# Impact of Seismic Zone on Behavior of Reinforced Concrete Building Structures by Static Non-linear Pushover Analysis

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**Abstract-** Building structures ought to be safe for lateral loadings, for the most part because of earthquake. There are four seismic zones- zone 2, 3, 4, and 5 are mainly considered for structural design. There is diverse necessity of the structures in separate zones. So it is especially basic to survey the lead of the structures in various conditions and checking its weakness. Huge amount of development in world is done with Reinforced Concrete (RC) because of accessibility of materials. In this research work, parking+10 storied reinforced concrete 3D residential building models are thought about in zone 3, 4, and 5, i.e. lower to extreme level of seismic conditions. The performance of the RC buildings is surveyed by a static non-linear pushover analysis with ETABS. As shear walls are effective in resisting the lateral forces, the correlation of the buildings without and with shear walls is finished demonstrating the upsides of retrofitting of structure.

Keywords- ETABS, pushover analysis, RC building, seismic zones.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Under long seismic occasions, a structure might be exposed to forces beyond its elastic limit. Sometimes design codes fail to predict the performance level of structures in powerful seismic occasions [10]. Seismic demands can be anticipated by different strategies, yet the standard pushover procedure with lateral force distribution is simple path when contrasted with others [2]. Nonlinear static pushover analysis can distinguish each part of the structure and its deformation demands with exactness when contrasted with dynamic analysis and conventional analysis procedures [7], [9], [13].

In pushover analysis magnitude of lateral loadings on structure is increased gradually in certain predefined design, either certain force value or displacement value (i.e. target displacement) as far as story shear and fundamental mode. In this process, the non-linear behavior of structural elements is inspected [6].

In this study, linear seismic analysis is done first for both the buildings, without and with shear walls under zones 3, 4, and 5 to find out their target displacement. Then the nonlinear static pushover analysis is done considering displacement values of both the buildings to definite respective graphs of force verses displacement relationship. The analysis is done in software, ETABS [3], [12]. The plastic hinges are provided to beam and column elements in the models are according to standard procedure described in FEMA 273 [4], FEMA 356 [5], and ACT-40 [1], documents for 3D buildings.

#### 2. LINEAR SEISMIC ANALYSIS

The linear seismic analysis of building structures is done according to 1893 (Part 1):2002 [14] by either

seismic coefficient method or direct combination method of response spectrum. In this, the results are always elastic forces as per limit state i.e. moment, shear and axial forces. Target displacement can be taken out at the end of the analysis for pushover analysis purpose.

Design base shear can be calculated by  $V_b = A_h.W.$ Where, W, seismic weight of building and A<sub>h</sub>, horizontal seismic coefficient, calculated by,  $A_h =$ ZISa/2Rg. Zone factor (Z) is taken according to seismic zones. Importance factor (I) is considered by the occupancy accommodation occupied category of building. Response reduction factor (R) is taken out depending on the type of lateral load resist system used and average response acceleration coefficient (Sa/g) depends on the type of soil or rock, natural time period and damping of structure, which is given by 2.5 in horizontal portion and in downward sloped portion by 1/T, 1.36/T and 1.67T, shown in fig. 1. Acceleration time period (Ta) for infill panels is  $0.09h/d^{-2}$ . In this, h is height of building structure in meters and d is dimension of building structure in basement in meters [14], [15].



Fig. 1. Average Response Acceleration Coefficient (Sa/g)

#### 3. NON-LINEAR STATIC PUSHOVER ANALYSIS

After lateral forces action, it is thought to be the development of cracks (fig. 2) at specific area in the individuals from model in software while pushover analysis, called as non-linear hinges and taken generally at edges (or at 5% of member length) and it actually represents localized force displacement relation. Hinges are having of various types that are, flexural hinges, shear hinges and axial hinges. Flexural hinges and shear hinges are embedded into the ends of beams and columns as shown in fig. 2.



Fig. 2. Cracks and Non-Linear Hinges Location in Members

In pushover analysis procedure, both gravity load cases and lateral load cases [8] are considered, in which gravity loads are applied in the combination {Dead Load + 0.25 Live  $\text{Load}_{(\leq 3kN/m^2)} + 0.5$  Live  $\text{Load}_{(\geq 3kN/m^2)}$ }. Structural model is pushed by

continuously increasing lateral loads up to the target displacement, noted down in the linear seismic analysis. Finally, the relation between load and displacement is calculated [4], [5].



Fig. 3. Pushover Method

The internal forces at every story in the building structures is to be find out by  $F_i = (m_i h_i k) / (\sum m_i h_i k)$ , which describes the lateral load pattern given in FEMA-273. Where, hi is height of the i-th story above

the base and k is a factor considered for the highest mode effects (k=1 for  $\leq 0.5$  sec and k=2 for >2.5 sec and changes in linear mode) [4], [5].

### 4. BUILDING DETAILS

The two similar reinforced concrete buildings (P+10+Head Room), one is without shear walls and other is with shear walls are considered. The building is having a gross area of  $494m^2$  in total, 4 flats on each floor from 1 to 10. A staircase and lift are provided in the building. Height of the building structure is 38.5m.

Parking floor height is 2.5m; each floor is of 3m height up to the headroom. The slab thickness is 0.15m; staircase slab of 0.125m thickness. The column sizes are of three types, " $0.23m \times 0.45m$ ", " $0.23m \times 0.60m$ ", and " $0.30m \times 0.90m$ ". Floor beams size is " $0.23m \times 0.40m$ ". Shear wall of thickness 0.2m is provided in second building only.



