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# Study of Multistoried Building with and Without Shear Wall Using Software

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**Abstract:** This paper provides a comparative explanation of four structural designs of a G+20 multistorey building with the view of determining the influence of shear wall layout and the positioning of openings on the overall structural behavior. Model-1 utilized in the study is a typical structure in which shear walls are not in use whereas models 2, 3, and 4 have shear walls but with careful openings at the front, back, and all sides respectively. Structural performance of both models was compared at all the levels of storeys in terms of important structural characteristics, i.e. lateral load resistance capacity and lateral displacements. The outcome suggests that performance of the models varies greatly. Consistently, model-1 had the lowest stiffness and the highest deformation which indicates the significance of shear walls in increasing stability of structures. Better responses were found on Model-2 and Model-3 but the position of opens affected their outputs. The model- 4 which had opening in all the sides had the greatest values in response especially in upper storeys indicating a compromise between architectural flexibility and structural efficiency. This paper highlights the importance of shear wall layout in designing high rise buildings and gives a glimpse into the future of structural design and optimization of structural forces performance taking into account the deficiencies of a practical real world design project. These results can be used as an important guide to engineers and other architects in designing earthquake-resistant buildings.

**Keywords:** shear walls, seismic performance, reinforced concrete, precast systems, structural resilience, damage mitigation

## I. INTRODUCTION

Shear walls are critical structural components in multistorey buildings, designed to resist horizontal forces arising from wind, earthquakes, or other dynamic effects. Constructed from reinforced concrete or masonry, these walls play a vital role in ensuring the stiffness, strength, and overall stability of the structure. Their strategic placement within a building contributes significantly to its ability to withstand lateral loads, making them indispensable in modern structural engineering.

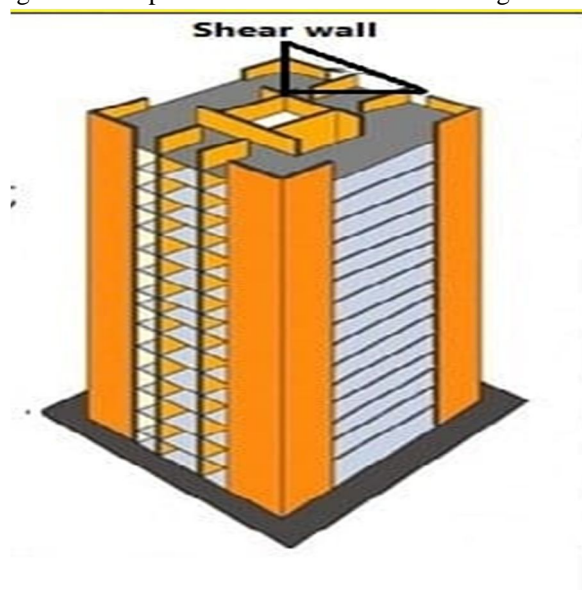


Figure 1: Shear Wall in building (Ozkul, T. A, et al, 2019 <sup>[1]</sup>)

Shear walls Only shear walls are vertically cantilevered and transfer lateral loads at the upper stories in a building down to the base of a structure. This mechanism decreases the predisposition of the structure to move under the impact of the horizontal forces making it stable. Unlike other buildings holding structures, i.e., beams and columns, shear walls- as the name might suggest- are usually in place to support huge horizontal loads, and as a result give a straight, simple means of resisting such loads.

Shear walls strengthen a structural system to resist lateral displacement when incorporated into the system. This decrease of the displacement means that the building will not experience excessive displacement and will fall under its safe deformation range and thus there will be minimal likelihood of structural deformation in non-structural elements like the walls, partition and the facade. Shear walls are also used to ensure excess horizontal precession of distinct floors, known as inter-story drifts are avoided. Curbing such drifts is very important in ensuring that such events as earthquake do not compromise the integrity of the building.

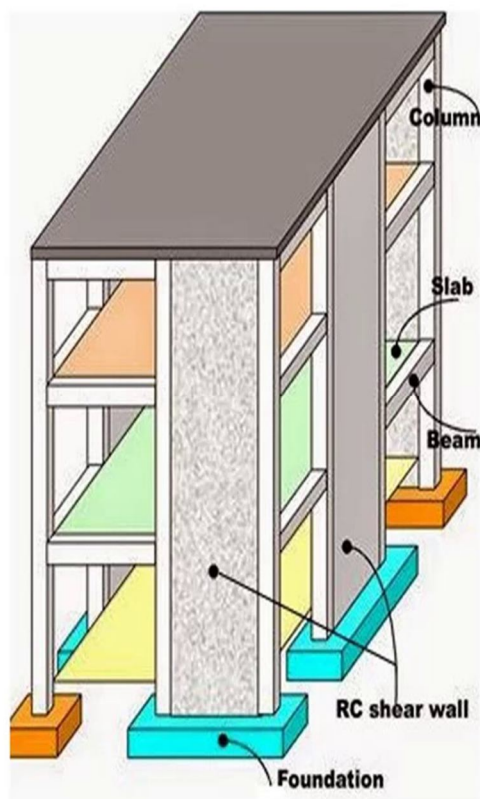


Figure 2: Parts of the shear wall (Shen, S. D et al, 2019 <sup>[5]</sup>)

#### A. Site and Design

Shear are only ideal when they are located and installed in a good manner in the building. The most frequent areas of answers occur in the following:

- 1) Periphery of Building: The shear wall on the outer edges of a building may act as strong fort of defense against the lateral forces. It is also quite a good spot that is resistant to winds in both directions and also the earthquake loads in both directions.
- 2) Building Core: In a very high proportion of the cases, they will be involving shear walls around the stairs, the elevator shaft or the service cores. The dynamically structurally relevance of such core places lies in the fact that their functionality has been combined with the capacity to withstand lateral loading and as such the places tend to make savings in terms of material and design.
- 3) Symmetry of Arrangement: This can be observed as a symmetric placement of shear walls in cases when there is a balance to be achieved with a torsional effect desiring no occurrence to transpire in the case of the application of the shear loads. This arrangement of even reduces this possibility of narrowness in rigidity to be close to the centre of mass and hence, less probability of rotational movement occurs.



## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

F Dashti, et al 2014 discovered that the model is revealed to well model the monotonic and cyclic behaviour of the tested wall specimens with reasonable accuracy with respect to hysteresis curves and failure patterns. The varieties of failure patterns which have been simulated in the model are shear, flexure, flexure-shear and flexure-out of plane modes under the influence of varying parameters especially shear-span ratio of the specimens. In addition, the strain distribution within the model was well suited with the strain measured experimentally which revealed that besides the overall global response been accurately captured by the model, local behaviour of the wall models can also be expected to be at good levels.

