

SEISMIC ISOLATION SYSTEMS

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Abstract—IEEE Seismic isolation systems are engineering solutions designed to protect structures from the damaging effects of earthquakes by decoupling the building from ground motion. These systems reduce the seismic energy transmitted to the structure, enhancing safety and minimizing damage. Key types of seismic isolation systems include base isolation (using elastomeric bearings, sliding bearings, and hybrid systems), damping systems (such as viscous and friction dampers), shock absorption systems, and energy dissipation systems. These systems improve building stability, extend the lifespan of structures, and reduce repair costs. Seismic isolation is widely applied in high-rise buildings, bridges, critical infrastructure, and historical structures to ensure safety and operational continuity during earthquakes

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I. INTRODUCTION

- Seismic isolation systems are engineering technologies designed to protect structures from earthquake forces by decoupling them from ground motion.
- These systems reduce the transmission of seismic energy to buildings, minimizing damage and ensuring the safety of occupants
- The primary objective is to allow buildings to move independently of the ground, dampening the effects of shaking and preventing structural failure.
- By isolating the structure from ground vibrations, seismic isolation systems significantly reduce the intensity of seismic forces that affect buildings.
- Essential for enhancing the resilience of buildings and infrastructure in regions with high seismic activity, ensuring their stability during an earthquake.
- Seismic isolation is used in high-rise buildings, bridges, hospitals, historical buildings, and critical infrastructure to safeguard structural integrity.

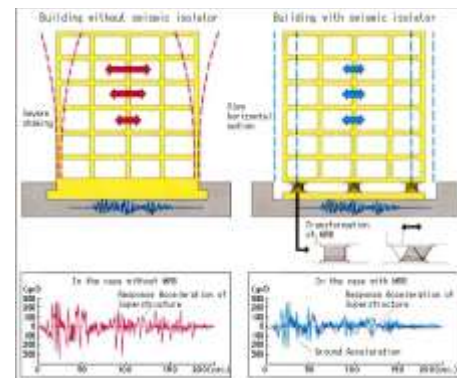


Fig: 1 Seismic isolation

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A. Types of Seismic Isolation Systems

1) Base Isolation:

2) **Description:** The most common seismic isolation system, base isolation involves placing flexible bearings or isolators between the building's foundation and superstructure. This allows the building to move independently of the ground motion, thereby reducing the transfer of seismic energy to the structure.

3) Common Types:

4) **Elastomeric Bearings:** Made from rubber or elastomeric materials, these bearings provide flexibility and damping.

5) **Sliding Bearings:** These bearings allow horizontal movement while restricting vertical movement, reducing the transmission of horizontal seismic forces.

6) **Hybrid Systems:** Combining elements of elastomeric bearings and sliding bearings, hybrid systems offer a combination of flexibility and energy dissipation.

7) 2.Damping Systems:

8) **Description:** These systems are designed to absorb or dissipate the energy generated by seismic forces. By reducing the vibrations caused by an earthquake, damping systems help prevent structural damage.

9) Types:

10) **Viscous Dampers:** These systems use a viscous fluid to absorb energy through resistance.

11) **Friction Dampers:** They dissipate energy through friction between surfaces.

12) **Tuned Mass Dampers:** A large mass that is tuned to vibrate at the same frequency as the structure, counteracting the oscillations caused by earthquakes.

13) 3.shock Absorption Systems:

14) **Description:** These systems work by absorbing and reducing the magnitude of the seismic shock waves, often through a combination of base isolation and damping mechanisms.

15) Common Mechanisms:

16) **Rubber Bearings:** Often used in conjunction with other systems to provide shock absorption.

17) **Active Control Systems:** These systems use sensors and actuators to actively adjust and absorb seismic forces in real time.

18) 4.Energy Dissipation Systems:

19) **Description:** These systems are designed to convert the kinetic energy of seismic waves into heat or other forms of energy that are dissipated, preventing excessive structural movement.

20) Types:

21) **Metallic Dampers:** These are used to absorb seismic energy through plastic deformation.

22) **Viscoelastic Dampers:** These dampers combine both viscous and elastic properties to absorb seismic energy.

