# Design of Seismic-Resistant Steel Building Structures

6. Special Plate Shear Walls

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#### 6 - Special Plate Shear Walls

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# Steel plate shear wall panel in Japan: Wall with horizontal panel stiffeners



# Steel plate shear wall panel in Japan: Wall with horizontal and vertical stiffeners

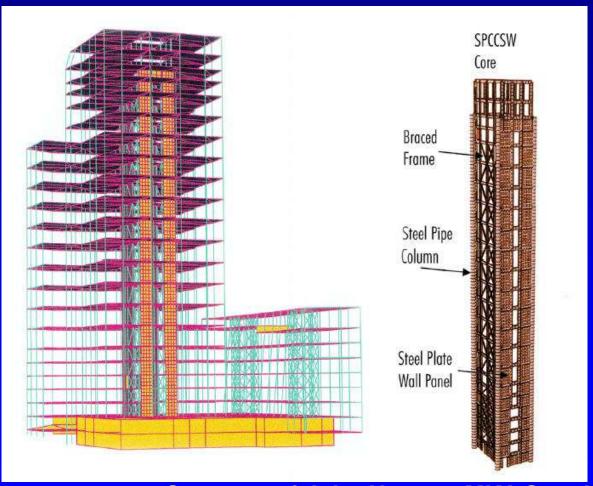


### U.S. Federal Courthouse, Seattle



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# Steel plate shear walls in residential light-frame construction

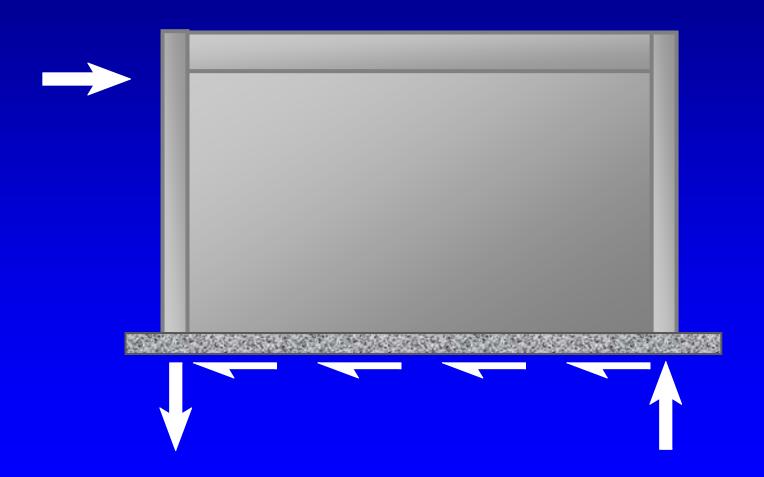




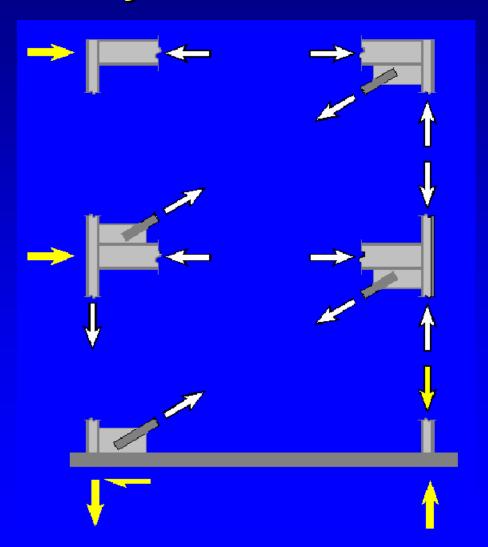
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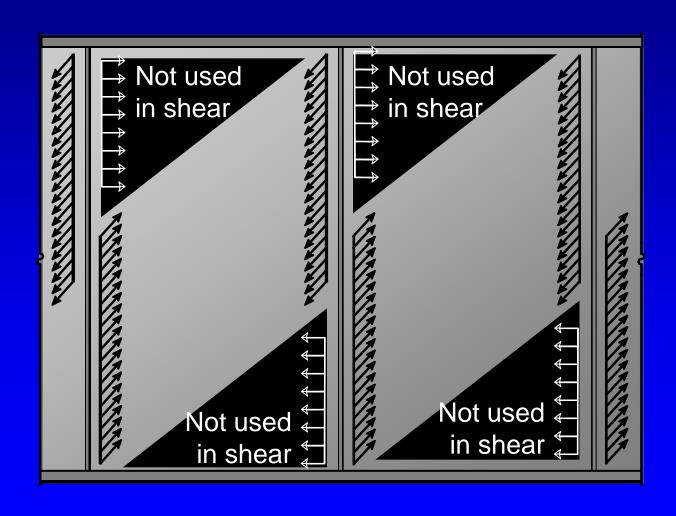
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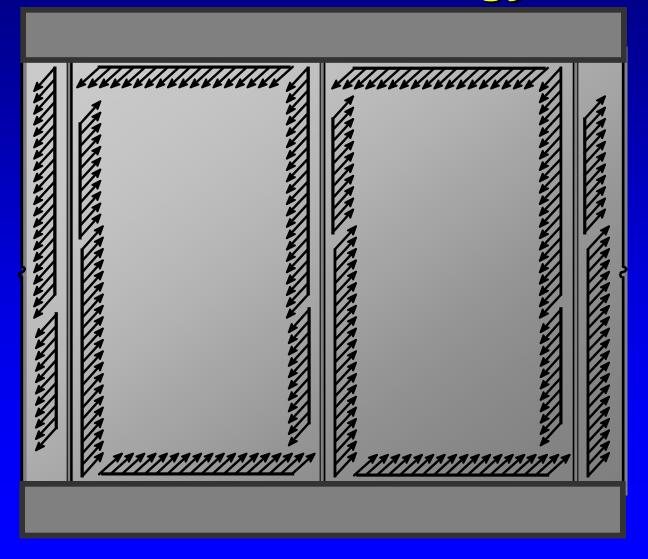
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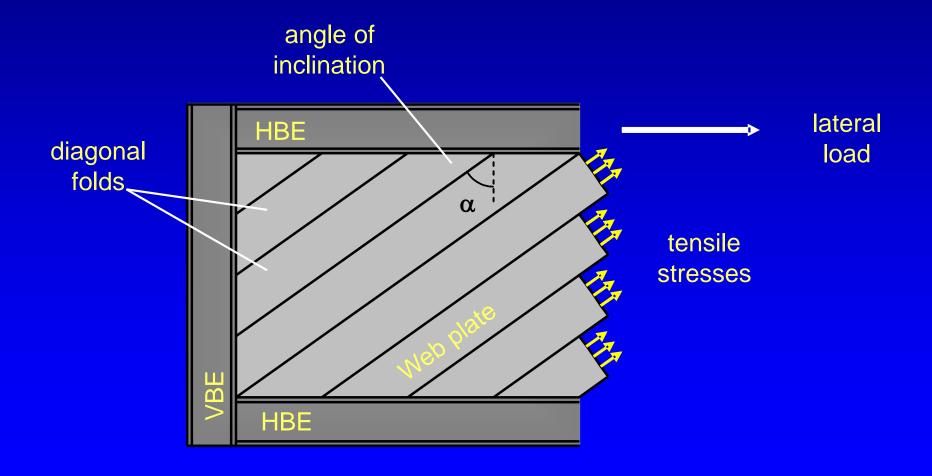
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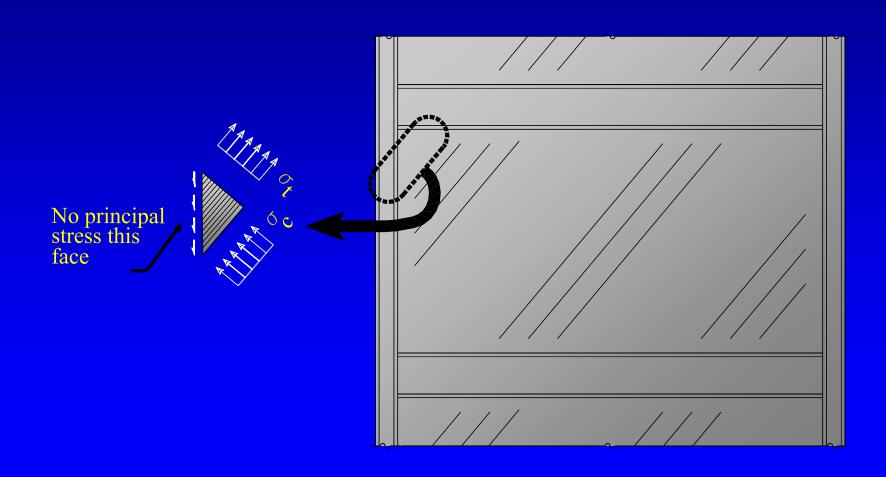
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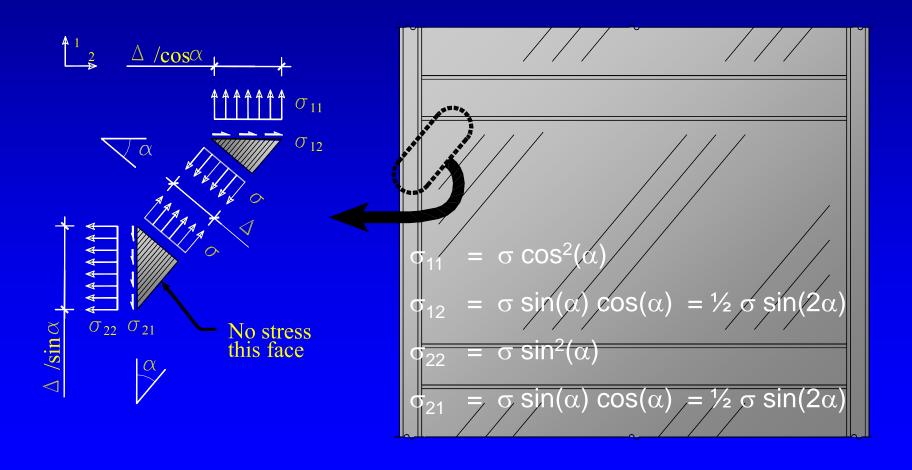
# Diagonal tension in steel plate shear wall web plate