Jin, et al 2023, researched that the mesoscopic simulation approach was initially validated using the observed experiment facts and was employed to understand how the effect of ratio of axial loads and horizontal reinforcements changed the failure of RC shear walls of varied configurations.

and distributed reinforcement showed a clear elucidation to the lateral strength of RC walls having sizes. The findings suggest that; 1) the RC shear walls modeled show brittle failure modes, and it is clear that size effect exists in horizontal reinforcement ratio; 2) the shear bearing capacity of shear walls is enhanced by the increase in horizontal reinforcement ratio and it would soften or even eliminate the size effect on nominal shear strength; and 3) the enhancement of axial load ratios increase shear bearing capacity and make the size effect becomes stronger. In addition, a new size effect law was put forward based on quantitative impact of horizontal reinforcement ratios and axial load ratios due to the size effect.

H Zhang, et al 2022 reported boundary longitudinal reinforcement, shear-to-span ratio of greater than 80% approach over-70% of all the relative factors of importance. Shear-to-span ratio is the most important factor that affects ultimate drift ratio of RC walls and it has a factor of relative importance equal to 34.1%. The comparisons have shown that the model derived in this current study has the capability to provide an accurate and procedural design of shear strength and flexural strength of RC walls compared to the design formulae that are currently available. Also a slight boundary that can probably separate flexure-shear failure as compared to other modes of failure is given depending on ML models. Lastly, a graphical user interface (GUI) toolset is developed as a means of creating practical RC walls design.

Marius Mosoarca 2014 examined the fact that The failure modes theoretical research was the theoretical research on which the simplified methodology of calculus of the maximum theoretical seismic force that brings about the concrete crushing in the ultimate limit stage was elaborated. The theoretical findings that were obtained through the assistance of the calculus programs have been proved experimentally. The failure modes analysis, which was made with the help of computed methodology carried out, helped to complete the seismic design codes on shear walls with staggered openings.

Sujith Mangalathu 2020 established that compiles a conduction of all-inclusive data of 393 experimental findings on shear walls of different geometrical characteristics. Nevertheless, in this research, eight machine learning models were tested - Naive Bayes; K-Nearest Neighbor; decision Tree and Random forest; AdaBoost; XGBoost; LightGBM and CatBoost, so as to determine the most effective prediction model. Due to the thorough assessment, one of the machine learning models suggested in the current paper is the one operating on the principles of the Random Forest method. The accuracy given in identifying the failure mode of shear walls is 86% when using the proposed method. The study by presenting the aspect ratio as well as the indices pertaining to the reinforcement of boundaries and the length of the wall to wall thickness ratios shows that these parameters are the most vital ones affecting the failure mode of the shear walls. Lastly, it is at least provided in this paper an open-source data-driven classification model that could be employed in design offices worldwide. The model suggested is elastic enough to explain more experimental findings that lead to new discoveries.

## III. METHODOLOGY

The article concentrates on a study that focuses on a detailed critique of structural behaviour of multistorage building with and without shear wall under various types of loading. The more the urbanization gains momentum, the greater the number of advanced and high-rise buildings are required which could be only provided by application of some creative inputs concerning the security and efficiency of the constructions. In this relation, shear walls apply since they are the main structures that counteract the lateral loads in the contrary force of the surrounding environmental forces including the wind, earthquakes, and other dynamic loads.

### A. Construction

The approach to be taken to the present study is that it will determine the impact of seismic responses and the lateral responses of the buildings that consist of high rise buildings with shear walls and without shear walls and to understand the impact of the opening made at different locations to the shear walls. It is made up of modelling, examining, and comparative assessment of the numerical value of STAAD.Pro programme.

It gives its analysis using reinforced concrete in a typical G+20 high reinforced concrete buildings. The plan size, floor to floor elevation and the structural shallowness is the same in all the models so that three apples are compared on the same line! It would be facile postulations that:

- Plan Dimensions: Plan dimensions as are far as that of the architecture and architecture:

Height! Storey in the bathroom: 3.0mm/ floor

G+20 63 m Height

Structural system: Moment: resisting frame/ none / with shear walls

The loading requirement: The live load, dead load, seismic load and the winds load according to the IS 875 and the IS 1893(Part 1):

It is a problem in modeling the variable arrangements in the positioning and placing of the shear wall and opening locations that the STAAD.Pro adopts four structural models to model such a heterogeneity. Those include:

Model-1: Shaping of G+20 structure building which comprises of shear walls

Model-2: hole on frontal location, 2 storey building(shear walls)

Model-3: G+20 shear wall building where the building has an opening back building location

Model-4: G+20 building where G is the number of storey that the building is and 20 is the vertical dimension of both the storey and the shear wall which has the opening in front and back positions as well as the side position.

These models shared the same structural parts ( columns, beams and slabs ), and the positioning of the shear walls is quite strategic enough in the sense that they have realistic architectural needs that do not overlay to the engineering segment.

