

Progressive Collapse Analysis of Low Rise Steel Frame Structure With and Without Bracing System

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Abstract - Progressive Collapse is a local failure of a primary structural component leads to collapse of adjoining member which leads to additional collapse. Hence the total damage is disproportionate to the original cause. The most common local failure is framed structural is to be column failure. This paper compares the influences of several modelling approach for progressive collapse assessment of steel frame structure, considering sudden column loss as design scenario. A linear static analysis based on the GSA-2013 guidelines is used as preliminary study to determine progressive collapse analysis of low rise steel frame structure with and without bracing system. In this study, a column at the different position and different story level is removed to simulate an effect of an extreme event and the remaining structure is analysed using a finite element software ETABS 2015. The structure is analysed for gravity load and seismic load. Then the structure is checked for the Demand Capacity Ratio as per GSA 2013.

Key Words: Progressive Collapse, Demand Capacity Ratio, GSA-2013, Steel structure failure, ETABS 2015 etc.

1. INTRODUCTION

Progressive collapse is a catastrophic structural phenomenon that can occur because of human-made or natural hazards. In progressive collapse mechanism, a single local failure may cause a significant deformation which may then lead to collapse of a structure. If a structure has good alternative loading path, the initial failure will not expand to the other parts of the structure and the local damage will be restricted. The American Society of Civil Engineering (ASCE, 2005) is the only mainstream standard which addresses the issue of progressive collapse in some detail. The guidelines for progressive collapse resistant design are noticeable in US Government documents, General Service Administration (GSA, 2003) and Unified Facility Criteria (UFC, 2009). The GSA guidelines have provided a methodology to diminish the progressive collapse potential in structures based on Alternate Path Method (APM). It defines scenarios in which one of the building's columns is removed and the damaged structure is analysed to study the system responses. The UFC methodology, on the other hand, is a performance-based

design approach, and is partly based on the GSA provisions. GSA Guidelines the General Service Administration (GSA) analysis includes removal of one column at a time from the storey 1 above the ground floor. GSA provides criteria for column removal for static analysis case. According to that a column is removed as mentioned below for typical structures. Exterior Column in the middle of longer side of building Exterior column in the middle of shorter side of the building Corner Column but in the present study the building considered is a typical structure and has an irregular/asymmetric plan and bay size. Hence GSA suggests, an engineering judgment is to be done along with the above mentioned column removal cases and additional critical locations for removing column for analysis are to be decided.

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2. Literature Review:-

The Ronan Point apartment in 1968 collapse provoked active research in the engineering community in Europe and US for better understanding of Progressive Collapse. Investigations were conducted to find errors in design & construction procedures, but the collapsed structure was designed using the code provisions in places at the time. Although warning about progressive collapse in a structure was issued prior to the Ronan point apartment collapse extensive research related to progressive collapse started after the Ronan Point event. Bruce R. Ellingwood (2002) studied on load resistance factor criteria for progressive collapse .He describes design strategies to minimize the likelihood of progressive collapse, and prospects for the implementation of general provisions in national standards such as ASCE ,Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures.[1] G. Tarjaa* and A.

Pintea(2012) made an attempt to investigate and evaluated of multi-storey moment-resisting steel frames with stiffness irregularities using standard and advanced pushover methods. The results show that the adaptive pushover methods give the best approximation in terms of medium and maximum errors of the interstory drifts. [2] Khandelwal ,K; EL-Tawail, S;and F.(2009) studied on progressive collapse analysis of seismically designed steel braced frames and performed a research for evaluating the progressive collapse of steel braced frame through using models based on validating computational simulation procedures through applying alternative path method (APM). They conducted their standard on a ten story building by removing important load bearing column and adjacent braces in order to define the ability of the structure to resist the member loss. They finally concluded that the frame that was braced eccentrically was a more resistant to progressive collapse than that was braced concentrically.[3] H.R.Tavakoli and A.Rashidi Alashti (2012) made an attempt to investigate and study whether MRF steel structures that have been designed based on seismic codes, are able to resist progressive collapse with damaged columns in different locations under seismic loading. For this purpose, 3-D and 2-D push-over analysis of structures is carried out. This conclusion is reached without taking into consideration the beneficial effect of slab action. The panel zone in girder to column joints was assumed to be rigid, and connection properties were not considered. Although lumped plastic hinges can appear to provide a good solution to the modeling problem, they actually only shift the difficulty elsewhere, by raising the question relative to the numerical length of the hinge.[4] Kamel Sayed Kandil, Ehab Abd El Fattah Ellobody and Hanady Eldehemy(2013) studied and Experimental Investigation of Progressive Collapse of Steel Frames and two new tests conducted to augment available data highlighting the structural performance of multistory steel frames under progressive collapse. The comparison between the experimental results and the existing results in the literature with finite element results obtained in this study showed that the developed model simulates the behavior of steel frames well. It showed that the maximum lateral deflection measured for the edge-column-removed case was higher than that when predicted numerically because the fixation points of the steel frame were not fully rigid. It also showed that the column adjacent to the removed column underwent higher strains than other columns, which implied the redistribution of forces from the removed column to the nearest columns [5].

3. Research objective:-

A significant portion of the reported collapse includes progressive collapse that often leads to large human and property losses. In order to reduce the potential of progressive collapse, detailed behavior of a structural system is needed when a structural member is damaged.

- To find out the critical locations of the three dimensional low rise (G+5 & G+10) moment resisting frame.
- To find out detailed behavior of a structural system when a structural member is damaged.
- Capturing realistic structural response of three dimensional structures using various analyses. Considering sudden column loss as a design scenario.

Aim is to make such building which should be progressive collapse free.

4. Research methodology:-

In this study a framework of low rise steel structure 5th and 10th story for progressive collapse, considering sudden loss of column as a design scenario and the structure analysis to minimize the collapse by using 'V' bracing at each outer face of structure by using software .The steel frame structure analyzed using Finite Element software ETABS-2015 the linear static response with dynamic effects in a simple method are carried out. The resisting capacity of moment resisting frame using alternate path methods for progressive collapse as per recommended in the GSA-2013 guidelines. The linear static and Non-linear static analysis procedure were carried out for comparison of basic model, removal of column at different location at different floor with bracing and without bracing. It was observed that in the linear static analysis progressive collapse of steel frame structure were minimized by using 'V' bracing at outer face of frame structure. Also it is observed that the non-linear static analysis provided larger structural responses and the results varied more significantly as comparison to linear static analysis. However, the linear procedure provided a more conservative decision for progressive collapse potential of model frame structures. GSA stated DCR criteria for acceptance of member,

$$DCR=Q_{ud}/Q_{ce} \quad \text{Eqn. 1}$$

Model Description

In the present study, five story and ten story model were prepared on ETABS-2015. Spacing of grid is 5 meters in both the directions and the floor to floor height to complete structure is 3 meters. In both the cases before progressive collapse of structures we have taken the demand capacity of members as 0.5-0.9. Loading on structures are taken as Live Load-2.5KN/m and Floor Finish-1.25KN/m. For 5 story building we did not consider the wind load case whereas, for the 10 story we considered the wind load effect as per IS-875-2007. Seismic loads are applied for both the structures as per the IS-1893-2007.

