Lateral Stability

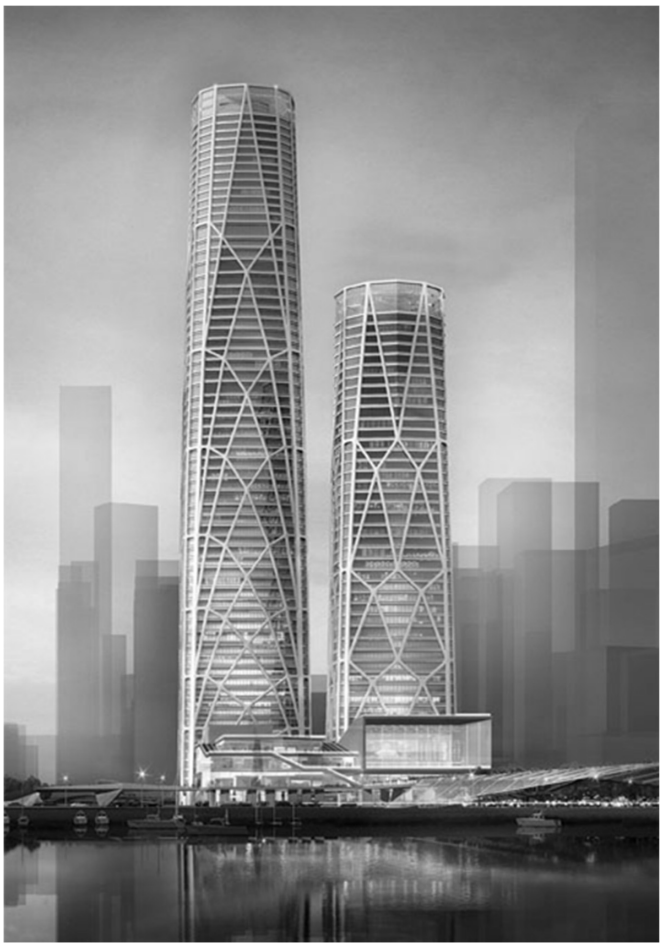
Lateral Loads

Frame Bracing

Shearwalls

Diaphragms

Bracing Configurations



CITIC Financial Center
Shenzhen, China
William Baker
SOM

Load Combinations

Load Types

- Dead Load - D
- Roof Live Load - Lr
- Floor Live Load - L
- Snow Load - S
- Wind Load - W
- Earthquake – Ev & Eh

Allowable Stress Design (ASD)

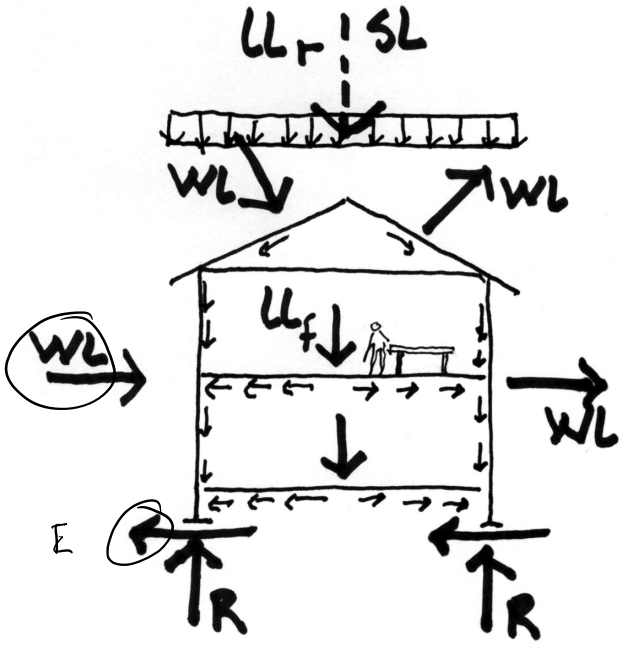
Not factored

- D
- D + L
- D + (Lr or S)
- D + 0.75 L + 0.75 (Lr or S)
- D + (0.6W)
- D + 0.75L + 0.75(0.6W) + 0.75(Lr or S)
- D + 0.7Ev + 0.7Eh

Strength Design (LRFD)

With gamma (γ) safety factors

- 1.4 D
- 1.2 D + 1.6 Lr + 0.5(Lr or S)
- 1.2 D + 1.6(Lr or S) + (L or 0.5W)
- 1.2 D + 1.0W + L + 0.5(Lr or S)
- 0.9D + 1.0W
- 1.2D + Ev + Eh + L + 0.2S
- 0.9D - Ev + Eh



Load Paths

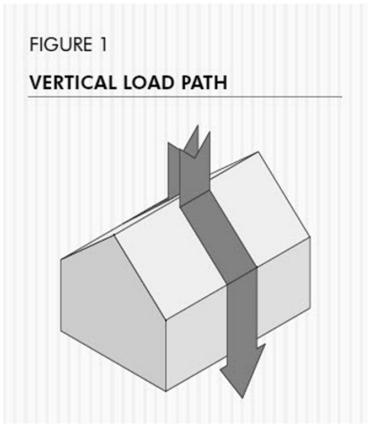
Vertical Loads

gravity

D, L, Lr, S

seismic Ev

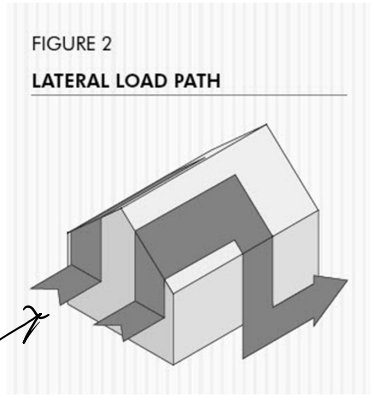
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Lateral Loads

