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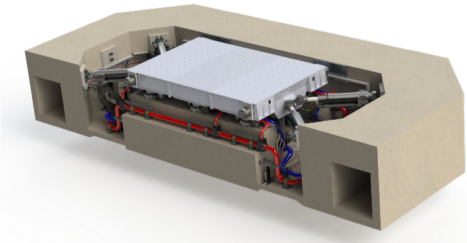
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Highlights of Recent Projects: Contributions to Understanding Cold-Formed Steel- Framed Systems Response

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Outline

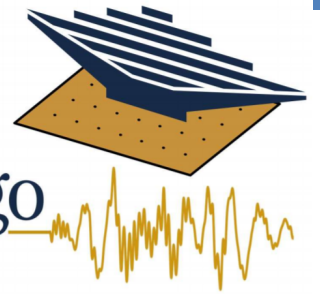
Two complementary projects@LHPOST

- 1) System-Level Building Testing: CFS-HUD
- 2) Component-Level Testing: CFS-NHERI (Wall-Line Test Phase)

My Hopeful Outcome (in this 12 min discussion):
Demonstrate the success of industry-academe
collaborations



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1) CFS-HUD: *Earthquake and Post-Earthquake Fire Testing of a Mid-Rise CFS-Framed Building*

PIs: Tara Hutchinson, Gil Hegemeir, Brian Meacham
Drs. Xiang Wang & Praveen Kamath



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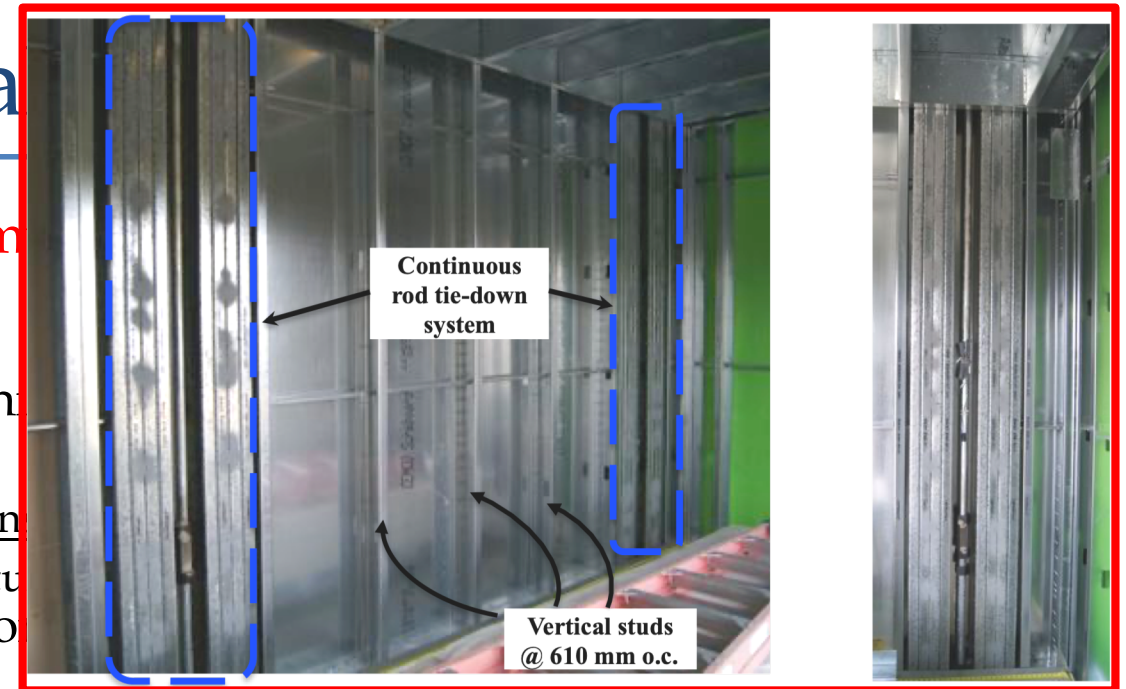
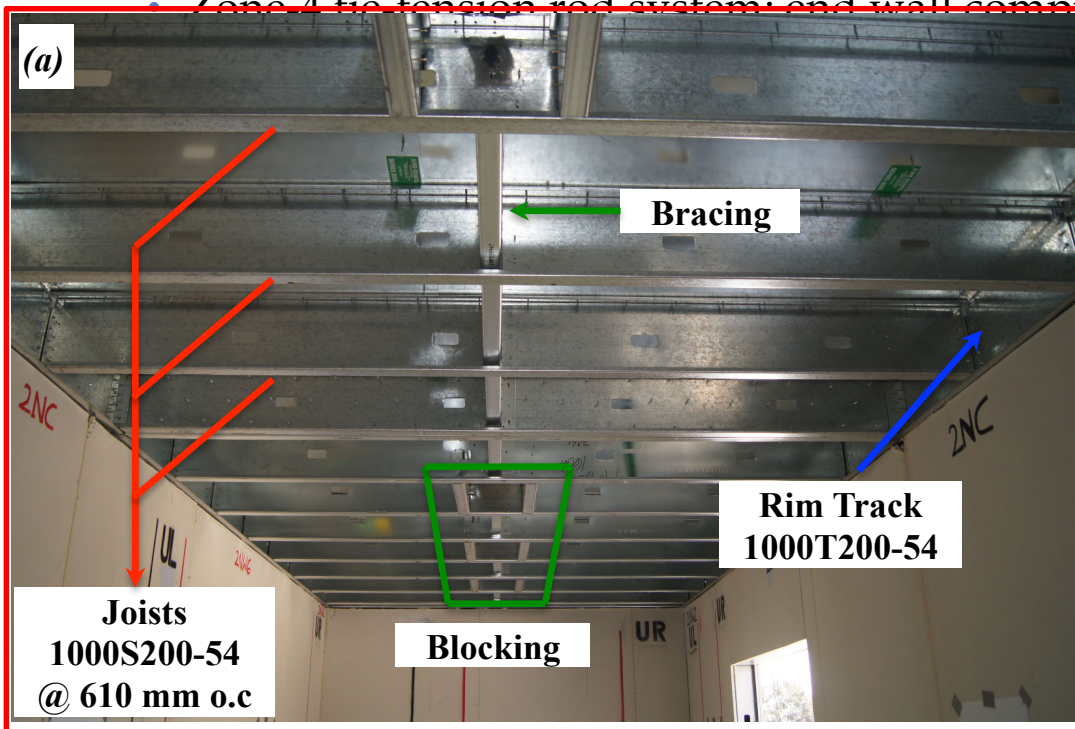


