

# Design of Seismic-Resistant Steel Building Structures

## *5. Buckling Restrained Braced Frames*

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# Buckling-Restrained Braced Frames (BRBFs)

- Type of concentrically braced frame.
- Beams, columns and braces arranged to form a vertical **truss**. Resist lateral earthquake forces by truss action.
- Special type of brace members used: ***Buckling-Restrained Braces (BRBs)***. BRBS yield both in tension and compression - *no buckling !!*
- Develop ductility through inelastic action (cyclic tension and compression yielding) in BRBs.
- System combines high stiffness with high ductility.

# Buckling-Restrained Brace



**Buckling-  
Restrained Brace:  
Steel Core  
+  
Casing**

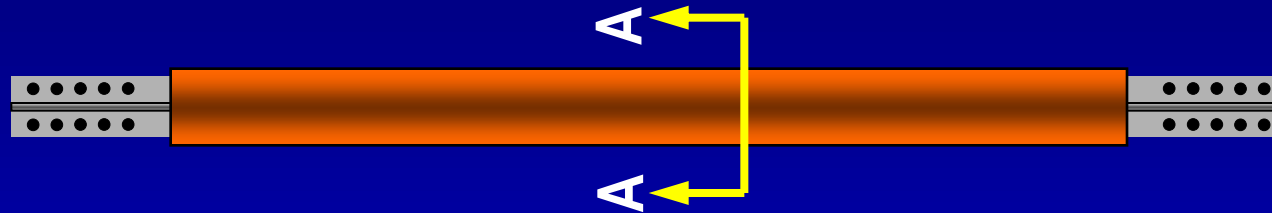


**Casing**

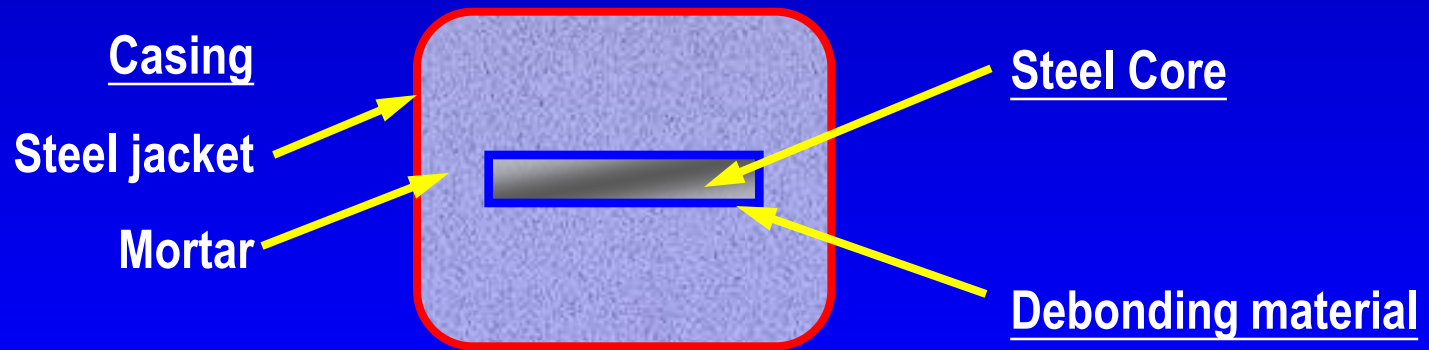


**Steel Core**

# Buckling-Restrained Brace



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Section A-A

# Buckling-Restrained Brace



**Steel core** resists entire axial force  $P$

**Casing** is debonded from steel core

- casing does not resist axial force  $P$
- flexural stiffness of casing restrains buckling of core



# Buckling-Restrained Brace



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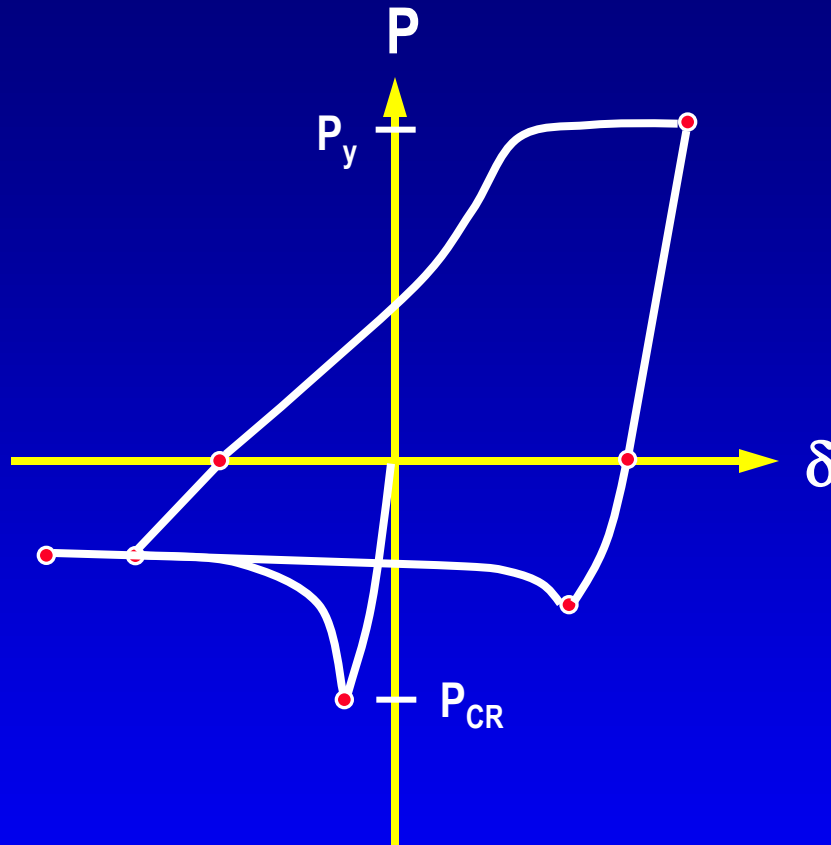


**Yielding Segment**

**Steel Core**

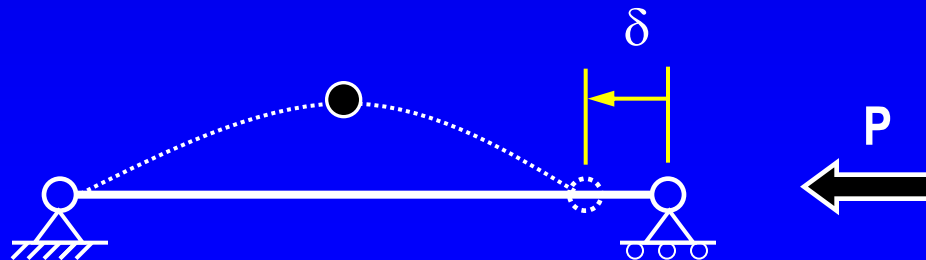
**Core projection and  
brace connection  
segment**

# Brace Behavior Under Cyclic Axial Loading

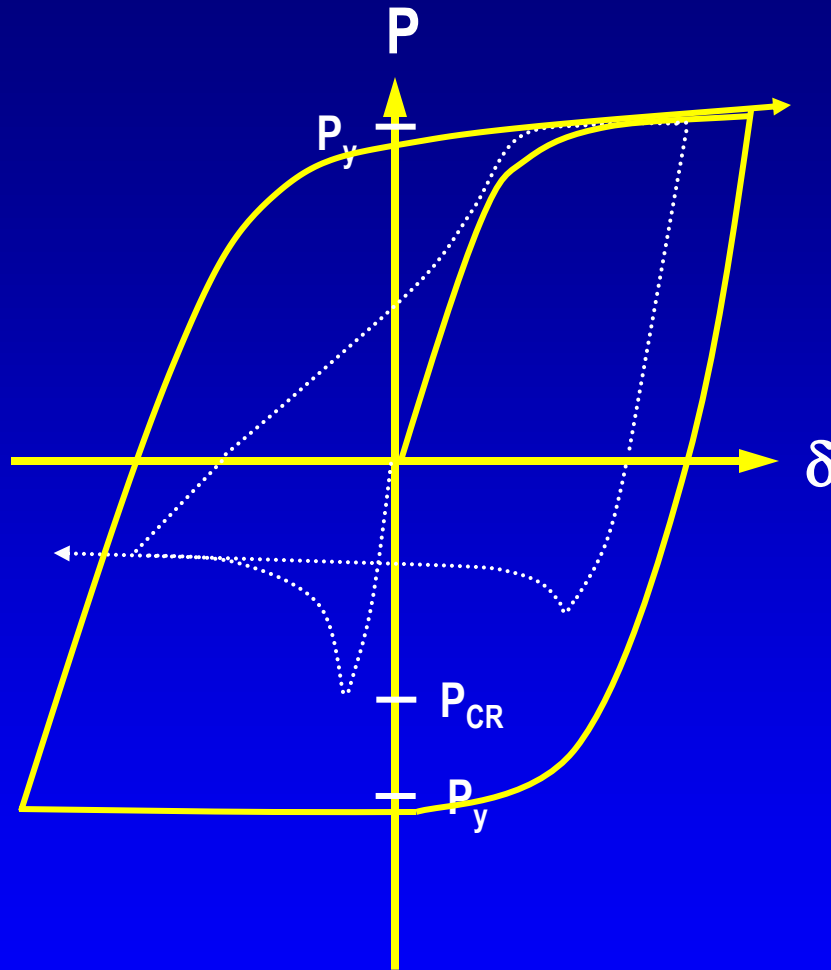


## Conventional Brace:

- yields in tension (ductile)
- buckles in compression (nonductile)
- significantly different strength in tension and compression

