

SEISMIC VULNERABILITY OF HIGH-RISE TUNNEL-FORM BUILDINGS

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What is a Tunnel-Form Building?



Modular, prefabricated tunnel-formworks tailored to particular project



Monolithic casting of a single story in one pouring operation



Easy stripping, high mobility and re-use of formworks



Lightly reinforced slender shear walls, squat coupling beams, and thin slabs



A particular architectural form constrained by the tunnel-formwork application



Enables rapid and economical construction of mass housing projects

What is the Significance of Tunnel-Form Buildings?



TOKİ Has Built Over 1.3 Million Buildings in 20 Years

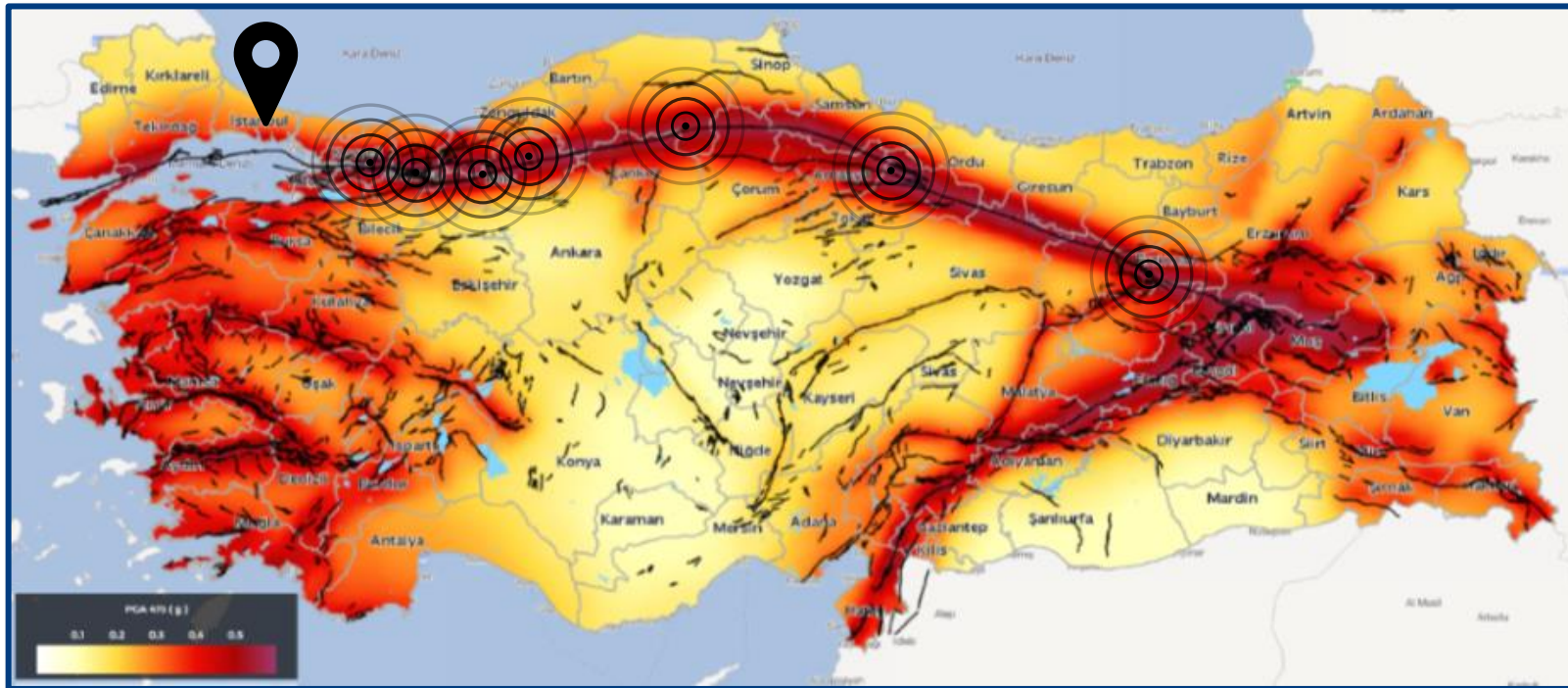
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Earthquake tenders exceed 75 billion TL

According to the calculation made based on the total bid size and the number of houses, the average cost per house is approaching 1.8 million TL.

The total size of housing tenders, which TOKİ (Mass Housing Administration) started two weeks after the great earthquake and all of which were conducted through bargaining, exceeded 75 billion TL.

