

# Hybrid Simulation of Bridges with Innovative Column Designs



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# Outline



- Introduction
- Hybrid Simulation of a Bridge with a V-connector
- Hybrid Simulation of a Bridge with Self Centering, Rocking and Energy Dissipating Columns

# Introduction



Recall Substructuring lecture  
in the morning session

Analytical  
Substructure



Experimental  
Substructures



- Analytical substructures are generally those that can be modeled with confidence
- Experimental substructures are those that are difficult to model due to lack of prior data, complicated geometry, material inelastic behavior, boundary conditions, etc.

- There is generally limited data for innovative column designs
- It is practically not possible to test a complete bridge
- Hybrid simulation is a great tool to simulate the seismic response of bridges with innovative column designs

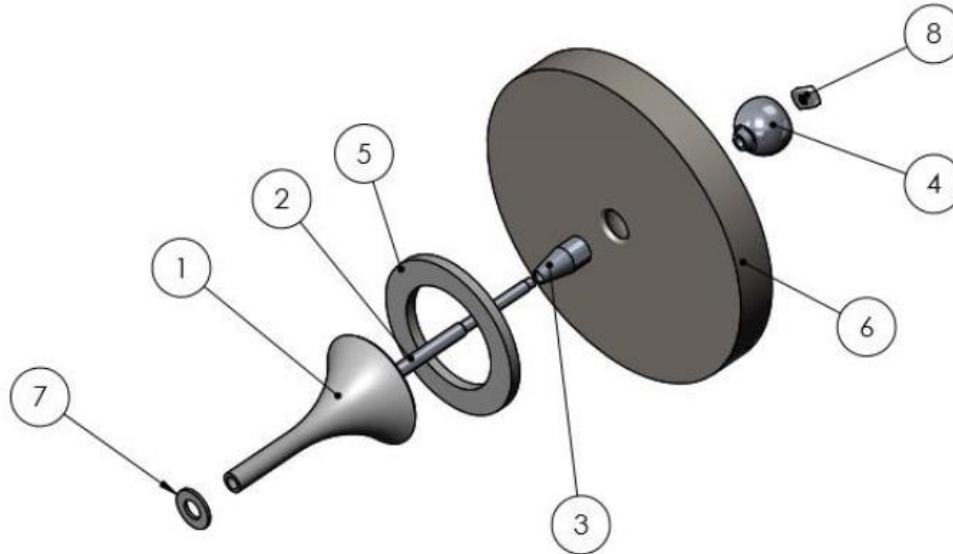
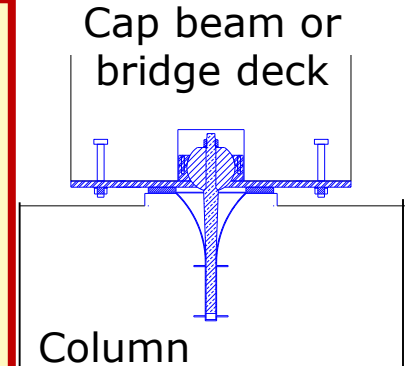


# **Hybrid Simulation of a Bridge with a V-connector**

# What is a V-connector?



- An innovative connecting device designed as the joint between column and superstructure or between column and footing in a bridge.
- Elongates the period and assures elastic response of bridge components
- Enables accelerated bridge construction and rapid retrofit or replacement by allowing prefabrication of the connected structural parts at different places and then assembling at construction site.

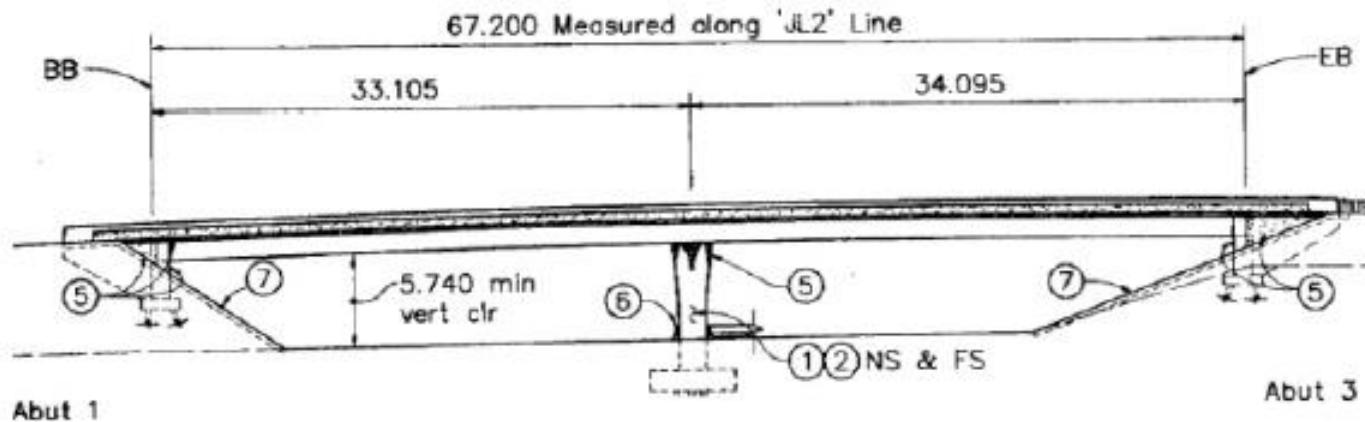


1	V-tube
2	S-Pin: body
3	Shear-Reinforce Ring
4	Ball Hinge-end
5	Low-friction washer
6	Top-Pad
7	Tube-Reinforce Ring
8	Pin-fix nut

# Prototype Bridge

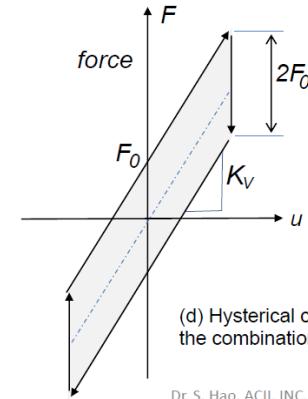
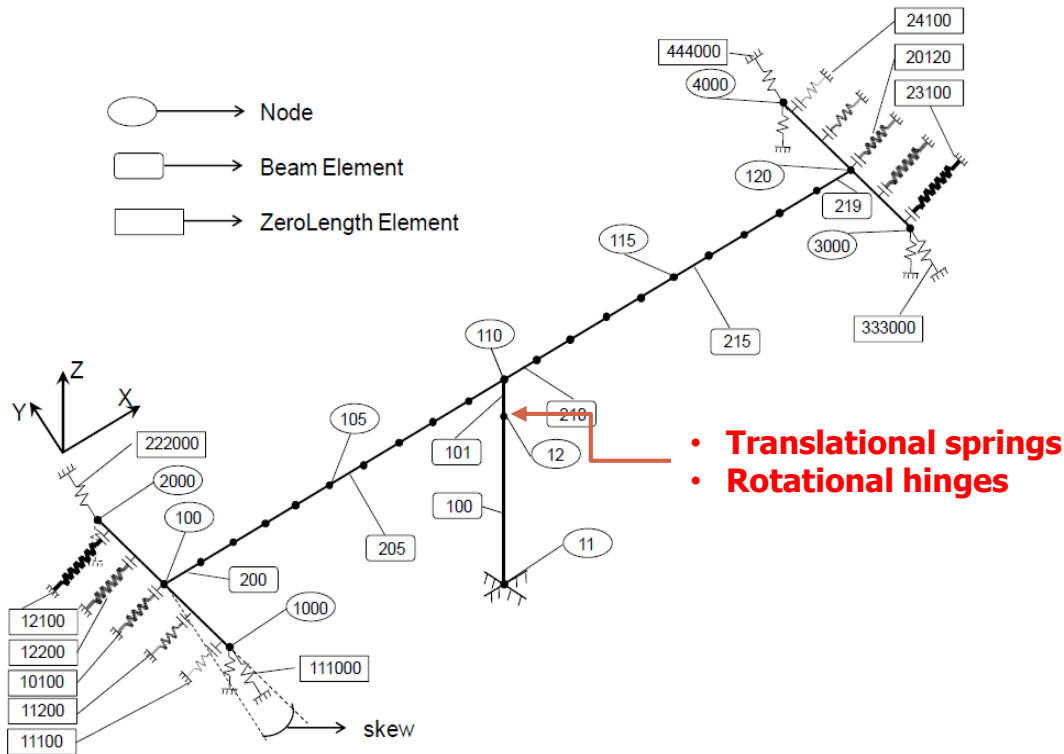


## Jack Tone Road Overcrossing



This bridge, with a single column bridge bent, is suitable for hybrid simulation (HS), because it allows testing the V-connector as an experimental substructure and the rest of the bridge as an analytical substructure.

