



# ***On the Use of Digital Twins for Structural Health and Performance Monitoring and Rapid Post-Event Assessment***

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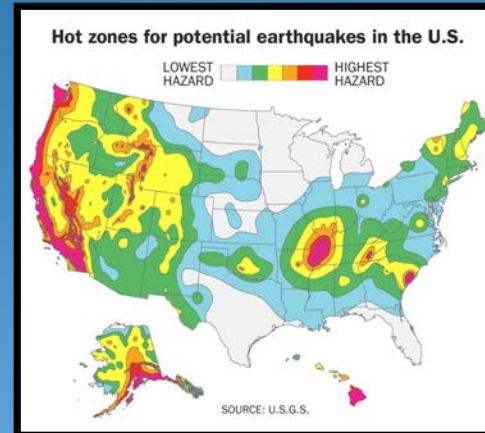
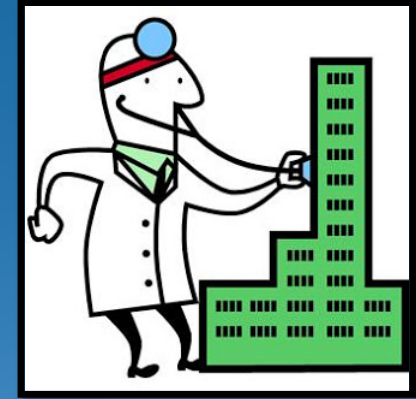
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# Outline

- Why is SHM needed?
- Current Practice
- The Ideal Solution (IMHO)
- Digital Twins + Bayesian Model Updating
  - Validation: Samoa Channel Bridge
  - Verification: The Golden Gate Bridge
  - Application examples:
    - Post-Earthquake Assessment: San Roque Canyon Bridge
    - Operational Monitoring: The San Roque Canyon Bridge

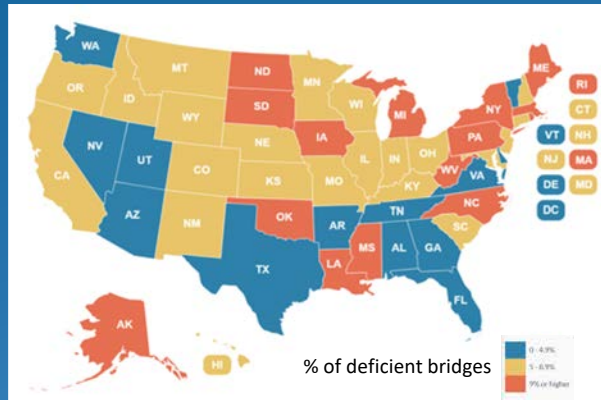
# Structures Need Doctors!

- Gradual damage is inevitable
  - Aging
  - Permanent and cyclic loading
  - Environmental effects (temperature, humidity, etc.)
  - Minor earthquakes
- Older structures
  - Recently understood vulnerabilities
  - Configurational or utilization changes
- Severe events can/will also happen
  - Natural (Earthquakes, Fires, Hurricanes)
  - Anthropogenic

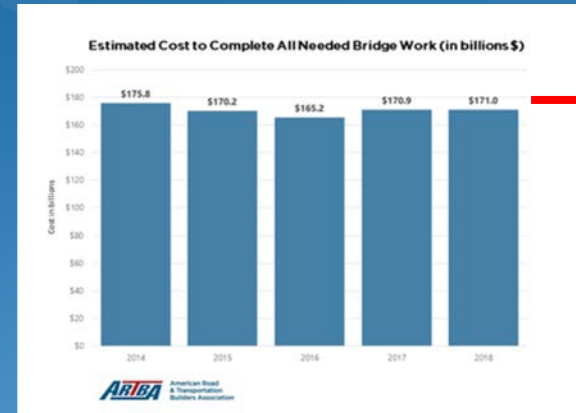


# Our Bridges Are Old

*“There are more than 56000 structurally deficient bridges in US”,*  
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Estimated cost to complete all needed bridge works (billion \$)



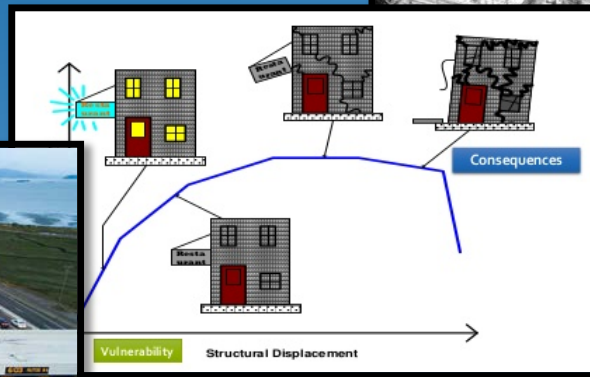
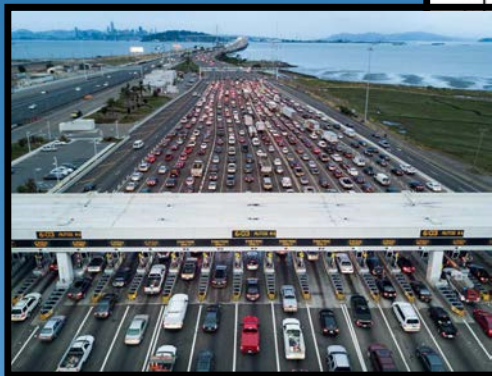
Resources must be carefully managed!

**SHM:** yesterday option, current need, future necessity



# Today Challenges

- Inventories of complex structures and infrastructure are exponentially growing
- Design philosophy has changed from the **life safety** to **business continuity**
- **Indirect costs** are becoming higher and higher!



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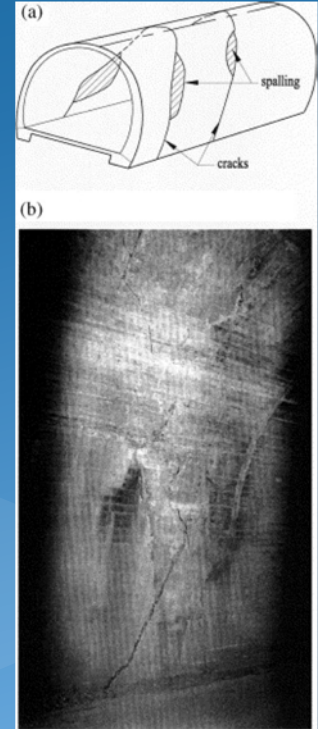
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*Visual inspections are costly and time-consuming and thus, must be prioritized after a major event.*

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Damage may manifest in inaccessible locations (box girders, pile foundations, etc.).

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Instances that were perceived to be OK!



# After an Event

In case of an emergency we need to answer the following questions:

1. Do we need to stop operation?
2. If so, when will it be safe to restart?
3. Where do we send the first responders?
4. Can we quickly assess structural damage?
  - *Is there damage in the system?* ← **detection**
  - *What are the damaged components?* ← **localization**
  - *How significant is the damage?* ← **quantification**



JR East evacuation during the 2011 Tohoku Eq.

- Health assessment must be carried out quickly to minimize unnecessary downtime
  - **Bridges are under operational traffic while aftershocks are coming**
- Decision must be made based on quantitative results
  - **Wrong decisions can result in disasters**
- There is no time to do tests
  - **Number of assets in affected regions are large and resources are typically limited**
- Number of assets to be inspected is typically very large
  - **The proposed method must be scalable**
- Logistics may become chaotic in the aftermath of a major event
  - **The health assessment process must be automated**

# Sensor-Based SHM Solutions



- Expensive
- Not applicable at every location
- Not applicable continuously
- Cause Performance interruptions
- Typically no system-level insight

Non-Destructive  
Evaluation

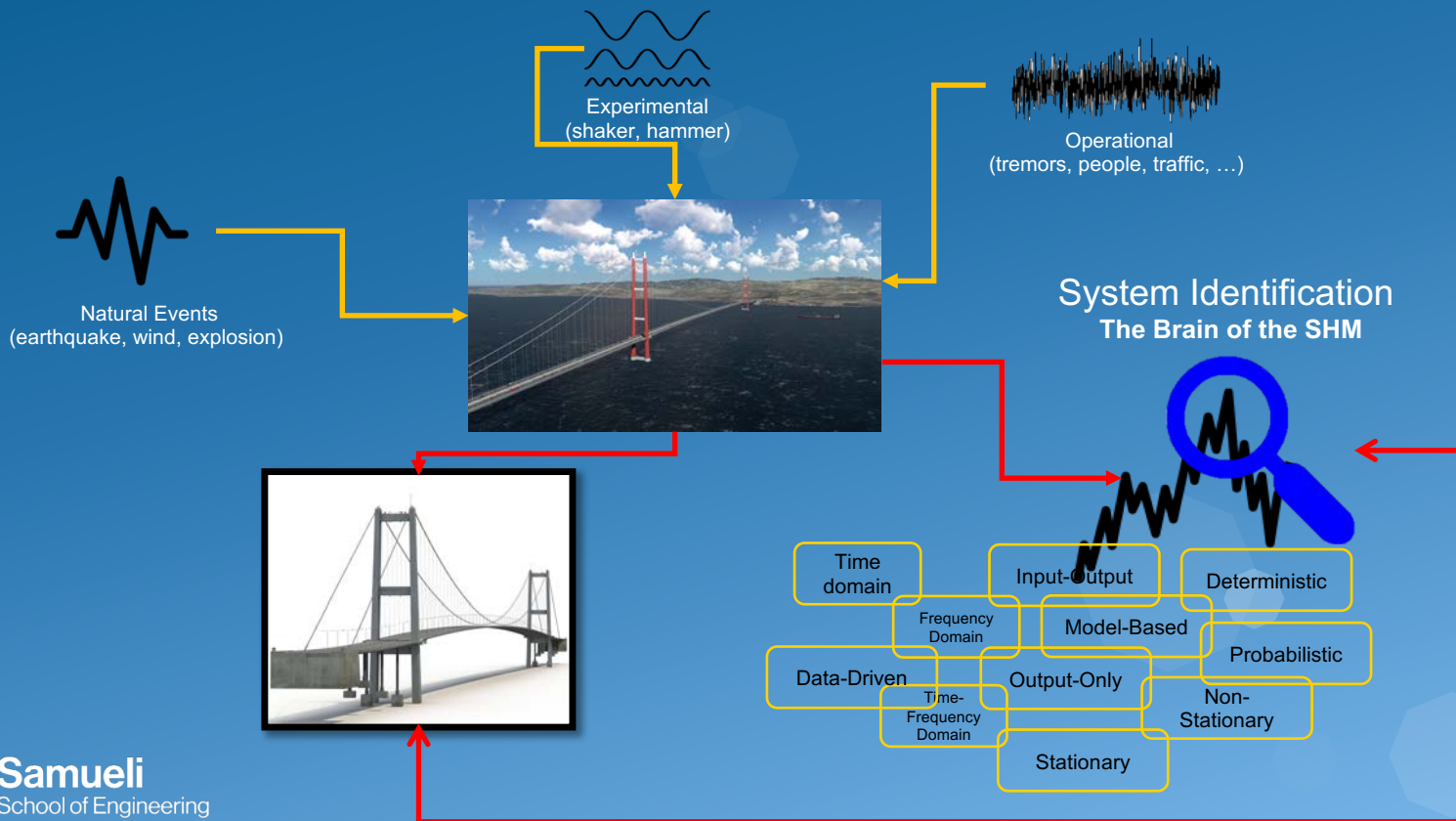
Ultrasonic Test

Tap Test

Infrared Thermography

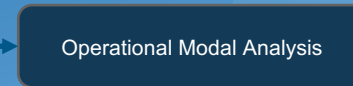
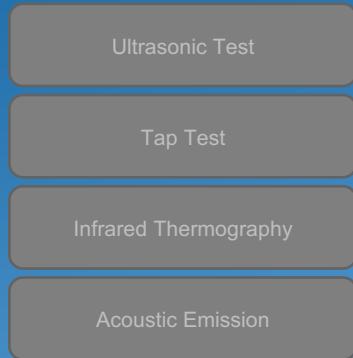
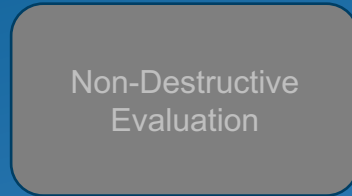
Acoustic Emission

