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Session 6: Steel Systems  
March 22, 2021 | Rafael Sabelli




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### Course Description

#### Steel Systems

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This lecture will cover steel systems used in building design. Moment frames and braced frames will be covered. The presentation will include moment-frame intended behavior and source of inelastic drift as well as moment-frame analysis issues. There will be background discussion of moment-frame connection testing and lessons learned after the Northridge earthquake. The currently prequalified moment connections will be covered. Braced-frame configurations will be presented. The session will discuss behavior of braced frames in earthquakes and in testing. Detailed treatment of brace behavior in tension and compression and the design issues for gusset plates will be covered. There will be a discussion of the behavior of beam-column-gusset connection assemblies at large drifts and related design approaches.






## Learning Objectives

- Describe moment frame intended behavior in seismic design.
- List the prequalified moment connections that are used in the design of steel framed structures.
- Describe braced frame intended behavior in seismic design.
- Explain post-elastic behavior of braced frames.

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## Course outline

1. Seismology and earthquake effects
2. Dynamics and response
3. Building dynamics and response
4. Steel behavior
5. System ductility and seismic design
- 6. Steel systems**
7. Building configuration
8. Building codes



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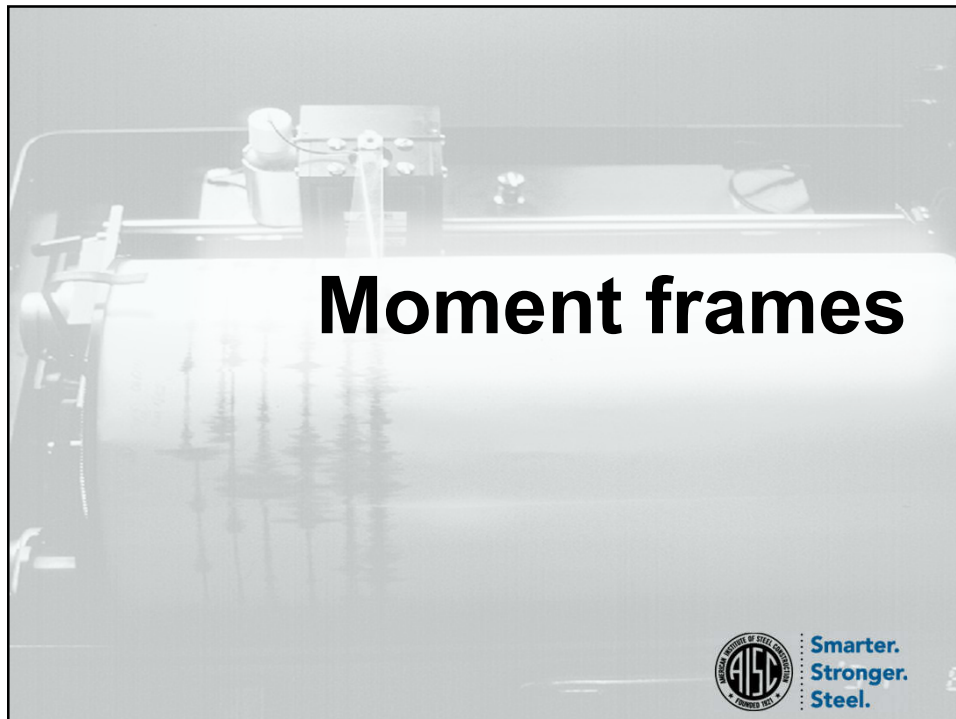
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## Session topics

- **Moment frames**
  - System
  - Beam analysis
  - Column analysis
  - Connections
- **Braced frames**
  - Elastic behavior
  - Post-elastic behavior
  - Plastic-mechanism analysis



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## Moment frames

- System
  - Lateral load resistance
  - Analysis
  - Ductility concept
  - Proportioning
- Members
  - Beam analysis
  - Column forces
- Connections



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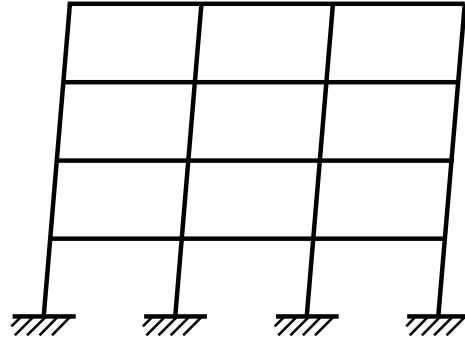
## Moment frames: System



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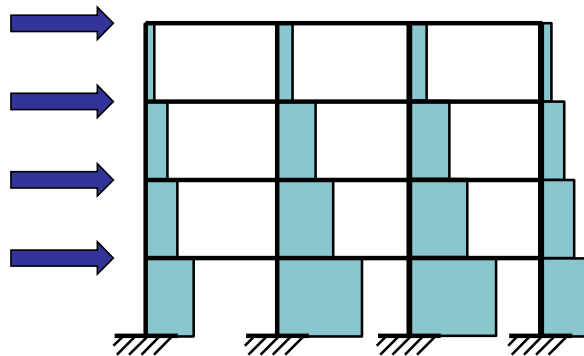
## Lateral load resistance

- Column shear
- Column moment
- Beam moment
- Beam shear
- Overturning



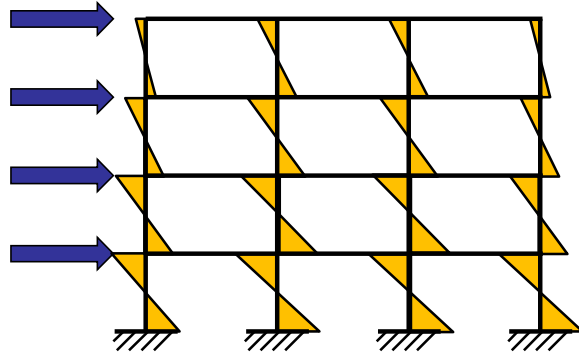
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## Column shear



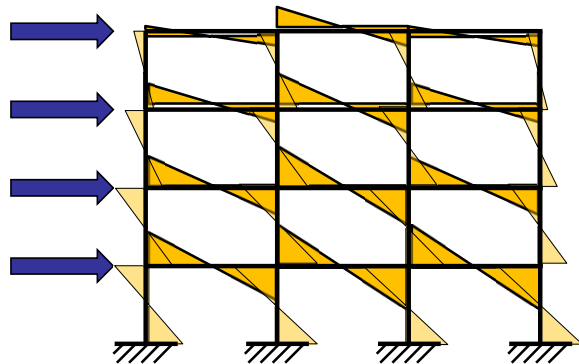
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## Column moment



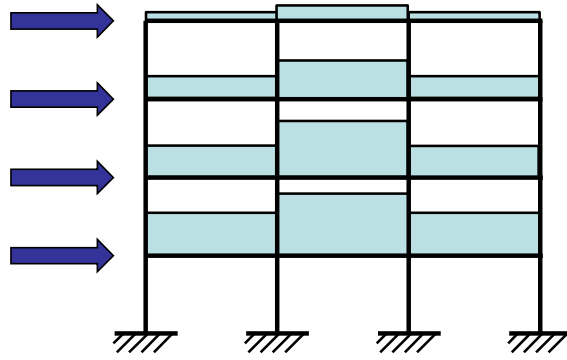
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## Beam moment



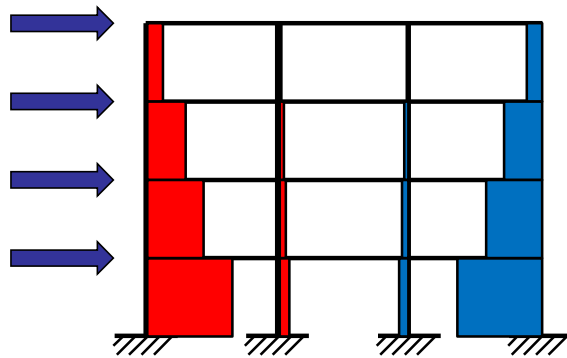
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## Beam shear



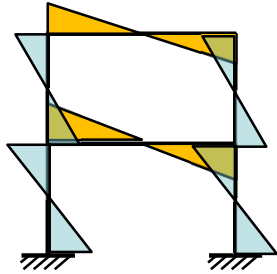
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## Overtuning

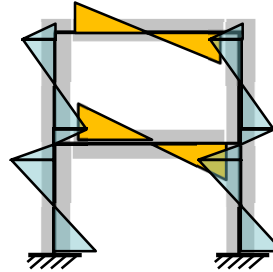


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## Moment detail



Centerline model



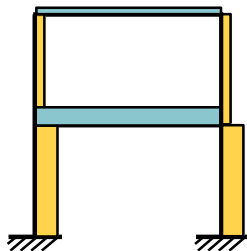
Model with member depth:

Beams stop short of centerlines  
Moment reversal in columns at connection  
High moment gradient in column at connection

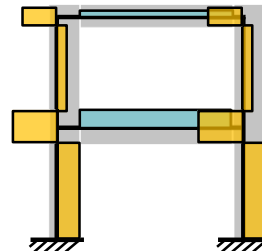


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## Shear detail



Centerline model



Model with member depth:

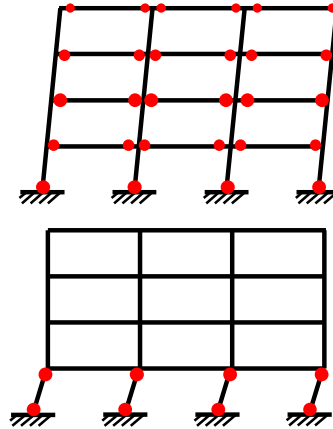
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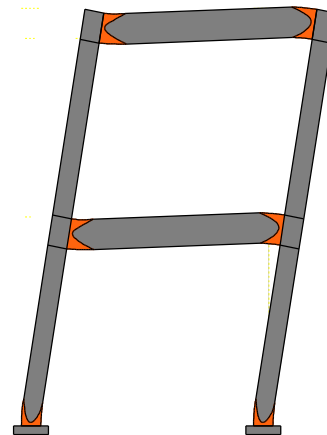
## Ductility concept

