

Physics-driven city-scale disaster simulation methods and applications

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- Cities are facing the threats of many disasters



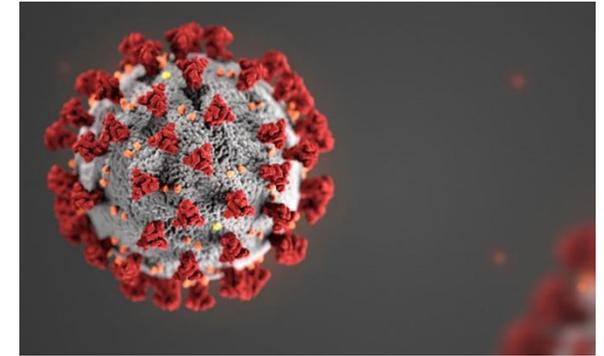
Christchurch **earthquake**
\$40 billion loss
5 years recovery



Beijing Television
Center **fire**
\$23.99 million loss



Typhoon Soudelor
59 killed,
\$4.09 billion loss



COVID-19
3.76 million killed,
174 million confirmed cases



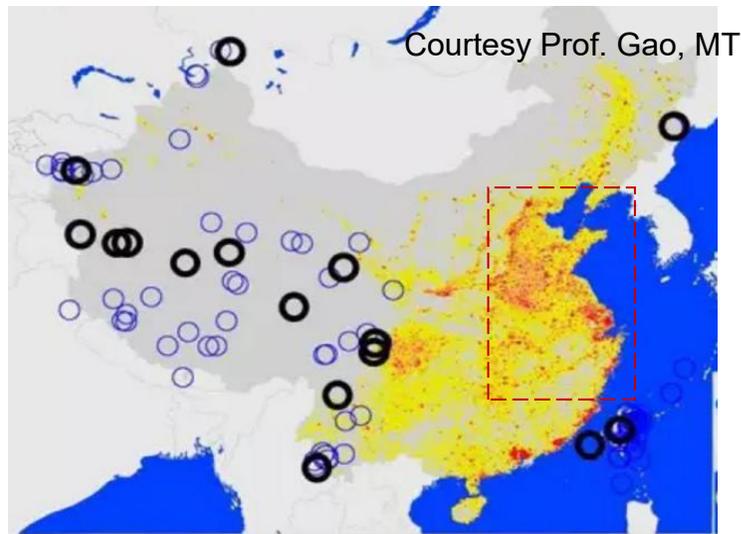
**Quantifying the performance of the community
under multiple potential hazards is important**

1 Research Background

- City-scale disaster simulation models
 - Empirical models are widely-used
 - e.g., Earthquake: damage probability matrices

Challenges

Limited historical data



No strong earthquake in dense population area of China mainland for 45 Years

Not adaptive to new structures

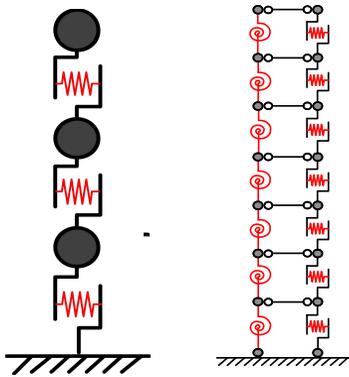


Many new structures are emerging

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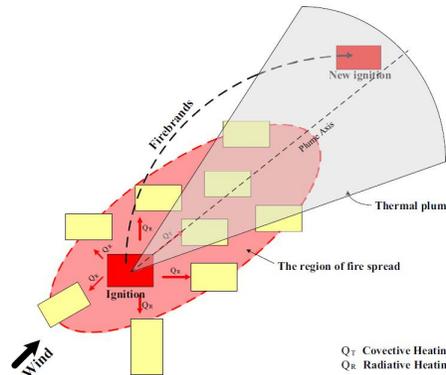
- Challenges of empirical models
 - Limited historical data
 - Not adaptive to new structures
- Solutions: **Physics-driven model**
 - **Reliable, Efficient, Adaptive**

Earthquake



Nonlinear time-history analysis

Fire



Thermal plume and radiation-based fire spread simulation

Wind / COVID-19

Continuity:
$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho u)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\rho w)}{\partial z} = 0$$

X - Momentum:
$$\frac{\partial(\rho u)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho u^2)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\rho uv)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\rho uw)}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{Re_r} \left[\frac{\partial \tau_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial z} \right]$$

Y - Momentum:
$$\frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho uv)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\rho v^2)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\rho vw)}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{Re_r} \left[\frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial z} \right]$$

Z - Momentum:
$$\frac{\partial(\rho w)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho uw)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\rho vw)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\rho w^2)}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{Re_r} \left[\frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zz}}{\partial z} \right]$$

Energy:
$$\frac{\partial(E_T)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(uE_T)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(vE_T)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(wE_T)}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial(p)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial(vp)}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial(wp)}{\partial z} - \frac{1}{Re_r Pr_r} \left[\frac{\partial q_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial q_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial q_z}{\partial z} \right] + \frac{1}{Re_r} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (u \tau_{xx} + v \tau_{xy} + w \tau_{xz}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (u \tau_{xy} + v \tau_{yy} + w \tau_{yz}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (u \tau_{xz} + v \tau_{yz} + w \tau_{zz}) \right]$$

Large eddy simulation

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2.1 Multi-hazard simulation framework based on CIM

Problem

Physics-driven simulations of different hazards require different types of data

Earthquake simulation

- Structural information
- Non-structural information
- Ground motion

Fire simulation

- Building information
- Initial ignited building
- Some indoor equipment like sprinkler systems

Wind / COVID-19 simulation

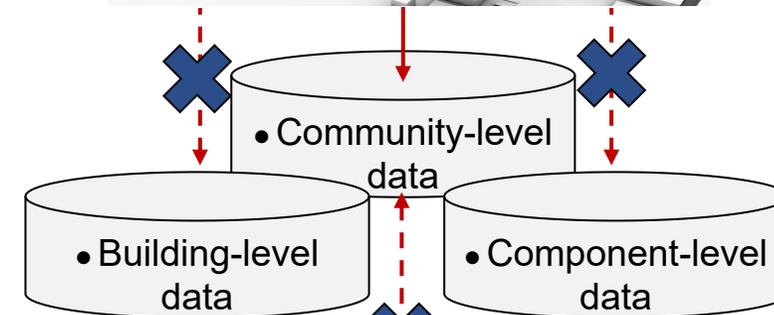
- Building configuration
- Weather conditions

State of the art

Commonly-used data format cannot meet the data requirement



GIS



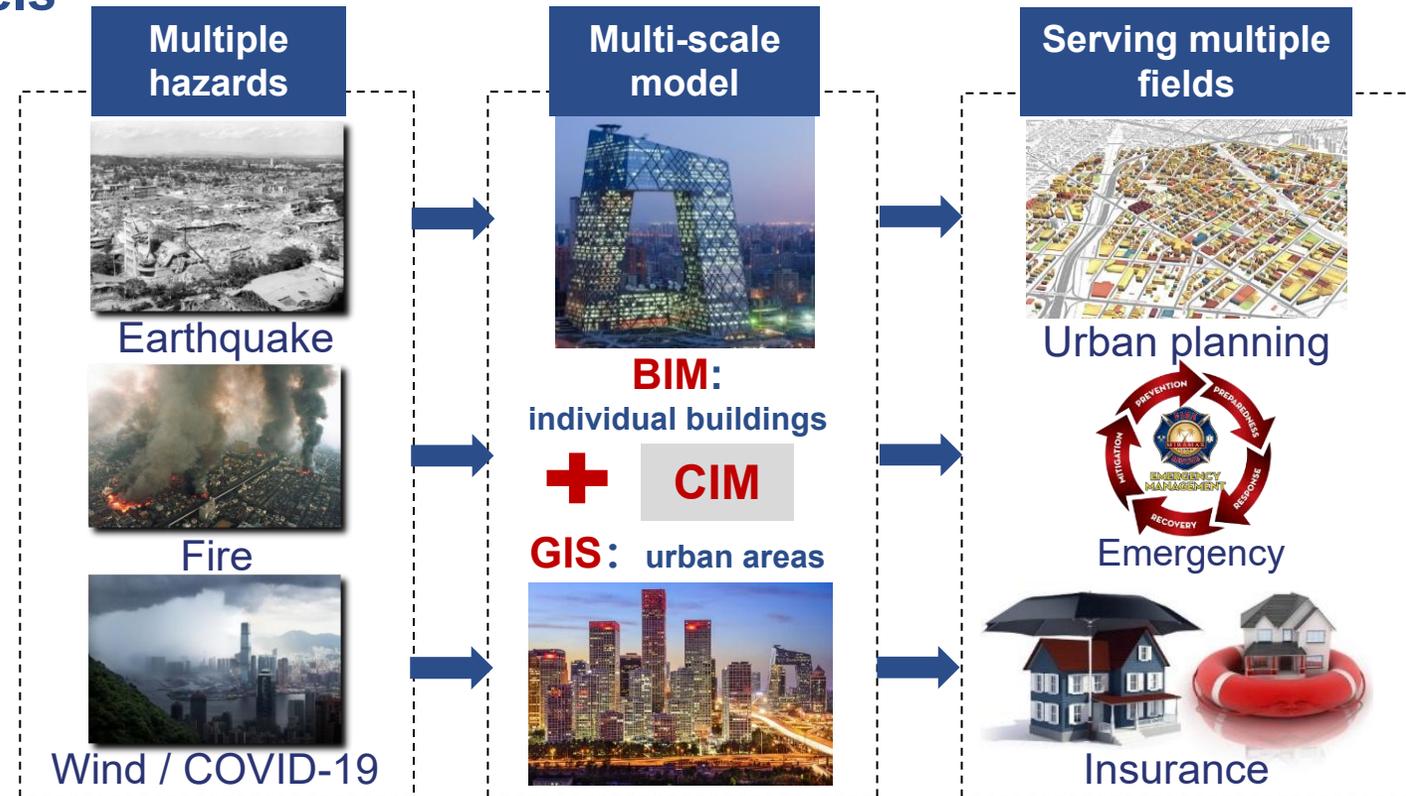
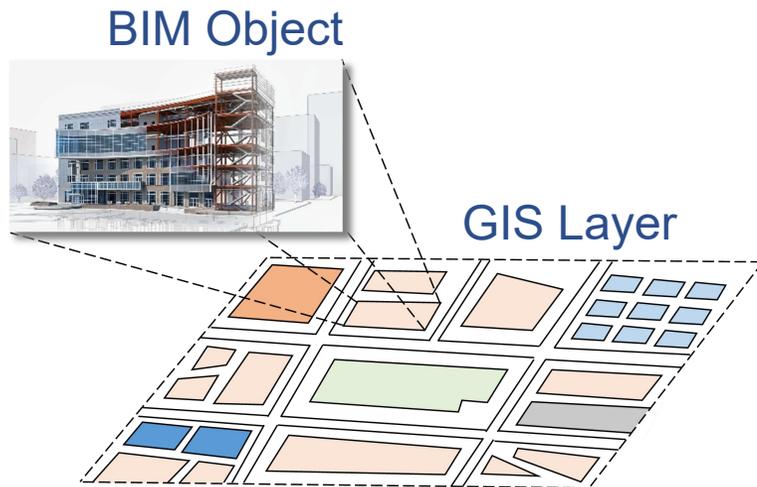
BIM

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City information model

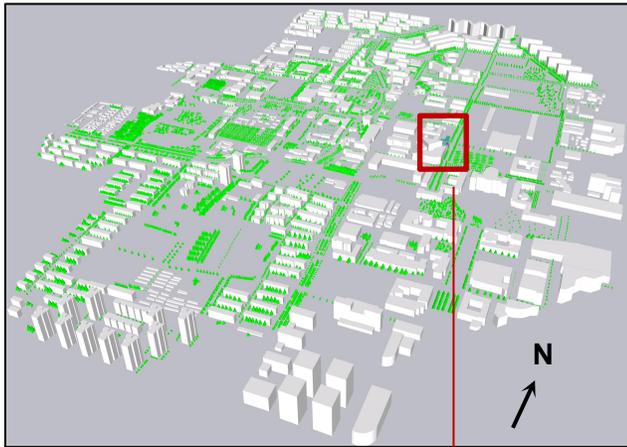
CIM = GIS + BIM

- Physics-driven hazard simulation models
- Multiple hazards: earthquake, fire, wind / COVID-19
- Individual buildings + regional scales

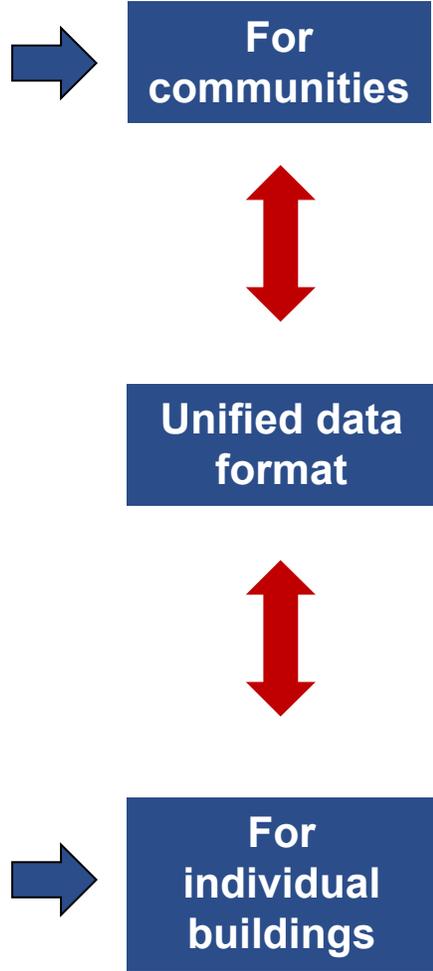
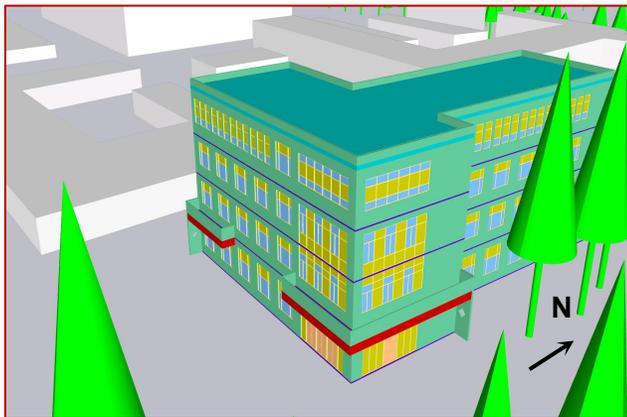


2.1 Multi-hazard simulation framework based on CIM

Automatic data transformation



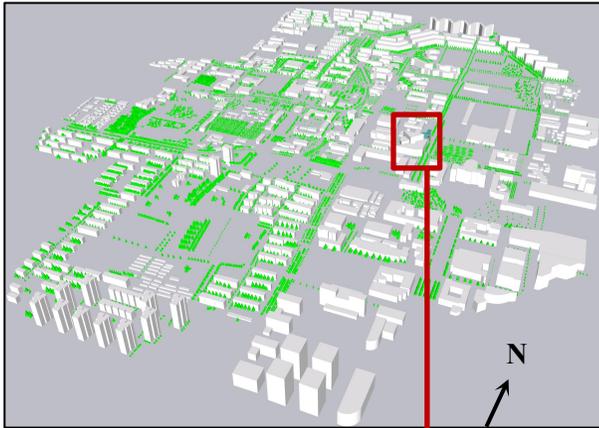
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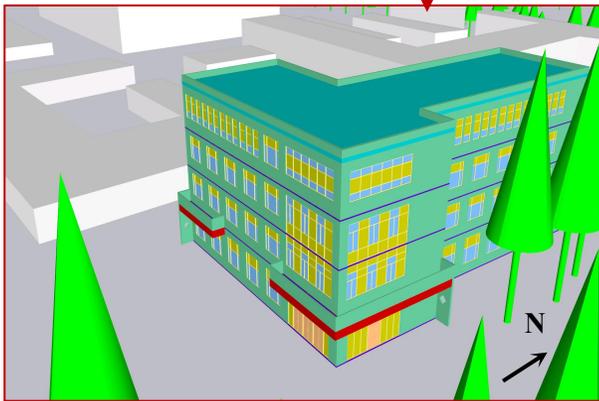
Database	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	
Information of Urban Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2D polygon of buildings Number of stories Building height Surface roughness Weather condition 	<p>Transformation of GIS data into CFD model for wind simulation</p>	<p>CFD computation for wind velocity and pressure</p>	<p>High-fidelity visualization of wind simulation results</p>	Wind
	<p>Transformation of GIS data into fire spread analysis model and CFD model for smoke simulation</p>	<p>Computation for fire spread scene and smoke effects</p>	<p>High-fidelity visualization of fire simulation results</p>	Fire
	<p>Transformation of GIS data into multiple-degree-of-freedom model</p>	<p>Time history analysis for structural responses</p>	<p>High-fidelity visualization of earthquake simulation results</p>	Earthquake
Information of Individual Building <p>Data_A: Data of nonstructural components and equipment</p> <p>Data_S: Data of structural components</p>	<p>Transformation of Data_A into CFD model for wind simulation</p>	<p>CFD computation for wind velocity and pressure</p>	<p>High-fidelity visualization of wind simulation results</p>	Wind
	<p>Transformation of the whole BIM data into CFD model for fire simulation</p>	<p>CFD computation for smoke effects and heat transport</p>	<p>High-fidelity visualization of fire simulation results</p>	Fire
	<p>Transformation of Data_S into finite element model</p>	<p>Time history analysis for structural response</p>	<p>High-fidelity visualization of earthquake simulation results</p>	Earthquake

