

# The Direct Five-Step Procedure for the seismic design of structures equipped with fluid-viscous dampers

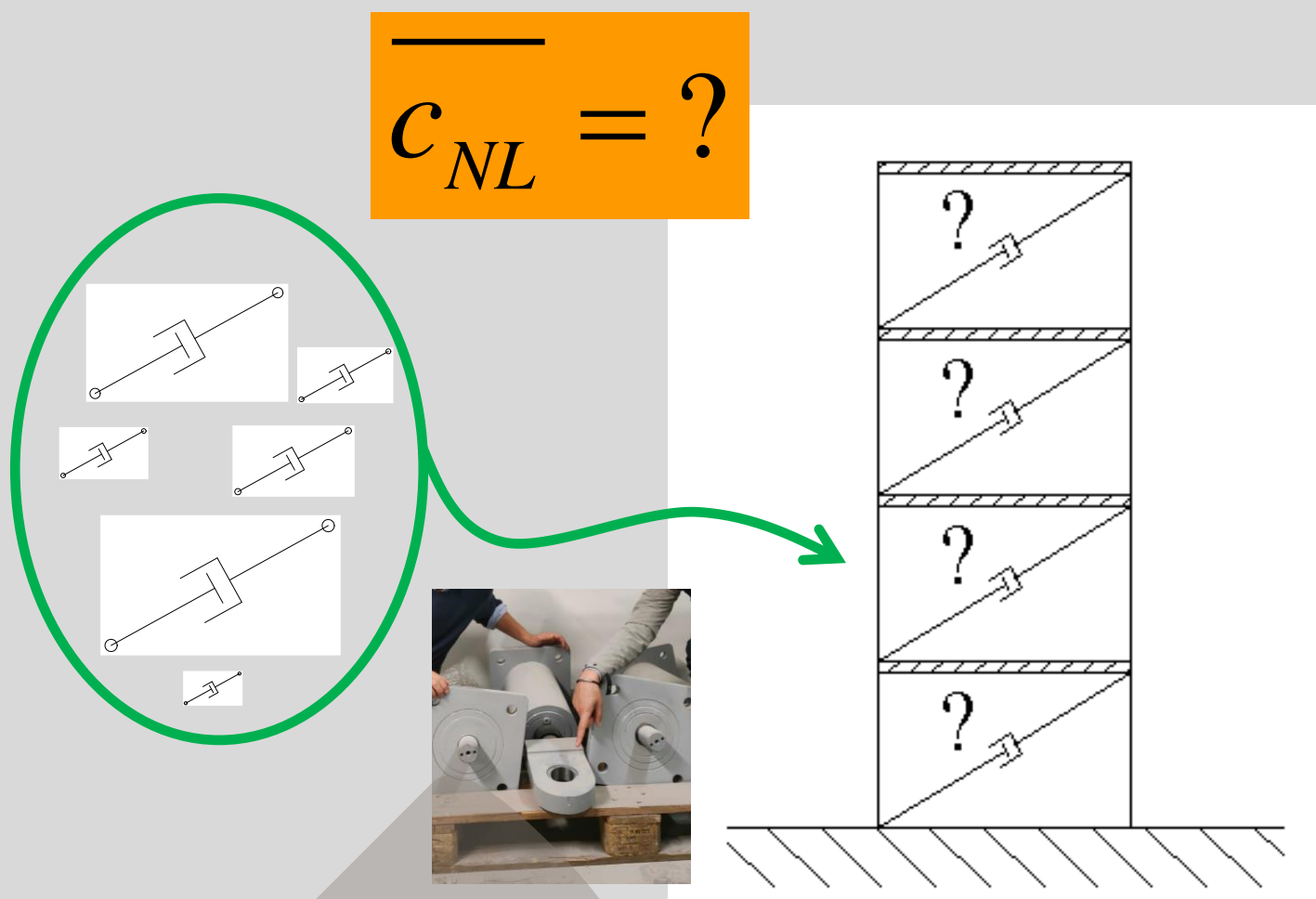
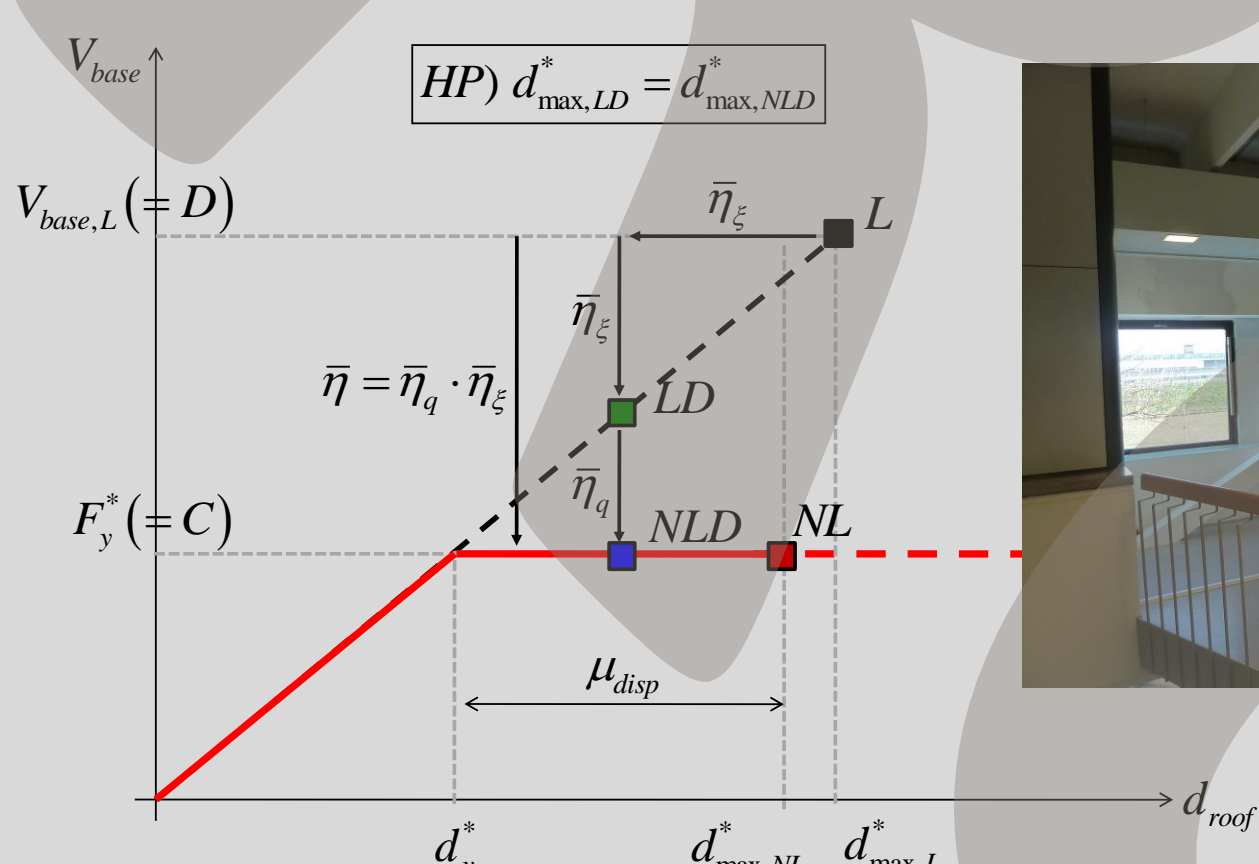
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**OBJECTIVE:** reduction of the seismic base shear demand on the building through the installation of fluid-viscous dampers