- Encourage
  - Flexural hinging in beams
- Avoid
  - Flexural yielding of columns



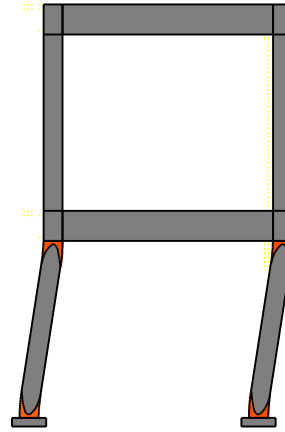
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## Plastic hinges in beams



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## Plastic hinges in columns

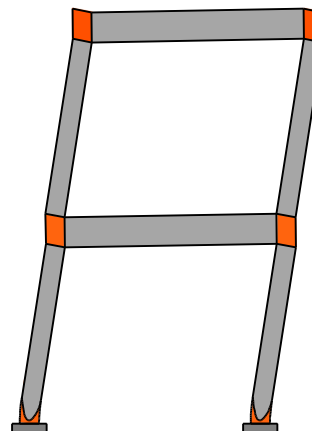


Potential for soft story collapse



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## Plastic hinges in panel zones



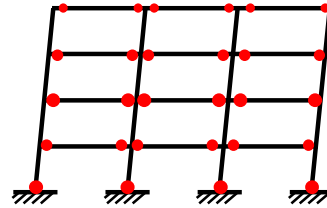
Potential for column distortion



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## Fuse concept

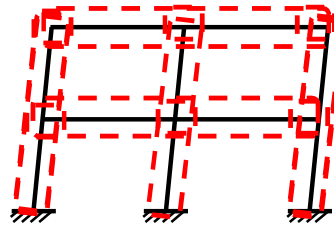
- Fuse
  - Beam flexural plastic hinges
- Proportioning
  - Derive seismic forces from beam hinges for:
    - Beam shear
    - Column
      - Shear
      - Flexure
      - Axial
      - Panel zone shear



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## Elastic analysis

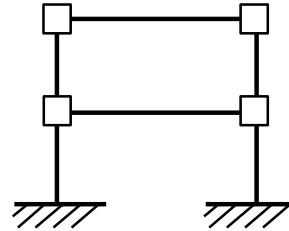
- Sources of flexibility
  - Axial deformations
    - Columns at bay ends
  - Flexural bending deformations
    - Beams and columns
  - Shear deformations
    - Typically only significant at connections
  - Connections
    - Panel-zone shear
    - Special connections (RBS)



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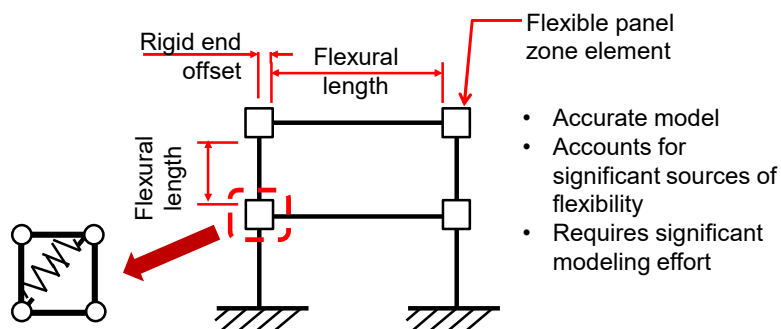
## Analysis

- Panel-zone shear
  - High shear in column web at connection
  - Shear deformation allows relative rotation of beam and column
  - Two ways of modeling
    - Explicitly model flexibility
    - Use extra beam and column flexibility to represent panel-zone flexibility



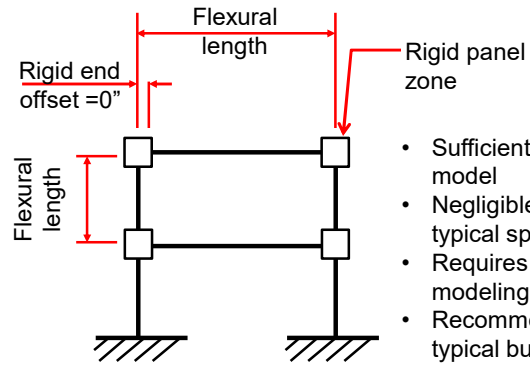
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## Panel zone model



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## Panel zone approximation



- Sufficiently accurate model
- Negligible error for typical spans
- Requires little modeling effort
- Recommended for typical buildings

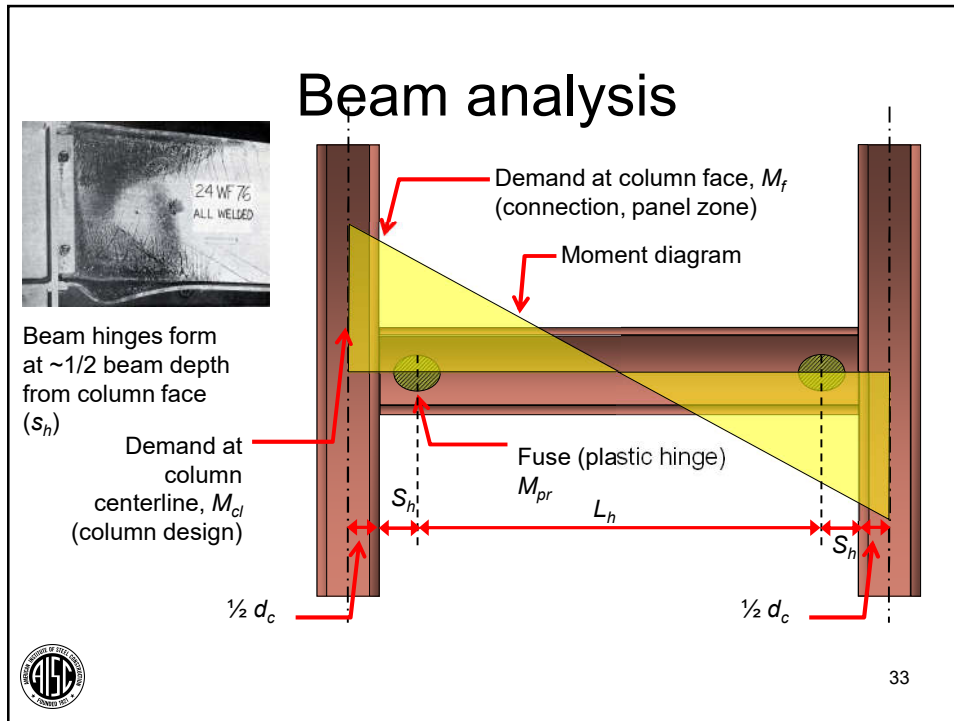


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## Moment frames: Beam analysis




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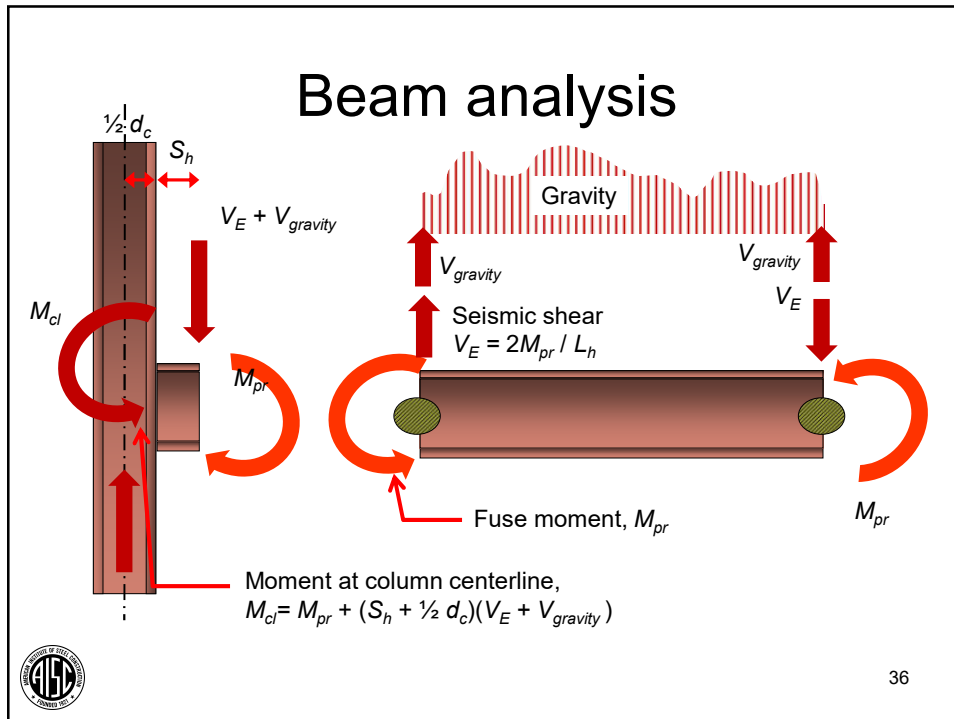
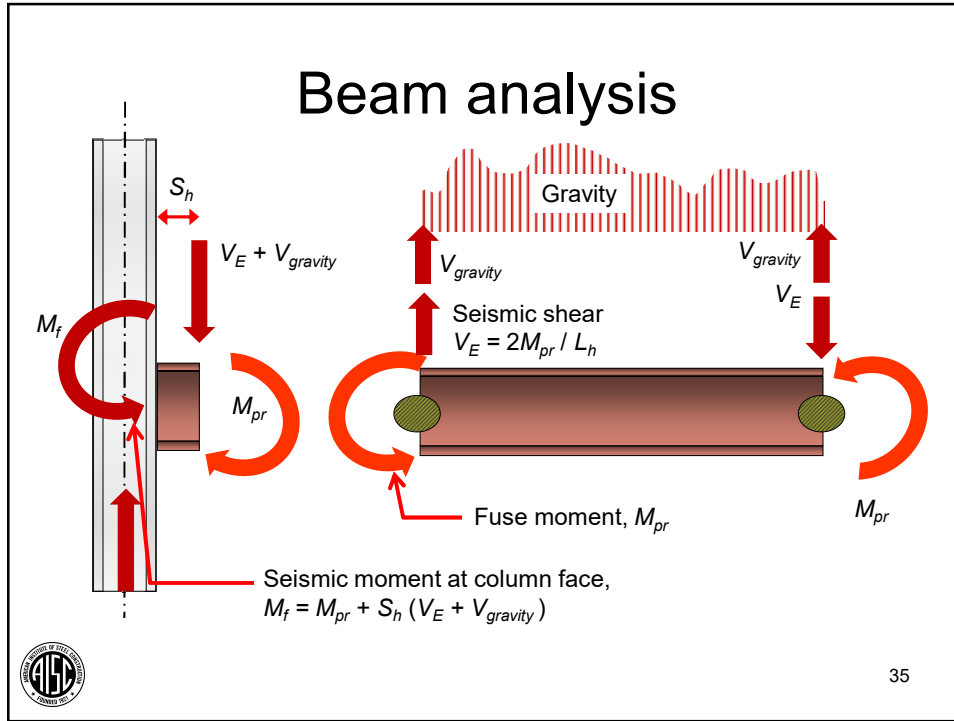


