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Brief Introduction to "Bay Bridge R&D Project" at the University of California, Berkeley

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Duration: 1989-Present (Studies of the New Bay Bridge since 1997)

□ More than 9,000 of research hours spent on the project.

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### **Projects on the New Self-Anchored Suspension Bay Bridge**

- 1. Tower Push-Over
- 2. Anchors at the Tower Base
- 3. Tower Out-of-Plumbness
- 4. Welds at the Base of the Tower
- 5. Welded Deck
- 6. Welded Steel/Concrete Piles
- 7. Anchorage of Main Cables to the Deck
- 8. East Pier Galvanized Bolts
- 9. Hot-dip Galvanized Bolts
- 10. East and West End Expansion Joints
- 11. Blast effects on SAS Bay bridge









**Construction of a Typical "Ground-Anchored" Suspension Bridge** 





### Examples of Construction of Typical "Ground-Anchored" Suspension Bridges Around the World





Photo: California Public Works Department

#### West spans of the Bay Bridge



**Great Belt, Denmark** 

Akashi-Kaikyo, Japan

Photo: Golden Gate Bridge, highway and Transportation District

**Golden Gate** 



### **Construction of a "Self-Anchored"** Suspension Bridge



(a) Build Tower, Build Temporary Support Structure



(b) Build Roadway, Add Cables





#### (d) Remove Support Structure

(c) Connect Cables to Deck Add Suspenders



## **ANSYS** The Self-Anchored Suspension Bay Bridge









### Seismic Performance of Long Span Suspension Bridges





### **Establishing Ground Motions**

#### A Joint Project of UC Berkeley and LLNL

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### Seismic Performance of Long Span Suspension Bridges



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### Designers Concept of Seismic Resistance and Ductile Energy Dissipation Mechanism for SAS Bay Bridge



Ref: M. Nader and B. Maroney



### Designers' Concept of Seismic Resistance and Ductile Energy Dissipation Mechanism





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### UC Berkeley/Ozen Engineering Inc. Push-Over Analysis

### Main Objective:

To perform Lateral Push-Over of the Tower and establish its Performance up to collapse

**Research Methodology:** 

We built a FE model of the tower in ANSYS and subjected it to two separate push-overs by pushing the top of the tower horizontally in longitudinal and transverse directions.







Metropolitan Transportation Commission



All material of tower legs and shear link is Grade 50 steel with Fy (yield stress ) of 345 MPA (50 ksi).

The monotonic stress-strain model is bi-linear kinematic hardening with initial stiffness equal to 200 GPA and hardening branch with modulus of 2 GPA.





- Exact geometry based on construction drawings
  - Changed cross-section along the height of tower
  - Included all three types of shear links
- Important structural details were included which are:
  - Tower skin stiffeners
  - >Tower leg diaphragms
  - ➢Saddle
  - Tower grillage between tower top and the saddle





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### Assumptions

- Tower base is perfectly fixed to the base plate which sits on the steel/concrete composite pile cap,
- Possible effects of deck impacting the tower legs are not included due to presence of gap between the deck and the tower legs.





### **Analysis Settings**

### ➤Gravity:

- Standard gravity (self-weight of tower)
- Single concentrated force at tower tip (vertical component of cable force from whole bridge gravity analysis)

Lateral Force: single incremental displacement is applied at the saddle level (displacement control)

- ≻(a) Longitudinal direction (b) transverse direction
- The cable force at the saddle level is the main driving force of the motion of the tower
- ➢ effectiveness of analysis convergence

### All force/displacement are applied by remote point





# Model Analysis - tower self-weight only

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## **ANSYS** Video of von Mises Stresses Longitudinal Pushover





### **ANSYS** The von Mises Stresses at Point A (10% Yield Point)

Shear Links have yielded in the upper and middle segment of the tower but not in the bottom segment

#### Equivalent Stress

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Longitudinal Pushover

### Longitudinal Pushover

# ANSYS The von Mises Stresses at Point B (Maximum Strength Point)

Shear Links continued to yield and those in the bottom segment also yielded. Severe yielding of tower legs in compression and yielding of tension side as well.

#### Equivalent Stress 2

Type: Equivalent (von-Mises) Stress - Top/Bottom Unit: Pa Time: 9 3/24/2015 5:40 PM



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### Longitudinal Pushover

## ANSYS The von Mises Stresses at Point C (Point where strength dropped)

Severe local buckling in the compression side of tower leg and severe tension yielding of tension side of tower leg. Yielding under saddle grillage. Equivalent plastic strain in the shear links is about 0.10.

C: Static Structural Equivalent Stress 12

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Type: Equivalent (von-Mises) Stress - Top/Bottom



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### Video of von Mises Stresses Transverse Pushover





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### Transverse Pushover

### ANSYS The von Mises Stresses at Point A (10% Yield Point)

Shear Links have yielded in the upper and middle segment of the tower but not in the bottom segment. Compression legs have yielded severely on compression side.

C: Static Structural Equivalent Stress 8 Type: Equivalent (von-Mises) Stress - Top/Bottom Unit: Pa Time: 4.7 3/13/2015 12:27 AM





### Transverse Pushover

# ANSYS The von Mises Stresses at Point B (Maximum Strength Point)

Shear Links continued to yield but those in the bottom segment did not develop much yielding. Severe yielding of tower legs in compression and yielding of tension side as well.

C: Static Structural Equivalent Stress 9 Type: Equivalent (von-Mises) Stress - Top/Bottom Unit: Pa Time: 7.2 3/13/2015 12:36 AM

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### Transverse Pushover

# ANSYS The von Mises Stresses at Point C (Point where strength dropped)

Severe local buckling in the compression side of tower leg and severe tension yielding of tension side of tower tension leg. Yielding under saddle grillage. Equivalent plastic strain in the shear links is about 0.10.

C: Static Structural Equivalent Stress 4 Type: Equivalent (von-Mises) Stress - Top/Bottom Unit: Pa Time: 10 4/3/2015 11:24 PM



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## **Concluding Remarks**

1. We found that ANSYS v15.0 was capable of capturing the material and geometric nonlinearities (e.g. buckling) of the complex structure of the tower of the Self-Anchored Suspension Bay Bridge, the subject of this study

2. We were satisfied with the user friendliness of the pre- and post-processing & the powerful meshing capability

3. We are now starting to use the sub-modeling and fracture mechanics feature to predict possible fracture of the net section at the tension side

4. We found that, contrary to designers' assertion, the tower shear links are not the only yielding element of the tower during earthquakes, but the tower legs experience significant buckling, permanent distortion in compression and significant yielding in tension of strains up to about 0.1.

