

# Study of Seismic Response of Column Strengthened By Angles and Strips and Optimizing the Parameters for Deformation, Stress, Life and Damage.

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## Abstract

Column is structural element sustaining the weight of a building which transfer vertical load to the foundation, columns are subjected to moments as well. Seismic strengthening of column done by supporting the RC column with four steel angles are fixed at the corners of the concrete columns and steel strips are used to connect it. This paper deals with seismic analysis of the protected column by varying the parameters like no of strips, thickness of strips, size of steel angle and this parameters are optimized to find out best model in terms of life and damage.

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## 1. Introduction

The seismic hazards of building is increased .In the building column is more susceptible to seismic effect, the seismic retrofitting of column using angles and strips is a common technique, here the angles are placed at four corners of the column and are connected by strips. Strips are welded to the angles. It is the cheapest and most available technique increase the axial load capacity and available ductility of concrete columns. In this study 9 models are created using Taguchis orthogonal array by using three types of Indian standard angle sections and strips of various thickness and width are used .Which are found out by using equations.

The finite element analysis of the models is conducted. Size of angle and strip is optimized by using desirability approach method. the best model is found out which has higher seismic resistance and greater life with lesser damage.

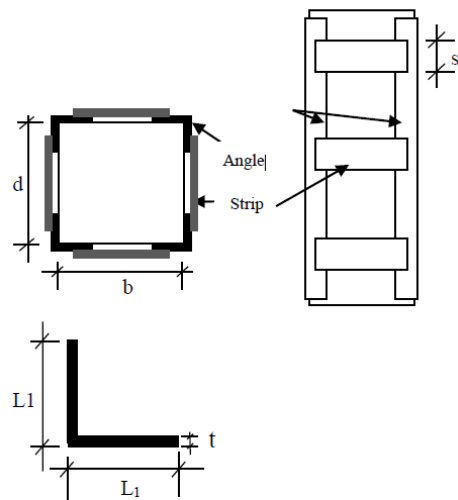


Fig 1. Schematic view of steel cage

## 2. Objectives

- Seismic effect on the column strengthened with angles and strips.
- Effect of various parameters on the strengthening technique that is thickness of strip, no of strips, size of angles.
- Optimize the parameters to obtain the best combination which have more seismic resistance in terms of life and damage.

## 3. Description of the strengthened column

Reinforced Concrete (RC) column of size 200mm×250mm×2160mm is used for the analysis. Three types of angle sections are used that hot-rolled Indian standard angles of size 35x35x5@ 26N/m, 40x40x6 @35N/m,60x60x8@70N/m.Thickness of battens used are

4mm, 5mm, 6mm. Number of battens selected are 6,7,8. Width of intermediate battens are determined as per design and the width of end battens determined as one and half times that of intermediate battens.

#### 4. Design of models

The present investigation deals with the analysis of models by the Taguchi methodology. An L9 Orthogonal Array (OA) has been used to determine the importance of the factors or the parameters. The L9 OA has nine rows corresponding to nine sets of variables setting nine models with combination of different parameters were randomly repeated. Three levels of number of strips, thickness of batten and size of angles were taken for analysis. Factors and levels used in the analysis are shown below.

Table 1: Input parameters

Parameters	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
No. of strips	6	7	8
Thickness of batten(mm)	5	4	6
Size of angles	35x35x5	40x40x6	60x60x8

Table 2: Taguchi's L9 Orthogonal Array

Model number	No. of strips N	Thickness of batten t(mm)	Size of angle (mm)
1	6	4	35x35x5
2	6	5	40x40x6
3	6	6	60x60x8
4	7	4	40x40x6
5	7	5	60x60x8
6	7	6	35x35x5
7	8	4	60x60x8
8	8	5	35x35x5
9	8	6	40x40x6

#### 5. Finite element analysis

Modelling of the structure done in ANSYS 14.5 and the base structure is drawn. Depth of batten for each model is calculated from the Eq. (1). Where d is the depth of batten

$M'_{ba}$  is the design moment capacity of the column, t be the thickness of batten and  $f_y$  is yield strength of angle section.

Depth of strip for nine models are shown in table (3).

$$d = \sqrt{6 \times M'_{ba} / (t \times f_y)} \quad (1)$$

#### 5.1 Modelling

The nine models of the column with external reinforcement were drawn in 3D. The basic dimensions of the batten and angle are given as per the Table 1. Structural steel members are given welding joint at required spaces.

