



From Localized Damage Modeling to Regional Collapse Risk: Advances in Performance Assessment of Reinforced Concrete Structures Under Extreme Events

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Challenges facing simulation-based seismic performance assessment of structures

Motivation

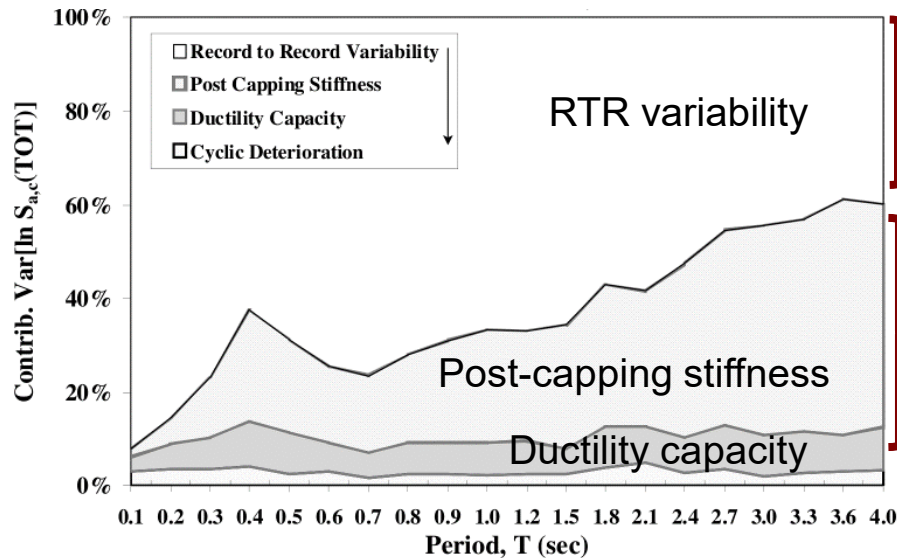
- Assessing the seismic safety of structures
- Improving building code provisions



Key Issues

- Limitations of nonlinear structural analysis models
- **Sparsity of observations** on variability of earthquake ground motions across a region

Challenges facing simulation-based seismic performance assessment of structures



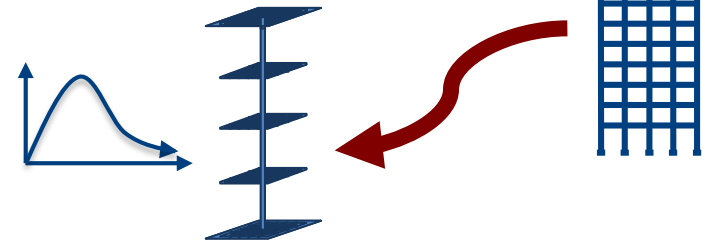
Contribution of uncertainty in system parameters to variance of collapse capacity
(Ibarra and Krawinkler 2005)

Ground motion attribute

Regional scale

Structural component model attributes

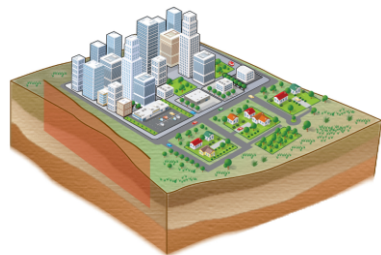
Material and component scales



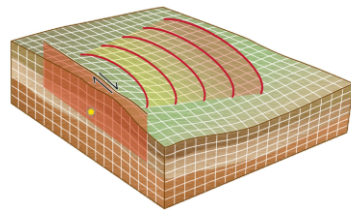
Quantifying variability is the main objective at the regional scale

Tool

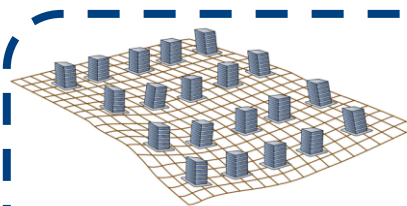
Using high resolution physics-based ground motions generated by the DOE project: **High Performance, Multidisciplinary Simulations for Regional Scale Earthquake Hazard and Risk (EQSIM)**



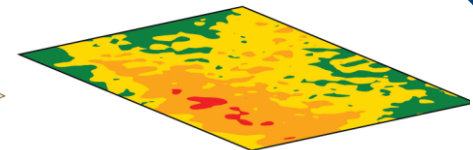
Regional-scale domain



Geophysics ground motion simulations (billions of zones)



Infrastructure response simulations (thousands of stations)



