

***Earthquake Resistant and Resilient  
Tall Buildings using Seismic Isolation  
and Rocking Core Walls***

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# Tall Buildings in Regions of High Seismicity

*One Rincon Hill - San Francisco*



*Reinforced concrete  
core walls for lateral  
force resistance*

*Schematic of Lateral Force  
Resisting System*



# Damage in Tall Buildings in Recent Earthquakes

## 2010 M8.8 Chile Earthquake



*Partial collapse* of 21-story O'Higgins building, tallest in Concepcion, threatens the surrounding built environment. Courtesy of J. Restrepo.

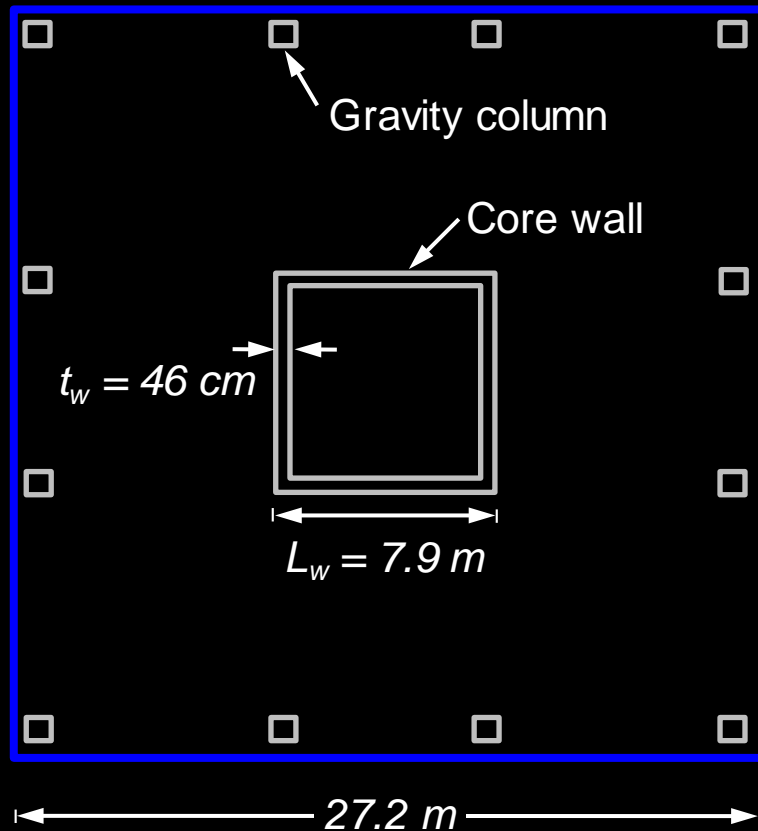
## 2011 M6.1 NZ Earthquake



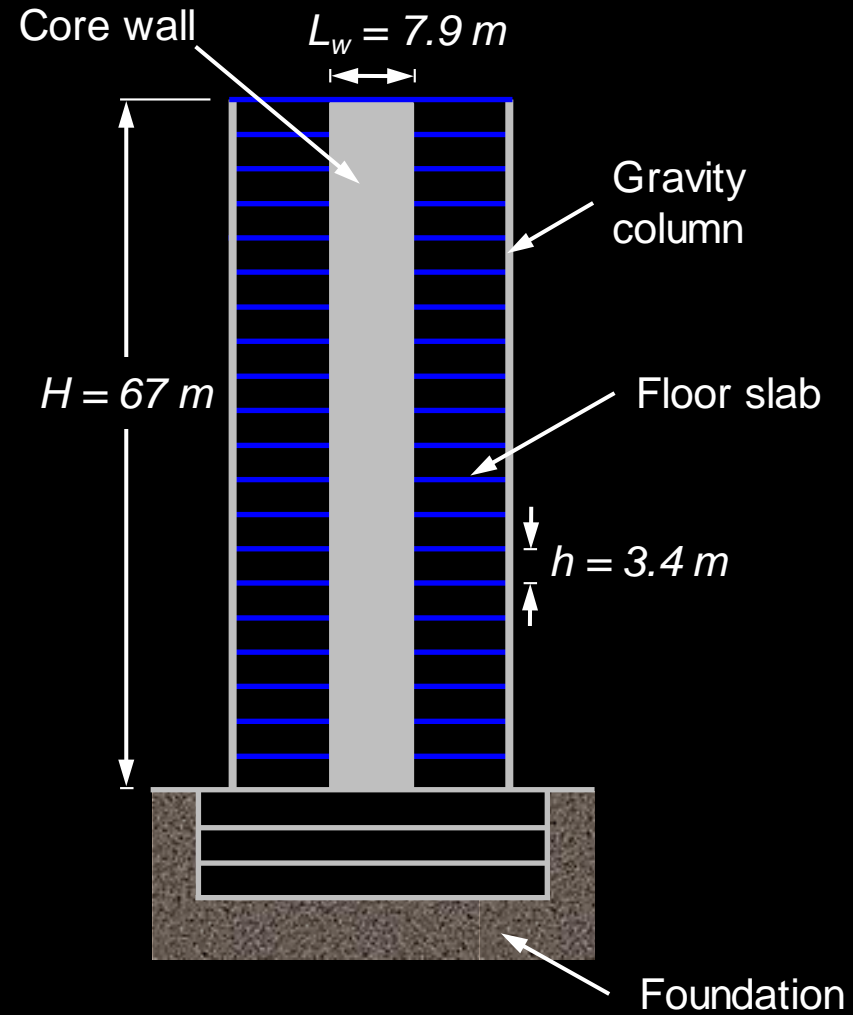
<http://en.wikipedia.org>

Grand Chancellor Hotel 26-story, tallest building in Christchurch  
*Currently under demolition*

# 20-story Building Layout



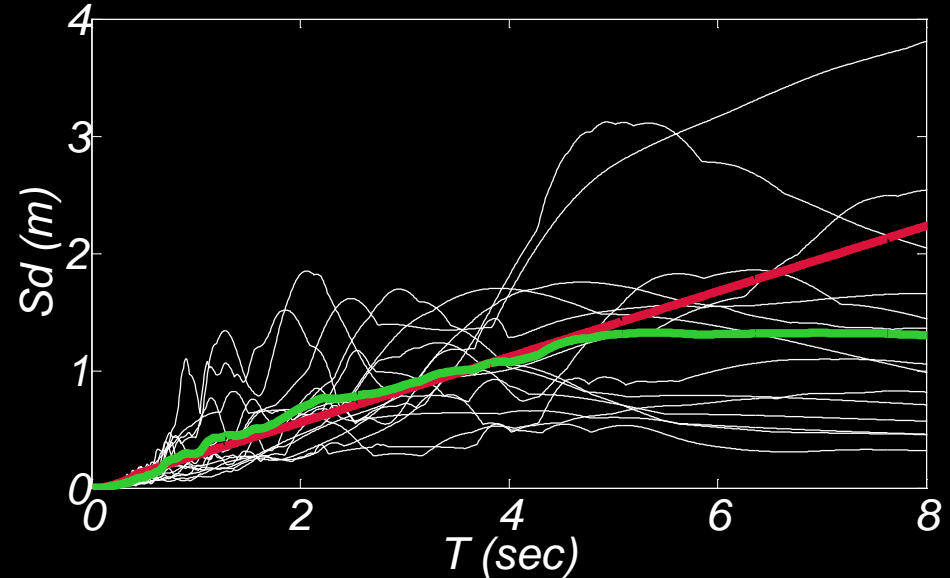
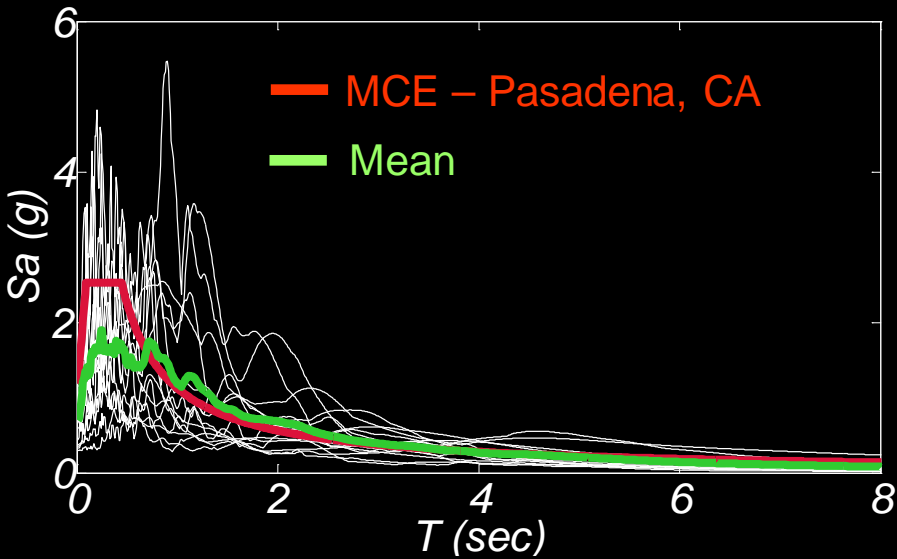
Plan View



Elevation

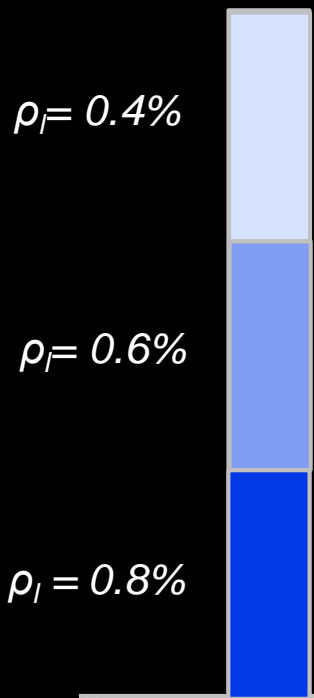
# Ground Motions

14 **strong pulse-type near-fault** ground motions from the Tabas (1978), Imperial Valley (1979), Loma Prieta (1989), Landers (1992), Northridge (1994), Kobe (1995), Chi-Chi (1999), and Duzce (1999) earthquakes.



# Fixed-Base Buildings – Design of Core Walls

Extended  
Plasticity (EP)

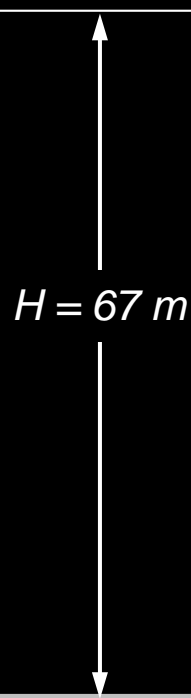


$$T_1 = 1.88 \text{ sec}$$

$$T_2 = 0.30 \text{ sec}$$

$$T_v = 0.11 \text{ sec}$$

Single Plastic  
Hinge (SPH)

