

Design of Post-tensioned Concrete Structures for Efficiency & Resilience

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Learning Objectives

At the end of this presentation, you will be able to...

- Identify strategies for designing safe and economical **PT concrete flat-slabs for buildings**
- Identify special considerations and effective approaches for designing **long-span PT floors**
- Identify key considerations for designing **PT concrete transfer girders** and other special structures
- Envision more robust, resilient **PT concrete systems for seismic resistance**



Overview

Design strategies for cost-effective and resilient buildings

Floor assemblies for economy, performance, and functionality

Long-span solutions, transfer girders, special-use structures

Seismic solutions, resilient design



PT Gravity Systems

Floor assemblies

Flat plates

Long-span beams, girders

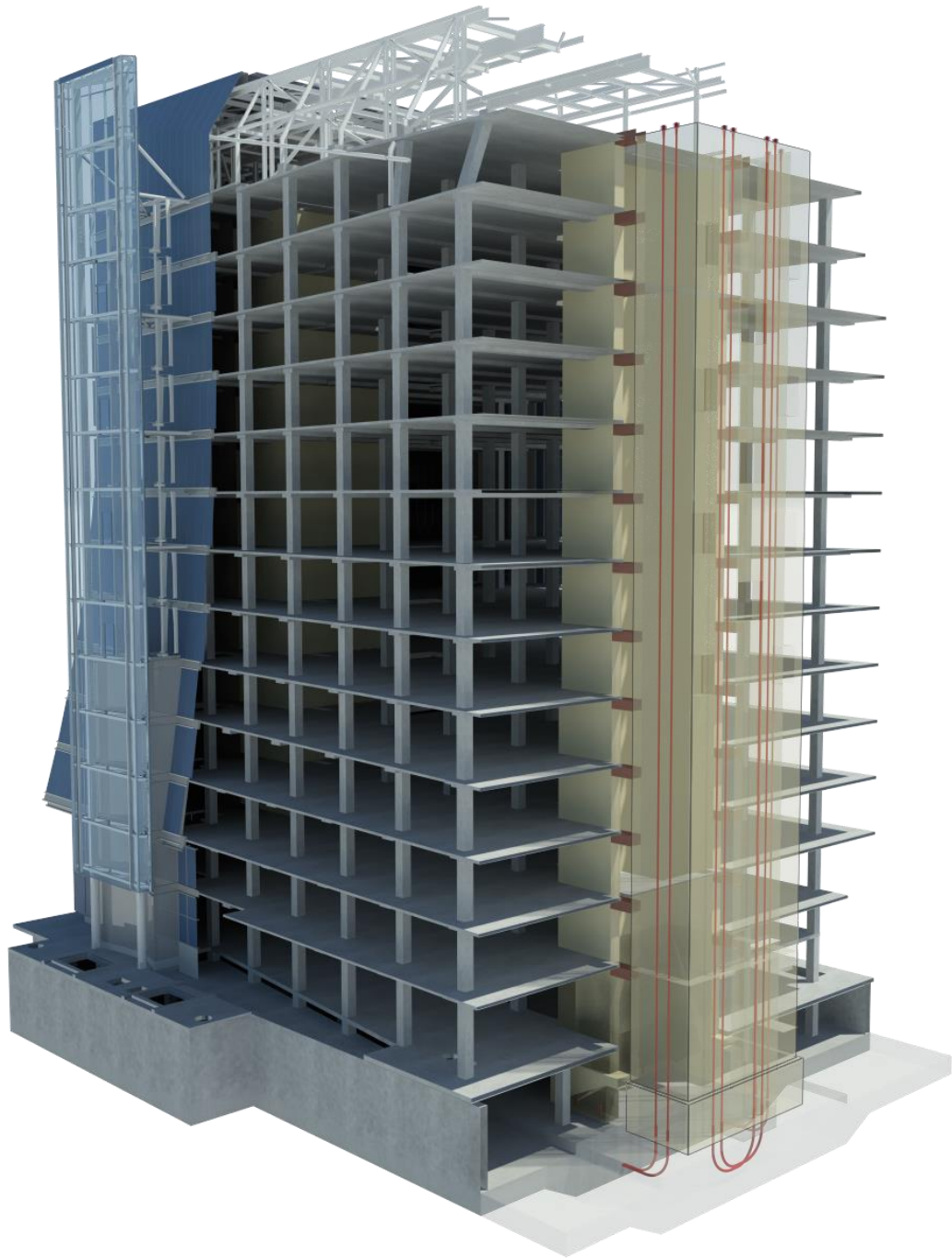
Transfer girders

Conventional construction

Uncommon solutions

Cost-effectiveness, performance





PT Seismic Systems

Vertically stressed walls

Horizontally stressed beams

Unconventional

Improved seismic response

Resilience



Design Considerations

Constructability

Cost

Carbon

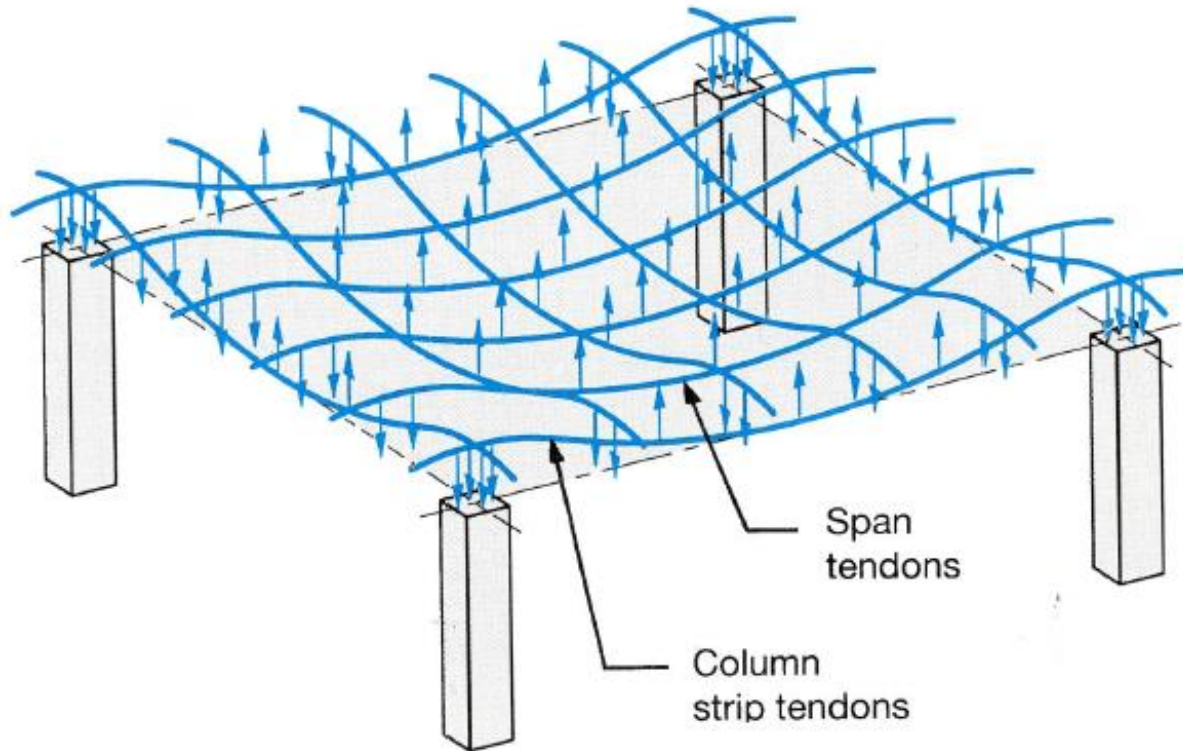
Performance

Deflections

Vibration

Drift

Concrete Floor Assemblies



Courtesy of VSL

Variety of buildings

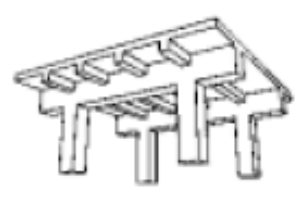
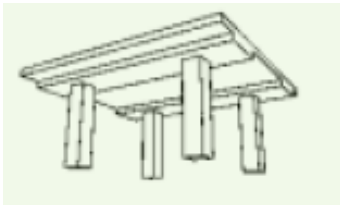
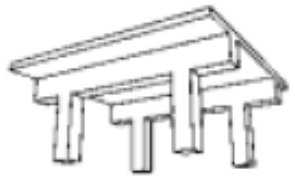
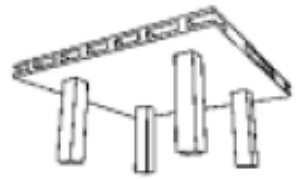
Minimize materials, dimensions

Control deflections

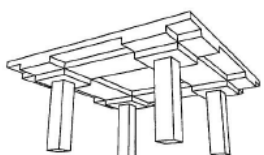
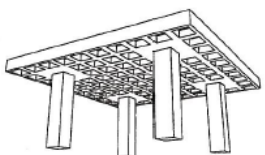
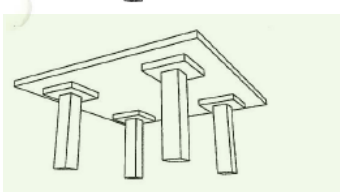
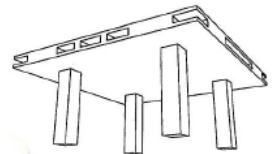
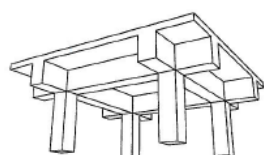
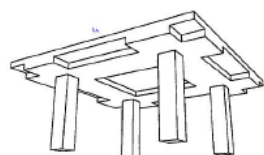
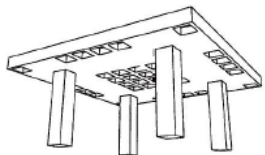
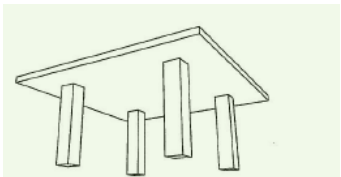
Shoring, stressing, sequence

Formwork, concrete, rebar, PT

System Selection



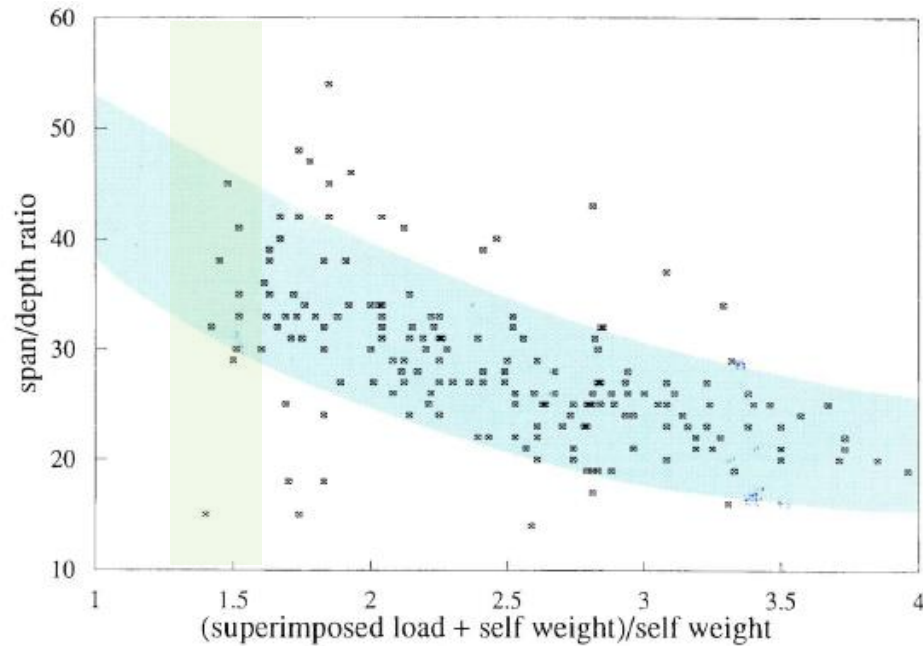
One way



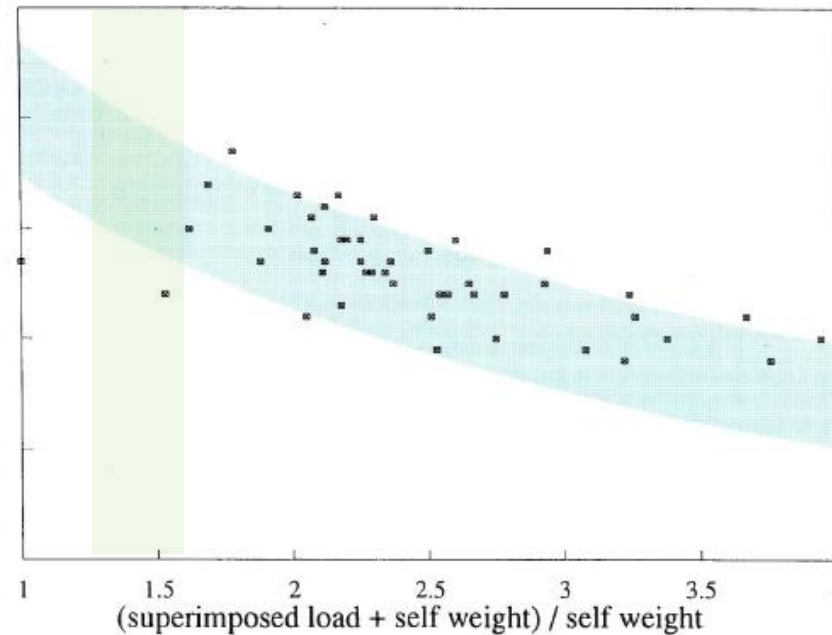
Two way

Span Efficiency

PT flat plate



PT slab with column caps



7" to 14" thick

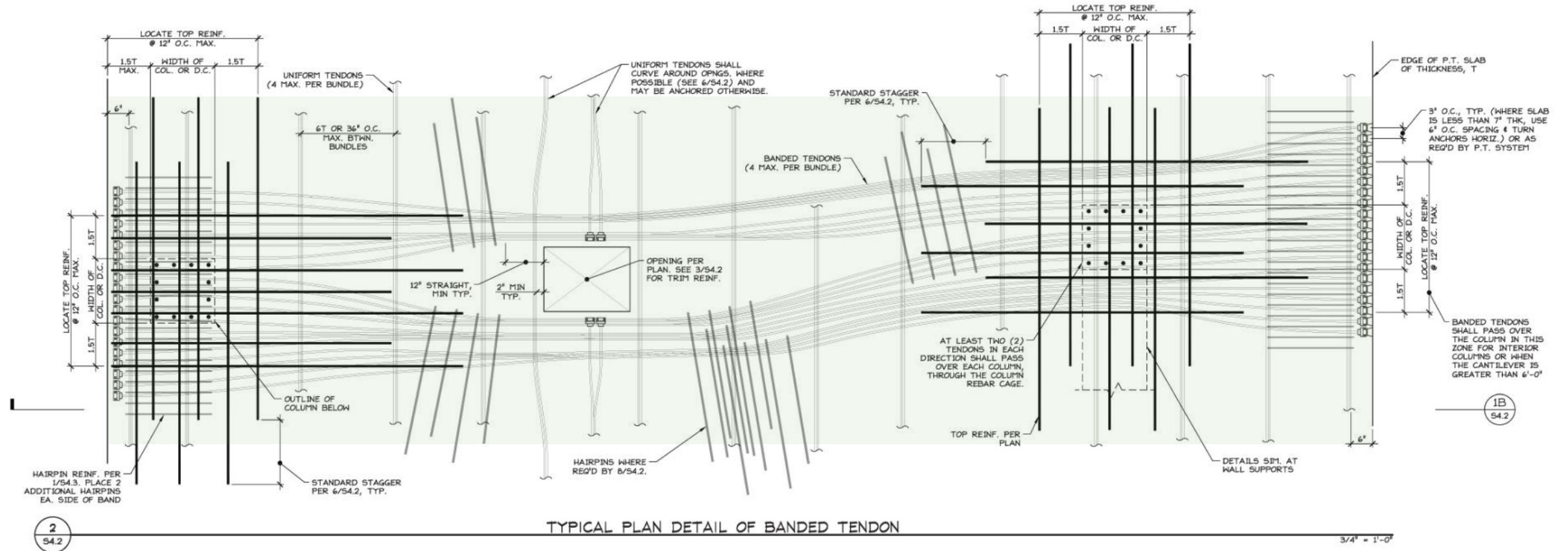
25' to 40' span

Courtesy of VSL

Slender profile, large span-to-depth

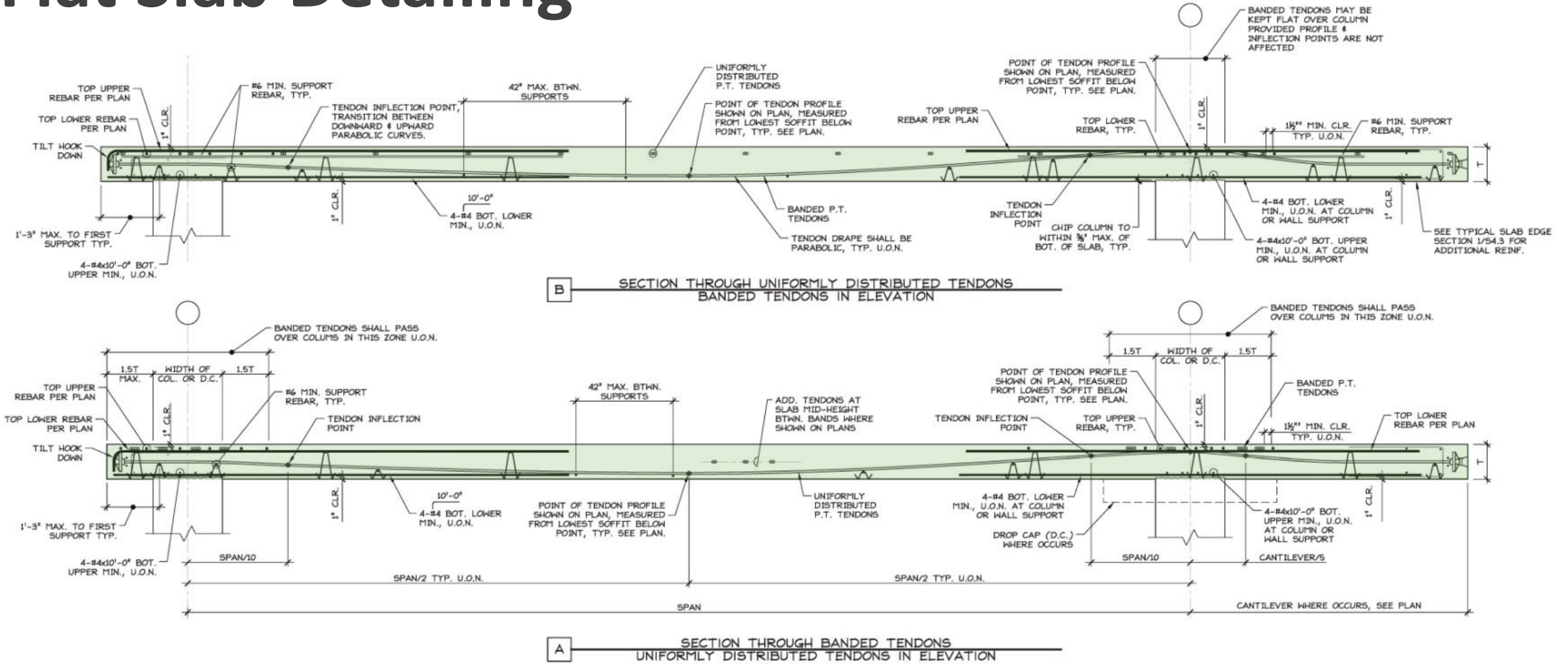
Limit deflection, punching shear at columns

