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#### Abstract

This paper deals with an experimental study on seismic performance of a new type of exterior RCS connection, in which a steel profile embedded inside RC column is directly welded to the steel beam. A full scale exterior hybrid joint was built and tested under reversed-cyclic loading at the University of Transport and Communications of Vietnam. Seismic performance in term of load bearing capacity, story drift capacity, ductility, energy dissipation and stiffness degradation were evaluated. The test specimen showed a good response to cyclic load reversals. The experimental results indicated that the test specimen performed in a ductile manner and the stiffness degradation during the cycles performed was gradual. It was concluded that the studied RCS joint could be used as dissipative element in the structures of ductility class medium (DCM).

Keywords: Hybrid structures, beam-column, RCS joint, seismic performance, mechanical testing.

#### 1. Introduction

Hybrid RCS frames consisting of reinforced concrete (RC) column and steel (S) beam have been used at an increasing rate for mid- to high-rise buildings during the last 30 years. RCS frames possess several advantages from structural, economical and construction view points compared to either traditional RC or steel frames. As described by Griffis (1986), RCS frames effectively combine structural steel and reinforced concrete members to their best advantage. From construction view point, these systems are usually built by first erecting a steel skeleton, which allows the performance of different construction tasks along the height of the building. Engineering practices show that beams and columns made of two different materials may fully develop the merits of each of them, and thus combine rationality with economy in terms of material selection. RC columns

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