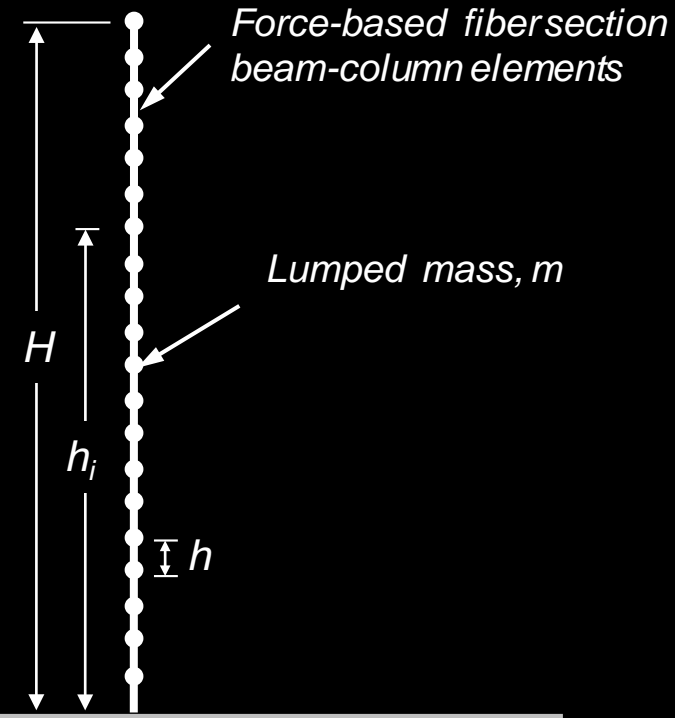


$$T_1 = 1.83 \text{ sec}$$

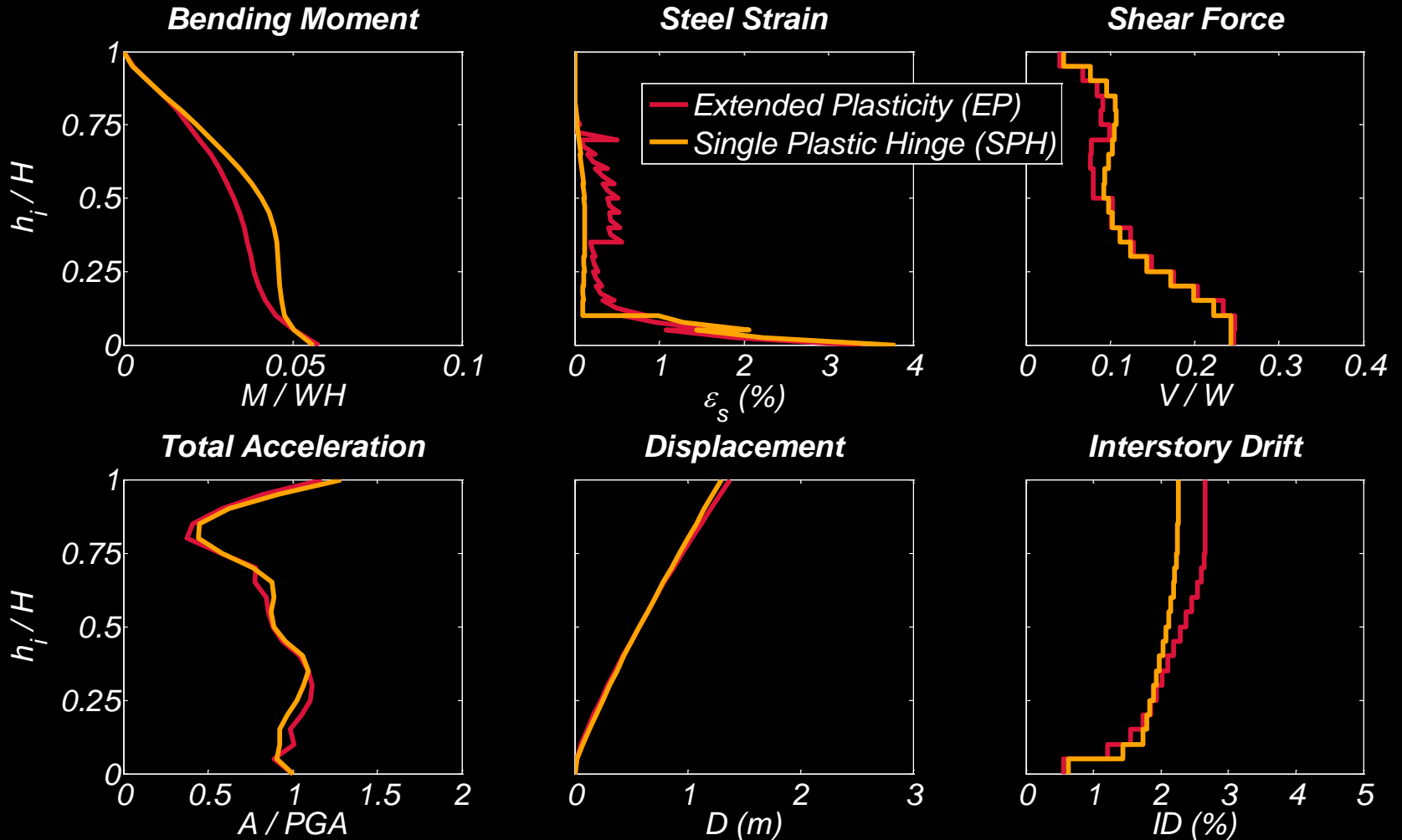
$$T_2 = 0.29 \text{ sec}$$

$$T_v = 0.10 \text{ sec}$$

OPENSEES  
Numerical Model



# Mean Results for 14 Near-Fault Ground Motions



## ***Fixed-Base Buildings:***

- ***Undergo significant inelastic deformations***
- ***Develop large forces (bending moment and shear forces)***
- ***Develop large floor accelerations***
- ***Experience significant post-earthquake damage***

## ***Use Seismic Isolation or / and Rocking Walls to:***

- ***Control deformations in one or two robust planes***
- ***Reduce floor accelerations, and forces***
- ***Reduce post-earthquake damage and make building adaptable***



# Isolated Tall Buildings

*Thousand Tower*

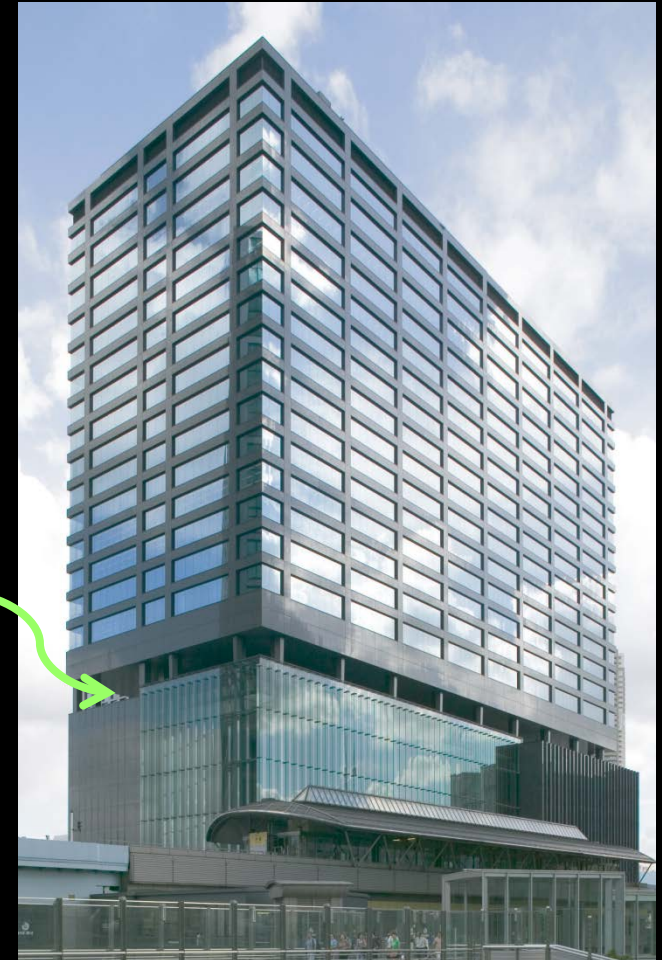
*Kawasaki city, 41-story, base isolated*



*Komuro et al. (2005)*

*Shiodome Sumitomo Building*

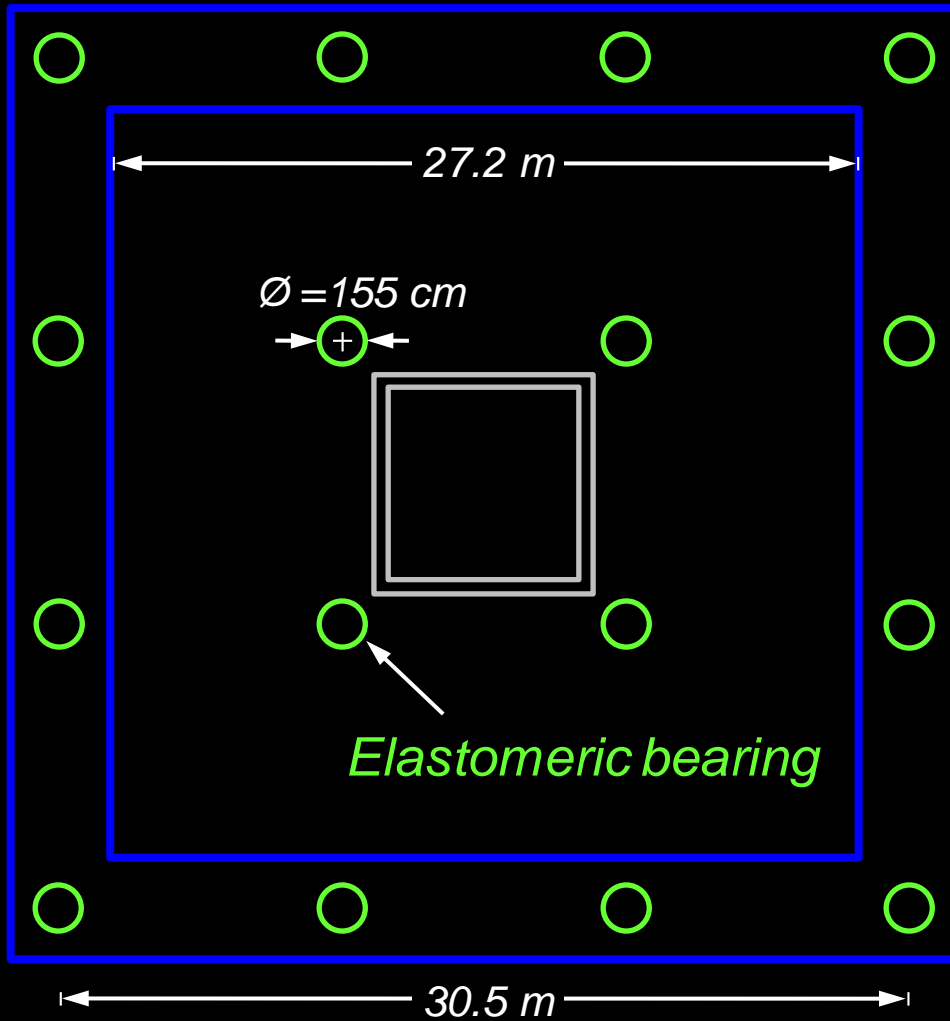
*Tokyo, 25-story*



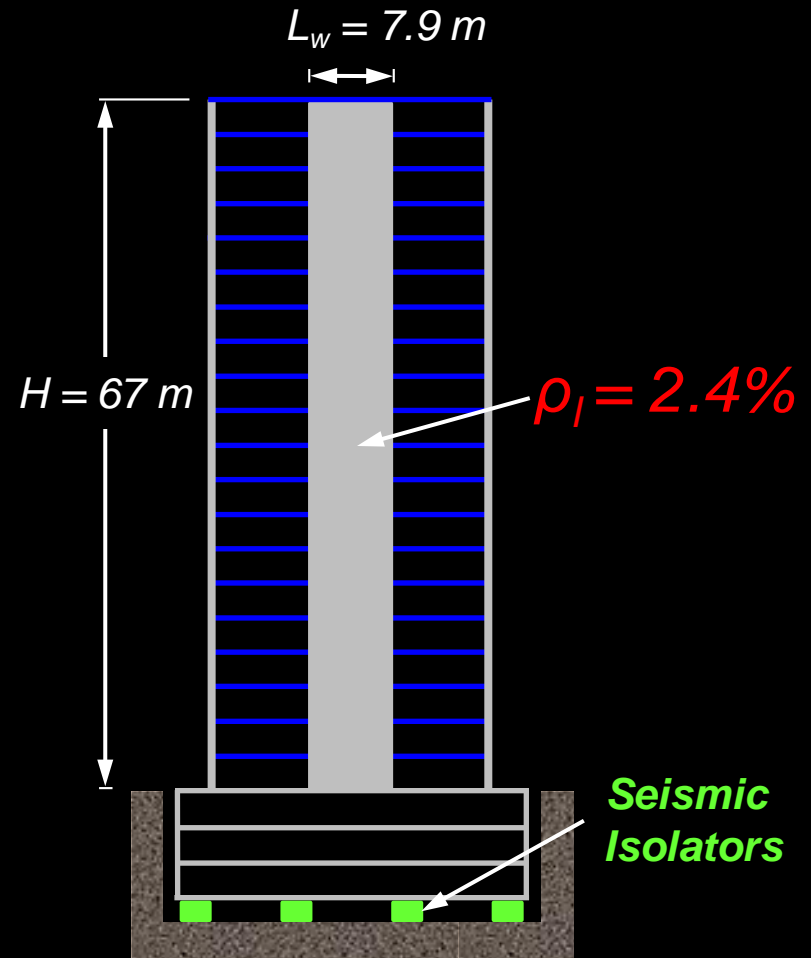
*Isolation layer at  
40% of the height*