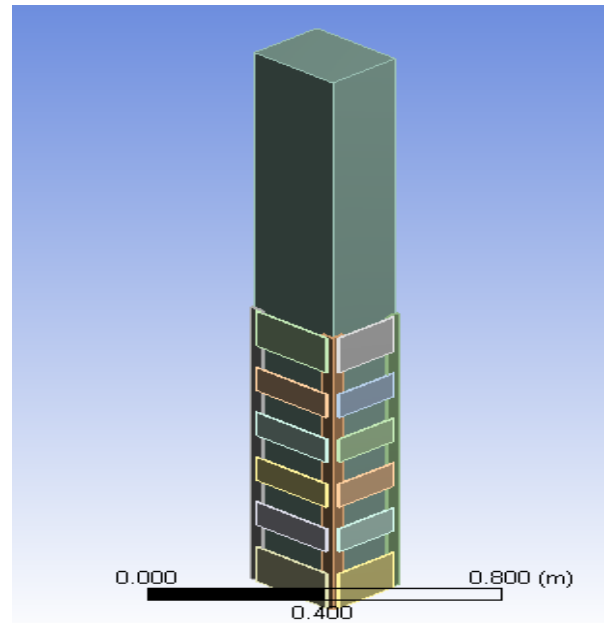


Fig. 2 finite element model of model 1

#### 5.2 Boundary Conditions

Self weight and external forces are considered as the boundary conditions. The self weight can be directly given as the option is there in the static structural analysis model. The external forces include the seismic vibration force,

which can be directly given by the graph values or can be given by using document file containing the graph values.

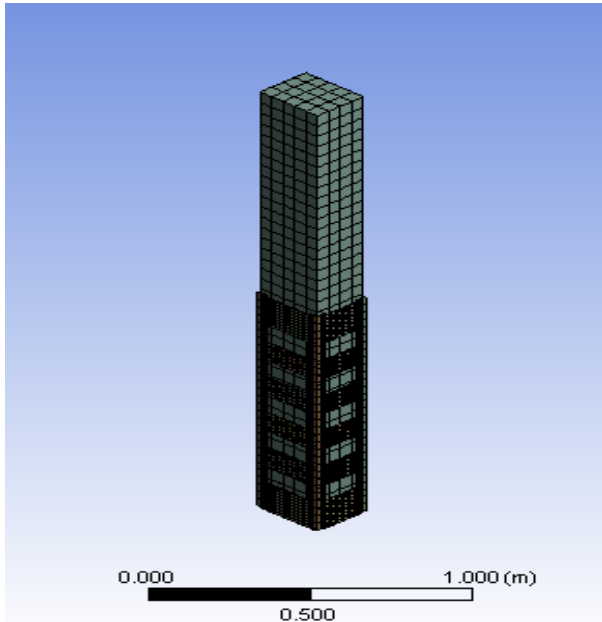


Fig 3 Meshing of the model 1

Table.3 Depth of battens

models	Depth of batten(mm)
1	94
2	92
3	101
4	95
5	102
6	71
7	106
8	73
9	72

### 5.3 Material Selection

The material selected are concrete and structural steel from the ANSYS STATIC STRUCTURAL data base.

### 5.4 Solution Method

The structure is solved for deformation, stress, fatigue life and fatigue damage.

## 6. Result analysis

The result for each model is obtained from ANSYS static structure and the model results are obtained as given in the figures

