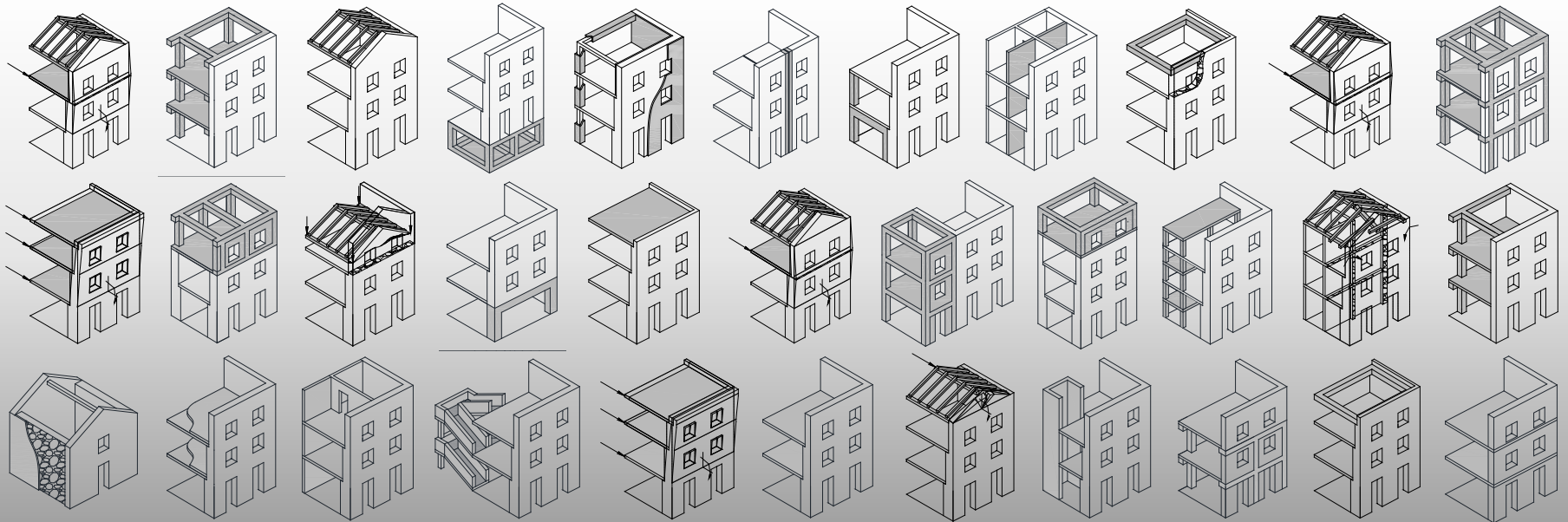


BIM-based seismic vulnerability assessment using the Equivalent Frame Method

Expeditious modelling and analysis framework of existing URM-RC buildings

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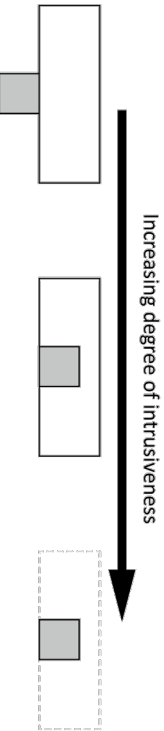
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Mixed URM-RC building typologies



Intervention nature/type	A. Addition	B. Insertion	C. Substitution
Reinforced render or jacketing	Cooperating slabs (diaphragms)	New [shear] walls	Supplemental frames, beams or columns
Ring beams	Embedded frames	Seismic joints	Intermediate floors
Roof structure	Roof slab	Floor slabs	Walls (in the original position)
			Reengineered frames
			Whole floor refurbishment
			Built-in structure ('façadism')
			Plan enlargement
			Additional floors (raising)
			Underground structure

Goals



Faster numerical analysis



Robustness of the 3D models



Automation of processes

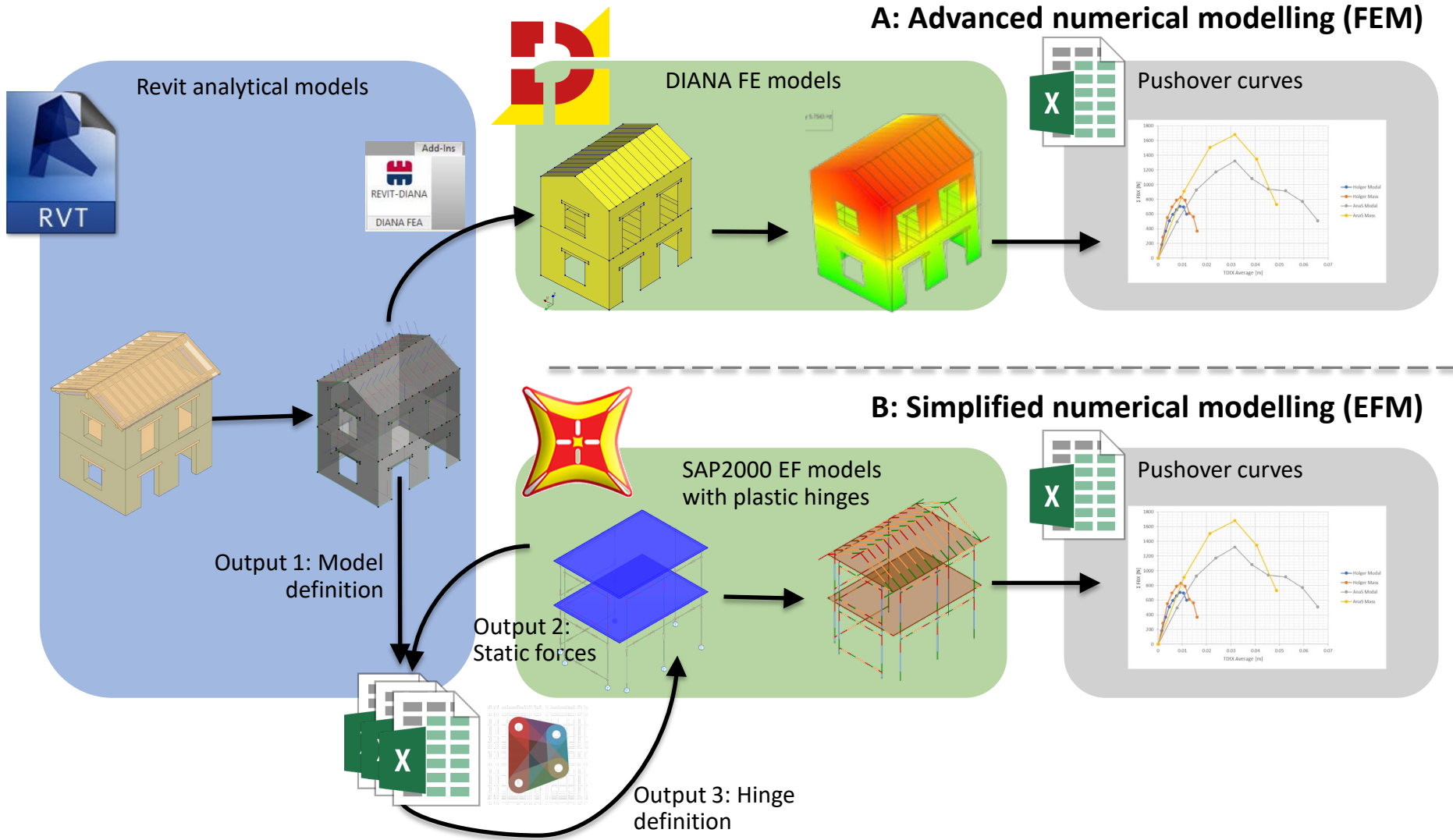


Convenience in engineering practice



Freedom of choice

Validation strategy of the seismic assessment methodology



Data iterative flow (Revit-Dynamo-Excel-SAP2000)