*Tsuneki et al. (2009)*

# Isolated Building Designs



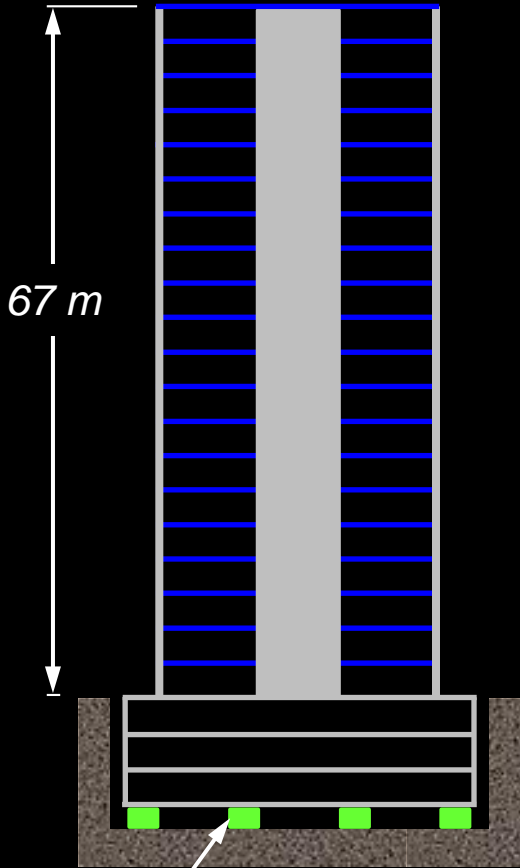
Plan View Below Ground



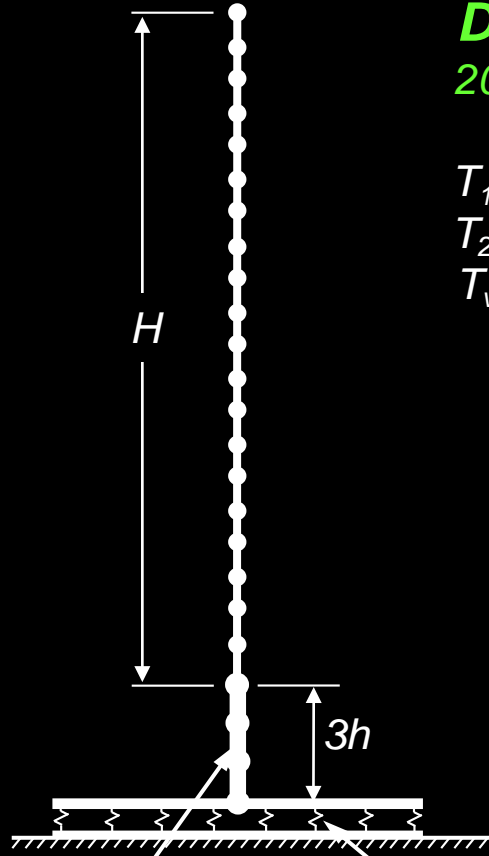
Elevation

# Isolated Building Designs

$L_w = 7.9 \text{ m}$



**Elastomeric bearings**



**Rigid elements**

**Isolation bearings  
elastic springs**

**Design 1**  
20 bearings

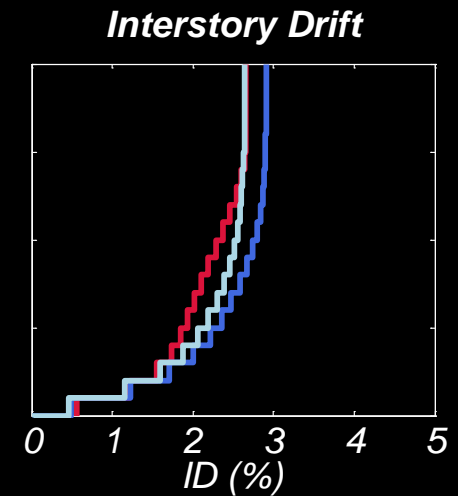
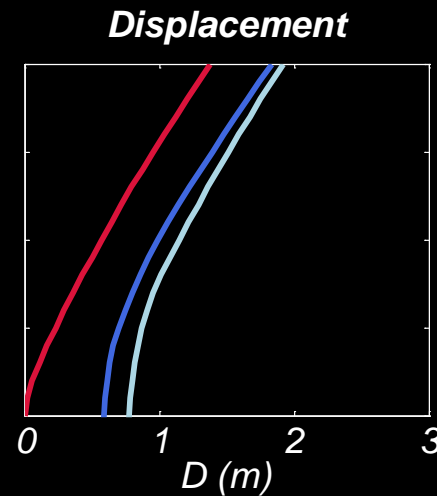
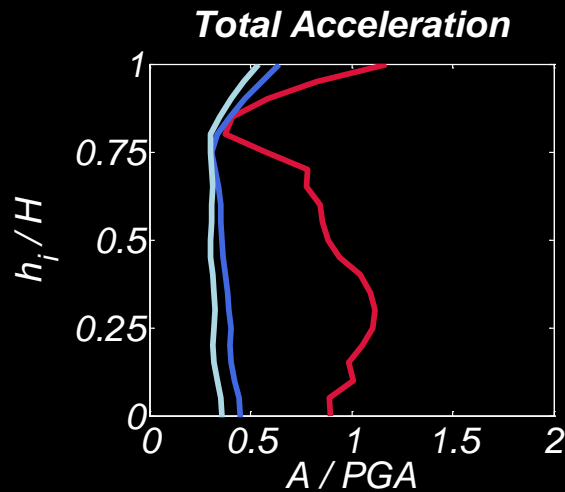
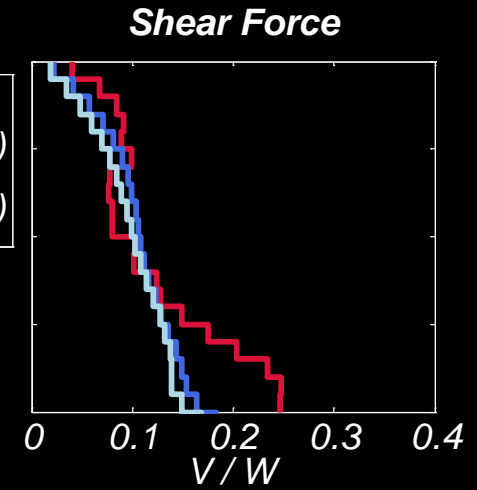
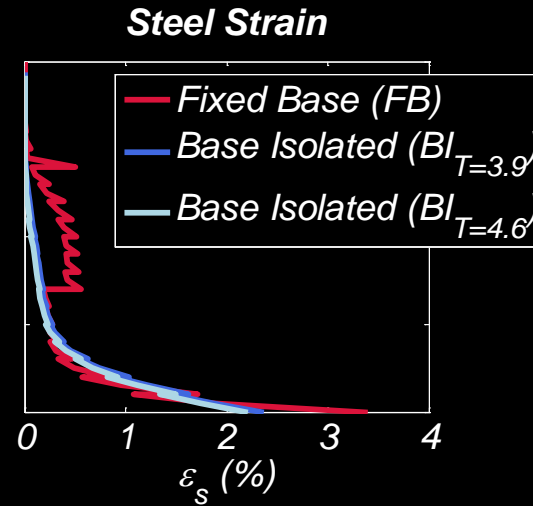
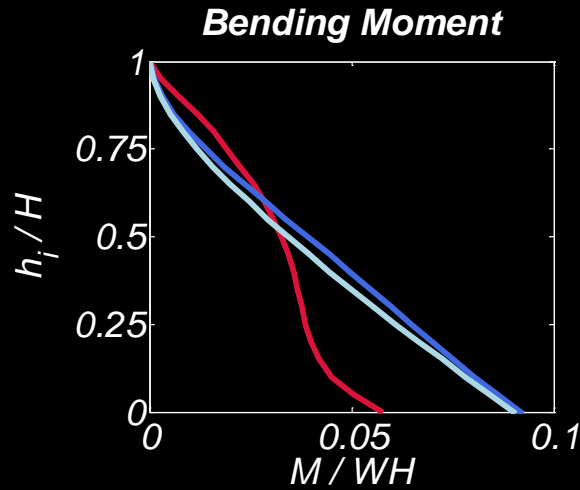
$T_1 = 3.9 \text{ sec}$   
 $T_2 = 1.2 \text{ sec}$   
 $T_v = 0.1 \text{ sec}$

**Design 2**  
16 bearings

$T_1 = 4.6 \text{ sec}$   
 $T_2 = 1.3 \text{ sec}$   
 $T_v = 0.1 \text{ sec}$

# Mean Results for 14 Near-Fault Ground Motions

$T_{1,BI}$ (sec)	3.9	4.6
Isolator displacement [ mean and (max) in cm ]	59 (82)	77 (118)



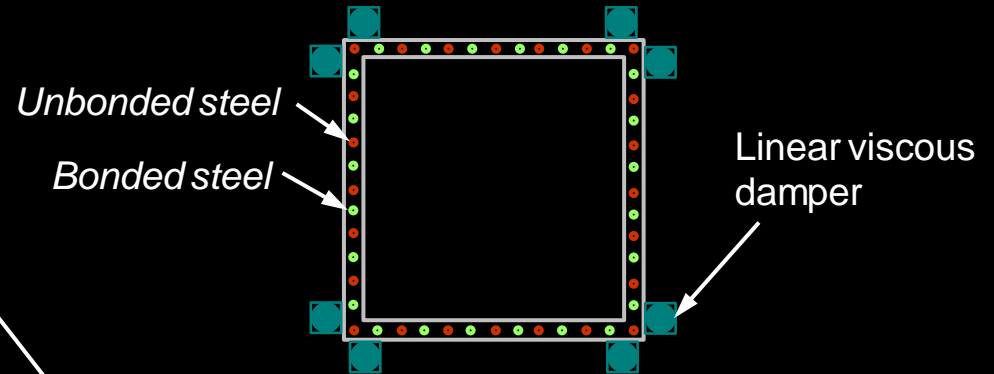
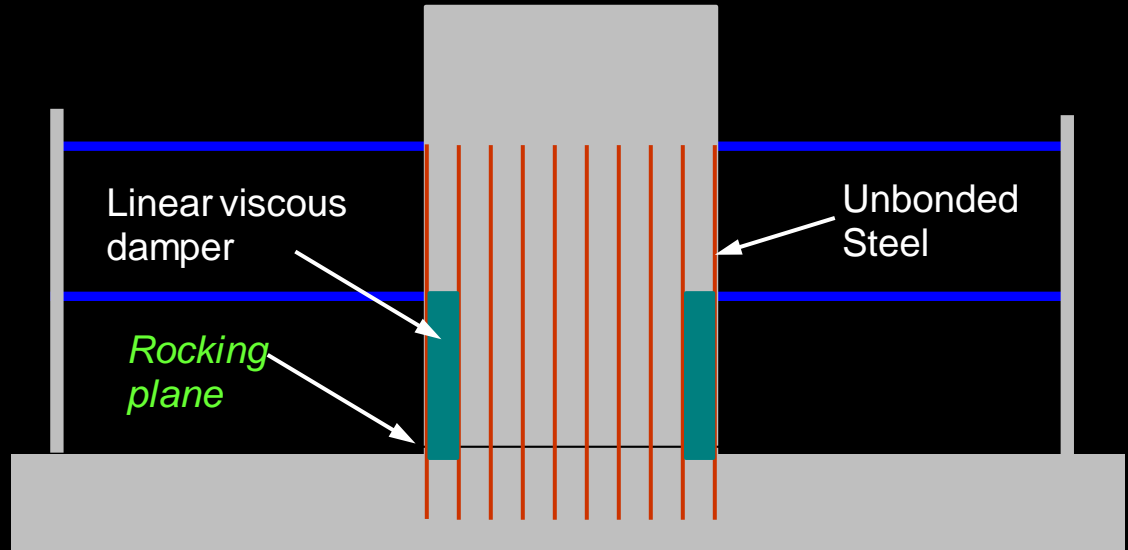
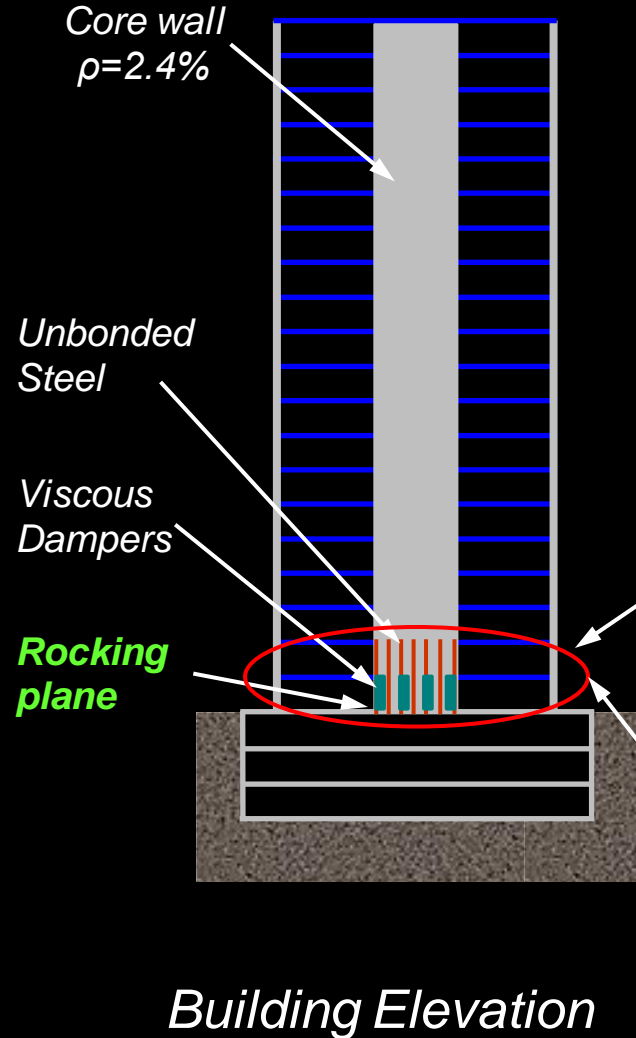
## **Seismic Isolation Design:**

- **Reduced** floor accelerations, and base shear force by about 2 times
- **Increased** base moment demand and resulted in significant **inelastic** response at the base of the wall

## **Use Rocking Core-Wall to:**

- Avoid the formation of a flexural plastic hinge and **reduce damage** in wall in comparison with **fixed-base** building

