

# ***Nonlinear Multi-Scale Finite Element Modeling of the Progressive Collapse of Reinforced Concrete Structures***

## **Lecture 1: Introduction**

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# Progressive Collapse? Robustness? 3

## Progressive collapse (PC):

The spread of an **initial local failure** from element to element resulting, eventually, in the collapse of an entire structure or a **disproportionately** large part of it. *American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)*

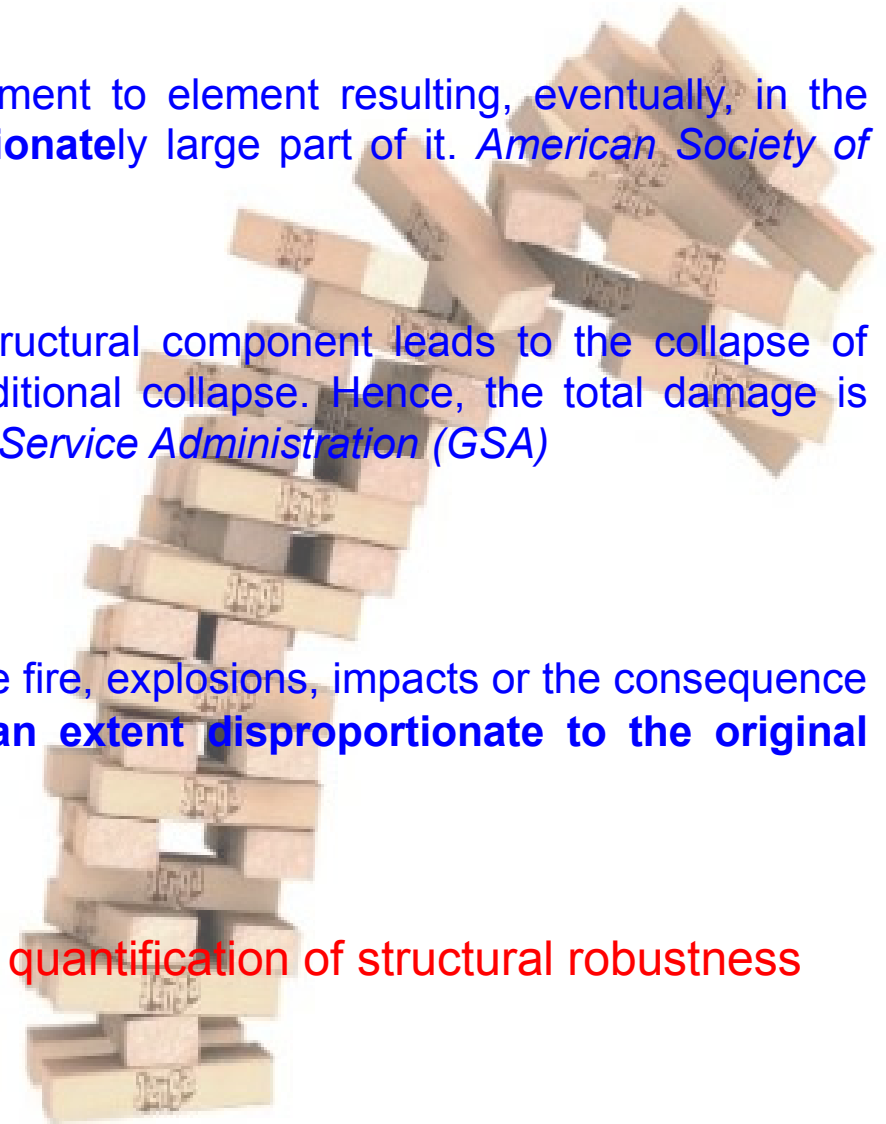
A situation where **local failure** of a primary structural component leads to the collapse of adjoining members which, in turn, leads to additional collapse. Hence, the total damage is **disproportionate** to the original cause. *General Service Administration (GSA)*