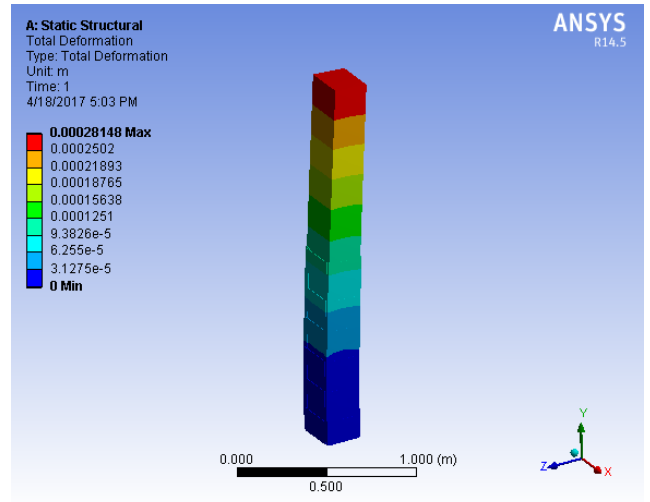


Fig. 4 deformation result for model 1

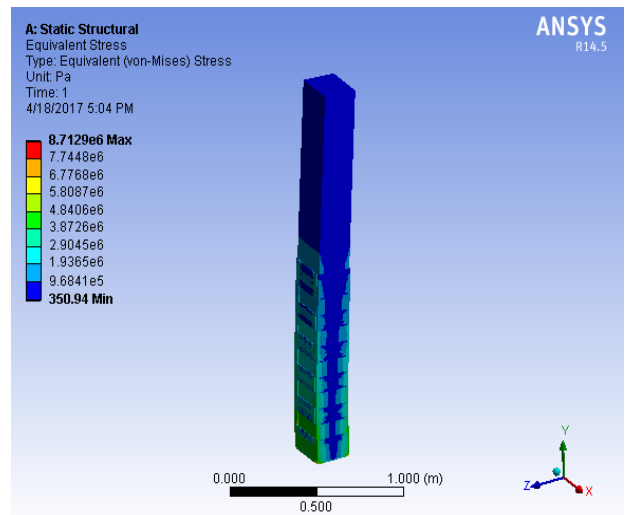


Fig. 5 von-mises stress result for model 1

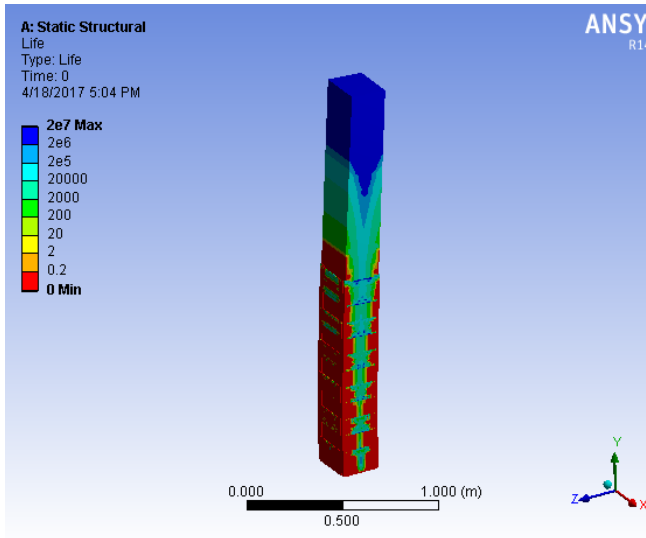


Fig. 6 fatigue life for model 1

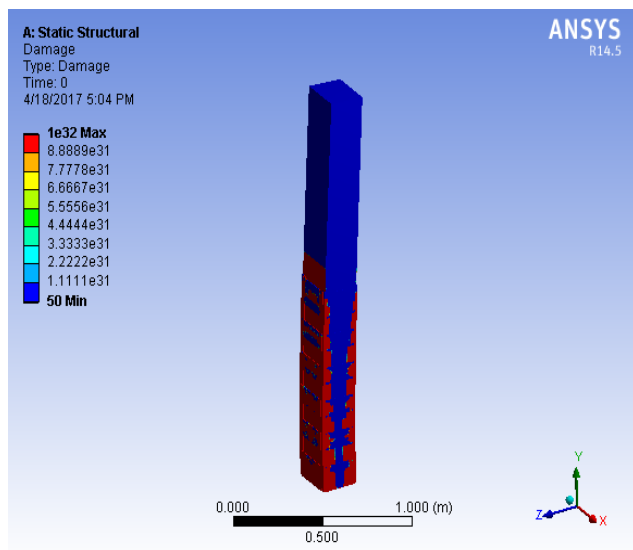


Fig. 7 fatigue damage result for model 1

The results obtained from other models are described in the Table(4).

Table. 4 Analysis results

Model	Max deformation (m)	Max von-mises stresses (Pa)	Life	damage
1	.00028148.	8.7129x10 <sup>7</sup>	0 minimum	1x10 <sup>32</sup>
2	.000281	8.7129x10 <sup>7</sup>	0 min	1x10 <sup>32</sup>
3	.000268	1.1538x10 <sup>7</sup>	0 min	1x10 <sup>32</sup>
4	.0002382	1.1538x10 <sup>7</sup>	0min	1x10 <sup>32</sup>
5	8.8338x10 <sup>-7</sup>	2.9427x10 <sup>5</sup>	35145 min	28454
6	8.8136x10 <sup>-7</sup>	4.1742x10 <sup>5</sup>	9194.4 min	1.0876x10 <sup>5</sup>
7	9.0208x10 <sup>-7</sup>	2.2816x10 <sup>5</sup>	42042min	237866
8	8.839x10 <sup>-7</sup>	3.9048x10 <sup>5</sup>	11909 min	83969
9	.00028694	1.3364x10 <sup>7</sup>	0 min	1x10 <sup>32</sup>

## 7. Optimization of result

Desirability approach is one of the most widely used methods in industry for the optimization of multiple response processes. For each response  $y_i(x)$ , a desirability function  $d_i(y_i)$  assigns numbers between 0 and 1 to the possible values of  $y_i$ , with  $d_i(y_i) = 0$  representing a completely undesirable value of  $y_i$  and  $d_i(y_i) = 1$  representing a completely desirable or ideal response value. The individual desirabilities are then combined using the geometric mean, which gives the overall desirability D.

$$D = (d_1(y_1)d_2(y_2)\dots d_k(y_k))^{1/k} \quad (2)$$

with k denoting the number of responses. Notice that if any response  $y_i$  is completely undesirable ( $d_i(y_i) = 0$ ), then the overall desirability is zero. In practice, fitted response values  $y_i^*$  are used in place of the  $y_i$ .