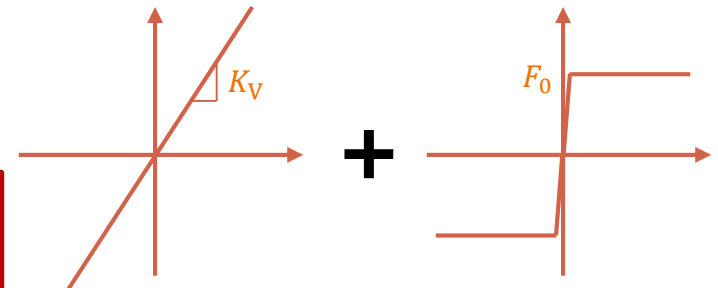
# Full Bridge Modeling with V-connectors



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Modeling of translational springs

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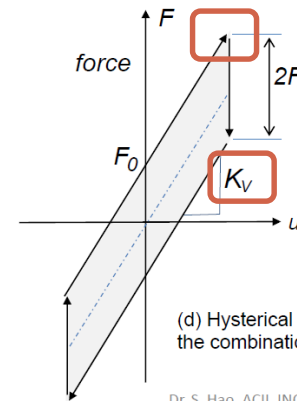
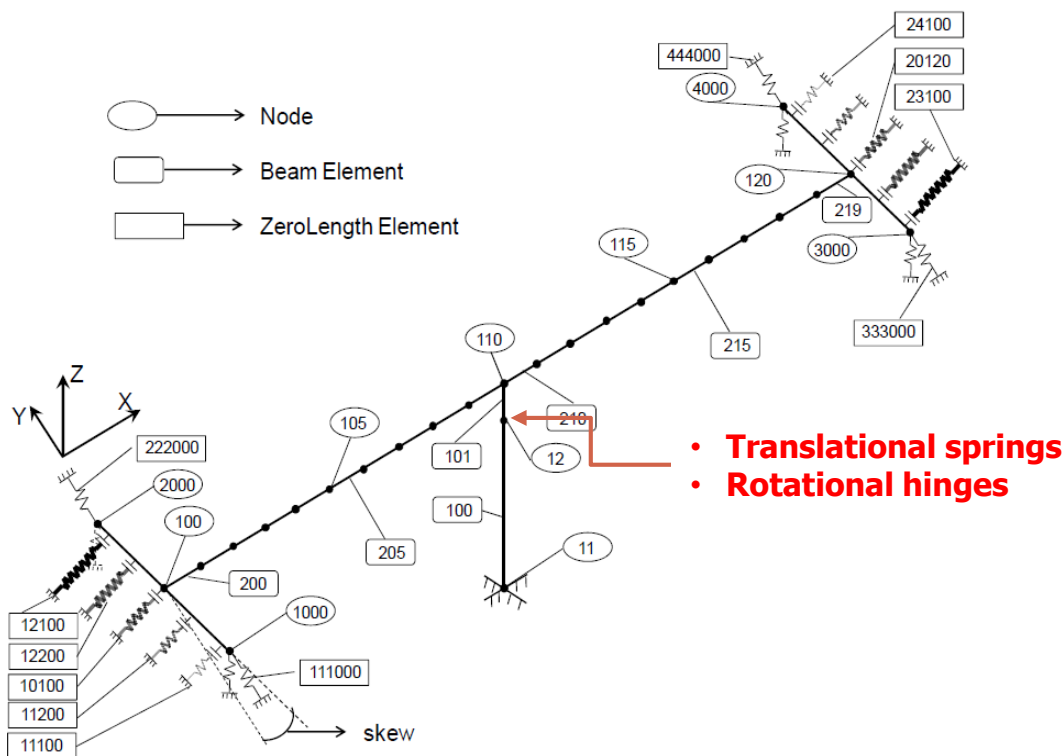
Linear elastic  
(V-connector rod)

Rigidly plastic  
(Friction due to washer)

To include the V-connector in the bridge model:

- Translational spring elements are added between the column top and bridge deck along the longitudinal and transverse directions
- Flexural connection between the column top and bridge deck is modeled as rotational hinges with zero stiffness

# Procedure for Finding $K_v$ that Leads to Elastic Column Response



Modeling of translational springs

To keep the column response in elastic range, V-connector stiffness  $K_v$  needs to be reduced, because:

- Reducing the stiffness increases the effective period of the bridge, reducing the accelerations and the inertia forces acting on the bridge.
- Smaller  $K_v$  reduces the maximum force experienced by the V-connector. Since this force is equal to the maximum force that the column experiences (due to equilibrium), column force reduces.



# Ground Motions



Test	Event	Date	Station	SF
<b>GM1</b>	Coalinga	1983/05/09	Harris Ranch – Hdqtrs (temp)	2.50
<b>GM2</b>	Imp. Valley	1979/10/15	EC Meloland Overpass FF	0.80
<b>GM3</b>	Morgan Hill	1984/04/24	Coyote Lake Dam (SW abut)	0.70
<b>GM4</b>	Northridge	1994/01/17	Rinaldi Receiving Station	0.56
<b>GM5</b>	Northridge	1994/01/17	Sylmar – Olive View Med FF	-0.80
<b>GM6</b>	Northridge	1994/01/17	Rinaldi Receiving Station	0.90
<b>GM7</b>	Kobe	1995/01/16	Takatori	0.77
<b>GM8</b>	Kobe	1995/01/16	Takatori	-0.90

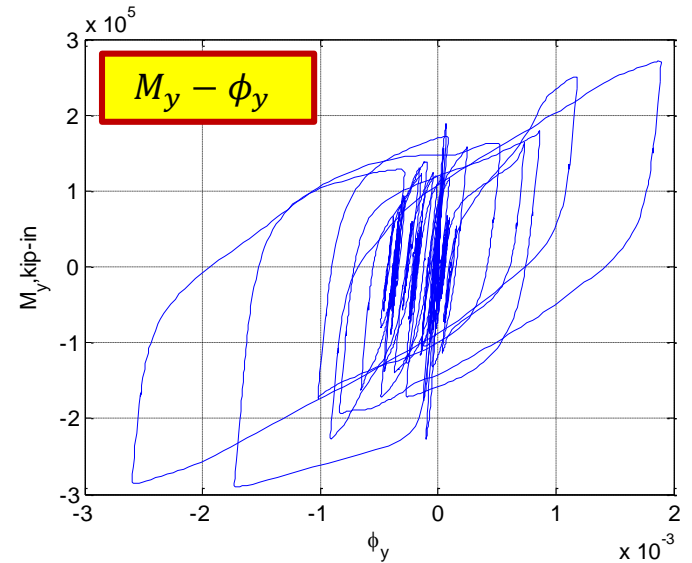
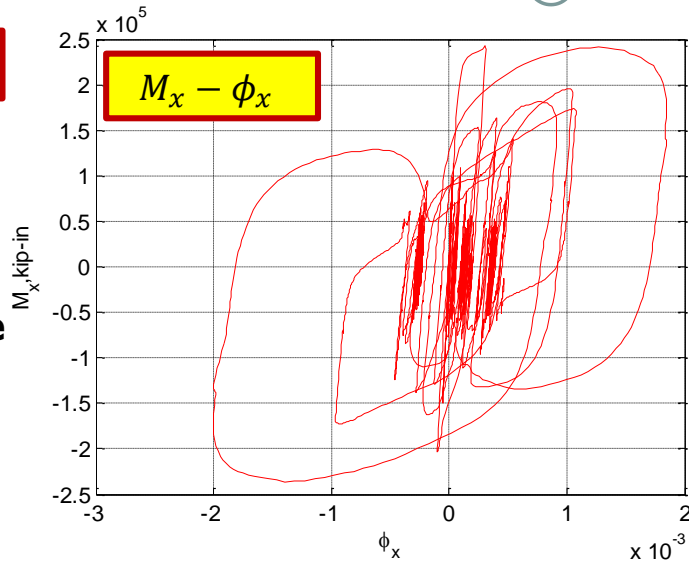
**Reference:** Gabriele Guerrini & José I. Restrepo (2013) "Seismic Response of Composite Concrete-Dual Steel Shell Columns for Accelerated Bridge Construction"

# Analysis Results

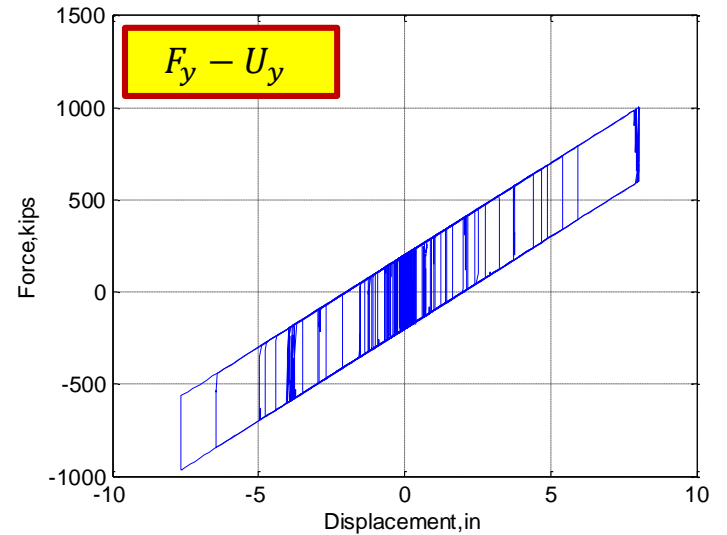
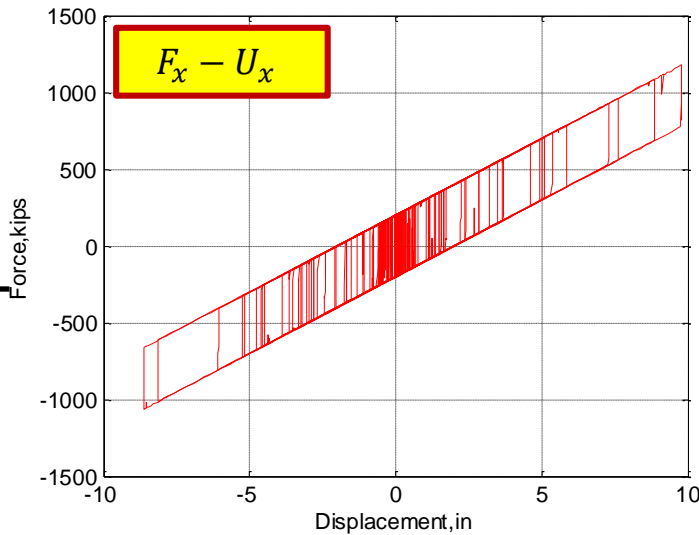


