



# Determination of Optimum Position of Shear Wall in an Irregular Building for Zone III & IV

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**Abstract-** Stiffness is the property of the structure that is responsible for absorbing the external forces. For the case a multistorey building, when the height of the building increases, the lateral stiffness of the building decreases. With low lateral stiffness, the building becomes more vulnerable to lateral forces like wind and earthquake. In order to prevent the structure from damage from the lateral forces, lateral stiffness is induced in the structure by means of shear walls. With the introduction of shear wall, we observe a considerable decrement in lateral displacement and increase in base shear. The resistance of lateral forces in terms of magnitude by shear wall depends on its location in the building. In this paper, a G+15 storey building is considered. The building is irregular in nature (T shaped). A comparative study is done to obtain the optimum position of shear wall in the structure. For optimization, the total length of the shear wall in the structure is kept constant. The whole modeling and analysis is done by ETABS v. 2016. The comparative study is done on the basis of base shear, storey displacement & storey drift. The above values are calculated by the dynamic approach of analysis of building subjected to seismic loading.

**Keywords:** Shear Wall, Response Spectrum Analysis, Time History Analysis, Irregular Buildings

## I. INTRODUCTION

Shear Wall are one of the vital structural elements of a multi-storey building with major function to introduce lateral stiffness in the building. The increase in lateral stiffness results in high resistance towards lateral forces. Apart from that shear wall also accompanies with the structural elements carrying gravity loads in order to transfer it to the ground. This causes reduction in reinforcement in those elements.

Shear walls can be of various shape and sizes and also can be placed at various position of building. The position of shear wall plays an important role in determining the behavior against lateral forces. The following literatures are related to the location of shear wall in building-

- **Lakshmi K.O., Prof. Jayshree ramanujan, Mrs. Bindu Sunil, Dr. Taju Koltali, Prof. Mercy Joseph, Poweth (2014) [25]** - In medium high rise building, provision of shear wall is found to be effective. The efficiency varies as per location of shear wall in the building.
- **S.K. Hirde and N.K. Shelar (2015) [22]** - There is a significant improvement in seismic performance of building on a level ground as well as sloping ground by providing shear wall at certain locations.

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- **Suchita Tuppad and R.J. Fernanded (2015) [20]**- By analyzing the seismic behavior of the building by genetic algorithm, buildings without shear wall was having storey displacement. However, a particular type of configuration was giving better resistance to seismic loading.

- **Poornima D., Sanjay S.J., Yajnobhavi H.M. (2017) [24]** - For a symmetric building, there is considerable reduction in displacement in X and Y direction because of a certain configuration of shear wall.

- **Abhija Mohan, Arathi S. (2017) [21]**- For a G+10 storey regular building with shear wall having staggered opening, 12.92% reduction in displacement is observed in X – direction and 13.15% reduction in displacement in Y – direction.

There are many research works for the location of shear wall but most of them are for regular building. In this paper, we will discuss the position of shear wall in irregular building. Irregular buildings are defined in Table – 6 of IS 1893 (Part -1):2016 [3].

**A. Earthquake** - When energy from the earth crust is abruptly released, earthquake happens. The source of this energy is the tectonic plates which resettle itself at various intervals of time. When the energy is released, it travels in the form of waves (primary waves and secondary waves) at the surface of earth.

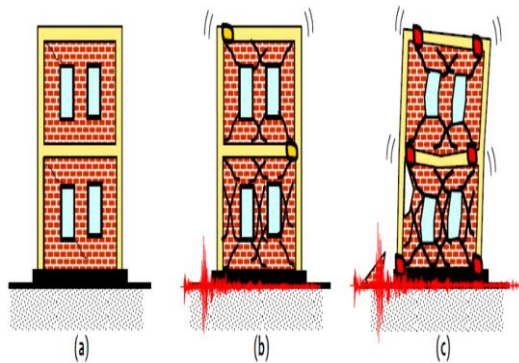
As per Newton's first law of motion, everybody tries to maintain its inertia. When there is sudden movement in foundation of a building, the distant members (members situated at certain height from foundation) tries to maintain inertia and the relative displacement cause damage in the buildings. Damages can be from cracks in the building to the collapse of the structure.

**B. Earthquake Resistant Design of Building** - Mass of a building along with its stiffness controls the seismic design of the building. Earthquake induces inertia forces which are proportional to the mass and on the other hand the lateral displacement due to these seismic forces is controlled by stiffness of the structure. Thus, mass and stiffness are two basic properties which define the seismic strength of the building.

Apart from that, designing buildings to behave elastically during earthquake without any damage may render the project economically unviable. Thus, the buildings are designed to be earthquake resistant not earthquake proof. As per the publication<sup>1</sup> by Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority, earthquake resistant design of building exhibit following characteristic in a building in the given conditions-

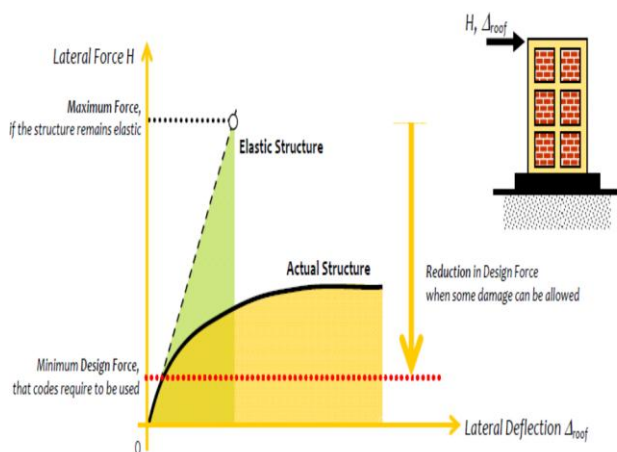
- **Minor** (frequent in occurrence) – No damage to the structural and non structural elements.