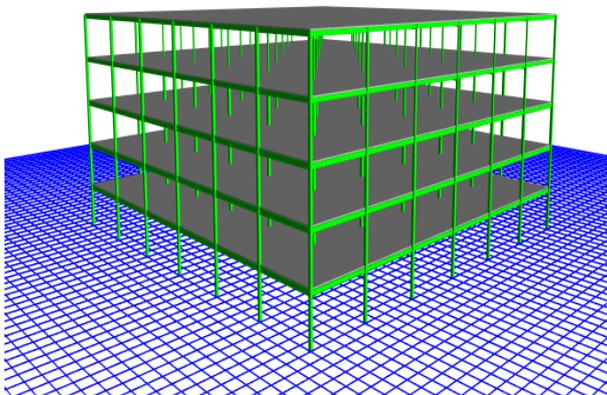


Figure 1: Five Story Building. (6X6 Bay Size)

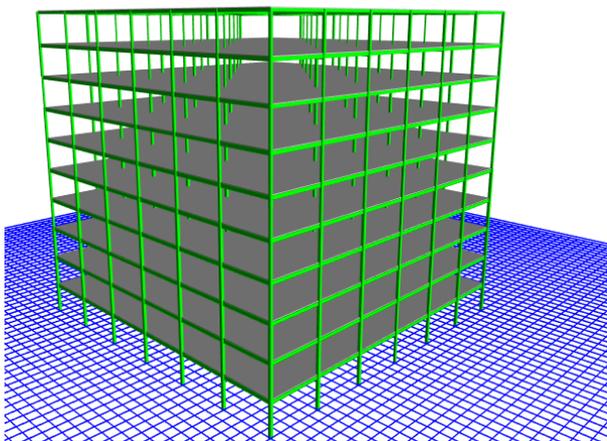


Figure 2: Ten Story Building (6X6 Bay Size)

Loading cases:-

All loading cases are used according to GSA 2013 guideline for Progressive Collapse.

For Linear Static

Increased Gravity Loads for Floor Areas above Removed Column or Wall,

After removal of Column,

$$G_{if} = \Omega_{L,F} [1.2DL + (0.5LL)] \quad \text{Eqn. 2}$$

Gravity Loads for Floor Areas Away From Removed Column or Wall Before removal of Column:

$$G_{if} = 1.2DL + (0.5LL) \quad \text{Eqn. 3}$$

For Nonlinear Static

Increased Gravity Loads for Floor Areas above Removed Column or Wall,
After removal of Column,

$$G_{if} = \Omega_n [1.2DL + (0.5LL)] \quad \text{Eqn. 4}$$

Gravity Loads for Floor Areas Away From Removed Column or Wall Before removal of Column,

$$\Omega_n = 1.08 + 0.76 / [(\theta_c / \theta_y) + 0.83] \quad \text{Eqn. 5}$$

In this study we used linear static as well as non-linear analysis method to carry progressive collapse of a 3-Dimensional 5th & 10th steel frame structure. We used a primary structural bearing element component removed at various critical locations recommended by the GSA-2013 guideline.

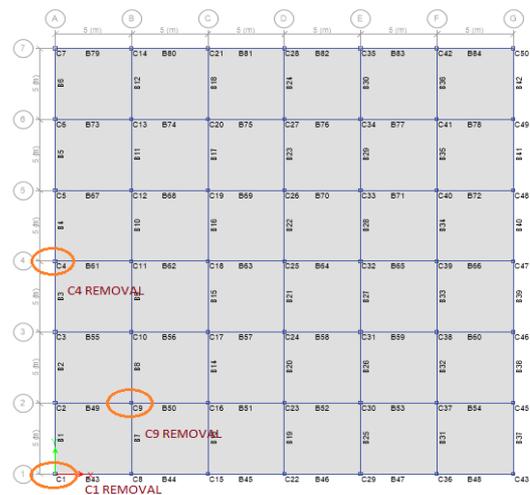


Figure 3: Column removal positions at 1st, 3rd & 1st, 5th story for five story & ten story building.

5. Analysis and Interpretation:-

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For Case C1: Analyse for the sudden loss of a column situated at the corner of building for 5th story at 1st Story.

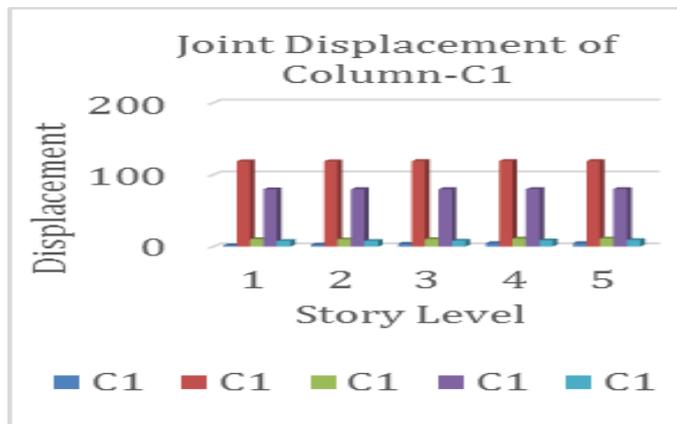


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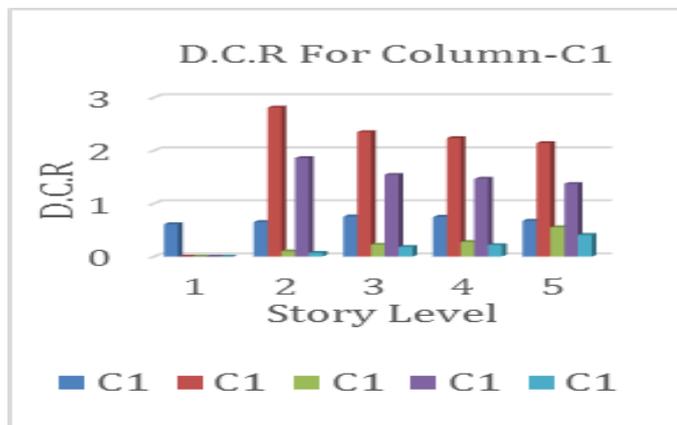


Chart -b: DCR of Column C1 for Column C1 removal.

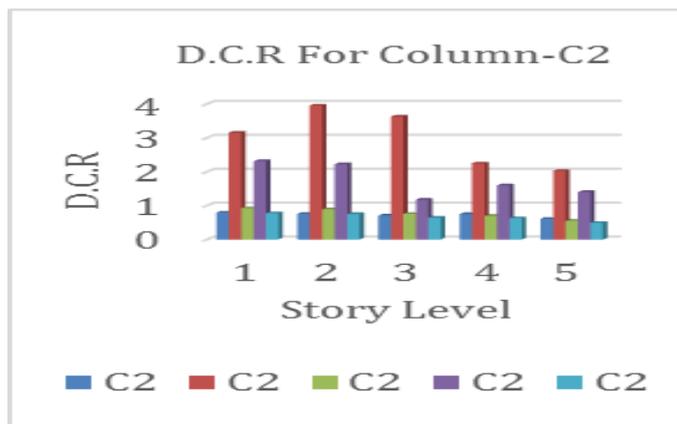


Chart -c: DCR of Column C2 for Column C1 removal.