CFS-HUD: Building Conceptual

- 6-story (64' tall) CFS building, representative of m
- Structural system:

1) CFS-panelized shearwalls (gyp-bonded steel sheath

- Long interior corridor SWs with door openings
- Short/low aspect ratio exterior SWs with windows; tran
- Zone 4 tie-tension rod system; end wall compression stu



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y D, site class D, $S_{DS} = 1.5g$, $S_{D1} = 0.8g$, seismic base

lateral load (exterior walls short)

ected) torsional loads

g bonded shearwalls; tie-down roads and
l forces

Extreme Events (test) Protocol

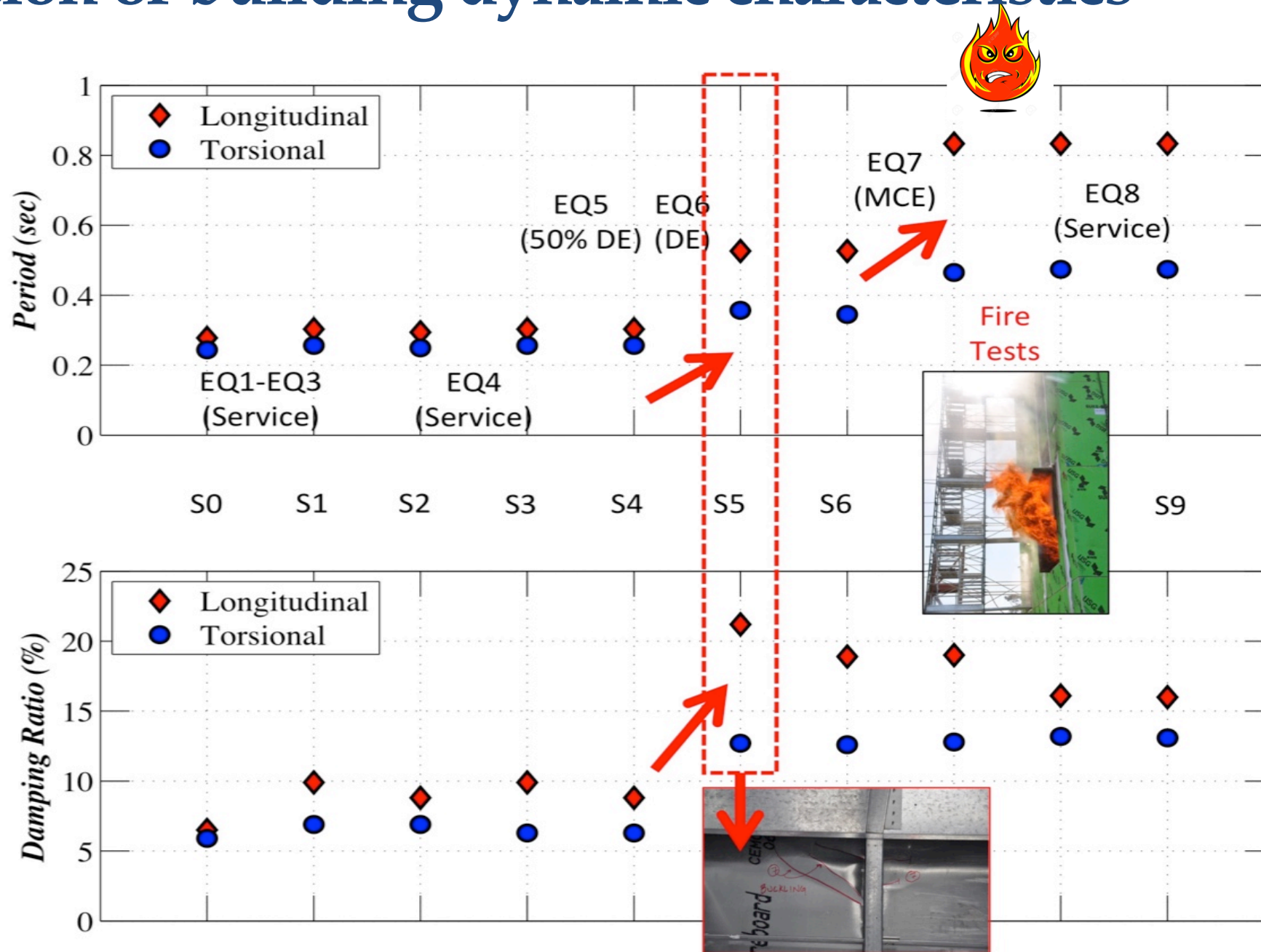
Phases of testing:

- 1) White noise & tire shock tests
- 2) Base shaking (pre-fire)
 - White noise intermittent with increasing suite of scaled earthquake motions
 - Three active earthquake test days, one day between each for physical inspection, test data analysis, preparation for next day
- 3) Live fire tests
 - 2 floors of live fire tests
- 4) *Aftershock+extreme earthquake tests* (post-fire)
 - Post-thermal base shaking earthquake sequence

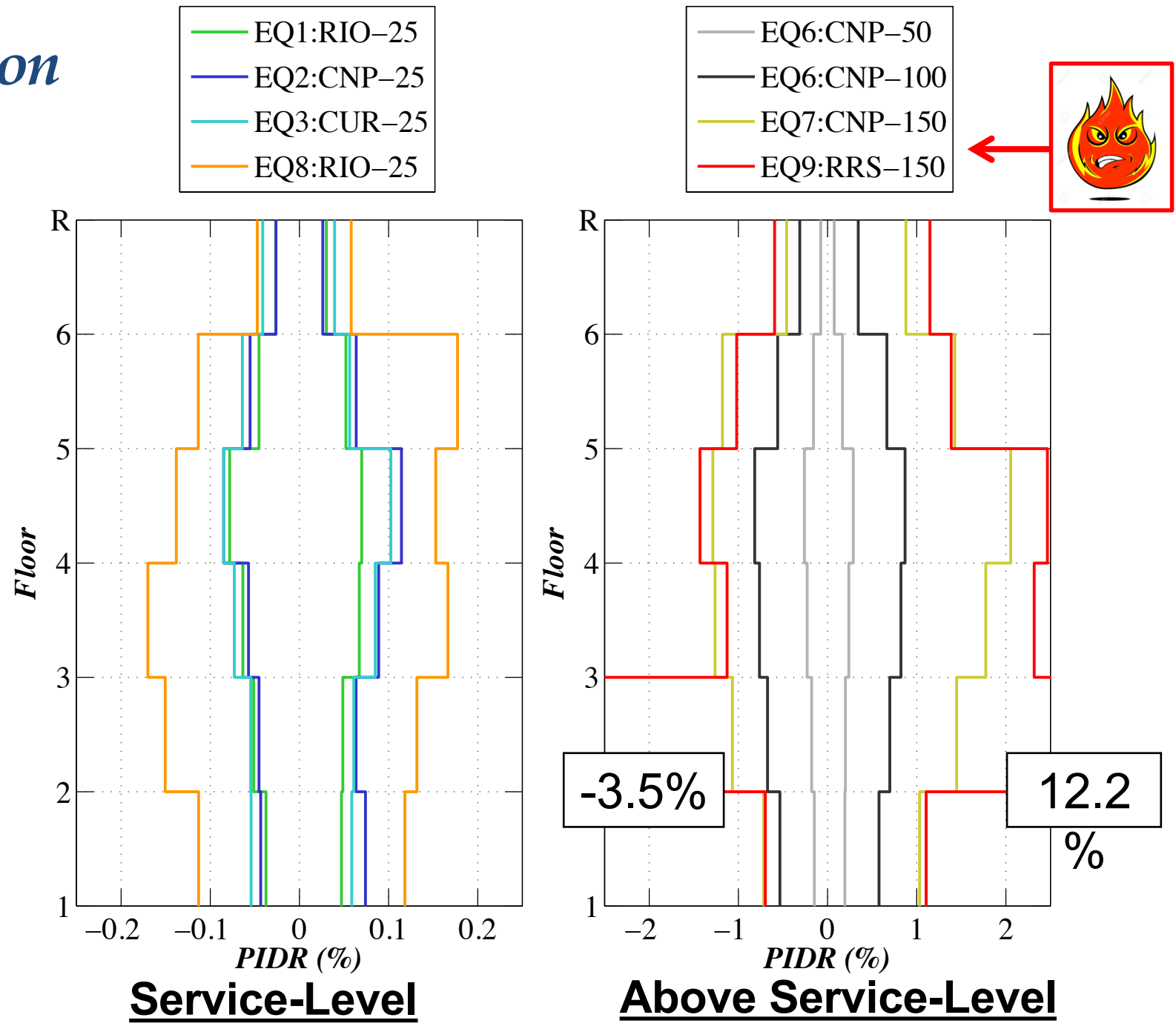


CFS-HUD: Highlights of Physical Damage & Measured Response

Evolution of building dynamic characteristics



PIDR Distribution



Global SW View – EQ9 (post-fire NF)