- Moderate Shaking – Minor damage to the structural elements and some damage to the non structural elements.
- Severe (infrequent in occurrence) – Shaking with damage to structural elements, but no damage to life and property. The building is unable to serve again.



**Fig. 1 Behavior of Earthquake Resistant Buildings in minor, moderate and severe shaking [1]**

So in order to design an earthquake resistant building, we only consider 8-14 % of the earthquake force. This reduction of the earthquake forces is done by Response Reduction Factor given in Table – 9 of IS 1893 (Part – 1):2016.



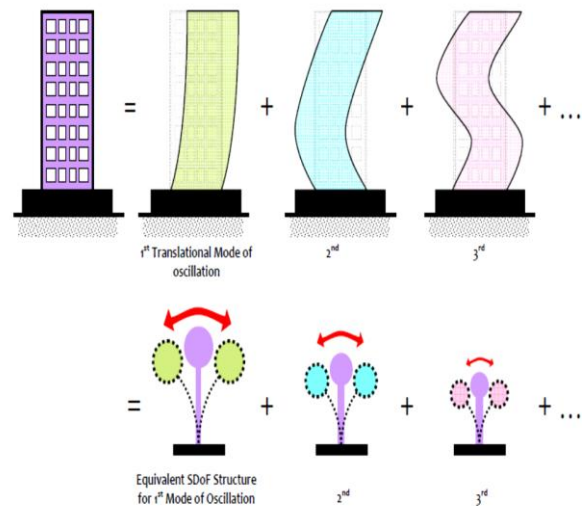
**Fig. 2 Concept of Earthquake Resistant Building [1]**

**C. Analysis of effects of earthquake in a building** – The analysis of an earthquake force on a building can be categorized as -

- Static Analysis
- Dynamic Analysis

As per clause 6.4.3 of IS 1893(Part – 1):2016 [3], the following approach for the analysis is prescribed-

- Equivalent Static Method** – As per this method, first the design base shear,  $V_B$  (maximum lateral load at the building) shall be distributed to various floors and then further distributed to structural elements at the floors. The method is only applicable for regular buildings with height less than 15 m in seismic zone – III.
- Linear Response Spectrum Method** –



**Fig. 3 Mode Shape at various frequencies in Response Spectrum Method [1]**

It is plot of maximum response of SDOF (Single Degree of Freedom System) subjected to specific earthquake ground motion and time period. The response at various time periods is called mode shape. The mode shape at maximum time period or minimum frequency is called natural mode shape of the building. The response of all the mode shape is combined by certain methods to obtain maximum response plot. The methods like complete quadratic combination (CQC) are used for obtaining the maximum response.

- Non-Linear Time History Analysis** – It is a non linear dynamic analysis approach. This approach uses the record of ground motion in terms of acceleration with respect to time period. The record is subjected to the base of the building to obtain the maximum response. The response can be plotted in the form of spectral displacement, etc.

## II. METHODOLOGY

For doing a comparative study in order to determine the optimum position of shear wall, 10 test models are modeled and analyzed. Out of the ten test models, one of them is a bare frame model (with no shear wall). The other nine models have a unique configuration of shear wall. Please note that the total length of shear wall in any of the nine models is constant i.e. 80 m.

**A. Modeling Details-** The modeling is done in ETABS v. 16 with concrete grade of M25 and rebar grade of Fe-415 for all the models. The details of the models are as follows –

**Table I: Geometrical Details of The Models**

Sr. No.	PARTICULARS	DESCRIPTION
01	Column Size	350 X 750 (in mm)
02	Beam Size	300 X 450 (in mm)
03	Slab Thickness	150 mm
04	Shear Wall Thickness	300 mm
05	Typical Storey height	3 m
06	Height between foundation base and plinth level.	2.6 m
07	Centre to Centre distance of columns (X & Y direction)	5 m

Table II: Loading Details of the Models

Sr. No.	PARTICULARS	DESCRIPTION
01	DEAD LOAD a) Floor Finish b) Masonry Load for 4.5" wall	1.5 kN/m <sup>2</sup> 6.9 kN/m <sup>2</sup>
02	LIVE LOAD a) Floor Load at floor b) Floor Load at terrace	3 kN/m <sup>2</sup> 1 kN/m <sup>2</sup>
03	SEISMIC LOAD a) Seismic Zone b) Response Reduction Factor c) Importance Factor d) Soil Type	ZONE III & ZONE IV 5 1 Medium Stiff

The test model layouts are given below –

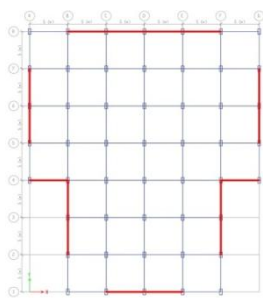


Fig. 3 MODEL 01

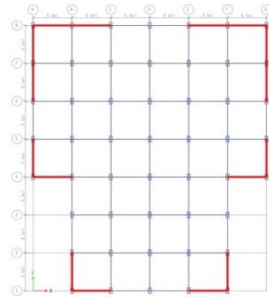


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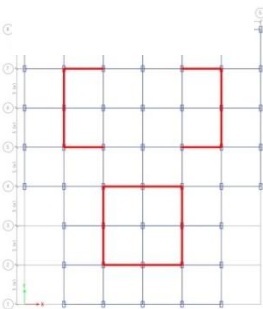


Fig. 5 MODEL 03

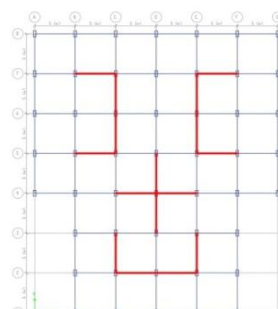


Fig. 6 MODEL 04

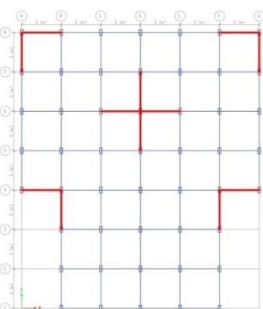


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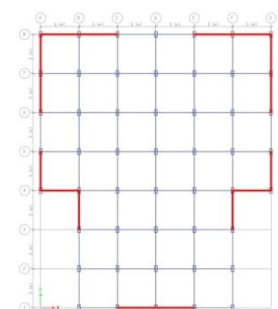


