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Adaptive Numerical Method Algorithms for Nonlinear Viscous and Bilinear Oil Damper Models Subjected to Dynamic Loading

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ABSTRACT

Adaptive numerical method algorithms are presented for the numerical simulation of the hysteretic behavior of nonlinear viscous and bilinear oil dampers within a finite element program for nonlinear dynamic analysis of frame structures under earthquake excitations. The adaptive algorithms are applicable for computing high-precision solutions for nonlinear viscous and bilinear oil dampers with valve relief that are typically represented mathematically with a nonlinear Maxwell model. The algorithms presented possess excellent convergence characteristics for viscous dampers with a wide range of velocity exponents and axial stiffness properties. The algorithms are implemented in an open source finite element software, and their applicability and computational efficiency is demonstrated through a number of validation examples with data that involve component experimentation as well as the utilization of full-scale shake table tests of a 5-story steel building equipped with nonlinear viscous and bilinear oil dampers.

Keywords: nonlinear viscous damper; bilinear oil damper; fluid viscous damper; supplemental damping; passive control; response modification; numerical simulation; full-scale shake table test.

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1. Introduction

In the past three decades various types of supplemental damping devices have been developed and utilized in frame buildings to control seismic and wind-induced vibrations (Constantinou and Symans

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1993; Soong and Dargush 1997; Christopoulos and Filiatrault 2006; Black and Makris 2007; Symans et al. 2008; Dong et al. 2015). To this end, viscous dampers are advantageous as the forces they develop are typically out-of-phase with displacement-induced forces within a frame building under earthquake loading (Constantinou et al. 1998). Recent earthquakes demonstrated the effectiveness of viscous dampers in response modification of conventional buildings to control structural and non-structural damage (Buchanan et al. 2011; Miranda et al. 2012; Kasai et al. 2013).

For the successful implementation of viscous dampers into the earthquake engineering design practice the availability of mathematical models that represent accurately the hysteretic response of such devices is necessary. Rigorous integration methods are essential for the numerical solution of these models when nonlinear response history analysis (NRHA) is conducted. Unlike in solid viscoelastic dampers (Chang et al. 1995) the temperature dependency of fluid viscous dampers is relatively low (Kasai et al. 2004b; Symans et al. 2008). In contrast with the idealized assumption of purely viscous dashpot models, viscous dampers show stiffness dependency characteristics that generally undermine the effectiveness of a viscous damper (Makris and Constantinou 1991). Although a number of researchers, have studied the effect of axial stiffness of viscous dampers on the seismic performance of frame buildings (Constantinou et al. 2001; Singh et al. 2003; Chen and Chai 2011; Liang et al. 2011; Londoño et al. 2013), they mainly focused on linear viscous dampers. In the case of nonlinear viscous dampers, a common practice has been to neglect the damper axial stiffness (Pekcan et al. 1999; Ramirez et al. 2001; Lin and Chopra 2002; Hwang et al. 2008; Diotallevi et al. 2012). This is a convenient assumption because a closed-form analytical solution of the damper force can be computed when NRHA is employed. Recent shake table experiments of a full-scale 5-story steel frame building equipped with viscous dampers that were conducted at the world's largest shake table around the world (Ooki et al. 2009; Kasai and Matsuda 2014) demonstrated that the consideration of the damper axial stiffness is critical in order to accurately predict both local and global seismic demands of the test structure (Kasai et al. 2007; Kasai and Matsuda 2014).

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54 A blind analysis contest that was conducted to challenge the existing modeling capabilities for steel frame
55 buildings equipped with various types of dampers demonstrated that when the brace and damper axial
56 stiffness is incorporated in nonlinear viscous dampers, it improves the overall prediction accuracy by
57 more than 20% compared to the experimental data (Yu et al. 2013). Recent studies (Dong et al. 2015,
58 2018) have shown that the displacement-induced forces and damper force demands may be in phase
59 within a frame building due to the axial stiffness of the respective damper. This has a profound effect on
60 the seismic demands transferred to the steel columns and foundations and should be carefully quantified.
61 Several researchers have proposed ways to account for the stiffening and frequency dependency of
62 viscous dampers and to compute numerically their hysteretic response under harmonic and seismic
63 excitations by employing the Maxwell model (Makris and Constantinou 1991; Constantinou and Symans
64 1993; Reinhorn et al. 1995; Takahashi and Sekiguchi 2001; Oohara and Kasai 2002; Singh et al. 2003).
65 Typical fixed time-step integration algorithms that have been employed to obtain numerically the viscous
66 damper hysteretic response may require considerably small integration steps to overcome convergence
67 problems (Oohara and Kasai 2002). In particular, numerical convergence may still be a challenge for
68 frame buildings equipped with nonlinear viscous dampers with high axial stiffness and small velocity
69 exponents (Oohara and Kasai 2002). In such cases, a smaller integration time step for the overall analysis
70 is necessary. This reduces the computational efficiency of the analysis of building models with nonlinear
71 viscous dampers. This may also be a fundamental constraint for the optimal seismic design and/or retrofit
72 of frame buildings with nonlinear viscous dampers in which the locations as well as the damper sizes
73 should be explicitly identified as part of the optimization problem (Lavan et al. 2008; Lavan and Avishur
74 2013; Pollini et al. 2017). It is understood that improved integration algorithms should be utilized to
75 reliably obtain the numerical solution of nonlinear viscous damper models.

76 Others have proposed ways to account for the stiffening and frequency dependency of viscous
77 dampers to compute their hysteretic response under harmonic and seismic excitations. For

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78 instance, Terenzi (1999) has employed the Kelvin-Voigt model, in which a spring is connected
79 parallel to a dashpot. This modeling approach is commonly utilized for solid viscoelastic
80 devices. However, a Maxwell model (i.e., spring connected in series with a dashpot), has been
81 found to be more appropriate to account for both the stiffness and frequency dependency of fluid
82 viscoelastic dampers (Makris and Constantinou 1991; Constantinou and Symans 1993; Reinhorn
83 et al. 1995; Takahashi and Sekiguchi 2001; Oohara and Kasai 2002; Singh et al. 2003). Others
84 (Sivaselvan et al. 2009) have utilized a mixed Lagrangian approach to conduct nonlinear response history
85 analyses of frame structures with linear and nonlinear viscous dampers.

86 This paper discusses the numerical implementation of an improved adaptive algorithm for the numerical
87 solution of the constitutive equations of nonlinear viscous and bilinear oil damper material models under
88 dynamic loading when the axial stiffness of the dampers is considered as part of the constitutive damper
89 formulation. The efficiency of the proposed algorithms is compared with that of traditional integration
90 schemes that are typically used for the numerical solution of initial value problems. The proposed
91 numerical solution techniques are implemented in an open-source finite element simulation platform and
92 are validated with full-scale tests from nonlinear viscous and bilinear oil dampers subjected to sinusoidal
93 excitations and various loading frequencies. Furthermore, experimental data from a 5-story steel building
94 with the same damper types that was tested at full-scale is utilized to demonstrate the efficiency of the
95 proposed adaptive numerical schemes in predicting global and local engineering demand parameters of
96 frame buildings equipped with supplemental damping devices. Finally, the paper provides tools to aid the
97 preliminary design of steel frame buildings equipped with nonlinear viscous dampers so as analysis
98 iterations with unnecessarily too stiff or too flexible damper models can be eliminated.

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101 **2. Hysteretic Behaviour of Viscous Dampers as Pure Viscous Models**

102 Viscous dampers contain a polymer liquid and its flow through orifices leads to pressure differential
103 across a piston head, which produces the damper force. The design of orifice dictates the relationship
104 between the force and velocity. Thus, the general force-velocity relationship of nonlinear viscous models
105 can be mathematically expressed by Equation (1) (Symans and Constantinou 1998),

$$106 \quad F_d(t) = C_d |\dot{u}_d(t)|^\alpha \operatorname{sgn}(\dot{u}_d(t)) \quad (1)$$

107 in which, C_d is the damping coefficient and α is the velocity exponent that characterizes the viscous
108 material; u_d is the dashpot displacement ; and sgn represents the signum function. Thus, the peak force F_{d0}
109 of a viscous damper under a harmonic displacement excitation that is described as $u_d(t) = u_{d0}\sin(\omega t)$, is as
110 follows,

$$111 \quad F_{d0} = C_d (\omega u_{d0})^\alpha \quad (2)$$

112 in which, u_{d0} and ω are the peak displacement amplitude and the circular frequency of the sinusoidal
113 excitation, respectively. Figure 1 shows the normalized force-velocity and normalized force-displacement
114 relations of nonlinear viscous models with different α values. A typical Bernoullian cylindrical shaped
115 orifice produces forces, which are proportional to the square of the velocity (i.e., $\alpha = 2$). Such dampers are
116 utilized for shock wave absorption. For $\alpha = 1$, a viscous damper becomes linear while for $\alpha = 0$ the force-
117 displacement hysteretic relation of a viscous damper becomes rectangular, which is typical for friction
118 models (Pall and Marsh 1982). For seismic design applications of frame buildings the capability of
119 limiting the damper force output under high velocity pulses is often desirable. Therefore for seismic
120 applications, α is often selected such that $\alpha < 1$. Because linear viscous dampers produce forces that vary
121 linearly with respect to the velocity demand, large damper forces may be generated under high velocity
122 demands. This introduces uncertainties and conservatism in capacity design of non-dissipative members.
123 In order to overcome this undesirable response, bilinear oil dampers were developed that contain a relief

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124 mechanism, which suppresses the force after a certain limit (Ichihashi et al. 2000; Kasai and Nishimura
 125 2004; Kasai et al. 2004b; Tsuyuki et al. 2004). This creates a bilinear relation between the damper force
 126 and velocity as shown in Figure 2a. Thus, the force produced by a bilinear oil damper can be computed as
 127 follows,

$$128 \quad F_d(t) = \begin{cases} C_d \dot{u}_d(t), & |F_d(t)| \leq F_{dr} \\ \text{sgn}(\dot{u}_d(t)) (F_{dr} + p C_d (|\dot{u}_d(t)| - \dot{u}_{dr})), & |F_d(t)| > F_{dr} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

129 in which, p is the post relief damping coefficient ratio; F_{dr} and \dot{u}_{dr} are the relief force and relief velocity of
 130 the bilinear oil damper, respectively. The peak force F_{d0} of a bilinear oil damper under sinusoidal
 131 displacement excitation $u_d(t) = u_{d0} \sin(\omega t)$ can be computed as follows,

$$132 \quad F_{d0} = \left(p + \frac{1-p}{\mu_d} \right) C_d \omega u_{d0} \quad (4)$$

133 the peak damper velocity ratio, μ_d of a bilinear oil damper, which is defined as the ratio of maximum
 134 velocity demand over the damper relief velocity can be computed as follows,

$$135 \quad \mu_d = \frac{\dot{u}_{d0}}{\dot{u}_{dr}} = \frac{\omega u_{d0}}{\dot{u}_{dr}} \quad (5)$$

136 Figure 2b illustrates the hysteretic behaviour of a bilinear oil damper under sinusoidal loading for
 137 different displacement amplitudes. In this figure, the horizontal axis has been normalized with respect to
 138 the peak displacement amplitude. The damper was designed for a peak damper velocity, $\mu_d = 3$. The post-
 139 relief damping coefficient ratio was assumed to be $p = 0.1$. The displacement amplitudes were increased
 140 in three steps. During the first step, the peak damper velocity was nearly equal to the damper relief
 141 velocity; therefore the hysteretic behaviour of the damper was identical to that of a linear viscous damper
 142 (Kasai et al. 2004b; Tsuyuki et al. 2004). Once the velocity demand exceeds the damper relief velocity,
 143 the relief mechanism is activated and the damping coefficient, C_d , suddenly drops as shown in Figure 2a.

