



Mitigation of Collapse Risk in Older Concrete Buildings

Beam-Column Connection Test

1. Motivation (reference : Moehle, "Collapse Assessment of Reinforcement Concrete Structure")

- ACI Joint Strength is determined by two factor : (1) connection type (2) joint planar dimension

$$V_n = \gamma \sqrt{f'_c} b_j h_c$$

- Some joints designed per ACI show joint shear failure with brittle behavior

⇒ J3 failure (refer to (1)Hwang)

- Other joints even without transverse hoops show good performance with ductile behavior

⇒ BJ failure (refer to (1)Hwang, (2)Anderson et al).

- **The failure modes are influenced by the beam flexural strength** which is directly connected to joint shear demand.

- Prof. Moehle presentation suggested the envelope for **BJ failure** in terms of joint shear demand and drift ratio

- Little report about the loss of vertical load capacity of beam-column joints

- Most tests have low column axial loads $P \leq 0.25 f'_c A_g$

⇒ still possible to carry vertical load at relatively large drift ratios

- Questionable about higher axial loads and bi-directional loading

⇒ corner beam-column connection subject to overturning effect of earthquake

Fig. A
quake.
Engineer

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2. Target Building Type (reference : NCEER92-0025)

- Existing RC Building in California, designed per ACI318(reference : NCEER92-0025)
 - No more than about 2% longitudinal reinforcement in the columns
 - Widely spaced column ties that provide little confinement to the concrete(about 10")
 - Little or no transverse reinforcement within the joint region
 - Discontinuous positive beam reinforcement with a short embedment into the column
 - Bending moment capacity of columns close to that of beams

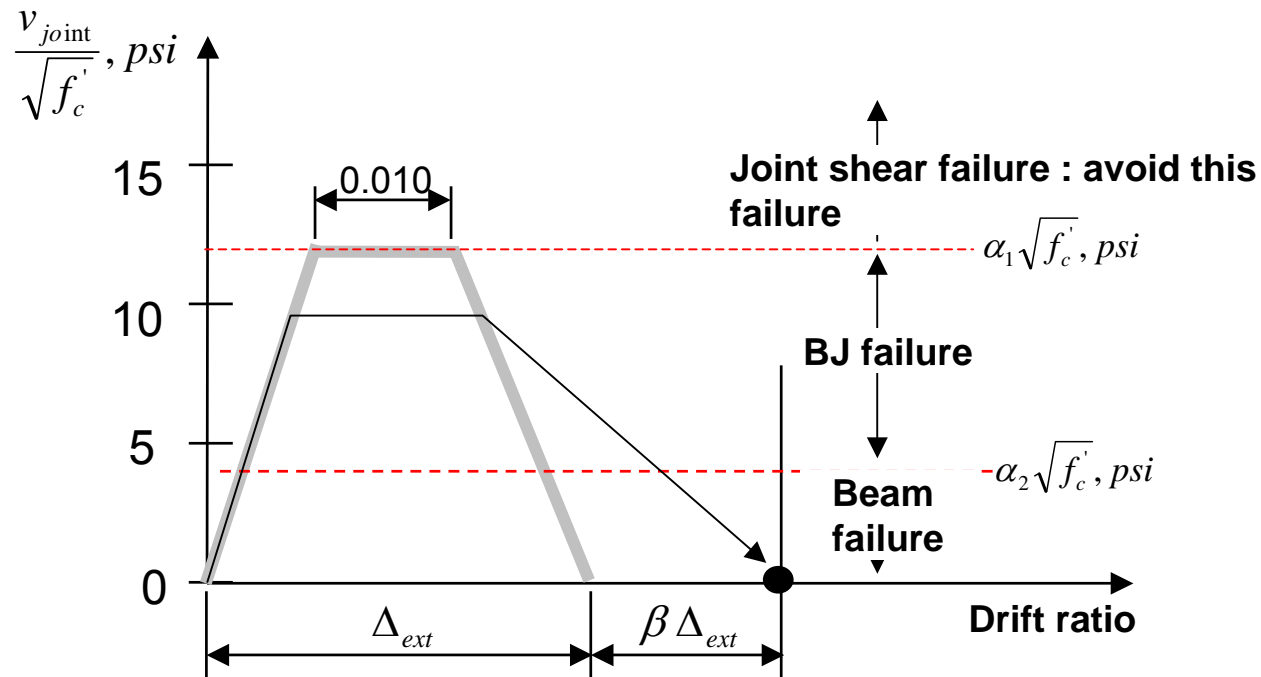
3. Pre-Analysis

- Biaxial loading analysis :
 - simply check if the joint strength is less than its demand for both direction(?)
- Joint strength : (1) SST model (2) OpenSees (3) Other Analysis Software ; IDARC, DRAIN2DX
- Reinforcement Buckling : Mohamed's bucking model

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4. Test Objectives

- Effect of High Axial Force : (1) concrete crushing, (2) column reinforcement buckling
- Effect of Bi-directional loading
- Suggest the Corner Joint Strength (Limit State) Model Considering High Axial force



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■ Expected Parameters Example

For $P \leq 0.25 f'_c A_g$: $\alpha_1 = 12$, $\alpha_2 = 4$, $\Delta_{ext} = 0.02$, $\beta = 0.5$

For $P > 0.25 f'_c A_g$: **find** α_1 , α_2 , Δ_{ext} , β

consider two failures, concrete crushing and reinforcement buckling

■ Concrete Crushing

- The ratio $P / f'_c A_g$
- Transverse reinforcement ratio
- Bond strength

■ Reinforcement Buckling

- The ratio P / P_{cr} , $P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 E_t I}{(kS)^2}$ ex) k also depends on S
- Transverse reinforcement ratio
- ...

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- Design of older type building

Table 5.3: Average Parameters for Pre-1967 Buildings

	Axial Load Ratio	Column Lap Splice Length (d_{bc})*	v_j/f_c	Vol. Joint Reinf. Ratio	$\Sigma M_j / \Sigma M_b$
Average:	0.12	28	0.21	0.000	2.2
Standard Deviation:	0.07	8	0.09	0.000	2.8
Minimum:	0.03	20	0.03	0.000	0.2
Maximum:	0.28	38	0.37	0.002	9.4

*= typically spliced above floor

Table 5.4: Average Parameters for 1967-1979 Buildings

	Axial Load Ratio	Column Lap Splice Length	v_j/f_c	Vol. Joint Reinf. Ratio	$\Sigma M_j / \Sigma M_b$
Average:	0.17	Variable	0.15	0.009	2.04
Standard Deviation:	0.10	in location	0.06	0.008	1.29
Minimum:	0.03	and length	0.06	0.000	0.70
Maximum:	0.33		0.29	0.021	5.18

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1. A. Beres et al, Experimental Results of Repaired and Retrofitted Beam-Column Joint Tests....