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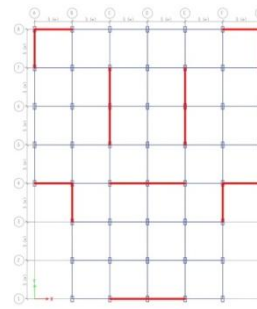


Fig. 10 MODEL 07

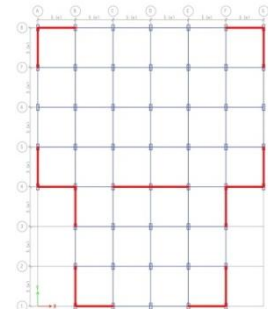


Fig. 11 MODEL 08

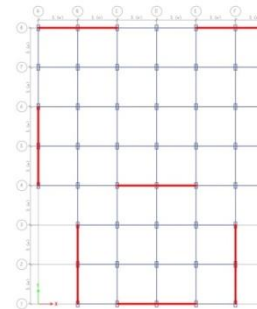


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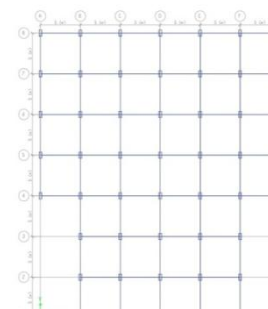


Fig. 13 BARE FRAME MODEL

**B. Analysis Details** – The model analysis is done as for seismic zone III & IV, thus there is no scope for equivalent static method. The models will undergo dynamic analysis from ETABS v. 16 with following details-

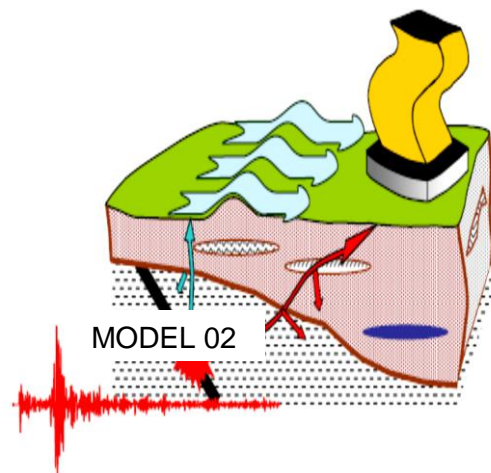


Fig. 14 Acceleration in ground due to earthquake

a) Linear Response Spectrum Analysis –

1. Total no. of modes to be taken at a time for analysis = 30
2. The values for the analysis (Design acceleration coeff (g)) are taken as per Fig. 2 of IS 1893 (Part 1)-2016.
3. The overall response will be combined as per CQC (Combined Quadratic Response) Approach.
4. Separate analysis will be done for zone III & zone IV for calculation of Base Shear, Storey Displacement & Storey Drift.



## b) Non Linear Time History Analysis -

- I. The recorded data for the analysis is of El Centro earthquake from Array Recording Station, USA. At time interval of .010 sec.
- II. Since the analysis is not considering the seismic zones in India, thus there is no significance of them. So, all the models will be analyzed only once for Non Linear Time History Analysis for the results like - Spectral Displacement, Joint Displacement at top storey, Base Force in X & Y direction.

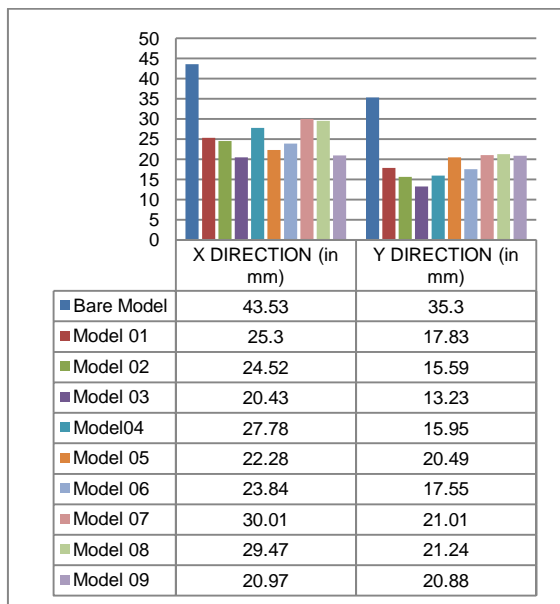
## C. Areas of Comparison –

The models will be compared on the following ground in order to determine the optimum position of shear wall in the irregular shaped building –

- Storey Displacement
- Storey Drift
- Base Shear
- Spectral Displacement
- Joint Displacement at the terrace level because of Time History Data
- Base Force at the foundation level because of the Time History Data

