

Existing Building Retrofit Research Needs



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Why Isn't There More Retrofitting?

- Cost
- Disruption
- No champion
- Benefits have not been easily quantified or monetized
- Other things are just more important
- Lack of sufficient research

What Benefits does Research Provide to the Practitioner?

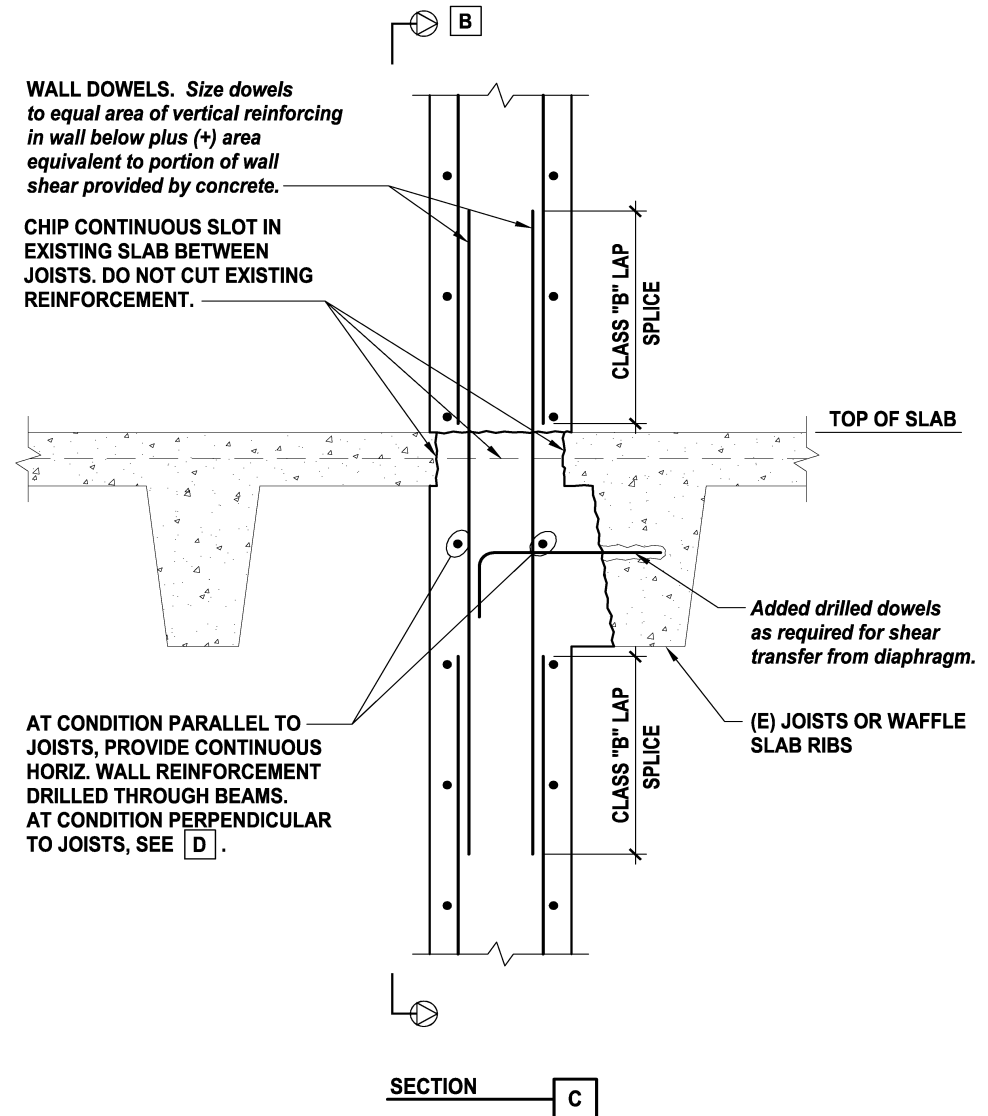
- Better understanding of what will happen, particularly when there is physical testing
- Can compare similar options and see which ones perform better
- Perhaps less expensive options still perform well enough
- Correlate simpler practitioner design approaches with more involved research findings

What Research is Needed by the Practice?

