

# Lateral Stability Analysis of High Rise Building with the Effect of Outrigger and Belt Truss System

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**Abstract** - The outrigger and belt truss system is one of the most efficient systems used to effectively control the excessive drift due to lateral load, so that, during small or medium lateral load due to either wind or earthquake load, the risk of structural and non-structural damage can be minimized. This paper studies the efficient use of outrigger and belt truss system for high-rise concrete building subjected to wind or earthquake load. Seven 44 storey two dimensional models of outrigger and belt truss system are subjected to wind and earthquake load, analyzed and compared to find the lateral displacement reduction related to the types of outrigger and belt system. The analysis has been carried out to study the effect and performance of outrigger system in 44 storey building. The outrigger system is provided at different levels along the height of the building. The depth of the Outrigger and belt trusses is equal to the height of the typical story and maintained same in all the models. The key parameters discussed in this paper include lateral deflection, storey drifts, base shear and fundamental time periods. Loads are considered as per Indian Standards IS: 875(Part1)-1987, IS: 875(Part2)-1987, IS: 875(Part3)-1987 and IS: 1893(Part-1) -2002. The modeling and analysis were performed using finite element software ETABS 15.2.2.

**Keywords:** Outrigger, Belt truss system, Wind, Earthquake, Lateral displacement.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Tall building development has been rapidly increasing worldwide introducing new challenges that need to be met through engineering judgment. In modern tall buildings, lateral loads induced by wind or earthquake are often resisted by a system of coupled shear walls. But when the building increases in height, the stiffness of the structure becomes more important and introduction of lateral load resisting system is used to provide sufficient lateral stiffness to the structure. The lateral load resisting system effectively control the excessive drift due to lateral load, so that, during small or medium lateral load due to either wind or earthquake load, the risk of structural and non-

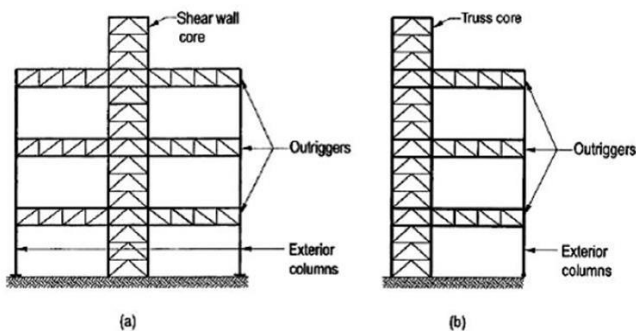
structural damage can be minimized. For high-rise buildings, particularly in seismic active zone or wind load dominant, these systems are chosen as an appropriate structure. [1]

## 2. OUTRIGGER AND BELT TRUSS SYSTEM

Outriggers are rigid horizontal structure i.e. truss or beam which connect core wall and outer column of building to improve building strength and overturning stiffness. Outriggers have been used in tall building for nearly half century, but innovative design principle has been improving its efficiency. Outrigger system is one type of structural system which is formed from a cantilever shaped horizontal member connected to structures inner core and outer columns. Through the connection, the moment arm of the core will be increased which lead to higher lateral stiffness of the system. Central core in a building act as cantilever, outriggers are provided to reduce overturning moment in core and to transfer moment from core to outer column by connecting the core and column. Wall frame outrigger trusses is one of the most efficient and economical structures in tall building, at outer end they connected to the foundation through exterior columns. When the structure is subjected to horizontal loading, the wall and outrigger trusses will rotate, causing compression in the downwind column and tension in column on the upwind side, these axial forces will resist the rotation in the wall. [2]

The outrigger systems can be produced in any combination of steel, concrete and composite construction. Normally in steel structure outrigger are in the form of trusses and in the form of wall or deep beam in concrete structure. Outrigger may be extended to both side of central core or core may be located at one side of building with outrigger extending to other side column. Outrigger connected to core and outer column act as stiff beam under action of lateral load inducing a tension-compression couple in the outer columns, to distribute these tensile and compressive forces to a large number of exterior frame columns belt trusses are often provided.

