

# Lateral 101 for Architects



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- This presentation is not intended to recommend or say, “Don’t do this!” but simply provides basic concepts of lateral analysis needing consideration during the beginning phases of design/layout.
- Early coordination with between the architect and engineer will produce better results.
- Keep an open mind to structural changes that might be beneficial to the project.

### **Plans Set in Stone**



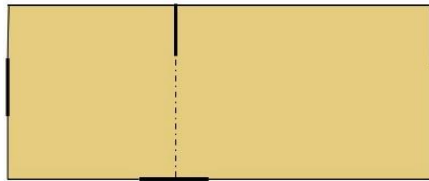
**No room to modify. Can be costly.**

- The structural engineer is responsible for selecting the lateral force-resisting system best fits the project and for the development of complete load paths.

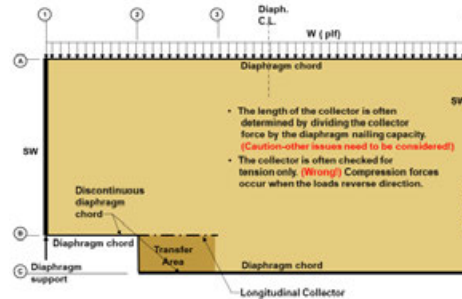
# A Brief word on Costs







## Simple structures

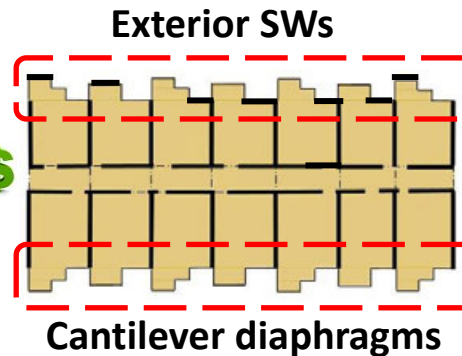
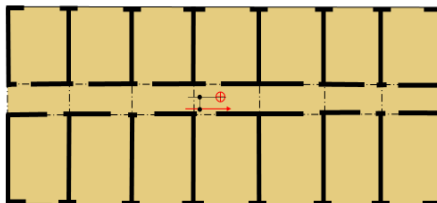
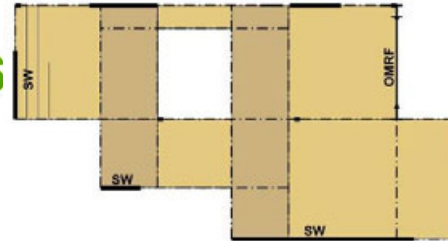
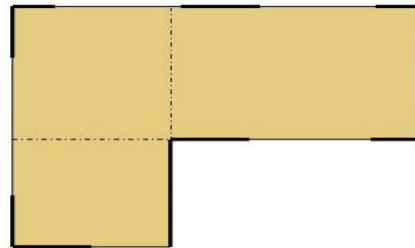


## More complex structures



## Other Factors

- Complicated load paths 
- Complicated framing or connections 
- Building irregularities 
- Areas of high seismicity or wind 



Degree of complexity = Greater cost

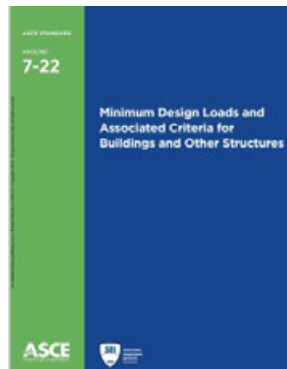
# Presentation Contents

- Basic lateral wind and seismic forces
- Basic types of lateral resisting systems
- Structural irregularities-How buildings respond to lateral forces
  - Horizontal Irregularities
  - Vertical Irregularities
- Other structural issues
  - Redundancy- 2-Story Example
  - Diaphragm, shear wall stiffness

# Wind Forces



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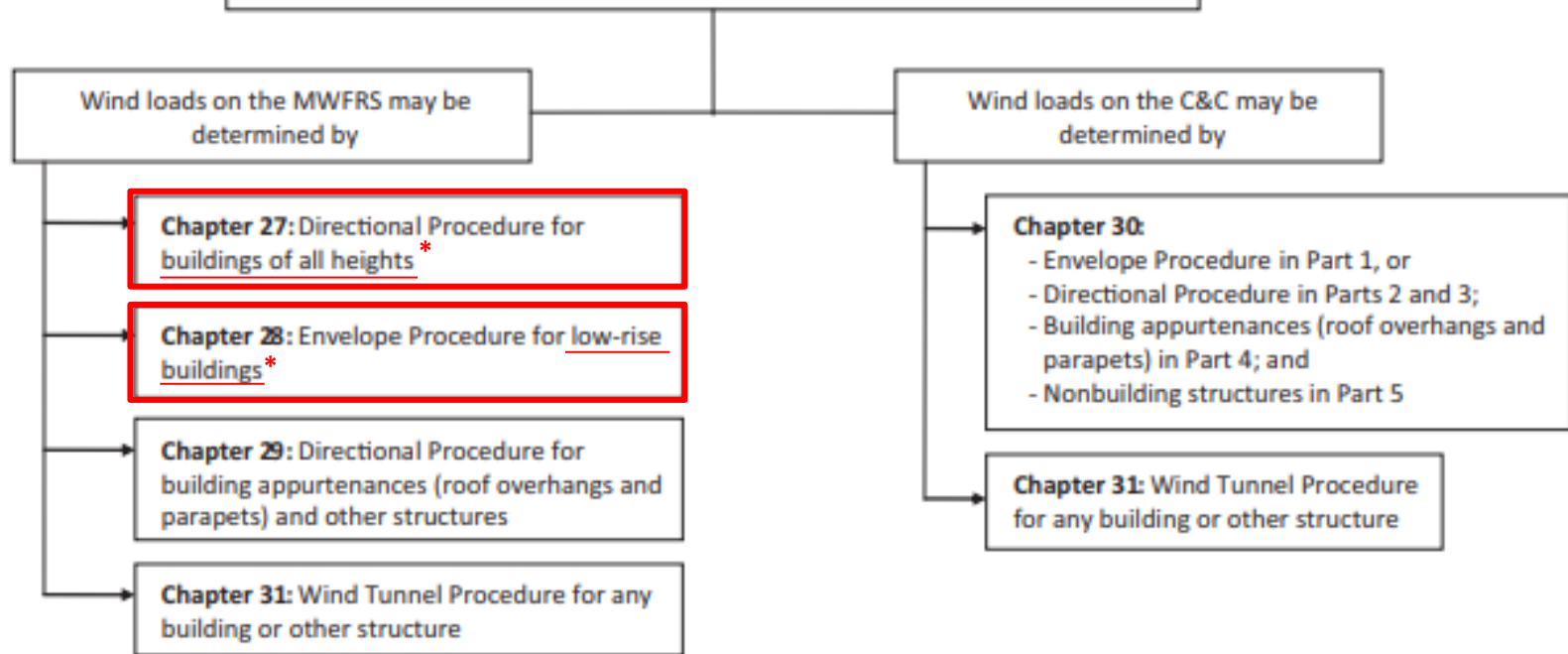


CH. 26 - 30



**Chapter 26-General Requirements** Use to determine the basic parameters for determining wind loads on both the MWFRS and C&C. These basic parameters are

- Basic wind speed,  $V$ , see Section 26.5; Figure 26.5-1
- Wind directionality factor,  $K_d$ , see Section 26.6
- Exposure category, see Section 26.7
- Topographic factor,  $K_{zt}$ , see Section 26.8
- Ground elevation above sea level, see Section 26.9
- Velocity pressure, see Section 26.10
- Gust Effect Factor, see Section 26.11
- Enclosure classification, see Section 26.12
- Internal pressure coefficient,  $GC_{pi}$ , see Section 26.13



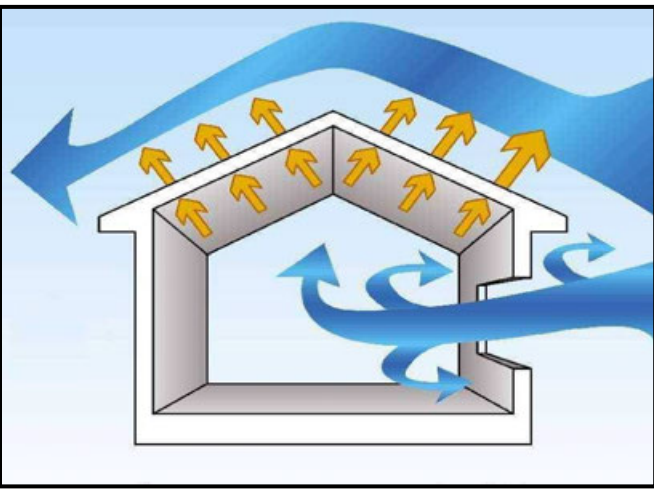
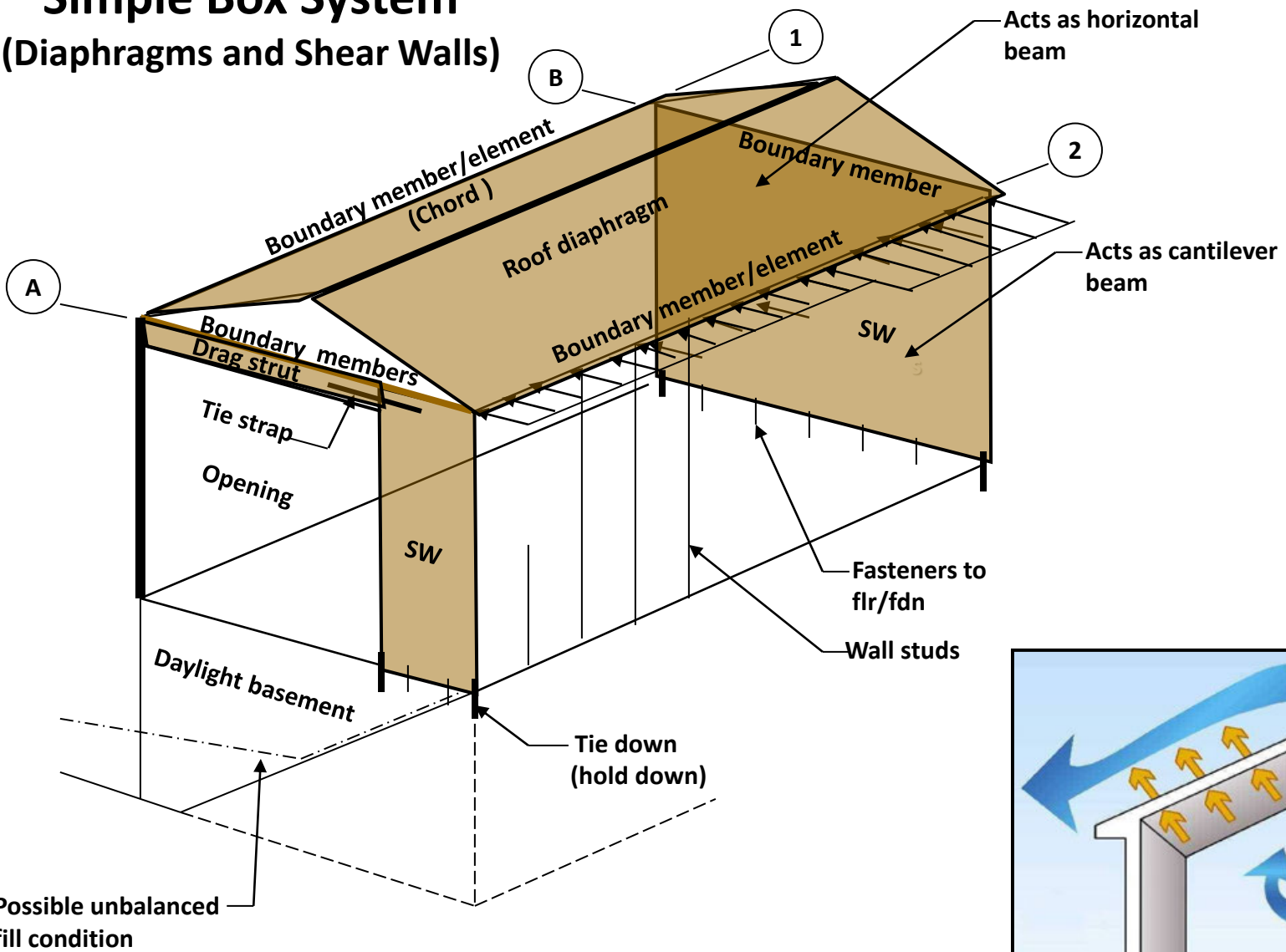
\* No longer Part 1 (Enclosed, partially open, open) and Part 2 (Enclosed simple diaphragms)

MWFRS loads: **Figure 26.1-1. Outline of process for determining wind loads.**

- Directional: Pressure coefficients applied to windward, leeward, and sidewalls to properly address the internal wind forces.
- Envelope: Pressure coefficients represent “pseudo” loading on exterior surfaces.

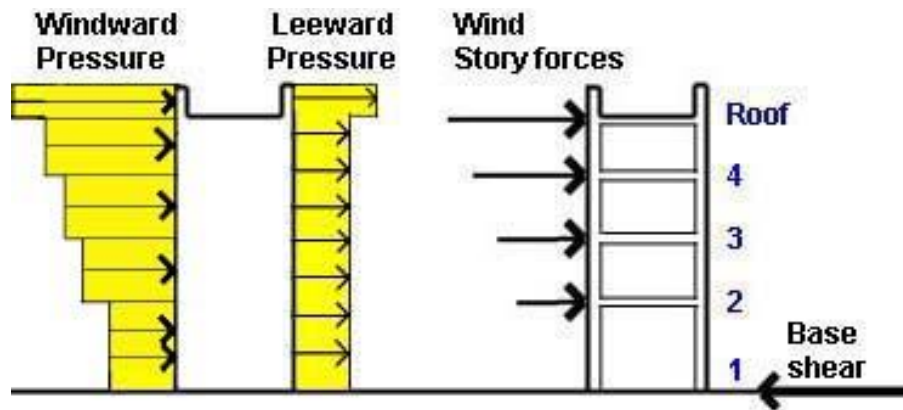
# Simple Box System

(Diaphragms and Shear Walls)