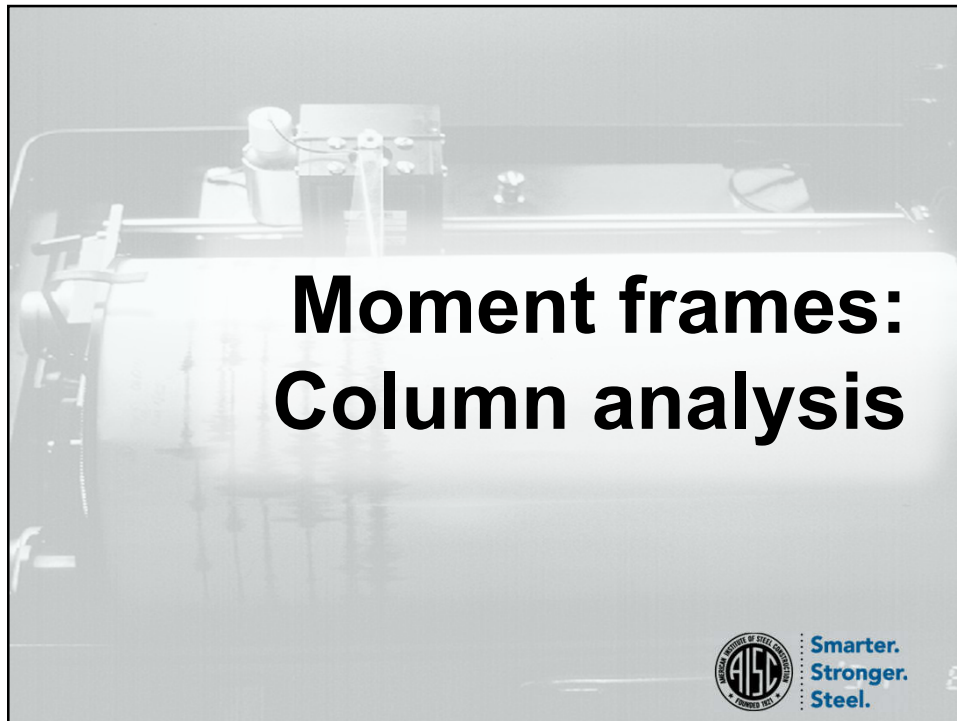
### Fuse moment

- $M_{pr} = C_{pr} R_y F_y Z_e$ 
  - $Z_e$  = plastic section modulus
  - $F_y$  = specified minimum yield strength
  - $R_y$  = factor representing material overstrength
  - $R_y F_y$  = expected yield strength
  - $C_{pr}$  = factor representing strain hardening (typically 1.15)



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# Moment frames: Column analysis

## Column analysis

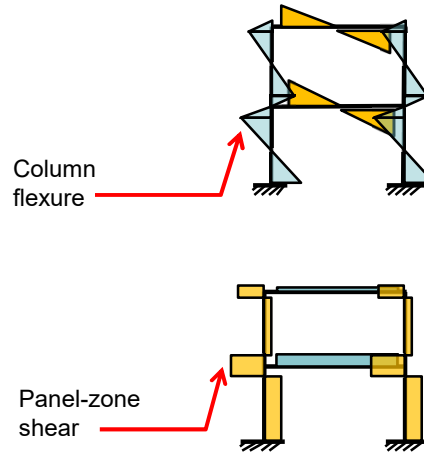
- Forces from beam analysis
  - Based on beam strength
- Strong-column/weak-beam analysis
  - Promote beam yielding over column yielding
- Panel-zone demands
  - Promote beam yielding over panel-zone yielding
- Column shear affects demands
  - Estimate using “portal frame”



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## Column analysis

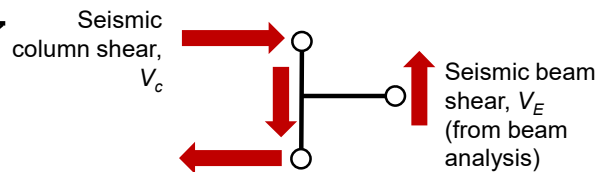
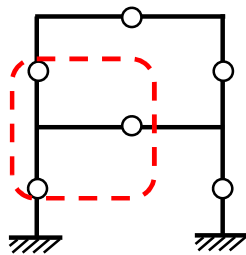
- Use beam capacity to determine:
  - Column flexure
  - Panel-zone shear
- Requires determining column shear
  - Corresponding to beam flexural strength



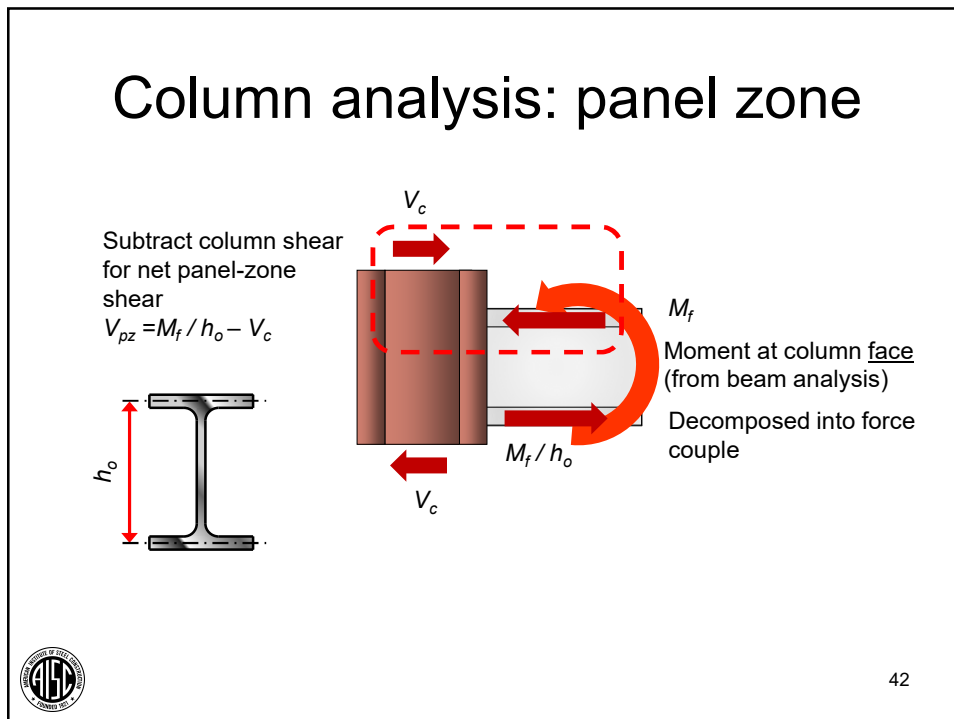
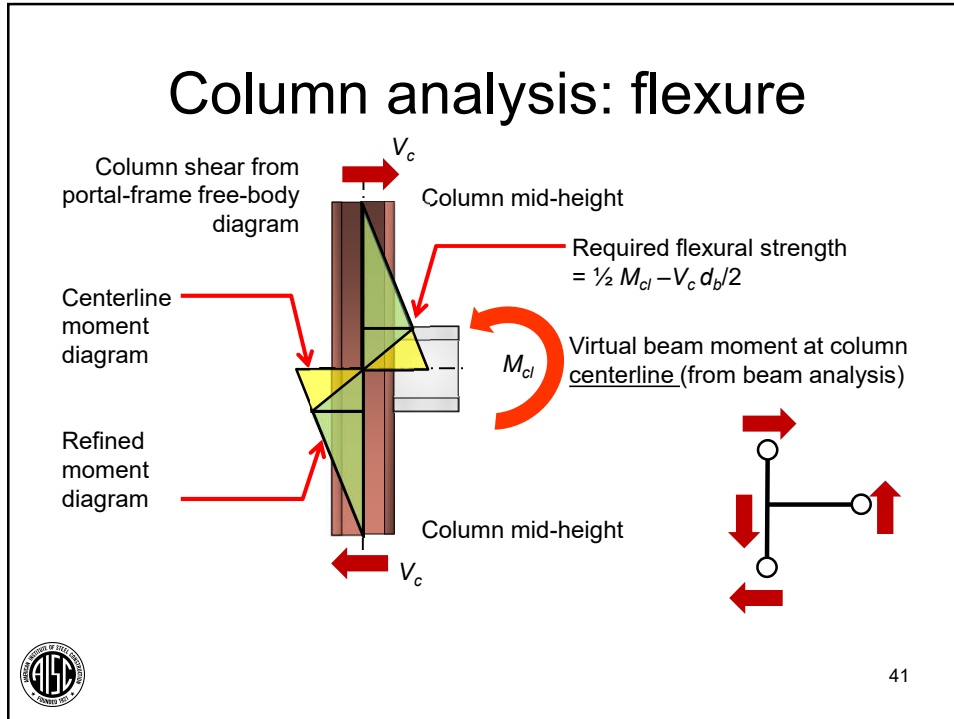
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## Column analysis