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145 3. Hysteretic Behaviour of Viscous Dampers as Maxwell Models

146 Prior experimental findings suggest that the hysteretic behaviour of a viscous damper is dependent on its
147 axial internal stiffness K_d , as well as the frequency characteristics of the external applied force
148 (Constantinou and Symans 1993). Typically, K_d can be obtained empirically from experimental data as
149 discussed in Makris and Constantinou (1991) and Kasai et al. (2004a; 2004b). Referring to Figure 3a,
150 viscous dampers in frame buildings are typically installed with supporting braces that consist of several
151 components (e.g., steel braces, clevises, brackets and gusset plates). These components provide additional
152 axial flexibility to the damper and affect its hysteretic behaviour under dynamic loading. The axial
153 flexibility of a viscous damper can be further decomposed into its various components as shown
154 schematically in Figure 3b. In this figure, K_b , K_{cl} , K_{gus} are the stiffness contributions of the steel brace,
155 clevis-brackets and gusset plates, respectively. The gap due to the fabrication tolerance of the damper
156 clevis is noted as G_{cl} in the same figure. To this end, the Maxwell model (Maxwell 1867) has been found
157 to represent well both the axial stiffness and frequency dependency of a viscous damper under dynamic
158 loading (Makris and Constantinou 1991; Constantinou and Symans 1993; Singh et al. 2003). In this case,
159 a nonlinear dashpot and a linear spring are connected in series as illustrated in Figure 3c. The axial
160 stiffness of the damper portion, K_d , and that of the various supporting components (see Figure 3b) can be
161 represented by an equivalent axial stiffness, K_s , as follows,

$$162 \quad \frac{1}{K_s} = \frac{1}{K_d} + \frac{1}{K_b} + \frac{2}{K_{cl}} + \frac{2}{K_{gus}} \quad (6)$$

163 The force, F_d at the nonlinear dashpot and spring (F_s) are equal; therefore, the constitutive rules within a
164 Maxwell model can be written as follows,

$$165 \quad F_d(t) = F_s(t) = K_s u_s(t) \quad (7)$$

$$166 \quad u_m(t) = u_s(t) + u_d(t) \quad (8)$$

$$167 \quad \dot{u}_m(t) = \dot{u}_s(t) + \dot{u}_d(t) \quad (9)$$

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168 in which, u_m , u_d and u_s are the total, dashpot and spring displacements, respectively (see Figure 3c). The
 169 constitutive equation that describes the force and total velocity relation within a Maxwell model can be
 170 obtained if Equations (7) and (8) are substituted into Equation (9). For a nonlinear viscous damper this
 171 equation is as follows,

$$172 \quad F'_d(t) = \left(\dot{u}_m(t) - \text{sgn}(F_d(t)) \left(\frac{|F_d(t)|}{C_d} \right)^{1/\alpha} \right) K_s, \quad F_d(t_0) = F_0 \quad (10)$$

173 in which, F_0 is damper force at time t_0 . For a bilinear oil damper, the following equations hold true,

$$174 \quad F'_d(t) = \begin{cases} \left(\dot{u}_m(t) - \frac{F_d(t)}{C_d} \right) K_s, & |F_d(t)| \leq F_{dr} \\ \left(\dot{u}_m(t) - \frac{\text{sgn}(F_d(t))(p-1)F_{dr} + F_d(t)}{pC_d} \right) K_s, & |F_d(t)| > F_{dr} \end{cases}, \quad F_d(t_0) = F_0 \quad (11)$$

175 Equations (10) and (11) are first order ordinary differential equations that can only be solved numerically
 176 in the case of a random vibration input loading.

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178 **4. Numerical Solution for Nonlinear Viscous and Bilinear Oil Dampers**

179 This section discusses a numerical solution scheme for Equations (10) and (11). For this reason, both
 180 equations are treated as a general initial value problem that is described by Equation (12) as follows,

$$181 \quad y' = f(t_n, y_n), \quad y(t_0) = y_0, \quad (12)$$

182 Oohara and Kasai (2002) implemented the classical 4th order Runge-Kutta (RK4) explicit iterative method
 183 (Kutta 1901; Butcher 1996) to solve Equation (12) for nonlinear viscous dampers. They stated that the
 184 classical RK4 method requires very small integration time steps, h , for large K_s values. For NRHA of
 185 frame buildings under earthquake excitations, the maximum value of h is limited by the overall analysis
 186 time step dt_a of the integration algorithm that is employed for the numerical solution of the equation of
 187 motion; while dt_a should be selected at most equal to the time step of the input ground motion dt

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188 depending on the selected integration algorithm to conduct the NRHA; the ratio of dt/dt_a should be an
 189 integer. Typical sampling time steps of recorded ground motions vary between 0.005-0.02 sec. However,
 190 for a large axial damper stiffness, K_s a much smaller step h should be considered for the utilization of the
 191 RK4 iterative method and subsequently the overall NRHA time step dt_a should be further decreased. This
 192 could be computationally expensive particularly in 3-dimensional nonlinear response history analysis of
 193 frame structures.

194 Alternatively, adaptive solution algorithms may be used. In this section, we utilize the Dormand-Prince
 195 (DP54) explicit iterative method (Dormand and Prince 1980) as the basis to solve numerically Equation
 196 (12). The solution of this equation is tested with the absolute error predicted between 4th and 5th order
 197 solutions. The 4th order solution and the associated absolute error according to the DP54 iterative method
 198 for Equation (12) are computed based on Equations (13) and (14), respectively, as follows,

$$199 \quad y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{35}{384}k_1 + \frac{500}{1113}k_3 + \frac{125}{192}k_4 - \frac{2187}{6784}k_5 + \frac{11}{84}k_6 \quad (13)$$

$$200 \quad \varepsilon_{n+1} = \left| \frac{71}{57600}k_1 - \frac{71}{16695}k_3 + \frac{71}{1920}k_4 - \frac{17253}{339200}k_5 + \frac{22}{525}k_6 - \frac{1}{40}k_7 \right| \quad (14)$$

201 in which y_{n+1} and y_n are the solutions for Equation (12) for the current and previous steps, respectively;
 202 ε_{n+1} is the absolute error of the numerical solution in the current step. Note that the term k_2 should not
 203 appear in Equations (13) and (14) as summarized in Hairer et al. (1993). From Equations (15) to (21), the
 204 DP54 explicit iterative method uses six function evaluations in order to calculate the 4th and 5th order
 205 accurate numerical solutions for Equation (14). These function evaluations are computed as follows,

$$206 \quad k_1 = hf(t_n, y_n) \quad (15)$$

$$207 \quad k_2 = hf\left(t_n + \frac{1}{5}h, y_n + \frac{1}{5}k_1\right) \quad (16)$$

$$208 \quad k_3 = hf\left(t_n + \frac{3}{10}h, y_n + \frac{3}{40}k_1 + \frac{9}{40}k_2\right) \quad (17)$$

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$$209 \quad k_4 = hf(t_n + \frac{4}{5}h, y_n + \frac{44}{45}k_1 - \frac{56}{15}k_2 + \frac{32}{9}k_3) \quad (18)$$

$$210 \quad k_5 = hf(t_n + \frac{8}{9}h, y_n + \frac{19372}{6561}k_1 - \frac{25360}{2187}k_2 + \frac{64448}{6561}k_3 - \frac{212}{729}k_4) \quad (19)$$

$$211 \quad k_6 = hf(t_n + h, y_n + \frac{9017}{3168}k_1 - \frac{355}{33}k_2 + \frac{46732}{5247}k_3 + \frac{49}{176}k_4 - \frac{5103}{18656}k_5) \quad (20)$$

$$212 \quad k_7 = hf(t_n + h, y_{n+1}) \quad (21)$$

213 Figure 4 shows a flowchart of a single solution step, $i+1$, within a response history analysis of a nonlinear
 214 viscous damper. In order to obtain the damper force for the current step, $F_{d,i+1}$, the required input
 215 parameters from the overall response history analysis are the integration time step dt_a of the employed
 216 integrator for response history analysis (i.e., different than the one employed to obtain the damper force),
 217 the velocity of the current and previous steps, \dot{u}_{i+1} , \dot{u}_i , respectively, and the damper force, $F_{d,i}$ from the
 218 previous step, i of the response history analysis. The velocity \dot{u} represents the velocity \dot{u}_m of the Maxwell
 219 model. During the initial iteration to compute the damper force, the numerical integration step, h of the
 220 DP54 method is set equal to dt_a . If the relative error ϵ_{rel} is larger than a pre-defined relative tolerance
 221 (noted as "RelTol") or if the absolute error is larger than the absolute tolerance (noted as "AbsTol"), the
 222 solution algorithm reduces its time step h by half (see Eq. (23)) using a half-step coefficient, s (see Eq.
 223 (24)) till Equation (22) is satisfied. In this case, the velocity \dot{u}_{n+1} at the current solution sub-step, which is
 224 required from the DP54 iterative method, should be interpolated linearly between \dot{u}_i and \dot{u}_{i+1} at the
 225 corresponding sub-step. Therefore, the computation of the acceleration \ddot{u}_{i+1} at the current solution step is
 226 needed. Similarly, velocity values within the function evaluations of DP54 iterative method should be
 227 linearly interpolated between \dot{u}_n and \dot{u}_{n+1} at the corresponding time increments. As the sum of half-step
 228 coefficients s_{tot} becomes equal to unity, we can obtain the damper force at the current solution step, $F_{d,i+1}$.
 229 In order to limit the number of iterations N_{it} within the material model, we can introduce a minimum step

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230 size h_{min} . This can simply be done by defining a maximum number of iterations, $N_{it,max}$, for the half step
 231 coefficient s as shown in Equation (24).

$$232 \quad \varepsilon_{rel,n+1} \leq \text{RelTol} \text{ or } \varepsilon_{n+1} \leq \text{AbsTol} \quad (22)$$

$$233 \quad h = s \cdot dt_a \quad (23)$$

$$234 \quad s = 2^{-N_{it}}, \quad N_{it} = \{0,1,2,\dots,N_{it,max}\} \quad (24)$$

235 In order to investigate the effectiveness of the adaptive time step DP54 iterative method on the numerical
 236 solution of the force for nonlinear viscous dampers under a sinusoidal displacement excitations, Figure 5
 237 illustrates the force-displacement relation of nonlinear viscous dampers with varying velocity exponents,
 238 α (α varies from 0.01 to 2) and normalized damper axial stiffnesses, k_s (i.e., k_s varies from 0.1 to 1000).
 239 The sinusoidal displacement that represents the external loading is $u_{m0}\sin(\omega t)$ in which u_{m0} and ω are the
 240 peak displacement amplitude and the angular frequency ($\omega = 2\pi f$) of the external loading, respectively. In
 241 this case, $u_{m0} = 1$ and $f = 1$ Hz. Referring to Figs. 5 to 8, a 1.0Hz frequency is selected just for the sake of
 242 comparisons between computed solutions and experimental results. This frequency is within a typical
 243 frequency range of harmonic input excitations that are used for experimental testing of supplemental
 244 damping devices (Kasai et al. 2004b). The authors have validated the computed solutions with other
 245 meaningful frequency ranges that reflect those typically seen in seismic excitations relative to the
 246 employed supplemental damping device characteristics. The overall time step dt_a of the external loading
 247 was selected to be $dt_a = 0.01$ sec. The nonlinear viscous damper was designed such that if k_s is neglected
 248 then the peak damper force, F_{d0} becomes unity. Thus, F_{d0} can be computed from Equation (25) (i.e., pure
 249 viscous dashpot) and therefore, $u_{d0} = u_{m0}$. In this case, the normalized damper stiffness k_s can be obtained
 250 from Equation (26). A relative tolerance $\text{RelTol} = 10^{-6}$ and an absolute tolerance $\text{AbsTol} = 10^{-10}$ are
 251 selected herein. The selected threshold for the relative and absolute tolerances is deemed to be small
 252 enough for the reliable computation of the numerical solutions of Equations (10) and (11). The selected

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253 values are consistent with prior work on the numerical solution of initial value problems (Griffiths and
254 Higham 2010). More strict convergence criteria could be possibly considered; although the sufficiency of
255 the numerical solution would marginally change, its efficiency would be less given the higher
256 computational cost.

$$257 \quad F_{d0} = C_d (\omega u_{m0})^\alpha \quad (25)$$

$$258 \quad k_s = K_s \frac{u_{m0}}{F_{d0}} \quad (26)$$

259 The number of iterations, N_{it} required for the half step coefficient are reported for each case in Figure 5.
260 From this figure, when k_s increases the required number of iterations in order to achieve convergence
261 based on the pre-defined tolerances also increases. From the same figure, the damper exponent α variation
262 has a relatively small influence on the required number of iterations for numerical convergence. The only
263 exception is for $\alpha = 2$, in which a relatively large number of iterations is required to satisfy the pre-
264 defined convergence tolerances (see Figure 5). This is due to the fact that for $\alpha = 2$ the absolute tolerance
265 becomes the critical condition to minimize the error in the damper force prediction, while for all other α
266 values the relative tolerance limits N_{it} . From Figure 5, it is evident that k_s strongly affects the peak damper
267 forces as well as the damper hysteretic shape. These issues are further investigated later on as part of this
268 paper.

