

Effect of Plan Shapes on the Response of Buildings Subjected To Wind Vibrations

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Abstract: The development of new architectural forms of buildings and flexible structural systems are vulnerable to wind action. For desirable performance of these buildings, we require better understanding of interaction between building and wind. Structures are classified as rigid and flexible. This paper presents a comparative study of effect of wind on plans with different irregular shapes as I, C, T and L. The significance of this work is to estimate the design load of the structure subjected to wind in a particular region. The wind load is estimated based on basic wind speed and other factors as type of topography, terrain, and the use of building and its risk factor for that particular region. The present investigation deals with the calculation of wind loads for structural frame with different plan shapes and the results are compared with respect to permissible drifts of individual buildings. In this analysis it is found that the amount of drift is considerably changed with respect to shape of the structure. And also found that wind load on the building is maximum when it has maximum exposed area.

Keywords: Wind loads, high rise buildings, drift, irregular plan buildings.

I. Introduction

Recent advances in the development of high strength materials coupled with more advanced computational methods and design procedures have led to a new generation of tall buildings which are slender and light. These buildings are very sensitive to the two common dynamic loads as wind and earthquakes. It is necessary to address the serviceability issue, such as human comfort and integrity of structural components during the strong winds. While designing high-rise buildings and its cladding for wind load, the designers refer to relevant codes/standards to pick the wind pressure coefficients and wind force coefficients. The Indian code IS: 875 (part-3)-1987 gives the design pressure coefficients and force coefficients for buildings having different side ratios and height, but this code remains silent about the pressure coefficients on typical plan shape tall buildings such as L, C, T and I.

The aim of present study is to examine the effects of wind on tall structure under different geometric plan configuration of tall building having same parameters. All the tall buildings with different plan configuration have been modeled in E Tabs software and then comparative study has been executed.

A. Importance of Wind Loads on the Tall Buildings

Wind is a phenomenon of great complexity because of many flow situations arising from the interaction of wind with structures. Wind is composed of multitude of eddies of varying sizes and rotational characteristics carried along in a general stream of air moving relative to the earth's surface. These eddies give wind its gusty or turbulent character. The gustiness of strong winds in the lower levels of the atmosphere largely arises from interaction with surface features. The average wind speed over a time period of the order of ten minutes or more tends to increase with height, while the gustiness tends to decrease with height.

B. Effects of wind load

A mean wind force acts on a building. This mean wind force is derived from the mean wind speed and the fluctuating wind force produced by the fluctuating flow field. The effect of the fluctuating wind force on the building or part thereof depends not only on the characteristics of the fluctuating wind force but also on the size

and vibration characteristics of the building or part thereof. Therefore, in order to estimate the design wind load, it is necessary to evaluate the characteristics of fluctuating wind forces and the dynamic characteristics of the building. The factors generally considered in determining the fluctuating wind force are:

- 1) Wind turbulence (temporal and spatial fluctuation of wind)
- 2) Vortex generation in wake of building
- 3) Interaction between building vibration and surrounding air flow for most buildings, the effect of fluctuating wind force generated by wind turbulence is predominant. In this case, horizontal wind load on structural frames in the along-wind direction is important. However, for relatively flexible buildings with a large aspect ratio, horizontal wind loads on structural frames in the across-wind and torsional directions should not be ignored

II. Literature Review

Isyumov overviews the action of wind on tall buildings and structures with emphasis on the overall wind-induced structural loads and responses also discussed the local wind pressures on components of the exterior envelope and the effects of buildings on winds in pedestrian areas.

Ahsan Kareem his discussion encompasses modeling of wind field; structural aerodynamics; computational methods; dynamics of long -period structures; model – to full-scale monitoring; codes/standards and design tools; damping and motion control devices.

Prof. Sarita Singla, Taranjeet Kaur, Megha Kalra and Sanket Sharma Behaviour of R.C.C. Tall Buildings Having Different Shapes Subjected to Wind Load.

Ritu Raj and Ashok Kumar Ahuja Wind Loads on Cross Shape Tall Buildings It is observed that base shear, base moments and twisting moments developed due to wind loads are not only influenced by wind directions, but also highly affected by cross-sectional shapes.

M. Glória Gomes, A. Moret Rodrigues, Pedro Mendesn were discussed about Wind Effects On And Around L- And U-Shaped Buildings with experimental models.