Tables I: Model definition

- Joint Coordinates
- Connectivity – Frame
- Frame Section Assignments
- Frame Props 01 - General
- Joint Restraint Assignments
- Connectivity – Area
- Frame Local Axes 1 – Typical
- Frame Offset (Length) Assigns
- Frame Insertion Point* Assigns
- MatProp 01 - General*
- MatProp 02 - Basic Mech Props
- Area Section Assignments
- Area Section Properties
- Area Section Property Layers
- Area Auto Mesh

Assignments

- Load Case Definitions
- Load Pattern Definitions
- Auto Seismic - Eurocode8 2004
- Case - Modal 1 - General
- Case - Static 1 - Load Assigns
- Case - Static 2 - NL Load App
- Case - Static 4 - NL Parameters
- Case - Static 7 - Add Con Disps
- Program Control

Tables II: Static forces

- Base Reactions
- Element Forces – Frames
- Program Control

Tables III: Hinge definition

- Hinges Def 03 - Non - DC – FD
- Hinges Def 05 - Non – Fcontrol
- Hinges Def 02 - Non - DC – Gen
- Hinge Ass 02 - User Prop
- Hinge Ass 09 - Hinge Overwrites
- Program Control

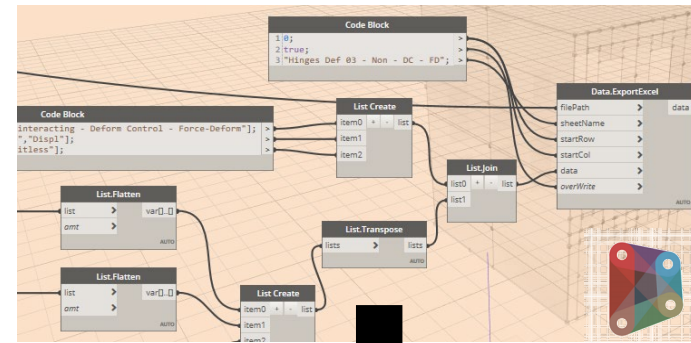


TABLE: Hinges Def 03 - Noninteracting - Deform Control - Force-Deform				
HingeName	FDPoint	Force Unitless	Displ Unitless	
1H_Pier_Top-Moment M3	-E	0	-0.02324	
1H_Pier_Top-Moment M3	-D	-938.146	-0.02113	
1H_Pier_Top-Moment M3	-C	-1172.68	-0.01536	
1H_Pier_Top-Moment M3	-B	-1172.68	-0.00031	
1H_Pier_Top-Moment M3	A	0	0	
1H_Pier_Top-Moment M3	B	1172.682	0.000306	
1H_Pier_Top-Moment M3	C	1172.682	0.015364	
1H_Pier_Top-Moment M3	D	938.1457	0.021126	
1H_Pier_Top-Moment M3	E	0	0.023238	
2H_Pier_Top-Moment M3	-E	0	-0.02402	
2H_Pier_Top-Moment M3	-D	375.7343	-0.02184	
2H_Pier_Top-Moment M3	-C	469.6679	-0.01588	
2H_Pier_Top-Moment M3	-B	469.6679	-0.01074	
2H_Pier_Top-Moment M3	A	0	0	
2H_Pier_Top-Moment M3	B	-469.668	0.010737	
2H_Pier_Top-Moment M3	C	-469.668	0.015884	
2H_Pier_Top-Moment M3	D	-375.734	0.021841	
2H_Pier_Top-Moment M3	E	0	0.024025	
3H_Pier_Top-Moment M3	-E	0	-0.02381	
3H_Pier_Top-Moment M3	-D	2	-0.02164	

The screenshot shows the 'Frame Hinge Property Data' dialog box in SAP2000. It displays a table of hinge properties for a specific hinge (1H_Pier_Bot-Moment M3). The table includes columns for Point, Moment/SF, and Rotation/SF. The dialog also features a graph showing the hinge's behavior and various options for hysteresis and load carrying capacity.

Point	Moment/SF	Rotation/SF
E	0	-0.0232
D	-938.1457	-0.0211
C	-1172.682	-0.0154
B	-1172.682	0
A	0	0
B	1172.6821	0
C	1172.6821	0.0154
D	938.1457	0.0211
E	0	0.0232

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Non-linear Static (Pushover) Analysis

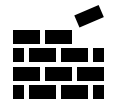
Purpose and necessary steps

Purpose:

- Determination of building capacity
- Description of building performance under horizontal actions

Steps:

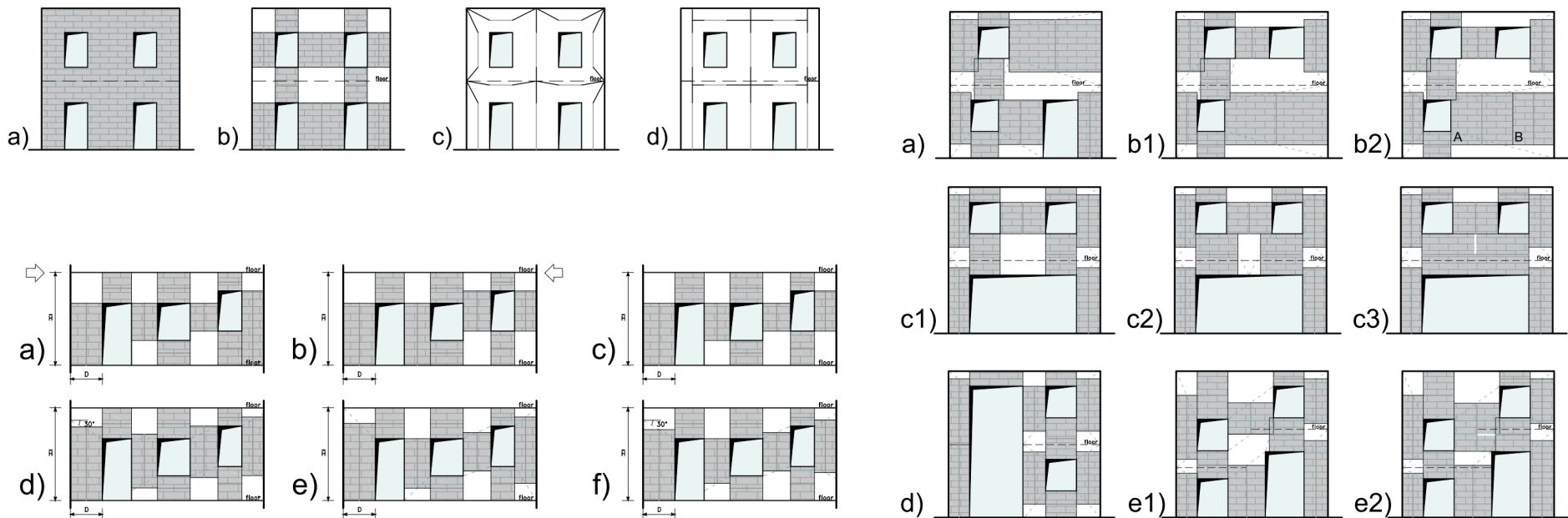
- Identification of structural components (piers, spandrels, rigid nodes)
- Creation of suitable structural model (incl. boundary conditions, gravity loads, etc.)
- Assignment of nonlinear behaviour properties/descriptions
- Definition of lateral load pattern or horizontal action (modal, uniform, EC8)



