

Strongly Nonlinear Response Analyses on Steel Frame Structure with Large-scaled and Super-detailed Numerical Modeling

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In general structural designing of building constructions, seismic responses are estimated by numerical design calculation by using simplified frame model or lumped-mass model. However, modeling parameters of those configuring elements are quantified under considering definite nonlinearity with partial specimens off-line experimental results, so that, it is difficult to estimate adequate and reliable seismic responses in strongly nonlinear ranges with those simplified analytical models. In the same way, difference between macroscopic modeling such as frame models used in the general structural design process and microscopically modeling such as detailed FEM models reproducing the individual components' shapes of structures are not elucidated. In this study, the dynamic response of a detailed FEM model is compared to that of a frame model. The FEM model is made to finely reproduce the building's shape as precisely as possible and the frame model was roughly composed of beam elements. Two cases in the frame models are evaluated whether the $P-\delta$ effect was considered or not. Difference between those frame models and the detailed FEM model in large nonlinear ranges is investigated. As a result, it is assured that the frame model of neglecting $P-\delta$ effect tend to underestimate the deflection in these ranges, while the residual deflection of the frame model considering $P-\delta$ effect is larger than that of the detailed FEM model because of stiffness degradation.

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1. Introduction

In the building design for preventing large-scale urban disasters, to simulate the actual dynamic behavior of building structures during severe earthquakes is very important. In those cases, it is need to evaluate the actual behavior of buildings against severe earthquakes in highly non-linear ranges. General building design is operated by considering as simple models such as multi-mass system models or frame models to represent structural properties of buildings. However, these simple models may not be sufficient to evaluate severe earthquakes response of target structures because of the following two reasons. Firstly, the elements (beam elements or springs) employed in simple

models are essentially assumed to express linear or weak non-linear responses [1]. Secondly, each designer (or researcher) may use a different analysis model since they are modeled on the basis of many engineering judgments. For example, evaluations of the stiffness of composite beams in steel frames are different among each engineer or analysis software [2],[3]. This difference is the result of simplifications of structures' shape. On the other hand, full FEM models that reproduce the structure's shape as precisely as possible can resolve these individual styled differences. Although there are few studies that treat the full FEM models of buildings because of the high computing costs to analyze such models [4],[5],[6]. And also,

differences existing in dynamic responses in strongly nonlinear ranges between simple models and full FEM model are not clarified. In this study, the responses of simple models are compared to those of the full FEM model [7],[8],[9]. Target of the analysis is a 20-story steel structure that can be modeled with a full FEM model of approximately ten million elements as seen in Fig. 1.

2. Analysis modeling

The structure is designed so that the maximum story angle is less than $1/200$ under A_i distribution (confirming Japanese seismic design code). The material of steel members is SN490, so the yield strength is 357 MPa. The columns have box-section, beams have H-shape section and all members are designed to satisfy FA rank of structural frame design grade. This structure is evaluated using the following three kinds of numerical models: 1) a frame model neglecting the $P-\delta$ effect (Frame), 2) a frame model considering the $P-\delta$ effect (Frame P-d) and 3) a full FEM model (FEM). The frame models are treated as pseudo-3-D models. In the two frame models, the strength degradation of the steel members is not considered (this assumption is generally used in Japanese structural design methods). Each

member is modeled by a beam element with a rigid-plastic spring at both ends. The springs have bi-linear characteristics, and the bending strength is determined by the maximum capacity of plastic moment (in which, lateral buckling of beams is not considered). Furthermore, the bending strength is evaluated by interaction with the axial force. On the other hand, the FEM model as shown in Fig.1 is composed of shell elements for steel frame members and solid elements for concrete slabs to reproduce the structure's shape as precisely as possible. This model uses 9,046,697 elements and 10,460,942 nodes. The shell elements are iso-parametric elements having four nodes, one integration point in-plane and four integration points in the cross-sectional direction. The solid elements are iso-parametric solid elements that have eight nodes and one integration point in the center of elements. Geometric non-linearity such as $P-\delta$ effect, buckling and each member's strength degradation due to local buckling are considered in the FEM model. The material models employed in the FEM model, such as bi-linear model, are similar to that of the frame model because this study focuses the effects of the preciseness of the shape reproduction for the structure's responses. For the steel material model, an isotropic elastic-plastic model to consider linear kinematic-isotropic

