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# Analysis of an Innovative Seismic Resilient Precast Pier System

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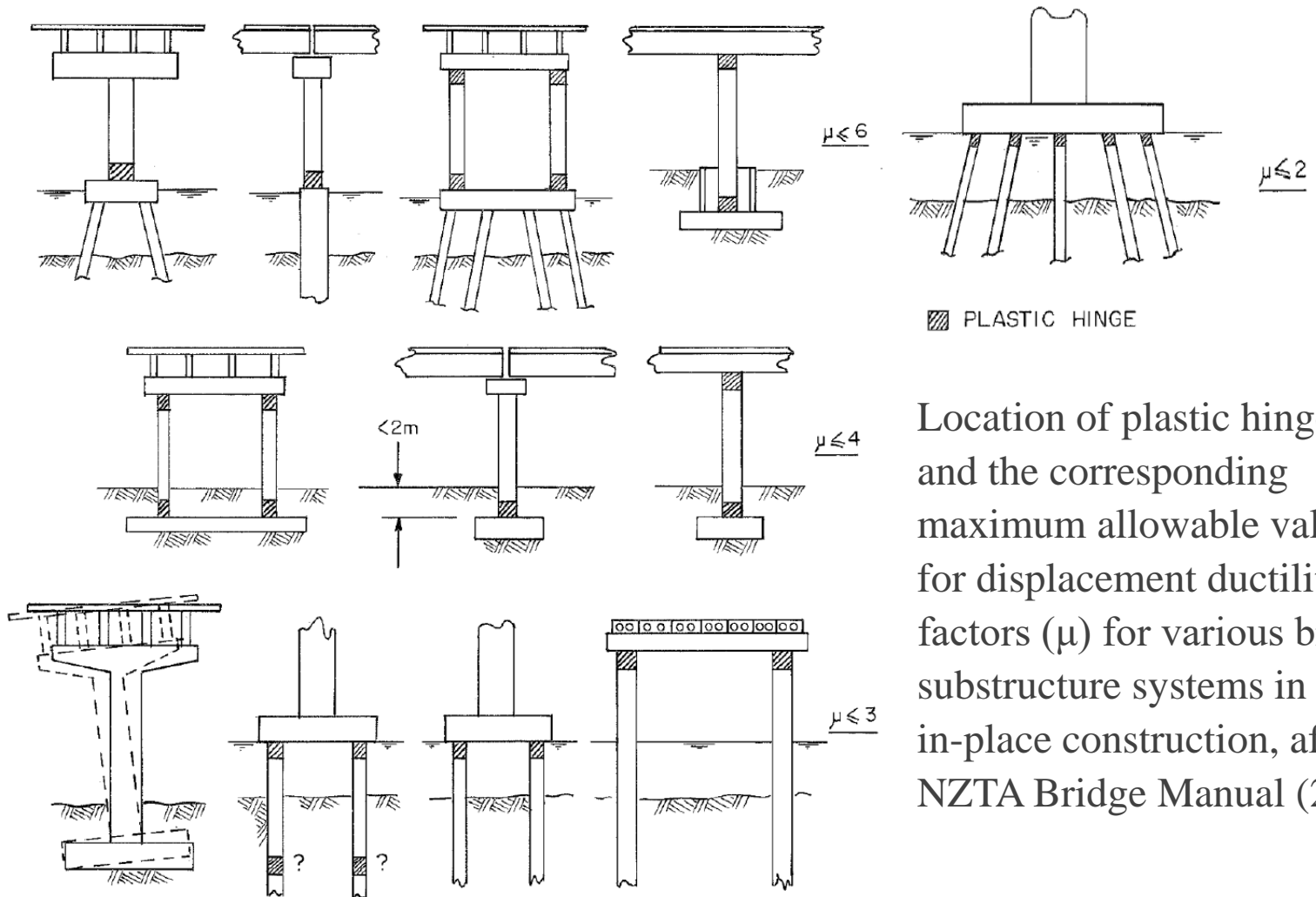


# Project information

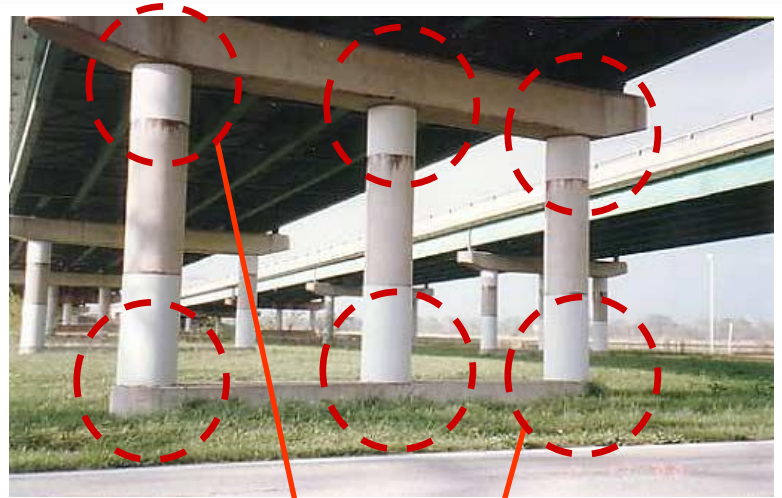
- **Project Title:** A Precast Pier System for ABC in Idaho (ITD Report 281)
- **Project Sponsor:** Idaho Transportation Department
- **Project Duration:** January 2019 – June 2021
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- **Awarded Institution:** Idaho State University
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# Background



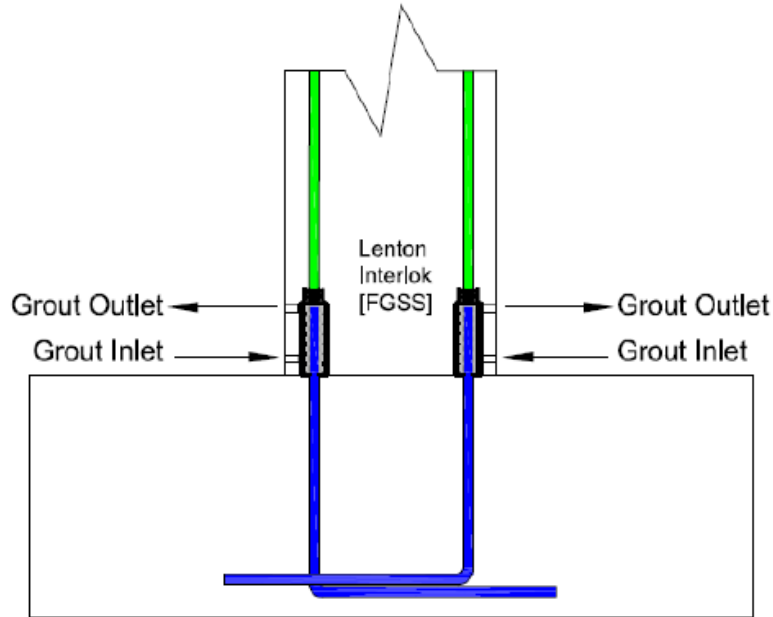
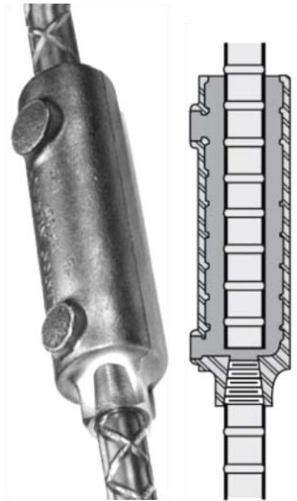
Location of plastic hinges and the corresponding maximum allowable values for displacement ductility factors ( $\mu$ ) for various bridge substructure systems in cast-in-place construction, after NZTA Bridge Manual (2013)



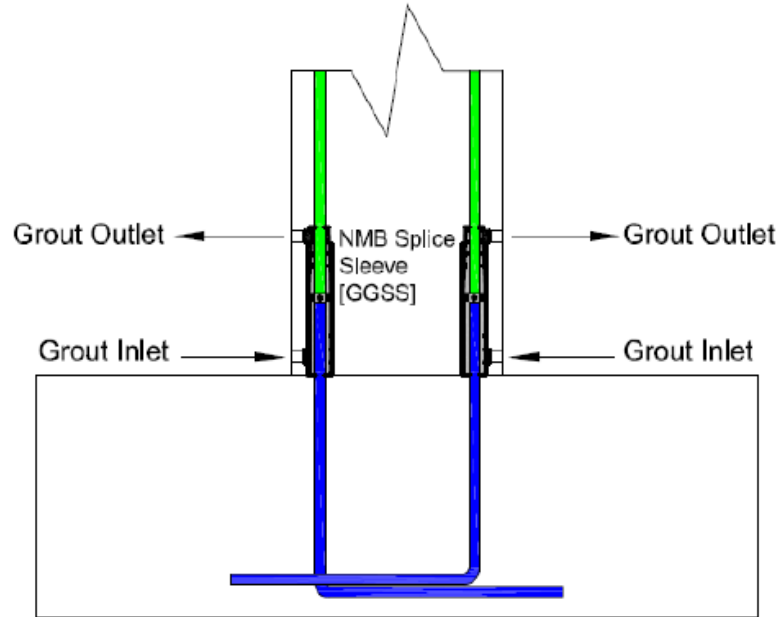
Typical plastic hinge in cast-in-place construction after a large earthquake

# Background

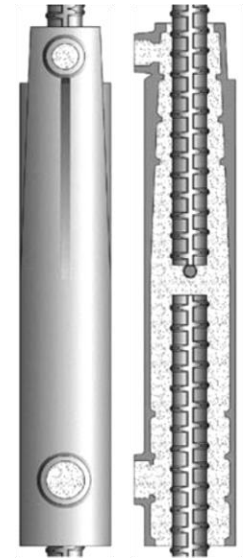
## Grouted Couplers



Type I. One end grouted, the other threaded



Type II. Both ends grouted



Grouted Couplers (Pantelides et al. 2014)

“Seismic Performance of Columns with Grouted Couplers in Idaho Accelerated Bridge Construction Applications”, Ebrahimpour et al. (2016), ITD Report 246.

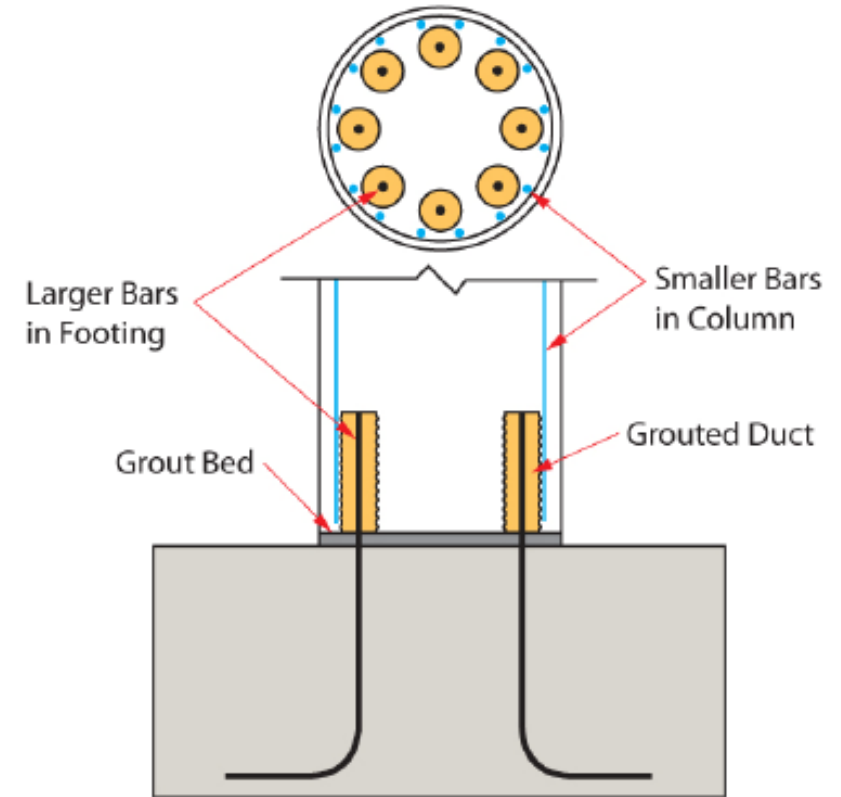
# Background

## Grouted Post-Tensioned Ducts

Post-tensioning ducts embedded in precast concrete components used to connect two concrete elements.

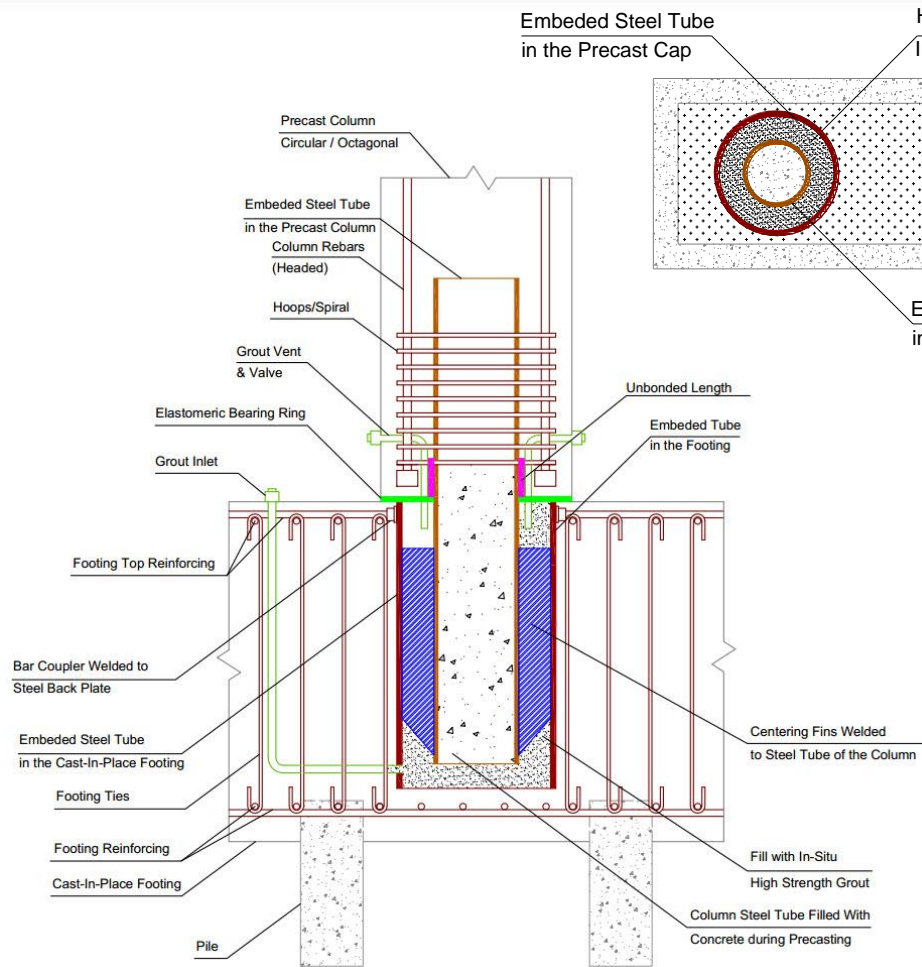


Lake Belton Bridge Replacement (FHWA, 2009)

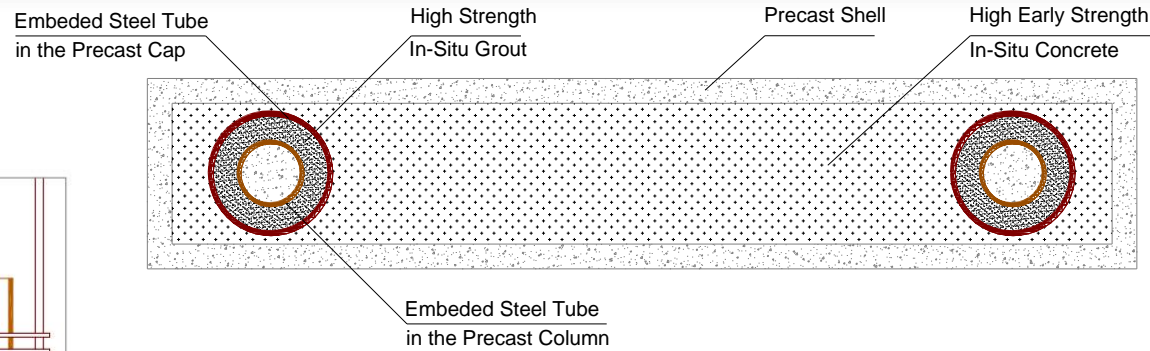


Typical Grouted Duct Connection (NCHRP Report 698)