From above graph (a) to graph (f) we can see the variation in all story due to sudden removal of Column C1 at corner locations at first story. The demand capacity ratio for linear static as well as nonlinear static analysis shows that after removal, DCR of column at next successive story get increased hence column gets fails which leads to increase in DCR of neighboring primary and secondary element. But in account to minimize the effect of collapse after providing

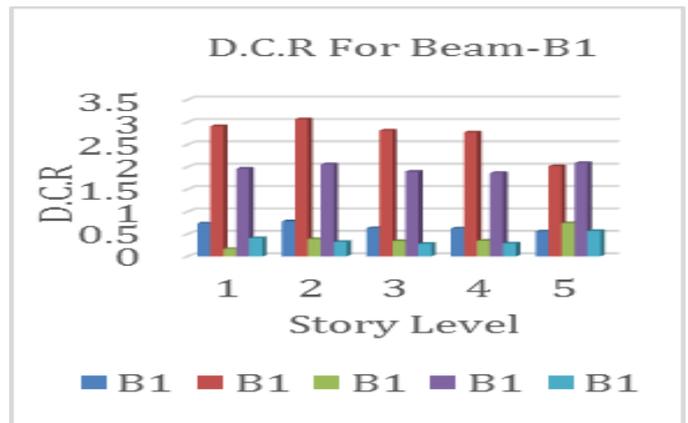


Chart -d: DCR of Beam B1 for Column C1 removal.

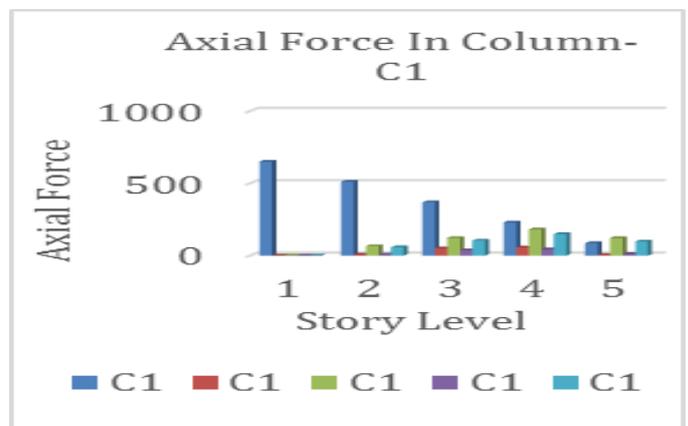


Chart -e: Axial Force in Column C1 for C1 removal.

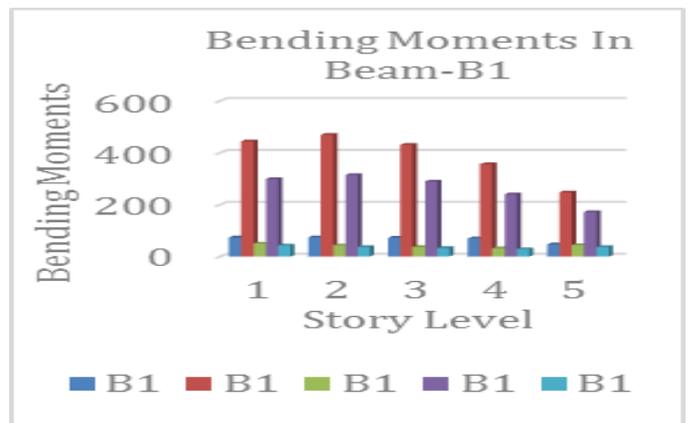


Chart -f: Bending Moment in Beam B1 for Column C1 removal.

Bracing DCR of these element can be bring down to safety limit, same scenario can be observed in joint displacement, axial force & bending moment graphs.

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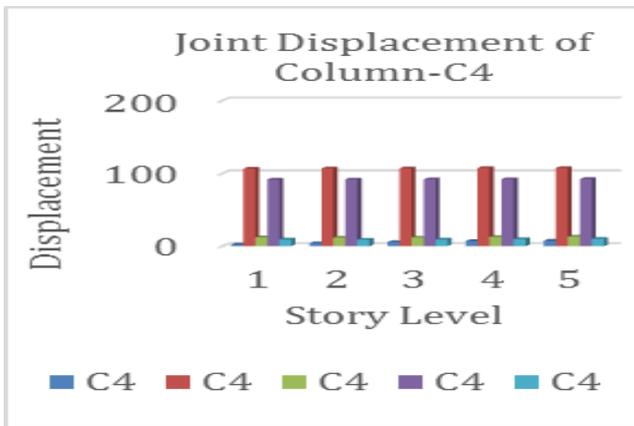


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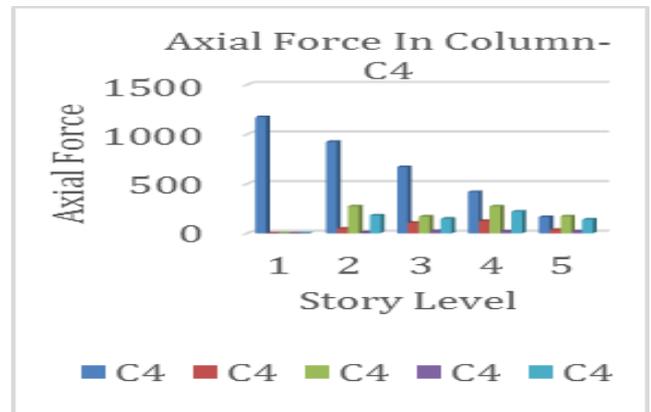


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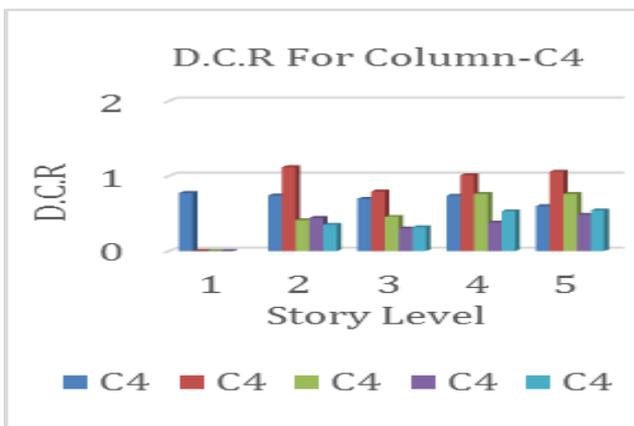


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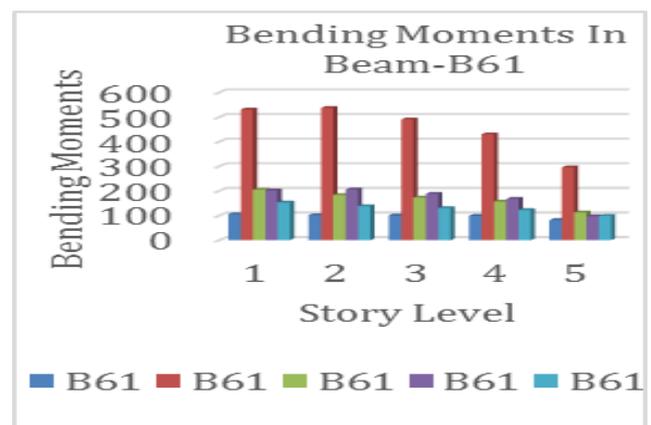


