### Reducing Seismic Residual Deformations in Civil Structures using Superelastic Shape Memory Alloys

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## **Western University**

- **Founded**: 1878
- Faculties: 12
  - Land Area: 1,200 acres (82 Buildings)
- Undergrads: 25,000 Student
- Grads: 5,000 Student
- Faculty:
- 1,500 Professor



## **Western Engineering**

- **Founded**: 1954
- Departments:
  - Chemical and Biochemical Engineering.
  - Civil and Environmental Engineering.
  - Electrical and Computer Engineering
  - Mechanical and Materials Engineering.
- Undergrads: 1,600 Student
- Grads: 750 Student
- Faculty: 100 Professor
- Students can graduate with Dual Degrees (Engineering and Business, Law, Music, etc.)

# **Civil and Environmental** Engineering

- Environmental & Water Resources Engineering
- Geotechnical & Geoenvironmental Engineering
- Natural Disaster Mitigation
- Structures and Infrastructure
- Wind Engineering & Environmental Fluid Mechanics



Civil and Environmental Engineering



The Tsing Ma Bridge, Hong Kong

#### WindEEE Dome

- \$35M+ investment
- World's first 3D wind chamber
- Large scale 25 m in diameter



- Capable of testing urban infrastructure, power facilities, solar panels, wind farms, etc.
- 60 fans installed to manipulate inflow & boundary layer conditions to reproduce largescale wind systems.







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### **Design Philosophy**

- Buildings are seismically designed for safety.
- Economy is achieved by allowing steel to yield dissipating the seismic energy.
- Permanent residual deformations are expected following a strong seismic activity.
- Design for wind loads is currently being revised to follow the seismic approach.











### NiTi SMA Research at Western

- Design Issues.
- RC Beam-Column Joints.
- RC Frames.
- RC Walls.
- Steel Frames.
- Modular Steel Structures.











































#### Comparison between Steel and SMA RC BCJs

- A steel RC BCJ was tested with similar reinforcement arrangement and dimensions
- The specimen subjected to similar drifts experienced irrecoverable damage
- The steel RC specimen was not repairable
- SE SMA RC specimen was serviceable even after similar drift
- · Required minimum amount of repairing































### Spectral Acceleration at Collapse

Easth make as and	Steel Frame	SMA Frame			
Eartnquake record	Sa at collapse (g)	Sa at collapse (g)			
Northridge	2.60	3.10			
Imperial Valley	1.15	1.28			
Loma Prieta	4.28	5.75			
Whittier	5.00	5.25			
San Fernando	8.15	8.90			

The percentage of Sa increase is varying from 5.0% to 34.3%









		Exami	ned Wall	S	
Aspect	Wall	Axial	Transverse	Web RFT %	Boundary
Ratio	Thickness	Load %	RFT %		RFT %
6.0	150, 200, 230	2, 7.5, 10	0.25, 0.5, 1	0.5, 0.6, 0.75, 1	0.5, 1.0, 1.5
3.0	150, 200, 230	2, 7.5, 10	0.25, 0.5, 1	0.5, 0.6, 0.75, 1	0.5, 1.0, 1.5
1.5	150, 200, 230	2, 7.5, 10	0.25, 0.5, 1	0.5, 0.6, 0.75, 1	0.5, 1.0, 1.5
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Ground motion	Sa(T1,5%) at collapse	Frame 1		
		MID (%)	MRID (%)	
Imperial	(0.341g)	2.97 (2 <sup>nd</sup> storey)	0.67 (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)	
Northridge	(0.489g)	3.17 (3 <sup>rd</sup> storey)	0.41 (1 <sup>st</sup> floor)	
Loma	(0.619g)	5.02 (7 <sup>th</sup> storey)	0.56 (8th storey)	
San Fernando	(0.476g)	3.48 (6 <sup>th</sup> storey)	1.21 (4th storey)	
Tabas	(0.445g)	2.75 (3 <sup>rd</sup> storey)	0.29 (2 <sup>nd</sup> storey)	







	Imperial		Northridge		Loma		San Fernado		Tabas	
	MID (% change)	MRID(% change)	MID(% change)	MRID	MID(% change)	MRID	MID(% change)	MRID	MID(% change)	MRID(% change)
Frame 2	56.90	-74.74	9.78	-76.44	29.08	19.50	18.39	-90.25	110.18	-74.42
Frame 3	16.50	-8.77	5.27	-44.63	1.31	-24.69	-3.16	-3.31	6.55	-43.20
Frame 4	23.10	-45.32	4.73	7.07	7.17	-42.93	2.01	-40.50	21.82	-8.50
Frame 5	18.52	-45.32	5.14	-25.37	8.43	-30.23	6.90	-21.24	6.91	3.06
Frame 6	16.84	-0.59	6.62	-34.15	0.60	-40.68	-2.01	0.00	9.93	-21.77
Frame 7	22.22	-37.84	5.50	-35.13	4.96	-47.59	1.28	-28.52	13.65	1.61





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