1. Definition of geometry

Multiple criteria for

- macroelements' discretisation
- calculating the deformable lengths of piers
- coping with irregular opening layouts

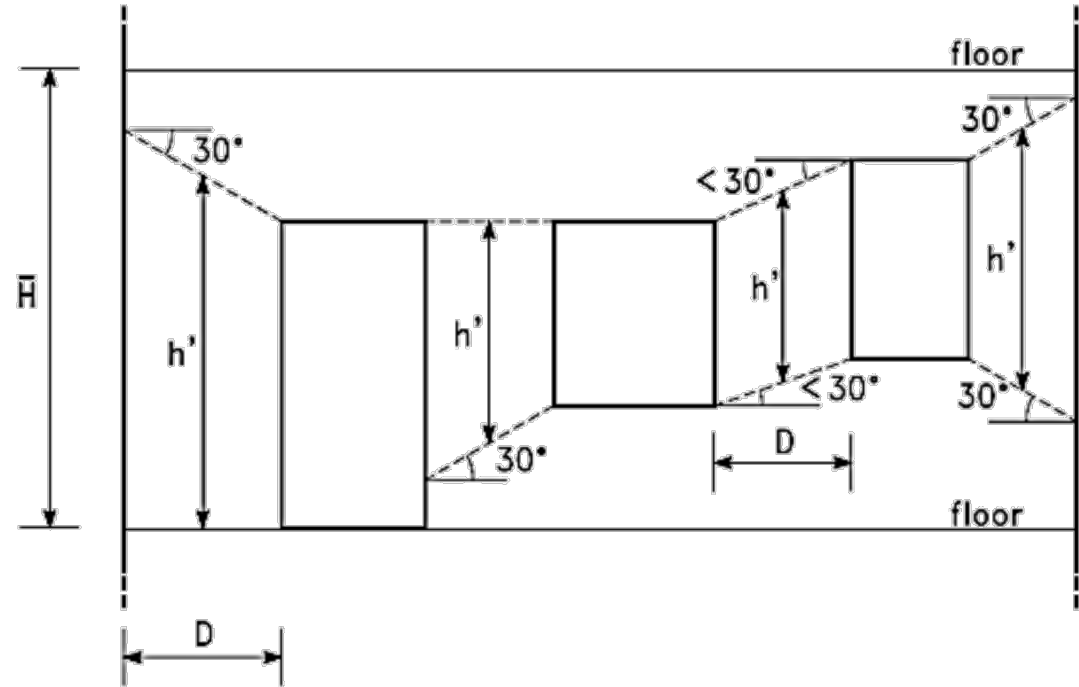


1. Definition of geometry

Piers' effective (deformable) height

$$H_{eff} = h' + \frac{1}{3} \cdot D \cdot \frac{(\bar{H} - h')}{h'}$$

(Dolce, 1989)



1. Definition of geometry

Macroelements



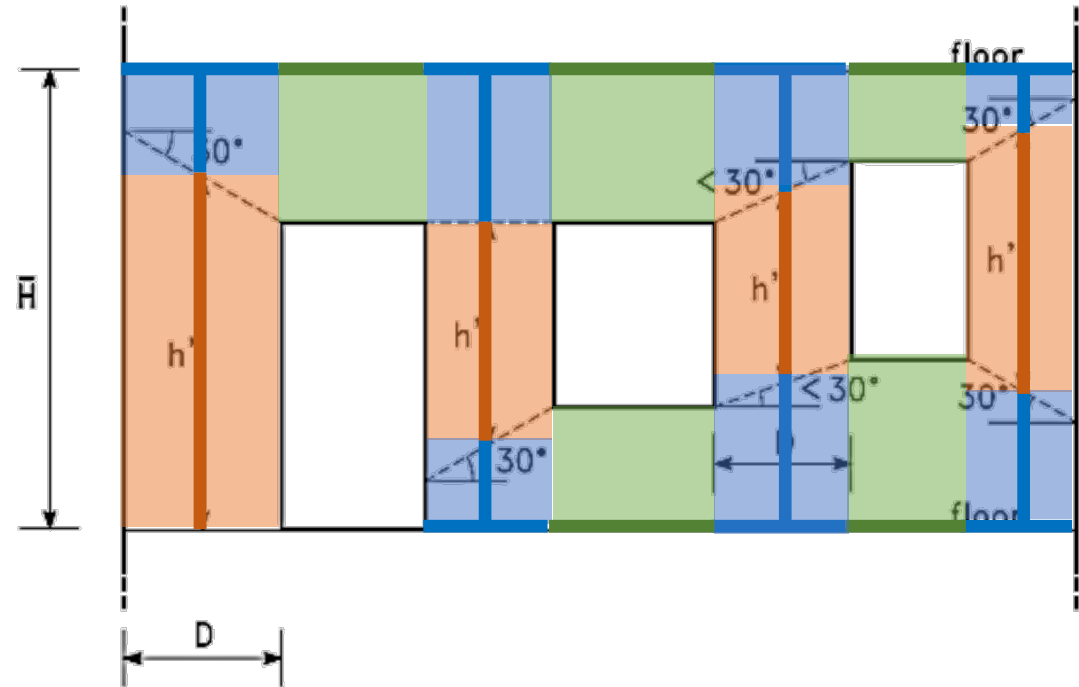
Rigid Nodes



Piers



Spandrels



2. Definition of materials

S Uniaxial Nonlinear Material Data ✕

Edit

Material Name
Masonry

Material Type
Other

Hysteresis Type
Takeda

Drucker-Prager Parameters
Friction Angle: 0.
Dilatational Angle: 0.

Units
KN, m, C

Stress-Strain Curve Definition Options
 Parametric
 User Defined

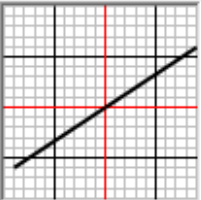
Acceptance Criteria Strains

	Tension	Compression
IO	0.01	-5.000E-03
LS	0.02	-0.01
CP	0.05	-0.02

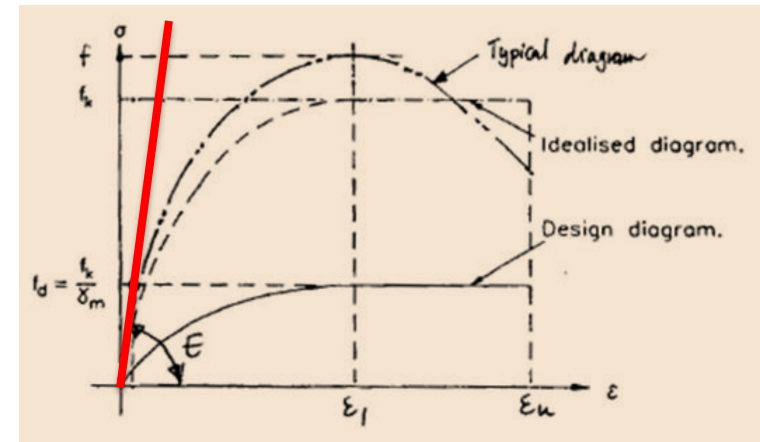
Ignore Tension Acceptance Criteria

User Stress-Strain Curve Data
Number of Points in Stress-Strain Curve: 3

	Strain	Stress	Point ID
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2	0.	0.	A
3	1.111E-06	1.	

