

## Lateral Stability

Lateral Loads

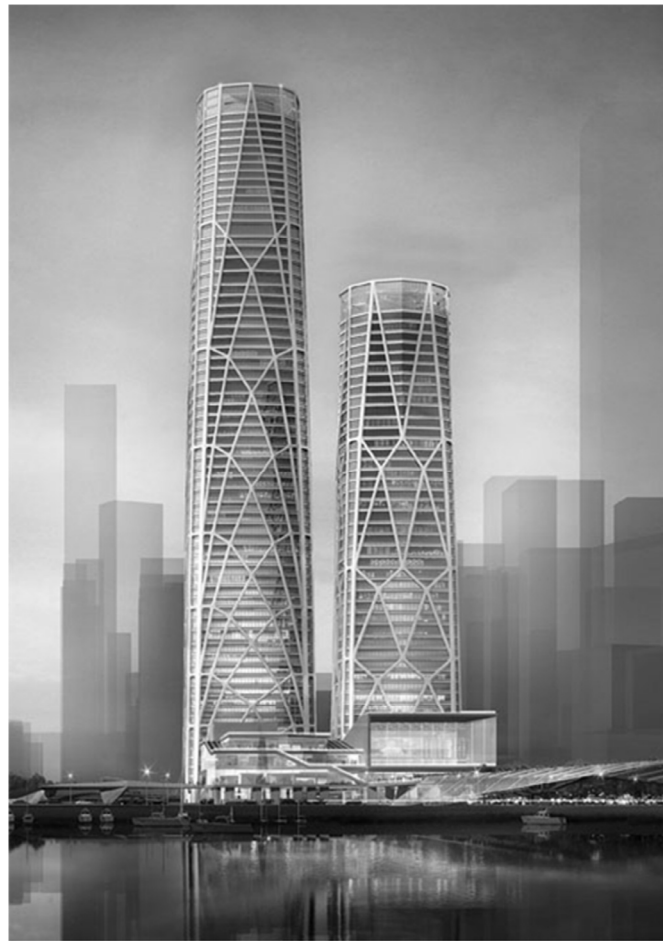
Frame Bracing

Shearwalls

Diaphragms

Bracing Configurations

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## Load Combinations

### Load Types

- Dead Load - D
- Roof Live Load - L<sub>r</sub>
- Floor Live Load - L
- Snow Load - S
- Wind Load - W
- Earthquake - E<sub>v</sub> & E<sub>h</sub>

### Allowable Stress Design (ASD)

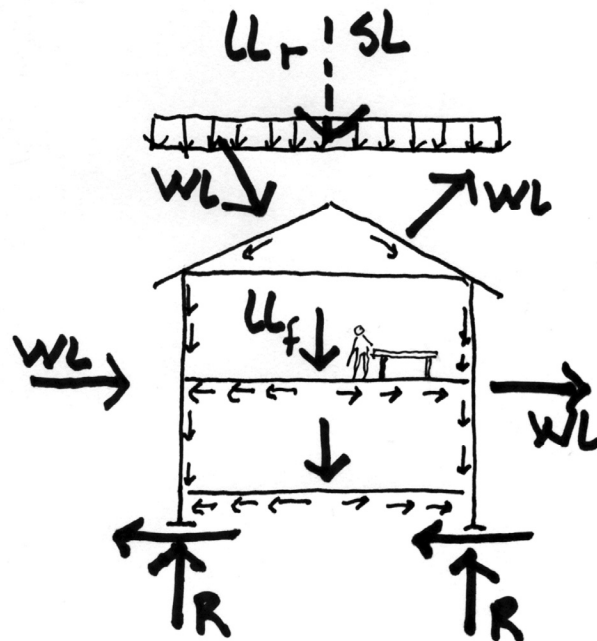
Not factored

- D
- D + L
- D + (L<sub>r</sub> or S)
- D + 0.75 L + 0.75 (L<sub>r</sub> or S)
- D + (0.6W)
- D + 0.75L + 0.75(0.6W) + 0.75(L<sub>r</sub> or S)
- D + 0.7E<sub>v</sub> + 0.7E<sub>h</sub>

### Strength Design (LRFD)

With gamma (γ) safety factors

- 1.4 D
- 1.2 D + 1.6 L<sub>r</sub> + 0.5(L<sub>r</sub> or S)
- 1.2 D + 1.6(L<sub>r</sub> or S) + (L or 0.5W)
- 1.2 D + 1.0W + L + 0.5(L<sub>r</sub> or S)
- 0.9D + 1.0W
- 1.2D + E<sub>v</sub> + E<sub>h</sub> + L + 0.2S
- 0.9D - E<sub>v</sub> + E<sub>h</sub>



