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# Comparative Response Spectrum Analysis on 15- and 50-Story Reinforced Concrete Buildings Having Shear Walls with and without Openings as per EN1998-1 Seismic Code

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**Abstract:** Medium-rise reinforced concrete (RC) framed apartment complexes with stories ranging from 15 to 50 are becoming more common in Ethiopia's main cities. In these RC-framed structures, shear walls are included for lateral load resistance. As apertures are frequently provided in shear walls, it is critical to evaluate their influence on story drift, stiffness, shear and moments, and stress within the shear walls. A 3D study with five different cases was carried out with ETABS version 19.00 software to investigate the influence of apertures in a building's shear wall. This study looks at the effects of changing the size and location of these apertures. Based on this analysis, extensive data were acquired, and useful conclusions were formed that will be useful to practicing engineers. The seismic parameter utilized for the response spectrum study was Building Code of Ethiopia ES8-15, which conforms to Eurocode 8-2004 seismic code guidelines (based on EN1998-1) with target response spectrum type-I. The following parameters were used: ground acceleration,  $ag/g = 0.1$ , spectrum type = I, ground type = B, soil factor,  $S = 1.35$ , spectrum period,  $T_b = 0.05$  s, spectrum period,  $T_c = 0.25$  s, spectrum period,  $T_d = 1.2$  s, lower bound factor,  $\beta = 0.2$ , behavior factor = 1, and damping ratio = 5%. The outcomes are compared using various parameters such as displacement, story drift, story stiffness, story shear, and story moment both with and without shear wall opening cases. This study will give tremendous insight into the effect of shear wall openings on the performance of the structure. The analysis in this work was carried out on a linear model, which may not represent the complete local response of the structure; thus, future researchers should perform nonlinear analysis based on a performance-based design. It was concluded from this investigation that incorporating shear walls considerably enhanced the performance of the building over framed structures. Shear wall openings in a structure have a significant influence on the building's performance. Due to their significant resistance to earthquake forces, shear wall structures are highly recommended for seismic hazard zones.



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## 1. Introduction

Reinforced concrete (RC) structures can face significant horizontal and vertical loads. The most standard designs for which shear partitions are designed are for wind and seismic events [1]. Shear walls offer the necessary power in opposition to seismic pressures and are the highest quality and most effective technique to absorb those lateral stresses [2–4]. Seismic walls are container factors that help the structure from the perimeters. Shear partitions provide lateral power and stiffness [5–8]. Since shear walls are liable to experience extensive lateral stresses, the tilting impact is crucial, which has to be taken into consideration within the design of the structure. To avoid negative outcomes of torsion, shear partitions in systems must be symmetrical [9–11].

Shear walls may be placed symmetrically in one or both directions. Earthquake-resistant walls are more powerful when they are constructed completely across the building. As a result, this configuration will increase the torsion resistance of the shape [12]. The behavior of a shear wall is decided by the materials used, the length of the wall, the thickness of the wall, the placement of the wall, and the construction. Due to their stiffness, load-bearing potential, and excessive ductility, RC shear partitions are used for the creation of high-rise structures in seismic zones [13–15]. Shear wall openings which are oriented alongside in-plane loading are more important than shear wall openings which can be located along out-of-surface loading. This is because a big shift in displacement is experienced whilst the shear wall opens. Loads within the plane are located together [16].

Due to their capacity to resist lateral stresses, which include earthquakes and wind loads, shear partitions are considered a critical factor within the construction industry. As a result, experiments have been performed to better apprehend the structural conduct of shear partitions under distinctive loading situations and instances. The seismic conduct of prefabricated strengthened shear partitions with vertical joints was investigated by Zhang and Wang [17,18], in which shear walls were constructed in a pilot building. Coccia et al. [19] studied the overall seismic performance of masonry partitions modified with vertical FRP stiffeners and found that conventional methods of seismic strengthening of masonry partitions have an impact on the seismic performance of the components. Generally, out-of-surface bending behavior is used for modification. Furthermore, Jeon et al. [20] investigated the seismic vulnerability of plain bolstered concrete shear partitions with tie beams and tested them in plain bolstered concrete shear partitions for high upward thrust buildings built with seven sets of ground movement factors and shear amplification elements of 1.2 and have been shown to be enough to fulfill FEMA P695 standards for the probability of disintegrating and restricting the ratio of collapse. Reinforced concrete structures with L-shaped partitions provide architects with numerous opportunities to design buildings with extra open space and variety [21–23]. As a way to promote compliance with the protection criteria imposed by numerous requirements, numerous experimental and numerical studies ought to be completed on L-shaped shear walls. Similarly, when deformability and power are required, L-shaped concrete disc partitions have a high ability to soak up lateral pressure and, if designed well, can absorb a substantial amount of seismic energy [24–27]. Network or retrofit issues, in addition to the proximity of elevators, home windows, doors, and stairways, may require shear wall openings [28]. Holes in a shear wall not only lessen the pressure around the hollow but additionally lessen the general structural ability and integrity of the wall [27].

The primary goal of this research is to recognize the conduct of stepped and normal openings and to analyze the effect of stepped openings on seismic loading with different masses. Shear walls without holes outperform shear partitions with vertical and staggered holes. Marius [29] determined the same results. On average, no matter where the shear wall starts, the presence of a shear wall in a constructing will greatly increase the seismic reaction of the building. Recently, a few researchers have carried out work comparable to this on the usage of finite element modeling to resolve structural and cloth problems, as seen in literature reports [30–37].

Shear walls or similar are included in a few excessive upward thrust houses and there may be a need to govern lateral deflection within flooring. Shear walls are prepared with openings that meet practical requirements. In some instances, wall openings for domestic home windows, doorways, and particular kinds of openings are unavoidable in shear walls. Shear partitions are vertical reinforced concrete beams that are usually very deep and skinny. They are regularly applied in systems to face gravity loads and floor shear. A shear wall is the vertical detail of a lateral strain suppression device that transfers lateral forces from the pinnacle diaphragm to the lower diaphragm or basis. A shear wall may be a load-bearing wall in a gravity load machine or part of a duplex gadget that is built to withstand lateral stresses [38].

Further, others have furnished seismic observations and evaluated the impact of shear partitions on multi-span RC frames. The seismic evaluation shows that RC frame geometry with shear partitions has high seismic resistance [39]. We evaluated rectangular, C, L, and T regular shear partitions. An average design for a 20-story RC structure was implemented [39].

A 10-story RC shear wall with and without openings placed under seismic loading was used with time information and pushover after modification for study. The study confirmed that a form with various levels of openness determined a large displacement of upward thrust with an opening period [40].

The development of a ten-story RC shear wall may be initiated under seismic loading, and the time records and stressors were changed for investigation. This study showed that constructs with distinctive layer openings show a large displacement increase in opening length [40]. Using the ability spectrum method, the shape of the plastic hinge remained consistent over time because the selection curve crossed the capability curve at in situ occupancy. The effects show that the arena-type shear wall modality has much less affiliation—primarily based on absolute shear. Layout—primarily based on displacement and shear—will grow in terms of open tops and bottoms [41]. Moreover, every test studied slightly upwardly pushed buildings with various designs and shear wall placements and determined that the construction's center of mass and center of rigidity are closer to shear partitions than other walls. The shape of the shear wall and its surroundings influence the effect [42]. Some research has included multi-story shear wall installation shear partitions to reduce transverse and longitudinal pinnacle deflection [43]. Similarly, shear apertures have an impact on a construction's seismic reaction. STAAD was used to simulate apertures and shear wall locations were investigated. A static identical assessment was used. The first-class displacement of homes with great-bridge apertures grew to 14% [44]. In the X and Y recommendations, buildings with staggered openings showed higher displacement, story float, and story shear outcomes than odd structures with staggered openings [45]. The overall performance of several shapes of shear walls has been evaluated using response spectrum assessment by Gupta [46] and it was observed that the common I-shaped shear wall has better results than all other shapes of shear wall. Columns were used to illustrate the shape, while the chosen version lacks a shear wall. In each unbiased model, the whole in-evaluation shear wall forms were studied. Story drifts, displacements, and shears are examples of analytical results. Rectangular and L-shaped partitions are more resistant to earthquakes than H- and T-shaped barriers [47]. The stiffness of squat RC robust shear walls was compared to standard reinforcement, in-built RC stiffness, and metallic tube stiffness. Shear partitions with RC stiffness and metal tube stiffness bear greater loads than normal reinforced shear partitions. Shear walls with reinforced concrete and steel tube stiffness have 34% and 9% better deformation ability than conventionally reinforced shear walls, respectively.

In comparison to historical strengthened shear partitions, metal tube stiffness, like RC stiffness, increased strain by 209% [48]. The association of shear walls turns out to be considerably changed to provide multi-story building shape [49]. The ETABS software program was used to explore the effect of constructing a shear wall at certain locations and configurations in projects and compared to those that do not include a shear wall [49]. Perimeter shear partitions exhibit 5.85% and 1.5% higher displacement than canter shear partitions in square and rectangular buildings, respectively [49]. A nook shear wall reduces the model's length in every test, regardless of its expanded mass (s). Corner shear partitions have the least displacement (108.508 mm) due to stiffening, whereas standard frames have the most (303.339 mm) [50]. Outdoor shear partitions have proven to have the highest critical base share in each square and rectangular form. In comparison to rectangle-form homes, the strain in square-form homes with center partitions was 3.23% higher [51]. Although its mass grows, this version's spectrum period (s) is reduced in a nook shear wall due to extended stiffness. The displacement is the least (108.508 mm) in the case of a corner

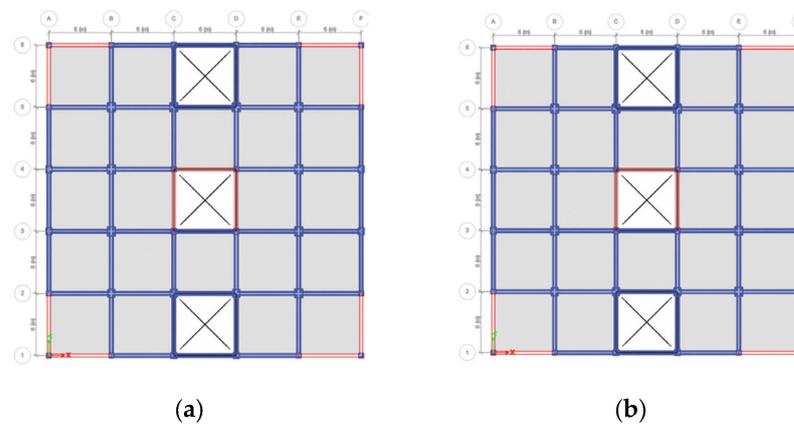
shear wall and the biggest (303.339 mm) in the case of a conventional frame due to the stiffening of the form [52].

Therefore, the main objective of this study is to investigate the tremendous impact of shear wall openings on the overall performance of a structure during seismic loading as per a type-I response spectrum based on EN1998-1 [53].