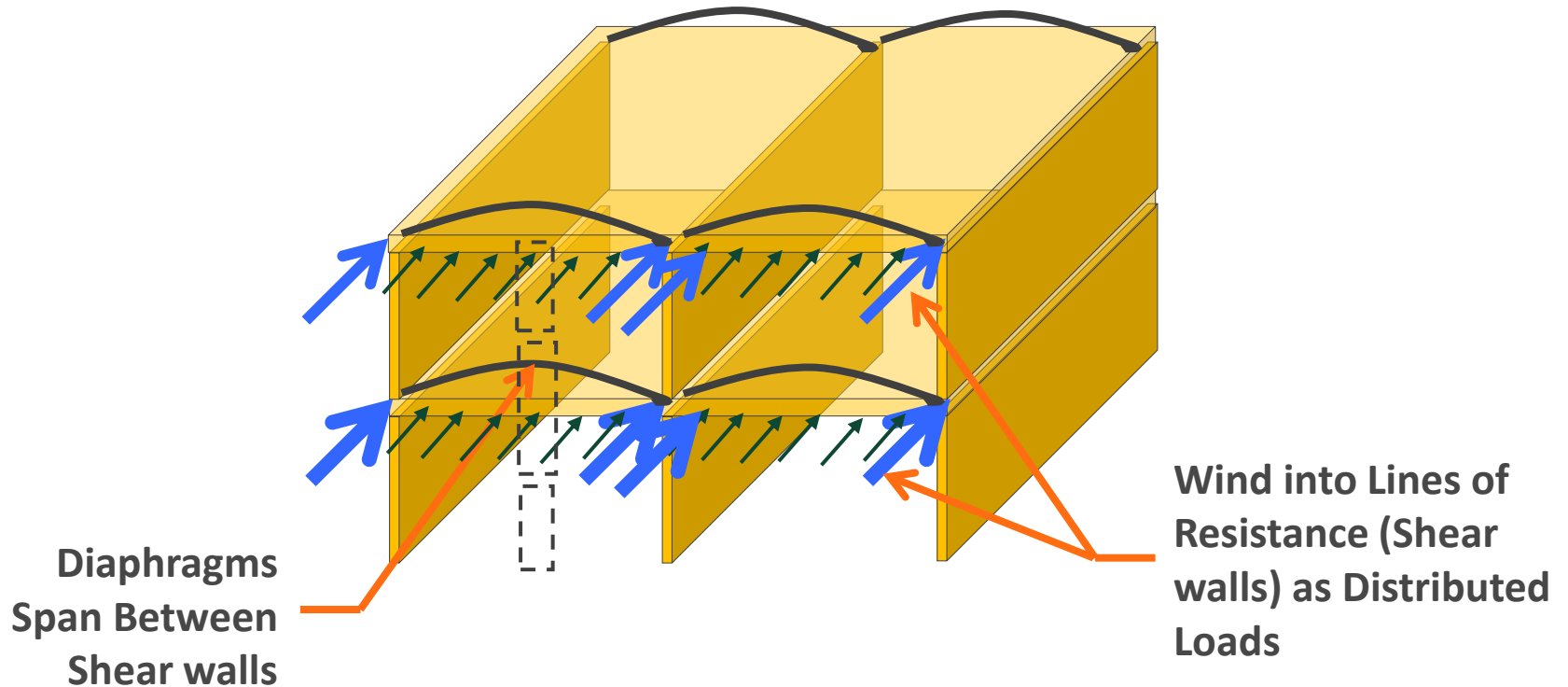


## Application Single Story

Method can include internal pressures



Pressure increases with height



**Application Multi-Story**

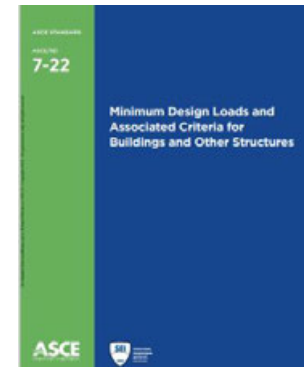


# Seismic Forces

**Seismic-101...How does it work (or not work)?**



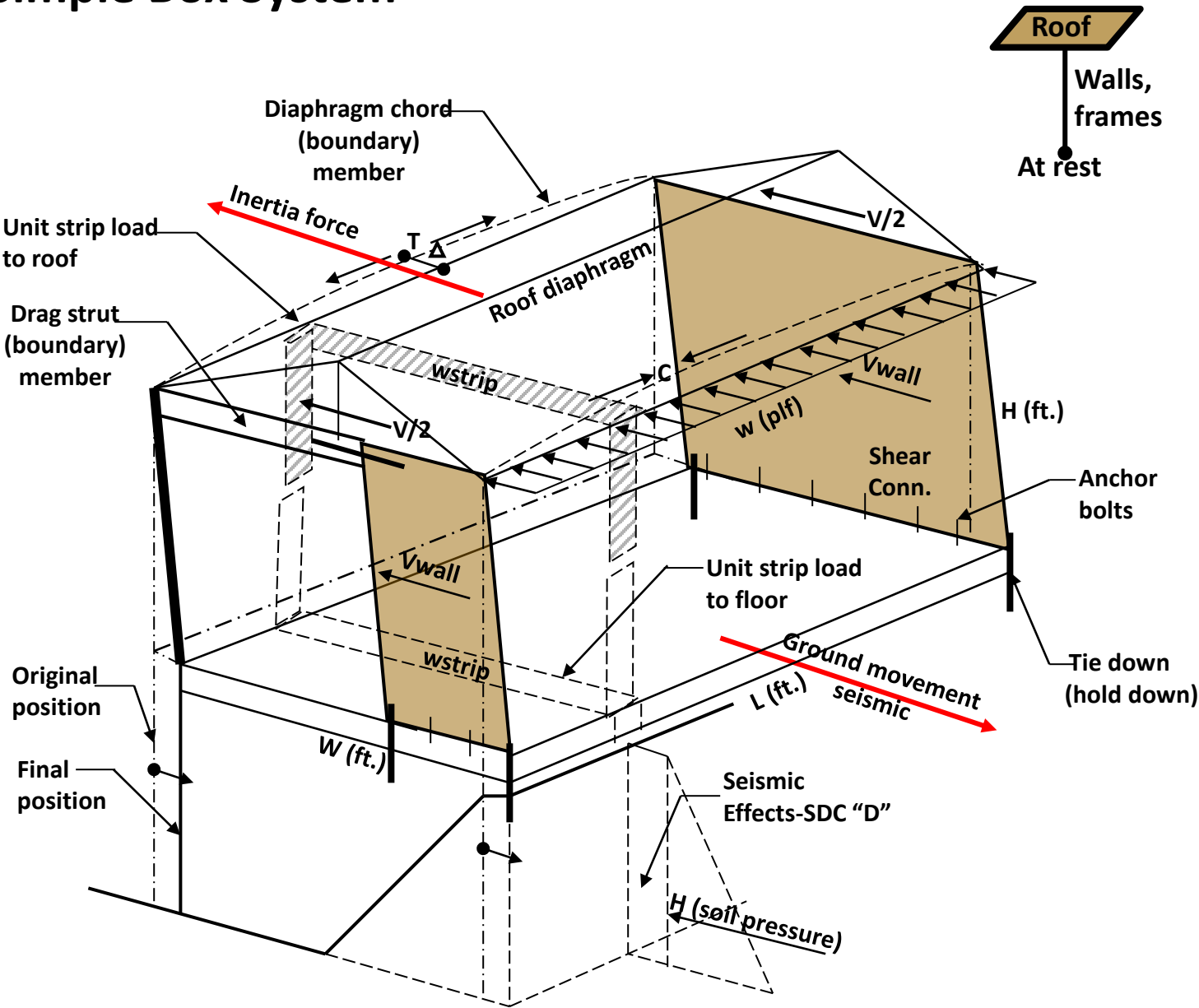
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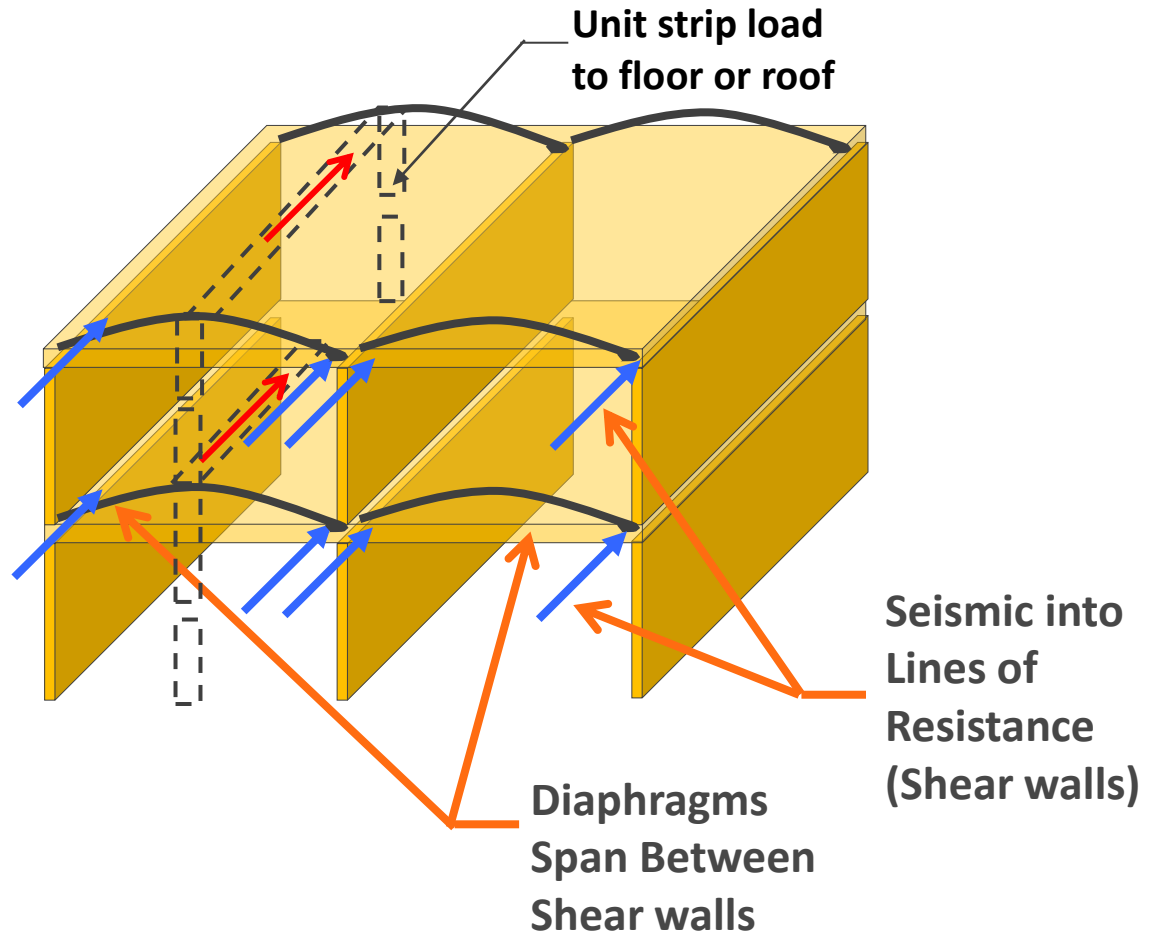
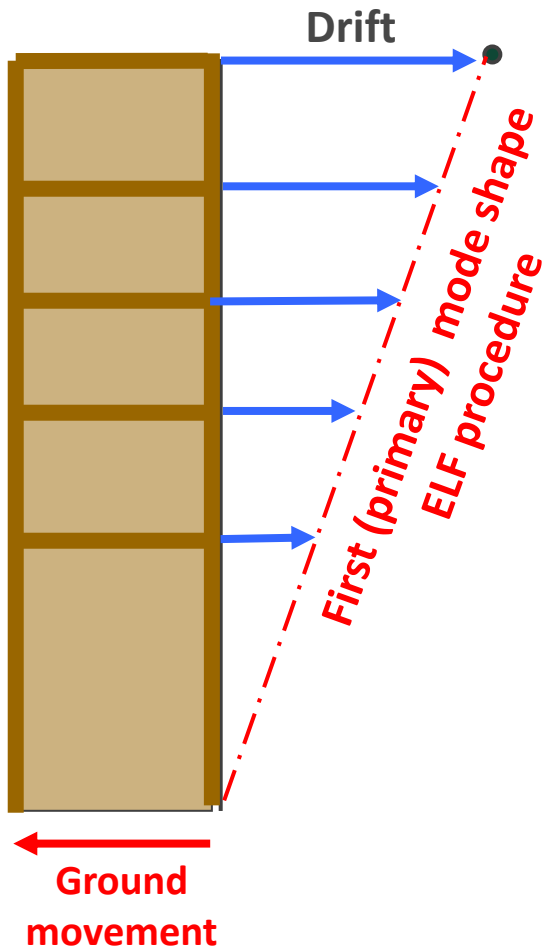
**What are the response characteristics of the structure?  
(How will the structure move or respond to a lateral force?)**

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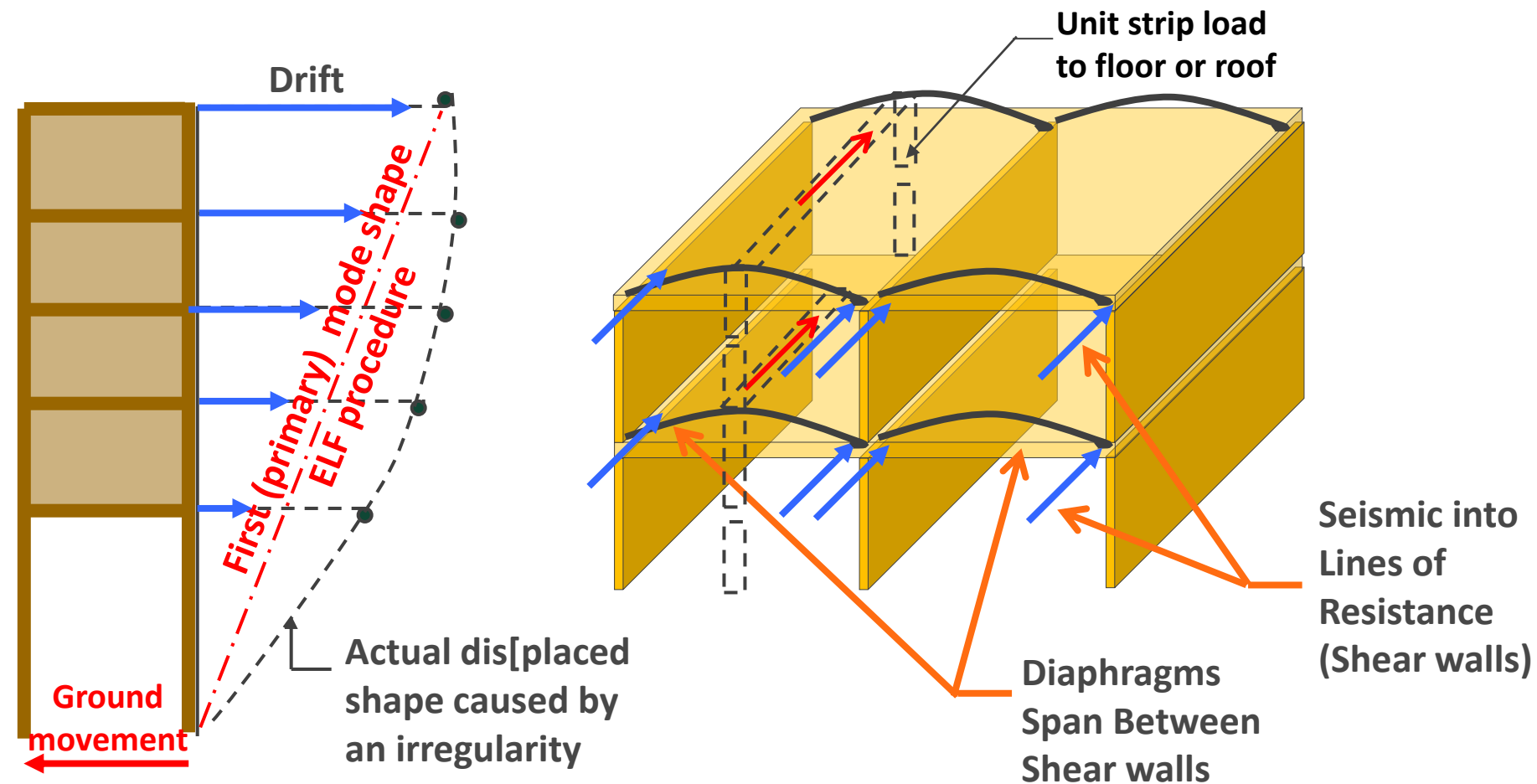


## Application Single Story

(Relationship between ground movement and response of the mass of the structure)



## Application Multi-Story



$$\text{Base shear} = V = C_s W = \frac{S_{DS} W}{R}$$

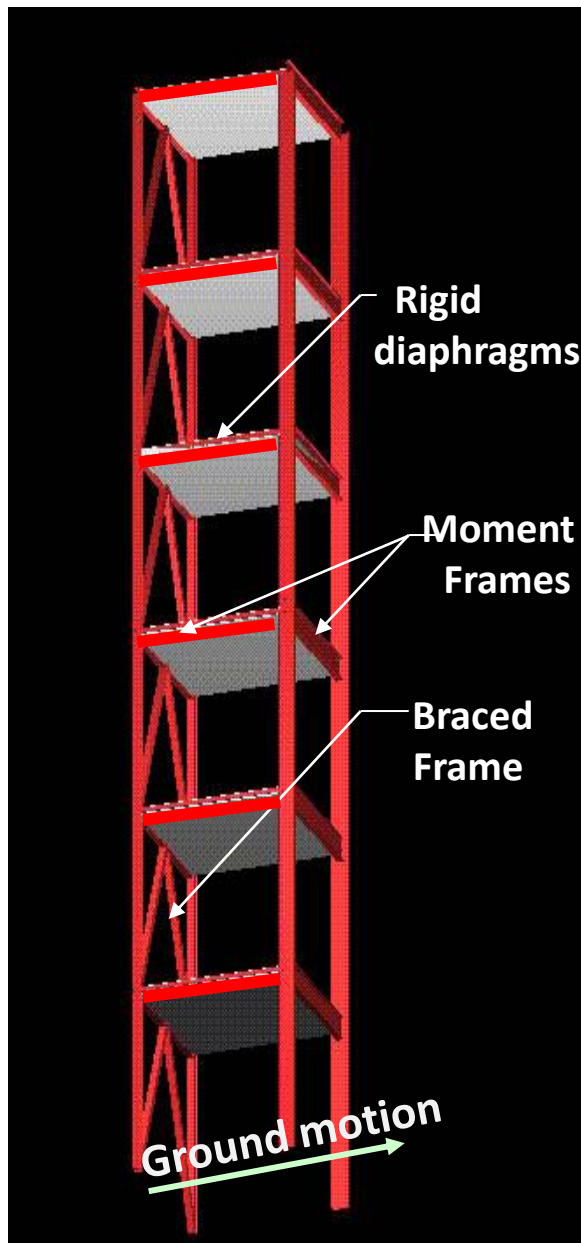
Short period

The lower the response factor the higher the base shear. Based on ductility.

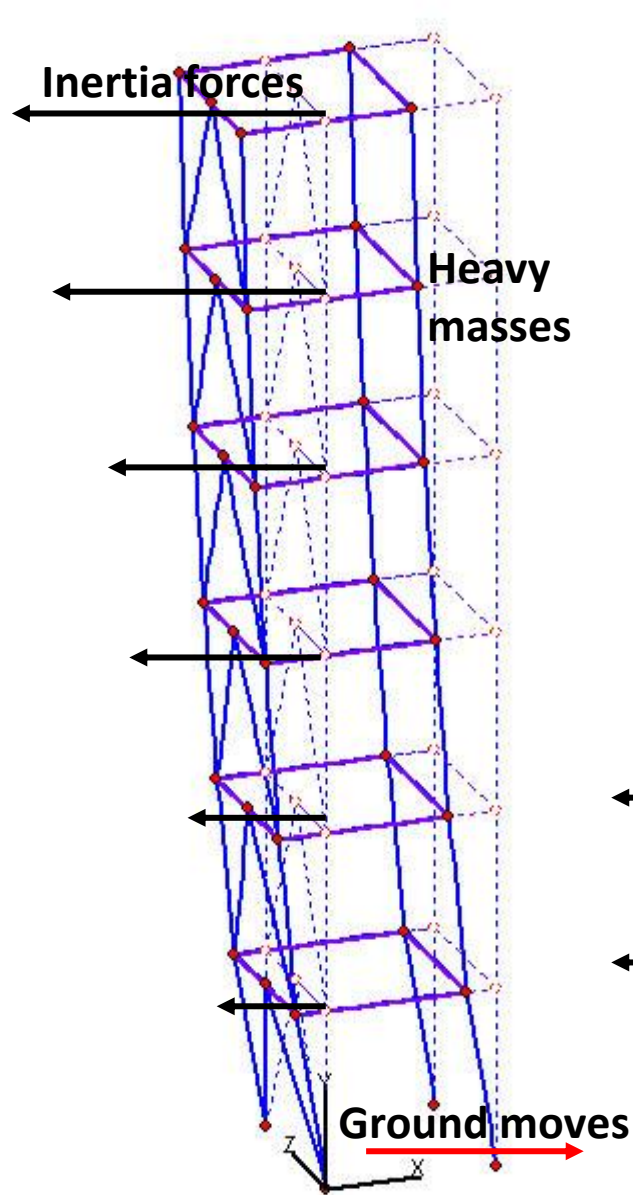
Where  $S_{DS}$ =spectral response acceleration,  $R$ =response modification coefficient

Ductility: Ability to be deformed without losing toughness; pliable, not brittle.

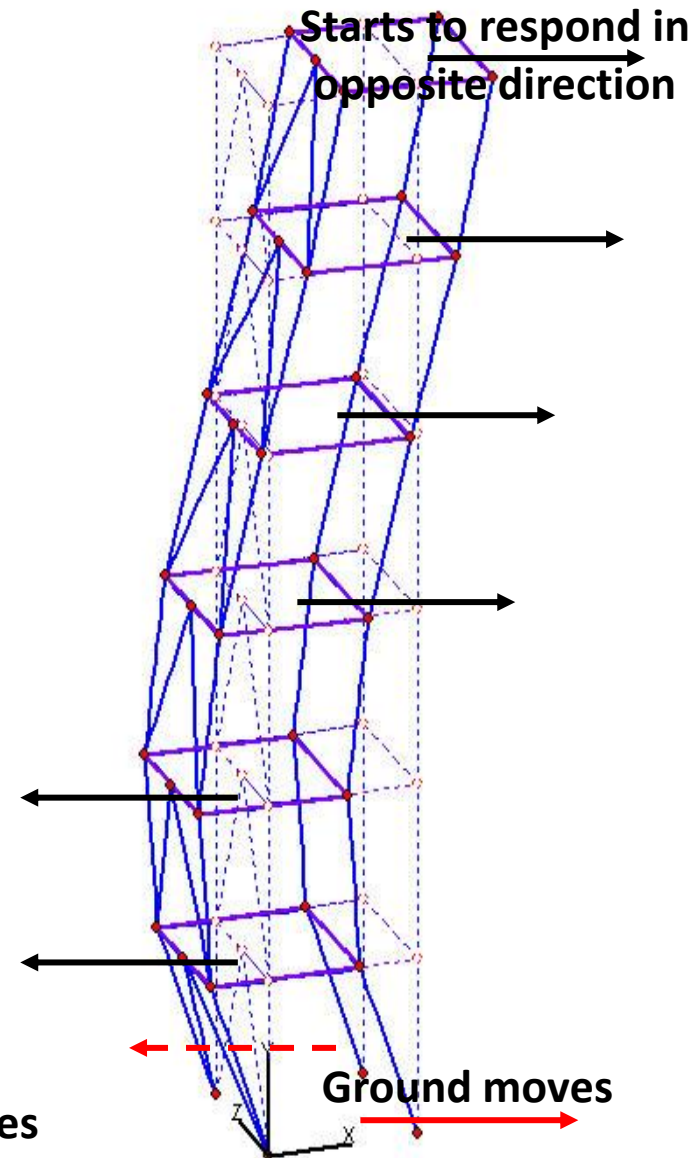
# Application Multi-Story



**Different Stiffnesses  
(Torsionally Irregular)**



**1<sup>st</sup> Mode**

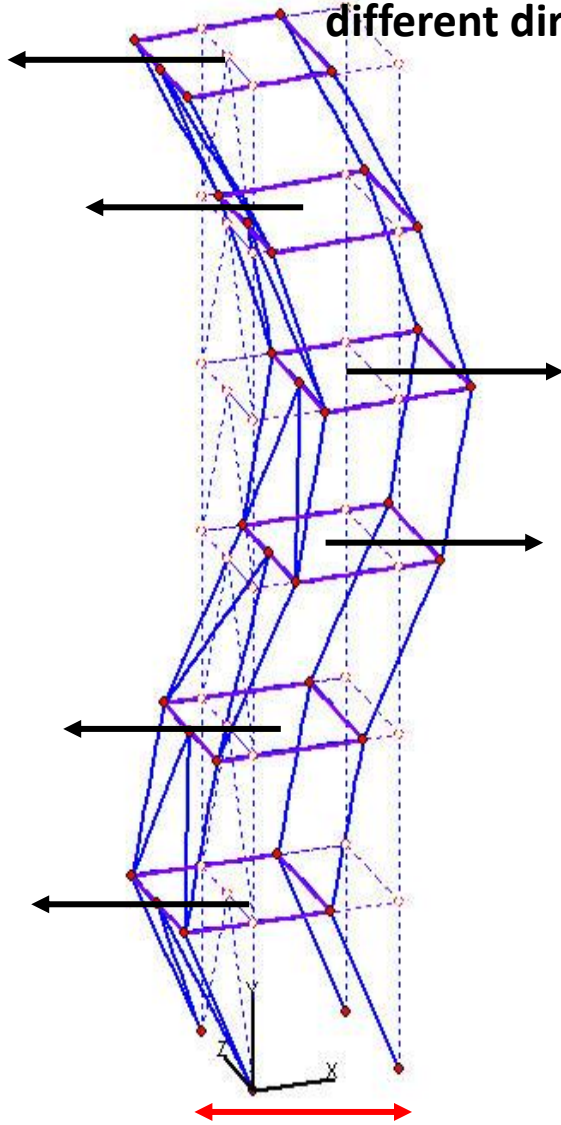


**2<sup>nd</sup> Mode**

**Modal Analysis**

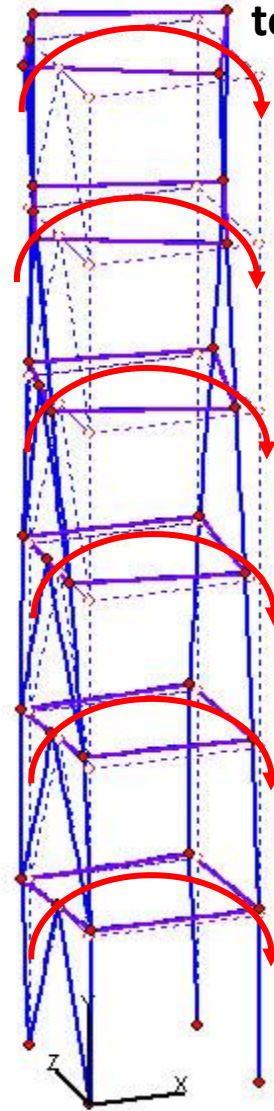


Different floors  
responding in  
different directions



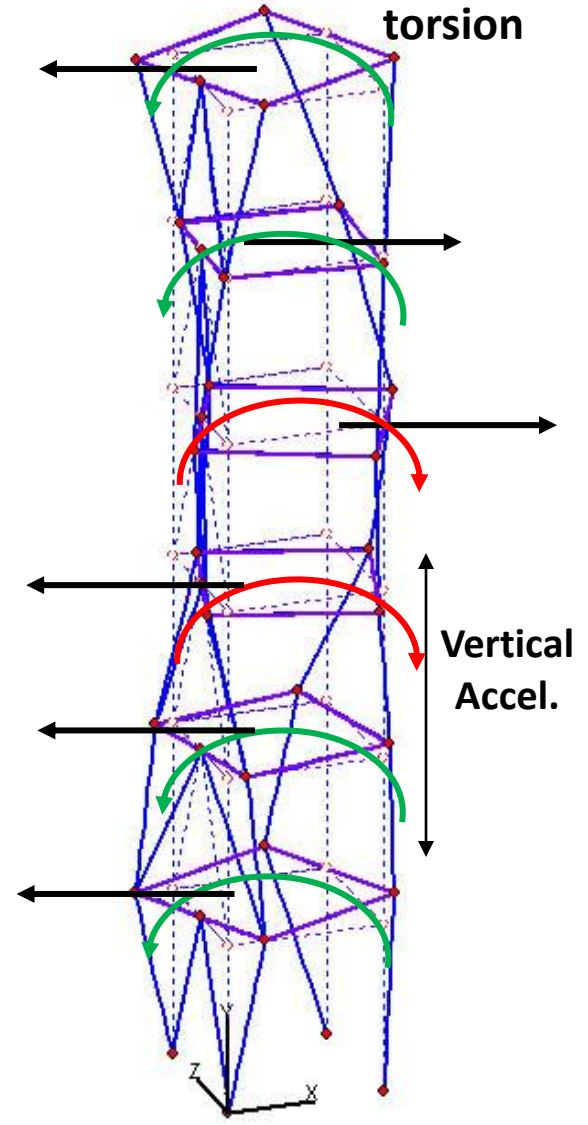
**3<sup>rd</sup> Mode**

Uniform  
torsion



Uniform rotation

Opposing  
torsion



Rotating in opposite directions

**Higher modes**

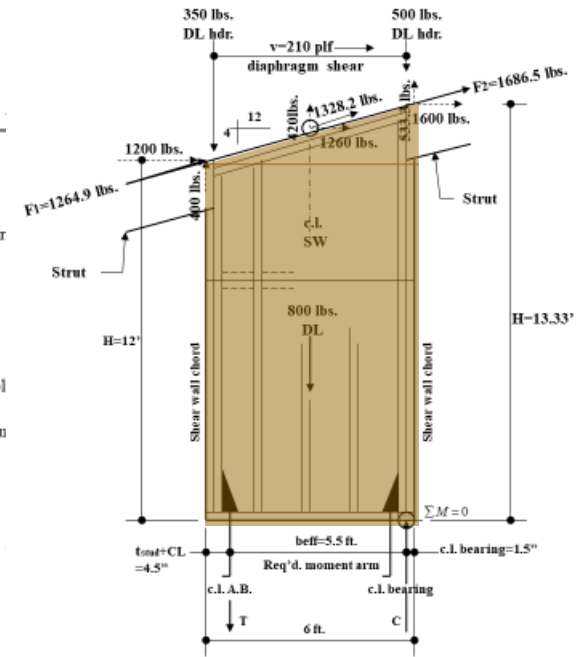
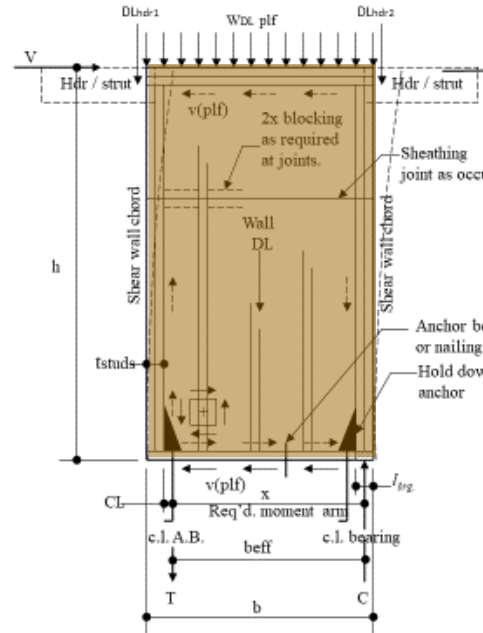
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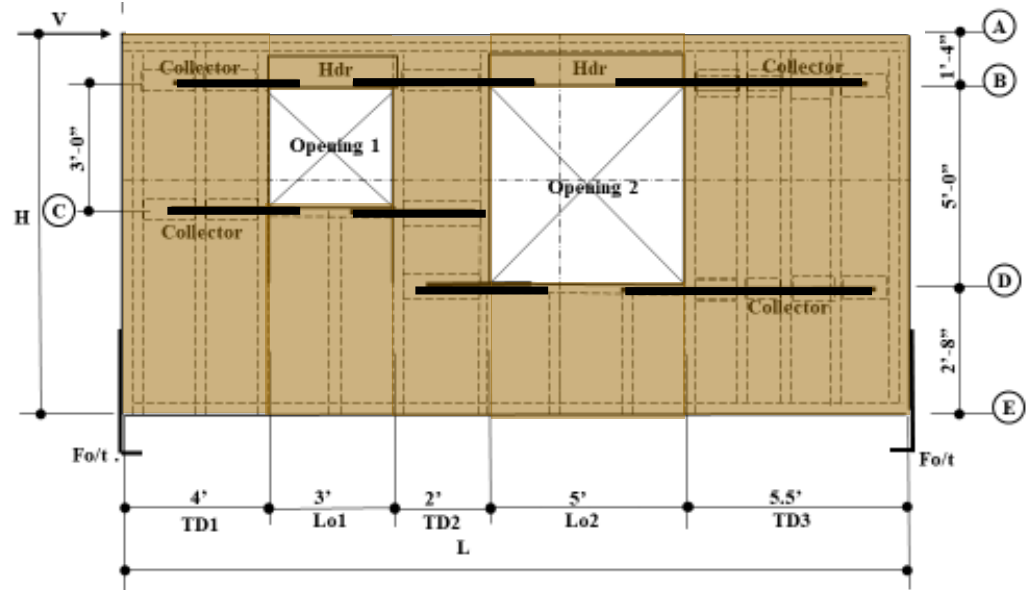
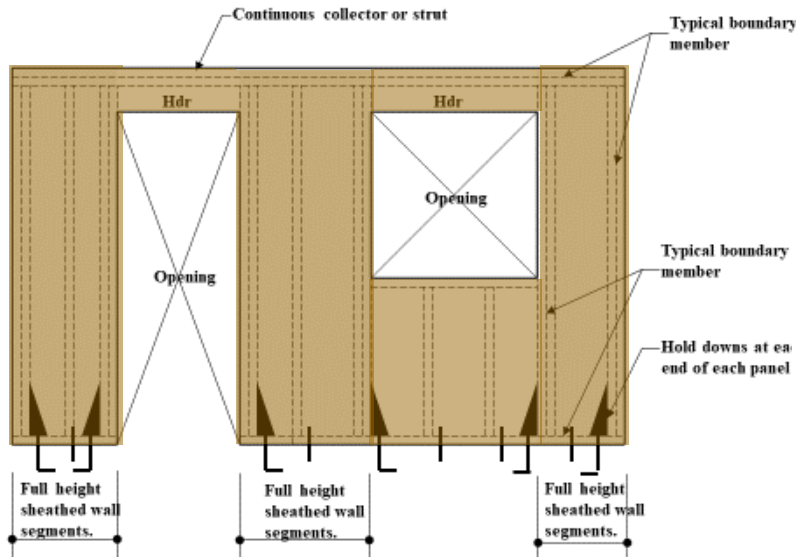
# Shear Wall Configurations

- Single story
- Multi-story

$R_{GWB}=2$ ,  $R_{WSP}=6.5$   
Based on ductility



## Segmented Shear Walls



## FTAO Shear Walls

## Segmented/Perforated Shear Walls



# Braced Frames/Trusses

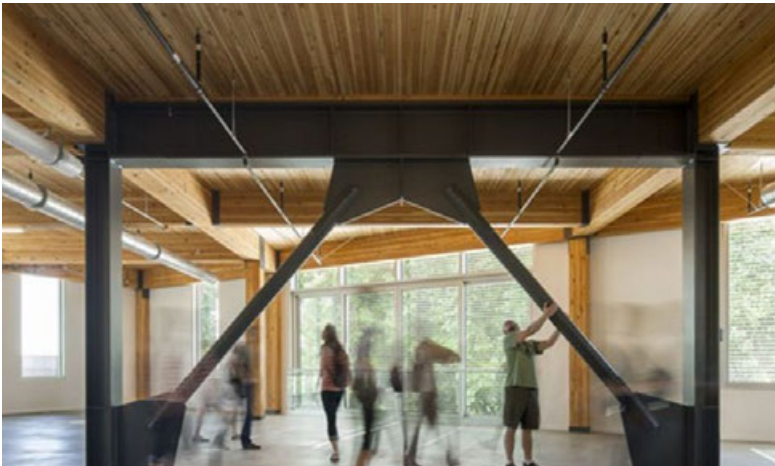
**R=1, 1.5**



**Timber Braced Frame**



**Timber Braced Frame**



**Steel Braced Frame R=3.25 to 8**



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**Timber Truss- Braced Frame**

# Hybrid Wood/Steel Braced Frames



**R=3.25 to 8**

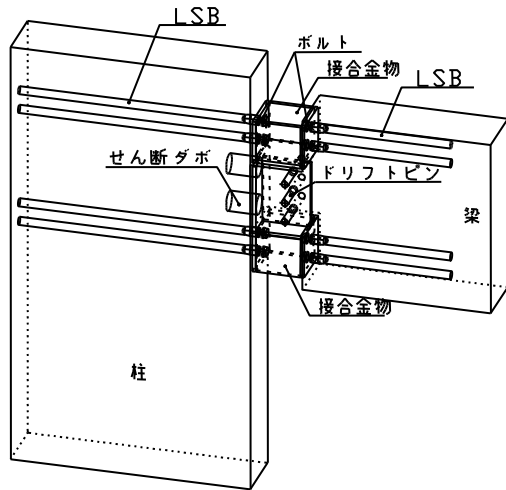


The Bullitt Center  
Architect: The Miller Hull Partnership  
Photo: John Stamets



# Moment Frames

**R=3.5 to 8**



**Glue lam Moment-Frame**



**Prefabricated Steel Moment-Frame**



**Glue lam Tudor Arch Moment-Frame**



**Prefabricated Steel Moment-Frame**

# Hybrid Wood/Steel Proprietary Systems

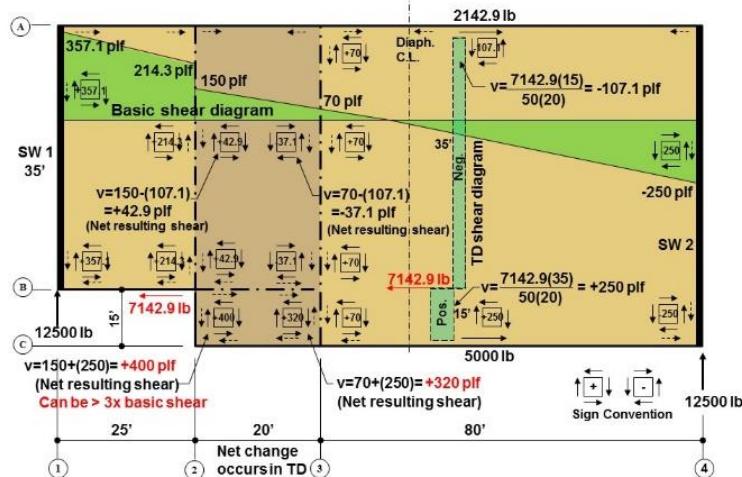


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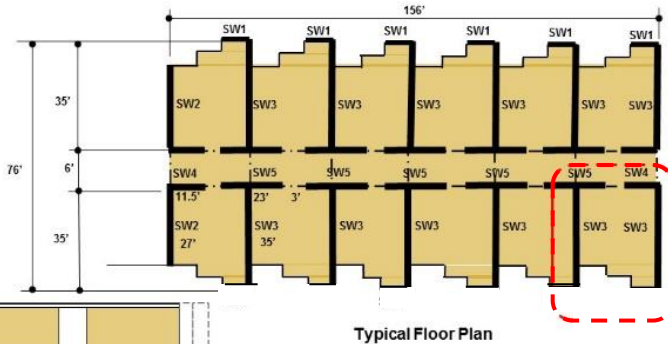
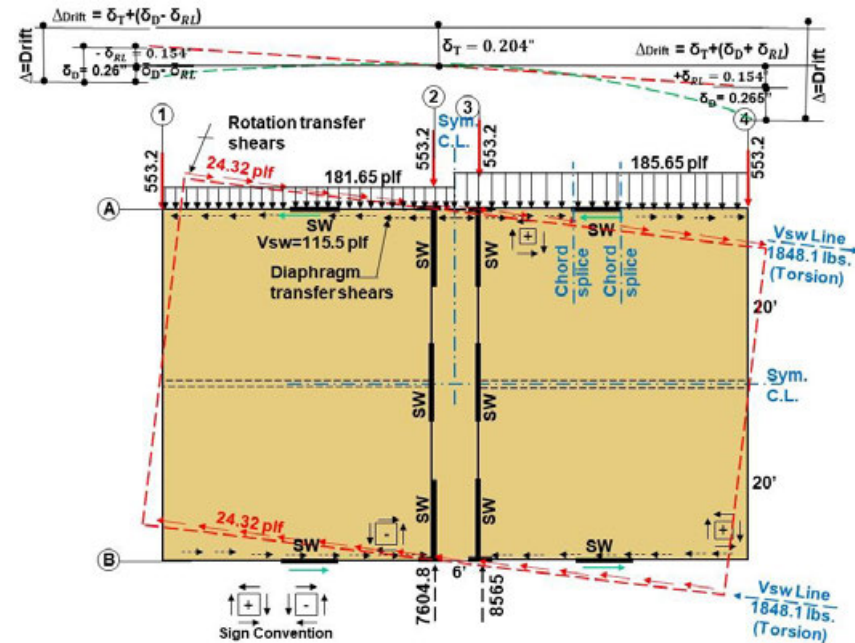
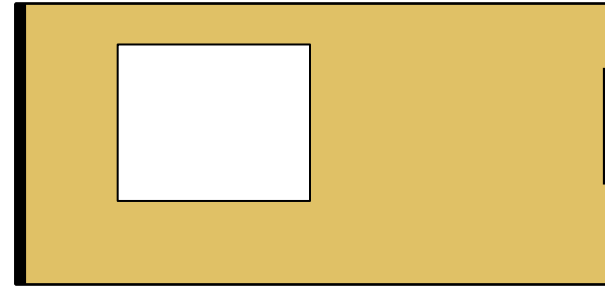


# Diaphragm Configurations

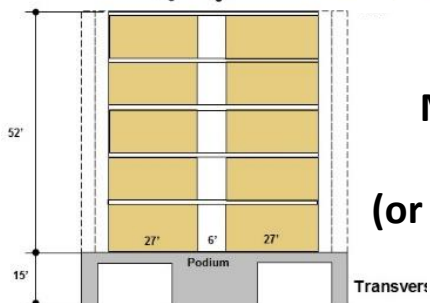
## Offset Diaphragms



## Diaphragms with large openings



## Mid-rise Design with Horizontal Offsets (or Cantilever diaphragms)

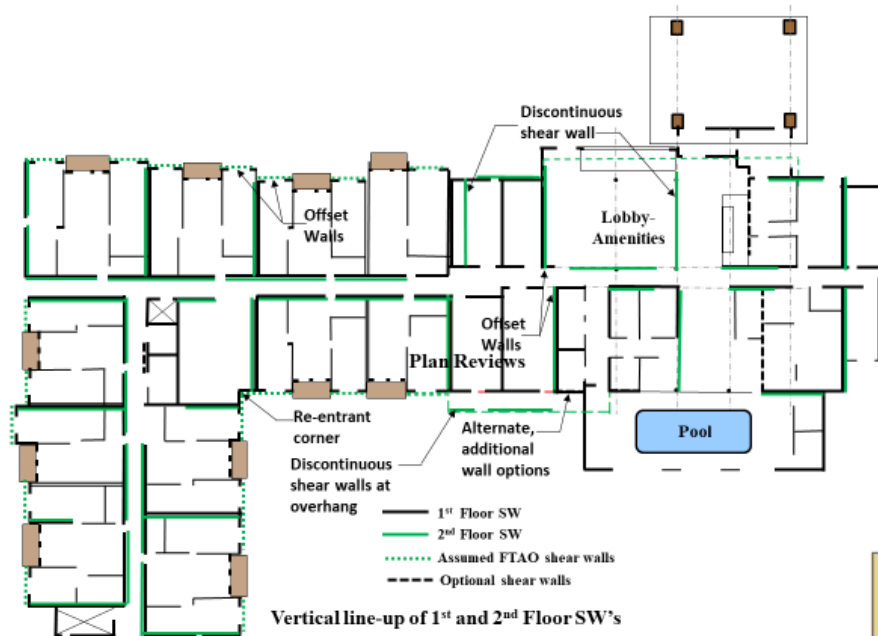


## Cantilever Diaphragms



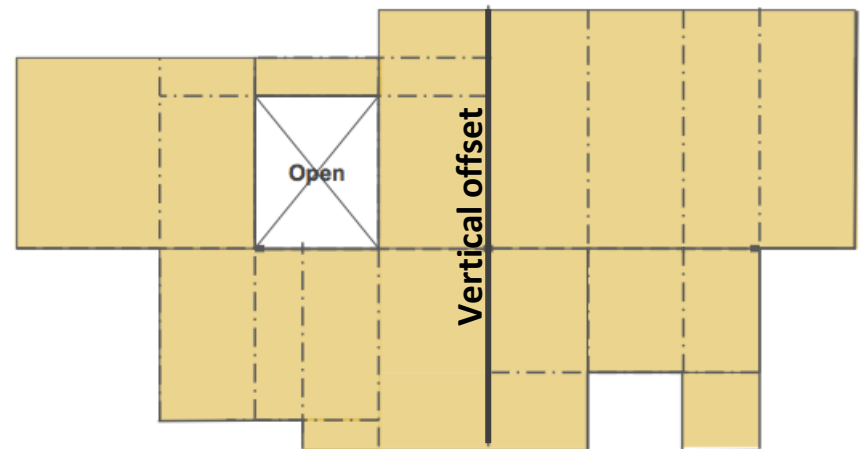
# Additional Diaphragm Configurations

- Typical floor plan results in diaphragm offsets, re-entrant corners, discontinuities, openings
- Diaphragm openings, discontinuities = higher concentrated, localized forces
- Vertical offsets



Re-entrant corners

Highly Irregular Shapes



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# Why Have the Codes Changed?

Many code changes have been based on major wind and seismic events, research, and testing.



**Wind**

- Narrow shear walls.
- Large openings.
- Elevated Piling (soft story)

- What are seismic irregularities and how do they impact the structural response?
- What causes them?



**Seismic**  
(soft story)

**Research, Testing**



# **Suggested Review of Irregularities:**

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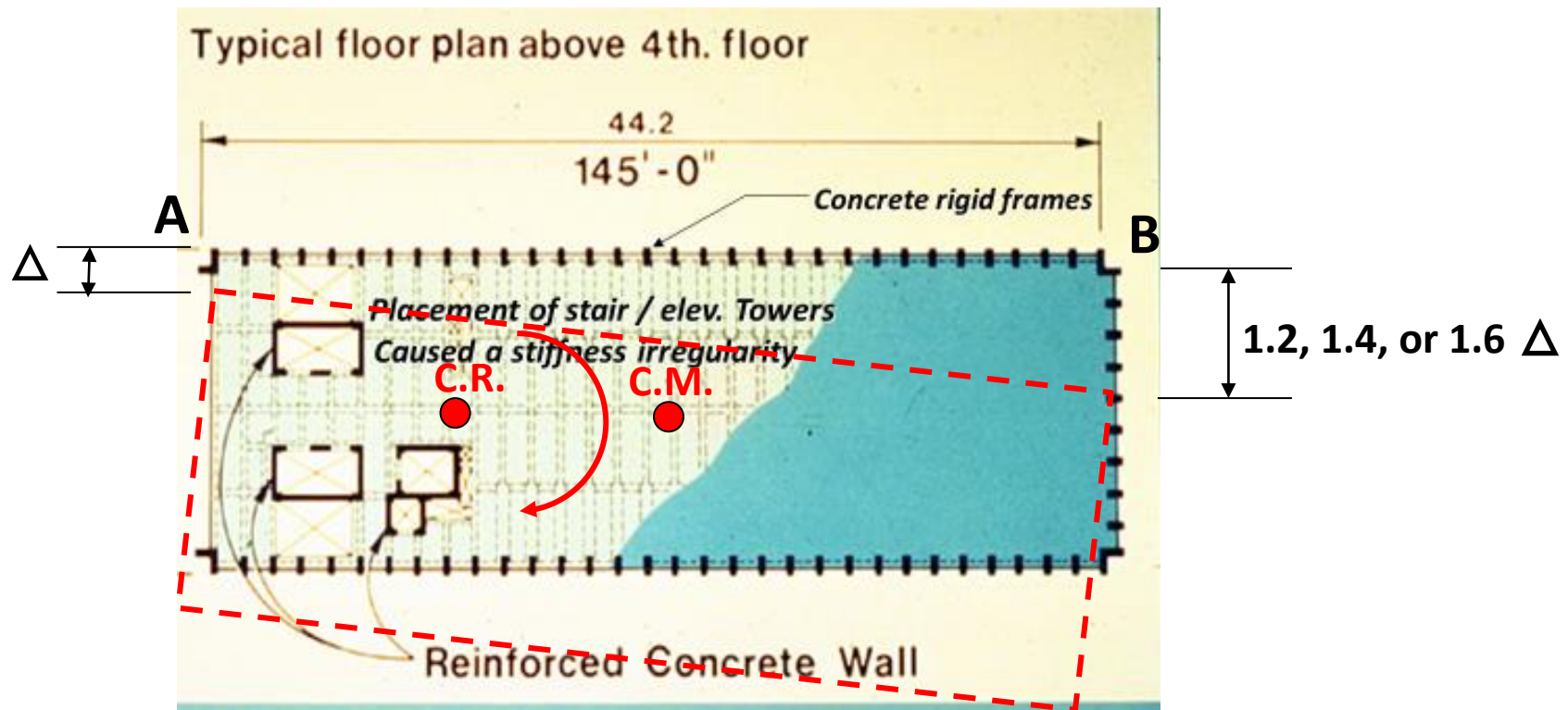
- **Observe the plan layouts.**
- **Think about the difference in stiffness throughout the structure, story by story.**
- **What are weak points in the structure?**
- **How will the structure move/respond?**
- **What about load paths (Simple or complex)?**

# Type 1 - Horizontal Torsional Irregularity

Requirements vary depending on SDC, B-F

Either:

- More than 75% of any story's lateral strength below the diaphragm is provided at or on one side of the center of mass, or
- When the Torsional Irregularity Ratio (TIR) exceeds 1.2. The story lateral strength is the total strength of all seismic-resisting elements sharing the story shear for the direction under consideration.



