

# ENCE 353: An Overview of Structural Analysis and Design

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# Outline

- 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, ME/EE, 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

## Leaning Tower of Pisa (12<sup>th</sup> Century)



- Designed to be the **tallest bell tower in Europe**.
- Construction: Three stages over 199 years (1173-1372).
- Constructed from **white marble**.
- Tower leans because of **weak unstable subsoil**.
- It once leaned at 5.5 degrees.
- Currently leans at 3.99 degrees.
- Has **survived 4 earthquakes** –ironically, weak subsoil conditions work to **protect** Pisa from ground accelerations.

# 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.

1848 (approx).



1888






# A Little History

## Early Skyscrapers

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

<b>Enablers</b>	<b>Example: Empire State Building</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● New materials → design of tall structures having large open interior spaces.</li><li>● Elevators (1857) → vertical transportation building occupants.</li><li>● Mechanical systems → delivery of water, heating and cooling.</li><li>● Collections of skyscrapers → high-density CBDs/commuter society.</li></ul>	

# A Little History

Urban Development in NYC



Urban Development in Shanghai



# Challenges (2020-2060)

# Crisis in Infrastructure Investment

## Exemplars of Work from the 1800s and 1900s

<b>From the 1800s</b>	<b>From the 1900s</b>
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.

# Crisis in Infrastructure Investment

## Universal Observations:

- Aging infrastructure becomes expensive to maintain.
- New (replacement) infrastructure is very expensive.
- Politicians are eager to talk up Infrastructure Investment , but slow to deliver ....

## Bottom line:

- Critical infrastructure is taken for granted and not a national priority (ASCE, IEEE).

Delay, delay, delay ....



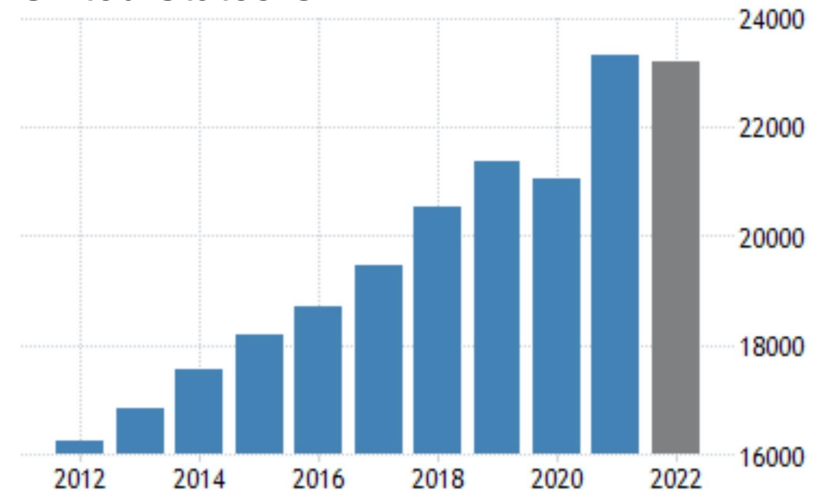
Bangkok, Thailand

# Crisis in Infrastructure Investment

## Statistics:

- US: Post World-War II (1950-1970): 3% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
- US: 1980-present: 2% of GDP.
- China: 5% GDP.
- India: 9% GDP.

United States GDP



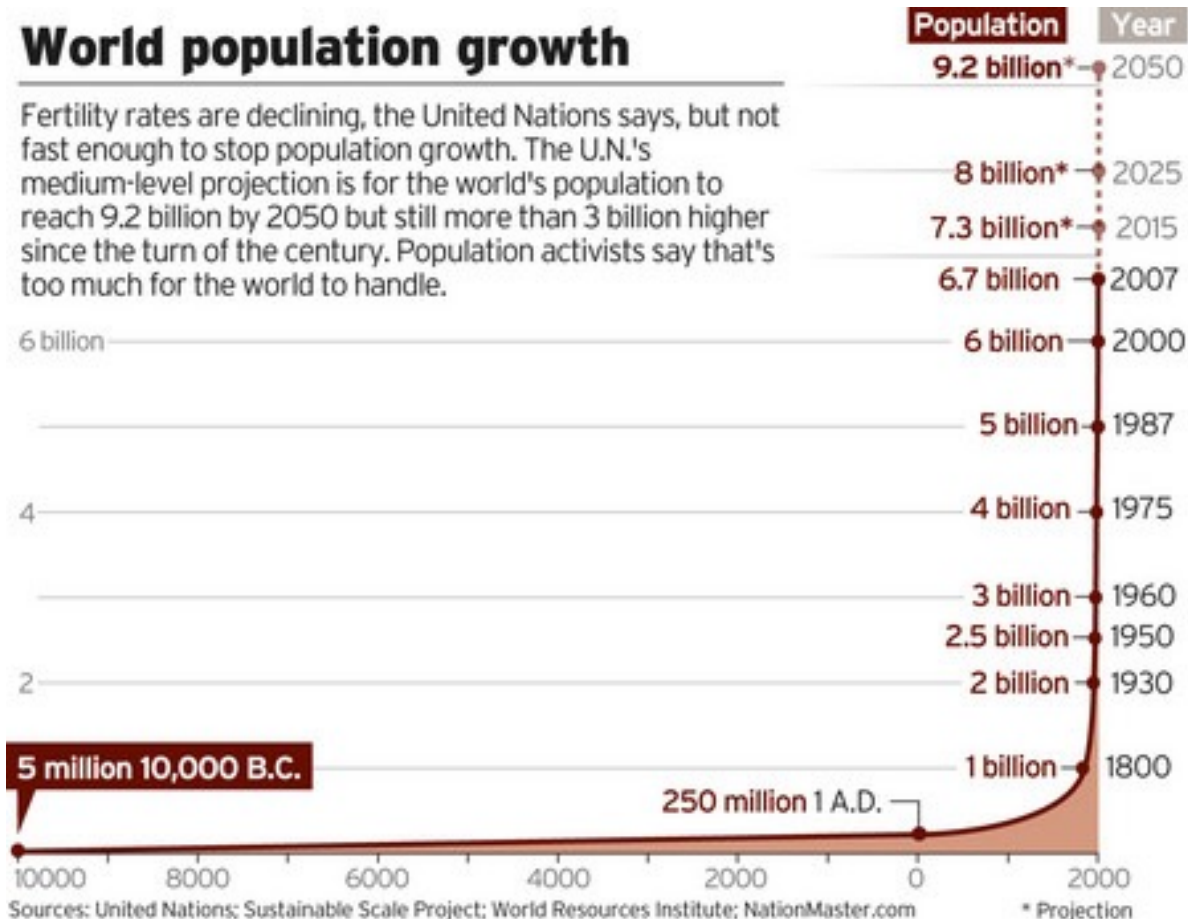
## Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (2021).

- Invest \$1.2T over 10 years.
- Sounds like a lot – but is it too low, too high?
- Increases investment by 0.5% of GDP.

# Looking Ahead

## World population growth

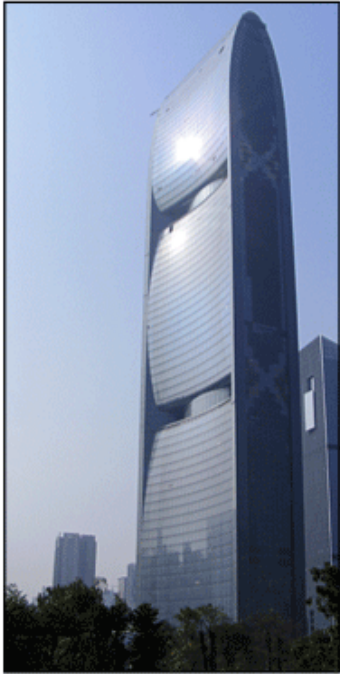
Fertility rates are declining, the United Nations says, but not fast enough to stop population growth. The U.N.'s medium-level projection is for the world's population to reach 9.2 billion by 2050 but still more than 3 billion higher since the turn of the century. Population activists say that's too much for the world to handle.



Increasing Population → Increased Demand on Limited Resources → Increasing need for **Improvements to System Efficiency.**

# Looking Ahead

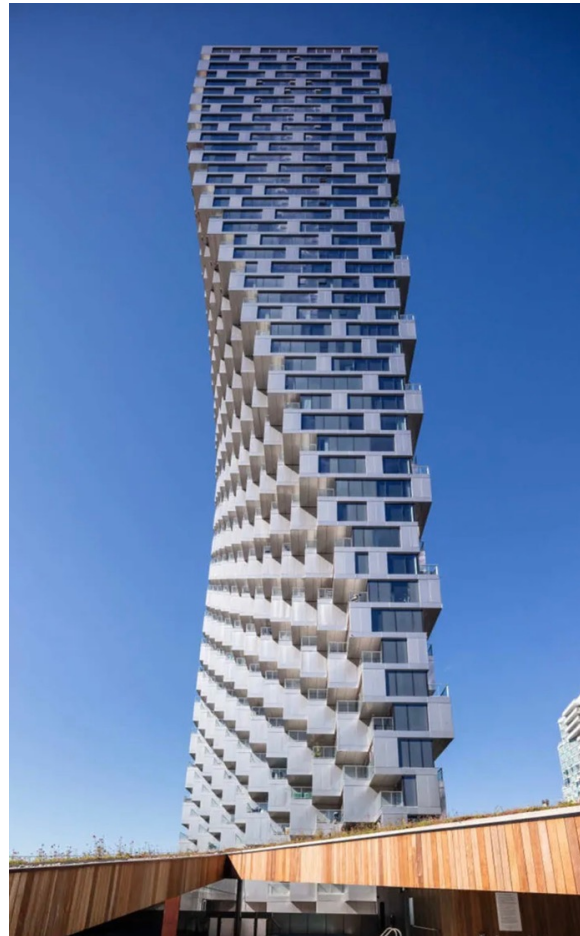
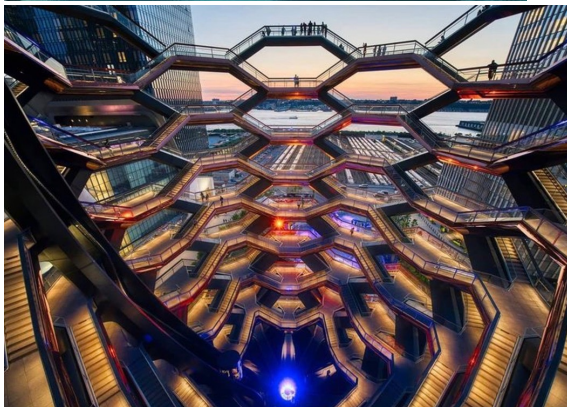
## Example. Engineering Modern Skyscrapers

Enablers	Example: Pearl River Tower
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● High performance structure designed to produce as much energy as it consumes.</li><li>● Guides wind to a pair of openings at its mechanical floors.</li><li>● Winds drive turbines that generate energy for the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.</li><li>● Openings provide structural relief, by allowing wind to pass through the building.</li></ul>	



# Looking Ahead

## Emergence of New Architectural Forms



# Looking Ahead

## Parametric Architectural Design



# Looking Ahead

Convergence: Engineering-Architecture-AI

AI-generated art ...



AI-generated building architecture



# Structural Design Process

# 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)

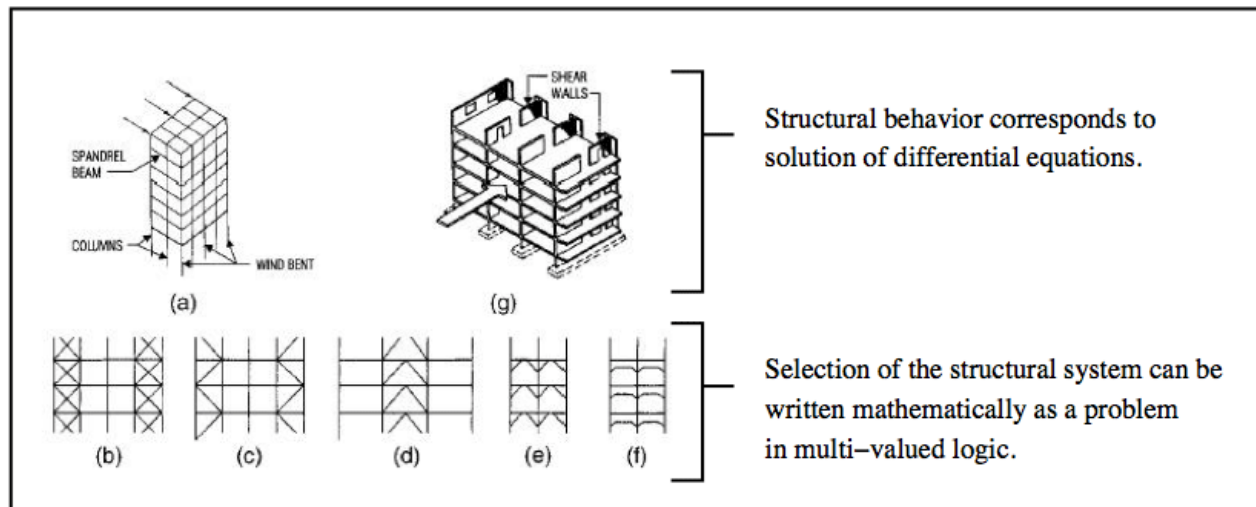
**Note:** **New structural systems** may also require an **experimental testing** phase to **verify behavior** and **system performance**.

