

# ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESIGN TO COMPARE THE EFFECT OF BLAST LOAD ON IRREGULAR BUILDINGS FROM VIEW POINT STEEL BRACES

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**Abstract---** *This paper aims at a study comparing the effect of high load on two types of structural design for a residential building, the first type is with steel frame and the second type with steel braces. each building is composed of 12 floors of different weight of TNT material. This type of loading should now be taken into account in Iraq, especially after the terrorist attack from the bombings that the country is going through from 2003 to the present day. Explosions must be studied in Iraq to avoid significant losses in lives and human and economic equipment. The same multi-frame building is designed with a steel frame with three different weights of TNT 100,350 and 750 kg in order to discuss the difference between the two types of structures in terms of analysis of drift, displacement and shear story and base shear. An ETABS2018 commercial package was used to analyze this 36-meter-high building. The building was analyzed according to the American code, while it was designed according to AISC 360-10 (LRFD) and the U.S. Department of Defense TM5-1300 to carry the explosion. the maximum increase drift it was seen on the 3rd and 6th storeys amount 393%,358% for weight 100 kg and same story 392%,363% for weight 350 kg and the maximum increase drift on the 2nd,3rd storeys amount 426%,329% for weight 750 kg TNT. the maximum increased story shear by about 257 % of blast load 100 kg-350, and the maximum increase story shear it was seen in the amount 298% for weight TNT between 350kg-750kg. the maximum increase story shear it was seen in the amount 747% for weight TNT between 100kg-750kg. the maximum increase displacement it was seen on the 6th and 7th storeys amount 360%,357% for weight 100 kg and 350 kg and the maximum displacement increase on the 2nd,3rd storeys amount 438%,393% for weight 750 kg TNT.*

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## I INTRODUCTION

Since the 1980's terrorists have used car bombs to attack buildings throughout the world, causing tragic consequences, loss of lives and injuries to thousands of people. Figure 1.1 shows the three important measures taken to protect buildings against car bomb attacks. The first and most effective measure is to gather intelligence on terrorist activities in an effort to find out about those activities in advance and prevent their occurrence. The second step is to provide physical barriers and standoff distances around the buildings such that car bombs cannot be detonated close to buildings. The third line of defense is to harden the building. The hardening, which is done through blast-resistant design, should be done such that

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if the first and second steps fail and the car bomb explodes close to the building casualties are prevented and injuries to people and damage to the building are minimal with no progressive collapse. Past experience with car bomb attacks on buildings indicate that if a progressive collapse occurs, it can cause a very high number of casualties and injuries. The third measure is the responsibility of the engineer designing the blast

The resistance of the building and this report is prepared to be of some help to that end. Structural engineers and other design professionals are often asked what can be done to protect

- To minimize local damage and;
- To prevent progressive and catastrophic collapse

A terrorist attack applying ground-based explosions, such as car bombs, or using a flying object, such as airplanes or rockets, can result in:

1. Serious but very localized damage to a few columns and beams in the vicinity of the Impacted zone, and;

2. Progressive collapse initiated by the local failures which spreads in a domino effect resulting in the collapse of large portions or even the entire structure. In the case of critical buildings, such as nuclear power plants and military command and control centers, even a local damage to a small portion of the building can have catastrophic consequences. Therefore, for those structures, even a local damage due to terrorist or other attacks using explosives is not tolerated. The Progressive collapse of the U.S. buildings either abroad or at home has resulted in thousands of deaths in military barracks in Beirut in the 1980's, in embassy buildings in Africa and in Murrah Federal building in the 1990's, in the World Trade Center and Pentagon in 2001 and various civilian buildings throughout the world. In other less sensitive buildings, such as office or residential buildings, assuming a low probability of a terrorist attack, currently the protection measures are not so unanimously accepted [1].

## II PROBLEM STATEMENT

Understanding the exhibition of elevated structures under blast is vital to supply structures which dispose of or limit harm to assembling furthermore, property in the event of impact, especially with the progressing flood in uncommon activities centered at structures with useful business regards. Plan consideration towards blasts is amazingly necessary of excessive upward push services kind of community and commercial great buildings due to the fact there are dense buildings who may lie beneath chance regarding detonation loading although not in the beginning intended for equivalent. The investigation and tastefulness regarding impact sure constructions require an all assuming regarding explosives influence wonders then germination penalties because of structures. Accordingly, it's indispensable after accumulate the on-hand composition survey of explosives, have an effect on marvels, stun worry adjuvant then because of this the reaction concerning structures in conformity with affect loads.