2.2 Case study: Tsinghua campus, multiple hazards

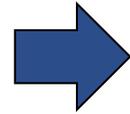
Entire campus



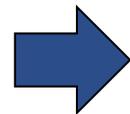
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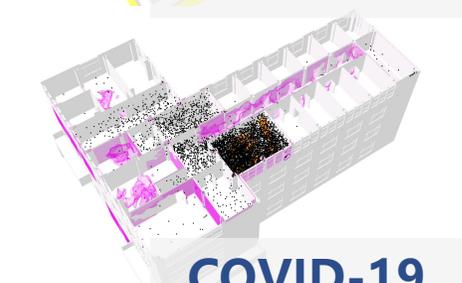
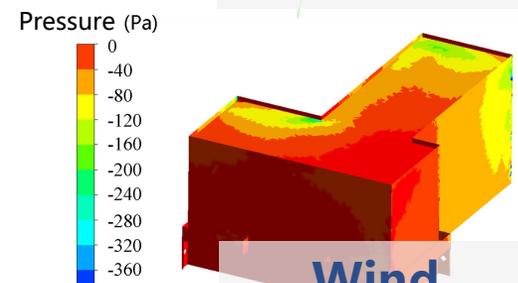
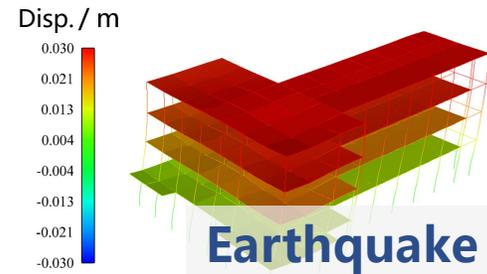
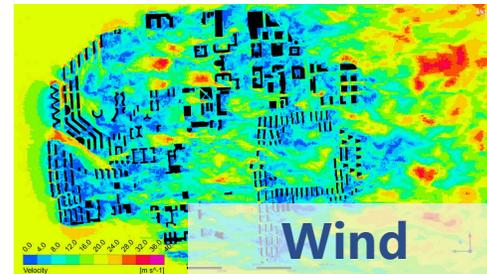
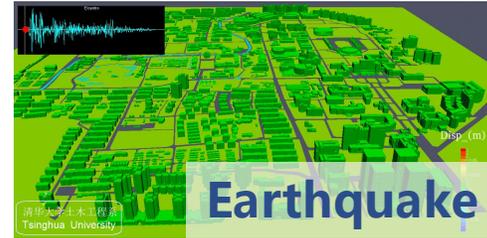
4-story RC building



Regional Scale



Building Scale



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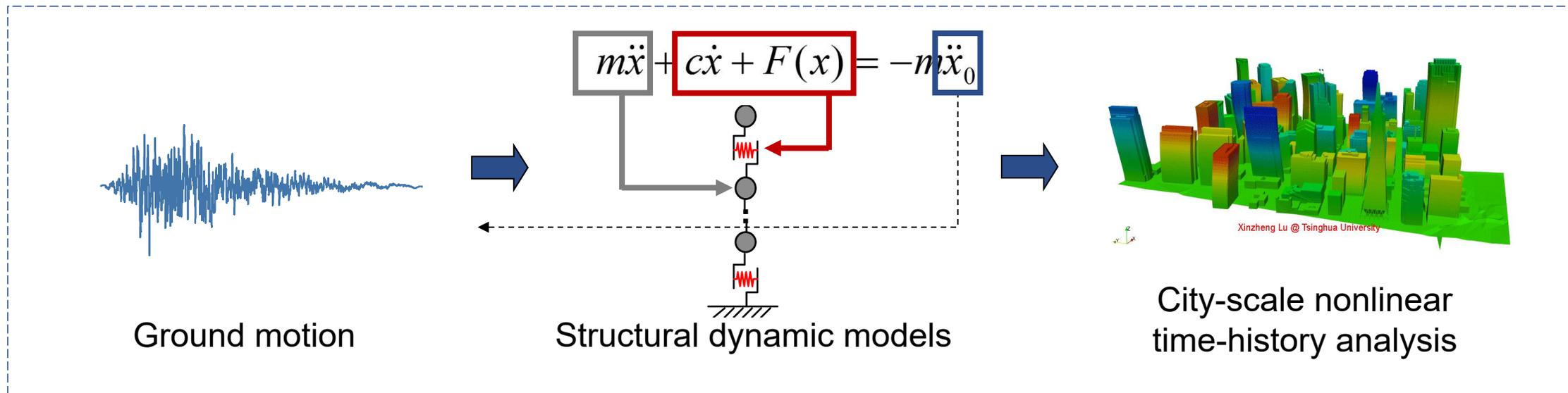
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3 Physics-driven regional earthquake simulation

- **Physics-driven**: structural dynamic models + city-scale nonlinear time-history analysis

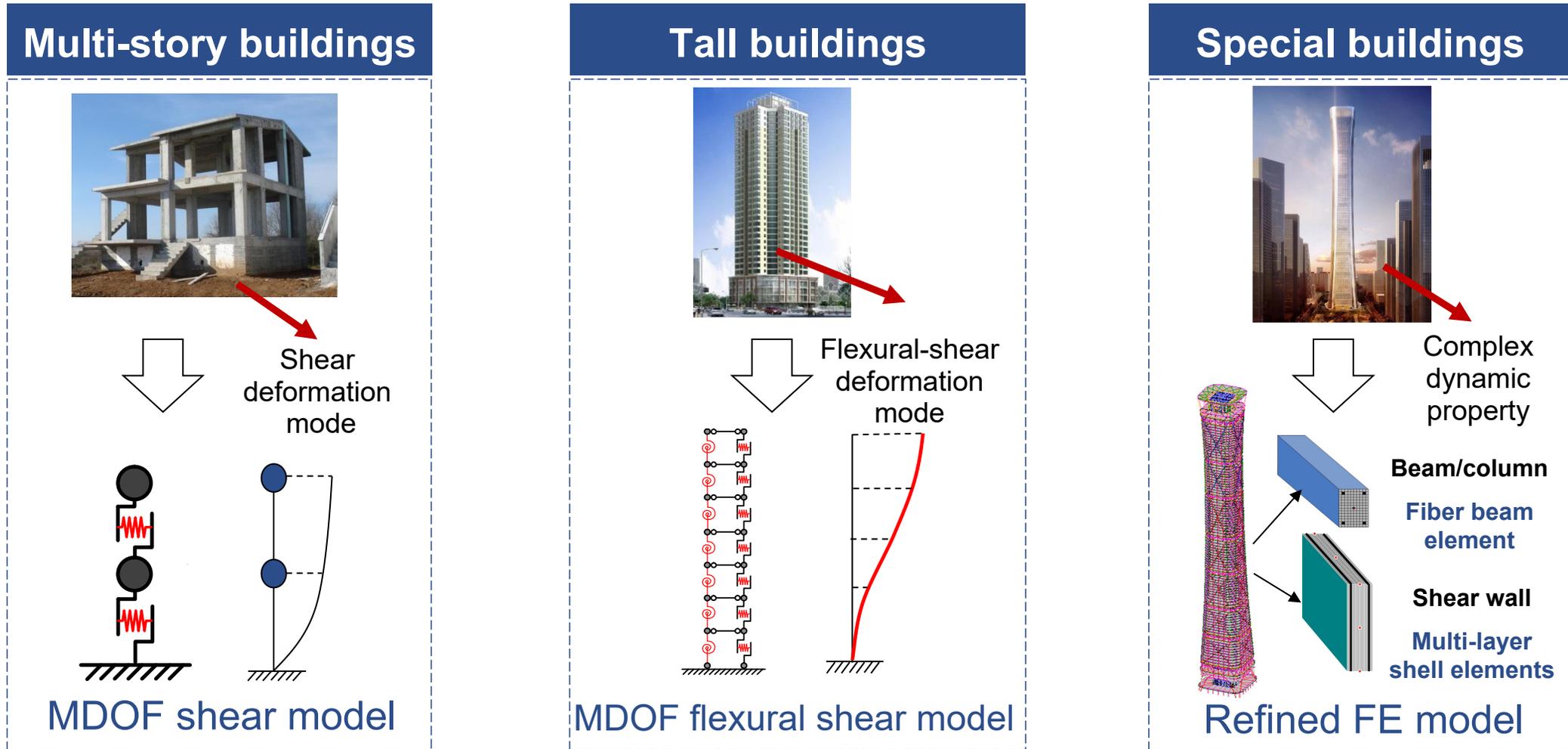


Advantages

- ✓ Strictly follow fundamental of structural dynamics
- ✓ Accurately represent features of individual buildings
- ✓ Accurately represent characteristics of ground motions

3 Physics-driven regional earthquake simulation

Multi-scale structural dynamic models

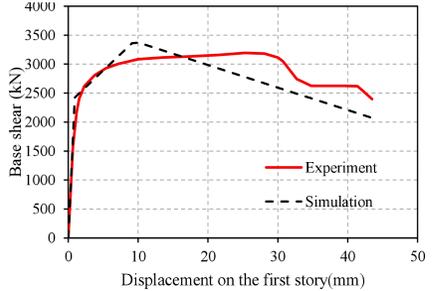
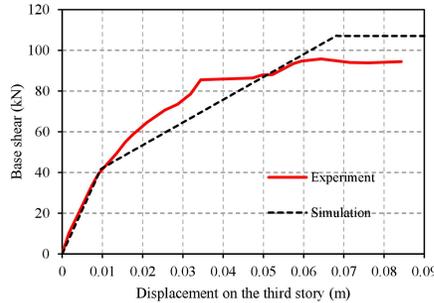
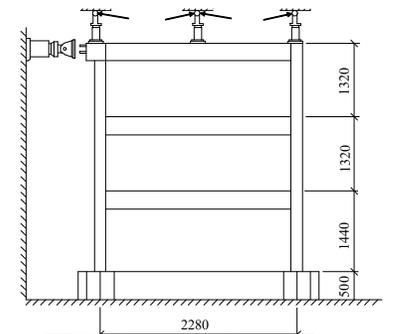
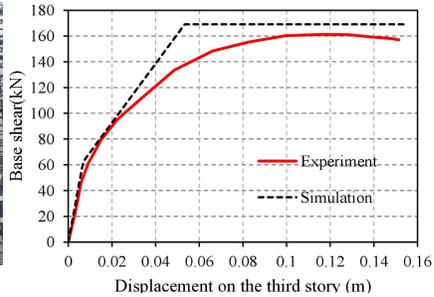


Moderate-fidelity models

High-fidelity models

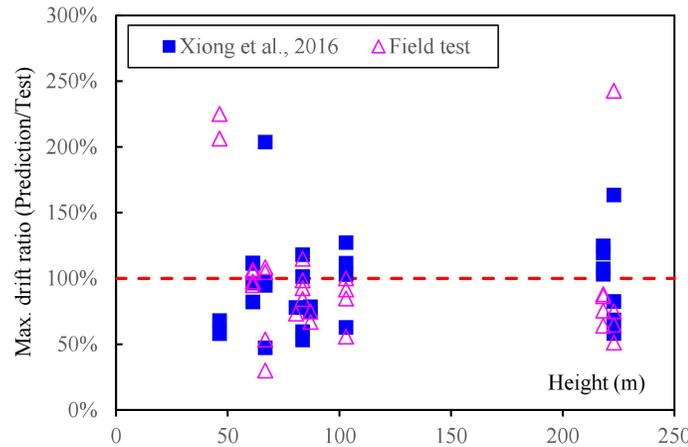
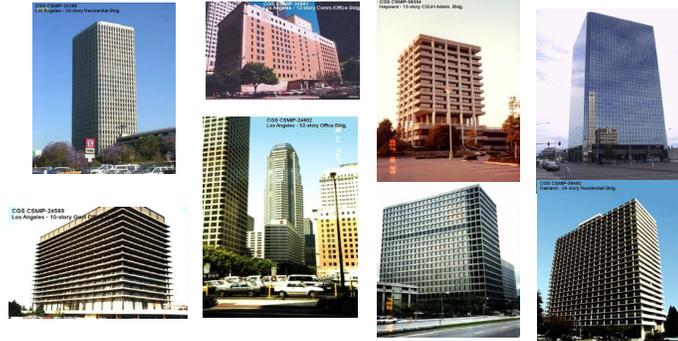
3.1 Higher accuracy of prediction

Experiment



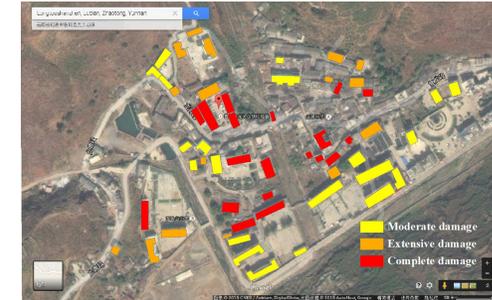
Agree well with experiments

Monitoring



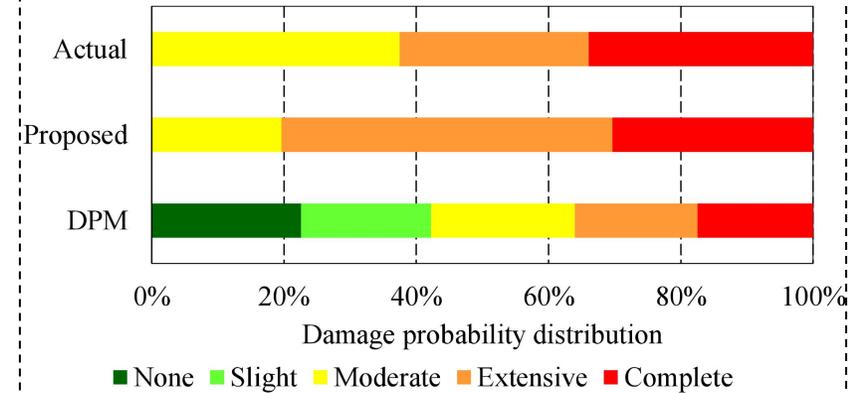
Error of maximal drift:
-4.6% (Proposed method)
-2.8% (Period updated)