Belt truss connects outer perimeter column of a building and offer a wider perimeter to resist lateral deflection of building. This efficient structural form consists of a central core, comprising either Braced Frames or Shear Walls, with horizontal cantilever trusses or girders known as outrigger Trusses, connecting the core to the outer columns. The core may be centrally located with outriggers extending on both or it may be located on one side of the building with outriggers extending to the building columns on one side as shown in Fig.1 (a) & Fig.1 (b).



**Fig -1 (a): Outrigger System with a Central Core**  
**(b): Outrigger system with Offset Core.**

### 3. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. To study the effect of introduction of Outriggers in high rise building subjected to dynamic wind loading.
2. To study the influence of core wall and braced core wall with X braced outriggers.
3. To study the parameters with different types of Outriggers, i.e. X Bracings and V Bracings and Inverted V Bracings.
4. To study the influence of steel outrigger in comparison with concrete outrigger.
5. To study the effect of Outriggers with and without Peripheral Belt Truss.

### 4. MODELING AND ANALYSIS

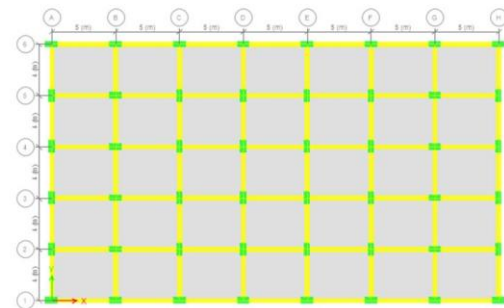
In the present study the lateral load analysis for the RC frame building with the provision of introduction of outriggers as per seismic codes for zone V is carried out and an effort is made to study the effect of seismic loads on them and thus assess their seismic vulnerability by performing analysis.

#### 4.1. Method of Modeling

The ETABS software is utilized to create 3D model and to carry out the analysis. The software is able to predict the behavior of space frames under static or dynamic loadings taking into account material in elasticity. The software accepts static loads as well as dynamic loads and has the ability to perform static and dynamic analysis.

#### 4.2. Model Description

The model considered for this study is a 141.6m high rise reinforced concrete building frame. The building represents a 44 storeyed office building. The plan area of the structure is 35 X 20m with columns spaced at 5m and 4m center to center in longitudinal and transverse direction respectively. The plan layout for all the models is same as shown in Fig 2.



**Fig -2: Plan layout**

The models that were selected for the study are listed as follows;

- Model 1 – A Bare frame model
- Model 2 – Model with Concrete Core wall and braced Outriggers (X Bracings).
- Model 3 – Model with Concrete core wall and braced Outriggers (V Bracings).
- Model 4 – Model with Concrete Core wall and Braced Outriggers (INVERTED V bracings)
- Model 5 – Model with Braced Concrete Core wall and Braced Outriggers (X Bracings).
- Model 6 – Model with Concrete Core wall and Outriggers with Belt Truss at Periphery (X Bracings)
- Model 7 – Model with Concrete Core wall and Steel Outriggers (X bracings).

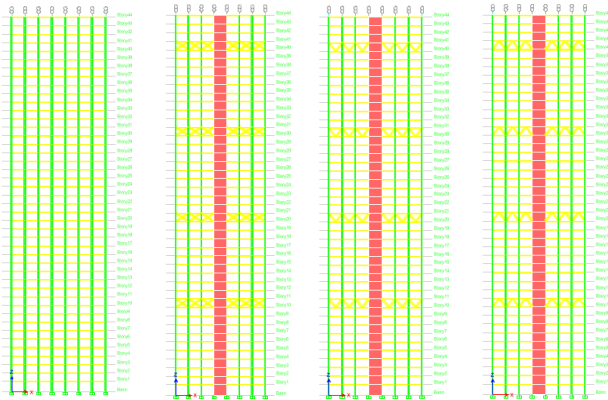


Fig -3: Model 1, Model 2, Model 3 and Model 4.

