

Effect of RC Shear Wall on Seismic Performance of Building Resting on Sloping Ground

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Abstract

The scarcity of plain ground in hilly areas compels construction activity on sloping ground resulting in various important buildings such as reinforced concrete framed structures resting on hilly slopes. The buildings situated on hilly areas in earthquake prone areas are generally irregular and torsionally coupled, hence subjected to severe damage when affected by earthquake ground motion. In present study the analysis of G+10 storey building frame with and without shear wall at different slopes of ground (i.e. 0° and 10°) is studied. It is assumed that the columns are fixed at base and building is situated in seismic zone-IV. The different models are analyzed by means of Staad-pro software. The comparison of maximum values of storey displacements, storey drift, support reactions, forces in beams and columns has been carried out for useful interpretation of results. The use of shear wall in building frame reduces nodal displacements in the floors, storey drift and critical values of shear force, bending moment and torsion in structural members.

Keywords: shear wall, seismic response, sloping ground

Introduction

Earthquake is the most disastrous and unpredictable phenomenon of nature. When a structure is subjected to seismic forces it does not cause loss to human lives directly but due to the damage cause to the structures that leads to the collapse of the building and hence to the occupants and the property. Shear wall might be used at the same time to resist large horizontal stacks and hold gravity masses. There is significant improvement observed in seismic performance of building on leveled ground as well as on slopes by providing shear walls with different configurations since lateral displacement and member forces reduces considerably in building due to provision of shear walls.

Modelling of Proposed Problems

The following six models are analyzed using STAAD.PRO software

- i) Model I: Building without shear wall at plane ground (0° slope)
- ii) Model II: Building with shear wall at centre at plane ground (0° slope).

iii) Model III: Building with shear wall at corner at plane ground (0° slope).

iv) Model IV: Building without shear wall (10° slope)

v) Model V: Building with shear wall at centre (10° slope)

vi) Model VI: Building with shear wall at corner (10° slope)

Material and Geometrical Properties

The parameters used in the analysis of formulation of problem is given in table-1 and the geometry of structure is depicted in fig 1 to 2

Table 1 Data/parameters used in the analysis of problem:

Parameter	Data/Value
Type of structure	Residential building (G+10)
Plan dimensions	12 m X 12 m
Total height of building	36m
Height of each storey	3m

Depth of foundation	1.6m
Type of supports	Fixed
Bay width in longitudinal direction	3m
Bay width in transverse direction	3m
Size of beams	200 mm X 350 mm
Size of columns (upto G+4)	450 mm X 450 mm
Size of columns (above G+4)	350 mm X 350 mm
Thickness of slab	150mm
Thickness of walls	230 mm
Seismic zone	IV
Soil condition	Hard (type I)
Response reduction factor	5
Importance factor	1
Floor finishes	1 kN/m ²
Live load at all floors	3 kN/m ²
Grade of Concrete	M-30
Grade of Steel	Fe 415
Density of Concrete	25 kN/m ³
Density of brick masonry	20 kN/m ³

