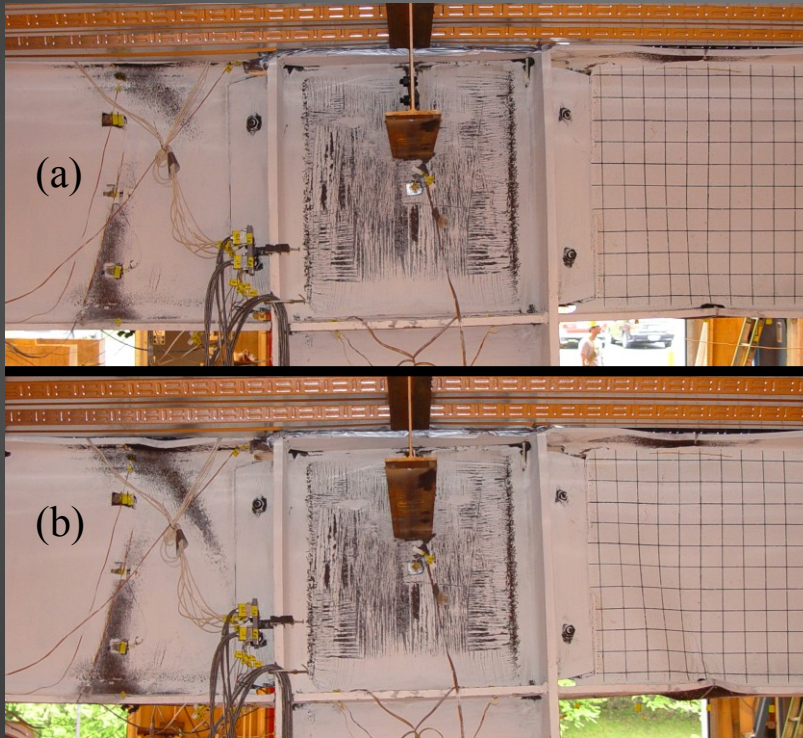


Motivation: Expected Damage for Conventional Steel Frames

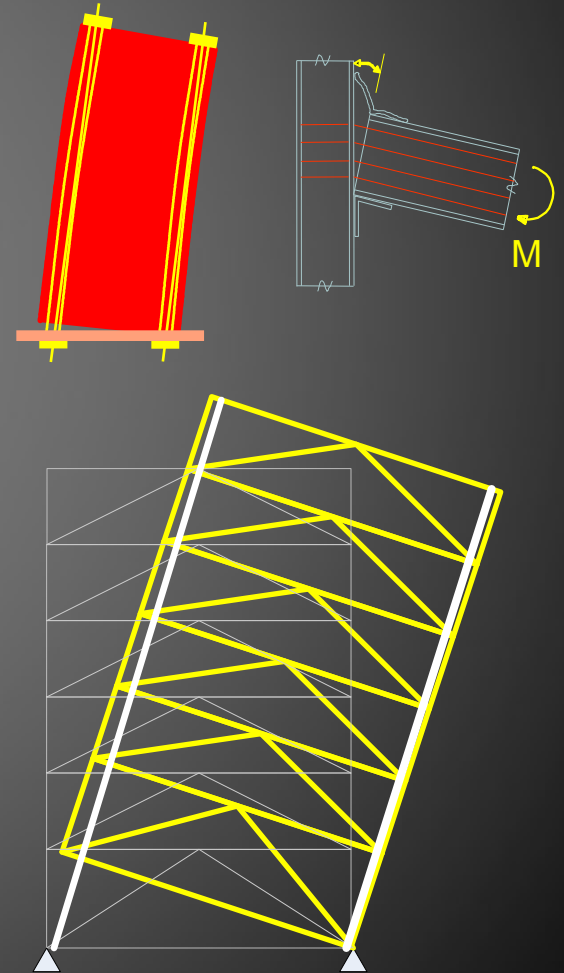


Conventional
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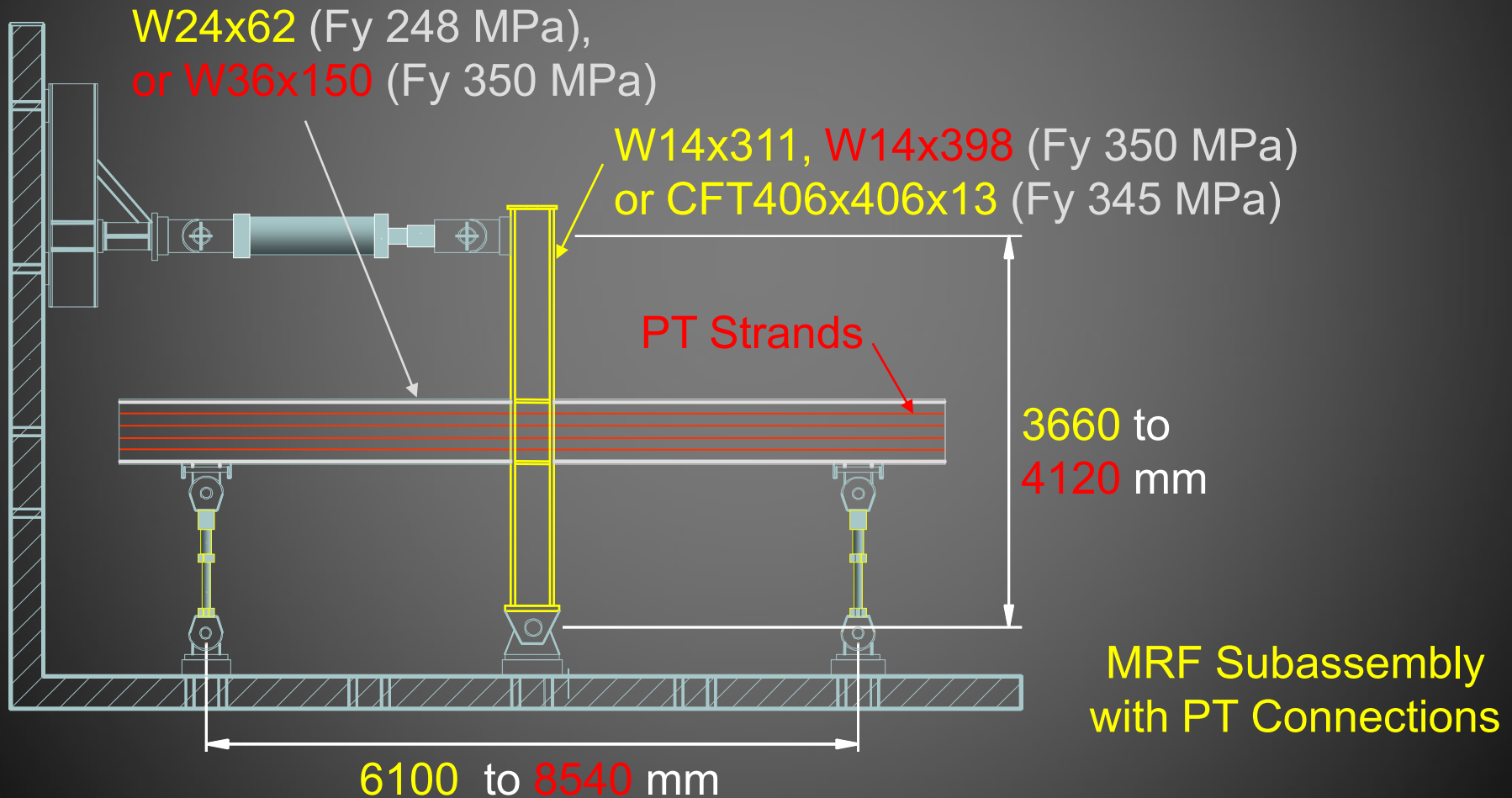
Reduced beam section (RBS) beam-column test specimen with slab: (a) at 3% drift, (b) at 4% drift.

Self Centering (SC) Seismic-Resistant System Concepts

- Discrete structural members are **post-tensioned** to pre-compress joints.
- **Gap opening** at joints at selected earthquake load levels **provides softening** of lateral force-drift behavior **without damage** to members.
- **PT forces close joints** and permanent lateral drift is avoided.

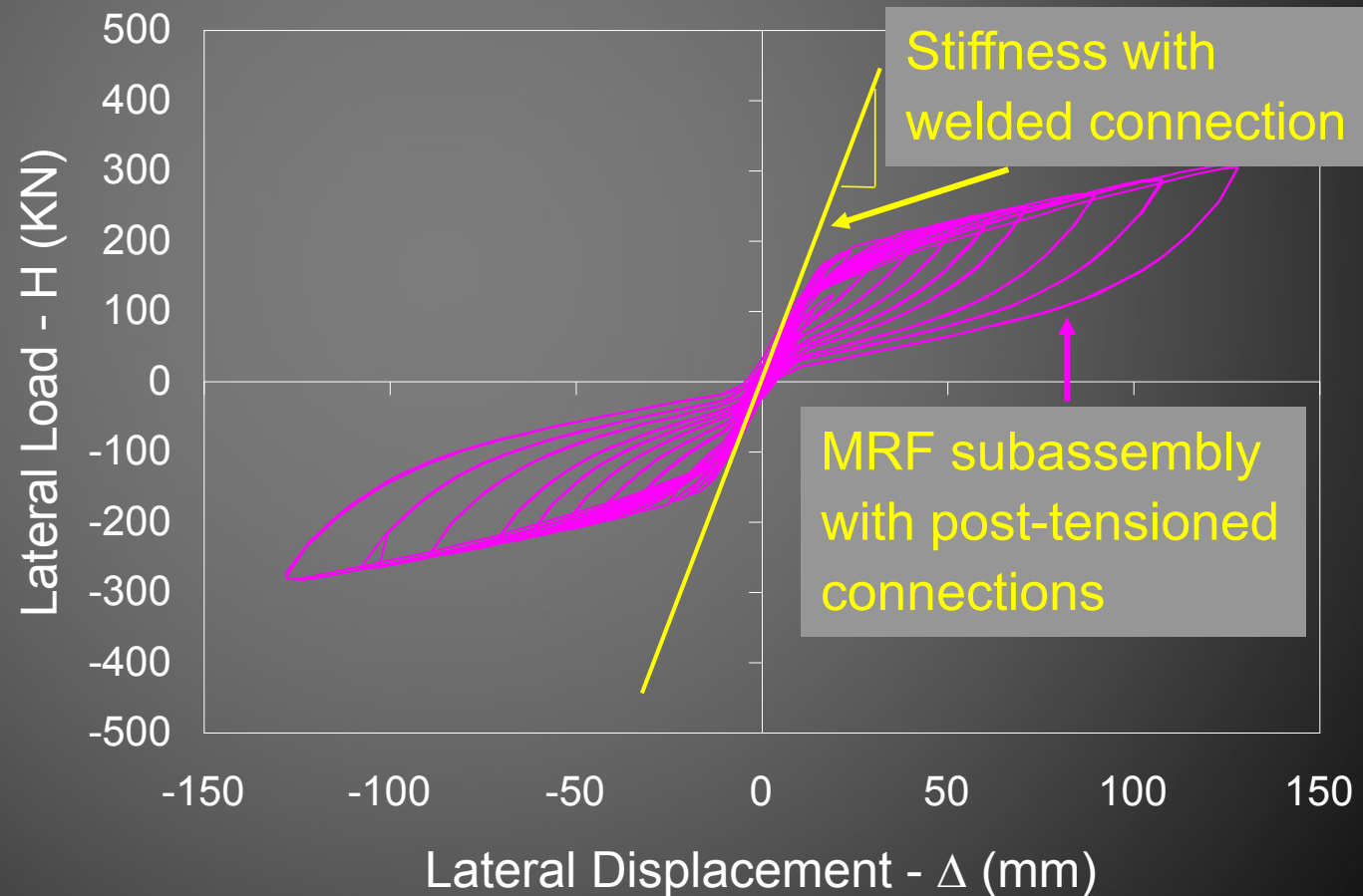
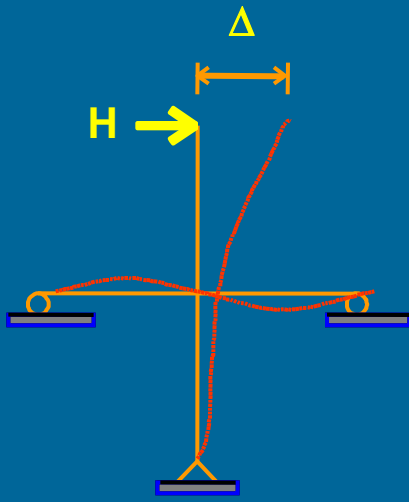