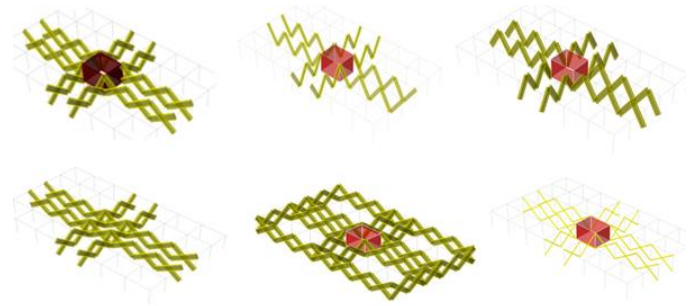


Fig -5: Perspective view of a story at outrigger location for various models

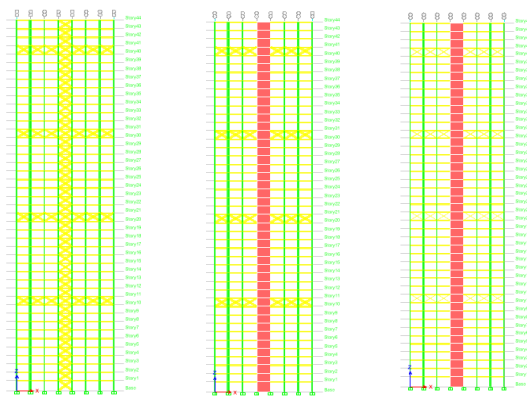


Fig -4: Model 5, Model 6, and Model 7.

### 4.3. Locations of Outriggers

According to Bryan Stafford Smith, for Optimum performance of an n-Outrigger Structure, the Outriggers are placed at  $1/(n+1)$ ,  $2/(n+1)$  up to the  $n/(n+1)$  height locations.

Therefore, positions of various Outriggers for all the models are as follows:

$$1^{\text{st}} \text{ Outrigger} = 1/(4+1) = 1/5 = 0.2H$$

$$2^{\text{nd}} \text{ Outrigger} = 2/(4+1) = 0.4H$$

$$3^{\text{rd}} \text{ Outrigger} = 3/(4+1) = 0.6H$$

$$4^{\text{th}} \text{ Outrigger} = 4/(4+1) = 0.8H$$

Therefore the outriggers are provided at every 10<sup>th</sup> storey.

Table -1: Input data for all building models

Material Properties	
Grade of concrete	M45 for all members except columns, M60 for columns
Grade of Steel	Fe 345 for steel outriggers
Young's modulus of (M45)	$33.541 \times 10^6 \text{ KN/m}^2$
Young's modulus of (M60)	$38.729 \times 10^6 \text{ KN/m}^2$
Density of Reinforced Concrete	$25 \text{ KN/m}^3$
Poisson's ratio of concrete	0.2
Modulus of elasticity of brick	$3500 \times 10^3 \text{ KN/m}^2$
Density of brick masonry	$20 \text{ KN/m}^3$
Poisson's ratio of masonry	0.15
Member Properties	
Thickness of RC slab	150mm
Column size	500mmX1000mm
Beam size	300mmX600mm
Thickness of brick masonry	230mm
Thickness of RC shear wall	400mm
Concrete Outriggers	300mmX1000mm
Steel Outriggers	ISA 130X130X12mm
Load Intensities	
Floor finishes	$1.5 \text{ KN/m}^2$
Live load on floors	$3 \text{ KN/m}^2$
Live load on roof	$1.5 \text{ KN/m}^2$
Wall load on roof level	$1 \times 0.15 \times 20 = 3 \text{ KN/m}$
Wall load on all other levels	(3.2-
Earthquake live load on slab as per clause 7.3.1 and 7.3.2 of IS 1893 (Part-1) - 2002 is calculated as:	
Roof	0

