ENCE 353: An Overview of Structural Analysis and Design: Part 1

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- 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

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.

Infrastructure Investment

Delay, delay, delay ….

New infrastructure is very expensive:

A few statistics:

US: Post World-War II (1950-1970): 3% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

US: 1980-present: 2% of GDP.

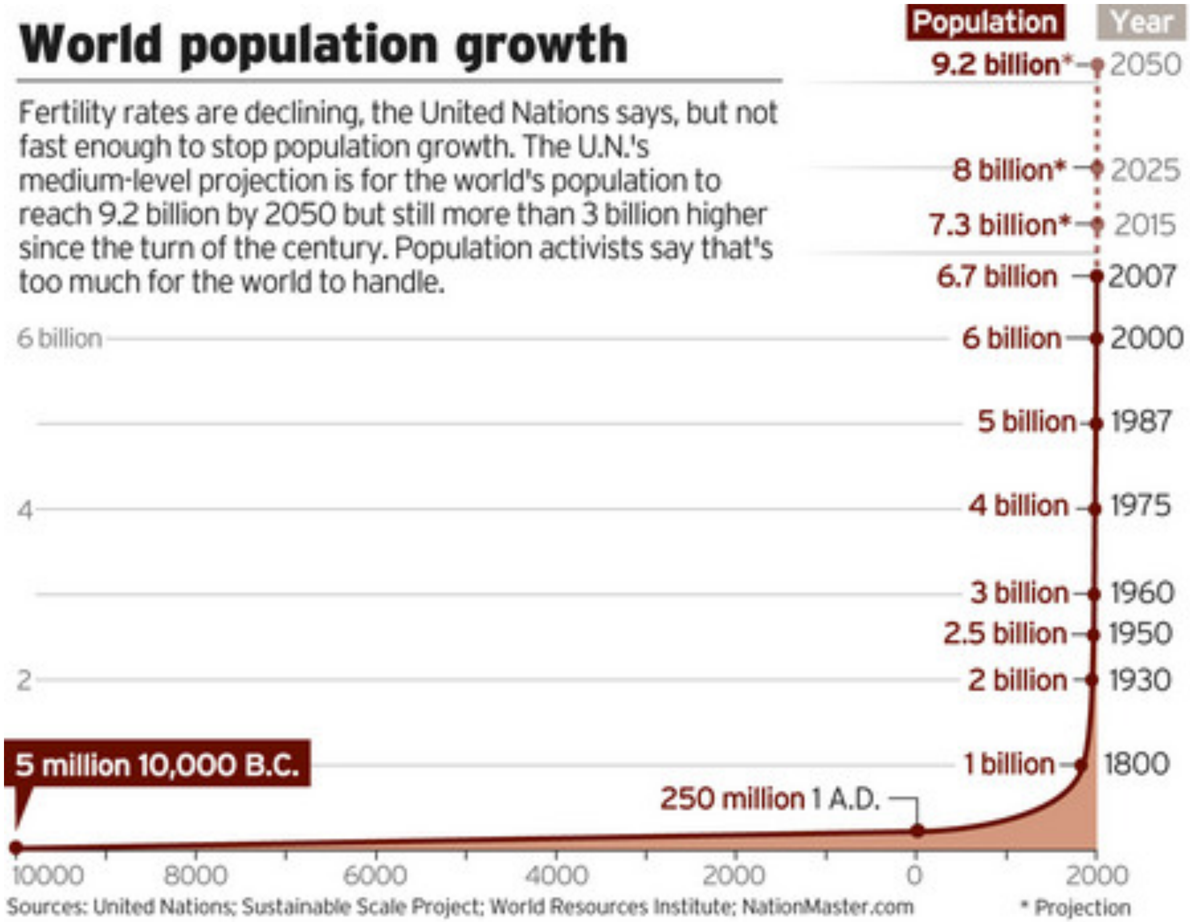
China: 5% GDP.

India: 9% GDP.

Politicians are eager to talk up Infrastructure Investment , but very slow to deliver ….

Bangkok, Thailand

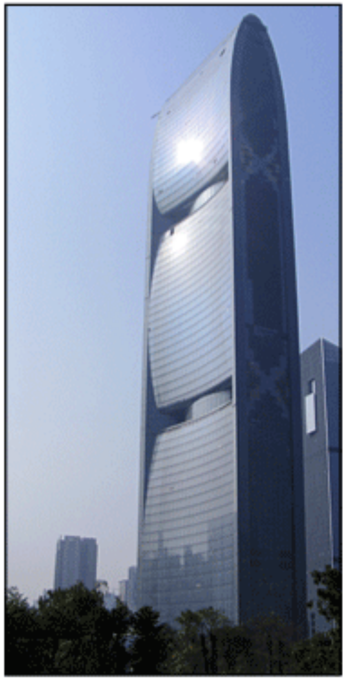
Looking Ahead



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
• 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)

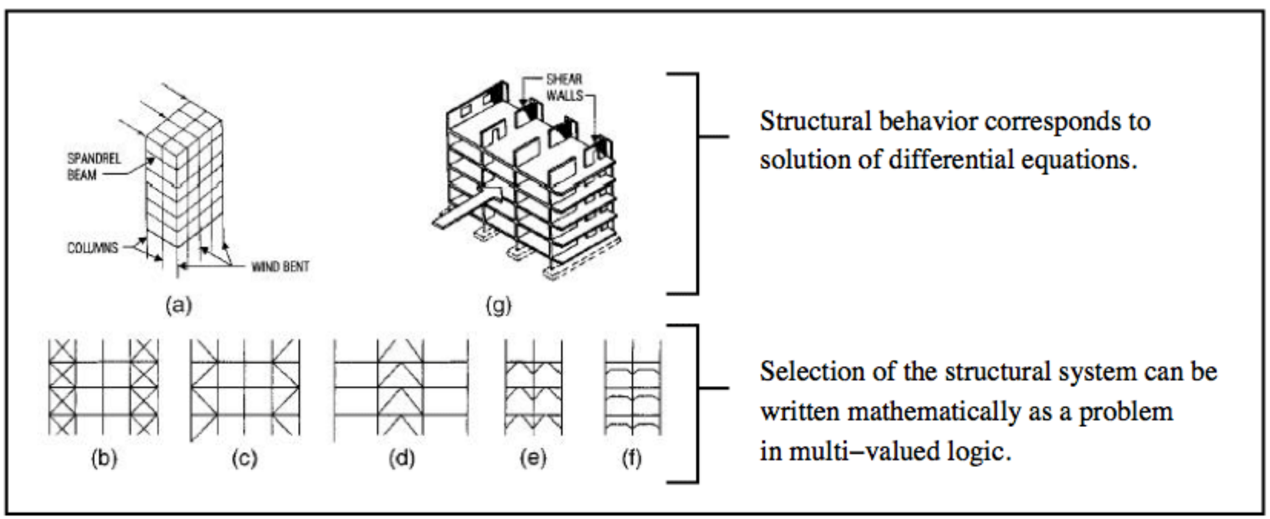
Note: New structural systems may also require an experimental testing phase to verify behavior and system performance.

