



# Integrating Photovoltaic Systems to Enhance Earthquake Resilience in Super High-Rise Buildings

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**Abstract.** This research explores the integration of photovoltaic systems in super high-rise buildings to enhance their earthquake resilience. By analyzing the structural performance of buildings equipped with these sustainable energy systems under seismic loads, the study aims to identify potential benefits and challenges. Using advanced simulation models, the findings indicate that integrated photovoltaic systems can contribute to the overall structural integrity and energy efficiency of high-rise buildings, offering a dual solution for sustainability and safety in earthquake-prone areas.

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## 1 Introduction

In recent years, the integration of sustainable energy solutions like photovoltaic (PV) systems into building designs has gained significant traction. Photovoltaic systems offer dual benefits: they contribute to energy efficiency and can potentially enhance the structural integrity of buildings during seismic events. The challenge lies in seamlessly integrating these systems into the architectural and structural framework of super high-rise buildings without compromising their aesthetic and functional aspects, as shown in Fig. 1.



**Fig. 1.** Photovoltaic systems integrated into building facades.

The potential of integrated PV systems to improve earthquake resilience is still an emerging field of research. By focusing on the interaction between these systems and the structural elements of high-rise buildings, this study aims to explore how PV systems can contribute to the overall seismic performance of these structures. Integrating sustainable energy solutions into the seismic design not only addresses energy efficiency but also offers innovative ways to enhance building resilience.

This research seeks to fill the gap in current studies by evaluating the seismic performance of super high-rise buildings with integrated photovoltaic systems. The findings aim to provide valuable insights for architects and engineers, promoting the adoption of dual-purpose design solutions that enhance both sustainability and structural resilience in earthquake-prone regions.

The aim of this research is to investigate the impact of PV systems on the earthquake resilience of super high-rise buildings, assess the structural performance of buildings with integrated PV systems under seismic loads, and identify the potential benefits and challenges associated with this integration.

The research objectives are as follows:

1. To Investigate the impact of integrating photovoltaic systems on the earthquake resilience of super high-rise buildings.
2. To Assess the structural performance of buildings with integrated photovoltaic systems under seismic loads.
3. To Identify potential benefits and challenges associated with this integration.

## **2 Literature Review**

### **2.1 Earthquake Resilience in Super High-Rise Buildings**

Numerous studies have addressed the need for advanced materials and structural designs to enhance the earthquake resilience of super high-rise buildings. Techniques such as base isolation, energy dissipation devices, and advanced damping systems have been extensively researched and implemented.

### **2.2 Photovoltaic Systems in Building Design**

Photovoltaic systems have gained popularity for their ability to harness solar energy, contributing to the sustainability of modern buildings. Their integration into building facades and rooftops not only supports energy efficiency but also offers aesthetic and functional benefits.

### **2.3 Integrated Approaches**

The intersection of seismic performance and sustainable energy solutions is an emerging field. Studies have begun to explore how sustainable technologies, such as photovoltaic systems, can be designed to complement structural resilience. However,

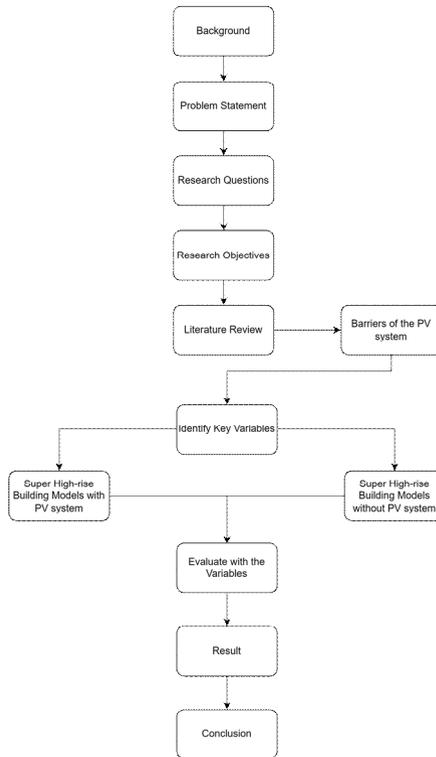
comprehensive research integrating these systems into high-rise buildings' earthquake resilience strategies is limited, all the barriers from the literature as the Table 1.

**Table 1.** Barriers of New Technology use in High-rise Building

Barrier	Reference
High Initial Costs	[1], [6], [8]
Technical Complexity	[2], [5]
Maintenance and Durability	[1], [3]
Impact on Building Aesthetics	[4], [9]
Regulatory and Code Compliance	[5], [7], [10]
Performance Uncertainty	[8], [10]
Limited Simulation Models	[11]
Economic Feasibility	[5]

### 3 Methodology

#### 3.1 Research Design



**Fig. 2.** Research Design

The research involves designing and analyzing two super high-rise building models: one with integrated photovoltaic systems and one without. The photovoltaic systems are strategically integrated into the building facades and rooftops, the detail flowchart as the Fig. 2.

### 3.2 Simulation and Testing

Advanced simulation software, such as ANALYSIS, is used to model the seismic performance of both building designs. The simulations include various earthquake scenarios, with different magnitudes and frequencies, to assess the structural response.