Compared with DPM



Actual damage of Longtoushan Town

Ludian Earthquake (M 6.5), 2014, China



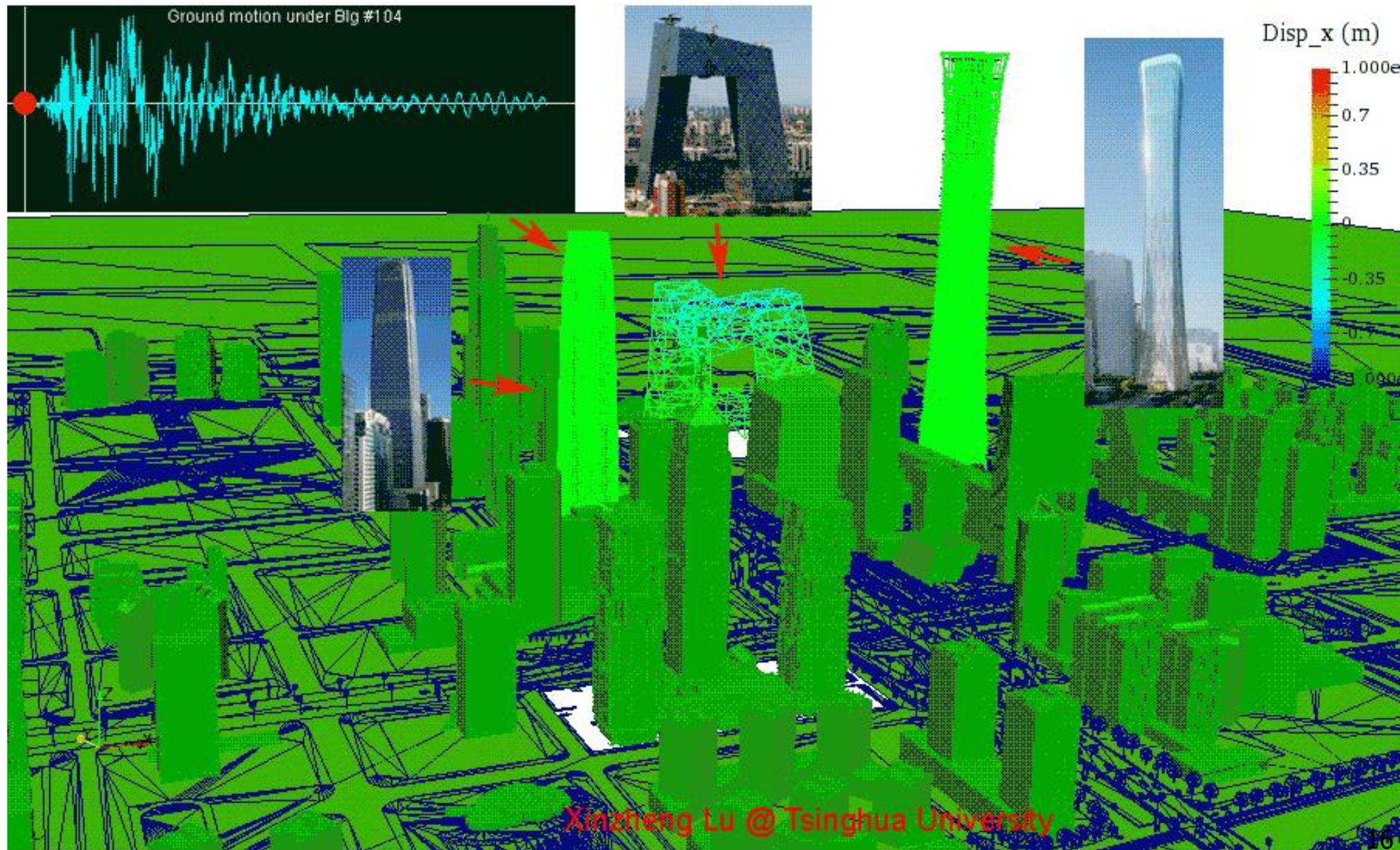
More accurate than the traditional DPM method
 (DPM: Damage Probability Matrices)

3.2 High-fidelity visualization of seismic response: **3D visualization**

3D visualization of Beijing CBD

Scenario: 1679
Sanhe-Pinggu
M8.0 Earthquake

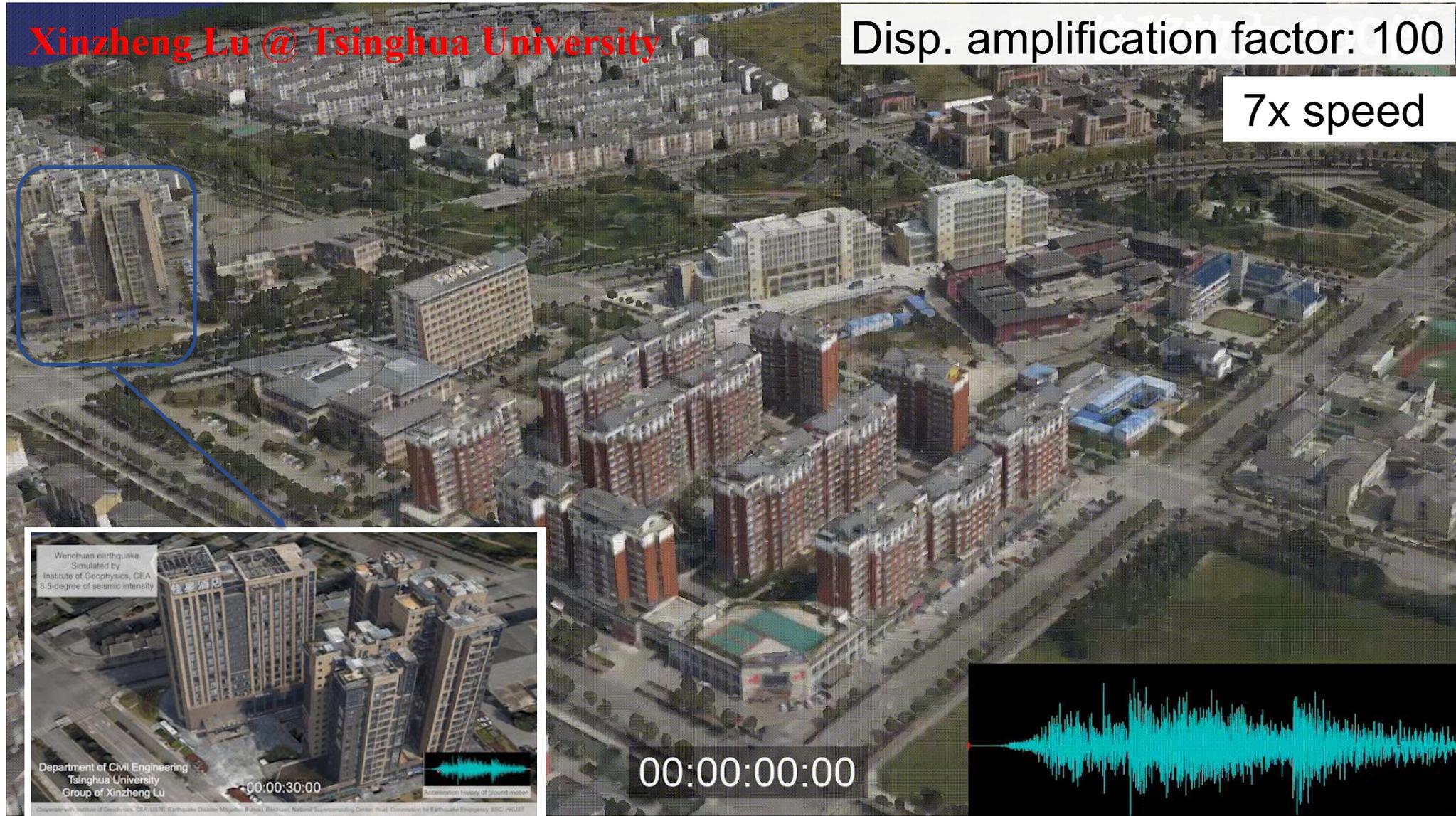
Many tall
buildings under
moderate
damage, very
difficult to repair



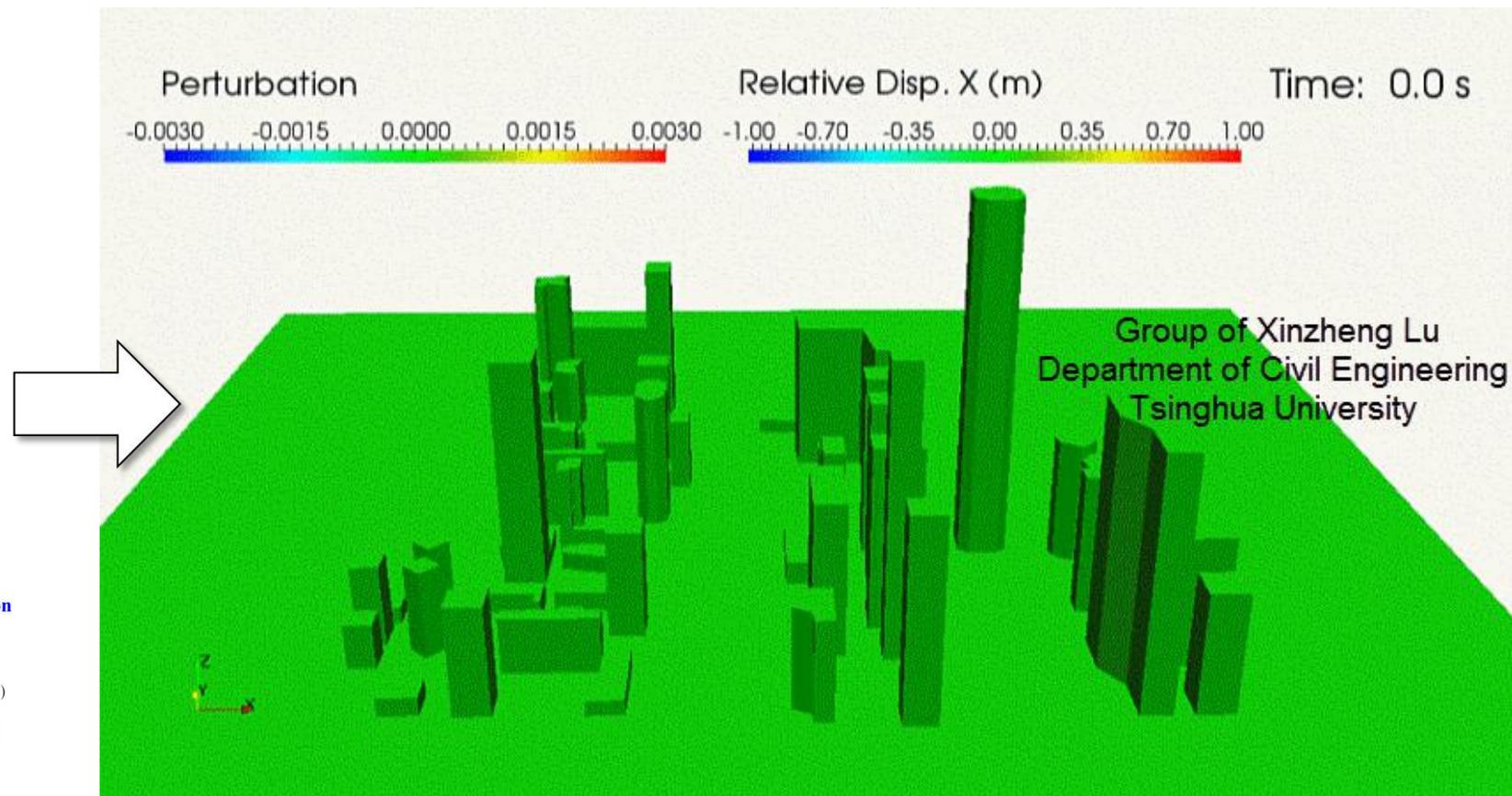
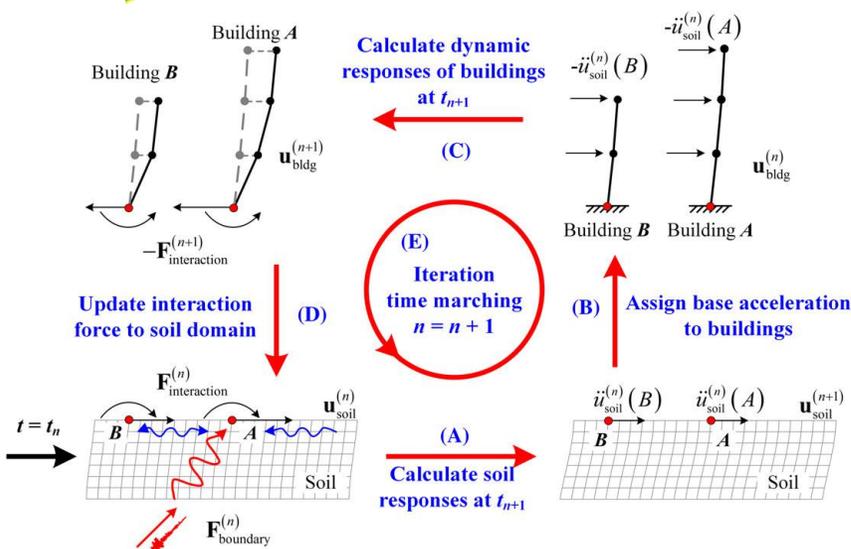
3.2 High-fidelity visualization of seismic response: **AR visualization**

AR visualization
of New Beichuan
City, Sichuan
Province

Scenario: 2008
Wenchuan M8.0
Earthquake

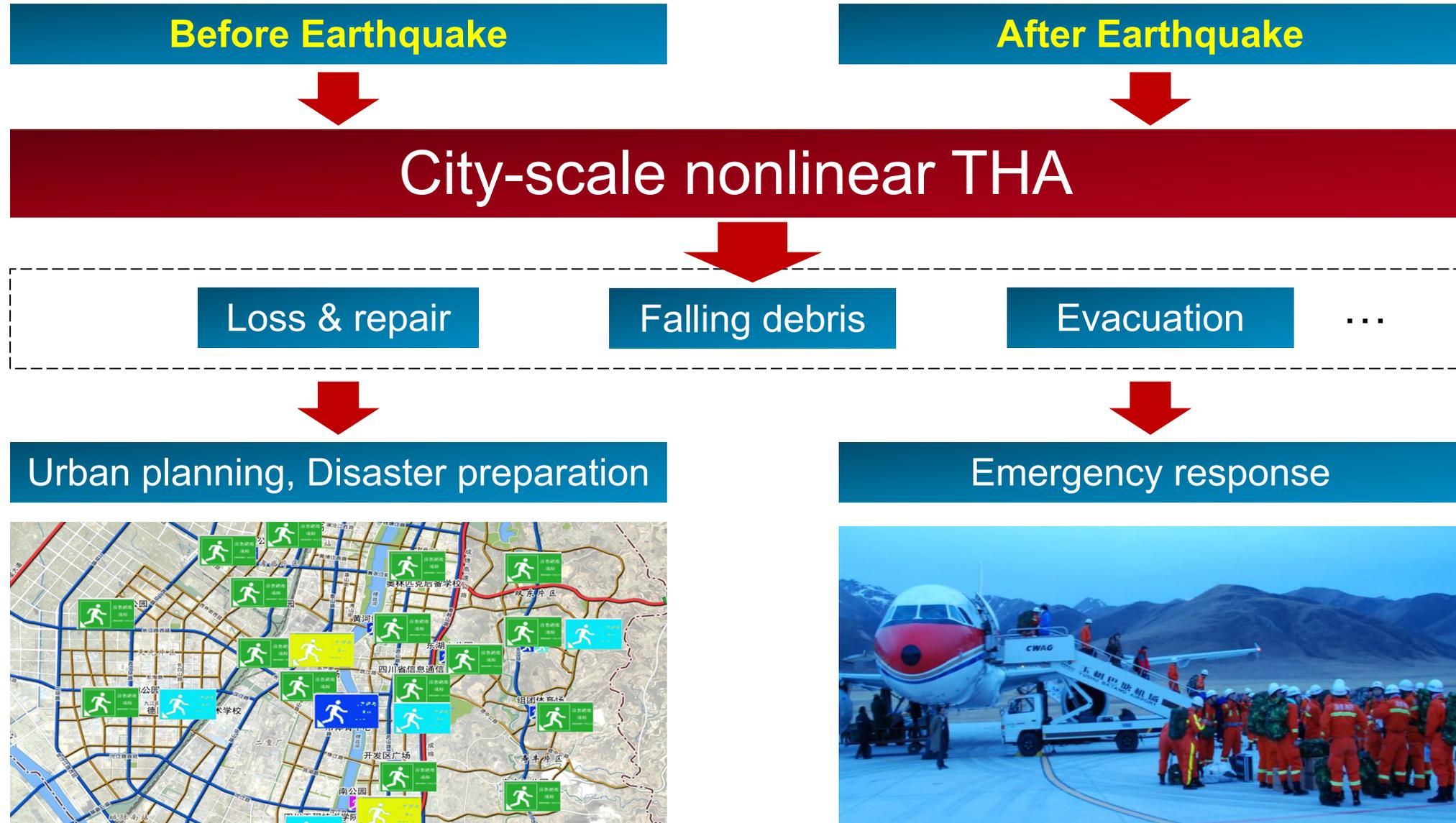


■ Site-city interaction



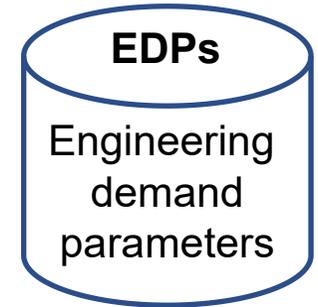
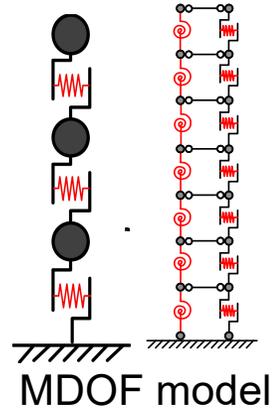
“Global” interaction between all the buildings in a city and its subsoil