# Load Paths

## Vertical Loads

gravity

D, L, Lr, S

seismic      wind

Ev              Wv

## Lateral Loads

wind      Wh

seismic Eh

FIGURE 1

### VERTICAL LOAD PATH

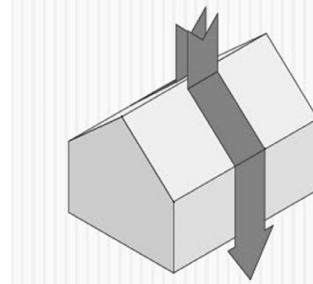
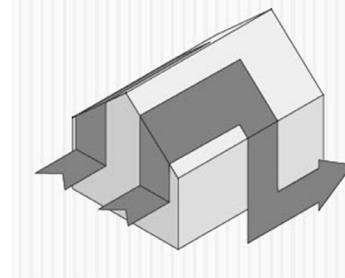


FIGURE 2

### LATERAL LOAD PATH



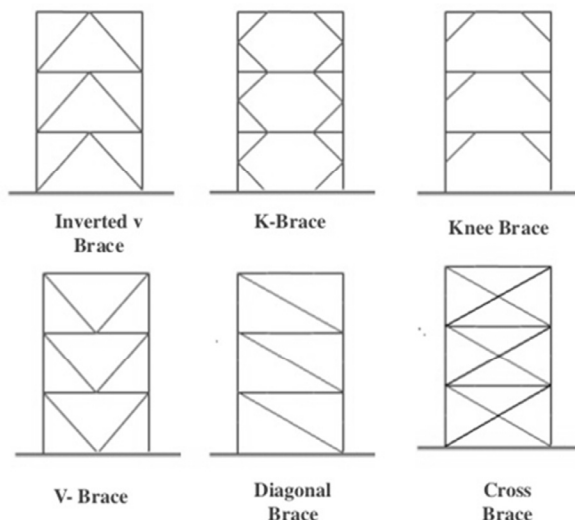
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## Frame Bracing

### types of bracing



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

# Lateral Frame Bracing

Lateral Bracing  
tension and compression  
(Michigan North Quad)



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

## Lateral Stability

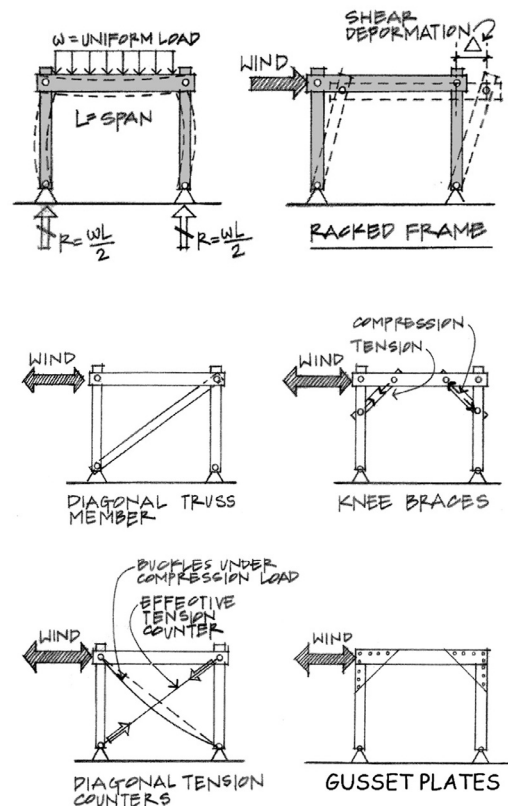
A system needs to be stable in all directions – x, y, and z.

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

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

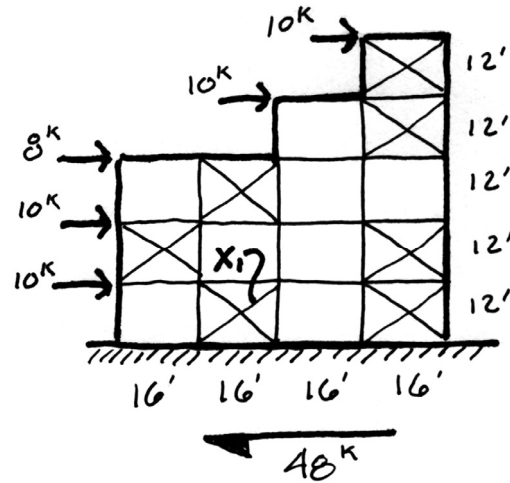
Lateral bracing can be achieved with:

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



## Example Frame Bracing

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

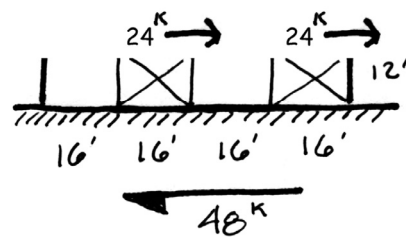


Base shear = 48k

$$\begin{aligned}\sum F_H &= 0 \\ 0 &= 10 + 10 + 8 + 10 + 10 - R \\ R &= 48^k\end{aligned}$$

## Example Frame Bracing cont.

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



$$\begin{aligned}\sum F_H &= 0 \\ 0 &= -48 + H_1 + H_2 \\ H_1 &= H_2 = 24^k\end{aligned}$$

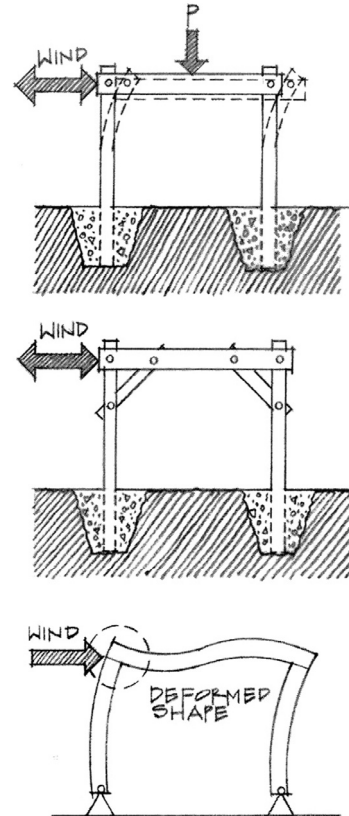
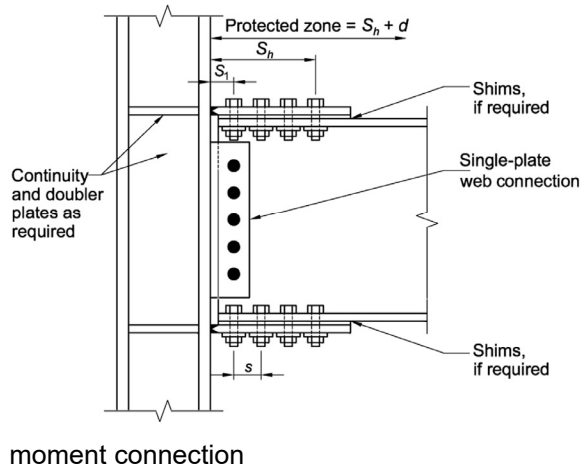
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{12}{16} &= \frac{V}{24} \\ V &= 18 \\ X_1 &= \sqrt{18^2 + 24^2} = 30^k\end{aligned}$$

# Lateral Stability

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

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

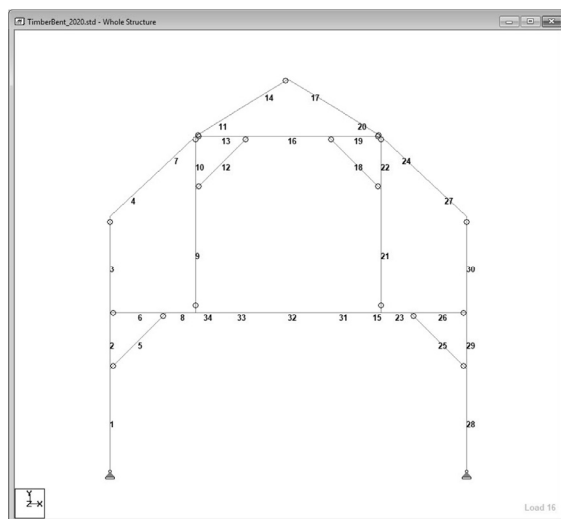
In a fixed frame the members act in both compression and bending.