269 In order to illustrate the accuracy of the adaptive integration algorithm for obtaining the hysteretic
270 response of nonlinear viscous dampers compared to traditional iterative numerical methods that have been
271 previously employed, Figure 6 illustrates the force-displacement relations for the same nonlinear viscous
272 dampers that were analyzed in Figure 5 when the classical 4th order RK4 iterative method is employed.
273 Referring to Figure 6, it is evident that when the RK4 iterative method is employed and for $dt_a = 0.01$ sec
274 it is not possible to obtain the numerical solution of Equation (10) if $k_s > 10$. Notably, numerical

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275 convergence is achieved for only three α values (i.e., $\alpha = 0.5, 1.0$ and 2.0). In order to obtain a stable
276 numerical solution even in these cases an integration step $dt_a = 0.00005$ sec must be selected.

277 The adaptive DP54 iterative method can be also implemented for the numerical solution of bilinear oil
278 dampers. In this case, Equation (11) is solved numerically. Note that when $p = 0$ (i.e., constant damper
279 force after relief), $F'_d(t)$ in Equation (11) becomes infinite; therefore the damper force, $F_{d,i+1}$ in this case
280 should be directly equal to F_{dr} . Alternatively, we can compute the damper force $F_{d,i+1}$ through a finite
281 difference approximation of Eq. (11) as follows,

$$282 \quad F_d(t) = F_{d,i+1} \quad (27)$$

$$283 \quad \dot{u}_m(t) = \dot{u}_{m,i+1} \quad (28)$$

$$284 \quad F'_d(t) = \frac{F_{d,i+1} - F_{d,i}}{h} \quad (29)$$

285 After substituting Equations (27) to (29) into Equation (11), Equation (30) is obtained. First, $F_{d,i+1}$ shall be
286 computed through Equation (30) by assuming that the oil damper is linear (i.e., $|F_{d,i+1}| \leq F_{dr}$). If the
287 computed damper force $|F_{d,i+1}| > F_{dr}$, then $F_{d,i+1}$ shall be recomputed using the sign value, $\text{sgn}(F_{d,i+1})$ of
288 the initially computed linear oil damper force prediction.

$$289 \quad F_{d,i+1} = \begin{cases} \frac{F_{d,i} + \dot{u}_{m,i+1} K_s h}{1 + K_s h / C_d}, & |F_{d,i+1}| \leq F_{dr} \\ \frac{F_{d,i} + \dot{u}_{m,i+1} K_s h + [\text{sgn}(F_{d,i+1})(1-p)F_{dr}K_s h]}{1 + K_s h / (pC_d)}, & |F_{d,i+1}| > F_{dr} \text{ and } p \neq 0 \\ \text{sgn}(F_{d,i+1})F_{dr}, & |F_{d,i+1}| > F_{dr} \text{ and } p = 0 \end{cases} \quad (30)$$

290 Kasai et al. (2004b) recommended that in order to compute the bilinear oil damper force with a high
291 precision, smaller integration steps should be employed. In order to be compatible with the adaptive DP54
292 iterative method, the error of the numerical solution in this case is defined by subtracting the solution
293 obtained in the current iteration from that of an additional step. For this reason, two numerical solutions

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294 are obtained per iteration, one computed with a time step h_1 and another one with h_2 as shown in Equation
 295 (31). Similar to the adaptive DP54 iterative method, for each iteration the integration time step is reduced
 296 by half, until the absolute error or the absolute relative error becomes smaller than the predefined
 297 tolerances, based on Equation (22).

$$298 \quad h_1 = s \cdot dt_a, \quad h_2 = s / (s + 1) \cdot dt_a \quad (31)$$

299 In order to compare the adaptive DP54 iterative method with the proposed adaptive numerical integration
 300 method (NI) discussed herein for the case of bilinear oil dampers, the force-displacement relations for oil
 301 dampers under a sinusoidal external loading with $u_{mo} = 1$ and $f = 1$ Hz are computed in Figures 7 and 8.
 302 The bilinear oil dampers are designed such that their peak force, F_{d0} , becomes unity when the damper
 303 axial flexibility is neglected. For bilinear oil dampers, F_{d0} can be computed based on Equation (32). Two
 304 cases are analyzed. In the first case, the peak damper velocity ratios are fixed (i.e., $\mu_m = 2$) and p varies
 305 from 0 to 1.0 (see Figure 7). In the second case, the p value is fixed (i.e., $p = 0.05$) and μ_m varies from 1 to
 306 20 (see Figure 8). For both cases, the normalized damper axial stiffness, k_s , varies from 0.1 to 1000. The
 307 relative and absolute tolerances are set equal to $RelTol=10^{-6}$ and $AbsTol=10^{-10}$, respectively.

$$308 \quad F_{d0} = \left(p + \frac{1-p}{\mu_m} \right) C_d \omega u_{m0} \quad (32)$$

$$309 \quad \mu_m = \frac{\omega u_{m0}}{\dot{u}_{dr}} \quad (33)$$

310 Figure 7 illustrates the computed hysteretic behaviour of bilinear oil dampers with varying p and k_s values
 311 based on the adaptive DP54 and finite difference approximation methods. In the same figure we have
 312 superimposed the number of iterations, N_{it} required for the half step coefficient based on both iterative
 313 methods. From Figure 7 it is concluded that for large k_s values (i.e., $k_s \geq 100$) a small integration time step
 314 is required when the adaptive DP54 method is employed; however, this is not the case when the
 315 alternative proposed integration scheme is employed. Therefore, for oil dampers that utilize $k_s \geq 100$ the

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316 alternative numerical integration method is able to provide the same solution accuracy with the adaptive
317 DP54 iterative method with a smaller number of iterations. For flexible bilinear oil dampers (i.e.,
318 $k_s < 100$) the adaptive DP54 iterative method typically satisfies the pre-defined tolerance criteria with just
319 a single iteration (see Figure 7). Similar conclusions hold true when p is fixed (i.e., $p = 0.05$) and the peak
320 damper velocity ratio, μ_m varies (see Figure 8).

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322 **5. Sensitivity of Viscous Damper Behaviour to the Damper Axial Stiffness**

323 This section investigates the effect of the axial stiffness, K_s due to viscoelasticity of a viscous damper on
324 its hysteretic behaviour and dynamic stiffnesses based on the proposed adaptive numerical method
325 discussed above. In particular, a sensitivity study is conducted in order to quantify the effect of K_s on the
326 reduction factor of the damper energy dissipation, e_K ; the damper peak force, F_{do} ; the damper storage
327 stiffness, $K_{m,st}$; and the damper loss stiffness, $K_{m,l}$. A harmonic vibration is assumed for this purpose. A
328 sinusoidal displacement that represents the external loading is applied with $u_{mo} = 1$ and $f = 1$ Hz. The
329 evaluation is conducted in a normalized manner. In particular, similarly with the normalized stiffness k_s
330 (see Equation (26)), the normalized storage and loss stiffnesses $k_{m,st}$ and $k_{m,l}$, respectively, can be obtained
331 according to Equation (26). Figure 9 illustrates the graphical definition of these phenomena as well as the
332 dynamic stiffnesses (see Figure 9c). The reduction factor of the damper energy dissipation, e_K is obtained
333 by first computing the area under the corresponding damper hysteresis numerically and then dividing it
334 into the energy produced by the pure viscous model under the same loading conditions. The energy
335 dissipated by nonlinear and bilinear viscous models can be directly computed according to Constantinou
336 and Symans (1993) and Kasai and Nishimura (2004), respectively. The normalized peak damper force f_m
337 is obtained by dividing the peak damper force into the peak force of a pure viscous model, which can be
338 calculated, based on Equations (25) and (32) for nonlinear and bilinear viscous models, respectively.
339 Nonlinear viscous dampers are employed with the utilization of the Maxwell model in order to facilitate

340 the discussion in the next paragraph. The observations below are general and can be applied to bilinear oil
 341 dampers not discussed herein due to brevity.

342 Figure 10 illustrates the variation of e_K , f_m , $k_{m,st}$ and $k_{m,l}$ (values are normalized as discussed earlier and
 343 range between 0 to 1) with respect to the nonlinear viscous damper normalized stiffness k_s for a wide
 344 range of α values. From Figure 10, the following observations hold true,

- 345 • The change in e_K is relatively large for small α values (see Figure 10a). This is attributed to the
 346 fact that the smaller the exponent α , the more stable the damper force becomes with the increase
 347 of velocity (see Figure 1a). Therefore, a decrease in external total displacement (i.e. k_s) would
 348 mainly affect the dashpot displacement and not that of the spring because the spring force
 349 remains relatively constant and the spring displacement is proportional to its force. For instance,
 350 when $\alpha = 0$, for $k_s < 1$ the damper hysteretic energy diminishes. For $\alpha = 0$ (i.e., friction dampers)
 351 and $\alpha = 1$ (i.e., linear dampers) the reduction factor of the nonlinear viscous damper can be
 352 directly computed based on the following equation (Constantinou et al. 1998; Kasai et al. 2003),

$$353 \quad e_{K,\alpha=0} = \frac{k_s - 1}{k_s}; \quad e_{K,\alpha=1} = \frac{k_s^2}{1 + k_s^2} \quad (34)$$

- 354 • From Figure 10b a decrease in k_s has a larger impact on the normalized peak forces (f_m) of a
 355 damper with large exponent α (e.g., $\alpha = 1$). Similarly, this is attributed to the fact that the damper
 356 force is relatively sensitive to the velocity variation once α becomes large. Therefore, a reduction
 357 in the dashpot displacement due to the axial flexibility causes relatively large force reductions
 358 when $\alpha = 1$. Note that specifically for friction and linear dampers the peak damper forces can be
 359 computed as follows,

$$360 \quad f_{m,\alpha=0} = k_s; \quad f_{m,\alpha=1} = \frac{k_s}{\sqrt{1 + k_s^2}} \quad (35)$$

361 • The normalized storage stiffness $k_{m,st}$ is large for small α values; $k_{m,st}$ becomes maximum when
 362 $k_s = 1$ (see Figure 10c). This implies that although the inclination angle of the damper hysteresis
 363 is small for $k_s < 1$ (see Figure 5), the $k_{m,st}$ is relatively small due to fact that the normalized peak
 364 forces, f_m significantly decrease for $k_s < 1$ as shown in Figure 10b. For $k_s > 1$ the $k_{m,st}$ reduces due
 365 to the changing shape of the damper hysteresis. For large k_s values the damper hysteresis
 366 becomes similar to that of a pure viscous model, which has no storage stiffness. For friction and
 367 linear dampers the normalized storage stiffness can be computed as follows,

$$368 \quad k_{m,st,\alpha=0} = k_s; \quad k_{m,st,\alpha=1} = \frac{k_s}{1+k_s^2} \quad (36)$$

369 • From Figure 10d the normalized loss stiffness, $k_{m,l}$ increases with the increase of k_s . Under the
 370 same loading conditions, a pure viscous model would have a normalized loss stiffness $k_{m,l} = 1$,
 371 because the maximum force occurs at zero displacement; thus the larger the k_s , the larger the $k_{m,l}$
 372 becomes. Note that Equation (37) can be employed to compute the normalized loss stiffness for
 373 friction and linear dampers,

$$374 \quad k_{m,l,\alpha=0} = k_s - 1; \quad k_{m,l,\alpha=1} = \frac{k_s^2}{1+k_s^2} \quad (37)$$

375 Figure 10 can facilitate the design and modeling of the damper stiffness. For instance, Figure 10a suggests
 376 that if the damper has a normalized stiffness $k_s > 100$, it is practically a pure viscous model, while for
 377 $k_s = 10$ the energy dissipation is about 90% of that of a viscous model for a low velocity exponent. If $k_s <$
 378 10, the loss in energy dissipation increases dramatically. When $\alpha \approx 0$ the damper hysteretic energy
 379 diminishes for $k_s < 1$. These graphs can be utilized to accelerate the preliminary evaluation procedures
 380 within a building model. If the damper stiffness properties are unknown, Figure 10 can be used to easily
 381 assign a damper stiffness, that is computationally efficient (not too stiff) and at the same time reasonably
 382 conservative (i.e. not too flexible) for the evaluation of a building's engineering demand parameters. This

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383 should aid eliminating analysis iterations with unnecessarily too stiff or too flexible damper models. Note
384 that, an estimation of the building's fundamental frequency and peak damper displacement (u_{m0}) is
385 sufficient to compute the required damper stiffness that satisfies the selected k_s (see Eq. 26). Similar
386 expressions can be derived for bilinear oil dampers.

