



Wood-Frame Shear Wall and Diaphragm Design

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Course Description

This course is intended for structural engineers and building designers seeking an overview of design steps, considerations and detailing best practices related to the wind- and seismic-resistive design of wood-frame diaphragms and shear walls. It provides an overview of relevant 2015 International Building Code (IBC) provisions and American Wood Council (AWC)-referenced standards, a discussion of common design errors, and guidance related to load path continuity. Discussion will cover diaphragm load paths, chords, collectors and openings, as well as shear wall components, construction options, overturning restraint systems and detailing considerations. Design examples will be used to illustrate key principles and code provisions.



Learning Objectives

1. Review seismic and wind load paths in wood-frame structures.
2. Discuss relevant code and referenced standard provisions related to the design of shear walls and diaphragms.
3. Highlight methods for designing wood-frame diaphragms and related components including chords and collectors.
4. Explore shear wall design principles and highlight three code-compliant configuration options for solid walls vs. walls with openings.

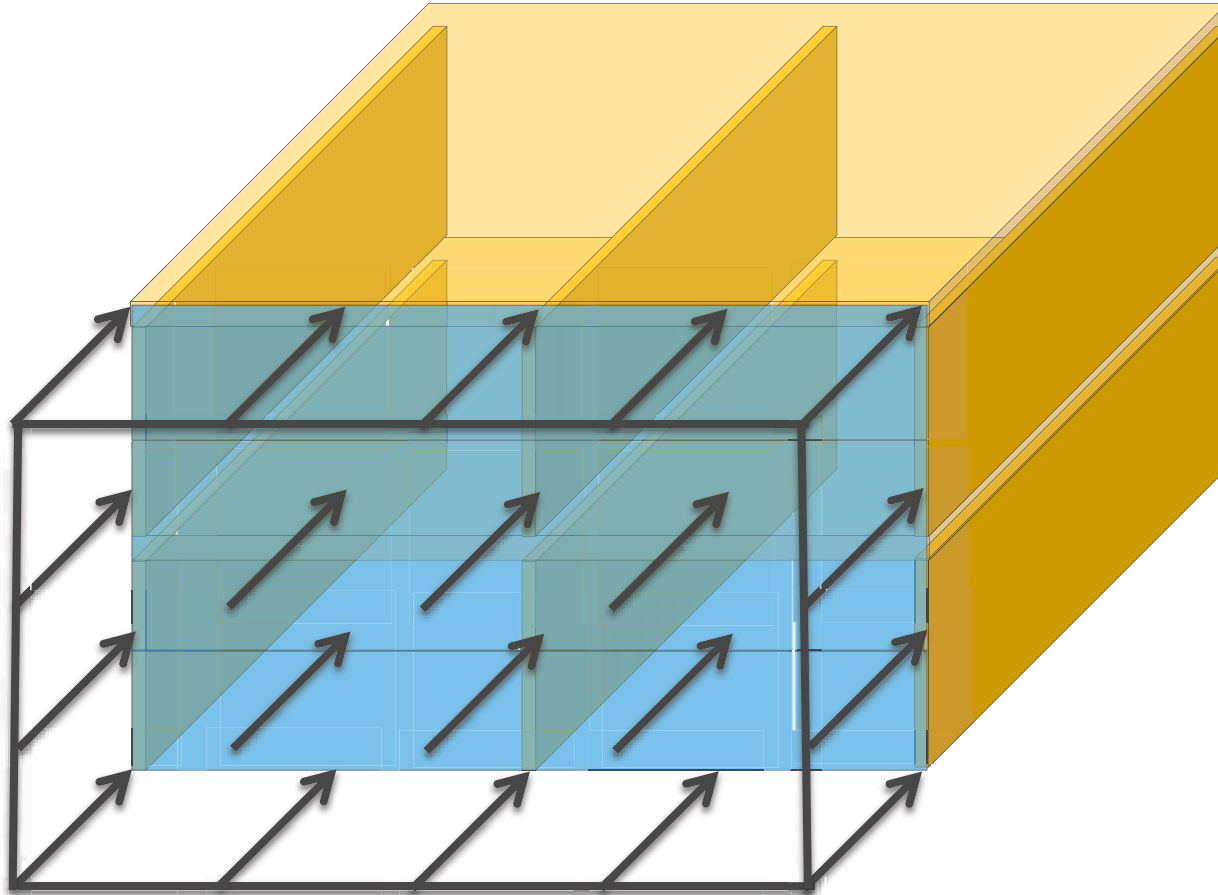
Overview

- Diaphragms
- Shear Walls

Diaphragm Design

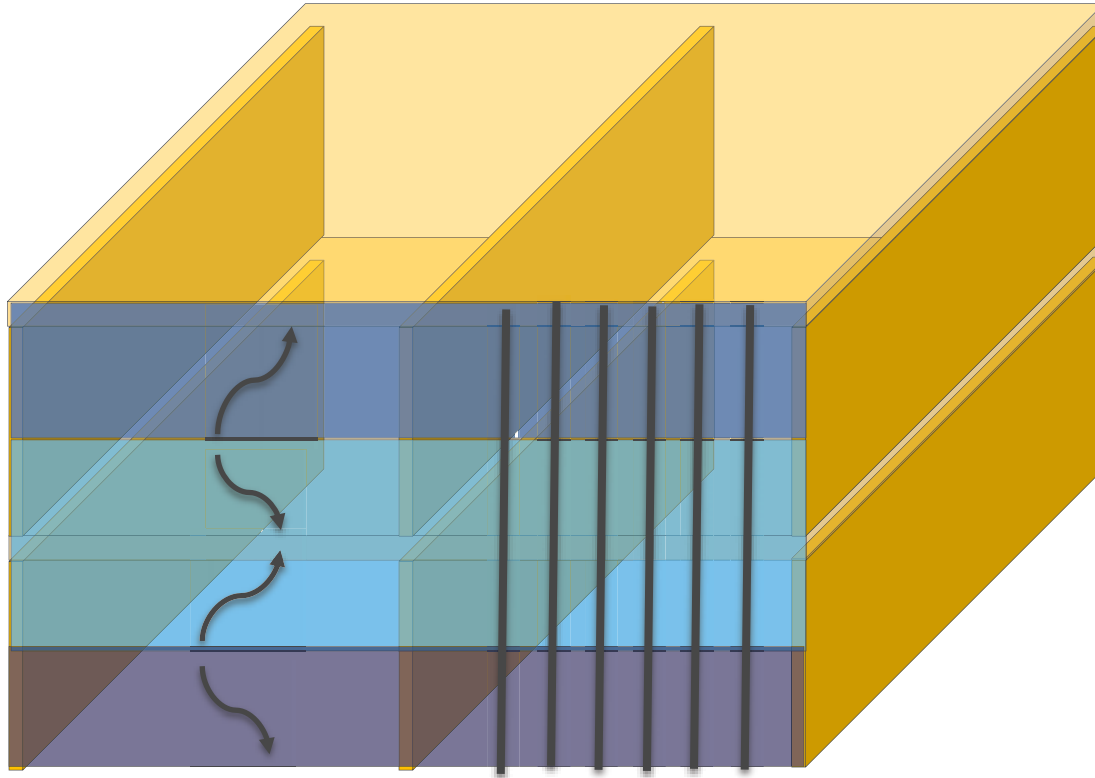


Multi-Story Wind Load Design



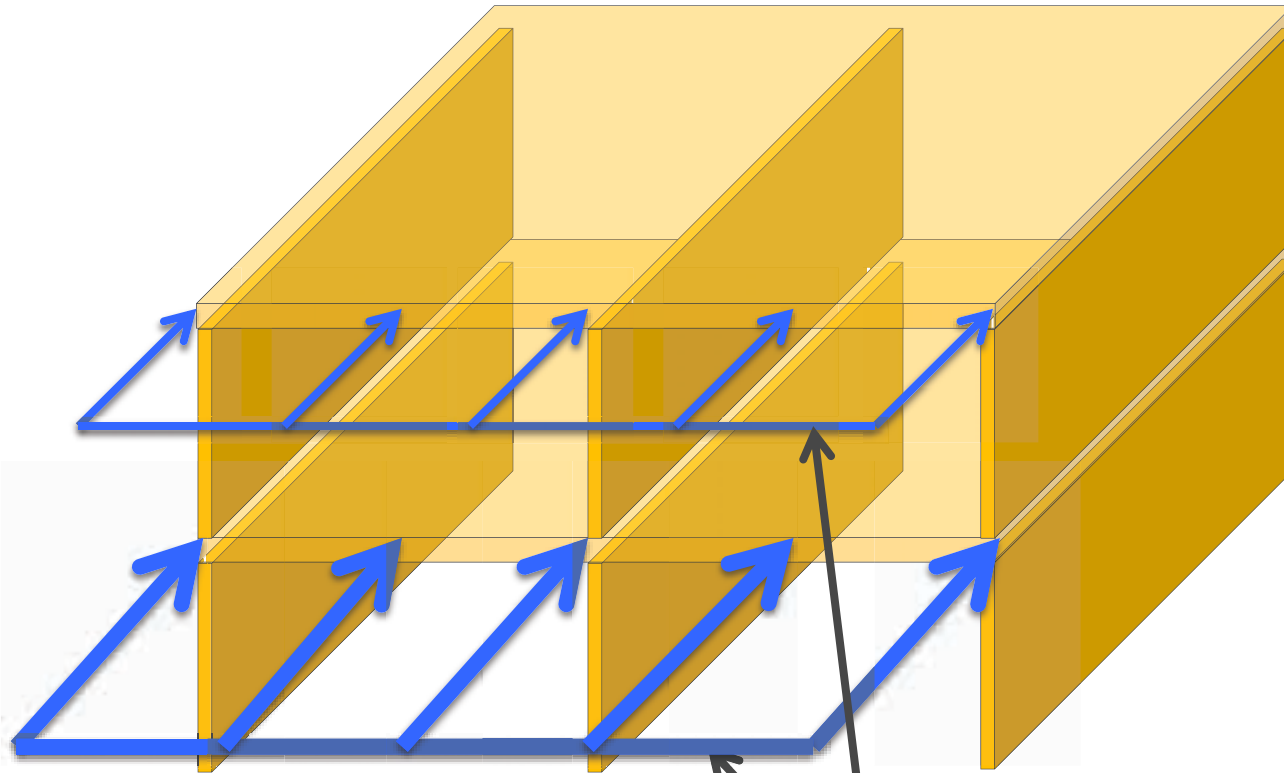
**WIND SURFACE
LOADS ON WALLS**

Multi-Story Wind Load Design



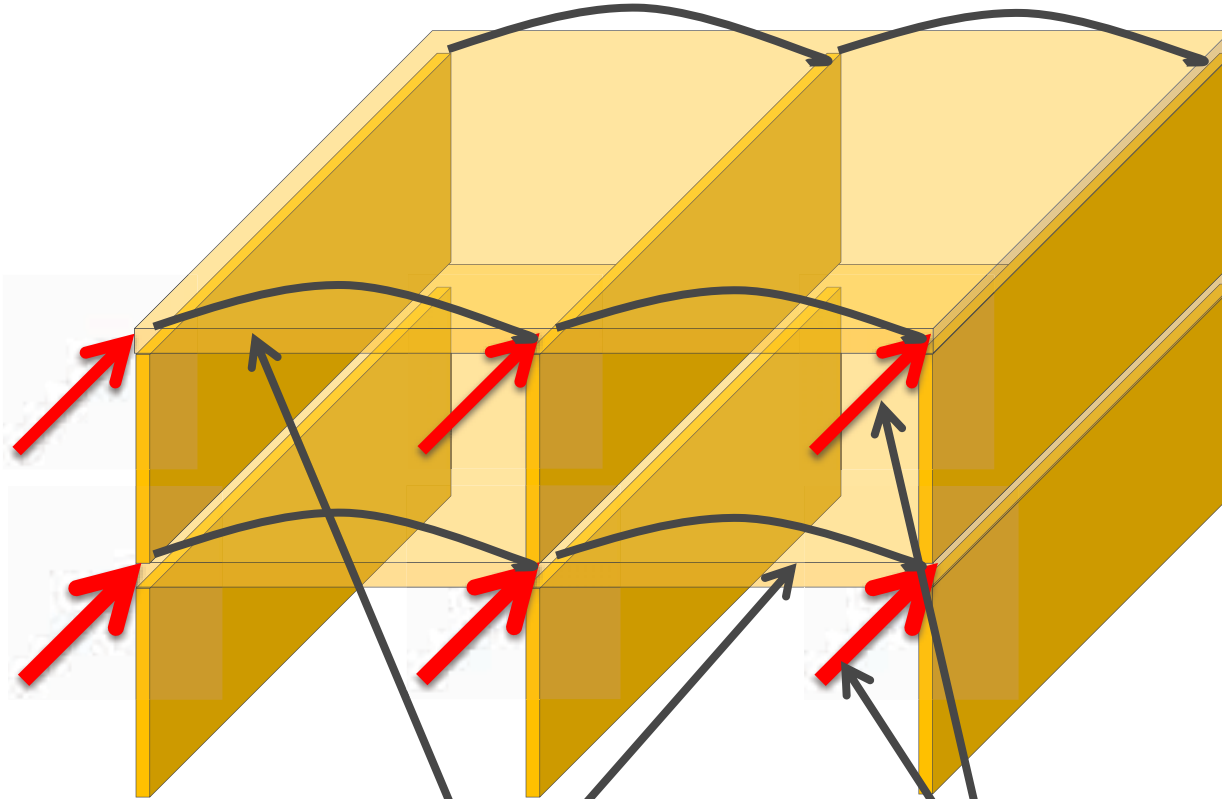
**STUDS RESIST SURFACE LOADS IN
BENDING, STUD REACTIONS DISTRIBUTE
SURFACE LOADS TO DIAPHRAGMS**

Multi-Story Wind Load Design



**WIND INTO DIAPHRAGMS AS
UNIFORM LINEAR LOADS**

Multi-Story Wind Load Design

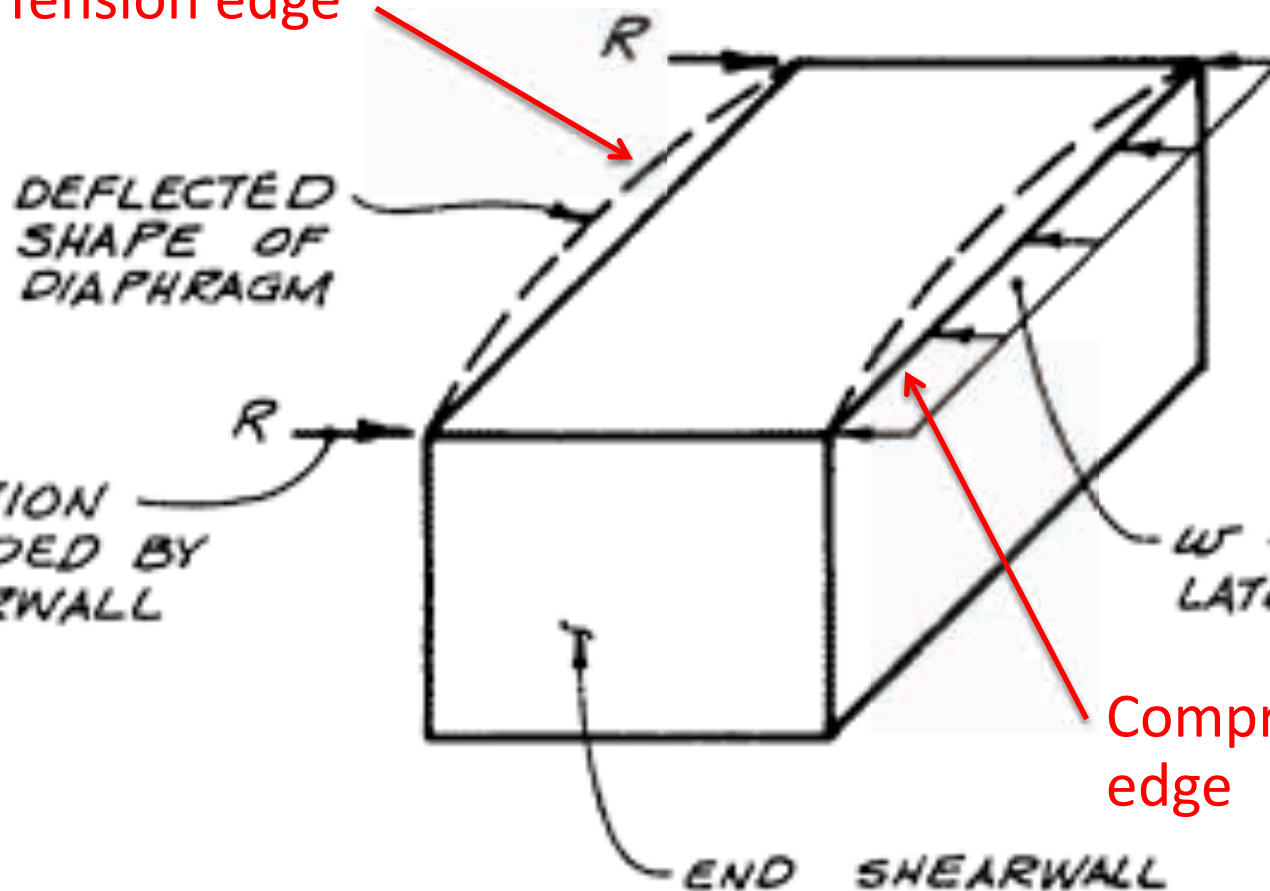


DIAPHRAGMS SPAN
BETWEEN
SHEARWALLS

WIND INTO
LINES OF RESISTANCE
(SHEARWALLS) AS
DISTRIBUTED LOADS

Diaphragm – Bending Member

Tension edge



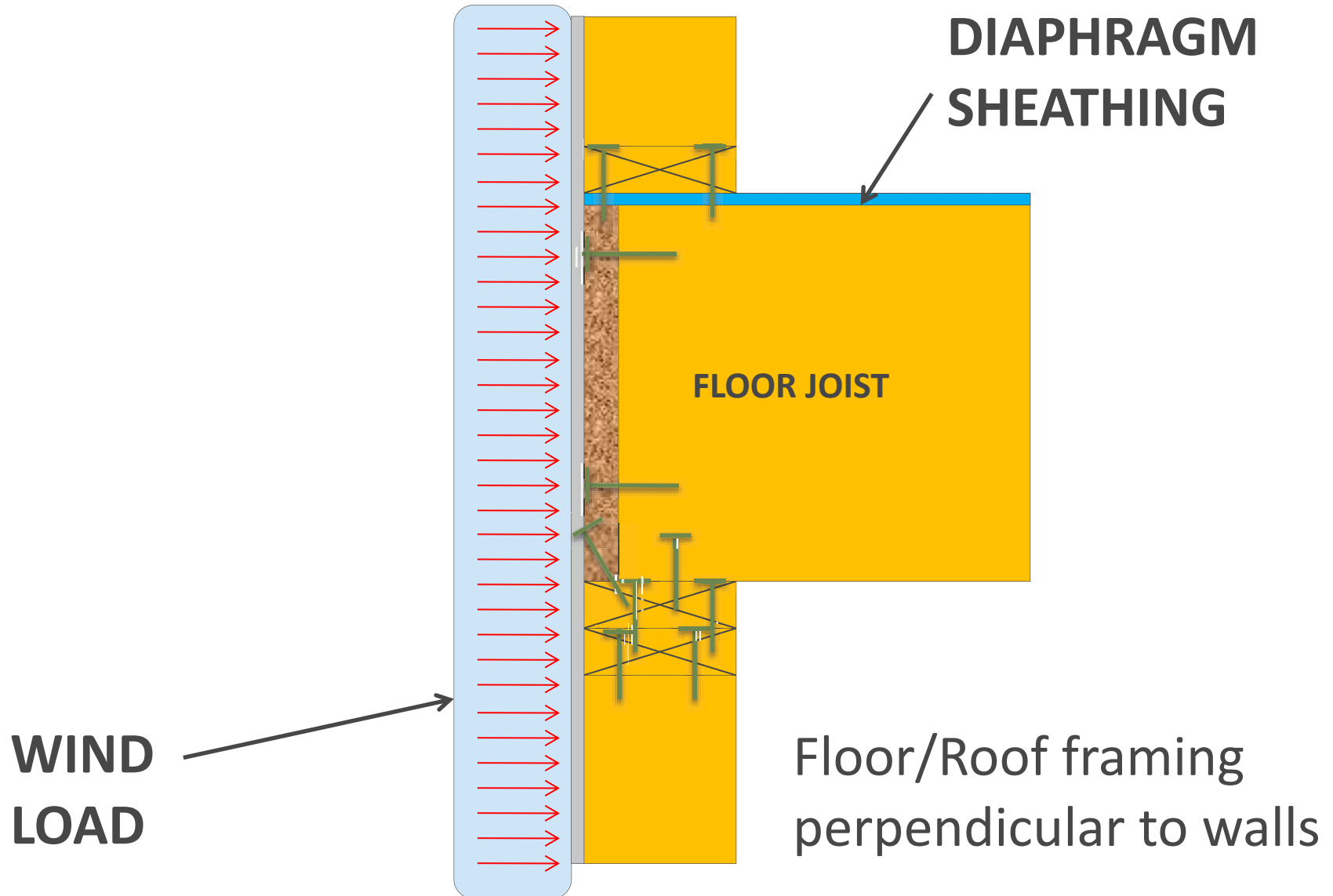
REACTION
PROVIDED BY
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$W = \text{TRANSVERSE}$
 LATERAL FORCE