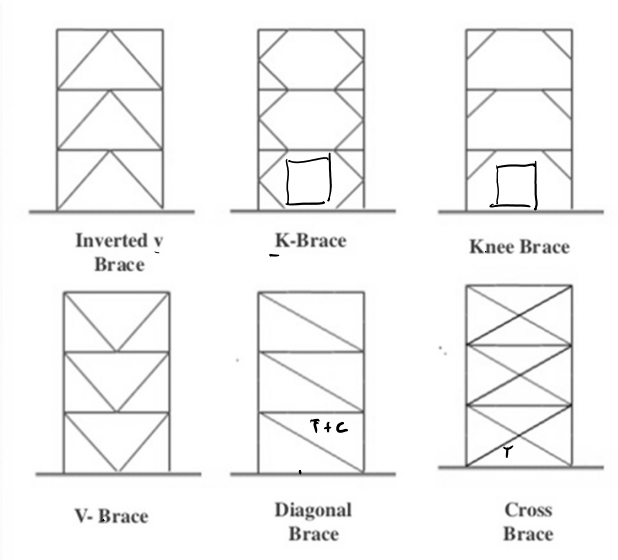
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Lateral Frame Bracing

types of lateral bracing





John Hancock Tower, Chicago
SOM, 1968
Engineer: Fazlur Khan

Lateral Frame Bracing



Lateral Bracing
tension and compression
(Michigan North Quad)



Diagonal Tension Counters (X-Bracing)
(Buck Steel Buildings)

Lateral Stability

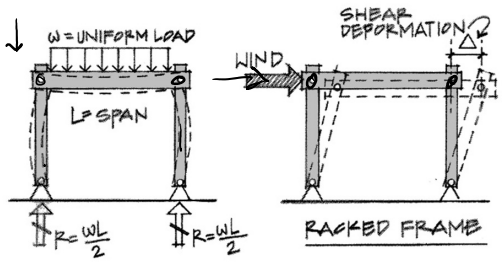
A system needs to be stable in all directions – x, y, and z.

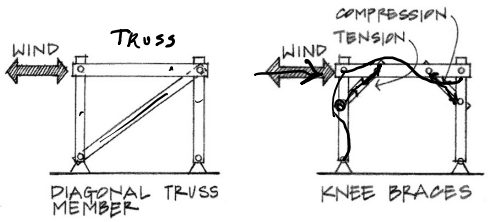
Dead , Live and Snow Loads are vertical due to gravity.

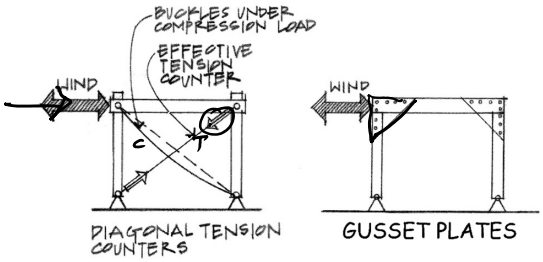
Wind and Seismic Loads are primarily horizontal or lateral, but can also be vertical (upward or downward).

Lateral bracing can be achieved with:

- Diagonal truss member
- X-bracing members
- Knee bracing
- Gusset plates

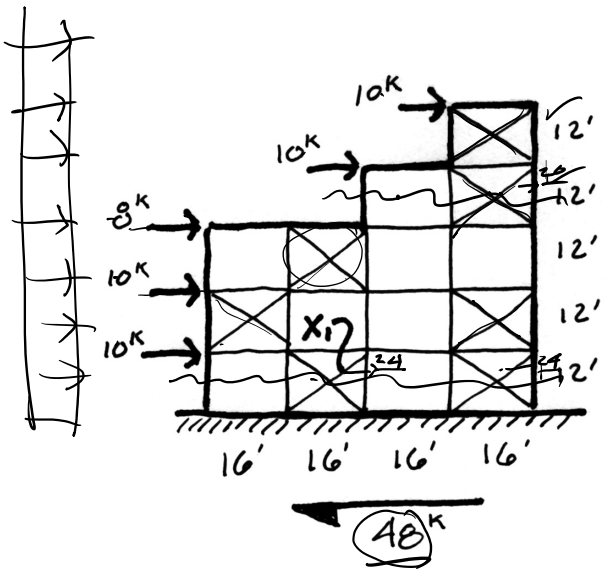






Lateral Frame Bracing - Example

- Check for stability. At least one ridged frame per story
- Convert distributed loads to point loads acting at floors.
- Solve the horizontal reaction for the whole system.
- Assume the bracing carries tension only in this case.

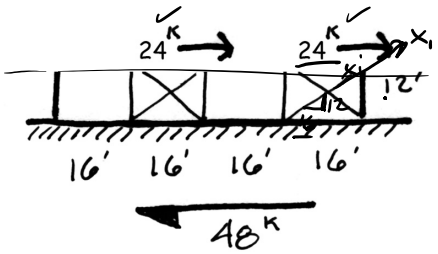


Base shear = 48k

$$\sum F_H = 0$$
$$0 = 10 + 10 + 8 + 10 + 10 - R$$
$$R = 48^k \quad \checkmark$$

Lateral Frame Bracing - Example cont.