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388 **6. Experimental Validation**

389 This section discusses the validation of the proposed adaptive integration techniques for the numerical
390 models of nonlinear viscous and bilinear oil dampers. The validation is conducted with damper
391 component experiments conducted in prior studies. System-level experimental data from a full-scale
392 shake table test of a 5-story steel frame building with nonlinear viscous and bilinear oil dampers are also
393 utilized.

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395 **6.1. Component Level Validation**

396 Component level experiments for both nonlinear viscous and oil dampers are adopted from earlier
397 experimental studies (Kasai et al. 2004b; Ooki et al. 2009; Hikino 2012). The nonlinear viscous damper
398 that was tested had a viscous coefficient, $C_d = 196 \text{ KN}/(\text{mm}/\text{s})^{0.38}$, axial stiffness, $K_d = 438 \text{ KN}/\text{mm}$ and a
399 damper exponent, $\alpha = 0.38$. The nonlinear viscous damper was subjected to sinusoidal loading with
400 increasing displacement amplitudes and loading frequencies of 0.5Hz and 2Hz, respectively. Figure 11
401 illustrates the measured hysteretic response of the nonlinear viscous damper in terms of its force-
402 displacement relation for the two loading frequencies of interest. In the same figure, we have
403 superimposed the computed hysteretic response of the nonlinear viscous damper based on a Maxwell
404 model. For the numerical solution of the constitutive equation of the Maxwell model with the proposed
405 adaptive numerical technique an integration step of 0.01sec is adopted. The adaptive DP54 method
406 required 3 iterations (i.e. $h = 0.00125 \text{ sec}$) to satisfy the pre-defined convergence criteria (i.e., 10^{-6} and 10^{-6}

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407 ¹⁰ for the relative and absolute tolerances, respectively). From Figure 11, the average absolute relative
408 error of the predicted positive and negative peak damper forces per loading cycle versus the measured
409 ones is 9% and 6% for 0.5 and 2.0Hz, respectively. This suggests that the proposed numerical model for
410 nonlinear viscous dampers represents well the experimental data regardless of the employed loading
411 frequency.

412 Similarly, for bilinear oil dampers the experimental data from Kasai et al. (2004b) is utilized. In this case,
413 the bilinear oil damper that was tested dynamically at full-scale had an initial damper coefficient,
414 $C_d = 24.5$ KN/(mm/s), an axial stiffness, $K_d = 392.3$ KN/mm, a relief velocity, $\dot{u}_{dr} = 32$ mm/s, and a post-
415 relief coefficient ratio, $p = 0.068$ (Takahashi and Sekiguchi 2001). The bilinear oil damper was subjected
416 to sinusoidal loading with increasing displacement amplitude of 1, 5 and 15 mm and loading frequencies
417 of 0.25 Hz and 1 Hz. Figure 12 illustrates the measured hysteretic response of the bilinear oil damper for
418 the two loading frequencies of interest. From Figure 3.12a, at 0.25 Hz the relief valve of the oil damper
419 was not activated; therefore, the damper response was linear. However, at 1Hz and during the last loading
420 cycle (i.e., displacement amplitude of 15 mm) the damper relief velocity was exceeded. Thus, a bilinear
421 force-velocity relation was measured as shown in Figure 12b. In the same figure we have superimposed
422 the computed hysteretic response of the same damper. The integration step of the proposed adaptive
423 numerical technique that was employed was 0.01 sec. The adaptive DP54 method required 5 iterations
424 (i.e. $h = 0.0003125$ sec) to satisfy the pre-defined convergence criteria (i.e., 10^{-6} and 10^{-10} for the relative
425 and absolute tolerances, respectively). Referring to Figure 12, the computed hysteretic response of the oil
426 damper is nearly identical with the one obtained from the experimental data regardless of the loading
427 frequency. This is also indicated from the average absolute error of positive and negative peak damper
428 forces per loading cycle that was 5% and 3% for 0.25 Hz and 1 Hz, respectively.

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431 6.2. *Validation with System-Level Experimental Data*

432 This section discusses the implementation of the proposed adaptive integration techniques for simulating
433 the hysteretic response of nonlinear viscous and bilinear oil dampers based on the utilization of full-scale
434 shake table experiments of a 5-story steel frame building that was tested at the world's largest shake table
435 at E-Defense in Japan (Ohtani et al. 2004; Kasai et al. 2008; Kasai et al. 2010; Hikino 2012; Kasai and
436 Matsuda 2014). The test structure was equipped various types of dampers including nonlinear viscous and
437 bilinear oil dampers (Ooki et al. 2009; Kasai et al. 2010; Hikino 2012). The employed numerical models
438 including the adaptive integration techniques (noted as "ViscousDamper" and "BilinearOilDamper")
439 discussed in this paper have been implemented in an open-source finite element simulation platform for
440 nonlinear response history analysis of 2- and 3-Dimensional frame buildings under earthquake excitations
441 [so called: Open System for Earthquake Engineering Simulation (*OpenSees*), (McKenna 1997)]. These
442 models including their documentation are publically available (BilinearOilDamper 2015; ViscousDamper
443 2015).

444 Figure 13a shows the test structure after the installation on the E-Defense shake table. The test structure
445 plan view was 10x12 m as (see Figure 13b). Its total height was 15.85 m and its overall weight was
446 4730 KN. Detailed information regarding the test structure is reported extensively elsewhere (Ooki et al.
447 2009; Kasai et al. 2010; Kasai and Matsuda 2014). Due to brevity, the reader is referred to the
448 aforementioned studies.

449 Twelve dampers were installed in the test structure in total (four in the Y-loading direction; eight in the
450 X-loading direction) as shown in Figures 13c and 13d. Table 1 provides the various properties of the
451 nonlinear viscous and bilinear oil dampers based on damper component tests prior to the shake table
452 experiments. In summary, Table 1 includes the damping coefficients, C_d , the stiffness properties (i.e.,
453 damper portion, K_d and total stiffness K_s) of the corresponding dampers installed in the test structure. The
454 velocity exponent, α , of the nonlinear viscous dampers was found to be, $\alpha = 0.38$. The relief velocity, \dot{u}_{dr}

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455 and post relief damping coefficient ratio, p of the bilinear oil dampers were found to be, $\dot{u}_{dr} = 64$ mm/sec
456 and $p = 0.068$, respectively (Kasai et al. (2008); Ooki et al. (2009); Hikino 2012).

457 The test structure was subjected to the three components of the JR Takatori record from the 1995 Kobe
458 earthquake. These components were scaled incrementally at 50%, and 100% of the unscaled intensity of
459 the same ground motion. Further details regarding the testing program can be found in Kasai and Matsuda
460 (2014).

461 A 3-Dimensional (3D) model of the test structure was developed in the *OpenSees* simulation platform.
462 The steel beams and columns were modeled with a single force-based distributed plasticity beam-column
463 element with five integration points along their length. In order to trace flexural yielding within the cross
464 sections a combined isotropic/kinematic material model (Menegotto and Pinto 1973) was assigned to the
465 fiber-based cross sections that were assigned to the force-based nonlinear beam-column elements. The
466 fiber discretization of each cross section consisted of 5x3 fiber elements along the width and thickness of
467 flanges and webs, respectively. The measured material properties reported by (Kasai and Matsuda 2014)
468 were explicitly assigned to the various steel beam and columns of the test structure. The reinforced
469 concrete slab on top of the steel beams was modeled with a concrete material (Yassin 1994), which
470 accounts for the effect of linear tension softening of the concrete. The effective width of the concrete slab
471 was calculated based on Section I3.1a of ANSI/AISC 360-10 (AISC 2010). Rigid diaphragms were
472 assigned at each floor level. The P-Delta transformation was assigned to the steel members of the test
473 structure to simulate the second order effects. The viscous damping forces of the test structure were
474 simulated with the Rayleigh model. In particular, 2% damping ratio was assigned to the first and third
475 modes of the 3-D model. Two seismic intensities (50% and 100%) were considered for the evaluation
476 presented herein. Nonlinear response history analysis with direct integration of the equations of motion
477 was conducted. The Newmark's average acceleration method (Newmark 1959) was used for this purpose.

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478 The integration time step was taken equal to $dt=0.01$ sec. A detailed summary of the developed numerical
479 model of the test structure can be found in Lignos (2012) and (Akcelyan et al. 2016).

480 Figure 14 shows a comparison of the measured (noted as Test-50 and Test-100) and computed absolute
481 peak values of story drift ratios, story shear forces and floor absolute accelerations along the height of the
482 test structure with nonlinear viscous dampers under 50% and 100% of the unscaled Takatori record in
483 both loading directions (i.e., directions X and Y). In order to illustrate the efficiency of the adaptive
484 integration techniques for the numerical solution of viscous dampers including their axial flexibility, two
485 types of nonlinear response history analyses are carried out. In the first one (noted as NRHA1) the axial
486 flexibility of the dampers is neglected. In the second one (noted as NRHA2) the axial flexibility of the
487 damper is considered. Note that the average absolute errors of global peak engineering demand
488 parameters (EDPs) shown in Figure 14 increase from 7% to 27% when the axial flexibility of the damper
489 is disregarded. In the Y-loading direction, the average absolute errors along the height of the test structure
490 are much larger than those in the X-loading direction. In particular, the predicted peak EDPs are
491 underestimated by more than 45% in average. Referring to Figure 15, nearly identical findings hold true
492 for the test structure with oil dampers. These simple comparisons indicate the importance of rigorous
493 mathematical models, such as the nonlinear Maxwell model, to accurately represent the hysteretic
494 response of viscous dampers including their axial flexibility. In this case, the advantage of the proposed
495 adaptive numerical method techniques to overcome typical convergence problems during nonlinear
496 response history analyses of large-scale finite element models with fairly large integration steps is also
497 pronounced.

498 Figure 16 illustrates the measured hysteretic response of the damper portion (K_d and C_d) of the nonlinear
499 viscous and bilinear oil dampers installed in the first story of the test structure in X- and Y- loading
500 directions, respectively, for the 100% seismic intensity of the JR Takatori record. In the same figure we
501 have superimposed the simulated hysteretic response of the same components based on NRHA of the 3D

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502 model representation of the test structure with nonlinear viscous dampers and bilinear oil dampers based
503 on the proposed adaptive integration techniques discussed in this paper. From Figure 16 it is evident that
504 in both cases the proposed numerical models are rational and are able to capture fairly well both the peak
505 damper forces as well as the damper displacement amplitudes.

