

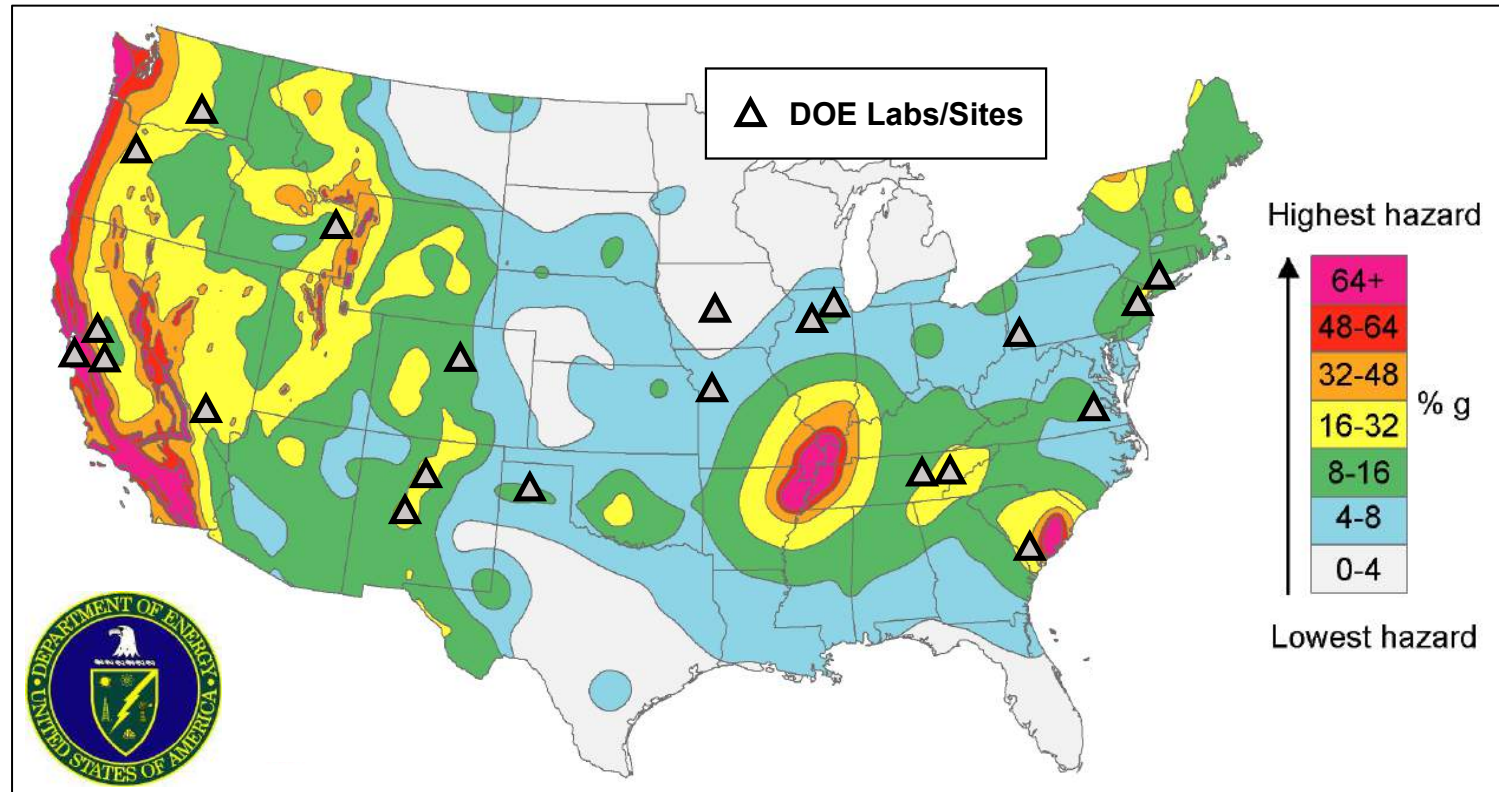


# Seismic Analysis Capabilities Supporting DOE and NNSA Missions

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# DOE/NNSA own many mission-critical facilities in regions of high seismic hazard



**Savannah River**



**Los Alamos**



**Livermore**



**Y-12**

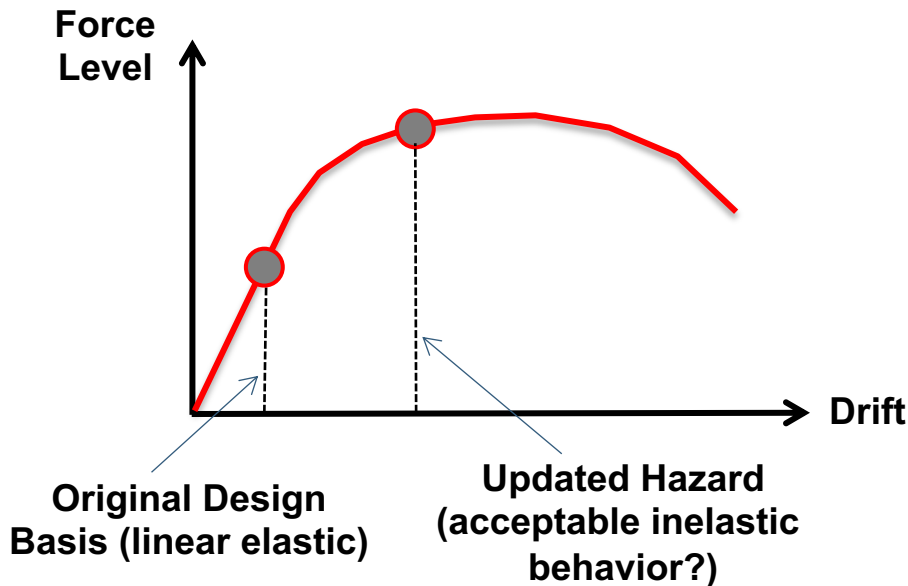


# DOE seismic considerations span from older legacy facilities to new modern facilities

**Canyon facility - Savannah River**



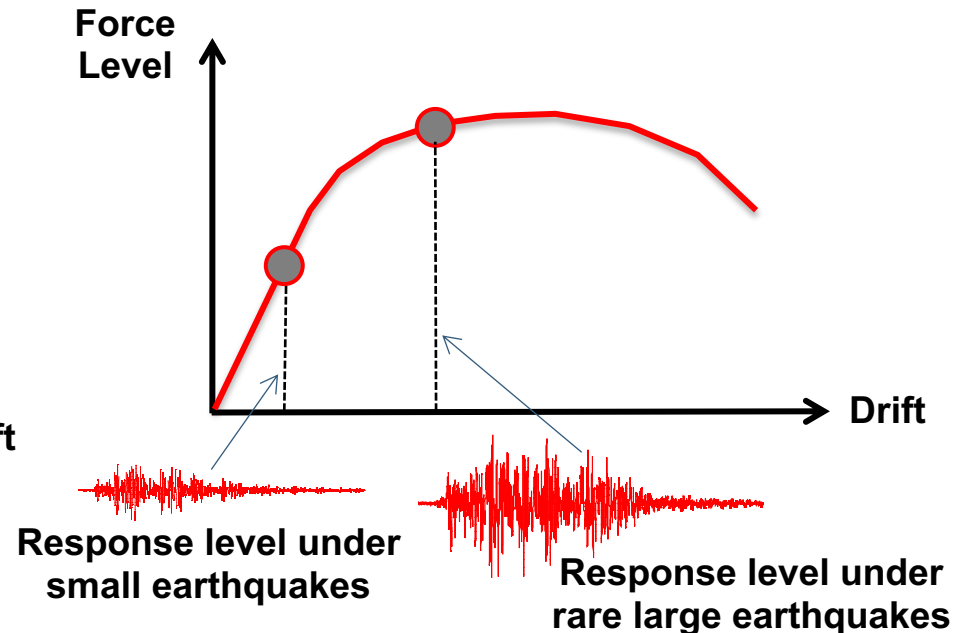
**Beyond design basis  
margin assessments for  
existing/legacy facilities**