# Vibration-Based SHM Solutions





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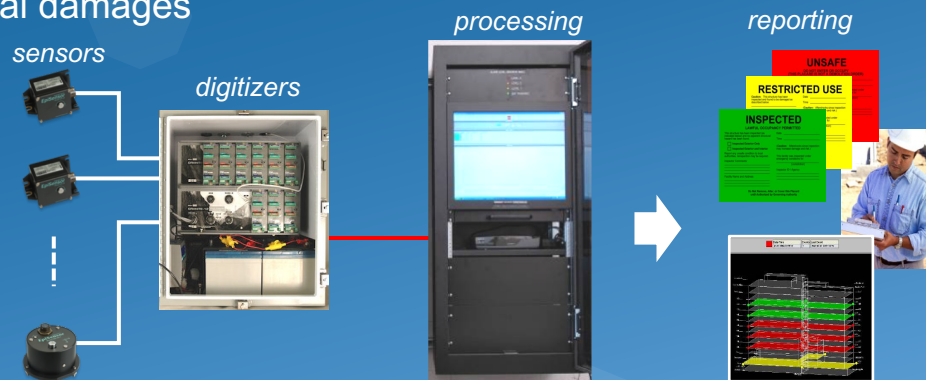
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- Non-predictive
- Large and unquantified uncertainty
- No system-level insight
- Dense sensor installation

- Insensitive Modal properties
- Linear response assumption
- White noise input assumption
- Classical damping

# A Robust SHM & Rapid PEA Framework

- It should work for **rapid** post-event (e.g., earthquake) damage assessment as well as **long-term** health/performance monitoring
- It must be able to identify hidden and local damages
- It must be

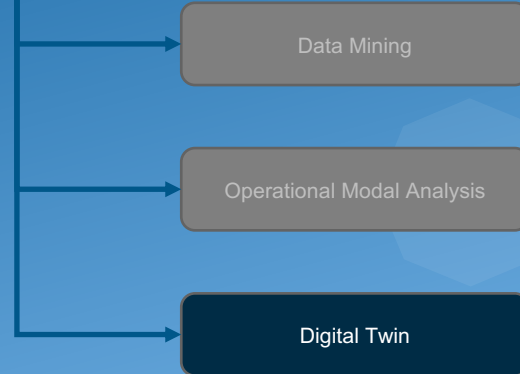
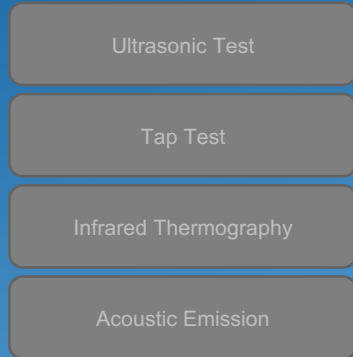
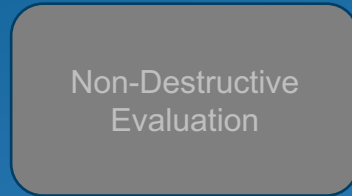
- ✓ practical
- ✓ low cost
- ✓ quantitative
- ✓ reliable/accurate
- ✓ automated
- ✓ scalable
- ✓ fast



- It should **minimize** operation/service **interruptions**
- It should help identify **preventative** maintenance
- It should be **self-improving**
- It should take advantage of **technology advancements** over time



# SHM Solutions



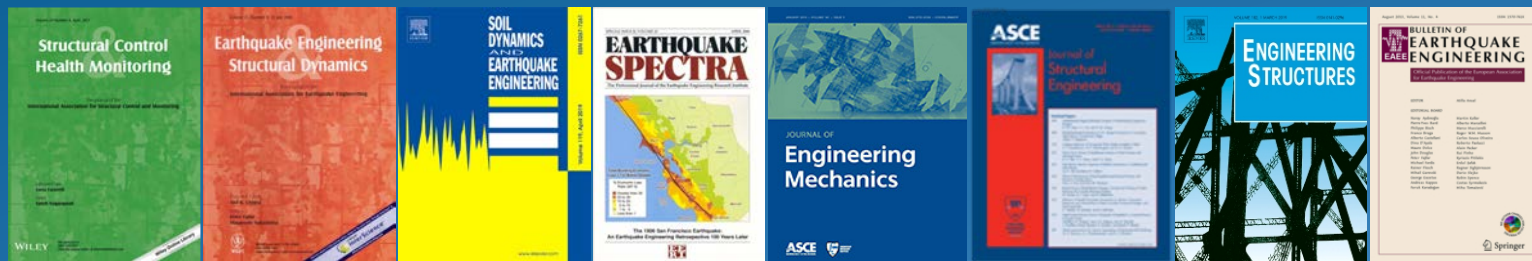
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- Physics-based model
- Nonlinear behavior
- Arbitrary input excitations
- Uncertainty quantification
- Remaining life estimation
- Case-specific
- System level insight
- Hidden damage identification

# A Decade of Study



2006

2019

**Parameter identification of framed structures using an improved finite element model-updating method—Part I: formulation and verification**

Junping Yu, Ertugrul Taciroglu, John W. Wallace

**Modal System Identification and Finite Element Model Updating of a 15-Story Building Using Earthquake and Ambient Vibration Data**

Junjie Heide, Junping Yu, John Wallace, and Ertugrul Taciroglu

**On Forced Vibration Testing for Quantifying Damage in Building Structures**

Junping Yu, Junjie Heide, John Wallace, and Ertugrul Taciroglu

**Performance of equilibrium-based system identification algorithms with incomplete state data**

W. Zhou, H. L. Z. Su, and E. Taciroglu

**Ambient and Forced Vibration Testing of a Reinforced Concrete Building before and after its Seismic Retrofitting**

Junjie Heide, Ertugrul Taciroglu, M. A. Ghannad, and Ertugrul Taciroglu

**Parametric Identification of Nondegrading Hysteresis in a Laterally and Torsionally Coupled Building Using an Unscented Kalman Filter**

S. Ghannad, M. A. Ghannad, M. A. Ghannad, and E. Taciroglu

**Story-by-story estimation of the stiffness parameters of laterally-torsionally coupled buildings using forced or ambient vibration data: I. Formulation and verification**

Rezaul Karim, Ralph E. Hudson, Ertugrul Taciroglu

**Blind identification of soil-structure systems**

S. F. Ghannad, M. A. Ghannad, and E. Taciroglu

**Response-only modal identification of structures using limited sensors**

F. Alkassas, S. F. Ghannad, F. Naeem, E. Taciroglu

**Blind Modal Identification of Non-Classically Damped Systems from Free or Ambient Vibration Records**

F. Alkassas, F. Naeem, S. F. Ghannad, E. Taciroglu, and Ertugrul Taciroglu

**Response-only modal identification of structures using strong motion data**

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**Blind modal identification of structures from spatially sparse seismic response signals**

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**Extended Blind Modal Identification Technique for Nonstationary Excitations and Its Verification and Validation**

F. Alkassas, F. Naeem, S. F. Ghannad, and E. Taciroglu

**Blind identification of the Millikan Library from earthquake data considering soil-structure interaction**

S. F. Ghannad, F. Alkassas, O. Aydi, M. Ghannad, E. Taciroglu

**Blind modal identification of non-classically damped structures under non-stationary excitations**

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**Bayesian identification of soil-foundation stiffness of building structures**

Yousef Yousef Ghannad, M. A. Ghannad, S. F. Ghannad, Ertugrul Taciroglu

**Probabilistic blind identification of site effects from ground surface signals**

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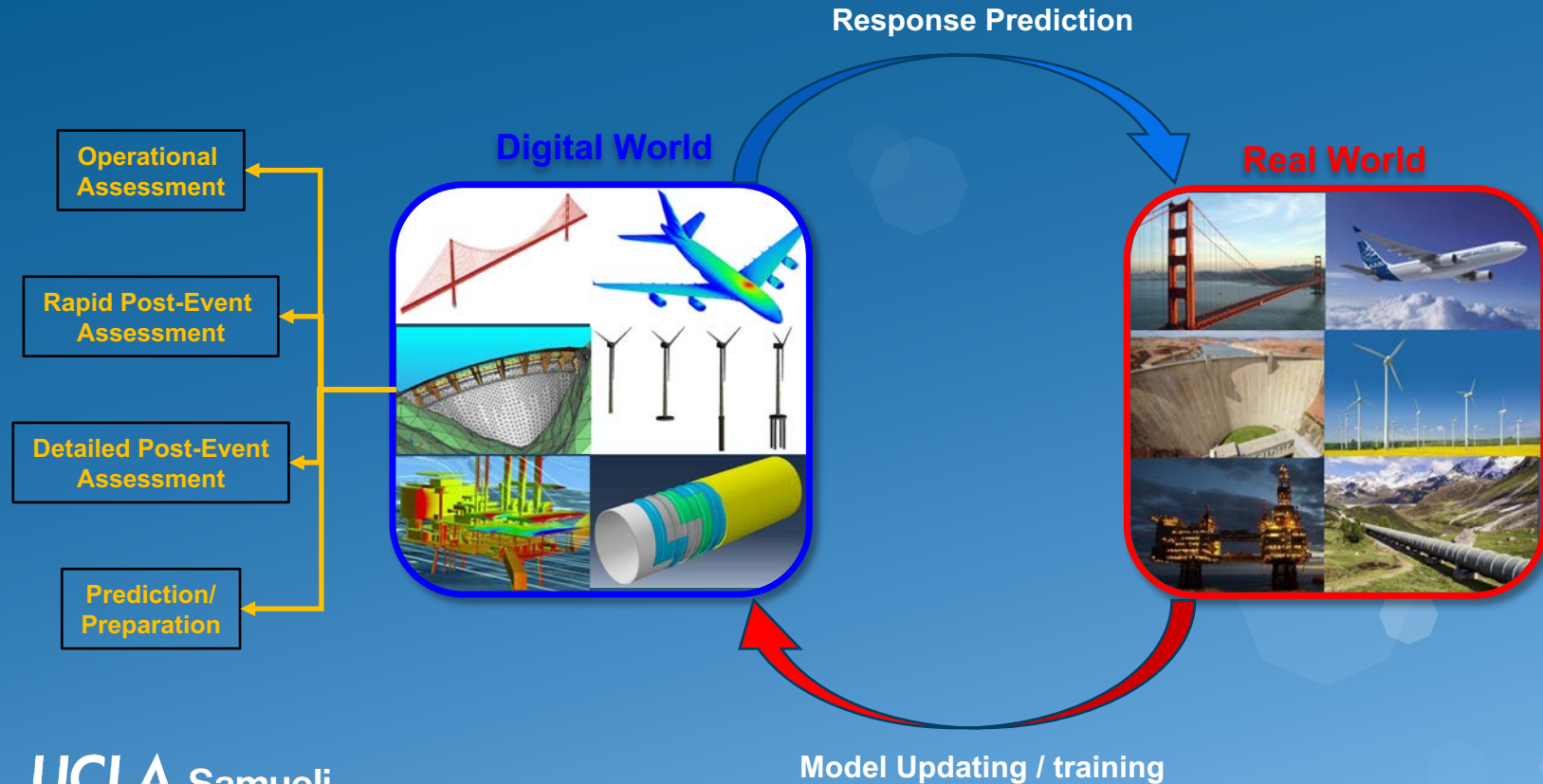
**Blind identification of site effects and bedrock motion from surface response signals**