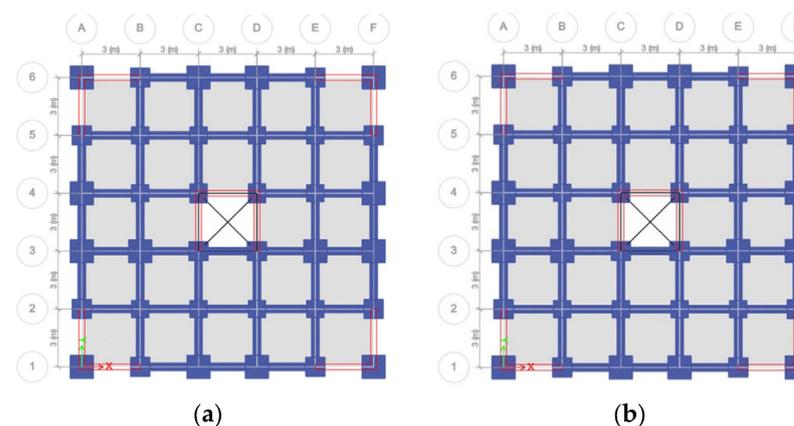
## 2. Materials and Method

### Project Description

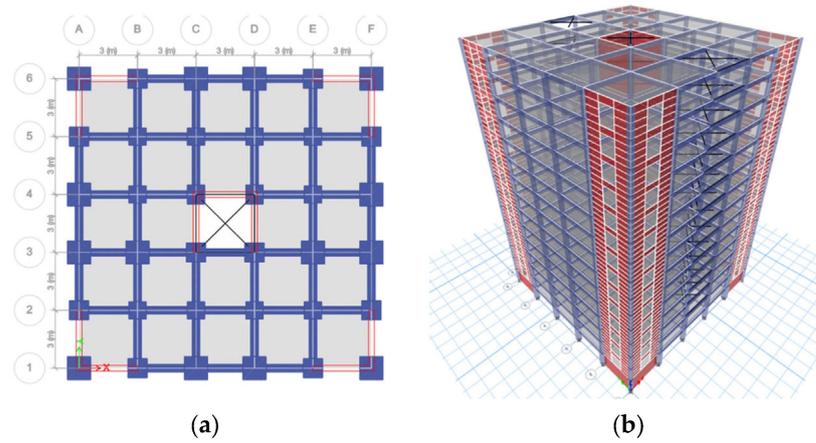
For this study, a regular reinforced concrete building of 15 and 50 stories are considered in different 5 cases as shown in Figures 1–6. The floor area of the 15-story structure is 900 sqm (30 m × 30 m) with 5 bays along each side (each span 6 m). The floor area of the 50-story structure is 225 sqm (15 m × 15 m) with 5 bays along each side (each span 3 m). The structure is modeled with 5 different cases of 50-story structures with each story height being 3 m and with and without a shear wall opening as shown in Figures 1–6. Tables 1–3 shows the loading and building details of the sample model buildings.



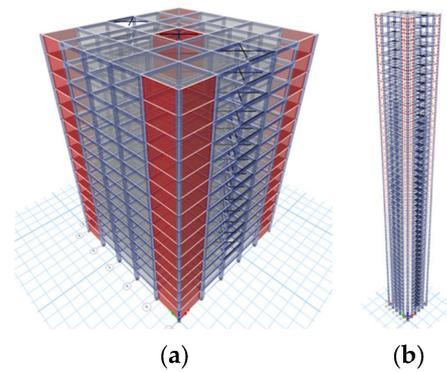
**Figure 1.** (a) G + 15 shear wall with opening Floor Plan; (b) G + 15 shear wall without opening Floor Plan.



**Figure 2.** (a) G + 50 shear wall with opening Floor Plan; (b) G + 50 shear wall without opening Floor Plan.



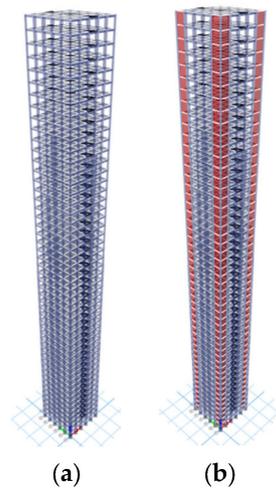
**Figure 3.** (a) G + 50 Framed Structure without shear wall Floor Plan; (b) G + 15 Framed Structure with shear wall Opening 3D Mode.



**Figure 4.** (a) G + 15 Framed Structure without shear wall Opening 3D Model; (b) G + 50 shear wall with opening 3D Model Case-1.



**Figure 5.** (a) G + 50 shear wall with opening 3D Model Case-2; (b) G + 50 shear wall with opening 3D Model Case-3.



**Figure 6.** (a) G + 50 Framed Structure 3D Model Case-4; (b) G + 50 shear wall without opening 3D Model Case-5.

**Table 1.** The 50- and 15-story RC sample building loading detail.

Loading Detail	Intensity	Code
Dead load	2 KN/m <sup>2</sup>	ES8-15
Live load	3 KN/m <sup>2</sup>	ES8-15
Wall load on beam	12 KN/m <sup>2</sup>	ES8-15
Response spectrum	Type-I	ES8-15

**Table 2.** Sample 15-story RC building details.

Structure Type	Intensity	Remark
Fifteen-story moment resisting frame RC	45 m	ES8-15
Floor to floor height	3.2 m	ES8-15
Wall load on beam	12 KN/m <sup>2</sup>	ES8-15
Soil type	B	ES8-15
Damping	5%	ES8-15
Support	Fixed support	ES8-15
Beam section	0.50 × 0.35 m	ES8-15
Column section	0.4 × 0.40 m	ES8-15
Wall section	0.300 m	ES8-15
Slab section	0.20 m	ES8-15
Seismic zone	III (Addis Ababa)	ES8-15
Concrete quality	C-30	ES8-15
Steel	G-60	ES8-15
R factor	1	ES8-15

**Table 3.** Sample 50-story RC building detail.

Structure Type	Intensity	Remark
Fifty-story moment resisting frame RC	150 m	ES8-15
Floor to floor height	3.0 m	ES8-15
Wall load on beam	12 KN/m <sup>2</sup>	ES8-15
Soil type	B	ES8-15
Damping	5%	ES8-15
Support	Fixed support	ES8-15
Beam section	0.50 × 0.40 m	ES8-15

Table 3. Cont.

Structure Type	Intensity	Remark
Column section	1.20 × 1.20 m	ES8-15
Wall section	0.300 m	ES8-15
Slab section	0.20 m	ES8-15
Seismic zone	III (Addis Ababa)	ES8-15
Concrete quality	C-30	ES8-15
Steel	G-60	ES8-15
R factor	1	ES8-15

### 3. Results

#### 3.1. Sample 15-Story RC Building Results

##### Global Responses of 15-Story Building with and without Shear Wall Opening Results

After performing dynamic analysis for both structures with the case-1 and case-2 shear wall opening type, the obtained results were compared based on five factors, i.e., displacement, story drift, base shear, story shear, and story moment.

- CM Displacement for Diaphragm D1

Table 4, Figures A3a and A7a show the CM displacement for diaphragm D1 for a 15-story structure with and without shear wall opening response spectrum analysis outputs. From the results, it can be observed that the CM displacement for diaphragm D1 obtained by the shear wall with an opening is higher than that obtained by the shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis gives a maximum of 15% in the X-direction and 12.38% in the Y-direction as higher results at the location of story 4. It can also be noticed that the percentage difference in CM displacement for diaphragm D1 calculated with and without shear wall openings decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings the effect of openings might not be that much compared to low- and mid-rise buildings.

- Drifts for Diaphragm D1

**Table 4.** Comparison of with and without shear wall opening dynamic analysis results for CM displacement for diaphragm D1 for 15-story structures.

Story	Elevation	Location	G + 15 RC with Opening		G + 15 RC without Opening		X–Y-Axis Output Title 3	
			X-Axis	Y-Axis	X-Axis	Y-Axis		
			CM Displacement for Diaphragm D1				CM Displacement for Diaphragm D1	
	m		mm	mm	mm	mm	%	%
Story 15	45	Top	38.48	39.016	36.628	37.041	105.0589713	105.3319295
Story 14	42	Top	35.63	35.98	33.66	33.96	105.85526	105.94452
Story 13	39	Top	32.68	32.87	30.65	30.85	106.60925	106.55084
Story 12	36	Top	29.66	29.72	27.63	27.73	107.34964	107.16397
Story 11	33	Top	26.62	26.56	24.62	24.64	108.10964	107.80000
Story 10	30	Top	23.58	23.41	21.65	21.59	108.91628	108.45298
Story 9	27	Top	20.60	20.32	18.75	18.61	109.83685	109.17879
Story 8	24	Top	17.64	17.29	15.92	15.73	110.81946	109.94661
Story 7	21	Top	14.76	14.34	13.19	12.95	111.92479	110.73965
Story 6	18	Top	11.95	11.48	10.56	10.29	113.10436	111.49737
Story 5	15	Top	9.251	8.753	8.092	7.805	114.32278	112.14606
Story 4	12	Top	6.67	6.208	5.795	5.524	115.09922	112.38233
Story 3	9	Top	4.29	3.923	3.748	3.52	114.46104	111.44886
Story 2	6	Top	2.217	2.004	2.034	1.875	108.99705	106.88
Story 1	3	Top	0.659	0.606	0.735	0.661	89.659863	91.679273
Base	0	Top	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 5 and Figures A3b and A7b show the drifts for diaphragm D1 for a 15-story structure with and without shear wall opening response spectrum dynamic analysis global responses. From the results, it can be observed that the drifts for diaphragm D1 obtained by a shear wall with an opening are higher than those obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. A shear wall with opening analysis gives 27.39% in the X-direction and 17.23% in the Y-direction direction as higher results. It can also be noticed that the difference in drifts for diaphragm D1 calculated with and without a shear wall opening decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings the effect of openings might not be that much compared to low- and mid-rise buildings.

- Max Story Displacement

**Table 5.** Comparison of with and without shear wall opening dynamic analysis drifts for diaphragm D1 results for 15-story structures.

Story	Elevation m	Location	G + 15 RC with Opening		G + 15 RC without Opening		X–Y-Axis Output Title 3	
			X-Axis	Y-Axis	X-Axis	Y-Axis	With vs. Without Shear Wall Opening X-Axis %	With vs. Without Shear Wall Opening Y-Axis %
			Drifts for Diaphragm D1					
			X-Axis	Y-Axis	X-Axis	Y-Axis		
Story 15	45	Top	0.001142	0.001093	0.001141	0.001091	100.08764	100.18332
Story 14	42	Top	0.001214	0.00114	0.001175	0.001118	103.31915	101.9678
Story 13	39	Top	0.001258	0.001169	0.001193	0.001131	105.44845	103.35986
Story 12	36	Top	0.00128	0.00118	0.001195	0.001129	107.11297	104.51727
Story 11	33	Top	0.001282	0.001174	0.001182	0.001113	108.46024	105.48068
Story 10	30	Top	0.001248	0.001143	0.001147	0.001078	108.80558	106.02968
Story 9	27	Top	0.001217	0.00111	0.001107	0.001038	109.93677	106.93642
Story 8	24	Top	0.001174	0.001066	0.001057	0.000989	111.06906	107.78564
Story 7	21	Top	0.001127	0.001017	0.001	0.000932	112.7	109.12017
Story 6	18	Top	0.001067	0.000956	0.00093	0.000865	114.73118	110.52023
Story 5	15	Top	0.001002	0.000881	0.00085	0.000784	117.88235	112.37245
Story 4	12	Top	0.000914	0.000783	0.000747	0.000682	122.35609	114.80938
Story 3	9	Top	0.000786	0.000653	0.000617	0.000557	127.3906	117.23519
Story 2	6	Top	0.00058	0.000474	0.000462	0.000409	125.54113	115.89242
Story 1	3	Top	0.000239	0.000204	0.000259	0.000222	92.277992	91.891892
Base	0	Top	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 6 and Figures A4a and A8a show the max story displacement for a 15-story structure with and without shear wall opening response spectrum analysis global responses. From the results it can be observed that the max story displacement obtained by a shear wall with an opening is higher than that obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis gives a maximum of 21.13% in the X-direction and 13.33% in the Y-direction as higher results in story 4. It can also be noticed that the percentage difference in max story displacement calculated with and without shear wall openings decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings the effect of openings might not be that much compared to low- and mid-rise buildings.

