



## Probabilistic Damage Analysis of Isolated Steel Tub Girder Bridge Excited by Near and Far Fault Ground Motions

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### ABSTRACT

Friction Pendulum Bearing (FPB) has emerged as a popular solution for damage protection of bridges under seismic events. The study presents the probabilistic damage analysis for the isolated tub girder continuous bridge under the near and the far fault earthquakes using fragility analysis. The steel tub girder continuous bridge is considered with friction pendulum isolator as the seismic isolation mechanism. In order to represent the hysteretic behavior of friction pendulum isolators, a bilinear force-deformation model was used. Fragility curves are developed for various damage measures namely rotational ductility of pier and girder displacement with the peak ground acceleration (PGA) as an intensity measure (IM). Incremental dynamic analyses (IDA) were performed to develop the fragility curves and probabilistic damage model considering the four threshold damage states. The results suggest that in the case of low PGA level, the near fault earthquake leads to the high probability of exceedance in the case of isolated tub girder bridge. Damage model for piers and girder were developed to correlate component responses levels to overall bridge deterioration states. Finally, recommendations for the bridge developers in the stage of the early bridge seismic isolation design utilizing friction pendulum isolators are discussed.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, it is observed that the long-period displacement and velocity pulse motion of the near-fault earthquakes may severely influence the bridge seismic performance and design. Major earthquakes can inflict damage to them, which can have a large direct or indirect economic impact. The seismic isolation is considered to provide the layer of flexibility between the bent and the superstructure isolating the structure from the destructive force from the ground motion. Additional energy dissipation devices may also be utilized for increasing seismic response and reducing the damage to the bridges. The source of seismic excitation determines the dynamic response of the bridge structure and the designer must take this effect into consideration in order to produce a successful design [1].

The application of the friction pendulum dampers and the rubber bearings can prolong the superstructure

vibration in response to earthquake motion leading to the increase the fundamental time period and lowering the likelihood that the structure will resonate when an earthquake occurs. During the swing of the friction pendulum back and forth, the friction between the wear plates may absorb some seismic energy [2].

Energy conservation was used in the numerical simulations for vibrations of continuous bridge using friction pendulum bearing (FPB) caused by the earthquakes. The multi-hazard source excitations (such as Taft and El Centro earthquake) with various dominating time- period and duration on an isolated bridge energy response, the impact of friction coefficient and the FPB isolation period was investigated [3].

Nonlinear dynamic history studies are performed to explore the sensitivity impacts of isolation duration, friction coefficient, limits on sliding deformation and the bridge reactions. The analysis shows that by employing proper friction coefficients, the drift and ductility may be

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reduced [4]. The ensemble of horizontal components of actual earthquake ground motions are studied in order to determine the seismic effect of multi-span continuous bridges decoupled by sliding isolators and elastomeric bearings. Different mathematical models of bridges isolated by various isolation techniques are provided with the mathematical framework for seismic response analysis [5].

Varied-sized seismic activity produces different levels of intensity in various seismic areas, and the severity of the damage to bridges caused by an earthquake directly relates to the intensity level. 1516 girder bridges and 612 arch bridges that were damaged to varying degrees by May 12, 2008 earthquake in Wenchuan County, China, were studied. The parameters of vulnerability assessment include sample number (SN), failure ratio (FR), and exceeding probability (EP) [6].

The empirical seismic damage probability matrix model together with a mean seismic damage index (MSDI) matrix model were computed in order to obtain a more realistic picture of the overall damage condition of various bridge segments. It was decided to use MSDI as the vulnerability parameter in a regional vulnerability matrix probability model [7].

The copula approach is used to create seismic fragility curves for isolated continuous girder bridges made of reinforced concrete, taking into account indices of earthquake damage such drift limit, isolated bearing, and main girder impact damage [8].

This study employs PSDM and the fragility analysis to investigate the probabilistic seismic damage analysis of a steel tub girder influenced by the ground vibrations from the near and the far faults. For parametric analysis, a benchmark bridge in New Delhi, India, that exhibits the essential features of a typical continuous girder bridge, was used. A nonlinear analytical model in three dimensions was created in the CSI Bridge software using bridge data to account for the inelastic behaviour of substructure. The IDA approach was utilized to compute damage for demand factors such as pier ductility and girder displacement, whereas seismic intensity parameters such as PGA were considered. The current study seeks to create an effective methodology for estimating the likelihood of collapse throughout the design and retrofit phases of bridges exposed to seismic risks.

