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Abstract: Strong earthquake cases of concrete gravity dams show that the foundation damage has an important influence on the seismic response and damage characteristics of the dam body. Compared with non-pulse ground motions, pulse-like near-fault ground motions have a wider response spectrum sensitive zone, which will cause more modes of the structure to respond, resulting in more serious damage to the structure. In order to study the real dynamic damage characteristics of concrete gravity dams under the action of near-fault ground motions, this paper takes Koyna gravity dam as the object and establishes a multi-coupling simulation model that can reasonably reflect the dynamic damage evolution process of dam concrete and foundation rock mass. A total of 12 near-fault ground motion records with three types of rupture directivity pulse, fling-step pulse and non-pulse are selected, deep research on the overall damage evolution law of concrete gravity dams. Considering the additional influence of different earthquake mechanisms, different site types and other factors on the study, the selected ground motion records are from the same seismic events (Chi-Chi), the same direction but different stations. The results show that the foundation of the concrete gravity dam often get damaged before the dam body under the action of strong earthquakes. Compared with the near-fault non-pulse ground motion, the structural damage of the gravity dam under the action of the near-fault directivity pulse ground motion is significantly increased, and causes greater damage and displacement response to the dam body. The near-fault fling-step pulse ground motion has the least impact on the dynamic response of the gravity dam structure.

Keywords: Concrete gravity dams; Near-fault ground motions; Directivity pulse; Fling-step pulse; Dynamic response; Overall damage evolution

1. Introduction

Earthquake disaster survey data show that after an earthquake, major damage often occurs in the zone near the epicenter (Eftekhari et al. 2020). Based on this phenomenon, the seismic engineering community and relevant departments have begun to pay great attention to and study the characteristics of near-fault ground motions. However, due to the uncertainty of earthquake occurrence, there are few near-fault ground motion records obtained from actual records. Therefore, the study of near-fault pulse-type ground motions for a long period of time has highlighted the problem of insufficient data. A large number of near-fault seismic data were obtained from several strong earthquakes until the end of the last century, especially the 1994 Northridge earthquake in the United States (Suarez-Villa and Walrod 2010), the Kobe earthquake in Japan in 1995 (Yujia et al. 2013) and the Chi-Chi earthquake in Taiwan in 1999 (Kate et al. 2011). These acquired strong earthquake records provide valuable data for studying near-fault ground motion characteristics. Research on near-fault seismic records shows that the long-period, short-duration and high-speed pulses have a significant impact on the seismic safety of structures (Bhagat et al. 2018; Yang et al. 2019; Li et al. 2020). In China, the construction of high dams and large reservoirs is mainly concentrated in the western region, which is rich in hydropower resources, but faces the inevitable seismic safety problem. Therefore, a correct understanding of the impact of near-fault ground motions on the nonlinear dynamic damage and failure of gravity dams is of great significance to comprehensively and accurately assessing the seismic resistance of large dam projects.

Strong earthquakes may cause damage and cracking of the concrete dam, threatening the safety of the dam. In the seismic design and research of high concrete dams, we should break through some traditional concepts and methods that are difficult to reflect reality. For example, in the seismic analysis of traditional high concrete dams, the foundation rock mass is mostly used as linear elastic materials or DP elastoplastic models are used (Ansari et al. 2016; Sadeghi et al. 2020; Li et al. 2021). But the simulation cannot accurately reflect the nonlinear performance and stress redistribution phenomenon of rock when subjected to external loads that exceed their tensile and compressive strength (Guo et al. 2020; Zhang et al. 2021). In fact, the damage and failure of the dam foundation rock mass is also an important part of the overall seismic design and analysis in a gravity dam. Generally in the dam foundation rock mass, there are a large number of micro-cracks and micro-cracks, resulting in the low tensile properties of the dam foundation material. Under

52 the reciprocating action of earthquakes, the dam foundation rock mass often cracks and fails first, which
53 releases seismic energy to a certain extent, thereby reducing the stress concentration of the dam heel and
54 preventing the dam from cracking and damage. And the measured data of the gravity dam subjected to the
55 earthquake also confirms this (after the earthquake, the Koyna gravity dam foundation interface was drilled
56 and sampled, and it was found that the concrete and the bedrock cemented well, and no signs of cracking at
57 the dam foundation interface were found, and the leakage of the dam foundation did not change significantly
58 after the earthquake) (Chen et al. 2014). The damage analysis of the foundation rock mass is an important part
59 of the damage analysis of multi-coupling system of high concrete dam. However, in the current research on
60 the damage of the high concrete dam system, the damage of the dam body is mostly studied, and the results of
61 the overall damage of the dam foundation are few. In order to truly understand the seismic performance of the
62 concrete gravity dam structure, it is necessary to conduct an in-depth study on the overall dynamic damage
63 evolution process of the dam foundation.

64 With people's understanding of near-fault ground motions, scholars have studied the damage effects of
65 dams under near-fault ground motions (Hadiani. 2013; Wang et al. 2014; Zou et al. 2017). Bayraktar A et al.
66 (2010) discussed the dynamic response of the reservoir zone to the gravity dam under the action of a
67 near-fault pulse earthquake, and studied the nonlinear dynamic response of the dam-reservoir-foundation
68 system under the action of near-fault ground motions. Akkose M et al. (2010) etc Studied the nonlinear
69 dynamic response of the dam-reservoir-sediment-foundation system to near-fault ground motions and far-fault
70 ground motions, revealing the change law of dam crest displacement and plastic deformation caused by
71 near-fault ground motions; Wang Gaohui et al. (2014) conducted a comparative analysis of the effects of
72 near-fault directivity pulse and far-fault ground motions on the cumulative damage characteristics of concrete
73 gravity dams; Huang J (2015) studied the influence of the spatial variability of near-site vibration on the
74 cumulative damage effect of gravity dams; Yazdani Y et al. (2017) studied the nonlinear seismic response of
75 gravity dams under the action of near-fault ground motions and equivalent pulses; Gorai S et al. (2021)
76 studied the seismic behavior of aged concrete gravity dams to near source and far source ground motions.
77 However, the above research only considers the damage distribution of the dam body, ignoring the damage
78 and failure of the foundation rock mass under the action of the earthquake. In addition, there is still a lack of
79 research on the dynamic damage of the concrete gravity dam under the action of different types of near-fault
80 ground motions. Taking the Koyna concrete gravity dam as an example, based on the finite element software
81 ABAQUS, a multi-coupling simulation model that can reasonably reflect the dynamic damage evolution
82 process of dam concrete and dam foundation rock mass is established. From the Chi-Chi earthquake (Kao
83 2002), a total of 12 near-fault ground motions with directional pulses, fling-step pulse and non-pulse are
84 selected as input, and the cumulative damage and energy characteristics of the Koyna concrete gravity dam
85 under near-fault earthquakes are analyzed. This research reveals the evolution of the overall damage of
86 concrete gravity dams under different types of near-fault ground motions. The research results provide
87 references for the seismic design of concrete gravity dams.

88 **2. Near-fault ground motion characteristics and selection methods**

89 The long-term accumulation of energy in the crustal rock mass causes the rock formation to rupture and form
90 an earthquake. It is generally believed that the near-fault refers to the zone not more than 20 km away from
91 the fracture surface (Bray et al. 2004). Pulse-like near-fault ground motions belong to a type of near-fault
92 ground motions with obvious characteristics and greater destructive power. They can be divided into two
93 types: rupture directivity pulse ground motions and fling-step pulse ground motions. Short duration and large
94 energy input structure are the main characteristics of pulsed ground motions (Durucaan et al. 2021). The
95 directional pulse ground motion contains obvious two-way velocity pulses and a larger pulse period (Fig.1),
96 while the fling-step pulse ground motion contain unidirectional velocity and large pulses (Fig. 2).

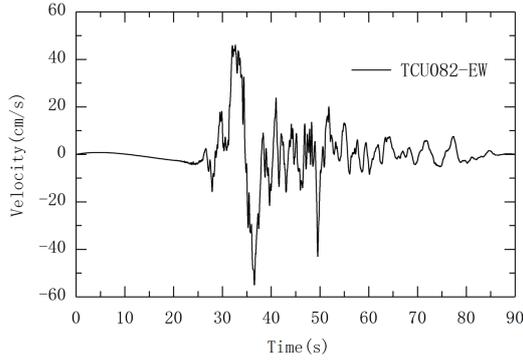


Fig.1 Velocity time history of directivity pulse ground motion

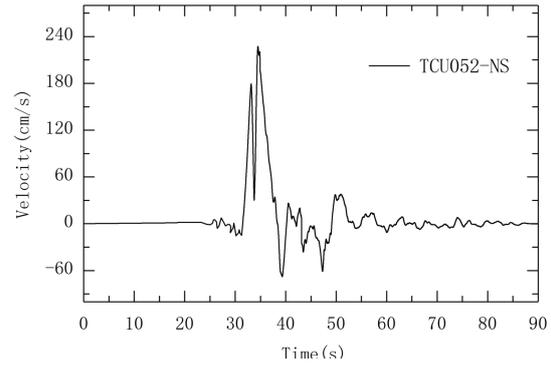


Fig.2 Velocity time history of fling-step pulse ground motion

97 In this paper, the following selection principles are determined for the ground motion records of the
 98 pulse-like near-fault ground motions: the fault distance meets the general definition of near-site vibration
 99 principle (distance from the fracture surface is not more than 20 km); PGV/PGA>0.2s. In order to distinguish
 100 it from near-fault pulse ground motions, with PGV/PGA<0.2s are defined as non-pulse near-fault ground
 101 motions. According to the above-mentioned selection principle and the basic characteristics of directivity
 102 pulse and fling-step pulse, 12 ground motions of near-fault directivity pulse, fling-step pulse and non-pulse
 103 ground motions are selected respectively. Taking into account the additional influence of different earthquake
 104 mechanisms, different site types and other factors on the study, the ground motion records selected in this
 105 paper are from the same earthquake (Chi-Chi), seismic wave records of different stations in the same
 106 direction. See Table 1 for the characteristics of various types of ground motion parameters. In the Table 1, T_{pv}
 107 is the pulse period, D_{5-95} represents 5%-95% energy duration, and PGA, PGV, and PGD represent peak
 108 ground acceleration, velocity and displacement respectively.

