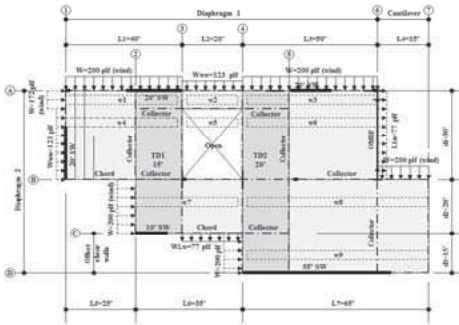


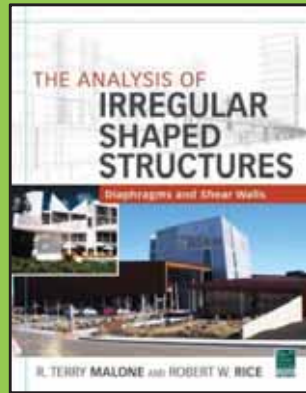


## Part I-Offset Diaphragms



Example-Complex Diaphragm

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## Course Description

Lateral force resisting systems in today’s structures are much more complex than they were several decades ago, incorporating multiple horizontal and vertical offsets in the diaphragms, multiple irregularities, and fewer lateral resisting elements. This two part presentation will provide a brief review of the method used to analyze these complex structures. In part 1, topics will include code requirements, how to recognize diaphragm irregularities and discontinuities, how shears are distributed through complex diaphragms, the method of analysis used to solve the transfer of forces across areas of discontinuity, and the analysis of flexible wood sheathed or untopped steel decking diaphragms with horizontal offsets.



## > Learning Objectives

### • Basic Information

Discuss boundary elements, complete lateral resisting load path requirements and related code sections.

### • Examine Common Types of Discontinuities

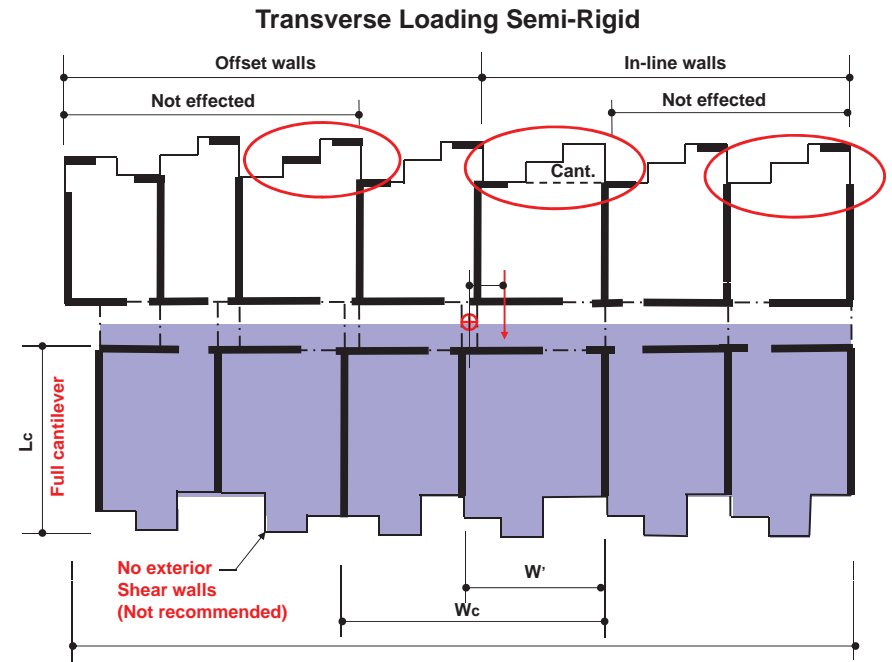
Examine common types of discontinuities and irregularities and discuss how to establish complete lateral load paths across areas of discontinuity.

### • Discuss the Analytical Method of Analysis

Review an analytical method used for solving complex diaphragms and shear walls using “Transfer Diaphragms” and the “Visual Shear Transfer Method.”

### • Offset Diaphragms-Examples

Review the analysis of flexible offset diaphragms for loading in the transverse and longitudinal directions.



## Presentation Assumptions

### Flexible wood sheathed or un-topped steel deck diaphragms

The method of analysis is also relevant to internal load path analysis within semi-rigid diaphragms.

- Loads to diaphragms and shear walls
  - Strength level or allowable stress design
  - Wind or seismic forces (UNO).
- The loads are already factored for the appropriate load combination.

#### Code References:

- ASCE 7-10 “Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures”
- 2012 IBC

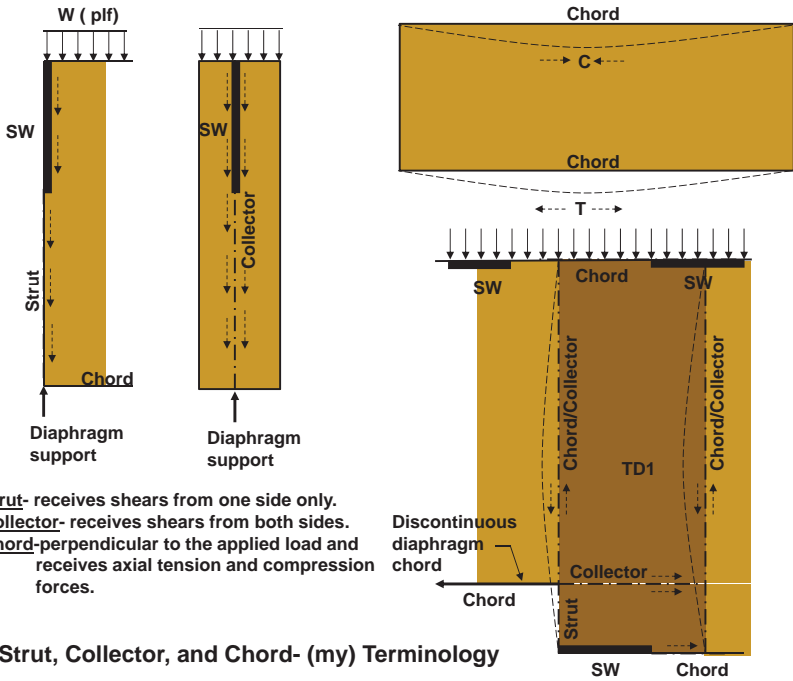
#### Design references:

- The Analysis of Irregular Shaped Structures: Diaphragms and Shear Walls- Malone, Rice
- Design of Wood Structures- Breyer, Fridley, Pollock, Cobeen
- SEAOC Seismic Design Manual, Volume 2
- Wood Engineering and Construction Handbook-Faherty, Williamson
- Guide to the Design of Diaphragms, Chords and Collectors-NCSEA, Mays

## Basic Information

- **Boundary Elements**
- **Complete Load Paths**
- **Method of Analysis**





**Strut**- receives shears from one side only.  
**Collector**- receives shears from both sides.  
**Chord**-perpendicular to the applied load and receives axial tension and compression forces.

**Strut, Collector, and Chord- (my) Terminology**

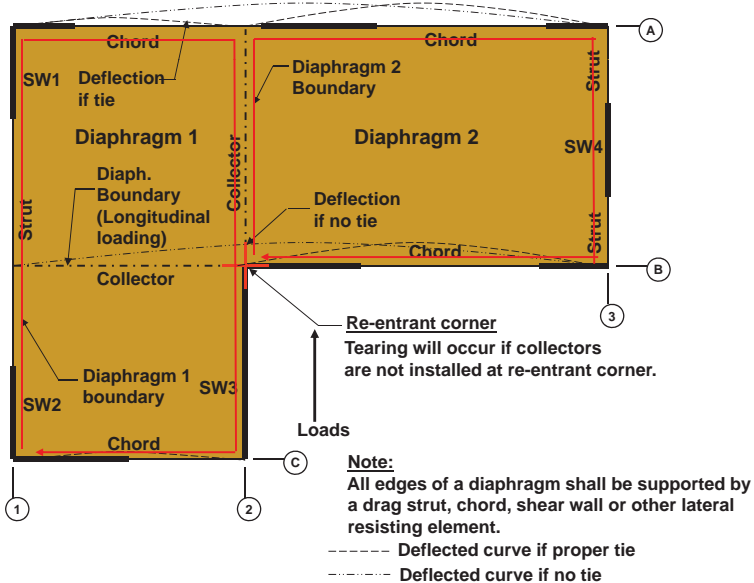
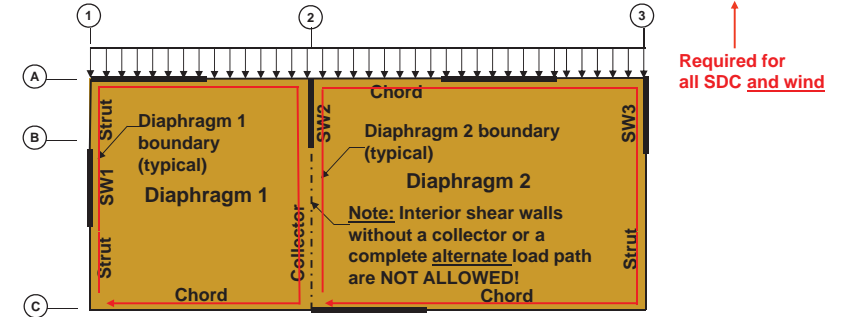
## Diaphragm Boundary Elements

### Fundamental Principles:

A shear wall is a location where diaphragm forces are resisted (supported), and therefore defines a diaphragm boundary location.

**Note:** All edges of a diaphragm shall be supported by a boundary element.

- **Diaphragm Boundary Elements:**
  - Chords, drag struts, collectors, Shear walls, frames
  - Boundary member locations:
    - Diaphragm and shear wall perimeters
    - Interior openings
    - Areas of discontinuities
    - Re-entrant corners.
- Diaphragm and shear wall sheathing shall not be used to splice boundary elements.
- Collector elements shall be provided that are capable of transferring forces originating in other portions of the structure to the element providing resistance to those forces.