Floor	0.5x3 =1.5 KN/m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Seismic Data</b>	
Zone factor	0.36
Importance factor	1.5
Response reduction factor	5
Soil type	Type I

## 5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 5.1. Lateral Displacements

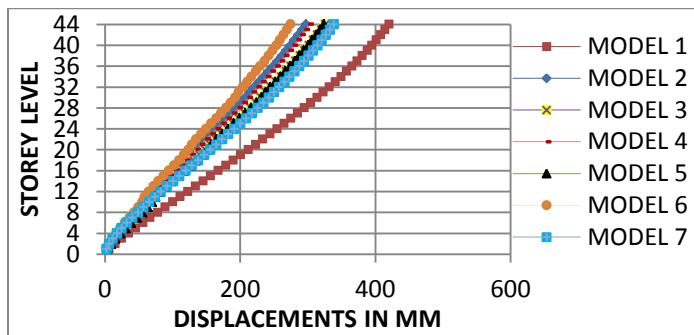


Chart -1: Comparison of Lateral Displacement for Load case 1.5(DL+SIDL+GY) for various models for Zone V

Table -2: Maximum Displacement by Response Spectrum Analysis and Dynamic Wind Analysis along Longitudinal and Transverse direction.

Model	Type of Outriggers	TOP STOREY DISPLACEMENT (mm)			
		Response Spectrum Analysis		Dynamic Wind Analysis	
		RSA-X	RSA-Y	GUST-X	GUST-Y
1	Without Outrigger	121.17	142.488	123.79	280.32
2	X	74.156	109.714	60.707	198.42
3	V	78.664	115.186	72.868	217.75
4	Inverted V	74.823	110.857	62.885	201.48
5	X with Braced Core wall	79.026	116.617	72.037	216.20
6	X with belt truss	72.596	104.561	57.687	183.40
7	X Steel Outriggers	88.406	120.772	86.18	225.68

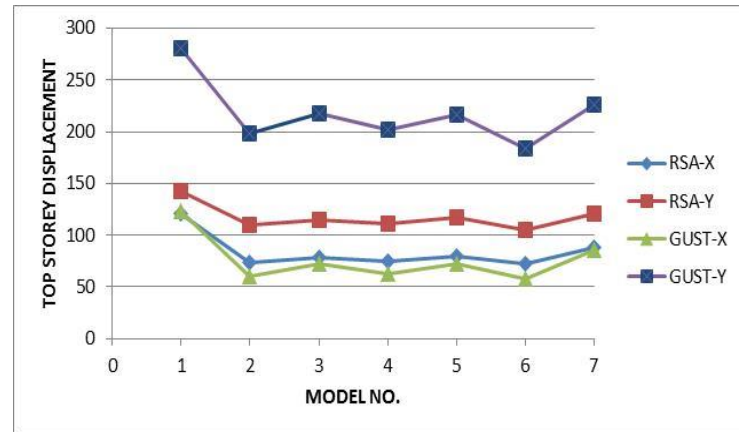


Chart -2: Comparison of Top Storey Displacement by Response Spectrum Analysis and Dynamic Wind Analysis along Longitudinal and Transverse direction.

### 5.2. Base Shear

Table -3: Base Shear by Response Spectrum Analysis and Dynamic Wind Analysis along Longitudinal and Transverse direction.