- It should apply to lots of buildings
- Design methodology and construction technique should be practical and relatively inexpensive
- Benefits of the retrofit should be clear and definable
- Design equations should accompany research recommendations

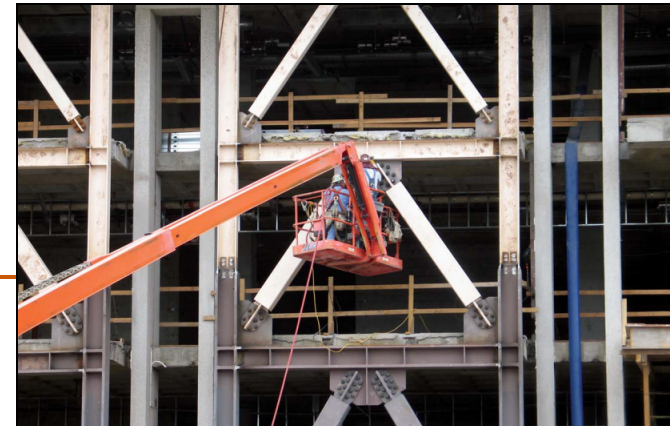
FEMA 547

- 220 figures in 571-page document
- 50 techniques for superstructure strengthening
- 11 diaphragm techniques
- 18 foundation techniques
- 3 techniques related to reducing demand



FEMA 547

- Description for each technique included a summary of the **research basis**
- **Most** techniques being used **do not** have directly relevant research



Techniques for the Seismic Rehabilitation of Existing Buildings

FEMA 547/2006 Edition



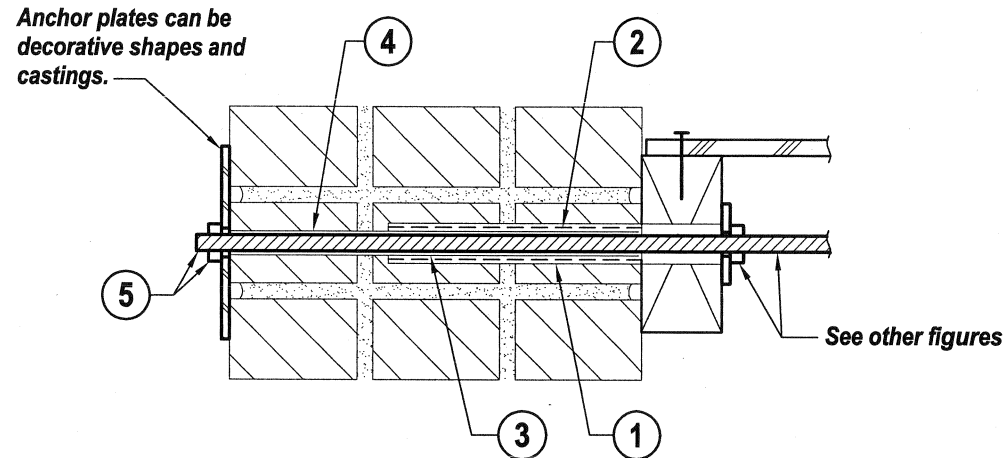
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URM Retrofit Needs

Wall-to-Diaphragm Testing

- Manufacturers have tests for the dowel to the wall
- Lots of vendor competition
- Design values and standards are available

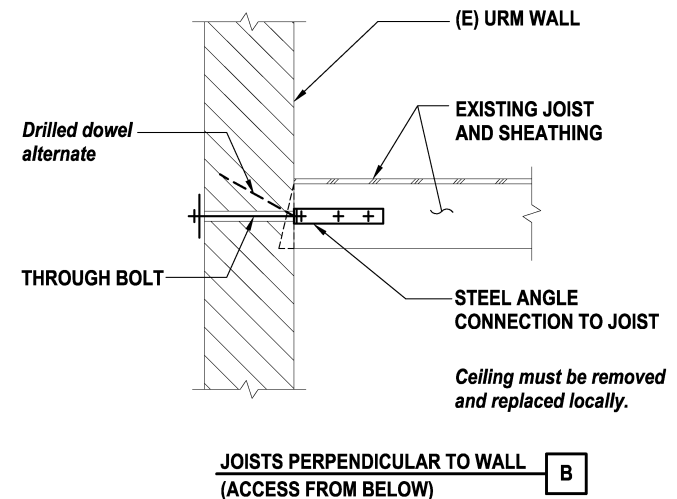
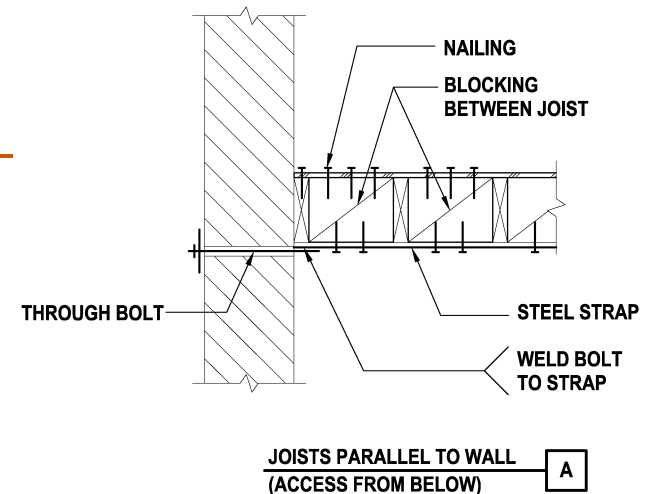