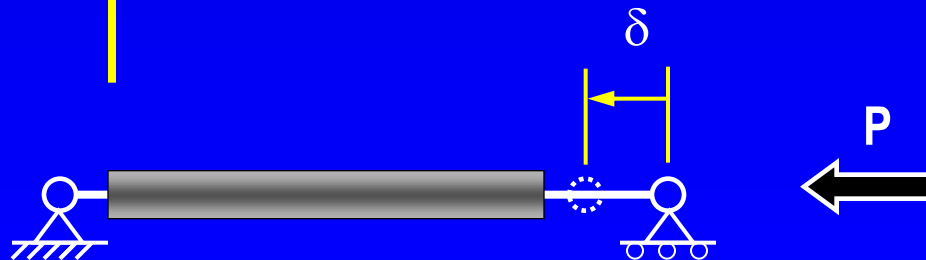


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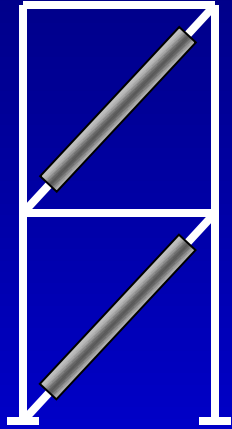


## Buckling-Restrained Brace:

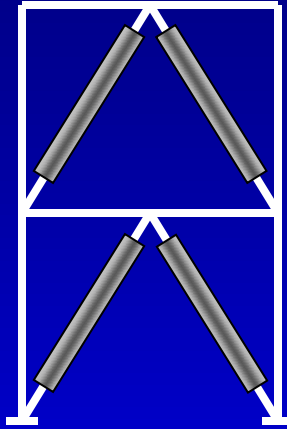
- yields in tension (ductile)
- yields in compression (ductile)
- similar strength in tension and compression (slightly stronger in compression)



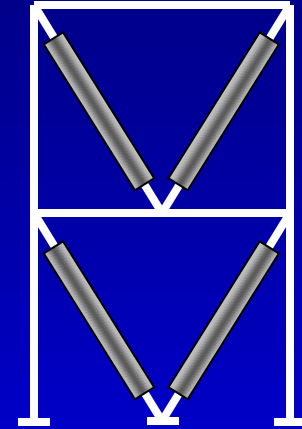
# Bracing Configurations for BRBFs



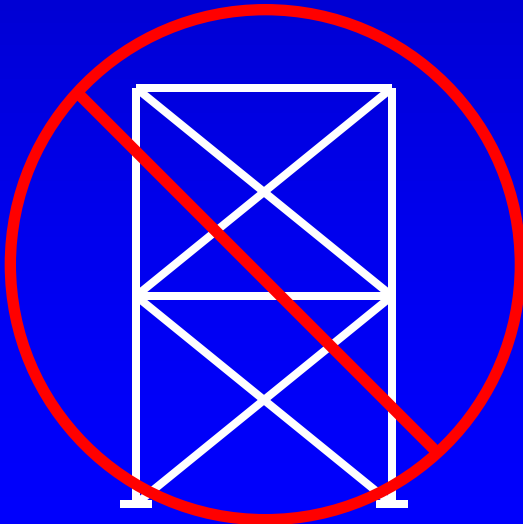
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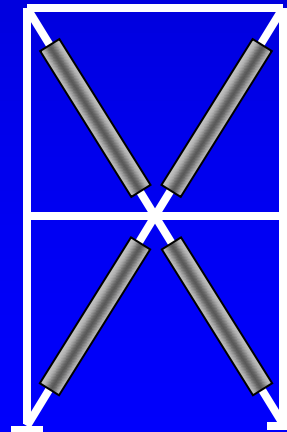
Inverted V- Bracing