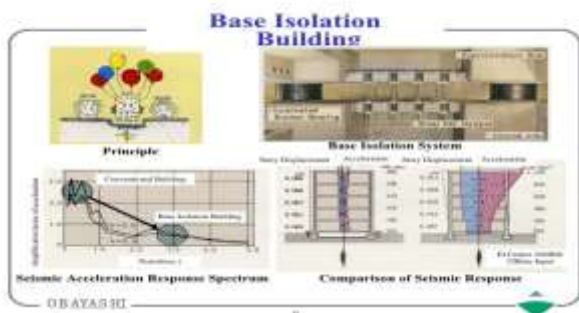


Fig: 2 Base isolation

Benefits of Seismic Isolation Systems

- **Protection from Earthquakes:** The primary benefit is reducing the impact of seismic forces on structures, keeping buildings intact and preventing collapse.
- **Enhanced Safety:** By reducing vibrations and shaking, seismic isolation systems ensure occupant safety during an earthquake.
- **Minimized Structural Damage:** These systems limit the amount of damage to a building's structure, reducing the need for repairs after an earthquake.
- **Improved Lifespan of Buildings:** Buildings with seismic isolation systems are more likely to remain functional and safe in the long term.
- **Cost Savings:** Although the initial cost of installing seismic isolation systems can be high, they can save money in the long run by reducing repair costs and insurance premiums.

Applications

- Seismic isolation systems are used in various types of structures, including:
- **High-Rise Buildings:** To protect against large seismic forces.
- **Bridges and Overpasses:** These are particularly vulnerable to seismic events, and isolation systems help to prevent collapse or damage.
- **Hospitals and Critical Infrastructure:** Buildings that need to remain operational after an earthquake can benefit from seismic isolation.
- **Historical Buildings:** Seismic isolation systems help preserve the integrity of historic structures while protecting them from earthquakes.

• CASE STUDY:1

The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, USA

- **Background:** The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, a major transportation link, was retrofitted with seismic isolation systems after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake highlighted its vulnerability to seismic events.
- **Seismic Isolation Technology:**
 - The retrofit included the installation of **base isolators** such as **elastomeric bearings** and **lead-rubber bearings** between the bridge's foundation and superstructure.
 - **Viscous dampers** were also used to dissipate seismic energy and reduce vibrations.
- **Outcome:**
 - The retrofitting significantly improved the bridge's ability to withstand earthquakes and reduce damage.
 - It ensured that the bridge could remain operational after an earthquake, minimizing transportation disruptions.

• CASE STUDY:2

The Golden Gate Bridge, USA

- **Background:** The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, a critical piece of transportation infrastructure, required retrofitting to improve its resilience against earthquakes, given its location in a seismically active zone.
- **Seismic Isolation Technology:**
 - The retrofit focused on **base isolators** and **damping systems** designed to decouple the bridge's towers from ground shaking.
 - **Friction dampers** were used to reduce the amplitude of vibrations, while **energy**

dissipation systems absorbed seismic energy.

• **Outcome:**

- The bridge's seismic resilience was significantly improved, ensuring continued operation after future earthquakes.
- The retrofitting served as a model for other iconic bridges and infrastructure in seismic zones.

Challenges and Considerations in Seismic Isolation Systems

1. **High Initial Costs:** Seismic isolation systems are expensive upfront but offer long-term savings through reduced damage and repairs.
2. **Retrofitting Costs:** Retrofitting existing buildings can be costly, but funding options like grants and public-private partnerships can help.
3. **Cost-Benefit Justification:** Justifying the investment can be difficult, but the long-term safety benefits and savings are important factors.
4. **Financial Incentives:** Limited financial support in some areas, but incentives like grants or tax credits can make adoption more feasible.
5. **Regulatory Barriers:** Outdated building codes and lack of clear regulations can slow adoption; updates are needed.
6. **lack of Awareness:** Many are unaware of seismic isolation's benefits, so education and awareness campaigns are crucial.

Seismic isolation systems are designed to protect buildings and structures from the damaging effects of earthquakes by decoupling the superstructure from ground motion. These systems are becoming increasingly common in earthquake-prone areas, but they come with their own set of challenges and considerations. Below are some of the key challenges and factors to consider when implementing seismic isolation systems:

• **1. Design and Material Selection**

- **Complexity in Design:** Designing an effective seismic isolation system requires careful consideration of the dynamic characteristics of the building, the soil conditions, and the expected seismic forces. Engineers must integrate the isolation system with the overall structural design to ensure that it works harmoniously.
- **Material Durability:** The materials used in seismic isolators, such as elastomers, bearings, and bearings with lead cores, need to be durable over long periods. Exposure to harsh environmental conditions (e.g., temperature extremes, moisture, or UV radiation) can affect the performance of the system over time. Regular maintenance and inspection are crucial.
- **Cost Considerations:** High-quality materials and complex designs can make seismic isolation systems expensive. Although they can reduce the need for more expensive retrofitting or reconstruction after a

quake, the initial investment can still be a significant factor in project budgets.