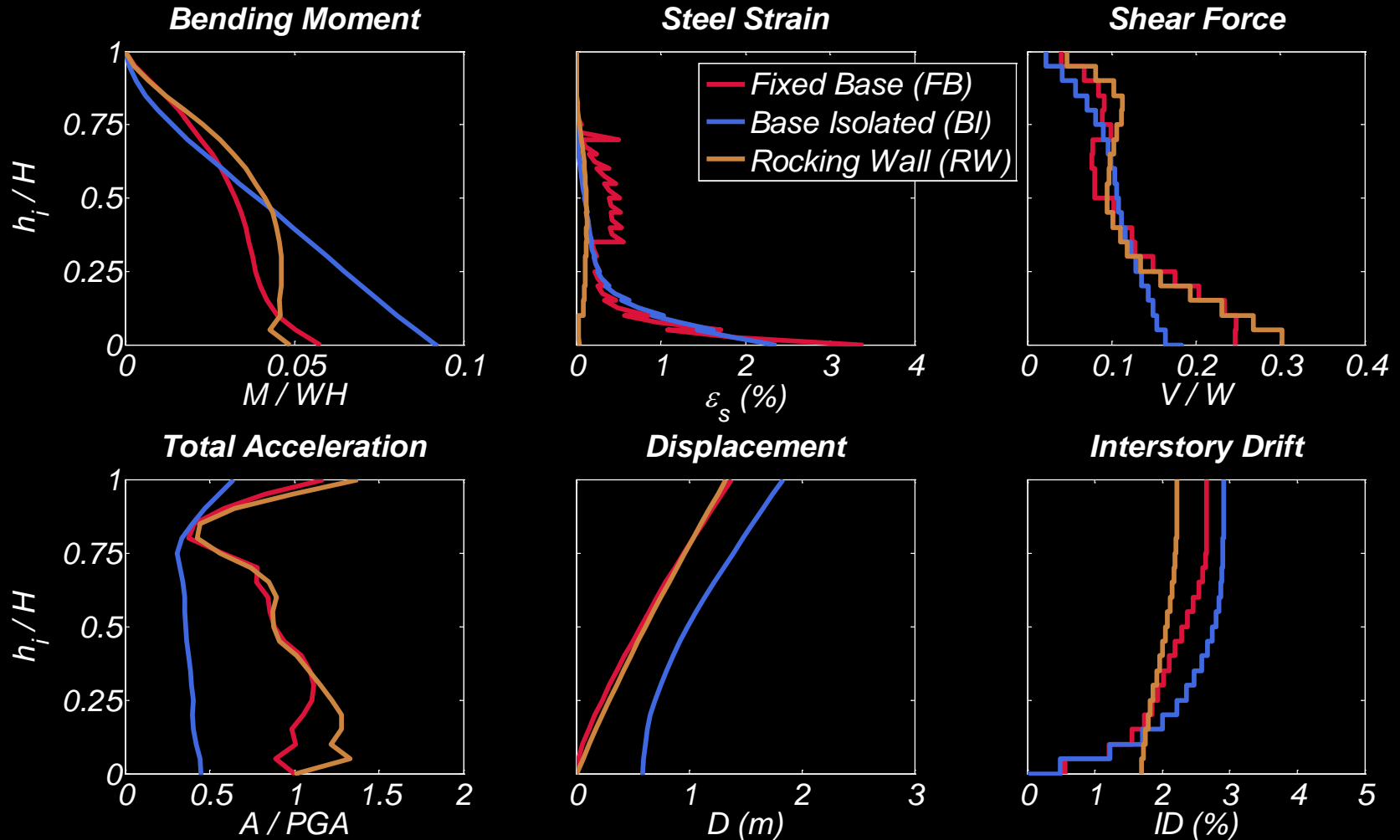
# Rocking Core-Wall Building Design



Core-Wall Section and Viscous Dampers

# Mean Results for 14 Near-Fault Ground Motions

Rocking plane rotation: mean=1.7% , max=3.8%



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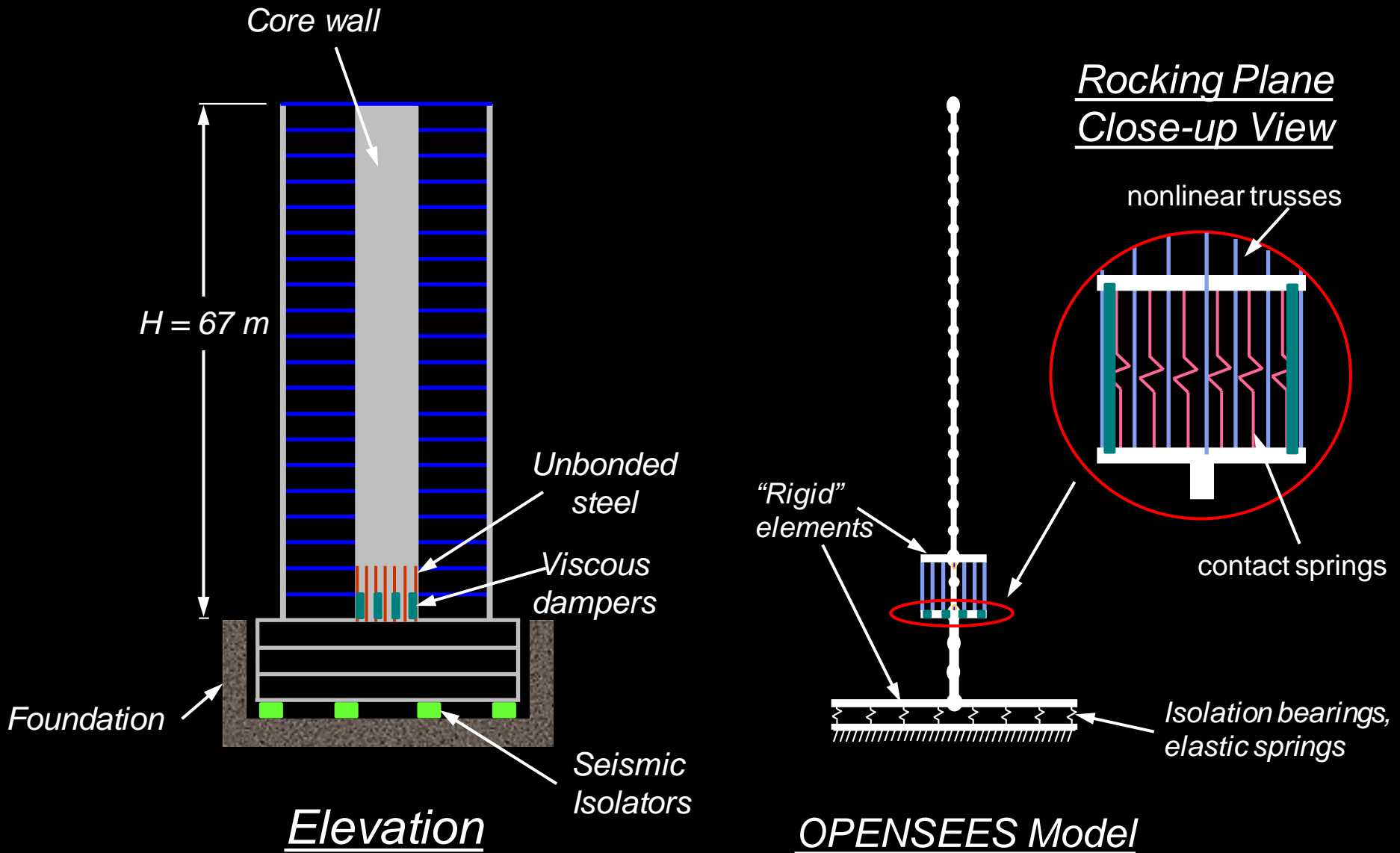
- **Reduced** floor accelerations, and shear forces by about 2 times
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## **Rocking Core Wall :**

- **Reduced** damage in core wall
- Forces and accelerations similar to **fixed-base** building



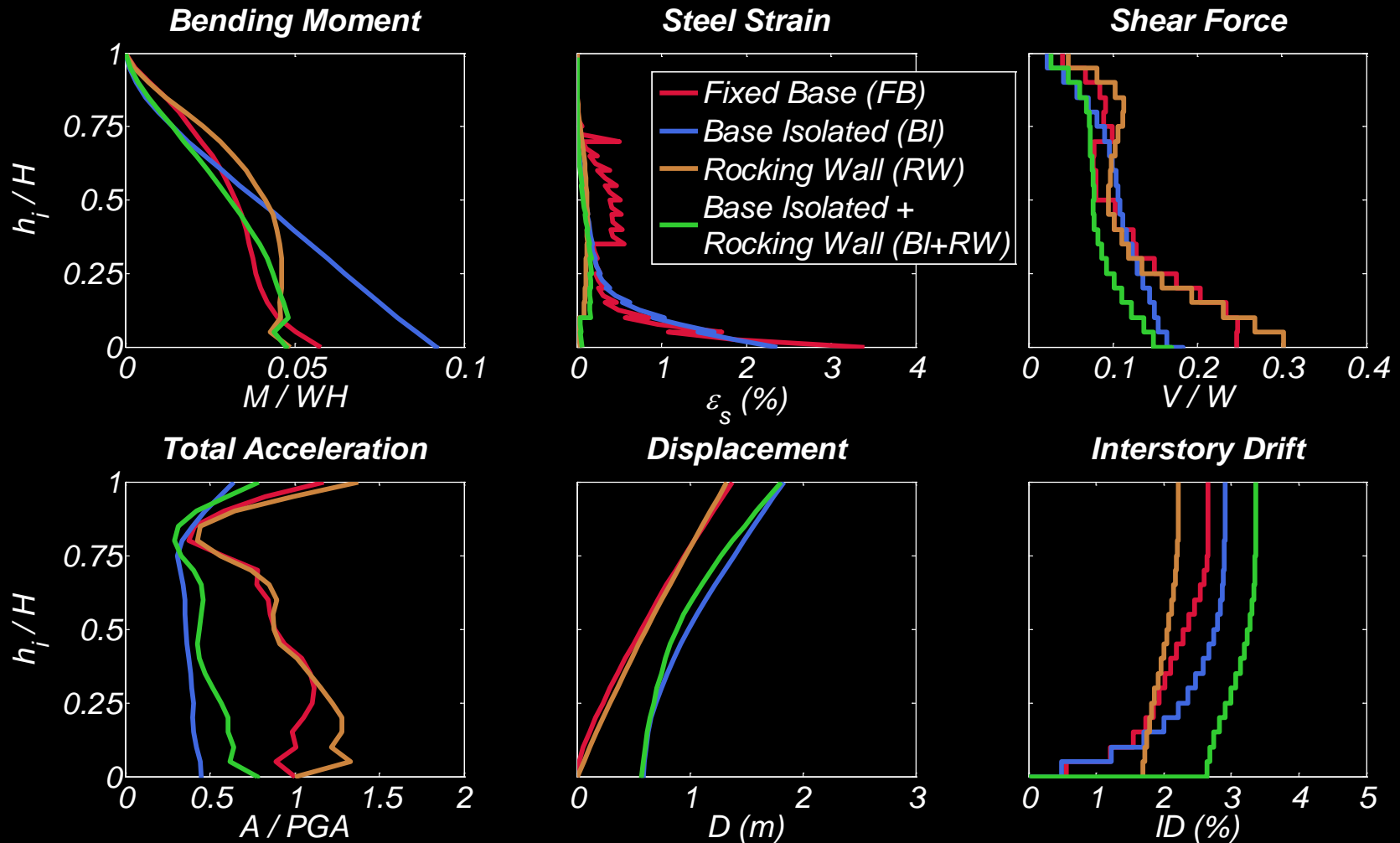
# Base Isolation and Rocking Core Wall Building



# Mean Results for 14 Near-Fault Ground Motions

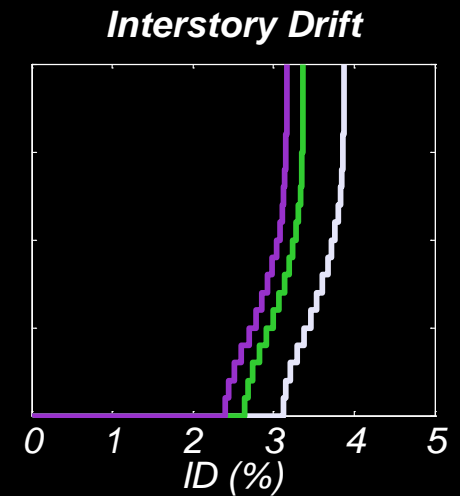
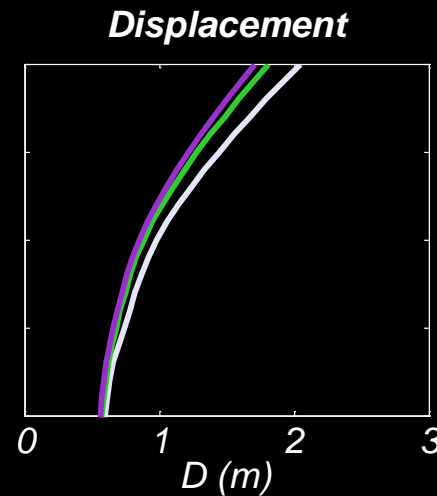
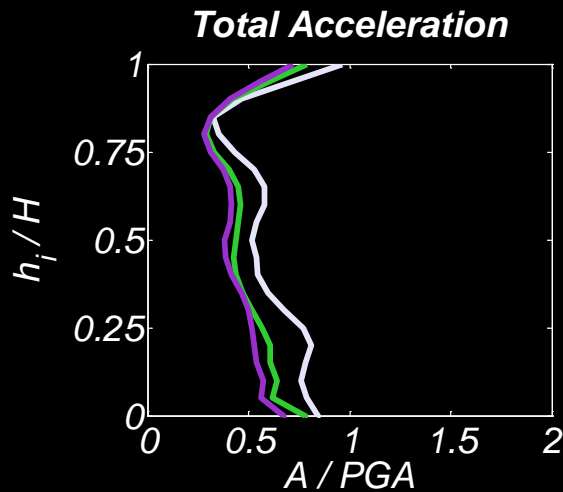
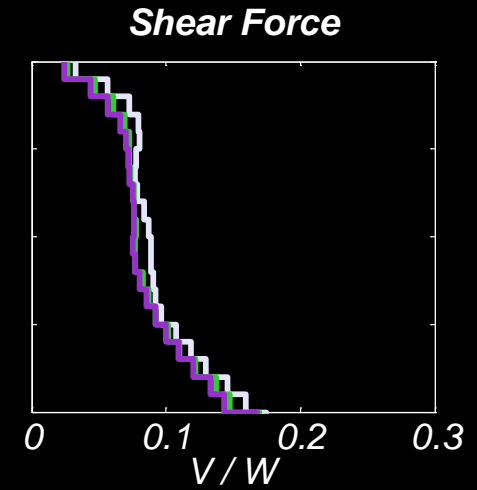
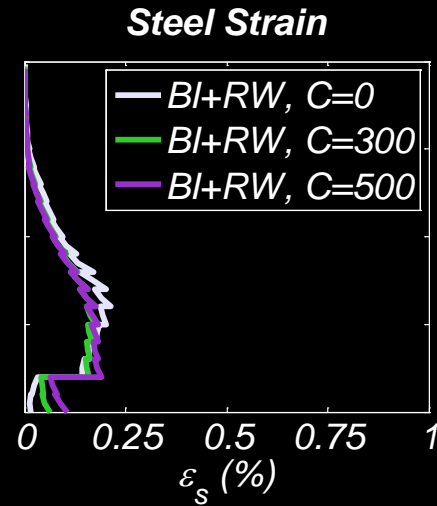
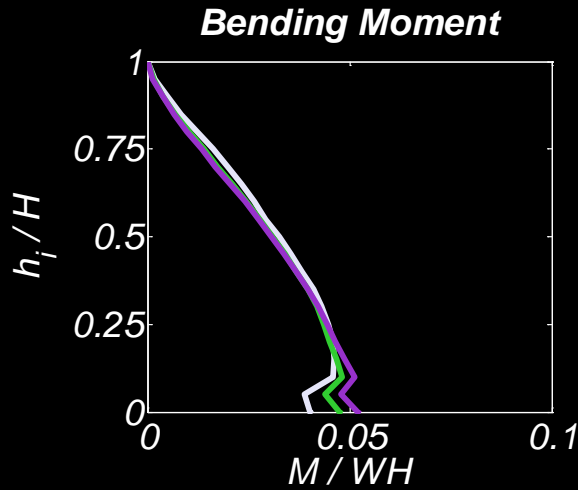
Mean rocking plane rotation uplift = 2.6% ( max = 5%)

Mean isolator displacement = 57 cm ( max = 102 cm)



# Effect of Viscous Dampers

C	0	300	500
Uplift (cm)	24 (49)	20 (42)	18 (38)
Isolator Disp. (cm)	60 (117)	57 (102)	56 (94)



# Conclusions

*In comparison with the **fixed-base** buildings:*

- *The **base isolated building** reduced about 2 times base shear force and floor accelerations but resulted in significant inelastic response at the base of the wall*
- *The **rocking wall** building **prevented** the formation of a flexural plastic hinge at the base of the wall without reducing forces and accelerations*
- *The building with **base isolation and rocking core wall** had a **superior performance** reducing about 2 times base shear forces and floor accelerations while it prevented the formation of a plastic hinge at the base of the wall*