NCEER Report

beam : 14"x24" with 2-#6 (continuous) and 2-#8(discontinuous) for positive $\rho = 0.0073$ $\rho' = 0.0026$
with #3 stirrups at 5" spacing

column : 16"x16" with 1% and #3 ties at 14" ,first tie placed 7"

with 2%(4-#10) and #3 ties at 16", first tie placed 8"

extra #3 ties at the lower bending point of the offset vertical reinforcement

cover : 1.5"

$f_c = 3500$ psi and $f_y = 60$ ksi

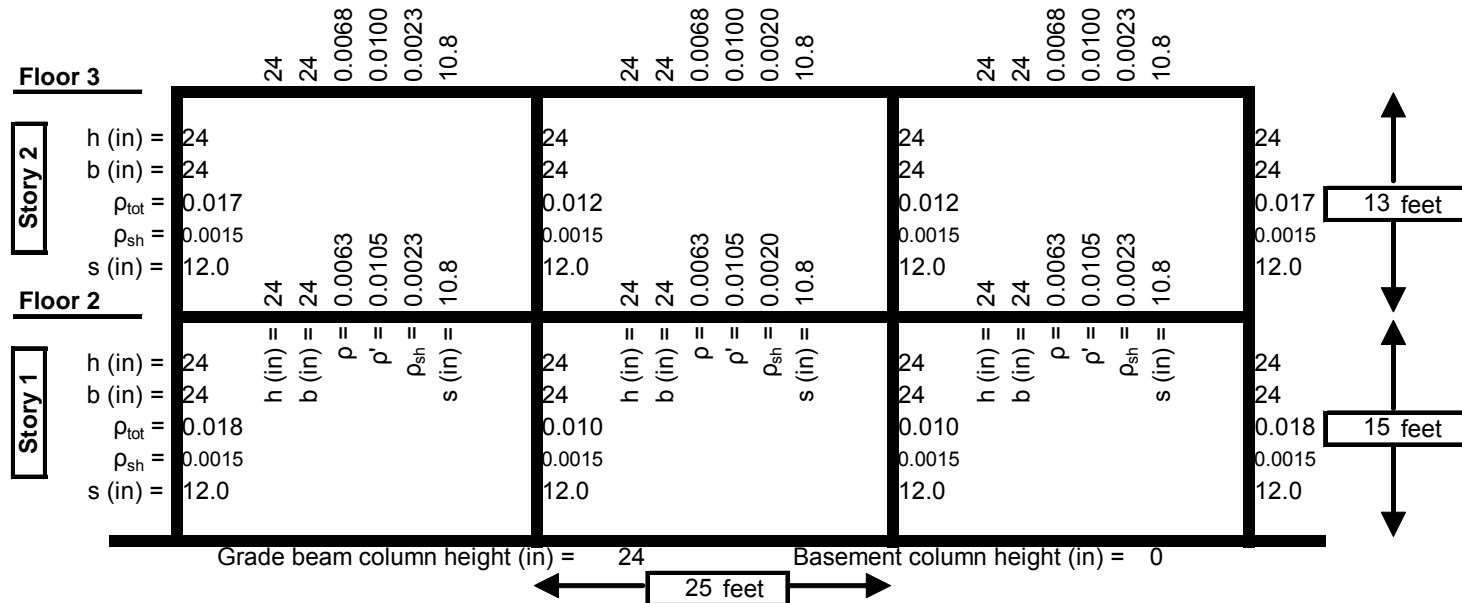
distance from top to bottom of column = 58.5"(upper)+24.0"(beam depth)+51.0"(lower)

distance from left to right of beam = 47.0"(left)+16.0"(column depth)+47.0"(right)

Ex) $0.45 f_c \times A_g = 308.7$ kips

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- Design of older type building
 - 2. Abbie Liel's Hypothetical design
 - (1) 2 story building



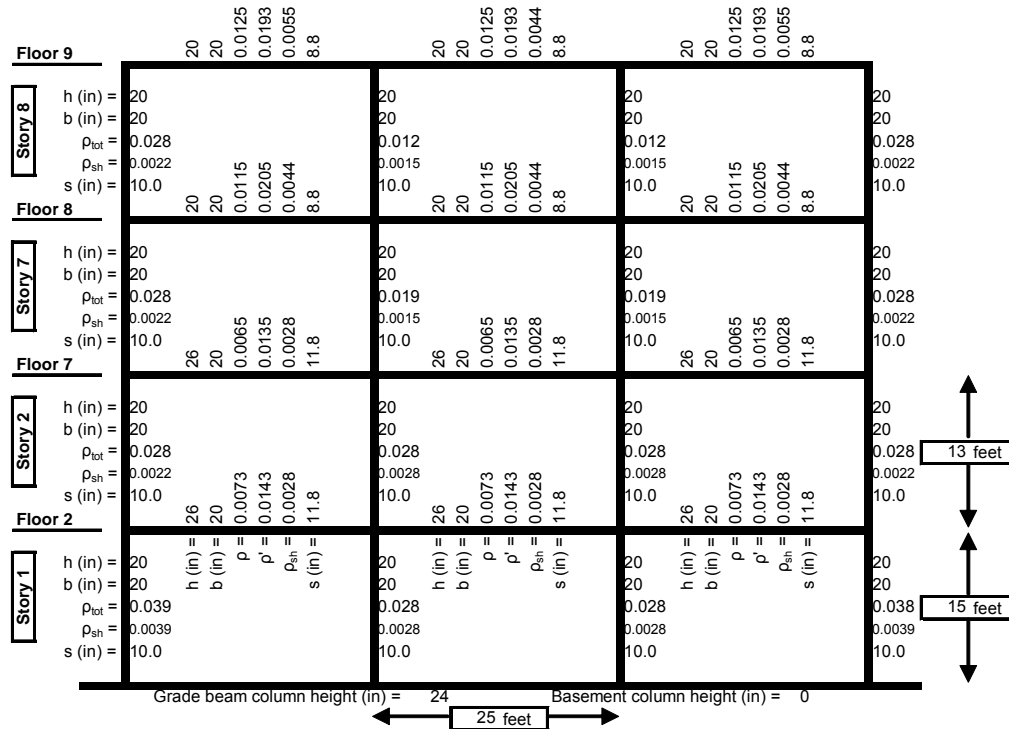
Design base shear = 0.085 g, 62 k

f'_c beams = 4.0 ksi	$f'_{c,cols,upper}$ = 4.0 ksi
$f_{y,rebar,nom.}$ = 60 ksi	$f'_{c,cols,lower}$ = 4.0 ksi

Ex) $0.45 f_c \times A_g = 871.2 \text{ kips}$

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- Design of older type building
 - 2. Abbie Liel's Hypothetical design
 - (2) 4 story building