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”

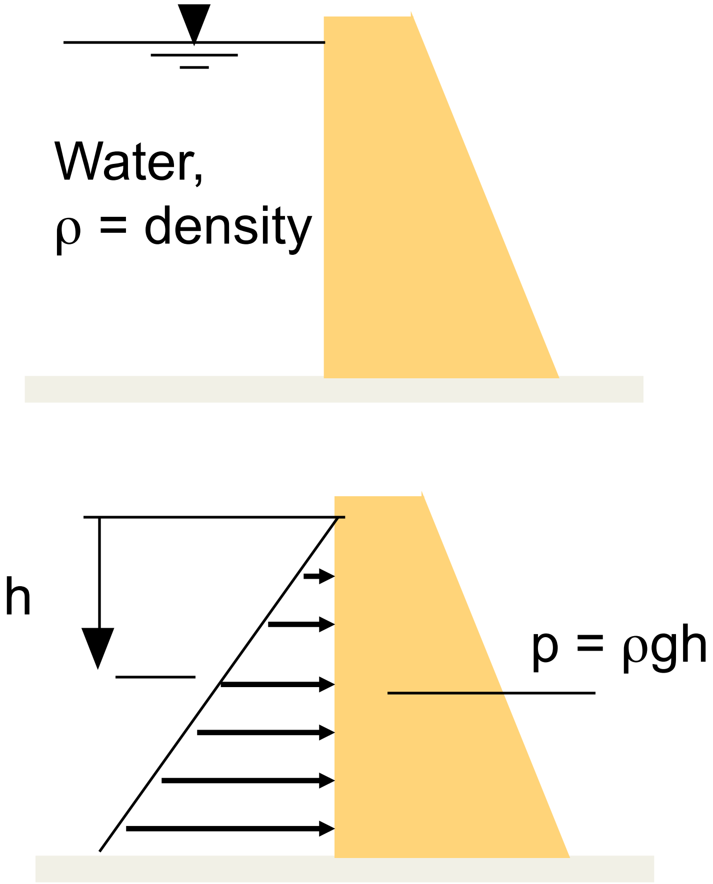
Live Loads

- 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

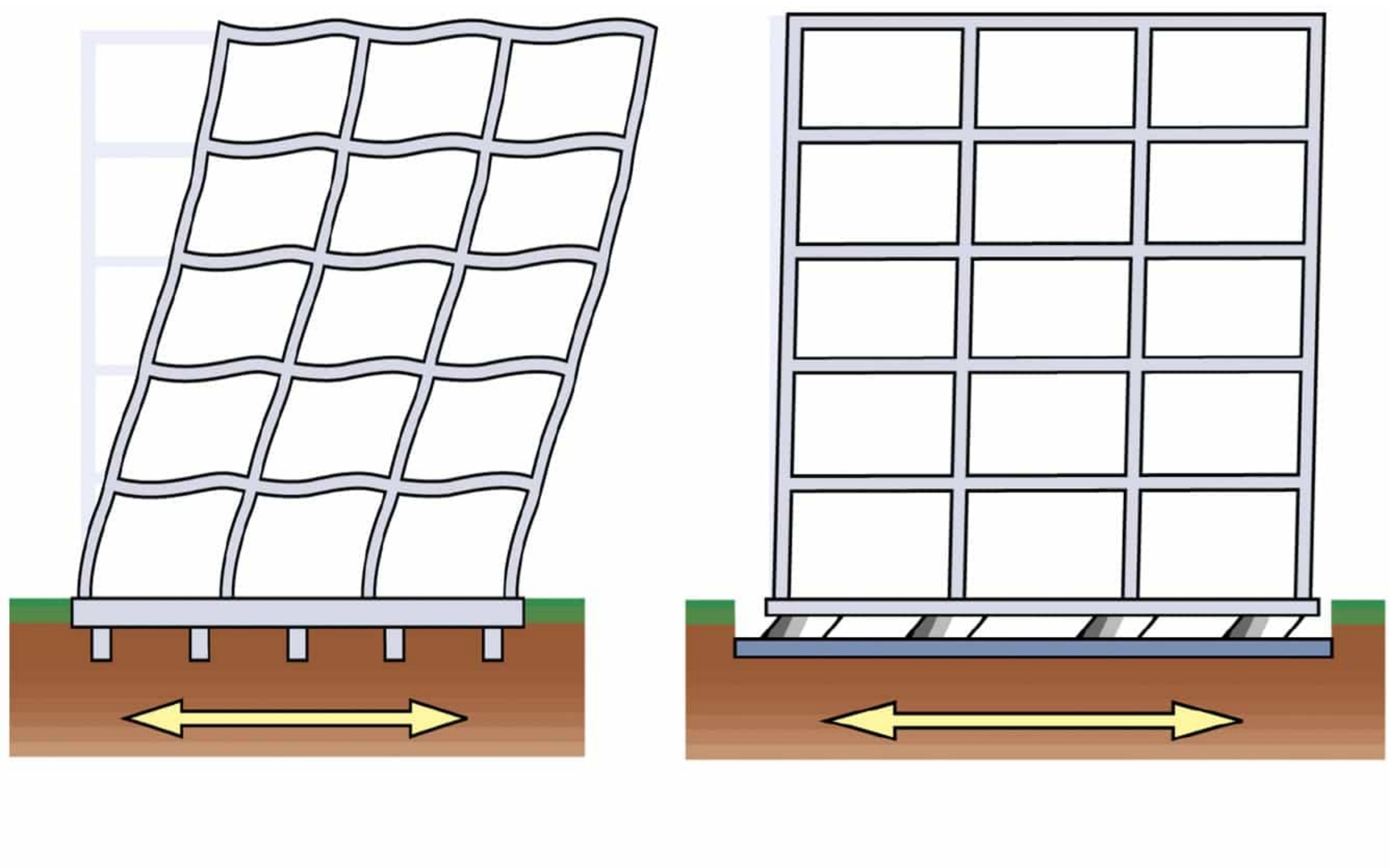
Load Example: Water in a dam

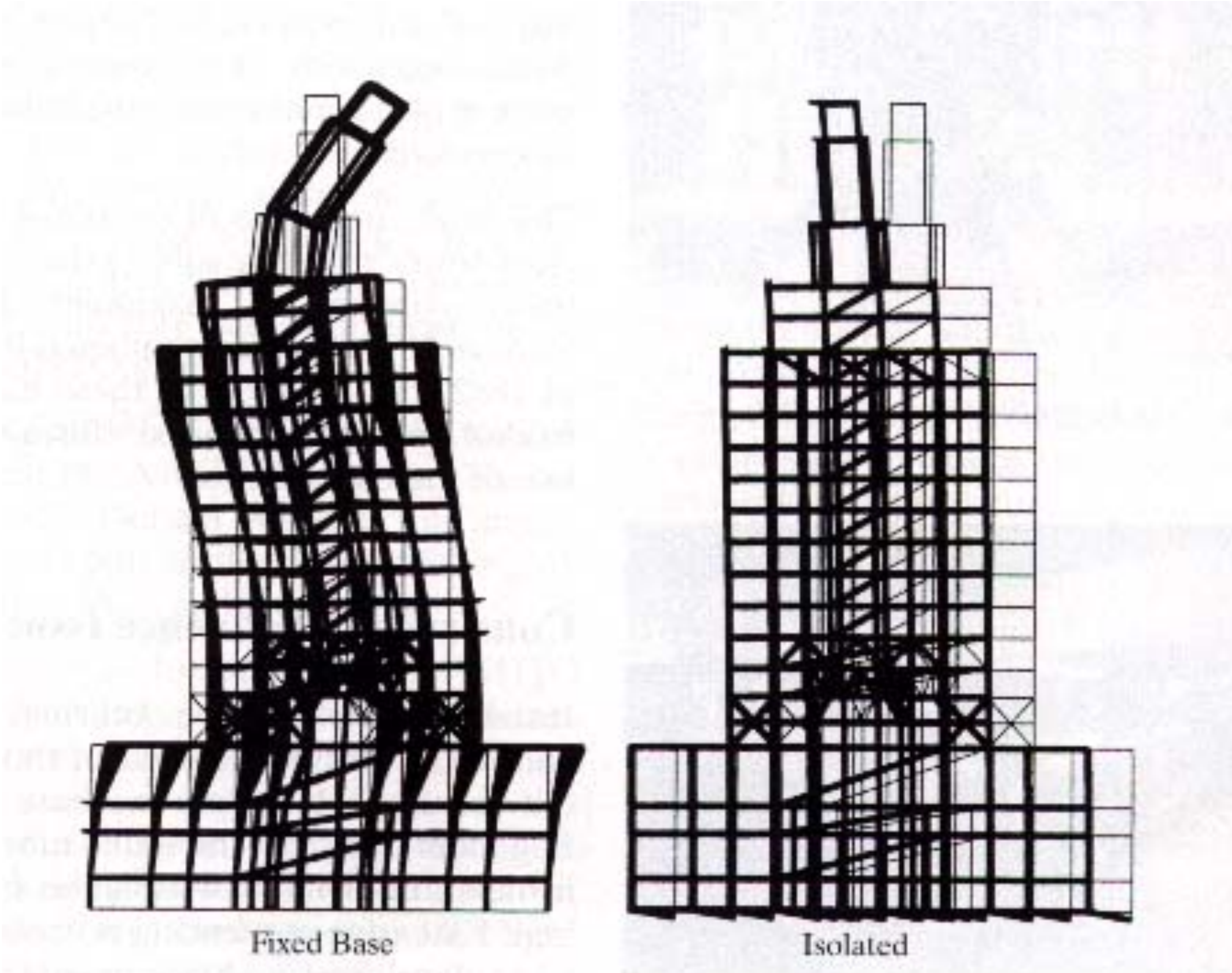