SEQUENCE OF INSTALLATION

1. CORE DRILL HOLE.
Typically 1" diameter x 8" deep.
2. PLACE SCREEN TUBE WITH ADHESIVE.
Typically 15/16" diameter x 8" deep with plug at end.
3. INSERT STEEL SLEEVE.
Typically 13/16" outside diameter.
4. AFTER CURING, DRILL HOLE THROUGH PLUG AND REMAINING MASONRY.
5. PLACE THREADED ROD AND ANCHOR PLATE.
Typically 5/8" diameter and 6"x6"x3/8" respectively.

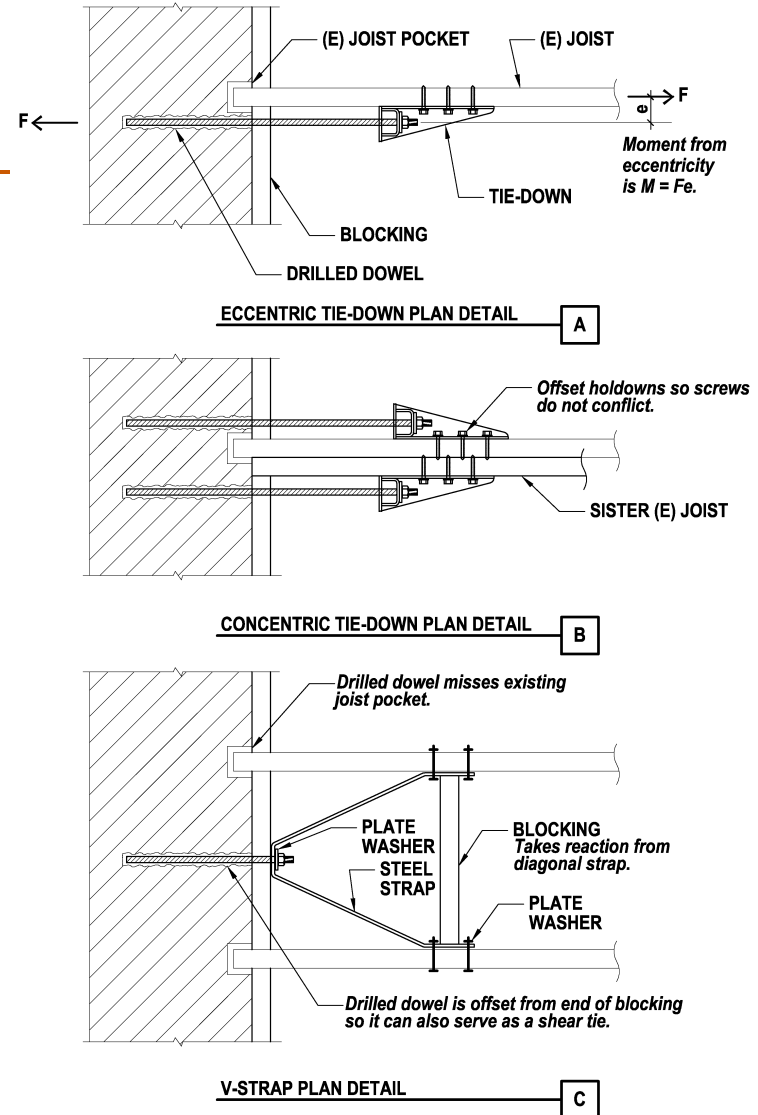
URM Retrofit Needs Wall-to-Diaphragm Testing

- But they haven't tested the rest of the assembly and all the permutations
- What is the assembly stiffness?
- What is the weak link in the assembly?