**Uranium Processing Facility - Y12**

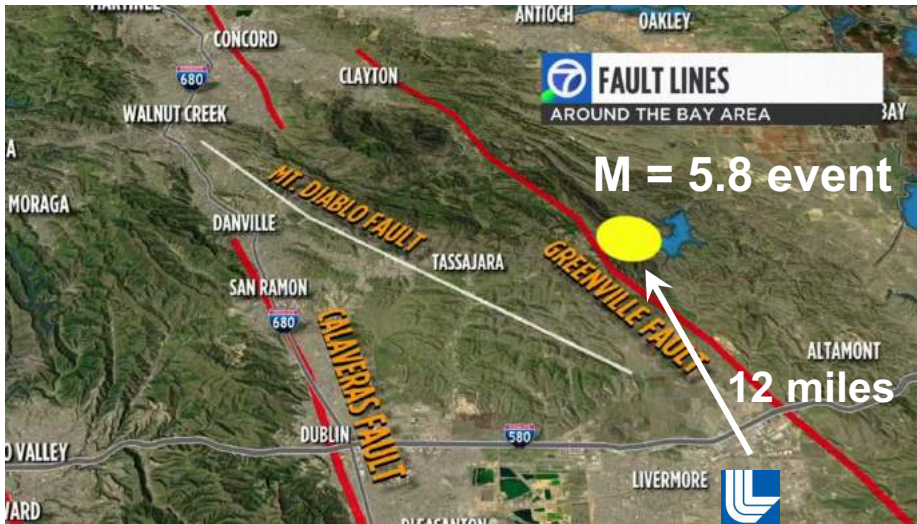


**Enabling performance-based  
design of new facilities**





# The 1980 Livermore earthquake was a defining event for the DOE complex



## Extensive disruption



- Extensive building damaged
- Program laser system damaged
- Complete loss of site electrical power
- Extensive disruption of facilities
- No strong motion instruments on-site
- Initiated a decade+ seismic upgrade program

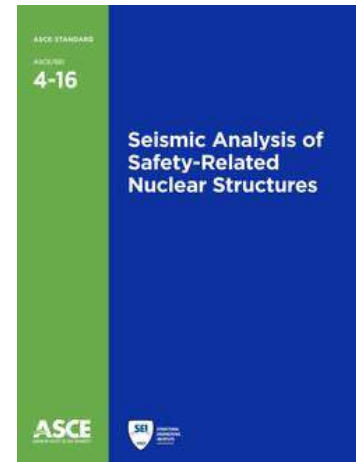
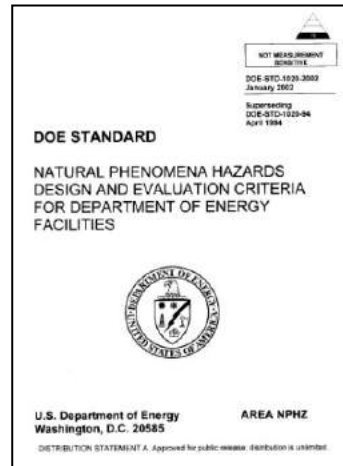


# This event helped initiate DOE leadership in risk-informed, performance-based standards

1980's



**Bob Kennedy**  
**Bob Murray (LLNL)**  
**Jim Hill (DOE)**



Today

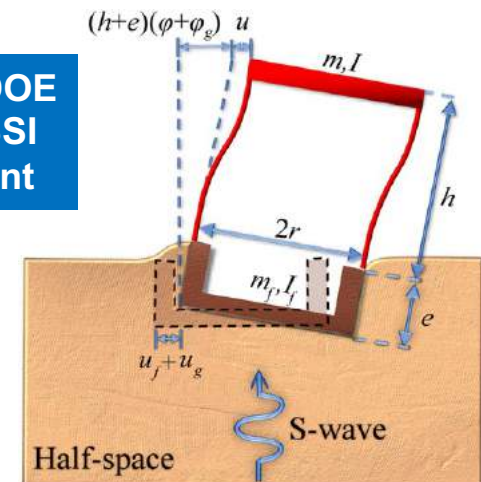


**Mike Salmon**  
**ASCE 4**

**TABLE 1-4. Structural Deformation Limits for Limit State**

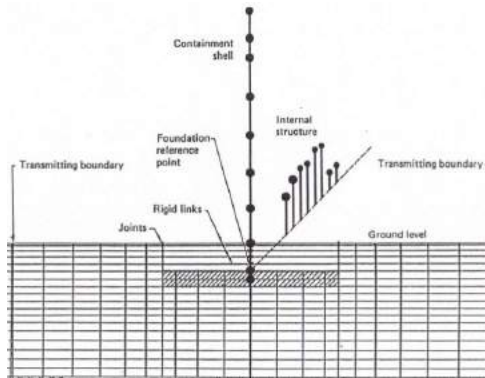
Limit State	Structural Deformation Limit
A	Large permanent distortion, short of collapse <i>Significant damage</i>
B	Moderate permanent distortion <i>Generally repairable damage</i>
C	Limited permanent distortion <i>Minimal damage</i>
D	Essentially elastic behavior <i>No damage</i>

**For many DOE facilities SSI is important**

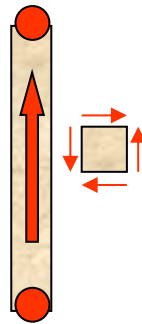


# Robust simulation capabilities are essential to fully realize performance-based design

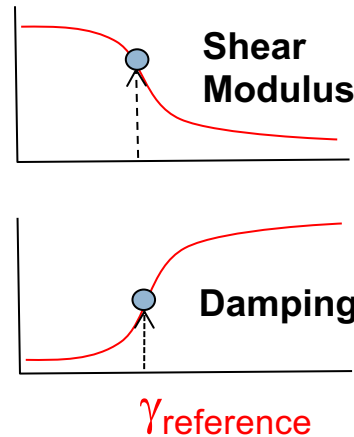
Lower order system models



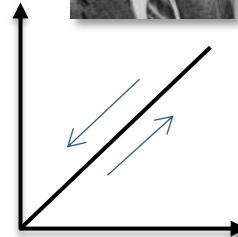
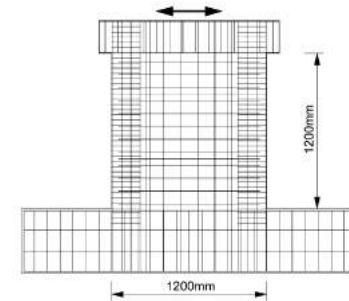
Incident motions (1D)



Soil

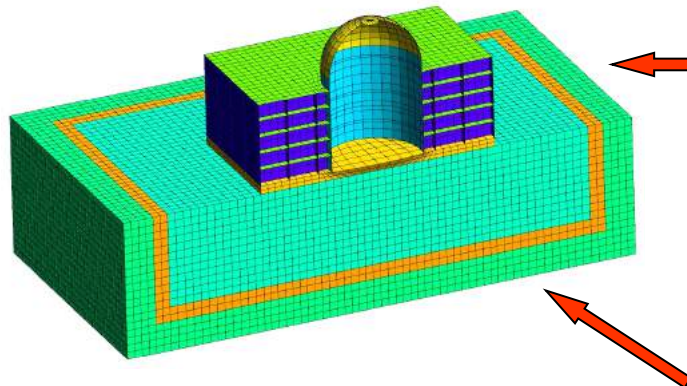


Structure



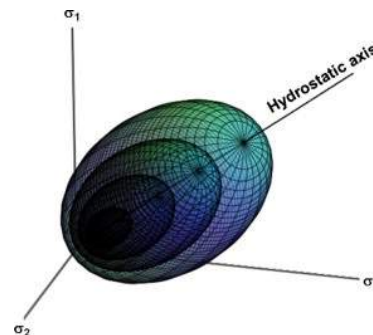
Traditional Linear

High fidelity system models

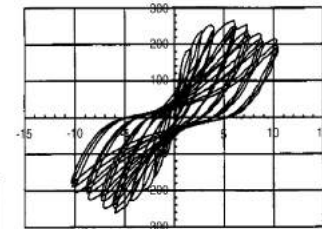
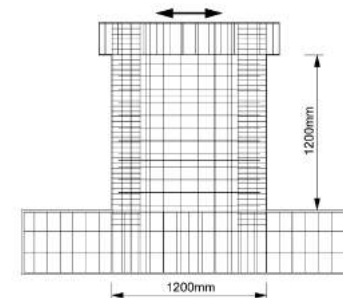