506 The efficiency of the presented algorithms in computing the numerical solutions of the damper devices
507 presented herein has been also evaluated in cases that steel frame buildings retrofitted with nonlinear
508 viscous dampers exhibit inelastic behavior during severe ground motion shaking (Akcelyan 2017,
509 Akcelyan and Lignos 2018, Wang and Mahin, 2017). It was found in all cases that the proposed
510 numerical schemes have excellent convergence characteristics.

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512 **7. Summary and Conclusions**

513 This paper discusses the implementation of advanced adaptive numerical integration algorithms for the
514 numerical solution of the constitutive equations that describe the force-displacement relation of viscous
515 dampers under random vibrations. The integration schemes are implemented in an open source finite
516 element analysis program in order to calculate fourth- and fifth-order accurate numerical solutions of a
517 damper force under dynamic loading when the axial flexibility of the respective viscous damper is
518 considered in the mathematical model representation of the damper. Through a sensitivity study, the
519 efficiency of the adaptive integration algorithm over traditional integration schemes for the numerical
520 solution of initial value problems is demonstrated. In particular, it is shown that even in cases that involve
521 nonlinear viscous dampers with large axial stiffness and small velocity exponents a high-accuracy
522 numerical solution of the force-displacement relations of the respective damper is achieved with relatively
523 large integration steps and only few sub-step iterations. In the case of bilinear oil dampers with large axial
524 stiffness an alternative adaptive numerical integration algorithm is also proposed. This integration scheme
525 is able to provide same accuracy solutions with the adaptive Dormand-Prince iterative method but with

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526 much smaller number of sub-step iterations. The employed integration schemes allow for the
527 investigation of the sensitivity of the viscous damper behaviour to its axial stiffness. The adaptive
528 integration schemes for the numerical solution of the nonlinear Maxwell model are validated through a
529 series of comparisons with damper component tests as well as system-level experimental data from full-
530 scale shake table tests of a 5-story steel frame building with nonlinear viscous and bilinear oil dampers.
531 The validation studies underscore the efficiency of the proposed integration schemes in predicting the
532 global and local engineering demand parameters of frame buildings equipped with supplemental damping
533 devices at a relatively low computational cost.

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Table 1: Properties of nonlinear viscous dampers and oil dampers (Hikino, 2012).

Frame	Story	Nonlinear Viscous Damper ($\alpha = 0.38$)			Oil Damper ($\dot{u}_{dr} = 64 \text{ mm/s}, p = 0.068$)		
		C_d [KN/(mm/s) ^{0.38}]	K_d [KN/mm]	K_s [KN/mm]	C_d [KN/(mm/s)]	K_d [KN/mm]	K_s [KN/mm]
X direction (2 bays)	4	49	119 ^(a)	60	3.13	88	57
	3	49	119 ^(a)	60	6.25	137	85
	2	98	193	104	6.25	137	85
	1	98	193	101	12.5	274	146
Y direction (1 bay)	4	98	193	104	6.25	137	85
	3	98	193	104	12.5	274	154
	2	196	438	179	12.5	274	154
	1	196	438	171	18.75	441	242

723 (a) Estimated stiffness values (K_d) for damper portion due to lack of data of dampers at third and fourth story (Yu et
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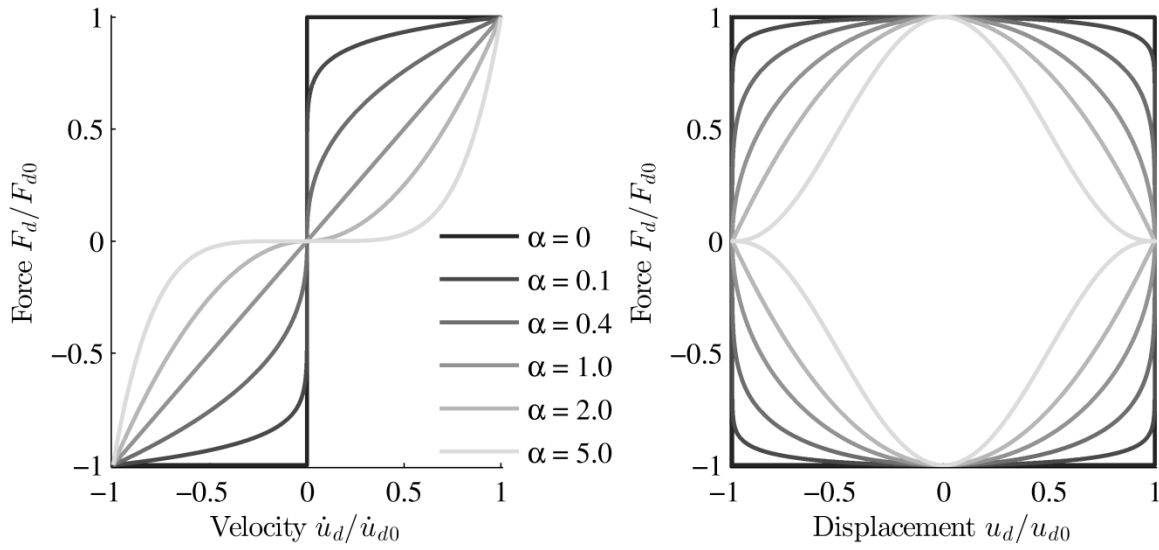
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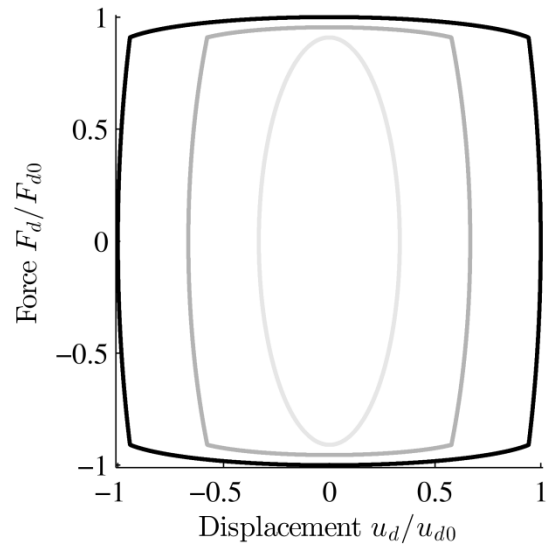
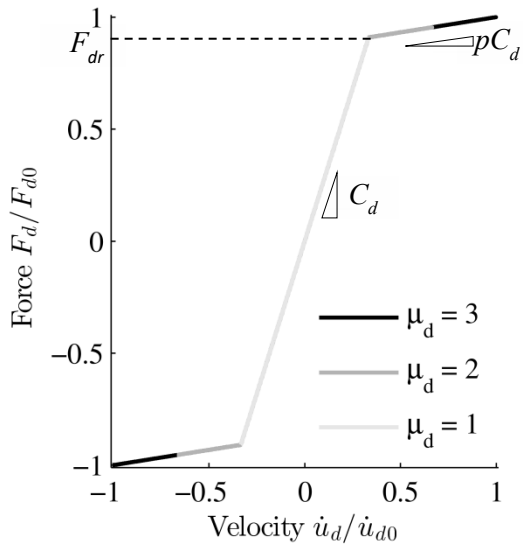
(a) Force - velocity relation

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732 **Figure 1:** Hysteretic behaviour of nonlinear viscous dampers with various velocity exponents under
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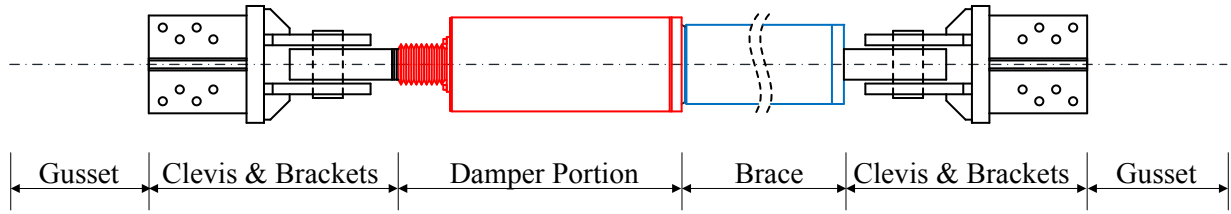
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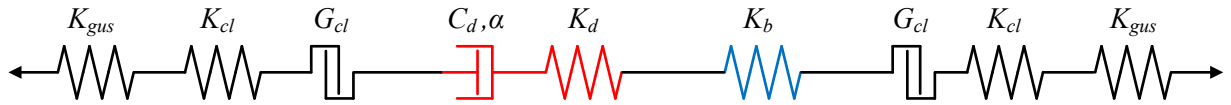
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737 **Figure 2:** Hysteretic behaviour of bilinear oil dampers under sinusoidal motion with increasing loading
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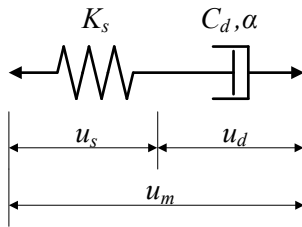
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(a) Nonlinear viscous damper



(b) Mechanical model for nonlinear viscous damper



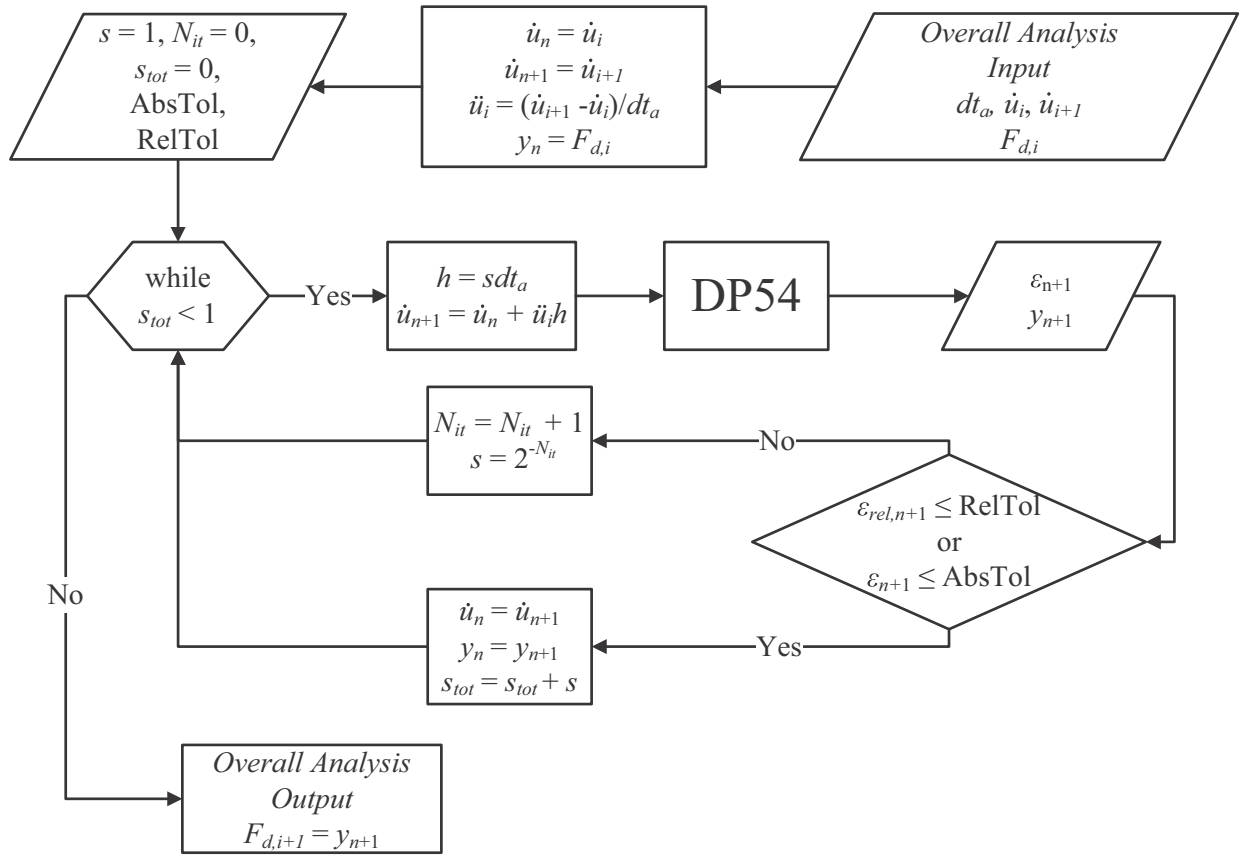
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Figure 3: Schematic representation of nonlinear viscous damper including its mathematical model