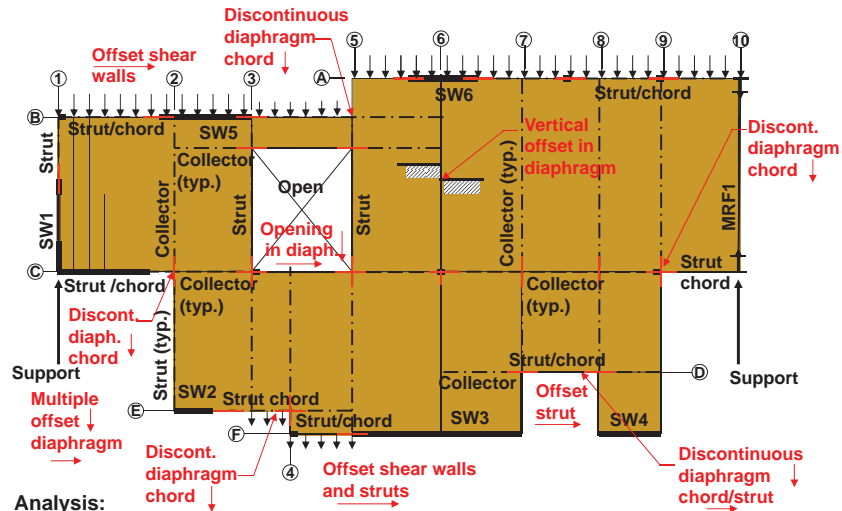


**Boundary Elements "L" Shaped Buildings-Transverse Loading**

## Basic Information

- Boundary Elements
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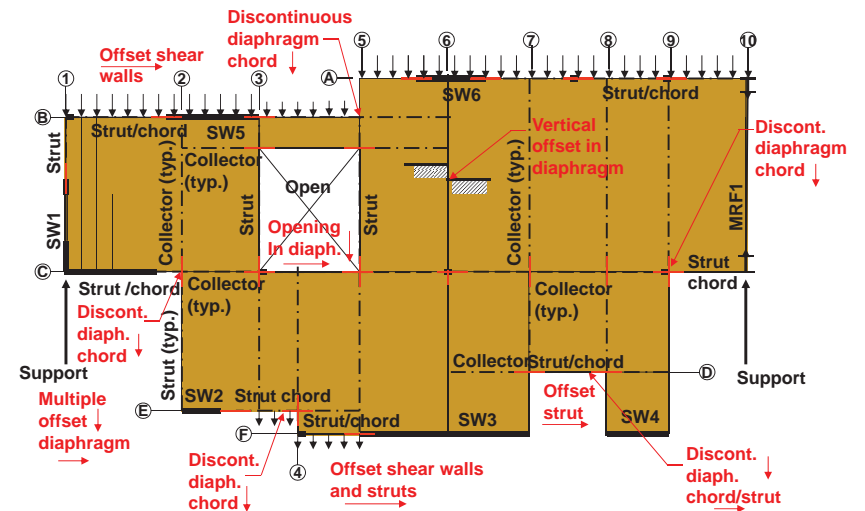




**Analysis:**

- Design shall be based on a rational analysis
- Complete load path from point of origin to lateral force resisting element (includes members and their connections and splices)
- Openings in shear panels that materially effect their strength shall be fully detailed on the plans and shall have their edges adequately reinforced to transfer all shear stresses.

**Complete Continuous Lateral Load Paths**



- ASCE 7-10 section 12.10.1-At diaphragm discontinuities such as openings and re-entrant corners, the design shall assure that the dissipation or transfer of edge (chord) forces combined with other forces in the diaphragm is within shear and tension capacity of the diaphragm.

What does this mean?

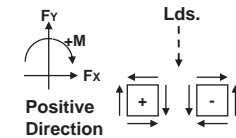
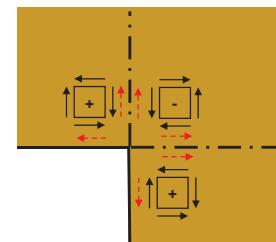
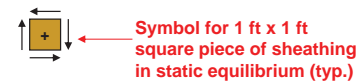
## Basic Information

- Boundary Elements
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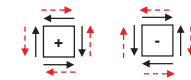
## Method of Analysis

### The Visual Shear Transfer Method



Transverse Direction (shown)

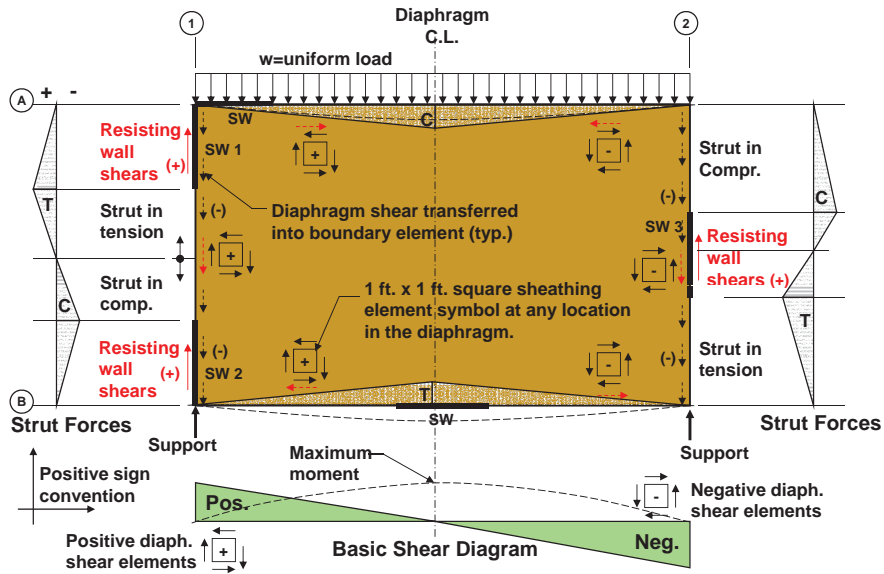
#### Shears Applied to Sheathing Elements



↑ Unit shear acting on sheathing element (plf)

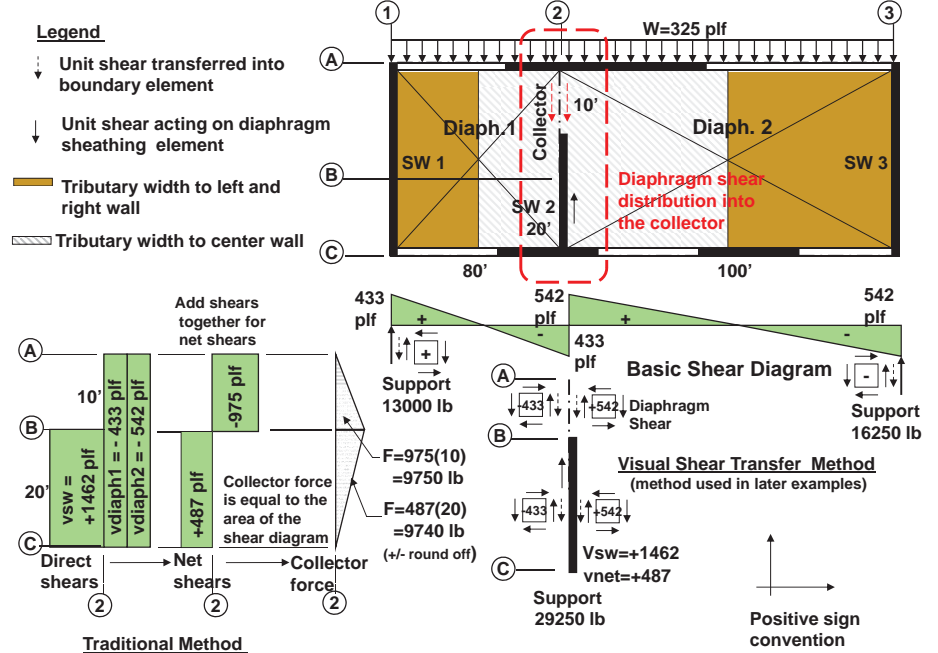
↑ Unit shear transferred from the sheathing element into the boundary element (plf)