# 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:

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

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).

# Loads



# 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

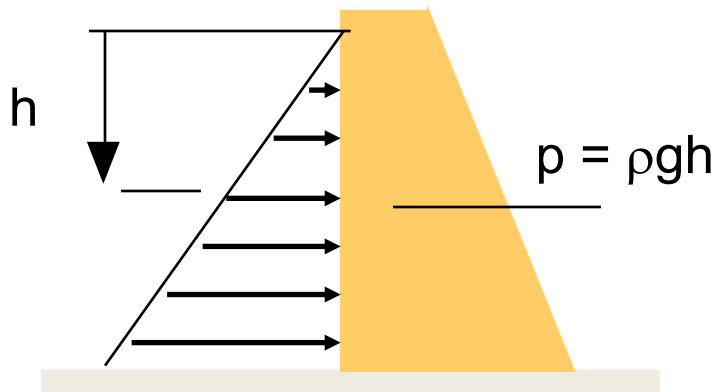
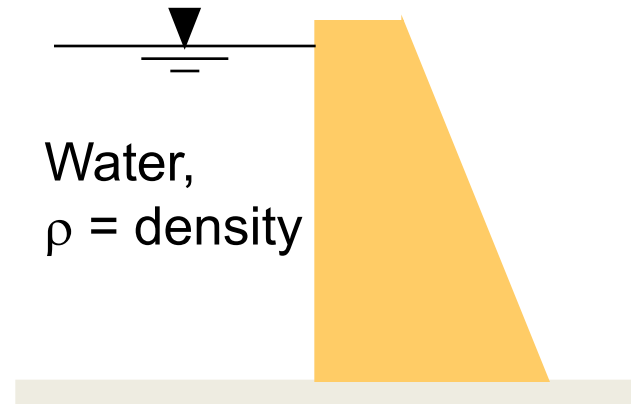


# Dynamic Loads

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



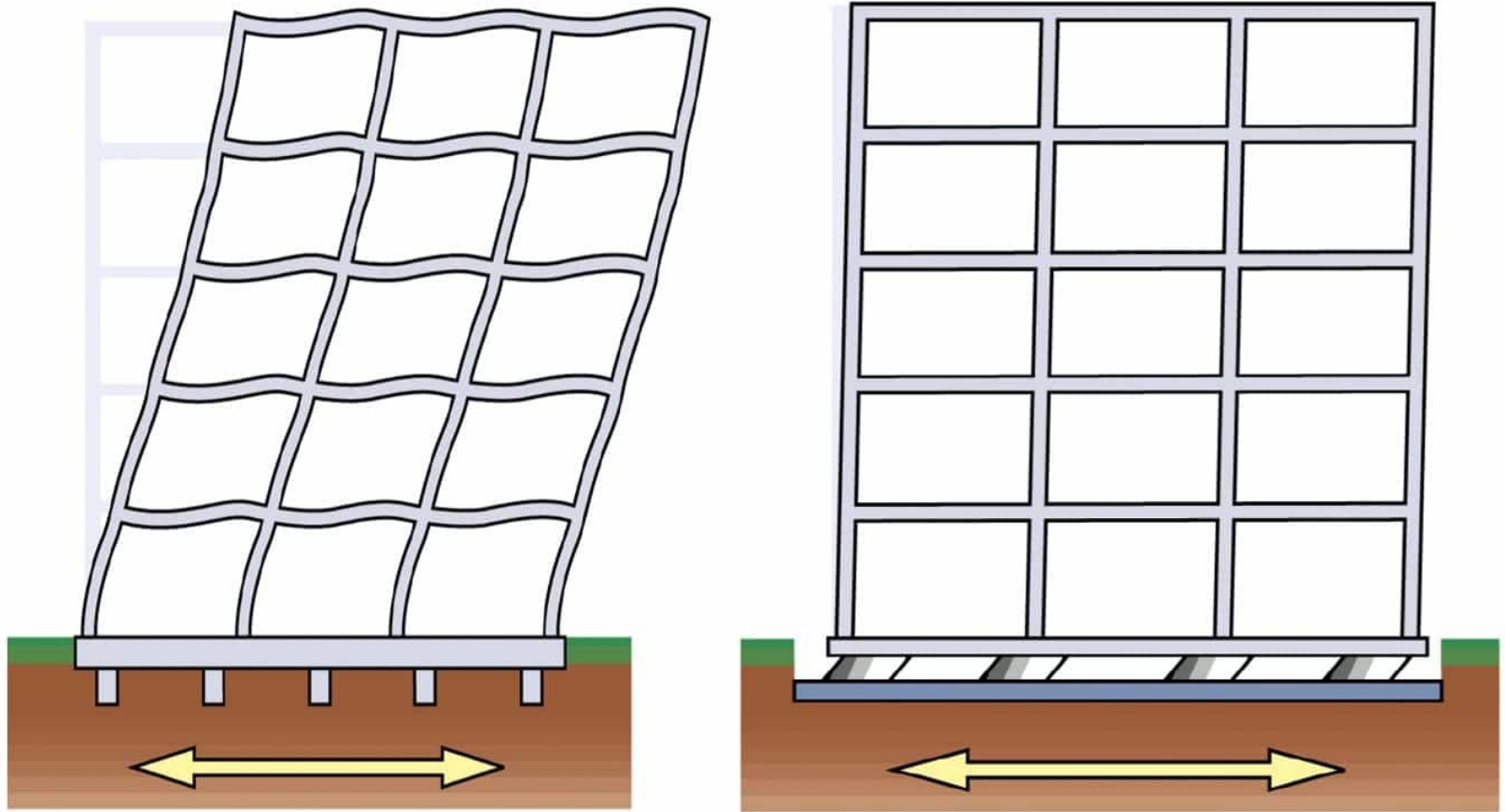
# Load Example: Water in a dam

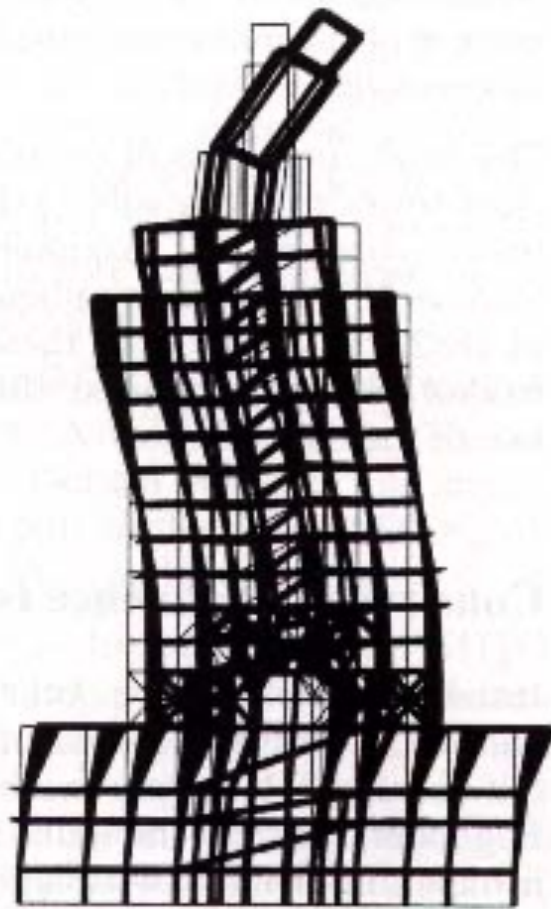


# Earthquake Loads

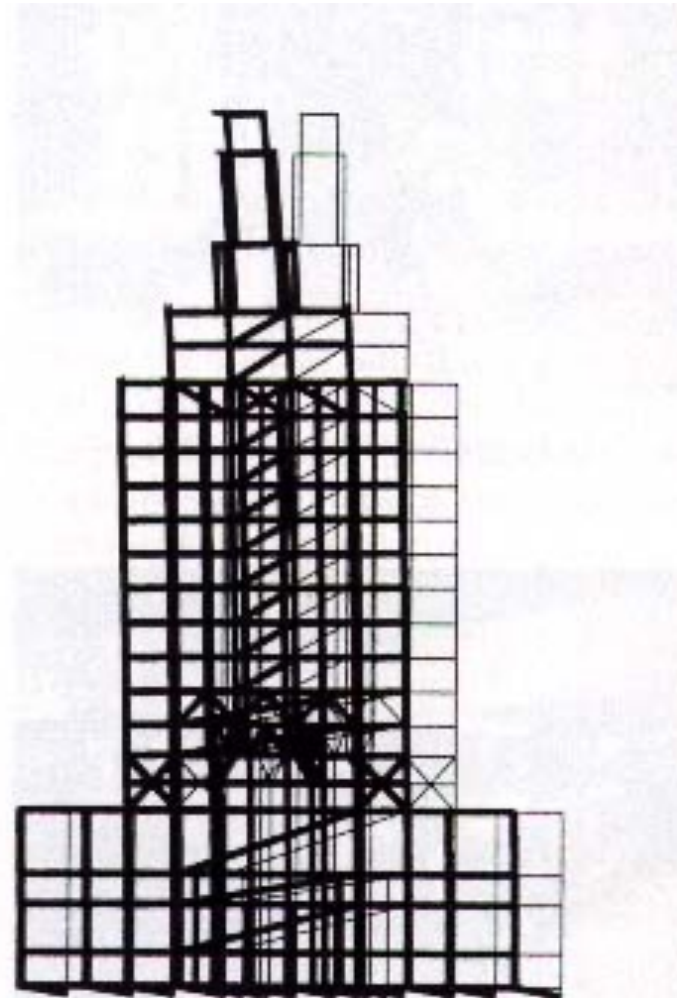
- Structure loaded when base is shaken
- Response of structure is dependent on the **frequency content** and **magnitude** of **ground motion**.
- When frequencies of ground motion match with natural frequency of structure – **resonance** leads to **amplified displacements**.

# Fixed-Base versus Base-Isolated Response





Fixed Base



Isolated

*4: Seismic response of the building*



# Two Applications of Base Isolation



# Settlement



Note: See link on class web page to article on Settlement of Millennium Tower in San Francisco.

...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:

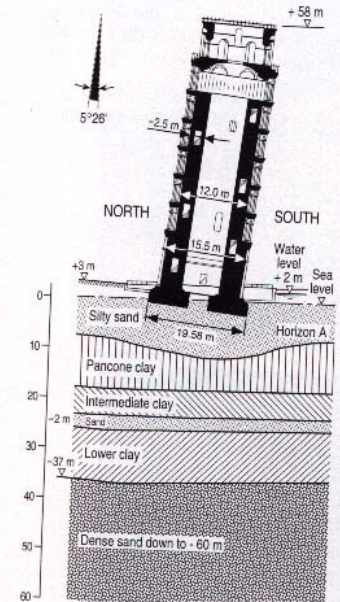


Fig. 2: Soil profile

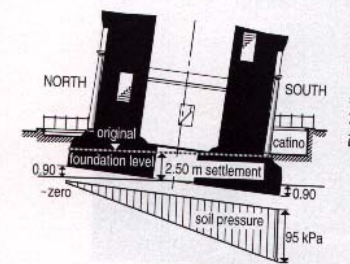
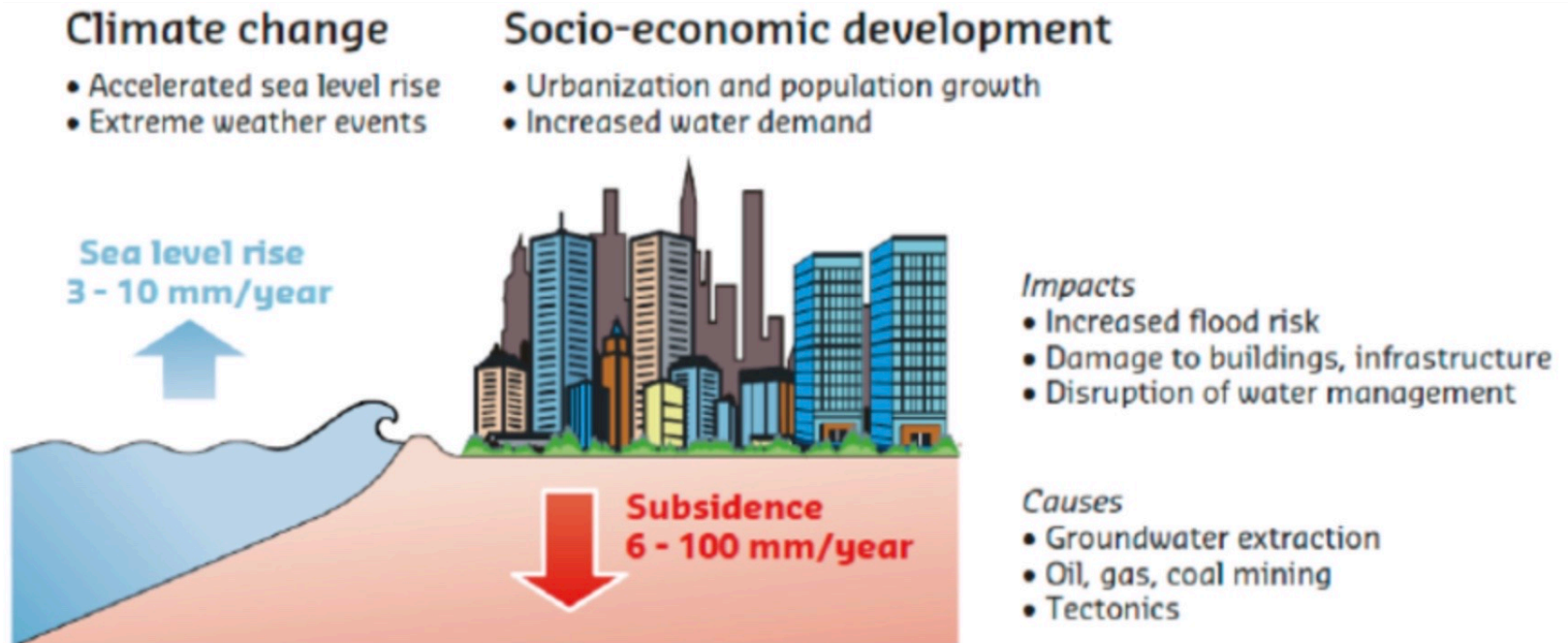


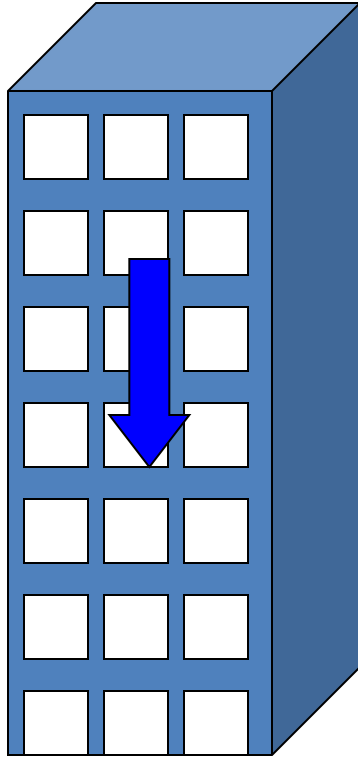
Fig. 3: Settlement and soil pressure

# Sinking of Coastal Cities

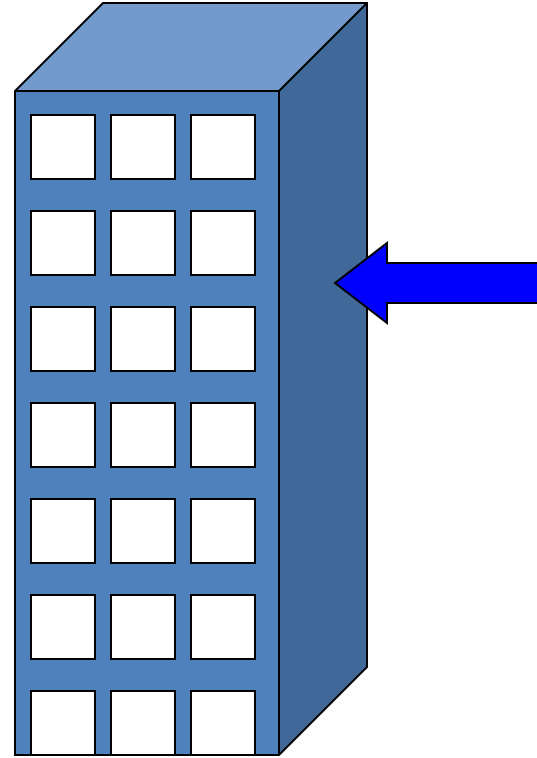
Emerging problem that will cause damage to buildings and urban infrastructure, increase the risk of flooding, and disrupt water supply systems.



# Forces Acting in Structures

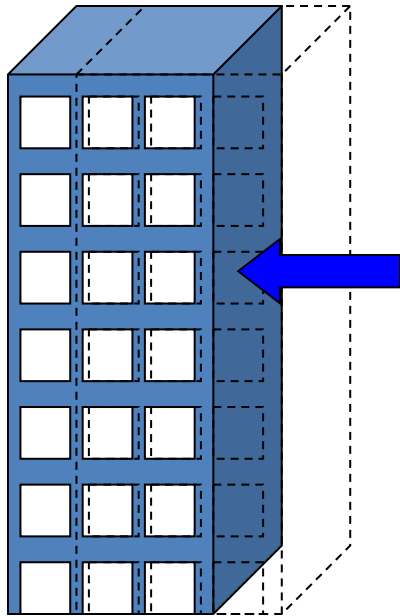


Vertical: Gravity

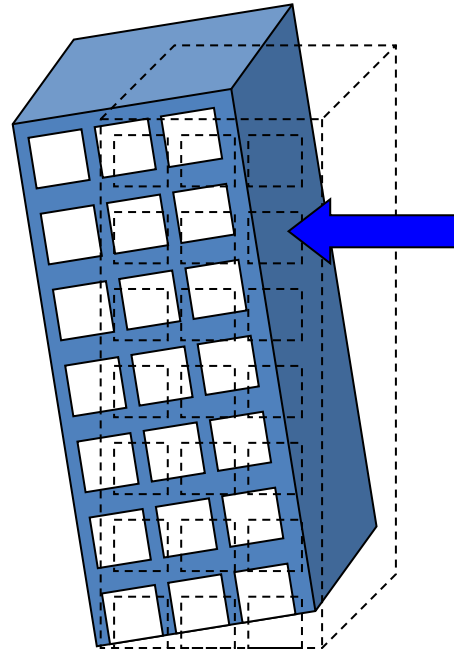


Lateral: Wind, Earthquake

# Global Stability



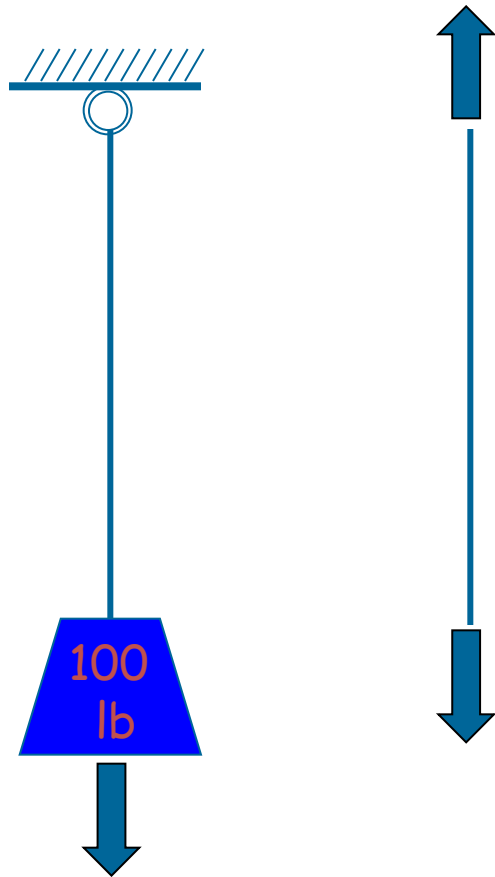
Sliding



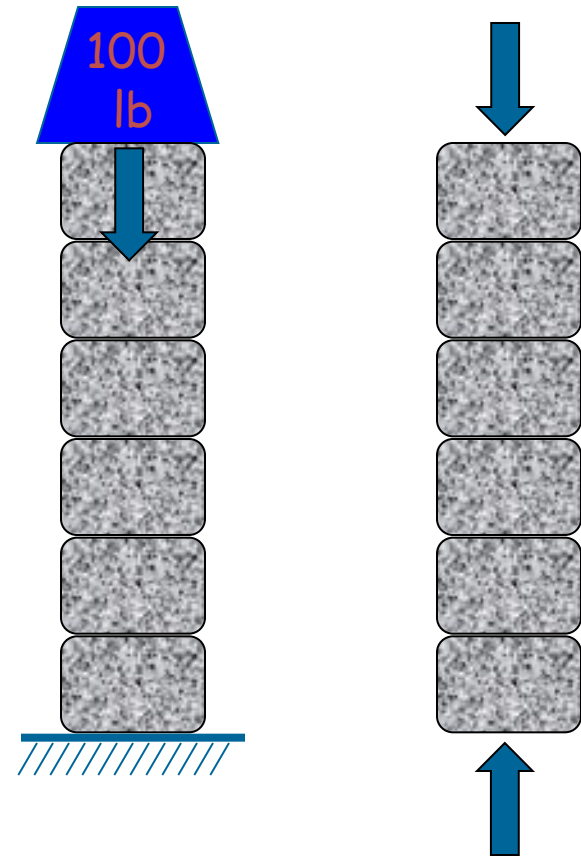
Overturning



# Forces in Structural Elements

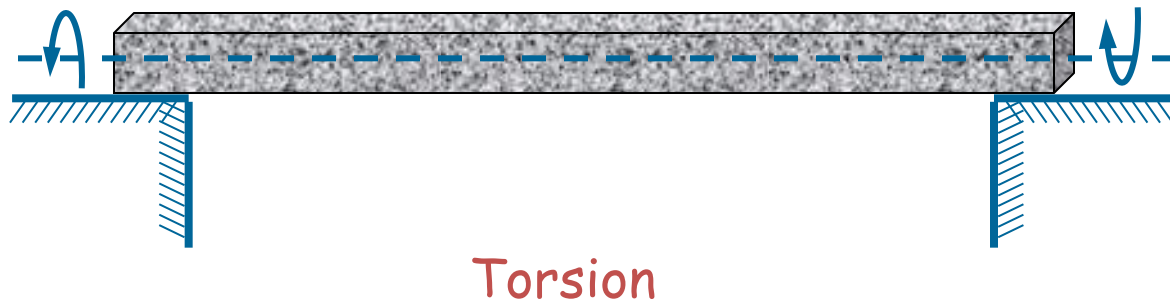
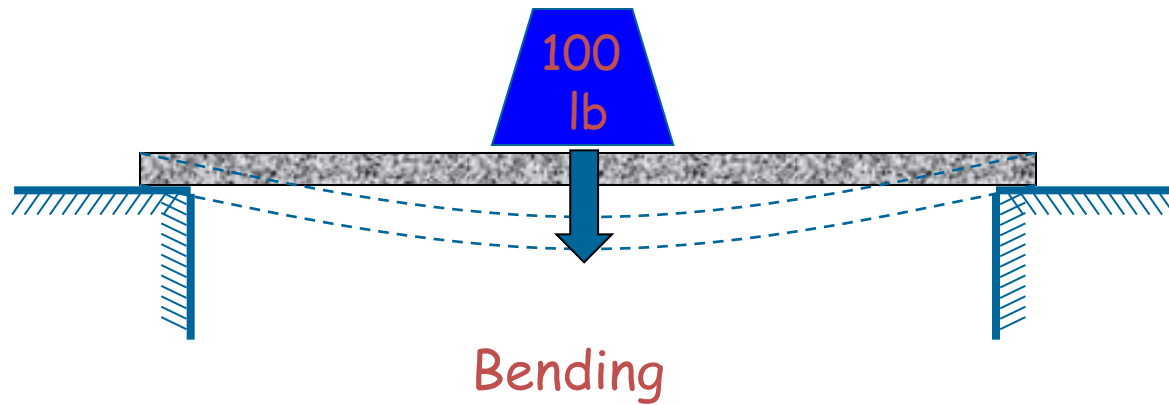