- Portal frame
  - Assume inflection points
    - Beam mid-span
    - Column mid-height
  - Determine shears and moments using free-body-diagrams



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## Panel zone strength

AISC 360 J10.6	Low axial force	High axial force
Panel zone deformation <u>not</u> modeled	$P_r \leq 0.4P_c$ $0.60F_y d_c t_w$	$P_r > 0.4P_c$ $0.60F_y d_c t_w \left( 1.4 - \frac{P_r}{P_c} \right)$
Panel zone deformation modeled	$P_r \leq 0.75P_c$ $0.60F_y d_c t_w \left( 1 + \frac{3b_{cf} t_{cf}^2}{d_b d_c t_w} \right)$	$P_r > 0.75P_c$ $0.60F_y d_c t_w \left( 1 + \frac{3b_{cf} t_{cf}^2}{d_b d_c t_w} \right) \left( 1.9 - \frac{1.2P_r}{P_c} \right)$



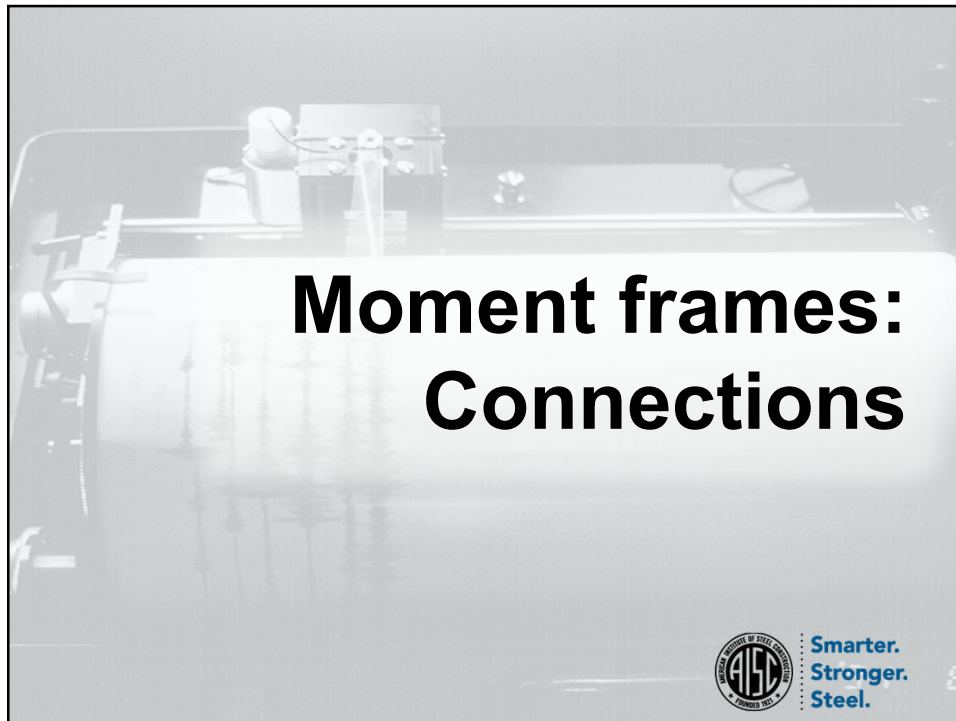
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## Panel zone strength

- Axial force
  - High axial force rare for moment-frame columns
- Panel zone deformations
  - Seismic panel zone shear demand is independent of panel zone modeling
    - Based on (beam) member strength
    - Unlike wind, stability
  - Panel zone (seismic) deformations required to be included (per codes)



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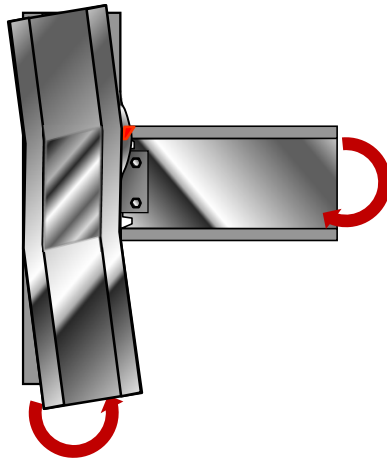


## Moment connections

- Design
- Construction
- Observed problems (Northridge)
- Current practice



## Connection limit States

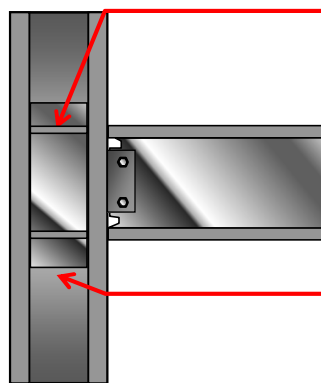


- Beam flange weld rupture
- Column flange bending
- Column web yielding
- Column web crippling
- Column panel-zone shear
- (Beam shear connection)



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## Connection limit States



Continuity plates (stiffeners)  
increase capacity for:  
Flange bending  
Web local yielding  
Web crippling

Doubler plates  
increase capacity for:  
Web local yielding  
Web crippling  
Panel-zone shear



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## Connection construction



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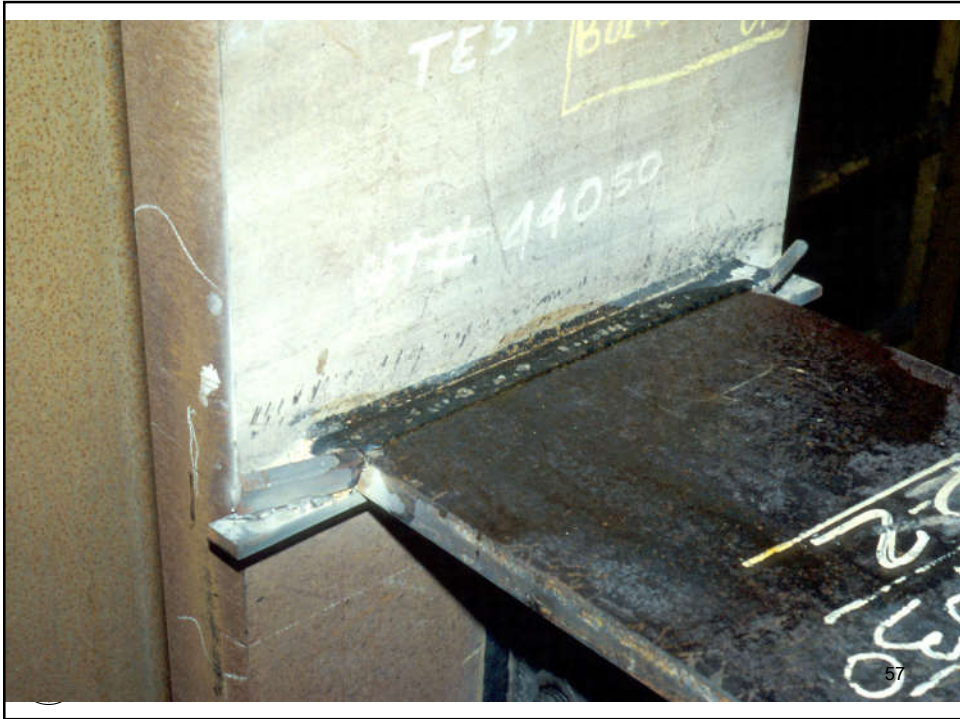


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## Northridge earthquake

- Good performance of steel buildings
- Some unexpected damage to welded steel moment frames
- Some construction defects discovered



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## Northridge Moment Connection Damage

- Typical damage: bottom flange weld fracture
  - Or in adjacent base metal
- Little or no ductility
- FEMA funded SAC Joint venture
  - SEAOC, ATC, CUREE
  - Investigation of causes
  - Development of procedures



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## Northridge Moment Connection Damage

- High strain at beam flange groove welds
- Inadequate participation of beam web
- Effect of weld access hole
- Effect of column flange bending
- Materials
- Welding techniques



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## Lack of web participation