## Timber Frame Bracing

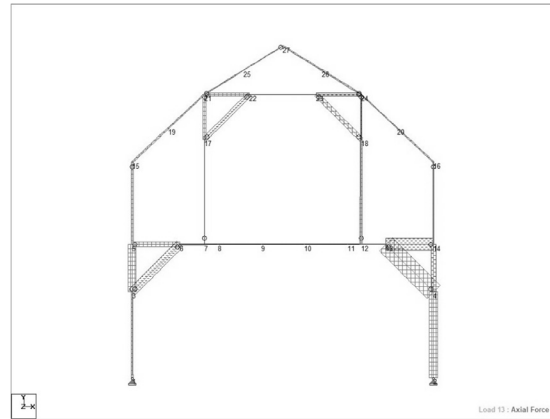
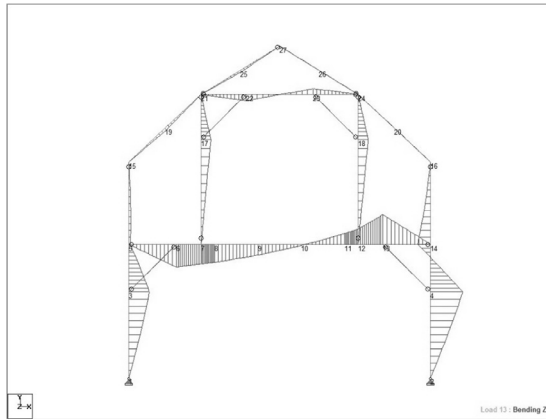
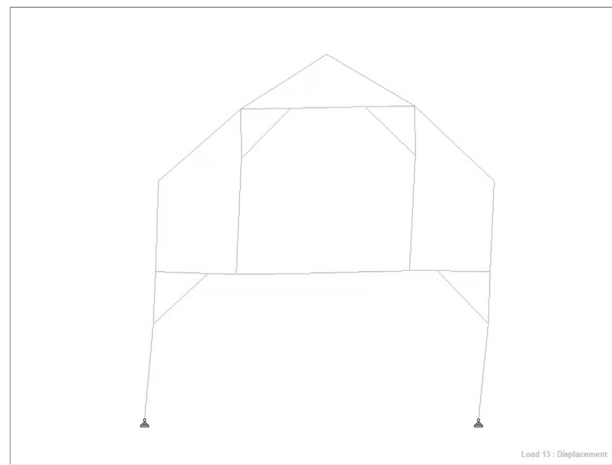
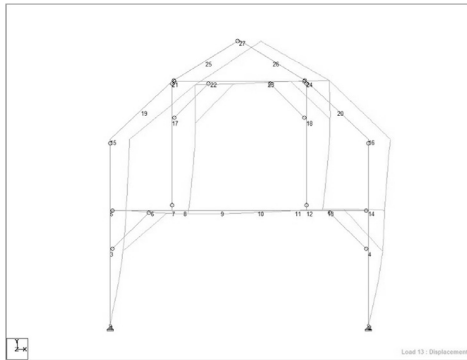
John Pariseau's Timber Frame

Load Case: D + 0.6W



# Timber Frame Bracing

## John Pariseau's Timber Frame



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## Diaphragms and Shear Walls

