



# SEISMIC ANALYSIS OF MULTISTORIED IRREGULAR AND REGULAR BUILDING WITH MASONARY INFILLS

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**Abstract**— Nowadays, as in the urban areas the space available for the construction of buildings is limited. So in limited space we have to construct such type of buildings which can be used for multiple purposes such as lobbies, car parking etc. To fulfill this demand, high rise buildings is the only option available. The performance of a high rise building during strong earthquake motion depends on the distribution of stiffness, strength and mass along both the vertical and horizontal directions. If there is discontinuity in stiffness, strength and mass between adjoining storeys of a building then such a building is known as irregular building. The present study focuses on the seismic performance of regular and vertical irregular building with and without masonry infills. In the present study G+11 building is considered for the analysis with modelling and analysis done on ETABS software v17.0.1. The earthquake forces are calculated as per IS 1893 (part 1): 2016 for seismic zone III. The width of strut is calculated by using equivalent diagonal strut method. Total five models are considered for the analysis i.e. regular building with bare frame, regular building with masonry infill, soft storey building with open ground storey, mass irregular building with masonry infill and vertical geometric irregular building with masonry infill. The non-linear static analysis (pushover analysis) and linear dynamic analysis (response spectrum analysis) are performed for all the models and thereby compare their results. From analysis, the parameters like performance point, time period, maximum storey displacement, maximum storey drifts, storey shears and overturning moments are determined and also comparative study is done for all the models. From the comparison, it is observed that the vertical geometric irregular building shows better performance under seismic loading and bare frame building shows inferior performance. Moreover, the performance of masonry infilled frame building is found better than the bare frame building. So it is essential to consider the effect of masonry infill for the seismic evaluation of moment resisting reinforced concrete frame.

**Keywords**— Masonary Infill, Regular and Irregular Building, Equivalent Diagonal Strut, Pushover Analysis, Response Spectrum Analysis.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Seismic analysis is a subset of structural analysis and is the calculation of the response of a building (or nonbuilding) structure to earthquakes. It is part of the process of structural design, earthquake engineering or structural assessment and retrofit in regions where earthquakes are prevalent. Earthquake engineering has developed a lot since the early days, and some of the more complex designs now use special earthquake protective elements either just in the foundation or distributed throughout the structure. Analyzing these types of structures requires specialized explicit finite element computer code. Structural analysis is the determination of the effects of loads on physical structures and their components. Structures subject to this type of analysis include all that must withstand loads, such as buildings, bridges, vehicles, furniture, attire, soil strata, etc. Structural analysis employs the fields of applied mechanics, materials science and applied mathematics to compute a structure's deformations, internal forces, stresses, support reactions, accelerations, and stability. The results of the analysis are used to verify a structure's fitness for use, often precluding physical tests. Structural analysis is thus a key part of the engineering design of structures. This paper presents non-linear static and linear dynamic analysis of G+11 multistoried building analyzed as per IS 1893(Part-1): 2016. The objective of this study is to perform pushover analysis and response spectrum analysis of regular and irregular buildings with and without infill and there by obtain and compare results.

The results are presented in terms of performance point, time period, maximum storey displacement, maximum storey drifts, storey shears and overturning moments.

## II. METHODOLOGY

A reinforced concrete building with G+11 storey has been taken for seismic analysis. Five building models are considered for comparison. All considered models are symmetrical in plan with two models are regular and three models having vertical irregularity. Four models are modeled with masonry infills and one without infills. The typical plan dimension of the buildings in X direction length: 31.5 m and Y direction width: 31.5 m which is divided into 7 bay in each direction. Total height of the building is 39.6 m for all models and for soft storey building is 40.3 m. The structure is analyzed according to IS 1893(Part-1): 2016 for seismic zone III for soil Class II. Fig. 1 shows plan view of the building.