## 2. GROUND MOTION CHARACTERISTIC AND SELECTION

Near-fault earthquakes (which are typically focused at a range of 10-20 km) include a substantial fraction of the fault energy appears as pulses. Far-field motions are defined as ground motions with an epicentral distance of greater than 10 miles [9]. When compared to higher

frequencies of ground motions caused by the far-faults, near-fault ground motions have higher acceleration and more restricted frequencies. Seismic waves from such earthquakes often show lengthy pulse durations of large ranges in the beginning of earthquake records, particularly when they exhibit progressive direction effects. A significant amount of the fault energy is transferred to the site with a significant pulse that appears at the beginning of the seismic waves when the fault is propagating toward a site with a velocity that is similar to that of the shear wave [10].

Near-fault ground motions, according to Somerville are ones that frequently include pulses of long period velocity and persistent ground displacement. Most of the near-fault earthquake pulses have a maximum Fourier spectrum in a narrow range of periods, in contrast to far-field seismic events have a maximum Fourier spectrum throughout a wide range of periods [11].

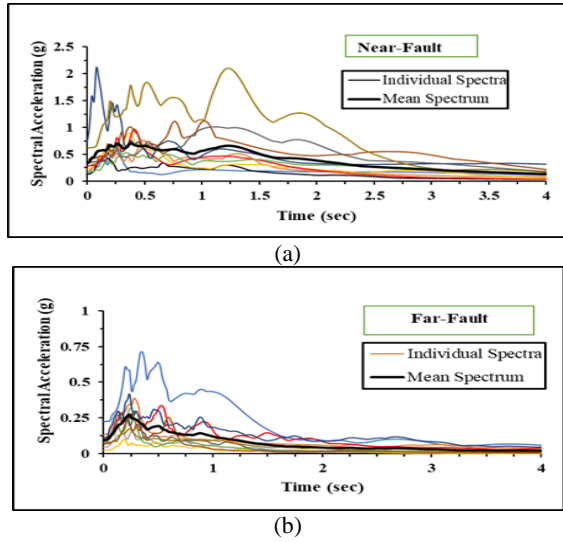
The level of energy input to a structure is influenced by the seismic record rather than the structure's parameters [12]. To investigate the isolated bridge's behavior, 8 near-fault and 8 far-fault records of seismic events were selected from the Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center (PEER) database depicted in Table 1. Based on references, the following specific rules for choosing near-fault ground motion records were developed: (i) the nearest source-to-site distance to rupture in the chosen data were less than 10 km, which is typically thought to be within a near-fault region ; and (ii) the moment magnitude levels ( $M_w$ ) were between 6 and 7.5 [13]. The epicentral distance of the far-field recordings taken into consideration was more than 20 km, and their magnitudes ( $M_w$ ) ranged from 6 to 7.5. The response spectra for 5% damping for corresponding earthquakes is shown in Figure 1.

## 3. ISOLATION SYSTEM MODELING AND DESIGN

The Friction Pendulum (FPB) bearing has a spherical sliding interface and a spherical bearing (for the rotating

**TABLE 1.** Records of Near and Far Fault Earthquakes

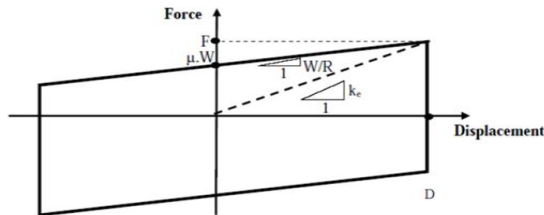
| Seismic Record | PGA  | Near-fault Rjb | PGA   | Far-fault Rjb | Mag. |
|----------------|------|----------------|-------|---------------|------|
|                | (g)  | (Km)           | (g)   | (Km)          |      |
| Imperial       | 0.16 | 8.54           | 0.128 | 23.17         | 6.48 |
| Irpinia        | 0.13 | 8.14           | 0.027 | 44.82         | 6.88 |
| San Fernando   | 0.23 | 6.78           | 0.075 | 25.58         | 6.61 |
| Loma Prieta    | 0.29 | 10.27          | 0.078 | 52.39         | 6.89 |
| Northridge     | 0.41 | 0              | 0.047 | 53.71         | 6.69 |
| Landers        | 0.73 | 2.19           | 0.115 | 69.21         | 7.28 |
| Kobe Japan     | 0.35 | 3.31           | 0.068 | 69.04         | 6.86 |
| Tabas Iran     | 0.62 | 1.46           | 0.105 | 24.07         | 7.35 |



**Figure 1.** Response spectrums: (a) Near fault; (b) Far fault earthquakes

component). It functions very similarly to a spherical bearing having higher lateral stiffness as a result of the sliding interface curvature [14]. Such isolators may be made to have lengthy durations of vibration (5 or more seconds) and significant lateral displacement capabilities. The majority of friction pendulum bearings are made up of a concave spherical steel plate, an articulate slider, and a housing plate [5].