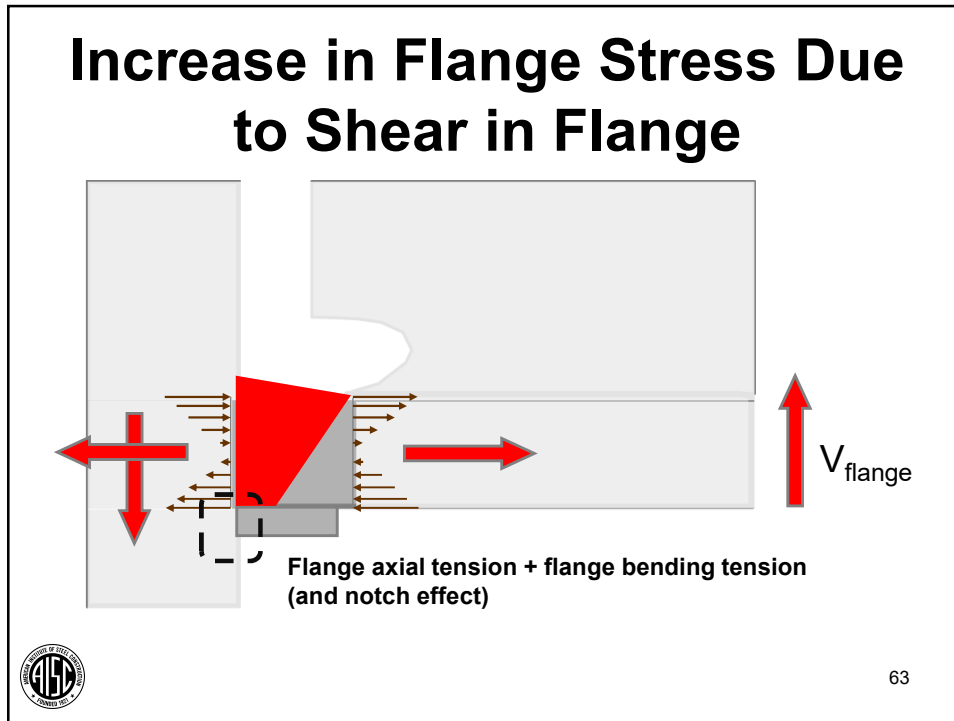


Bolted connection  
too flexible

Flexural stresses  
concentrate in  
flange



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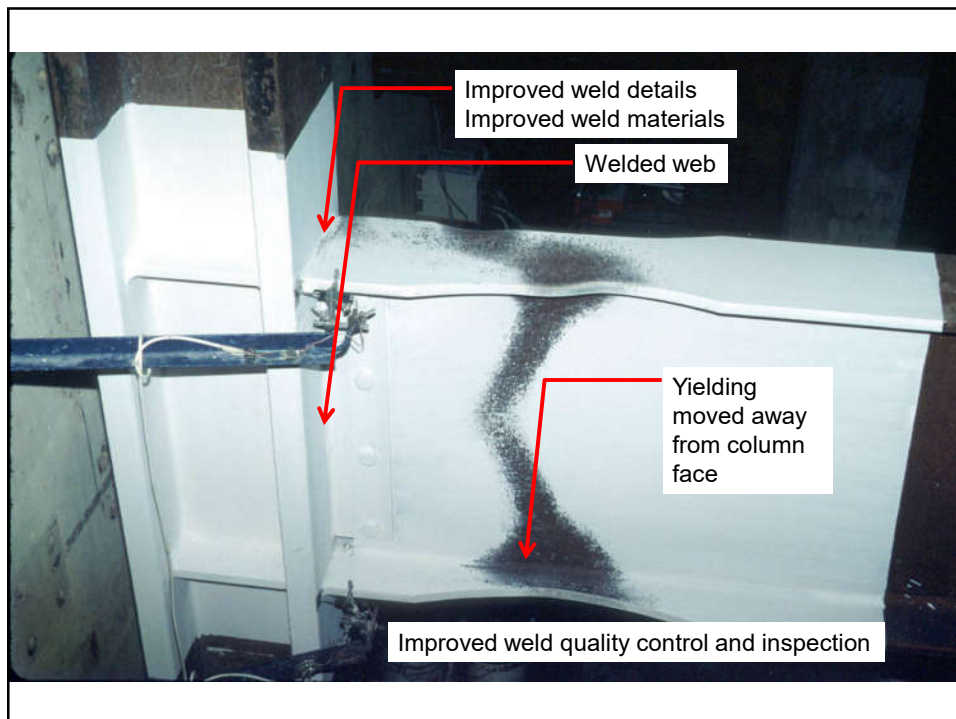


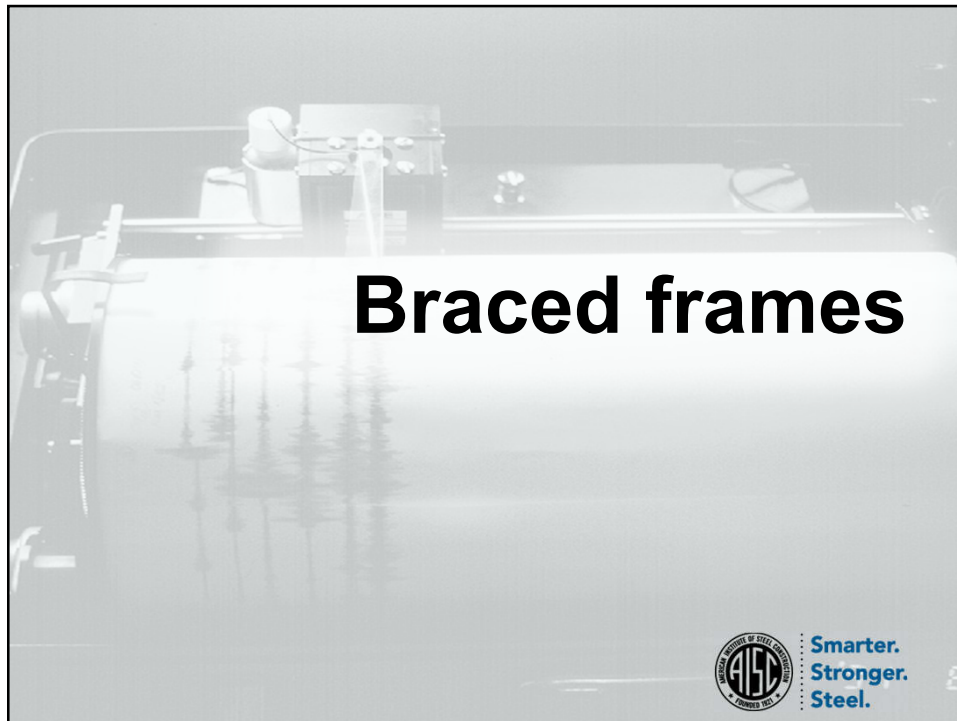
## Current practice

- Move hinge away from column face
- Weld beam web
- Improve weld access hole to relieve restraint
- Reinforce or remove backing
- Use tough materials
- Improved welding techniques



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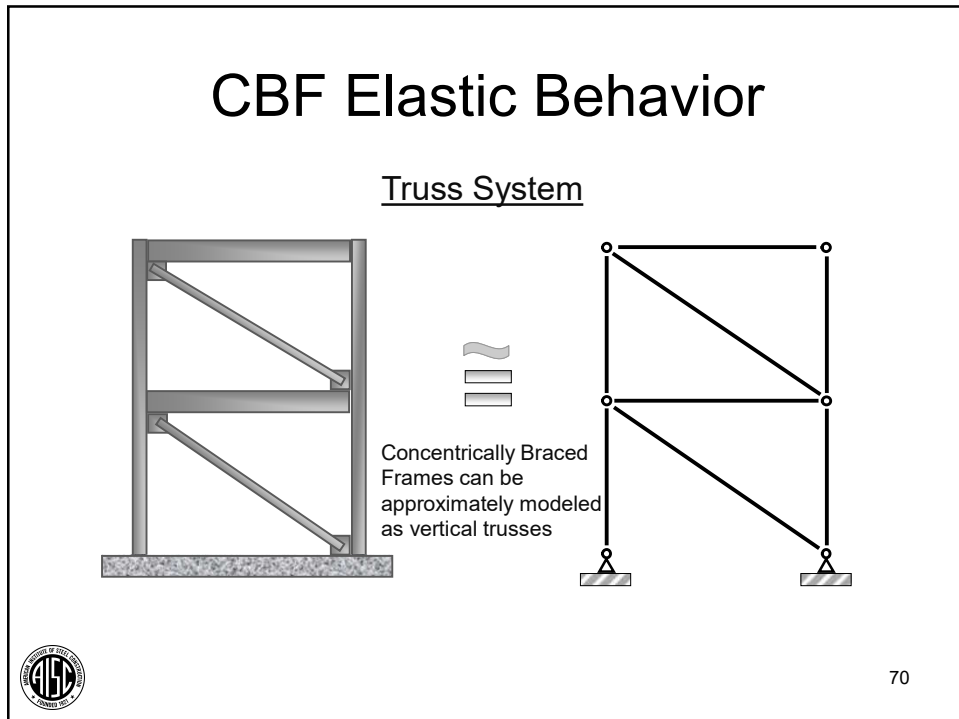
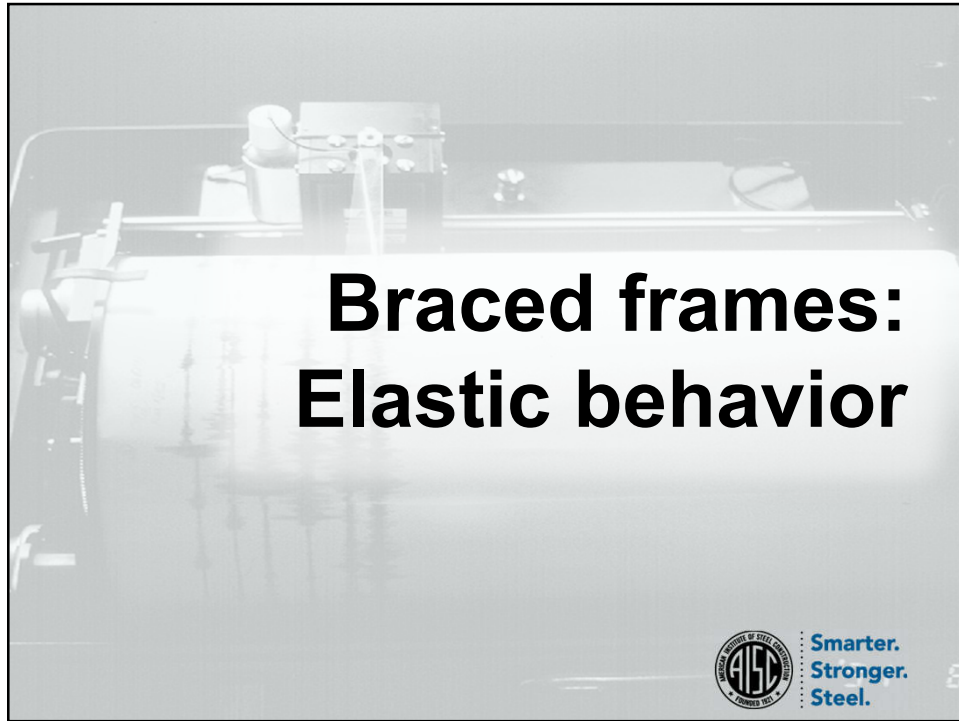