Infrastructure demand / risk

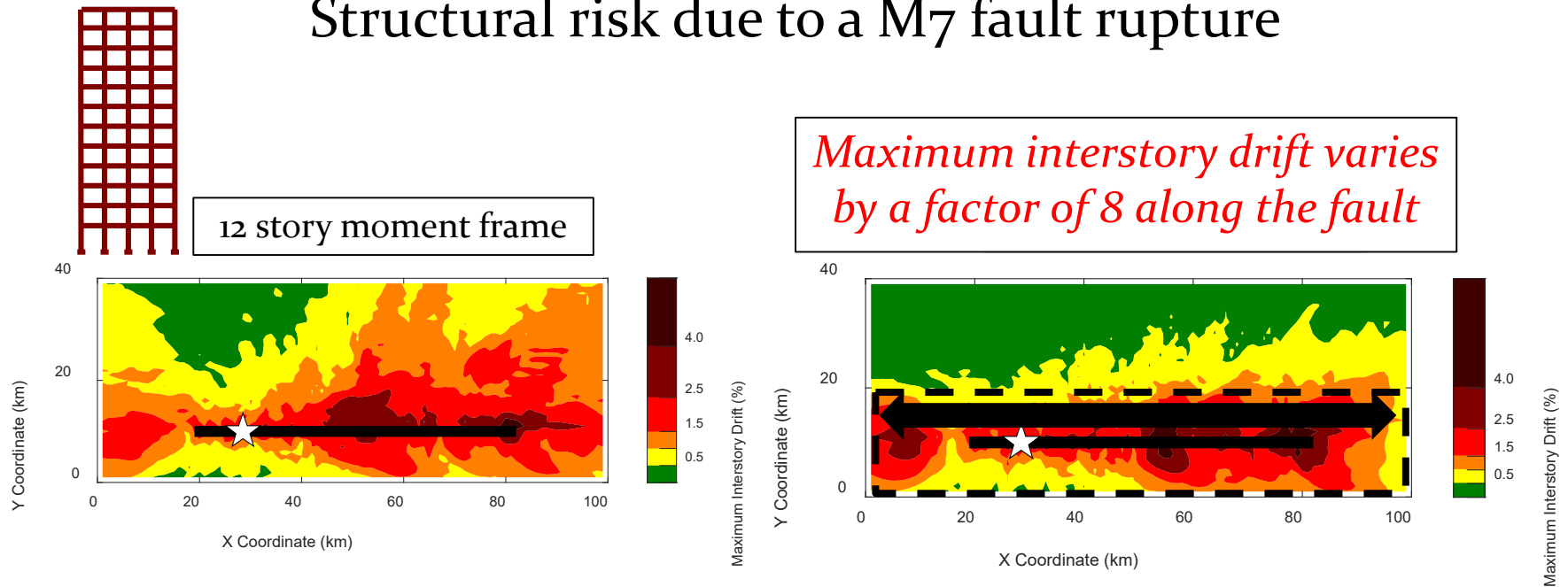
Objective

Developing a detailed understanding of the regional scale, site-specific variation of earthquake risk to RC buildings

(Rodgers et al., 2019; Rodgers, Pitarka and McCallen, 2019)

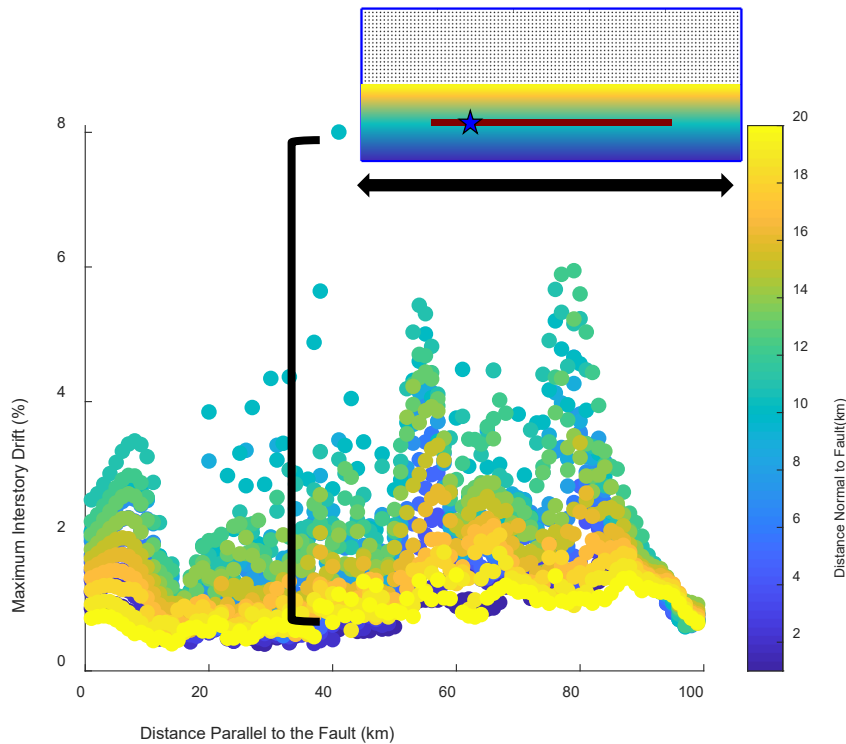
Complex spatial distribution of structural risk over the near-fault region

