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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

**MSBridge** is a PC-based graphical pre- and post-processor (user-interface) for conducting nonlinear Finite Element (FE) studies for multi-span multi-column bridge systems. Main features include:

i) Automatic mesh generation of multi-span (straight or curved) bridge systems
ii) Options of foundation soil springs and foundation matrix
iii) Options of deck hinges, isolation bearings, and steel jackets
iv) Management of ground motion suites
v) Simultaneous execution of nonlinear time history analyses for multiple motions
vi) Visualization and animation of response time histories

Finite element computations are conducted using OpenSees ([http://opensees.berkeley.edu](http://opensees.berkeley.edu), McKenna et al. 2010, Mazzoni et al. 2009), an open source framework developed by the Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research (PEER) Center. The analysis options available in **MSBridge** include:

i) Pushover Analysis
ii) Mode Shape Analysis
iii) Single 3D Base Input Acceleration Analysis
iv) Multiple 3D Base Input Acceleration Analysis
v) Equivalent Static Analysis (ESA)

This document describes how to conduct the above analyses in **MSBridge**. For information on how to download and install **MSBridge**, please visit the **MSBridge** website ([http://www.soilquake.net/msbridge/](http://www.soilquake.net/msbridge/)).

1.1 Units

**MSBridge** supports analysis in both the US/English and SI unit systems, the default system is US/English units. This option is located at the top of the main window (Fig. 2), and can be interchanged during model creation, **MSBridge** will convert all input data to the new unit system.

For conversion between SI and English Units, please check: [http://www.unit-conversion.info/](http://www.unit-conversion.info/)

Some commonly used quantities can be converted as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
1 \text{ kPa} & = 0.14503789 \text{ psi} \\
1 \text{ psi} & = 6.89475 \text{ kPa} \\
1 \text{ m} & = 39.37 \text{ in}
\end{align*}
\]
1.2 Coordinate Systems

The global coordinate system employed in **MSBridge** is shown in Fig. 1. The origin is located at the left deck-end of the bridge. The bridge deck direction in a straight bridge is referred to as “longitudinal direction (X)”, while the horizontal direction perpendicular to the longitudinal direction is referred to as “transverse direction (Y)”. In a curved bridge, the bridge deck direction at the left deck-end will be used as the longitudinal direction. At any time, “Z” denotes the vertical direction.

![Fig. 1. Global coordinate system employed in MSBridge](image)

When referencing different members and locations, the numbering and names used in **MSBridge** follow designations as follows: The left abutment is designated “Abutment 1” or “Left Abutment”. Moving rightward, and starting with Bent 2, the bents are numbered consecutively. The right abutment is designated “Right Abutment” or “Abutment N” (where N is the last Bent number plus one, e.g., the right abutment can be referred to as “Abutment 5”). The span numbering corresponds to the abutment and bent numbering, so, Span 1 goes from Abutment 1 to Bent 2, and so on.

For multi-column scenarios, the columns are numbered consecutively along the transverse (Y) direction, starting from 1 in the most negative side. e.g., in Fig. 1, the columns at the negative side of the transverse (Y) direction are referred to as Column 1 while those at the positive side are called Column 2. For Bent 3, there are “Column 1 of Bent 3” and “Column 2 of Bent 3”, which are used in **MSBridge** when referencing these 2 columns.

Local coordinate systems will also be used in this document to describe certain components, e.g., deck hinges, isolation bearings, distributed spring abutment models with a skew angle, etc. In that case, labels of “1”, “2” and “3” (or lower case “x”, “y” and “z”) will be used. Please refer to appropriate section for the corresponding description.
1.3 System Requirements

**MSBridge** runs on PC-compatible systems using Windows (NT V4.0, 2000, XP, Vista or 7 & 8). The system should have a minimum hardware configuration appropriate to the particular operating system. For best results, the system’s video should be set to 1024 by 768 or higher.

1.4 Acknowledgments

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OpenSees (currently ver. 2.4.0 is employed) is a software framework (McKenna et al. 2010) for developing applications to simulate the performance of structural and geotechnical systems subjected to earthquakes (for more information, please visit [http://opensees.berkeley.edu/](http://opensees.berkeley.edu/)).


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2 Getting Started

2.1 Start-Up

On Windows, start MSBridge from the Start button or from an icon on your desktop. To Start MSBridge from the Start button:

i) Click Start, and then select All Programs.
ii) Select the MSBridge folder
iii) Click on MSBridge (icon: )

The MSBridge main window is shown in Fig. 2.

![MSBridge main window](image)

Fig. 2. MSBridge main window

2.2 Interface

There are 3 main regions in the MSBridge window – menu bar, the model input, and the FE mesh.
2.2.1 Menu Bar

The menu bar, shown in Fig. 3, offers rapid access to most MSBridge main features.
Fig. 3. Menu and submenu bars: a) menu bar; b) menu **File**; c) menu **Execute**; d) menu **Display**; e) menu **Report**; and f) menu **Help**
The main features in **MSBridge** are organized into the following menus:

- **File**: Controls reading, writing and printing of model definition parameters, exporting the mesh to other software such as SAP2000 (for Versions 7 and 15) and Matlab, and exiting **MSBridge**.

Please note that exporting to SAP2000 .s2k file will work only if all of the following conditions are met (for now):

1) The column is linearly elastic
2) The abutment model is Elastic or Roller
3) The foundation must be Rigid-Base or Foundation Matrix
4) There is no Deck Hinge, no Isolation Bearing or no Steel Jacket, and
5) Analysis option is Pushover (monotonic) or Mode Shape Analysis

- **Execute**: Controls running analyses and OpenSees analysis parameters.
- **Display**: Controls displaying of the analysis results.
- **Report**: Controls creating the analysis report in Microsoft Word format
- **Help**: Visit the **MSBridge** website and display the copyright/acknowledgment message (Fig. 4).

Note that Fig. 3a shows a “Lock Model” button which is a toggle button that prevents from overwriting analysis results after the analysis is done. If the model is in “Locked Mode”, all OK buttons (and Apply buttons) are disabled and users cannot make changes to the current model. To unlock the model, users need to click the “Lock Model” button. If the model is in “Unlocked Mode”, analysis results (if any) will be overwritten if analysis is launched.
2.2.2 Model Input Region

The model input region controls definitions of the model and analysis options, which are organized into three regions (Fig. 2):

**Step 1: Define Model & Check Responses**: Controls definitions of bridge parameters including material properties. Meshing parameters are also defined in this step.

**Step 2: Select Analysis Option**: Controls analysis types (pushover analysis, mode shape analysis or ground shaking). Equivalent Static Analysis (ESA) option is also available.

**Step 3: Run FE Analysis**: Controls execution of the finite element analysis and display the analysis progress bar.

2.2.3 Finite Element Mesh Region

The Finite Element (FE) mesh region (Fig. 2) displays the generated mesh. In this window, the mesh can be manipulated by clicking buttons shown in Fig. 5.

The FE mesh shown in MSBridge is automatically generated. The user can also click the button at the top-right corner (shown in Fig. 5) to re-draw the FE mesh (based on the input data entered).
Fig. 5. Available actions in the FE Mesh window
3 Bridge Model

In MSBridge, the bridge deck, columns and bentcaps are modeled using beam-column elements. The foundation is fixed-based type by default (Fig. 2). Other available foundation types including soil springs and foundation matrix are modeled using zeroLength elements.

To define a bridge model, click corresponding buttons Fig. 6. To include a deck hinge, isolation bearing or use a non-zero skew angle for any bent or abutment, click Advanced. To change the numbers of beam-column element used for the deck, bentcaps and columns, click Mesh. Fig. 7 shows a bridge model with soil springs and deck hinges included.

![Step 1: Define Model and Check Responses](image)

Fig. 6. Model builder buttons

![MSBridge main window (bridge model with soil springs and deck hinges included)](image)

Fig. 7. MSBridge main window (bridge model with soil springs and deck hinges included)
3.1 Spans

To change the number of spans, click Spans in the main window (Fig. 6 and Fig. 8).

**Number of Spans:** The total number of spans for a multi-span bridge. The minimum is 2 and the default value is 4. The maximum allowable number of spans is 100.

**MSBridge** supports models for both Straight Bridge and Curved Bridge options.

3.1.1 Straight Bridge

If the bridge has equal span lengths, click **Equal Span Length** and specify the span length (Fig. 8). The default is 60 feet.

If the bridge has varied span lengths, click **Varied Span Length** and then **Modify Span Lengths** to specify span lengths (Fig. 9). Fig. 10 shows a sample straight bridge model with varied span lengths.

![Image of Spans window](image)

Fig. 8. Spans
3.1.2 Curved Bridge

To define a curved bridge, please check **Horizontal Alignment** and/or **Vertical Alignment** in Fig. 8.

3.1.2.1 Horizontal Curved Bridge

To define a horizontally curved bridge, check **Horizontal Alignment** in Fig. 8. Fig. 11 shows the window to define the horizontal curves. **Begin Curve Length** refers to the starting location of the horizontal curve (see Fig. 12a). **Curve Radius** refers to the radius of the horizontal curve, **Curve Length** refers to the arc length of the horizontal curve. And the directions (**Left** or **Right**) refers to the arc rotation direction relative to the
starting location (Right: clockwise rotation in XY plan view; Left: counter-clockwise in XY plan view). Click Insert Curve to add a horizontal curve and click Delete Curve to remove the chosen curve. Fig. 14 shows examples of horizontal alignment.

3.1.2.2 Vertical Curved Bridge

To define a vertically curved bridge, check Vertical Alignment in Fig. 8. Fig. 13 shows the window to define the vertical curves. Begin Curve Length refers to the starting location of the beginning slope of the vertical curve (see Fig. 12b). Curve Length refers to the length of the vertical curve. End Curve Slope refers to the slope of the end slope. Note that the slope value can be negative, zero or positive. Similarly, Click Insert Curve to add a horizontal curve and click Delete Curve to remove the chosen curve. Fig. 15 shows examples of horizontal and vertical alignment.