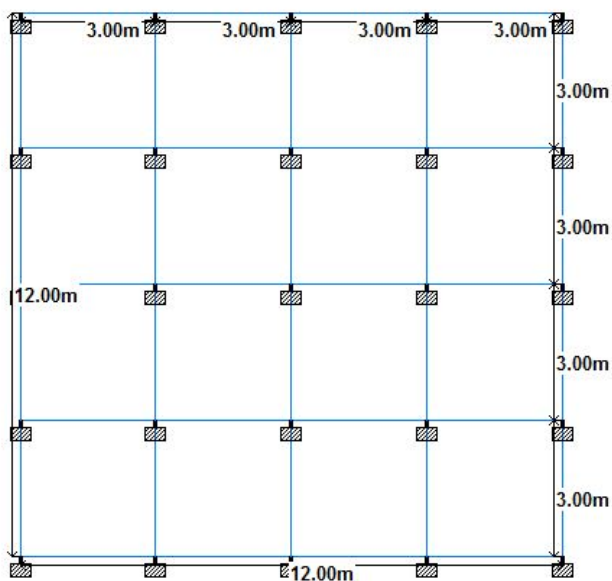


Figure 1: Plan of building frame

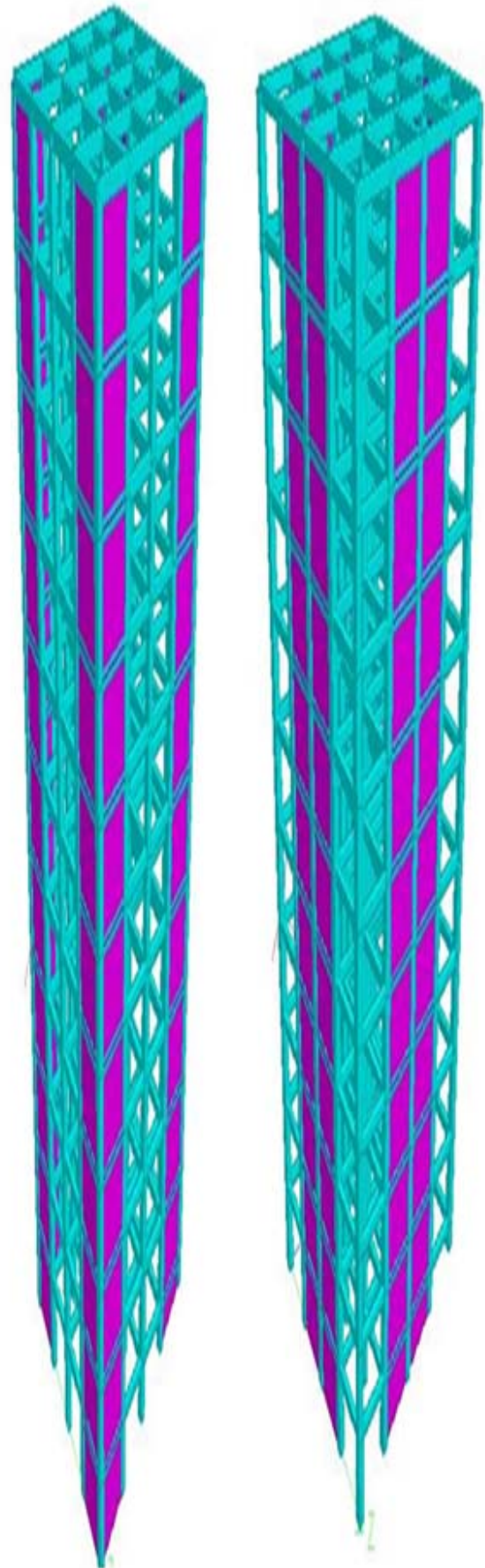


Figure 2: Building with shear wall at corner and centre location

Results and Discussions

This study presents the comparison of earthquake behavior (as per IS 1893 (part I) – 2002) on G+10 building frame with and without shear wall at different slopes of ground (i.e. 0° and 10°)

Nodal displacement: The comparison of nodal displacement of building with and without shear wall at different slopes is shown in fig 3 to 6

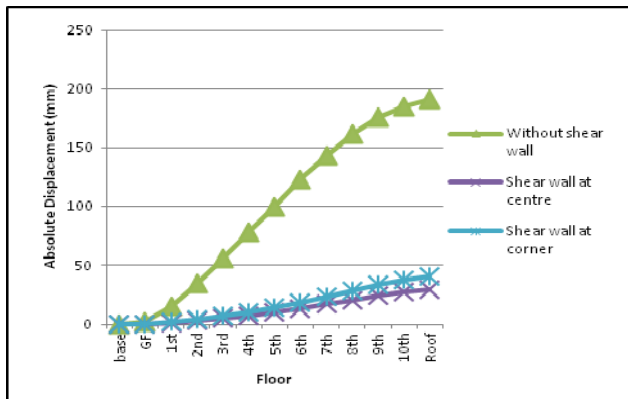


Figure 3: Maximum nodal displacement along the slope with and without shear wall at 0° slope.