Structural risk due to a M7 fault rupture

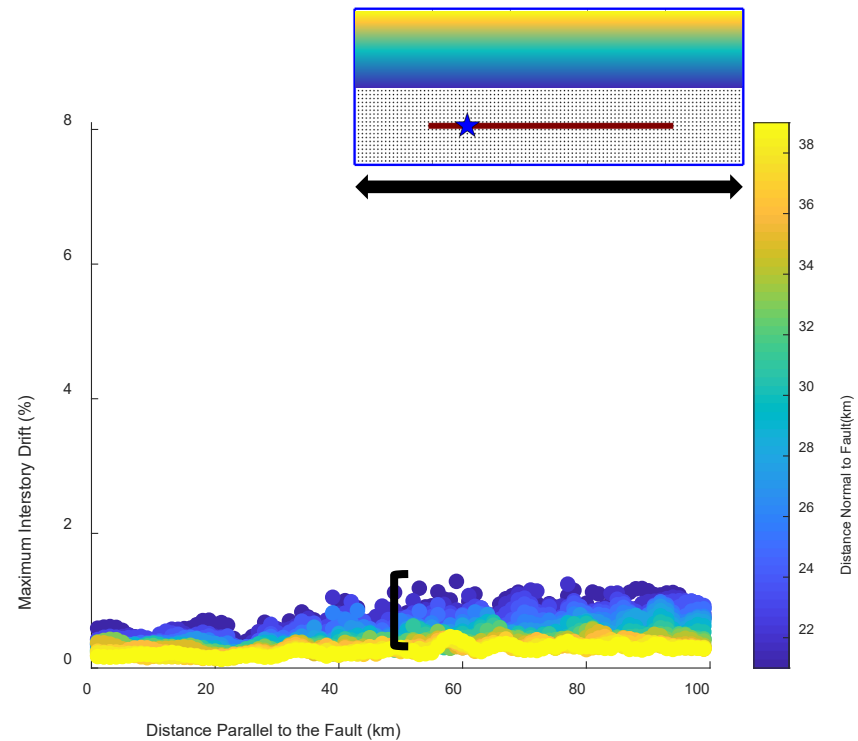


Higher structural demands and variability in the near-fault region

< 10 km normal to fault

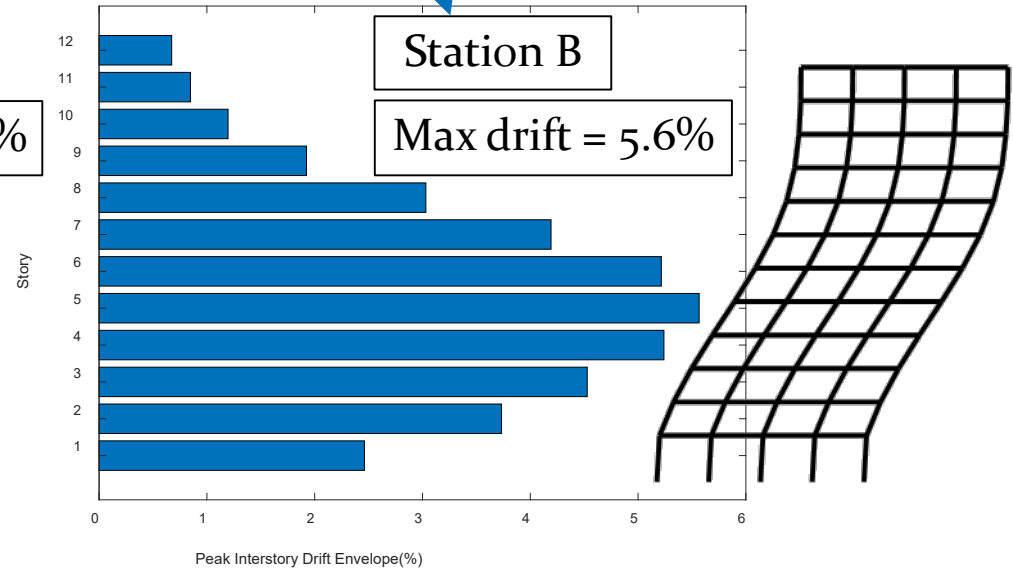
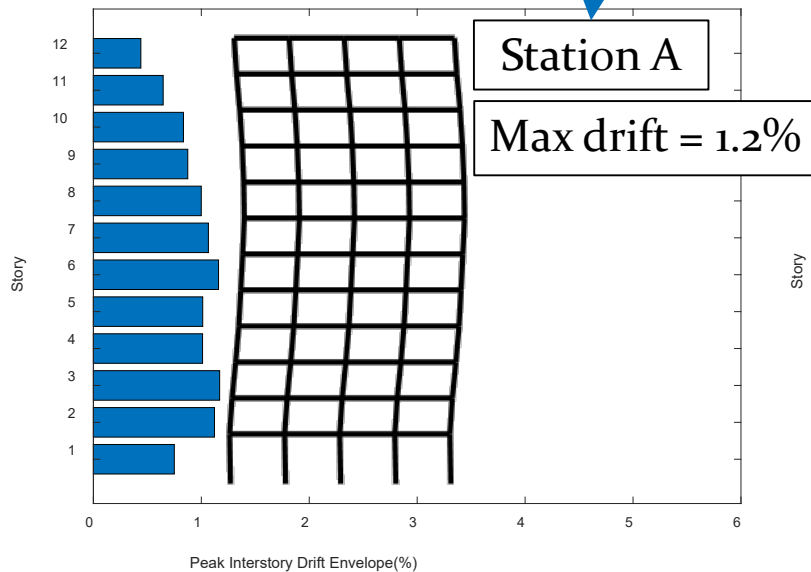
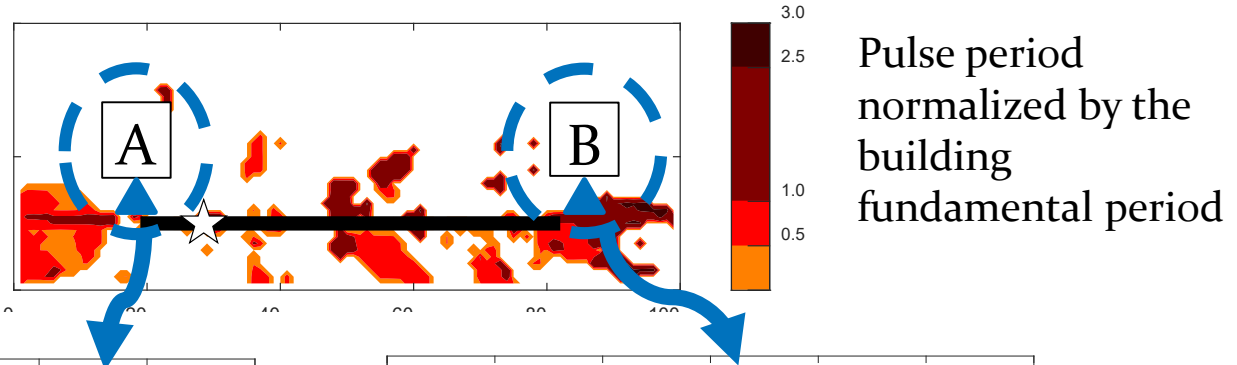


