ENCE 353: An Overview of Structural Analysis and Design

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- Objectives of Structural Engineering
- A little history
- Structural Engineering Process
- Types of loads
- Types of structures
- Civil Engineering Materials
- Load paths in structures
- How can structures fail?
- Summary

Objectives of Structural Engineering

Structural engineering is …

… the field of engineering particularly concerned with the design of economical and efficient load-bearing structures.

Within civil engineering, it is largely …

… the implementation of mechanics to the design of the large structures that are fundamental to basic living, such as buildings, bridges, walls, dams, and tunnels.

Structural design is …:

… the process of determining location, material, and size of structural elements to resist forces acting in a structure

Objectives of Structural Engineering

Structural engineers need to design structures that …

… do not collapse or behave in undesirable ways while serving their useful functions.

The efficient use of funds and materials to achieve these structural goals is also a major concern.

Structural engineers work closely with geotechnical engineers, architects, construction managers, and transportation engineers, to name only a few.

How do I become a Structural Engineer?

Apprentice structural engineers may design …

… simple beams, columns, and floors of a new building, including calculating the loads on each member and the load capacity of various building materials (steel, timber, masonry, and concrete).

An experienced engineer would tend to design more complex structures, such as multistory buildings or bridges.

It is in the design of these more complex systems that a structural engineer must draw upon creativity -- this will be part design and part art -- in the application of mechanics principles.

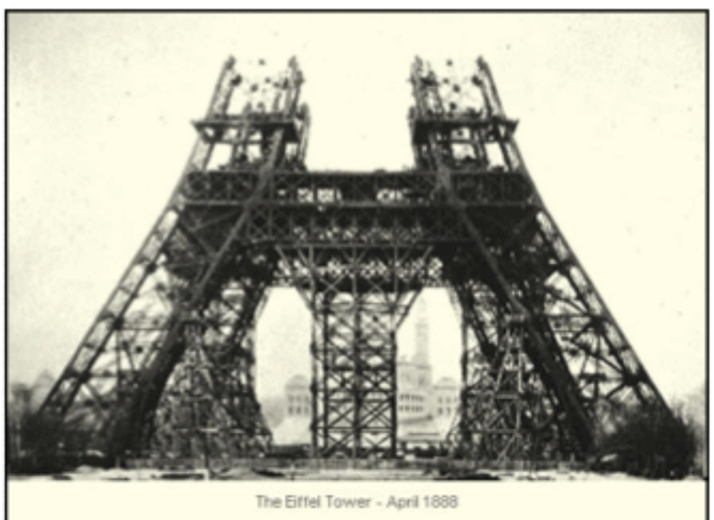
A Little History

Exemplars of Early Work

- Great Pyramid of Giza, Egypt (20 year construction; finished 2556 BC).
- The Parthenon in Ancient Greece (447-438 BC).
- Construction of the Great Wall of China (220 BC).
- The Romans developed civil structures throughout their empire, including especially aqueducts, insulae, harbours, bridges, dams and roads.

A Little History

Year	Milestone
1854	Bessemer invents steel converter.
1849	Monier develops reinforced concrete.
1863	Siemens-Martin open hearth process makes steel available in bulk.



The Eiffel Tower - April 1888

A Little History

Early Skyscrapers

Skyscrapers (1890s) create habitable spaces in tall buildings for office workers.

Enablers	**Example: Empire State Building**
• New materials → design of tall structures having large open interior spaces. • Elevators (1857) → vertical transportation building occupants. • Mechanical systems → delivery of water, heating and cooling. • Collections of skyscrapers → high-density CBDs/commuter society.	

A Little History

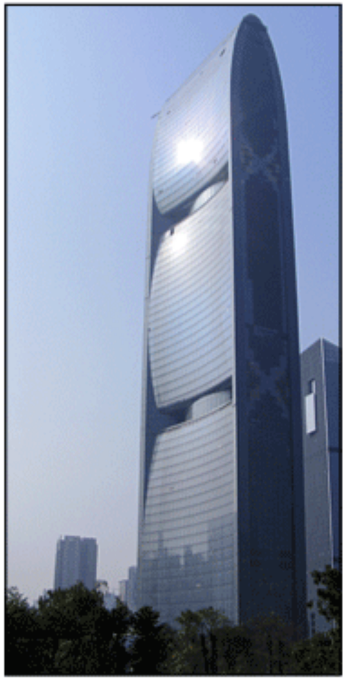
Exemplars of Work from the 1800s and 1900s

From the 1800s	**From the 1900s**
Erie Canal (1825)	New York City Subway (1904)
Transcontinental Railroad (1869)	The Panama Canal (1914)
Brooklyn Bridge (1883)	Holland Tunnel (1927)
Washington Monument (1884)	Empire State Building (1931).
	Hoover Dam (1936).
	Golden Gate Bridge (1937)
	Interstate Highway System (1956)

Source: Celebrating the Greatest Profession, Magazine of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Vol. 72, No. 11, 2002.

Looking Ahead

Example. Engineering Modern Skyscrapers

Enablers	Example: Pearl River Tower
• High performance structure designed to produce as much energy as it consumes. • Guides wind to a pair of openings at its mechanical floors. • Winds drive turbines that generate energy for the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. • Openings provide structural relief, by allowing wind to pass through the building.	

Structural Design Process

- Determine types magnitudes of loads and forces acting on the structure
- Determine structural context
  - geometric and geological information
  - cost / schedule / height/ etc. limitations
- Generate alternative structural systems (e.g., moment resistant frame, materials selection),
- Analyze one or more alternatives
- Select and perform detailed design
- Implement (usually done by contractor)

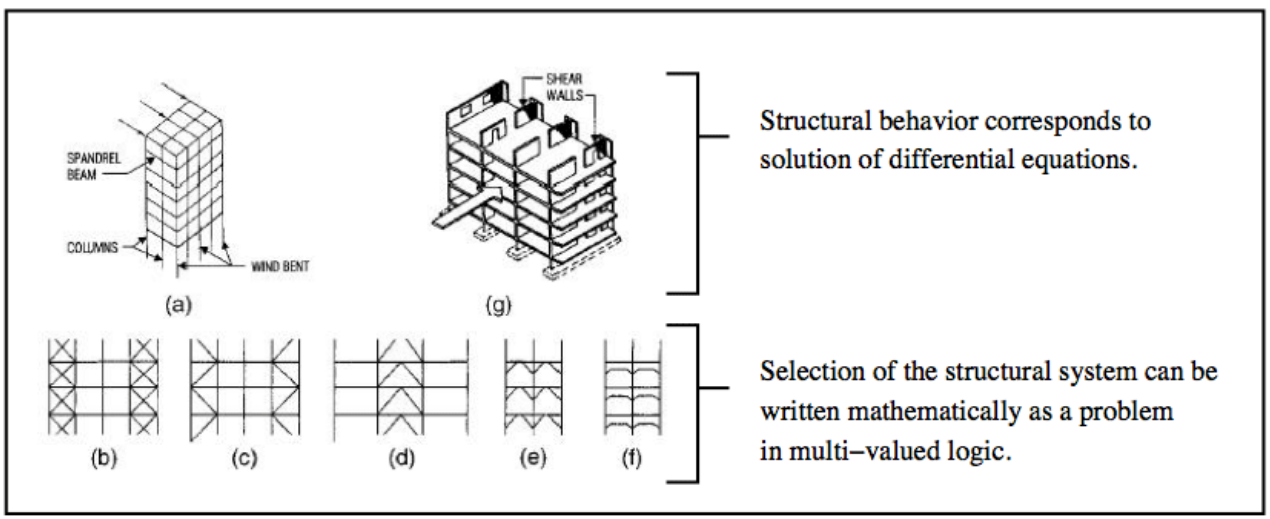
Note: New structural systems may also require an experimental testing phase to verify behavior and system performance.

Formal Approach to Structural Design

Formal Approaches to Behavior Modeling and Decision Making

Appropriate formalisms depend on the design domain of interest.

- Physical aspects of behavior are often characterized by differential equations.
- Logical aspects of system design can be captured by binary and multi-valued logic variables and boolean equations.



Formal Approach to Structural Design

Structural Behavior

Time-dependent behavior corresponds to solutions of:

$$[M]\,\frac{d^2x}{d^2t} + [C]\,\frac{dx}{dt} + [K]\,x = P(t). \tag{1}$$

Here,

- M, C, and K are $(n \times n)$ matrices,
- x is a $(n \times 1)$ vector of displacements,
- P(t) is a vector of external loads applied to the structural degrees of freedom.

Design Parameters

- Selection of the best structural system (e.g., braced system) from a list of options.
- Size of the beams, columns, and bracing (if required).

Types of loads

- Dead loads
- Live loads
- Dynamic loads (e.g., trains, equipment)
- Wind loads
- Earthquake loads
- Thermal loads
- Settlement loads

Dead Loads

- weight of the structure itself
  - floors, beams, roofs, decks, beams/stringers, superstructure
- loads that are “always there”



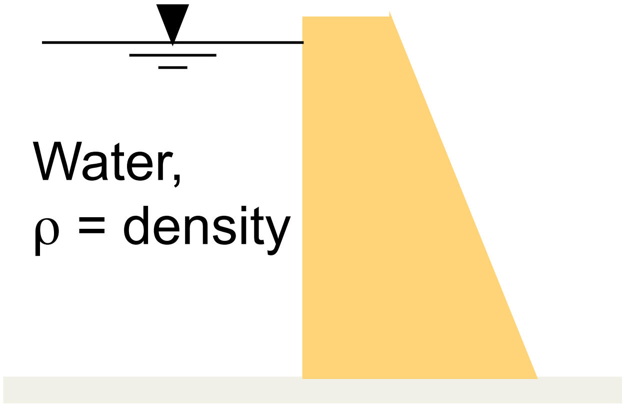
Live Loads

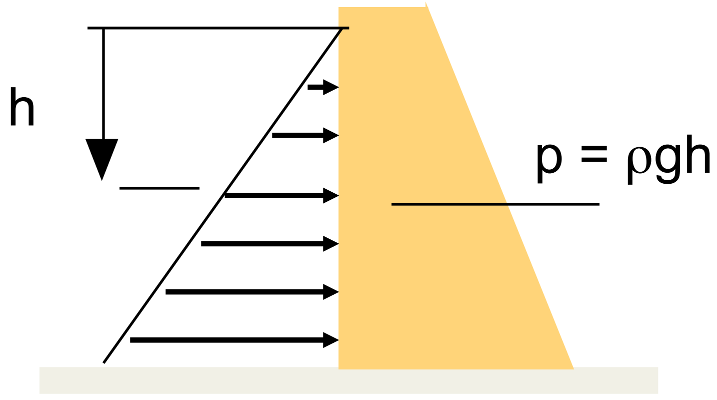
- People, furniture, equipment
- Loads that may move or change mass or weight
- Minimum design loadings are usually specified in the building code

Dynamic Loads

- Moving loads (e.g., traffic)
- Impact loads
- Gusts of wind
- Loads due to cycling machinery

Load Example: Water in a dam

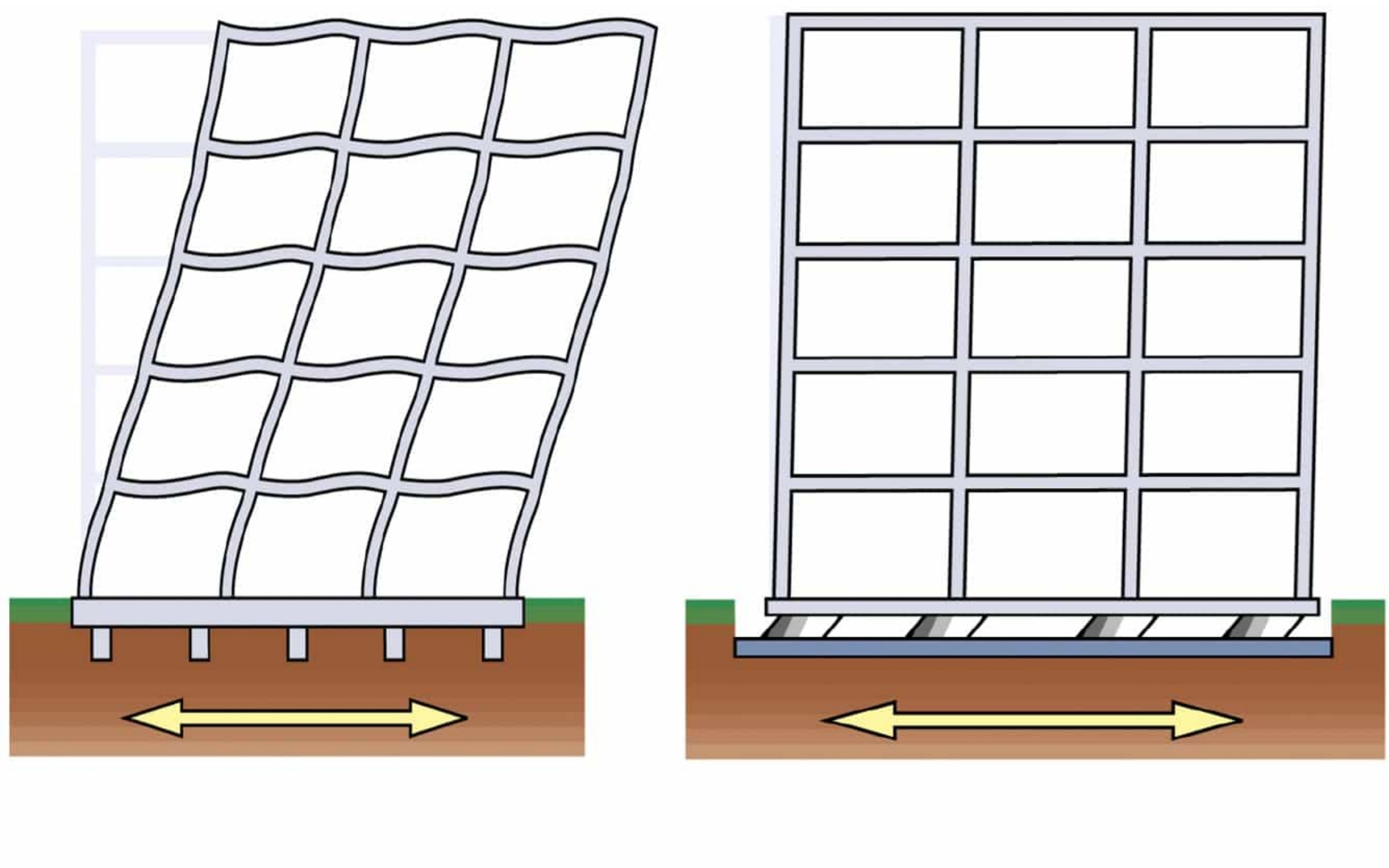


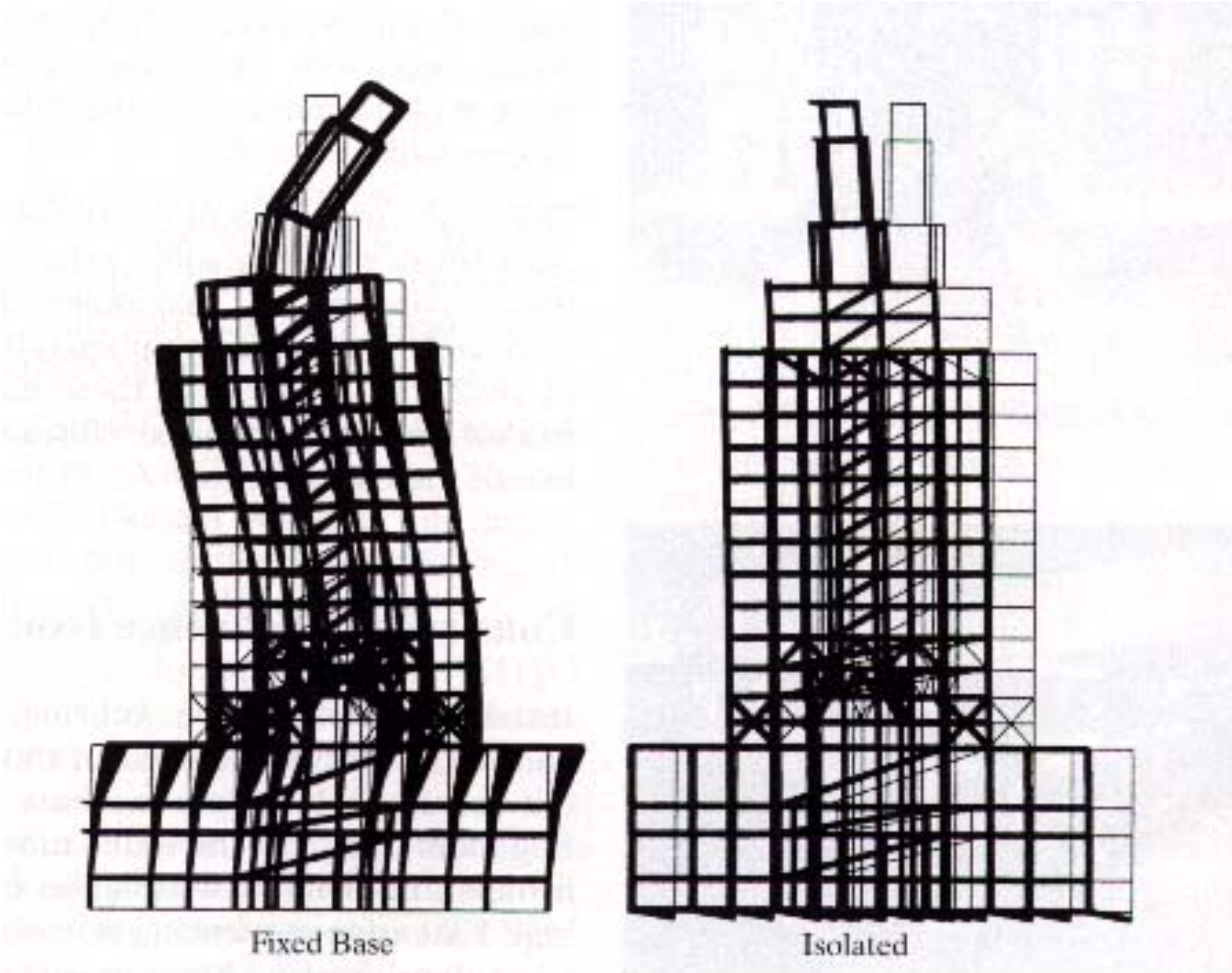


Earthquake Loads

- Structure loaded when base is shaken
- Response of structure is dependent on the frequency content and magnitude of ground motion.
- When frequencies of ground motion match with natural frequency of structure – resonance leads to amplified displacements.

Fixed-Base versus Base-Isolated Response





4: Seismic response of the building

Two Applications of Base Isolation

Settlement

structure, I accepted the appointment in spite of my advanced age, then 80. I was determined to see that the Tower survived.

The Committee was constituted as follows:

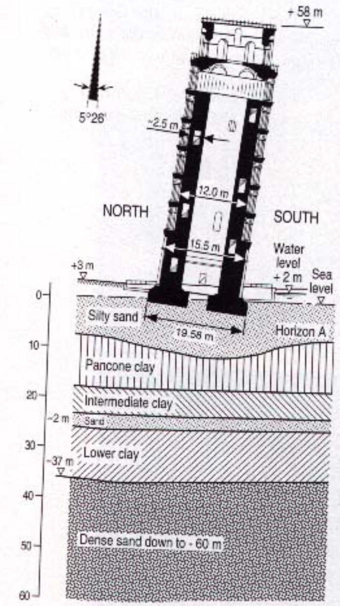


Fig. 2: Soil profile

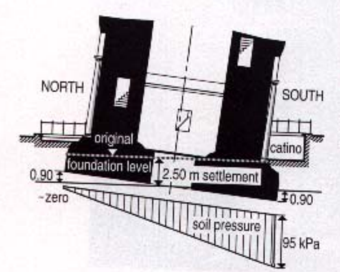
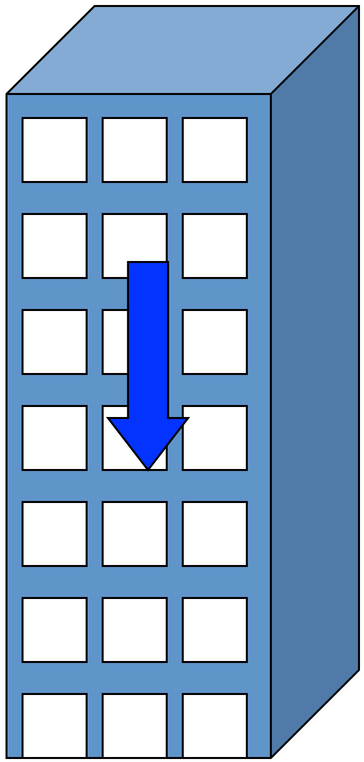
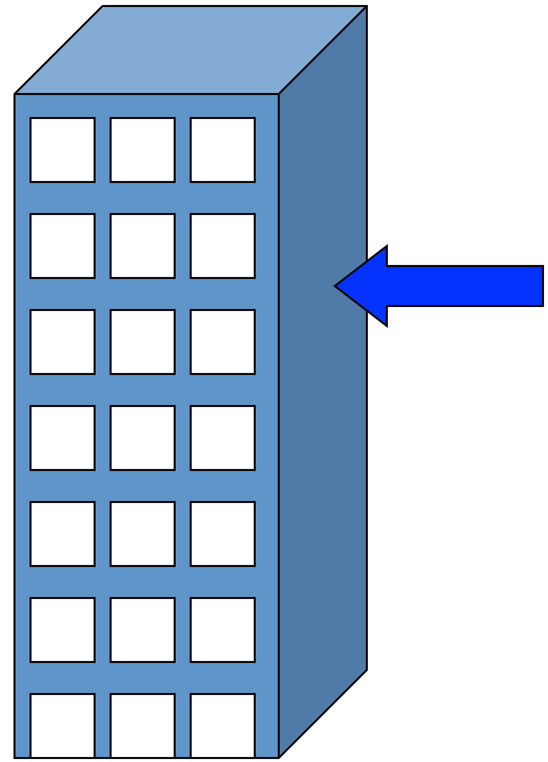


Fig. 3: Settlement and soil pressure

Forces Acting in Structures

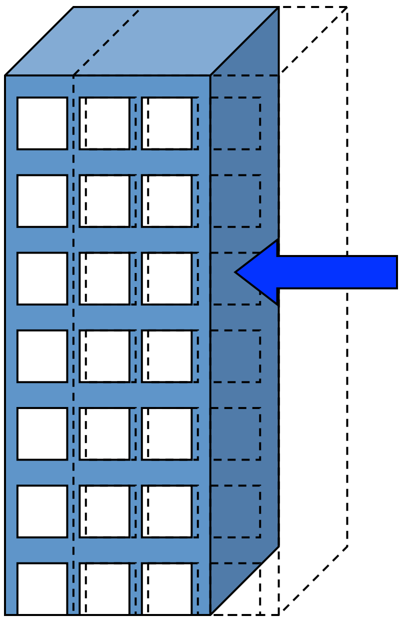


Vertical: Gravity

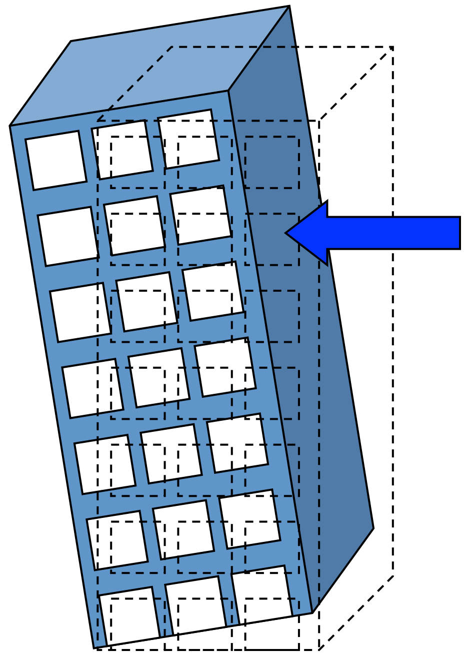


Lateral: Wind, Earthquake

Global Stability

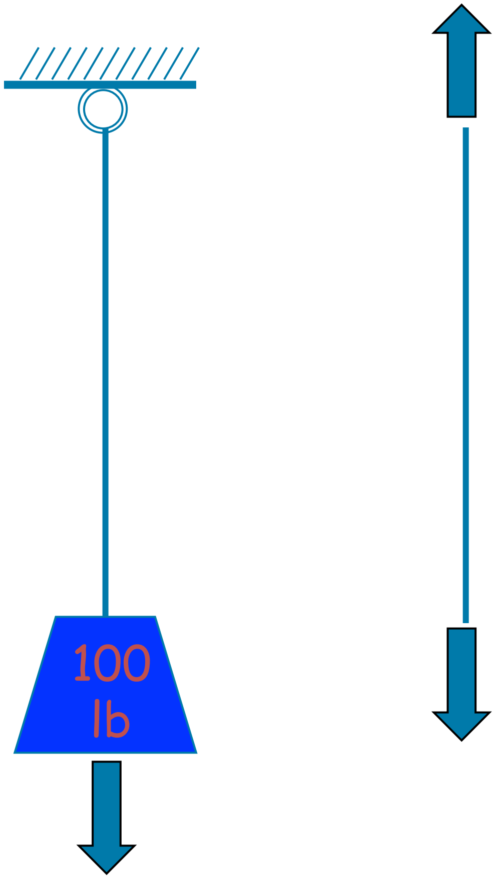


Sliding

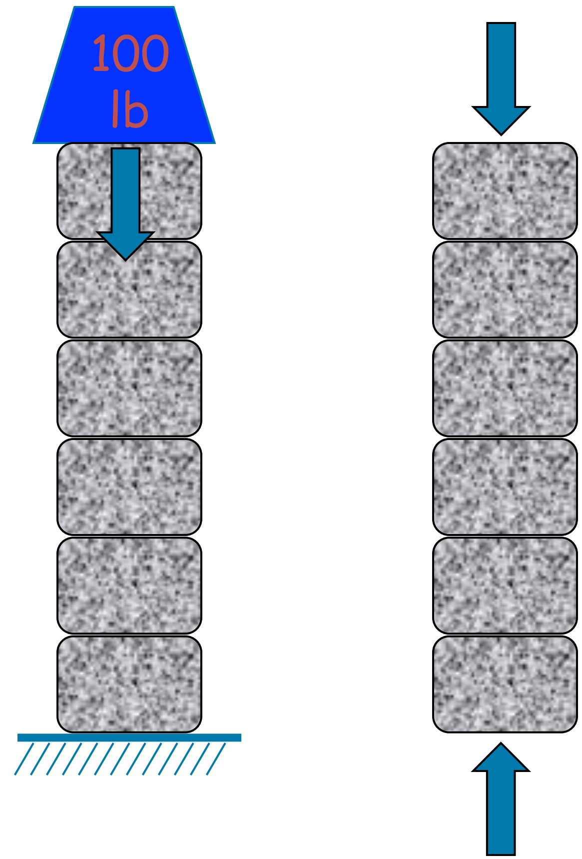


Overturning

Forces in Structural Elements

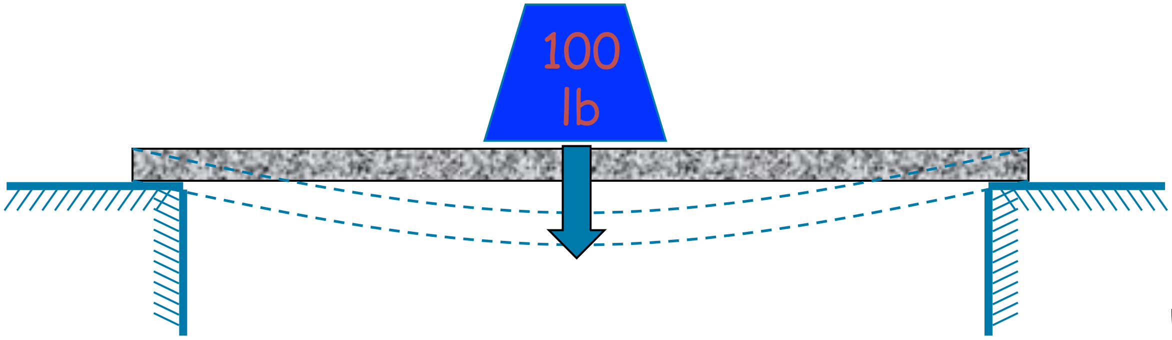


Tension

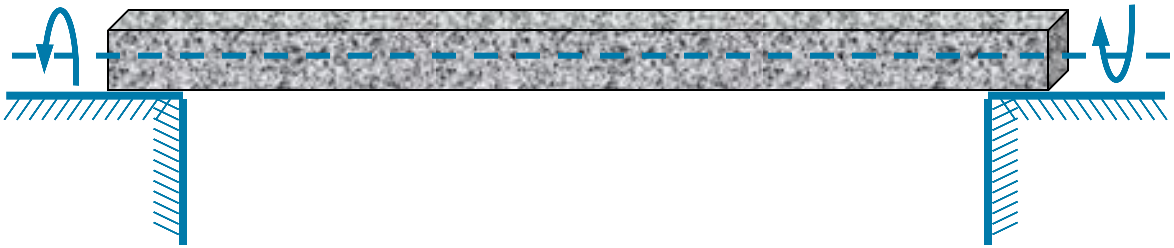


Compression

Forces in Structural Elements (cont.)



Bending

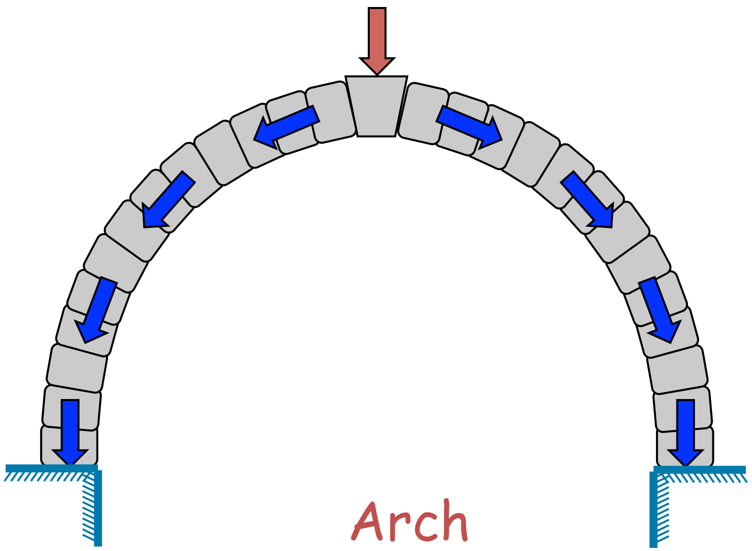


Torsion

Some Types of Structures

- Arch
- Planar Truss
- Beam/Girder
- Flat plate
- Braced and Rigid Frames
- Folded Plate and Shell Structures
- Cable Suspended Structure

Arch



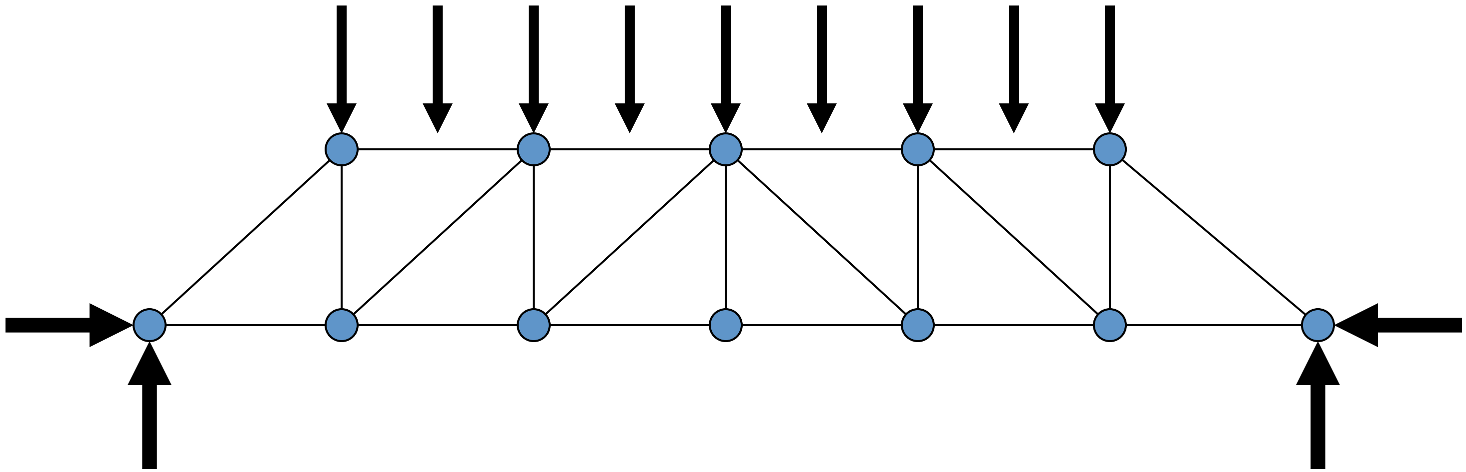
Design objective: Structure needs to work and be aesthetically pleasing!!

Analysis objective: What shape should the arch be so that forces can be transferred to the foundation through compression mechanisms alone?

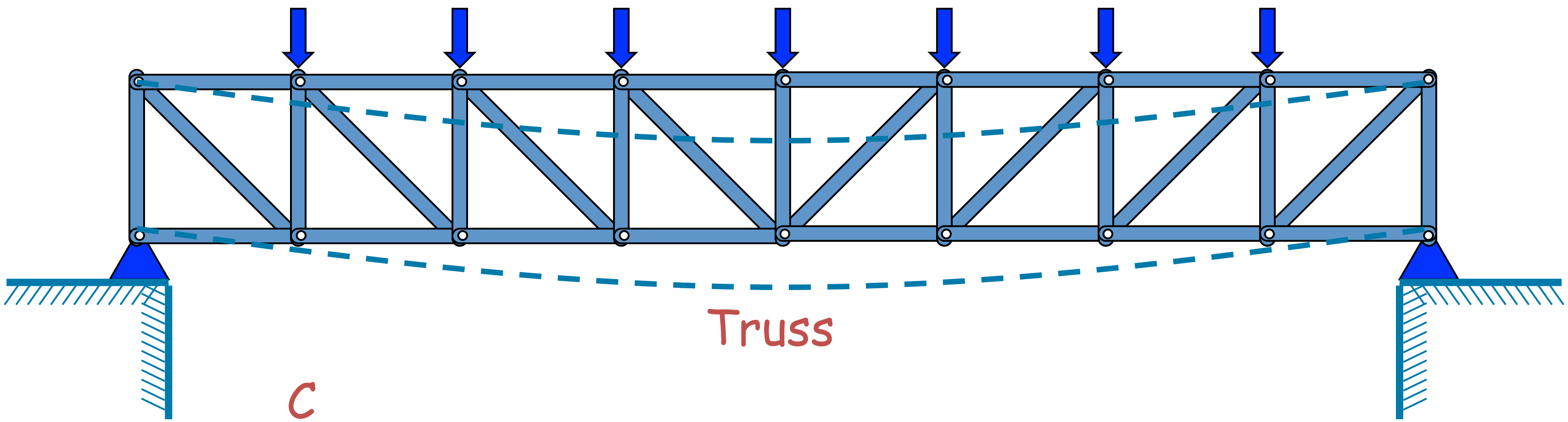
Science World,
Vancouver, Canada.

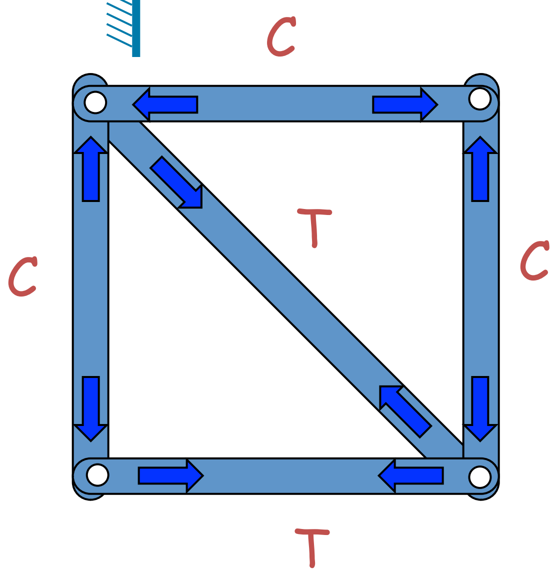
Truss

- Combination of square and triangle
  - Both vertical and lateral support



Planar Truss





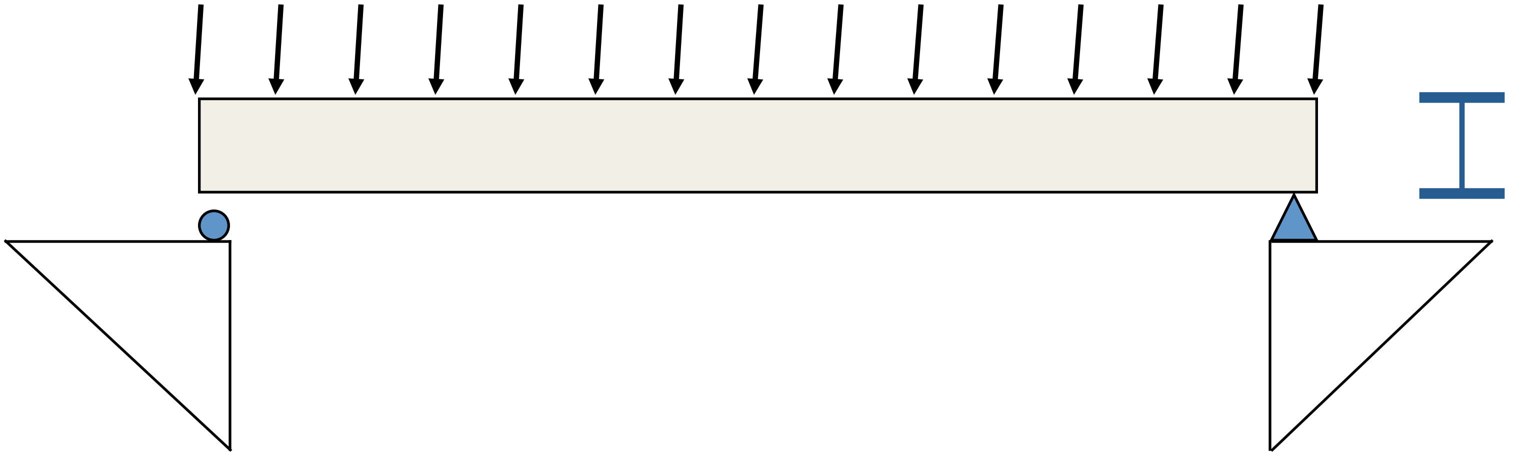
Forces in Truss Members




Three-Dimensional Truss Structure at BWI

Effelsberg 100-m Radio Telescope, Germany

Beam/Girder

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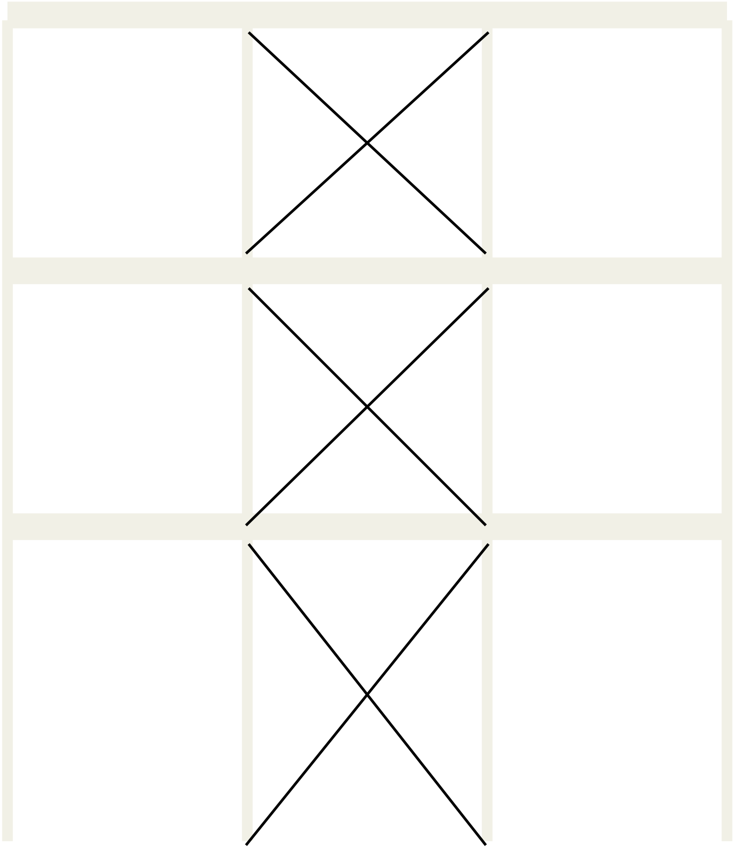
New Computer Science Building at UMD

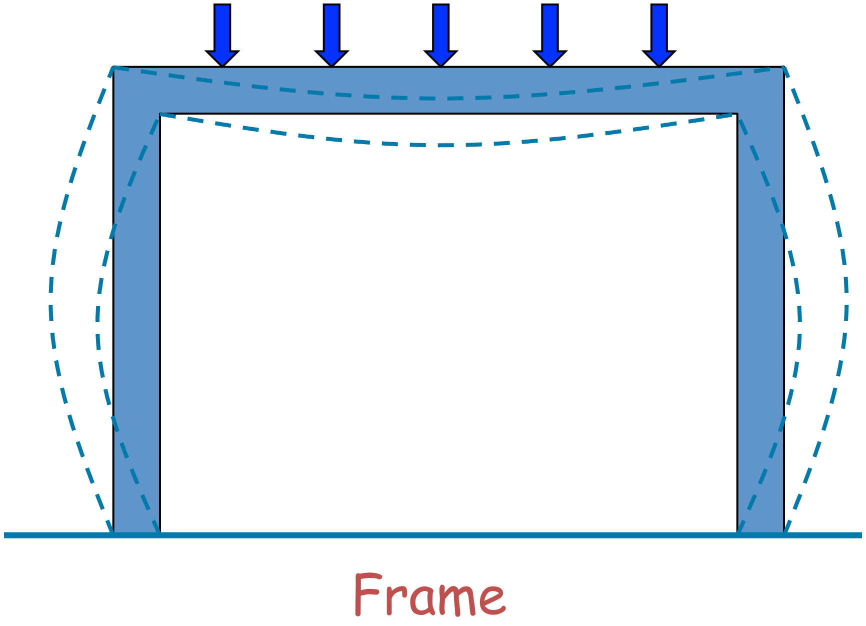
Frames

Braced



Rigid

Frames



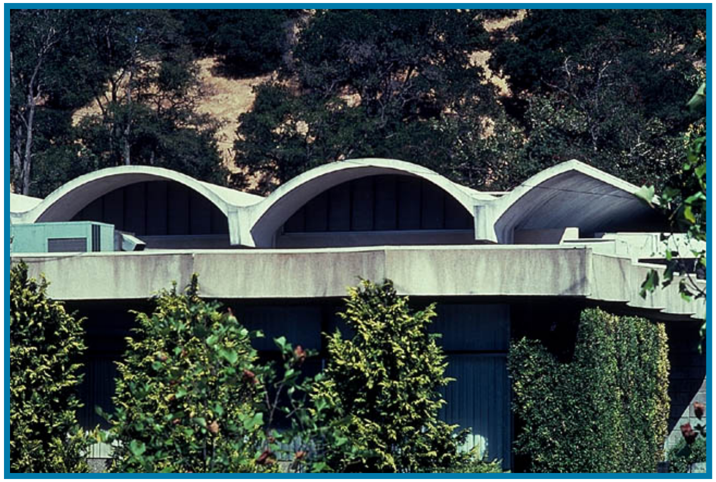
Analysis objective: We want to compute the distribution of forces – axial, bending moment, shear forces – throughout the structure.
What are the displacements?
Will the frame structure be stable?



Flat Plate

Folded Plate

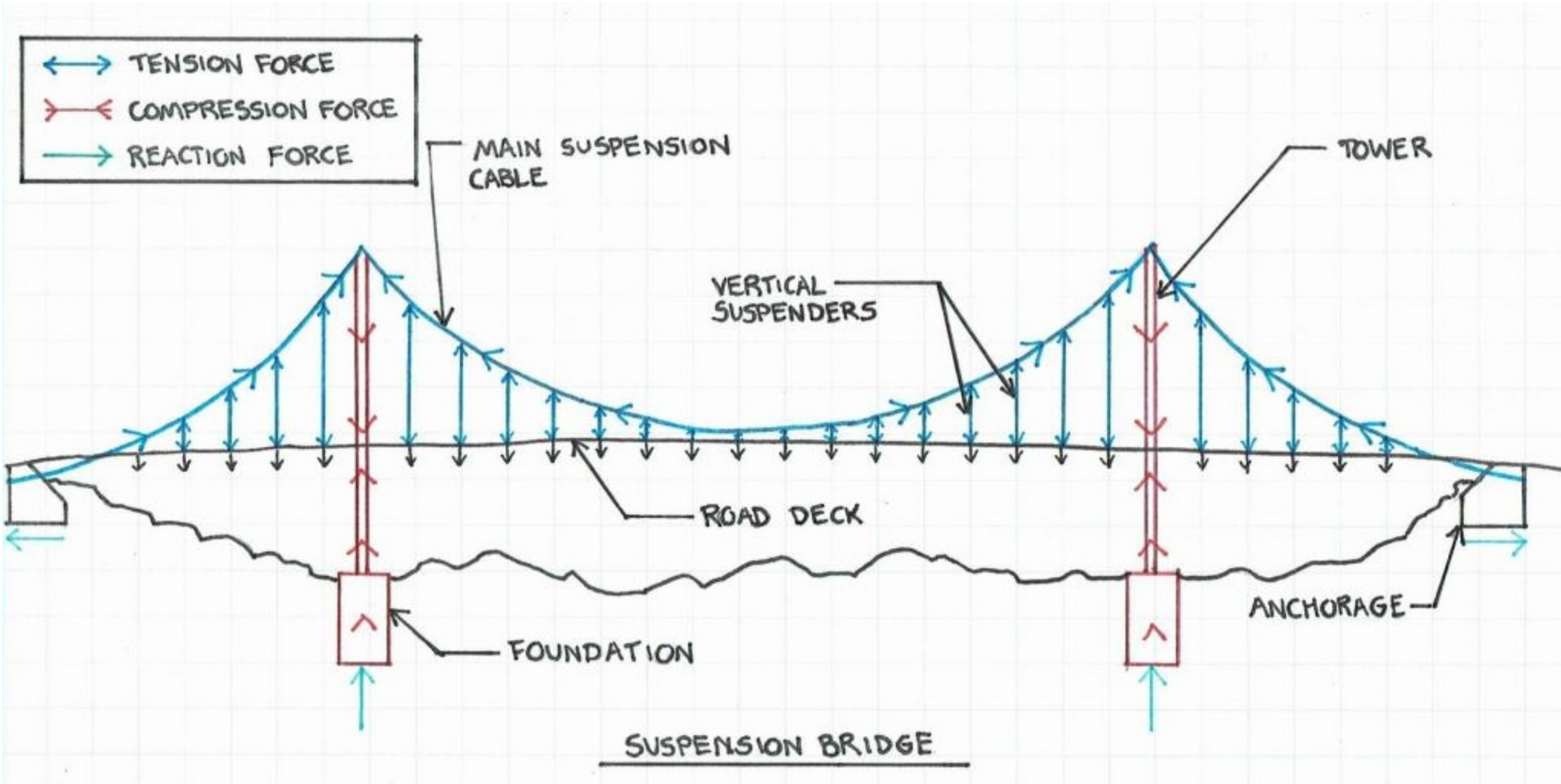
Shells



Circular Shell Structure

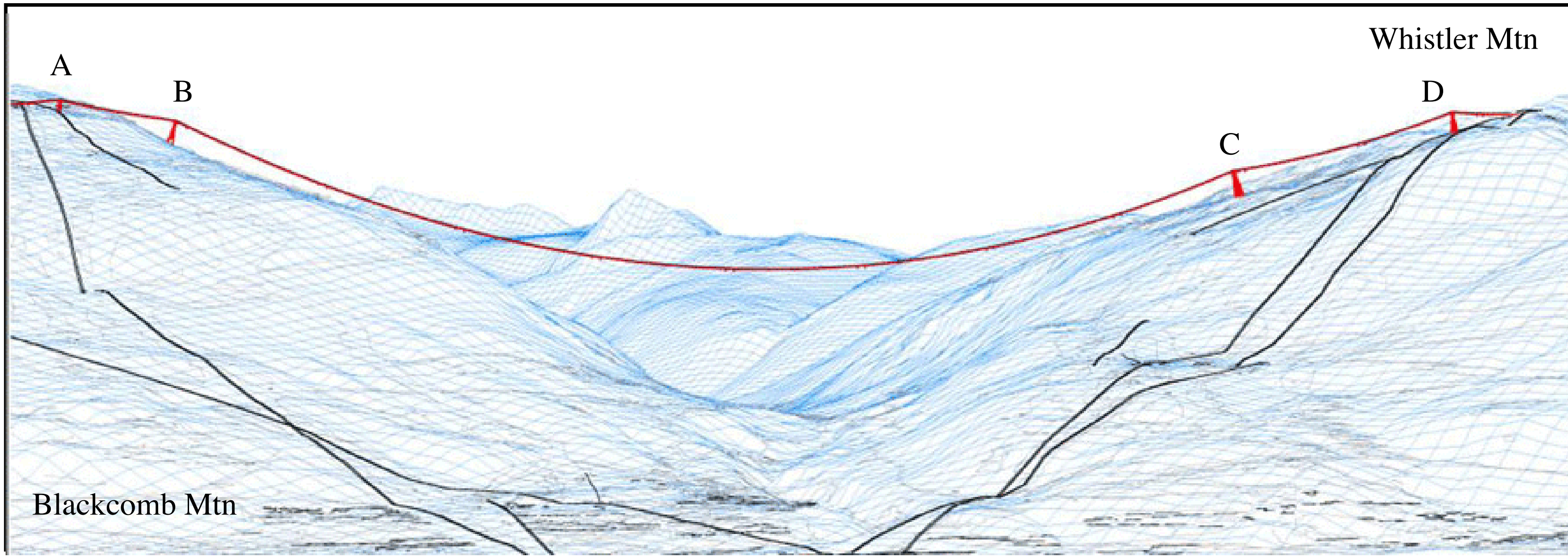
Lattice Shell Structure

Cable Suspended Structure



Analysis objectives What are the forces in the cable structure? How will the cable profile shape change with different distributions of live load? What are the bending moments in the bridge deck?





Whistler Mtn
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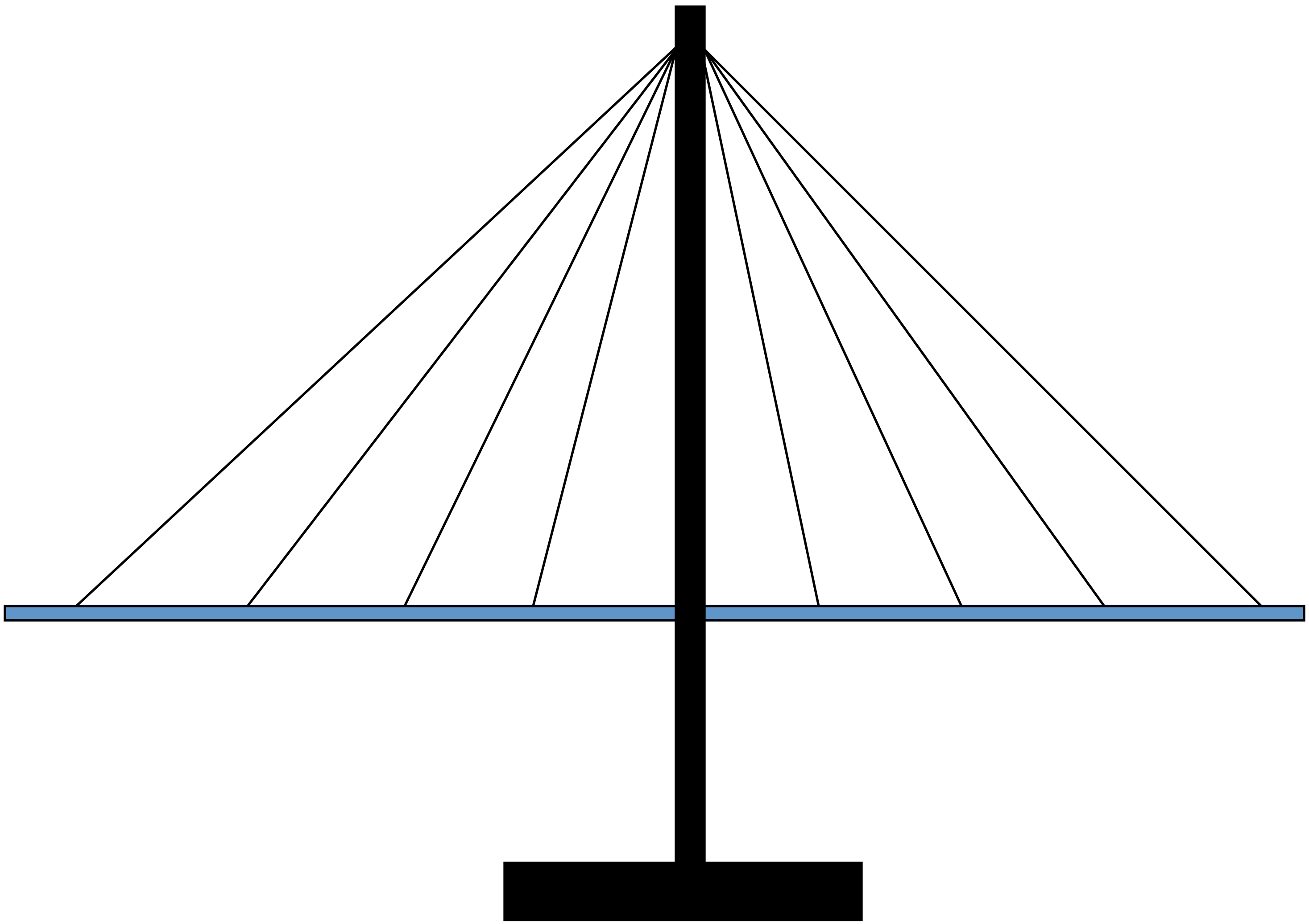
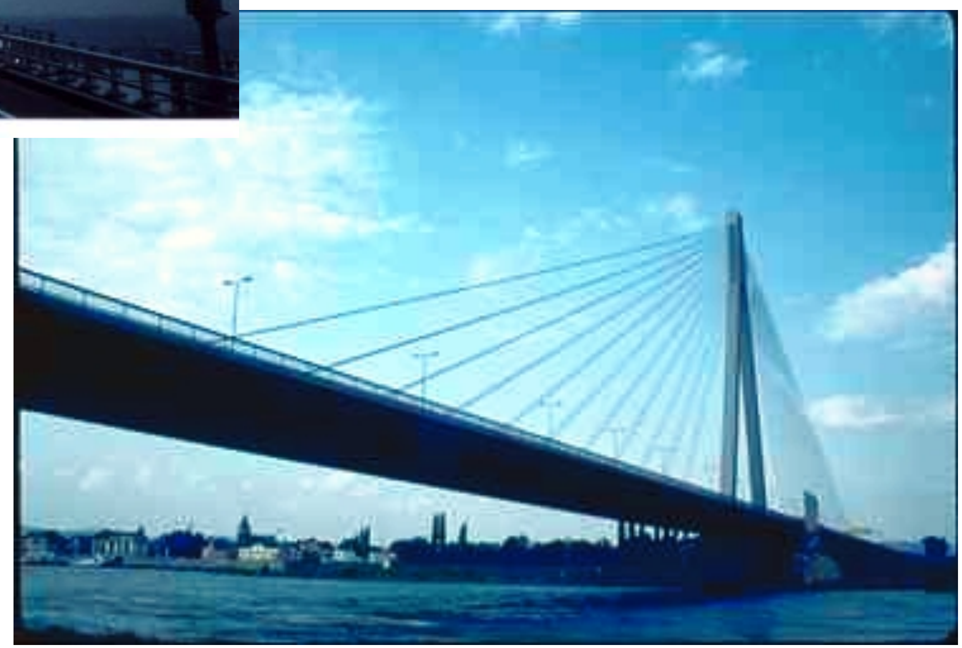
Blackcomb Mtn


WORLD RECORDS
World's Longest unsupported (free) span for a lift of this kind in the world
World's Highest lift of it's kind
World's Longest continuous lift system
TECHNICAL DETAILS
SPEED 7.5 metres per second
CROSSING TIME 11 minutes
FREQUENCY 1 cabin departs every 49 seconds
TOTAL DISTANCE 4.4 km (2.73 miles)
LENGTH OF UNSUPPORTED SPAN 3.024 km (1.88 miles)
HIGHEST POINT 436 metres (1,427 feet)
NUMBER OF CABINS 28
CAPACITY OF CABINS 24 seated, 4 standing
TOTAL LIFT CAPACITY 4,100 passengers per hour
NUMBER OF TOWERS 4 (2 on each mountain)
HEIGHT OF TOWERS 35 - 65 metres
TRACK ROPES (2) 56 mm diameter, 4600 metres long
HAUL ROPES (1) 46 mm diameter, 8850 metres long

Power Transmission Lines

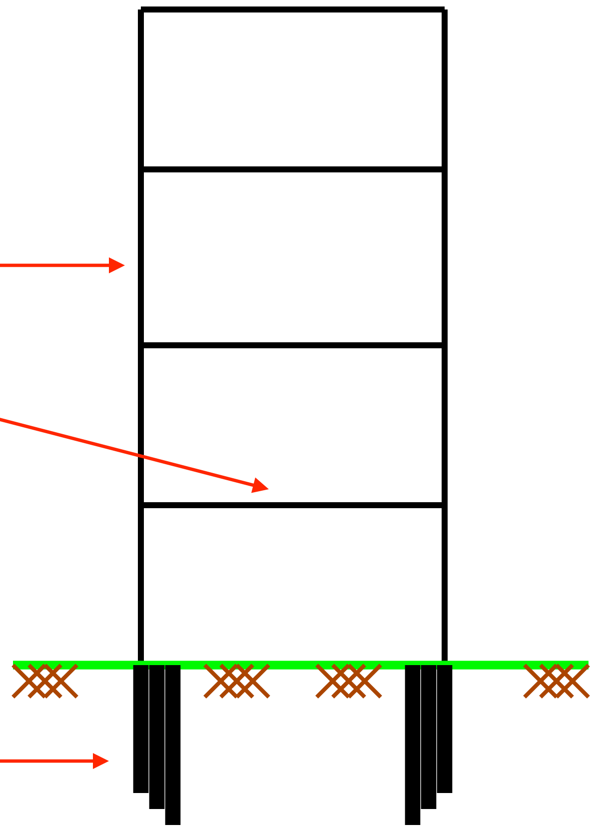
Cable Stayed Bridge

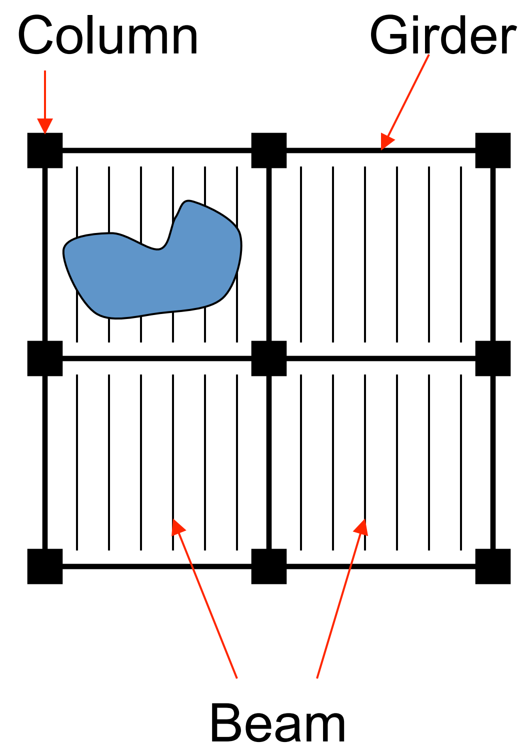


Structural Components

- Beams
- Girders
- Columns
- Floors
- Foundations





Load Path

- Floor
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- Beams
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- Girders
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- Columns
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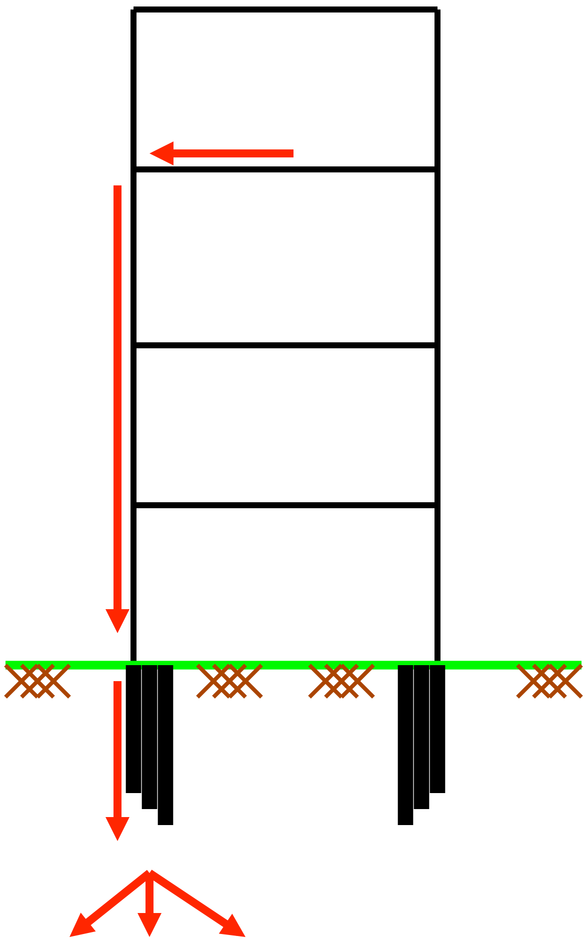
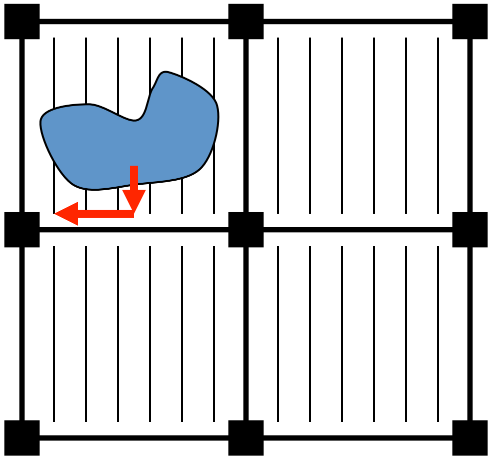
- Foundation
  ↓
- Soil/Bedrock





Overview of Structural Behavior

Depends on:

- Material properties (e.g., steel, concrete).
- Structural stiffness (e.g. axial stiffness, bending stiffness)
- Structural strength (e.g., ultimate member strength).

Design challenges (many tradeoffs to consider):

- If the structural stiffness is too low, then the displacements will be too large,
- In dynamics applications a high structural stiffness may attract high inertia forces.
- If the structural strength is too low, then the structural system may fail prematurely.

Engineering Properties of Materials

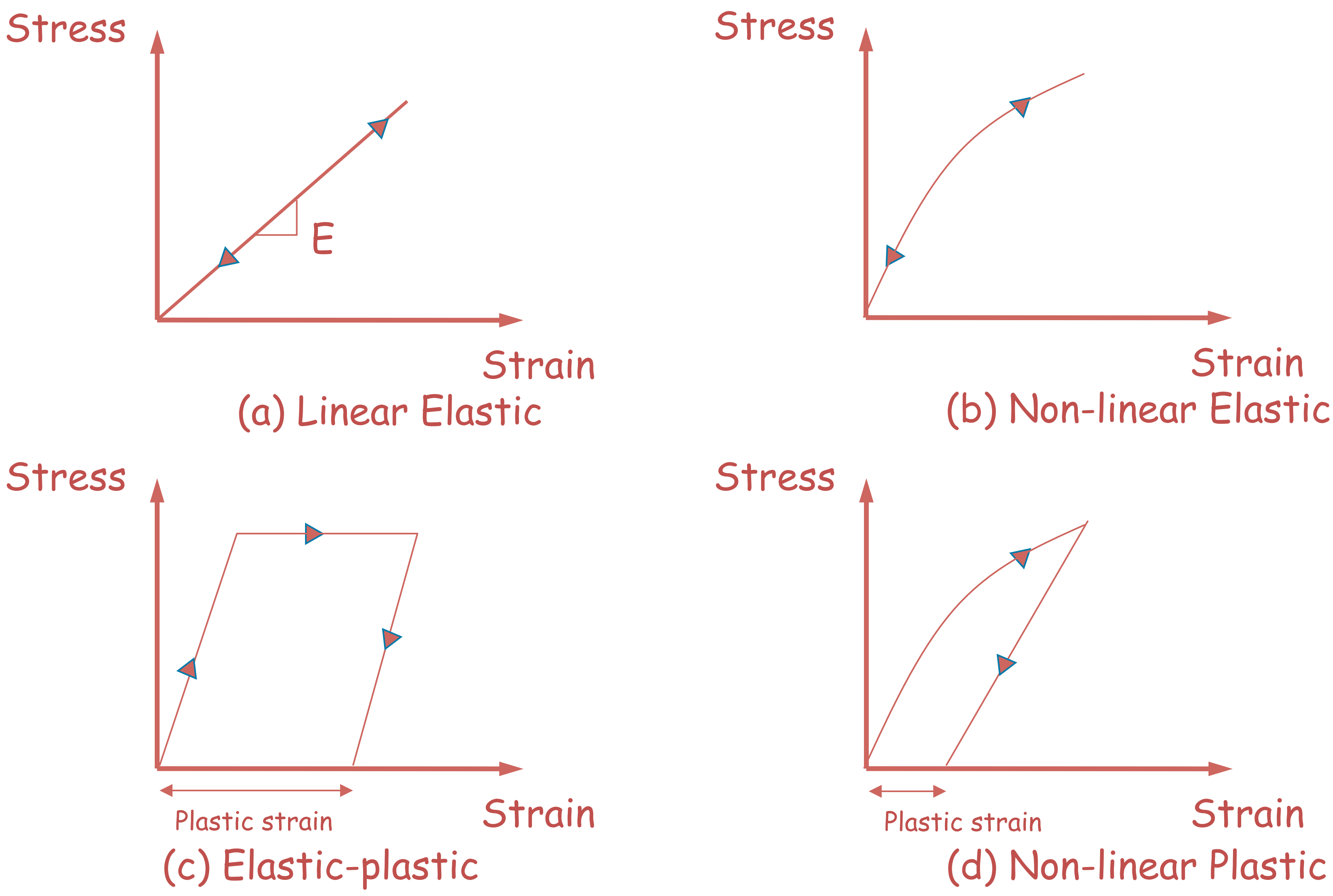
- Steel
  - Maximum stress: 40,000 – 120,000 lb/in^2
  - Maximum strain: 0.2 – 0.4
  - Modulus of elasticity: 29,000,000 lb/in^2

- Concrete
  - Maximum stress: 4,000 – 12,000 lb/in^2
  - Maximum strain: 0.004
  - Modulus of elasticity: 3,600,000 – 6,200,000 lb/in^2

- Wood

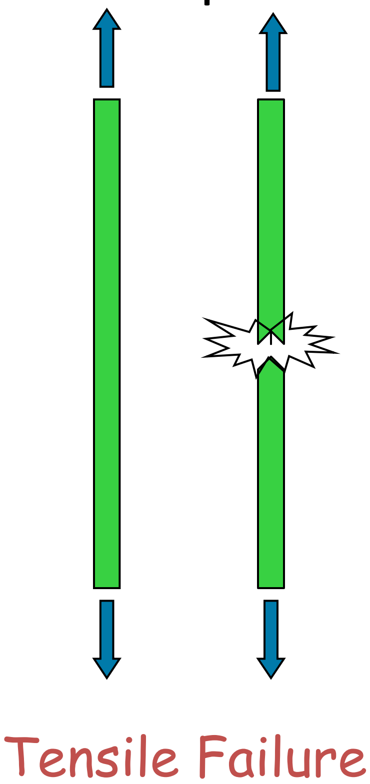
  Values depend on wood grade. Below are some samples
  - Tension stress: 1300 lb/in^2
  - Compression stress: 1500 lb/in^2
  - Modulus of elasticity: 1,600,000 lb/in^2

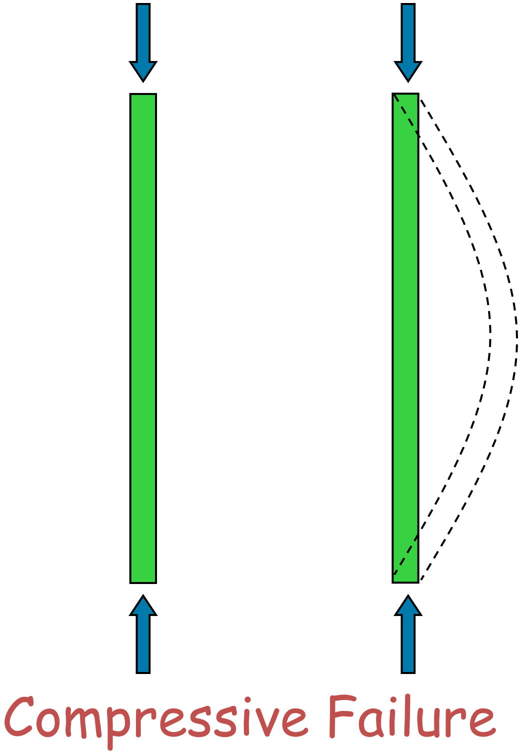
Types of Stress-Strain Behavior



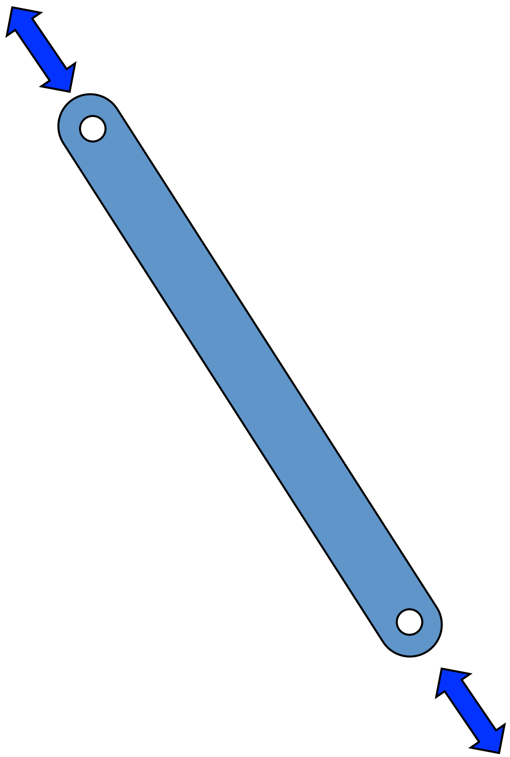
Engineering Properties of Structural Elements

- Strength
  - Ability to withstand a given stress without failure
    - Depends on type of material and type of force (tension or compression)

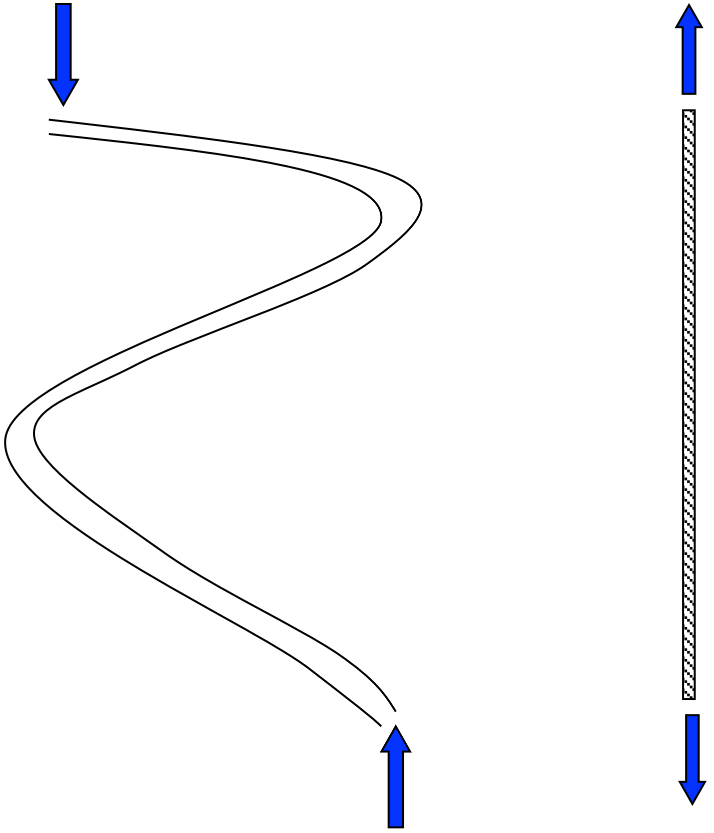




Types of Structural Elements – Bars and Cables

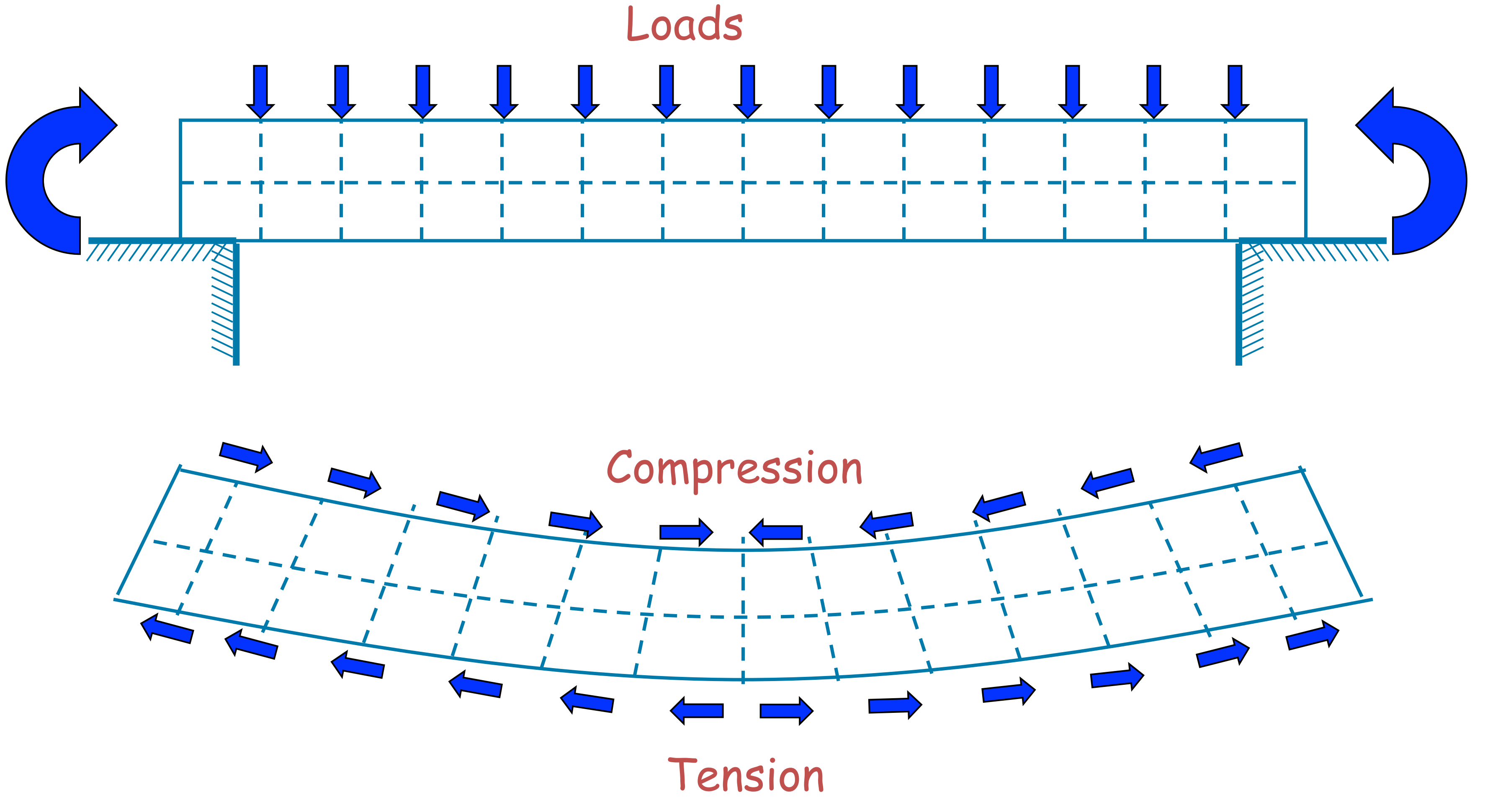


Bars can carry either tension or compression

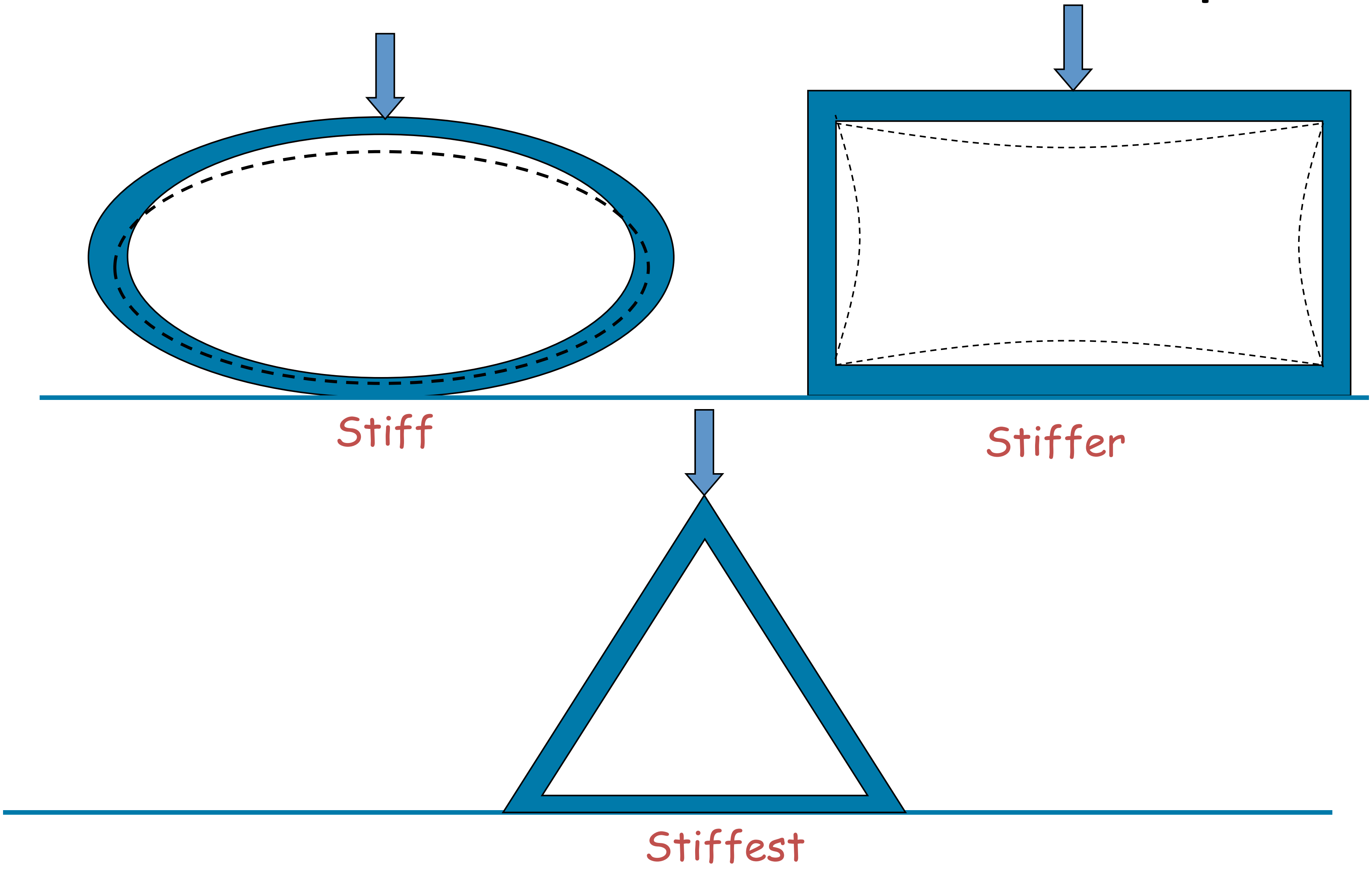


Cables can only carry tension

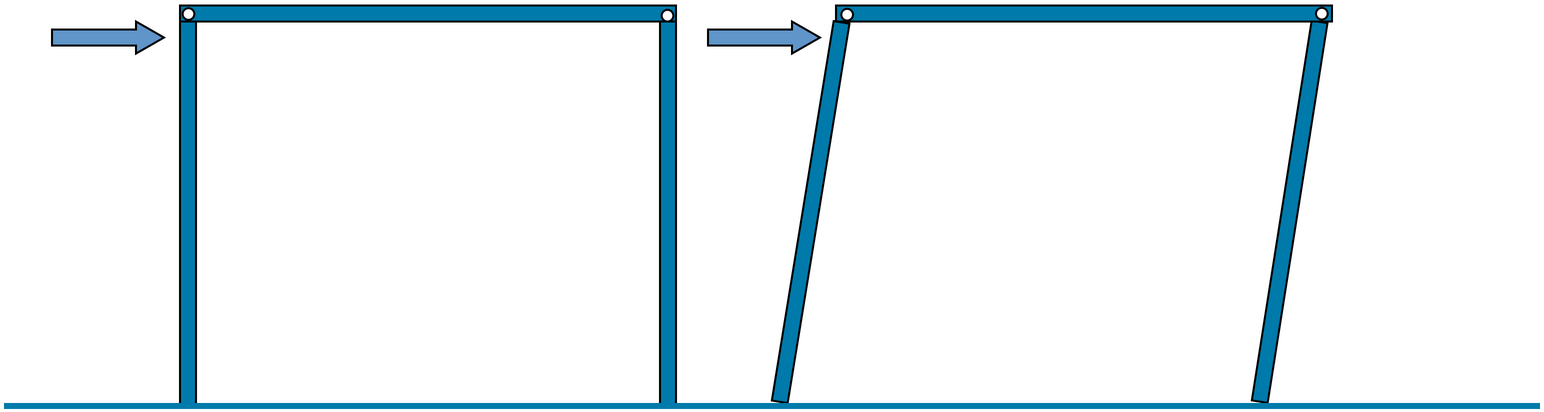
Types of Structural Elements – Beams



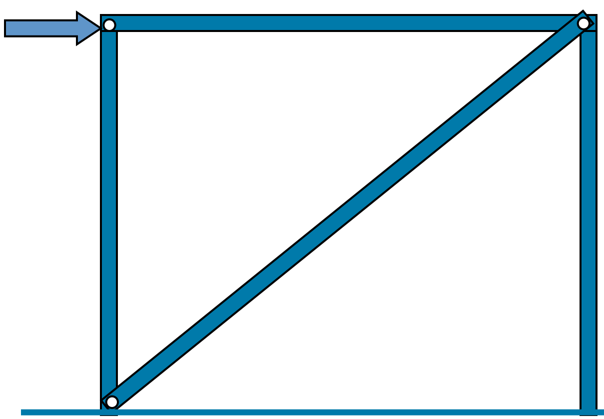
Stiffness of Different Structural Shapes



Providing Stability for Lateral Loads



Racking Failure of Pinned Frame



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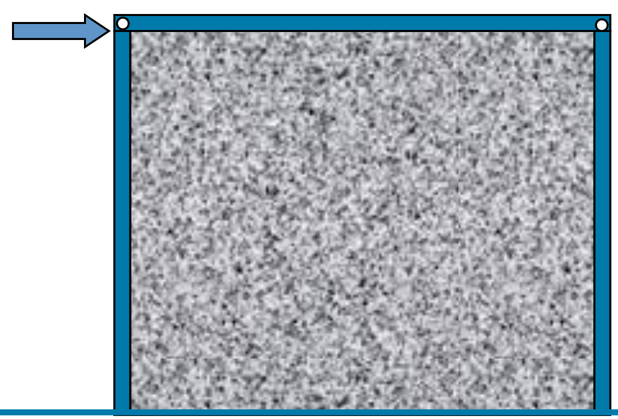
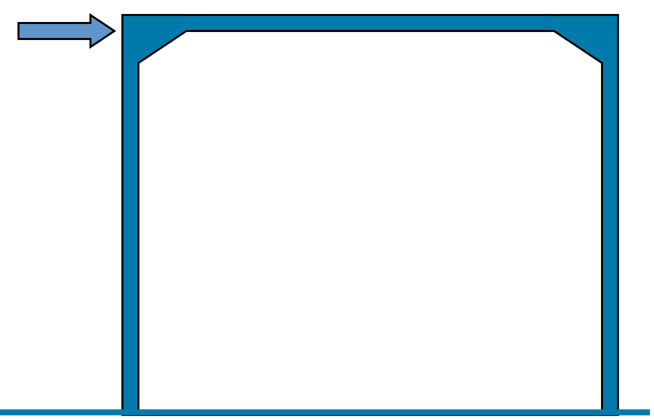


Infilled Frame



Rigid Joints

Failure Mechanisms

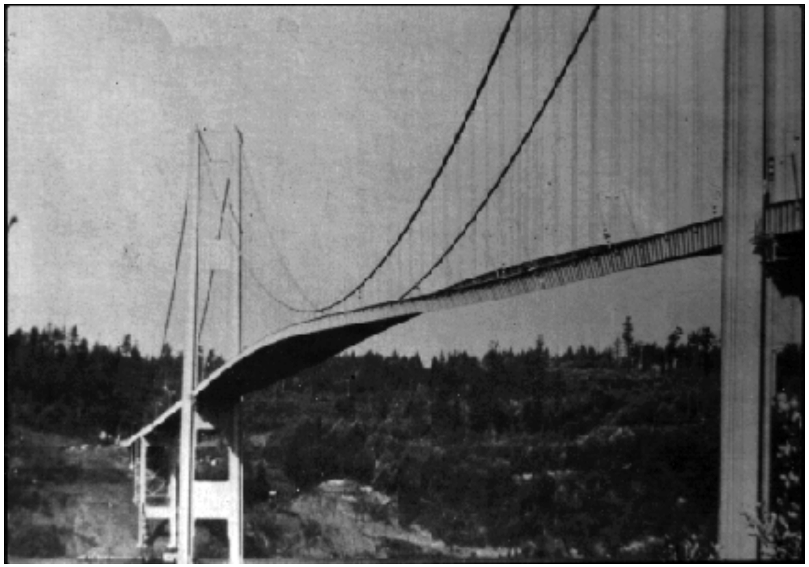
Structural failure refers to loss in the load-carrying capacity of a component or member within a structure.

Failure is initiated when the material is stressed to the strength limit, thus causing fracture or excessive deformations.

Ultimate failure is usually associated with extreme events. The structural engineer needs to prevent loss of life by prohibiting total collapse of the structural system.

Failure due to Dynamic Instability

Failure to understand aeroelastic flutter can be catastrophic.



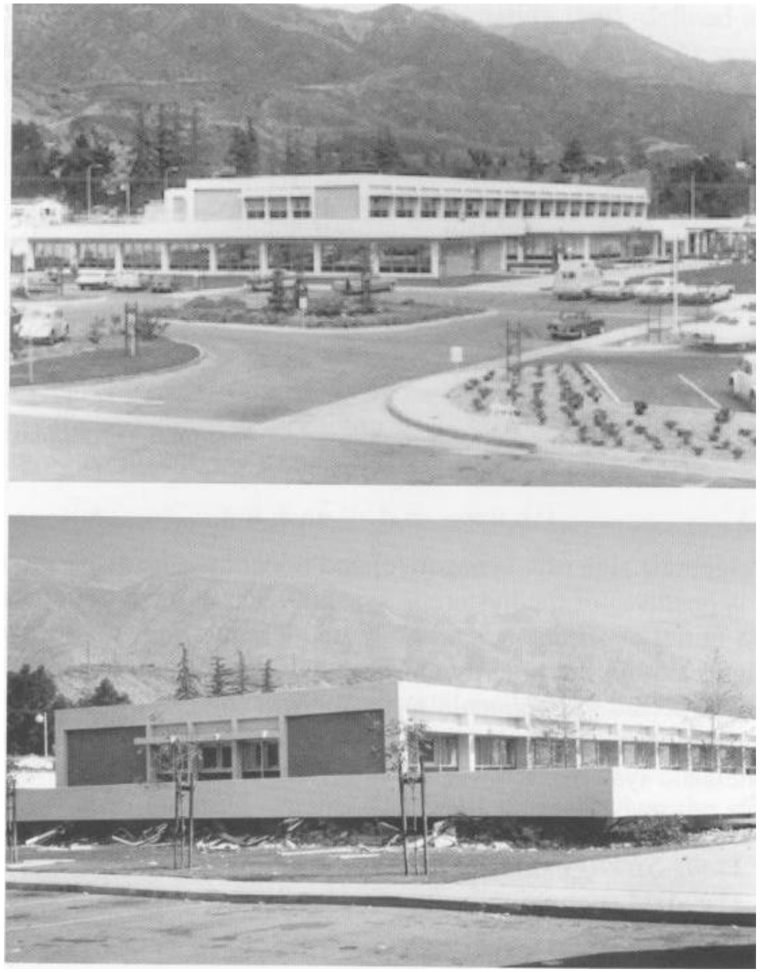
Failure of the Tacoma Narrows bridge completely changed the way in which suspension bridges are analyzed and designed.

Failure due to neglect …

Collapsed I35 W. Mississippi Bridge, August 1, 2007.

Key problems: lack of funding; poor maintenance.

Failure due to lack of Ductility in Concrete Columns



Olive View Hospital
M 6.7 1971 San Fernando Earthquake

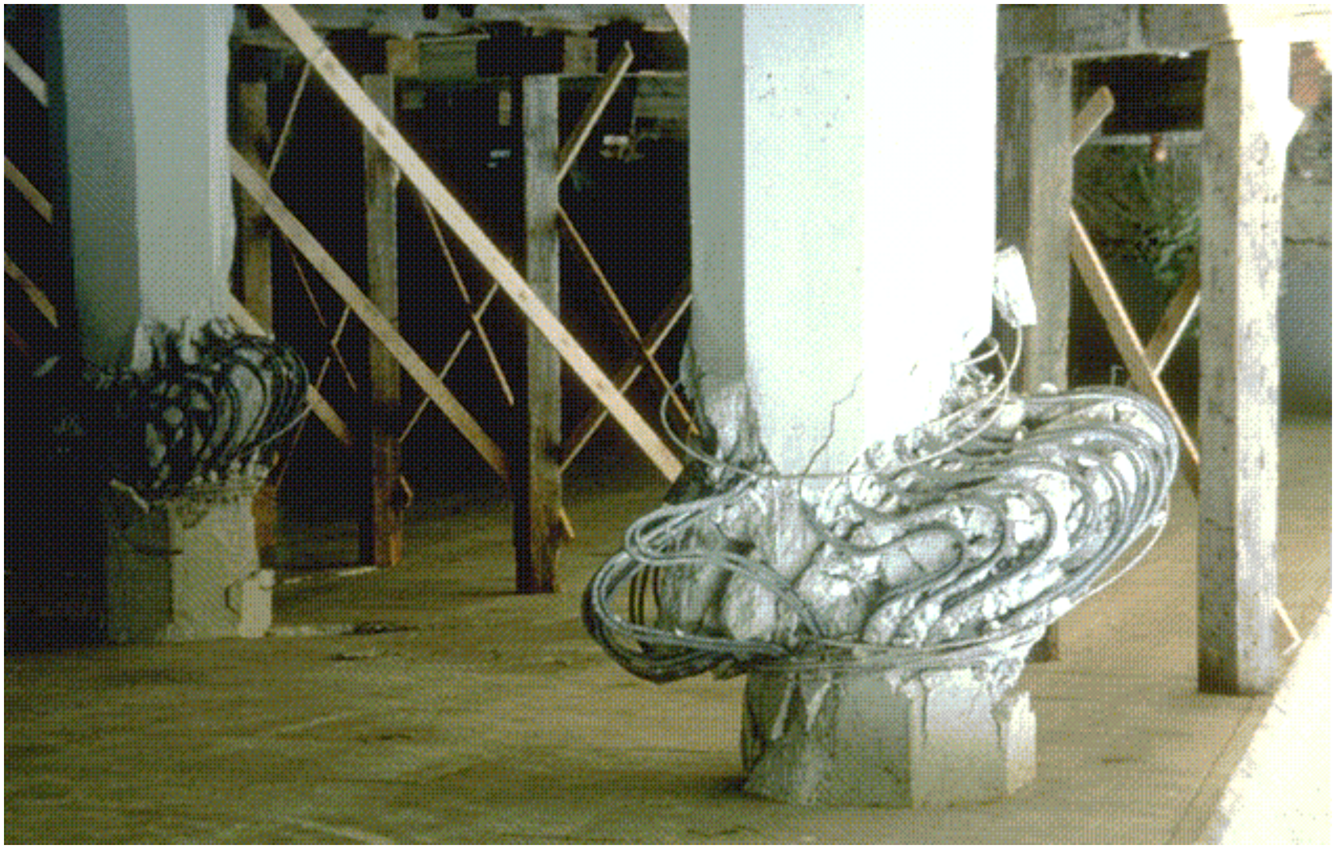
Frame buildings can have also be built with concrete columns and beams (as opposed to steel)

1971 San Fernando earthquake showed that many concrete frames were brittle

Potential for collapse at drifts of about 0.01 (lower than for steel buildings)

There are thousands of these buildings in California and occupants have not been notified

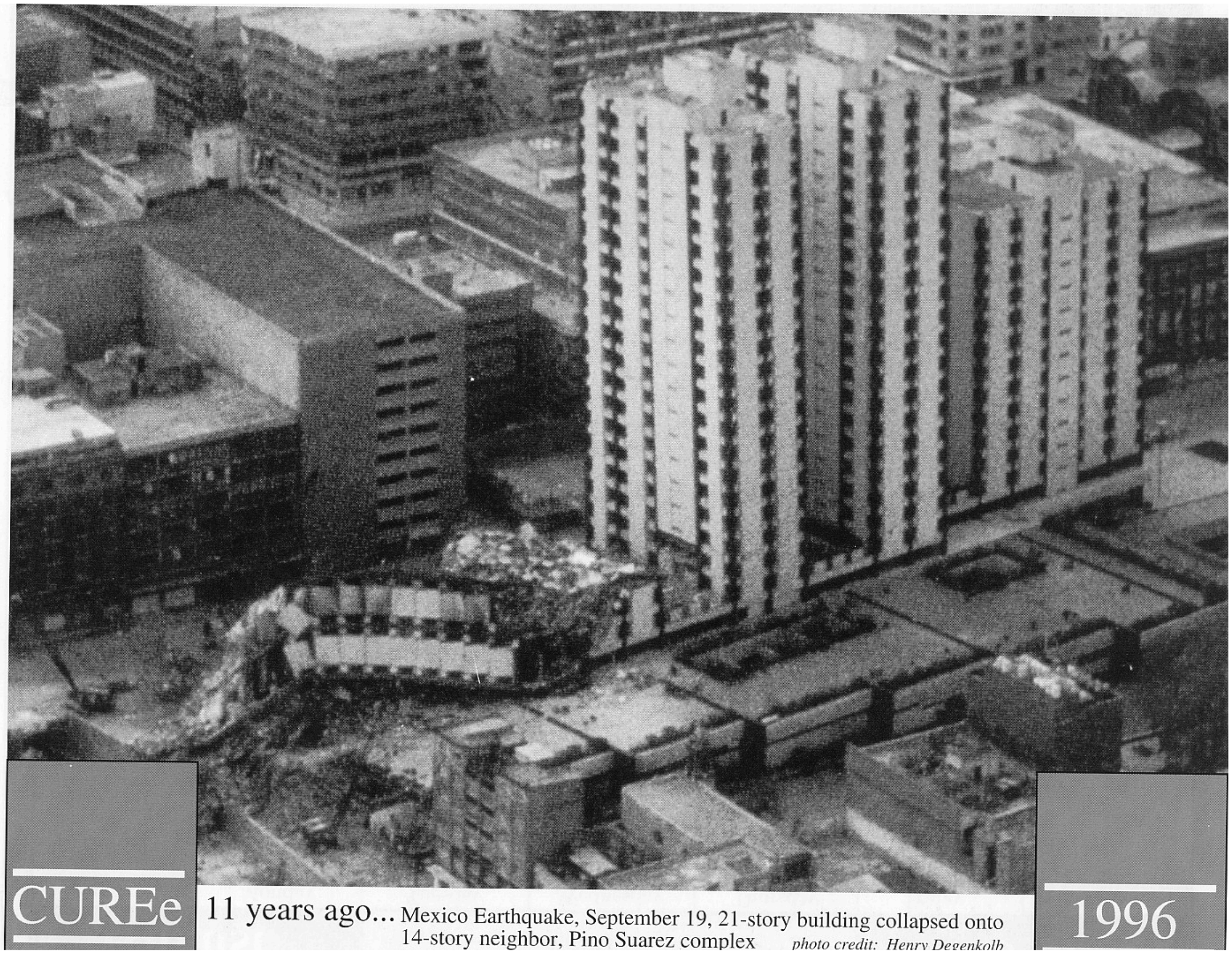
Northridge 118 FWY



Example of failure of a brittle concrete column (pre-1975 code)

Example of “ductile” behavior of concrete columns. Although the parking structure performed poorly, the exterior columns did not fail.

Mexico City Earthquake, 1996



Failure due to liquefaction

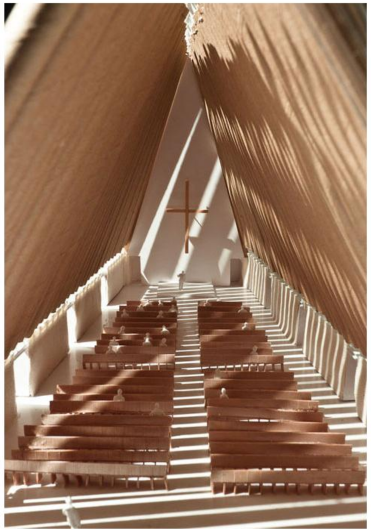
Sometimes you are simply in the wrong place at the wrong time ...

Christchurch, New Zealand, 2011.

Richter Magnitude = 6.3

Failure of the Christchurch Cathedral…

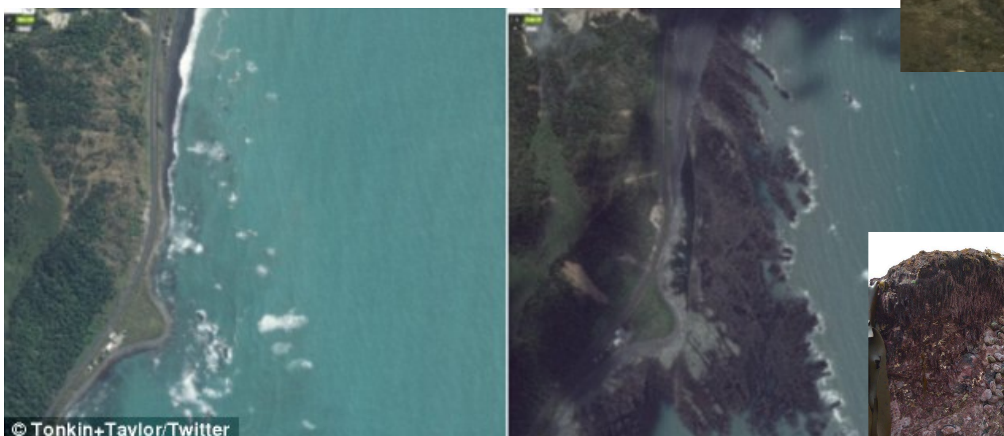
Sometimes extreme events spur real innovation!



Update for 2016

Richter Magnitude = 7.8 – this is 32 times more energy than the 6.3 magnitude earthquake in 2011.


FROM RIVERS
← NEW "LAKE"
RIVER →
150m high dam from landslide ↑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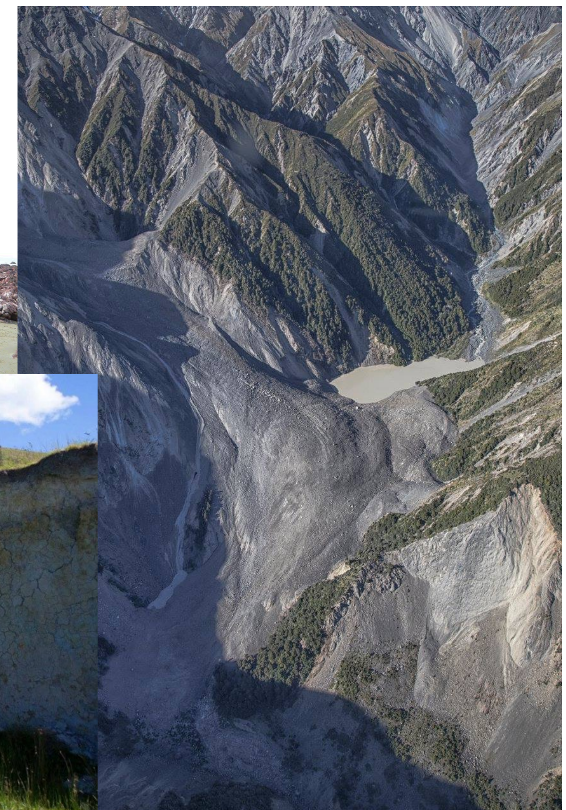

Summary

- Structural Engineering:
  - Identifies loads to be resisted
  - Identifies alternatives for providing load paths (arch, truss, frame, ...)
  - Designs structure to provide safe and economical load paths (material, size, connections)
  - To be economical and safe, we must be able to predict what forces are in structure.

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