Tension



Compression

# Forces in Structural Elements (cont.)



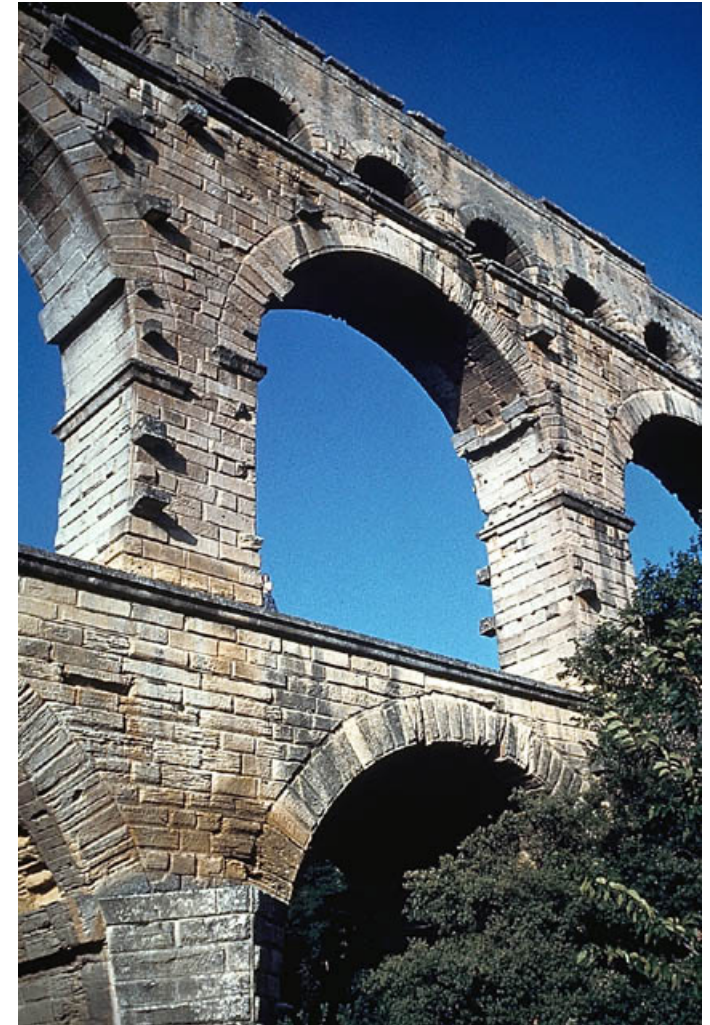
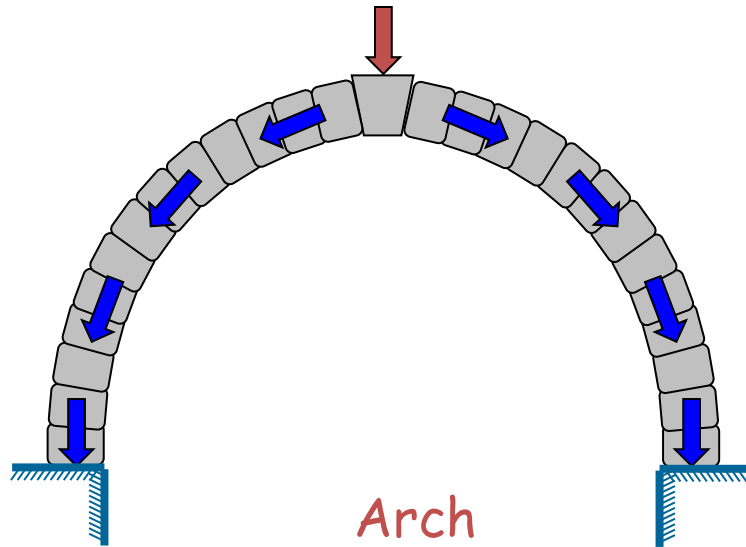
# Types of Structural System



# 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?



# Arch Bridges are currently In Vogue

Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge, Washington DC (2017-2022)



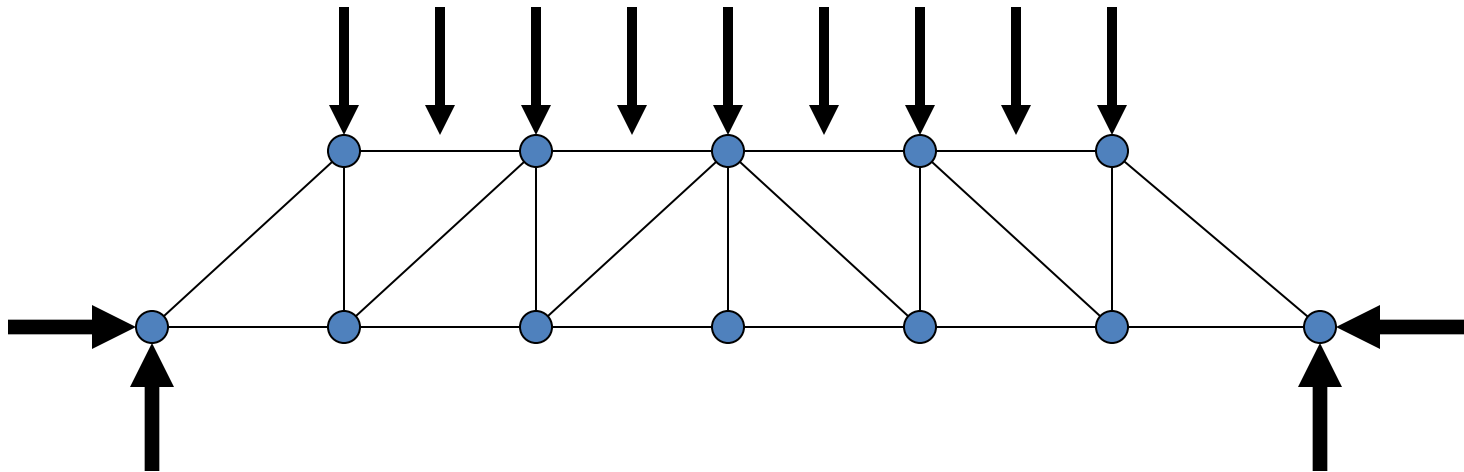


Science World,  
Vancouver, Canada.

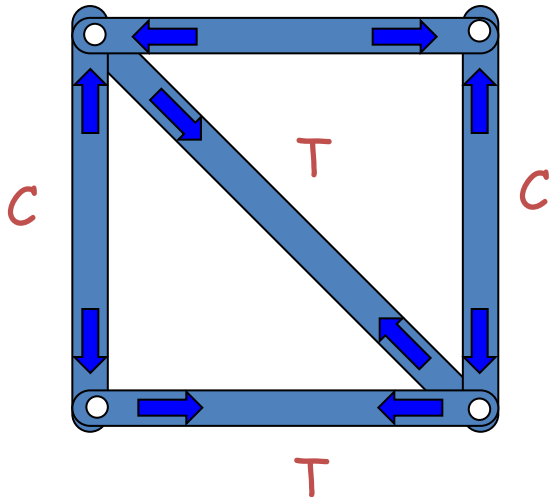
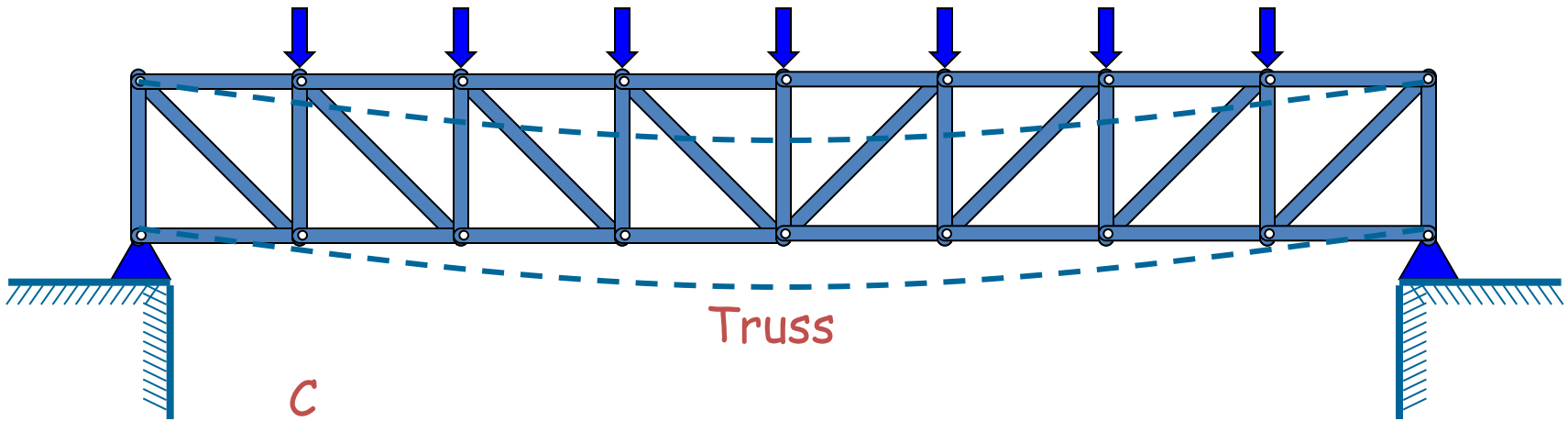