- Maximum Story Drift

**Table 6.** Comparison of with and without shear wall opening dynamic analysis max story displacement results for 15-story structures.

Story	Elevation	Location	G + 15 RC with Opening		G + 15 RC without Opening		X–Y-Axis Output	
			X-Axis	Y-Axis	X-Axis	Y-Axis	With vs. Without Shear Wall Opening X-Axis	With vs. Without Shear Wall Opening Y-Axis
			Max Story Displacement					
			X-Axis	Y-Axis	X-Axis	Y-Axis	%	%
	m		mm	mm	mm	mm	%	%
Story 15	45	Top	0.001142	0.001093	0.001141	0.001091	100.08764	100.18332
Story 14	42	Top	0.001214	0.00114	0.001175	0.001118	103.31915	101.9678
Story 13	39	Top	0.001258	0.001169	0.001193	0.001131	105.44845	103.35986
Story 12	36	Top	0.00128	0.00118	0.001195	0.001129	107.11297	104.51727
Story 11	33	Top	0.001282	0.001174	0.001182	0.001113	108.46024	105.48068
Story 10	30	Top	0.001248	0.001143	0.001147	0.001078	108.80558	106.02968
Story 9	27	Top	0.001217	0.00111	0.001107	0.001038	109.93677	106.93642
Story 8	24	Top	0.001174	0.001066	0.001057	0.000989	111.06906	107.78564
Story 7	21	Top	0.001127	0.001017	0.001	0.000932	112.7	109.12017
Story 6	18	Top	0.001067	0.000956	0.00093	0.000865	114.73118	110.52023
Story 5	15	Top	0.001002	0.000881	0.00085	0.000784	117.88235	112.37245
Story 4	12	Top	0.000914	0.000783	0.000747	0.000682	122.35609	114.80938
Story 3	9	Top	0.000786	0.000653	0.000617	0.000557	127.3906	117.23519
Story 2	6	Top	0.00058	0.000474	0.000462	0.000409	125.54113	115.89242
Story 1	3	Top	0.000239	0.000204	0.000259	0.000222	92.277992	91.891892
Base	0	Top	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 7 and Figures A4b and A8b show the max story drifts for a 15-story structure with and without shear wall opening response spectrum dynamic analysis results. From the results, it can be observed that the max story drifts obtained by a shear wall with an opening are higher than that obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis gives 27.39% in the X-direction and 17.23% in the Y-direction as higher results. It can also be noticed that the difference in max story drifts calculated by percentage differences with and without a shear wall decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings the effect of openings might not be that much compared to low- and mid-rise buildings.

- Maximum Story Shear

**Table 7.** Comparison of with and without shear wall opening dynamic analysis max story drift results for 15-story structures.

Story	Elevation	Location	G + 15 RC with Opening		G + 15 RC without Opening		X–Y-Axis Output	
			X-Axis	Y-Axis	X-Axis	Y-Axis	With vs. Without Shear Wall Opening X-Axis	With vs. Without Shear Wall Opening Y-Axis
			Max Story Drifts					
			X-Axis	Y-Axis	X-Axis	Y-Axis	%	%
	m		mm	mm	mm	mm	%	%
Story 15	45	Top	0.001142	0.001093	0.001141	0.001091	100.08764	100.18332
Story 14	42	Top	0.001214	0.00114	0.001175	0.001118	103.31915	101.9678
Story 13	39	Top	0.001258	0.001169	0.001193	0.001131	105.44845	103.35986
Story 12	36	Top	0.00128	0.00118	0.001195	0.001129	107.11297	104.51727
Story 11	33	Top	0.001282	0.001174	0.001182	0.001113	108.46024	105.48068
Story 10	30	Top	0.001248	0.001143	0.001147	0.001078	108.80558	106.02968
Story 9	27	Top	0.001217	0.00111	0.001107	0.001038	109.93677	106.93642
Story 8	24	Top	0.001174	0.001066	0.001057	0.000989	111.06906	107.78564
Story 7	21	Top	0.001127	0.001017	0.001	0.000932	112.7	109.12017

Table 7. Cont.

Story	Elevation	Location	G + 15 RC with Opening		G + 15 RC without Opening		X–Y-Axis Output	
			X-Axis	Y-Axis	X-Axis	Y-Axis	With vs. Without Shear Wall Opening X-Axis	With vs. Without Shear Wall Opening Y-Axis
			Max Story Drifts					
m		X-Axis	Y-Axis	X-Axis	Y-Axis	%	%	
Story 6	18	Top	0.001067	0.000956	0.00093	0.000865	114.73118	110.52023
Story 5	15	Top	0.001002	0.000881	0.00085	0.000784	117.88235	112.37245
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Story 1	3	Top	0.000239	0.000204	0.000259	0.000222	92.277992	91.891892
Base	0	Top	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 8 and Figures A5b and A9b show the max story shear for a 15-story structure with and without shear wall opening response spectrum dynamic analysis. From the results, it can be observed that the max story shear obtained by a shear wall with an opening is lower than that obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis gives 15.03% in the X-direction and 12.7% in the Y-direction as lower results. It can also be noticed that the difference in max story shear calculated with and without a shear wall opening increases with the increase in height of the structure In both directions.

- Maximum Overturning Moment

**Table 8.** Comparison of with and without shear wall opening dynamic analysis max story shear results for 15-story structures.

Story	Elevation	Location	G + 15 RC with Opening		G + 15 RC without Opening		X–Y-Axis Output	
			X-Axis	Y-Axis	X-Axis	Y-Axis	With vs. Without Shear Wall Opening X-Axis	With vs. Without Shear Wall Opening Y-Axis
			Max Story Shear					
m		X-Axis	Y-Axis	X-Axis	Y-Axis	%	%	
Story 15	45	Top	3328.59	3554.1	3902.75	3977.1423	85.28821299	89.36316158
		Bottom	3328.59	3554.1	3902.75	3977.1423	85.28821299	89.36316158
Story 14	42	Top	5740.14	6090.17	6695.19	6835.6726	85.73536589	89.09398762
		Bottom	5740.14	6090.17	6695.19	6835.6726	85.73536589	89.09398762
Story 13	39	Top	7121.56	7454.53	8212.4	8343.686	86.71725556	89.3434029
		Bottom	7121.56	7454.53	8212.4	8343.686	86.71725556	89.3434029
Story 12	36	Top	7831.7	8046.42	8886.66	8917.9213	88.12874365	90.22748384
		Bottom	7831.7	8046.42	8886.66	8917.9213	88.12874365	90.22748384
Story 11	33	Top	8147.42	8280.14	9062.08	9020.743	89.90674748	91.78995677
		Bottom	8147.42	8280.14	9062.08	9020.743	89.90674748	91.78995677
Story 10	30	Top	8287.47	8396.54	9019.59	8983.2814	91.88303504	93.46846465
		Bottom	8287.47	8396.54	9019.59	8983.2814	91.88303504	93.46846465
Story 9	27	Top	8499.82	8566.85	9111.37	9068.4749	93.28802745	94.46844254
		Bottom	8499.82	8566.85	9111.37	9068.4749	93.28802745	94.46844254
Story 8	24	Top	8928.7	9009.51	9594.43	9561.6368	93.06131629	94.22563718
		Bottom	8928.7	9009.51	9594.43	9561.6368	93.06131629	94.22563718
Story 7	21	Top	9631	9843.38	10,523.1	10,602.9583	91.52228966	92.83614744
		Bottom	9631	9843.38	10,523.1	10,602.9583	91.52228966	92.83614744
Story 6	18	Top	10,633.8	10,973.1	11,859.1	12,052.0467	89.66762417	91.04762596
		Bottom	10,633.8	10,973.1	11,859.1	12,052.0467	89.66762417	91.04762596
Story 5	15	Top	11,832.6	12,256.6	13,441.9	13,674.5031	88.02736954	89.63133512
		Bottom	11,832.6	12,256.6	13,441.9	13,674.5031	88.02736954	89.63133512
Story 4	12	Top	13,073	13,612.4	15,036.9	15,315.2795	86.93952341	88.88092248
		Bottom	13,073	13,612.4	15,036.9	15,315.2795	86.93952341	88.88092248

Table 8. Cont.

Story	Elevation	Location	G + 15 RC with Opening		G + 15 RC without Opening		X–Y-Axis Output	
			X-Axis	Y-Axis	X-Axis	Y-Axis		
			Max Story Shear				Max Story Shear	
	m		KN/m	KN/m	KN/m	KN/m	With vs. Without Shear Wall Opening X-Axis	With vs. Without Shear Wall Opening Y-Axis
							%	%
Story 3	9	Top	14,251.3	14,888.1	16,490.7	16,823.99	86.42010228	88.4929972
		Bottom	14,251.3	14,888.1	16,490.7	16,823.99	86.42010228	88.4929972
Story 2	6	Top	15,147.6	15,803.5	17,646.6	17,964.7664	85.83859355	87.96933368
		Bottom	15,147.6	15,803.5	17,646.6	17,964.7664	85.83859355	87.96933368
Story 1	3	Top	15,517.4	16,174.8	18,262.1	18,527.2085	84.97040743	87.30285299
		Bottom	15,517.4	16,174.8	18,262.1	18,527.2085	84.97040743	87.30285299
Story 0	0	Top	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Bottom	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 9 and Figures A5a and A9a show the overturning moment for a 15-story structure with and without a shear wall opening response spectrum dynamic analysis. From the results, it can be observed that the overturning moment obtained by a shear wall with an opening is lower than that obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis gives 10.64% in the X-direction and 14.71% in the Y-direction as lower results. It can also be noticed that the difference in overturning moment calculated with and without a shear wall opening decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings the effect of openings might not be that much compared to low- and mid-rise buildings.

- Story Stiffness

**Table 9.** Comparison of with and without shear wall opening dynamic analysis max overturning moment results for 15-story structures.

Story	Elevation	Location	G + 15 RC with Opening		G + 15 RC without Opening		X–Y-Axis Output	
			X-Axis	Y-Axis	X-Axis	Y-Axis		
			Overturning Moment				Overturning Moment	
	m		KN/m	KN/m	KN/m	KN/m	With vs. Without Shear Wall Opening X-Axis	With vs. Without Shear Wall Opening Y-Axis
							%	%
Story 15	45	Top	0	0	0	0	0	0
Story 14	42	Top	10,662.3	9985.7682	11,931.427	11,708.263	89.363162	85.288214
Story 13	39	Top	28,884.19	27,142.432	32,391.103	31,726.68	89.173221	85.550812
Story 12	36	Top	50,945.642	48,145.29	57,128.996	55,976.906	89.176504	86.009202
Story 11	33	Top	74,092.672	70,621.037	82,905.189	81,520.645	89.370368	86.629635
Story 10	30	Top	96,721.51	93,073.904	107,701.67	106,463.53	89.805026	87.423279
Story 9	27	Top	118,058.8	114,607.96	130,471.76	129,637.42	90.486092	88.406542
Story 8	24	Top	137,854.98	134,904.42	150,872.21	150,594.73	91.372015	89.581106
Story 7	21	Top	156,388.37	154,201.21	169,283.33	169,695.58	92.382614	90.869317
Story 6	18	Top	174,530.84	173,160.17	186,884.1	187,979.43	93.389879	92.116551
Story 5	15	Top	193,572.1	192,796.92	205,472.61	207,006.64	94.208228	93.135623
Story 4	12	Top	214,895.73	214,340.56	227,018.45	228,632.79	94.660029	93.748828
Story 3	9	Top	239,724.97	238,907.61	253,180.7	254,510.69	94.685326	93.869384
Story 2	6	Top	268,892.43	267,255.46	284,953.79	285,632.13	94.363522	93.566314
Story 1	3	Top	302,499.31	299,573.61	322,395.38	322,149.65	93.828672	92.992066
Base	0	Top	339,778.72	335,275.79	364,569.2	363,315.93	93.200063	92.28216

Table 10 and Figures A6 and A10 show the story stiffness for 15-story structure with and without a shear wall opening response spectrum dynamic analysis. From the results, it can be observed that the story stiffness obtained by a shear wall with an opening is lower than that

obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis gives 25.48% in the X-direction and 20.59% in the Y-direction as lower results at story 2. It can also be noticed that the difference in story stiffness calculated with and without a shear wall opening varies with the increase in height of the structure in both directions.