# End

*Kobe 1995 Earthquake  
12-story building*



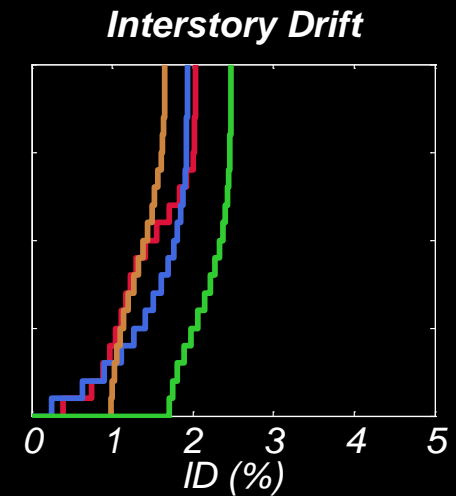
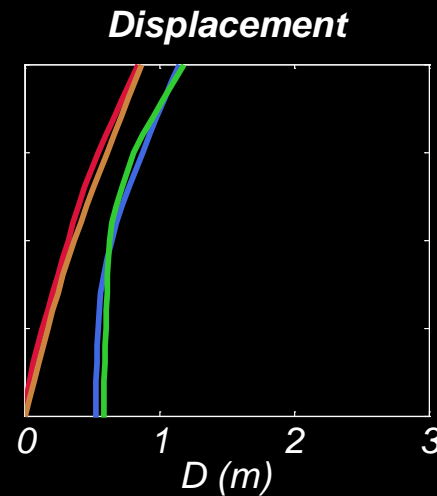
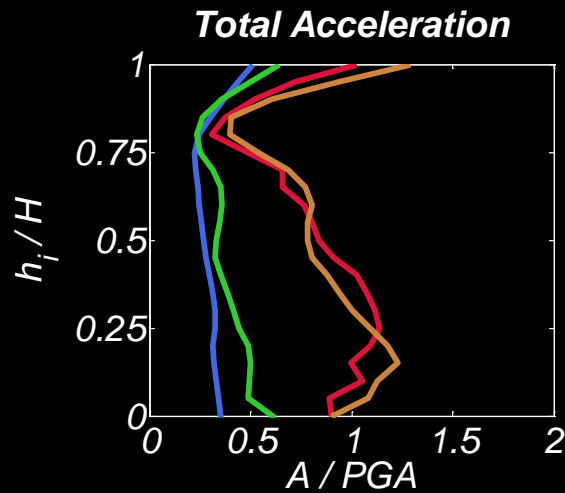
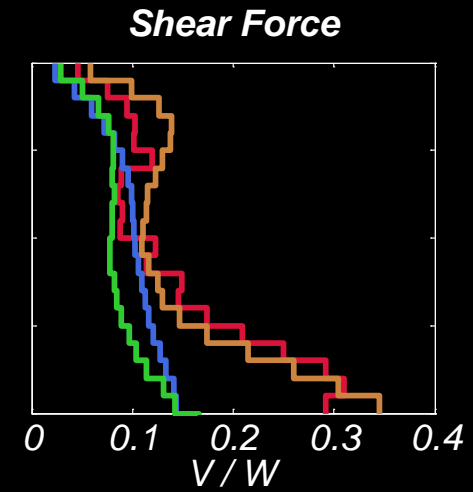
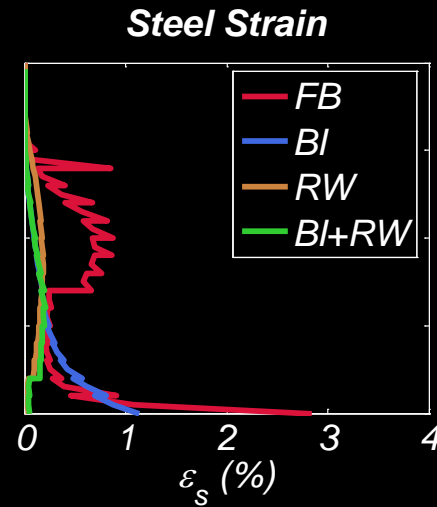
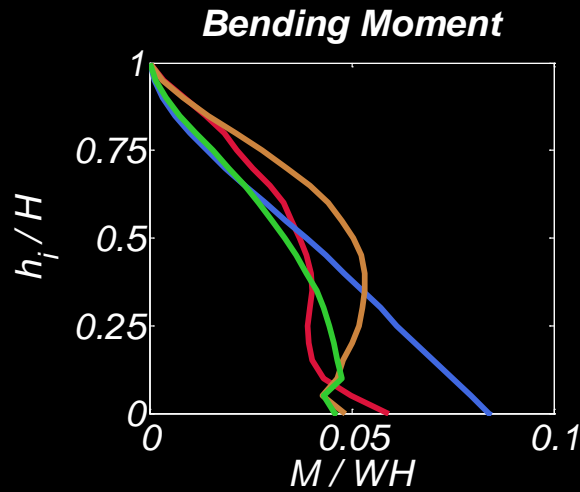
*EQE (1995)*

*Chile 2010 Earthquake  
23-story O'Higgins 241 tower*

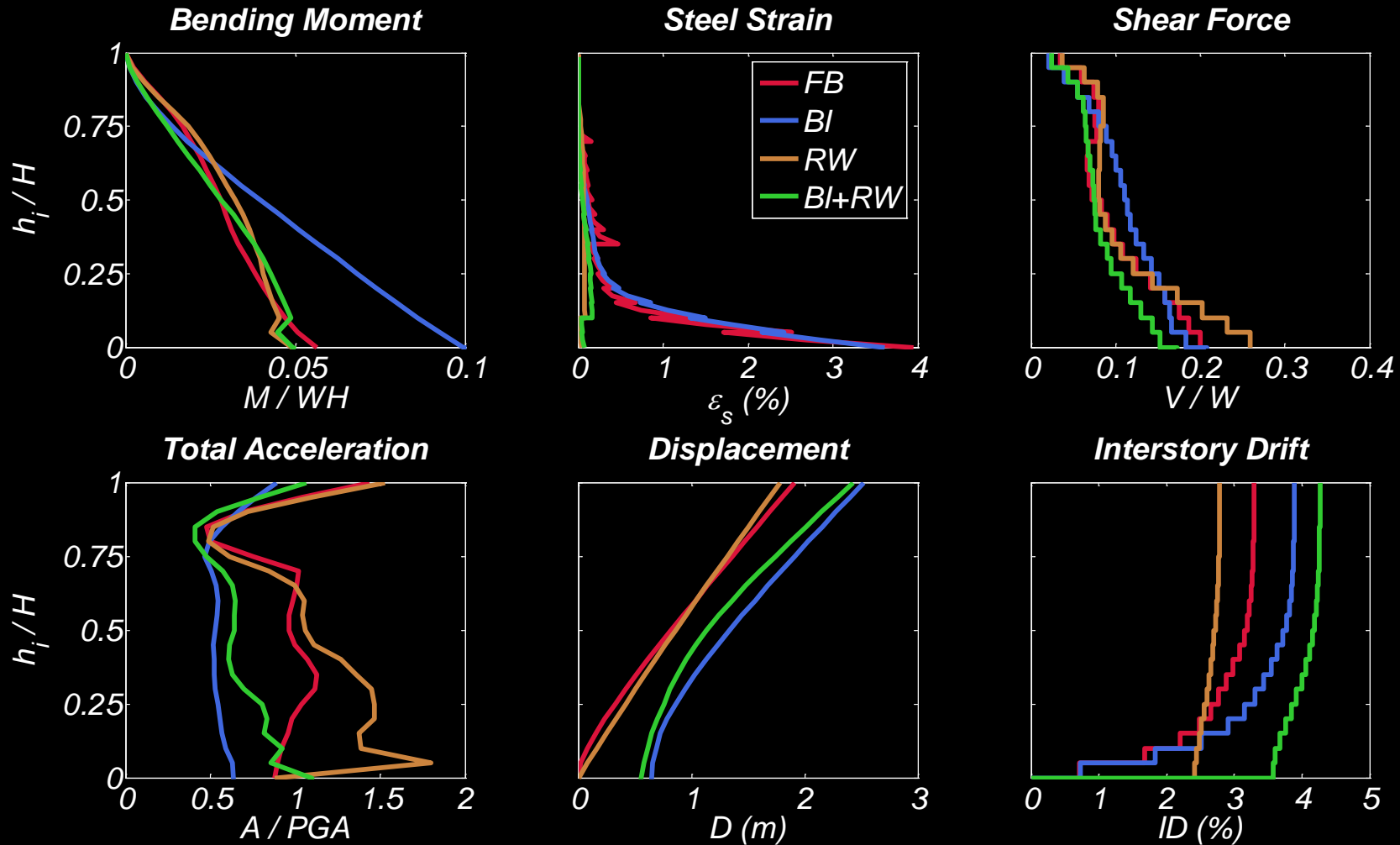


*EERI (2010)*

# Mean Results for High Frequency (Bin 1) Near-Fault Ground Motions



# Mean Results for Low Frequency (Bin 2) Near-Fault Ground Motions



## **Mean Peak Responses**

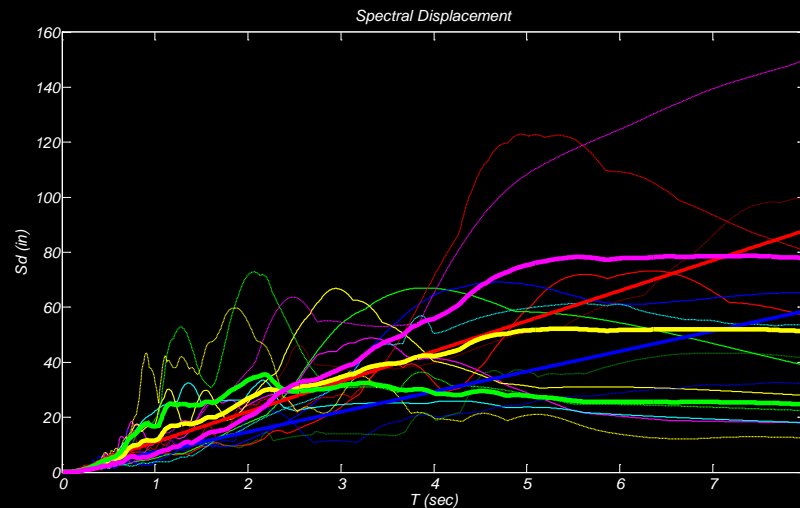
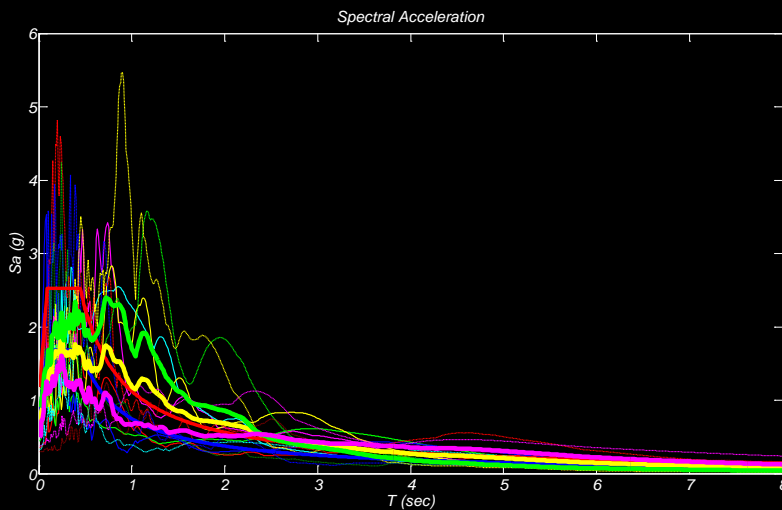
Peak Response. Mean of 14GM (Max of 14GM)	EP	SPH	BI	RW	BI+RW
Base shear (V/W)	0.25 (0.38)	0.24 (0.41)	0.22 (0.31)	0.30 (0.54)	0.15 (0.20)
Roof acceleration (A/PGA)	1.35 (2.67)	1.42 (2.12)	0.80 (1.48)	1.52 (2.95)	1.00 (2.05)
Steel strain at wall base (%)	3.40 (5.25)	3.80 (6.29)	2.37 (5.42)	0.04 (0.07)	0.06 (0.12)
Steel strain anywhere along building height (%)	3.40 (5.25)	3.80 (6.29)	2.37 (5.42)	0.15 (0.28)	0.20 (0.69)
Concrete compression Strain at wall base (%)	0.20 (0.26)	0.21 (0.28)	0.20 (0.28)	0.50 (0.98)	0.73 (1.42)
Wall uplift (cm)				13 (29)	20 (42)
Isolator displacement (cm)			59 (82)		57 (101)



# Ground Motions

The study considers 14 **strong near-fault** ground motions from the Tabas (1978), Imperial Valley (1979), Loma Prieta (1989), Landers (1992), Northridge (1994), Kobe (1995), Chi-Chi (1999), and Duzce (1999) earthquakes.