• **2. Performance under Different Earthquake Scenarios**

- **Wide Range of Earthquake Magnitudes:** Seismic isolators need to perform well across a range of earthquake magnitudes, from minor tremors to major, catastrophic quakes. The system must be effective in both high- and low-frequency ground motions.

- **Vibration Control:** Isolators are designed to absorb and dissipate energy. However, their ability to reduce vibrations effectively may vary depending on the specific design and the characteristics of the earthquake. For example, low-frequency earthquakes may pose a greater challenge than higher-frequency ones.

- **Cumulative Deformation:** Some seismic isolators, especially elastomeric bearings, can deform over time with repeated seismic events. This cumulative deformation can affect their long-term performance.

• **3. Site-Specific Considerations**

- **Soil-Structure Interaction:** The local soil type and site conditions play a crucial role in how ground motion is transferred to a structure. Soft soils or deep foundations may amplify seismic waves, making the design of the isolation system even more critical.

- **Foundation and Substructure:** The integration of isolation systems with foundations and substructures must be designed to withstand seismic forces without compromising the building's integrity. The base isolation system must be adaptable to varying foundation conditions.

• **4. Structural Integration**

- **Architectural and Structural Limitations:** The integration of seismic isolation systems into existing or new structures may require significant changes in the design of the building's foundations, superstructure, and layout. For example, increasing the building's height or altering its floor plan may have implications for the performance of the isolation system.

- **Building Functionality:** For certain types of buildings, such as hospitals, emergency response centers, or critical infrastructure, the functionality and operability after an earthquake are paramount. The isolation system needs to ensure that the building remains fully operational after a seismic event.

• **5. Maintenance and Inspection**

- **Long-Term Maintenance:** Even though seismic isolation systems can significantly reduce damage during earthquakes, they still require maintenance to ensure long-term performance. This includes regular inspection for wear and tear, checking for displacement, and monitoring the condition of bearings and elastomeric materials.

- **Lifespan:** Over time, the isolators and dampers may lose their effectiveness, especially if they are exposed to significant seismic activity. Some materials may degrade due to environmental conditions, reducing the system's ability to absorb seismic energy.
- **6. Seismic Hazard Assessment**
- **Accurate Ground Motion Prediction:** The design of the isolation system depends heavily on accurate predictions of ground motions. However, earthquakes are inherently unpredictable, and the intensity and frequency of ground motion may vary significantly. This uncertainty must be factored into the design.
- **Regional Variability:** Earthquake risk can vary widely by location, and the design of a seismic isolation system should be tailored to the regional seismic hazard. For example, areas with frequent smaller earthquakes may require a different approach than those at risk of infrequent, but massive, earthquakes.
- **7. Regulatory and Code Compliance**
- **Building Codes:** Seismic isolation systems must comply with local building codes and regulations. In some regions, these codes may be outdated or not provide adequate guidance for the use of isolation technologies, making it necessary to consult with specialized engineers.
- **Testing and Certification:** Ensuring that seismic isolators meet performance standards often requires extensive testing. The use of untested or unverified systems can lead to failures or inadequate performance during an earthquake.
- **8. Cost-Benefit Analysis**
- **Investment vs. Protection:** While seismic isolation systems can be effective in mitigating earthquake damage, their initial cost may be higher than other seismic mitigation methods. Therefore, a careful cost-benefit analysis must be conducted to justify the investment in such systems, particularly for non-critical structures.
- **Long-Term Economic Impact:** Seismic isolation can reduce the long-term economic losses from earthquakes by minimizing the need for repairs and reducing downtime. However, the effectiveness in achieving these long-term savings needs to be assessed based on local seismic conditions.
- **9. Aesthetic and Practical Integration**
- **Aesthetic Constraints:** In some buildings, particularly in urban settings, the visual or architectural impact of a seismic isolation system might be a concern. The system's components, especially for large buildings, may need to be discreetly incorporated into the design.
- **Space and Accessibility:** Seismic isolation devices take up space at the base of the structure, which can be challenging in densely built areas where

foundation depth is constrained. The accessibility for inspection and maintenance is another practical consideration.

