

# Studies In Retrofitting of Typical RC Framed Building With The Help of Bracing

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**Abstract-** In present world many existing reinforced concrete structures are inadequate for taking seismic loads. Many existing reinforced concrete buildings needs to retrofit to overcome the deficiencies to resist seismic loads. During the late decade have indicated that Recent earthquakes which occurred, major damage occurred was not directly due to actions of earthquakes but due to poor performance of structures during earthquakes. Many existing reinforced concrete buildings need to retrofit to overcome the deficiencies to resist seismic loads. It is recognized that the most effective method of reducing the risk of damaging structure is seismic retrofitting. Steel braced frame is one of the structural systems used to retrofit multi-storeyed buildings. The use of steel bracing systems for strengthening or retrofitting seismically inadequate reinforced concrete building is abest solution for enhancing earthquake resistance. A G+6 storey building is analysed for seismic zone IV as per IS 1893(Part 1):2002 using ETABS 2017 software in the present study. The bracing is provided for peripheral columns. The building is analysed for models with X type bracing and compared with un-braced structure.

**Keywords-** Seismic performance, ETABS, steel bracing, Retrofitting, Strengthening, RC building

## I. INTRODUCTION

India is one of the most earthquake prone countries in the world and has experienced several major or moderate earthquakes during the last 15 years. About 50-60% of the total area of the country is vulnerable to seismic activity of varying intensities A large number of existing buildings in India are severely deficient against earthquake forces and the number of such buildings is growing very rapidly. Hence it is necessary to avoid such damages to the buildings causes due to earthquakes and these damages can be repair by retrofitting. Retrofitting can be done by various methods such as steel bracing, jacketing, adding shear wall, adding wing wall, mass reduction, base isolation, mass dampers.

Now days steel bracing is the most common method which is used for retrofitting. Braced structures are known to be efficient structural systems for building under seismic loadings. In this paper first of all we design a building with the

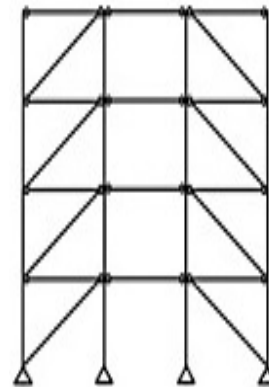
normal loads and calculated the results, after that we considered the seismic loads and calculated the results and due to the seismic loads, the building failed. Therefore, we used steel bracing to retrofit the building, calculated the results and compared these results with un-braced building.

## Introduction To Bracing

Bracing is a very effective global upgrading strategy to enhance the global stiffness and Strength of steel and composite frames. It can increase the energy absorption of structures and/or decrease the demand imposed by earthquake loads. A braced frame is a structural system commonly used in structures subject to lateral loads such as wind and seismic pressure. The members in a braced frame are generally made of structural steel, which can work effectively both in tension and compression. The beams and columns that form the frame carry vertical loads, and the bracing system carries the lateral loads. The positioning of braces, however, can be problematic as they can interfere with the design of the façade and the position of openings. Buildings adopting high-tech or post-modernist styles have responded to this by expressing bracing as an internal or external design feature.

## II. TYPES OF BRACING

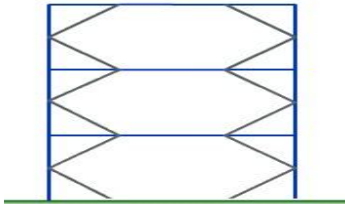
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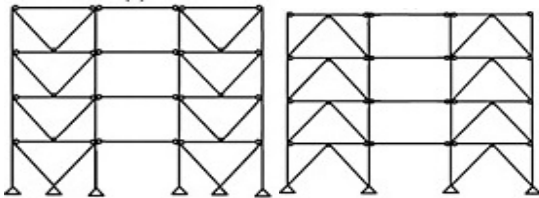
Cross-bracing