**EXPLAIN BINs HERE**

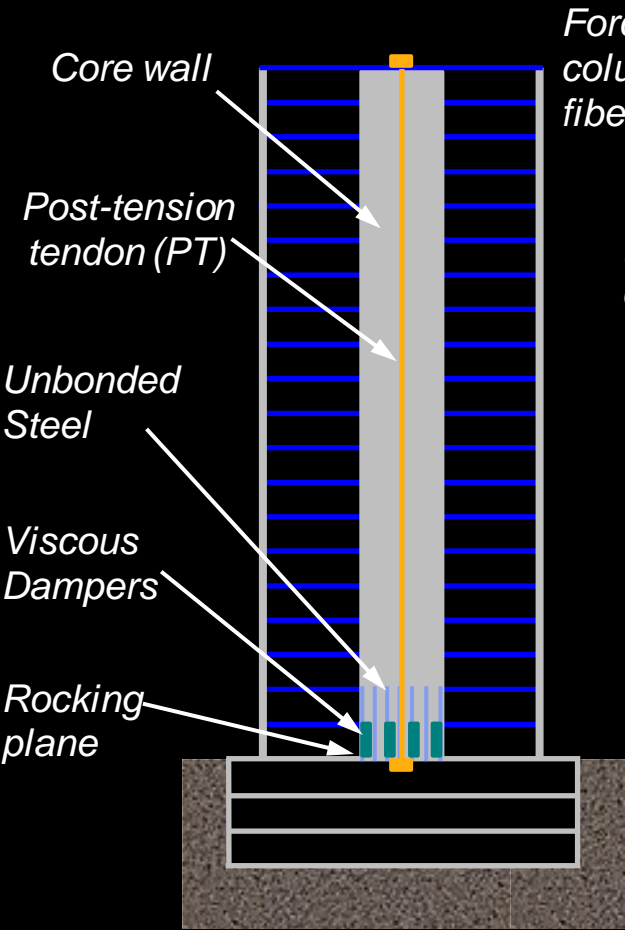


- DUZCE
- ELCEN6
- LCN
- LGP
- RRS
- SCS
- TABAS
- TAK
- TARZANA
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- TCU084
- TCU102
- TCU129
- DBE
- MCE
- Mean 14EQ
- Mean Bin 1
- Mean Bin 2

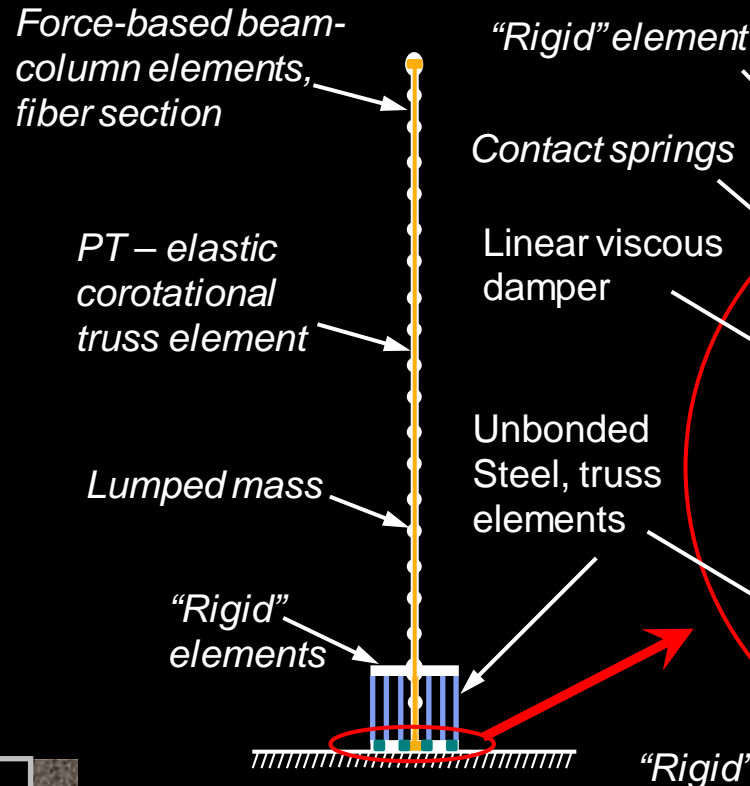
High Frequency (Bin 1) – LGP, RRS, SCS, TAK, TARZANA, TCU084, TCU129

Low Frequency (Bin 2) – DUZCE, ELCEN6, LCN, TABAS, TCU052, TCU075, TCU102

# Rocking Plane Detail

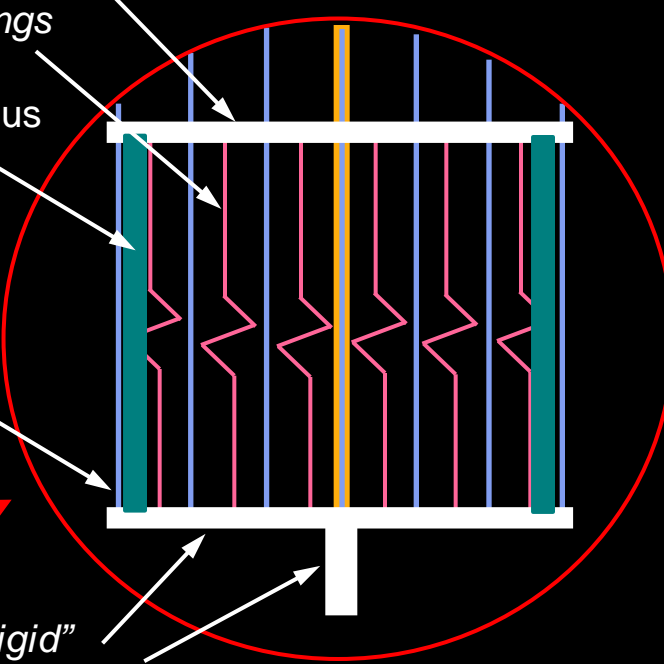


Building Elevation



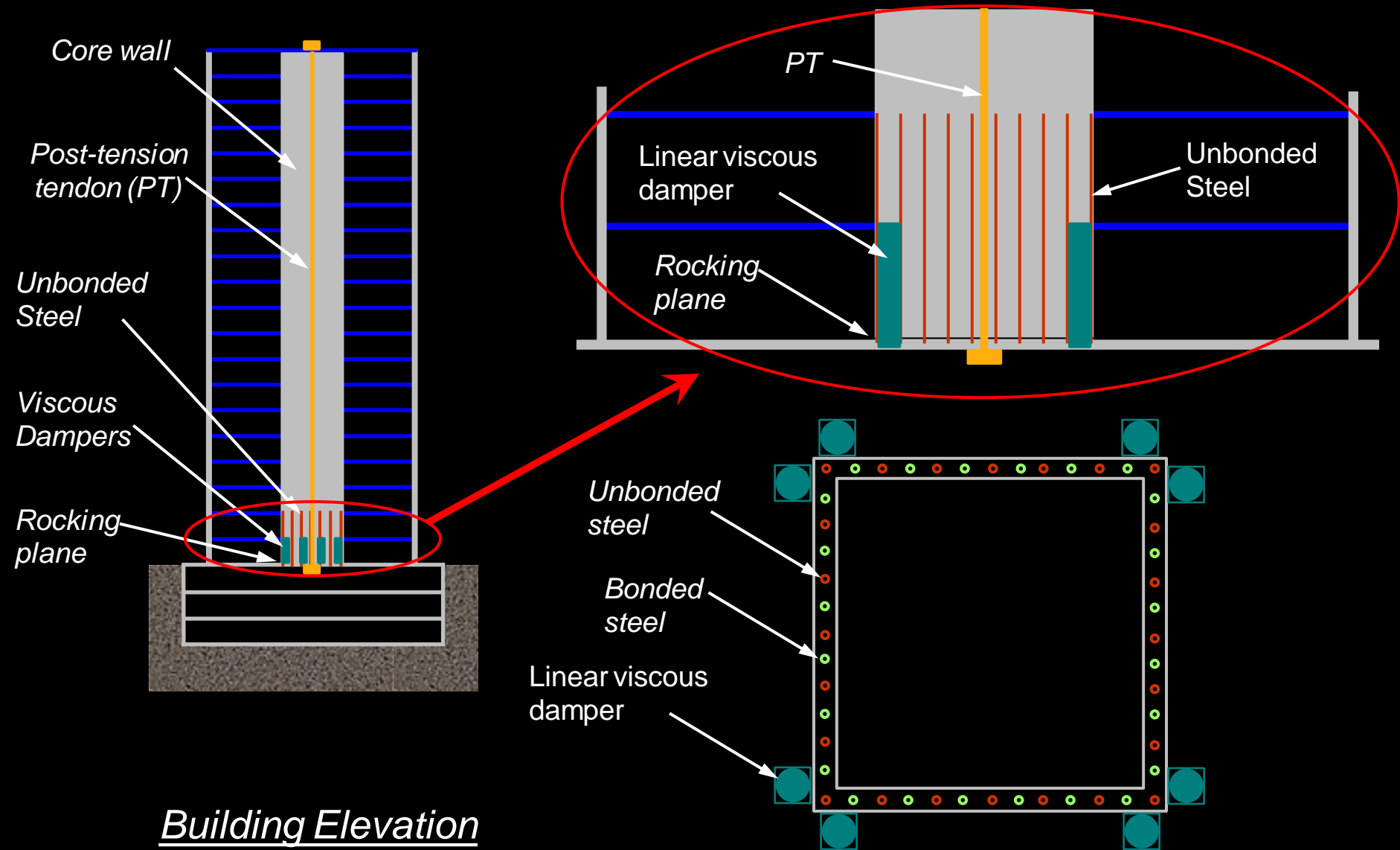
OpenSees Model

## Rocking Plane Close-up View

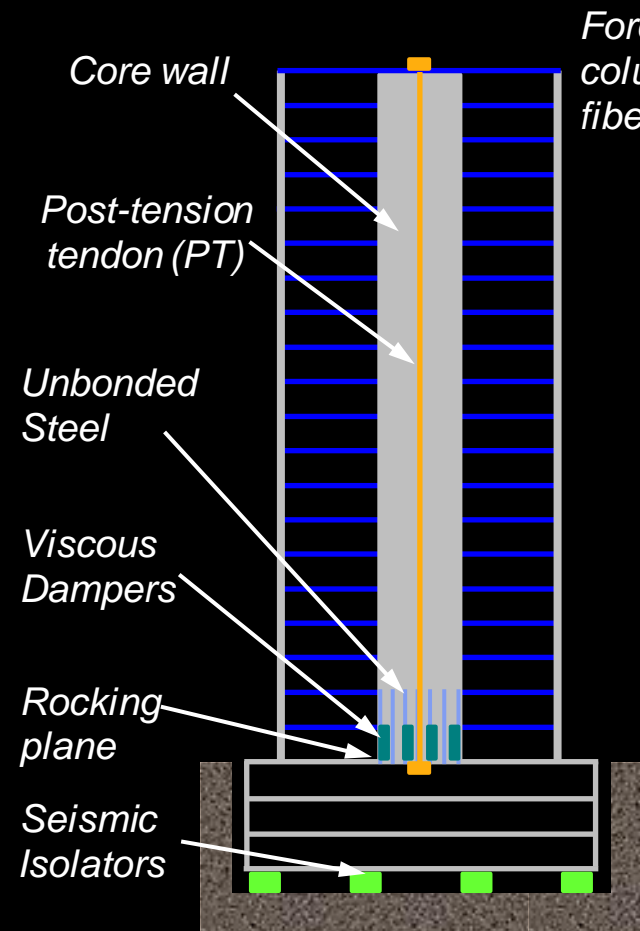


Seismic fluid viscous dampers for large highway bridge, 1.5 million pounds output force.