Rigid conc. SW's  
supported by  
columns

Not an Architectural  
Feature

Rigid SW at  
far end

Concrete columns  
supporting Rigid SW's



Podium Slab

**Torsional Irregularity**



Podium Slab

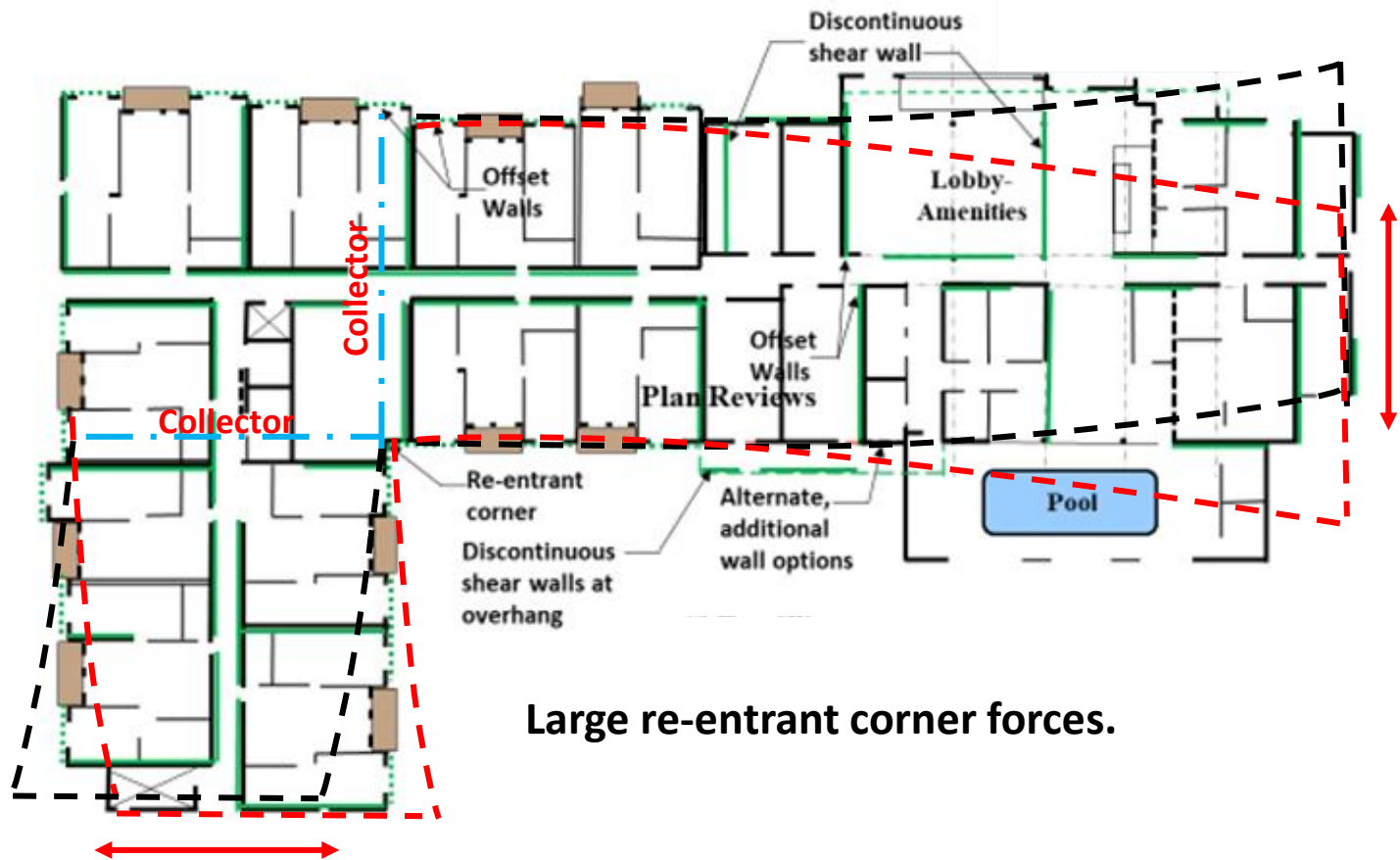


# Type 2 – Horizontal Re-entrant Corner Irregularity

SDC D, E, F

Irregularity exists where both projections of a structure beyond a re-entrant corner are greater than 20% of the plan dimension in the given direction.

Use to be 15%



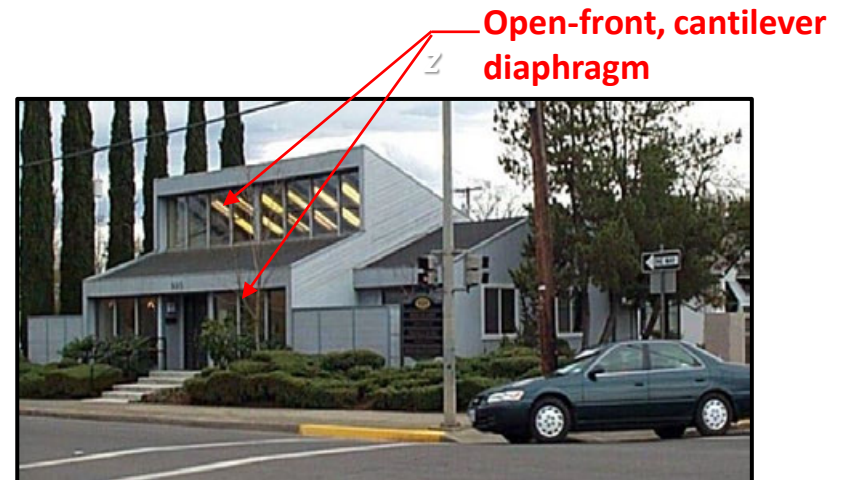
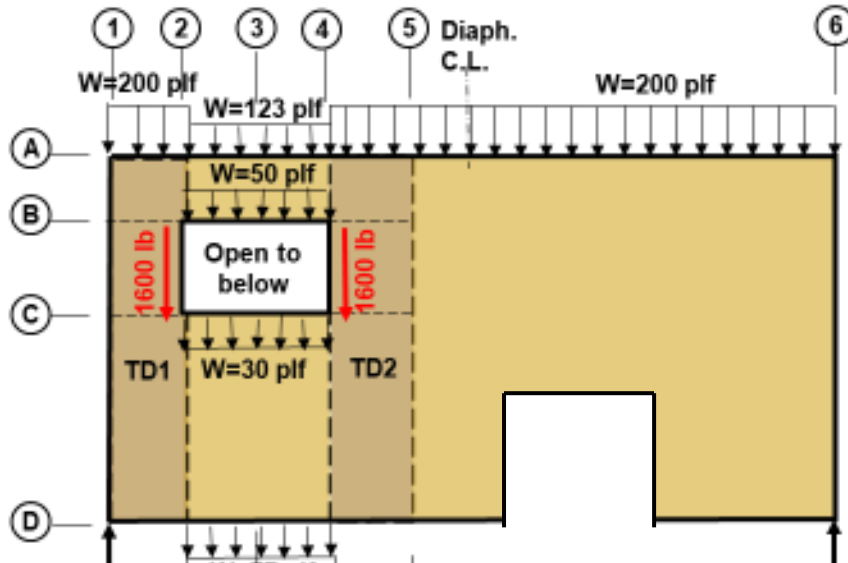
Large re-entrant corner forces.



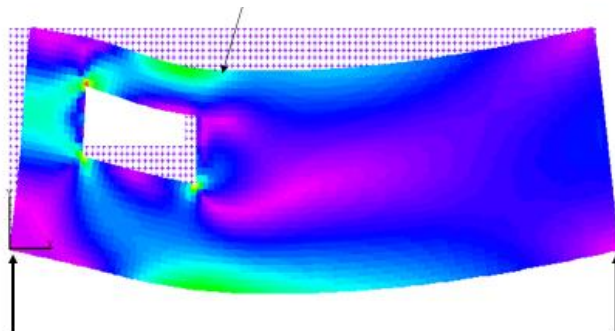
# Type 3 Horizontal Diaphragm Discontinuity Irregularity

**SDC D, E, F**

Irregularity exists if when diaphragms have abrupt discontinuities or variations in stiffness, including one that has a cutout or open area greater than 25% of the gross enclosed diaphragm area, or a change in effective diaphragm stiffness of more than 50% from one story to the next.



**Large Opening**



**Vertical Offset**

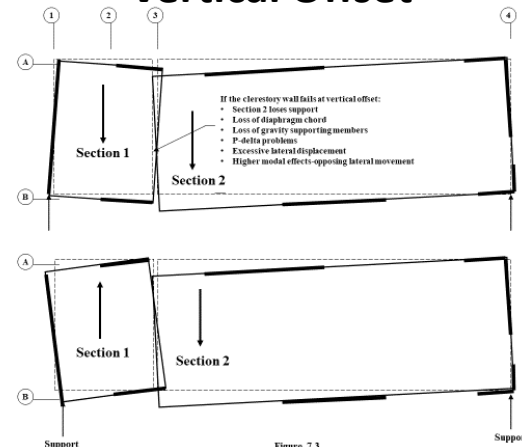


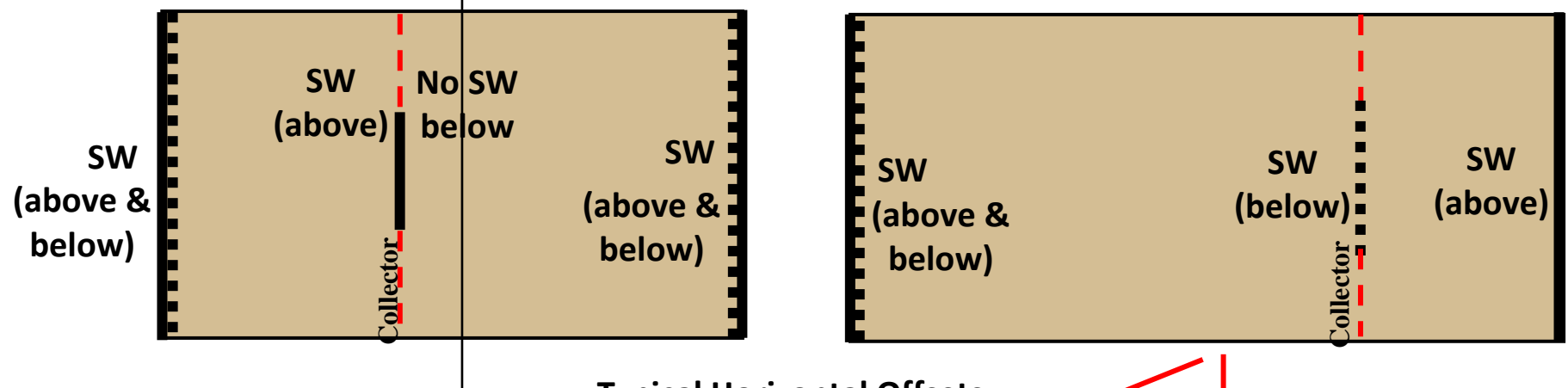
Figure 7.3

# Type 4 Horizontal Out-of-plane Offset Irregularity

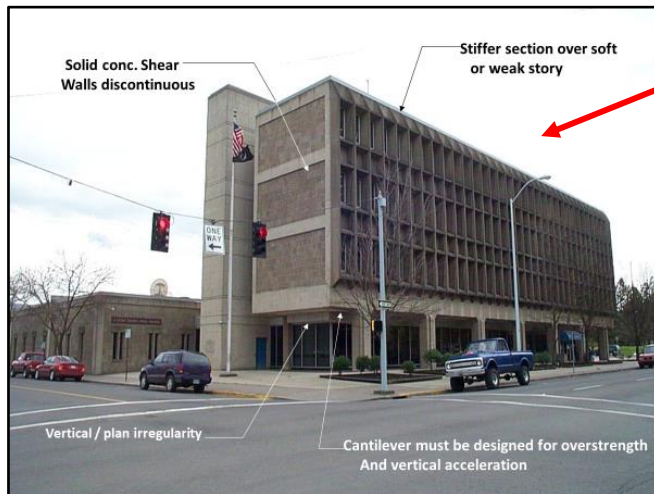
SDC **B, C, D, E, F**

Irregularity exists where there is a discontinuity in a lateral force-resistance path, such as an out-of-plane offset of at least one of the vertical elements.

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Typical Horizontal Offsets  
(Requires overstrength of supporting members)

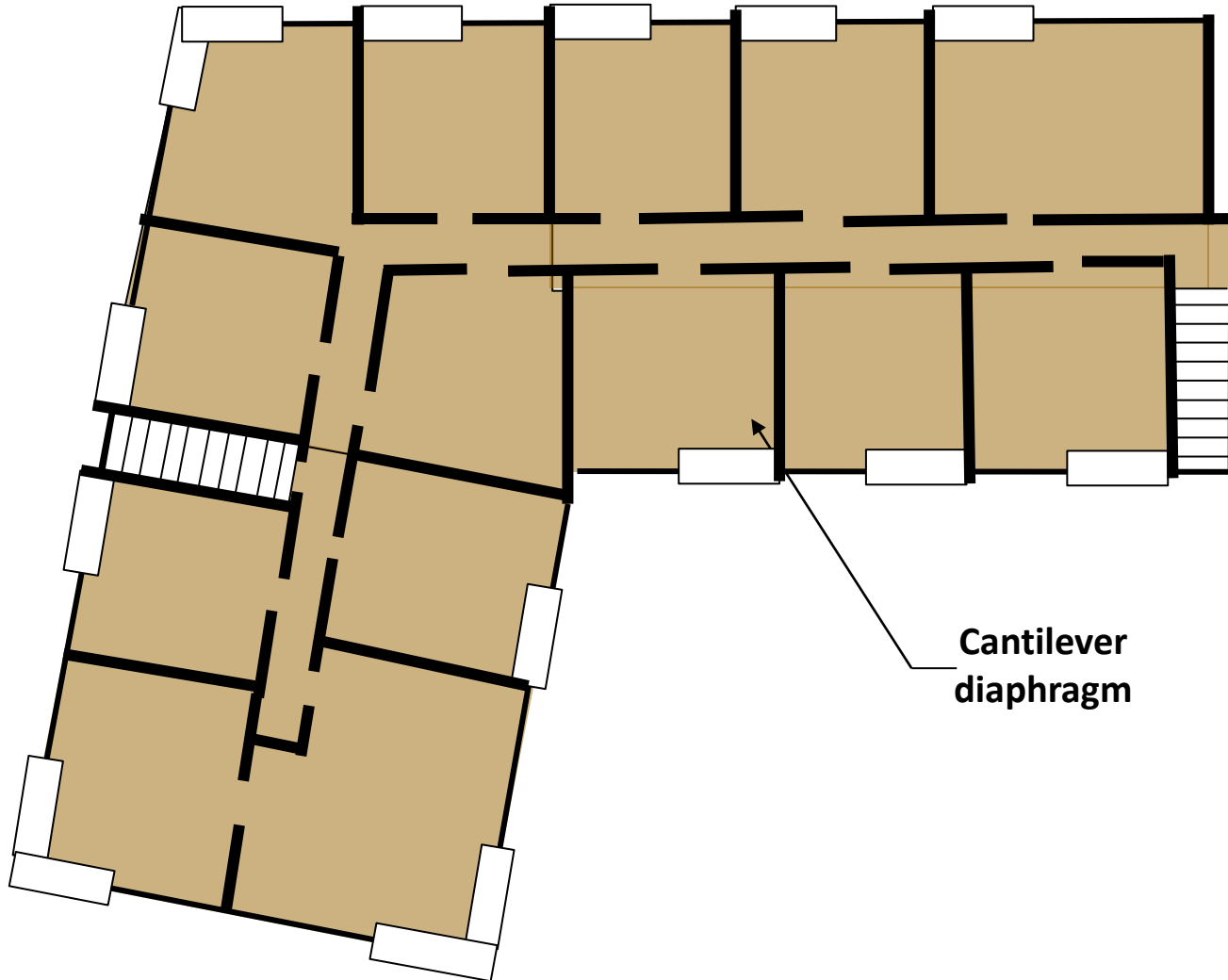




# Type 5 Horizontal Non-parallel System Irregularity

Requirements varies on SDC B, C, D, E, F

Irregularity exists where vertical lateral force-resisting elements are not parallel to the major orthogonal axes of the seismic force-resisting system





