



SOIL-STRUCTURE-INTERACTION SIMULATION MODELS

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SEISMIC SSI- CONCLUSIONS

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SOIL-STRUCTURE INTERACTION

- Types of structures (buildings, bridges, bunkers)
- Transfer Function: Empirically or analytical description of the behavior of a structure given response at ground level.
- Estimation of performance
 - Shallow foundations- A lot of work still needed (i.e., mat foundation). A lot of interest - effect of structure embedment.
 - Deep Foundations- A lot of interest- Highway/ retrofit of Bridges and other structures in soft soils-SSI is extremely important.

SSI- DEEP FOUNDATIONS Soil-Pile-Superstructure Interaction



Seismic Soil- Pile Group-Structure Interaction Test

Large Scale Shaking Table Tests



Conceptual Soil - Pile Model





Interface Near field Far field

Interface element: gapping = f(plastic soil deformation)

Near field element: partitioned dynamic nonlinear p-y/t-z spring = f(strain rate, #cycles, strain reversals)

Far field element: radiation damping = f(soil nonlinearity in near and free field)

Free field element: time domain site response inputs motions at nodes



Free field







NONLINEAR SITE RESPONSE ANALYSES-MODEL

• KEY ELEMENTS:

- ABILITY TO MODEL SMALL STRAIN NON-LINEARITY AND DAMPING CHARACTERISTICS
- FLEXIBILITY TO REALISTICALLY DESCRIBE RESPONSE FROM SMALL TO LARGE STRAINS
- CORRESPONDENCE WITH MEASURED SOIL BEHAVIOR
 ESTABLISHED PARAMETER DETERMINATION
- CHARACTERIZATION OF UNCERTAINTY





NONLINEAR SITE RESPONSE ANALYSIS CALIBRATED with VERTICAL ARRAY INFORMATION

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SPECTRAL ACCELERATION







Formulation of nonlinear 1-D element

NUMERICAL CAPABILITIES -NONLINEAR py, t-z springs with Gapping Capabilities





FOUNDATION RESPONSE- BENDING MOMENTS



PREDICTION OF STRUCTURAL RESPONSE









Multidirectional Shaking 2-D & 3-D Site Response Analyses





MULTIDIRECTIONAL P-Y ELEMENTS



Numerical Tool

* Nonlinear Site

OpenSees Platform

Response (2-D)

* Near Field, p-y

New Elements

Near Field, t-z and Q-z Capabilities

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