**DESIGN QUESTION:**  
How to size the dampers?

**RESULT:**  
Proposal of a **5-step procedure** for the design of fluid-viscous dampers to be inserted in new/existing frame structures, accounting for:

- viscous dissipation in the damper system, and
- hysteretic dissipation in the structural elements (“behaviour factor”)



Design strategy + Performance objective

$$\bar{\eta} \rightarrow \bar{\xi}_{visc}$$

$$\bar{\eta}_{tot} = \bar{\eta}_q \cdot \bar{\eta}_\xi = \frac{1}{q} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{10}{5 + \bar{\xi}_{visc}}}$$

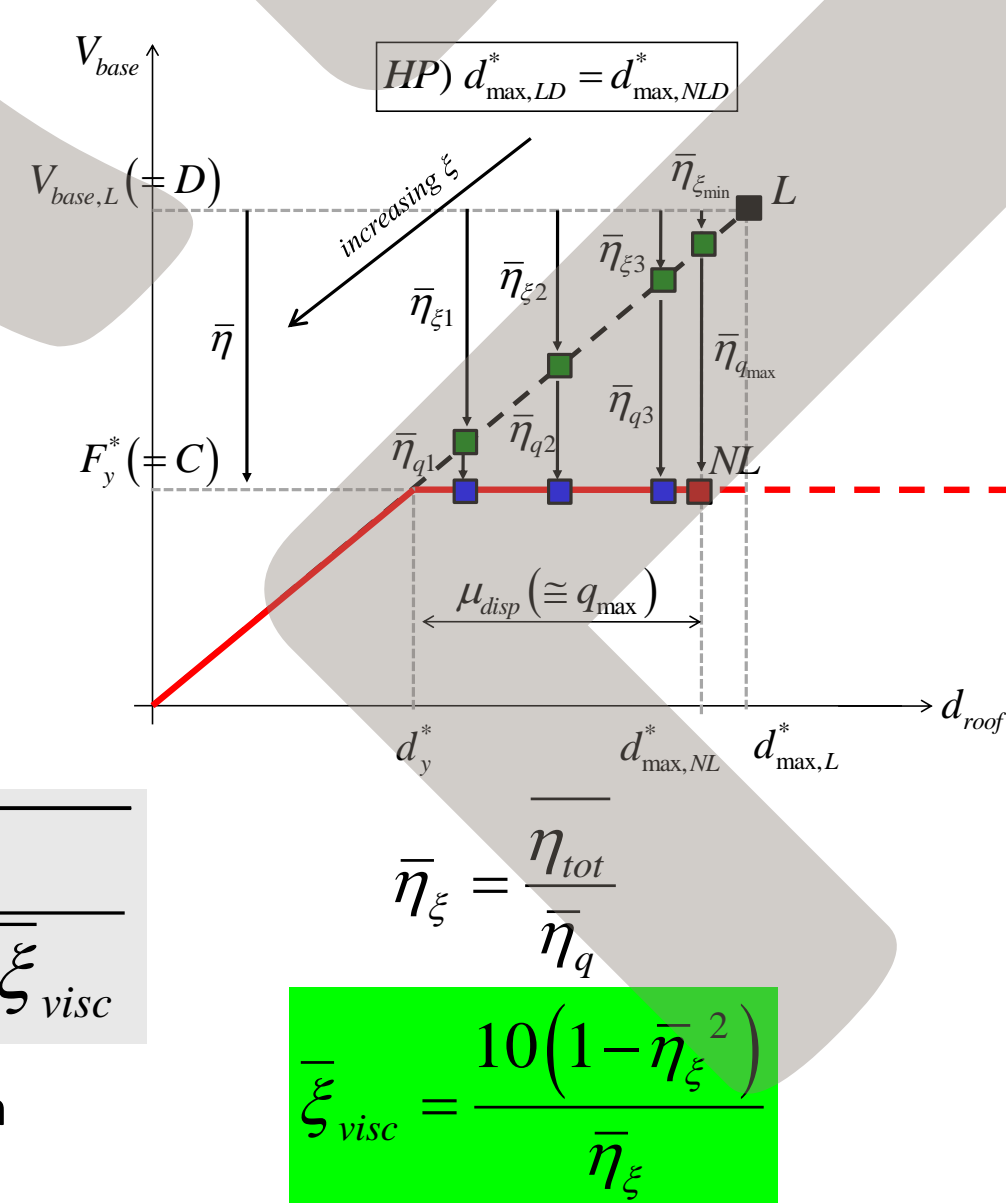
$$\bar{\eta}_q = \frac{1}{q}$$

hysteretic dissipation

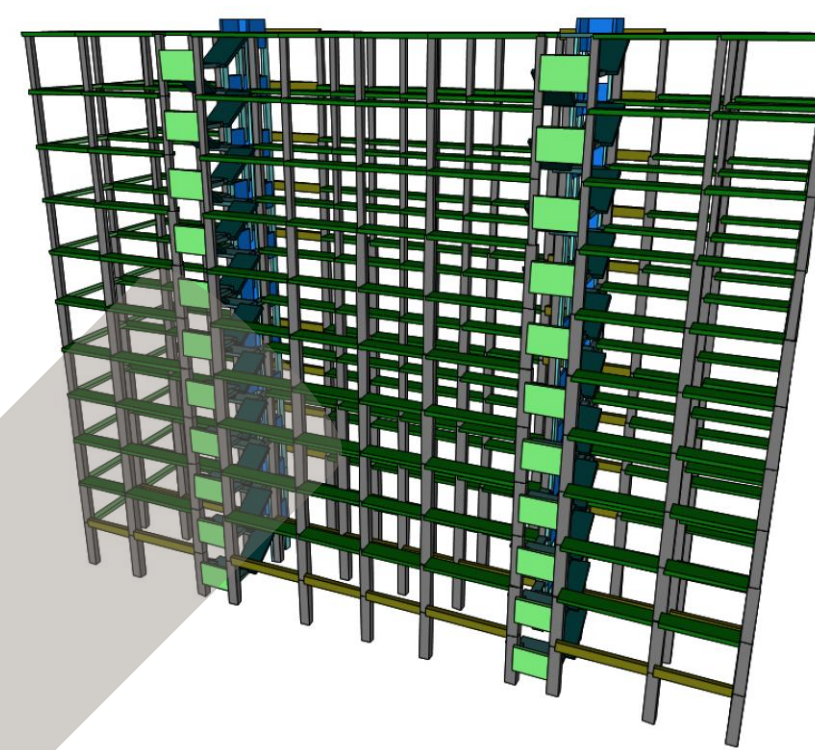
$$\bar{\eta}_\xi = \sqrt{\frac{10}{5 + \bar{\xi}_{intr} + \bar{\xi}_{visc}}}$$