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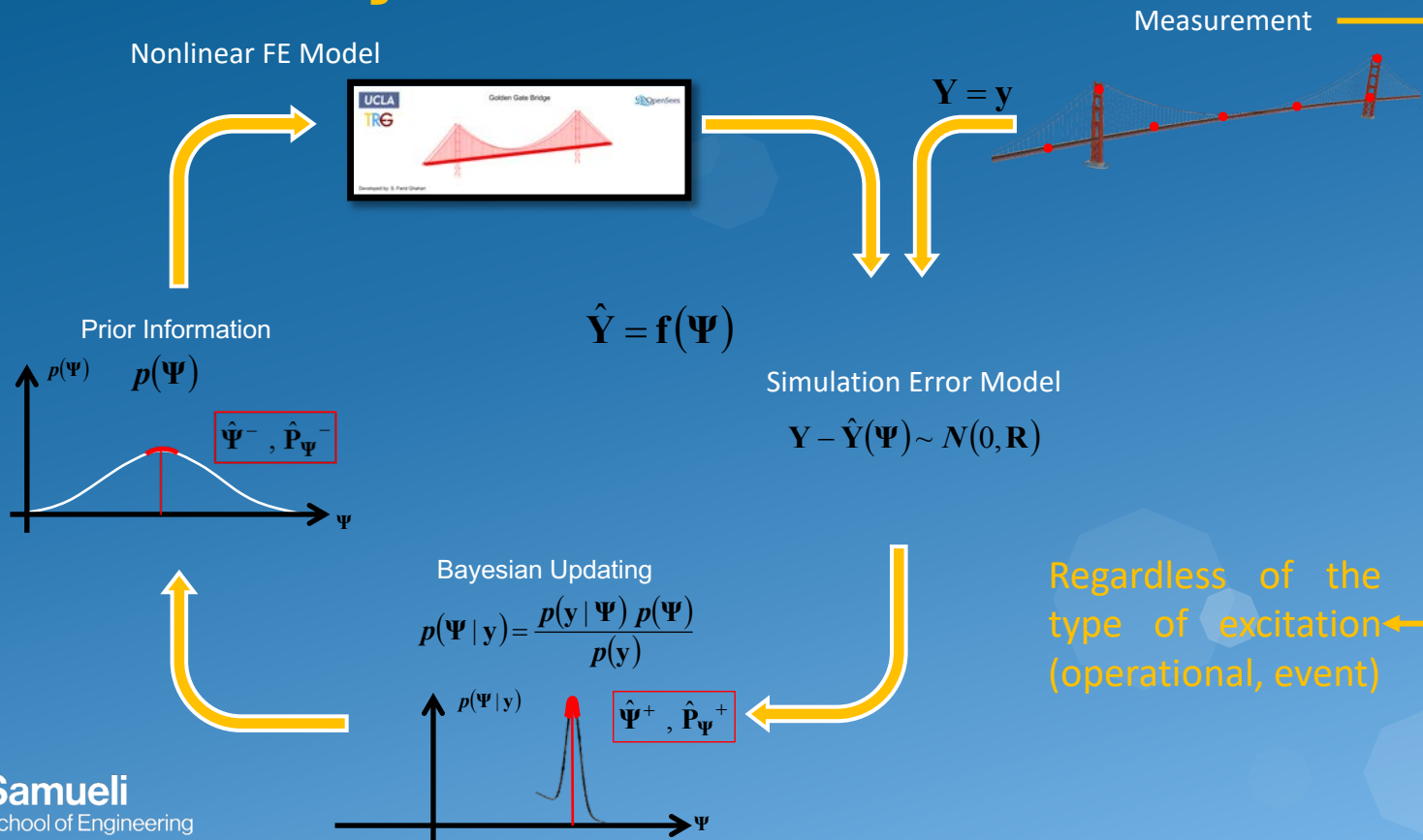
**Estimation of the Soil-Structure Model Parameters for the Millikan Library Building Using a Sequential Bayesian Finite Element Model Updating Technique**

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# Our Solution: SHM Rapid PEA using Digital Twins



# Some Theory





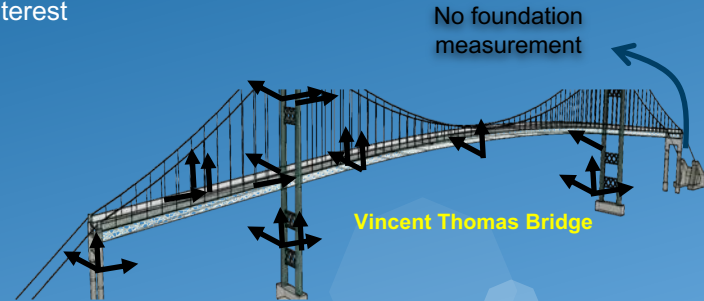
# Method's Capabilities



- Use it in Input-output identification mode, when:
- Foundation measurements are fully available, and
  - SSI is negligible, or
  - Only the superstructure is of interest

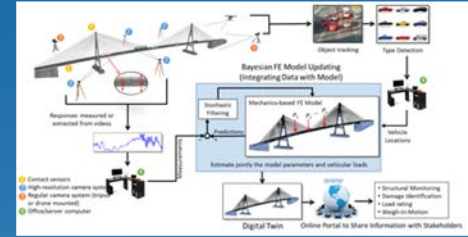
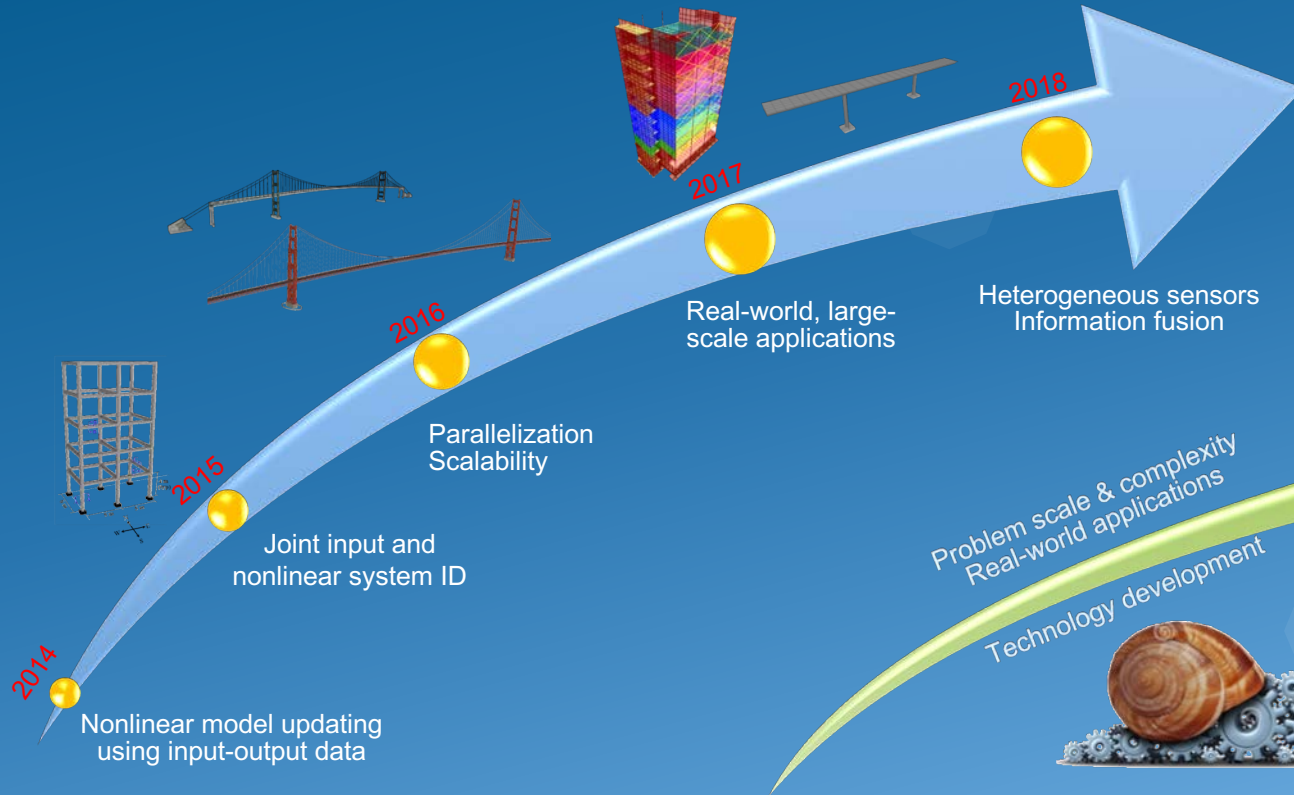


- Use it in output-only identification mode, when:
- No input motion is available
  - Kinematic and inertial interactions are of interest



- Use it in partial input-output identification, when:
- Not all foundation motions are measured, and
  - SSI is negligible, or
  - only the superstructure is of interest

# Progress Toward Real-Life Applications



Problem scale & complexity  
Real-world applications  
Technology development





# Some of Our Past & Ongoing Projects

**Caltrans:** Comparative Study of Model Predictions and Data from Caltrans/CSMIP Bridge Instrumentation Program: A Case study on the Eureka-Samoa Channel Bridge

**CGS:** Identification of Soil-Foundation-Structure Interaction Effects using Recorded Strong Motion Response Data from Instrumented Buildings

**CGS:** Identification of Spatial Variability in Bridge Foundation Input Motions

**Caltrans:** Development of Accurate Damping Models for Nonlinear Time History Analysis

**CGS:** Identification of Earthquake Input Excitations for CSMIP-Instrumented Buildings

**UCLA ITS:** Digital Twins for Bridge Health Monitoring & Management

**SCEC:** Output-Only Bayesian Nonlinear Site Characterization using Geotechnical Downhole Array Data

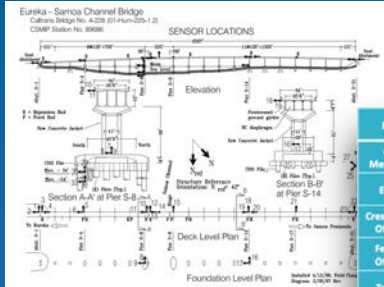
**FHWA:** Digital Twins for Bridge Management through the Integrating of Computer Vision and Finite Element Models, Phase I