**Table 10.** Comparison of with and without shear wall opening dynamic analysis max story stiffness results for 15-story structures.

Story	Elevation	Location	G + 15 RC with Opening		G + 15 RC without Opening		X–Y-Axis Output	
			X-Axis	Y-Axis	X-Axis	Y-Axis	Story Stiffness	
			Story Stiffness				With vs. Without Shear Wall Opening X-Axis	With vs. Without Shear Wall Opening Y-Axis
	m		KN/m	KN/m	KN/m	KN/m	%	%
Story 15	45	Top	1,064,320.4	1,071,233.4	1,243,754.3	1,219,373.4	85.573201	87.851138
Story 14	42	Top	1,748,285.5	1,771,981.3	2,068,494	2,044,364.1	84.519728	86.676402
Story 13	39	Top	2,110,763.6	2,129,096.7	2,497,447	246,7981.7	84.51685	86.268737
Story 12	36	Top	2,299,928.7	2,285,950.9	2,695,627.8	2,641,784.2	85.320707	86.53057
Story 11	33	Top	2,410,529.3	2,384,282	2,778,993.7	2710,407	86.741083	87.967671
Story 10	30	Top	2,515,184.4	2,486,868.9	2,848,589.2	2,786,111.3	88.295792	89.259498
Story 9	27	Top	2,655,818	2,622,940.2	2,982,404.3	2,922,177.4	89.049562	89.759785
Story 8	24	Top	2,895,568.6	2,875,181.6	3,285,328.5	3,233,806.7	88.13635	88.910125
Story 7	21	Top	3,268,264	3,313,154.3	3,805,207.2	3,804,871.8	85.889253	87.076636
Story 6	18	Top	3,815,887	3,953,776.6	4,597,455	4,659,724.1	82.999985	84.850014
Story 5	15	Top	4,562,071.3	4,857,171.1	5,685,850.5	5,835,069.9	80.235513	83.241009
Story 4	12	Top	5,602,686.9	6,205,356.4	7,203,677	7,503,307.2	77.775377	82.701617
Story 3	9	Top	7,390,724.1	8,516,175.4	9,501,555.3	10,104,998	77.784362	84.276864
Story 2	6	Top	10,066,304	11,665,455	13,507,644	14,689,379	74.523018	79.414217
Story 1	3	Top	23,452,851	26,533,469	24,809,272	27,929,484	94.532604	95.001644
Base	0	Top	0	0	0	0	0	0

### 3.2. Sample 50-Story RC Building Results

Global Responses of 50-Story Building with and without Shear Wall Opening Results

- CM Displacement for Diaphragm D1

Figures A11a, A15a, A19a, A13a and A27a show the CM displacement for diaphragm D1 for a 50-story structure with and without a shear wall opening and framed structure response spectrum dynamic analysis global responses. From the results it can be observed that the CM displacement for diaphragm D1 obtained by a shear wall with an opening is higher than that obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis of case-1 gives 5.45% in the X-direction and 4.83% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-2 gives 9.33% in the X-direction and 8.19% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-3 gives 20.36% in the X-direction and 18.03% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the CM displacement of the bottom part of the structure is extremely high compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening with 36.434% in the X-direction and 44.54% in the Y-direction as higher results. At the same time, case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the percentage difference for displacement for the upper part of the structure is extremely low compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening with 14.61% in the X-direction and 12.43% in the Y-direction as lower results at story 30. It can also be noticed that the difference in the percentage of CM displacement for diaphragm D1 calculated with and without a shear wall opening decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This gives an excellent indication that, for high-rise buildings, introducing shear walls and openings is not the final and only solution for seismic-prone areas. It is necessary to look for other advanced lateral force-resisting systems such as viscous damping and other relevant technologies.

- Drifts for Diaphragm D1

Figures A11b, A15b, A19b, A23b and A27b show the drifts for diaphragm D1 for a 50-story structure with and without a shear wall opening and framed structure response spectrum dynamic analysis global responses. From the results it can be observed that the drifts for diaphragm D1 obtained by a shear wall with an opening are higher than those obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis of case-1 gives 7.44% in the X-direction and 6.06% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-2 gives 12.23% in the X-direction and 9.82% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-3 gives 34.96% in the X-direction and 24.31% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the drifts for diaphragm D1 of the bottom part of the structure are extremely high compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening with 33.24% in the X-direction and 45.66% in the Y-direction as higher results. At the same time, case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the percentage difference for drifts for diaphragm for the upper part of the structure is extremely low compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening with 25.09% in the X-direction and 20.7% in the Y-direction as lower results at story 30. It can also be noticed that the difference in the percentage of drifts for diaphragm D1 calculated with and without a shear wall opening decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This gives an excellent indication that, for high-rise buildings, introducing shear walls and openings is not the final and only solution for seismic-prone areas. It is necessary to look for other advanced lateral force-resisting systems such as viscous damping and other relevant technologies.

- Maximum Story Displacement

Figures A12a, A16a, A20a, A24a and A28a show the max story displacement for a 50-story structure with and without a shear wall opening and framed structure response spectrum dynamic analysis global responses. From the results, it can be observed that the max story displacement obtained by a shear wall with an opening is higher than that obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis of case-1 gives 6.51% in the X-direction and 5.16% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-2 gives 10.58% in the X-direction and 8.24% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-3 gives 26.11% in the X-direction and 18.76% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the max story displacement of the bottom part of the structure is extremely high compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening with 31.28% in the X-direction and 44.25% in the Y-direction as higher results. At the same time, case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the percentage difference for max story displacement for the upper part of the structure is extremely low compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening with 17.51% in the X-direction and 12.44% in the Y-direction as lower results at story 29. It can also be noticed that the difference in the percentage of max story displacement calculated with and without shear wall openings decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings introducing shear walls and openings is not the final and only solution for seismic-prone areas. It is important to look for other advanced lateral force-resisting systems such as viscous damping and other relevant technologies.

- Maximum Story Drift

Figures A12b, A16b, A20b, A24b and A28b show the max story drifts for a 50-story structure with and without a shear wall opening and framed structure response spectrum dynamic analysis global responses. From the results, it can be observed that the max story drifts obtained by a shear wall with an opening is higher than that obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis of case-1 gives 7.44% in the X-direction and 7.06% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-2 gives 12.23% in the X-direction and 9.82% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-3 gives 34.96% in the X-direction and 24.31% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-4 gives a surprising

result as, for a framed structure, the max story drifts of the bottom part of the structure are extremely high compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening with 33.24% in the X-direction and 45.66% in the Y-direction as higher results. At the same time, case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the percentage difference for max story drifts for the upper part of the structure is extremely low compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening with 25.08% in the X-direction and 20.697% in the Y-direction as lower results at story 50. It can also be noticed that the difference in the percentage of max story drifts calculated with and without shear wall openings decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings introducing shear walls and openings is not the final and only solution for seismic-prone areas. Once again, it is important to look for other advanced lateral force-resisting systems such as viscous damping and other relevant technologies.

- **Maximum Story Shear**

Figures A13a, A17a, A21a, A25a and A29a show the max story shear for a 50-story structure with and without a shear wall opening and framed structure response spectrum dynamic analysis global responses. From the results it can be observed that the max story shear obtained by a shear wall with an opening is lower than that obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis of case-1 gives 3.22% in the X-direction and 3.63% in the Y-direction as lower results. Case-2 gives 5.32% in the X-direction and 4.98% in the Y-direction as lower results. Case-3 gives 13.74% in the X-direction and 11.48% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-4 gives a surprising result that, for a framed structure, the max story shear of the bottom part of the structure is much lower compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening with 55.52% in the X-direction and 55.91% in the Y-direction as lower results. At the same time, case-4 gives a surprising result that for framed structure the percentage difference for max story shear for the upper part of the structure is extremely low compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening. It can also be noticed that the difference in the percentage of max story shear calculated with and without shear wall openings decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This result gives an indication that for high-rise buildings introducing a shear wall can enhance the shear capacity of the building by over 50% more than that of framed structures, which is extremely important in earthquake-prone areas.

- **Maximum Overturning Moment**

Figures A13b, A17b, A21b, A25b and A29b show the overturning moment for a 50-story structure with and without a shear wall opening and framed structure response spectrum dynamic analysis global responses. From the results, it can be observed that the overturning moment obtained by a shear wall with an opening is lower than that obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis of case-1 gives 3.53% in the X-direction and 3.74% in the Y-direction as lower results. Case-2 gives 4.85% in the X-direction and 5.198% in the Y-direction as lower results. Case-3 gives 11.54% in the X-direction and 13.68% in the Y-direction as lower results. Case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the overturning moment of the bottom part of the structure is much lower compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening with 55.91% in the X-direction and 55.53% in the Y-direction as lower results. At the same time, case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the percentage difference for the overturning moment for the upper part of the structure is extremely low compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening. It can also be noticed that the difference in the percentage of the overturning moment calculated with and without shear wall openings decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This result gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings introducing a shear wall can enhance the moment capacity of the building by over 50% more than that of over-framed structures, which is extremely important in earthquake-prone areas.

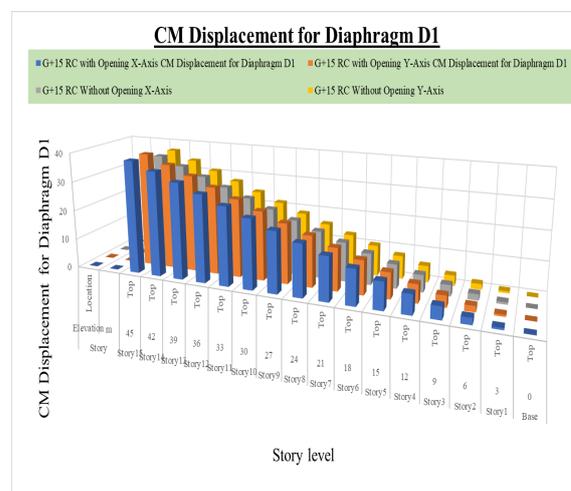
- Story Stiffness

Figures A14, A18, A22, A26 and A30 show the story stiffness for a 50-story structure with and without a shear wall opening and framed structure response spectrum dynamic analysis global responses. From the results, it can be observed that the story stiffness obtained by a shear wall with an opening is lower than that obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis of case-1 gives 10.3% in the X-direction and 10.45% in the Y-direction as lower results. Case-2 gives 12.03% in the X-direction and 12.07% in the Y-direction as lower results. Case-3 gives 22% in the X-direction and 17.37% in the Y-direction as lower results. Case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the story stiffness of the bottom part of the structure is much lower compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening with 63.19% in the X-direction and 63.4% in the Y-direction as lower results. At the same time, case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the percentage difference for the story stiffness for the upper part of the structure is extremely low compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening. It can also be noticed that the difference in the percentage of story stiffness calculated with and without shear wall openings decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This result gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings introducing a shear wall can enhance the stiffness capacity of the building by over 63% more than over-framed structures, which is extremely important in earthquake-prone areas.

