

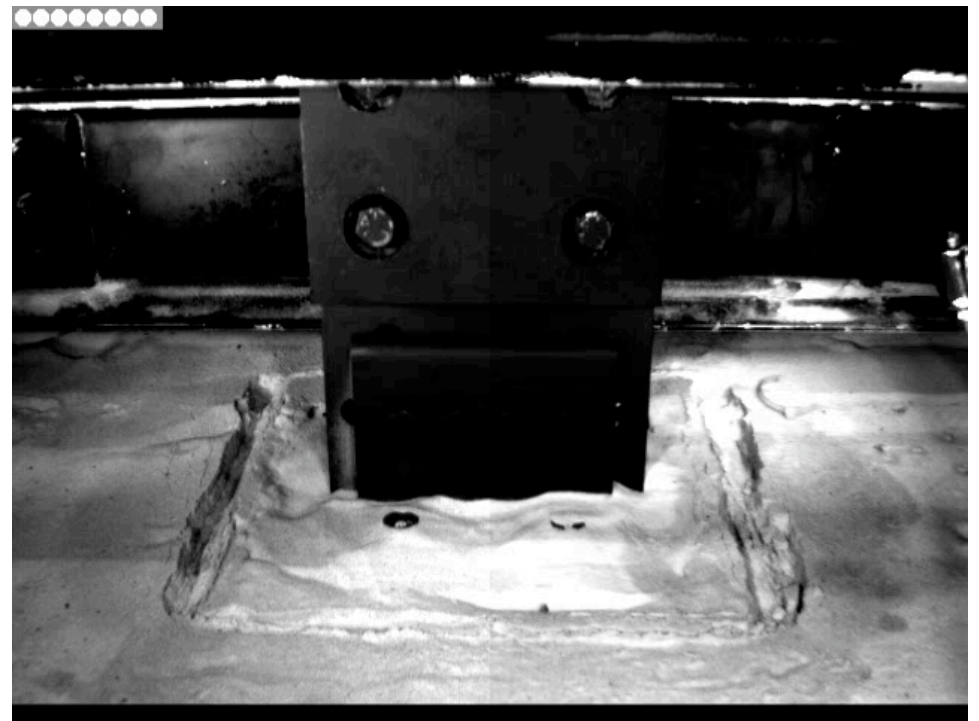
# Numerical Tools for Modeling Rocking Shearwalls (Foundations)

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# Contributions

- **UCD (Kutter), UCLA (Stewart), UCSD (Hutchinson), USC (Martin)**
- **(former) Graduate Students: Rosebrook, Phalen, Gajan, Raychowdhury, Harden, Chang, ZhiQiang Chen**
- **Support provided by PEER**

# Scope

- **Contact Interface Model (CIM) [UC Davis; Gajan & Kutter]**
- **Beam-on-Nonlinear-Winkler (BNWF) model [UCSD; Raychowdhury, Harden & Hutchinson]**
- **Calibrated with centrifuge (and other) experimental datasets**
- **Implemented in OpenSees**
- **Model documentation including user input parameter selection protocols, and example files**
- **Cross-compared**

# Features of the Models

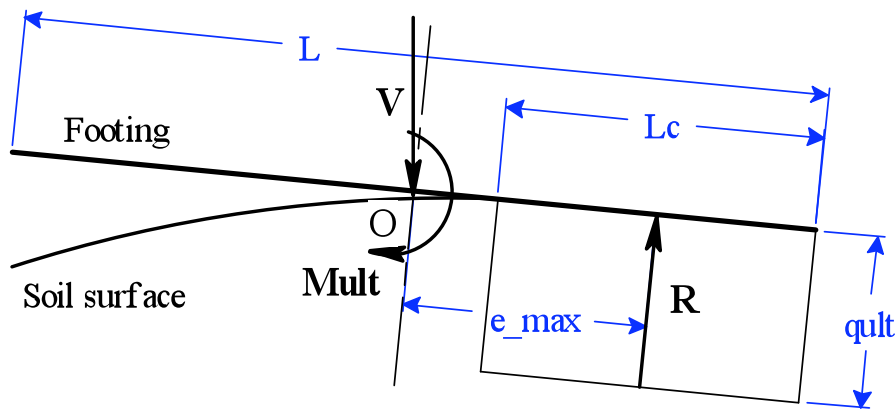
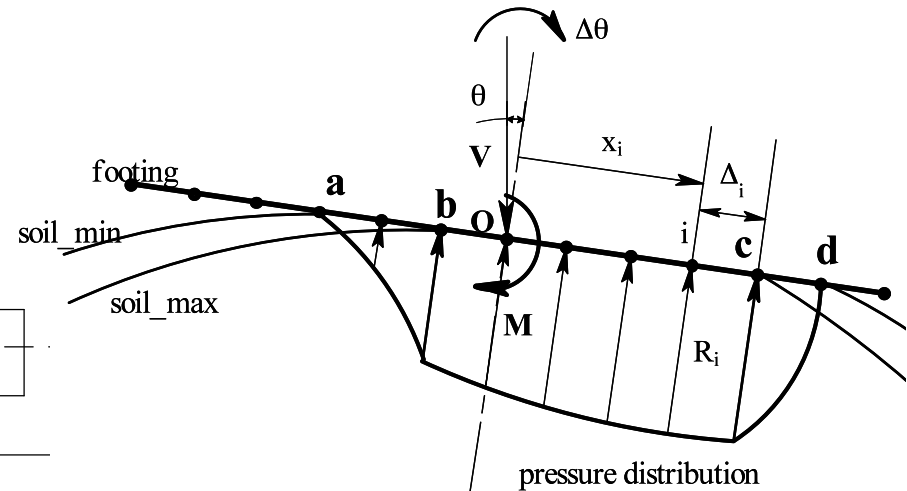
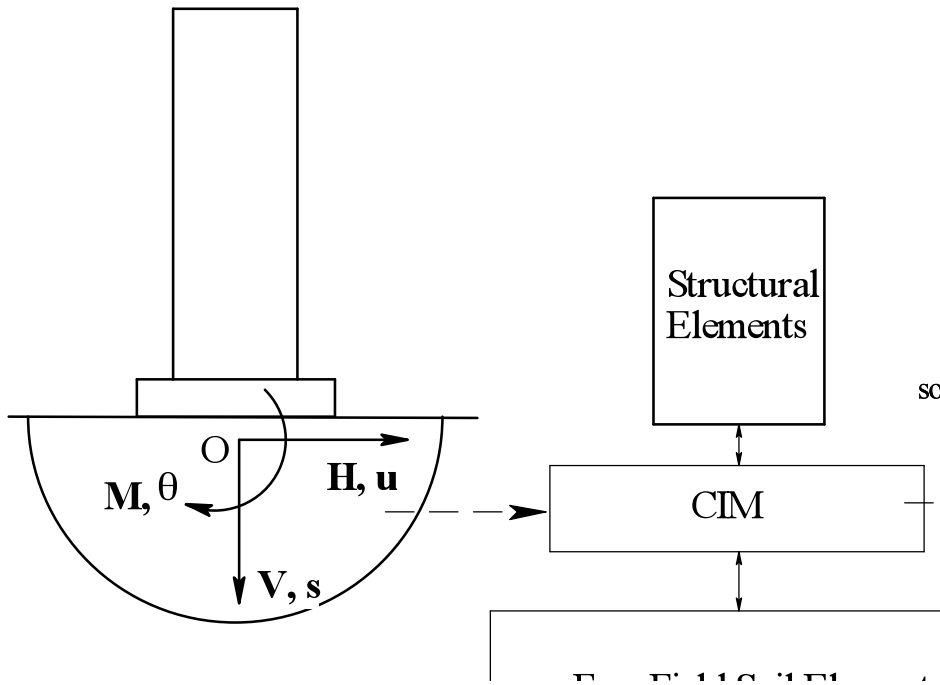
- 2D elements, designed to capture the forces ( $Q$ ,  $V$ ,  $M$ ) and deformations ( $s$ ,  $v$ ,  $\theta$ ) of (rocking-dominated) footings
  - i.e. quantify **benefits** and **consequences** during rocking
- Minimal number of input parameters for the user
- Packaged with well-developed parameter selection protocols for ease of use
- General use (buildings, bridges, etc.)

