

# SEISMIC RESPONSE OF REINFORCED CONCRETE STRUCTURE BY USING DIFFERENT BRACING SYSTEMS

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## Abstract

Bracings systems are one of the lateral load resisting system which has got structural importance specially in reinforced concrete buildings. Different bracing systems are efficient enough for seismic responses. To know the importance of different bracing systems in multistorey RC frame structure. 7 models with different bracing systems have been modeled and analysed for linear static(ESA), linear dynamic(RSA), non linear static(Pushover Analysis) and non linear dynamic analysis(Time history Analysis) by ETABS software. Results such as fundamental time period, seismic base shear, storey displacement and storey drift have been evaluated and compared with bare frame model. Model 2 (X bracing system) is showing better seismic performance out of all the models.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Seismic Analysis is a subset of structural analysis and is the calculation of the response of a building 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. In order to make multi-storey structures stronger and stiffer, which are more susceptible to earthquake and wind forces, the cross sections of the member increases from top to bottom. This makes the structure uneconomical owing to safety of structure. The behavior of the buildings during earthquake depends not only on the size of the members and amount of reinforcement, but to a great extent on the placing and detailing of the reinforcement. Therefore, it is necessary to provide special mechanism that to improve lateral stability of the structure.

Bracing systems are used to resist horizontal forces (wind load, seismic action) and to transmit to the foundation. The bracing members are arranged in many forms, which carry solely tension, or alternatively tension and compression. Such systems reduce bending moment and shear force in the columns.

Bracings hold the structure stable by transferring the loads sideways (not gravity, but wind or earthquake loads) down to the ground and are used to resist lateral loads, thereby preventing sway of the structure. Diagonal braces are efficient elements for developing stiffness and resistance to wind loads. There are different types of bracing systems in common use such as single diagonal bracing, X bracing, V bracing, K bracing, inverted V bracing.

The main aim of the present study is to know the effect of bracings on the multistorey RC frames. How the different

types of bracings enhance the overall performance of the building and to identify the suitable bracing system for resisting the seismic load efficiently.

## 2. DESCRIPTION OF STRUCTURAL MODELS

The study has been done on 7 different models of an eleven (11) storey building. The building has five bays in X direction and five bays in Y direction with the plan dimension (25 m × 20 m) having beam size (0.35 m × 0.5 m), column size (0.45 m × 0.9 m), thickness of slab is 0.120 m, bracings of (0.20 × 0.20 m) and a storey height of 3.5 m each in all the floors. The building is kept symmetric in both mutually perpendicular directions in plan to avoid torsional effects. The orientation and size of column is kept same throughout the height of the structure. The building is considered to be located in seismic zone V. The building is founded on medium strength soil. Response reduction factor for the special moment resisting frame has been taken as 5.0. The unit weights of concrete are taken as 25.0 kN/m<sup>3</sup>, the floor finish on the floors is 1.5 kN/m<sup>2</sup>. The live load on floor is taken as 3.5 kN/m<sup>2</sup>. In seismic weight calculations, 50% of the floor live loads are considered.