- Cut a FBD horizontally through the story containing the brace being solved.
- Sum horizontal forces to find the horizontal component in the braces. Assume load is divided evenly among braces in a story.
- In this case only the tension bracing carries load (rods or cables)
- Find the vertical component by proportions or trig function



$$\sum F_H = 0$$
$$0 = -48 + H_1 + H_2$$
$$H_1 = H_2 = 24^K$$

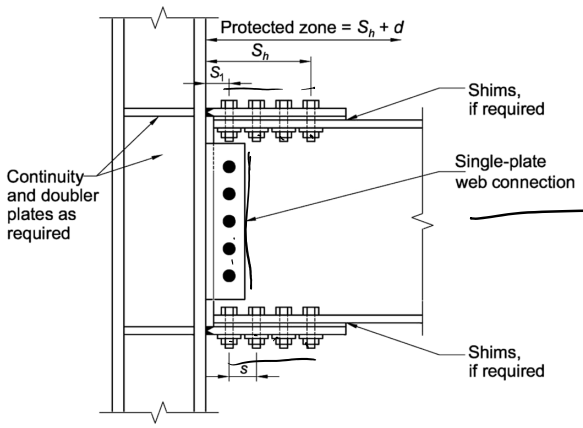
$$\frac{12}{16} : \frac{V}{24}$$
$$V = 18$$
$$X_1 = \sqrt{18^2 + 24^2} = 30^K$$

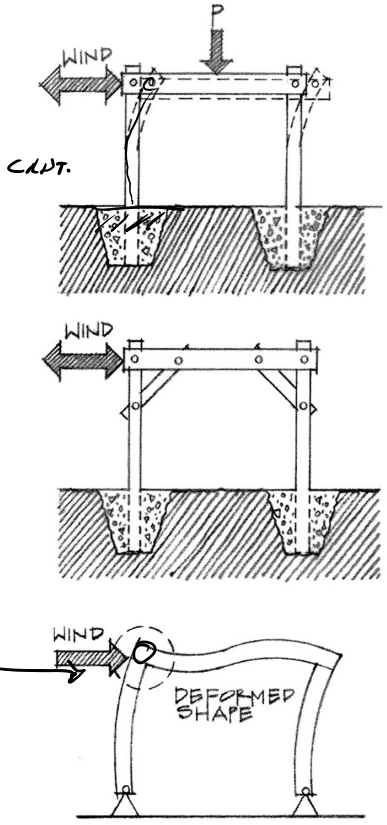
Lateral Stability

A system needs to be stable in all directions – x, y, and z.

Fixed (moment) connections in a rigid frame can also provide stability.

In a fixed frame the members act in both compression and bending.

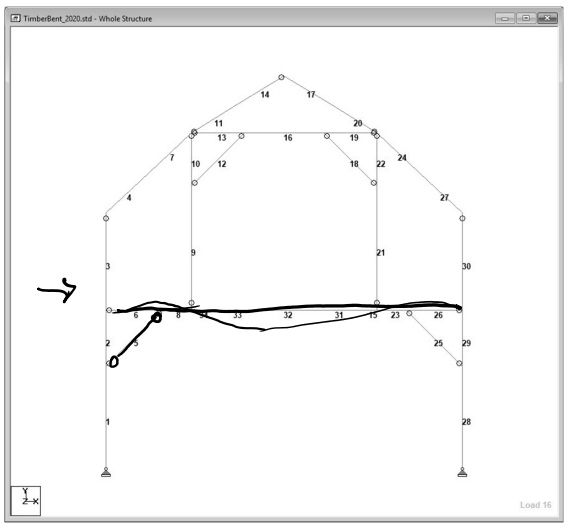




moment connection

Timber Frame Bracing

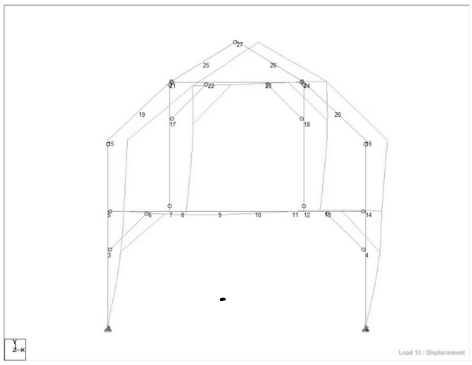
John Pariseau's Timber Frame
Load Case: D + 0.6W