# Contact Interface Model (CIM)

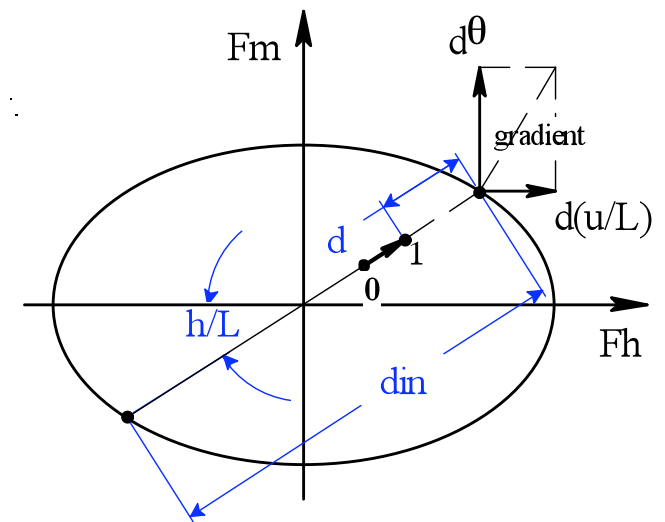
- Lumps foundation and surrounding soil into one 'macro-model'
- Structural footing assumed rigid
- Couples foundation  $Q$ ,  $V$ ,  $M$  & deformations
  - $Q$  &  $M$ : tracking contact geometry
  - $V$  &  $M$ : Yield surface (interaction diagram) & associative flow rule

# CIM – General Concepts

## Framework



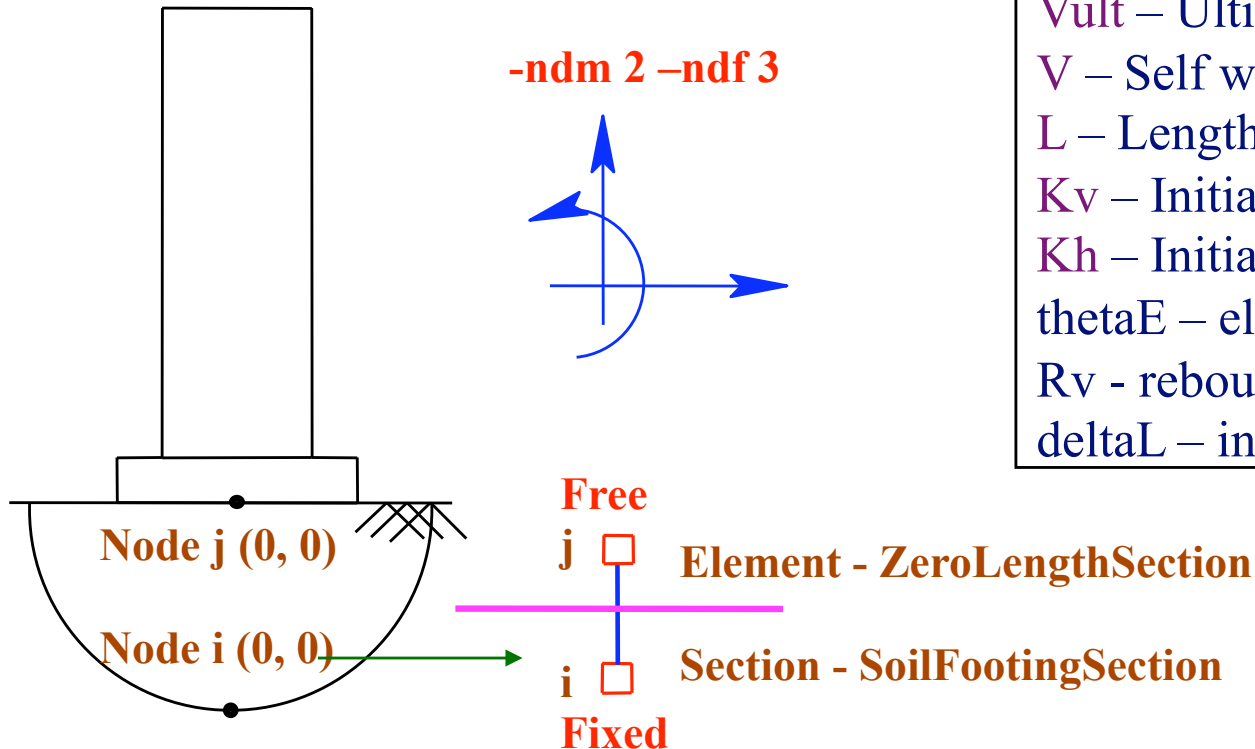
## Q-M Interaction - Critical Contact Length



## M-V Bounding surface 6

# CIM in OpenSees

section SoilFootingSection -secID -FS -Vult -L -Kv -Kh -thetaE -Rv -deltaL  
element ZeroLengthSection -eleID -iNode -jNode -secID <-orientation>