Earthquake Loads

- 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

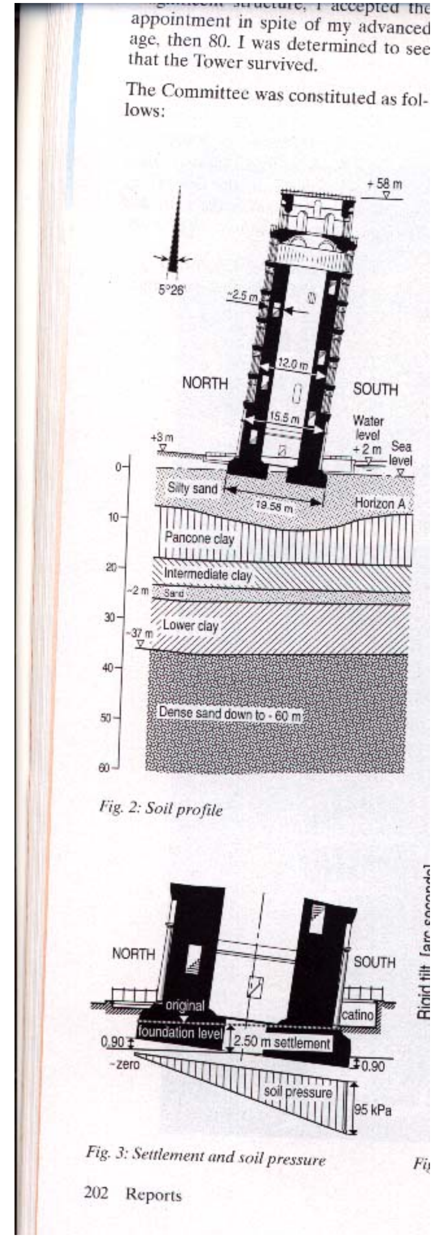




4: Seismic response of the building

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.

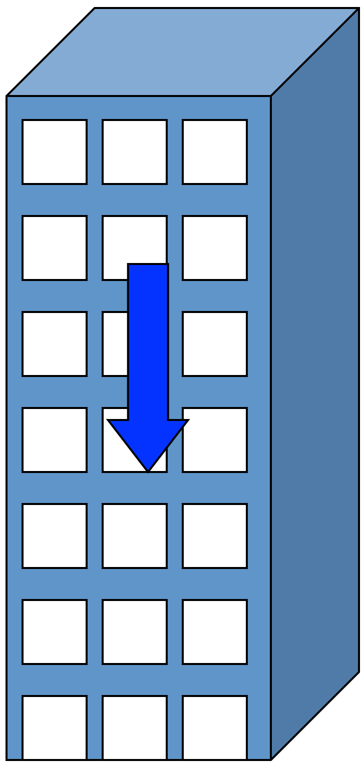
The Committee was constituted as follows:

Fig. 2: Soil profile

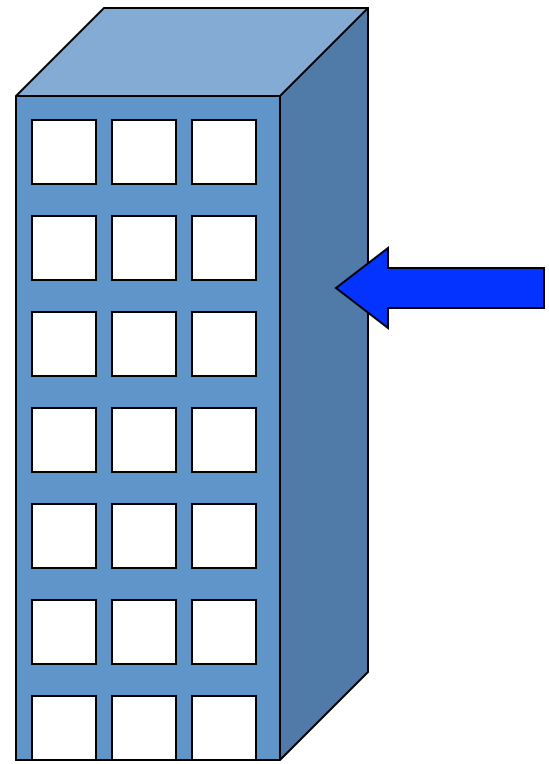
Fig. 3: Settlement and soil pressure

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

Forces Acting in Structures

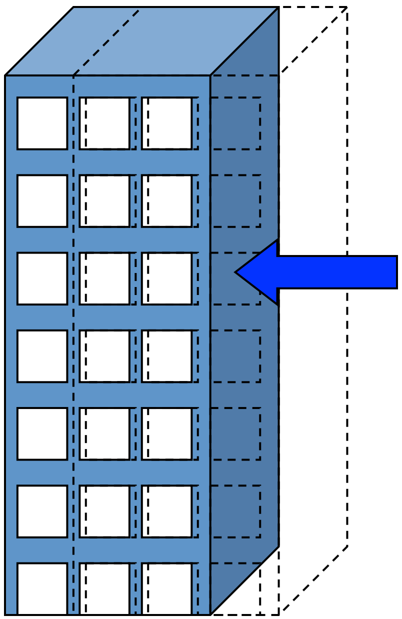


Vertical: Gravity

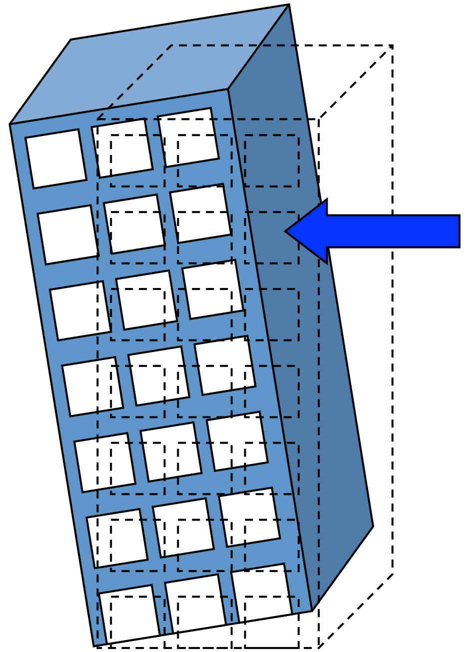


Lateral: Wind, Earthquake

Global Stability

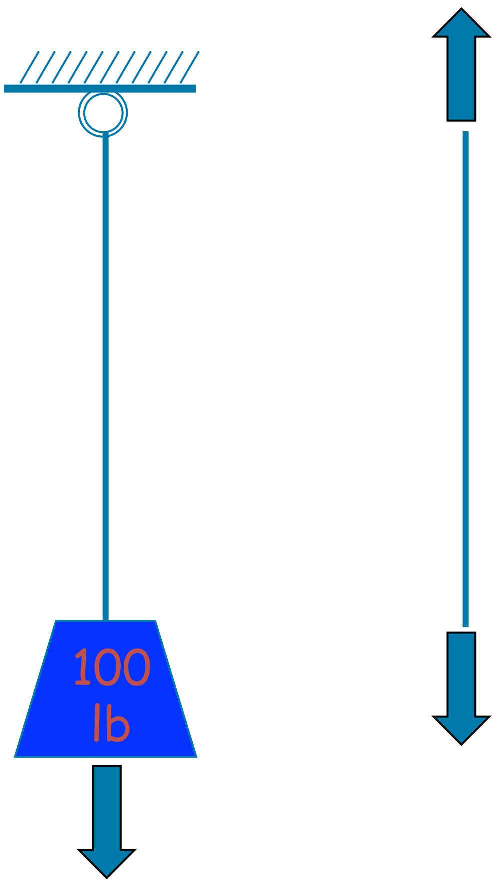


Sliding

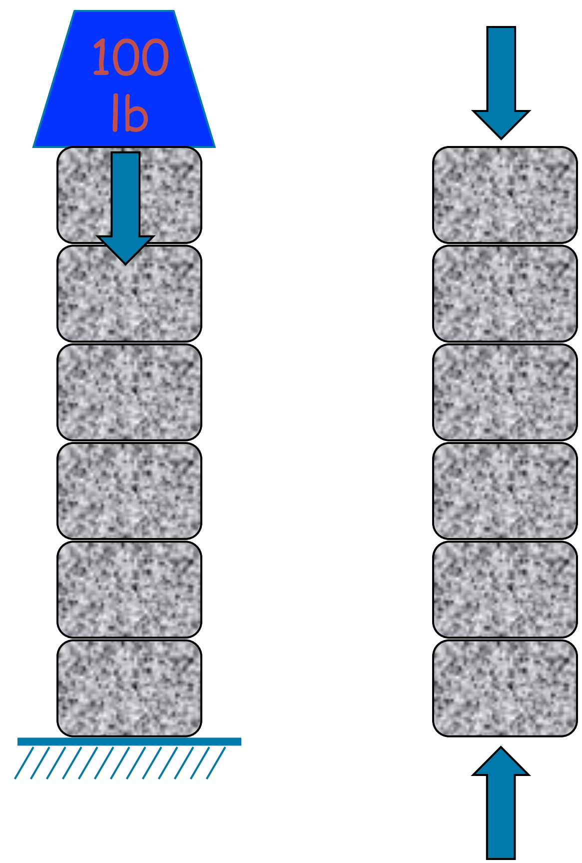


Overturning

Forces in Structural Elements

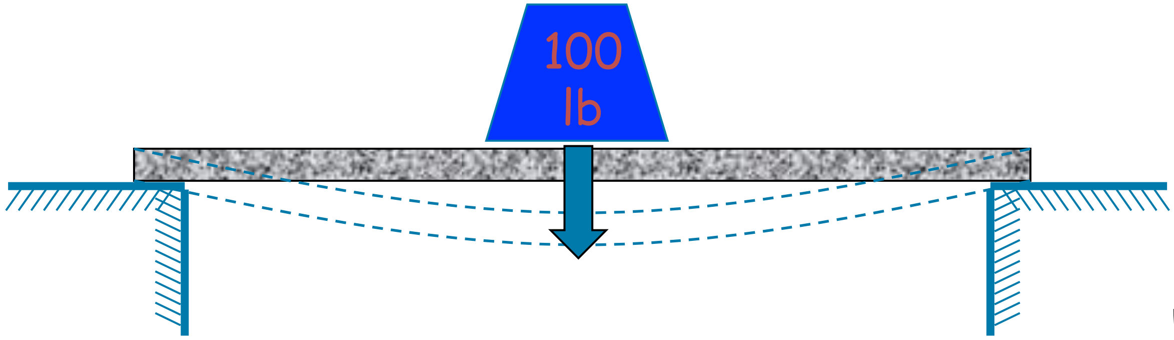


Tension

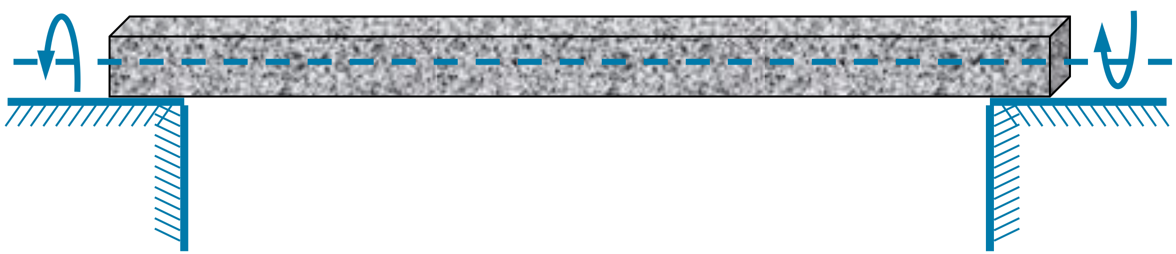