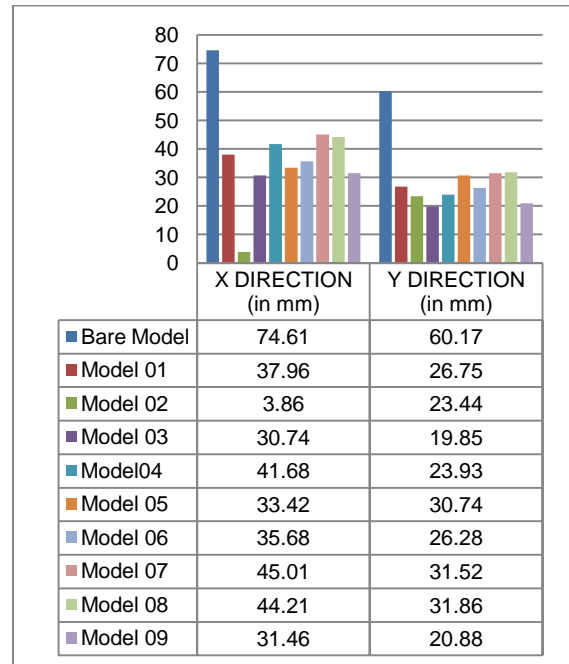
## III. RESULTS

### A. Storey Displacement by Linear Response Spectrum Method at ZONE III -



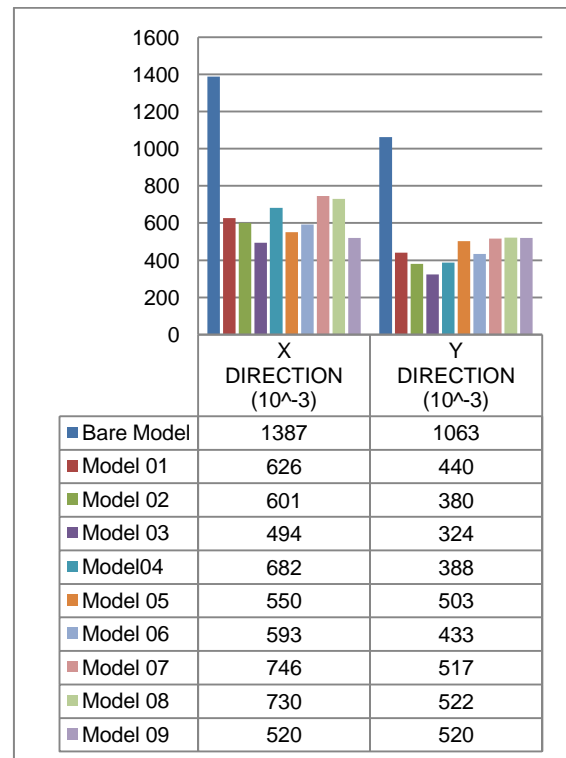
**Fig. 15**

### B. Storey Displacement by Linear Response Spectrum Method at ZONE III –



**Fig. 16**

### C. Storey Drift by Linear Response Spectrum Method at ZONE III –



**Fig. 17**

### D. Storey Drift by Linear Response Spectrum Method at ZONE IV –

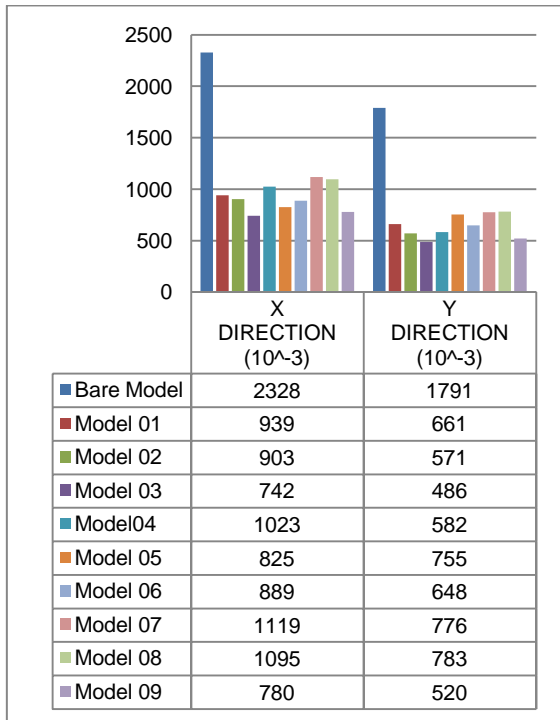


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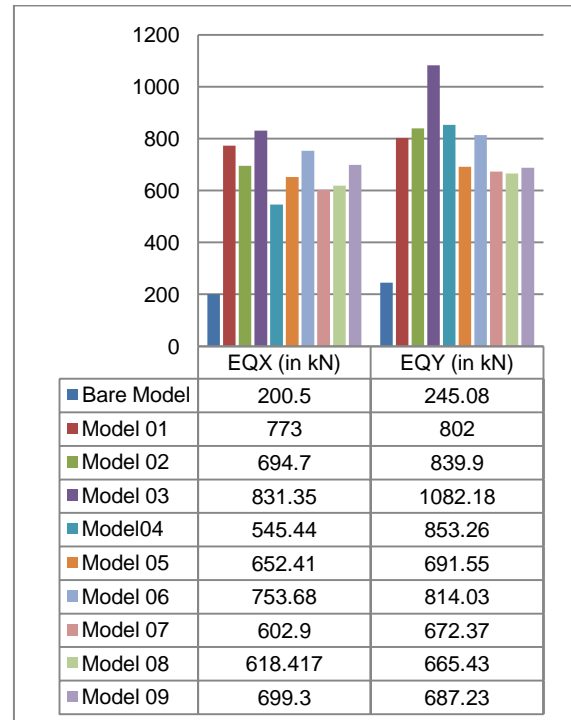


Fig. 20

E. Base Shear by Linear Response Spectrum Method at ZONE III -

G. Joint Displacement by Time History Record -

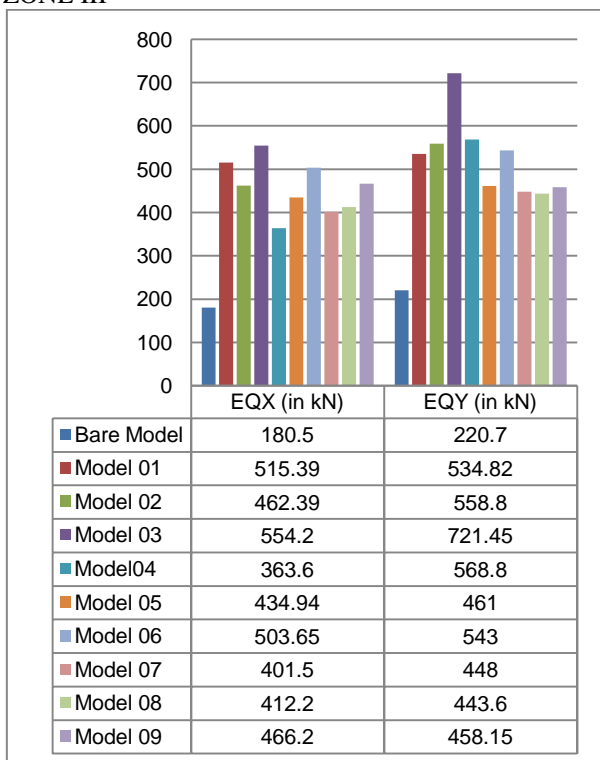


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F. Base Shear by Linear Response Spectrum Method at ZONE IV -