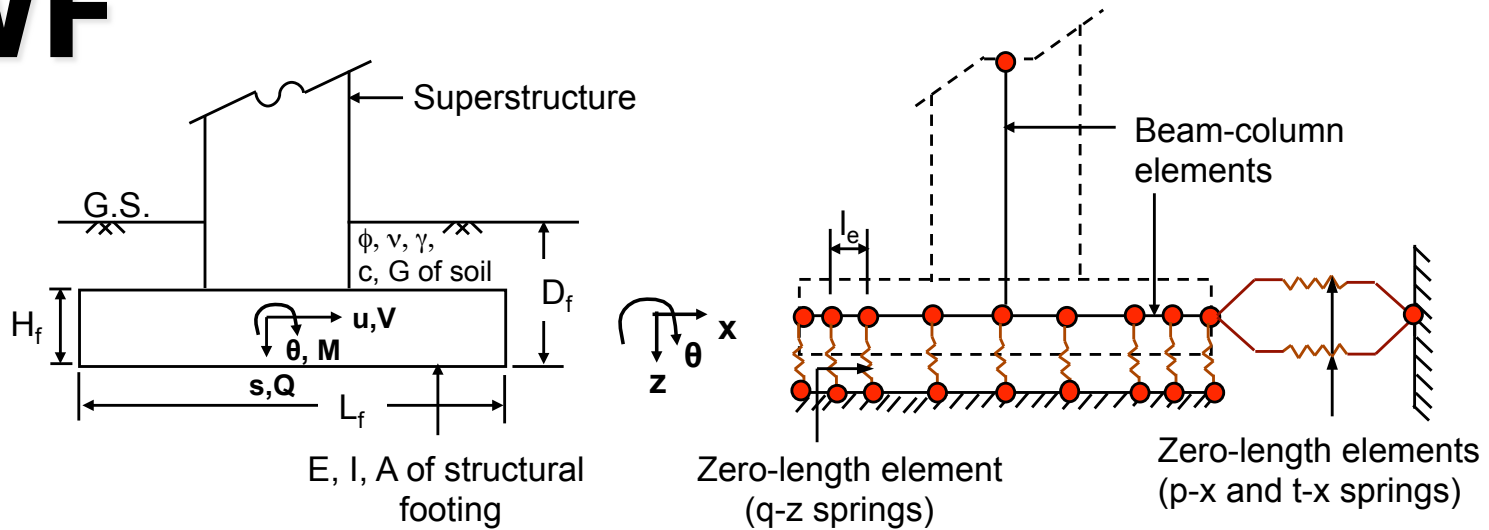
**Vult** – Ultimate vertical load  
**V** – Self weight of the structure  
**L** – Length of the footing  
**Kv** – Initial vertical stiffness  
**Kh** – Initial horizontal stiffness  
**thetaE** – elastic rotation limit  
**Rv** - rebound ratio  
**deltaL** – internal footing node spacing

# Beam-on-Nonlinear-Winkler (BNWF) Model

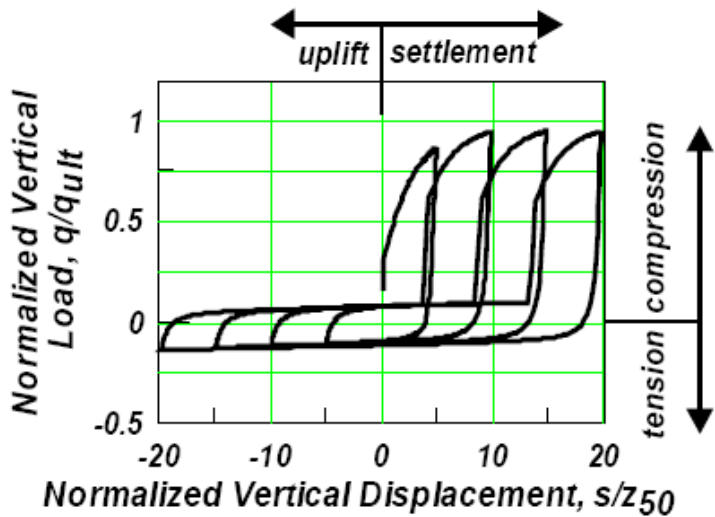
- Closely spaced, nonlinear vertical ( $\theta$ ,  $s$ ) & lateral springs ( $v$ )
- Gap elements – permanent deformations
- Dashpots – radiation damping
- Large body of literature (extension of earlier pile-based formulations; Boulanger et al., 1999)
- Familiarity and comfort in practice



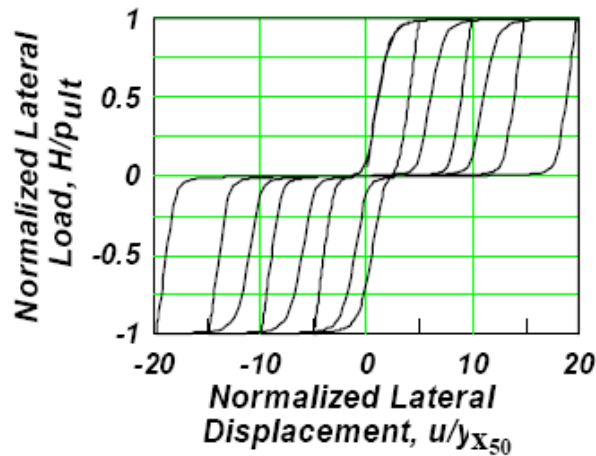
# BNWF



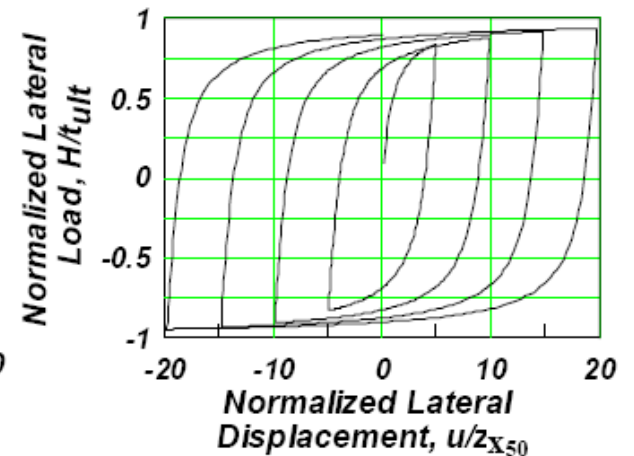
## q-z springs



## p-x springs (passive)



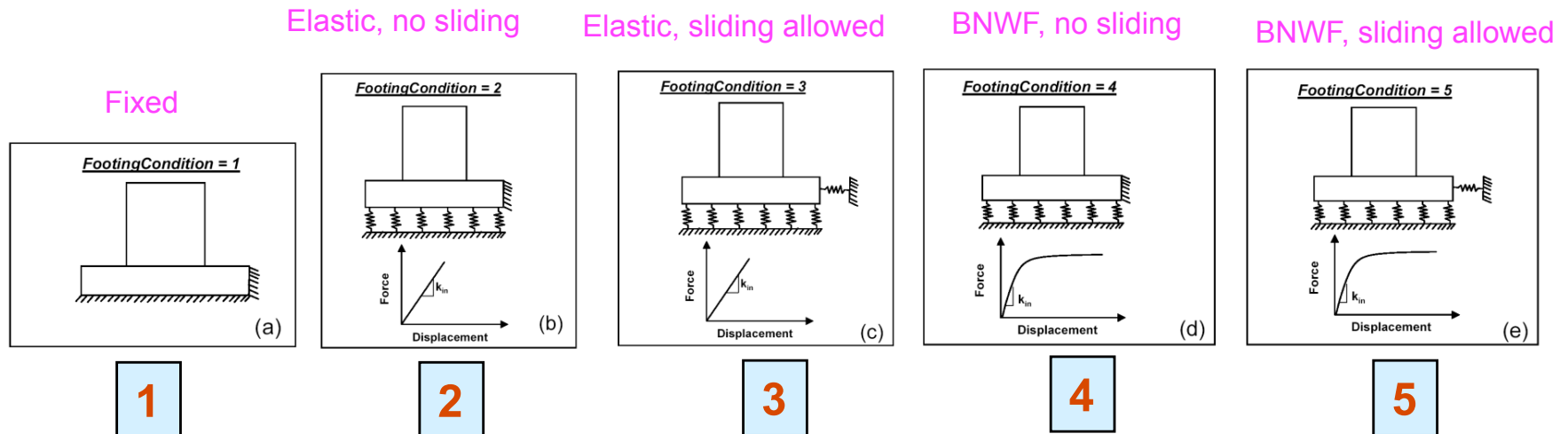
## t-x springs (interface friction)