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Table 1 Near-fault ground motion characteristic parameters

Type of earthquake	No	Station and direction	Fault distance/km	PGA / cms^{-2}	PGV / cms^{-1}	PGD /cm	PGV /PGA	T_{pv}/s	D_{5-95}/s
Directivity pulse	1	TCU050-EW	9.49	143.13	36.83	61.24	0.26	9.56	27.0
	2	TCU051-EW	7.64	157.17	53.85	73.81	0.37	10.38	28.9
	3	TCU056-EW	10.48	153.04	42.21	54.36	0.24	8.85	31.8
	4	TCU082-EW	5.16	221.03	54.93	94.95	0.28	8.10	27.0
Fling-step pulse	5	TCU067-EW	0.66	350.76	151.21	210.37	0.43	11.96	16.7
	7	TCU075-EW	0.89	325.67	109.55	96.51	0.33	4.99	31.2
	8	TCU076-EW	2.74	337.93	69.26	35.23	0.21	4.73	29.5
	8	TCU128-EW	13.13	143.99	60.58	145.39	0.42	9.02	20.6
Non-pulse	9	TCU071-EW	5.80	518.53	52.30	16.08	0.10	-	24.6
	10	TCU072-EW	7.08	467.95	71.93	50.45	0.15	-	24.0
	11	TCU078-EW	8.20	438.81	40.24	30.25	0.09	-	26.1
	12	TCU079-EW	10.97	580.91	70.54	7.54	0.11	-	26.9

110 In order to avoid the impact of acceleration amplitude, this paper modulates the 12 selected near-fault
 111 seismic waves with the acceleration peak value $a_{max}=0.2g$. Fig.3 shows the average acceleration response
 112 spectra of directivity pulse, fling-step pulse and non-pulse near-fault ground motions after amplitude
 113 modulation under 5% damping ratio. As shown in the figure, from the peak of the average acceleration
 114 response spectrum, the relationship between the three is directivity pulse > non-pulse > fling-step pulse. When
 115 the period $T < 0.38\text{s}$, the magnitude order of the average value of the spectral acceleration is non-pulse >
 116 directivity pulse > fling-step pulse. When the period T is within the range of 0.38-0.78s, the non-pulse and the
 117 directivity pulse ground motion acceleration spectrum increased alternately, and all are greater than the mean
 118 value of the fling-step pulse ground motion acceleration spectrum. When the period $T \geq 0.78\text{s}$, the mean value
 119 of the directivity pulse acceleration spectrum is significantly greater than that of the non-pulse. Fig.4 shows
 120 the average velocity response spectra of directivity pulse, fling-step pulse and non-pulse ground motions after
 121 amplitude modulation. It can be seen from the figure that when the period T is small, the average velocity
 122 response spectrum of the near-fault directivity pulse and non-pulse ground motions is greater than that of the
 123 fling-step pulse ground motions. For long-period, the relationship between the three is fling-step pulse >

124 directivity pulse > non-pulse.

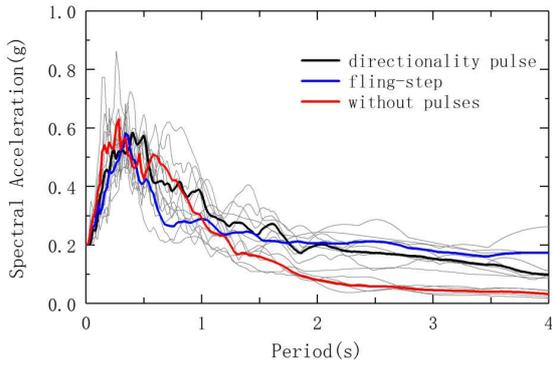


Fig.3 Acceleration response spectrum

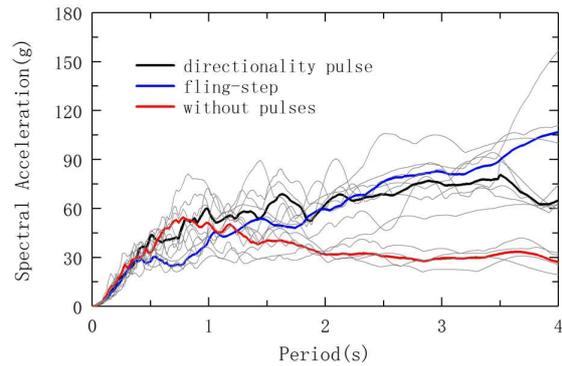


Fig.4 Speed response spectrum

125 Fig.5 shows a set of acceleration, velocity and displacement time history curves recorded by different
 126 types of near-fault ground motions after amplitude modulation. It can be seen from the velocity time history
 127 curve that the directivity pulse type ground motion velocity time history curve contains obvious long-period,
 128 large-value, and short-duration two-way velocity pulse effects. The fling-step type ground motion contains
 129 unidirectional speed big pulse.

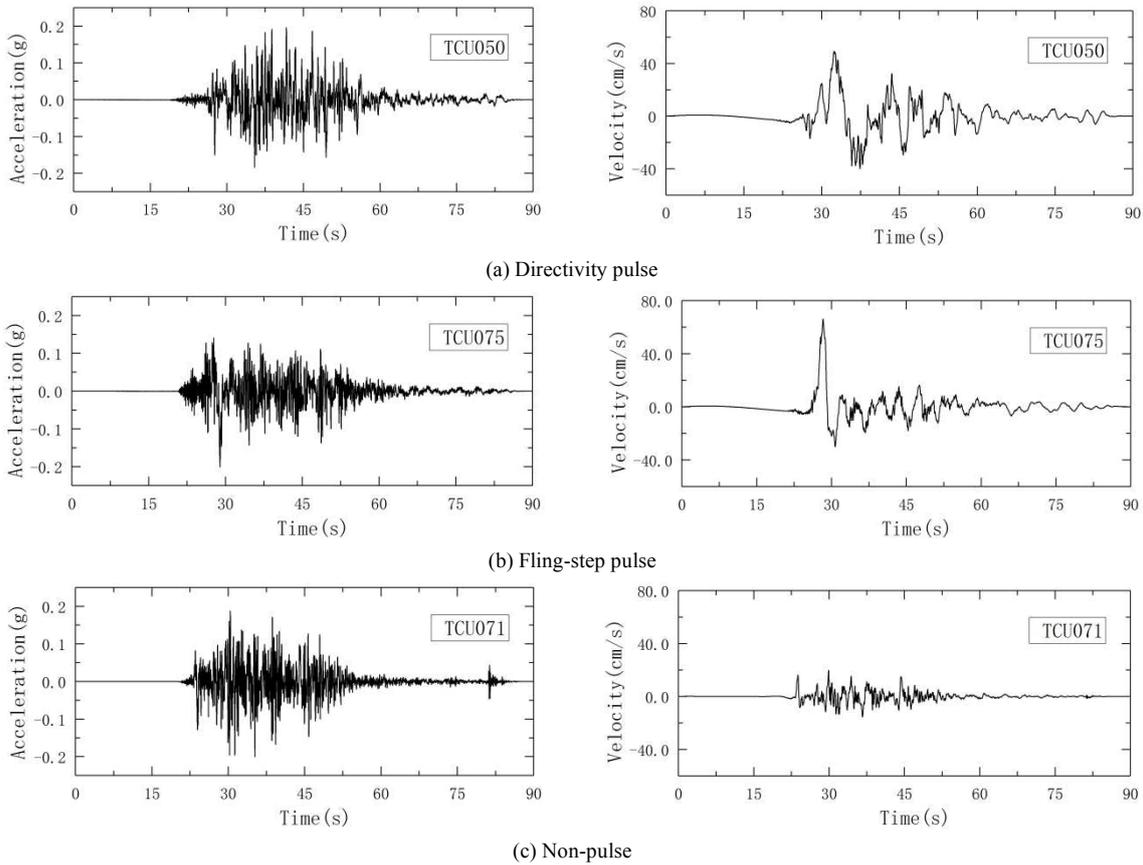


Fig.5 Curves of acceleration and velocity of the typical near-fault ground motion

130 **3. Concrete plastic damage model**

131 Because concrete is under complex stress state, the evolution law of tensile damage and compression damage
 132 is different. Therefore, this paper uses a dual scalar damage model to simulate the dynamic damage and
 133 cracking of concrete, and defines two independent damage variables to describe the material. Deterioration of
 134 elastic rigidity caused by damage during tension and compression. Fig.6 and Fig.7 show the schematic
 135 diagrams of concrete damage under tension and uniaxial compression respectively.

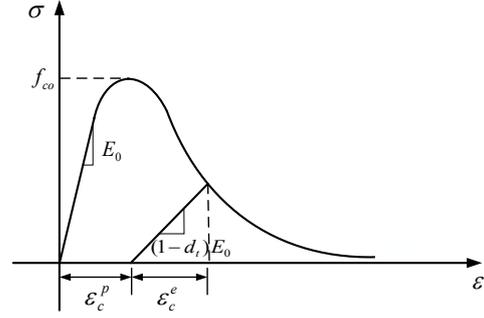
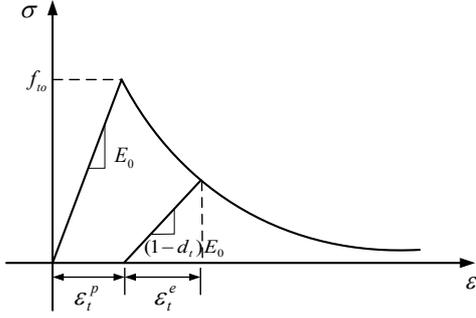


Fig.6 Schematic diagram of concrete uniaxial tensile damage

Fig.7 Schematic diagram of concrete uniaxial compression damage

The constitutive relationship of the concrete plastic damage model is as follows:

$$\sigma_t = (1-d_t)E_0(\varepsilon_t - \varepsilon_t^p) \quad (1)$$

$$\sigma_c = (1-d_c)E_0(\varepsilon_c - \varepsilon_c^p) \quad (2)$$

In the formula: σ_t and σ_c respectively represent the tensile and compressive stresses of the concrete; d_t and d_c respectively tensile damage factor and compression damage factor; ε_t and ε_c represent tensile and compressive strains respectively; ε_t^p and ε_c^p respectively represent plastic strain in tension and plastic strain in compression; E_0 is the initial elastic modulus.

The model uses the yield function proposed by Lee and Fenves to consider the different strength evolution under tension and compression (Lee et al. 1998). The evolution of yield surface is controlled by variable tensile plastic strain and compressive plastic strain. The yield equation is as follows:

$$F = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} (\bar{q} - 3\alpha\bar{p} + \beta(\varepsilon^p) \langle \hat{\sigma}_{\max} \rangle - \gamma \langle -\hat{\sigma}_{\max} \rangle) - \bar{\sigma}_c(\varepsilon^p) = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\beta = \frac{\bar{\sigma}_c(\varepsilon_c^p)}{\bar{\sigma}_t(\varepsilon_t^p)} (1-\alpha) - (1+\alpha) \quad \bar{p} = -\frac{1}{3} \text{tr}(\bar{\sigma})$$

Where α and γ are size-independent material constants ($0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$, γ default value is 3), $\bar{\sigma}_c$ and $\bar{\sigma}_t$ are the effective compressive and tensile stress tensors respectively; $\hat{\sigma}_{\max}$ is the algebraic maximum eigenvalue (maximum effective stress) of the effective stress tensor $\bar{\sigma}$; \bar{q} is the effective mises equivalent stress.

The flow law of the plastic damage model adopts the non-associated flow law, and its plastic potential function is:

$$G = \sqrt{(\xi\sigma_{t0} \tan \varphi)^2 + \bar{q}^2} - \bar{p} \tan \varphi \quad (4)$$

Where: ξ is the eccentricity of the plastic potential function of concrete; σ_{t0} is the uniaxial stress at failure; φ is the expansion angle of the concrete yield surface during the strengthening process. According to relevant research results, the value of the concrete expansion angle is $36^\circ \sim 42^\circ$.

4. Overall dynamic damage model and verification of gravity dam

In order to truly simulate the impact of ground motion on the damage of the overall system of a concrete gravity dam, unlike the traditional model that considers the foundation as linear elastic or DP plastic, this paper extends the concrete plastic damage model (CDP) to the foundation rock based on the similarity of dam body concrete material and rock materials (Guo et al. 2020). Taking the Koyna concrete gravity dam project as an example, the overall damage mechanics model of the concrete gravity dam body-reservoir water-foundation is established. In order to verify its reliability, the measured seismic waves of Koyna dam is used as input, and the Westergaard method is used to simulate hydrodynamic effects. After considering the dissipated energy of the system to the remote ground (Gao et al. 2021), the seismic response damage analysis of the gravity dam body-reservoir-foundation overall damage force system was carried out, and the analysis results were compared with the actual earthquake damage.