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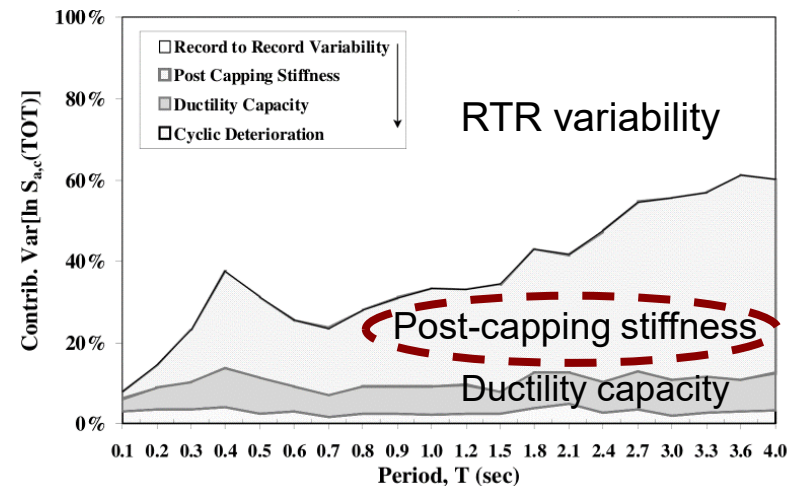
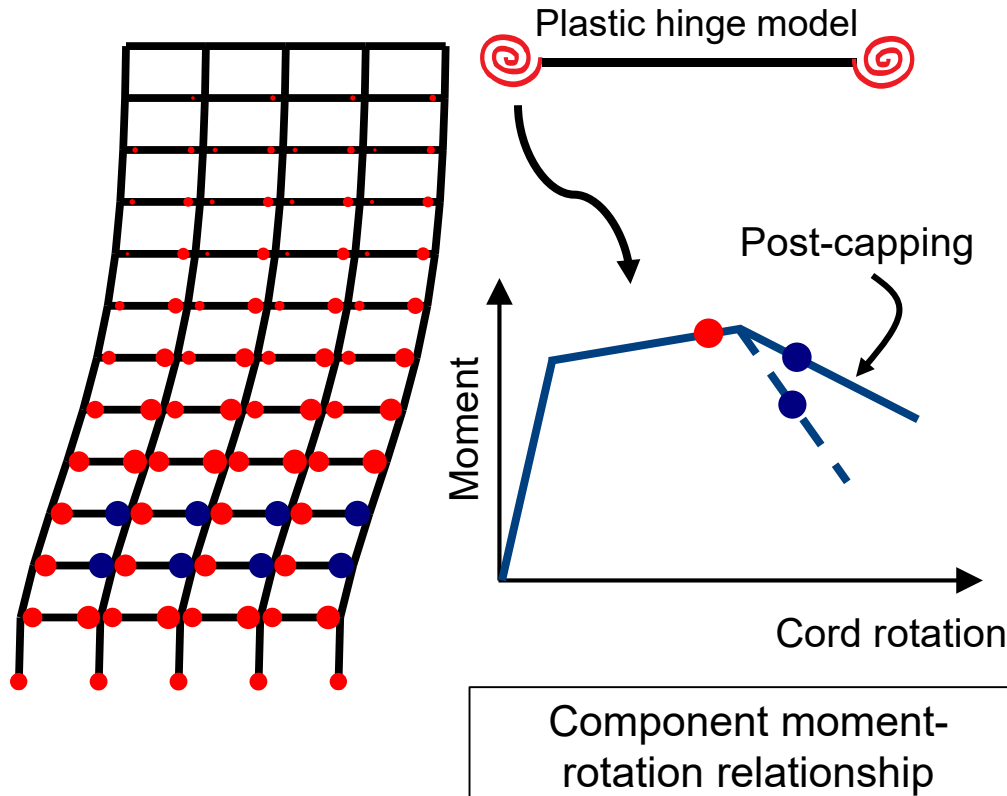
Higher structural demands due to forward directivity effects

Classification of pulse-like ground motions by Shahi and Baker, 2014



Predicting component deterioration is crucial for assessing collapse

● plastic hinges

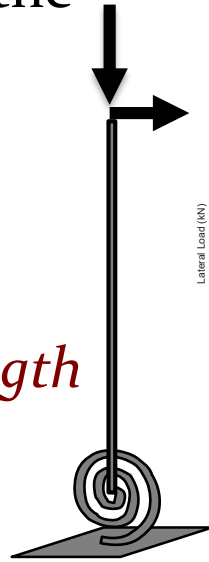


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How accurate are the underlying component models?

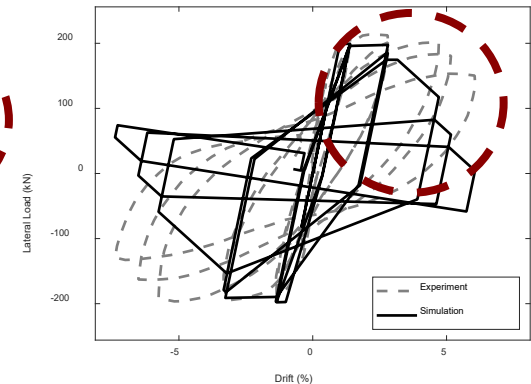
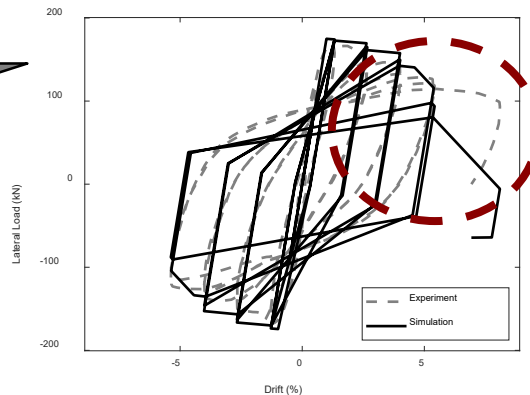
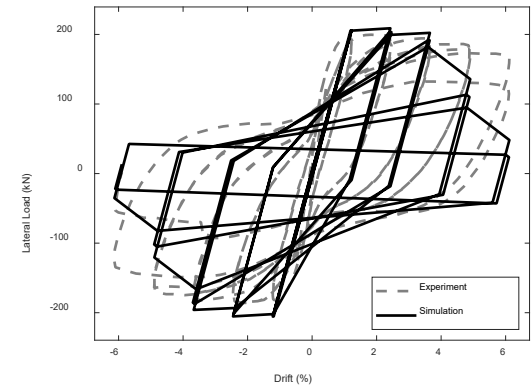
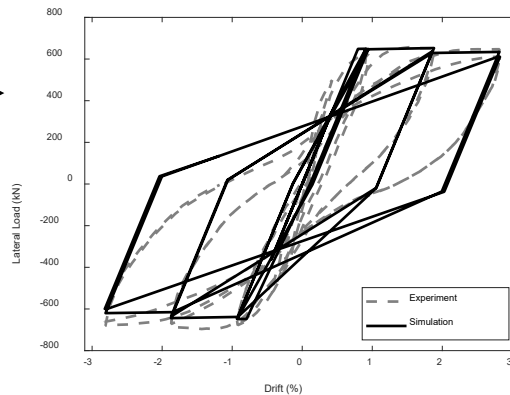
- Plastic hinge models are conservative in the post-peak range
- There is large uncertainty in predicting *strength degradation*