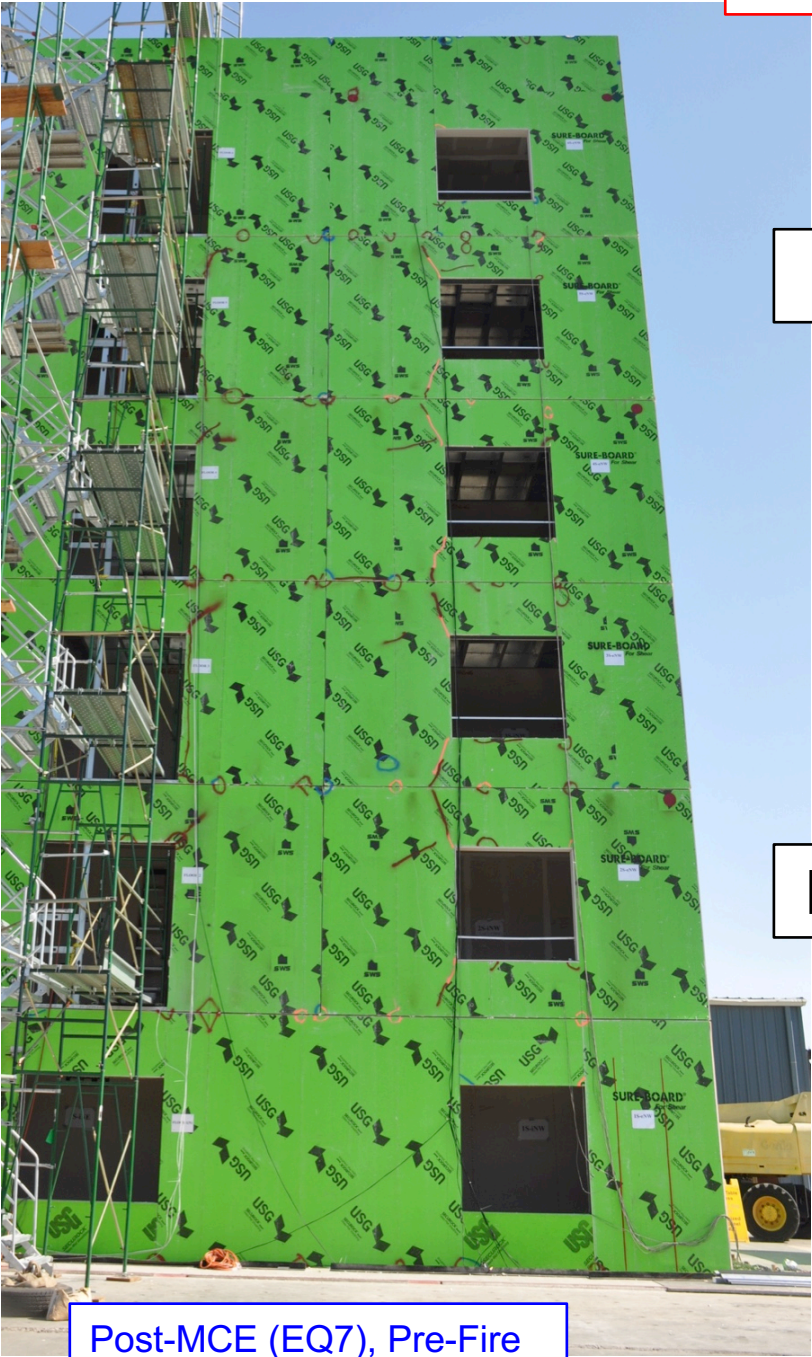


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Earthquake & Post-Earthquake Fire Performance of Mid-Rise Light-Gauge Cold-Formed Steel Framed Buildings

Compilation of 2nd Floor Level (Interior Views)
During Final Near-Fault Earthquake Simulation
Post-Fire Tests





Post-MCE (EQ7), Pre-Fire

Total Roof Residual 10" = 1.4%



Post-Fire, Post-NF-MCE



L2 Residual 7.3" = 6%



What did we NOT learn? What questions remain?

- How would this building have performed with *exterior finishes*?
 - It was already much stiffer than anticipated, at what demand level would the finishes sufficiently disengage and lack contribution to stiffness and seismic inertial load?
- How does this (gyp-bonded steel sheathed CFS-framed wall system) compare with a *generic structural shearwall*, in a *system* setting?
 - The stiffness and strength contribution of gyp-bonded steel sheathing is (potentially) a positive aspect; though not yet mainstream in practice
- How would the performance of the building compare if the *diaphragm had been flexible*?
 - Physical modeling necessitated the augmentation of mass loading with steel plates – this, combined with the drop-in prefabricated CFS-steel sheathed floor segments resulted in a very stiff floor diaphragm

What did we NOT learn? What questions remain?

- What is the contribution of the **non-designated** load bearing systems?





