DAM as a primary method of structural steel design for stability

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*Abstract***—** *Transitioning from a method that does not account for all types of loads, geometric imperfections, and construction flow to a reliable method; the best way is to evaluate their feasibility by design practice. This paper displays a comparative analysis of Effective Length Method (ELM) and Direct Analysis Method (DAM) as the main approaches to stability analysis and design of steel structures. Afterward, the paper detailed the DAM application with second-order analysis to account for P-Δ and P-δ effects, notional load for geometric imperfection, and flexural and axial stiffness reduction to account for inelastic effects.* Verification on a 10-story building illustrated DAM to be more comfortable, faster, and ensuring that second-order effects are entirely performed. As the ELM is limited to Δ2nd order/Δ1st order < 1.5, the design analysis check results illustrate that second-order analysis in the DAM leads to a feasibility analysis of ELM.

*Keywords***—** *Direct Analysis Method (DAM), Design for stability, Effective Length Method (ELM), Notional loads, Second-order analysis.*

I. INTRODUCTION

Stability shall be provided to a structure as a whole and each of its elements. The effects of all the following on the structural stability and its elements shall be considered: (1) flexural, shear and axial member deformations, with all other distortions that contribute to the displacement of a structure; (2) second-order effects (both P- Δ and P- δ effects); (3) geometric imperfections; (4) stiffness reductions due to inelasticity; and (5) uncertainty in stiffness and strength. All load-dependent effects shall be calculated at a level of loading corresponding to LRFD load combinations or 1.6 times ASD load combinations. This paper focuses on the significance of considering second-order effects in structure analysis.

Conducting this study, two preferred methods of structural design for stability: direct analysis method (DAM) and effective length method (ELM) are compared to distinguish one's competitiveness. DAM was found competitive in the various studies as the best method that accounts for both the structural element and the overall frame system stability (M. A. PaL, P. W. Sauer, K. D. Demaree). As it is shown in the results of this paper, in most scenarios, both ELM and DAM show consistent results that adequately capture significant characteristics that control the behavior of a steel frame. This paper

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proposes that an evaluation of cases in which each one of these methods may not be appropriate has to be conducted. One way to evaluate the feasibility of both methods is simplifying the DAM to second-order analysis method along with the application of notional loads. Section 2 provides the reader with details about ELM and DAM; section 3 discusses the satisfaction of second-order effects; The DAM application detailed in section 5; section 6 comprises the application of the DAM, and section 7 concludes the study.

II. METHODS OF STRUCTURAL DESIGN FOR STABILITY

2.1 Effective length method

Codes of practice rely on an effective length method to assess the stability of multistory frames. The ELM involves isolating a critical column within a frame and evaluating the rotational and translational stiffness of its end restraints, so that the critical buckling load may be obtained. It allows the buckling capacity of a member in a structural system to be calculated by considering an equivalent pin ended column in Euler buckling.

The ELM accounts for the influence of the total frame on the behavior of an individual column. As expected, in many cases, the frame to be analyzed does not comply with all the assumptions listed in the AISC specification regarding ELM, yet designers still use this method to design frame structures. A significant flaw with this method is that for many frame structures to 'fail,' several members within the structure need to fail first. Therefore, the load-carrying capacity for the entire frame is overestimated. In many situations, it makes the ELM too conservative. Thus, tends to counterbalance the effect of inconsistencies between frame behavior and the assumptions that form the basis for this method. Another drawback of this method is its inability to account for the effects of imperfections, which include the out-ofplumbness of the frame.

2.2 Direct analysis method (DAM)

Because the ELM is based on several assumptions on geometry, boundary condition, and material properties of columns, it may not always be appropriate for the design of steel columns, especially for frame configurations in which the conditions of a given column are not consistent with these assumptions. In an attempt to provide a design methodology that would more accurately capture the main factors that affect column behavior, the Direct Analysis Method DAM was introduced into the steel design specifications in 2005 as an alternative to the more traditional ELM [1] [2]. It was upgraded to Chapter C in the 2010 Specification as the primary method to design structures for stability. A significant advantage of the DAM is its ability to account for member and construction imperfections within a frame, which creates additional stresses and reduces the load-carrying capacity of the structure. Therefore, the features of the DAM include P-Δ and P-δ effects, which are accounted for directly through second-order analysis. Geometric imperfections are accounted for, through direct inclusion in the analysis model, or by applying notional loads to displace the structure. Inelastic effects such as distributed plasticity are accounted for in analysis for using flexural and axial stiffness reductions; the best part is that we design using K=1 no more factors.