4.1. Dynamic damage finite element model

Koyna gravity dam has always been a classic case of concrete dam dynamic analysis. On December 11, 1967,

170 the Koyna gravity dam in India suffered a magnitude 6.5 earthquake. The depth of the reservoir is 91.75m
 171 when the earthquake occurred. The earthquake caused many horizontal cracks on dam body, mainly
 172 concentrated near the elevation of 629.0 m (as shown in Fig.8). This paper takes the Koyna gravity dam as the
 173 research object and selects a typical retaining dam section of the dam for analysis. The upper, downstream and
 174 depth directions of the foundation range are each twice the dam height. The dam body-reservoir-foundation
 175 coupling model is shown in Fig.9.

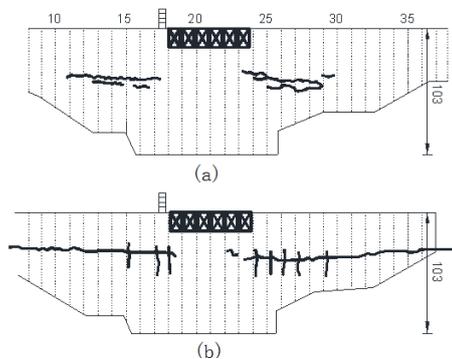


Fig.8 Earthquake damage to Koyna Dam (a: upstream view, b: downstream view)

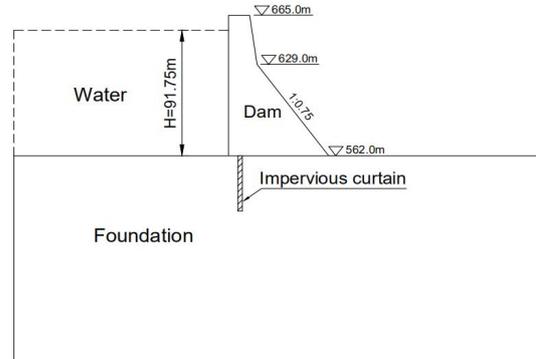


Fig.9 Dam body-reservoir water-foundation model

176 Considering the effects of vertical and horizontal seismic waves at the same time, the seismic wave is
 177 based on the measured seismic records of Koyna dam in 1976. The peak acceleration of the horizontal seismic
 178 wave is 0.474g (Fig.10), and the peak acceleration of the vertical seismic wave is 0.312g (Fig.11). Adopt
 179 viscoelastic artificial boundary to consider the influence of ground radiation damping. The dam concrete
 180 material parameters used in the calculation are: dynamic elastic modulus 31 GPa, density 2643 kg/m³, Poisson
 181 ratio is 0.15, fracture energy 200 N/m, dynamic tensile strength 2.9 MPa. Base rock material parameters:
 182 elastic modulus 20 GPa, density 2700 kg/m³, Poisson ratio is 0.20, cohesive force 2.0 MPa, friction
 183 coefficient 1.16, base on moercoulomb criterion inferred the tensile strength of the bedrock material to be 1.28
 184 MPa (Chen et al. 2014). The initial in-situ stress field is in accordance with the requirements of the
 185 engineering rock mass classification standard regarding the initial stress field evaluation. The vertical in-situ
 186 stress is the weight of the rock mass γh , and the horizontal in-situ stress is taken as 1.2 γh . Considers that the
 187 damping force changes with the opening and closing of the crack, and the Rayleigh damping coefficient is
 188 taken as $\zeta = 0$ and $\zeta = 0.0032$.

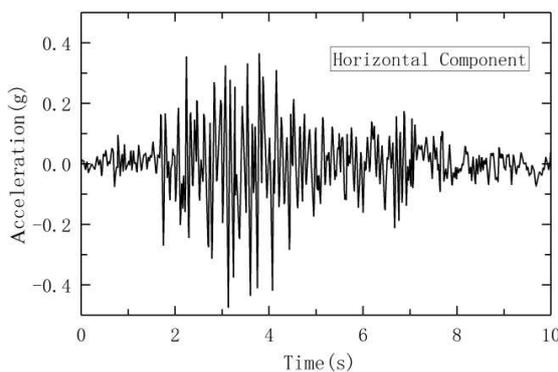


Fig.10 Acceleration time history curve of horizontal seismic wave

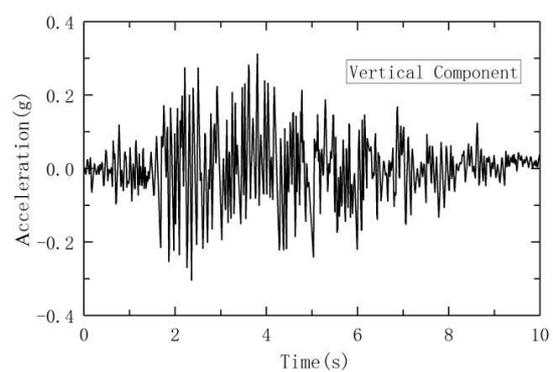


Fig.11 Acceleration time history curve of vertical seismic wave

189 4.2. Damage evolution characteristics of Koyna gravity dam

190 Under the action of earthquake, the overall damage zone of the gravity dam at different times is shown in
 191 Fig.12. After considering the nonlinear damage of the dam body and the foundation, due to the low tensile
 192 strength of the dam foundation rock mass, at $t=1.92$ s, the dam foundation rock mass firstly began to have
 193 damage cracks (Fig.12(a)). With the increasing of the duration of ground motion, the damage zone of the
 194 bedrock expands about 23.1m in the depth direction, and then begins to expand obliquely downstream. At t
 195 $=3.64$ s, damage cracks began to appear in the dam body, at this time, the depth of the damage cracks in the
 196 bedrock is about 34.3 m (Fig.12(b)); After the ground motion is over, the final damage zone of the dam
 197 system is shown in Fig.12(d). Dam body damage is mainly concentrated near the elevation of the downstream

198 break slope. The damage of the dam foundation mainly occurred in the bedrock at the heel of the dam, and it
 199 extended about 35.2 m in the depth direction, but the impervious curtain was not damaged. It can be seen that
 200 after considering the damage of the dam foundation, the foundation part of the concrete gravity dam will be
 201 damaged before the dam body under the action of the earthquake. It shows that it is necessary to consider the
 202 overall plastic damage of the dam body and the bedrock in the seismic analysis of the concrete gravity dam.

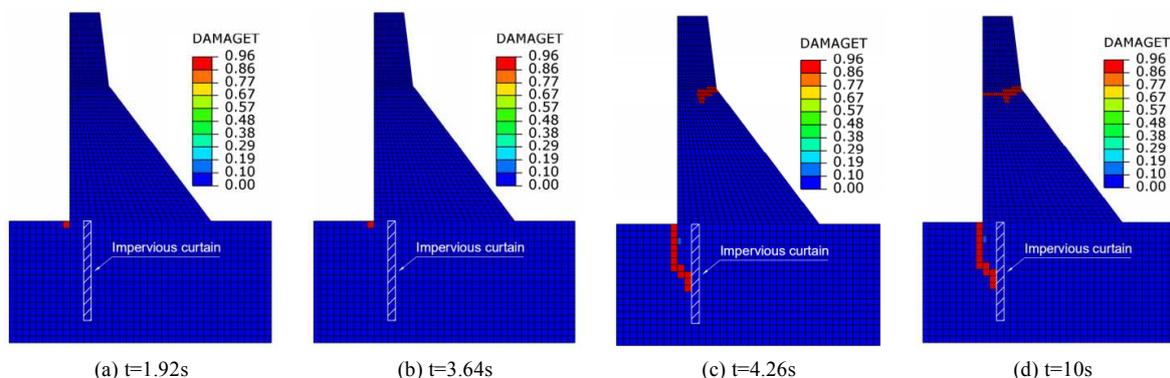


Fig.12 Damage zone of gravity dam at different times

203 Unlike only considering the dam body concrete as the plastic damage model, after considering the plastic
 204 damage of the foundation, the concrete at the heel of the dam did not produce cracking damage, and the
 205 anti-seepage curtain did not damage. This is because after considering the nonlinear damage of the foundation
 206 rock mass, under the action of an earthquake, damage cracks appear in the foundation rock at the dam heel,
 207 which releases the stress on the dam body, thereby avoiding the damage and failure of the concrete at the dam
 208 heel. This also shows that only the dam body is considered as a plastic damage model, and the bedrock is
 209 considered as a linear elastic or elastoplastic model, which cannot accurately simulate the damage evolution
 210 process of a concrete gravity dam multi-coupling system under seismic response. The actual survey after the
 211 earthquake also showed that the cracks of the Koyna gravity dam caused by the earthquake were mainly
 212 concentrated near the elevation of 629.0 m (Fig.8). Core-drilling sampling at the interface of the dam
 213 foundation found that the concrete and bedrock cemented well, no signs of cracking at the interface of the
 214 dam foundation were found, and there was no significant change in the leakage of the dam foundation after
 215 the earthquake. The simulation results in this paper are in good agreement with the actual earthquake damage.

216 5. Dynamic response and damage characteristics of gravity dams under near-fault ground motions

217 In order to study the influence of near-fault ground motions on the dynamic damage of the overall system of
 218 concrete gravity dams, this paper uses the different types of near-fault ground motion records selected in
 219 section 2 to modulate the amplitude of the acceleration peak $a_{max}=0.2g$ as the ground motion input (only
 220 consider ground motion horizontal component). The effects of three types of near-fault ground motions on the
 221 overall damage evolution of the concrete gravity dam foundation are studied from the aspects of plastic
 222 damage zone, dissipated energy and displacement response of the dam.

223 5.1. Evolution law of overall damage of dam body and foundation

224 Under the action of near-fault ground motions, the damage and failure process of gravity dam body and
 225 foundation material is the deterioration of the mechanical properties of the material caused by the growth,
 226 expansion and connection of micro-cracks inside it. It is also an irreversible and energy-consuming evolution
 227 process of the internal structure of the material. Fig. 13 shows the overall damage distribution of gravity dams
 228 under different types of near-fault ground motions. The blue zone indicates that the material is not damaged,
 229 and the red zone indicates that the material is damaged by tensile damage. It can be seen from the figure that
 230 under the action of the three types of near-fault ground motions, the dam foundation rock mass materials have
 231 suffered serious tensile damage. It shows that under the action of earthquake, the dam foundation rock mass is
 232 the weak link of the earthquake resistance of the concrete gravity dam. It is necessary to pay more attention to
 233 the earthquake resistance analysis of the concrete gravity dam. When the near-fault directivity pulse ground
 234 motion is used as input, the overall damage of the gravity dam foundation is shown in Fig.13(a). Both the
 235 concrete material of the dam body and the rock material of the foundation suffered serious damage and failure.

236 Among them, the damage of the dam foundation mainly occurred in the bedrock part at the heel of the dam
 237 and extended along the depth direction. The concrete damage of the dam body is concentrated in the
 238 downstream break slope and spreads upstream. Under the action of the near-fault fling-step pulse ground
 239 motion, the overall damage of the gravity dam is shown in Fig.13 (b). It can be seen that there is no damage to
 240 the dam body of the concrete gravity dam. Similarly, the damage of the dam foundation mainly occurs in the
 241 bedrock part at the heel of the dam and extends in the depth direction. Under near-fault non-pulse ground
 242 motions, as shown in Fig.13 (c), similar to the directivity pulse and fling-step pulse ground motions, the dam
 243 foundation damage occurs in the bedrock part at the dam heel and extends along the depth direction.
 244 Compared with the near-fault directivity pulse ground motion, the dam concrete material is less damaged.