$K_v = 100 \text{ kips/in}$

Column base  
moment-curvature



V-connector force-  
displacement

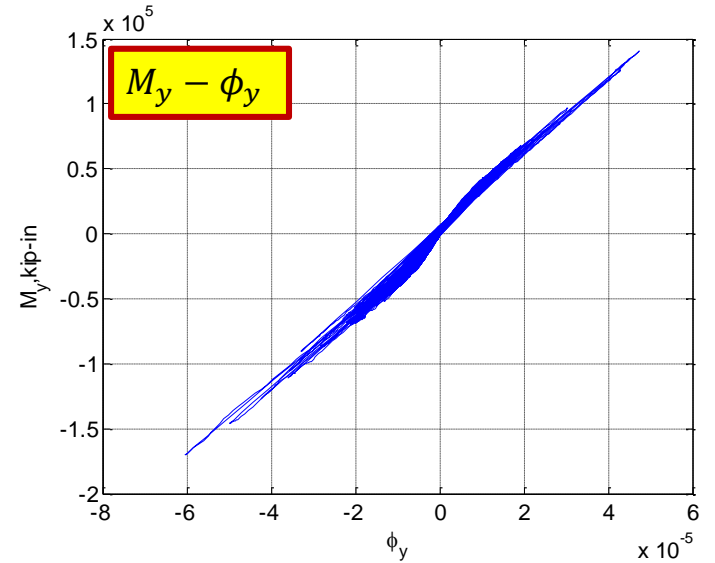
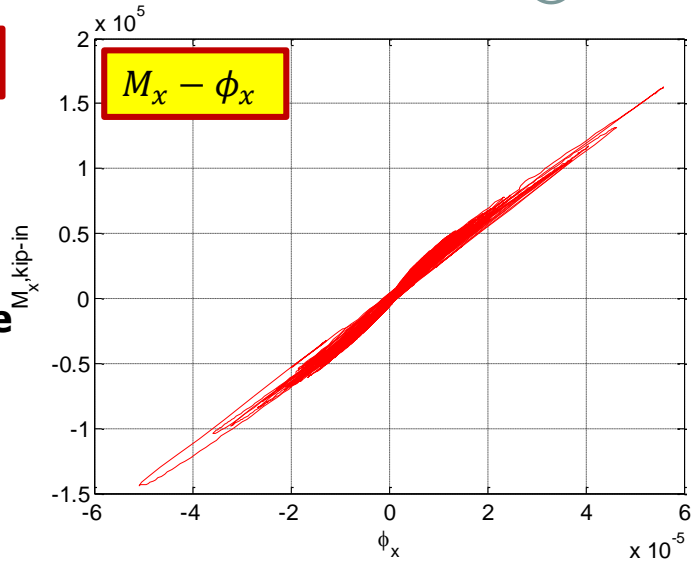


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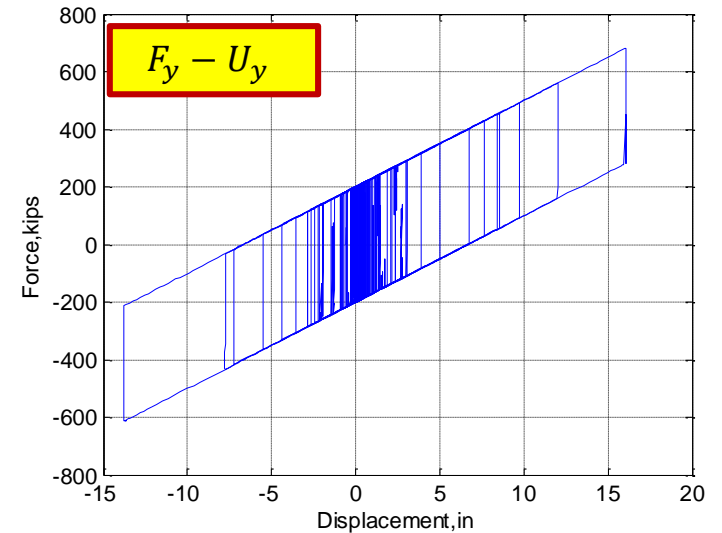
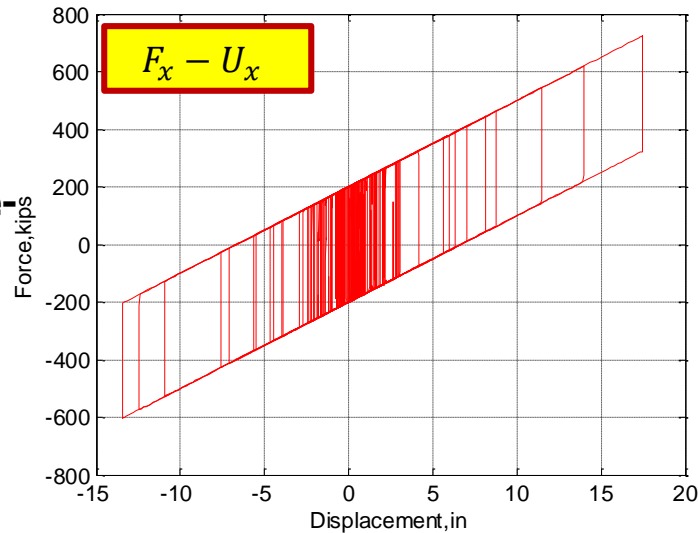


$$K_v = 30 \text{ kips/in}$$

Column base  
moment-curvature



V-connector force-  
displacement

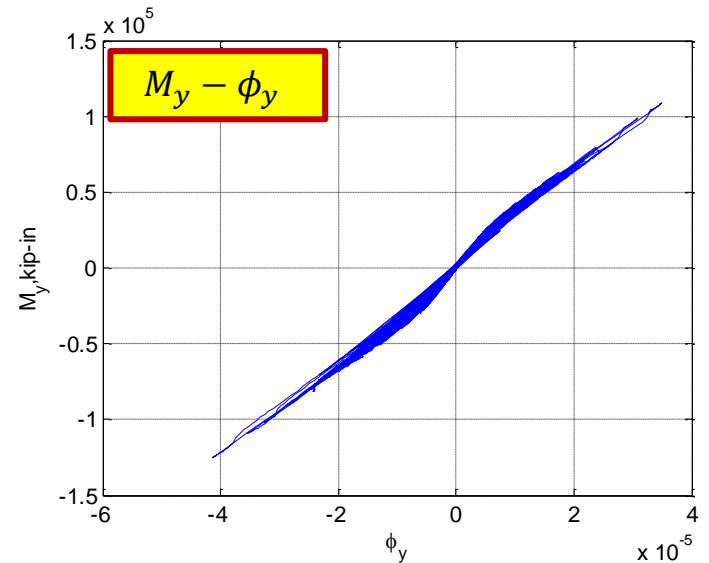
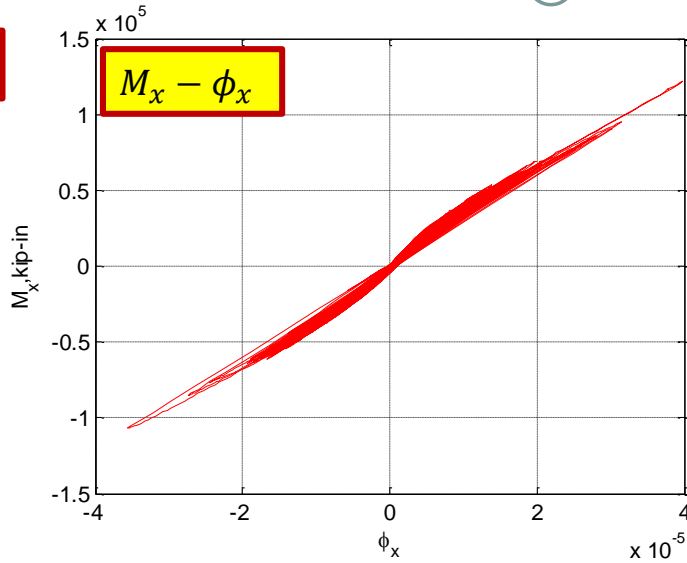


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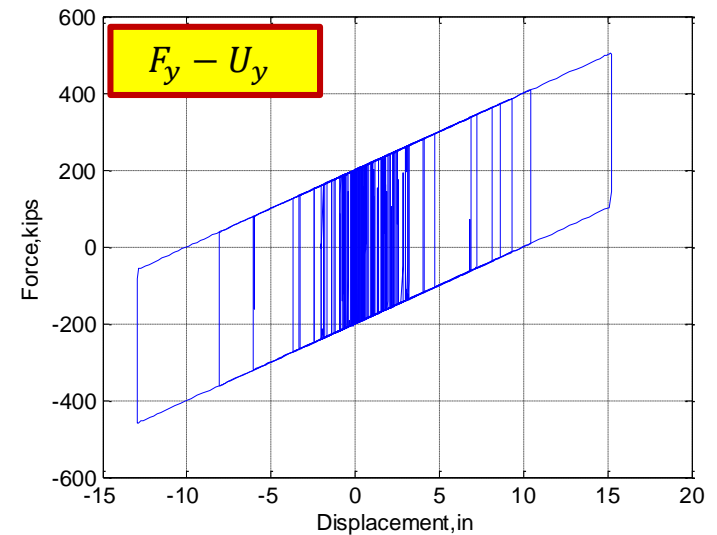
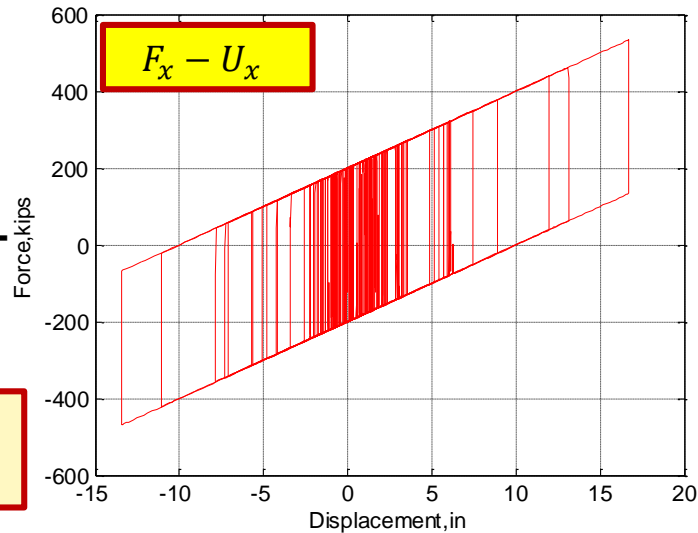
$K_v = 20\text{kips/in}$

