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Japan's Key Technologies for Seismic Protection of New and Existing Buildings

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Summary of Experiences & Findings from 3.11 (Building Structures)

- Acceleration-induced failures and falling of ceiling, electrical & mechanical systems, and loss of building functions.
- Large displacements of super-tall bldgs. even at long epicentral distance, due to long period ground motions.
- Difficulty of quick evaluations of damage and functionality in judging continued use of major buildings.
- Strong motion records of major bldgs. & super-tall bldgs. in Tohoku (>0.4g) and Tokyo (≈ 0.1g), clarifying many issues.
- Protective systems (base isolation & added damping systems) performed well at various epicentral distances.

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Coventional System vs. Two Protective Systems



Conventional Structure : Dissipates seismic energy by sacrificing main components such as columns, beams, and walls.

Base-Isolated Structure : Isolates building from ground shaking. Damped Structure : Mitigates damage and vibration by dissipating seismic energy using dampers installed at building floors or top.

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Demonstration of Added Damping Systems and Base Isolation Systems

Damping Systems for Houses

Our patented techniques were commercialized by two companies.

These damping systems are displayed in our campus.





L.A. City Hall

Originally Built in 1928
Retrofitted in 2001, the Largest Retrofit Project Using Base Isolation
Historical Super-Tall Building (137m tall)
575 Japanese Isolators Adopted (High-Damping Rubber + Sliding)











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Buckling-restrained Brace

Brace type damper with core steel member whose buckling is restrained by concrete/steel member



Major Damper Types Used in Japan			
0il	Viscoelastic	Steel	Friction
Flow Resist. Cylinder	Shear Resist. Brace, Panel, etc.	Avial/Shear Yielding Brace, Panel, etc.	Slip Resist. Brace, Panel
$F = C_1 \cdot \dot{u}$ or $C_2 \cdot \dot{u}$	$F = K(w) \cdot u + C(w) \cdot \dot{u}$	$F = K \cdot f(u)$	$F = K \cdot f(u)$
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VALUE-ADDED 5-STORY STEEL FRAME AND ITS COMPONENTS: PART 1 – FULL-SCALE DAMPER TESTS AND ANALYSES

Fig. 4 Five Types of Dampers Considered by JSSI Manual

Manual by JSSI (Japan Society for Seismic Isolation) 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Editions, 2002, 2005, 2007, and 2013

















Summary

The 5-story building with dampers kept the story drift angle below the target limit of 1% rad against the catastrophic motion of unscaled Takatori record.

It was so for all four cases of using steel, viscous, oil, and viscoelastic dampers, respectively. Main frame was kept almost elastic.

Peak displacements were $0.45 \sim 0.65$ times, and peak accelerations were $0.6 \sim 0.85$ times those of the case of undamped building. These indicate good seismic protection of both building and its contents. Japan's Key Technologies for Seismic Protection of New and Existing Buildings

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Movement of copy machine (25F)



Falling of ceiling: 28F(21F, 14F, etc.)



Falling of books(25F)



Elevator cable damage (another tall bldg., repaired in 3 weeks)









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- Concrete-Filled Steel Tube (CFT) -

Compensates for demerits of the RC and steel structures, realizing higher seismic and fire resistance.











Performance curve gives a variety of solutions for damper stiffness and frame stiffness satisfying the story drift limit. For example,

Solution 1. Relatively stiff damper and flexible frame. Solution 2. Relatively flexible damper and stiff frame.

Solution 1 can lead to smaller response acc. But the frame's restoring capability will be less, meaning increased potential of residual deform. and non-uniform story drifts over the height of the building.

Solution 2, if acc. is well-controlled, would be a good choice by the above reasons, and the rectangular square tube section is suited best to provide adequate frame stiffness in both x- and y-directions.



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Conclusions

Seismic base isolation systems and added damping systems have become the standard technology to protect human lives, building functionality, and assets against major earthquakes.

Such protective systems are discussed, with emphasis on added damping which most new tall buildings in Japan utilize now. Full-scale tests results using the world's largest shake table (E-Defense), as well as response records of major buildings at the 2011 Tohoku earthquake indicate beneficial effects of dampers for existing or new buildings.

Supplemental damping technology and steel frame match well, since; 1) dampers are most securely and easily connected to the steel members through welds or bolts; 2) a steel frame, below the yield limit, has a clear undamaged state warranting continued post-quake use of the building, and; 3) a steel frame with square tube columns provides sufficient stiffness for any lateral direction.