Flat Slab Detailing



Coordinating rebar, tendons, anchorage, embeds, openings

Flat Slab Detailing



Managing tolerances for cover, tendon drape



Student Housing

7-story, 184,000 gsf residential

Landscaped podium

Ground floor retail, student services

**P3 project, early design
collaboration with OAC team**

Planning for economy

Two-way PT Flat Plate

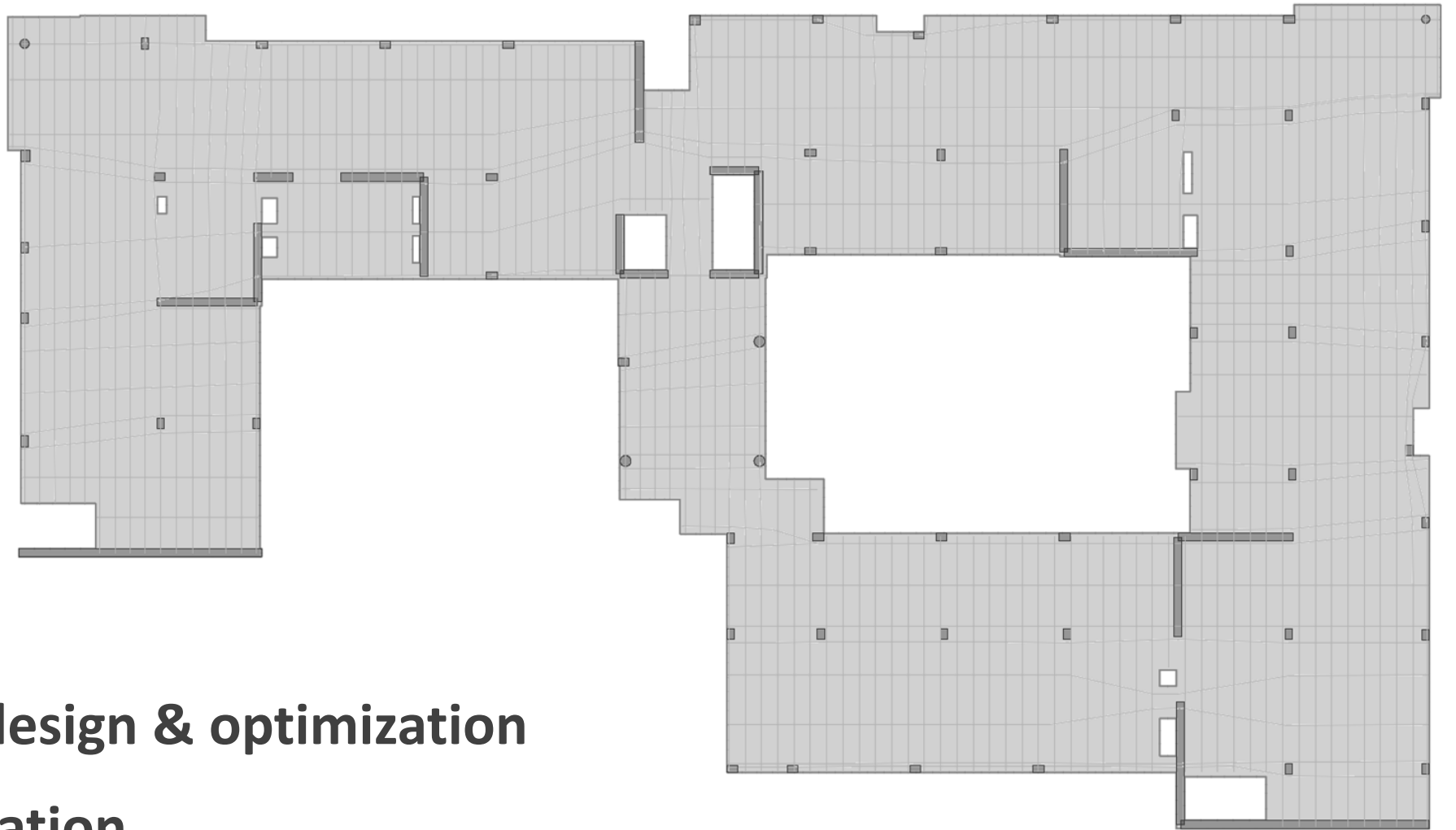


Span arrangements, grids for max efficiency

Adapt for irregular configuration

Minimize building height

Slab Design

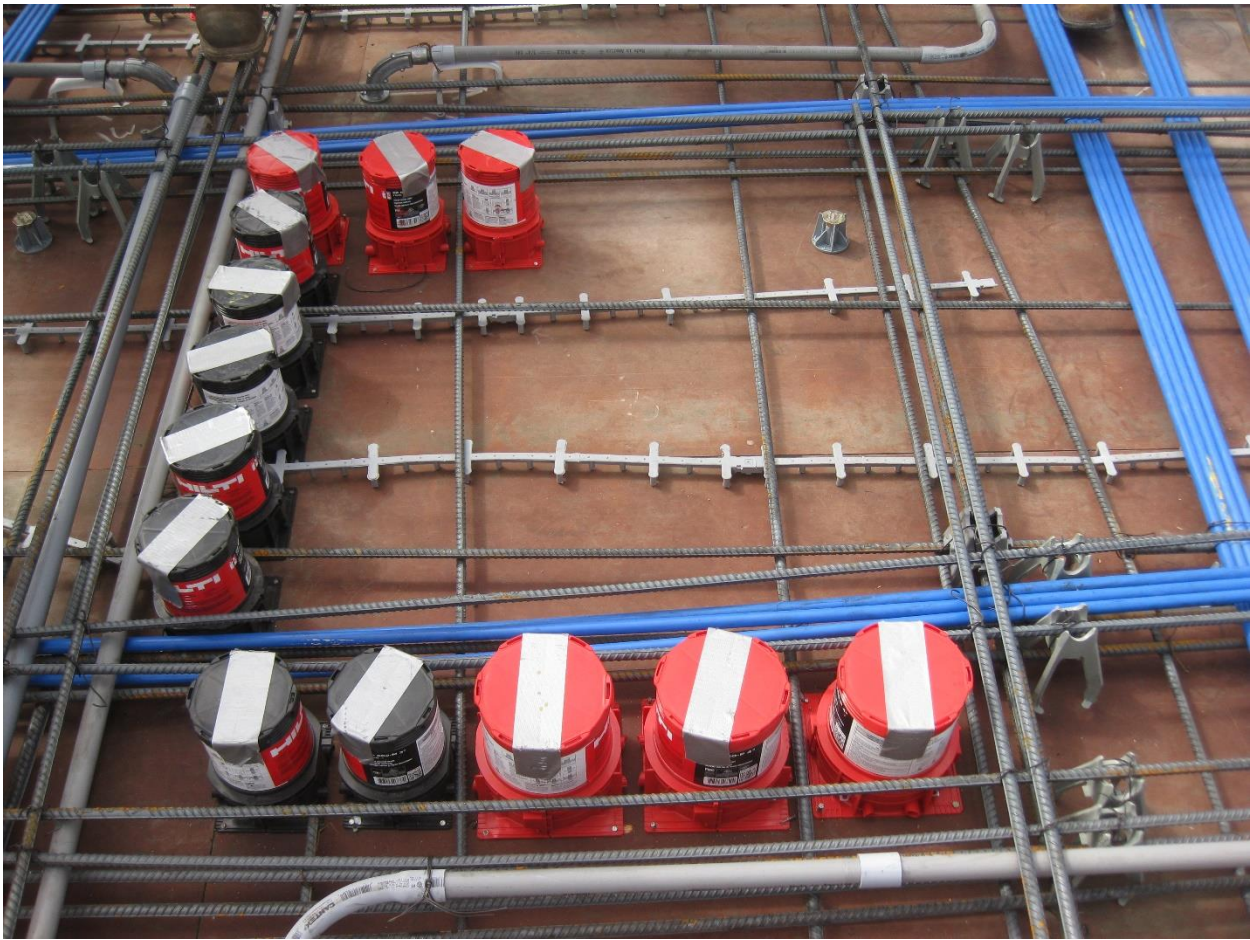


7" slabs

Detailed FEM for design & optimization

Performance validation

PT Slab Construction



Coordination of structural and nonstructural



HS Academic Building

Two-story art & science classroom

Exposed colored concrete

Long-span system for flexibility

One-way PT slab and girders



Floor Construction

8" slab, 23' span, 9' cantilevers

18" beams, 36' span

27" girders, 48' span





Floor Construction

Material efficiency

Deflection, vibration, acoustics

Program flexibility



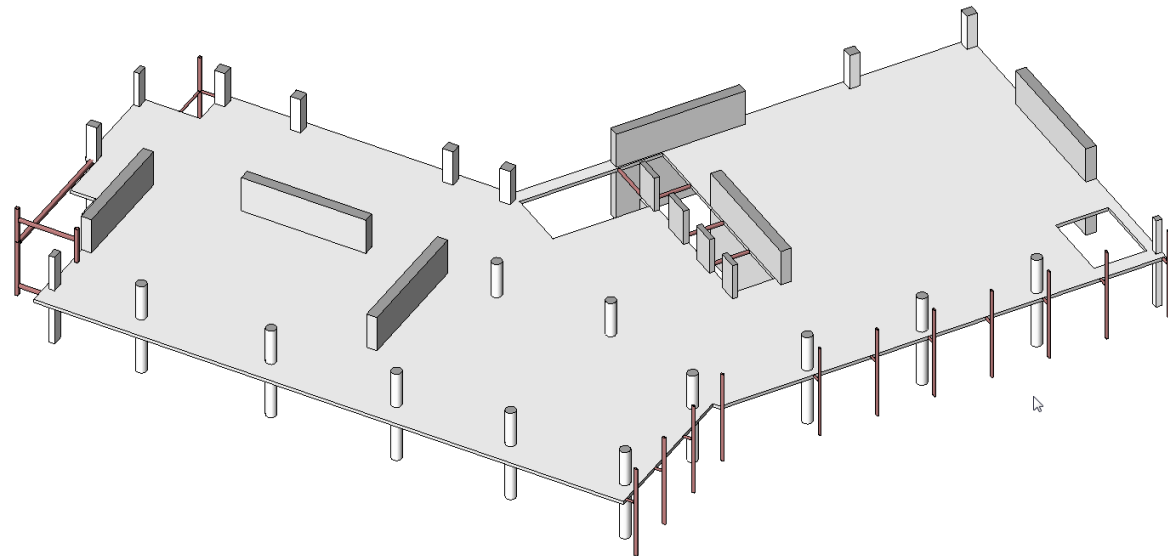


Academic Building

Six-story campus building

Large tiered classrooms

Open collaboration areas



Long-span system for flexibility

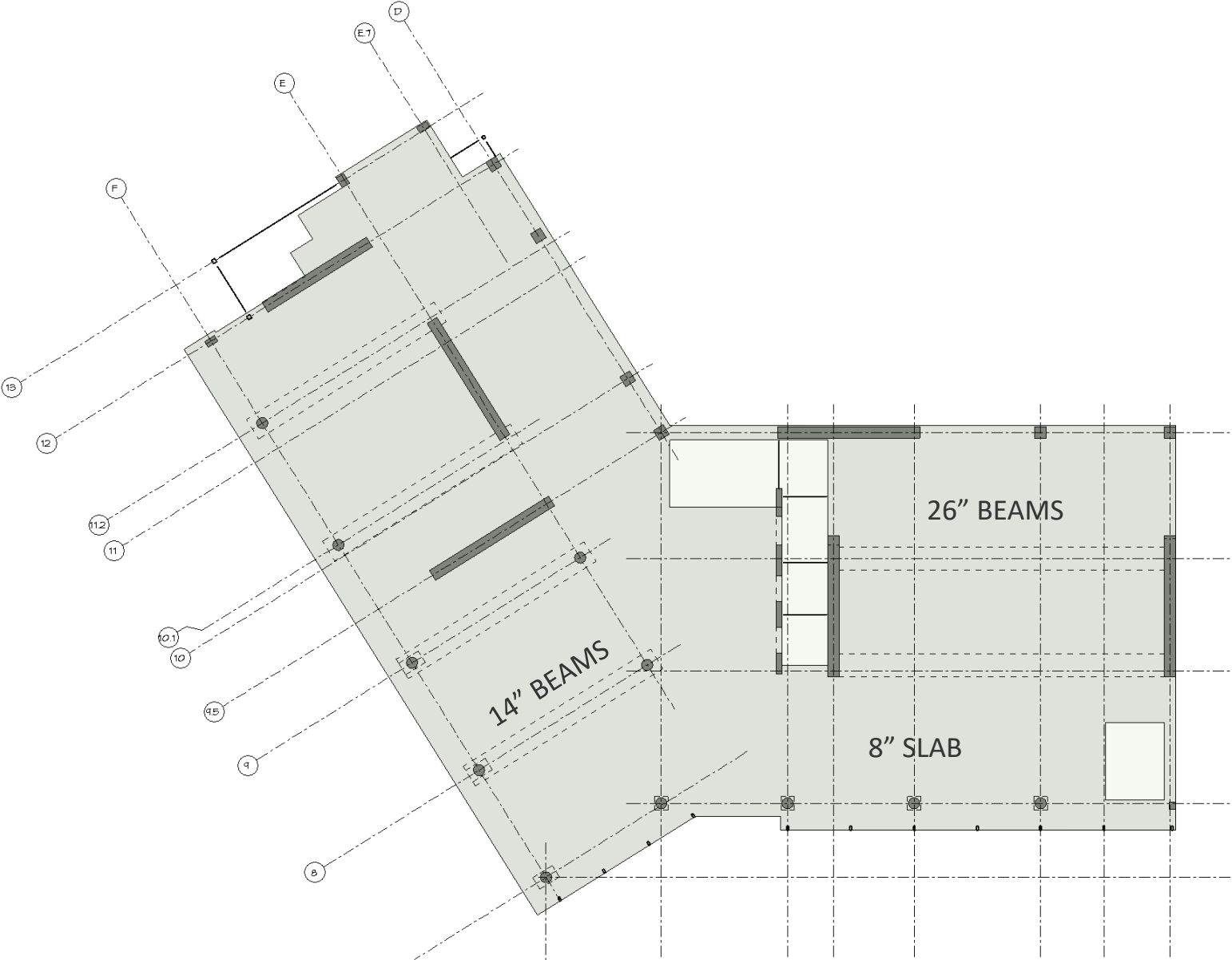
Two-way slab with integral beams

Floor Assemblies

Form follows program

Span requirements

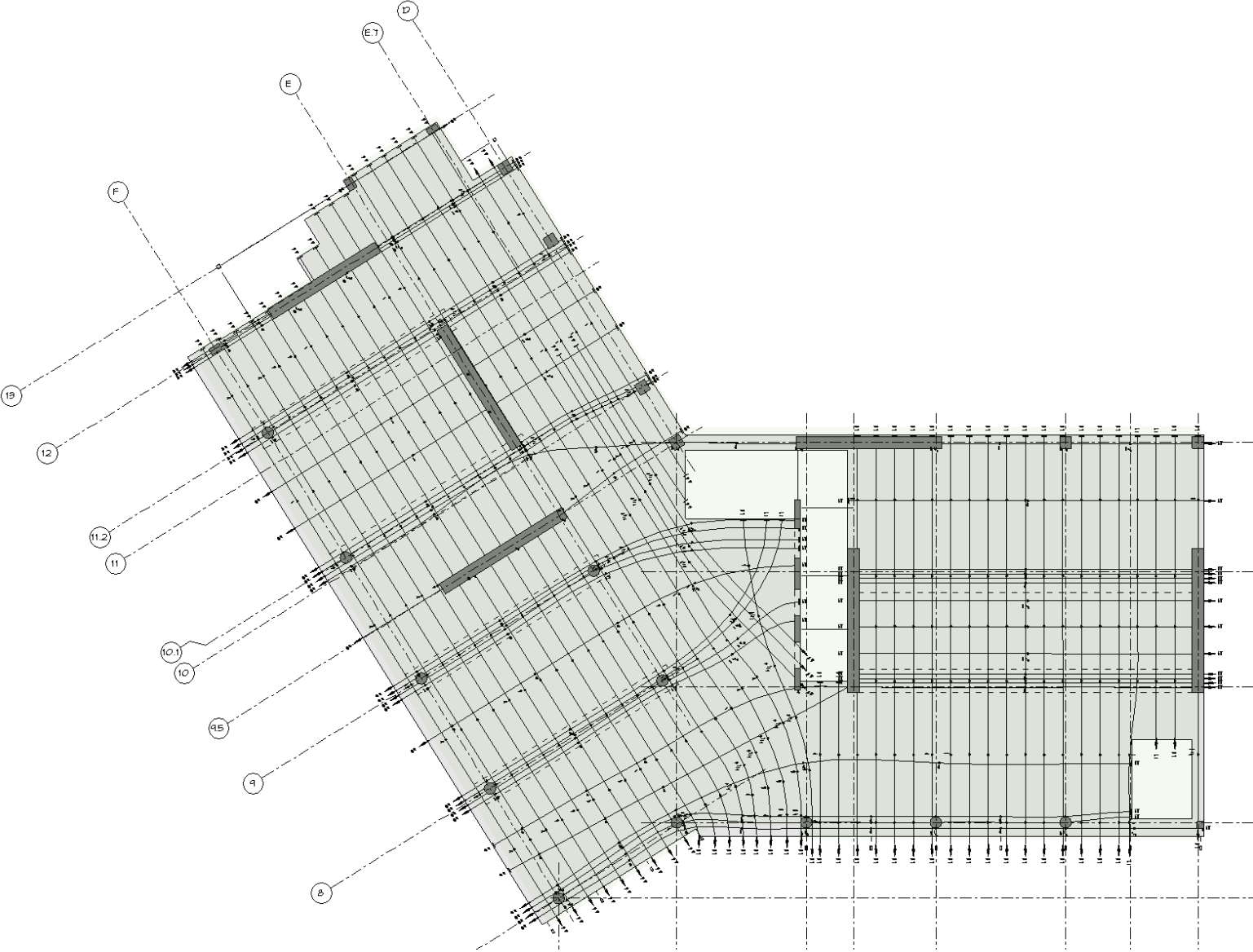
Ceiling heights



Floor Assemblies

Integrating one-way,
two-way systems

Adapting to complex
geometries



Floor Construction



Horizontal and vertical tendon curves, MEP integration



Floor Construction

Accommodating classrooms

Minimizing height

Deflection, vibration, acoustics

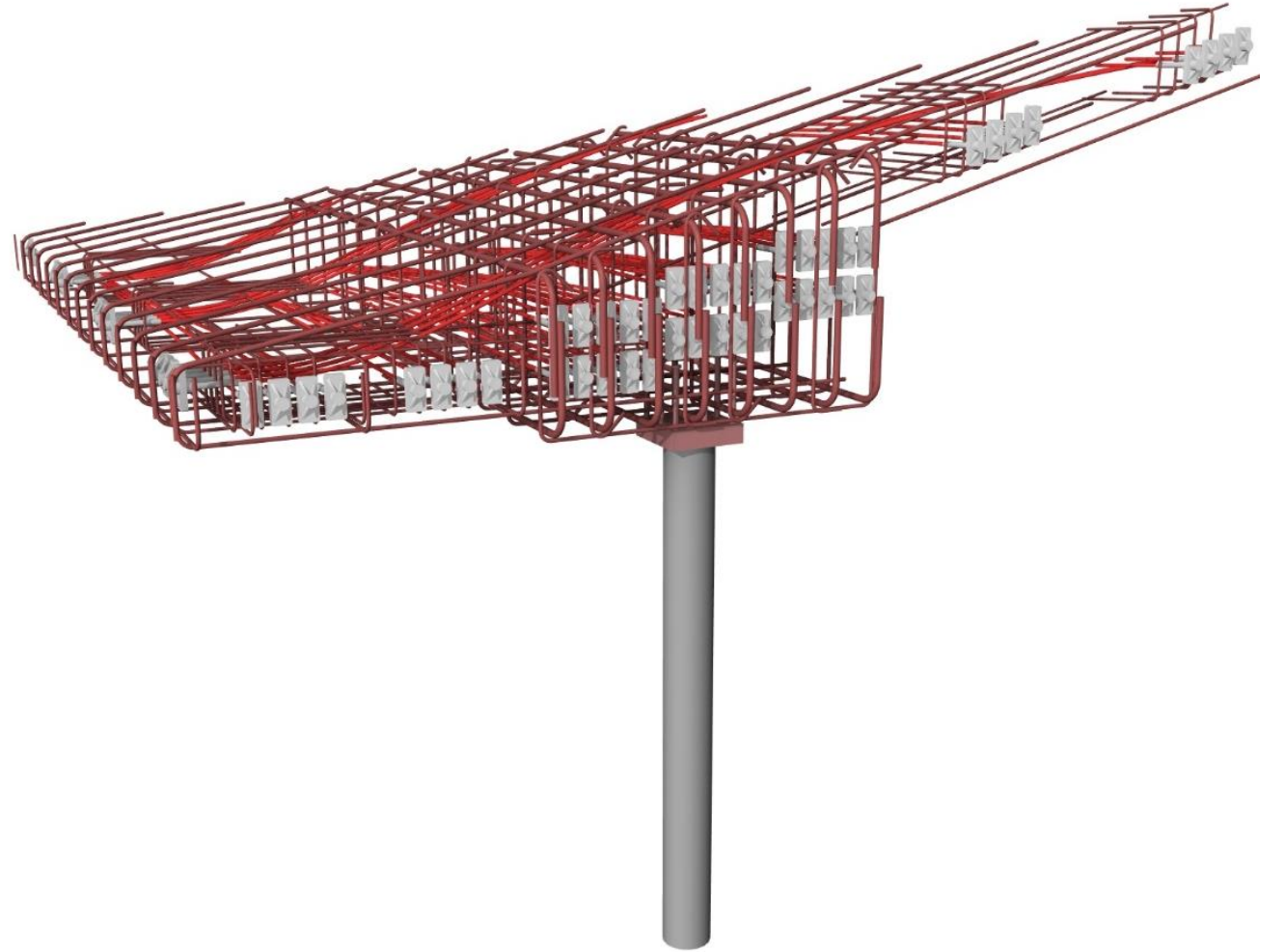
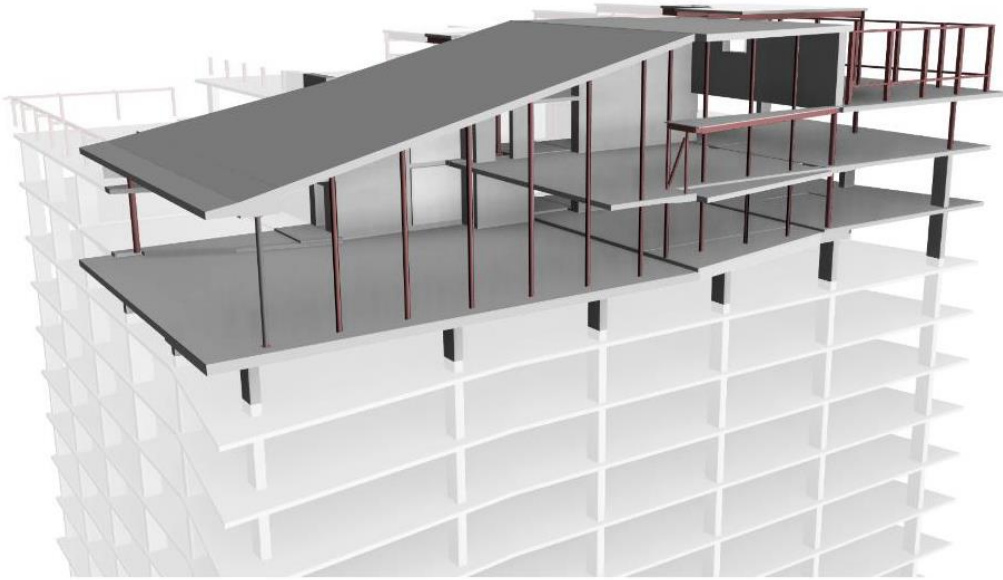
Superimposed loading