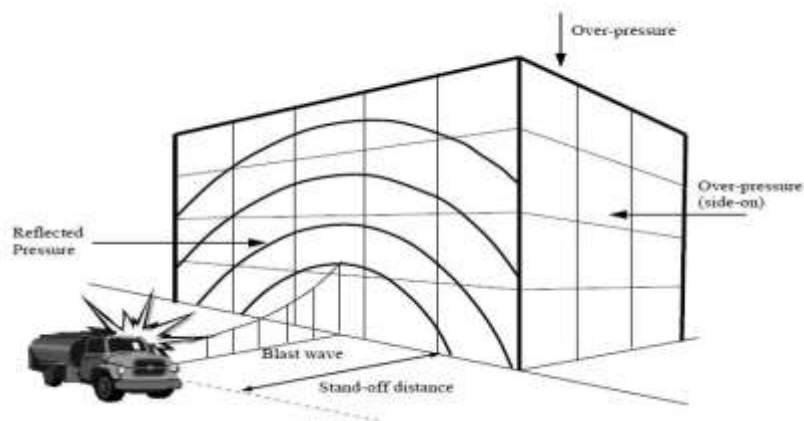


Figure. 1:  
building

Blast loading on the

### III CHARACTERISTICS OF BLAST WAVE

A speedy addition in volume and release of vitality in an extraordinary manner, usually by the age of very warm and arrival of gases is described as impact. Blasts either happen in the kind of deflagration then burst depending over eating velocity all through the blast. Deflagration is engendered by using the freed explanation on heat conductivity; resulting tier regarding bloodless material is touched far away with the aid of the ceaseless eating material then consumes such and alongside this traces the approach continues as a way. Most "fire" observed in pathway concerning life, beyond flares in imitation of impacts is deflagration. The explosion might remain an entirely sore who includes a supersonic exothermic front enlivening thru a middling to that amount within the give up drives a stunned look multiplying legitimately in look concerning it.

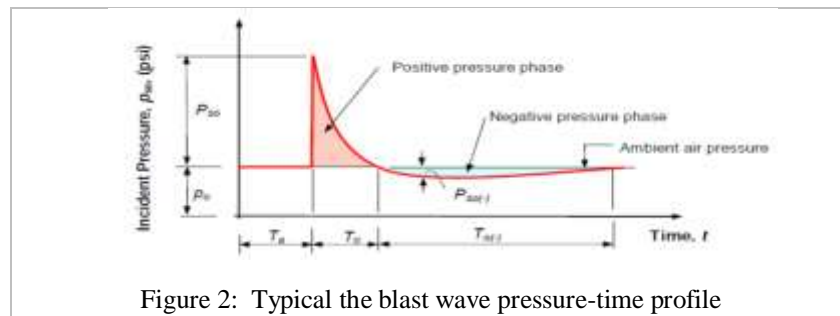


Figure 2: Typical the blast wave pressure-time profile

### IV THE BUILDING'S ARCHITECTURALLY BLAST-RESISTANT DESIGN

The architectural knowledge of the design of building structures resistant to the effects of explosions is important in strengthening the buildings to mitigate the effects of this. The Planning and layout is the most important stage to be taken into consideration. When designing a new building to reduce potential threats and associated risks of injury and damage to the building. The risk of explosion should be considered, as the appropriate shelter spaces within the building should be allocated to provide explosive protection for structural and non-structural organs, and with regard to the external threat, the priority should be to create as much confrontation as possible between the explosion and the building. This can be

achieved through the strategic location of obstacles such as pollards, trees and street furniture. The architectural firm also has a significant impact on the building's explosion loads. Architectural elements such as arches and domes are structural elements that minimize the effects of the explosion of the building. The architectural plan has a significant impact on the size of the blast load it faces. Keep away from the layout of complex shapes (u-shaped buildings) which in turn cause multiple reflections of the blast wave. It was noted that one-story buildings are more explosively more resistant than multi-story buildings. The event of explosions. As for the internal planning of the building has a great effect to resist the effects of the explosion by protecting the foyer areas with armed concrete walls; With control of the entrance of the building and separate it from other parts of the building of a solid building to provide physical protection of the building. The presence of the basements within the building or the parking lot at the bottom of the building should also be avoided unless access can be effectively controlled.

## V BLAST LOADING TYPES

As an explosive price detonates among urban areas the surroundings, yet the can placement about the explosion, affects the loading about the structures. The kind concerning blast as is considered between that treatise is unconfined, non-contact explosions as are external in imitation of the constructing structure. As Carlos et al. Writes, the type is furcating of three subtypes certain as show fig 3.