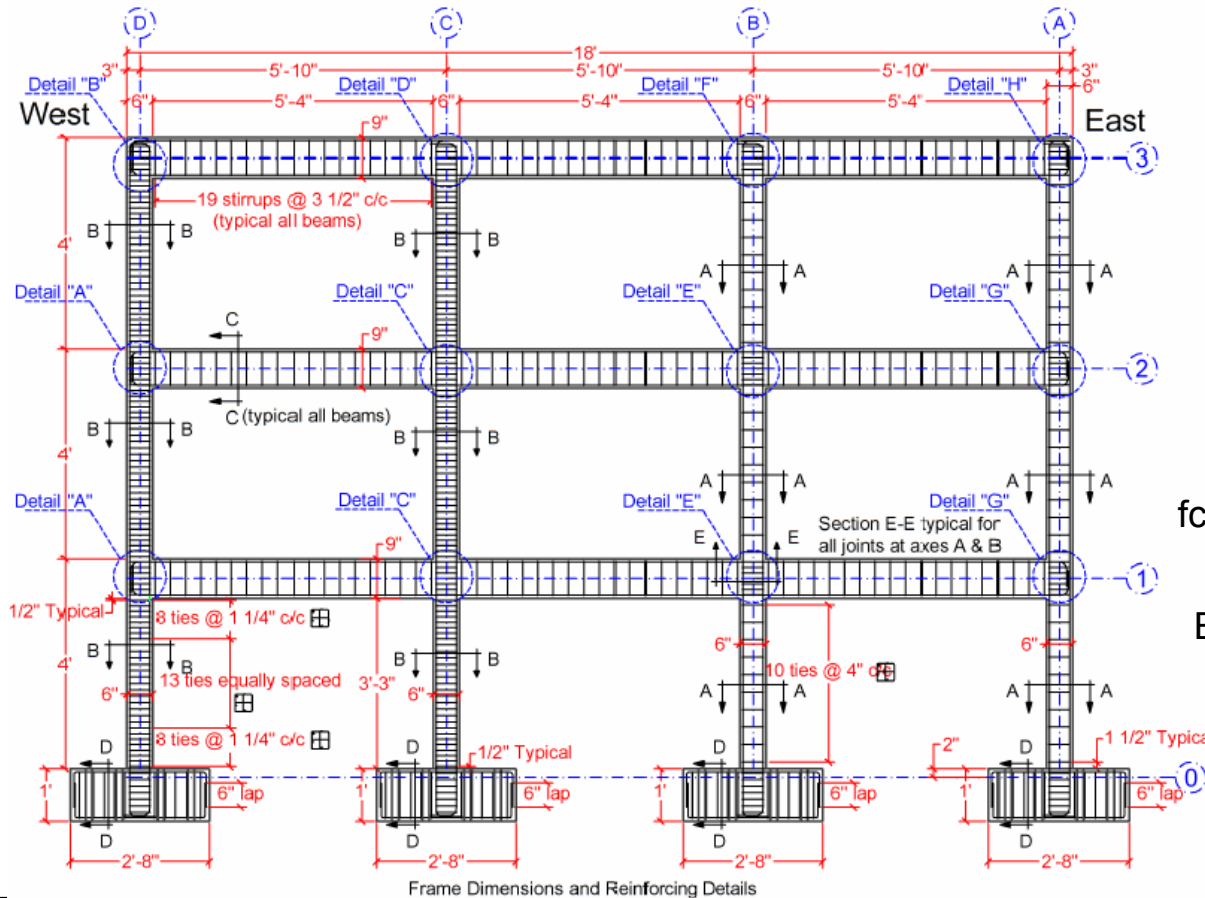
Ex) $0.45 f_c \times A_g = 583.2 \text{ kips}$

Design base shear = 0.068 g, 99 k	
f'_c beams = 4.0 ksi	$f'_{c,cols,upper}$ = 4.0 ksi
$f_{y,rebar,nom}$ = 60 ksi	$f'_{c,cols,lower}$ = 4.0 ksi

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■ Design of older type building

3. Wassim's Experiment : 1/3 Scale



$f_c = 3500 \text{ psi}$ and $f_y = 60 \text{ ksi}$

Ex) $0.4 f_c \times A_g = 403.2 \text{ kips}$

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■ Prototype Building : Van Nuys

1. The number of story : 7story
2. The ratio of longitudinal to transverse beam length : 20' 10" to 18' 9"
3. Beam dimension : longitudinal(2FSB1) 16"x30" vs transverse(2FSB6) 14"x30"
 2FSB1 : Top – 2 #9(discont.) 3#8(cont.) Bot – 2#8
 2FSB6 : Top – 2 #9(discont.) 2#9(cont.) Bot – 2#9
4. Column heights in 1st and 2nd floor : 13' 6" to 8' 6"
5. Column dimension : C9 14"x20"
6. Material Properties

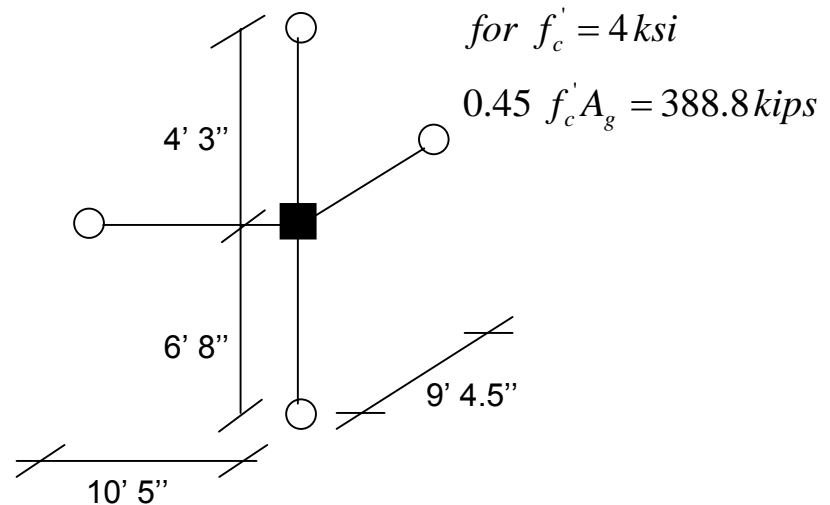
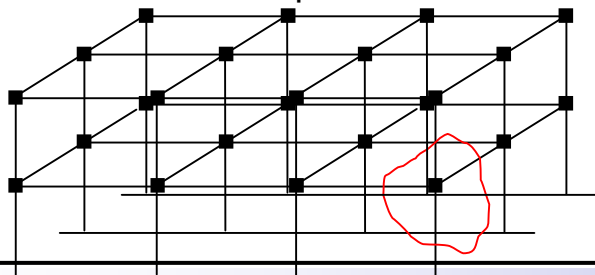
Column : $f_c = 5 \text{ ksi}(1^{\text{st}}), 4 \text{ ksi}(2^{\text{nd}}), 3 \text{ ksi}(3^{\text{rd}}\sim 7^{\text{th}})$

$f_y = \text{grade } 60$

Beam : $f_c = 4 \text{ ksi}(2^{\text{nd}}), 3 \text{ ksi}(3^{\text{rd}}\sim \text{roof})$