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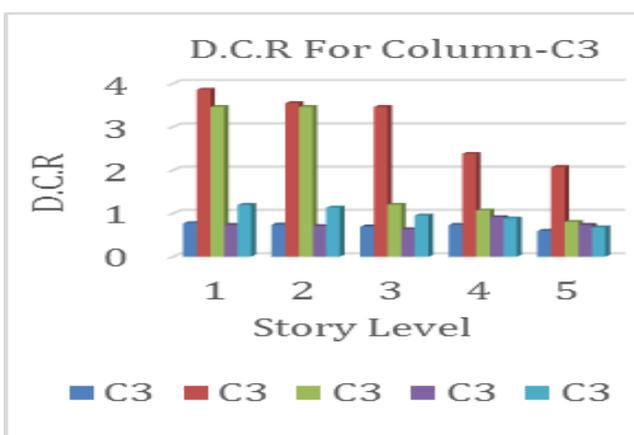


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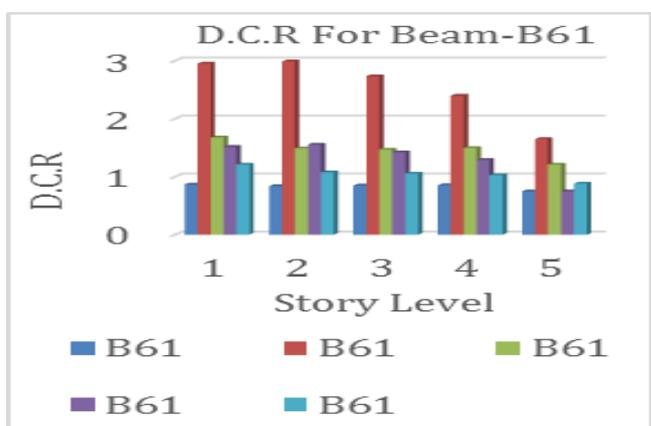


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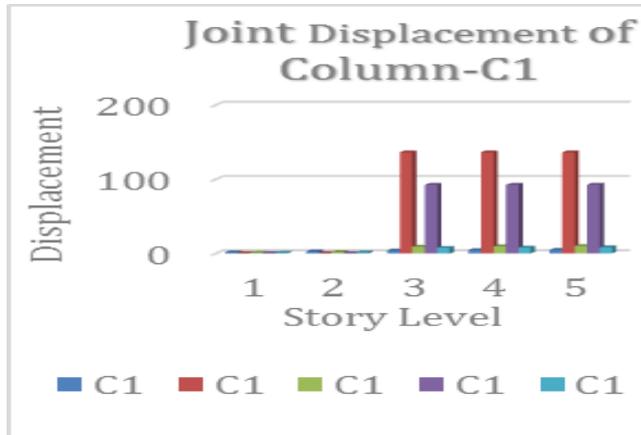


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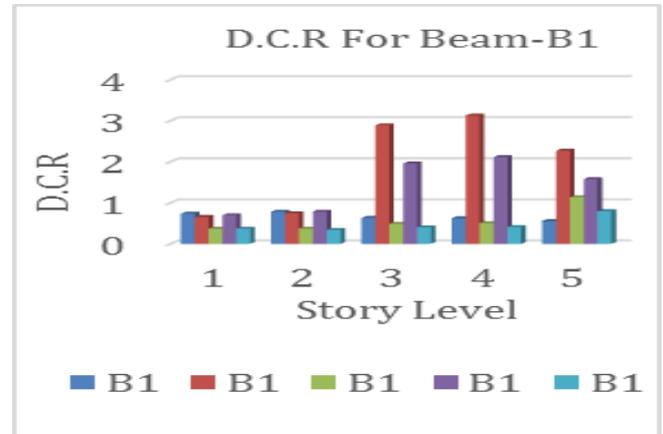


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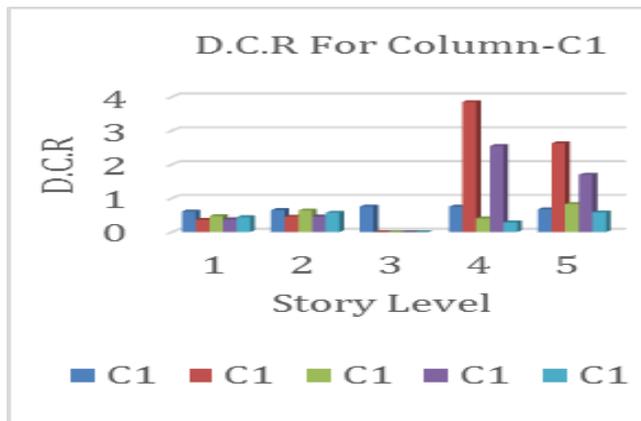


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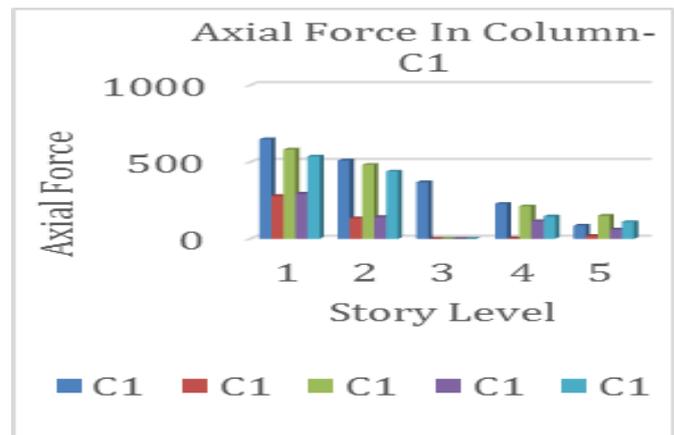


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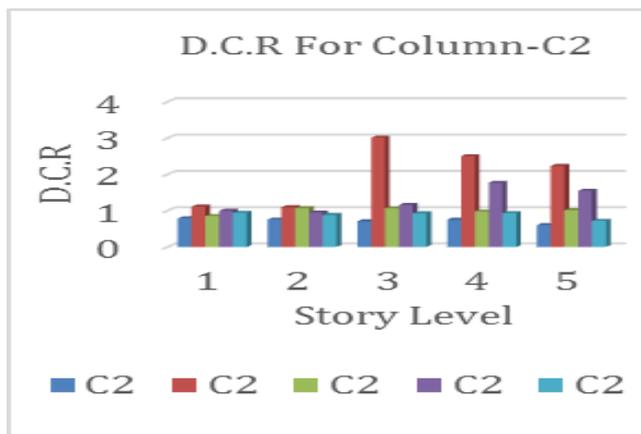