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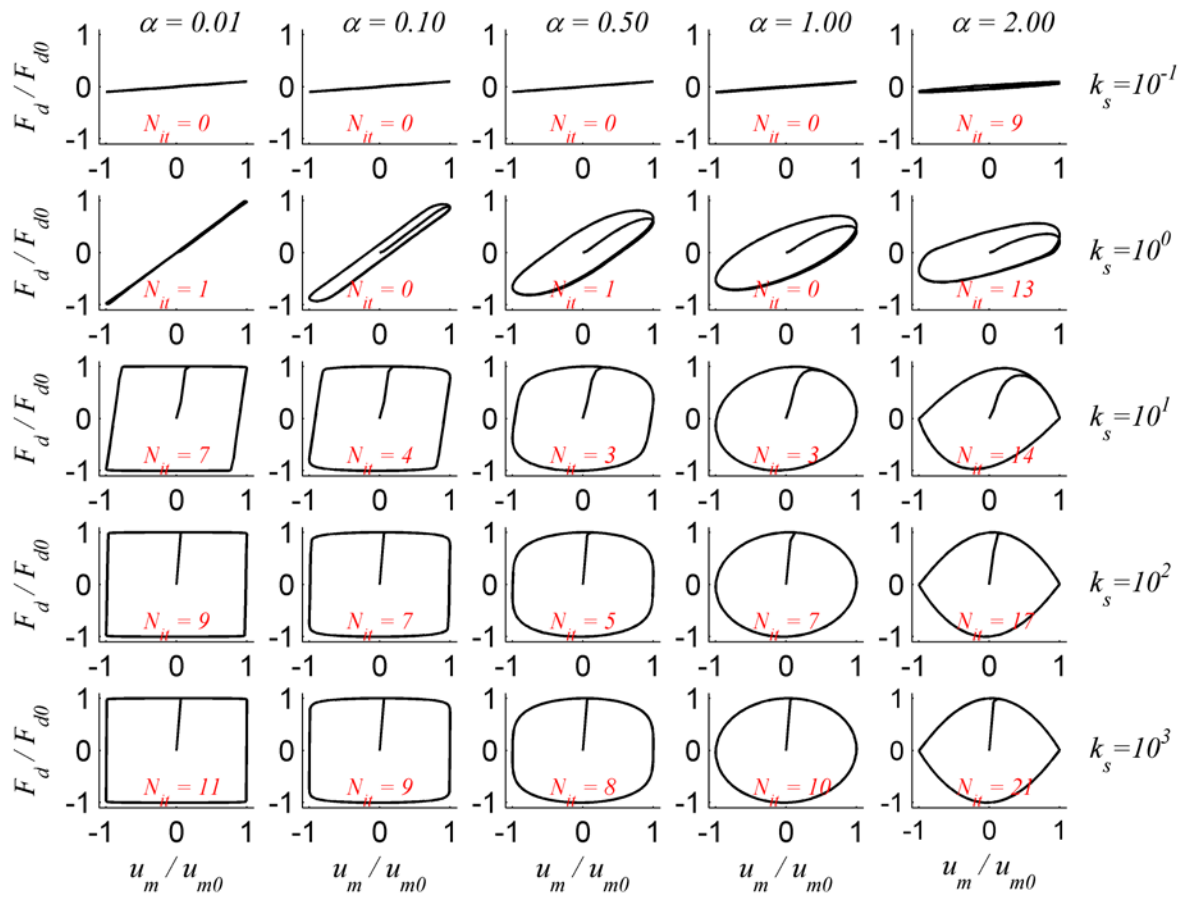


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744 **Figure 4:** Flow chart of the numerical solution based on the adaptive DP54 explicit iterative method for

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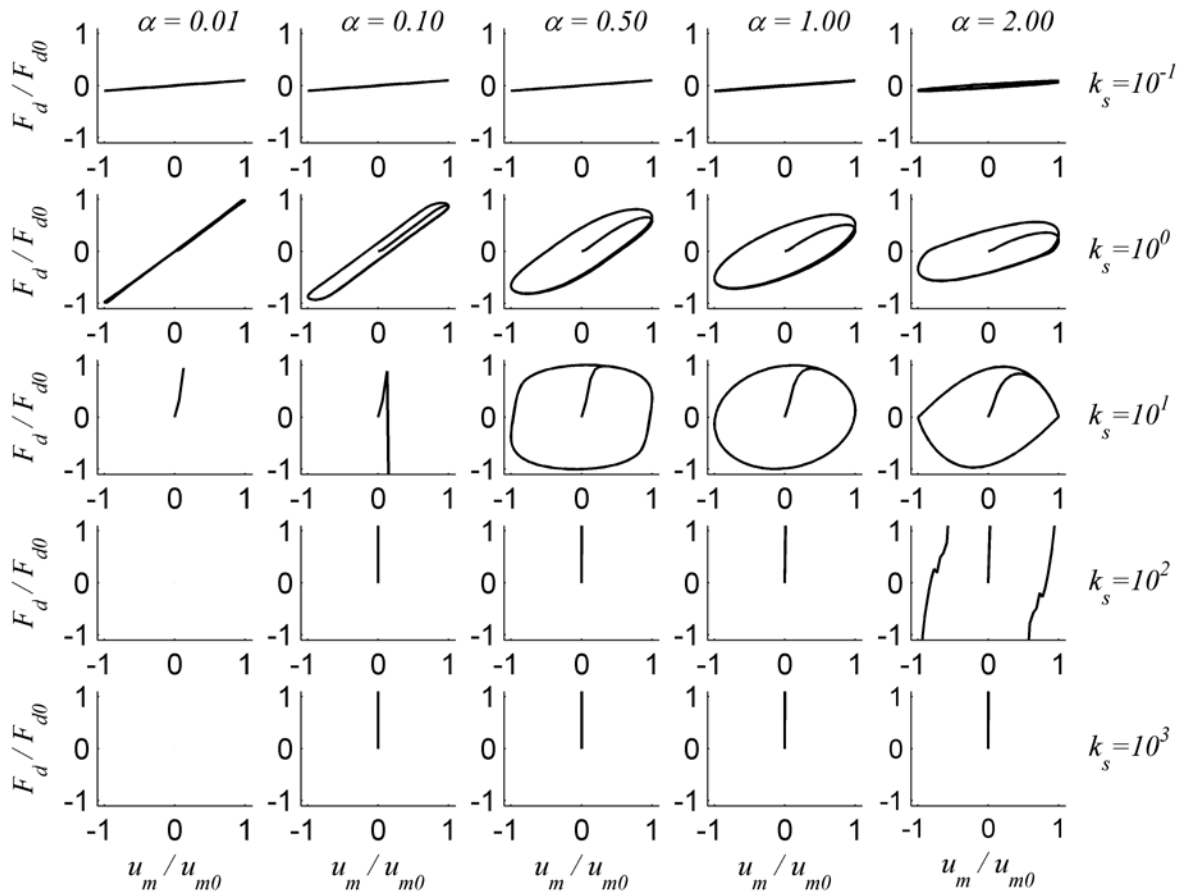
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749 **Figure 5:** Force-displacement relations for nonlinear viscous dampers under sinusoidal displacement

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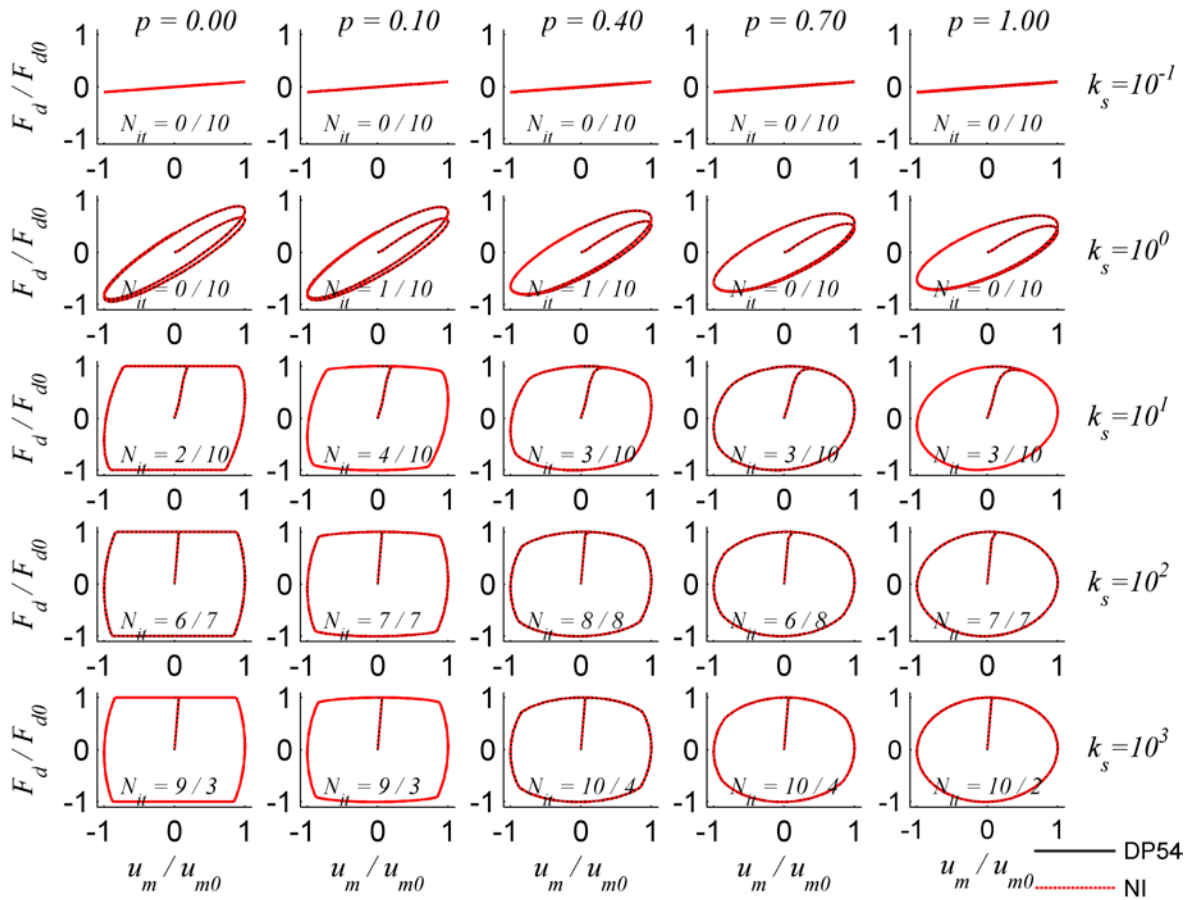
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754 **Figure 6:** Force-displacement relations for nonlinear viscous dampers under sinusoidal displacement