Note that the horizontal curve/alignment employs the circular arc while the vertical curve/alignment employs the parabolic equation. Any two (horizontal or vertical) curves cannot be overlapped and any newly added curves must be located outside all previous curves.

For the detailed technical information on the horizontal & vertical alignments, please refer to the CalTrans Course Workbook for Land Surveyors (2011).

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Fig. 11. Horizontal alignment
Fig. 12. Horizontal and vertical alignments: a) horizontal alignment (plan view); b) vertical alignment (side view)

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Fig. 15. Examples of vertically curved bridges (vertical alignment): a) single slope; b) begin and end slopes; c) multiple slopes; d) mixing slope and zero-slope.
3.2 Deck

To change Deck properties, click Deck in Fig. 6. Fig. 16 shows the window to modify the deck material and section properties.

**MSBridge** uses an elastic material model for the bridge deck elements. Fig. 16 shows the default values for the deck material properties including *Youngs Modulus*, *Shear Modulus*, and *Unit Weight*.

![Deck properties window](image)

Fig. 16. Material properties of the bridge deck

Fig. 16 also shows the deck Section properties. Section properties can be input directly in Fig. 16, if available. If this information is not available **MSBridge** will generate properties based on general box girder section dimensions. Click **Recalculate Section from Box Girder** in Fig. 16 to define the new box girder shape (Fig. 17). The default values of geometrical properties are of typical for a four-cell reinforced concrete box girder deck configuration. **Weight per Unit Length** is equal to the **Area of Cross Section** times the **Unit Weight** defined in Fig. 16. Click **OK** in Fig. 17 if the user would like to use the defined cross section. Corresponding entries in Fig. 16 will be updated.
IMPORTANT NOTE: If using self-defined section properties the Box Width in Fig. 17 will be used as the deck width of the bridge. To use a different deck width, the user needs to modify Box Width in Fig. 17.

Fig. 17. Box girder shape employed for the bridge deck

3.3 Bentcap

To change bent cap properties, click Bentcap in Fig. 6. Fig. 18 shows the window to modify the bentcap material and section properties.

MSBridge uses an elastic material model for the bridge bentcap elements. Fig. 18 shows the default values for the bentcap material properties including Youngs Modulus, Shear Modulus, and Unit Weight.

Fig. 18 also shows the bentcap Section properties. Section properties can be input directly in Fig. 18, if available. If this information is not available MSBridge will generate properties based on a rectangular section dimensions. Click Recalculate Section from Rectangular in Fig. 18 to define the new rectangular shape (Fig. 19). Weight per Unit Length is equal to the Area of Cross Section times the Unit Weight defined in Fig. 18.
Click **OK** in Fig. 17 if the user would like to use the defined cross section. Corresponding entries in Fig. 18 will be updated.

Fig. 18. Material properties of the bent cap
3.4 Columns

To modify column properties, click Columns in Fig. 6. Fig. 20 shows the window to define columns.

The current version assumes that all bents have the same number of columns, and the same Column Spacing. If Number of Column for Each Bent is 1, Column Spacing will be ignored (Fig. 20).
3.4.1 Column Heights

To define column heights, click **Modify Column Heights** in Fig. 20. A window for defining column heights will appear (Fig. 21).

3.4.2 Column Connection
In a multi-column case (the number of columns per bent is equal to 2 or more), the user can specify the boundary connection conditions of the columns. Click **Column Connection** (in Fig. 20) to select the boundary condition for the columns and bent cap connection. Three options are available (Fig. 22): i) fixed at top / pinned at base; ii) pinned at top / fixed base; and iii) fixed at both top and base. **Note:** In a single column case (the number of columns per bent is equal to 1), both column top and base are assumed fixed.

![Column Connection](image)

**Fig. 22. Column boundary conditions**

### 3.4.3 Column Properties

To define the material and geometrical properties of column, click **Column Properties** in Fig. 20. For now, all columns will assume to have the same material and geometrical properties. Uses can choose to use the linearly elastic column or nonlinear Fiber column. By default, the nonlinear Fiber section is used (Fig. 23).

#### 3.4.3.1 Cross Section Types

The cross sections currently available in **MSBridge** include Circle, Octagon, Hexagon and Rectangle (Fig. 23). For the Circular, Octagonal and Hexagonal sections, the user needs to define the Column Diameter. For Rectangular section, the user needs to define the widths in bridge longitudinal and transverse directions (Fig. 23).

#### 3.4.3.2 Linearly Elastic Column

To activate the linear column, check the checkbox **Column is Linearly Elastic** (Fig. 24). Elastic beam-column element (elasticBeamColumn, McKenna et al. 2010) is used for the column in this case.
Click **Elastic Material Properties** to define **Youngs Modulus, Shear Modulus** and **Unit Weight** of the column (Fig. 25). Click **Section Properties** to change the column section properties (by changing the cracked section factors) as shown in Fig. 26.

### 3.4.3.3 Nonlinear Fiber Section

To use nonlinear Fiber section for the column, click **Nonlinear Fiber Section** (Fig. 23). The window for defining the Fiber section is shown in Fig. 27. Click Material Properties buttons to define the material properties for the rebar, the core and the cover concrete (Fig. 28). Nonlinear beam-column elements with fiber section for the circular cross section (Fig. 29) are used to simulate the column in this case. The calculations of fibers for the octagonal and hexagonal cross sections are similar to that of the circular cross section except for the cover. Fig. 30 shows a slightly treatment of fiber calculations for the octagonal and hexagon cross sections.

For Rectangular section, the number of bars refers to the number of reinforcing bars around the section perimeter (equal spacing).

Two types of nonlinear Beam-Column Elements are available for the column: **Beam With Hinges** and **Force-Based Beam Column** (McKenna et al. 2010). By default, Forced-based beam-column elements (**nonlinearBeamColumn**, McKenna et al. 2010) are used (the number of integration points = 5). The default values for the material properties of the column are shown in Tables 2-4.

When the **Beam With Hinges** Element is used, the calculation of the plastic hinge length ($L_p$) for the column is based on Eq. 7.25 of SDC (2010):

$$L_p = \begin{cases} 
0.08L + 0.15f_{ye}d_{bl} & \geq 0.3f_{ye}d_{bl} \\
0.08L + 0.022f_{ye}d_{bl} & \geq 0.044f_{ye}d_{bl} 
\end{cases} \quad \text{(in, ksi)}$$

$$L_p = \begin{cases} 
0.08L + 0.022f_{ye}d_{bl} & \geq 0.044f_{ye}d_{bl} 
\end{cases} \quad \text{(mm, MPa)}$$

Where $L$ is the column height, $f_{ye}$ is the steel yield strength, $d_{bl}$ is the longitudinal bar size. The plastic hinge length ($L_p$) is the equivalent length of column over which the plastic curvature is assumed constant for estimating plastic rotation (SDC 2010).

The material options available for the steel bar include **Elastic, Steel01, Steel02** and **ReinforcingSteel**. The material options available for the concrete include **Elastic, ENT** (Elastic-No Tension), **Concrete01**, and **Concrete02**.
Fig. 23. Column properties and available beam-column element types
Fig. 24. Definition of linear column

Fig. 25. Column Elastic material properties

Fig. 26. Column Section properties
By default, the Steel02 material in OpenSees (McKenna et al. 2010) is employed to simulate the steel bars and Concrete02 material is used for the concrete (core and cover). Steel02 is a uniaxial Giuffré-Menegotto-Pinto material that allows for isotropic strain hardening. Concrete02 is a uniaxial material with linear tension softening. The Concrete02 material parameters were obtained from the Mander (1988) constitutive relationships for confined and unconfined concrete. More details on the derivation of the default values and the OpenSees uniaxialMaterial definitions used for each material are shown in Appendix A.

Fig. 31, Fig. 32, and Fig. 33 show the stress-strain curves for the steel, core, and cover concrete materials, respectively (The stress-strain curve is only calculated up to 6% of strain). These plots can be obtained for updated material properties directly from the interface by clicking on the corresponding View Stress-Strain buttons in the Column Material Properties window (Fig. 27). The moment-curvature response for the column is shown in Fig. 34 (generated with consideration of the overall deck weight 2680 kip applied at the column top). For comparison, XSECTION (CalTrans, 1999) result is also available (Fig. 34).

**Fig. 27. Nonlinear Fiber Section window**
Fig. 28. Column nonlinear material properties: a) Steel02 material; b) ReinforcingSteel material; c) Concrete02 material for the core concrete; d) Concrete02 material for the cover material
Fig. 29. Column fiber section (based on PEER best modeling practices report, Berry and Eberhard, 2007): a) Circle; b) Octagon; c) Hexagon

Fig. 30. OpenSees quadrilateral patch employed for calculating the cover concrete fibers for: a) Octagon; and b) Hexagon cross section

Table 1. Default values for column reinforced concrete (RC) section properties

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Table 2. Default values for Steel02 material properties

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*The strain-hardening ratio is the ratio between the post-yield stiffness and the initial elastic stiffness.

**The constants R0, cR1 and cR2 are parameters to control the transition from elastic to plastic branches.

Table 3. Default values for Concrete02 material properties

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Fig. 31. Stress-strain curve for a steel material (default values employed): a) Steel01 (with a strain limit); b) Steel02 (with a strain limit); and c) ReinforcingSteel (with a strain limit)
Fig. 32. Stress-strain curve of the core concrete material (default values employed): a) Elastic-No Tension; b) Concrete01; and c) Concrete02
Fig. 33. Stress-strain curve of the cover concrete material (default values employed): a) Concrete01; and b) Concrete02

Fig. 34. Moment-curvature response for the column (with default steel and concrete parameters, and the deck weight 2680 kip applied at the column top
3.5 Foundation

3.5.1 Rigid Base

There are three types of foundations available (Fig. 35): **Rigid Base**, **Soil Springs** and **Foundation Matrix**. If Rigid Base is chosen, all column bases will be fixed (in 3 translational and 3 rotational directions). In that case, the “fixity” nodes of the abutment models are also fixed.