2.3 The transition from ELM to DAM

Both methods use column interaction equations to estimate the capacity of individual steel columns. The fact that ELM and DAM are different, they will not necessarily produce the same column sizes for a given structural configuration. If the two methods produce substantial differences in size, the adequacy of each method to provide structural members with sufficient capacity to resist the imposed loads becomes a concern. For the many engineers transitioning from the ELM to the DAM, the best way is to learn by practical scenarios. This paper details the design of a 10storey office building to draw out a practical computational example using DAM.

DAM for the design of steel structures is recommended in significant design codes, including EN1993-1-1 [1], CoPHK [2], and ANSI/AISC [3], and has been proven as a reliable method by several researchers. It is a quasi-simulation-based method which employs the Finite-Element (FE) method to capture the actual behaviors of members and structures directly. In the analysis, the significant effects relating to the stability, such as the equilibriums on the deformed shapes, the residual stresses, the initial member out-of-straightness, and the global imperfections, should be comprehensively considered. Therefore, a robust numerical analysis method, being capable of considering these factors, is crucial. [4]

2.4 Comparison between the direct analysis method (dam) and effective length method (elm):

In ELM, notional loads are minimums and negligible, but when the AISC 2010withame out now, ELM requires the use of Notional load according to the specifications. For analysis using ELM, notional is 0.002*gravity loads, and they must be used in combination with the gravity load. Noting that notional load cannot be added to other lateral loads; they are minimums. In case gravity loads combined with notional loads will probably only control of structures with high gravity loads and low lateral loads.

DAM requires explicit consideration of initial geometry imperfections, which is mostly done by applying notional loads to displace the structure. The notional load can be applied as a minimum lateral load acting concurrently with the gravity load for structure second-order effects \leq 1.7; the for second-order greater than 1.7, the notional load must be added to the lateral load and acting in the same direction with the lateral load.

	Effective Length	Direct Analysis
	Method (ELM)	Method (DAM)
Type of Analysis Second-order or		Second-order or
		Amplified First Order Amplified First Order
	Member stiffness Nominal EI & EA	Reduced EI $&$ EA
Notional loads	0.002Yi Minimum	0.002Yi
		Minimum if Δ_{2nd}
		order/ $\Delta_{\rm 1st\ order}$ ≤ 1.7
		Additive if Δ_{2nd}
		order $/\Delta_{\rm 1st\ order}$ > 1.7
	Column effective Side-sway buckling	$K=1$

Table 1: Comparison between DAM and ELM

III. SECOND-ORDER EFFECTS

It results from displacement from the structural frame and also from the curvature of the individual members. Equilibrium must be satisfied with deformed geometry of the structure; this includes both system-level effects "P-Δ effect" and member level effects "P-δ effect; In other stability design method b1 and b2 account for these effects. In the DAM, the second-order effects are directly modeled. The P-δ effect is the member level effect, as mentioned, equilibrium must be satisfied with deformed geometry. And the member curvature produces additional moment in the member

When applied to an axial compressive load (P), an additional deflection and momentum result from the axial load acting on the curve moment geometry. Therefore, the total midspan deflection = δ and the total mid-span momentum = $M=FL/4$ - $P\delta$. The $P\delta$ component is the second-order effect. *P-Δ effect:* this is an overall systemlevel effect, again equilibrium must be satisfied on the deformed frame geometry. Gravity displacement produces thrust on the system.

Fig.3: second-order effects

IV. DIRECT ANALYSIS METHOD APPLICATION

4.1 Accurate model frame behavior

It is necessary to accurately model the structure system in order to capture the correct behavior accurately. Thus, it includes correcting: Model geometry, member size orientation, boundary conditions that accurately reflect actual conditions, member properties of stiffness, and incomplete loads, including effects in leaning columns. All seems pretty basic, but the model must represent the actual structural behavior [\(Fig.4\)](#page-2-0).

Fig.4: Leaning column effects added to the structure model

By leaning columns, it means that gravity columns supporting gravity loads but not parallel lateral load resisting system. Gravity columns lean on the lateral system for stability. It is something missed a lot when analyzing a frame with an isolated 2 D model. Forgetting to add effects of all gravity columns that rely on that frame for support destabilize the frame.