**CGS:** Characterization of Nonlinear Dynamic Soil Properties from Geotechnical Downhole Array Data

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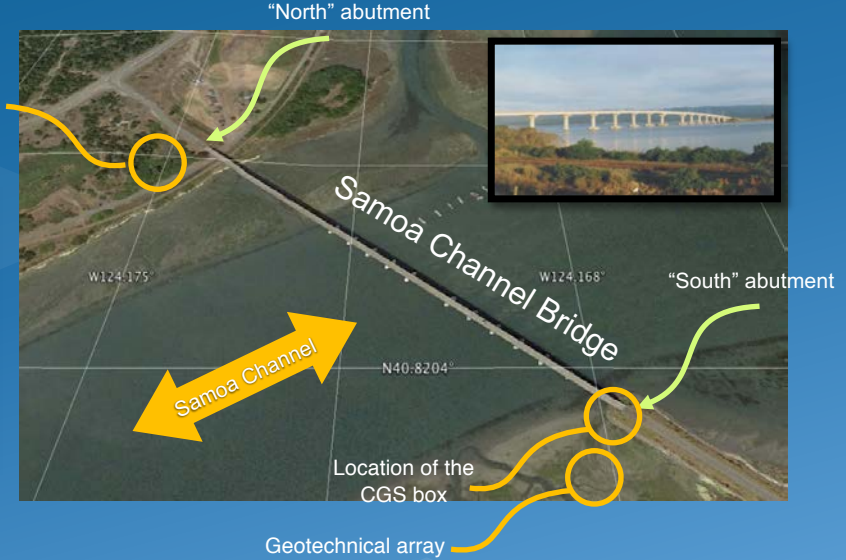
# Samoa Bridge



Earthquake Data

Event	Date	Magnitude	Source Location		Ep. Dist.(km)	PGA (g)*	PSA (g)**	Data Availability
			Lat.(N)	Long.(W)				
Cape Mendocino	03/16/00	5.6 Mw	40.39	125.24	102.5	0.006	0.020	Yes
Eureka	06/17/02	5.3 ML	40.83	124.61	36.9	0.053	0.108	No
Crescent City Offshore	06/14/05	7.2 ML	41.33	125.87	153.4	0.009	0.031	Yes
Ferndale Offshore	02/26/07	5.4 ML	40.642	124.87	62.5	0.011	0.022	Yes
Trinidad	06/24/07	5.1 ML	41.13	124.81	63.9	0.028	0.072	Yes
Willow Creek	04/29/08	5.4 Mw	40.84	123.50	56.5	0.017	0.032	Yes
Trinidad	08/16/08	4.6 Mw	41.18	124.20	40.2	0.018	0.057	Yes
Ferndale Area	01/09/10	6.5 Mw	40.65	124.76	53.9	0.150	0.370	Yes

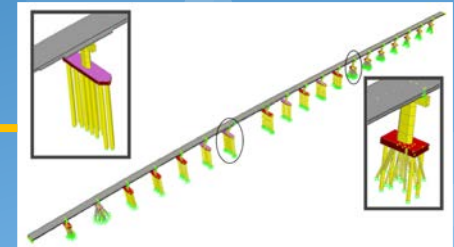
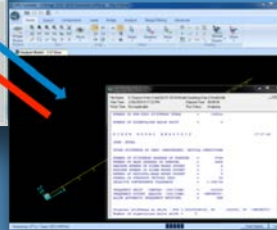
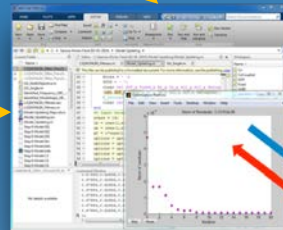
Free-Field station



Ambient Data

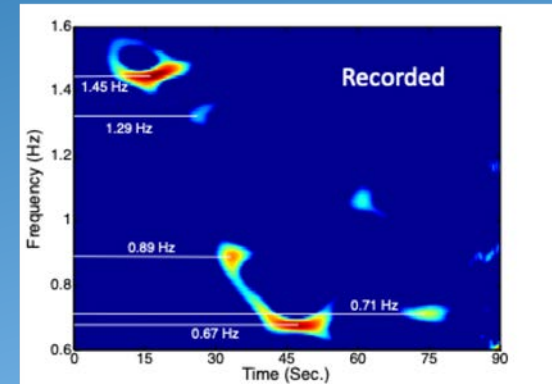
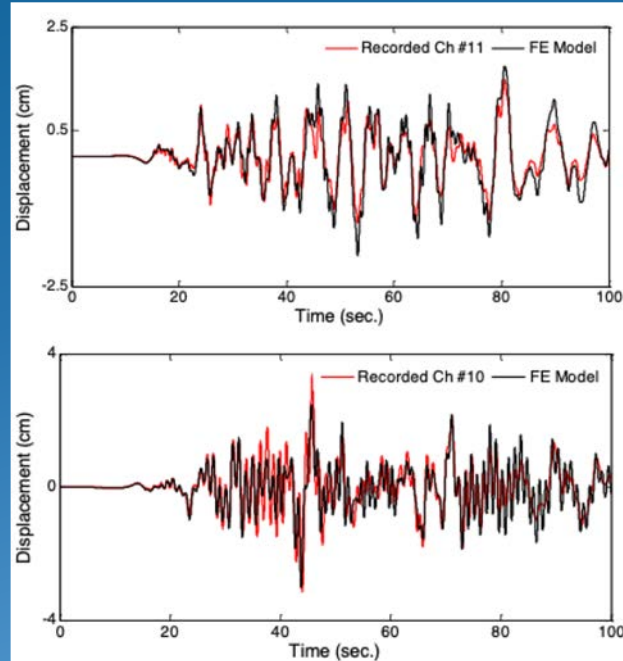
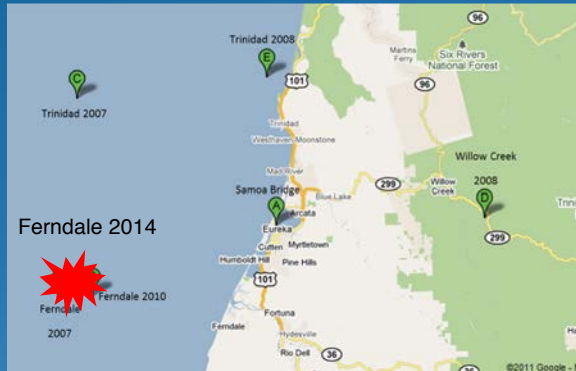


Classic

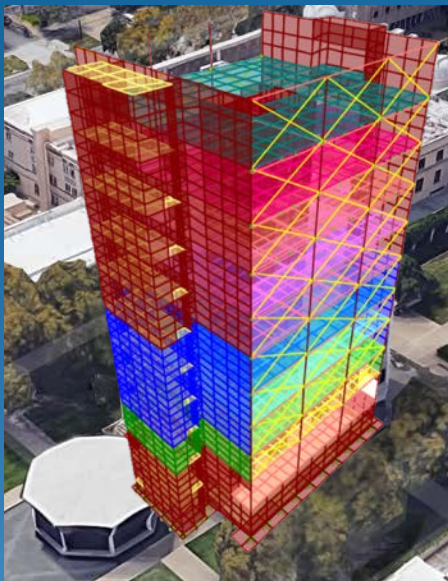


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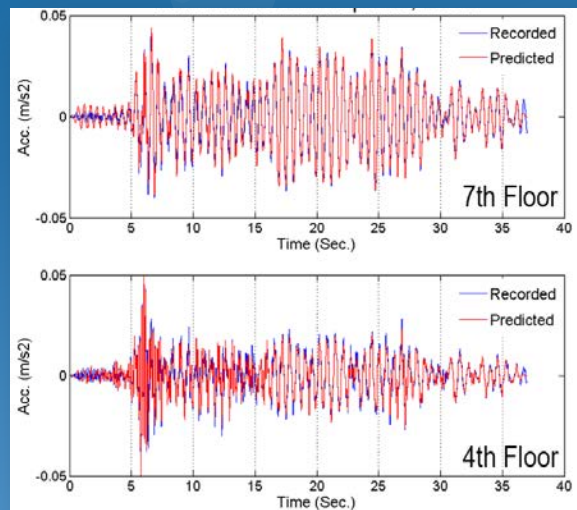
An earthquake occurred right after completing the project!



