

SEISMIC VULNERABILITY OF PLAN IRREGULAR RC BUILDINGS WITH SOIL-STRUCTURE INTERACTION”

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Abstract - In this paper we have made an attempt to study the soil structure interaction effect of different soil on structural behaviour of building supported on isolated footings when subjected to seismic load. During, dynamic loading the consideration of actual support flexibility reduces the overall stiffness of the structure and brings out changes in time period of the structure. Hence the change in time period may alter the seismic response of the structure considerably and therefore it is necessary to study dynamic soil structure interaction. The main aim of the present study is to analyse the building that is supported on isolated footing for different soil conditions and compare the results of roof displacement, time period and base shear for all the conditions of the soil. The analysis of the soil structure is done using SAP 2000 version 19.1.0 analysis package.

Key Words: Soil structure interaction, time period, base shear, fixed condition, horizontal irregularities

1. INTRODUCTION

The scarcity of land compels engineers to construct buildings at locations with less favorable geotechnical conditions in seismically active regions. Numerous midrise buildings have been built in earthquake prone areas employing different types of foundations. In the selection of the foundation type for the mid-rise buildings, several options such as shallow foundation, pile foundation, or pile-raft foundation, might be considered by design engineers to carry both gravity and earthquake loads. However, different types of foundations behave differently during the earthquake considering the soil-structure interaction (SSI) that may influence the seismic behavior of the superstructure.

1.1 Soil Structure Interaction

The process in which the response of the soil influences the motion of the structure and the motion of the structure influences the response of the soil is termed as soil-structure interaction (SSI). The effect of SSI, however, becomes prominent for heavy structures resting on relatively soft soils for example nuclear power plants, high-rise buildings and elevated-highways on soft soil.

Since 1960's, soil-structure interaction (SSI) has been recognized as an important factor that may significantly affect the relative building response, the motion of base and motion of surrounding soil.

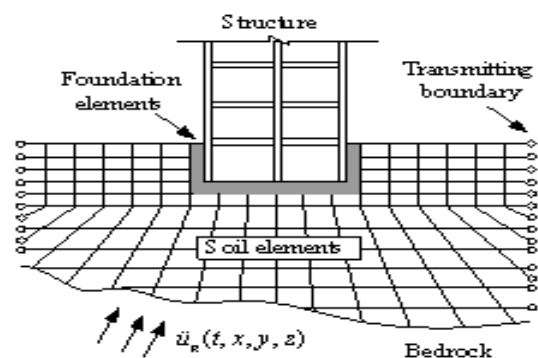


Fig-1. Soil Structure Interaction model

1.2 Effect of SSI on structural response

Many design codes have suggested that the effect of SSI can reasonably be neglected for the seismic analysis of structures. This myth about SSI apparently stems from the false perception that SSI reduces the overall seismic response of a structure, and hence, leads to improved safety margins. Most of the design codes use oversimplified design spectra, which attain constant acceleration up to a certain period, and thereafter decreases monotonically with period. Considering soil-structure interaction makes a structure more flexible and thus, increasing the natural period of the structure compared to the corresponding rigidly supported structure.

2. STUDY METHODOLOGY

The structure is considered to be fixed, resting on hard, medium and soft soil.

Table -1: Soil elastic constants

Soil Type	Unit weight of soil(γ)	Modulus of elasticity (kN/m^2)	Poisson's Ratio (μ)
Hard soil	18	65000	0.3
Medium soil	16	35000	0.4
Soft soil	16	15000	0.4

2.1 Idealization of Elastic Continuum

Soil Structure Interaction (SSI) is also carried out by finite element method (FEM) by assuming elastic continuum below the foundation level. The boundary is considered beyond the region where structural loading has no effect, this assumed to be a lateral offset of width of the building on all four sides and depth equal to 1.5 times the width of the building. The three dimensional finite element models of soil foundation frame system of width 42m, length 48m and height 16m and each soil block is 2mx3mx1m is considered and is modelled using SAP 2000.