URM Retrofit Needs Wall-to-Diaphragm Testing

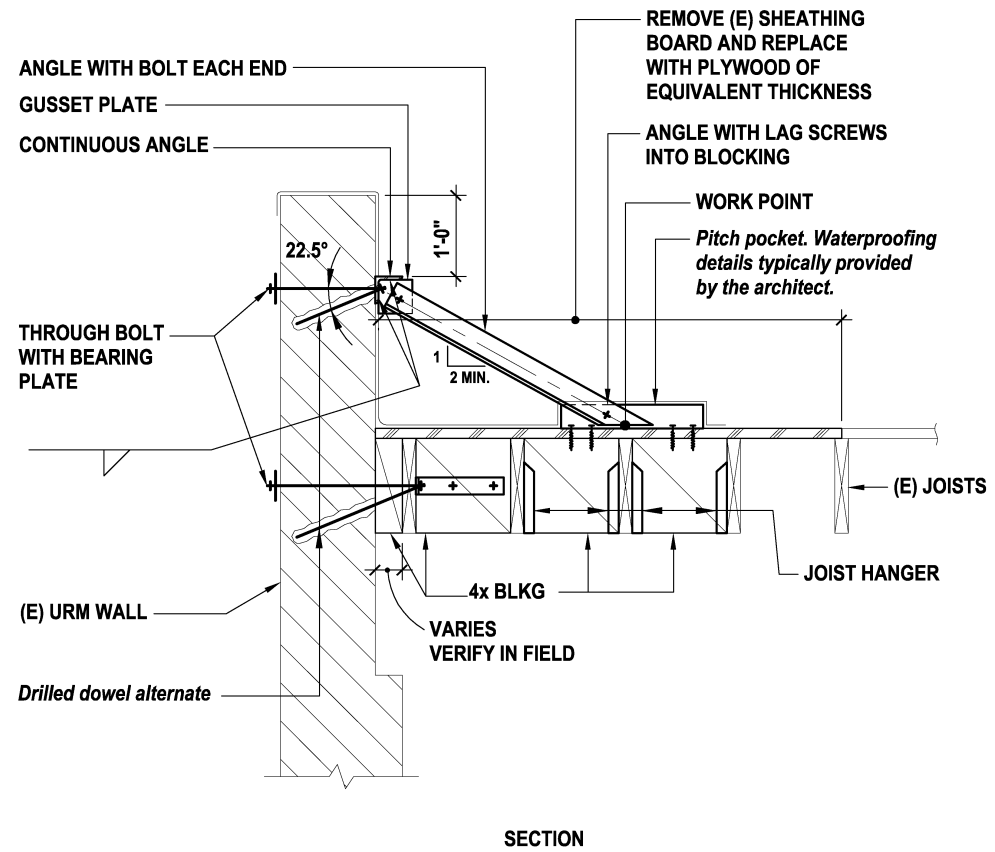
- How much benefit does a concentric tie provide?
- Is it worth cost?
- How important is the effect of the existing joist pocket?



URM Retrofit Needs

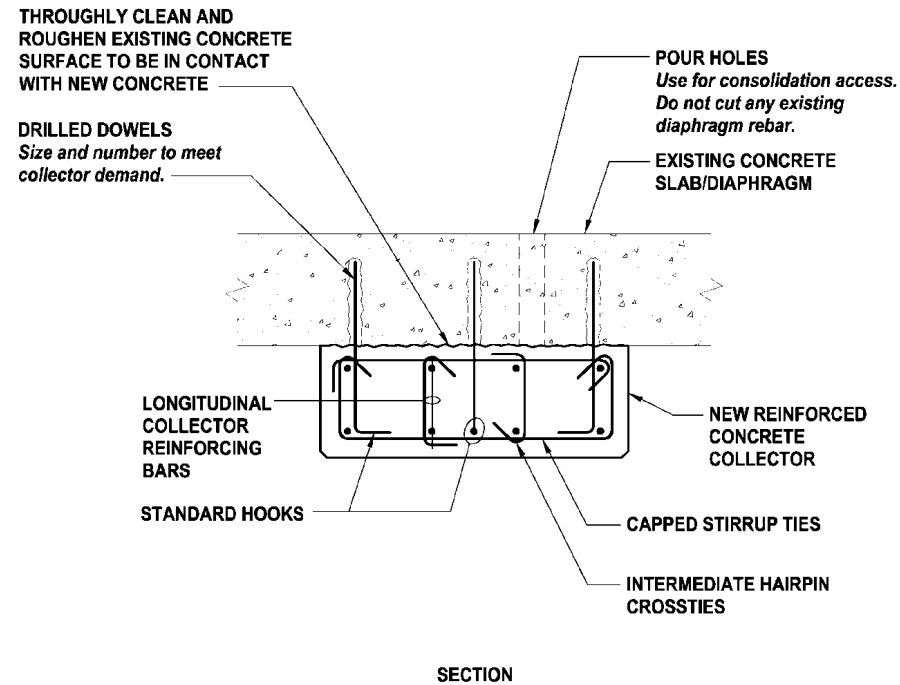
Parapet Strengthening

- What is the optimum spacing?
- How stiff should the roof framing be?
- How much of the diaphragm needs to be strengthened?
- Limit on brick above the top anchor
- Can this take really big shaking?