3.3 Typical applications



3.3.1 Seismic loss assessment

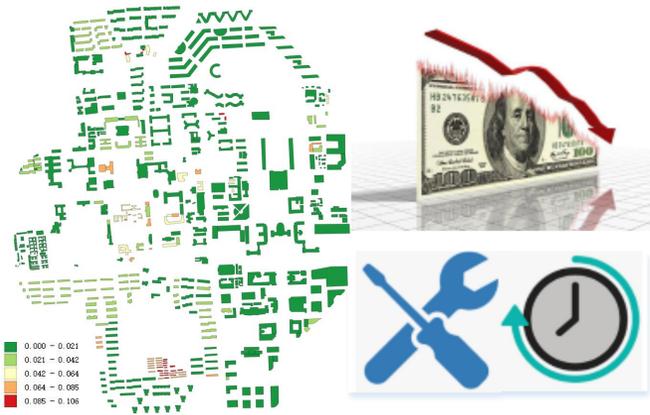
City-scale NLTHA



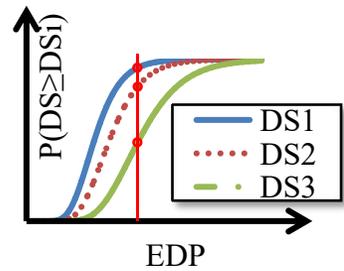
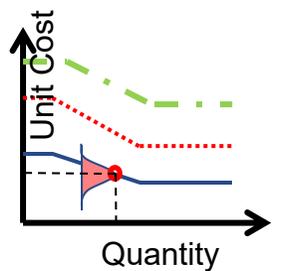
PFA, PFV, IDR residual drift



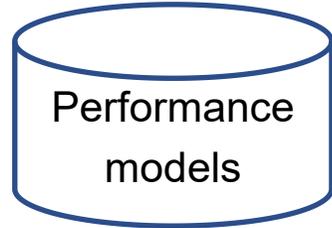
Performance Groups



Economic loss, repair time



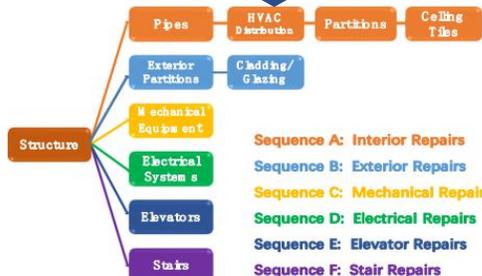
FEMA P-58 consequence functions and fragility curves



3.3.2 Post-earthquake recovery simulation

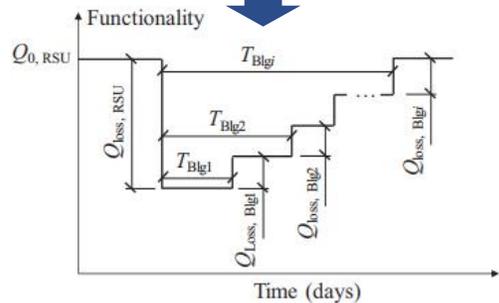
- Resilience recovery simulation of Beijing City
 - 68,930 residential buildings under an M8.0 earthquake

Building residual functionality

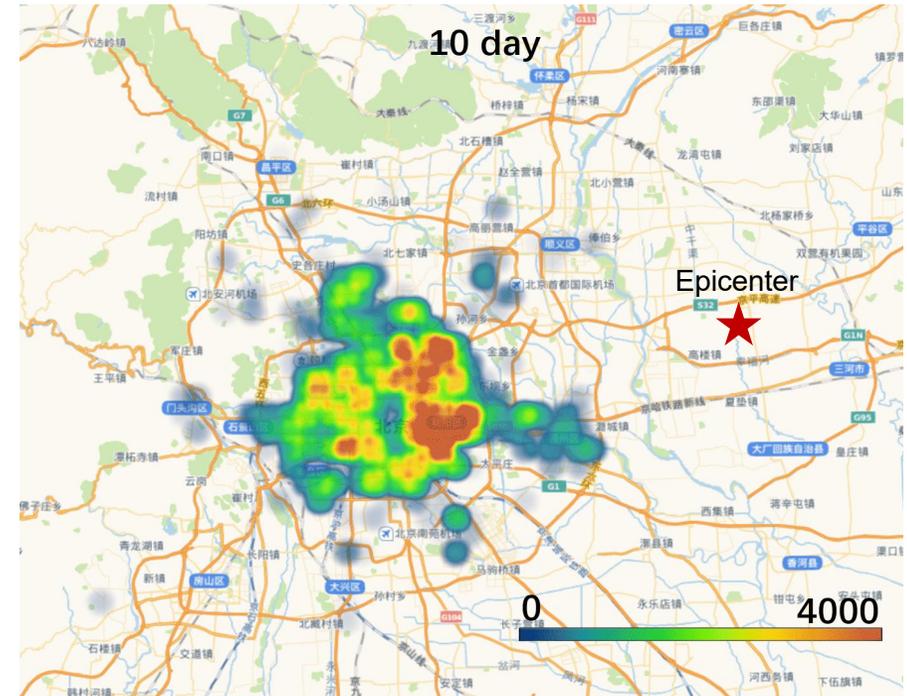


Repair sequences of a typical building

Courtesy Almufti et al.



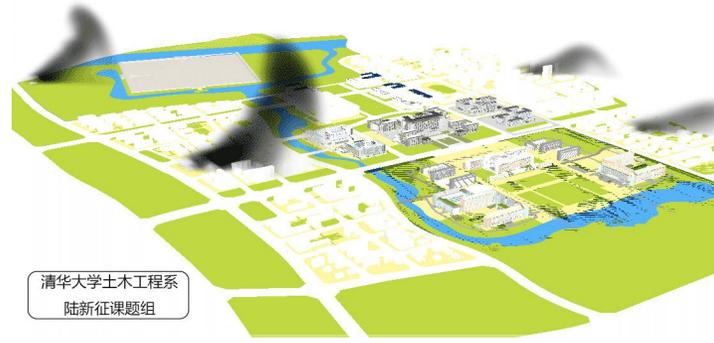
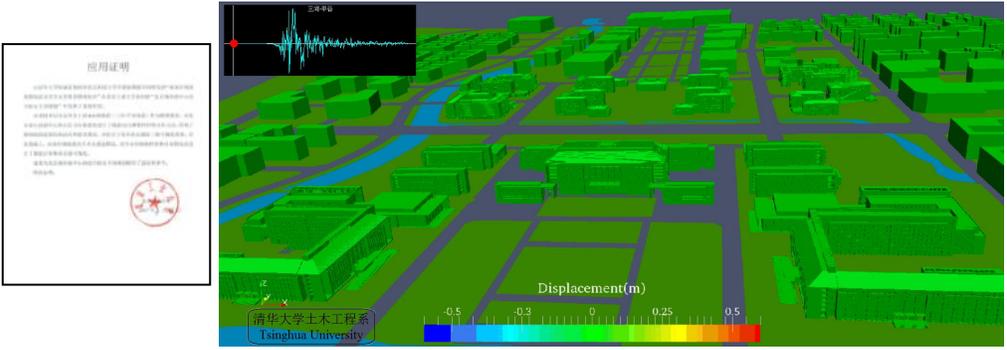
Recovery curve of a repair-scheduling unit



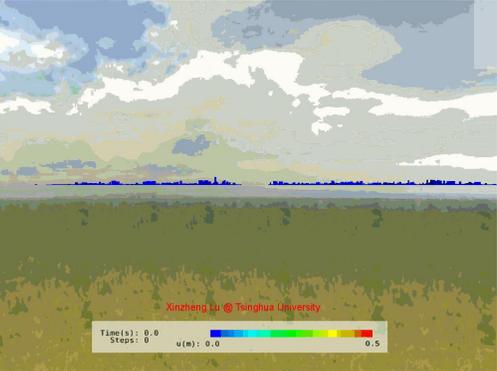
Temporal evolution of the worker distribution

Detailed repair time and recovery process

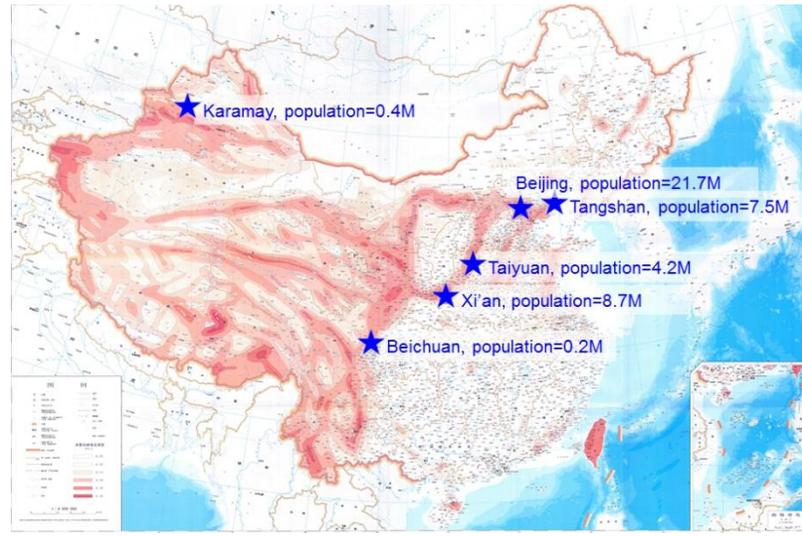
3.3.3 Applications: Pre-EQ damage prediction



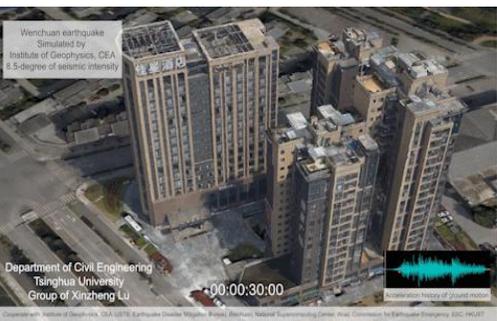
Beijing 2nd Adm. Center (2017), Tongzhou & Daxing Districts (2018, 2019)



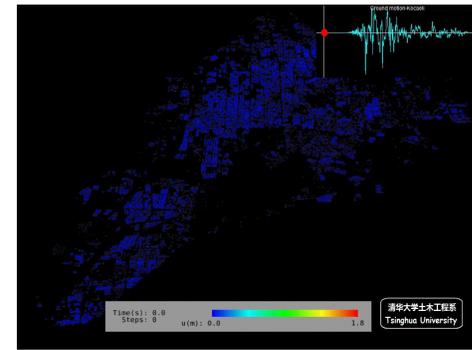
Taiyuan (2017)



Xiong'An (2017)



New Beichuan (2018)

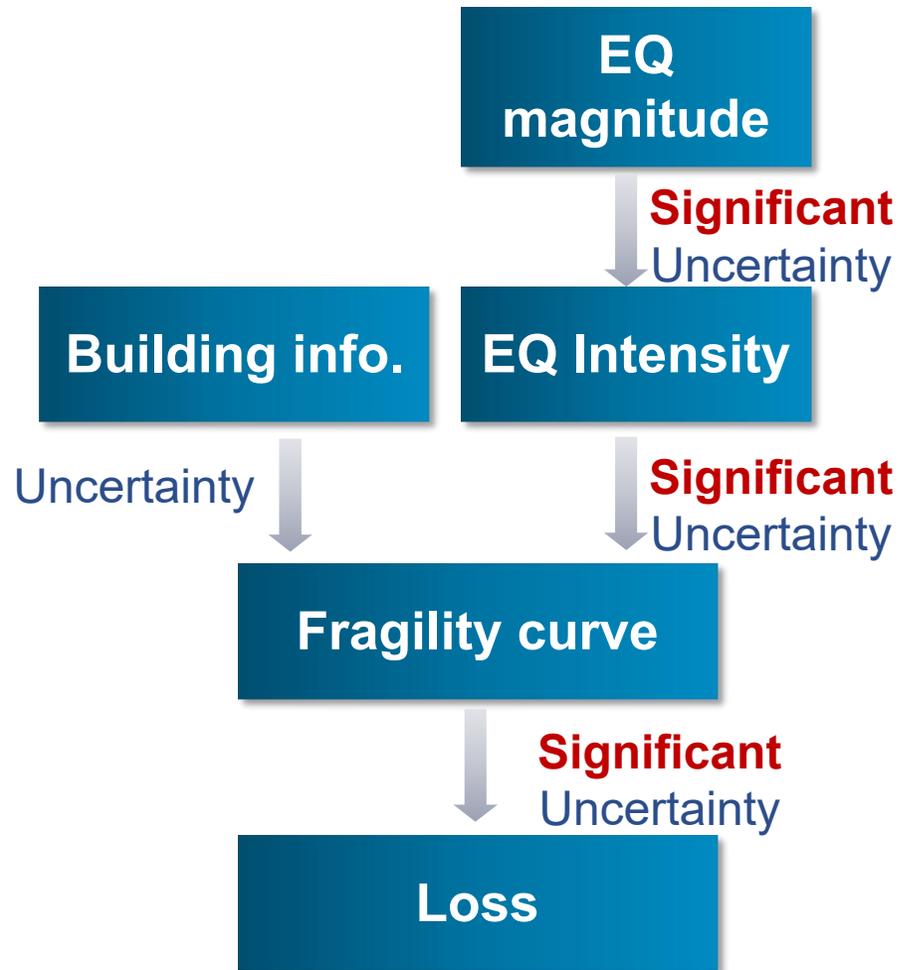


Tangshan (2016)