I.I Objective of the study

- i. To Study the behavior of tall structures when subjected to along wind loads.
- ii. To study the effect of shape of the building in plan on the behavior of the structure.
- iii. To determine the effect of wind load on various parameters like storey drifts, lateral displacements in the building.

III. Scope Of The Present Study

The scope of the present work included the study of the wind load estimation on tall buildings for the structural design purpose with the analytical approach in IS 875: part 3-1987 and the analysis of the building had been done by using E tabs software and the performance was analyzed by varying the shape of structure. Different shapes of the building studied were:

- a) L shape
- b) C shape
- c) I shape
- d) T shape

IV. Parameters Of The Building

1. Different cases of the building analysed were as under:

- a) G+11 storeyed L shaped framed building. (Fig. 1)
- b) G+11 storeyed C shaped framed building. (Fig. 2)
- c) G+11 storeyed I shaped framed building. (Fig. 3)

d) G+11 storeyed T shaped framed building. (Fig. 4)

Various parameters of the buildings adopted were as under: Total Height = 34.5 m

Grid Size = 4 m x 4 m

Size of Columns = 450 mm x 450 mm

Size of Beams at each floor = 200mm x 600 mm

Thickness of slab = 150mm

Grade of Concrete in Columns = M30

Grade of Concrete in Beams = M20

Grade of steel = Fe 500

All supports were assumed to be fixed.

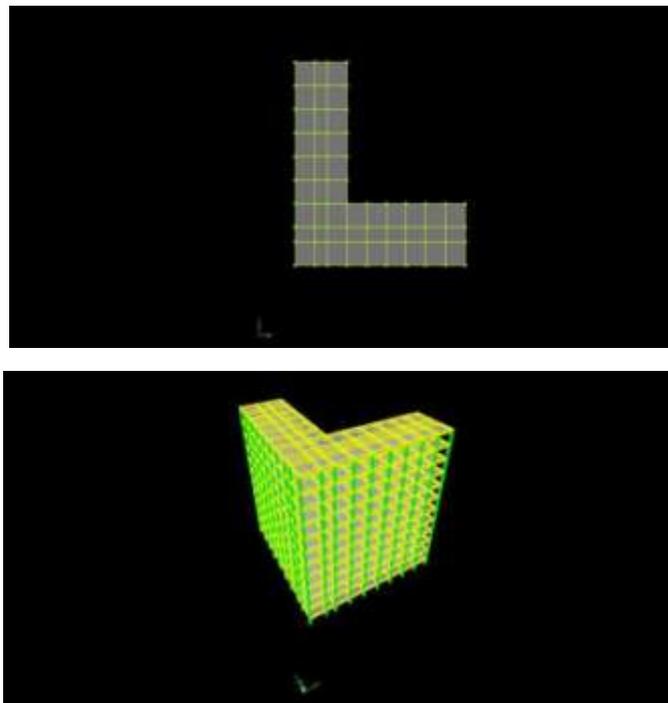
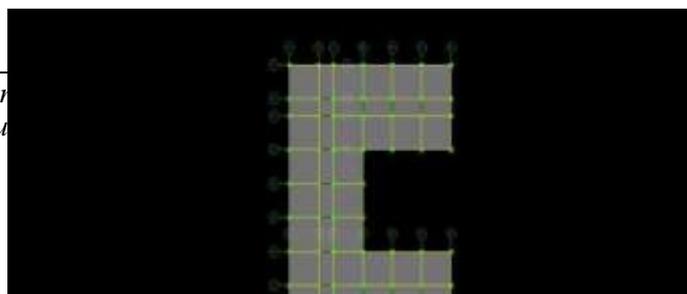