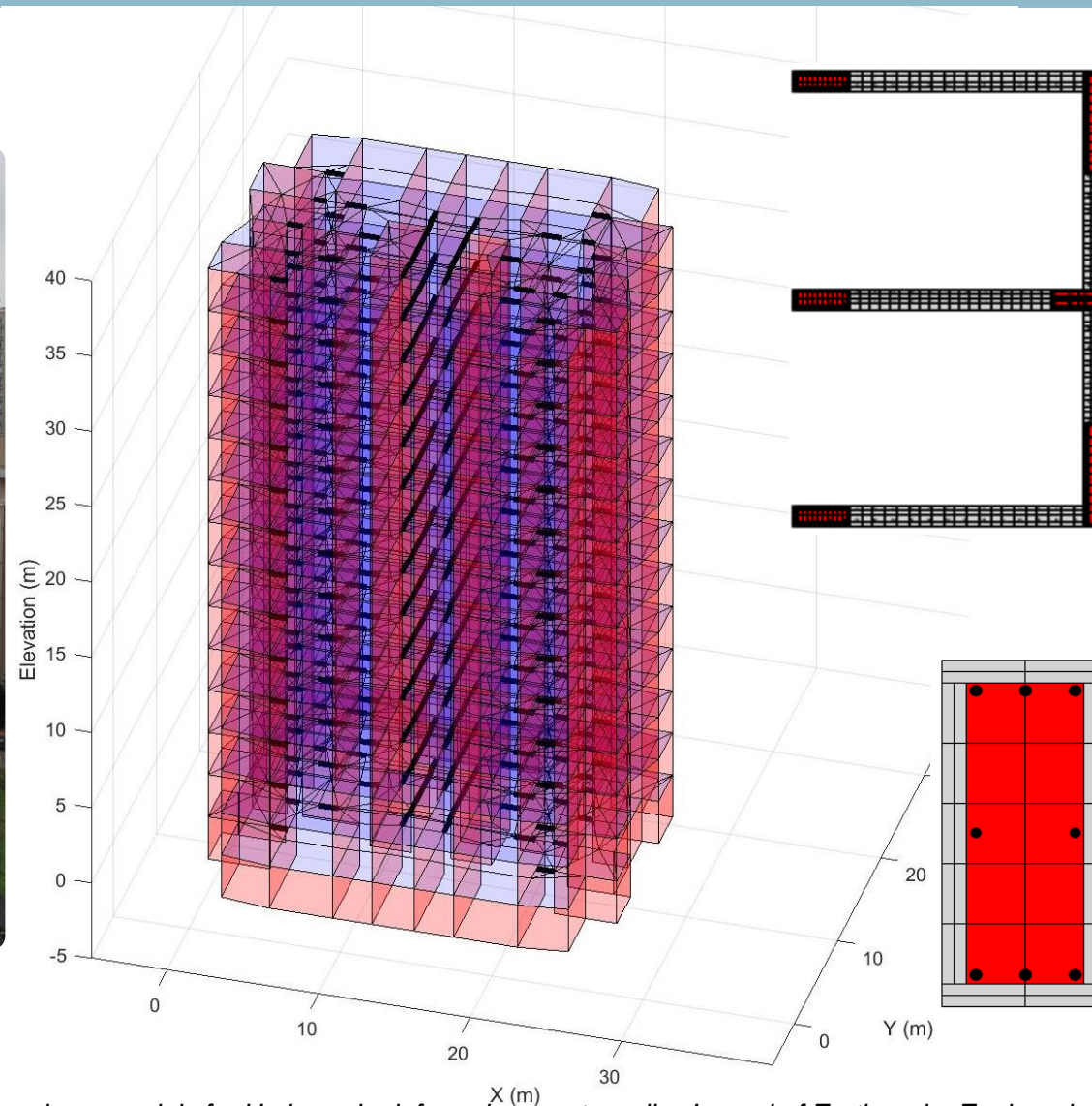


The Case Study Structure: An Archetype Tunnel-Form Building

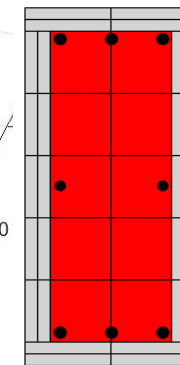
- An existing 14-storey residential building representing a common design that has been used in many tunnel-form buildings with the same structural properties.
- The total height of the building is 39.2 m, and each story, including the basement enclosed by continuous shear walls, has a height of 2.8 m.
- Concrete with compressive strength of 30 MPa and steel reinforcement with yield strength equal to 500 MPa and 420 MPa were used.
- The provisions of the Turkish Building Seismic Code (TBSC) 2007 for the high-ductility class were followed for the seismic design of all structural members.