# BNWF in OpenSees

`ShallowFoundationGen` \$FoundationTag \$ConnectNode \$InputFile \$FootingCondition

- **Argument 1: \$FoundationTag:** An integer number denoting the foundation number
- **Argument 2: \$ConnectNode:** Node of the structure that is to be connected with middle node of the foundation
- **Argument 3: \$InputFile:** Name of input file containing soil and footing properties
- **Argument 4: \$FootingCondition:** An integer value from 1 to 5 for different base conditions



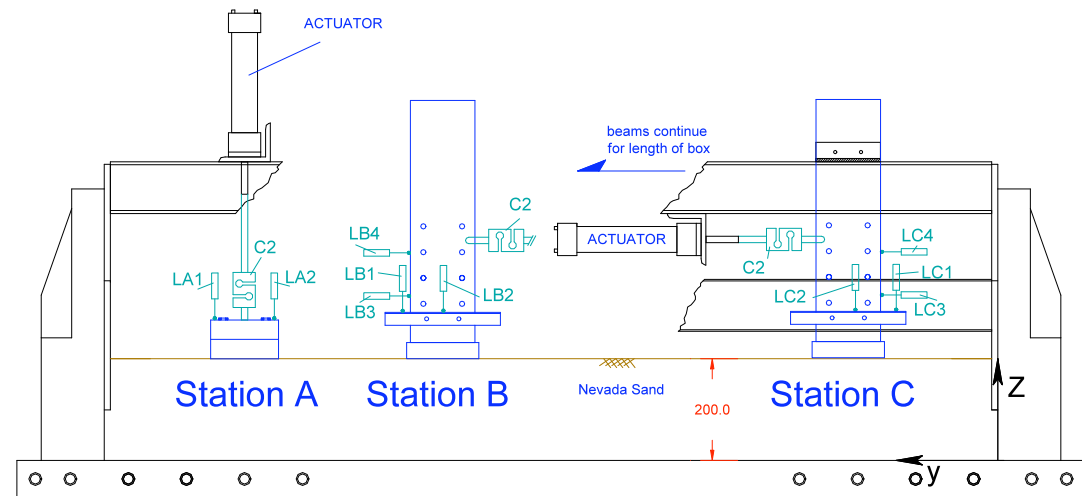
4 input parameters/spring type + 3 global mesh parameters = 15

# Wall-Footing Experiments

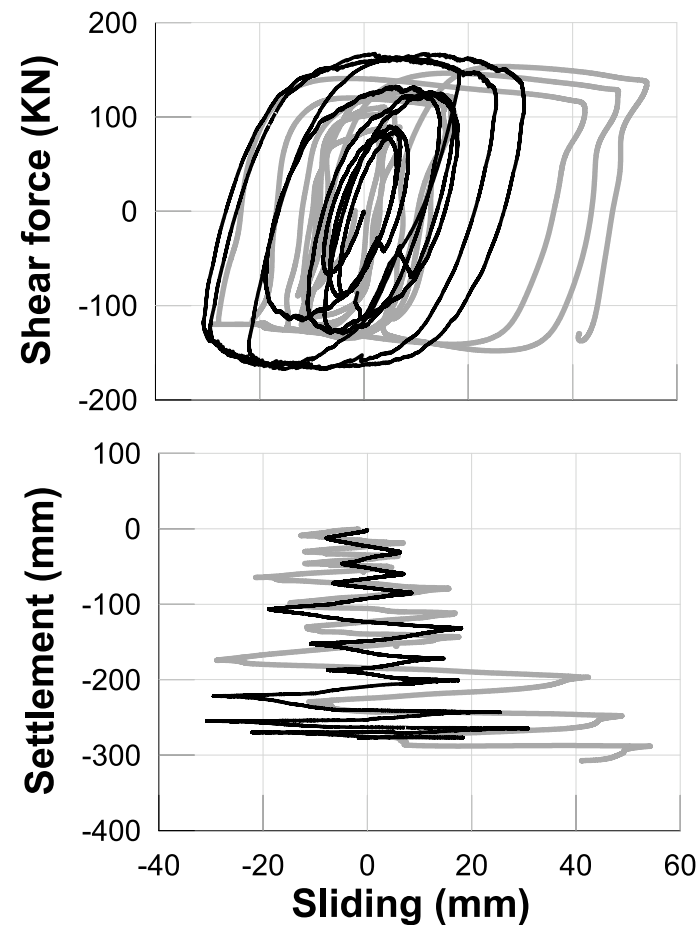
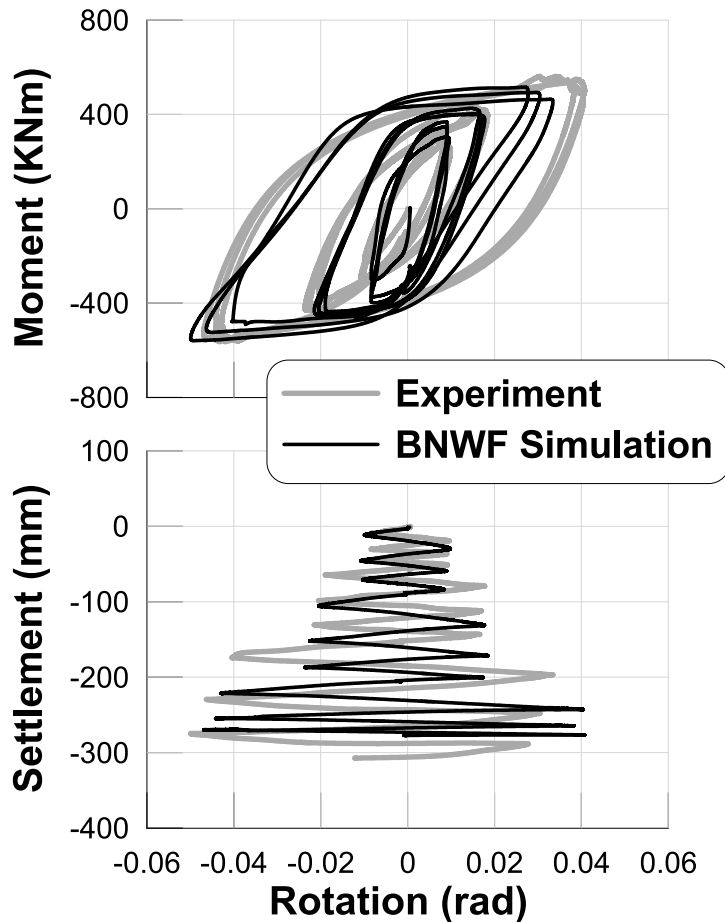