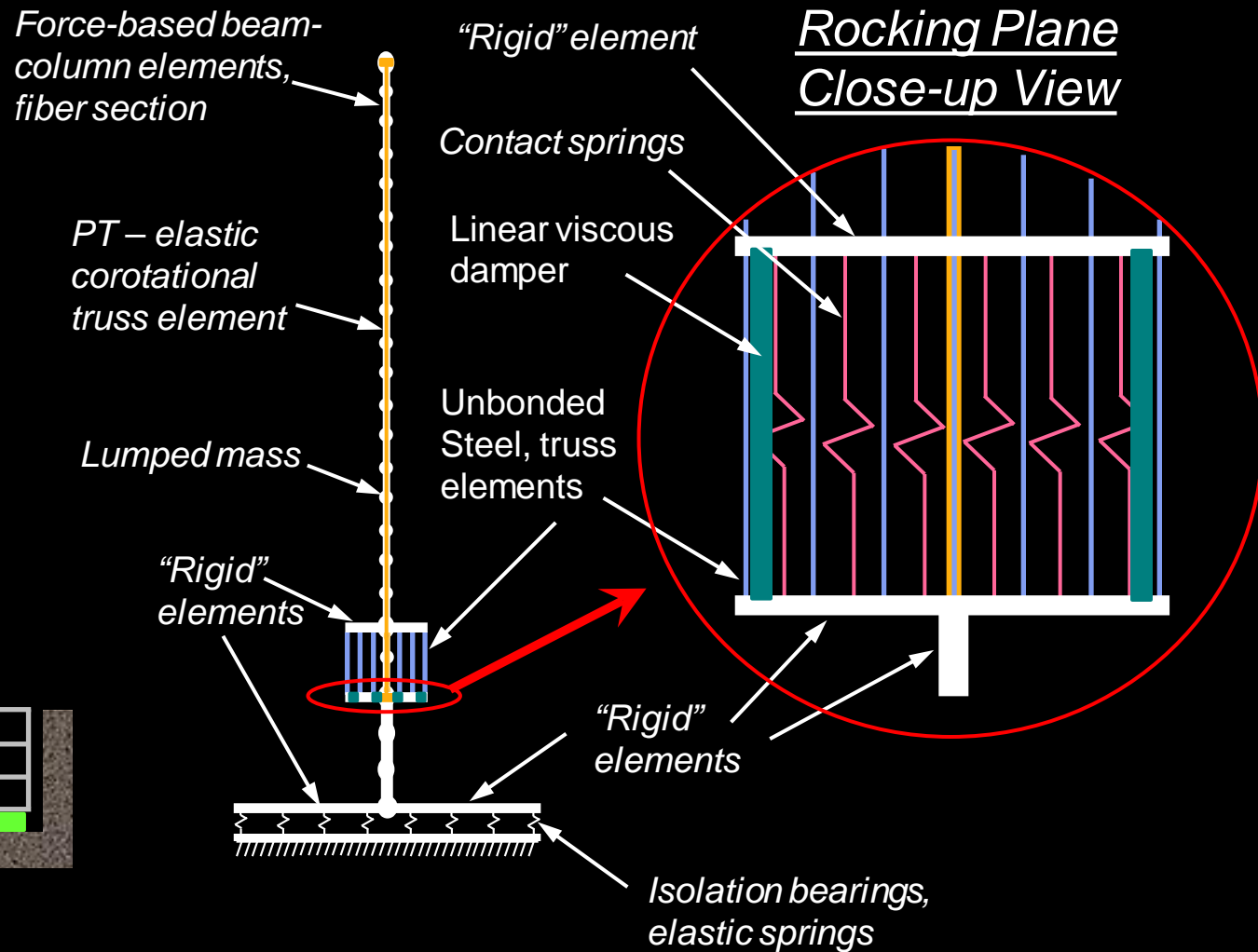
# Base of Rocking Wall Detail



# Base Isolation and Rocking Core Wall (BI+RW) Building

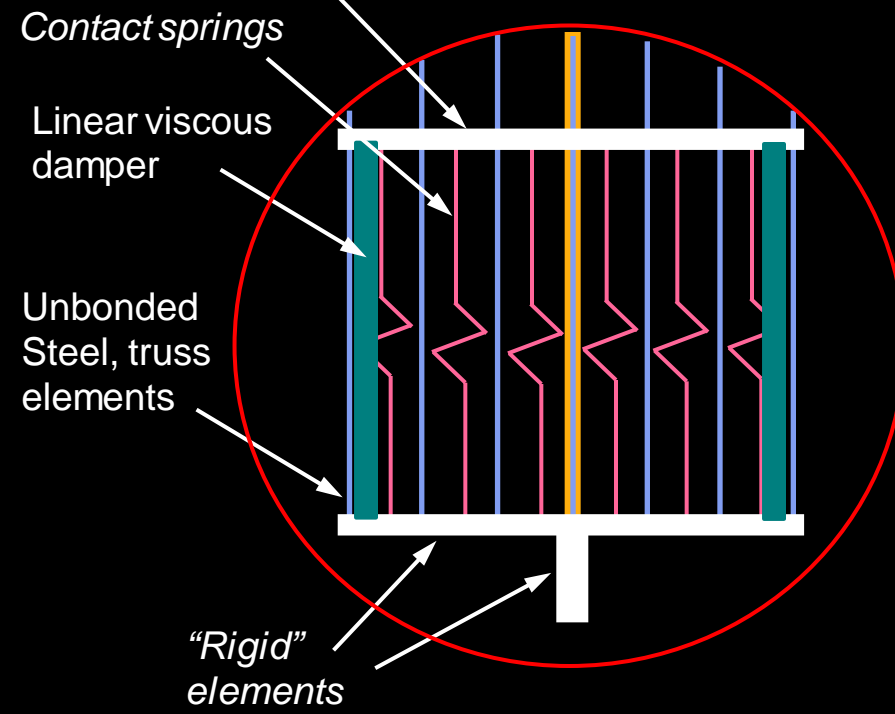


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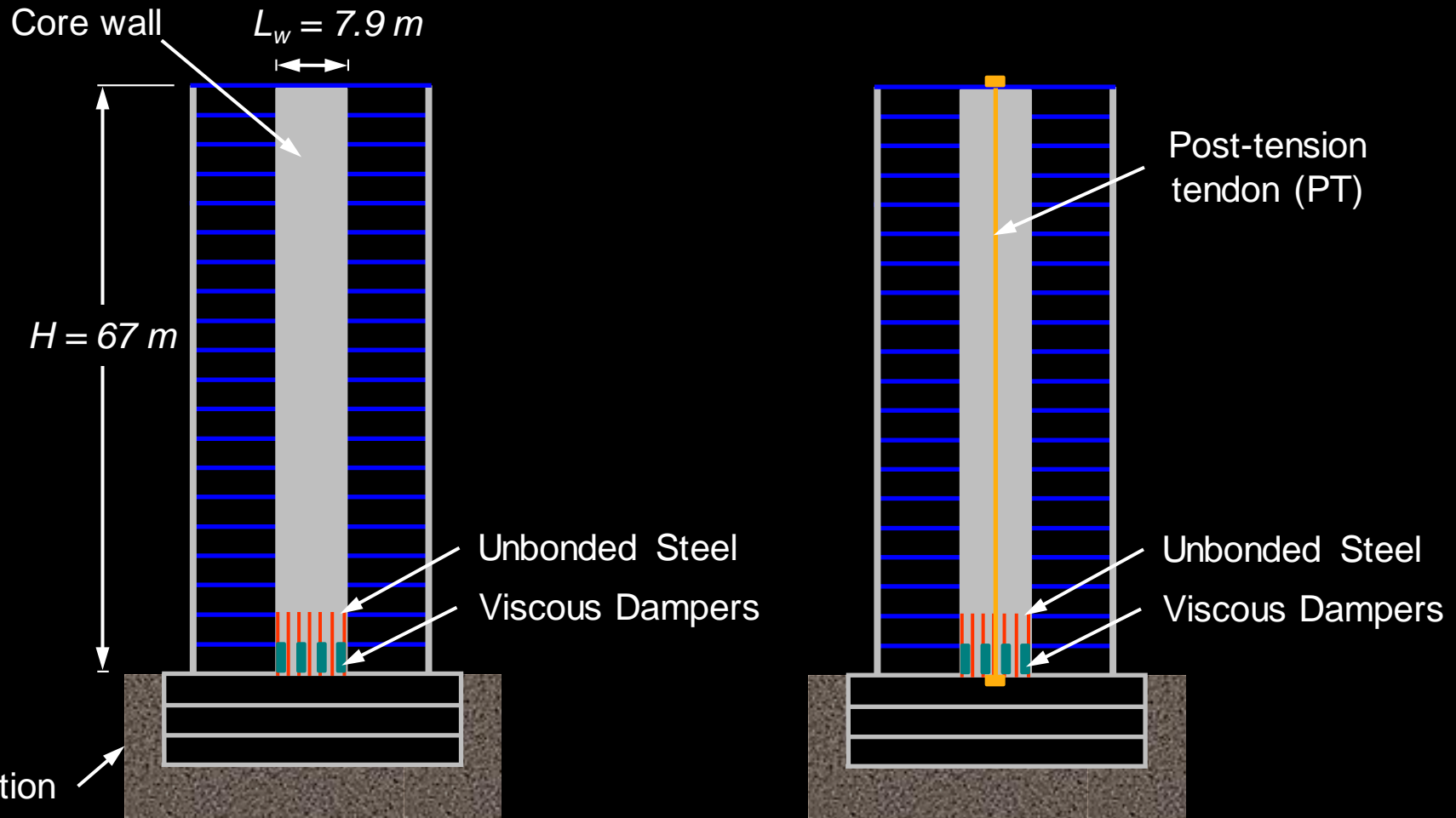
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*"Rigid" element*      Rocking Plane  
Close-up View



*Isolation bearings,  
elastic springs*

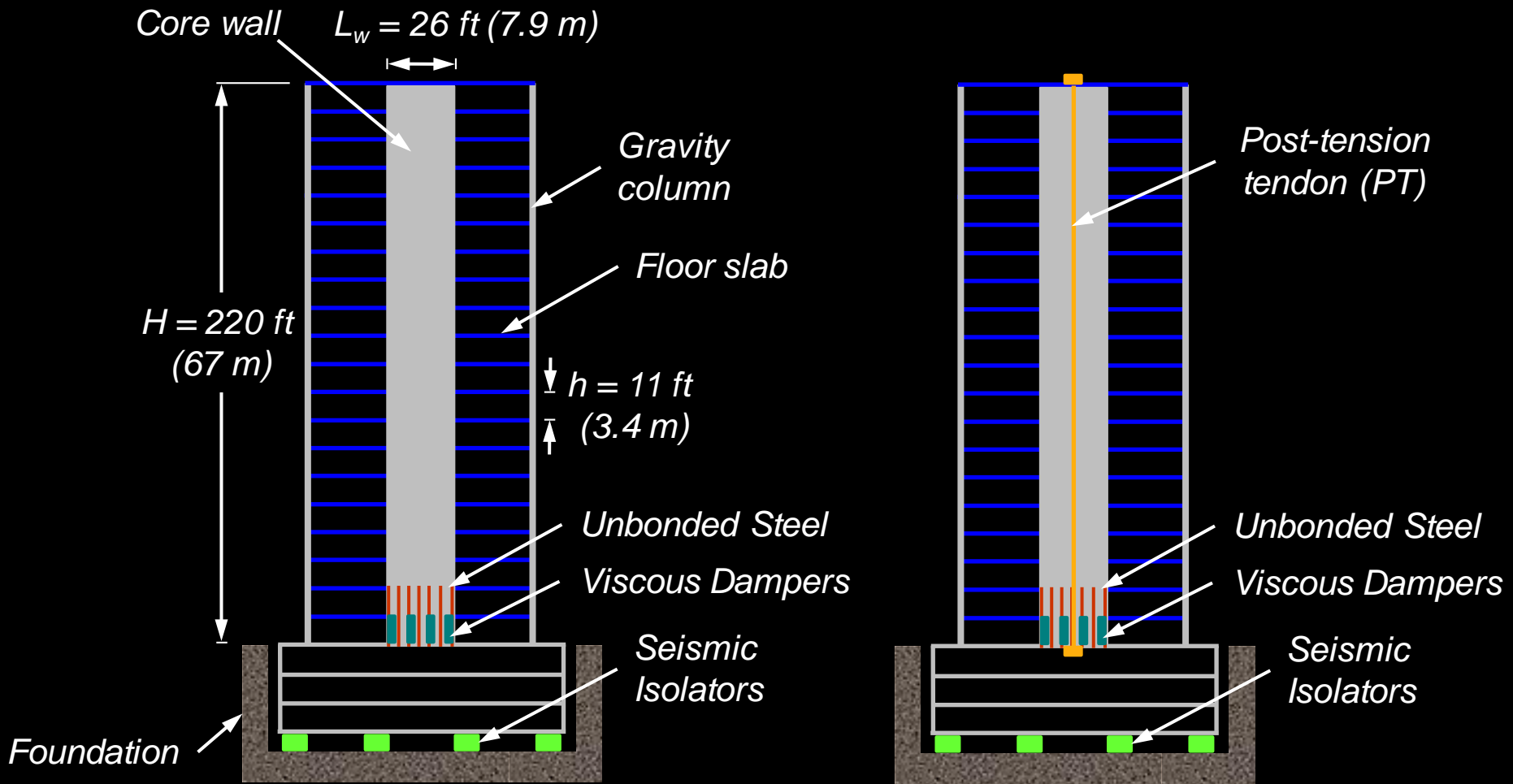
# Rocking Core Wall (RW) Building



Elevation (no PT)

Elevation (with PT)

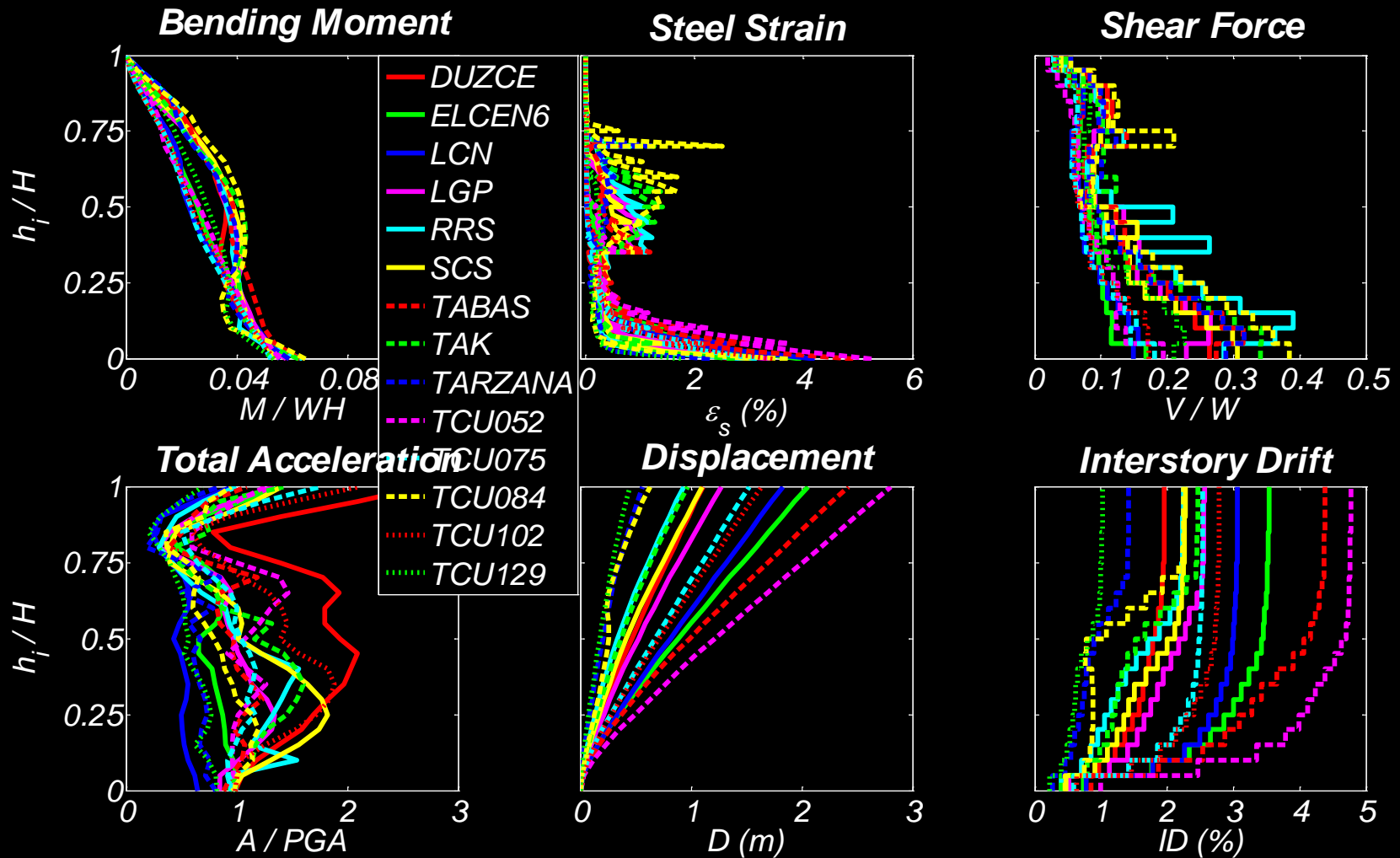
# Base Isolation and Rocking Core Wall (BI+RW) Building