# Truss

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



# Planar Truss



Forces in Truss Members



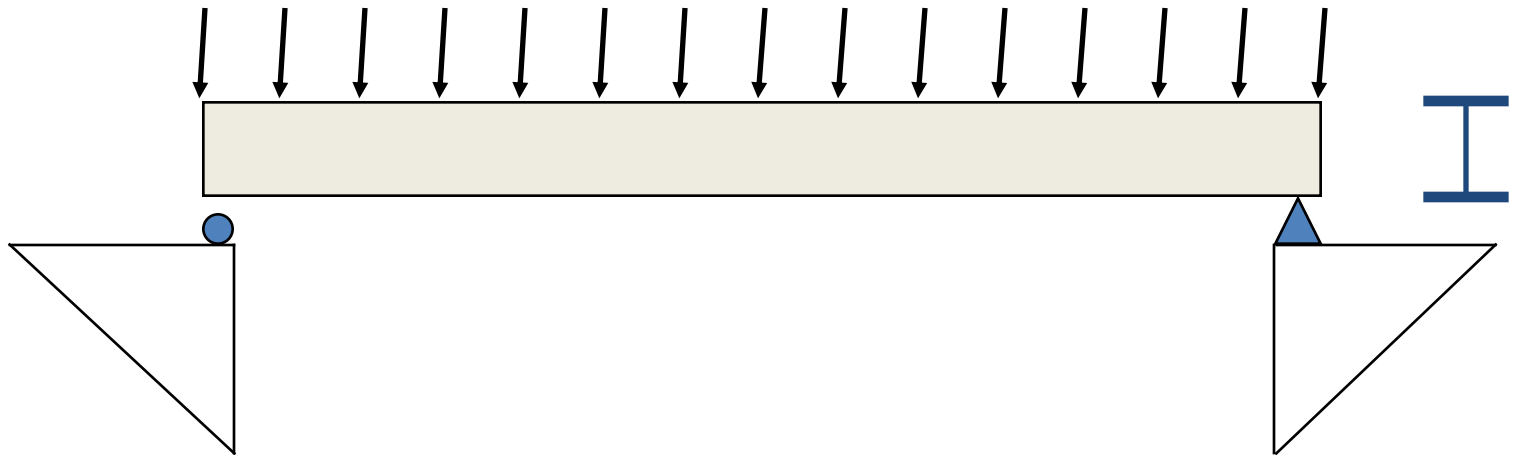




## Three-Dimensional Truss Structure at BWI



# Beam/Girder



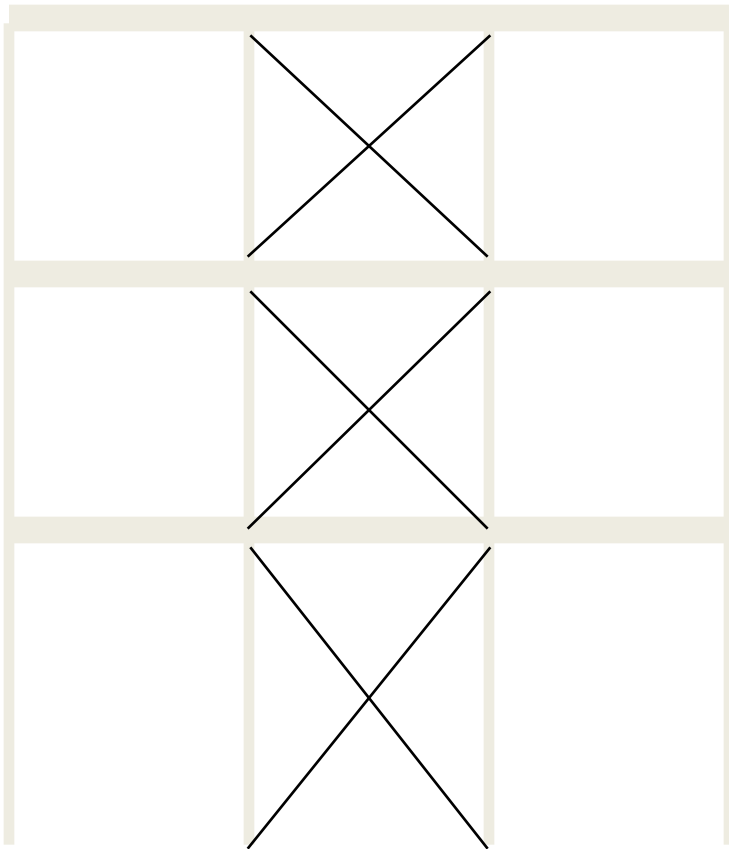


## New Computer Science Building at UMD (2017)

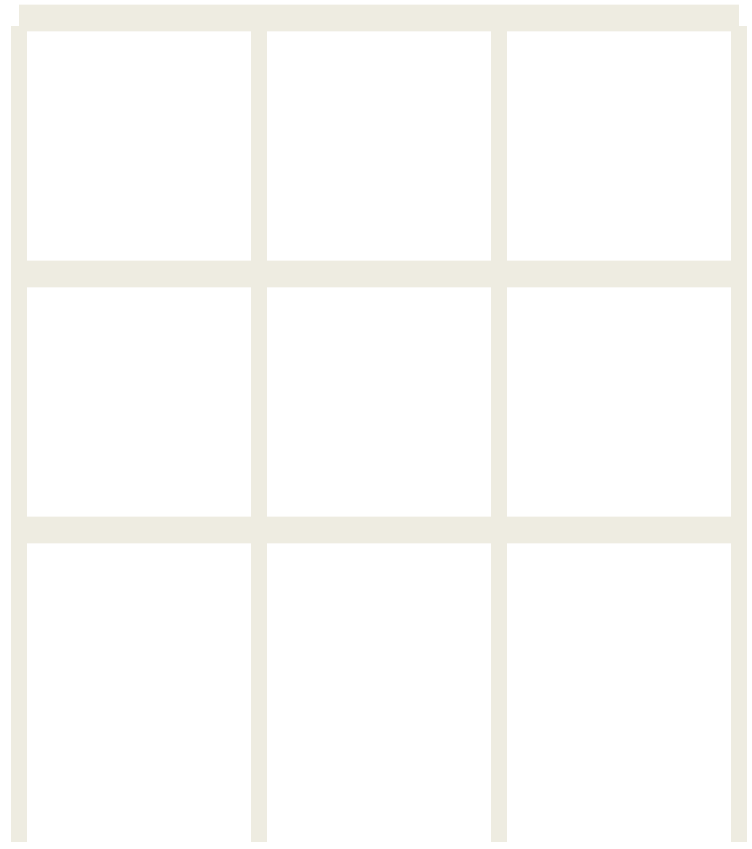


# Frames

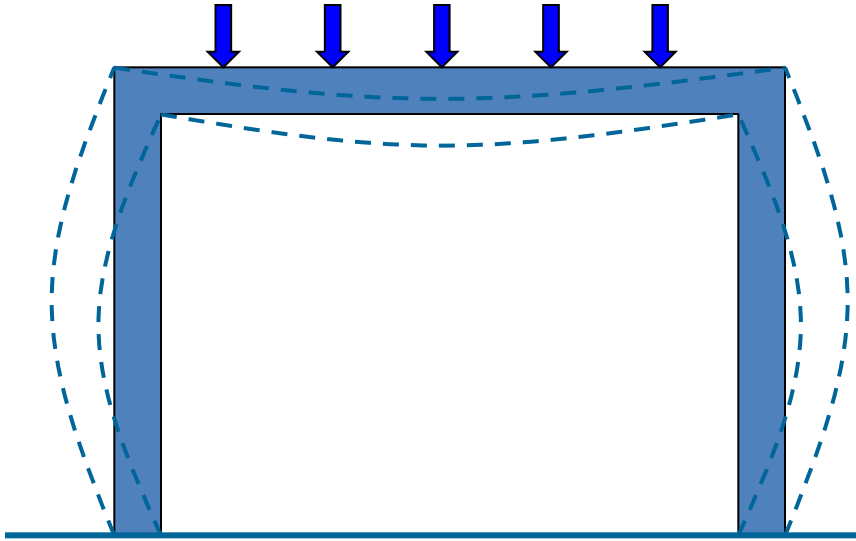
Braced



Rigid



# Frames



Frame



**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



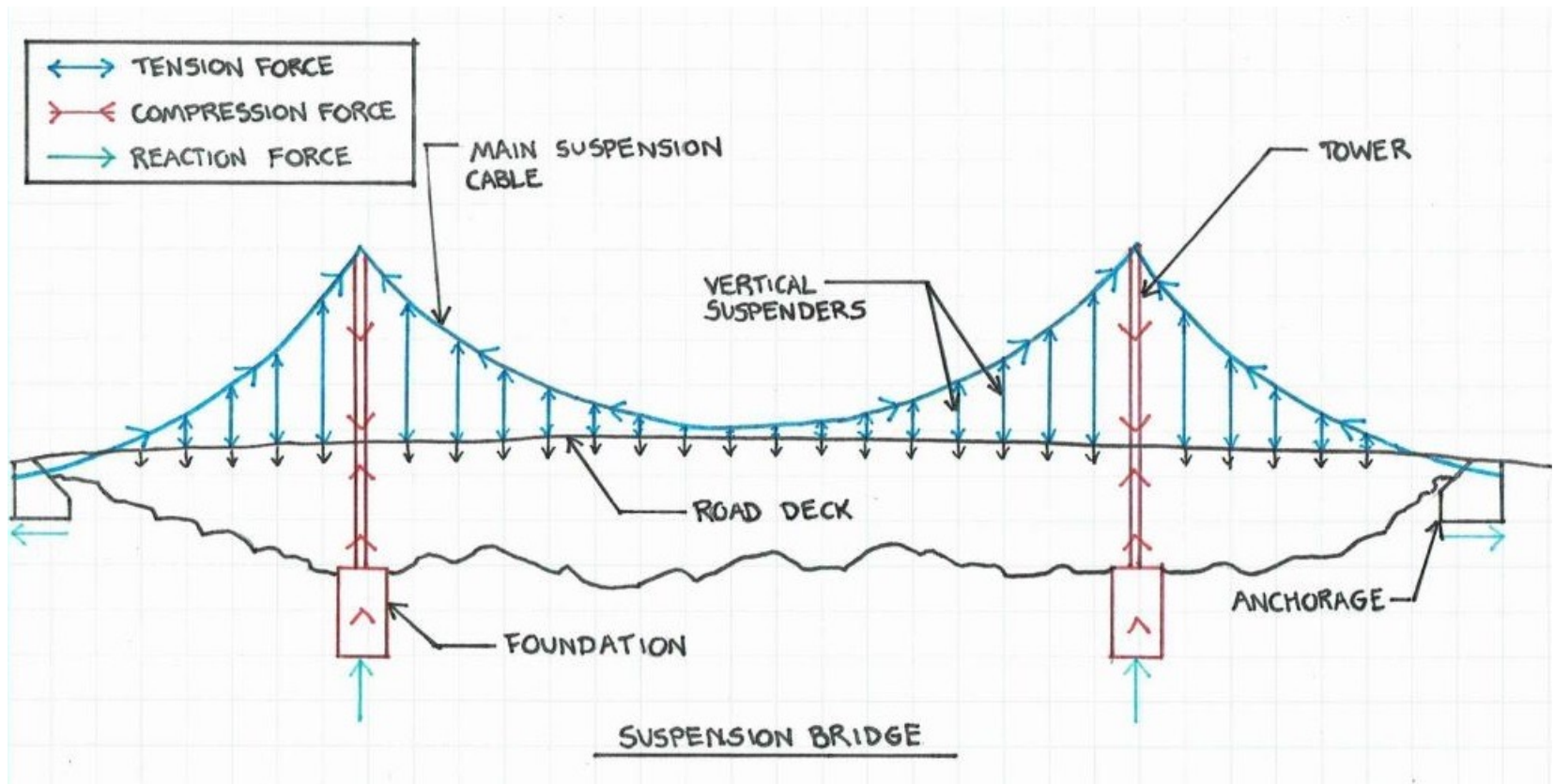
Circular Shell Structure



Lattice Shell Structure

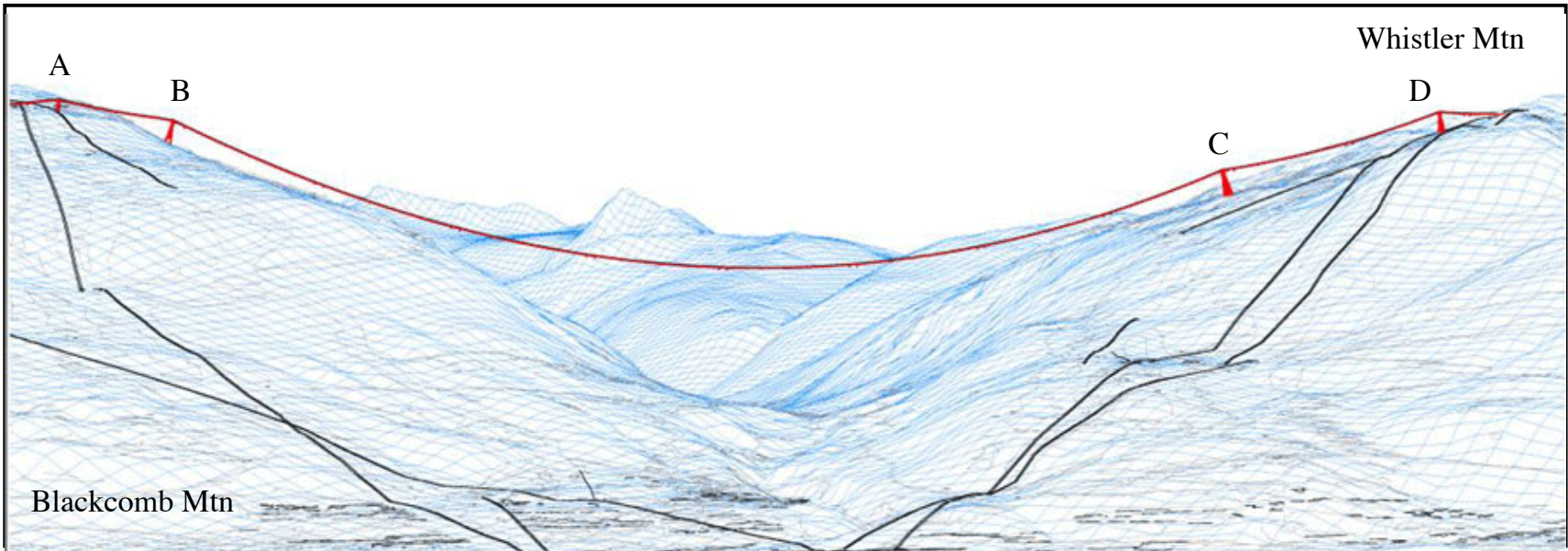


# Cable Suspended Structure



**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?





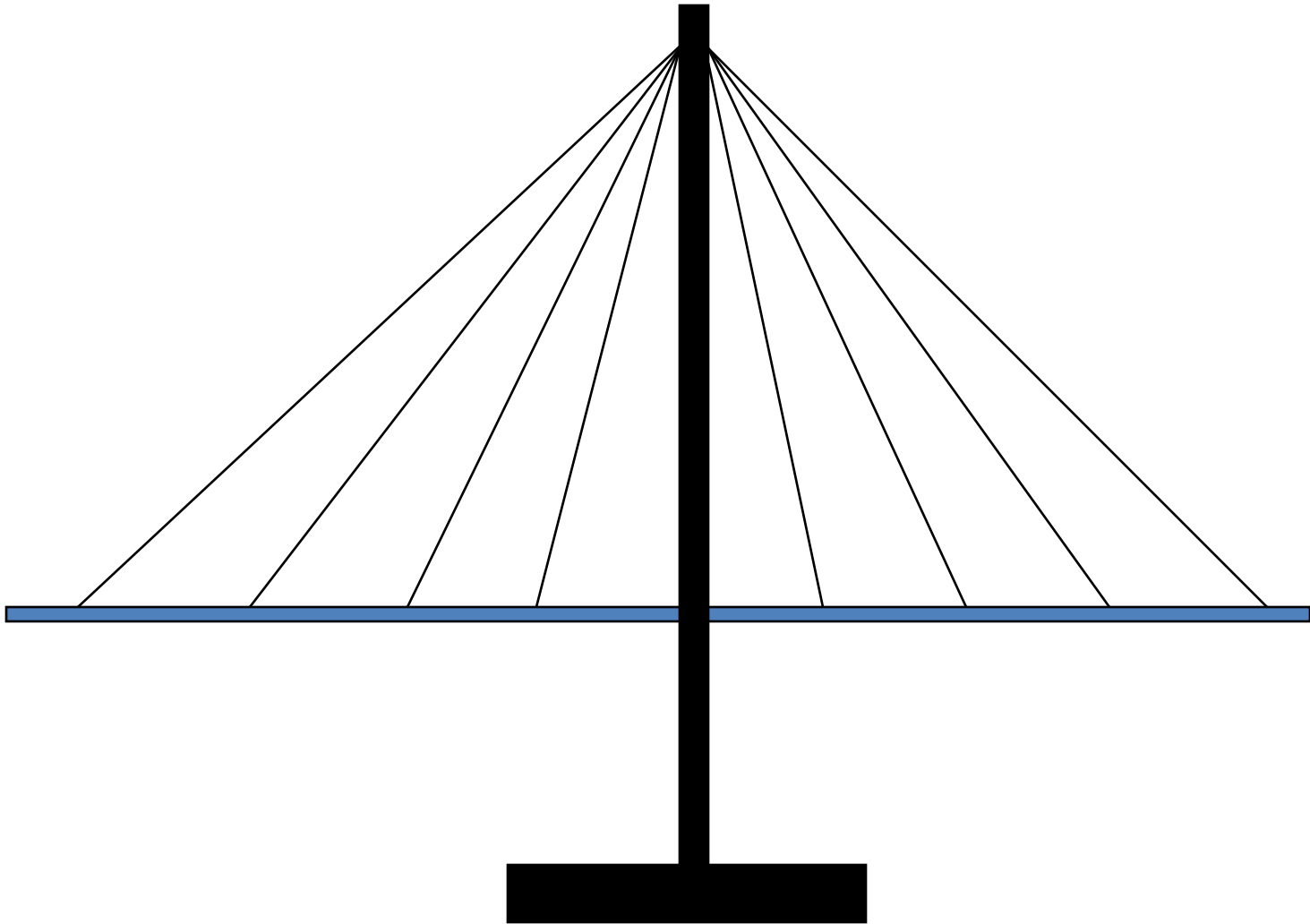
**WORLD RECORDS**  
 World's Longest unsupported (free) span for a lift of this kind in the world  
 World's Highest lift of its kind  
 World's Longest continuous lift system

**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

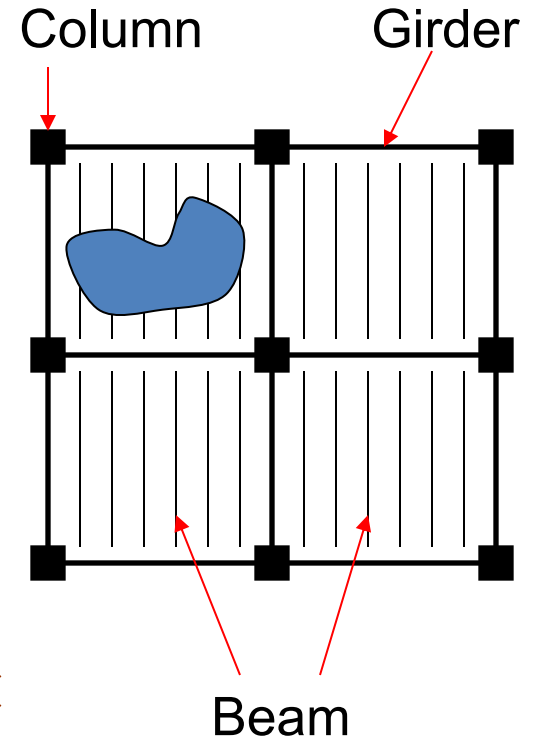
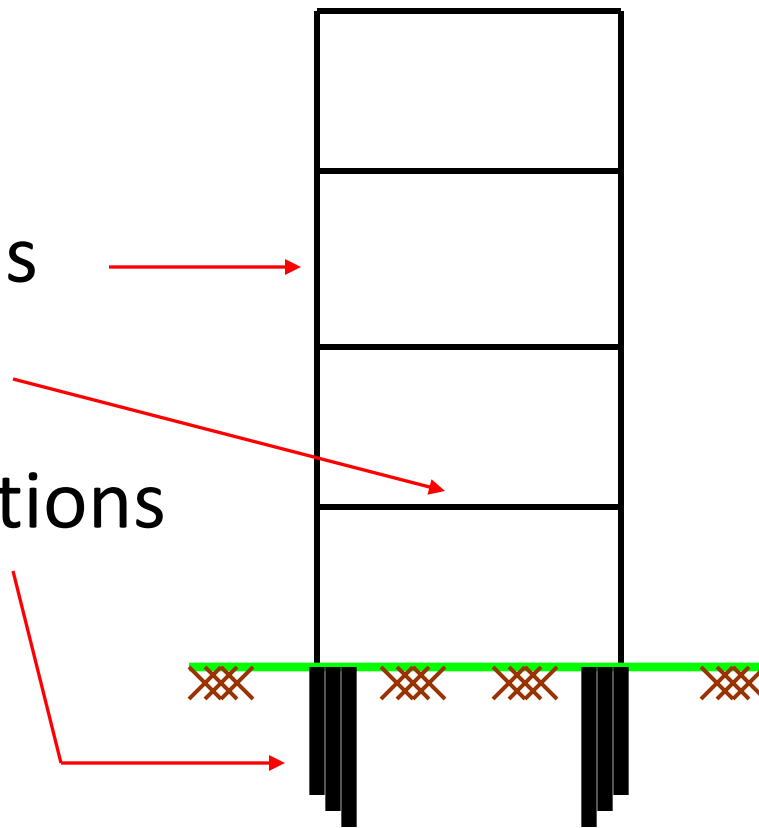






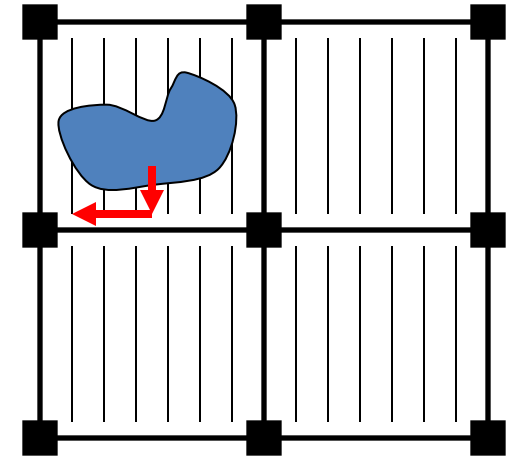