Incident motions (3D)

Soil



Structure

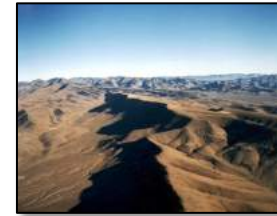
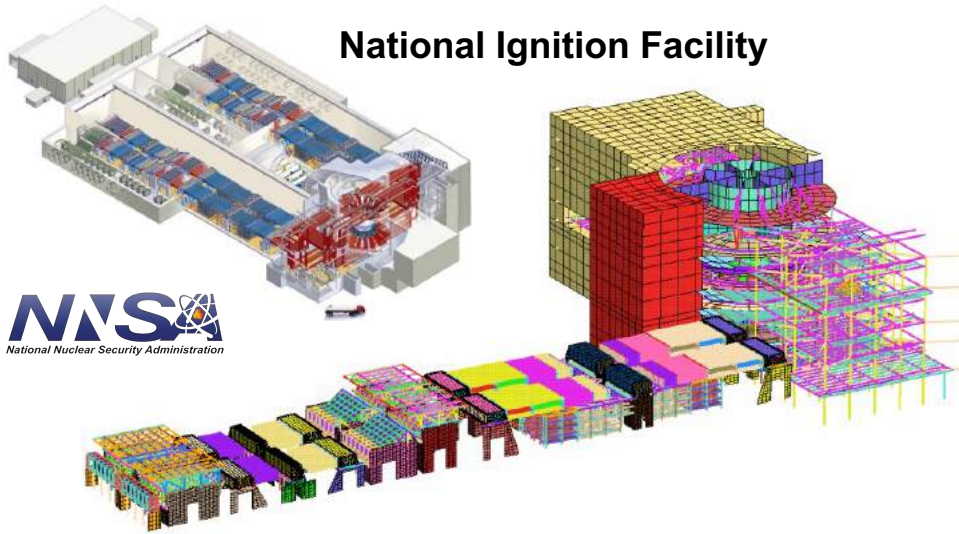


Nonlinear

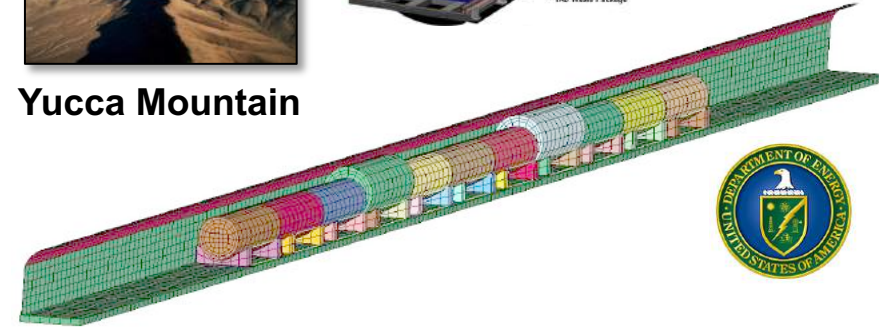
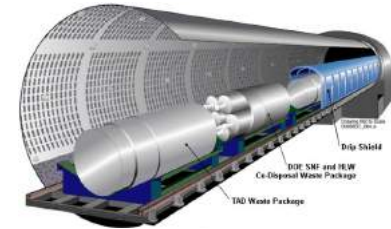


# The National Labs have often brought advanced simulations to seismic issues

**National Ignition Facility**

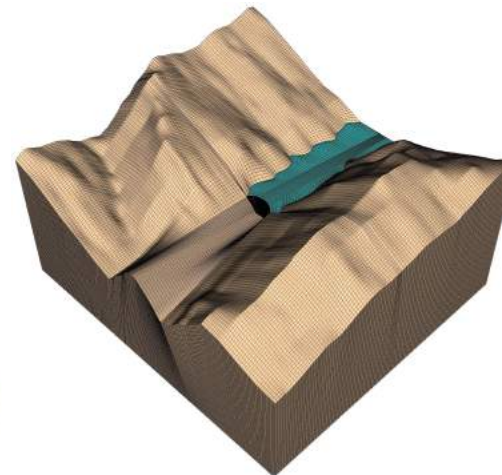
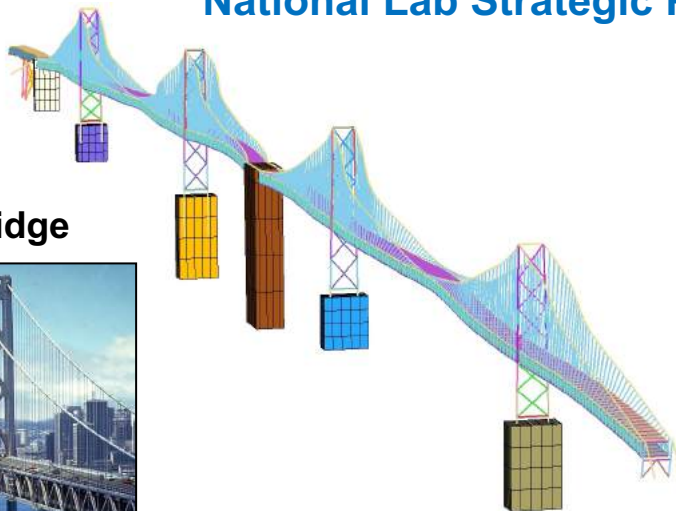


**Yucca Mountain**

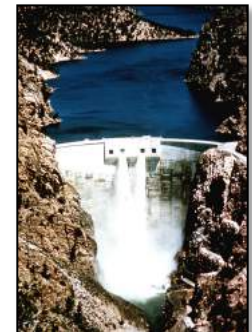


**National Lab Strategic Partnership Projects**

**SF Bay Bridge**

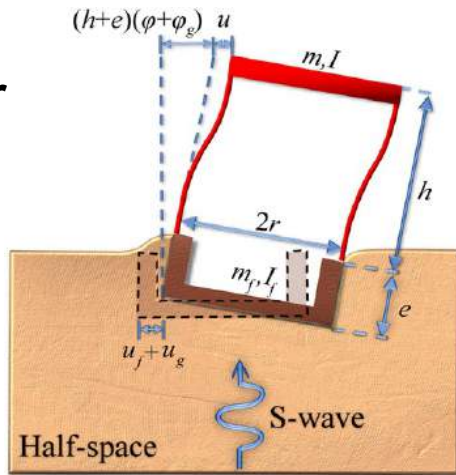


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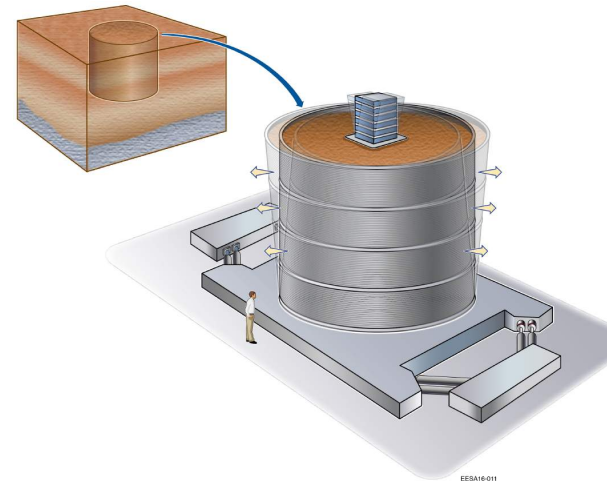