#### Shears Transferred Into Boundary Elements

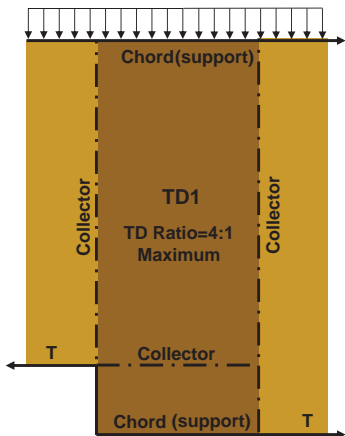


All edges of a diaphragm shall be supported by a boundary element (chord, strut, collector) or other vertical lateral force resisting element (shear wall, frame).

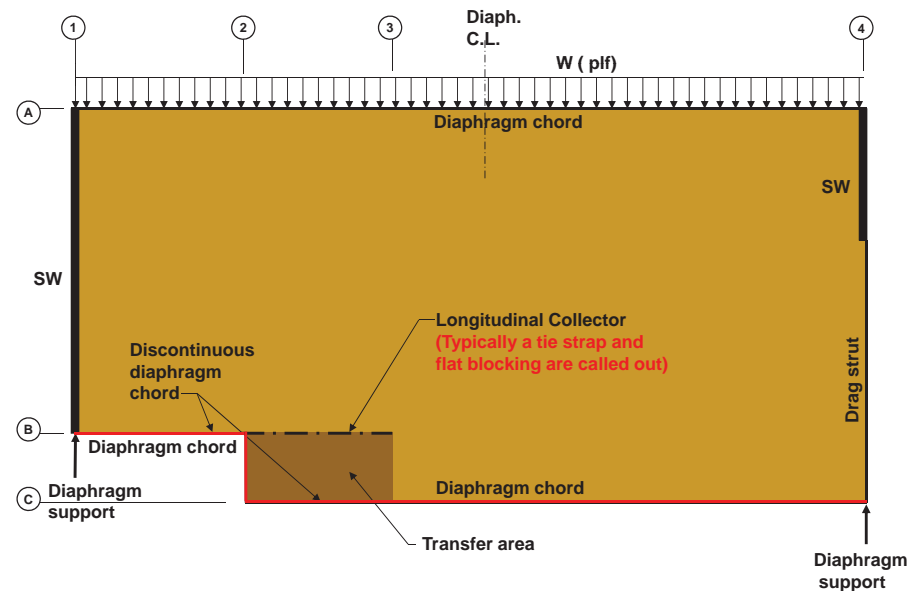
Shear Distribution Into a Simple Diaphragm  
The Visual Shear Transfer Method



## Introduction to Transfer Diaphragms and Transfer Areas



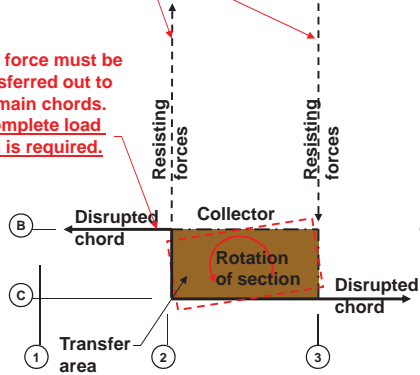
- Transfer Diaphragm (sub-diaphragm):** A portion of a larger diaphragm designed to anchor and transfer local forces to primary diaphragm chords/struts of the main diaphragm.
- At discontinuities, such as openings or re-entrant corners, the design shall assure that the dissipation or transfer of edge (chord) forces **combined with other forces in the diaphragm** is within shear and tension capacity of the diaphragm.   
*What does this mean?*
- Framing members, blocking, and connections shall extend into the diaphragm a **sufficient distance** to develop the force transferred into the diaphragm.   
*What does this mean?*



Transfer Diaphragm Members and Elements

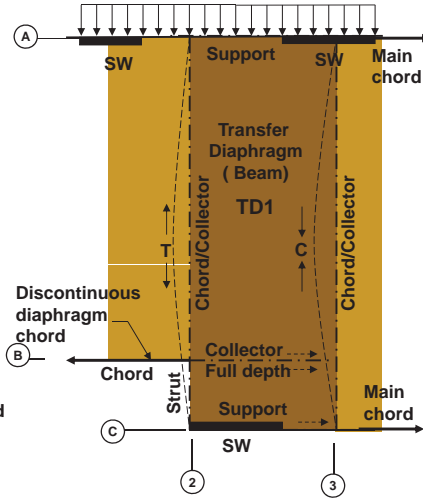
Partial length collectors do not constitute a complete load path.

This force must be transferred out to the main chords. A complete load path is required.



