

SEISMIC PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS OF A RESILIENT PRESTRESSED STEEL FRAME WITH INTERMEDIATE COLUMN CONTAINING FRICTION DAMPERS

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ABSTRACT: A resilient prestressed steel frame system with intermediate columns containing friction dampers (ICRPSF) has been proposed for the use in a large span, seismically active regions and a high-value building. Seismic performance analysis of overall structure of a resilient prestressed steel frame with intermediate column friction damper are analyzed, compared with the resilient performance of a resilient prestressed steel frame (RPSF) with beam web friction damper. The results show that an ICRPSF effectively controls the story drift, dissipates more energy through the intermediate column friction damper (ICFD) and curbs the plastic development of the component. This system has a small post-seismic residual story drift and its structure demonstrates excellent self-centering capability.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Resilient prestressed steel frame structures (hereafter known as RPSF) can reduce structural damage, reduce or eliminate residual deformations, and is easy to repair after a strong earthquake. Therefore, it has caused researchers' widespread attention, and has been extensively studied. The connection for RPSF used post-tensioned steel strands being with bolted top and seat angles was proposed by Ricles et al. [1]. Garlock et al. [2,3] investigated the connection behavior through experiments and the design procedures of post-tensioned frame systems has been put forward. Christopoulos et al. [4] invented a post-tensioned energy dissipating connection with post-tensioned high-strength bars, and investigated connection performance analytically and experimentally. Rojas et al. [5] developed a connection which adopted friction devices on the top and bottom flanges of the beam and post-tensioned high strength strands running parallel to the beam. In order to avoid interference with the floor slab, Wolski et al. [6] developed another the flange friction device which only attached to the bottom flange of the beam. Tsai et al [7] presented experimental and analytical studies on the connection with bolted web friction devices (WFD). Lin et al. [8,9] carried out an experimental study of self-centering moment-resisting steel frame (SC-MRF) with WFD connections under the action of design basis earthquake and maximum considered earthquake ground motions. Zhang et al. performed the experiments, finite element analysis and theory analysis of the self-centering connections with the WFDs [10], as well as investigated the dynamic behavior through the time-history analysis of integral SC-MRFs with finite element software

ABAQUS [11]. Thereafter, Zhang et al. [12] proposed a prefabricated post-tensioned self-centering beam-column connection using a bolted web friction device, conducted the low-cycle loading experiments, carried out relevant theoretical analyses and investigated the seismic performance of the connection. Therefore, the pseudo-dynamic test towards the resilient prefabricated prestressed steel frame has been performed by Zhang et al. [13]. In the research of the large-span resilient steel frame, the resilient prestressed frame with intermediate columns containing friction damper (hereafter known as ICRPSF) has been proposed by Zhang et al., which both the static pushover test and the finite element analysis toward the first 2 floor plane frame have been carried out to investigate the working behavior of intermediate columns and the hysteretic performance of ICRPSF [14]. In this thesis, the finite element model of an eight-floor ICRPSF structure is built up, and the comparative analysis with the RPSF used beam web friction dampers is performed in the consideration of the seismic performance. The properties of the ICRPSF, such as the base shear, the story drift, the residual story drift, the energy dissipation capability and the post-seismic structure recovery performance, are investigated.

2. SYSTEM STRUCTURE OF THE ICRPSF

A plane steel frame system is used to illustrate the detailed structure of the system, as shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2. ICRPSF is composed of RPSF with web friction damper and the intermediate column containing friction damper (ICFD). ICFD can be divided into three parts: the upper column, the lower column, and the damper [15]. The upper and lower columns are welded to the floor beams or column base, and the haunches are set up at the connecting ends to increase the strength of the joints. The upper and lower columns are connected through the damper. The damper includes a T-shaped steel plate that used to connect with the upper column and two L-shaped steel plates that used to connect the lower column. In addition, there are brass plates sandwiched between the L-shaped and T-shaped plates through high-strength bolts. An elongated hole in the T-shaped plate allows the ends of the upper and lower columns to move relatively under an earthquake. And therefore, the high-strength bolts can dissipate energy by friction. To enable easy replacement of the damper following an earthquake, the T-shaped and L-shaped steel plates are connected to the upper and lower columns with high-strength bolts, respectively.



Figure 1. Photograph of ICRPSF



Figure 2. Details of the ICFD

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ICFD HYSTERESIS PERFORMANCE IN THE STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS

A group of friction-sliding tests are designed to analyze the friction damper under repeated loads, as shown in Figure 3. The force-slippage hysteresis curve of the friction damper is obtained, which shape is approaching an ideal rectangle, as shown in Figure 4.

In the overall structural model of the ICRPSF, a connector is defined to simulate the force- slippage relation of the intermediate column, which the rectangular hysteresis curve of the ICFD is implemented. The connector spring unit is created in the interaction module of the software ABAQUS, and the translator connector is used to constrain all rotational degrees of freedom (DOFs), as shown in Figure 5. The translational DOF in the U1 direction is defined as the direction that the slip of the friction damper occurs. Simultaneously, translational DOFs in the other 2 directions are constrained, and the input is the friction F_f . The connector slippage and the connector force in the corresponding direction are monitored to obtain the force- slippage hysteresis curve of the friction damper, as shown in Figure 6. The data in Figure 4 and Figure 6 show that the force-slippage hysteresis curve obtained from the finite element analysis (FEA) is consistent with the curve obtained from the test.