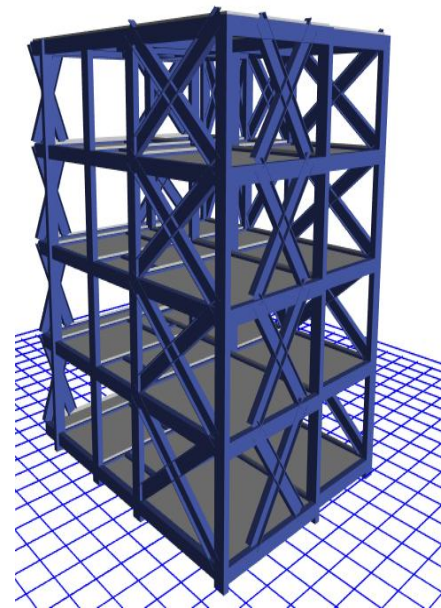
K-bracing



V-bracing



- Materials - M25, M30 concrete & Fe415, Fe250 steel
- Size of beam - 230 mm x 400 mm
- Size of column - 230 mm x 450 mm
- Depth of Slab - 120mm
- Seismic zone - IV
- Zone factor - 0.24
- Sub-soil type - Medium
- Importance factor - 1
- Response reduction factor – 5



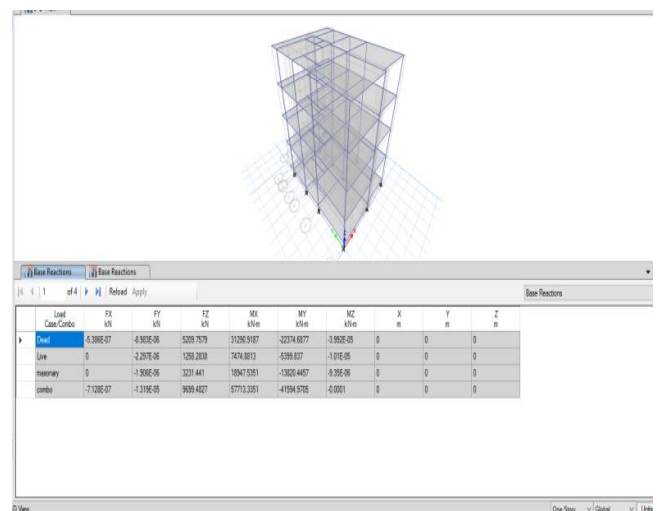
III. MODELLING IN ETABS SOFTWARE

ETABS is a programme which is used for linear, nonlinear, static and dynamic analysis, and also for design of building systems. Modelling tools and templates, code-based load prescriptions, analysis methods and solution techniques, all coordinate with the grid-like geometry unique to this class of structure. Basic or advanced systems under static or dynamic conditions may be evaluated using ETABS. The innovative and revolutionary new ETABS is the ultimate integrated software package for the structural analysis and design of buildings. With the help of ETABS, analysis and design of building can be done easily in short period. ETABS provides bracing of different type of material which can be used for retrofitting of the any building.

G+4 building with steel bracing are analyzed by using ETABS 2015 with M25 and M30 grade of concrete. Building is retrofit by using X steel bracing.

- Type of structure - Residential building
- Number of stories - 4storey
- Floor height - 12 m
- Live Load - 2.5 KN/m<sup>2</sup>
- Dead Load - 4 KN/m<sup>2</sup>
- Masonry Load - 13.8KN/m<sup>2</sup>

