## Seismic Performance of Reinforced Concrete Frame Structure Based on Plastic Rotation

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**Abstract :** The principal objective of this study is the evaluation of the seismic performance of reinforced concrete frame structures, taking into account of the behavior laws, reflecting the real behavior of materials, using CASTEM2000 software. A finite element model used is based in modified Takeda model with Timoshenko elements for columns and beams. This model is validated on a Vecchio experimental reinforced concrete (RC) frame model. Then, a study focused on the behavior of a RC frame with three-level and three-story in order to visualize the positioning the plastic hinge (plastic rotation), determined from the curvature distribution along the elements. The results obtained show that the beams of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> level developed a very large plastic rotations, or these rotations exceed the values corresponding to CP (Collapse prevention with cp q<sub>CP </sub>= 0.02 rad), against those developed at the 3<sup>rd</sup> level, are between IO and LS (Immediate occupancy and life Safety with q<sub>IO </sub>= 0.005 rad and rad q<sub>LS </sub>= 0.01 respectively), so the beams of first and second levels submit a very significant damage.

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