## 3. ANALYTICAL MODEL CONSIDERED FOR ANALYSIS

**Model 1:** Building modeled as bare frame. However, masses of the walls are included.

**Model 2:** Building has RC X bracings in outrigger patterns in the middle bay in every storey in all the four sides.

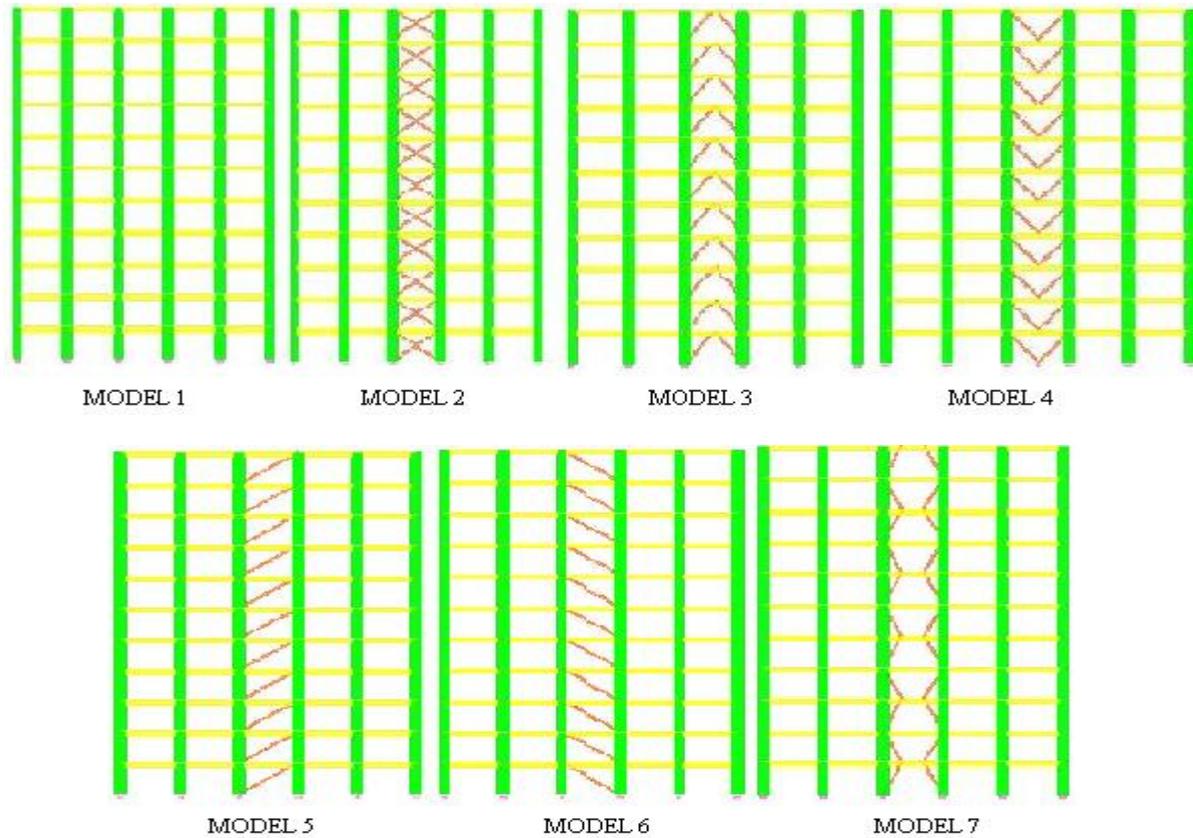
**Model 3:** Building has RC inverted V (chevron) in outrigger patterns in the middle Bay in every storey in all the four sides.

**Model 4:** Building has RC V bracings in outrigger patterns in the middle Bay in every storey in all the four sides.

**Model 5:** Building has RC forward diagonal bracings(/) in outrigger patterns in the middle stories in all four sides.

**Model 6:** Building has RC backward diagonal bracings(\) in outrigger patterns in the middle stories in all four sides.

**Model 7:** Building has RC K bracings in outrigger patterns in the middle stories in all four sides.



**Fig 1** Elevation of various building models

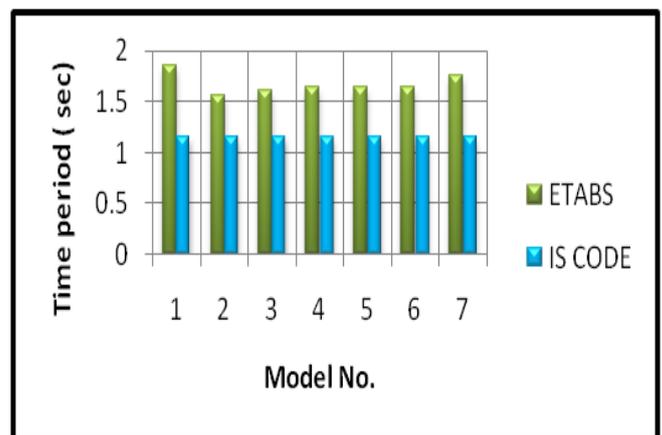
**4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

In this paper the results of all the building models are presented. Analysis were carried out using ETABS and different parameters studied such as Fundamental natural time period, Base shear, storey displacement and storey drifts, the tables and figures are shown below.

