

## REVIEW ON MOMENT CAPACITY OF BEAM-COLUMN JOINT IN REGULAR RC FRAMED BUILDING

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**Abstract** - This paper represent that moment capacity ratio of beam column joint is an important consideration for framed structures. This paper describes that ductility of structures increases with increase of moment capacity ratio and how moment capacity ratio affects the building fragility. The need of this paper is to study the effects of moment capacity ratio on the ductility and strength of structure, and also on the probability of failure of multistoried building.

**Key Words:** Moment capacity ratio, Fragility, Ductility, Lateral strength, Failure probability

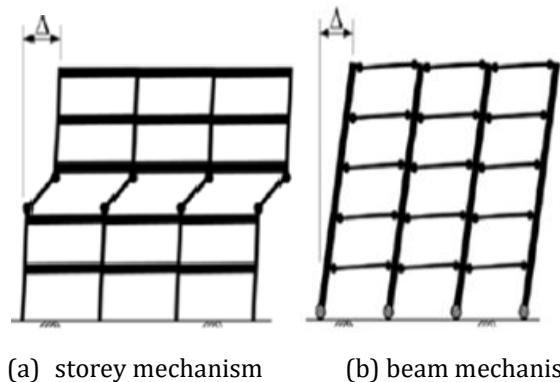
### 1. INTRODUCTION

Designing a building to behave elastically during an earthquake without any damage will make the project uneconomical. So the earthquake-resistant design philosophy allows damages in some predetermined structural components. One of the most important requirement of the building to withstand any type of earthquake, is not the more force but it can resist the more deformation before collapse. Capacity design procedure sets strength hierarchy first at the member level and then at the structure level. So, it needs adjusting of column strength to be more than the beams framing into it at a joint. Mathematically it can be expressed as :

$$M_c \geq M_b$$

Where  $M_c$  and  $M_b$  are sum of the moment capacities at the end of column and beam meeting at a joint in a particular direction.

During an earthquake the inertia force induced in the structure causes it to sway laterally. The distribution of damages over the building height and the lateral drift of the structure are related. Weak columns cause the drift and so the damages to concentrate in one or a few stories only (Fig.1a), and if the drift capacity of the columns is exceeded then it is of greater consequence. but, if columns provide a stiff and strong as spine over the building height, drift will be more uniformly distributed thus reducing the occurrences of localized damages.(Fig. 1b).



**Fig 1.** Typical diagram showing distribution of damages and storey mechanism

### 2. LITERATURE REVIEW

**Nakashima (2000)**, observed for steel building that the column over strength factor increases with increase in ground motion amplitude for ensuring column-elastic response. Also for frames in which column-elastic behavior is ensured, the maximum story drift angle is 1.5 to 2.5 times as large as the maximum overall drift angle.

**Uma and Jain (2006)**, found that, when a reinforced concrete moment resisting frame is subjected to seismic loads, at beam-column joint, summation of moment of resistances of columns should be greater than or equal to 1.1 times summation of moment of resistance of beams framing into it as in equation

$$\Sigma M_{nc} \geq 1.1 \Sigma M_{nb}$$

**David N. Bilow and Mahmoud Kamara (2007)**, studied that properly detailed connections or joints allow concrete members to develop full flexural capacity resulting in ductile failure in flexural mode instead of brittle shear failure at the joints. The design of such connections are emphasize adequate reinforcement to confine the concrete in the joints and thereby increase the ductility and shear forces resistance of the joints. And conclude that a column to beam ratio increases the performance of interior joints, and the same effect was not observed in exterior joints.

**S.S Patil et.al (2013)**, studied the behavior for corner and exterior beam column joint, if load increases then the parameters i.e maximum stress, minimum stress and displacement also increases and as the stiffness of the structure changes the displacement, minimum stress, maximum stress changes with respect to loading. The behavior of corner beam column joint is different than that of the exterior beam column joint.