$f_y = \text{grade } 40$

■ Presumable Specimen



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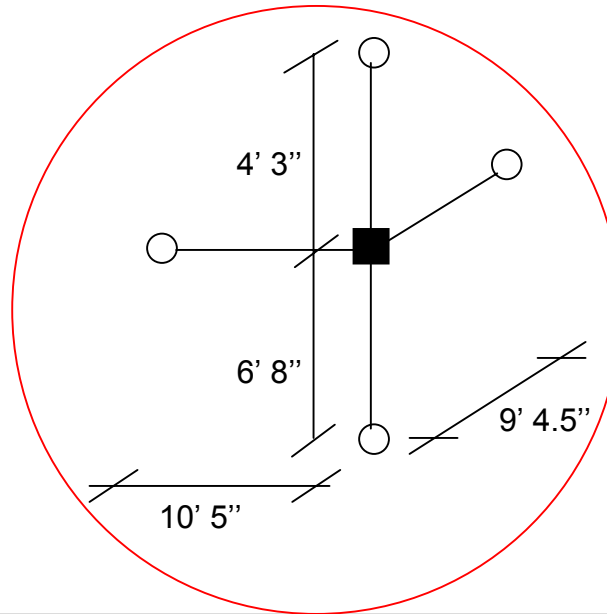
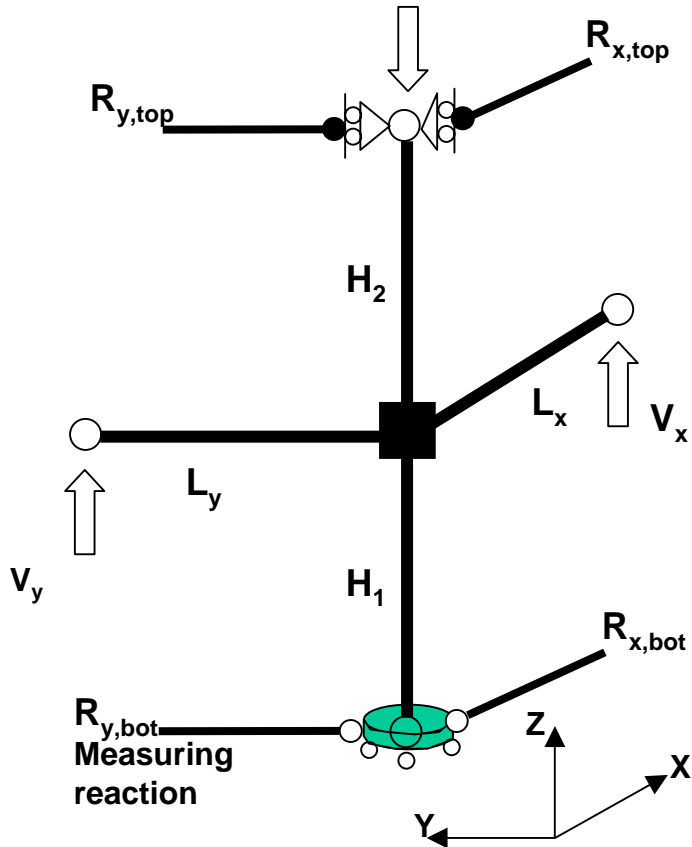
■ Idealized Force and Reaction System

$$P = P_{\text{gravity}}(216 \text{ kips}) + P_{\text{overturning}}(?)$$

⇒ (1) Starting with the Gravity Load

$$0.25 f_c x A_g = 216 \text{ kips}$$

(2) $P_{\text{overturning}}$ should include the effect of both target floor beam shear and the above floors beam shear



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■ Idealized Force and Reaction System

Approximate the relationship among P , V_x , V_y to control axial force P corresponding to each V_x , V_y during test

How?

1. 1st order linear regression from the analysis data

ex) In Priestley and Hart : 12 story building

$$\begin{cases} P = 178 \pm k_x V_x \pm k_y V_y \\ 178 - R_v \left(\left| \sum_{i=2}^{\text{roof}} V_{x,i} \right| + \left| \sum_{i=2}^{\text{roof}} V_{y,i} \right| \right) \leq P \leq 178 + R_v \left(\left| \sum_{i=2}^{\text{roof}} V_{x,i} \right| + \left| \sum_{i=2}^{\text{roof}} V_{y,i} \right| \right) \end{cases}_y$$

R_v : reduction factor due to higher mode contribution

(refer to Pauly and Priestley)

Applied maximum axial force during the test

$$P_{\max} \approx 0.46 f'_c A_g$$

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■ Idealized Force and Reaction System

2. Using the distribution of drift ratio along the height

- Assuming that the vertical drift ratio distribution and the orthogonality between beam and column are preserved during cyclic excitation,

all beam shear forces are determined from their moments corresponding to their curvatures.

	Width (in.)	Height (in.)	7th Floor	6th Floor	5th Floor	4th Floor	3rd Floor	
FSB-1	16	22.5	@1 & 9 '2 #9'	2 #9	2 #9	3 #8	3 #8	2 #7
			@2 & 8 '2 #9'	same	same	same	same	

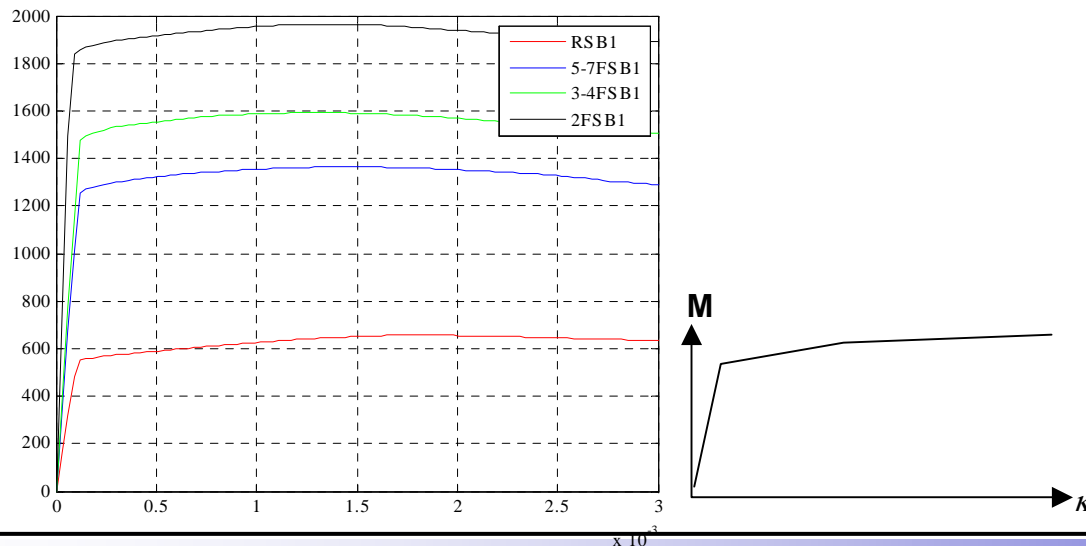
	Width (in.)	Height (in.)	Top Bars	Bottom Bars
RSB-1	16	22	@1 & 9 2 #6	2 #7
			@2 & 8 2 #8	
2FSB-1	16	30	@1 & 9 2 #9	2 #8
			@2 & 8 3 #8	

Model Type	T _A sec	S _A (g)	Maximum inter-story drifts (%)							Roof disp.(in)
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Mean ²⁰			0.51	1.30	1.71	1.81	1.46	0.86	0.43	8.75

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- Procedure

- (1) choose second floor beam shear $V_{x,2}$ \Rightarrow determine moment-curvature responses from section analysis
- (2) calculate 1st story drift ratio Δ_1 from integration of curvature
- (3) determine the other stories drift ratio using the predefined drift ratio distribution
- (4) calculate moment and curvature corresponding to each drift ratio
 - simply assuming trilinear moment curvature curve up to ultimate moment (rebar yielding, concrete softening)
- (5) from the determined each beam moment, determine the vertical axial force
- (6) formulate a simplified linear equation between the vertical axial force and $V_{x,2}$