Previous Work on SC Steel Moment Resisting (MRF) Connections



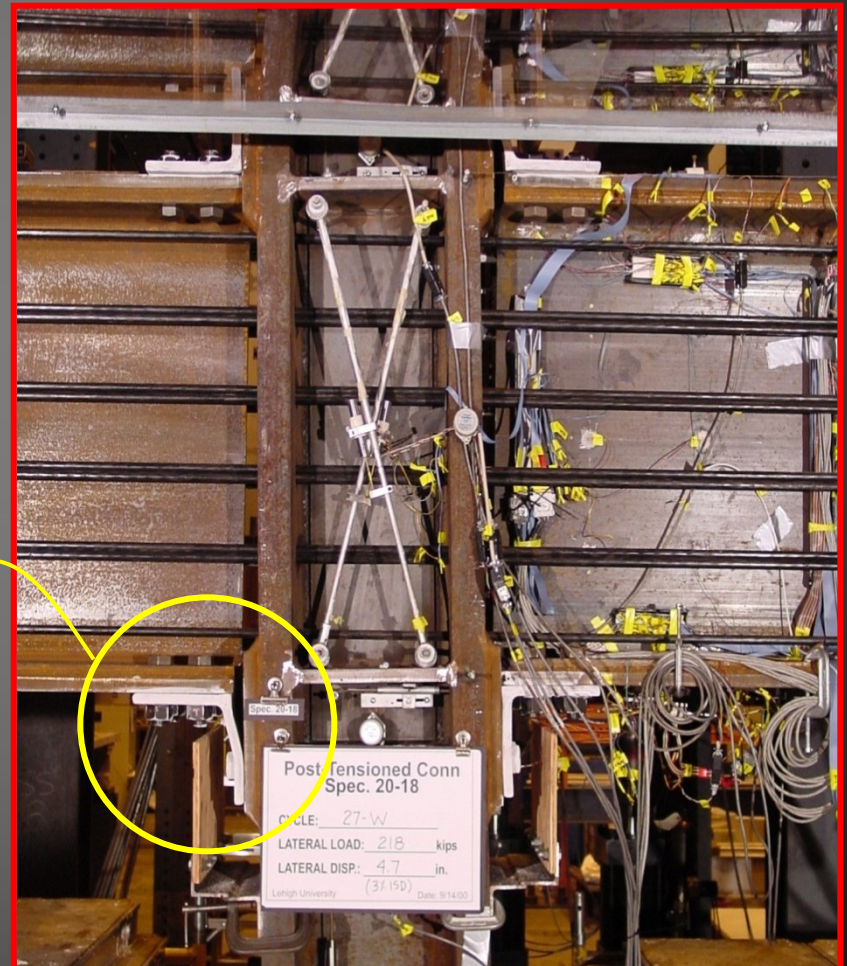
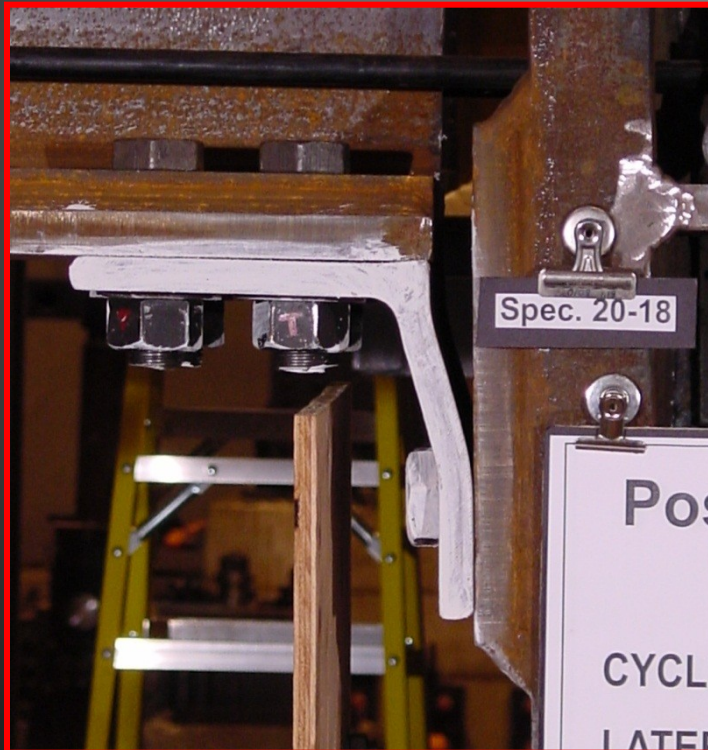
Initial Stiffness Is Similar to Stiffness of Conventional Systems

PT Steel MRF



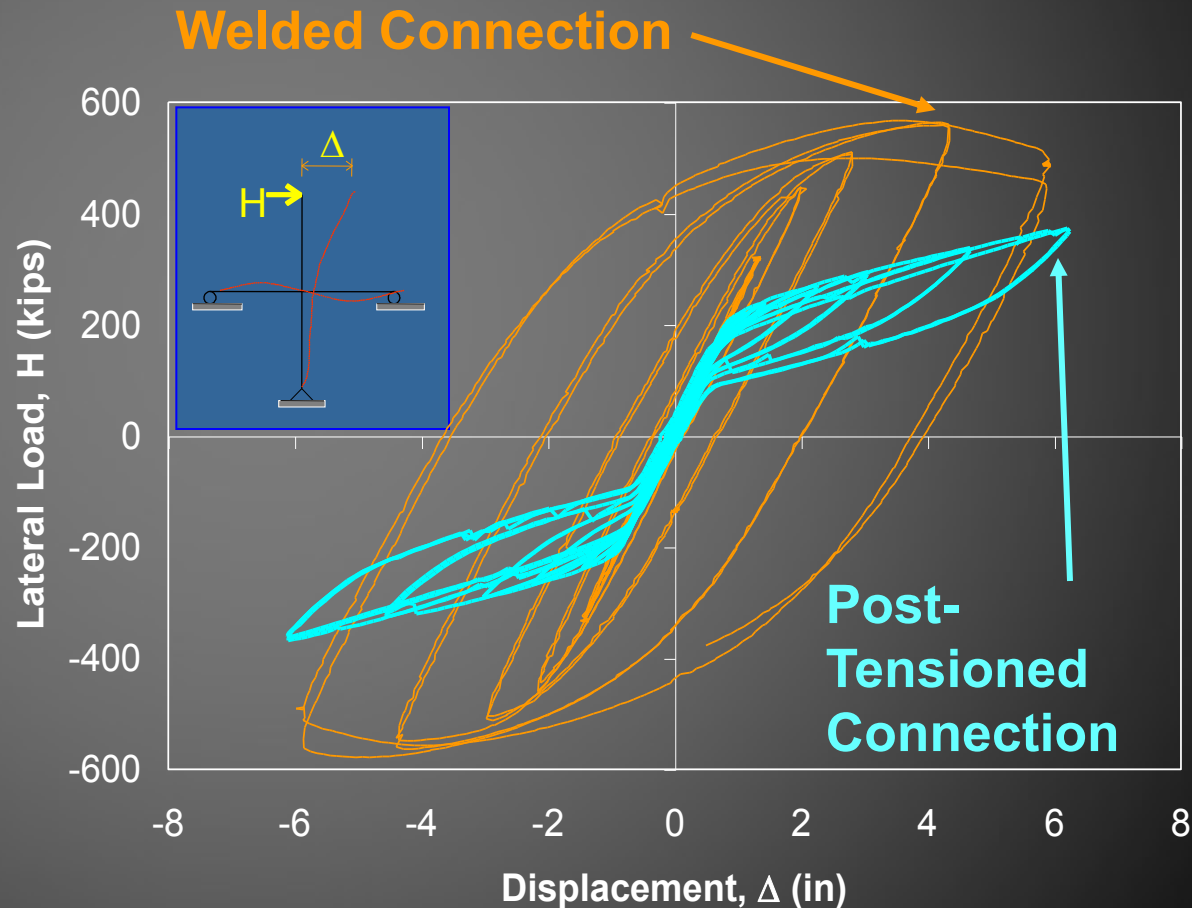
Lateral Force-Drift Behavior Softens Due to Gap Opening

Steel MRF subassembly with post-tensioned connections and angles at 3% drift



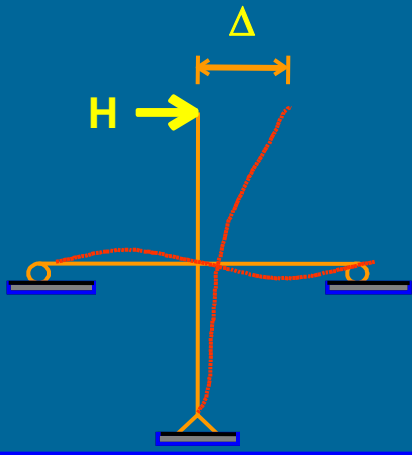
Lateral Force-Drift Behavior Softens Without Significant Damage

- Conventional steel MRFs soften by inelastic deformation, which damages main structural members and results in residual drift
- SC steel MRF softens by gap opening and reduced contact area at joints

