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# Innovative materials and technologies for existing and new buildings in seismic areas

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#### WHAT MEANS "CATASTROPHIC SEISMIC EVENTS"?

- Earthquake of exceptional intensity;
- Earthquake occurring in a no-seismic area;
- Earthquake striking a building designed without complying with seismic regulation;
- Earthquake striking a degraded/damaged building;
- Earthquake striking a historical or monumental building;
  - . . . . . . . .
    - ..... any other unpredictable event.

#### **BASIS OF THE USE OF "SPECIAL" SOLUTIONS IN SEISMIC DESIGN**

- Need for very high performance under seismic action;
- Necessity to comply with severe regulations;
- Optimisation of the structural behaviour;
- Improvement of the structural response under exceptional loading conditions (increase of the structural robustness).

# COST C12 WG2 Structural Integrity under Exceptional Actions (Chair F.M. Mazzolani)

#### **ABOUT THE ROBUSTNESS-BASED SEISMIC DESIGN APPROACH**

The most important aspect of a "robustness" approach to seismic design is that, at least in principle, the predictable robustness demand can be entrusted to the seismic protection system, only.

The following advantages would be achievable over the conventional design approach:

- The seismic protection system could be adjusted in order to be tailored to specific robustness-based design requirements;
- If necessary, the seismic protection system can be upgraded and/or updated over time;
- In case of catastrophic earthquake, the seismic protection system can be more easily repaired and/or substituted than the structure;

#### MAIN REQUISITES OF THE SYSTEM PROTECTION SYSTEM

- Lightness;
- Reliability;
- Ease of monitoring, inspection and maintenance;
- No-added stiffness;
- Ease of substitution;
- Reversibility;

These features involve advanced strategies to be followed, consisting of:

- 1. Use of innovative materials;
- 2. Use of seismic control techniques.

#### **WHY INNOVATIVE AND ADVANCED SOLUTIONS?**

- They are able to satisfy not only specific structural or functional needs, but can also improve the global performance of the construction, intended in general terms of reliability, ease of inspection, maintenance, monitoring and long-term durability;
- 2. In most cases, they are intended to combine the best features of different materials and devices in order to achieve an optimised performance from all points of view;
- 3. Facing severe earthquakes may require special provisions that go beyond the range of conventional techniques.

#### **INNOVATIVE MATERIALS**

# **Innovative materials**

- Special Metal Materials;
- Fibre Reinforced Polymers (FRP);

# Basic purposes:

- Use of materials with special properties in order to meet special design requirements and achieve the best performance;
- Creation of light structural elements, in order to optimize the dynamic behaviour;
- Exploitation of material features in the most convenient and effective way (exploitation of the 4<sup>th</sup> dimension);
- Creation of special devices for the reduction of the seismic structural response;

#### INNOVATIVE MATERIALS AND ADVANCED STRENGTHENING

- 1. Exploitation of material features in the most convenient and effective way;
- 2. Correction of some inherent lacks of existing design and materials;
- 3. Ease of inspection, maintenance and substitution (reversibility);
- Use of materials with different properties in order to achieve a performance optimization ("mixed" approach).

COST C12 WG1 Mixed Building Technology (Chair C. Schaur)

#### **INNOVATIVE METAL MATERIALS**

# Material:

- Stainless steel
- Aluminium alloys
- Titanium alloys
- Shape memory alloys

# Features:

- High strength-to-weight ratio
- Good ductility
- Product availability
- Ease of installation
- Low maintenance cost
- Reversibility

#### TITANIUM ALLOYS



#### **ALUMINIUM SHEAR PANELS**















#### SHAPE MEMORY ALLOYS (SMA)



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#### INNOVATIVE FIBRE-REINFORCED MATERIALS

# Material:

- Carbon fibre polymers
- Glass fibre polymers
- Aramidic fibre polymers

# Features:

- Very high strength and stiffness
- Wide range of mechanical properties
- No added weight
- Product availability
- Ease of installation
- No maintenance cost

#### FIBRE-REINFORCED MATERIALS (Courtesy SIKA)



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#### **APPLICATION OF FIBRE-REINFORCED STRIPS (Courtesy SIKA)**



