Using Performance-Based Earthquake Evaluation Methods to Assess the Relative Benefits of Different Structural Systems



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What are earthquake engineers generally trying to accomplish?

Preserve Life Safety and Prevent Collapse!





Building codes are minimum standards for public safety

Stated purpose:

- Provide minimum provisions for design and construction of structures to resist effects of seismic ground motions
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Nonstructural Elements Threaten Life Safety, and Damage is Disruptive and Expensive



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Holistic risk-oriented view: Performance-Based Seismic Design



Consider performance from three perspectives

- Structural response
- Losses caused by scenario events
- Expected life cycle costs



PBEE of different structural systems

- Three storey steel office building
- Located in Oakland, California (soil type D)
- Two lateral-load resisting systems:
 - Special Moment Resisting Frame (SMRF)
 - Base-isolated Intermediate Moment Resisting Frame (BI-IMRF) with 4 alterations considering:
 - Two bearing designs (TFP bearings)
 - Two superstructure designs
- SMRF and BI-IMRF (baseline case) are designed by professional engineers based on ASCE 7 (2005) to satisfy minimum code requirements.



Alterations of BI-IMRF

- 1. S1-ID1 (baseline case): Code based design of both isolators and superstructure
- 2. S1-ID2: Superstructure of the baseline case, isolators are improved
- 3. S2-ID1: Isolators of the baseline case, superstructure improved
- 4. S2-ID2: superstructure and isolators are improved



Loss Analysis

- Two loss metrics (DVs) are used to assess the effectiveness of the structural system
 - Business downtime
 - Financial loss (repair cost & revenue losses)
- Two types of assessments are performed:
 - Hazard-based assessments
 - Time-based assessments
 - 🔿 annualized losses
 - return on investments



Construction Building Costs



Building Site – Oakland, California



Located about 7 km from Hayward Fault (strike slip mechanism)



De-aggregation of site – T_R =2475 years





Expected ground motions at site

Based on de-aggregated hazards, 40 records were selected for three hazard level:

- •50%/50-years (T_R =72 years)
- •10%/50-years (T_{R} =474 years)
- •2%/50-years (T_R =2475 years)

Baker, et al, PEER report 2011/3





Archetype Building – Plan View



- 6 x 4 bay building
- Lateral-load resisting system at the building perimeter
- Bay spacing = 30 ft
- Storey Height = 15 ft



Buildings considered



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Two Design of Isolation Systems Triple Friction Pendulum Bearings



Isolator Properties	DBE		MCE	
	ID1	ID2	ID1	ID2
Effective period	2.77 sec	3.95 sec	3.07 sec	4.35 sec
Effective damping	24.2 %	22.9 %	15.8 %	15.1 %
Isolator displacement	12.7 in.	16.1 in.	24.3in.	30 in.





Numerical Model and Methods

- Analysis performed with OpenSees
- THA performed on 2D frames
- Load:
 - gravity loads
 - vertical and horizontal component of excitation
- Leaning column was modeled to account for P-Δ effects from the gravity columns
- Beams and columns modeled with nonlinear force -based fiber elements with low-cycle fatigue failure capabilities
 - Except for beams of SMRF with RBS connections, modeled with rotational spring – elastic element – rotational spring assembly.



Numerical Model and Methods

- Isolators are modeled with zeroLength elements (horizontal springs) and tri-linear model
- Panel zone regions are modeled with elastic elements (recommended by ATC/PEER-72)
- Geometric nonlinearity is accounted for utilizing
 P-Δ transformation
- Damping modeled with damping ratio of 3%:
 - SMRF: Mass and tangent stiffness proportional
 - **based** on T_1 and T_3 for 50%/50-year hazard level
 - $\hfill\square$ based on $1.5T_1$ and T_3 for DBE and MCE hazard levels
 - BI-IMRF: Tangent stiffness proportional
 - **based** on T_1 for 50%/50-year hazard level
 - $\hfill\square$ based on the appropriate $T_{\rm eff}$ for DBE and MCE hazard levels