## Structural robustness:

The ability of a structure **to withstand events** like fire, explosions, impacts or the consequence of human error, **without being damaged to an extent disproportionate to the original cause**. *Eurocodes*

## Fundamental need:

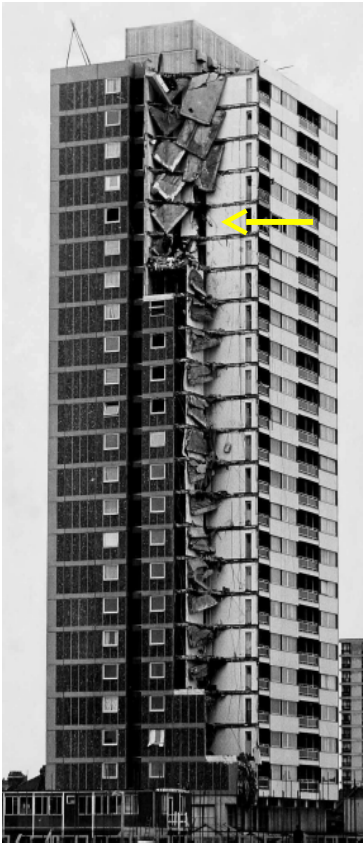
In-depth understanding of PC, assessment, quantification of structural robustness and safety



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# Progressive Collapse - Examples 6



[Gas explosion, Ronan Point building, London, UK, 1968]



[Bomb attack, A.P. Murrah Federal Building, Oklahoma City, USA, 1995]



[WTC debris, Bankers Trust Building, New-York, 2001]

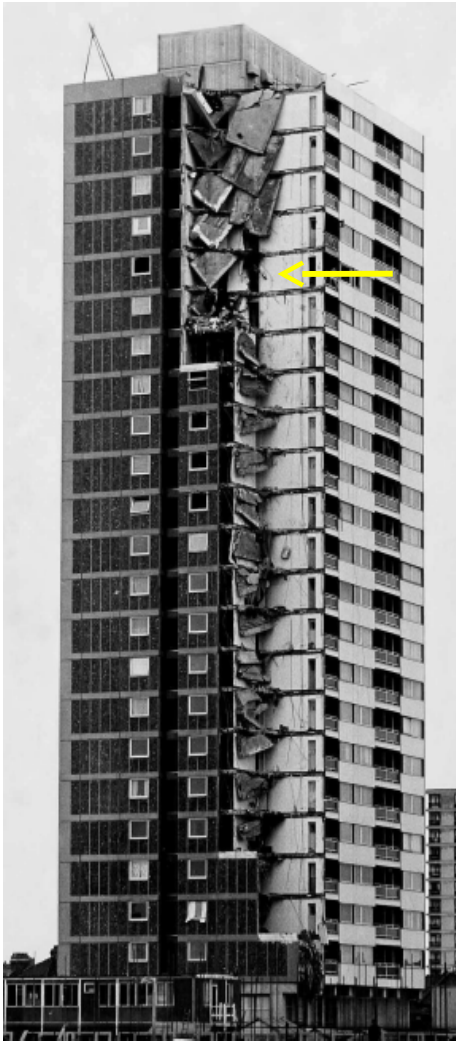


[The Real Class Building, Belém, Brazil, 2011]