# Concept for a Precast Pier System



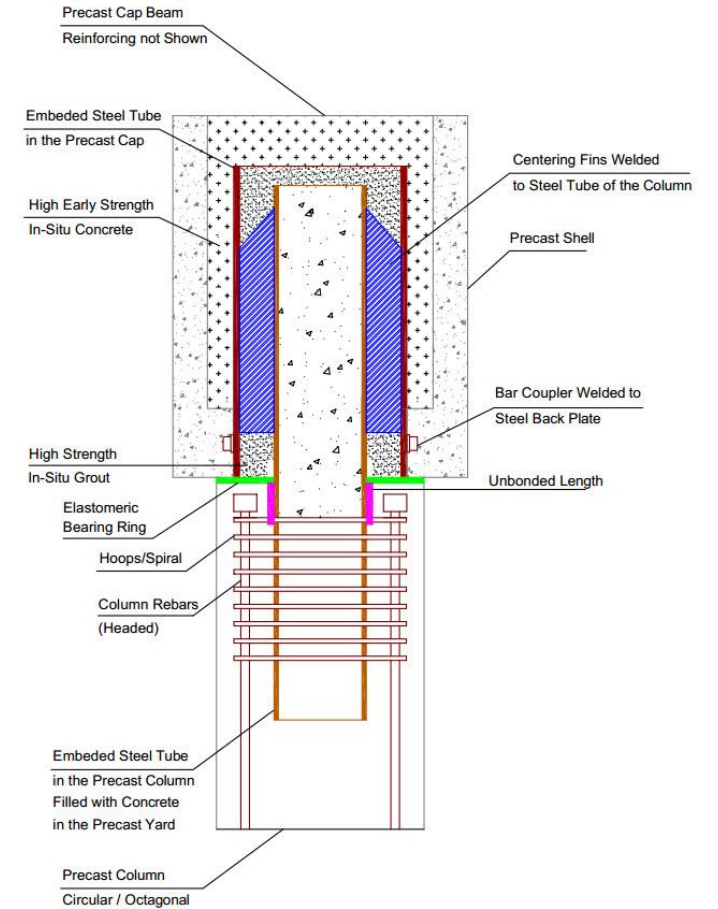
Pier-to-footing connection



PLAN VIEW



Demonstration Model of the Concept

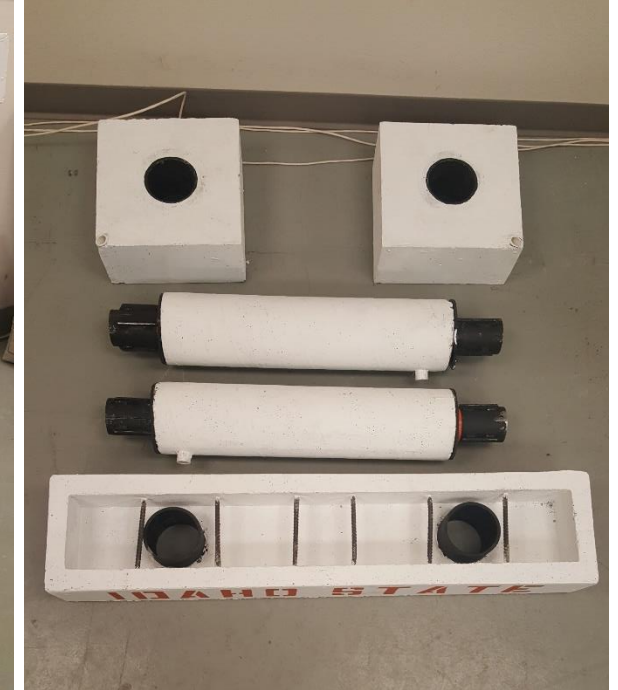


Pier-to-cap beam connection

# Concept for a Precast Pier System

## Advantages include:

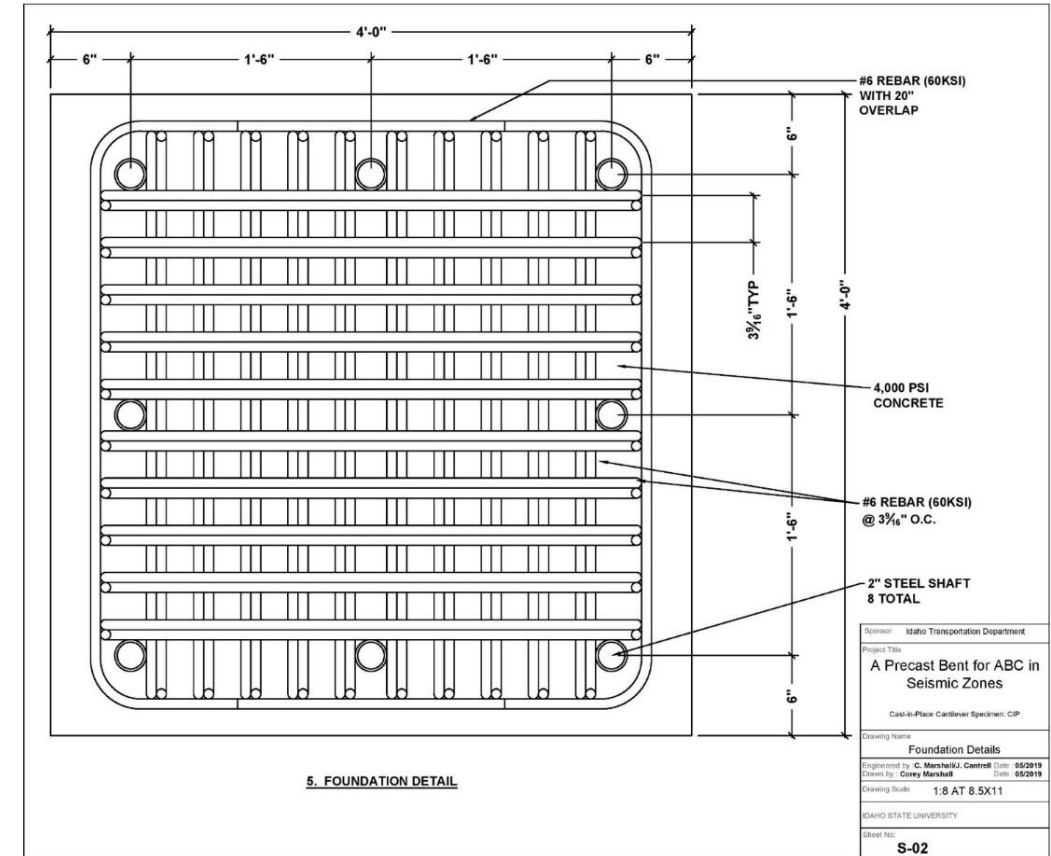
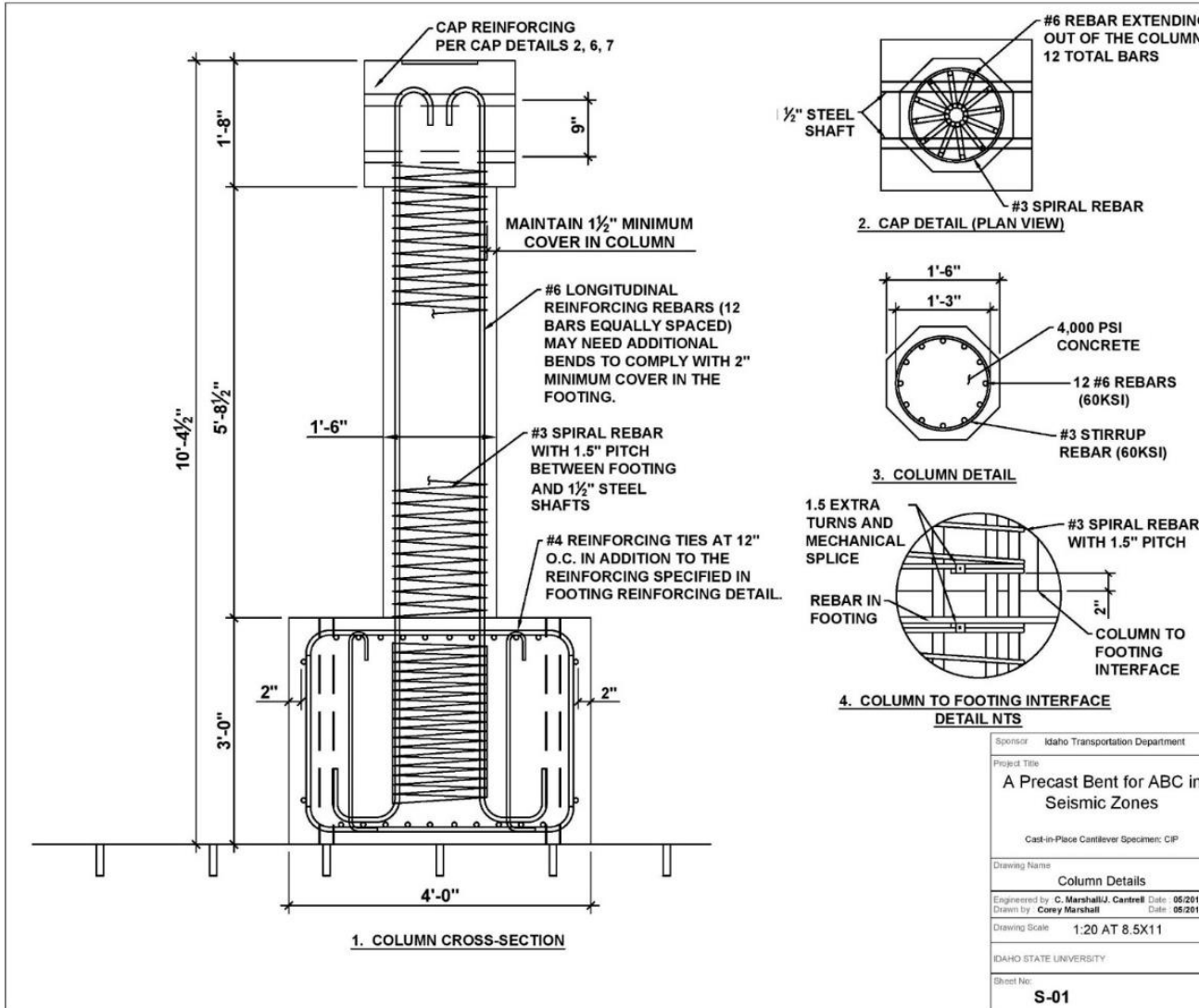
- Fast construction (use of ABC)
- Simple construction
- Ample installation tolerance
- Ease of erection
- Use of hollow precast pier shell
- Option for solid precast pier shell
- Non-proprietary components/materials
- Improved on-site safety
- Faster construction
- Allows deformation during smaller movements without cracking and crushing of concrete



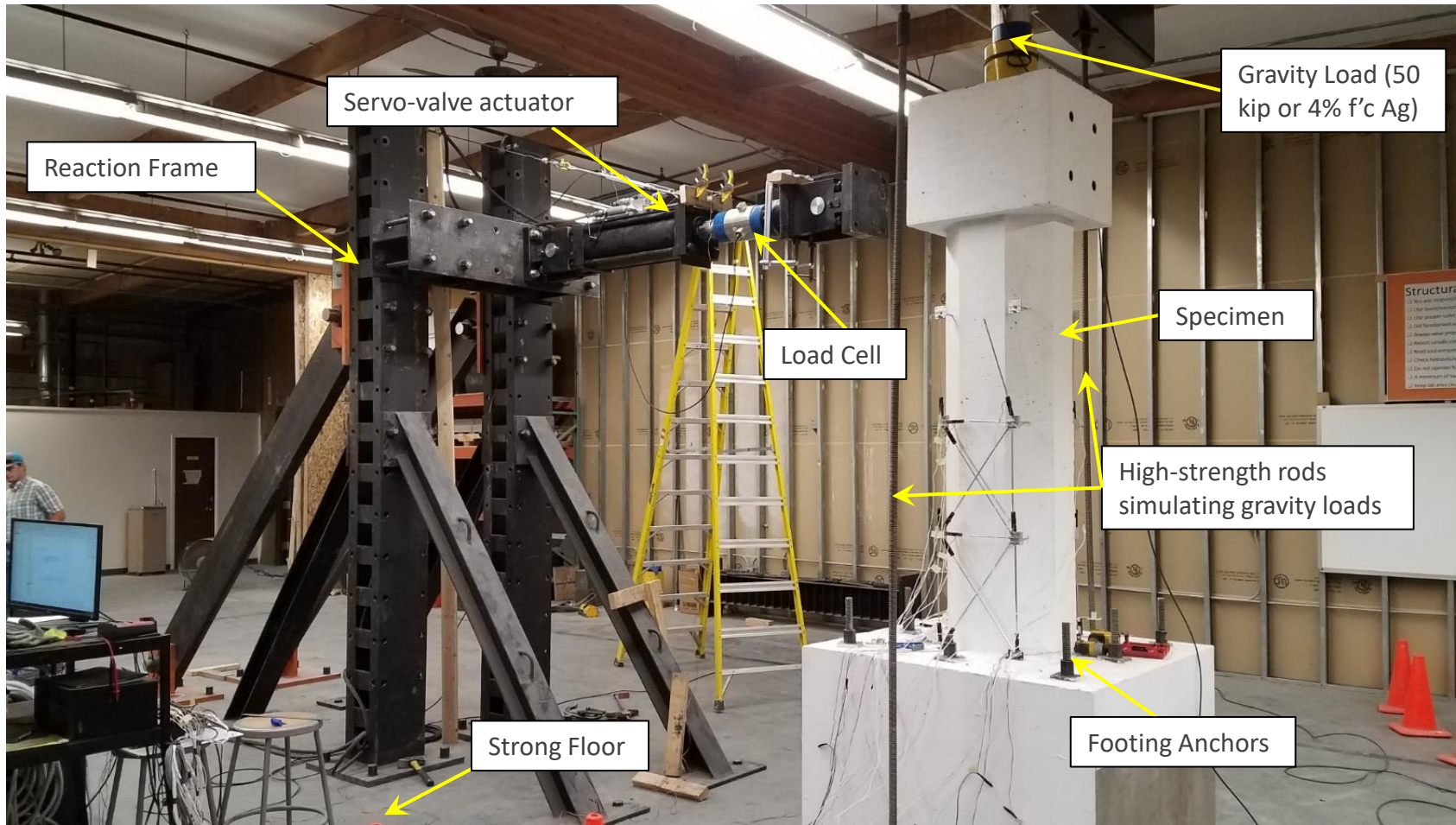
Proposed precast bent



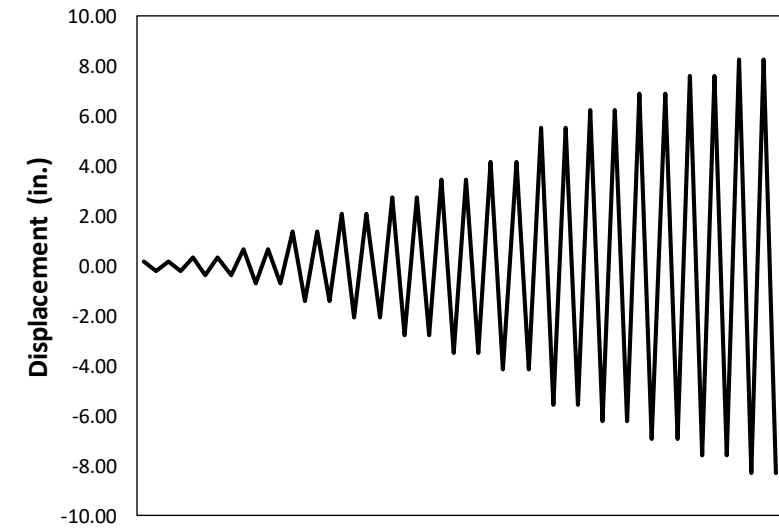
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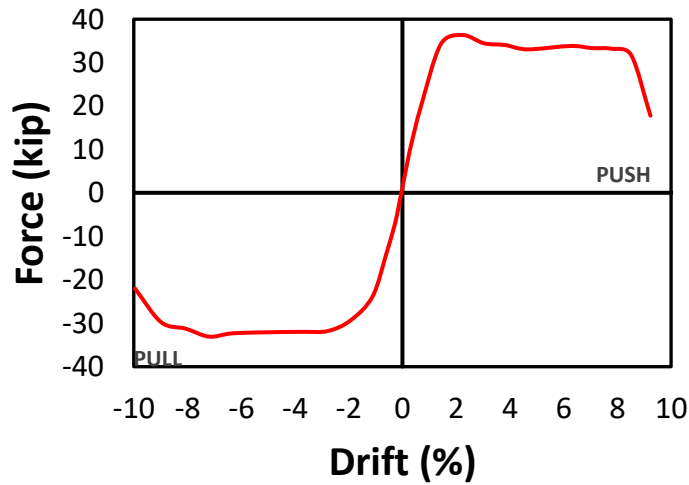
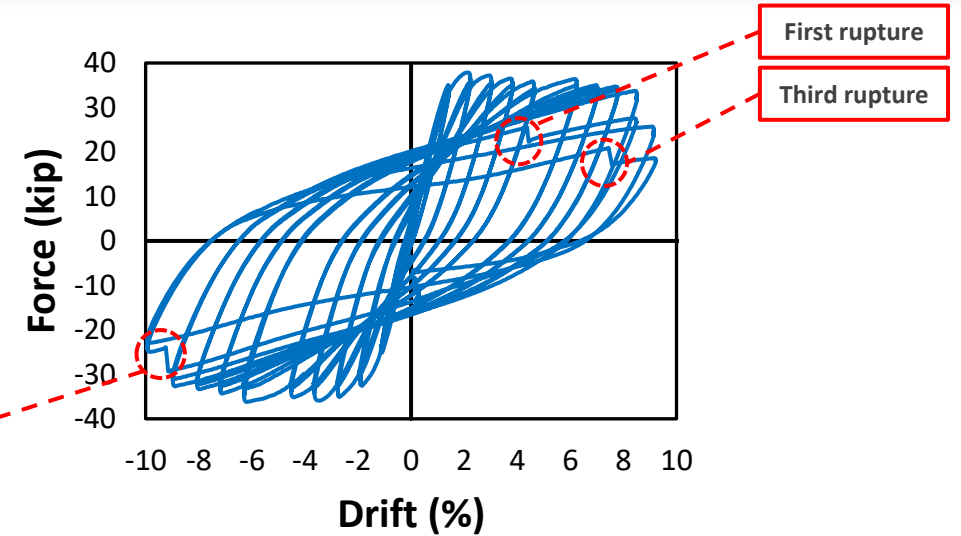
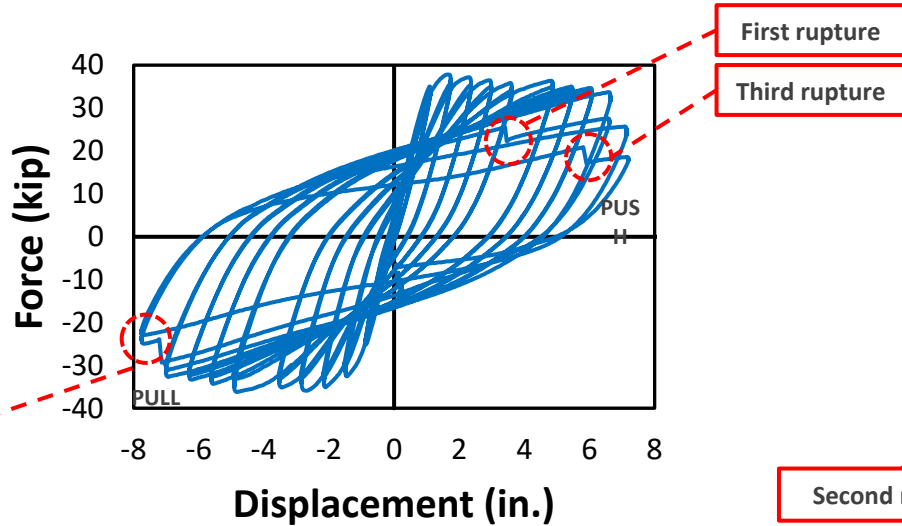