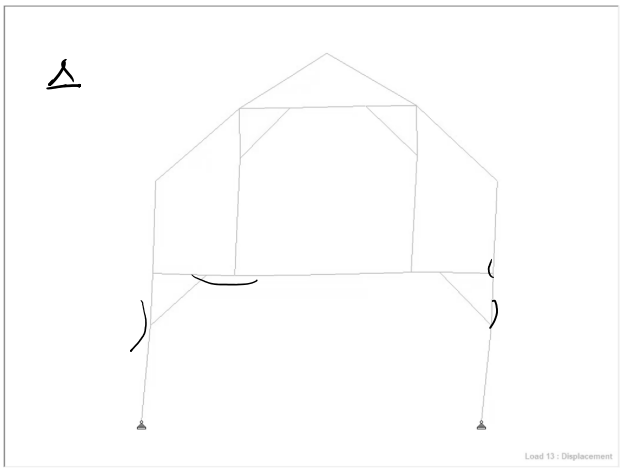


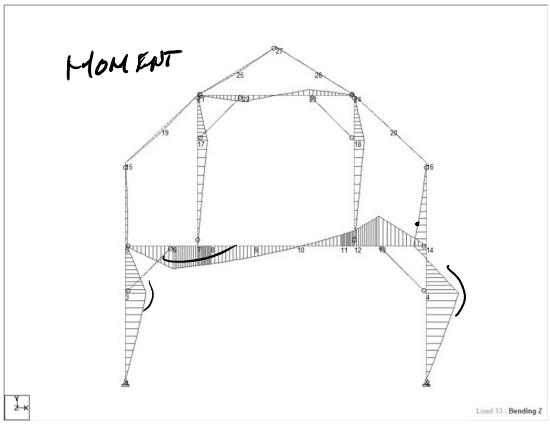


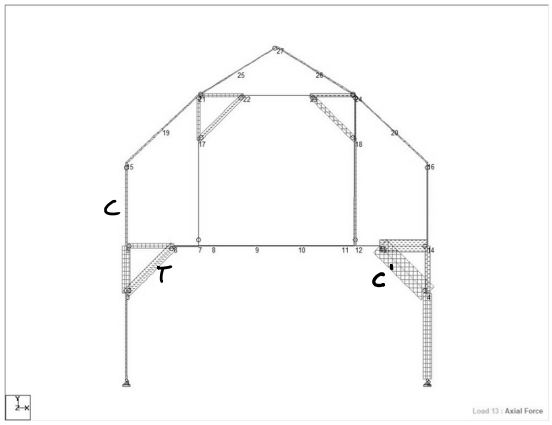
Timber Frame Bracing

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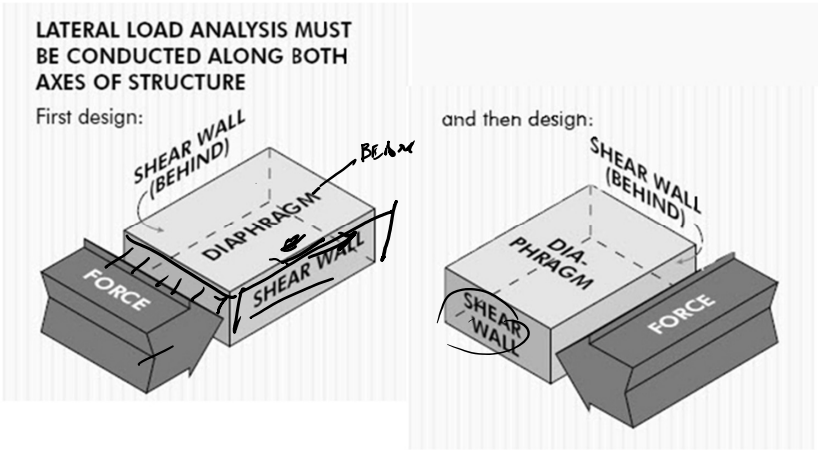