Model	Type of Outriggers	BASE SHEAR (KN)			
		Response Spectrum Analysis		Dynamic Wind Analysis	
		RSA-X	RSA-Y	GUST-X	GUST-Y
1	Without Outrigger	5907.55	5907.37	6306.9	11978.2
2	X	7059.04	6577.12	5682.7	11149.6
3	V	6522.04	6367.43	5919.37	11489.2
4	Inverted V	6961.71	6506.51	5746.9	11149.6
5	X with Braced Core wall	6446.46	6352.99	5854.8	11450.8
6	X with belt truss	7283.10	6719.10	5725.2	11036.9
7	X Steel Outriggers	6248.86	6227.49	6005.5	11338.1

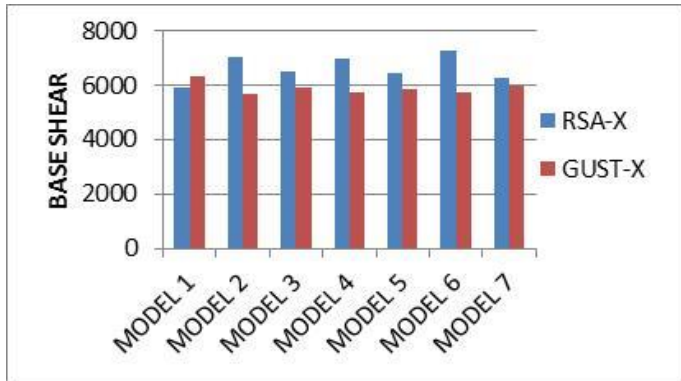


Chart -3: Comparison of Base shear for different models by Response Spectrum Analysis & Dynamic Wind Analysis in longitudinal direction.

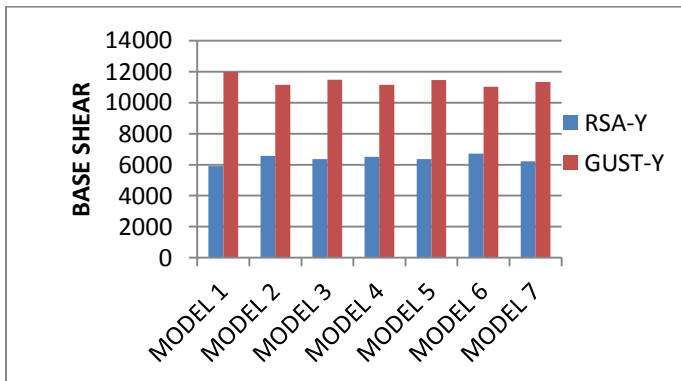


Chart -4: Comparison of Base shear for different models by Response Spectrum Analysis & Dynamic Wind Analysis in transverse direction.

### 5.3. Storey Drifts

Table -4: Maximum Storey Drifts by Response Spectrum Analysis and Dynamic Wind Analysis along Longitudinal and Transverse

MAXIMUM STOREY DRIFTS					
Mod el	Type of Outriggers	Response Spectrum Analysis		Dynamic Wind Analysis	
		RSA-X	RSA-Y	GUST-X	GUST-Y
1	Without Outrigger	0.0011 57	0.0012 05	0.0012 22	0.0023 48
2	X	0.0007 48	0.0009 99	0.0006 06	0.0017 15
3	V	0.0007 77	0.0010 25	0.0007 14	0.0018 82
4	Inverted V	0.0007 54	0.0010 04	0.0006 28	0.0017 43

5	X with Braced Core wall	0.0008 24	0.0010 62	0.0007 58	0.0018 98
6	X with belt truss	0.0007 45	0.0009 74	0.0005 86	0.0016 19
7	X Steel Outriggers	0.0008 49	0.0010 63	0.0008 31	0.0019 34

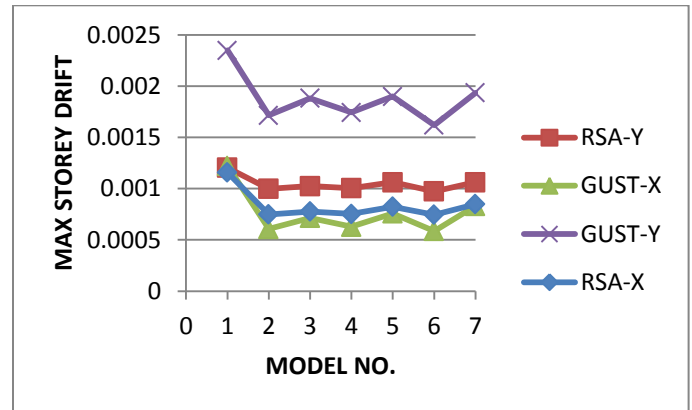


Chart -5: Comparison of Maximum Storey Drifts by Response Spectrum Analysis and Dynamic Wind Analysis along Longitudinal and Transverse direction.

