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NUMERICAL EVALUATION OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF BRACING SYSTEMS **USING ANSYS SOFTWARE BY CHANGING THE MATERIAL PROPERTIES**

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Abstract - The steel industry is growing rapidly in almost all parts of the world. When global warming is a threat, use of steel structures is not only economical but also environmentally friendly. Here, the term "affordable" refers to time and cost. Being the most important aspect of time, steel structures are constructed in a very short time. In the seismic design of industrial buildings, the properties of horizontal ground motion are considered and upright ground movement is neglected. The main aim of the project is to compare the energy absorption as well as the energy transfer mechanism of different types of bracing systems such as K bracing and O grid bracing. Also, several materials are used in the analysis. The structure and shape of O Grid braces, can be used in any part of the structure without removing architectural space and architectural form. O bracing system has good ductility and stiffness. Thus, this O bracing can be effectively used in engineering structures in seismic prone areas which have the ability to withstand lateral loads.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 General Background

A modular framework consists of larger interlocking steels. This system has or does not have vertical components, and since the primary load components are members, they also have lateral support. Ties are commonly used to steady building structure against lateral loading. Main function of the struts is to become stable the structure and prevent its collapse. Various fastening systems are currently in use. Dependent on the shape, the braces are diagonal bracings, Xshaped, K-shaped-shaped, elliptical and O-shaped. In this paper different types of bracing systems are numerically analysed.

2. NUMERICAL INVESTIGATION USING ANSYS WORKBENCH 2021 R2

2.1 Numerical Investigation Of K Bracing Using Ansys Workbench 2021 R2



Fig -1: Geometry of K bracing



Fig -2: Mesh generated in K bracing

In the present model, the defaulting mesh size is adopted. The size of the element is 100 mm. This mesh structure consists of 1998 numerical nodes, 1151 numerical elements are present.





Fig -3: Boundary conditions provided in K bracing



Fig -4: Total deformation obtained in K bracing



Chart-1: Load-displacement hysteresis curves of K Bracing





Fig -5: Geometry of O bracing



Fig -6: Mesh generated in O bracing



Fig -7: Boundary conditions provided in O bracing



Fig -8: Total deformation in O bracing



Bracing



3. BRACING WITH DIFFERENT MATERIALS

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By using different materials, the yield strength of bracings are changed to 199 MPa.

3.1 Performance Of K Bracing With Different Material Properties



Fig -9: Geometry of K bracing using different materials

There are 1927 nodes and 1236 number of elements.



Fig -10: Connections provided in K bracing using different materials



Fig -11: Total deformations K bracing using different materials



Chart-3: Load-displacement hysteresis curves of K Bracing using different materials

3.2 Performance Of O Bracing With Different Material Properties



Fig -12: Geometry of O bracing using different materials



Fig -13: Connections provided in O bracing using different materials





Fig -14: Total deformations O bracing using different materials



Chart-4: Load–displacement hysteresis curves of O Bracing using different materials

4. CONCLUSIONS

This study was mainly used to compare different types of bracing with different cross section geometries. The forward and O systems, and they have adequate load bearings and can absorb great energy with their axial and flexural behavior. Unlike other braces, the structure and shape of O Grid braces, can be used in any part of the structure without removing architectural space and architectural form. O bracing system has good ductility and stiffness. Thus this O bracing can be effectively used in engineering structures in seismic prone areas which have the ability to withstand lateral loads.

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