![Bridge Foundation dialog box with Rigid Base, Soil Springs, and Foundation Matrix options](image)

Fig. 35. Foundation types available in MSBridge

3.5.2 Soil Springs

To define soil springs, choose **Soil Springs** (Fig. 35) and then click **Modify Soil Springs** to define soil spring data or click **Modify Shaft Foundation** to define pile shaft data (Fig. 35). It is possible to include a shaft foundation at particular bents or abutments, simply check the box to turn off/on shaft foundation for each bent/abutment.

Parameters defining the pile foundation include (Fig. 36):

- **Pile Diameter**: the diameter of the pile shaft (the cross section is assumed to be circular), which is 48 in by default.
- **Young’s Modulus**: Young’s Modulus of the pile shaft. The foundation piles are assumed to remain linear.
- **Pile Group Layout** (see Fig. 36). This option allows defining the numbers of pile as well as the spacing (in the bridge longitudinal and transverse directions). For now, this option is only available for both abutments. For a bent, one single pile is assumed.
Fig. 36. Shaft foundation for abutments and bents

When implementing the soil springs for an abutment section consider Fig. 37 as a representation of the model. The “abutment nodes” are the same nodes that will be referred to in the abutment model section. These nodes are described as the “fixities” in each of the SDC models figures.
Parameters defining soil springs are shown in Fig. 38. Two identical horizontal soil springs (one for the bridge longitudinal direction and the other one for the transverse direction) will be applied at each depth. Button **Insert Depth** inserts a depth after the current depth being highlighted. Button **Delete Depth** removes the current depth being highlighted (as well as the associated soil spring data).

To calculate the soil spring data based on p-y equations, click **Select from p-y Curves** (Fig. 38). For now, three types of soil p-y curves are available: **Soft Clay (Matlock)**, **Stiff Clay with no Free Water (Reese)**, and **Sand (Reese)**. Fig. 39 show the calculated p-y curves for the above mentioned soil materials, respectively. The methods to calculate these p-y curves are based on the procedures described in the reference by Reese and van Impe (2001).

To use the soil spring data calculated based on p-y curves, click **OK** and then click **Yes**. The soil spring data chosen will replace the existing any soil spring data (Fig. 40). A sample bridge model with soil springs included is shown in Fig. 41.
Fig. 38. Soil springs
a)

b)

56
c)

Fig. 39. Soil spring calculations based on p-y equations: a) Soft Clay (Matlock); b) Stiff Clay without Free Water (Reese); c) Sand (Reese)
Fig. 40. Soil spring definition window after using the soil spring data calculated based on p-y equations

Fig. 41. Sample FE mesh of a bridge model with soil springs included
3.5.3 Foundation Matrix

The third foundation type available is **Foundation Matrix** (Fig. 35, Li and Conte 2013). In this method, the foundation (only for bent columns) is represented by the coupled foundation stiffness matrix (Lam and Martin 1986). Specifically, the stiffness of a single pile is represented by a 6 x 6 matrix representing stiffness associated with all six degrees of freedom at the pile head. The local coordination system employed for the foundation matrix is parallel to the global coordination system (Fig. 42).

To define foundation matrix, select **Foundation Matrix** and then click **Modify Foundation Matrix** (Fig. 35). Fig. 43 shows the window defining the foundation matrix for the column base of each bent. To apply the matrix defined for any bent for the remaining bents, select that bent in the **Bent No** box and then check **Use this Matrix for All Other Bents**.

Fig. 42. Local coordination system for the foundation matrix
Fig. 43. Foundation matrix for each bent

3.6 Advanced Options

The advanced options in MSBridge include Deck Hinges, Isolation Bearings and Skew Angles. Click Advanced in Fig. 6 to include any of these options as shown in Fig. 44 into the bridge model.
3.6.1 Deck Hinges

To define deck hinges, click **Define Deck Hinges** in Fig. 44 and a window for defining deck hinge properties will appear (Fig. 45). A sample bridge model including 2 deck hinges is shown in Fig. 46.
Fig. 47 shows the general scheme of a Deck Hinge, which consists of 2 compression connectors (located at both deck edges) and cables.

To activate/define a deck hinge, check the checkbox immediately prior to the **Hinge #** (e.g., Hinge 2).

- **Distance to Bent**: The distance to the nearest (left) bent. Foot and meter are used for English and SI units, respectively.
- **Spacing**: The space between transverse left and right deck connectors. This space should usually approximately equal to the Deck Width.
- **Skew Angle**: The skew angle of the deck hinge. A zero skew angle means the deck hinge is perpendicular to the bridge deck direction.
- **# of Cables**: The total number of cables of the deck hinge.
- **Cable Spacing**: The spacing between cables. Symmetric layout of cables is assumed. Foot and meter are used for English and SI units, respectively.

As shown in Fig. 47, zeroLength elements are used for cables and compression connectors. The bearing pads are included in the cables. For each zeroLength element, both nodes are interacted in the longitudinal direction (denoted as direction “1” in Fig. 47) but tied in the vertical direction “3” (not shown in Fig. 47) as well as the transverse direction (denoted as direction “2” in Fig. 47). The above conditions would force both sides of deck segments to move in the same plane. Note that the local coordinate system 1-2-3 may or may not coincide with the global coordinate system X-Y-Z (Fig. 1).

The default values of properties for the compression connectors, cables, bearing pads are also shown in Fig. 45.
Fig. 45. Definition of deck hinges

Fig. 46. FE mesh of a 4-span model with 2 deck hinges included
3.6.2 Isolation Bearings

To define isolation bearings, click **Define Isolation Bearings** in Fig. 44 and a window for defining isolation bearing properties will appear (Fig. 48). A sample bridge model including 2 isolation bearings on each bent cap is displayed in Fig. 49.

To activate/define isolation bearings on a bent cap, check the checkbox immediately prior to the **Bent #** (e.g., Bent 2).

- **# Bearings**: The total number of isolation bearings implemented at the bent cap.
- **Spacing**: The spacing between isolation bearings. A symmetric layout of bearings is assumed.

The default values of material properties for the isolation bearings are also shown in Fig. 48. As shown in Fig. 50, zeroLength elements are used for the isolation bearings (Li and Conte, 2013). For each zeroLength element, the 2 nodes are interacted in both horizontal directions (denoted as directions “1” (not shown) and “2” in Fig. 50) but tied in the vertical direction “3” (Fig. 50). Note that the local coordinate system 1-2-3 may or may not coincide with the global coordinate system X-Y-Z (Fig. 1).
Fig. 48. Definition of isolation bearings

Fig. 49. FE mesh of a 4-span bridge model with 2 isolation bearings included on each bent cap
3.6.3 Steel Jackets

To define steel jackets, click **Define Steel Jackets** in Fig. 44 and a window for defining steel jacket properties will appear (Fig. 51).

For now, the steel jacket option is only available to the circular column. To activate/define steel jacket for all columns for a bent, please nonzero values for the corresponding row (Fig. 51). In the case of partial length of steel jacket (Fig. 52), please specify enough number of elements for the column (since the equal size of elements is used for the columns within a bent, for now).

The steel properties used in the steel jacket implementation are the same as user defined properties for the steel reinforcement of the column shown in Fig. 27.
3.6.4 Skew Angles

The user can choose to use a single (global) skew angle or individual skew angles for abutments and bents. By default, a zero Global Skew Angle is assumed (Fig. 53). To define individual skew angles, check the checkbox **Use Individual Skew Angles**.
To define individual skew angles, click **Bents and Abutments** in Fig. 53a. A window for defining skew angle properties will appear (Fig. 53b).

![Fig. 53. Definition of skew angles](Image)

a)  

b)  

Fig. 53. Definition of skew angles
3.7 Mesh Parameters

To change the number of beam-column elements for the bridge model, click Mesh in Fig. 6. Fig. 54 displays the Mesh Parameters window showing the default values. The number of beam-column elements for a deck segment (a span) must be least 2. And for the bent cap segment between columns, the number of elements must be even.

Fig. 54. Mesh parameters
4 Abutment Models

Abutment behavior, soil-structure interaction, and embankment flexibility have been found by post-earthquake reconnaissance reports to significantly influence the response of the entire bridge system under moderate to strong intensity ground motions. Specifically, for Ordinary Standard bridge structures in California with short spans and relatively high superstructure stiffness, the embankment mobilization and the inelastic behavior of the soil material under high shear deformation levels dominate the response of the bridge and the intermediate column bents (Kotsoglu and Pantazopoulou, 2006, and Shamsabadi et al. 2007, 2010). Seven abutment models have been implemented in MSBridge. The abutment models are defined as Elastic, Roller, SDC 2004, SDC 2010 Sand, SDC 2010 Clay, EPP-Gap and HFD abutment models.

To define an abutment model, click Abutments in Fig. 6. A window for defining an abutment model is shown in Fig. 55.

4.1 Elastic Abutment Model

The Elastic Abutment Model consists of a series of 6 elastic springs (3 translational and 3 rotational) at each node at the end of the bridge (Fig. 56). To choose the Elastic Abutment Model, select Elastic for the Model Type in Fig. 55 (Fig. 57). The main window to define the Elastic Abutment Model is shown in Fig. 58. By default, no additional rotational springs are specified, but can be added by the user.

As shown in Fig. 56 and Fig. 58, MSBridge allows the user to define multiple distributed springs (equal spacing within deck width). The values specified in Fig. 58 are the overall stiffness for each direction (translational or rotational). For the longitudinal direction (translational and rotational), each of the distributed (Elastic) springs carries its tributary amount.

e.g., Fig. 56 shows a case of 4 distributed springs. Each of the both end springs carries one-sixth of the load and each of the middle springs carries one-third (Fig. 56a). The vertical components (translational and rotational) are similar to the longitudinal ones. i.e., each of the distributed springs carries its tributary amount in the vertical direction.

However, the transverse component is different: only the both end-springs carry the load. In other words, each of the end springs carries half of the load along the transverse direction (translational and rotational).