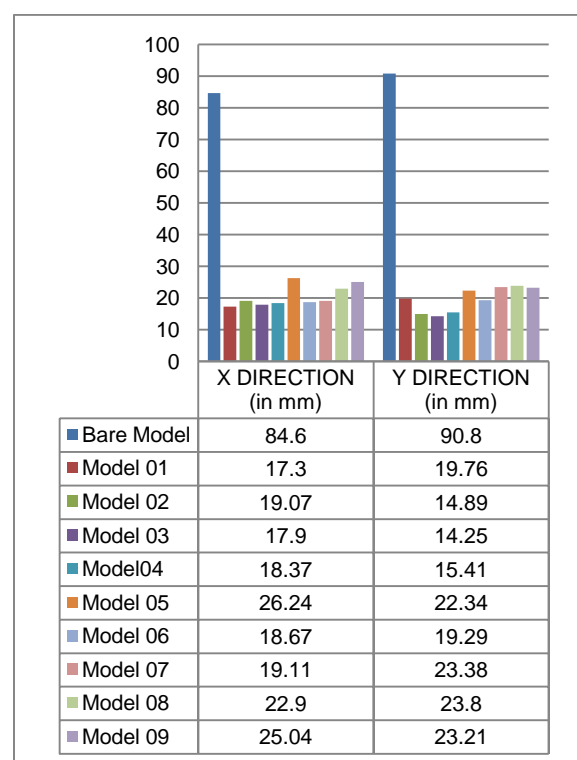


Fig. 21

H. Base Force by Time History Record -

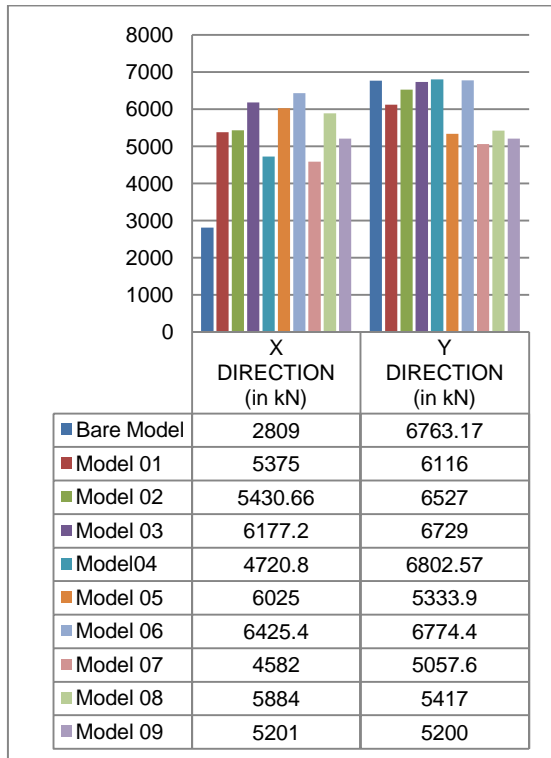


Fig. 22

## I. Spectral Displacement at 5% damping by Time History Record –

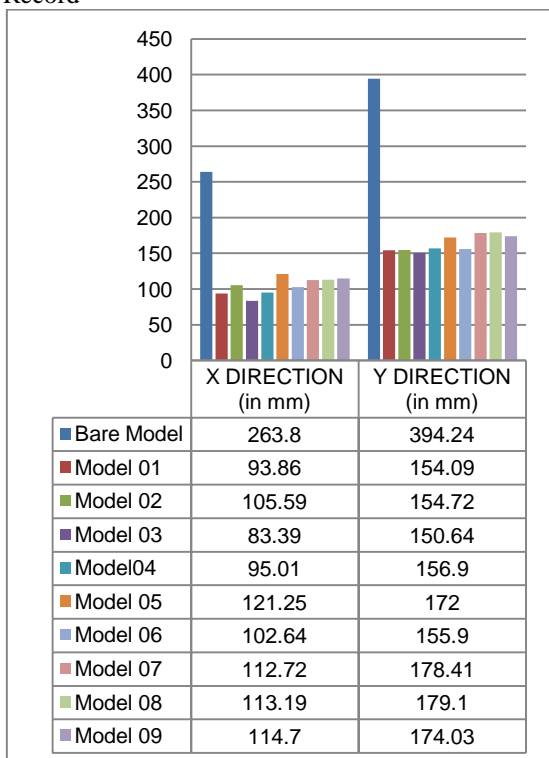


Fig. 23

## A. Comparison –

After the comparison of above results from both linear and non linear analysis, the configuration of MODEL 03 is found to be the best in order to resist the lateral forces.

