Introduction to Earthquake Engineering

Structures under Earthquakes

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Conventional rc-frame structure under Kobe earthquake



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Non-linear Cyclic Behavior of Frames



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Behaviour of Reinforced-Concrete Structures

Flexural cyclic behaviour in plastic hinges



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From Wakabayashi (1)

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The rc-beam-column:

Behaviour under combined bending (moment and shear) and axial forces:



Short column:



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Short Columns

Extreme **pinching** of hysteresis loop and failure in shear



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Complicated details in rc-frames:



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Non-linear Cyclic Behavior of Walls



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Shear walls



Pre-cast connections



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Behaviour of Steel Structures

Conventional steel structure under Kobe earthquake: Soft storey







Behaviour of Steel Structures

Plastic hinges





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Local Buckling under Cyclic Loading



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Relationship between moment and rotation angle for a beam under cyclic loading



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Fracture in connections



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Seismically sound connections



Masonry Structures



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Horizontal load-deflection relationships for a pier subjected to reversed shear and failing in shear





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Reinforced masonry:

- simple
- inexpensive
- easy quality control
- architectural freedom





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Confined masonry:





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Confined masonry:





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Confined masonry:



Damages when structural rules are not strictly observed



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Base Isolation:

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 A rigid body mechanism decoupled from the base and controlled by soft passive or semi-active devices



Lead-rubber bearing:



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Tendon System:

 Tendons with passive or semi-active devices control the motion of rigid bodies







Displacement (mm)

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Tendon System:



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Tendon System:

• Retrofitting of historic structures



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Pagoda System:

 A "snake dance" rigid body mechanism controlled by friction "devices" that is proven for over 1200 years





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Control concepts for earthquake protection Pagoda System:

A "snake dance" rigid body mechanism controlled by friction "devices" that is proven for over 1200 years



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Hyde System:

- A plastic rigid body motion in a seismic link controlled by stiff-plastic devices
- Suitable for retrofitting softstorey structures!





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Hyde System:

 has been verified with large-scale pseudo-dynamic tests at JRC-Ispra on a 1/2-scale steel frame with shear-panels









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Rigid body motion control: No vibrations, small forces and displacements



Pagoda System







Energies during an earthquake:





Deck failure by dropping off supports

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Sudden column failure in brittle shear

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Failure due to excessive drift and large overturning caused by vertical loads



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Bearing failure

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Seismic Control in Bridges

An elevated rail track:

 Equipped with Base Isolation or Hysteretic Device (Hydes) in a seismic link



Seismic Control in Bridges

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- Example for a semi-active device
- Friction is controlled by air pressure and produced between bronze inserts and a rough steel plate
- Very stable hysteresis loop even after many cycles



Tascb ELSA [TEFLON & AIR VALVE] (80: Controller Measured)





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Conclusions

- Conventional structures cannot be produced with the quality required for earthquake safety of large numbers of buildings due to a multitude of critical details: Too much can and will go wrong
- "Wall systems with integrity", like reinforced masonry or confined masonry are more robust, less expensive, easy to build and require only common quality control
- Structural control systems are superior in performance, reliability and price and have become a viable alternative
- Most suitable for seismic control are rigid body mechanisms
- Base Isolation, Tendon Systems, Pagoda Systems and Hyde Systems use passive or semi-active control and may be used in new structures as well as in structural rehab
- Because of its stiff-ductile links, the Hyde system is of particular advantage providing a better performance and price for low to medium high buildings and it is the best control concept to retrofit soft storey buildings

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