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-Example

For the closing moment of 2FSB1 at the linear limit

$$\kappa_2 = 9 \times 10^{-5} \Rightarrow \Delta_1 = \int_0^l \frac{\kappa_2}{l} x dx = \frac{\kappa_2 l}{2} = 0.51\% , l = 112.5 \text{ in (half span)}$$

$$\Rightarrow M_2 = 1839 \text{ kip-in} \Rightarrow V_2 = \frac{M_2}{l} = 14.71 \text{ kips}$$

from the drift distribution

$$\Delta_2 = 1.30\%$$

approximate $M - \kappa$ curve as trilinear curve

$$\kappa_3 \geq \kappa_{peak} \Rightarrow \text{take } M_{ult} = 1591.7 \text{ kip-in} \Rightarrow V_3 = \frac{M_{ult}}{l} = 12.73 \text{ kips}$$

same assumption results in

$$V_4 = \frac{M_{ult}}{l} = 12.73 \text{ kips} , V_5 = \frac{M_{ult}}{l} = 10.91 \text{ kips} , V_6 = \frac{M_{ult}}{l} = 10.91 \text{ kips}$$

$$\Delta_6 = 0.86\% \Rightarrow M_7 = 1321 \text{ kip-in} \Rightarrow V_7 = 10.57 \text{ kips}$$

$$\Delta_7 = 0.43\% \Rightarrow M_{roof} = 405 \text{ kip-in} \Rightarrow V_{roof} = 3.24 \text{ kips}$$

$$\text{finally, } P_{overturning} = 75.8 \text{ kips} \approx 5 \times V_2$$

- Maximum Moment Capacity

	Closing	Opening
RSB-1	657.1	842.7
5-7FSB-1	1364.3	879.6
3-44FSB-1	1591.7	881.8
2FSB-1	1964.4	1584.1
SUM	9897.8	6829.2
SUM/ half span	79.2 kips	54.6 kips

$$P_{max} = 216 + 88 \times 2 = 374 \approx 0.43 f'_c A_g$$

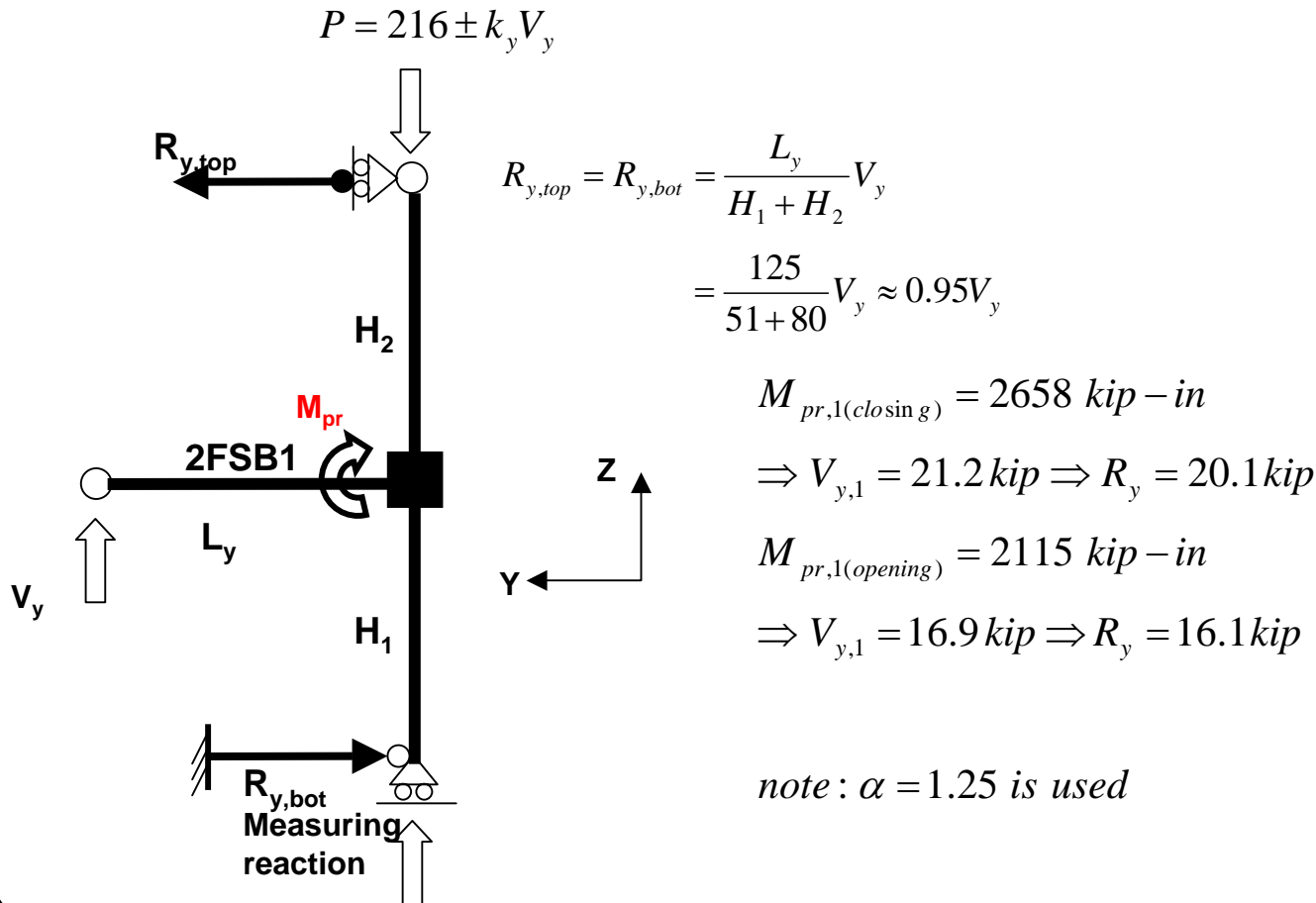
$$, f'_c = 4 \text{ ksi and } A_g = (14 - 2) \times (20 - 2)$$



**Determine the total axial force
at each predefined beam shear force**

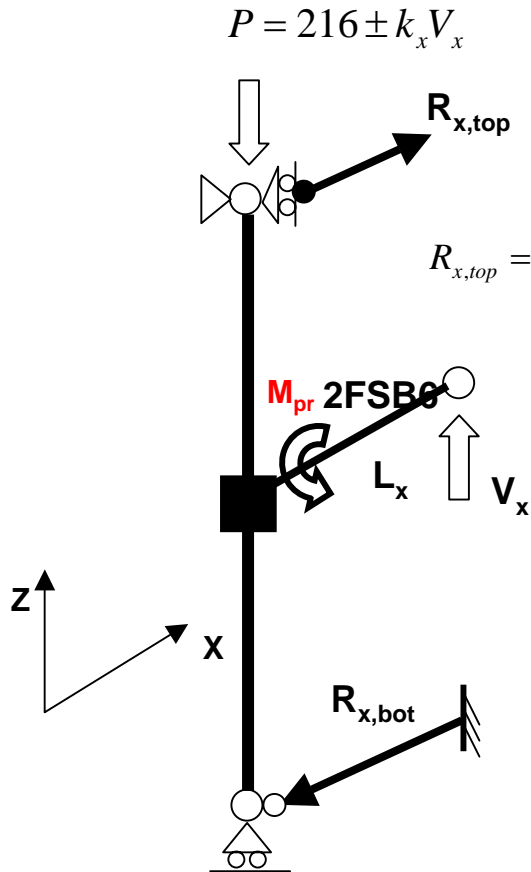
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$$R_{x,top} = R_{x,bot} = \frac{L_x}{H_1 + H_2} V_x$$