Modified Ibarra-Medina-Krawinkler model

Prediction equations:
Haselton et al. 2015

Plastic hinge model
Experiment



Key question: how to model localized component damage?

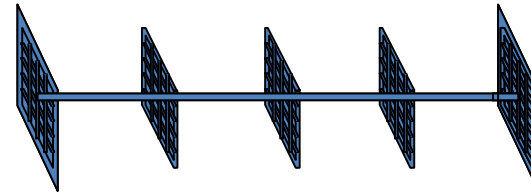
Common modeling approaches

Plastic hinge model

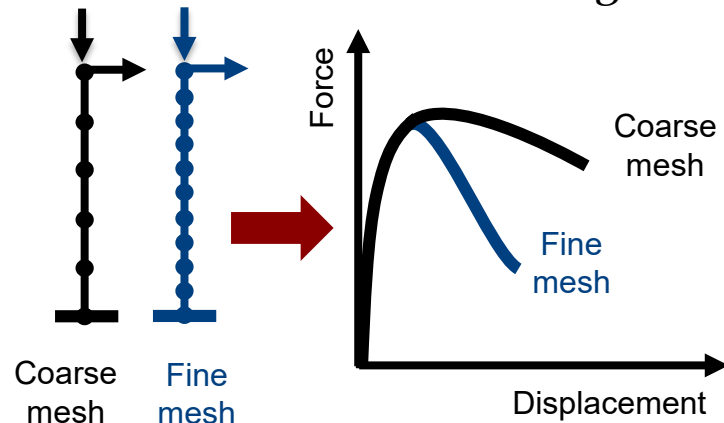


- Require component-based calibration
- Model parameters difficult to estimate
- Associated numerical difficulties
- Cannot capture P-M interaction

Fiber-section model



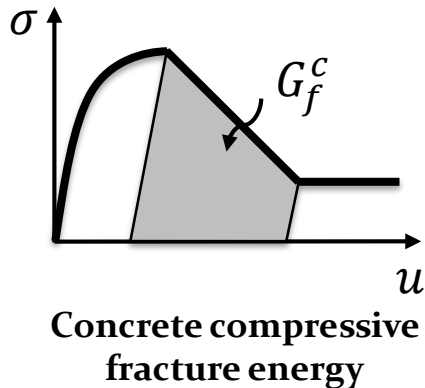
Mesh-sensitive response in the presence of constitutive softening



Remedy to mesh-sensitivity: adding a *length scale* to the softening problem

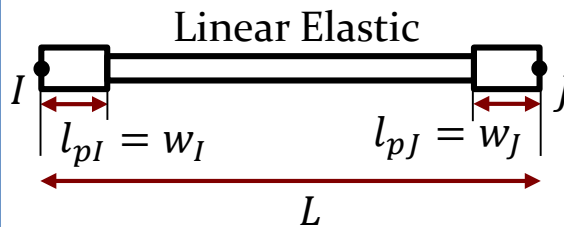
Energy-based methods

Adjust input to match the mesh size length scale
(Coleman and Spacone 2001)



Plastic-hinge integration

Impose a fixed length scale
(Scott and Fenves 2006)



Nonlocal models

Not so common (yet)...

- Valipour and Foster (2009)
- Feng et al. (2015)
- Zhang and Khandelwal (2016)
- Sideris and Salehi (2016, 2017)
- **Kenawy et al. (2018, 2020)**

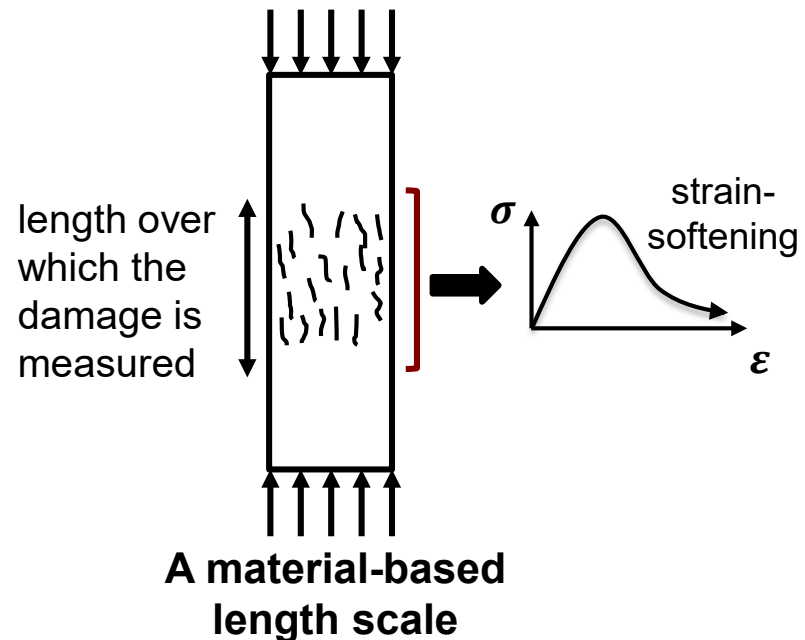
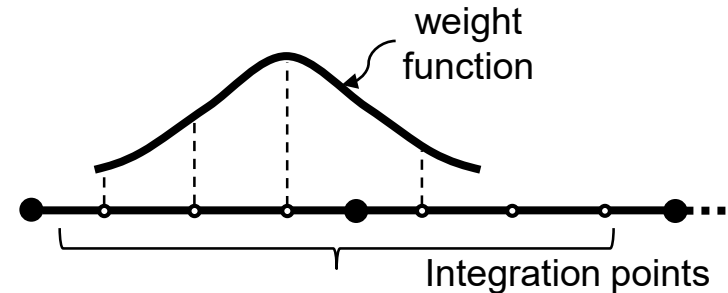
Nonlocal model: spatial averaging of deformation overcomes mesh-sensitivity

