Dissipative base connections for moment frame structures in airports and other transportation systems

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Overview

- Steel Moment Resisting
 Frames and buildings are
 critical to airport (and other
 transportation) infrastructure
- Research on column base connections in SMRFs has lagged research on other connections
- Implications for connection as well as frame design





Specific Issues

- Designing bases to be stronger than columns is impractical and expensive
- No information on systems with weak bases
- No experimental data on several common base connection details
- Design does not usually account for interactions between base connection and frame





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AISC + CHARLES PANKOW FOUNDATION (EXPERIMENTAL COMPONENT STUDIES) Untested details

- Unbonded dissipative elements to localize
 - Resilience



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Component Hinge Models (for exposed and embedded type connections)



PHYSICS-BASED

FUNCTIONAL

FORM





CSMIP Project on Base Flexibility



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FEMA P695 Parametric Study using base connection models gravity loads







-200.0

-0.150 -0.100 -0.050 0.000 0.050

Base rotation θ (radians)

0.100 0.150

Key Results (Probabilities of Failure – P695)



Falborski et al., (2019 – in press) "The effect of base connection strength and ductility on the seismic performance of steel moment resisting frames," Journal of Structural Engineering, American Society of Civil Engineers.

- Weak base design feasible with Ω_0 =3
- These moments are up to 120% lower than 1.1RyMp
- For 8-20 story buildings, rotation capacity of 0.05 needed (target for new details)
- Fairly realistic to achieve based on past data

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Design Guides and Wrapup

➢ Fall 2021





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x4 Tests

Anchor Rods Specifically Detailed as Below-Ground Fuse

Reliably Ductile Connection

Reliably Ductile Connection (Mason, Ali, Geoff - BIP)



Ductile Behavior



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(For clarity, shear key not shown)

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Embedded with Welded Reinforcement

Embedded With Welded Shear Studs

Setup and Status



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Problem:

- Interaction between 2 directions (Bidirectional Effects of Seismic & Wind Loads)
- Compromises strength of connection
- Bearing Stresses & Anchor Force Distribution
- Not addressed by current guidelines (AISC Design Guide 1)











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Ratio vs Orientation Neutral Axis







Reliability Study (UCL – UC Davis)

Design Considerations for Exposed Column Base Connections

AISC Design Guide One

• FOUR expected failure modes:



Proposed Approach

• THREE **Mechanics Based** failure modes:



- $\phi_{\text{concrete}} = 0.65$ is used to determine the imposed loads;
- $\phi_{\text{ plate in bending}} = 0.9 \text{ and } \phi_{\text{ rod in tension}} = 0.75$

- $\phi_{\text{concrete}} = 1.0$ is considered to determine the imposed loads;
- $\phi_{\text{plate in bending}}$ and $\phi_{\text{rod in tension}}$: to be determined from **Reliability Analysis**

Reliability Analysis

- 59 representative design cases (P-M pairs):
 - 4 x 4-story frames (both exterior & interior bases);
 - 2 x design locations (LA & SAC);
 - 3 x design load types (earthquake, wind & gravity);
 - 2 x cases from AISC DG1;
 - 1 x case from SEAOC design manual.

Sources of uncertainty:

- Sectional geometries;
- Material properties;
- Applied loads;
- Mechanical models.

Limit-state functions:

- Concrete bearing failure;
- Base plate flexural yielding (compression or tension side);
- Anchor rods axial yielding.

Monte-Carlo simulation:

Reliability index (β) as a function of φ;