Typical Arrangement for Uni-directional Testing

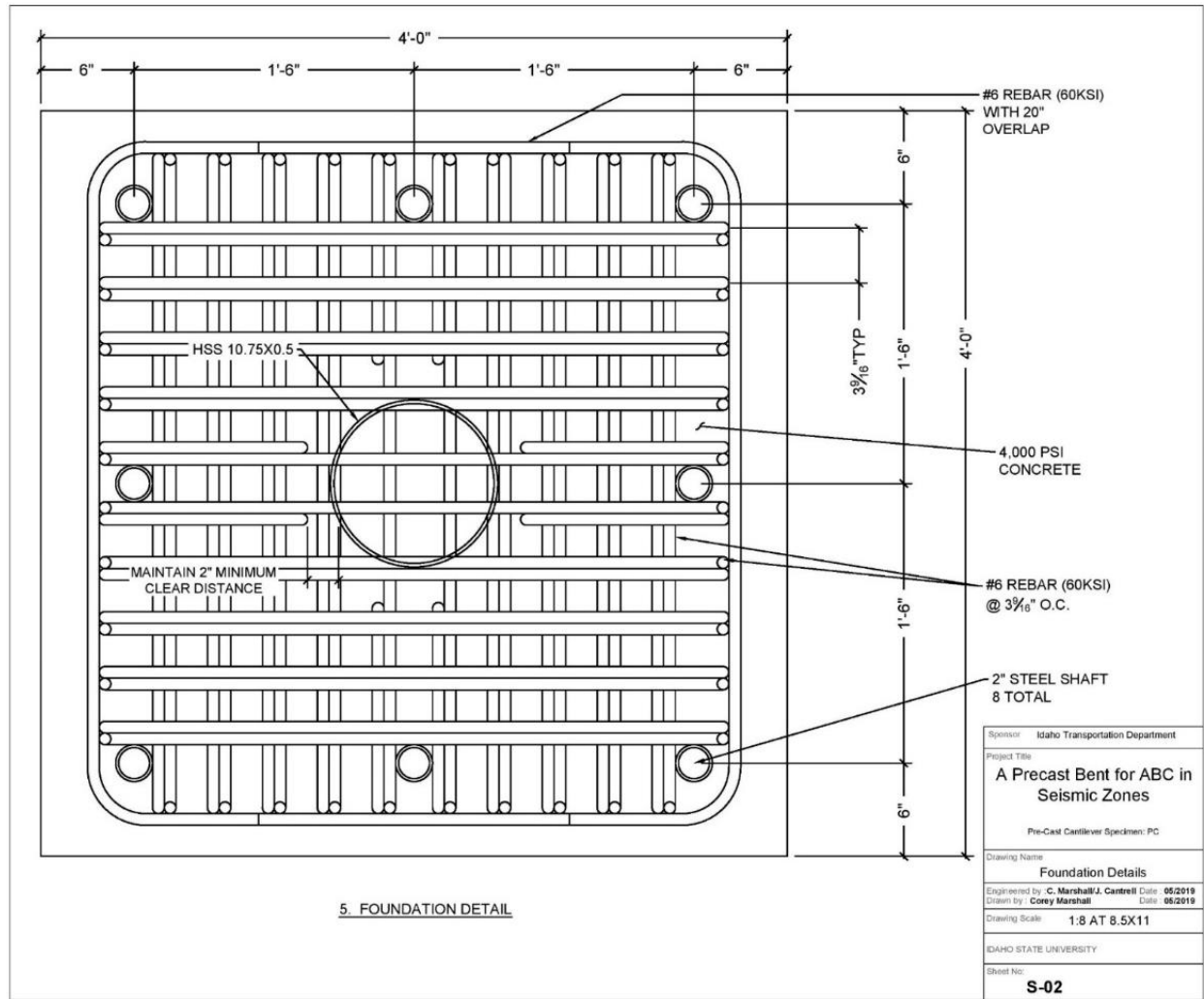
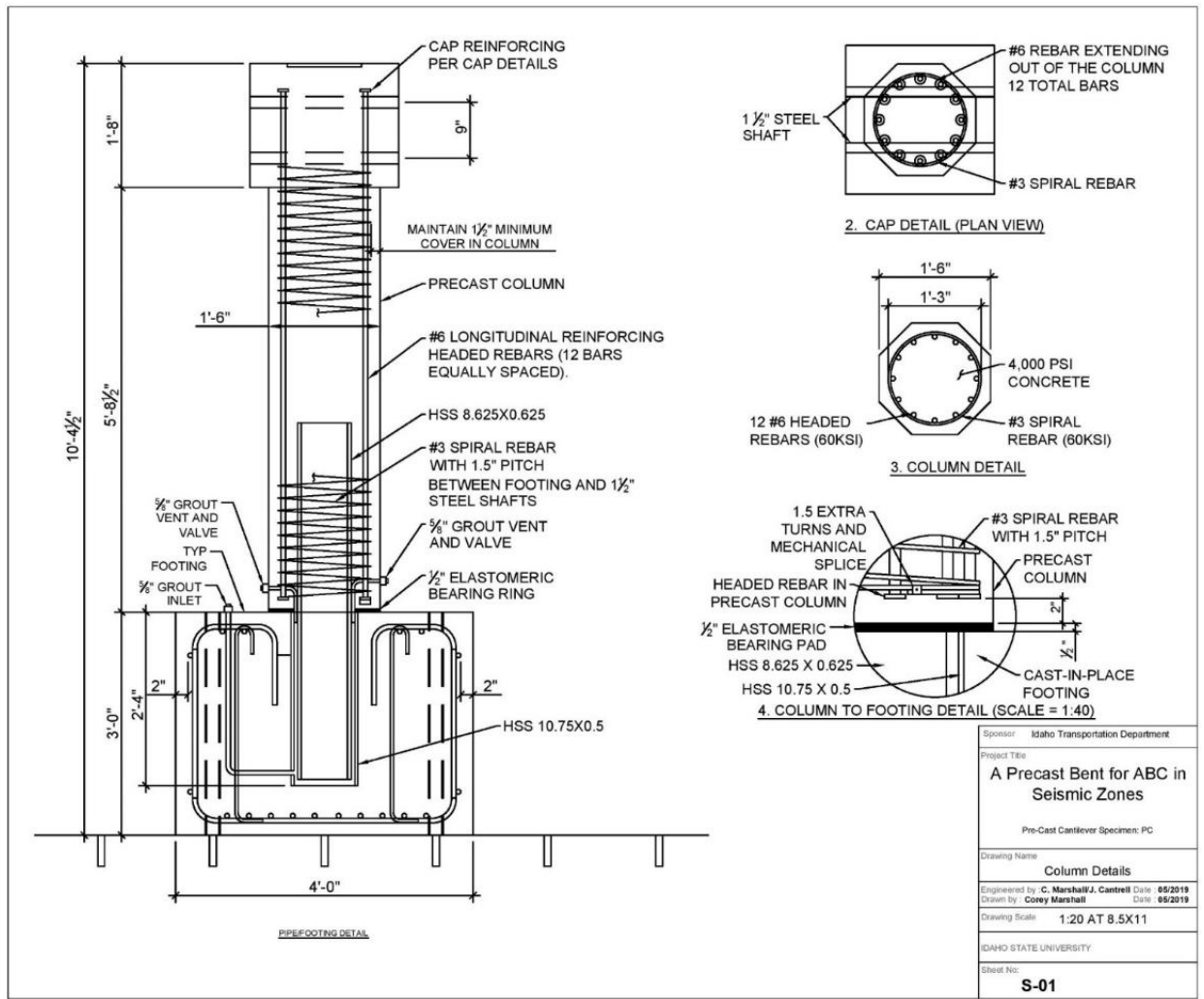


Quasi-static cyclic loading protocol

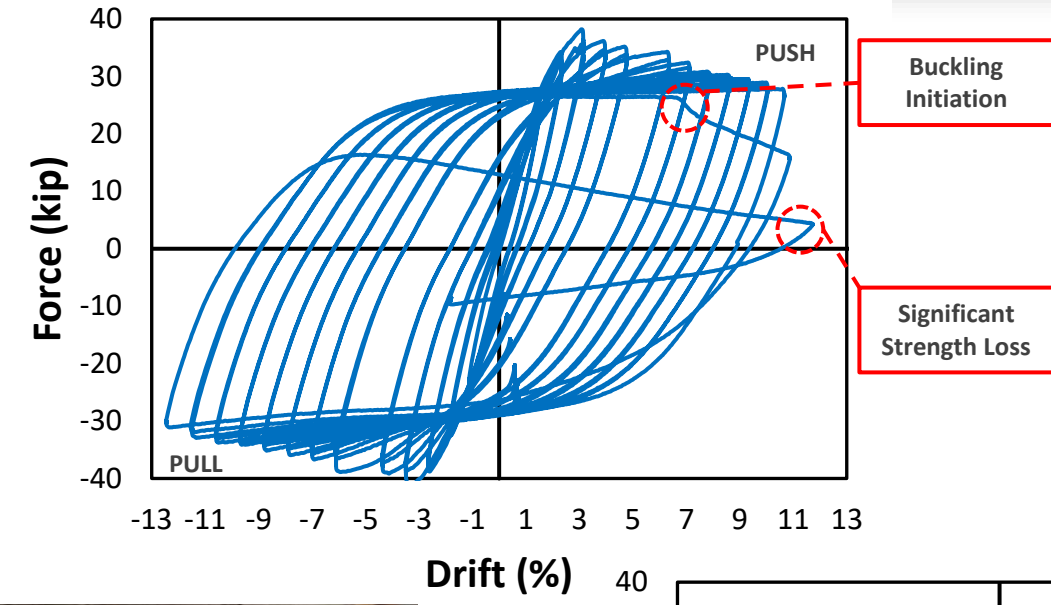
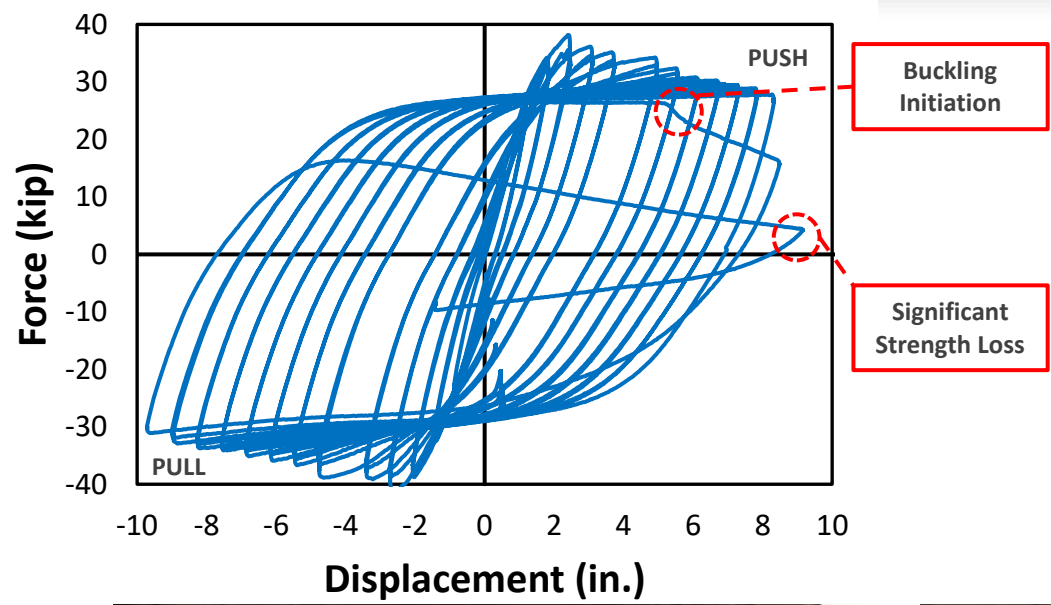
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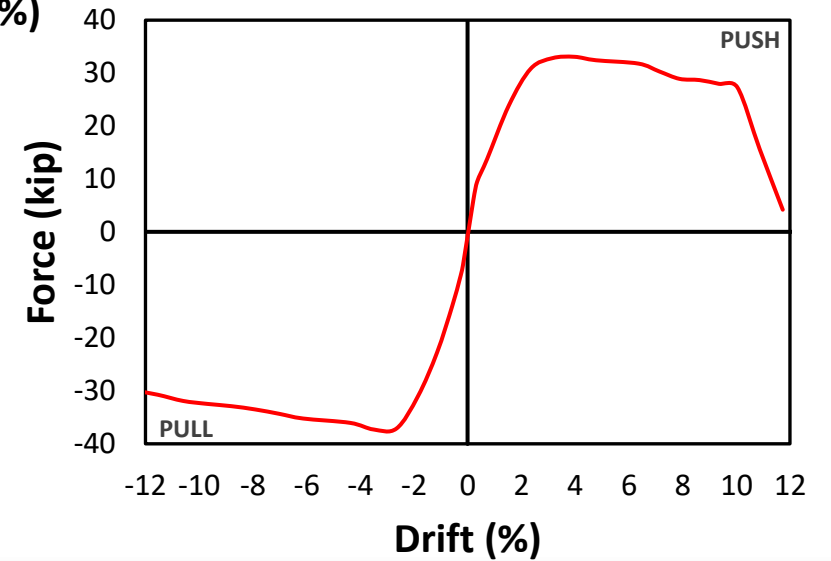
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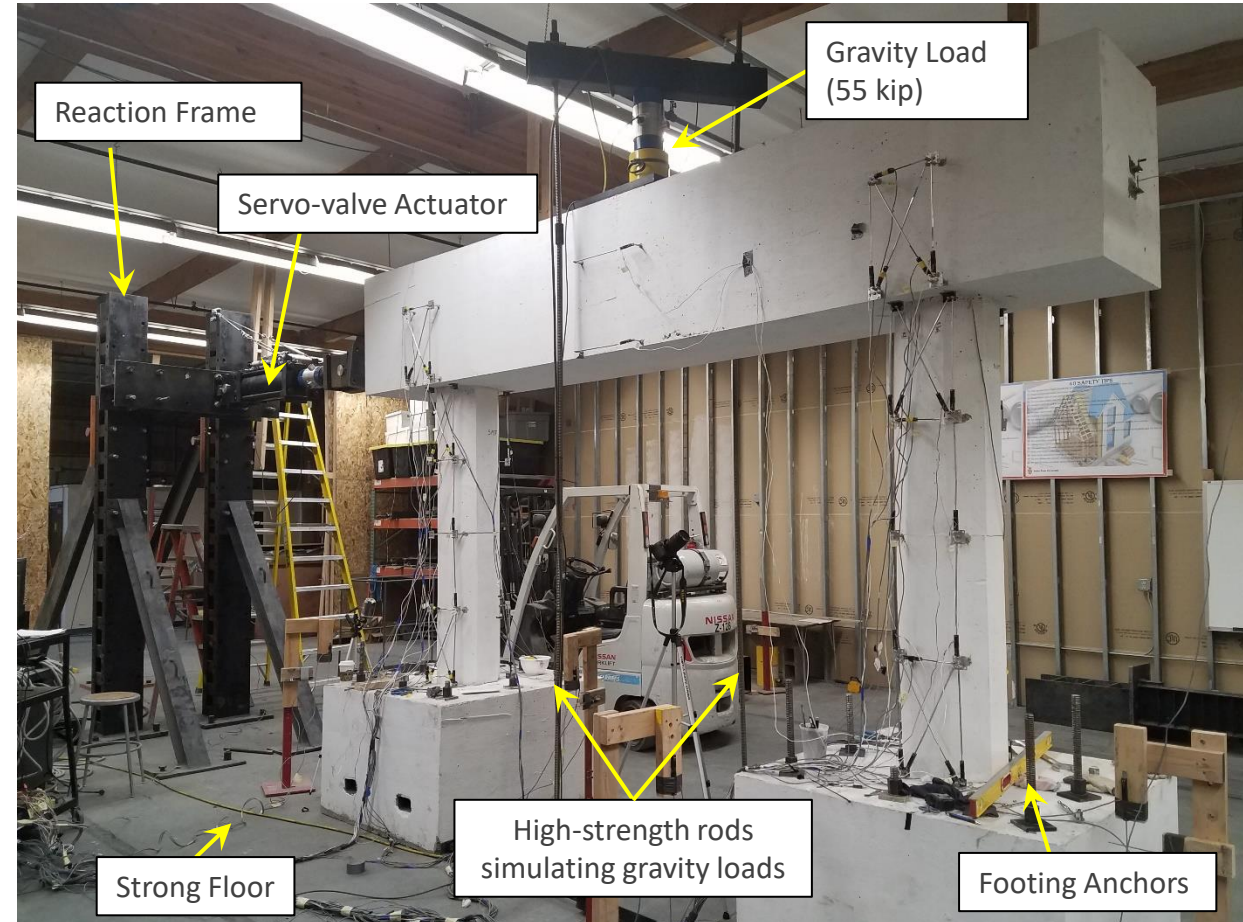
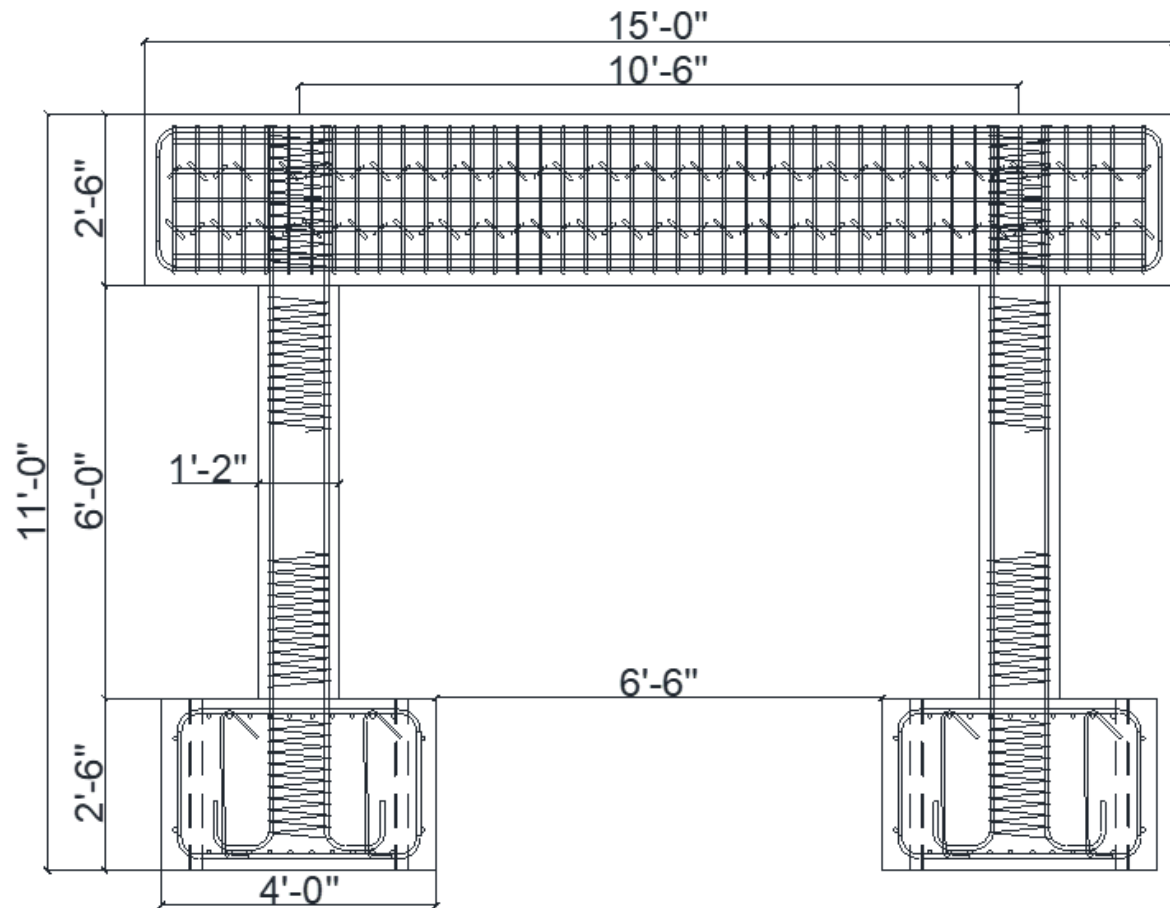
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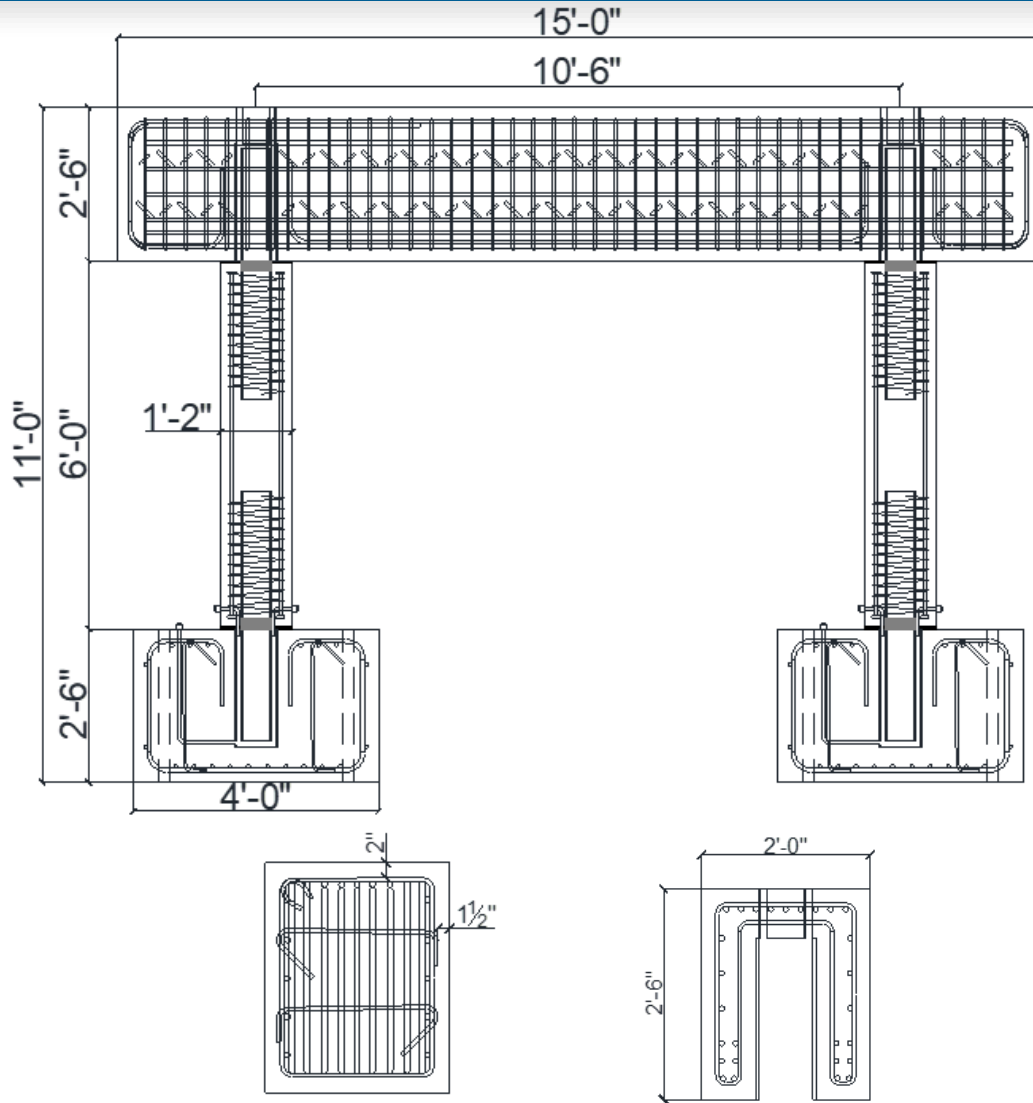
12.45% Drift Ratio (significant buckling of the steel pipe)