#### 4. Discussion

After performing response spectrum analysis for fifteen-story structures with case-1 and case-2 shear wall opening types and with five cases for fifty-story structures, the obtained results were compared based on five factors, i.e., displacement, story drift, base shear, story shear, and story moment.

Figure 7 shows the CM displacement for diaphragm D1 for a 15-story structure with and without a shear wall opening response spectrum analysis outputs. From the results, it can be observed that the CM displacement for diaphragm D1 obtained by a shear wall with the opening is higher than that obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis gives a maximum of 15% in the X-direction and 12.38% in the Y-direction as higher results at the location of story 4. It can also be noticed that the percentage difference in CM displacement for diaphragm D1 calculated with and without shear wall openings decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings the effect of openings might not be that much compared to low- and mid-rise buildings.



**Figure 7.** G + 15 RC with opening X-Axis CM Displacement for Diaphragm D1; G + 15 RC without Opening X-Axis; Linear (G + 15 RC with Opening X-Axis CM Displacement for Diaphragm D1).

Figure 8 shows the drifts for diaphragm D1 for the 15-story structure with and without shear wall opening response spectrum dynamic analysis global responses. From the results, it can be observed that the drifts for diaphragm D1 obtained by a shear wall with the opening is higher than that obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis gives 27.39% in the X-direction and 17.23% in the Y-direction as higher results. It can also be noticed that the difference in drifts for diaphragm D1 calculated with and without a shear wall opening decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings the effect of openings might not be that much compared to low- and mid-rise buildings.

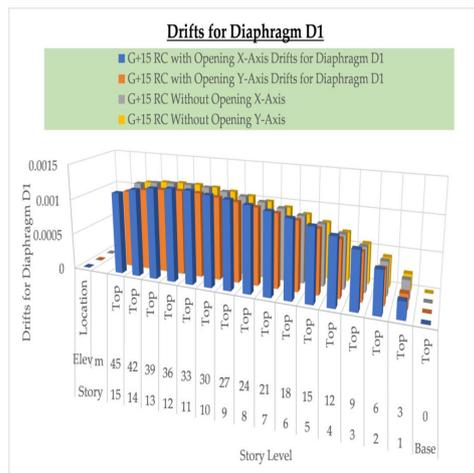


Figure 8. G + 15 RC with opening X-Axis Drifts for Diaphragm D1; G + 15 RC without Opening X-Axis.

Figure 9 shows the max story displacement for the 15-story structure with and without a shear wall opening response spectrum analysis global responses. From the results it can be observed that the max story displacement obtained by a shear wall with an opening is higher than that obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis gives a maximum of 21.13% in the X-direction and 13.33% in the Y-direction as higher results in story 4. It can also be noticed that the percentage difference in max story displacement calculated with and without shear wall openings decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings the effect of openings might not be that much compared to low- and mid-rise buildings.

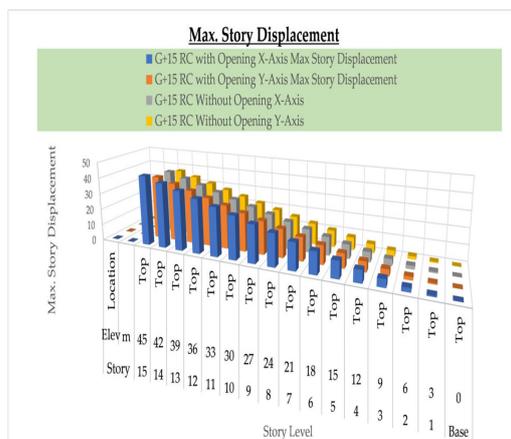


Figure 9. G + 15 RC with opening X-Axis Max Story Displacement; G + 15 RC without Opening X-Axis.

Figure 10 shows the max story drifts for the 15-story structure with and without a shear wall opening response spectrum dynamic analysis results. From the results it can be

observed that the max story drifts obtained by a shear wall with an opening is higher than that obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis gives 27.39% in the X-direction and 17.23% in the Y-direction as higher results. It can also be noticed that the percentage difference in max story drifts calculated with and without shear wall openings decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings the effect of openings might not be that much compared to low- and mid-rise buildings.

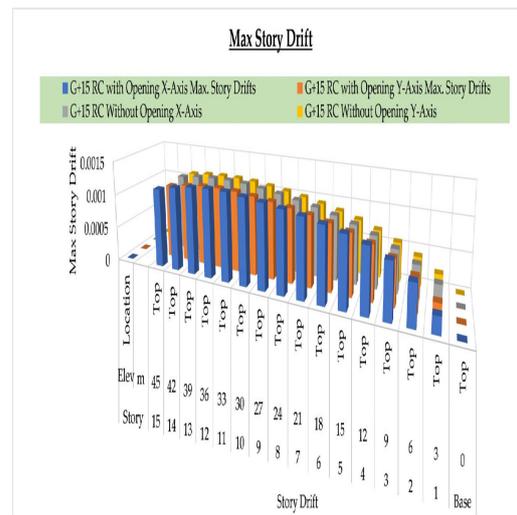


Figure 10. G + 15 RC with opening X-Axis Max Story Drifts; G + 15 RC with Opening X-Axis Max Story Drifts.

Figure 11 shows the max story shear for the 15-story structure with and without a shear wall opening response spectrum dynamic analysis results. From the results, it can be observed that the max story shear obtained by a shear wall with an opening is lower than that obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis gives 15.03% in the X-direction and 12.7% in the Y-direction as lower results. It can also be noticed that the difference in max story shear calculated with and without shear wall openings increases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions.

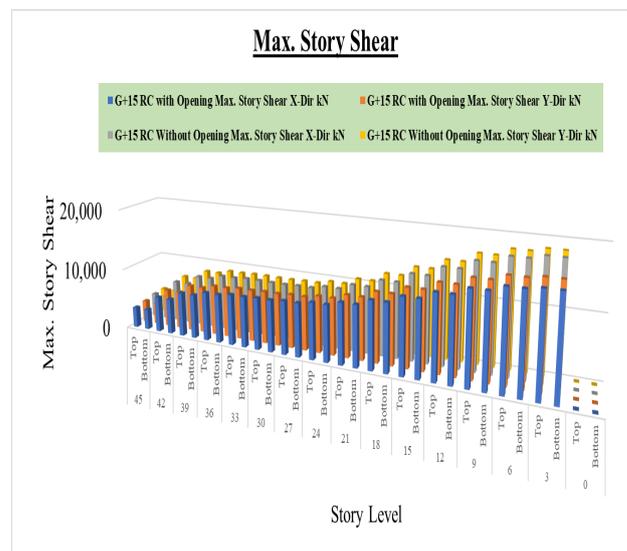


Figure 11. G + 15 RC with opening X-Axis Max Story Shear; G + 15 RC with Opening X-Axis Max Story Shear.

From the 15-story structure with and without a shear wall opening response spectrum dynamic analysis results, it can be observed that the overturning moment obtained by a shear wall with an opening is lower than that obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis gives 10.64% in the X-direction and 14.71% in the Y-direction as lower results. It can also be noticed that the difference in overturning moment calculated with and without a shear wall opening decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings the effect of openings might not be that much compared to low- and mid-rise buildings.

From the story stiffness for the 15-story structure with and without a shear wall opening response spectrum dynamic analysis results, it can be observed that the story stiffness obtained by a shear wall with an opening is lower than that obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis gives 25.48% in the X-direction and 20.59% in the Y-direction as lower results at story 2. It can also be noticed that the difference in story stiffness calculated with and without a shear wall opening varies with the increase in height of the structure in both directions.

From the CM displacement for diaphragm D1 for the 50-story structure with and without a shear wall opening and framed structure response spectrum dynamic analysis global results, it can be observed that the CM displacement for diaphragm D1 obtained by a shear wall with an opening is higher than that obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis of case-1 gives 5.45% in the X-direction and 4.83% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-2 gives 9.33% in the X-direction and 8.19% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-3 gives 20.36% in the X-direction and 18.03% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the CM displacement of the bottom part of the structure is extremely high compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening with 36.434% in the X-direction and 44.54% in the Y-direction as higher results. At the same time, case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the percentage difference for displacement for the upper part of the structure is extremely low compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening with 14.61% in the X-direction and 12.43% in the Y-direction as lower results at story 30. It can also be noticed that the difference in percentage of CM displacement for diaphragm D1 calculated with and without a shear wall opening decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings introducing shear walls and openings is not the final and only solution for seismic-prone areas. We have to look for other advanced lateral force-resisting systems such as viscous damping and other relevant technologies.

From the drifts for diaphragm D1 for the 50-story structure with and without a shear wall opening and framed structure response spectrum dynamic analysis global results it can be observed that the drifts for diaphragm D1 obtained by a shear wall with an opening is higher than that obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis of case-1 gives 7.44% in the X-direction and 6.06% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-2 gives 12.23% in the X-direction and 9.82% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-3 gives 34.96% in the X-direction and 24.31% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the drifts for diaphragm D1 of the bottom part of the structure are extremely high compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening with 33.24% in the X-direction and 45.66% in the Y-direction as higher results. At the same time, case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the percentage difference for drifts for diaphragm for the upper part of the structure is extremely low compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening with 25.09% in the X-direction and 20.7% in the Y-direction as lower results at story 30. It can also be noticed that the difference in the percentage of drifts for diaphragm D1 calculated with and without a shear wall opening decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings introducing shear walls and openings is not the final and only

solution for seismic-prone areas. We have to look for other advanced lateral force-resisting systems such as viscous damping and other relevant technologies.

From the max story displacement for the 50-story structure with and without a shear wall opening and framed structure response spectrum dynamic analysis results, it can be observed that the max story displacement obtained by a shear wall with an opening is higher than that obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis of case-1 gives 6.51% in the X-direction and 5.16% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-2 gives 10.58% in the X-direction and 8.24% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-3 gives 26.11% in the X-direction and 18.76% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the max story displacement of the bottom part of the structure is extremely high compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening with 31.28% in the X-direction and 44.25% in the Y-direction as higher results. At the same time, case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the percentage difference for the max story displacement for the upper part of the structure is extremely low compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening with 17.51% in the X-direction and 12.44% in the Y-direction as lower results at story 29. It can also be noticed that the difference in the percentage of max story displacement calculated with and without shear wall openings decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings introducing a shear wall and openings is not the final and only solution for seismic-prone areas. We have to look for other advanced lateral force-resisting systems such as viscous damping and other relevant technologies.

From the max story drifts for the 50-story structure with and without a shear wall opening and framed structure response spectrum dynamic analysis results, it can be observed that the max story drifts obtained by a shear wall with an opening are higher than those obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis of case-1 gives 7.44% in the X-direction and 7.06% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-2 gives 12.23% in the X-direction and 9.82% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-3 gives 34.96% in the X-direction and 24.31% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-4 gives a surprising result for a framed structure as the max story drifts of the bottom part of the structure are extremely high compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening with 33.24% in the X-direction and 45.66% in the Y-direction being the highest results. At the same time, case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the percentage difference for max story drifts for the upper part of the structure is extremely low compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening with 25.08% in the X-direction and 20.697% in the Y-direction as lower results at story 50. It can also be noticed that the difference in the percentage of max story drifts calculated with and without shear wall openings decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings introducing shear walls and openings is not the final and only solution for seismic-prone areas. We have to look for other advanced lateral force-resisting systems such as viscous damping and other relevant technologies.