V- Bracing



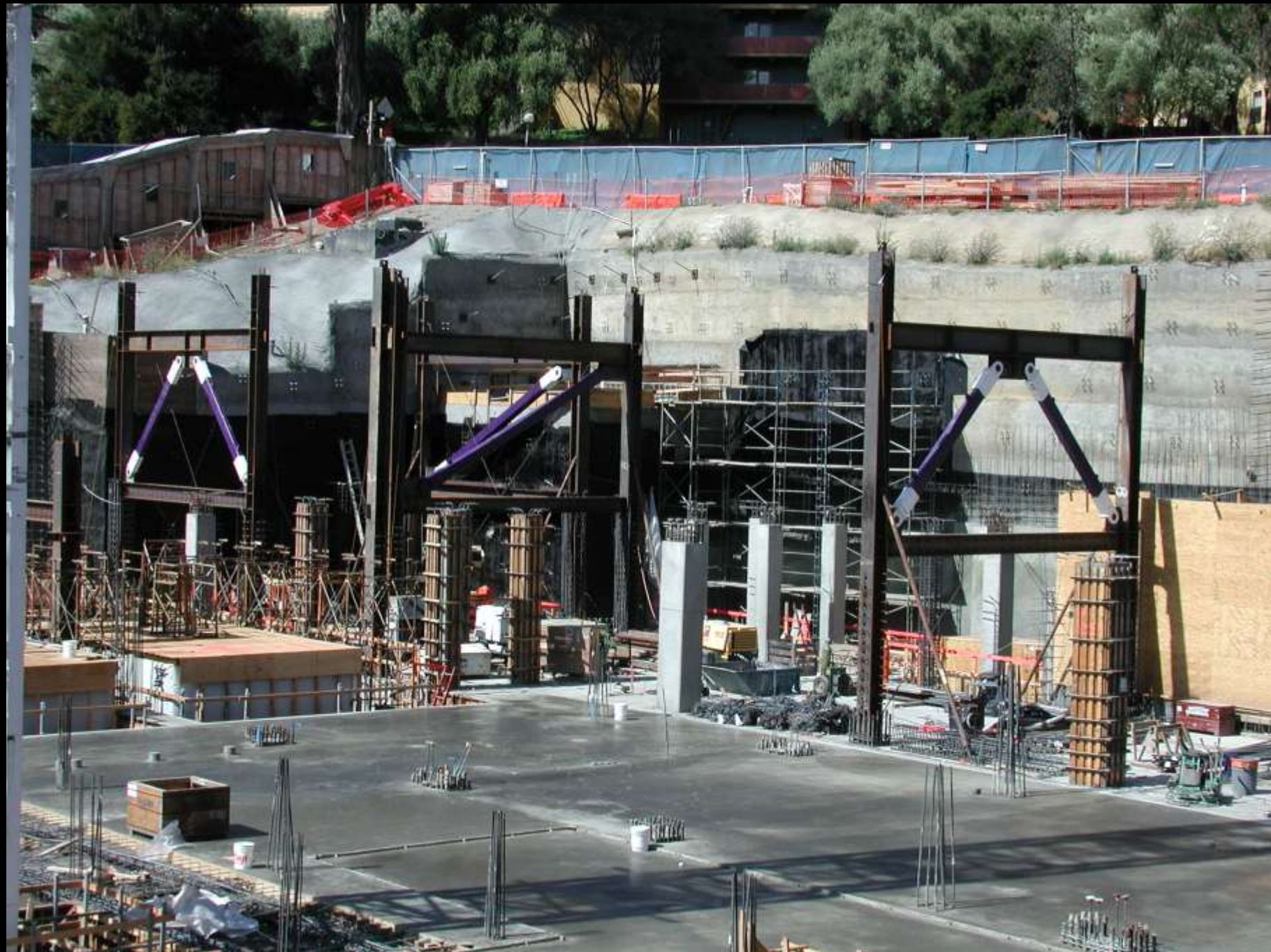
X- Bracing



Two Story X- Bracing















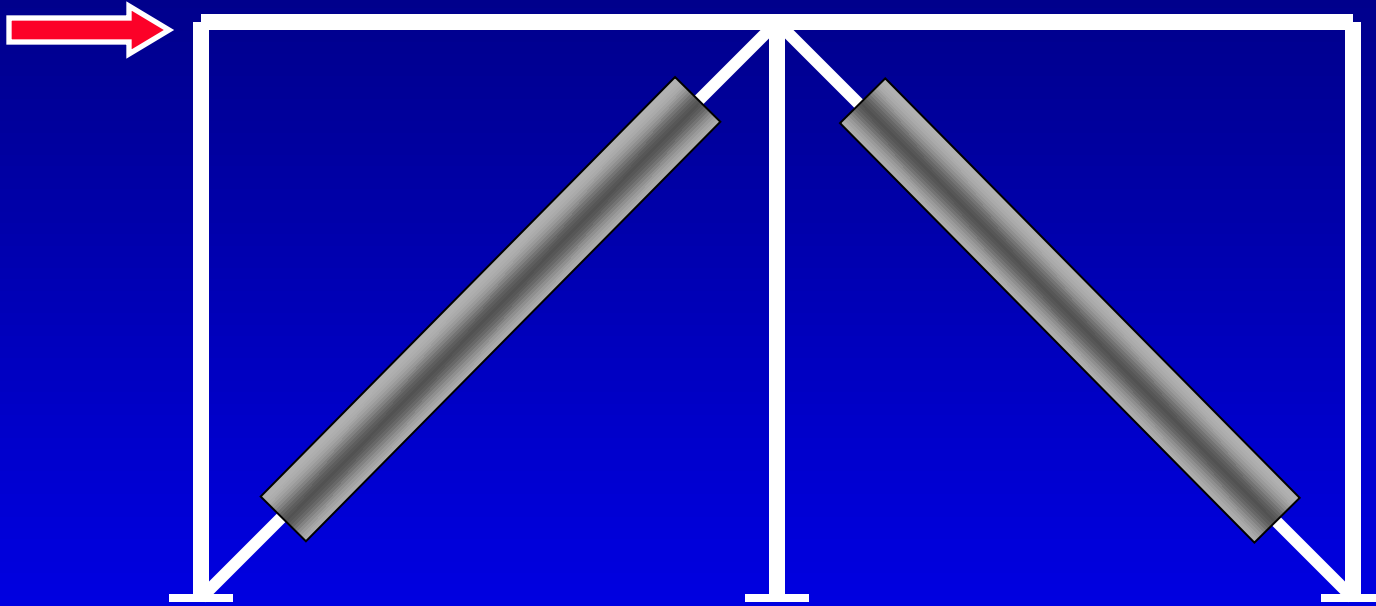


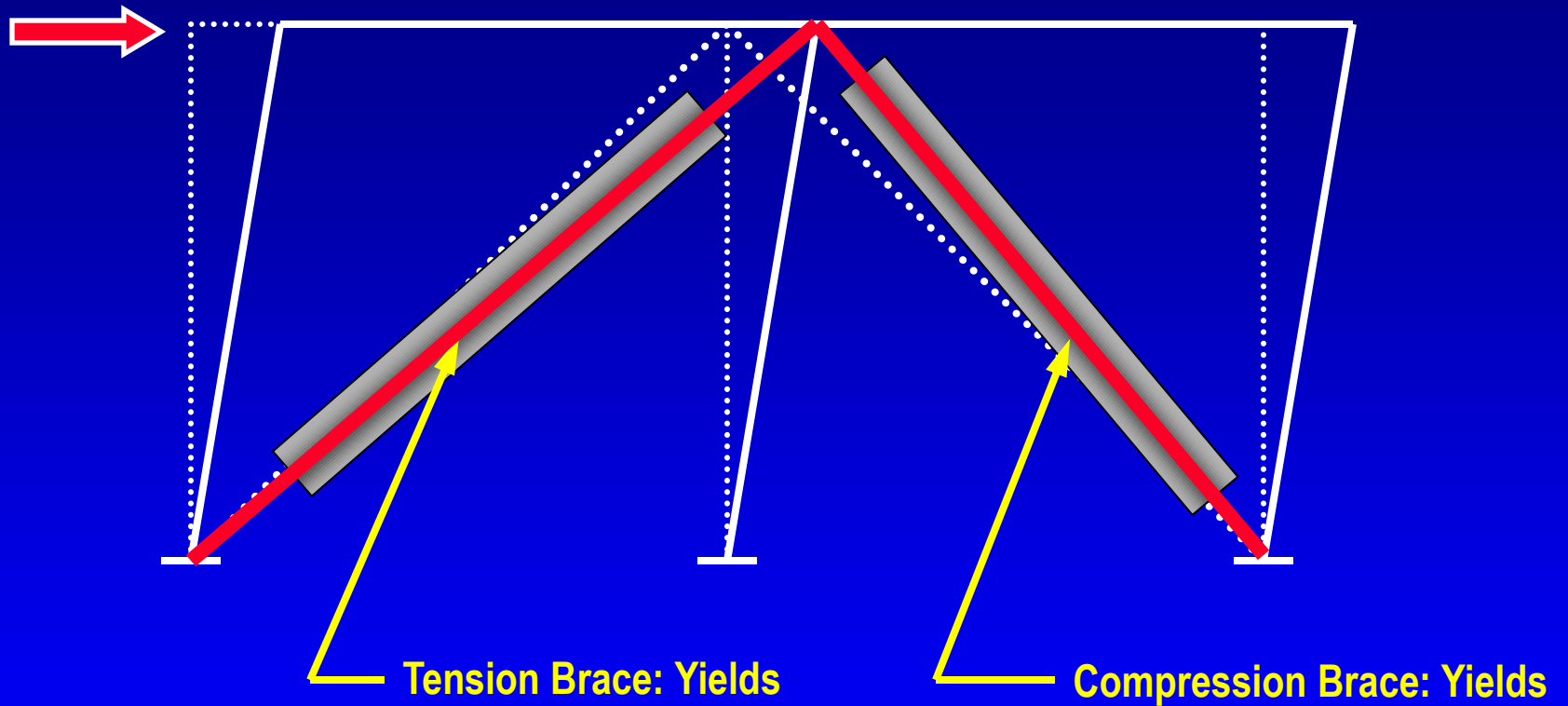




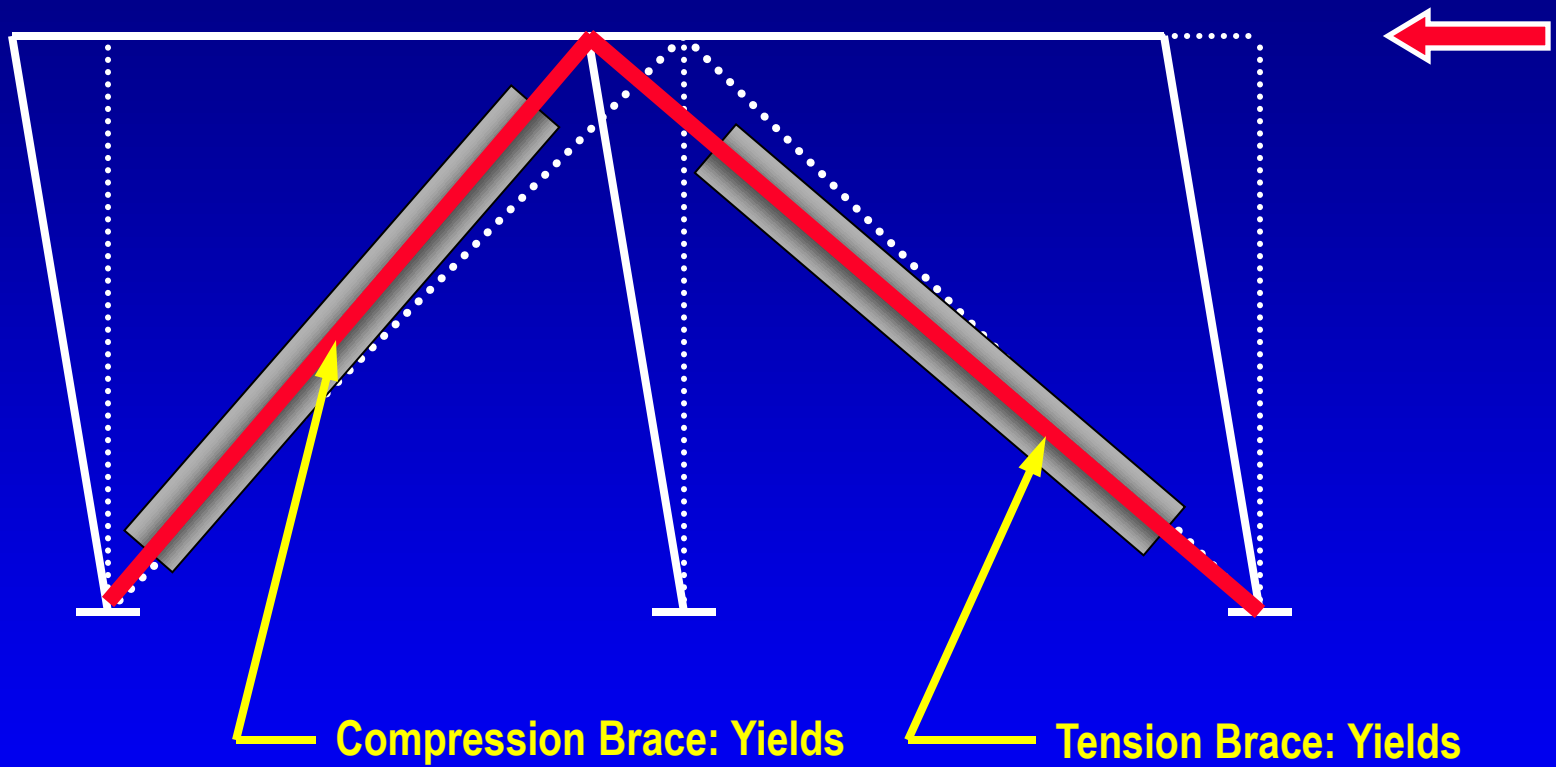


# Inelastic Response of BRBFs under Earthquake Loading



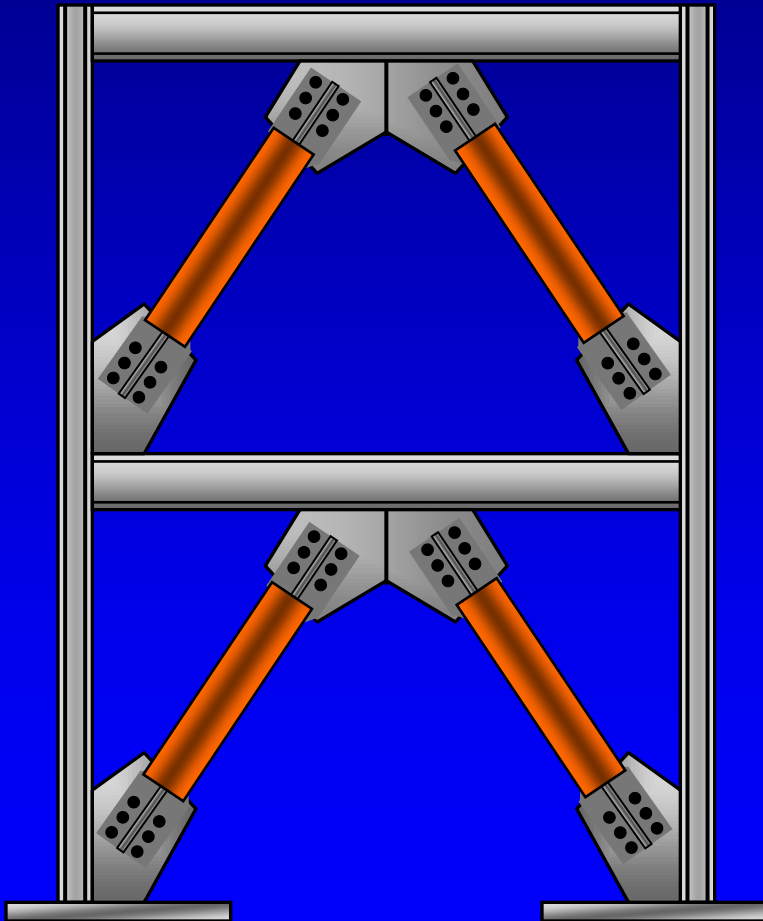


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# Design of BRBFs - General Approach



- Size BRB core for code specified forces (strength and stiffness)
- Choose BRB design with performance verified by testing (Per Appendix T)
- Design all other frame elements (beams, columns, brace connections, column bases) for maximum forces that can be generated by fully yielded and strain hardened BRBs

# Buckling-Restrained Braced Frames (BRBFs)

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- Description and Basic Behavior of Buckling-Restrained Braced Frames and Buckling-Restrained Braces
- AISC Seismic Provisions for Buckling-Restrained Braced Frames

# **2005 AISC Seismic Provisions**

## **Section 16 Buckling-Restrained Braced Frames (BRBF)**

- 16.1 Scope**
- 16.2 Bracing Members**
- 16.3 Bracing Connections**
- 16.4 Special Requirements Related to Bracing Configuration**
- 16.5 Beams and Columns**
- 16.6 Protected Zone**