# **Boundary Tension and Shear Stresses** (pure shear)



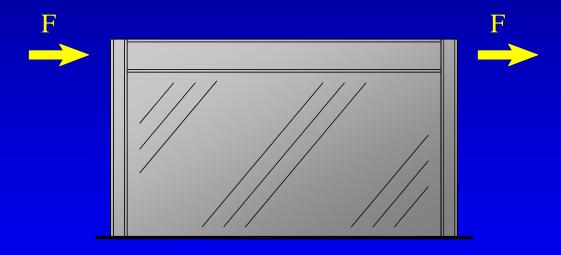
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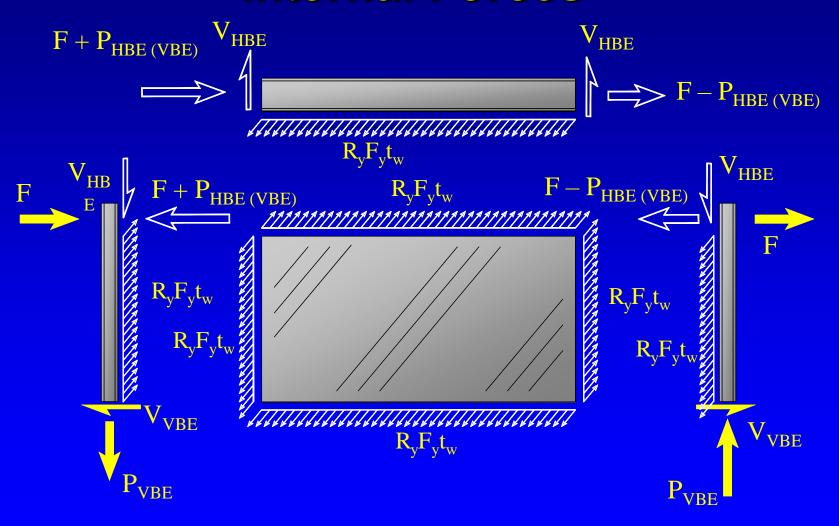
### Angle $\alpha$

$$\tan^{4} \alpha = \frac{1 + \frac{t_{w}L}{2A_{c}}}{1 + t_{w}h \left[ \frac{1}{A_{b}} + \frac{h^{3}}{360 I_{c}L} \right]}$$

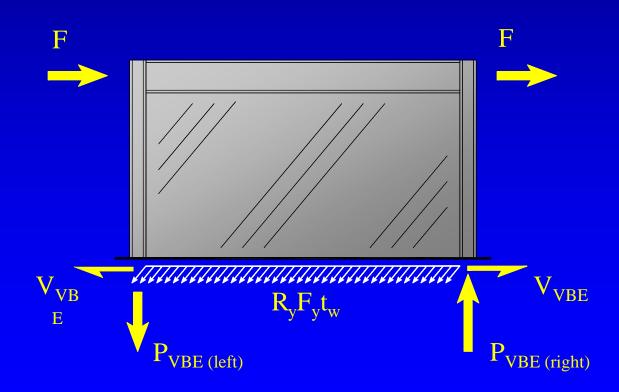
#### **Mechanics of Slender Web Plates**



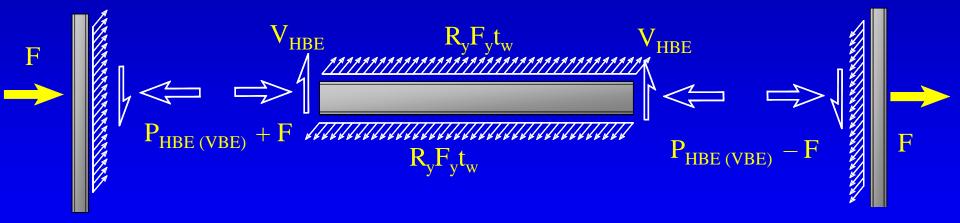
### **Internal Forces**



### **Reactions**



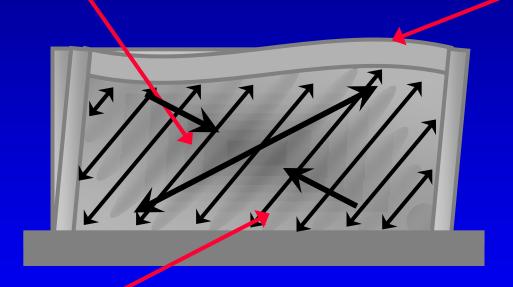
### **Multi-Story Internal Forces**



### **Expected Yield Mode**

Development of tension diagonals





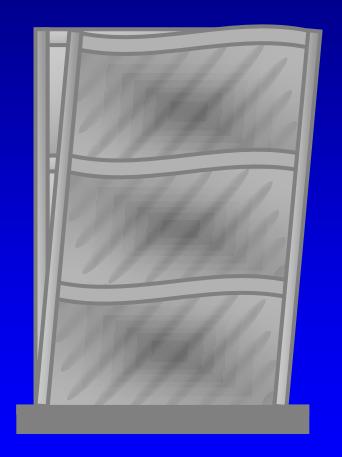
Shear buckling

# Buckling of steel plate shear wall web plate at 1.82% Drift



Courtesy of Berman and Bruneau

### **Expected Yield Mode**

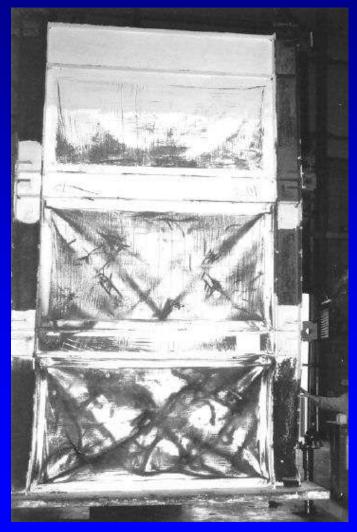


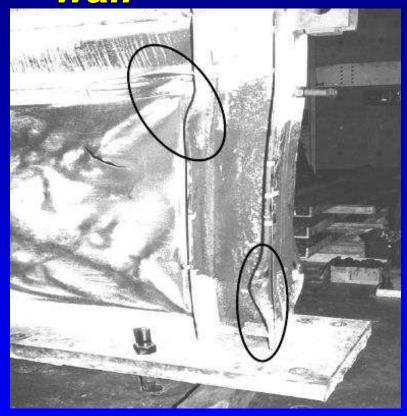
Multi-story shear mode



"Flexural" mode: Axial yield at base

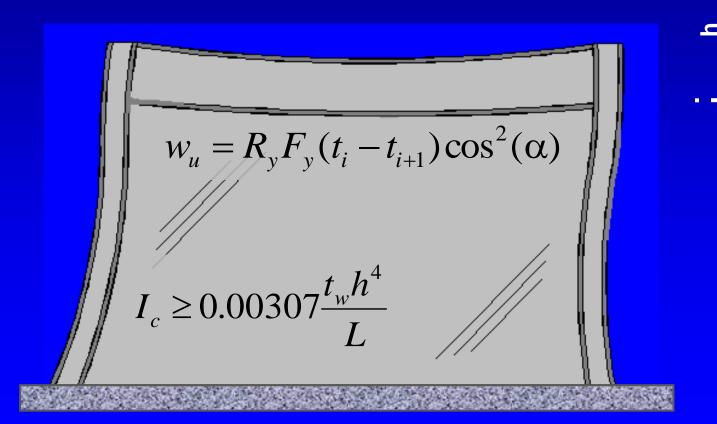
# Testing of a multi-story steel plate shear wall





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#### **Inward Flexure of Boundary Elements**

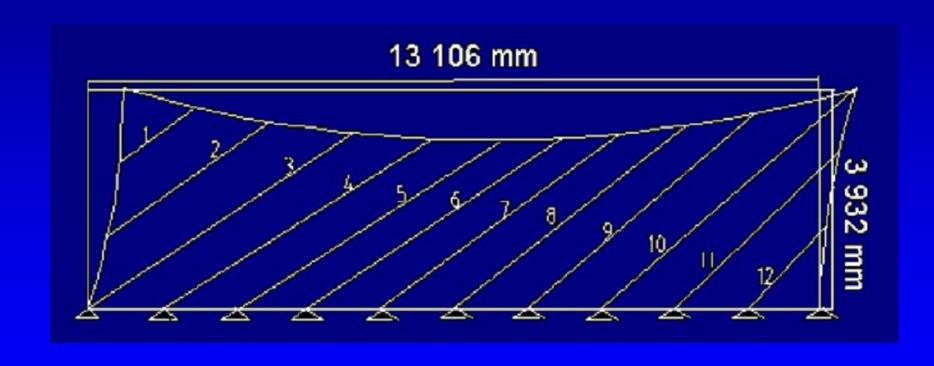


# Inward flexure of steel plate shear wall beams and columns

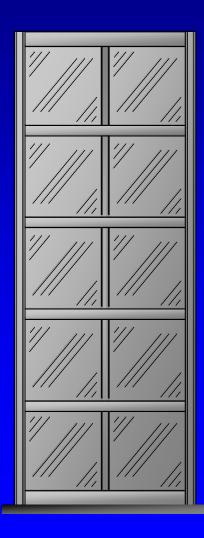


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# Effect of beam flexibility in long steel plate shear walls