Figure 3. Friction-sliding Test

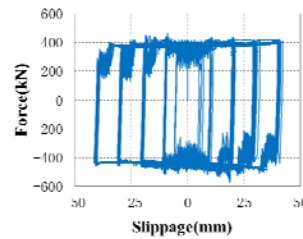


Figure 4. Hysteresis Curve of Friction Damper Test

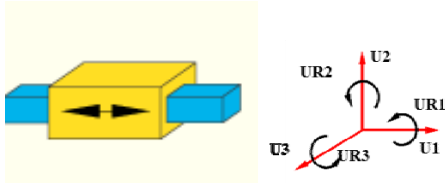


Figure 5. Schematic of Translator Connector

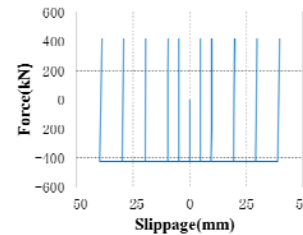


Figure 6. Force- Slippage Hysteresis Curve from FEA

4. SAMPLE STRUCTURE AND MODAL ANALYSIS RESULTS OF 2 TYPES OF STRUCTURES

4.1. Sample Structure

Sample frame structure has 8 floors. The height of the first floor is 3.9m, and the height is 3.6m for 2-8 floors. There are 3 spans widthwise and 5 spans lengthwise, and each span measures 12m. The plane diagram of the structure is shown in Figure 7. The red sections shown Figure 7 used ICRPSF for floors 1-6, and the RPSF for floors 7-8. Meanwhile, the frame adopted the hinge system except the red sections. Three-dimension finite element model of ICRPSF is shown in Figure 8. The fortification strength was 8 degree. The floor constant load was 7.0kN/m^2 , the floor variable load was 2.0kN/m^2 , and the roof variable load was 0.5kN/m^2 . The main parameters of the structure are defined as follows. For the dimensions of the frame, the box column is $650\text{mm} \times 650\text{mm} \times 32\text{mm} \times 32\text{mm}$, the H-shaped rigid beam is $750\text{mm} \times 350\text{mm} \times 24\text{mm} \times 30\text{mm}$, the box hinge column is $500\text{mm} \times 500\text{mm} \times 24\text{mm} \times 24\text{mm}$, the H-shaped hinge beam is $650\text{mm} \times 300\text{mm} \times 12\text{mm} \times 20\text{mm}$, and the H-shaped intermediate column is $500\text{mm} \times 350\text{mm} \times 14\text{mm} \times 20\text{mm}$, as well as six 10.9-degree grade M20 bolts are used in the ICFD. The prestressed beam-column connection uses web friction energy dissipation device. Twelve 10.9-degree M24 high-strength bolts are used in an even distribution, with 4 rows and 3 columns. Each beam-column connection adopted twelve 1×19 low relaxation high strength steel strands with

the nominal tensile strength grade valued 1860MPa. The initial prestressed value of each steel strand is set to $0.4T_u$. RPSF model is established after removing all intermediate columns from the model introduced above, which is used to analyze the seismic performance of ICRPSF in comparison.

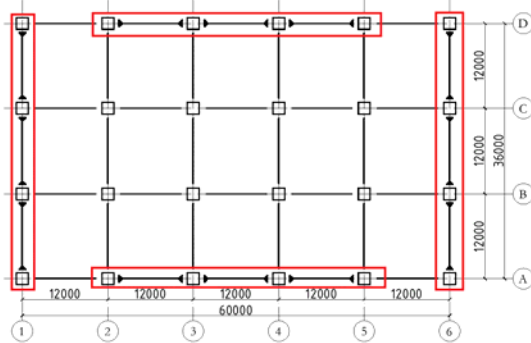


Figure 7. Plane Schematic of Structure

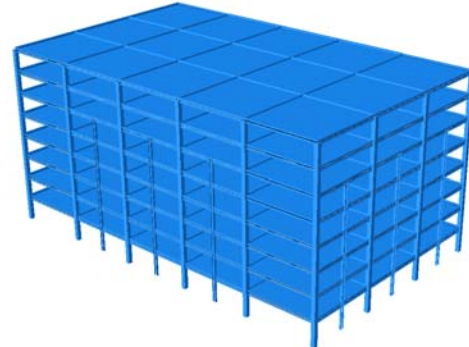


Figure 8. Three-dimensional FEA Model of ICRPSF

4.2 Modal Analysis Results of 2 Types of the Structure

Using the ABAQUS software, a linear perturbation analysis is set up to perform the modal analysis and obtain the natural frequencies of the structure. The eigenvalue solver uses the Lanczos method to calculate the first 18 frequencies and periods for both types of frames (ICRPSF and RPSF). Each vibration mode of 2 types of the frame is investigated and compared. The comparison of the first three vibration modes shows that the first three vibration modes of ICRPSF are consistent with those of RPSF. Each natural period calculated from the frequency is shown in Table 1. The data show that, compared with the RPSF, the period of the ICRPSF is significantly reduced, i.e., the reduction amplitudes of first three natural periods can reach 26% at the least. The result indicates that, ICFD, which is used in the design of the ICRPSF, provides higher lateral rigidity and torsional rigidity than those of RPSF significantly. Therefore, the utilization of ICFD in the ICRPSF contributes significantly to the overall rigidity of the structure.

Frame	1	2	3
RPSF	2.697	2.665	1.644
ICRPSF	1.993	1.915	1.203
Deviation ratio	26.08%	28.16%	26.81%

5. GROUND MOTION SELECTION FOR THE TIME HISTORY ANALYSIS

The 3-dimension ground motion data of 22 far-field earthquakes recommended in report ATC-63 [16] and the EL-Centro, the Taft wave and the Wenchuan earthquake's 4 waves are used to perform the time history analysis. The natural period of the ICRPSF is around 2 seconds. The percentages of the difference (δ) of earthquake influence coefficient between every ground motion response spectrum and the standard spectrum at the natural period of 2 seconds is calculated. As the space is limited, 8 selected typical ground motions are selected according to the calculated difference of influence coefficients. The typical acceleration Fourier spectrum transformed by software SeismoSignal is shown in Figure 9. Differences of the earthquake influence coefficients, in descending order, are GM1 to GM8, as shown in Table 2.

During the finite element calculation, the bi-directional horizontal component of each ground motion is used, and its amplitude is modulated to 8-degree frequent, design, rare, and 8.5-degree rare earthquake conditions according to Chinese Code for Seismic Design of Buildings [17], i.e., the peak ground acceleration (PGA) are 0.07g, 0.2g, 0.4g and 0.51g, respectively. In the model, the primary direction is Z, the secondary direction is X which the amplitude is scaled to 0.85.

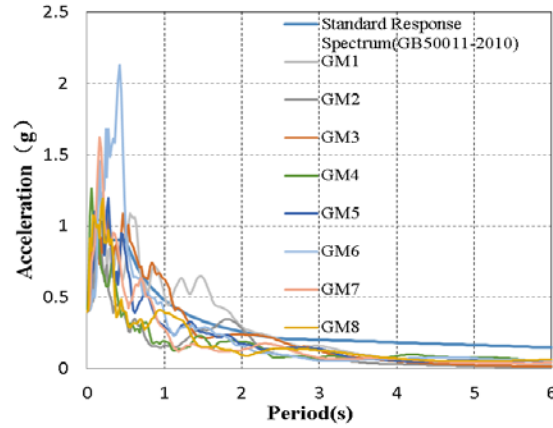


Figure 9. Acceleration Response Spectrum

Table 2. 8 Ground Motions for Time-history Analysis

Ground motions	Magnitude	Year	Description	Influence coefficient delta
GM1	6.9	1995	Kobe,Japan	13.11%
GM2	6.7	1994	Northridge	8.66%
GM3	7	1940	Imperial Valley	-7.04%
GM4	6.5	1979	Imperial Valley	-27.12%
GM5	7.1	1999	Hector Mine	-32.53%
GM6	8	2008	Shifang Bajiao	-55.32%
GM7	7.4	1990	Manjil,Iran	-48.99%
GM8	7.1	1999	Duzce,Turkey	-62.43%

6. TIME HISTORY DYNAMIC ANALYSIS RESULTS

The dynamic responses of the ICRPSF and RPSF under 8-degree frequent, design, rare earthquakes and 8.5-degree rare earthquake are analyzed in detail to investigate the seismic performance of the ICRPSF. Because the two frames have no connection gap opening and ICFD slippage under the 8-degree frequent earthquakes, and due to the space is limited, only the analytical results under 8-degree design (0.2g) and 8.5-degree rare earthquake (0.51g) are listed here.