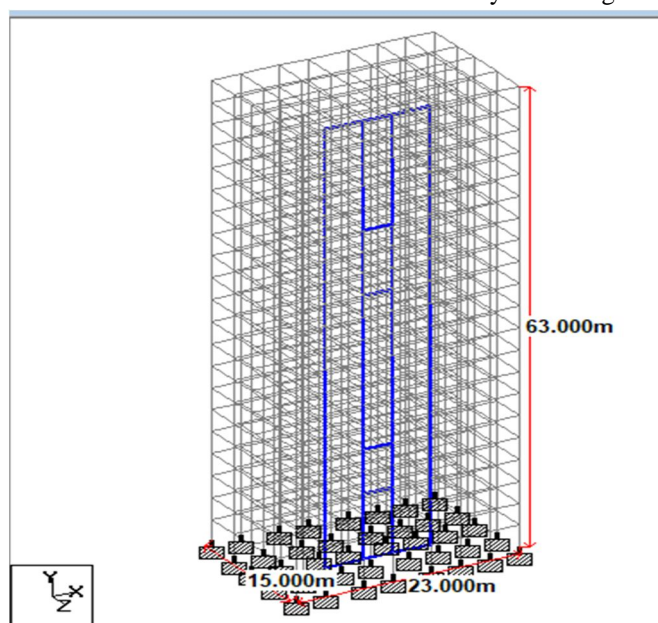


Figure 3: Geometry of the model

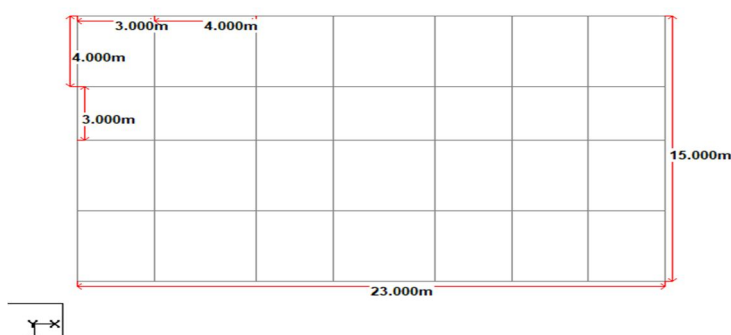


Figure 4: Plan of the model

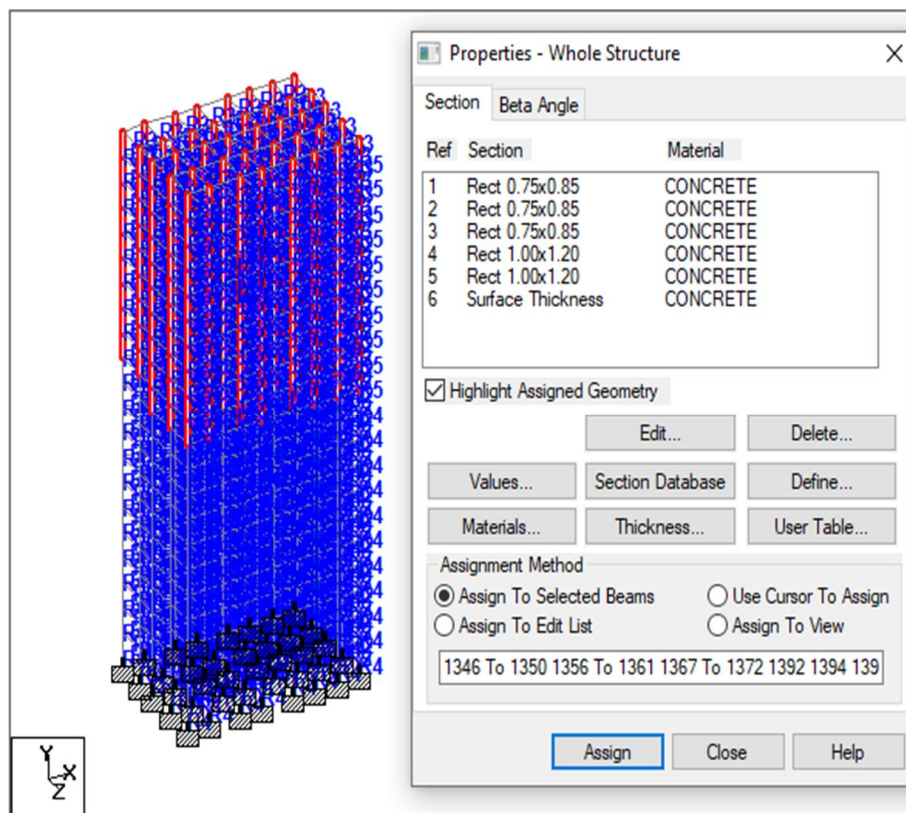


Figure 5: Properties assigned to the model

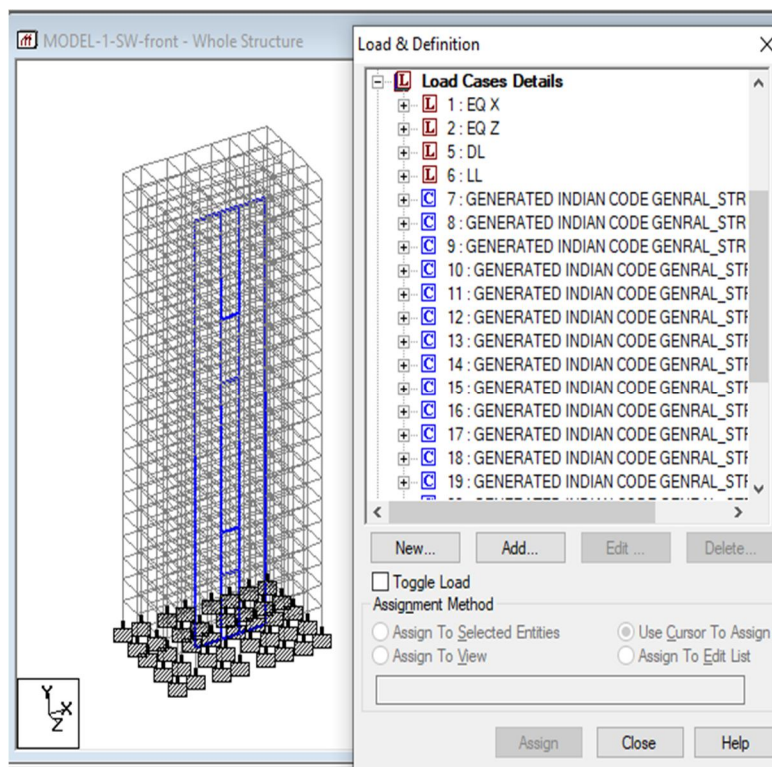


Figure 6: Loads assigned to the model



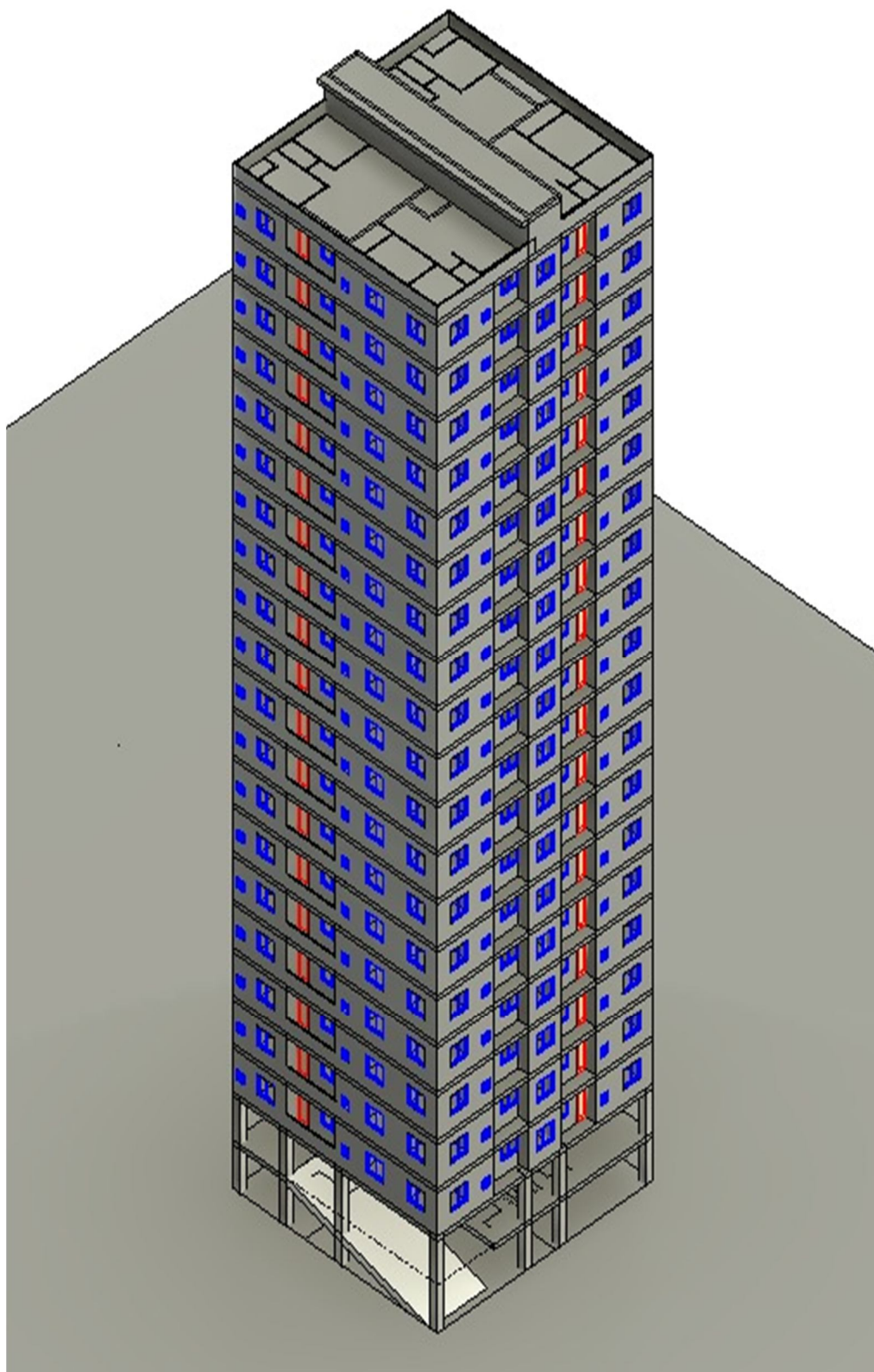


Figure 7: 3D-view of structure

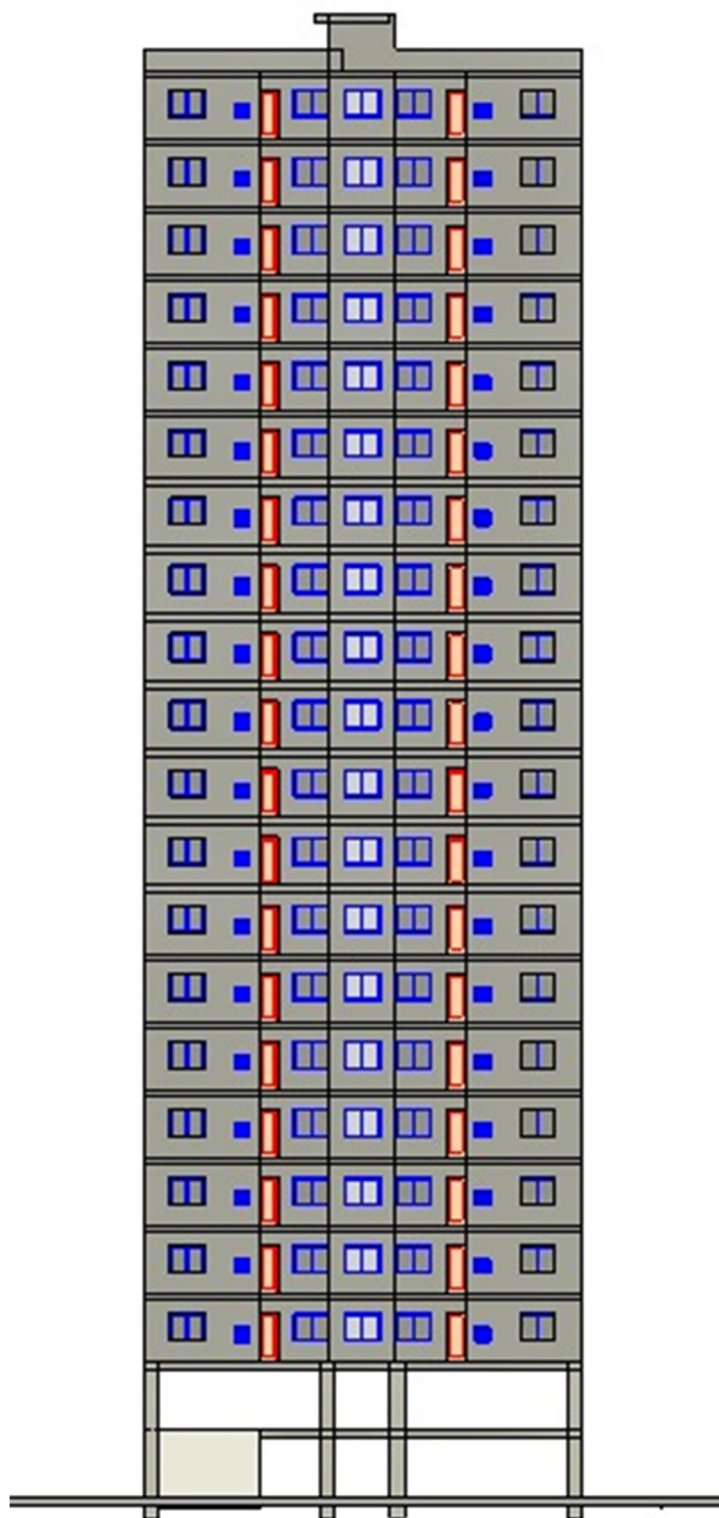