Two distinct processes work together to supply the bearing with resistance to horizontal loads that act to increase displacement. The first of these is the frictional resistance,  $F_f$  produced at the point where the articulated slider and concave surface meet. This force is determined by multiplying the weight component normal to the concave surface by the dynamic friction coefficient. A bilinear hysteresis model can roughly represent the (lateral) force- displacement behavior of an FPB, as shown in Figure 2. Figure 2 presents the representation of the equivalent linear stiffness ( $k_e$ ), which is determined by Equation (6). Equation (5) was used to calculate the period of vibration ( $T_p$ ) that occurs after an FPB isolator is activated, where  $D_0$  is the greatest value of the FPB horizontal displacement during the cyclic movement. Thus:



**Figure 2.** Idealized Bi-linear curve for Friction Pendulum Isolator

$$F_f = \mu W \cos \theta \tag{1}$$

The second mechanism of resistance is the bearing's restoring force, which is caused more by weight's tangential component and is provided by:

$$F_f = W \sin \theta \tag{2}$$

The following factors determine the bearing's horizontal resistance to displacement:

$$F = \mu W + \frac{W}{R} D \tag{3}$$

$$F = Q_d + K_d D \tag{4}$$

where  $\mu$  = coefficient of friction;  $W$  = design load;  $R$  = Radius of concave sliding surface;  $Q_d$  = characteristic strength of isolator;  $D$  = design displacement and  $K_d$  = post yield stiffness of isolator.

The time period, while sliding is given by following expression:

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{R}{g}} \tag{5}$$

By dividing the horizontal force,  $F$ , by the appropriate bearing displacement  $D$ , the effective isolator stiffness,  $k_e$ , is determined as follows:

$$K_e = \frac{\mu W}{D} + \frac{W}{R} \tag{6}$$

The area of the hysteretic loop is given by Equation (7):

$$\text{Area} = 4\mu W D \tag{7}$$

The effective damping of the isolator is given by Equation (8):

$$\beta_e = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \frac{\mu}{\mu + \frac{D}{R}} \right] \tag{8}$$

where  $\beta_e$  = effective damping of isolator.

**4. METHODOLOGY FOR FRAGILITY FUNCTION**

Bridges may sustain damage during an earthquake, especially if they were not constructed with proper seismic design and details. The uncertainty regarding a number of contributing variables and its capacity to sustain demands before incurring damage, it is appropriate to express the probability of experiencing various levels of damage using a probabilistic approach [15].

Fragility curves are classified into two types (i.e., empirical and analytical). Post-earthquake surveys are used to generate empirical fragility curves, which support to offer a broad understanding of correlation for the various structural damage limits and the ground motion indices [16]. This technique is impractical for creating fragility curves for bridges that have been modified

because damage state definitions are arbitrary and there is a scarcity of damage data. Analytical fragility curves that represent the seismic sensitivity of a structure have been developed using probabilistic seismic demand model (PSDM) that employ a Bayesian method and nonlinear time-history studies [17]. If the seismic demand and capacity were characterized by a log-normal distribution, the likelihood of attaining a certain damage state will also be distributed log-normally, as calculated by a cumulative log-normal probability density function as follows:

$$P\left[\frac{LS}{IM}\right] = \Phi\left[\frac{\ln(IM) - \ln(IM_n)}{\beta_{total}}\right] \quad (9)$$

where  $IM_n$  = intensity measure median;  $\ln(IM)$  logarithmic median of selected damage state; and  $\Phi$  = standard cumulative normal distribution.

$$\beta_{total} = \sqrt{\beta_C^2 + \beta_D^2} \quad (10)$$

where  $\beta_C$  indicates the uncertainty of structural capacity and  $\beta_D$  indicates the uncertainty in ground motion.

In this study, the uncertainties in modelling, material characteristics, damping and concrete strength variations were not taken into account. The uncertainty due to earthquake ground vibrations was anticipated to be significantly larger than the uncertainties in structural capacity.

HAZUS specifies a value of  $\beta_C$  of 0.3 for the isolated structure [18]. Based on these findings, a value of  $\beta_C$  equal to 0.3 was used to create the fragility curves in this investigation.

A probabilistic seismic analysis was performed using a nonlinear time-history response analysis of the chosen bridge for the 16 ground motions. The PGA of the seismic records was scaled from 0.1g to 1.2g at intervals of 0.1g in this study to perform the IDA, which was utilized to construct the fragility curves. To identify the nonlinear behavior produced by the ground motions and to determine the variables of the conditional probability distribution of the demand measure, data from a total of 192 analyses were collated (i.e., pier ductility and the girder displacement). When predicated on the intensity measure, the demand measure data are considered to follow a lognormal distribution [19]. While the conditional demand dispersion is constant, the conditional mean of the given demand and (PGA) was linear in log-log space [20]. As a result, the resultant probabilistic seismic demand model (PSDM) was expressed by Equation (11):

$$\text{Demand Measure (DM)} = a (IM)^b \quad (11)$$

where DM = demand measure; IM = Intensity measure.

$$\ln DM = a + b \ln (PGA) \quad (12)$$

where a and b are regression coefficients on PGA and demand measure.