# Cast-In-Place Bent

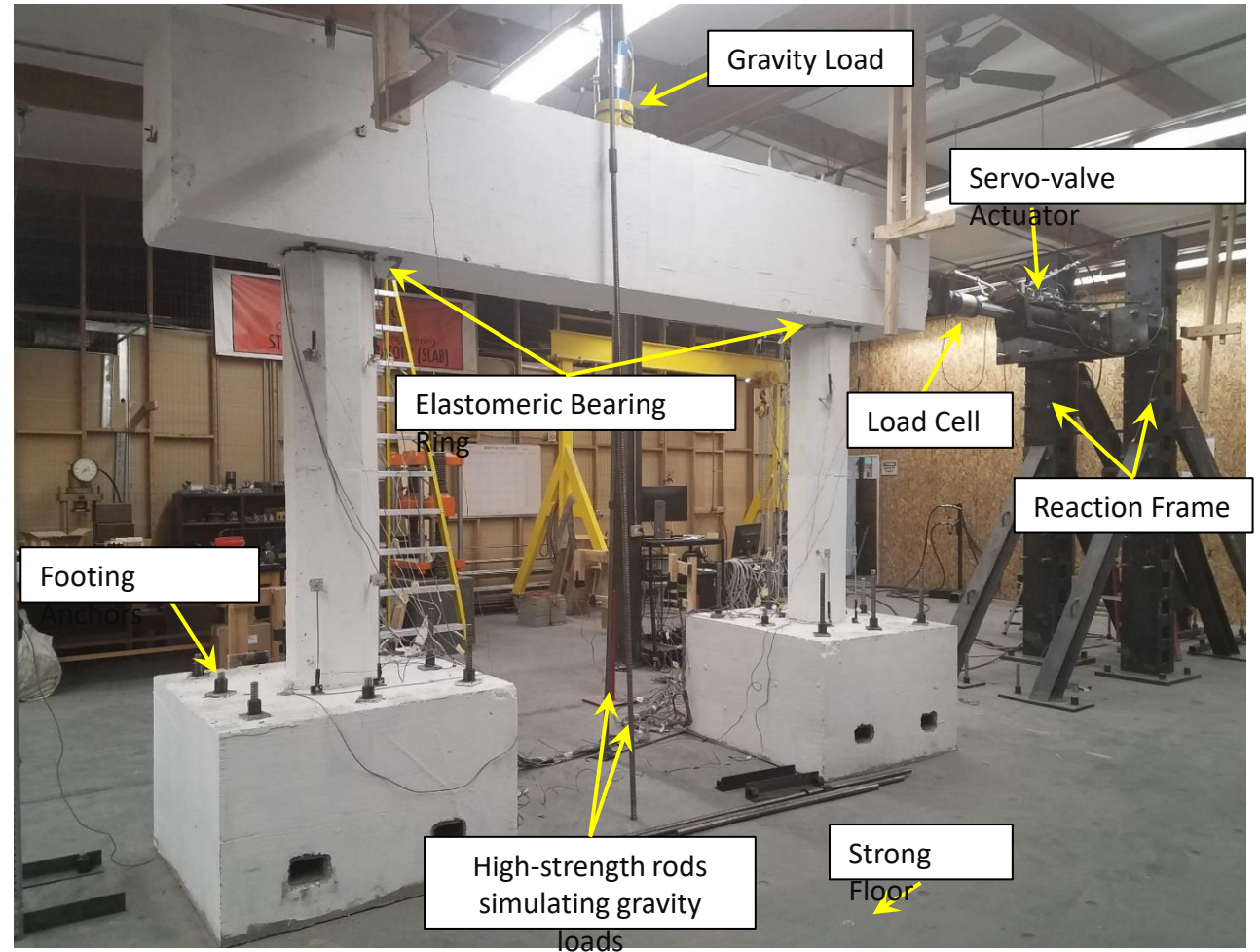


# Precast Bent



Cap Cross-Section outside of Column

Cap Cross-Section above Column



Gravity Load

Servo-valve Actuator

Elastomeric Bearing Ring

Load Cell

Reaction Frame

Footing

High-strength rods simulating gravity loads

Strong Floor

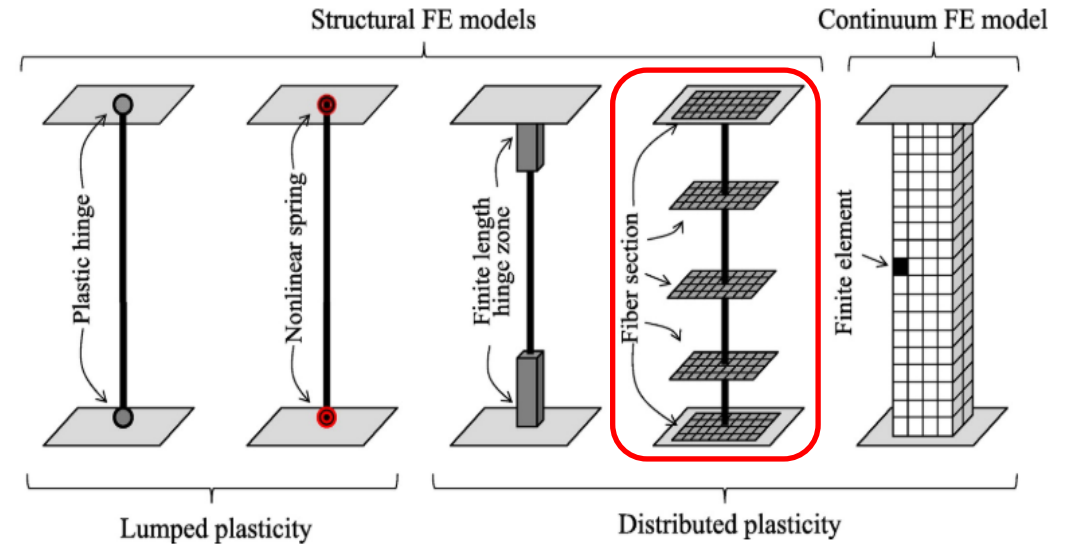
# Numerical Investigation

- Finite Element Analysis of the proposed connection using OpenSees with some input from SAP 2000.
- Calibration of analytical models against experimental data.
- Proposing a back-bone curve and appropriate hysteretic rule for the proposed connection.



# Numerical Investigation

- ❑ Nonlinear beam-column element with distributed plasticity
  - Permits spread of plasticity along the element.



(Astroza, R. et al., 2015)

- ❑ Material models

- Unconfined concrete: *Concrete01*
- Confined concrete: *Concrete04*
- Reinforcing steel: *Steel02*
- ❑ SAP2000 was used to obtain Mander's stress-strain model strength and strain values for confined concrete.

# Numerical Investigation

## ■ Portion of OpenSees model

```
#Create Model with 3 dimensions and 6 degrees of freedom
model BasicBuilder -ndm 3 -ndf 6
#Create 6 DOF nodes
```

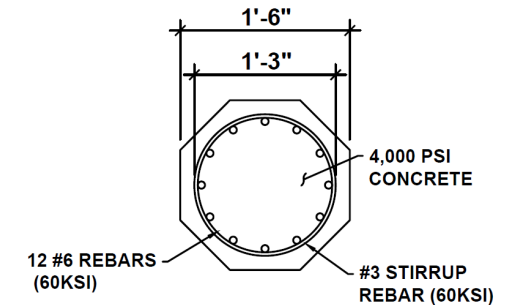
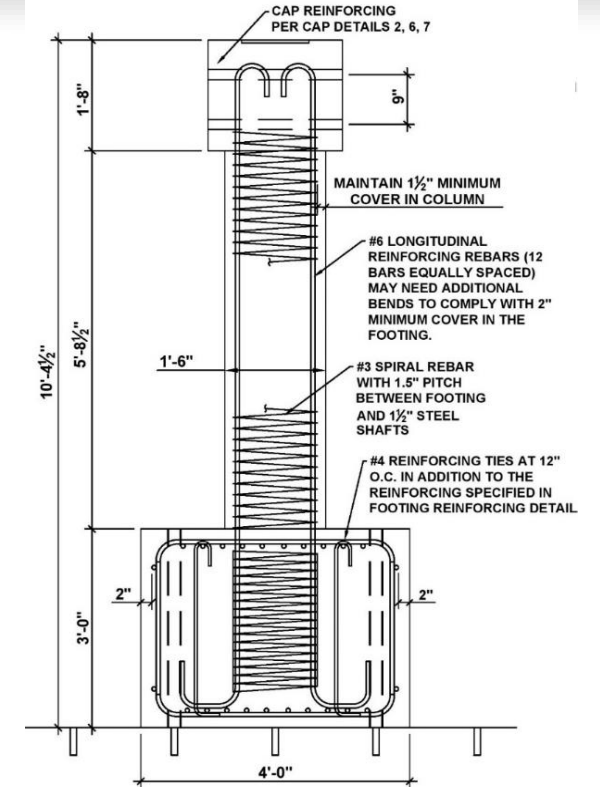
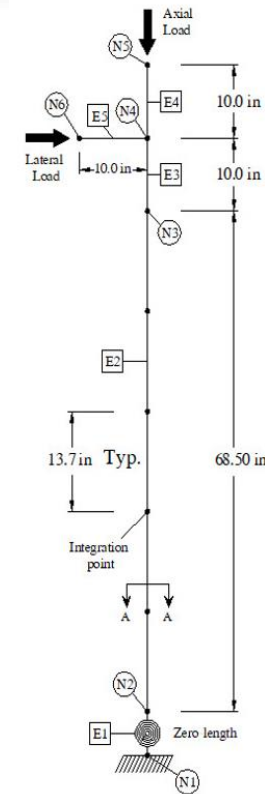
```
#      tag  x    y    z
node  1  0.0  0.0  0.0
node  2  0.0  0.0  0.0
node  3  0.0  68.5  0.0
node  4  0.0  78.5  0.0
node  5  0.0  88.5  0.0
node  6 -10  78.5  0.0
```

```
#Fix node 1
fix 1 1 1 1 1 1
fix 2 1 1 1 0 0
```

```
#Create uniaxial materials for Concrete and Steel
uniaxialMaterial Concrete01 1 -4. -0.002 0 -0.005
uniaxialMaterial Concrete04 2 -7.2 -0.0112 -0.0237 2737
uniaxialMaterial Steel02 3 68 29000 0.01 17 0.925 0.15
```