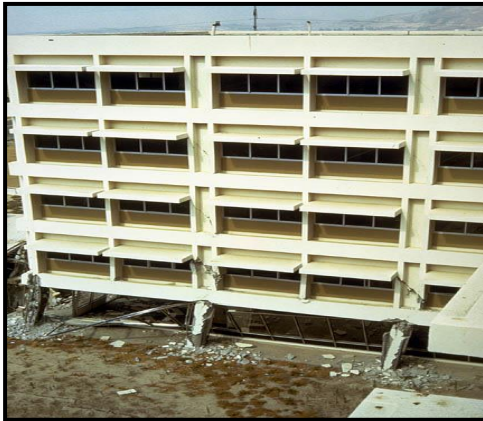
# Type 1a stiffness-Soft Story Vertical Irregularity

Exists where there is a story in which the lateral stiffness is less than 70% of that in the story above or, where there are at least three stories above, less than 80% of the average stiffness of the three stories above.

## Type 1b Stiffness–Extreme Soft Story Vertical Irregularity

**Prohibited in SDC E, F**

Exists where there is a story in which the lateral stiffness is less than 60% of that in the story above or, where there are at least three stories above, less than 70% of the average stiffness of the three stories above.



URM



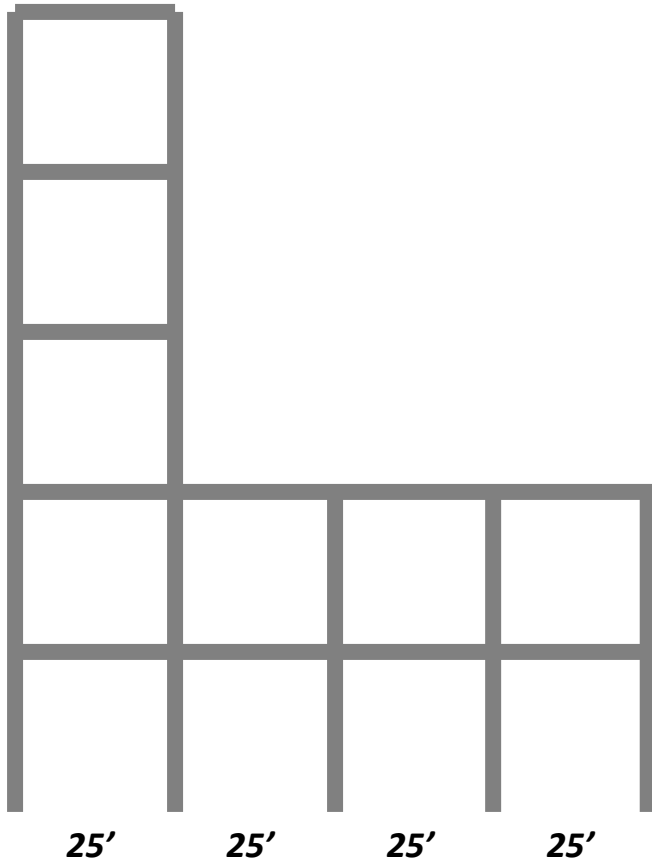
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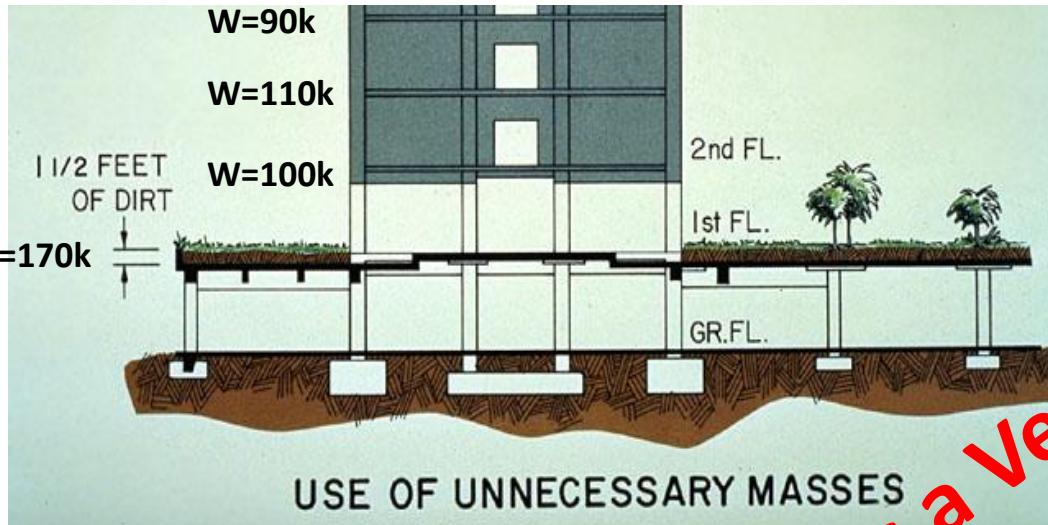
## Type 2-Geometric Vertical Irregularity-Horizontal offset

Exists where the horizontal dimension of the seismic force-resisting system in any story > 130% of adjacent story dimension

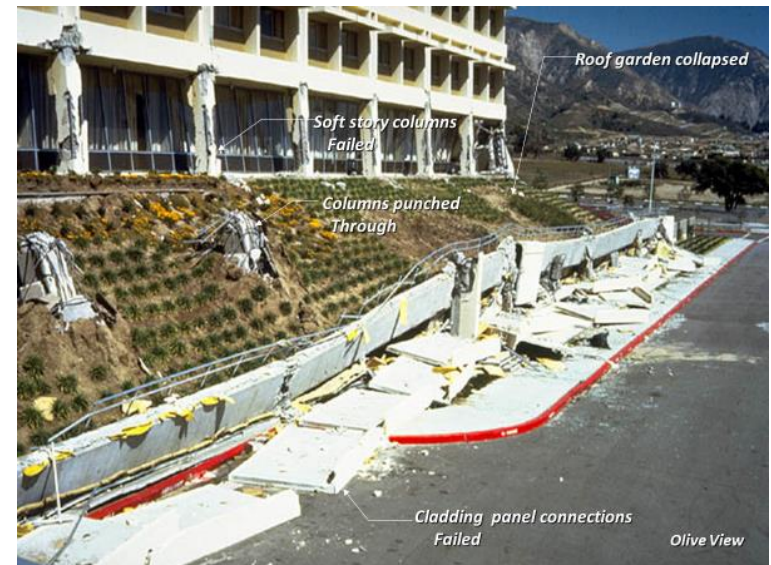


## Type 2-Vertical Irregularity-Weight (mass) Irregularity

Story mass > 150% of adjacent story mass



No longer listed as a Vertical Irregularity





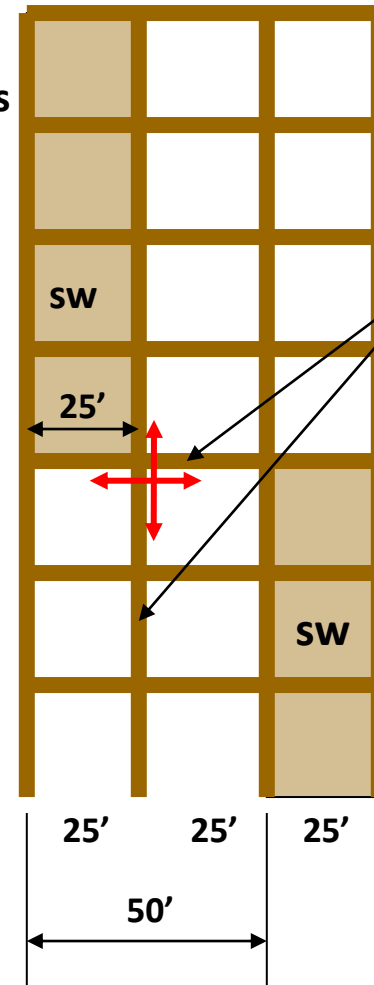
# Type 3 In-plane Discontinuity in Vertical Force-resisting Element- Vertical Irregularity

SDC **B, C, D, E, F**

Exists where there is an in-plane offset of a vertical seismic force-resisting element resulting in overturning demands on supporting structural elements.



Discontinuous  
SW



Overstrength  
design required

- Overturning load path discontinuity
- Shear load path discontinuity



## 4a. Discontinuity in Lateral Strength–Weak Story Vertical Irregularity

Exists where the story lateral strength is less than that in the story above. The story lateral strength is the total lateral strength of all seismic force-resisting system elements resisting the story shear for the direction under consideration.

Prohibited in SDC E, F

## 4b. Discontinuity in Lateral Strength–Extreme Weak Story Vertical Irregularity

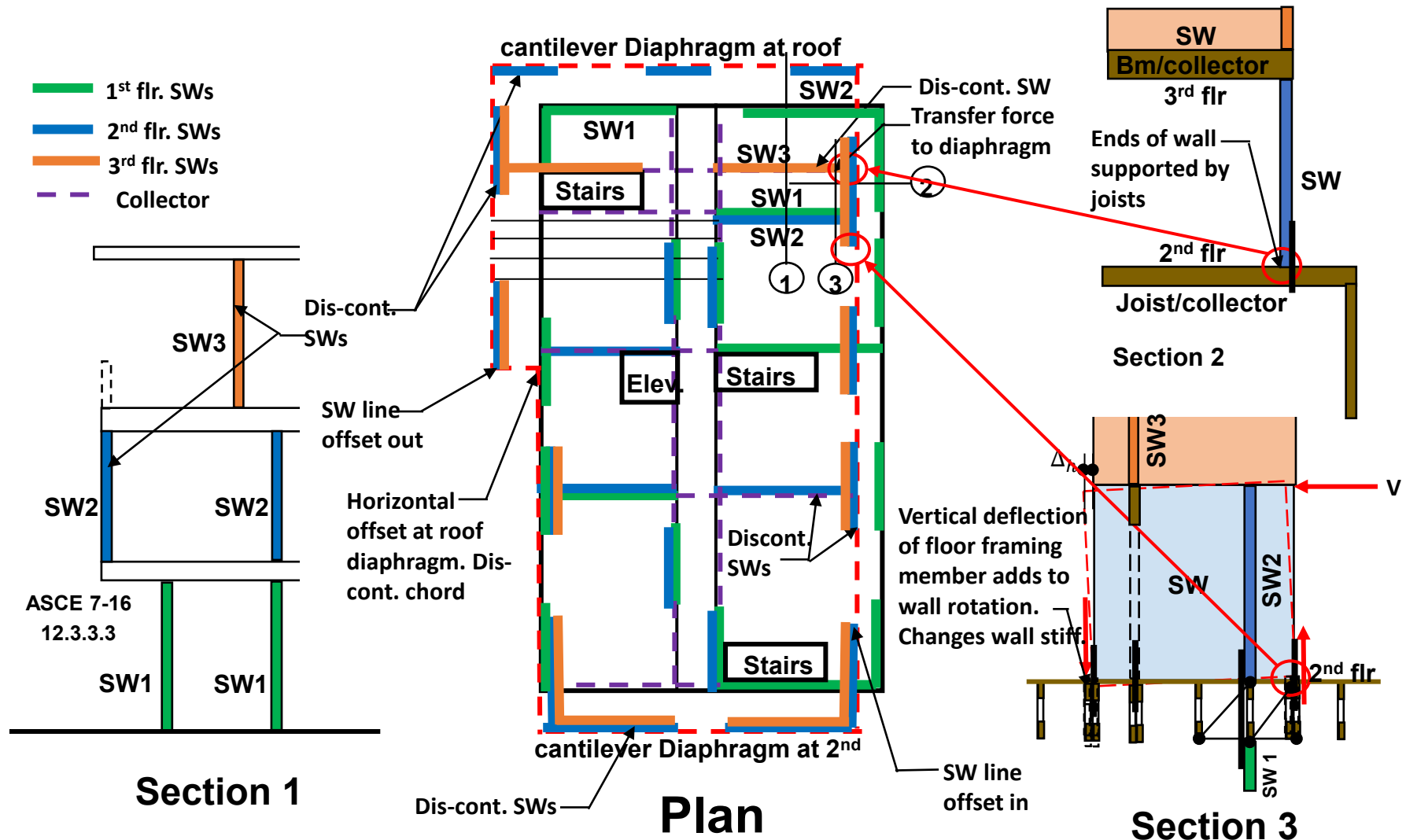
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Exist where the story lateral strength is less than 65% of that in the story above. The story lateral strength is the total lateral strength of all seismic force-resisting system elements resisting the story shear for the direction under consideration.