SF Conservatory of Music



Complex mixed-use – residential, student services, teaching, performance

Long-span Roof Structure



12" PT slab, 45' span

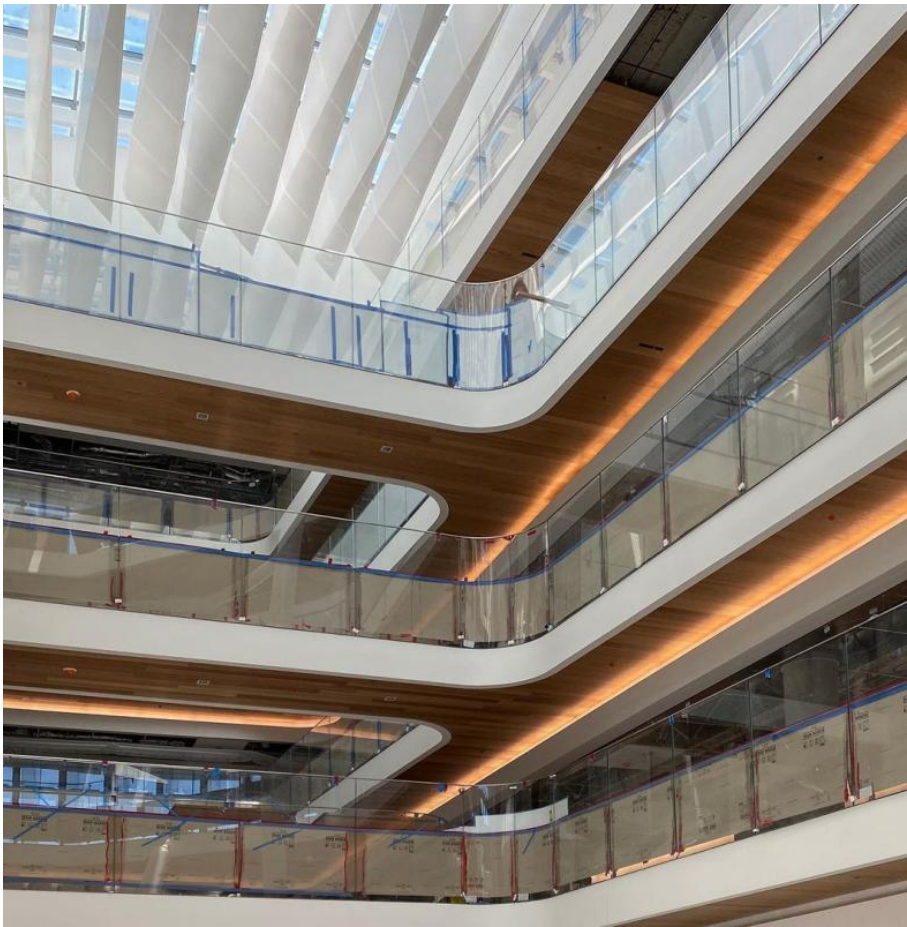
6" diameter steel columns

Articulating connections

Long-span Roof Structure

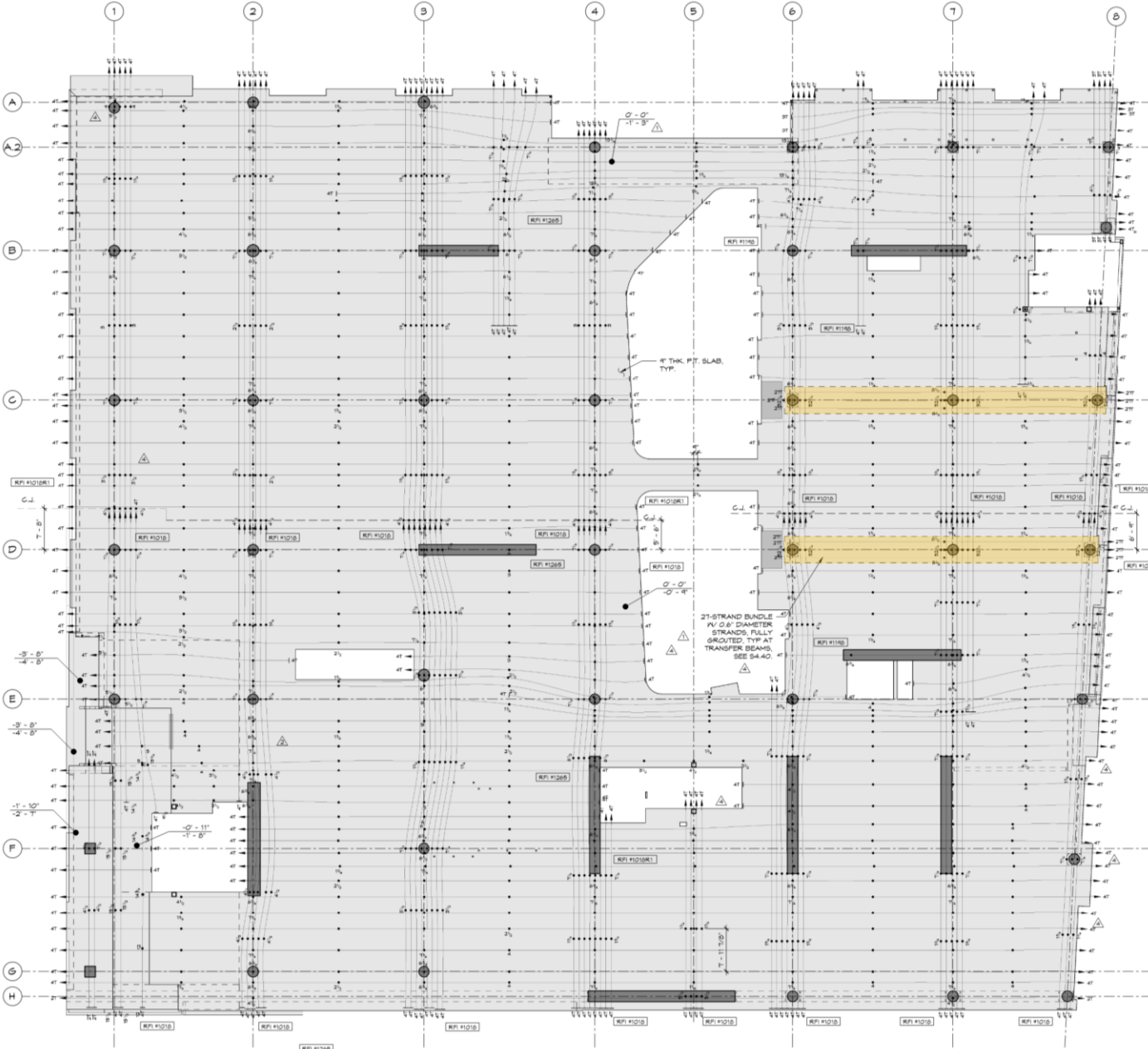


UCSF Treatment & Research Facility



Two way slabs and transfer girders

Slab and Girders



Adapting to complex program

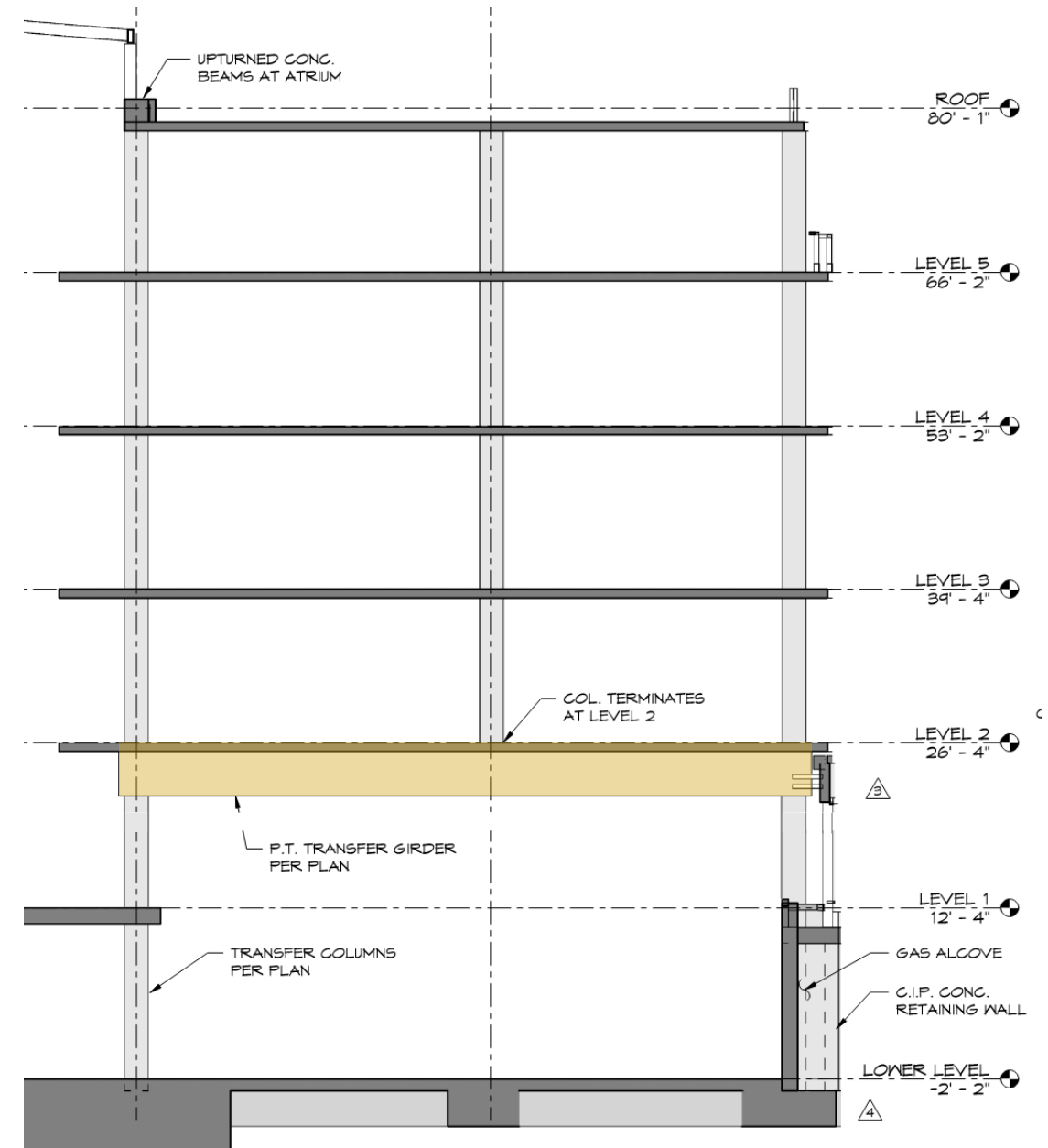
Transfer Girders

Pair of integral girders

56' span, simply supported

4'-6" deep, 5'-0" wide

Continuously shored



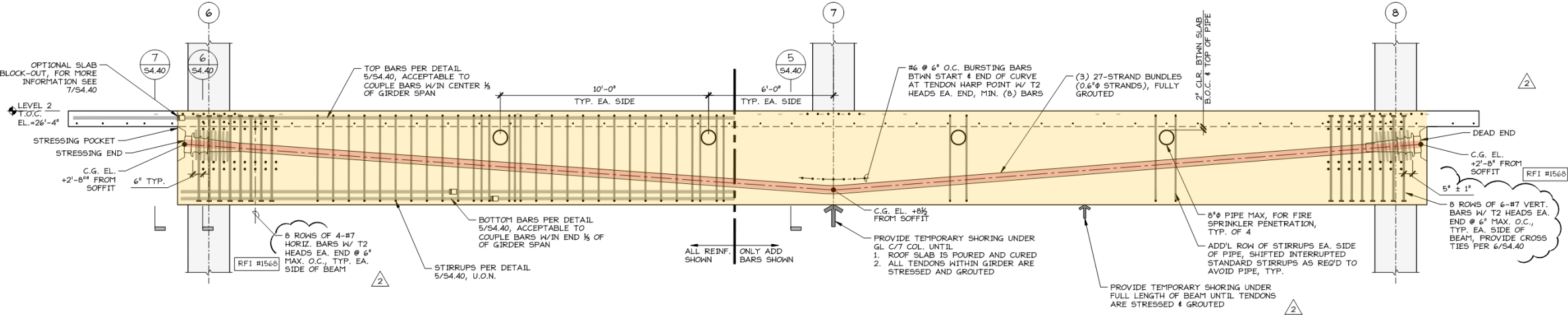
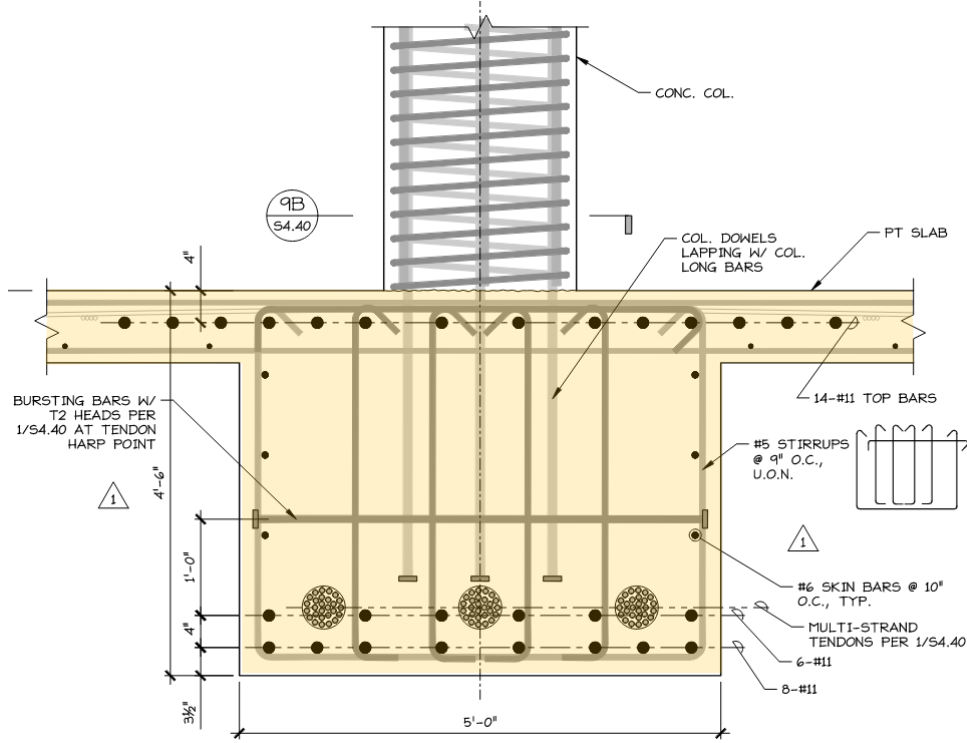
Transfer Girders

