

Optimization of Building Systems and Processes

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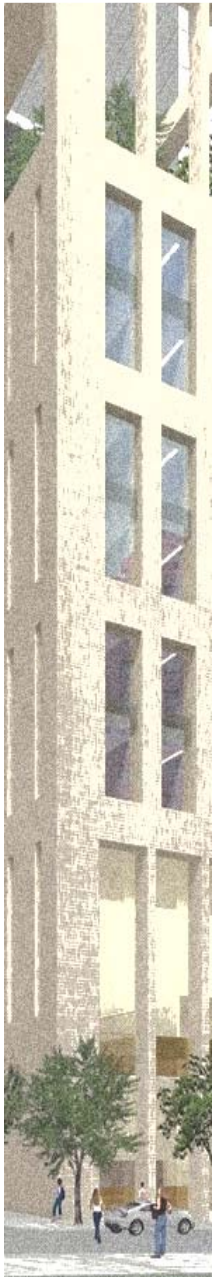
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- Function: Laboratory for research & clinical trials
- Project Size: 443,291 sq. ft.
- Stories: 11 above grade, 4 below grade
- Total Cost: \$235 million
- Construction: May 2008 – August 2011



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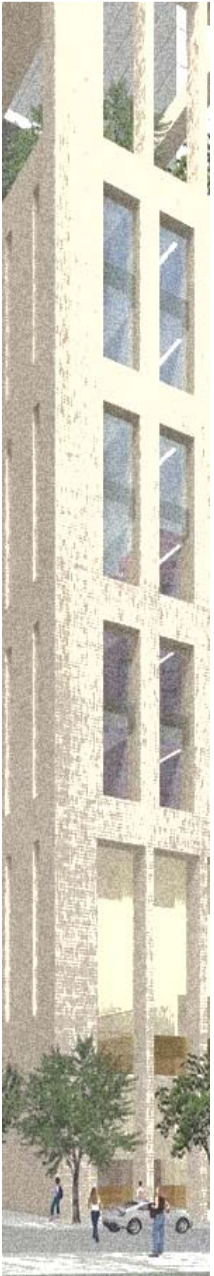
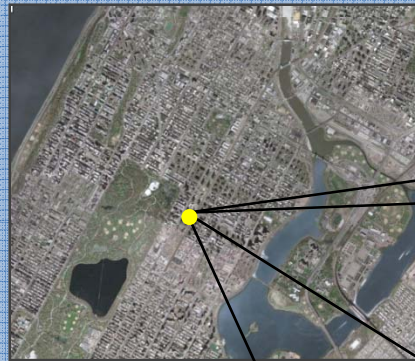
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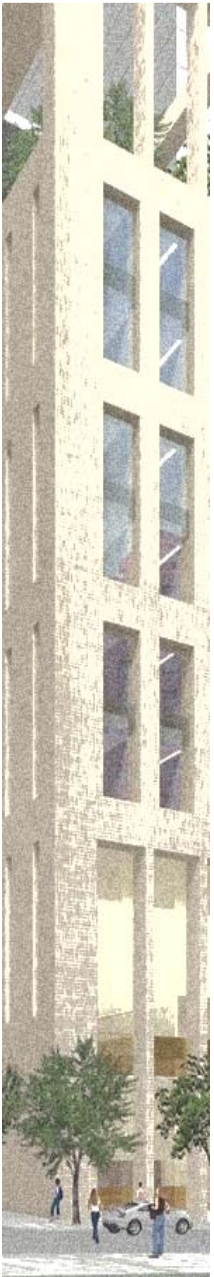
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The Center for Science & Medicine will be located in

New York City's Upper Manhattan.