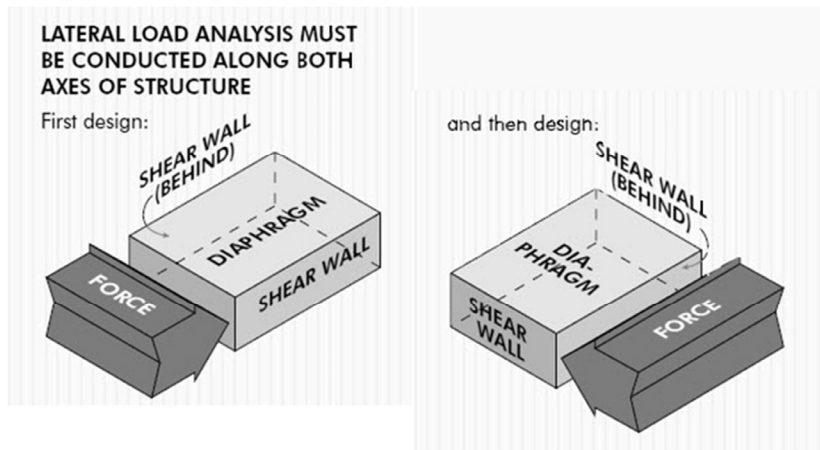


FIGURE 4  
SEISMIC FORCES ACTING ON MASS

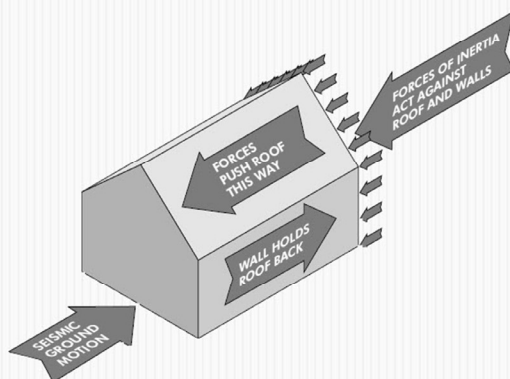
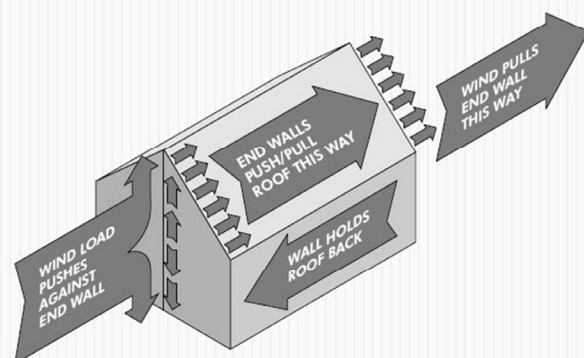


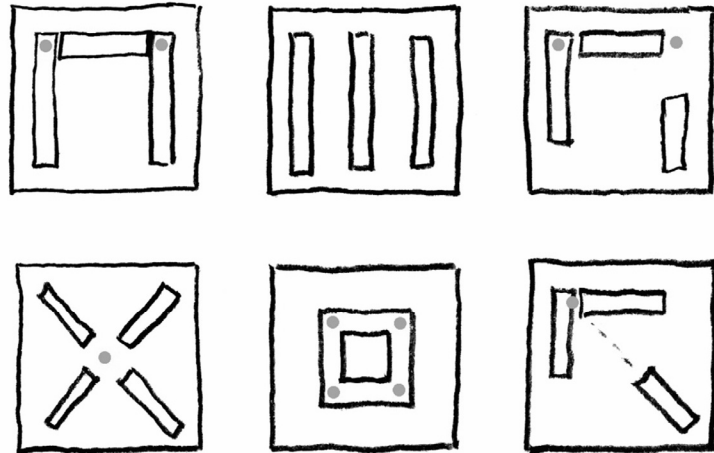
FIGURE 5  
WIND FORCES ACTING ON AREA



# Lateral Force Resistance

Stability requires at least 2 points of intersection.

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



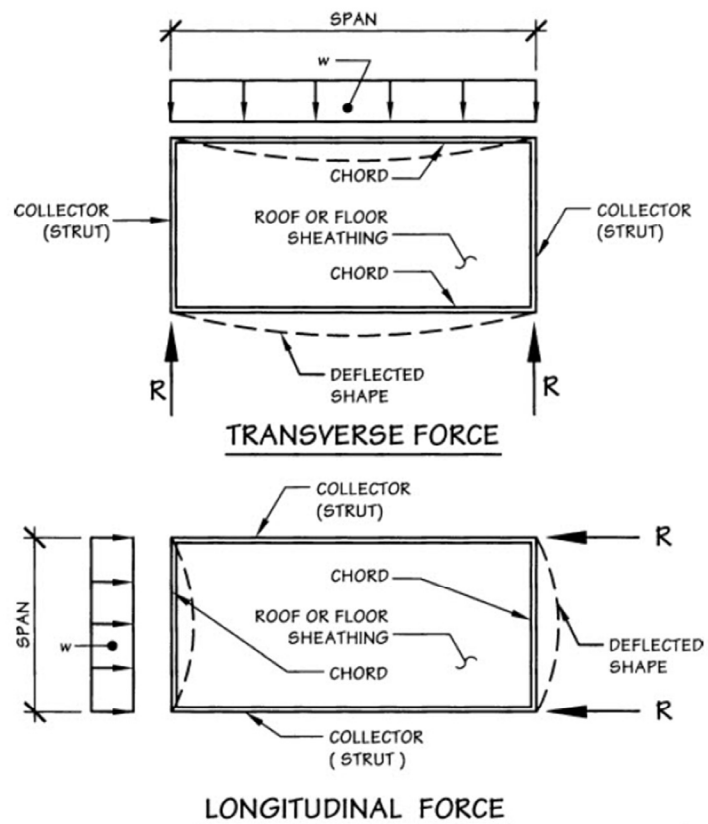
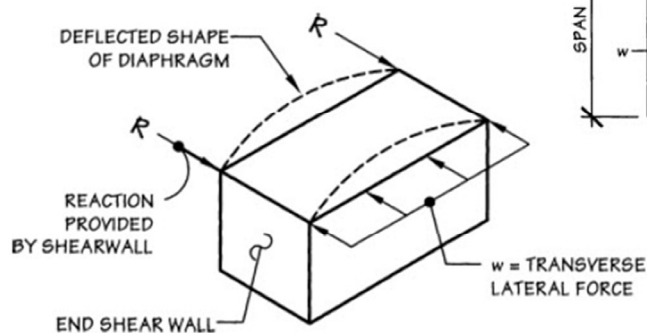
## Definitions