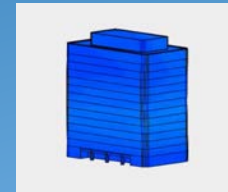
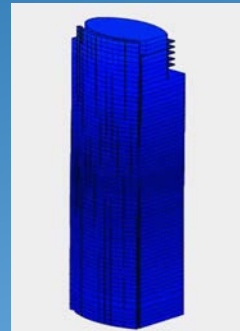
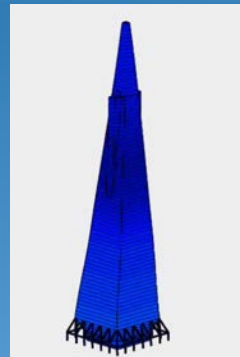
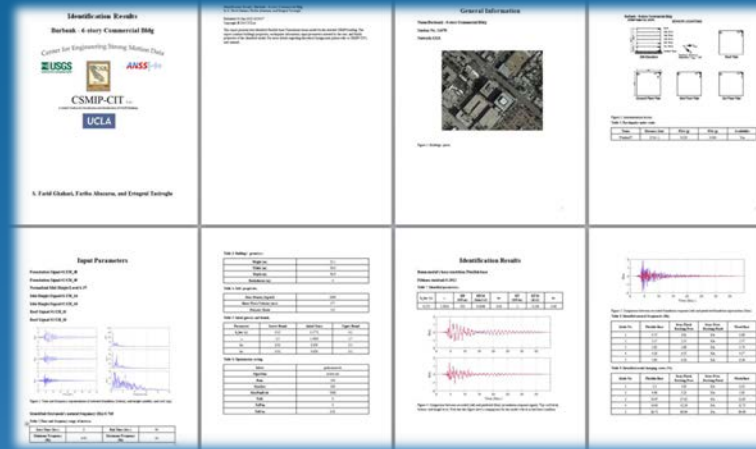
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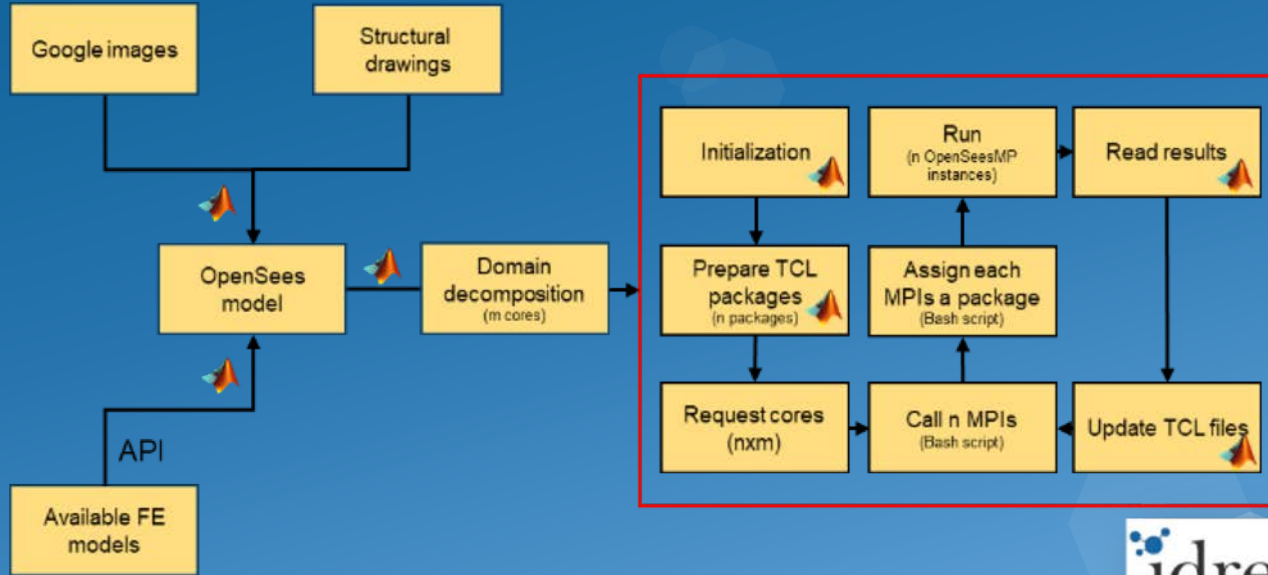
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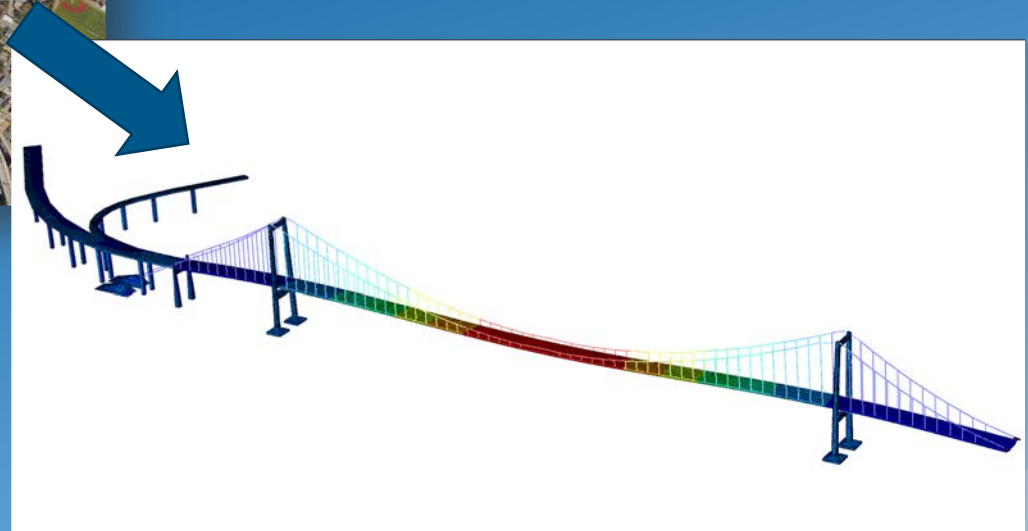
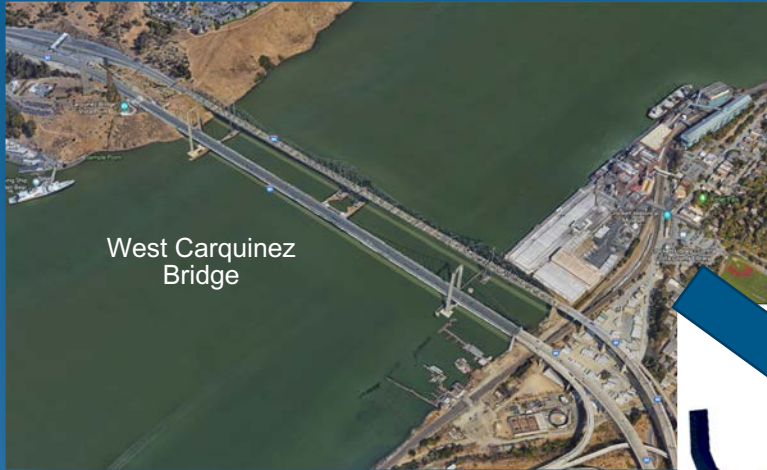




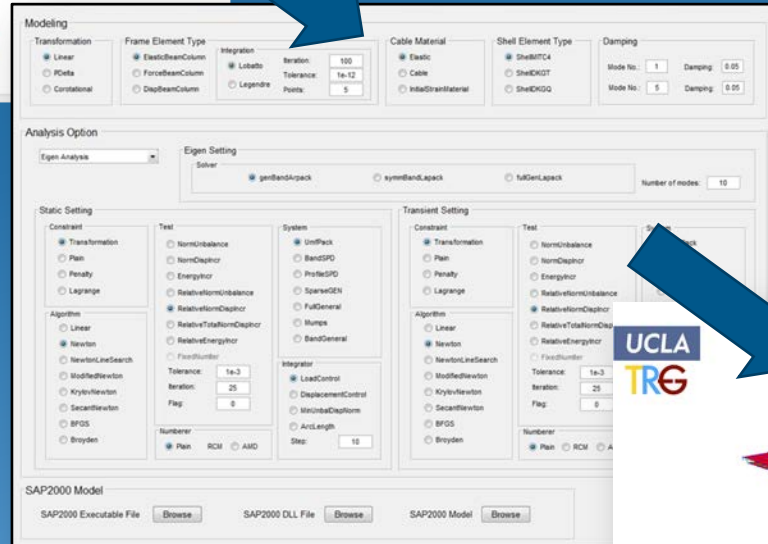
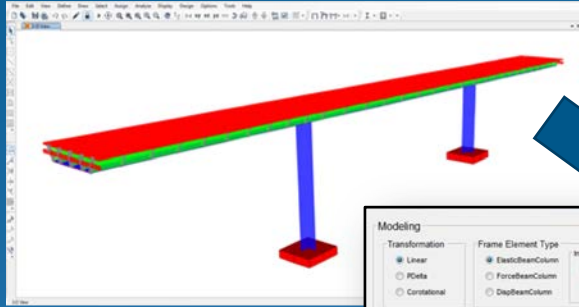
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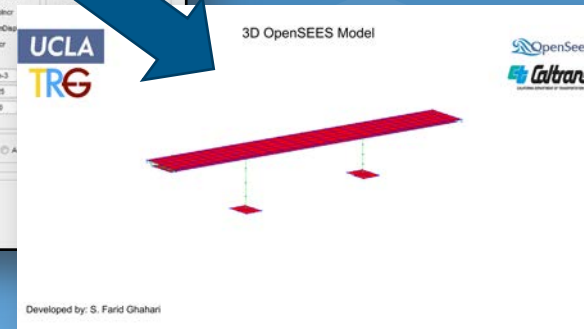
# Modeling Capabilities



# Modeling Tools

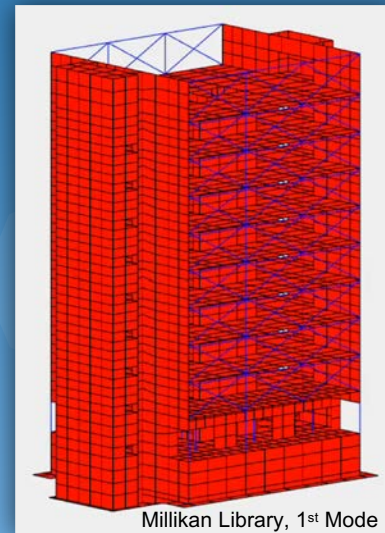
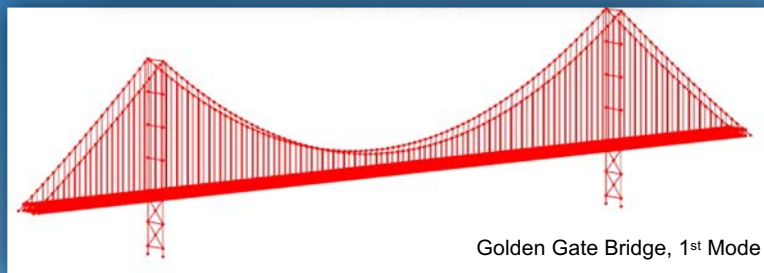
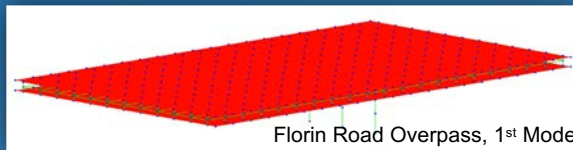
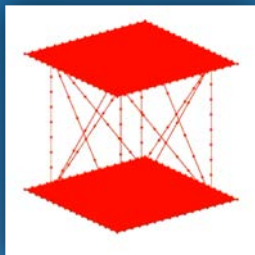
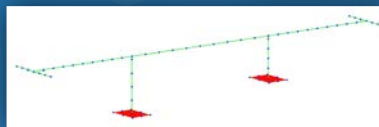
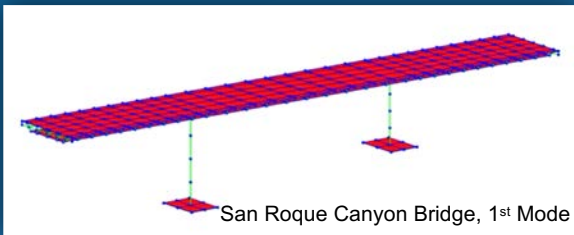


- SAP2000 dynamically talks to SAP through API rather than usual reading static text file;
- It converts all loads, mass, linear materials, various sections, and different types of elements (frames, shells, links) along with the geometry



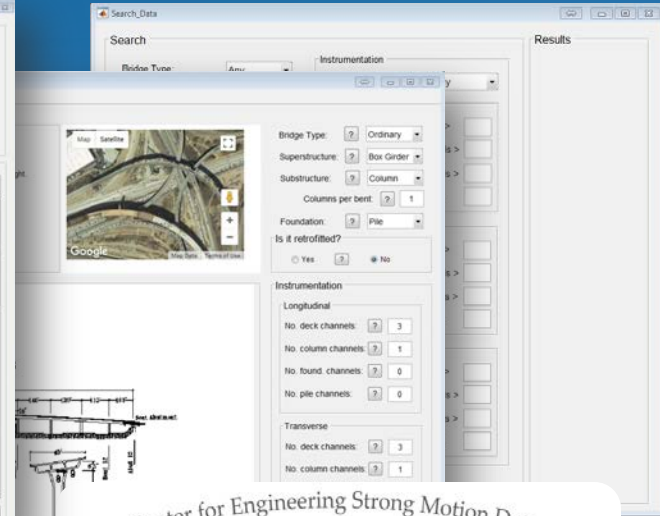
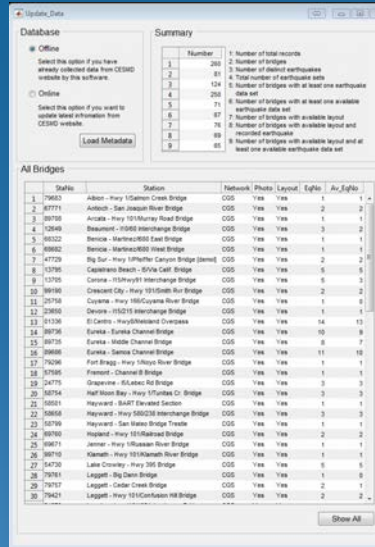