Spatial averaging of deformation

$$\widetilde{\varepsilon(x)} = \int_L \bar{w}(x, r) \varepsilon(r) dr$$

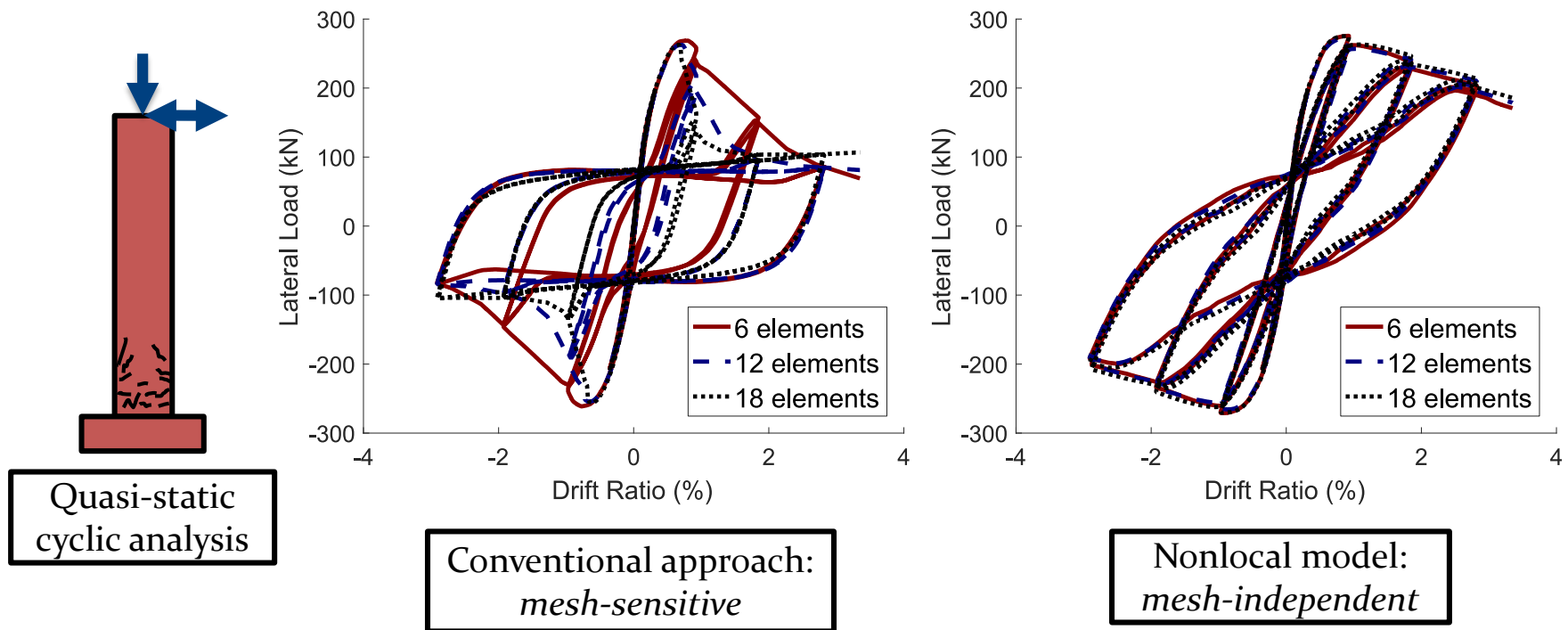
Averaging
domain

- *Represent localized damage in an 'averaged' sense*
- *Easy to generalize*



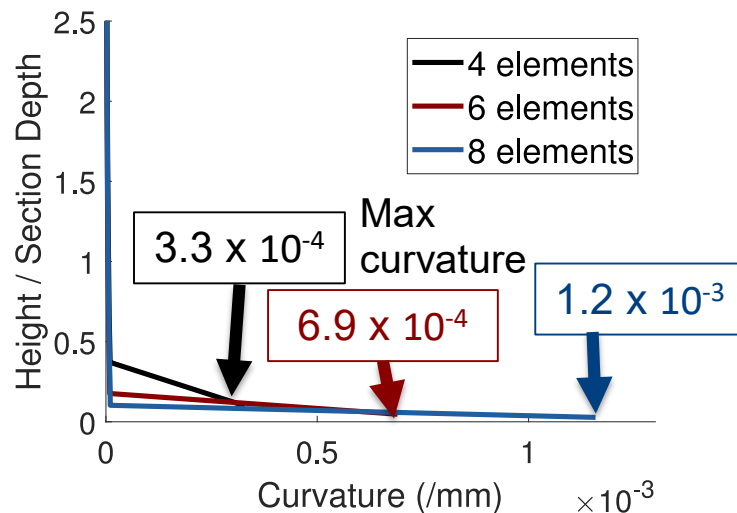
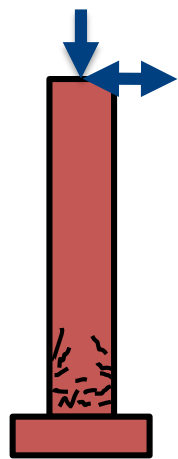
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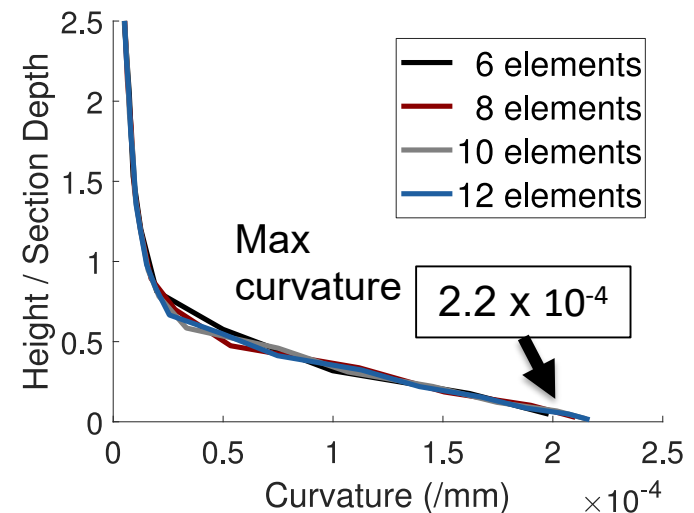