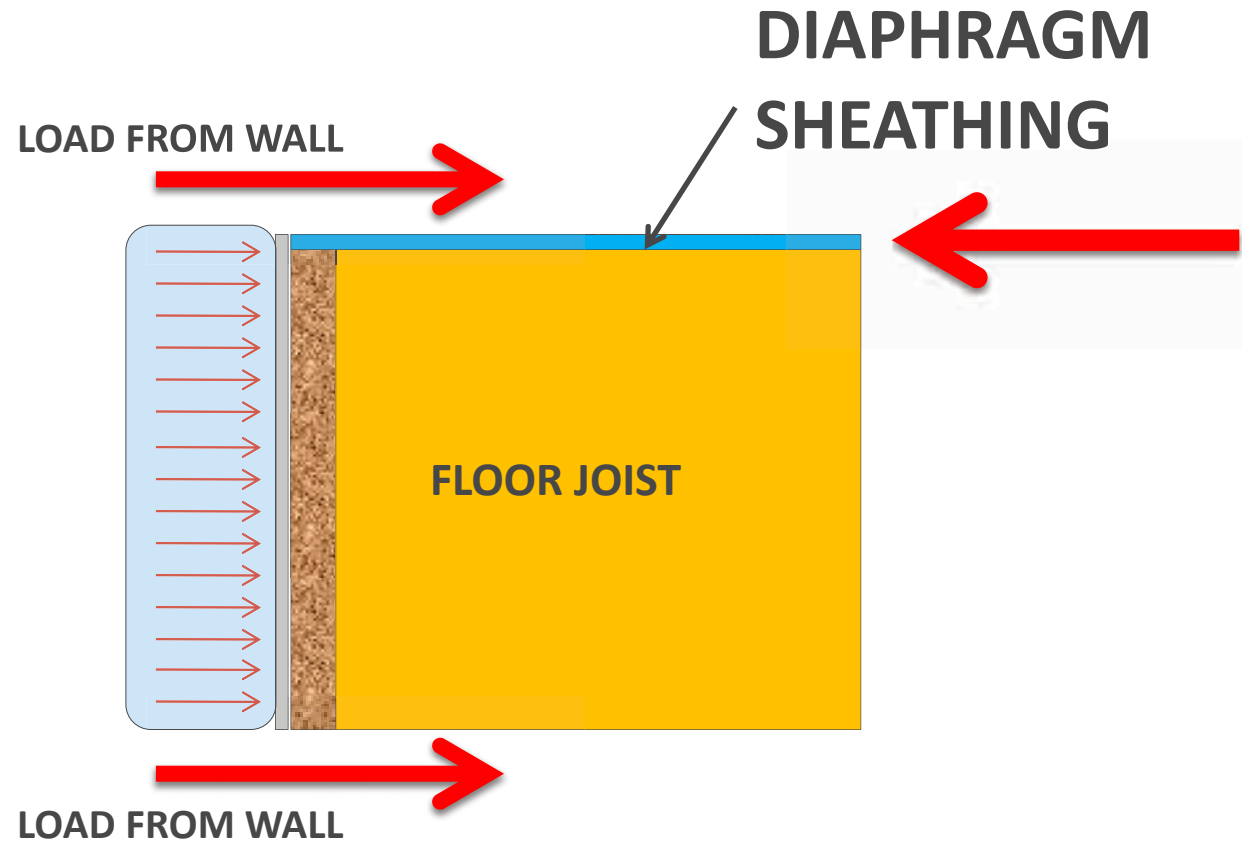
Compression
edge

END SHEARWALL

Stud to Diaphragm



Stud to Diaphragm



Floor/Roof framing
perpendicular to walls

Stud to Diaphragm

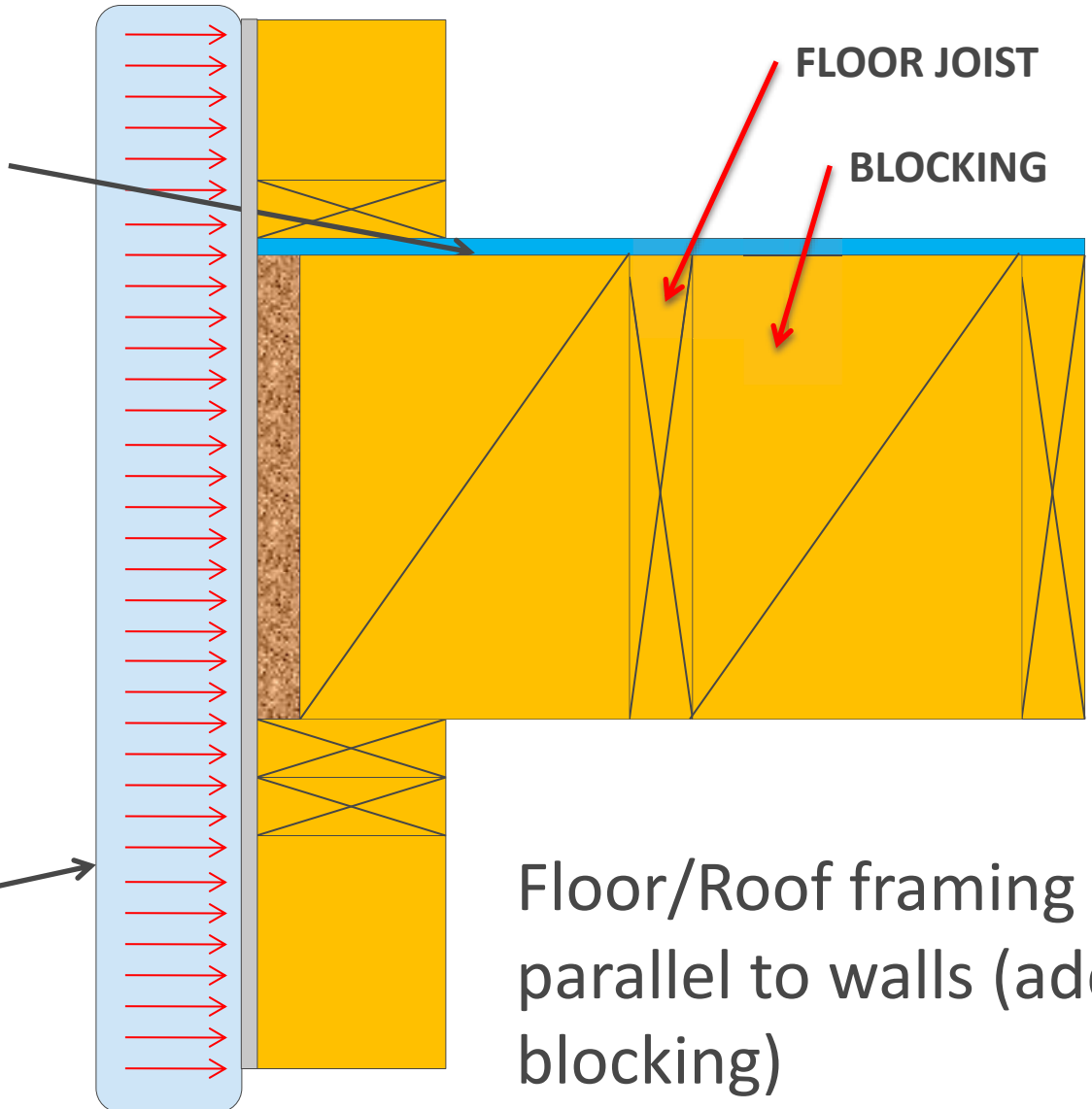
**DIAPHRAGM
SHEATHING**

**WIND
LOAD**

FLOOR JOIST

BLOCKING

Floor/Roof framing
parallel to walls (add
blocking)



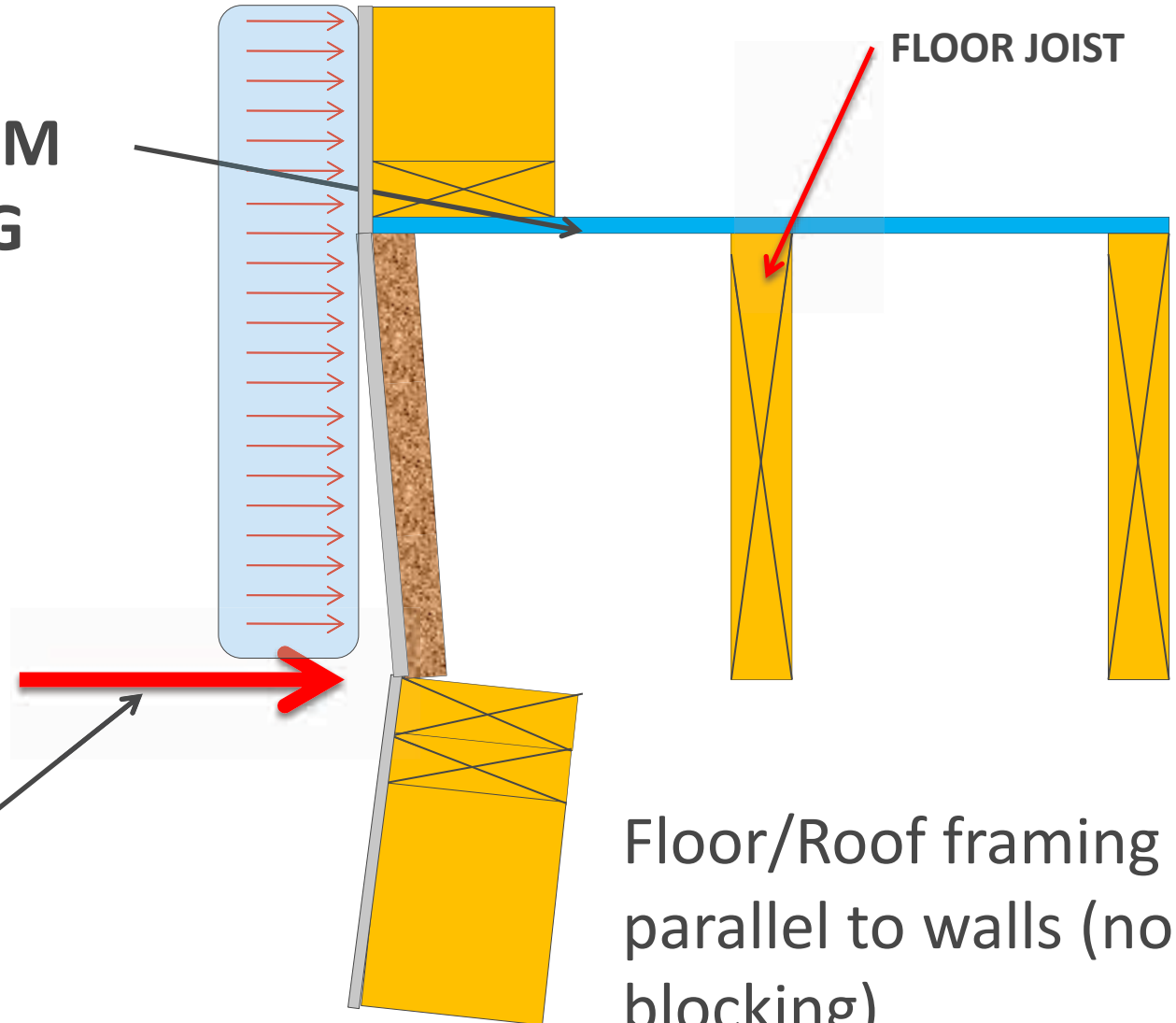
Stud to Diaphragm

**DIAPHRAGM
SHEATHING**

FLOOR JOIST

**WIND LOAD
FROM WALL**

Floor/Roof framing
parallel to walls (no
blocking)



WSP Diaphragm Capacity

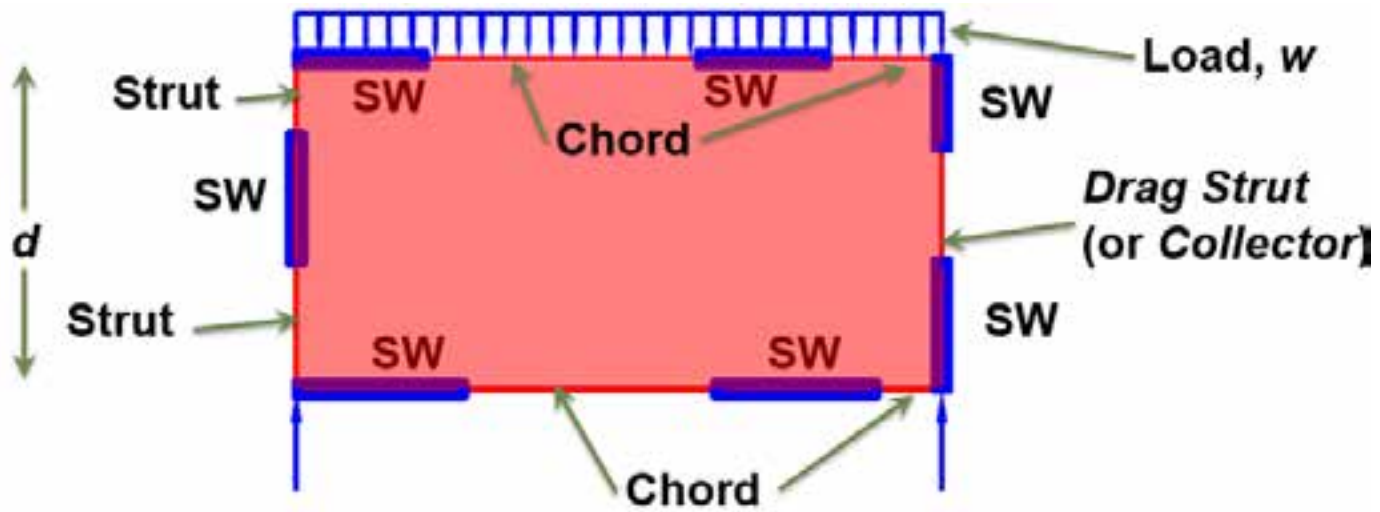
- Capacities listed in AWC's Special Design Provisions for Wind and Seismic (SDPWS)
- WSP diaphragms most common. Can also use single-layer horizontal and diagonal lumber sheathing, and double-layer diagonal sheathing.
- Note that capacities are given as nominal: must be adjusted by a reduction or resistance factor to determine allowable unit shear capacity (ASD) or factored unit shear resistance (LRFD)



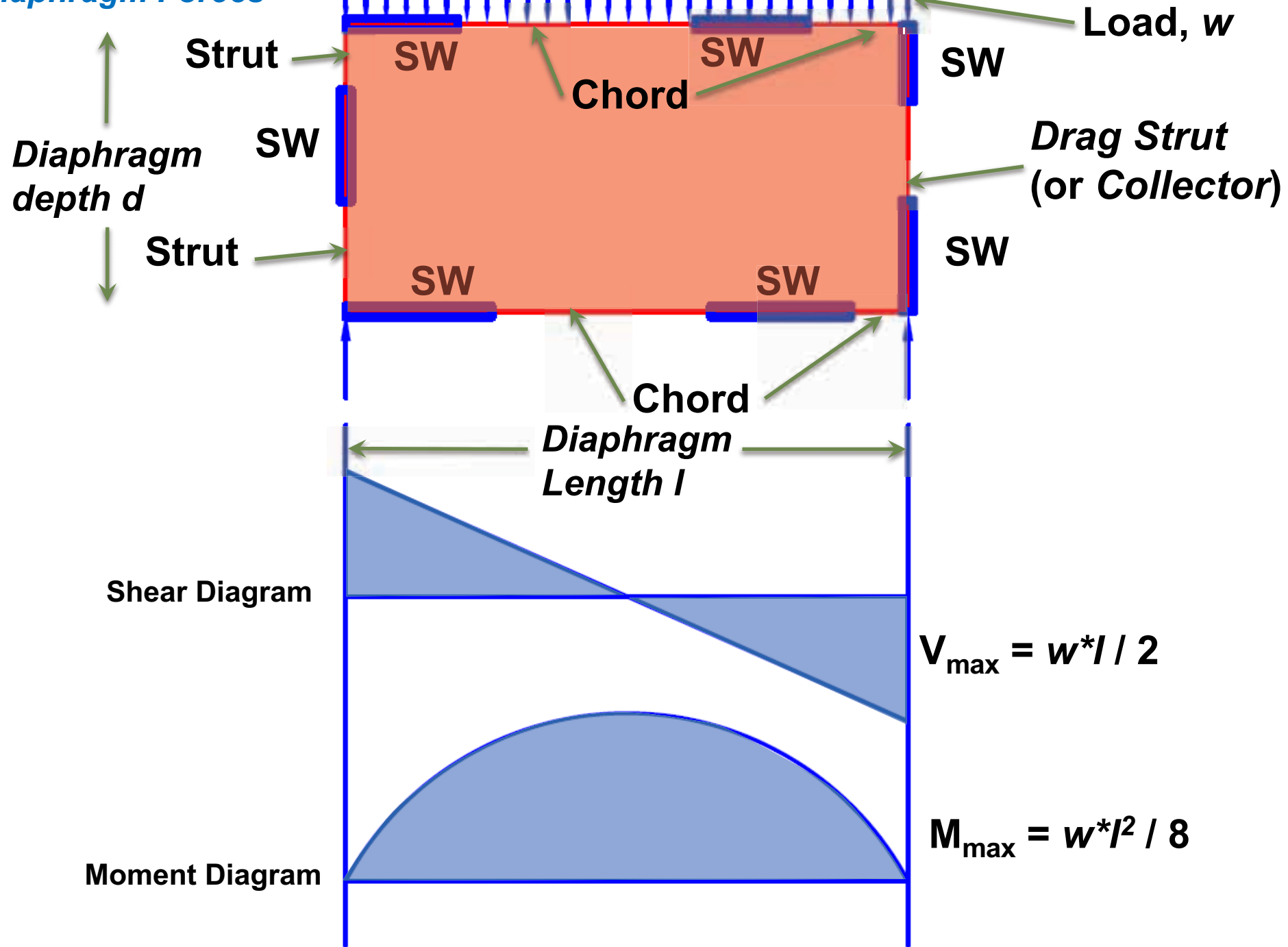
Diaphragm Boundary

All edges of a diaphragm shall be supported by a boundary element.
(ASCE 7-10 Section 11.2)

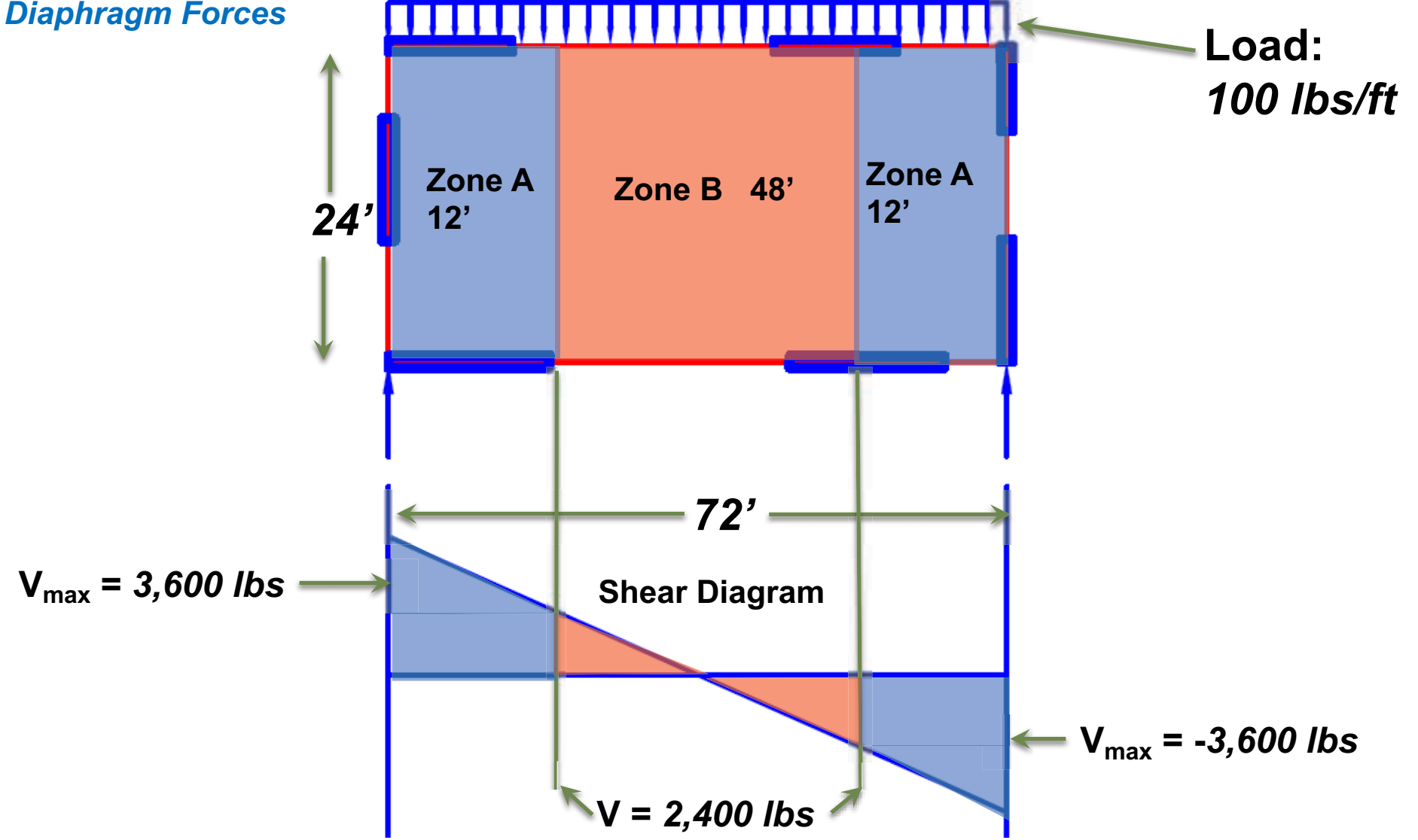
- Diaphragm Boundary Elements:
 - Chords, drag struts, collectors, Shear walls, frames
 - Boundary member locations:
 - Diaphragm and shear wall perimeters
 - Interior openings
 - Areas of discontinuity
 - Re-entrant corners.



Diaphragm Forces



Diaphragm Forces



Diaphragm Fastener Schedule

- *Zone A: Nailing Pattern 1*
- *Zone B: Nailing Pattern 2*

Diaphragm Capacities in AWC SDPWS

- Capacities in SDPWS are **Nominal** values. Not ASD

Divide Nominal Values by 2.0 for ASD Capacity

Multiply Nominal Values by 0.8 for LRFD Capacity

- Capacity is reduced for species with Specific Gravity < 0.5
- For Spruce Pine Fir multiply by 0.92

Blocked

SDPWS Table 4.2A

B WIND			
Nail Spacing (in.) at diaphragm boundaries (all cases), at continuous panel edges parallel to load (Cases 3 & 4), and at all panel edges (Cases 5 & 6)			
6	4	2-1/2	2
Nail Spacing (in.) at other panel edges (Cases 1, 2, 3, & 4)			
6	6	4	3
V _w (plf)	V _w (plf)	V _w (plf)	V _w (plf)
520	700	1050	1175
590	785	1175	1330
755	1010	1485	1680
840	1120	1680	1890
895	1190	1790	2045
1010	1345	2015	2295

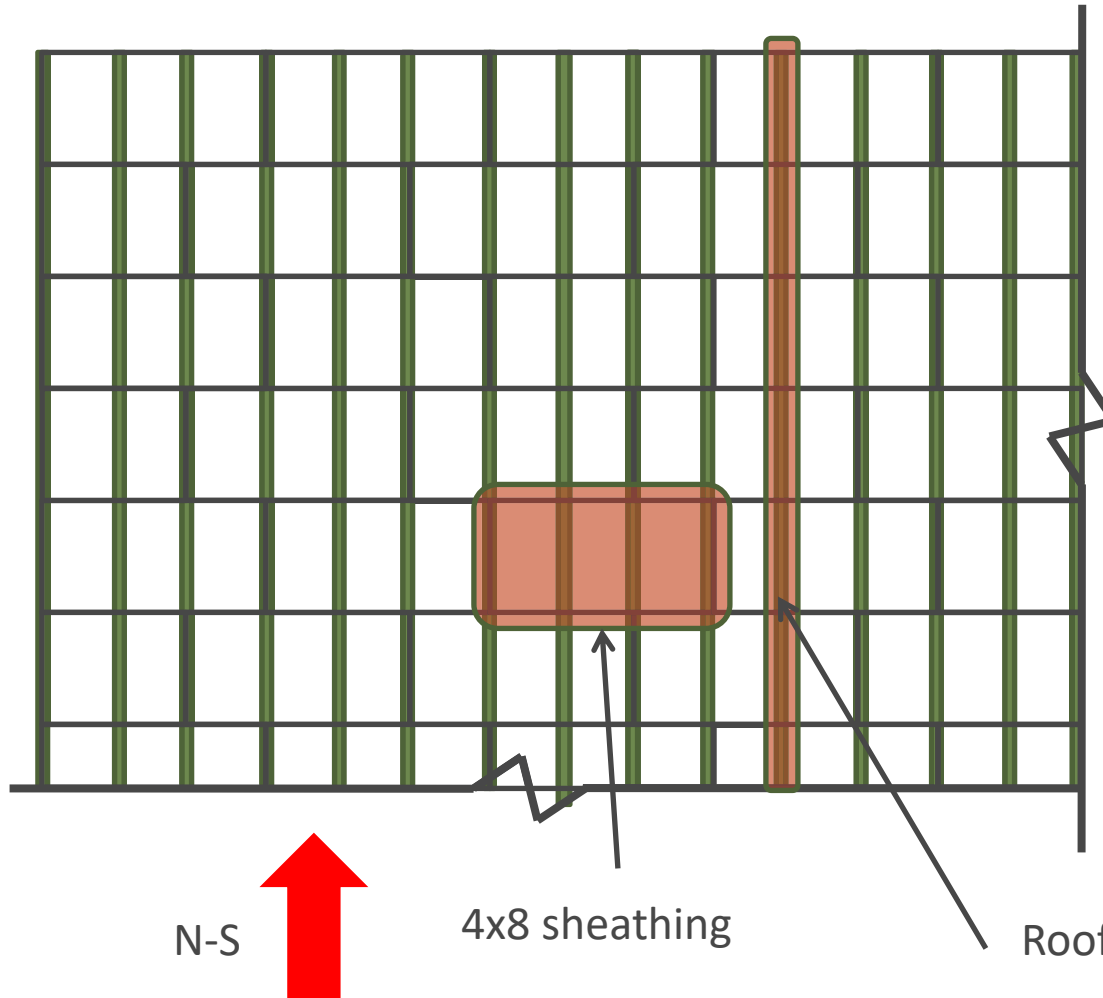
Unblocked

SDPWS Table 4.2C

B WIND	
6 in. Nail Spacing at diaphragm boundaries and supported panel edges	
Case 1	Cases 2,3,4,5,6
V _w (plf)	V _w (plf)
460	350
520	390
670	505
740	560
800	600
895	670

Sheathing Grade	Common Nail Size	Minimum Fastener Penetration in Framing Member or Blocking (in.)	Minimum Nominal Panel Thickness (in.)	Minimum Nominal Width of Nailed Face at Adjoining Panel Edges and Boundaries (in.)
Structural I	6d	1-1/4	5/16	2 3
	8d	1-3/8	3/8	2 3
	10d	1-1/2	15/32	2 3

Diaphragm Types



CASE 1 DIAPHRAGM

- Higher Shear Values
- Panels perpendicular to floor framing for improved performance