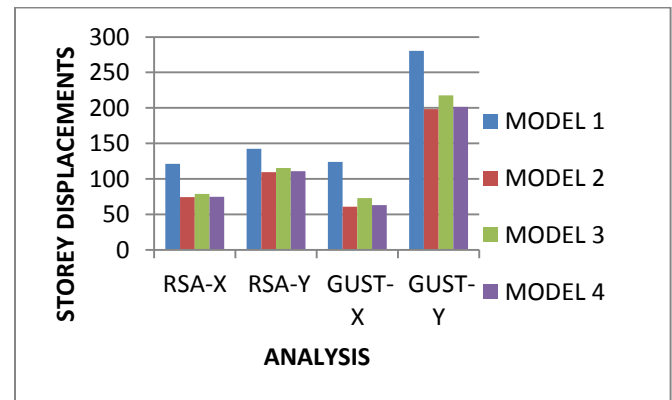
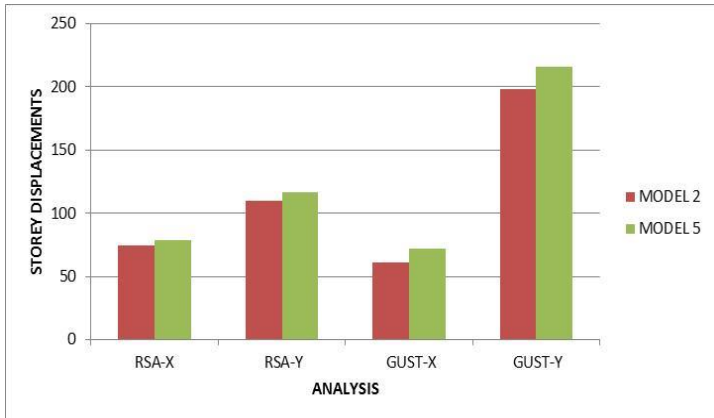
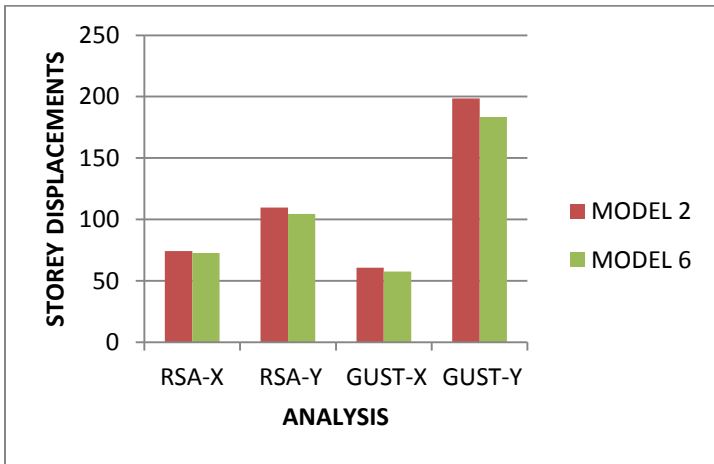