Existing Floor Framing & Foundations



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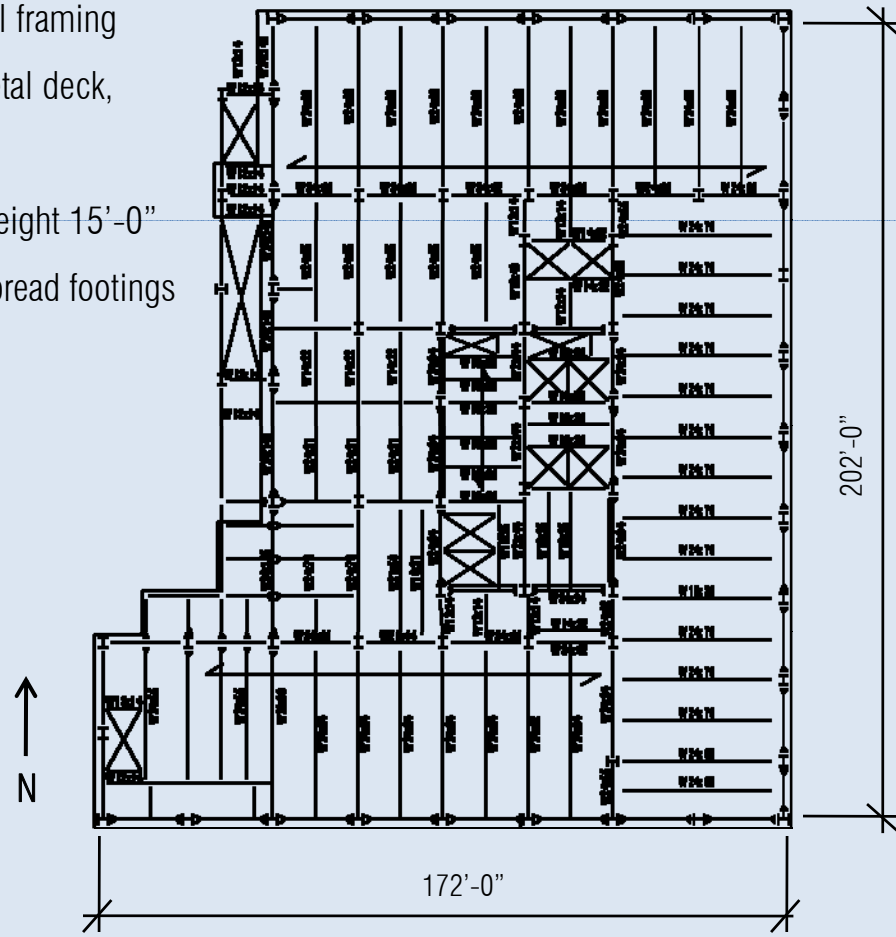
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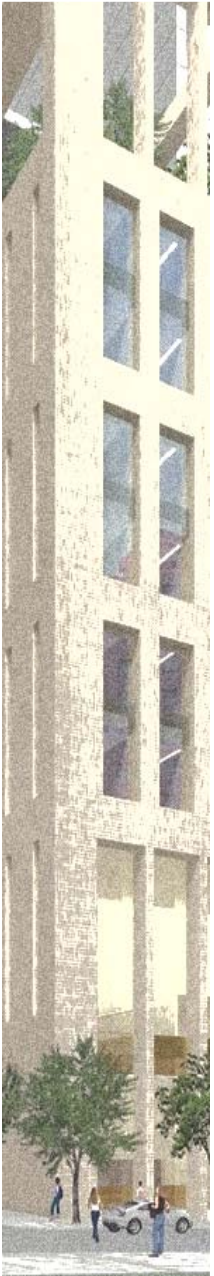
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Typical Framing Plan

- Structural steel framing
- Composite metal deck, NWC topping
- Typical floor height 15'-0"
- Foundation: spread footings



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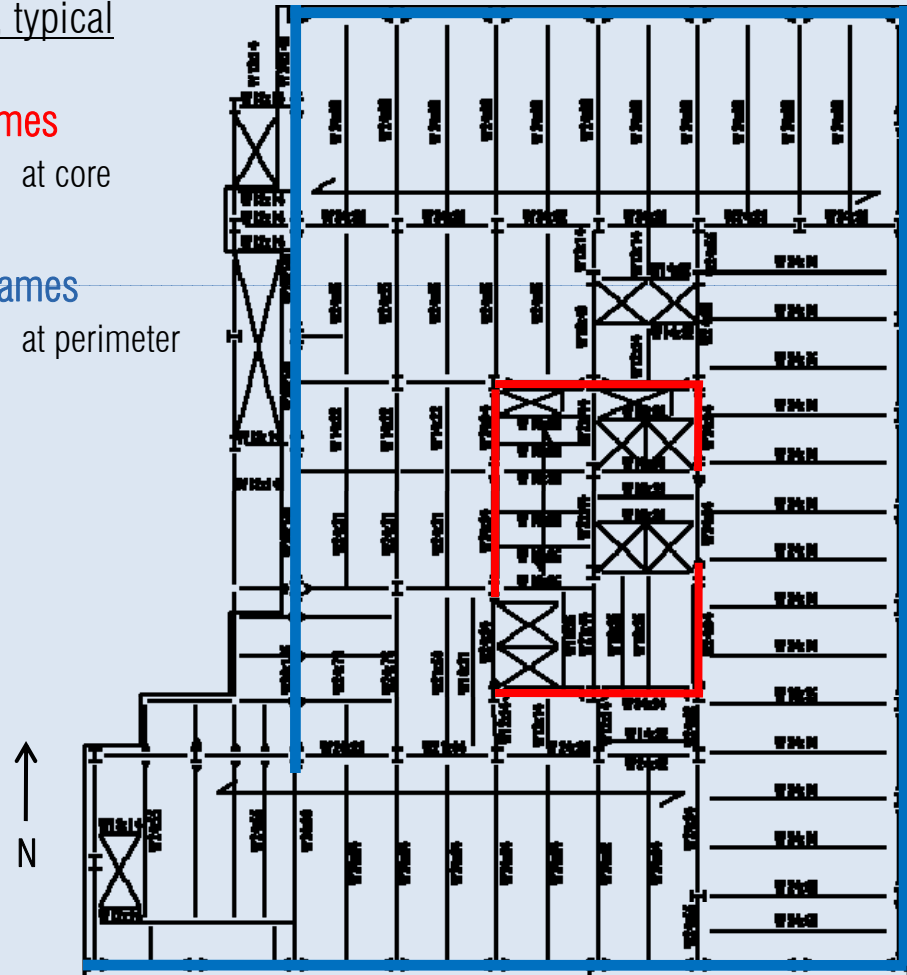
Levels 5-10, typical