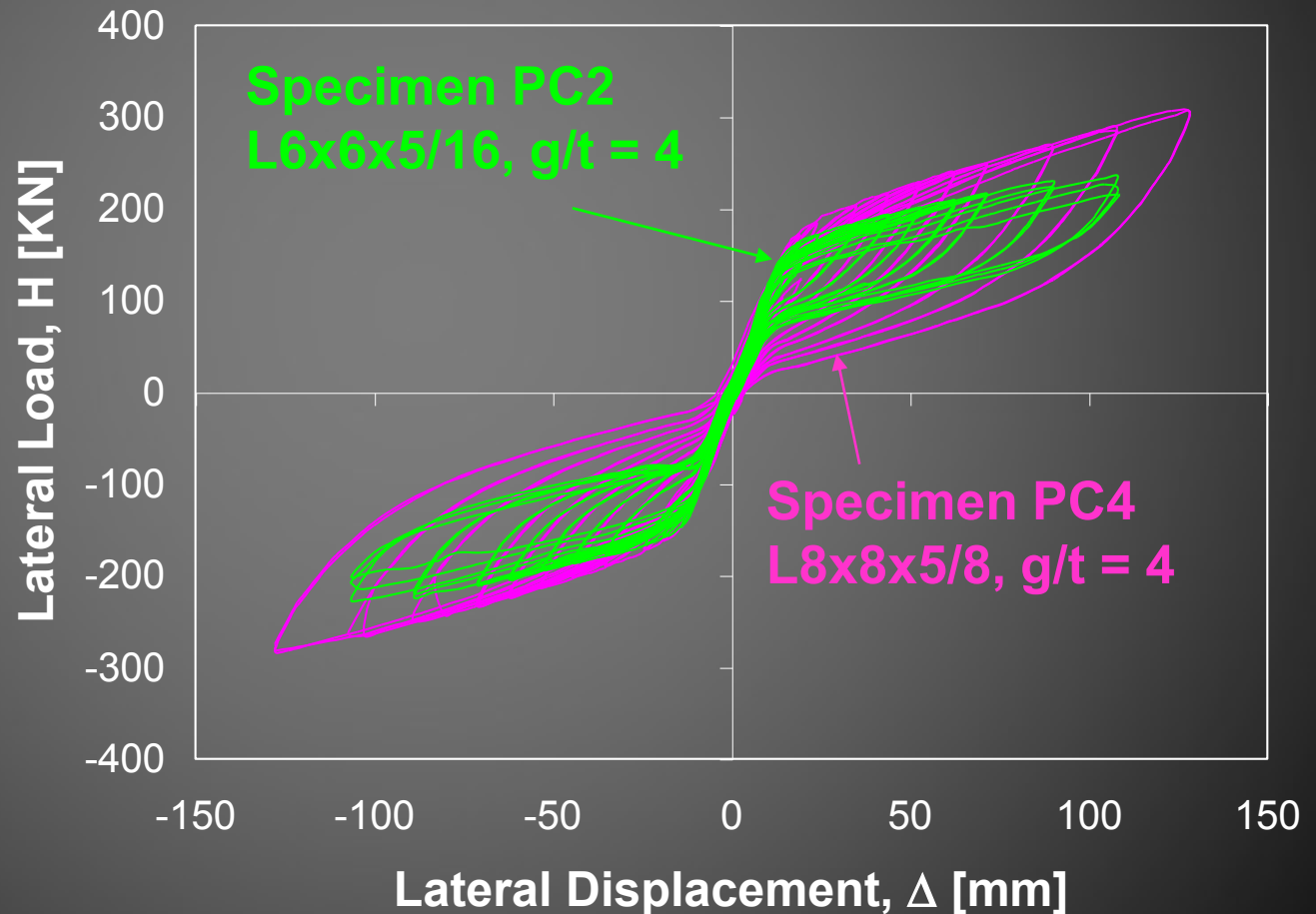


Energy Dissipation from Energy Dissipation (ED) Elements

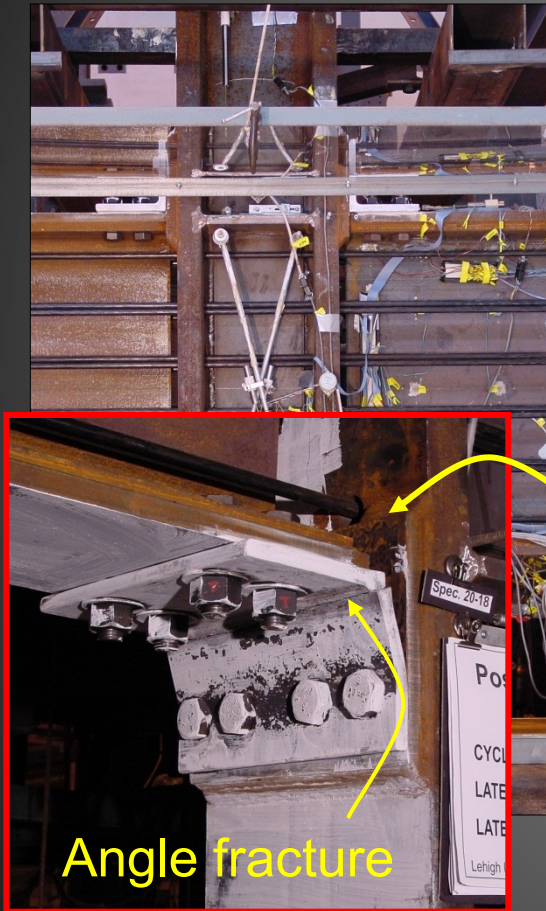
Steel MRF



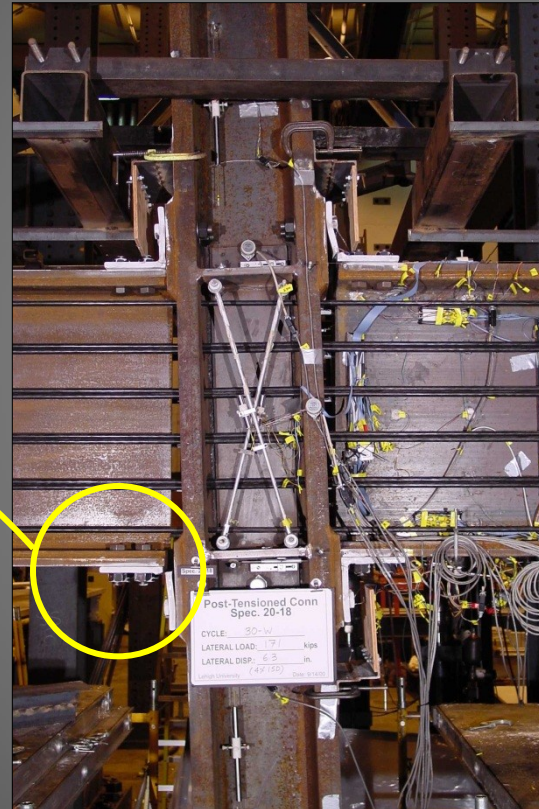
Steel MRF subassemblies with post-tensioned connections with different size ED elements.



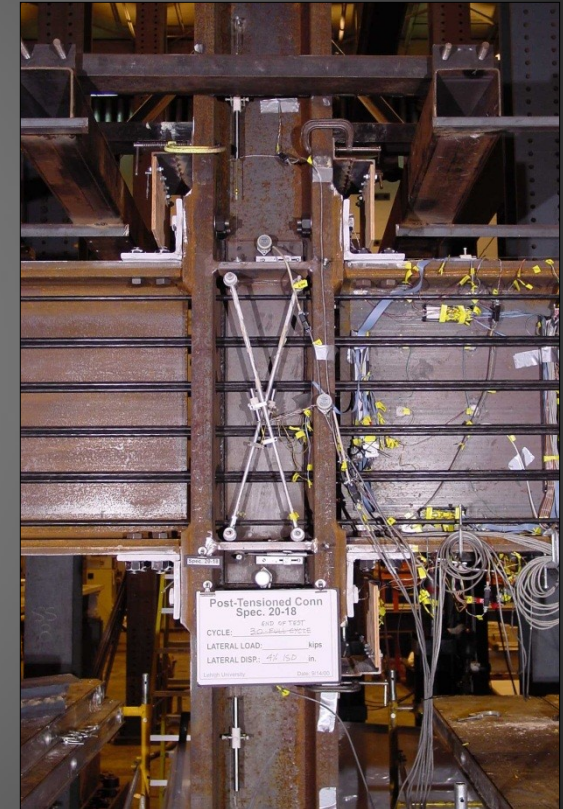
Limited, Repairable Damage



Before testing



@ 4% Drift



After testing

Summary of SC Seismic-Resistant Structural System Behavior

- **Initial** lateral **stiffness** is similar to that of conventional seismic-resistant systems.
- Lateral force-drift behavior **softens** due to gap opening at selected joints and **without** significant **damage** to main structural members.
- Lateral force-drift behavior softening due to gap opening **controls force demands**.
- **Energy dissipation** provided by energy dissipation (ED) elements, **not from damage** to main structural members.

NEESR-SG: Self-Centering Damage-Free Seismic- Resistant Steel Frame Systems

- Project Scope.
- Project Goals.
- Status of Selected Research Tasks.
- Summary.

NEESR-SG: SC Steel Frame Systems Project Scope

- Develop two SC steel frame systems:
 - Moment-resisting frames (SC-MRFs).
 - Centrally-braced frames (SC-CBFs).
- Conduct large-scale experiments utilizing:
 - NEES ES (RTMD facility) at Lehigh.
 - non-NEES laboratory (Purdue).
 - international collaborating laboratory (NCREE)
- Conduct analytical and design studies of prototype buildings.
- Develop design criteria and design procedures.

NEESR-SG: SC Steel Frame Systems Project Goals

- **Overall:** self-centering steel systems that are constructible, economical, and structurally damage-free under design earthquake.
- **Specific:**
 - Fundamental knowledge of seismic behavior of SC-MRF systems and SC-CBF systems.
 - Integrated design, analysis, and experimental research using NEES facilities.
 - Performance-based, reliability-based seismic design procedures.

NEESR-SG: Self-Centering Damage-Free Seismic- Resistant Steel Frame Systems

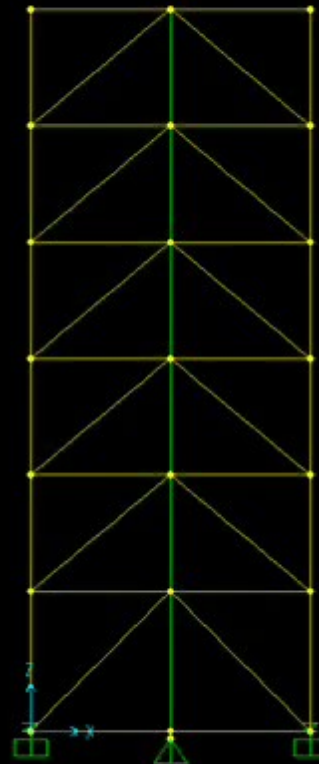
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NEESR-SG: SC Steel Frame Systems Project Research Tasks