Harped tendons, single-end stressing

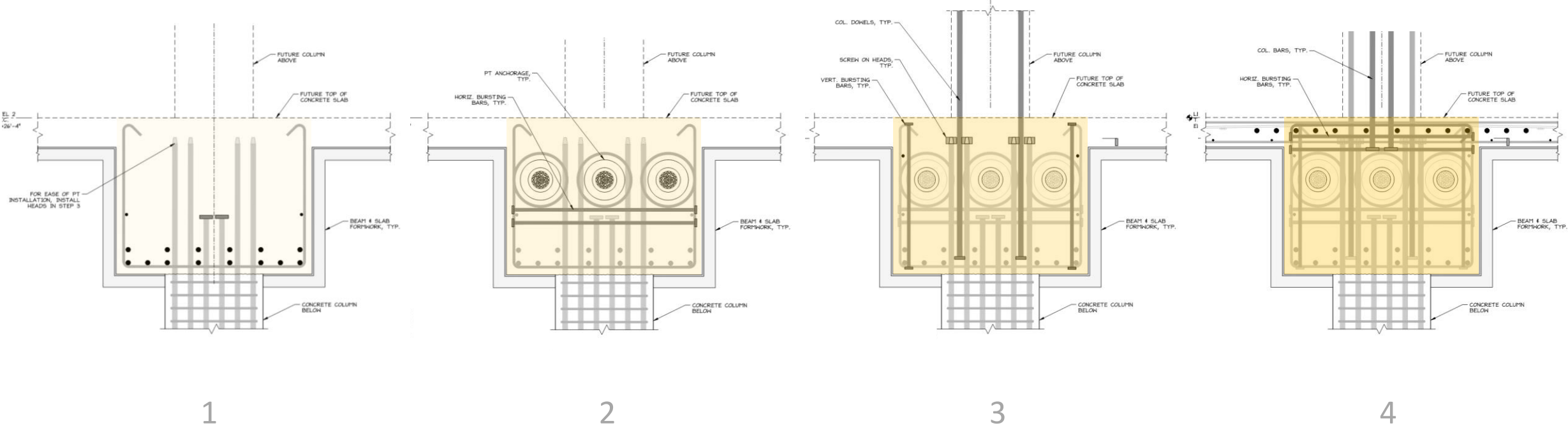
27 - 0.6" diameter strands

Confined anchorage zone

Fully grouted



Transfer Girders



Sequencing steps

Girder Construction





Girder Construction



Girder Construction

SF Convention Center



Howard Street Viaduct

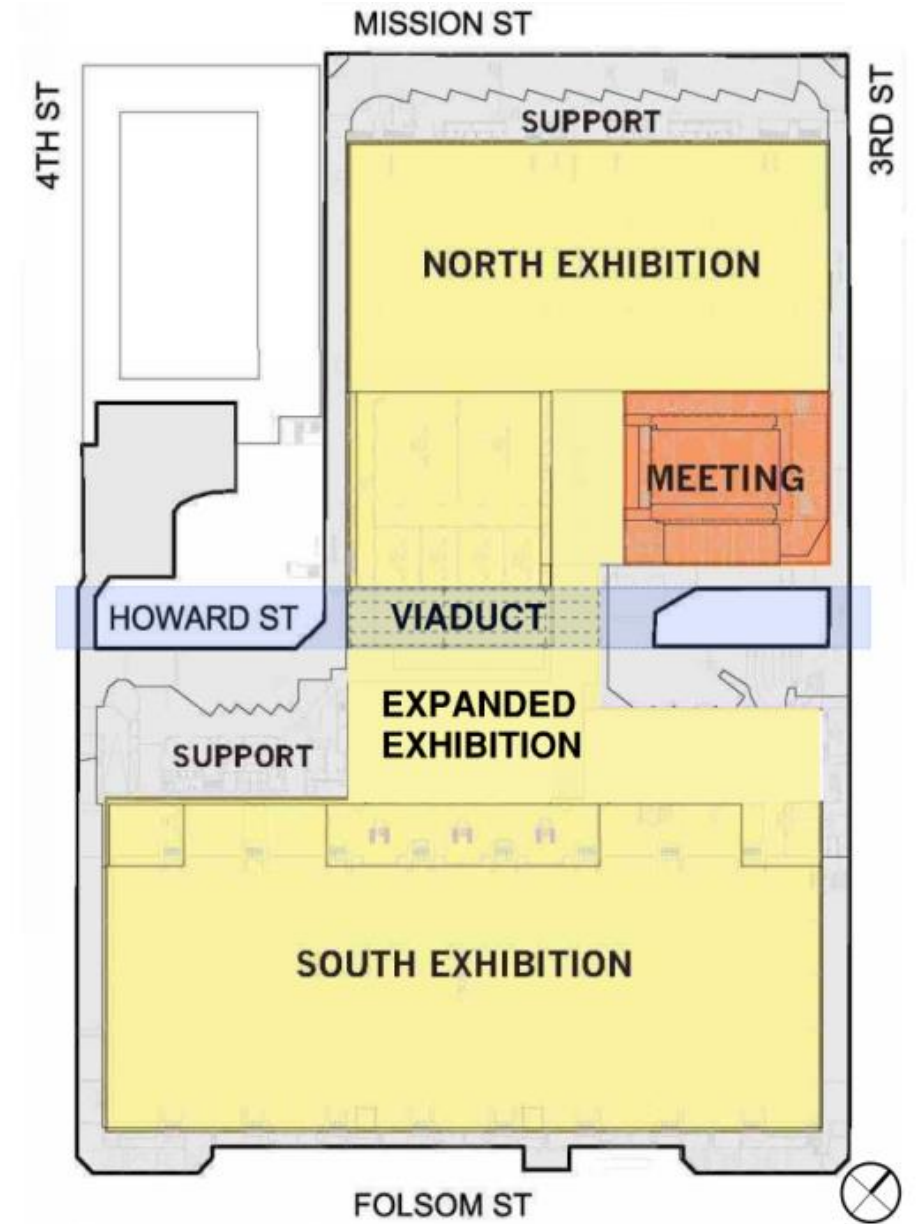
Link below-grade exhibition areas

Provide 20'-0" min. ceiling

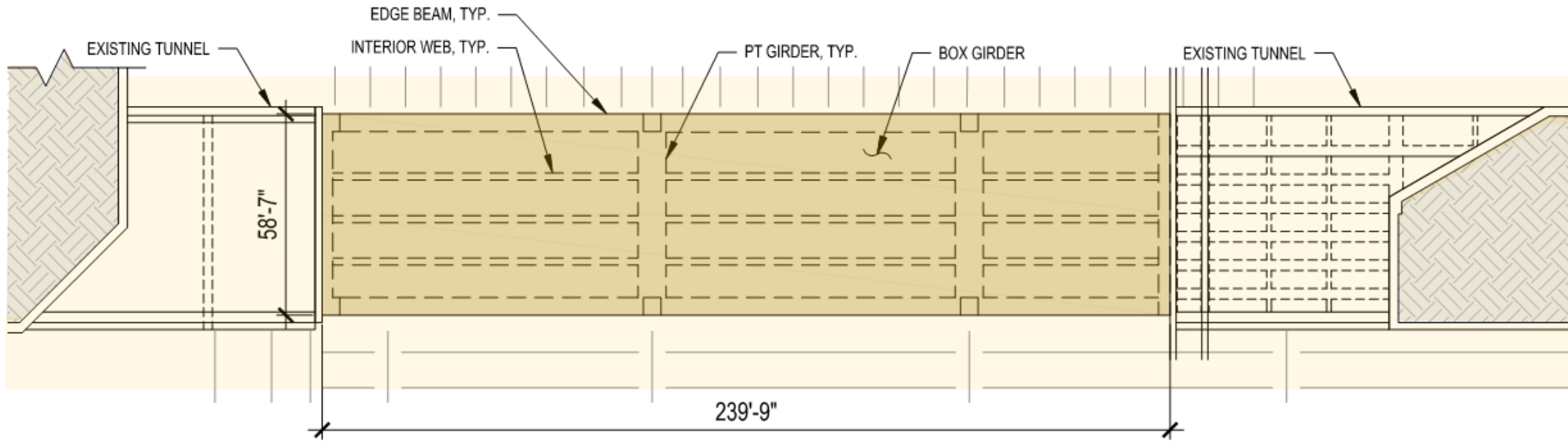
Accommodate street utilities

Isolate from traffic noise and vibration

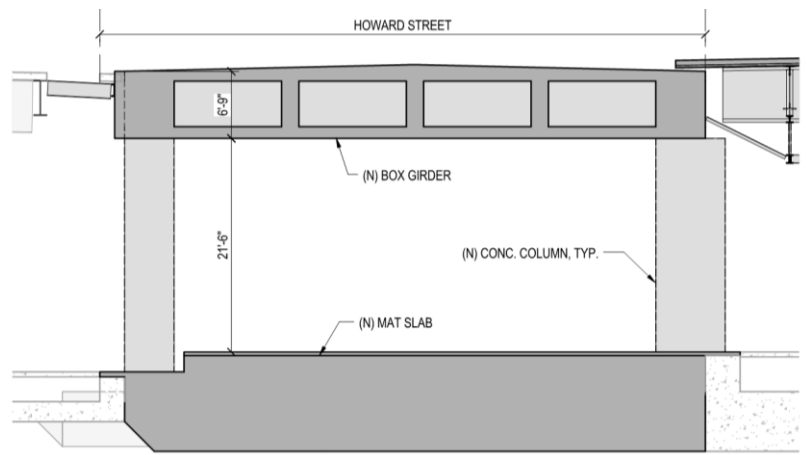
Maintain conference facilities and traffic on Howard St. throughout construction



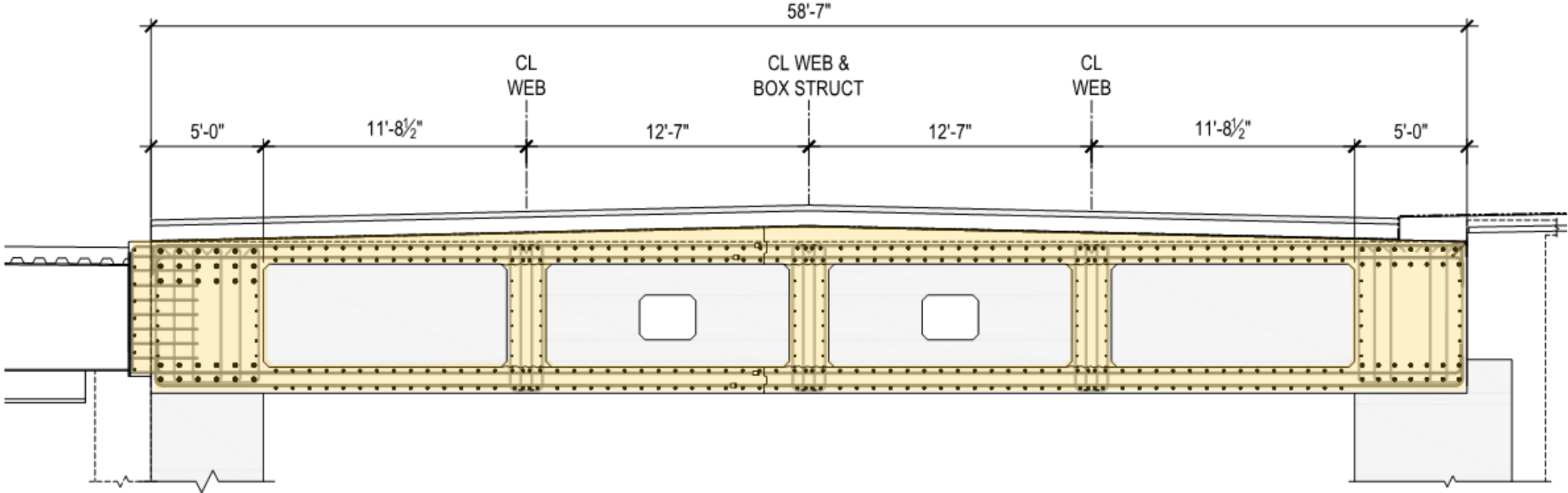
Howard Street Viaduct



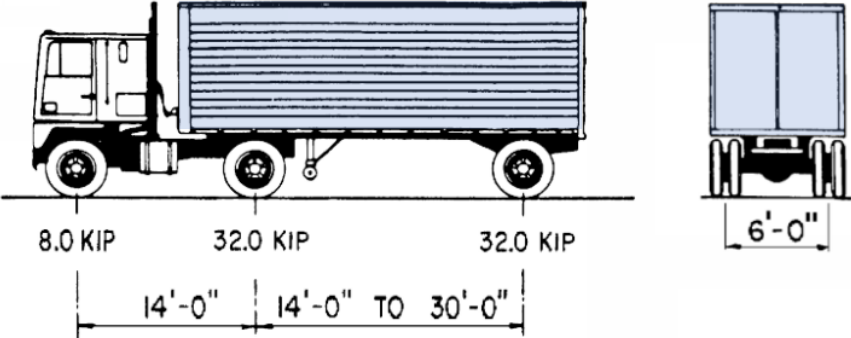
Supports public roadway
Convention space below



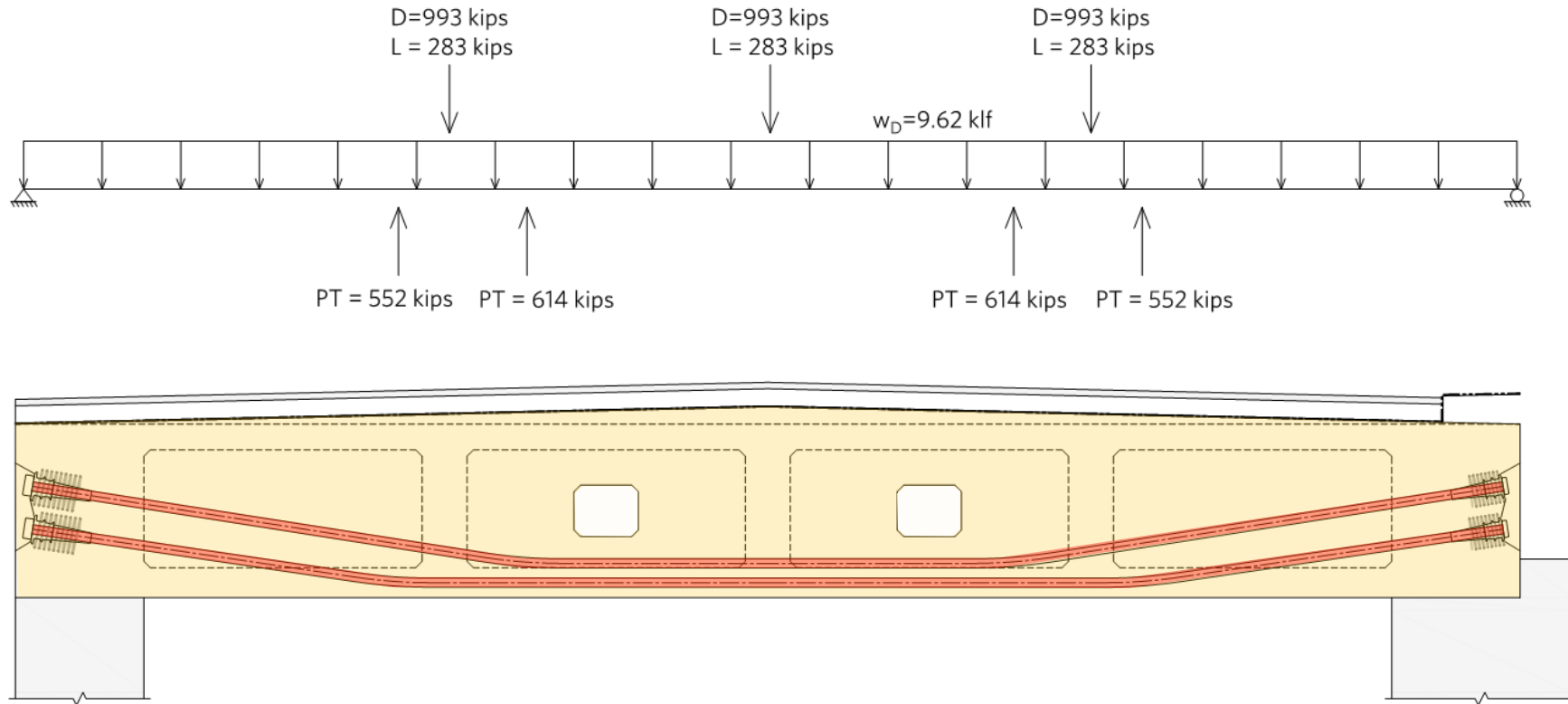
Viaduct Structure



Combined criteria for AASHTO HS-20 truck and CBC emergency vehicle loading
6'-9" depth, 58' span