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- Sensitivity of the inelastic curvature to the member discretization

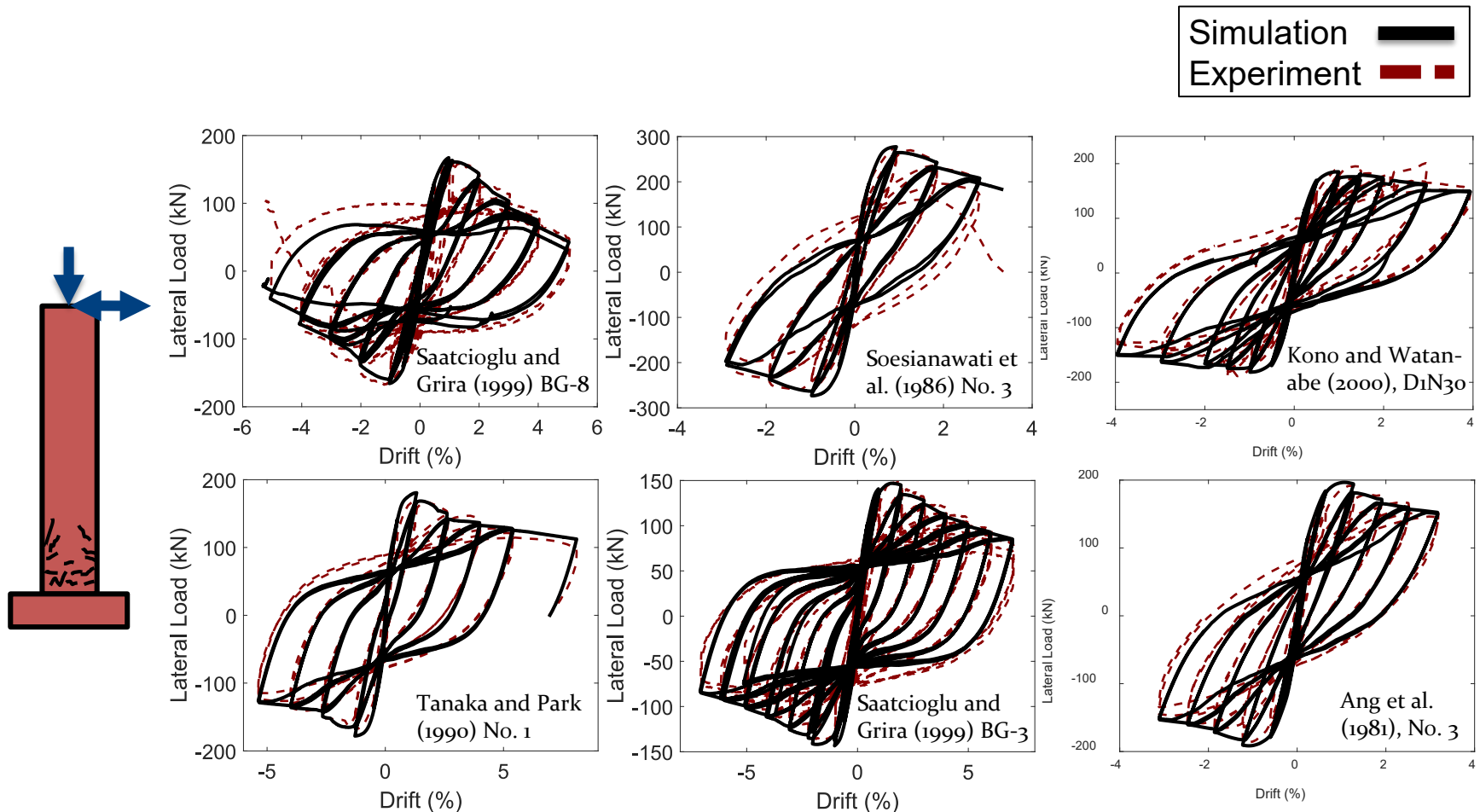


Conventional approach:
mesh-sensitive



Nonlocal model:
mesh-independent

Mesh-independent blind agreement with experimental observations

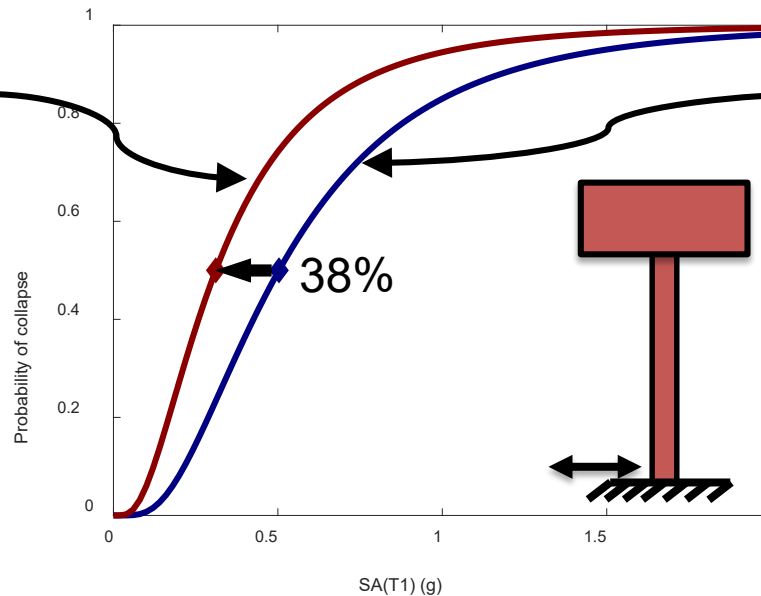
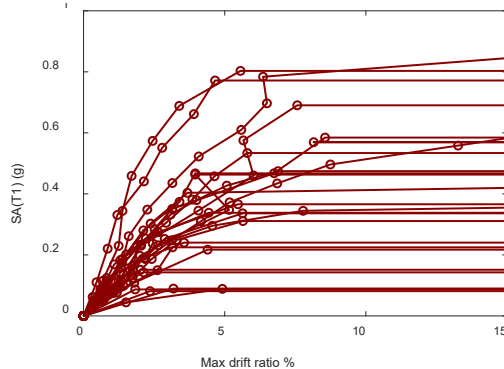


How does using nonlocal modeling affect collapse assessment?

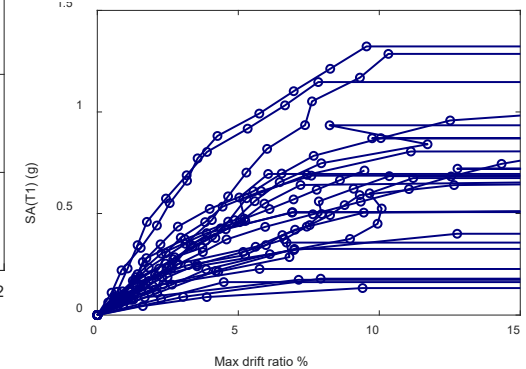
Seismic collapse fragility curve

Local model – 5 elements 
Nonlocal model 

Local model
Median collapse capacity
 $\overline{SA}(T_1) = 0.31 g$



Nonlocal model
Median collapse capacity
 $\overline{SA}(T_1) = 0.5 g$



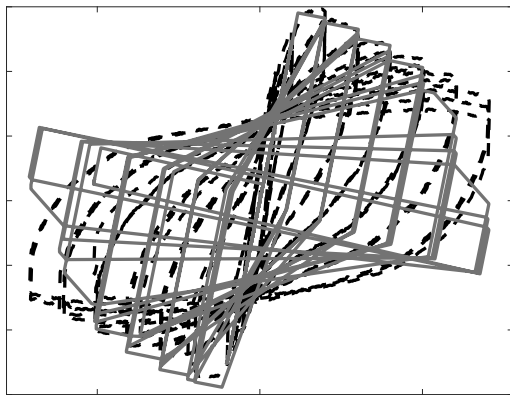
Probability of collapse

Collapse assessment of RC column using plastic hinge and nonlocal models

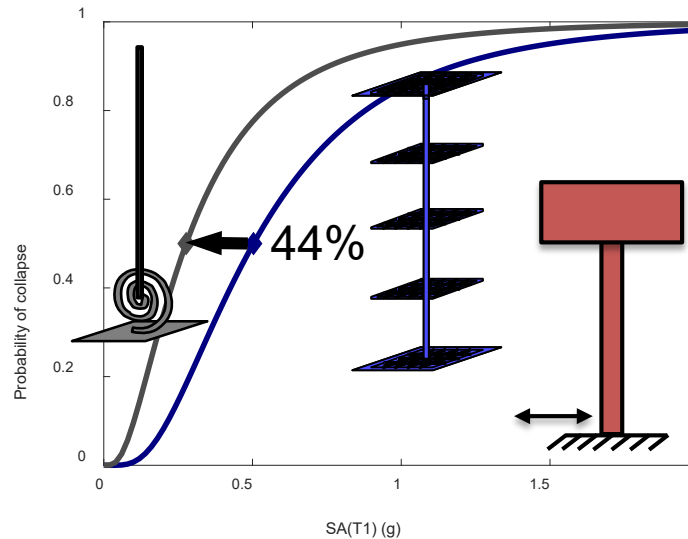
We do not usually have the answer.

Plastic hinge model —