- Free-air bursts,
- Air bursts.
- Surface bursts.

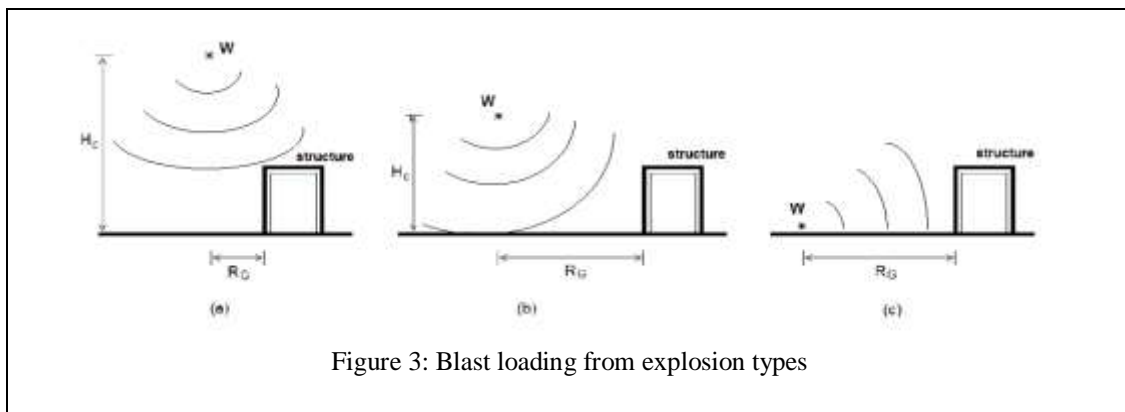


Figure 3: Blast loading from explosion types

## VI MODELLING AND ANALYSIS

### VII. Description and Modeling of Building

The goal over that assignment is according to ask abroad the response concerning informal building. To understand the behavior of structural different condition two cases building first case Fig 4: (a) without steel braces 2nd case Fig 4: (b) steel braces, also with different condition charge weights of 100 kg and 350 kg and 750 kg are applied at a standoff distance of 5m the objective over that task is as per ask abroad the is reaction concerning the casual building.

To comprehend the conduct of structure in various condition charge loads of 100 kg and 350 kg and 750 kg are applied at a standoff separation of 5m Prior a few scientists chipped away at the structures with shaft segment associations. The impact of shoot load on chunk are considered by just a couple of scientists. Henceforth, during this work. This errand manages displaying and the examination of (G+11), structure exposed to 100kg of TNT explosives with various showdown separations utilizing ETABS 2016. The foreordained impact loads are appointed as static joint loads inside the level chunk structure and straight static examination is directed for level piece structures. At first, the structures are displayed and broke down for the doled out shoot stacks in ETABS. Apparatus and consequently the structures are made safe for different material properties and area properties. The level chunk structures are broken down for seismic examination and time-history investigation right off the bat.

**VI.II. Computer Modeling and Analysis**

ETABS programming program is utilized in light of the fact that demonstrator of casing component chunks are demonstrated so hold components in flexible s floors firm help situation is applied. Blast load estimations are regulated to be s

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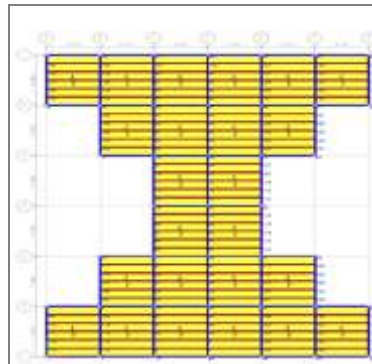
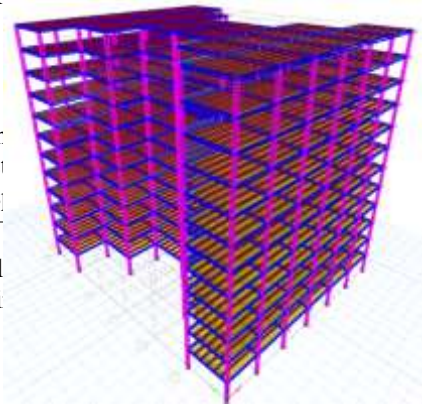


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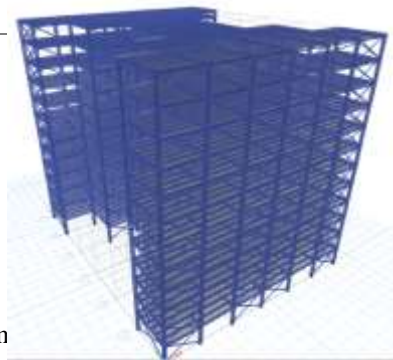


TM5-1300 programming was once best in applied query ascertains blow up

standoff separations. This product computes explosion loads solid parameters like or time concerning

$$Z=R/W^{1/3}$$

Z- Scale  
R - Distance from the center of a  
W - Charge mass expressed in kilograms of TNT.