# Three components of an LBNL DOE project supporting simulation code capabilities

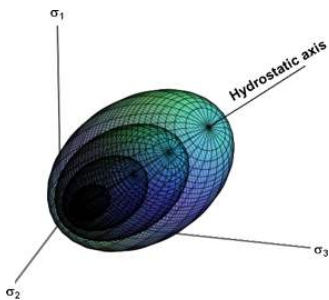
## Nonlinear system analysis



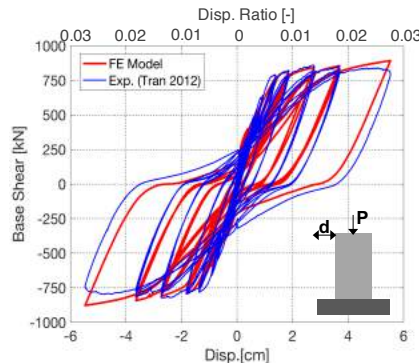
## 1) An experimental capability for validation



## 2) Implement new capabilities for nonlinear analysis of both soils and structures

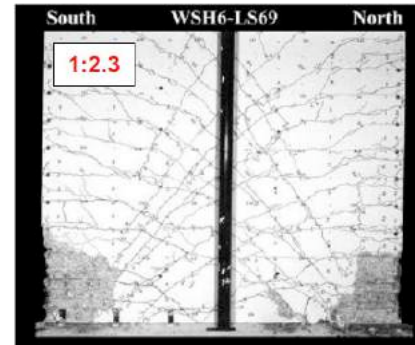


Nonlinear soils



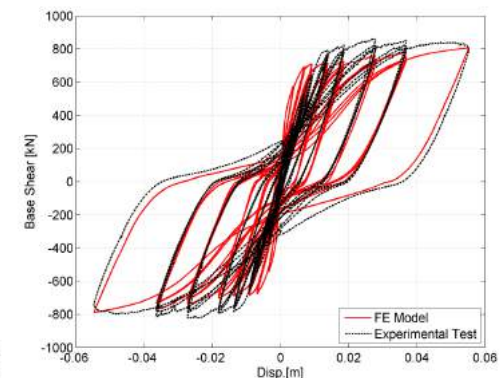
Nonlinear structures

## 3) Testing and utilization of computational models



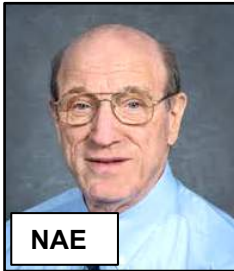
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### Displacement-controlled pushover





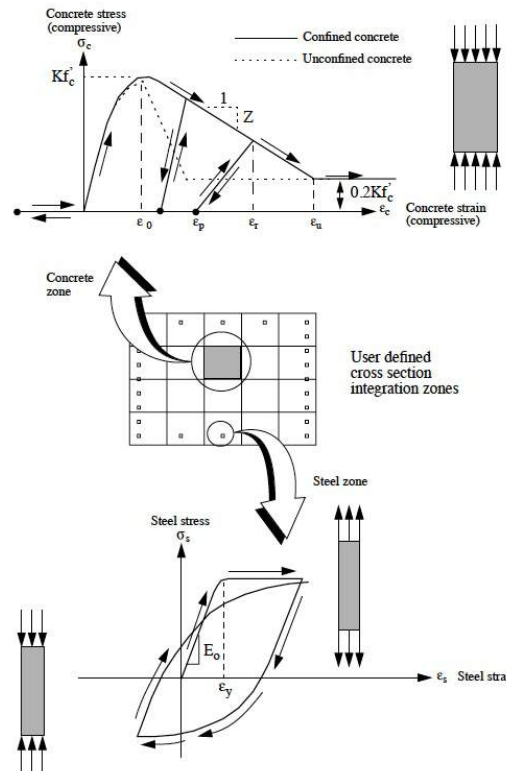
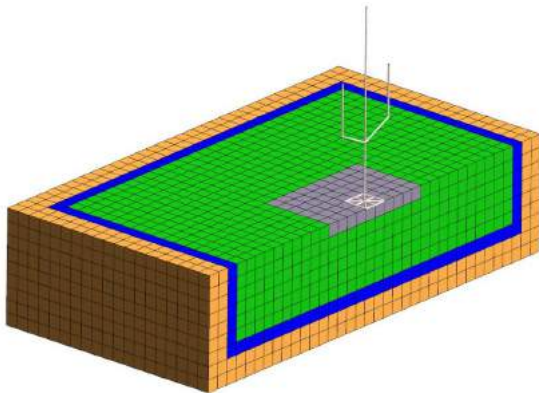
# An expert panel to provide feedback along the way



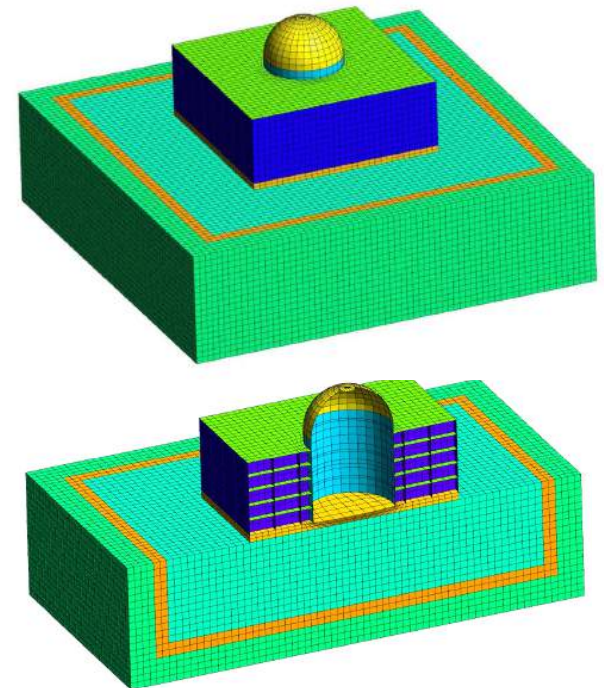
# Enhancements to an HPC code for nonlinear analysis of structures and soils

Combined with advanced  
nonlinear structural  
element technology

Start with strong  
geo-mechanics  
and robust  
nonlinear algorithms



To model fully coupled  
soil-structure systems



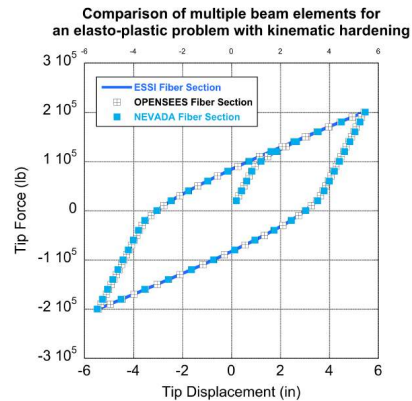
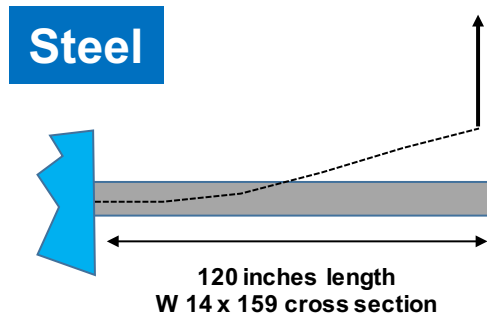
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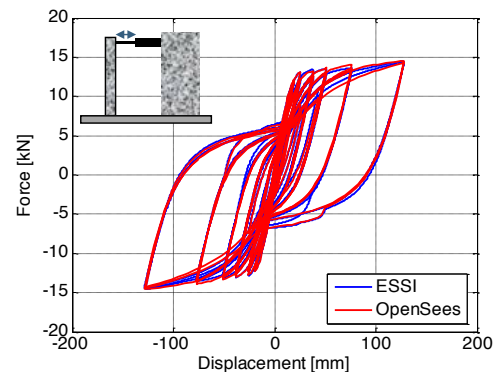
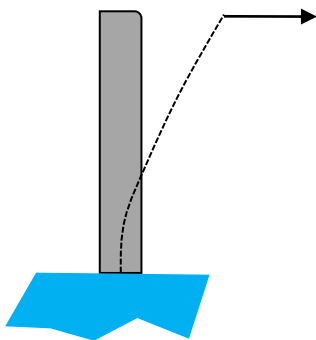