2) CFS-NHERI: *Shake table and Quasi-static Wall-line Tests*



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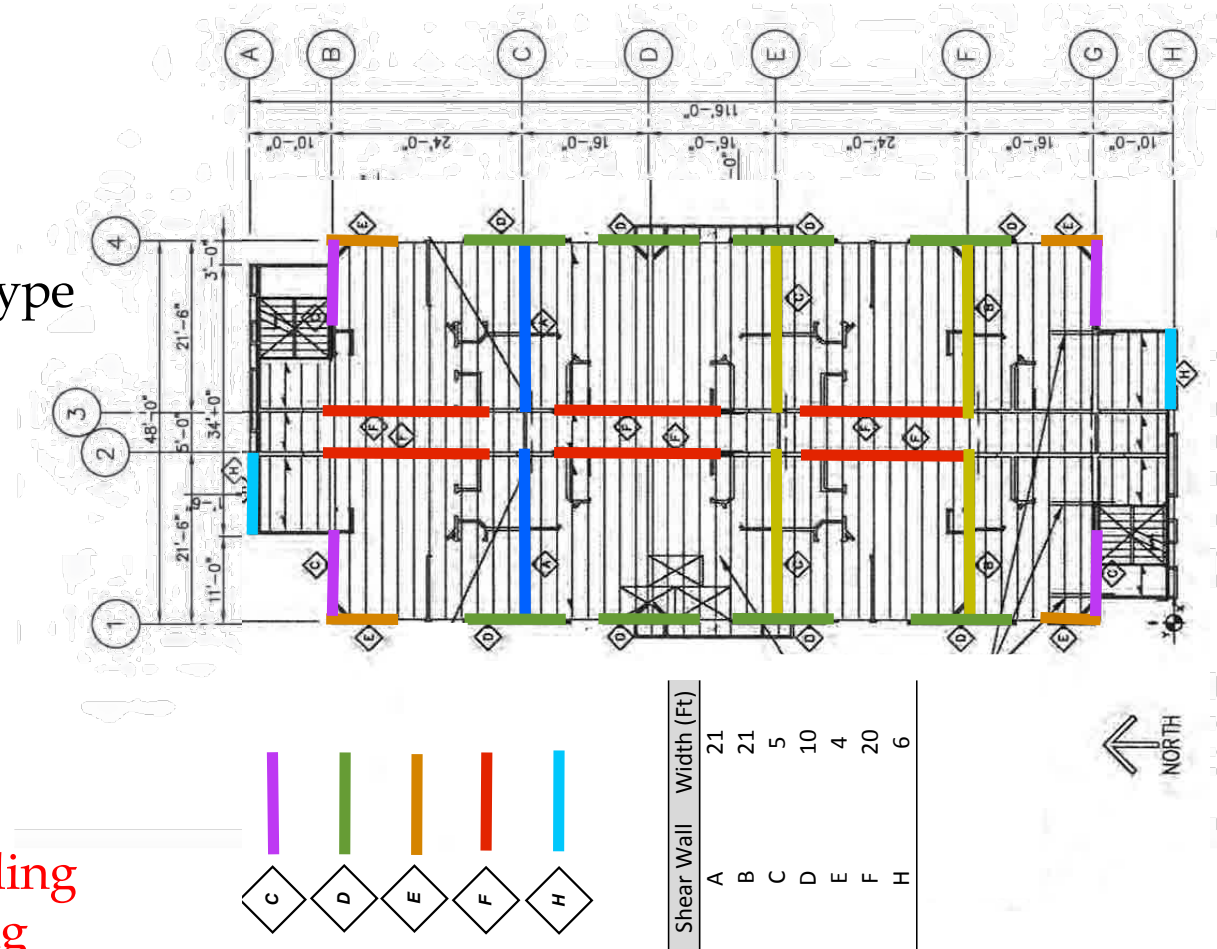
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CFS-NHERI Archetype Buildings

- Complete CFS system walls (gravity and steel sheet shear walls)
- **Designed 4 and 10 story buildings**
 - Selected shear wall details based on building archetype
 - 4' long x 9' tall
 - Single side steel sheet: 30 mil
 - Chord Stud pack: 600S250-97
 - Gravity Stud: 600S250-68
 - Tie Rod: $\phi 1 \frac{1}{8}$ "
 - Edge spacing: 2" / 12" o.c., #12 screws
 - Fully blocked
- **Reflect typical shear wall at base of the 4-story building or approximately mid-height in the 10-story building**



Reference: Torabian, S., Nia, Z. S., & Schafer, B. W. (2016). An Archetype Mid-Rise Building for Novel Complete Cold-Formed Steel Buildings. In *Wei-Wen Yu International Specialty Conference on Cold-Formed Steel Structures*, Baltimore, MD.

Wall-Line Tests: *Experiment Objectives*

- Characterize dynamic performance of Cold-Formed Steel framed **walls** subjected to in-line earthquake motions of increasing intensity
- Understand the effect of finishes and effects of openings on wall behavior
- Compare the behavior of Type I and Type II walls
- Compare performance of walls with steel tension tie-rods assembly versus hold-down systems
- Compare the behavior of symmetrical and unsymmetrical walls
- Examine lateral load sharing between shear walls placed in-line with gravity walls



Test Setup: Shake Table Tests



CFS-NHERI IN-LINE WALL SHAKE TABLE TESTS

UAV FLYOVER: PRE-TEST

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CFS-NHERI: Highlights of Physical Damage & Measured Response of Select Wall-Line Components