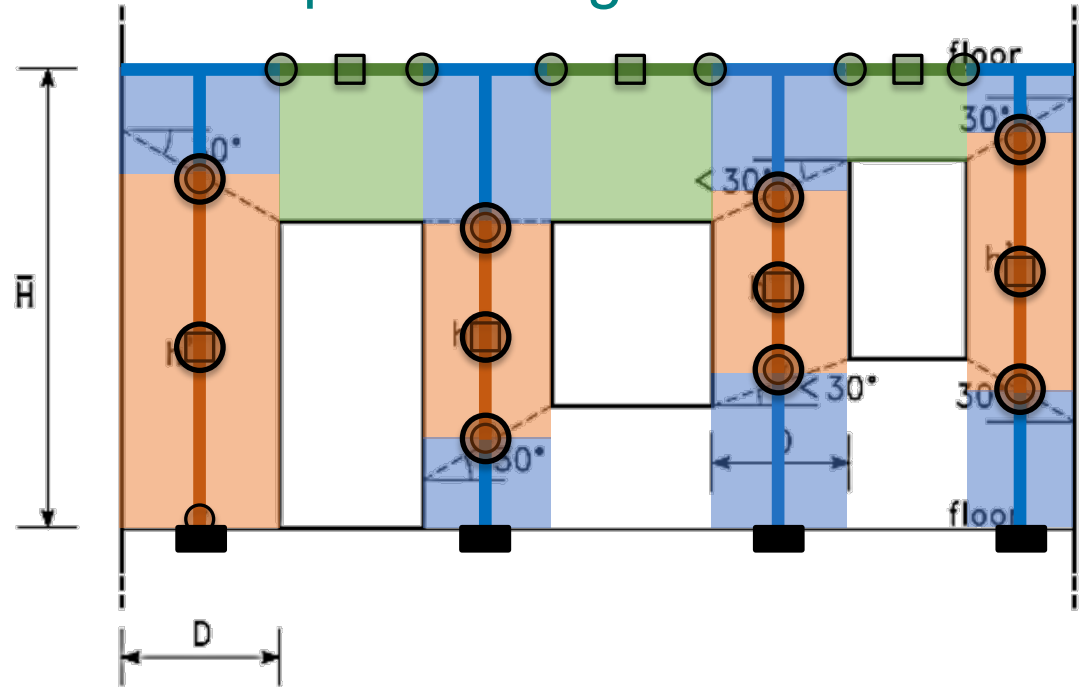
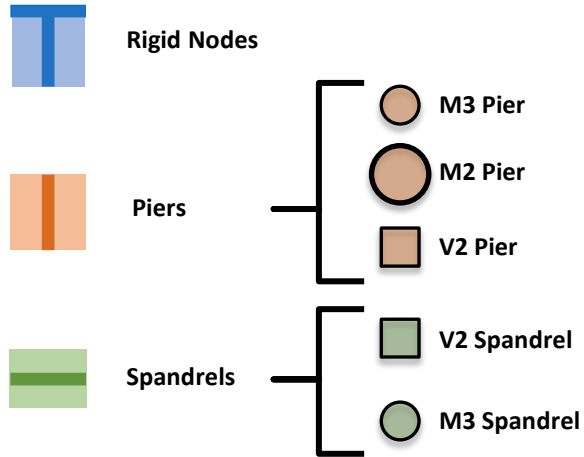


Each element can be modelled with **linear-elastic materials**, and the nonlinearity of the elements is translated through **concentrated / lumped inelasticity**



3. Definition of non-linear behaviour: plastic hinges

Macroelement's Plastic hinges



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Piers' in plane mechanisms

Flexural failure

Rocking

Sub-vertical cracks
Tensile flexural cracking

$$M_u = \frac{\sigma_o D^2 t}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\sigma_o}{k f_d} \right)$$

Diagonal cracking

Diagonal crack

$$V_{u,f_diag} = \frac{1.5 \tau_o D t}{b} \sqrt{1 + \frac{\sigma_o}{1.5 \tau_o}}$$

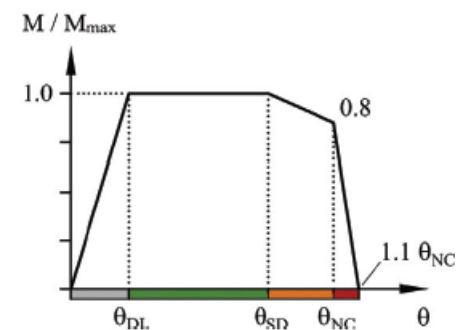
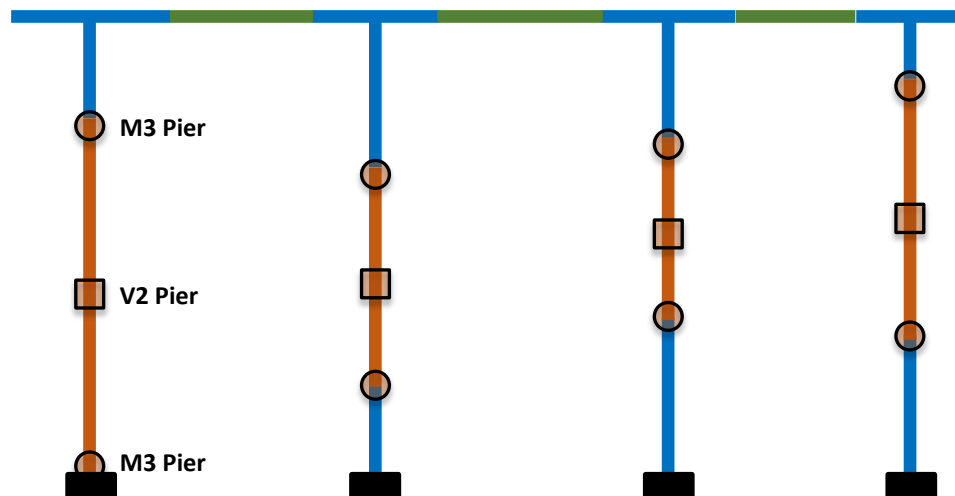
Teoria de Tumsek & Cacovic