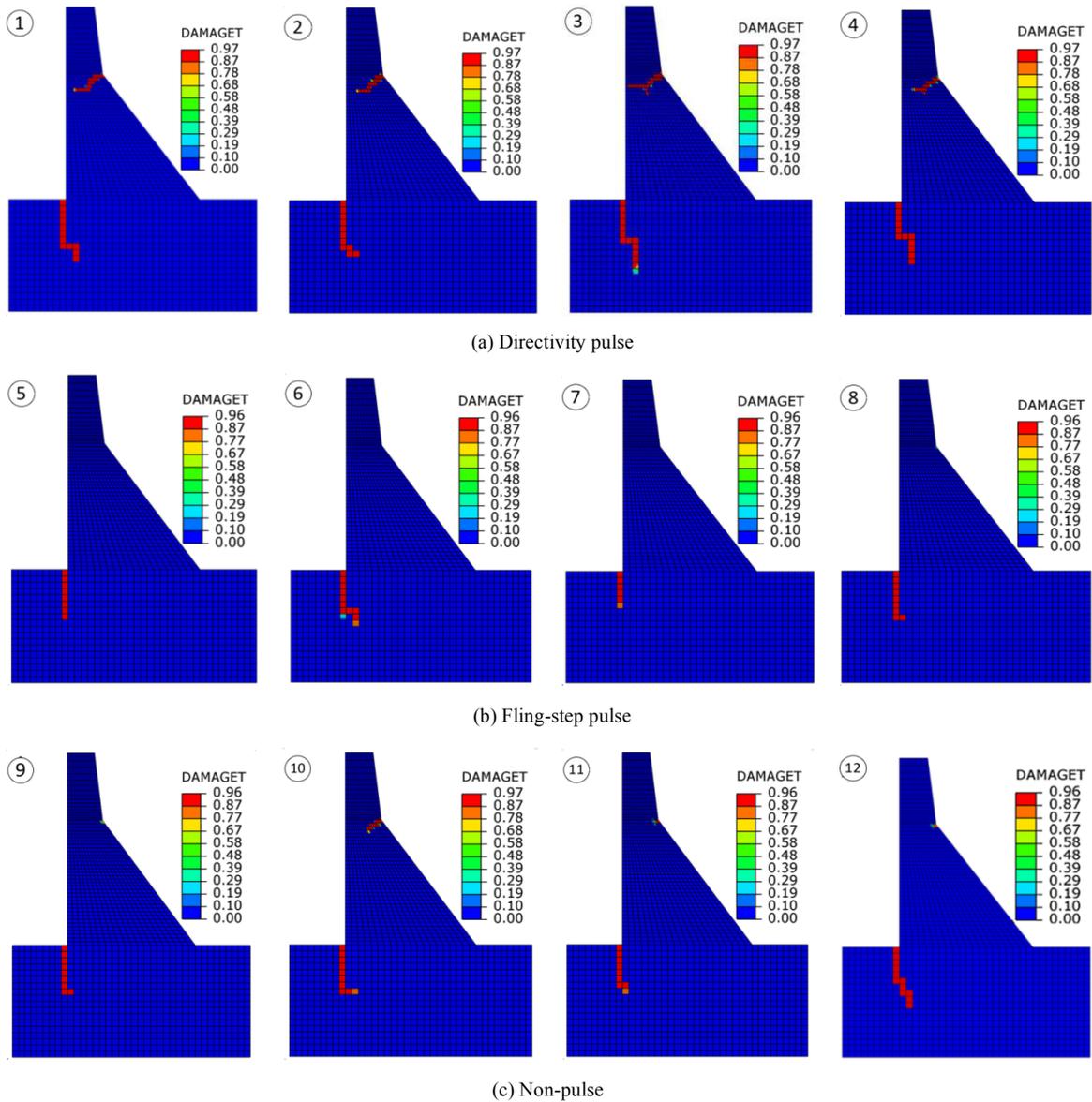


Fig.13 Dam damage zone of near-fault ground motions (1,2...represent the seismic wave number)

245 The paper defines that there are damage cracks when the damage factor $D=0.75$. Table 2 shows the
 246 characteristic values of the crack length of the concrete gravity dam under the action of three types of
 247 near-fault ground motions. From the perspective of the development of damage and cracks in the dam body,
 248 Under the action of near-fault directional pulse ground motions, the average damage crack length at the
 249 downstream bend of the dam body is 19.6m. Fling-step pulse ground motion did not cause damage to the
 250 concrete of the dam. Under the action of non-pulse ground motions, the average damage crack length at the
 251 downstream break of the dam body is 3.9m. From the perspective of the development of dam foundation
 252 damage and cracks, under the action of three types of near-fault ground motions, the average crack length at

253 the base rock of the dam heel is 38.1, 26.5 and 31.2m, respectively. In summary, from the perspective of the
 254 damage zone of the concrete gravity dam, under three types of near-fault ground motions, the near-fault
 255 directivity pulse ground motion has the greatest impact on the damage and failure of the concrete gravity dam,
 256 and the near-fault non-pulse ground motion is the second place, the near-fault fling-step pulse ground motion
 257 has the least impact on the damage and failure of the concrete gravity dam.

258 **Table 2** Crack length of the gravity dam under near-fault ground motions (m)

Type of earthquake	Directivity pulse				Fling-step pulse				Non-pulse			
No	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Dam body crack length	20.5	18.9	22.5	16.8	-	-	-	-	1.0	10.6	2.1	1.8
Average value	19.6				-				3.9			
Dam foundation crack length	38.4	34.7	41.3	37.9	25.2	32.8	20.0	28.1	28.1	31.4	27.1	38.0
Average value	38.1				26.5				31.2			

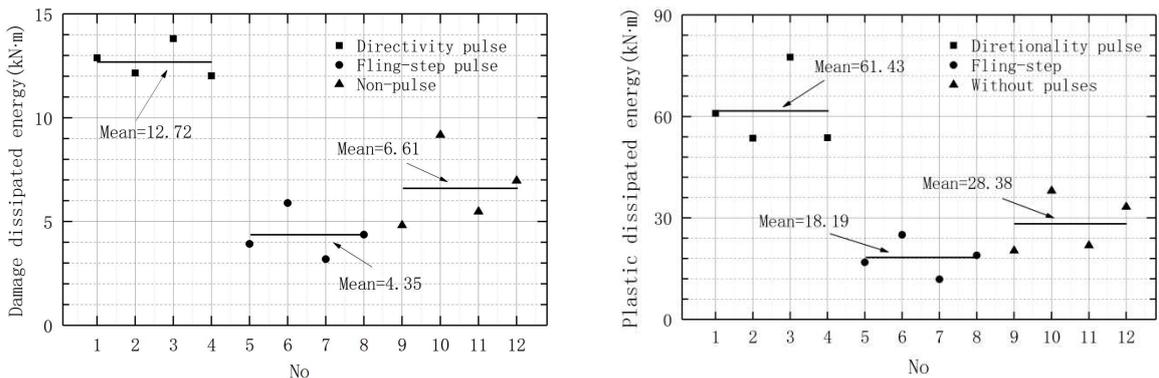
259 **5.2. dissipated energy characteristics of dam body and foundation**

260 The damage and failure of the gravity dam will accumulate in the form of dissipated energy under the action
 261 of an earthquake (Zhang et al. 2013; Wang et al. 2015; Zhai et al. 2020) . Therefore, understanding the
 262 dissipated energy characteristics of gravity dam structures under earthquake action is of great significance to
 263 understanding the damage and failure process. This paper is based on the CPD model, while considering the
 264 damage and failure of the dam body and bedrock, the gravity dam is analyzed for nonlinear seismic response,
 265 and the dissipated energy of the dam under different types of near-fault ground motions is analyzed and
 266 compared. The CDP model used in this paper can consider both plastic dissipated energy and damage
 267 dissipated energy. The specific calculation formulas for damage dissipated energy M_D and plastic dissipated
 268 energy M_P are

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$$M_D = \int_0^T \int_V \sigma \varepsilon^{ck} dV dt \quad M_P = \int_0^T \int_V \sigma \varepsilon^{pl} dV dt \quad (5)$$

270 In the formula: T represents the duration of ground motion, V is the material volume, σ is the stress, ε^{ck} is
 271 the cracking strain, and ε^{pl} is the plastic strain.

272 The calculation results of earthquake damage in Section 4.1 are compared and analyzed from two
 273 dissipated energy indexes of damage (ALLDMD) and plastic (ALLPD). Under different cases, the overall
 274 damage dissipated energy and plastic dissipated energy values of the dam at the end of the earthquake action
 275 are shown in Fig.14. It can be seen from Fig.14(a) that under the action of three types of near-fault ground
 276 motions , the average overall damage dissipated energy of the dam is 12.72, 4.35 and 6.61 kN·m, respectively.
 277 Among them, the overall damage dissipated energy caused by the near-fault directivity pulse ground motion is
 278 the largest. Compared with the near-fault fling-step pulse and non-pulse, the dam overall damage dissipated
 279 energy increased by 192.41% and 92.44%, respectively. Fig.14(b) shows the overall plastic dissipated energy
 280 of the dam under different cases. Under the action of the three types of near-fault ground motions, the average
 281 values of the overall plastic dissipated energy of the dam is 61.43, 18.19 and 28.38 kN·m, respectively.
 282 Similar to the overall damage dissipated energy of the dam, the overall plastic dissipated energy caused by the
 283 near-fault directivity pulse ground motion is the largest, Compared with the near-fault fling-step pulse and the
 284 non-pulse, the dam overall plastic dissipated energy index increases respectively 237.71% and 116.46%.



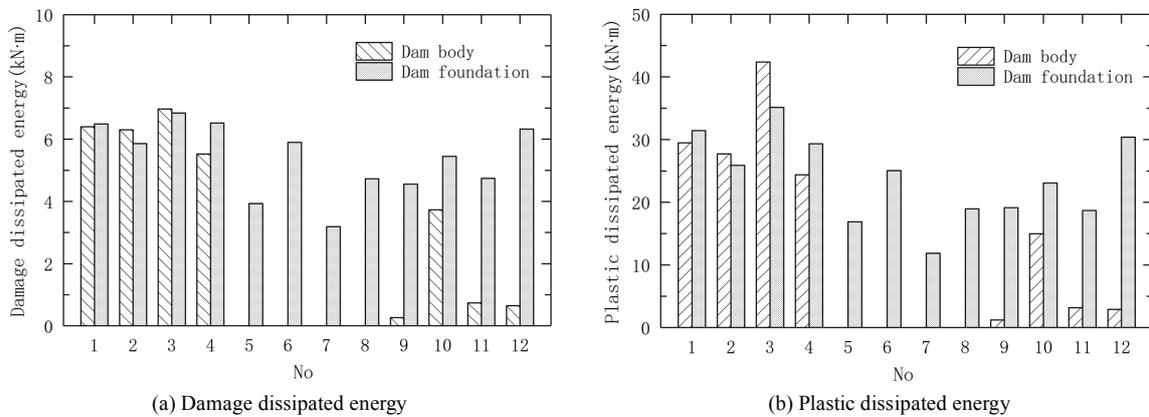
(a) Dam damage dissipated energy

(b) Dam plastic dissipated energy

Fig.14 Overall dissipated energy of the dam

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In order to deeply explore the impact of near-fault ground motions on the damage and failure of the concrete gravity dam, This paper compares the dissipated energy of the dam body and foundation respectively. It can be seen from Fig.15(a) that under the action of the near-fault directivity pulse ground motions, the damage dissipated energy values of the dam body and the dam foundation are relatively close, with an average ratio of about 0.98; The near-fault fling-step pulse ground motions cause no damage to the concrete material of the dam body; Under the action of near-fault non-pulse ground motions, the average ratio of the damage dissipated energy value of the dam body and foundation is about 0.25; Similarly, see Fig.15(b), under the action of the near-fault directivity pulse ground motions, the average ratio of the plastic dissipated energy of the dam body and foundation is about 1.01; Under the action of near-fault non-pulse ground motions, the average ratio of plastic dissipated energy between the dam body and foundation is about 0.24. Comparing the dissipated energy of the dam body and foundation under the three types of near-fault ground motions, it can be seen that under the action of near-fault directional pulsed ground motions, the dam body is more likely to be damaged and destroyed.