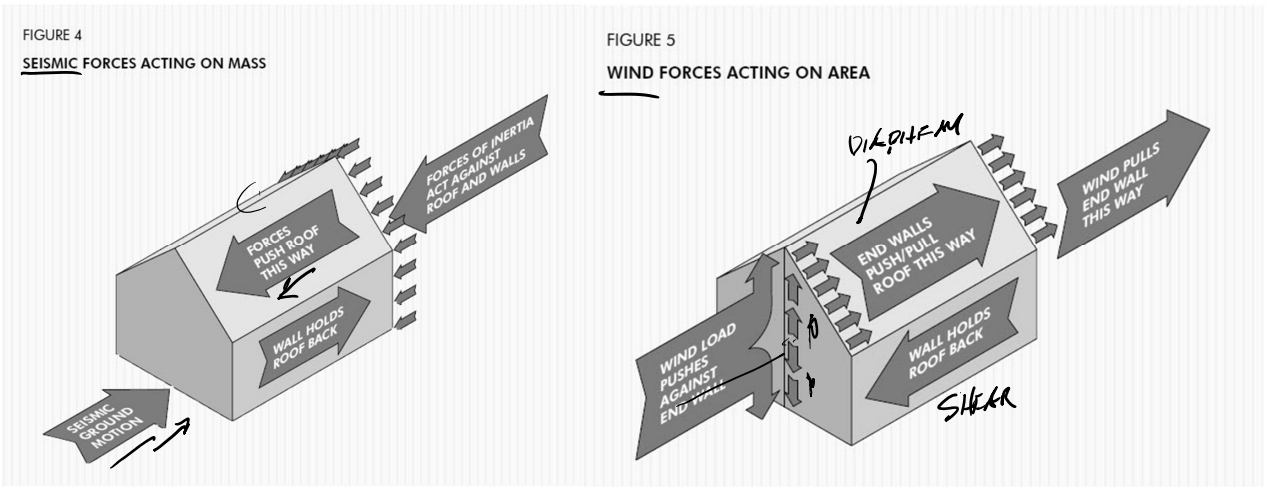






Diaphragms and Shear Walls





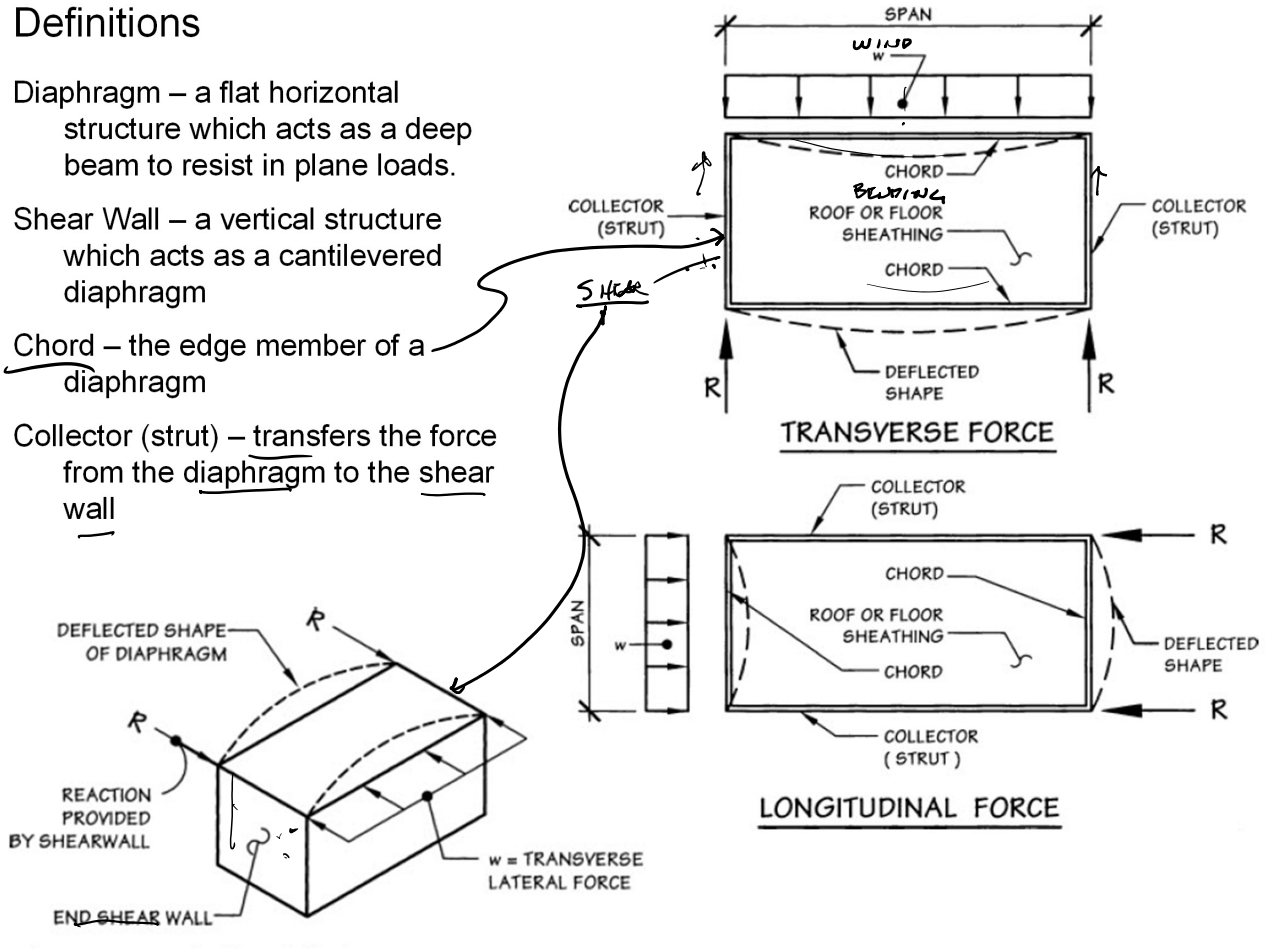
Definitions

Diaphragm – a flat horizontal structure which acts as a deep beam to resist in plane loads.

Shear Wall – a vertical structure which acts as a cantilevered diaphragm

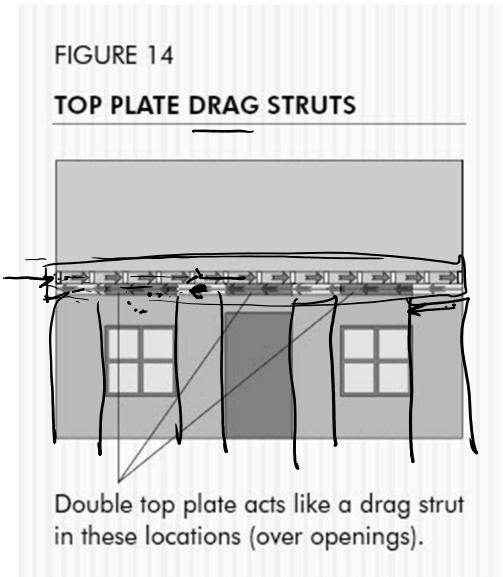
Chord – the edge member of a diaphragm

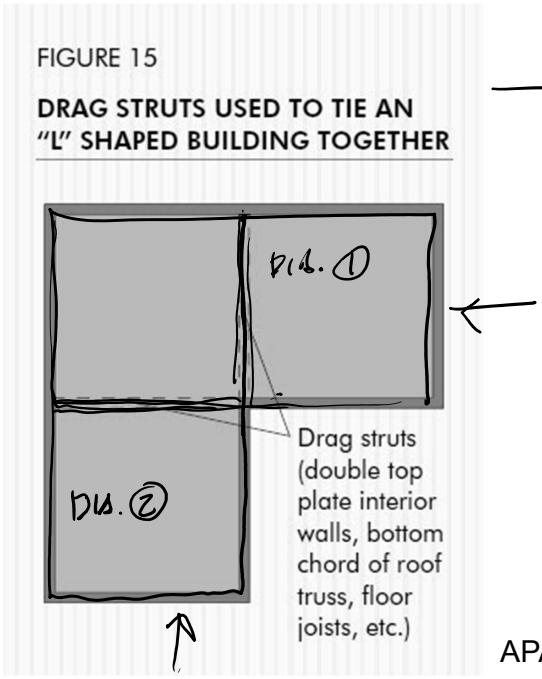
Collector (strut) – transfers the force from the diaphragm to the shear wall