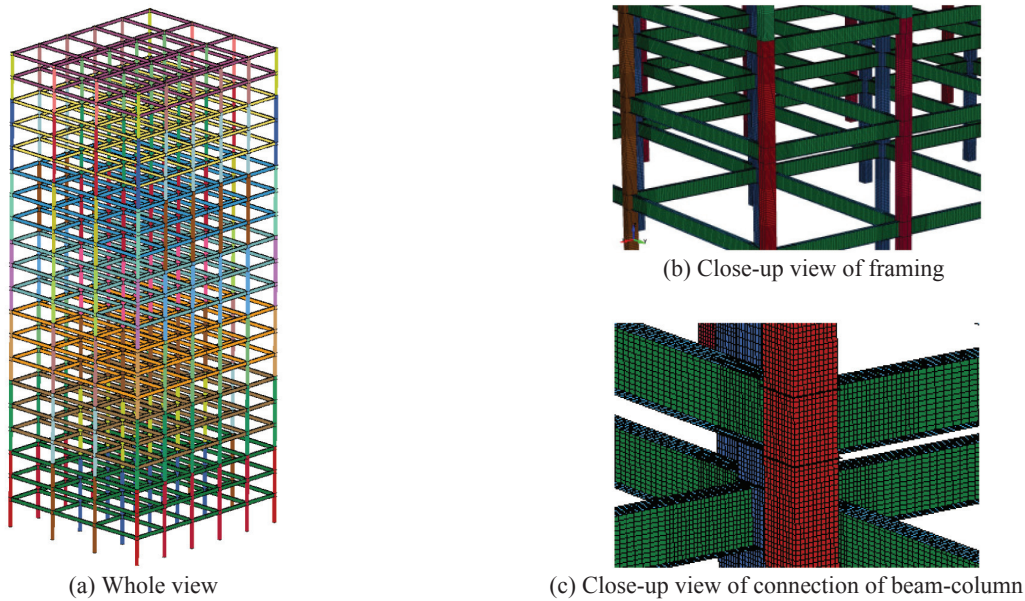


Fig. 1 Configurations of the FEM model for the 20-story steel building.

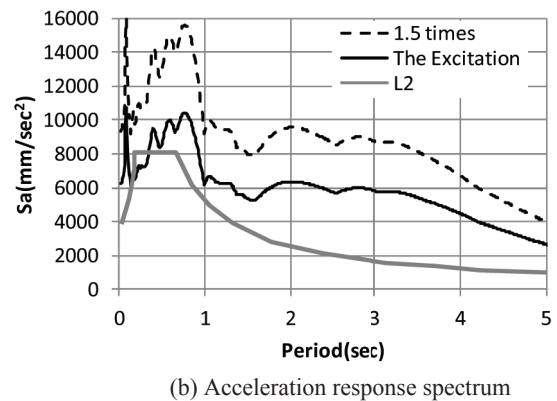
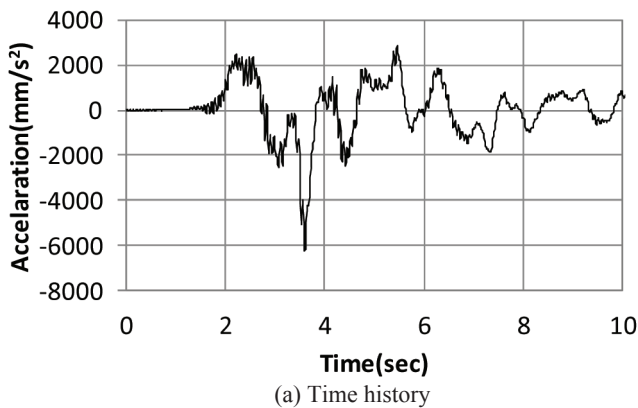


Fig. 2 Excitation of seismic response analyses.