# SAP20S Converter Tool



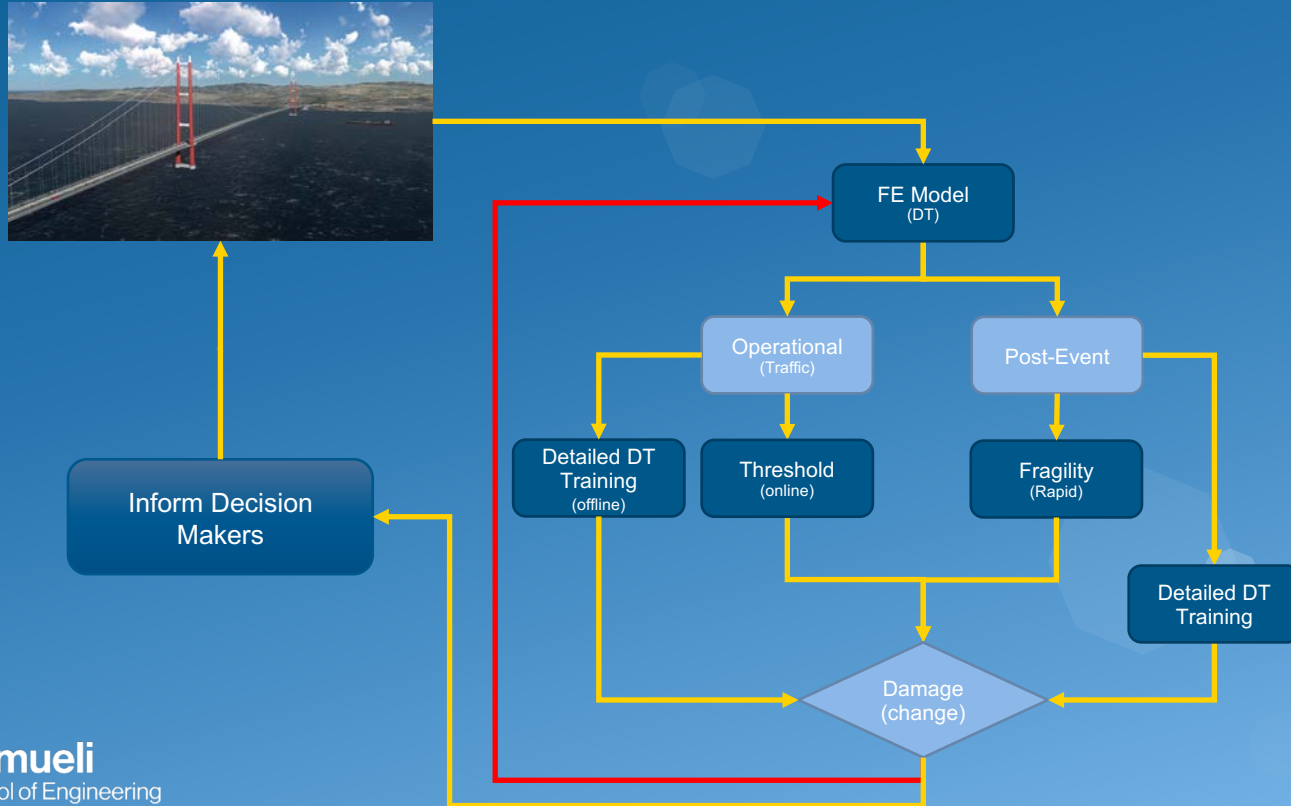
# CSMIP-BRIDGE v1.0

- Automatically connects to CESMD (<http://strongmotioncenter.org/>)
- Retrieves all bridge data
- Determines number of various data sets (instrumented bridges, earthquake data sets per bridge, ...)
- Reads all available information of each bridge
- User is able to add additional information
- Search module helps to classify bridges based on their specifications



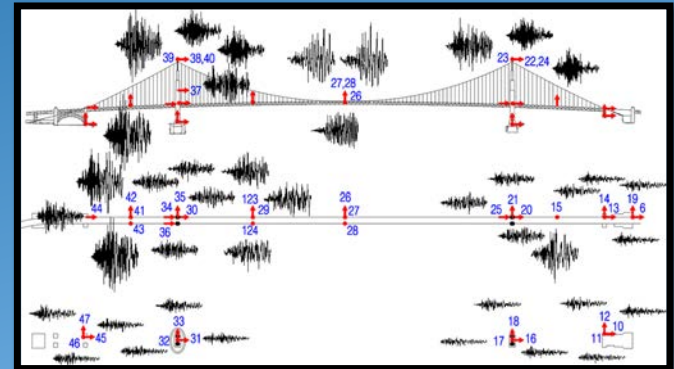
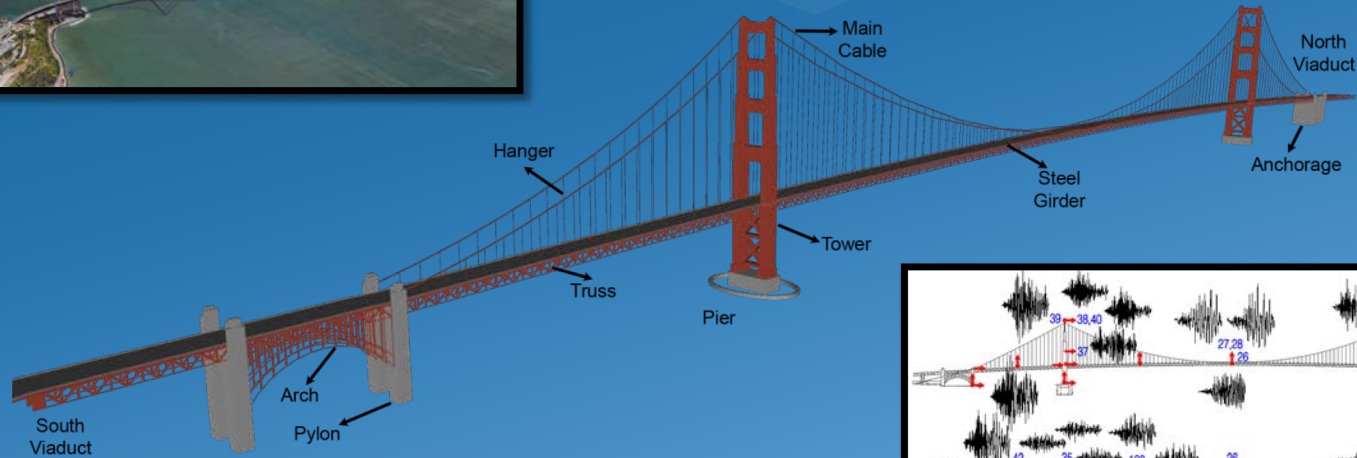
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# Our SPHM Workflow



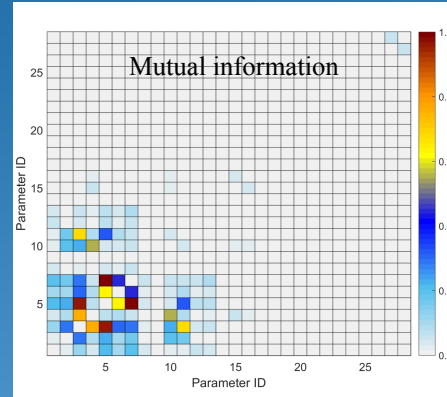
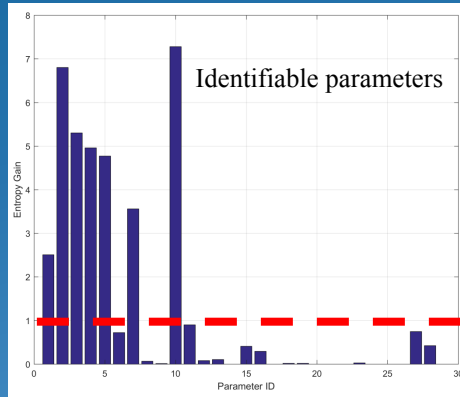
# Detailed Post-Earthquake Assessment

## Golden Gate Bridge, 2014 South Napa Earthquake



# Identifiability

- We need to know how much information will be available through the posted channels
- We initially considered 66 unknown parameters.
- By removing certain parameters, we ended up with 28 unknown parameters.

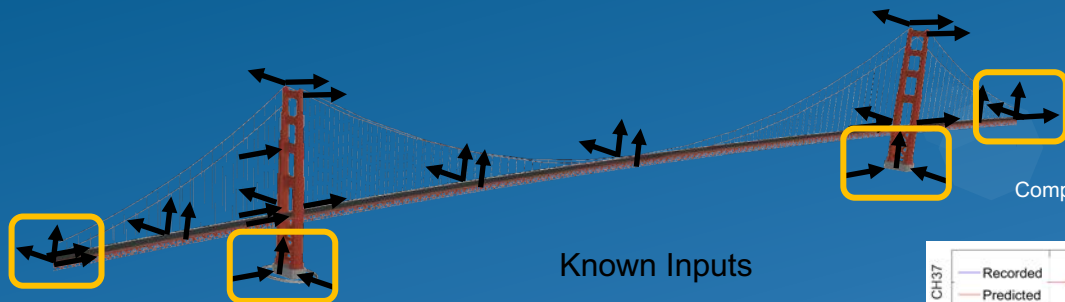


Final  
selection



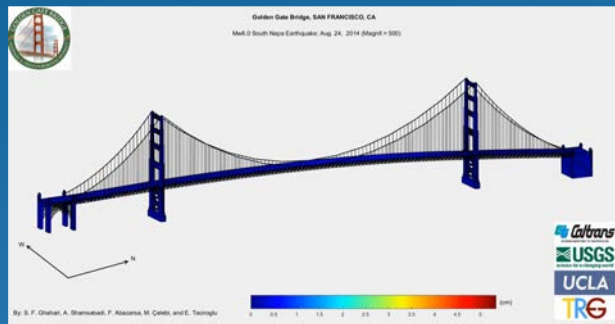
No.	Element	Type
1	Bottom Bracing	Elastic Modules
2	Cable	Elastic Modules
3	Chord	Elastic Modules
4	Deck	Elastic Modules
5	Diagonal Bar	Elastic Modules
6	Floor Beam	Elastic Modules
7	Hanger	Elastic Modules
8	Kneebrace	Elastic Modules
9	Top Bracing	Elastic Modules
10	Tower	Elastic Modules
11	Track Girder	Elastic Modules
12	Transverse Strut	Elastic Modules
13	Vertical Rod	Elastic Modules
14	Vertical Bar	Elastic Modules
15	South Tower-South Side Span	Spring Stiffness, M2
16	North Tower-North Side Span	Spring Stiffness, M2
17	South Abutment	Spring Stiffness, P
18	South Abutment	Spring Stiffness, V2
19	South Abutment	Spring Stiffness, V3
20	South Abutment	Spring Stiffness, T
21	South Abutment	Spring Stiffness, M2
22	North Abutment	Spring Stiffness, P
23	North Abutment	Spring Stiffness, V2
24	North Abutment	Spring Stiffness, V3
25	North Abutment	Spring Stiffness, T
26	North Abutment	Spring Stiffness, M2
27	Damping	Alpha
28	Damping	beta