Finite Element Modelling of the Case Study Structure



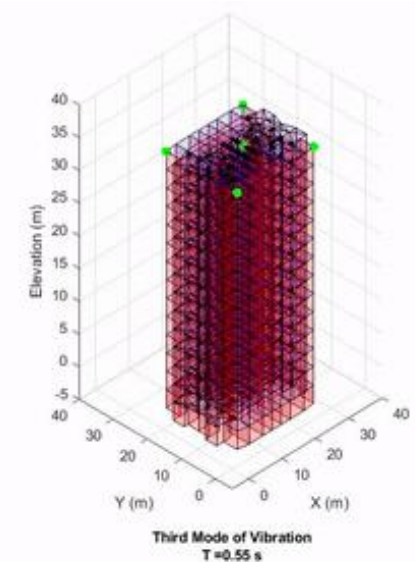
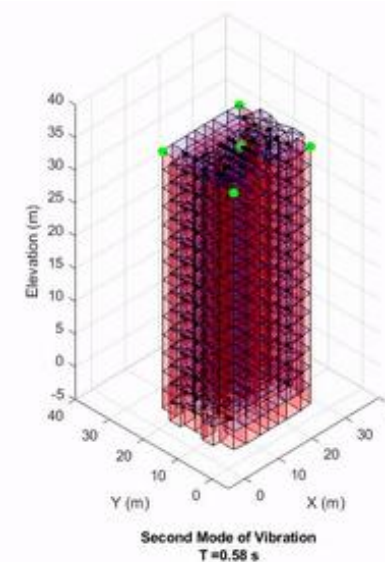
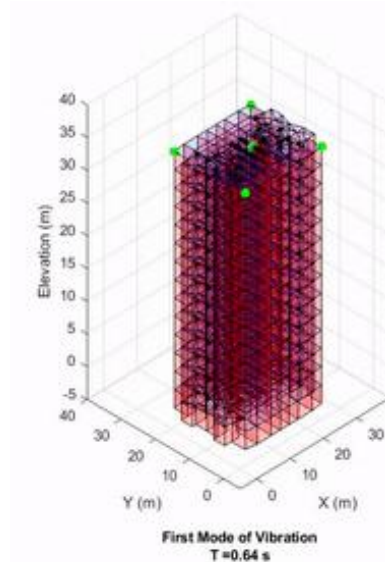
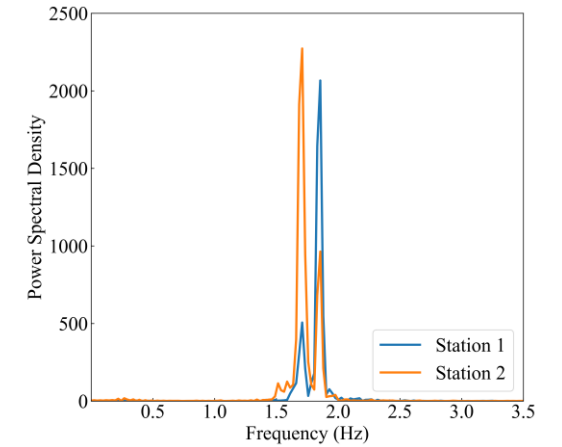
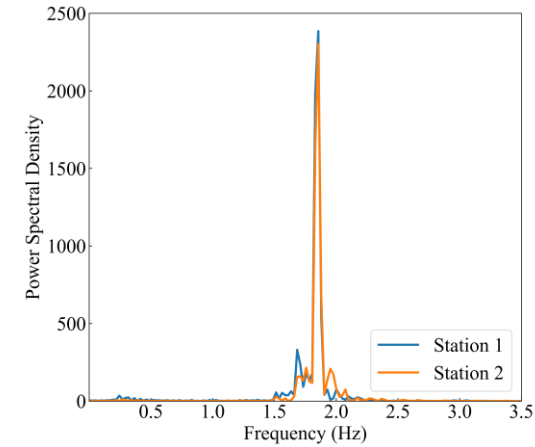
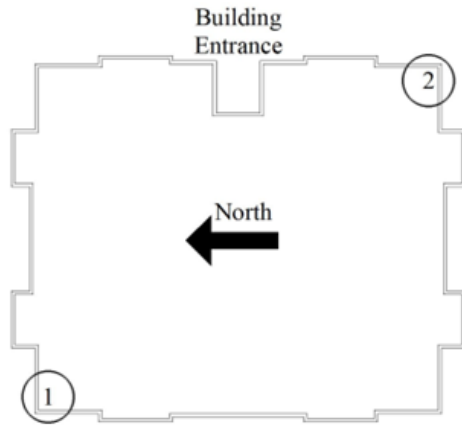
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- Detailed fiber sections to capture progression of damage
- Modified material models to capture brittle flexural failures
- Material regularisation to achieve post-peak objectivity
- Shear response through trilinear backbone curves



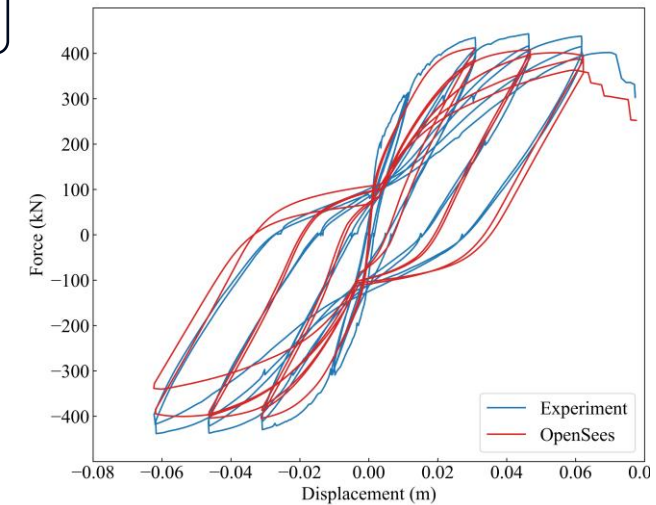
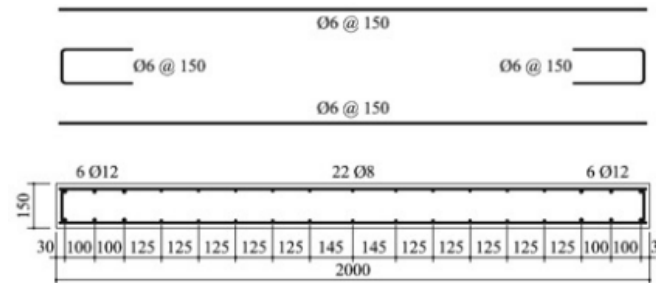
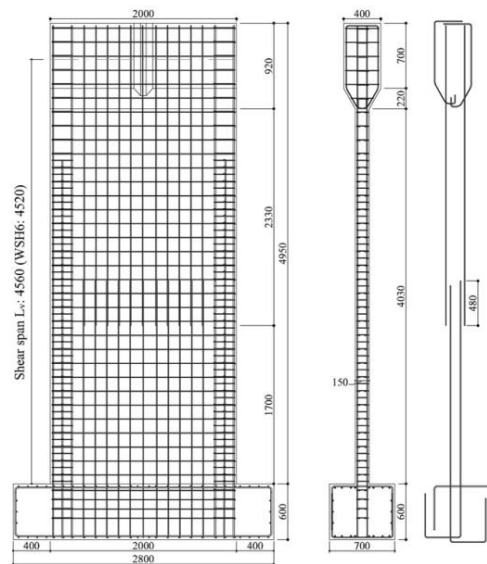
- Line elements employing the fiber-based distributed plasticity model
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- Explicit representation of shear sliding response at the wall-beam interfaces and shear distortion response along the beam length [2]