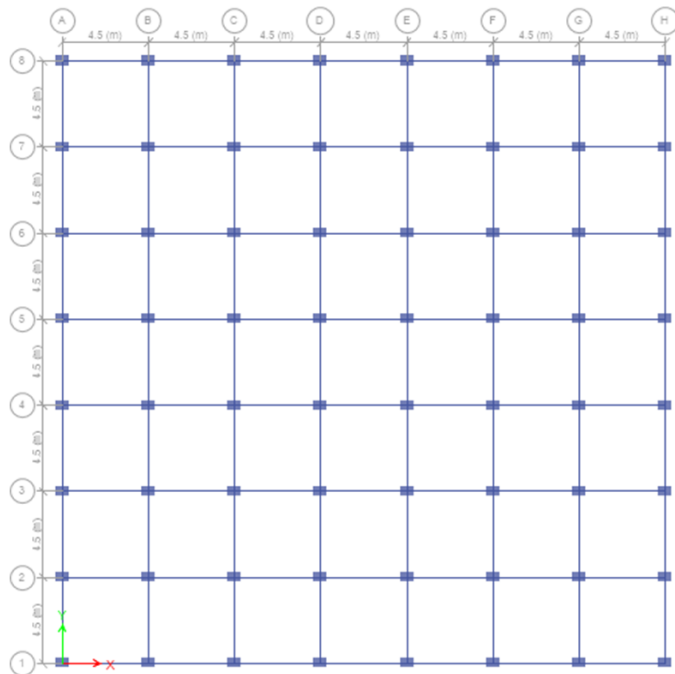


Fig. 1. Plan view of the building

## III. MODELLING PARAMETERS

### 3.1 Description of building

1	Type of building	Public
2	Plan of the building	Symmetrical
3	Building plan	31.5m x 31.5m
4	Building area	992.25 Sq.m
5	Total building height	39.6m
6	Soft storey building height	40.3m
7	Spacing of frames in both X directions	4.5m
8	Spacing of frames in both Y directions	4.5m
9	Number of bays in the frame in X direction	7
10	Number of bays in the frame in Y direction	7
11	Each storey height	3.3m
12	Soft storey ground floor height	4m
13	Number of storey	12 (G+11)
14	Grade of concrete	M25
15	Grade of steel	Fe500
16	Depth of slab	150mm Thick
17	Sp. Wt. of Concrete	24 KN/cubic meter
18	Sp. Wt. of Steel	78.5 KN/cubic meter
19	Beam Size, B1	300 x 500mm
20	Beam Size, B2	350 x 500mm
21	Column Size, C1	700 x 500mm
22	Column Size, C2	600 x 400mm
23	Column Size, C3	500 x 300mm
24	Thickness of exterior wall	230mm
25	Thickness of interior wall	100mm
26	Sp. Wt. of Masonary	18 KN/cubic meter
27	Modulus of Elasticity of concrete	25000 MPa
28	Modulus of Elasticity of masonry	2186.25 MPa
29	Shear Modulus of masonry	1700 MPa
30	Poisson's ratio of masonry	0.15
31	Compressive strength of masonry prism	3.98 MPa
32	Equivalent width of strut	573mm
33	Dead Load	3.75 KN/ Sqm
34	Wt. of flooring / finishing	1.25 KN/ Sqm
35	Live Load	3.00 KN/ Sqm
36	Wt. of exterior wall	11.59 KN/m
37	Wt. of interior wall	5.04 KN/m
38	Wt. of parapet wall	4.14 KN/m
39	Size of swimming pool	9 x 13.5m
40	Swimming pool load for mass irregular building	20 KN/ Sqm
41	Zone factor	III
42	Soil type	II
43	Importance factor	1
44	Response reduction factor	5

### 3.2 Description of the structure modeled

A reinforced concrete frame with G+11 storey of dimension 31.5m x 31.5m, has been taken for seismic analysis. Five building models are considered for comparison:

Model 1: Regular building with bare frame

Model 2: Regular building with masonry infill

Model 3: Soft storey building with open ground storey

Model 4: Mass irregular building with masonry infill

Model 5: Vertical geometric irregular building with masonry infill

All five building models are analyzed using nonlinear static analysis and linear dynamic analysis.

Model 1: Regular building with bare frame

In this model, the building geometry is regular and walls are not modeled in this model. Fig. 2 shows elevation of regular building with bare frame.

Model 2: Regular building with masonry infill

In this model, the building geometry is regular and the outer walls are modeled as braced frame. Fig. 3 shows elevation of regular building with masonry infill.

Model 3: Soft storey building with open ground storey

This type of building is stiffness irregular and the ground floor of this building is open and in all floors the outer walls are modeled as braced frame. Moreover, the height of ground storey is greater than all stories. Fig. 4 shows elevation of soft storey building with open ground storey.

Model 4: Mass irregular building with masonry infill

In this type of building, the swimming pool is located at 3rd and 6th floor and the outer walls are modeled as braced frame in all floors. Fig. 5 shows the location of swimming pool at 3rd and 6th floor. Fig. 6 shows elevation of mass irregular building with masonry infill.

Model 5: Vertical geometric irregular building with masonry infill

In this model, the building geometry is irregular in elevation and the outer walls are modeled as braced frame in all floors. Fig. 7 shows elevation of vertical geometric irregular building with masonry infill.