Compression

Forces in Structural Elements (cont.)



Bending

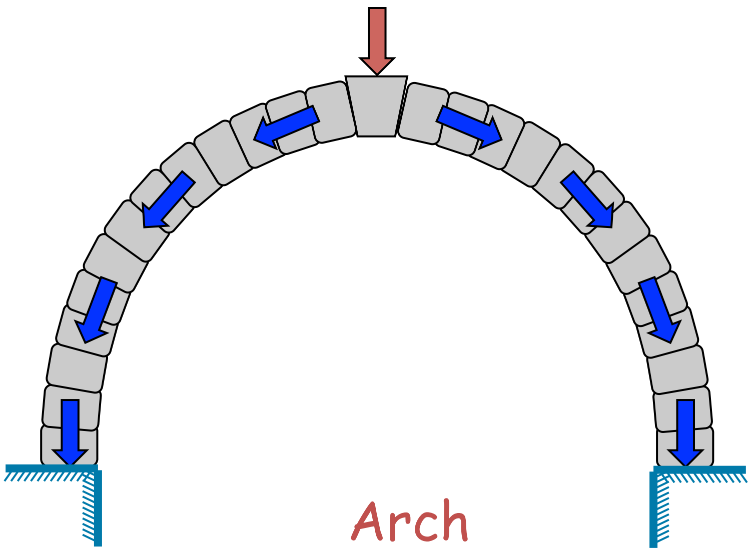


Torsion

Some Types of Structures

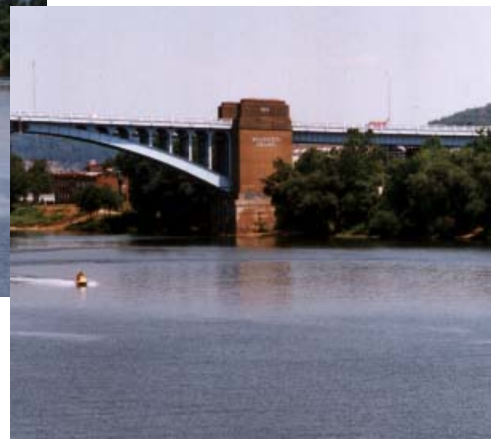
- Arch
- Planar Truss
- Beam/Girder
- Flat plate
- Braced and Rigid Frames
- Folded Plate and Shell Structures
- Cable Suspended Structure

Arch



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

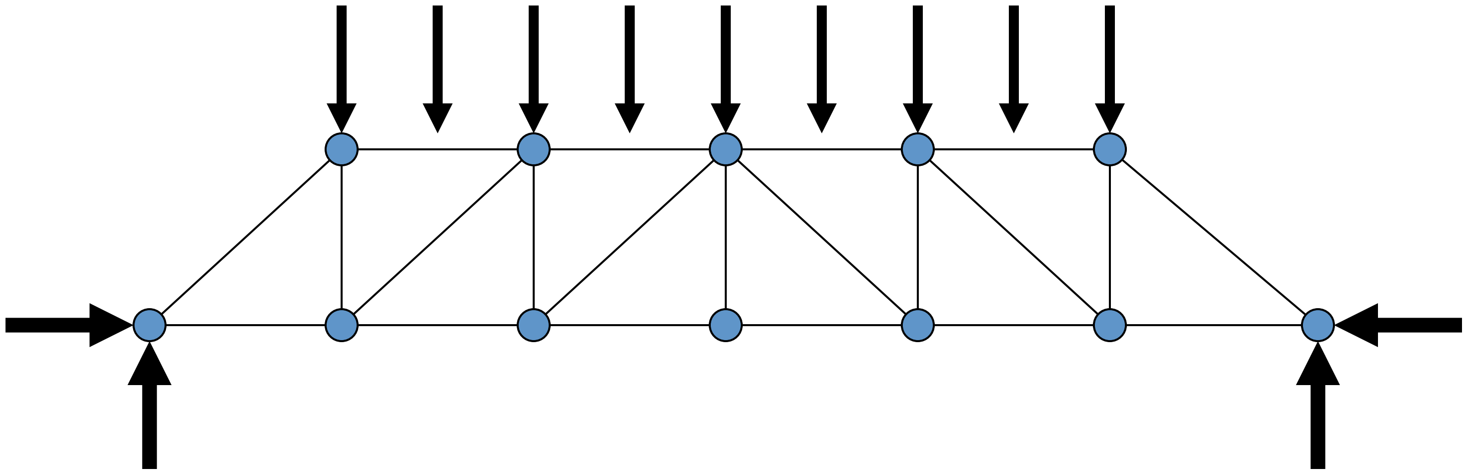
Analysis objective: What shape should the arch be so that forces can be transferred to the foundation through compression mechanisms alone?