The suggested technique enables engineers to choose wisely by taking into account the likelihood of each restoration scenario reducing collapse[21].

## 5. DAMAGE METRICS AND THRESHOLD LIMITS

A limit state is the range beyond which the structure can no longer sustain the necessary level of performance. The most crucial damages for continuous girder seismically isolated bridges are the bridge piers and displacement of girder, which are frequently compelled to enter an inelastic range of deformation during earthquakes [22]. The seismic vulnerability evaluation of engineering structures often adopts the four HAZUS damage states of mild, modest, severe, and collapse damages [18]. The explanations behind the various damage states and the accompanying damage criteria that may be found in the literature are compiled in TABLE 2. Mild state depicts the structure yield point, past which plastic deformations occur to the structure, severe denotes the degree of damage to a bridge beyond which it would not be economically possible to rebuild it.

Collapse is the maximum load that a structure can bear before losing stability and perhaps collapsing completely or partially [23].

When considering earthquake-related bridge damage, excessive plastic rotation of the plastic hinges formed at the bridge pier is most frequently used. Inelastic rotation has been found to gradually reduce the stiffness and rigidity of the pier when they are subjected to seismic loads. It is thought that a reliable indicator of the damage is the ductility that results from inelastic rotation in the plastic hinge generated at the fixity points of piers [24]. The column ductility requirement is, by definition, stated as follows:

$$\phi = \frac{\theta}{\theta_y} \quad (13)$$

where  $\theta_y$  represents the equivalent rotation at the yield point and  $\theta$  represents the rotation of pier in its plastic hinge.

The equivalent rotation at the yield point can be calculated as:

$$\theta_y = L_p * \phi_y \quad (14)$$

$$L_p = 0.08L + 0.022 f_y * d \geq 0.044f_y \quad (15)$$

where  $L_p$  depicts the length of plastic hinge, L depicts distance from inflection point to plastic hinge, d depicts steel bar diameter.

Using moment-curvature analysis, the plastic hinge length ( $L_p$ ) was determined to be 0.765 m and  $\phi_y$  to be 0.00025.

A bridge collapse will occur when the girder reaches its maximum seat length, which is determined by the

superstructure movement from the abutment. Due to the deck's longitudinal motion, girders may fall loose from the bearing pads, resulting in structural failure. From AASHTO-LRFD, the minimum seat width will be determined as follows [25]. The damage thresholds for mild, modest, severe, and collapse were considered with respect to the minimum seat width [26].

$$N = 1.5 \times \{8 + 0.002L + 0.008H\} \{1 + 0.000125 S^2\} \quad (16)$$

where N depicts minimum length of support length, L depicts deck length, and H depicts height of pier.

The damage limit state, which includes (i) pier ductility, which displays the inelastic rotations of bridge pier, and (ii) girder displacement, which displays the dislocation of girder from bearing, are regarded to correctly assess the vulnerability of the tub girder bridge. Four commonly utilized damage levels are employed in the seismic risk assessment of a chosen bridge:

## 6. FINITE ELEMENT MODELLING OF BRIDGE

The multi-span continuous (MSC) steel tub girder bridge used for this investigation has a continuous composite deck supported by concrete column bents. The bridge, which has four spans measuring 32.6, 38.7, 41.2, and 28.2 meters, as shown in Figure 3. The bridge's superstructure is made up of a continuous composite girder deck that is 10 m wide and 0.3 m thick, and it is supported by two tub girders that are 5 m apart [27]. The twin column bents made of reinforced concrete support the girders with height of pier 6.6m. The pier has a diameter of 1.6m and a 1.6 m by 1.25 m cap beam make up the concrete column bent. Each column is strengthened with 25 dia. #32 vertical bars and 150 mm-spaced #10 spiral hoops. The abutments support the girders at the ends of the bridge. Figure 3 depicts the cross sections of the tub girder, pier and cap beam.

For the purpose of simulating the superstructure and substructure of the bridge, the lumped mass approach was used. In the structural modelling of a steel box girder bridge, elastic beam elements were used to represent the girder, while nonlinear elements were used to simulate the bearings and piers [18]. Rigid links were used to connect the girder and piers with bearings, while fiber-based nonlinear links were used to represent the piers plastic hinge [28]. The ends of the columns are where

plastic hinges are most likely to develop, as shown in Figure 8, and they are modelled using the lumped plasticity model [29]. The steel model uses the Menegotto-Pinto model of steel to replicate the reinforcing bars for the piers [30]. The characteristic strengths of steel reinforcing yield stress (415 MPa), confined concrete (45 MPa), and unconfined concrete (40 MPa). The bridges are simulated in three dimensions while taking into account geometrical and material nonlinearities utilizing a finite element programmed CSI Bridge.

