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Design Guidelines for Isolated and Damped Bridges in Canada

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1. Introduction

- Bridge Design Code:
 - CSA-S6;
 - 1994 AASHTO LRFD Highway Bridge Specification
- Design Performance Events:
 - 10%-50 years (475 years);
 - 2%-50 years (2500 years)
- Time-Histories for Eastern Canada:
 - Lack of Historical Records;
 - Artificial Records (e.g. Atkinson 2009);
 - Hybrid Records (e.g. McGuire 2001)

2. Problem Formulation and Project Goals

PROBLEM FORMULATION

- High risk of earthquake impact persists in Eastern Canada;
- Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code CSA-S6-06 is based on seismic ground motions adapted for western regions of Canada ;
- Assessment and Retrofit Update for existing bridges .



GOALS

- Updating Clause 4.10 of CSA-S6 Standard on isolated bridges;
- Development of an analytical tool for assessing isolated bridge behaviour under seismic demand.









4. Damping Reduction Coefficient, B

Different Code Provisions

β	AASHTO (1994)	AASHTO (2009)	EUROCODE 8	FEMA 273 (1997) FEMA 356 (2000)	FEMA 273 (1997) FEMA 356 (2000)
(%)	В	В	1/μ	B _s	B ₁
2	0.8	0.76	0.84	0.8	0.8
5	1.0	1.00	1.00	1.0	1.0
10	1.2	1.23	1.22	1.3	1.2
20	1.5	1.52	1.58	1.8	1.5
30	1.7	1.71	1.87	2.3	1.7
40	1.9	1.87	2.12	2.7	1.9
50	2.0	2.00	2.35	3.0	2.0

β	UBC (1994)	ATC-40 (1996)	ATC-40 (1996)	Newmark & Hall (1982)			
(%)	В	B _s	B ₁	A Region	V Region	D Region	
2				0.77	0.81	0.85	
5	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
10	1.19	1.30	1.22	1.29	1.20	1.16	
20	1.56	1.82	1.54	1.81	1.53	1.38	
30	1.89	2.38	1.82				
40		3.03	2.08				
50							
T=0.50s T=3.33s 8							

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Table 4.8Damping coefficient, B(See Clauses 4.10.6.2.1 and 4.10.11.2.)

Equivalent viscous damping, β (% of critical)	Damping coefficient, B
≤2	0.8
5	1
10	1.2
20	1.5
30	1.7
40	1.9
50	2

Note: The percentage of critical damping shall be verified by a test of the isolation system's characteristics as specified in Clause 4.10.11.3.3. The damping coefficient shall be based on linear interpolation for damping levels other than those specified in this Table. For isolation systems where the effective damping exceeds 30% of critical, a three-dimensional non-linear time-history analysis shall be performed using the hysteresis curves of the system, unless B is limited to 1.7.





5. Equivalent System

Bridge Response under 4 earthquake records

	Hybrid	Artificial	Hybrid	Artificial
Analysis Type	H-BRA315	E6C1-9	CCN090	E7C1-32
and Parameters	M 6.5	M 6.0	M 6.7	M 7.0
	R 8.5km	R 12.8 km	R 25.7 km	R 25.8 km
Nonlinear (α=kd/ku=0.01)				
Elastic Period, Te (s)	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34
Added Damping, ξ (%)	0	0	0	0
Effective Damping, β (%)	26.6	26.8	30	24.3
Effective Period, Teff (s)	2. <u>6</u>	2.6	2.5	2.7
Displacement Response (mm)	39	39	32	46
Linear Equivalent				
Equivalent Damping, ξ (%)	26.6	26.8	30	24.3
Equivalent Period, Teq (s)	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.7
Displacement (mm)	39	28	35	40



































Conclusions

- 1. Proposed Analytical Tool makes it possible to predict the response of Isolated Bridge under seismic demand
- 2. Existing in the Code S6 high damping coefficients, B, do not provide reliable response transformation for nonlinear systems and must be re-evaluated for Eastern Canadian regions.
- 3. Simplified model of a bilinear isolation system presented in the current Code S6 does not cover a variety of existing devices and must be complemented.
- 4. Existing in the Code S6 provision for required Isolator Restoring Force does not reflect combined effect of existing isolation and damping devices and must be re-examined for the new code edition.