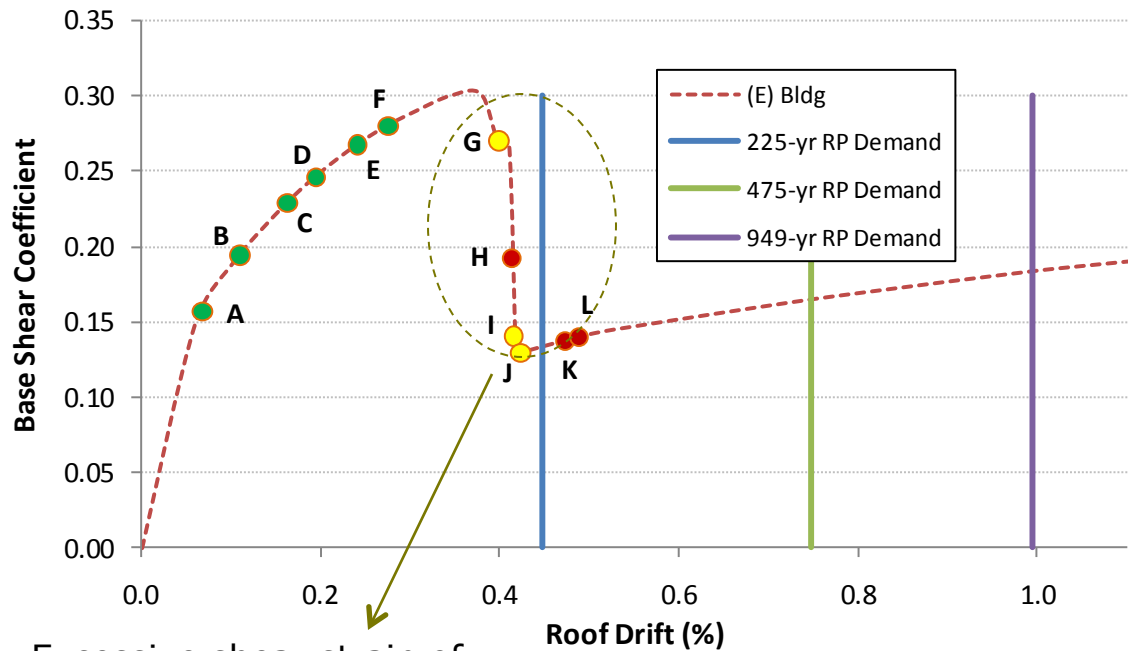


Concrete Retrofit Needs FRP on Shear Wall

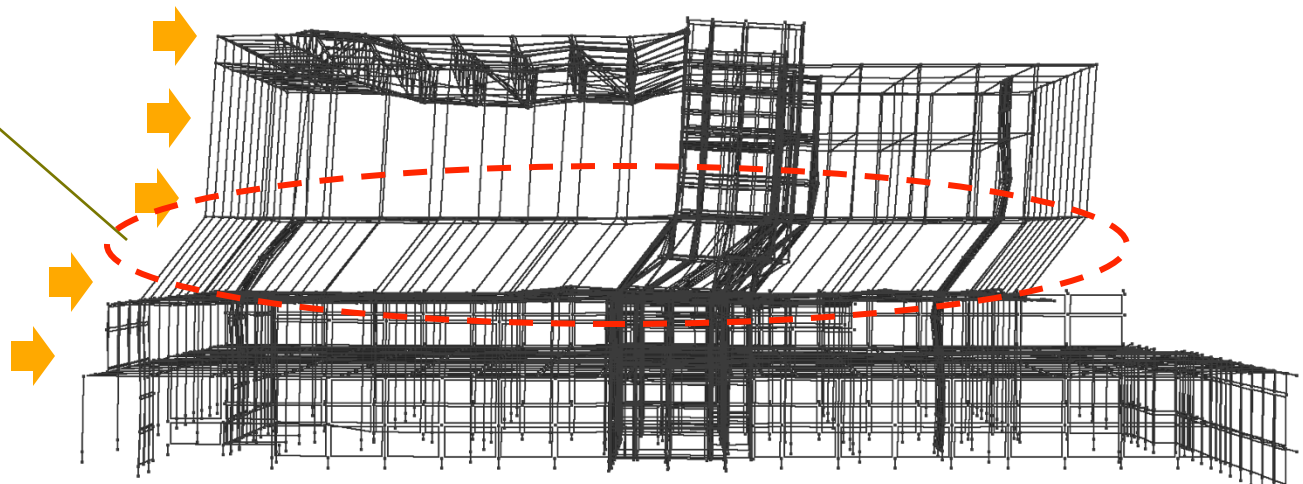
- Collectors
 - Concrete, steel, FRP
 - Strain compatibility
- FRP on shear walls
- Guidance on modeling in commonly used software



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Excessive shear strain of
several walls above
Third Story