- **10. Behavior of the Structure During an Earthquake**
- **Post-Earthquake Stability:** The performance of the building during and after an earthquake is of utmost importance. While the seismic isolators reduce the shaking transmitted to the structure, the behavior of the overall system (including superstructure, isolators, and foundation) must be carefully analyzed to ensure no instability occurs.
- **Dynamic Response:** A proper understanding of the dynamic response of the structure, including the interaction between the isolators and the building, is essential for ensuring optimal performance during an earthquake

The future of seismic isolation systems is poised for significant advancements as technology, materials science, and engineering methodologies continue to evolve. Below are some key directions in which seismic isolation is expected to progress:

- **1. Advanced Materials and Smart Materials**
- **Innovative Materials:** Research is focusing on the development of new materials that can enhance the performance, durability, and cost-effectiveness of seismic isolation systems. For example, materials with improved elasticity, damping capacity, and resistance to environmental degradation will be key.
- **Shape Memory Alloys (SMAs):** SMAs have the potential to revolutionize seismic isolators. These materials can return to their original shape after deformation, making them ideal for isolators that must withstand repeated seismic events.
- **High-Performance Elastomers and Polymers:** New elastomers and polymers that can maintain their mechanical properties over a wider temperature range and are more resistant to aging, wear, and UV exposure may further improve the durability and reliability of seismic isolation systems.
- **2. Integration of Smart Technology**
- **Sensors and Monitoring Systems:** The integration of real-time sensors and monitoring systems with seismic isolation systems could provide data on the performance and health of isolators. These systems could track displacement, vibration, and material wear, alerting maintenance teams when action is needed.
- **Self-Adaptive Isolation Systems:** Future isolation systems could incorporate adaptive features that respond to changing seismic conditions, potentially adjusting the stiffness or damping properties in real-time to optimize performance based on the severity of the earthquake.
- **3. Multifunctional and Hybrid Systems**

- **Combination with Other Structural Protection Methods:** Seismic isolation systems could increasingly be used in combination with other earthquake-resilience technologies, such as tuned mass dampers, viscous dampers, and base shear systems. Hybrid systems could be designed to offer enhanced protection against a wide range of seismic events, from low-magnitude tremors to large earthquakes.
- **Energy Dissipation Systems:** Hybrid isolation systems that not only isolate but also dissipate energy (e.g., using friction dampers or viscous dampers) can provide more comprehensive protection by reducing both the forces transmitted to the building and the vibrations within it.
- **4. Cost Reduction and Scalability**
- **Affordable Solutions for Low-Rise and Residential Buildings:** One of the key areas of future development is making seismic isolation systems more affordable for residential and low-rise buildings, which are less likely to use such systems due to high initial costs. Research into cost-effective materials and simplified designs could make these systems more accessible.
- **Economical Modular Systems:** The development of modular seismic isolation solutions that can be easily scaled and customized for different building types and budgets will expand the adoption of seismic isolation in various sectors, including commercial and residential markets.
- **5. Integration with Building Information Modeling (BIM)**
- **Digital Design Tools:** The integration of seismic isolation systems with BIM and other digital modeling tools will allow for more precise, cost-effective, and efficient design and implementation. Advanced modeling techniques can optimize the placement, sizing, and material selection of isolators to suit specific site conditions and building characteristics.
- **Predictive Analysis:** BIM platforms integrated with predictive analytics can simulate the building's response to different earthquake scenarios, improving the design of the isolation system and helping engineers anticipate potential vulnerabilities in advance.
- **6. Seismic Isolation for Infrastructure and Critical Facilities**
- **Infrastructure Protection:** Beyond buildings, seismic isolation technology will increasingly be applied to protect critical infrastructure such as bridges, tunnels, pipelines, and power grids. Isolation of these infrastructures will ensure that transportation and essential services remain operational following major seismic events.
- **Enhanced for Hospitals and Emergency Centers:** As seismic isolation systems become more reliable and cost-effective, they will play a critical role in

protecting hospitals, emergency response centers, data centers, and other vital facilities that must remain operational during and after an earthquake.