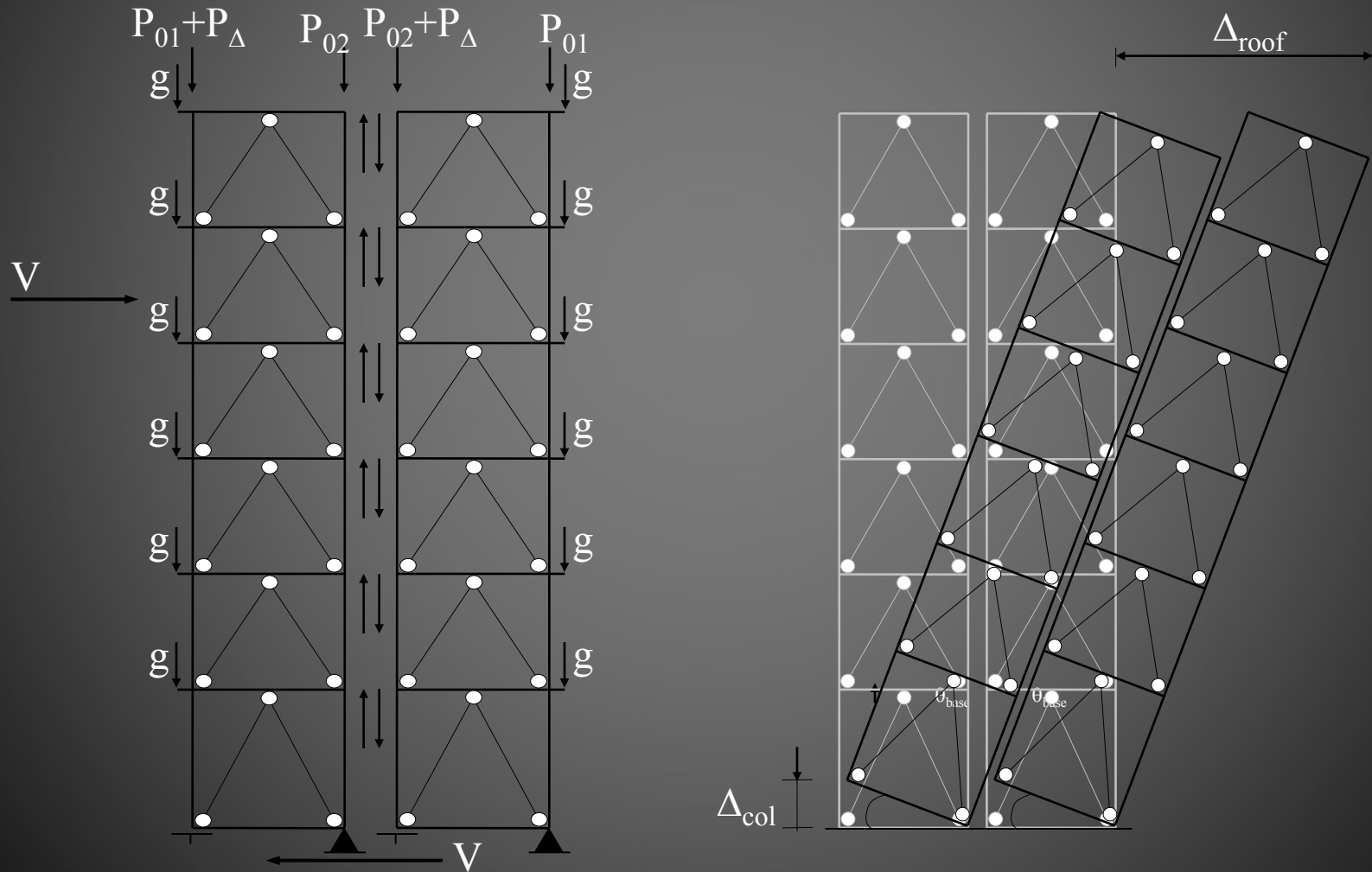
1. Develop reliability-based seismic design and assessment procedures.
2. Develop SC-CBF systems.
3. Further develop SC-MRF systems.
4. Develop energy dissipation elements for SC-MRFs and SC-CBFs.
5. Develop sensor networks for damage monitoring and integrity assessment.
6. Design prototype buildings.
7. Perform nonlinear analyses of prototype buildings.
8. Conduct large-scale laboratory tests of SC-MRFs and SC-CBFs.
9. Collaborate on 3-D large-scale laboratory tests on SC-MRF and SC-CBF systems.

Task 2. Develop SC-CBF Systems: SC-CBF System Concept

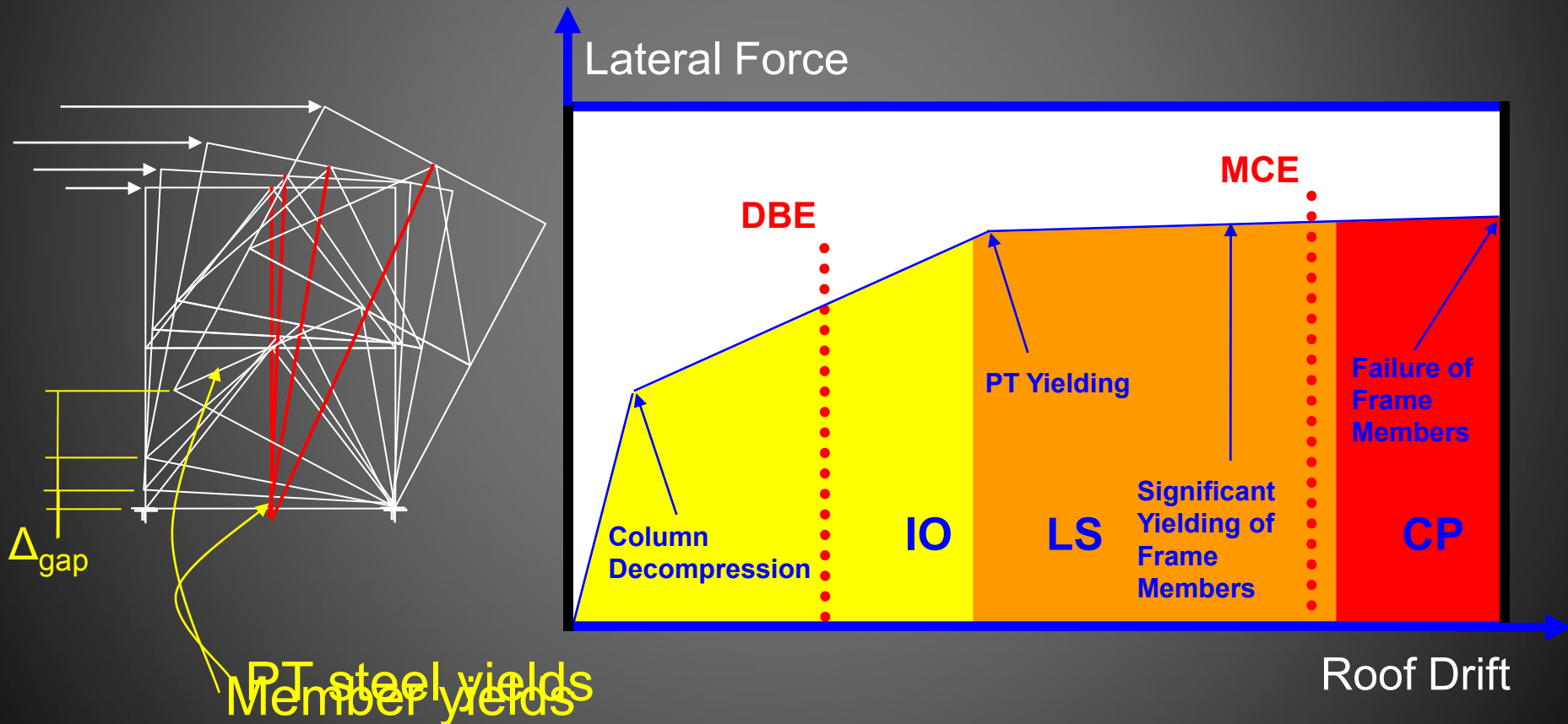
Rocking
behavior
of simple
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More Complex SC-CBF Configurations Being Considered



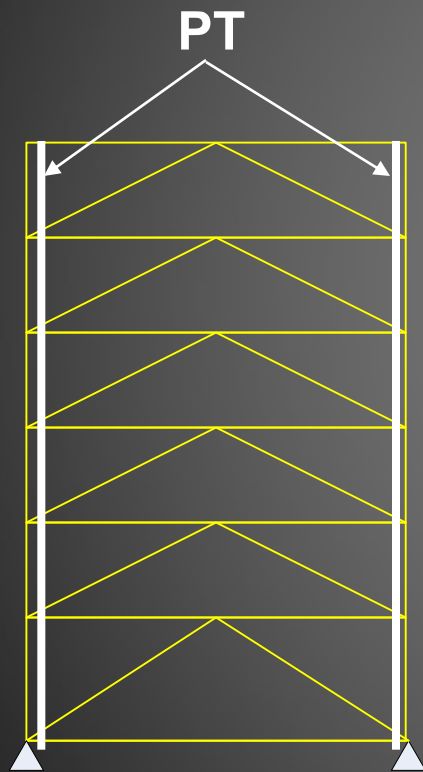
SC-CBF Design Criteria



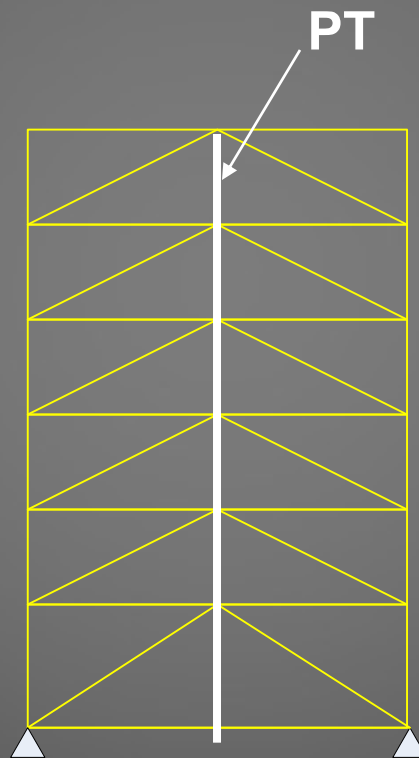
Current Work on SC-CBF Systems

- Evaluate frame configurations.
- Evaluate effect of energy dissipation (ED) elements.
- Develop and evaluate performance-based design approach.