# Testing, verification & validation of nonlinear capabilities

## Element Level Comparisons



## Concrete



## System Level Comparisons

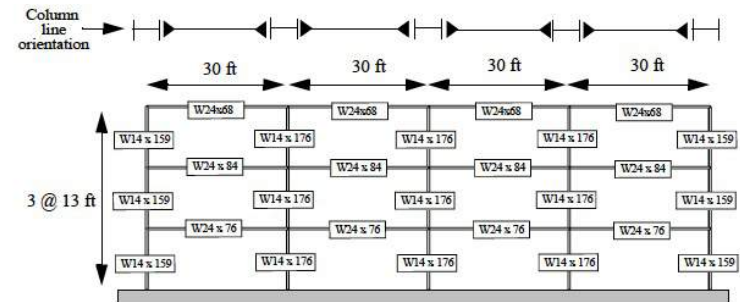
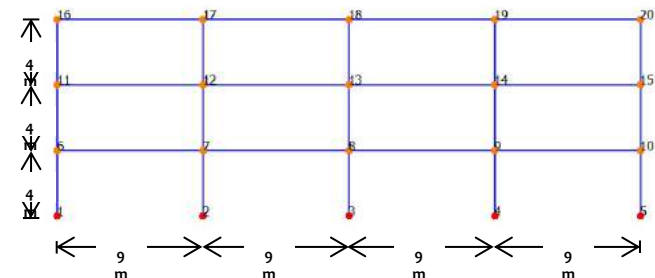


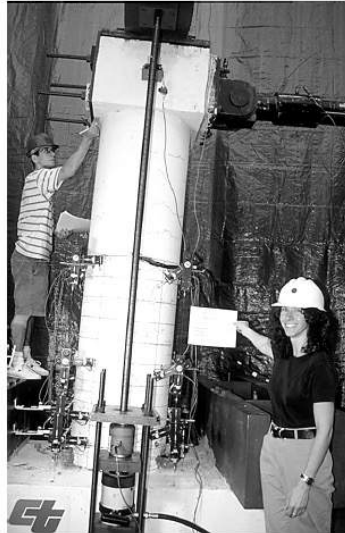
Figure 1. Three Story Steel Moment Frame Building designed for UBC Zone 3





# For validation of structural elements we collected existing data from all sources

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Columns

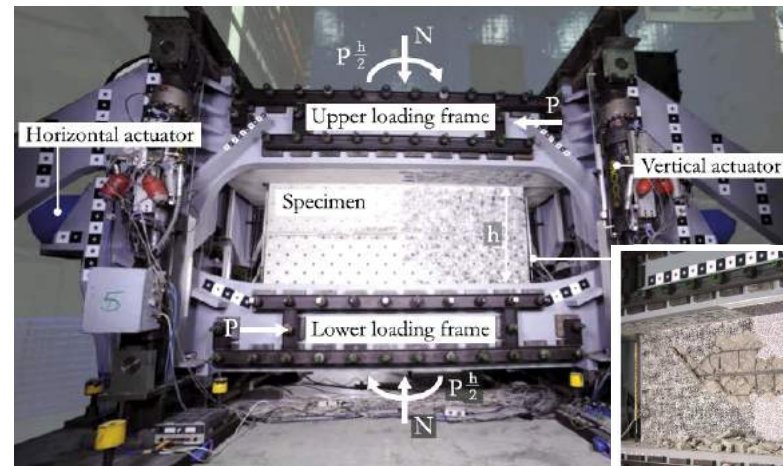
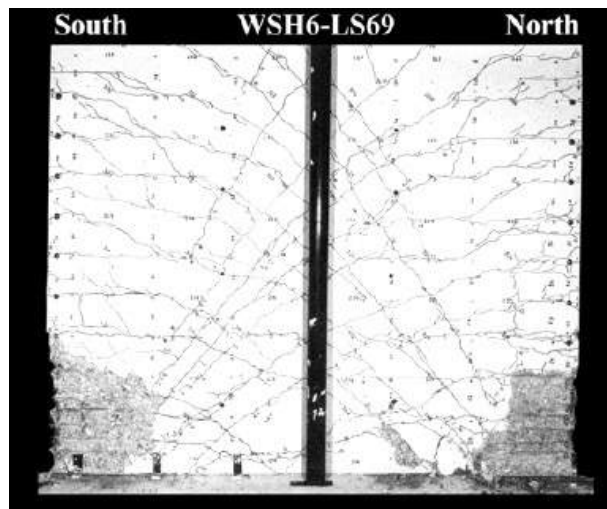


RC  
Shear Walls

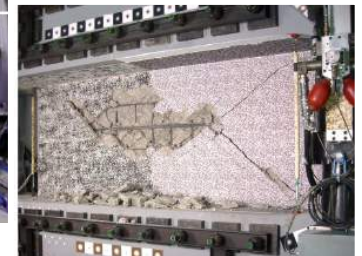
Tall



Medium

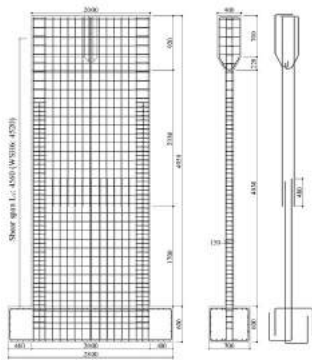


Squat

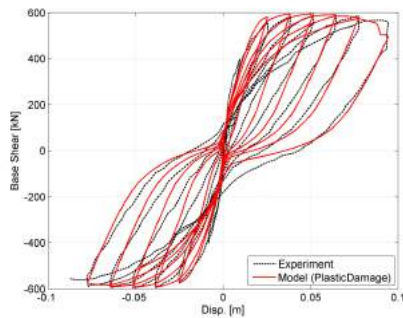


# Nonlinear concrete shear walls (Fiber layer membrane element)

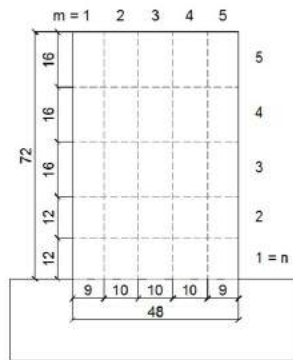
## Slender



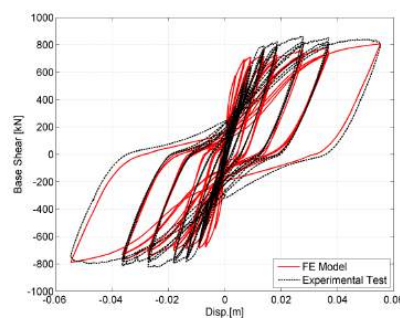
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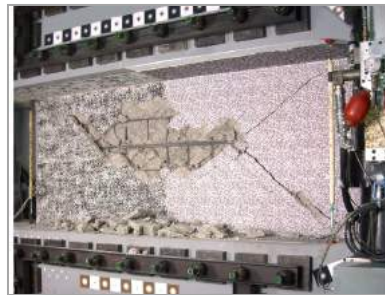
## Medium



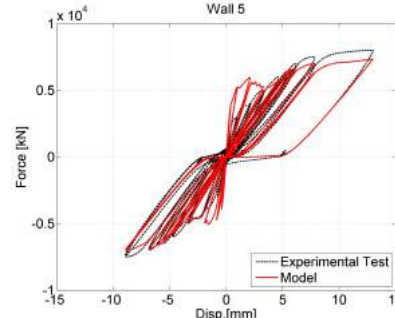
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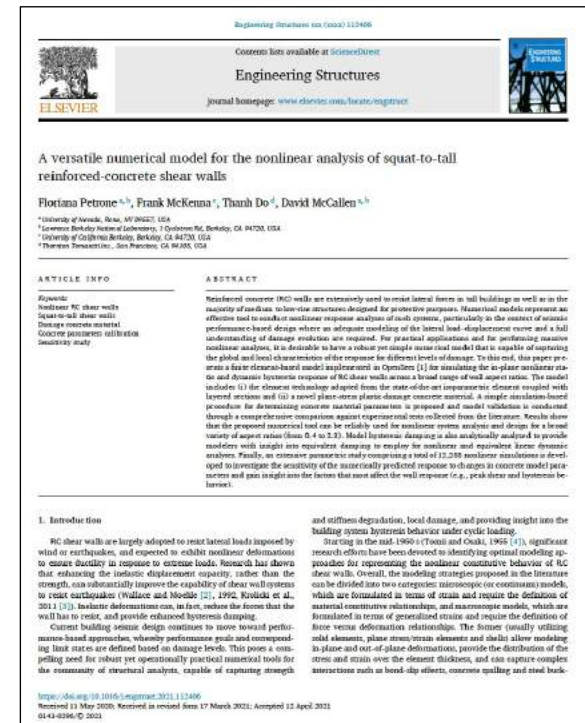
## Low (Squat)