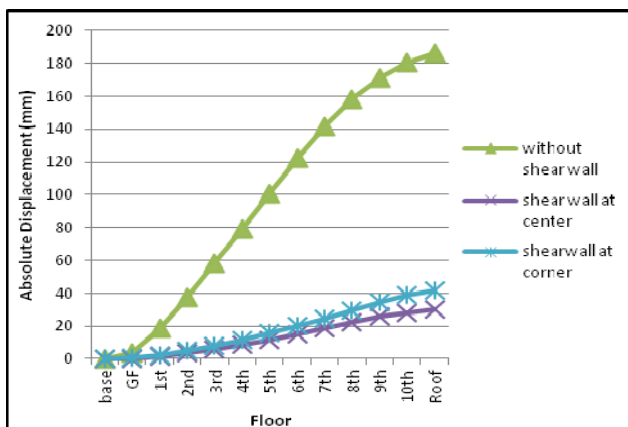


Figure 4: Maximum nodal displacement along the slope with and without shear wall at 10° slope

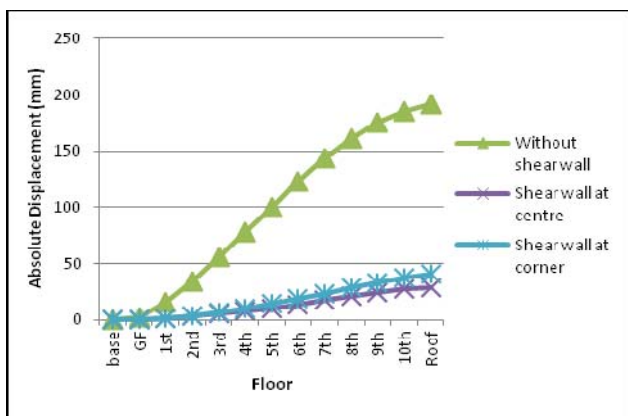


Figure 5: Maximum nodal displacement transverse to the slope with and without shear wall at 0° slope.

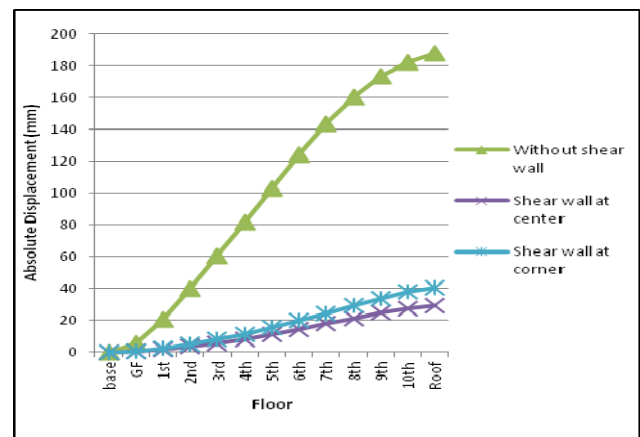


Figure 6: Maximum nodal displacement transverse to the slope with and without shear wall at 10° slope

- The nodal displacement along and transverse to the slope at different floors reduces significantly with inclusion of shear wall in structure compared to without shear wall structure and also shear wall at centre is more effective as compared to shear wall at corner.

- Maximum nodal displacement along the slope at top floor decreases with increase in ground slope and displacement at ground storey increases with increase in the ground slope. Maximum displacement transverse to the slope at top floor is not affected by increase in the ground slopes and displacement at ground storey is increases by increase in the various ground slopes.