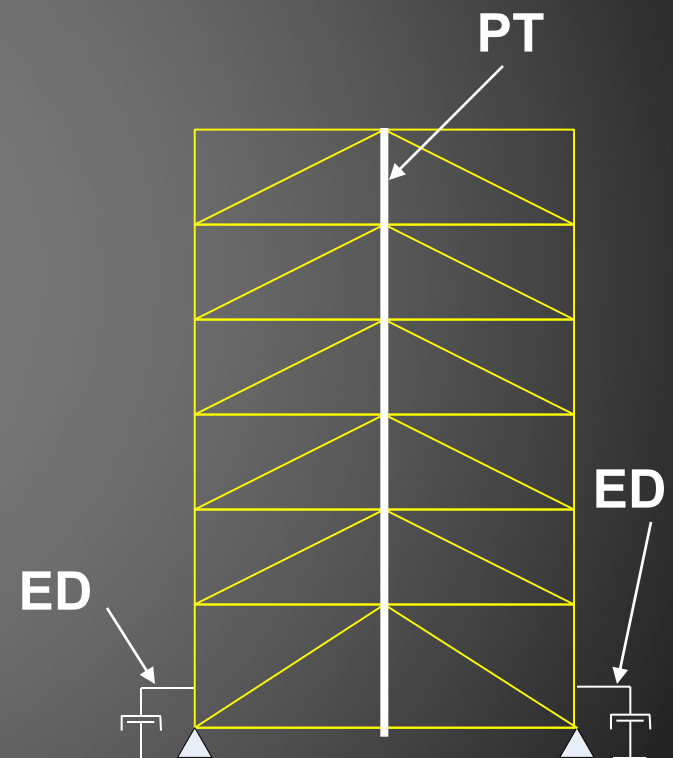
SC-CBF Configurations Studied



Frame A



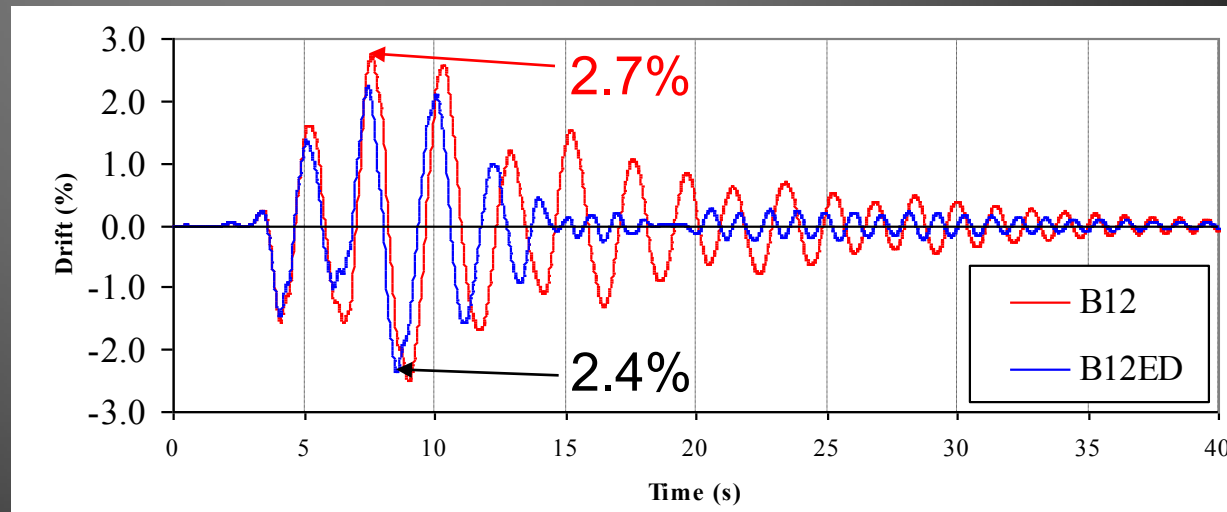
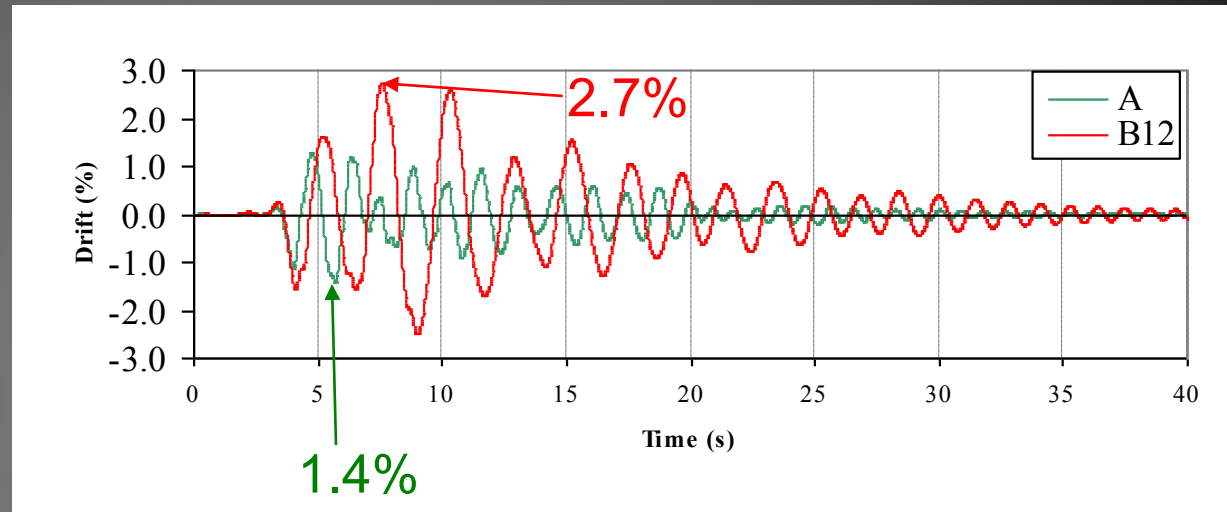
Frame B12



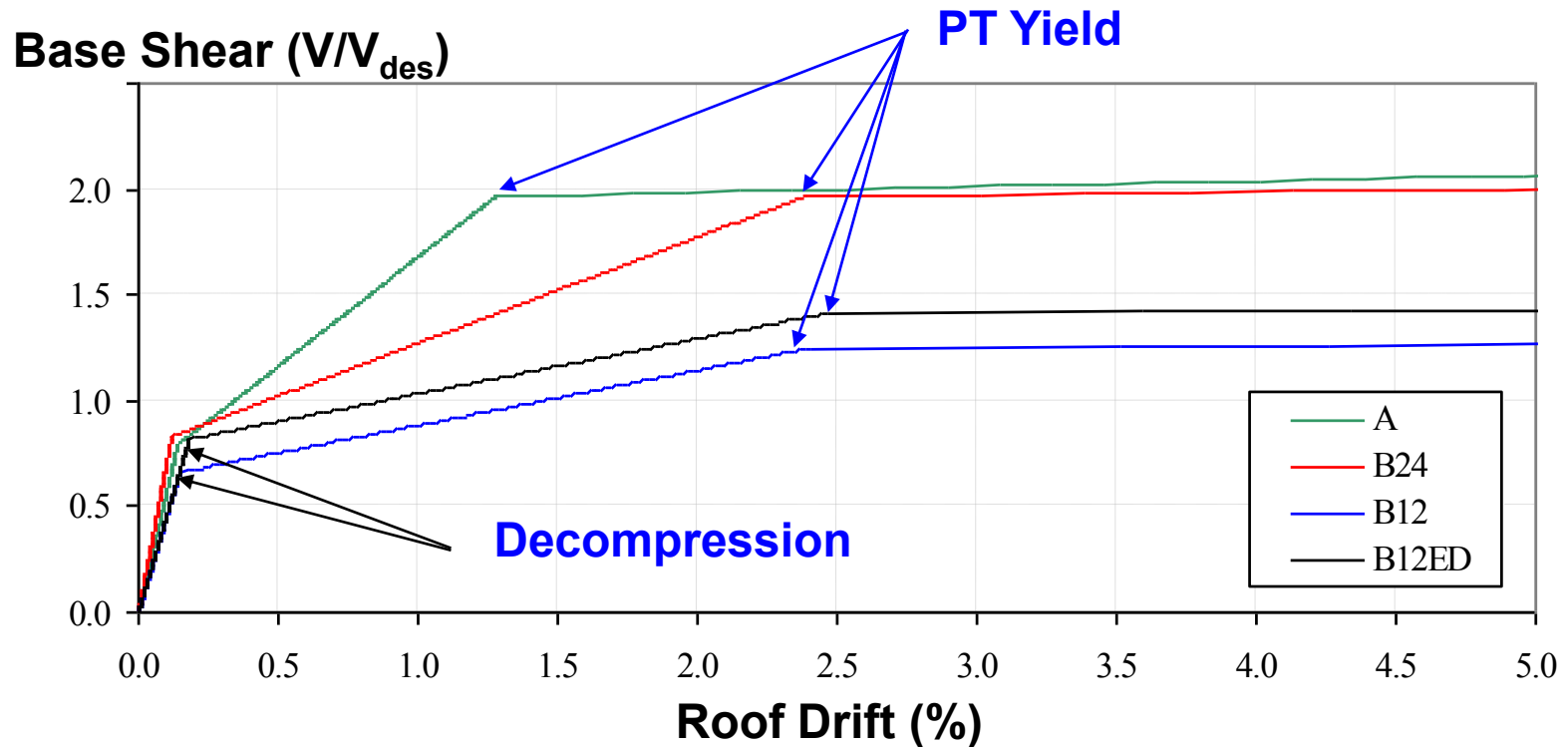
Frame B12ED

Dynamic Analysis Results (DBE)

- Roof drift:
 - Effect of frame configuration.
 - Effect of ED elements.



Pushover Analysis Results



Preliminary Results for SC-CBF

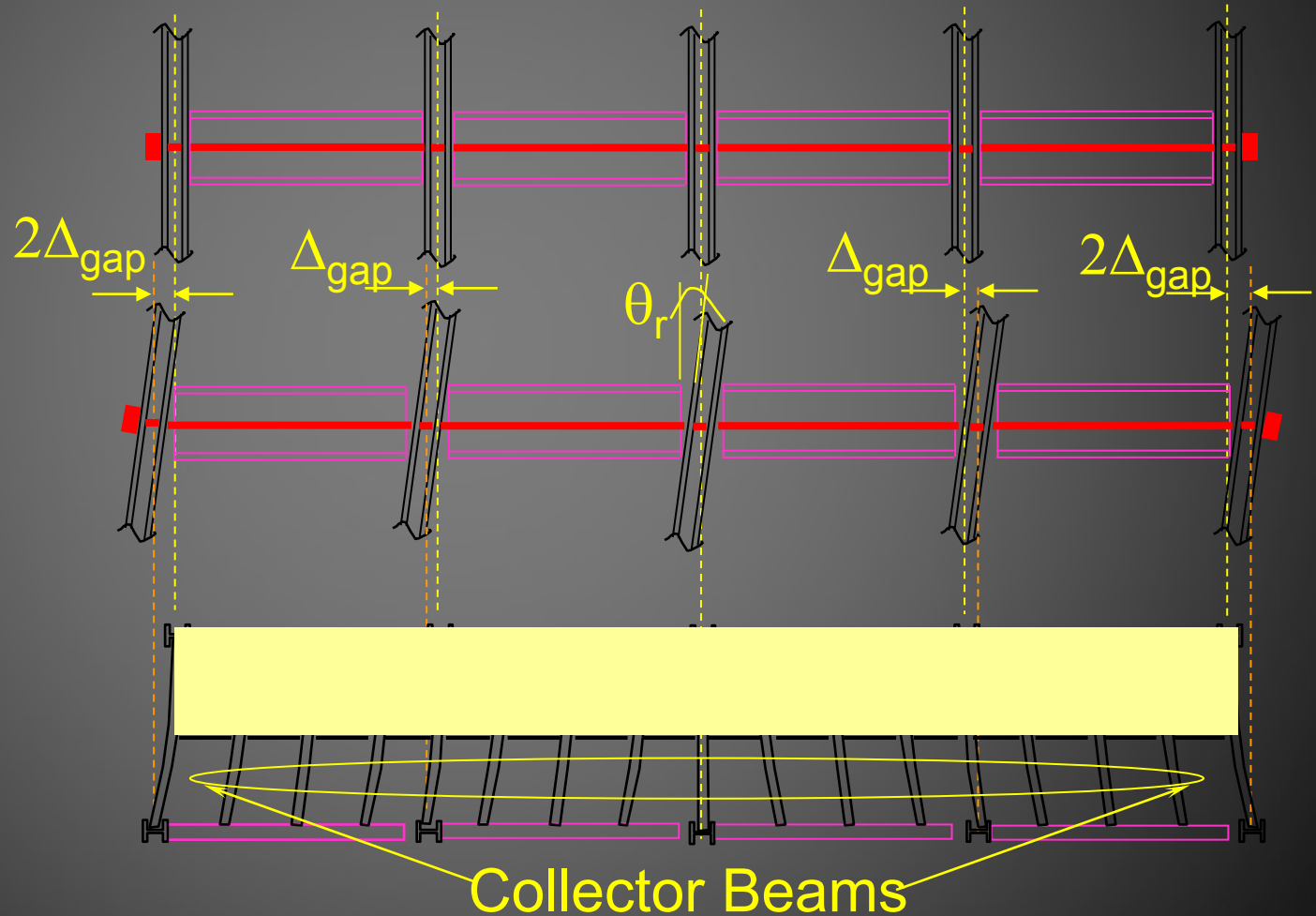
- Dynamic analysis results indicate self-centering behavior is achieved under DBE.
- Frame A has lower drift capacity before PT yielding than Frame B:
 - PT steel is at column lines rather than mid-bay.
- Frame A also has lower drift demand.
- Energy dissipation helps to reduce drift demand and improve response.