viscous dissipation

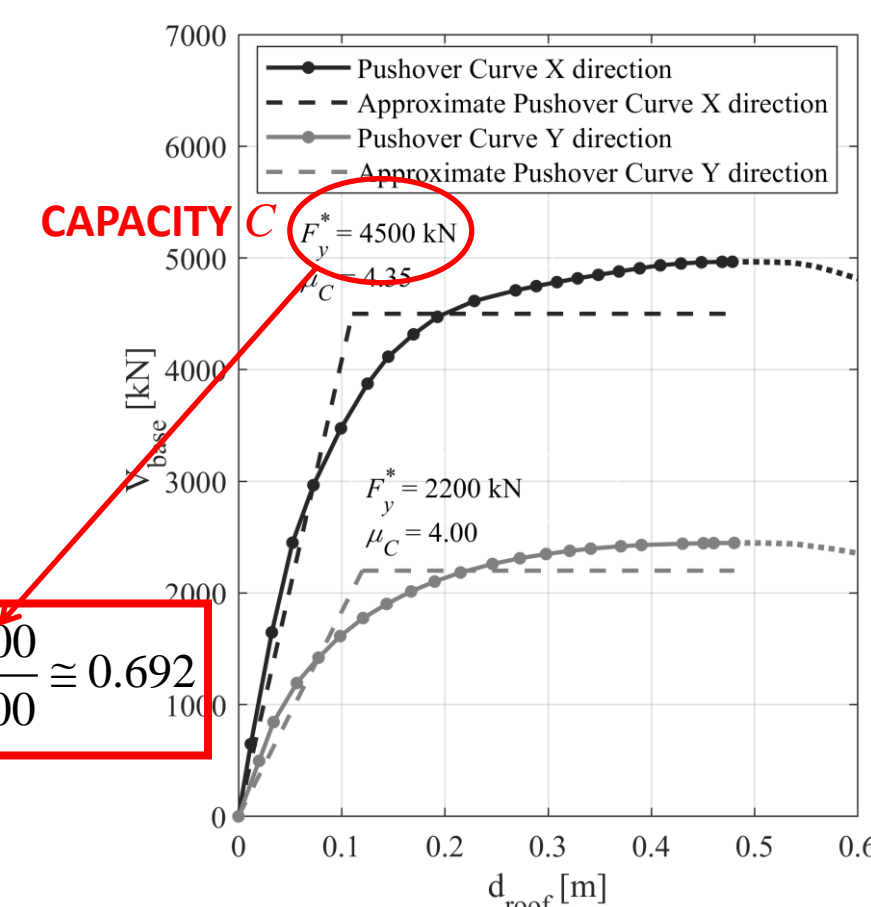
$$\bar{\xi}_{visc} = \frac{10(1 - \bar{\eta}_\xi^2)}{\bar{\eta}_\xi}$$



existing building



$$V_{base} = 0.85 \frac{W_{tot}}{g} \cdot S_a(T_1) = 0.85 \frac{45050 \text{ kN}}{g} \cdot 0.17 g \cong 6500 \text{ kN}$$



at the global response level of the entire structure in terms of base shear - top displacement curve

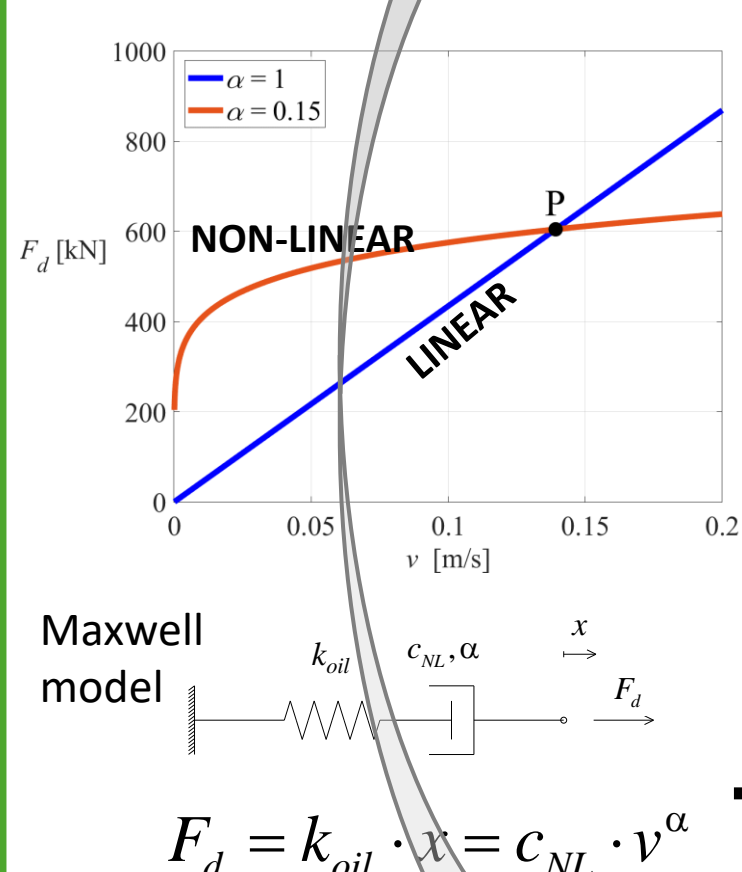
2 Linear behaviour assumption of the dampers