Fig. 1 Plan and 3D view of L shaped Building



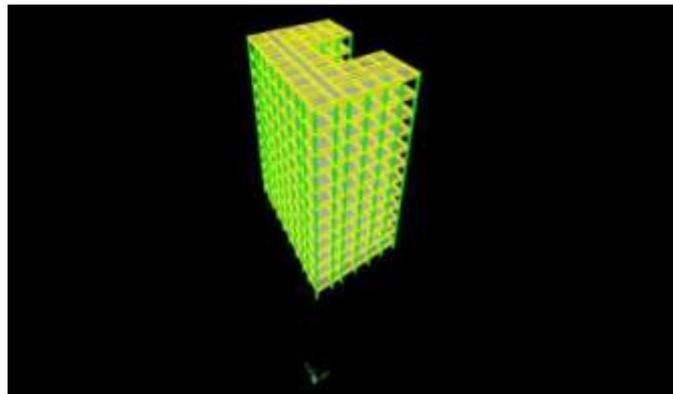


Fig. 2 Plan and 3D view of C shaped Building

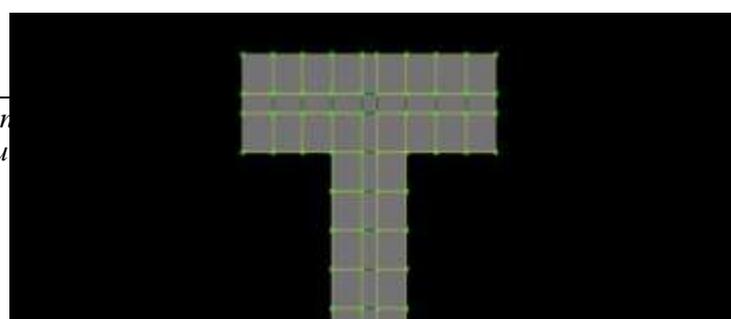
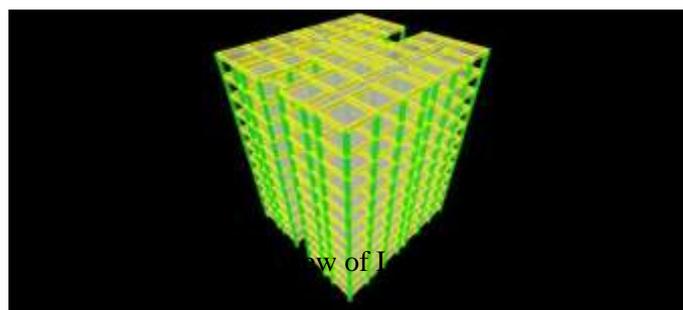
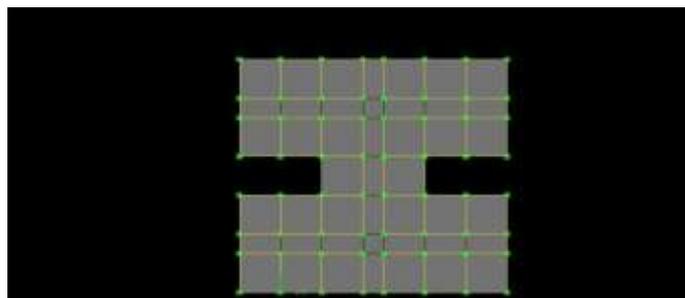


Fig. 4 Plan and 3D view of T shaped Building

A. Loadings Considered

- i. Dead Loads: The loads of the beams and columns had been taken in account by E tabs.
- ii. Live Load- The live loads had been taken as 3.00 kN/m^2 at all floors.
- iii. Super dead load had been calculated and applied to slabs and beams i.e $\text{SDL} = 9 \text{ kN/m}^2$.

B. Wind Load Calculations based Upon the Codal Provisions

For all buildings with different shapes parameters considered are same throughout the structural frame. The models were analysed in E tabs for Pune region.

Parameters considered for Wind analysis are as follows: Terrain Category: III

Structure Class: B

Basic Wind Velocity, V_b : 39 m/s

L Shape:

Plan Length: 34.5m

Plan Width: 34.5m Face width = 34.5 m; Face depth = 34.5 m $k_1 = 1$;

$k_3 = 1$;

$V_b = 39 \text{ m/s}$

$V_z = V_b \times k_1 \times k_2 \times k_3$

$C_f = 1.25$

C Shape:

Plan Length: 33m Plan Width: 22.5m Face width = 33 m; Face depth = 34.5 m $k_1=1$
 $k_3 = 1$;

$$V_b = 39 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V_z = V_b \times k_1 \times k_2 \times k_3$$

$$C_f = 1.25$$

I Shape:

Plan Length: 24m Plan Width: 26m Face width = 24 m; Face depth = 34.5 m $k_1 = 1$;

$$k_3 = 1$$
;

$$V_b = 39 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V_z = V_b \times k_1 \times k_2 \times k_3$$

$$C_f = 1.23$$

T Shape:

Plan Length: 34m Plan Width: 10m Face width = 24 m; Face depth = 34.5 m $k_1 = 1$;

$$k_3 = 1$$
;

$$V_b = 39 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V_z = V_b \times k_1 \times k_2 \times k_3 \quad C_f = 1.23$$

C. Load Combinations

Load combinations were considered as per IS 875(part 5)