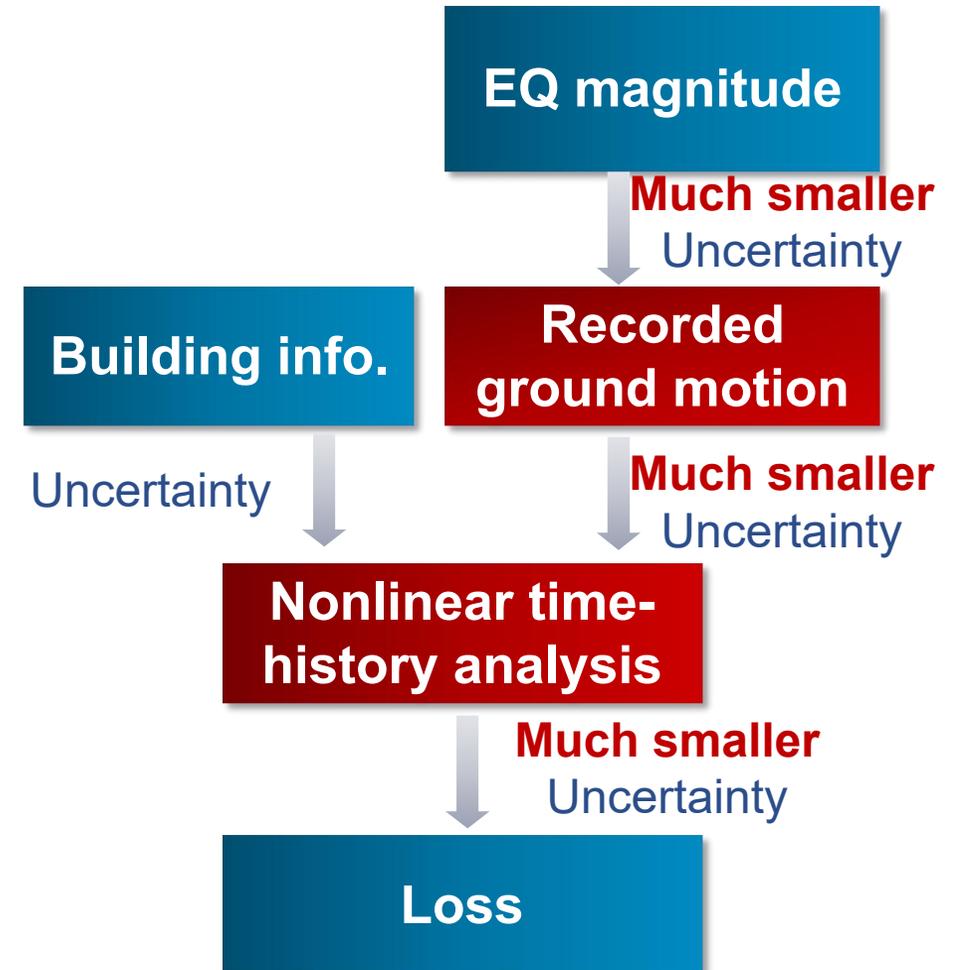


3.3.4 Real-time post-EQ assessment

Conventional method

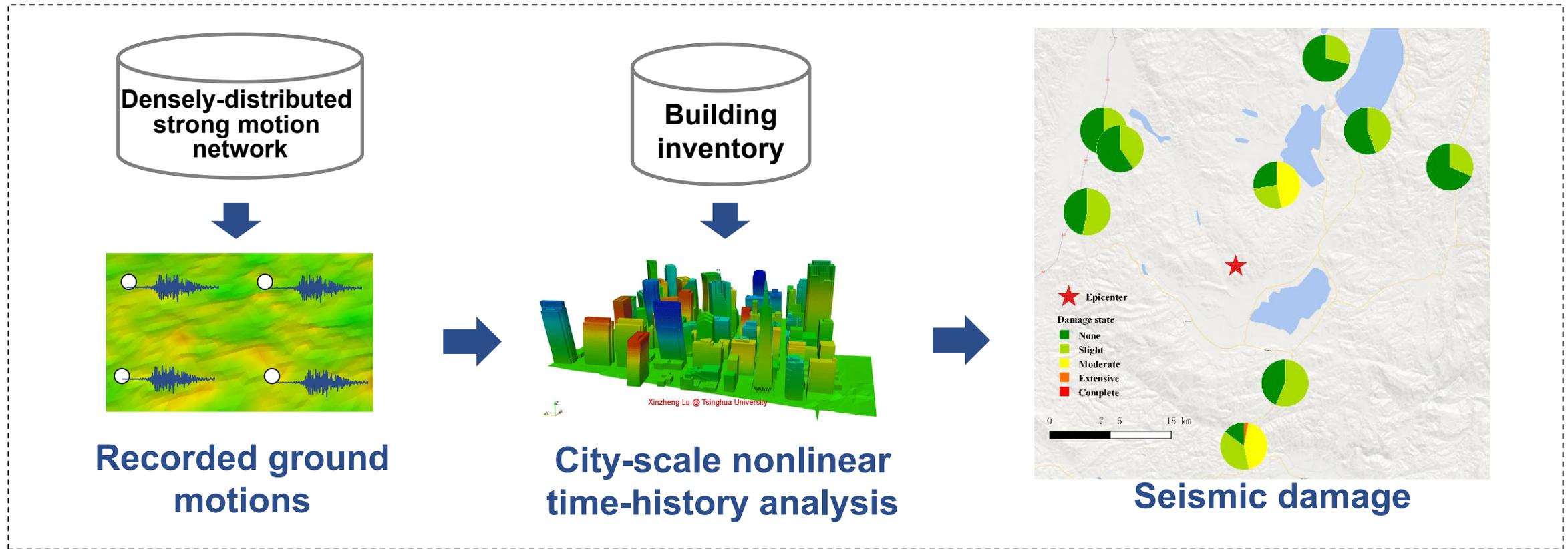


Proposed method



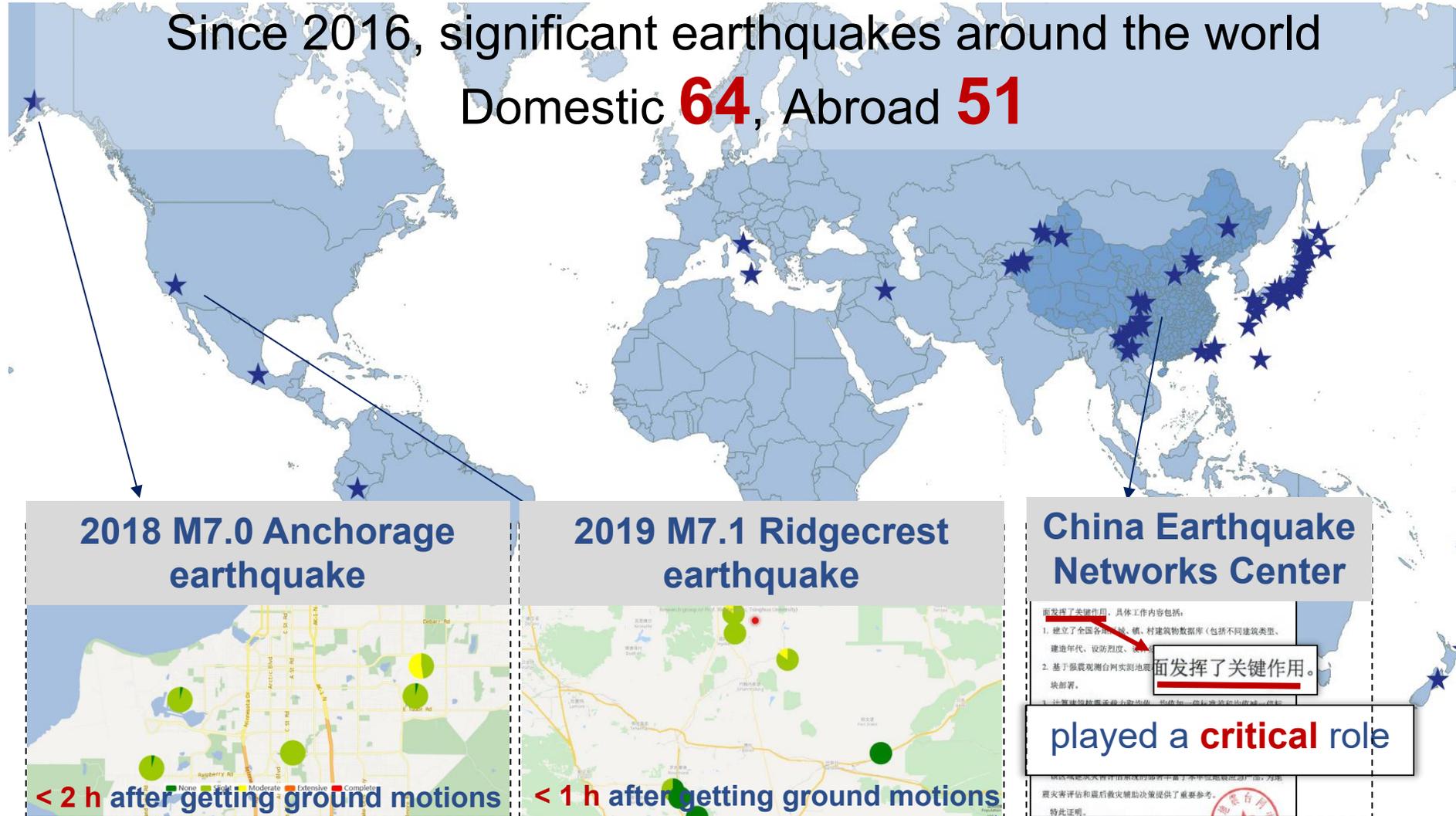
3.3.4 Real-time post-EQ assessment

- Real-time Earthquake Damage Assessment using City-scale Time-History Analysis (**RED-ACT**)



3.3.4 Real-time post-EQ assessment

- China, USA, Japan, Italy, New Zealand, etc.



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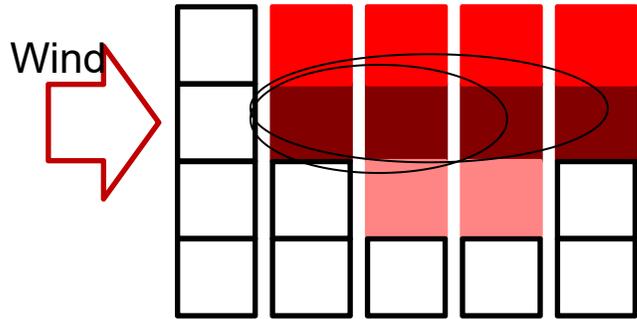
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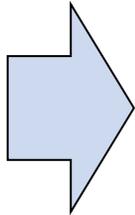
4.1 Physics-driven fire simulation of communities

Empirical fire spread model

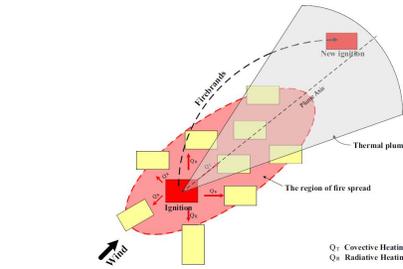


Examples: Hamada 1975, FEMA 2012

Features	
■ Suitable for different regions	✗
■ Consider building state (e.g., seismic damage)	✗
■ Consider weather conditions	✗
■ High-fidelity visualization	✗



Physics-driven fire simulation



Fire spread (Zhao 2010)

**Thermal
Plume +
Radiation**

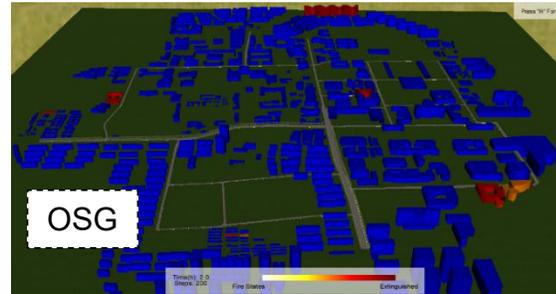


Fire spread results

- Ignition time
- Burning duration
- Burned area
- . . .



High-fidelity visualization

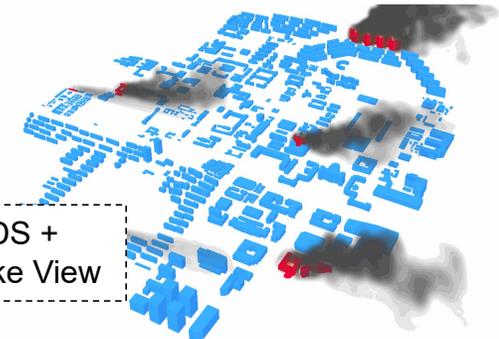


Fire spread visualization

Physics-driven
smoke
simulation



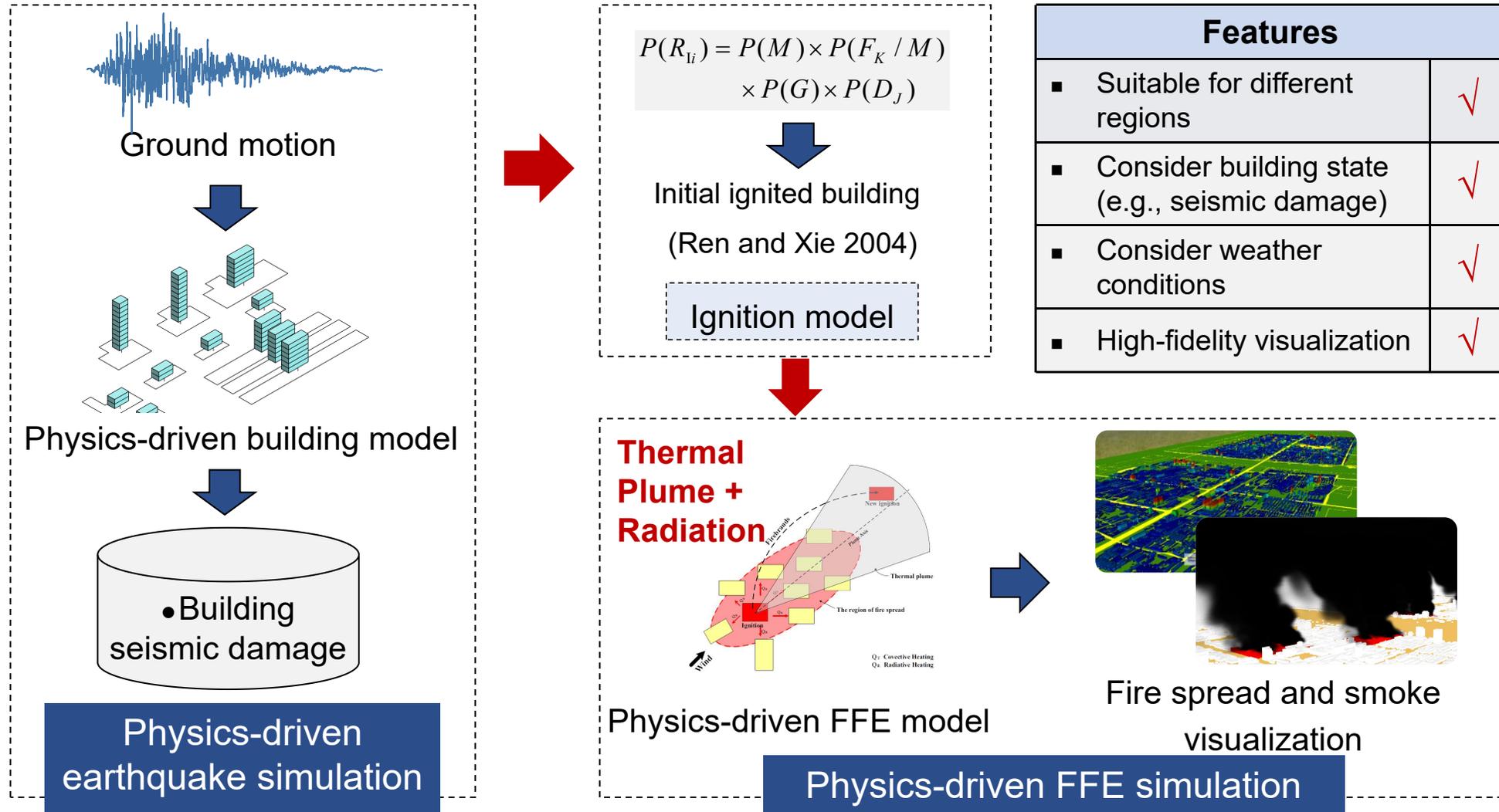
FDS +
Smoke View



Smoke visualization

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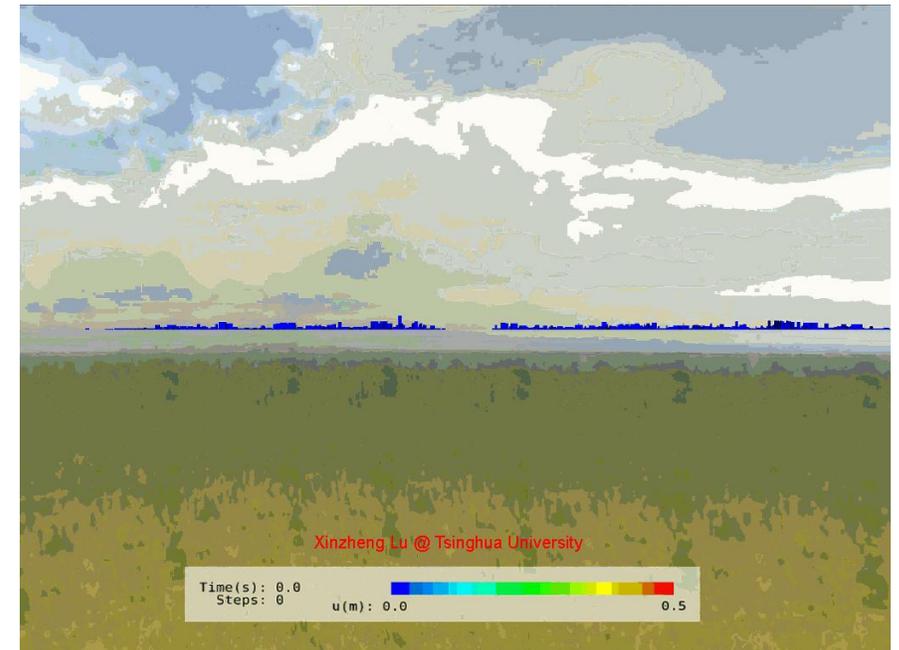
■ Physics-driven simulation of **fire following earthquake (FFE)**