The right column [\(Fig.4\)](#page-2-0) representing all the gravity columns stabilized by the frame analyzing. As the frame deflects, this column leans on the lateral system for support, and this gravity column also deflects and adds to the overall P-Δ effects. P-Δ effects from this leaning column work to destabilize the frame, so they must be included in the analysis. All loads and conditions that work to destabilize the structure system should be included in the structural model

4.2 Factor all loads (LRFD and ASD)

Loads have to be factored. Even for Allowable Strength Design (ASD) because, when trying to capture the structural behavior of strength limit state, it is remarkable that nonlinear structural behavior can reduce second-order effects as we push to strength limit state. Furthermore, using LRFD, we must factor our loads up to the factored strength limit level. ASD factors all loads by 1.6 then divide the resulting forces by 1.6 again; this accurately captures the structural behavior of the strength limit state. Factoring all loads, include all loads that affect stability, including leaning columns and all other destabilizing loads.

4.3 Consider initial imperfection:

Consider initial frame imperfections, usually by the application of notional loads. It is well clear that all buildings cannot be built perfectly. Initial imperfections such as (1) member out-of-straightness "P-δ effects," (2) story out-of-plumbness "P-Δ effects" resulted from fabrication and rational tolerances increase destabilizing effects that destabilize the structure. Only the initial outof-straightness (δ_0) effects contribute to the column curves. In the DAM, the story out-of-plumbness (Δ_0) needs to be accounted for an analysis model; this can be done by modeling an out-of-plumbness geometry or by applying a notional load to laterally deflected structure.

The notional load is applied to displace the structure laterally to reduce an initial out-of-plumbness. This notional load needs to be implied at each framing level based on the distribution of gravity loads. Specifications define notional lateral load equal to 0.002*gravity load applied at that level. Notional loads should be applied simultaneously with gravity loads at each level in the direction that most stabilizes the structure.

The 0.002 factor consists of the code of standard practice tolerance HR500 for column or out-ofplumbness. If a little out-of-plumbness tolerance is specified, and assure that the little tolerance will be achieved. Thus, it can reduce the 0.002 factor accordingly to little tolerance. "if relaxed tolerances are allowed or perhaps it is necessary to check an out-of-tolerance condition, then a higher factor should be used based on a larger out-of-plumbness condition.

Initial geometric imperfections are considered by applying "notional loads" or "notional displacements" The specification defines Notional Loads as Ni = 0.002α Yi, where α = 1.0 (LRFD), 1.6 (ASD) to make sure that notional loads are factored as the gravity loads. Yi is a gravity load applied at level i. The essence here is that notional loads are factored loads. Ni is added to other

loads to apply in the same direction as the other lateral loads (if the wind load is acting to the right, the notional load acts likewise, and so on). Notional loads are likely to be applied to the direction that requires the most destabilizing effects. Specifications do not have a specific law If $\Delta_{2nd \text{ order}}/\Delta_{1st \text{ order}} < 1.7$ (reduced stiffness), or, if Δ 2nd order Δ 1st order < 1.5 (nominal stiffness), then permissible to omit Ni in combinations with other lateral loads.

4.4 Reduced stiffness that contributes to the stability

The consequence of differential cooling rates during manufacturing. Results in earlier initiation of yielding (some sections yield before other sections), thus affecting compressive strength; Lowers member flexural strength and buckling resistance. the stiffness of all members that contribute to stability is reduced, To account for the facts of residual stresses of distributed plasticity. For axial stiffness: (EA* = 0.8EA) and Flexural stiffness (EI* = 0.8 τ_b EI, $\tau_b \leq 1.0$); depending on the magnitude of the Axial load. For lower Axial load when the required strength is lesser than the usual load: $\tau_b = 1.0$ when $\alpha Pr/Py \le 0.5$.

For high Axial load, τ_b is less than one and is calculated based on the ratio of the required Axial strength to the usual strength, and the resulted flexural stiffness becomes less than 0.8EI. $\tau_b = 1$ when the actual load is lesser than $Py. \tau_b =1$ often wanted for moment frames. The specification offers a simple τ_b Simplification that allows the increase of 0.001α Y_i to notional loads (Ni) so (Ni=0.003αYi instead of 0.002αYi) then $τ_b = 1$

- τ_b: τ_b = 1.0 when $\alpha Pr/P$ y ≤ 0.5
- τ_b = 4(αPr/Py)[1-(αPr/Py)] when αPr/Py > 0.5
- $\alpha = 1.0$ (LRFD), 1.6 (ASD)
- (τ_b simplification: $\tau_b = 1.0$ can be used if 0.001α Yi added to Ni), (Ni = 0.003α Yi instead of 0.002α Yi)

4.5 2nd-order analysis

It is necessary to know how a software address P-Δ and P-δ. For more software packages, it is necessary to mesh the compression element into smaller segments in order to capture P-δ effects accurately. The number of segments to mesh depends on several factors, including how the software handles the P-δ and magnitude of secondary effects.

Fig.5: Internally mesh compression elements to capture P-δ effects

[\(Fig.5\)](#page-4-0) mesh the compression element into four segments. If there is no compression in beams such as in a moment frame like in [\(Fig.5\)](#page-4-0), there is no need to mesh then since there will not exist significant P-δ effects in those beams. If there exist compression beams, it is necessary to mesh them as well. Some software packages enable to mesh of the frame elements adequately. (Ex: SAP 2000) Make sure about how the software handles secondary analysis in stiffness reductions.

For SAP2000, Reduction factors to EI and EA are assigned after running the design check. Iteration needs to be done as changing member sizes or loads; it is necessary to reduce the cycle of running the analysis performing the design check, then rerun the analysis that calculates the stiffness reductions and then perform the design check again. Δ*2nd order*/ Δ *1st order* ratio has to be checked After the member sizing:

- If Δ *2nd order* $/\Delta$ *1st order* ≤ 1.7 (reduced stiff.) or 1.5 (nominal stiff.), then *Ni* not required in lateral combinations (*Ni* only *required* in gravity combinations)
- If Δ *2nd order* / Δ *1st order* > 1.7 (reduced stiff.) or 1.5 (nominal stiff.), then include *Ni* in all load combinations.
- Simplification: include *Ni* in all load combinations, then no need to check Δ *2nd order* /Δ *1st order* ratio

4.6 K factor and member design

The DA method accounts for both P-Δ and P-δ, and Geometric imperfections considered explicitly. Therefore, no more *K*-factors because K-factor since it is always misapplied. Loss of stiffness under high compression loads will be accounted for during analysis by reducing member stiffness. The net effect amplifies second-order forces to comes close to the actual response. For allowable strength design (ASD), resulting analysis forces should be divided by 1.6 since they were factored by 1.6 for analysis. Keeping in mind that, Since the Analysis is

not linear if any member size or load changes, it is necessary to rerun the analysis and recheck the designs

4.7 Reduced stiffness for serviceability checks

Reduced stiffness is only used in strength analysis. Whereas, unreduced stiffness is used for serviceability checks: vibration and drift limits for wind and seismic are checked using nominal (unreduced) stiffness, and building periods are determined using nominal (unreduced) stiffness.

V. STRUCTURAL DESIGN FOR STABILITY IN SAAP

Fig.6: Accurate model frame behavior

4.8 Gravity Loads

Floor:

- Composite steel deck $(3" +3_{1/2}"$ slab, LWC) = 50 psf
- Superimposed dead load + floor framing $= 15$ psf
- Wall load $= 25$ psf (over floor area at all levels)
- Live Load $= 100 \text{psf}$ (reducible)

Roof:

- Same dead loads as floor
- Live Load = 30psf (unreduced)

1.1 Live Load reduction

Applied according to section 1607.10, IBC 2012

$$
L = L_0 \left(0.25 + \frac{15}{\sqrt{k_{LL} A_T}} \right) \tag{1}
$$

 K_{LL} = Live load element factor: 4 for columnsinterior, exterior w/o cantilever slabs, 2 for beams– interior, edge w/o cantilever slabs. For beams of moment frames [\(Table 2\)](#page-5-0)

$$
L = 100 \left(0.25 + \frac{15}{\sqrt{2 \times 15 \times 30}} \right) \tag{2}
$$

1.2 ASCE 7-05 wind loads

- Basic wind speed, $V = 90$ mph
- Exposure Type B
- Occupancy Category = II
- Importance Factor, $I = 1.0$
- Wind directionality factor, $K_d = 0.85$
- Topographic factor, $K_{zt} = 1.0$
- Gust effect factor, $G = 0.85$
- *1.3 Auto-generation option utilized in SAP*
	- ASCE 7-05 seismic loads
	- $S_s = 0.317g$; $S_1 = 0.106g$
	- Site Class D
	- Occupancy Category II
	- Importance Factor, $I = 1.0$
	- $S_{DS} = 0.327$ g; $S_{D1} = 0.168$ g
	- $SDC = C$
	- Steel Systems Not Specifically Detailed for Seismic
	- Resistance $R = 3$; Cd = 3
	- Equivalent Lateral Force Procedure
	- Approximate fundamental period: $T_a = C_t h_n^x = 125$ ft
	- For moment frame direction, $C_t = 0.028$, $x = 0.8$
	- For braced frame direction, $C_t = 0.02$, $x = 0.75$
	- For $S_{D1} = 0.168$ g, $C_u = 1.564$

Upper limit on period

 $T = 2.08$ sec for moment frame

• $T = 1.17$ sec for braced frame

1.4Notional load

- Yi (Dead) = $65 \text{ psf} + 25 \text{ psf} + 10 \text{ psf}$ (partitions) + 10 $psf = (vertical framing) = 110 psf$
- Yi (Floor Live) $= 100$ psf
- Yi (Roof Live) $= 30$ psf
- NDead = 0.002×110 psf x 150 ft x 150 ft = 5 kips
- NLive = $0.002 \times 100 \times 150 \times 150 = 4.5$ kips
- NLive $R = 0.002 \times 30 \times 150 \times 150 = 1.4$ kips

Noting that Torsional cases should also be considered. For coupled or correlated systems, Nx & Ny should be applied simultaneously with appropriate directional correlation. ([Table 4](#page-6-0))

VI. ANALYSIS

1.5 Strength Design Analysis

A second-order elastic analysis is performed, including $P-\Delta$ and $P-\delta$ effects using reduced member properties. Property modifiers for the analysis: EA*= 0.8EA, and $EI^* = 0.8 \tau_b EI$. Assuming that $\tau_b = 1.0$.

1.6 Serviceability Analysis

For serviceability checks, the second-order elastic analysis is performed, including $P-\Delta$ and $P-\delta$ effects using the nominal member properties. [\(](#page-7-0)

[Table](#page-7-0) *5*, [Table 6,](#page-7-1)

[Table](#page-7-2) *7*)

 \checkmark From ASCE 7-05 Table 12.12-1, allowable story $drift = 0.020$ hsx = 0.020 x 150 in. = 3 in.

- \checkmark Max. story drift = 0.79" (level 9)
- \checkmark Inelastic drift = 3 x 0.79" = 2.37 in. < 3 in \to OK

Levels	Interior Column		With 100psf design LL		With 75 psf LL			Correction in Load		
	$K11 = 4$			P live	P live $*$	P live $*$	P live	P live	P Up	P Upper level
	Tributary area of reduced load		kips LLR kips	LLR kips	kips	kips	live kips	(kips) for column LLR		
	SF	SF	LLR							
Roof	θ	Ω		Ω	θ	Ω	θ	Ω	θ	Ω
Level 10	900	900	0.5	90	90	45	67.5	67.5	22.5	22.5
Level 9	900	1800	0.4	90	180	70.6	67.5	135	58.2	35.7
Level 8	900	2700	0.4	90	270	108	67.5	203	94.5	36.3
Level 7	900	3600	0.4	90	360	144	67.5	270	126	31.5
Level 6	900	4500	0.4	90	450	180	67.5	338	158	31.5

Table 2: Live load reduction

Table 3: Column load design

4.9 Design analysis check

About the result in

[Table](#page-7-3) 8, $\Delta 2$ nd order/ $\Delta 1$ st order ≤ 1.5 (nominal properties), the design analysis is OK; notional lateral loads are only required with gravity loads. Comparing the Design with ELM: Using the DAM, the drift controlled moment frame had Δ2nd order/Δ1st order < 1.5 [\(](#page-7-3)

[Table](#page-7-3) *8*); therefore, ELM can be used. Whereas, For ELM, analysis is performed using final member sizes, with nominal (unreduced) stiffness. Notional loads are already applied to all gravity only combinations (the same as required for ELM). Shifting to ELM, moment frame Kfactors have to be calculated.

Table 4: Notional loads

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Combo1	$1.4D + 1.4Nx$	Notional
Combo ₂	$1.2D + 1.6L + 0.5Lr + 1.2NDeadx +$ 1.6 NLivex + 0.5NLiveRx	lateral loads
Combo ₃	$1.4D + 1.4Ny$	combined with
Combo4	$1.2D + 1.6L + 0.5Lr + 1.2NDeady +$ 1.6 NLivey + 0.5 NLiveRy	gravity loads
Combo ₅	$1.4D - 1.4Nx$	
Combo6	$1.2D + 1.6L + 0.5Lr - 1.2NDeadx -$ 1.6 NLivex -0.5 NLiveRx	
Combo7	$1.4D - 1.4Ny$	
Combo8	$1.2D + 1.6L + 0.5Lr - 1.2NDeady -$ 1.6 NLivey -0.5 NLiveRy	
Comb ₀	$1.2D + 1.6Wx + 0.5L + 0.5Lr$	
Combo10	$1.2D - 1.6Wx + 0.5L + 0.5Lr$	
Combo11	$1.2D + 1.6Wy + 0.5L + 0.5Lr$	
Combo12	$1.2D - 1.6Wy + 0.5L + 0.5Lr$	
Combo13	$1.2D + 1.0Ex + 0.5L$	
Combo14	$1.2D - 1.0Ex + 0.5L$	
Combo15	$1.2D + 1.0Ey + 0.5L$	
Combo16	$1.2D - 1.0Ey + 0.5L$	
$Combo\overline{17}$	$0.9D + 1.6Wx$	
Combo18	$0.9D - 1.6Wx$	
Combo19	$0.9D + 1.6Wy$	
Comb ₀ 20	$0.9D - 1.6Wy$	
Combo21	$0.9D + 1.0Ex$	
$\overline{\text{Comb}}$ 022	$0.9D - 1.0Ex$	
Combo23	$0.9D + 1.0Ey$	
Combo24	$0.9D - 1.0$ Ey	

Table 5: Drift for Serviceability Limit State Strength Controlled Braced Frame Design

4	0.214	0.073	H/1877
3	0.134	0.073	H/2058
2	0.061	0.061	H/2451

Table 6: Drift for Serviceability Limit State Strength Controlled Moment Frame Design

Level		Deflection 10-yrStory Drift 10-yr	Drift
	wind, $\delta(in)$	wind, δ (in)	Index
Roof	3.43	0.13	H/1174
10	3.31	0.21	H/709
9	3.09	0.27	H/551
8	2.82	0.31	H/483
7	2.51	0.35	H/435
6	2.17	0.37	H/403
5	1.79	0.38	H/390
4	1.14	0.40	H/377
3	1.01	0.41	H/366
$\overline{2}$	0.60	0.06	H/249

Table 7: Drift for Serviceability Limit State Strength Controlled Moment Frame Design

Level	Deflection 10- yr wind, $\delta(in)$	Story Drift 10- yr wind, δ (in)	Drift Index
Roof	3.12	0.127	H/1178
10	2.99	0.211	H/710
9	2.78	0.272	H/552
8	2.51	0.310	H/484
$\overline{7}$	2.20	0.344	H/436
6	1.86	0.371	H/404
5	1.49	0.375	H/400
4	1.11	0.385	H/400
3	0.737	0.362	H/414
$\overline{2}$	0.374	0.374	H/401

Table 8: Second-Order to First-Order Drift Ratio

VII. CONCLUSION

It is nearly impossible for a structure member designed using any method to have a capacity equivalent to the assumed loading conditions the structure system may encounter in its service life. Such consideration has been developed in AISC, which resulted in safety factors, load factors, and resistance factors. A method that does not account for all types of loads, including their magnitudes, in addition to ignoring geometric imperfections and construction flow, the same method of analysis provides conservative results. With these facts, a method that offers an unsafe design with failure characteristics, strict boundaries must be specified for its implementation.

In the case study, this paper details the simplicity of DAM by demonstrating with the design of a ten multistory building in Saap software. Furthermore, the following notes are highlighted:

- All loads and conditions that work to destabilize the structure system should be included in the structural model. Forgetting to add effects of all gravity columns that rely on that frame for support destabilize the frame.
- In the DAM, the story out-of-plumbness (Δ_0) needs to be accounted for an analysis model.
- Notional loads are likely to be applied to the direction that requires the most destabilizing effects.
- Reduced stiffness is only used in strength analysis. Whereas, unreduced stiffness is used for serviceability checks.

The result from the design analysis check revealed that the smooth and quicker procedures of the DAM application, including accounting for second-order analysis, prove whether the ELM is feasible.

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