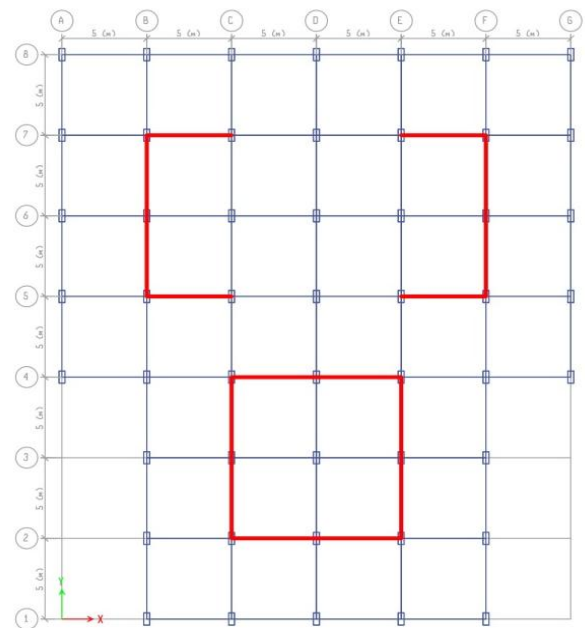


Fig. 24 Shear Wall Configuration for Model – 03

## B. Discussion -

The discussion about the extreme response from above comparisons are given below-

### 1) Storey Displacement–

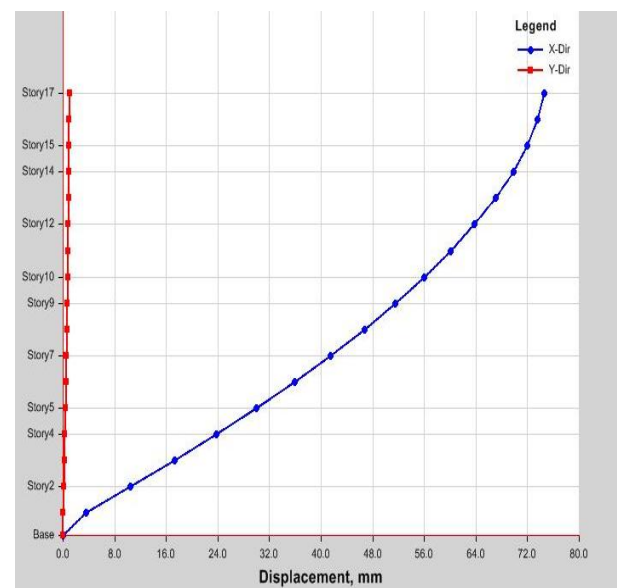
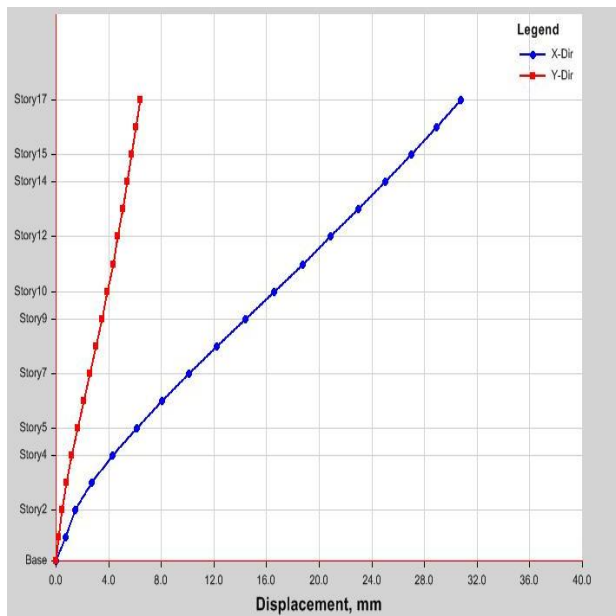
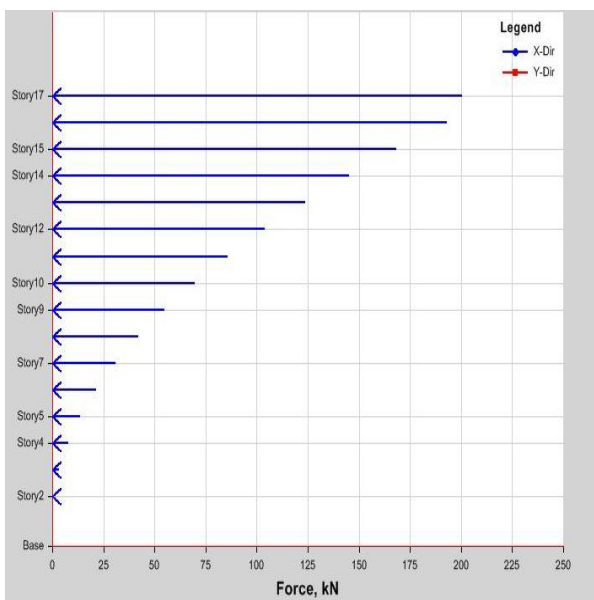


Fig. 25 Storey Displacement in X direction of Bare Model



**Fig. 26 Storey Displacement in X direction of Model 03**  
The lateral displacement increases because of lower value of stiffness provided by shear wall. Apart from that, mass of the building is defining factor for inertia forces, thus if it is distributed evenly, we will have favorable results. MODEL 03 is providing maximum resistance against lateral displacement because it has got such a configuration that provides better stiffness to the structure and at the same time the distribution of mass is also better.

