

# A Master Class on Wood Lateral-Resisting Systems



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# **Course Description**

Creative structures are becoming increasingly common. Their aesthetically pleasing shapes create new demands and challenges on finding engineering solutions.

This presentation will provide the necessary analytical tools to solve complex lateral load paths across areas of discontinuities in irregular shaped diaphragms. A complete lateral plan review will be conducted on a two-story hotel to see how these design tools can be applied.



# **Learning Objectives**

- Answer some of the more commonly asked questions regarding complex diaphragm design.
- Review the analysis methods available to transfer shear forces across areas of discontinuities.
- Examine the important role of collectors for distributing forces through the diaphragm.
- Provide a comprehensive lateral Plan Review of a complex diaphragm.



# **Presentation Objectives**

(Based on repeated e-mails, phone calls, RD plan reviews)

### The basics

- Questions
- Computer modeling
- Design approach

There is more than one way to analyze complex diaphragms.

## The analytical methods



#### The Plan Review



## **Method of Analysis and Webinar References**



Information on Website:

Presentation Slide Archives, Workshops, White papers, research reports, Design examples

## **Commonly Asked Questions**

- How do you analyze a complex diaphragm layout?
- How do I model the diaphragm using FEA software? Pros-cons, accuracy?
- When is a detailed analysis required? Can I just do a quick check?
- What constitutes a continuous lateral load path?
- How do I handle diaphragm and shear wall offsets?
- Do I need to develop force diagrams or not?

#### History has shown:

- Textbooks and code examples commonly show simple rectangular structures for examples. All SW's line up, no offsets-Doesn't fit modern structures.
- There are very few references regarding the design of complicated diaphragm shapes.
- Plan review experience has shown that complex diaphragms irregularities are often just ignored or overlooked.

## It is not as complicated as It seems.

# **Computer Modeling**

**Preliminary considerations:** 

- Diaphragms and shear walls
  2D Spreadsheet or 3D model?
- Assume semi-rigid, rigid or flexible diaphragms?
  - NEHRP Seismic Design Technical Brief No.10, Section 6.3:
  - Rigid walls with flexible diaphragms
  - Rigid diaphragms with flexible walls
- Recommend using Nominal SW Stiffness values

# **FEA Diaphragm Modeling**

- The model :
  - Some FEA software use pseudo analysis for flexible and semi-rigid analyses.
  - Most software does not accurately analyze diaphragm stiffness, chord offset forces, panel shear deformation, nail slip, or chord slip. (must be calibrated)
  - Diaphragms are typically modelled by using shell, membrane or plate elements exhibiting membrane characteristics.
  - Model diaphragms in 3D software, but backcheck areas of discontinuity in the diaphragms by hand or by using spreadsheets.



**Computer or No Computer?** 

## 2D Spreadsheet or 3D model?



FEA Diaphragm Modeling

## **Diaphragms**-Model as a minimum:



**Opinion**- Model as semi-rigid or rigid in FEA 3D model to capture structure response, but backcheck diaphragm using EXCEL spreadsheets or hand calculations. (strut/collector forces and force transfer at areas of discontinuity). Wood shear walls???? Options:

- 1. linear spring elements at equivalent SW stiffness
- 2. Equivalent rectangular vertical members, Calibrated to capture flexural stiffness and nominal shear stiffness
- 3. Plate elements (Calibrated)?
- 4. By hand or spreadsheet.

# **Decisions**, **Decisions**!

## Choices for Complex diaphragm Analysis-2D layout

- Design as complex diaphragms as a whole:
  - Pros-Can use traditional rim joist or wall double top plate at the exterior wall line as diaphragm chords (discontinuous).
  - **Cons**-More difficult to design due to offsets.
- Create simple diaphragm sections within main diaphragm:
  - **Pros**-Easier to analyze as rectangular diaphragms.
  - Cons-Will have to create new interior chords (e.g. Floor joist, beam, etc.).
  - **Cons**-Have to address the effects of the appendages.

## Recommendations

- 1. Avoid offset chords by placement of shear walls, where possible.
- 2. Line up shear walls where possible.
- 3. Avoid offset shear walls, where possible.
- 4. Avoid discontinuous shear walls, where possible. Line up vertically (stack)
- 5. Avoid long collectors, which would create large connection forces.
- 6. Try to minimize number and length of collectors.
- 7. Minimize number of flat strap and blocking collectors and their lengths.

# **Spreadsheets**

Can be useful, but.....

 Won't always fit the layout.

**Getting from** 

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 Can take additional time to adjust input data to fit the case



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## **Shear Walls**-Nominal Stiffness:



## **Determination of Nominal Wall Stiffness**

Combining Rigid Diaphragm Analysis & shear wall deflection calculations is problematic due to non-linearities, which can effect the distribution of loads to the shear walls and will effect the shear wall deflections. This can lead to a different set of stiffness values that may not be consistent.

Whenever changing:

- Load combinations
- Vertical or lateral loads,
- Direction of loading
- Redundancy, or
- Accidental torsion

Requires an Iterative search for the point of convergence, which is not practical for multi-story structures.