Table I. Wind Forces At Different Height Of The Building in KN $V_b= 39\text{m/s}$

HEIGHT	L SHAPE	I SHAPE	C SHAPE	T SHAPE
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STOREY 1	42.06	31.29	44.9	44.33
STOREY2	84.12	62.59	89.98	88.66
STOREY3	84.12	62.59	89.98	88.66
STOREY4	84.46	62.84	90.34	89.03
STOREY5	88.83	66.1	95.02	93.64
STOREY6	95.59	71.12	102.34	100.75
STOREY7	100.94	75.1	107.97	106.4
STOREY8	105.3	78.35	112.63	110.99
STOREY9	108.63	80.82	113.19	114.5
STOREY10	111.91	83.27	119.7	117.96
STOREY11	115.02	85.58	123.03	121.23
TERRACE	58.29	43.37	62.35	61.44

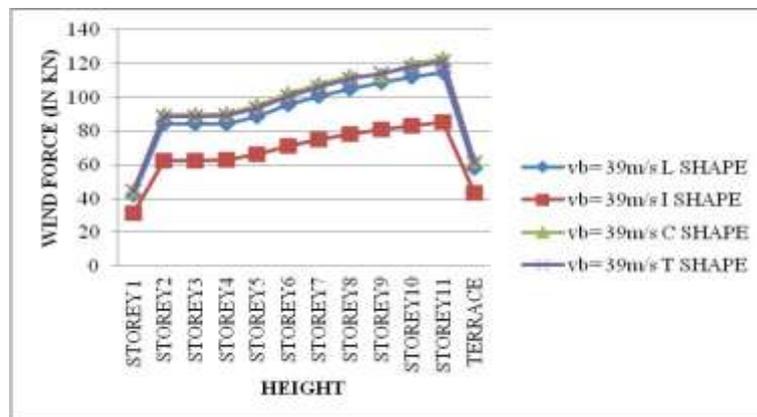


Fig.5 Variation of Wind Force with height

V. Results And Discussion

The behavior of different buildings when subjected to wind load have been discussed further.

A. Effect of the Shape of the Building on Storey Drifts:

The Storey drifts for L, C, Tand I shaped building are compared in Table II and Fig.6.

Table II. Storey Drifts At Different Heights in M.

STOREY	$V_b=39\text{m/s}$						
	T	L	% Decrease	C	% Decrease	I	% Decrease
STOREY 1	0.312	0.218	30.12	0.146	53.20	0.105	66.34
STOREY2	0.703	0.611	13.08	0.409	41.82	0.294	58.17
STOREY3	0.785	0.696	11.33	0.454	42.16	0.316	59.74
STOREY4	0.762	0.674	11.54	0.433	43.17	0.298	60.89
STOREY5	0.716	0.632	11.73	0.4	44.13	0.275	61.59
STOREY6	0.66	0.58	12.12	0.363	45	0.248	62.42
STOREY7	0.595	0.521	12.43	0.322	45.88	0.219	63.19
STOREY8	0.523	0.455	13.00	0.276	47.22	0.188	64.05
STOREY9	0.444	0.385	13.28	0.228	48.64	0.154	65.31
STOREY10	0.361	0.311	13.85	0.178	50.69	0.119	67.03
STOREY11	0.276	0.236	14.49	0.128	53.62	0.083	69.92
TERRACE	0.2	0.169	15.5	0.083	58.5	0.051	74.5

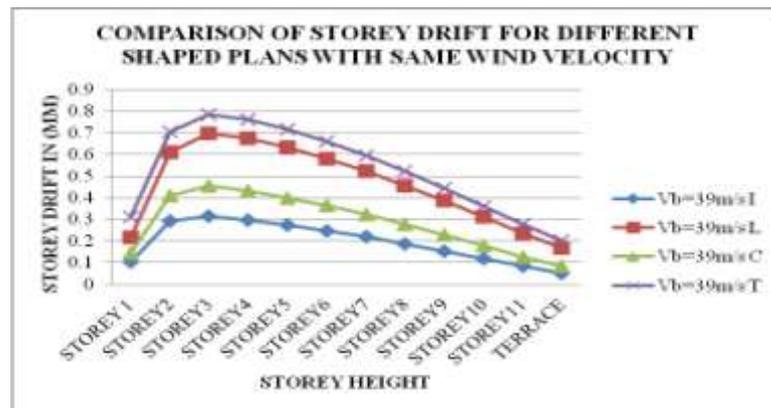


Fig. 6. Variation of Storey drift

Peak Storey drift is minimum as compared to intermediate storey's i.e for T shaped building it is 0.2 mm, in L shaped building it is 0.169 mm, in C shaped building it is 0.083mm and in I shaped building is 0.051 mm. The percentage reduction in peak storey drift in L shaped building is 15.5%, C shaped building is 58.5% and in I building is 74.5% as compared to peak storey drift in T building. From Figure 6 it is clear that the storey drifts are reduced with the increase in number of sides of the building with the same column stiffness and grid size due to reduction in effective area (A_e) of wind load application.