CASES 2-6 May be preferred for low shear demand where changing framing direction helps

- HVAC runs
- Fire Blocking/Draft Stopping

Example: Retail Restaurant

Assume Basic Wind Speed = 115 mph Ultimate

Exposure B

Diaphragm Design

- Capacity

Shearwall Design

(SDPWS 4.3.5)

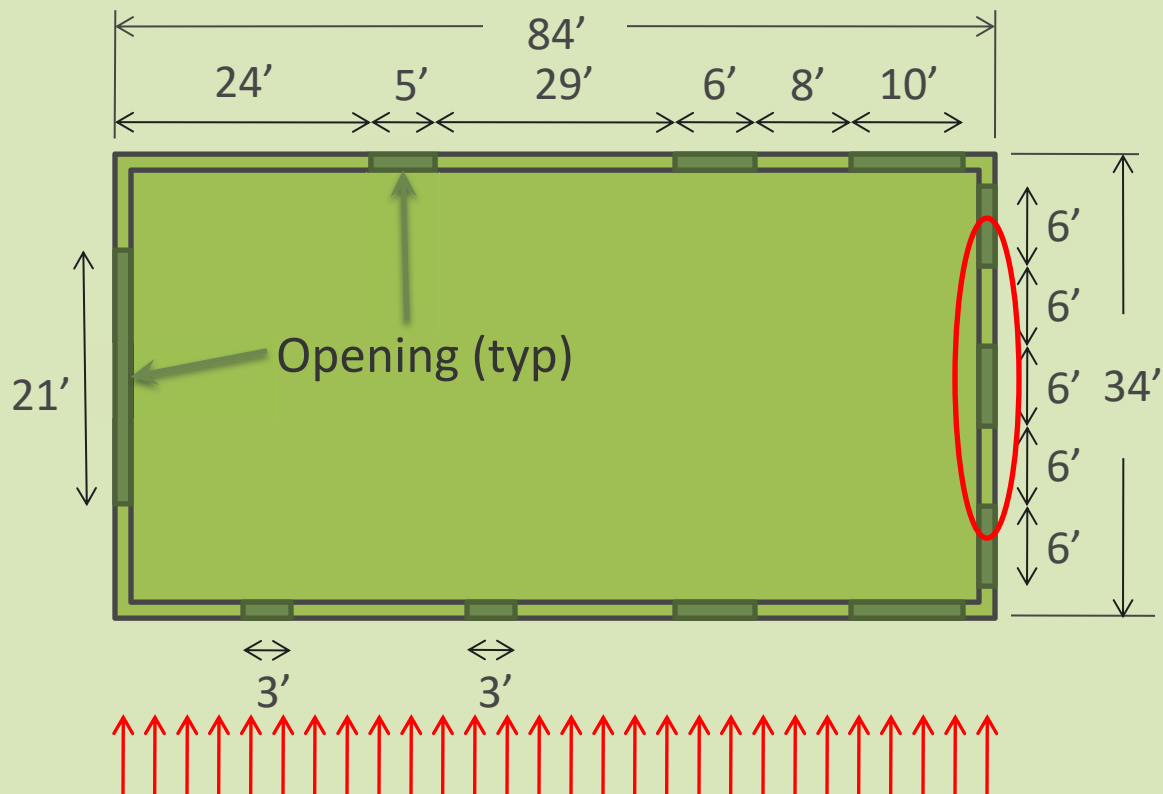
- Conventional
- Force Transfer Around Opening
- Perforated Shearwall



Retail Restaurant – Diaphragm Design

Critical Shearwall at front of building

Check Diaphragm for wind loads on 84' wall



Diaphragm Aspect Ratios

SDPWS TABLE 4.2.4

TYPE - MAXIMUM LENGTH/WIDTH RATIO

Wood structural panel, unblocked	3:1
Wood structural panel, blocked	4:1
Single-layer straight lumber sheathing	2:1
Single-layer diagonal lumber sheathing	3:1
Double-layer diagonal lumber sheathing	4:1

For an 84 x 34 diaphragm the aspect ratio is $2.5 < 3$.

Diaphragm aspect ratio is OK.

Calculating MWFRS Wind Loads

Calculate wind pressure using Directional Method (ASCE 7 Chpt 27)

$$q_h = 0.00256 K_z K_{zt} K_d V^2 \text{ (ASCE 27.3-1)}$$

$$q_h = 0.00256 * 0.57 * 1.0 * 0.85 * 115^2 = 16.4 \text{ psf}$$

$$p = q_h [(GC_{pf}) - (GC_{pi})]$$

$$GC_{pf} = 0.85 * [0.8 - (-0.3)] = 0.935$$

$$GC_{pi} = 0.18 - 0.18 = 0$$

$$p = (16.4 \text{ psf})(0.935) = 15.34 \text{ psf}$$

$$0.6 * W = 0.6 * 15.34 = 9.2 \text{ psf on walls}$$

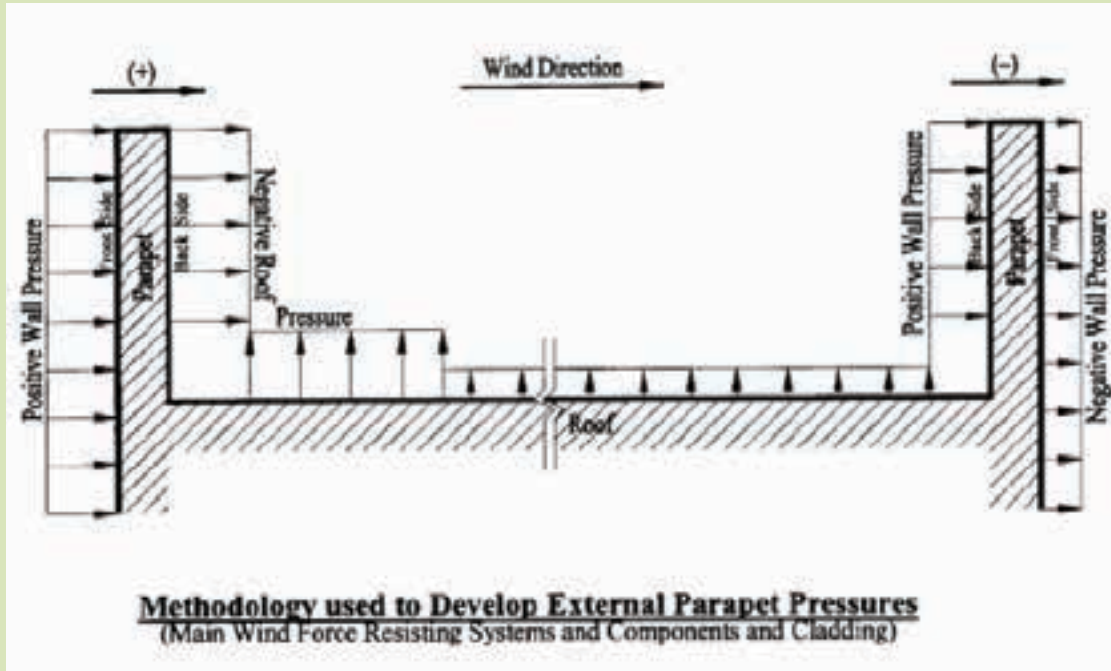
(0.6 from ASD Load Combo. See ASCE 7: 2.4.1)

Use min 9.6 psf per ASCE 27.1.5

ASCE 7-10 Figure 27.4-1

Wall Pressure Coefficients, C_p		
Surface	L/B	C_p
Windward Wall	All values	0.8
	0-1	-0.5
Leeward Wall	2	-0.3
	≥ 4	-0.2

Parapet Design – Figure 27.6-2



At parapets windward and leeward pressures occur on each parapet.

Section 27.4.5: $p_p = q(GC_{pn})$

$GC_{pn} = 1.5$ Windward parapet, -1.0 Leeward parapet

Windward Parapet GC_{pf} is 1.5: $16.4 * 1.5 * 0.6 = 14.76$ psf

Leeward Parapet GC_{pf} is 1.0: $16.4 * 1.0 * 0.6 = 9.84$ psf

Net Parapet = $14.76 + 9.84 = \underline{24.6}$ psf

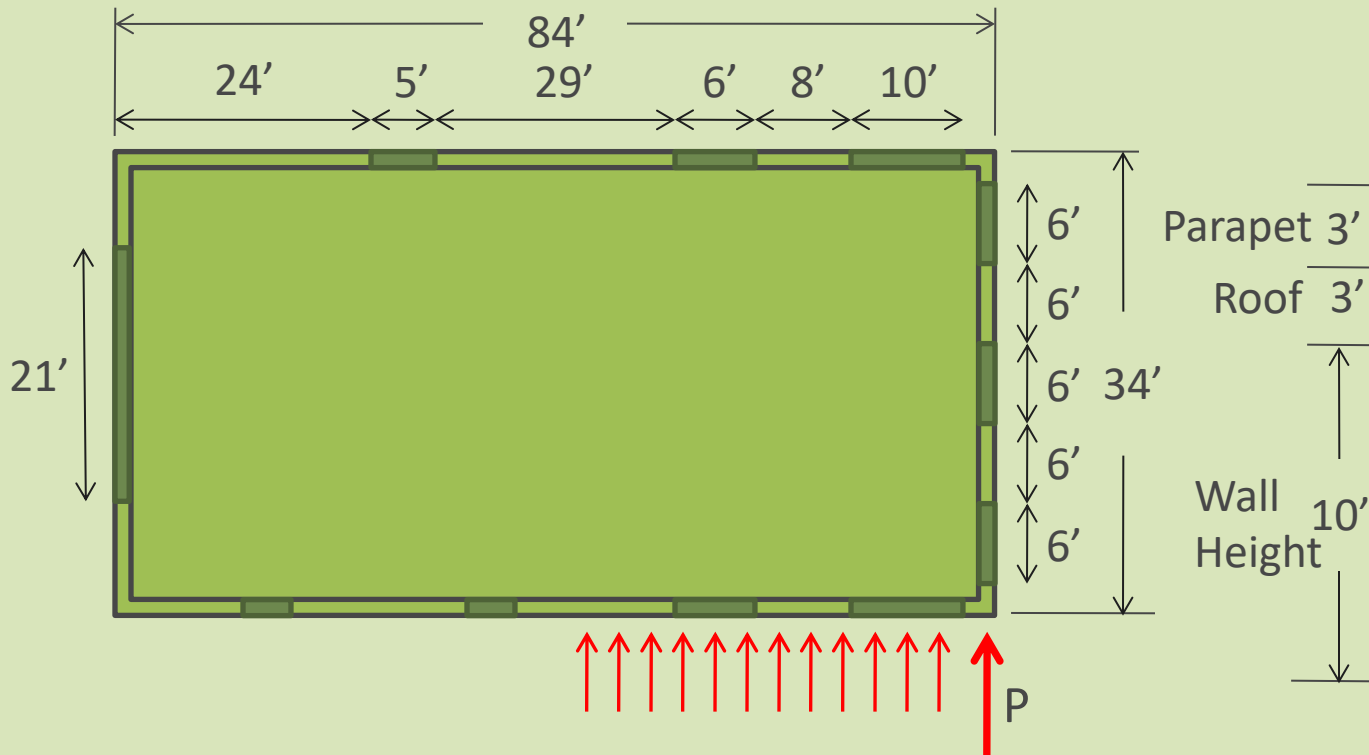
Retail Restaurant – Diaphragm Design

$$W = (9.6\text{psf} \cdot (5' + 3')) + (24.6) \cdot 3' = 150.6 \text{ plf}$$

$$V = (150.6 \text{ plf}) \cdot (84' / 2) = 6,325 \text{ lb}$$

$$M = (150.6 \text{ plf}) \cdot (84'^2) / 8 = 132,829 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}$$

$$T = C = (132,829 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{ft}) / (34 \text{ ft}) = 3,907 \text{ lb}$$



$$V_{\text{diaphragm}} = 6,325 \text{ lb} / 34' = 186 \text{ plf}$$

Diaphragm Capacity: SDPWS Table 4.2C

Table 4.2C Nominal Unit Shear Capacities for Wood-Frame Diaphragms

Unblocked Wood Structural Panel Diaphragms^{1,2,3,4,5}

Sheathing Grade	Common Nail Size	Minimum Fastener Penetration in Framing (in.)	Minimum Nominal Panel Thickness (in.)	Minimum Nominal Width of Nailed Face at Supported Edges and Boundaries (in.)	A SEISMIC						B WIND	
					6 in. Nail Spacing at diaphragm boundaries and supported panel edges						6 in. Nail Spacing at diaphragm boundaries and supported panel edges	
					Case 1			Cases 2,3,4,5,6			Case 1	Cases 2,3,4,5,6
					V _s (plf)	G _a (kips/in.)		V _s (plf)	G _a (kips/in.)		V _w (plf)	V _w (plf)
						OSB	PLY		OSB	PLY		
Structural I	6d	1-1/4	5/16	2	330	9.0	7.0	250	6.0	4.5	460	350
				3	370	7.0	6.0	280	4.5	4.0	520	390
	8d	1-3/8	3/8	2	480	8.5	7.0	360	6.0	4.5	670	505
				3	530	7.5	6.0	400	5.0	4.0	740	560
	10d	1-1/2	15/32	2	570	14	10	430	9.5	7.0	800	600
				3	640	12	9.0	480	8.0	6.0	895	670
Sheathing and Single-Floor	6d	1-1/4	5/16	2	300	9.0	6.5	220	6.0	4.0	420	310
				3	340	7.0	5.5	250	5.0	3.5	475	350
			3/8	2	330	7.5	5.5	250	5.0	4.0	460	350
				3	370	6.0	4.5	280	4.0	3.0	520	390
			3/8	2	430	9.0	6.5	320	6.0	4.5	600	450
				3	480	7.5	5.5	360	5.0	3.5	670	505
	8d	1-3/8	7/16	2	460	8.5	6.0	340	5.5	4.0	645	475
				3	510	7.0	5.5	380	4.5	3.5	715	530
			15/32	2	480	7.5	5.5	360	5.0	4.0	670	505
				3	530	6.5	5.0	400	4.0	3.5	740	560
			15/32	2	510	15	9.0	380	10	6.0	715	530
				3	580	12	8.0	430	8.0	5.5	810	600
	10d	1-1/2	19/32	2	570	13	8.5	430	8.5	5.5	800	600
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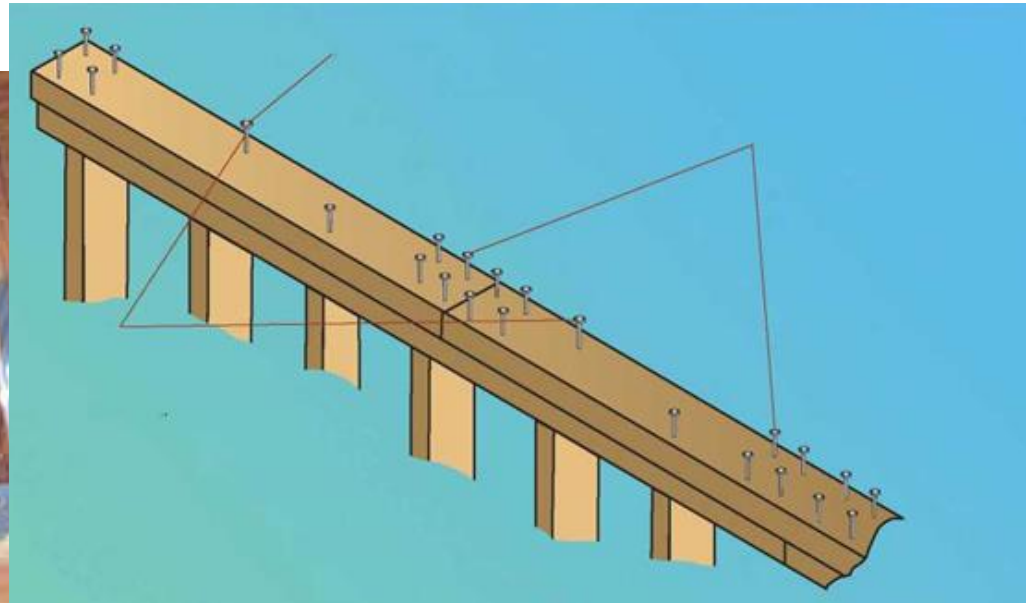
Capacity is reduced for species with Specific Gravity < 0.5.
For Spruce Pine Fir multiply by 0.92

$$\text{Capacity} = (645 \text{ plf})(0.92)/2 = 297 \text{ plf}$$

297 plf > 186 plf, diaphragm is adequate with sheathing & fastening as shown above

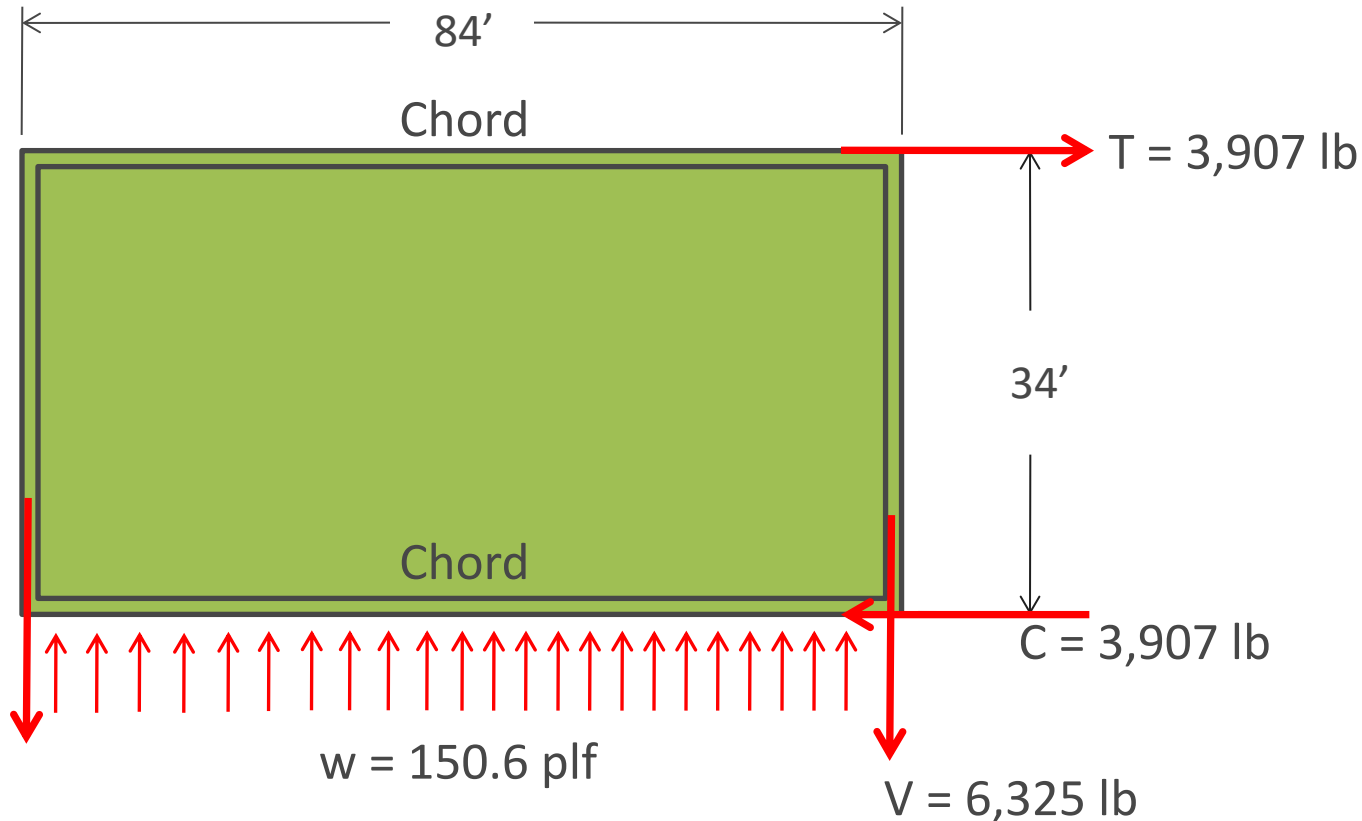
Diaphragm Chords

Wall Top Plates Typically Function as Both Diaphragm Chords and Drag Struts/Collectors



Diaphragm Design – Chords

- $T = C = 3,907 \text{ lbs}$
- $F'_t = F_t C_d C_M C_t C_F C_i$
- $F'_t = (450 \text{ psi}) 1.6 = 720 \text{ psi}$
- $f_t = T/A = 3,907 / (1.5'' \times 5.5'') = 474 \text{ psi} < 720 \text{ psi}$ *chord ok*
- *Note only 1 top plate required for chord force*



Diaphragm Design – Deflection

From SDPWS commentary:

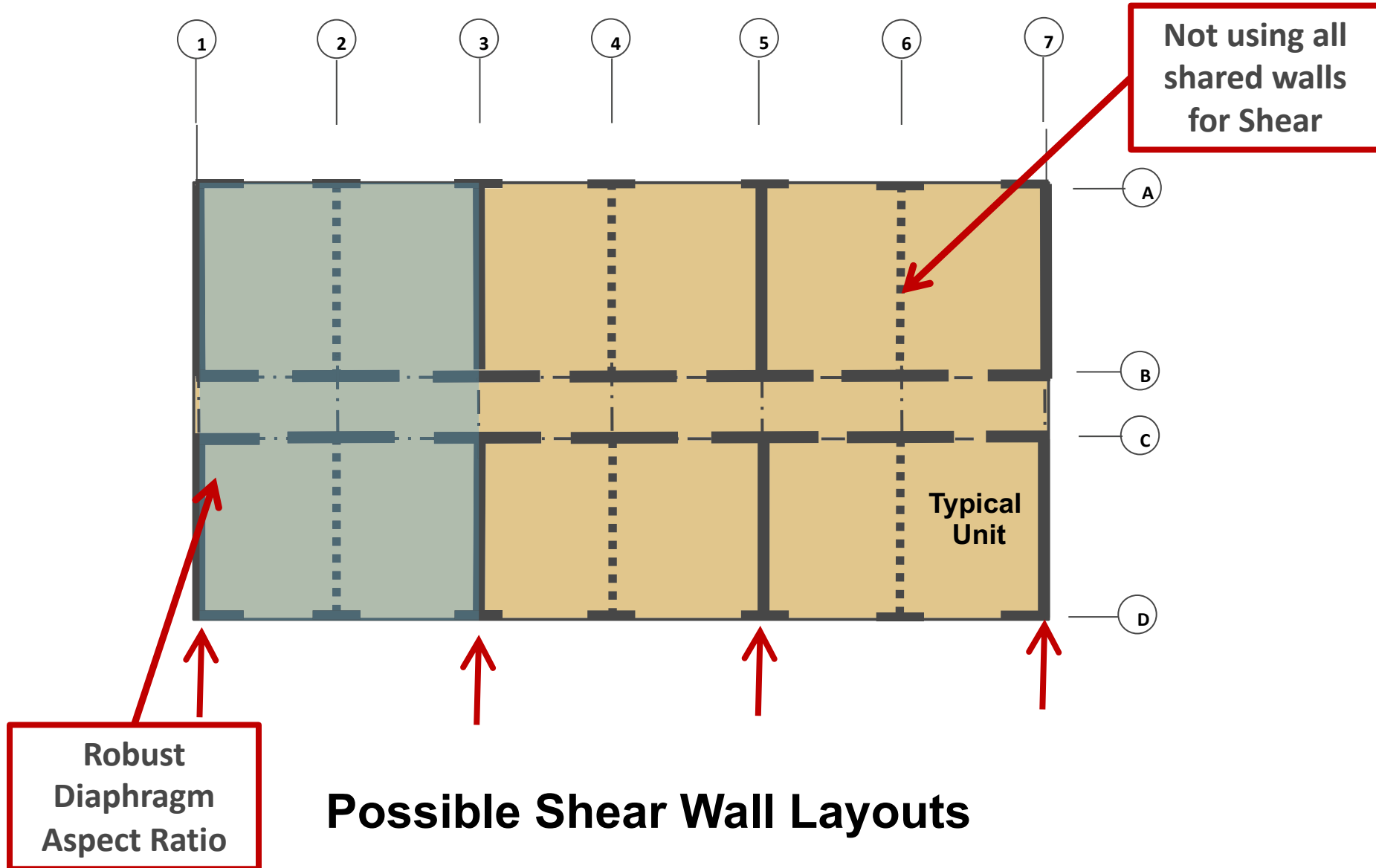
The total mid-span deflection of a blocked, uniformly nailed (e.g. same panel edge nailing) wood structural panel diaphragm can be calculated by summing the effects of four sources of deflection:

- *Framing bending deflection*
- *Panel shear deflection*
- *Deflection from nail slip*
- *Deflection due to chord splice slip*

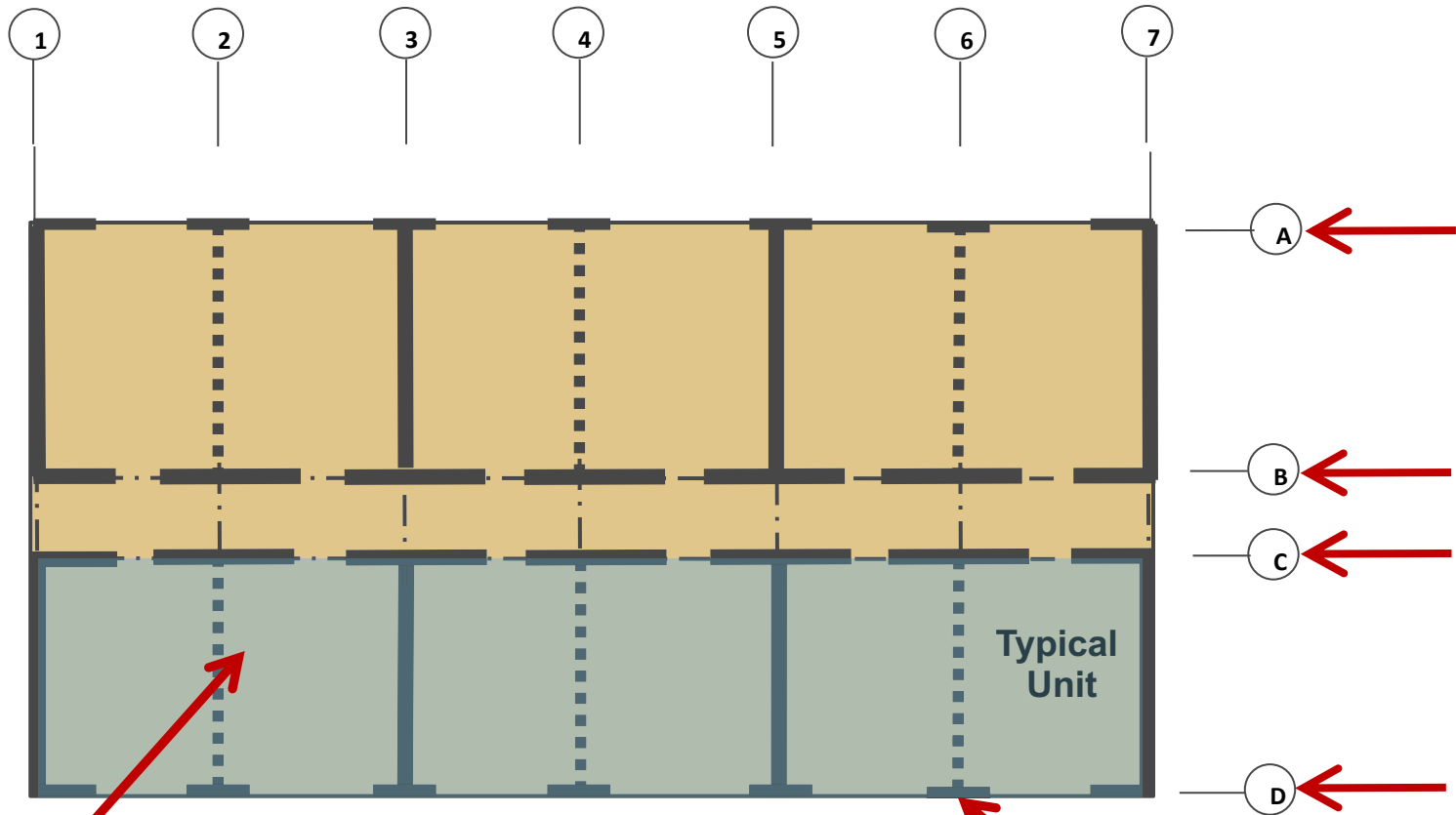
SDPWS equation C4.2.2-1:

$$\delta_{dia} = \frac{\overset{\substack{\text{(bending, chord} \\ \text{deformation} \\ \text{excluding slip)}}{5vL^3}}{8EAW} + \frac{\overset{\substack{\text{(shear, panel} \\ \text{deformation)}}{vL}}{4G_v t_v} + \overset{\substack{\text{(shear, panel} \\ \text{nail slip)}}{0.188Le_n} + \frac{\overset{\substack{\text{(bending, chord} \\ \text{splice slip)}}{\sum (x\Delta_c)}}{2W} \quad \text{(C4.2.2-1)}$$

Diaphragm Modeling Methods



Diaphragm Modeling Methods



Robust
Diaphragm
Aspect Ratio

Possible Shear Wall Layouts

But maybe not
much wall
available on
exterior

Rigid or Flexible Diaphragm?

Light Frame Wood Diaphragms often default to Flexible Diaphragms

Code Basis: ASCE 7-10 26.2 Definitions (Wind)

Diaphragms constructed of wood structural panels are permitted to be idealized as flexible

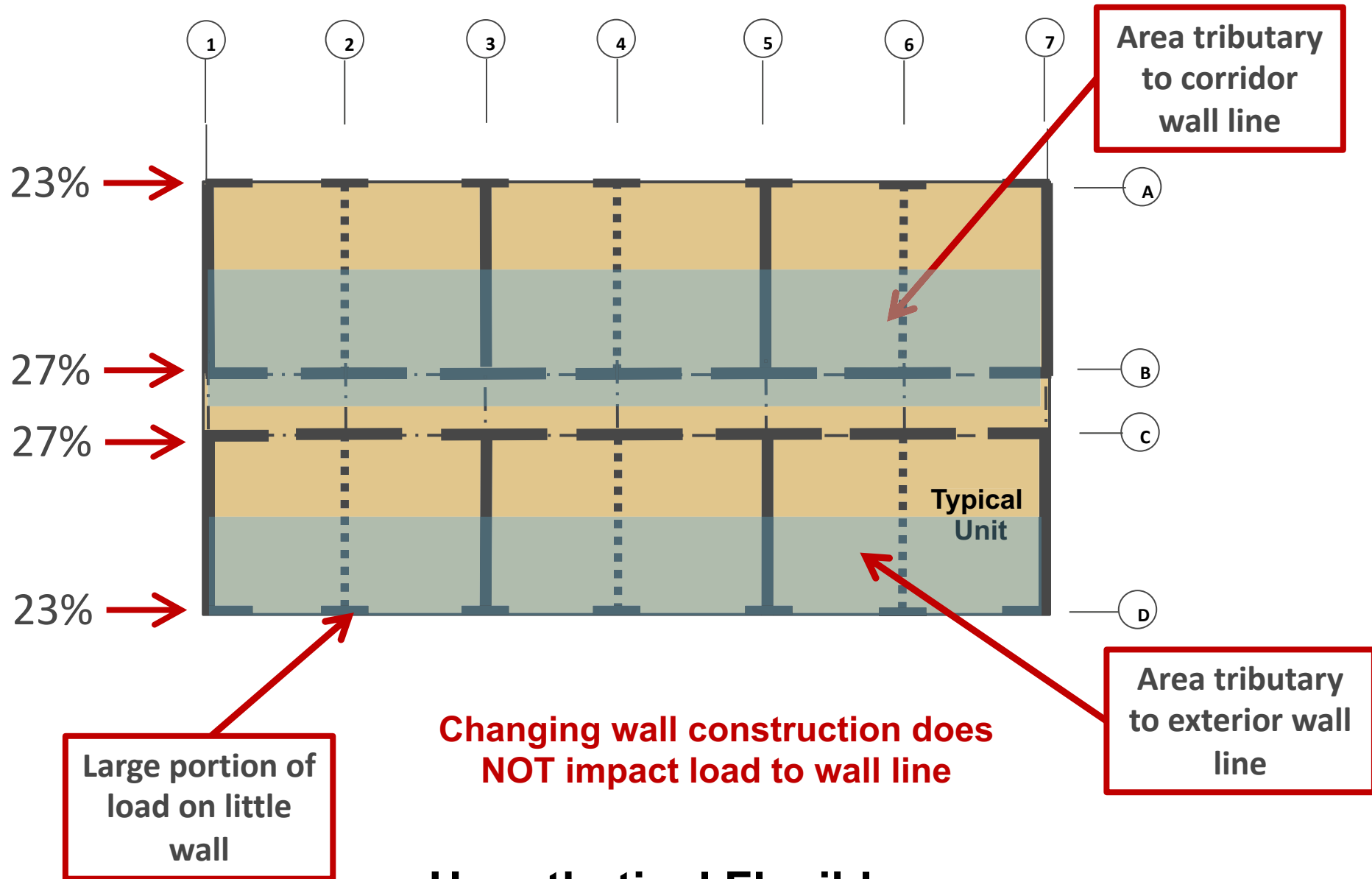
Code Basis: ASCE 7-10 12.3.1.1 (Seismic)

Diaphragms constructed of untopped steel decking or wood structural panels are permitted to be idealized as flexible if any of the following conditions exist:

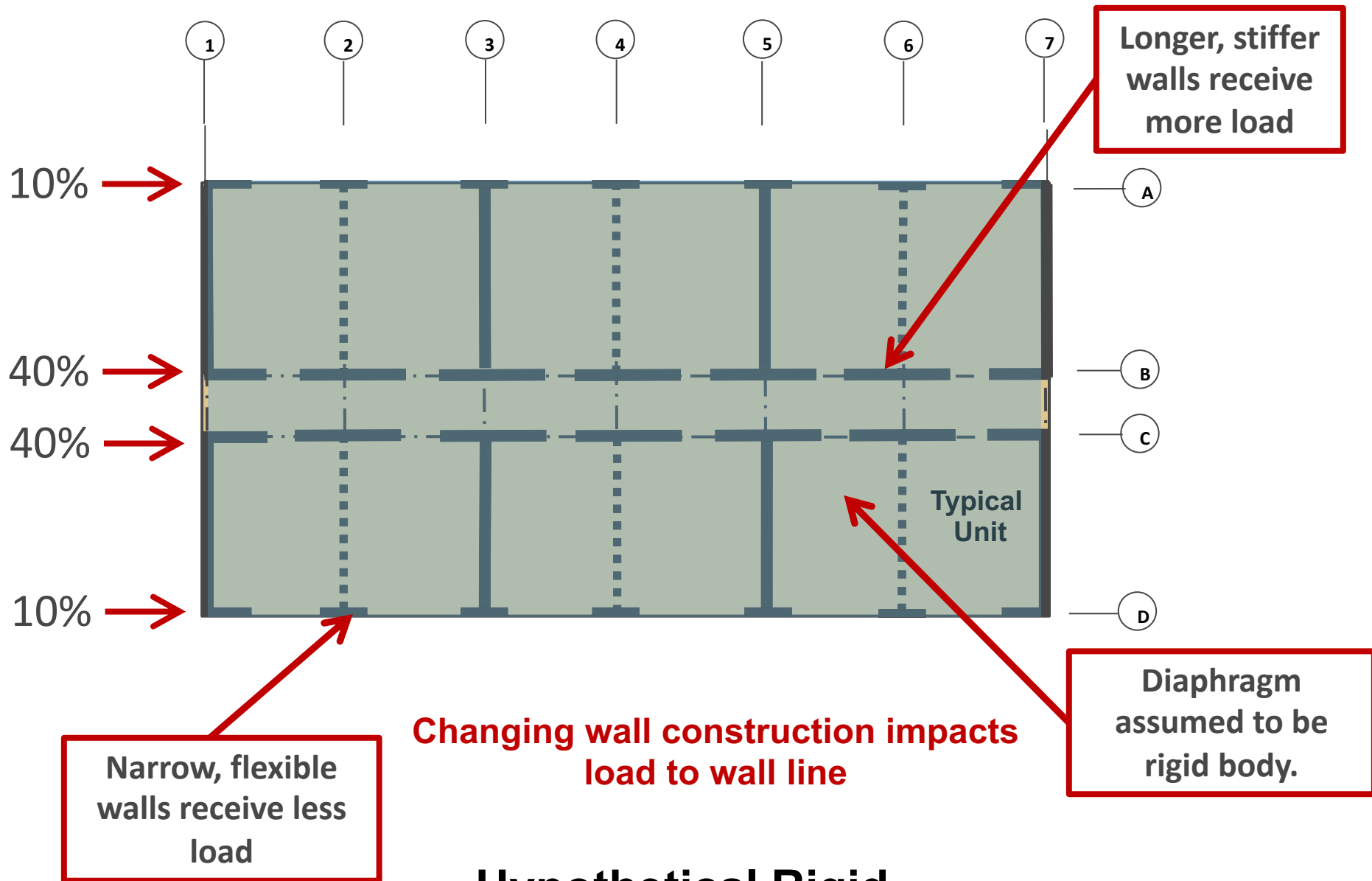
[...]

c. In structures of light-frame construction where all of the following conditions are met:

- 1. Topping of concrete or similar materials is not placed over wood structural panel diaphragms except for nonstructural topping no greater than 1 1/2 in. thick.*
- 2. Each line of vertical elements of the seismic force resisting system complies with the allowable story drift of Table 12.12-1..*



Hypothetical Flexible Diaphragm Distribution



Hypothetical Rigid Diaphragm Distribution

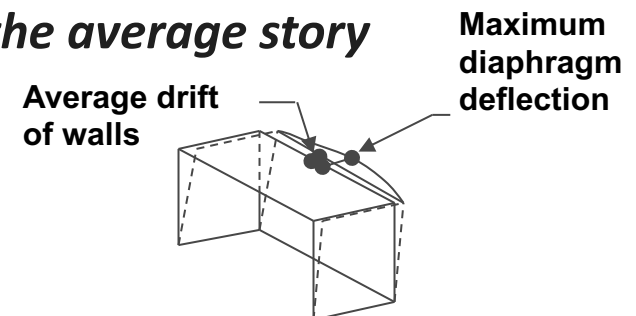
Can a Rigid Diaphragm be Justified?

ASCE 7-10 12.3.1.3 (Seismic)

*[Diaphragms] are permitted to be idealized as **flexible** where the computed maximum **in-plane deflection of the diaphragm under lateral load is more than two times the average story drift of adjoining vertical elements of the seismic force-resisting system of the associated story under equivalent tributary lateral load as shown in Fig. 12.3-1.***

IBC 2012 Chapter 2 Definition (Wind & Seismic)

*A diaphragm is **rigid** for the purpose of distribution of story shear and torsional moment when the **lateral deformation of the diaphragm is less than or equal to two times the average story drift.***



Rigid Diaphragm Analysis

Some Advantages of Rigid Diaphragm

- More load (plf) to longer interior/corridor walls
- Less load (plf) to narrow walls where overturning restraint is tougher
- Can tune loads to walls and wall lines by changing stiffness of walls

Some Disadvantages of Rigid Diaphragm

- Considerations of torsional loading necessary
- More complicated calculations to distribute load to shear walls
- May underestimate “Real” loads to narrow exterior walls
- Justification of rigid assumption

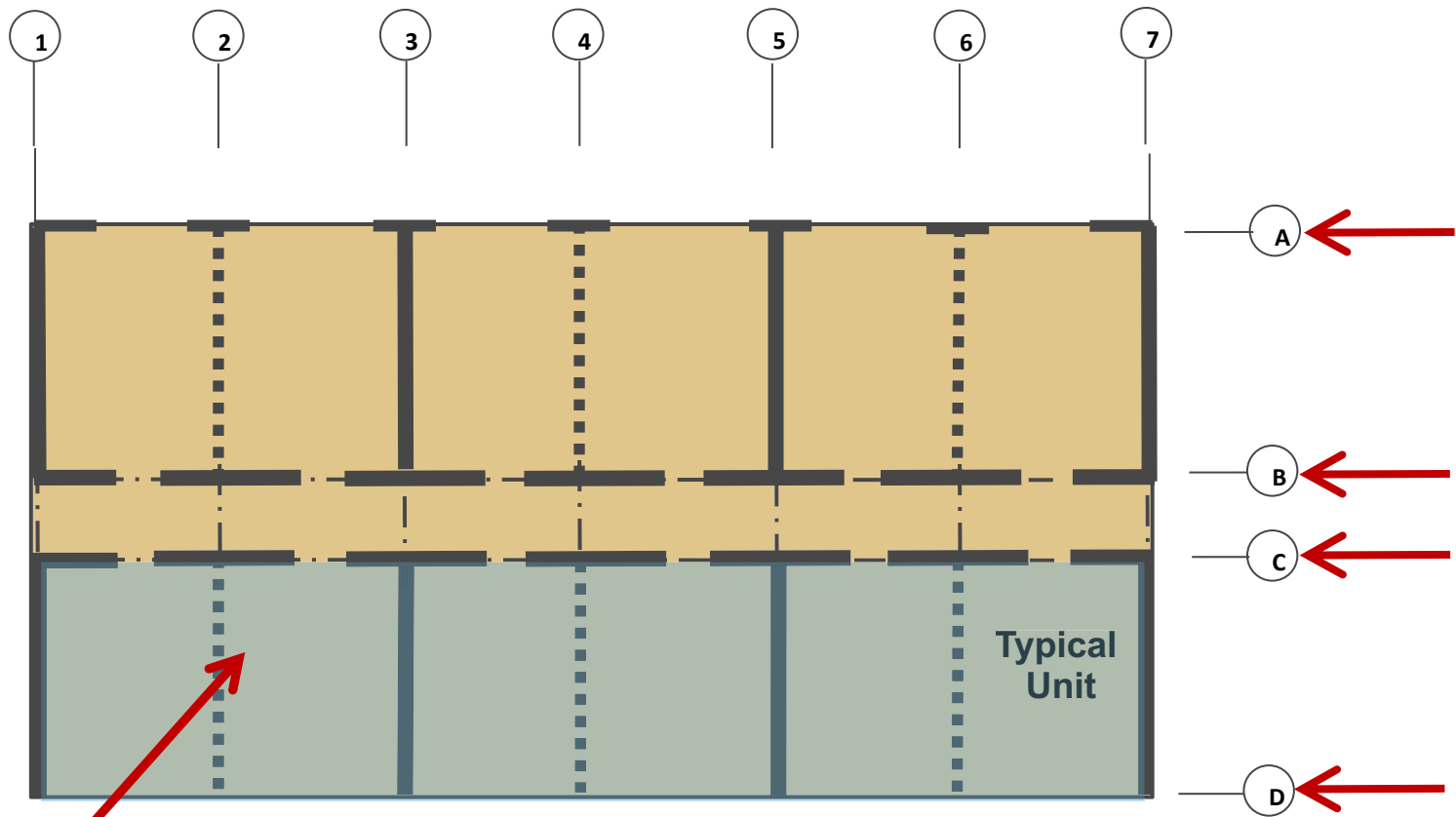
Two More Diaphragm Approaches

Semi-Rigid Diaphragm Analysis

- Neither idealized flexible nor idealized rigid
- Explicit modeling of diaphragm deformations with shear wall deformations to distribute lateral loads
- Not easy

Enveloping Method

- Idealized as BOTH flexible and rigid.
- Individual components designed for worst case from each approach
- Been around a while, officially recognized in the 2015 SDPWS

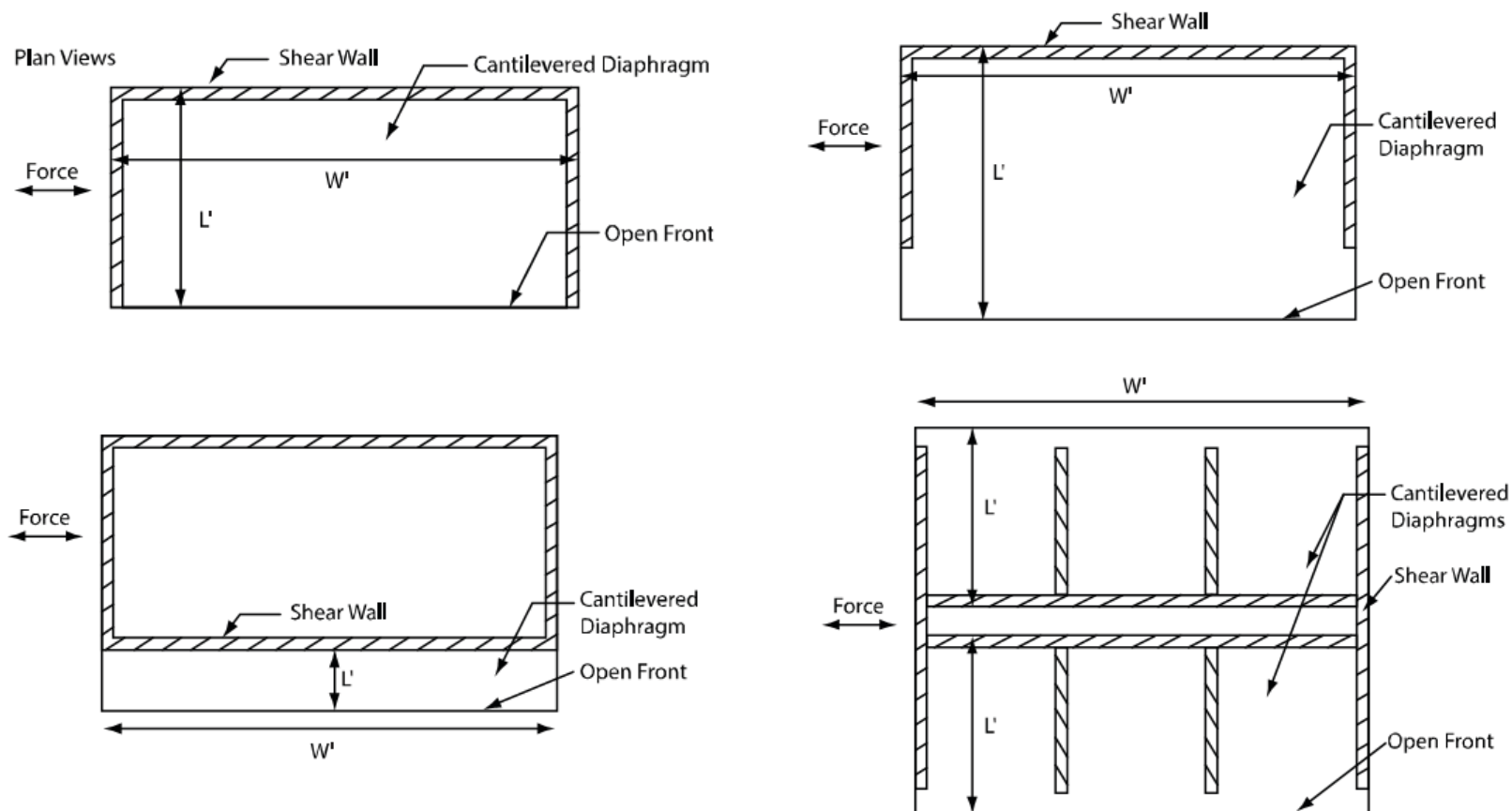


Robust Aspect
Ratio but only
supported on
3 sides...