Task 3. Further Develop SC-MRF Systems: Current Work

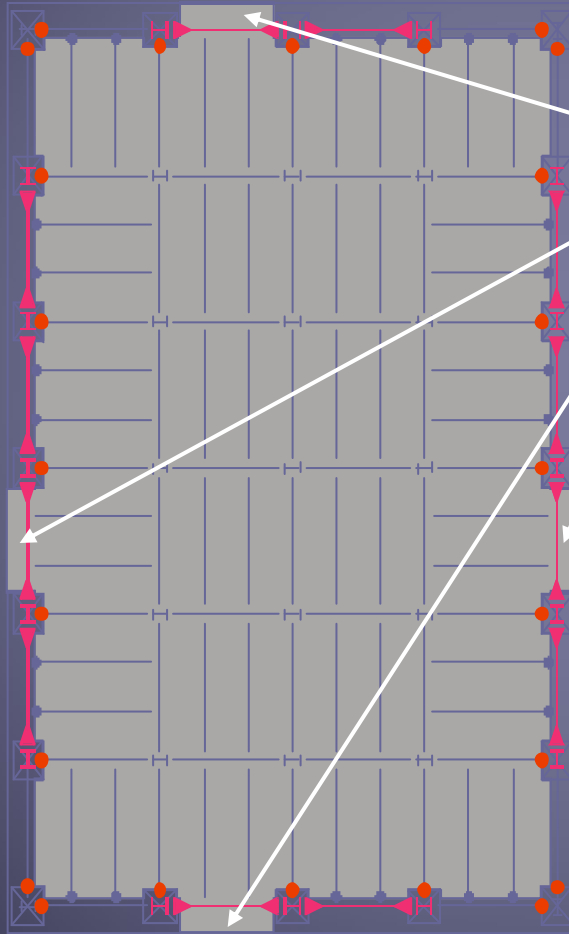
- Study of interaction between SC-MRFs and floor diaphragms by Princeton and Purdue.
- SC column base connections for SC-MRFs being studied by Purdue.

Interaction of SC-MRFs and Floor Diaphragms (Princeton)

Approach 1.
Transmit inertial forces from floor diaphragm without excessive restraint of connection regions using flexible collectors.

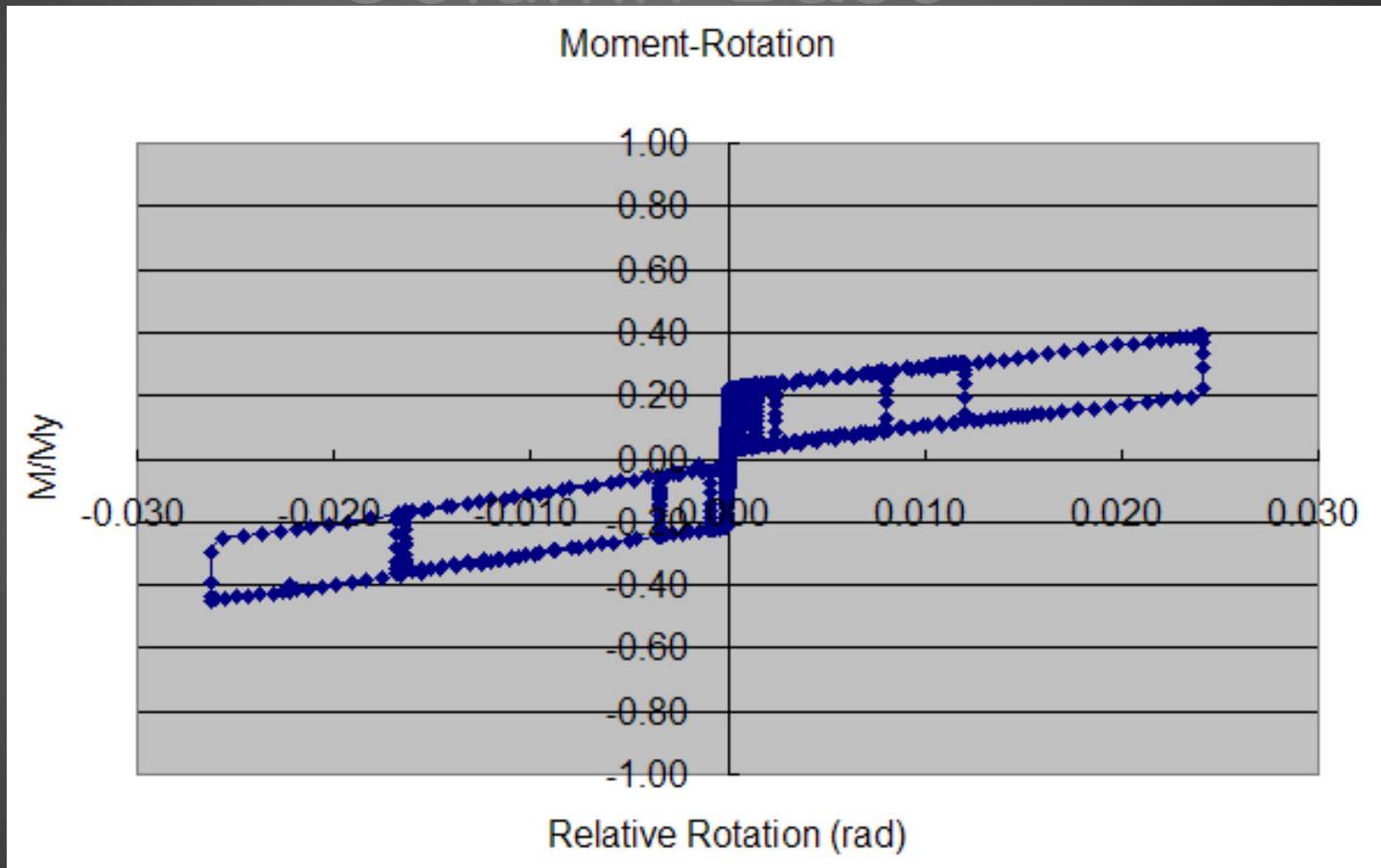


Interaction of SC-MRFs and Floor Diaphragms (Purdue)



Approach 2.
Transmit inertial forces from floor diaphragm within one (composite) bay for each frame.

Moment-Rotation Response at Column Base



Identifying appropriate level of column base moment capacity and connection details, leading to laboratory experiments.

Task 4. Develop Energy Dissipation Elements for SC-MRFs

- SC systems have no significant energy dissipation from main structural elements:
 - Behavior of energy dissipation elements determined SC system energy dissipation.
- Energy dissipation elements may be damaged during earthquake and replaced.
- For SC-MRFs, energy dissipation elements are located at beam-column connections.

Quantifying Energy Dissipation

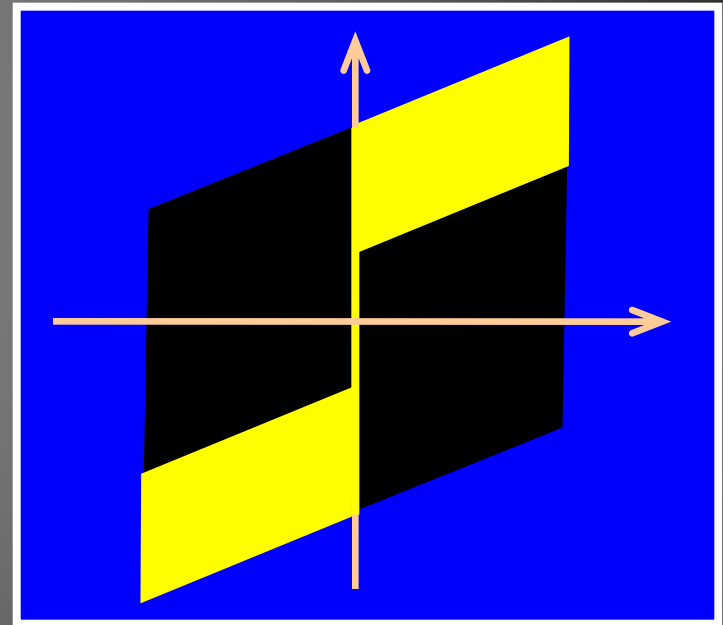
- Define relative hysteretic ED ratio β_E

β_E : Relative ED capacity

$$\beta_E = \frac{\text{Area of yellow}}{\text{Area of blue}} \times 100(\%)$$

For SC systems: $0 \leq \beta_E \leq 50\%$

Target value: $\beta_E = 25\%$

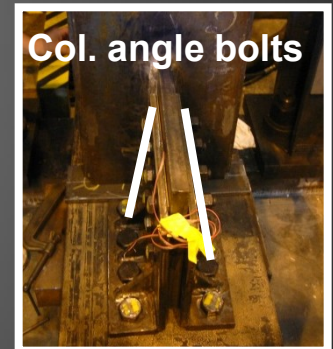
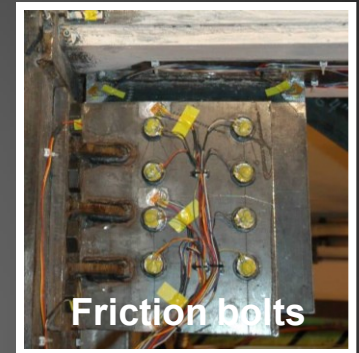
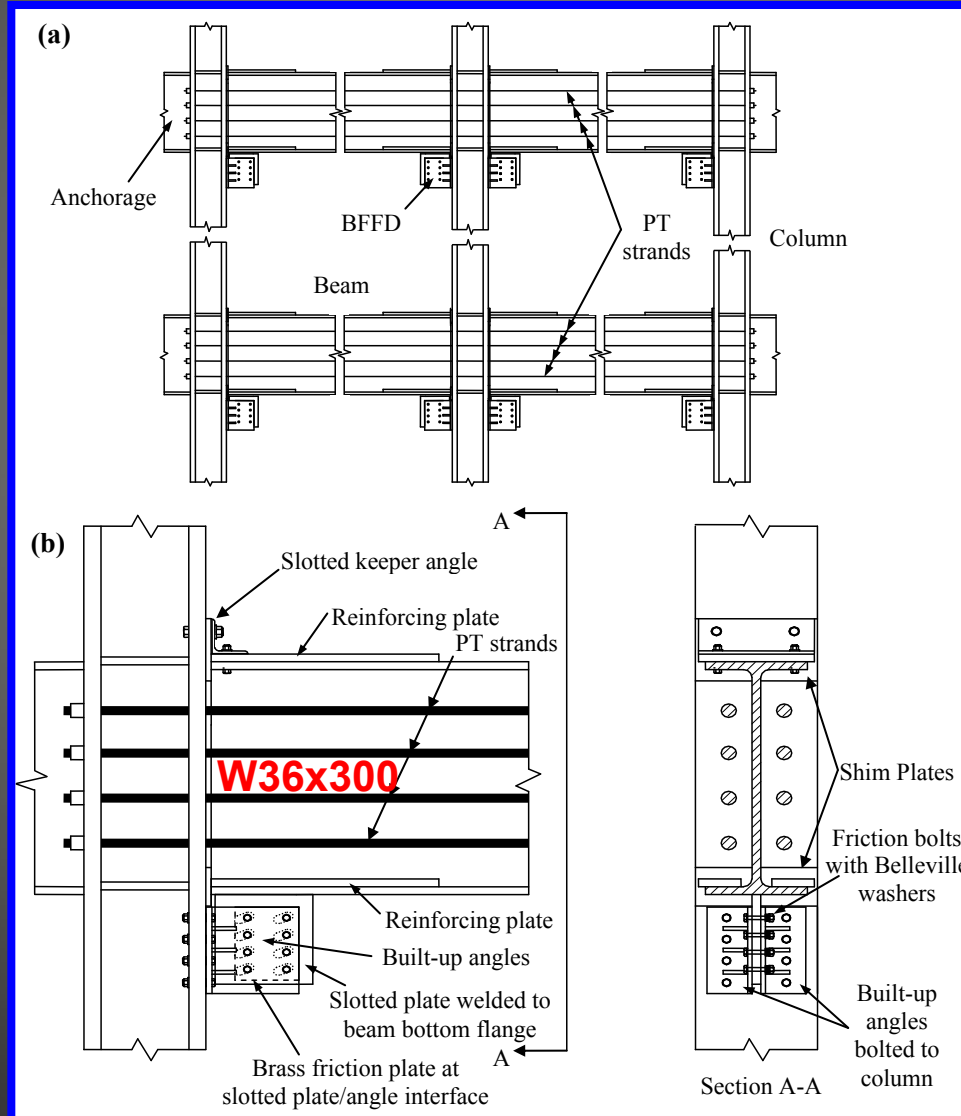
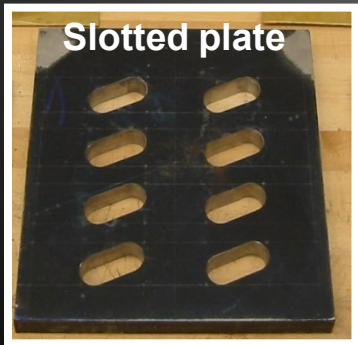
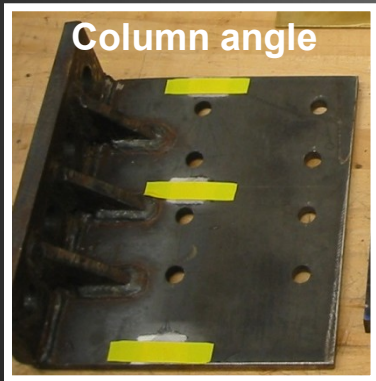
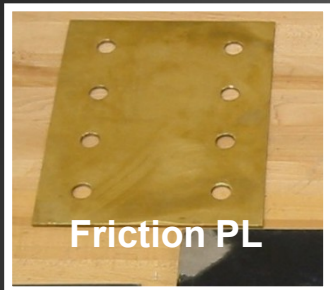