Storey drift: The comparison of storey drift of building with and without shear wall at different slopes is shown in fig 7 to 10

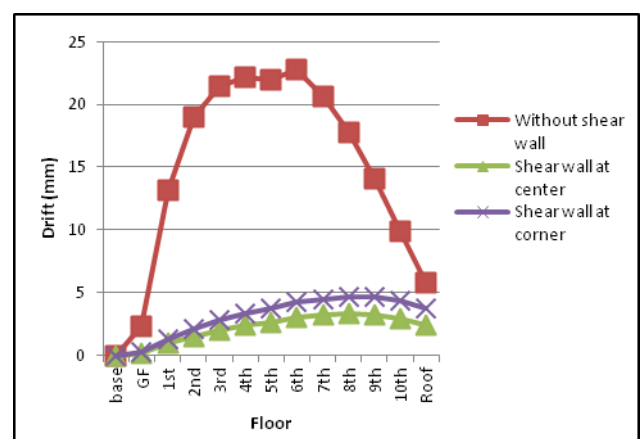


Figure 7: Storey drift along the slope with and without shear wall at 0° slope

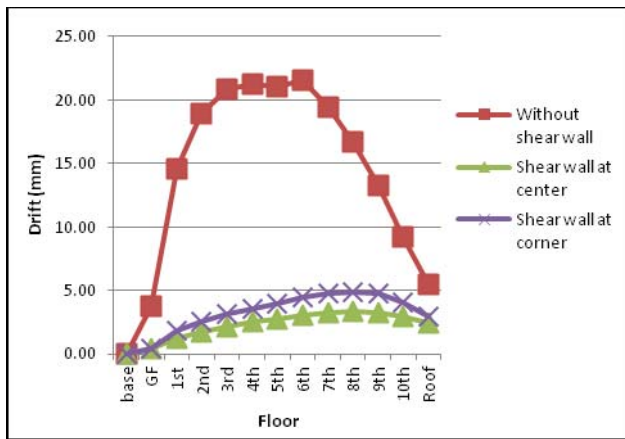


Figure 8: Storey drift along the slope with and without shear wall at 10° slope

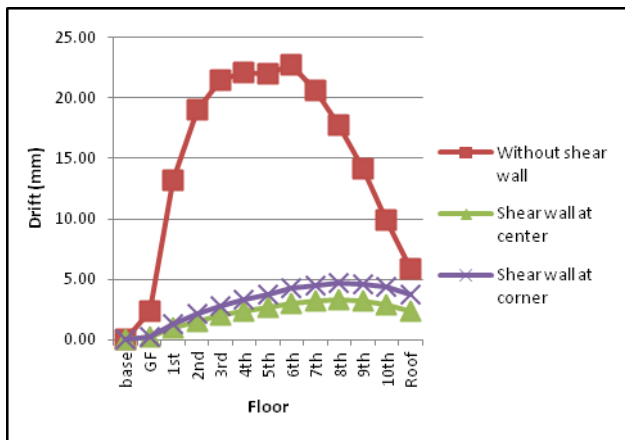


Figure 9: Storey drift transverse to the slope with and without shear wall at 0° slope

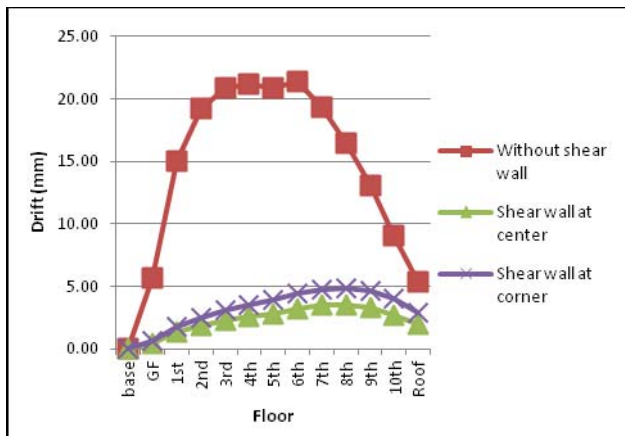


Figure 10: Storey drift transverse to the slope with and without shear wall at 10° slope

- The storey drift along and transverse to the slope at different floors reduces significantly with inclusion of shear wall in structure compared to without shear wall structure and also shear wall at centre is more effective as compared to shear wall at corner.
- Maximum storey drift is found at sixth floor for building frames resting on various ground slopes under critical load along and transverse to the slope.