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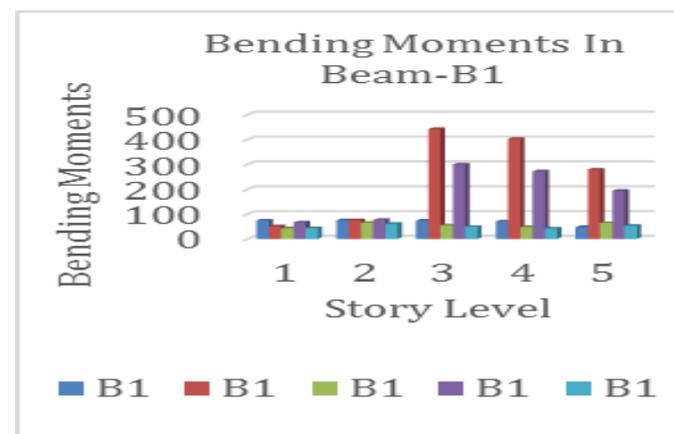


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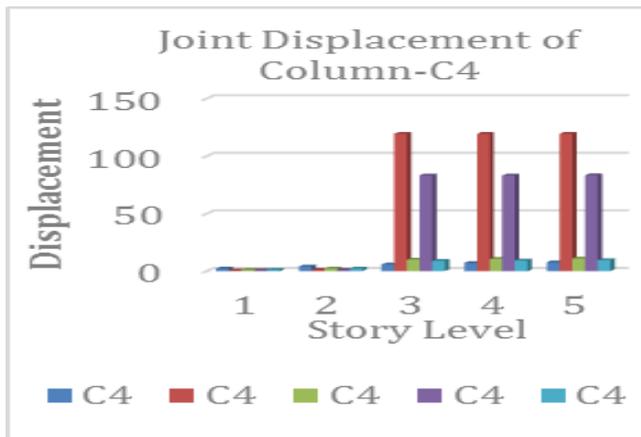


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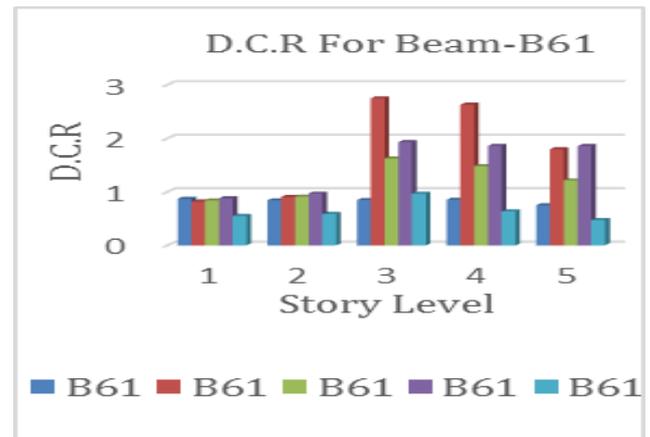


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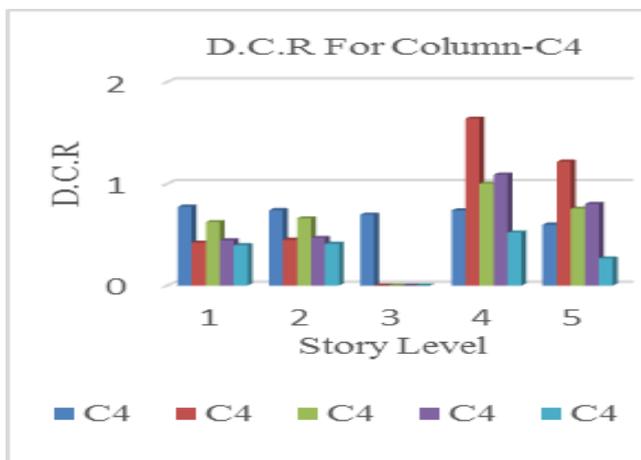


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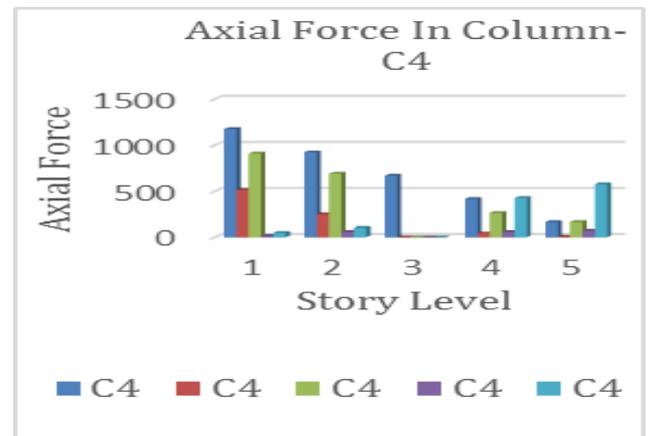


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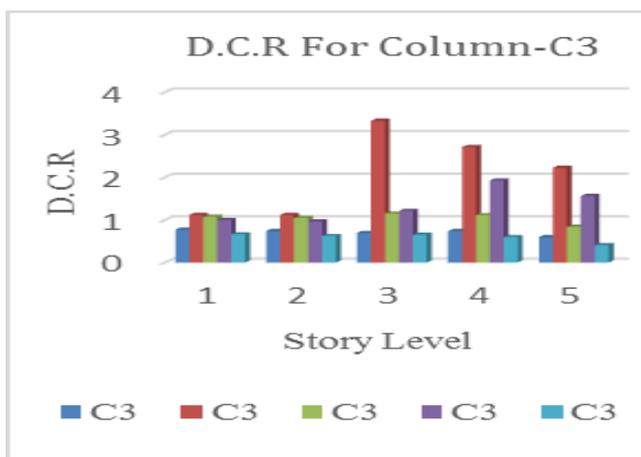


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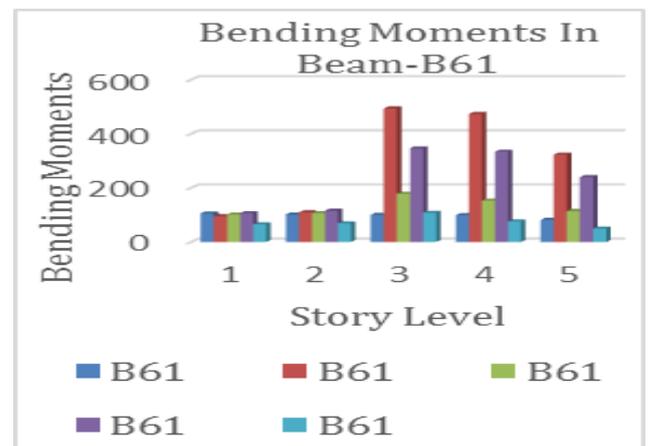


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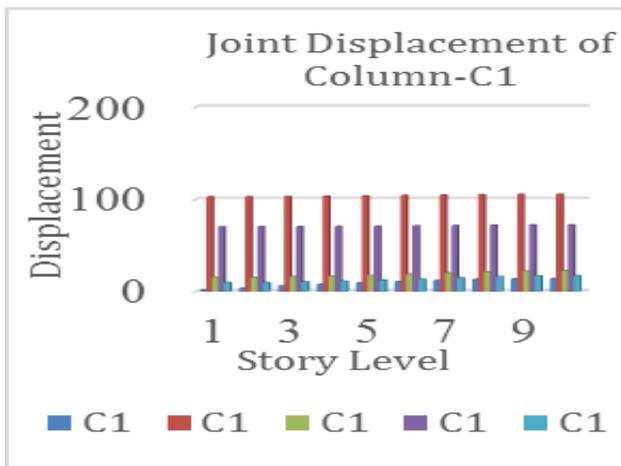