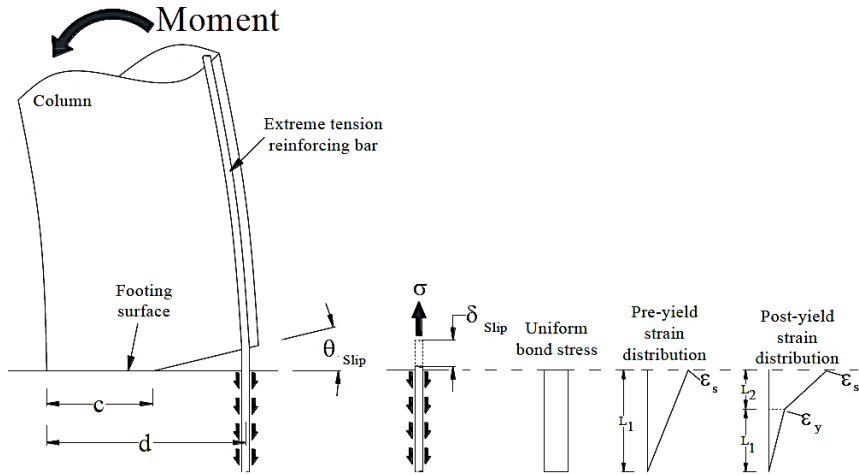
```
#Create hysteretic material to model Bond-Slip
uniaxialMaterial Hysteretic 4 2500 .0031 3085. .096 -2500 -.0031 -3085. -.096 10.5 0.5 0 0.1 0.4
```

```
#Create fiber section with defined concrete and rebar
section Fiber 1 {
  patch circ 2 16 10 0 0 0 7.125 0 360
  layer circ 3 12 0.441 0 0 6.75
  patch quad 1 1 1 6.75 0 7.5 0 7.4135 1.4992 6.6203 1.3169
  ...
}
```



# Numerical Investigation

## Bond-slip at the footing



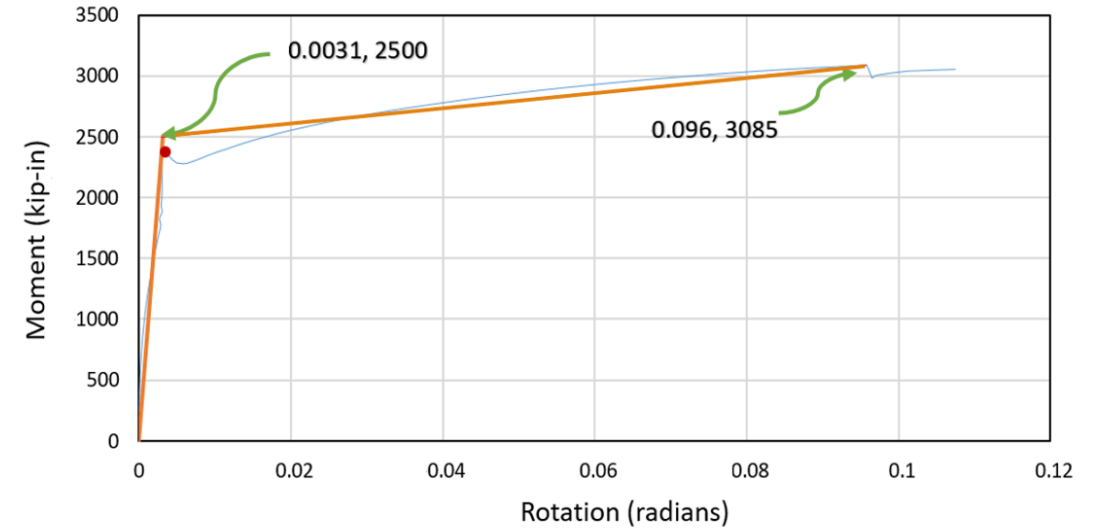
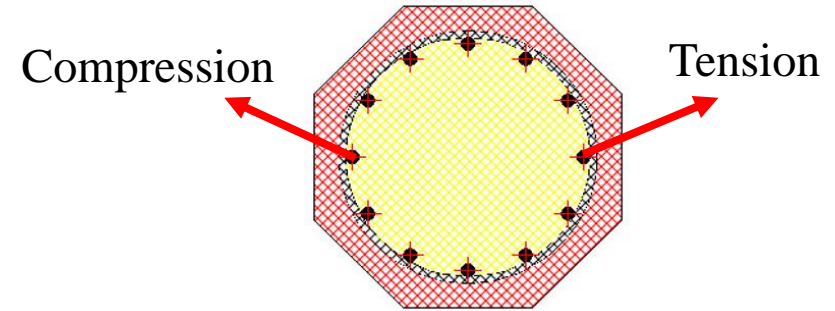
$$L_1 = \frac{f_s d_b}{4u}$$

$$L_2 = \frac{(f_s - f_y) d_b}{4u}$$

$$u = \frac{9.5\sqrt{f'_c}}{d_b} \leq 800 \text{ psi}$$

$$\theta_{slip} = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\delta_{slip}}{c - d} \right)$$

$$c = 2.65 + \frac{|\epsilon_c|}{(\epsilon_t - \epsilon_c)} (18.37) \text{ in.}$$



# Numerical Investigation

## Confined concrete stress-strain from SAP2000, Mander's model

Caltrans Section Properties

Geometry

Shape: Octagon

Chamfer: 3.

Height: 18.

Width: 18.

Small Base Dimensions

Base Height: 18.

Base Width: 18.

No. of Cores: 1

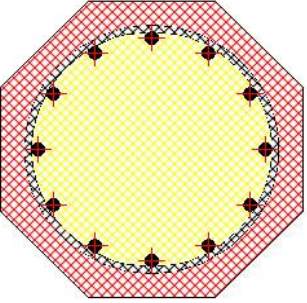
Casing

Thickness: 0.

Longit. Factor: 0.

Rings

No. of Rings: 1 Ring1 Cover: 1.5 Ring2 Cover: Ring3 Cover:



(-4.6059, 9.5956)

Region	Ring	No. of Bundles	Bundle Type	Bundle Bar No.	Bundle Area	Bundle Material	Conf. Type	Conf. Spacing	Conf. Bar No.	Conf. Area	Conf. Material
Core1	Ring1	Show	12 Single	#6	0.44	A615Gr60	Spiral	1.5	#3	0.11	A615Gr60
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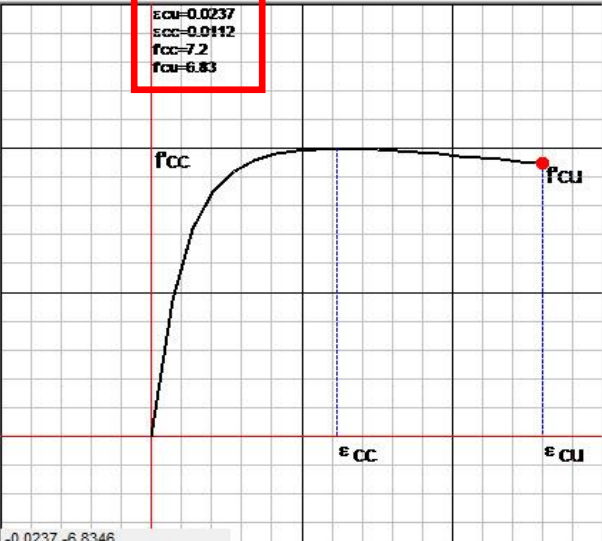
Concrete Model

Material: 4000Psi

Core Concrete: Core1 Show... OK

Other Concrete: Mander-Unconfin Show... Outer Concrete: Mander-Unconfin Show... Cancel

Concrete Model - Mander-Confined(C)



Concrete Material

Name: 4000Psi

$\epsilon_0$ : 2.219E-03

$\epsilon_u$ : 5.000E-03

$\epsilon_{fact}$ : 1.

$f_0$ : 4.

$f_u$ : 2.

$\epsilon_{cu(limit)}$ : 0.05

Main Bar

Number of Bars: 12.

Reinforcement

Bar Size: #6

Bar Area: 0.44

Confinement Material

Name: A615Gr60

Reinforcement

Bar Size: #3

Bar Area: 0.11

$f_{yh}$ : 60.

$\epsilon_{su}$ : 0.09

Confinement Layout

Type: Spiral

Longit. Spacing: 1.5

Spiral Diameter (CL-CL): 14.625

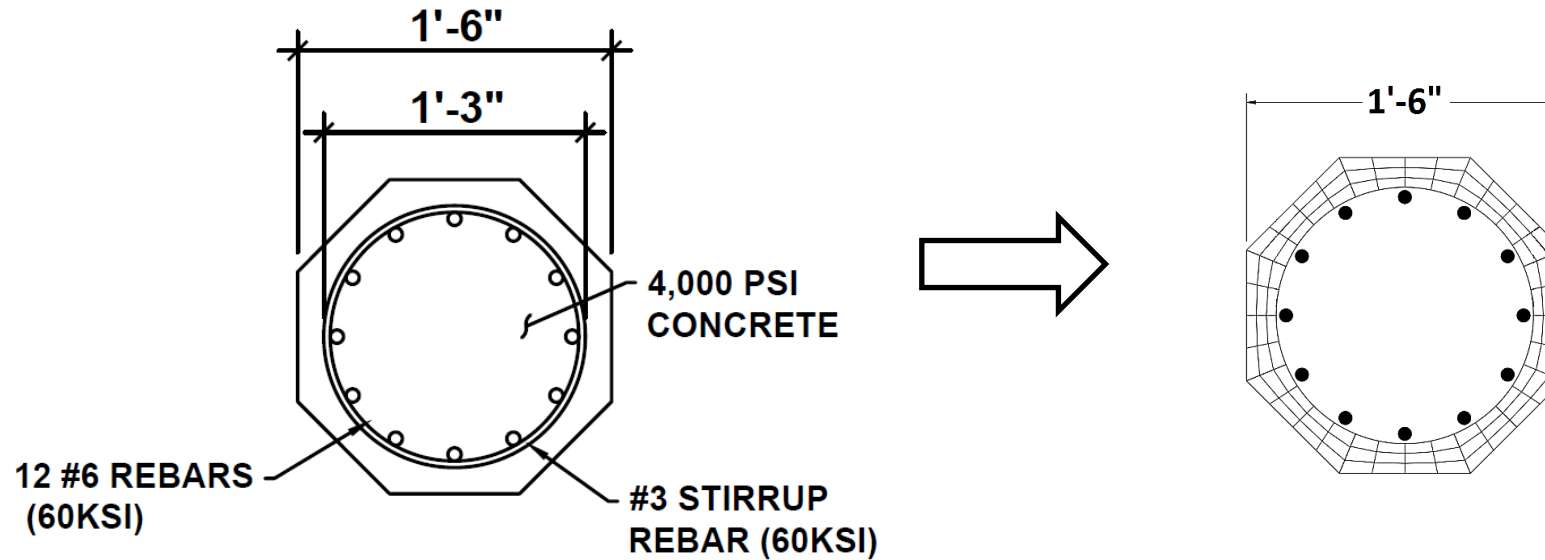
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Key values from graph:

- $\epsilon_{cu} = 0.0237$
- $\epsilon_{cc} = 0.0112$
- $f_{cc} = 7.2$
- $f_{cu} = 6.83$

# Numerical Investigation

## ■ Octagonal cross-section model in OpenSees



- Circular patch for confined concrete
- Quadrilateral patches for unconfined concrete
- Reinforcing bars generated with the circular arc layer command

# Numerical Investigation

## ■ Low-cycle fatigue

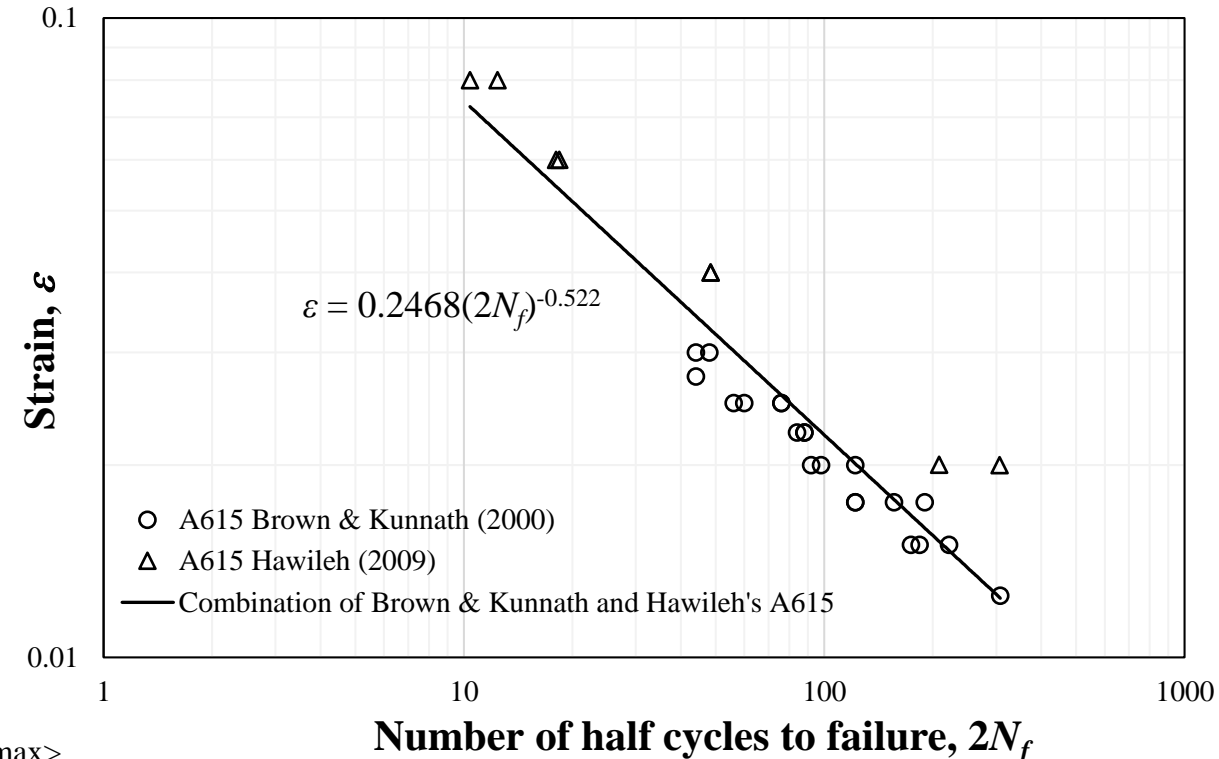
- The relation for the strain versus number of half-cycles to failure for ASTM A615:

$$0.2468(2N_f)^{-0.522}$$

In order to introduce low-cycle fatigue in OpenSees, the appropriate parameters for the Coffin-Manson curve needed to be introduced.