**Fig.15** Energy dissipated of dam body and dam foundation

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5.3. Analysis of deformation characteristics of gravity dam structure

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The maximum horizontal displacement of the dam vertex obtained by nonlinear time history analysis is shown in Table 3. It can be seen from the table that under the action of directivity pulse ground motions, the average response of the horizontal displacement of the crest of the dam is the largest. The maximum average displacements in the upstream and downstream directions is 5.78 and 4.87 cm, respectively. The maximum average displacements in the upstream and downstream directions of the dam apex caused by non-pulse ground motions is 5.56 and 3.37 cm, respectively. The displacement response of the dam vertex caused by the fling-step pulse ground motion is 4.30 and 2.51 cm, respectively. From the perspective of the displacement amplitude of the dam vertex caused by ground motions, the relationship between the three working conditions is directivity pulse (10.66cm) > non-pulse (8.93cm) > fling-step pulse (6.81cm). Among them, the average amplitude of the dam vertex displacement caused by the directivity pulse ground motion is 1.19 times of the non-pulse and 1.57 times of the fling-step pulse.

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Table 3 The horizontal displacement at crest of dam

(cm)

Type	No	Horizontal displacement(max)	Average	Horizontal displacement(min)	Average	Displacement amplitude	Average
Directivity pulse	1	5.48		-4.35		9.83	
	2	5.74	5.78	-5.12	-4.87	10.86	10.66
	3	5.37		-5.70		11.07	
	4	6.52		-4.34		10.86	
5	3.95	-2.75		6.70			
Fling-step pulse	6	4.57	4.30	-2.12	-2.51	6.69	6.81
	7	3.81		-3.04		6.85	
	8	4.86		-2.14		7.00	
Non-pulse	9	5.27	5.56	-2.50	-3.37	7.77	8.93

10	5.56	-4.05	9.61
11	5.41	-3.81	9.22
12	5.98	-3.12	9.10

311 In order to facilitate the comprehensive comparison of dam structural deformation caused by different
312 types of near-fault ground motions, the method of expressing the dam deformation characteristics in reference
313 (Liu et al. 2014) is given in the article. In this paper, three displacement angles ϕ_1 , ϕ_2 , and ϕ_3 are used to
314 represent the residual deformation characteristics of the dam caused by near-fault ground motions.

$$315 \quad \phi_1 = \frac{u_1 - u_2}{H} \quad \phi_2 = \frac{u_3 - u_4}{h_1} \quad \phi_3 = \frac{u_4 - u_5}{h_2} \quad (6)$$

316 In the formula: u_1 and u_2 respectively represent the residual horizontal displacement at the vertex and heel of
317 the upstream dam face; u_3 and u_4 represent the residual horizontal displacement at the vertex of the
318 downstream dam face and the downstream break slope respectively; u_5 represents the residual horizontal
319 displacement at the dam toe. Among them, the relative displacement angle ϕ_1 reflects the overall deformation
320 of the dam; ϕ_2 reflects the overall deformation of the dam head part; and ϕ_3 reflects the deformation of the
321 lower structure of the dam.

322 Fig.16 shows the distribution of the mean value of each displacement angle under the action of three
323 types of near-fault ground motions. Compared with the fling-step pulse and non-pulse ground motions, the
324 directivity pulse ground motions can cause larger residual deformation of the dam structure, but it has little
325 effect on the residual deformation of the lower part of the dam. Fig.17 shows the variation of the average
326 horizontal residual displacement of the upstream face of the concrete gravity dam with respect to the dam heel
327 under different cases. It can be seen that the impact of directivity pulse ground motions on the residual
328 displacement of the upstream surface of the dam is significantly greater than that of fling-pulse and non-pulse.
329 Under the action of near-fault directivity pulse and non-pulse ground motions, the horizontal displacement
330 curve of the upstream surface of the dam has an inflection point in the middle. Under the action of the
331 near-fault fling-step pulse ground motions, the average horizontal displacement of the upstream surface of the
332 dam appears as a smooth straight line, and the average displacement increases with the increase of the dam
333 height. This is because after the gravity dam is subjected to near-fault directivity pulse and non-pulse ground
334 motions, the concrete at the downstream break slope has cracked damage, which causes the dam head to tilt
335 in the upstream direction. However, under the action of near-fault sliding type ground motion, the dam concrete
336 did not crack and damage.

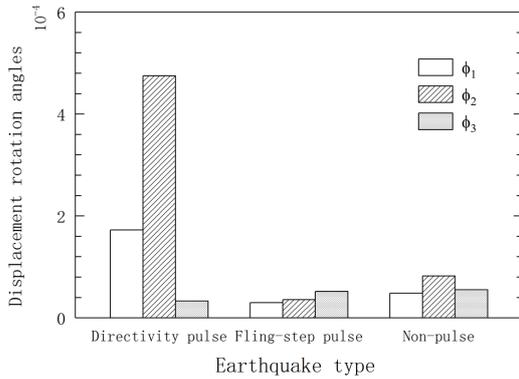


Fig.16 Characteristic value of each displacement angle

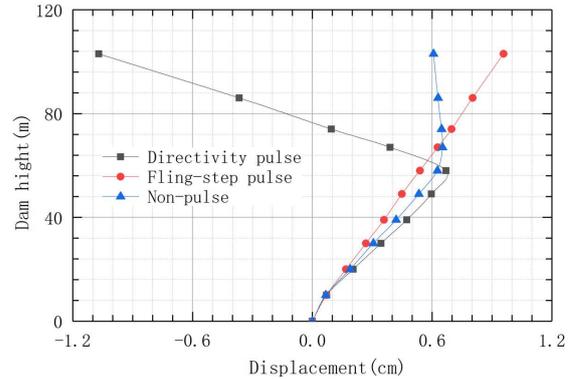


Fig.17 Displacement of the upstream of the dam along the river

337 6. Conclusion

338 This paper establishes a multi-coupling simulation model that can reasonably reflect the dynamic damage
339 evolution process of dam concrete and dam foundation rock mass. Taking Koyna's measured seismic waves as
340 input, the non-linear time history analysis of Koyna concrete gravity dam is carried out. The calculated results
341 are more consistent with the actual seismic damage, which verifies the reliability of the overall damage model
342 of the dam foundation used in this paper. To study the influence of near-fault ground motions on the overall
343 dynamic damage of the concrete gravity dam, according to the characteristics of near-fault ground motions,
344 this paper selects three types of near-fault ground motions with directivity pulse, fling-step pulse and
345 non-pulse. Under the action of different types of near-fault earthquakes, the dynamic response of the concrete

346 gravity dam was analyzed from the three aspects of model damage zone, dissipated energy characteristics and
347 dam displacement response. The research work has achieved the following understanding:

348 (1) Under the action of three types of near-fault ground motions, the dam foundation of the concrete
349 gravity dam is damaged before the dam body. Among them, the directivity pulse ground motion has the
350 greatest impact on the damage and failure of the concrete gravity dam, followed by the non-pulse ground
351 motion, and the fling-step pulse ground motion is the smallest.

352 (2) From the perspective of dissipated energy characteristics. Under the action of near-fault directivity
353 pulse-type ground motions, the plasticity dissipated energy and damage dissipated energy values of the dam
354 body and the dam foundation are close. The dissipated energy caused by near-fault fling-step pulse and
355 non-pulse ground motions is mainly concentrated in the dam foundation. Compared with the near-fault
356 fling-step pulse and non-pulse ground motions, the damage and failure of the dam body caused by the
357 directivity pulse ground motions should be paid more attention.

358 (3) From the perspective of the dam body deformation, directivity pulse ground motions can cause larger
359 residual deformation of the dam overall structure and head part. However, the impact on the residual
360 deformation of the lower part of the dam body is relatively small, this is because the directivity pulse ground
361 motion cause larger damage and cracks on the downstream break slope, after the earthquake, the head of the
362 dam tilted in the upstream direction. Under the action of the three types of near-fault ground motions, the
363 average amplitude of the dam crest displacement caused by the directivity pulse ground motion is 1.2 times of
364 the non-pulse and 1.57 times of the fling-step pulse.

365 In summary, compared with the fling-step pulse and non-pulse ground motions, directivity pulse ground
366 motions have a significant impact on the nonlinear seismic response of concrete gravity dams. Therefore, it is
367 necessary to consider the influence of near-fault directivity pulse ground motions when analyzing the seismic
368 safety of concrete gravity dams. There has been the research result enunciation, more significant vertical
369 ground motions in the near-fault area. If the vertical pulse ground motion is also considered, it will
370 undoubtedly further increase the overall damage and failure of the the gravity dam. At present, there are few
371 studies on the seismic response of gravity dam structures under the coupled action of pulse-type two-phase
372 ground motions, and further research is still needed.

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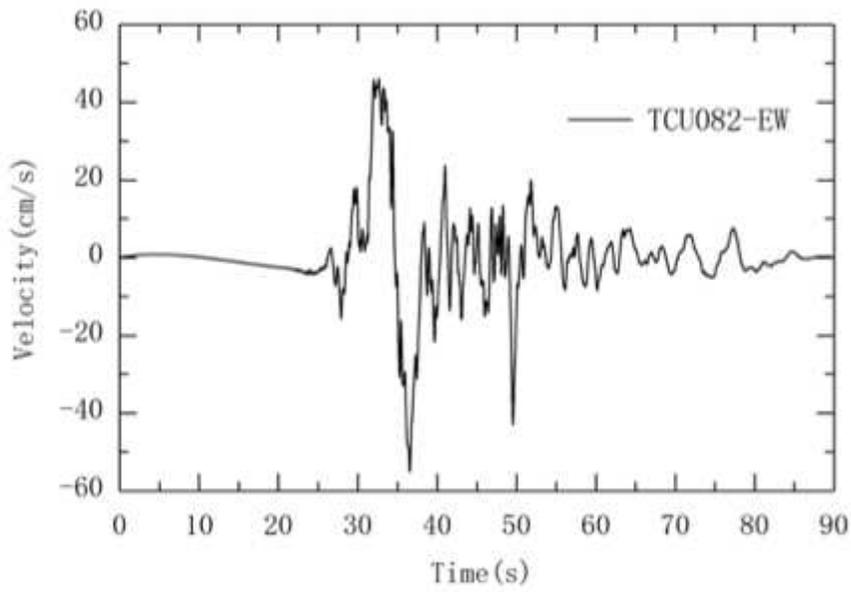