Shear sliding

Sliding on a horizontal plane

$$V_{u,desliz} = \frac{1,5c_u + \sigma_o \mu}{1 + \frac{3H'}{\sigma_o D}} Dt$$

Teoria de Mohr-Coulomb

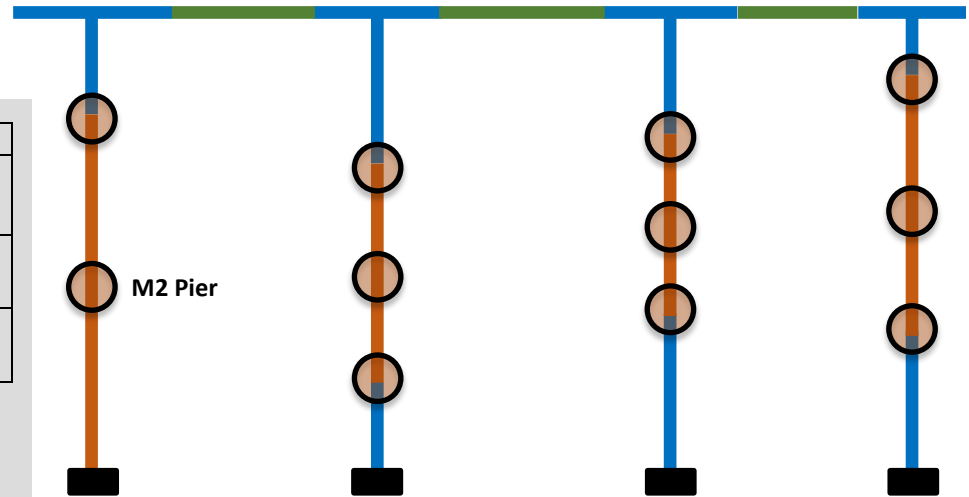


Failure mode	Pier (in-plane)		
	θ_{DL}	θ_{SD}	θ_{NC}
Rocking	θ_{cr}	$0.008 \alpha_V$	$0.011 \alpha_V$
Shear ^a	θ_{cr}	0.004	0.005

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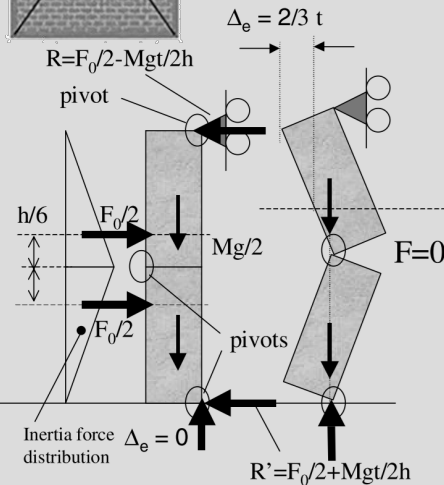
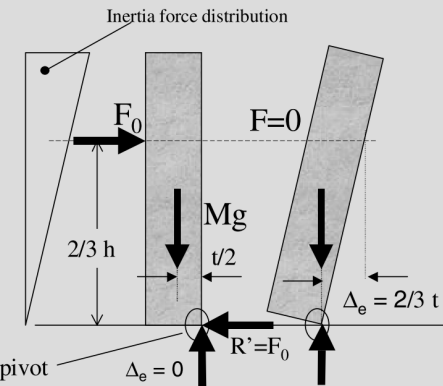
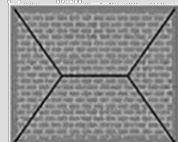
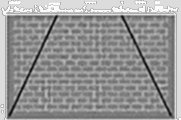
Piers' out-of-plane mechanisms

	Uniform	Triangular
K1x top hinge	$\frac{3 \cdot \dot{\Delta}_N' + \frac{\Delta_N}{2} \cdot \Delta_N}{3 \cdot \dot{\Delta}_N' + \frac{\Delta_N}{2} \cdot \Delta_N}$	$\frac{\dot{\Delta}_N' + \frac{\Delta_N}{2} \cdot \Delta_N}{\dot{\Delta}_N' + \frac{\Delta_N}{2} \cdot \Delta_N}$
K1x bottom hinge	$\frac{3 \cdot \dot{\Delta}_N' + \frac{\Delta_N}{2} \cdot \Delta_N}{3 \cdot \dot{\Delta}_N' + \frac{\Delta_N}{2} \cdot \Delta_N}$	$\frac{\dot{\Delta}_N' + \frac{\Delta_N}{2} \cdot \Delta_N}{\dot{\Delta}_N' + \frac{\Delta_N}{2} \cdot \Delta_N}$
K2x middle hinge	$\frac{3 \cdot \dot{\Delta}_N' + \frac{\Delta_N}{4} \cdot \Delta_N}{3 \cdot \dot{\Delta}_N' + \frac{\Delta_N}{4} \cdot \Delta_N}$	$\frac{\dot{\Delta}_N' + \frac{\Delta_N}{4} \cdot \Delta_N}{\dot{\Delta}_N' + \frac{\Delta_N}{4} \cdot \Delta_N}$



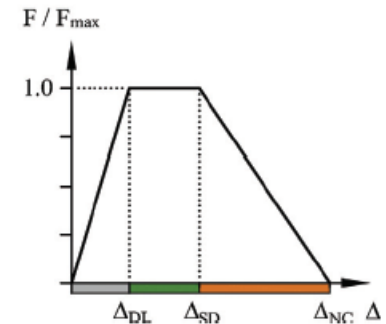
K1x

K2x



Failure at bottom

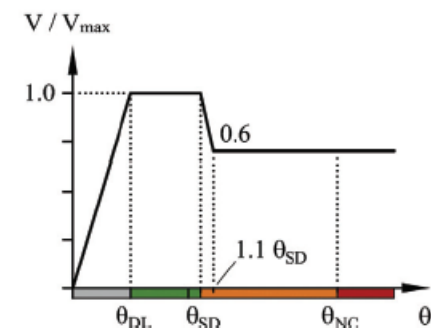
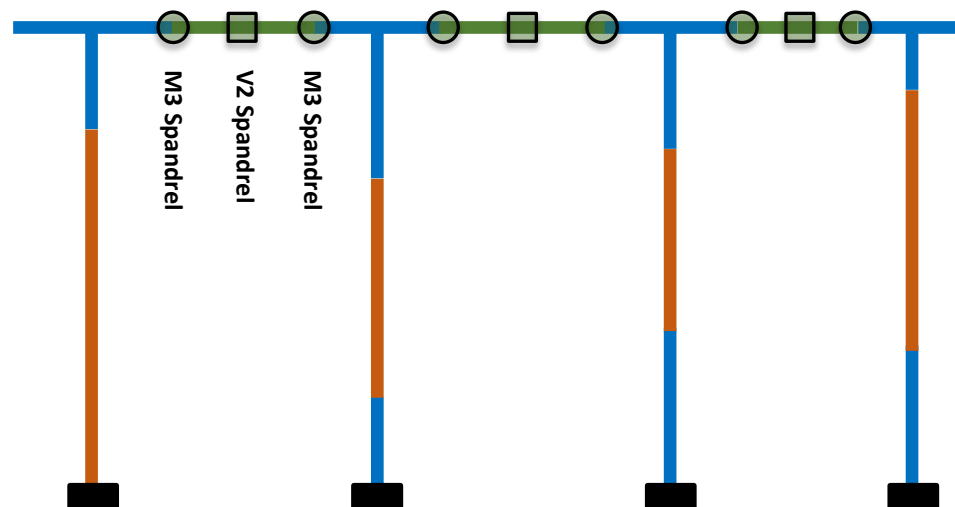
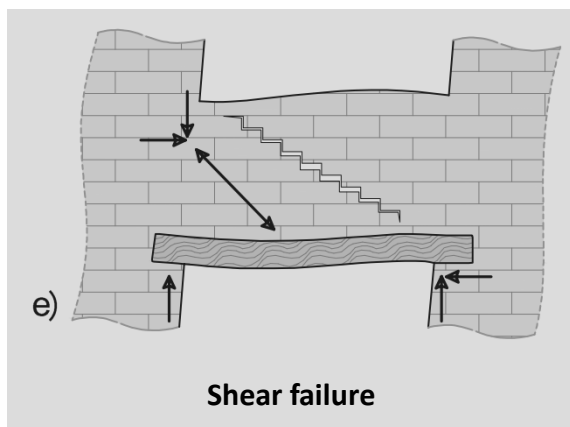
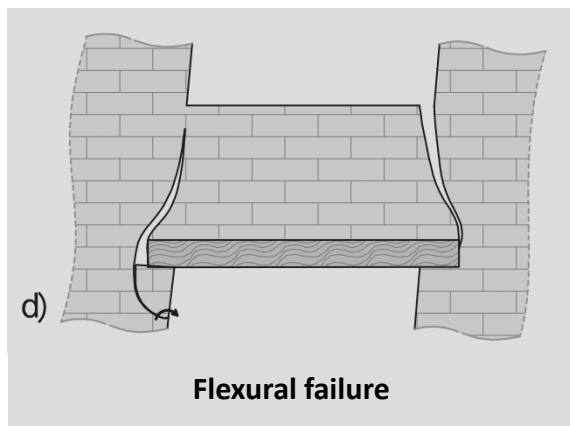
Failure at middle