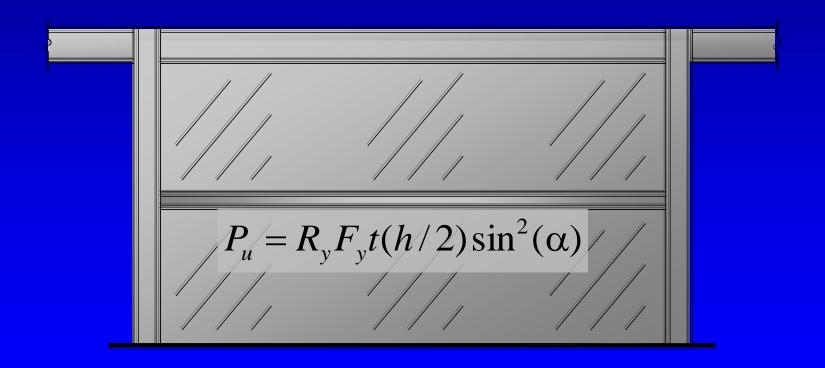


### **Vertical Struts**

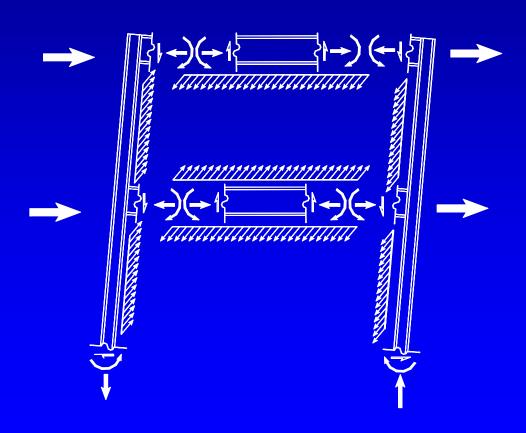


$$P_{u(i)} = \sum_{i}^{n} \frac{1}{2} w_{u(i)} L_{cf}$$

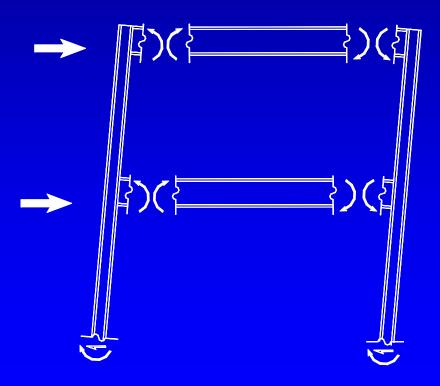
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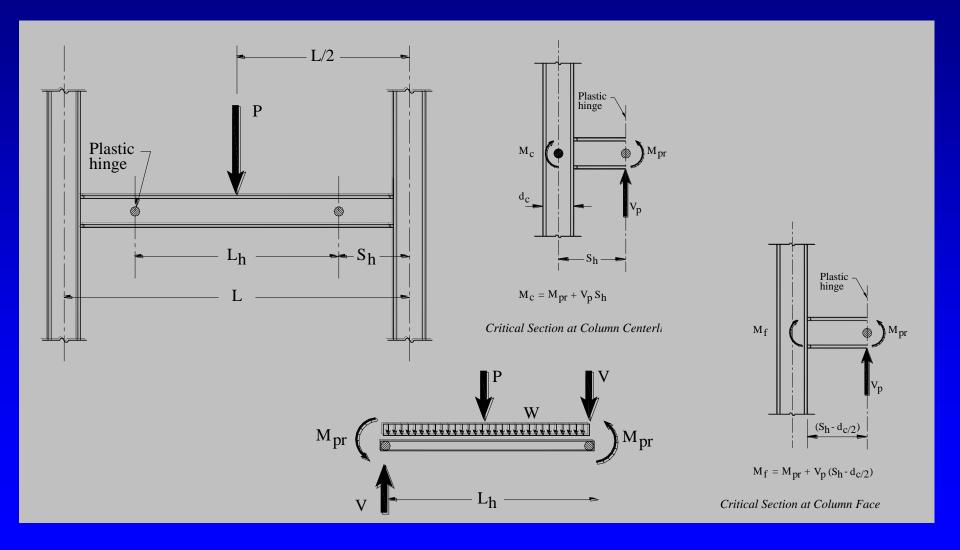
### **Flexural Forces**



### **Frame Behavior**



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### **Tension-Strip Model**

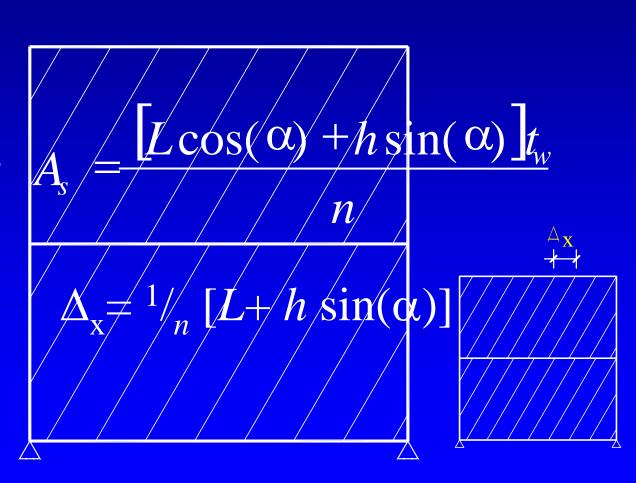
#### Calculate angle $\alpha$

Use average of all stories (unless there is a wide range)

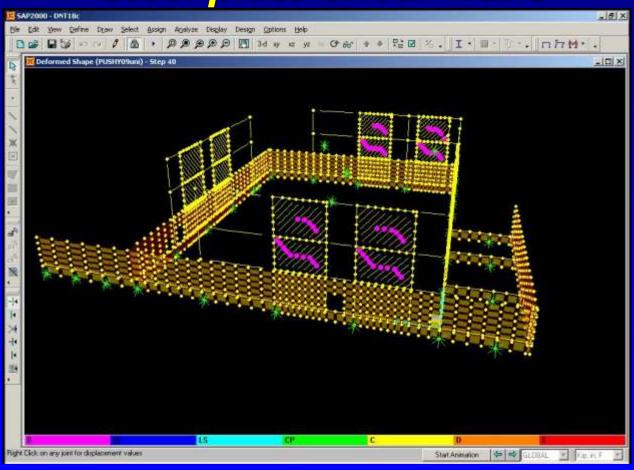
Divide plate into sufficient number of strips (10)

Calculate strip area

Locate intersection points

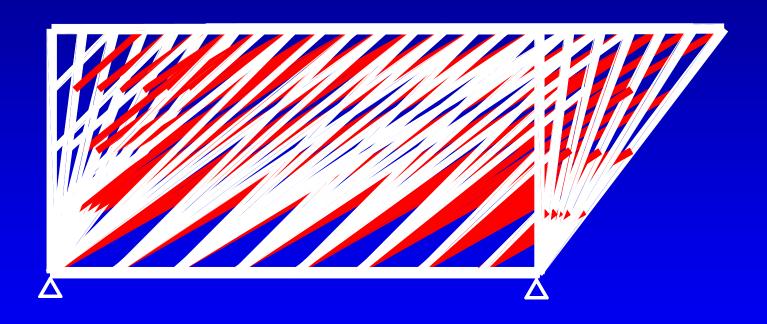


Strips models used in retrofit project using steel plate shear walls



Courtesy of Jay Love, Degenkolb Engineers

### Progression of yielding across strips



#### **Orthotropic Plate Model**

Rotate local axes to  $\alpha$ 

Model diagonal tension behavior

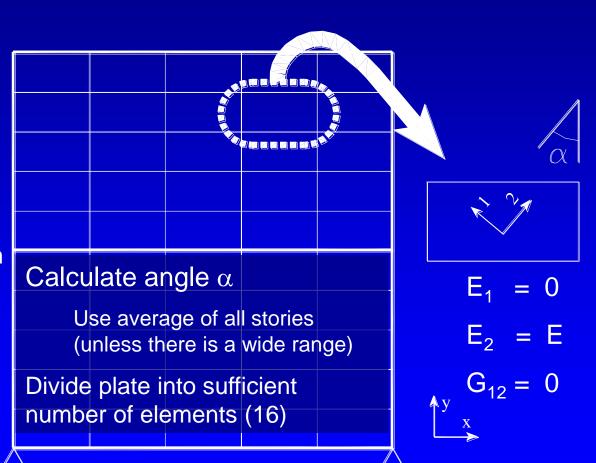
Set modulus of elasticity in tension direction to 29,000 ksi

Remove plate diagonal compression resistance from model

Set modulus of elasticity in compression direction to 0 ksi

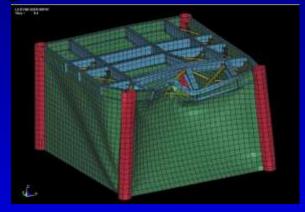
Remove plate overturning resistance from model

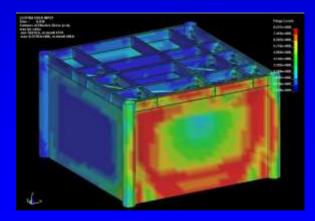
Set shear modulus to 0 ksi



# Proposed blast- and impact-resistant air traffic control towers using steel plate shear walls







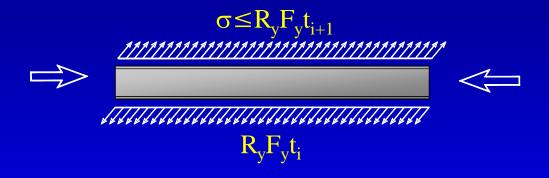
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# **HBE Design Axial Forces**

$$P_{HBE(web)} = \frac{1}{2} R_{y} F_{y} [t_{i} \sin(2\alpha_{i}) - t_{i+1} \sin(2\alpha_{i+1})] L_{cf}$$

$$P_{HBE(VBE)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} h_c R_y F_y \sin^2(\alpha) t_w$$

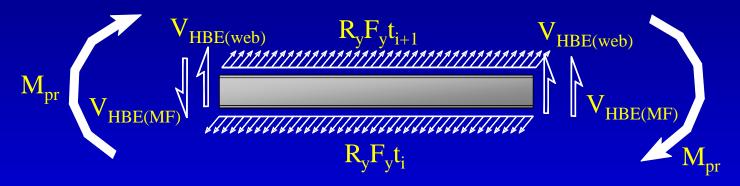
### **HBE to VBE Design Axial Forces**



$$R_{u(horiz)} \ge P_{HBE(VBE)} + \Omega_{o} P_{collector}$$

$$R_{u(horiz)} \ge P_{HBE(VBE)} + P_{HBE(web)}$$

### **HBE Design Flexural Forces**

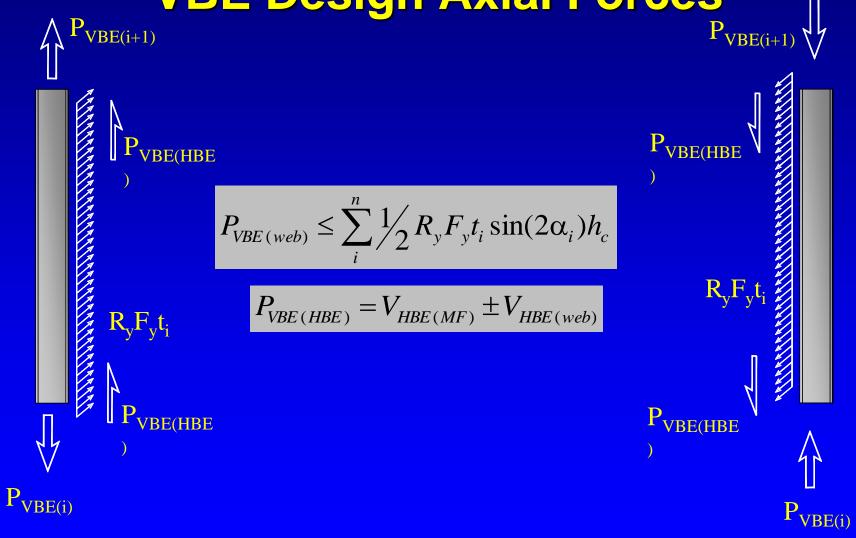


$$M_u = \frac{R_y F_y [t_i \cos^2(\alpha_i) - t_{i+1} \cos^2(\alpha_{i+1})] L_h^2}{8}$$
 (at midspan)

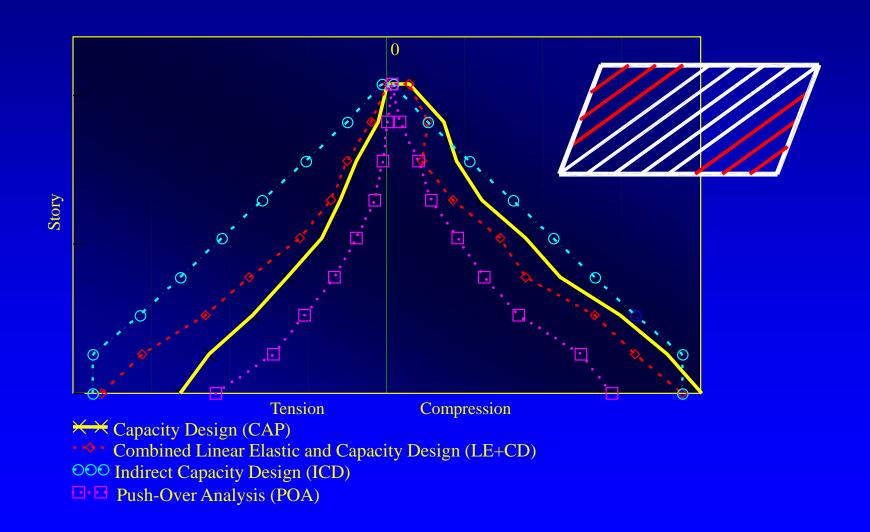
$$V_{HBE(web)} = \frac{R_{y}F_{y}[t_{i}\cos^{2}(\alpha_{i}) - t_{i+1}\cos^{2}(\alpha_{i+1})]L_{h}}{2}$$

$$V_{HBE(MF)} = \frac{2M_{pr}}{L_h}$$

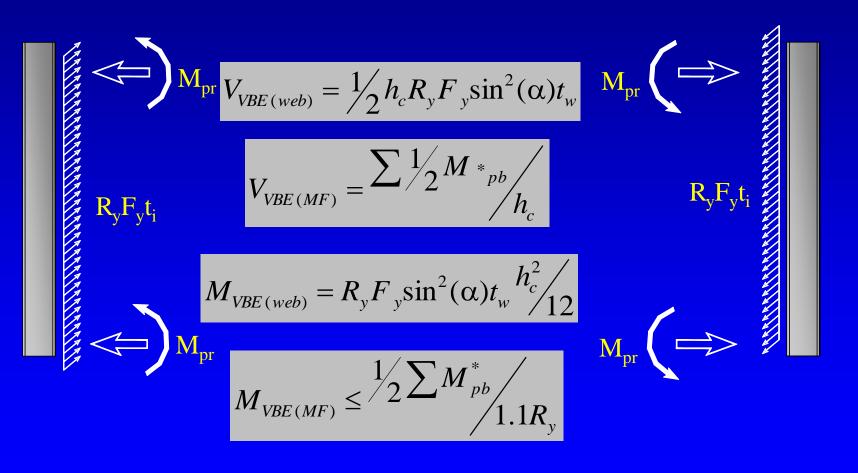
### **VBE Design Axial Forces**



### Approximations of column axial force



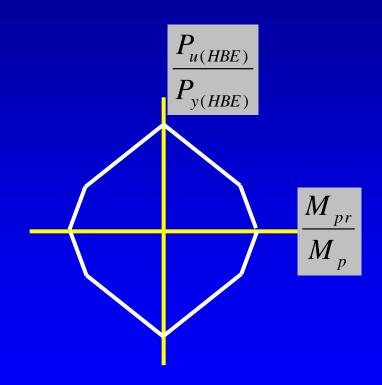
# **VBE Design Flexural Forces**



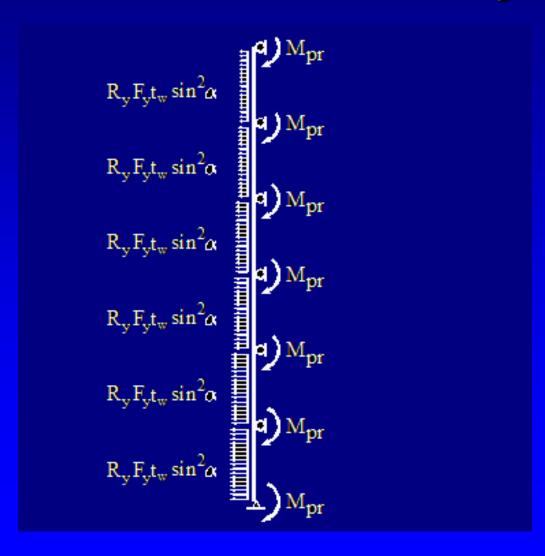
# Flexural strength in the presence of high axial force.

$$M_{pr} \le \left[1.1R_{y}F_{y}Z\right]\left[1-\frac{1}{2}\frac{P_{u(HBE)}}{P_{y(HBE)}}\right]$$

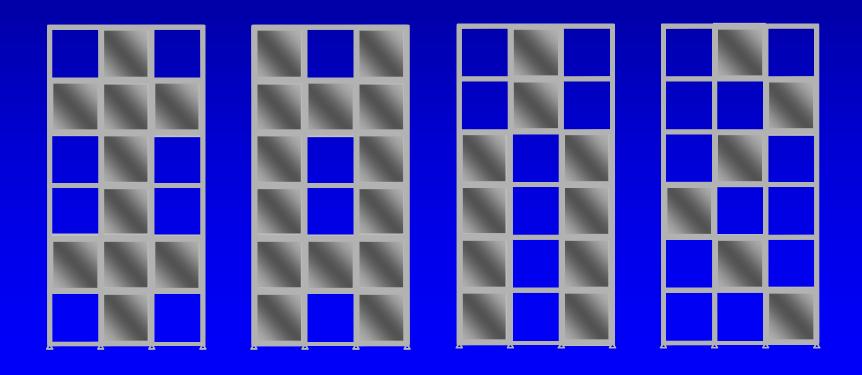
$$M_{pr} \le \frac{9}{8} \left[ 1.1 R_{y} F_{y} Z \right] 1 - \frac{P_{u(HBE)}}{P_{y(HBE)}}$$



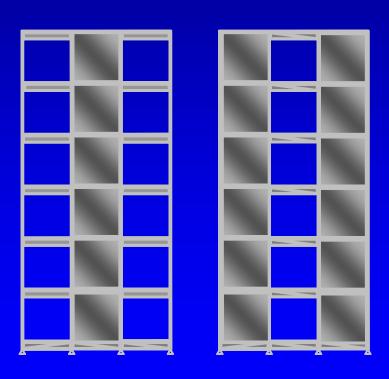
# More exact column analysis



# Irregular wall configurations to reduce overturning forces on columns

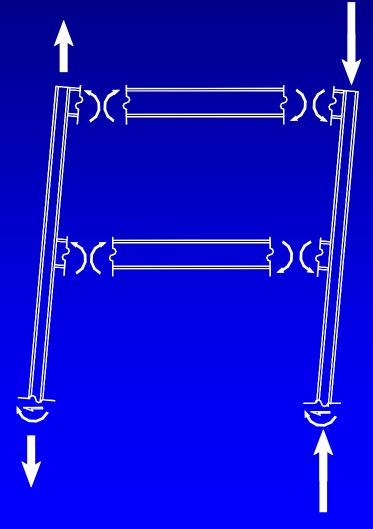


# Outrigger and coupling beams used to reduce overturning forces on columns



# Strong Column/Weak Beam

$$Z_{c} \ge \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sum_{b} M_{pb}^{*}}{\left[2F_{yc} - \frac{|P_{uC}| + |P_{uT}|}{A_{g}}\right]}$$



# Section 17 Special Plate Shear Walls (SPSW)

- **17.1** Scope
- 17.2 Webs
- 17.3 Connections of Webs to Boundary Elements
- 17.4 Horizontal and Vertical Boundary Elements

#### **17.1** Scope

Significant inelastic strain expected in web plates

HBE and VBE expected to be "essentially elastic" when subject to forces from fully yielded web plates

Exception: plastic hinges expected at each end of HBE

**Consult Building Code for:** 

R

 $\Omega_{\rm o}$ 

 $C_d$ 

If Building Code does not have these, consult Appendix R

#### **17.2 Webs**

- 17.2a Shear Strength
- 17.2b Panel Aspect Ratio
- 17.2c Openings in Webs

#### 17.2a Shear Strength

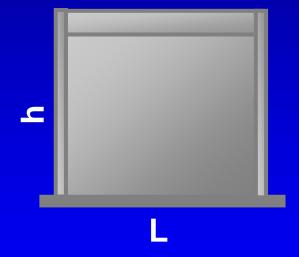
$$V_n = 0.42 F_y t_w L_{cf} \sin(2\alpha)$$

$$\phi = 0.9 \qquad \Omega = 1.67$$

$$\tan^{4} \alpha = \frac{1 + \frac{t_{w}L}{2A_{c}}}{1 + t_{w}h \left[ \frac{1}{A_{b}} + \frac{h^{3}}{360 I_{c}L} \right]}$$

#### 17.2b Panel Aspect Ratio

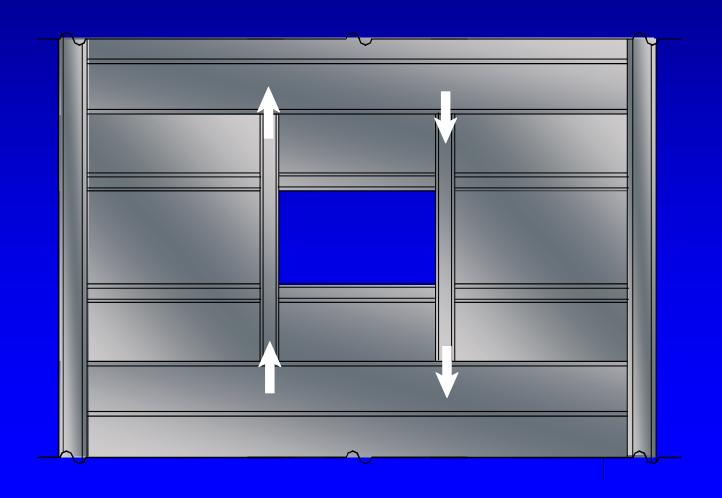
$$0.8 \le \frac{L}{h} \le 2.5$$





#### 17.2c Openings in Webs

Local boundary elements around the opening are required



#### 17.3 Connections of Webs to Boundary Elements

#### Must develop expected web strength

**Connection to VBE** 

**Tension:**  $R_v F_v t_w h_c \sin^2(\alpha)$ 

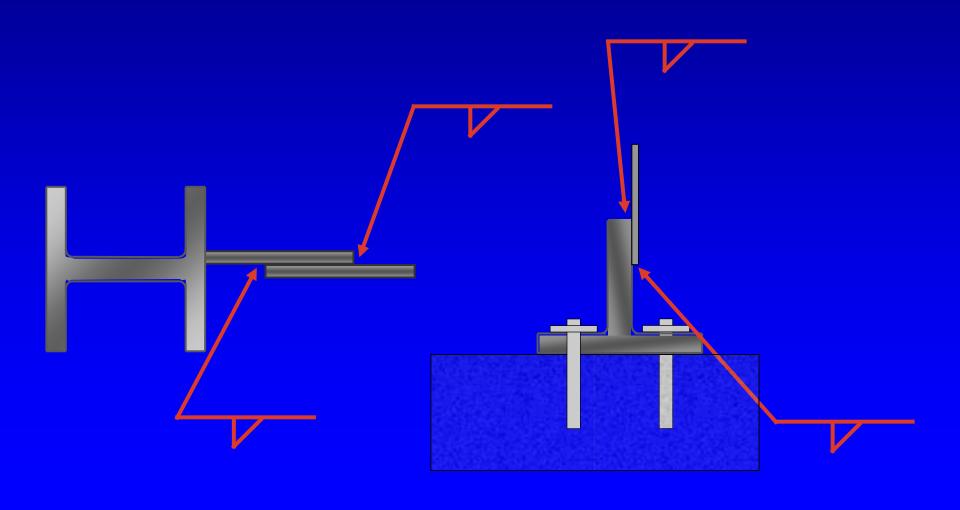
**Shear:**  $\frac{1}{2} R_y F_y t_w h_c \sin(2\alpha)$ 

**Connection to HBE** 

**Tension:**  $R_y F_y t_w L_{cf} \cos^2(\alpha)$ 

Shear:  $\frac{1}{2} R_y F_y t_w L_{cf} \sin(2\alpha)$ 

# Typical connections of web plates



#### 17.4 Horizontal and Vertical Boundary Elements

- 17.4a Required Strength
- 17.4b HBE-to-VBE Connections
- 17.4c Width-Thickness Limitations
- 17.4d Lateral Bracing
- 17.4e VBE splices
- 17.4f Panel Zones
- 17.4g Stiffness of Vertical Boundary Elements

#### 17.4a Required Strength

#### Must develop expected web strength

**VBE** 

Transverse load:  $R_y F_y t_w \sin^2(\alpha)$ 

**Distributed axial load:** 

 $\frac{1}{2} R_v F_v t_w h_c \sin(2\alpha)$  [+ force from above]

#### **HBE**

**Transverse load:** 

$$R_y F_y [t_{w(i)} - t_{w(i+1)}] L_{cf} \cos^2(\alpha)$$

**Distributed axial load:** 

$$\frac{1}{2} R_y F_y [t_{w(i)} - t_{w(i+1)}] L_{cf} \sin(2\alpha)$$

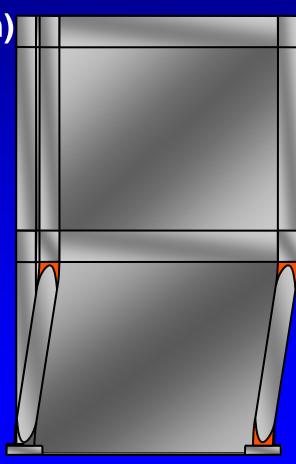
#### 17.4a Required Strength

HBE to VBE connection must satisfy SMF Section 9.6

(Strong-column/weak-beam)

Purpose of strong column - weak girder requirement:

**Prevent Soft Story Collapse** 



# AISC Seismic Provisions - SMF 9.6 Column-Beam Moment Ratio

The following relationship shall be satisfied at beam-tocolumn connections:

$$\frac{\sum M_{pc}^{*}}{\sum M_{pb}^{*}} > 1.0$$
 Eqn. (9-3)

#### 9.6 Column-Beam Moment Ratio

$$\frac{\sum M_{pc}^*}{\sum M_{pb}^*} > 1.0$$

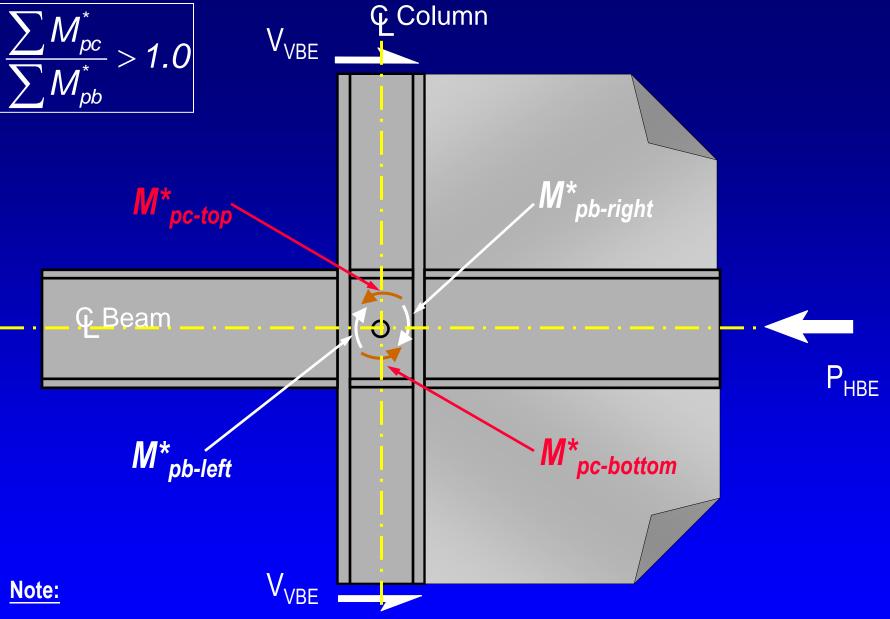
 $M_{pc}^*$  = the sum of the moments in the column above and below the joint at the intersection of the beam and column centerlines.

 $\sum M_{pc}^*$  is determined by summing the projections of the nominal flexural strengths of the columns above and below the joint to the beam centerline with a reduction for the axial force in the column.

It is permitted to take  $\sum M_{pc}^* = \sum Z_c (F_{yc} - P_{uc}/A_g)$ 

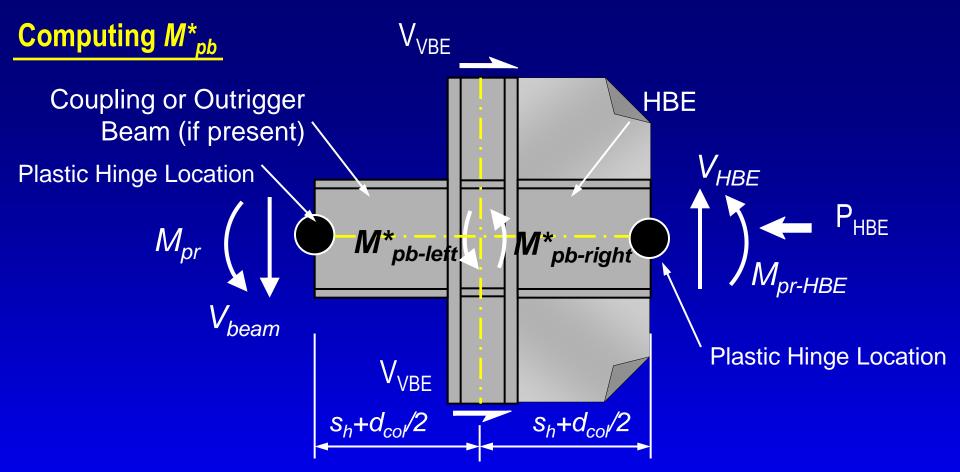
 $\sum M_{pb}^*$  = the sum of the moments in the beams at the intersection of the beam and column centerlines.