6.1 The 8-degree Design Ground Motion (PGA=0.2g)

(1) Slippages of the friction damper and connection gap opening

Table 3 shows the maximum slippages of the friction damper of ICRPSF in both directions under 8-degree design earthquake conditions. The maximum slippage response of the ICFD is higher under the ground motions with larger influence coefficients. The maximum slippage is 20.2 mm in X-direction under the GM3 ground motion. Table 4 shows the maximum connection gap opening under 8-degree design earthquake, indicating that the difference of connection gap opening is not much.

Table 3. Maximum ICFD Slippage under 8-degree Design Earthquake (mm)

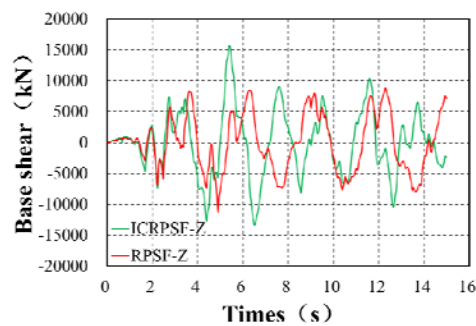
Ground motions		GM 1	GM 2	GM 3	GM 4	GM 5	GM 6	GM 7	GM 8
ICRPSF	Z direction	14.9	0.5	15.4	0	3.4	2.1	3.6	0
	X direction	10.9	7.8	20.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

Table 4. Maximum Connection Gap Opening under 8-degree Design Earthquake (mm)

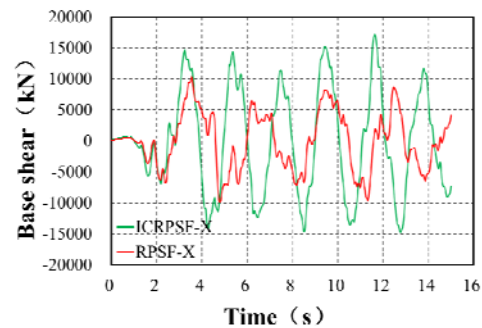
Ground motions		GM 1	GM 2	GM 3	GM 4	GM 5	GM 6	GM 7	GM 8
ICRPSF	Z direction	1.925	0.365	1.624	0.168	0.563	0.42	0.577	0.266
	X direction	0.999	1.398	1.753	0.24	0.176	0.109	0.116	0.258
RPSF	Z direction	1.343	0.274	1.996	0.141	1.76	0.243	1.036	0.266
	X direction	2.821	1.217	2.981	0.197	0.11	0.151	0.263	0.198

(2) Comparison of the base shear

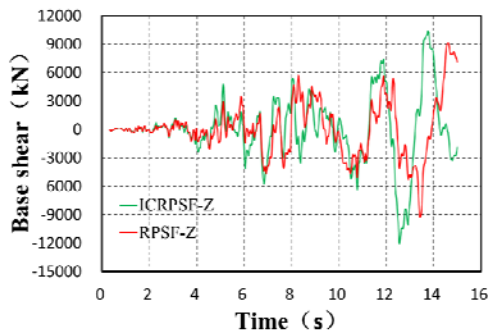
Figure 10 shows the base shear time history comparisons of both frames under 3 ground motions of 8-degree design earthquake. Table 5 shows the maximum base shears of the ICRPSF and the RPSF in the primary and secondary directions under 8 typical ground motions of 8-degree design earthquake. The data in Figure 10 and Table 5 show that, in both directions, the base shears of ICRPSF are greater than those of RPSF except under the action of ground motion GM6, and the maximum value of ICRPSF is 134% higher than that of RPSF. Because ICRPSF has higher lateral rigidity and a shorter structure period, which would result in a corresponding increase of the base shear.



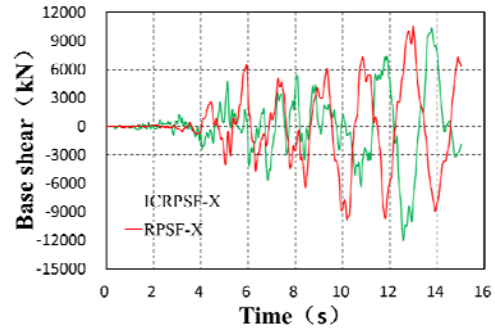
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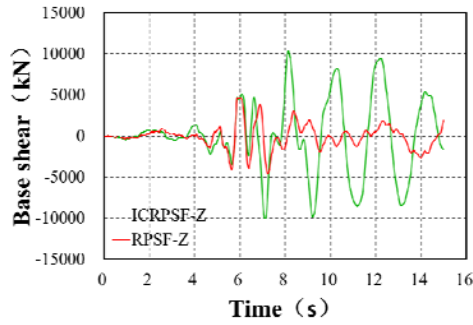
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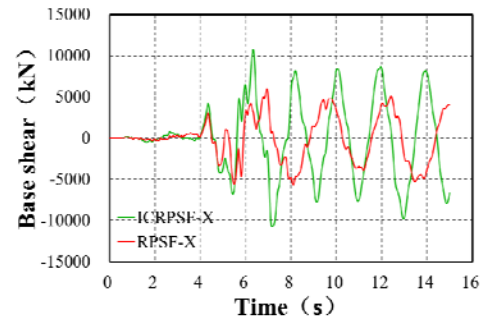
c) GM5 primary direction



d) GM5 secondary direction



e) GM8 primary direction



f) GM8 secondary direction

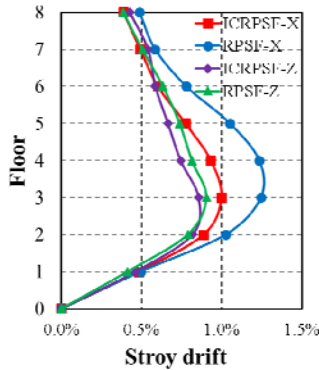
Figure 10. Base-shear time-histories of Two Frames under 8-degree Design Earthquake

Table 5. Maximum Base-shear of Two Frames under 8-degree Design Earthquake

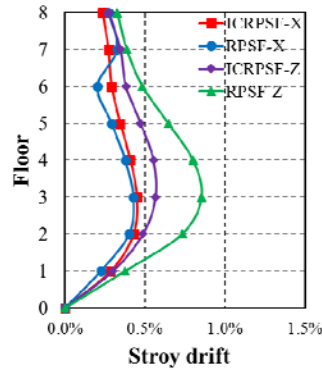
Ground motions	Primary direction (Z)			Secondary direction (X)		
	RPSF kN	ICRPSF kN	Delta %	RPSF kN	ICRPSF kN	Delta %
GM1	9595	18303	91	10940	16253	49
GM2	6426	10055	56	7311	15752	115
GM3	11199	15697	40	10350	17190	66
GM4	5148	8242	60	8572	10797	26
GM5	9285	12056	30	5396	10508	95
GM6	9157	5914	-35	11494	8700	-24
GM7	8299	13034	57	7772	10324	33
GM8	4649	10405	124	5995	10770	80