Figure 1

Velocity time history of directivity pulse ground motion

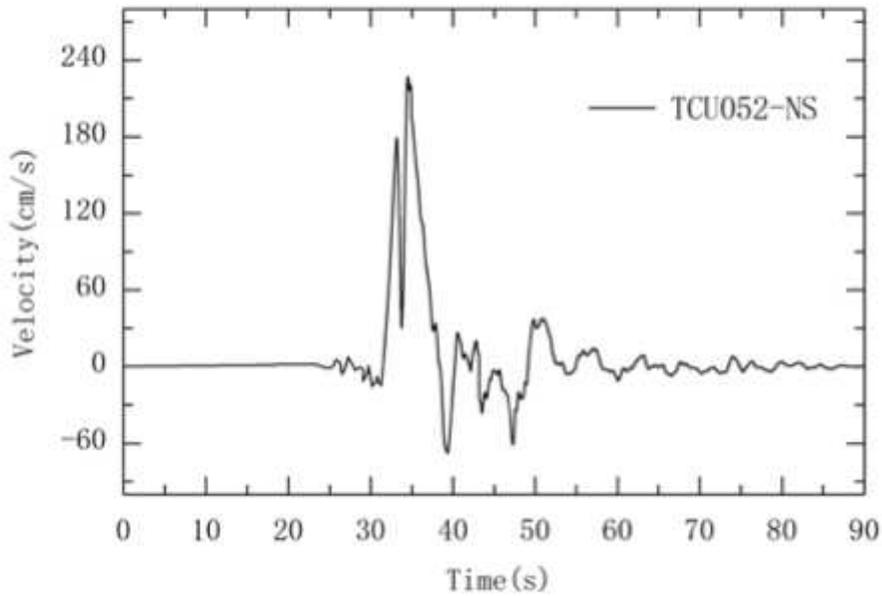


Figure 2

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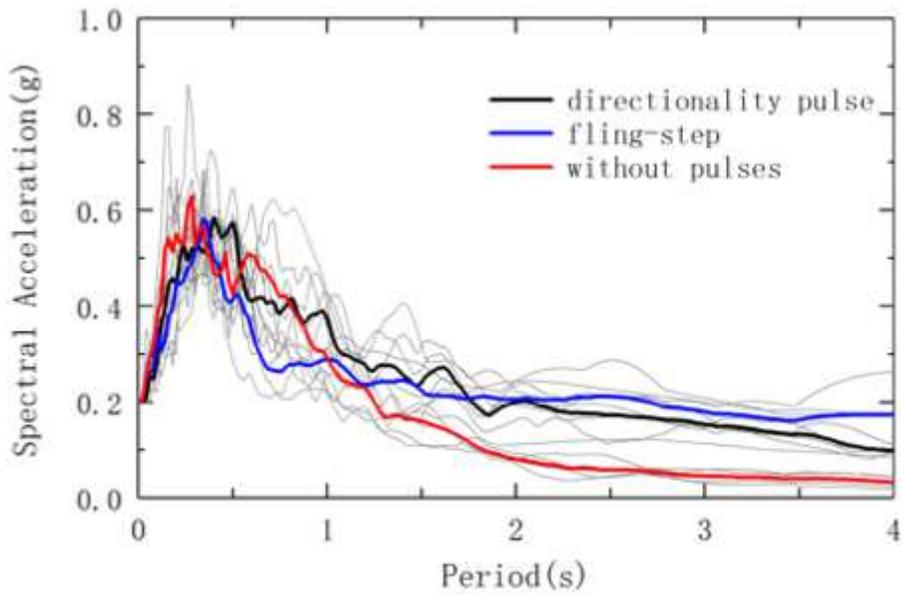


Figure 3

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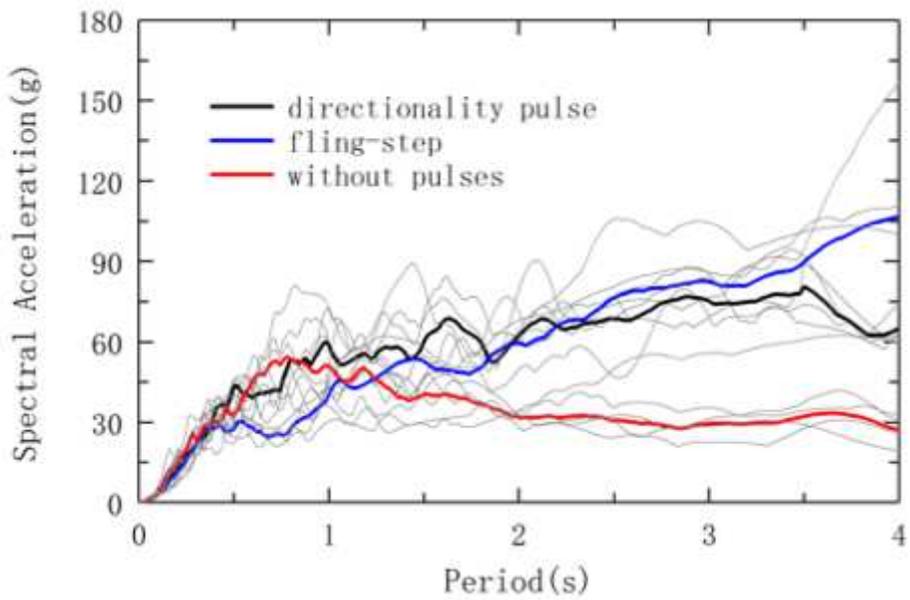


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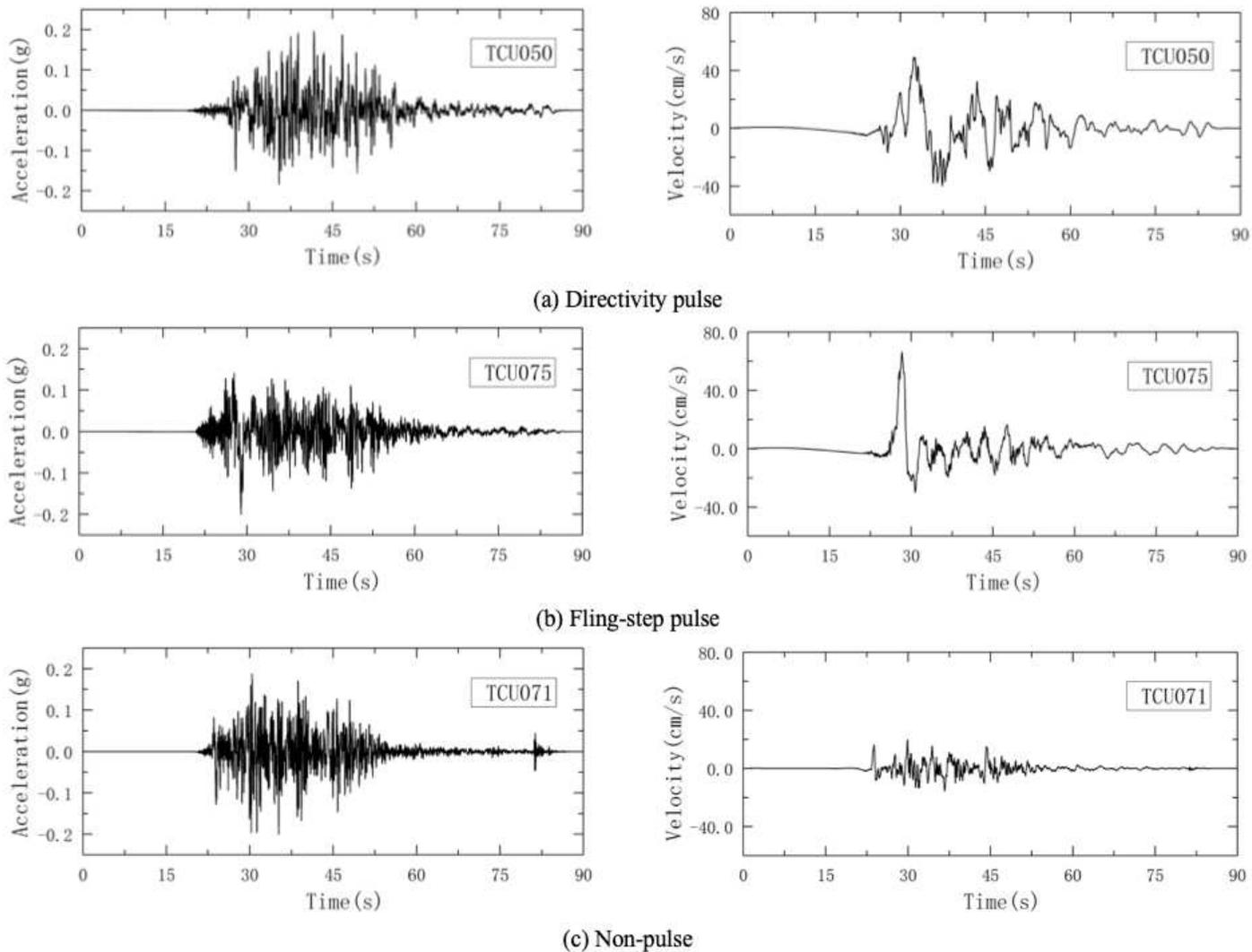


Figure 5

Curves of acceleration and velocity of the typical near-fault ground motion

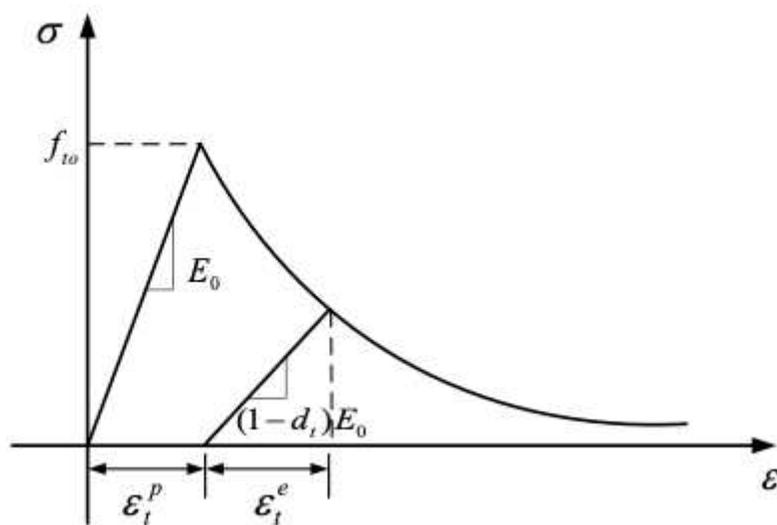


Figure 6

Schematic diagram of concrete uniaxial tensile damage

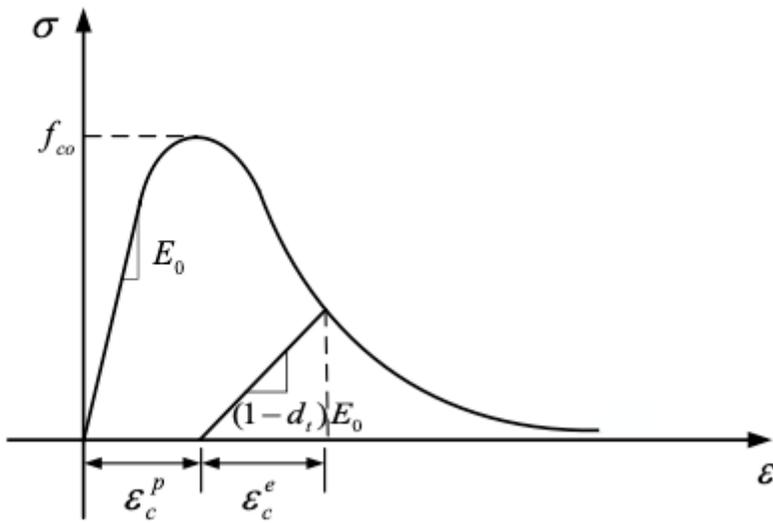


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Schematic diagram of concrete uniaxial compression damage