Failure mode	Pier (out-of-plane) ^b		
	Δ_{DL}	Δ_{SD}	Δ_{NC}
Rocking	0.04t	0.18t	0.66t
Shear ^a			

3. Definition of non-linear behaviour: plastic hinges

Spandrels' mechanisms



Failure mode	Spandrel		
	θ_{DL}	θ_{SD}	θ_{NC}
Rocking	0.002	$0.008 l_{sp}/h_{sp}$	0.015
Shear ^a	0.001	0.004	0.02

III. Case-study URM-RC buildings

Practical examples: From BIM to FEM/EFM

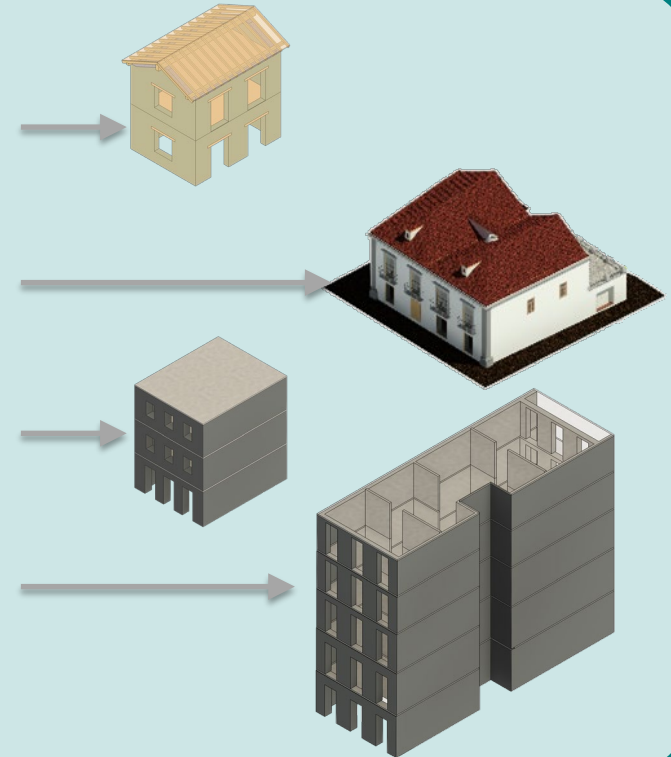
Validation strategy of the seismic assessment methodology

Comparison amongst different types of:

- **Building geometries** (pier H/D ratio, opening ratio, number of storeys)
- **Material properties**

Case-study URM-RC buildings

- EUCENTRE buildings – Model from experimental seismic table test campaign (unreinforced and reinforced typologies)
- 2 storey building – Model from laser scanning survey + ambient vibration testing
- 3 storey building – Model based on statistical study of the Portuguese building stock (Lovon, H., et al. 2021)
- 5 storey building – Model follow the minimum dimensions recommended by the Health Regulation for Buildings (RSEU, 1903)



Validation strategy of the seismic assessment methodology

Comparison amongst different types of:

- Building geometries (pier H/D ratio, opening ratio, number of storeys)
- Material properties
- **Analysis methods** (experimental and numerical), based on:
 - Damage observation (damage patterns, failure modes and severity of cracking)
 - Modal analysis (modal shapes, frequencies)
 - Pushover analysis (target displacement, stiffness, capacity)

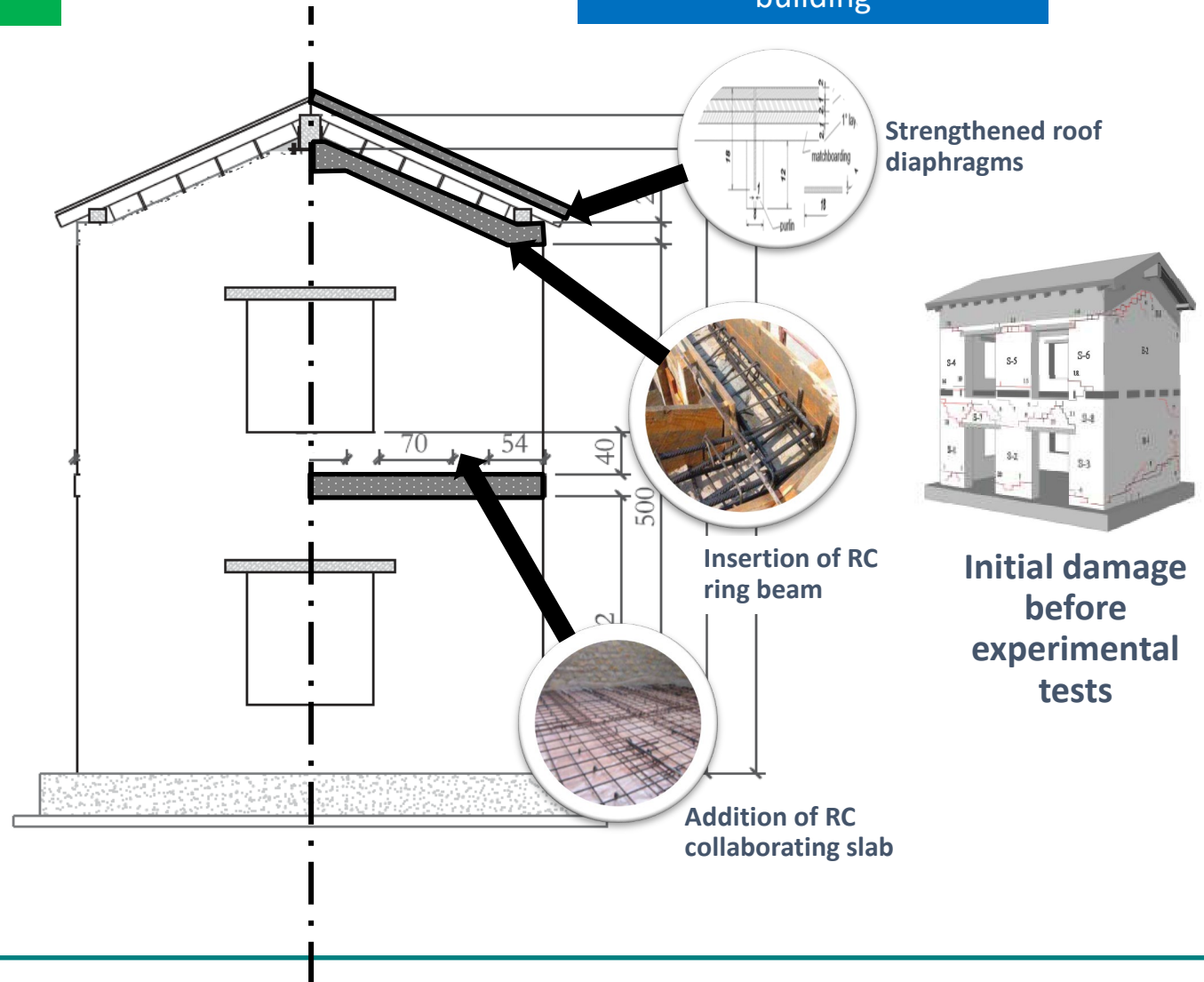
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“Building 1” – original URM building