Structural Response: Median Story Drift



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Structural Response: Reduction in Peak Median Storey Drift of **BI-IMRF** systems compared to SMRF





Structural Response: Median Floor Accelerations



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Structural Response: Reduction in Peak Median Floor Acceleration of **BI-IMRF** systems compared to SMRF





Summary: Structural Response

□ SMRF:

- Relatively large drifts at all levels of excitation
- Yielding starts at DBE hazard level, nonstructural damage triggered at 50%/50yrs hazard level
- Relatively large accelerations at all levels of excitation, nonstructural damage triggered at 50%/50yrs hazard level
- Amplification of acceleration along the height

Baseline BI-IMRF:

- Relatively large drifts (9% (FE), 35% (DBE) & 47% (MCE) reduction compared to SMRF)
- Yielding starts at MCE hazard level, nonstructural damage triggered at 50%/50yrs hazard level
- Low accelerations (70% reduction compared to SMRF)
- Almost uniform acceleration along the height
- **BI-IMRF-S1-ID2** (with improved isolation system)
 - Relatively small drifts at all levels of excitation (47% (FE), 65% (DBE) & 70% (MCE) reduction compared to SMRF)
 - No yielding, nonstructural damage of drift sensitive components trigger at the hard are
 - Low accelerations (82% reduction compared to SMRF)
 - Almost uniform acceleration along the height
- **BI-IMRF-S2-ID1** (with improved superstructure)
 - Relatively small drifts at all levels of excitation (42% (FE), 60% (DBE) & 69% (MCE) reduction compared to SMRF)
 - No yielding, nonstructural damage of drift sensitive components triggered at DBE hazard level
 - Low accelerations (70% reduction compared to SMRF)
 - Almost uniform acceleration along the height
- **BI-IMRF-S2-ID2** (with improved superstructure & isolation system)
 - Very small drifts at all levels of excitation (66% (FE), 80% (DBE) & 82% (MCE) reduction to SMRF.)
 - No yielding, nonstructural damage of drift sensitive components triggered at MCE hazard level
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Hazard-based assessments

- Performance Assessment Computation Tool (PACT 2) is used to calculate:
 - Repair cost of the system for each hazard level
 - Repair time of each damaged component
- The authors of the work developed a method for calculating business downtime considering the order of building repairs and accounting for mobilization factors (e.g., building inspection, permitting, financing)



Intro to PACT 2



- FEMA/ATC-58 product based on PEER PBEE Methodology
- Modeling process is broken into three stages:
 - Provide building information
 - Define structural and nonstructural components as well as content (including quantities for each component)
 - Input EDPs for each ground motion and each hazard level
- EDP-DM-DV (direct financial losses)
- Uses Monte Carlo method to take into account various uncertainties (within the modeling process, component quantities, loss assessment)

Repair Costs for scenario events: Frequent Earthquakes (50%/50-yrs)





Repair Costs for scenario events: Design Basis Earthquakes (10%/50-yrs)



Repair Costs for scenario events: Maximum Credible Earthquakes (2%/50-yrs)



Repair Costs for scenario events: Loss Ratio

Loss Ratio = $\frac{\text{Repair Cost}}{\text{Total Cost}}$

Total Cost = 1.2 x Construction Cost





Business Downtime & Total Losses



Savings of isolated systems compared to SMRF



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Annualized losses





Return on Investments



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Conclusions

- All isolated systems have substantially smaller losses that SMRF
 - The losses can be further reduced by improving the isolation system or isolated superstructure beyond the code minimum requirements
- SMRF and baseline BI-IMRF have over a year of business downtime
- Investment in isolated systems is worthwhile; Return on Investment is ~5%
- Simple PBEE studies can help in the preliminary stages of design
 - select and proportion systems to be more resilient and robust.



Future work

- Life-cycle cost analysis of other structural system including:
 - SCBF
 - BI-OCBF
 - Viscously Damped Building
- Start from code minimum design and redesign structures to reduce business downtime and repair costs