## 16.1 Scope

*Buckling-restrained braced frames (BRBF) are expected to withstand **significant inelastic deformations** when subjected to the forces resulting from the motions of the design earthquake.*

## 16.2 Bracing Members

Bracing members shall be composed of a structural steel core and a system that restrains the steel core from buckling.

## 16.2 Bracing Members

### 16.2a Steel Core

The *steel core* shall be designed to resist the entire axial force in the brace.

The brace *design axial strength* =  $\phi P_{ysc}$

$$\phi = 0.9$$

$$P_{ysc} = F_{ysc} A_{sc}$$

## 16.2 Bracing Members

### 16.2a Steel Core

$$\phi P_{ysc} = (0.9) F_{ysc} A_{sc}$$



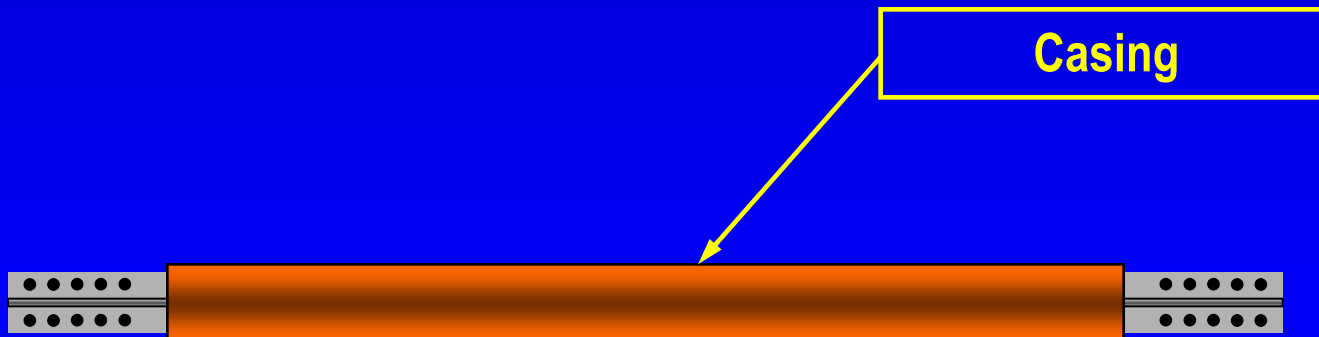
$A_{sc}$  = area of steel core (yielding segment)

$F_{ysc}$  = specified minimum yield stress of core, or  
actual yield stress from coupon test

## 16.2 Bracing Members

### 16.2b Buckling-Restraining System

The buckling-restraining system shall consist of the casing for the steel core. In stability calculations, beams, columns, and gussets connecting the core shall be considered part of this system.



## 16.2 Bracing Members

### 16.2b Buckling-Restraining System

The buckling-restraining system shall limit local and overall buckling of the steel core for deformations corresponding to **2.0 times the *design story drift***. The buckling-restraining system shall not be permitted to buckle within deformations corresponding to **2.0 times the *design story drift***.