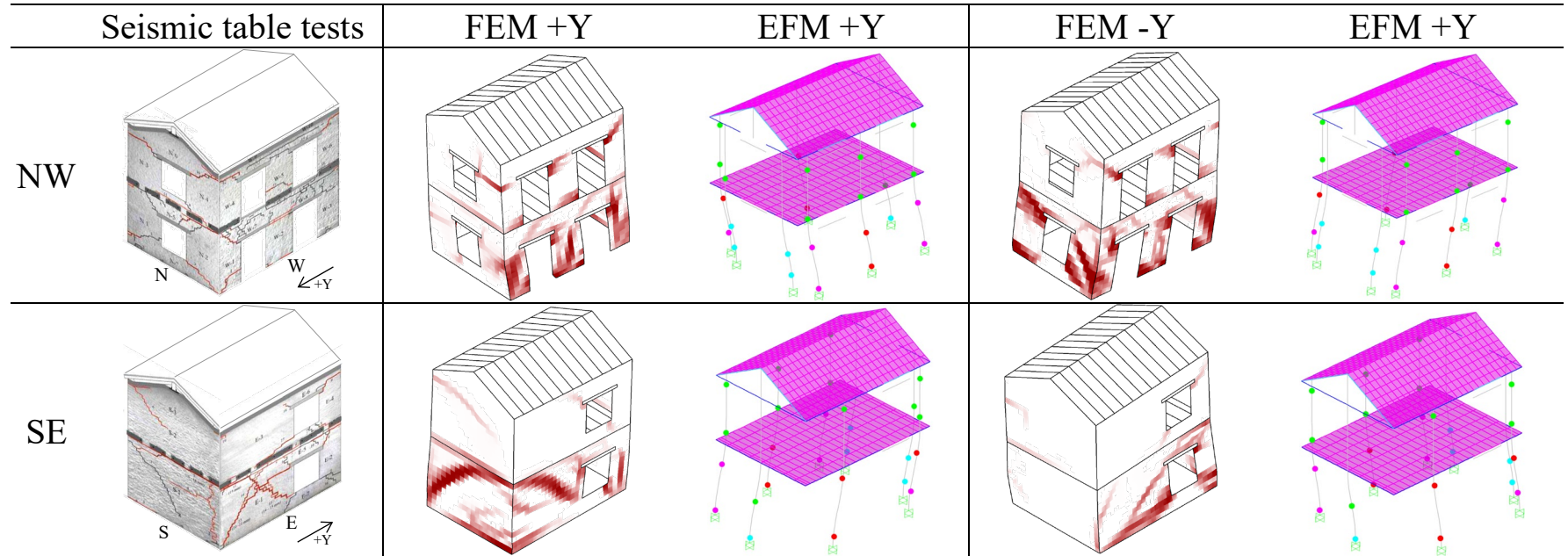


Experimental setup (shaking table tests)

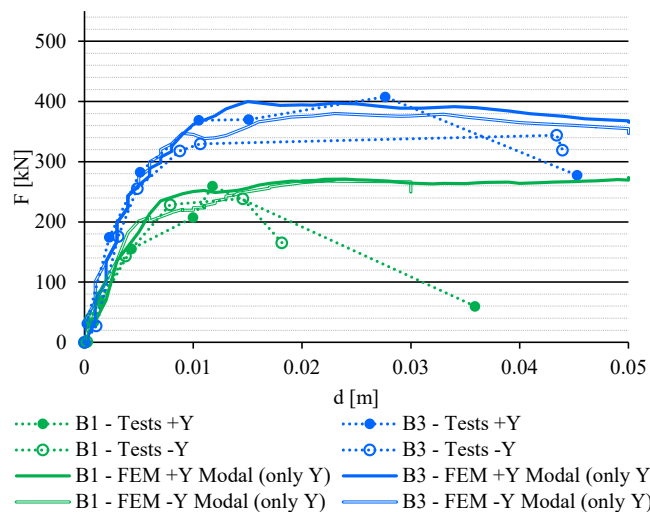
“Building 3” – mixed URM-RC building



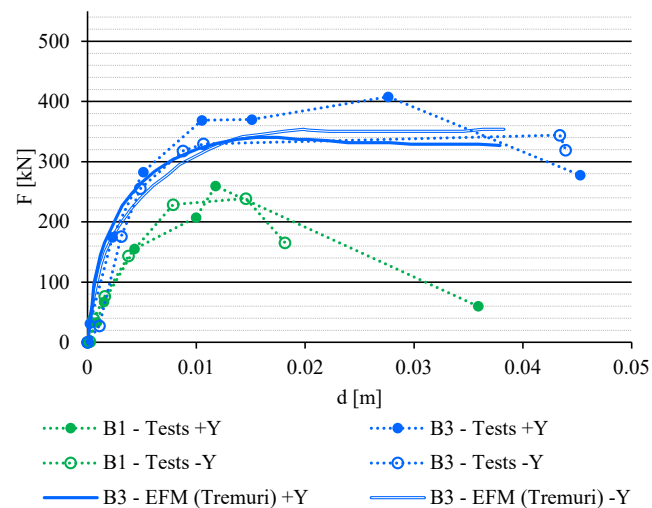
Observed damage patterns and failure mechanisms



