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Foreword

□ Steel Moment-Frame Construction



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□ Steel Moment-Frame Construction



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- Architectural versatility
- High ductility
- Low lateral stifness



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- □ when a earthquake occurs these structural systems will behave:
 - Elastically
 - With <u>plastic</u> deformation









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In steel buildings built before 1960s, the **connections between the beams and columns were either bolted or riveted**.

While these older buildings also may be vulnerable to earthquake damage, they did not experience the type of connection fractures discovered following the Northridge earthquake.



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Northridge earthquake Kobe earthquake. 1994, 1995 The steel moment-frame buildings damaged in the 1994

Northridge earthquake are welded steel moment-frames, where the beams and columns are connected with welded joints.

In 1995, the Kobe earthquake resulted in damage to several hundred steel buildings, and the collapse of 50 older steel buildings. Japanese researchers have confirmed **problems similar to those experienced in the Northridge earthquake**





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A Policy Guide to Steel Moment-frame Construction Structural Engineers Association of California (SEAOC) FEMA 354/November 2000. 2000

After the Northridge earthquake, US FEMA and SAC joint venture developed a six-years research project to **prequalify a set of selected joint types** to be used in moment resisting frames. The results were directed to feed into a specific standard (ANSI/AISC 358-05)

Seismic prequalification activity was also successfully accomplished in Japan.



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Both non-dissipative and dissipative joints are allowed by EN1998-1:2004.

Specific requirements and design rules for seismic applications are missing.

The Code prescribes design assisted by tests for dissipative joints, incompatible with real-life projects.





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https://publications.europa.eu/s/j7q0

- Design recommendation per type of qualified joint have been developed.
- Design guidelines including step-by-step design procedure per joint type.
- The limits of application of the current EC3 requirements for dissipative and nondissipative joints have been examined
- Technical criteria have been developed to clearly highlight which beam-to-column joints for seismic application should be used.







Experimental validation for partial and full-strength connections may be omitted if prequalified connections are used





OUTLOOK



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OUTLOOK

- 1. The role of the joints in analysis of Steel Moment-Frames (SMF)
- **2.** Cyclic behaviour of steel joints assessment strategies
- 3. The Cyclic Component Model (CCM) Computational implementation
- 4. Research projects seismic pre-qualification of steel connections
- 5. Final Remarks



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The role of the joints in Steel Moment-Frames (SMF)



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□ Why are joints important?



 Joints represent 50% of the cost of a steel structure.

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- Needed to allow for pre-fabrication.
- Adjacent or included in critical regions for seismic performance.





□ According to Eurocode 8 (EN 1998-1:2004):

6.5.2 (Design criteria for dissipative structures)

Dissipative zones may be located in the structural members or in the (3)connections.

6.6.4(3c) (Beam to column connections)

c) the effect of connection deformation on global drift is taken into account using nonlinear static (pushover) global analysis or non-linear time history analysis.





□ What are joints in SMF? - Definitions







Bolted extended endplate Joints unstiffened stiffened

Bolted haunched joints Welded dog-bone joints



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The role of the joints in SMF

□ What are joints in SMF? - Definitions



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regions adopted for performance design objectives





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Column web panel

- Full strength column web panel is designed to be stronger than other macrocomponents (beam or connection).

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- Equal strength column web panel is designed to have a strength close to the one of the beam/connection/both.

- Partial strength column web panel is designed to develop plastic deformations exclusively with itself.



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Connection

- Full strength connection is designed to be stronger than other macro-components (beam or CWP)

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- Equal strength connection is designed to have a strength close to the one of the beam or CWP or both.
- Partial strength connection is designed to develop plastic deformations within its components





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Column web panel



ES-B-E (Extended-Stiffened end-plate joint with a Balanced panel zone and Equal strength connections)

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ES-S-F (Extended-**S**tiffened end-plate joint with a **S**trong panel zone and **F**ull strength connections)



Research question:

- what is the impact of semi-rigid joint on the analysis and design of SMF?
 According to Eurocode 8 (EN 1998-1:2004):
- 6.6.4(3c) (Beam to column connections)

c) the effect of connection deformation on global drift is taken into account using nonlinear static (pushover) global analysis or non-linear time history analysis.