Sources of non-linearities:

- Hold-down slip at uplift (e.g. shrinkage gap)
- Hold-down system tension and elongation
- Compression crushing. Non-linear in NDS
- $\circ$  Shrinkage
- 4-term deflection equation

Since deflection is "non-linear".... the stiffness can vary with the loading, even when using 3-term deflection equation.

### **Objective:**

## Use a single rational vertical and lateral load combination to calculate deflections and Nominal shear wall stiffness.

Gravity Loads:1.0D but vertical seismic loading not included. (EV=0.2SDSD)

Results in single vertical loading condition to use when calculating shear wall deflections and nominal shear wall stiffnesses.

#### **Proposing:**

- Stiffness calculated using 3-term eq. and LC 1.0D+Qe, Vertical seismic loading not included. (Ev=0.2SDSD) with ρ=1.0 and Ax=1.0.
- 2. Use stiffness calculated at 100% Maximum Seismic Design Capacity of the Wall for all Load Combinations and Drift Checks from RDA using 3 term equation.
- 3. Use nominal stiffness for all other analysis checks, calculating wall deflection,

$$\delta_{SW} = \frac{F}{K}, K = \frac{F}{\delta_{SW}}$$

4. Maximum wall capacity =Max. allow. Shear (nailing) or HD capacity whichever is less.

## **Tips-Shear Wall Deflection & Stiffness Considerations**

- 3-term equation is a linear simplification of the 4-term equation, calibrated to match the applied load at 1.4 ASD.
- This simplification removes the non-linear behavior of en.
- Similar approach can be used to remove non-linear effects of Δa by calculating the wall stiffness at strength level capacity of the wall, not the applied load.



#### Method allows having only one set of nominal stiffness values.

## Nominal Shear Wall Stiffness's (STR) p=1.0, Ax=1.0

Load Combination: 1.0D + QE

Grid Line	Ga	V on wall	V	Т	С	$\Delta_a$	$F_{c\perp}$	Crush.	Shrink	δ <b></b>	δ <b>s</b>	δRot	δ <i>SW</i>
Calculate Stiffness of Walls on A & B using LRED Capacity													
Α	37	7308.0	913.5	6391	13770	0.154	556.36	0.056	0.019	0.022	0.247	0.313	0.581
В	37	7308.0	913.5	6391	13770	0.154	556.36	0.056	0.019	0.022	0.247	0.313	0.581
Calculate Stiffness of Walls on 2 & 3 using LRFD Coading													
2	30	7022.0	702.2	6391	8341	0.154	505.50	0.045	0.019	0.020	0.234	0.230	0.484
3	30	7022.0	702.2	6391	8341	0.154	505.50	0.045	0.019	0.020	0.234	0.230	0.484
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for allowable V at top of wall.													
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# Layout-Where Do I Start?

#### Offset chords due to interruption of balcony Offset **Discontinuous** chord SW from above SW Opt SW SW SW SW SW Offset SW Walls Diaphragm 2 Diaphragm 1 Diaphragm 2 Diaphragm 1 SW SW ls₩ Offset SW SW SW chord 1 **1** 1 1 1 1 Simple diaphragm Simple diaphragm Simple diaphragm Simple diaphragm offset chords No offset chords offset chords offset chord top and bottom oads top and bottom **Bottom only**

## **Recommendations:**

- 1. Avoid offset chords by placement of shear walls, where possible.
- 2. Avoid offset shear walls where possible.
- 3. Avoid discontinuous shear walls.
- 4. Transpose floor/floor SW's to see how they Stack.







# Q&A



## Analysis tools you can use to solve problem areas



A minimum number of analytical tools can help you develop continuous lateral load paths

- Collectors
  - **Transfer Areas and Transfer Diaphragms**
  - **Offset Shear Walls**
  - **Offset Diaphragms** ٠

## Collectors



## **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. (ASCE 7-16 Section 11.2)

#### **SDPWS 4.3.5.1**

- 3. Collectors for shear transfer to individual full-height wall
- segments shall be provided. 1 2`

- **Diaphragm Boundary Elements:** 
  - Chords, drag struts, collectors, Shear walls, frames
  - **Boundary member locations:** 
    - Diaphragm and shear wall perimeters
    - Interior openings
    - Areas of discontinuity
    - Re-entrant corners.
- Diaphragm and shear wall sheathing shall not be used to act as or splice boundary elements. (SDPWS 4.1.4)
- 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. (ASCE 7-16 Section 12.10.2)

**Required for** 



## **Collector Options-Flat strap and blocking**

Must be capable of resisting tension and compression forces



**Collector force distribution** 



Configuration A Lateral distribution

## **Collector Options- Parallel trusses**





## **Collector to Shear Wall Load paths**



Solid Sawn Collector Over Shear Wall

## **Collector to Shear Wall Load paths**



Examples of Drag Struts, Collectors and chords at Exterior Boundaries

### **Collectors at Corridors**

Use one wall or both wall lines?



# Introduction to Transfer Diaphragms and Transfer Areas



#### **Transfer Diaphragms**

# **Transfer Areas**

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.