From the max story shear for the 50-story structure with and without a shear wall opening and framed structure response spectrum dynamic analysis results, it can be observed that the max story shear obtained by a shear wall with an opening is lower than that obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis of case-1 gives 3.22% in the X-direction and 3.63% in the Y-direction as lower results. Case-2 gives 5.32% in the X-direction and 4.98% in the Y-direction as lower results. Case-3 gives 13.74% in the X-direction and 11.48% in the Y-direction as higher results. Case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the max story shear of the bottom part of the structure is much lower compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening provided with 55.52% in the X-direction and 55.91% in the Y-direction as lower results. At the same time, case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the percentage difference for max story shear for the upper part of the structure is extremely

low compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening. It can also be noticed that the difference in the percentage of max story shear calculated with and without shear wall openings decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This result gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings the effect of introducing shear wall can enhance the shear capacity of the building by over 50% more than over-framed structures, which is extremely important in earthquake-prone areas.

From the overturning moment for the 50-story structure with and without a shear wall opening and framed structure response spectrum dynamic analysis results it can be observed that the overturning moment obtained by a shear wall with an opening is lower than that obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis of case-1 gives 3.53% in the X-direction and 3.74% in the Y-direction as lower results. Case-2 gives 4.85% in the X-direction and 5.198% in the Y-direction as lower results. Case-3 gives 11.54% in the X-direction and 13.68% in the Y-direction as lower results. Case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the overturning moment of the bottom part of the structure is much lower compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening with 55.91% in the X-direction and 55.53% in the Y-direction as lower results. At the same time, case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the percentage difference for the overturning moment for the upper part of the structure is extremely low compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening. It can also be noticed that the difference in percentage of the overturning moment calculated with and without shear wall openings decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This result gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings the effect of introducing a shear wall can enhance the moment capacity of the building by over 50% more than over-framed structures, which is extremely important in earthquake-prone areas.

From the story stiffness for the 50-story structure with and without a shear wall opening and framed structure response spectrum dynamic analysis results, it can be observed that the story stiffness obtained by a shear wall with an opening is lower than that obtained by a shear wall without an opening for all stories. Shear wall with opening analysis of case-1 gives 10.3% in the X-direction and 10.45% in the Y-direction as lower results. Case-2 gives 12.03% in the X-direction and 12.07% in the Y-direction as lower results. Case-3 gives 22% in the X-direction and 17.37% in the Y-direction as lower results. Case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure story stiffness of the bottom part of the structure is much lower compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening with 63.19% in the X-direction and 63.4% in the Y-direction as lower results. At the same time, case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the percentage difference for story stiffness for the upper part of the structure is extremely low compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening. It can also be noticed that the difference in the percentage of story stiffness calculated with and without shear wall openings decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This result gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings the effect of introducing a shear wall can enhance the stiffness capacity of the building by over 63% more than over-framed structures, which is extremely important in earthquake-prone areas. The result also gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings the effect of introducing a shear wall can enhance the moment capacity of the building by over 50% more than over-framed structures, which is extremely important in earthquake-prone areas.

## 5. Conclusions

From intensive analysis and study of case-1 and case-2 for 15-story RC buildings and case-1–5 for 50-story buildings with a type-I response spectrum as per ES8-15 corresponding to Eurocode 8-2004 standards (based on EN 1998-1) [54] for seismic code recommendations, it is concluded that the overall performance of the building was enhanced by the introduction of a shear wall. Case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the story stiffness of the bottom part of the structure is much lower compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening with 63.19% in the X-direction and

63.4% in the Y-direction as lower results. At the same time, case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the percentage difference for story stiffness for the upper part of the structure is extremely low compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening. It can also be noticed that the difference in the percentage of story stiffness calculated with and without shear wall openings decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This result gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings the effect of introducing a shear wall can enhance the stiffness capacity of the building by over 63% more than over-framed structures, which is extremely important in earthquake-prone areas. The result also gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings the effect of introducing a shear wall can enhance the moment and shear capacity of the building by over 50% more than over-framed structures, which is extremely important in earthquake-prone areas.

Case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the max story drifts of the bottom part of the structure are extremely high compared with the case-5 building with a shear wall without an opening with 33.24% in the X-direction and 45.66% in the Y-direction being the higher results. At the same time, case-4 gives a surprising result that for a framed structure the percentage difference for max story drifts for the upper part of the structure is extremely low compared with the case-5 building with the shear wall without an opening with 25.08% in the X-direction and 20.697% in the Y-direction as lower results at story 50. It can also be noticed that the difference in the percentage of max story drifts calculated with and without shear wall openings decreases with the increase in height of the structure in both directions. This gives an excellent indication that for high-rise buildings introducing shear walls and openings is not the final and only solution for seismic-prone areas. It is very important to look for other advanced lateral force-resisting systems such as viscous damping and other relevant technologies. It is also concluded that the total deflection of the building is reduced if the shear wall opening is at a higher story. The size and location of the shear wall opening have a tremendous effect on the overall performance of a structure. In general, the story shear, stiffness, drift, overturning moment, and shear force parameters were higher for structures with shear walls, hence it is concluded that the introduction of shear walls with appropriate opening size and location is extremely important in earthquake-prone areas.

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### Appendix A

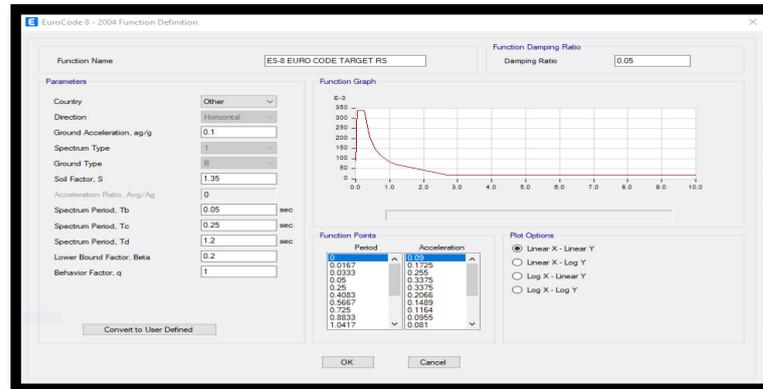


Figure A1. Target Response spectrum as per ES EN 1998-1:2015 [54].

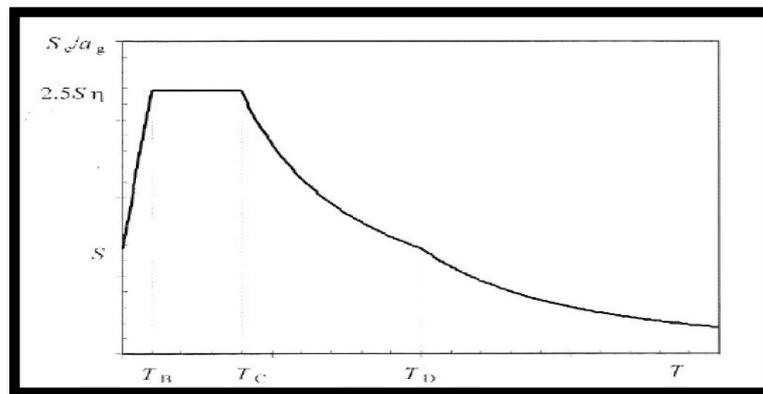


Figure A2. Shape of the elastic Response Spectrum as per ES EN 1998-1:2015.

Table A1. Elastic response spectra as per ES EN 1998-1:2015.

Ground Type	S	T <sub>B</sub> (S)	T <sub>C</sub> (S)	T <sub>D</sub> (S)
A	1.0	0.05	0.25	1.2
B	1.35	0.05	0.25	1.2
C	1.5	0.10	0.25	1.2
D	1.8	0.10	0.30	1.2
E	1.6	0.05	0.25	1.2

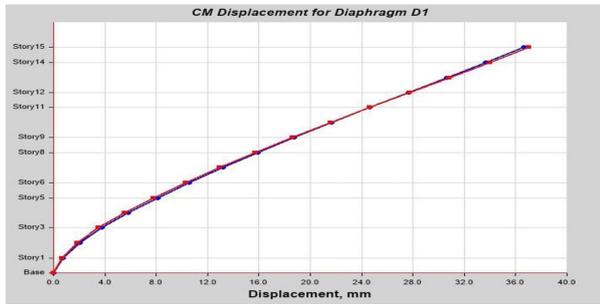
Table A2. Values of the parameters describing the recommended Type-II elastic response spectra as per ES EN 1998-1:2015.

Ground Type	S	T <sub>B</sub> (S)	T <sub>C</sub> (S)	T <sub>D</sub> (S)
A	1.0	0.15	0.4	2.0
B	1.2	0.15	0.5	2.0
C	1.15	0.20	0.6	2.0
D	1.35	0.20	0.8	2.0
E	1.4	0.15	0.5	2.0

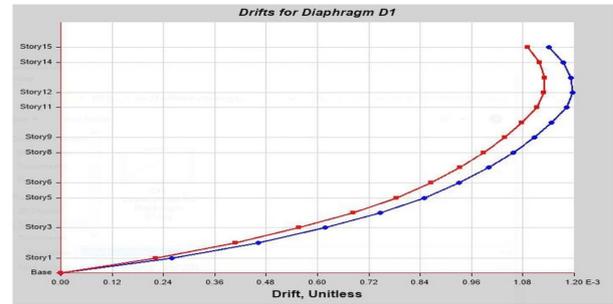
### Appendix B

ETABS Output Result.

G + 15 ETABS Output Result for Shear Wall Without Opening.

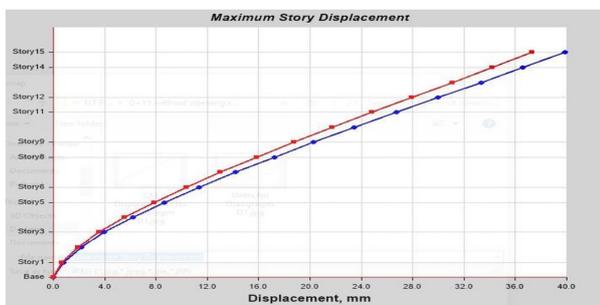


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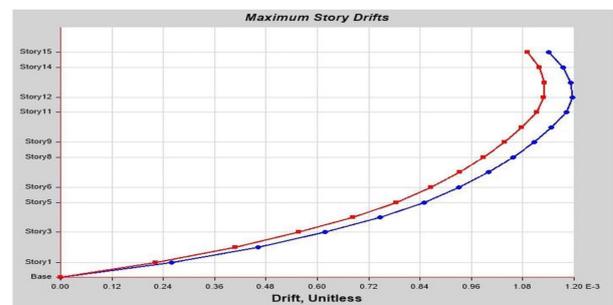


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Figure A3. (a) CM Displacement for Diaphragm D1; (b) Drift for Diaphragm D1.