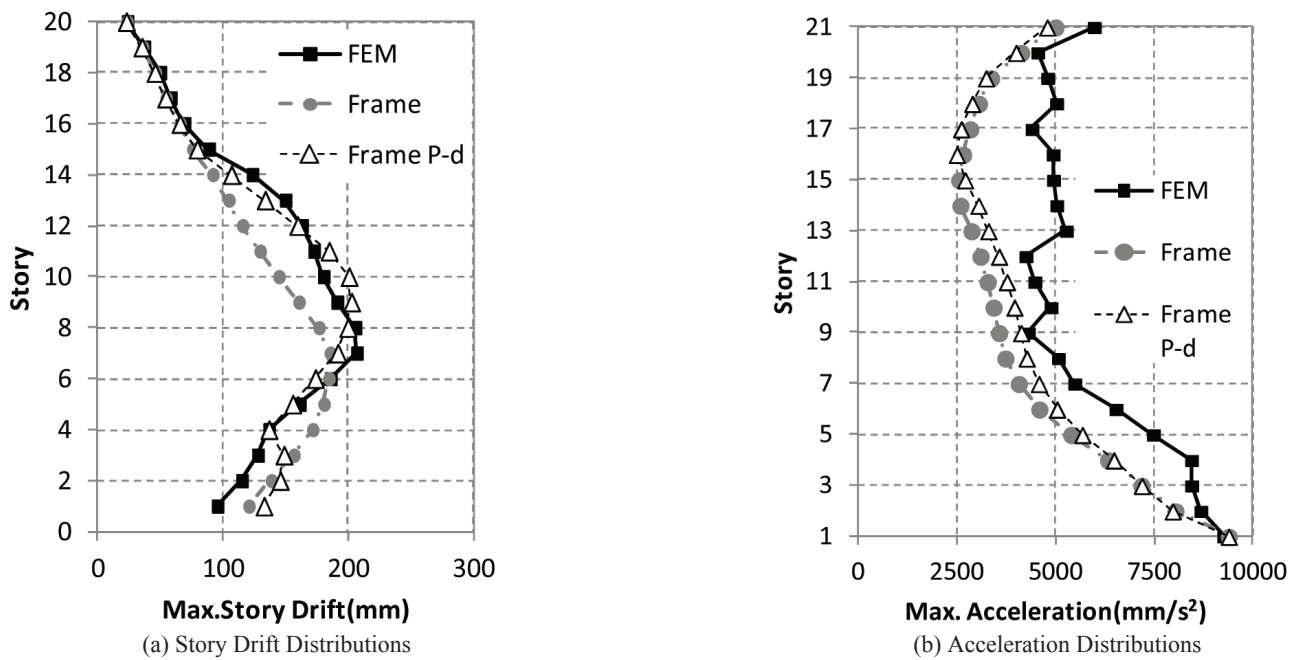


Fig. 3 Maximum responses.

mixed hardening is used [1]. Ottosen's fracture criterion model is adopted for the concrete material model [10]. In the tensile region, this model has a three directional orthogonal smeared crack condition. Stress relaxation in tension depends on the fracture energy which is defined by the stress-crack width relation [11].

3. Analysis results and considerations

Seismic response analyses are carried out on those three numerical models. The time history and acceleration response spectrum of the excitation are shown in Fig. 2. The excitation exceeds the Level-2 earthquake defined in Japanese seismic design code as very rarely occurring. So that, we analyze a case in which the excitation is scaled to 1.5 times acceleration in this study. The execution time was approximately 77 h by 64 cores of the Earth Simulator 2. Maximum responses are shown in Fig. 3. In all models, the structure did not reach to collapse. The acceleration response of the FEM model was the largest among the three models. As one reason for this, it seems that local vibrations might have affected to that response.

The deformation in the middle stories of the frame model that neglects P- δ effect was smaller than that of the other two models because of consideration of the P- δ effect. On the other hand, deformation at the lower stories estimated by the FEM model was smaller than that of both frame models. In which, the plasticity of the joint panel zone is not considered in frame models. In addition, local buckling of beam flange and shear buckling of the web have been occurred in FEM. These phenomena could not be considered in frame models. These are considered to be part of the reasons of difference of response among three models. The Mises's equivalent stress distribution of the FEM model is shown in Fig. 4. In this model, the strength deterioration is not considered steel material model. However,

the structure's shape is reproduced and geometrical non-linearity is considered because steel member's strength deterioration due to local buckling can be expressed. Thus, the full FEM model which reproduces the structure's shape may adequately express the collapse phenomenon without special effort.