Possible Shear Wall Layouts

Cantilevered Diaphragms in SDPWS 2015

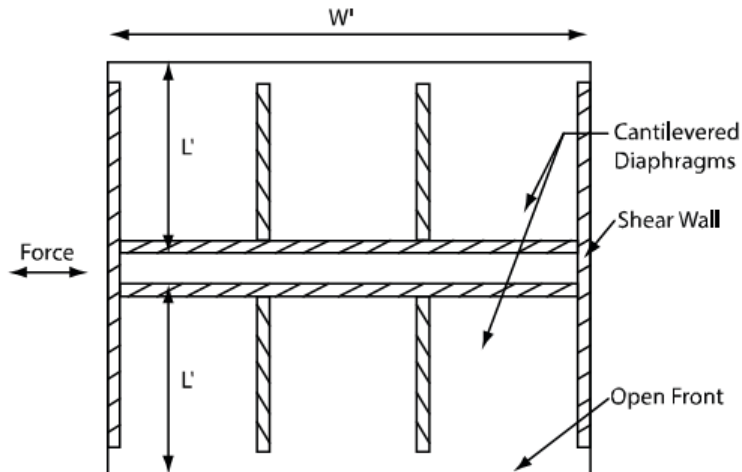
Open Front Structure with a Cantilevered Diaphragm



AWC SDPWS 2015 Figure 4A

Open Front Structure & Cantilevered Diaphragms in SDPWS 2015

Cantilevered Diaphragm



SDPWS 4.2.5.2

$$L'/W' \leq 1.5$$

When Torsionally Irregular

$$L'/W' \leq 1, \text{ one story}$$

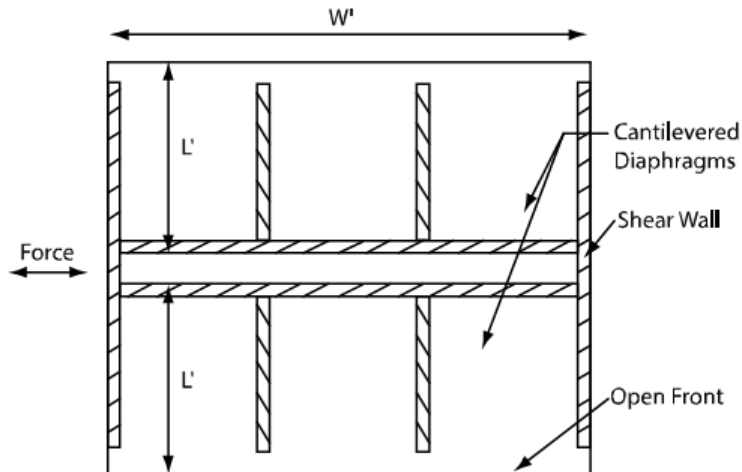
$$\leq 2/3, \text{ multi-story}$$

$$L' \leq 35 \text{ ft}$$

Provided diaphragms modelled as rigid or semi-rigid and for seismic, the story drift at each edge of the structure within allowable story drift of ASCE 7. Story drifts include torsion and accidental torsional loads and deformations of the diaphragm.

Open Front Structure & Cantilevered Diaphragms in SDPWS 2015

Cantilevered Diaphragm



SDPWS 4.2.5.2

$$L'/W' \leq 1.5$$

When Torsionally Irregular

$$L'/W' \leq 1, \text{ one story}$$

$$\leq 2/3, \text{ multi-story}$$

$$L' \leq 35 \text{ ft}$$

Exception: If $L' \leq 6 \text{ ft}$, section doesn't apply.

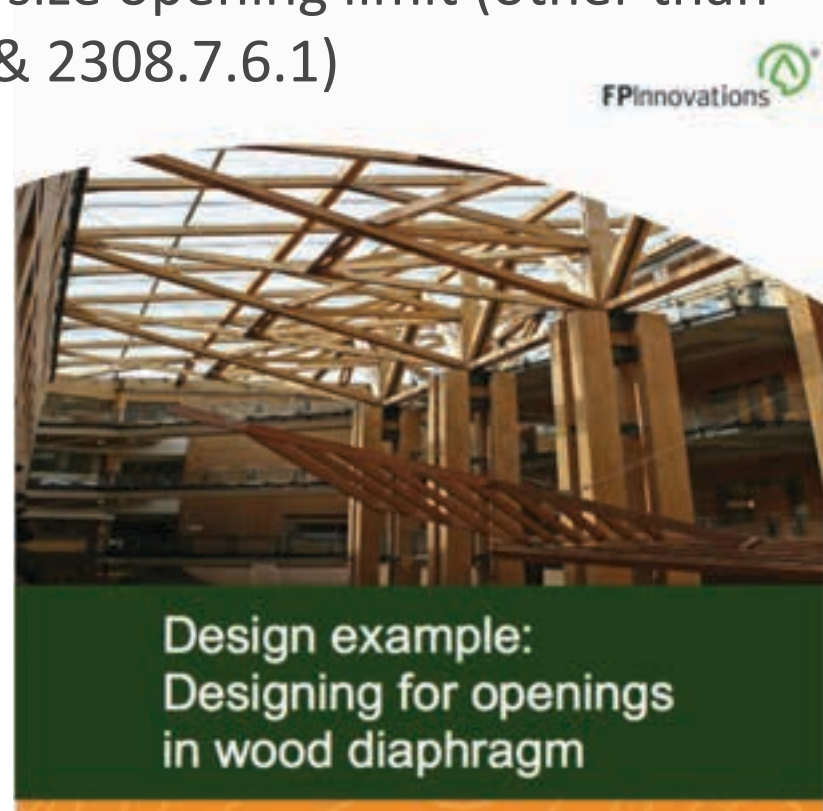
Small Openings in Diaphragms

Accounting for openings in shear panels (diaphragms and shear walls) is a code requirement (IBC 2305.1.1)

No code path for checking minimum size opening limit (other than prescriptive design – IBC 2308.4.4.1 & 2308.7.6.1)

Do you need to account for a
12” square opening in a diaphragm?

<http://cwc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Design-example-of-designing-for-openings-in-wood-diaphragm.pdf>



Small Openings in Diaphragms

FPIInnovations method for checking small holes in diaphragms:

Recommend running an analysis of the opening's effects on the diaphragm unless the following conditions are met.

3. It is strongly recommended that analysis for a diaphragm with an opening should be carried out except where all four of the following items are satisfied:
 - a. Opening depth no greater than 15% of diaphragm depth;
 - b. Opening length no greater than 15% of diaphragm length;
 - c. Distance from diaphragm edge to the nearest opening edge is a minimum of 3 times the larger opening dimension; and
 - d. The diaphragm portion between opening and diaphragm edge satisfies the maximum aspect ratio requirement.

Overview

- Diaphragms
- Shear Walls

Shearwall Functions

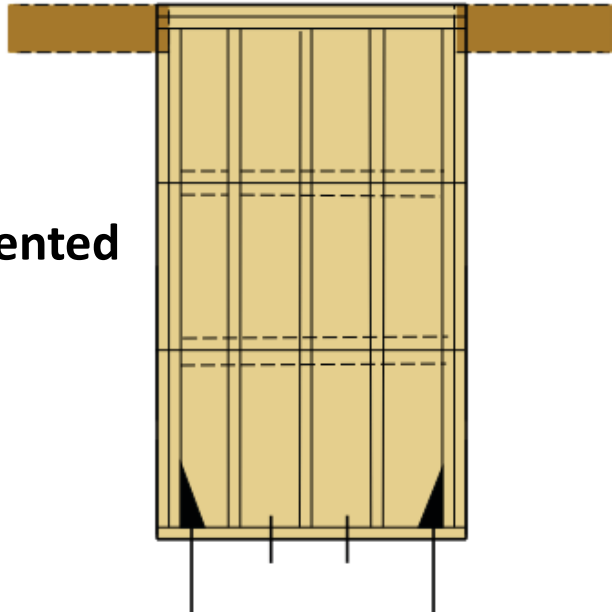
Lateral Loads create shear (sliding) and racking forces on a structure



Sliding resisted by shearwall base anchorage
Racking resisted by shear panel & fasteners

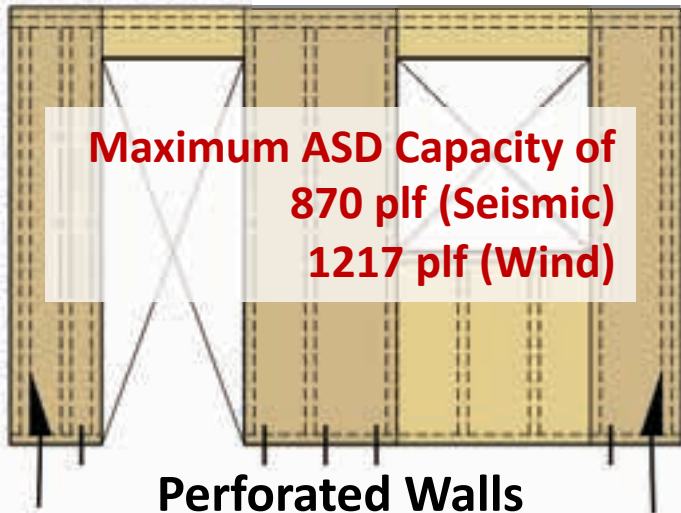
Shear Wall Configuration Options

Solid or Segmented Walls



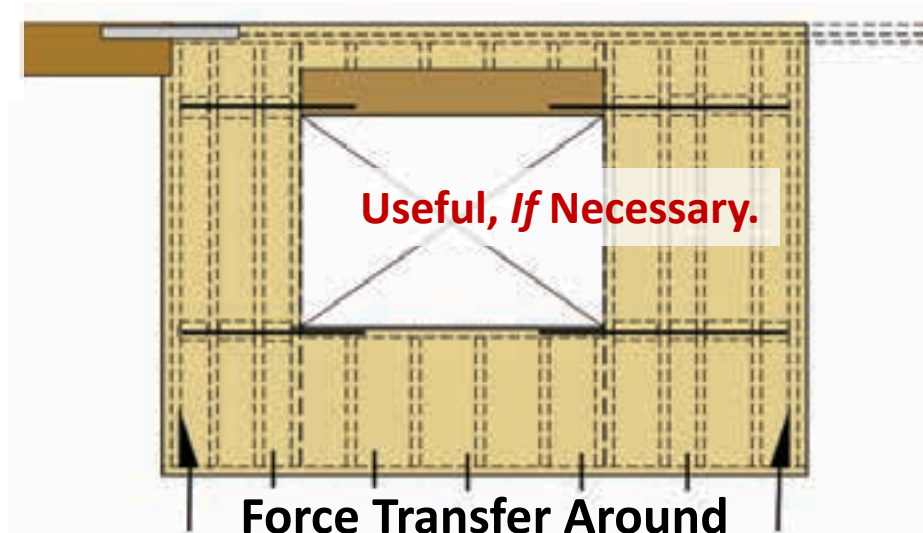
**Maximum ASD Capacity of
870 plf (Seismic)
1217 plf (Wind)**

Perforated Walls



Useful, *If Necessary.*

**Force Transfer Around
Openings Walls**



WSP Shear Wall Capacity

- Capacities listed in AWC's Special Design Provisions for Wind and Seismic (SDPWS)
- Sheathed shear walls most common. Can also use horizontal and diagonal board sheathing, gypsum panels, fiberboard, lath and plaster, and others
- Blocked shear walls most common. SDPWS has reduction factors for unblocked shear walls
- Note that capacities are given as nominal: must be adjusted by a reduction or resistance factor to determine allowable unit shear capacity (ASD) or factored unit shear resistance (LRFD)



Shear Wall Capacity - SDPWS Chpt 4

Table 4.3A Nominal Unit Shear Capacities for Wood-Frame Shear Walls^{1,3,6,7}

Wood-based Panels⁴

Sheathing Material	Minimum Nominal Panel Thickness (in.)	Minimum Fastener Penetration in Framing Member or Blocking (in.)	Fastener Type & Size	A SEISMIC								B WIND			
				Panel Edge Fastener Spacing (in.)								Panel Edge Fastener Spacing (in.)			
				6		4		3		2		6	4	3	2
				V_s (plf)	G_s (kips/in.)	V_s (plf)	G_s (kips/in.)	V_s (plf)	G_s (kips/in.)	V_s (plf)	G_s (kips/in.)	V_w (plf)	V_w (plf)	V_w (plf)	V_w (plf)
Wood Structural Panels - Structural I ^{4,5}	5/16	1-1/4	Nail (common or galvanized box) 6d	OSB		PLY		OSB		PLY		OSB		PLY	
				400	13	10	600	18	13	780	23	16	1020	35	22
												560	840	1090	1430
Wood Structural Panels - Sheathing ^{4,5}															
Plywood Siding															
Particleboard Sheathing - (M-S "Exterior Glue" and M-2 "Exterior Glue")	3/8		Nail (common or galvanized box) 6d	240	15	360	17	460	19	600	22	335	505	645	840
				260	18	380	20	480	21	630	23	365	530	670	880
				280	18	420	20	540	22	700	24	390	590	755	980
				370	21	550	23	720	24	920	25	520	770	1010	1290
				400	21	610	23	790	24	1040	26	560	855	1105	1455
Structural Fiberboard Sheathing	1/2		Nail (galvanized roofing) 11 ga. galv. roofing nail (0.120" x 1-1/2" long x 7/16" head)			340	4.0	460	5.0	520	5.5		475	645	730
	25/32		11 ga. galv. roofing nail (0.120" x 1-3/4" long x 3/8" head)			340	4.0	460	5.0	520	5.5		475	645	730

Divide Nominal Values by 2.0 for ASD Capacity
Multiply Nominal Values by 0.8 for LRFD Capacity

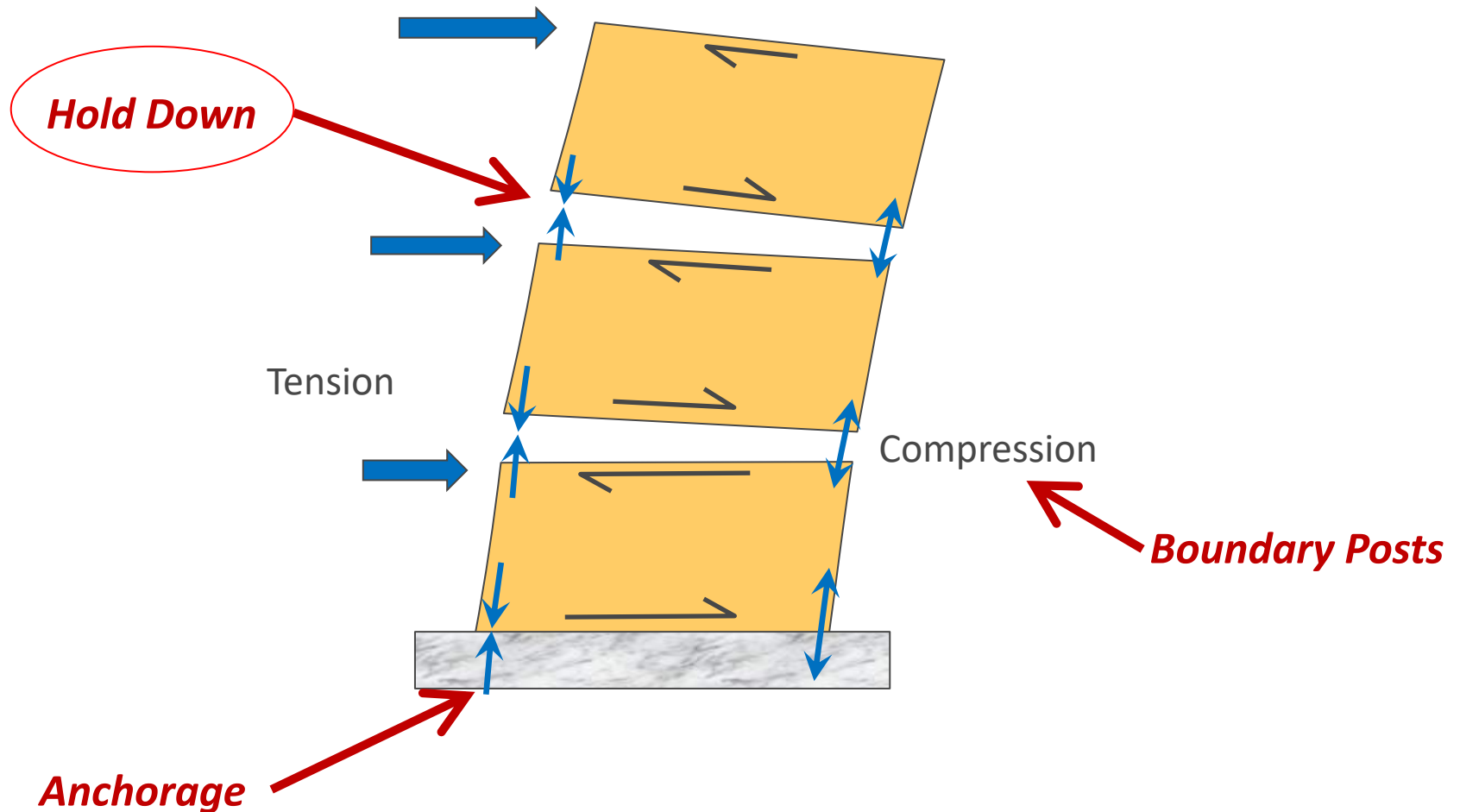
Shear Wall Capacity - SDPWS Chpt 4

Capacity based on blocked shearwall.
Reduce capacities for unblocked

Table 4.3.3.2 Unblocked Shear Wall Adjustment Factor, C_{ub}

Nail Spacing (in.)		Stud Spacing (in.)			
Supported Edges	Intermediate Framing	12	16	20	24
6	6	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.5
6	12	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.4

Components of Shear Wall Design

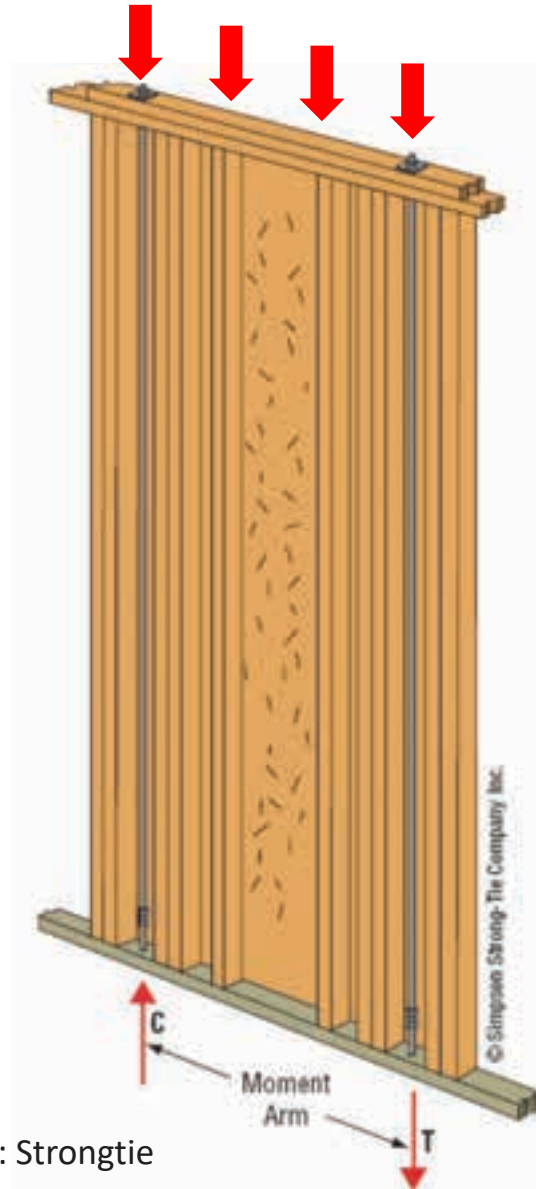


Using Dead Load to Resist Overturning

ASD Load
Combinations of
ASCE 7-10:

$$\underline{0.6D} + 0.6W$$

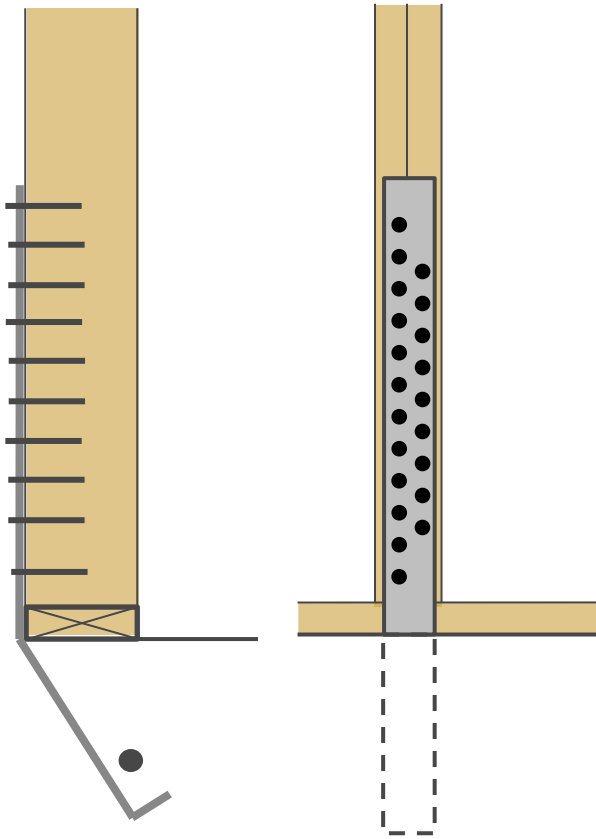
$$\underline{0.6D} + 0.7E$$



Dead load from above
(Wall, Floor, Roof) can be
used to resist some or all
overturning forces,
depending on magnitude

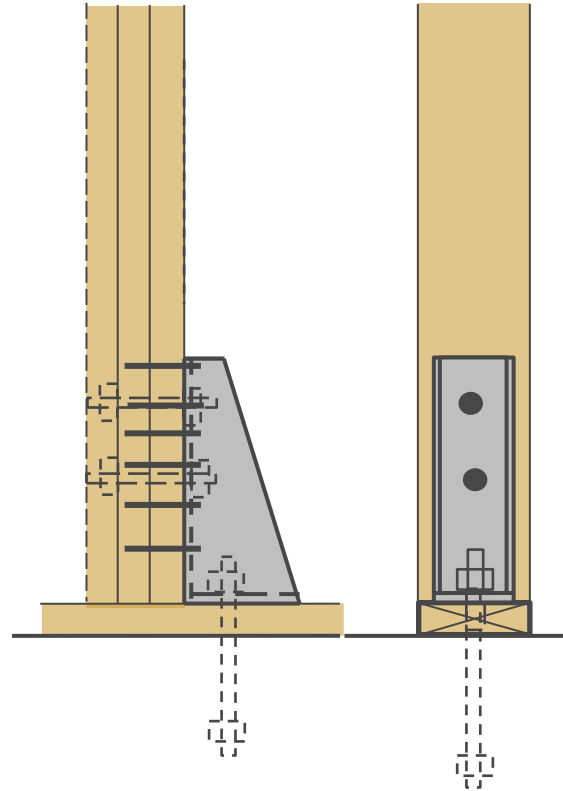
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Shear Wall Holddown Options