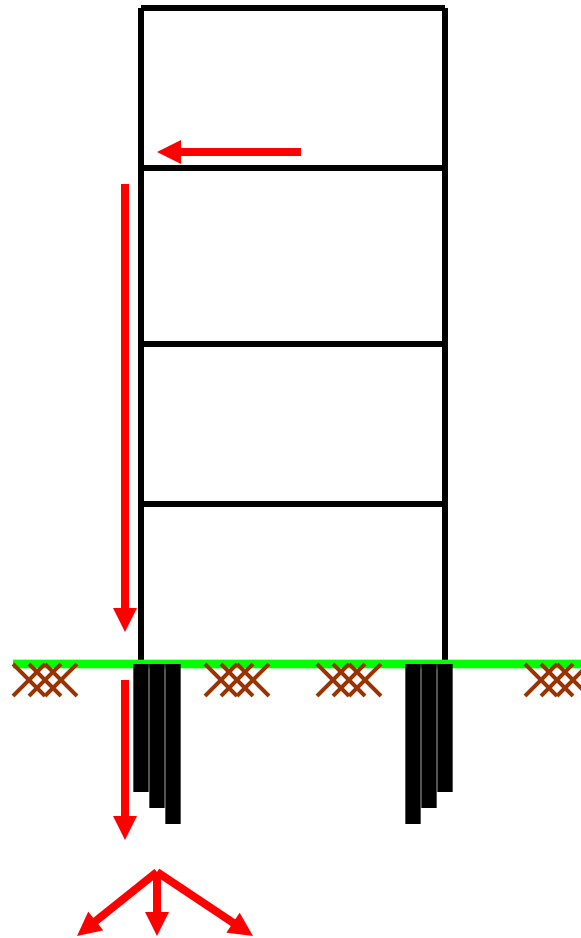
# Structural Components

- Beams
- Girders
- Columns
- Floors
- Foundations



# Load Path

- Floor
- ↓
- Beams
- ↓
- Girders
- ↓
- Columns
- ↓
- 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).

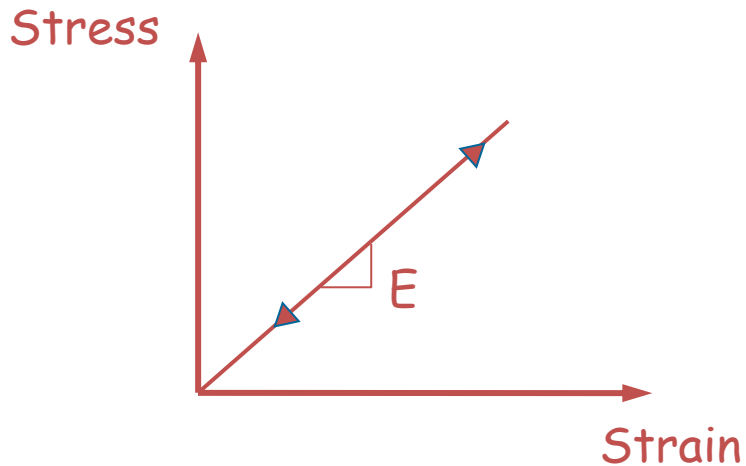
Design challenges (**many tradeoffs to consider**):

- 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**.

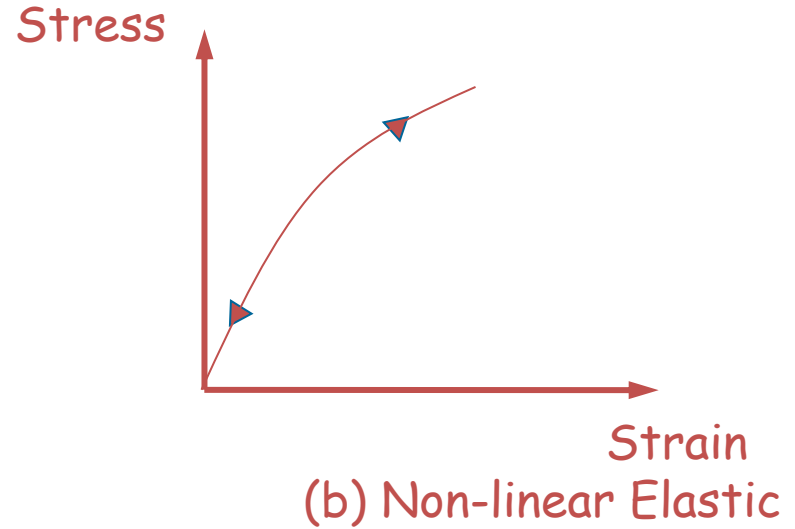
# Engineering Properties of Materials

- Steel
  - Maximum stress: 40,000 – 120,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup>
  - Maximum strain: 0.2 – 0.4
  - Modulus of elasticity: 29,000,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup>
- Concrete
  - Maximum stress: 4,000 – 12,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup>
  - Maximum strain: 0.004
  - Modulus of elasticity: 3,600,000 – 6,200,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup>
- Wood
  - Values depend on wood grade. Below are some samples
  - Tension stress: 1300 lb/in<sup>2</sup>
  - Compression stress: 1500 lb/in<sup>2</sup>
  - Modulus of elasticity: 1,600,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup>

