Frontier Report on Structural Engineering Research --- Tongji Graduates Lecture

Tall Building Seismic Research: Structural analysis and testing, Structural passive control with application

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- The State Key Laboratory for Disaster Reduction in Civil Engineering was founded in 1983. It includes Wind Tunnel Testing Division, Shaking Table Testing Division, and Ground Motion Instrumentation Division.
- The fundamental research in this Lab. is generally combined with large engineering application and aimed at the design code developments of local and national.

INTRODUCTION (cont.)

Research groups in Earthquake Engineering

- Building structures (concrete and composite, high-rise buildings)
- Building structures (steel and composite)
- Bridge structures
- Lifeline systems
- Ground motion and instrumentation
- · Laboratory divisions

Study on Seismic Behavior and Design Methods of Complex Tall Buildings I.1 Research needs for Seismic Design of Complex Tall Buildings in China Structural height and complex layout; Design codes always behind engineering practice; New structural system ---effective, economical and easy construction;

· Different seismic zones.





in 3 leve	ls and 2	2 stage	es desi	gn
Seismic intensity (~MMI)	7	8	9	Note
Level 1stage 1	35	70	140	Strength & deformation checking
Level 2	100	200	400	Detailing
Level 3stage 2	220 (200)	400	620	Elasto-plastic deformation checking



- In high-rise buildings the hybrid system consisting of peripheral steel frame and interior reinforced concrete (RC) core wall or steel reinforced concrete (SRC) core wall and composite members are widely used.
- A series of study on seismic behavior of SRC coupled shear walls, SRC core walls and composite members was carried out recently.

















1.3 Shaking Table Testing on Various Complex Tall Buildings and Towers

- Shaking table model test has been considered an economical, accurate, and practical way to evaluate the overall seismic performance of structures.
- To ensure that the model behaves in a similar manner as the prototype, the model designed should meet the requirements of dynamic similitude theory.
- We have done more than 50 real tall building model tests in TJ shaking table.

















1.4 Output of the above research

- Design guidelines for high-rise buildings beyond the limitations in current design codes, approved by Shanghai Government, effective as of January 2005. 2nd Edition, September 2009.
- Contents: Procedure for performancebased seismic design; conceptual design, analytical model, analytical methods, detailed design measures, experiment requirements, nonlinear restoring force models for members, ect.

		Seismic performance level			
	Seismic protection category	Frequent earthquake	Basic earthquake	Rare earthquake	
	А	Fully Fully operational operatio		Operational	
	В	Fully operational	Operational	Life safety	
с –	Buildings with height exceeding code limit and regular RC structure	Fully operational	Repairable	Life safety	
	Buildings except above	Fully operational	Operational	Life safety	

2. Study on Structural Passive Control Technology with Application in Tall Buildings				
2.1 Damper bracing system for tall buildings				
2.2 Combined isolation system for tall buildings				
2.3 Adjacent buildings connected by dampers to reduce seismic response				
2.4 TMD study with application to tall buildings				
2.5 Shaking Table Model Test of TMD Controlled Structure Resting on Pile-foundation				
2.6 Studies of particle damper system				

2.1 Combined energy dissipation bracing system for tall buildings

- Features:
- combined actions by rubber bearing and oil damper;
- 2) dissipating seismic energy in different level of earthquake: smaller quake by rubber bearing large quake by oil damper;
- 3) easy to construct.



shaking table testingnumerical analysis



Test results summary

- The oil damper can not only provide damping but also stiffness to the structural system.
- The combined system can reduce seismic response significantly.
- The analytical model for this system is developed, and optimal analysis is conducted for the design parameters of the system.











2.2 Combined isolation system for tall buildings

- The combined isolation system is composed of rubber bearings to restore position, and frictional sliding bearings to carry on vertical load and to dissipate seismic energy as well. The system is suitable for tall buildings
- To verify the effectiveness of this system, a 1/12-scale and three-story steel frame model was tested on shaking table with base fixed (FLX) and isolated (SLD) separately for comparison.



Test results summary

- The effectiveness of sliding isolators is enhanced by adding rubber bearings and thereby to reduce the residual displacements to manageable levels.
 - The isolation system has good re-centering capability under different input level with a small residual displacement.
- The vertical component of the ground motion has significant effect on the axial loads, and tension may occur in rubber bearings.















Shaking table tests



•Three connection conditions between the two frames were involved: connected by rigid steel rods, connected by oil dampers, or without any connections.

Adjacent structures linked by oil dampers in testing

Test and analysis results

- The test results show that the modal damping ratios of both buildings could be increased significantly and so their seismic responses could be reduced effectively if appropriate parameters for the oil dampers were selected.
- Analysis shows that (1) this control method is quite robustness to different ground motions; and (2) if vibration frequencies of the two connected structures are far apart, the vibration control effect is much better.

















Test results show

- The earthquake responses of the structure were reduced significantly.
- The damping value and the characteristics of frequency spectrum of the seismic input had a significant effect on the control efficiency of this system.
- The analytical model is developed for the tested structure, and the calculation results agree well with the test results.









(2) TMD design for wind resistance of Shanghai Tower

Building height----632 m

- Structural height----574.6 m
- Floor number----above ground 124 floors, under ground 5 floors
- Total floor area---- 573,000 m² Office

- Main functions

Hotel

- Shops
- Sight seeing















TMD parameters

- Location: 124 floor level
- Height: 573.9 m
- Moving mass: 1400 t (200t frame + main mass)
- Mass ratio: $\mu_x = \mu_y = 1.72\%$
- Stiffness: k_x=683.68kN/m k_y=692.93kN/m
- Damping factor: $c_x=99.17kN\cdot s/m c_y=115.14kN\cdot s/m$
- String length: L_x =20.13m L_y =19.86m (~ 20m)
- Dampers : 8 oil dampers

angle to floor: 45° damping coefficient: C_{eq} =53.58 kN·s/m

Dynamic response under wind load (1)

maximum acceleration (Y direction)

Pulse wind RP	floor	acceleration (cm/s ²)		
		No TMD	With TMD	
1 year RP (wind speed: 25.8m/sec.)	115	6.5	2.7	
	110	6.3	2.4	
10 years RP (wind speed: 36.3m/sec.)	115	11.4	6.2	
	110	10.3	5.6	











2.6 Studies of particle damper system

Concept of particle damper

Particle dampers are simple and efficient passive devices that are used to attenuate the vibrations of lightly damped structures, through the impacts between solid particles and the primary system. They are widely used in aerospace and mechanical engineering (such as turbine blades, rocket engine turbo-pumps). The application in civil engineering is at the beginning stage: chimney, high-rise building and cable-stayed bridge pylon.



Attributes of particle damper

Advantages: ruggedness, reliability, insensitivity to the extreme environments (such as high vacuum, high temperatures, cryogenic temperatures, and corrosive environments).

Disadvantages: noise and impulse at the impacts, highly nonlinear behavior and no guidelines for optimum design procedure.



Shaking table tests of three-storey steel frame with particle damper system





Particle damper can effectively attenuate the response of lightlydamped primary system with a small weight penalty (2.25%). The reduction of the r.m.s response is even better, which means particle damper can dissipate a lot of input seismic energy.



encountered in the operation of Tuned Mass Damper. The vibration reduction effect is not good at the very beginning and becomes better as time goes by. The reason is that it takes some time for particles to impact with the wall of the container. After certain impacts, the particle damper system starts to dissipate the input energy by momentum transfer.