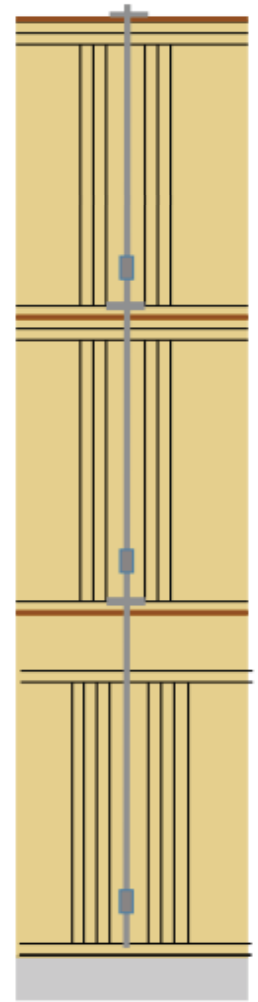
Strap Holddown

*6+ kip story to
story capacities*



**Bucket-Style
Holddown**

*13+ kip
capacities*

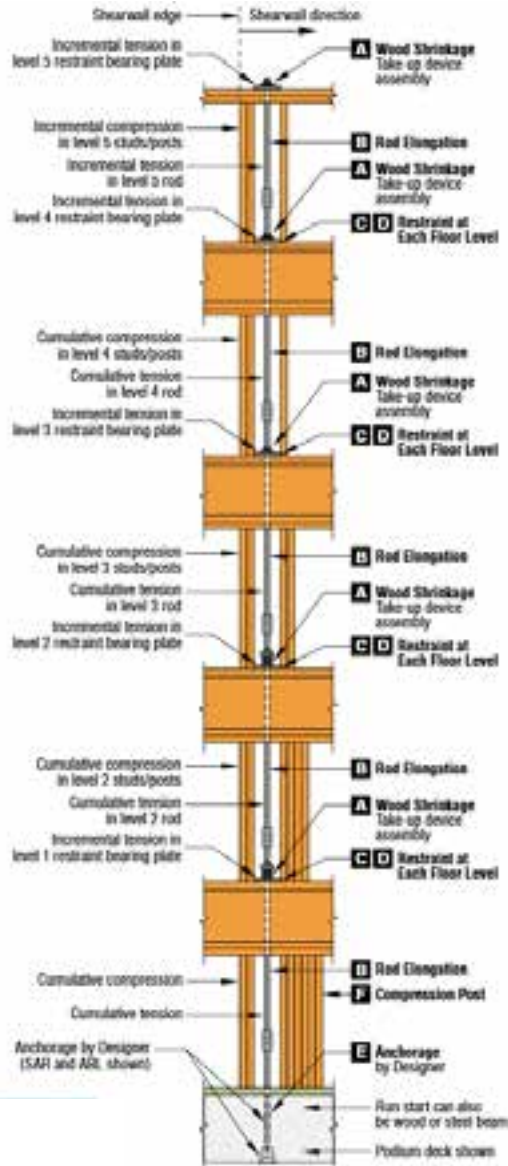


**Continuous Rod
Tiedown Systems**

*100+ kip capacities
20+ kips/level*

Shearwall Hold Downs

Multi-Story Continuous Rod Tiedown System

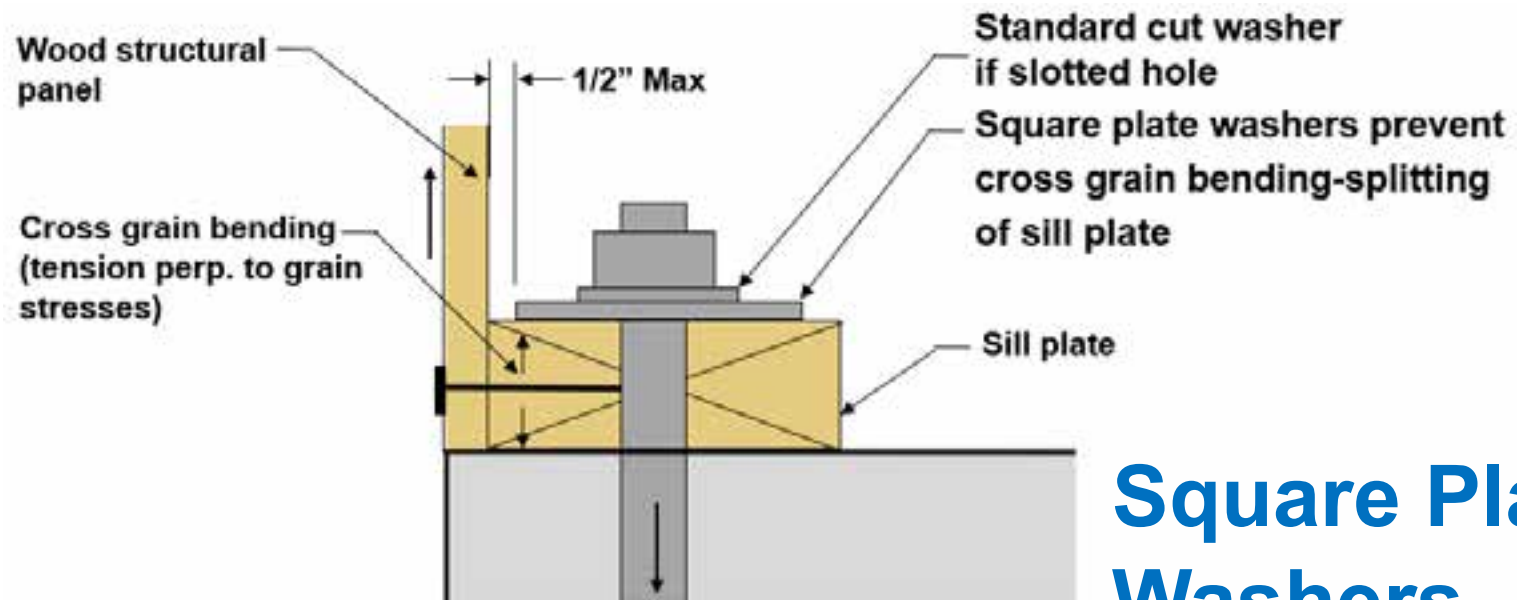


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Shear Wall Anchorage

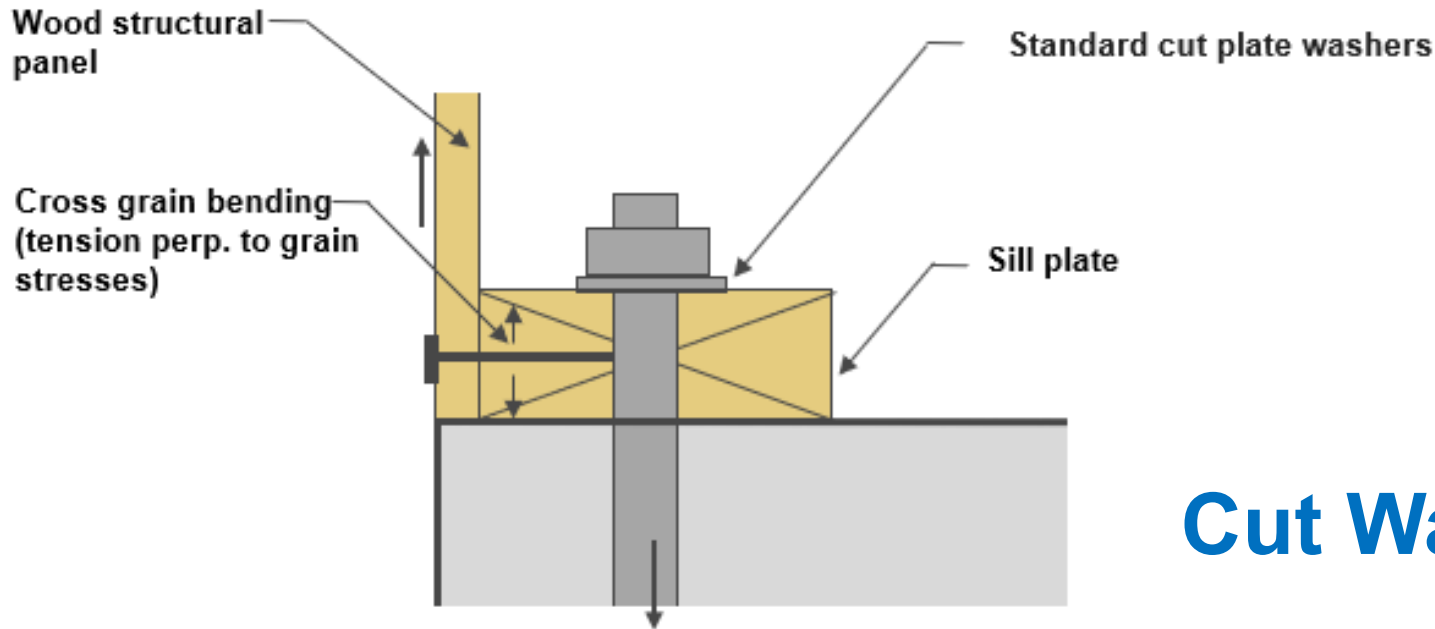


Square Plate Washers

4.3.6.4.3 Anchor Bolts:

- Foundation anchor bolts shall have a steel plate washer under each nut.
- Minimum size-0.229"x3"x3" in.
- The hole in the plate washer - Diagonally slotted, width of up to 3/16" larger than the bolt diameter, and a slot length not to exceed 1-3/4" is permitted if standard cut washer is provided between the nut and the plate.
- The plate washer shall extend to within 1/2" of the edge of the bottom plate on the side(s) with sheathing.
- Required where sheathing nominal unit shear capacity is greater than 400 plf for **wind or seismic**. (i.e. 200 plf ASD, 320 plf LRFD)

Shear Wall Anchorage



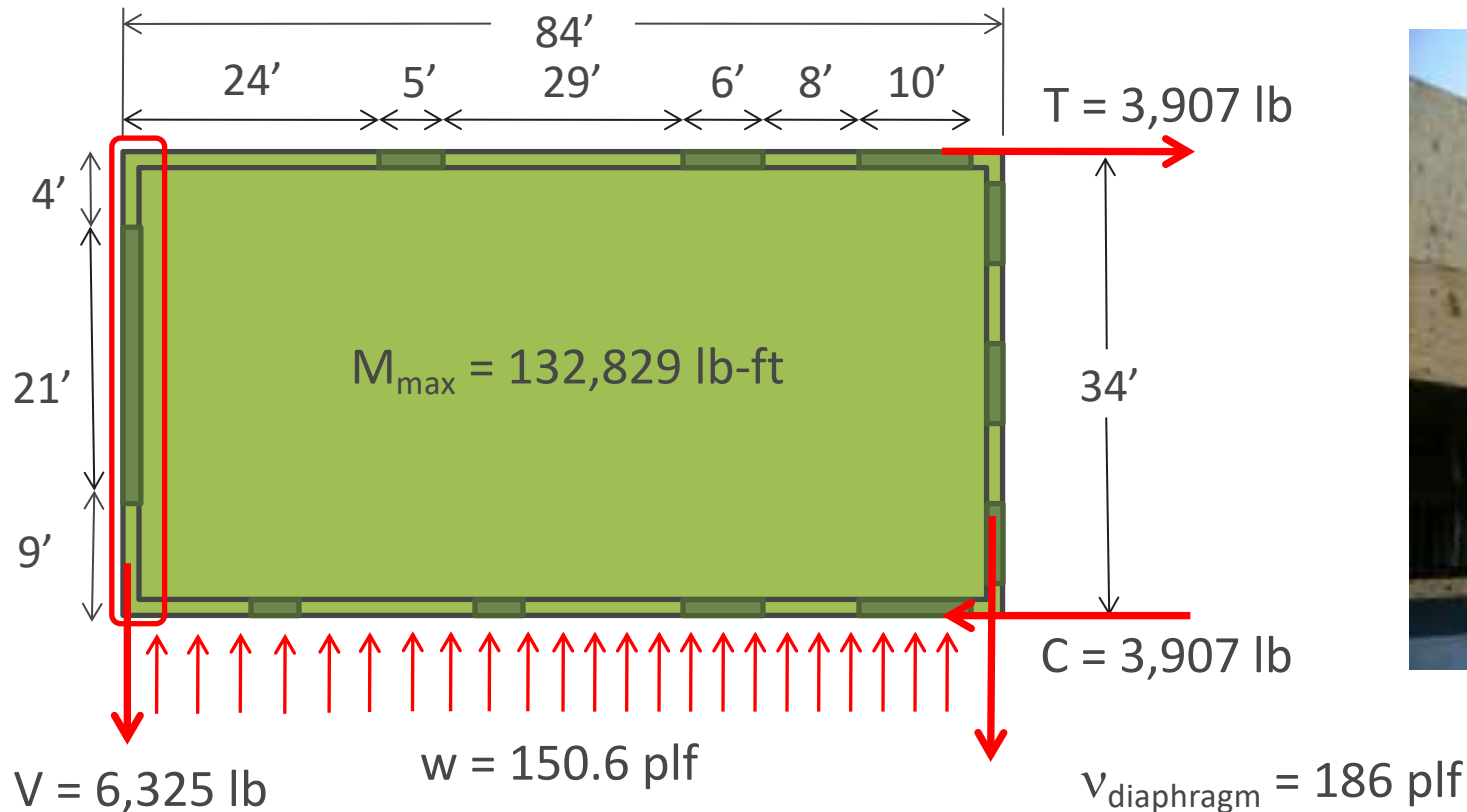
Cut Washers

Standard cut washers

- Permitted to be used where anchor bolts are designed to resist shear only and the following requirements are met:
 - a) The shear wall is designed segmented wall with required uplift anchorage at shear wall ends sized to resist overturning neglecting DL stabilizing moment.
 - b) Shear wall aspect ratio, $h:b$, does not exceed 2:1.
 - c) The nominal unit shear capacity of the shear wall does not exceed 980 plf for seismic or 1370 plf for wind.

Retail Restaurant – Shear Wall Design

- **Shear wall capacity: wall sections not equal in width**
- Assume 15/32", Wood Structural Panels - Sheathing attached with 8d nails @ 3" o.c to 2x6 Spruce Pine Fir framing spaced 16" o.c.



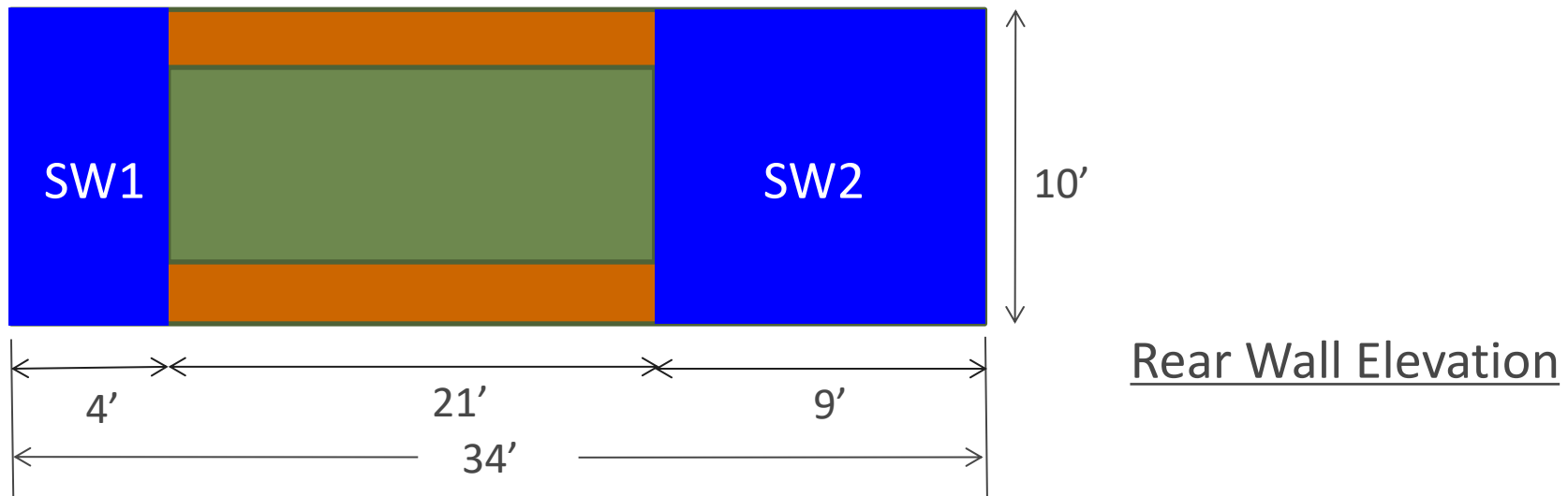
Shear Wall Aspect Ratios

Check Aspect Ratios: Assume blocked WSP shear wall

Shear Wall aspect ratios: $SW1 = 10'/4' = 2.5 < 3.5$ OK

$SW2 = 10'/9' = 1.1 < 3.5$ OK

Note that aspect ratio of SW1 is greater than 2, so it's capacity will need to be adjusted per SDPWS 4.3.4.2

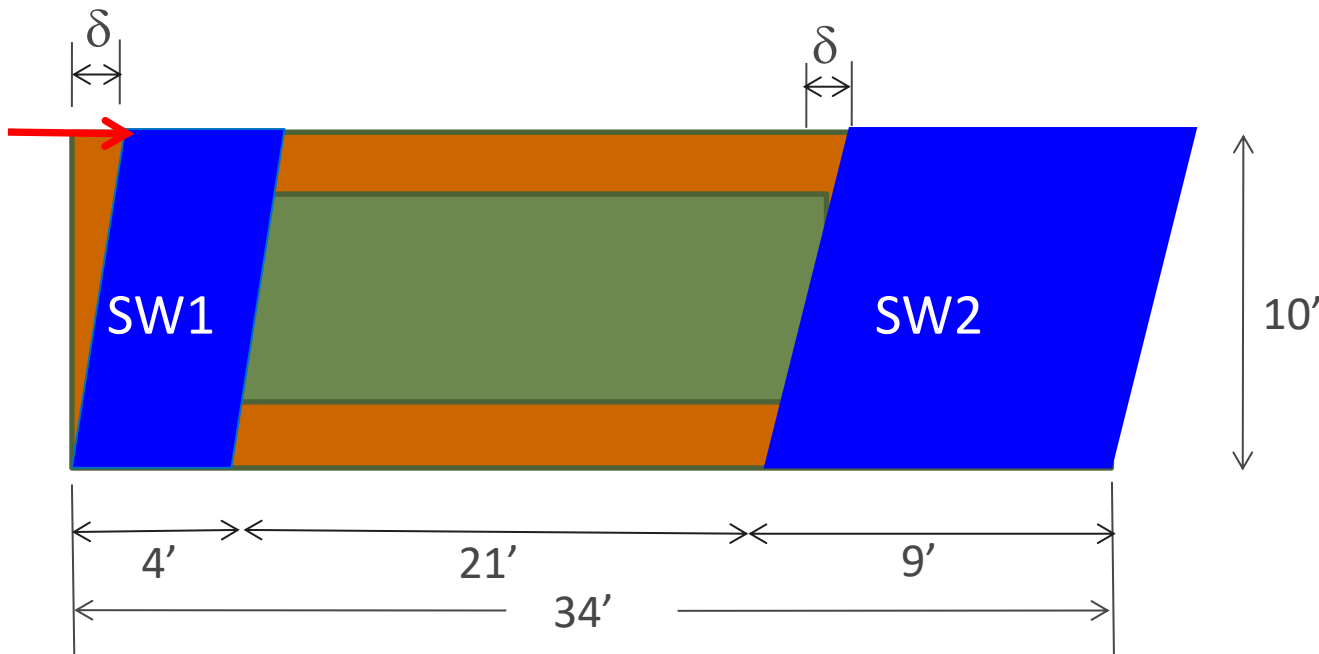


Shear Walls in a Line

SDPWS 4.3.3.4.1

Shear distribution to individual shear walls in a shear wall line shall provide the same calculated deflection, δ_{sw} , in each shear wall.

$$\delta_{SW1} = \delta_{SW2} = \text{Equal Deflection Method}$$



Given the same load, which shear wall will deflect less?

Shear Walls in a Line

Equal Deflection Method

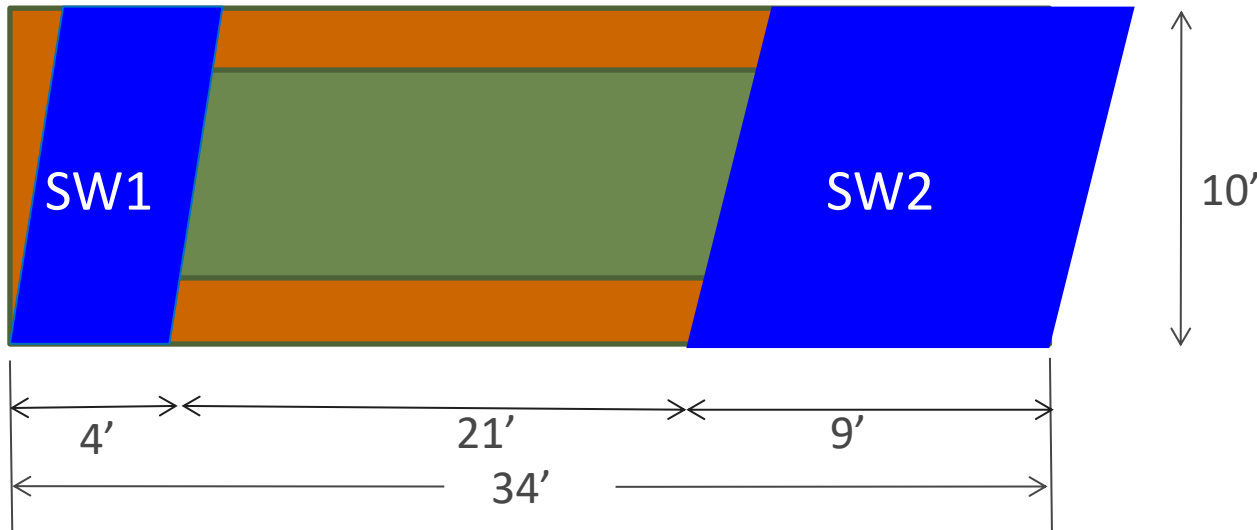
SW1

$$h/b_s = 2.5 > 2$$

Aspect Ratio Factor = $1.25 - 0.125(h/b_s) = 0.938$ (SDPWS 4.3.4.2)

Nominal Unit Shear Capacity = 1,370 lb/ft (SDPWS Table 4.3A)

Adjusted ASD Capacity = $[(1,370 \text{ plf})(0.92)/2] * 0.938 = 591 \text{ lb/ft}$



Shear Walls in a Line

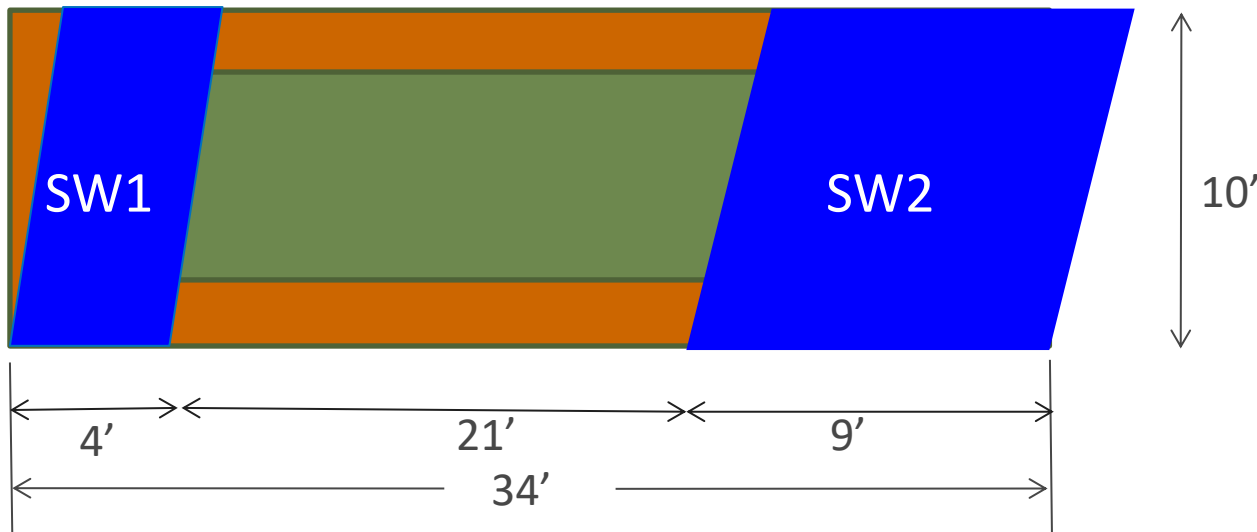
Equal Deflection Method

SW2

$$h/b_s = 1.1 < 2$$

Nominal Unit Shear Capacity = 1,370 lb/ft (SDPWS Table 4.3A)

$$\text{Adjusted ASD Capacity} = (1,370 \text{ plf})(0.92)/2 = \mathbf{630 \text{ lb/ft}}$$



Shear Walls in a Line

Determine the deflection of **SW2** at its ASD unit shear capacity

(bending) (shear) (wall anchorage slip)

$$\delta_{sw} = \frac{8vh^3}{EAb} + \frac{vh}{1000G_a} + \frac{h}{b}\Delta_a \quad (\text{C4.3.2-2})$$

$$v = 630 \text{ lb/ft}$$

$$E = 1,400,000 \text{ psi} \quad (\text{NDS Supplement Table 4A})$$

$$A = 2(1.5'' \times 5.5'') = 16.5 \text{ in}^2 \quad (2\text{-}2 \times 6 \text{ stud end post})$$

$$b = 9'$$

$$h = 10'$$

$$G_a = 14 \text{ k/in} \quad (\text{SDPWS Table 4.3A})$$

$$\Delta_a = \text{vertical elongation of wall anchorage}$$

Shear Walls in a Line

Determine the deflection of **SW2** at its ASD unit shear capacity

(bending) (shear) (wall anchorage slip)

$$\delta_{sw} = \frac{8vh^3}{EAb} + \frac{vh}{1000G_a} + \frac{h}{b}\Delta_a \quad (\text{C4.3.2-2})$$

**From the holdown manufacturer, the deflection of the anchor at its capacity of 6,560 lbs = 0.091"*

SW2 anchorage force = (630 lb/ft)(10') = 6,300 lb

*Assuming vertical elongation is linear, we can calculate elongation for our load of 6,300 lbs.