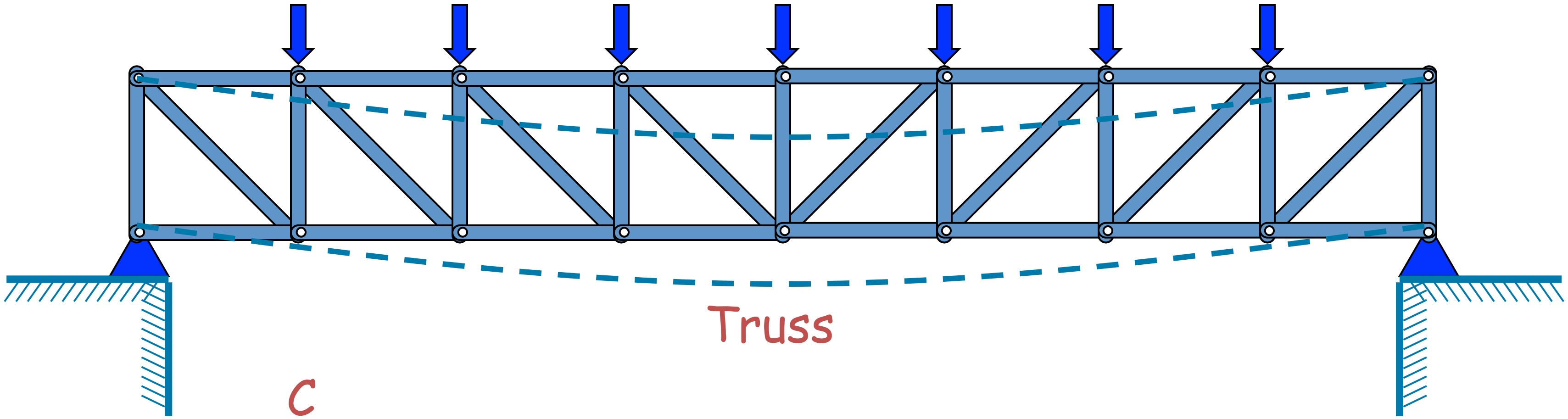

Science World,
Vancouver, Canada.