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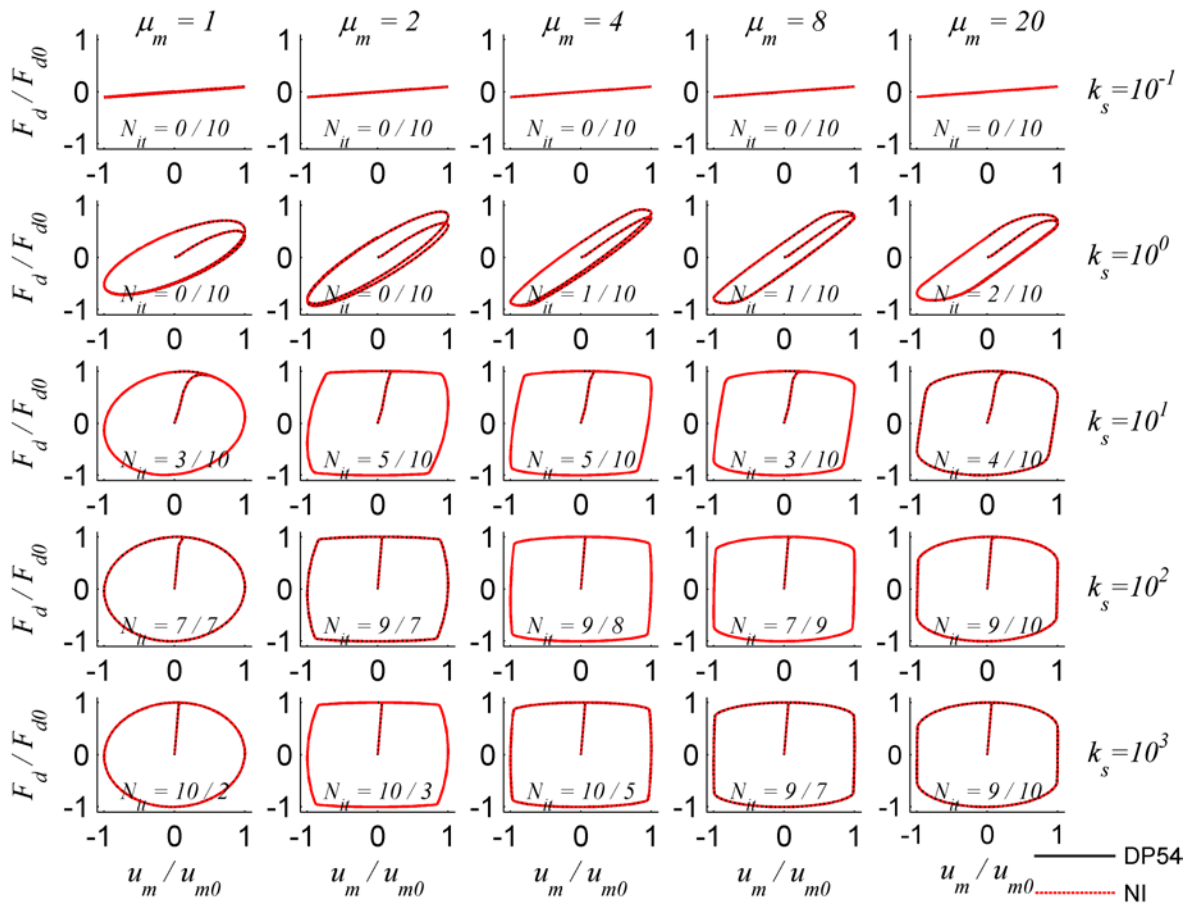
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759 **Figure 7:** Comparison of the force-displacement relation predictions for bilinear oil dampers under
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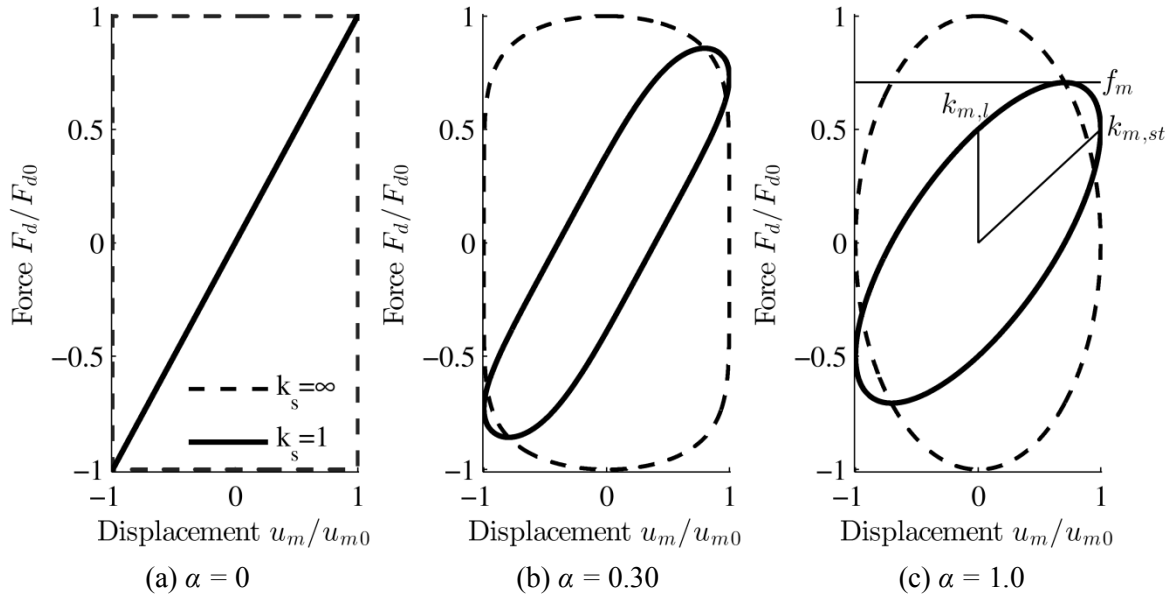
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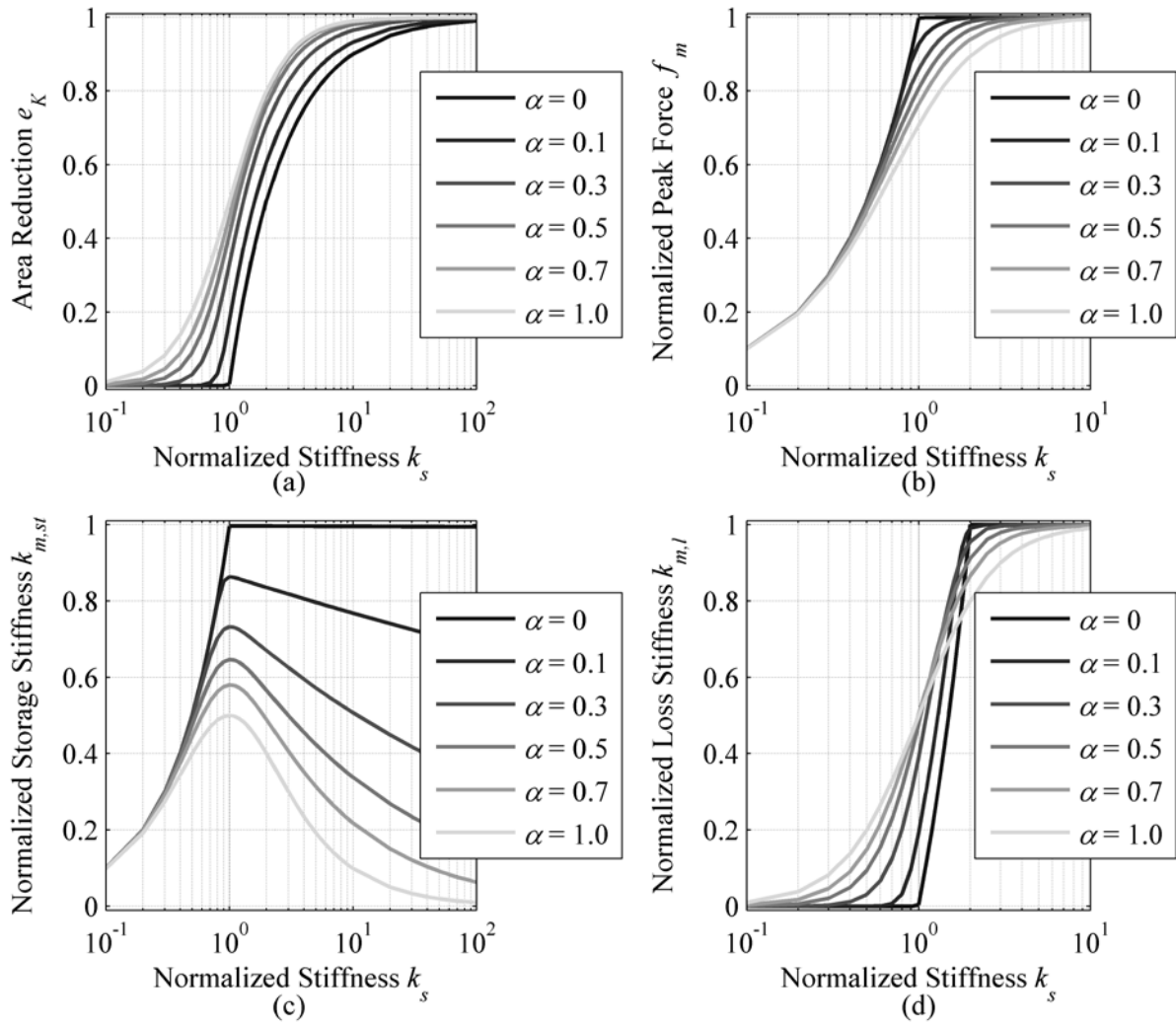
764 **Figure 8:** Force-displacement relations for bilinear oil dampers under sinusoidal displacement based on
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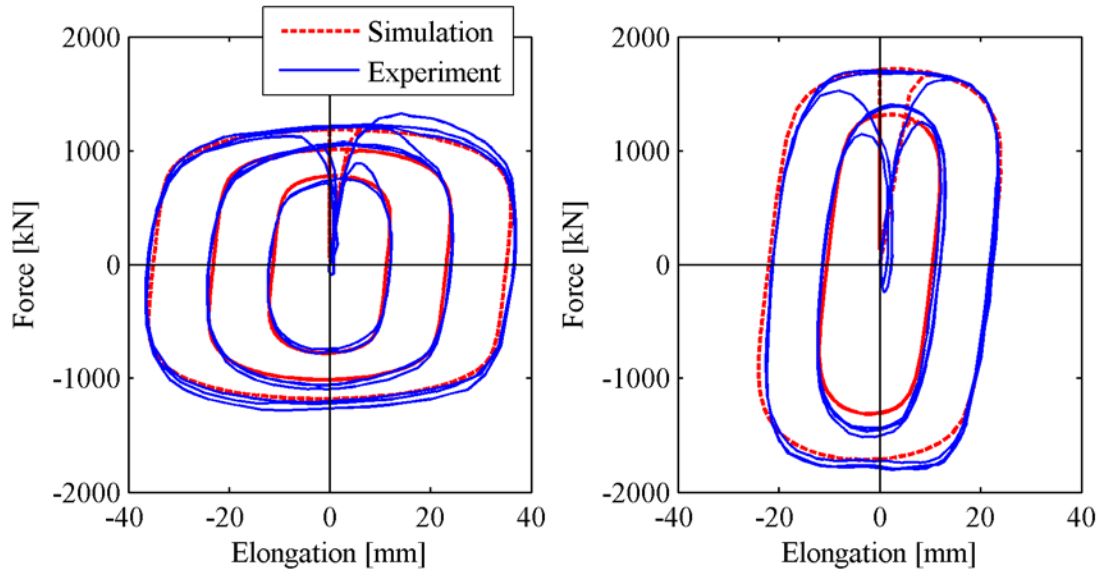
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775 **Figure 10:** Effect of normalized stiffness on various properties of nonlinear viscous dampers with