## 16.2 Bracing Members

### 16.2b Buckling-Restraining System

$$\Delta = \text{design story drift} = C_d \times \Delta_E$$

$\Delta_E$  = story drift under code specified earthquake forces

$C_d$  = 5.5 for BRBF with non-moment resisting beam-column connections

= 5 for BRBF with moment-resisting beam-column connections

**Buckling-restrained braces must be capable of sustaining story drifts up to  $2 \times \Delta$**

## 16.2 Bracing Members

### 16.2c Testing

The design of braces shall be based upon results of tests per ***Appendix T "Qualifying Cyclic Tests of Buckling Restrained Braces"***



# **Appendix T - Qualifying Cyclic Tests of Buckling-Restrained Braces**

## **Purpose of Testing:**

- **Verify brace performance of under cyclic loading up to deformation levels corresponding to 2 x design story drift**
- **Determine strength of brace in tension and compression at a deformation level corresponding to 2 x design story drift**

# Appendix T

## Two tests required to qualify brace:

### **1. *Brace Test Specimen***

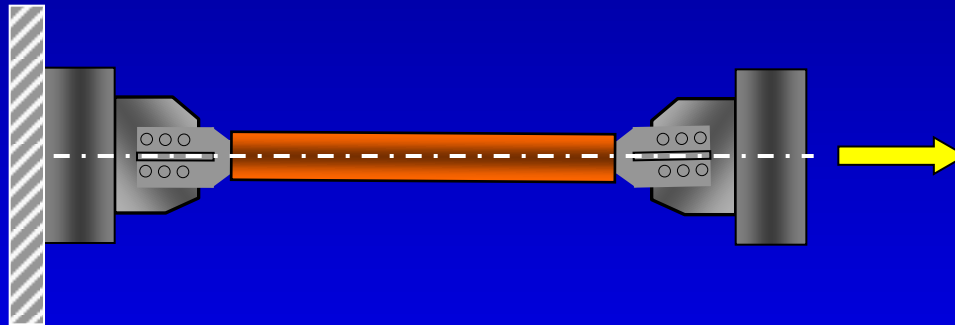
Verify ability to sustain large cyclic axial tension and compression without buckling or fracture

### **2. *Subassemblage Test Specimen***

Verify ability of brace and connections to accommodate axial and rotational demands imposed by frame

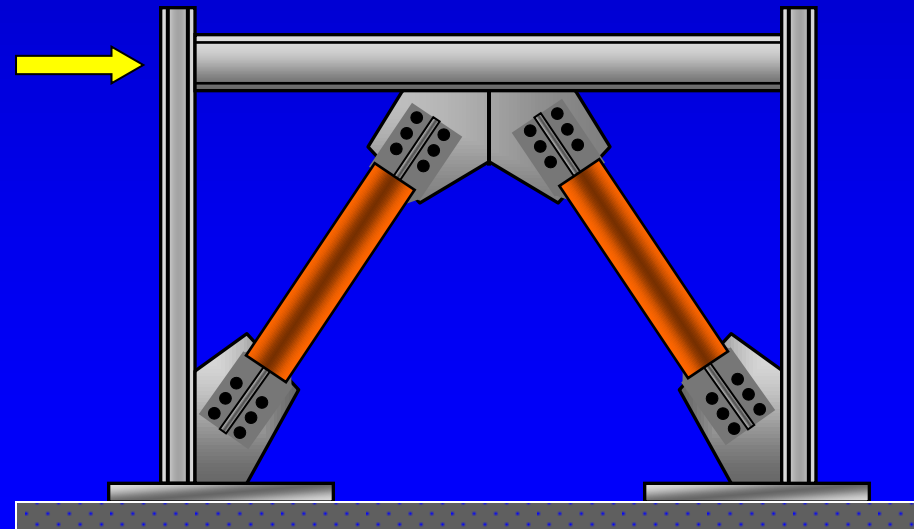
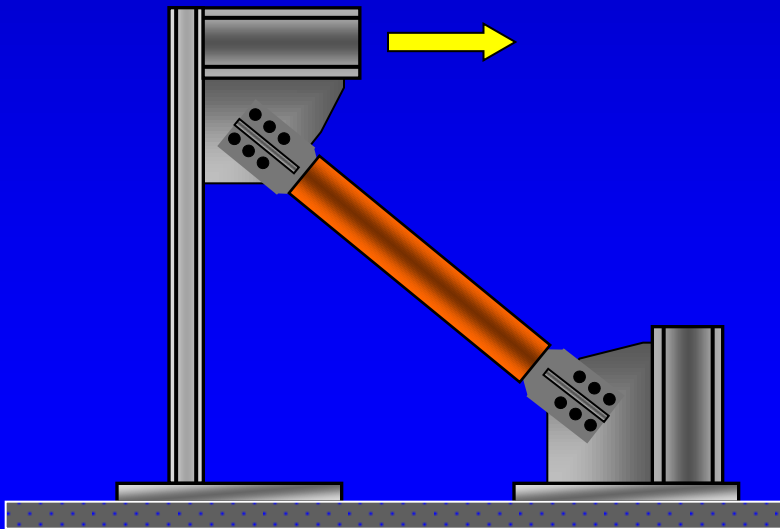
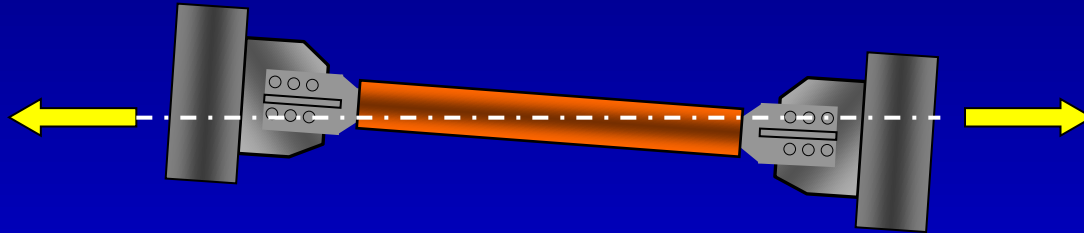
## Appendix T

### *Brace Test Specimen: Uniaxial Loading*



## Appendix T

### Subassembly Test Specimen: Axial + Rotational Loading



## Appendix T

### Scale Requirements for Test Specimens:

#### **1. *Brace Test Specimen***

$$0.5 [P_{ysc}]_{\text{prototype}} \leq [P_{ysc}]_{\text{specimen}} \leq 1.5 [P_{ysc}]_{\text{prototype}}$$

#### **2. *Subassembly Test Specimen***

$$[P_{ysc}]_{\text{specimen}} \geq [P_{ysc}]_{\text{prototype}}$$

# Appendix T

## Definitions:

$\Delta_b$  = deformation quantity used to control test  
= total brace axial deformation for the **brace test specimen**  
= total brace end rotation for the **subassemblage test specimen**

$\Delta_{bm}$  = value of deformation quantity,  $\Delta_b$ , corresponding to the **design story drift**

$\Delta_{by}$  = value of deformation quantity,  $\Delta_b$ , at first significant yield of the test specimen

## Appendix T

When calculating  $\Delta_{bm}$ , the **design story drift** shall not be taken less than  $0.01 \times \text{story height}$

$$\text{Design story drift} = \text{larger of} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} C_d \times \Delta_E \\ 0.01 \times \text{story height} \end{array} \right.$$

## Appendix T

### Loading Sequence

2 cycles at:  $\Delta_b = \pm \Delta_{by}$

2 cycles at:  $\Delta_b = \pm 0.5 \Delta_{bm}$

2 cycles at:  $\Delta_b = \pm 1.0 \Delta_{bm}$

2 cycles at:  $\Delta_b = \pm 1.5 \Delta_{bm}$

2 cycles at:  $\Delta_b = \pm 2.0 \Delta_{bm}$

Continue with additional cycles at  $\Delta_b = \pm 1.5 \Delta_{bm}$  for the *brace test specimen* to achieve cumulative axial deformation at least 200 times  $\Delta_{by}$  (not required for subassembly test specimen)