Figure 8: Elevation of structure



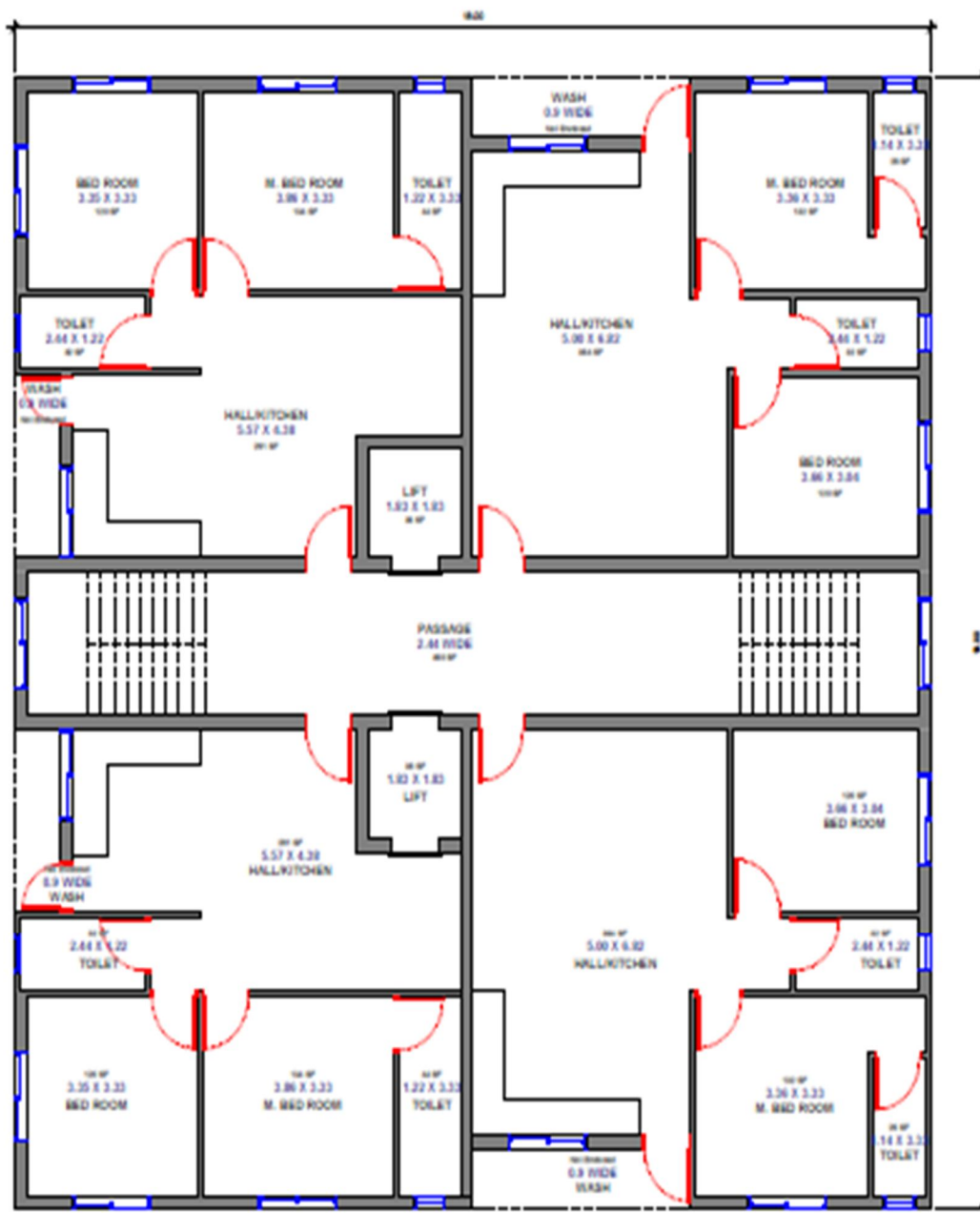


Figure 9: Floor plan of structure

#### IV. RESULTS

The main agenda of the analysis is to assess the structural behaviour in the form of lateral displacement, inter storey i.e. drift behaviour, Base shear, natural frequency and mode shapes. Moreover, the stability and efficiency of any model are evaluated through finding the alterations of behavior presence and location of openings in shear walls.

This chapter gives the comparison of the results of the following models:

- 1) Model-1: G+20 non shear wall building (control model)
- 2) Model- 2: G + 20 building with an opening of shear wall on the front side
- 3) Model-3:Cavity in back of G+20 building (shear wall)
- 4) Model-4: G+20 building with shear wall openings where the front, back and side locations are used