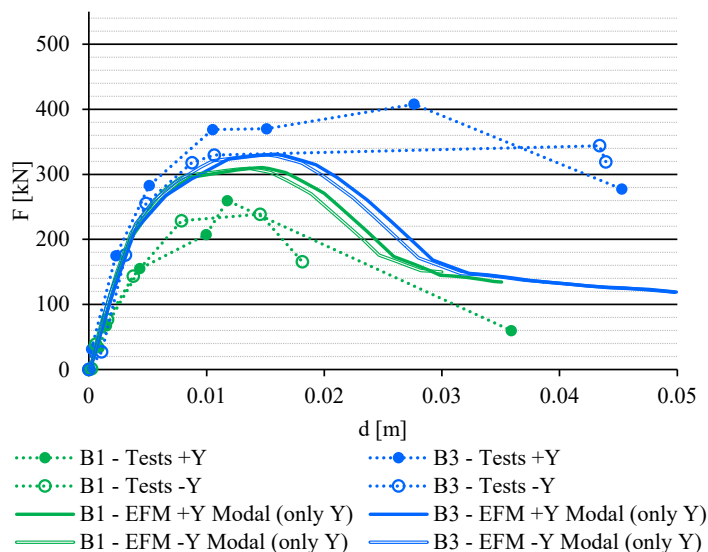
Numerical vs experimental pushover results



(a) FEM (DIANA)

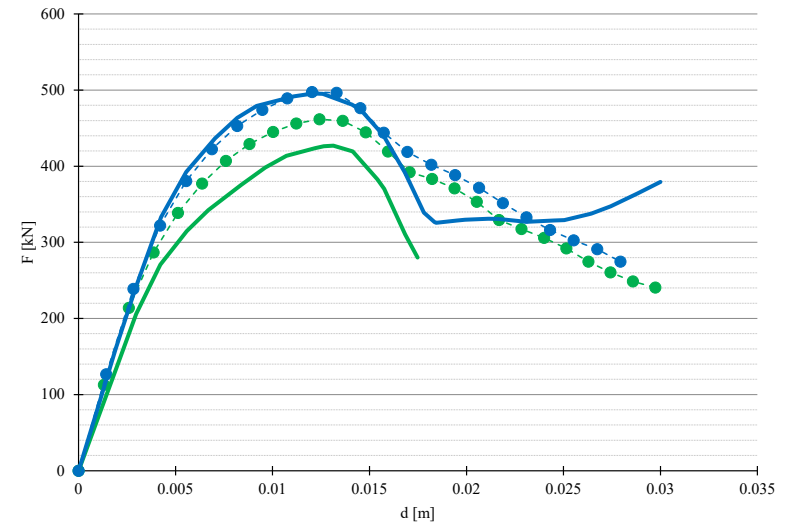
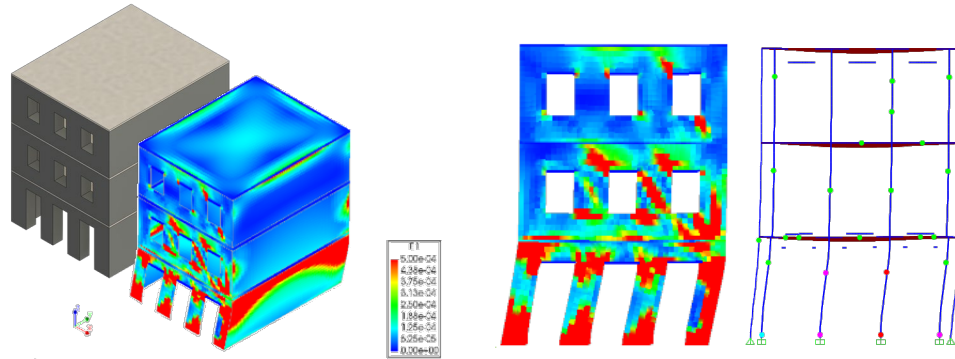


(b) EFM (Tremuri)

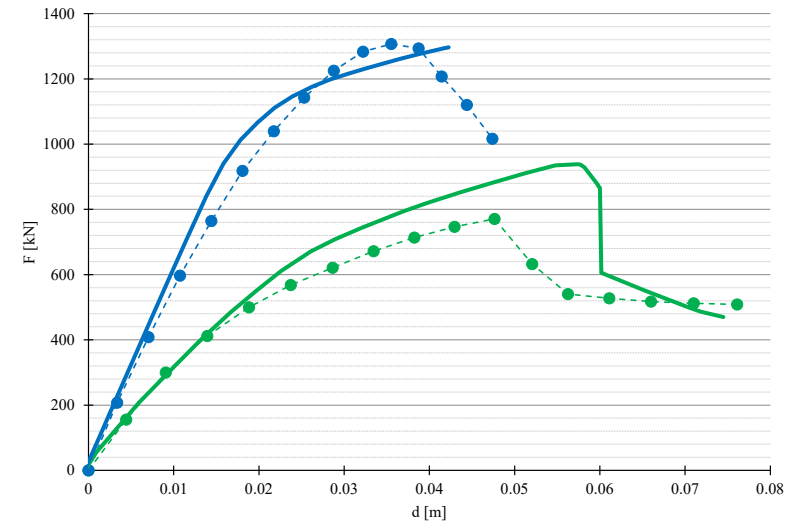
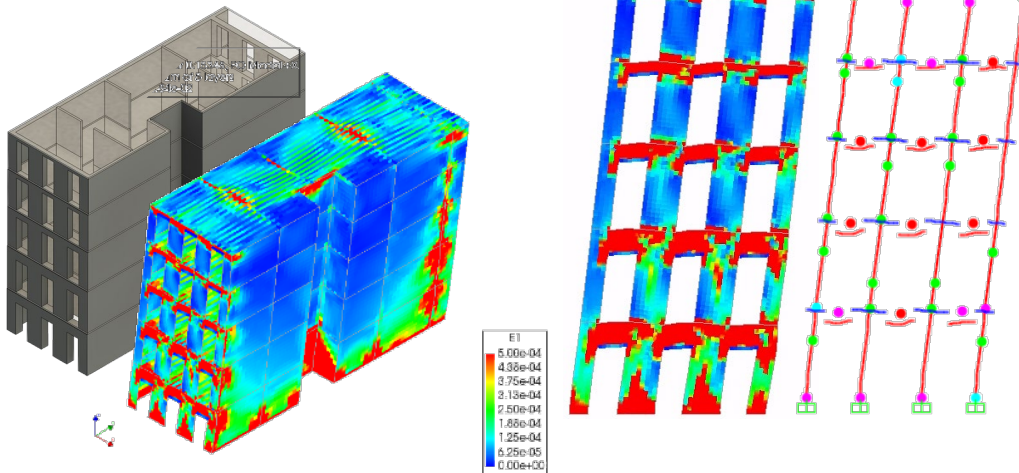


(c) EFM (SAP2000) with α calculated

Case-study URM-RC buildings



● - Timber diaph. - FEM (DIANA) +X Modal (only X)
 ● - RC slab - FEM (DIANA) +X Modal (only X)
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Contributions



Speed of the analysis: EFM vs FEM



Robustness of the model creation plug-in

- Able to handle irregular opening layouts and complex 3D structures



Automation and simplification of processes

- Modelling, analysis, and results

Convenience in engineering practice



- Easy to be implemented in practice-oriented commercial software
- Consistent with the recommendations of several seismic codes (namely the EC8-Part 3)
- Integrated multidisciplinary workflow:

Architect – Engineer – Contractor – Client – User



Freedom of choice

- Not dependent on specific macroelement-based analysis software
- Not dependent on software version compatibility

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