Hysteresis Loop

ED Element Assessment

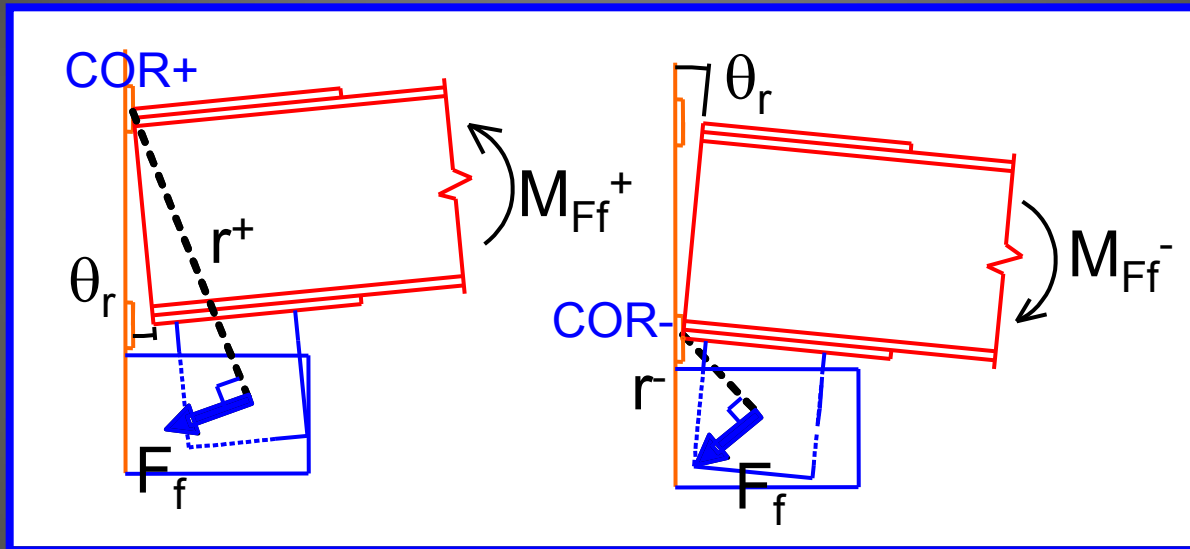
- Consider several ED elements:
 - Metallic yielding, friction, viscoelastic, elastomeric, and viscous fluid.
- Evaluation criteria:
 - Behavior, force capacity versus size, constructability, and life-cycle maintenance.
- Friction ED elements selected for further study.

Bottom Flange Friction Device



BFFD Moment Contribution

- BFFD contribution to connection moment capacity



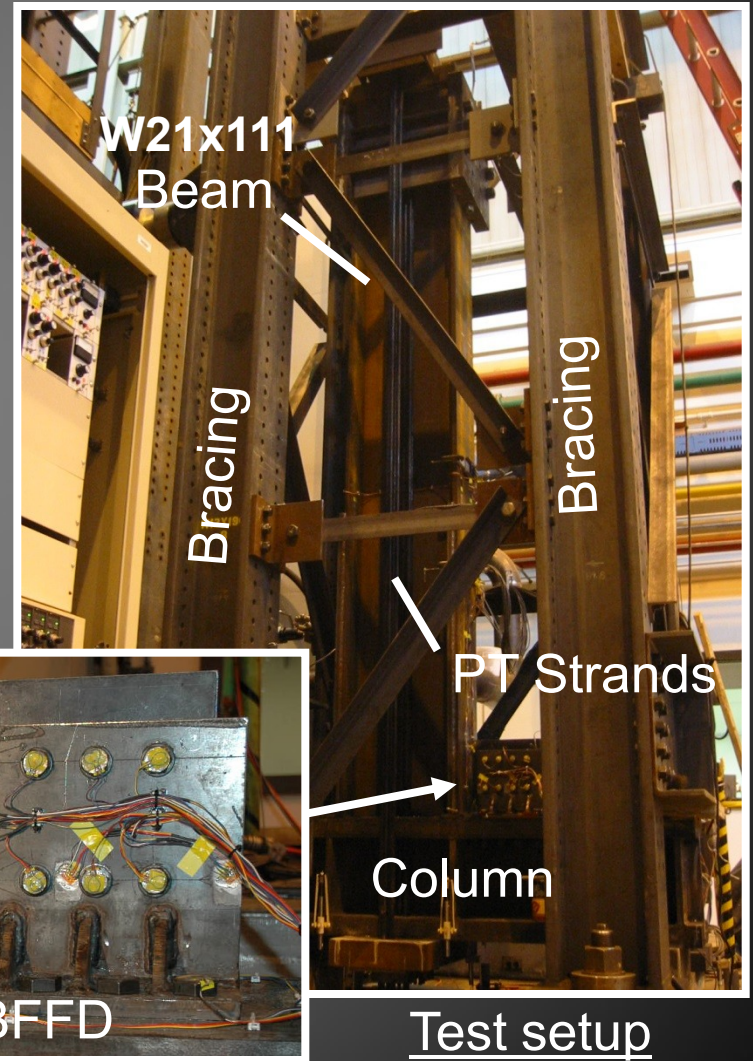
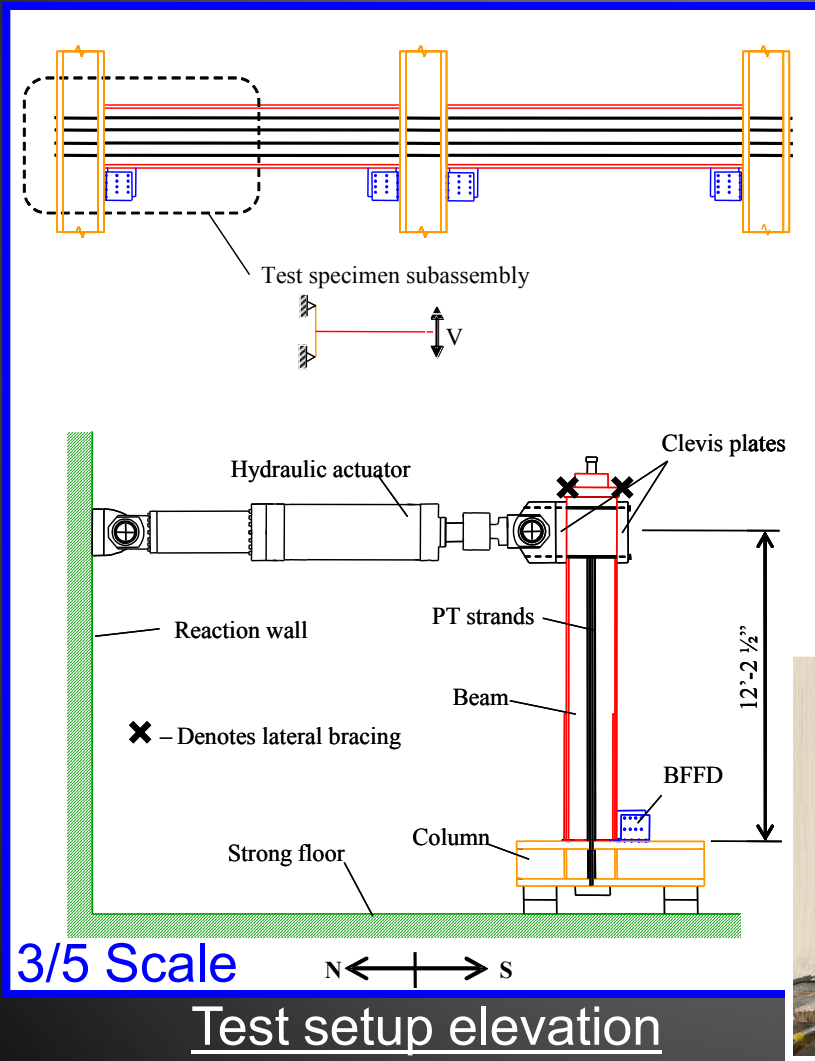
$$M_{Ff} = F_f \cdot r$$

$$M_{Ff}^+ = F_f \cdot r^+$$

$$M_{Ff}^- = F_f \cdot r^-$$

$$|M_{Ff}^+| > |M_{Ff}^-|$$

Test Setup



Test Matrix

Test No.	Loading Protocol	$\theta_{r,max}$ (rads)	Experimental Parameter
1	CS	0.035	Reduced Friction Force
2	CS	0.030	Design Friction Force
3	CS	0.030	Fillet Weld Repair
4	EQ	0.025	Response to EQ Loading
5	CS	0.065	Effect of Bolt Bearing
6	CS	0.035	Assess Column L Flex., CJP
7	CS	0.065	Effect of Bolt Bearing, CJP