Fig. 4. Plan of Building

Table: 1 Concrete Property

Concrete compressive strength	25
$(N/mm^2)$	23
Weight per unit volume (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	25
Modulus of Elasticity (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	25000
Poisson's ratio	0.15
Coefficient of thermal expansion (per	0.000008
degree Celsius)	0.000008

Table: 2 Steel Properties

Tensile strength (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	500
Mass per unit volume (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	7849.05
Modulus of Elasticity (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	200000
Poisson's ratio	0.28
Coefficient of thermal expansion (per degree Celsius)	0.000009
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Table: 3 Loading Assumptions

Dead Load (kN/m <sup>2</sup> )	2
Load Load (kN/m <sup>2</sup> )	2
External wall thickness (mm)	230
Internal wall thickness (mm)	150
Parapet wall (1.5m height)	230
thickness (mm)	230
Wind Load (m/s)	50

Table: 4	Seismic	Data
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Parameters	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
Total weight W (kN)	33420	33420	33420
Zone Factor Z	0.16	0.24	0.36
Soil Type	2	2	2
Time Period T	0.701	0.701	0.701
Importance factor I	1	1	1
Response reduction factor R	5	5	5
Base shear V (kN)	1037.4	1556.1	2334.1

### 5. RESULTS

The calculations of the lateral loads, considered for the building structure is done with Indian Standard Code, IS 1893 (Part 1):2002. The table 5 gives rundown of the outcomes of the lateral forces applied to every floor for every zone.

Zone	Level	Without Shear Wall			With Sh	ear Wall
		V (kN)	Fi (kN)	Hi (M)	V (kN)	Fi (kN)
	Parking		0.46	2.5		0.57
	Story 4		39.04	14.5		43.47
Zone 3	Story 8	1037.4	130.4	26.5	1143.7	145.2
	Roof	-	217.6	35.5		232
	Headroom		14.44	38.5		14.59
	Parking		0.69	2.5		0.86
	Story 4		58.56	14.5		65.21
Zone 4	Story 8	1556.1	195.6	26.5	1715.7	217.8
	Roof		326.5	35.5		348
	Headroom		21.66	38.5		21.88
	Parking		1.04	2.5		1.29
	Story 4		87.84	14.5		97.82
Zone 5	Story 8	2334.1	293.4	26.5	2573.5	326.7
	Roof		489.7	35.5		522
	Headroom		32.49	38.5		32.82

Table: 5 Results of the Lateral Forces

The following tables describe difference of the maximum top displacements for the zones considered for each structure, one is without shear wall and other is with shear wall.

Table: 6 Top Displacement of Structure (Without	t
Shear Wall) For Each Zone	

Displacement	Displacement	Displacement
Zone3 (m)	Zone4 (m)	Zone5 (m)
0.105	0.135	0.205

Table: 7 Top Displacement of Structure (With Shear Wall) For Each Zone

Displacement	Displacement	Displacement
Zone3 (m)	Zone4 (m)	Zone5 (m)
0.06	0.075	0.111

The non-linear static pushover analysis of the structure is performed using ETABS 2013, software that performs seismic analysis and design of buildings and structures. The hinges embedded in columns are defined to P-M2-M3 type; for beams the hinges are of type M3. The failure mode of the building structure under seismic excitations is plastics hinges formation. The fig. 5(a) and fig. 5(b) shows the plastics hinges formation for the lateral load and the deformed shape of both without and with shear wall structures for zone 3.



Fig. 5(a). Zone 3 Structure - Without Shear Walls

The fig. 6 describes the pushover analysis curve i.e. a curve of displacement v/s base shear. Curves are given for both the type of structures in each zone.



Fig. 5(b). Zone 3 Structure - With Shear Walls



### Displacement v/s Bace Shear

Fig. 6. Pushover Curve

The fig. 7 describes displacement difference in the seismic zones for without and with shear wall structures.



**Difference in Displacements** 

Fig. 7. Displacement Comparison

The fig. 8(a) and fig. 8(b) shows story drifts of all the floors of both the buildings in the three zones for without and with shear wall.



Fig. 8(a). Story Drift in 'mm' without Shear Wall (zone3)



Fig. 8(b). Story Drift in 'mm' with Shear Wall (zone3)

### 6. CONCLUSION

The objective of this research was to study analytically and numerically the behavior of reinforced concrete building by non-linear static pushover analysis by comparison of without and with shear walls in building for zone 3, 4, and 5. Pushover curves (fig. 6) and tables (6 and 7) show variation in top displacements in the building models. It is seen that displacement increased from zone 3 to zone 5. This is because of increase in lateral load in these respective zones with horizontal seismic coefficient and zone factor. Acceleration coefficient for zone 3 is 0.16 and for zone 5 is 0.36. So, lateral force in zone 3 is 2.25 times higher than force in zone 5 seen in the table 4. Comparing the displacement from table 6 and table 7 in all three zones, there is decrease of average 45% displacement when shear wall is considered. So, shear wall is a way of rehabilitation in buildings. Creation of pushover hinges shown in fig. 5(a) and 5(b) represents the cracking areas during pushover analysis, so that weak elements can be identified. Maximum story drift (fig. 8a) is 1.43mm at story 2 in zone 3, in the building without shear walls. Whereas, maximum story drift (fig. 8b) is 1.03mm at story 7, in the building with shear walls. So, there is decrease in maximum story drift with application of shear walls in the structure.

The study has scope for future work. All this study is totally based on the analysis on the software. Experimental work can be done by preparation of actual model with shake table experiment. Time history analysis and response spectrum analysis can be done for this present model and comparison can be done with the pushover analysis. Other rehabilitation techniques can be provided to the present study such as base isolation system, dampers, bracings, etc.

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