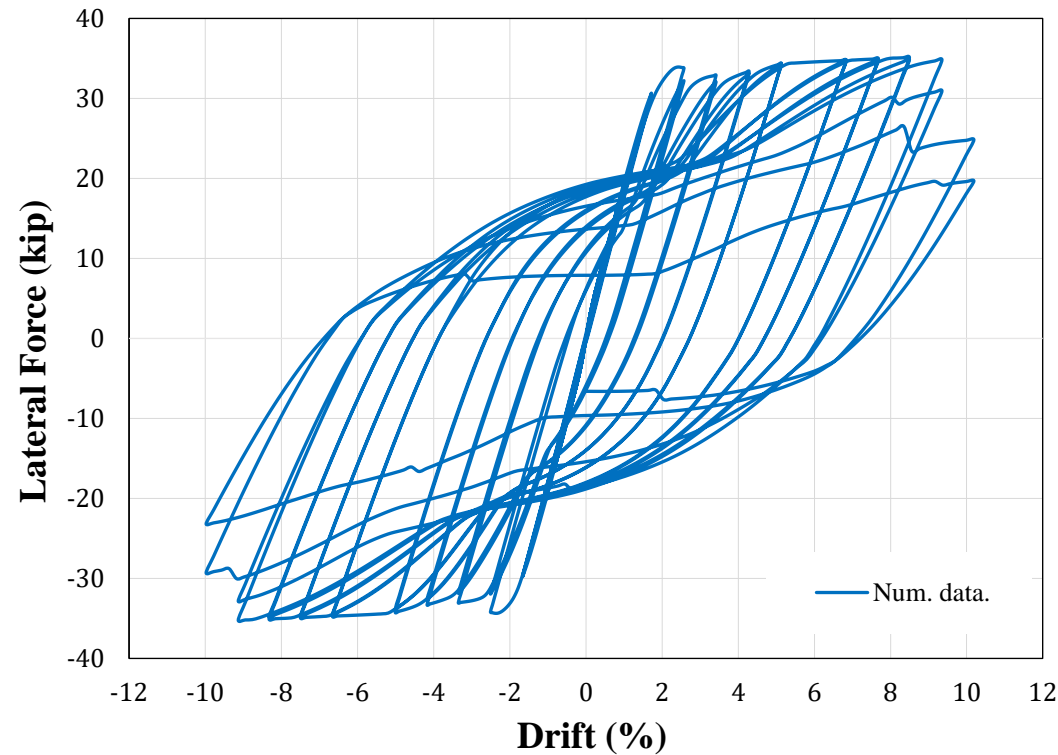
- OpenSees code added lines:

```
#uniaxialMaterial Fatigue $matTag $tag <-E0 $E0> <-m $m> <-min $min> <-max $max>  
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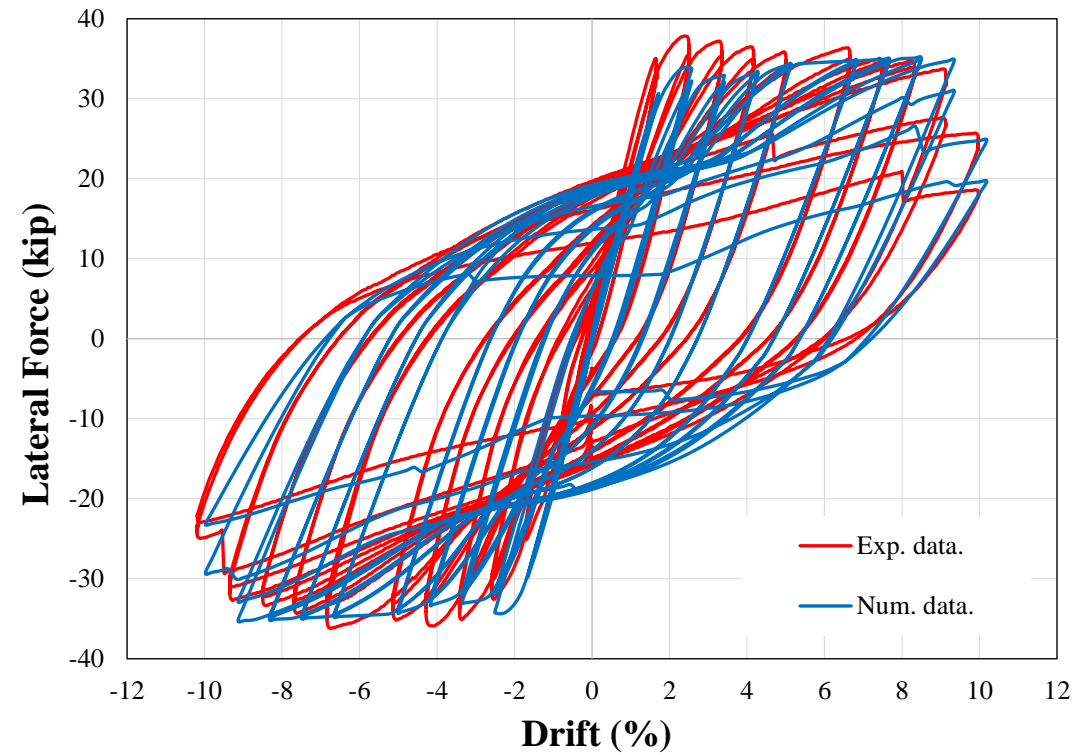


Combined Strain vs Number of Half Cycles to Failure plot for ASTM A615 (Plot based on data by Brown & Kunnath 2000 and Hawileh, et al. 2009).

## Force-displacement for revised cast-in-place model



Numerical hysteretic force-displacement

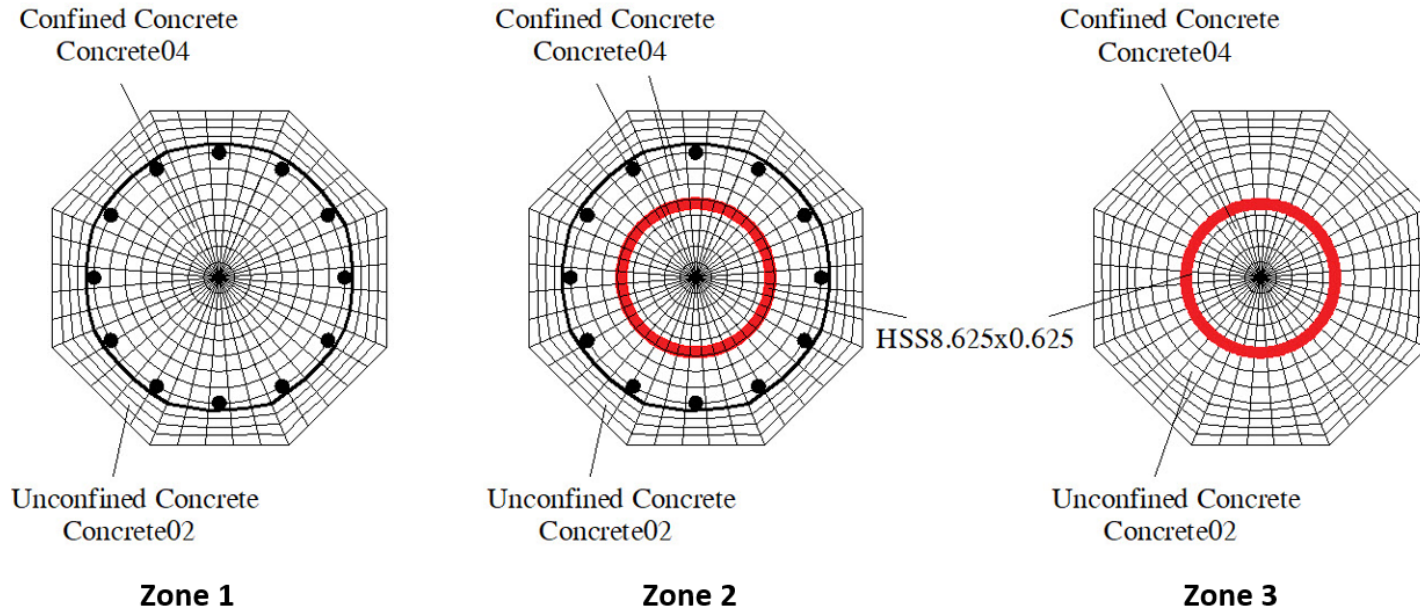


Numerical and experimental hysteretic force-displacement

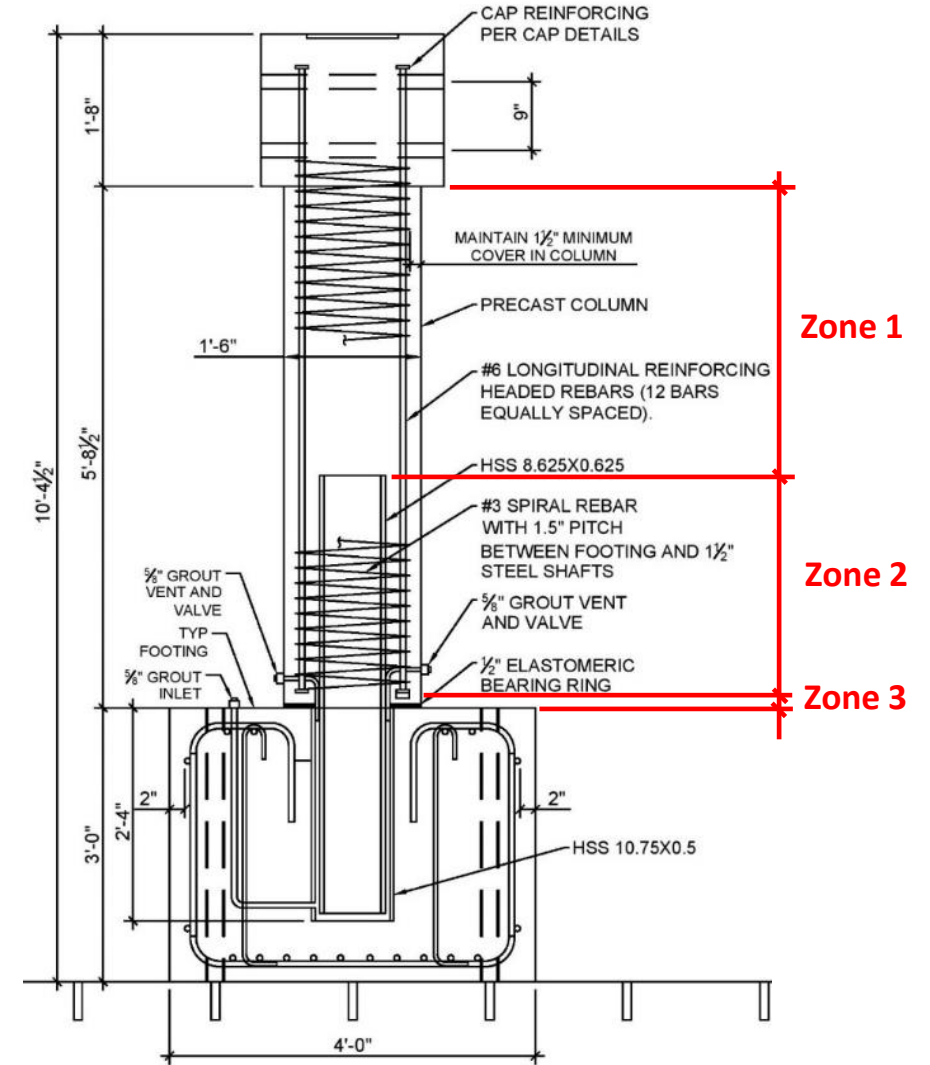
# Numerical Investigation

## Precast Pier

Octagonal cross-section model in OpenSees

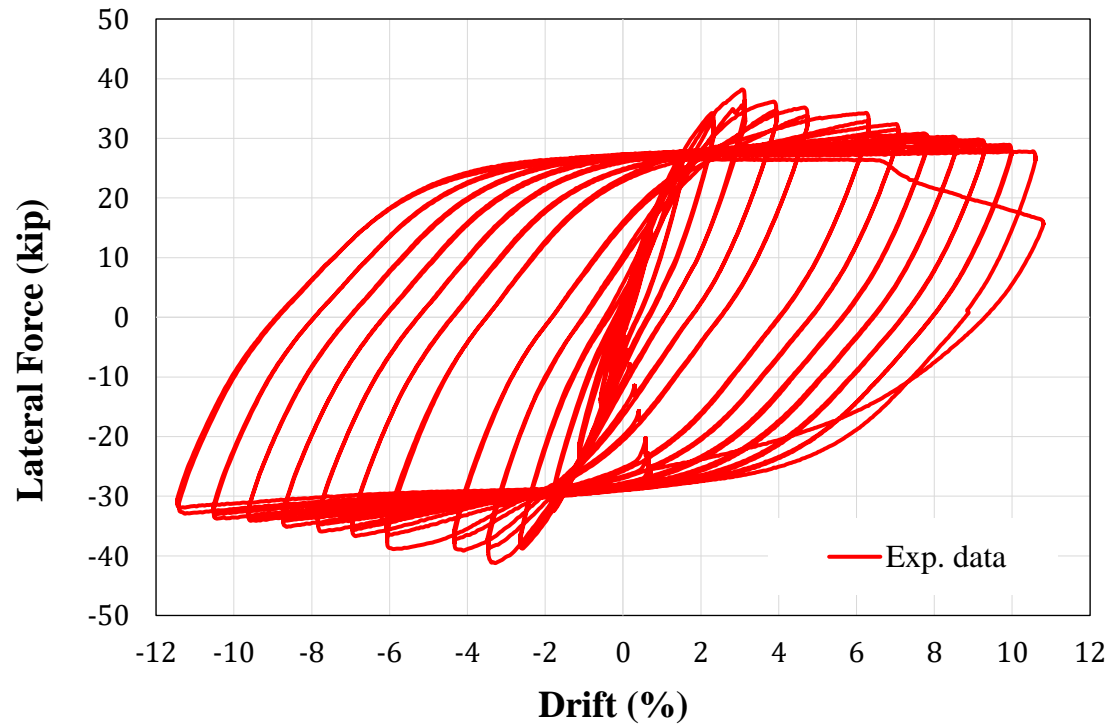


Detailed Sections of the Model for Precast Column:  
(a) Zone 1, (b) Zone 2, and (c) Zone 3

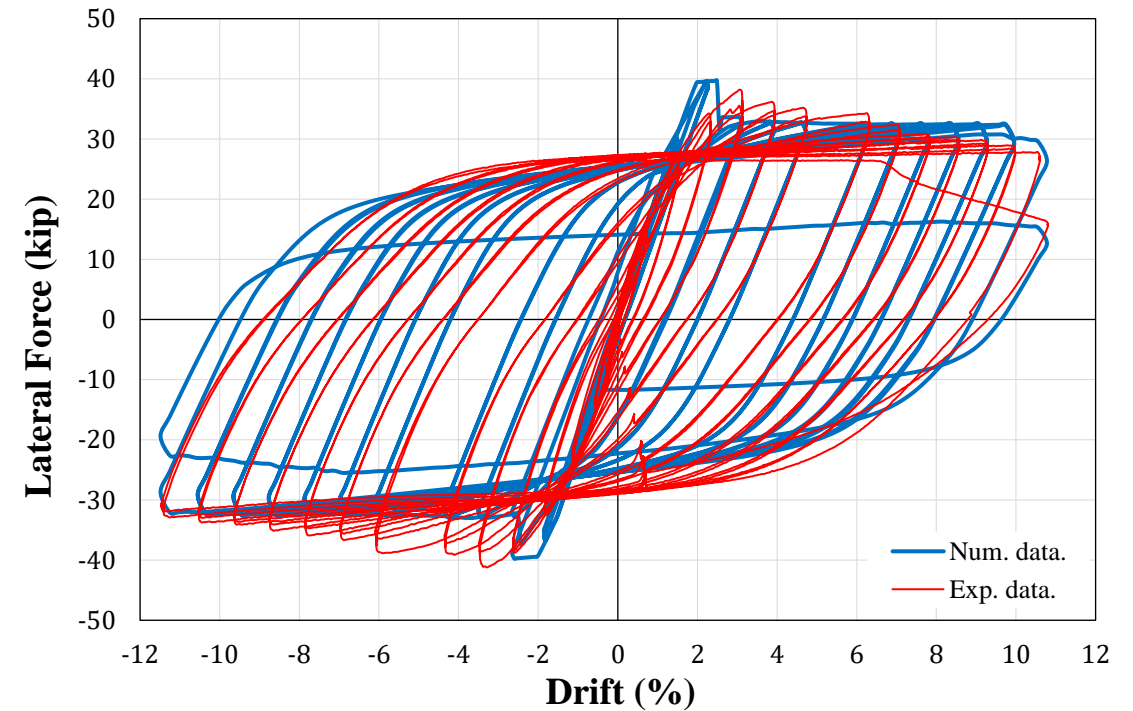




## Precast column force-displacement

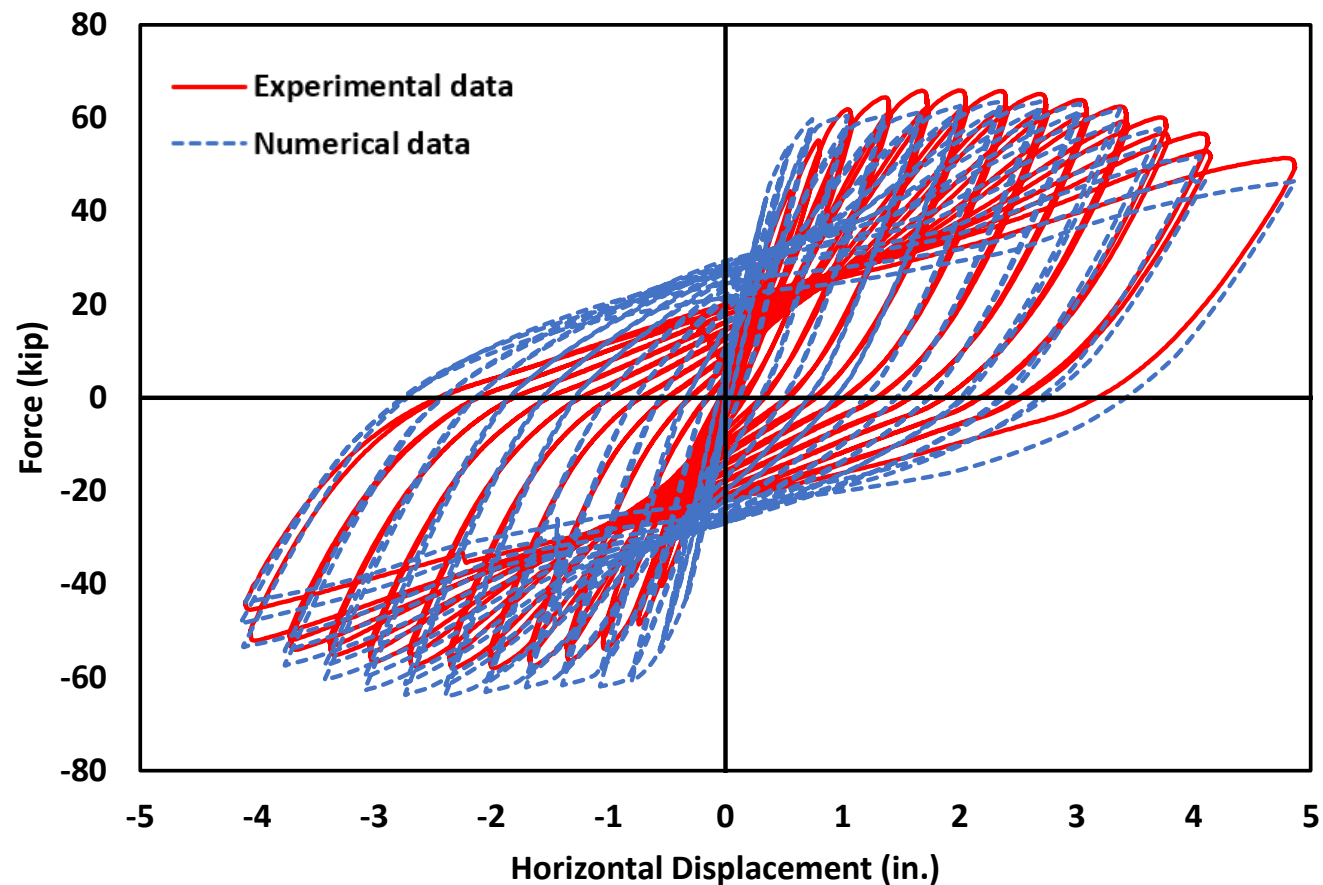


Experimental hysteretic force-displacement



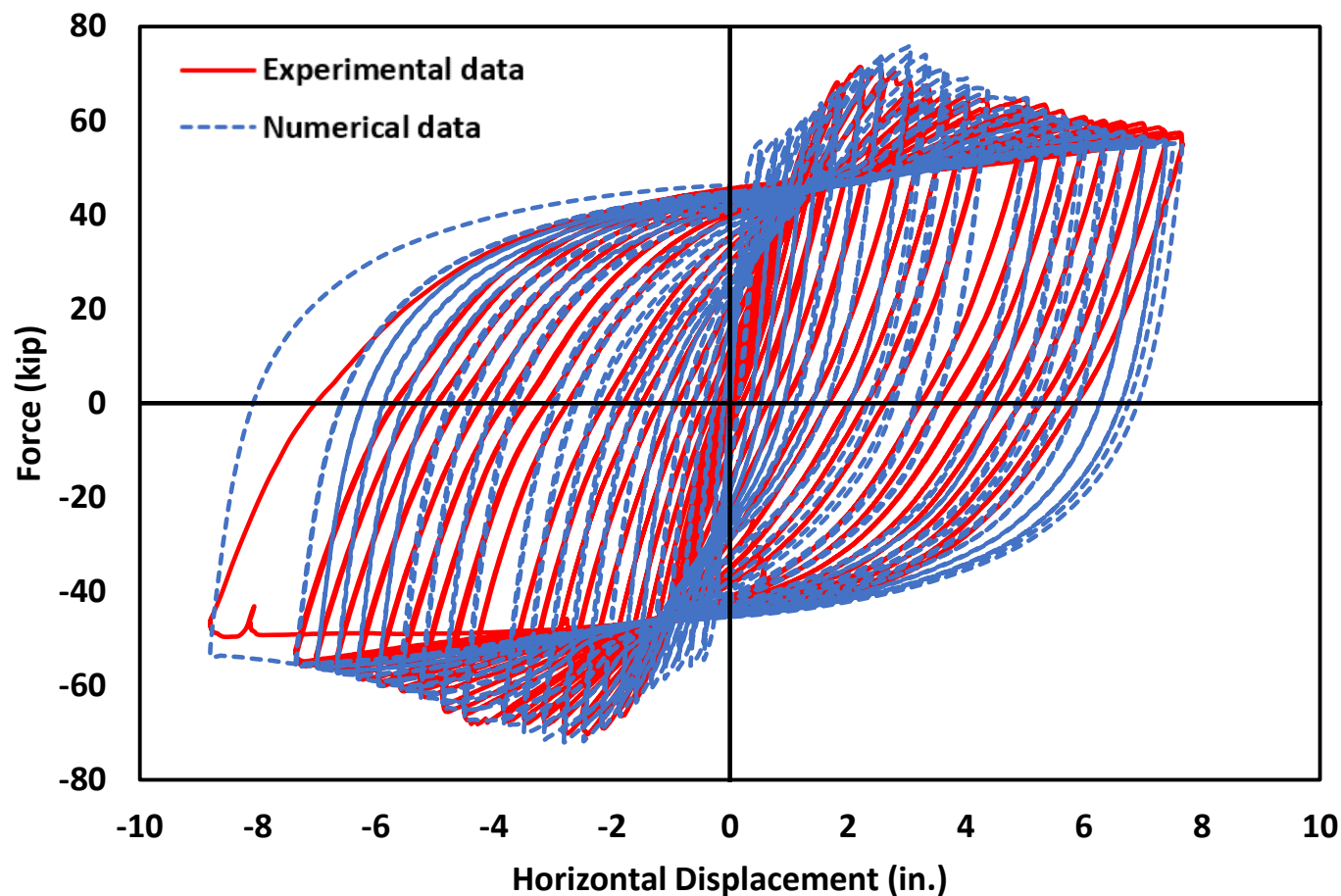
Numerical and experimental hysteretic force-displacement

## Cast-In-Place Bent Pier



Numerical and Experimental Hysteresis Force-Displacement for CIP Bent Pier

## Precast Bent Pier



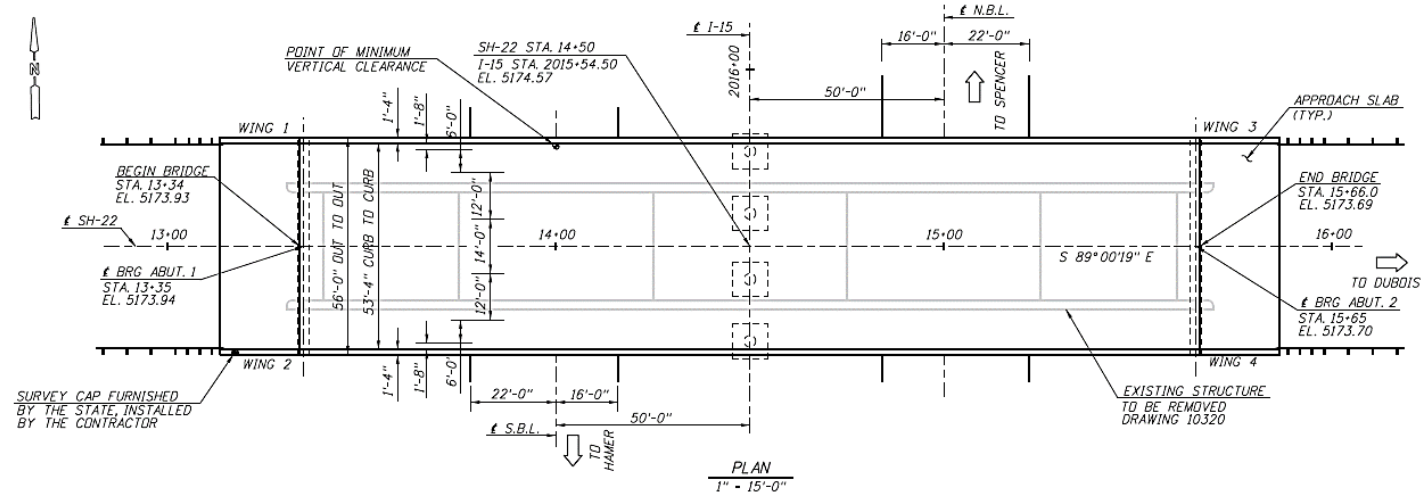
Numerical and Experimental Hysteresis Force-Displacement for Precast Bent Pier

# Parametric Case Studies

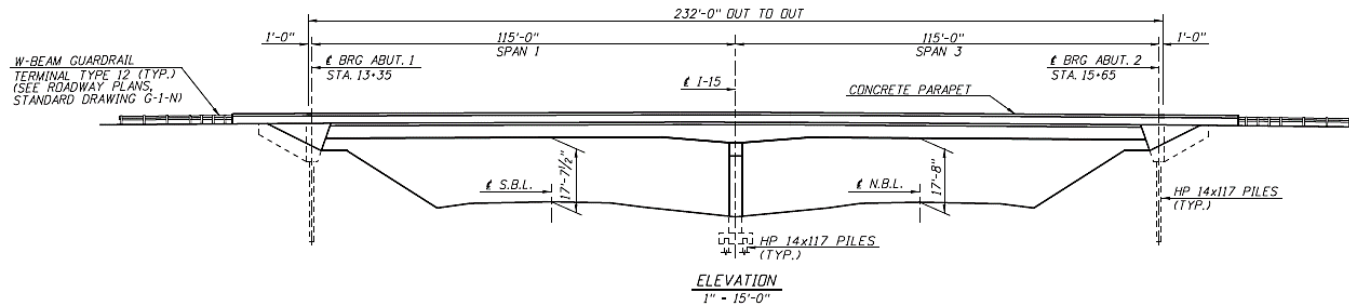
- Building analytical models of full bridge structure in OpenSees. The models are to reflect the type of bridges constructed in Idaho. Two types of connections will be implemented in the models: the cast-in-place and the proposed connection.
- Running nonlinear static (pushover) and nonlinear dynamic (time-history analysis) on the models and comparing the global seismic response of the bridge structures (e.g., formation of plastic hinges, ductility, strength, force-displacement response etc.)
- Comparing capacity versus demand curves for high seismicity for the proposed connection and cast-in-place construction.
- Summarizing findings from global seismic analysis of the bridge structures

# Parametric Case Studies

## Nonlinear Dynamic Analysis



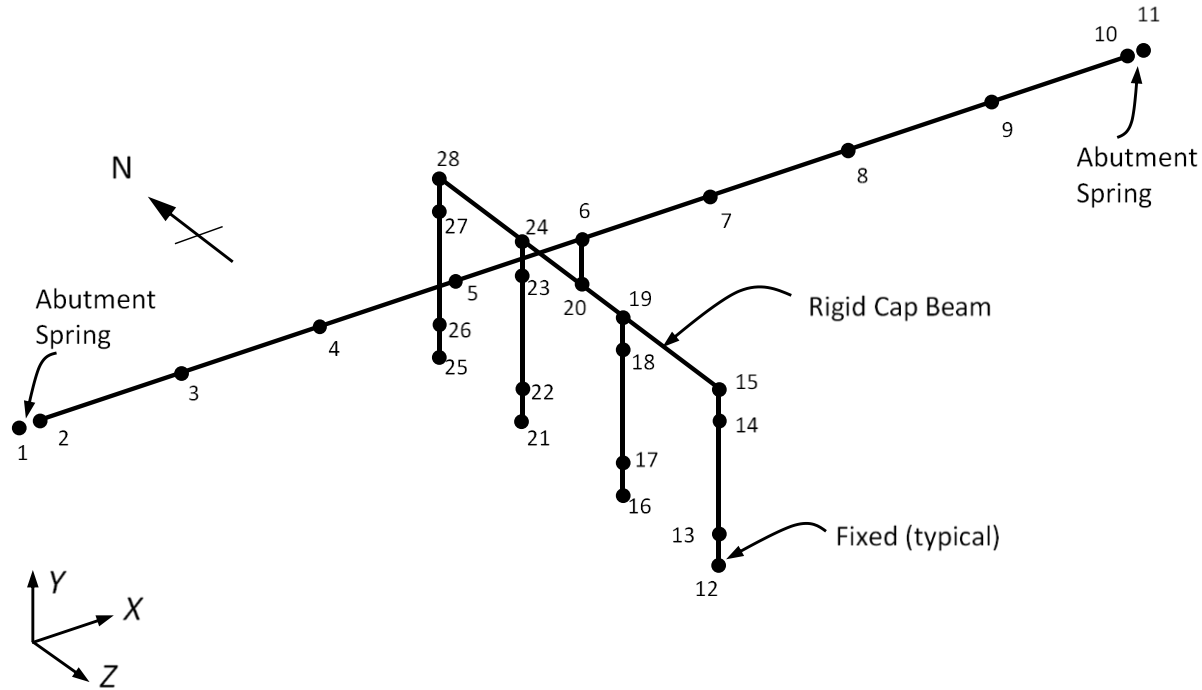
Plan View of the SH-22 over I-15 Bridge at Dubois (NTS)



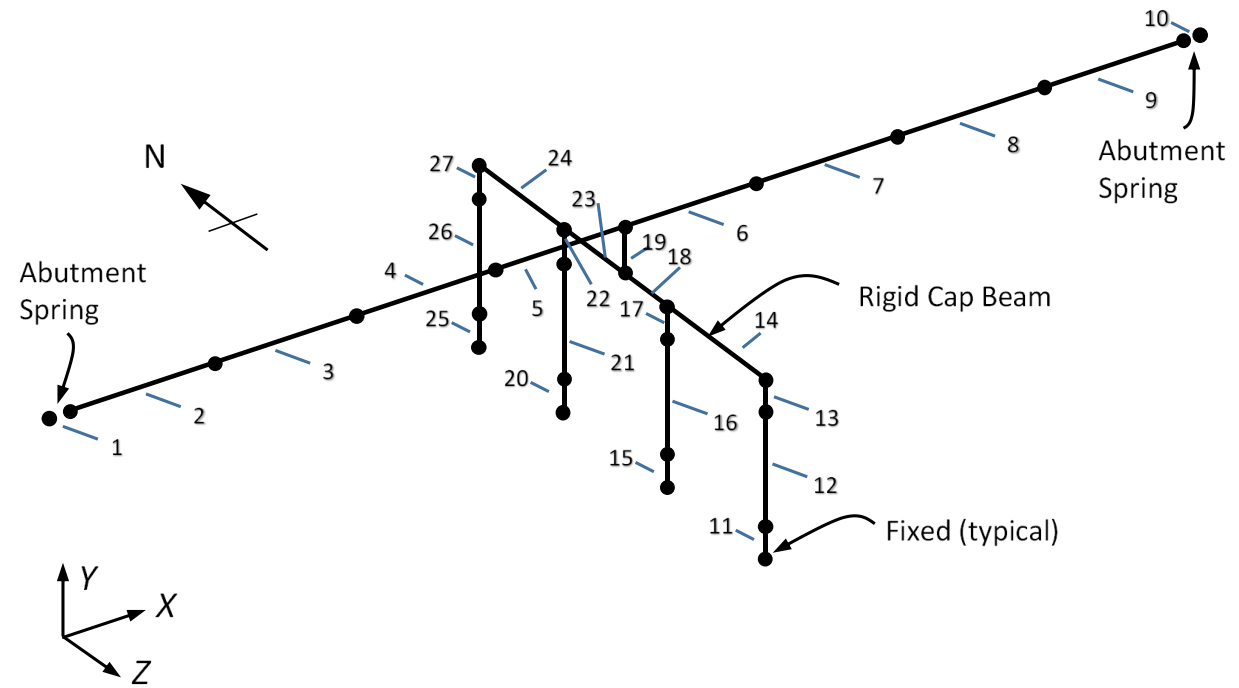
Elevation View of the SH-22 over I-15 Bridge at Dubois (NTS)

# Parametric Case Studies

## Nonlinear Static & Dynamic Analyses



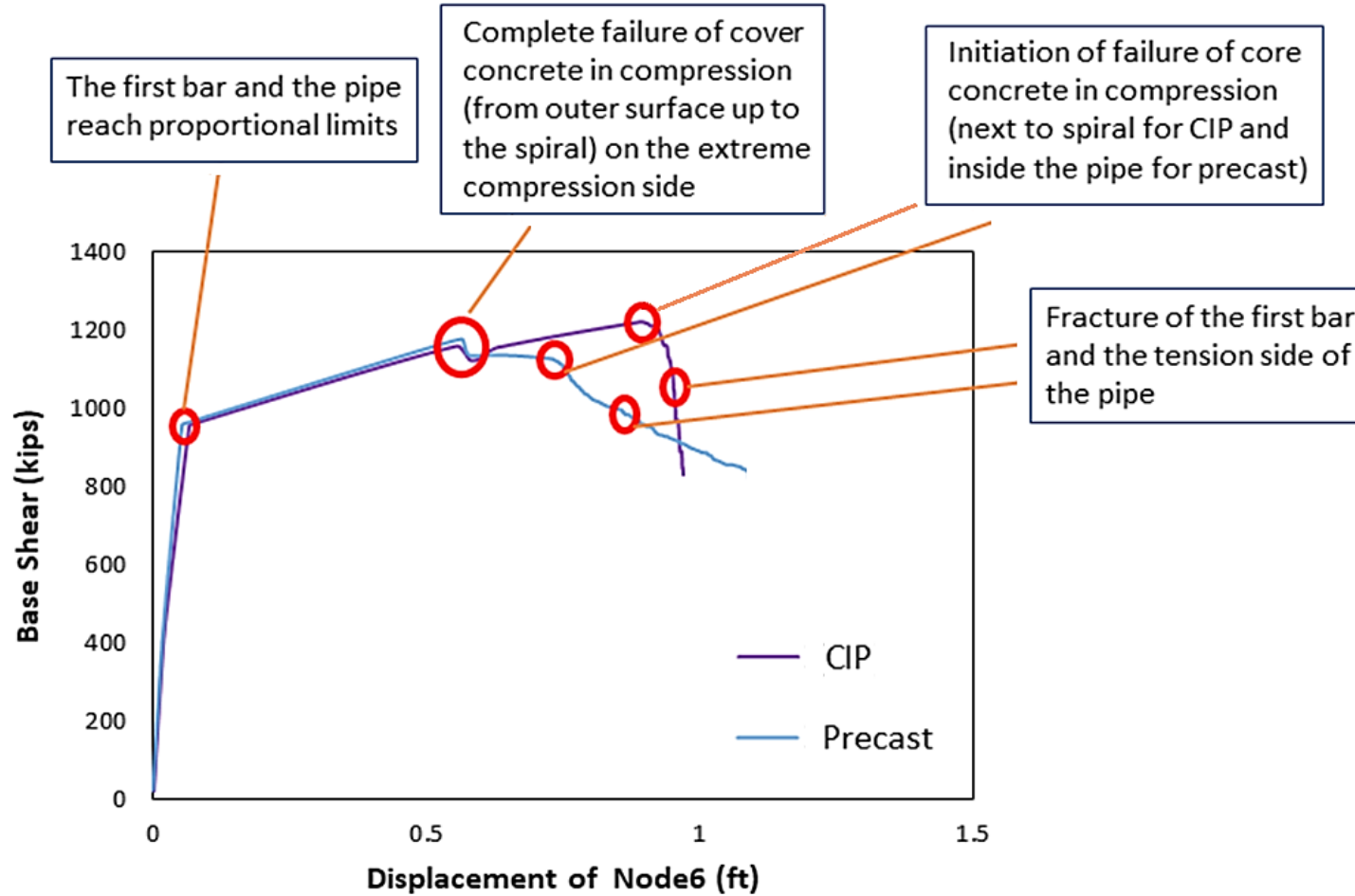
Dubois Bridge Model with Node Numbers



Dubois Bridge Model with Element Numbers

# Parametric Case Studies

## Nonlinear Static (Pushover) Analysis



Base Shear vs. Displacement for both CIP and Precast Columns in the Transverse Direction

# Parametric Case Studies

## Nonlinear Dynamic Analysis

Earthquake Records from Different Regions from PEER Website

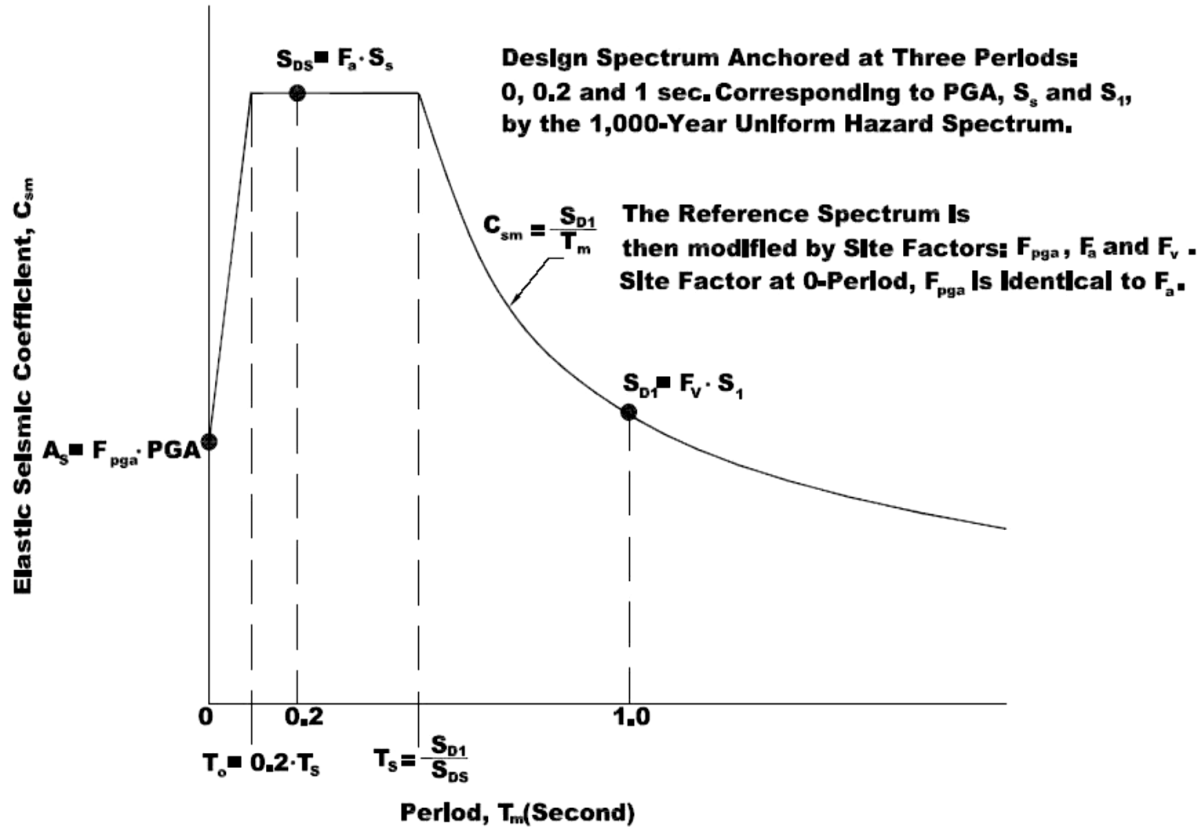
<https://ngawest2.berkeley.edu/>

Scale Factor	Earthquake Name/Location/Station	Year	Magnitude	Mechanism	R <sub>jb</sub> (km)	R <sub>rup</sub> (km)	V <sub>s30</sub> (m/sec)
1.239	Landers – USA - Joshua Tree	1992	7.28	Strike-slip	11.03	11.03	379.32