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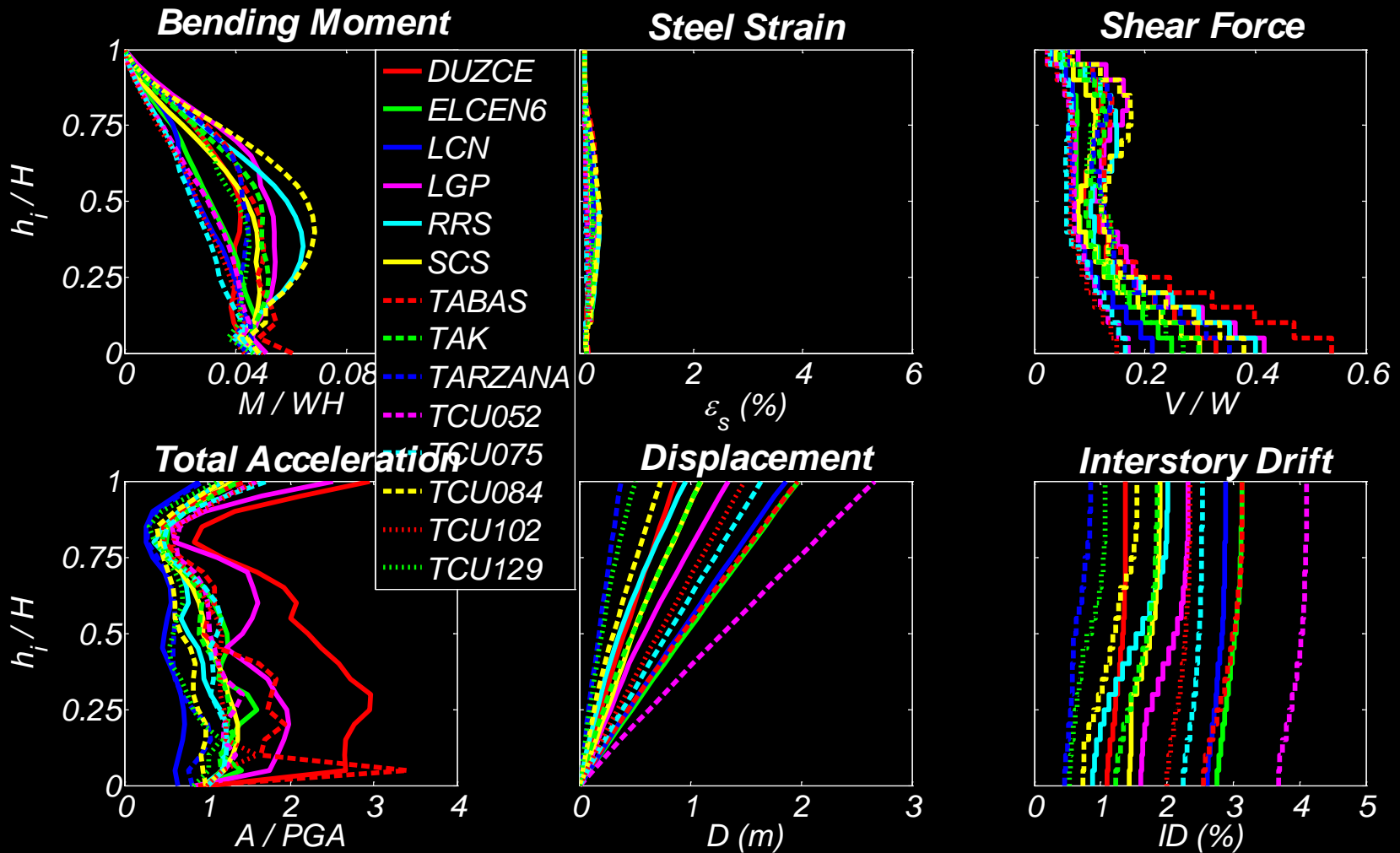
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# EP Response Envelopes for 14 ground motions



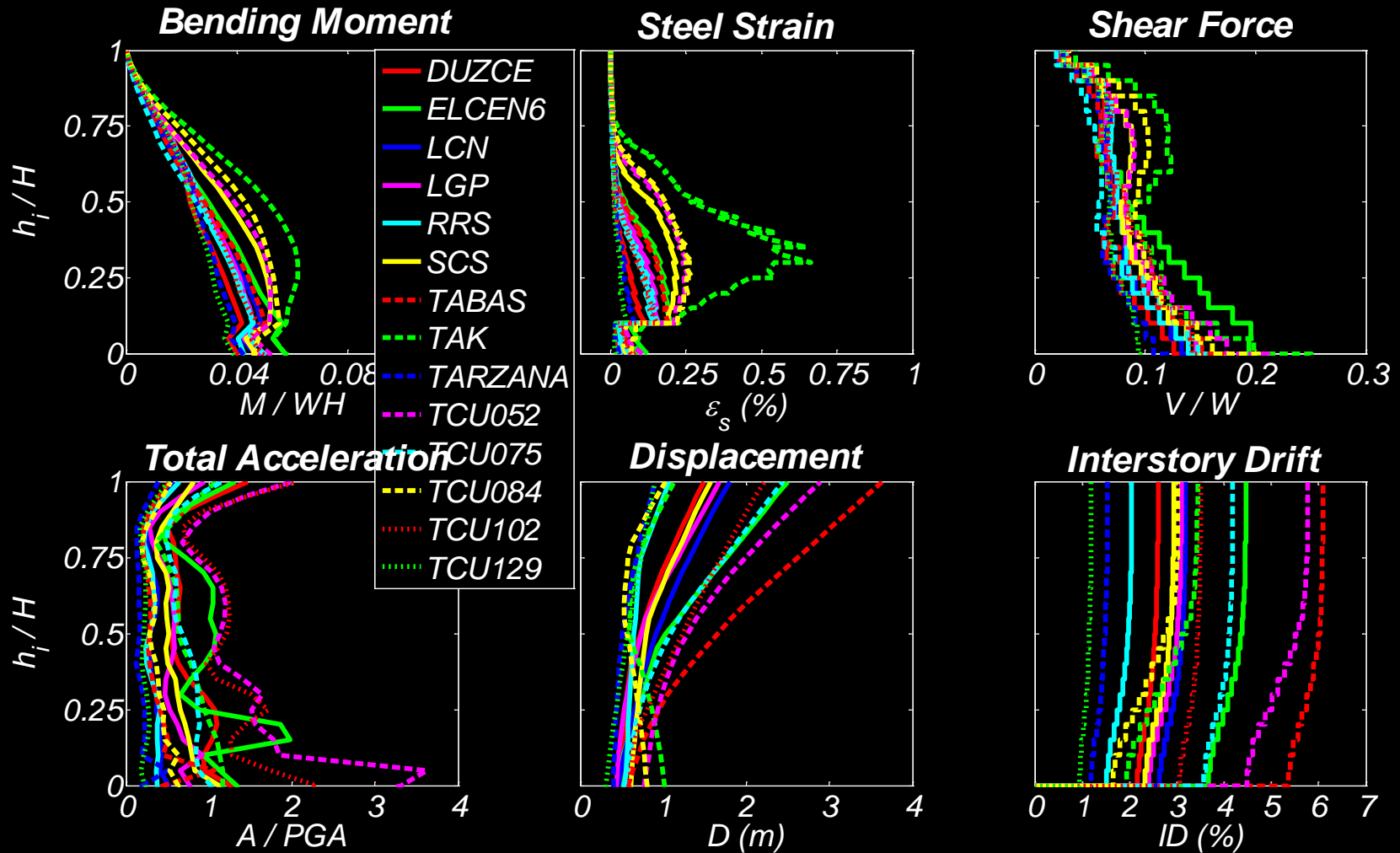


# RW Response Envelopes for 14 ground motions



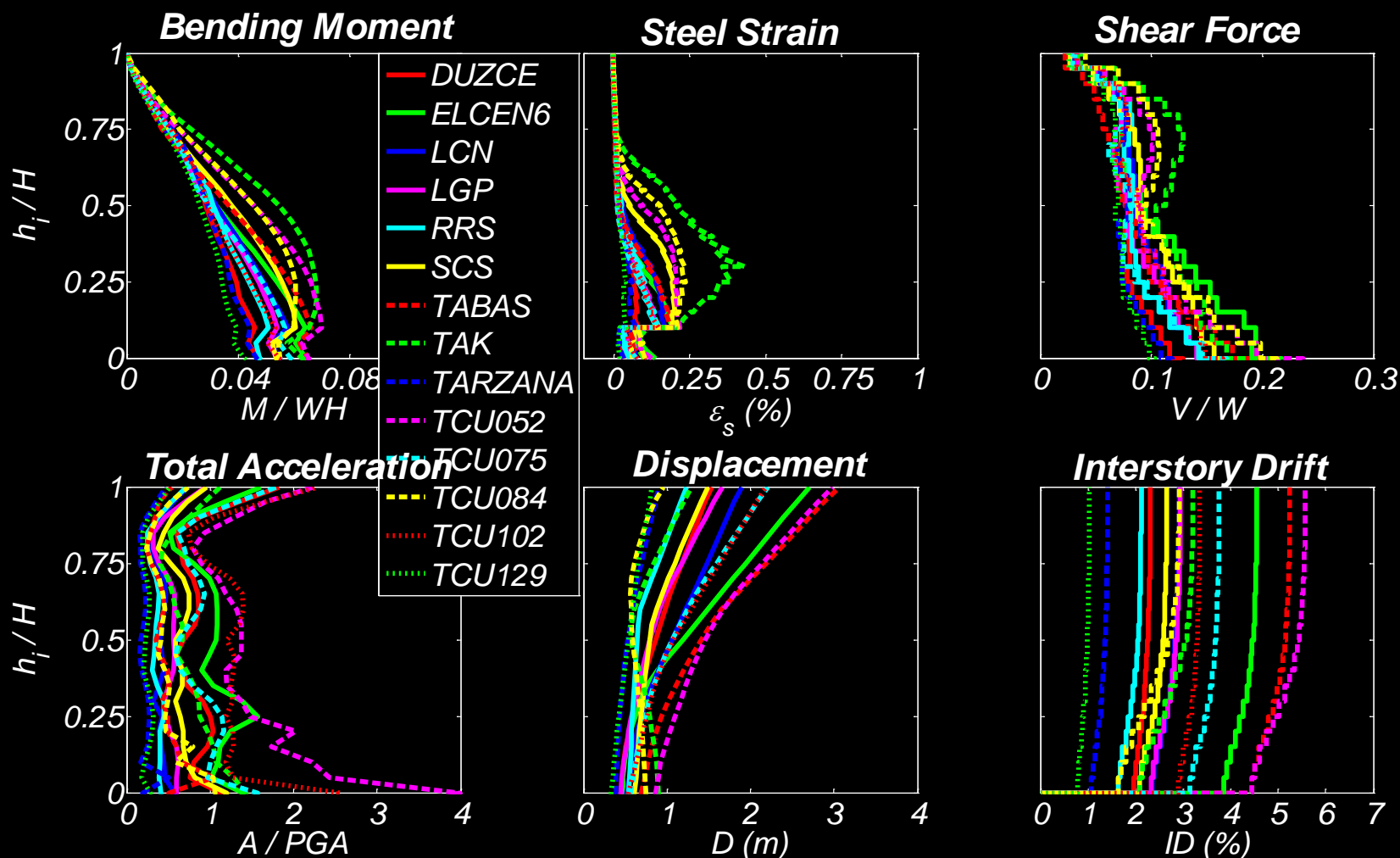
# BI+RW Response Envelopes for 14 ground motions

No PT



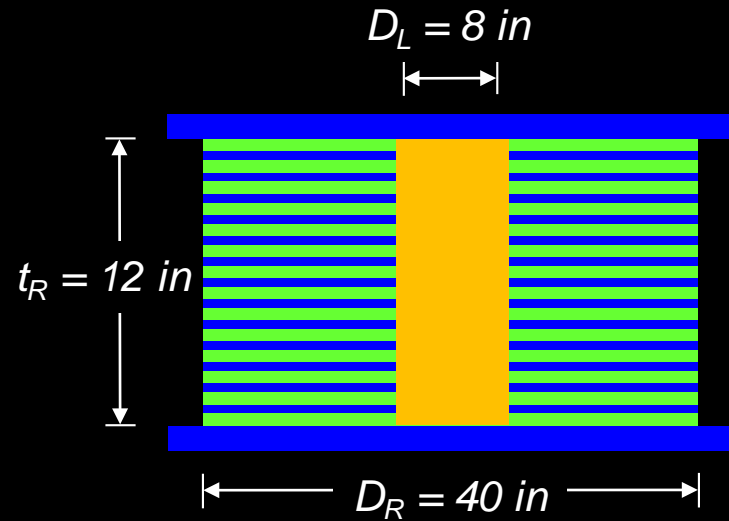
# BI+RW Response Envelopes for 14 ground motions

0.4% PT 30ksi prestress



# Seismic Isolator Design

20-story

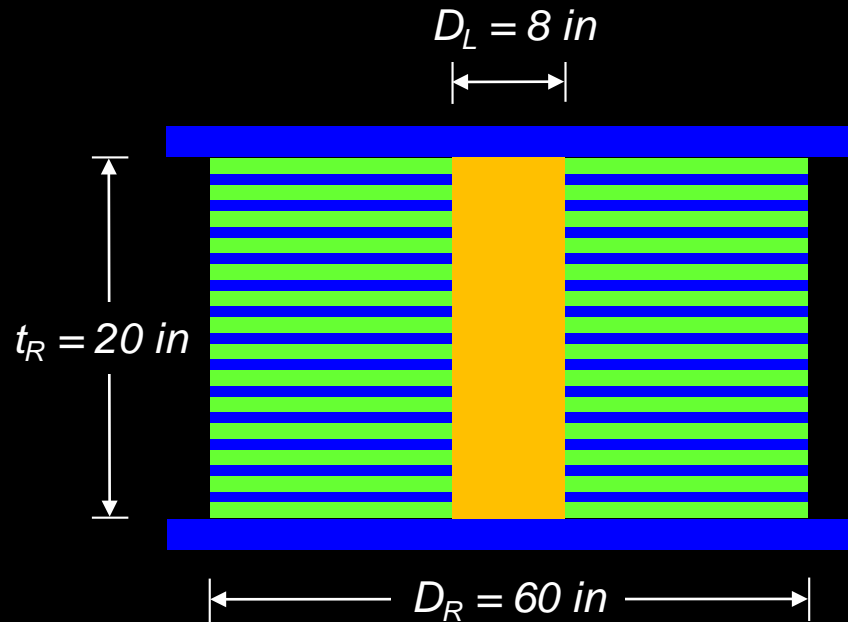


$$K_{hor} = 28 \text{ kip / in}$$

$$K_{ver} = 12100 \text{ kip / in}$$

$$F_y = 106 \text{ kip}$$

40-story



$$K_{hor} = 23 \text{ kip / in}$$

$$K_{ver} = 17400 \text{ kip / in}$$

$$F_y = 146 \text{ kip}$$

# Isolated Building Designs