$$\bar{\xi}_{visc} \rightarrow \bar{c}_L$$

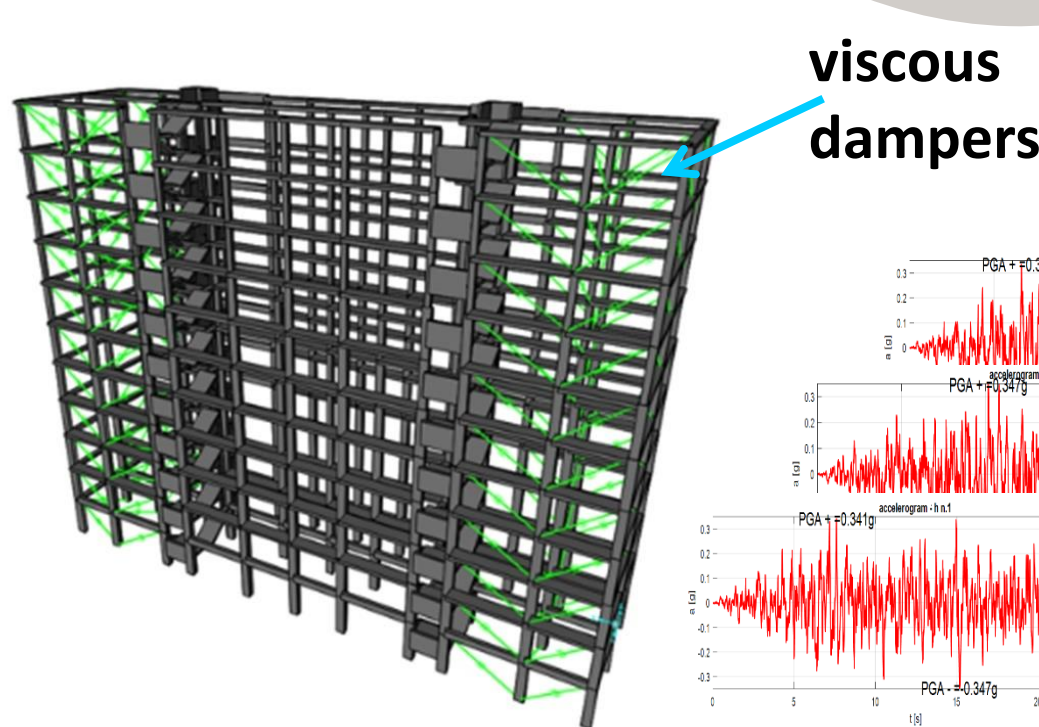
$$\bar{c}_L = \bar{\xi}_{visc} \cdot \omega_1 \cdot m_{tot} \cdot \left( \frac{N+1}{n} \right)$$

$$\alpha = 1$$

$$k_{oil} = \infty$$



3 Seismic response of the structure with linear dampers



maximum damper velocity  $V_{max}$ :

• either numerically obtained from FE time-history analyses

• or even analytically estimated:

$$v_{max} = \frac{S_{e,\xi}(T_1)}{\omega_1} \cdot \frac{2}{(N+1)} \cdot \cos \theta$$