## Braced frames

- Elastic behavior
- Post-elastic behavior
- Plastic mechanism

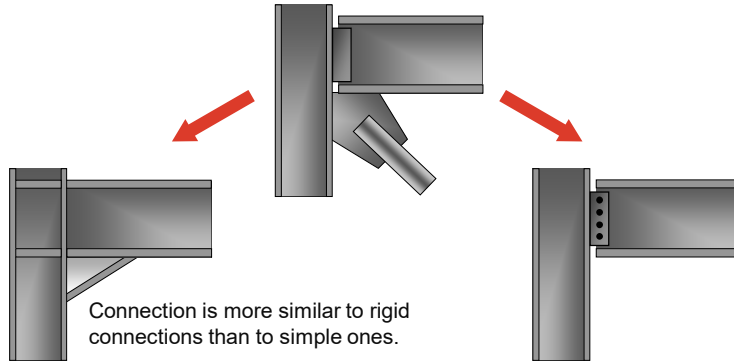


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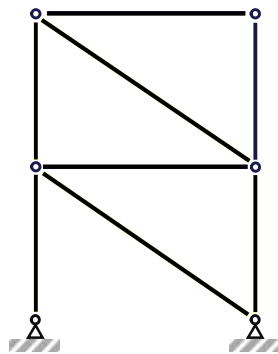
## CBF Elastic Behavior

Flexure: Connection Fixity



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## CBF Elastic Behavior



Shear

Braces resist shear.

Overturning

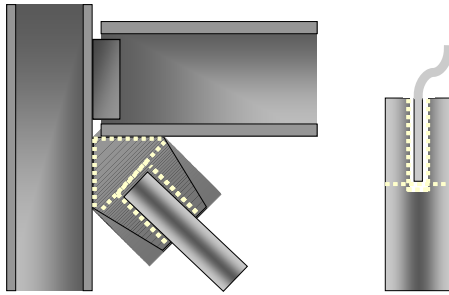
Overturning forces are delivered to columns and base.



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## Connection limit states

### Connections: Brace End



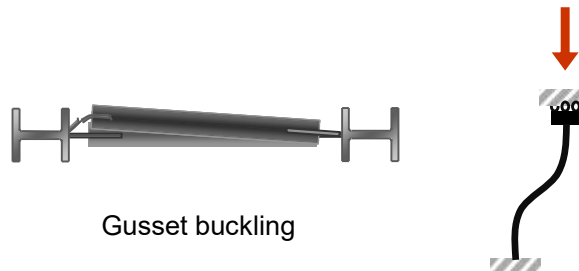
- Brace net section fracture
- Brace block shear fracture
- Brace-to-gusset weld fracture
- Gusset block shear fracture
- Gusset tension yield or fracture
- Gusset or weld failure at column
- Gusset or weld failure at beam
- Gusset buckling



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## Connection limit states

### Connections: Brace End



Gusset buckling



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## Brace Fracture



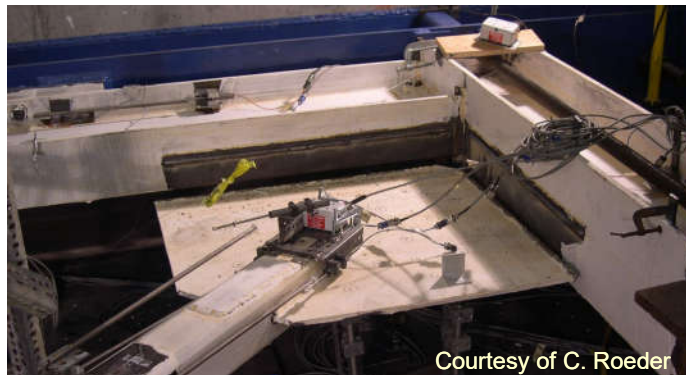
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## Post-Elastic Behavior

Unfavorable Modes: Connection Fracture



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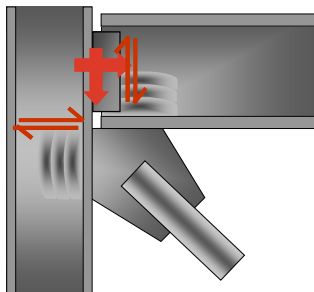
## Connection Instability



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## Connection limit States

### Connections: Brace End



- Column web yielding
- Column web crippling
- Column web shear
- Beam web yielding, crippling, shear
- Beam-column connection, shear
- Beam-column connection, axial



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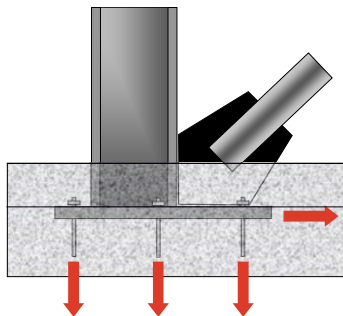
## Beam Instability



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## Base-plate limit states

### Connections: Base Plate



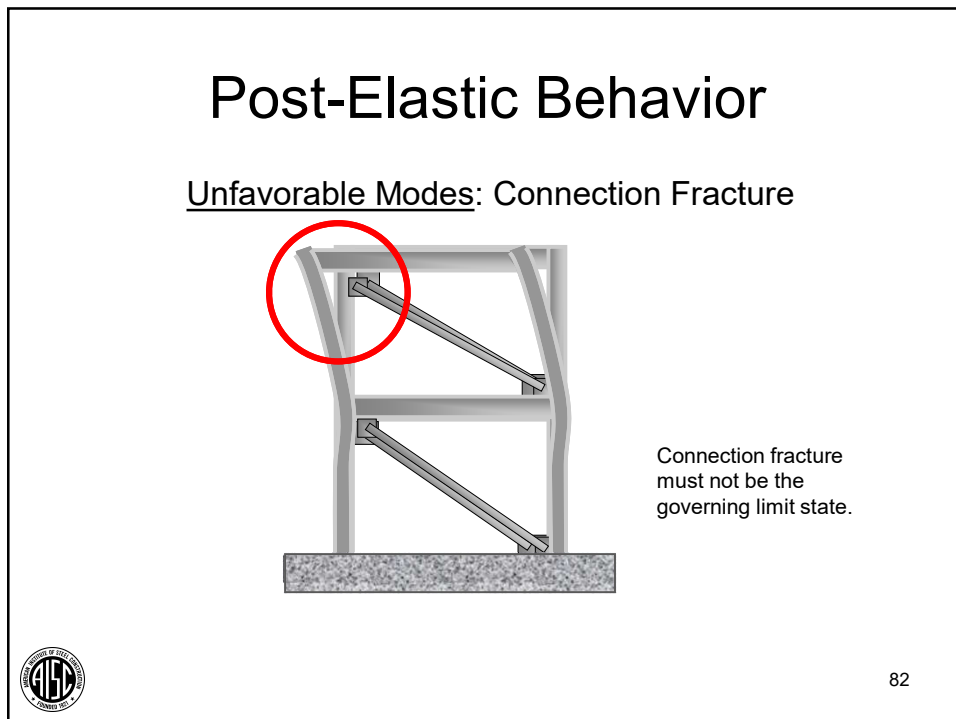
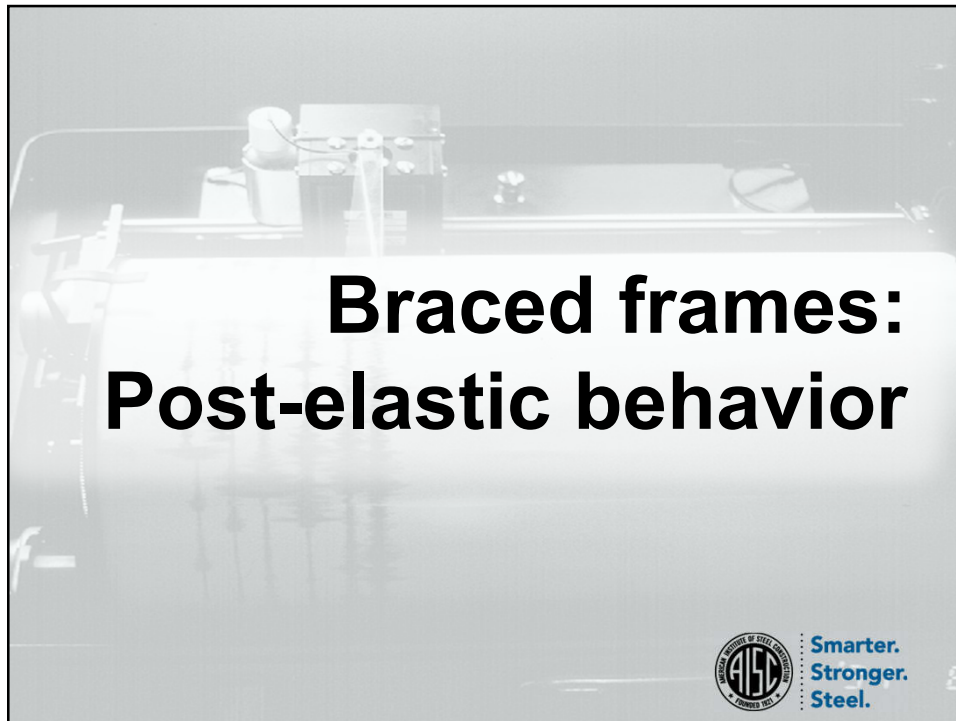
Shear

Tension

Resistance to horizontal and vertical force components must be provided. Different mechanisms (with different limit states) can be used.

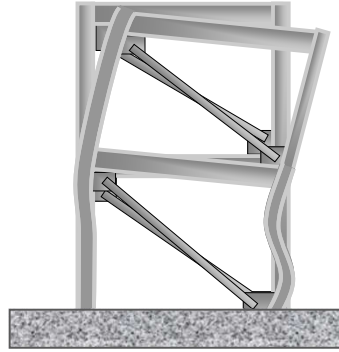


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## Post-Elastic Behavior

Unfavorable Modes: Column Buckling



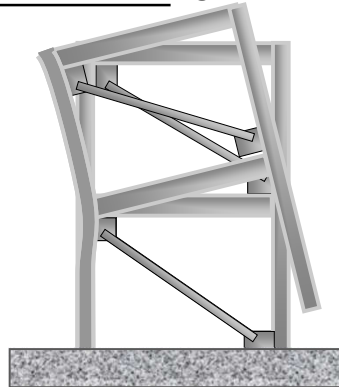
Column buckling must not be the governing limit state.



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## Post-Elastic Behavior

Unfavorable Modes: Column Tension Fracture



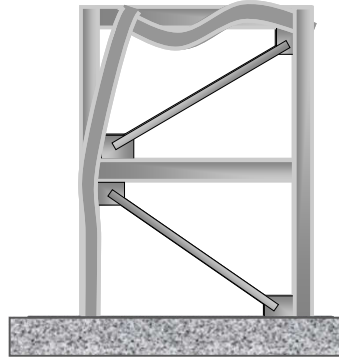
Column tension fracture must not be the governing limit state.



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## Post-Elastic Behavior

### Unfavorable Modes: Beam Failure



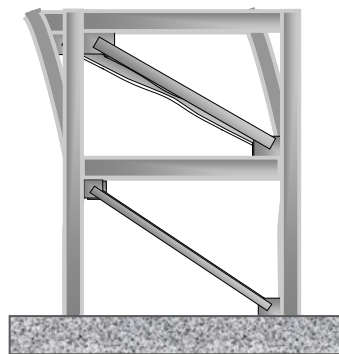
Beam failure must not be the governing limit state.



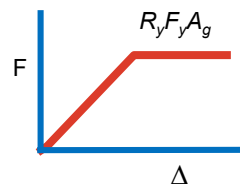
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## Post-Elastic Behavior

### Preferred Modes: Brace Tension Yielding



Brace yielding should be a governing limit state.



Consider maximum effects due to brace force ( $R_y F_y A_g$ )



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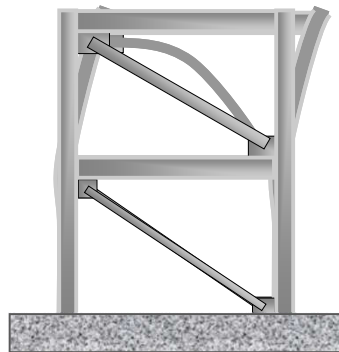
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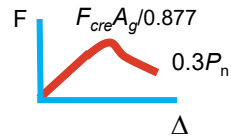
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## Post-Elastic Behavior

### Preferred Modes: Brace Buckling



Brace buckling should be a governing limit state.



Consider maximum effects due to brace force (sometimes  $P = R_y P_n$ , sometimes  $P = 0.3 P_n$ )



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## Brace Buckling

Flexural buckling (Compression)

Buckling: 3 hinges


Pinned end

Fixed end




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## Brace Buckling



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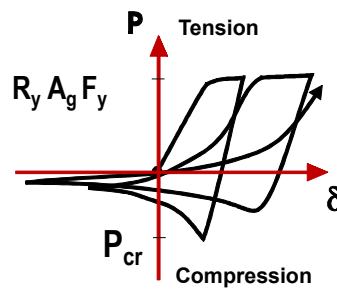
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## Brace Buckling: Effect on Other Elements



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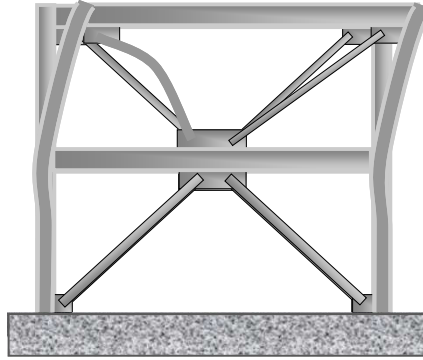
## Brace cyclic behavior



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## System Behavior with Brace Yielding

### Column Flexure



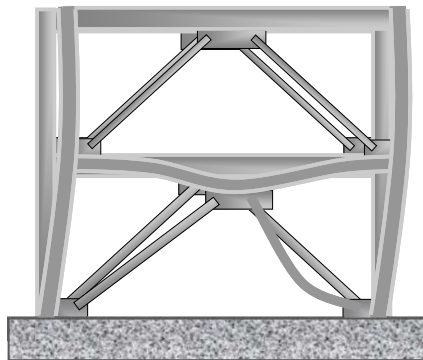
Columns must bend when braces buckle and yield.



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## System Behavior with Brace Yielding

### Beam Flexure

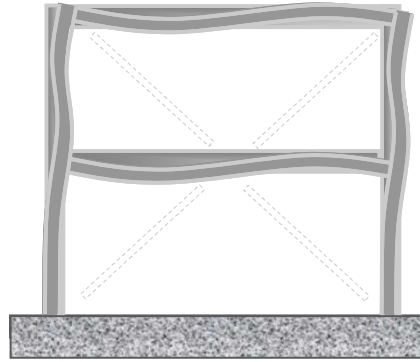


Brace buckling and yielding induce flexural forces in beams in this configuration.



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## Frame Participation



Flexural forces are induced in rigidly-connected columns and beams due to drift.



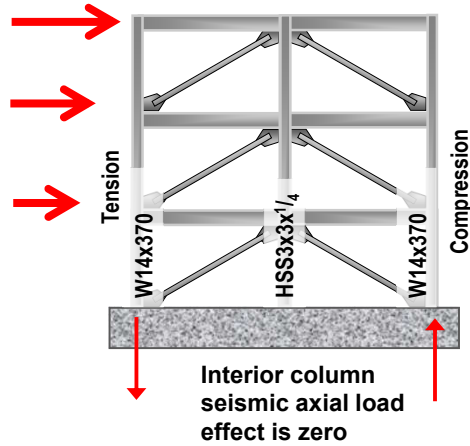
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## Braced frames: Plastic mechanism analysis



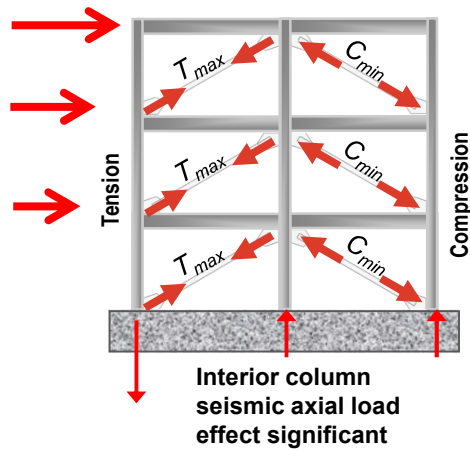
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## What elastic analysis misses

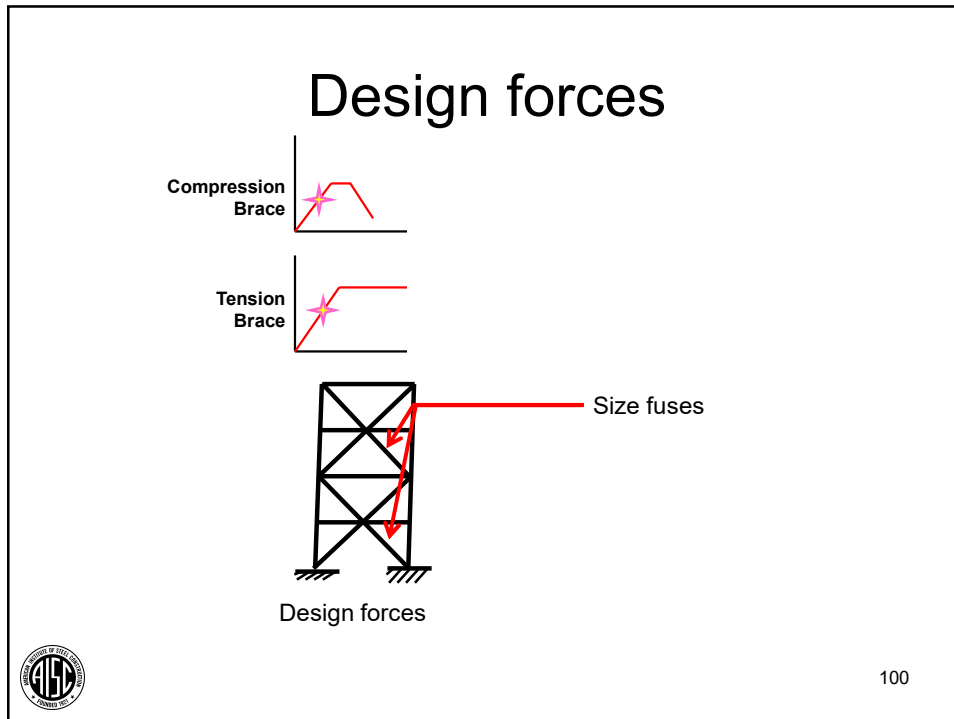
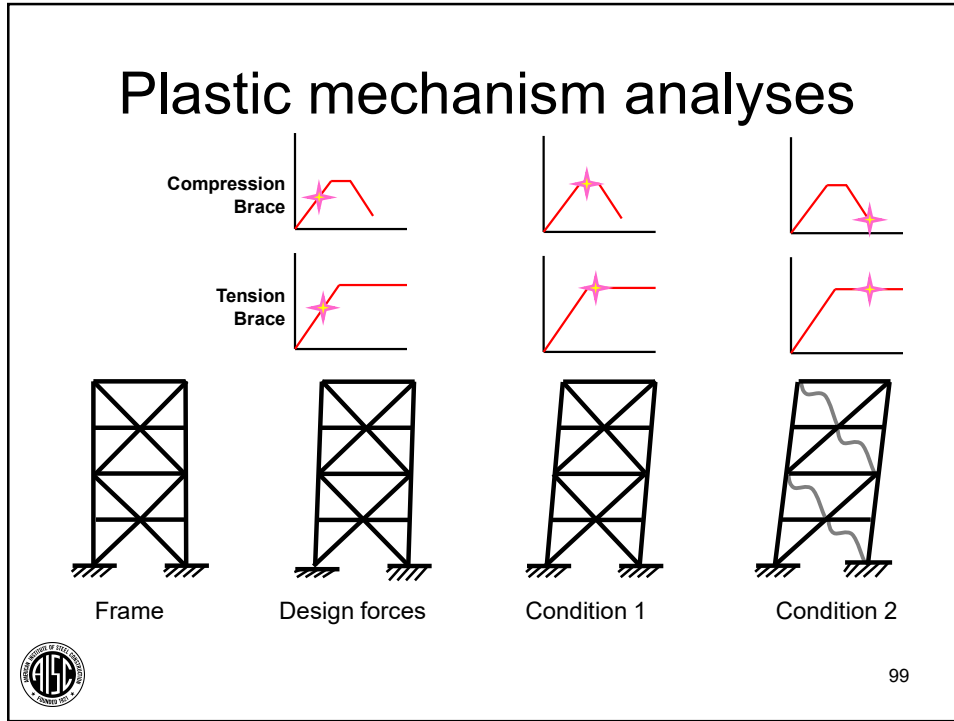