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Validation of the Finite Element Model: Stage I

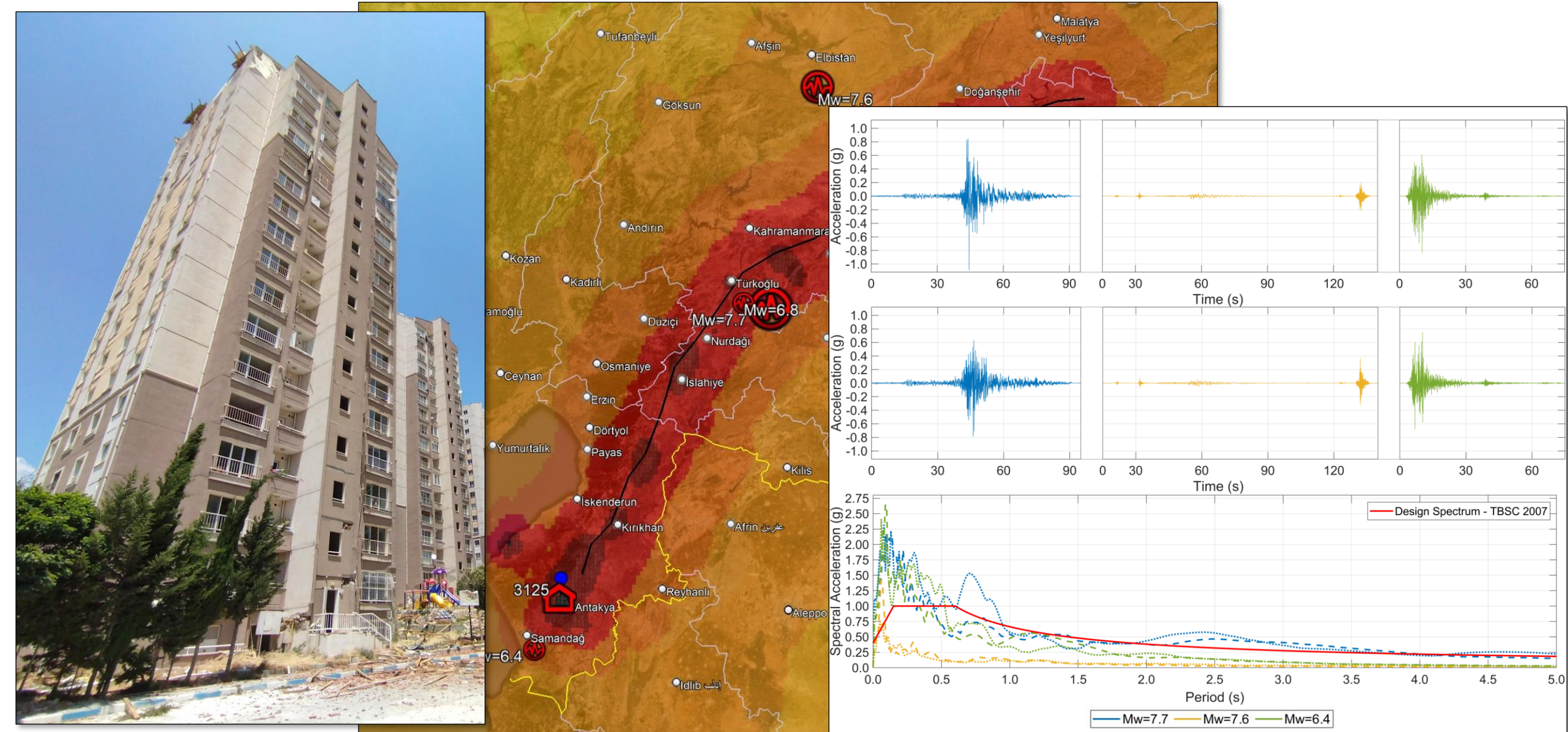


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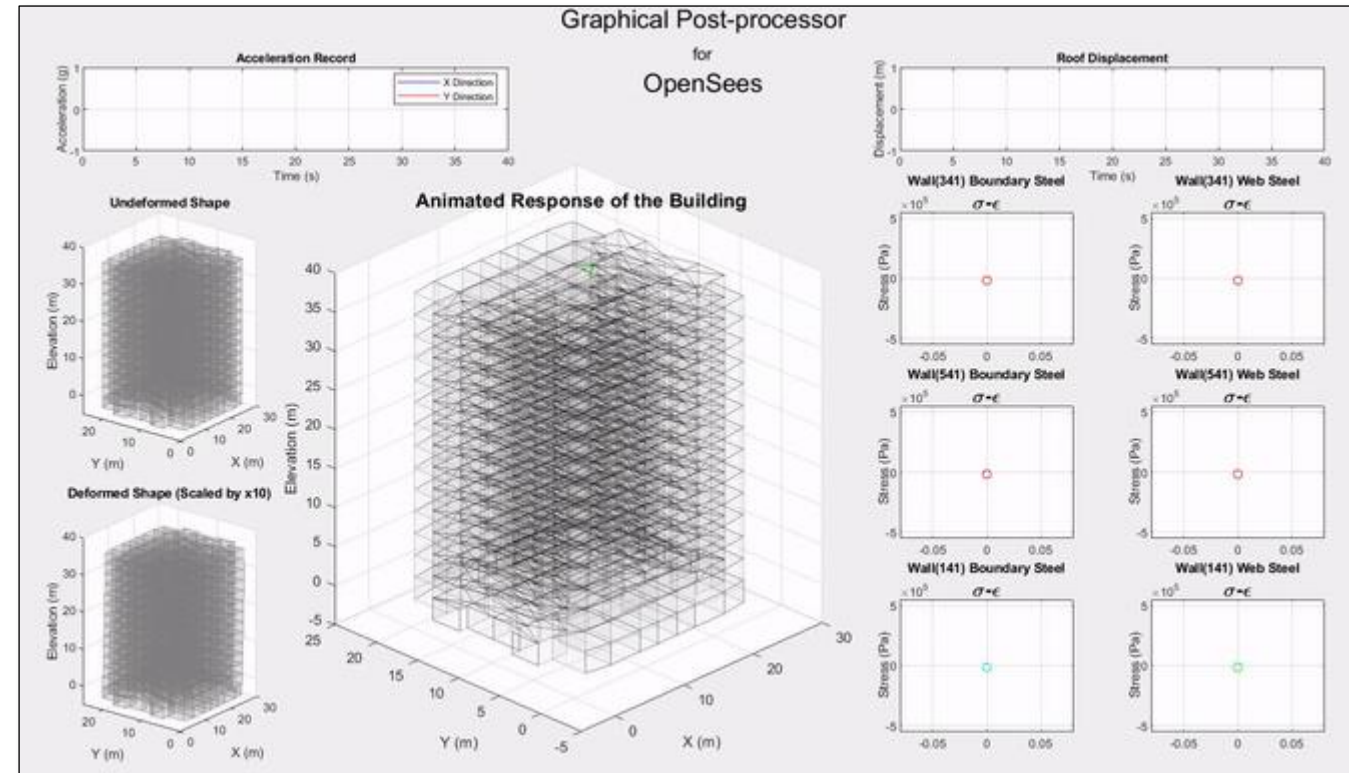


