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POSTER SESSION 9

Structural Engineering in Earthquake Zones

Structures de génie civil en zones sismiques

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Retrofit System to Enhance Earthquake Resistance

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Experimental and analytical investigations of a retrofit-system to enhance the earthquake resistance in existing buildings and structures have been conducted in the University of British Columbia, Department of Civil Engineering, Earthquake Simulator Laboratory. The system consists of a combination of well known base-isolation techniques, a new base storey design, and newly developed miltidirectional energy absorber made of mild steel. The research results indicated the usefulness of this system and proved, that it can be implemented in existing buildings without reduction of the structural integrity of the building and without major modifications of the original design.

The key idea of the system is to separate the building from the existing ground motion by roller bearings or sliding pads and restricting it from excessive displacements by solid state steel energy absorbers. Extensive experimental tests have been conducted to prove the principles, to correlate analytical programmes, and to devise an engineering approach to the design of the system as a whole and the energy absorbers in particular. A transparent design procedure is now available, which enables the engineer to design this retrofit-system for different earthquake regions and for different structures.

One of the focal points of the research project was to show, how a retrofit base-isolation system could be implemented in steel buildings without additional blind-storeys or double foundations as used in recent proposals by others. This results in considerable cost savings, which make the new approach very attractive for a broad spectrum of buildings for which until now an update in respect to earthquake resistance was believed to be too expensive.

High importance was placed on the investigations and development of reliable, inexpensive, and replaceable energy absorbers. They have to restrain the building against wind loads and, in case being subjected to major earthquake loadings, have to prevent the building from excessive displacements. These devices are designed to deform elastically under minor loads (such as wind) or displacements (such as thermal expansion) and to deform plastically when severe loads (such as earthquakes) are imposed on the building or bridge. The energy absorbers allow displacements in all directions, however work most efficiently for displacements in the horizontal plane. They consist of curved plates of hot-rolled mild steel plates. An engineering method was introduced by the author for the practical design of the steel energy absorbers and for predetermining the number of cycles to failure.

In the experimental studies steel roller bearings were used because they had a very low friction coefficient without becoming unstable for large displacements. However, the design approach is valid for other low friction sliding devices, too, e.g. for neoprene bearings often used in bridge applications.

A wide range of applications can be foreseen for the solid state steel energy absorbers, particularly in the area where currently viscous or friction dampers are used (bridges, nuclear power plants), which can add considerable costs, constant maintenance, and can cause problems of implementation because of bulkiness.



Application of Diagonal Reinforcement to Reinforced Concrete and Masonry Short Columns

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The paper describes the use of diagonal reinforcement in concrete members to prevent brittle shear failure and to ensure ductile behavior in earthquake resistant structures. The use of diagonal reinforcement was proposed by T. Paulay to provide ductility in coupling beams and has been used in practical buildings. However, past earthquakes have revealed that brittle shear failure takes place more frequently in short columns than in beams, and can lead to overall structural failure. The authors have used the diagonally reinforcing system in short reinforced concrete columns and in wall-columns of reinforced concrete-grouted masonry, and have developed design formulas to predict the maximum load carrying capacity and ductility.

Figure 1 shows the hysteresis loops obtained from the preliminary tests of diagonally reinforced short columns. It can be clearly seen that the behavior of the diagonally reinforced column is far better than that of an ordinary reinforced concrete column, with respect not only to maximum load capacity but also to deformability without load degradation, shape of hysteresis loops, and energy dissipation. The superiority of the diagonal reinforcement has been confirmed by a series of experiments using full scale specimens, as indicated in Figs. 2 - 4. The physical model used to predict the ultimate load carrying capacity consists of two basic resisting mechanisms, a beam mechanism and an arch mechanism. This is shown in Fig. 5. Ultimate load capacity is obtained by the summation of the load capacities of the basic mechanisms according to the generalized addition theorem. Correlation between the experimental and predicted load capacities can be seen in Fig. 6. The proposed diagonal arrangement of main reinforcement for reinforced concrete column has been used in apartment buildings designed by the National Housing Cooperation of Japan, as shown in Figs. 7 and 8. In addition to its use in ordinary short columns, the diagonal system is very effective in the case of columns which are shortened in their clear height by wing wall, as in the school buildings shown in Fig. 9. The system is also applicable to concrete-grouted brick masonry wall. Ductile behavior can be anticipated even in brick masonry structures, as shown in Fig. 10.

The following conclusion can be drawn from the experimental and theoretical work:

- (1) The diagonal reinforcement system is very effective in increasing the shear capacity and in improving the earthquake-resistant characteristics, such as ductility and energy dissipation, of reinforced concrete columns and masonry wall-columns.
- (2) The maximum shear capacity, ductility and energy dissipation can be controlled by the amount of diagonal reinforcement.
- (3) At least sixty percent of the main reinforcement should be arranged diagonally in columns to guarantee ductile performance during earthquakes.
- (4) The maximum load carrying capacity of diagonally reinforced members can be predicted with reasonable accuracy by the proposed analytical method.



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Inelastic Aseismic Design of Reinforced Concrete Bridges

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As stated in the introductory report by Professor Tassios, it is an essential approach for earthquake resistant design of most structures to produce a structure capable of responding to moderate shaking (more than a few times expected intensity of excitation in its life time) without damage, and capable of resisting to unlikely event of very strong shaking without seriously endangering the occupants. In the first case, it is satisfactory to adopt the "allowable stress" design method for the specified intensity of earthquake motion. However, in the second case, it is neccesary to propose reasonable design methods based on earthquake response properties of structures beyond yielding limit approaching to failure.