Drag Struts

Double Top Plate



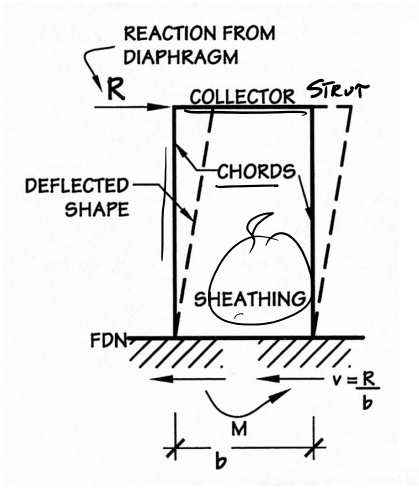


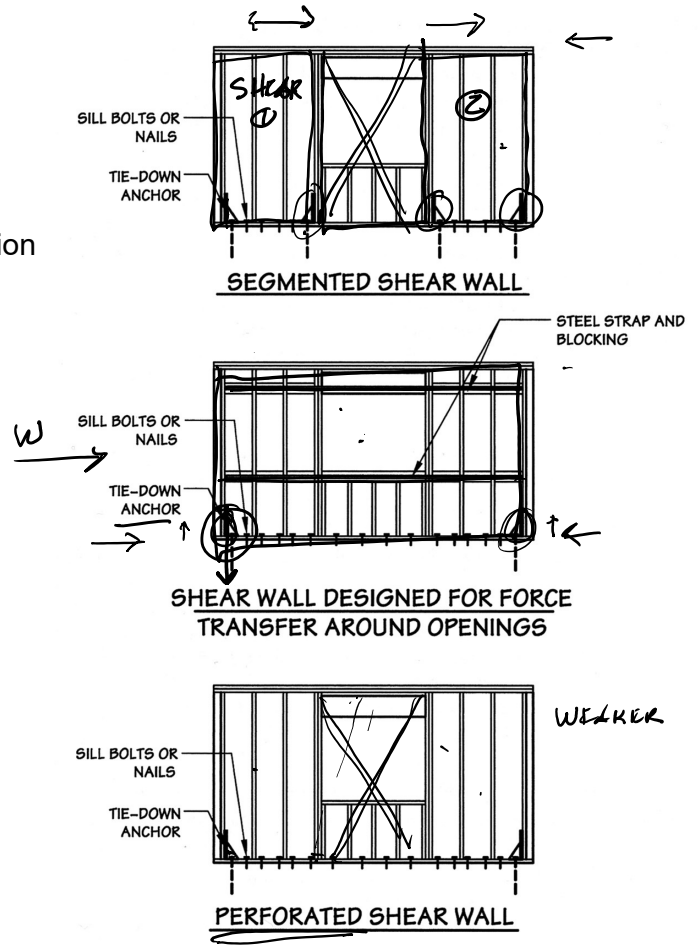
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Three Shear Wall Types

Design considerations:

- Sheathing – type and thickness
- Sheathing nailing – size and spacing
- Chord design – tension and compression
- Collector design – tension and comp.
- Anchorage – hold-downs, shear ties
- Shear panel proportions – h:w
- Deflection





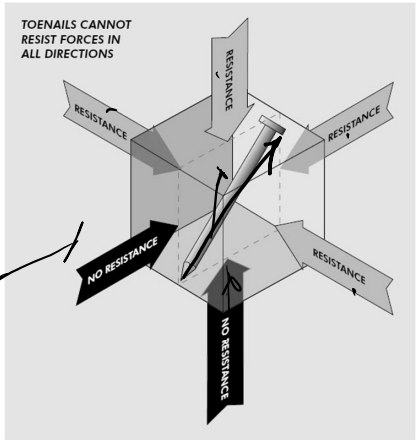
Shear Wall Connections

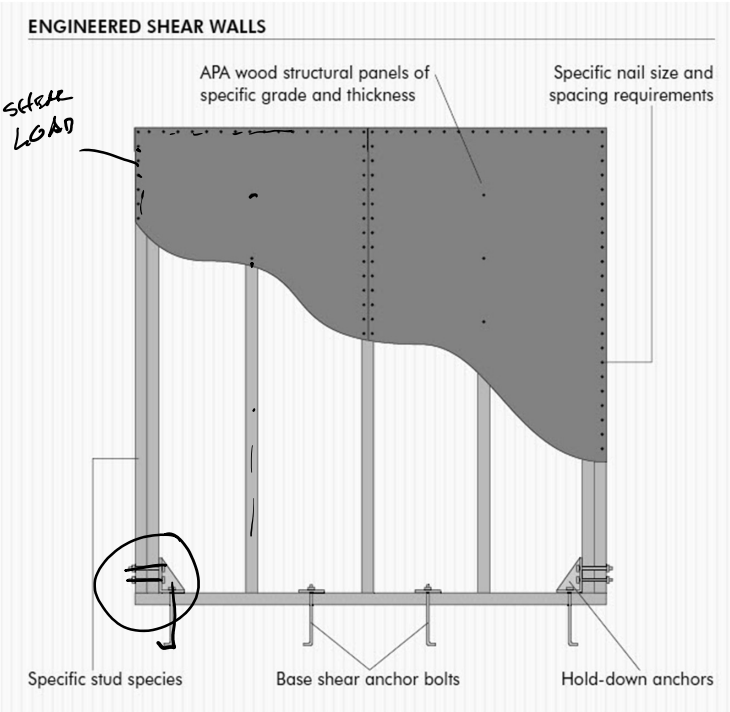
Connections need to transmit force in 6 directions (3 axes)