The bents were assumed to be fixed at the base due to the stiff site consideration, and the effect of soil interaction was not considered [25].

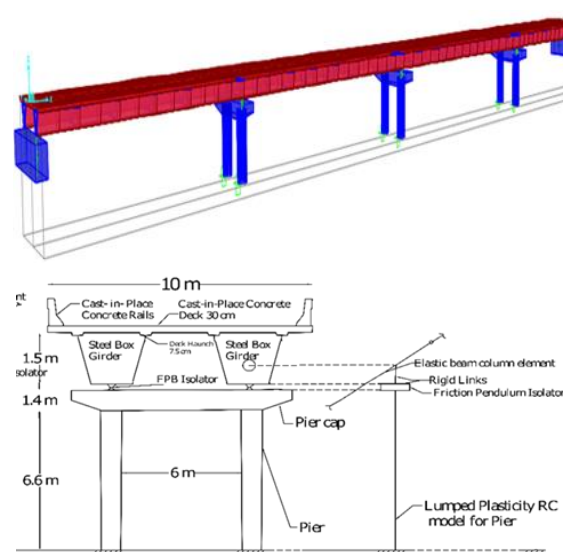
**6. 1. Model for Friction Pendulum Isolator** The element non-linear links of the Isolator property type, which exhibit bilinear hysteretic behavior, were used to model the friction pendulum in the CSI Bridge. For the two shear directions, this element exhibits coupled bilinear hysteretic behavior, whereas the other four degrees of freedom (axial deformation and three rotations) are linear [31]. For friction isolator connections, the force-deformation curve characteristics are manually entered into the CSI Bridge data sheet depicted in Table 3. The isolator characteristics used in the study of isolated bridges determine effective stiffness. The fundamental period of a taken for isolated bridge is 2 seconds, whereas the period of a non-isolated bridge is 0.37 seconds.

## 7. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Probabilistic damage analysis of a four-span continuous steel tub bridge isolated by a friction

**TABLE 2.** Damage Limit Definition

| Damage Metrics      | Damage Limits |        |        |          |
|---------------------|---------------|--------|--------|----------|
|                     | Mild          | Modest | Severe | Collapse |
|                     | DL-1          | DL-2   | DL-3   | DL-4     |
| Pier Ductility      | 2.01          | 3.14   | 5.90   | 9.42     |
| Girder displacement | 25% N         | 50% N  | 75% N  | 100% N   |



**Figure 2.** Finite element model of Tub girder bridge

**TABLE 3.** Friction pendulum Design parameters

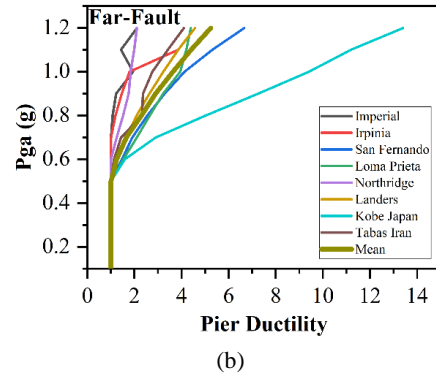
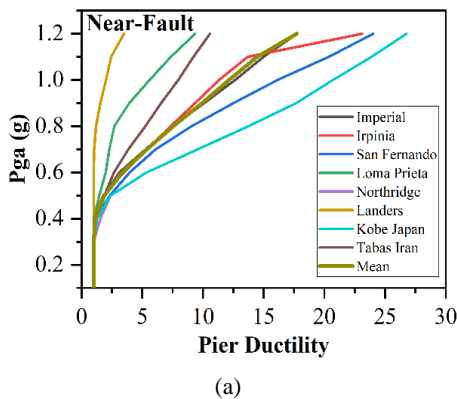
| Location | Radius | Eff. stiffness   | Post slip stiffness | Coff. of Friction | Coff. of Friction | Eff. damping  |
|----------|--------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
|          | (m)    | $K_{eff}$ (KN/m) | $K1$ (KN/m)         | $\mu$ fast        | $\mu$ slow        | $\beta_{eff}$ |
| Abutment | 1.2    | 848.2            | 669.16              | 0.04              | 0.02              | 0.134         |
| Bent     | 1.2    | 2759.2           | 2176.6              | 0.04              | 0.02              | 0.134         |

pendulum isolator is assessed by developing bridge component fragility curves (pier and girder). The near and far fault earthquake records were scaled to a PGA of 0.1 g to 1.2 g, with 0.1g increments to perform time domain response history analysis. The bi-linear backbone curve of the isolator is taken into consideration while doing a nonlinear time history analysis since the bridge may experience inelastic excursion under various earthquake types (near and far fault).