Most of the time, all of the necessary framing is already there as part of the framing plan. Additional framing is generally not required, only special nailing callouts.

Note: Resisting couple forces can be dumped into non-SW's provided they do not exceed sheathing capacity of the wall or require hold downs.



**Transfer Areas** 

# **Transfer Diaphragms**

#### Transfer Diaphragm



- Sub-diaphragm-don't confuse w/ sub-diaphragms supporting conc./masonry walls
- Transfers local forces out to primary chords/struts of the main diaphragm. (Based on method, ASCE 7 Section 1.4 and SDPWS 4.1.1)
- Maximum TD Aspect Ratio=2.5:1 min., 4:1 max. (Must be similar in stiffness to main diaph.)

Framing members, blocking, and connections shall extend into the diaphragm a <u>sufficient distance</u> to develop the force transferred into the diaphragm. (SDPWS 4.2.1) What does this mean?

Collector Length?-My rule of thumb:

- Check length by dividing discontinuous force by the nailing capacity (other issues need to be considered)
- Length=full depth of transfer the diaphragm, set by A/R
- If L<=30' o.k. to use strap/blocking, If > 30' use beam/truss
- Increase TD depth if shears are too high in transfer area



**Transfer Diaphragm Members and Elements**


Transfer using beam concept



**TD Aspect Ratio Too High** 

## Method of Analysis-Method by Edward F. Diekmann



**Basic Shear Diagram at transfer diaphragm** 



**Shear Distribution Into The Collector** 

The Analysis of Irregular Shaped Diaphragms

### **Transfer Areas at Offset Walls**





#### **SDPWS 4.3.5.1**

3. Collectors for shear transfer to individual full-height wall segments shall be provided.

Must follow engineering mechanics and all force diagrams must close to zero or be resolved by other methods.

#### Tying Shear Walls Across a Large Diaphragm



#### Layout 1-Full length walls aligned



#### **Example 4-Offset Shear Walls Across the Corridor-Layout 6**

Layout 6, Case1-Full length offset walls



#### Case 1-Smaller resulting forces at corridor



All forces in lb., all shears in plf

Total load to grid lines 2 & 3

R23=4368+3608+48+5368+6608+48=20048 # O.K.

LSW=22+22=44' VSW=20048 # vSW=20048/44=455.64 plf

vnet SW1=455.64-156-244=55.64 plf vnet SW2=455.64-164-236=55.64 plf Checks, they should be equal



Shear at transfer area=240/6+8=48 plf

#### Layout 6, Case2-Full length plus partial length offset shear walls



#### Case 2-Larger resulting forces at corridor



All forces in lb., all shears in plf

Total load to grid lines 2 & 3

R23=4368+3608+48+5368+6608+48=20048 # O.K.

Lsw=22+12=34' Vsw=20048 # vsw=20048/34=589.65 plf

vnet SW1=589.65-156-244=189.65 plf vnet SW2=589.65-164-236=189.65 plf Checks, they should be equal

#### <u>SW1</u> F2AB=189.65(22)=4172.24 # F2BC=(156+8)6=984 # F2C=4172.24-984=3188.24 # -

 SW2
 O.K.

 FSW2 =189.65(12)=2275.76 #
 FSW2 to 3B=(236+8)6+(236+164)10=5464 #

 F3B=2275.76-5464= -3188.24 # <</td>

FB23=FC23=3188.24(4)/6=2125.49 #

Shear at transfer area=3188.24/6+8=539.37 plf

#### Layout 6, Case3 - Partial length offset shear walls



#### Case 3-Smaller resulting forces at corridor





Total load to grid lines 2 & 3

R23=4368+3608+48+5368+6608+48=20048 # O.K.

LSW=12+10=22' VSW=20048 # vSW=20048/22=911.27 plf

vnet SW1=911.27-156-244=511.27 plf vnet SW2=911.27-164-236=511.27 plf Checks, they should be equal

**O.K.** 

<u>SW1</u> FSW1=511.27(10)=5112.7 # FSW1 to 2B=(156+244)12=4800 # F2BC=(156+8)6=984 # F2C=5112.7-4800-984=-671.3 # -

<u>SW2</u> FSW2=511.27(12)=6135.24 # FSW2 to 3B=(236+8)6+(236+164)10=5464 # F3B=6135.24-5464= 671.24 # ◀

FB23=FC23=671.3(4)/6=120 #

Shear at transfer area=671.3/6+8=119.9 plf

# **Diaphragm Offsets**





**Analysis Option 1-Analyze as Diaphragm with Intermediate Offset** 



**Analysis Option 2-Analyzing as separate diaphragms** 



# Q&A



# A Design Example

# A 2-Story Hotel Case Study



# Lateral Load Paths, Discontinuities and Solutions











Area B Tension Chord











structures and the height of the Porte Cache will not normally match the second floor elevation.




























The area of the plan under discussion is noted at the bottom of the slide.

Please note the area and direction of load, NS or EW, at the start of your question.

Example: "B-NS"... question



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