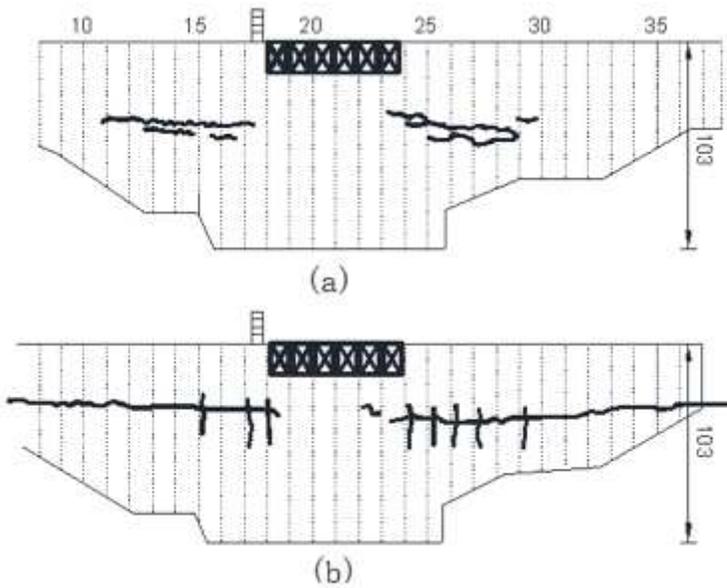


Figure 8

Earthquake damage to Koyna Dam (a: upstream view, b: downstream view)

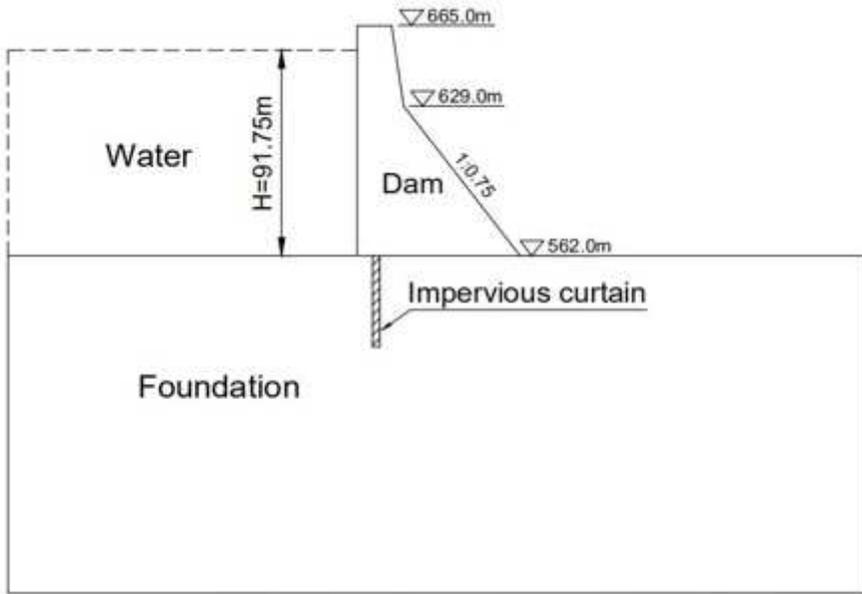


Figure 9

Dam body-reservoir water-foundation model

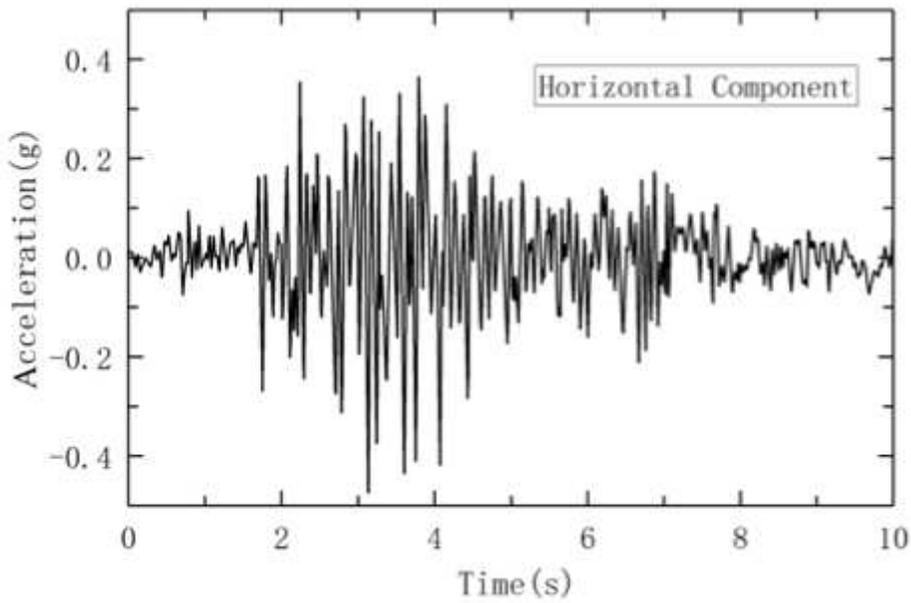


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Acceleration time history curve of horizontal seismic wave

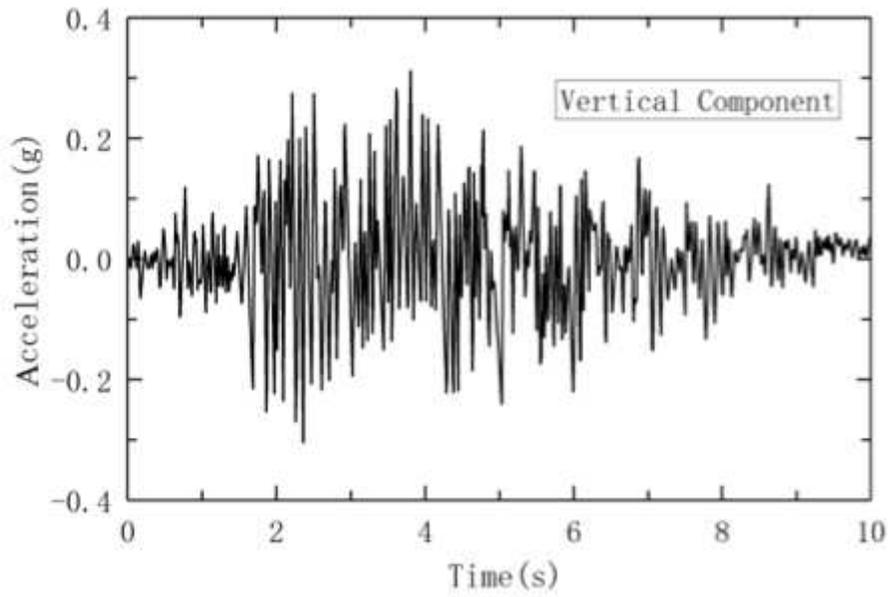


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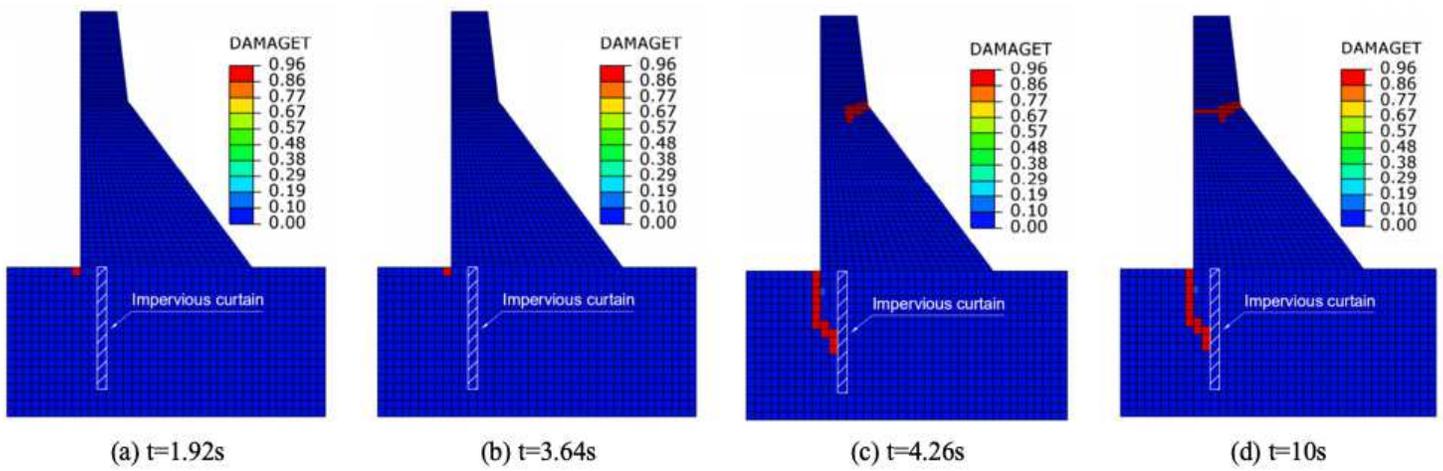
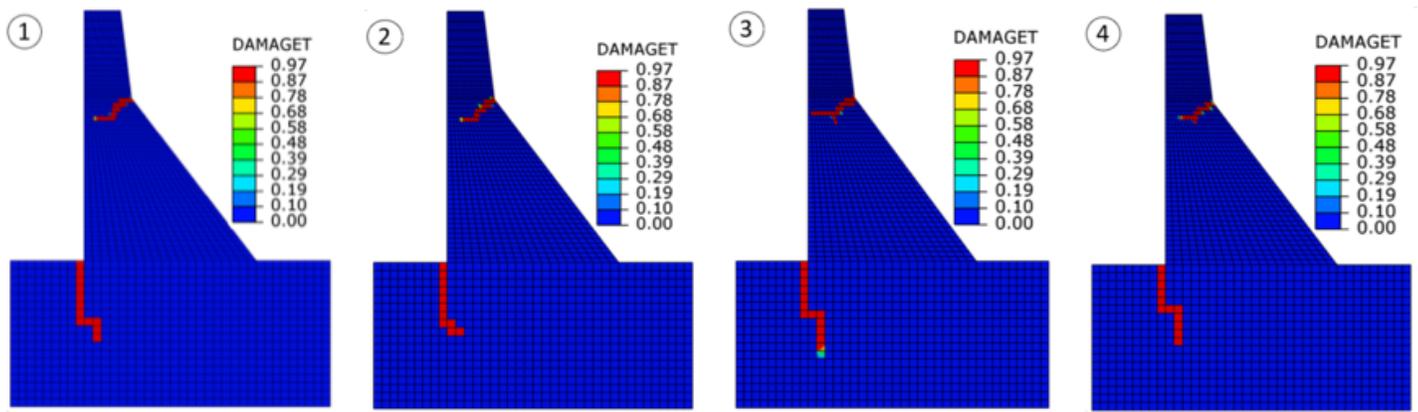
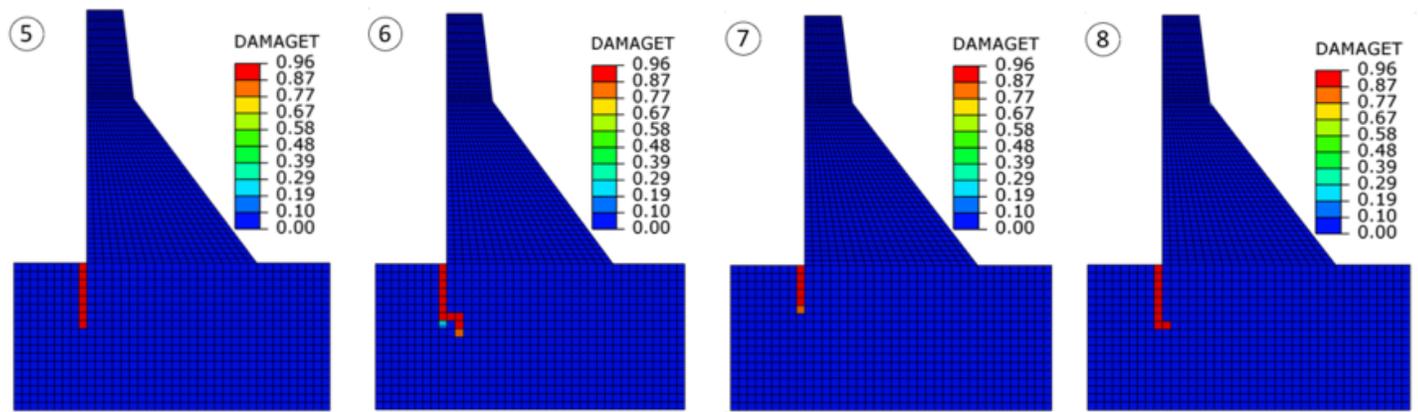