(3) Comparison of the story drift

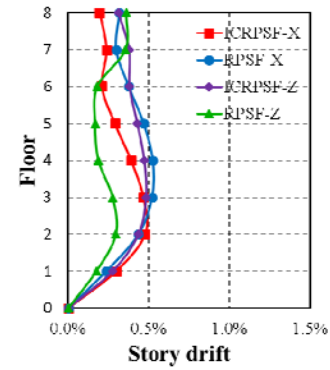
Figure 11 shows the envelope values of the story drifts of ICRPSF and RPSF in the primary and the secondary directions under different 8-degree design ground motions. The maximum story drifts of each floor are shown in Table 6. The data in Figure 11 and Table 6 show that the most of maximum story drifts of the ICRPSF are close to or less than those of the RPSF under most of ground motions. The largest values of RPSF and ICRPSF occur in the secondary direction at 3rd floor of the structure under the action of GM3. The maximum story drift of RPSF is 1.244%, and the maximum story drift of ICRPSF is 0.998%.



a) GM3



b) GM5



c) GM8

Figure 11. Comparison of Maximum Story Drifts under 8-degree Design Earthquake

Table 6. Maximum Story Drifts of Two Frames under 8-degree Design Earthquake (%rad)

Ground motions	Primary direction (Z)		Secondary direction (X)	
	RPSF	ICRPSF	RPSF	ICRPSF
GM1	0.757	0.871	1.117	0.654
GM2	0.531	0.536	0.776	0.842
GM3	0.916	0.865	1.244	1.0
GM4	0.368	0.382	0.491	0.469
GM5	0.856	0.567	0.427	0.450
GM6	0.448	0.540	0.426	0.404
GM7	0.707	0.566	0.607	0.369
GM8	0.359	0.483	0.525	0.477

(4) Comparison of the residual story drift

Figure 12 shows the comparison of the maximum residual story drifts between ICRPSF and RPSF of each floor under the actions of different 8-degree design ground motions. Large residual story drifts occur primarily in floors with large story drifts. Residual story drifts of ICRPSF are generally greater than those of RPSF. However, the maximum post-seismic residual story drifts of the ICRPSF and RPSF are 0.0646% and 0.0059% respectively, which are small enough to be ignored.

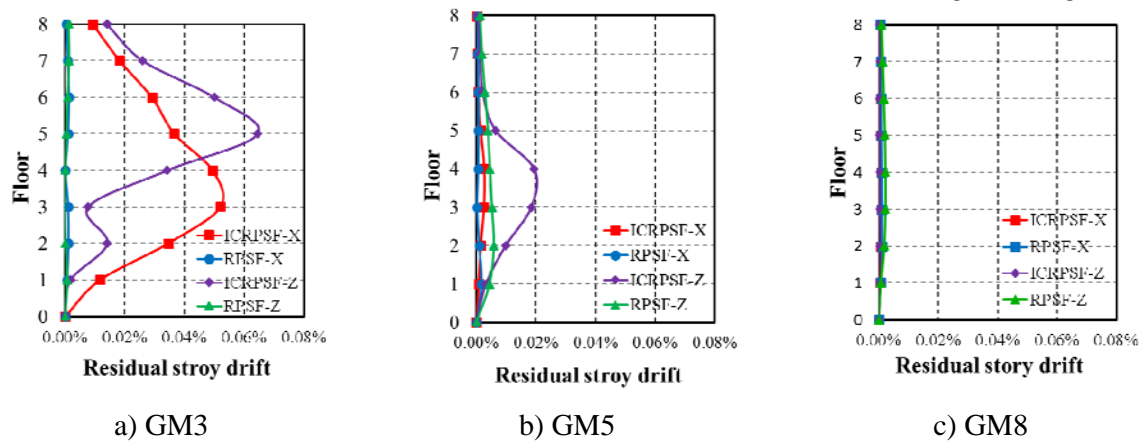


Figure 12. Maximum Residual Story Drift of Two Frames under 8-degree Design Earthquake

Table 7 shows the maximum residual slippage of the friction damper in both directions under the 8-degree design ground motions. The corresponding residual slippage of ICRPSF, the maximum residual slippage of the friction damper is 8.8mm, is relatively larger after a larger slippage generated by the friction damper. After all, the prestressed strand on the beam provide ICFD limited recovery capability. This will have a few influences on the overall performance of the structure. However, after an earthquake, the high strength bolt can be relaxed to restore the ICFD to its original position.

Table 7. Maximum ICFD Residual Slippage under 8-degree Design Earthquake (mm)

Ground motions		GM 1	GM 2	GM 3	GM 4	GM 5	GM 6	GM 7	GM 8
ICRPSF	Z direction	7.9	0.4	8.8	0	2.9	2.1	1.4	0
	X direction	1.7	7.1	3.6	0	0	0	0	0

(5) Comparison of the energy dissipation

Figure 13 shows the energy dissipation comparison of both frames under the action of 8-degree design ground motions. Each symbol represents the following meanings: ■ EKE—kinetic energy, ■ EFD—friction energy dissipation, ■ EV—damping energy dissipation, ■ EP—plasticity energy dissipation, ■ ESE —elastic strain energy. Table 8 shows the energy dissipation values in detail. Under different ground motions, the total energy absorption of the ICRPSF structure is 35%, which is greater than that of the RPSF on average, as well as the maximum energy absorption is 60% higher than that of the RPSF. The kinetic energy and the elastic strain energy of the structure are only part of the energy transformation, which would not dissipate any energy. Under design earthquake conditions, except the friction energy dissipation of the structure is relatively high under a few of intensive ground motions, the friction energy dissipation of the structure is small under most ground motions with lower influence coefficients. Both frames are primarily in the state of damping energy dissipation where non-elastic strain energy dissipation is relatively small, which indicates that the structure is basically in an elastic state at this moment.