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

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

**Chord** – the edge member of a diaphragm

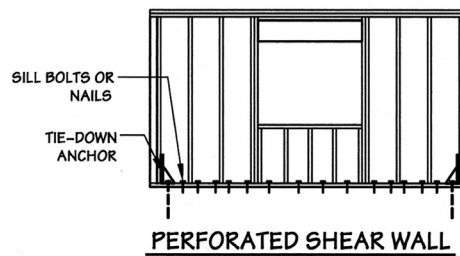
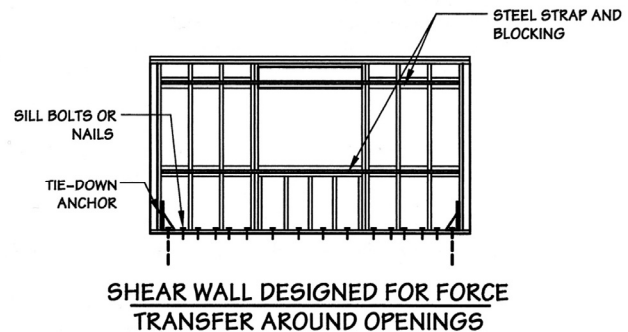
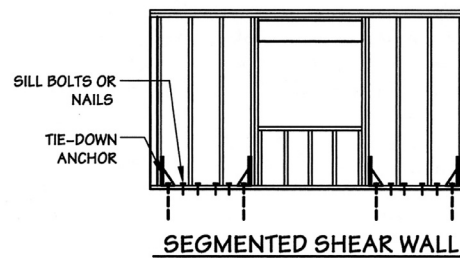
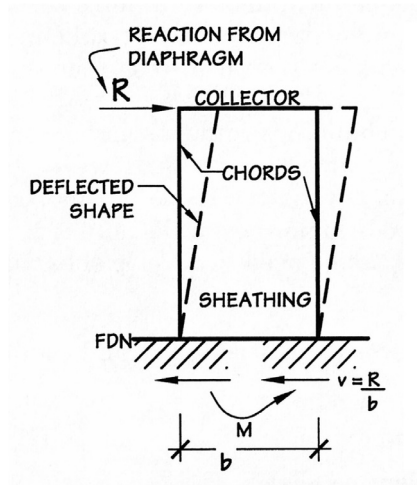
**Collector (strut)** – transfers the force from the diaphragm to the shear wall



# Three Shear Wall Types

Design considerations:

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



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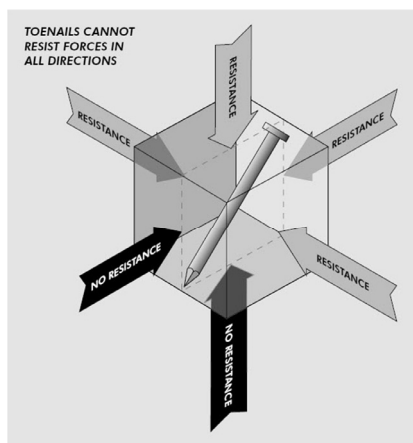
## Shear Wall Connections