Long-span PT Girders

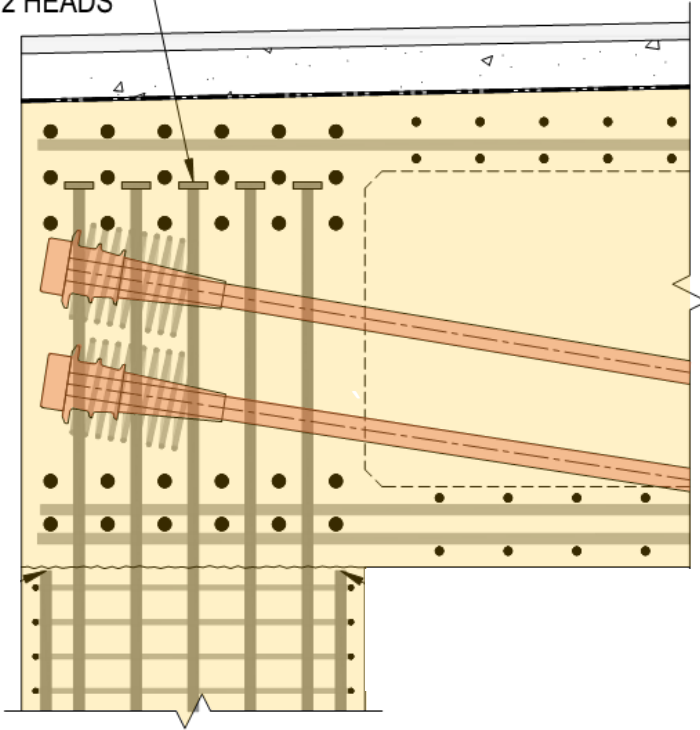


Harped tendon profiles

Deflection control

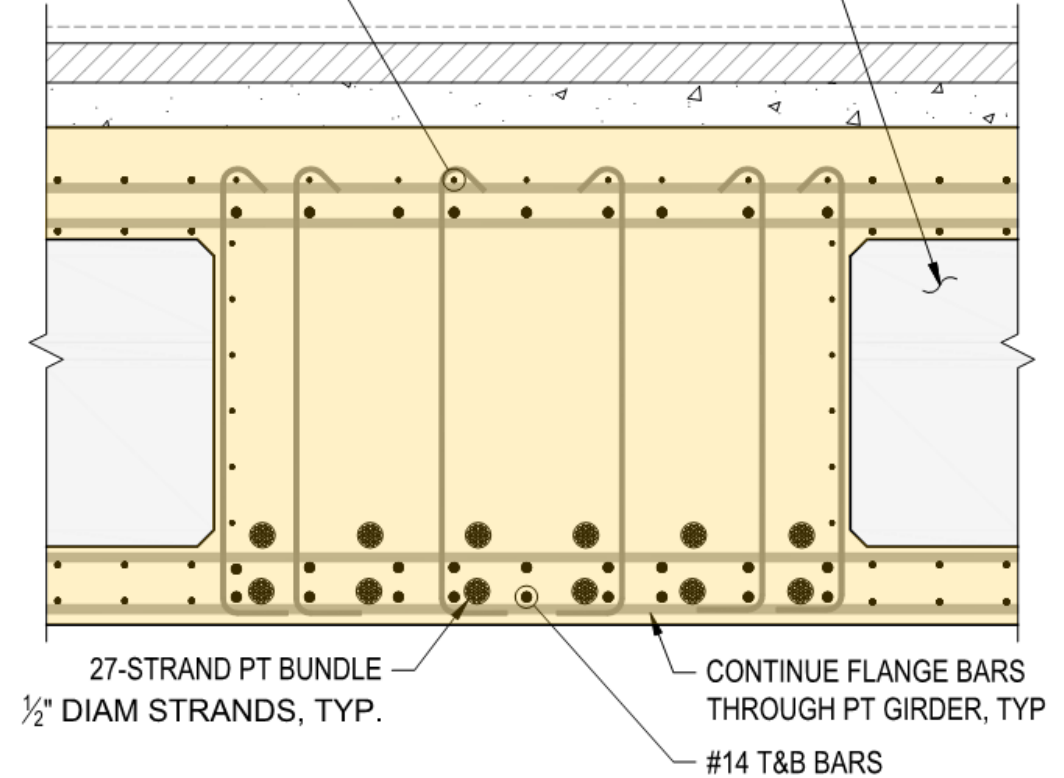
PT Girder Anchorage

EXTEND COL. BARS AS SHOWN
AND PROVIDE T2 HEADS



#6 (MIN.) BARS TO
SUPPORT STIRRUPS

BOX GIRDER WEB BEYOND



**Class C – Partially prestressed, cracked
Grouted, bonded tendon bundles**

Viaduct Construction



Viaduct Construction



SF Convention Center



Resilient Seismic Design

Beyond structure

Cladding, Interiors, MEP

Beyond forces

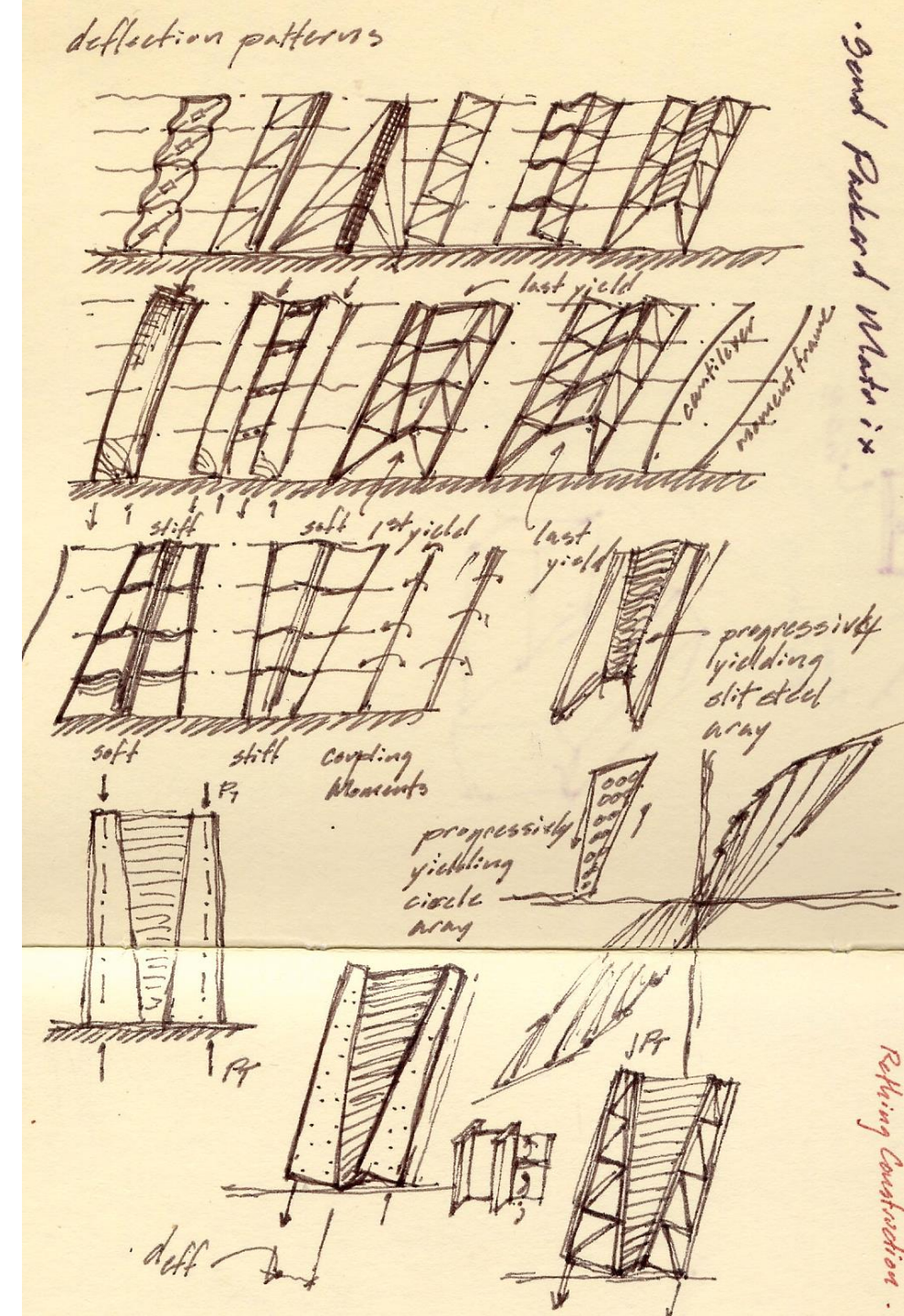
Mode shaping & drift distribution

Recentering

Failure mechanism

Ductility & damage

Compatibility



Mode Shaping

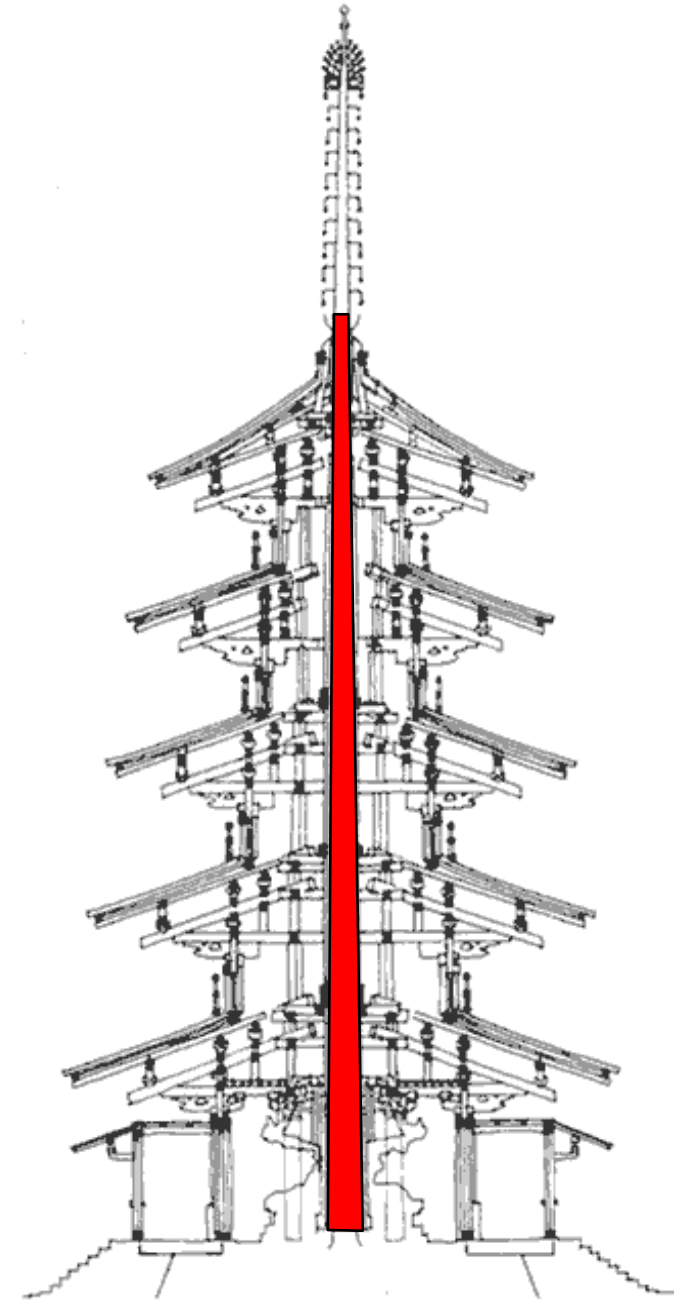
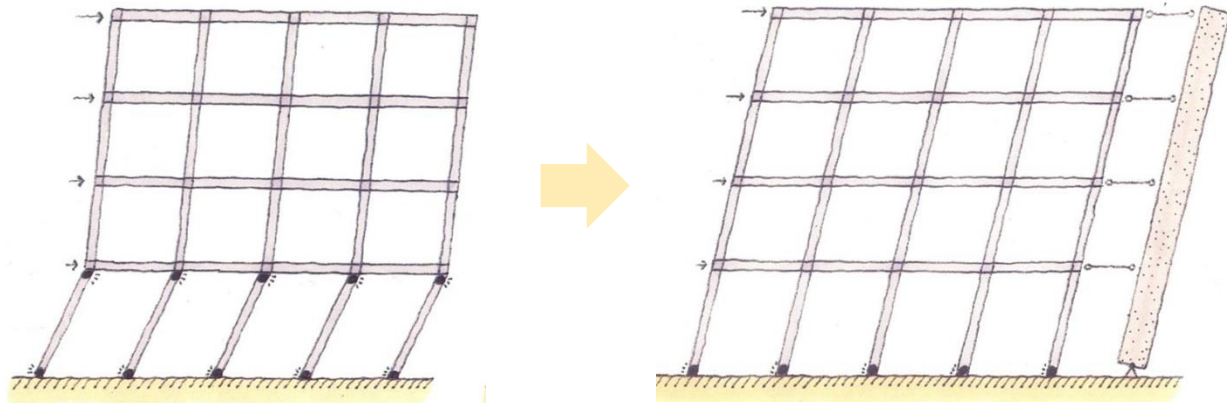
Elastic Spine / Strongback / Mast

Uniform drift – eliminate soft stories

Minimize localized damage

Maximize system ductility

Protect building structure and systems

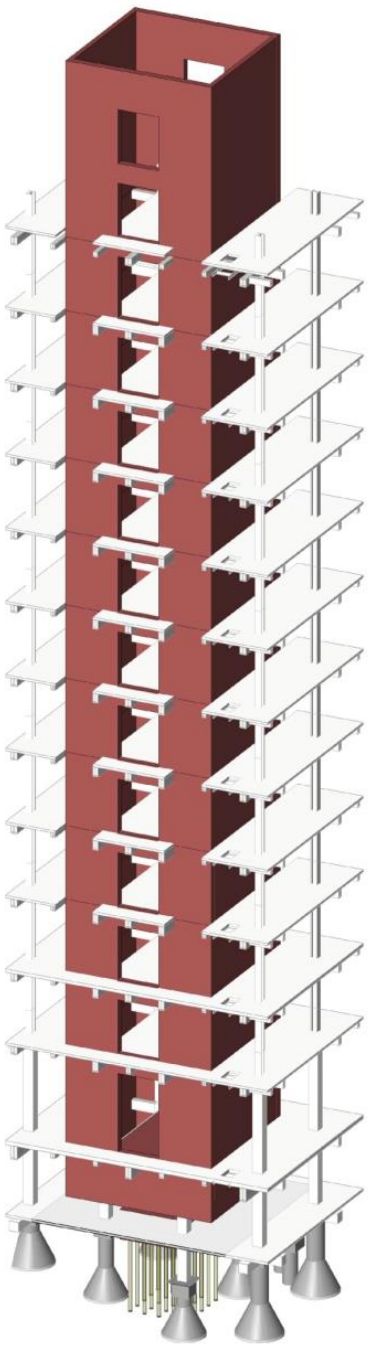
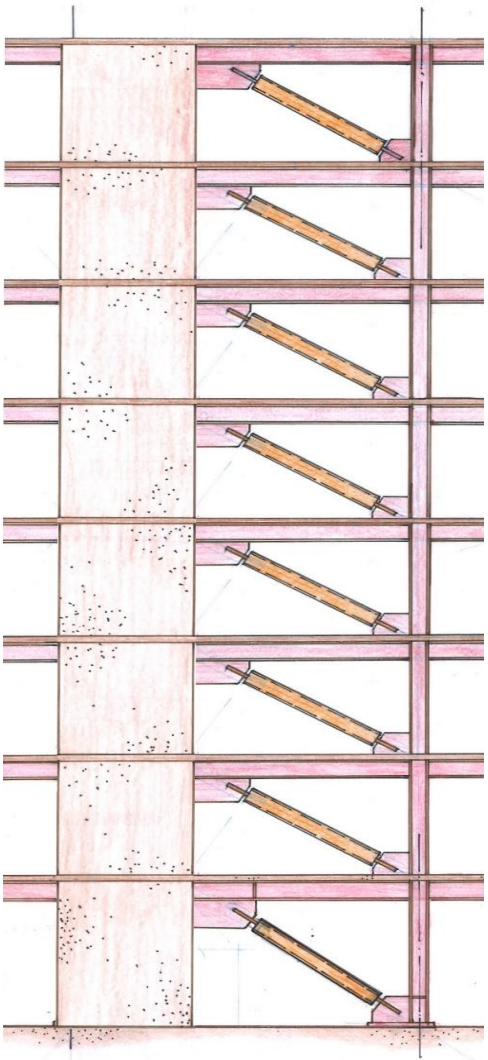
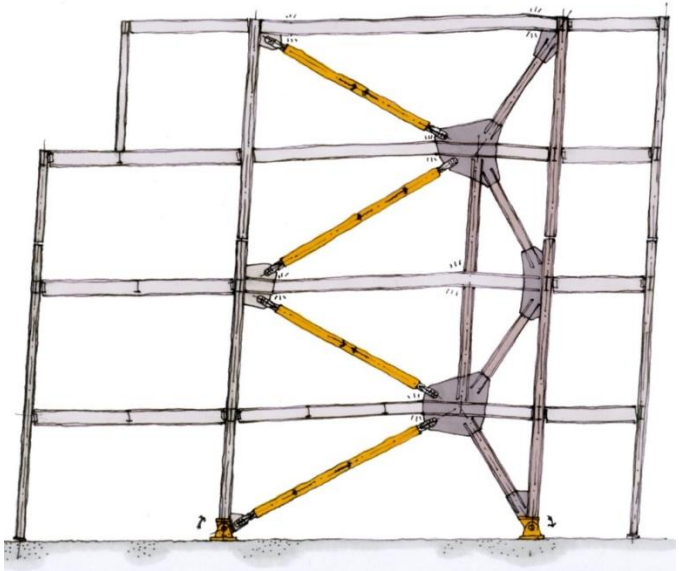


Mode Shaping

Hybrid

Concrete Walls

Steel Truss



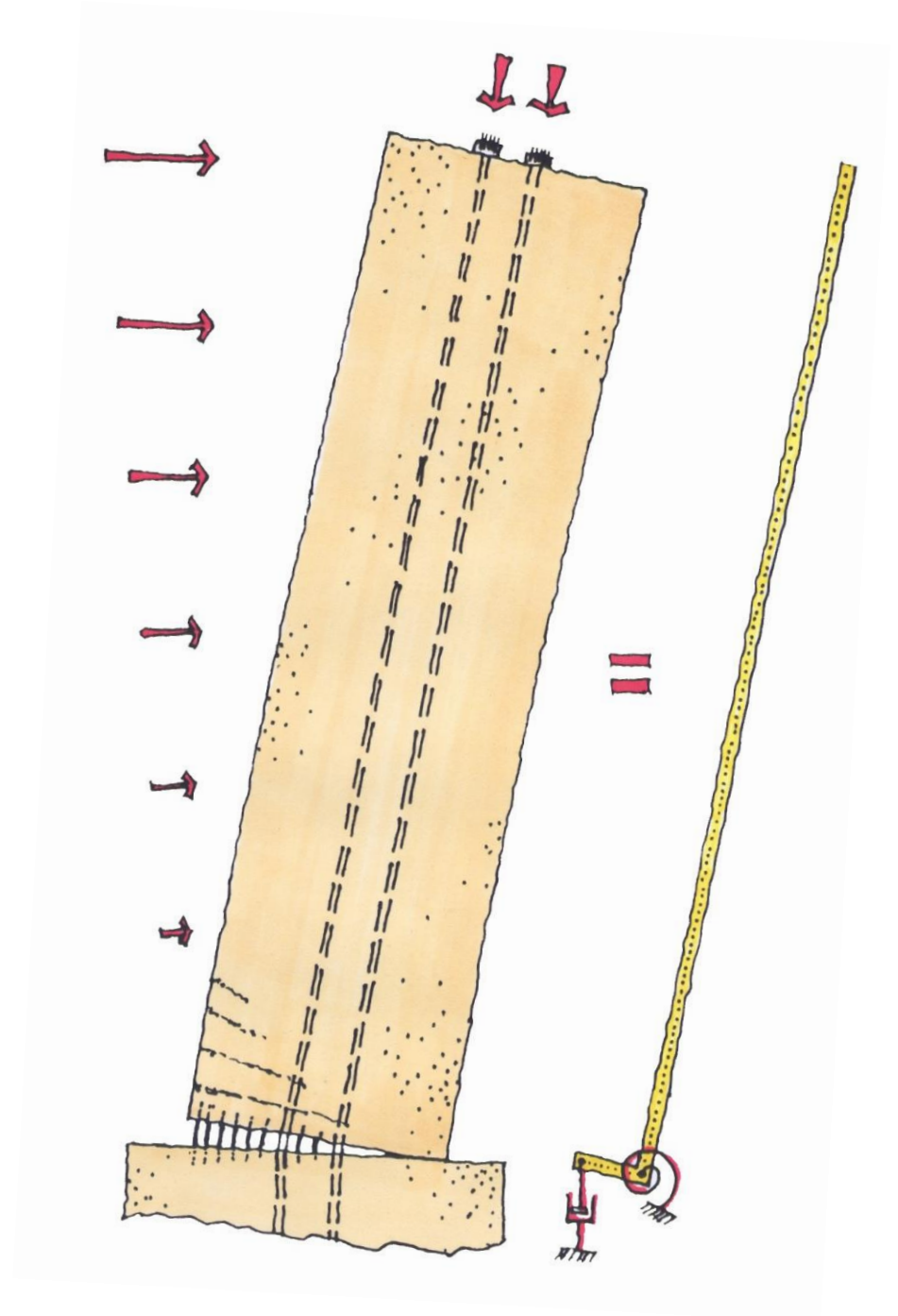
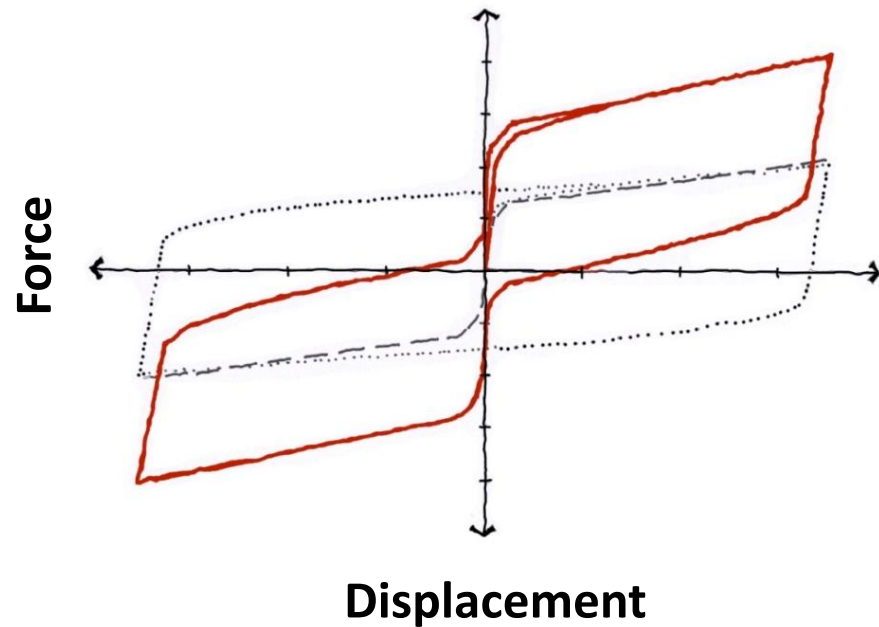
Recentering Systems

Post-tensioned walls, frames

PT for elastic restoring effect

Energy dissipation through yielding

Spring – Damper



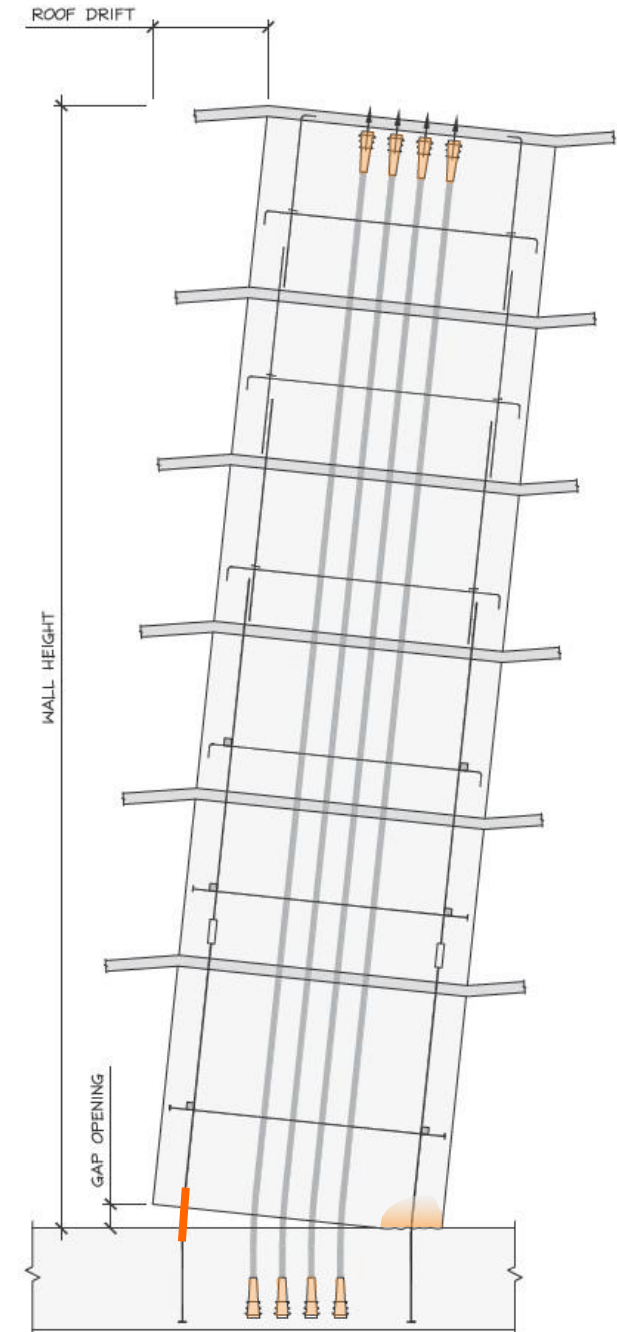
Recentering Systems

Proportioned for flexural yielding

Well defined plastic hinge zone, confined boundaries

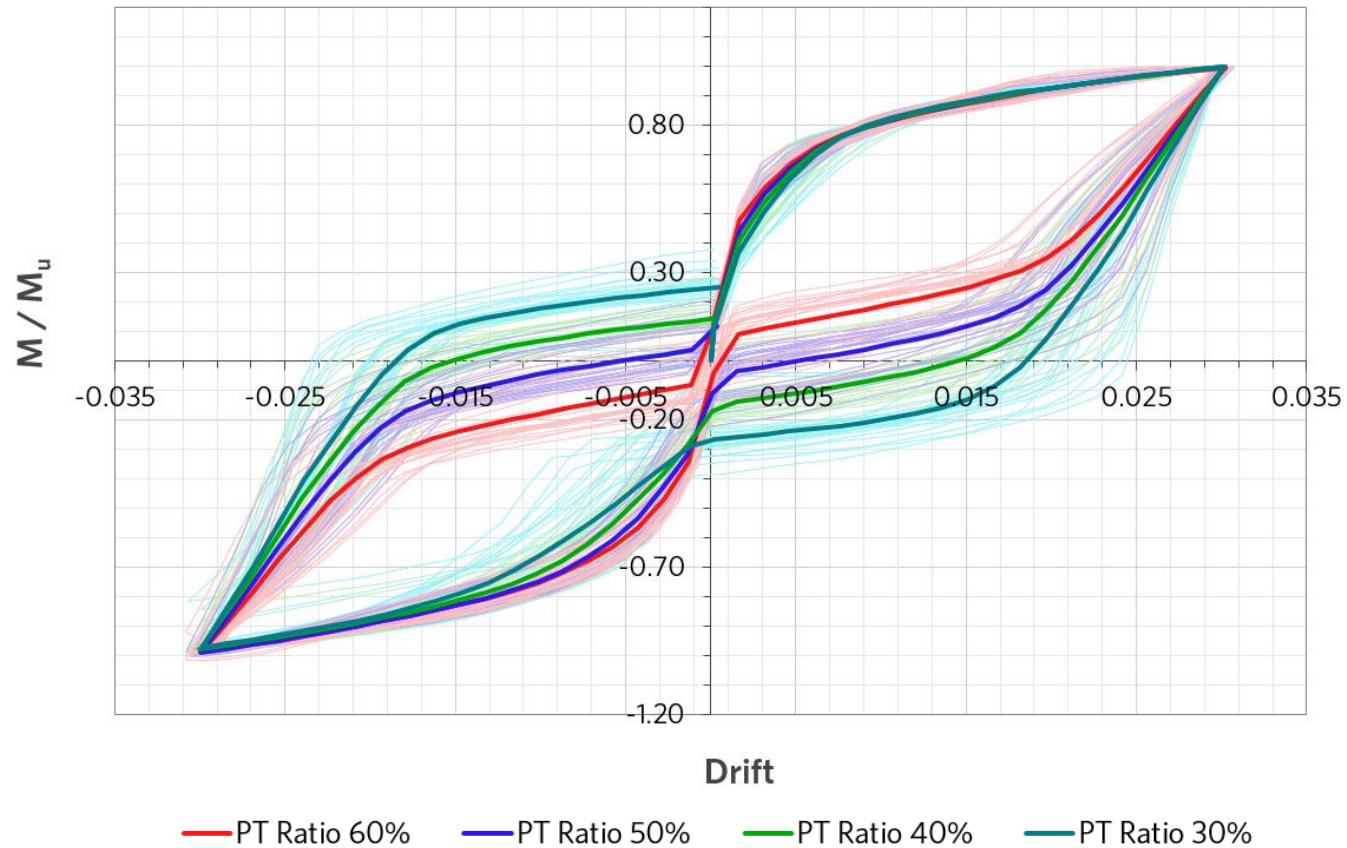
Capacity design, avoid shear failure, web crushing