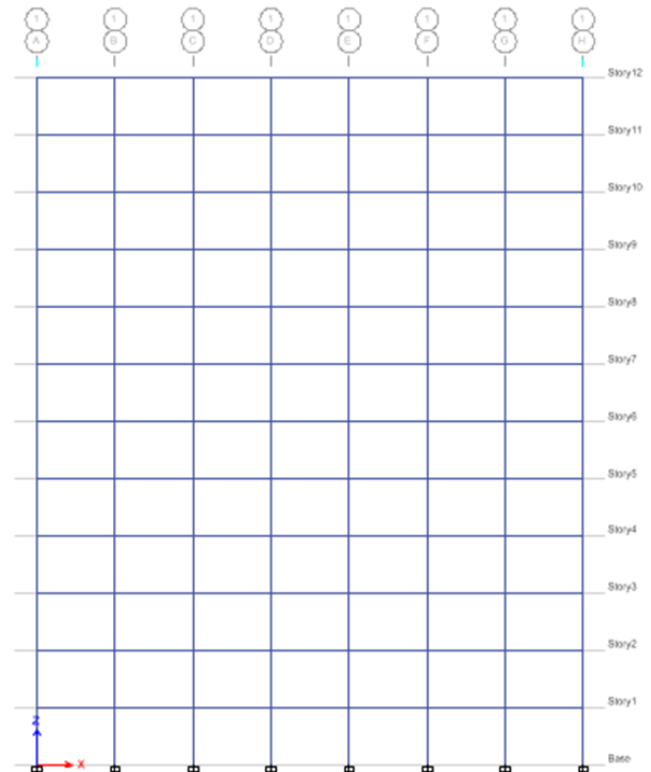


Fig. 2. Elevation of regular building with bare frame

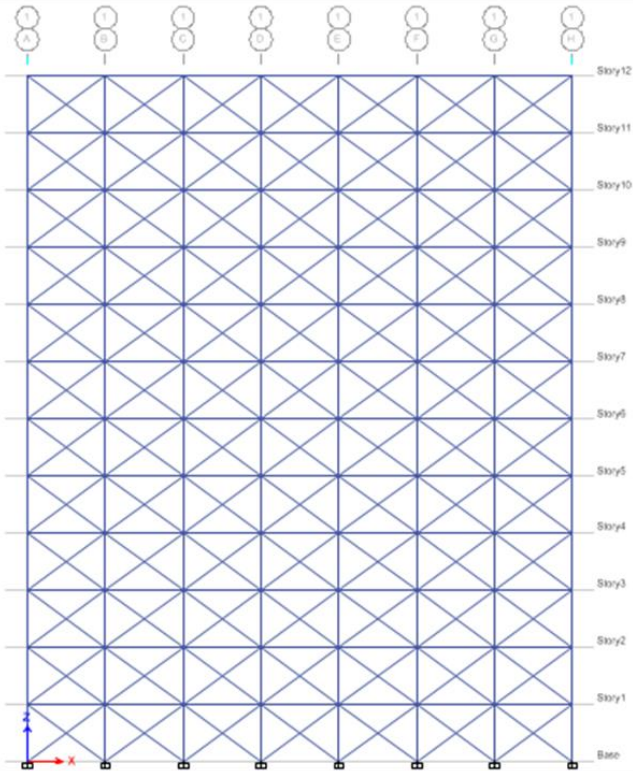


Fig. 3. Elevation of regular building with masonry infill

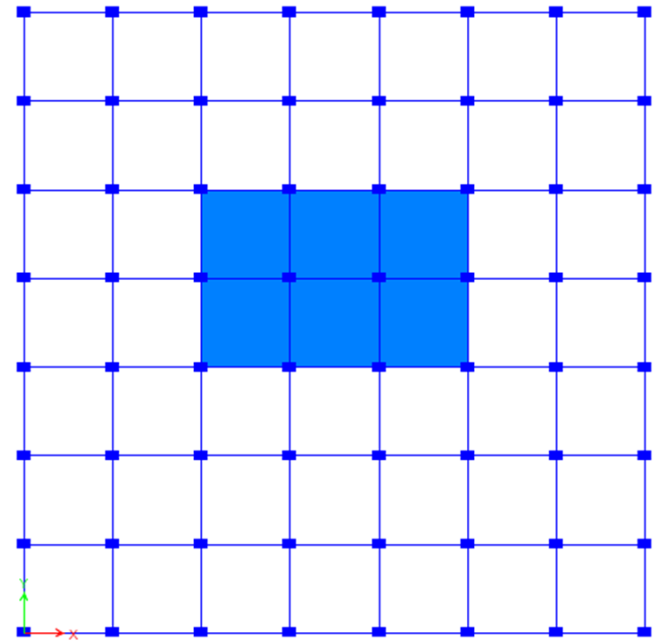


Fig. 5. Location of swimming pool at 3rd and 6th floor in mass irregular building