- The soil and foundation were modelled using eight-node hexahedral elements called brick element.
- Each node has three degrees of freedom that is translation u_x in x, translation u_y in y direction and translation u_z in z direction.
- The soil characteristics are assumed and the footings are made of concrete and have square cross section of 2mx3m.
- Bottom of the soil is restrained in all directions.

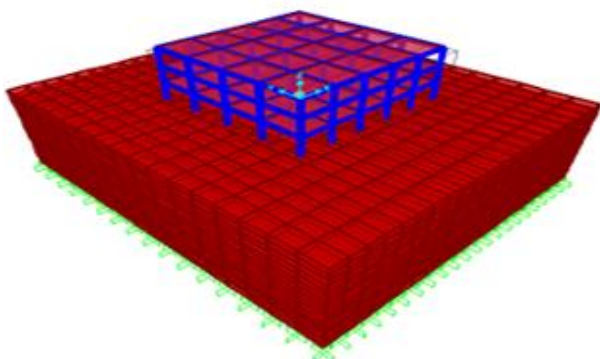


Fig-2. 3D Elastic continuum model

2.2 Frame structure

The beams and columns are modeled as frame element with 2 nodes. The elements has 6 DOF at each node. Rotation about X, Y, Z axis and Translation in X, Y, Z direction.

- Frame has been modelled by using Frame element.
- The frame considered is irregular one which is widely used in constructions with 3-storeys,5 bays in X-direction and 4 bays in Y-Direction with beam size 0.3mX0.5m, column size 0.3mX0.5m and storey height equal to 3m and it is modelled as elastic material.

Table -2: Frame and footing constants

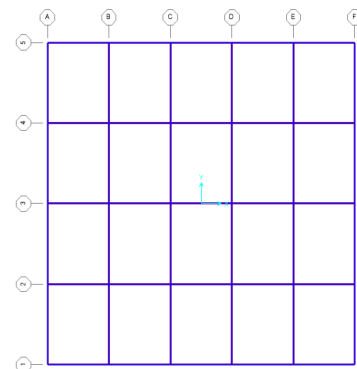
Characteristic strength of concrete (M30)	30 N/mm ²
Young's Modulus (E_s)	27.386 x10 ⁶ kN/m ²
Poisson's Ratio (μ)	0.2
Weight per unit Volume (w)	25kN/m ³
Shear modulus (G)	11.41x10 ⁶ kN/m ²

Table-3: Details of footing frame system

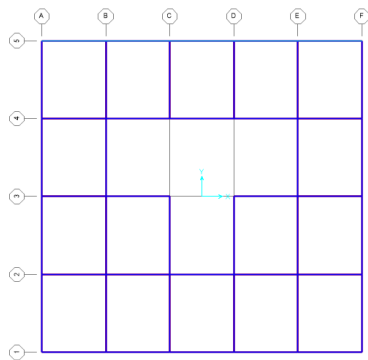
Concrete Frame	Columns = 0.3m x 0.5m
	Beams = 0.3m x 0.5m
Isolated footing	Footing depth= 1m
	Cross section = 2m x 3m
No of storeys	G+2
Storey height	3m
Number of bays	5 bay x 4bay
Bay width	4m x 5m

2.3 Plan configurations

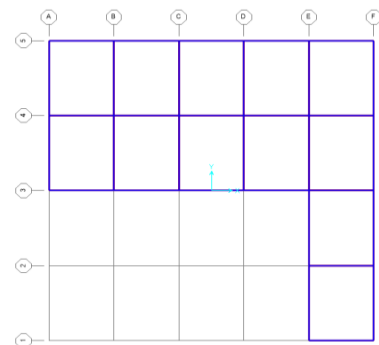
The layout of the plan having 5x4 bays of equal length of 5m fig-1. The buildings considered are reinforced concrete ordinary moment resisting frame building of three storeys with different irregularities. The storey height is kept uniform of 3m for all kind of building models which are as below.