Column base  
moment-curvature



V-connector force-  
displacement

Washer friction  
coefficient = 10%



# Analysis Results



Deformations and Forces for Different  $K_v$  values

$K_v$ (kip/in)	$T_n$ (s)	V-connector deformations (in)		Column Forces (kip)	
		Longitudinal	Transverse	Longitudinal	Transverse
100	1.86	9.8	8.0	1100	1000
30	3.28	17.5	16.0	900	650
20	4.00	16.7	15.2	520	480

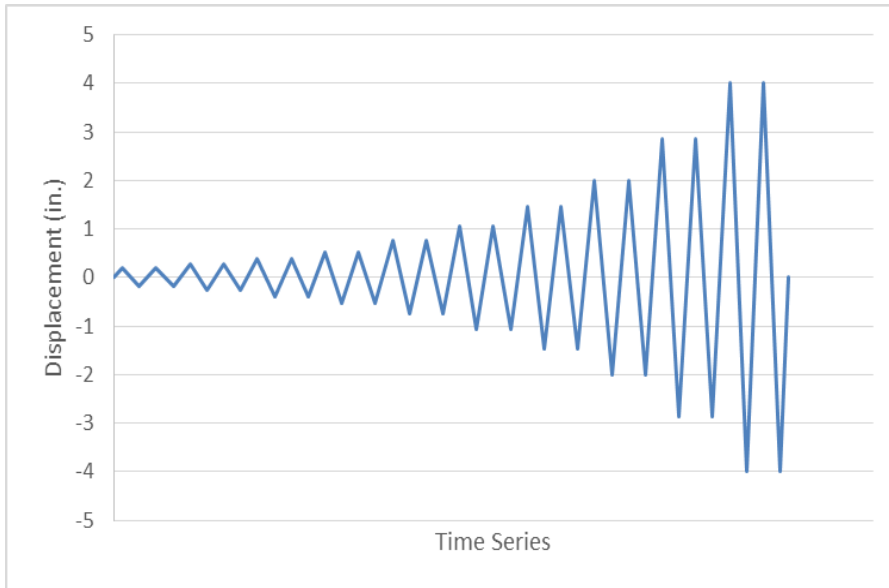
According to these results, a V-connector with  $K_v = 30$  kip/in is the most suitable choice.

- V-connector is designed according to the desired stiffness and friction values
- To accommodate the loading equipment capacities, V-connector is designed to be 1/3 scale

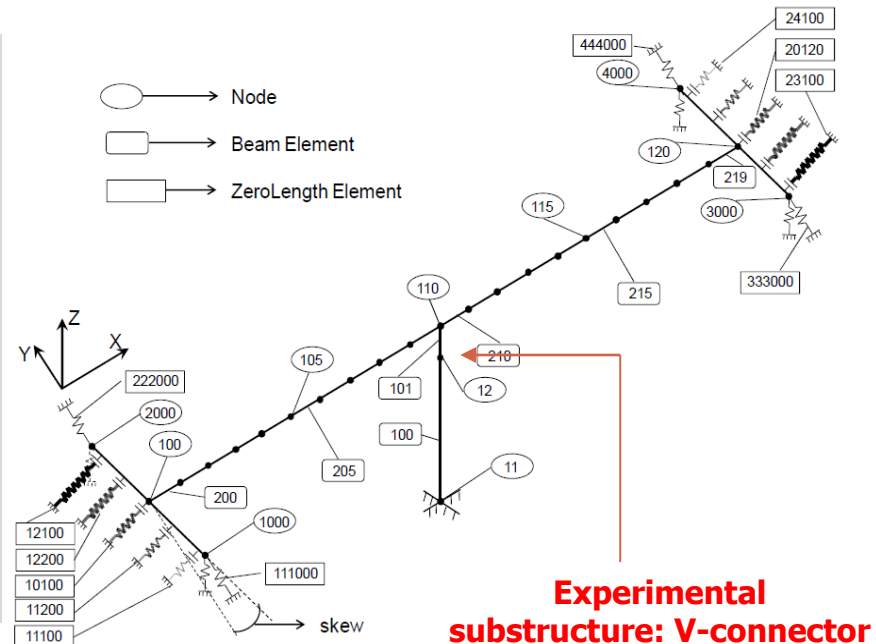
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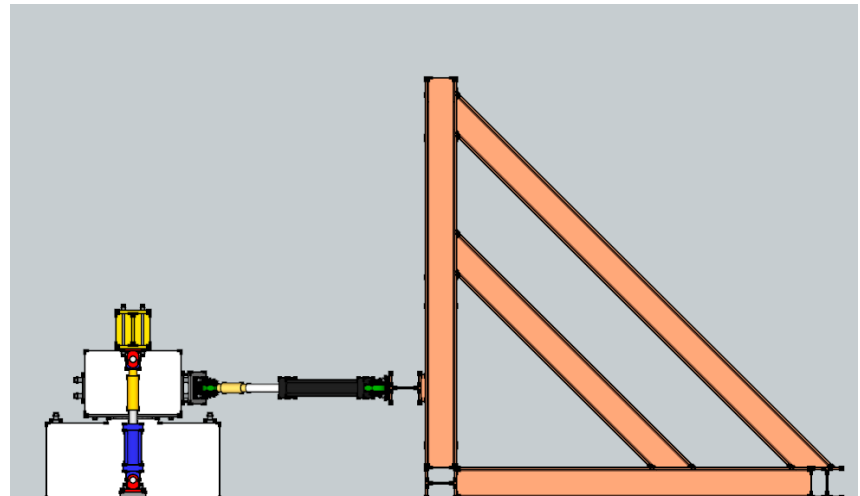
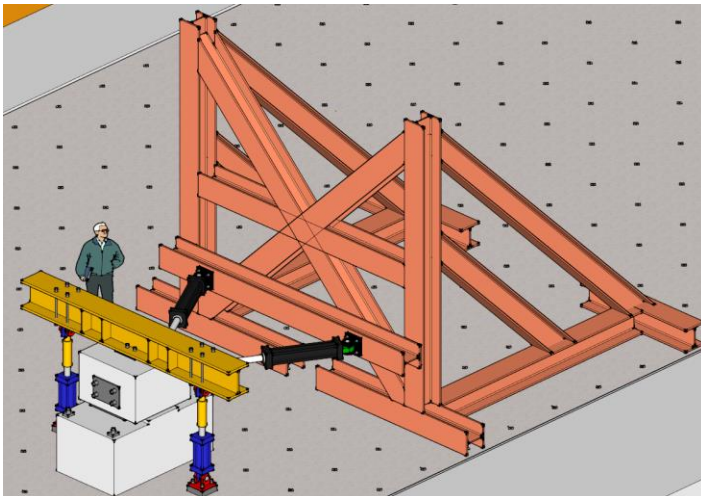
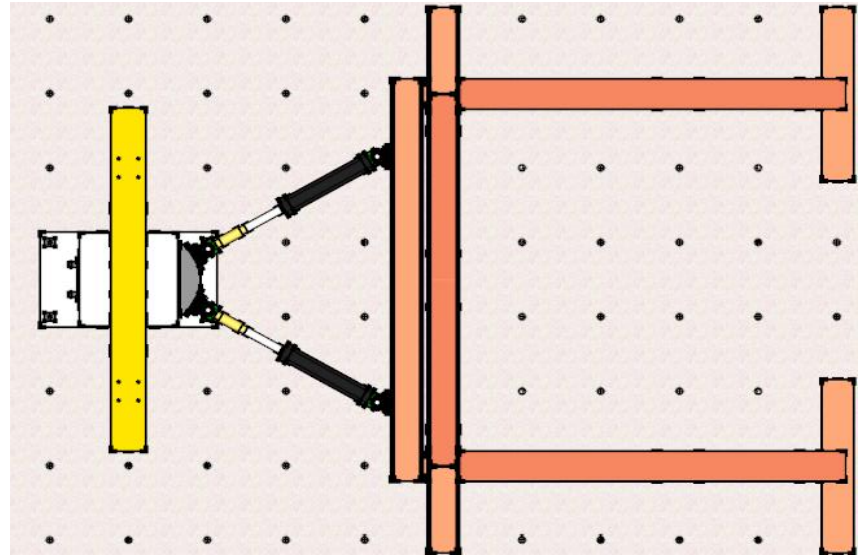
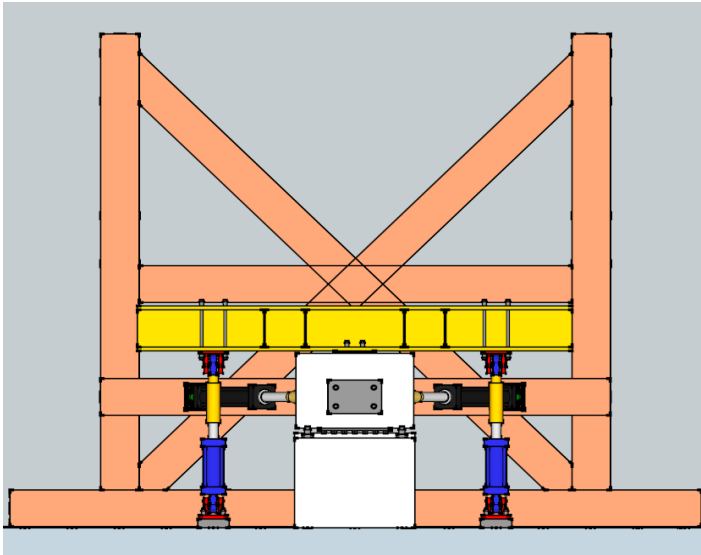
**Phase I Cyclic: Conduct cyclic test on the V-connector, to validate the assumed force-displacement relation**