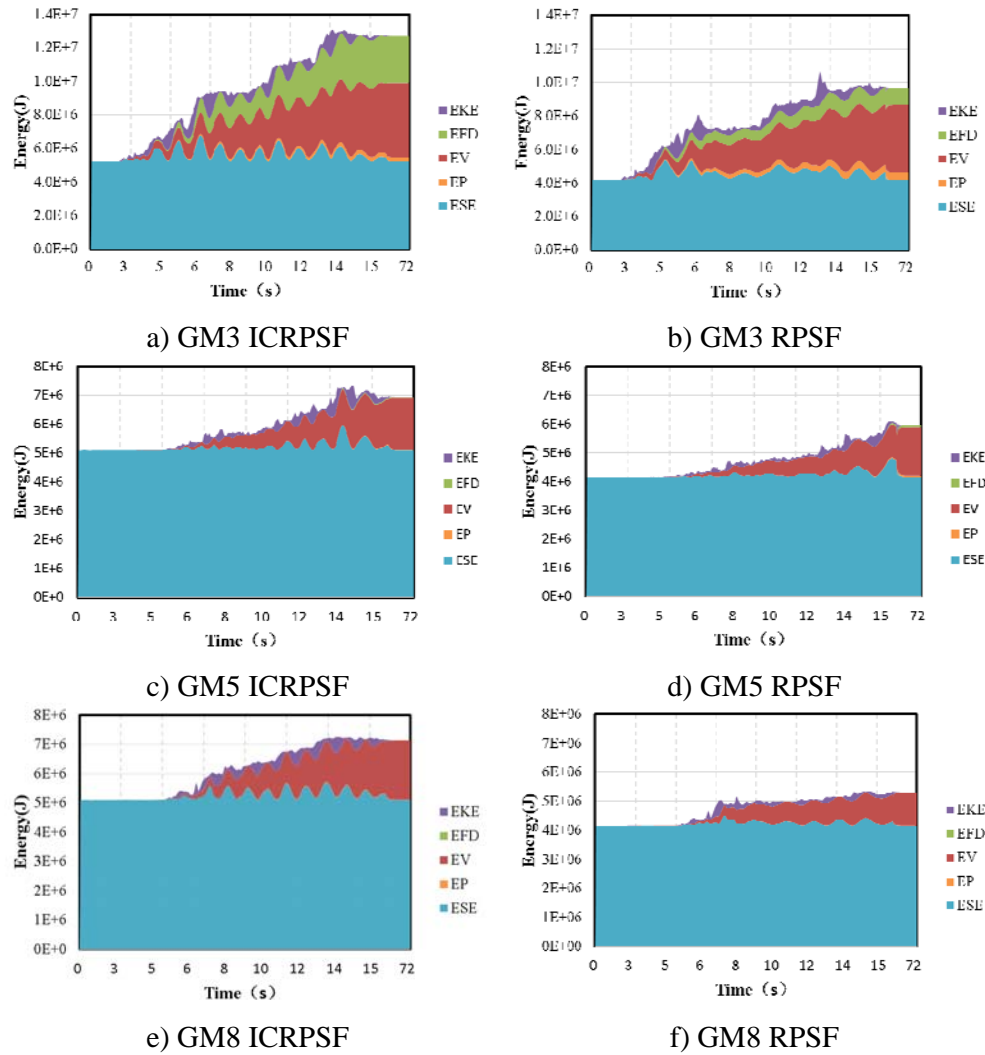


Figure 13. Comparison of Energy Dissipation of Two Frames under 8-degree Design Earthquake

Table 8. Energy Dissipation of Two Frames under 8-degree Design Earthquake

Ground motions		WK (J)	ESE (J)	EKE (J)	EWK (J)	EP (J)	EP/EWK (%)	EV/EWK (%)	EFD/EWK (%)
GM1	RPSF	7627810	4428420	191085	3008305	158786	5.28	76.73	16.92
	ICRPSF	9491640	5194160	125857	4171623	132659	3.18	74.56	18.82
GM2	RPSF	5787700	4223510	19350	1544840	22134	1.43	93.04	3.40
	ICRPSF	9406120	5203900	215156	3987064	89918	2.26	76.76	17.33
GM3	RPSF	9771210	4624010	17251	5129949	446161	8.70	70.52	20.04
	ICRPSF	12899800	5473830	40417	7385553	256293	3.47	56.16	38.27
GM4	RPSF	5395010	4211120	260586	923304	5322	0.58	95.55	0.02
	ICRPSF	6927530	5491450	115991	1320089	2913	0.22	88.76	0.26
GM5	RPSF	6084410	4748510	62998	1272902	37949	2.98	90.40	3.72
	ICRPSF	7089060	5274910	46209	1767941	14080	0.80	89.50	1.61
GM6	RPSF	6963080	4412530	44769	2505781	6002	0.24	97.99	0.00
	ICRPSF	8994810	5251080	15423	3728307	6031	0.16	95.32	0.28
GM7	RPSF	6030410	4505720	140299	1384391	63450	4.58	90.85	1.65
	ICRPSF	6868140	5271590	25392	1571158	30204	1.92	86.11	2.43
GM8	RPSF	5344160	4302850	70480	970830	3452	0.36	96.40	0.05
	ICRPSF	7302010	5296490	63183	1942337	14930	0.77	92.03	0.03

*: total energy absorption : WK= ESE+ EKE+ EWK; total energy dissipation: EWK= EP+ EV+EFD

6.2 The 8.5-degree Rare Earthquake (PGA=0.51g)

(1) Slippages of the friction damper and connection gap opening

Table 9 shows the maximum slippages of the friction damper of ICRPSF in both directions under 8.5-degree rare earthquake conditions. The ICFD maximum slippage response occurs under the ground motion with the largest influence coefficient. The maximum slippage is 67.3 mm in X-direction under the action of GM1 ground motion. Therefore, during the seismic design of the structure under the condition of 8.5-degree rare earthquake, the redundancy of the intermediate column damper chute should be taken into account. Table 10 shows the maximum connection gap opening under the action of 8-degree rare earthquake. The data from the Table 10 show that the difference of connection gap opening is not much under most of the ground motions.

Table 9. Maximum ICFD Slippage under 8.5-degree Rare Earthquake (mm)

Ground motions		GM 1	GM 2	GM 3	GM 4	GM 5	GM 6	GM 7	GM 8
ICRPSF	Z direction	59.2	19.9	49.5	17.9	26.3	4.0	40.9	31.5
	X direction	67.3	48.1	67.0	26.6	23.0	3.9	23.9	4.2

Table 10. Maximum Connection Gap opening under 8.5-degree Rare Earthquake (mm)

Ground motions		GM 1	GM 2	GM 3	GM 4	GM 5	GM 6	GM 7	GM 8
ICRPSF	Z direction	10.906	3.538	5.078	2.353	3.339	0.688	4.018	3.206
	X direction	14.124	4.271	6.072	2.694	2.179	0.501	2.202	2.050
RPSF	Z direction	4.608	3.559	6.179	2.466	5.166	2.864	4.813	4.028
	X direction	7.784	4.085	9.713	9.307	2.235	3.074	3.519	2.725

(2) Comparison of the base shear

Figure.14 shows comparison towards the base shear time history responses between both frames in both directions under 8.5-degree rare earthquake conditions. The base shear time history responses of both frame structures under different ground motions show that both the trends of responses are in the same under rare earthquake conditions, where the response magnitude of ICRPSF is approximately 10% higher than that of the RPSF.