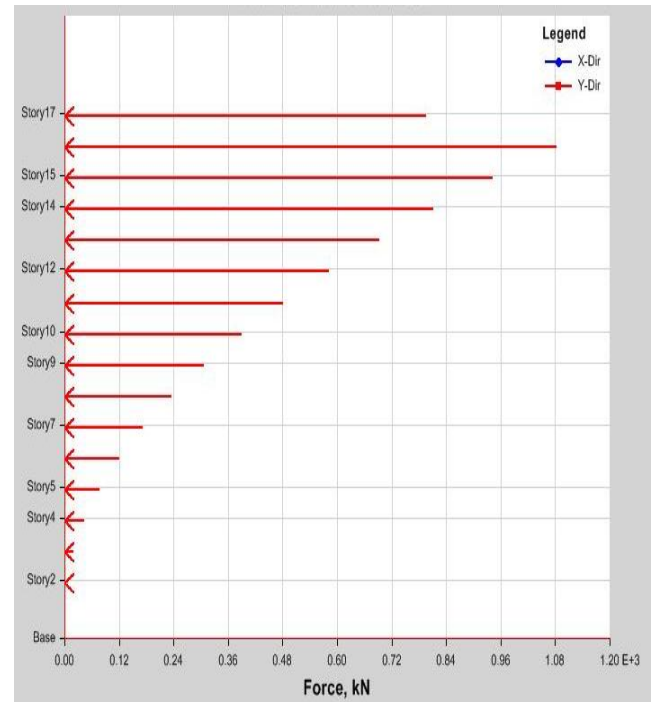
## 2) Base Shear–



**Fig. 27 Earthquake Forces along X direction of Bare Model**

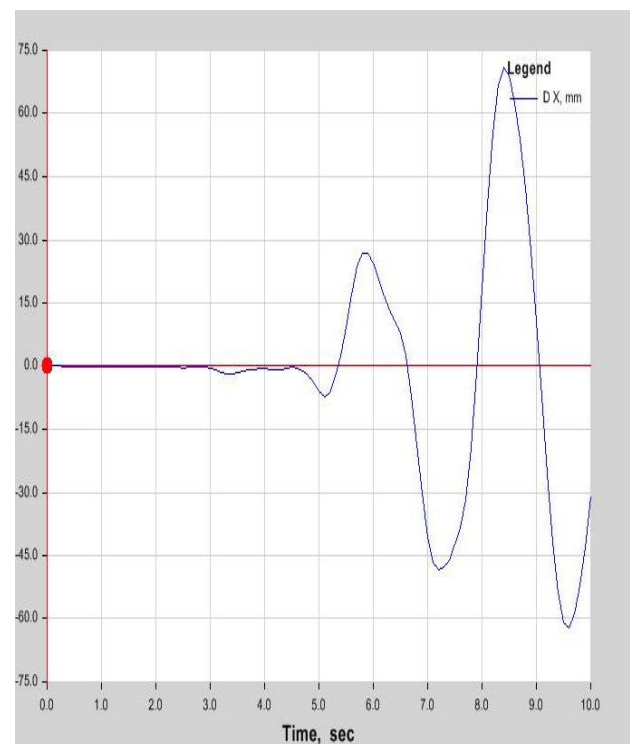
Base Shear is defined as the maximum seismic load subjected to the building during an earthquake. Due to position of shear wall, the earthquake forces increase in the building. This indicates that the stiffness of the building is increased by placing shear wall. This is in turn giving more force absorption in the structure. Thus in this manner, the buildings are able to resist moderate earthquake with vary

less damage to the structural elements as described in section 1.3.



**Fig. 28 Earthquake Forces along X direction of Model 03**

## 3) Joint Displacement at terrace level due to Time History Data -



**Fig. 29 Joint Displacement at terrace level due to Time History Data along X direction in Bare Frame Model**

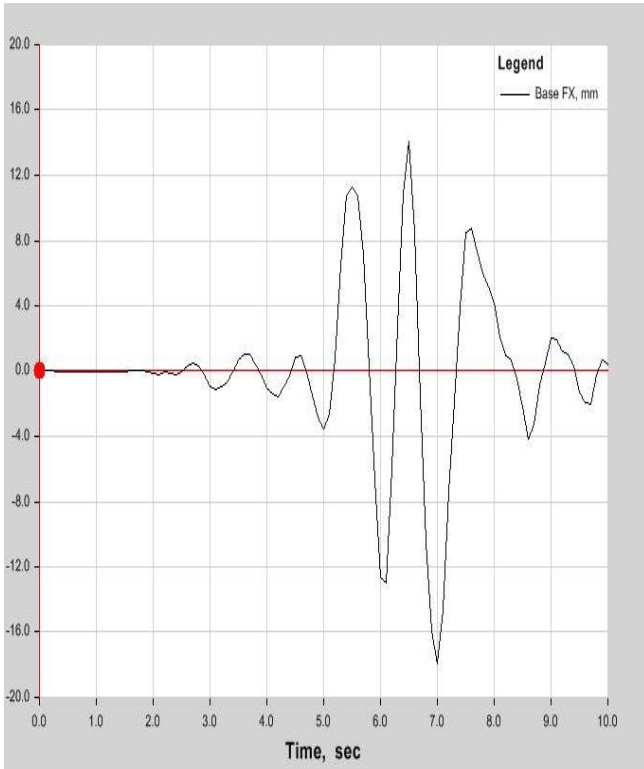


Fig. 30 Joint Displacement at terrace level due to Time History Data along X direction in Model 03