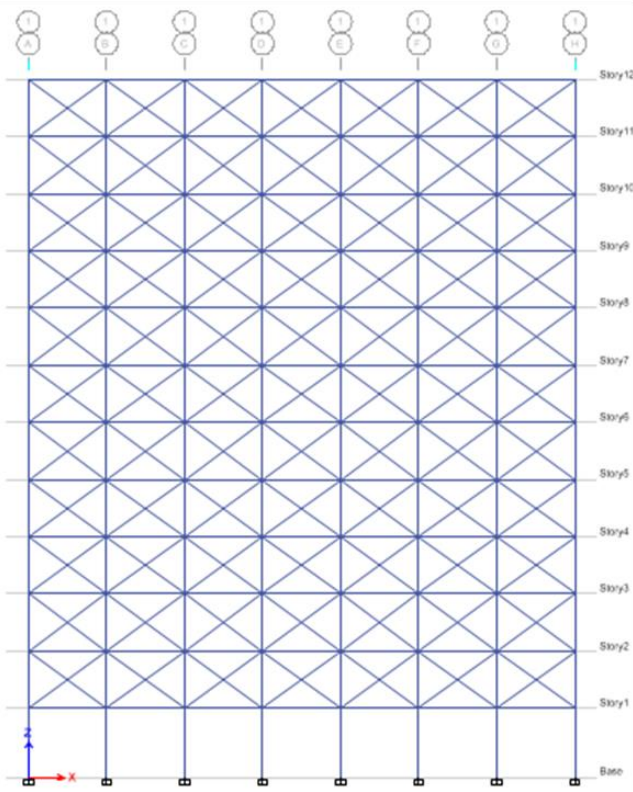


Fig. 4. Elevation of soft storey building with open ground storey

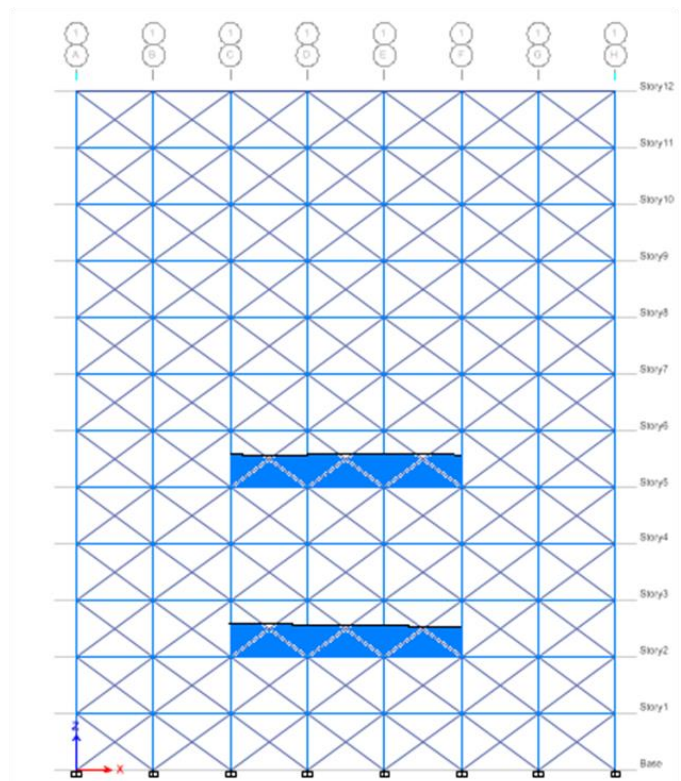


Fig. 6. Elevation of mass irregular building with masonry infill

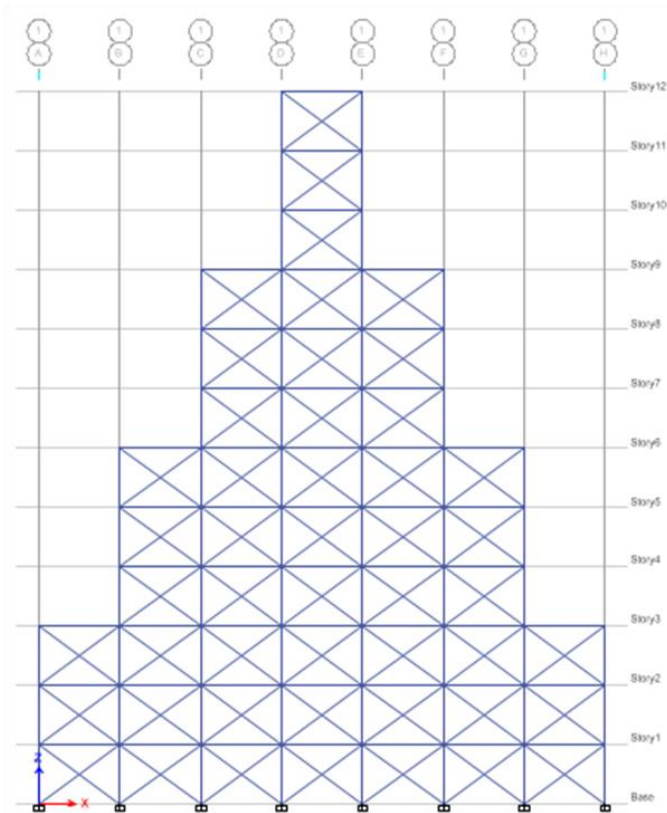


Fig. 7. Elevation of vertical geometric irregular building with masonry infill

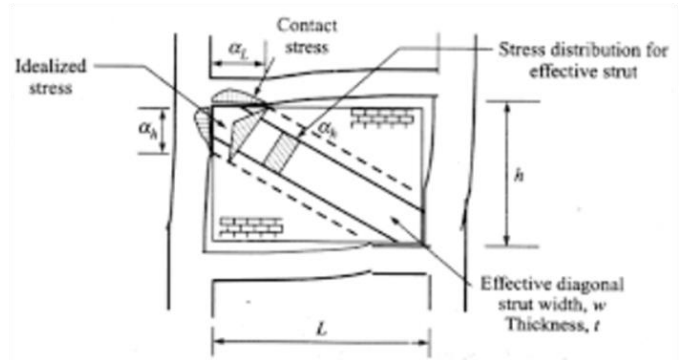


Fig. 8. Equivalent diagonal strut structure

#### IV. RESULTS & DISCUSSION

Following are the results determined from the analysis:

##### 4.1 Pushover Analysis Result:

##### 4.1.1 Performance Point

Table -1 Performance Point of Base Shear (KN)

Models	push x	push y
Model 1	29019.7	25986
Model 2	37555.6	36370.6
Model 3	39863.9	33485.8
Model 4	40727.3	38875.7
Model 5	34578	35757.3

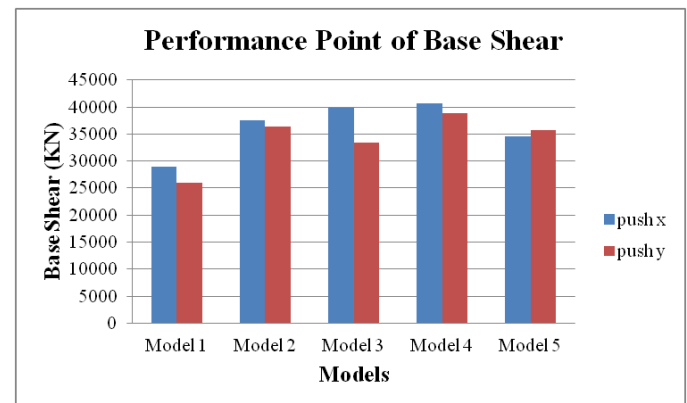


Fig. 9. Comparison of base shear of all models

By the comparison of various models it is observed that the performance point of base shear is more in mass irregular building and less in building with bare frame. The building with higher base shear has more capacity. Thus, mass irregular building has more capacity than other models and the building with bare frame has less capacity.

### 3.3 Modelling of masonry infill wall

The modelling of masonry infill wall can be done by using equivalent diagonal strut. The geometric and material properties of the equivalent diagonal strut are required for conventional braced frame analysis to determine the increased stiffness of the infilled frame. The geometric properties are of effective width and thickness of the strut. The