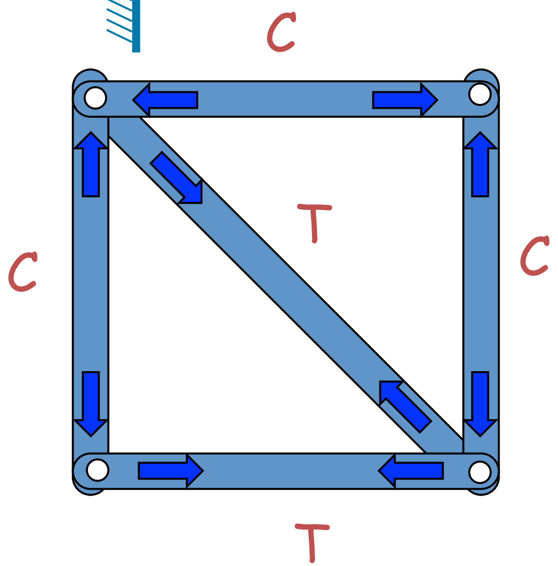
Truss

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



Planar Truss





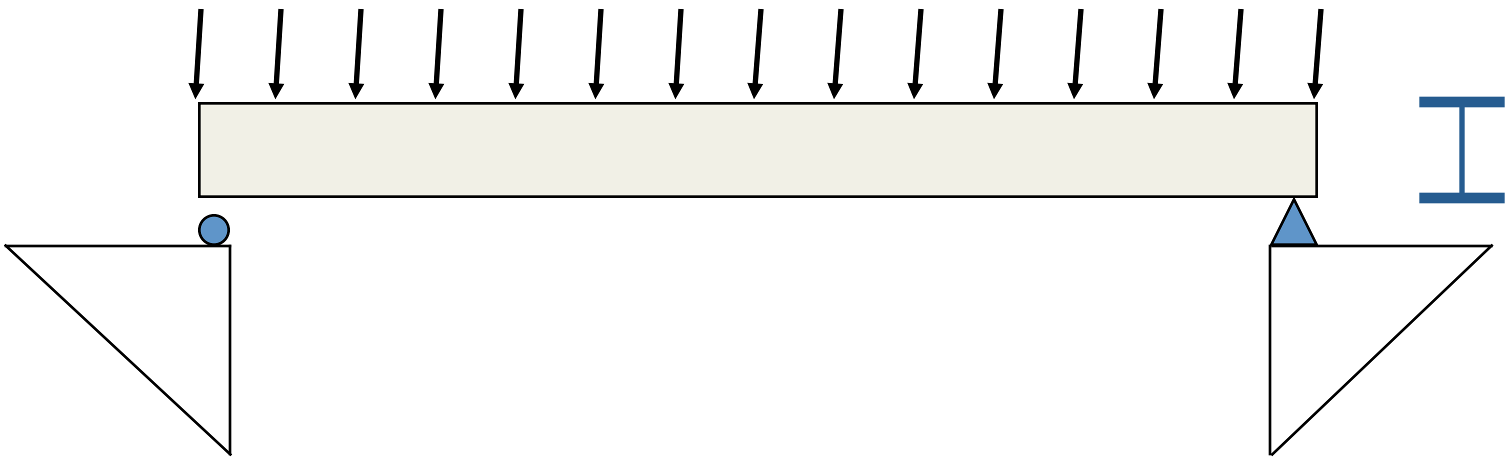
Forces in Truss Members




Three-Dimensional Truss Structure at BWI

Effelsberg 100-m Radio Telescope, Germany

Beam/Girder

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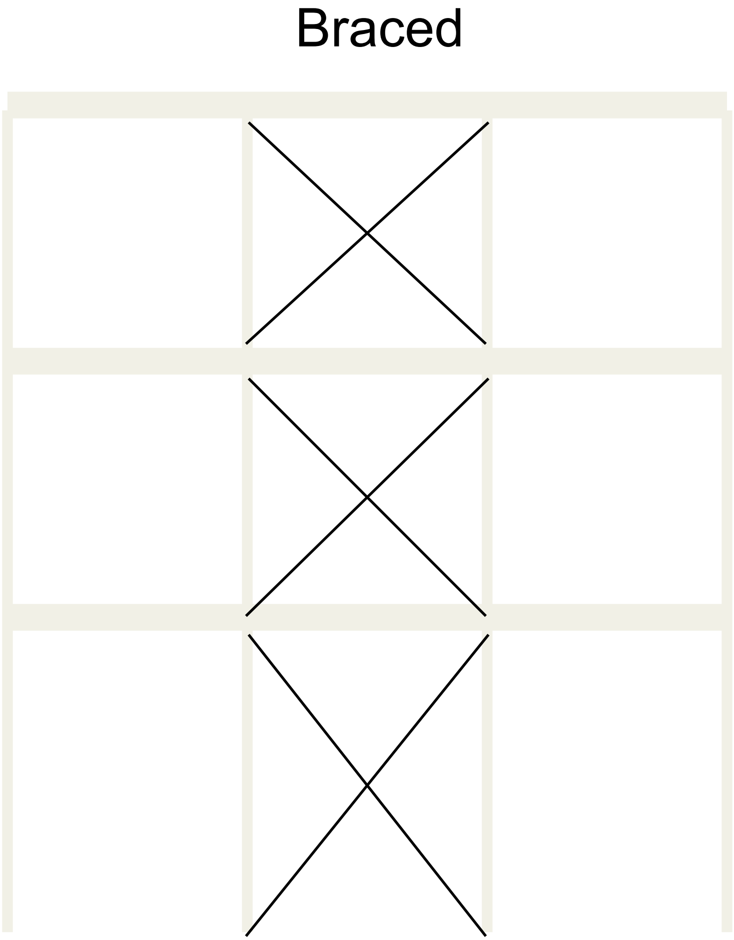
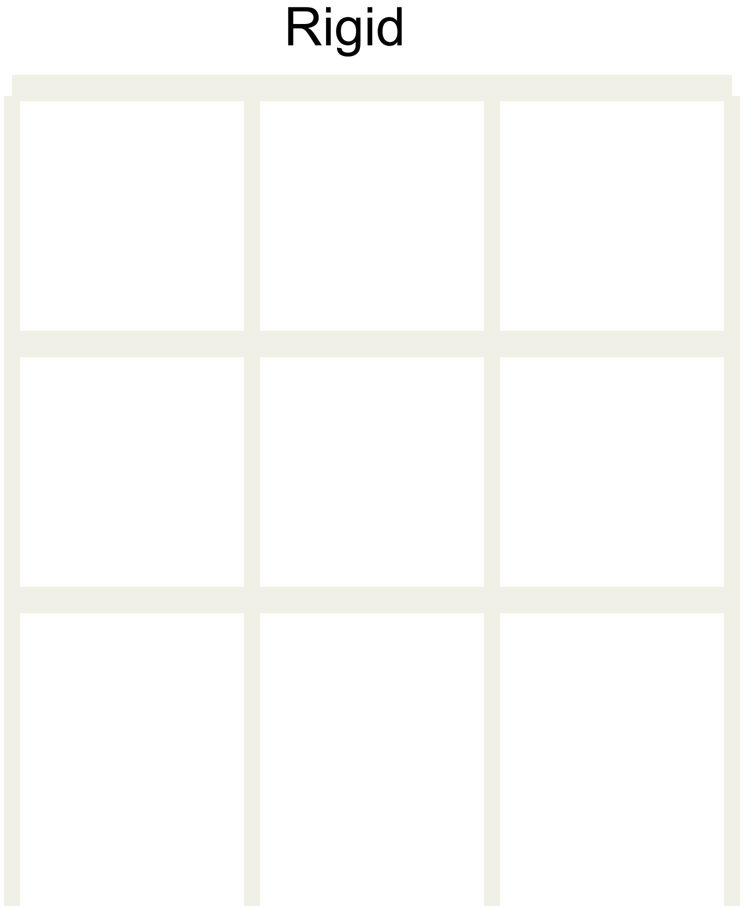
New Computer Science Building at UMD (2017)

Frames





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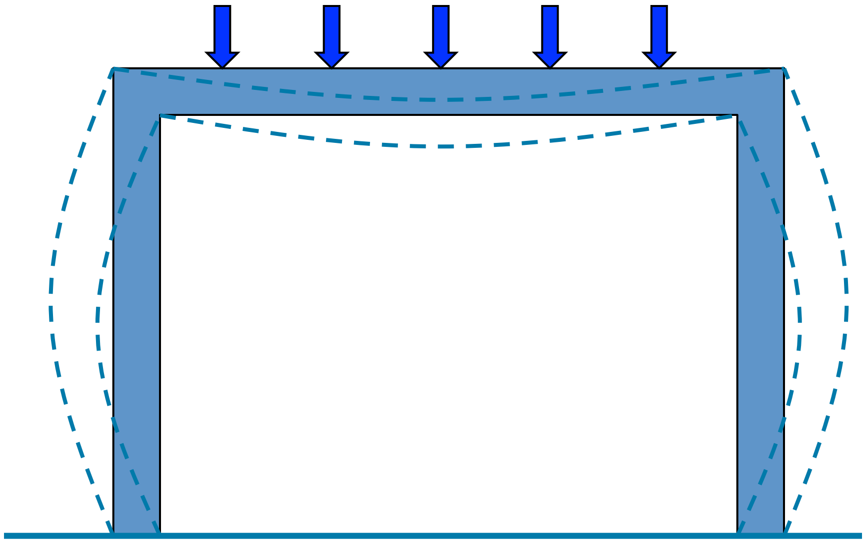


Frame

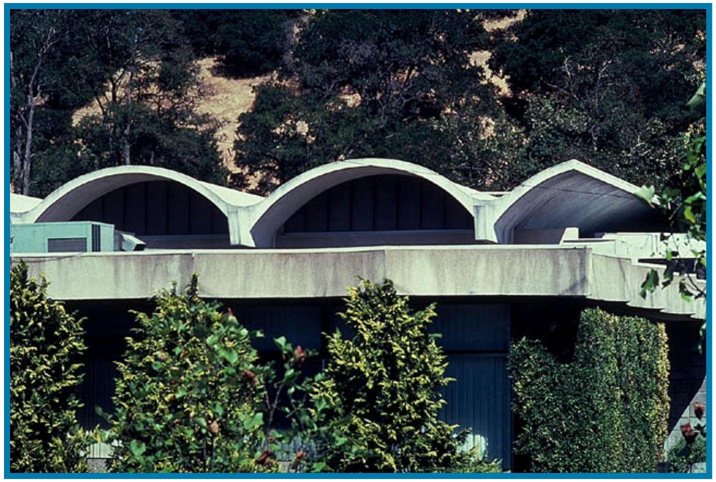
Analysis objective: We want to compute the distribution of forces – axial, bending moment, shear forces – throughout the structure.
What are the displacements?
Will the frame structure be stable?