- **7. International Standards and Regulations**
- **Standardization of Isolation Systems:** As seismic isolation technologies mature, efforts to standardize their design, testing, and installation processes are expected to grow. This will help ensure that isolation systems are universally applicable and reliable, especially for international projects.
- **Updating Building Codes:** Seismic codes and regulations will likely evolve to incorporate more advanced isolation technologies, promoting the widespread adoption of these systems in earthquake-prone regions. Future building codes will provide clearer guidelines for the use of seismic isolation, especially for retrofitting older structures.
- **8. Retrofitting of Existing Buildings**
- **Cost-Effective Retrofitting Solutions:** There is a growing need for cost-effective seismic retrofitting options, particularly for older buildings in earthquake-prone regions. Advances in seismic isolation technology will provide retrofitting solutions that are easier to implement, less disruptive, and more affordable.
- **Retrofitting High-Risk Buildings:** Seismic isolation could become the go-to solution for retrofitting vulnerable infrastructure, such as schools, hospitals, and bridges, in seismic hotspots. These retrofits can dramatically improve the safety and resilience of existing structures without the need for complete rebuilding.
- **9. Wider Adoption in Developing Regions**
- **Seismic Isolation in Emerging Economies:** Developing countries with high seismic risk may begin to adopt seismic isolation as part of their efforts to improve disaster resilience. The availability of affordable, scalable isolation systems will make these technologies more accessible in areas where seismic vulnerability is a growing concern.
- **Building Resilience in Growing Cities:** As cities in seismic zones continue to grow, seismic isolation systems will become a critical component in urban planning to ensure the safety of large populations in the event of an earthquake.
- **10. Post-Earthquake Recovery and Resilience**
- **Quick Recovery:** Seismic isolation systems will not only protect structures during an earthquake but also contribute to quicker recovery afterward. Because buildings will experience less damage, recovery times will be shortened, reducing the economic impact of a disaster.
- **Resilience-Based Design:** The future of seismic isolation will focus on creating truly resilient cities where buildings and infrastructure can "bounce

back" quickly after a seismic event, minimizing disruption to daily life and economic activity.

Seismic isolation systems rely on a variety of materials that provide flexibility, energy dissipation, and durability to protect buildings from the damaging effects of earthquakes. Below are the key materials used in the construction of seismic isolation systems:

- **1. Elastomers (Rubber-Based Materials)**

- **Natural Rubber:** Natural rubber is one of the most commonly used materials for seismic isolators, particularly in elastomeric bearings. Its excellent flexibility and ability to recover after deformation make it ideal for absorbing and dissipating seismic energy. These bearings are typically used in low- to mid-rise buildings.

- **Neoprene (Synthetic Rubber):** Neoprene is a synthetic rubber commonly used in elastomeric bearings for seismic isolation. It is resistant to aging, ozone, and extreme temperatures, making it durable for long-term use. Neoprene-based isolators are often used in bridge and building applications.

- **Butyl Rubber:** A type of synthetic rubber, butyl rubber is known for its low air permeability and high resistance to aging and environmental degradation. It is used in seismic isolators that are exposed to harsh weather or environments.

- **2. Lead (Lead-Rubber Bearings)**

- **Lead Core:** Lead is often used as a core material in **Lead-Rubber Bearings (LRBs)**, a type of seismic isolator. The lead core provides energy dissipation by deforming plastically during an earthquake, while the surrounding rubber provides flexibility and restores the isolator to its original position after deformation. The combination of lead and rubber offers excellent damping capacity and durability, making it one of the most widely used materials for high-performance seismic isolation.

- **Lead-Laminated Bearings:** In these bearings, thin layers of lead are sandwiched between layers of elastomeric materials, providing a high level of energy dissipation. This type of bearing is effective in isolating buildings and bridges from large seismic events.

- **3. Steel (Metal-Based Bearings)**

- **Stainless Steel:** Stainless steel is used in some seismic isolation devices, particularly in **friction-based bearings** and **metallic bearings**. It provides strength, corrosion resistance, and durability, especially in marine or corrosive environments. It is also used in **sliding bearings** where two metal surfaces slide against each other during seismic motion.

- **Carbon Steel:** In some cases, carbon steel is used as an alternative to stainless steel in certain isolator designs. It is more cost-effective, though it may require additional protection against corrosion.

- **4. High-Damping Materials**

- **High-Damping Rubber (HDR):** High-damping rubber is an elastomeric material designed to have a higher energy dissipation capacity compared to conventional rubber. It is often used in elastomeric bearings for buildings and bridges where a high level of damping is needed to reduce seismic vibrations.