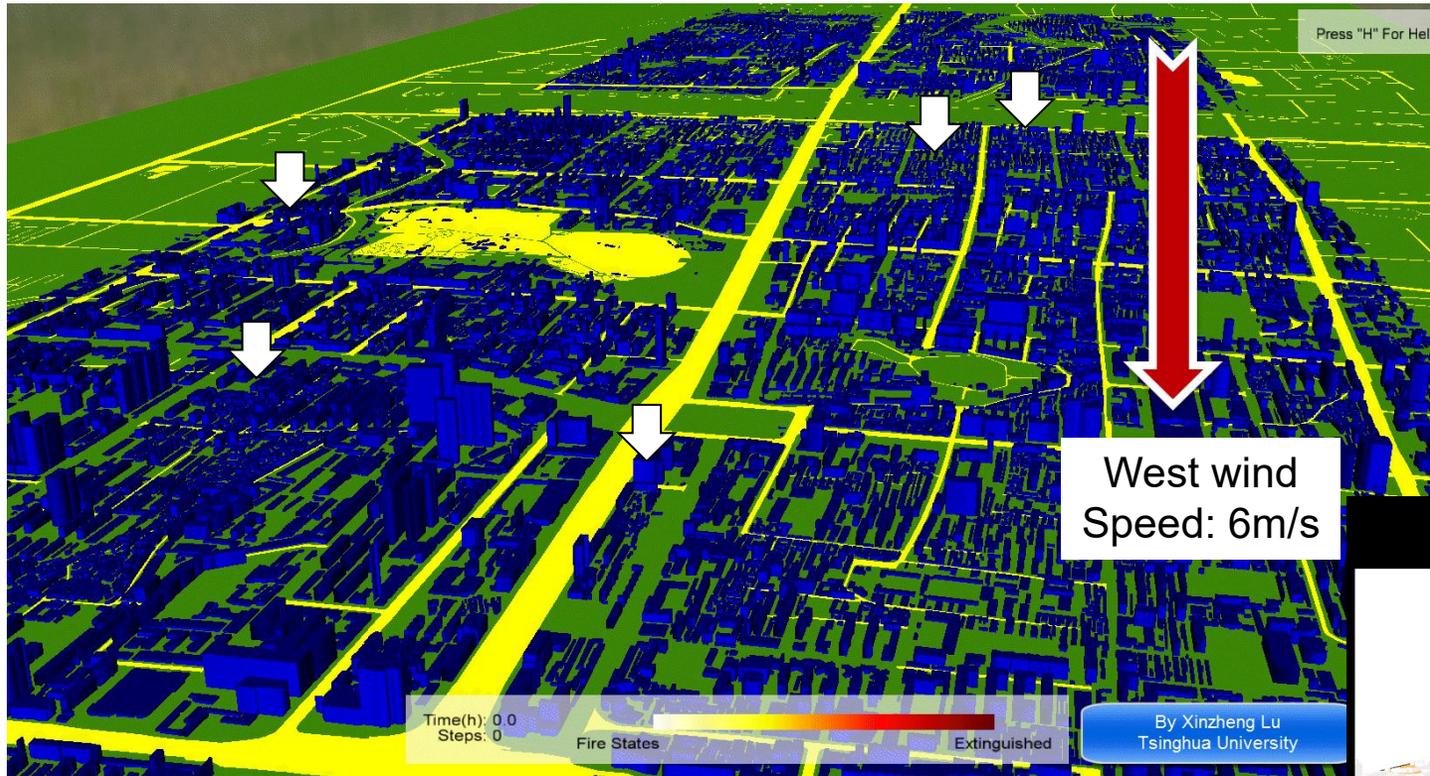
Features	
■ Suitable for different regions	✓
■ Consider building state (e.g., seismic damage)	✓
■ Consider weather conditions	✓
■ High-fidelity visualization	✓

4.2 Case study: Taiyuan City, Fire follow earthquake

- Central Taiyuan City
- 26 km², **44,152** buildings
- Design based earthquake level



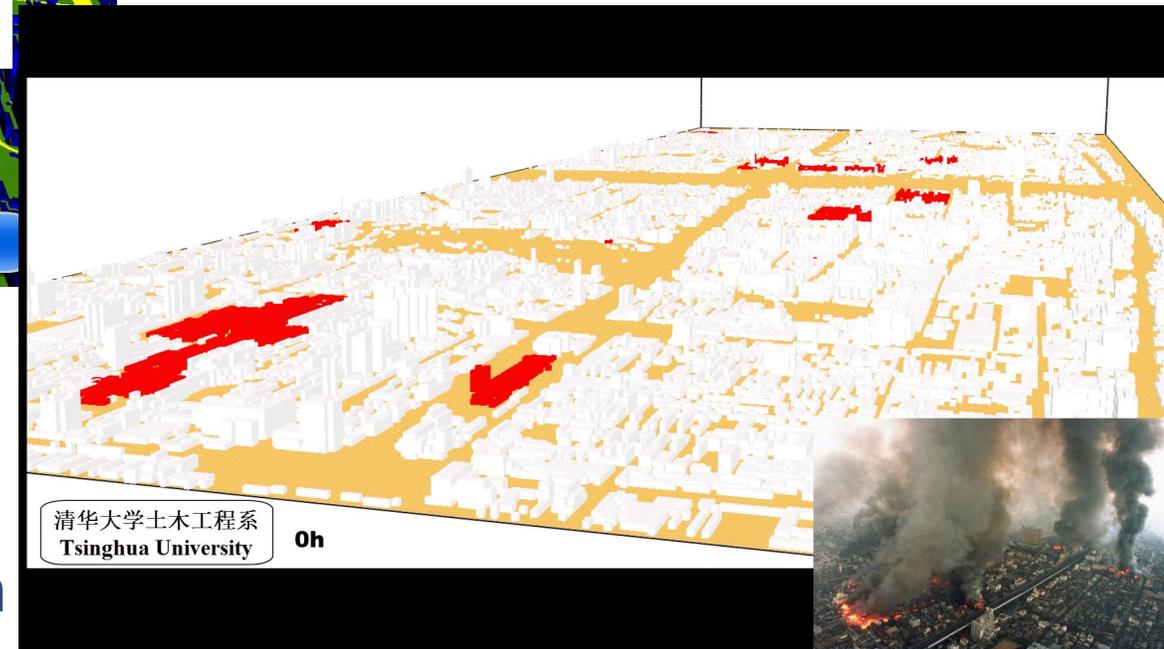
4.2 Case study: Taiyuan City, Fire follow earthquake



Fire spread visualization

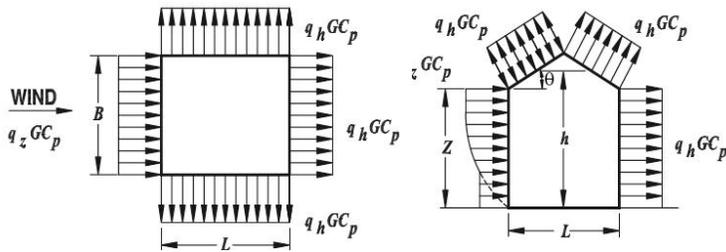
Smoke visualization

Features	
■ Suitable for different regions	✓
■ Consider seismic damage	✓
■ Consider weather conditions	✓
■ High-fidelity visualization	✓



4.3 Physics-driven wind simulation of communities

Empirical model



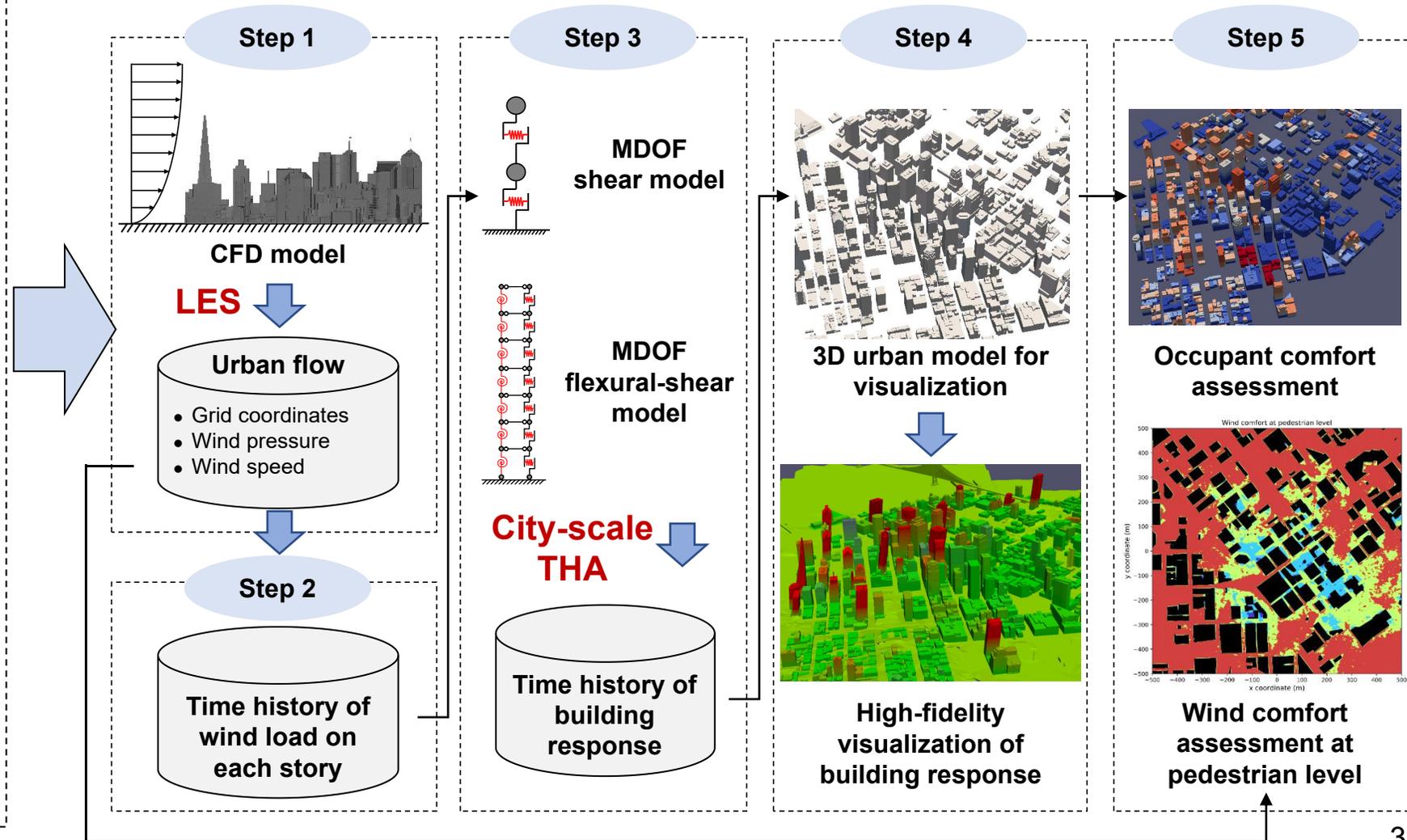
Example: ASCE 7-10

Features

■ Consider complex building configuration	×
■ Obtain wind data at any location	×
■ Can be used to model the entire community	×
■ Model different wind hazard scenarios	×

Physics-driven building vibration simulation City-scale time-history analysis

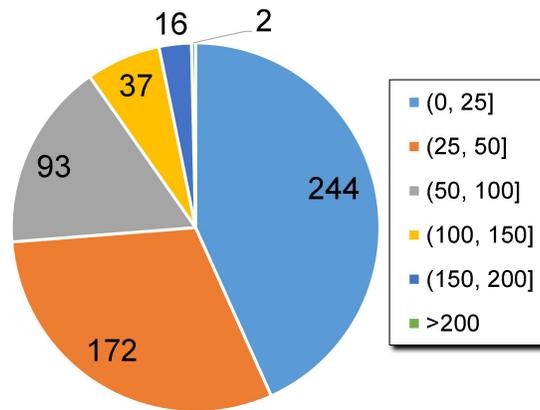
Physics-driven wind simulation City-scale large eddy simulation



4.4 Case Study: San Francisco Downtown, Wind



- **564 buildings**
- Area: **1950 m × 2120 m**
- Maximum height: **252 m**

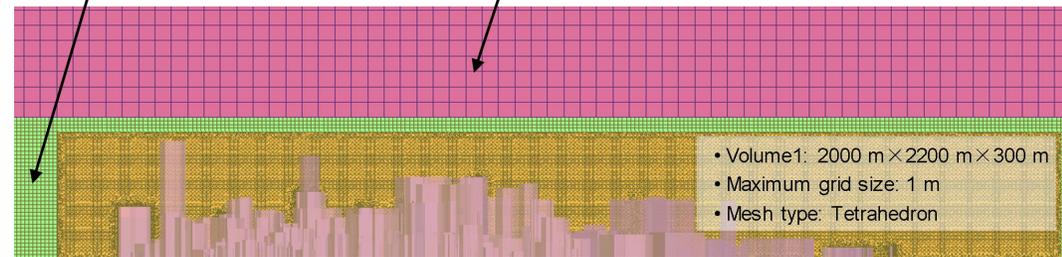


Distribution of building height

■ Mesh scheme (6400 × 6200 × 1650 m³)

- Volume2: 6400 m × 6200 m × 350 m
- Grid size: 8 m
- Mesh type: Hexahedron

- Volume3: 6400 m × 6200 m × 1300 m
- Grid size: 32 m
- Mesh type: Hexahedron



- Volume1: 2000 m × 2200 m × 300 m
- Maximum grid size: 1 m
- Mesh type: Tetrahedron

180 million cells

■ Hazard scenario

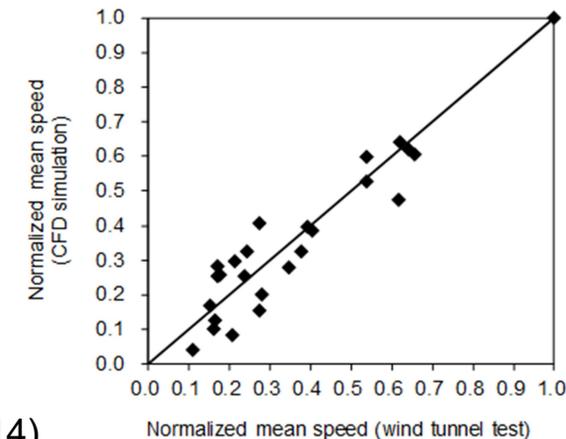
✓ Inflow: $U(z) = 33.76 z^{0.143}$ (**MRI = 700 Years**)