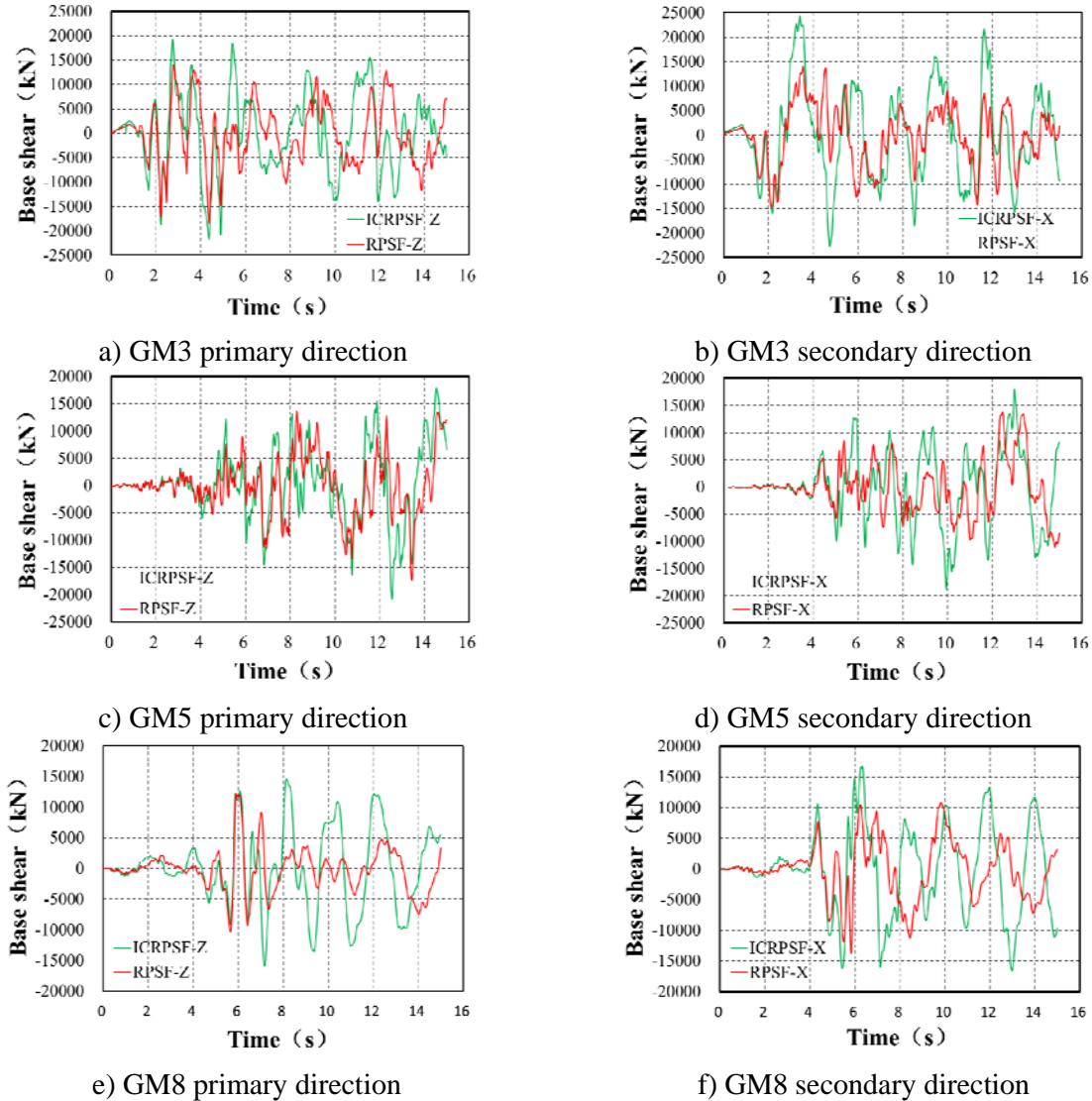


Figure 14. Base-shear Time-histories of Two Frames under 8.5-degree Rare Earthquake

The maximum base shears of both frames under 8.5-degree rare earthquake conditions both in primary and secondary directions are shown in Table 11. The data show that the ground motion with higher influence coefficient would exert a larger base shear on the structure. However, when compared with the response under rare earthquake ground motion, the corresponding increase is less significant. This indicates that, with the further increase of the earthquake magnitude and horizontal slippage of intermediate column, the contribution of ICFD to the overall rigidity of the structure decreases.

Table 11. Maximum Base-shears of Two Frames under 8.5-degree Rare Earthquake

Ground motions	Primary direction (Z)			Secondary direction (X)		
	RPSF kN	ICRPSF kN	Delta %	RPSF kN	ICRPSF kN	Delta %
GM1	20206	26591	32	16377	26677	63
GM2	16474	17587	7	12414	20530	65
GM3	18560	21651	17	14630	24384	67
GM4	12451	16609	33	19327	21454	11
GM5	17340	20824	20	13807	18827	36
GM6	17884	12954	-28	14090	16216	15
GM7	14683	19502	33	13898	20648	49
GM8	12126	15913	31	13725	16747	22

(3) Comparison of the story drift

Figure 15 shows the envelope curves of the story drifts of each floor for both frames in the primary and secondary directions under different ground motions. The maximum story drifts are shown in Table 12. The data in Figure 15 and Table 12 show that, in the primary and the secondary directions, the maximum story drifts of the ICRPSF are smaller than those of the RPSF under most ground motions. The maximum story drift of RPSF is 3.223% under GM3 ground motion, which is greater than the maximum story drift of 2.190% of ICRPSF under the same ground motion. The ICRPSF is superior to the RPSF on the control of the story drift.

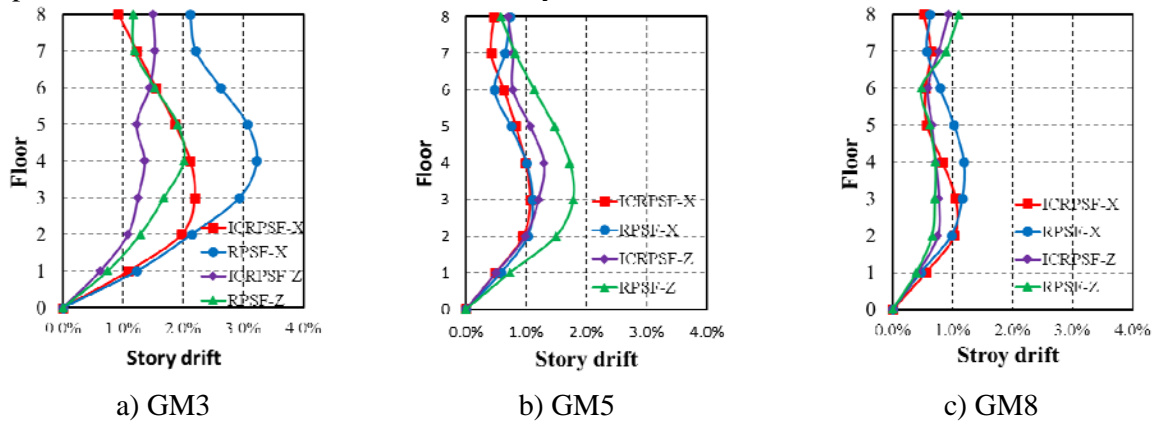


Figure 15. Comparison of Maximum Story Drift of Two Frames under 8.5-degree Rare Earthquake