By default, the number of distributed springs is 2. In this case, these 2 springs are located at the both ends of the Rigid element (the length of which is equal to deck width) shown in Fig. 56. However, due to the coupling of the longitudinal, and vertical translational springs, the option of using a single node at each abutment is possible, this gives the user full control over the true rotational stiffness apart from the translational stiffness.
Fig. 55. Definition of an abutment model

The abutment will be rotated counter-clockwise if the skew angle is positive (rotated clockwise if negative). Fig. 59 shows the direction of longitudinal springs in a curved bridge with a non-zero skew angle. Fig. 60 shows a bridge model with 5 distributed abutment springs and a non-zero skew angle.
Fig. 56. General scheme of the Elastic Abutment Model: a) longitudinal component; b) transverse component; c) vertical component
Fig. 57. Definition of the Elastic Abutment Model

Fig. 58. Parameters of the Elastic Abutment Model
Fig. 59. Longitudinal components of the Elastic Abutment Model in a curved bridge: a) left abutment; b) right abutment
4.2 Roller Abutment Model

The Roller Abutment Model (Fig. 61) consists of rollers in the transverse and longitudinal directions, and a simple boundary condition module that applies single-point constraints against displacement in the vertical direction (i.e., bridge and abutment are rigidly connected in the vertical direction). These vertical restraints also provide a boundary that prevents rotation of the deck about its axis (torsion).

This model can be used to provide a lower-bound estimate of the longitudinal and transverse resistance of the bridge that may be displayed through a pushover analysis.

To choose the Roller Abutment Model, select **Roller** for the Model Type in Fig. 55 (and Fig. 62).

Fig. 60. Bridge model with multiple distributed springs and a positive skew angle: a) straight bridge; b) curved bridge
4.3 SDC 2004 Abutment Model

SDC 2004 Abutment Model was developed based on the Spring Abutment Model by Mackie and Stojadinovic (2006). This model includes sophisticated longitudinal, transverse, and vertical nonlinear abutment response. Detailed responses of the abutment model in the longitudinal, transverse, and vertical directions are described below.

4.3.1 Longitudinal Response

The longitudinal response is based on the system response of the elastomeric bearing pads, gap, abutment back wall, abutment piles, and soil backfill material. Prior to impact or gap closure, the superstructure forces are transmitted through the elastomeric bearing pads to the stem wall, and subsequently to the piles and backfill, in a series system. After gap closure, the superstructure bears directly on the abutment back wall and mobilizes the full passive backfill pressure. The detailed scheme of the longitudinal response is shown in Fig. 63a. The typical response of a bearing pad is shown in Fig. 63b. And the typical overall behavior is illustrated in Fig. 63c. The yield displacement of the bearings is
assumed to be at 150% of the shear strain. The longitudinal backfill, back wall, and pile system response are accounted for by a series of zero-length elements between rigid element 2 and the fixity (Fig. 63a). The abutment initial stiffness (Kabt) and ultimate passive pressure (Pabt) are obtained from equations 7.43 and 7.44 of SDC 2004. Fig. 64 shows the directions of zeroLength elements for a curved bridge with a skew angle.

Each bearing pad has a default height (h) of 0.0508 m (2 in) which can be modified by user and a side length (square) of 0.508 m (20 in). The properties of a bearing pad are listed in Table 4.

The abutment is assumed to have a nominal mass proportional to the superstructure dead load at the abutment, including a contribution from structural concrete as well as the participating soil mass. An average of the embankment lengths obtained from Zhang and Makris (2002) and Werner (1994) is included in the calculation of the participating mass due to the embankment of the abutment. The user can modify the lumped mass through the soil mass. For design purposes, this lumped mass can be ignored and set to be zero.

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Fig. 63. Longitudinal response of the SDC 2004 Abutment Model: a) general scheme; b) longitudinal response of a bearing pad; c) total longitudinal response
4.3.2 Transverse Response

The transverse response is based on the system response of the elastomeric bearing pads, exterior concrete shear keys, abutment piles, wing walls, and backfill material. The bearing pad model discussed above is used with uncoupled behavior with respect to the longitudinal direction. The constitutive model of the exterior shear keys is derived from experimental tests (Megally et al., 2003). Properties (yield and ultimate stresses) of shear keys depend on ultimate capacity of the bridge which is defined as 30 percent of dead load at abutment.

The detailed scheme of the transverse response is shown in Fig. 65a. The typical response of a bearing pad and a shear key is shown in Fig. 65b. And the typical overall behavior of the transverse response is illustrated in Fig. 65c. The superstructure forces are transmitted through the parallel system of bearing pads and shear keys \( T_1 \) to the embankment \( T_2 \) in series. The ultimate shear key strength is assumed to be 30% of the superstructure dead load, according to equation 7.47 of SDC 2004. A hysteretic material with trilinear response backbone curve is used with two hardening and one softening stiffness values. The initial stiffness is a series-system stiffness of the shear and flexural response of a concrete cantilever with shear key dimensions (16849 ksi). The hardening and softening branches are assumed to have magnitudes of 2.5% of the initial stiffness. The transverse stiffness and strength of the backfill, wing wall and pile system is calculated using a modification of the SDC procedure for the longitudinal direction.
Wingwall effectiveness (CL) and participation coefficients (CW) of 2/3 and 4/3 are used, according to Maroney and Chai (1994). The abutment stiffness (Kabt) and back wall strength (Pbw) obtained for the longitudinal direction from Section 7.8 of SDC 2004 are modified using the above coefficients. The wing wall length can be assumed 1/2–1/3 of the back wall length. The bearing pads and shear keys are assumed to act in parallel. Combined bearing pad- shear key system acts in series with the transverse abutment stiffness and strength.
4.3.3 Vertical Response

The vertical response of the abutment model includes the vertical stiffness of the bearing pads in series with the vertical stiffness of the trapezoidal. The detailed scheme of the vertical response is shown in Fig. 66a. The typical vertical response of a bearing pad is shown in Fig. 66b. And the typical overall behavior of the vertical response is illustrated in Fig. 66c.

A vertical gap (2-inch by default, which can be modified by the user) is employed for the vertical property of the bearing pads. The embankment stiffness per unit length of embankment was obtained from Zhang and Makris (2000) and modified using the critical length to obtain a lumped stiffness.

In the vertical direction, an elastic spring is defined at each end of the rigid link, with a stiffness corresponding to the vertical stiffness of the embankment soil mass. The embankment is assumed to have a trapezoidal shape and based on the effective length formulas from Zhang and Makris (2002), the vertical stiffness ($K_v$, unit: 1/m) can be calculated from (Zhang and Makris, 2002):
\[ K_v = \frac{E_{sd}d_w}{z_0 \ln\left(\frac{z_0 + H}{z_0}\right)}L_c \]  

(3)

Where \( H \) is the embankment height, \( d_w \) is the deck width, \( z_0 = 0.5d_wS \), \( S \) is the embankment slope (parameter in window, see Fig. 20), \( E_{sd} = 2.8G \), \( G = \rho V_s^2 \), \( \rho \) and \( V_s \) are the mass density and the shear wave velocity of the embankment soil, respectively.

![Diagram](side_view.png)

(Side View)

a)

**Material Force-Displacement**

\[
F \text{ (kips)}
\]

\[
d \text{ (in)}
\]

b)

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4.3.4 Definition of the SDC 2004 Abutment Model

To define a SDC 2004 Abutment Model, please follow the steps shown in Fig. 67. To define a SDC 2004 Abutment Model, select **SDC 2004** for the abutment model type in Fig. 55. The resulting window is shown in Fig. 67a.
<table>
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<tr>
<th>Abutment</th>
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<tr>
<td>Number of Distributed Springs</td>
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<td>Longitudinal Gap</td>
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<table>
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<th>Embankment Lateral Stiffness</th>
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<td>Backwall Height</td>
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| Embankment Vertical Stiffness | |
|-------------------------------| |

a)
4.4 SDC 2010 Sand Abutment Model

This model is similar to the SDC 2004 abutment model, but employs the parameters of the most recent SDC 2010 for a sand backfill Embankment (Fig. 68). To define a SDC 2010 Sand Abutment Model, select **SDC 2010 Sand** for the abutment model type in Fig. 55. Table 5 shows the initial stiffness and the maximum passive pressure employed for the SDC 2010 Sand Abutment Model, compared to other similar abutment models including SDC 2004, SDC 2010 Clay, EPP-Gap and HFD Models).
Fig. 68. Backfill horizontal properties for the SDC 2010 Sand Abutment Model

Table 5. SDC Abutment Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Abutment Model</th>
<th>Initial Stiffness (kip/in/ft)</th>
<th>Maximum Passive Pressure (ksf)</th>
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<tr>
<td>SDC 2004</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>5</td>
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<tr>
<td>SDC 2010 Sand</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>SDC 2010 Clay</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EPP-Gap</td>
<td>User-defined</td>
<td>User-defined</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>*50 (sand);</td>
<td>5.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>25 (clay)</td>
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</table>

*Denotes average soil stiffness K50.

4.5 SDC 2010 Clay Abutment Model

This model is similar to the SDC 2004 abutment model, but employs the parameters of the most recent SDC 2010 for a Clay backfill Embankment (Fig. 69). To define a SDC 2010 Clay Abutment Model, select **SDC 2010 Clay** for the abutment model type in Fig. 67a. Table 5 shows the initial stiffness and the maximum passive pressure employed for the SDC 2010 Clay Abutment Model, compared to other similar abutment models.
Fig. 69. Backfill horizontal properties of the SDC 2010 Clay Abutment Model

4.6 **ElasticPP-Gap Model**

This model is similar to the SDC 2004 Abutment Model, but employs user defined parameters for the stiffness and maximum resistance (Fig. 70). To define an EPP-Gap Abutment Model, select **EPP-Gap** for the abutment model type in Fig. 67.