**VI.III. Determination of Blast Pressure and Blast Durations**

Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC). (2008): Introduced a chart to calculate the maxim for a free-air burst as shown in fig7

**VI.IV. Model Description**

Plan: 30m x 36m  
X- direction: 6 space 5m  
Y- direction: 6 space 6m  
The height of each story 3m

**VI.V. Properties of materials**

Grade	
Concrete	M27
rebar	Fe415
Density concrete	25kN/m3
Density Steel	78.5kN/m3
Poisson's ratio	0.2

**Table 1: define material**

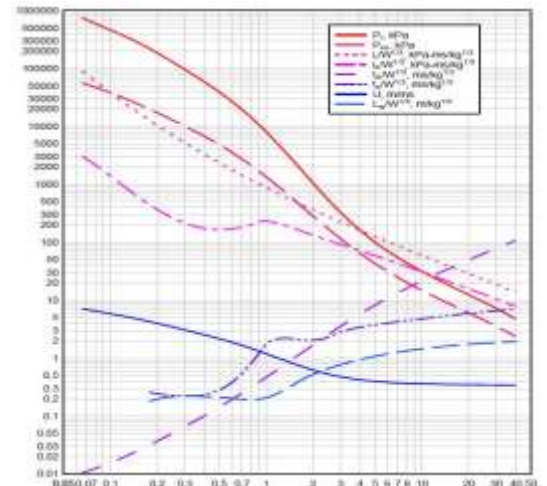


Figure 6 - 3D plan of irregular building with steel braces

Figure 5 - 3D plan of irregular building without steel braces

**Fig.7 Positive phase shock wave  
parameters for TNT explosion of free-air**

Standoff 5 m							P kN					
Z	reflected impulse	Incident pressure	Incident Impulse	reflected Impulse	Arrival Time	positive duration	Area m <sup>2</sup>			9 m <sup>2</sup>	18 m <sup>2</sup>	4.5m <sup>2</sup>
joint	Pr	Pso	Is	I <sub>r</sub>	Ta	To						
1.3	5000	1200	230	850	0.45	1.9	9	18	4.5	10800	21600	5400
1.7	1600	450	170	400	1.8	2	9	18	4.5	4050	8100	2025
2	1000	280	150	380	1.9	2	9	18	4.5	2520	5040	1260
2.2	900	250	150	320	2	2	9	18	4.5	2250	4500	1125
2.4	600	180	130	300	2.5	2.2	9	18	4.5	1620	3240	810
2.6	500	100	100	280	3	2.5	9	18	4.5	900	1800	450
2.8	400	90	95	250	3.2	2.8	9	18	4.5	810	1620	405
3	310	95	90	220	3.8	3	9	18	4.5	855	1710	427.5
3.5	250	80	80	190	4.5	3.4	9	18	4.5	720	1440	360
4	180	60	70	180	6	3.5	9	18	4.5	540	1080	270
4.5	140	45	65	150	6.5	3.9	9	18	4.5	405	810	202.5
5	100	40	60	140	8	4	9	18	4.5	360	720	180
5.5	80	35	55	120	8.5	4	9	18	4.5	315	630	157.5
6	60	30	50	105	11	4.1	9	18	4.5	270	540	135
6.5	55	25	45	95	13	4.2	9	18	4.5	225	450	112.5
7	50	22	40	90	15	4.3	9	18	4.5	198	396	99
7.5	45	20	38	85	16	4.6	9	18	4.5	180	360	90
8	40	19	35	80	17	4.8	9	18	4.5	171	342	85.5
8.5	37	18	32	75	18	4.85	9	18	4.5	162	324	81
9	35	17	30	70	19	4.9	9	18	4.5	153	306	76.5
9.5	32	16	30	65	19.5	4.95	9	18	4.5	144	288	72
10	30	15	30	63	20	5	9	18	4.5	135	270	67.5
11	28	14	29	60	24	5.1	9	18	4.5	126	252	63
12	25	13	26	55	28	5.15	9	18	4.5	117	234	58.5
13	20	12	25	50	30	5.2	9	18	4.5	108	216	54
14	19	11	24	45	32	5.3	9	18	4.5	99	198	49.5
15	17	10	23	40	36	5.5	9	18	4.5	90	180	45
16	15	8	20	38	39	5.6	9	18	4.5	72	144	36
17	14.5	7	18	35	40	5.65	9	18	4.5	63	126	31.5
18	14	6.5	17	33	45	5.7	9	18	4.5	58.5	117	29.25