$$\Delta_a = 6,300 * 0.091" / 6,560 \text{ lb} = 0.087"$$

$$\delta_{SW2} = \mathbf{0.571"}$$

k = stiffness of the anchorage = F / δ (deflection / elongation)

$$\mathbf{k} = 6,560 \text{ lbs} / 0.091" = 72,087 \text{ lb/in}$$

Shear Walls in a Line

Determine the unit shear in **SW1** that produces the same deflection as **SW2**

$$V_{SW1} = \frac{\delta}{\frac{8h^3}{EAb_{SW1}} + \frac{h}{1000G_a} + \frac{h^2}{kb_{SW1}}}$$

$$V_{SW1} = \frac{0.45''}{\frac{8(10')^3}{(1,400,000)(16.5)(4')} + \frac{(10')}{1000(14,000)} + \frac{(10')^2}{(64,924)(4')}}}$$

$$V_{SW1} = 497 \text{ lb/ft} < 591 \text{ lb/ft}$$

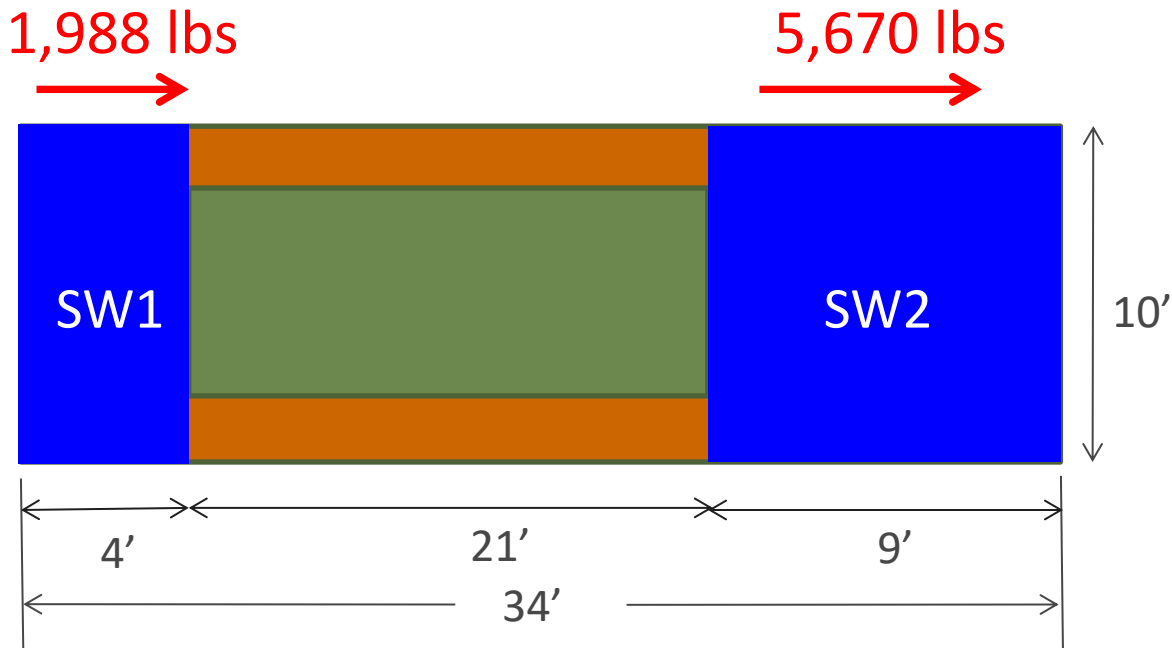
Shear Walls in a Line

Shear Wall Line Capacity

$$V = (497 \text{ lb/ft}) * 4' + (630 \text{ lb/ft}) * 9'$$

$$V = 1,988 \text{ lbs} + 5,670 \text{ lbs}$$

$$V = 7,658 \text{ lb} > 6,325 \text{ lb}$$

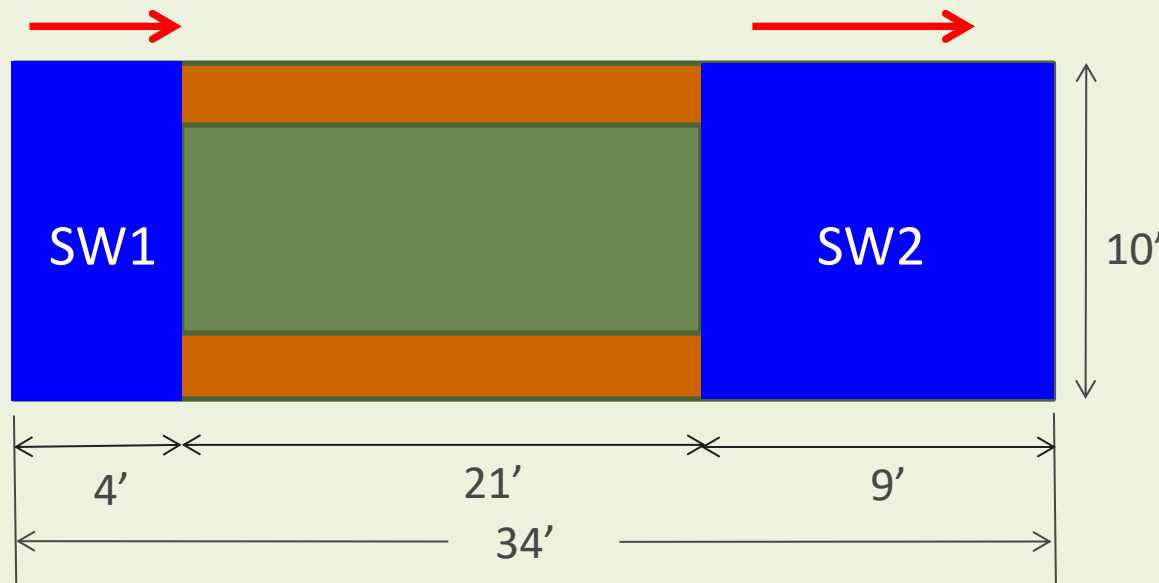


Shear Walls in a Line

Simplified Method

For Wood Structural Panels, distribution of shear in proportion to shear strength of each shear wall is permitted provided that shear walls with aspect ratio greater than 2:1 have strength adjusted by the $2b_s/h$ factor.

2015 SDPWS 4.3.3.4.1, Exception 1.



Exceptions:

1. Where nominal shear capacities of all wood structural panel shear walls with aspect ratios (h/b_s) greater than 2:1 are multiplied by $2b_s/h$ for design, shear distribution to individual full-height wall segments shall be permitted to be taken as proportional to the shear capacities of individual full height wall segments used in design. Where multiplied by $2b_s/h$, the nominal shear capacities need not be reduced by the adjustment in 4.3.4.2.

Shear Wall Aspect Ratios

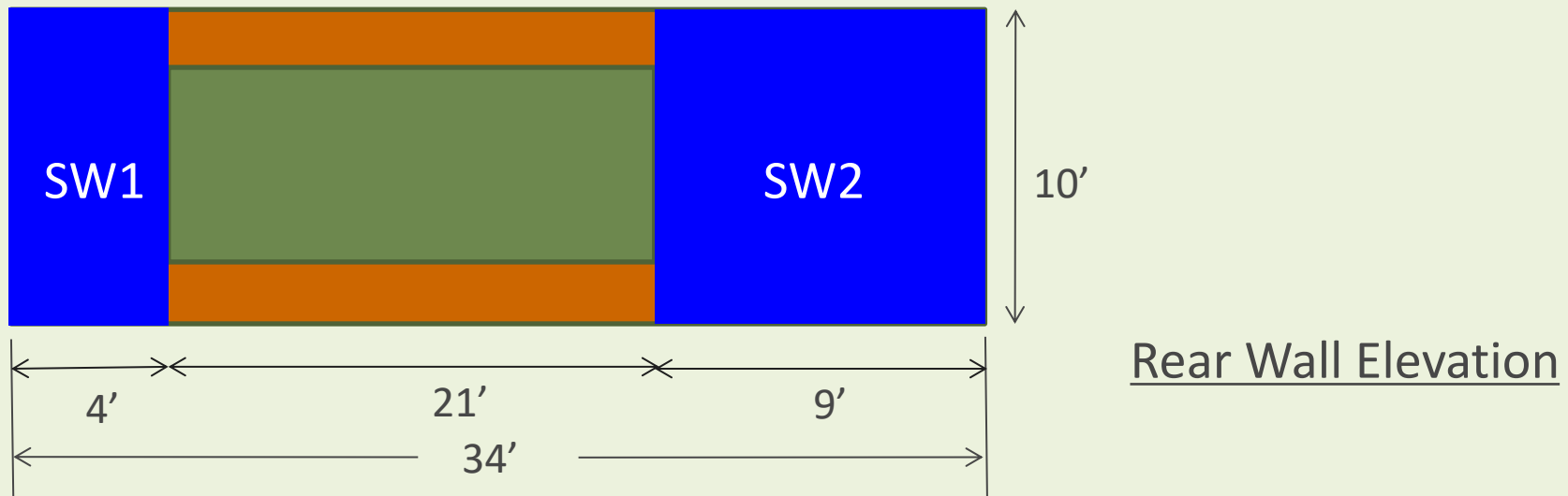
Simplified Method

Aspect Ratios: Assume blocked WSP shear wall

Shear Wall aspect ratios: $SW1 = 10'/4' = 2.5 < 3.5$ OK

(SDPWS Table 4.3.4) $SW2 = 10'/9' = 1.1 < 3.5$ OK

$SW1 = 2.5 > 2$: nominal shear capacity will need to be adjusted by $2b_s/h$ per SDPWS 4.3.3.4.1 Exception 1.



Shear Walls in a Line

Simplified Method

SW1

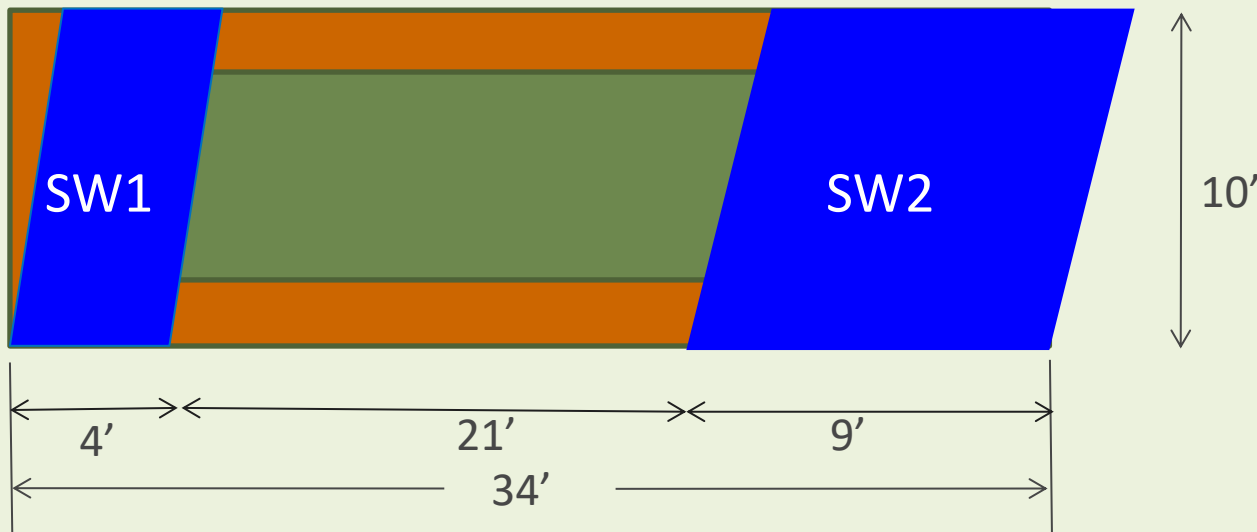
$$h/b_s = 2.5 > 2$$

~~Aspect Ratio Factor = $1.25 - 0.125(h/b_s) = 0.938$ (SDPWS 4.3.4.2)~~

$$2b_s/h = 2(4'/10') = 0.8$$

Nominal Unit Shear Capacity = 1,370 lb/ft (SDPWS Table 4.3A)

$$\text{Adjusted ASD Capacity} = [(1,370 \text{ plf})(0.92)/2] * 0.8 = 504 \text{ lb/ft}$$



Shear Walls in a Line

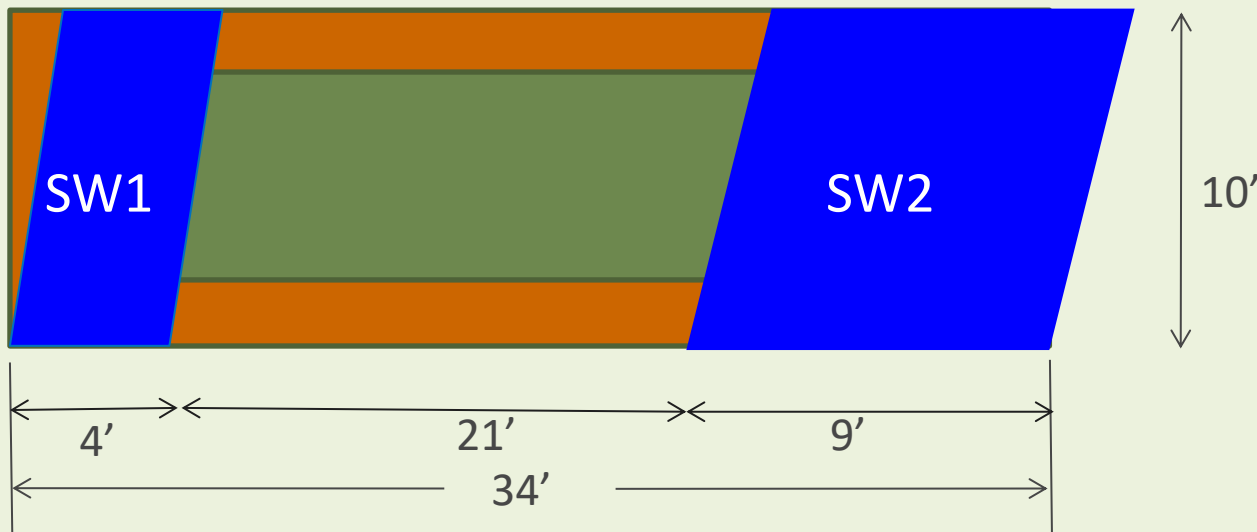
Simplified Method

SW2

$$h/b_s = 1.1 < 2$$

Nominal Unit Shear Capacity = 1,370 lb/ft (SDPWS Table 4.3A)

$$\text{Adjusted ASD Capacity} = (1,370 \text{ plf})(0.92)/2 = \mathbf{630 \text{ lb/ft}}$$



Shear Walls in a Line

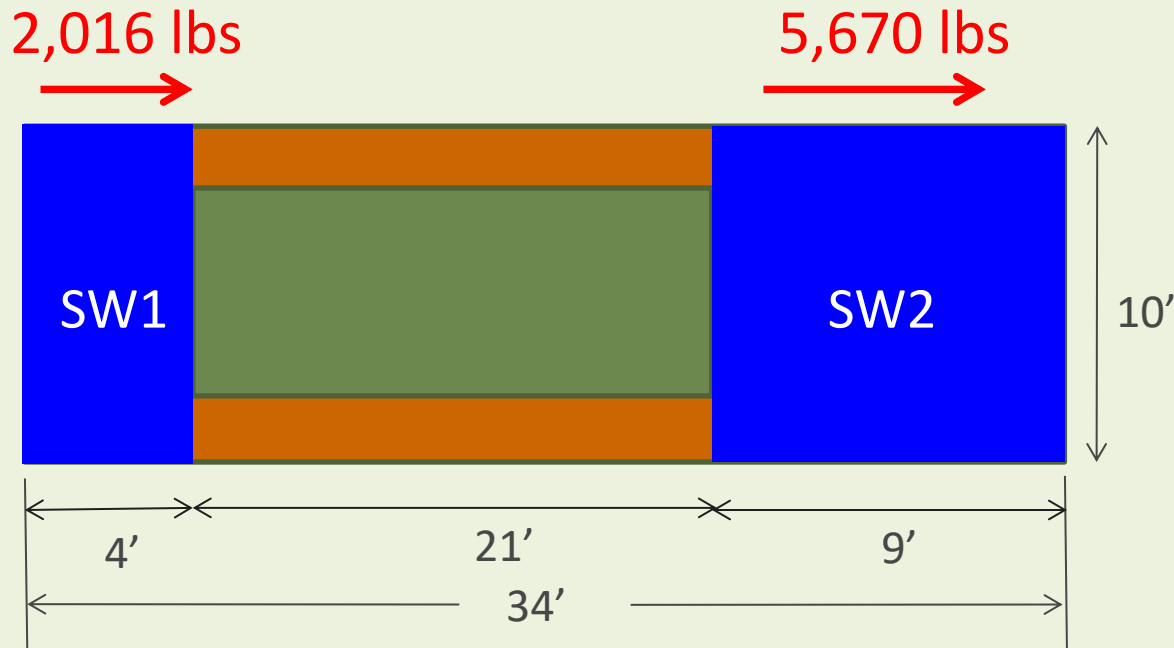
Simplified Method

Shear Wall Line Capacity

$$V = (504 \text{ lb/ft}) * 4' + (630 \text{ lb/ft}) * 9'$$

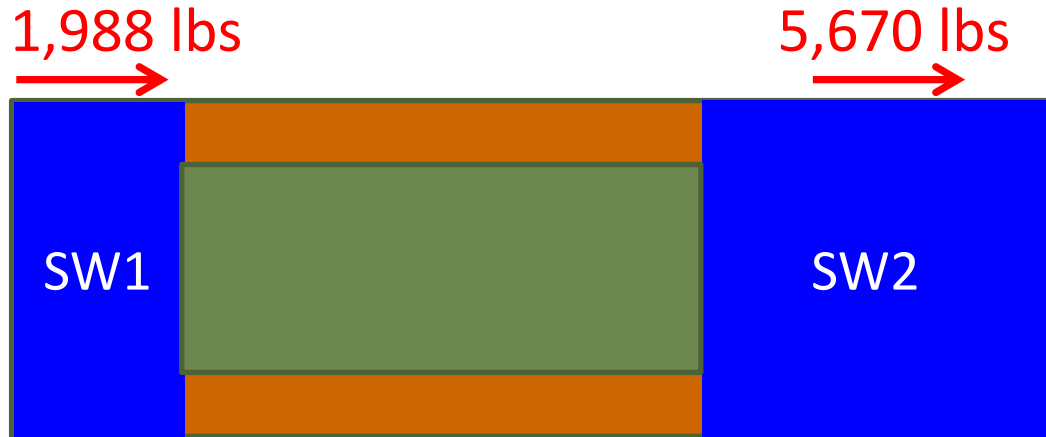
$$V = 2,016 \text{ lbs} + 5,670 \text{ lbs}$$

$$V = 7,686 \text{ lb} > 6,325 \text{ lb}$$

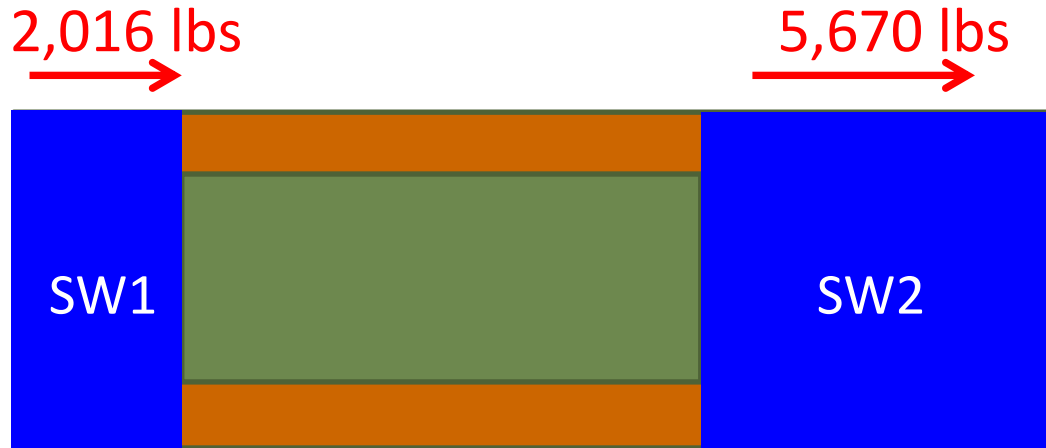


*** Note that the capacity of the wall is quite a bit higher than needed. Designer could look at increasing sheathing nail spacing.*

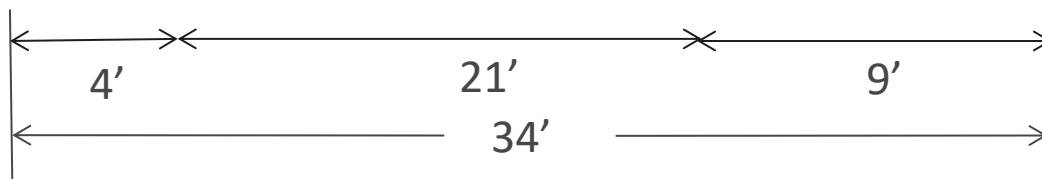
Shear Walls in a Line



Equal Deflection Method

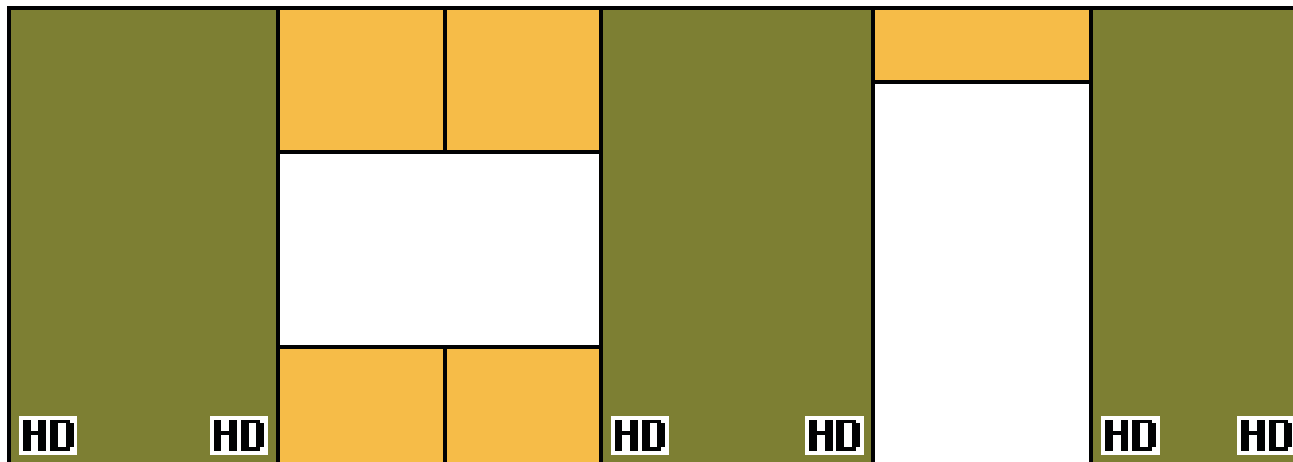


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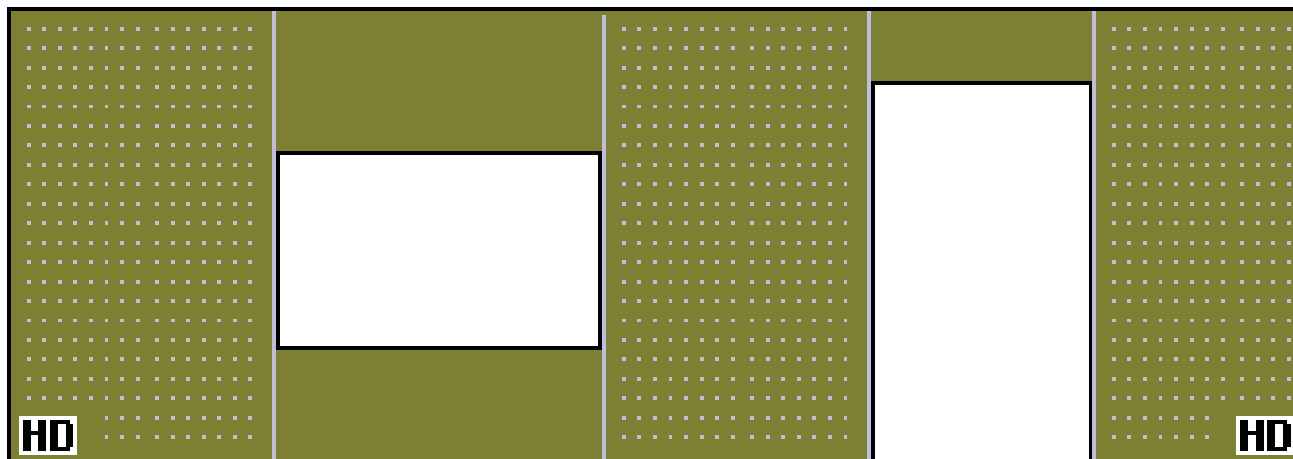