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

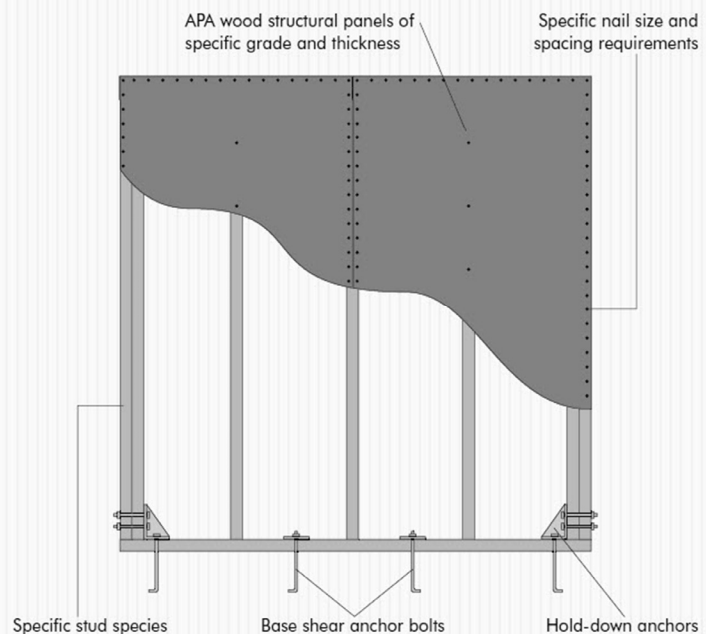
Toenails – not adequate

Hold-down Anchors

Base Shear Anchors



### ENGINEERED SHEAR WALLS



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# Shear Wall Types

Acts like a vertical cantilever beam

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

Wall Board – requires 8 ft length

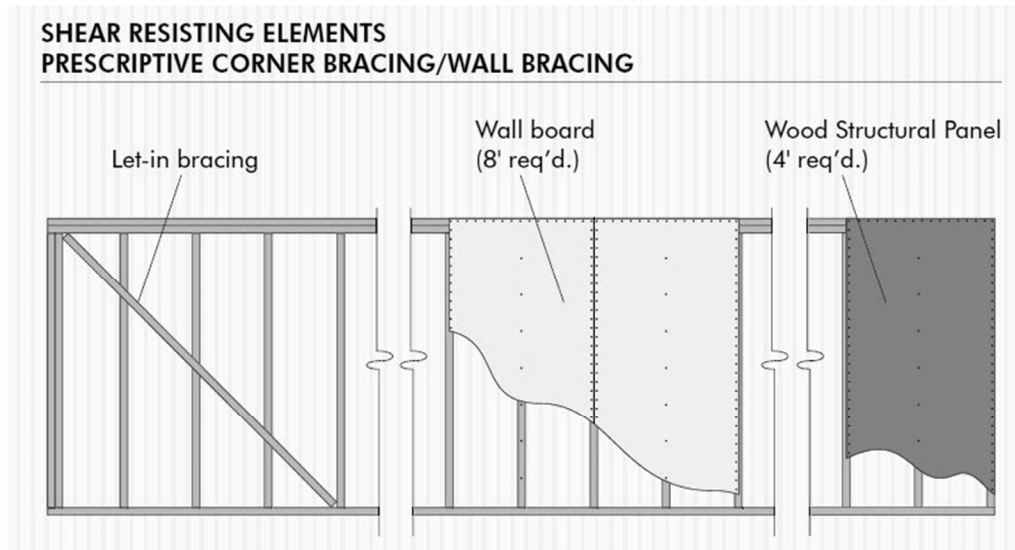
Wood Structural Panel – requires 4 ft length  
3 times stronger by length

**Table 4.3.4 Maximum Shear Wall Aspect Ratios**

| Shear Wall Sheathing Type         | Maximum h/b <sub>s</sub> 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 <sup>1</sup>               |
| Portland cement plaster           | 2:1 <sup>1</sup>               |
| Structural Fiberboard             | 3.5:1                          |

<sup>1</sup> Walls having aspect ratios exceeding 1.5:1 shall be blocked shear walls.

AWC SDPWS 2015 (in 2021 Tab. 4.3.3)



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## Shear Wall Design Elements

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

### A Shear Wall... A Diaphragm...

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

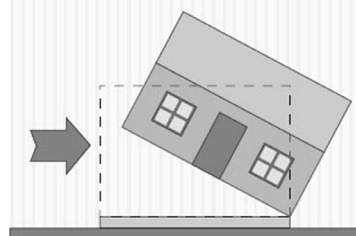
\*A code requirement.

