

lateral forces during an earthquake until a target displacement is reached is generally carried out as an effective for tool performance based nonlinear design. For analyses of shear walls, nonlinear material the model of mid-pier frame element is generally based on plastic hinge concept located at plastic zones towards the ends of structural elements or distributed the along member span length. The nonlinear behavior of shells is generally modeled using multi-layer shell with element layered material model. This paper evaluates and comments on the consistency of different approaches for shear nonlinear wall modeling that are used in For practice. this purpose, 3, 5 and 7-story reinforcement concrete (RC) frames with shear walls are analyzed using nonlinear two dimensional nonlinear finite element method under constant gravity loads and incrementally increased lateral loads. The analysis results for these models are compared in terms of overall behavior of the structural systems.

multi-layer shell elements; 2) Shear walls are modeled by mid-pier frame with plastic hinges defined according to FEMA 356;

3) Shear walls are modeled by mid-pier frame with plastic hinge computed from fiber model of the cross section. Nonlinear Static Analyses (Pushover) are performed to explore the nonlinear behavior of proposed shear wall models using SAP2000 (CSI, 2009).





## Two dimensional 3, 5 and 7-story frames FE model of RC shear wall



### Deformed shapes and Variation of potential plastic hinges







Inter-story drift ratios for different shear wall models

## **MODELLING TECHNIQUES** FOR RC SHEAR WALLS

Mid-pier frame with plastic P-M-M hinge



#### Multi-layer shell elements



# CONCLUSIONS

Based on numerical results for different frame models with shear wall, the following conclusions can be drawn.

1. The shear wall with two layers of longitudinal and transverse reinforcement bars could be modeled with multi-layer shell and mid-pier frame with plastic hinges to reflect the material nonlinearity. The plastic hinge properties of the shear wall could be defined using FEMA 356 recommendation or fiberbased hinge property. The pushover analysis based on FEMA 356 model and fiber model produced identical top displacement-base shear curves for the sample frames. These curves are approximately similar except multi-layer shell model for all cases.

2. Number of plastic hinge locations is a major key for the accurate representation of the inelastic phenomenon for the RC shear walls. FEMA 356 model with 2 plastic hinges overestimates the capacity of the structure for all cases as depicted in Figure 8.

3. Since the capacity curves for mid-pier frames with plastic hinges defined using FEMA 356 recommendation and fiber-based hinge property are identical with each other, shear walls can be modeled using mid-pier frame with plastic hinges defined using FEMA 356 recommendation.