thickness and material properties of strut are similar to the infill wall. Many investigators have proposed various approximations for the width of equivalent diagonal strut. Originally proposed by Polyakov (1956) and subsequently developed by many investigators, the width of strut depends on the length of contact between the wall and the columns,  $\alpha_h$ , and between the wall and beams,  $\alpha_L$  shown in Fig. 8. The proposed range of contact length is between one-fourth and one-tenth of the length of panel. Holmes (1963) recommended a width of the diagonal strut equal to one-third of the diagonal length of the panel. Stafford smith (1966) developed the formulations for  $\alpha_h$  and  $\alpha_L$  on the basis of beam on an elastic foundation. According to IS 1893(Part I): 2016, width of equivalent diagonal strut for URM infill walls without any opening shall be taken as  $W_{ds} = 0.175\alpha_h^{-0.4}L_{ds}$

Table -2 Performance Point of Displacement

Models	push x	push y
Model 1	194.11	231.83
Model 2	165.53	190.87
Model 3	166	174.7
Model 4	169.28	194.58
Model 5	146.79	142.38

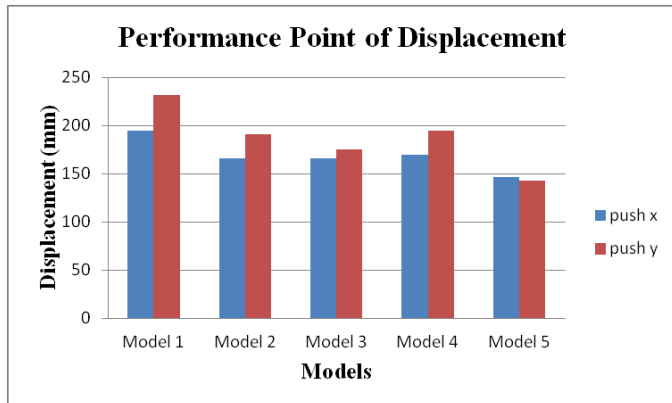


Fig. 10. Comparison of displacement of all models

The performance point of displacement is found more in bare frame building and less in vertical geometric irregular building. Thus, vertical geometric irregular building shows better performance. The building with soft storey has high value of displacement than vertical geometric irregular building and less than other models. Thus, soft storey building also shows good performance.

