Collaborative Research: Development of Realistic Seismic Input Motions for Improving the Resilience of Infrastructures to Earthquakes

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Objective

Investigate a new method for accurate reconstruction of three component (3C) of incoming seismic wave field in a 3D, truncated near-surface domain by using sparse seismic data in consideration of mildly nonlinear, inelastic materials.





Motivation for this work

- Estimating incident seismic wavefields in a soil-structure system from seismic measurement allows engineers to pinpoint where large amplitudes of stress waves occur (or structural failures occur) in built environments during seismic events.
- It helps decision-makers to plan the budget and schedule of upgrades, Improving the Resilience of Infrastructure to Earthquakes.



Research Plan

- Task 1: Implementation of the Novel Inverse Modeling Coupled with the Domain Reduction Method (DRM) in Consideration of Various Measurement Types.
- Task 2: Verification of the Task 1.
- Task 3: Parametric Studies.

Task Name	Project Year 1				Year 2			
Task 1: Developing novel inverse modeling								
Task 2: Verification								
Task 3: Parametric studies								



Research Results

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Research Results





To increase the accuracy of the presented algorithm, **the number of sensors per unit length should rise as the frequency content of an incident wave increases**.

Waves of a dominant frequency of 20 Hz are considered with a sensor spacing of 8 m.



Simulation Program

- Implementation of the Inverse Modeling Method in the Real-ESSI Simulator
 - Realistic Modeling and Simulation of Earthquakes, Soils, Structures, and their Interaction
 - Goal Achieve accurate and efficient reconstruction of full three component (3C) seismic wave field in a three dimensional (3D) domain
 - Accuracy \rightarrow High fidelity finite element method (FEM) modeling techniques
 - Efficiency \rightarrow High performance parallel computing techniques
 - Verification and Validation
- Take advantage of the existing functionality in Real-ESSI
 - Modeling of elastic/inelastic materials, soil/structure/interface elements
 - Domain reduction method (DRM) for seismic wave input
 - Plastic domain decomposition technique for parallel computing
 - Post-Processing and Visualization

Parallel Computing

- Implementation in Real-ESSI Parallel Computing in progress...
 - Necessary for large realistic models
 - Plastic domain decomposition method
- Ongoing work
 - Parallelization of time-integration schemes, solvers, output module, etc.
 - Verification and validation
 - Post-processing and visualization















Use: Energy-Based Design

- Follow Energy Flow in Soil-Structure Systems
 - Proposed inverse modeling method can be used to accurately calculate seismic energy input into a realistic infrastructure object under realistic seismic excitations.





Improved Infrastructure

Control Energy Dissipation in Soil-Structure Systems





Summary

- We will be investigating a method for accurate reconstruction of 3C incoming seismic wave in a 3D, truncated near-surface domain by using seismic data in consideration of nonlinear, inelastic materials using Real-ESSI Simulator.
- Proposed inverse modeling method can be used to accurately calculate seismic energy input into a realistic infrastructure object under realistic seismic excitations for energy-based design.
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