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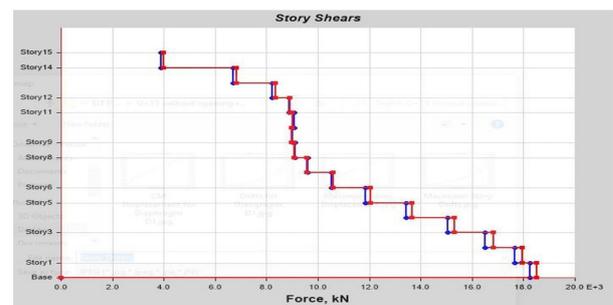


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Figure A4. (a) Maximum Story Displacement; (b) Maximum Story Drifts.



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Figure A5. (a) Story Overturning Moment; (b) Story Shear.

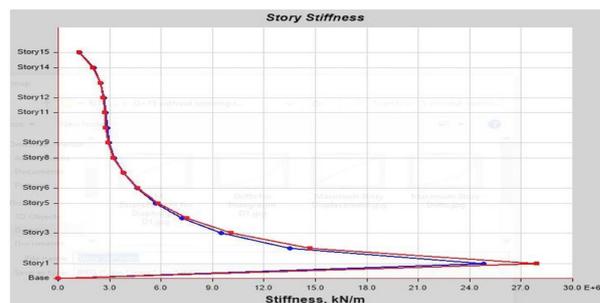
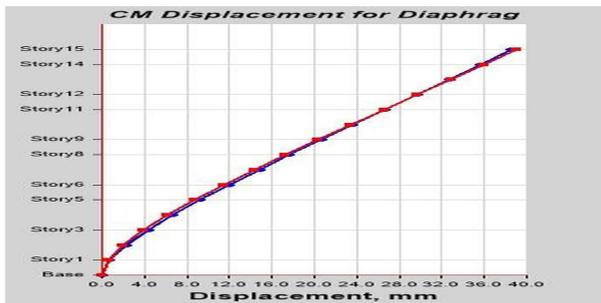
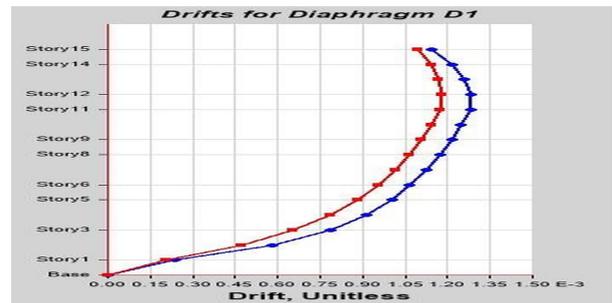


Figure A6. Story Stiffness.

G + 15 ETABS Output Result for Shear Wall With Opening.

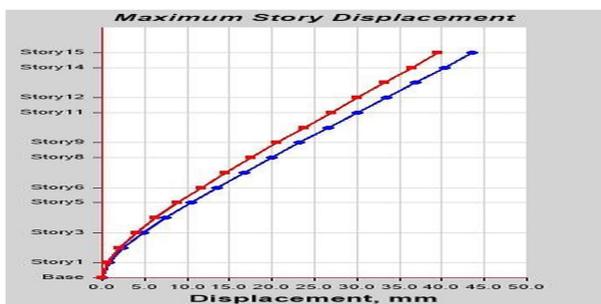


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Figure A7. (a) CM Displacement for Diaphragm D1; (b) Drift for Diaphragm D1.



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Figure A8. (a) Maximum Story Displacement; (b) Maximum Story Drifts.



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Figure A9. (a) Story Overturning Moment; (b) Story Shear.

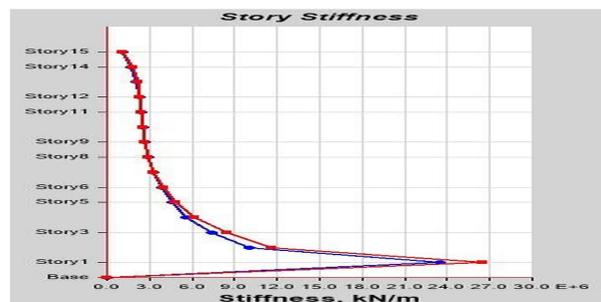
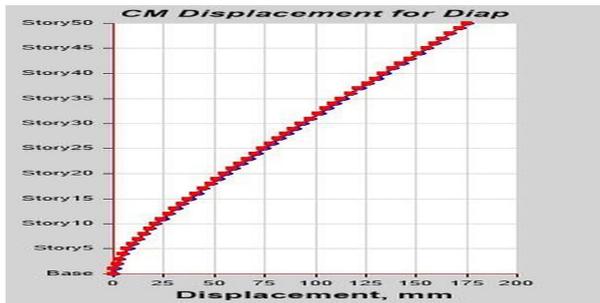
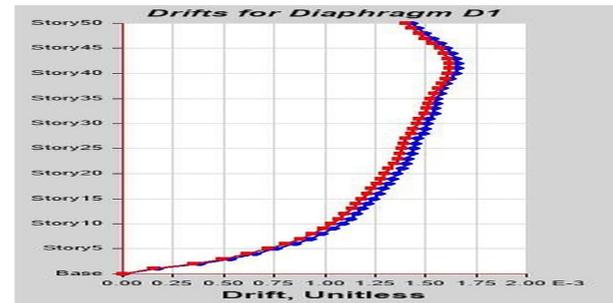


Figure A10. Story Stiffness.

## G + 50 ETABS Output Result for Shear Wall Without Opening.

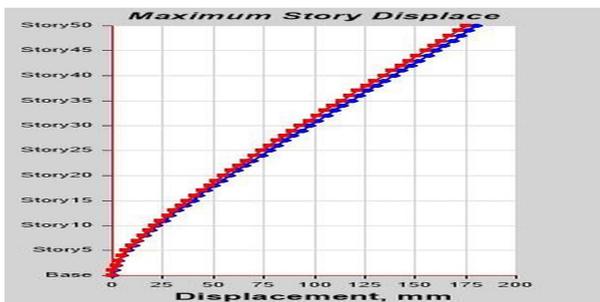


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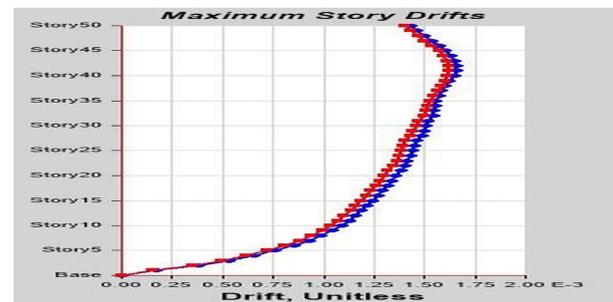


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Figure A11. (a) CM Displacement for Diaphragm D1; (b) Drift for Diaphragm D1.



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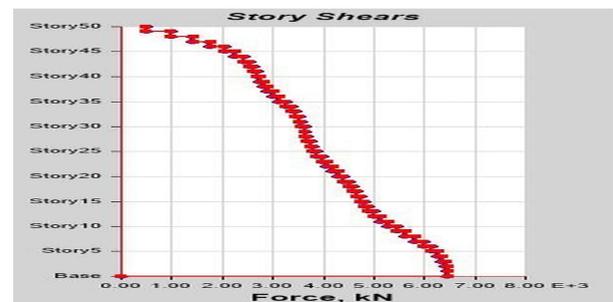


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Figure A12. (a) Maximum Story Displacement; (b) Maximum Story Drifts.



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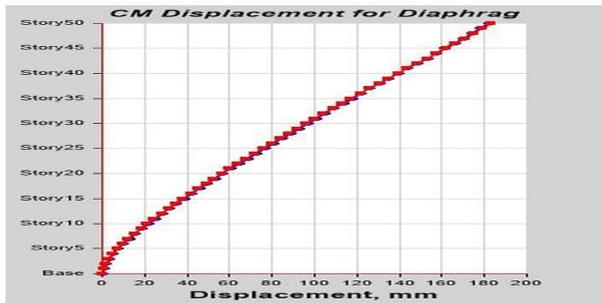
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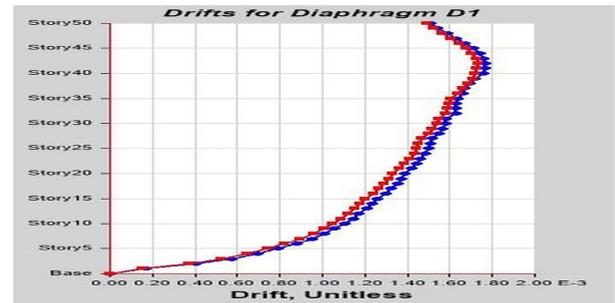


Figure A14. Story Stiffness.

G + 50 ETABS Output Result for Shear Wall With Opening Case-1.

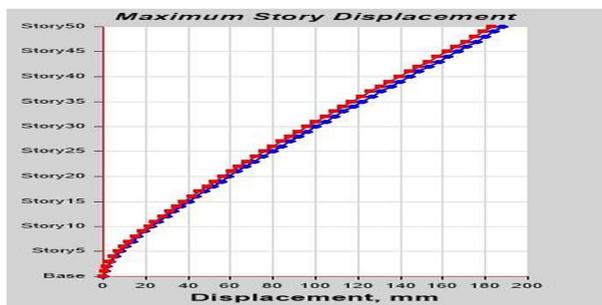


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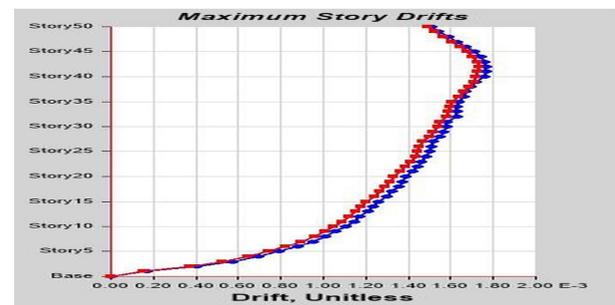


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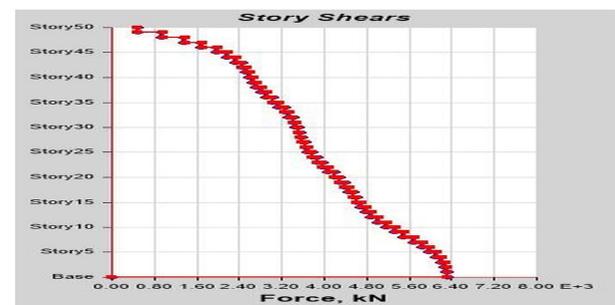


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Figure A16. (a) Maximum Story Displacement; (b) Maximum Story Drifts.



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Figure A17. (a) Story Overturning Moment; (b) Story Shear.

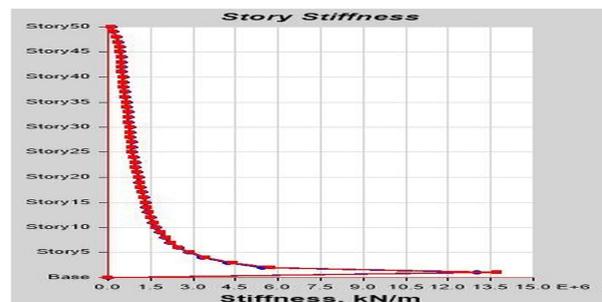
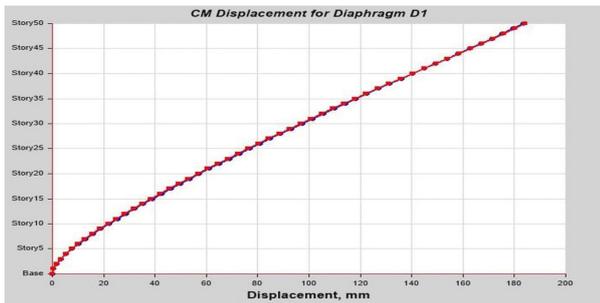
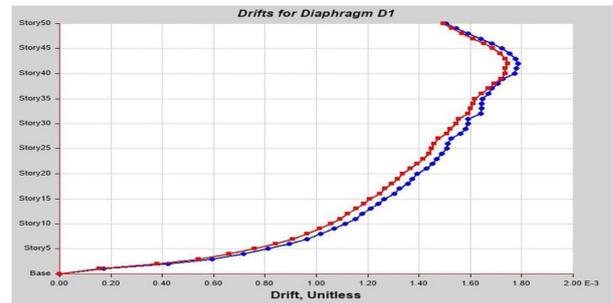


Figure A18. Story Stiffness.