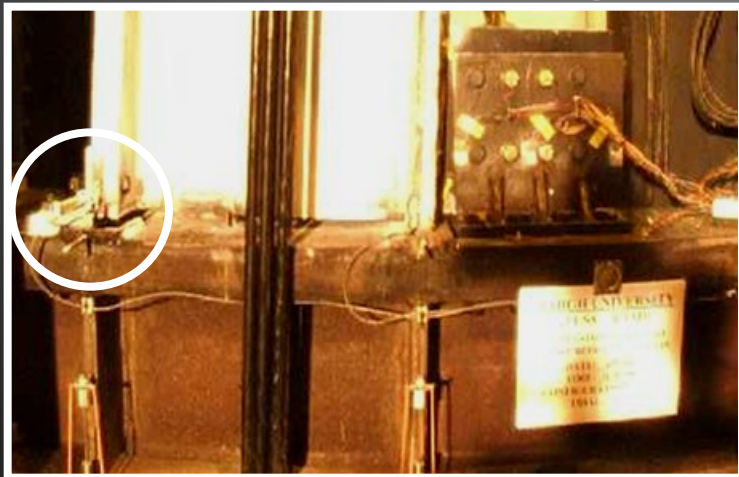
CS: Cyclic Symmetric

EQ: Chi-Chi MCE Level Earthquake Response

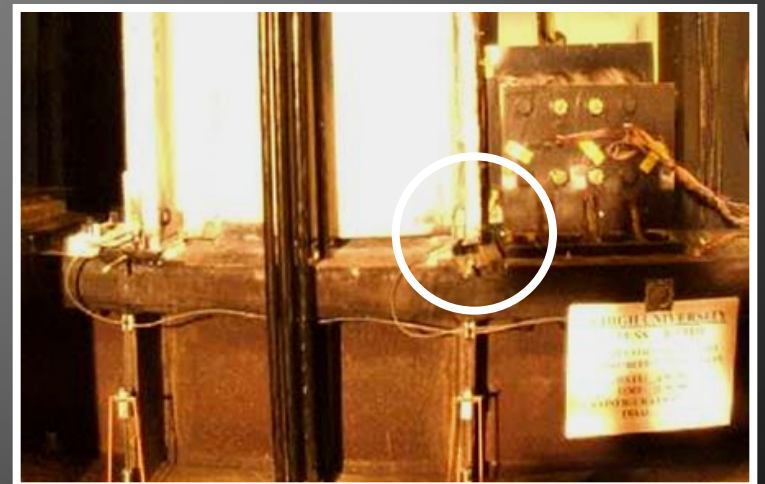
Test 2: Design Friction Force



Beginning of Test 2

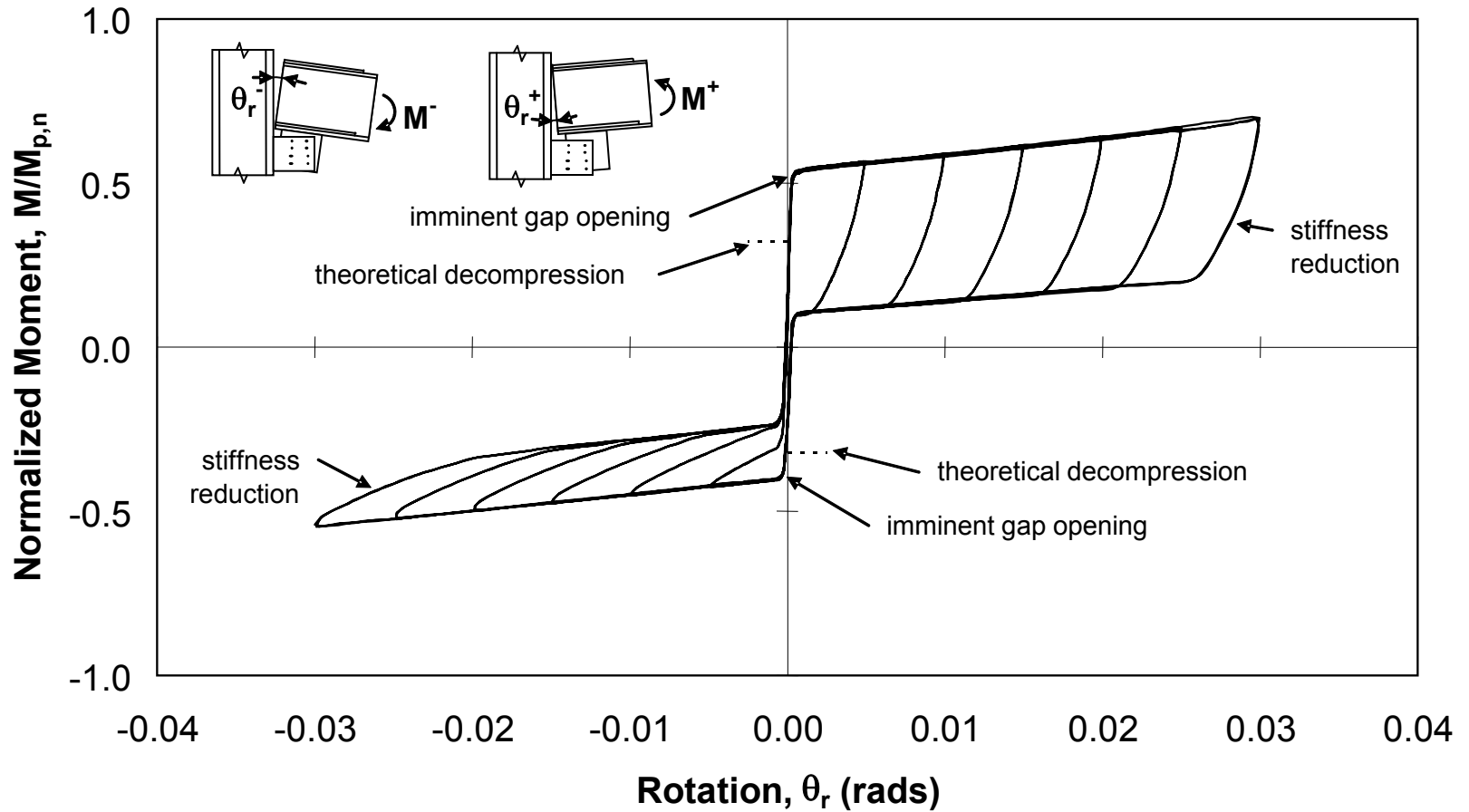


$\theta_r = +0.03$ rads

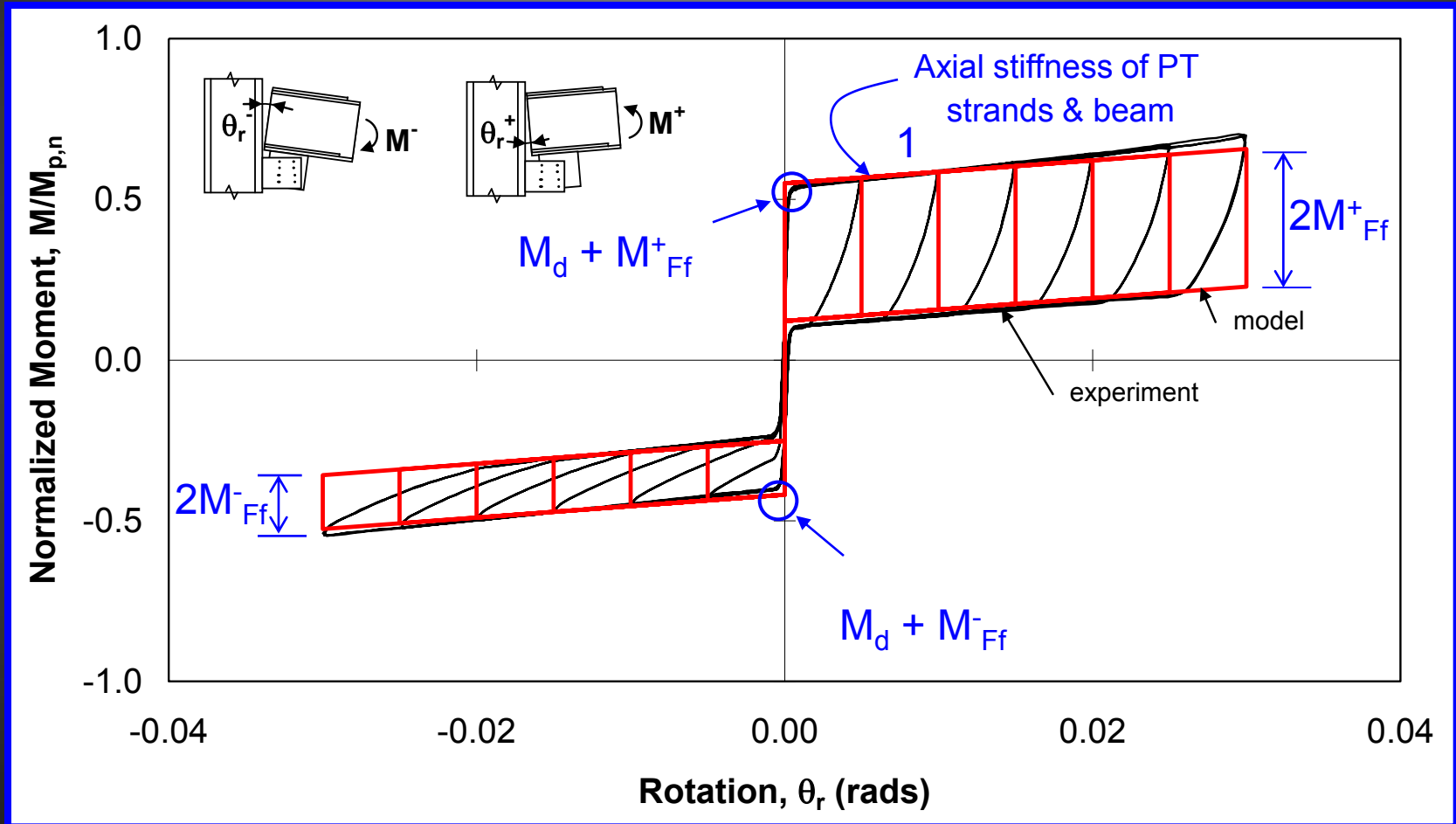


$\theta_r = -0.03$ rads

Test 2: Response



Test 2: Comparison with Simplified Model



Results for ED Elements for SC-MRFs

- Friction ED element:
 - Reliable with repeatable and predictable behavior.
 - Large force capacity in modest size.
- BFFD:
 - Provides needed energy dissipation for SC-MRF connections.
 - When anticipated connection rotation demand is exceeded, friction bolts can be designed to fail in shear without damage to other components.

Task 8. Conduct Large-Scale Laboratory Tests

- Two specimens, one SC-MRF and one SC-CBF, tested at Lehigh NEES ES (RTMD facility).
- 2/3-scale 4 story frame.
- Utilize hybrid test method (pseudo dynamic with analytical and laboratory substructures).
- Utilize real-time hybrid test method, if energy dissipation elements are rate-sensitive.

9. Collaborate on 3-D Large-Scale Laboratory Tests

- Large-scale 3-D SC steel frame system tests at NCREE in Taiwan under direction of Dr. K.C. Tsai.
- Interaction of SC frame systems with floor diaphragms and gravity frames will be studied.
- 3-D tests are part of Taiwan program on SC systems.
- Project team is collaborating with Taiwan researchers:
 - US-Taiwan Workshop on Self-Centering Structural Systems, June 6-7, 2005, at NCREE.
 - 2nd workshop planned for October 2006 at NCREE.

Summary

- Two types of SC steel frame systems are being developed:
 - Moment-resisting frames (SC-MRFs).
 - Centrally-braced frames (SC-CBFs).
- Research plan includes 9 major tasks:
 - Significant work completed on 7 tasks.
 - Numerous conference publications available from current project.
- Large-scale experiments utilizing NEES ES at Lehigh are being conducted.
- Ongoing collaboration with NCREE in Taiwan.