# IO Verification (Synthetic Data)

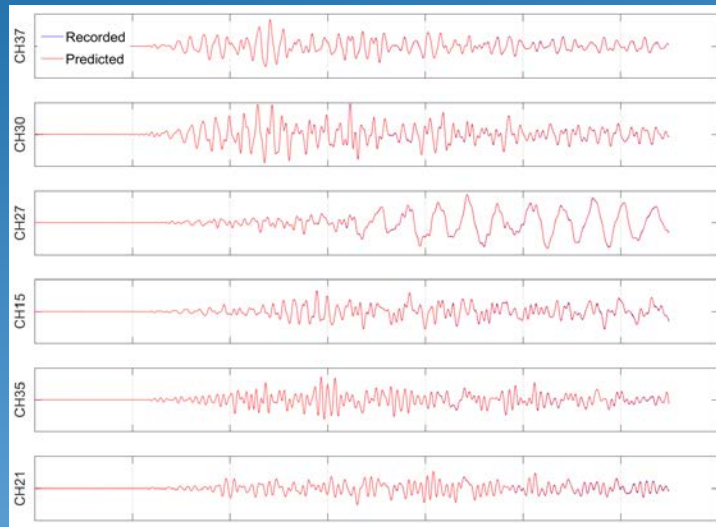


Known Inputs

Parameter	Initial Error (%)	Final Error (%)
Tower's E	50	0.03
Cable's E	50	0.04
Chord's E	50	0.23
Bottom Bracing's E	50	1.59
Mass-Prop. Damping	50	2.38
Stiffness-Prop. Damping	50	13.76



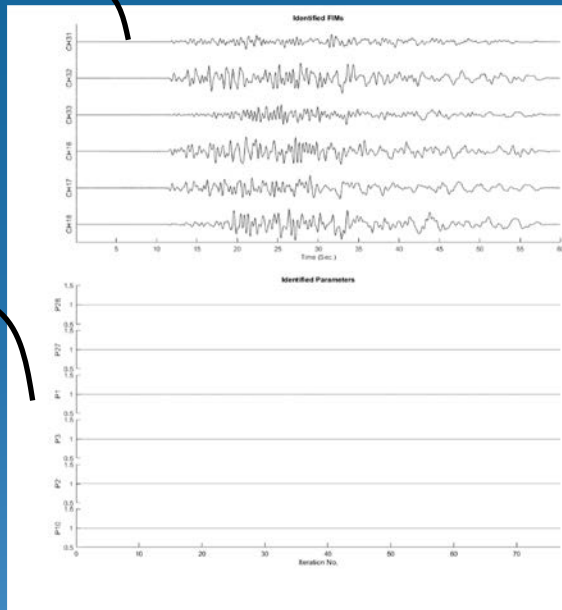
Comparison between recorded (simulated) and predicted responses at selected channels





# OO Verification (Synthetic Data)

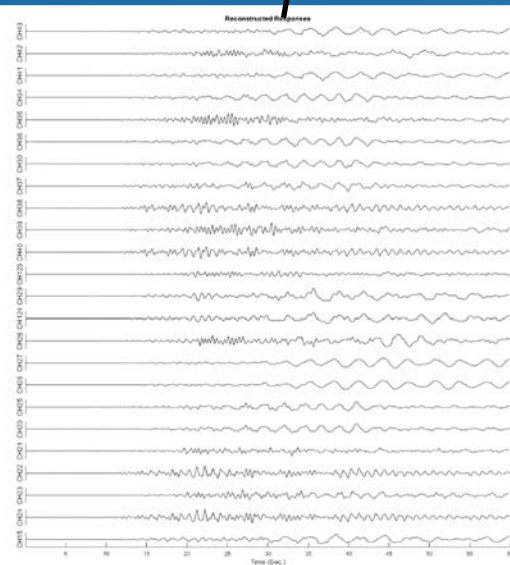
Exact vs. **estimated** FIMs



Exact. **identified** parameters



Recorded vs. **predicted** responses

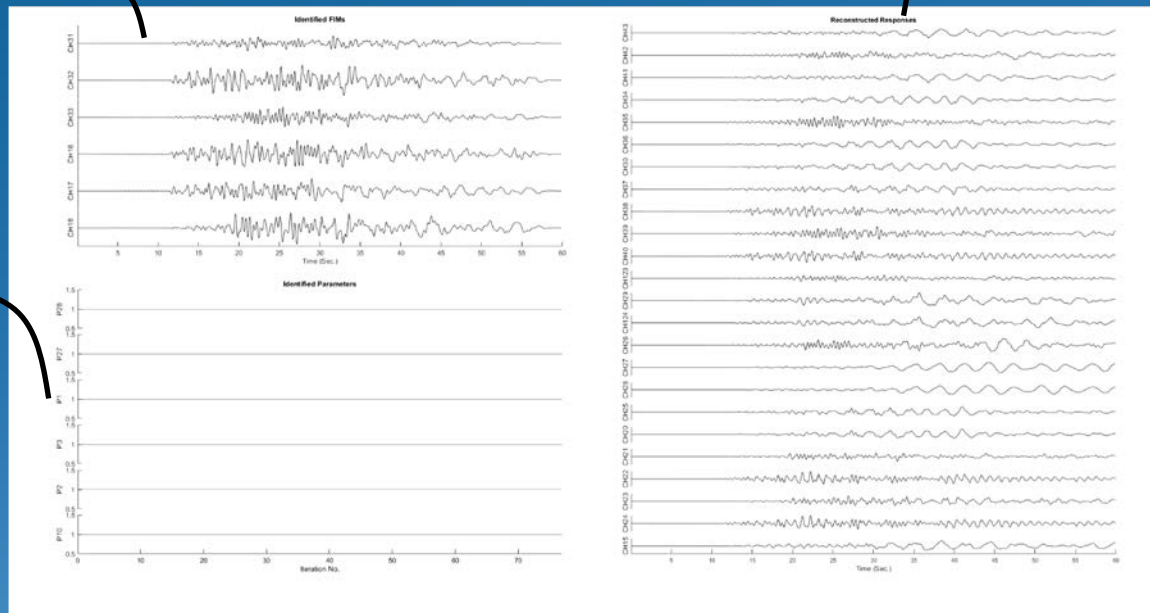


# OO Validation (Real Data)

Exact vs. **estimated** FIMs



Exact. **identified** parameters

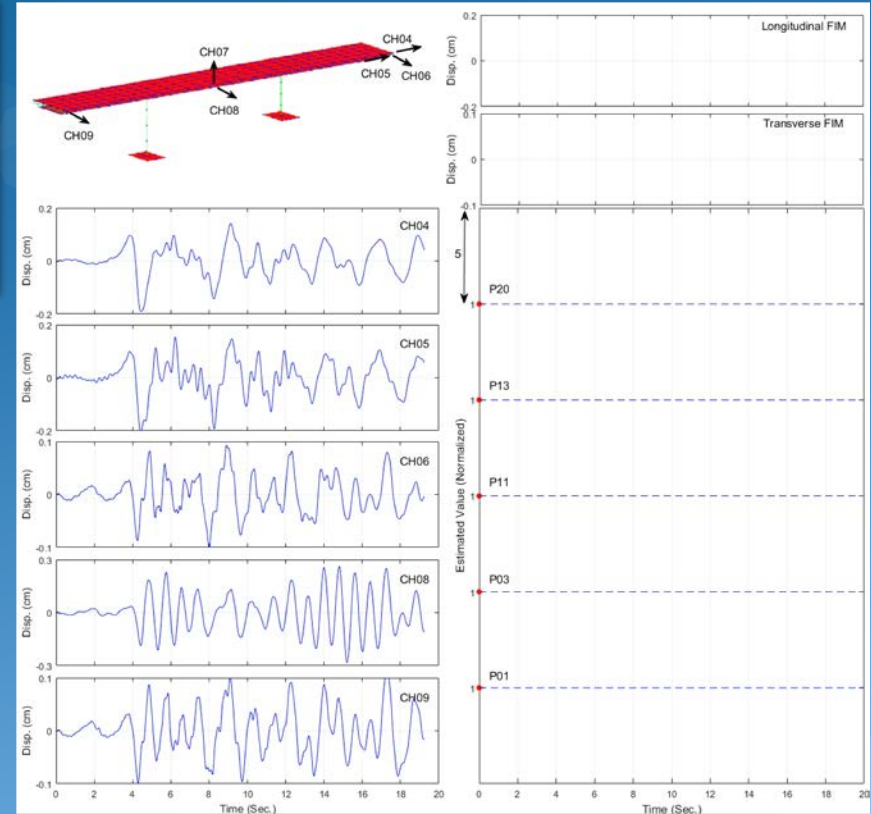
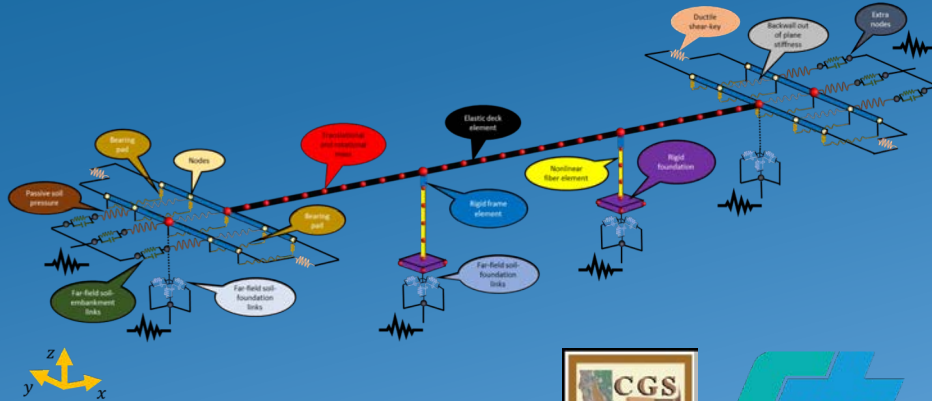
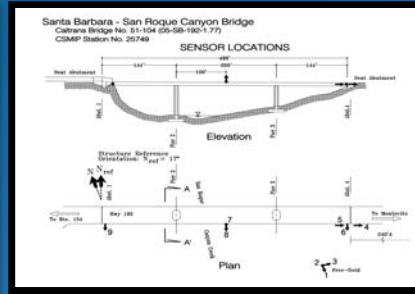
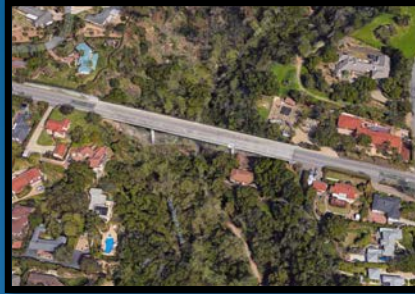