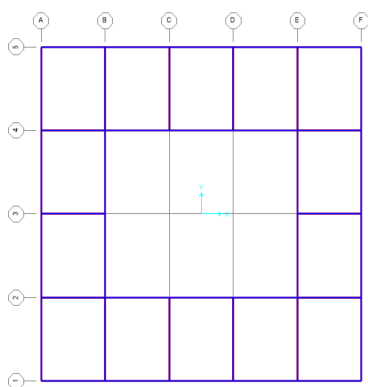
Model-R [Building rectangular shape]



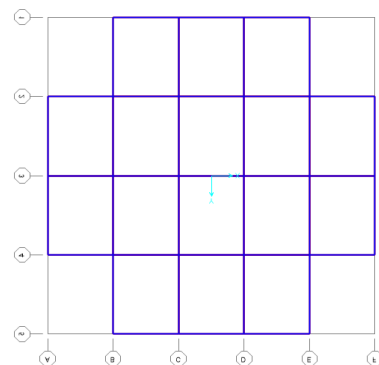
Model-D1 [T-Shape Diaphragm discontinuity]



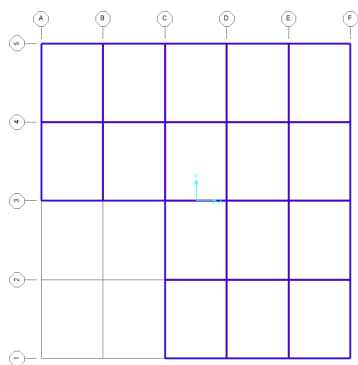
Model-L3 [Re-entrant corners L-shape (80%)]



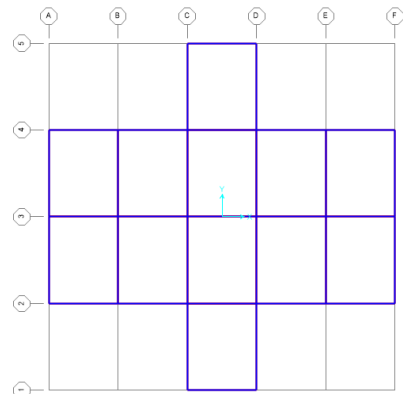
Model-D2 [Rectangular Diaphragm discontinuity]



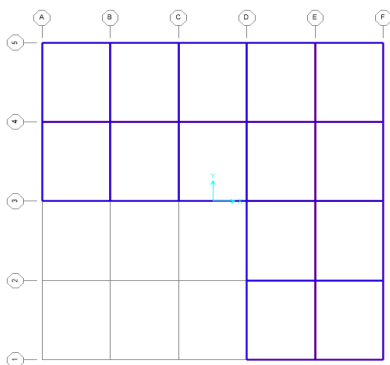
Model-P1 [Re-entrant corners in Plus (+)-shape (20%)]



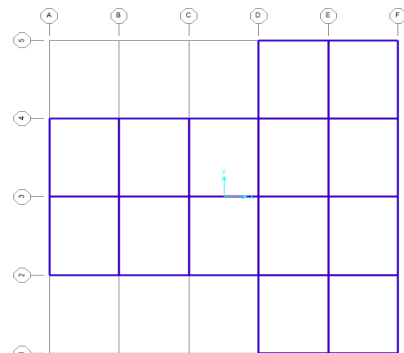
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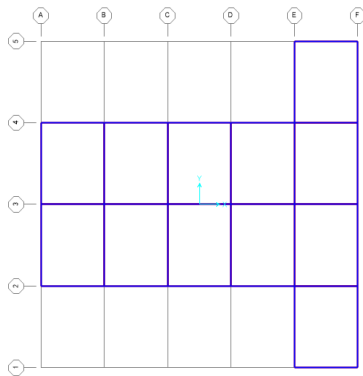
Model-P2 [Re-entrant corners in Plus (+)-shape (40%)]



Model-L2 [Re-entrant corners L-shape (60%)]



Model-P1 [Re-entrant corners in T-shape (60%)]



Model-P2 [Re-entrant corners in T-shape (80%)]

3. Analysis Methods

A response spectrum is simply a plot of the peak or steady-state response (displacement, velocity or acceleration) of a series of oscillators of varying natural frequency that are forced into motion by the same base vibration or shock. The resulting plot can then be used to pick off the response of any linear system, given its natural frequency of oscillation.

If the input used in calculating a response spectrum is steady-state periodic, then the steady-state result is recorded. Damping must be present, or else the response will be infinite. For transient input (such as seismic ground motion), the peak response is reported. Some level of damping is generally assumed, but a value will be obtained even with no damping.

3.1 Response spectrum data

Response spectrum given as per IS 1893:2000 is used for the analysis

- a. Seismic zone factor (z) = 0.36
- b. Seismic zone = zone V
- c. Damping = 5%
- d. Importance factor (I) = 1
- e. Response reduction (R) = 3

4. Parametric Study

The dynamic analysis is carried out by response spectrum method. The analysis of the models is carried out by *SAP 2000*. The response of the horizontally irregular building with fixed base (i.e. without SSI) is compared with the flexible base (with SSI) and with 3 different types of soil conditions subjected to dynamic loads is determined in terms of base shear and time period by performing Response spectrum analysis using *SAP 2000*. Effects of SSI on

different parameters is studied i.e., Roof displacement, Time period and Base shear.

4.1 Roof Displacement.

The Roof Displacement values in both X and Y directions are plotted below. The Roof displacement values vary more towards Y-direction compared to X- direction in all the models since the number of bays in X direction is more compared to Y-direction. In rigid base condition, the roof displacement is more in Regular building (R), (L3) and (T2) compared to the other models in both X and Y direction. Chart-1 and Chart-2 represents the graph showing the roof displacement of different models with the fixed base condition and other soil conditions

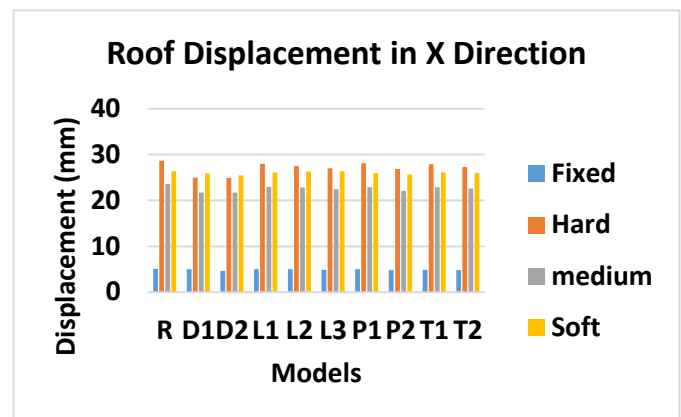


Chart-1: Roof displacement for different soils in X direction of different models

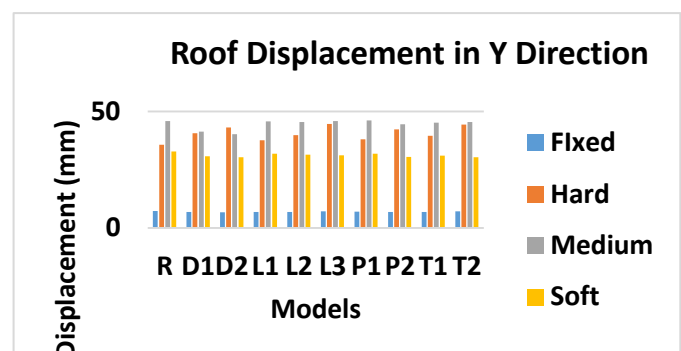


Chart-2: Roof displacement for different soils in Y direction of different models

The Roof displacement is more for the elastic continuum models for Hard, Medium and Soft soils when compared to fixed base since the displacement in fixed base is considered only from the fixed bottom of the structure. Where as in case of elastic continuum models displacement is considered from the bottom of the soil model.

4.2 Time Period.

The Time period values of the structure for fixed, hard soil, medium soil and soft soil are tabulated and plotted below for all the models considered. The Time period values is maximum for regular plan in fixed end condition. It is less for D2 Model, but the values of time period does not vary much for different models. Chart-3 gives the values of time period for different models for fixed end condition and other soil conditions.

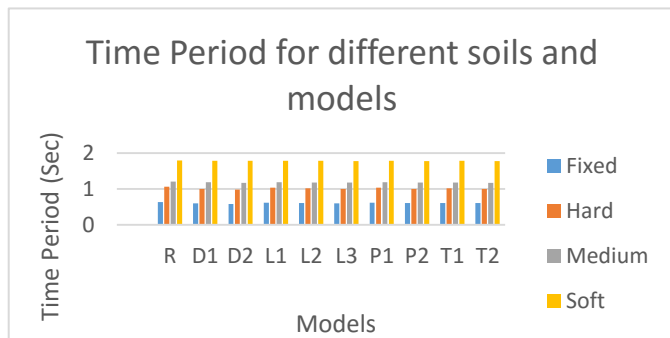


Chart- 3: Time period for different building frames for varying soil conditions

4.3 Base shear.

The Base shear for fixed condition is shown in chart-4 and for hard, medium and soft soils is shown in chart- 5, 6, and 7 respectively. The variation of base shear in X and Y directions is very less when compared to the variation of base shear for different soil conditions which can be seen in chart-8.

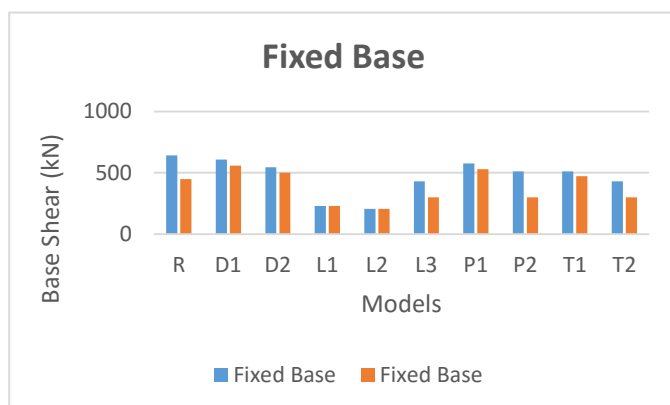


Chart- 4: Base shear for fixed condition in X and Y direction for different models

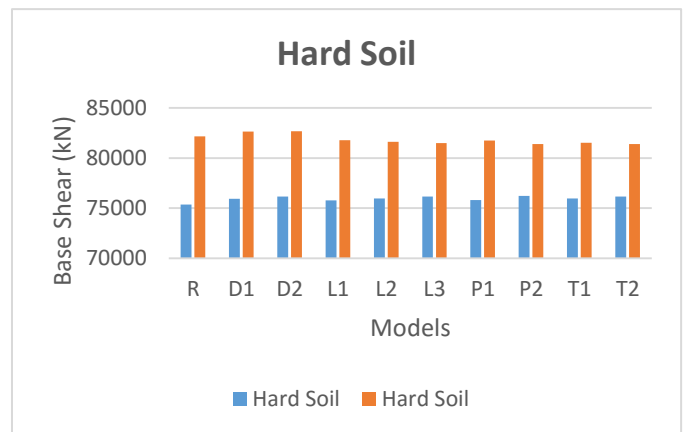


Chart- 5: Base shear for Hard soil in X and Y direction for different models

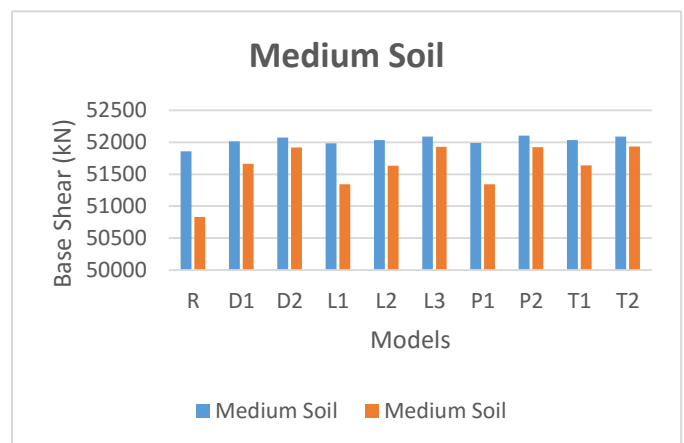


Chart- 6: Base shear for Medium soil in X and Y direction for different models

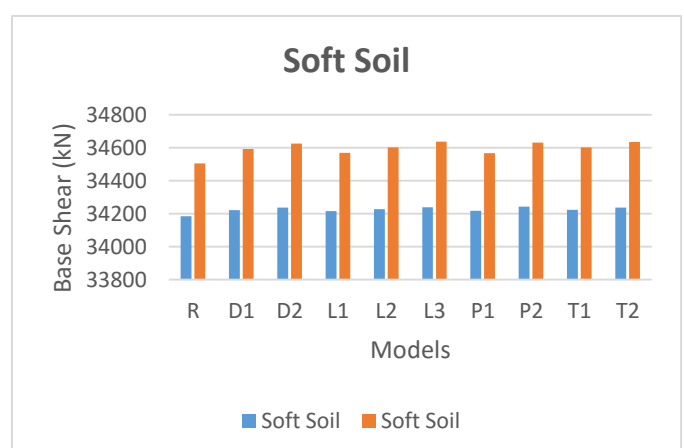


Chart- 7: Base shear for Soft soil in X and Y direction for different models.

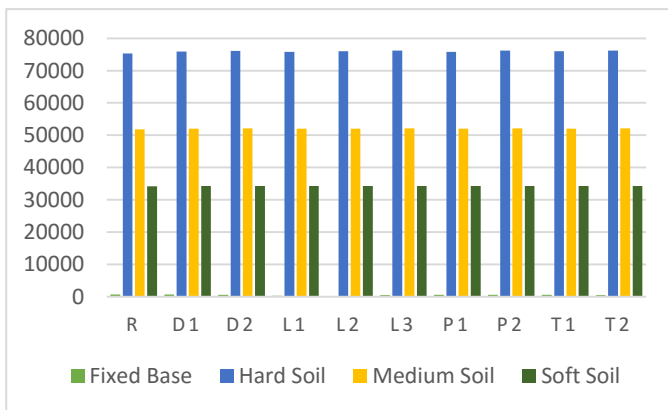


Chart- 8: Base shear for different building frames for varying soil conditions.

The Base shear values is maximum for the hard soil condition in Y- direction .This shows that the base shear depends on the time period and the even on the number of bays. Maximum base shear can be found in the elastic continuum models as the base shear is dependent on the height of the structure. This also shows the importance of soil and structure interaction in modelling and analysis.

5. CONCLUSIONS

1. The horizontal roof displacement of irregular structures and regular building is more in Y-Direction when compared to the X-direction as the number of bays in Y direction is 4 and in X direction it is 5, This shows that the stiffness in X-direction reduces the roof displacement.
2. Summary of Roof displacement for different building frames of varying soil conditions shows that roof displacement is Minimum in Fixed soil Condition and Maximum in flexible soil Condition. This shows that the structures considering soil structure interaction gives the accurate values.
3. There is not much variation in the Time period for fixed base condition. Whereas In the flexible soil condition, time period is more in Structures with soft soils when compared with rigid base structures.
4. Since the time period is more for structures on soft soils, the analysis must be done in FEM method to know the accurate values before designing.
5. Summary of Time Period conditions for different building frames for varying soil conditions shows that Time Period is Minimum in Fixed soil Condition and Maximum in Soft soil Condition.
6. Base Shear for different building frames in varying soil conditions shows that Base shear is minimum in fixed soil condition and maximum in Hard soil condition. This proves that the buildings analysed with the fixed end condition does not provide the accurate values, which will be considering for further design ,hence

FEM models gives the exact field condition for the analysis.

7. From this study, we can conclude that the building frames has to be analysed based on the type of soil, and the interaction of soil and structure by knowing the displacements ,time period and base shear.

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