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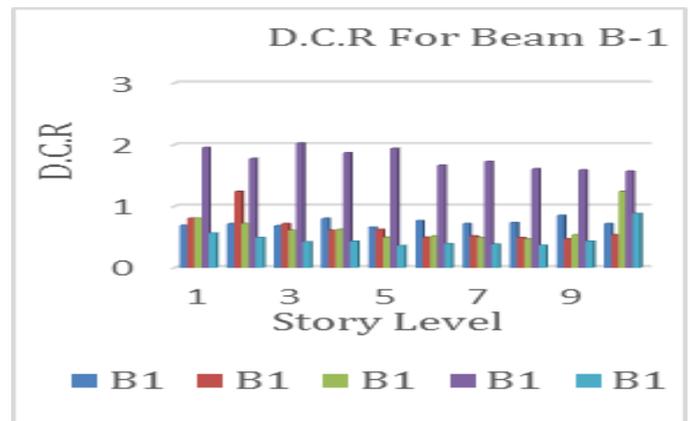


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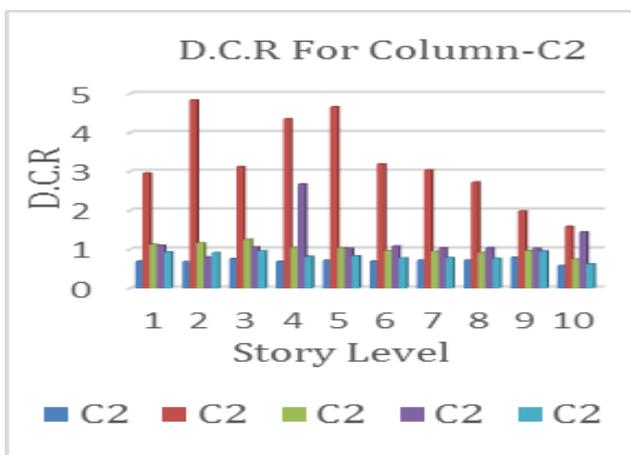


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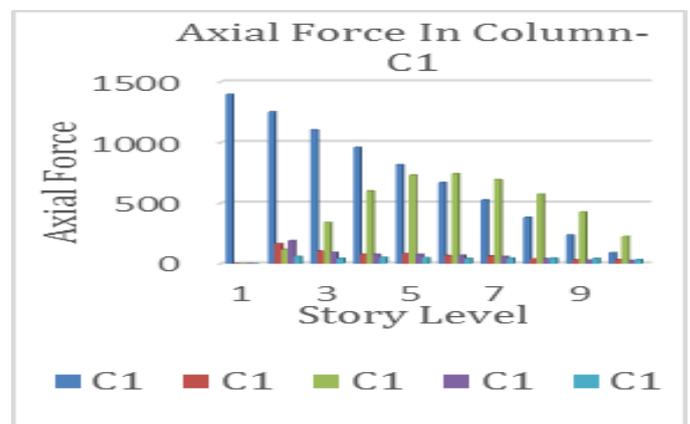


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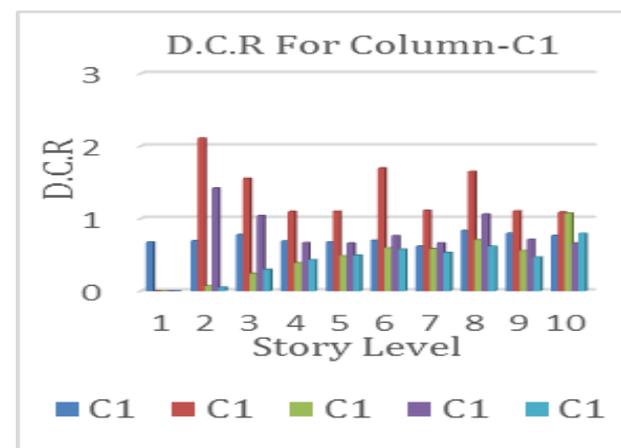


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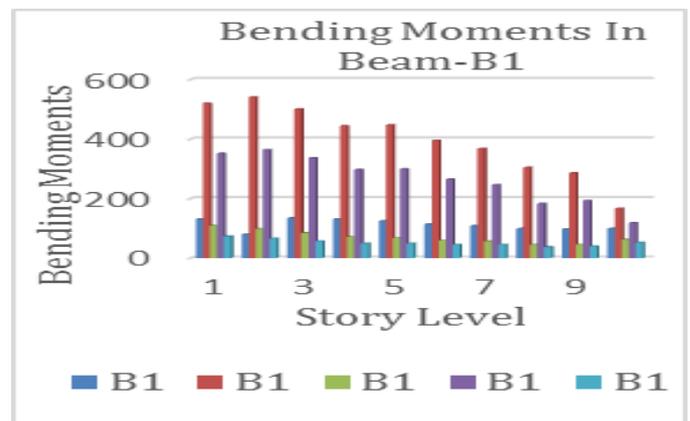


Chart -f: Bending Moment in Beam B1 for Column C1 removal.

All graphs gives the same result for C1 case at 10th story as 5th story gives.

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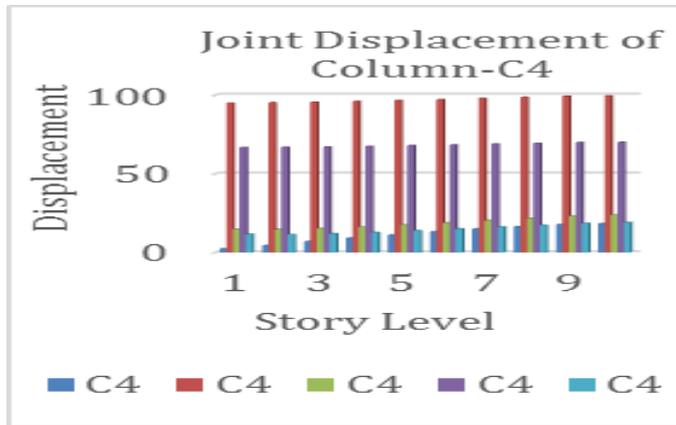


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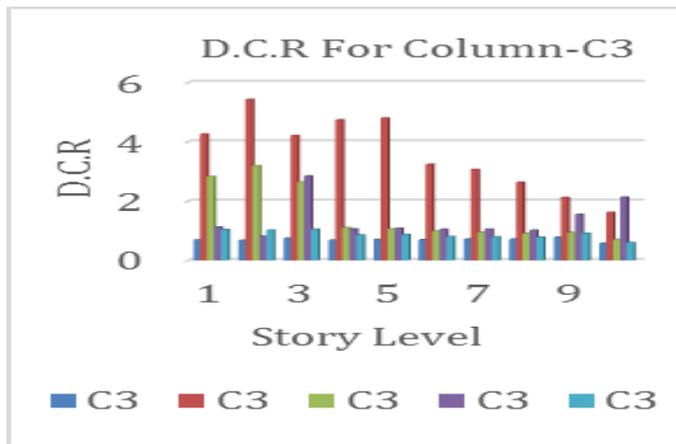