$$= \frac{112.5}{51 + 80} V_x \approx 0.86 V_x$$

$$M_{pr} = 2645 \text{ kip-in}$$

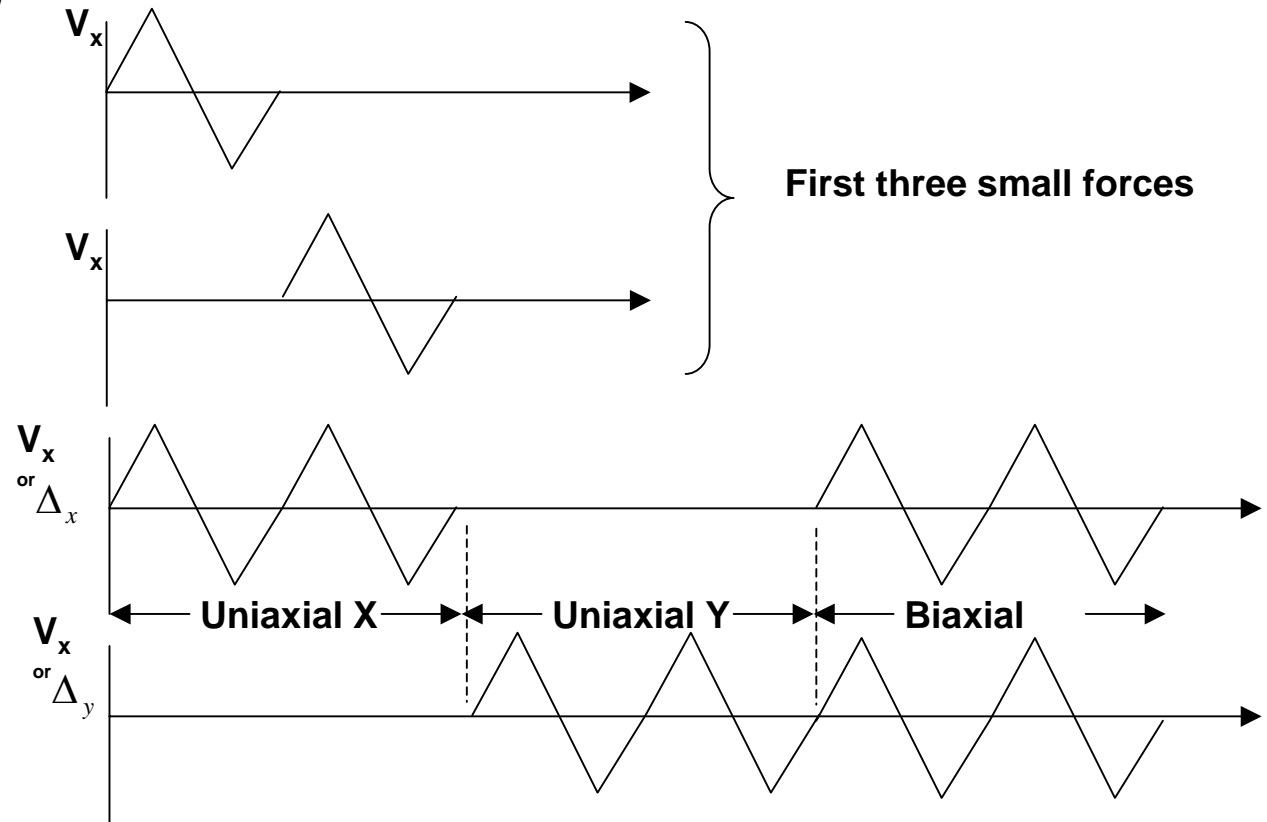
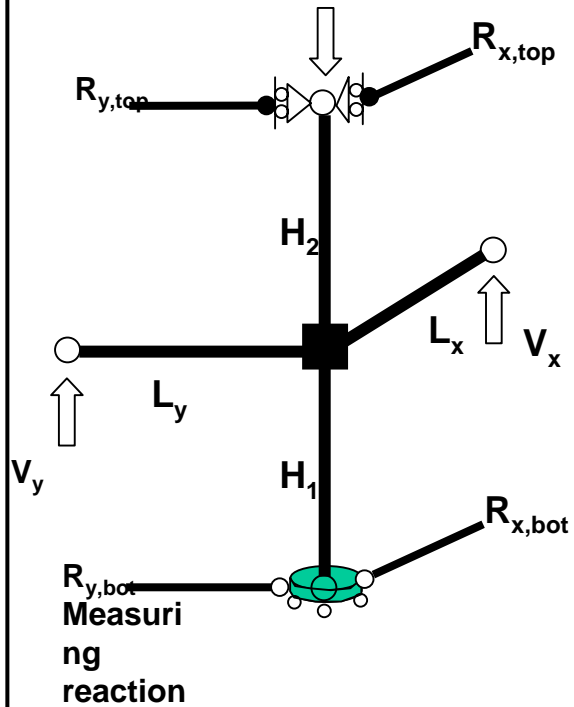
$$\Rightarrow V_x = 23.5 \text{ kip} \Rightarrow R_x = 20.2 \text{ kip}$$

note: $\alpha = 1.25$ is used

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- Sequence of forces and displacements