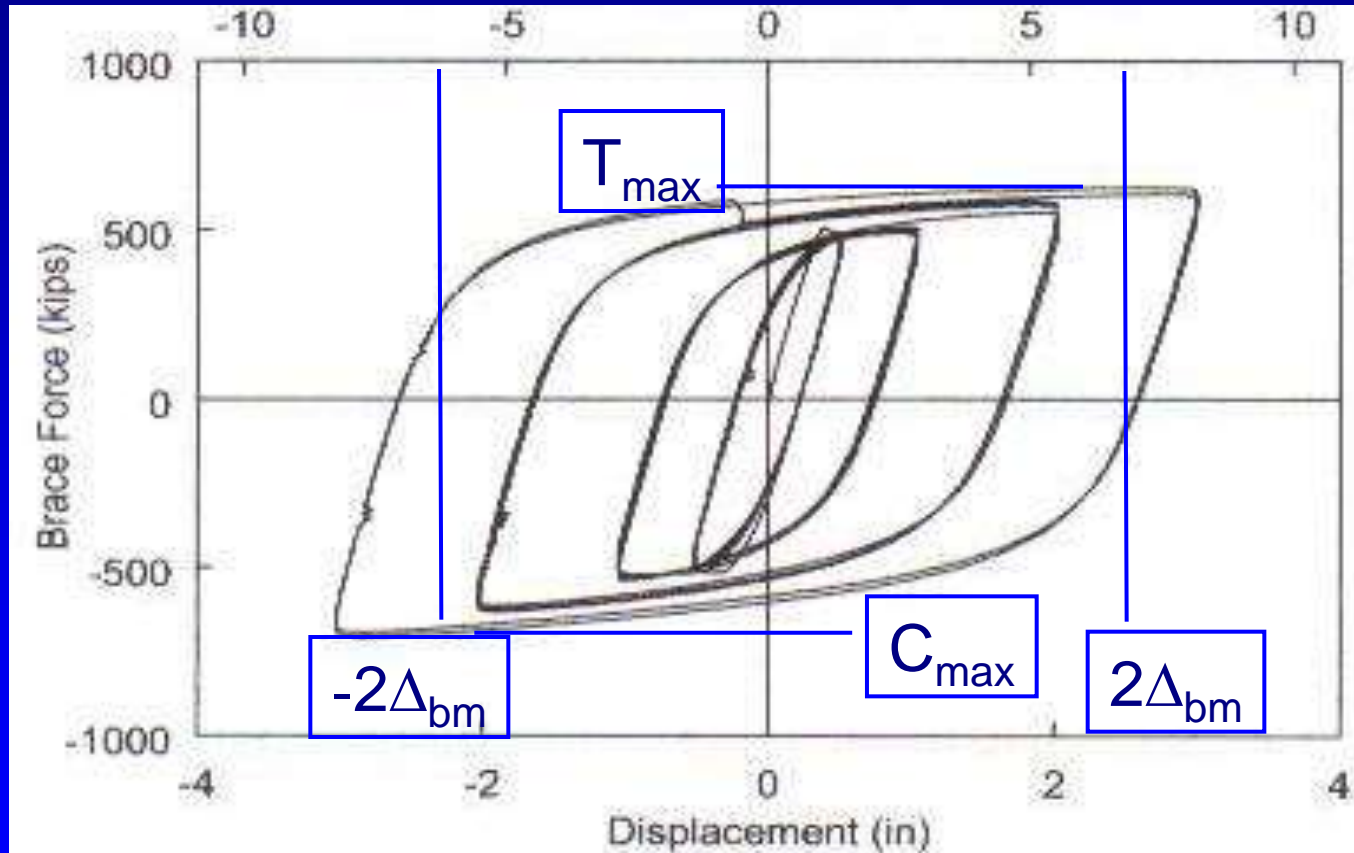
## Appendix T

### Acceptance Criteria for Test Specimens:

- No fracture, brace instability or brace end connection failure
- Positive incremental stiffness (no strength degradation)
- For **Brace Test Specimen**:
  - $T_{max} \geq P_{ysc}$  and  $C_{max} \geq P_{ysc}$
  - $C_{max} \leq 1.3 T_{max}$

## Appendix T

### Example of Results for Brace Test Specimen



## 16.2 Bracing Members

### 16.2d Adjusted Brace Strength

#### Tension

$$\text{Adjusted Brace Strength} = \omega R_y P_{ysc}$$

#### Compression

$$\text{Adjusted Brace Strength} = \beta \omega R_y P_{ysc}$$

$\omega$  = strain hardening adjustment factor

$\beta$  = compression strength adjustment factor

} Determine from  
Appendix T brace  
tests

Take  $R_y = 1.0$  if  $P_{syc}$  is computed using coupon values of  $F_{ysc}$

## 16.2 Bracing Members

### 16.2d Adjusted Brace Strength

$\omega$  = strain hardening adjustment factor

$\beta$  = compression strength adjustment factor



Determine from  
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$$\omega = \frac{T_{max}}{F_{ysc} A_{sc}}$$

$$\beta = \frac{C_{max}}{T_{max}}$$

## **16.3 Bracing Connections**

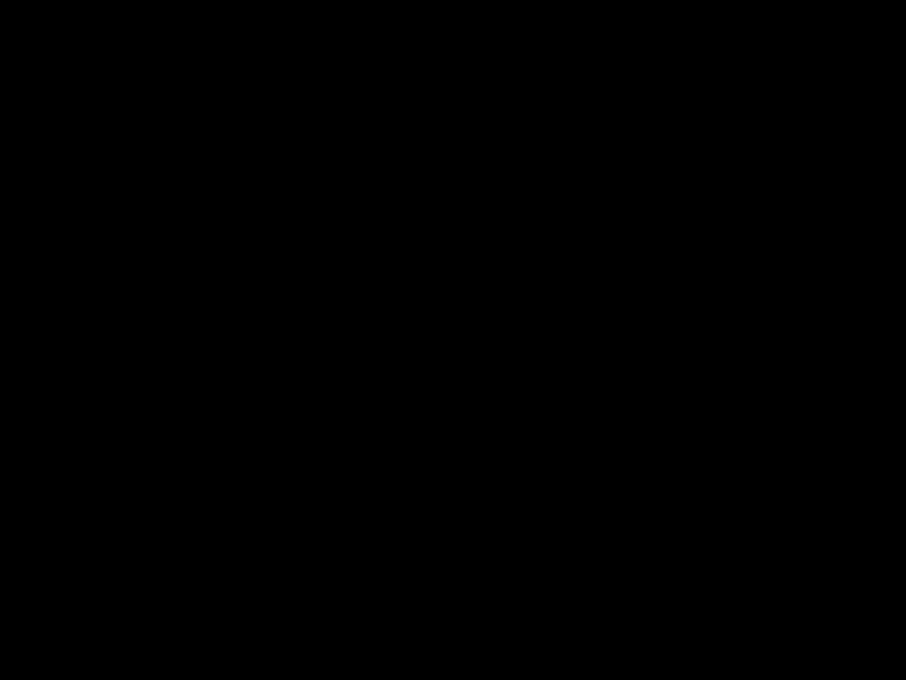
### **16.3a Required Strength**

The *required strength* of bracing connections in tension and compression shall be  $1.1 \times$  adjusted brace strength in compression

$$P_u = 1.1 \phi R_y P_{ysc}$$

### **16.3b Gusset Plates**

The design of connections shall include considerations of local and overall buckling. Bracing consistent with that used in the tests upon which the design is based is required.

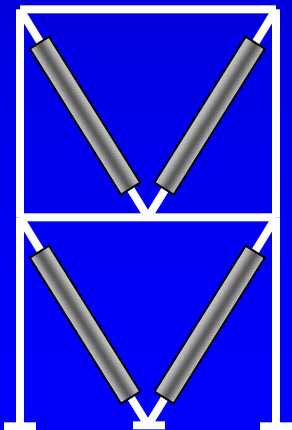
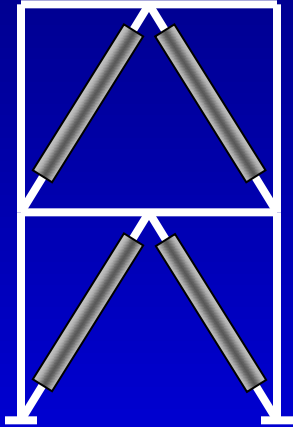