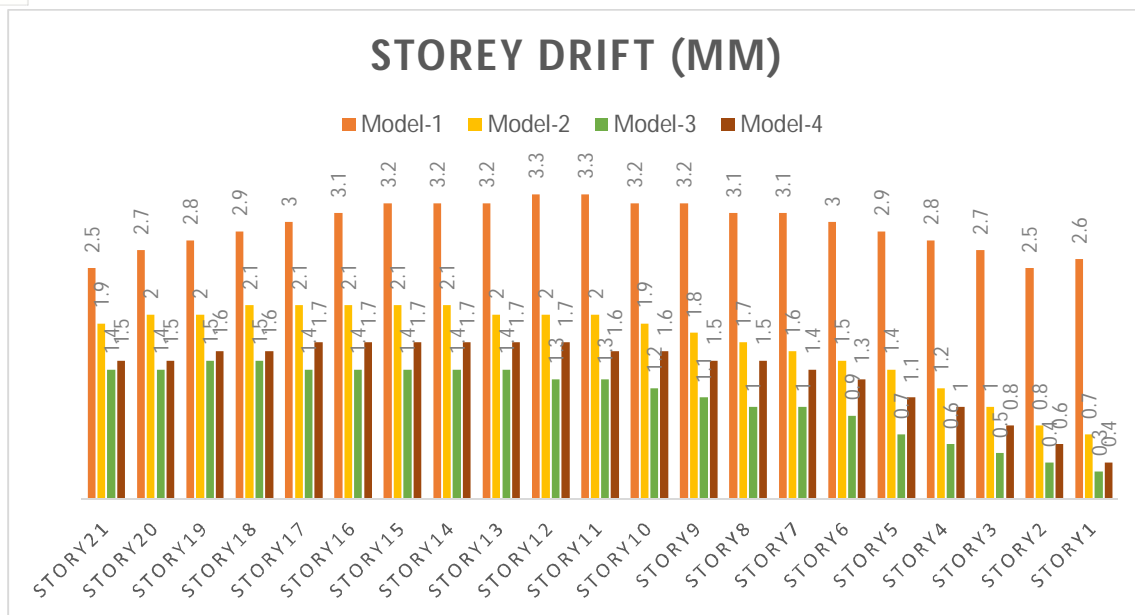


Figure 10: Storey Drift for the all models

The combined storey drift graph will make a comparison between the four G+20 building models with the lateral loading and indicate the influences of shear wall placement. The drift ratios of Model-1, which differs in that it does not have shear walls, are the greatest and have a maximum of 3.3 mm in mid-storeys and constantly exceed 2.5 mm implying the high level of lateral displacement. However, the front opening shear wall in model-2 with a maximum drift of 2.1 mm, and the minimum of 0.7 mm at the base produces less than that of model-1. Model-3 that possess a back-opening shear has been found to perform the best with a drift of between 1.5 mm at the top and only 0.3 mm at the bottom, with its superior stiffness and load resisting capabilities. Model-4 with front, back and side openings is similarly quite successful at reducing drift (up to 1.7 mm maximum, 0.4mm minimum), though in this respect it is slightly inferior to Model-3. All in all, it can be observed in the results that the addition of shear walls (particularly, when selected with regard to the position of openings) results in a noticeable increase of structural stiffness and decreased lateral displacements, where the Model-3 configuration was shown to be the most effective.

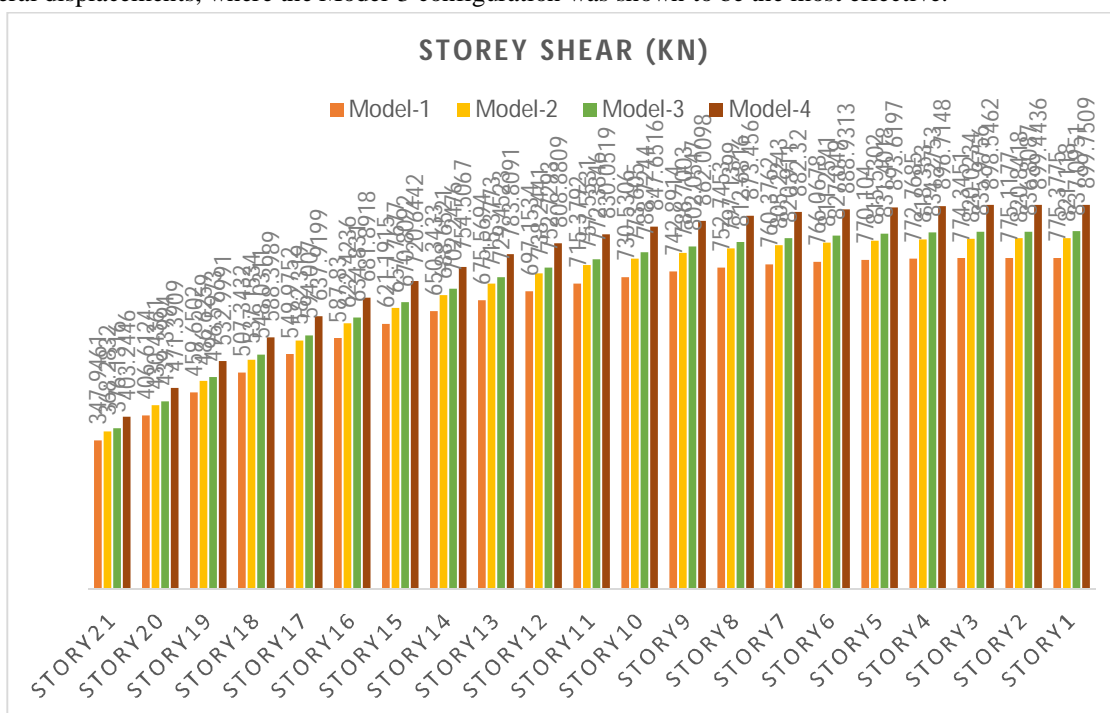


Figure 11: Storey Shear for the all models

The bar chart gives a comparison of storey shear distribution of four structural models of G+20 building having different shear wall patterns. Model-1 that does not have the shear walls always has the lowest values of shear in all storeys, which means less lateral stiffness. In model-2 and model-3 whereby shear walls with front and back walls opening are used the storey shears increase modestly which exhibits better resistance to lateral loads. Shear values are highest in Model-4, which has shear walls with opening on all sides (front, back, and sides), implying that the potential of the lateral load distribution and performance-wise structural behavior is the best. General increase of shear with storey (storey 21 to storey 1) is a trend in all the models, though intensity differs with the wall transfer, which highlights the reason that the shear wall placement, and continuity should take precedence in the resistance of earthquake or wind.

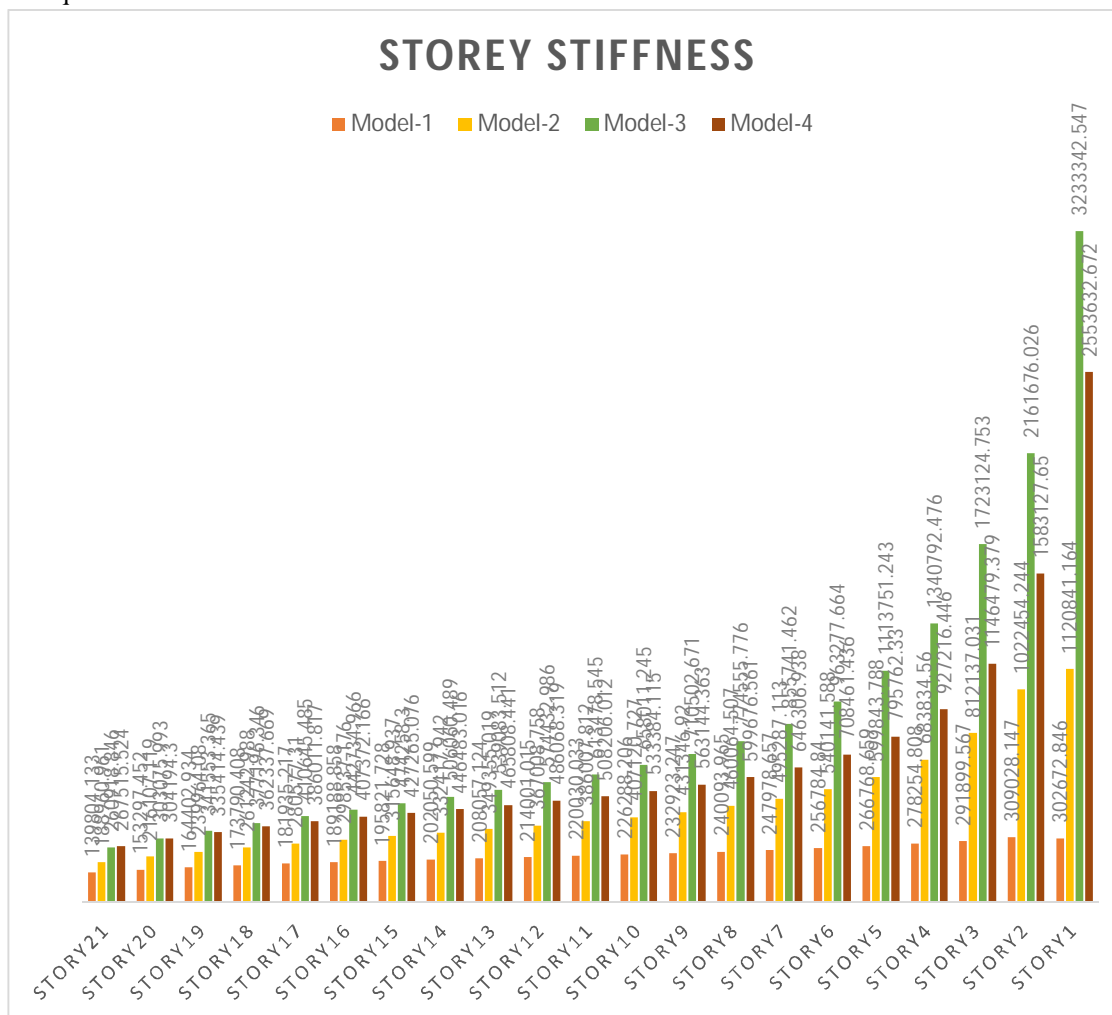


Figure 12: Storey stiffness for the all models

Comparative bar chart shows the variations in the storeys stiffness in four models of G+20 buildings under lateral loading or seismic conditions. The model-1 that does not have shear walls portrays the minimum value of stiffness in all storeys. Where shear walls are front-opened (Model-2), having plasticity at a friction-constrained storey step improves its stiffness visibly at lower storeys. Having shear walls and a back opening, Model-3 shows an overall stiffness that is largely higher, with a maximum of more than  $3.2 \times 10^6$  units, at Storey 1, indicating the merit of the back wall design of the model. Model-4 with its front, back and side openings gives performance superior to that of Models 1 and 2, and just a little inferior to Cer 3 indicating that many openings provide reduced stiffness efficiency. The graph is effective in defining the vital position and strategic use of shear walls in increasing the lateral stiffness and the general stability of high-rise buildings.



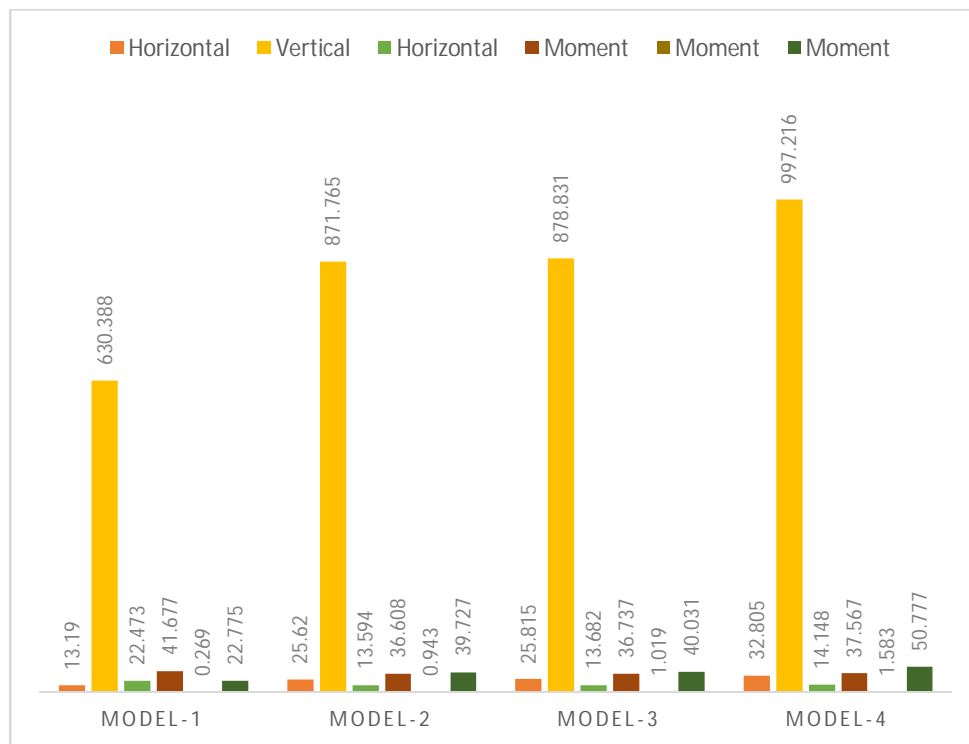


Figure 13: Combined Reactions for the all models

The combined bar graph appears as a comparative study of 6 structural parameters that are Horizontal Fx, Vertical Fy, Horizontal Fz, Moment Mx, Moment My, and Moment Mz in four various models. Model-4 has highest values in majority of the parameters, such as, Vertical Fy (997.216 kN), Moment My (1.583 kNm) and Moment Mz (50.777 kNm) all of which reflect that the structure has a high load-bearing capacity and moment resistance. On the contrary, Model-1 has the lowest readings in these criteria- overly, Moment My (0.269 kNm) and Vertical Fy (630.388 kN). Model 2 and Model 3 demonstrate moderate performance in which Model-3 slightly shown higher performance in moments as compared to Model-2. Generally, the diagram shows that Model-4 is the most powerful of the four according to the forces and moments analyzed.