Protect tendons – slenderness, unbonded

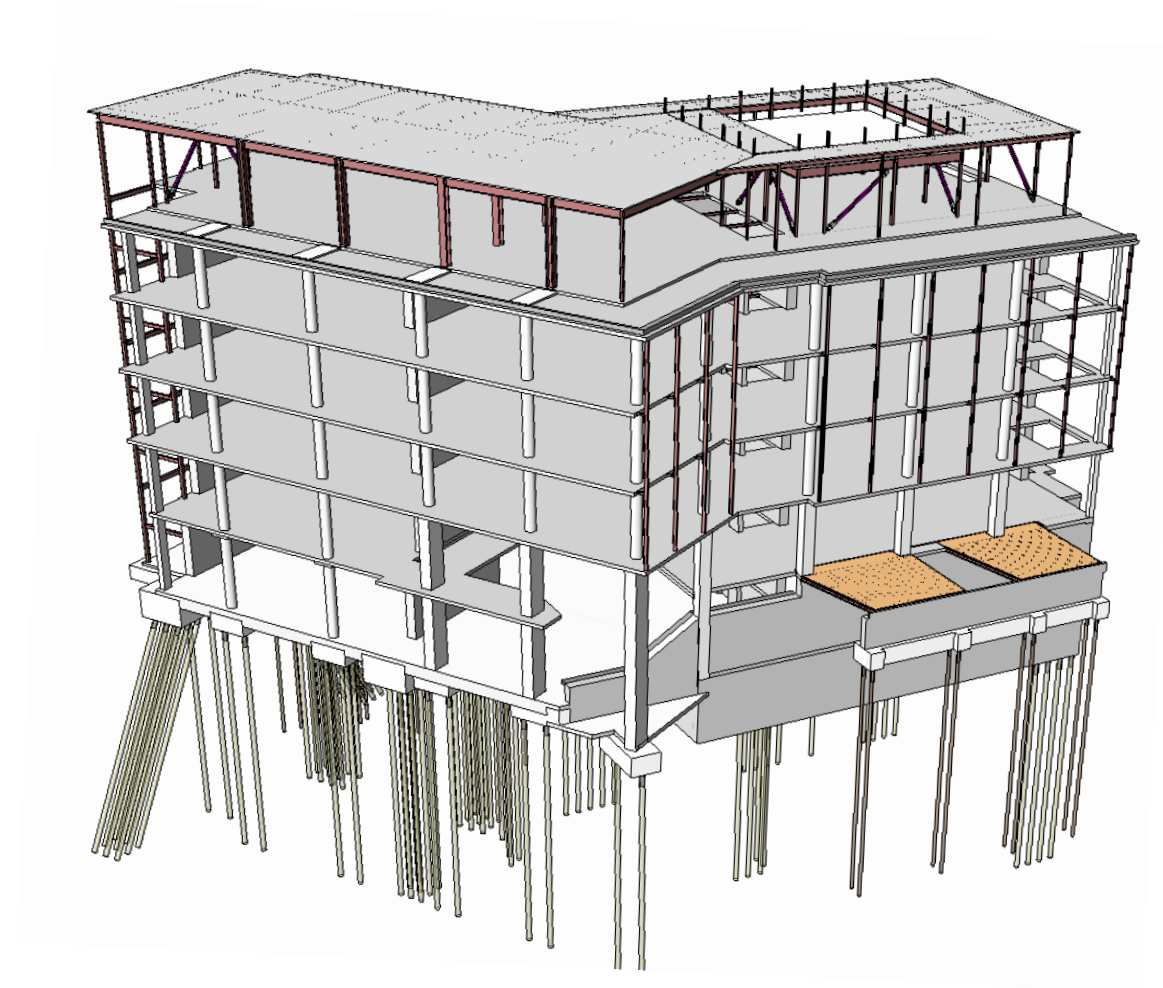


Recentering Parameter

Post-tensioning Ratio: $\gamma_{PT} = \frac{A_{PT} f_{PTi}}{A_{PT} f_{PTi} + A_s f_y}$



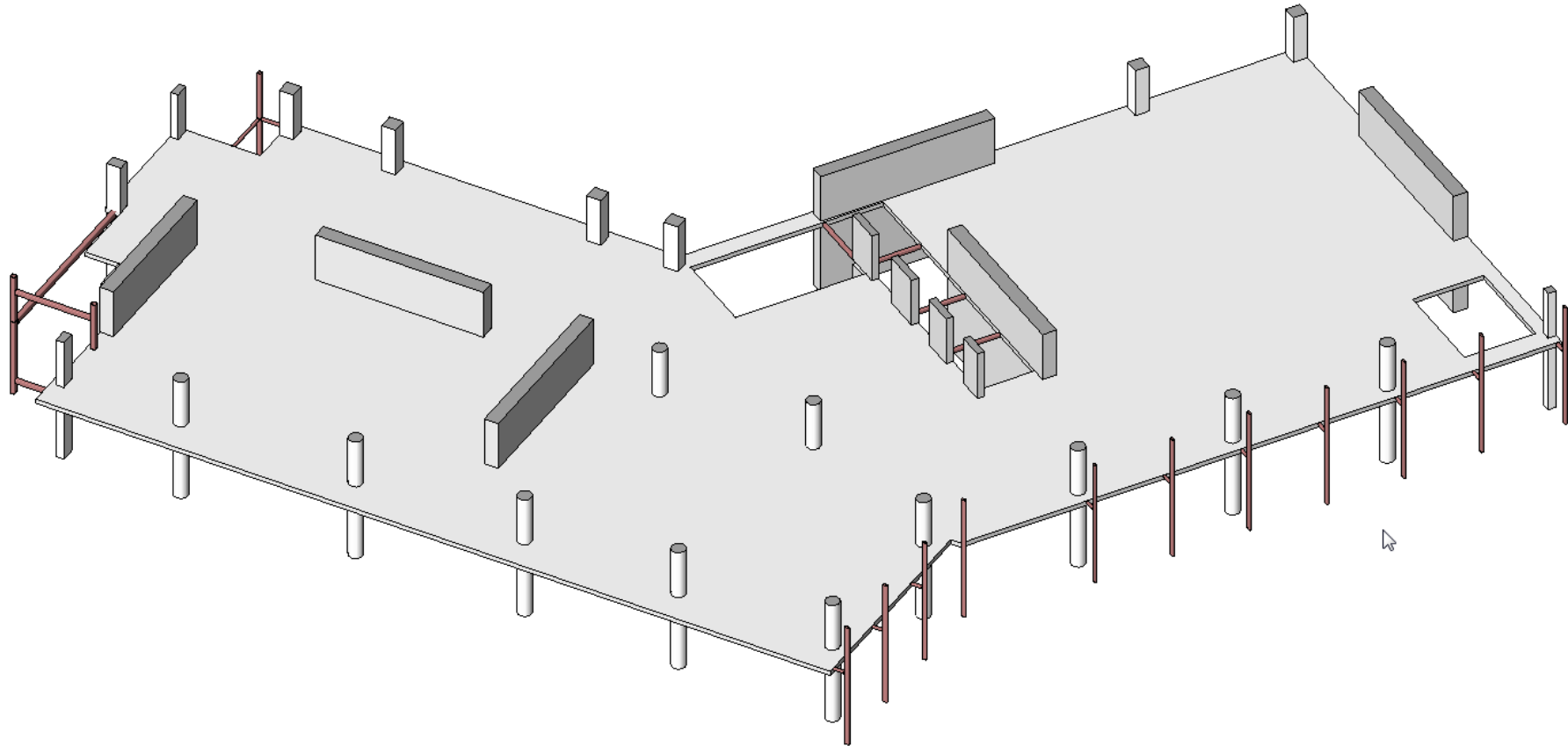
University Academic Building



PT Concrete Walls for Seismic Resistance

Shear walls clustered around large classrooms

Paired orthogonal configuration to minimize torsion

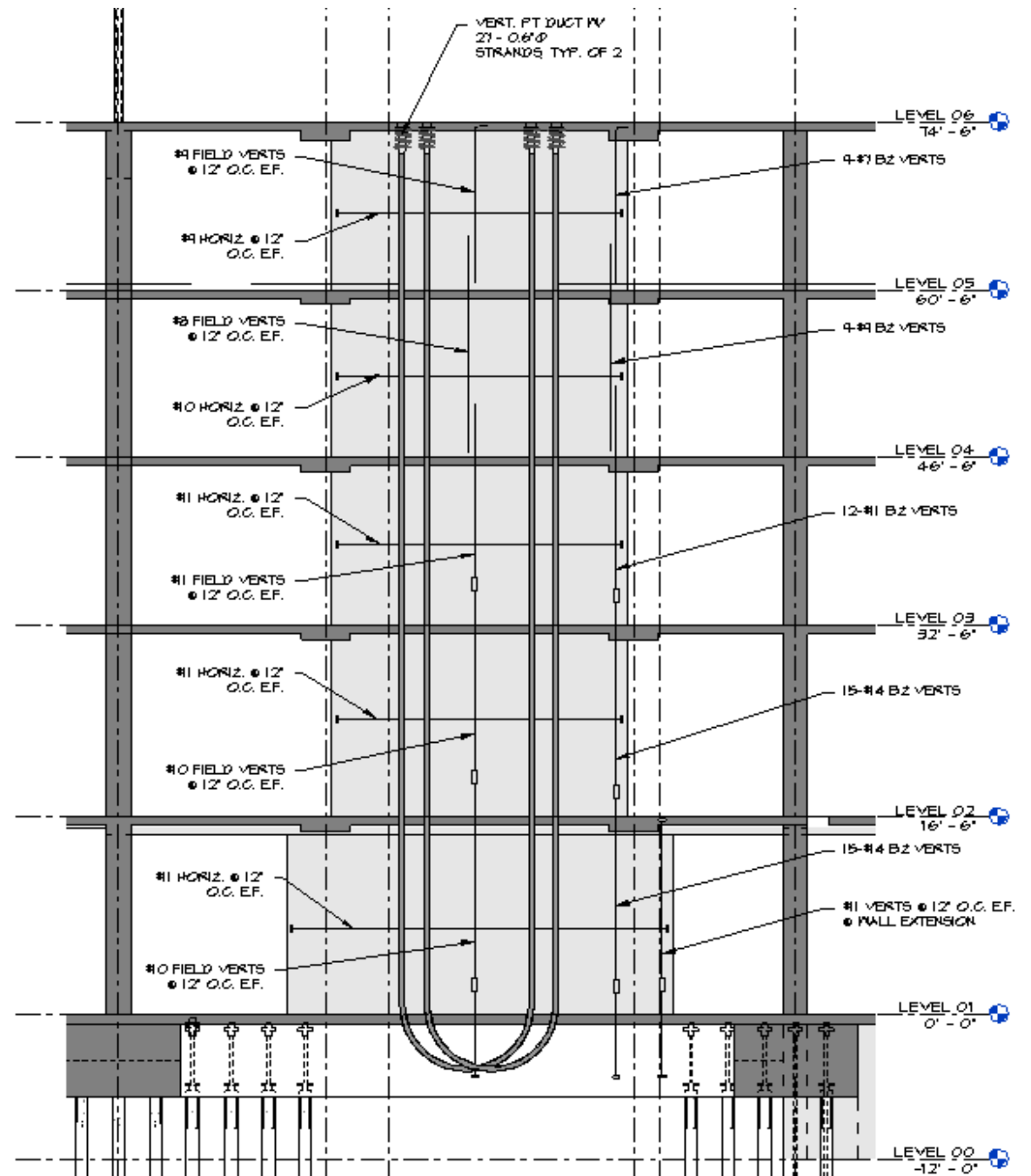


PT Recentering Walls

Vertical unbonded PT

Uniform inter-story drifts

Improved protection for façade,
interiors, MEP



PT Recentering Walls

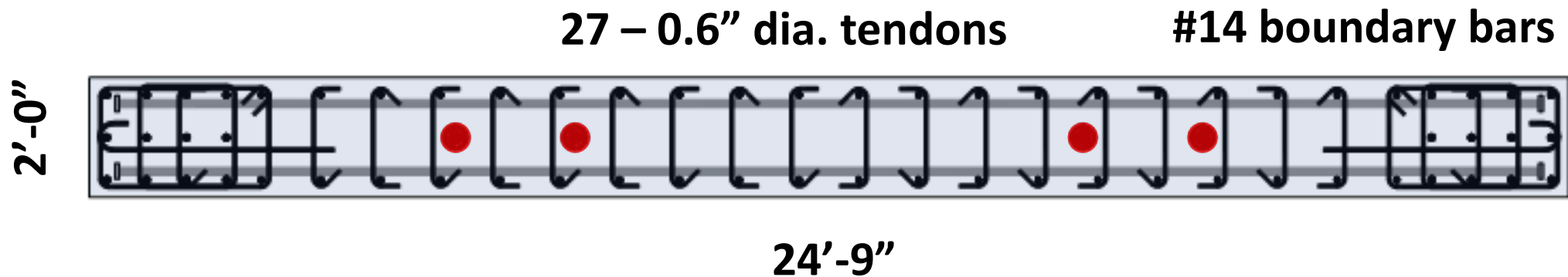
Combination of mild steel and unbonded PT:

Steel ratio = .011

PT ratio = .48

P/A = 620 psi

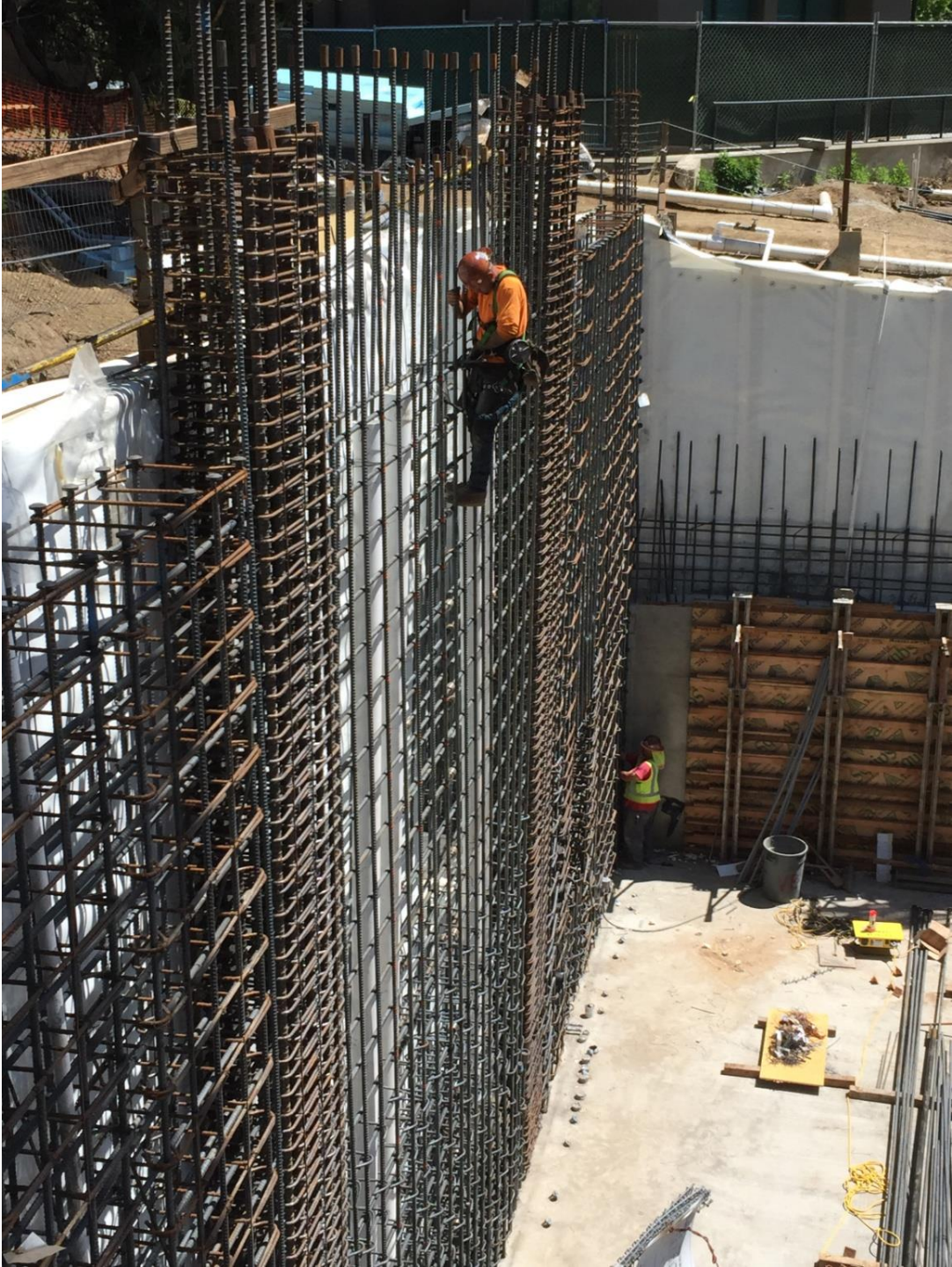
Detailing for constructability



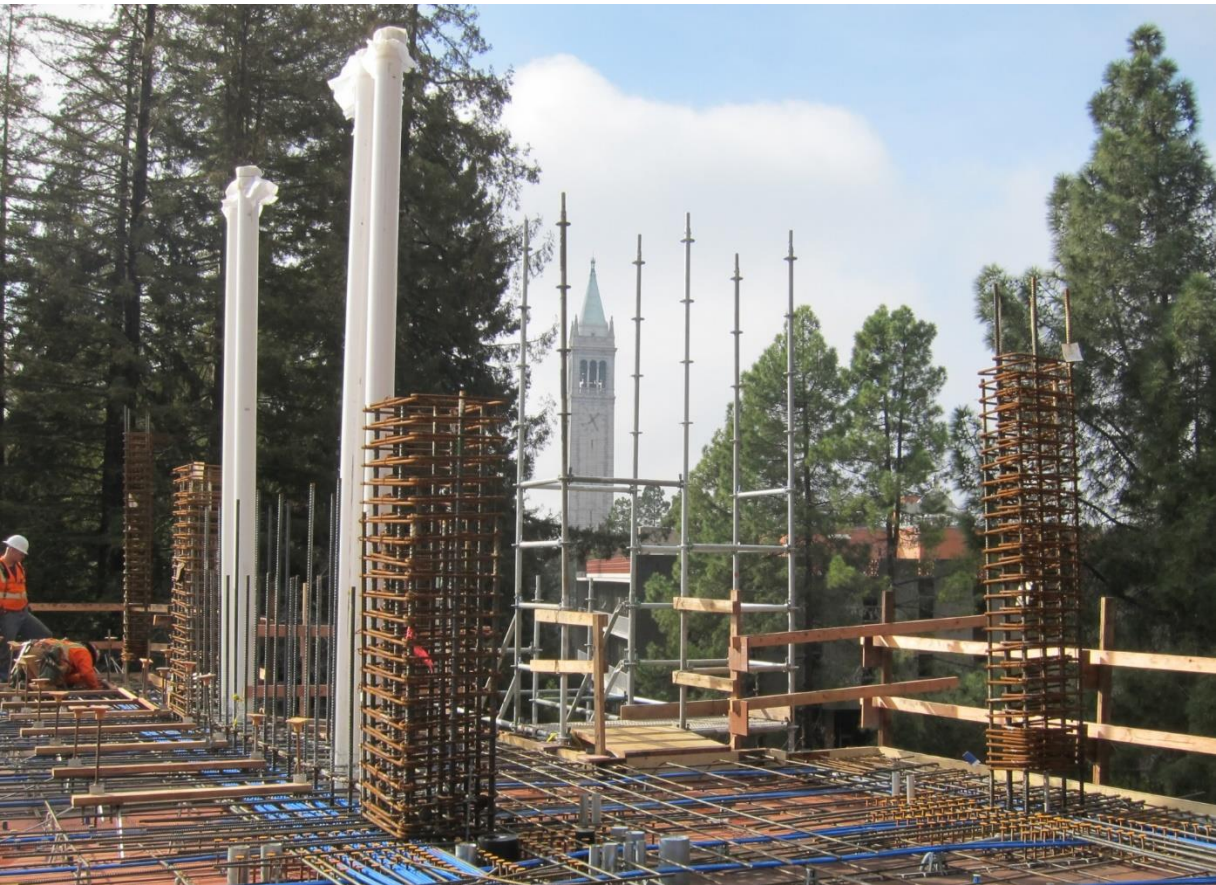
PT Wall Construction



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Seismic Performance Criteria