SGGS-1 (Baseline Specimen) – Design EQ



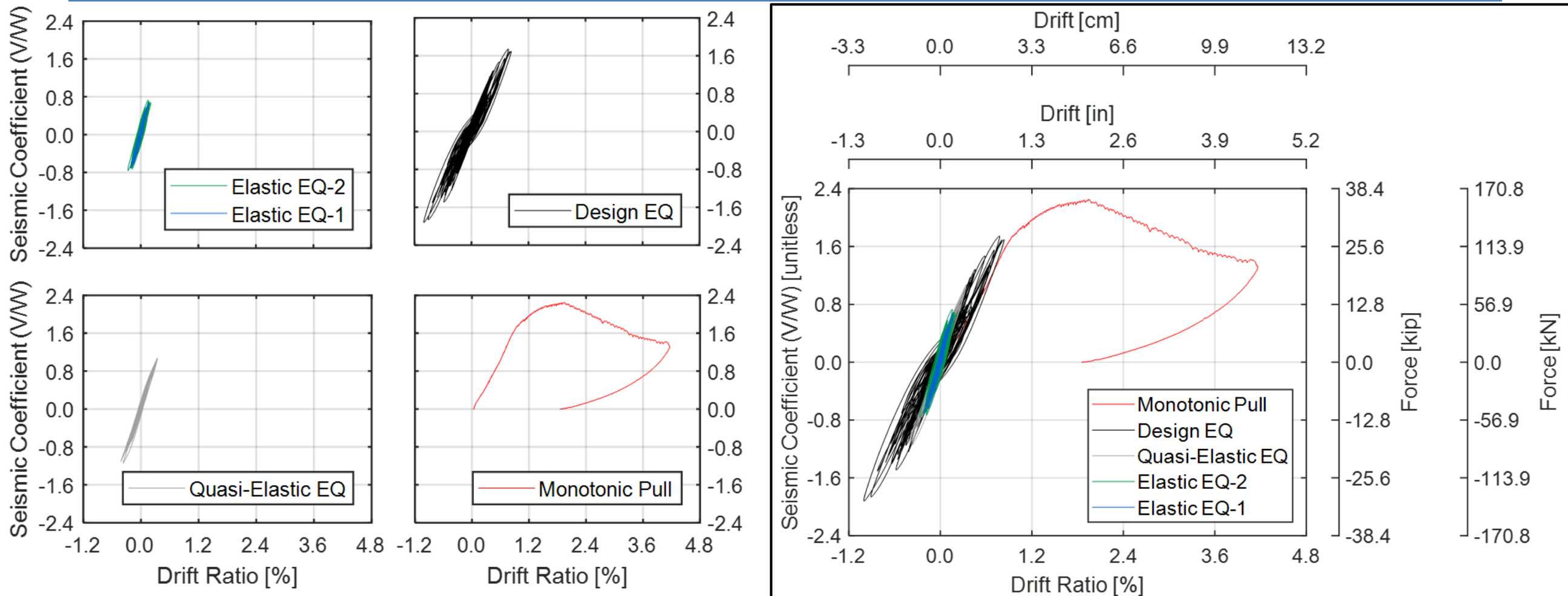
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*SGGS-1 BASELINE SPECIMEN
1994 NORTHRIDGE (CANOGA PARK)
SCALED TO DESIGN PERFORMANCE LEVEL
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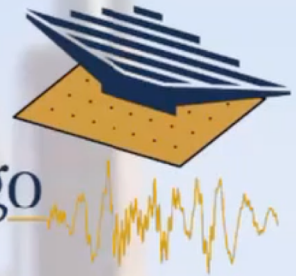
Force-Displacement Response: *SGGS-1* (Baseline specimen)



Specimen	Peak Strength, V_{max} [kip]	Drift, $\delta_{V_{max}}$ [in] (%)	Initial Stiffness*, k_e [kip/in]	Secant Stiffness, k_{sec} [kip/in]
SGGS-1	36.0	2.11 (1.95%)	66.2	17.1