**Table 1:** Comparison of time period between IS code and ETAB

Model No	IS CODE Method		ETABS Analysis	
	Longitudinal	Transverse	Longitudinal	Transverse
1	1.159	1.159	1.8536	1.8536
2	1.159	1.159	1.5664	1.5664
3	1.159	1.159	1.6153	1.6153
4	1.159	1.159	1.6438	1.6438
5	1.159	1.159	1.6464	1.6464
6	1.159	1.159	1.6464	1.6464

7	1.159	1.159	1.7641	1.7641
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**Fig 2:** Model Vs Time period for different building model along longitudinal direction

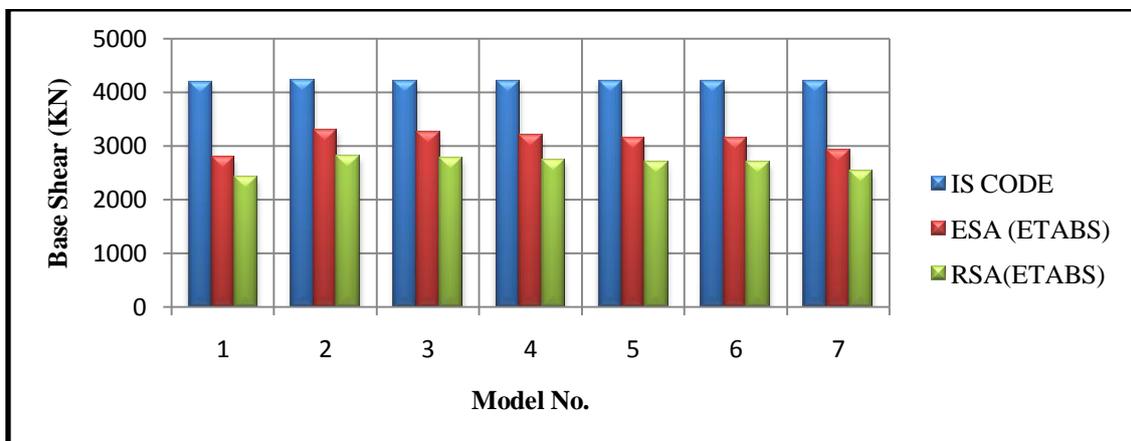
IS Code procedure does not give suitable guidelines or any empirical relationship to calculate fundamental natural time period for braced frame, it can be seen from table:1, IS Code gives same fundamental time period values for bare frame as well as braced. When the building models being analyzed in ETABS, the natural time period is increased by 37.47% as compared with IS Code method for bare frame (model 1).When different bracing system incorporated in the

different building models, the reduction in fundamental natural time period are 15.49%, 12.87%, 11.32%, 11.17%, 11.17% and 4.83% for Model2, Model3, Model4, Model5, Model6 and Model7.

Therefore bracings of different shapes considerably influence the overall performance of R.C framed structures.

**Table 2:** Comparison of Base shear with IS code, Linear static analysis and Response spectrum analysis for various building models

Model No	IS CODE Method		ESA (ETABS)		RSA (ETABS)	
	Longitudinal	Transverse	Longitudinal	Transverse	Longitudinal	Transverse
1	4195.782	4195.782	2790.53	2543.69	2425.48	2262.15
2	4219.893	4219.893	3302.53	3024.94	2810.49	2660.01
3	4211.025	4211.025	3246.58	2929.46	2769.3	2582.71
4	4211.025	4211.025	3190.76	2878.7	2731.56	2548.57
5	4207.126	4207.126	3133.24	2870.91	2686.38	2541.26
6	4207.126	4207.126	3133.24	2870.91	2686.38	2541.26
7	4209.501	4209.501	2927.06	2681.62	2524.23	2382.12



**Fig.3** Comparison of Base shear with IS code,ESA and RSA for various building models.

From table 2 and Fig 3 it is clearly evident that When a comparison is made between IS Code, ESA and RSA, IS Code procedure gives considerably higher base shear values than ESA(Etabs) and RSA(Etabs), By considering IS Code(Equivalent Static Procedure) will leads to uneconomical design of structural members and over estimation of structural capacity of members, the percentage

of increment of base shear values for IS Code procedure are 33.5%, 21.17%, 23.0%, 24.2%, 25.5%, 25.5% and 30.46% for models 1 to 7 in case of ESA and 42.19%, 33.4%, 34.23%, 35.14%, 36.14%, 36.14% and 40.0% in case of RSA. ESA and RSA (obtained from ETABS) are showing some consistence variation of base shear values, depending upon the structural configuration of building models.