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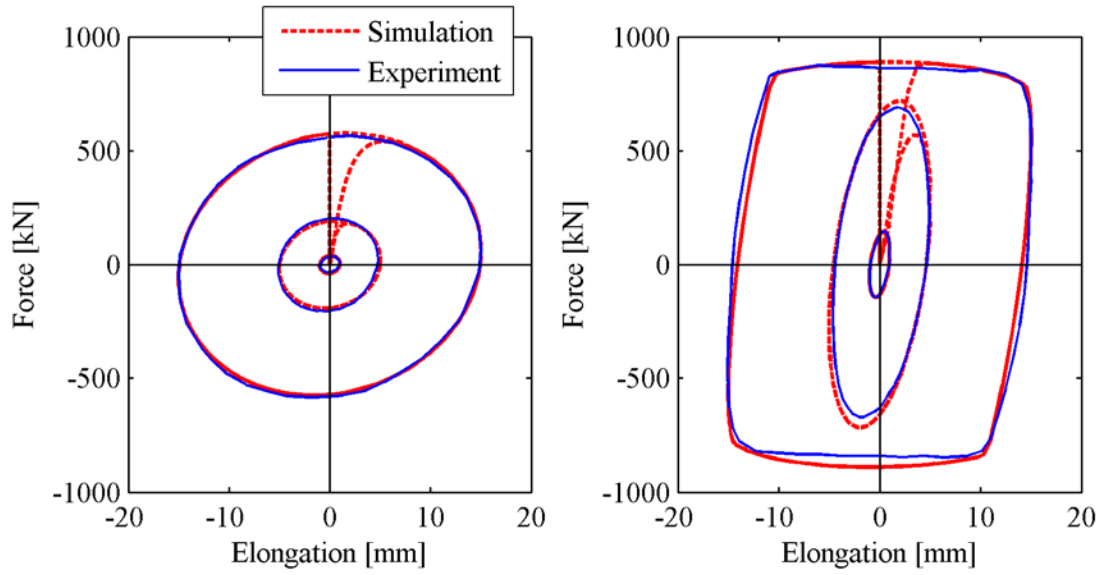
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780 **Figure 11:** Comparison of the simulated and experimental hysteretic response of nonlinear viscous
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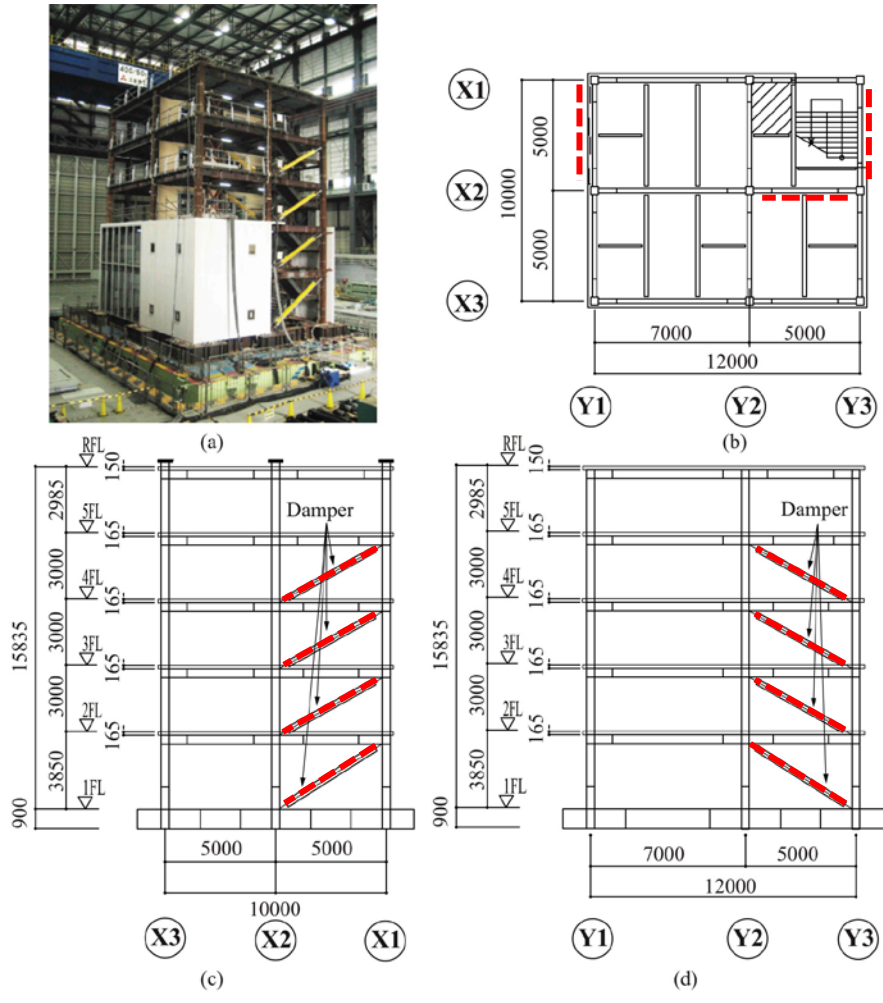
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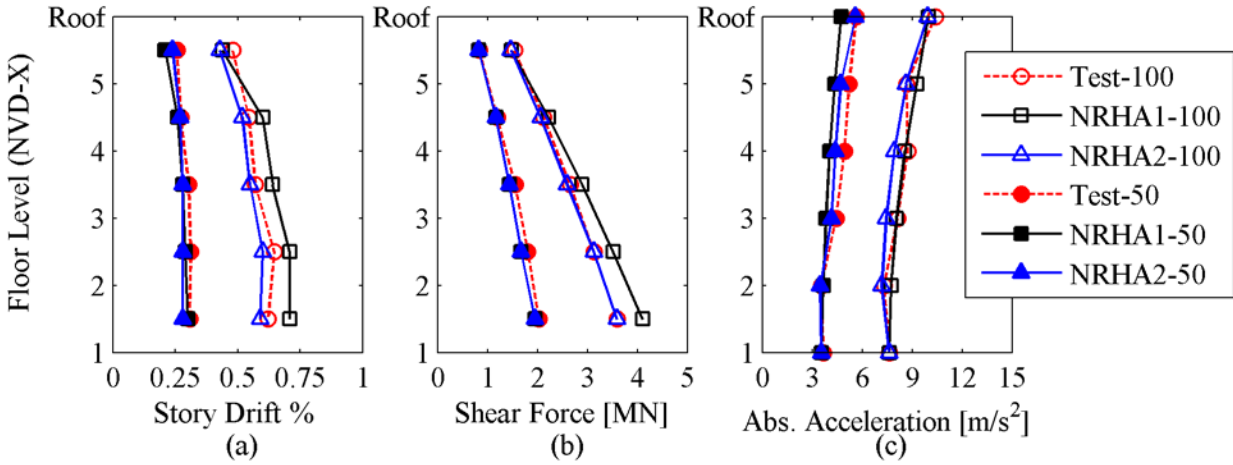
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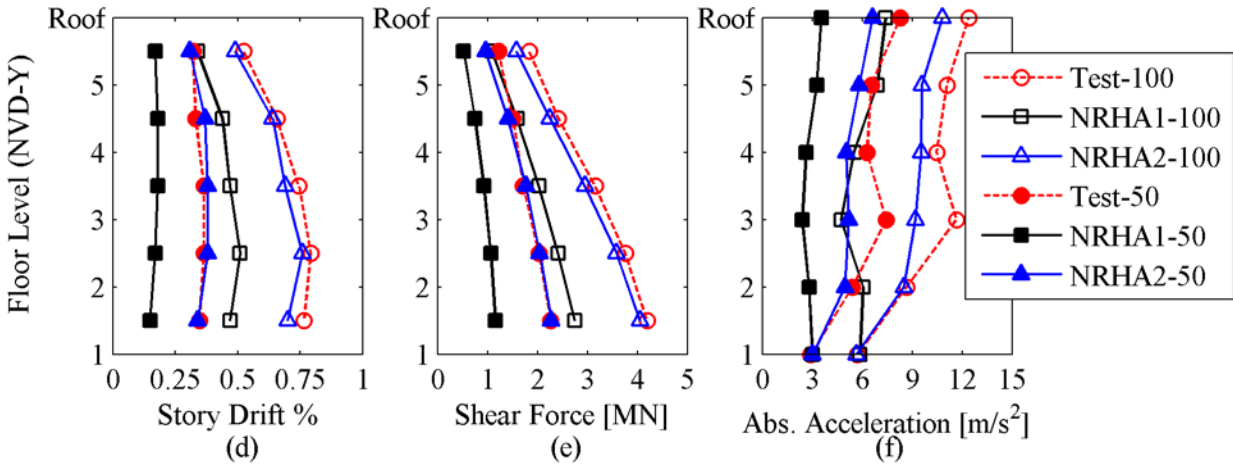
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 790 **Figure 13:** 5-story test-structure tested at E-Defense; (a) building after installation on the shake table; (b)
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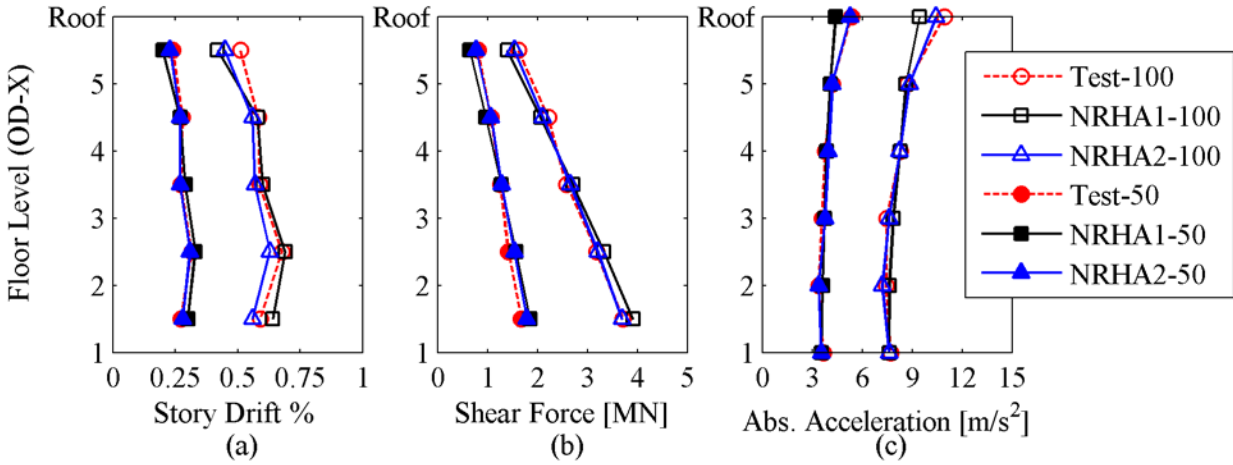
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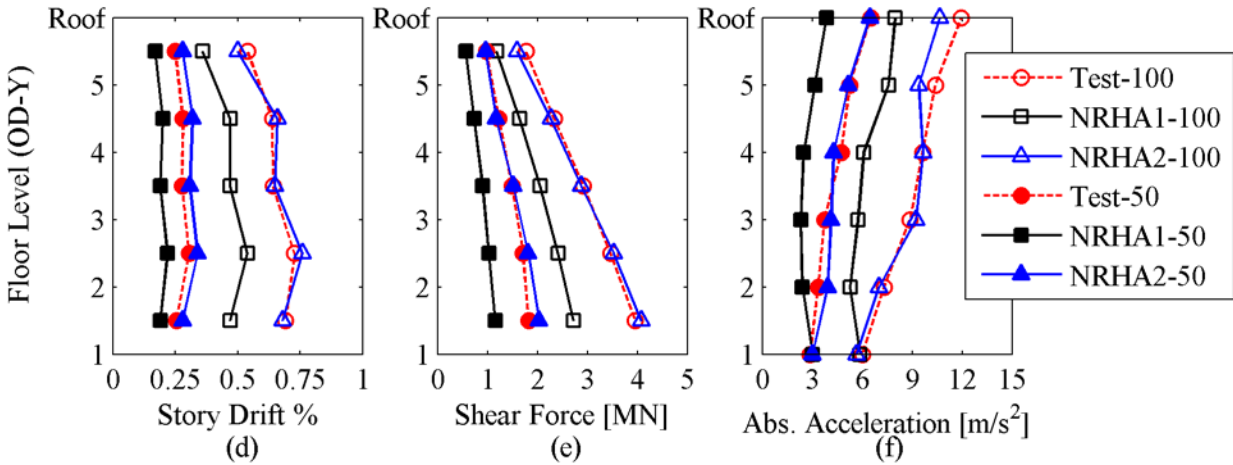
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795 **Figure 14:** Comparison of computed and measured peak engineering demand parameters of the test
 796 structure with nonlinear viscous dampers (50% and 100% JR Takatori record)

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800 **Figure 15:** Comparison of computed and measured peak engineering demand parameters of the test
 801 structure with bilinear oil dampers (50% and 100% JR Takatori record)

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