Toenails – not adequate

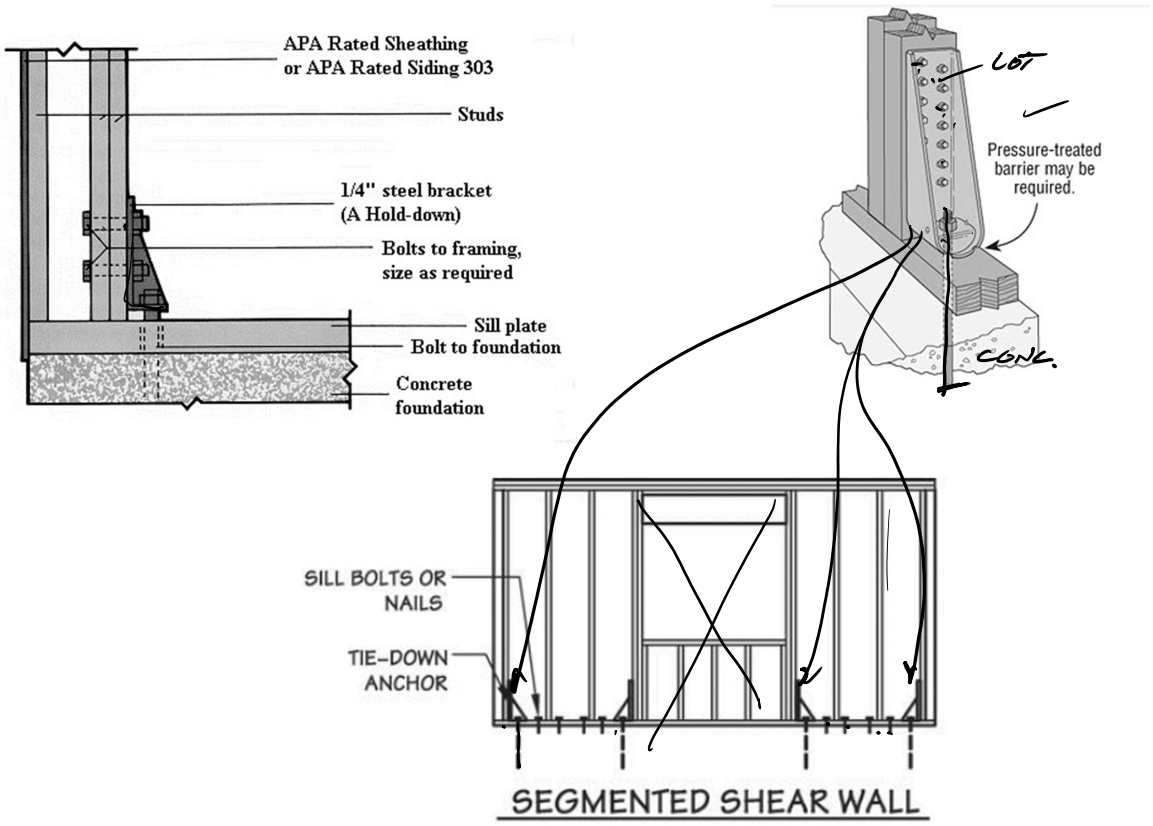
Hold–down Anchors

Base Shear Anchors





Anchors and Tie-downs



Shear Wall Types

Acts like a vertical cantilever beam

Let-in Wall Bracing – 45° - limited to single or top story

Wall Board – requires 8 ft length

Wood Structural Panel – requires 4 ft length

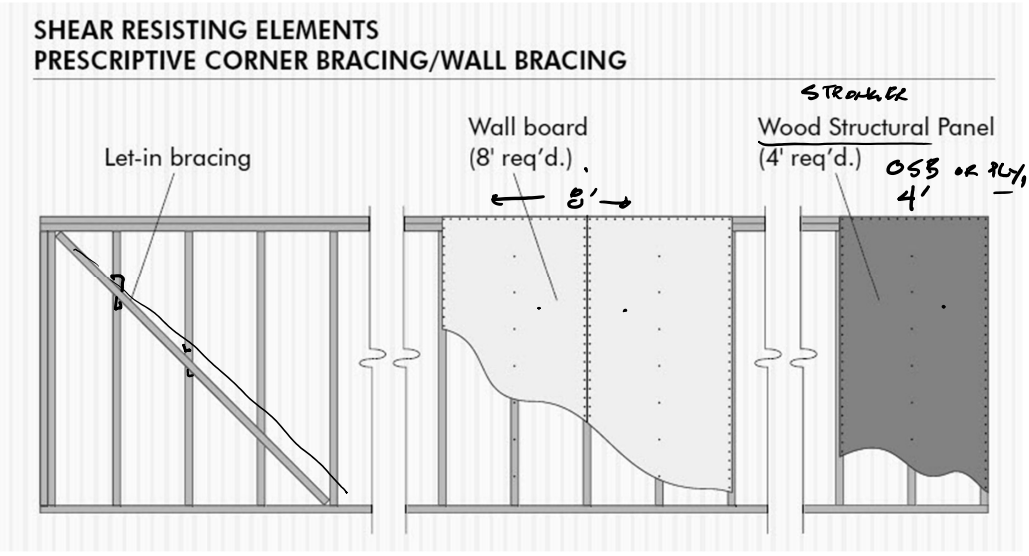
3 times stronger by length

Table 4.3.4 Maximum Shear Wall Aspect Ratios

Shear Wall Sheathing Type	Maximum h/b_s Ratio
Wood structural panels, unblocked	2:1
Wood structural panels, blocked	3.5:1
Particleboard, blocked	2:1
Diagonal sheathing, conventional	2:1
Gypsum wallboard	2:1[1]
Portland cement plaster	2:1[1]
Structural Fiberboard	3.5:1

1 Walls having aspect ratios exceeding 1.5:1 shall be blocked shear walls.

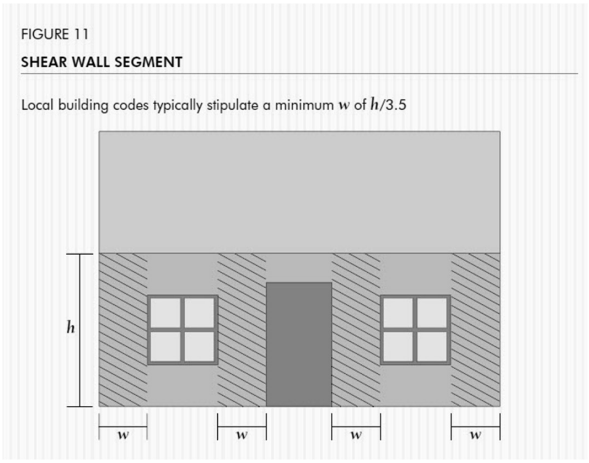
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Shear Wall Design Elements