G + 50 ETABS Output Result for Shear Wall With Opening Case-2.

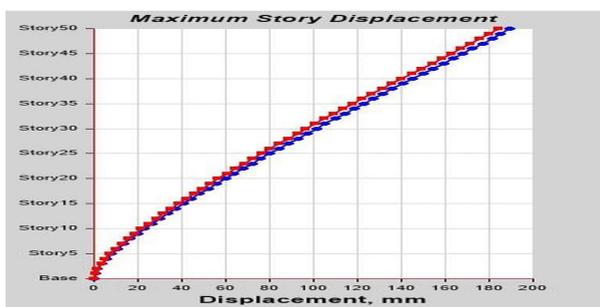


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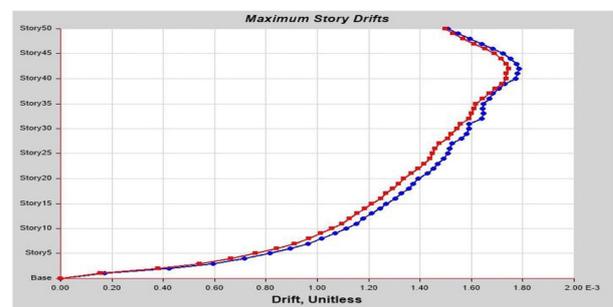


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Figure A19. (a) CM Displacement for Diaphragm D1; (b) Drift for Diaphragm D1.



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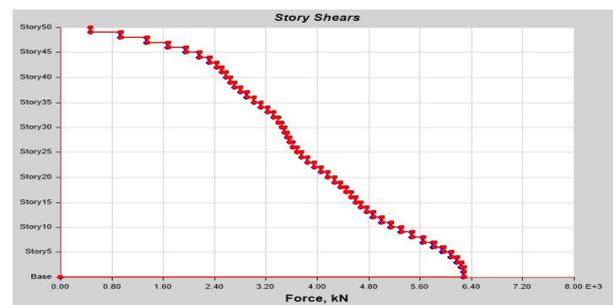


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Figure A20. (a) Maximum Story Displacement; (b) Maximum Story Drifts.



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Figure A21. (a) Story Overturning Moment; (b) Story Shear.

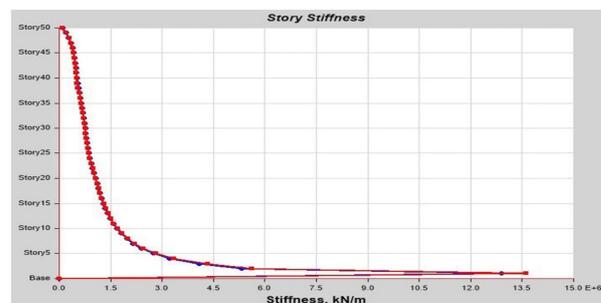
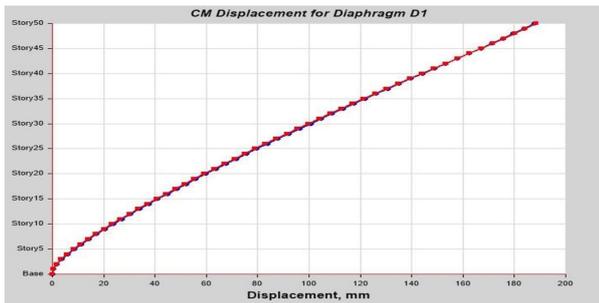
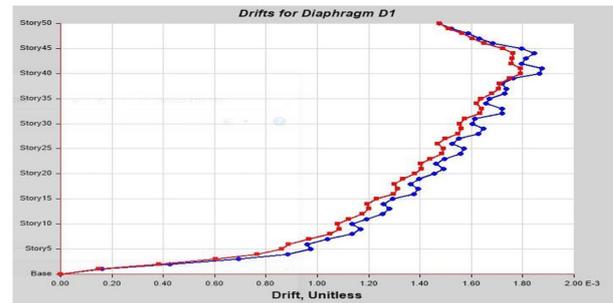


Figure A22. Story Stiffness.

G + 50 ETABS Output Result for Shear Wall With Opening Case-3.

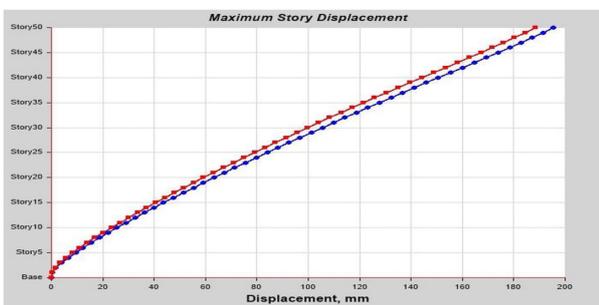


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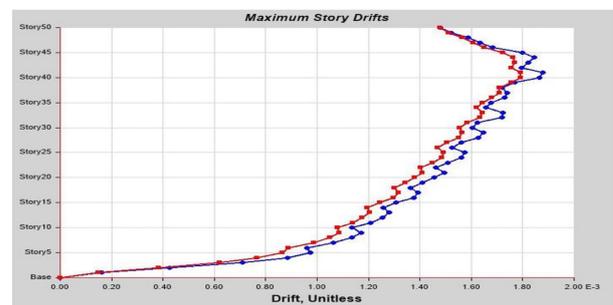


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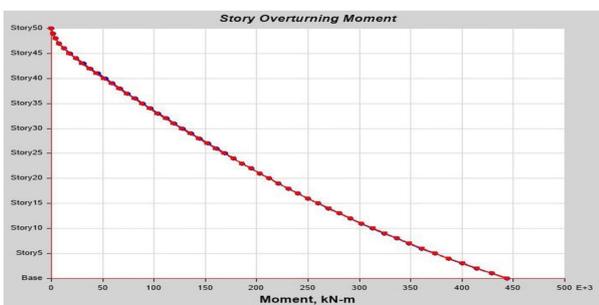


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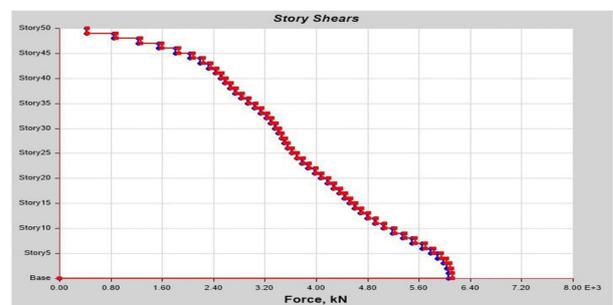


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Figure A24. (a) Maximum Story Displacement; (b) Maximum Story Drifts.



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(b)

Figure A25. (a) Story Overturning Moment; (b) Story Shear.

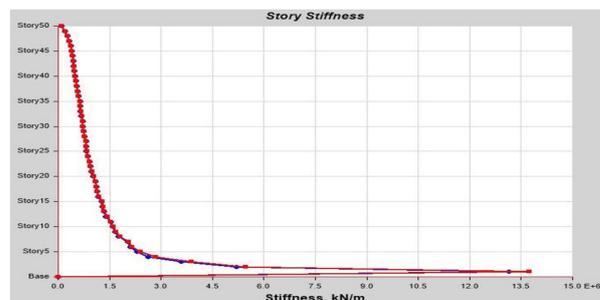
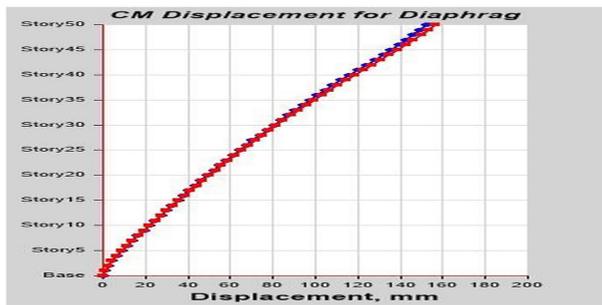
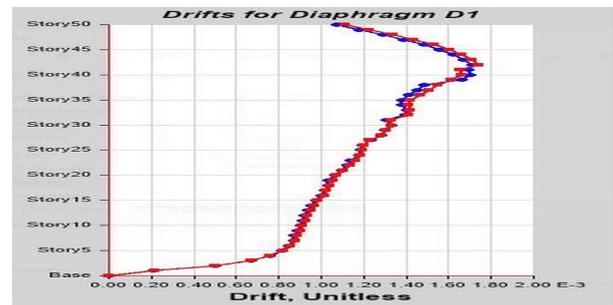


Figure A26. Story Stiffness.

G + 50 ETABS Output Result for G + 50 Framed Structure Case-4.

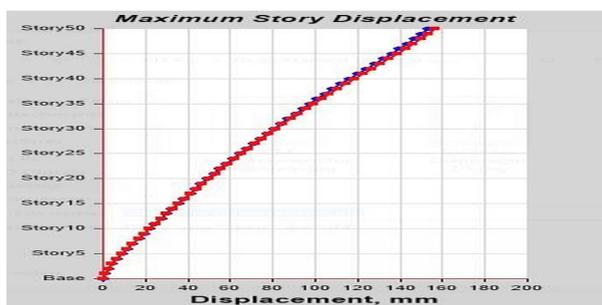


(a)



(b)

Figure A27. (a) CM Displacement for Diaphragm D1; (b) Drift for Diaphragm D1.



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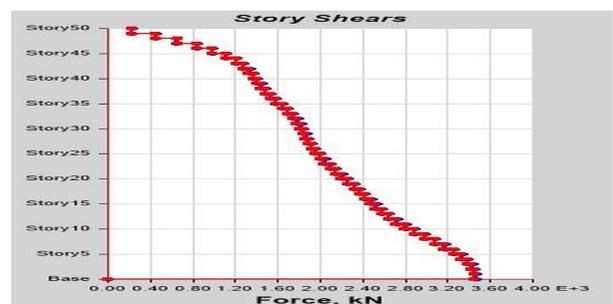


(b)

Figure A28. (a) Maximum Story Displacement; (b) Maximum Story Drifts.



(a)



(b)

Figure A29. (a) Story Overturning Moment; (b) Story Shear.

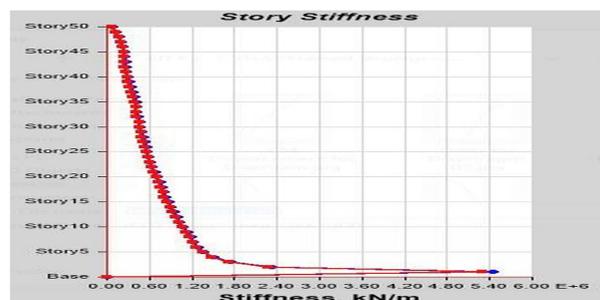


Figure A30. Story Stiffness.

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