Flat Plate

Folded Plate

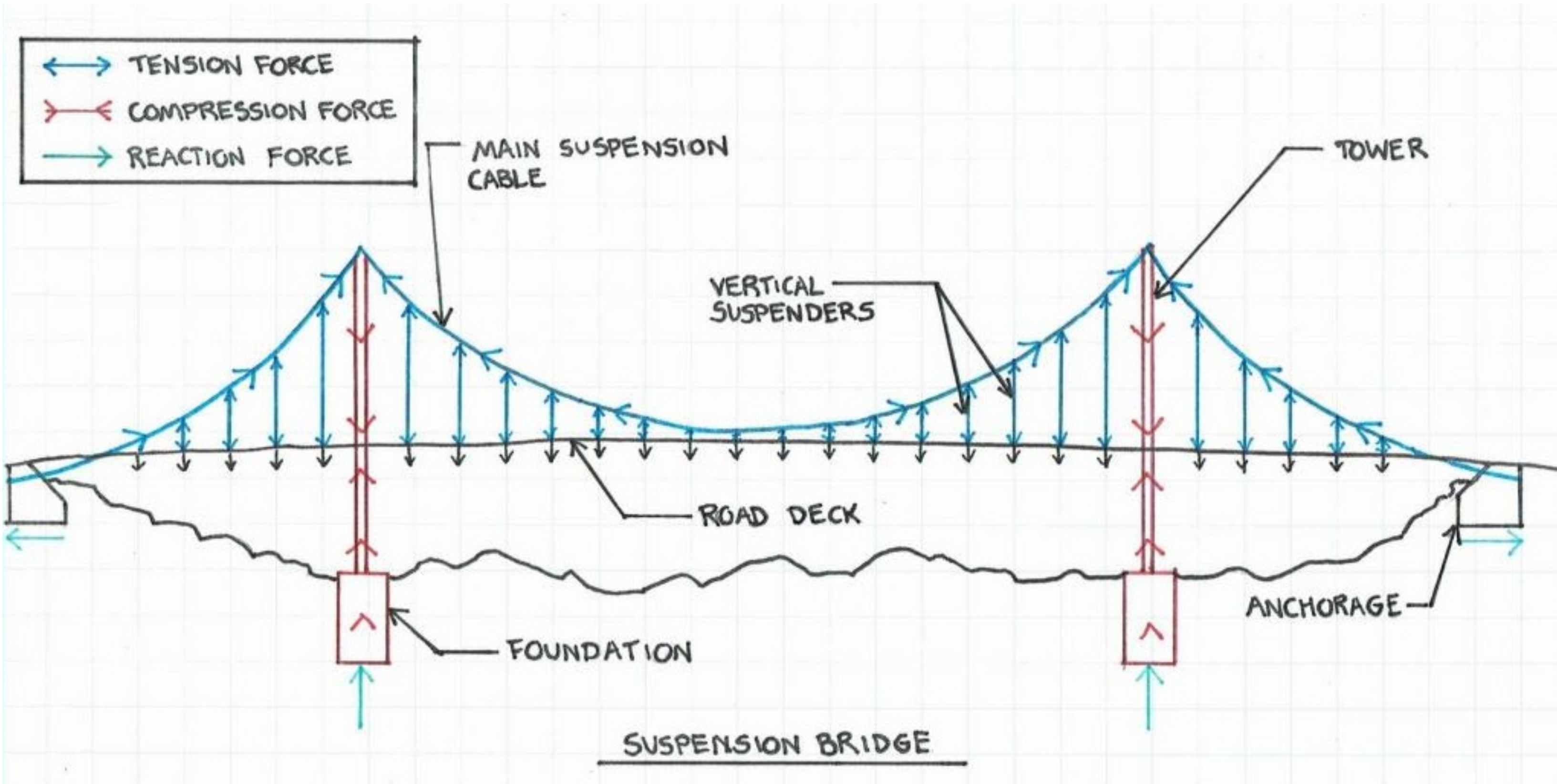
Shells



Circular Shell Structure

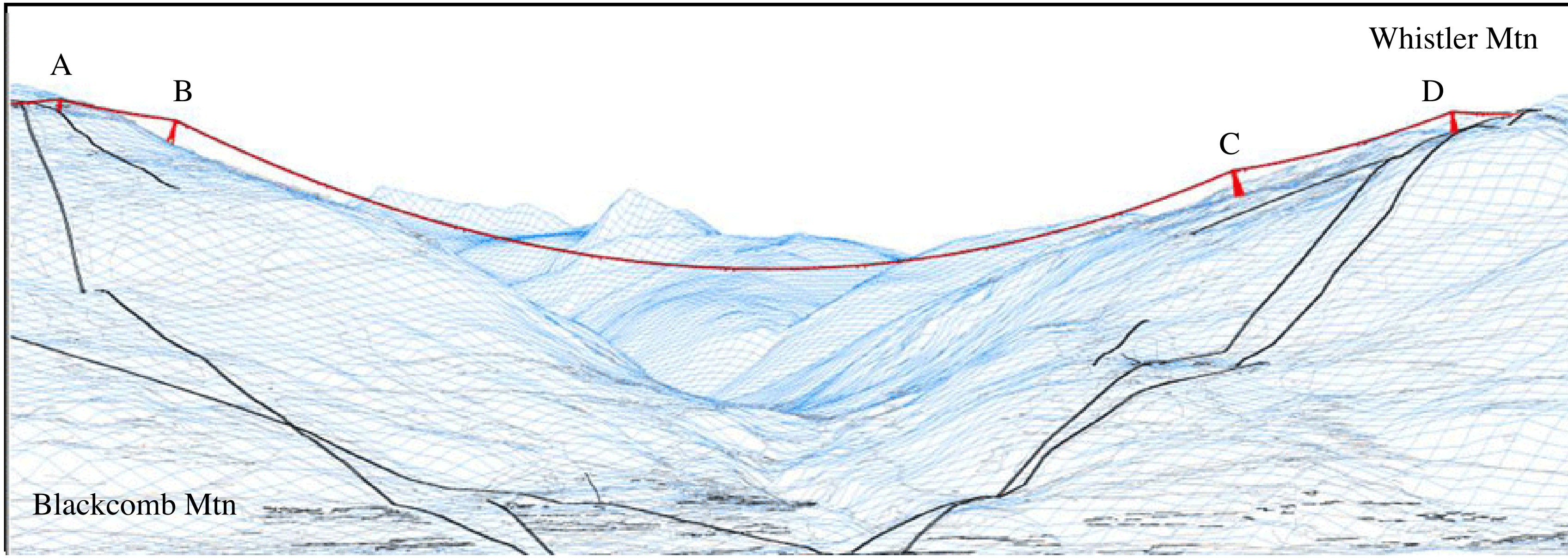
Lattice Shell Structure

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?





Whistler Mtn
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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