**Planar wall  
-footing model**

- Tests on clay and sand
- Varying embedment (0, B, 3B)
- $Q_u/Q_a = 2-15$
- Slow cyclic and dynamic loading



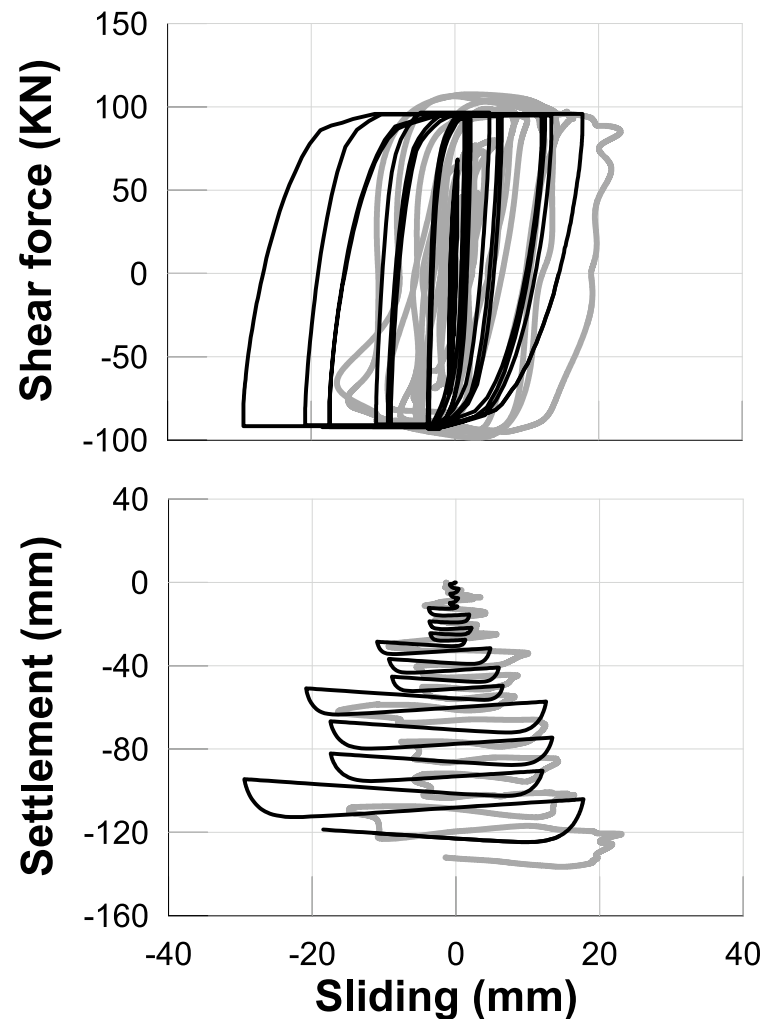
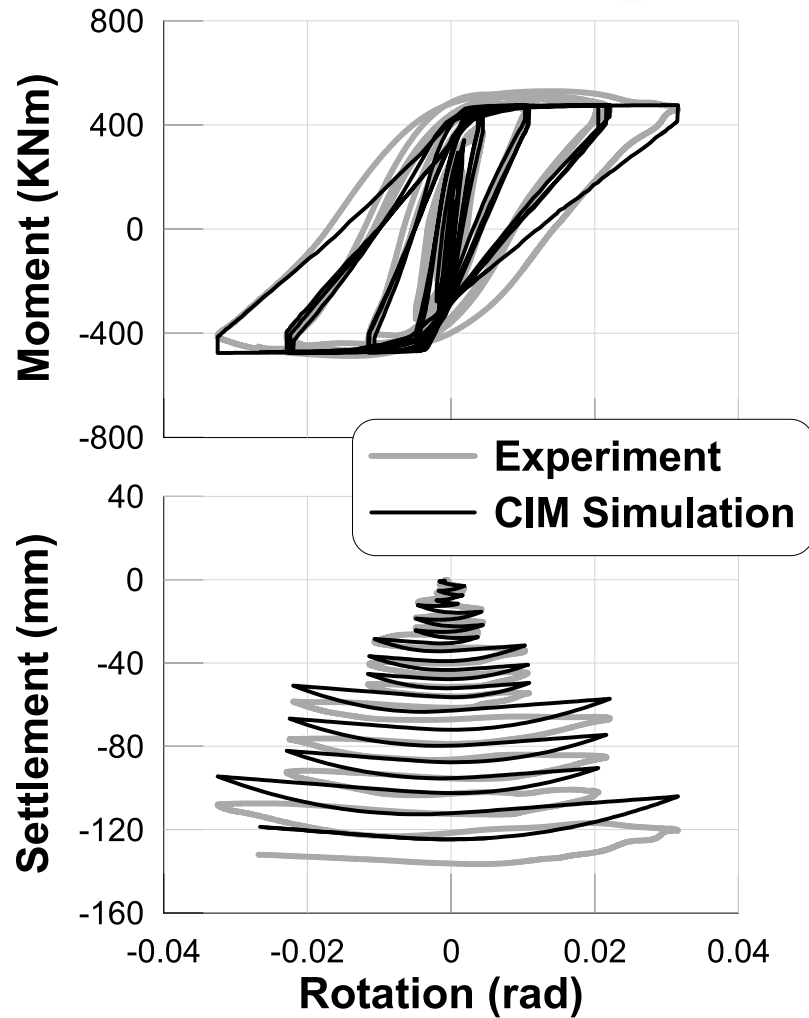
# **BNWF** Experiment-Numerical Model Comparison



- 80% dry sand
- Strip footing (2.85m x 0.65m prototype size)
- Static cyclic loading
- Shearwall-footing test series
- $Q_u/Q_a = 2.3$
- $M/(HL) = 1.2$

SSG04-06 test series by Gajan et al. (2006)