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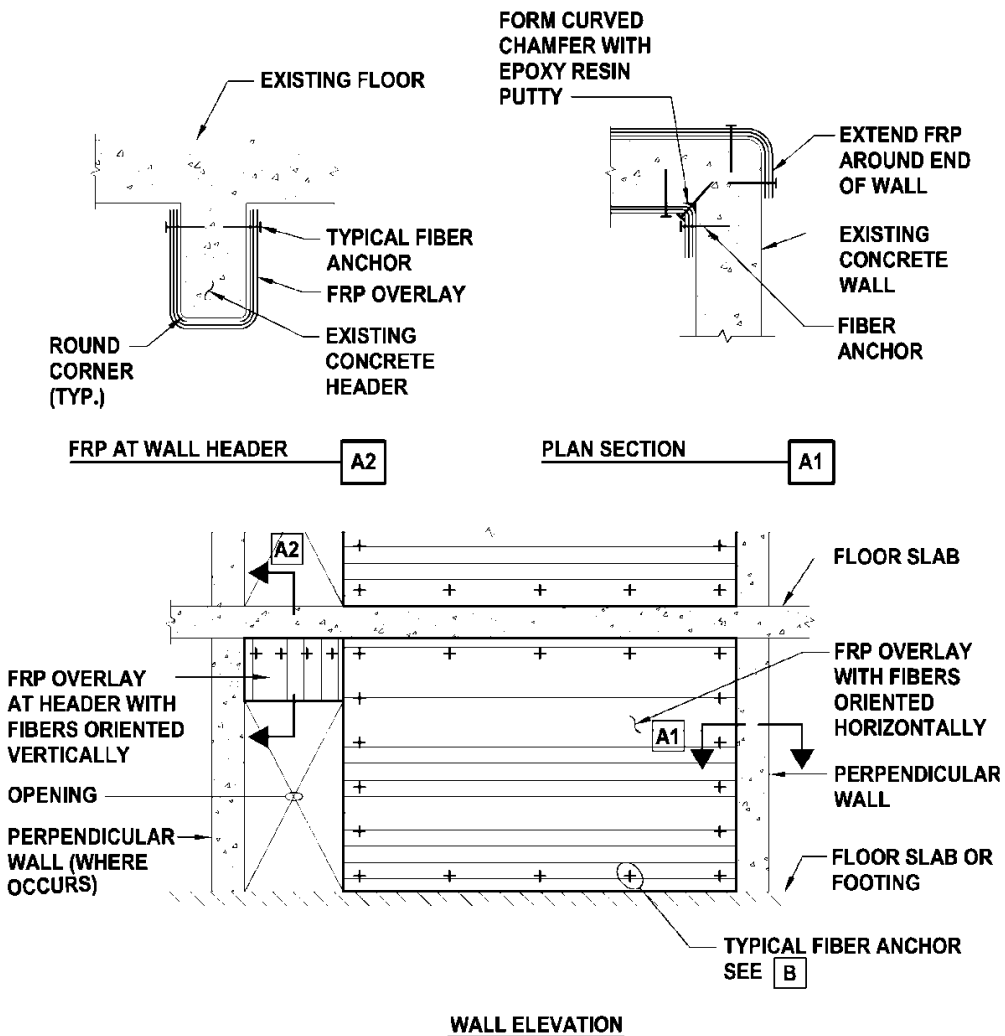
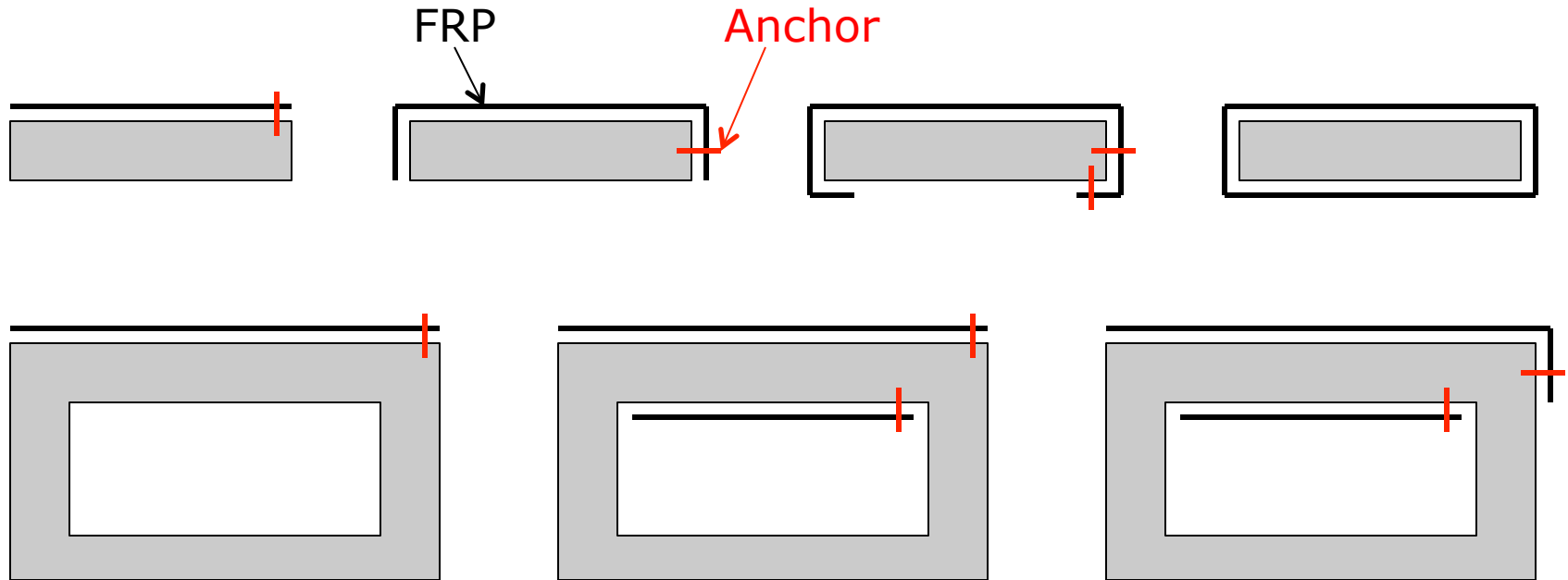