Site-specific hazard

RSA for minimum design requirements

Fixed foundations

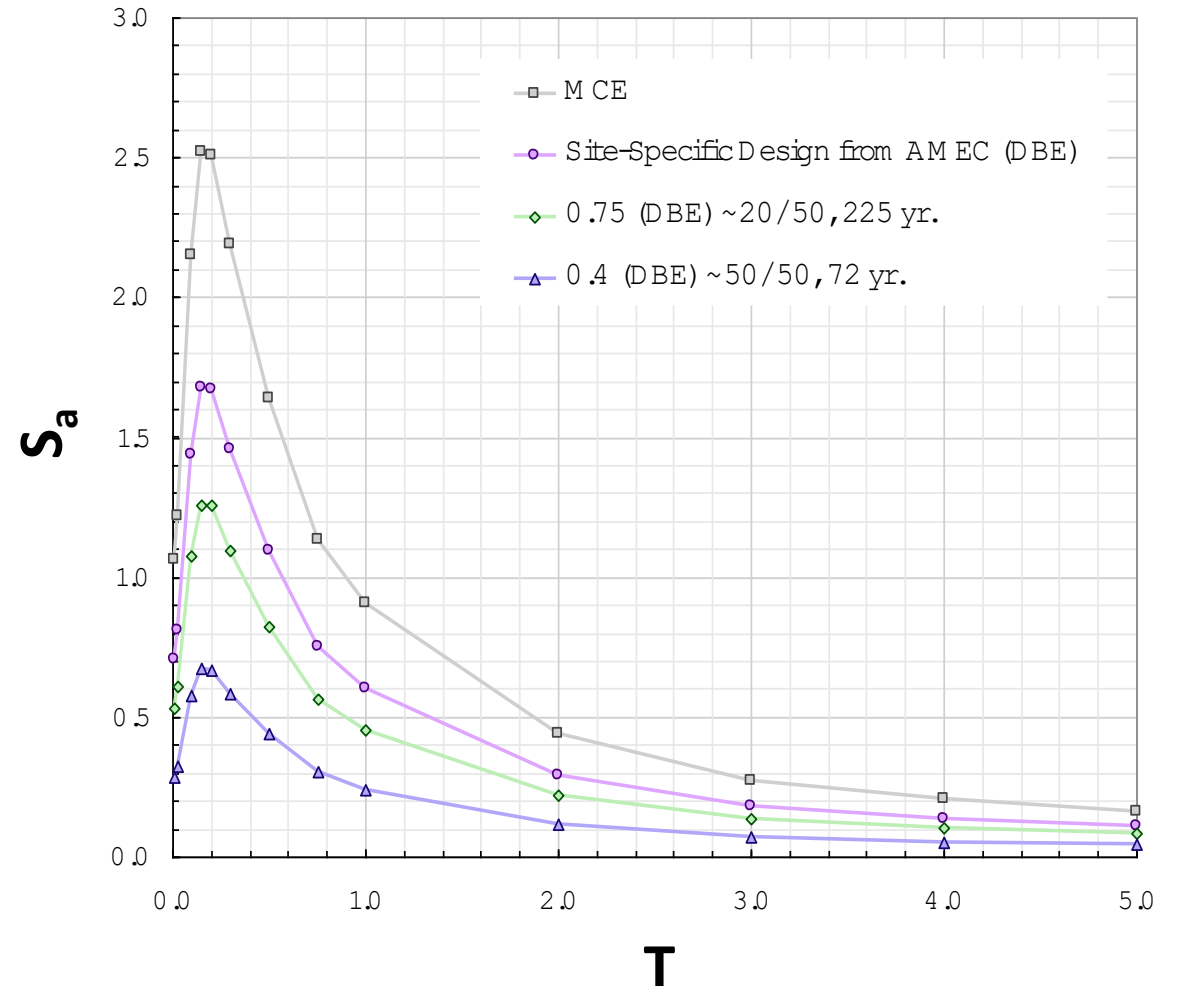
Rigid diaphragms

Detailed NLRHA for validation:

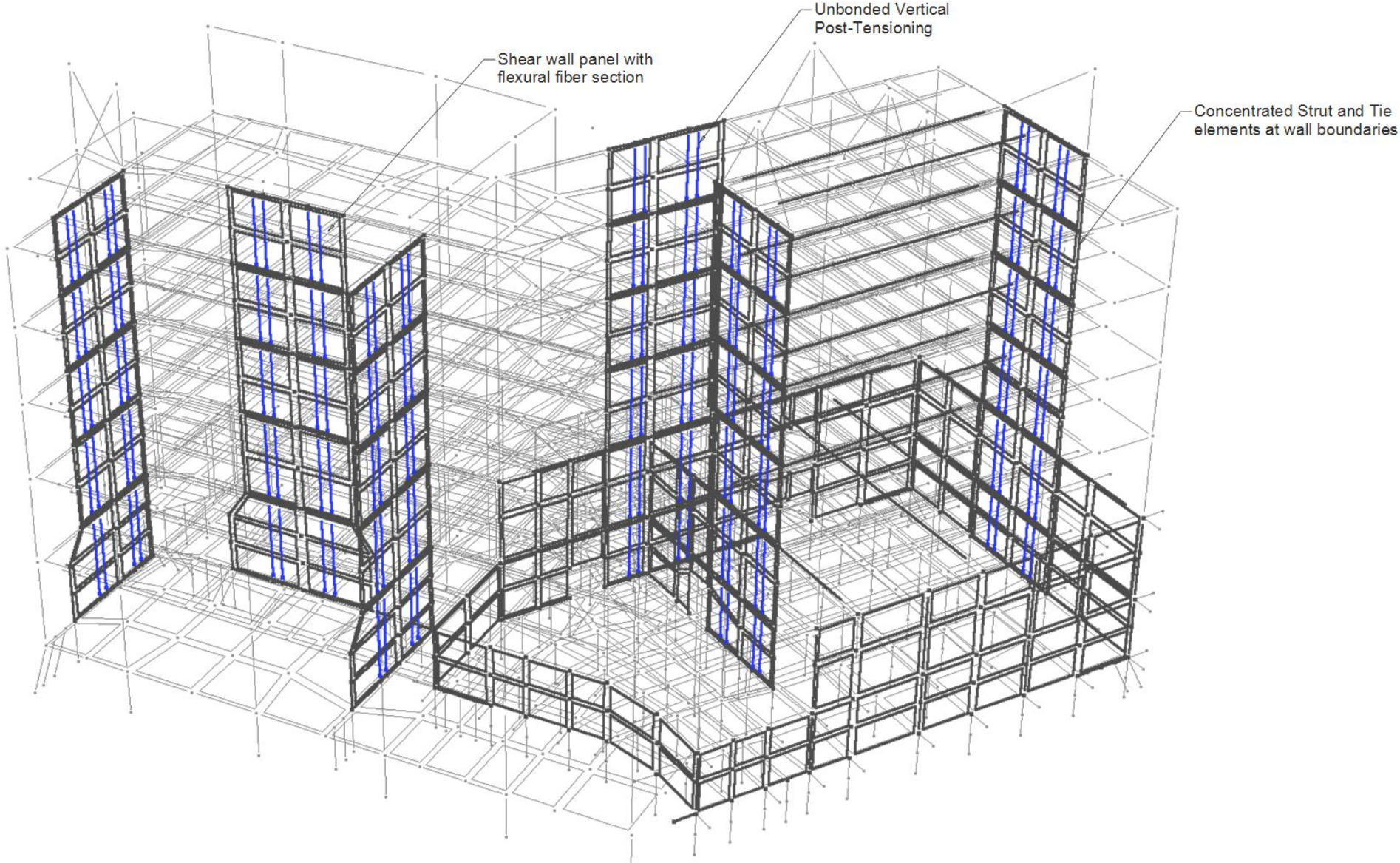
7 pairs of ground motions

4 hazard levels

EQ Hazard Spectra

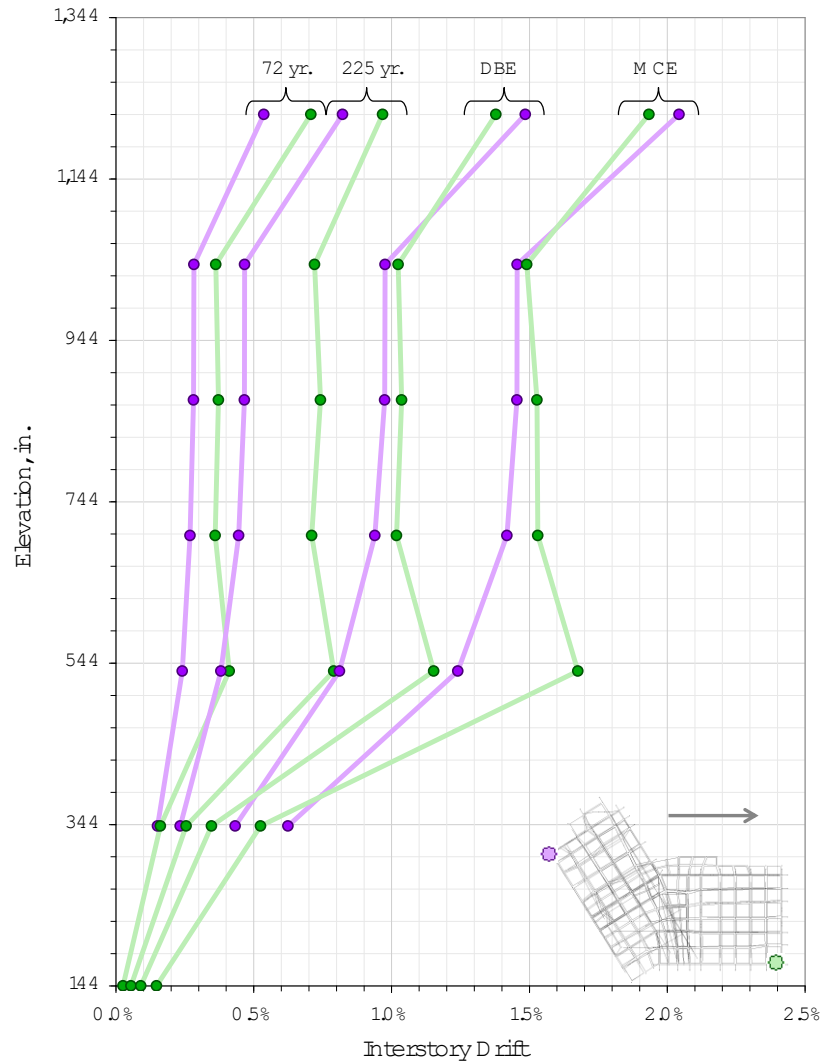


Detailed Analytical Validation

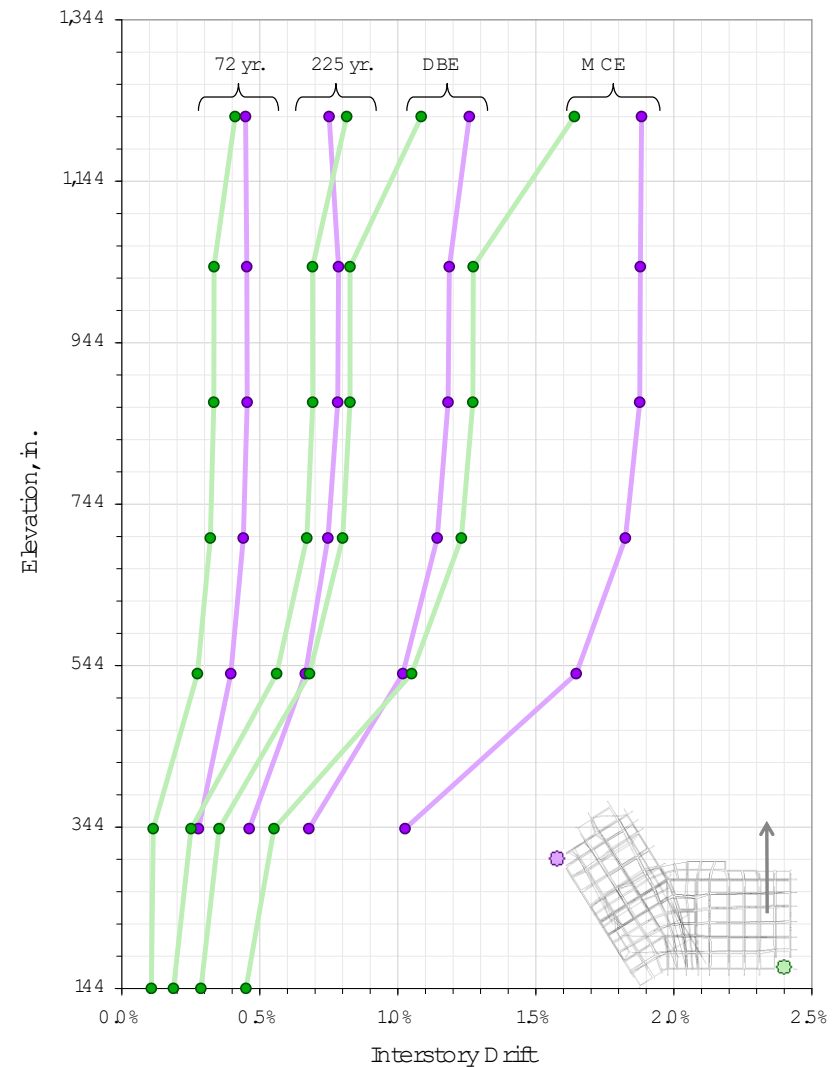


Drift Response from NLRHA

Peak H 1 Interstory Drift,
Mean Response



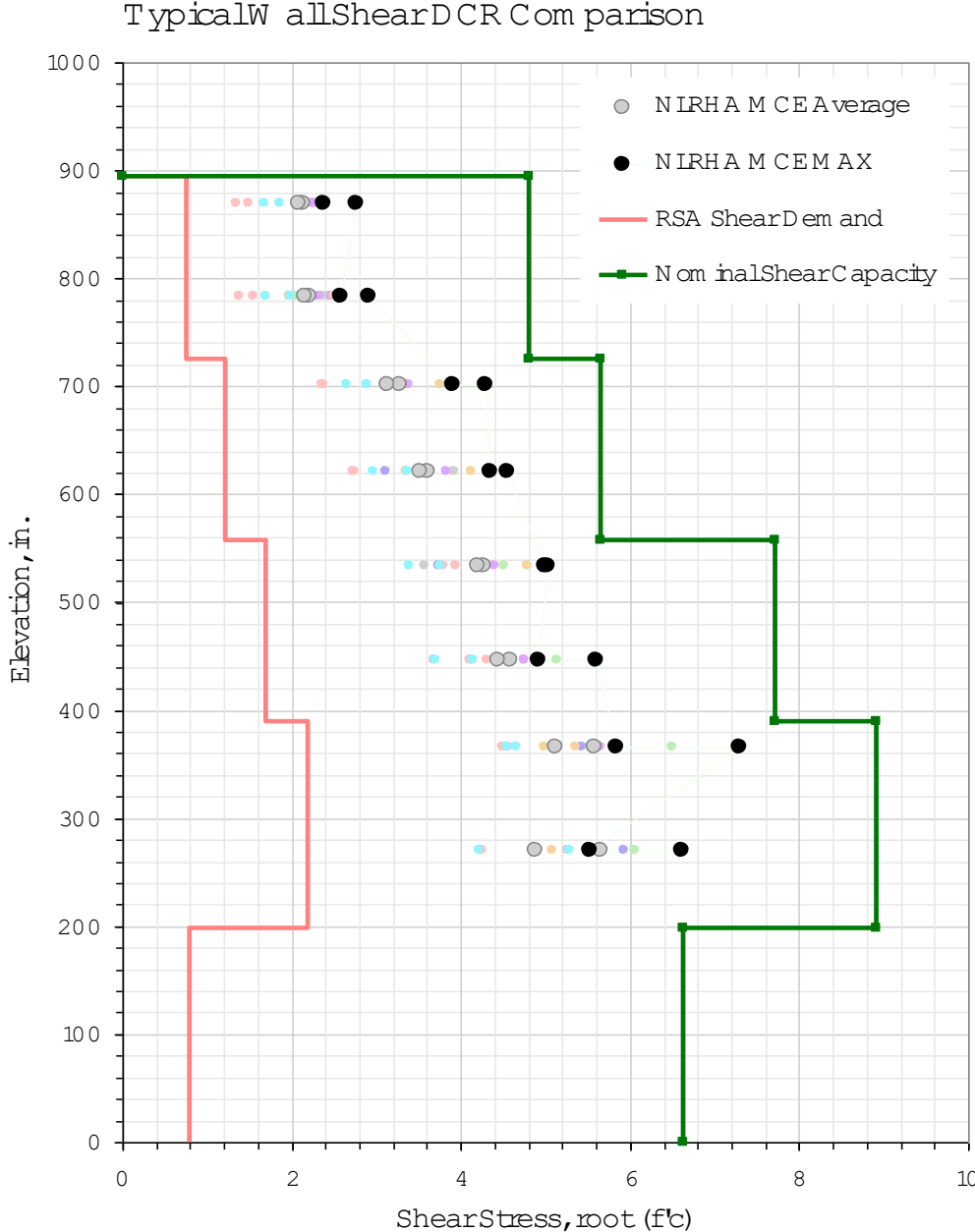
Peak H 2 Interstory Drift,
Mean Response



Capacity Design for Shear

RSA vs NLRHA response

Amplified shear demands



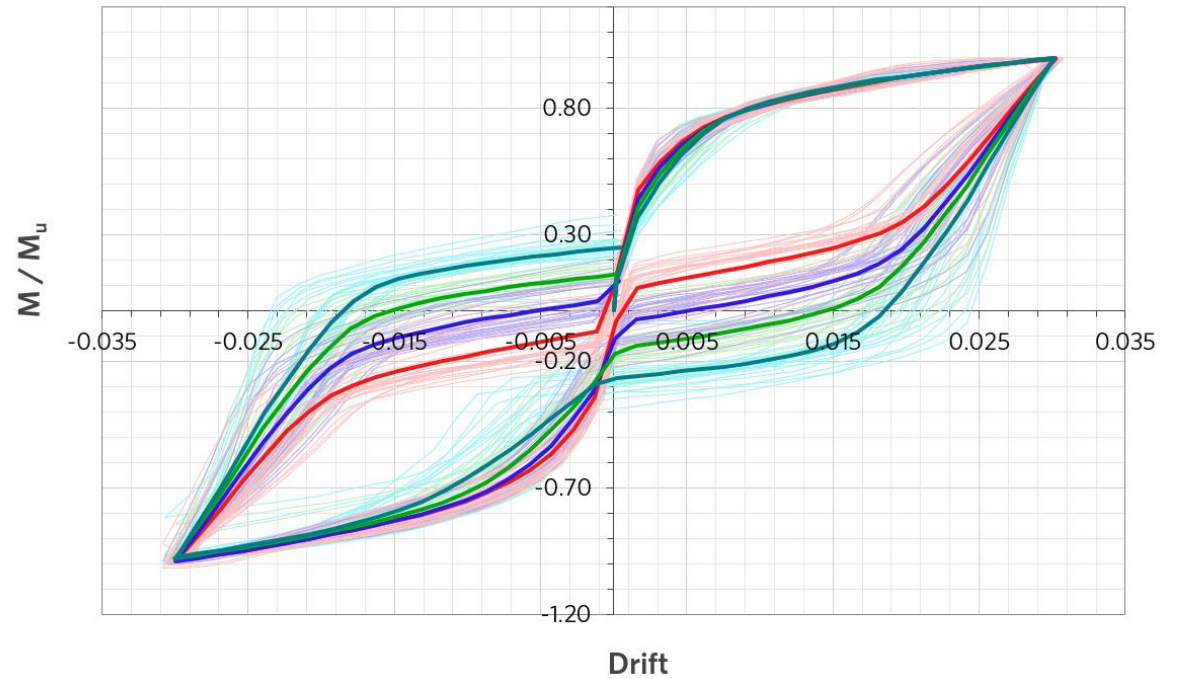
Residual Drift

No permanent deformations

Limited damage

Enhanced resilience

Post EQ functionality



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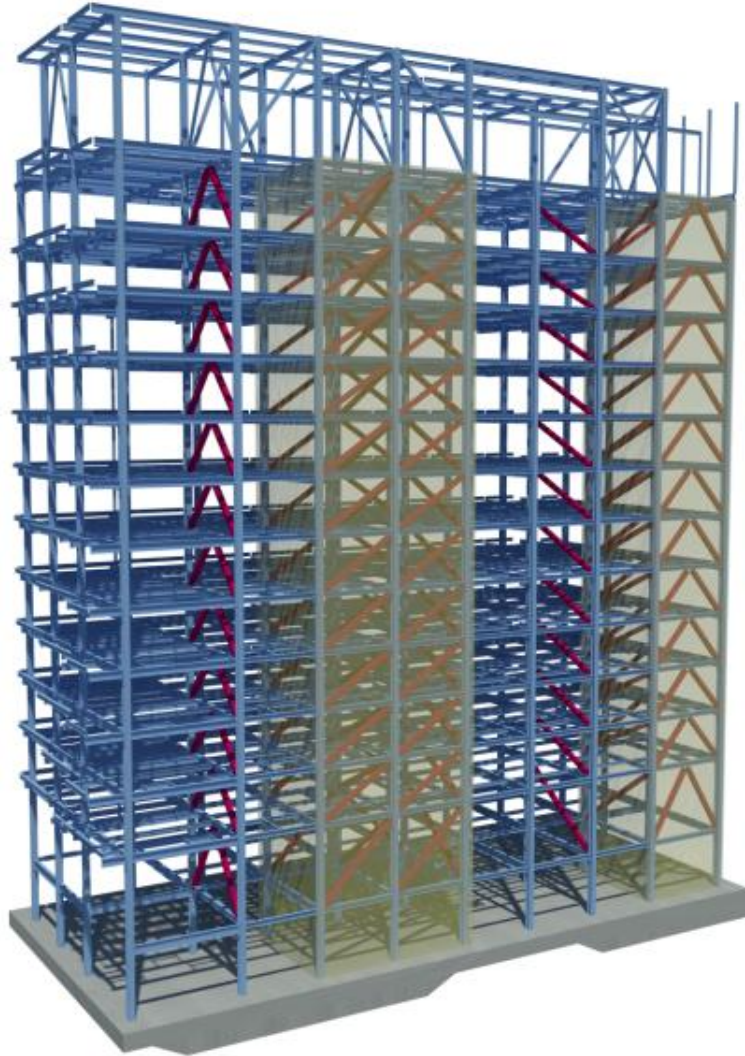
First LEED Platinum office building in US