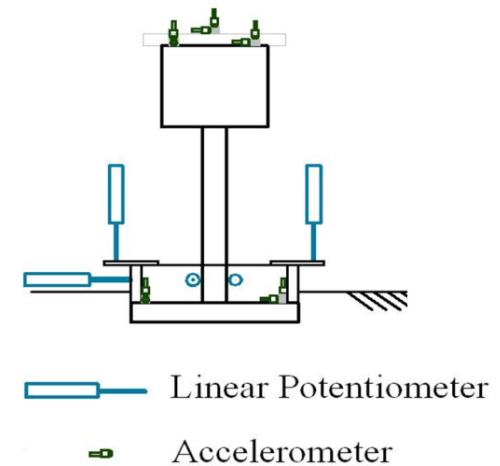
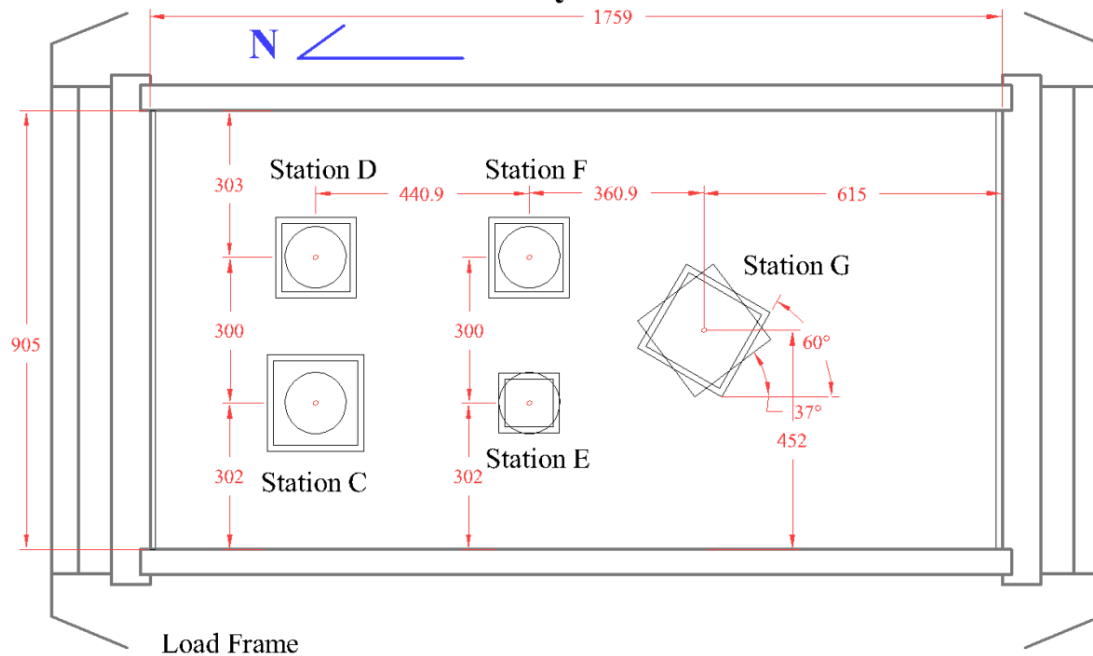
# **CIM** Experiment-Numerical Model Comparison



**SSG02\_05 centrifuge test ( $Dr = 80\%$ ,  $Qu/Qa = 2.6$ ,  $M/(H \times L) = 1.72$ )**

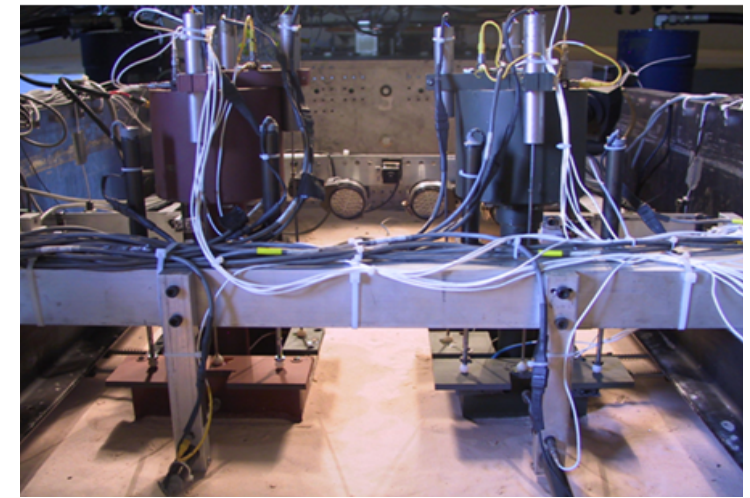
# Comparison with Bridge Footing-Column Tests

Plan View Dynamic Stations

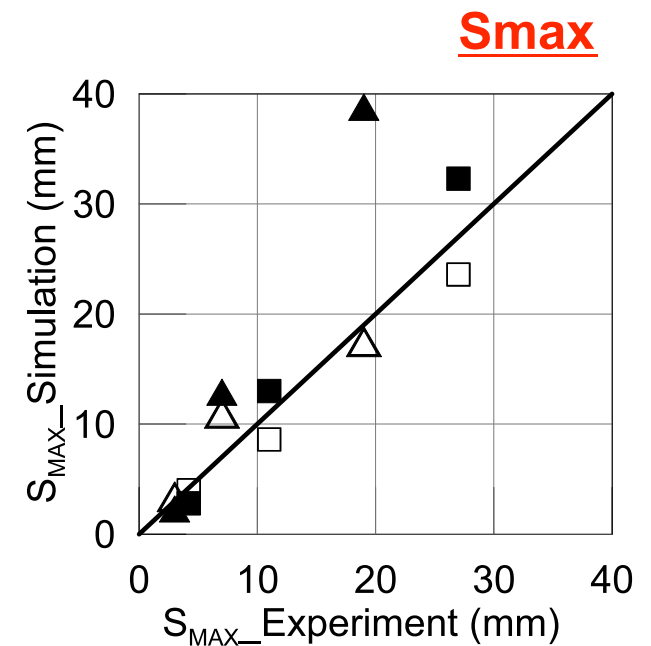
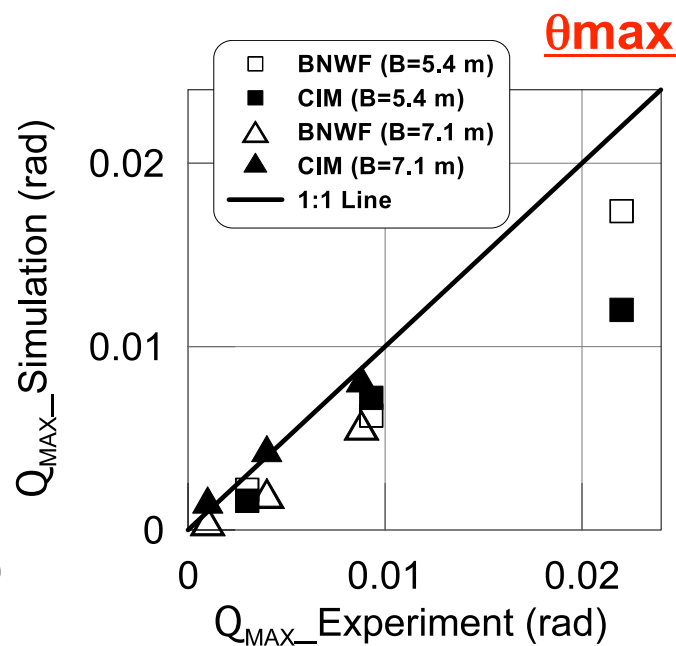
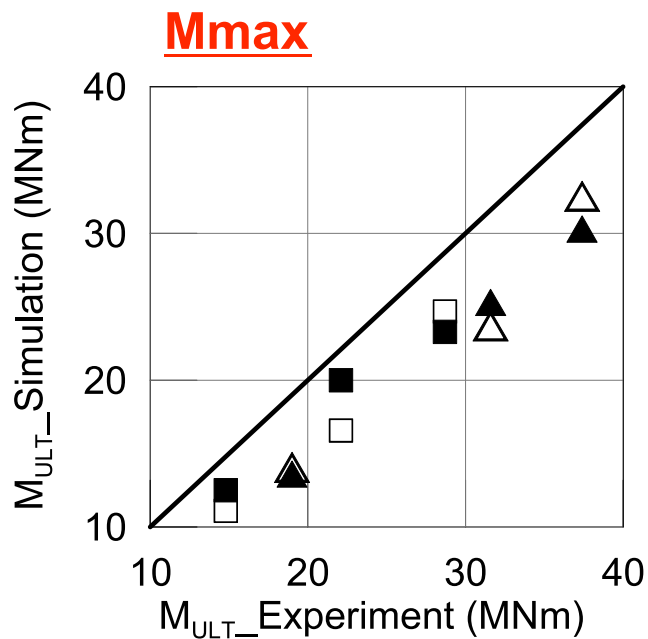
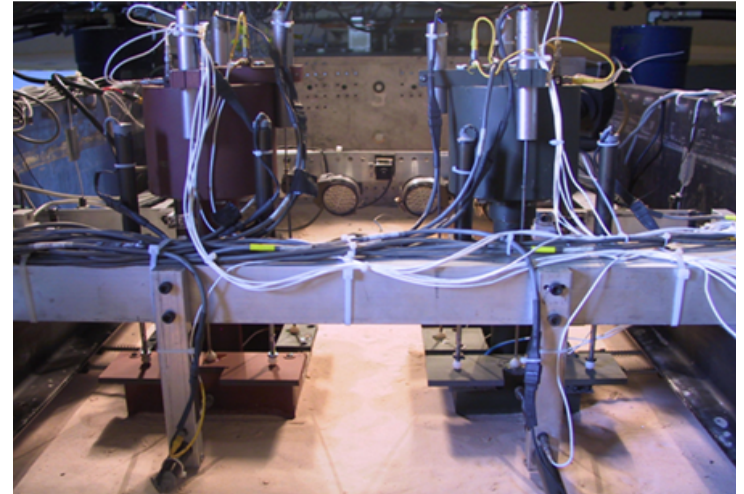