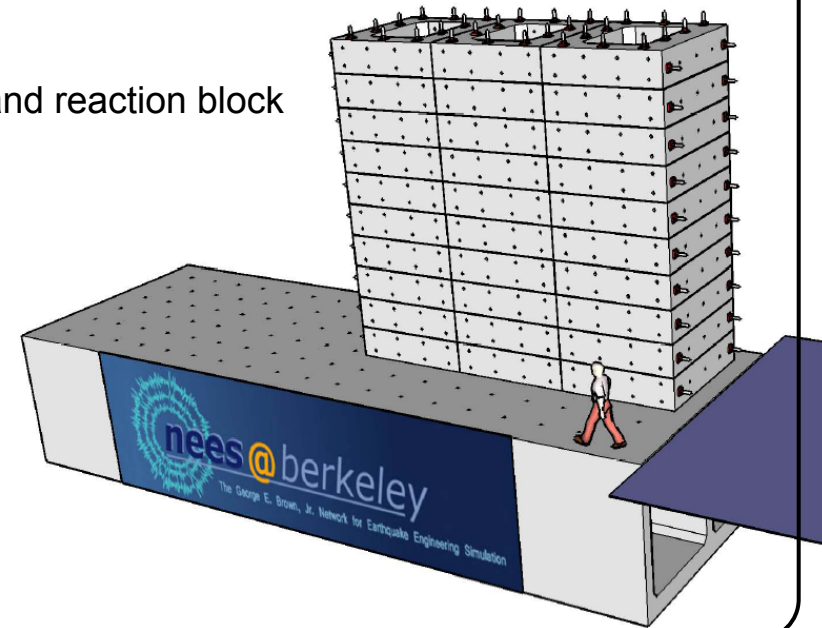
$$P = 216 \pm k_x V_x \pm k_y V_y$$



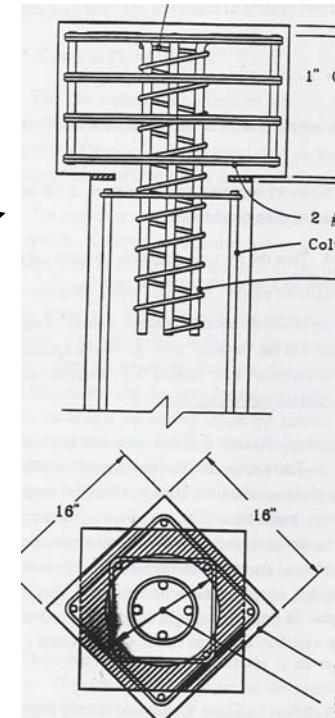
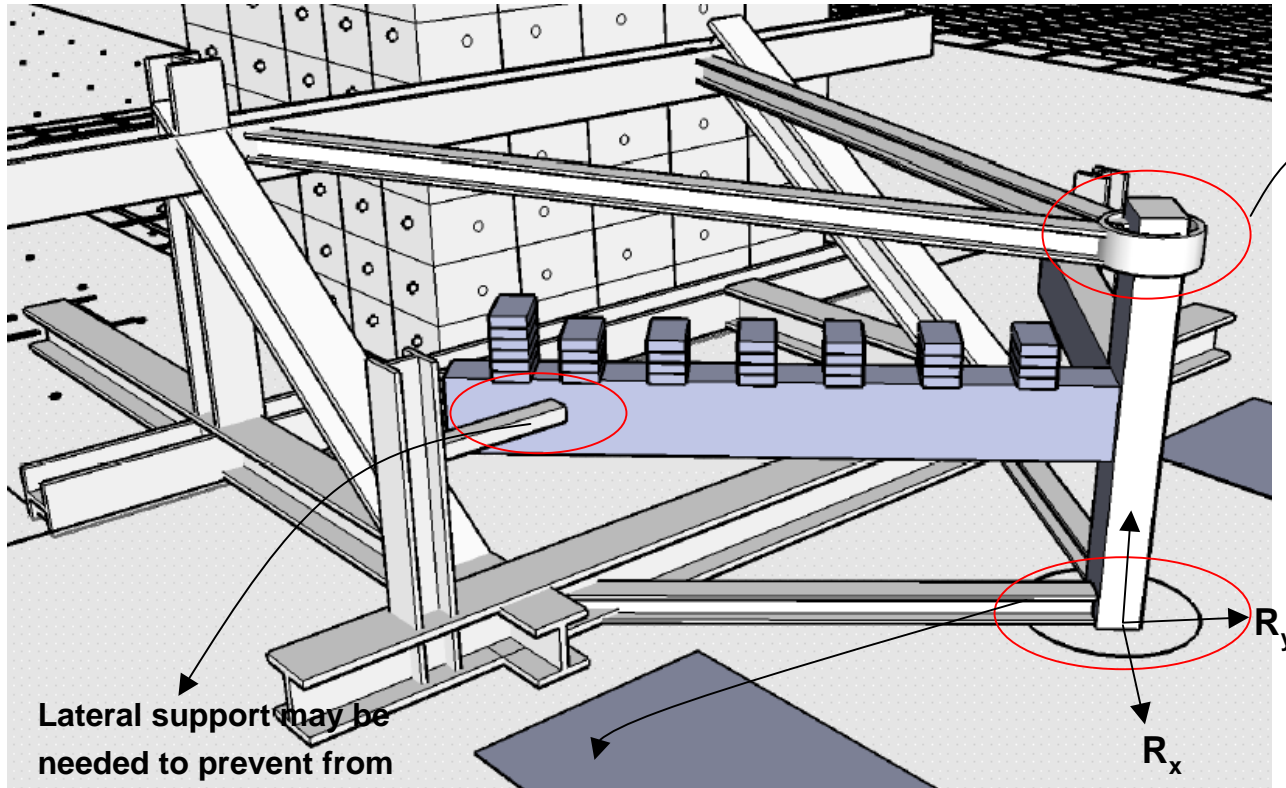
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■ Lab constraining conditions

1. Current positions of reaction blocks are not movable
2. No hole for anchorage in the floor below 4M UTM
3. Need on the lateral supports at the top and bottom of column
4. Placing two actuators below the two beams to control applied forces and displacements
5. From the above, test frame is needed
6. Test frame should be connected to the strong floor and reaction block



Beam-Column Connection Test Setup



How to measure two(+axial) reactions

: 1. attach additional actuators

hard to measure exact reactions due to the friction

2. use 6 component load cell(if possible)

