Coupled Earthquake Engineering Simulations

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Overview

- Three ongoing threads of coupled-physics interactions
- SPUR Integration Effort
 - NSF-funded basin/building inventory model
 - Soil-structure coupling using grid technology
 - Principals: Bielak (CMU), Fenves (Berkeley)
- LLNL Morrow Point Dam Analysis
 - Excellent solid-fluid interaction example
 - Foundation-dam-reservoir coupling via interoperability
 - Principals: Noble, McCallen, Loomis (LLNL)
- Terascale Framework
 - Prototype computational subsystem for NEES
 - Soil-structure liquefaction multiphysics by design
 - Principals: Taylor (Terascale), Muraleetharan (OU)



Characteristics of Physics Interactions

• Three forms of mathematical interactions





SPUR: Intregation by Grid

- One-way coupled basin-structure analysis
 - Precomputed basin results imposed on structural models via subgrid resolution sampling to determine foundation motions
- Ambitious attempt to use NSF-funded middleware technology
 - Harvest basin results at remote site
 - Analyze building inventory at other sites
 - Visualize by gathering all results and rendering



SPUR Results

• Schematic of Basin with ground-motions



Basin/Fault Geometry



Computed Ground Motion

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LLNL Morrow Point Dam Analysis

- Complex coupling problem
 - Initial states computed using NIKE3D
 - Dam-reservoir interaction computed using DYNA3D hydrodynamics code
 - Assumption of vertically propagated shear waves for application of earthquake loads
 - Analysis included complex grouted shear key details in concrete dam
- Validated using empirical reservoir results



Morrow Point Geography

• Dam is about 200 miles SW of Denver



USGS 1983 Topographic Map

Generated IGES Surface for Mesh Generation



Analysis of Site, Dam, and Reservoir

• Interoperability: NIKE3D/DYNA3D data



F.E.M. with dam removed from view



Morrow Point Finite-Element Mesh

• Analyze foundation, dam, and fluid in lake







Terascale Multiphysics Simulations

- Full or loose coupling within framework
 - Framework: general-purpose computer science infrastructure to facilitate sharing of element technology, data, transient algorithms
 - Hides computer science details (e.g., scalability) from physics methods development
- Goals on NEES MRE
 - Provide scalable platform for FE computation
 - Demonstrate interdisciplinary capabilities



Terascale Results

• Sample Saturated/Unsaturated Dynamics





Summary

- Interdisciplinary research commonly results in physically coupled problems
- There are many ways to model the physical interactions of coupled problems
- There are many ways to design the computational infrastructure to handle the coupled physics
- Tsunami simulations may likely involve difficult physics, but simpler coupling