0.6596	Duzce – Turkey - Bolu	1999	7.14	Strike-slip	12.02	12.04	293.57
1.4092	Darfield - New Zealand - DFHS	2010	7	Strike-slip	11.86	11.86	344.02
1.0718	El Mayor-Cucapah – Mexico - El Centro Array #12	2010	7.2	strike-slip	9.98	11.26	196.88



# Parametric Case Studies

## Nonlinear Dynamic Analysis



AASHTO Seismic Coefficient Design Spectrum  
Constructed with the Three-Point Method

**pga**

PGA, the mapped horizontal Peak Ground Acceleration, in units of g

**fpga**

$F_{PGA}$ , the site coefficient for PGA, from Table 3.4.2.3-1 of the seismic design reference document

**as**

$A_s = F_{PGA} \times PGA$  (Equation 3.4.1-1), the design peak ground acceleration, in units of g

**ss**

$S_s$ , the mapped short-period (0.2-second) spectral acceleration, in units of g

**fa**

$F_a$ , the site coefficient for  $S_s$ , from Table 3.4.2.3-1

**sds**

$S_{DS} = F_a \times S_s$  (Equation 3.4.1-2), the design short-period (0.2-second) spectral acceleration, in units of g

**s1**

$S_1$ , the mapped 1-second spectral acceleration, in units of g

**fv**

$F_v$ , the site coefficient for  $S_1$ , from Table 3.4.2.3-2

**sd1**

$S_{D1} = F_v \times S_1$  (Equation 3.4.1-3), the design 1-second spectral acceleration, in units of g

**sdc**

SDC, the Seismic Design Category from Table 3.5-1

**ts**

$T_s = S_{D1} / S_{DS}$  (Equation 3.4.1-6), in seconds, for construction of design response spectrum

**t0**

$T_0 = 0.2T_s$  (Equation 3.4.1-5), in seconds, for construction of design response spectrum

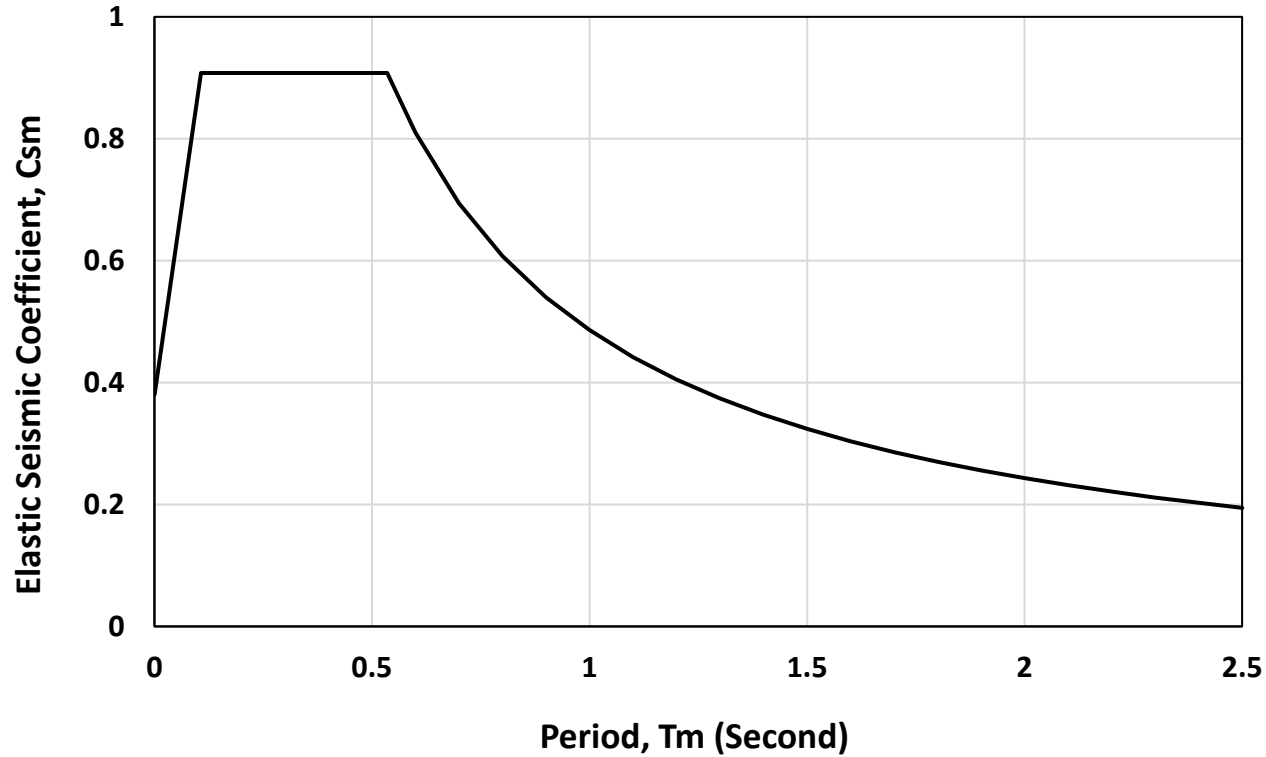
**sdSpectrum**

$S_a$ , the design response spectrum from Figure 3.4.1-1 and Equation 3.4.1-4



# Parametric Case Studies

## Nonlinear Dynamic Analysis

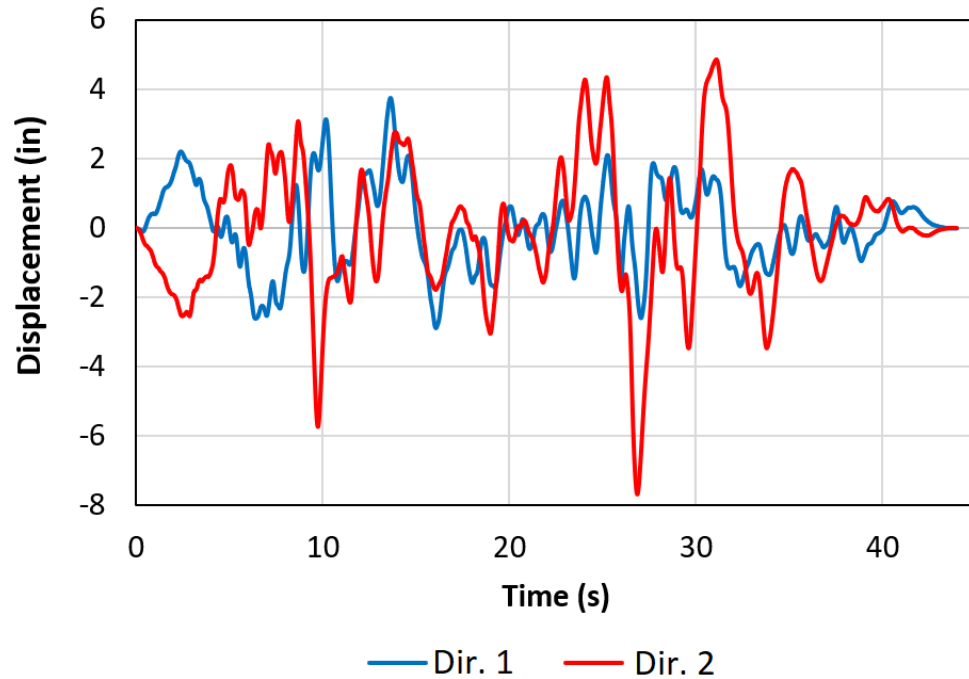


Period, $T_m$ (second)	Elastic Seismic Coefficient, $C_{sm}$
0	0.38
0.1072	0.908
0.2	0.908
0.535	0.908
0.6	0.81
0.7	0.694285714
0.8	0.6075
0.9	0.54
1	0.486
1.1	0.441818182
1.2	0.405
1.3	0.373846154
1.4	0.347142857
1.5	0.324
1.6	0.30375
1.7	0.285882353
1.8	0.27
1.9	0.255789474
2	0.243

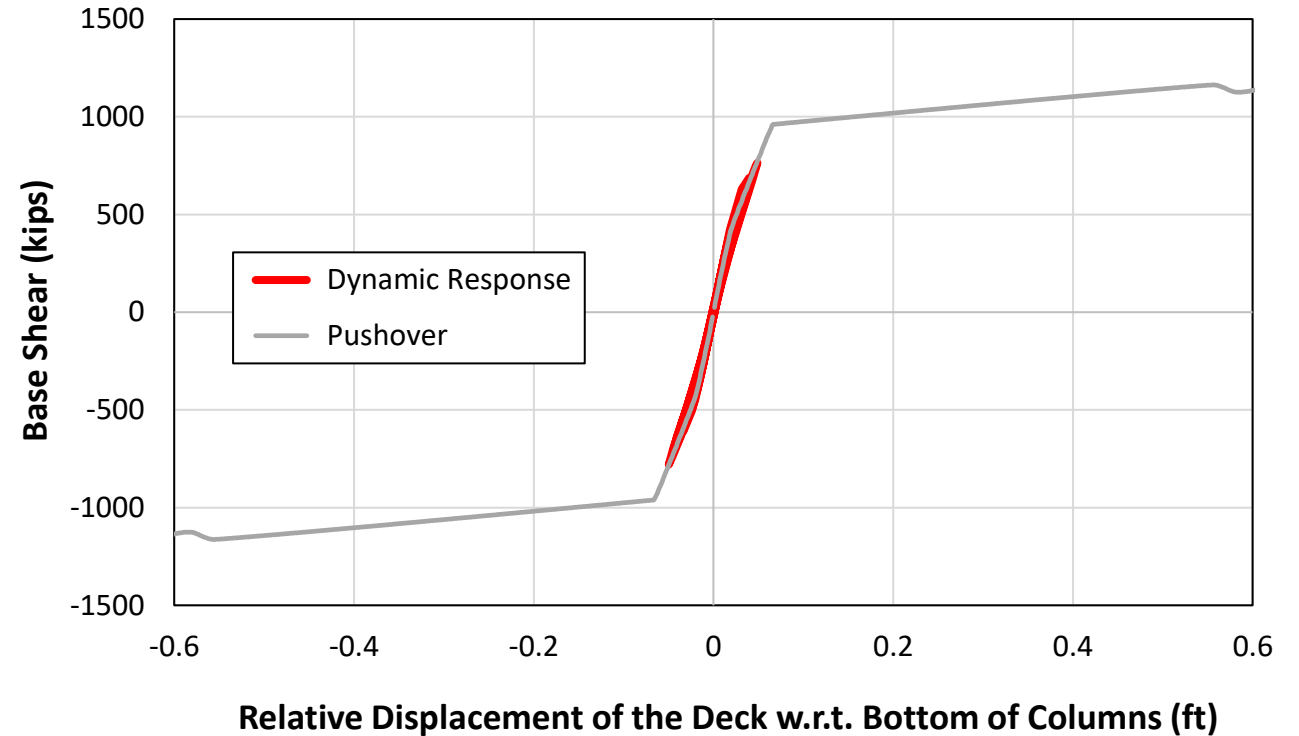
Uniform Hazard Spectrum Data Points for  
Montpelier, Idaho

# Project information

## Typical Dynamic Input and Response



Displacement vs. Time for Landers Earthquake



Pushover vs. Dynamic Response for Landers Earthquake for the Bridge with CIP Columns in the Transverse Direction (Dir. 1 Long., Dir. 2 Transv.)

# Project information

## Cast-In-Place Bridge

Maximum Base Shear and Displacement for CIP Bridge (Absolute Values Shown)

EQ	Direction of EQ	Max. Long. Base Shear (kips)	Max. Trans. Base Shear (kip)	Max. Long. Displ. (ft)	Max. Trans. Displ. (ft)	Max. Base Shear Orth. Comb. (kips)	Max. Displ. Orth. Comb. (ft)	Push over Yield Force (kips)
Landers	Dir1-Long, Dir2-Trans	296	780	0.02	0.05	869	0.056	940
	Dir1-Trans, Dir2-Long	413	749	0.025	0.047	873	0.055	940
Duzce	Dir1-Long, Dir2-Trans	530	657	0.03	0.04	816	0.05	940
	Dir1-Trans, Dir2-Long	315	974	0.021	0.098	1067	0.1	940
Darfield	Dir1-Long, Dir2-Trans	972	966	0.094	0.082	1262	0.12	940
	Dir1-Trans, Dir2-Long	714	978	0.051	0.11	1192	0.05	940
El Mayor	Dir1-Long, Dir2-Trans	622	770	0.043	0.049	957	0.062	940
	Dir1-Trans, Dir2-Long	648	931	0.044	0.067	1125	0.08	940