**Praveen Kumar Parsa (2015)**, observed that ductility of the structures increases with increases of moment capacity ratio. Also the building designed with lesser MCR values are found to be more fragile compared to the building with higher MCR. He found that with increase of MCR at design axial load upto 1.47 for uniaxial bending in a plane frame improves the ductility at an expense of extra reinforcement, with further increase of MCR there is not much increase in ductility. Increase in strength either at yield or maximum is not very significant with progressive increase in MCR for a seven storey building frame. but for 5 storey and 10 storey frames strength also increase significantly upto MCR 1.7. Since seismic design philosophy aims to achieve good ductility in a structure so we need not have to think for higher strength but for higher ductility. A preferable collapse mechanism can be achieved by increasing MCR.

### 3. REVIEW OF CODES

**American Standard** - ACI 318M-02 suggests that, summation of moment capacities of column sections framing into a joint evaluated at the joint faces considering factored axial loads along the direction of lateral forces resulting in the minimum column moment, should be greater than or at least equal to 1.2 times the moment capacities of the beam sections framing into it.

$$\Sigma M_{nc} \geq 1.2 \Sigma M_{nb}$$

**New Zealand Standard** - The capacity design philosophy requires that for the design of column under flexure moment of resistance of columns should be more than the moment of resistance of beams framing into a joint considering over strength for beams. This requirement is addressed in American standard with reference to the face of the joint. New Zealand Standard (NZS3101:1995) recommends this aspect with respect to centre of the joint as follows:

$$\Sigma M_{nc} \geq 1.4s \Sigma \varphi_0 M_{nb}$$

In equation,  $\varphi_0$  is over strength factor for beams. The over strength of steel reinforcement is considered as 1.25 and strength reduction factor is taken as 0.85. So the total over strength factor considered for beams is 1.47. The effect of participation of higher modes is taken into account by using dynamic moment magnification factor for enhancing the column moments derived for simply lateral static forces.

**European Standard** - EN1998-1:2003 recommends the following relation between moment capacities of columns to beams that is to be satisfied at all joints:

$$\Sigma M_{nc} \geq 1.3 \Sigma M_{nb}$$

In this equation  $M_{nc}$  is summation of the minimum moment capacities of the columns considering design axial forces and  $M_{nb}$  is summation of the moment capacities of the beams framing into the joint.

**Indian Draft Standard** - This issue of prevention of anchorage and shear failure in joint region during strong ground motions is not suitably addressed in the design and detailing recommendations for beam-column connections given in Indian standard. In view of these limitations, Jain *et al.* (2006) proposed a provision in draft code IS 13920:1993 for column-beam ratio. According to that, in a moment resisting frame, designed for earthquake forces, at a joint summation of the moment capacities of the columns shall be at least equal to 1.1 times the summation of the moment capacities of the beams along each principal plane of the joint.

$$\Sigma M_{nc} \geq 1.1 \Sigma M_{nb}$$

In the case of a beam-column joint not conforming to above criteria, the columns at the joint shall be considered to be gravity columns only and shall not be taken as part of lateral load resisting system. The design moment of resistances of beam shall be calculated on the basis of principles of mechanics and the limiting strain states as per the IS 456: 2000. Mathematically it can be expressed as in equation,

$$\Sigma M_{nc} \geq 1.3 \Sigma M_{nb}$$

### 4. CONCLUSIONS

1. From the various studies mentioned above, it is clear that Moment capacity ratio of column beam joint is certainly an important variable for consideration in overall frame performance.
2. It is observed that MCR effects the ductility and strength of structures.
3. It is evident that ductility of the structures increases with increases of moment capacity ratio. Also the building designed with lesser MCR values are more fragile compared to the building with higher MCR.
4. It is essential to find out the moment capacity ratio suitable for Indian Standard.
5. MCR also effects the probability of failure of multi-storyed building.
6. It is observed that value of MCR is normally varied between 1 to 2.

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