Hold-Downs: Segmented v. Perforated

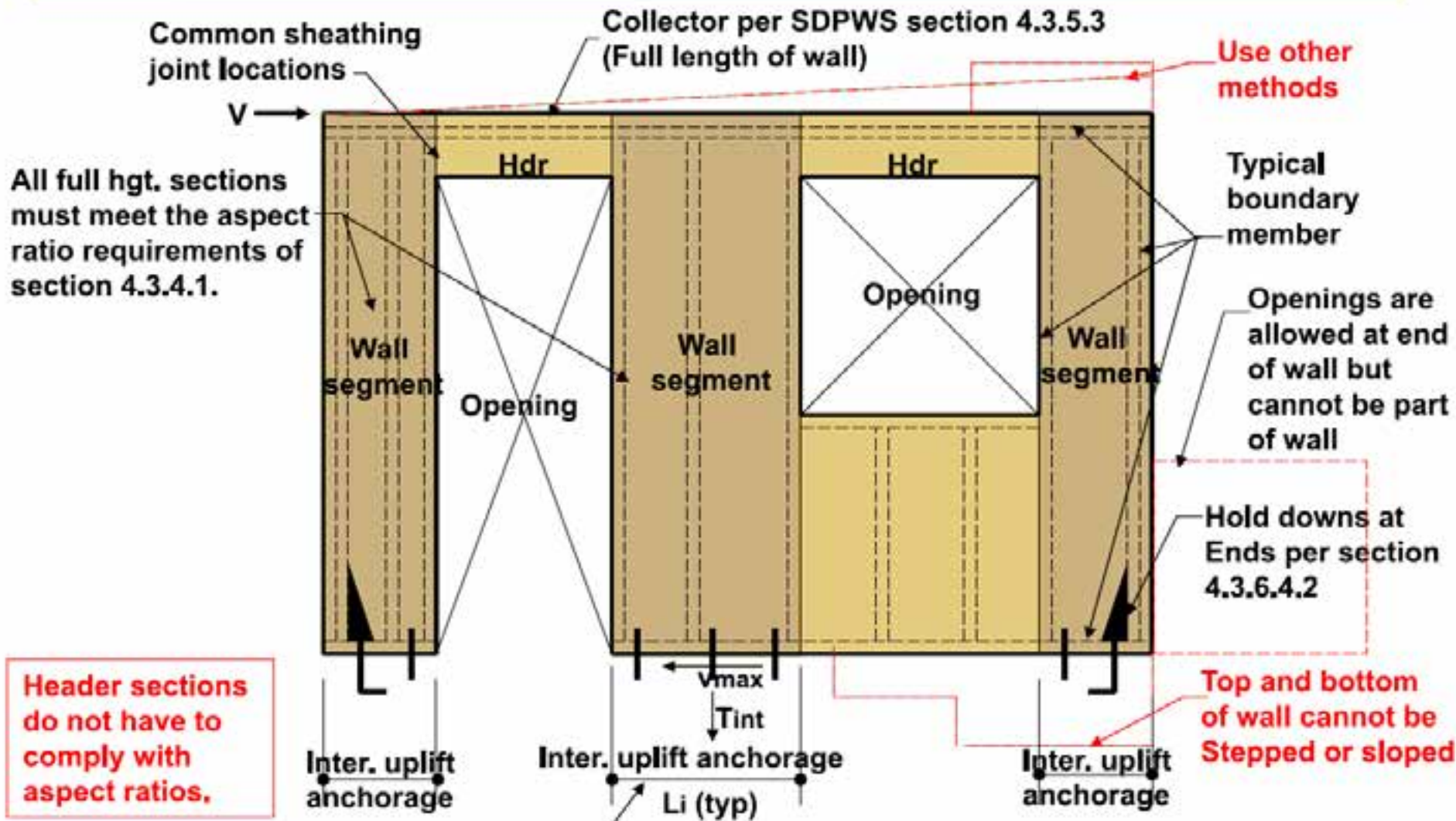
Segmented Shearwall



Perforated Shearwall



Perforated Shear Walls- Empirical Design



Intermediate uplift anchorage is required at each full height panel locations... **"in addition to..."** per section 4.3.6.4.2.1.

Reference examples

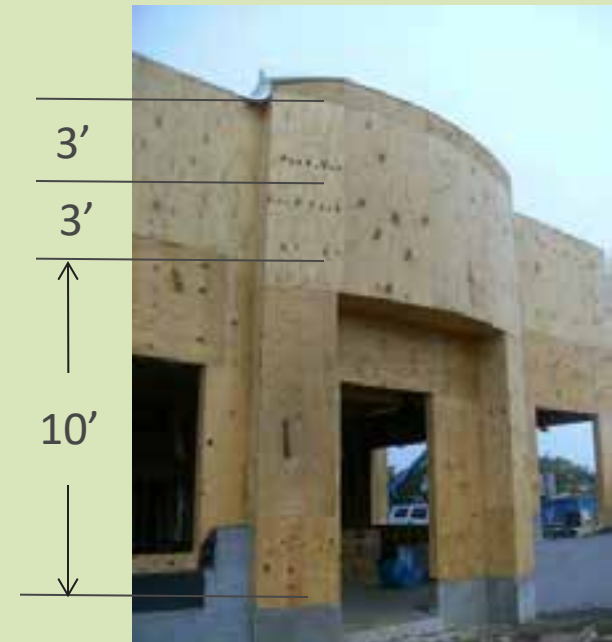
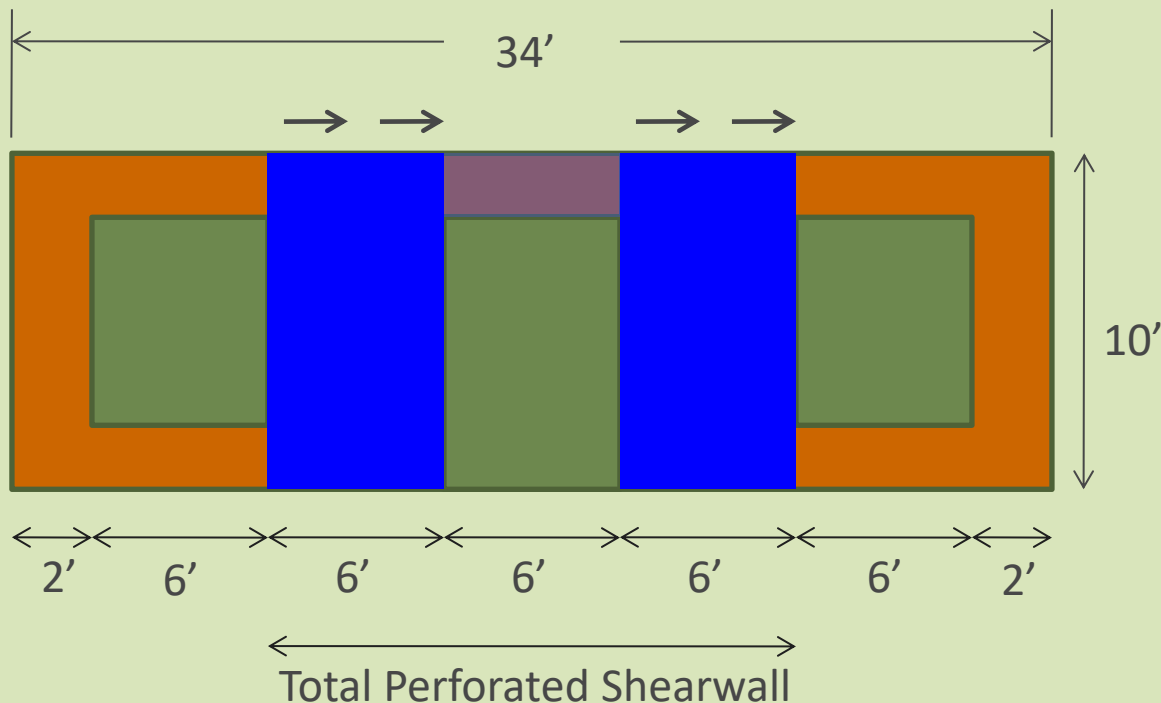
- APA Diaph-and-SW Construction Guide
- AWC-Perforated Shear Wall Design

Perforated Shearwall Design

- Check Aspect Ratios: Assume blocked WSP Shearwall
- $10'/2' = 5 > 3.5$; Inadequate
- $10'/6' = 1.67 < 3.5$; OK

Use only full height sheathed sections to resist shear

$$V_{\text{shearwall}} = 6,325 \text{ lb} / 12' = 527 \text{ plf}$$



Perforated Shearwall Capacity

Wall has 12'/18' = 67% full height sheathing, max. opening H = 6'-8"

Multiply capacity by 0.75 for opening 2H/3

Reduced capacity is 630 plf*0.75 = 473 plf < 527 plf, Inadequate

SDPWS Table 4.3.3.5

Table 4.3.3.5 Shear Capacity Adjustment Factor, C_s

Wall Height, h	Maximum Opening Height ¹				
	h/3	h/2	2h/3	5h/6	h
8' Wall	2'-8"	4'-0"	5'-4"	6'-8"	8'-0"
10' Wall	3'-4"	5'-0"	6'-8"	8'-4"	10'-0"
Percent Full-Height Sheathing ²	Effective Shear Capacity Ratio				
10%	1.00	0.69	0.53	0.43	0.36
20%	1.00	0.71	0.56	0.45	0.38
30%	1.00	0.74	0.59	0.49	0.42
40%	1.00	0.77	0.63	0.53	0.45
50%	1.00	0.80	0.67	0.57	0.50
60%	1.00	0.83	0.71	0.63	0.56
70%	1.00	0.87	0.77	0.69	0.63
80%	1.00	0.91	0.83	0.77	0.71
90%	1.00	0.95	0.91	0.87	0.83
100%	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

1 The maximum opening height shall be taken as the maximum opening clear height in a perforated shear wall. Where areas above and/or below an opening remain unsheathed, the height of each opening shall be defined as the clear height of the opening plus the unsheathed areas.

2 The sum of the perforated shear wall segment lengths, $\sum L_s$, divided by the total length of the perforated shear wall.

Perforated Shearwall Capacity

$$V_{\text{shearwall}} = 527 \text{ plf}$$

Try reducing nail spacing to 2" with 8d nails – **will require 3x framing**

Nominal Tabulated Capacity = 1790 plf

Adjusted ASD Capacity = $(1790 \text{ plf})(0.92)(0.75)/2 = 618 \text{ plf}$

618 plf > 527 plf, OK

8d nails at 2" o.c. acceptable for perforated wall

PANEL GRADE	FASTENER TYPE & SIZE	MINIMUM PANEL THICKNESS	MINIMUM FASTENER PENETRATION IN FRAMING	NAIL SPACING AT ALL PANEL EDGES	PANEL EDGE FASTENER SPACING
Wood Structural Panels – Sheathing	8d (2½ " x 0.131")	15/32"	1 3/8"	2 IN.	1280 (Seismic) <u>1790 (Wind)</u>

Perforated Shearwall Overturning

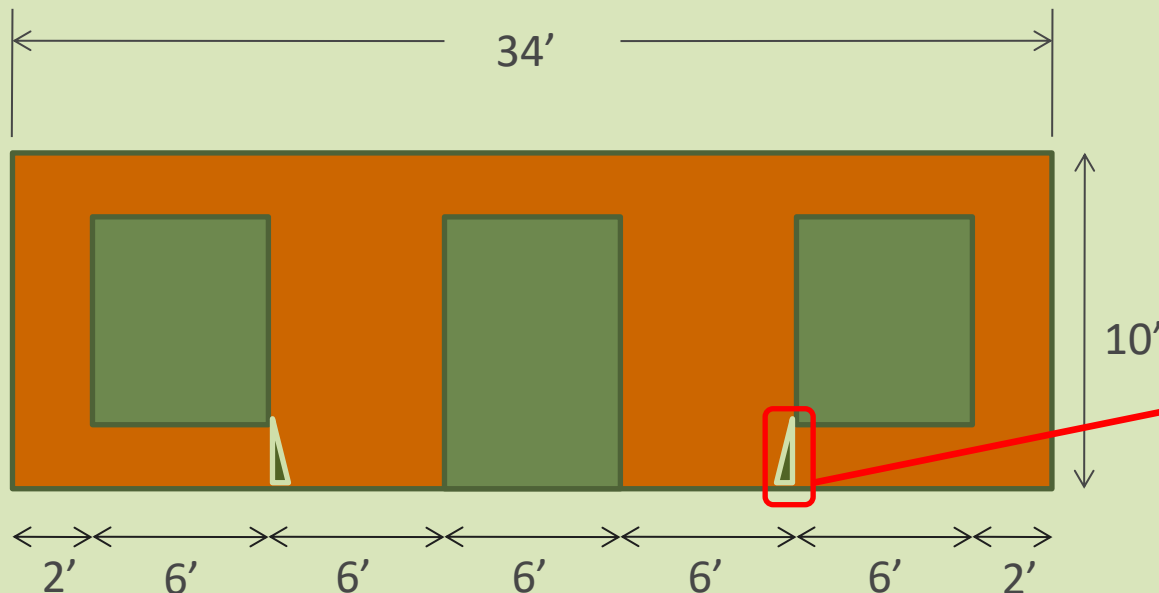
$$V_{\text{shearwall}} = 527 \text{ plf}$$

Hold downs required at ends of perforated wall

$$T = vh/C_o \quad (\text{similar to SDPWS equation 4.3-8})$$

$$T = 527 \text{ plf} \cdot 10' / 0.75 = 7,027 \text{ lb}$$

Hold down capacity from segmented wall
option = 7,045 lb: could use same hold down



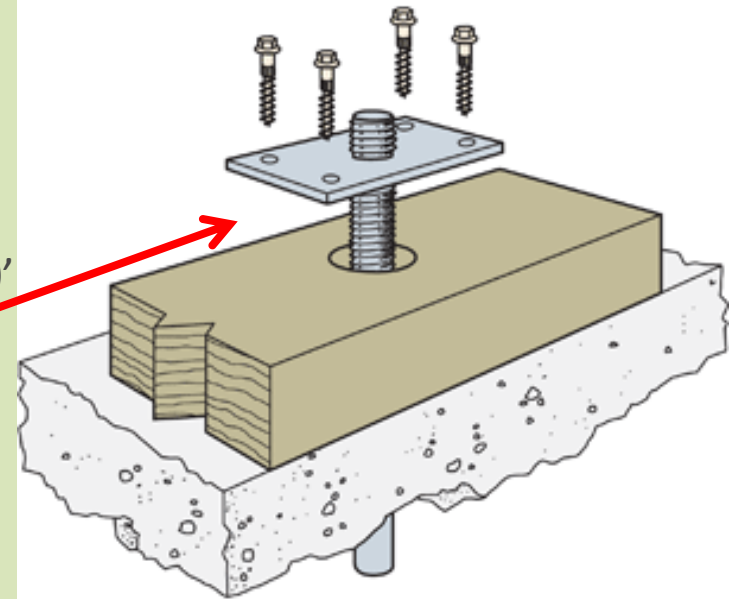
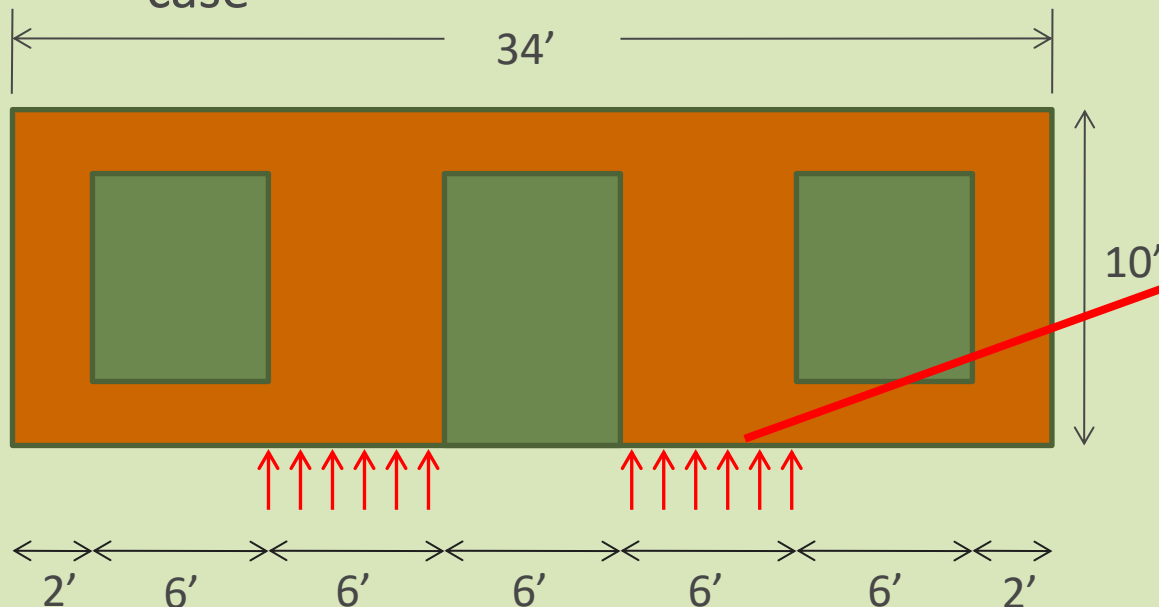
Perforated Shearwall Uplift

$V_{\text{shearwall}} = 527 \text{ plf} / 0.75 = 703 \text{ plf}$, use same magnitude for uniform uplift at full height segments

One option is to use anchor bolts with large washers to resist uplift in bearing

If net washer area = 8 in^2 , can resist $(425 \text{ psi})(8 \text{ in}^2) = 3,400 \text{ lb}$ in uplift

- Max. anchor bolt spacing = $3,400 \text{ lb} / 703 \text{ plf} = 4'-10''$ o.c.
- Will also need to check shear loads on anchor bolts for controlling case



Force Transfer Around Opening (FTAO)



Why Use Force Transfer Around Openings?



Why Use Force Transfer Around Openings?



References for FTAO Design

APA Authored SEAOC Paper

<https://www.apawood.org/Data/Sites/1/documents/technicalresearch/seaoc-2015-ftao.pdf>

SEAOC Structural/Seismic Design Manual, Volume 2

Provides narrative and worked out example

Design of Wood Structures

Textbook by Breyer et al.

Force Transfer Around Openings Calculator

<https://www.apawood.org/ftao>



Double-Sided Shear Walls

High-strength wood shear walls can be double-sided with WSP sheathing on each side:

SDPWS 4.3.3.3 Summing Shear Capacities: For shear walls sheathed with the same construction and materials on opposite sides of the same wall, the combined nominal unit shear capacity shall be permitted to be taken as twice the nominal unit shear capacity for an equivalent shear wall sheathed on one side (4.3.5.3 has max capacities for double-sided perforated walls)

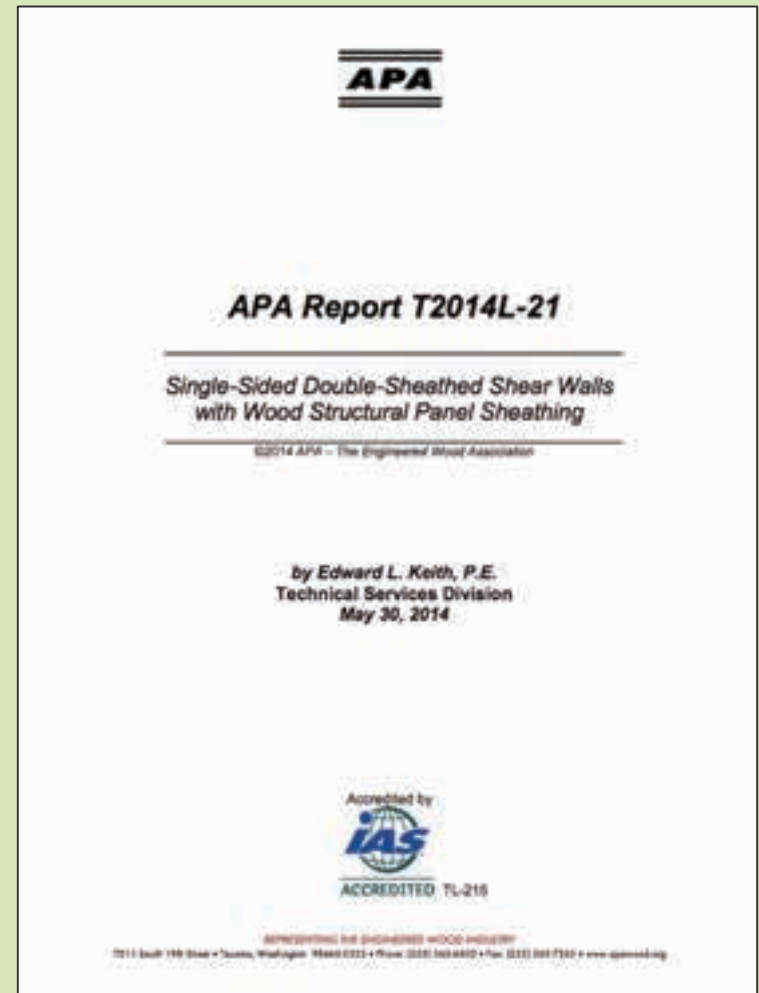


Double-Sheathed Shear Walls

There is also an option to have a single sided, double sheathed shear wall.

Testing and report by APA conclude that it is permissible to use the capacity of the wall the same as if there was one layer of WSP on each side of the wall provided that a number of criteria are met including:

- Framing members at panel joints are 3x or 2-2x
- Minimum nail spacing is 4"
- Others



Gypsum Wallboard and Shear Walls

SDPWS 4.3.3.3 Summing Shear Capacities also applies to walls sheathed with gypsum wallboard on each side.

SDPWS 4.3.3.3.2 states that for shear walls sheathed with dissimilar materials on opposite sides, the combined unit shear capacity shall be either 2x the smaller nominal unit shear capacity or the larger nominal unit shear capacity, whichever is greater. The **Exception to 2015 SDPWS 4.3.3.3.2** allows the nominal sheathing capacity of gypsum wallboard to be added to the nominal sheathing capacity for the material on the opposite side for **wind** design.

Table 4.3.4 Maximum Shear Wall Aspect Ratios	
Shear Wall Sheathing Type	Maximum h/b, 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
Structural Fiberboard	3.5:1

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

Maximum Aspect Ratio of 2:1

Gypsum Wallboard and Shear Walls

2015 SDPWS 4.3.7.2 Shear Walls using Wood Structural Panels over Gypsum Wallboard or Gypsum Sheathing Board:

Shear walls sheathed with wood structural panel sheathing over gypsum wallboard or gypsum sheathing board shall be permitted to be used to resist seismic and wind forces. The size and spacing of fasteners at shear wall boundaries and panel edges shall be as provided in Table 4.3B. The shear wall shall be constructed in accordance with Section 4.3.7.1

Table 4.3C Nominal Unit Shear Capacities for Wood-Frame Shear Walls¹

Gypsum and Portland Cement Plaster									
Sheathing Material	Material Thickness	Fastener Type & Size ²	Max. Fastener Edge Spacing (in.) ³	Max. Stud Spacing (in.)		A SEISMIC			B WIND
						V _e (plf)	G _v (kips/in)		V _w (plf)
Gypsum wallboard, gypsum base for veneer plaster, or water-resistant gypsum backing board	1/2"	5d cooler (0.086" x 1-5/8" long, 15/64" head) or wallboard nail (0.086" x 1-5/8" long, 9/32" head) or 0.120" nail x 1-1/2" long, min 3/8" head	7	24	unblocked	150	4.0		150
			8	24	unblocked	220	6.0		220
			7	16	unblocked	200	5.5		200
			8	16	unblocked	250	6.5		250
			7	16	blocked	250	6.5		250
			8	16	blocked	300	7.5		300
		No. 6 Type S or W drywall screws 1-5/4" long	8/12	16	unblocked	120	3.5		120
			4/19	16	blocked	320	6.0		320
			4/12	24	blocked	310	6.0		310
			8/12	16	blocked	140	4.0		140
	5/8"	8d cooler (0.092" x 1-7/8" long, 1/4" head) or wallboard nail (0.0915" x 1-7/8" long, 15/64" head) or 0.120" nail x 1-3/4" long, min 3/8" head	7	24	unblocked	230	6.0		230
			8	24	unblocked	290	7.5		290
			7	16	blocked	290	7.5		290
			8	16	blocked	350	8.5		350
		No. 6 Type S or W drywall screws 1-5/4" long	8/12	16	unblocked	140	4.0		140
			8/12	16	blocked	180	5.0		180

Further requirements in 2015 SDPWS 4.3.7.5

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