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SGGG-1 ASYMMETRIC SPECIMEN

1994 NORTHRIDGE (CANOGA PARK)

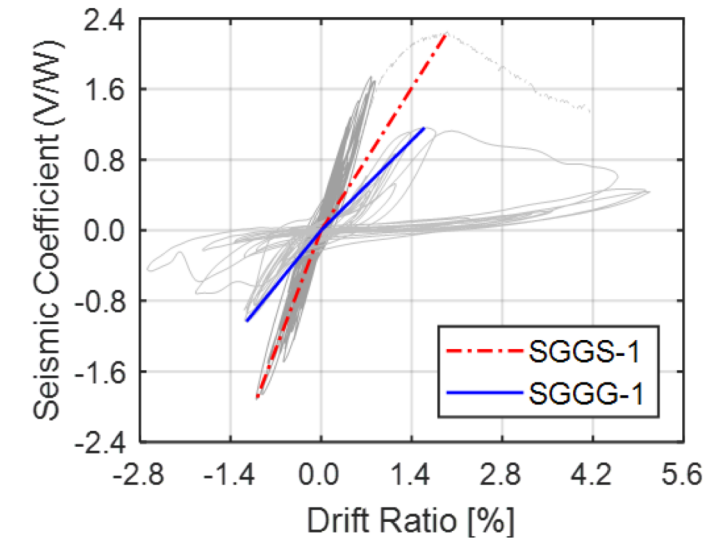
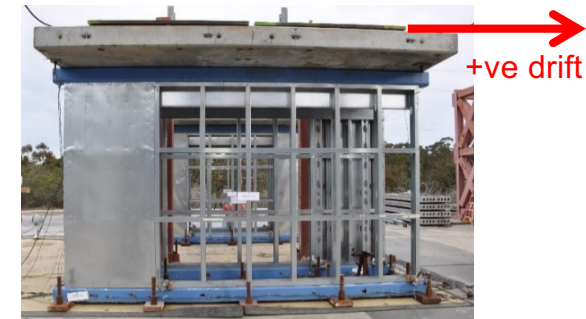
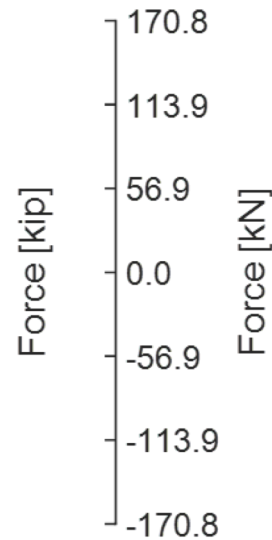
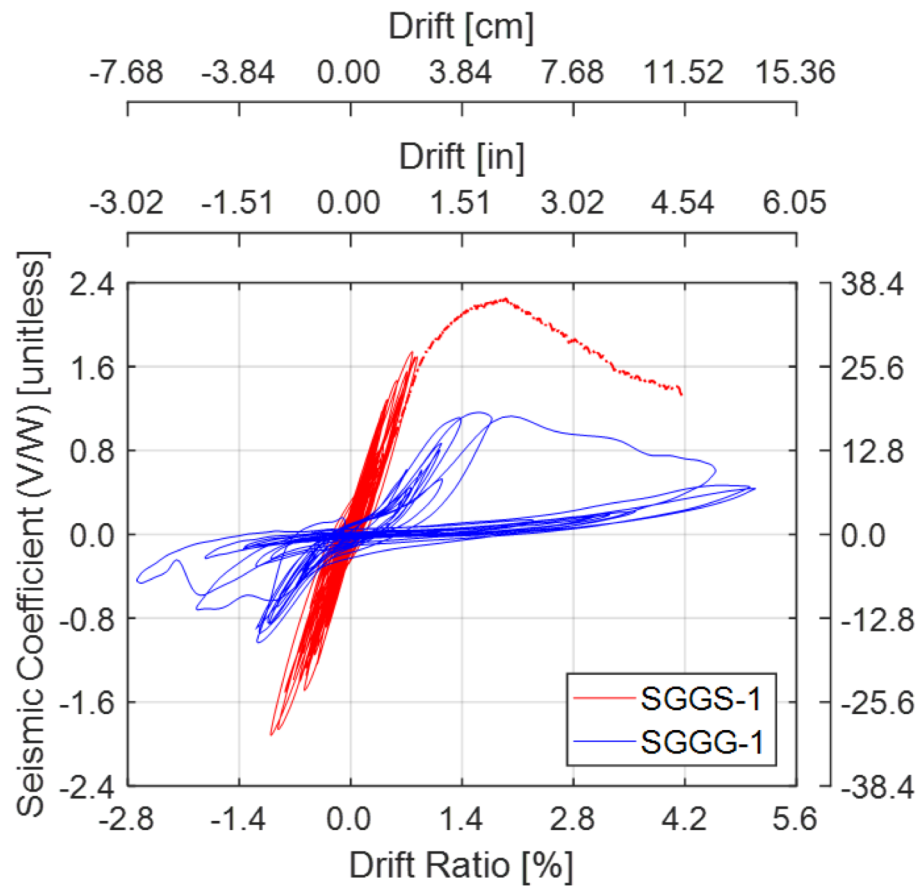
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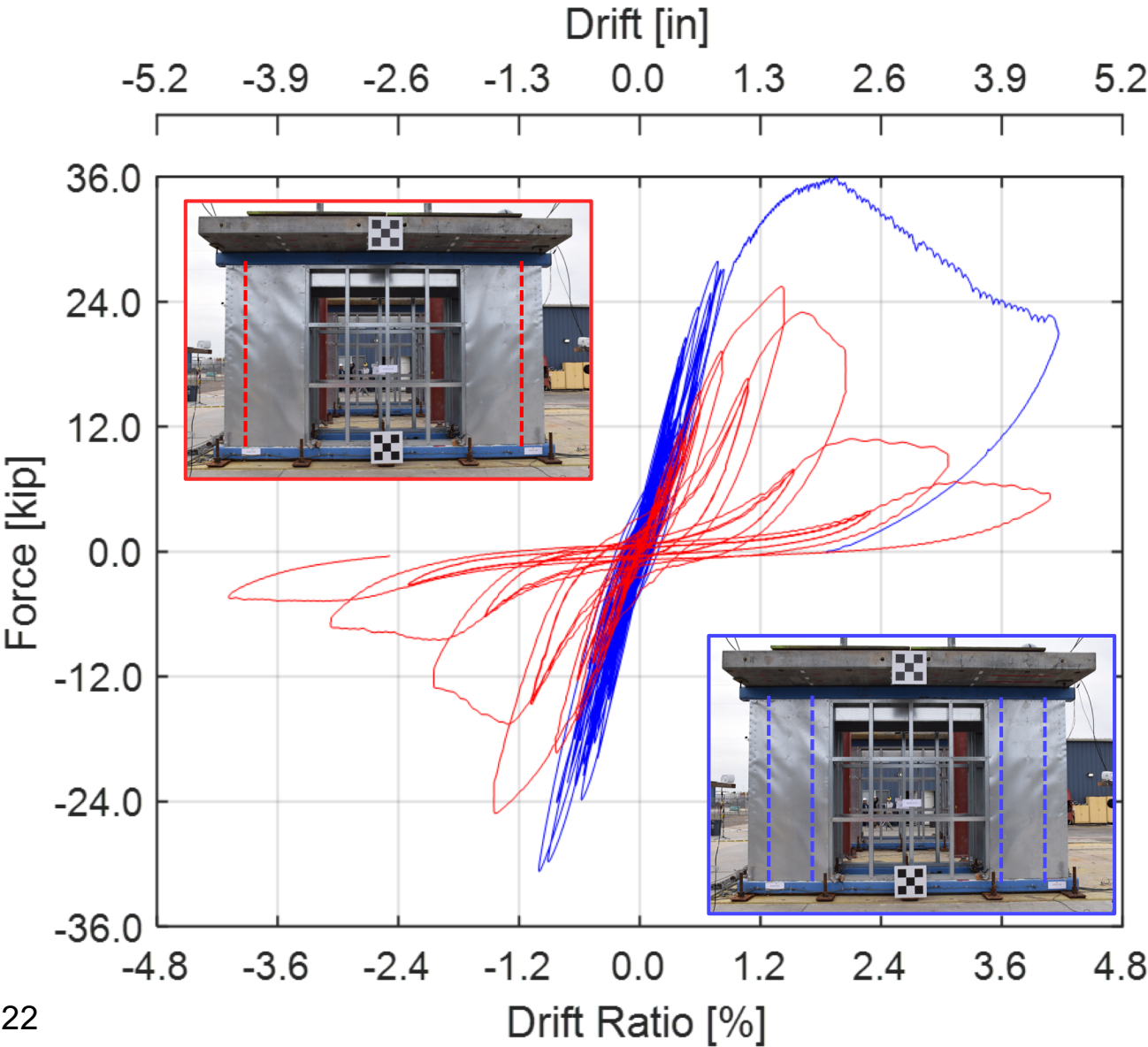
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Symmetric vs Unsymymmetric Wall Systems