#### 4.1.2 Maximum Story Displacement

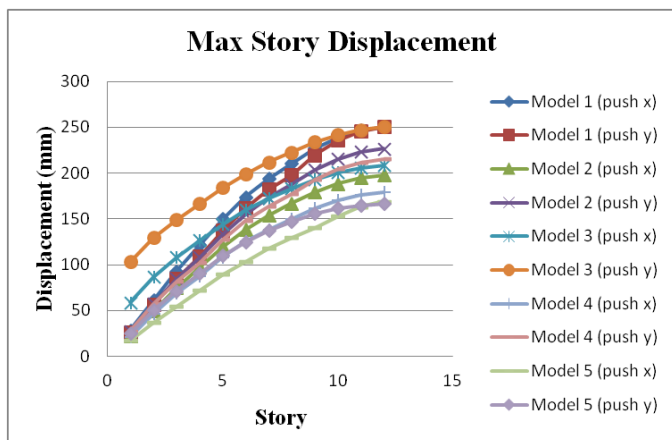


Fig. 11. Comparison of maximum story displacement of all models

From the comparison, it is observed that the maximum story displacement is more in bare frame building in both x and y directions. Vertical geometric irregular building has least value of maximum story displacement among all the models. Thus, it shows better performance.

#### 4.1.3 Maximum Story Drifts

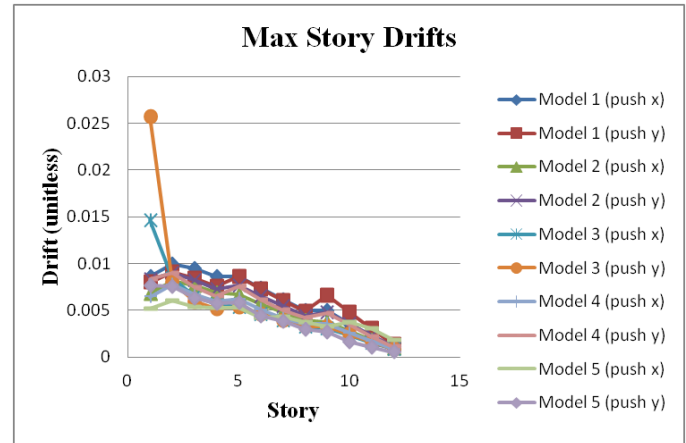


Fig. 12. Comparison of maximum story drifts of all models

Due to the discontinuity in stiffness, strength and mass, there is increase in storey drift for irregular structure. A structure having irregularity gives higher storey drift. Maximum story drifts occurs for soft storey building among all the models. Vertical geometric irregular building has least value of maximum story drifts among all the models.

#### 4.1.4 Story Shears

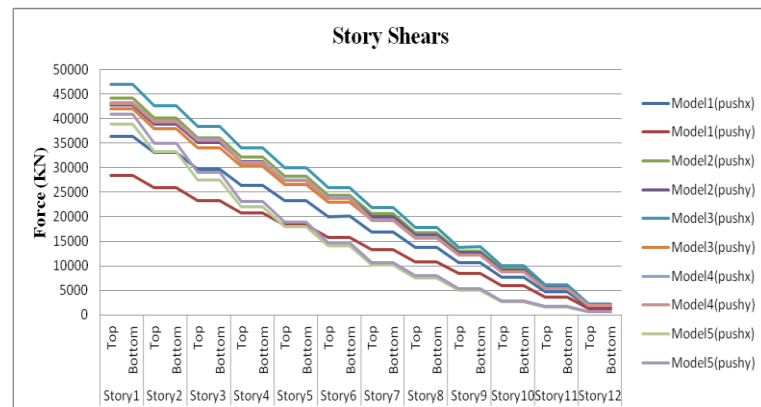


Fig. 13. Comparison of story shears of all models

After comparing the building performance, it is seen that there is increase in storey shear for masonry infilled frame building as compared to the bare frame building. Soft storey building has highest value of storey shear in X direction among all the models. Regular building with bare frame has least value of story shear among all the models in both the directions.

#### 4.1.5 Overturning Moments

Since overturning moments are same in X and Y direction, so only X direction is considered.