□ Numerical assessment made on a large number of study cases

- Different joint modelling strategies
- Variation of number of stories, beam span, steel grade, ductility classes
- Non-linear static and dynamic analyses



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The role of the joints in SMF

□ Seismic Analysis & Design w/out Joint Behaviour

Case Study Buildings:

- 3, 6 and 9 storey office building, 3.50m storey height 6m span, seismic resistance of the building provided by the perimeter frames.
- **Connections:** Extended Stiffened (ES) endplate •
 - with Balanced panel zone and Equal strength (**BE**)
 - with Strong panel zone and Equal strength (SE)
 - with Strong panel zone and Full strength (SF)

Seismic performance of dual concentrically braced steel frames accounting for joint behavior (RPEE, novembro 2019)

Seismic Design and Performance Assessment of Steel Frames Considering Joints' Behaviour (EUROSTEEL2020)

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- □ Moment-rotation Behaviour
- A mathematical model of the moment-rotation curve is required
- *Different degrees of accuracy* via; linear, bilinear, multilinear and nonlinear representations.



The role of the joints in SMF

- □ Structural Modelling of Steel Frames
- <u>Centerline models</u> are commonly practiced. [*Linear/Non-linear*]
- Models with Column Panel Zone
 - Scissors model: a simplified centreline model where the panel zone is modelled with a scissors type arrangement. Can be linear or nonlinear depending on the spring property.
 - Krawinkler model: introduces the full dimension of the panel zone in the modelling.



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The role of the joints in SMF

□ Modelling Strategies

SIMPLIFIED MODELS DISREGARDING THE JOINT DIMENSIONS

- The structural elements are modelled from **centreline-to-centreline** of each intersecting element. These models disregard the size of the panel zone.
- the connection modelled by a bilinear moment rotation spring.

REFINED MODEL 1: CONSIDERING THE JOINT DIMENSIONS

- The panel zones of extended stiffened joints with strong web panels (ES-S-E and ES-S-F) are modelled using rigid elements. Stiffening ribs are also modelled with rigid elements.
- The connections are modelled by a bilinear moment rotation spring.



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□ Modelling Strategies

REFINED MODEL 2: CONSIDERING THE JOINT DIMENSIONS

- For joints with balanced web panel zone (BE), the Krawinkler-Gupta model is applied which accounts for the web panel dimensions and properties.
- The stretches of the beams that are stiffened by the stiffening ribs are also modelled with rigid elements.
- The connections are modelled by a bilinear moment rotation spring. Tri-linear behaviour of the web panel modelled by two bi-linear springs acting in parallel.





□ Non-Linear Static Analysis (Pushover)

 Two loading forms were used: Uniform pattern and Modal pattern

 ϕ_i F_i

- ϕ_i F_i m_i
- Leaning columns were used to capture the $P-\Delta$ effect
- Parameters in the pushover capacity curves
 - The ratio V_u/V_1 is a measure of redundancy.
 - the μ factor given by δ_{max}/δ_1 reflects on ductility.







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□ Non-Linear Incremental Dynamic Analysis (IDA)

- **10 accelerograms** (real ground motion records)
- The accelerograms match the linear elastic response spectrum of EN 1998-1 for soil type B and PGA of 0.35g.
- <u>Performance levels</u>: 0.59 for Damage limitation (DL), 1.0 for Severe Damage (SD) and 1.73 for Near Collapse (NC).

	Recorded accelerogram	Accelerogram multipliers		
R1	Accumuli bevagna N-S	55.43		
R2	ACHAIA Transversal	12.75		
R3	AMATRICE E-W	9.81		
R4	Brienza N-S	39.24		
R 5	Castelluccio Norcia N-S	15.21		
R6	Castelsantangelosulnera E-W	5.89		
R 7	GEMONA L-T	11.97		
R8	STURNO L-T	12.26		
R9	TOLMEZZO Transversal	15.70		
R10	Mirandola N-S	15.70		



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Comparatively higher interstorey drifts (12% average increase) with B-E type joints compared to the other two (strong web panels)





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Behaviour factors



Behaviour factors computed with **Refined Models are lower**

The behaviour factors assumed in the design of the frames are much higher than the actual behaviour factors estimated from the analyses.

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	q_{Ω}		q_{μ}		q	
	Simple	Refined	Simple	Refined	Simple	Refined
Minimum	1.21	1.03	1.85	1.58	2.45	1.67
Maximum	1.52	1.55	3.44	3.08	4.74	3.96
Average	1.35	1.24	2.50	2.24	3.37	2.78
Median	1.36	1.21	2.40	2.26	3.29	2.81
Stan. Dev.	0.07	0.10	0.48	0.41	0.68	0.59



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The simplified modelling technique could be considered sufficient for cases with strong web panel.