 $\sum M_{pb}^*$  is determined by summing the projections of the expected flexural strengths of the beams at the plastic hinge locations to the column centerline.  $\sum M_{pb}^* = \sum [Z_b (R_v F_{vb} - P_{ub}/A_g) + V_p (s_h + d_{col}/2)]$ 



 $M_{pc}^*$  is based on minimum specified yield stress of column

 $M^*_{pb}$  is based on expected yield stress of beam and includes allowance for strain hardening

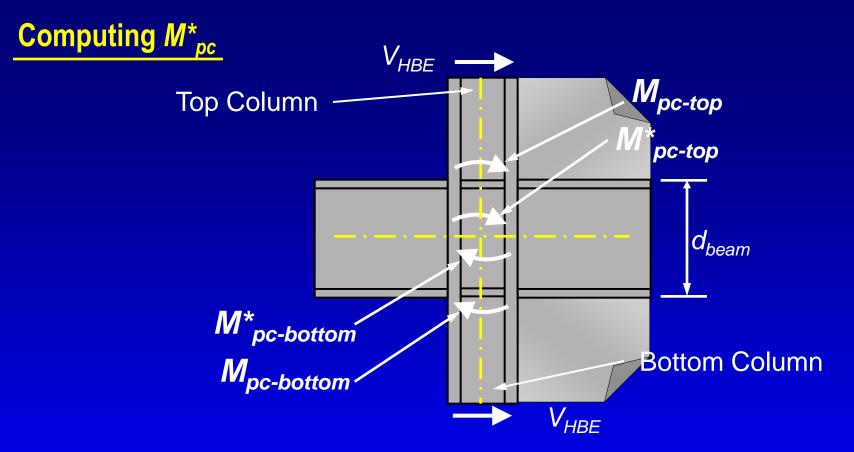


 $M_{pr}$  = expected moment at plastic hinge

 $V_{HBE}$  = beam shear (includes effect of web plate)

 $s_h$  = distance from face of column to beam plastic hinge location (specified in ANSI/AISC 358)

$$M_{pb}^* = Z_b (R_y F_{yb} - P_{HBE}/A_g) + V_{HBE}(s_h + d_{col}/2)$$



 $M_{pc}$  = nominal plastic moment capacity of column, reduced for presence of axial force; can take  $M_{pc}$  =  $Z_c$  ( $F_{yc}$  -  $P_{uc}$  / $A_g$ ) [or use more exact moment-axial force interaction equations for a fully plastic cross-section]

 $V_{HRE}$  = column shear

$$M_{pc}^* = M_{pc} + V_{HBE (top)} (d_{beam}/2)$$

#### 17.4b HBE-to-VBE Connections

**OMF** beam-column connection per 11.2 (or better)

#### Minimum shear:

$$V_u = V_{HBE(web)} + V_{HBE(MF)}$$

$$V_{\text{HBE(web)}} = R_y F_y [t_{w(i)} - t_{w(i+1)}] L_{cf} \cos^2(\alpha) L_h/2$$

$$V_{\text{HBE(MF)}} = 2 M_{pr}/L_h$$

$$M_{pr} = 1.1 R_y Z_b (F_{yb} - P_{HBE}/A_g)$$

#### 17.4c Width-Thickness Limitations

#### **Flanges**

$$\frac{b_f}{2t_f} \leq 0.30 \sqrt{\frac{E_s}{F_y}}$$

#### <u>Web</u>

$$\frac{P_u}{\phi P_v} \leq 0.125$$

$$\frac{h}{t_w} \le 3.14 \sqrt{\frac{E_s}{F_y}} \left[ 1 - 1.54 \frac{P_u}{\phi P_y} \right]$$

$$\frac{P_u}{\phi P_v} > 0.125$$

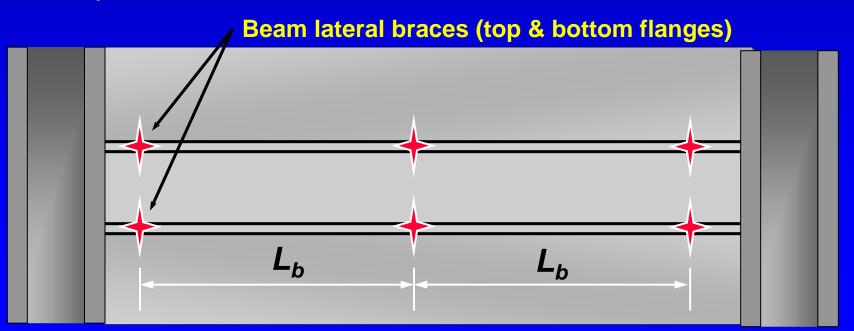
$$\frac{h}{t_w} \le 1.12 \sqrt{\frac{E_s}{F_y}} \left[ 2.33 - \frac{P_u}{\phi P_y} \right] > 1.49 \sqrt{\frac{E_s}{F_y}}$$

#### 17.4d Lateral Bracing

Lateral torsional buckling controlled by: 
$$\frac{L_b}{r_v}$$

 $L_b$  = distance between beam lateral braces

 $r_y$  = weak axis radius of gyration

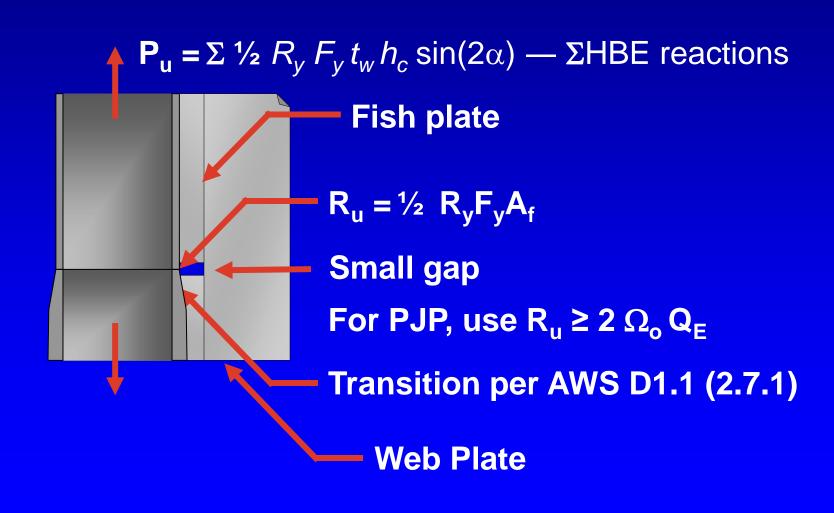


#### 17.4d Lateral Bracing

Both flanges of beams shall be laterally braced, with a maximum spacing of  $L_b = 0.086 \, r_y \, E / F_y$ 

$$L_b \le 0.086 \left(\frac{E}{F_y}\right) r_y$$
  $\left(= 50 r_y \text{ for } F_y = 50 \text{ ksi}\right)$ 

#### 17.4e VBE splices



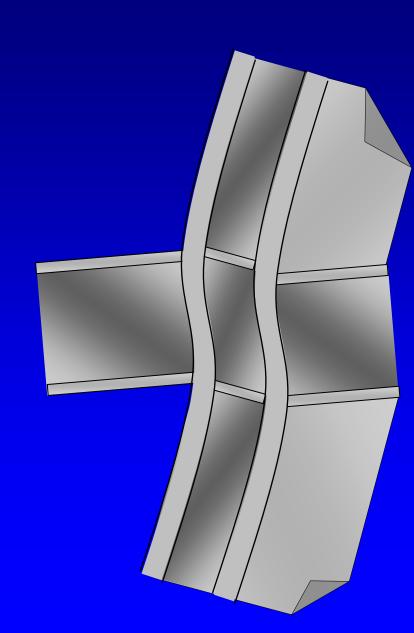
#### 17.4f Panel Zones

**Comply with SMF requirement 9.3** 

AISC Seismic Provisions - SMF
9.3 Panel Zone of Beam-to-Column
Connections

9.3a	<b>Shear S</b>	trenath

- 9.3b Panel Zone Thickness
- 9.3c Panel Zone Doubler Plates



#### AISC Seismic Provisions - SMF - Panel Zone Requirements 9.3a Shear Strength

The minimum required shear strength,  $R_u$ , of the panel zone shall be taken as the shear generated in the panel zone when plastic hinges form in the beams.

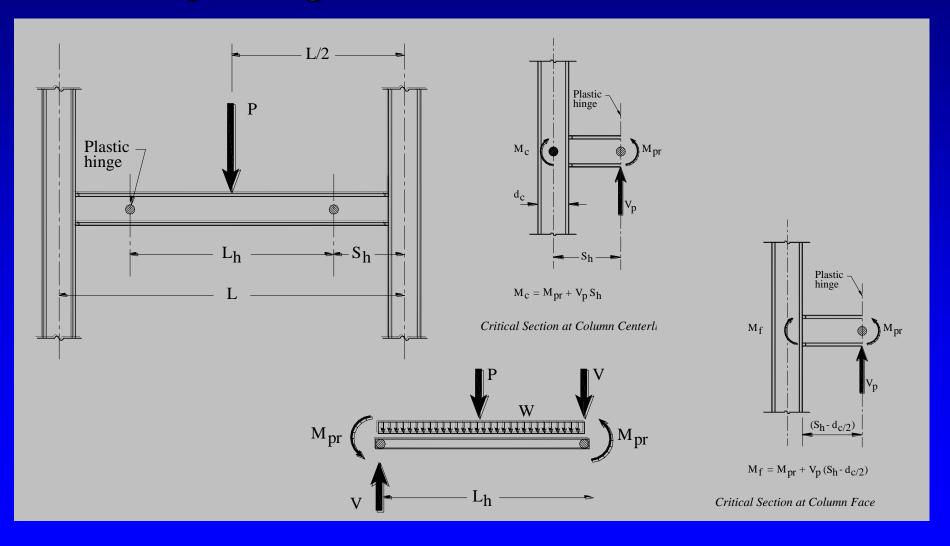
To compute panel zone shear.....

