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Abstract (Arial, Regular, 10,5pt, Interlinea: 1.0) The paper focuses on the effects of soil-structure interaction in the seismic response of multi-span viaducts on pile foundations. Analyses are performed by means of the substructure approach: the soil-foundation systems are studied in the frequency domain to obtain the foundation input motion and the dynamic impedance functions; inertial interaction analyses are carried out in the time domain accounting for the material nonlinear behaviour.

Suitable lumped parameter models are introduced to simulate the frequency dependent behaviour of the soil-foundation system. A specific procedure for selecting and scaling real ground motions is proposed and used for the definition of the spatial seismic input. The seismic response of bridges on compliant base is compared with that obtained from fixed base analyses discussing the significance of soil-structure interaction effects. Keywords: Bridges, Nonlinear behaviour, Soil-structure interaction, Substructure approach

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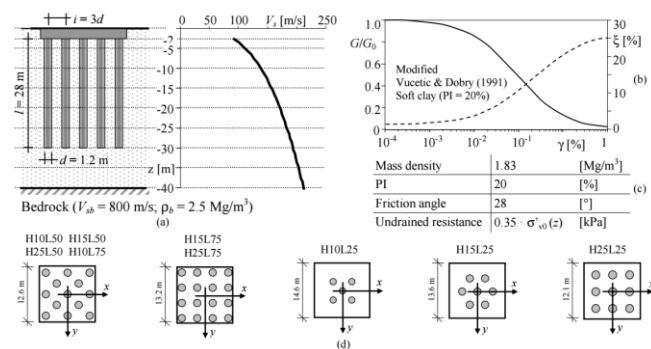
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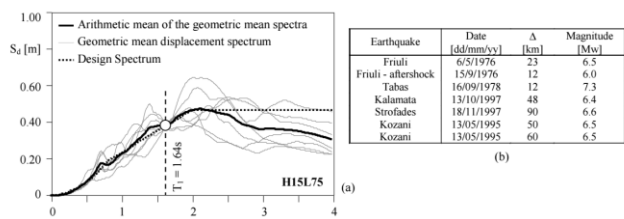




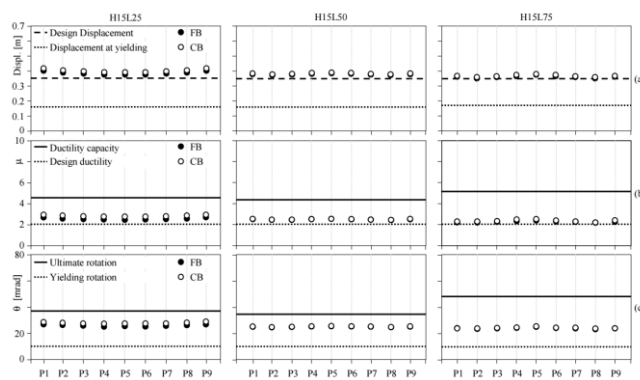
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Titoletto (Arial, Regular, 10,5pt, Interlinea: 1.0) Seismic input

Testo paragrafo (Times New Roman, Regular, 10,5pt, Interlinea: 1.0) Seismic design of bridges are generally performed by assuming piers fixed at the base and considering code acceleration response spectra, defined on the basis of local hazard and soil classification⁴. Actually, local soil conditions and soil-foundation interaction may modify the seismic motion to such an extent that code spectra become not conservative. In this paper Soil-Structure Interaction (SSI) and site effects on the seismic is considered since it has been demonstrated to be less sensitive to the orientation of the ground-motion axes (Baker and Cornell 2006). Site effects are captured by performing one-dimensional local response analyses in which the nonlinear soil behaviour is taken into account. Propagation analyses are performed in the two separate directions for each bridge and record; the geometric mean spectrum at the ground surface is evaluated and used to verify the matching with the relevant code spectrum at the fundamental frequency of the bridge, and eventually to scale the ground motion up to convergence.



Didascalie (Arial, Regular, 10,5pt, Interlinea: 1.0) Figure 3. (a) Single mean displacement response spectrum of the selected accelerograms compared with reference spectra; (b) selected ground motions on site class A



Didascalie (Arial, Regular, 10,5pt, Interlinea: 1.0) Figure 4. (a) Maximum relative displacement at the top of the piers, (b) displacement ductility demand and (c) rotation demands and capacity of plastic hinges

Testo paragrafo (Times New Roman, Regular, 10,5pt, Interlinea: 1.0) The modified curves of Vucetic and Dobry (1991) (Figure 2b) are used to account for the nonlinear soil behaviour according to the maximum shear strain level occurred during the bidirectional shaking. Figure 3 compares, for case H15L75, the mean geometric displacement response spectra at the ground surface (grey lines) with the relevant design response spectrum (dotted line); the arithmetic mean spectrum (black line) obtained by averaging the individual geometric mean spectra is also reported. It can be observed that the arithmetic mean spectrum is able to represent the target code spectrum up to a period of about 2.0 s.

Titoletto (Arial, Regular, 10,5pt, Interlinea: 1.0) SSI Analysis

Testo paragrafo (Times New Roman, Regular, 10,5pt, Interlinea: 1.0) The analyses of the soil-foundation systems (kinematic interaction analyses) are performed by means of the numerical model proposed by Dezi et al (2009) which allows obtaining the Foundation Input Motion (FIM) and the frequency-dependent impedances necessary for the subsequent inertial interaction analyses. The seismic input is constituted by the bidirectional free-field motion within the deposit obtained from site analyses. The frequency-dependent impedances are approximated by suitable Lumped Parameter Models (Carbonari et al. 2013) in the nonlinear time-domain inertial interaction analyses performed by means of distributed plasticity finite element models. Furthermore, Compliant Base (CB) and Fixed Base (FB) models are developed. With reference to bridges H15L#, effects of SSI on the dynamic response are discussed by comparing average results (from all the set of ground motions) obtained from the CB and FB

models in terms of displacements, ductility demand and plastic hinges rotation demand. Figure 4a compares the absolute maximum relative displacement of the top of piers with the design displacements; these are well reproduced by FB models and SSI affects slightly the maximum deck displacements only in the case of bridge H15L25. Figure 4b compares the ductility demand of each pier with the relevant capacity. Consistently with displacements, the ductility demand of piers is almost coincident with the design one and SSI slightly increases the demand in the piers of bridge H15L25. Finally, Figure 4c shows plastic hinges rotation demands at the base of piers. The yielding (θ_y) and the ultimate (θ_u) rotations (EN 1998-2, 2005), are also reported. Consistently with above observations, SSI increases the rotation demand of plastic hinges only for piers of bridges H15L25.

Titoletto (Arial, Regular, 10,5pt, Interlinea: 1.0) Conclusions

Testo paragrafo (Times New Roman, Regular, 10,5pt, Interlinea: 1.0) SSI effects on the seismic response of multi-span viaducts on pile foundations have been investigated, by considering bridges characterised by ductile and non-ductile behaviours. A specific procedure for the selection and scaling of ground motions is proposed for the definition of the bidirectional seismic input, accounting for site effects and the nonlinear soil behaviour. The seismic response of the bridges on compliant base is compared with that obtained from fixed base analyses discussing the significance of SSI effects. Results demonstrate that, despite bridges are founded on a very soft soil, SSI does not play a significant role in the definition of the structural response.

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