**Table 3:** Storey Displacement

STOREY DISPLACEMENT							
	MODEL 1	MODEL 2	MODEL 3	MODEL 4	MODEL 5	MODEL 6	MODEL 7
STOREY	Ux						
11	39.7094	35.1228	35.2168	35.8115	36.0386	36.0386	37.9698
10	38.2828	33.4267	33.6678	34.2116	34.5559	34.5559	36.6071
9	36.1272	31.1135	31.4772	31.9742	32.4151	32.4151	34.5278
8	33.1684	28.2022	28.6403	29.0993	29.5945	29.5945	31.7004
7	29.4952	24.7963	25.2623	25.689	26.1947	26.1947	28.1829

6	25.2488	21.022	21.4759	21.8709	22.3486	22.3486	24.1404
5	20.5843	17.0103	17.418	17.7761	18.193	18.193	19.6947
4	15.6632	12.8937	13.2253	13.5351	13.8635	13.8635	15.0201
3	10.6757	8.8135	9.0438	9.2883	9.508	9.508	10.2706
2	5.9086	4.9543	5.0713	5.2307	5.3373	5.3373	5.7265
1	1.9226	1.6748	1.7004	1.7628	1.7845	1.7845	1.8998

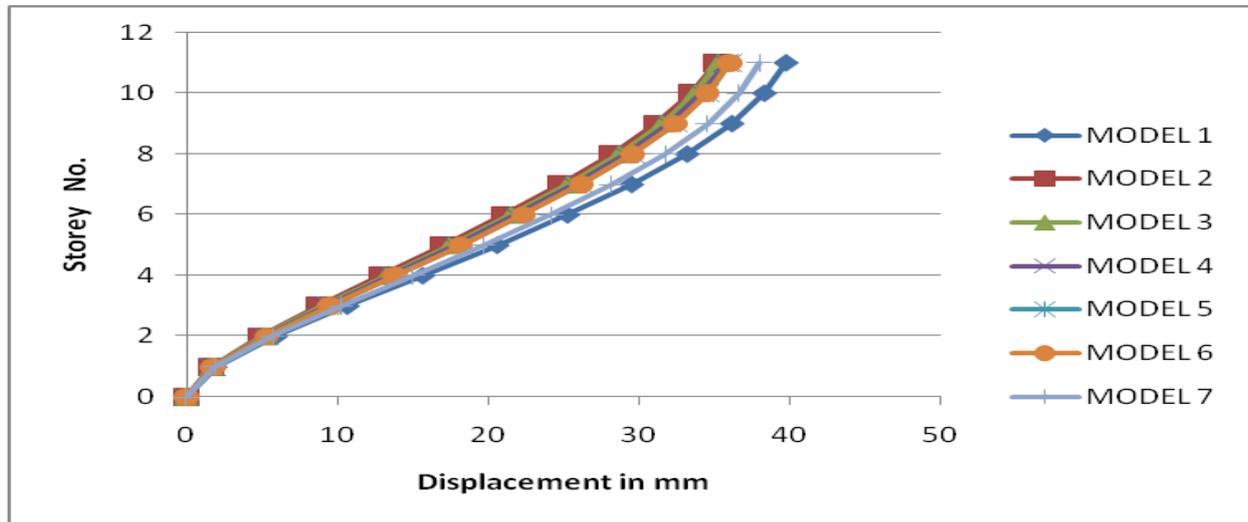


Fig.4 Comparison of storey displacement for different building models

In case of ESA and RSA, model 2 is showing good responses than all other bracings models with maximum decrease in storey displacement at the top storey level is 12% in case of ESA and 13% in case of RSA as compared with model 1. Similarly the percentage of reduction of top storey displacement for model 3 to model 7 are 11.5%,

10.0%, 9.4%, 9.4% and 4.4% in case of ESA and 11.97%, 10.27%, 9.5%, 9.5% and 4.6% .Time history analysis is showing huge displacement values at top storey, because of huge acceleration [refer Table3 and Fig 4 ].