Nonlocal model —

Load vs. displacement

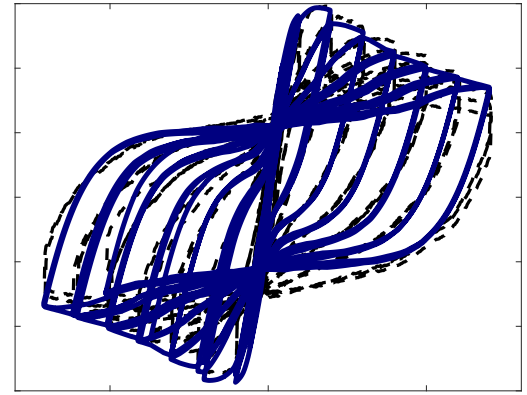


Plastic hinge model



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Nonlocal fiber-section
model

Summary

- There is large uncertainty in designing structures to resist earthquakes in both the **knowledge of the earthquake loading** and **the resistance of structures**

Understanding earthquake loading

- Physics-based ground motions offer opportunities to understand the variability in earthquake hazard and risk in the near-field.
- Quantifying the variability of risk will improve near-fault structural design guidelines.

Simulating structural resistance

- Quantification of collapse risk requires rigorous models to predict degradation.
- Nonlocal models predict strength degradation due to concrete softening.
- Extending nonlocal models to capturing other sources of deterioration is crucial for collapse assessment of RC structures.