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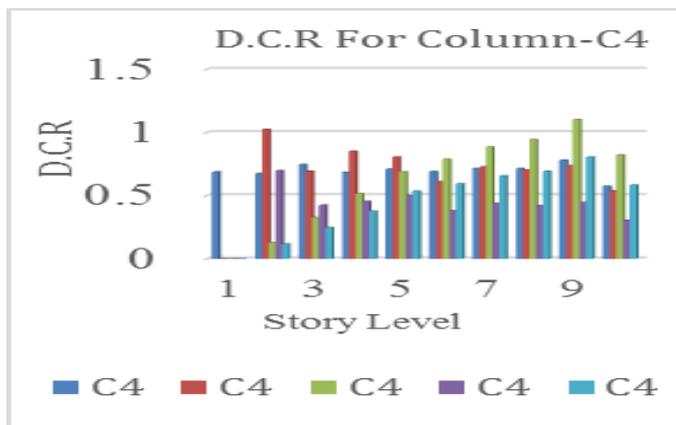


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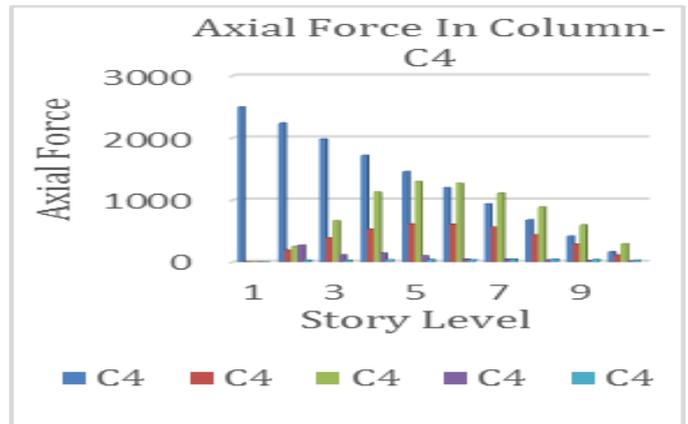


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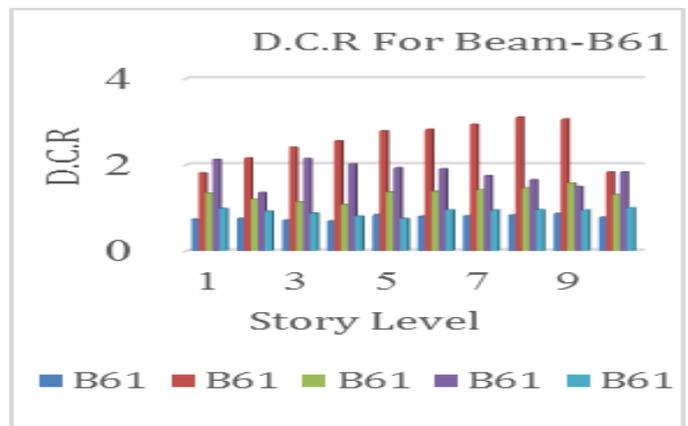


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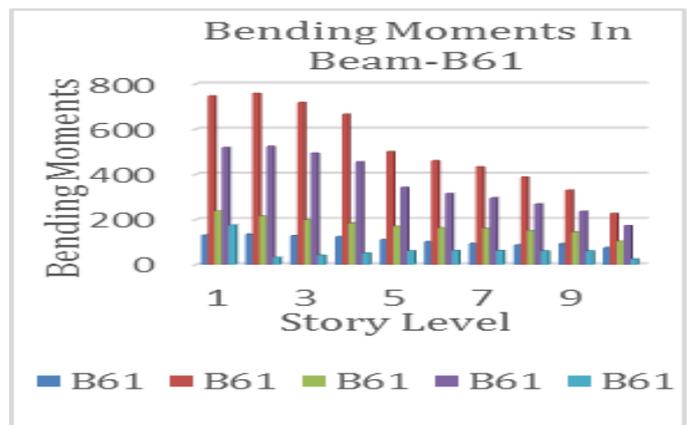


Chart -f: Bending Moment in Beam B61 for Column C4 removal.

Graph (a) represent Joint Displacement in which at the critical location increases tremendously and after using bracing it decreases. Graph (b) and (c) represents DCR whereas Graph (d), (e) and (f) represents axial forces and bending moments.

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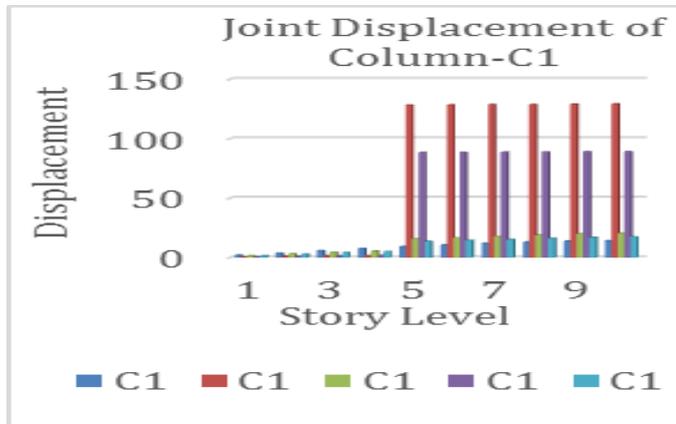


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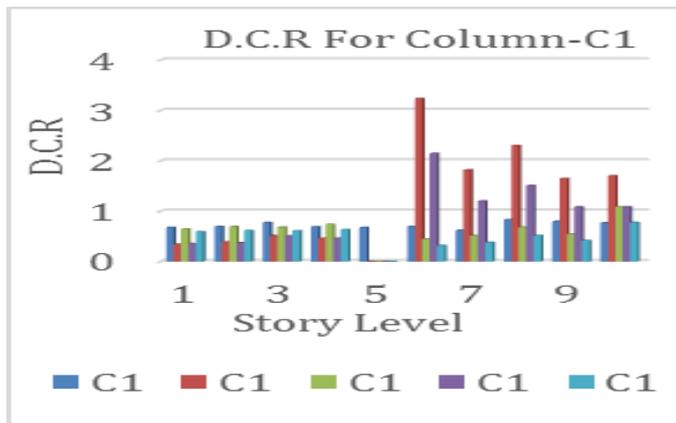


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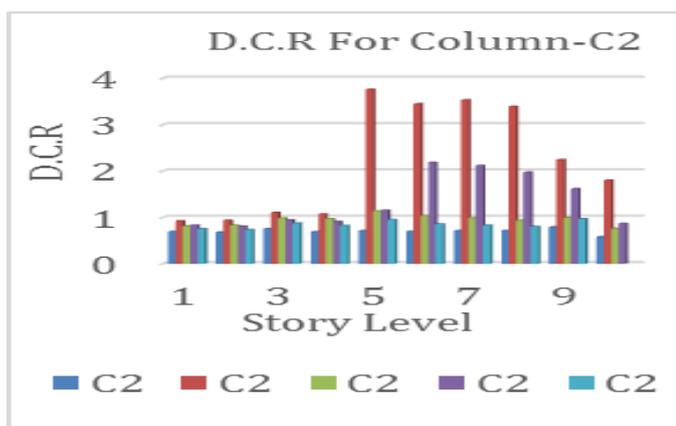


