Seismic response analysis of super-high-rise steel building considering soil-structure interaction using fine mesh of solid elements

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A parallel finite element analysis software package, the E-Simulator is under development at NIED (National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention), Japan. A mesh that consists of hexahedral elements with 74 M DOFs of a 31 story super-high-rise steel frame was made, and the precise elastic-plastic seismic response analysis was conducted successfully using the E-Simulator.

In the project of developing the K Computer, the HPCI Strategic Program (Field 3) was started, and a preliminary simulation of the super-high-rise steel frame considering soil-structure interaction has been conducted in the program. The soil region is modeled directly as a hexahedral mesh and is assumed to be elastic. In this study, the seismic response analysis of the model under the JR Takatori record of the 1995 Hyogoken-Nanbu earthquake is performed on the K computer using the E-Simulator. Computation performance of the analysis code on the K computer is also presented.

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