**Phase II HS: Test the V-connector using hybrid simulation, model everything else analytically**

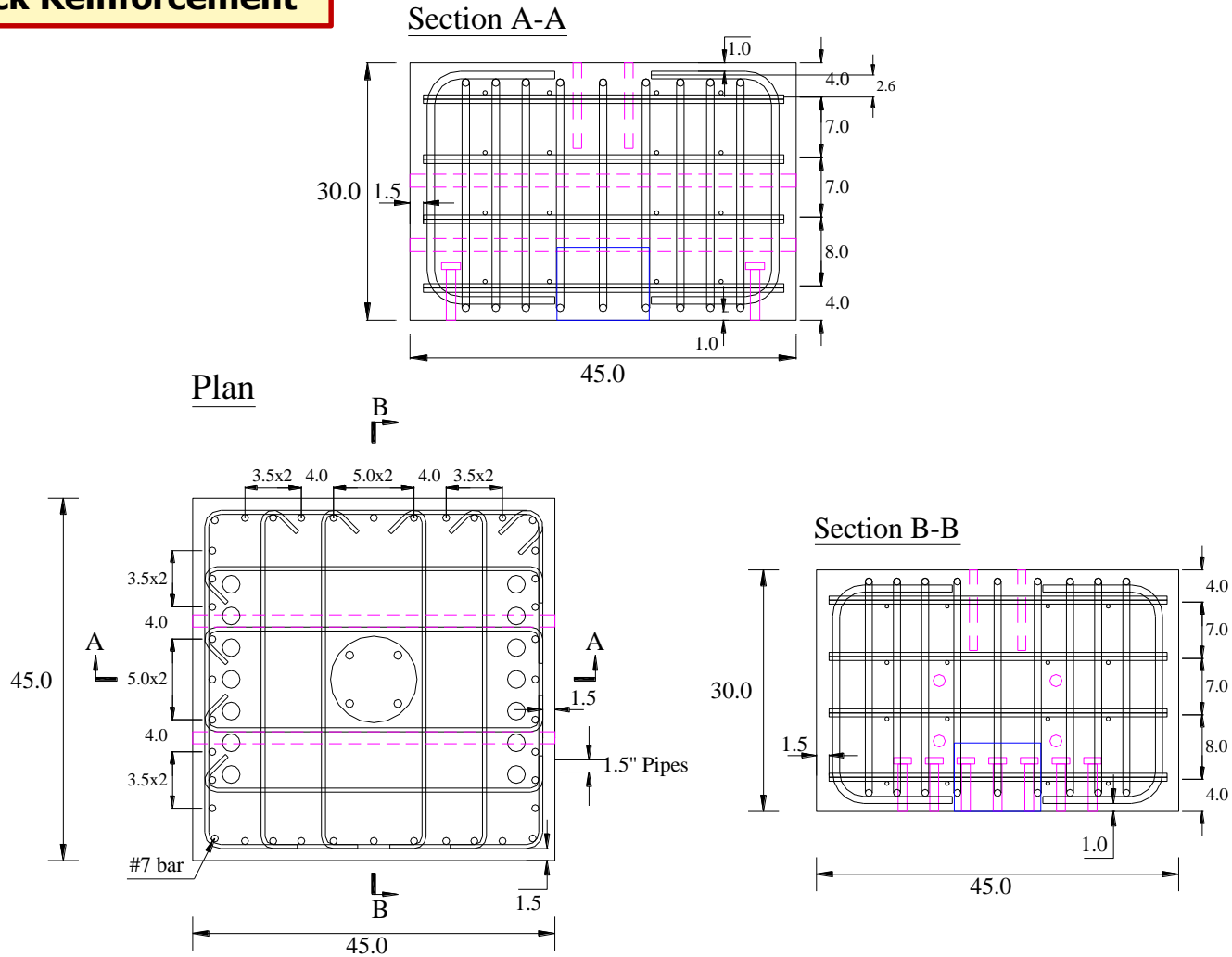


# Test Setup



# Reinforcement Details

## Top Block Reinforcement

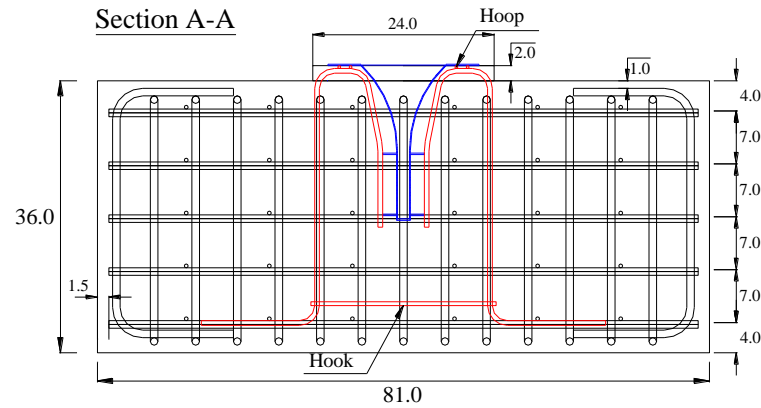




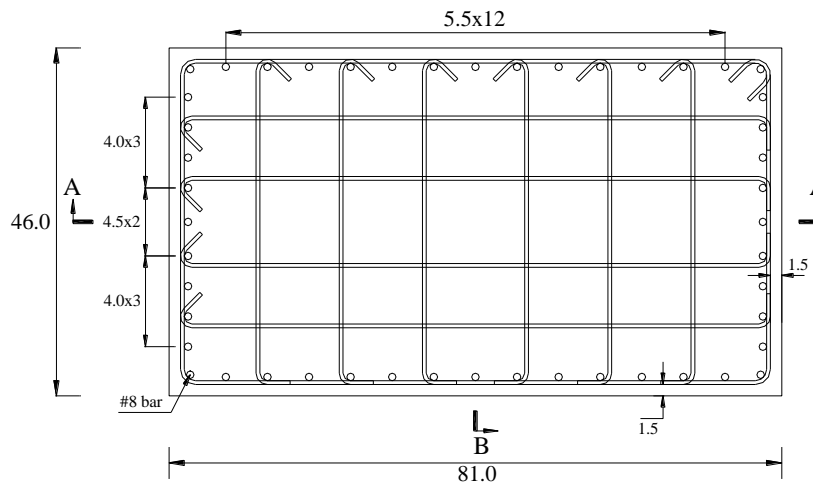
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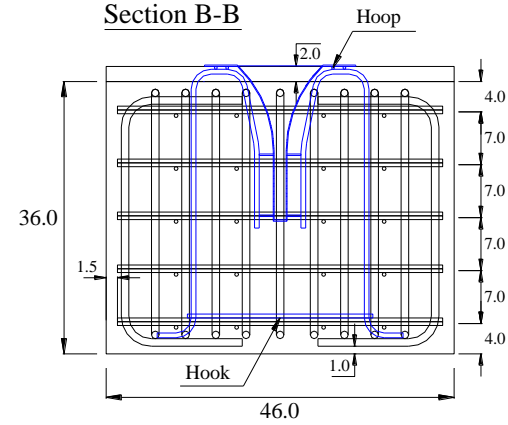
## Bottom Block Reinforcement



Plan



Section B-B



# V-connector Assembly

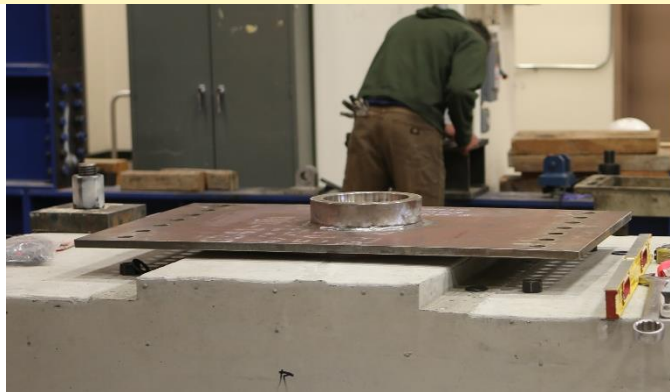
Step 1: Connect the bottom block with embedded V-tube and Teflon washer to the strong floor