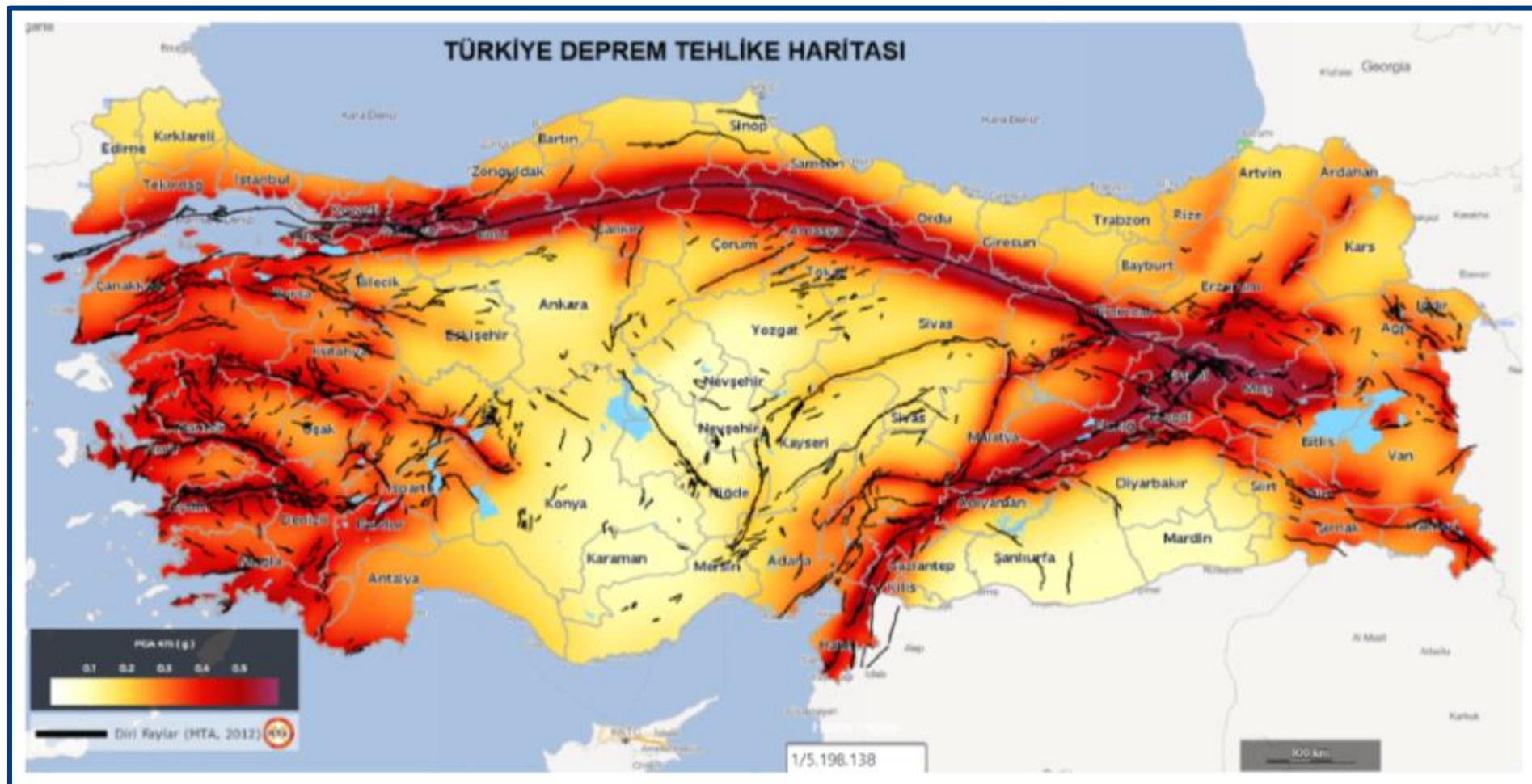
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