Fig. 70. Backfill horizontal properties of the EPP-Gap Abutment Model
4.7 HFD Model

As suggested by Shamsabadi et al. (2007, 2010), a Hyperbolic Force-Displacement (HFD) relationship is employed to represent abutment resistance to bridge displacement in the longitudinal direction (Fig. 71).

\[ F(y) = \frac{F_{\text{ult}}(2K_{50}y_{\text{max}} - F_{\text{ult}})y}{F_{\text{ult}}y_{\text{max}} + 2(K_{50}y_{\text{max}} - F_{\text{ult}})y} \]

Where \( F \) is the resisting force, \( y \) is the longitudinal displacement, \( F_{\text{ult}} \) is the ultimate passive resistance and \( K_{50} \) is the secant stiffness at \( F_{\text{ult}}/2 \).

\[ F(y) = \frac{\left(2K_{50} - \frac{F_{\text{ult}}}{y_{\text{max}}}\right)y}{1 + 2\left(\frac{K_{50}}{F_{\text{ult}}} - \frac{1}{y_{\text{max}}}\right)y} \]

In this HFD model, resistance appears after a user-specified gap is traversed, and the bridge thereafter gradually mobilizes the abutment’s passive earth pressure strength. Herein, this strength is specified according to Shamsabadi et al. (2007, 2010) at 5.5 ksf (for a nominal 5.5 ft bridge deck height), with full resistance occurring at a passive lateral displacement of 3.6 in (the sand structural backfill scenario). Similarly, abutment resistance to the transverse bridge displacement is derived from the longitudinal hyperbolic force-displacement relationship according to the procedure outlined in Aviram et al. (2008).

To define a HFD abutment model, select **HFD Model** for the abutment model type in Fig. 67. Click **Advanced** in **Embankment Lateral Stiffness** box (Fig. 67) to define the backfill horizontal properties (Fig. 71c). Parameters of the backfill soil are defined based on soil types (sand, clay, or User-defined) and the overall abutment stiffness/ or maximum passive pressure resist are calculated using the SDC equations.
Table 4. Suggested HFD Parameters for Abutment Backfills

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Abutment backfill type</th>
<th>Pressure kPa (ksf)</th>
<th>Average soil stiffness kN/cm/m (K/in/ft)</th>
<th>Maximum displacement $y_{max}/H$</th>
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<tr>
<td>Granular$^a$</td>
<td>265 (5.5)</td>
<td>290 (50)</td>
<td>0.05</td>
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<td>Cohesive$^a$</td>
<td>265 (5.5)</td>
<td>145 (25)</td>
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</table>

Note: Abutment backwall height = 1.67 m (5.5 ft).

$^a$Compacted to at least 95% relative compaction per ASTM D-1557.
Fig. 71. Definition of the HFD Abutment Model: a) HFD abutment model; and b) HFD parameters for abutment backfills suggested by Shamsabadi et al. (2007); and c) backfill properties of the HFD Model
5 Column Responses & Bridge Resonance

MSBridge provides features to view column lateral responses, abutment responses and bridge natural periods (Fig. 7 and Fig. 72).

Fig. 72. Buttons to view column & abutment responses and bridge resonance

5.1 Bridge Natural Periods

Click View Natural Periods (Fig. 72) to view the natural periods and frequencies of the bridge (Fig. 73). A mode shape analysis is conducted in this case.

The user can copy and paste the values to their favorite text editor such as MS Excel (in Fig. 73, right-click and then click Select All (ctrl a) to highlight, and then right-click and then click Copy (ctrl c) to copy to the clipboard).

5.2 Column Gravity Response

Click View Gravity Response (Fig. 72) to view the column internal forces and bending moments after application of own weight (Fig. 74).

5.3 Column & Abutment Longitudinal Responses

Click Longitudinal Response (Fig. 72) to view the column longitudinal responses (Fig. 75) and the abutment longitudinal responses (Fig. 76). A pushover up to 5% of drift ratio in the longitudinal direction is conducted in this case.

5.4 Column & Abutment Transverse Responses

Click Transverse Response (Fig. 72) to view the column transverse responses (Fig. 77) and the abutment transverse responses (Fig. 78). A pushover up to 4% of drift ratio in the transverse direction is conducted in this case.
Fig. 73. Natural periods and frequencies of bridge

![Bridge Natural Periods and Frequencies Table]

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<th>Mode</th>
<th>Natural Period (sec)</th>
<th>Natural Frequency (Hz)</th>
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Fig. 74. Column internal forces and bending moments after application of own weight

![Bridge Column Forces and Bending Moments Table]
Fig. 75. Column longitudinal responses

Fig. 76. Abutment longitudinal responses
Fig. 77. Column transverse responses

Fig. 78. Abutment transverse responses
6 Pushover & Eigenvalue Analyses

To conduct a pushover analysis, a load pattern must be defined. As shown in Fig. 79, first, choose **Pushover** in the Analysis Options, and then click **Change Pattern**. The load pattern window is shown in Fig. 80.

![Step 2: Select Analysis Option](image)

**Fig. 79. Pushover analysis option**

### 6.1 Monotonic Pushover

The pushover options include **Monotonic Pushover**, **Cyclic Pushover**, and **U-Push** (pushover by a user-defined loading pattern).

Two methods of pushover are available (Fig. 80): force-based and displacement-based. If **Force-Based Method** is chosen, please enter the parameters of force increment (per step): **Longitudinal (X) Force**, **Transverse (Y) Force**, **Vertical (Z) Force**, **Moment @ X**, **Moment @ Y**, and **Moment @ Z**.

If **Displacement-Based Method** is chosen, please enter the displacement increment parameters (per step): **Longitudinal Displacement**, **Transverse Displacement**, **Vertical Displacement**, **Rotation around X**, **Rotation around Y**, and **Rotation around Z**.

The pushover load/displacement linearly increases with step in a monotonic pushover mode.

The pushover load/displacement is applied at the bridge deck center or the deck location at a bent.
**Cyclic Pushover**

To conduct a Cyclic Pushover, click **Cyclic Pushover** in Fig. 80 and then define Number of **Steps for the First Cycle** and Step Increment per Cycle (Fig. 81).
6.3 User-Defined Pushover (U-Push)

Click **U-Push** and then click **Define U-Push** to enter your own load pattern (U-Push). In this case, the displacement or force parameters entered in Fig. 82 are used as the maximum values. The U-Push data entered are used as the factors (of the maximum displacement or the maximum force entered).
Fig. 82. User-defined pushover (U-Push)

6.4 Output for Pushover Analysis

Output windows for a pushover analysis include:
   i) Response time histories and profiles for column (and pile shaft under grade)
   ii) Response relationships (force-displacement as well as moment-curvature) for column (and pile shaft under grade)
   iii) Abutment response time histories
   iv) Deformed mesh, contour fill, plastic hinges, and animations.

6.4.1 Column Response Profiles
Fig. 83. Column response profiles

6.4.2 Column Response Time Histories
Fig. 84. Column response time histories
6.4.3 Column Response Relationships

Fig. 85. Response relationships for column
6.4.4 Abutment Force-Displacement and Response Time Histories

Fig. 86. Abutment response time histories
6.4.5 Deformed Mesh

Fig. 87. Deformed mesh and contour fill
6.5 Eigenvalue Analysis

To conduct an Eigenvalue analysis, please follow the steps shown in Fig. 89 and then click **Save Model & Run** Analysis. Fig. 90 shows the output window for an Eigenvalue analysis, which can be accessed by clicking menu Display (Fig. 3) and then choosing Deformed Mesh. To switch between modes, move the slider or click the spin button to cycle through them.
Fig. 89. Steps to perform an Eigenvalue analysis
b)
Deformed Shape - Mode 3 - Period = 0.2134 sec; Frequency = 4.6856 Hz

Analysis Stage
Mode Shape

Plot
Scale Factor 226
☑ Show Legend
☑ Show Undeformed Mesh

Display Motion

Animation
Play ▶
☑ Repeat

Current Mode

Mode 3

Playing Speed

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d)
Fig. 90. Sample output for an Eigenvalue analysis for the default bridge model: a) first mode; b) second mode; c) third mode; d) fourth mode; and e) fifth mode


7 Ground Shaking

To conduct a single earthquake analysis or a multiple earthquake analyses, the “Ground Shaking” option under Analysis Options (Fig. 2 and Fig. 91) is used. For that purpose, the input earthquake excitation(s) must be specified. If only one earthquake record is selected out of a specified ensemble (suite) of input motions, then a conventional single earthquake analysis will be performed.

7.1 Definition/specification of input motion ensemble (suite)

7.1.1 Available Ground Motions

A set of 20 motions provided by CalTrans are available as the default input motion package. The above ground motion data sets were resampled to a sampling frequency of 50 Hz (regardless of whether initial sampling frequency was 100 or 200 Hz) due to the computational demands of running full ground-structure analyses for an ensemble of motions. Standard interpolation methods were used to resample the time domain signals (so that the signal shape is preserved). The resampled records were then baselined to remove any permanent velocity and displacement offsets. Baselining was accomplished using a third order polynomial fitted to the displacement record.

In addition, four sets of input motions are also available (can be downloaded from the website: http://www.soilquake.net/msbridge):

**Motion Set 1**: These 100 motions were obtained directly from the PEER NGA database and all files have been re-sampled to a time step of 0.02 seconds. This PBEE motion ensemble (Medina and Krawinkler 2004) obtained from the PEER NGA database (http://peer.berkeley.edu/nga/) consists of 100 3D input ground motions. Each motion is composed of 3 perpendicular acceleration time history components (2 lateral and one vertical). These motions were selected through earlier efforts (Gupta and Krawinkler, 2000; Mackie et al., 2007) to be representative of seismicity in typical regions of California. The moment magnitudes (Mw) of these motions range from 5.8-7.2 (distances from 0-60 km). The engineering characteristics of each motion and of the ensemble overall may be viewed directly within MSBridge. The provided ground motions are based on earlier PEER research (Mackie and Stojadinovic 2005).

**Motion Set 2**: These motions (160 in total) were developed by Dr. Kevin Mackie from the 80 motions of Set1 (excluding the 20 motions of Set1 in the bin NEAR), to account for site classification.