- Tests on sand; square footings
- Varying embedment (0.2-0.3B)
- $Q_u/Q_a = 17$  &  $31$ ; S controlled
- Earthquake base shaking

*Ulgade et al., 2008*



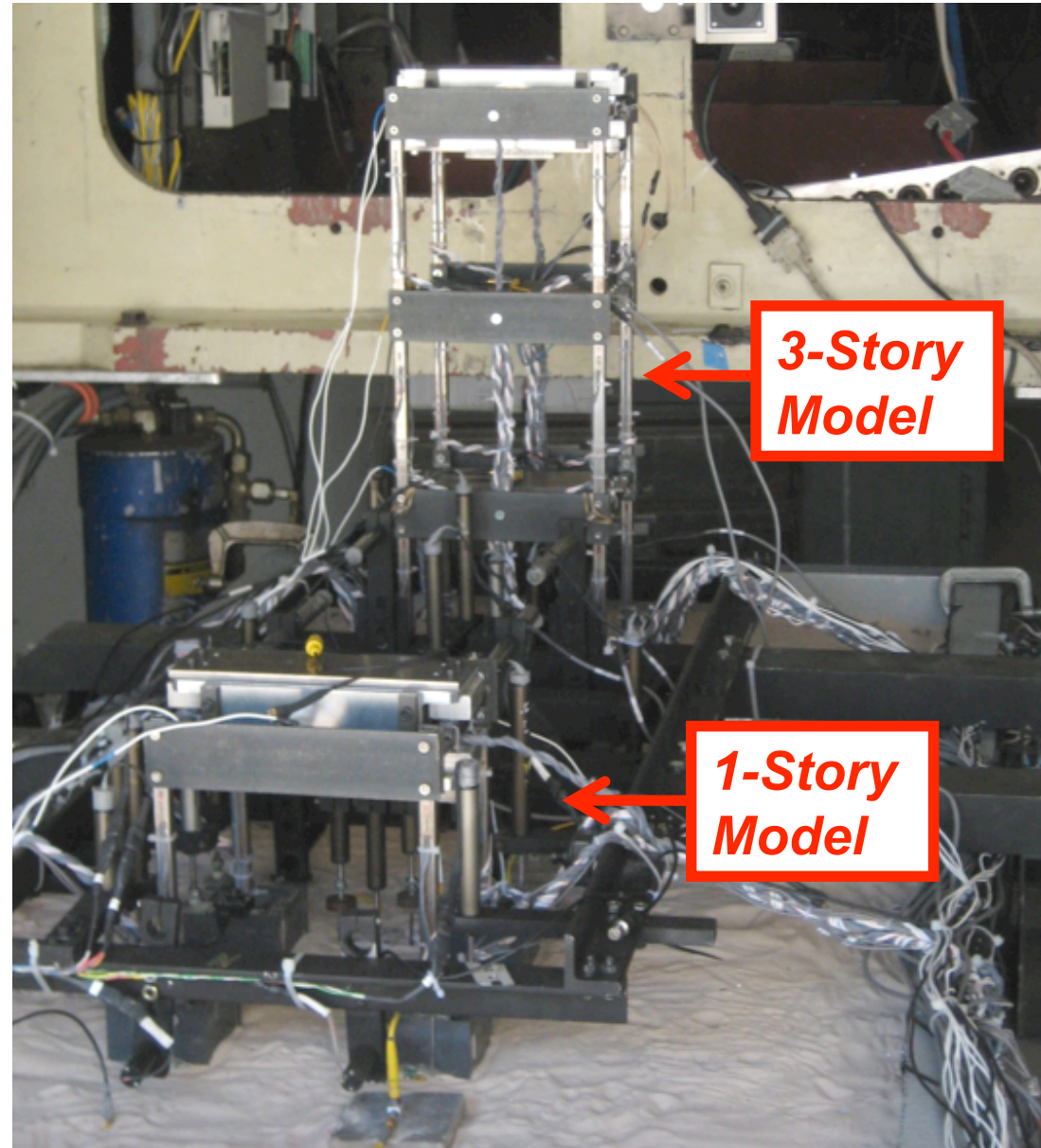
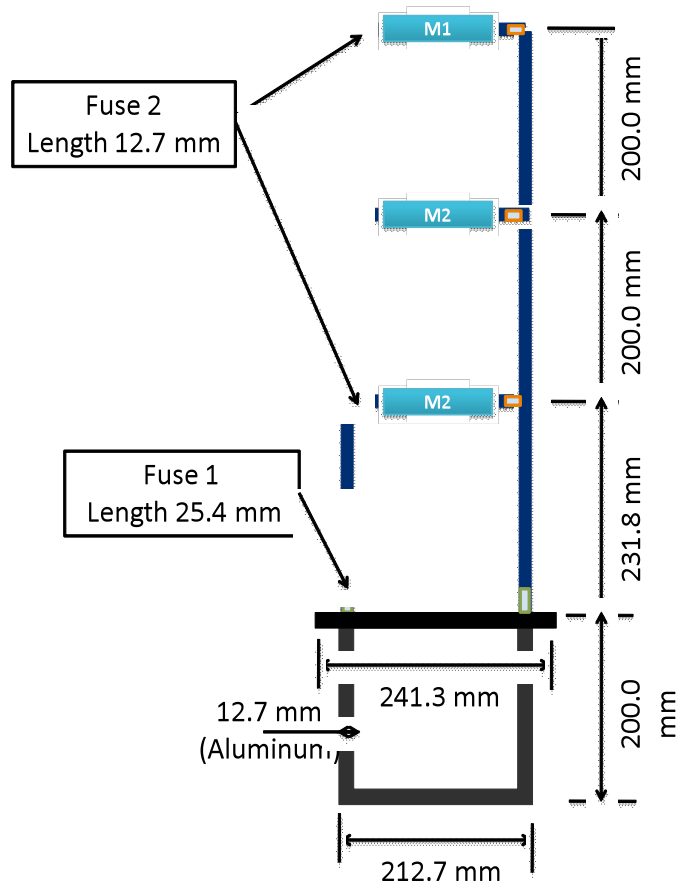
# Comparison with Bridge Footing-Column Tests - Synthesis