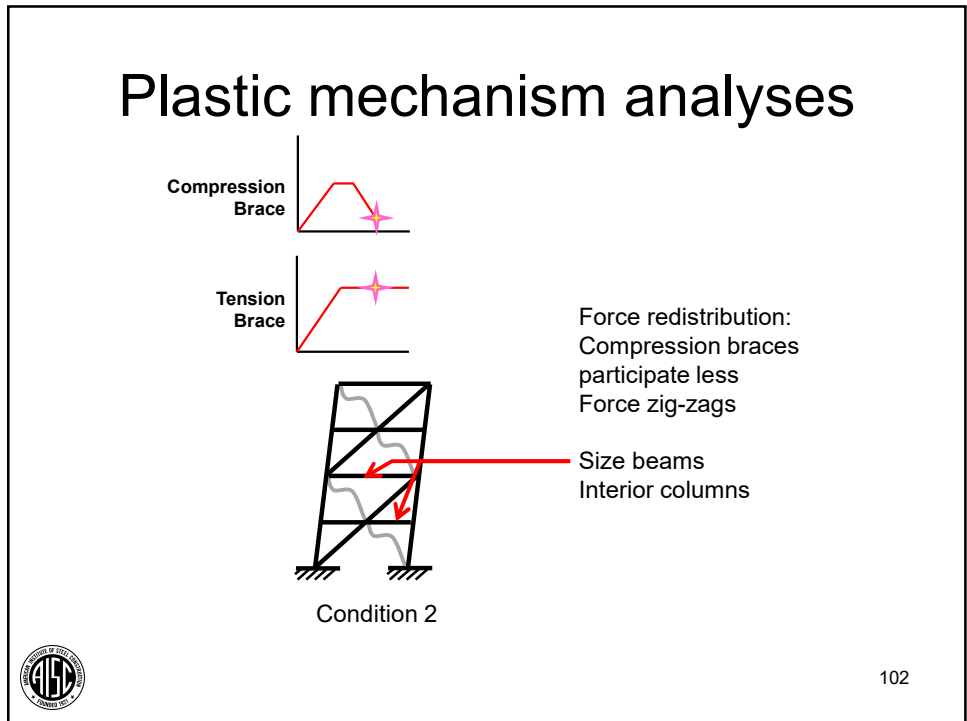
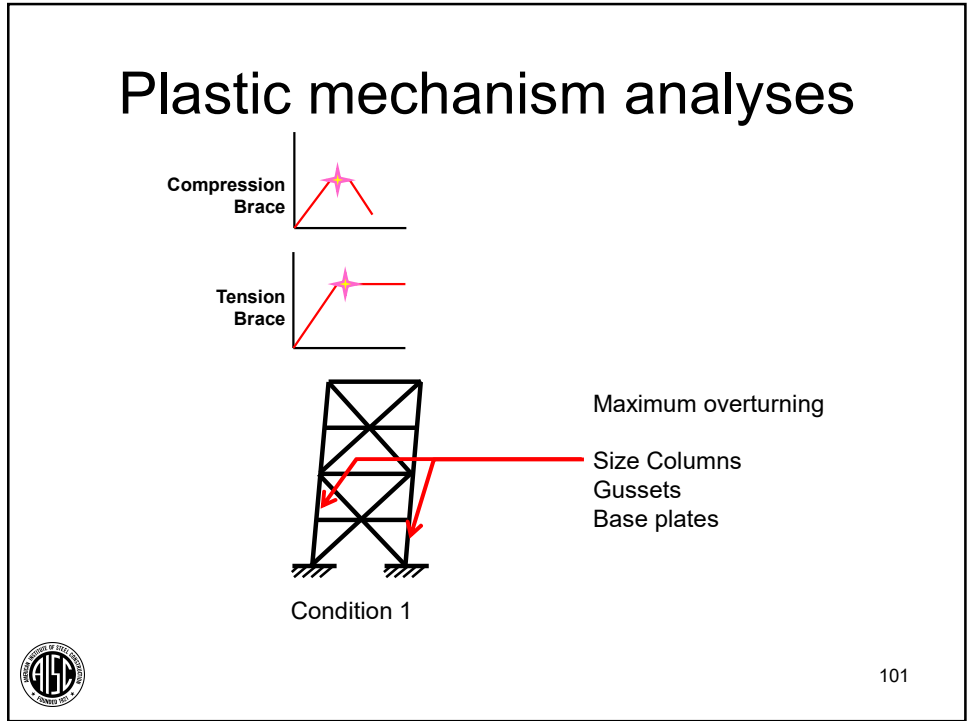
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## What elastic analysis misses



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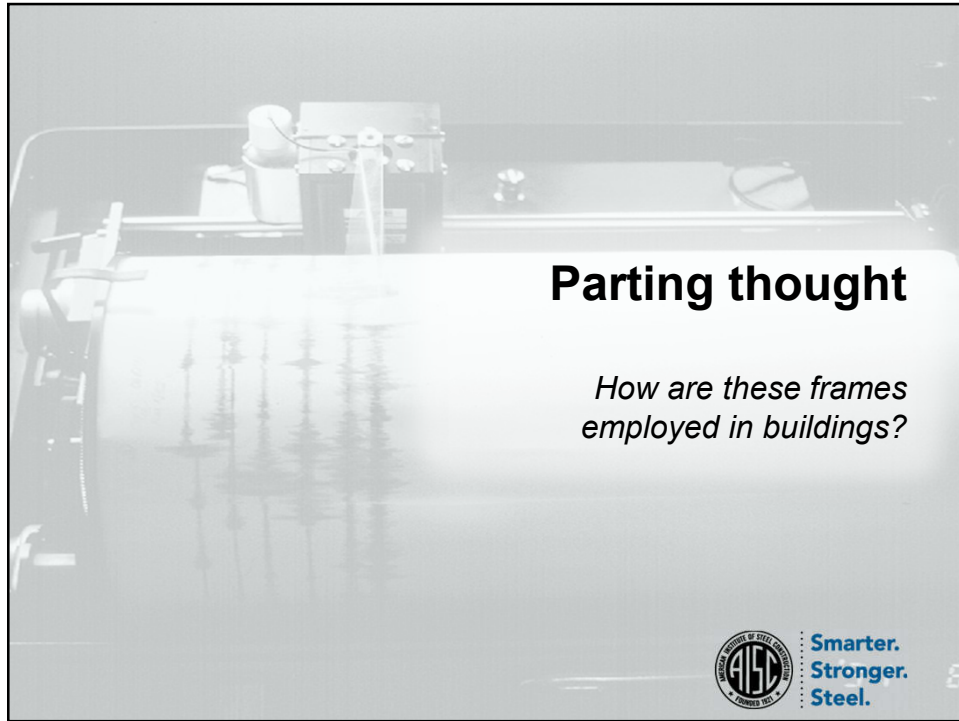


## Summary

- Moment-frame ductility stems from beam yielding
- Braced-frame ductility stems from brace buckling and yielding
- Capacity-design procedures allow proper proportioning to ensure ductile behavior




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**Parting thought**

*How are these frames employed in buildings?*

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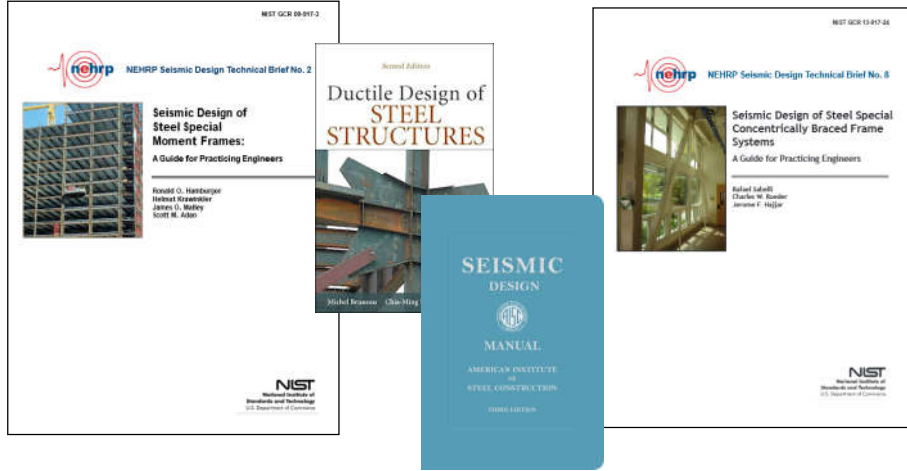


**End of session 6**

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## Additional resources



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## Question time



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