Table 12. Maximum Story Drift of Two Frames under 8.5-degree Rare Earthquake (%rad)

Ground motions	Primary direction (Z)		Secondary direction (X)	
	RPSF	ICRPSF	RPSF	ICRPSF
GM1	1.625	2.014	2.206	2.197
GM2	1.176	1.523	1.630	1.693
GM3	2.012	1.527	3.223	2.190
GM4	0.749	0.731	1.318	0.919
GM5	1.779	1.298	1.108	1.071
GM6	0.389	0.569	0.446	0.586
GM7	1.651	1.568	1.452	1.090
GM8	1.102	0.930	1.186	1.048

(4) Comparison of the residual story drift

Figure 16 shows a comparison of the maximum residual story drifts between both frames of each floor under different 8.5-degree rare ground motions. The maximum residual story drift of the ICRPSF is smaller than that of the RPSF, i.e., they are 0.121% and 0.287%, respectively. The former has superior post-seismic recovering capability.

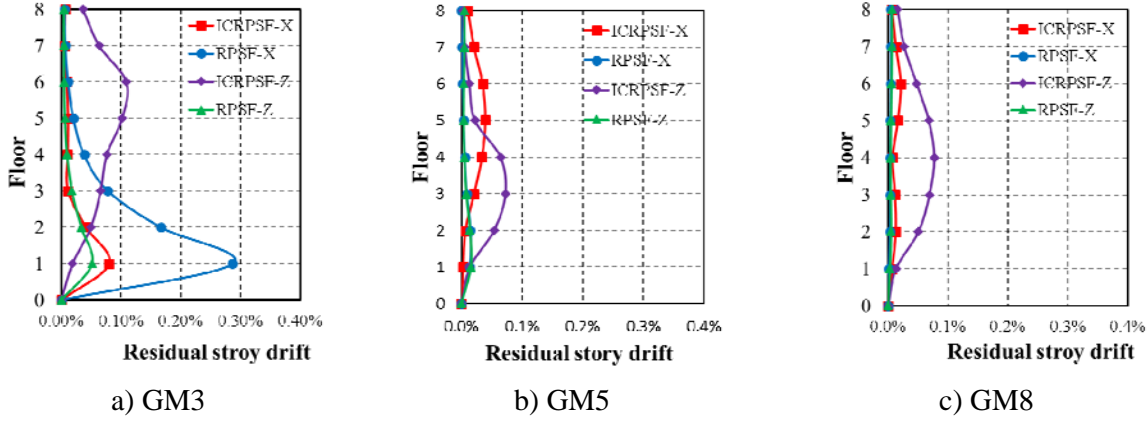


Figure 16. Maximum residual story drift of two frames under 8.5-degree rare earthquake

Table 13 shows the maximum residual slippages of the friction dampers of both frames under 8.5-degree rare earthquake conditions. After the friction damper experiences a larger slip, the corresponding residual slippage also increases. However, this will have significant influence on the overall performance of the structure. Additionally, after an earthquake, the high-strength bolt can be relaxed to restore the ICFD to its original position.

Table 13. Maximum ICFD Residual Slippage under 8.5-degree Rare Earthquake (mm)

Ground motions		GM 1	GM 2	GM 3	GM 4	GM 5	GM 6	GM 7	GM 8
ICRPSF	Z direction	14.4	3.1	0.4	15.2	2.2	4.0	4.0	9.8
	X direction	13.1	3.0	7.3	4.9	4.4	3.8	2.9	2.7

(5) Comparison of frame plasticity and energy dissipation

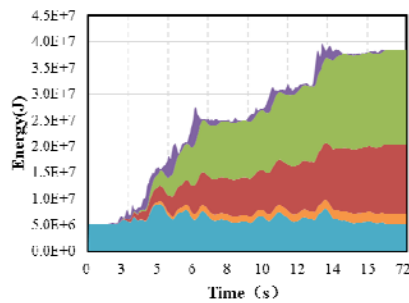
Under 8.5-degree rare earthquake conditions, the PEEQ for the column bases and beams of both frames is shown in Table 14. The data in Table 14 show that the PEEQ in the column base of both frames increases slightly than that under 8-degree rare earthquake conditions. The frame beam still remains in an elastic state, and the column bottoms of both frames have the similar plastic developing conditions.

Table 14. PEEQ of Two Frames under 8.5-degree Rare Earthquake

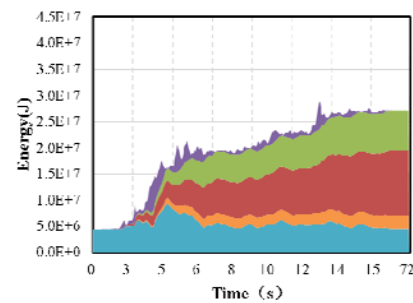
Ground motions	RPSF		ICRPSF		
	column base	beam	column base	intermediate column base	beam
GM1	1.79×10^{-3}	—	2.73×10^{-3}	1.24×10^{-3}	—
GM2	2.39×10^{-4}	—	5.52×10^{-4}	3.22×10^{-4}	—
GM3	4.71×10^{-3}	—	4.95×10^{-3}	7.29×10^{-4}	—
GM4	—	—	—	—	—
GM5	3.81×10^{-6}	—	—	2.30×10^{-7}	—
GM6	5.82×10^{-5}	—	1.56×10^{-5}	—	—
GM7	—	—	—	9.59×10^{-4}	—
GM8	—	—	2.26×10^{-4}	2.17×10^{-4}	—

*: —represent elastic

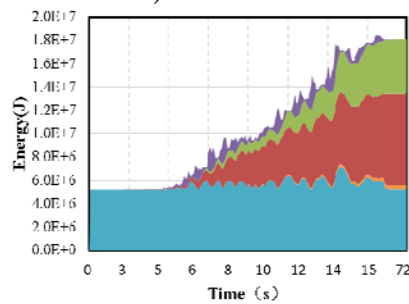
Figure 17 shows a comparison of the energy dissipation between the two frames. Table 15 shows the detailed energy dissipation values. Under different ground motions, the total energy absorbed by the ICRPSF structure is 44.4% greater than that by the RPSF on average, the maximum energy absorbed by the ICRPSF under GM2 is twice as that by the RPSF, indicating that the intermediate column contributes to the overall rigidity of the structure significantly. Under 8.5-degree rare earthquake conditions, the friction energy dissipation increases and the damping energy dissipation decreases. Under the three ground motions with larger influence coefficients, the friction energy dissipation takes up more than half of the total energy dissipation, which the maximum value reaches 55.12%. The friction energy dissipation performance of the ICRPSF is superior to the RPSF significantly. The non-elastic energy dissipation of ICRPSF and RPSF has the relatively small proportion of the total energy dissipation under 8.5-degree rare earthquakes, which the average value of RPSF is 7.37% and to ICRPSF, is only 3.91%. Therefore, the plastic development of the ICRPSF is less than that of the RPSF, which improves post-seismic recovery performance.