**Embedded V-tube**

**Teflon Washer**

Step 2: Place the top pad with the hinge holder

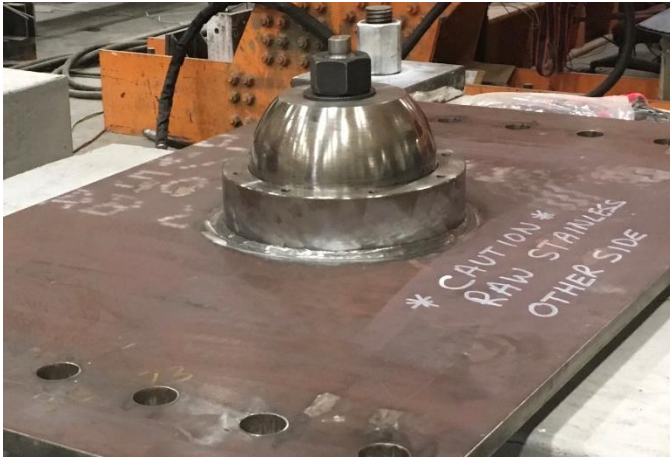


**Top pad with hinge holder**

# V-connector Assembly



Step 3: Insert the V-connector rod with hinge through the hinge holder



**V-connector rod and the hinge**

Step 4: Tighten the hinge fixing nut





# V-connector Assembly

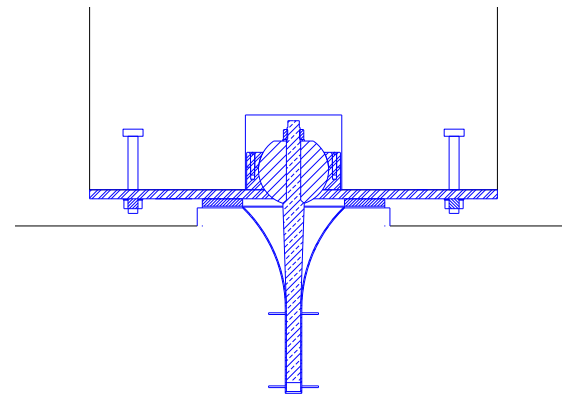


Step 5: Place the top block



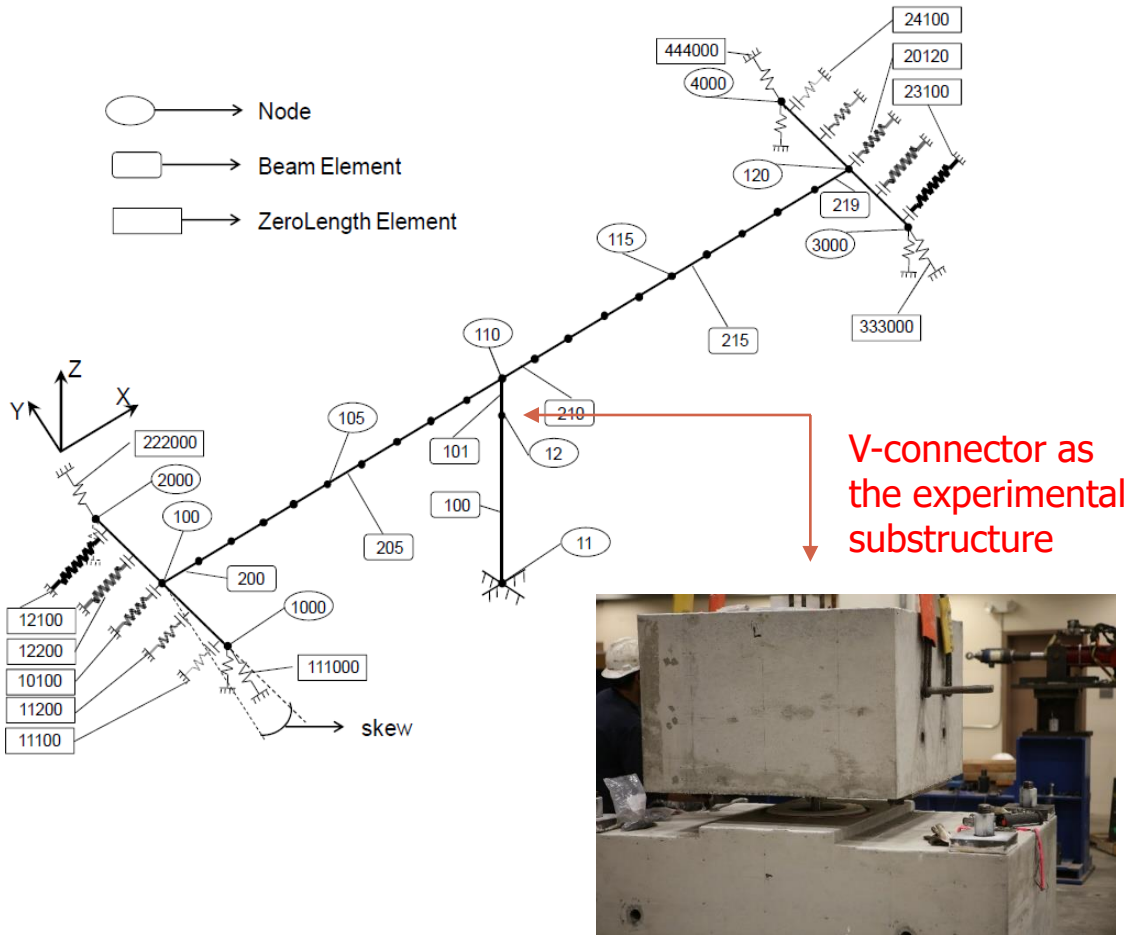
Hollow portion

Step 6: Tighten up the nuts beneath



Section cut

# Phase II Hybrid Simulation Details



- ❑ V-connector as the experimental substructure
- ❑ All the rest is simulated as the analytical substructure
- ❑ Column inelastic response is modeled, however the column is designed to remain elastic, therefore it is part of the analytical substructure
- ❑ Alpha OS as the numerical integration
- ❑ Computed displacements scaled by 1/3 before applying to the specimen
- ❑ Measured forces are multiplied by 9 ( $S^2$ ) before using in the numerical integration



# **Hybrid Simulation of a Bridge with Self-Centering, Rocking and Energy Dissipating Columns**

Phase I: Column Design and Shaking Table Testing  
(UCSD, PI: Jose Restrepo)

Phase II: Hybrid Simulation  
(UC Berkeley, PI: Khalid Mosalam)

# Innovative Design Features



Self centering with PT bars



Steel jacket for confinement

Energy dissipation through rebar yielding

Rocking allowed at the column bottom



# Shaking Table Testing



❑ Shaking table tests completed on the PEER 6-DOF shaking table

❑ A blind prediction competition is organized from these tests:

[http://peer.berkeley.edu/prediction\\_contest/](http://peer.berkeley.edu/prediction_contest/)



# Shaking Table Testing



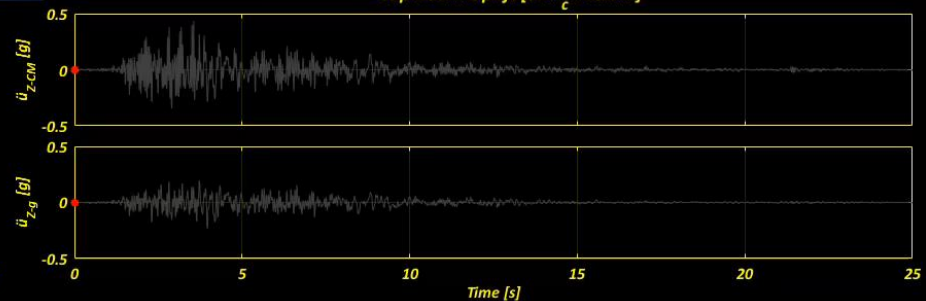
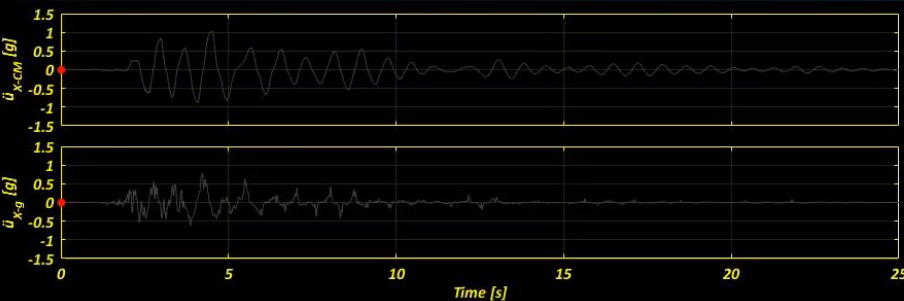
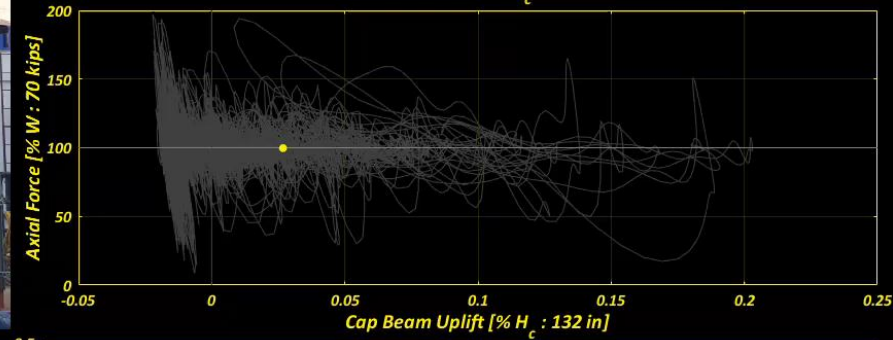
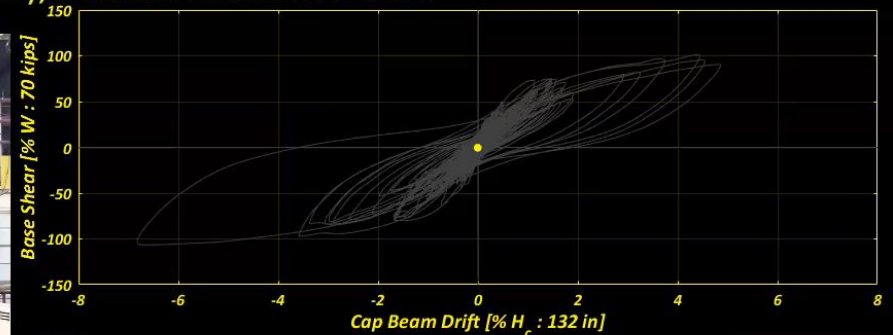
## Ground Motions