B. Effect of the Shape of The Building on Lateral Displacements:
Table III. Comparison Of Lateral Displacements in M.

STOREY	Vb=39m/s						
	T	L	% Decrease	C	% Decrease	I	% Decrease
STOREY 1	0.5	0.3	40	0.2	60	0.2	60
STOREY2	2.6	2.2	15	1.4	46.1	1	61.5
STOREY3	4.9	4.2	14	2.8	42.8	2	59.1
STOREY4	7.2	6.2	14	4.1	43.05	2.9	59.72
STOREY5	9.4	8.1	13.8	5.3	43.61	3.7	60.6
STOREY6	11.4	9.8	14.03	6.4	43.8	4.5	60.5
STOREY7	13.1	11.4	13	7.4	43.5	5.1	61.0
STOREY8	14.7	12.7	13.6	8.2	44.2	5.7	61.2
STOREY9	16	13.8	13.75	8.9	44.37	6.1	61.8
STOREY10	17.1	14.7	14.0	9.4	45.0	6.5	61.9
STOREY11	17.9	15.4	14	9.8	45.25	6.7	62.5
TERRACE	18.5	15.8	14.5	10	45	6.9	62.7

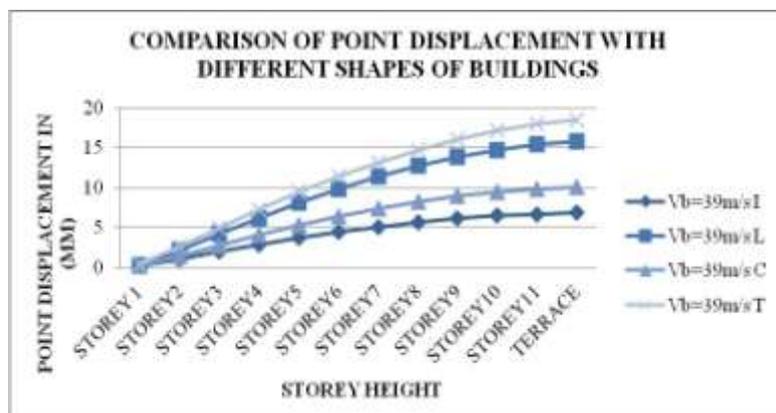


Fig. 7. Variation of Lateral Displacements with height

The lateral joint displacements in L, C, T and I shaped buildings at different heights are compared in Table 3 and Figure 7. From the results, it is observed that with the change in shape of building from T to I, the lateral displacements of the building decreases.

It is minimum at the bottom most part and increasing with height of the building and maximum at the top of the building. Shape affects on the point displacement of the structure. Point displacement of T shaped building is more as compared to L, C and I shaped buildings. The peak point displacement in case of T building is 18.5 mm, for L building it is 15.8 mm, for C building it is 10 mm and for I, it is 6.9 mm.

VI. Conclusions

A G+11 storied building of different shapes- T, L, C and I, having Same parameters with equal stiffness of the columns at each storey has been analyzed.

- With the change in shape of building from T to I, the storey drifts and the lateral displacements of the building decreased.
- The percentage reduction in peak storey drift in L shaped building is 15%, in C building is 58.6% and in I building is 74.5% as compared to peak storey drift in T building.
- Based upon the above results, it is concluded that shape of the structure plays an important role in resisting wind loads. I shaped building has lesser storey drifts, lesser lateral displacements at the points as compared to T, L and C shaped building.
- From the above discussion, it can be concluded that as velocity increases, the storey drift and storey displacement also increases.
- It has been observed that displacement and storey drift in T, C and L shaped buildings is more than I shaped building. This may due to asymmetry of T, C and L type buildings.
- This is due to the distance of extreme point of building from CG is more in case of T, C and L type plan than I type plan.

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