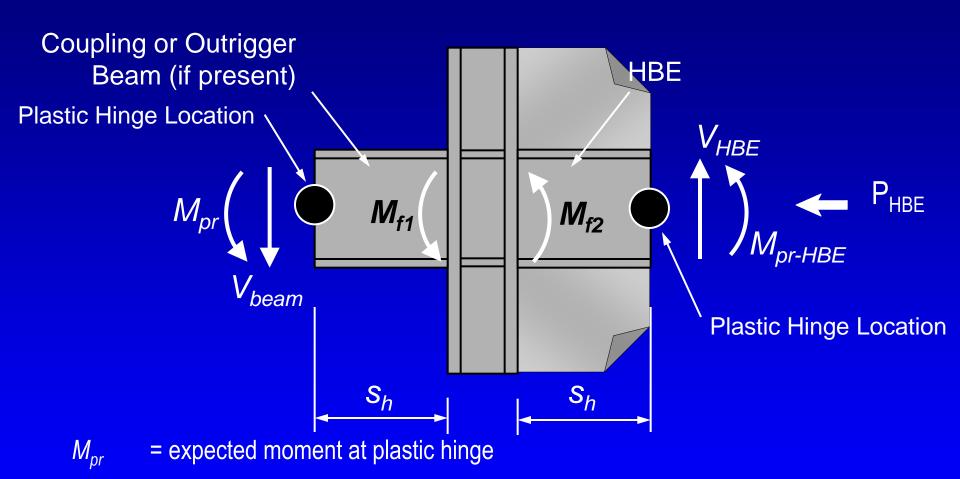
Determine moment at beam plastic hinge locations

Project moment at plastic hinge locations to the face of the column (based on beam moment gradient, including the effects of web-plate induced HBE shear)

Compute panel zone shear force.

### **Projecting Moment to Column Face**

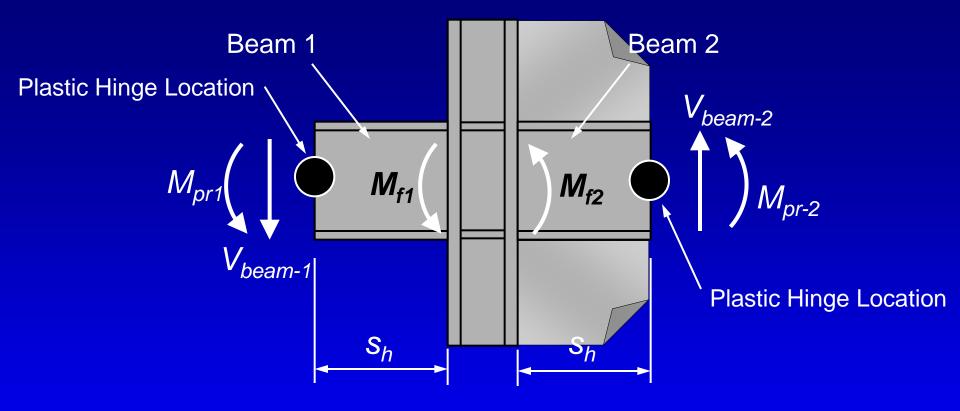




 $s_h$  = distance from face of column to beam plastic hinge location (specified in ANSI/AISC 358, or  $d_{beam}/2$ )

= beam shear (includes web-plate effect)

 $V_{HBE}$ 

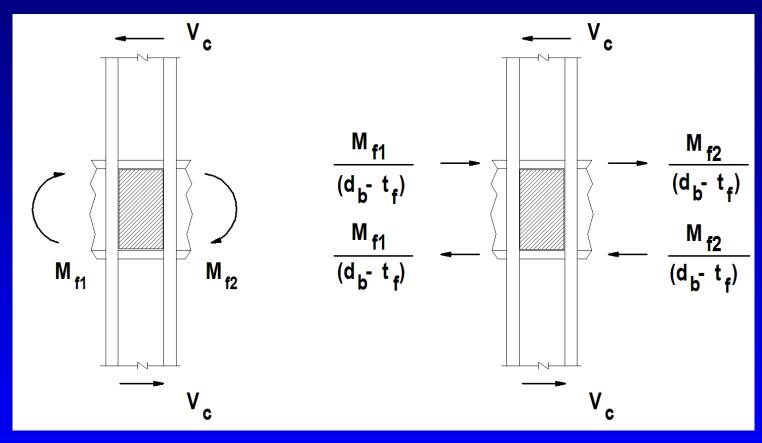


 $M_f$  = moment at column face

$$M_f = M_{pr} + V_{beam} \times s_h$$

$$M_{pr} = 1.1 R_y Z_b (F_{yb} - P_{HBE}/A_g)$$

$$V_c = \frac{1}{2} R_y F_y t_w h_c/2 \sin(2\alpha)$$



Panel Zone Required Shear Strength = 
$$R_u = \frac{\sum_{i} M_f}{\left(d_b - t_f\right)} - V_c$$

Panel Zone Design Requirement:

$$R_u \le \phi_v R_v$$
 where  $\phi_v = 1.0$ 

 $R_{v}$  = nominal shear strength, based on a limit state of shear yielding, as computed per Section J10.6 of the AISC *Specification* 

To compute nominal shear strength,  $R_{\nu}$ , of panel zone:

### When $P_u \le 0.75 P_y$ in column:

$$R_v = 0.6F_y d_c t_p \left[ 1 + \frac{3b_{cf} t_{cf}^2}{d_b d_c t_p} \right]$$
 (AISC Spec EQ J10-11)

Where:  $d_c = \text{column depth}$ 

 $d_b$  = beam depth

 $b_{cf}$  = column flange width

 $t_{cf}$  = column flange thickness

 $F_{v}$  = minimum specified yield stress of column web

 $t_p$  = thickness of column web including doubler plate

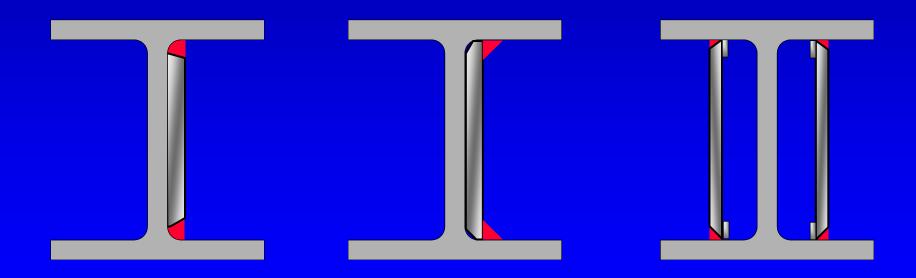
To compute nominal shear strength,  $R_{\nu}$ , of panel zone:

When  $P_u > 0.75 P_y$  in column (not recommended):

$$R_{v} = 0.6F_{y}d_{c}t_{p} \left[1 + \frac{3b_{cf}t_{cf}^{2}}{d_{b}d_{c}t_{p}}\right] \left[1.9 - \frac{1.2P_{u}}{P_{v}}\right]$$
 (AISC Spec EQ J10-12)

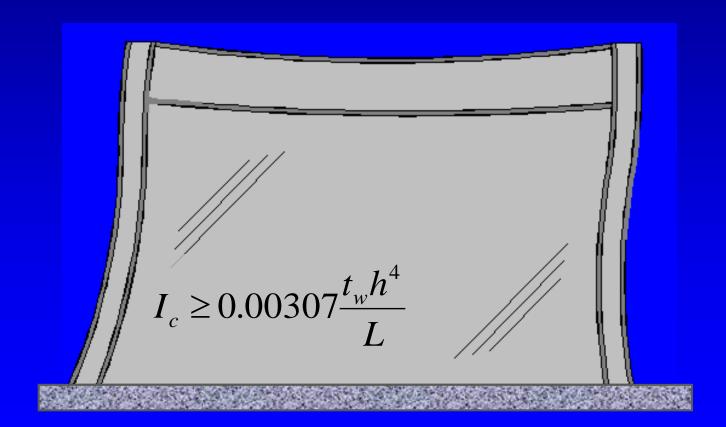
If shear strength of panel zone is inadequate:

- Choose column section with larger web area
- Weld doubler plates to column

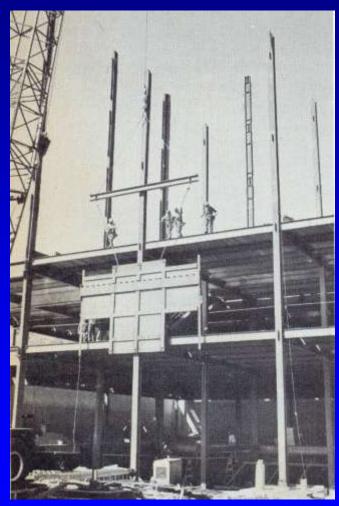


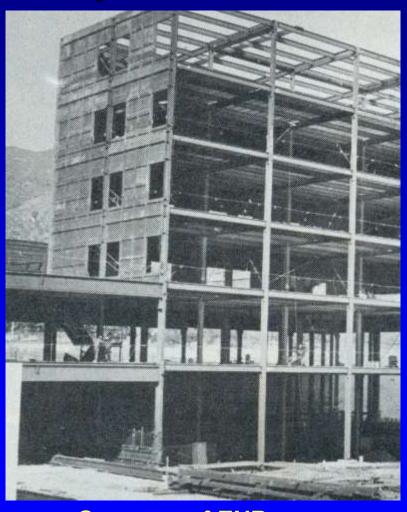
**Options for Web Doubler Plates** 

### 17.4g Stiffness of Vertical Boundary Elements



# Olive View Hospital





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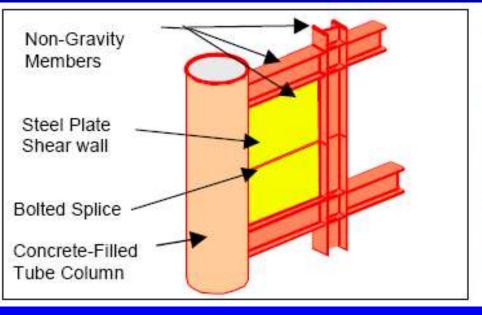
# Olive View Hospital





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# Steel plate shear wall with very strong column



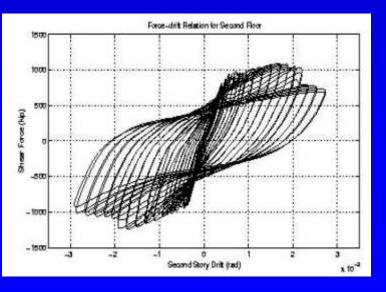


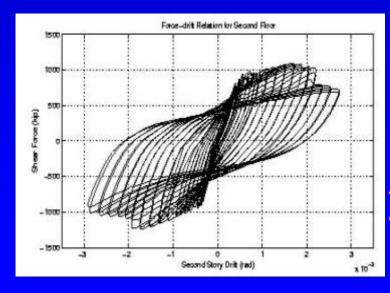
Courtesy of Astaneh-Asl and Zhao

## Testing of steel plate shear wall









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# Steel plate shear walls in Canam Manac Group headquarters expansion