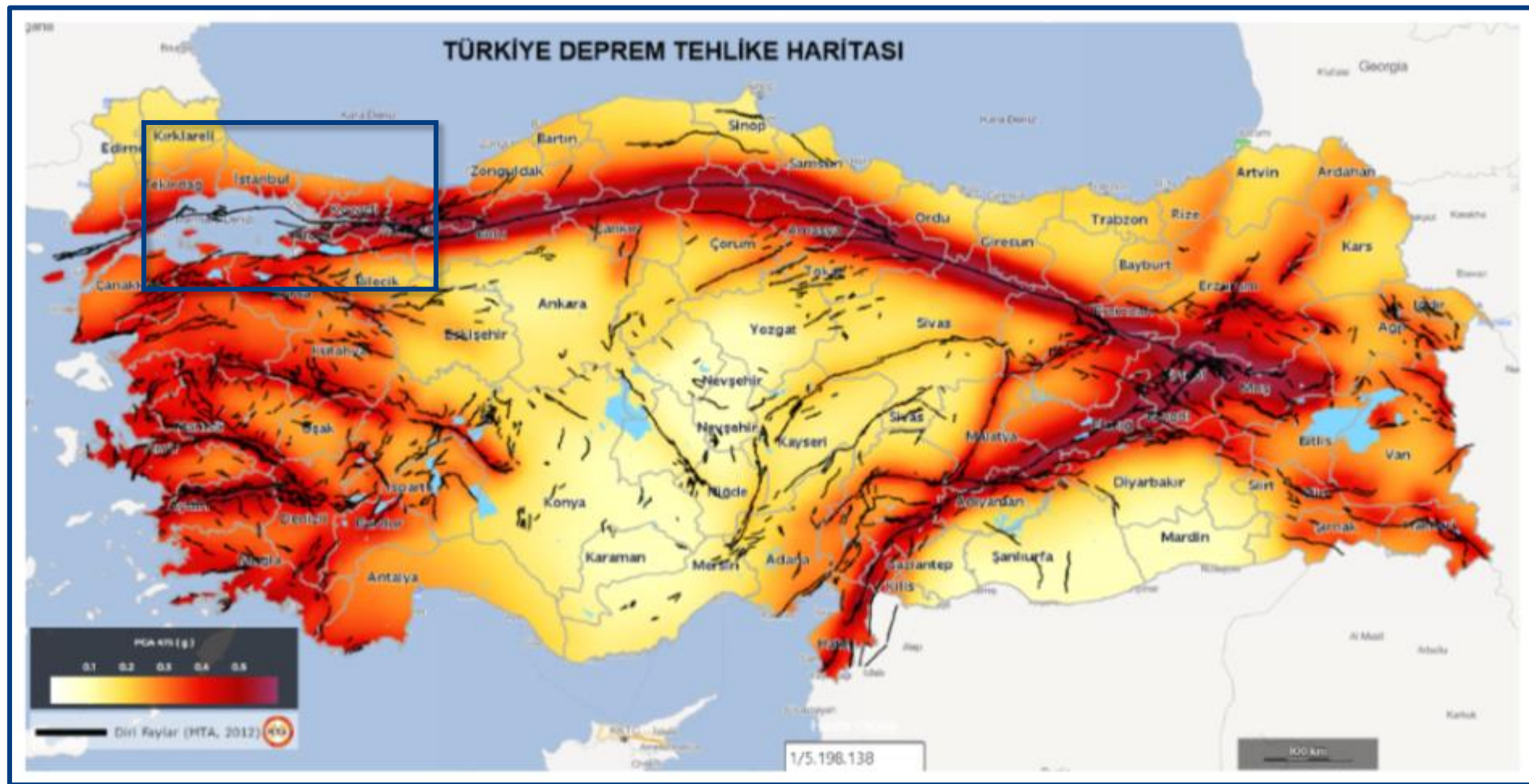
Validation of the Finite Element Model: Stage III