Recorded vs. **predicted** responses





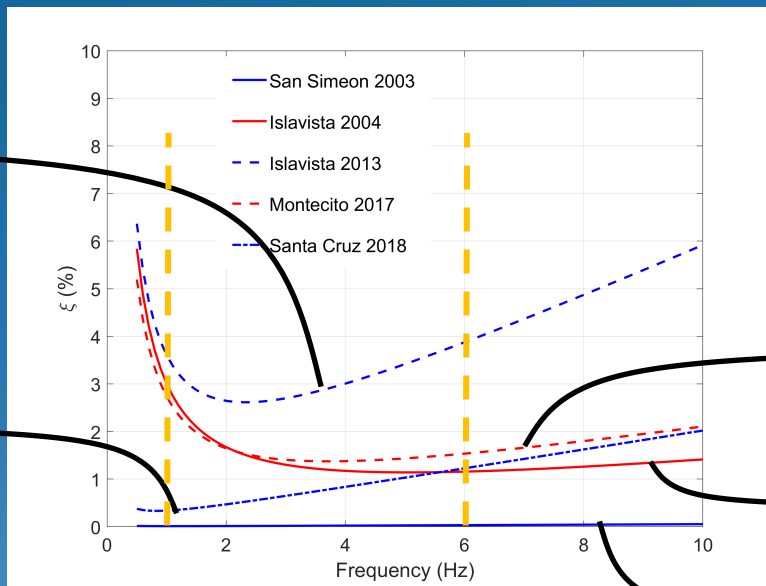
# Ordinary Bridges: A validation study (SRC)



# By-Product: Rayleigh Damping

ML=4.8  
Depth=8 Km  
R=18.0 Km  
PGA=0.041 g  
PSA=0.152 g

Mw=5.3  
Depth=9.9 Km  
R=68.0 Km  
PGA=0.016 g  
PSA=0.058 g



Larger level of excitation and higher frequency content wake up diffuse damping resources in the structure.

Contrary to the MRO, the role of boundaries in energy dissipation is small (at least in these limited low-intensity earthquakes). So the larger the intensity level is, the higher Rayleigh damping is observed.

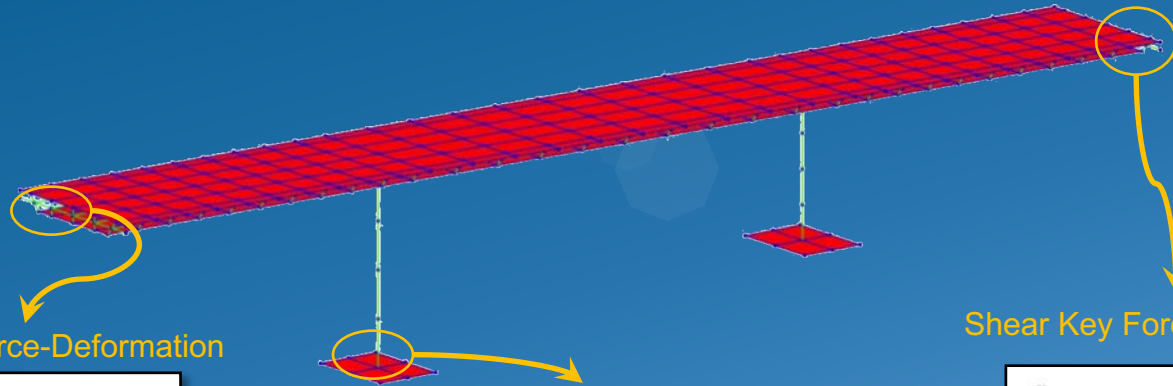
ML=3.4  
Depth=14.2 Km  
R=9.5 Km  
PGA=0.022 g  
PSA=0.046 g

ML=4.4  
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R=27.2 Km  
PGA=0.016 g  
PSA=0.047 g

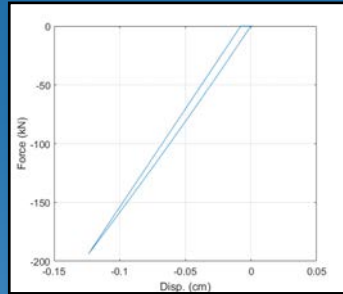
Mw=6.5  
Depth=4.7 Km  
R=187.0 Km  
PGA=0.015 g  
PSA=0.045 g

High-frequency content of the low-amplitude far earthquakes is filtered out. The bridge moves quasi-statically!

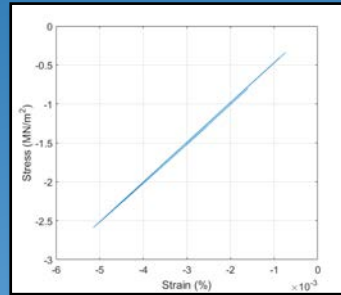
# Virtual Sensors!



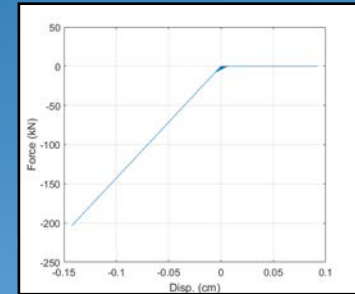
Passive Soil Force-Deformation



Concrete Fiber Material Response

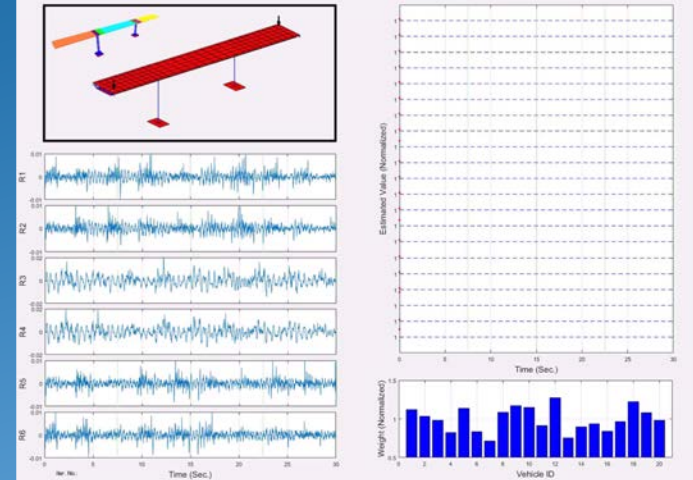
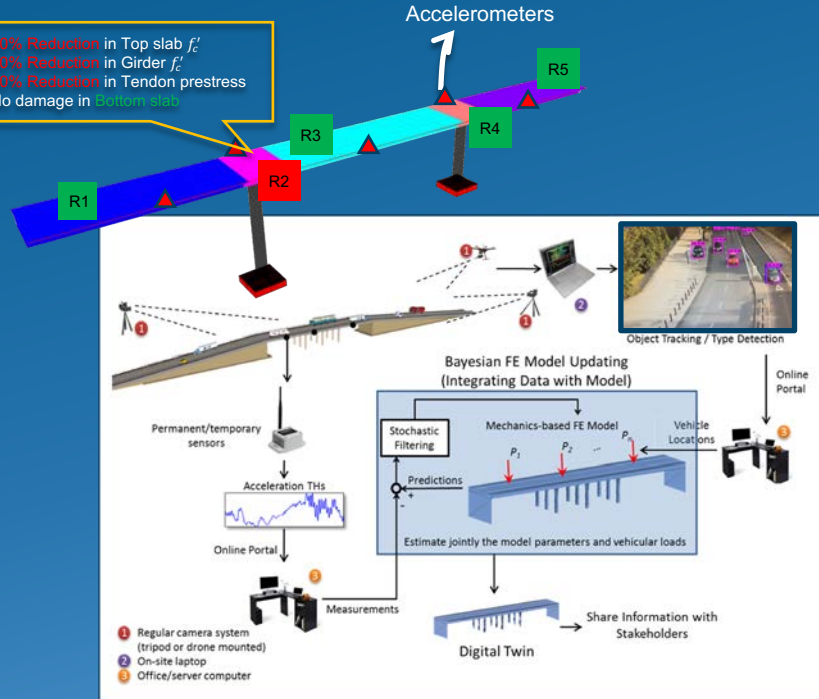


Shear Key Force-Deformation

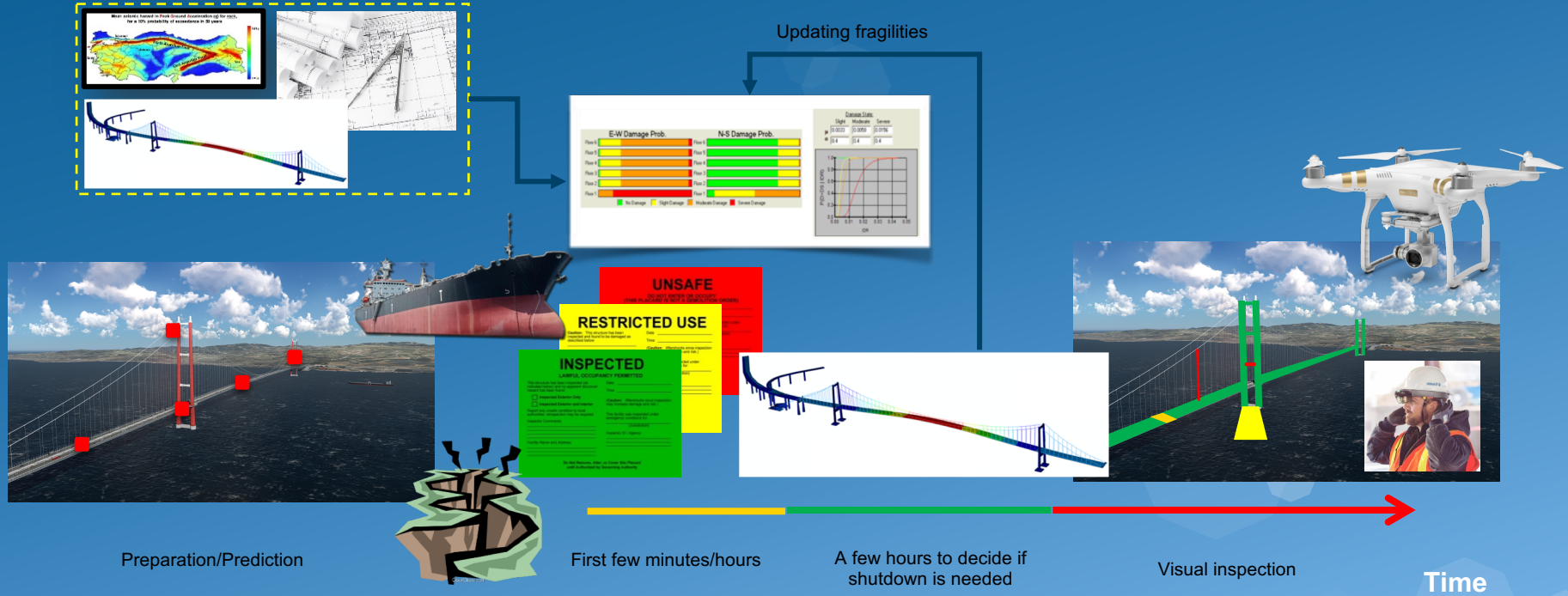


# Operational Condition Assessment

45% Reduction in Top slab  $f'_c$   
 20% Reduction in Girder  $f'_c$   
 20% Reduction in Tendon prestress  
 No damage in Bottom slab



# Rapid Post-Event Assessment







*thank you*

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