Maximum storey drift decreases with increase in ground slopes in all floors except ground storey under critical load along and transverse to the slope.

Support reactions: The comparison of support reactions of building with and without shear wall at different slopes is shown in fig 11 to 12.

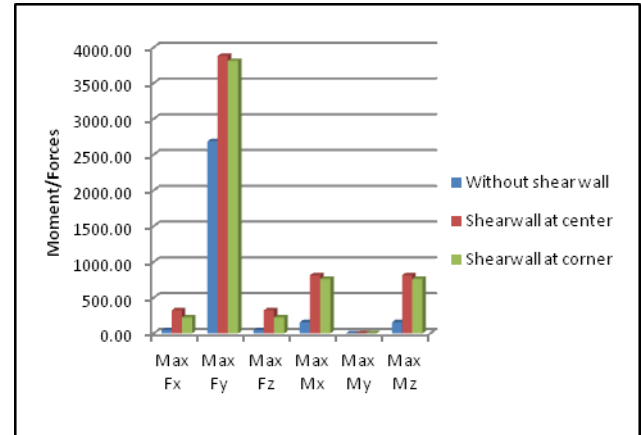


Figure 11: Maximum values of support reactions with and without shear wall at 0° slope.

Note: Forces are in kN and Moments are in kN-m

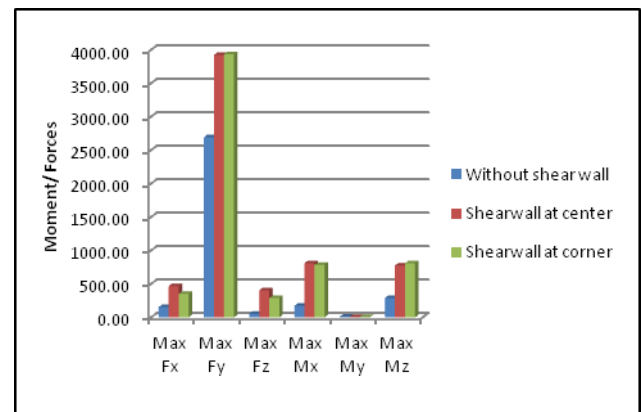


Figure 12: Maximum values of support reactions with and without shear wall at 10° slope.

- The maximum value of support reactions increases significantly with inclusion of shear wall in structure compared to without shear wall structure and also the values of support reactions increases by inclusion of shear wall and the increase in reactions is more in case of shear wall at centre as compared to shear wall at corner.

It is found that torsion in support increases with change in slope.

Forces in column: The comparison of maximum forces in column of building with and without shear wall at different slopes is shown in fig 13 to 14

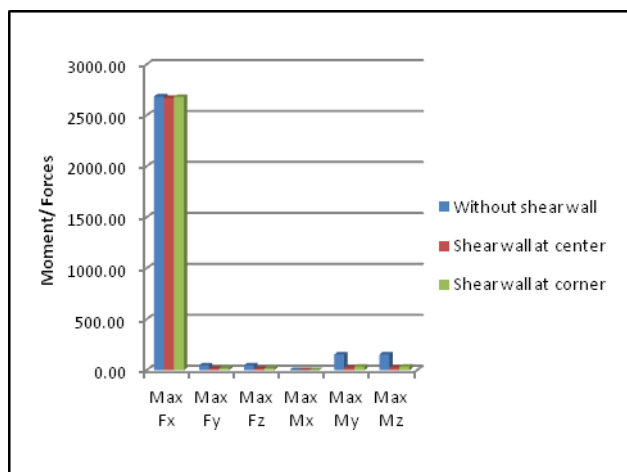


Figure 13: Maximum values of forces in columns with and without shear wall at 0° slope