# Vertically and Horizontally Offset Shear Walls and Cantilever Diaphragm

## Type 4 Horizontal Out-of-plane Offset Irregularity



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# Redundancy

Requirements varies on SDC B, C, D, E, F

## Case 1

- Min. 2 walls
- Reduction in story strength < 35% by removing 1 wall

## Case 2

## Redundant

## Case 3

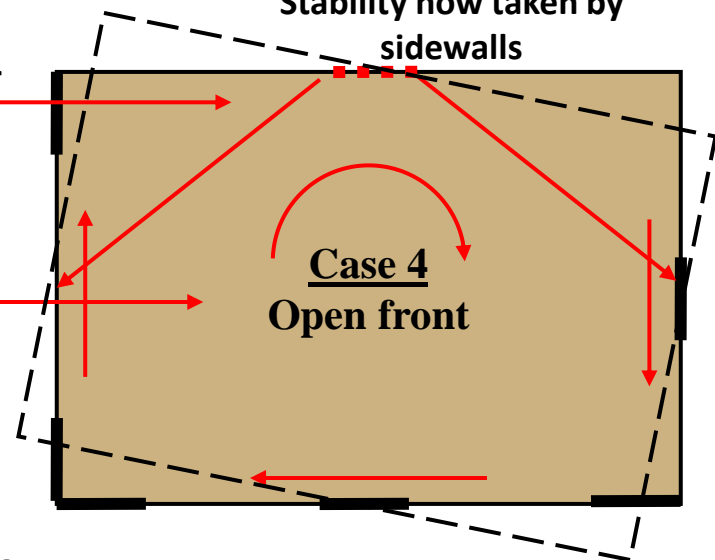
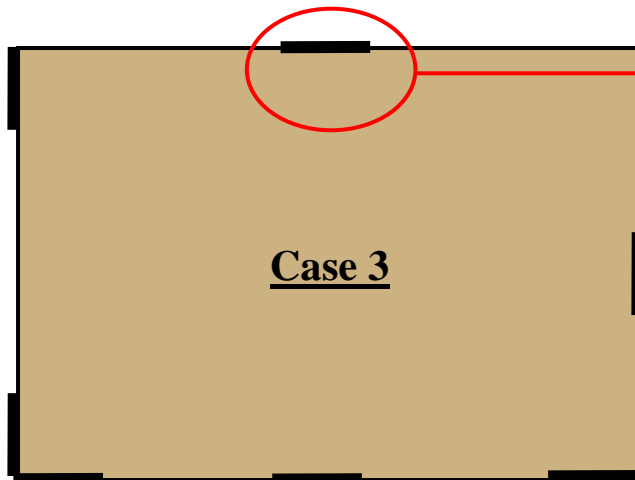
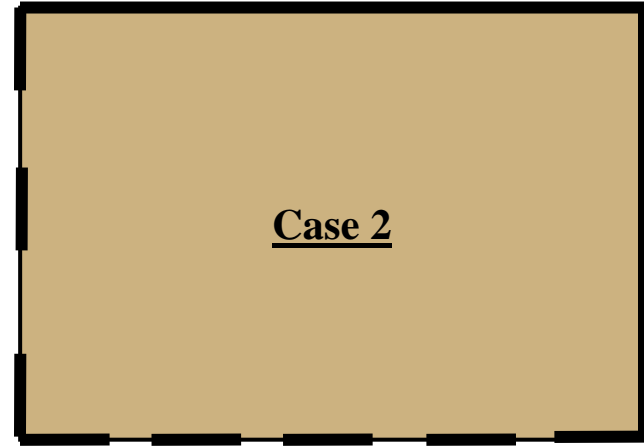
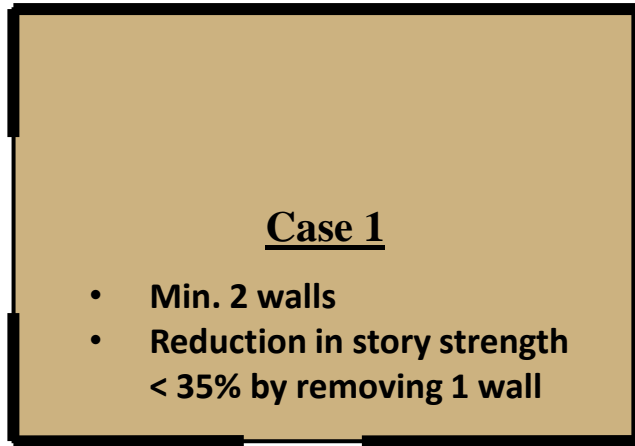
Removed or failed wall

Stability now taken by sidewalls

## Case 4 Open front

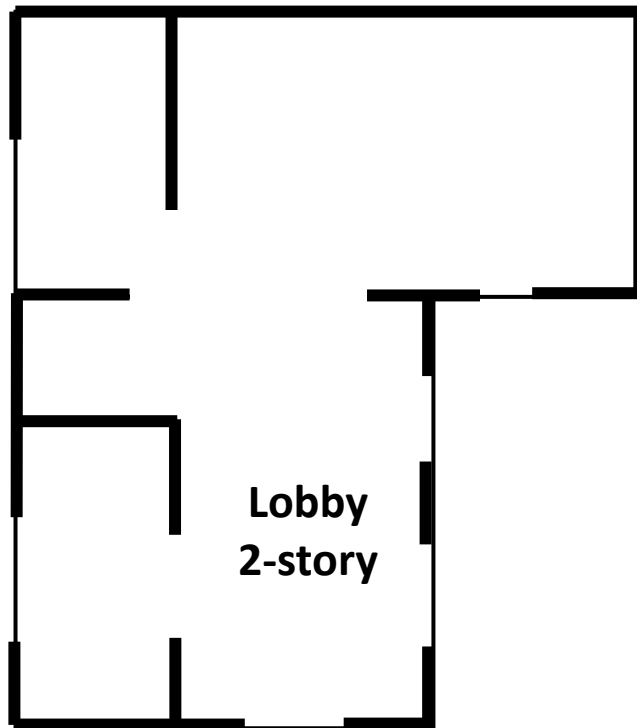
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No Redundancy

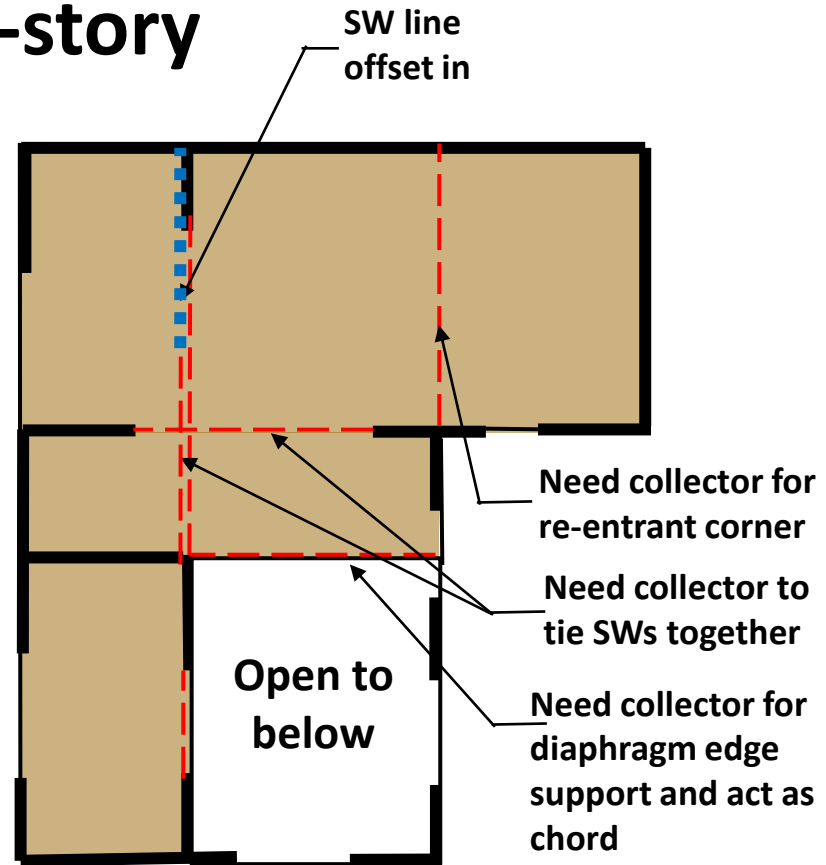




# Example Plan 2-story



1<sup>st</sup> Floor



2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

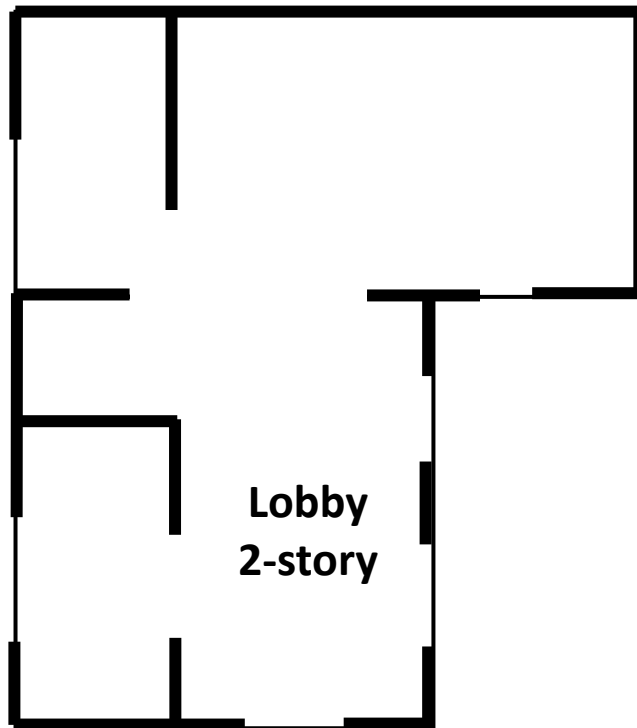
- All SWs stack,
- Very redundant,
- Simple rectangular diaphragms

■ ■ ■ ■ Walls below

— Walls above at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

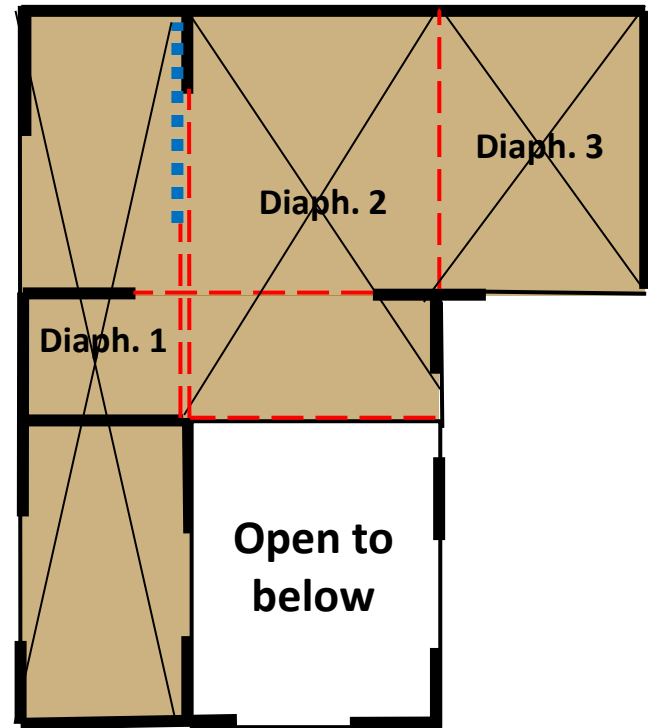
## Case 1

# Example Plan 2-story



1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Loads



2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

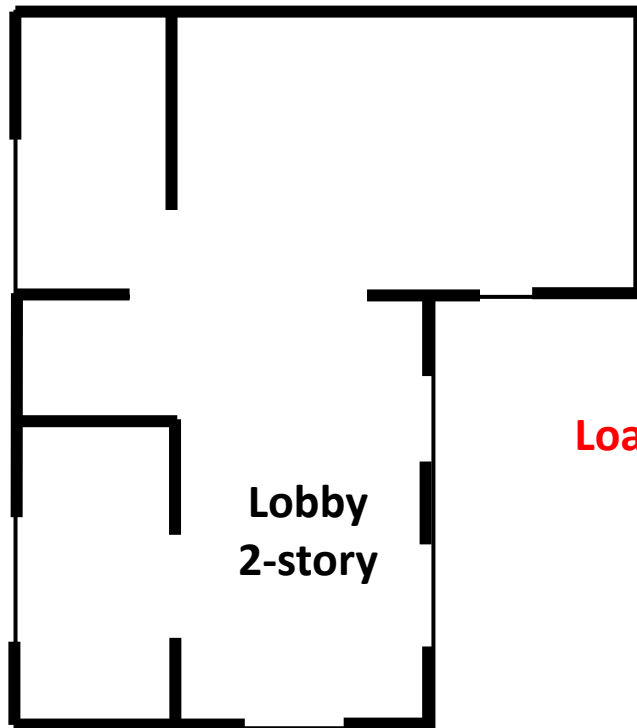
Diaphragm Layout N/S

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Walls below

— Walls above at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

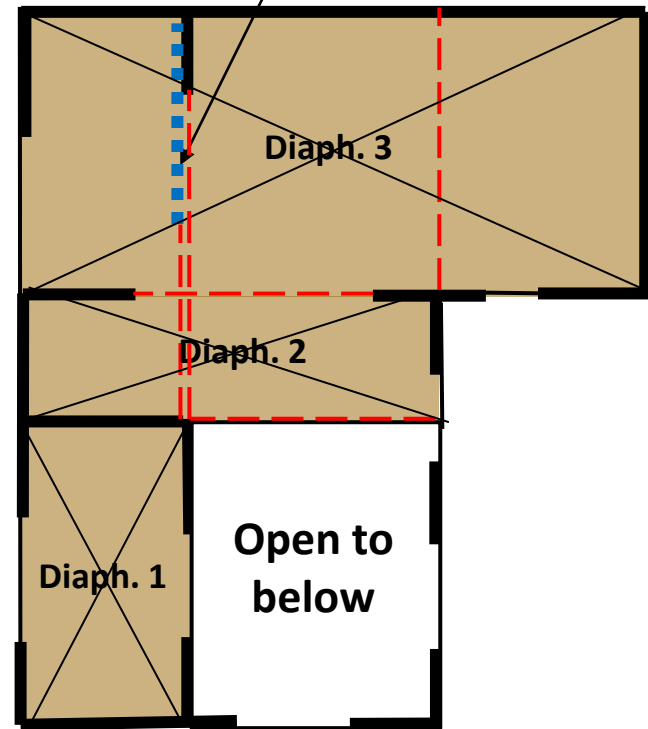
Case 1

# Example Plan 2-story



1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Loads →



2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Diaphragm Layout E/W

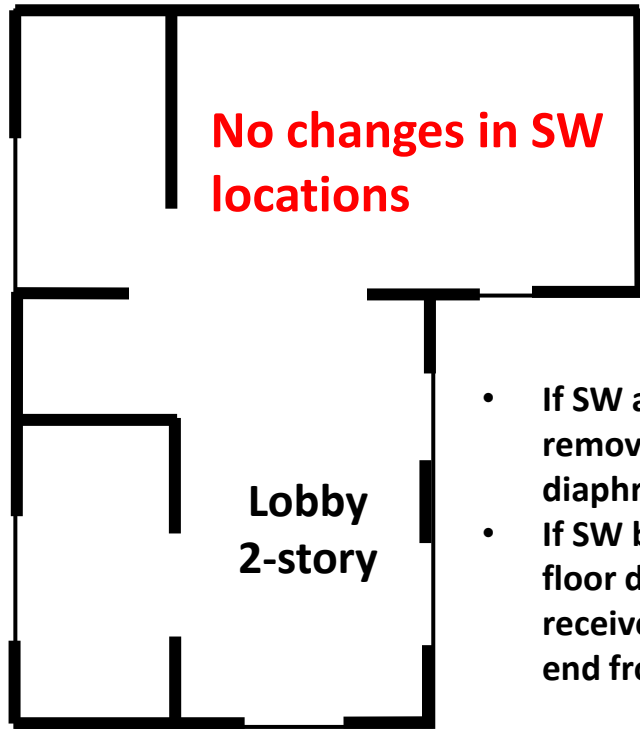
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— Walls above at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Case 1

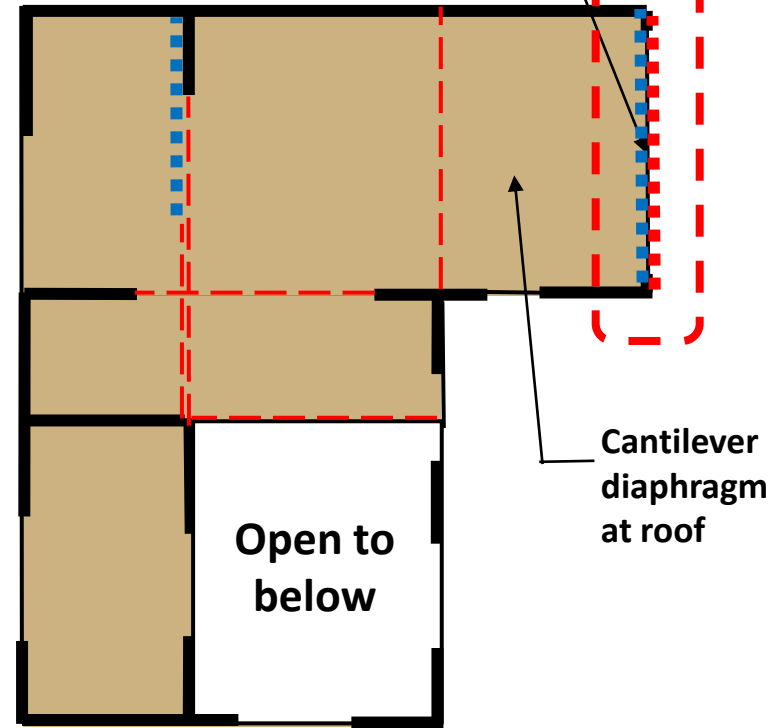
# Example Plan 2-story

## Removing 2<sup>nd</sup> floor SWs



1<sup>st</sup> Floor

- If SW above and below are removed, Roof and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor diaphragms cantilever
- If SW below removed, only 2<sup>nd</sup> floor diaphragm cantilevers and receives a concentrated force at end from SW above