3. Not necessarily to measure R_x , R_y by using static equilibrium

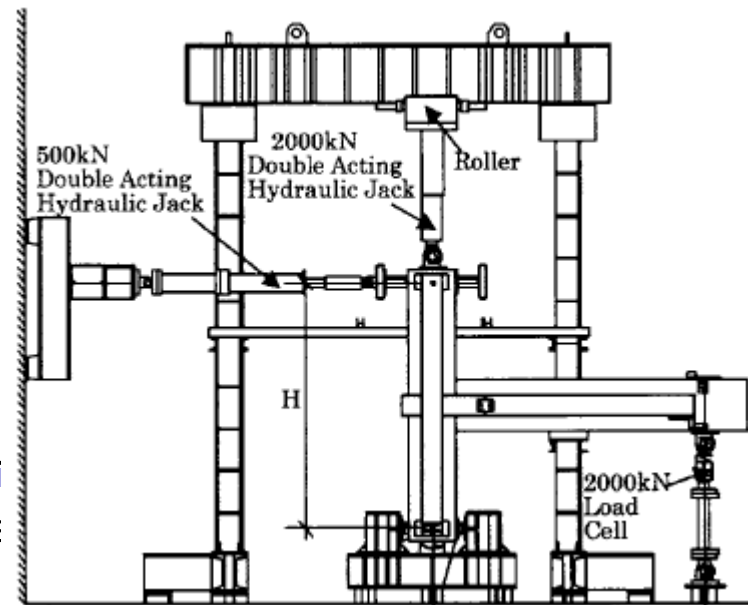
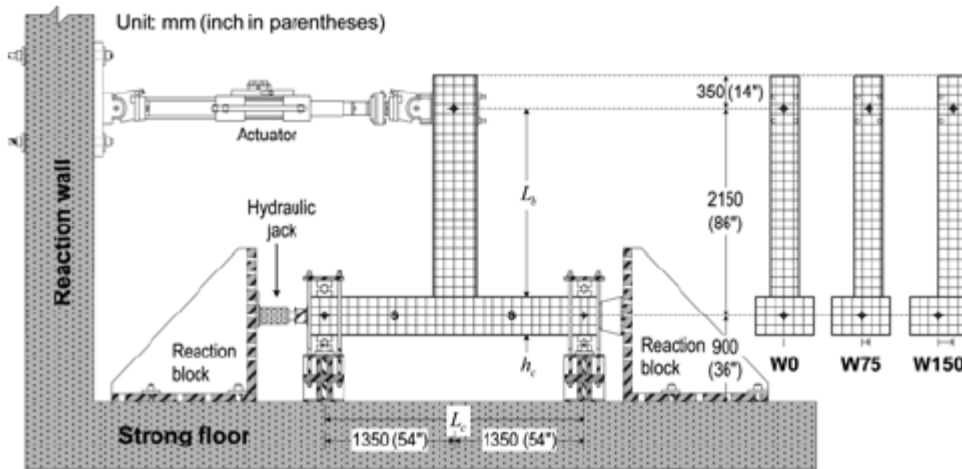
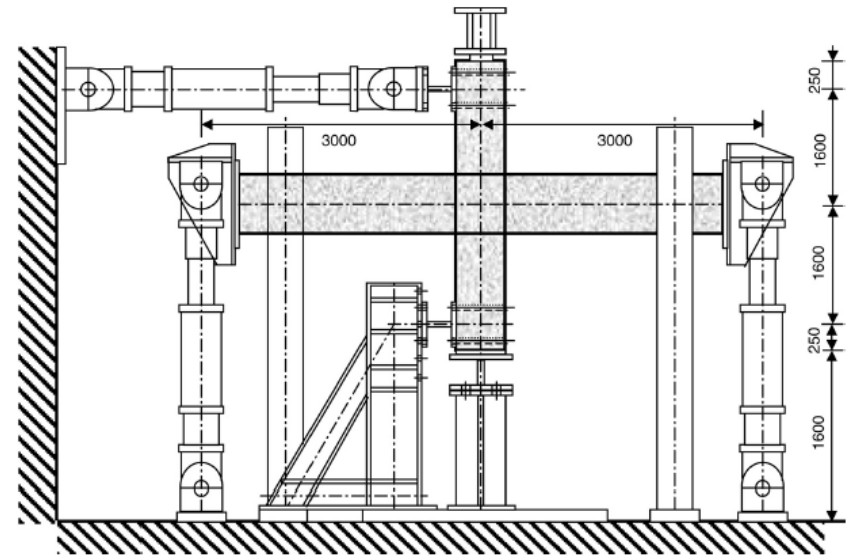
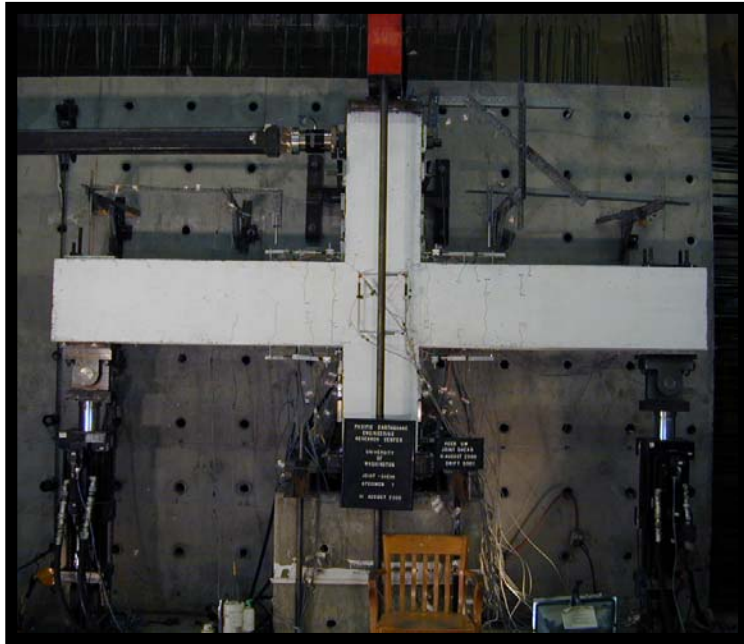
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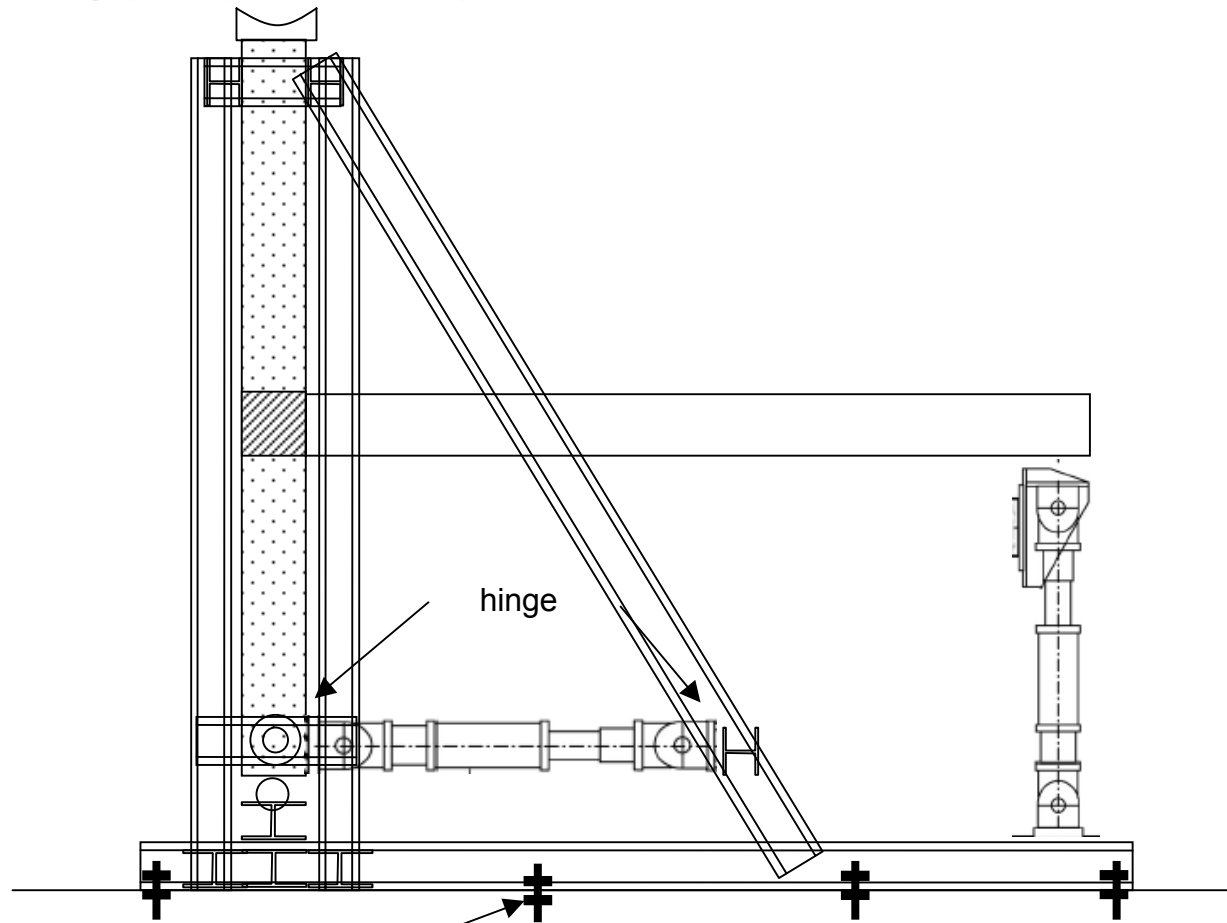
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The problem is how to strongly connect bottom steel with bottom floor because here is not strong floor