**Table 3. Pressure and the joint load acting on the front face of the building acting at 5m at a charge weight of 100,350,750kg**

#### VI.VI. Sectional Properties

Column: HE360  
 Beam: IPE330  
 Secondary beams=W12X30  
 Deck Slab: 155 mm  
 Slab concrete = 80 mm  
 Ribbed Deck=75 mm  
 shear Stud= 127 mm  
 steel braces = L 102X76X7.9 mm

**VI.VII. General Loadings**

Live load: 2.5kN/m<sup>2</sup> (Floor)  
 Floor Finish: 1.5 kN/m<sup>2</sup>  
 Wall load: 15 kN/m  
 Parapet Wall load: 3.0kN/m

**Table -2: Model Description**

Model No.	Type of Building	Weight TNT (kN)	Standoff Distance (m)
M1	Irregular	100	5
M2	Irregular	350	5
M3	Irregular	750	5

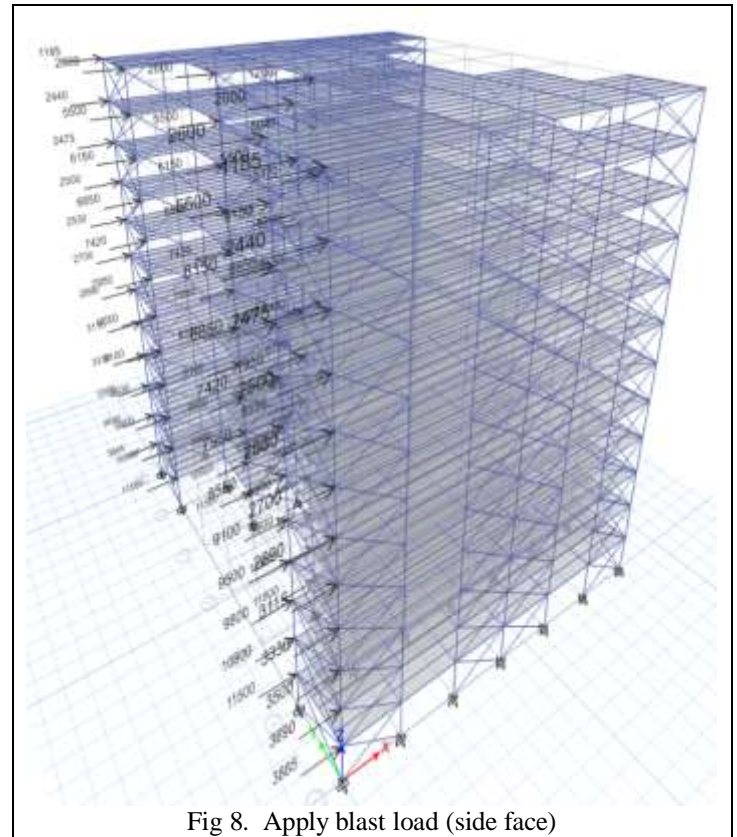


Fig 8. Apply blast load (side face)

Joint Story	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	730	1600	1600	1500	1600	1600	730
2	715	1450	1450	1482	1450	1450	715
3	700	880	880	1464	880	880	700
4	680	855	855	1430	855	855	680
5	665	825	825	1400	825	825	665
6	640	790	790	1380	790	790	640
7	620	780	780	1355	780	780	620
8	590	765	765	1320	765	765	590
9	575	758	758	1290	758	758	575
10	550	750	750	1260	750	750	550
11	543	742	742	1200	742	742	543
12	278	374	374	265	374	374	278

