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# Nonlinear Analysis of Edge Joint on T-Shaped Concrete-Filled Steel Tubular Column-H-Shaped Steel Beam Seismic Performance based on ABAQUS

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#### 8 Abstract

To comprehensively analyze the seismic performance and failure modes of edge joint, which is 9 composed of T-shaped concrete-filled steel tubular column and H-shaped steel beam, the joint 10 was imposed through low frequency cycling loading. Model of edge joint was established by 11 the nonlinear finite element software ABAQUS. The effect of different parameters, such as 12 axial compression ratio and side plate extension length, on the seismic performance were 13 simulated. The results indicates that the buckling of the steel beam occurs at the lateral 14 extension of the side plate due to the strengthening of the side plate; the axial compression 15 ratio has no obvious effect on the ultimate load; the increase of the side plate length can 16 effectively improve the ultimate load. 17

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19 Index terms— t-shaped concrete-filled steel tubular column; H-shaped steel beam; Seismic performance of 20 joint; finite element analysis.

#### <sup>21</sup> 1 Introduction

he frame structure of concrete-filled steel tubular special-shaped columns and steel beams has attracted increasing 22 applications in high-rise buildings and long span bridges. It not only has high bearing capacity of concrete-23 filled steel tube (CFST), good deformation capacity and overcomes the disadvantage of special shaped reinforced 24 concrete structure, but also steel tube can be served as form work to pure core concrete, and saves the constructing 25 cost of using formwork, and accelerates the constructing speed [1]. The frame structure composed of concrete-26 filled steel tubular columns and steel beam has become a kind of seismic structure with many applications. At 27 present, the joints mainly adopt outerdiaphragm, internal-diaphragm, bearing pin and so on rigid connection or 28 hinge connection form [2]. According to the distribution position of the frame column, the composite joints can 29 be divided into the T edge joint, the angular joint and the middle joint. The edge joint is connected by the edge 30 column of frame structure and the beam. The thickness of flange on T shape column is equal to the thickness of 31 wall. No matter CFST or Reinforced Concrete (RC) is the same, the seismicper formance is different. However, 32 the joint is the key part of the composite structure design, its rationality is directly related to the safety of the 33 structure and the economy of the project. Many different joint sizes, joint categories and connection types have 34 been used in various engineering for different requirements. Thus, in order to obtain the seismic behaviors of the 35 composite joint, it is necessary to study the influence, with the change of axial compression ratio and side plate 36 extension length. 37

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In recent years, many scholars have studied the seismic behaviors of different kinds of composite joints on various
 structure by analytical, experimental and finite element (FE) simulation methods. While, most of them focus

on other types of steel tubular special-shaped column-steel beam frame joints. The seismic behavior of joint on
 T-shaped CFST and H-shaped steel beam is less studied. The domestic scholars have put forward a variety of

43 joint forms on CFST columns and carried out experimental research and theoretical analysis [3][4][5][6][7][8][9].
44 Zhou Peng et al. [1] studied the failure characteristics and seismic performance of rectangular steel tubular
45 special-shaped column-steel beam frame joints. Foreign scholars such as Ataei et al. [10] In this paper, the
46 joint form of T shaped CFST columns-H steel beam is proposed. The failure mode and seismic performance
47 of T-shaped CFST column-Hshaped steel beam joint is studied, based on the nonlinear finite element software
48 ABAQUS.

#### 49 3 II. Establishment of Finite element Model

T-shaped CFST column-H-shaped steel beam edge joint is welded by T-shaped CFST column and Hshaped steel beam, and is reinforced by side panels. Fig. 1 shows the specimen size and large sample. The Tshaped CFST column section size, wall thickness of steel tube, column height and steel beam size are 300mm×100mm×200mm×100mm, 5mm, 1800mm, and 250mm×100mm×4mm×4mm, respectively. The properties of steel material are presented in Table 1. The mechanical properties of concrete are shown in Table ??.

55 The finite element model number and parameters settings are summarized in Table 3.

#### <sup>56</sup> 4 Table 2:

The three-dimensional solid element (C3D8R) with eight-node reduced integral scheme is used to build the 57 above-mentioned joint model, applying nonlinear finite element software ABAQUS. The model mainly includes 58 T-shaped CFST columns, H-shaped steel beams and side plates. The properties of the finite element model are 59 60 divided into two categories. First, the establishment of concrete properties, including elasticity and concrete 61 damage plasticity, applied to the core concrete. Second, the establishment of steel properties, including elasticity and plasticity, applied to T-shaped steel tube, Hshaped steel beams and side panels. The interaction between 62 the T-shaped steel tube, the Hshaped steel beam and the side plate is the "Tie" provided in ABAQUS. The 63 interaction between the Tshaped steel tube and the core concrete, between the side plate and the core concrete, 64 selects the "Surface-to surface contact" provided in ABAQUS, where the "Surface-to-surface contact" interaction 65 between the Tshaped steel tube and the core concrete includes "Normal Behavior" and "Tangential Behavior", 66 and the "Surface-to-surface contact" interaction between the side plate and the core concrete only includes 67 "Normal Behavior". 68 The settings of the finite element models are depended on two loading steps. In the first step, the side plate 69

of the column top is coupled to the reference point XRP-2 and an axial concentrating force is applied at the reference point XRP-2. The axial pressure is designed to be 1882.78kN, and the vertical load of the column is loaded at the axial compression ratio of 0.2, 0.4 and 0.6, respectively. Afterwards, the beam end section is coupled with the reference point XRP-3, and apply a vertical periodic displacement on the reference point XRP-3. In the finite element model, all degrees of freedom in the bottom hinge are restrained. The displacement of the node in the horizontal direction is restricted at the loading end of the column, and the displacement of the node X direction is restricted at loading end of the beam, shown as Fig. **??**.