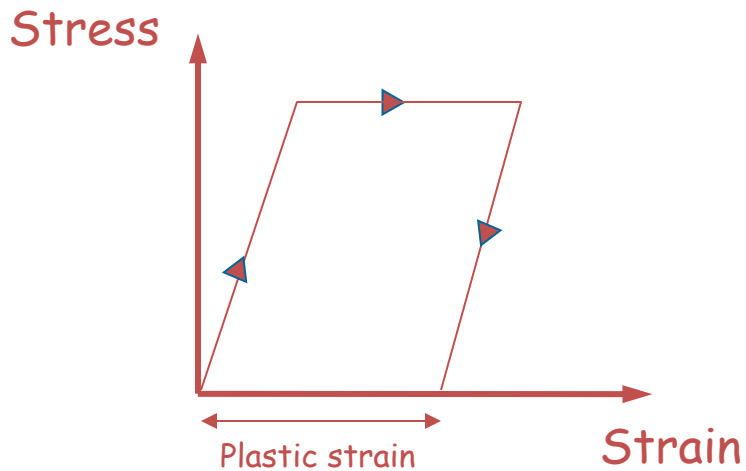
# Types of Stress-Strain Behavior



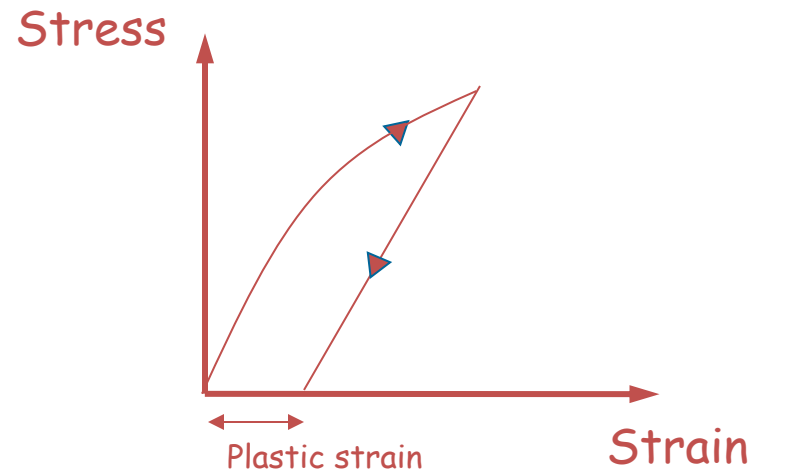
(a) Linear Elastic



(b) Non-linear Elastic



(c) Elastic-plastic



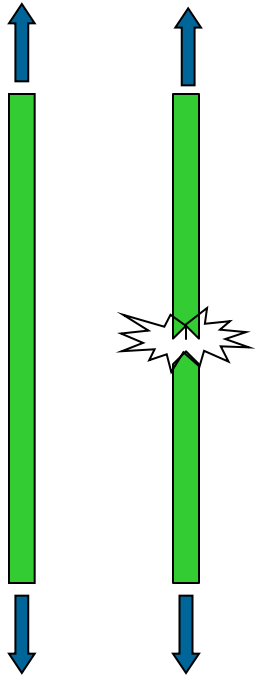
(d) Non-linear Plastic

# Engineering Properties of Structural Elements

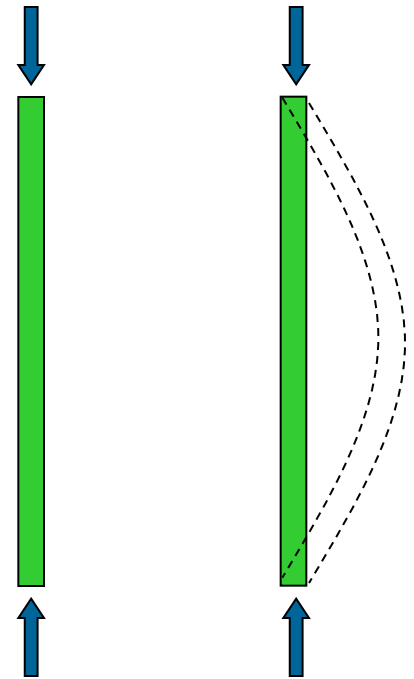
- Strength

- Ability to withstand a given stress without failure

- Depends on type of material and type of force (tension or compression)