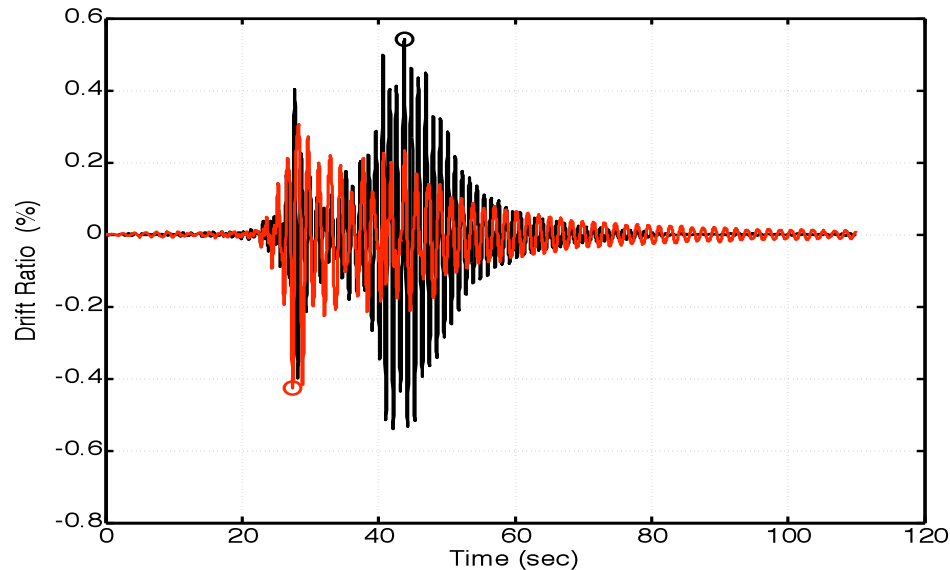
# Application of Tools

- NEESR “City Blocks” Pre-Test analysis



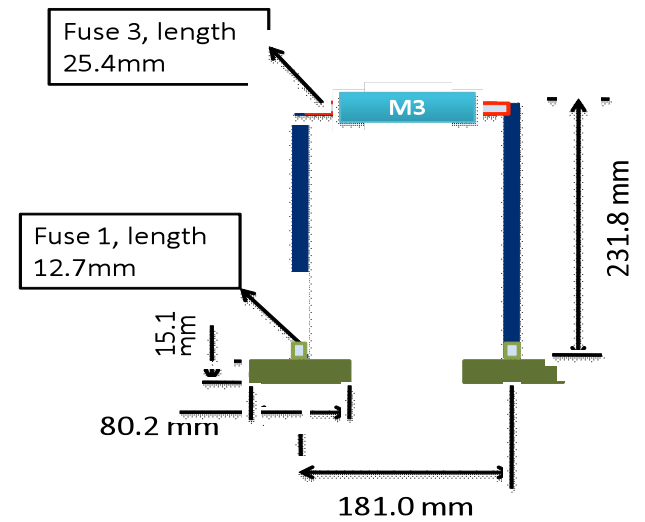


# Pre-Test Predictions



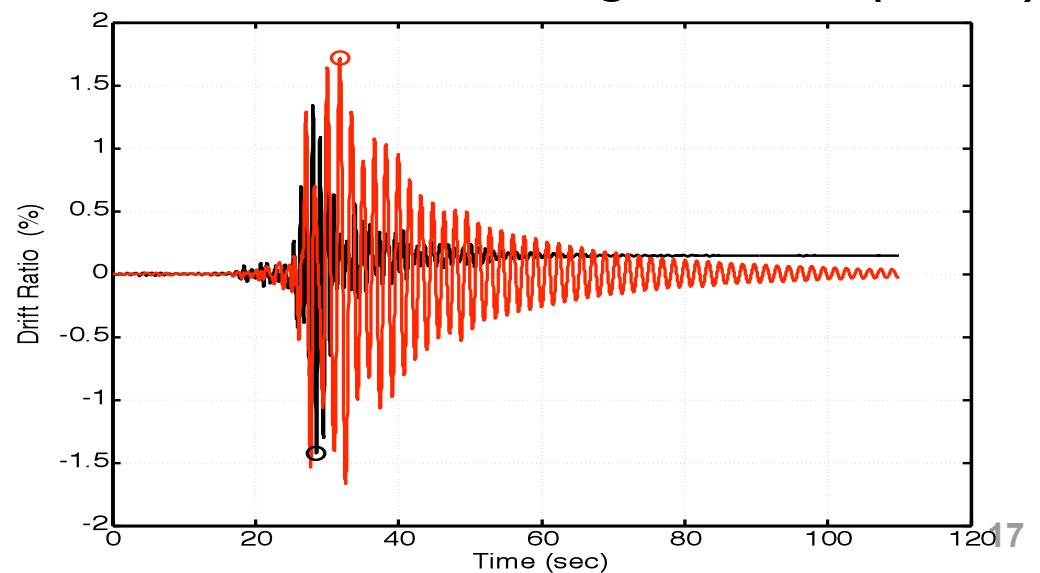
***1992 Landers, Joshua Tree Motion (Ord, LI)***

- Provide insight into motion protocol
- More reasonable evaluation of demands for final footing design as well as experimental (instrumentation) design



— Fixed-base  
— BNWF model

***1989 Loma Prieta, Saratoga Motion, (NF, HI)***



# Which model to use?

- CIM:

- Straightforward implementation (7 input parameters)
- Moment-shear-axial forces coupled
- **Structural footing not modeled**
- **At present only available in OpenSees**

- BNWF:

- Straightforward implementation (**15 input parameters**)
- **Moment-shear-axial forces uncoupled**
- Structural footing modeled
- At present available in OpenSees, however, concepts could be implemented by an analyst in other platforms

# Outcomes

- **We hope to encourage use of these new tools by practice:**
  - All data reports available on-line:  
[cgm.egr.ucdavis.edu](http://cgm.egr.ucdavis.edu)
  - OpenSees implementation and examples of various foundation-structural system models available at:  
[opensees.berkeley.edu](http://opensees.berkeley.edu)
- **Findings from this work will help us:**
  - Improve nonlinear static procedures
  - Improve accuracy of our nonlinear dynamic analyses capabilities
  - Provide improved confidence in the use of the foundation as an energy dissipative system

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