 The refined modelling techniques are recommended for frames with balanced web panel zone.



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Cyclic behaviour of steel joints





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Cyclic behaviour of steel joints

- Behaviour Assessment Strategies
- Experimental Tests
 - The most accurate procedure
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EN 1998-1 (2004)

6.5.5 (Design rules for connections in dissipative zones)

(6) The adequacy of design should be supported by **experimental evidence** whereby strength and ductility of members and their connections under cyclic loading should be supported by experimental evidence (...). This applies to partial and full strength connections in or adjacent to dissipative zones.

(7) Experimental evidence may be based on existing data. Otherwise, tests should be performed.



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However:

- Limited number of available publications reporting cyclic tests for European standards
- Difficulty of generalization of results
 - Diversity of testing procedures (e.g. cyclic loading protocol) >> RFCS project 'EQUALJOINTS'
 - Lack of data bases with detailed information >> RFCS project 'HSS-serf'
 - ...



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Cyclic behaviour of steel joints

- Behaviour Assessment Strategies
- Experimental Tests
- Finite Element models
 - The most accurate and versatile of the analytical procedures
 - Requires model calibration
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 - Serve as benchmark for simplified design methodologies: Component Model



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Cyclic behaviour of steel joints

Development and Validation of the FEM with benchmarks (experimental tests)

- static and cyclic behaviour of joints



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Maquoi (1990)



Cyclic behaviour of steel joints

Models may be generated automatically by Python scripts and compiled by ABAQUS





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Cyclic behaviour of steel joints

Behaviour Assessment Strategies

- Experimental Tests
- Finite Element models
- Mechanical Models (Components Model)
 - Accurate for the application field
 - Requires calibration of the components behaviour (EXP or FE)
 - Can be incorporated in design codes (standard in EN1993 for monotonic static loading)



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FE Model development and validation: interpretation of FE results at component level



Table B.2

Equations for the extraction of the F– Δ curves from the numerical results.

Component	Resistance (F)		Deformation (Δ)	
Column web panel in shear	$V_{\pi} = \begin{pmatrix} (2t_{\beta}/3-r)_{\text{heis}} \\ \int \\ \tau 23dz \end{pmatrix} \cdot t_1 + \begin{pmatrix} h_{\text{pc}} \\ \tilde{f} \\ \tau 23dz \end{pmatrix} \cdot t_{\text{wc}} + \begin{pmatrix} (2t_{\beta}/3+r)_{\text{post}} \\ f \\ \tau 23dz \end{pmatrix} \cdot t_1$	(B.16)	$\gamma = \arctan(\frac{DT1 - DT2}{h_b}) + \arctan(\frac{DT3 - DT4}{h_c})$	(B.17)
Column web panel in shear with stiffeners	$M_{fc} = \int_{0}^{f_{fc}} z(\sigma_{22} dA)$	(B.18)		
	$V_{c} = \frac{M_{R(P6)} + M_{R(P5)} + M_{R(P5)} + M_{R(P7)}}{d_{b}}$	(B.19)		
	$V = V_n + V_c$	(B.20)		
Column web In transverse compression	$F_c = \left(\int^{h_c} \sigma_{33} dy \right) \cdot t_{wc}$	(B.21)	$\Delta_{c} = (\Delta P1 - \Delta P2)_{compressed_beam_flange}$	(B.22)
Column web in transverse tension	$F_{t,i} = \begin{pmatrix} h_{t,i} \\ \int \sigma_{33} dy \end{pmatrix} \cdot t_{wc}$	(B.23)	$\Delta_{t,i} = (\Delta_{P1} - \Delta_{P2})_{row_i}$	(B.24)
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Characterisation of steel joints behaviour

- Components cyclic behaviour
 - Practical procedures were proposed to extract the force-displacement relationships from the individual components of the joint.
 - The procedures are based on the integration of the stress and displacement fields in the FE model
 - Results revealed good accuracy when compared to the Eurocode 3 procedure (static monotonic) and with experiments (cyclic).