**FIGURE 11  
SHEAR WALL SEGMENT**

Local building codes typically stipulate a minimum  $w$  of  $h/3.5$



**FIGURE 13  
OVERTURNING**



**FIGURE 12  
BASE SHEAR**



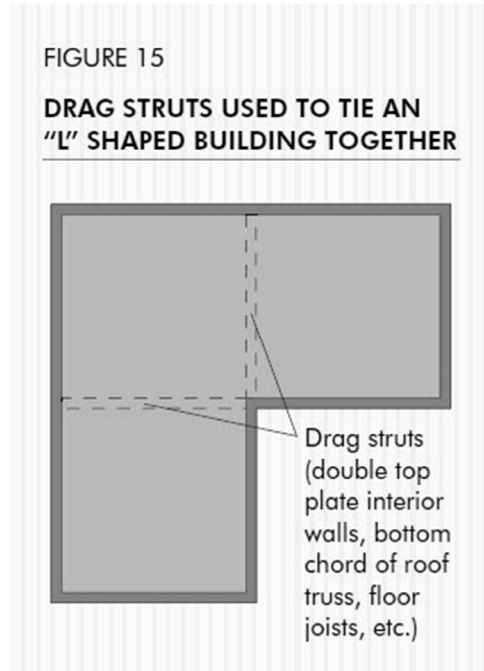
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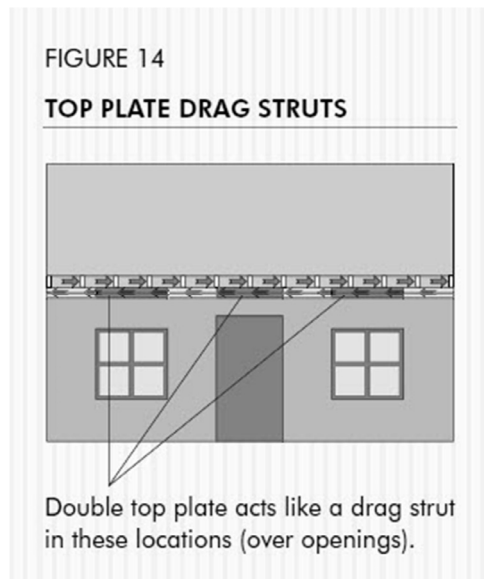
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# Drag Struts

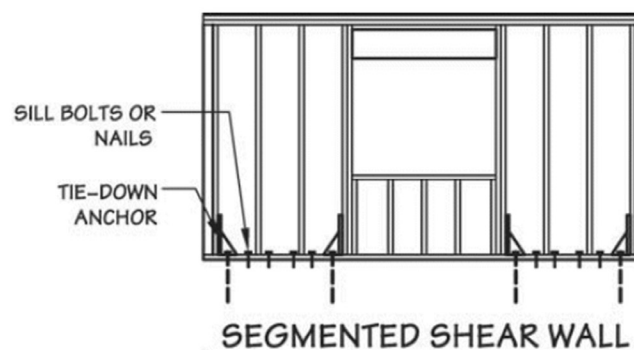
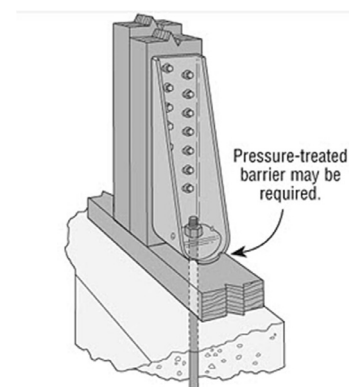
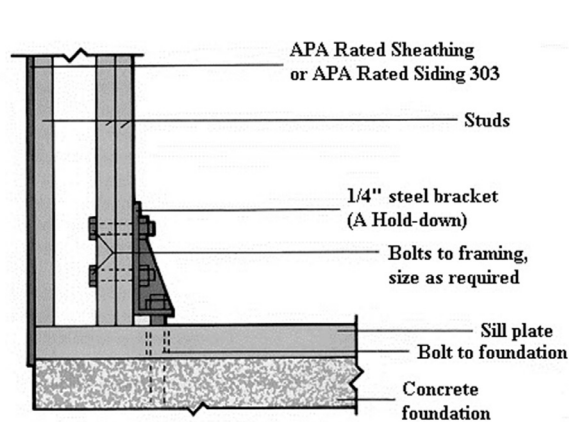
## Double Top Plate



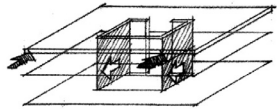
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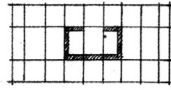
## Anchors and Tie-downs



# Multi-story shear walls

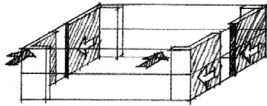


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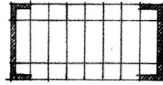


(b) Plan diagram.

Figure 4.55 Shearwalls at the central circulation core.

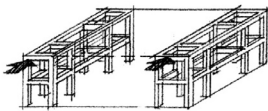


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(b) Plan diagram.

Figure 4.56 Shearwalls at the exterior corners.



(a)



(b) Plan diagram.

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



Brock Commons Tallwood House  
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada