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Part 2: Horizontal Truss Diaphragms  
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### Course Description

Lateral Load Transfer From Diaphragms to Resisting Elements  
Part 2 – Horizontal Truss Diaphragms  
September 2, 2021

This two-part webinar will examine how loads flow through diaphragms and horizontal trusses to the vertical elements of the lateral force-resisting system. The second session in this two-part webinar will focus on horizontal truss diaphragms, with discussions on truss layout and connection considerations. The AISC 341 provisions pertaining to horizontal truss diaphragms will be reviewed and several case studies will be presented that demonstrate how to analyze the lateral load path.



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### Learning Objectives

- List several reasons why horizontal truss diaphragms may be used on a building project.
- Identify the design requirements that permit diagonal members of horizontal trusses to be designed without consideration of overstrength.
- Describe the layout considerations that facilitate the constructability of horizontal truss diaphragm members.
- Demonstrate how to analyze the load path through a diaphragm using a simple statics approach.



## Lateral Load Transfer From Diaphragms to Resisting Elements

Part 2 – Horizontal Truss Diaphragms



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### Overview

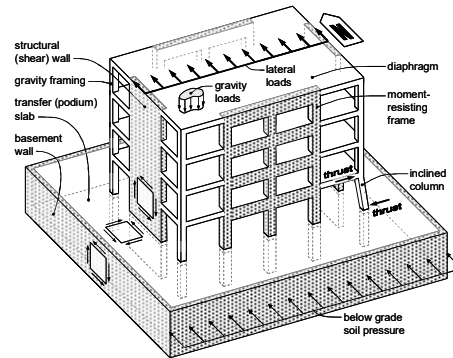
- Brief Recap from Session 1
- Horizontal Truss Systems
- Case Study – Idealizing a Load Path
- Case Study – Putting It All Together



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## The Role of Diaphragms

- Gravity Forces
- Inertial Forces
- Wind Forces
- Transfer Forces
- Thrust from Inclined Columns
- Soil Pressures
- Column Bracing Forces



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## Diaphragm Design Requirements

AISC 360, Section B3.5

### Design of Diaphragms and Collectors

Diaphragms and collectors shall be designed for both forces that result from loads as stipulated in Section B2. They shall be designed in conformance with the provisions of Chapters C through K, as applicable.



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## Diaphragm Design Requirements

ASCE 7, Section 12.10.1

Diaphragms shall be designed for both the shear and bending stresses resulting from design forces. At diaphragm discontinuities, such as reentrant corners, the design shall ensure that dissipation or transfer of edge (chord) forces combined with other forces in the diaphragm is within shear and tension capacity of the diaphragm.



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## Diaphragm Design Requirements

Slab on Steel Deck Diaphragm Approaches

AISC 341, Section D1.5a

- Details shall be provided to transfer load between the diaphragm and boundary members, collector elements, and elements of the horizontal framing system.




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### Diaphragm Design Requirements

Slab on Steel Deck Diaphragm Approaches

AISC 341, Section D1.5b



- Diaphragm is the topping slab above the flutes designed per ACI 318
- Diaphragm is the slab on deck assembly using in plane shear tests (such as ICC-ES or IAPMO-UES report values)



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### Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

- Common Instances
- Layout Considerations
- AISC 341 Design Requirements
- Connection Ideas





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### Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

- Additional Strength
- Additional Stiffness
- Direct Load Transfer
- Discontinuities
- No Diaphragm Otherwise
- Redundancy

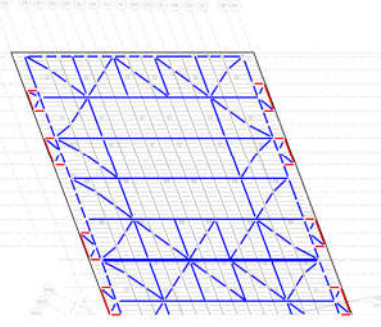

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### Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

- Additional Strength
- Additional Stiffness
- Direct Load Transfer
- Discontinuities
- No Diaphragm Otherwise
- Redundancy

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Plan  
Elevation 1  
Elevation 2

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### Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

- AISC 341-16, Section B5.2



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### Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

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### Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

- AISC 341-16, Section B5.2
  - Members and their connections shall be designed for load combinations with overstrength,  $\Omega_0$
  - Exceptions – **Diagonal members** of horizontal trusses that meet certain requirements of SCBF braces



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### Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

#### Requirements to avoid $\Omega_0$

- Diagonal member does not support gravity loads
- Diagonal member cannot be in a K- or V- configuration
- 30% -70% of diagonals in a given line oriented in tension
- Truss members must meet highly ductile proportioning limits
- $L_c/r \leq 200$
- Intermittent fastener requirements for built-up members
- Net sections must be reinforced
- Diagonal member connections designed for maximum probable brace capacity
- Gusset must accommodate brace buckling rotations

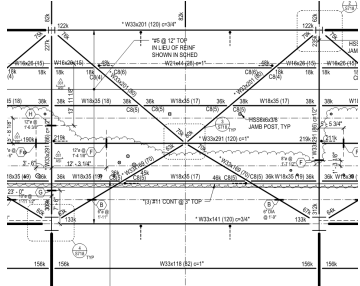



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### Horizontal Truss Diaphragms



- Layout Considerations – Diagonal Members
  - Continuous
  - Segmented

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### Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

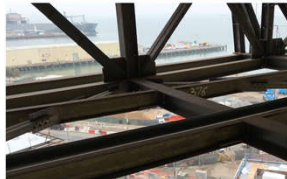
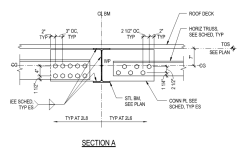

- Layout Considerations – Diagonal Members
  - Top of Steel Aligned
  - Centerline (Centroid) Aligned

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### Horizontal Truss Diaphragms



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### Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

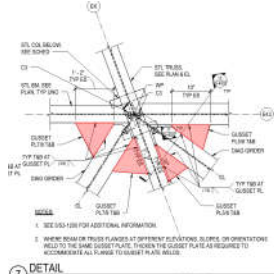
- Layout Considerations – Shapes
  - Wide Flange
  - Angles/Double Angles
  - HSS
  - WT

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### Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

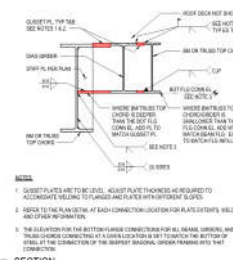
- Connections
  - Flange Infill Plates – welded



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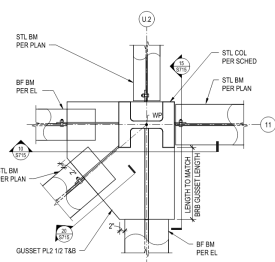
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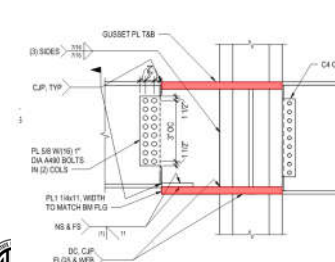
- Connections
  - Gusset Plates – Flange Welded



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### Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

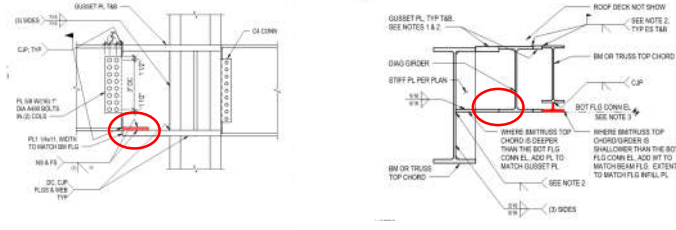
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## Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

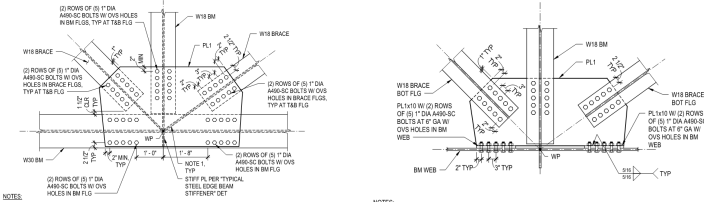
- Connections
  - Pay attention to member depths



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## Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

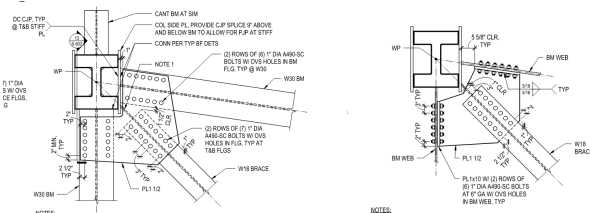
- Connections
  - Gusset Plates – Flange Bolted



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## Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

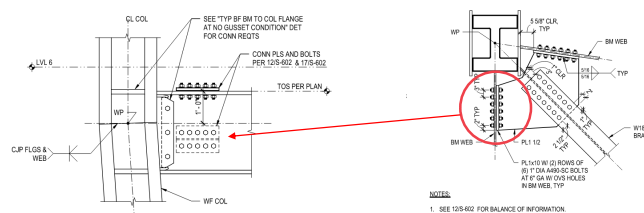
- Connections
  - Gusset Plates – Flange Bolted



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## Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

- Connections
  - Gusset Plates – Flange Bolted

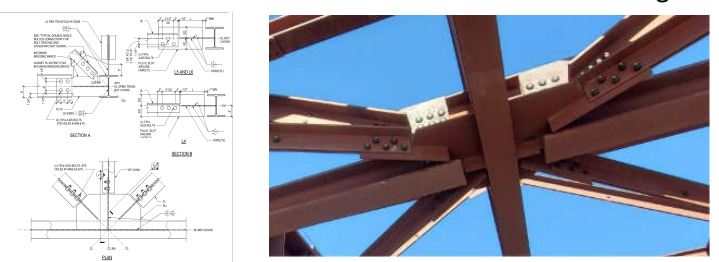


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### Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

- Connections
  - Horizontal Gusset Plates with Bolted Double Angles

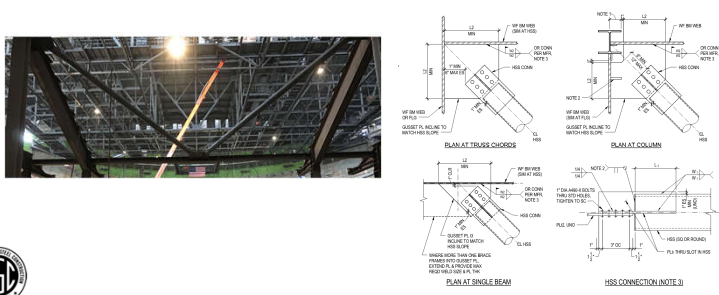


The image shows technical drawings on the left, including a plan view and a section view of a horizontal gusset plate connection. On the right is a photograph of a steel truss structure with a horizontal gusset plate connecting two members using bolted double angles.

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### Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

- Connections
  - Horizontal Gusset Plates with Bolted HSS

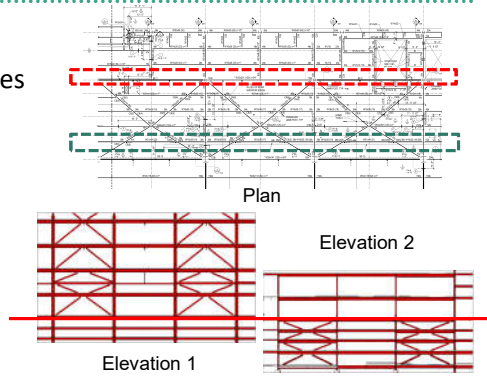


The image shows technical drawings on the right, including a plan view of a truss chord, a plan view of a column, and a plan view of a single beam. On the left is a photograph of a steel truss structure with a horizontal gusset plate connecting two members using bolted HSS.

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### Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

- Design Example
  - Transfer Forces

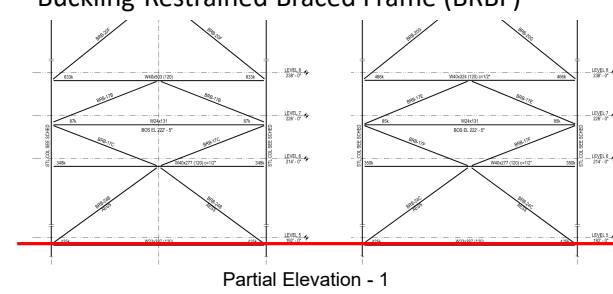


The image shows a structural diagram of a truss diaphragm. The top part is a plan view showing a truss structure with a red dashed box and a green dashed box highlighting specific areas. Below the plan view are two elevation views, labeled Elevation 1 and Elevation 2, showing the truss structure from different perspectives.

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### Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

- Design Example
  - Buckling-Restrained Braced Frame (BRBF)



The image shows a structural diagram of a Buckling-Restrained Braced Frame (BRBF). The diagram is a partial elevation view showing a truss structure with a red dashed box highlighting a specific area. The diagram includes labels for various components and dimensions.

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## Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

### Design Example

- Transfer Forces – AISC 341, F4-3  
Capacity-Limited Horizontal Seismic Load Effect,  $E_{cl}$

#### 3. Analysis

The required strength of columns, beams, struts and connections in BRBF shall be determined using the capacity-limited seismic load effect. The capacity-limited horizontal seismic load effect,  $E_{cl}$ , shall be taken as the forces developed in the member assuming the forces in all braces correspond to their adjusted strength in compression or in tension.

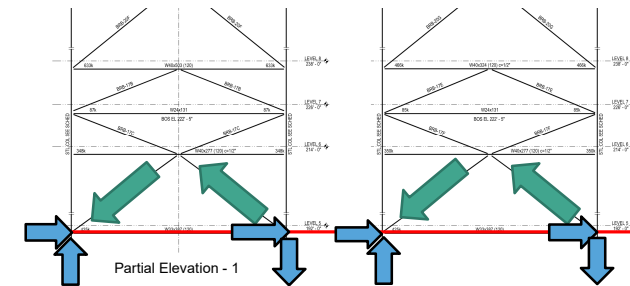


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## Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

### Design Example

- Buckling-Restrained Braced Frame (BRBF)



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## Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

### Design Example

- BRB Properties
  - $A_{sc} = 24.0 \text{ in}^2$
  - $F_y = 42 \pm 2 \text{ ksi}$  (Coupon Test Validation)
  - $\omega = 1.26$
  - $\beta = 1.16$



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## Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

### Design Example

- BRB Adjusted Brace Strength
  - Tension
    - $T = \omega F_y A_{sc} = 1.26(44)(24.0) = 1331 \text{ k}$
  - Compression
    - $P = \omega \beta F_y A_{sc} = 1.26(1.16)(44)(24.0) = 1543 \text{ k}$



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### Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

- Design Example
  - Capacity-Limited Horizontal Seismic Load Effect,  $E_{cl}$
  - Brace Angle =  $37^\circ$

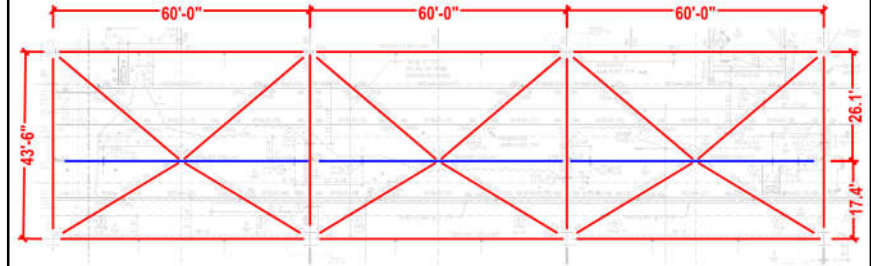
Tension Brace  
 $(1331) \cos 37 = 1063 \text{ k}$   
Compression Brace  
 $(1543) \cos 37 = 1232 \text{ k}$



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### Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

- Design Example



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### Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

- Design Example
- Simplifying Assumptions

Each support (braced frame) resists the same load

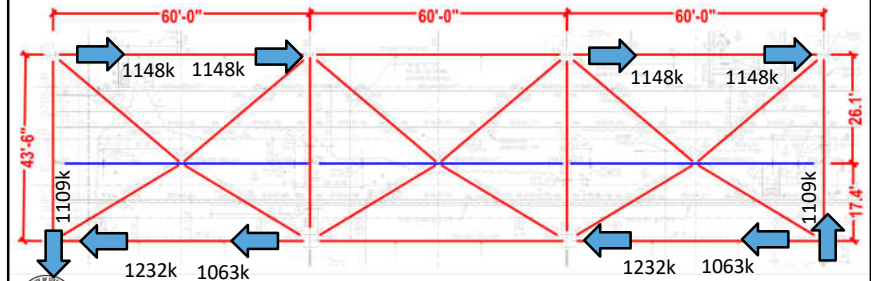
Each truss diagonal resists the same load



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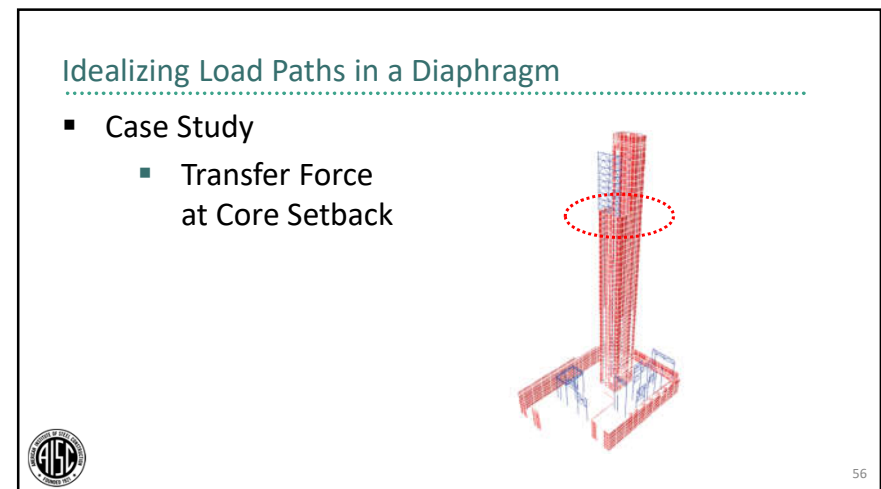
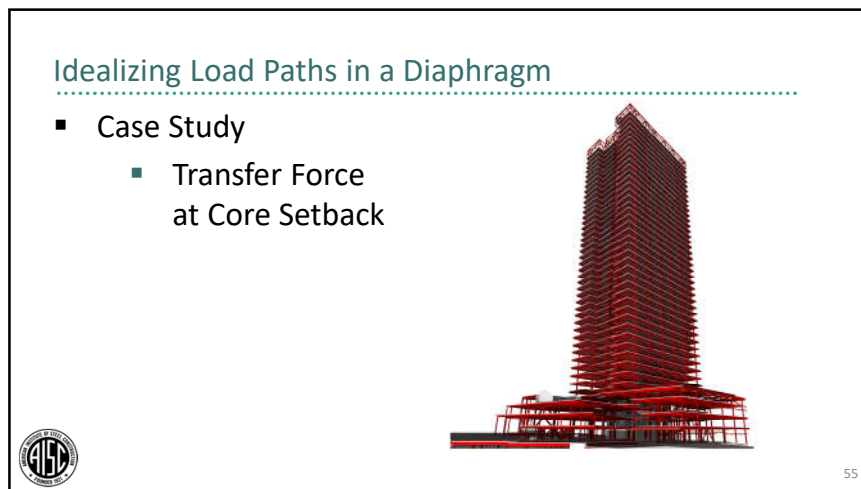
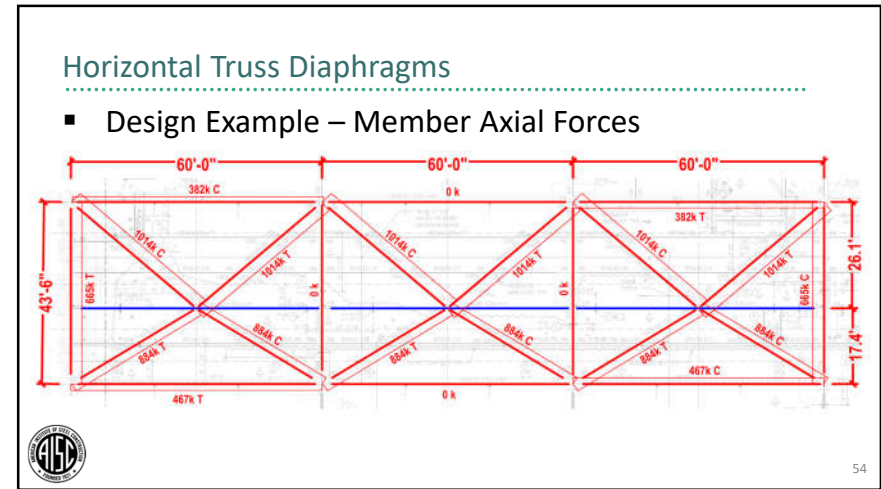
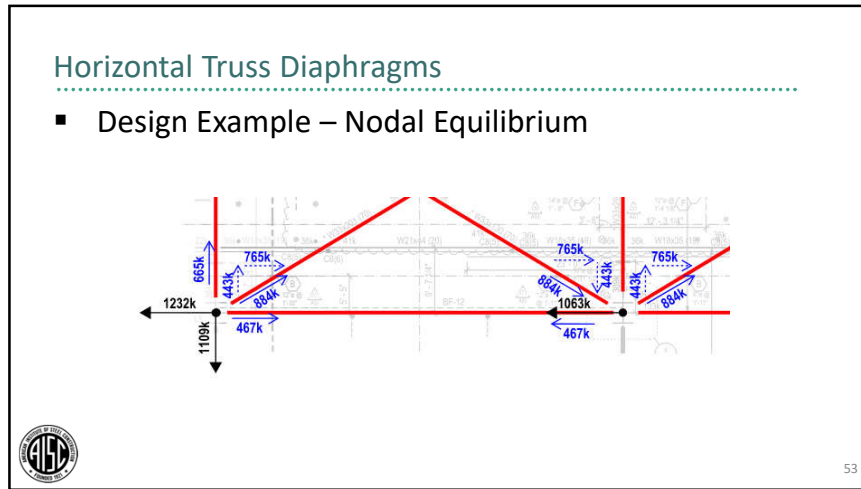
### Horizontal Truss Diaphragms

- Design Example – Free Body Diagram



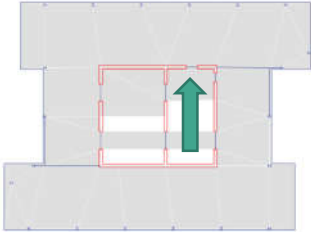
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### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm

- Case Study
  - Transfer Force at Core Setback



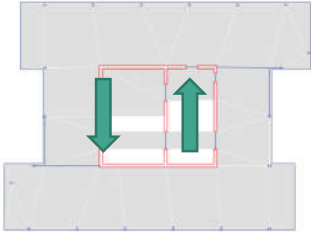
The diagram shows a cross-section of a core setback. A red rectangular outline highlights the core area. A single green arrow points upwards from the bottom of the core, indicating the direction of load transfer.




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### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm

- Case Study
  - Transfer Force at Core Setback



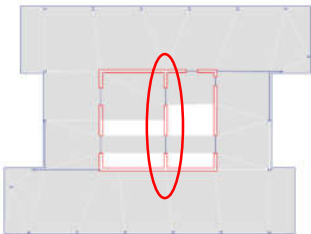
The diagram shows a cross-section of a core setback. A red rectangular outline highlights the core area. Two green arrows are shown: one pointing upwards from the bottom of the core and one pointing downwards from the top of the core, indicating the direction of load transfer.




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### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm

- Case Study
  - Transfer Force at Core Setback
  - 2,284 k!**




The diagram shows a cross-section of a core setback. A red oval highlights the core area, indicating the location of the transfer force.




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### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm

- Case Study
  - Transfer Force at Core Setback
  - 2,284 k!**



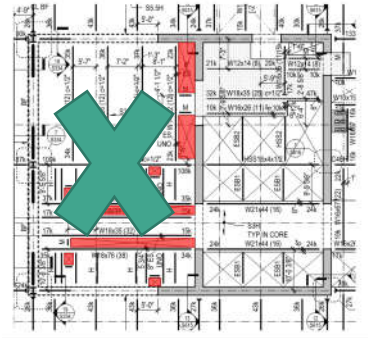
The diagram is a structural floor plan showing a typical core. Red highlights indicate the core area and the location of the transfer force.



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### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm

- Case Study
  - Transfer Force at Core Setback
  - No direct load path available



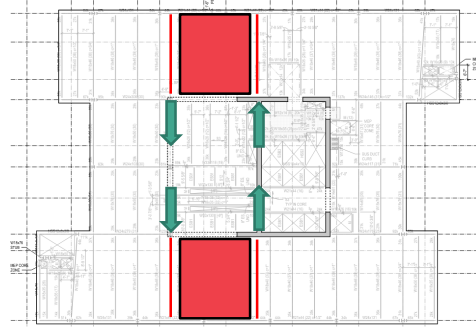
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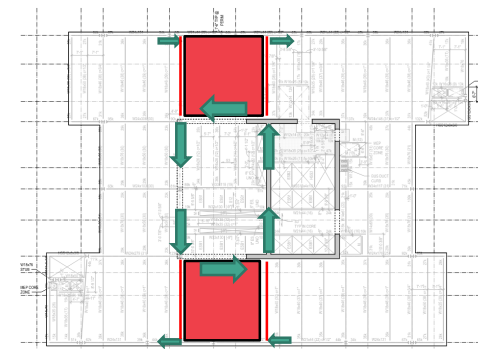
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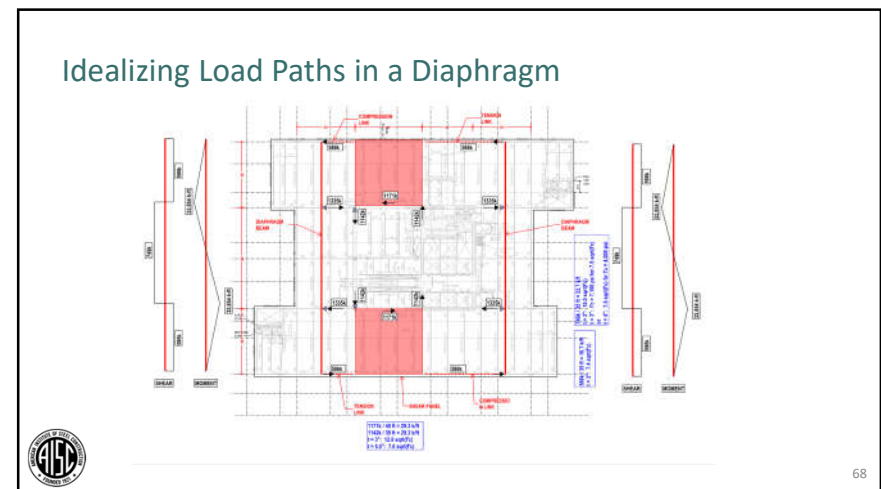
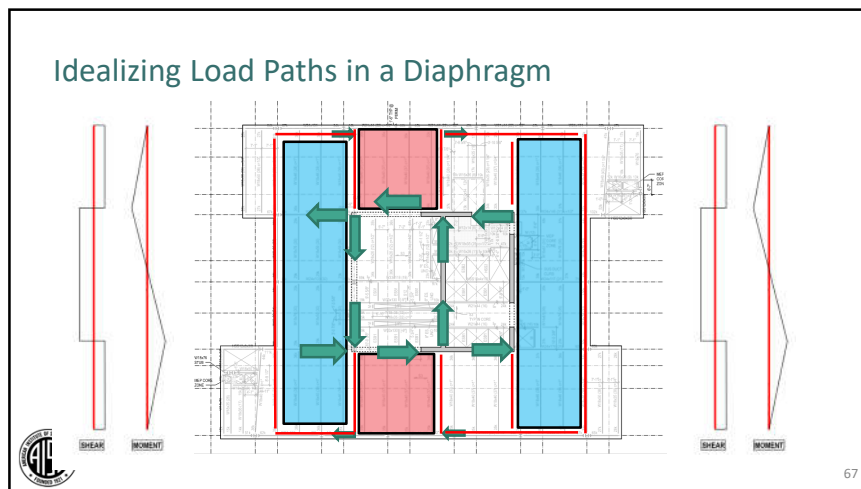
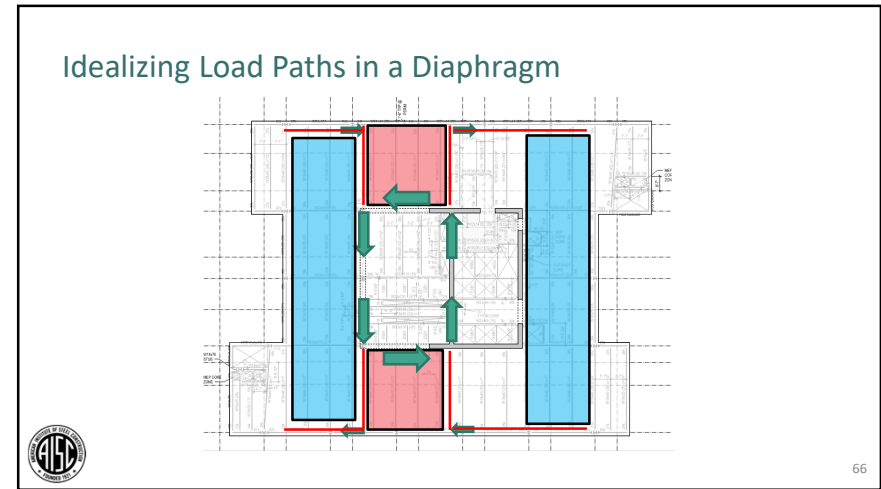
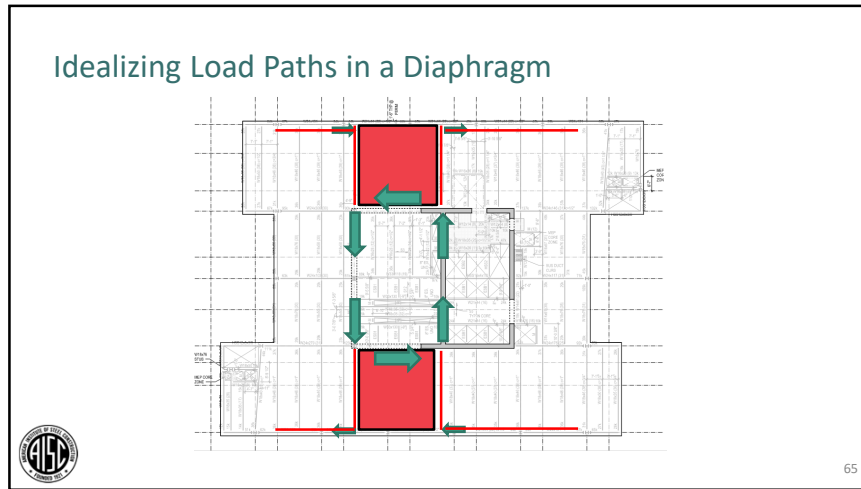
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### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm



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Uniform Shear Stress

$$\frac{1142k \times 40'}{39'} = 1171k$$

$$\frac{1142k}{39'} = \frac{1171k}{40'} = 29.3 \text{ k/ft}$$

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### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm

#### Diaphragm Shear Design

- 5-1/2" normal-weight concrete on 3" deck
- $f'_c = 6,000$  psi
- $F_y = 60$  ksi

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### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm

#### Diaphragm Shear Design

$$V_u = 29.3 \frac{k}{ft}$$

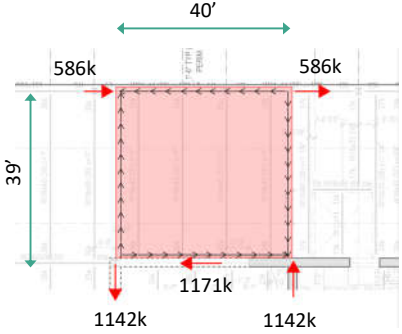
$$\phi V_n = \phi A_{cv} \left( 2 \sqrt{f'_c} + \rho f_y \right)$$

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### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm

Diaphragm Shear Design,  
Solve for  $\rho$  (ACI 318-14, Eq 12.5.3.3)

$$\phi V_n = \phi A_{cv} \left( 2\sqrt{f'_c} + \rho f_y \right)$$

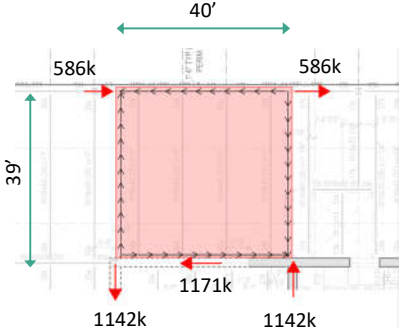
$$\rho = \frac{\frac{V_u}{\phi A_{cv}} - 2\sqrt{f'_c}}{f_y}$$


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### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm

Diaphragm Shear Design,  
Solve for  $\rho$  (ACI 318-14, Eq 12.5.3.3)

$$\phi V_n = \phi A_{cv} \left( 2\sqrt{f'_c} + \rho f_y \right)$$

$$\rho = \frac{\frac{29.3}{(0.75)(12)(5.5)} - 2\sqrt{6,000}/1000}{60} = .0073$$


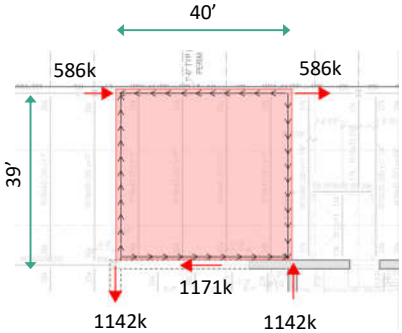
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### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm

Diaphragm Shear Design,  
Determine  $A_s$

$$A_s = \rho A_{cv} = .0073(12)(5.5) = 0.48 \text{ in}^2/\text{ft}$$

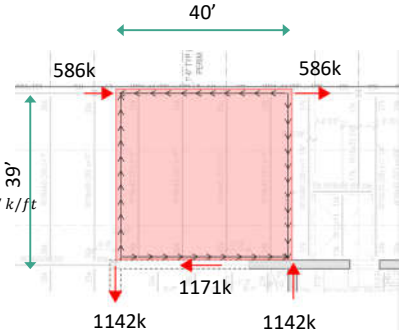
#5 @ 7-1/2" both directions above flutes



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### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm


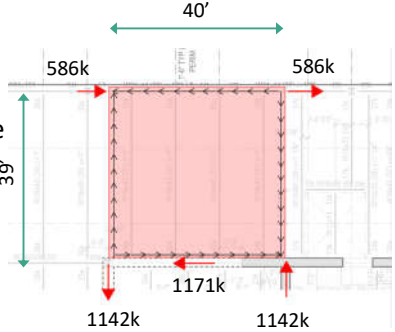
Diaphragm Shear Design,  
Check Upper Limit

$$V_u \leq \phi 8 A_{cv} \sqrt{f'_c} = .75(8)(12)(5.5)\sqrt{6000}/1000 = 30.7 \text{ k/ft}$$


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### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm

Shear friction connection to core

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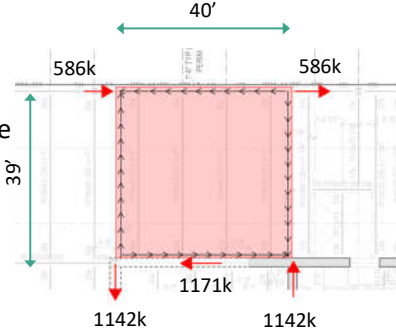
### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm

Shear friction connection to core

- ACI 318-14, Section 22.9

$$\phi V_n = \phi \mu \lambda A_{vf} f_y$$

Solve for  $A_{vf}$

$$A_{vf} = \frac{V_u}{\phi \mu \lambda f_y}$$


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### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm

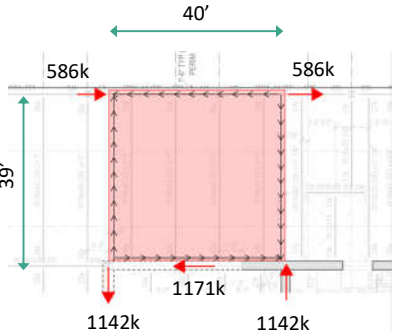
Shear friction connection to core

- Normal-weight concrete
- Intentionally roughened surface

$$A_{vf} = \frac{29.3}{0.75(1.0)(1.0)(60)}$$

$$A_{vf} = 0.65 \text{ in}^2/\text{ft}$$

#6 @ 8"



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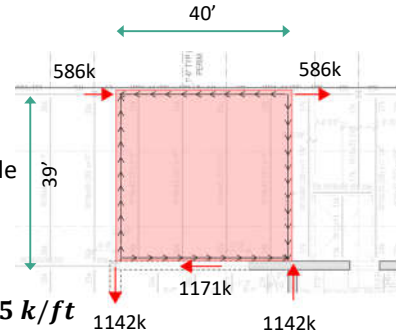
### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm

Shear friction connection to core

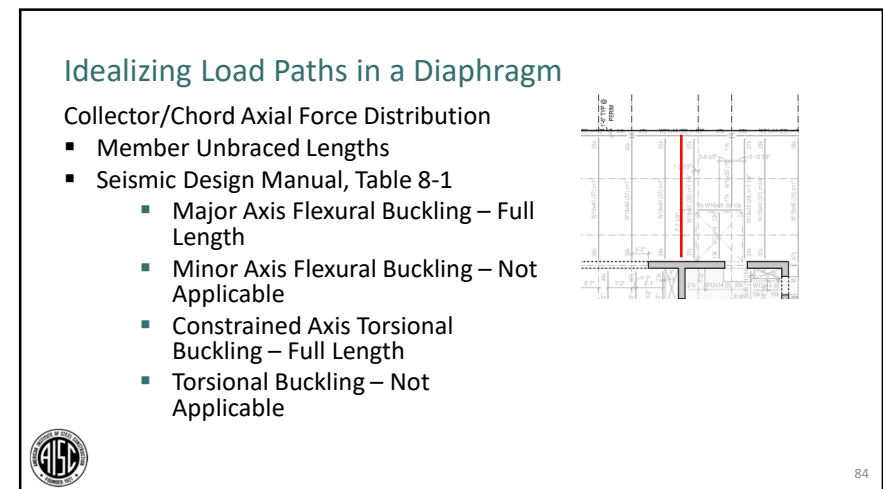
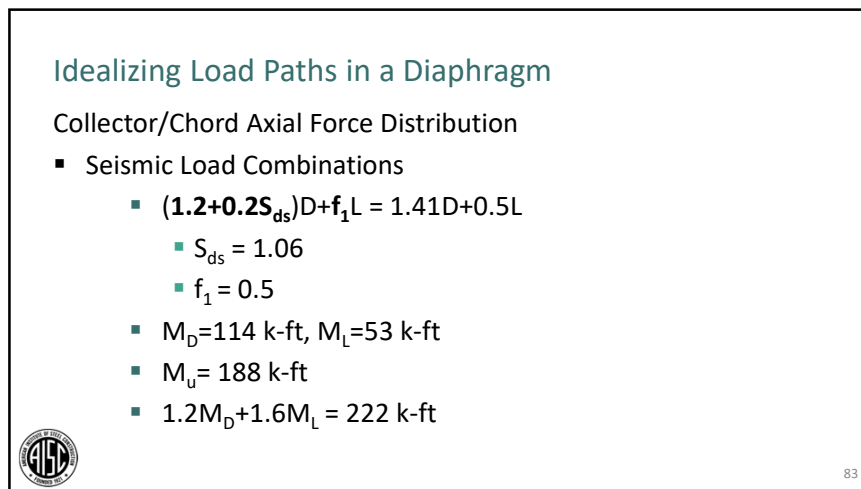
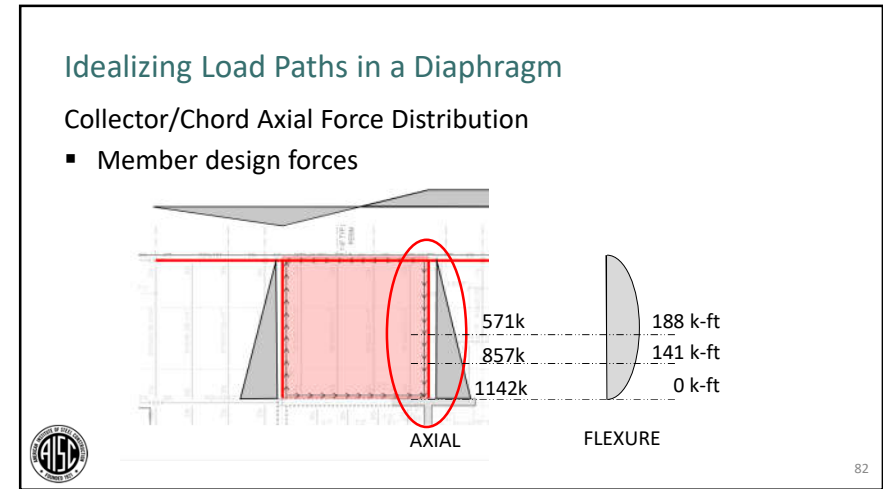
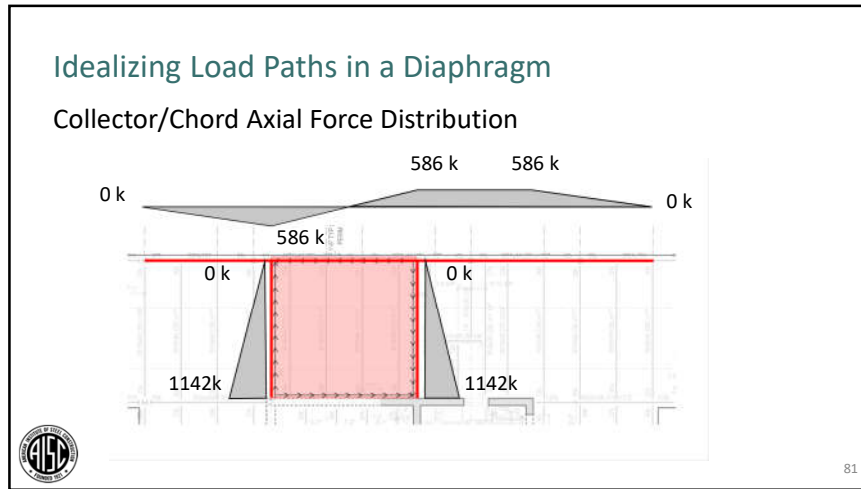
Check upper limit (ACI 318-14, Table 22.9.4.4)

$$\phi V_n = \phi 0.2 f'_c A_c = 59.4 \text{ k/ft}$$

$$\phi V_n = \phi (480 + 0.08 f'_c) A_c = 47.5 \text{ k/ft}$$

$$\phi V_n = \phi 1600 A_c = 79.2 \text{ k/ft}$$


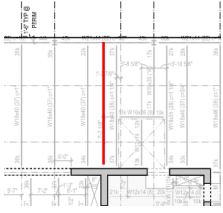
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### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm

Collector/Chord Axial Force Distribution

- Constrained Axis Torsional Buckling
- Seismic Design Manual, Eq 8-2



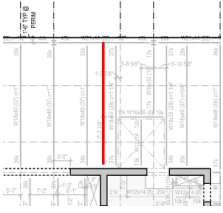
$$F_e = 0.9 \left[ \frac{\pi^2 E I_y (h_0^2 + d^2)}{4 L_{cz}^2} + GJ \right] \frac{1}{I_x + I_y + 0.25 A d^2}$$


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### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm


Collector/Chord Axial Force Distribution

- Constrained Axis Torsional Buckling
- W14x193,  $L_{cz} = 39' = 468 \text{ in}$



$$F_e = 0.9 \left[ \frac{\pi^2 (29000)(931)(14.1^2 + 15.5^2)}{(4)(468^2)} + (11200)(34.8) \right] \frac{1}{2400 + 931 + 0.25(56.8)(15.5)^2}$$

$$F_e = 0.9 [133542 + 389760] \frac{1}{6742.55}$$

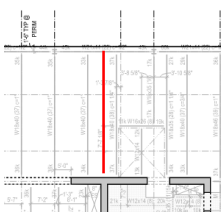
$$F_e = 69.9 \text{ ksi}$$


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### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm

Collector/Chord Axial Force Distribution


- Constrained Axis Torsional Buckling
- W14x193,  $L_{cz} = 39' = 468 \text{ in}$



$$F_e = 69.9 \text{ ksi}$$

$$\frac{F_y}{F_e} = 0.72 < 2.25$$

$$F_{cr} = 0.658^{.72} \times 50 = 37.1 \text{ ksi}$$

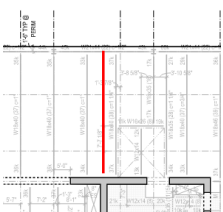
$$\phi P_n = 0.9(37.1)(56.8) = 1896 \text{ k}$$


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### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm

Collector/Chord Axial Force Distribution

- Strong-axis Flexural Buckling
- W14x193,  $L_x = 39' = 468 \text{ in}$ ,  $r_x = 6.50$




$$\frac{L_x}{r_x} = 72.0$$

$$\phi F_{cr} = 30.8 \text{ ksi}$$

$$\phi P_n = (30.8)(56.8) = 1749 \text{ k}$$

Controls



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### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm

Collector/Chord Axial Force Distribution

- Flexure (no LTB)
- W14x193

$\phi M_n = 1330 \text{ k-ft}$

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### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm

Collector/Chord Axial Force Distribution

- Interaction
- $\phi P_n = 1749 \text{ k}$
- $\phi M_n = 1330 \text{ k-ft}$

Location	Pu (k)	B <sub>x</sub> xMu (k-ft)	DCR
End	1142	0	.65
¼ Point	867	195	.63
Mid-Span	571	230	.48

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### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm

Collector/Chord Axial Force Distribution

- Connection axial design forces

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### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm

Collector/Chord Connection at Core

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### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm

#### Collector/Chord Connection at Core

### Idealizing Load Paths in a Diaphragm

#### Collector/Chord Connection at Core

### Putting It All Together

#### Case Study

- Combining Multiple Effects

### Putting It All Together

#### Case Study


- Two-story braces

### Putting It All Together

Nodal Floor

- Braces connect

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### Putting It All Together

Internodal Floor

- Braces bypass

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### Putting It All Together

Internodal Floor

- Relies on column bending


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### Putting It All Together

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### Putting It All Together

Internodal Floor

- Does not brace columns

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### Putting It All Together

Nodal Floor Loads

- Inertial loads

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### Putting It All Together

Nodal Floor Loads

- Transfer Loads from Internodal floors

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### Putting It All Together

Nodal Floor Loads

- Column bracing loads

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### Putting It All Together

#### Nodal Floor Design Considerations

- Combining Inertial Forces generated at multiple levels
  - Inertial Forces,  $F_{px}$ ? (ASCE 7, Chapter 12)
  - Transfer Forces,  $F_x$ ? (From analysis)



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### Putting It All Together

#### Nodal Floor Design Considerations

- Combining Inertial Forces generated at multiple levels with Column Stability Forces
  - Consider random directionality?
  - AISC 360-16, Appendix 6 Commentary



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### Putting It All Together

#### Nodal Floor Design Considerations

- Complete Load Path!
  - Provide a complete path for forces generated on internodal floor all the way to the lateral system



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