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1	Landers, 1992	Lucerne	0.72	0.9	0.6
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3	Tabas, 1978	Tabas	0.85	-0.9	1.8
4	Kocaeli, 1999	Yarimca	0.3	1.0	0.6
5	Northridge, 1994	RRS	0.85	0.81	4
6	Duzce, 1999	Duzce	0.51	1	1.8
7	Northridge, 1994	NFS	0.72	-1.2	4
8	Kobe, 1995	Takatori	0.76	-0.8	5
9	Kobe, 1995	Takatori	0.76	0.9	7
10	Tabas, 1978	Tabas	0.85	-0.9	-
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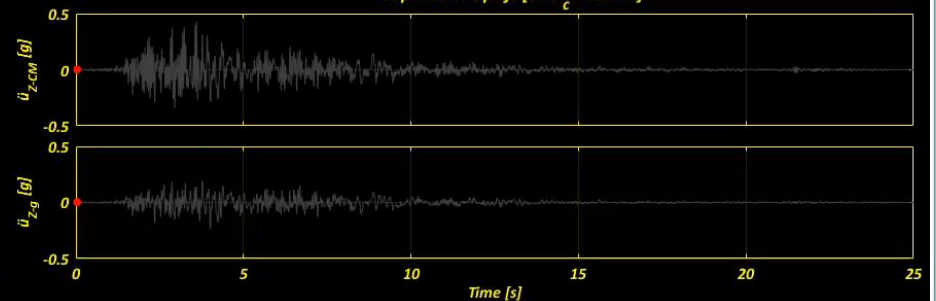
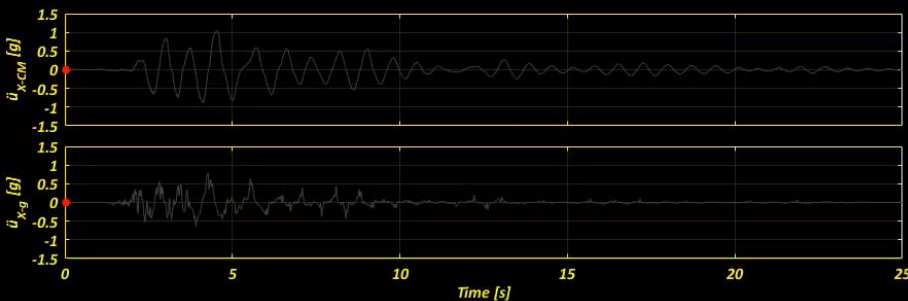
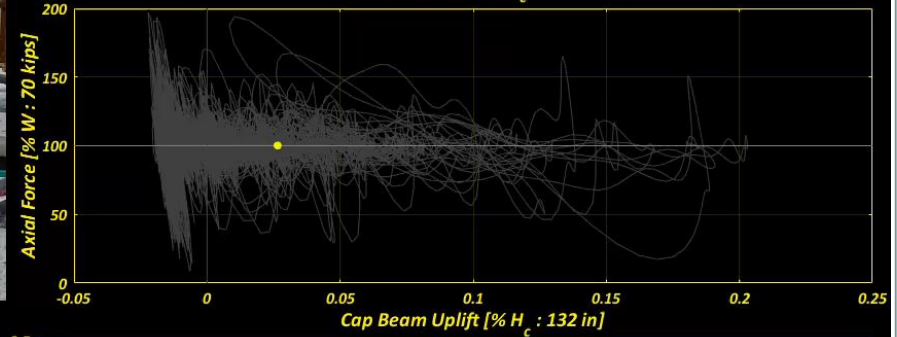
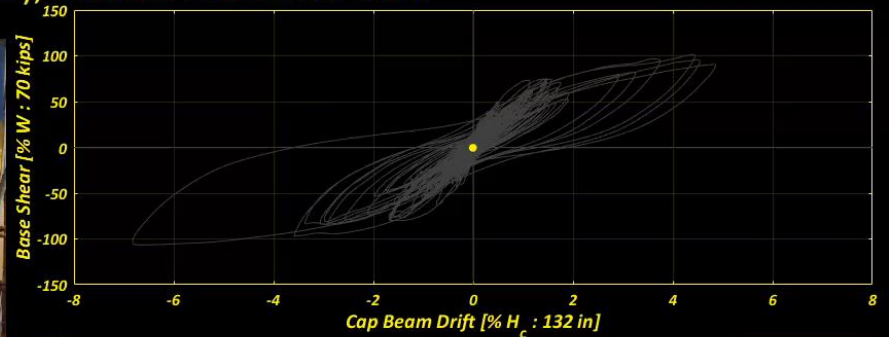
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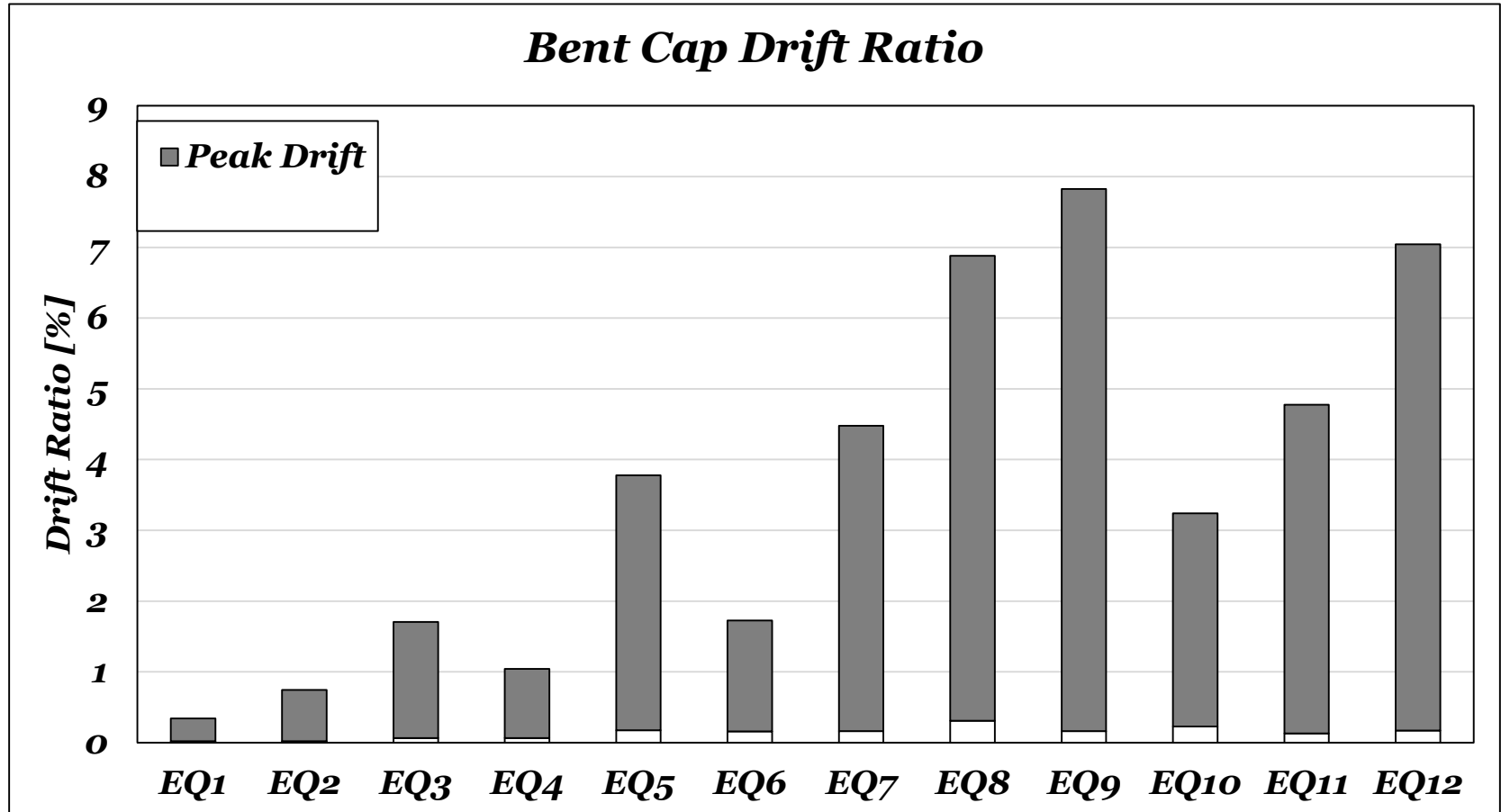
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# Shaking Table Testing





# Hybrid Simulation: Substructuring



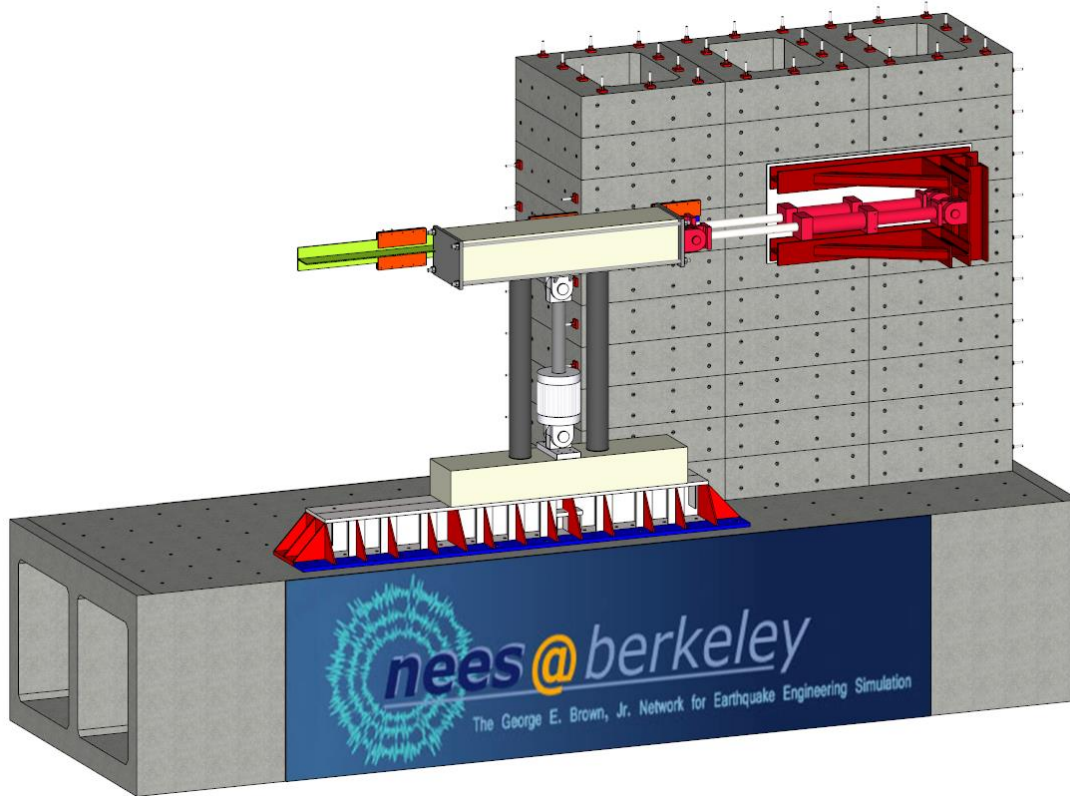
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Hybrid Simulation Phase I