**16.4 Special Requirements Related to Bracing Configuration**

**For V-type and Inverted V-type bracing:**



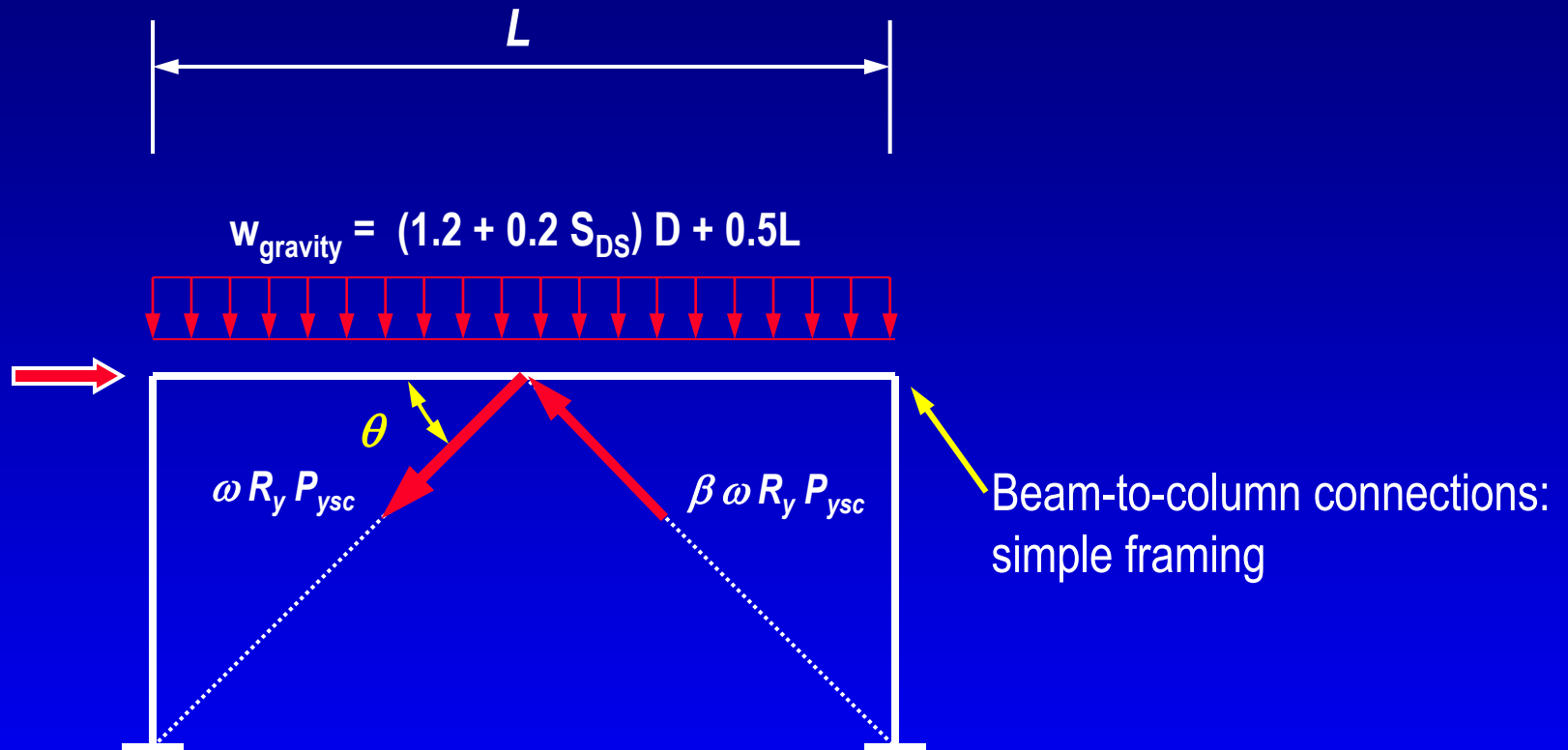
- (1) Design beams for unbalanced load resulting from the adjusted brace strengths in tension and compression.

Take force in tension brace:  $\omega R_y P_{ysc}$

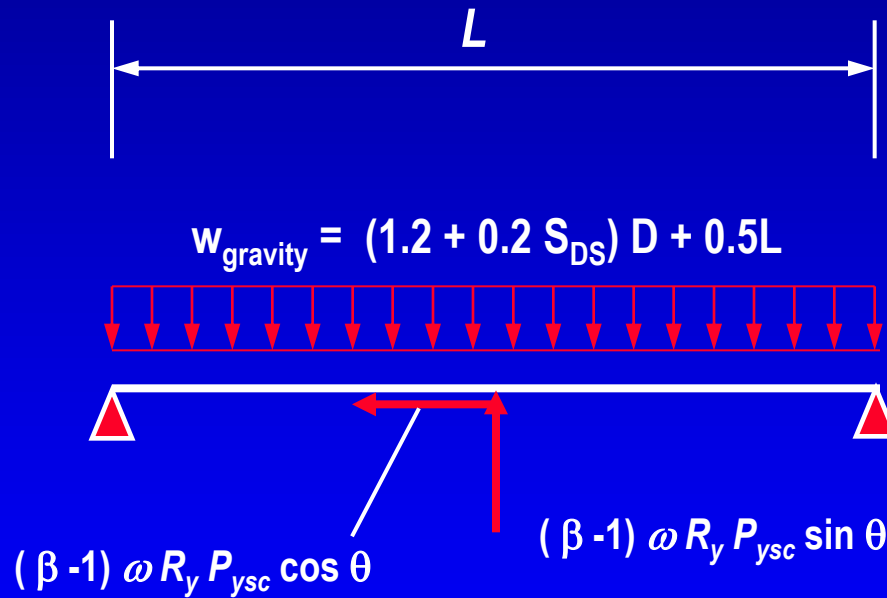
Take force in compression brace:  $\beta \omega R_y P_{ysc}$

Assume beam has no vertical support  
between columns.

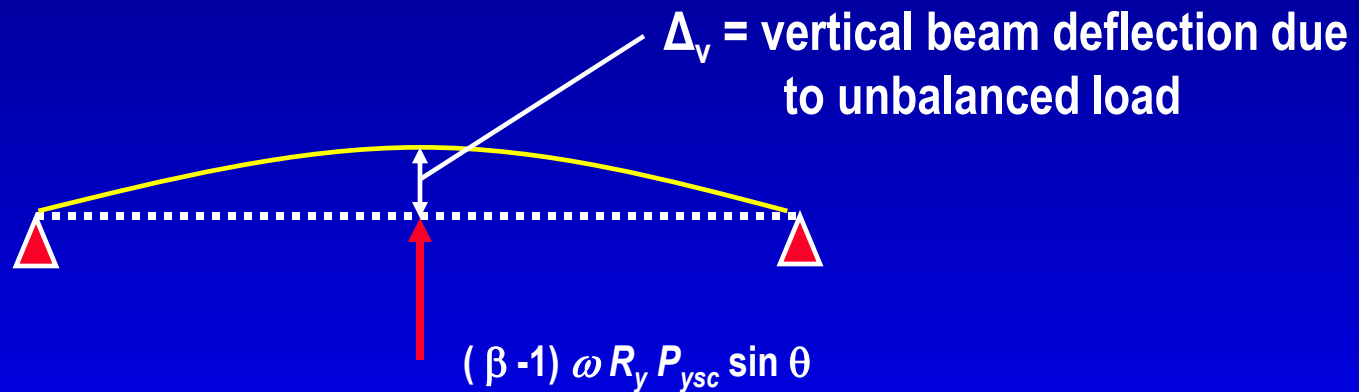




## Forces acting on beam:



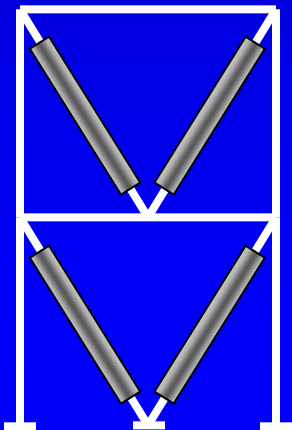
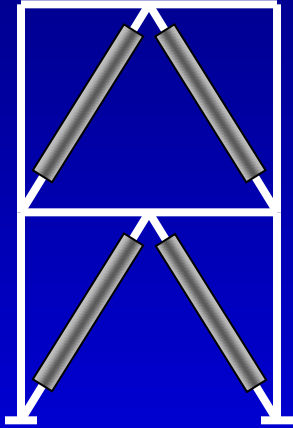
## Beam deflection due to unbalanced loads:



When testing braces per Appendix T: Include additional brace elongation resulting from vertical beam deflection when determining  $\Delta_{bm}$

**16.4 Special Requirements Related to Bracing Configuration**

**For V-type and Inverted V-type bracing:**



- (2) Both flanges of beams must be provided with lateral braces to resist computed forces resulting from unbalanced brace forces. Design lateral braces per *Appendix 6 of AISC Specification*

Both flanges of the beam must be braced at the point of intersection of the braces.

## **16.5 Beams and Columns**

### **16.5a Width-Thickness Limitations**

Beam and column members shall meet the requirements of Section 8.2b.

