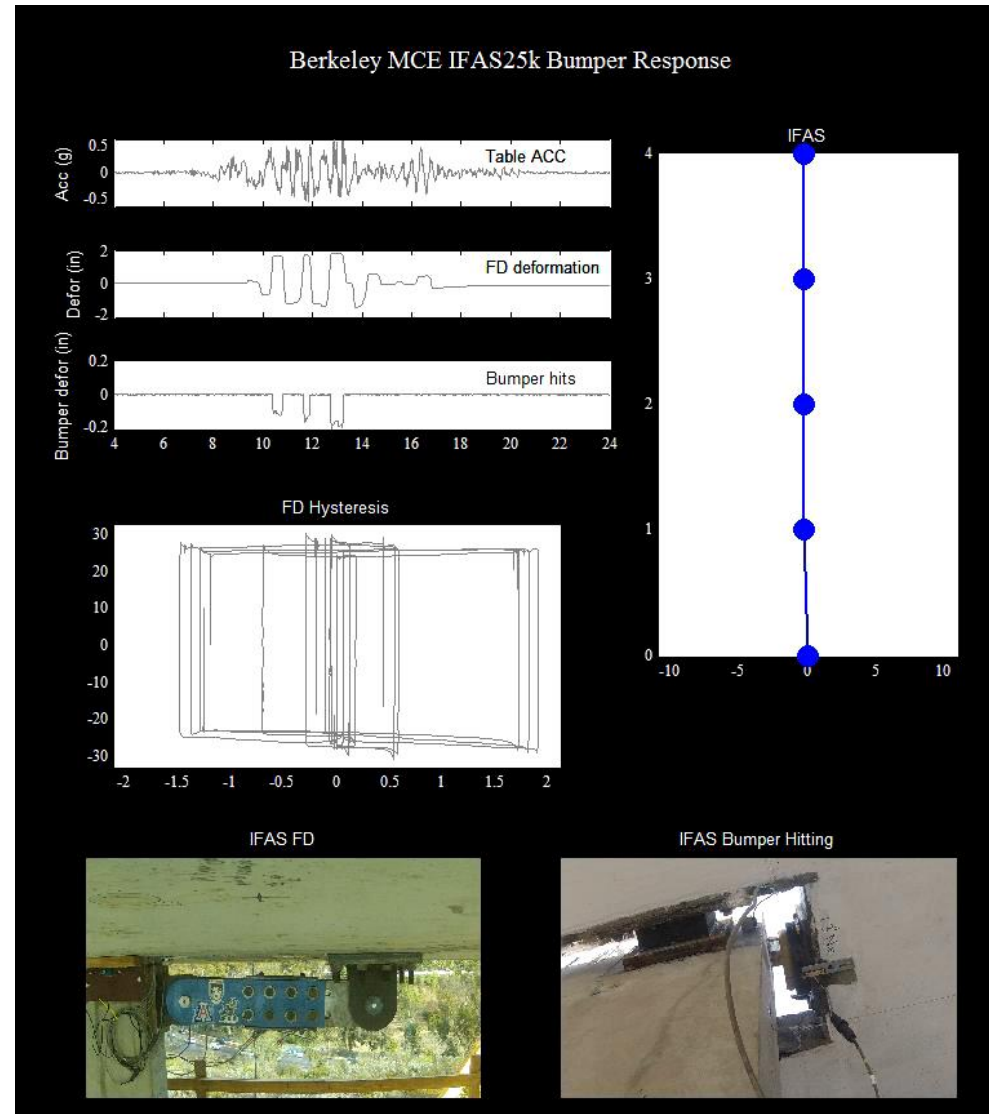


# IFAS Shake Table Response: NEES@UCSD



# Shake Table Test Response

## Bumper behavior





Shake Table test  
Rocking of Main(North) wall

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PHASE I VS PHASE II





## Berkeley BE05 MCE Traditional system vs IFAS

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PLAN VIEW COMPARISON



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# *Questions*