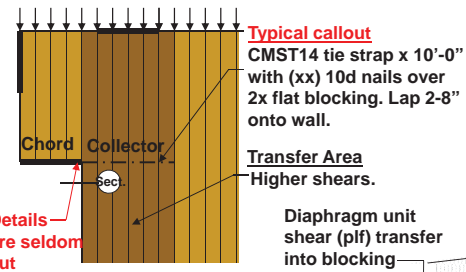
Transfer area without transverse collectors

Transfer Mechanism



NOTE: Collector must extend the full depth of the transfer diaphragm

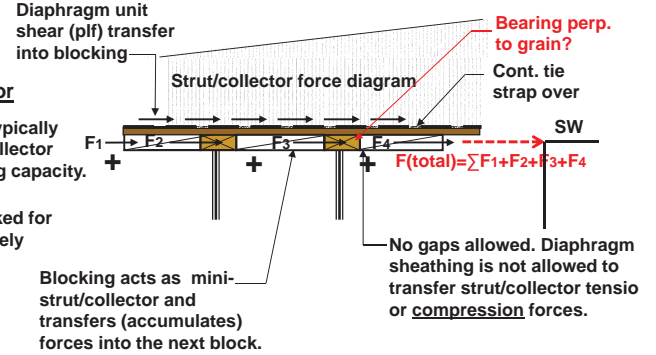
Transfer using beam concept



Details are seldom cut

Plan-Partial length collector

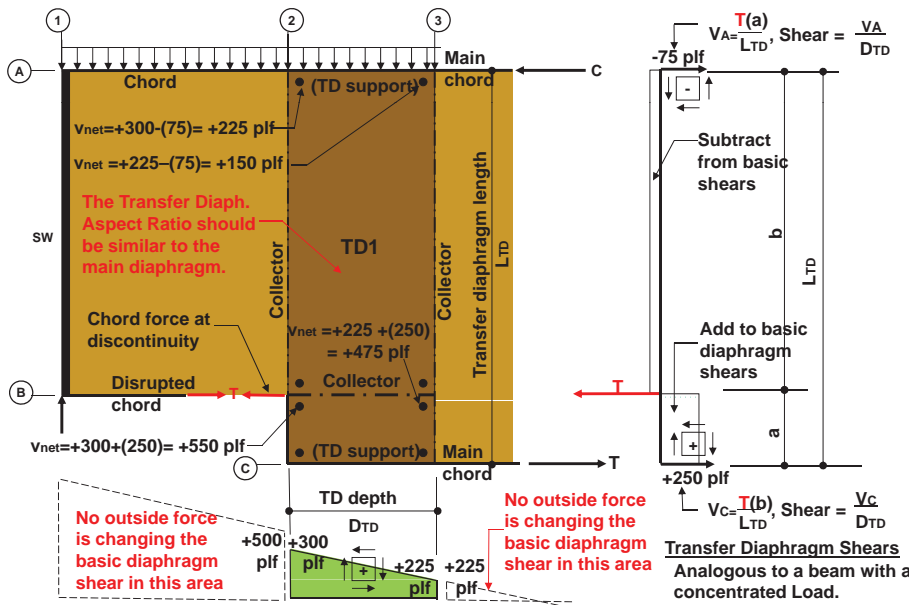
- The length of the collector is typically determined by dividing the collector force by the diaphragm nailing capacity. (Wrong!!)
- The collector is typically checked for tension only. Compression rarely checked. (Wrong!!)



Blocking acts as mini-strut/collector and transfers (accumulates) forces into the next block.

Collector force distribution

Example of Partial Strut/Collector



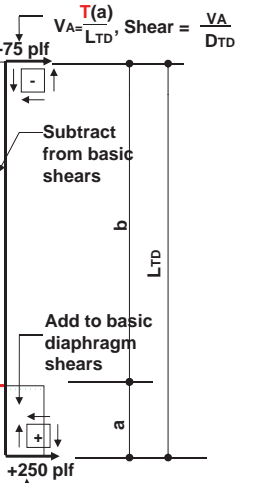
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Basic Shear Diagram at transfer diaphragm

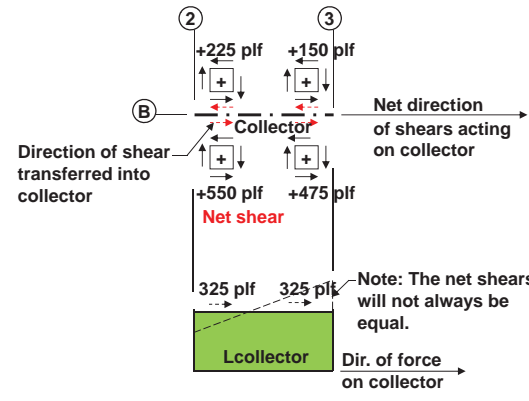
Basic Procedure

Method by Edward F. Diekmann



Transfer Diaphragm Shears Analogous to a beam with a concentrated Load.

vnet = 300 + (250) = 550 plf Net shear



Resulting net shear diagram on collector

- Place the net diaphragm shear on each side of the collector
- Place the transfer shears on each side of the collector
- Sum shears on collector (based upon direction of shears transferred onto collector).