AASHTO requirement for finding maximum base shear and displacement load combination:

$$(1.0A + 0.3B)$$

Where,

A = Larger displacement or base shear between two directions (longitudinal and transverse)

B = Smaller displacement or base shear between two directions (longitudinal or transverse)

# Project information

## Precast Bridge

Maximum Base Shear and Displacement for Precast Bridge (Absolute Values Shown)

EQ	Direction of EQ	Max. Long. Base Shear (kips)	Max. Trans. Base Shear (kip)	Max. Long. Displ. (ft)	Max. Trans. Displ. (ft)	Max. Base Shear Orth. Comb. (kips)	Max. Displ. Orth. Comb. (ft)	Push over Yield Force (kips)
Landers	Dir1-Long, Dir2-Trans	315	872	0.02	0.047	967	0.053	960
	Dir1-Trans, Dir2-Long	421	761	0.024	0.04	887	0.047	960
Duzce	Dir1-Long, Dir2-Trans	544	696	0.029	0.037	860	0.05	960
	Dir1-Trans, Dir2-Long	340	975	0.02	0.083	1077	0.09	960
Darfield	Dir1-Long, Dir2-Trans	977	973	0.088	0.08	1269	0.11	960
	Dir1-Trans, Dir2-Long	788	984	0.05	0.1	1220	0.12	960
El Mayor	Dir1-Long, Dir2-Trans	661	965	0.043	0.061	1163	0.07	960
	Dir1-Trans, Dir2-Long	755	952	0.047	0.054	1179	0.07	960

AASHTO requirement for finding maximum base shear and displacement load combination:

$$(1.0A + 0.3B)$$

Where,

A = Larger displacement or base shear between two directions (longitudinal and transverse)

B = Smaller displacement or base shear between two directions (longitudinal or transverse)

# Conclusion

- A new precast pier system for ABC in seismic zones has been proposed. The concept aims for an emulative cast-in-place or better performance for the bridge.
- The proposed system offers advantages that are not associated with some common emulative cast-in-place connections such as ample installation tolerance, ease of erection, and limiting cracking to the pier during smaller earthquakes.
- Uni-directional quasi-static cyclic tests were conducted on a large-scale pier specimen to validate the concept and compare performance with cast-in-place construction.
- Compared to an equivalent cast-in-place pier, the precast pier with moment pipe connection achieved higher strength and ductility.
- The analytical modeling is aimed to provide a practical tool for bridge engineers when considering new connection details.

# Conclusion

- Analytical models were created for the CIP column and precast column using the Open System for Earthquake Engineering Simulation (OpenSees) software
- To predict the experimental results, low-cycle fatigue data must be included in the OpenSees models.
- Predicted hysteresis force-displacements for single column (CIP and precast) and CIP bent agreed with the experimental results.
- Predicted force-displacement for the precast bent had the same peak forces but did not follow the experimental results in the last few cycles.
- Both bridge models had almost the same pushover base shear yield values.
- In some simulations, the maximum dynamic base shear values exceeded the yield values. This is to be expected since the design seismic accelerations for Dubois (the actual bridge location) are approximately half those of Montpelier.

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