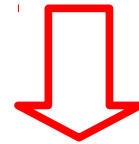


# Progressive Collapse - Characteristics 7



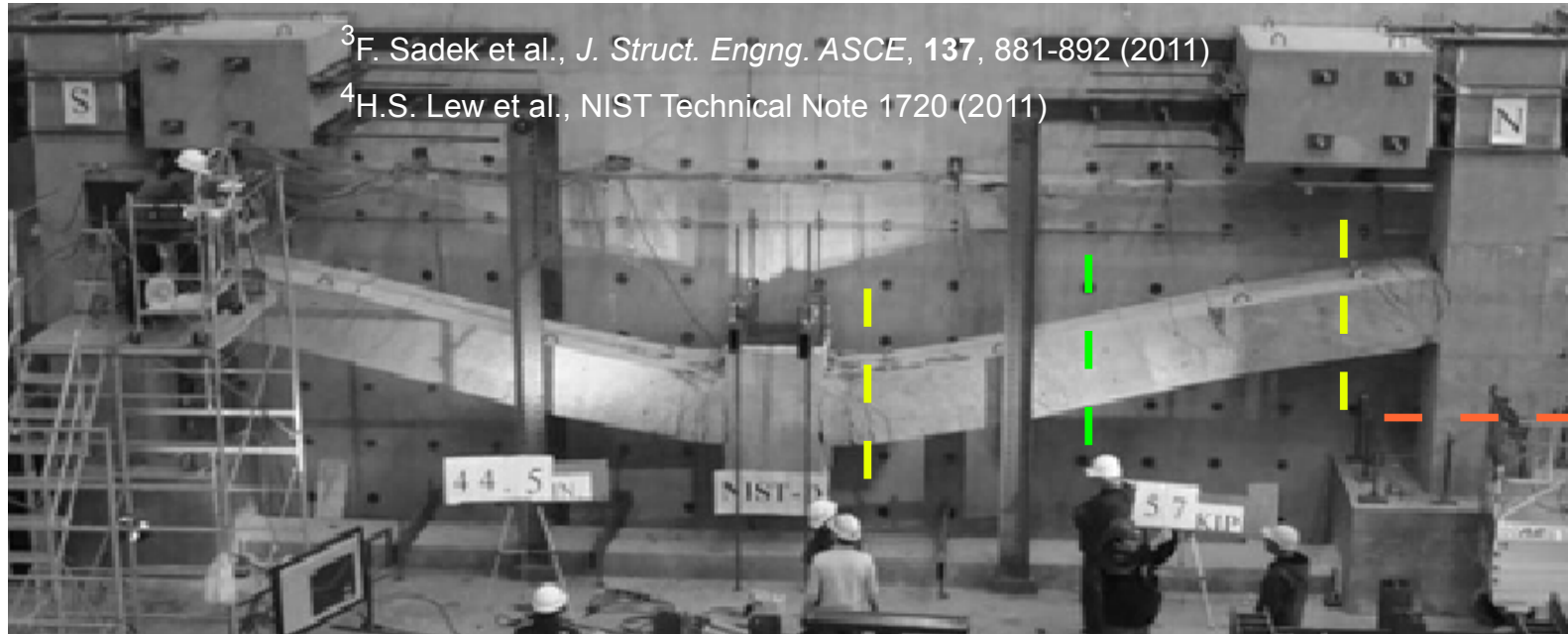
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- Non-proportional (nonlinear - NL) material response
  - Permanent (plastic) deformation
  - Damage, cracking, failure
- Composite material (“microstructural” influence)
- Large changes in geometry (geometrical NL)
- Dynamics, high load rates, cyclic loads
- Highly **complex interaction of sources of NL**
- High number of design and material parameters
  - Concrete and steel grades
  - Reinforcement ratio and position
- Very high experimental costs...