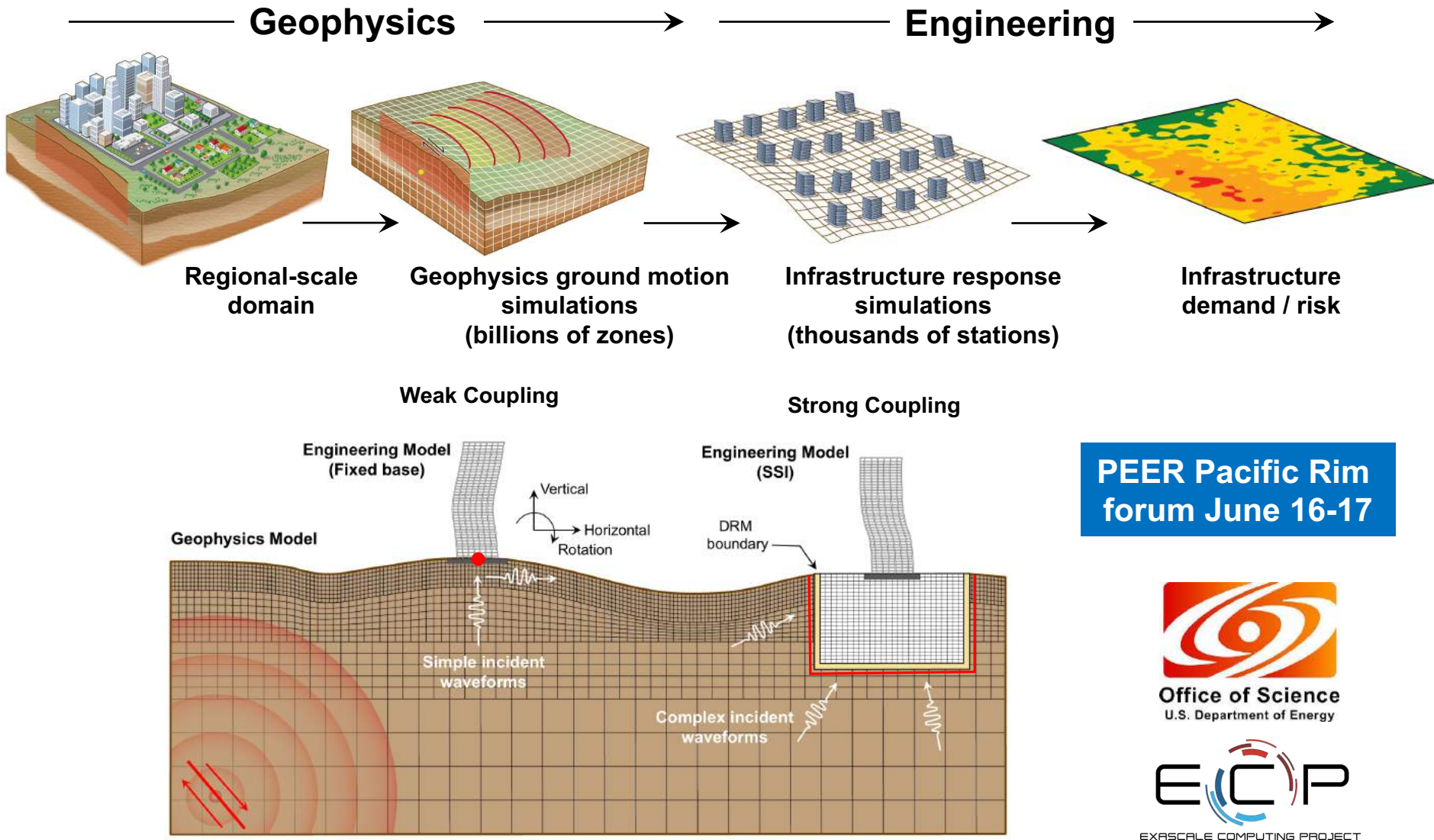
Displacement-controlled pushover



“A versatile numerical model for the nonlinear analysis of squat-to-tall reinforced concrete shear walls”



# Active code development efforts are now under the DOE Exascale Computing Project



PEER Pacific Rim  
forum June 16-17



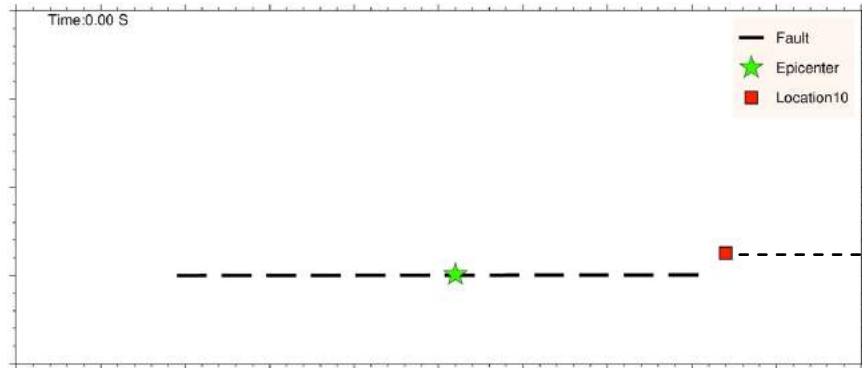
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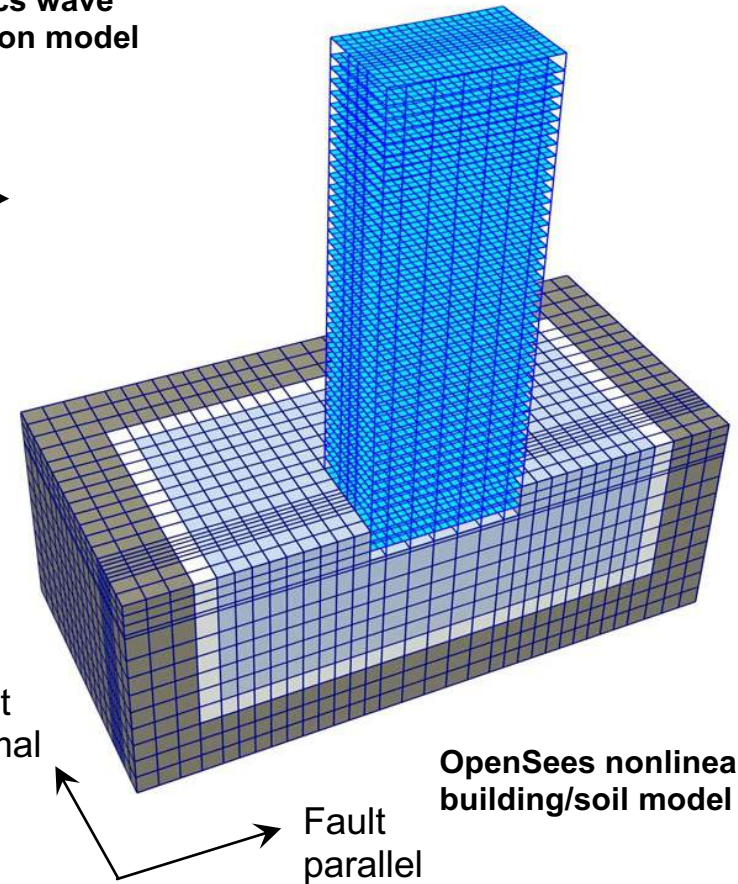
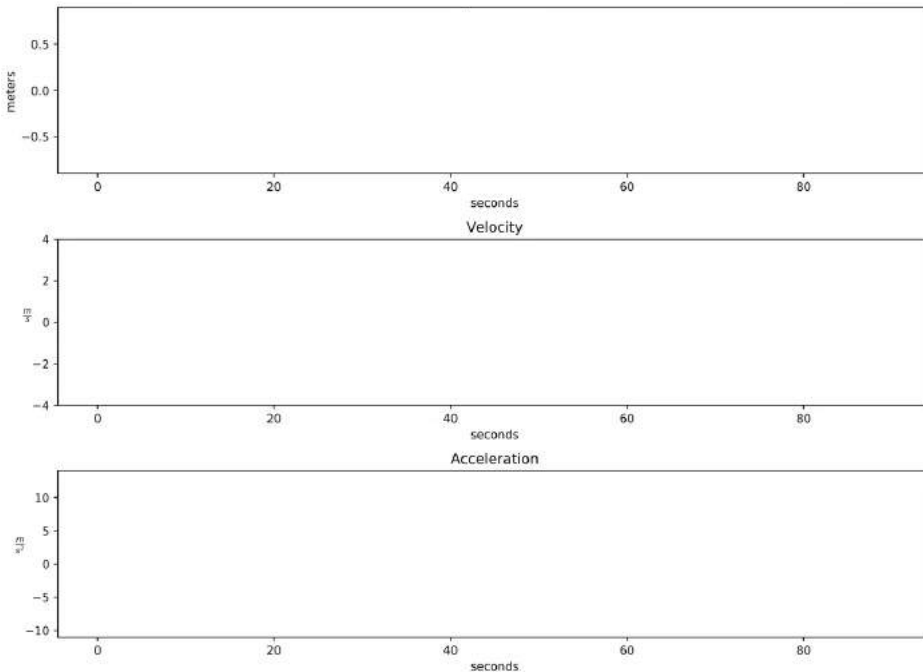