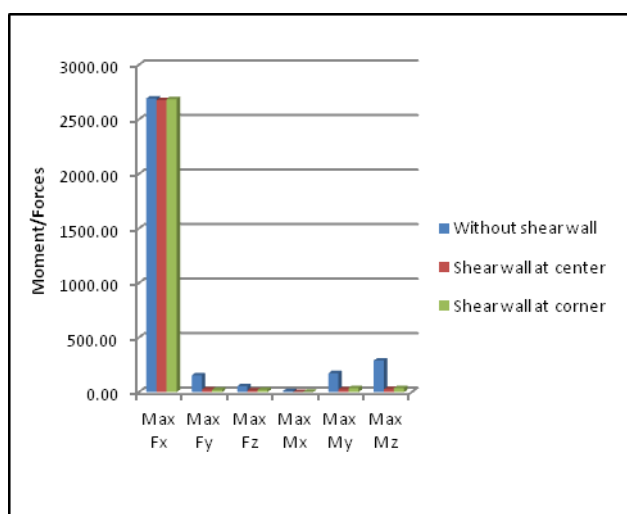


Figure 14: Maximum values of forces in columns with and without shear wall at 10° slope

- The maximum value of force in columns reduces slightly with inclusion of shear wall in structure compared to without shear wall structure and the reduction in values of forces in columns are more in case of shear wall at centre as compared to shear wall at corner.
- It is found that torsion in column increases with change in slope.

Forces in beam: The comparison of nodal displacement of building with and without shear wall at different slopes is shown in fig 15 to 16

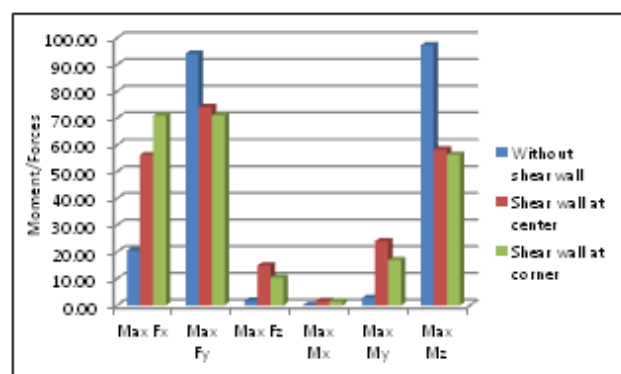


Figure 15: Maximum values of forces in beams with and without shear wall at 0° slope

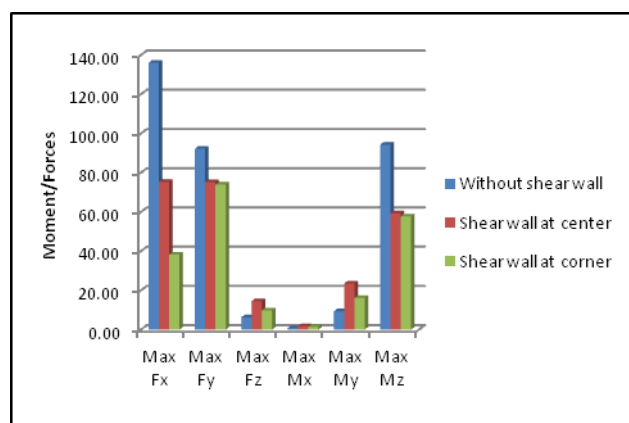


Figure 16: Maximum values of forces in beams with and without shear wall at 10° slope

- The maximum value of force in beams decreases significantly with inclusion of shear wall in structure compared to without shear wall structure and also the reduction in values of shear force and bending moment in beams are more in case of shear wall at corner as compared to shear wall at centre.
- It is found that torsion in beam increases with change in slope

Conclusions

The following points have been concluded as a result of present work for evaluating the effect of shear wall on seismic performance of building resting on sloping ground.

- The inclusion of shear wall is very effective to reduce the displacements, storey drift and torsion moments in building. Shear wall at centre is found to be more effective as compared to shear wall at corner.
- Displacements, support reactions and member forces vary with change in slope.

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