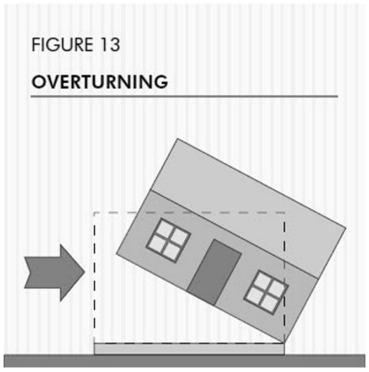
- Panel Thickness
- Panel Grade
- Nail spacing
- Base shear anchors
- Hold down anchors (at ends of each wall)
- Placement for lateral stability
- Fastening at edges (chords)

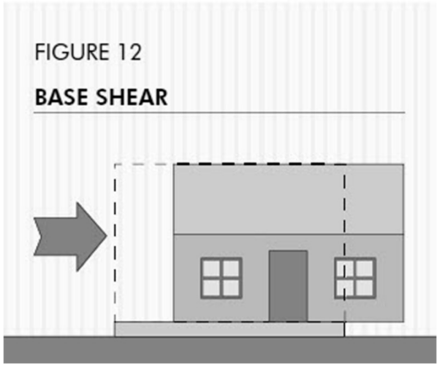
NDS wood mfg.



A Shear Wall...	A Diaphragm...
Is vertical	Is horizontal (or nearly so)
Is designed like a cantilevered beam	Is designed as a simply supported beam
Table has only blocked values, because a shear wall is always blocked*	Table has both blocked and unblocked diaphragm values

*A code requirement.

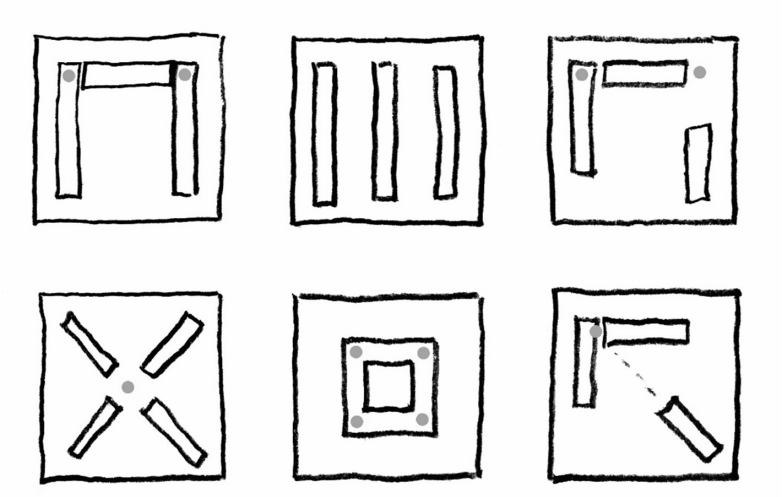




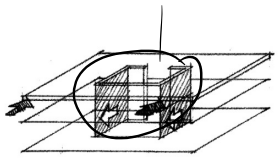
Lateral Force Resistance

Stability requires at least 2 points of intersection.

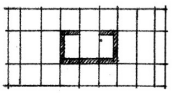
Force is more evenly resisted with centroid of walls in the kern of slab



Multi-story shear walls

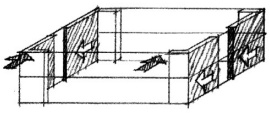


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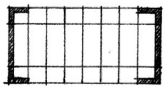


(b) Plan diagram.

Figure 4.55 Shearwalls at the central circulation core.

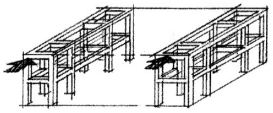


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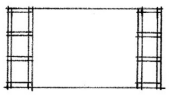


(b) Plan diagram.

Figure 4.56 Shearwalls at the exterior corners.

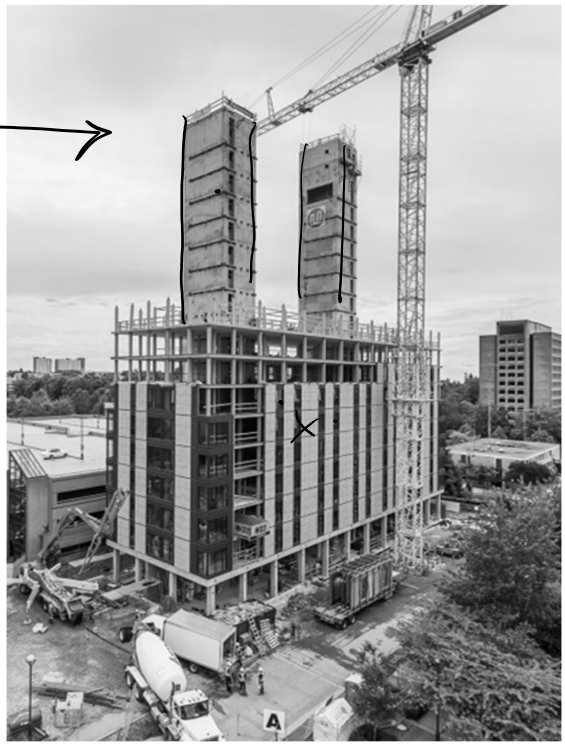


(a)



(b) Plan diagram.

Figure 4.57 Rigid frames at end bays (can also comprise the entire skeleton).



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