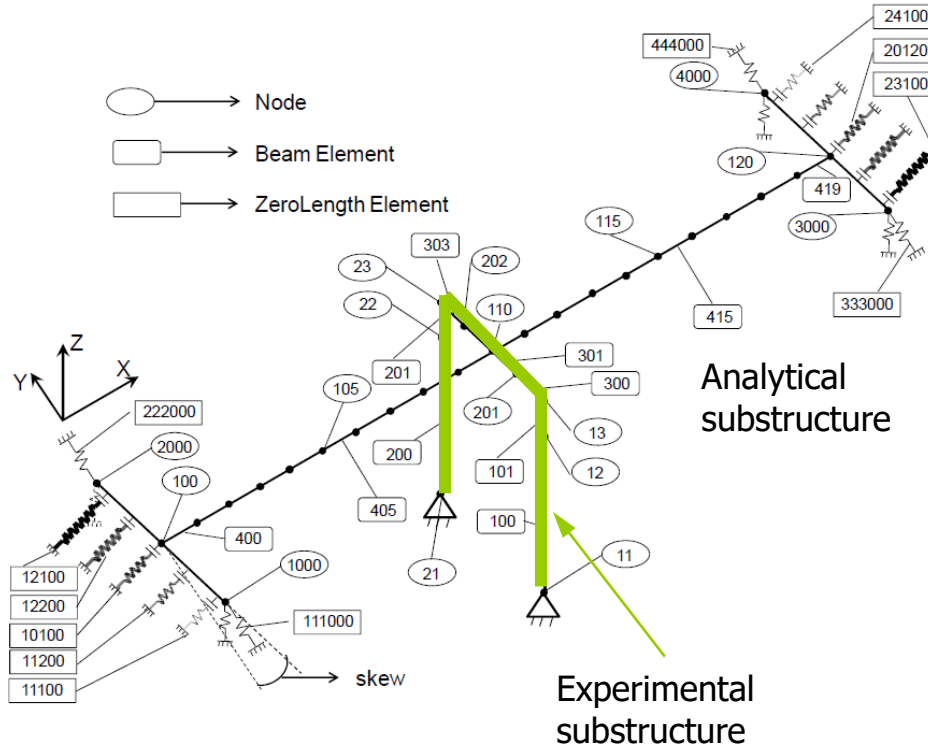
Direct comparison of shaking table and hybrid simulation results

# Hybrid Simulation Phase I



- From the shaking table test results, moment at the top is found to be negligible
- Single actuator is used to apply the lateral displacements
- As there is a vertical component of the ground motion, a vertical actuator is used to apply vertical forces due to gravity & earthquake

# Hybrid Simulation Phase II



In Phase II, rest of the bridge will be modeled analytically to consider the system level response of the bridge



**Thank You !**



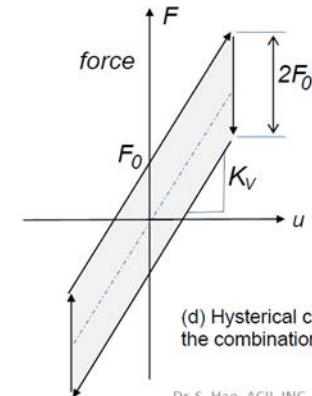
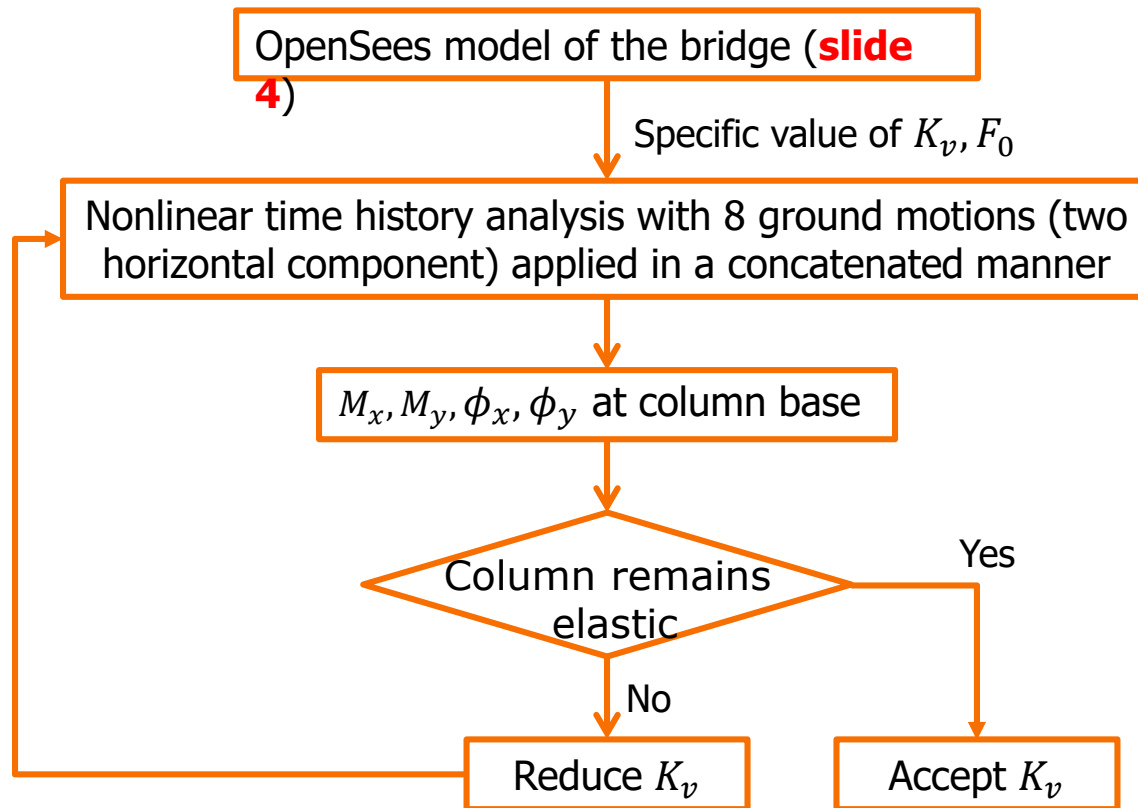
# Prototype Bridge



## Structural and geometrical parameters of the prototype bridge

Parameters	Value/ Description
General bridge description	Ordinary standard single-column bent bridge with 2 spans
Total length of bridge ( $L_{Total}$ )	220.4 ft (67.2 m)
Number of spans and length of each deck span	2 spans: 108.58 ft (33.105 m) and 111.82 ft (34.095 m)
Total deck width ( $W_{deck}$ )	27.13 ft (8.27 m)
Deck depth ( $d_d$ )	4.64 ft (1.415 m)
Deck cross-sectional geometry	$A = 97.546 \text{ ft}^2$ (9.067 $\text{m}^2$ ); $J = 341.442 \text{ ft}^4$ (2.954 $\text{m}^4$ ); $I_x = 180.328 \text{ ft}^4$ (1.558 $\text{m}^4$ ); $I_y = 3797.9 \text{ ft}^4$ (32.81 $\text{m}^4$ ); $A_{xz} = 18.92 \text{ ft}^2$ (1.759 $\text{m}^2$ ); $A_{yz} = 27.584 \text{ ft}^2$ (2.564 $\text{m}^2$ ); $S_x = 83.35 \text{ ft}^3$ (2.362 $\text{m}^3$ ); $Z_x = 115.143 \text{ ft}^3$ (3.263 $\text{m}^3$ ); $S_y = 279.97 \text{ ft}^3$ (7.934 $\text{m}^3$ ); $Z_y = 521.832 \text{ ft}^3$ (14.788 $\text{m}^3$ )
Number and clear height of each column bent ( $H_{col}$ )	1 column: 19.68 ft (6 m)
Column diameter ( $D_c$ )	5.51 ft (1.68 m)
Deck centroid ( $D_{c.g.}$ )	2.48 ft (0.756 m)
Length of cap beam to centroid of column bent ( $L_{cap}$ )	-----
Cap beam dimension ( $B_{cap \times d_d}$ )	-----
Location and size of expansion joints	No expansion joints specified
Support details for boundary conditions	Fixed foundations
Concrete material properties for concrete of superstructure ( $f'_c, E_c$ )	Elastic deck: $f'_c = 5 \text{ ksi}$ (34.5 MPa); $E_c = 4030.5 \text{ ksi}$ (27.8E3 MPa)
Concrete and reinforcing material properties of column bents	Concrete: $f'_c = 5 \text{ ksi}$ (34.5 MPa); Steel: ASTM A706.
Reinforcement details of column bent cross section	Longitudinal reinforcement: 44#11 (bundles of 2), $\rho_1 = 2\%$ Transverse reinforcement: Spiral. #6 @3.34"
Abutment general geometry	Simplified abutment model
Number and properties of abutment bearing pads	4 elastomeric bearing pads used per abutment

# Procedure for Finding $K_v$ that Leads to Elastic Column Response



Here  $F_0$  (the friction) is chosen to be 10% of the maximum axial force, about 200kips