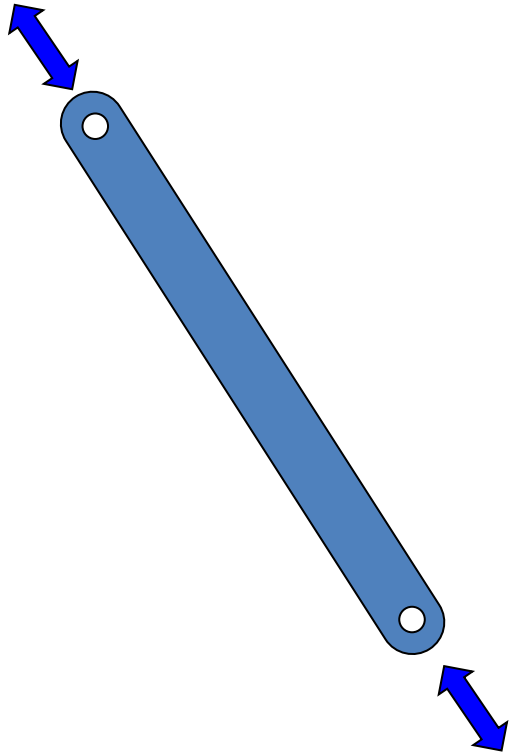


Tensile Failure

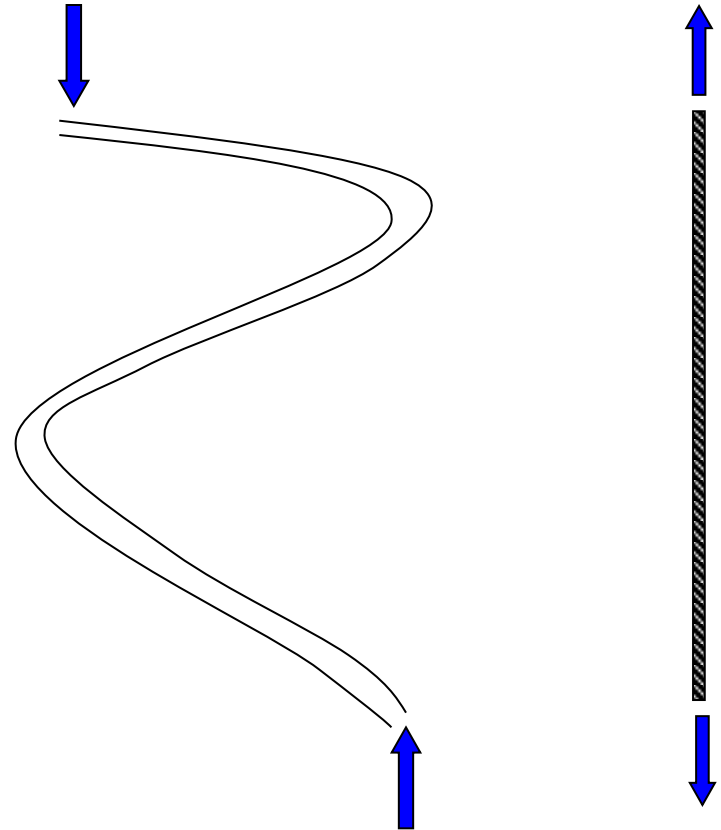


Compressive Failure

# Types of Structural Elements – Bars and Cables

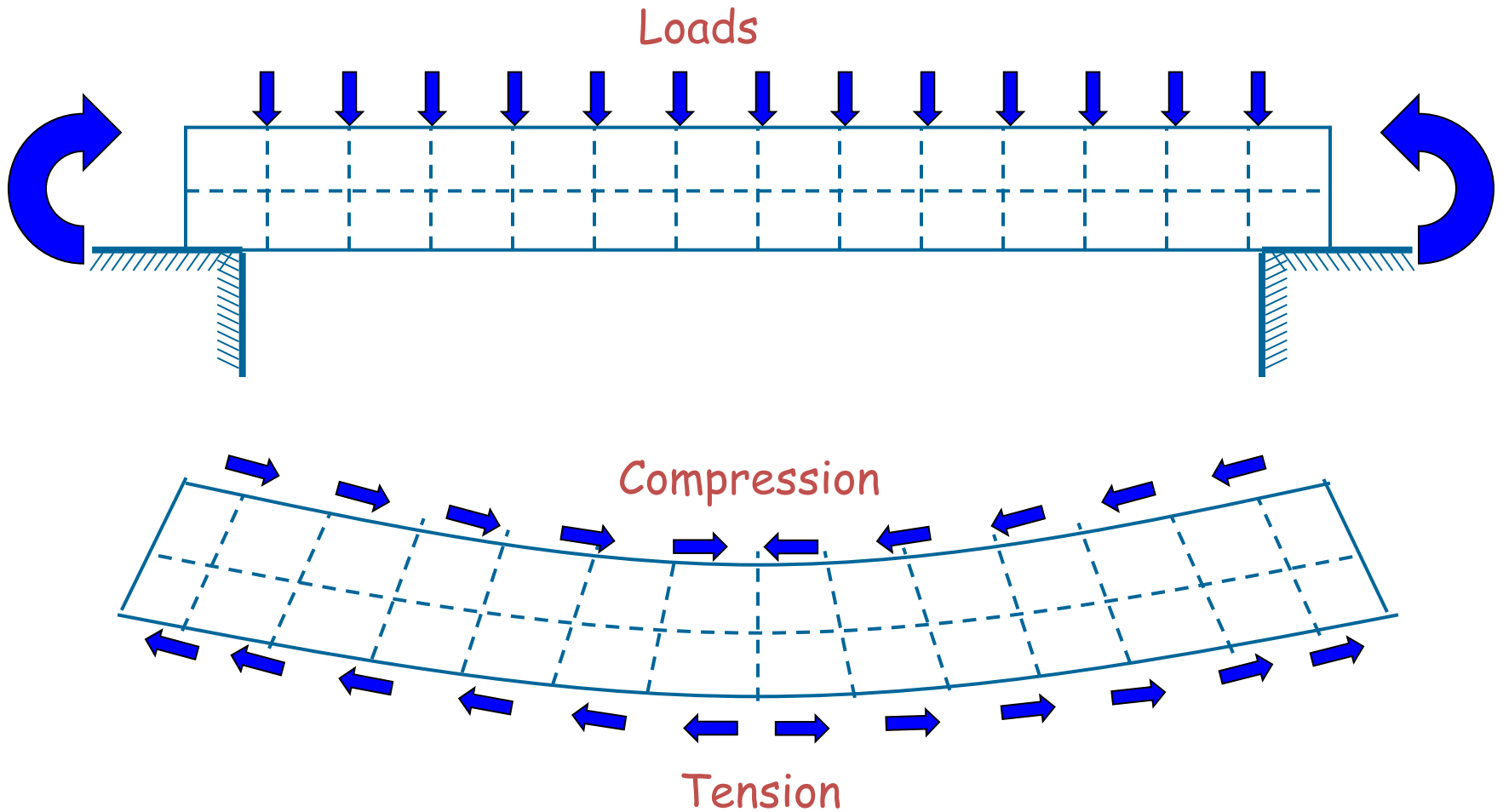


Bars can carry either tension or compression



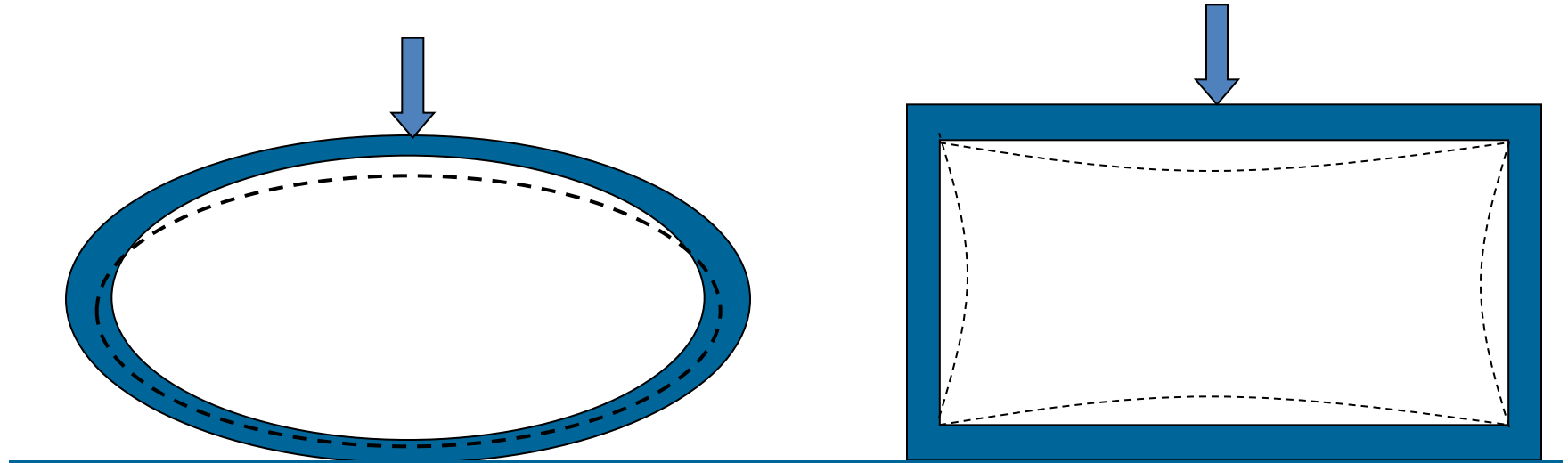
Cables can only carry tension

# Types of Structural Elements – Beams



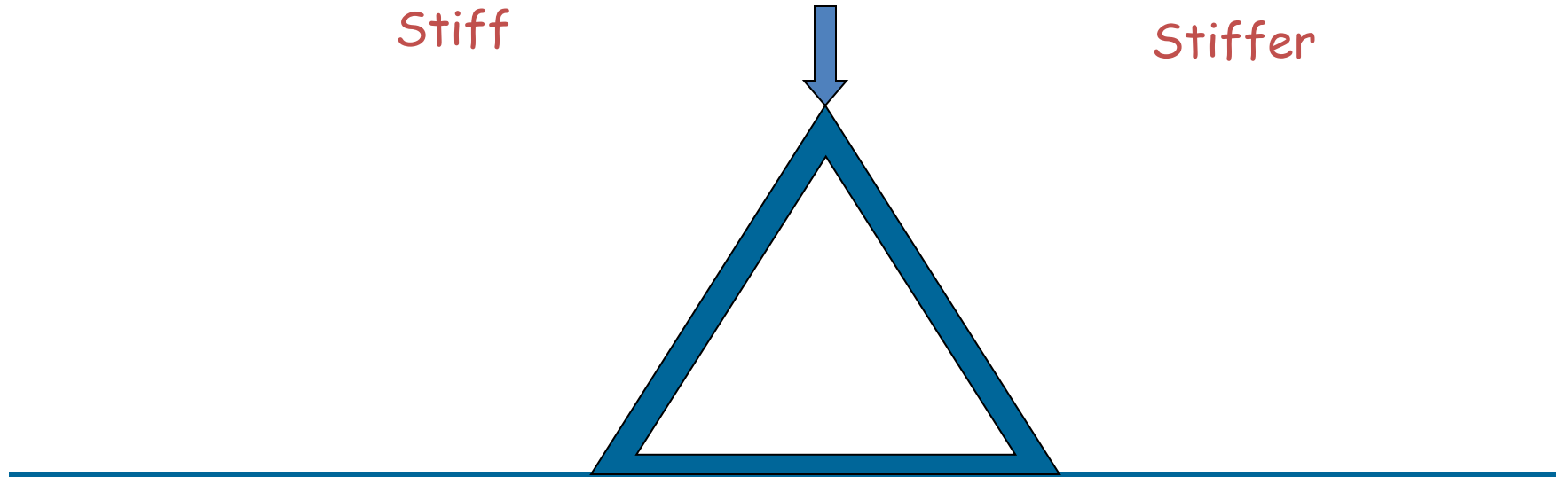


# Stiffness of Different Structural Shapes



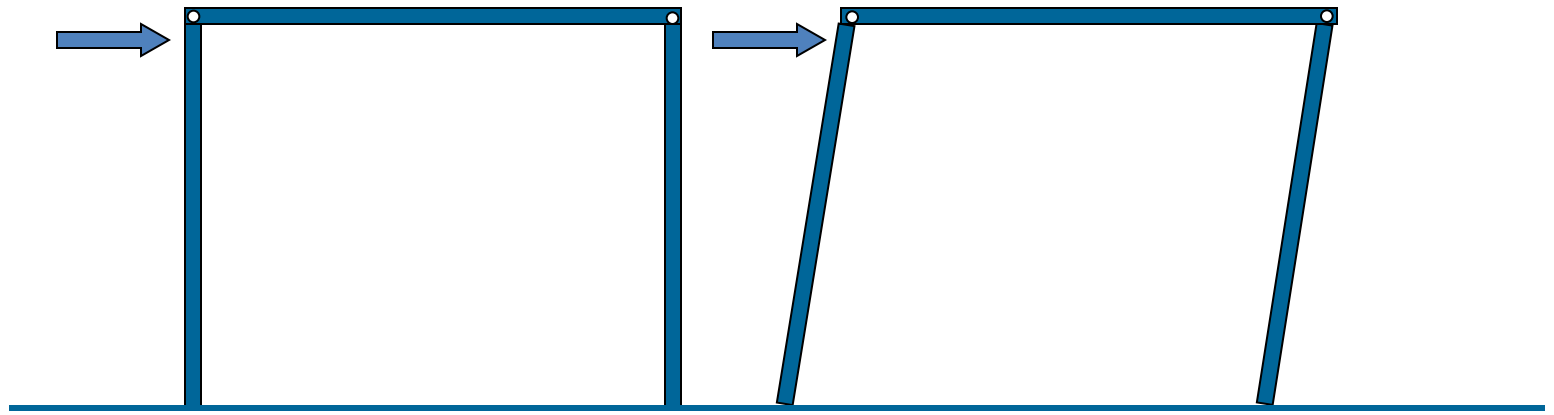
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Stiffer

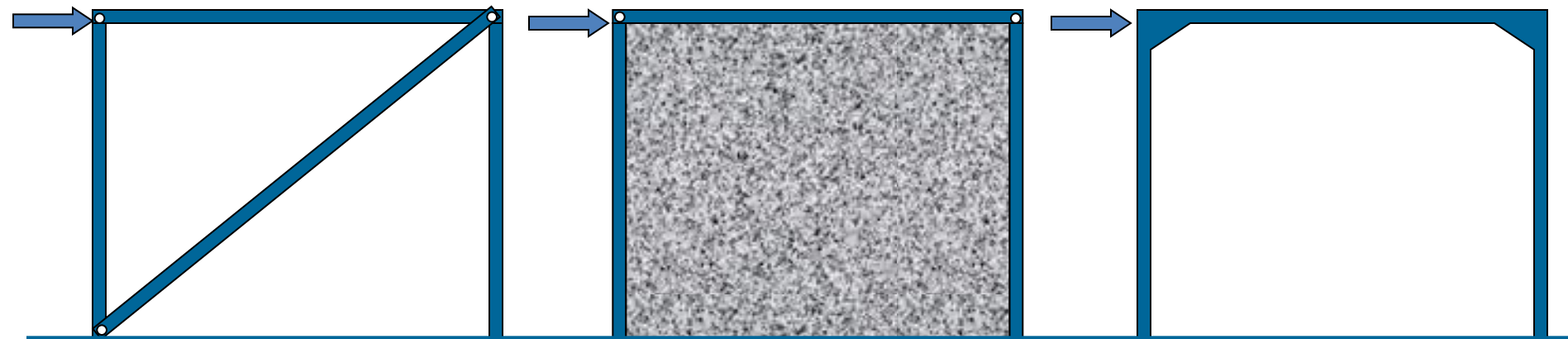


Stiffest

# Providing Stability for Lateral Loads



Racking Failure of Pinned Frame



Braced Frame

Infilled Frame

Rigid Joints

# Failure Mechanisms

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

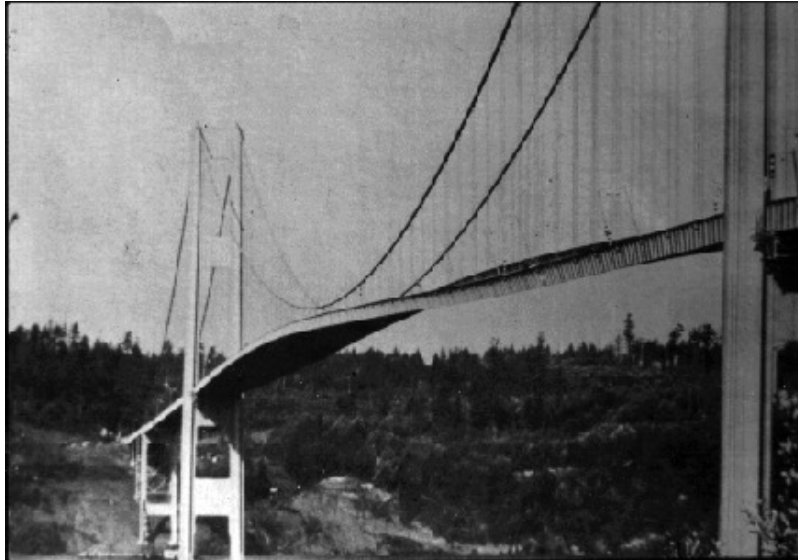
Failure is initiated when the material is stressed to the strength limit, thus causing fracture or **excessive deformations**.

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.



The Tacoma Narrows bridge opened in July 1940 and collapsed a few months later (November 1940) in a 40 mph wind.

Failure completely changed the way in which suspension bridges are analyzed and designed.

# America's Infrastructure Crisis

Two key problems:

- Much of America's infrastructure was built post World War II -- it's now 50-60 years old, and being attacked by decay and neglect.
- The US population is growing! This puts additional demands on infrastructure.

Quote from W.P. Henry, former president of ASCE:

Our infrastructure is in crisis mode ...

- ... how many more people must die needlessly because we do not take proper care of our infrastructure?

## Poster Child: Collapse of the Minneapolis bridge over 135W.



The 40-year old steel deck truss crossing had been considered **structurally deficient since 1990**, but engineers with the Minnesota Department of Transportation had **not believed** the bridge to be in danger of **imminent collapse**.

Thirteen commuters were killed and more than 100 were injured on August 1, 2007.

## Failure due to lack of Ductility in Concrete Columns



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

**Olive View Hospital**  
**M 6.7 1971 San Fernando Earthquake**

# 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



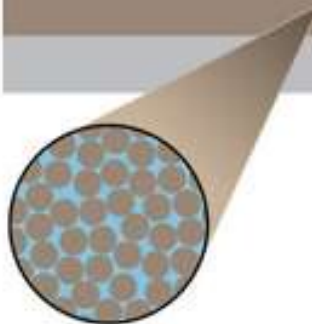
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11 years ago... Mexico Earthquake, September 19, 21-story building collapsed onto 14-story neighbor, Pino Suarez complex *photo credit: Henry Deenkolb*

1996

# Soil liquefaction

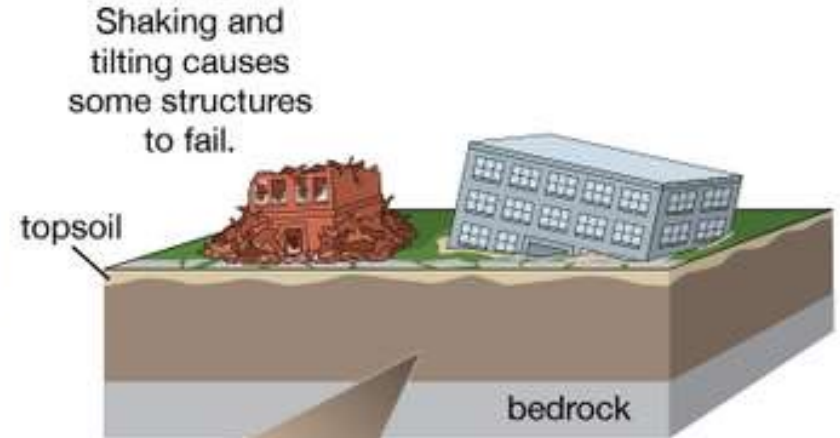
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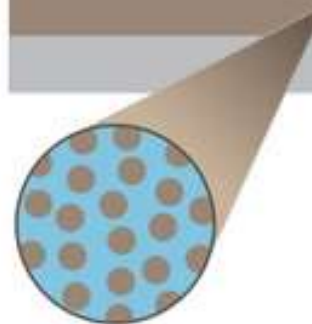
Building stands erect on stable soil.

Loosely packed grains of soil are held together by friction. Pore spaces are filled with water.

liquefied soil



Shaking and tilting causes some structures to fail.



Building tilts and sinks as soil stability declines.

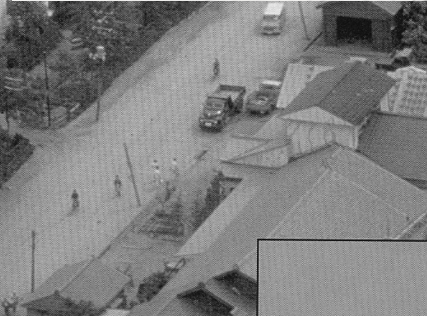
Shaking destabilizes the soil by increasing the space between grains. With its structure lost, the soil flows like a liquid.

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# San Francisco Earthquake, 1906

Failure due to liquefaction in Japan



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35 years ago...Niigata, Japan Earthquake, June 16, 1964: Liquefaction and resulting overturning of buildings at the site of an apartment complex in Niigata.

*photo by Joseph Penzien, Steinbrugge Collection/National Information Service for Earthquake Engineering*

1999

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



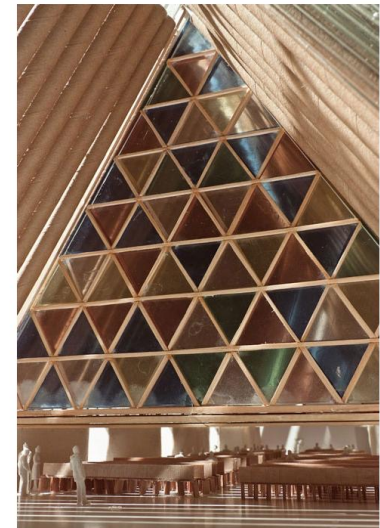
Christchurch, New Zealand, 2011.

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.





# 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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