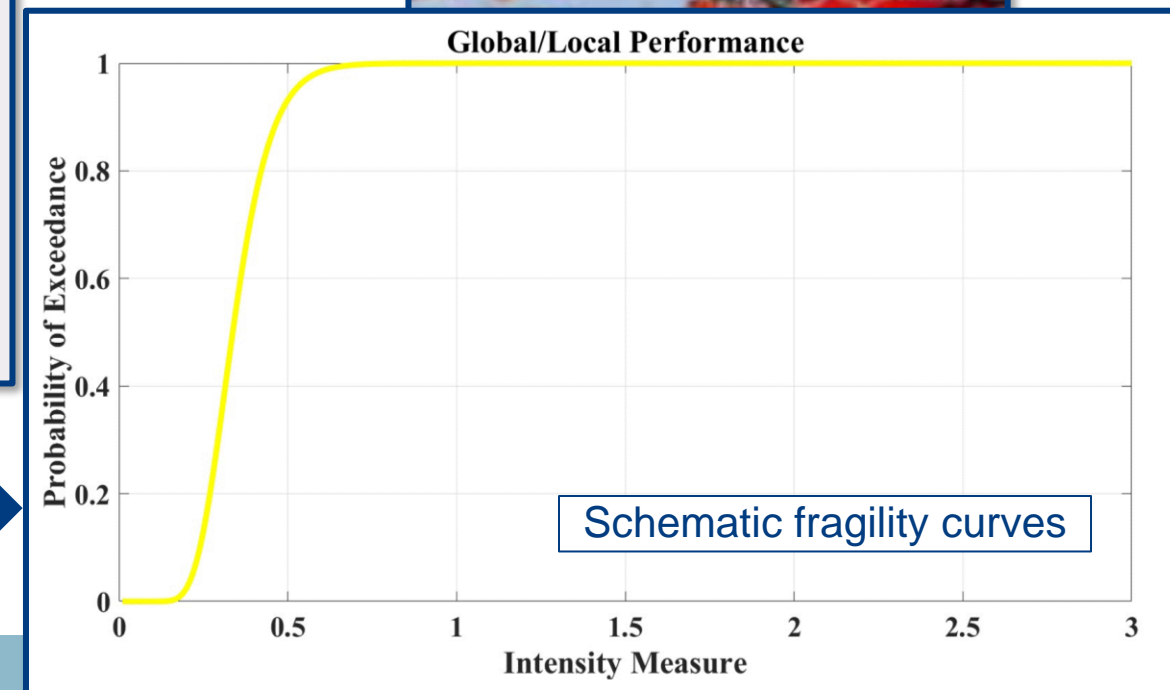
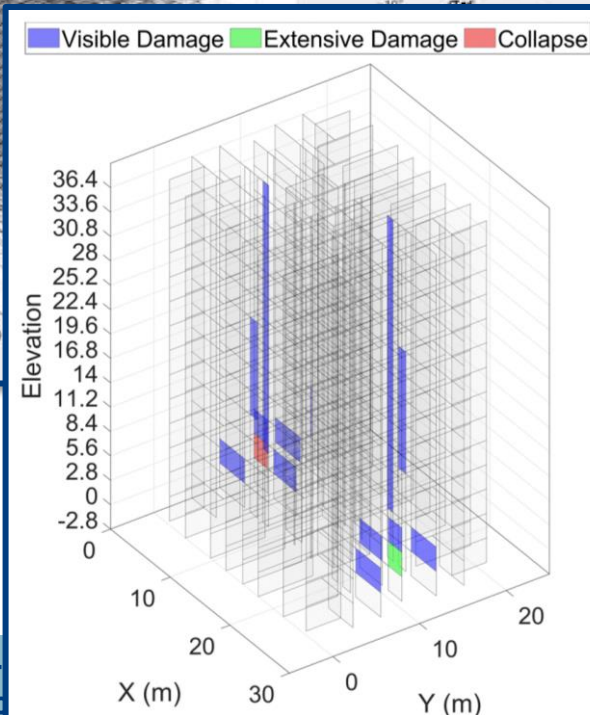
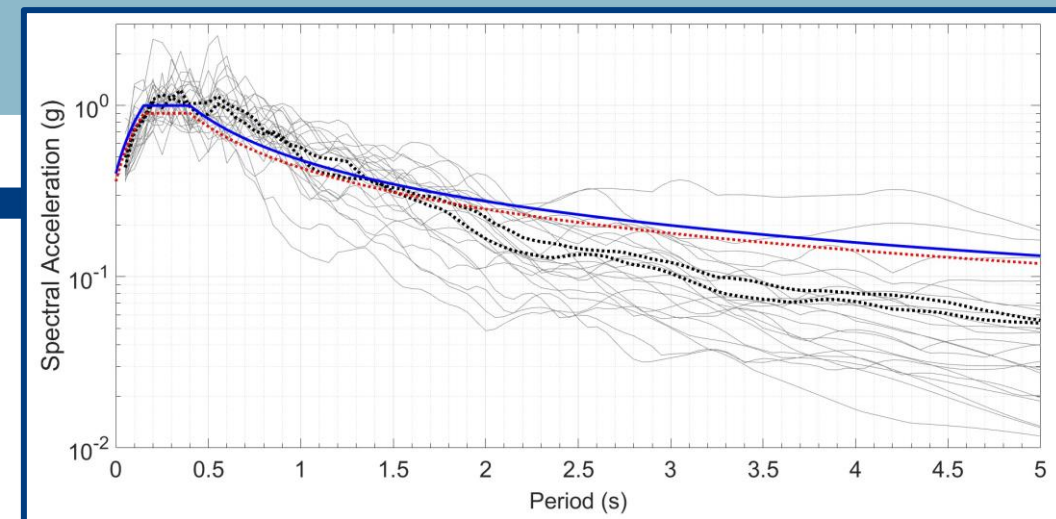
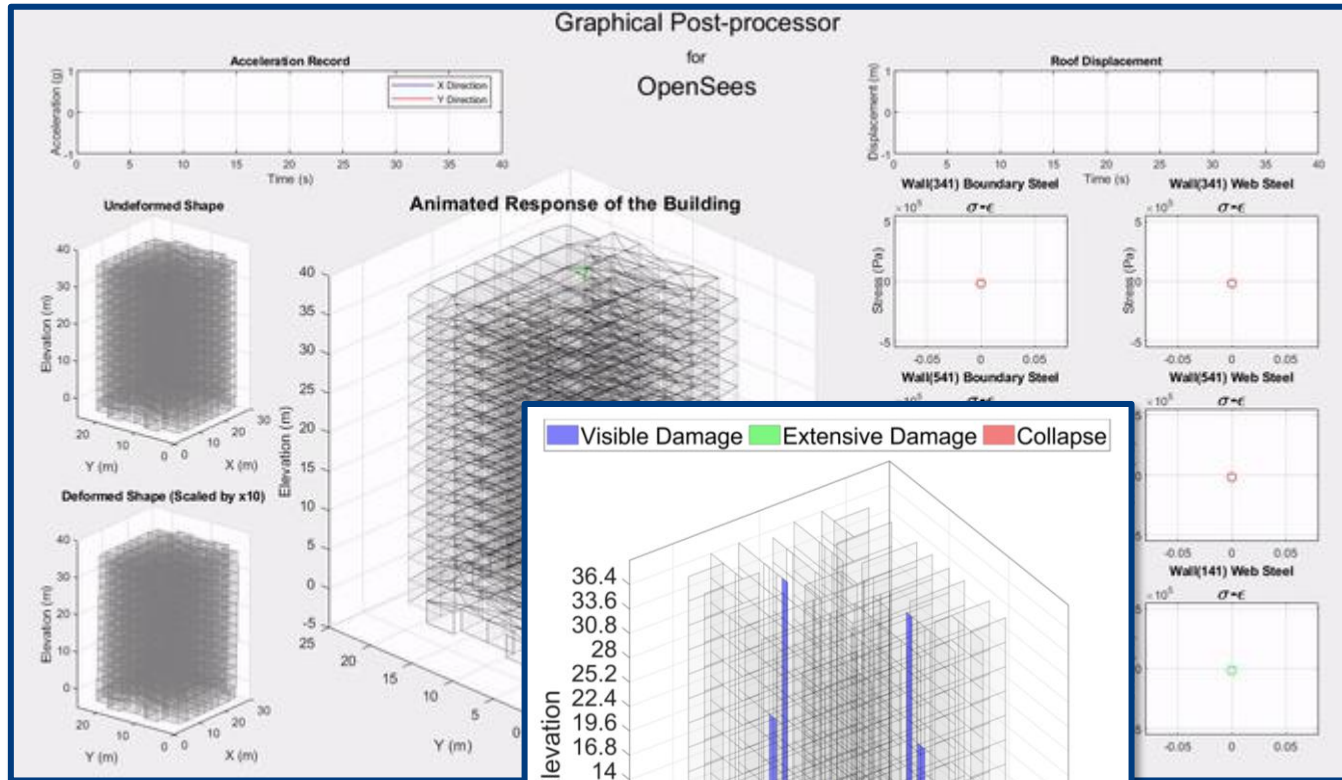








Risk Assessment



- Performed better compared to nearby reinforced concrete frames and maintained structural integrity
- *Predisposition of shear walls to brittle failure under flexural actions*
- *Brittle failure of coupling beams*
- *Need for advanced finite element modelling techniques to capture prominent failure modes*
- Future steps of this research will provide a clearer insight into their seismic vulnerability and develop engineering solutions to improve their overall performance

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