#### **USE OF FIBRE-REINFORCED STRIPS**

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#### **USE OF FIBRE-REINFORCED WRAPPING**

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#### **USE OF FIBRE-REINFORCED RIGID BARS**

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#### Synopsis of mechanical features of innovative metal materials

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MATERIAL	γ	Е	f <sub>0.2</sub>	f <sub>t</sub>	$\epsilon_t \times 100$	$\alpha \times 10^{6}$		
	$(g/cm^{3})$	$(k N / m m^2)$	$(N/m m^2)$	$(N/m m^2)$	(A 5)	(C <sup>°-1</sup> )		
M ild steel	7.85	206	$235 \div 365$	$360 \div 510$	$10 \div 28$	$12 \div 15$		
Stainless steel	≈ 7.8	≈196	$200 \div 650$	$400 \div 1000$	$10 \div 40$	$17 \div 19$		
Aluminium alloys	≈ 2.7	65 ÷ 73	$20 \div 360$	$50 \div 410$	$2 \div 30$	$24 \div 25$		
Titanium alloys	≈ 4.5	≈ 106	$200 \div 1000$	$300 \div 1100$	8 ÷ 30	6 ÷ 7		
SMA Ni-Ti (Nitinol)	≈ 6.5	28 ÷ 75(*)	$100 \div 560(*)$	750÷960(*)	15.5	6.6 ÷11(*)		

(\*) Values referred to martensite and austenite, respectively.

#### Tensile characteristics of fibres (CEB-FIP 2001)

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Fibre Type	Elasticity Modulus (GPa)	Ultimate Strength (MPa)	Ultimate Deformation (%)
Carbon			
High Strength	215 - 235	3500 - 4800	1.4 - 2.0
Very High Strength	215 - 235	3500 - 6000	1.5 - 2.3
High Elastic Modulus	350 - 500	2500 - 3100	0.5 - 0.9
Very High Elastic Modulus	500 - 700	2100 - 2400	0.2 - 0.4
Glass			
Glass E	70	1900 - 3000	3.0 - 4.5
Glass S	85 - 90	3500 - 4800	4.5 - 5.5
Aramid			
Current	70 - 80	3500 - 4100	4.3 - 5.0
High Performance	115 – 130	3500 - 4000	2.5 - 3.5

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#### **BASIC PURPOSES OF SEISMIC CONTROL TECHNIQUES**

- Increase of the structural damping, in order to reduce the structural response under seismic action;
- Reduction of the seismic input energy, in order to prevent structural damage;
- Reduction of the inertia forces, in order to reduce the structural response at a given frequency of the dynamic excitation;

#### **STRUCTURAL CONTROL** – General considerations

# Passive Control Strategies

PASSIVE DEVICES Non-controllable No power required

# Active Control Strategies

ACTIVE DEVICES Controllable Significant power required

Semi-Active Control Strategies

SEMI-ACTIVE DEVICES Controllable Little power required

#### **STRUCTURAL CONTROL – General considerations**

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#### **SEISMIC ISOLATION**

# CONTROL BASED ON ENERGY INPUT REDUCTION

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#### SEISMIC ISOLATED BUILDINGS IN THE WORLD (Courtesy GLIS)

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#### SEISMIC ISOLATED BUILDINGS IN CHINA (Courtesy GLIS)

#### **SEISMIC ISOLATION – BASIC OPTIONS**

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#### **ISOLATION DEVICES**

#### **RUBBER BEARINGS**

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#### **SLIDING BEARINGS**

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#### **SPECIAL ISOLATION DEVICES**

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#### STRUCTURAL RESPONSE OF ISOLATED STRUCTURES

#### **ADDITIONAL ENERGY DISSIPATION**

# CONTROL BASED ON ADDED DAMPING

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#### **SUPPLEMENTAL DAMPING – BASIC OPTIONS**

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#### HYSTERETIC YIELDING METAL DEVICES

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#### **HYSTERETIC FRICTION DEVICES**

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#### VISCOUS AND VISCO-ELASTIC DAMPERS

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#### **STRUCTURAL IMPLEMENTATION – EXISTING APPLICATIONS**

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Industrial shed Sarno

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Basilica Superiore of San Francesco in Assisi

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Bell tower of San Giorgio in Trignano

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Scuola Superiore Gentile-Fermi