CHARACTERIZATION OF THE BEHAVIOUR OF PARTIAL-STRENGTH JOINTS UNDER CYCLIC AND SEISMIC LOADING CONDITIONS PhD UC (2017)



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Cyclic behaviour of steel joints

Basic components identification and idealized mechanical model of the joint



Туре	Ref.	Component description	Ductility
Tension	3	Column web in transverse tension	Limited
	4	Column flange in bending	High
	5	End-plate in bending	High
	8	Beam web in tension	High
	10	Bolts in tension	Brittle
	19	Welds in tension	Brittle
Horizontal shear	1	Column web panel in shear	High
Compres.	2	Column web in transverse compression	Limited
	7	Beam flange and web in compression	Limited



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DExperimental Characterization of the Joints Components



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The Cyclic Component Model (CCM) – Computational implementation



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Cyclic Component Method (CCM)

- Provides an adequate basis for the design of joints by allowing a simple assessment of the influence of key geometrical properties of the joint on their cyclic response
- Basis for the development of the CCM are defined
 - procedures for the extraction of the cyclic behaviour of components from experimental tests and/or refined FEM models
 - analytical models for the cyclic behaviour of components (e.g. the Modified Richard-Abbot model) and the calibrations of their parameters
 - stable numerical procedures for the cyclic analysis of the joint mechanical model

Component-based method for quasi-static cyclic behaviour of steel joints Journal of Constructional Steel Research 181 (2021)



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Prediction of the behaviour of beam-to-column joints

- > Monotonic loading \Rightarrow Component method (EC3-1-8)
- Cyclic loading => The usual approach is to develop multi-parameter mathematical expressions which need to be experimentally calibrated
- EQUALJOINTS project => Development of a cyclic component method

SCOPE

Cyclic component method

- Extension of the component method for simulating joints subjected to cyclic loading
- Develop a numerical tool to compute the global behaviour of beam-to-column joints through the characterization of its components





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□ Typification of Cyclic joint (component) behaviour stable and unstable with pinching Μ М Hysteresis loop types stiffness degradation strength degradation pinching effect M М Μ IiMa iKd iMd UNIVERSIDADE Đ 1 2 **COIMBRA** Institute for Sustainability and Innovation in Structural Engineering

Multi-parameter mathematical models

- Cyclic moment-rotation response
 - Richard-Abbott: (Richard e Abbot, 1975)
 - Modified Richard-Abbott: (Della Corte et al., 2000) and (Nogueiro, 2007)

$$M = M_{\text{start}} - \frac{\left(K_{0,\text{red}} - K_{\text{p}}\right)(\phi_{\text{start}} - \phi)}{\left(1 + \left|\frac{\left(K_{0,\text{red}} - K_{\text{p}}\right)(\phi_{\text{start}} - \phi)}{|M_{\text{start}}| + M_{0,\text{red}}}\right|^{n}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} - K_{\text{p}} \cdot (\phi_{\text{start}} - \phi)$$

Strength and stiffness degradation

$$M_{0,\text{red}} = M_0 \cdot \left(1 - i_{\text{M}} \cdot \frac{E_{\text{h}}}{M_y \cdot \phi_{\text{u},0}}\right) \qquad K_{0,\text{red}} = K_0 \cdot \left(1 - i_{\text{K}} \cdot \frac{E_{\text{h}}}{K_0 \cdot \phi_{\text{u},0}}\right)$$

Generic loading and unloading branches





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Multi-parameter mathematical models

Modified Richard-Abbot parameters

 K_a (and K_d) is the initial stiffness M_a (and M_d) is the moment resistance K_{pa} (and K_{pd}) is the post limit stiffness n_a (and n_d) is the shape parameter K_{ap} (and K_{dp}) is the initial stiffness M_{ap} (and K_{dp}) is the strength K_{pap} (and K_{pdp}) is the strength K_{pap} (and K_{pdp}) is the post limit stiffness n_{ap} (and n_{dp}) is the shape parameter t_{1a} and t_{2a} (and t_{1d} and t_{2d}) are the two parameters related to the pinching C_a (and C_d) is the calibration parameter related to the pinching, normally equal to 1 i_{Ka} (and i_{Kd}) is the calibration coefficient related to the stiffness damage rate i_{Ma} (and i_{Md}) is the calibration coefficient that defines the level of isotropic hardening E_{maxa} (and E_{maxd}) is the maximum value of deformation



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a – ascending d – descending