**Motion Set 3**: These motions (80 in total) were developed by Dr. Jack Baker for PEER. Additional information about these motions is available at the website: http://peer.berkeley.edu/transportation/projects/ground-motion-studies-for-transportation-systems/
**Motion Set 4:** These motions (260 in total) include the above Set2 and Set3 as well as the additional Bin NEAR of Set1.

Once an input motion data set is specified, the user interface will extract/calculate Intensity Measures (IMs) for each of these motions. In total, 11 different Intensity Measures are defined for each motion (and presented to the user in table and graphical forms), including quantities such as Peak Ground Acceleration (PGA), Peak Ground Velocity (PGV), Arias Intensity (AI), and so forth.

### 7.1.2 Specifications of Input Motions

To conduct a ground shaking analysis, input motions must be defined (Fig. 91). The window to define input motions is shown in Fig. 92. To select all motions, click **Select All**. To un-select all motions, click **De-select All**. To remove one motion, select the motion by clicking on it and then click **Delete**. To remove all motions, click **Remove All**.

To add a user-defined motion, click **Import** and then follow the simple steps to import a new motion (Fig. 93). The resulting motion will be added to the current suites of input motion. To obtain a complete new set of input motions, use **Delete All** to remove all existing input motions, and then use **Import** to add new motions.

To import a ground motion file, first save the ground acceleration time history (easy in a notepad .txt file) with each new line being the next acceleration time step. This data in this file should have the acceleration units of g.

The finite element computations can be conducted for several earthquakes at a time. This is employed by specifying **Number of Motions Running Simultaneously** (Fig. 92). You can select as many as 8 records to be run at the same time in order to reduce the overall run time (for dual core machines or better).

Click **View Motion** to view the intensity measures and response spectra of the input motion being highlighted (Fig. 94). SRSS stands for Square Root of the Sum of the Squares of the 2 horizontal components. Click **Display Intensity Measures** to view the intensity measures of the input motion being highlighted (Fig. 95). The user can copy and paste the intensity measures to their favorite text editor such as MS Excel (in Fig. 95, right-click and then click **Select All** (ctrl a) to highlight, and then right-click and then click **Copy** (ctrl c) to copy to the clipboard).

Click **View Histograms & Cumulative Distribution** to view the histogram and cumulative distribution plots for whole input motion set (Fig. 96). The intensity measures include:
- PGA (Peak Ground Acceleration)
- PGV (Peak Ground Velocity)
- PGD (Peak Ground Displacement)
- D$_{5.95}$ (Strong Motion Duration)
- CAV (Cumulative Absolute Velocity)
- Arias Intensity
- SA (Spectral Acceleration; assuming 1 second period)
- SV (Spectral Velocity; assuming 1 second period)
- SD (Spectral Displacement; assuming 1 second period)
- PSA (Pseudo-spectral Acceleration)
- PSV (Pseudo-spectral Velocity)

The strong motion duration (D$_{5.95}$) is defined according to the time domain bounded by the 5% and 95% cumulative Arias intensity of the record. All of the spectral intensity measures are defined at an effective viscous damping of 5% unless otherwise noted.

![Step 2: Select Analysis Option](image)

**Fig. 91. Group shaking analysis**
Fig. 92. Input motions window
a)
b)  

Fig. 93. Importing a user-defined motion: a) choosing data files; b) message showing new motion has been added
Fig. 94. Time histories and response spectra of individual motion

Fig. 95. Intensity measures of individual motion
a)
Fig. 96. Histogram and cumulative distribution for the whole input motion set: a) histogram; b) cumulative distribution

### 7.1.3 Rayleigh Damping

**MSBridge** employs Rayleigh damping, which takes the form:

\[ \mathbf{C} = A_m \mathbf{M} + A_k \mathbf{K} \]

where \( \mathbf{M} \) is the mass matrix, \( \mathbf{C} \) is the viscous damping matrix, \( \mathbf{K} \) is the initial stiffness matrix. \( A_m \) and \( A_k \) are two user-specified constants.

The damping ratio curve \( \xi (f) \) is calculated based on the following equation:

\[ \xi = \frac{A_m}{4\pi f} + A_k \pi f \]

where \( f \) is frequency.
(1) Specification of $A_m$ and $A_k$ By Defining Damping Ratios

Click **Change Damping** in the MSBridge main window to modify the Rayleigh damping coefficients (Fig. 97). The user can define damping coefficients (Fig. 97) by specifying two frequencies, $f_1$ and $f_2$ (must be between 0.1 and 50 Hz), and two damping ratios, $\xi_1$ and $\xi_2$ (suggested values are between 0.2% and 20%).

The Rayleigh damping parameters $A_m$ and $A_k$ are obtained by solving the following equations simultaneously:

\[
\xi_1 = \frac{A_m}{4\pi f_1} + A_k \pi f_1
\]
\[
\xi_2 = \frac{A_m}{4\pi f_2} + A_k \pi f_2
\]

(2) Direct Specification of $A_m$ and $A_k$:

The user can also directly define Rayleigh damping coefficients $A_m$ and $A_k$ (Fig. 97).

### 7.2 Save Model and Run Analysis

After defining the finite element model, click **Save Model and Run Analysis**. The finite element computations will start, for several earthquakes at a time (Fig. 98) as specified in the **Input Motions** window (Fig. 92).

The user can modify the time integration scheme for the OpenSees analysis by clicking Menu **Execute** and then **Advanced Option: OpenSees Parameters** (Fig. 99). Fig. 99 shows the default parameters which are used in the analysis.
Fig. 97. Rayleigh damping
Fig. 98. Simultaneous execution of analyses for multiple motions
Fig. 99. Parameters for OpenSees analysis
8 Time History and Engineering Demanding Parameter Output

8.1 Time History Output Quantities

At the end of the FE analysis phase, time histories and bridge responses will be available of the form:
   i) Column Response Time Profiles
   ii) Column Response Time Histories
   iii) Column Response Relationships
   iv) Abutment Responses
   v) Deformed Mesh

In addition, for multiple earthquake analysis scenarios, Intensity Measures (IMs) and response spectra for each input motion are calculated and are available for display in Table and Figure formats. Engineering Demand Parameter (EDP) Quantities and Bridge peak accelerations for all employed shaking motions are also available for display against any of the computed IMs.

The post-processing capabilities can be accessed from Menu Display (Fig. 3). To display output for a different input motion, click Menu Display and then Detailed Output: Please Select Input Motion (Fig. 3d). The name of the selected input motion will also appear on the menu items (Fig. 3d).

![Fig. 100. Selection of an input motion](image-url)
8.1.1 Deck Response Time Histories

The deck response time histories can be accessed by clicking menu Display (Fig. 3) and then Deck Response Time Histories. Fig. 101 shows the window for displaying the deck longitudinal displacement time histories.

8.1.2 Column Response Profiles

The column response profiles can be accessed by clicking menu Display (Fig. 3) and then Column Response Profiles. The column response window is shown in Fig. 102. The columns are labeled as:

i) Column 1 of Bent 2 (see Fig. 1., the first bent starting after left abutment is denoted as “Bent 2”, the second as “Bent 3”, and so on)

ii) Column 2 of Bent 2

iii) (more if any)

Fig. 103 shows the bending moment in the longitudinal plane. The horizontal axis of the plot is the response name (e.g., displacement, bending moment, etc.) and the vertical axis is the elevation of the column. Zero elevation means the column base.

8.1.3 Column Response Time Histories

The column response time histories can be accessed by clicking menu Display (Fig. 3) and then Column Response Time Histories. Fig. 104 shows the window for displaying the column longitudinal displacement time histories.
Fig. 101. Deck longitudinal displacement response time histories

Fig. 102. Displacement profile in the longitudinal plane
Fig. 103. Bending moment profile in the longitudinal plane
Fig. 104. Response time histories and profiles for column (and pile shaft): displacement is shown at the nodes.

8.1.4 Column Response Relationships

The column response relationships can be accessed by clicking menu Display (Fig. 3) and then Column Response Relationships.

The Elevation box includes all elevations (starting from column top). Zero elevation refers to the column top.

Fig. 105 shows the longitudinal load-displacement curve at the column top. The load refers to the shear force of the beam-column element at the specified elevation. Fig. 106 shows the moment-curvature curve at the column top. The vertical axis is the bending moment and the horizontal axis is the curvature. To view the data for the plot, click View Data.
Fig. 105. Load-displacement curve at column top
The abutment responses can be accessed by clicking menu Display and then Abutment Response Time Histories. The abutment responses window includes the following options:
  i) Force-Displacement Relationships  
  ii) Relative Deck-end/Abutment Displacement Time Histories  
  iii) Resisting Force Time Histories

Three directions (longitudinal, transverse and vertical directions) of the above responses for both left and right abutments are all displayed. Fig. 107 shows the abutment response time histories. The force refers to the resisting force acting on deck-end and the displacement refers to the relative deck-end/abutment displacement.
a)
b)
8.1.6 Soil Spring Responses Time Histories

The soil spring responses can be accessed by clicking menu Display and then Soil Spring Response Time Histories. The soil spring responses window includes the following options (Fig. 108):

i) Force-Displacement Curve
ii) Displacement Time History
iii) Force Time History
Two directions (longitudinal and transverse directions) of the above responses for each soil spring are all displayed (Fig. 108).

![Soil spring response time histories](image)

**Fig. 108. Soil spring response time histories**

### 8.1.7 Deck Hinge Responses Time Histories

The deck hinge responses can be accessed by clicking menu **Display** and then **Deck Hinge Response Time Histories**. The deck hinge responses window includes the following options (Fig. 109):

i) **Force-Displacement Curve**  
ii) **Displacement Time History**  
iii) **Force Time History**
Response time histories are shown for the cable and edge hinge elements for each hinge (Fig. 109).
8.1.8 Isolation Bearing Responses Time Histories

The isolation bearing responses can be accessed by clicking menu Display and then Isolation Bearing Response Time Histories. The isolation bearing responses window includes the following options (Fig. 110):

i) Force-Displacement Curve
ii) Displacement Time History
iii) Force Time History

Three translational directions and three rotational directions of the above responses for each bearing are displayed (Fig. 110).
8.2 Deformed Mesh and Animation

The deformed mesh can be accessed by clicking menu Display (Fig. 3) and then Deformed Mesh. The deformed mesh window is shown in Fig. 111.