INELASTIC DESIGN CODES

In the first part of this study, present two inelastic earthquake resistant design codes of reinforced concrete (RC) bridges by Japan Road Association are explained and some problems in application are pointed out. One inelastic design is a static method by which it should be checked whether sectional forces due to 30% increased earthquake loads (130% of the intensity for elastic design) are less than ultimate strength of those forces. The other is a dynamic method with use of equivalent linearization technique. By this method, it should be checked whether ductility factor response due to 30% increased earthquake dynamic loads is less than the allowable ductility factor which is defined as one third of the ultimate ductility of members. In appliction of these two inelastic design methods to RC bridge structures (especially bridge structures), it was found that the second ductility requirement is generally hard to be satisfied even though several problems relating to values of equivalent damping factor and spectral intensity for dynamic response analysis and definition of the allowable ductility factor have been pointed out. Research efforts are needed to answer these problems.

HYBRID EXPERIMENTS OF EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

In the second part of this study, results of the newly developed online hybric experiment related to above mentioned problems are described. In the experiment, earthquake response is calculated by a digital computer adopting the real hysteretic restoring force of a RC bending structural element directly measured from a loading actuator. Therefore, accurate estimation of not only earthquake response but also deterioration process of structural properties has become possible. Effects of reinforcement ratio, axial stress, kinds and amount of tie-hoops and strength of concrete to inelastic earthquake response are examined. Process of partitioning of earthquake input energy to kinetic, potential and absorbed energy by hysteresis loops is also investigated as a measure for deterioration of structural properties. From the experiments, it is found that the ductility requirement by the present code is so conservative that new design codes based on earthquake input energy shall be developed.



IX - POSTERS

Cable Damper of Meiko-Nishi Cable-Stayed Bridge

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1. GENERAL

Meiko-Nishi Bridge, which is under construction in Nagoya Harbor, Japan, is a steel cable-stayed bridge with three spans of (175+405+175m). The box-girder type with an orthotropic deck is a trapezoidal 3-cell box-sections with the depth of 2.8 m. Pylons are A-frame fixed to piers. The longitudinal cable configuration is the fan type of twelve stay cables. This bridge was closed on July 16, 1984, and will be completed on April, 1985.

2. EARTHQUAKE RESISTANCE DESIGN

The construction site which is located in the strong seismic zone is in rather poor geotechnical condition. In the earthquake resistance design, following earthquakes are considered. The one is expected to occur $2\sim3$ times for 100 years with M=8.0 for the epicentral distance of 100 km, and the other is expected to occur $4\sim5$ times with M=7.0 for the epicentral distance of 50 km, in which M is the magnitude. Therefore, the design of pylons and substructures needs special considerations to the longitudinal earthquake force. The degree of horizontal connection between pylon and girder is one of the most important influence factors against the earthquake response, because of the large mass of the stiffened girders. Meiko-Nishi Bridge has been installed horizontal cables, called cable dampers, in the connection of pylon and girder to reduce the horizontal forces to the pylon from the stiffened girders. The earthquake force will be reduced, because the cable dampers give lower natural frequency and larger system damping to the structure.

3. DIMENSION OF CABLE DAMPER Material 2 bandles of 61 galvanized 7-wire strands Length (L) 43.2m $62.6 \text{ cm}^2 \times 2 = 125.2 \text{ cm}^2$ (A)[,] Area $1.9 \times 10^{7} t/m^{2}$ Modulus of Elasticity (E) 5.5 ×10³t/m EA/L Center Span Prestretching - 440 t Side Span 415 t

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Natural Frequencies and Mode Shapes of the Bridge over the Kocher-Valley

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The measuring method used to detect natural frequencies and modes is based on the excitation of the considered building by traffic, wind and natural microtremors. Any motion of a building can be considered as a sum of a large number of natural modes, vibrating with distinct amplitudes and at different frequencies, the natural frequencies. It is possible to detect these frequencies and modes by recording time-history-signals of the points of interest in the building for a sufficient period of time. These signals have to be processed by a spectrum analyzer, which computes transfer functions and spectral densities of the signals in the frequency domain and makes it possible to determine natural frequencies and to calculate corresponding mode shapes.

The advantage of this method is that no artificial excitation is necessary, so that measurements can be performed on completed buildings in full use without any damage and without having to interrupt work, as well as on structures in any stage of completion. It is of utmost importance to be able to check calculations of the vibration behaviour in order to ensure the earthquake resistance of the structure.

The mechanical model for the calculation of vibration characteristics concentrates masses and moments of inertia at the tops of the 8 pillars. Considering the different bearings, there remain 31 degrees of freedom for the whole system. The mass matrix was gained by a proper estimation of the contributing parts of pillars and girder. The stiffness matrix for the chosen degrees of freedom was calculated accurately by methods common in building statics. Three versions were calculated: Version 1 considered only the mass of the girder, version 2 in addition the pillar masses and the moments of inertia, version 3 contained the influence of axial forces in the pillars.

The measuring method presented here was found reliable not only in the presented example of a large bridge which is a comparatively rigid structure with very low natural frequencies, but also in several highrise buildings and in the very rigid structure of a nuclear power plant. This is of main interest for the earthquake resistance of buildings. Another application of this method could be to monitor prestressed concrete bridges. An eventual loss of stiffness would influence the natural frequencies as well as the mode shapes of the structure; see the inserted beam example. This loss of stiffness can be detected by using periodical measurements with the presented method which allows the determination of the natural frequencies with great accuracy.

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