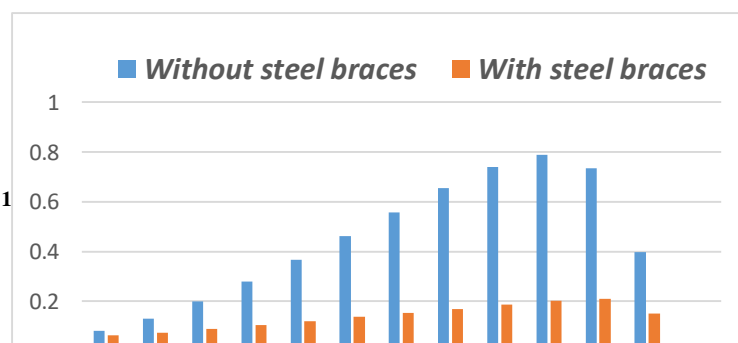
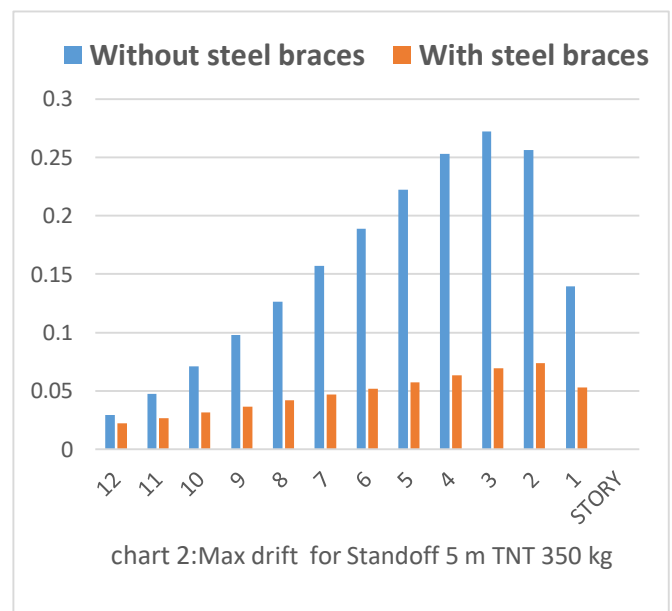
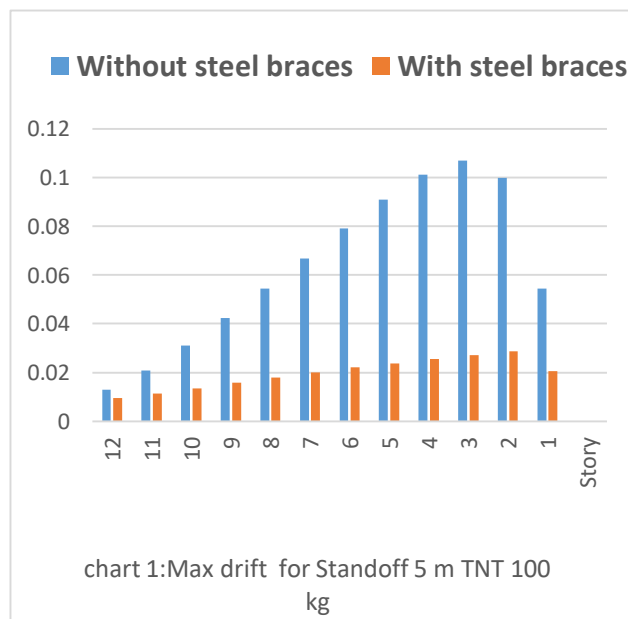
**Table 3.1 (p kN) story with joint standoff 5m 100kg**



## VII RESULTS

### VII.I. Drift:-

According to the results the chart 1 ,2 and 3 show the different amount case between building with and without steel braces , From chart1, 2 and 3, we can see the increase drift with building without steel braces more than from with steel braces, take result story 2<sup>nd</sup>,3<sup>rd</sup>,6<sup>th</sup>,7<sup>th</sup>,11<sup>th</sup> and story12<sup>th</sup>, amounts increased by about 346%-393% -358%-332%-181% and 136 % of blast load 100 kg. Amounts increased by about 347%-392%-363%-334%-178% and 132% of blast load 350 kg. Amounts increased by about 426%-329%-202%-180%-107% and 93% of blast load 750 kg, the maximum increase drift it was seen on the 3<sup>rd</sup>and6<sup>th</sup> storeys amount 393%,358% for weight 100 kg and same story 392%,363% for weight 350 kg and the maximum increase drift on the 2<sup>nd</sup>,3<sup>rd</sup> storeys amount 426%,329% for weight 750 kg TNT.