#### 77 5 III. Finite Element Calculating Results

a) Stress nephogram analysis Fig. ?? shows the Mises stress distribution of four locations, including the T-shaped 78 steel tube, the core concrete, the H-shaped steel beam and the side plate. From the figure, the stress of the steel 79 tube is relatively larger on the upper and lower sides of the middle plate of the steel tube, and the stress of the 80 nodal domain becomes smaller, and buckling of the T-shaped column occurs on the upside of side plate and the 81 82 underside of the side plate. This is because the side plane assumes a lot of stress, to achieve a very good control. 83 In the corner of the core concrete, the stress is relatively larger, because the constraint of the square steel tube is weak in the corner of the core concrete; the stress at the upper and lower flanges of the steel beam joint domain 84 is larger. Since the reinforcing plate constraints, buckling of steel beams occurs in the side plate portion epitaxial 85 portion; the stress of the side plate is large, it plays a very good restraint to the core area of the steel tube, thus 86 reducing the stress of the steel tube in the core area. 87

The meshing size has a great influence on the accuracy and computational efficiency of the finite element 88 analysis software ABAQUS. If the size of the finite element model grid is too large, the calculating result of the 89 finite element model may be deviate and even erroneous. If grid is too small, it will take long time to calculate 90 the result. In order to ensure the accuracy of calculation and save the computational resources, the mesh size of 91 the nodal domain is smaller than that of other parts in the process of finite element meshing. The grid diagram 92 93 is shown as Fig. ??. ??, the hysteresis curves of the different axial compression ratios are universally similar. 94 Before the yield, the curve reflecting the relationship between displacement and load is linear. The specimen is 95 in the elastic stage. With the increase of the displacement load, the steel beam gradually column is much larger than the stiffness of the beam, and the low frequency cycling loading is applied to the end of beam. The increase 96 of the axial load ratio has no obvious effect on the ultimate load. The increase of the lateral extension of the 97 side plate can effectively improve the ultimate load. The hysteresis curves of per models do not shrink, which 98 are full of spindle, and showing good seismic performance of the composite joint. The deformation process of 99 structural members under the action of low frequency cycling loading is also the process of absorbing energy. 100 The energy dissipation capacity of structural members determines the seismic capacity of the structure. The 101

energy dissipation capacity of the join model is mainly evaluated by the equivalent viscous damping coefficient ??19].Usually, the average of the reinforced concrete joint is 0.1, and the common steel concrete joint is about 0.3 ??20]. Table 4 shows the equivalent viscous damping coefficient corresponding to the hysteresis curve of each finite element model. As shown in the table 4, the equivalent viscous damping coefficient corresponding to each hysteresis curve is close to 0.2, it is larger than the equivalent viscous damping coefficient of the reinforced concrete beam which is 0.1. It indicates that the T shaped CFST column-H-shaped steel beam has good energy dissipation capacity and seismic capacity.

#### 109 6 Conclusion

In this paper, the seismic performance of the joint is evaluated, based on the establishment of rationalized Tshaped CFST column-H-shaped steel beam edge joint finite element model. The conclusions are summarized as follows:

113 1. The buckling of the T column occurs on the upper and lower sides of the side plate, and the buckling of 114 the steel beam occurs at the side plate extension, due to the restraint of the side plate. 2. The increase of the 115 axial load ratio has no obvious effect on the ultimate load, and the increase of the length of the side plate can 116 effectively improve the ultimate load of the beam end, as the stiffness of the column is much larger than the 117 stiffness of the beam, and the low cyclic loading is applied to the beam end. 3. The equivalent viscous damping 118 coefficient corresponding to each hysteresis curve is close to 0.2, which indicates that the T-shaped concretefilled 119 steel tubular column-H-shaped steel beam node has good energy dissipation capacity.

120 This paper studies the failure mode and seismic performance of T-shaped concrete-filled steel tubular columns-

121 H-shaped steel beam node, application the finite element numerical simulation. In the future research, it is also

122 necessary to combine finite element simulation with experimental research, and make a more thorough analysis of the node.  $1^{2}$ 



Figure 1: Fig. 1:

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Figure 3:



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Hwang et al. [11] studied the seismic behavior of the joint of U-shaped steel-concrete composite beams and RC columns. XU et al. [12] analyzed the seismic behavior of cross section joints of CFST columns and steel girders under different axial compression ratios. Fukumoto et al.[13] studied the joint specimens of highstrength steel tubular columns and steel beam, and the types of the joints include inner partition joint of square steel tubular columns-steel beam and outer partition joint of concrete circular steel tube-steel beam. Kubota et al.[14] proposed a separate type of outer diaphragm joint with square Steel tubular column and H-shaped steel beam, which is less welding work and easier to

#### Figure 7: Table 1 : Material properties of steel

Steel model	Elastic modul	us	Yield strength	Ultimate
Q235 Concrete strength grade	2.06×10 5 Mp Elastic modul	a 2 us Axial compi	235Mpa ressive strength standard value	370Mpa Axial compressive strength design
C40	3.25×104Mpa	c 2	26.8Mpa	19.1Mpa
Model	Axial	Side plate extension	n Concrete strength	Steel
number compression ra	tio	length(mm)	grade	model
A	0.2	258	$\mathbf{\tilde{C}40}$	Q235
В	0.4	258	C40	Q235
С	0.6	258	C40	Q235
D	0.6	308	C40	235
Е	0.6	356	C40	Q235

Figure 8: Table 3 :

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Figure 9: Table 4 :

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