4 Non-linear behaviour of the dampers

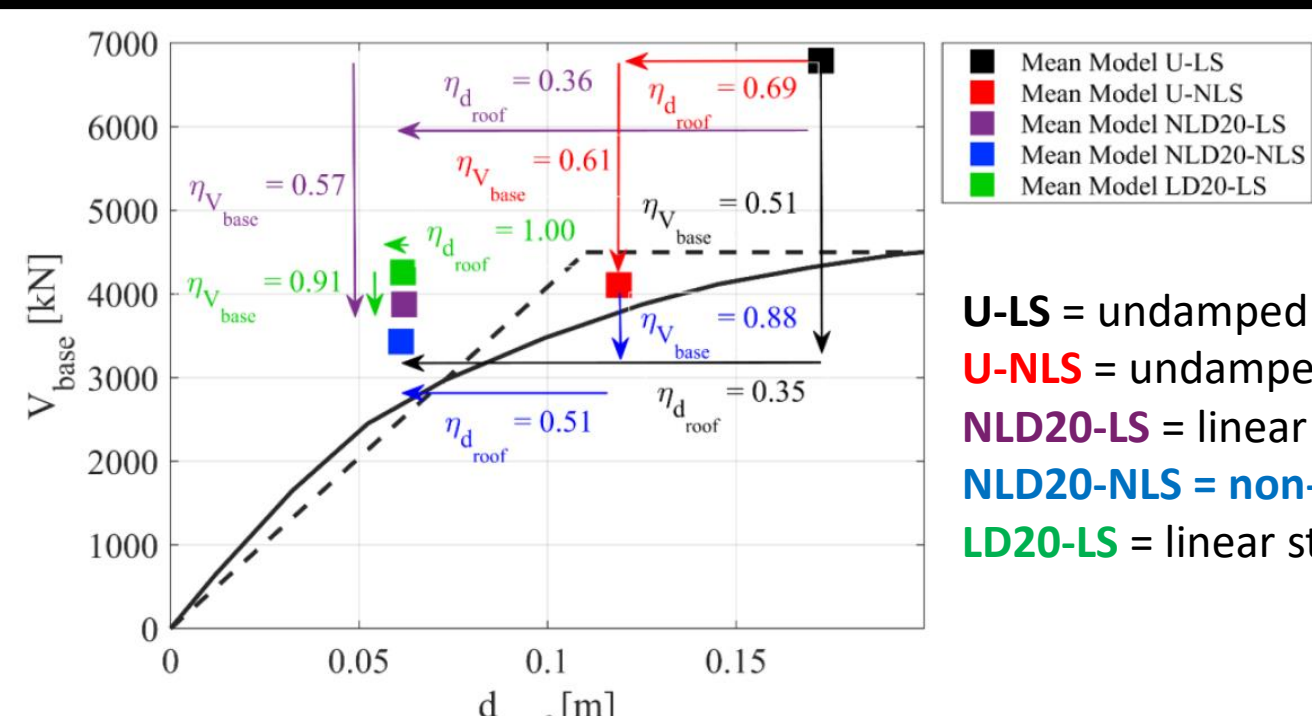
$$\bar{c}_L \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{c}_{NL} \\ \bar{\alpha} \\ \bar{k}_{oil} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\bar{c}_{NL} = \bar{\xi}_{visc} \cdot \frac{2\pi}{T_1} \cdot \frac{W}{g} \cdot \left( \frac{N+1}{n} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} \cdot \left( 0.8 \cdot \frac{S_e(T_1, \bar{\eta}_\xi)}{2\pi/T_1} \cdot \frac{2}{N+1} \cdot \cos \theta \right)^{1-\alpha}$$

$$\bar{\alpha} = 0.15$$

$$\bar{k}_{oil} \geq 10 \cdot \frac{F_{max}}{x_{max}} \cong 10 \cdot \bar{c}_L \cdot \omega_1$$

5 Seismic response of the structure with non-linear dampers (FE analyses)



U-LS = undamped linear structural model

U-NLS = undamped non-linear structural model

NLD20-LS = linear structural model with non-linear dampers leading to  $\xi = 20\%$

NLD20-NLS = non-linear structural model with non-linear dampers leading to  $\xi = 20\%$

LD20-LS = linear structural model with linear dampers leading to  $\xi = 20\%$

$$\bar{c}_{NL}$$

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