- **Viscoelastic Materials:** Viscoelastic materials are used in some seismic isolation devices for their ability to absorb and dissipate energy while maintaining their shape. These materials exhibit both elastic and viscous properties, making them suitable for damping applications.

- **5. Concrete and Fiber-Reinforced Concrete**

- **Concrete Slabs and Foundations:** While not typically a primary material in seismic isolators themselves, **concrete** is often used in conjunction with isolation systems, especially for foundations and substructures. It helps provide a stable base for installing isolators and can be reinforced with steel or other materials to withstand seismic forces.

- **Fiber-Reinforced Concrete (FRC):** FRC, which is concrete reinforced with fibers such as steel, glass, or synthetic polymers, is sometimes used in base isolation systems to enhance durability and performance, especially in high-risk seismic areas.

- **6. Shape Memory Alloys (SMAs)**

- **Shape Memory Alloys (SMAs)** are materials that can "remember" their original shape and return to it when heated or after deformation. This unique property makes SMAs ideal for use in seismic isolation systems, especially in **self-healing** or **adaptive** isolation devices. SMAs can improve the efficiency of seismic isolation systems by allowing them to return to their original shape after deformation, potentially enhancing their lifespan.

- **7. Friction Materials**

- **Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE):** PTFE is commonly used in **sliding bearings** due to its low coefficient of friction. These bearings allow a structure to slide during seismic events, dissipating energy and reducing the forces transmitted to the building. PTFE bearings are often used in bridges and large buildings.

- **Graphite:** Graphite is another material that can be used in friction-based bearings for seismic isolation. It has low friction and is highly durable, making it suitable for use in sliding bearings where repeated motion occurs during seismic events.

- **8. Carbon Fiber and Composite Materials**

- **Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymers (CFRP):** In some cases, carbon fiber composite materials are used in seismic isolation systems due to their high strength-to-weight ratio and resistance to corrosion. These materials can be used for reinforcing isolators or as part of energy-dissipating components.

- **Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymers (GFRP):** Similar to CFRP, GFRP is a lightweight and durable material

that can be used in seismic isolation applications to provide added strength and resistance to environmental damage.

• 9. Viscous Damping Fluids

- **Silicone or Oil-Based Fluids:** Some seismic isolators, especially **viscous dampers**, rely on silicone or oil-based fluids to dissipate energy. These dampers use the viscous resistance of the fluid to reduce the amplitude of oscillations during a seismic event. The fluid's properties allow it to absorb and dissipate the seismic energy, reducing the forces transferred to the structure.

- **Magnetorheological Fluids:** Magnetorheological fluids, which change viscosity in response to magnetic fields, are being researched for use in damping systems. These materials could enable **adaptive** damping systems that adjust in real-time to seismic activity.

• 10. Polymer-Based Materials

- **Polyurethane:** Polyurethane elastomers are sometimes used in seismic isolation systems due to their flexibility and high energy absorption capabilities. Polyurethane-based isolators are often used in conjunction with other materials like lead or steel to improve performance in certain types of isolation devices.
- **Polyamide and Polycarbonate:** These polymers are sometimes used as part of composite seismic isolators, where they contribute to the overall flexibility and durability of the system

technology. Their hands-on experience and innovative solutions have contributed significantly to improving the resilience of structures against seismic events.

3. **Manufacturers of Seismic Isolation Components:** Companies and manufacturers who specialize in producing materials and components such as elastomeric bearings, lead-rubber bearings, and friction-based isolators play a vital role in making seismic isolation systems widely available. Their contributions to material innovations and product quality ensure that these systems are both reliable and effective.
4. **Professional Organizations:** Institutions such as the **Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI)**, the **American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)**, and the **International Association for Earthquake Engineering (IAEE)** have provided platforms for the dissemination of knowledge and have helped advance the understanding and application of seismic isolation systems globally.
5. **Government and Regulatory Bodies:** The development of seismic isolation systems has been greatly influenced by the collaborative work of governmental agencies, local authorities, and regulatory bodies. Their efforts in developing building codes, standards, and guidelines ensure the safe and standardized implementation of seismic isolation technologies.
6. **Construction Industry:** Construction professionals, from contractors to architects, have been instrumental in integrating seismic isolation into new and existing buildings. Their willingness to adopt innovative technologies contributes to the safety and resilience of the built environment.

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