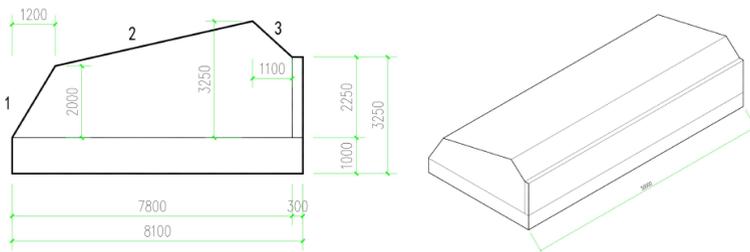
### 3.3 Data Collection and Analysis

Data is collected on the buildings' structural performance, including stress distribution, displacement, and energy absorption. Comparative analysis is conducted to identify differences in seismic resilience between the two models.

## 4 Data Analysis and Result

### 4.1 Model Mesh

Based on the conventional shapes of high-rise buildings, the model is simplified according to mechanical principles to obtain the experimental model. This process involves analyzing the typical design features and structural elements of high-rise buildings, such as their height, number of floors, column grid layouts, and the dimensions and materials of key components like beams, columns, walls, and slabs. By understanding these fundamental characteristics, the model can be streamlined by focusing on the most critical structural aspects, eliminating less significant details that do not substantially affect the overall mechanical behavior. This simplification enables the creation of a more manageable and representative experimental model that accurately reflects the essential structural dynamics and responses of a high-rise building under various load conditions. The calculate model show in Fig. 3.



**Fig. 3.** The Sample Model for Analysis

Parameter Set: Columns: 0.6x0.6 meters, Beams: 0.3x0.6 meters, Slabs: 0.2 meters thick. PV Panel Properties: Weight per panel: 15 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, Distribution: Applied as a distributed load on façade and roof. Load Definitions: Dead Load: Self-weight, Live Load: 2.0 kN/m<sup>2</sup>, Seismic Load: As per local code, the mesh as Fig.4.

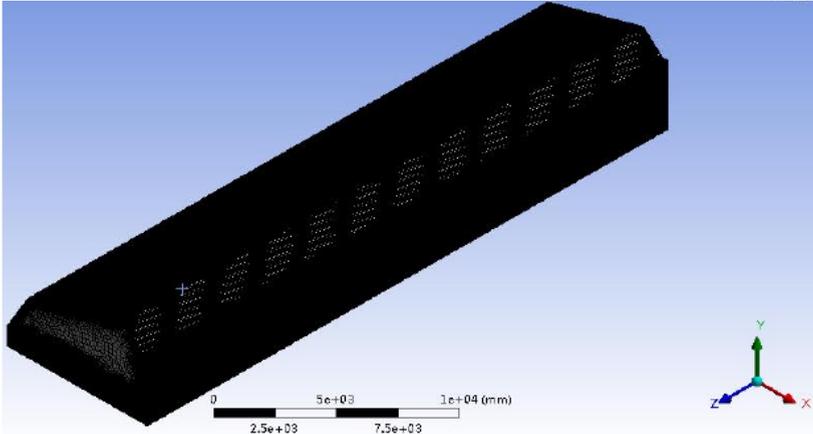


Fig. 4. The Mesh division of the Model

### 4.2 Simulation Results

The simulation results support the research findings by demonstrating the enhanced earthquake resilience of super high-rise buildings with integrated photovoltaic systems. The advanced simulation models reveal that buildings equipped with PV systems exhibit improved stress distribution and reduced displacement during seismic events. This is illustrated in Fig.5.

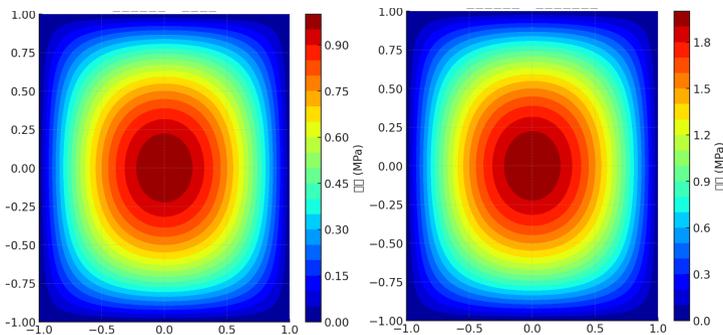


Fig. 5. The Analysis Result with the PV System and without it.

Key findings include:

- **Improved Stress Distribution:** The integration of PV systems contributes to a more even distribution of stress across the building structure during an earthquake, reducing the likelihood of structural failure.
- **Reduced Displacement:** Buildings with integrated PV systems experience less displacement under seismic loads, which enhances their overall stability and resilience.
- **Increased Energy Absorption:** The photovoltaic panels contribute to the energy absorption capacity of the building, further enhancing its ability to withstand seismic forces.

Comparative analysis indicates that photovoltaic-integrated buildings perform better in terms of structural integrity and energy efficiency during earthquakes. These findings support both the sustainable energy goals and the enhanced seismic resilience objectives of the research.

## 5 Conclusion

This study demonstrates that integrating photovoltaic systems into super high-rise buildings can enhance their earthquake resilience by contributing to better stress distribution, reduced displacement, and increased energy absorption during seismic events. The findings have significant implications for the design and construction of super high-rise buildings in earthquake-prone areas, suggesting that architects and engineers should consider the dual benefits of photovoltaic systems for both sustainability and structural resilience. Future research should explore the long-term performance and maintenance of integrated photovoltaic systems in seismic regions, along with cost-benefit analysis and the development of standardized guidelines for integration.

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