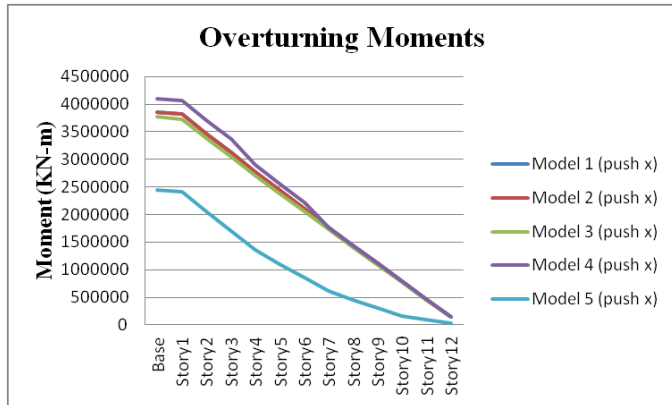


Fig. 14. Comparison of overturning moments of all models

From the comparison, it is observed that the overturning moment is maximum in mass irregular building among all the models and it is minimum in vertical geometric irregular building among all the models.

#### 4.2 Response Spectrum Analysis Result:

##### 4.2.1 Time Period

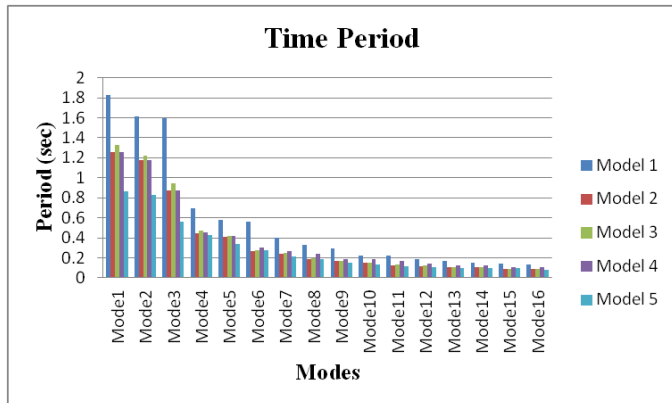


Fig. 15. Comparison of time period of all models

The time period of the structure depends on the mass and the stiffness characteristics of the structure. Due to presence of infill in models, the stiffness increases with decreasing in time period. The time period is highest in bare frame building among all the models. Vertical geometric irregular building has least value of time period among all the models.

#### 4.2.2 Maximum Story Displacement

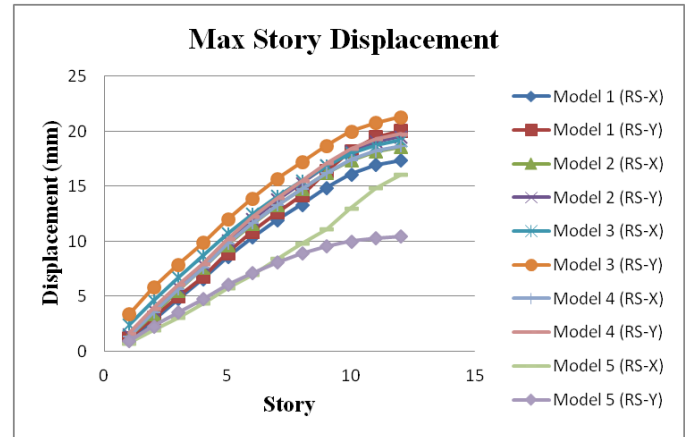


Fig. 16. Comparison of maximum story displacement of all models

From the comparison, it is observed that the soft storey building has maximum story displacement in both X and Y directions. Vertical geometric irregular building has least value of maximum story displacement among all the models in both the directions.

##### 4.2.3 Maximum Story Drifts

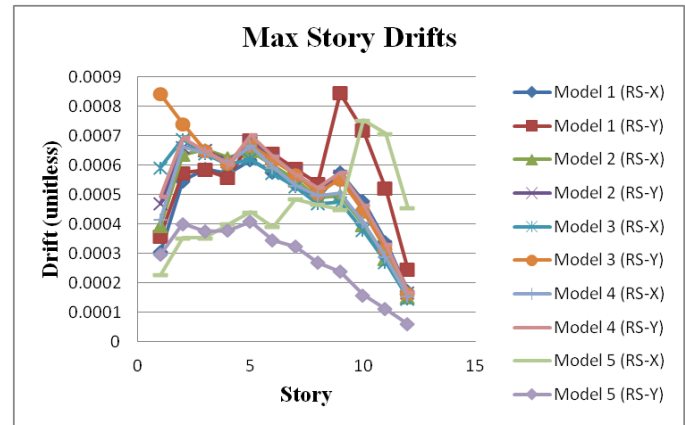


Fig. 17. Comparison of maximum story drifts of all models

From the comparison, maximum story drifts is observed in soft storey building among all the models. Vertical geometric irregular building has least value of maximum story drifts among all the models.