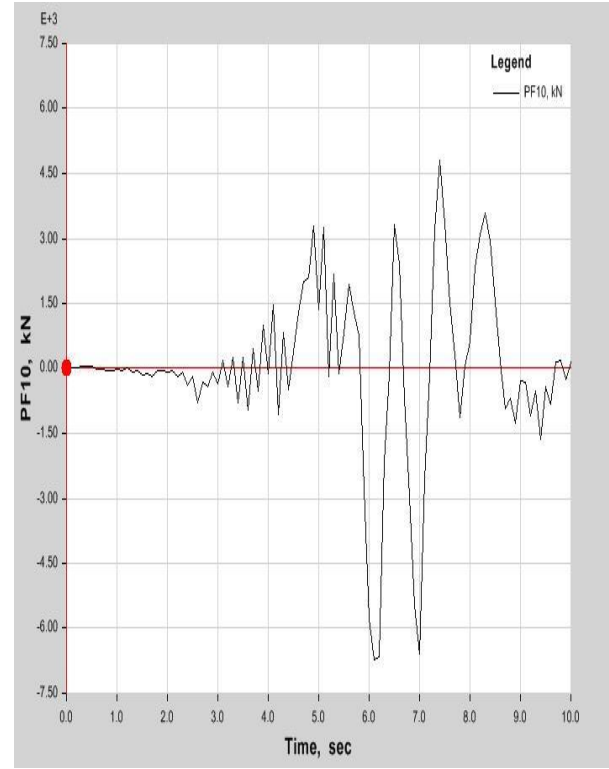


Fig. 32 Base Force due to Time History Data for Model 03 in X direction

#### 4) Base Force due to Time History Data –

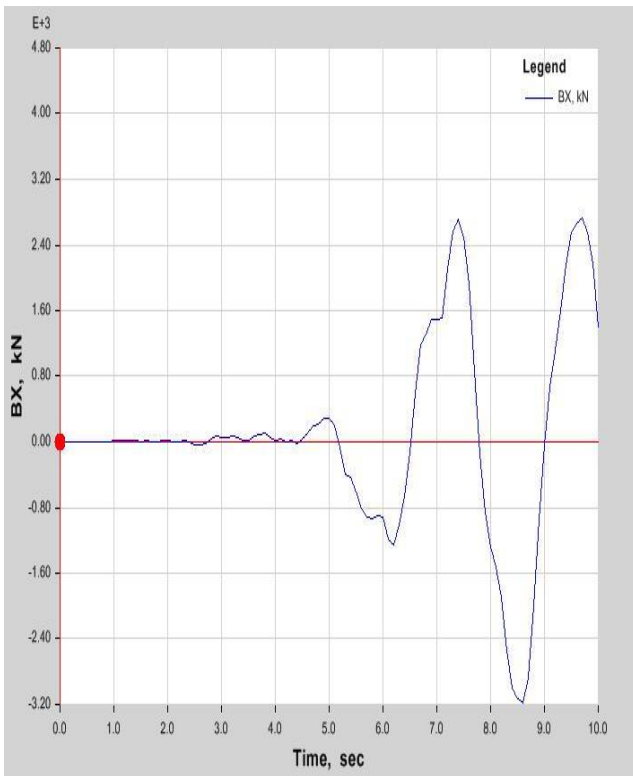


Fig. 31 Base Force due to Time History Data for Bare Frame Model in X direction

#### 5) Spectral Displacement due to Time History Data-

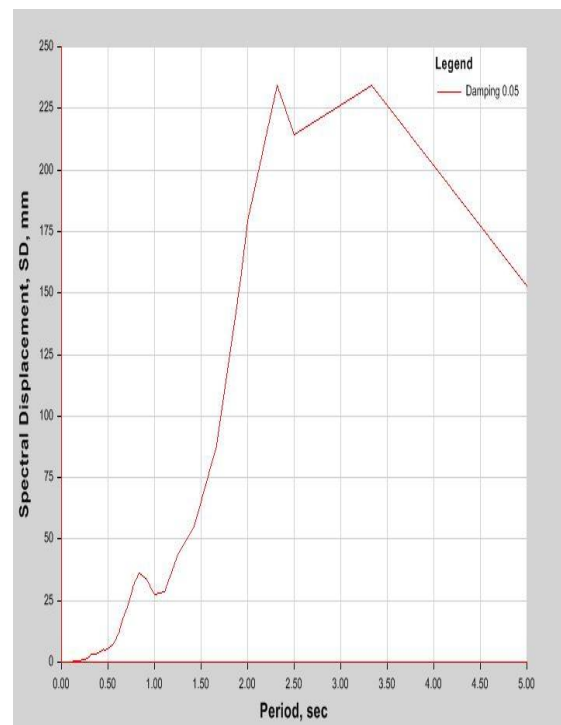
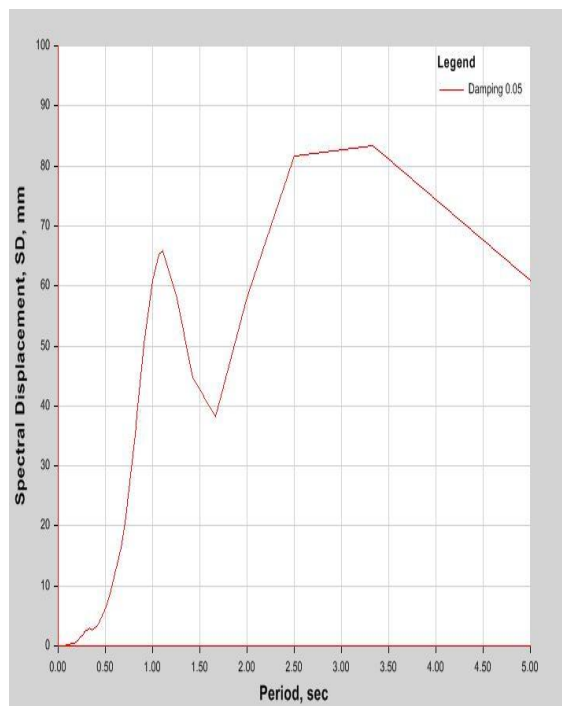


Fig. 33 Spectral Displacement due to Time History Data for Bare Model in X direction





**Fig. 34 Spectral Displacement due to Time History Data for Model 03 in X direction**

#### Discussion for Time History Analysis

- Joint Displacement due to Time History Record is very high because this is a result of non linear analysis from the extreme earthquake data.
- Base Force is introduced at the base of building in terms of reaction from the ground acceleration record. These values are also very high but after the introduction of shear wall, there is rapid variation in the values.
- Spectral Displacement is defined as peak response in terms of displacement plot for varying frequencies. The above plots are defined from the records of El Centro Earthquake from Array Recording Station, USA. At 5% damping. The shear wall configuration easily reduces the spectral displacement.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

From the comparative study, it was concluded that location of shear wall plays a very important role in increasing the resistance against the lateral forces. The location should be such that it should distribute the gravity loads and the lateral loads such that the building retains its centre of gravity in the best way possible.

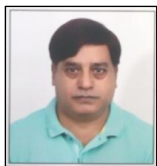
Configuration of MODEL 03 is such that it easily distributes the lateral forces in the best possible manner. Thus, this reduces the values of Spectral Displacement, Storey drift, Storey Displacement due to earthquake forces. Apart from that, seismic forces increase in the buildings in terms of base shear. This indicates that building with shear wall is able to capture more seismic loads.

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