IV. RESULTS



Ideal Model- Base Reaction Readings

Story	Label	Unique Name	Load Case/Combo	UX mm	UY mm	UZ mm	RX rot	RY rot	RZ rot
Story4	1	1	Dead	9.2	5.2	-1.3	-0.001542	0.000326	-0.000639
Story4	1	1	Live	2.5	2.4	-0.3	-0.000278	8.4E-05	-0.00018
Story4	1	1	masonry	0.8	4.2	0.8	-0.000774	6.5E-05	-0.000578
Story4	1	1	combo	-12.5	15.8	-2.4	-0.002394	0.000346	-0.001397
Story4	2	2	Dead	8.2	5.8	-1.1	-0.000171	0.000276	-0.000637
Story4	2	2	Live	2.5	1.5	-0.3	-4.1E-05	-0.001376	-0.00018
Story4	2	2	masonry	0.9	1.2	0.5	-0.00123	-0.000797	-0.000577
Story4	2	2	combo	-12.5	8.5	-1.9	-0.000335	-0.001449	-0.001393
Story4	3	11	Dead	-11.3	5.8	-1.6	-0.000571	-0.001759	-0.000636
Story4	3	11	Live	-3.1	1.5	-0.4	-0.000542	0.000466	-0.001179
Story4	3	11	masonry	2.8	1.2	-0.5	-3.9E-05	-0.000577	-0.0001392
Story4	3	11	combo	17.2	8.5	2.5	-0.000715	-0.002245	-0.001392
Story4	4	16	Dead	-11.3	3.7	0.4	-1.3E-05	-0.001089	-0.000637
Story4	4	16	Live	3.1	0.9	-0.1	-0.000201	-0.000619	-0.0001393
Story4	4	16	masonry	2.8	-0.7	-0.3	0.000117	-0.00014	-0.000576
Story4	4	16	combo	17.1	3.8	-0.8	9.2E-05	-0.001529	-0.001393
Story4	5	25	Dead	9.4	3.7	-1	-0.001628	-0.00136	-0.000631
Story4	5	25	Live	2.6	0.9	-0.2	-0.000201	-0.000718	-0.0001393
Story4	5	25	masonry	-1	-0.7	-0.6	-0.000633	6.9E-05	-0.000576
Story4	5	25	combo	-13	3.8	-1.9	-0.002792	-0.001414	-0.001385
Story4	6	33	Dead	-11.3	9.1	0.8	-0.000214	0.000704	-0.000639
Story4	6	33	Live	-3.1	2.4	-0.2	-5.1E-05	0.000913	-0.00018
Story4	6	33	masonry	-3.8	4.2	-0.4	-2.3E-05	-1.9E-05	-0.000637

Ideal Model- Joint Displacement Readings

Load Case/Combo	FX kN	FY kN	FZ kN	MX kNm	MY kNm	MZ kNm	X m	Y m	Z m
Dead	-1.038E-08	-1.632E-06	3571.9611	10487.1151	-24062.418	-1.024E-05	0	0	0
Live	0	0	128.2837	7474.8813	6388.8271	-2.458E-06	0	0	0
masonry	0	0	3231.441	18847.5251	-13824.4457	2.962E-06	0	0	0
ex	-227.4831	0	0	1.179E-05	2346.9893	136.107	0	0	0
ey 1	0	-218.4453	0	3205.8389	-1.147E-06	-1483.8953	0	0	0
ey 2	0	-218.4453	0	3295.8388	-1.147E-06	-1483.8953	0	0	0
combo Max	-227.4831	-218.4453	1081.6388	63205.1713	-48263.6951	-24.7788	0	0	0
combo Min	-227.4831	-218.4453	1081.6388	63205.1713	-48263.6951	-24.7788	0	0	0

Model With Bracing- Base Reaction Reading.

Load Case/Combo	FX kN	FY kN	FZ kN	MX kNm	MY kNm	MZ kNm	X m	Y m	Z m
Dead	-5.386E-07	-8.382E-06	5220.7579	31259.9187	-22274.6077	-9.382E-05	0	0	0
Live	0	-2.297E-05	1258.2038	7474.8813	6389.827	-1.07E-05	0	0	0
masonry	0	-1.802E-05	3231.441	18847.5251	-13824.4457	-8.382E-06	0	0	0
ex	-138.7946	0	0	7.88E-07	-1483.8254	844.7549	0	0	0
ey 1	-180.2887	0	1870.489	-2.466E-06	-774.233	0	0	0	0
ey 2	-180.2887	0	1870.489	-2.466E-06	-774.233	0	0	0	0
combo Max	-180.2887	-180.2887	9659.4427	55983.8331	-42035.6269	70.5219	0	0	0
combo Min	-180.2887	-180.2887	9659.4427	55983.8331	-42035.6269	70.5219	0	0	0

Model with Seismic Load- Base Reaction Readings.