4. Conclusion

Analyses of a 20-story steel building structure using frame models and a detailed FEM model were executed and compared. No models reached to collapse against very severe earthquake motion used in this study. When the story drift reached to approximately 200 mm, the deformation of frame model neglecting P- δ effect is smaller than other models considering P- δ effect. Although the maximum story drift of models considering P- δ effect are almost the same, residual deformation of the frame model considering P- δ was larger than that of FEM. The simplifications of structures' shape have been affected to dispersion of the evaluation of the responses in strongly non-linear ranges.

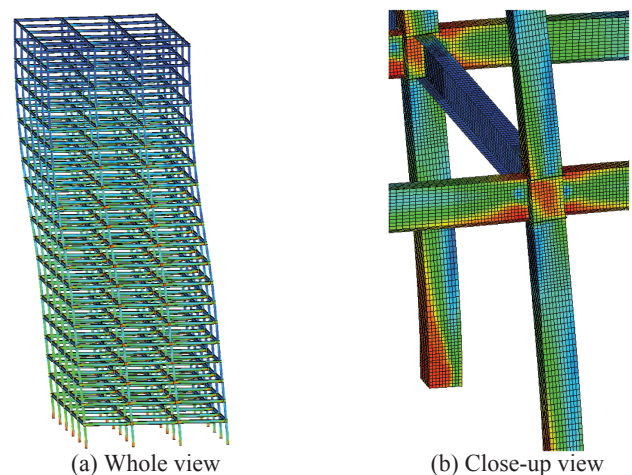


Fig. 4 Mises's equivalent stress distribution.

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鋼構造建築構造骨組の大規模・超詳細モデリングによる 強非線形応答解析

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構造物の衝撃応答解析に効率的な陽解法による衝撃解析コードを用い、建築構造物の大規模・超詳細モデリングにより、巨大地震を想定した建築物の終局挙動解析を行うことが本研究の目標である。通常の建築構造設計段階ではフレームモデルや多質点系モデルといった主要部材単位のマクロモデルにより構成される系の地震時挙動評価を行う。しかしながら、これらのモデルでは、次のような形状の単純化に起因する問題点を有し、大規模な地震時挙動の正確な予測が困難であると考えられる。すなわち、①これらの単純化モデルに用いられる要素は、線形範囲から弱非線形範囲程度までの挙動を予測することを念頭に置いていること、②こうしたマクロモデルを構築するためには、その形状を単純化する過程で様々な工学的判断が介在すること、である。

一方で、形状の単純化を行わずに直接的に構造をモデル化する手法としてFEMによる解析が挙げられる。ただし、扱う要素数が膨大となるため、建築分野では従来FEM解析は主に部材実験の再現解析等に用いられることが主流であり、建物全体をモデル化し動的な解析がなされた例は数例しかない。本研究では、鉄骨造建築物を対象に、建物全体をFEMでモデル化した時と単純モデルを用いた時の強非線形域での応答の差異について明らかにしていくために、以下のような建物モデルについて応答の比較解析を行った。

- (1) 鋼構造4階建て低層建築物について、FEM解析モデルとマルチフレームモデル、集中質量系モデルによる応答解析結果との比較検討を行った。これらのモデルについて弾性応答域での各モデルの応答が整合するようにチューニングを行っても、降伏直後～大変形に至るにつれて、FEMモデルによる詳細解析では、脆弱層の変形進行が顕著となることが示された。なお、集中質量系モデルは進行性破壊を生じやすい一方で、その発生位置の特定などに関する結果の信頼性と解析の安定性に疑問がある。またフレームモデルでは、解析が安定する一方、脆弱層の変形進行を生じにくく評価する傾向が認められた。
- (2) 鋼構造20階建て高層建築物のモデルについて、FEM解析モデルと擬似3Dフレームモデルを用いた動的応答解析結果の比較を行った。フレームモデルについては、P- δ 効果を考慮した場合としない場合の比較を合わせて行った。いずれのモデルに関しても、一般の建物の構造設計段階で考慮される入力レベルを大きく超える地震動に対しても倒壊には至っておらず、最大加速度応答には大きな相違は見られなかった。一方、最大層間変形について、各モデル間で大きな差異が見られ、P- δ 効果を考慮したフレームモデルで、層間変形が最大となった。さらに、最下層ではFEMモデルの方がフレームモデルと比較して最大せん断力応答が大きく生じた。これは、梁の耐力がスラブの合成効果により大きくなったことが一因と考えられる。

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