

Influence of Core Wall Eccentricity on Stress Concentration in High-Rise Reinforced Concrete Buildings

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ABSTRACT

Effective stiffness is crucial for predicting the accurate behavior of reinforced concrete (RC) buildings under seismic reversible loading, particularly post-cracking. However, for convenience, many modern high-rise buildings utilize standardized experimental values for the effective stiffness of vertical members (Ugalde et al. 2020). This approach may lack accuracy, especially in buildings with stiffness eccentricity. The primary objective of this study is to quantitatively assess the impact of stiffness eccentricity on member force distribution in buildings. To accomplish this objective, a comparative analysis of member forces is conducted in buildings with varying degrees of stiffness eccentricity, ranging from 0% to 20% in 5% increments, utilizing nonlinear time history analysis (NTHA). The results of this study are expected to demonstrate that the effective stiffness values in eccentricity-prone buildings may differ significantly from those in regular structures. This finding will provide a compelling rationale for future research aimed at more accurately predicting and evaluating effective stiffness in eccentric buildings.

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