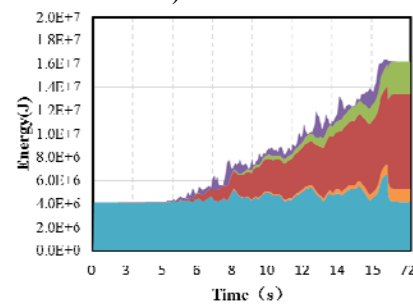
a) GM3 ICRPSF



b) GM3 RPSF



c) GM5 ICRPSF



d) GM5 RPSF

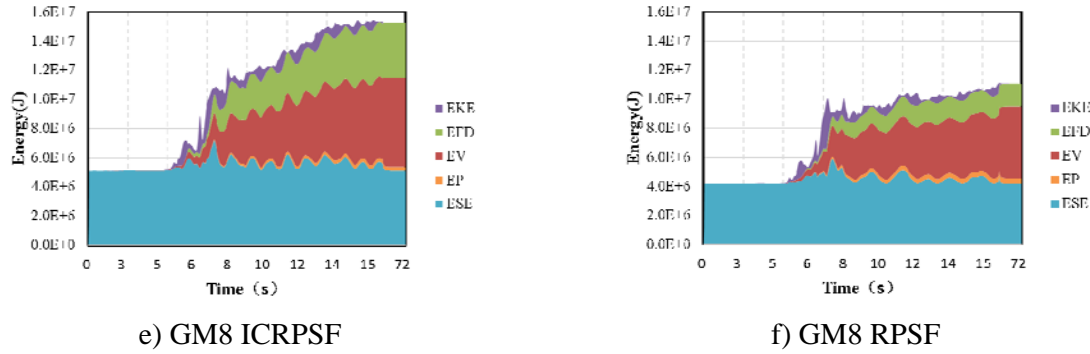


Figure 17 Comparison of energy dissipation of two frames under 8.5-degree rare earthquake

Table 15. Energy Dissipation of Two Frames under 8.5-degree Rare Earthquake

Ground motions		WK(J)	ESE(J)	EKE(J)	EWK(J)	EP(J)	EP/EWK (%)	EV/EWK (%)	EFD/EWK (%)
GM1	RPSF	21276800	4275280	151868	16849652	1433040	8.50	54.40	36.78
	ICRPSF	31000800	5698340	111802	25190658	1618030	6.42	39.34	53.65
GM2	RPSF	12875000	4182780	8610	8683610	437003	5.03	70.42	24.02
	ICRPSF	24426800	5256710	253515	18916575	686605	3.63	50.29	45.27
GM3	RPSF	27270300	4679850	447171	22143279	2498360	11.28	53.81	34.58
	ICRPSF	38641100	5580590	502779	32557731	1839880	5.65	38.74	55.12
GM4	RPSF	12176800	4453980	1422920	6299900	397867	6.32	78.40	14.62
	ICRPSF	15180200	5694810	1243090	8242300	233834	2.84	63.37	31.95
GM5	RPSF	16454200	6536690	537917	9379593	846174	9.02	70.52	19.69
	ICRPSF	18341800	5957690	218524	12165586	297370	2.44	58.47	37.70
GM6	RPSF	23329100	4589540	367320	18372240	916400	4.99	83.56	10.81
	ICRPSF	13866200	5287400	676589	7902211	60007	0.76	95.99	1.42
GM7	RPSF	13012300	4251090	637004	8124206	654308	8.05	66.80	24.20
	ICRPSF	19606900	5485520	602023	13519357	832700	6.16	46.65	46.00
GM8	RPSF	11028900	4298690	673499	6056711	350814	5.79	69.02	24.54
	ICRPSF	15450000	5646320	74586	9729094	274582	2.82	57.32	38.36

*: total energy absorption: WK= ESE+ EKE+ EWK; total energy dissipation: EWK= EP+ EV+EFD

7. CONCLUSIONS

- (1) Compared with the RPSF frame, the ICRPSF has a shorter period. The difference between the two frames is 26% approximately. The existence of the ICFD results in a significant increase of the lateral rigidity and torsional rigidity of ICRPSF compared with the RPSF. The intermediate column contributes to the overall translational and rotational rigidity of the structure significantly.
- (2) Additional rigidity provided by the ICFD causes the greater maximum base shear of the ICRPSF than that of the RPSF under most conditions. Slip occurs at the ICFD with the increase of earthquake magnitude, decreasing the difference between the lateral rigidities of the two frames, and resulting in approximate base shears of the two frames.
- (3) The lateral rigidity of ICRPSF is higher than that of RPSF. Under various earthquake conditions, the maximum story drifts of ICRPSF are all smaller than those of RPSF. Under the action of 8.5-degree rare earthquakes, the maximum story drift of RPSF is 3.22%, which is far

beyond the elasto-plastic story drift limit of 2% in current code. The corresponding story drift of ICRPSF is only 2.19% (1/46), which just exceeds the code limit. These results show that ICRPSF has a significantly superior performance on the control of the story drift than RPSF.

- (4) Both frames have very small post-seismic residual story drift under design earthquakes, which can be ignored. The maximum residual story drifts of ICRPSF under 8.5-degree rare earthquake conditions are all smaller than those of the RPSF, and the maximum residual deformation of the structure is 0.121%. However, the larger ICFD slip results in the larger residual slippage correspondingly. This will have a few influences on the overall performance of the structure. However, after an earthquake, the high strength bolt can be relaxed to restore the ICFD to its original position.
- (5) When the earthquake magnitude is relatively small, the energy absorbed by the frames is elastic strain energy primarily. With the increase of the earthquake magnitude, the damping energy dissipation and friction energy dissipation increasing gradually, while the increase in the non-elastic energy dissipation is relatively small in either of the frame. The total absorbed energy and friction energy dissipation in the ICRPSF are always greater than those of the RPSF, while its non-elastic energy dissipation is always less than that of the RPSF. Under the earthquake conditions of high earthquake magnitudes, the friction energy dissipation of the ICRPSF represents almost half of the total energy dissipation, and ICFD contributes to the overall seismic energy dissipation of the structure significantly.
- (6) In conclusion, the resilient prestressed steel frame with intermediate column containing friction dampers can effectively control the story drift and dissipate more energy, slow down the plastic development of the components even further, and achieve small post-seismic structure residual story drift. Such superior performance will be more evident with the increase of the earthquake magnitudes. Therefore, this system is very suitable for the resilient prestressed steel frame structure with a large span, the structure which locates in the frequent earthquake zone and a high-value building.

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