Story	Label	Unique Name	Load Case/Combo	UX mm	UY mm	UZ mm	RX rot	RY rot	RZ rot
Story4	1	1	Dead	-8.7	0.7	-1.3	-0.000766	0.000468	-0.000636
Story4	1	1	Live	-2.1	0.2	-0.3	-0.000109	0.000142	-0.00018
Story4	1	1	masonry	-2.1	0.4	-0.7	-0.000109	-0.000216	-0.00018
Story4	1	1	ex	289	1	0	-0.000193	0.001129	-0.000114
Story4	1	1	ey 1	1.6	0.7	0	0.000344	-0.000141	0.000201
Story4	1	1	ey 2	1.6	0.7	0	0.000344	-0.000141	0.000201
Story4	1	1	combo Max	7.9	4.9	-2.1	-0.000893	0.001695	-0.000467
Story4	1	1	combo Min	7.9	4.9	-2.1	-0.000893	0.001695	-0.000467
Story4	2	2	Dead	-8.7	0.4	-1	-0.000222	-0.000449	-0.000139
Story4	2	2	Live	-2.1	0.1	-0.2	-0.000102	0.000142	-0.00018
Story4	2	2	ex	289	0.1	0	-0.000183	-0.001105	-0.000119
Story4	2	2	ey 1	1.6	1.6	0	-0.000348	0.000102	0.000142
Story4	2	2	ey 2	1.6	1.6	0	-0.000348	0.000102	0.000142
Story4	2	2	combo Max	7.8	2.4	-1.9	-0.000702	0.001102	-0.000223
Story4	2	2	combo Min	7.8	2.4	-1.9	-0.000702	0.001102	-0.000223
Story4	3	11	Dead	-8.9	0.4	-1.7	-0.000204	-0.000141	-0.00018
Story4	3	11	Live	-2.1	0.1	-0.4	-0.000102	0.000142	-0.00018
Story4	3	11	masonry	-3.2	0.1	-0.6	-0.000102	-0.000142	-0.00018

Model with Bracing- Joint Displacement Readings.

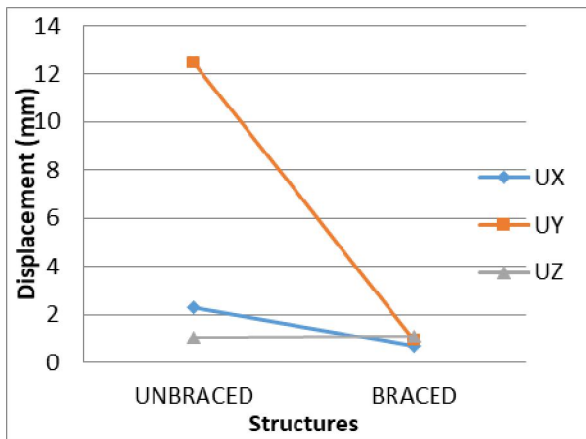
Unbraced Building (With Seismic Load)

STOREY	UX	UY	UZ
Storey4	3.45	24.65	1.975
Storey3	3.75	19.275	1.85
Storey2	2.9	12.65	1.525
Storey1	1.3	5.55	0.00161
Plinth	0.03746	0.225	0.00072
unbraced	2.287	12.47	1.0704

Braced Building (With Seismic Load)

STOREY	UX	UY	UZ
Storey4	1.625	1.95	1.8
Storey3	0.70	1.4	1.7
Storey2	0.7	0.9	0.9
Storey1	0.3	0.45	0.9
Plinth	0.035	0.15	0.2
unbraced	0.672	0.97	1.1

STRUCTURE	UX	UY	UZ
UNBRACED	2.287	12.47	1.0704
BRACED	0.672	0.97	1.1



Comparison of displacement between braced and unbraced structure

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## V. CONCLUSION

1. The displacement of the structure decreases after the application of bracing.
2. The concept of using steel bracing is one of the advantageous concepts which can be used to strengthen the existing structure.
3. The base reactions of the structure decrease using bracings.
4. The displacement in braced structure decreases by 82.67% with respect to unbraced structure.

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