Courtesy of Richard Vincent, Canam Manac Group, St. George, Quebec, Canada

# Steel plate shear walls and details at base of SPW, ING building



Courtesy of Louis Crepeau and Jean-Benoit Ducharme, Groupe Teknika, Montreal, Canada



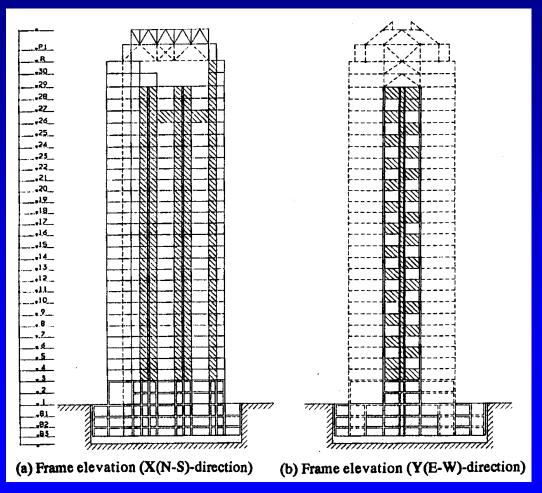


# Steel plate shear wall in ICRM building



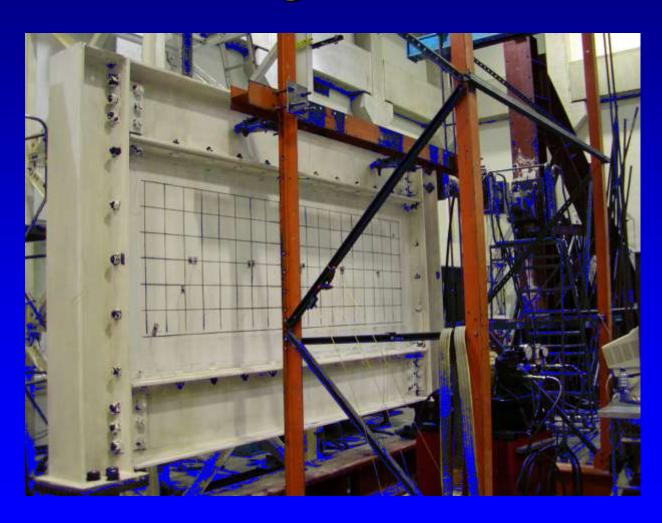
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### Elevation of Kobe City Hall



Courtesy of Fujitana

# **Testing of SPSW**

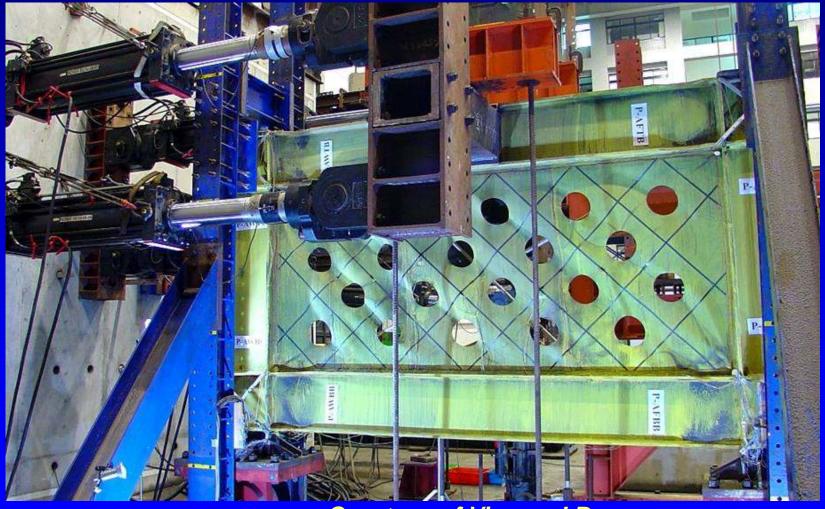


# Fracture of steel plate shear wall web plate corner at 3.07% Drift



Courtesy of Berman and Bruneau

## Perforated steel plate shear wall



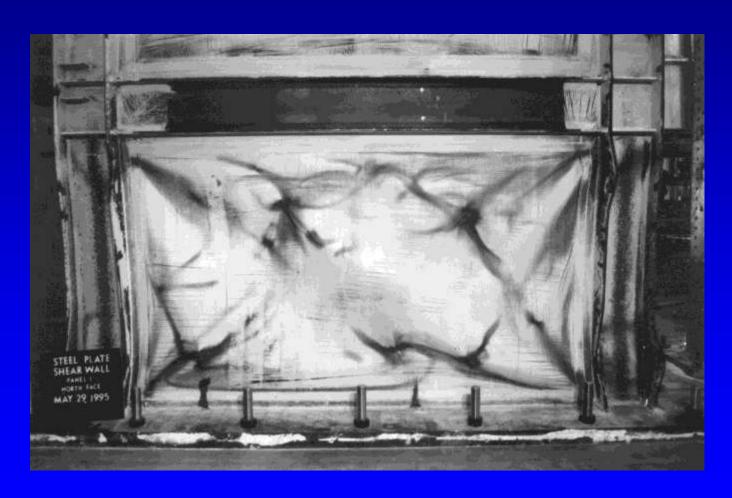
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### Steel plate shear wall with corner openings



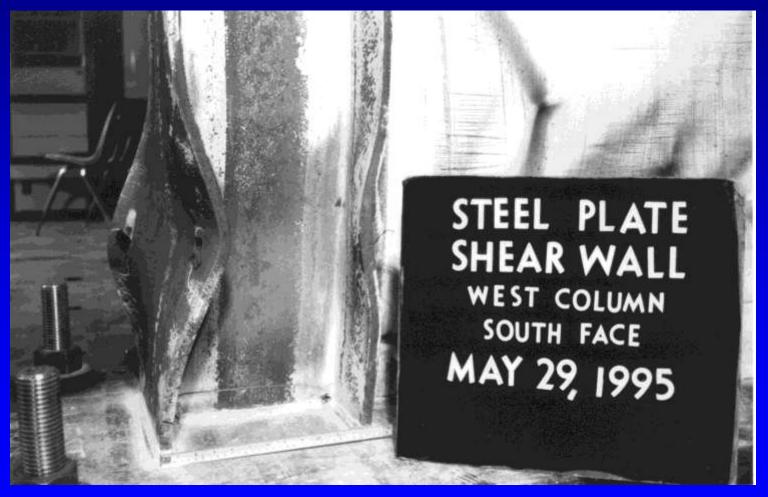
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### Web plate buckling

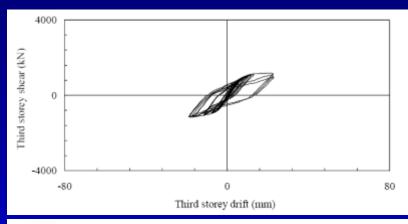


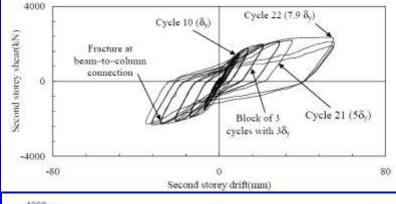
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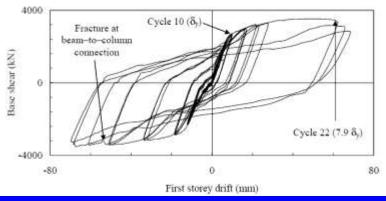
### Local buckling and fracture of column



Courtesy of Robert Driver, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada







# Testing of a multi-story steel plate shear wall

Courtesy of Behbahanifard

ASTM Designation	Specified Minimum Yield Stress $F_y$ (ksi)	Specified Minimum Tensile Stress $F_u$ (ksi)	Minimum Elongation in 2 in. Gage per ASTM A370 (percent)	Listed in AISC 341?	Ratio of Expected Yield to Specified Minimum $R_y$
A36	36	58	23	Yes	1.3
A572 Gr. 42	42	60	24	Yes	Not defined
A572 Gr. 50	50	65	21	Yes	1.1
A588 Gr. 50	50	70	21	Yes	1.1
A709 Gr. 36	36	58	23	Yes	Not defined
A709 Gr. 50	50	65	21	Yes	Not defined
A1011 CS	$(30-50)^1$	Not defined	$(25)^1$	No	Not defined
A1011 DS	$(30-45)^1$	Not defined	$(28)^1$	No	Not defined
A1011 SS Gr. 30	30	49	25 <sup>2</sup> ; 24 <sup>3</sup> ; 21 <sup>4</sup>	No	Not defined
A1011 SS Gr. 33	33	52	23 <sup>2</sup> ; 22 <sup>3</sup>	No	Not defined
A1011 SS Gr. 36 Type 1	36	53	22 <sup>2</sup> ; 21 <sup>3</sup>	No	Not defined
A1011 SS Gr. 36 Type 2	36	58	21 <sup>2</sup> ; 20 <sup>3</sup>	No	Not defined
A1011 SS Gr. 40	40	55	21 <sup>2</sup> ; 20 <sup>3</sup>	No	Not defined
A1011 HSLAS Gr. 45 Class 1	45	60	25 <sup>5</sup> ; 23 <sup>6</sup>	No	Not defined
A1011 HSLAS Gr. 45 Class 2	45	55	25 <sup>5</sup> ; 23 <sup>6</sup>	No	Not defined
A1011 HSLAS Gr. 50 Class 1	50	65	22 <sup>5</sup> ; 20 <sup>6</sup>	No	Not defined
A1011 HSLAS Gr. 50 Class 2	50	60	22 <sup>5</sup> ; 20 <sup>6</sup>	No	Not defined

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Thickness (in.)	Standard Gage	A36	A572	A572	A588	A709	A709	A1011	A1011	A101]	A1011	A1011 Gr. 36	A1011 Gr. 367	A1011 Gr. 45	A1011 Gr. 45	A1011 Gr. 507	A1011 Gr. 507
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