Shear left = +550 - 225 = +325 plf

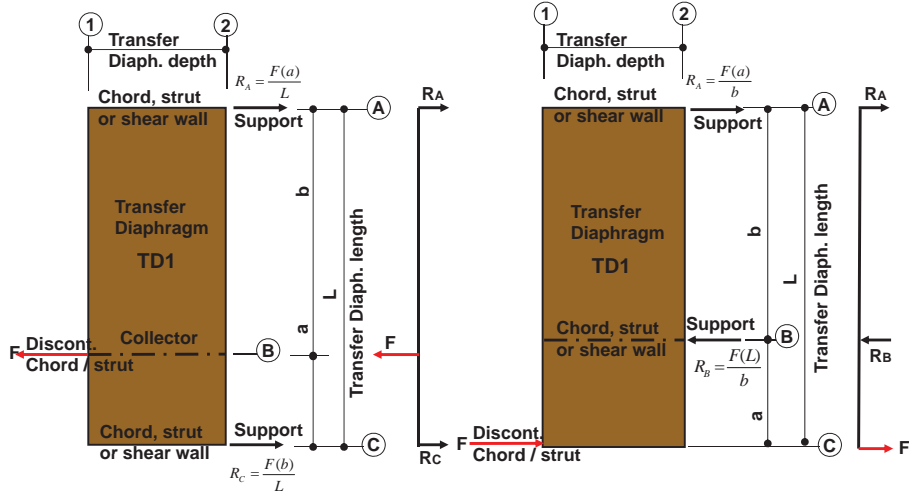
Shear right = +475 - 150 = +325 plf

Collector force =  $\frac{(325 + 325)(L_{collector})}{2}$

Shear Distribution Into The Collector



# Diaphragms with Horizontal Offsets



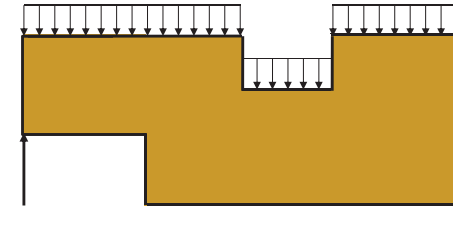
### Simple Span Transfer Diaphragm

Analogous to a simple span beam with a concentrated load

### Propped Cantilever Transfer Diaphragm

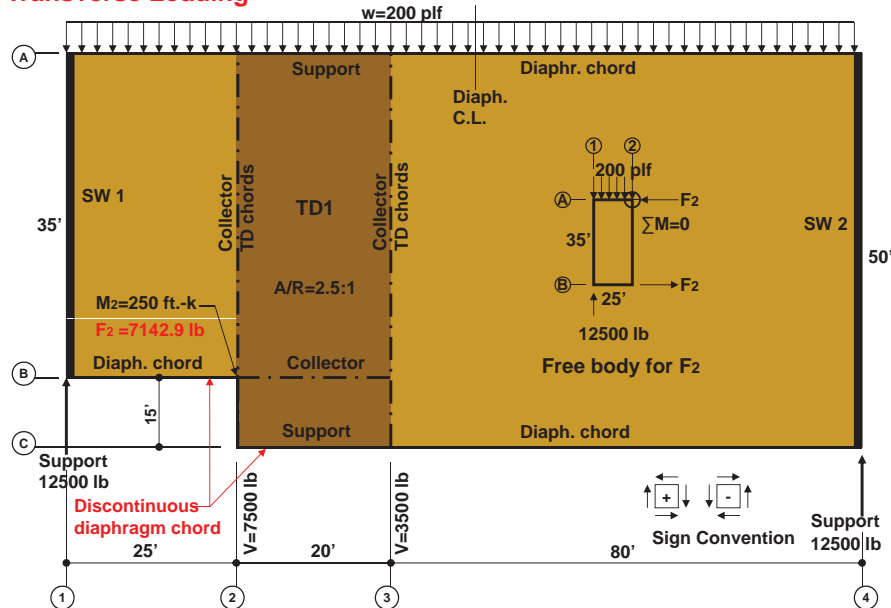
Analogous to a propped cantilever beam with a concentrated load