Table 4 : Storey Drift

STOREY DRIFT							
	MODEL 1	MODEL 2	MODEL 3	MODEL 4	MODEL 5	MODEL 6	MODEL 7
STOREY	U <sub>x</sub>						
11	0.408	0.485	0.443	0.457	0.424	0.424	0.389
10	0.616	0.661	0.626	0.639	0.612	0.612	0.594
9	0.845	0.832	0.811	0.821	0.806	0.806	0.808
8	1.05	0.973	0.965	0.974	0.972	0.972	1.005
7	1.213	1.078	1.082	1.091	1.1	1.1	1.155
6	1.333	1.146	1.159	1.17	1.189	1.189	1.27
5	1.406	1.176	1.198	1.212	1.24	1.24	1.336
4	1.425	1.166	1.195	1.213	1.248	1.248	1.357
3	1.362	1.103	1.135	1.159	1.196	1.196	1.298
2	1.139	0.937	0.963	0.991	1.021	1.021	1.093
1	0.549	0.479	0.486	0.504	0.514	0.514	0.543

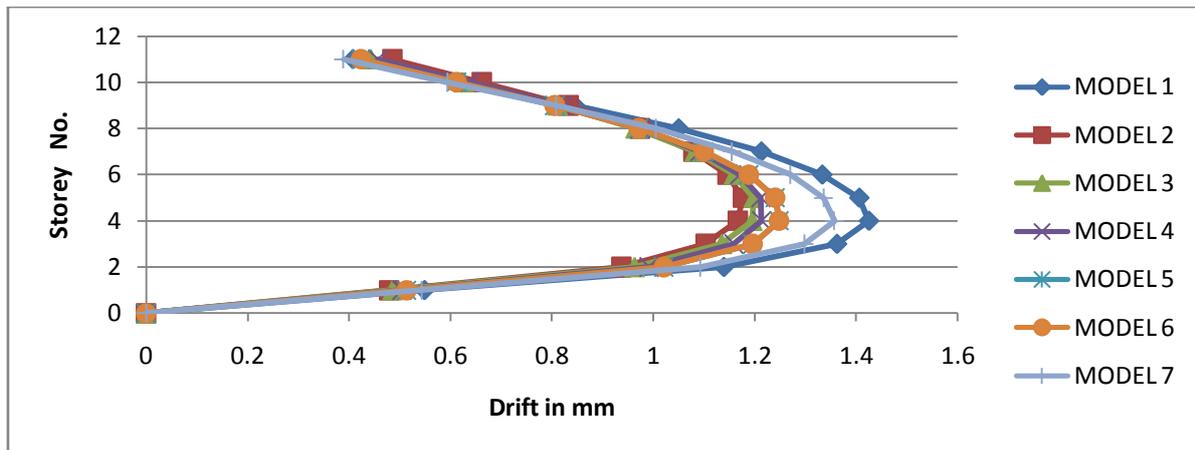


Fig.5 Storey Vs Drift for different building models

From [Fig 5 and Table 4] shows bare frame model has higher Storey Drift values are found within the permissible limit specified by the IS CODE 1893-2002, when the different bracing systems incorporating in models, the storey drift got reduced for ESA and RSA and found in the permissible limits. Model 2 and model 7 are showing much strength and stiffness when subjected to earthquake loading. As from above tables and charts, RSA are showing very much non-linear behaviour and simulating to practical situation which then helps the designer to choose proper analysis procedure.

## 5. CONCLUSION

1. Fundamental time period decreases when the provisions of different types of bracings are considered.
2. The seismic base shear obtained from IS Code is not in a good agreement with the values obtained from ESA and RSA using ETABS.
3. Displacements are found to within the limit in linear static method, linear dynamic and non-linear dynamic analysis.
4. The story drifts are found within the limit as specified by the code IS 1893(Part-1): 2002.
5. X bracing showing good performance in x and y direction hence it can be recommended.
6. When the effect of different types of bracings are provided in different models the storey drift and storey displacement get reduced leading to a safe and stiff model.
7. RSA are showing very much non-linear behaviour and simulating to practical situation which then helps the designer to choose proper analysis procedure.

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