Enhanced seismic performance

Immediate occupancy mandate



SFPUC HQ Structure



Steel moment frame, viscous dampers



Concrete with PT cores

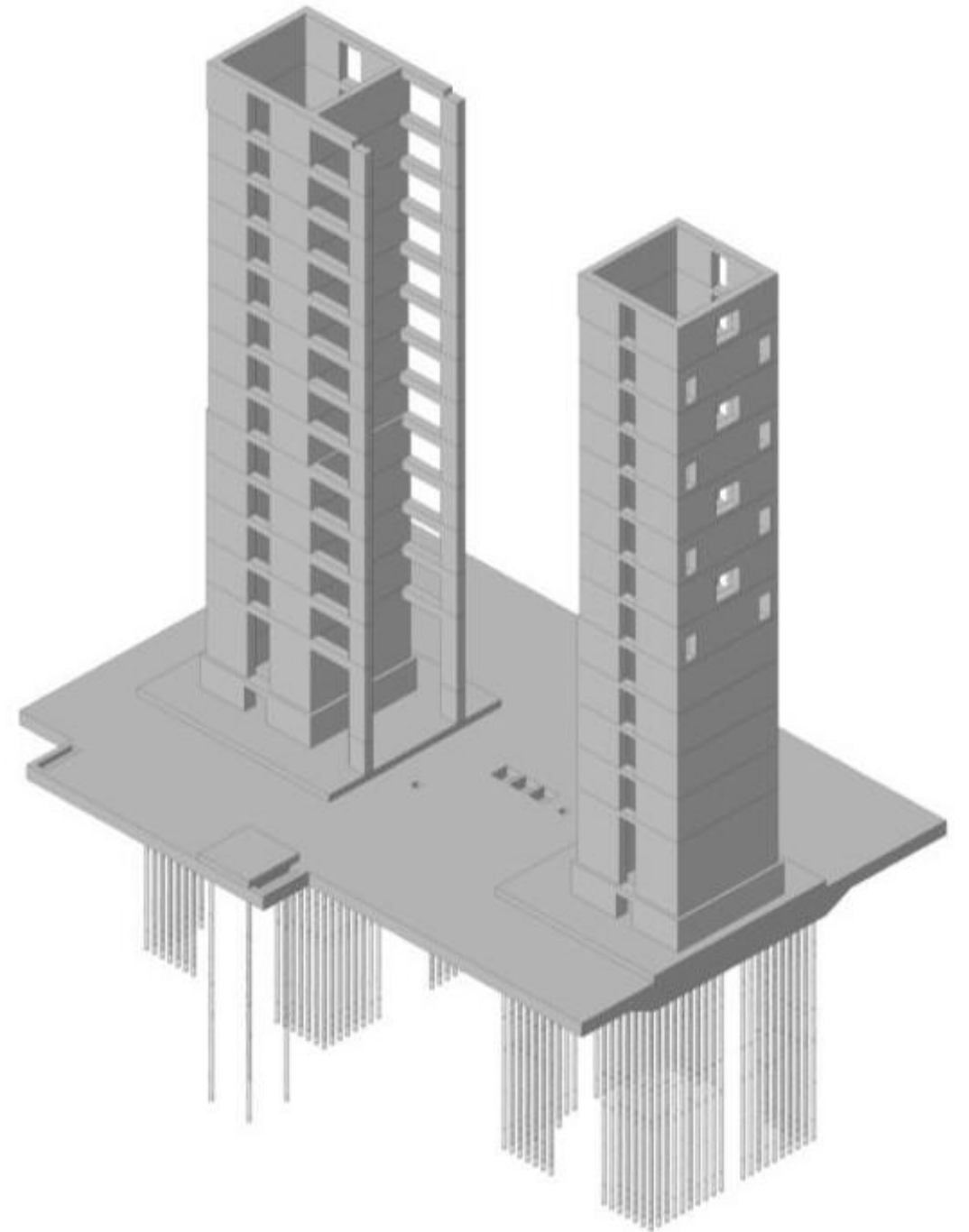
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Self-centering PT concrete core walls

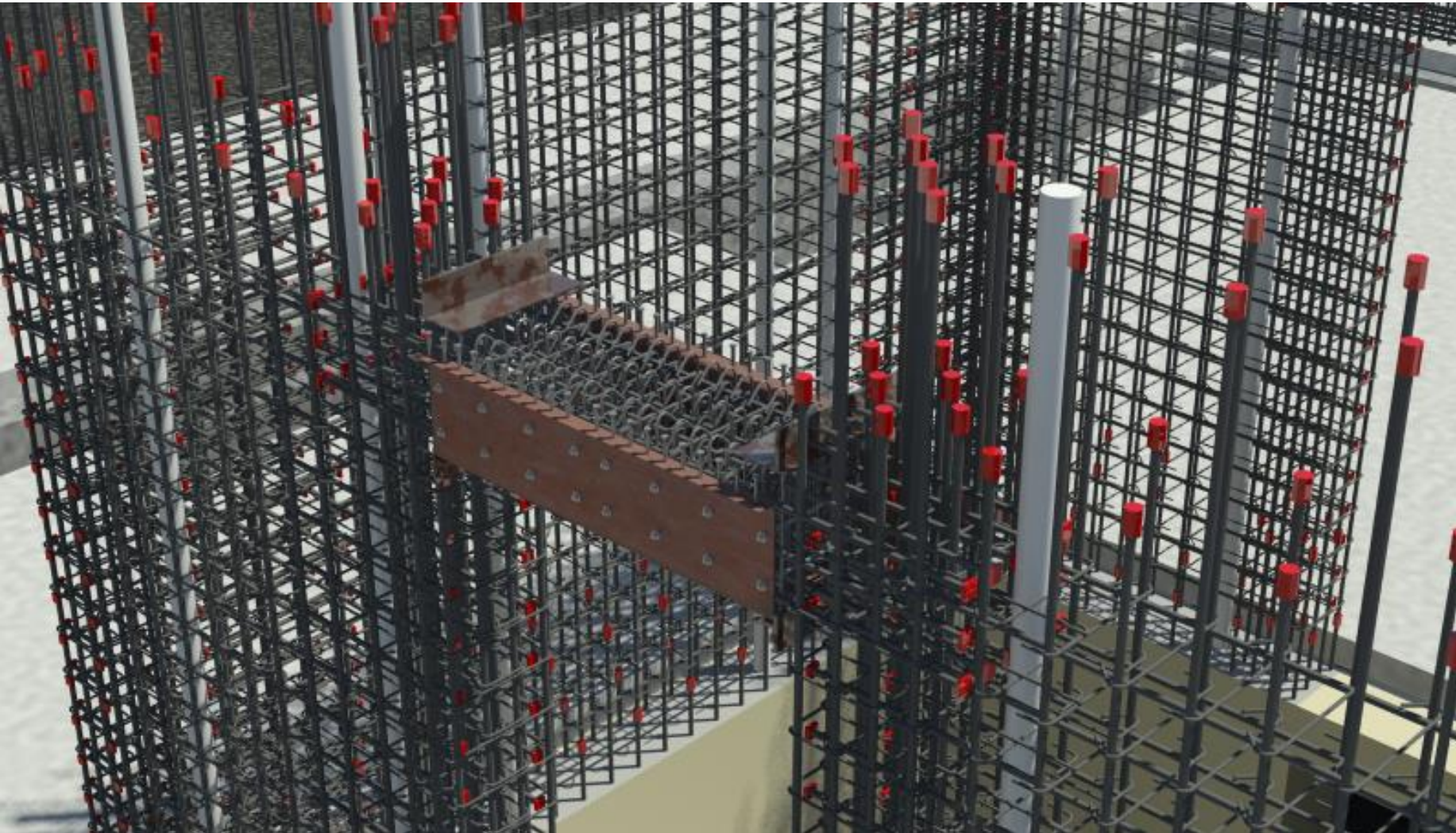
Composite link beams

Hybrid mat foundation with micro-piles

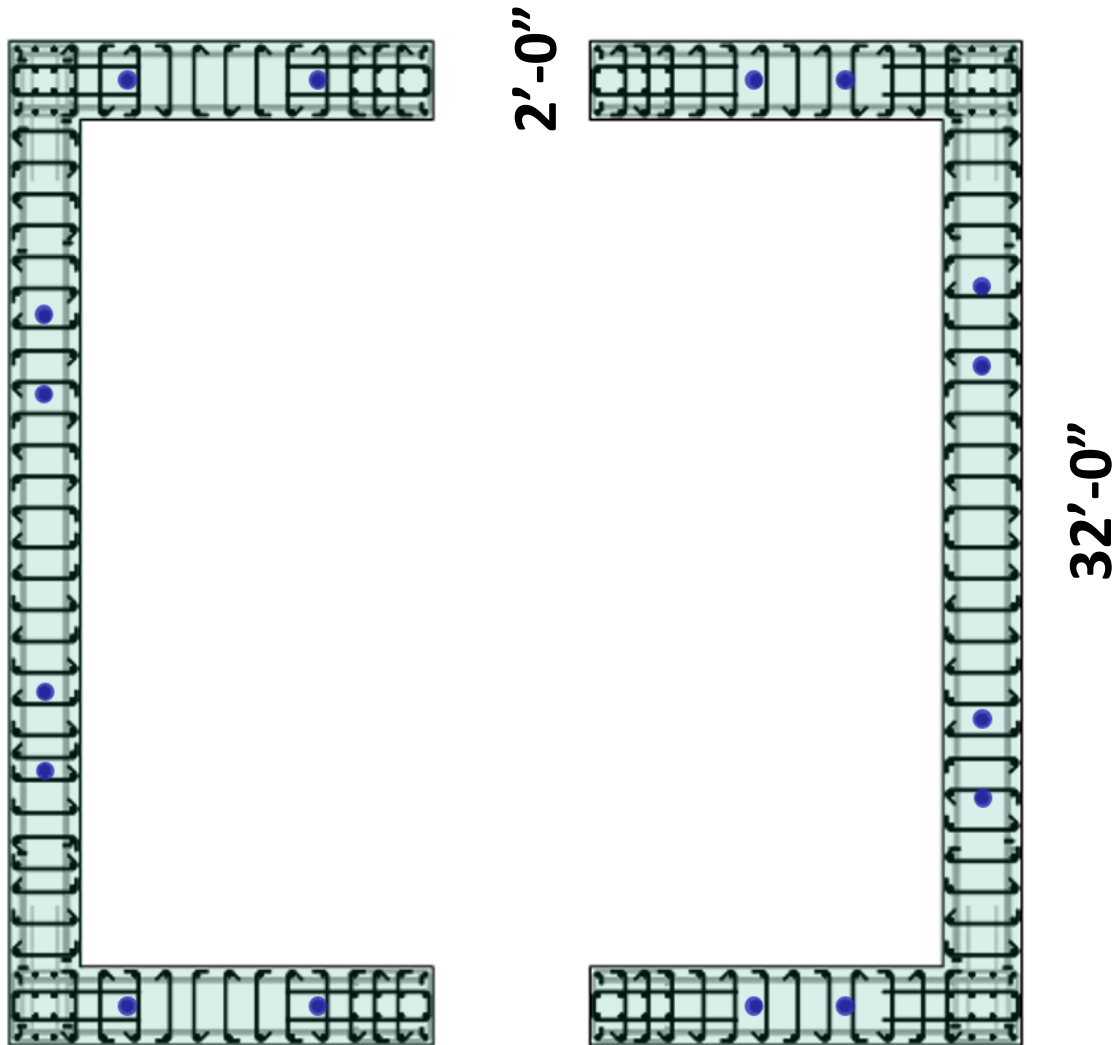
Immediate occupancy post-earthquake



Composite Coupling Beams



PT Core Walls



Mild steel and unbonded PT:

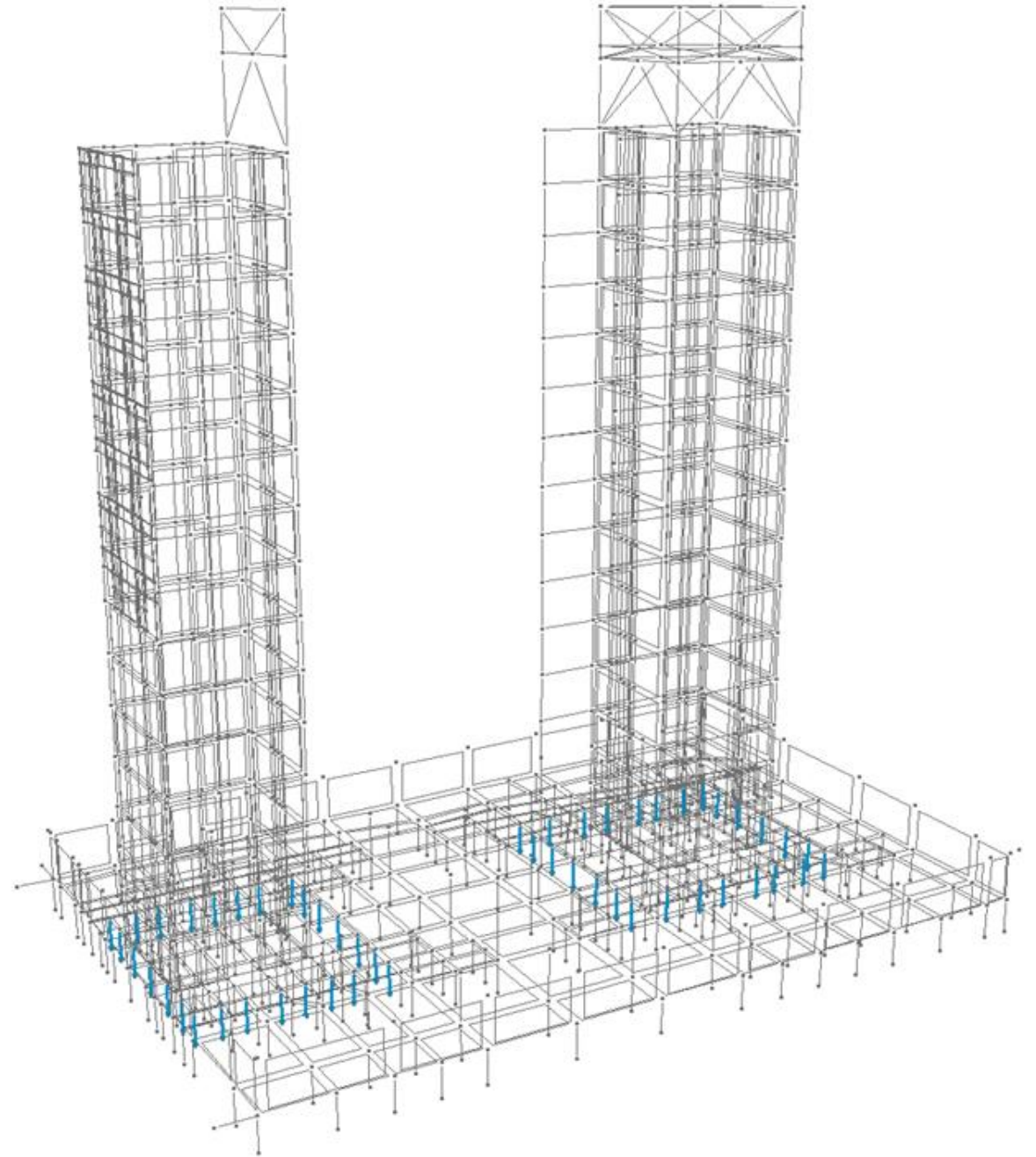
Steel ratio = .01

PT ratio = .38

P/A = 400 psi or .05 f'c

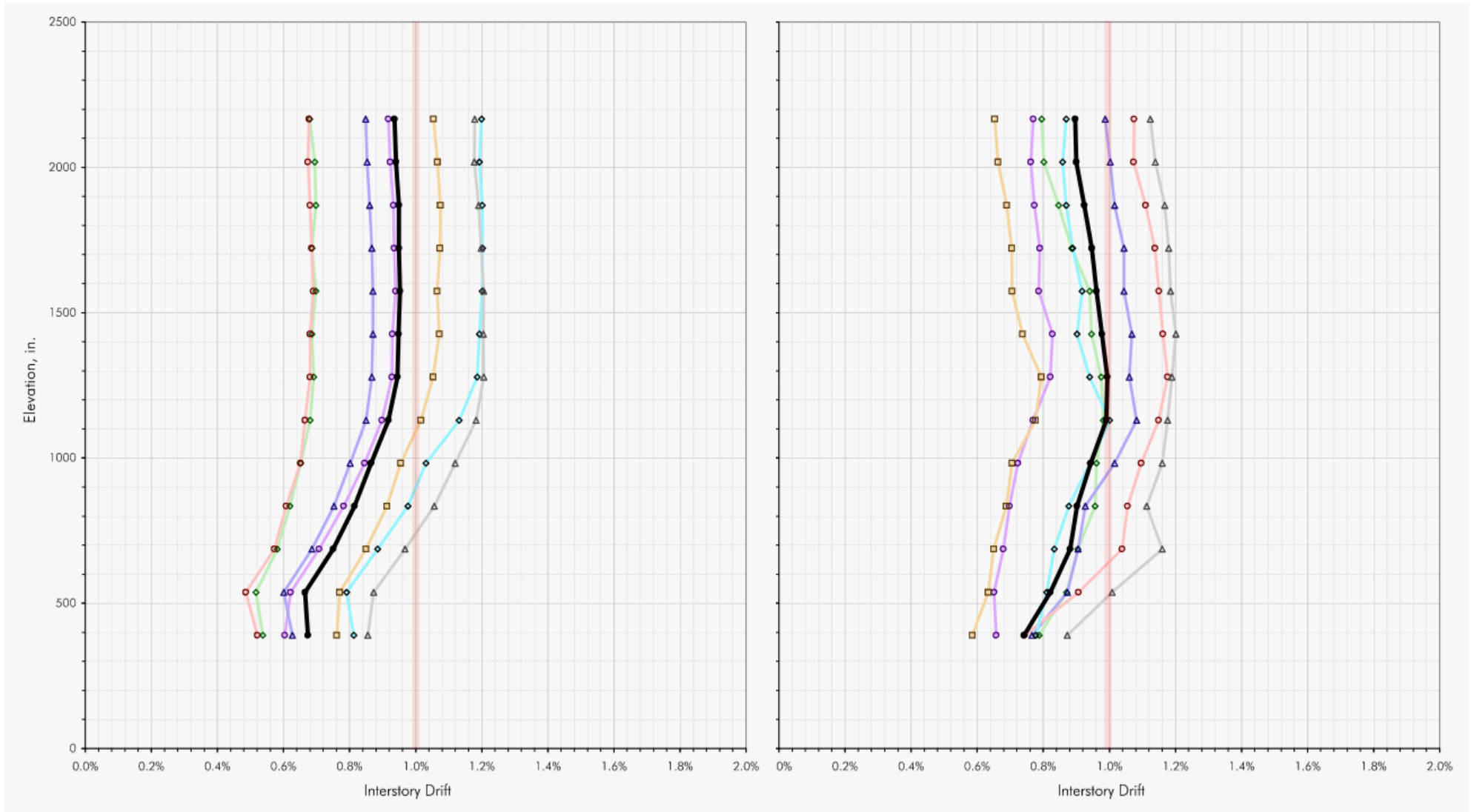
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**NLRHA for detailed design
and validation**



Performance Based Design

Drifts for DBE



Construction



Mat foundation
Tendon anchorage



Construction

Core walls

Tendon ducts

Construction



Composite link beams

Seismic Resilience

Self-centering

Superior seismic performance

Limited damage

Protection of building systems

Immediate occupancy

Cost effective



Take Aways

Design strategies for efficient & resilient buildings with PT concrete

Efficient floor assemblies

**Special use long-span beams,
transfer girders**

**Resilient, recentering shear walls
for seismic resistance**



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