### Simple Span and Propped Cantilever Transfer Diaphragms

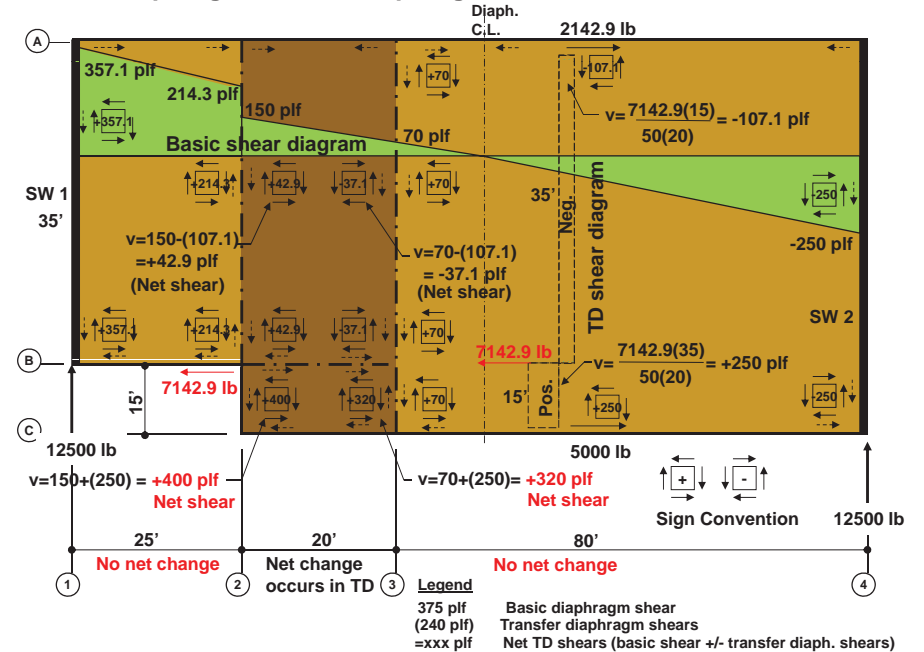


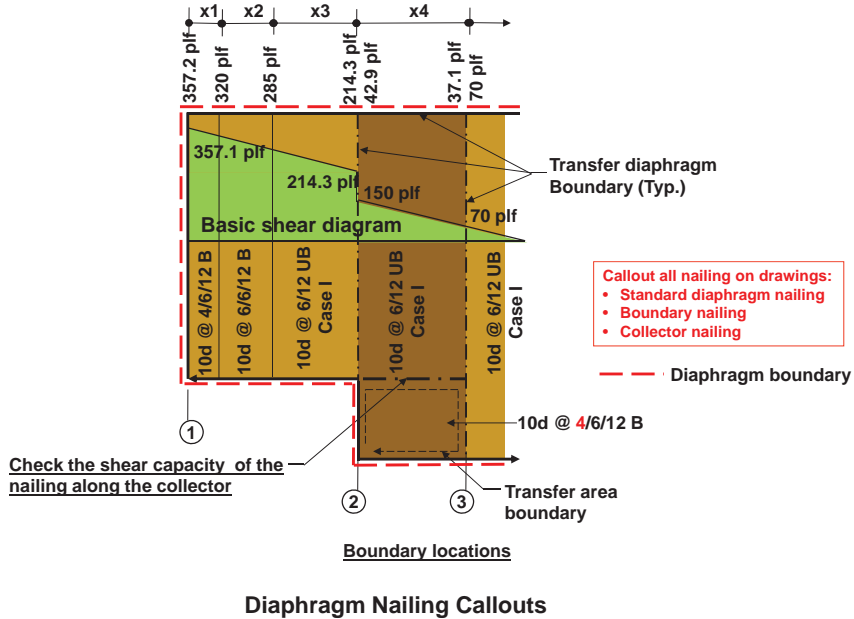
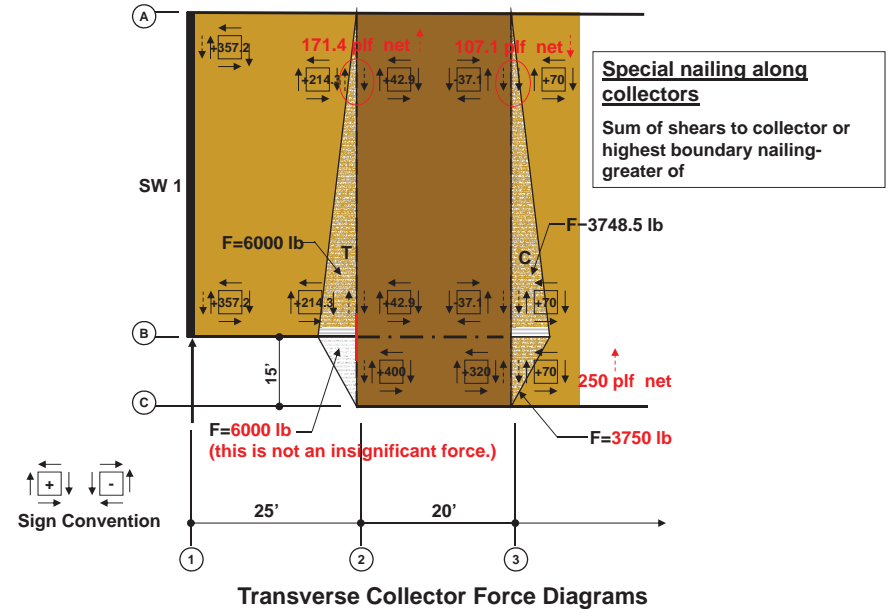
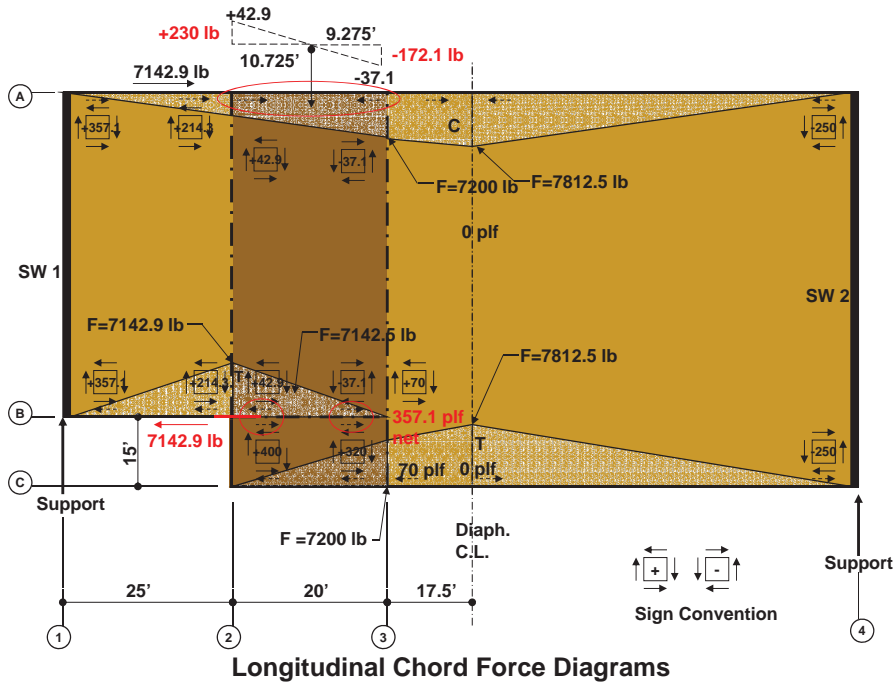
## Example 1-Diaphragm with Horizontal End Offset