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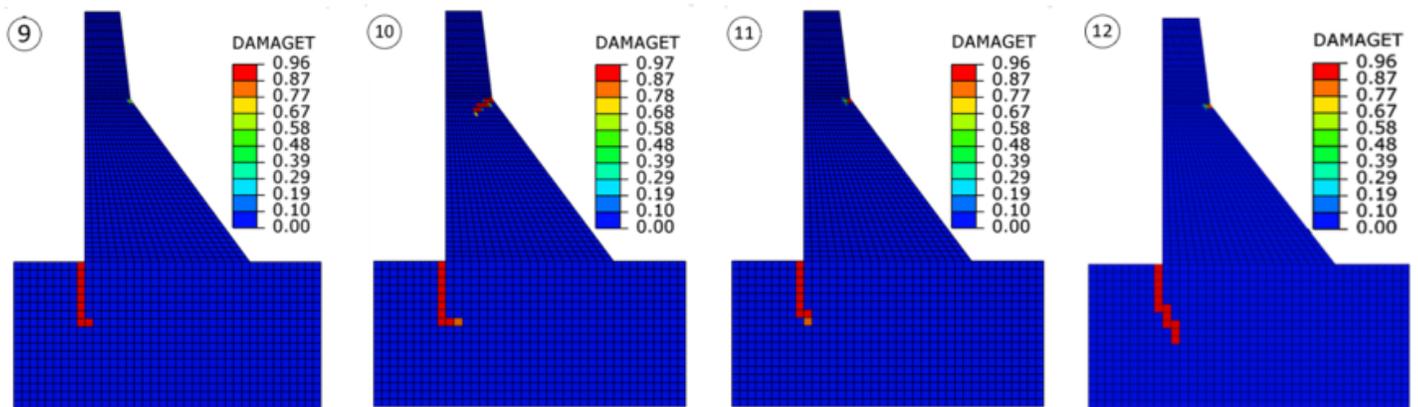
Damage zone of gravity dam at different times



(a) Directivity pulse



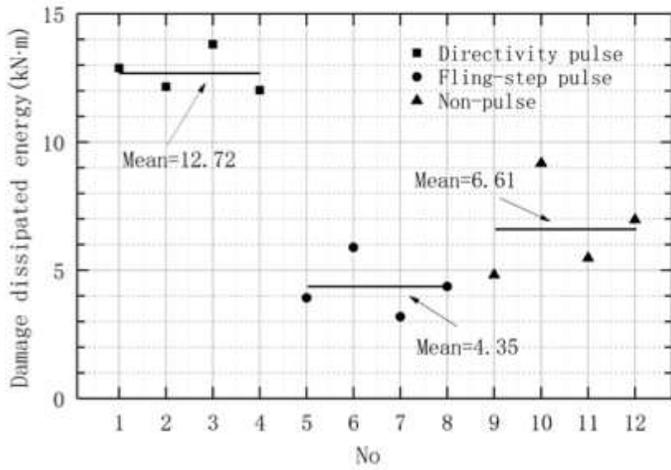
(b) Fling-step pulse



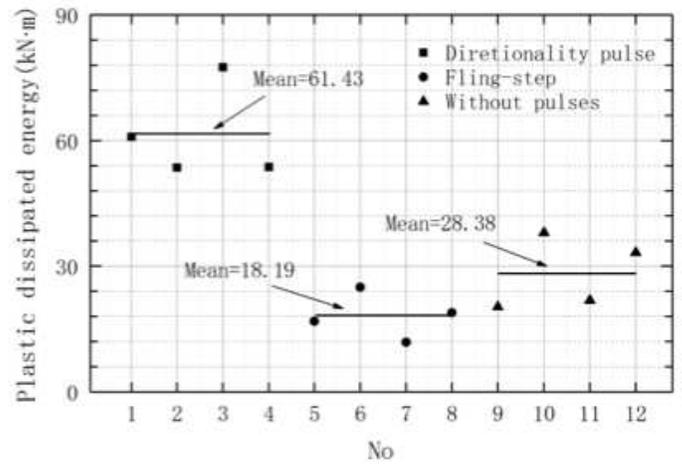
(c) Non-pulse

Figure 13

Dam damage zone of near-fault ground motions (1,2...represent the seismic wave number)



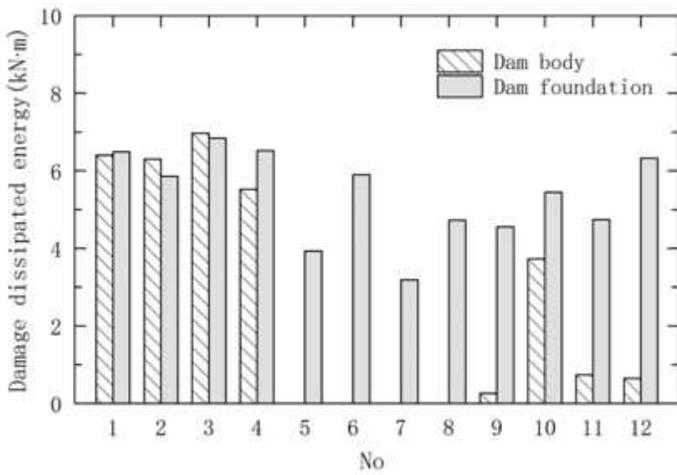
(a) Dam damage dissipated energy



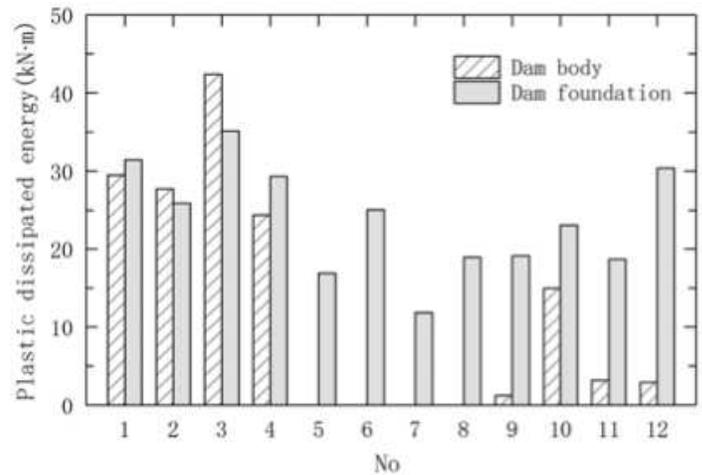
(b) Dam plastic dissipated energy

Figure 14

(a) Dam damage dissipated energy (b) Dam plastic dissipated energy



(a) Damage dissipated energy



(b) Plastic dissipated energy

Figure 15

(a) Damage dissipated energy (b) Plastic dissipated energy

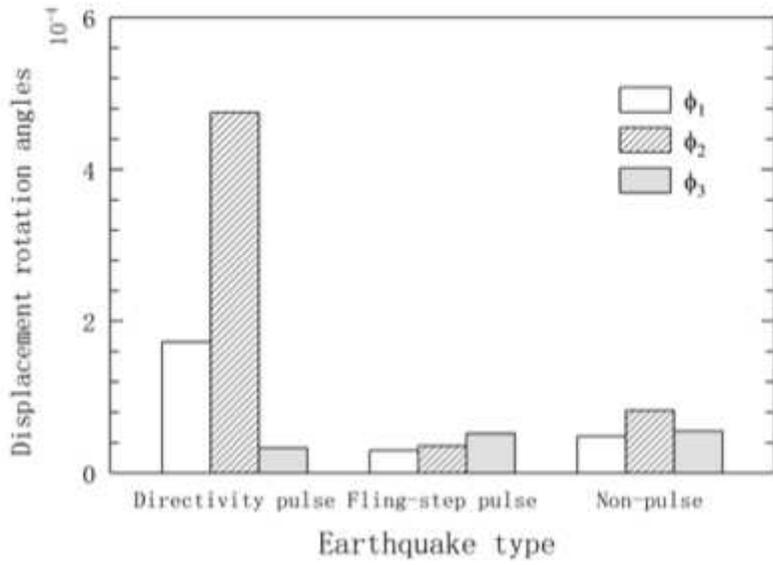


Figure 16

Characteristic value of each displacement angle

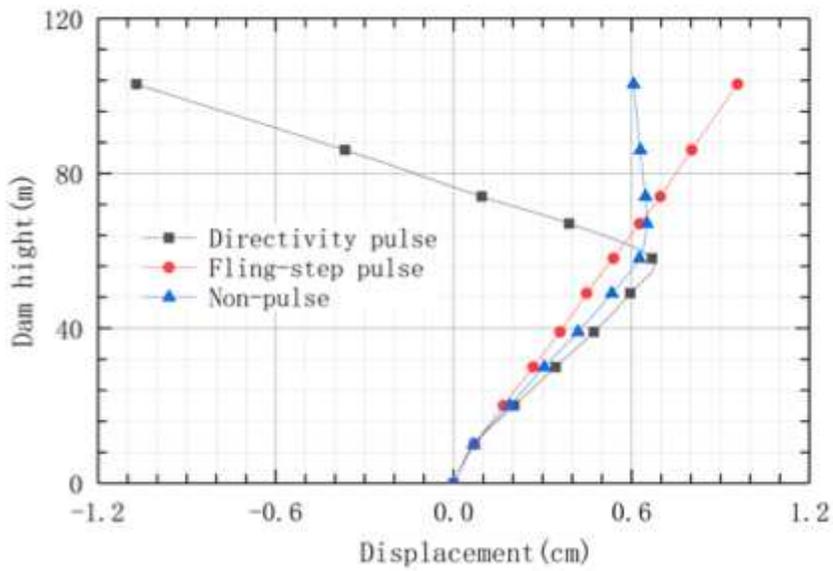


Figure 17

Displacement of the upstream of the dam along the river