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**Giovanni Battista** 

in Carife

Fire station building Napoli

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#### TUNED MASS SYSTEMS

# CONTROL BASED ON INERTIAL FORCE

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#### Equation of the Controlled Structure

$$M\ddot{x}(t) + C\dot{x}(t) + Kx(t) = F(t) - m_s \ddot{X}_s(t)$$

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#### **ACTIVE STRUCTURAL CONTROL – General considerations**

# ACTIVE AND SEMI-ACTIVE CONTROL

Systems capable to selfregulate instantaneously their properties as a function of the structural response. Motion data are taken from a sensor network, analysed in real time by a computer and elaborated in such a way to activate external devices (active control) or just to modify the mechanical properties of these (semiactive-control).

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	Brain Control computer	
8 ALS	Nervous Signal system	
	Muscle Variable stiffness device	

#### **ACTIVE STRUCTURAL CONTROL** – Structural implementation

Main methodologies of seismic active and semi-active control of civil structures

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#### **ACTIVE STRUCTURAL CONTROL** – Structural implementation

Kyobashi Seiwa Building - Tokyo (1989) – 33.1 m heigt, floor dim 4 x 12 m First building in the world to have an active control system 2 AMD installed at the top of the structure to suppress vibrations caused by earthquakes and strong winds

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There are actually: over 40 buildings and towers implemented with active control strategies and 15 bridge towers implemented with active and hybrid control devices

#### Some Full Scale Structure with active control

Sendagaya INTES Tokyo, Japan 1992 58m, 3280 ton, 11 stories
Osaka Resort City 2000, Osaka, Japan 1992 200m, 56980 ton, 50 stories
Landmark Tower, Yokohama, Japan 1993 296m, 260610 ton, 70 stories
Richga Royal Hotel, Hiroshima, Japan 1994 150m, 83000 ton, 35 stories
TC Tower Kao Hsung, Taiwan 1996, 85 stories
Nanjing Tower Nanjing, China 1998, 310 m

#### Low power requirement, passive working, small dimensions

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#### Variable Viscous Devices

In viscous devices the dissipative mechanism depends on the load application velocity.

Variable orifice devices

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 $F(t) = C(V) |\dot{x}| \operatorname{sgn}(\dot{x})$ 

#### Variable Friction Devices

They are based on the effect of friction  $\rightarrow$  varying the pressure on the sliding plates

Variable friction devices

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Controllable fluid dampers

They are based on the properties of special fluids which can modify their properties in few milliseconds when immerged into an electro-magnetic field

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Electro-rheological fluid dampers

They are used for real-time modification of structural stiffness and damping

 $\tau = \tau_y \operatorname{sgn}(\gamma) + \eta \gamma$ 

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if the electric field is applied the material behaviour is like a rigid solid under the yield threshold  $\tau_{y}$ , when the shear stress overcomes this value the behaviour is like a Newtonian Fluid.

E = 3 kV/mm

-F = 0

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#### Magneto-rheological fluid dampers

Suspension of micron-sized magnetizable particles in an appropriate carrier liquid, able to reversibly change from free flowing linear viscous liquid to semisolid having a controllable yield strength (100 kPa order), in milliseconds, when exposed to a magnetic field

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A typical MR fluid is made of 20%-40% of iron particles suspended in a mix of mineral oil, sinthetic oil and water (or alcool)

#### Bingham visco-plastic model

 $|\tau| \leq |\tau_0|$ 

$$= \tau_0(H) \operatorname{sgn}\left(\frac{\cdot}{\gamma}\right) + \eta\gamma$$

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 $\gamma = 0$ 

$$\left| \tau \right| \geq \left| \tau_0 \right|$$

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#### ACTIVE STRUCTURAL CONTROL – COMPARATIVE NUMERICAL ANALYSIS

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#### **CONCLUSIVE REMARKS**

- Materials and technologies available today represent an effective tool against any potential risk related to catastrophic seismic events;
- The outlined solutions can be effectively tailored to the design of both new buildings and retrofit operations;
- Innovative solutions in principle allow to provide the structure with a given predetermined safety level corresponding to any design requirement;
- A new design approach based on structural robustness could be set out based on the use of advanced seismic protection techniques;

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