Analysis stages include Due to gravity and Due to pushover (or Due to base shaking). The response types include

i) Deformed mesh  
ii) Resultant Disp.  
iii) X-Displacement  
iv) Y-Displacement  
v) Z-Displacement  
vi) Plastic Hinges
In the Ground Shaking Analysis, the input motion is also animated at the deformed mesh window along with bridge displacement (Fig. 111).

Visualization of plastic hinges is available if the nonlinear beam-column element is used for the columns. In the Ground Shaking Analysis, the input motion is also animated at the deformed mesh window along with the development of plastic hinges (Fig. 112). In the current version, the visualization is implemented in such a way that a plastic hinge
marker stays once the plastic hinge is developed. The plastic hinge is developed when rebar fails in tension or first concrete fiber reaches the maximum strain capacity.

Fig. 112. Visualization of Plastic Hinges
8.3 Maximum Output Quantities

8.3.1 EDP Quantities

At the end of the finite element analysis phase, the following output EDP quantities (for each earthquake record) are available:

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<td>Maximum column drift ratio</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Residual column drift ratio</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Maximum relative deck-end/abutment displacement (left)</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Maximum relative deck-end/abutment displacement (right)</td>
</tr>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Maximum bridge-abutment bearing displacement (left)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Maximum bridge-abutment bearing displacement (right)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Approach residual vertical displacement (left)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Approach residual vertical displacement (right)</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

The EDP outcomes can be shown against the input base shaking IMs. The sections below detail how the response quantities are obtained for each EDP for the annotated model that is used to describe the location of sampling points during time history analysis.

**EDP1: Maximum drift ratio SRSS (column)**

**EDP2: Residual drift ratio SRSS (column)**

The Square Root of Sum of Squares (SRSS) values of the 2 horizontal components are used. The drift ratios are combined separately at each time step (to obtain SRSS).

EDP1 (Max drift ratio SRSS) is the maximum of the SRSS values of all time steps. EDP2 (Residual drift ratio SRSS) is the SRSS value at the last time step. The drift ratio is in percentage.

**EDP3: Maximum longitudinal relative deck-end/abutment displacement (left)**

**EDP4: Maximum longitudinal relative deck-end/abutment displacement (right)**

These two EDPs are intended to address the issue of abutment impact into the backwall, so they are defined as only the motion of the deck into the abutment. Maximum absolute values in the longitudinal direction are used.

**EDP5: Maximum absolute bearing displacement (left abutment)**

**EDP6: Maximum absolute bearing displacement (right abutment)**
These two EDPs are intended to address bearing damage whether or not an explicit representation of the bearings is included in the user-selected abutment model. Therefore, the EDP for the EDP is based on the relative displacements of the deck-end node to the abutment top node. The SRSS values of the resulting two relative horizontal displacements is used and both motion into the backwall and away from the backwall are considered.

**EDP7: Residual vertical displacement (left abutment)**  
**EDP8: Residual vertical displacement (right abutment)**

This EDP is used to gage immediate repairs for rideability, and is not a measure of the permanent slumping of the embankment (for example). Therefore, the EDP is calculated as the vertical displacement of the abutment top node relative to the deck-end node. The residual value is used (value at the final time step).

The EDP quantities for all input motions can be accessed by clicking menu **Display** (Fig. 3) and then **EDP Quantities for All**. The window to display EDP quantities is shown in Fig. 113.

The EDP quantities are displayed against any of the 11 intensity measures. The EDP quantities for each input motion are displayed by bin of the motion (see legend in Fig. 113). When an IM is paired with an EDP and all the individual realizations are plotted, the result is typically termed a demand model, or probabilistic seismic demand model (PSDM).
8.3.2 Bridge Peak Accelerations & Displacements for All Motions

The bridge peak accelerations and displacements for all input motions can be accessed by clicking menu Display (Fig. 3) and then Bridge Peak Accelerations& Displacements for All Motions. The window to display the bridge peak accelerations for all motions is shown in Fig. 114. The responses are available in the longitudinal and transverse directions as well as for the SRSS of the 2 horizontal directions (Fig. 114).

The figures in this window include:
   i) Maximum bridge acceleration
   ii) Maximum bridge displacement
   iii) Bridge peak acceleration / input peak acceleration
a)
8.3.3 Maximum Column & Abutment Forces for All Motions

The maximum column & abutment forces for all input motions can be accessed by clicking menu **Display** (Fig. 3) and then **Maximum Column & Abutment Forces for All Motions**. The window to display the maximum column & abutment forces for all motions is shown in Fig. 115. The responses are available in the longitudinal and transverse directions as well as for the SRSS of the 2 horizontal directions (Fig. 115).

The figures in this window include:

i) Maximum column shear forces

ii) Maximum column bending moments

iii) Maximum abutment forces (left abutment)

iv) Maximum abutment forces (right abutment)
Fig. 115. Maximum column & abutment forces for all motions
9 Equivalent Static Analysis

Equivalent Static Analysis (ESA) option is available in MSBridge for the bridge longitudinal & transverse directions. The whole bridge system is employed in the bridge longitudinal ESA. And one single bent is employed in the bridge transverse ESA.

9.1 Bridge Longitudinal Direction

To conduct an Equivalent Static Analysis (ESA) for the bridge longitudinal direction, click Longitudinal Direction in the main window (Fig. 116). The elastic displacement demand output is shown in Fig. 117. The displacement demand output is available for the longitudinal components of the input motions.

To view the comparison of displacements from ESA and Time History Analysis (THA), click Compare with THA. The comparison result is shown in Fig. 118. However, the comparison is only available for ESA for the longitudinal components of the input motions (Fig. 117).

The procedure of the bridge longitudinal ESA is as follows:

1. Specify a load \( F \) of the total weight (see below for now to calculate the total weight), do pushover and get a displacement \( d \)
2. Calculate the Stiffness \( K = F/d \)
3. Calculate the Period \( T = 2\pi \sqrt{M/K} \)
4. From the spectral acceleration of the input motion, get \( Sa \)
5. Calculate \( Dd = M*Sa/K \), and this is the elastic displacement demand.
6. Check the abutment displacement \( (D_d) \) compared to abutment yield displacement \( (D_y) \). If \( D_d/D_y < 2 \), stop, \( D_d \) is the demand. If \( D_d/D_y > 4 \), set abutment spring to 0.1*its initial stiffness, recalculate the displacement demand \( (D_d) \). If \( 2 < D_d/D_y < 4 \), linearly interpolate abutment stiffness between its full and 0.1 values and ratios of 2 and 4, then recalculate the displacement demand.

The whole bridge system is employed in the bridge longitudinal ESA. As such, the pushover load is applied at the bridge center along the bridge deck (longitudinal) direction.

The total weight is equal to the total deck weight plus \( \frac{1}{2} \) column weight. The deck weight should be distributed weight over span elements (or applied to nodes by tributary length). Column weight applied at top column node or if more than one element is used per column, distributed to column nodes by tributary length.

9.2 Bridge Transverse Direction
To conduct an ESA for the bridge transverse direction, click Transverse Direction in the main window (Fig. 116). The output is shown in Fig. 119.

Only one single bent is employed in the bridge transverse ESA. As such, the pushover load is applied at the bent cap center along the bent cap direction (bridge transverse direction).

The total weight is equal to the deck weight of left half span and right half span for the bent plus ½ column weight.

Fig. 116. Equivalent Static Analysis for the bridge longitudinal & transverse directions
Fig. 117. Sample output of ESA for the bridge longitudinal direction: a) pushover load; b) elastic displacement demand
### Comparison of ESA and THA Displacements

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Motion</th>
<th>PGA (g)</th>
<th>ESA Disp. [in]</th>
<th>THA Max. Disp. [in]</th>
<th>Difference [%] (&quot; - &quot; sign means ESA less)</th>
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<td>1.167</td>
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<td>362.7</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Fig. 118. Comparison of displacements from ESA and THA
a)
Fig. 119. Output of ESA for the bridge transverse direction: a) pushover load and bent number; b) elastic displacement demand
Appendix A Calculation of Steel and Concrete Material Properties

Steel Bars

By default, the Steel02 material is used to simulate steel bars. The format of the Steel02 command is as follows (McKenna et al. 2010):

uniaxialMaterial Steel02 $matTag $fy $E0 $b $R0 $cR1 $cR2

Where $fy$ is the steel yield strength, $E0$ is Young’s modulus of steel, and $b$ is the strain-hardening ratio (ratio between post-yield tangent and initial elastic tangent), $R0$, $cR1$ and $cR2$ are parameters to control the transition from elastic to plastic branches.

The number of longitudinal bars is calculated as follows:

\[
#bars = \frac{\rho_s A_c}{A_b} \tag{5}
\]

Where $\rho_s$ is the longitudinal steel percentage, $A_c$ the column cross-section area, $A_b$ is the cross-section area of the steel bar.

If the number of longitudinal bars is known, the longitudinal steel percentage (reinforcement ratio) can be calculated:

\[
\rho_s = \frac{A_s}{A_c} \tag{6}
\]

Where $A_s$ is the area of longitudinal steel, which is equal to the area of each bar times the number of bars. For example, the diameter of a #18 bar is 2.257 inches, so area is 4 in\(^2\). If there are 10 bars in a 36 inch diameter circular column, then

\[
\rho_s = \frac{10(4)}{\frac{\pi}{4} 36^2} = 0.039
\]

or 3.9%.

The transverse steel percentage (reinforcement ratio) for a spirally confined circular column, currently the only type of column supported in the interface, is
Where \( d_{bt} \) is the diameter of the transverse spiral (always smaller than the diameter of the longitudinal bars). The spacing between transverse bars is \( s \). The diameter of the confined core is \( d_{cc} \) which is the gross diameter minus twice the cover and minus the diameter of the transverse bars (see Eq. 10). So for a #5 spiral spaced at 3 inches on center in the same column mentioned above.

\[
\rho_t = \frac{\pi (d_{bt}^2)}{3(36 - 2(2) - \frac{5}{8})} = 0.013
\]

or 1.3%.