If a response is of the "target is best" kind, then its individual desirability function  $d_i$  is.

$$d_i = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0, y_i \leq y_{\min} \\ \left( \frac{y_i - y_{\min}}{y_{\max} - y_{\min}} \right), y_{\min} \leq y_i \leq y_{\max}, r \geq 0 \\ 1, y_i \geq y_{\max} \end{array} \right\} \quad (3)$$

The value of 'y<sub>j</sub>' was expected to be the larger the better. When the 'y' exceeded a particular criteria value, which can be viewed as the requirement, the desirability value equated to 1; if the 'y' was less than a particular criteria value, which was unacceptable, the desirability value equated to 0.

If a response is to be maximized instead, the individual desirability function is defined as

$$d_i = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1, y_i \leq y_{\min} \\ \left( \frac{y_i - y_{\max}}{y_{\min} - y_{\max}} \right), y_{\min} \leq y_i \leq y_{\max}, r \geq 0 \\ 0, y_i \geq y_{\max} \end{array} \right\} \quad (4)$$

Table. 5 Main effect on desirability analysis

Levels	No of strips	Thickness of batten	Size of angle
1	0	0	0.099798
2	0.102177227	0.103488735	0
3	0.050554844	0.049243334	0.075832

From optimization we got the optimum values as

Number of strips : 7

Thickness of batten: 5mm

Size of angle: 35mmx35mmx5mm

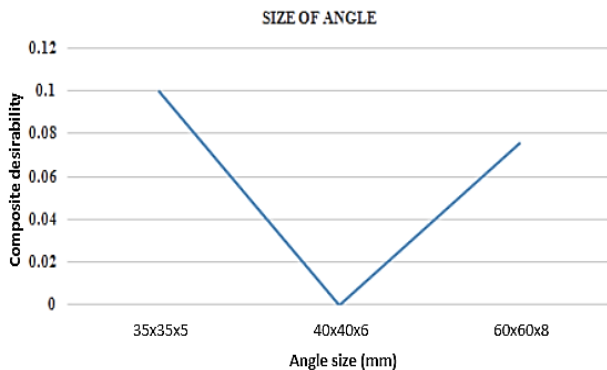


Fig. 8 plot for composite desirability vs. angle size

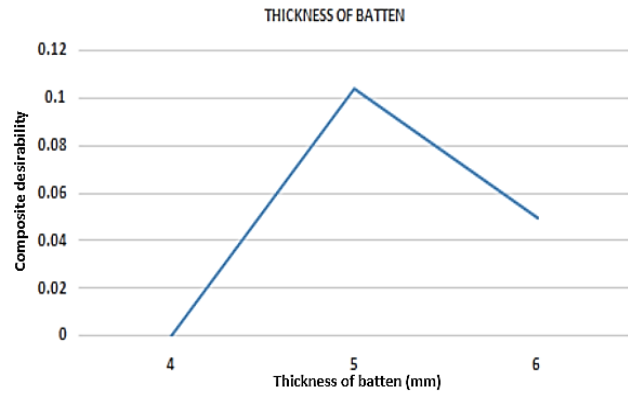


Fig. 9 plot for composite desirability vs thickness of batten

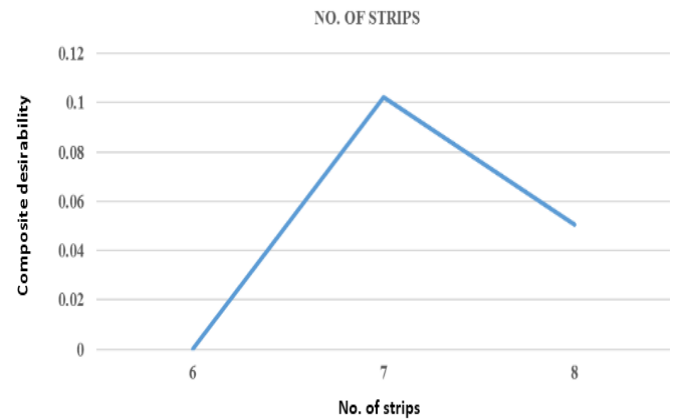


Fig. 10 plot for composite desirability vs. No. of strips

## 8. Conclusion

Analysis result of the steel caged concrete structure is done and the result is shown above for the 9 taguchi models. Then the optimization of the taguchi model is done using desirability approach. The optimization is done as per the steps of desirability approach. From the optimization table the result obtained as the combination of level 2 of no. of strips, level 2 of thickness of batten and level 1 of angular size are the optimum combinations. As per the desirability approach of optimization seven battens with 5mm depth and angle with 35x35x5mm size will give best result for life and damage.

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