Time step: 0.01 s

■ CFD validation



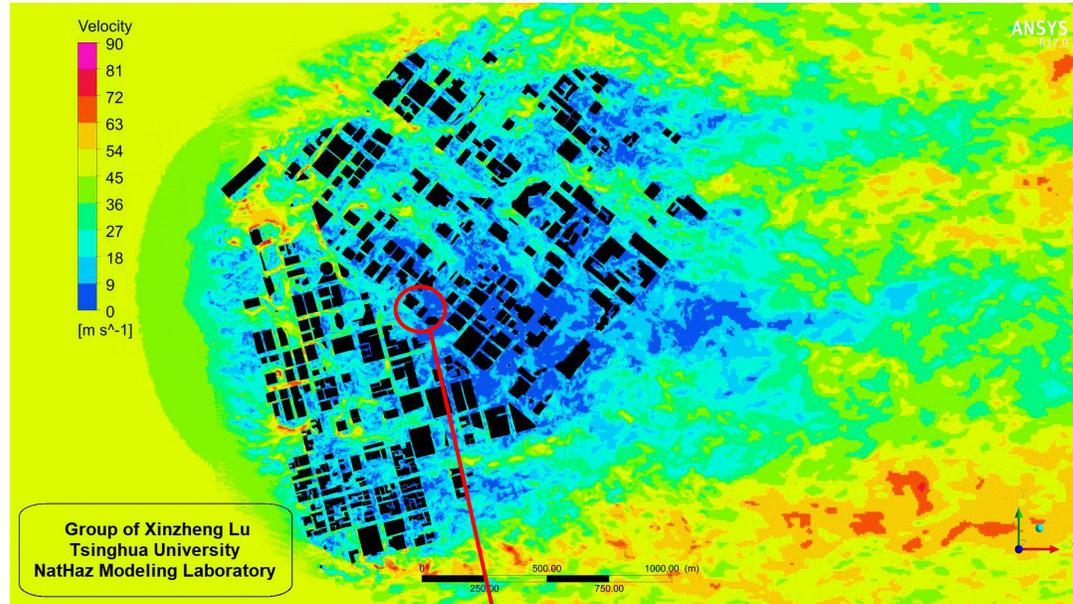
Wind tunnel test by UCB (Kim 2014)



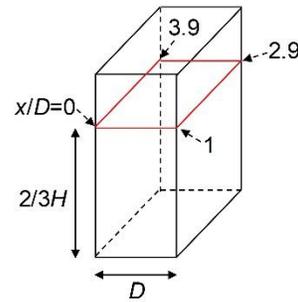
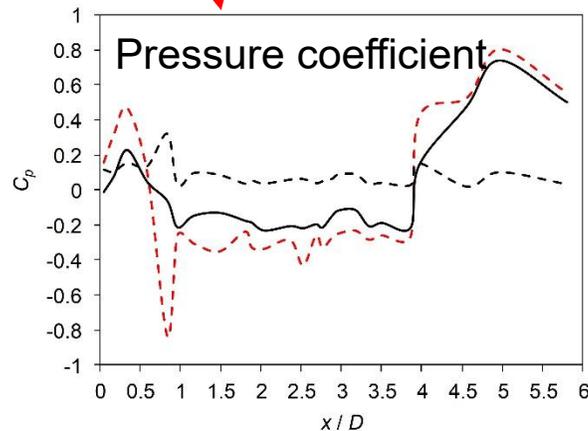
Agree well

4.4 Case Study: San Francisco Downtown, Wind

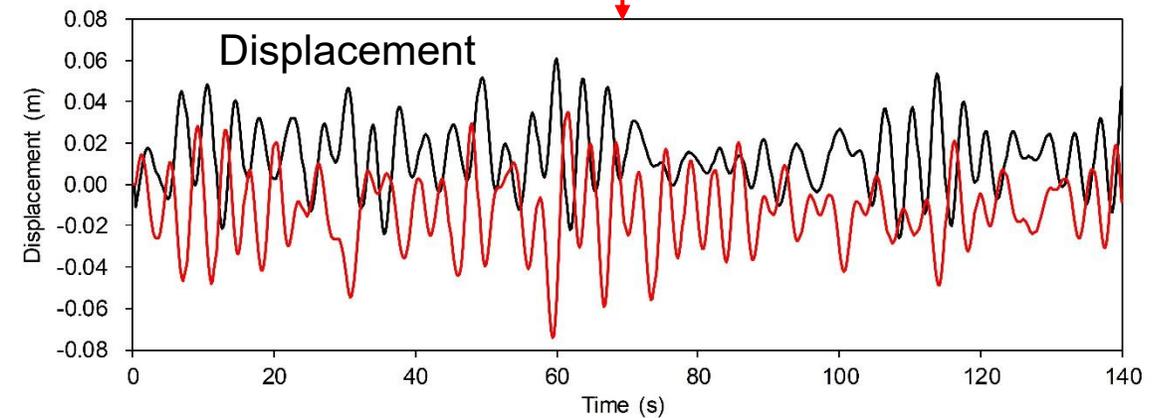
Wind speed at a height of 20 m



Detailed results of specific building

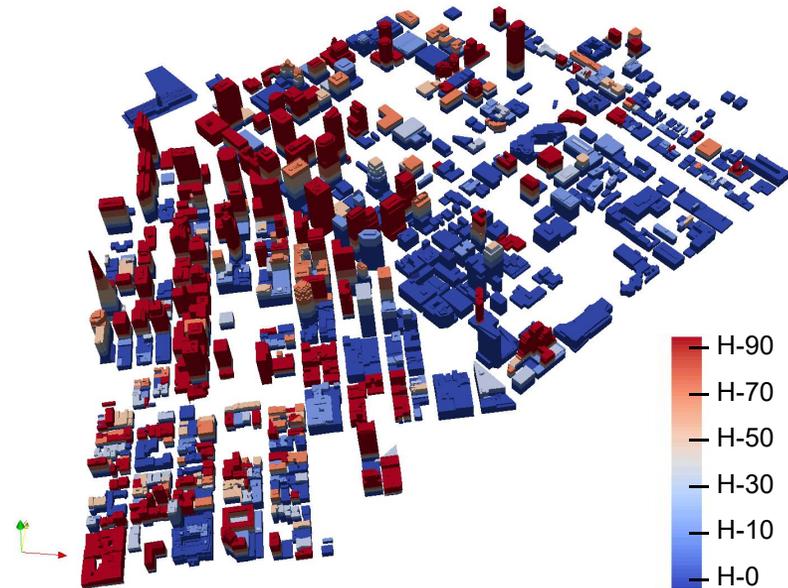


Wind-induced motion of buildings



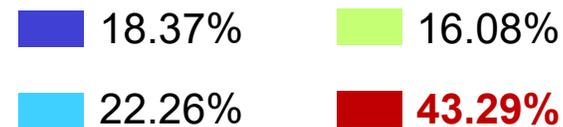
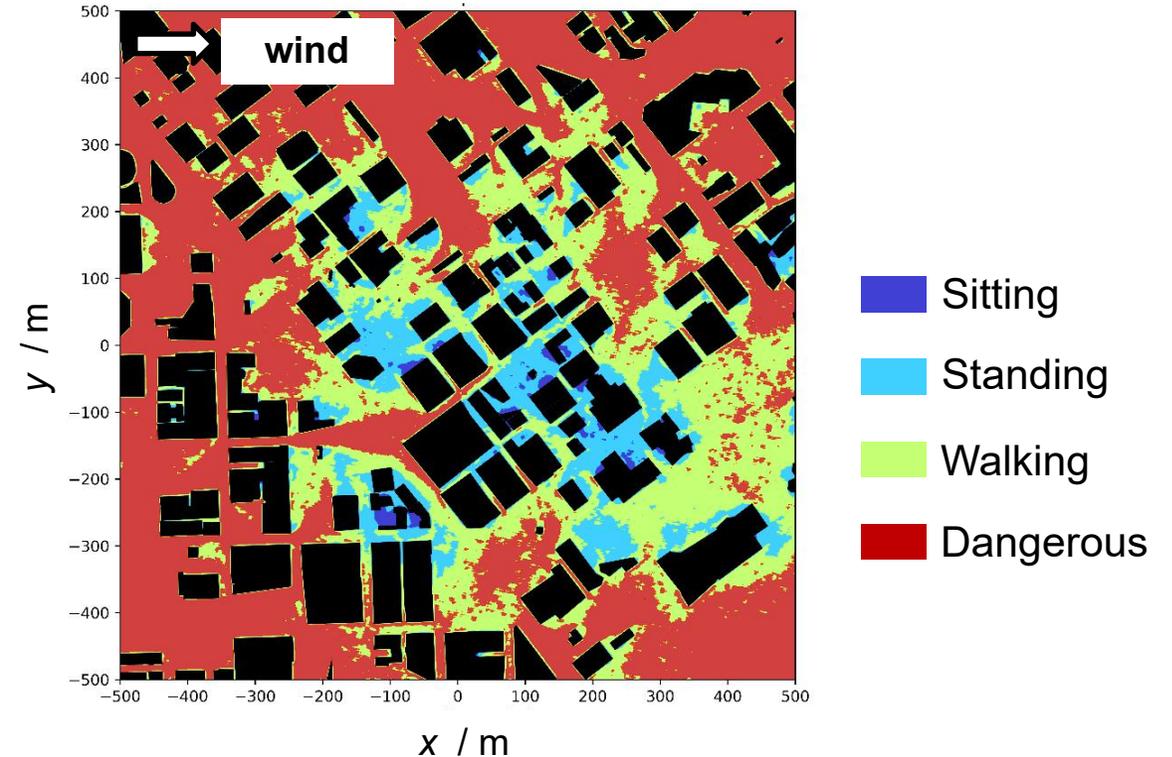
4.4 Case Study: San Francisco Downtown, Wind

Occupant comfort



Among the 55 buildings over 100 m,
87.3% of the buildings indicate an
occupant comfort quality of **H-90**
in the top story.

Pedestrian wind comfort



4.5 Physics-driven COVID-19 simulation of communities

- January 2020, in response to the shortage of medical resources, Chinese cities began to build temporary hospitals



e.g., Huoshenshan Hospital

“A race for life!”

It took only **10** days from the order of design to the completion of the construction.

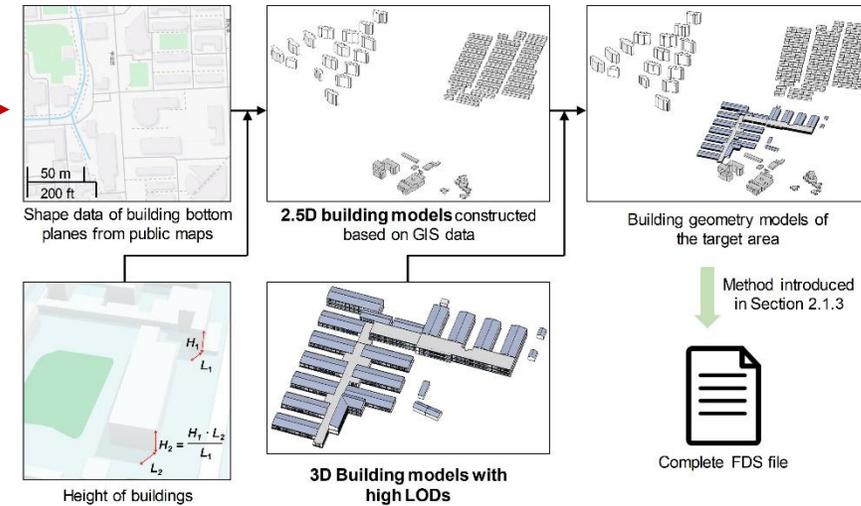
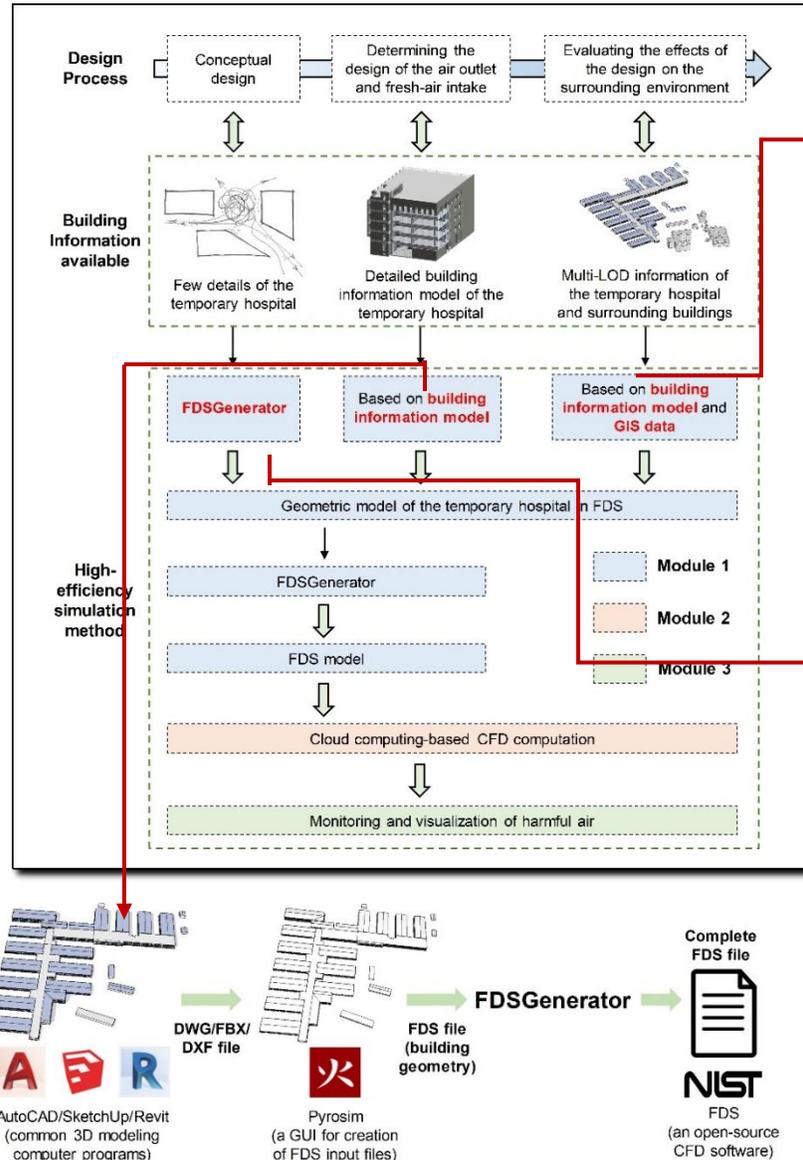
How to quantitatively evaluate the infection risk caused by the harmful air from temporary hospitals with **high efficiency and accuracy** ?

4.5 Physics-driven COVID-19 simulation of communities

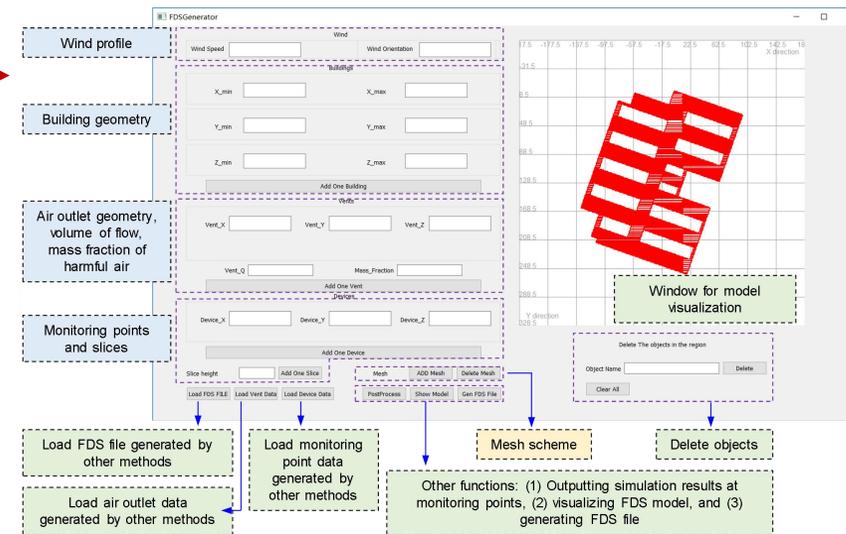
From multi-level-of-details CIM to CFD

Modeling and CFD simulation < 6 hours!