#### 4.2.4 Story Shears

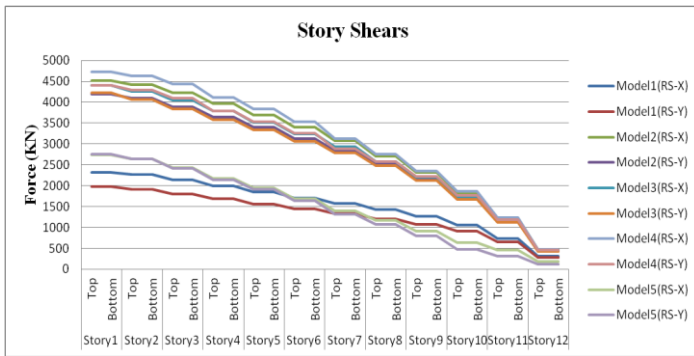


Fig. 18. Comparison of story shears of all models

After comparing the building performance, it is seen that there is increase in storey shear for masonry infilled frame building as compared to the bare frame building. Mass irregular building has highest value of storey shear among all the models and regular building with bare frame has least value of storey shear among all the models.

#### 4.2.5 Overturning Moments

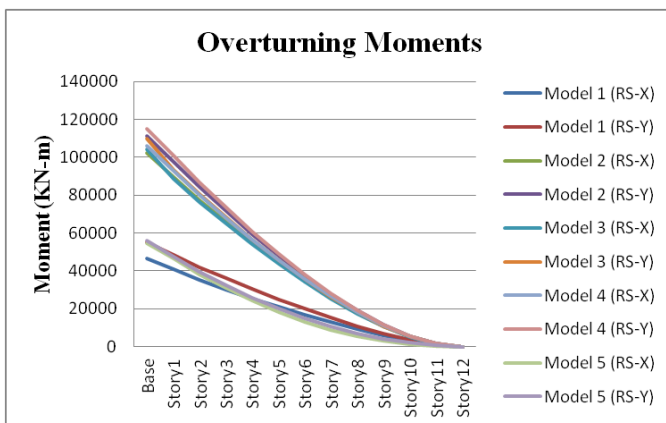


Fig. 19. Comparison of overturning moments of all models

From the comparison, it is observed that the overturning moment is maximum in mass irregular building among all the models and it is minimum in bare frame building among all the models.

### V. CONCLUSION & FUTURE SCOPE

#### 5.1 Conclusion

##### Pushover Analysis

1. The performance point of base shear is highest in mass irregular building and least in bare frame building. The building with higher base shear has more capacity. Thus, mass irregular building has more capacity than other

models and bare frame building has less capacity among all the models.

2. The performance point of displacement is highest in bare frame building and least in vertical geometric irregular building. Thus, vertical geometric irregular building shows better performance. The building with soft storey also has less value of displacement. Thus, soft storey building also shows good performance.
3. The maximum story displacement occurs in bare frame building in both X and Y directions. Vertical geometric irregular building has least value of maximum story displacement among all the models. Thus, it shows better performance.
4. Maximum story drifts occurs for soft storey building among all the models. Vertical geometric irregular building has least value of maximum story drifts among all the models.
5. After comparing the building performance, it is seen that there is increase in storey shear for masonry infilled frame building as compared to the bare frame building. Soft storey building has highest value of storey shear in X direction among all the models. Regular building with bare frame has least value of storey shear among all the models in both the directions.
6. The overturning moment is maximum in mass irregular building among all the models and it is minimum in vertical geometric irregular building among all the models.

#### Response Spectrum Analysis

1. Due to presence of infill in models, the stiffness increases with decreasing in time period. The time period is highest in bare frame building among all the models. Vertical geometric irregular building has least value of time period among all the models.
2. From the comparison, it is observed that the soft storey building has maximum story displacement in both X and Y directions. Vertical geometric irregular building has least value of maximum story displacement among all the models in both the directions.
3. From the comparison, maximum story drifts is observed in soft storey building among all the models. Vertical geometric irregular building has least value of maximum story drifts among all the models.
4. From the comparison, it is observed that the mass irregular building has highest value of storey shear among all the models and regular building with bare frame has least value of storey shear among all the models.
5. The overturning moment is maximum in mass irregular building among all the models and it is minimum in bare frame building among all the models.





**From the analysis results, it has been concluded as follows:**

- Vertical geometric irregular building shows better performance under seismic loading and bare frame building shows inferior performance.
- The performance of masonry infilled frame building is better than bare frame building.
- The infill walls reduce displacements, time period and increases base shear. So it is essential to consider the effect of masonry infill for the seismic evaluation of moment resisting reinforced concrete frame.

**5.2 Future Scope**

1. In the present study moderate seismic zone is considered for the analysis, further study can be carried out for high seismic zones.
2. Similar studies can be carried out for different infills such as shear wall.

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