**VII.II. Storyshear:- -**

According to the results the chart 4,5 and 6 show the different amount building, we can see the increase story shear with different weight 100kg-350kg, and 740 kg take result story shear, amounts increased by about 257 % of blast

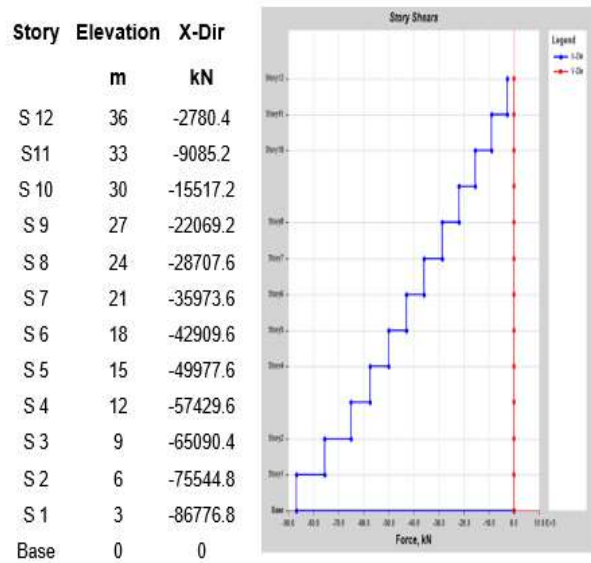


Table 4 Story Shears 100 kg chart 4: Story Shears 100kg

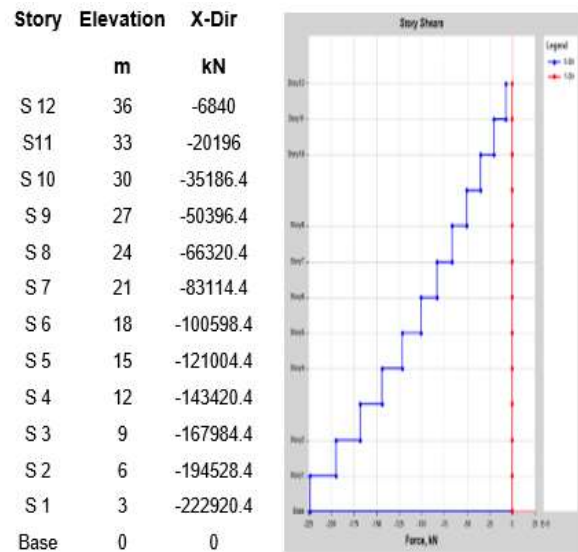


Table 5 Story Shears 350kg chart 5: Story Shears 350kg

Story	Elevation	X-Dir
	m	kN
S 12	36	-16764
S11	33	-55068
S 10	30	-96972
S 9	27	-142692
S 8	24	-191736
S 7	21	-244128
S 6	18	-300240
S 5	15	-359796
S 4	12	-422184
S 3	9	-486816
S 2	6	-556872
S 1	3	-630996
Base	0	0