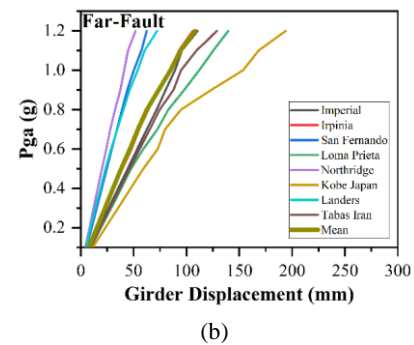
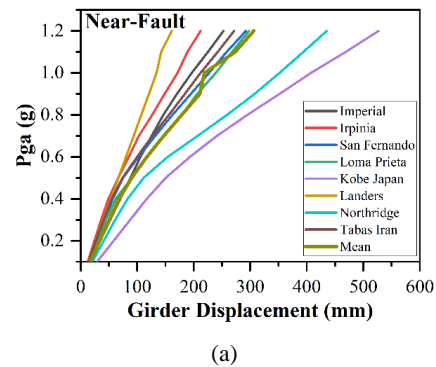
The responses of the bridge are expressed in terms of pier ductility and girder displacement in the abutment, which are considered to be lognormally distributed.

Figure 4 shows the typical IDA curve and mean for displacement ductility for both near and far fault earthquakes for PGA of 0.1 g to 1.2 g. As Figure 4 shows, the response displacement ductility of the near fault earthquakes is very different from that of far fault earthquakes. The bridge begins in inelastic state at 0.42g for near fault earthquakes and 0.58g for far fault earthquakes. Also, Figure 4 shows that at PGA = 0.2g which is design level, the difference in displacement ductility requirements between near fault and far fault earthquakes are not significant. Figure 4 shows that the difference between the ductility requirements for near fault and the far fault is more noticeable when PGA = 0.6 g.

Figure 5 shows the maximum girder displacement responses and their corresponding median values for different groups of earthquakes. The peak deck displacements for the near fault are roughly three times larger than those for the far fault.



**Figure 4.** IDA curves for Pier Ductility: (a) Near fault; (b) Far-fault Earthquakes



**Figure 3.** IDA curves for girder displacement: (a) Near fault; (b) Far-fault Earthquakes

The responses to near fault earthquakes diverge completely from those far-field earthquakes. Additionally, the pier ductility was significantly higher in

Near-fault earthquakes and exceeds the collapse damage state at 0.6 g while for the far-fault earthquakes, the bridge begins to collapse at 1g as shown in Figure .

The girder displacement responses for various earthquake types are shown in Figure 7. When compared to records from the far fault, the peak girder displacement for the close fault is approximately 2.72 times greater. When compared to the far fault effect, the amplifying response for the close fault ground motion is demonstrated to be 2.72. With a PGA of 0.8 g in the near-fault earthquake the bridge reaches a condition of collapse, as depicted in Figure 7.

A PSDM was employed in this research to construct the fragility curves from the bridge nonlinear time-history analyses. The PSDM creates a correlation between demand measures and intensity measure. The structural responses were distributed using the cloud approach, and a PSDM was created based on the results of the nonlinear time-history analysis. By employing the power-law that creates a logarithmic correlation between the median demand and chosen measure, regression analysis was utilized to obtain the mean and standard deviation for each limit condition. Figure 8 depicts a log-log plot of pier ductility and girder displacement with respect to PGA (96 data points). The structural median demands,  $R^2$  and standard logarithmic deviation for pier and deck are listed in Table 4.

Using the described technique, fragility functions for bridges were built for the different damage measures and PGA as an intensity measure. The probability of reaching the limit states DS-1 (mild), DS-2 (modest), DS-3 (severe), and DS-4 (collapse) is depicted by the fragility curves in Figure 9.

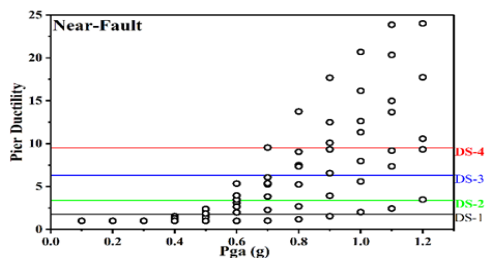


Figure 6. Response distribution for Pier Ductility: a) Near fault; b) Far-fault Earthquakes

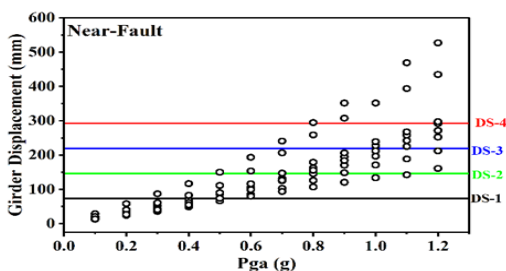


Figure 7. Response distribution for Girder Displacement: (a) Near fault; (b) Far-fault Earthquakes