# Fully coupled ground motion – structure simulations (SSI + complex incident waves)

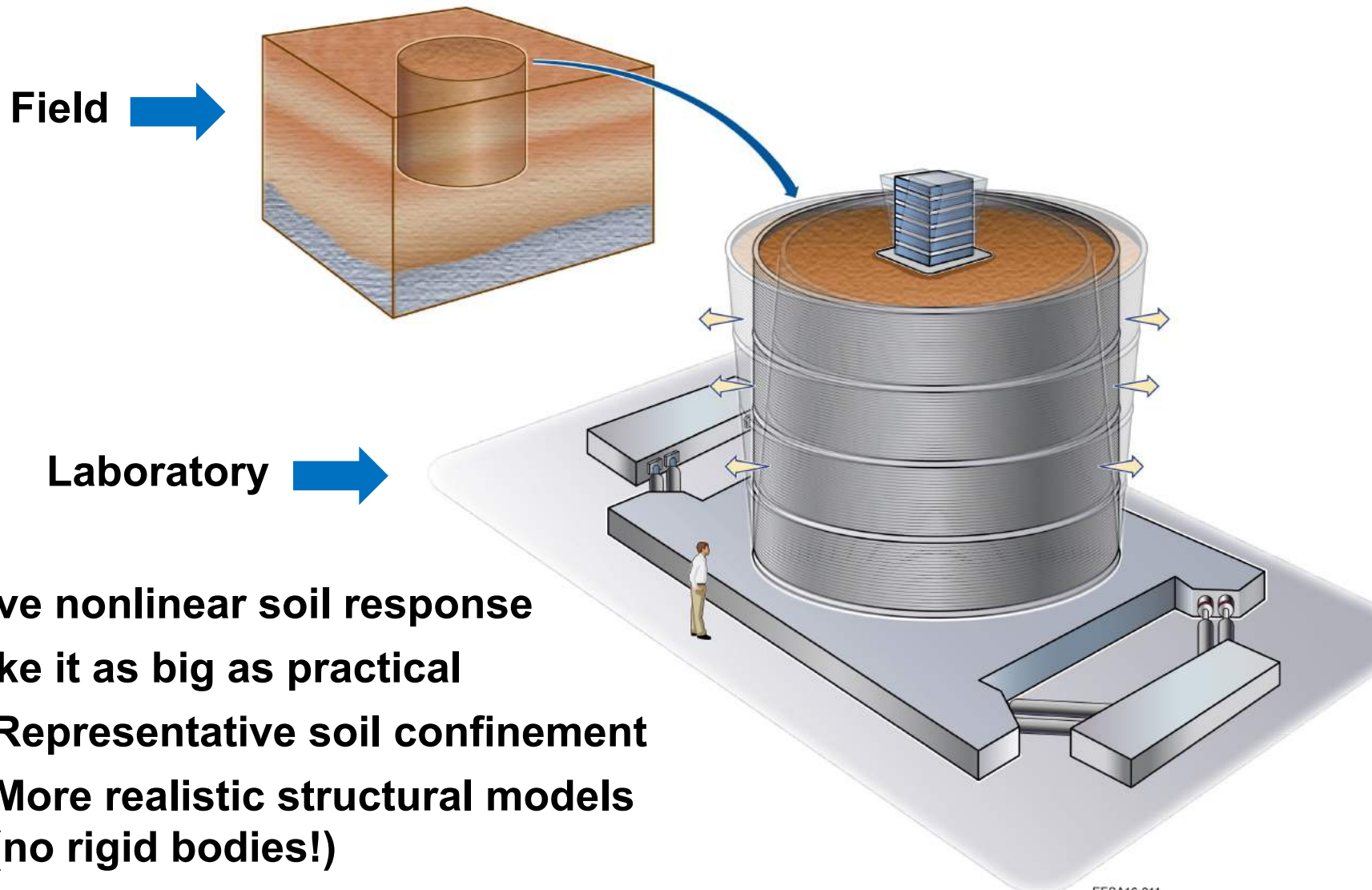


**9 billion zone SW4  
geophysics wave  
propagation model**

**Fault normal displacement, velocity and acceleration**

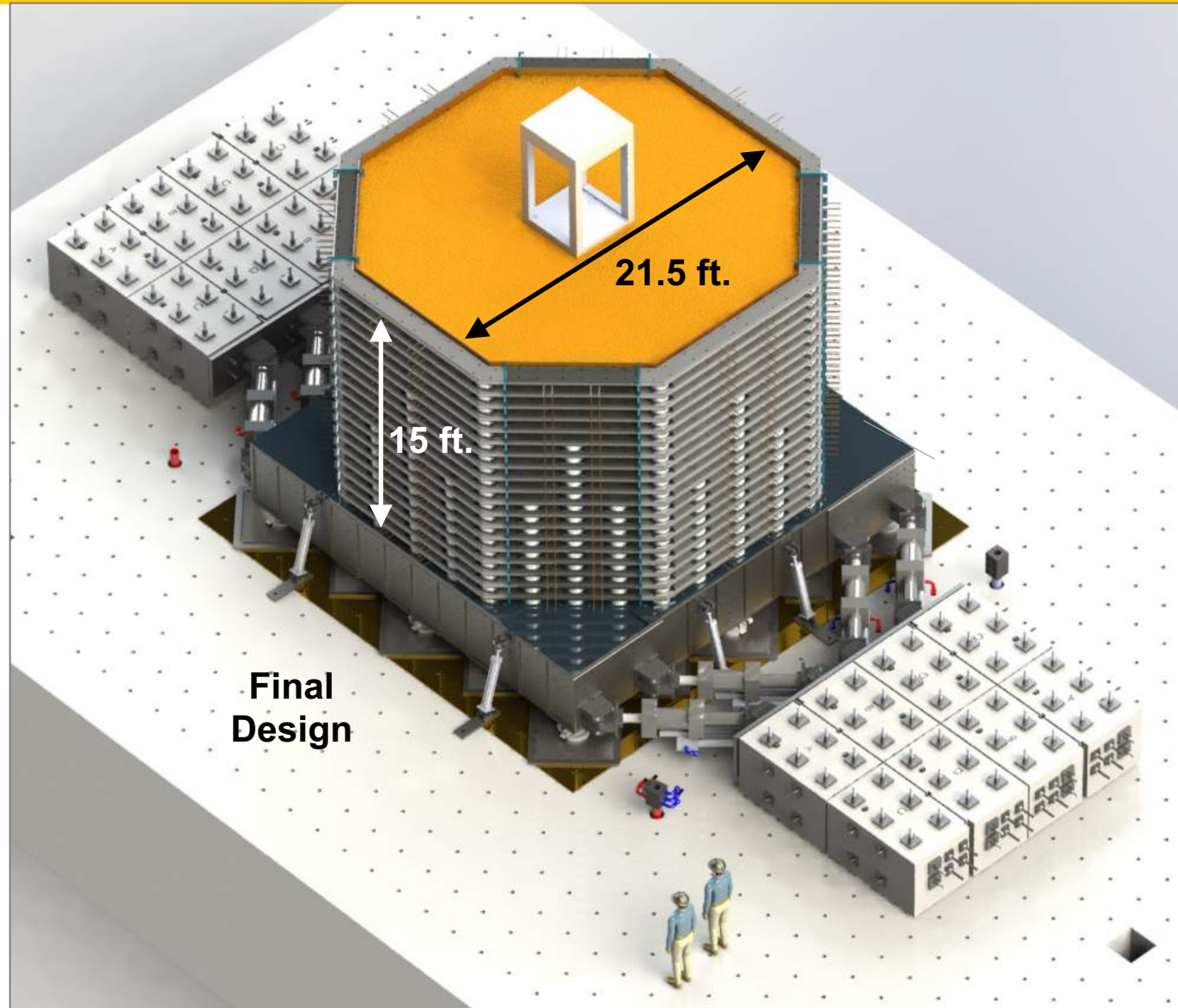
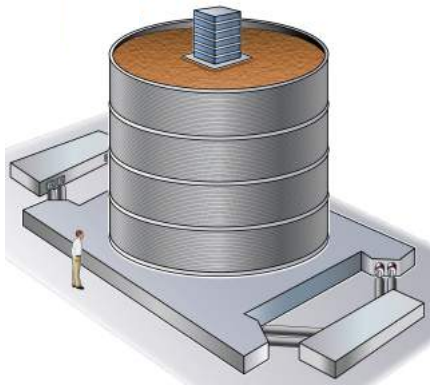


# Early conceptualization of the Large Scale Laminar Soil Box (LLSB)



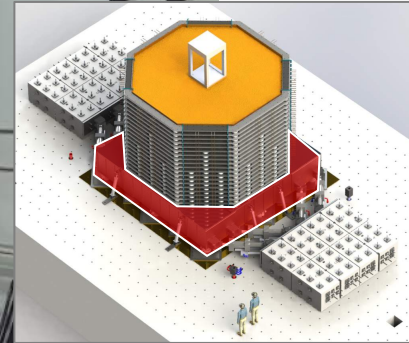
# Completing a major design effort - from cartoon to detailed design

**Concept**





**The platen is complete and assembled,  
fit-up was exceptional and very flat**