□ Mechanical characterization of the cyclic behaviour of the components



CurveFitting

1500

1000

500

-500

-1000

-1500

-2000

-10

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irce [kN]

- Computes the **best fit for the** • parameters for each branch of the force-deformation curve extracted from tests or Finite Element models (ABAQUS)
- Gives RA parameters



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CompModel Calculator

- Computes the quasi-static and cyclic nonlinear behaviour of beam-to-column joints
- · The user is free to define components and their behaviour based on the joint's typology
- There are available various possibilities for the force-deformation laws of the dissipative components
- May be used to predict the behaviour of beam-to-column joints with arbitrary dimensions falling within the limits of application of EC3-1-8



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Double extended end-plate joint

Joint E3-TB-E_ts0 – EQUALJOINTS project



- □ 1st step identification and classification of components
- **2**nd step computation of the strength F and the stiffness K_0 of each component according to EC3
- **3**rd **step** characterization of joint components using FEM models

Dissipative components

- (1) CWS column web panel in shear
- (2) CWC column web in transverse compression
- (3) CWT column web in transverse tension
- (4) CFB column flange in bending
- (5) EPB end-plate in bending

Non-dissipative components

- (7) BFC beam flange in compression
- (8) BWT beam web in tension
- (10) BT bolts in tension





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- □ 4th step computation of the RA model parameters using CurveFitting
- **5**th **step** computation of the cyclic behaviour of the joint using CompModel Calculator
 - Assign a mechanical behavior to each component



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5th **step** – computation of the cyclic behaviour of the joint using CompModel Calculator

• Global results

Joint: $M-\phi$ curve



Column Web panel: F-d curve



Connection: $M-\phi$ curve





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Research projects – seismic pre-qualification of steel connections



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NORTH AMERICAN PRE-QUALIFICATION

- □ European materials, section shapes, and welding processes used in beam-to-column joints differ from the US and Japan (maximum column depth W14 ≈ HE 340);
- □ The type of **European seismic input**, which obviously affects the ductility demand, **differs** from the Pacific earthquakes;
- □ Only 1 pre-qualified SEMI-RIGID, FULL STRENGTH bolted joint;
- □ No pre-qualified PARTIAL STRENGTH joints.

EUROPEAN PRE-QUALIFICATION

EQUALJOINTS RFCS Project (European pre-qualified steel joints) + EQUALJOINTSplus RFCS Project



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- Development of a prequalification procedure for typical joints used in the EU practice, on the basis of experimental, numerical and analytical investigations;
- Development of analytical and numerical models predicting the behaviour of beam-to-column joints under cyclic loading.
- Define technological requirements for fabrication of the codified joints and to evaluate the economical benefits related to the costs and construction time of different solutions.



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- Valorisation, dissemination and extension of the developed prequalification criteria for practical applications to a wide audience, within the previous RFCS project EQUALJOINTS (RFSR-CT-2013-00021);
- Development of pre-normative design recommendations of seismically qualified joints on the basis of results from EQUALJOINTS project.
- Development of design guidelines and software in order to design steel structures accounting for the type of joints and their relevant nonlinear response.



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Research projects – seismic pre-qualification of steel connections EQUALJOINTS APP

- iOS (AppStore)
- Android (Google Play)

(search for EqualJoints)







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Pre-qualification of steel connections - Research projects







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Final Remarks

Contributions to normative seismic prequalification of connection commonly used in Europe

□ Eurocode prEN1998-1-2 (202X)

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- 11.8.6. Design rules for connections in dissipative zones
 - (7)The resistance and ductility of members and their connections under cyclic loading should be demonstrated by tests.
- NOTE CEN doc. XXE gives a loading protocol and acceptance criteria for such tests.
 - (8) Past test results from the literature and refined numerical simulations may be used to demonstrate the effectiveness of the designed partial and full-strength connections in or adjacent to dissipative zones of DC2 and DC3 structures.
 - (9) Experimental validation for partial and full-strength connections may be omitted if prequalified connections are used.
 - Annex E gives complementary rules on seismic prequalification of beam-to-column joints and design rules for gusset connections of braced structures.
- ANNEX E (normative) SEISMIC DESIGN OF CONNECTIONS FOR STEEL BUILDINGS



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□ Future developments include:

- Further development and validation of Cyclic Component Model and computational tool
- Extension of the CCM to other type of steel connections
- Experimental testing and extension of the method to composite connections



Extended Stiffened End-Plate:







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