### Transverse Loading

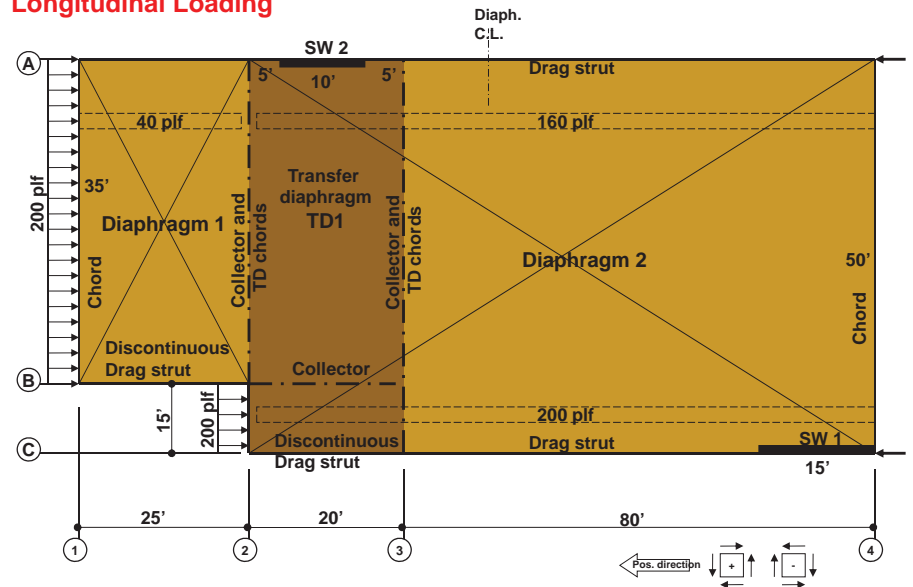


## Transfer Diaphragm and Net Diaphragm Shear

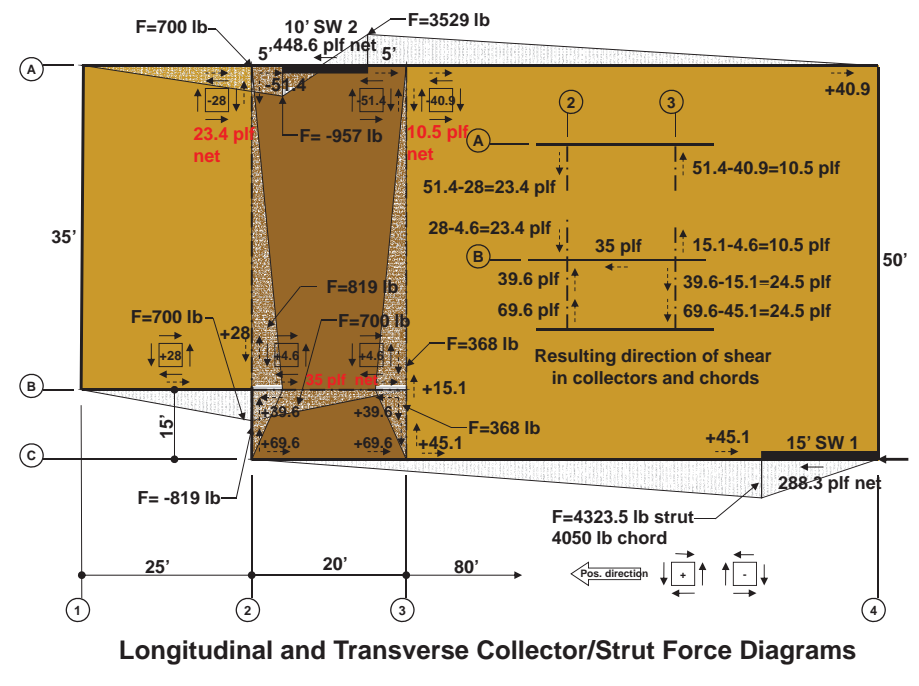
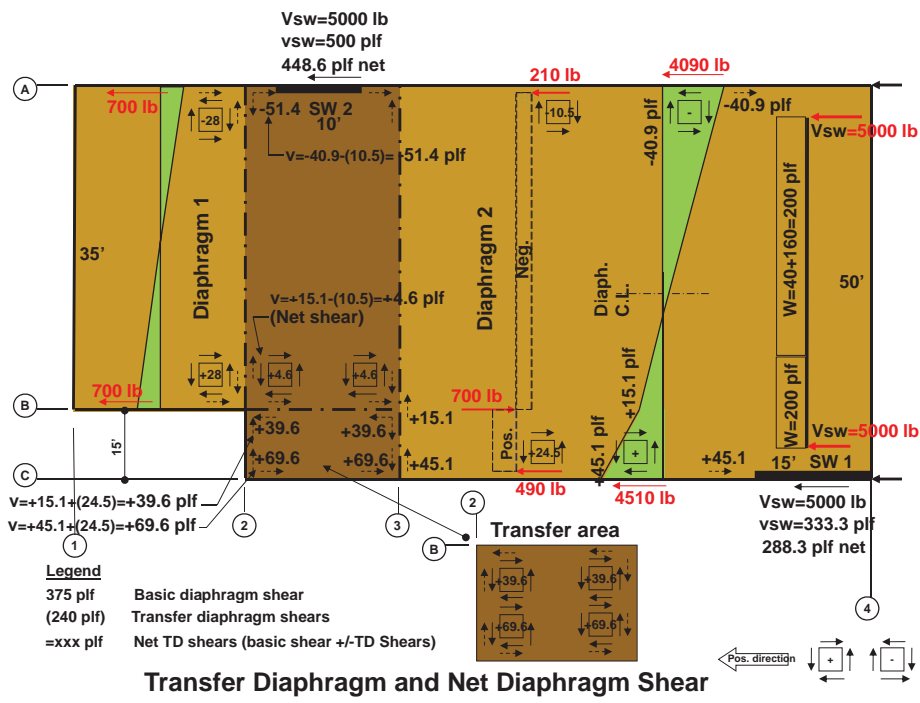




**Example 2-Diaphragm with Horizontal End Offset**  
**Longitudinal Loading**







## Questions?

This concludes

### AIA Presentation Part 1- on Offset Diaphragms

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