2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

..... Walls above removed

..... Walls below

———— Walls above at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

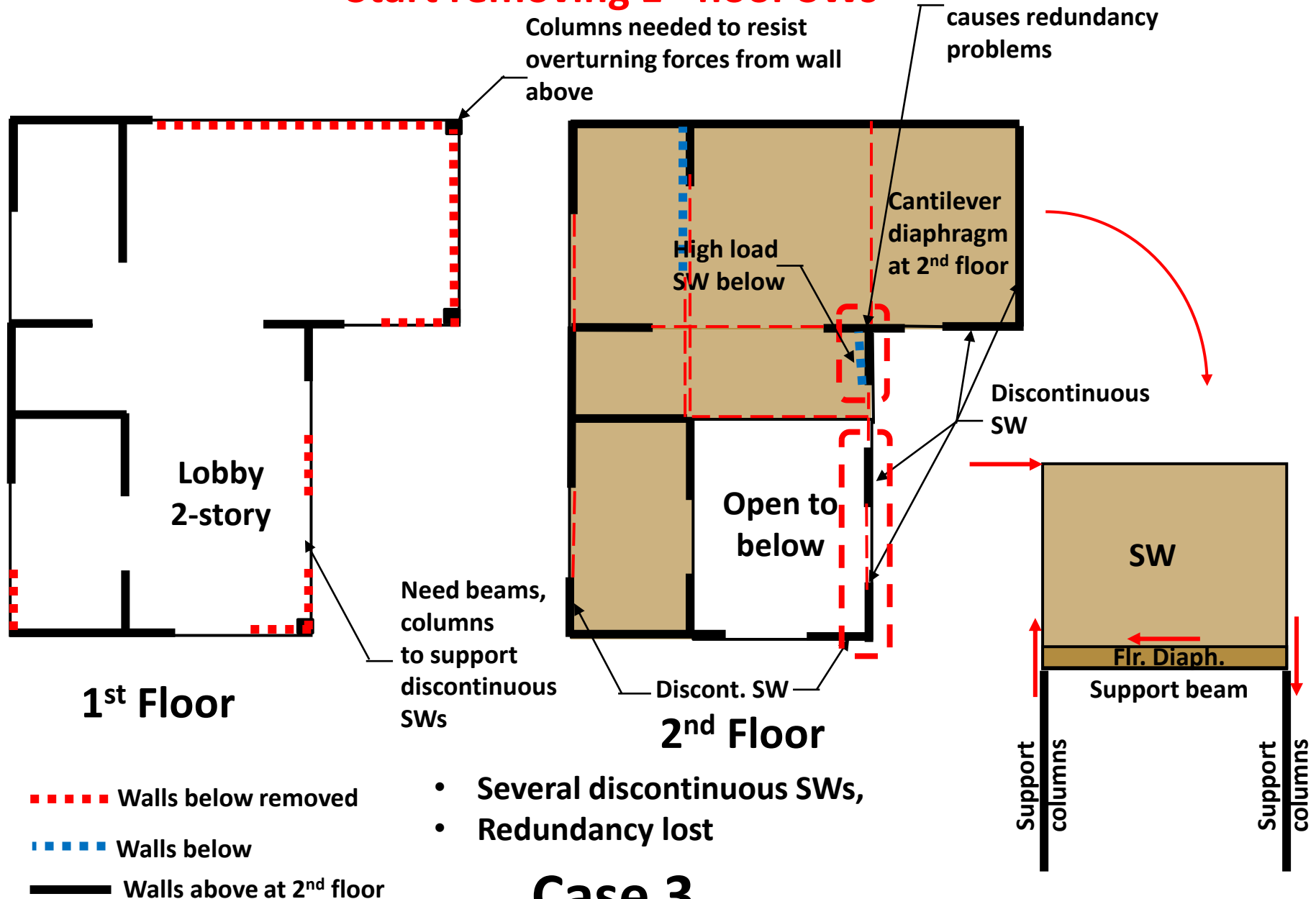
- All SWs still stack except as noted,
- Still very redundant.
- Same diaphragm layout at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

## Case 2



# Example Plan 2-story

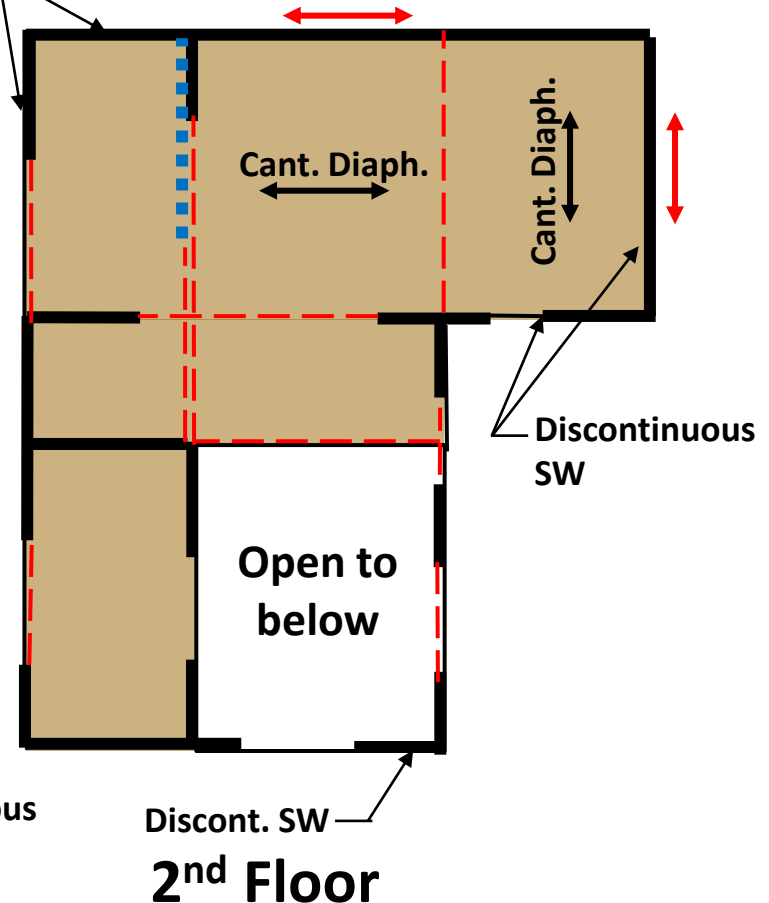
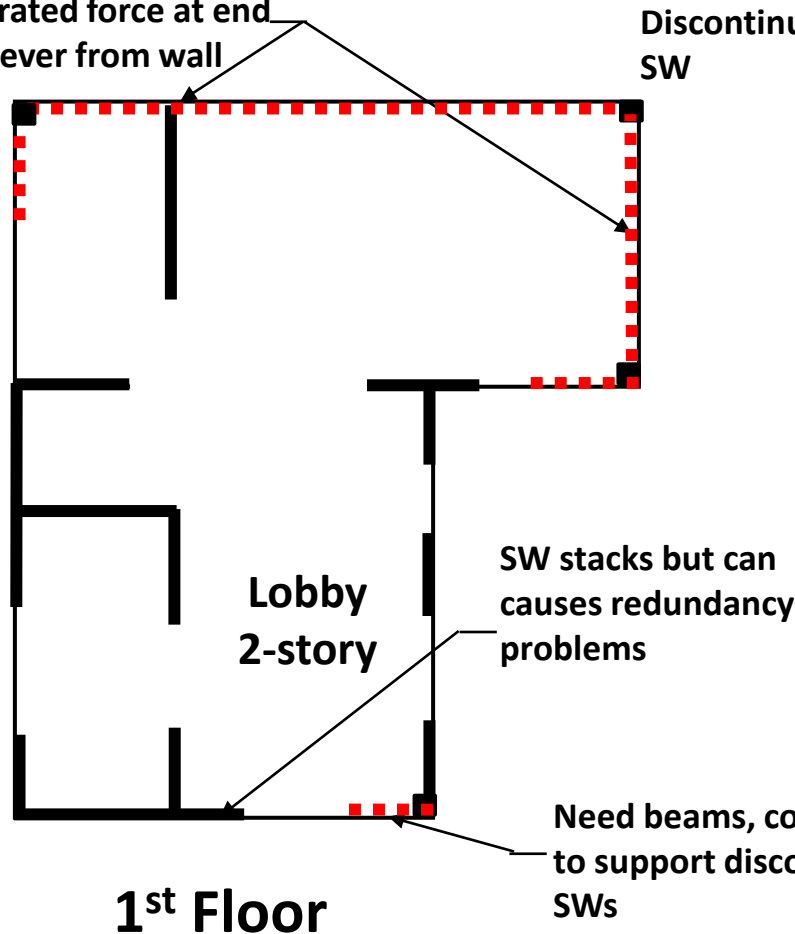
## Start removing 1<sup>st</sup> floor SWs



# Example Plan 2-story

## Start removing 1<sup>st</sup> floor SWs

If wall removed, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Diaphragm cantilevers in 2  
directions and creates a  
concentrated force at end  
of cantilever from wall  
above



■ ■ ■ ■ Walls below removed

■ ■ ■ ■ Walls below

— Walls above at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

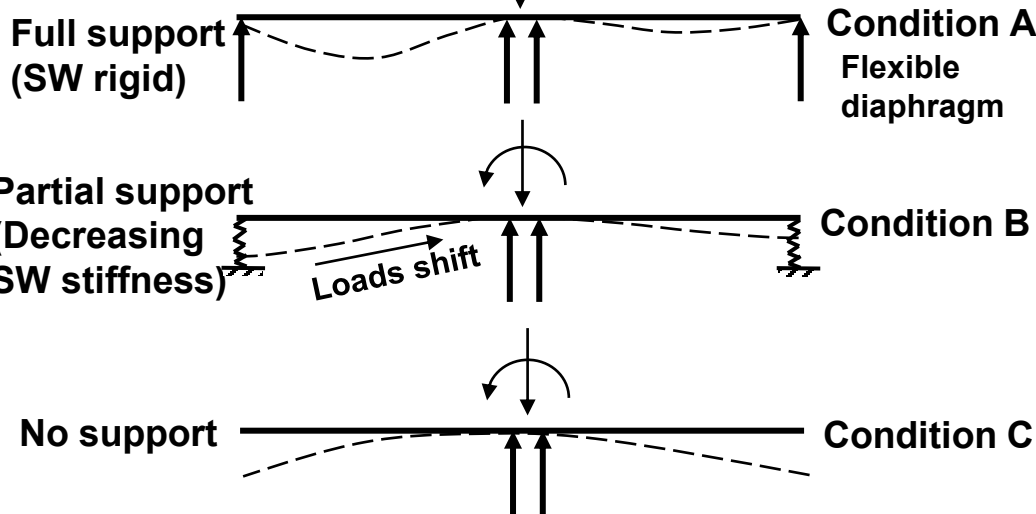
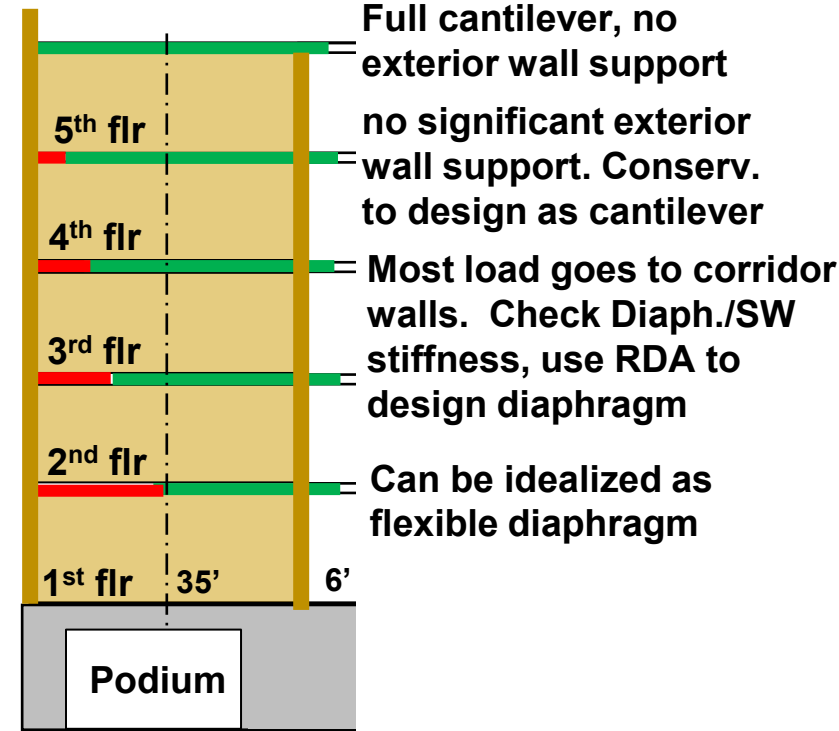
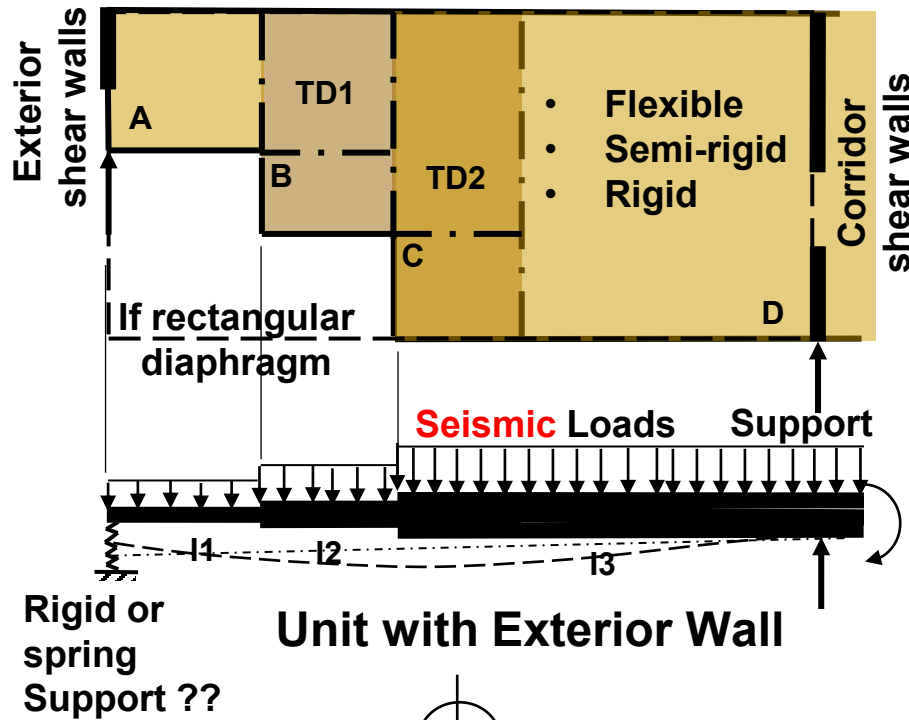
- Several discontinuous SWs,
- Redundancy lost
- cantilever diaphragm at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

## Case 4

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# Force Distribution Due to Diaphragm/SW stiffness





# Conclusions and Final Thoughts

1. Having a basic understanding of how buildings respond to lateral forces (wind and seismic) can help with the development of the architectural plans and communication with engineers.
2. Provide opportunities for a reasonable lateral resisting system and needed changes.
3. Be open to changes, slight modifications.
4. Coordinate early on with the design team so that modifications can be made (sooner than later).
5. Special Considerations:
  - A lack of redundancy or minimal lateral resisting elements can affect building drift which would require increasing the stiffness of the lateral resisting elements, increasing costs.
  - Discontinuous shear walls can impact the design, cost and constructability of diaphragms and the supporting elements.
  - Building offsets and cantilevers can cause building irregularities and/or create difficult lateral load paths.
  - Simple straight line load paths are cheaper and easier to construct than discontinuous load paths.

# QUESTIONS?

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