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Note: Taking shear “around corner” (wall to slab, or slab to wall) creates large pull-away tension force at corner that must be resisted.

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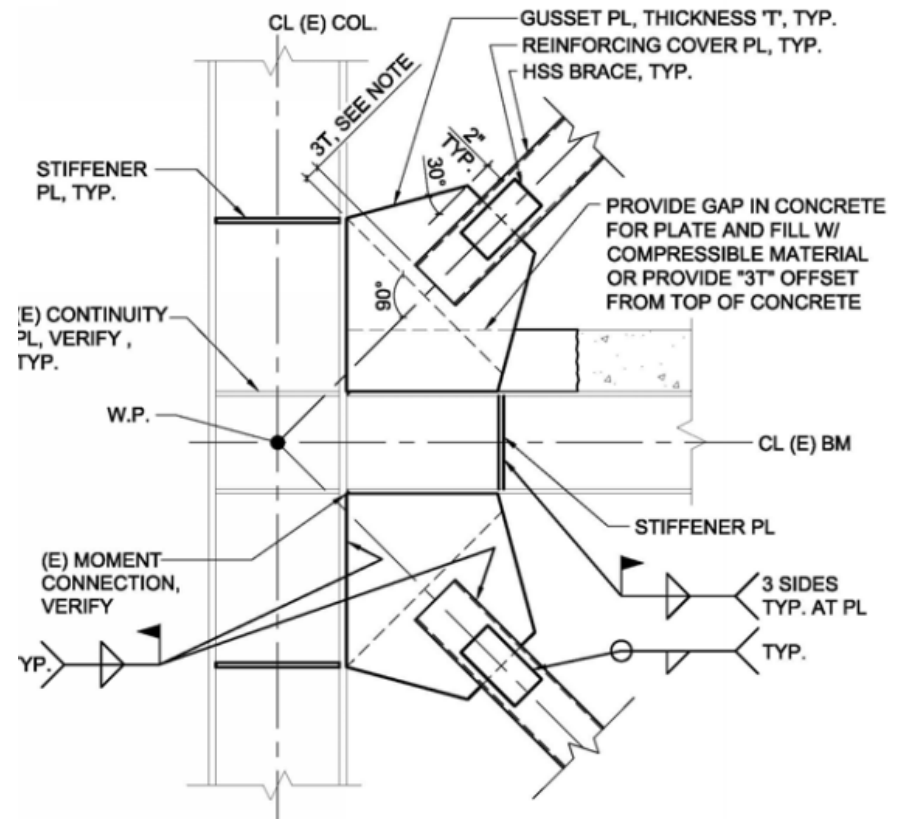
FRP on Shear Wall: Capacity Variations



- Whether to anchor
- Type of returns
- Type of anchor
- Spacing of anchors

Steel Retrofit Needs

- Adding a braced frame to an existing moment frame
- Adding a concrete wall to a moment frame
- Adding cover plates or boxing of existing members