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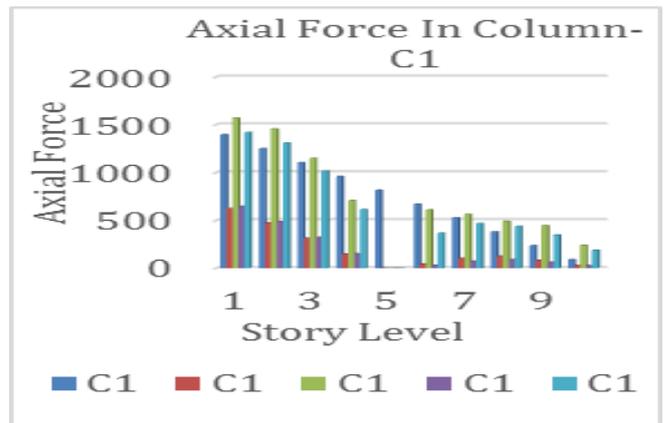


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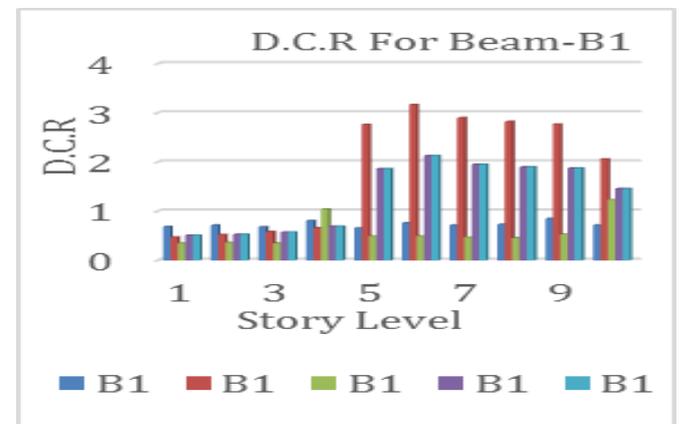


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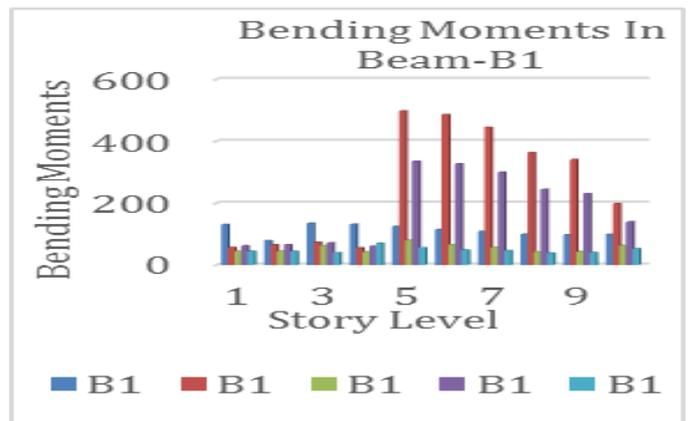


Chart -f: Bending Moment in Beam B1 for Column C1 removal.

In case C1 at 5th at 10th gives the same result as the 5th story gives. Graph (a) represents Joint displacement and Graph (b), (c) and (e) represents DCR. Graph (d) and (f) represents axial force and bending moments.

Graph (a) indicates that when remove C4 column at 5th story, Joint Displacement increase linearly to 4th story but after 5th story it increase drastically. Graph (b), (c) and (d) represents the DCR value which means after removal of critical column i.e., C4 at 5th story, Adjoining beam and column are maximum fail. After providing bracing, the progressive collapse minimize. Graph (e) and (f), in this firstly axial force decrease as we go to above floor and after removing critical column it goes on decreasing which results incapable of sustaining load but we increase it by providing bracing in outer face of structures. It is also same for bending moment case.

We also analyzed for the Case C9 for 5th and 10th story at different floor level which results are not so much satisfactory as after providing Bracing at outer face of structure there is no change in progressive collapse whereas in other case progressive collapse can be minimized but in Joint Displacement and DCR, the result are showing same result.

6. Limitation of the study:-

- a. In this study we are considering only the Steel Structures whereas we have many types of structures are available such as RCC composites or Precast but our complete aim to find out the results for the steel structures only.
- b. In this study will be considering the connection between the structures will be the rigid connection only.
- c. We used box section for column, I-section for beam and angle section for bracing, different section can be used for this like built up section or cold formed section for bracing or composite section as beam or column.
- d. Study is limited to only nonlinear static analysis more accurate analysis can be performed on this study like nonlinear dynamic analysis.

7. Conclusion:-

Several Past Researcher used only linear static procedures for designing against progressive collapse for only two dimensional structures. Earlier several researcher considered first floor single column loss only, but in this study various cases on different floor level at different critical column position. Various increase parameters such as joint displacement or nodal displacement at removed locations i.e. there is increased in joint displacement of removed column in linear static as well as nonlinear static analysis and after providing bracing there is decrease in joint displacement as it transfers the load to the interconnected beam and column. Nodal displacement of joint changes abruptly which indicates that beam column junction becomes critical. The demand capacity ratio for linear static as well as nonlinear static with and without V bracing. The DCR increases when we remove critical column at different story for linear static as well as nonlinear static which means structure fails at column and beam position

and after providing V bracing we minimize the failure of progressive collapse of framed structure in linear as well as nonlinear analysis. There is change in axial force as in axial force when we removed the critical column there is drastic decrease in axial force at the critical column whereas in other columns there is increase in axial force and after providing bracing there is decrease in axial force. In bending moment case there is increase in moment in clockwise direction for all adjoining beams near the critical column linear static as well as nonlinear static analysis, after providing bracing there is decrease in bending moment as it transfers the load to the interconnected beam and column. Sudden increase in bending moment value indicate increase in the strength of beam to avoid the progressive collapse in the structure. Even though it is very basic model simulation it gives in depth fundamental understanding about the progressive collapse. All the results discussed show the change in failure pattern and the increase various parameters in the member just in the vicinity of the vertical element removed. Surely, alternative path method would be one of the best remedies or precautions to overcome the progressive collapse apart from the other methods mentioned by various researchers in the past. Further extension of this research work can include similar portal frame analysis with and without bracing system with different analysis techniques such as nonlinear dynamic analysis for three dimensional frames are also being considered with material nonlinearity as well as providing different types and combination of bracing.

8. Future Scope:-

Further extension of this research work can include similar portal frame analysis with and without bracing system with different analysis techniques such as nonlinear dynamic analysis for three dimensional frames are also being considered with material nonlinearity as well as providing different types and combination of bracing.

Nomenclature:-

Symbols	Meaning
GSA	General Service Administration
APM	Alternative Path Method
UFC	Unified Facility Criteria
LS	Linear Static
NLS	Nonlinear Static
Q _{ud}	Actual load on column
Q _{ce}	Capacity of column
DL	Dead Load

LL	Live Load
DCR	Demand Capacity Ratio
Ω_n	Dynamic Load Increased Factor
Ω_{lf}	Load Increased Factor
G_{if}	Gravity Load Increased Factor
θ_c	Connection Rotation
θ_y	Yield Rotation

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