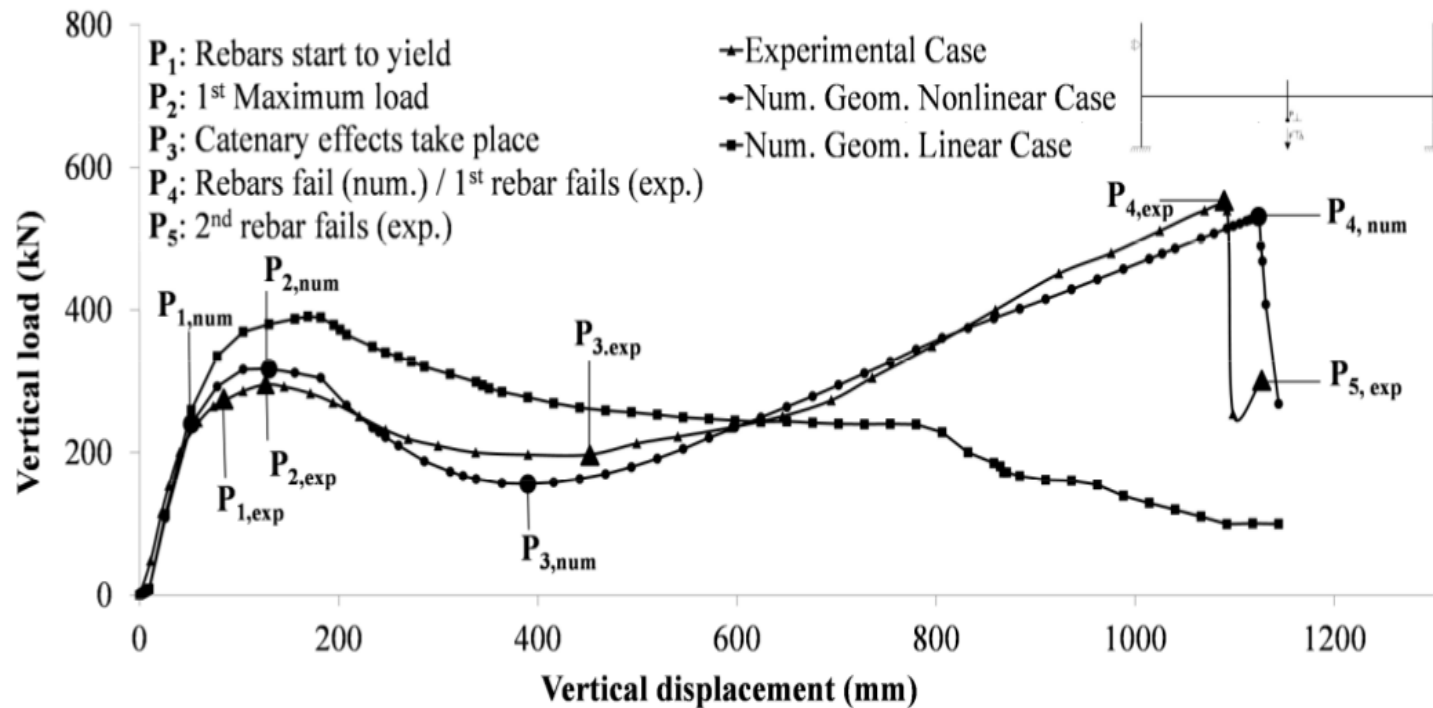
**Computational simulation** of the PC of structures, **using physically-based models** for an in-depth understanding of PC and for the quantification of structural robustness

# Example of nonlinear structural response 8



<sup>3</sup>F. Sadek et al., *J. Struct. Engng. ASCE*, **137**, 881-892 (2011)

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# Course objectives and targeted competencies 9

- Awareness of computational approaches in Civil Engng.
- Understanding main principles of nonlinear modeling
- Get a glimpse of multi-scale approaches and applications
- Identify the limit of applicability of the proposed methods
- Develop a critical mind to computational results

## Remarks

- Advanced topic subject of ongoing research
- This course is only an introduction
- There is no stupid question, interaction is crucial
- Constructive suggestions are welcome



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## 1. Newton-Raphson solution procedure for NL equations

Global structure of a NL FE code

## 2. 1D computational plasticity

Constitutive behavior and its numerical treatment

## 3. Geometrically NL Bernoulli beam FE

Need for and treatment of geometrically NL framework

## 4. Introduction to multi-scale simulations

Applied to composite Bernoulli beam

## 5. Applications – computer labwork