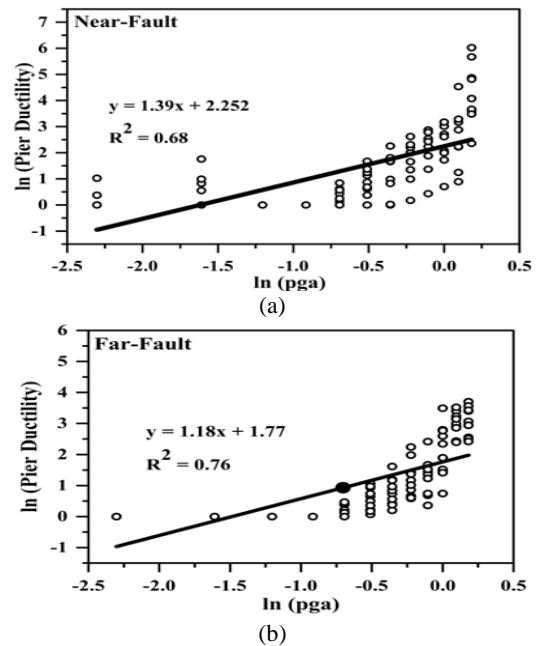


Figure 4. Logarithmic Regression Analysis for Pier Ductility: (a) Near fault; (b) Far-fault Earthquakes

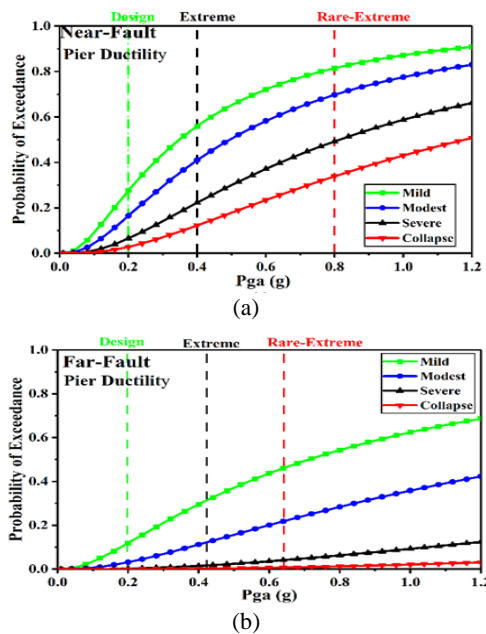
TABLE 4. Proposed Damage Model for damage measures

| Damage Measure      | Earthquake | Damage Model                       | $\beta_D$ | $R^2$ |
|---------------------|------------|------------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Pier Ductility      | Near Fault | $\ln 9.50 + 1.39 \ln(\text{PGA})$  | 1.21      | 0.68  |
| Pier Ductility      | Far Fault  | $\ln 5.87 + 1.18 \ln(\text{PGA})$  | 1.07      | 0.76  |
| Girder Displacement | Near Fault | $\ln 340.3 + 1.38 \ln(\text{PGA})$ | 1.12      | 0.85  |
| Girder Displacement | Far Fault  | $\ln 131.6 + 1.30 \ln(\text{PGA})$ | 1.02      | 0.77  |

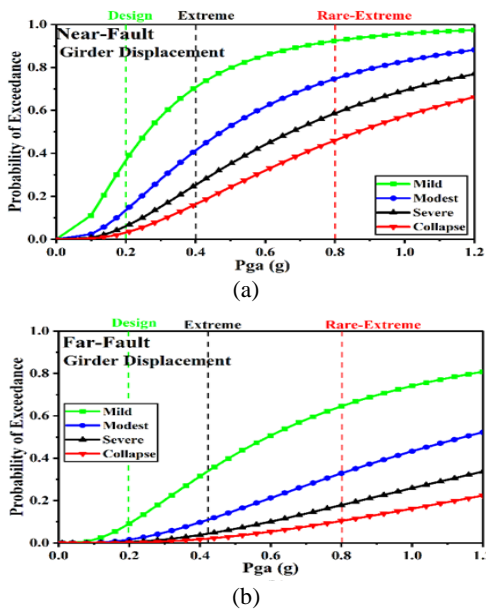
For mild (DS-1) damage scenarios related to various damage indicators, the probability of Exceedance (POE) varies substantially less between ground motions. The difference in the probability of exceedance becomes large as the damage condition advances from DS-3 to DS-4 as shown in Figure 10.

For the near-fault earthquakes, the rotational pier ductility has the POE, with 8% at 0.2g, 23% at 0.4g, and 51 % at 0.8g in severe (DS-3) damage and 5% at 0.2g, 17% at 0.4g, and 31% at 0.8g in collapse (DS-4) damage. The POE for girder displacement was 6% at 0.2g, 27% at 0.4g, and 62 % at 0.8g in severe (DS-3) damage and 3% at 0.2g, 18% at 0.4g, and 44% at 0.8g in collapse (DS-4) damage as depicted in Figure 5.