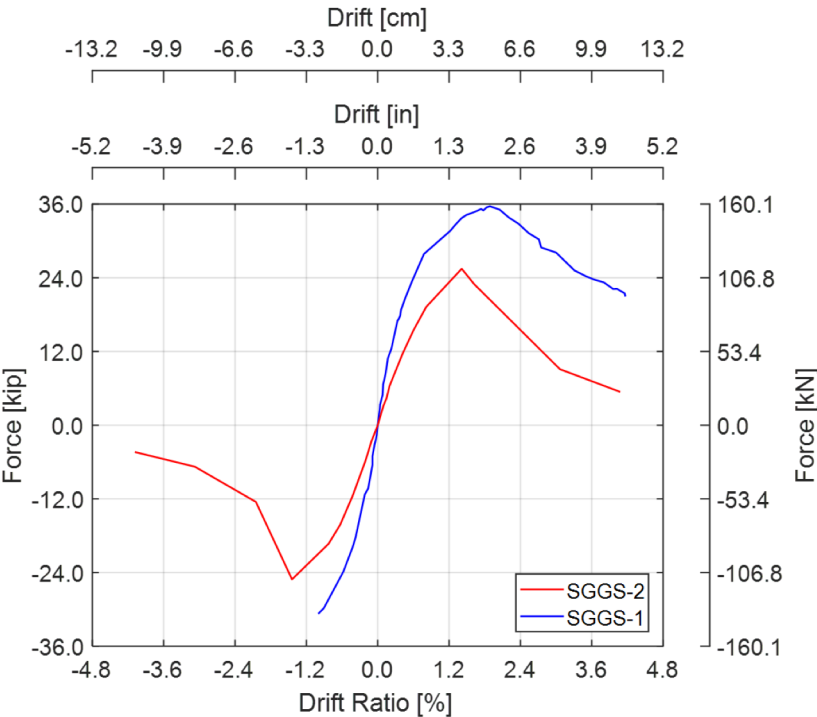


Specimen	Peak Strength, V_{max} [kip]	Drift, $\delta_{V_{max}}$ [in] (%)	Initial Stiffness*, k_e [kip/in]	Secant Stiffness, [kip/in]	
				k_{sec}^+	k_{sec}^-
SGGS-1	36.0	2.11 (1.95%)	66.2	17.1	28.4
SGGG-1	18.6 (↓48.3%)	1.73 (1.60%)	30.2 (↓54.4%)	10.8 (↓36.9%)	13.3

Type I vs Type II Wall Systems



Specimen	Peak Strength, V_{max} [kip]	Drift, $\delta_{V_{max}}$ [in] (%)	Initial Stiffness (kip/in)
SGGS-2	25.5	1.53 (1.41%)	25.87
SGGS-1	36.0 ($\uparrow 41.3\%$)	2.11 (1.95%)	47.39



Initial Stiffness:
secant at 40% of
peak strength

Concluding Remarks

- Academic researchers sometimes come up with wild ideas, industry can help bring us back to the realities of construction practice
 - Industry collaborations are essential in these large-scale testing endeavors
- Together industry-academic research teams promise to make real change in understanding & improving the performance of structural (& non-structural) systems during earthquake events



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