Currently the transverse reinforcement does affect the shear response (through changes in the uniaxial constitutive model for the concrete core). However, the columns are modeled considering only flexurally dominated response (i.e., there is no accounting for shear flexibility or shear degradation directly). Additional relevant details on the parameters used in both the Cover and Core Concrete are included below.

**Cover concrete**

The Concrete02 material is used to simulate the concrete (for both cover and core). The format of the Concrete02 command is as follows:

```
uniaxialMaterial Concrete02 $matTag $fpc $epsc0 $fpcu $epsu $lambda $ft $Ets
```

Where $fpc$ is the concrete compressive strength, $epsc0$ is the concrete strain at maximum strength, $fpcu$ is the concrete crushing strength, $epsu$ is the concrete strain at crushing strength (all of the above values are entered as negative), $lambda$ is the ratio between unloading slope at $epsu$ and initial slope, $ft$ is the tensile strength, and $Ets$ is tension softening stiffness (absolute value) (slope of the linear tension softening branch).

For cover concrete, $fpc$ is equal to the concrete unconfined strength. Additional relevant details on the parameters used in both the Cover and Core Concrete are included below.

**Core concrete**

i) For core concrete of circular column cross sections according to the Mander model, the procedure to calculate the confined concrete strength \( f_{pc} = f_{cc} \) is as follows:
Where \( f'_{ce} \) is the unconfined compressive strength and \( f'_e \) can be obtained from the following equation:

\[
f'_e = \frac{1}{2} K_e \rho_t f_y
\]  

(10)

Where \( f_y \) is the steel yield strength, \( \rho_t \) is the transverse steel percentage, and \( K_e \) can be obtained from the following equation for spirally confined circular columns:

\[
K_e = \frac{(1 - \frac{S'}{2d_{cc}})^2}{(1 - \rho_{cc})}
\]  

(11)

Where:

\[
\rho_{cc} = \frac{A}{A_{cc}}
\]  

(12)

An assumed value of the area of the confined core is used for default values. This area should be modified based on the expected compressive block in the column during lateral loading.

\[
A_{cc} = \frac{\pi (d_{cc})^2}{4}
\]  

(13)

\[
S' = \frac{\pi d_{bt}^2}{\rho_t d_{cc}}
\]  

(14)

Where \( d_{bt} \) is the transverse bar diameter

\[
d_{cc} = D_L - 2c - d_{bt}
\]  

(15)

Where \( c \) is the clear cover (\( c = 1.5" \))

ii) \( \varepsilon_{psc0} \)

\[
\varepsilon_{psc0} = \frac{2f_{cc}}{E_c}
\]  

(16)
Where:

\[ Ec = 0.043w^{1.5} \sqrt{f'_c} \]  \hspace{1cm} (17)

Where \( w \) is the concrete unit weight (unit: \( \text{kg/m}^3 \))

iii) $\varepsilon_{\text{su}} = (\varepsilon_{\text{sc}})$

\[ \varepsilon_{\text{cu}} = 0.004 + \varepsilon_s \frac{f_y}{f'_c} \rho_s \]  \hspace{1cm} (18)

Where \( \varepsilon_s \) is the ultimate steel strain (\( \varepsilon_s = 0.12 \))

iv) $f_{\text{pcu}} = (f_{\text{cu}})$

\[ f_{\text{cu}} = \frac{f_{\text{cs}}(\varepsilon_{\text{sc}})}{\varepsilon_{\text{sc}}} \left( \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{scr}}}{\varepsilon_{\text{sc}}} \right) - 1 + \left( \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{sc}}}{\varepsilon_{\text{sc}}} \right)^{\varepsilon_{\text{scr}}} \]  \hspace{1cm} (19)

Where:

\[ \varepsilon_{\text{sc}} = (\varepsilon_{\text{sc}}0)(1 + 5(\frac{f_{\text{cs}}}{f'_c} - 1)) \]  \hspace{1cm} (20)

\[ \varepsilon_{\text{scr}} = \frac{E_c}{f_{\text{cs}}} \]  \hspace{1cm} (21)

Notes:

1. The information above is specific to the Steel02 and Concrete02 models of the Fiber section. Other options include (Fig. 27), Steel01 and Concrete01 (for more information please see the OpenSees documentation), and Elastic properties for the fibers. These options can be activated by clicking on the default Steel02 or Concrete02 sections (Fig. 27) and changing these options.

2. A different property may be specified for the Column below grade (for instance to roughly represent a large pile group as a large single column). If this option is selected
(Fig. 6), the column below grade will have linear properties as specified by its diameter and Young’s Modulus).

3. All the equations presented in this Appendix are based on the Mander model for spiral-reinforced circular concrete columns. The user may want to use their own constitutive model or parameters. In this case, the values of these parameter can be defined directly in Fig. 27.
Appendix B  How to Incorporate User-defined Motions

1) Directory Structure of a Motion Set

To conduct a base input acceleration analysis, input motions must be defined (Fig. 91). The window to define the input motions is shown in Fig. 92. Click **Browse** to select a motion set (Fig. 120). Click on the motion set name (e.g., **Motions**) and then click on **OK** to choose this motion set (Fig. 120).

In MSBridge, the input motions are organized in a format that the program can read. Specially, the input ground motions are sorted into bins. Fig. 121 shows the directory structure of a motion set named **Motions**. The second level directories are bins (e.g., T01; see Fig. 120 and Fig. 121). The third level directories are earthquake names (e.g., there is earthquake NORTHRIDGE; see Fig. 121). And the fourth level directories are the input motion names (e.g., there is 1 input motion under earthquake NORTHRIDGE: RRS; see Fig. 121).

Each motion is composed of 3 perpendicular acceleration time history components (2 laterals and one vertical). As shown in Fig. 121, each motion folder contains 6 files categorized into 2 file types: the DATA files contain the time history (acceleration unit in g) of a component and the INFO files contain the characteristics of the corresponding component. Fig. 122 and Fig. 123 displays sample INFO & DATA files. Naming of these files usually has to follow the format below: Input motion name + angle (or "-UP" or "-DWN" for vertical component) + ".AT2" + ".data" (or ".info"). However, the following format is also allowed: Input motion name + "-E" or "-W" for horizontal components (or "-V" for vertical component).

Note that the filenames with the smaller angle will be used for the longitudinal direction and the other one (with the larger angle) will be used for the transverse direction (also, the filenames containing "-E" will be used for the longitudinal direction and the other one (containing "-W") will be used for the transverse direction.

The first 2 lines of each INFO file must follow the style of the example below:

```
{Data points NPTS} {996}
{Sampling period DT (sec)} {0.020000}
```

Where 996 and 0.02 are the number of data points, and the time step, respectively, of an input motion component.

2) Steps to Create an Input Motion

Based on the above description for the directory structure of a motion set, one can easily create an input motion (Fig. 124):
Step 1: create a folder and rename to your motion set name (e.g. MotionSet1; see Fig. 124).

Step 2: create a folder under the motion set folder and rename to your bin name (e.g., bin1).

Step 3: create a folder under the bin folder and rename to your earthquake name (e.g., Quake1).

Step 4: create a folder under the earthquake name and rename to your input motion name (e.g. MOTION1).

Step 5: create the 6 files (3 INFO files and 3 DATA files) for this input motion (Fig. 124).

Note: If you download the input motion files from the PEER NGA Database, there is no need to re-format the data into one column as shown in Fig. 123. Just copy the data points into the corresponding DATA files. And then make the INFO files containing the number of data points and the sampling period DT (2 lines) according to the header information.
Fig. 120. Choosing a motion set
Fig. 121. Directory structure of a motion set

Fig. 122. Sample .info file
Fig. 123. Sample .data file

Fig. 124. Example of user-defined motion
Appendix C  Comparison with SAP2000 for Representative OB Configurations

A large portion of bridges in the current California bridge inventory share similar construction characteristics, especially those owned and maintained by the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) (Mackie and Stojadinovic, 2007). Eleven bridge configurations were selected by Ketchum et al (2004) as representative of typical statewide bridge construction in California. These bridge configurations are listed in Table 7.

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<td>6'</td>
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The above models were built (without much effort) in MSBridge (Linear columns, Roller abutment model and Rigid-base were assumed; default values were used for other bridge parameters). The SAP2000 models (.s2k files) were obtained by clicking Menu File and then Export, SAP2000 .s2k Text File.

Linear analyses of monotonic pushover show both MSBridge and SAP2000 gave the identical results for all of the 11 bridge configurations shown in Table 7. For example, Fig. 125 shows the models built in MSBridge and SAP2000 for Bridge Type 1. Table 8 shows the displacement of the deck at each bent under the pushover load of 2000 kips applied at the deck center along the longitudinal and transverse directions. Fig. 126 and Table 9 show the comparison for Bridge Type 2. Fig. 127 and Table 10 show the comparison for Bridge Type 9. Fig. 128 and Table 11 show the comparison for a skewed bridge case (Bridge Type 10). Both MSBridge and SAP2000 essentially gave the same result.
Fig. 125. Bridge Type 1 model: a) **MSBridge**; b) SAP2000

Table 8. Displacement (unit: inch) of Bridge Type 1 under pushover (load of 2000 kips applied at deck center along both the longitudinal and transverse directions)

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Fig. 126. Bridge Type 2 model: a) **MSBridge**; b) SAP2000

Table 9. Displacement (unit: inch) of Bridge Type 2 under pushover (load of 2000 kips applied at deck center along both the longitudinal and transverse directions)

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Fig. 127. Bridge Type 9 model: a) **MSBridge**; b) SAP2000

Table 10. Displacement (unit: inch) of Bridge Type 9 under pushover (load of 1000 kips applied at deck center along both the longitudinal and transverse directions)

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