In the transition phase



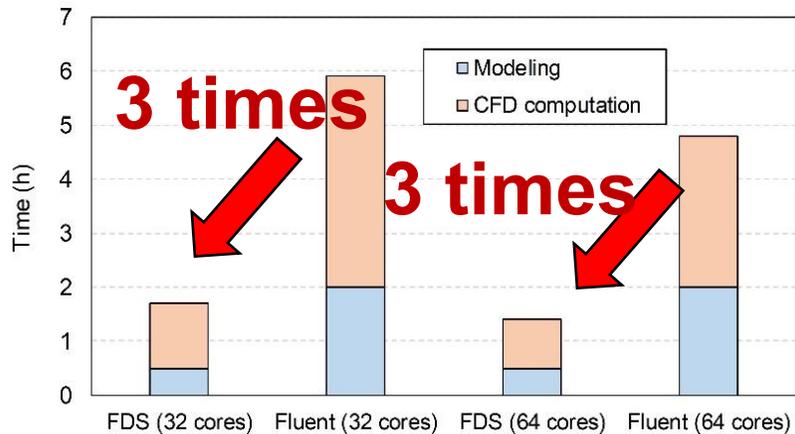
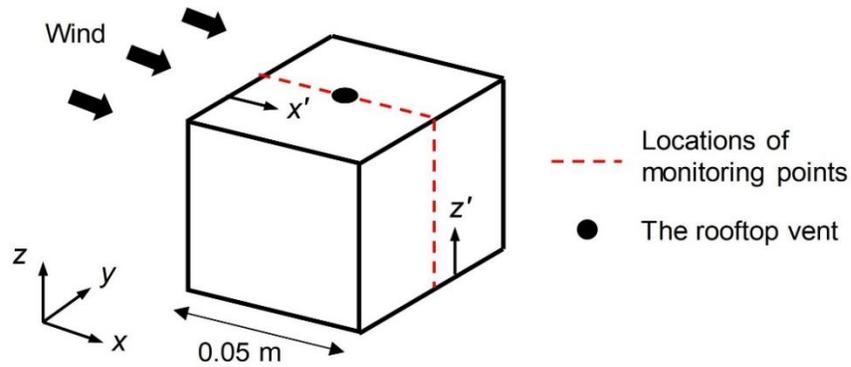
In the later design phase



In the conceptual design phase

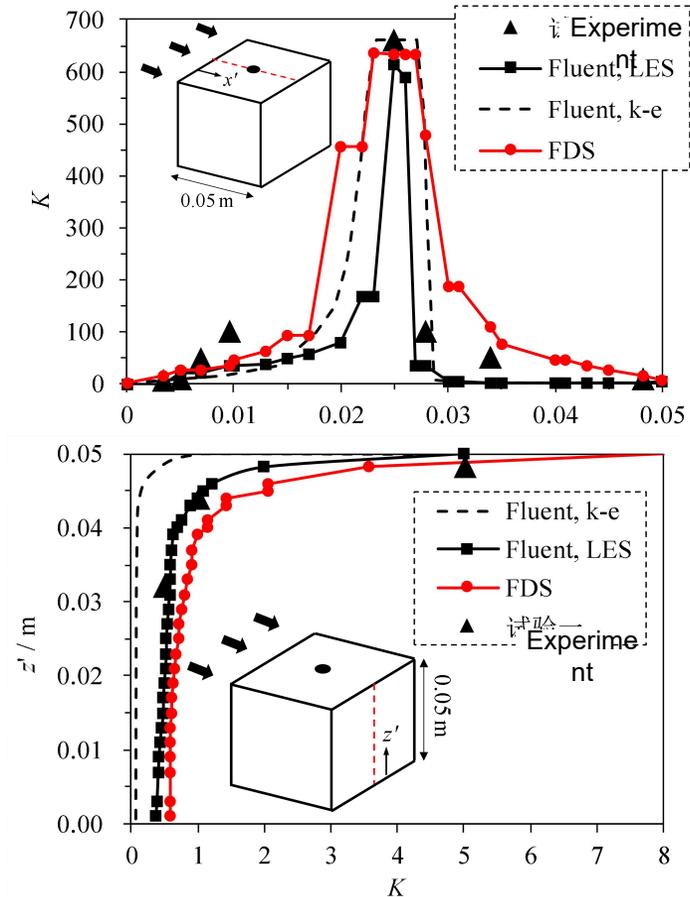
4.5 Physics-driven COVID-19 simulation of communities

Comparison of efficiency



The proposed method **saves a considerable amount of time and money**

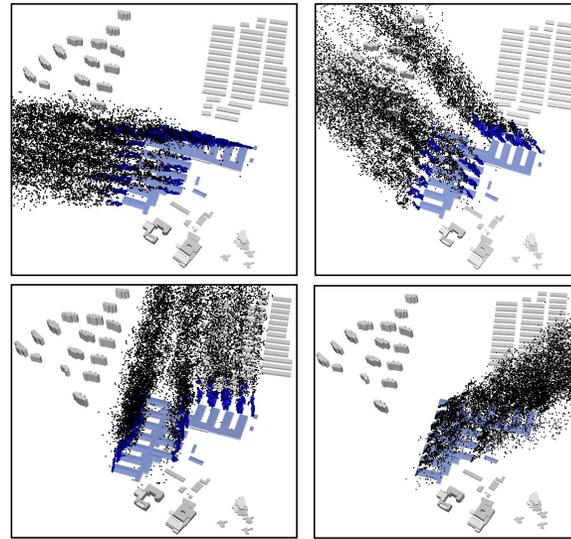
Comparison of accuracy



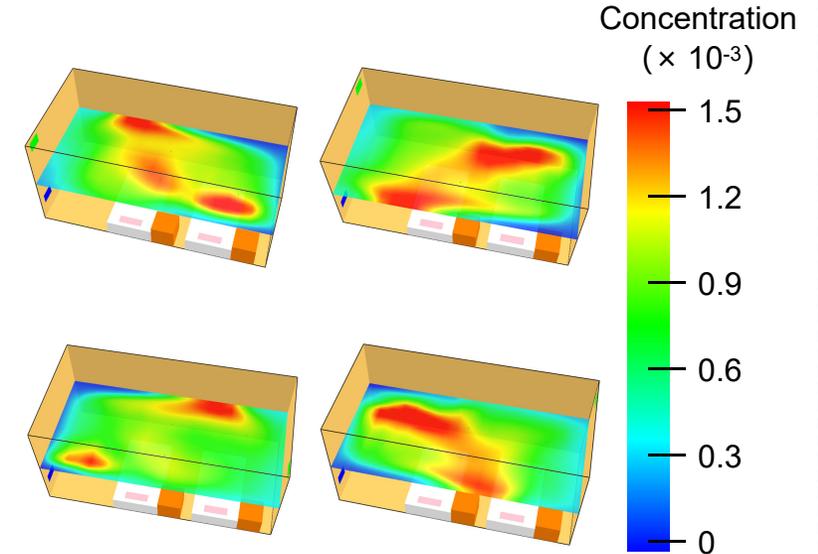
The simulation results **agree well with the experiment results**

4.6 Applications

■ Huoshenshan hospital Jan. 28, 2020 (Wuhan)



Outdoors: different wind directions

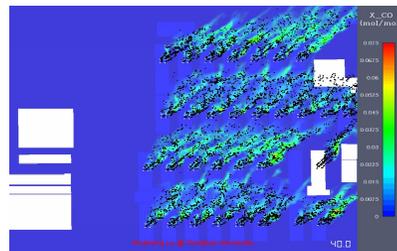


Indoor: different design schemes

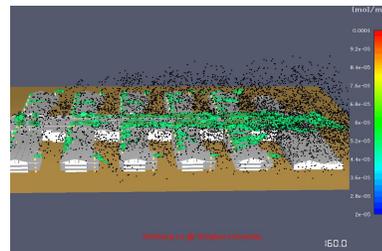
Jan. 29, 2020 Ditan hospital (Beijing)



Jan.30, 2020 Leishenshan hos. (Wuhan)



Feb.04, 2020 Xiaotangshan hos. (Beijing)



Feb.14, 2020 3rd people's hos. (Shenzhen)



Total number of sickbeds benefiting from the proposed method:
> 10,000

Concentration of the exhausted harmful air was **reduced by 50% – 90%**

1. Research Background

2. Multi-hazard simulation framework based on CIM

3. Physics-driven regional earthquake simulation

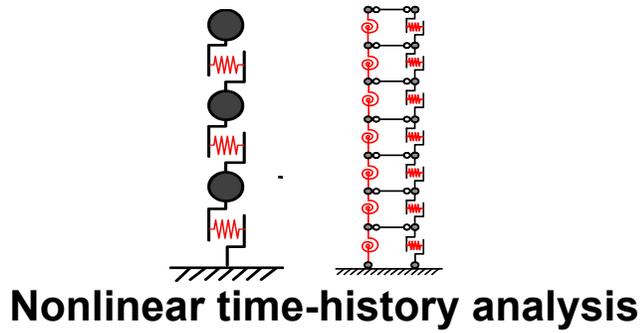
4. Physics-driven fire, wind/COVID-19 simulation of communities

5. Conclusions

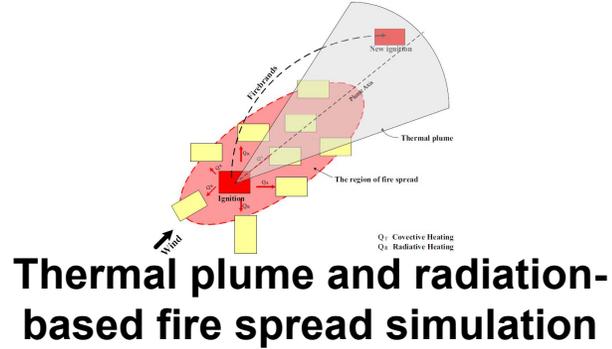
5 Conclusions

■ Physics-driven disaster simulations: San Francisco

Earthquake



Fire



Wind + ...

Continuity:
$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho u)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\rho w)}{\partial z} = 0$$

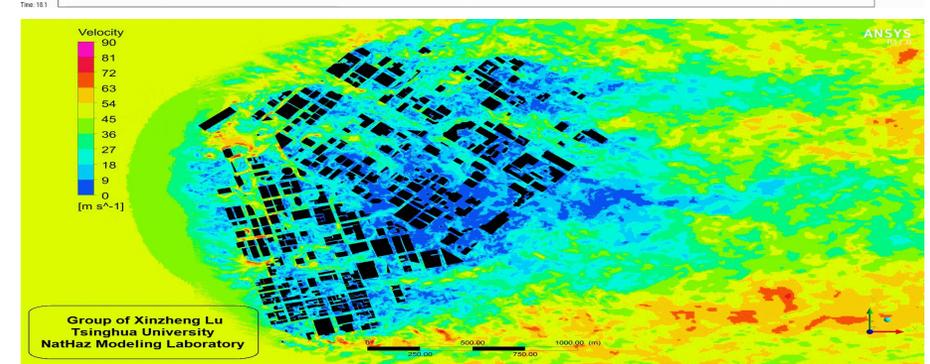
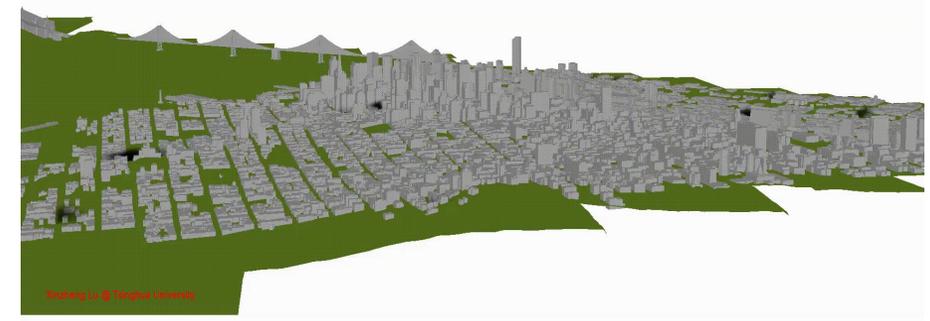
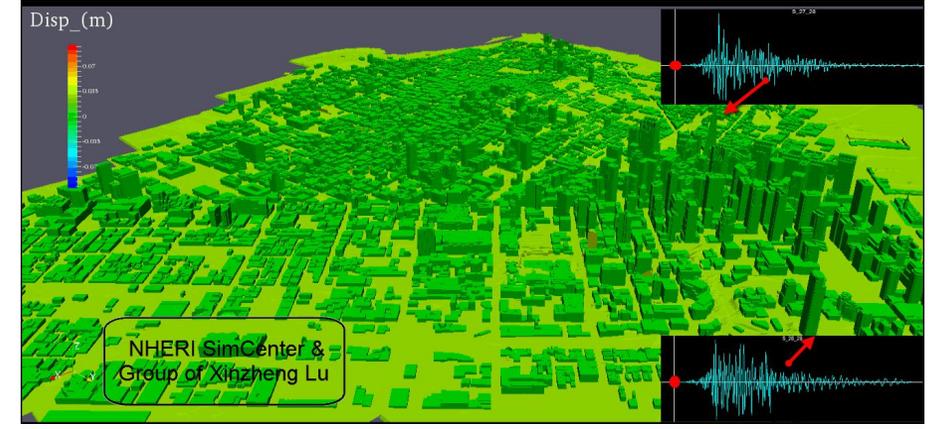
X - Momentum:
$$\frac{\partial(\rho u)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho u^2)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\rho uv)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\rho uw)}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{Re} \left[\frac{\partial \tau_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial z} \right]$$

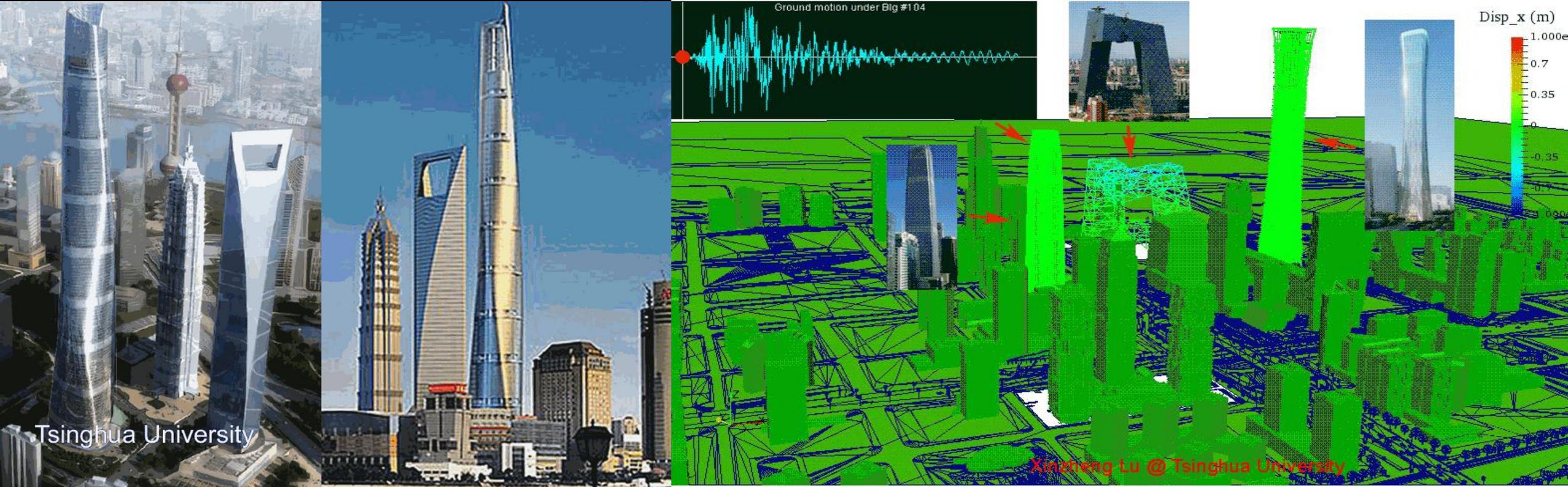
Y - Momentum:
$$\frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho uv)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\rho v^2)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\rho vw)}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{Re} \left[\frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial z} \right]$$

Z - Momentum:
$$\frac{\partial(\rho w)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho uw)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\rho vw)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(\rho w^2)}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{Re} \left[\frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zz}}{\partial z} \right]$$

Energy:
$$\frac{\partial(E)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(uE)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(vE)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(wE)}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial(uq)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(vq)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(wq)}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{Re} \left[\frac{\partial \tau_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zz}}{\partial z} \right] + \frac{1}{Re} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (u \tau_{xx} + v \tau_{xy} + w \tau_{xz}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (u \tau_{xy} + v \tau_{yy} + w \tau_{yz}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (u \tau_{xz} + v \tau_{yz} + w \tau_{zz}) \right]$$

Large eddy simulation





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