

Moment-Axial Tension Parallel Hinge Model for Progressive Collapse Analysis of Welded Steel Moment Frames

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Summary

In this study, a parallel hinge model is proposed for a simplified but efficient nonlinear static or dynamic progressive collapse analysis of welded steel moment frames. To this end, the load-resisting mechanism of the column-removed double-span beams in welded steel moment frames was first investigated by using material and geometric nonlinear parametric finite element analysis. The beam span-to-depth ratio was shown to be the most influential factor governing the catenary action of the double-span beams. Piece-wise linear moment-rotation and tension-elongation relationships were then developed for a moment-axial tension parallel hinge model that can simulate complex moment-axial tension interaction during the column-missing event. The proposed model was verified using high-fidelity inelastic dynamic finite element analysis of three and nine story steel moment frames.

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