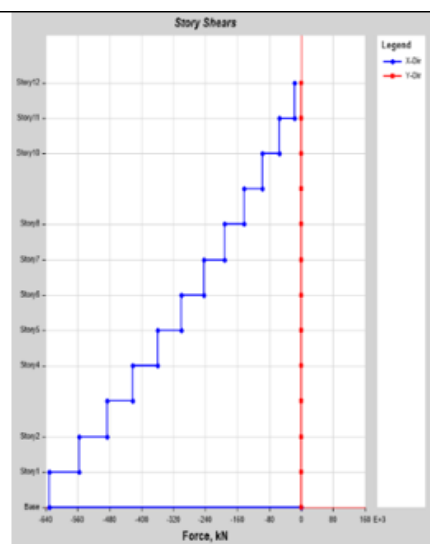
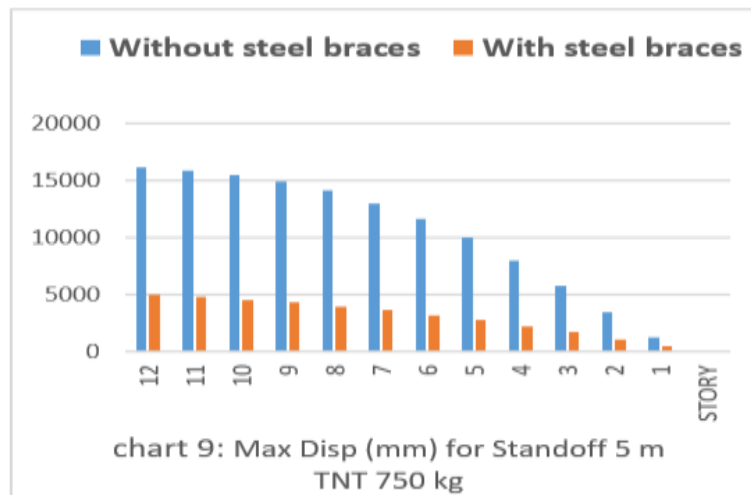
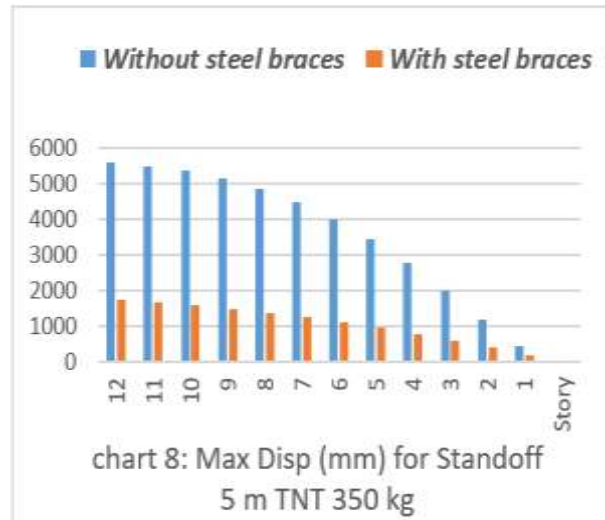
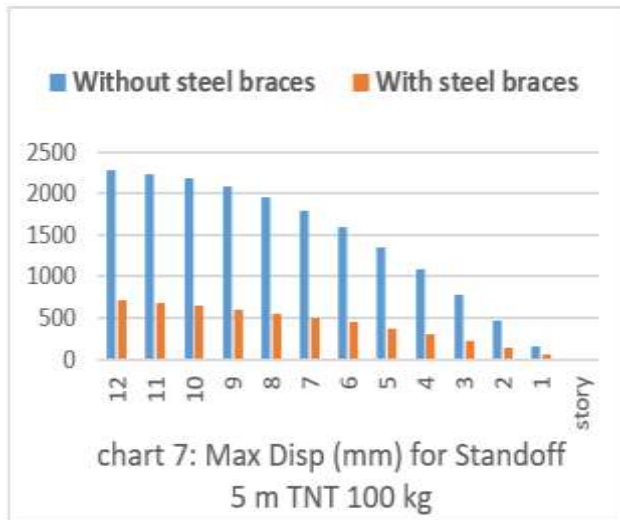


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### **VII.III. Displacements:-**

According to the results the chart 7 ,8 and 9 show the different amount case between building with and without steel braces, From chart7, 8 and 9, we can see the increase displacement with building without steel braces more than from with steel braces, take result story 2nd,3rd,6th,7th,11th and story12th, amounts increased by about 315%-342% -360%-357%-330% and 323 % of blast load 100 kg. Amounts increased by about 315%-342%-360%-357%-330% and 323% of blast load 350 kg. Amounts increased by about 438%-393%-296%-275%-219% and 209% of blast load 750 kg, the maximum increase displacement it was seen on the 6th and 7th storeys amount 360%,357% for weight 100 kg and 350 kg and the maximum displacement increase on the 2nd,3rd storeys amount 438%,393% for weight 750 kg TNT.



## VIII CONCLUSION

The blast load applied affective lateral forces on the building side. This effect was obvious in the compare building of two cases with steel braces and without steel braces. Columns, beams and steel braces, especially in the joints between them. These joints have been strengthened by additional reinforcement to withstand the lateral forces of the blast load.

- About drift, the results the chart 1 ,2 and 3 show the different amount case between building with and without steel braces, From chart1, 2 and 3, we can see the increase drift with building without steel braces more than from with steel braces,. the maximum increase drift it was seen on the 3<sup>rd</sup>and6<sup>th</sup> storeys amount 393%,358% for weight 100 kg and same story 392%,363% for weight 350 kg and the maximum increase drift on the 2<sup>nd</sup>,3<sup>rd</sup> storeys amount 426%,329% for weight 750 kg TNT.

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- Through the results, the building equipped with steel braces is recommended from the architectural side because of its low risk during the explosion, according to the study presented in this research paper. Therefore, when increasing the weight of the TNT material, it will increase the amount (displacement, erosion and basic shear), which leads to an increase in the failure of the building. In order for this failure to be addressed, there will be an increase in the dimensions and the materials used that increase the cost of the building and the weight of the building.

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