

# COMPARATIVE STUDY ON REGULAR AND IRREGULAR RC STRUCTURES UNDER FAR AND NEAR FIELD GROUND MOTION WITH BASE ISOLATION

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**Abstract** - An Earthquake is characterized as the sudden movement of Earth's crust. Earthquakes are caused by the release of build-up stress within rocks along geological faults or by the movement of magma in volcanic territories. From previous Earthquakes it is seen that earthquakes results in mass destruction which further leads in loss of life. In order to overcome this and to build the Earthquake resistant structures base isolation technique can be used. In this thesis the comparative study on 20 storey regular and irregular RC frame structure under far and near field ground motion with and without base isolation is carried out. Nonlinear time history analysis is done using Kobe (HIK) and Bhuj earthquake data as far and near field ground motions respectively using ETABS 2013 FEM package. Lead rubber bearing (LRB) isolator is considered as isolation system where LRB is designed manually. The parameters considered for this study are base shear, storey displacement, acceleration, velocity, storey drift and time period. In this thesis the variation of parameters, for regular and irregular structure under far and near field ground motion with and without base isolation is studied.

**Key Words:** Lead rubber bearing (LRB), Near field ground motion, Far field ground motion, Base isolation.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

An Earthquake is characterized as the sudden movement of Earth's crust. Earthquakes are caused by the release of build-up stress within rocks along geological faults or by the movement of magma in volcanic territories. Major Earthquakes doesn't happen much of the time, yet are generally damaging. Major earthquakes usually do not occur alone when one such earthquake happens there is usually another one at the nearby location. There are smaller earthquakes that occur in the same place before the larger earthquake follows. It causes various damaging effect at places they act. It causes severe damage to the buildings and great loss of life. Hence buildings under seismic prone regions should be designed such that it resists the earthquake without any failure. The sites which are nearer to the fault line are highly affected than the sites which are located far from the fault line.

## 1.1 Some important definitions

**Fault:** A fracture having significant movement in parallel with its plane is known as fault. The energy released during the quick slippage of faults results in earthquakes.

**Near Field:** The field or site which is in the range of 10km to 15km from the fault line is called as near field.

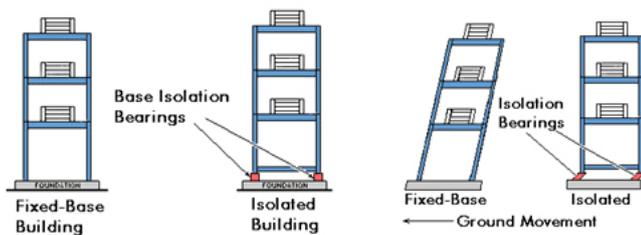
**Far Field:** When the distance of site or field is more than 20km from the fault line then it is called as Far Field.

The near field earthquake contains high frequency, long period, large amplitude pulses and higher accelerations when compared to far field ground motions. From the fluctuating nature of near field, evaluation of structural response is difficult. They are denoted by simple analogous pulse models of simplified motions composed of important near field aspects for their simplification.

## 1.2 Base isolation system

A conventional method for making earthquake safe structures is to plan a firm and sufficiently solid structure with the goal that it could oblige expected lateral forces. This may not be the most cost effective technique. The issue with this method is that the building needs to assimilate all the horizontal forces prompted by the seismic ground motion.

The system of base isolation permits to avoid the already mentioned issue. Loss of life in previous earthquakes has constrained the engineers and researchers to consider new and new strategies and techniques to protect the structures from powerful forces of earthquake. The technique of base isolation was developed trying to moderate the impacts of earthquakes on structures during earthquake attacks and has been ended up being one of the exceptionally powerful methods in the previous few years.



