Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) Low Damage in High Seismicity: Concept, Experimental Validation and Real-Life Application

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Concept for ABC Low Damage

- ABC Low Damage combines unbonded post-tensioning with external energy dissipaters for seismic resistance
- Post-tensioning provides self-centering and dissipaters absorb seismic energy



Flag-shaped hysteretic behavior of hybrid connection (Stanton 1997, Priestley et al. 1999, Stanton 2003)

Beam-Column Joint Rocking Mechanism (CCANZ)





- Hybrid connections are called "Dissipative Controlled Rocking" (DCR) connections
- Research at the University of Canterbury by Mustafa Mashal and Alessandro Palermo (2011-2015) extensively studied the performance of DCR connections in half-scale fully precast bent
- Research included development of concepts /detailing, invention of dissipaters, experimental validation, and analytical modeling
- Research contributed in construction of the world's first DCR bridge in Christchurch (2016)
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Typical DCR Connection in a bent













Typical DCR Connection

Shear key to restraint twist

Shear key to restraint slide, but to allow rocking





Quasi-static cyclic testing using unbonded post-tensioning without energy dissipaters

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Typical rocking joint in the bent



- To absorb noticeable seismic energy, a rocking connection should be supplemented by dissipaters
- Several types of dissipaters were invented and validated through full-scale testing by Mashal, Keats, and Palermo



Mustafa Mashal

Gavin Keats

Alessandro Palermo



- M. Mashal, G. Keats, and A. Palermo (2015). "Energy Dissipating Device", US Patent 61/149,199.
- M. Mashal, G. Keats, and A. Palermo (2016). "Energy Dissipation Device", PCT/NZ2016/050061.
- Dissipaters made of metallic parts and can achieve ductility (μ) of 16 or more without any degradation
- No low-cycle fatigue under many cycles of large drift
- Obtained investments for a start-up company (2.2g Ltd.) to commercialize the dissipaters in New Zealand and around the world











Mini plug and play type dissipater



Bracing type dissipater











Dissipater under cyclic quasi-static testing





Experimental results from testing of mini plug and play type dissipater





Half-scale fully precast bent using both unbonded post-tensioning and external innovative dissipaters (DCR connections)

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Experimental result from the bent with DCR connections





Experimental result from the bent with DCR connections





ABC Low Damage comparison to an equivalent cast-in-place emulative (ABC High Damage) fully precast bent, tested under the same loading protocol





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- Wigram-Magdala Link Bridge in Christchurch, NZ
- Designer: Opus International Consultants
- Client: Christchurch City Council
- Contractor: Hawkins Construction
- 100 m (328 ft) long with 3 spans
- World's first DCR Bridge
- Used the DCR technology tested at the University of Canterbury by Mashal and Palermo
- Opened in July 2016







Elevation view of the rocking bent, courtesy of Routledge (2016)

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Column-to-footing DCR connection, courtesy of Routledge (2016)

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Dissipater detail inside the footing, courtesy of Routledge and Cowan (2016)

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Construction photos, courtesy of Routledge and Cowan (2016)





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Construction photos, courtesy of Hawkins (2016)





Completed Bridge, courtesy of Hawkins (2016)



Nov 14th 2016 Kaikoura Earthquake

- Magnitude 7.8 (Mw), total of 21 faults ruptured
- 904 bridges across Hurunui, Marlborough, and Kaikoura districts were affected
- Two bridges reached life safety limit state with severe damage
- Other bridges experienced minor to moderate damage
- Severe damage to ground, landslides
- In some locations, ocean bed lifted up more than 10 ft high





Kaikoura Earthquake Nov 14 2016





Kaikoura Earthquake Nov 14 2016



No damage to DCR Bridge, courtesy of Jeremy Kelleher (2016)



Kaikoura Earthquake Nov 14 2016



No damage to DCR Bridge, courtesy of Jeremy Kelleher (2016)



Conclusions

- Prefabrication of bridge elements offers significant construction time savings
- ABC Low Damage offers great ductility and seismic performance (e.g. minimal to no damage, energy dissipation, and self-centering) during an earthquake
- An ABC Low Damage Bridge would remain serviceable without delayed functionality
- The life cycle cost of ABC Low Damage can be comparable to that of cast-in-place (CIP) or emulative CIP bridge



Conclusions

- Wigram-Magdala Link Bridge presents a good example of ABC Low Damage in high seismic zone
- Dissipaters can be replaced following a big earthquake if necessary
- DCR details were constructed successfully in case of Wigram-Magdala Link Bridge in Christchurch, NZ
- The bridge did not suffer any visible damage during the Nov 14th 2016 Kaikoura Earthquake
- Further refinements can be carried out to improve the detailing and aesthetics of DCR connections



Conclusions

- Wigram-Magdala Link Bridge total cost was over 8 million NZD (5.6 mil USD).
- ABC Low Damage Solution cost was about 200,000 NZD (140,000 USD) more than a conventional design (e.g. cast-in-situ).
- The contractor completed the bridge 6 weeks in advance.



New Structural Lab at ISU

- Unique facility in Idaho
- Capable of testing large-scale specimens in excess of 36 ft in length and 14 ft height
- Total Lab Area = 1520 sqft
- Strong floor is **2 ft deep** and **875 sqft** of structural **floor**
- 374 anchor sleeves (each rated 100 kips) in grids of 18in
- The hydraulic actuators can collectively produce force in excess of 1.3 million lbs
- The new lab will compliment the existing Structural Dynamics (Shake Table) Lab



New Structural Lab at ISU

- Dual set of hydraulic servo-valve actuators, each 160 kips, ±12" stroke for static and dynamic cyclic testing
- Heavy duty reaction frames rated for 400 kips
- Assortment of hydraulic jacks and actuators
- New Data Acquisition System (DAQ)
- Students with the supervision of ISU faculty constructed the new Structural Lab
- **80% of work** (design, construction, equipment, and instruments) was **done in 4 weeks**
- Lab to open in early October of 2017



Floor Plan and Details



Demountable Reaction Frames



Strong Floor Reinforcing





Strong Floor Reinforcing





Servo-valve Static/Dynamic Actuators

• Capable of cyclic static, fatigue, and dynamic testing





Structural Dynamics Lab



4.5 ft x 4.5 ft hydraulically powered horizontal shake table, 10 kips capacity and \pm 3 in stroke



Structural Dynamics Lab



2 ft x 2 ft hydraulically powered vertical shake table, 3 kips capacity



Structural Dynamics Lab



Powerful hydraulic pumps for the shake tables and other actuators



Potential Opportunities/Partnership

- Would like to use the **new lab and existing rehabilitated** facilities for **collaborative research** in structural and earthquake engineering
- Can conduct a variety of **large-scale structural** in our facilities, for example:
 - Fatigue, cyclic, and slow testing of structural elements and connections
 - Static and dynamic testing of large-scale specimens that represent bridges, buildings, connections, elements etc.
 - Material characterization (concrete, steel, timber, composites etc.)





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