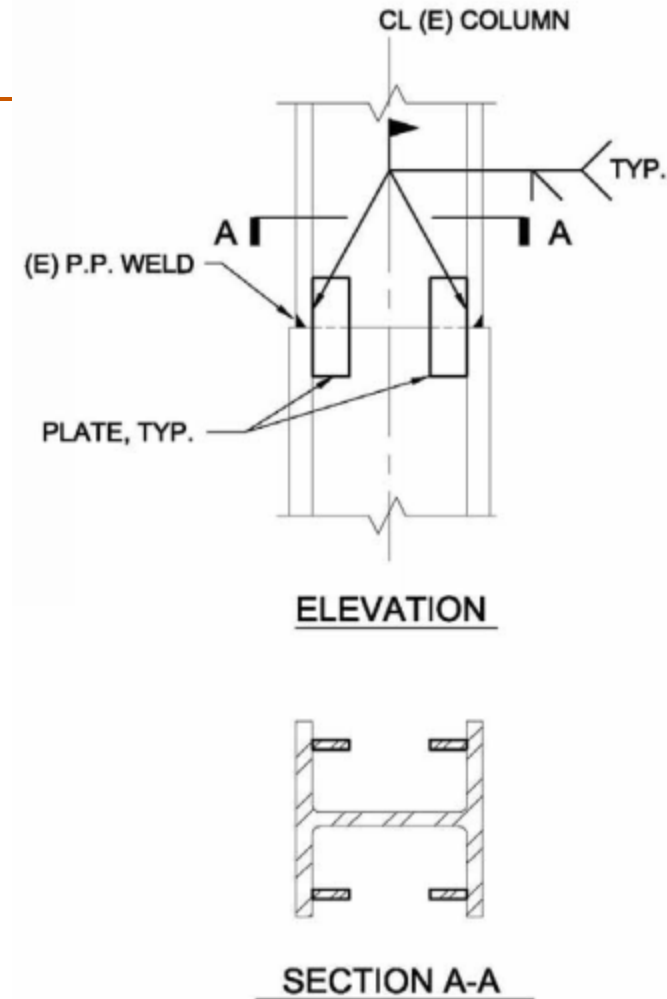


Note:

AISC recommends 2T to allow for restraint-free plastic rotations. 3T is shown here to accommodate overcutting of HSS slots.

Steel Retrofit Needs

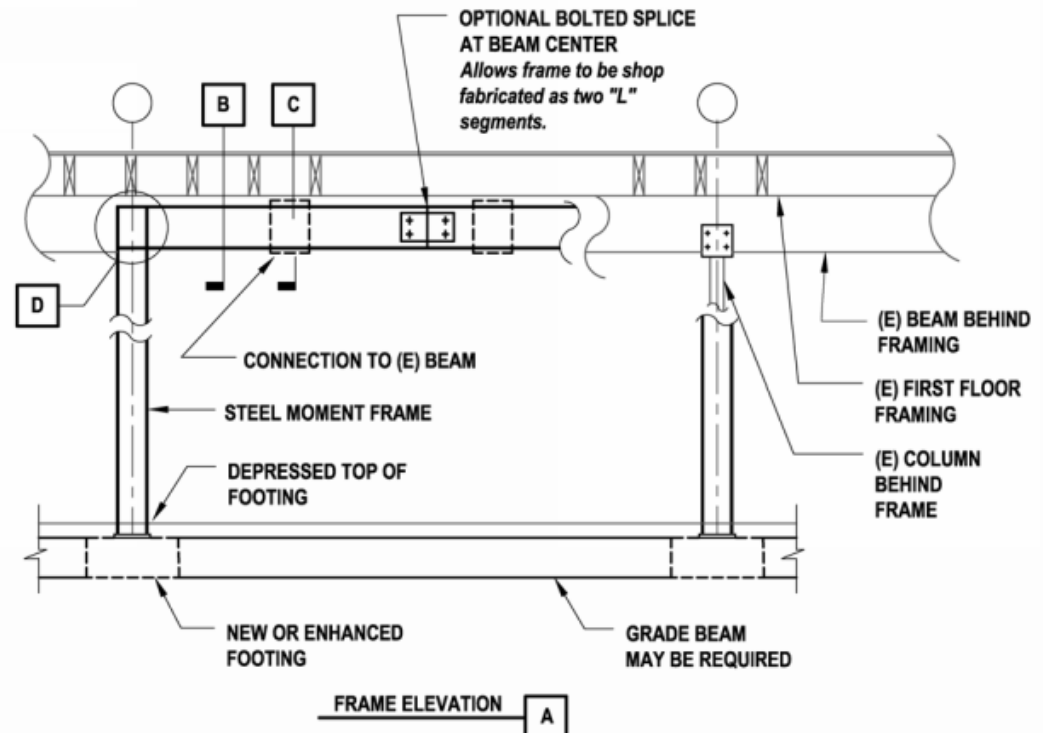
- Adding collector in concrete fill on metal deck
- Enhancing connection of column to footing
- Enhancing column splices
- Converting gravity frame to moment frame



Wood Retrofit Needs



- Collectors
 - Flexibility
 - Weak link
- Bracing of steel moment frame retrofits
 - Is it needed?
 - Wood floor stiff enough?



Discussion