**Beams and Columns: Seismically Compact**

$$b/t \leq \lambda_{ps}$$

## 16.5 Beams and Columns

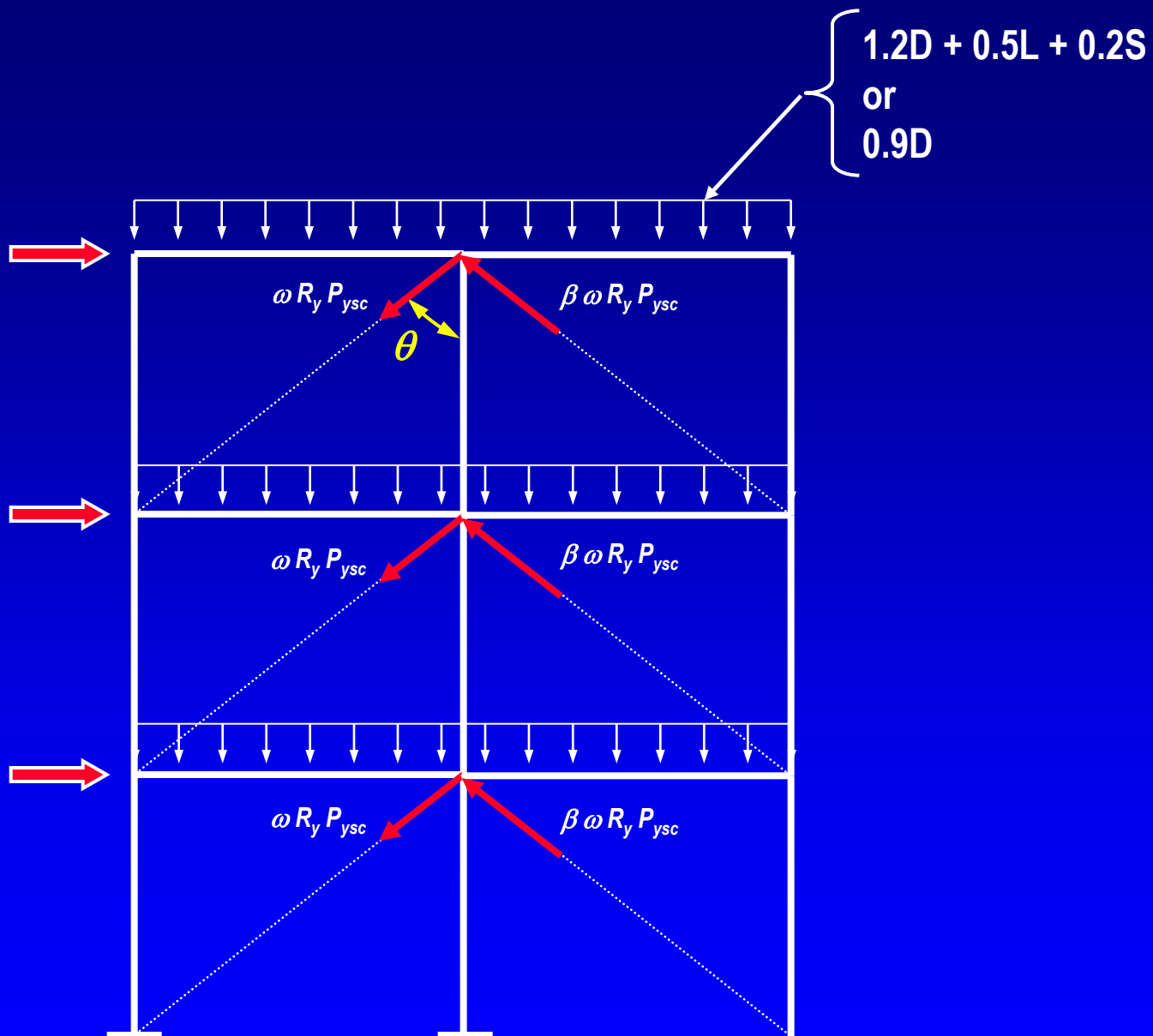
### 16.5b Required Strength

The *required strength* of beams and columns is determined from the **adjusted brace strengths** and factored gravity loads

$$\begin{array}{l} 1.2D + 0.5L + 0.2S + E \\ 0.9D + E \end{array}$$



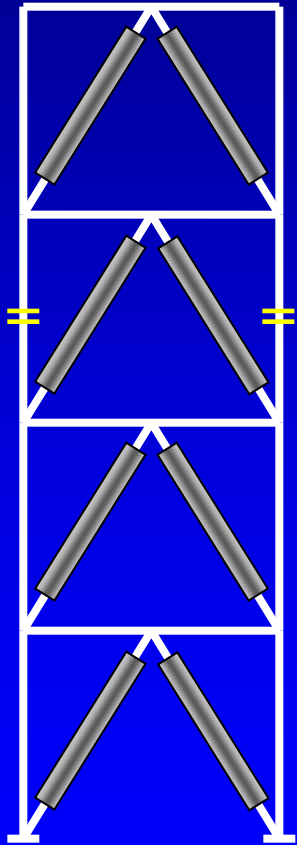
"E" from adjusted  
brace strengths in  
tension and  
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## 16.5 Beams and Columns

### 16.5c Splices



#### Splice Requirements:

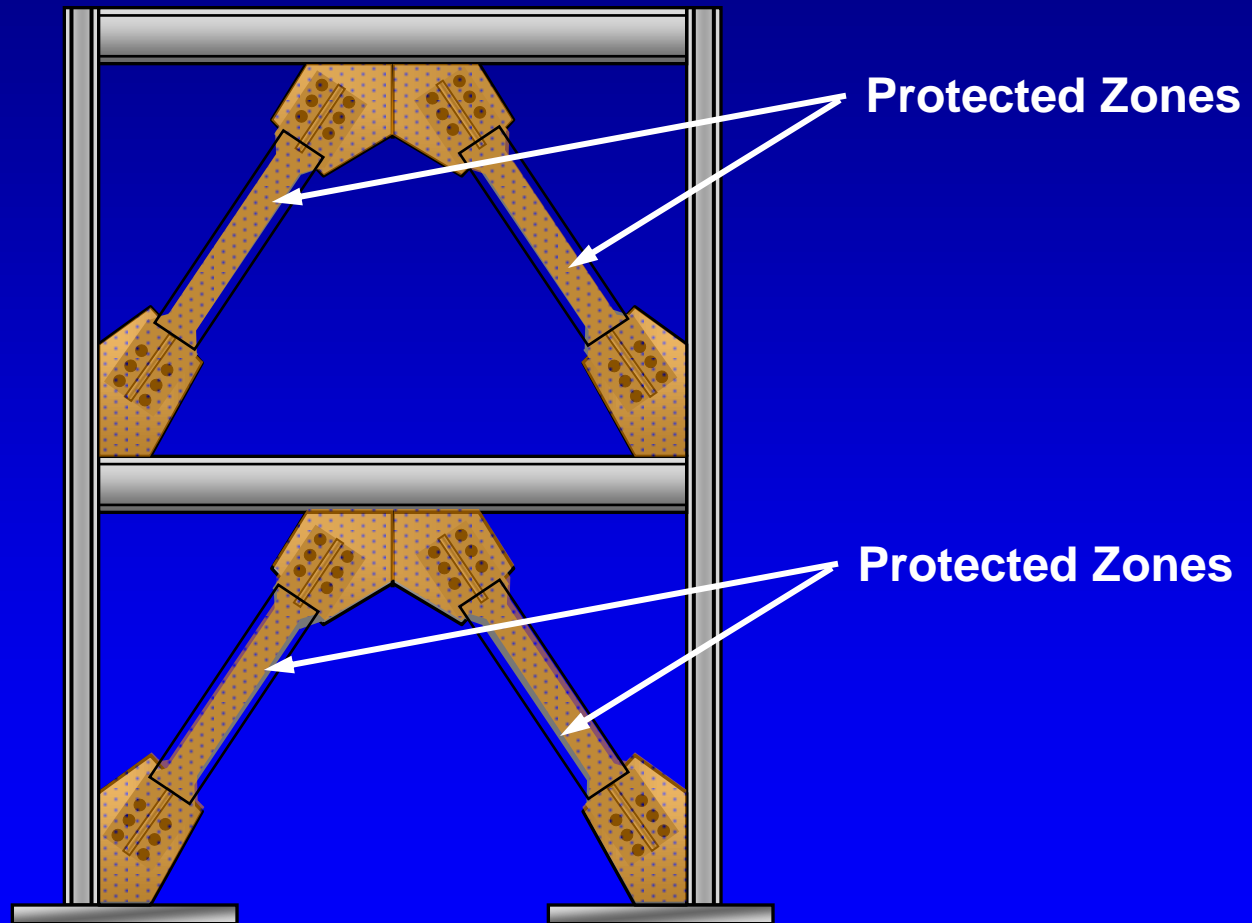
1. Satisfy requirements of Section 8.4
2. Required flexural strength =  $0.5 \times (0.9 M_{pc})$
3. Required shear strength =  $\Sigma M_{pc} / H$

## 16.6 Protected Zone

The **protected zone** shall include the steel core of bracing members and elements that connect the steel core to the beams and columns. These protected zones shall satisfy the requirements of Section 7.4.

**No welded, bolted, screwed or shot in attachments for perimeter edge angles, exterior facades, partitions, duct work, piping, etc.**

## 16.6 Protected Zone



## **Section 16 Buckling-Restrained Braced Frames (BRBF)**

**16.1 Scope**

**16.2 Bracing Members**

**16.3 Bracing Connections**

**16.4 Special Requirements Related to Bracing Configuration**

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