**Fig -1: Performance of Fixed Base and Isolated Base structure**

### 1.3 Classification of Base Isolation system

The devices are classified as

1. Elastomeric system.
2. Sliding system.

Elastomeric system is further classified as

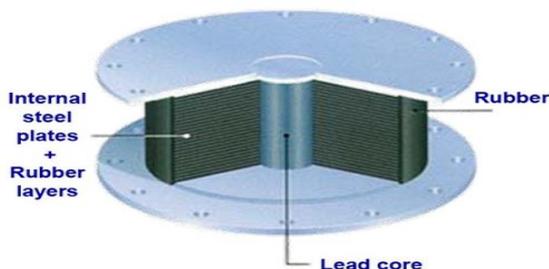
1. Natural Rubber Bearings.
2. Lead Rubber Bearings.
3. High Damping Rubber Bearings.

Among these Elastomeric system Lead Rubber Bearing is used in this project

#### Lead Rubber Bearings

In contrast with natural rubber bearings, lead rubber bearings have a greatly improved ability to give sufficient stiffness to wind loads and better damping qualities.

The lead rubber bearing arrangement is the same as that of natural rubber bearings, apart from there is one cylindrical lead plugs in the center this along with rubber makes the device exhibit bilinear behavior. Under low service wind loads, high stiffness of the lead plug draws in the greater part of the load and the arrangement demonstrates high stiffness.



**Fig -2: Lead Rubber Bearing**

### 2. SCOPE OF THE STUDY

- From previous Earthquakes it is seen that earthquakes results in mass destruction which further leads in loss of life. In order to overcome

this and to build the Earthquake resistant structures base isolation technique can be used.

- Symmetrical structures impact in a similarly uniform distribution of seismic forces over its segments. Unsymmetrical structures result in uncertain distribution of forces. So the behaviour of regular structures over regular structure is studied.
- The sites which are nearer to the fault line are highly affected than the sites which are located far from the fault line. so the behaviour of structures under near field and far field ground motions are studied.

### 3. METHODOLOGY AND ANALYSIS

#### 3.1 DETAILS OF PLAN

The plan has 5 x 4 bays, length of each bay is considered as 4m. SMRF (Frame) of 20 storey with regular and irregular in plan is considered. The storey height is same for all the building models considered for analysis.

#### 3.2 PARAMETERS CONSIDERED FOR ANALYSIS

1. Type of structure: Special Moment resisting frame
2. Number of stories: 20
3. Earthquake Zone: V (as per IS 1893:2000)
4. Floor to floor height: 3m
5. Concrete grade: M30
6. Grade of steel: Fe 500
7. Column: 400mm x 700mm
8. Beam: 200mm x 500mm
9. Slab depth: 175mm
10. Super dead load (floor load): 1.5 kN/m<sup>2</sup>(as per IS 875 (Part 1))
11. Live load: 3 kN/m<sup>2</sup>(as per IS 875 (Part 2))
12. Live load on top floor: 1.5 kN/m<sup>2</sup>(as per IS 875 (Part 2))
13. Super dead load (floor load) on top floor: 0.75 kN/m<sup>2</sup>(as per IS 875 (Part 1))
14. External wall Load: 10kN/m
15. Parapet wall load (1m): 4kN/m
16. Importance factor: 1(as per IS 1893:2000)
17. Response reduction factor: 5 (as per IS 1893:2000)

#### 3.4 MODEL DESCRIPTION

The plan and Elevation of models considered are as follows:

- Model R1: Regular structure with Fixed Base.
- Model R2: Regular structure with Isolated Base.
- Model IR1: Irregular structure in which projection provided are 40% and 50% in X and Y directions respectively with Fixed Base.
- Model IR2: Irregular structure in which projection provided are 60% and 50% in X and Y directions respectively with Fixed Base.

- Model IR3: Irregular structure in which projection provided are 40% and 50% in X and Y directions respectively with Isolated Base.
- Model IR4: Irregular structure in which projection provided are 60% and 50% in X and Y directions respectively with Isolated Base.
- Model R3: Regular structure with Fixed Base. (Far Field)
- Model IR5: Irregular structure in which projection provided are 40% and 50% in X and Y directions respectively with Fixed Base. (Far Field)
- Model IR6: Irregular structure in which projection provided are 60% and 50% in X and Y direction respectively with Fixed Base. (Far Field)

### 3.5 ETABS MODEL

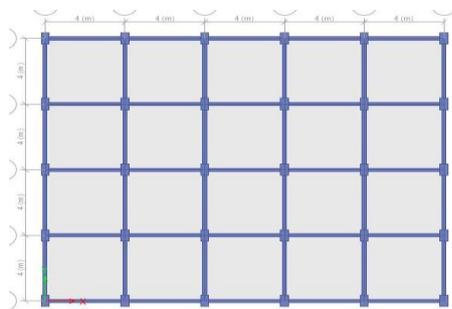


Fig -5 Plan view of Model

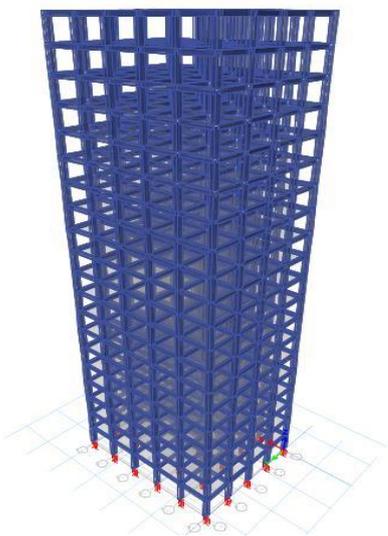


Fig -6 Isometric view of Model

The dynamic (Time history) analysis of G+20 storey RC framed structure is carried out using “ETABS 2013” software, Loading is applied as per IS1893-2000 and IS:875 (part 2). Bhuj earthquake data is used for analysis of structure as near field and Kobe HIK earthquake record is used for analysis under far field.

After the analysis of the structure the LRB Base isolator is designed by considering the maximum Base reaction obtained from the analysis of fixed base structure using ETABS 2013 software.

### 3.6 Design of Base Isolator (As per UBC 1997 & IS 1893-2000)

Lead rubber bearing type of isolator is used for analysis of the structure and to find the properties of LRB the design is carried out.

### 3.7 Codal Provisions for Design of Base Isolator

The LRB Base Isolator is designed as per UBC-1997 and IS 1893-2000. Some of the important data required for the Design of LRB are:

1. Seismic zone Factor (Z) = Zone V (Table 16I UBC 1997)
2. Soil profile type = Sc (Table 16J UBC 1997)
3. Seismic coefficient (Ca) = 0.36 (Table 16Q UBC 1997)
4. Seismic coefficient (Cv) = 0.54 (Table 16R UBC 1997)
5. Importance Factor (I) = 1 (Table 16K UBC 1997)
6. Response reduction factor (R) = 5 (Table 16N UBC 1997)
7. Seismic Source type = B (Table 16U UBC 1997)
8. Damping Coefficient (Bd) = 1 (Table 16C UBC 1997)
9. Damping Coefficient (Bm) = 1 (Table 16C UBC 1997)
10. Near source factor (Na) = 1 (Table 16S UBC 1997)
11. Near Source factor (Nv) = 1 (Table 16T UBC 1997)
12. Damping Beff = 5% (From IS 1893-2000 for RC structures)
13. Weight of the structure (W) = 7036 KN (From Analysis)

The Design procedure of LRB base isolator is referred from DESIGN OF SEISMIC ISOLATED STRUCTURE by James M.Kelly and Farzad Naeim.

STEP 1: Calculation of Design displacement (Dd)

Assume design time period as Td = 2.5 seconds. g = 9.81

$$Dd = \frac{g}{4\pi^2} * \frac{CvTd}{Bd}$$

STEP 2: Calculation of Effective Stiffness (Keff)

$$Keff = \frac{W}{g} * \left[ \frac{2\pi}{Td} \right]^2$$

STEP 3: Calculation of Energy dissipated per cycle (Wd)

$$Wd = [2\pi * Keff * Dd^2 * Beff]$$

STEP 4: Calculation of characteristics strength (Q)

$$Q = \left[ \frac{W}{4Dd} \right]$$

STEP 5: Calculation of Stiffness in rubber (K2)

$$K2 = \left[ K_{eff} - \frac{Q}{Dd} \right]$$

STEP 6: Calculation of Yield Displacement (Dy)

$$Dy = \left[ \frac{Q}{K1 - K2} \right] \text{ We know that } K1 = 10K2$$

STEP 7: Recalculation of Q to Qr  $Qr = \frac{Wd}{4[Dd - Dy]}$

STEP 8: Calculation of area & Diameter of Lead Plug  
(Assume Yield strength of lead core in between 7 to 8.5 Mpa)  
Area of lead plug needed is

$$A_{pb} = \frac{Qr}{\sigma_{ypb}} \text{ where } (\sigma_{ypb} = 8.5 \text{ Mpa})$$

Diameter of lead plug is

$$A = \frac{\pi d^2}{4}$$

STEP 9: Revising rubber stiffness Keff to Keff(R)

$$K_{eff}(R) = \left[ K_{eff} - \frac{Qr}{Dd} \right]$$

STEP 10: Total thickness of rubber layer (tr)

$$tr = \frac{Dd}{\gamma} \text{ Where } \gamma = 100\% \text{ (Max shear strain of rubber)}$$

STEP 11: Area of Bearing (Alrb)

$$Alrb = \left[ \frac{K_{eff}(R) * tr}{G} \right] G = \text{Shear modulus of rubber}$$

(Ranging between 0.4 to 1.1 Mpa) Adopt G = 0.8 Mpa

STEP 12: Diameter of Bearing ( $\phi_{lrb}$ )

$$\phi_{lrb} = \sqrt{\frac{4A}{\pi}}$$

STEP 13: Shape Factor (S)

$$S = \left[ \frac{1}{2.4} * \frac{fv}{fh} \right]$$

Take horizontal Period to be 2.5 seconds

$$fh = \frac{1}{2.5} \quad fh = 0.4 \text{ HZ} \quad fv = 10 \text{ HZ}$$

W.K.T  $S = \left[ \frac{\phi_{lrb}}{4t} \right]$  Where t is thickness of single rubber layer

Number of rubber layers =  $\frac{tr}{t}$

STEP 14: Dimensions of lead rubber Bearing (LRB)

- Let the thickness of shim plates be 3mm
- Number of shim plates = (No of rubber layers - 1)

End plate thickness is between 19.05mm to 38.1mm

Therefore adopt 35mm as thickness of End plate.

STEP 15: Compression Modulus Ec

$$Ec = \left[ 6GS^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{6GS^2}{K} \right] \right] \text{ Where } K = 2000 \text{ Mpa}$$

STEP 16: Horizontal stiffness (Kh)

$$Kh = \frac{GAlrb}{tr}$$

STEP 17: Vertical stiffness (Kv)

$$Kv = \frac{Ec * Alrb}{tr}$$

Property	Value
Effective stiffness (Keff)R	4172.405 KN/m
Horizontal stiffness (Kh)	4171.940 KN/m
Vertical stiffness (Kv)	2008870.737 KN/m
Characteristic strength(Qr)	120.322 KN
Post yield stiffness ratio	0.1
Damping	5%

Table-1 Properties of LRB required in Etabs 2013

#### 4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

This section presents the results and discussions of seismic analysis of regular and irregular RC structure under near field and far field ground motion with base isolation considering very extreme seismic zone (Zone V), The results of Nonlinear dynamic analysis of regular and irregular RC structure under near field and far field ground motion with base isolation has been discussed below.

1. Base Shear
2. Maximum storey displacement
3. Storey drift

##### 4.1 Base Shear

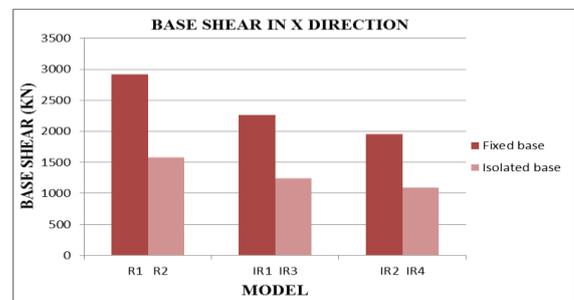


Fig-8 Base shear for R1, R2, IR1, IR3, IR2 and IR4 in X direction

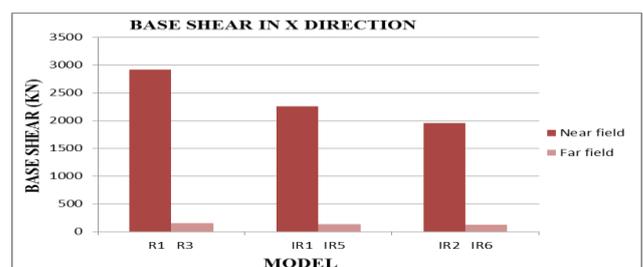


Fig-10 Base shear for R1, R3, IR1, IR5, IR2 and IR6 in X direction

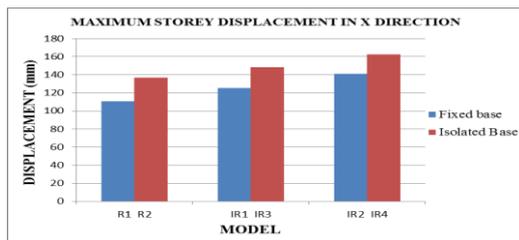
**COMPARISON AND DISCUSSION**

- From the figures it is observed that the base shear for regular model (R1) is maximum and the base shear is reduced in irregular models IR1 and IR2 (re-entrant corners offset is increased).
- When the Fixed base models(R1,IR1,IR2) and Isolated base models(R2,IR3,IR4) are compared, base shear in isolated base is reduced by 45% in both X and Y directions.
- When the the structure under near field ground motion is compared with strucutre under far field ground motion base shear is very negligible under far field ground motion in both X and Y directions.

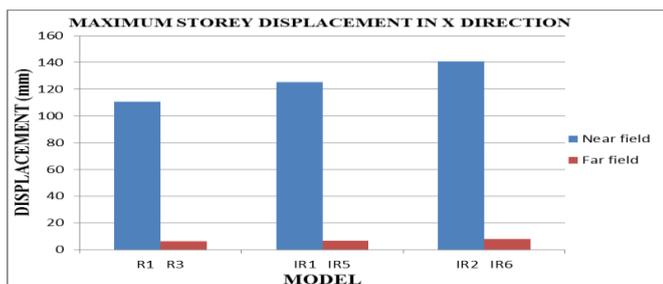
MODEL	BASE SHEAR (KN)	
	X Direction	Y Direction
R1	2918.817	2561.228
R2	1576.16	1383.16
R3	148.833	269.981
IR1	2260.464	2117.245
IR2	1953.576	1807.932
IR3	1243.255	1164.48
IR4	1094.002	1012.85
IR5	132.7903	229.2232
IR6	120.7655	199.3618

**Table-2 Base shear for all the models**

**4.2 MAXIMUM STOREY DISPLACEMENT**



**Fig-11 Maximum storey displacement for R1, R2, IR1, IR3, IR2 and IR4 in X direction**



**Fig-12 Maximum storey displacement for R1, R3, IR1, IR5, IR2 and IR6 in X direction**

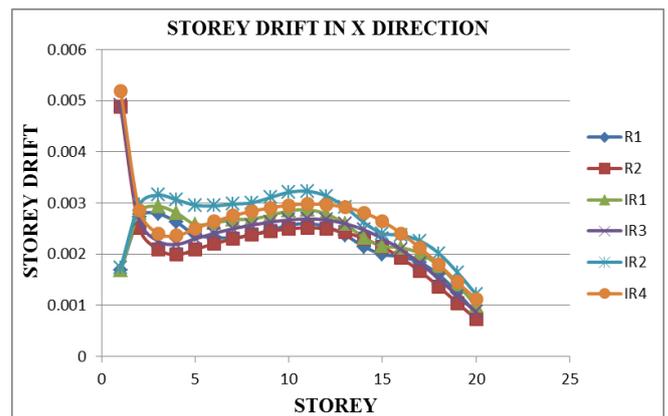
**COMPARISON AND DISCUSSION**

- From figures it is witnessed that the storey displacement increases as the elevation of the structure increases and when comparing the irregular model with the regular one the displacement increases with increase in irregularity in both X and Y directions.
- The displacement in isolated base structure is more than the fixed base structure in both X and Y direction due to isolator.
- When the structure under near field ground motion is compared with strucutre under far field ground motion storey displacement is very negligible under far field ground motion in both X and Y directions.

MODEL	DISPLACEMENT (MM)	
	X Direction	Y Direction
R1	110.8	89.4
R2	137	120.5
R3	6.1	4.8
IR1	125.4	111.7
IR2	140.9	128.2
IR3	148.3	136.1
IR4	162.6	152.1
IR5	6.8	6.1
IR6	8	7.4

**Table-3 Maximum storey displacement values for all the models**

**4.2 STOREY DRIFT**



**Fig-13 Storey Drift for R1, R2, IR1, IR3, IR2 and IR4 in X direction**

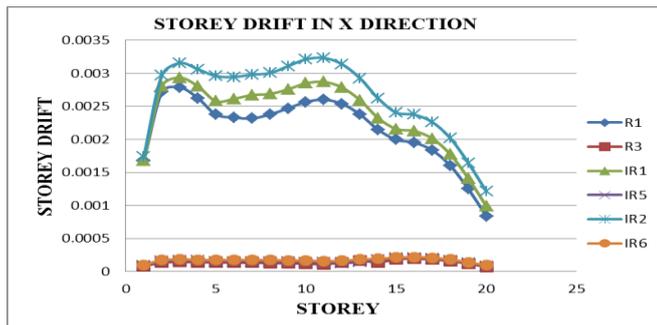


Fig-14 Maximum storey displacement for R1, R3, IR1, IR5, IR2 and IR6 in X direction

### COMPARISON AND DISCUSSION

- From the storey drift plot it is observed that in all the models with fixed base and isolated base under near field ground motion, the drift is maximum at storey 11 in X direction.
- From Fig13 it is observed that the drift is maximum in model IR2 along X direction
- When the structure under near field ground motion is compared with structure under far field ground motion storey drift is very negligible under far field ground motion in both X and Y directions.

### 5. CONCLUSION

- The base shear of regular model is maximum and the base shear is reduced in irregular models.
- When the Fixed base models and Isolated base models are compared, base shear in isolated base is reduced by 45% which increases the stability of the structure.
- Base shear of structures under far field ground motion is very less when compared to structures under near field ground motions.
- The storey displacement increases with increase in storey, and the displacement increases with increase in irregularity in both X and Y directions.
- The displacement of structure with base isolation is greater than the structure with fixed base.
- The displacement of structure under far field ground motion is very negligible when compared with near field ground motion.
- The acceleration and velocity of regular structure is greater than the irregular structure, whereas the displacement is maximum in irregular structure.
- Due to base isolation the acceleration and velocity is reduced in isolated structures when compared to fixed base structure.
- Acceleration and velocity of structure under near field ground motion is greater than the structures under far field ground motion.

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