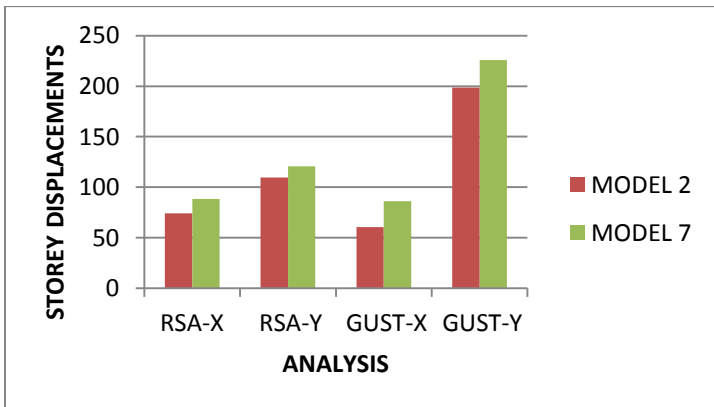
Chart -6: Comparison of maximum storey displacement for Model 1 to Model 4



**Chart -7: Comparison of maximum storey displacement for Model 2 to Model 5**

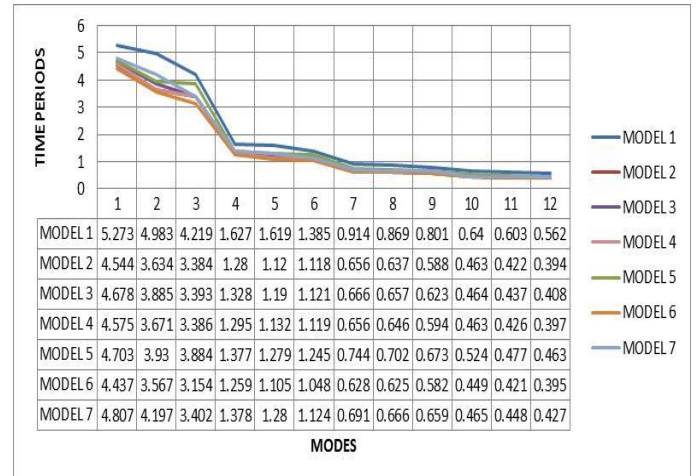


**Chart -8: Comparison of maximum storey displacement for Model 2 to Model 6**



**Chart -9: Comparison of maximum storey displacement for Model 2 to Model 7**

### 5.3. Fundamental Time Periods



**Chart -10: Time period vs. Modes.**

## 6. OBSERVATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

### 6.1. Observations

1. It is observed that 29.21% of top storey displacement and 26.64% of Maximum Storey drift is controlled by providing X braced outriggers, 28.1% of top storey displacement and 25.44% of Maximum Storey drift by Inverted V braced Outriggers and 22.32% of top storey displacement and 19.50% of Maximum Storey drift is controlled with V braced outriggers.
2. Also 8.22% of displacement and 9.64% of storey drift is controlled if braced core wall is employed with X braced outriggers (Model 5) and is compared with X-braced outriggers (Model 1).
3. The model with Steel Outriggers proves to be less efficient in controlling displacement with least of only 19.49% and of storey drift by 17.27%. This observation validates the literature [10].
4. The Outriggers with Belt truss (Model 6) experienced less displacement and controlled lateral displacement by about 34.57% and about 30.75% inter storey drift is controlled.

5. The natural period decreases as the stiffness of the building increases and thereby leading to increase in frequency.
6. The building frame with X-braced Outriggers will have minimum possible lateral displacements in comparison to other shapes of Outriggers.

## 6.2. Conclusions

1. The X-braced Outriggers is very much effective; as it shows minimum lateral displacement followed by Inverted V-braced Outriggers and V-braced Outriggers.
2. The Outriggers provided with Braced core wall were less effective in reducing lateral displacement compared with Solid Core wall by a small margin, hence it can be employed as the cost effective construction.
3. The Outriggers provided in the interior frames of a building studied are found to be effective as compared to Outriggers provided in the exterior frames i.e. Belt truss.
4. The steel outriggers are found least effective compared to Concrete one. Although Steel outriggers can be employed as the light weight substitute for concrete.
5. From the study it can be concluded that wind is a dominating factor and outriggers are effective in reducing wind effect as compared earthquake forces.
6. Steel Outriggers can be used as an alternative to the other strengthening techniques available as the total weight of the existing building will remain almost same.

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