Table 1: Mode shapes v/s frequency

Mode	Frequency Hz	Period seconds	Participation Y %	Type
1	7.188	0.139	65.208	Elastic
2	7.358	0.136	5.788	Elastic
3	7.862	0.127	0.002	Elastic
4	8.194	0.122	1.361	Elastic
5	8.586	0.116	0.121	Elastic
6	8.897	0.112	0.171	Elastic

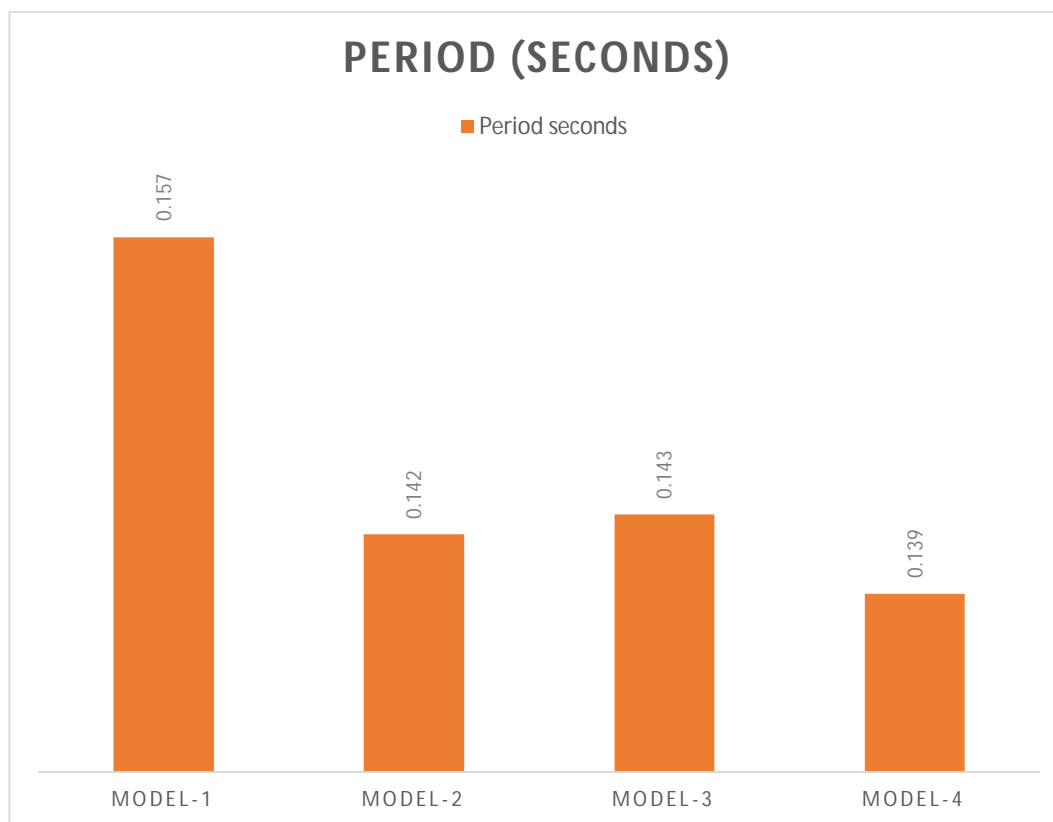


Figure 14: Period (sec) for the all models

The bar chart symbolizes the disparity in the values of the variable Period (Seconds) between four structural models such as Model-1, Model-2, Model-3 and Model-4. In Model-1 the largest is 0.157 seconds. The Model-2 period is 0.142 seconds compared to Model-1 that is higher. The Model-3 period is 0.143 seconds and it is nearly in vicinity with Model-2. In Model-4, the minimum value is obtained which is 0.139 second. Overall, the values of period are not far apart and the model-1 having the highest value and model-4 the lowest.

## V. CONCLUSIONS

The following conclusions can be observed:

### 1) *Swinging and Slide of Plot*

- The lateral displacement and the story drift was continuously growing with the storeys till the end storeys (Story 1-Story 21) which is as per the behavior that would be induced as a result of lateral loads.
- Model -1 did not have a shear wall or small shear resistance and hence it represented consistently the smallest since it released the maximum flexibility of displacement and drift.
- The placement of optimal shear walls in terms of a reduced or even unlimited number of openings may have occurred in model-3 as compared to the others since this resulted in the model being less displaced and drifting thus demonstrating a high lateral stiffness.
- These differences were indicative of more occurrence of higher levels hence a potential representation of the relevance of designing shear walls in tall buildings.

### 2) *According to Base Shear and Distribution of Force In a modern system, data needs to speak directly to the user.*

- Better distribution of base shear was also discovered in the models that employed strategically positioned shear walls (Models 3 and 4) pointing out a higher ability to resist earthquake and lateral forces caused by wind.
- The distribution of force in Model-1 was not effective as there was no shear-resisting or the actual position was poor hence becoming easily susceptible to a seismic movement.

3) *Natural Frequency The natural Frequency of oscillatory motion, and Mode Shapes*

- The more the stiffness (Model 3 and 4), the higher is the natural frequency that can equate to less exposure to the resonance aspect in case of seismic activity.
- Examining mode shapes revealed that the configuration and the stiffness pattern significantly affect dynamic behavior and through the storeys, stiffer models will tend to behave more similarly to one another.

4) *The effect of an opening in shear wall.*

- Shear walls also had the result of reduced lateral stiffness and shear capacity due to openings as is the case with Model 2 and 4 which depicted openings in the shear walls.
- In this case, it is implying that architectural demands (e.g. windows/doors) must possess a sort of fine balance with the Shear wall structural integrity.

5) *The impacts of Shear Wall Setup*

- The pattern of central and symmetrical locating of shear walls (especially Model-3) were better in the aspects of displacement, drift and base shear resistance.
- Asymmetrical orientation or misplaced orientations (e.g. in Model-2) added the torsional effects, or otherwise reduced the efficiency of the building as a whole proving once again the usefulness of well placed shear walls deployment on multistorey buildings.

6) *Failure Modes during Lateral and seismic loads*

- Model-1 is prone to soft-storey-failure by the reason that it is more likely to develop large inter-storey-drift caused by seismic excitation and it is not laterally fixed reducing its chance of occurrence.
- The better model-designed shear wall structures have been realized to withstand these kind of failures and this gives a suggestion that some of the critical failure processes may be avoided through proper detailing and design.

7) *Structural-design effects*

- This demonstrates the sensitivity of the upper storey replies to the modeling assumptions that leads to the requirement of decent representation of high rise building analysis.
- The parameters variation of a model when referring to thickness of wall, opening size or location of walls is minimal, but can vary substantially in line with the code of setting of performance metrics.
- Model-3 was determined to be the most structurally efficient in terms of stiffness, resistance and dynamic performance.

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