# Laminar Soil Box fabrication



**Steel  
Tubes**

**Rubber  
Bearings**



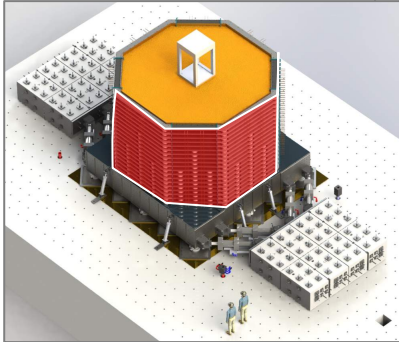


# Soil box construction





# Soil box completed



**408  
Bearings**

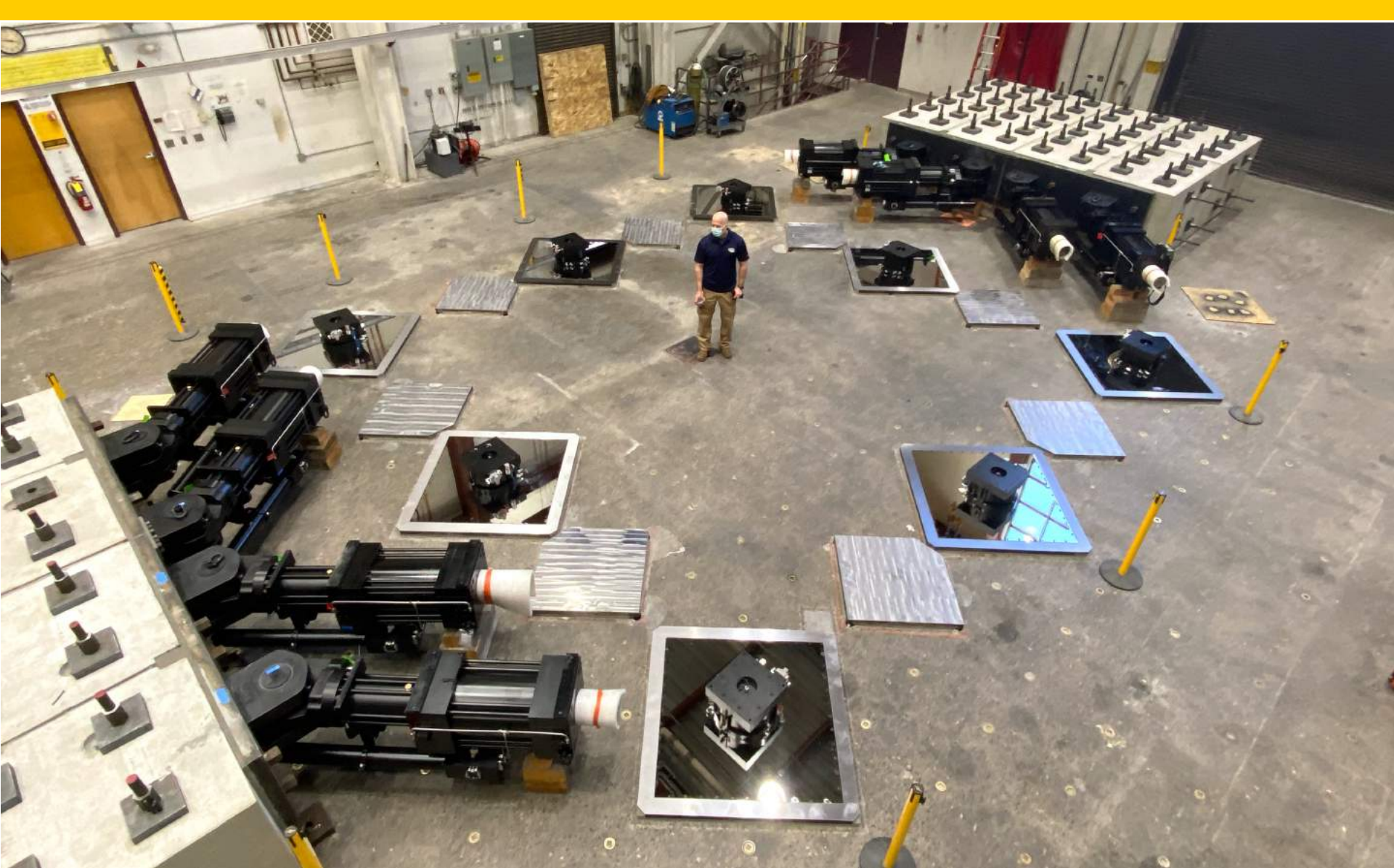


# Bearing plate precision leveling check





# Reaction blocks, actuators and bearings/bearing plates





# The final phase of construction - hydraulics



**“Down in the basement”**

# Next

- **Commissioning**
  - **Comprehensive testing of all systems and system performance validation**
- **Ready for Experiments**
  - **New insight into nonlinear site response**
  - **Data for confronting site response and SSI simulations**