According to the current study, the POEs for far-fault earthquake for DS-3 were 1 to 5% corresponding to extreme level (PGA of 0.4g), and substantially (within 28%) at extreme-level (PGA of 0.8g), with severe and



**Figure 5.** Fragility curve for Pier Ductility: a) Near fault; b) Far-fault Earthquakes



**Figure 6.** Fragility curve for Girder Displacement: a) Near fault; b) Far-fault Earthquakes

collapse (DS4) damage only being significant at the rare extreme-level (PGA of 0.8g) as shown in Figure 10.

**8. CONCLUSIONS**

To illustrate the differences in the performance of the bridge features, the performance of a tub girder bridge

was examined for the near- and far-fault seismic data. The selected bridge's behavior was indicated by (i) pier ductility and (ii) girder displacement. Furthermore, the nonlinear fluctuation of the friction pendulum bearing and the plastic rotation of the bridge isolated with FPB under various forms of seismic events are explored. The analytical results of this study on a particular steel-tub girder bridge leads to the following conclusions:

- Pier ductility and girder displacement are reduced significantly in far-fault ground motions.
- Seismic isolation using friction pendulum is highly efficient in lowering ductility and girder displacement in far-field earthquakes, but it is less efficient in near-fault earthquakes. At a higher PGA of 0.4g, Inelastic excursions occurs on the isolated bridge.
- The highway bridge fragility curves were designed to account for four damage limit conditions. The fragility curve for the collapse damage limit condition was substantially influenced by the relative displacement of the superstructure. In contrast, the ductility requirements of the piers dominated the fragility curves for the severe and collapse damage limit states.
- Because these fragility curves were more trustworthy, it emerged that the analyses ground motion (PGA) had an accurate correlation with the seismic damage suffered by bridge components. As a result, it was found that the fragility curves produced using PGA were more accurate for evaluating the damage limit condition of the bridges.
- Even for greater PGA levels with severe and collapse damage states, the probability of exceedance for the ground motions remains significant. In the severe damage state, the POE is 24% at 0.4g and 52% at 0.8g and nearly 65% in the collapse damage state.

The information above should make it apparent that the friction pendulum bearing developed for bridges sensitive to far-fault earthquakes should not be employed in the case of near-fault earthquakes. When an earthquake occurs close to a fault, the isolator must withstand much more seismic force; for instance, the pier's ductility begins to deteriorate at a level of 0.7 g PGA. The girder displacements suffered collapse when the level of PGA was 0.8 g earthquake levels. For the peak ground acceleration of 0.6g the bridge suffers mild to moderate damage under near-fault ground motions. Therefore, the friction pendulum isolator is feasible up to 0.6g under near-fault earthquakes higher levels of PGA it is necessary to develop additional type of isolators. To allow for such large pier ductility and girder displacement without causing system instability, the pier ductility must be controlled to a lower value, necessitating a hybrid control method.



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#### Persian Abstract

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#### چکیده

باتافان آونگ اصطکاکي (FPB) به عنوان یک راه حل محبوب برای محافظت از آسیب پل ها تحت رویدادهای لرزه ای ظهور کرده است. این مطالعه تحلیل آسیب احتمالی را برای پل پیوسته تیر وان جدا شده تحت زمین لرزه های گسل نزدیک و دور با استفاده از تحلیل شکنندگی ارائه می دهد. پل پیوسته تیر وان فولادی با جداساز آونگی اصطکاکي به عنوان مکانیزم جداسازی لرزه ای در نظر گرفته می شود. به منظور نشان دادن رفتار هیسترتیک جداسازهای آونگ اصطکاکي، از یک مدل نیرو-تغییر شکل دوخطی استفاده شد. منحنی های شکنندگی برای اندازه گیری های آسیب مختلف از جمله شکل پذیری چرخشی جابجایی پایه و تیر با پیک شتاب زمین (PGA) به عنوان اندازه گیری شدت (IM) ایجاد شده اند. تحلیل های دینامیکی افزایشی (IDA) برای توسعه منحنی های شکنندگی و مدل آسیب احتمالی با در نظر گرفتن چهار حالت آسیب آستانه انجام شد. نتایج نشان می دهد که در مورد سطح PGA پایین، زلزله نزدیک به گسل منجر به احتمال زیاد بیش از حد در مورد پل تیر وان جدا شده می شود. مدل آسیب برای پایه ها و تیرها برای همبستگی سطوح پاسخ اجزا به حالت کلی خرابی پل ایجاد شد. در نهایت، توصیه هایی برای توسعه دهندگان پل در مرحله طراحی جداسازی لرزه ای پل اولیه با استفاده از جداسازهای آونگ اصطکاکي مورد بحث قرار می گیرد.

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