Braced Frames

at core

Moment Frames

at perimeter



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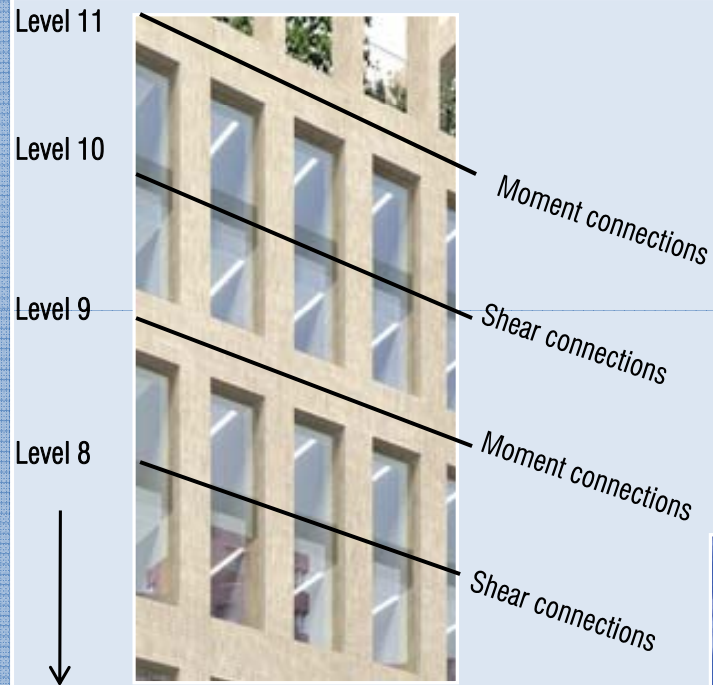
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Moment Frames



“Perforated” exterior cladding system:
façade appears to be punched by
alternating floor levels



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Existing Problem:

Moment frames are inefficient.

- Double-heighted configuration → frames are not as stiff.

MF-A resists only **19%** of E-W lateral load

MF-C resists only **14%** of E-W lateral load

MF-B resists only **3%** of N-S lateral load

MF-D resists only **5%** of N-S lateral load

- At **≈ \$1,000 per connection weld**, these frames are very costly for the small amount of stiffness they provide for the structure.

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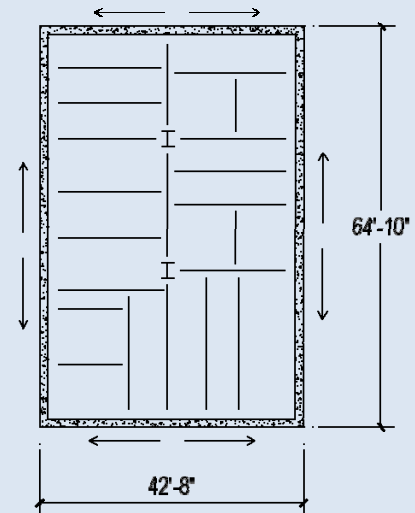
Overall Goal

Optimize building systems and processes.

This will be accomplished by...

Proposal

- Redesign existing lateral system as a core-only system of concrete shear walls to eliminate moment frames.
- Address & optimize construction issues (automatic self-climbing formwork)
- Evaluate 3D modeling process for efficiency and potential benefits
- Redesign typical laboratory lighting scheme for efficiency



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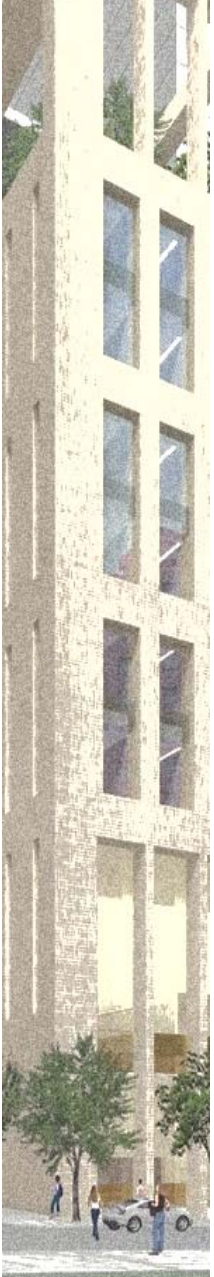
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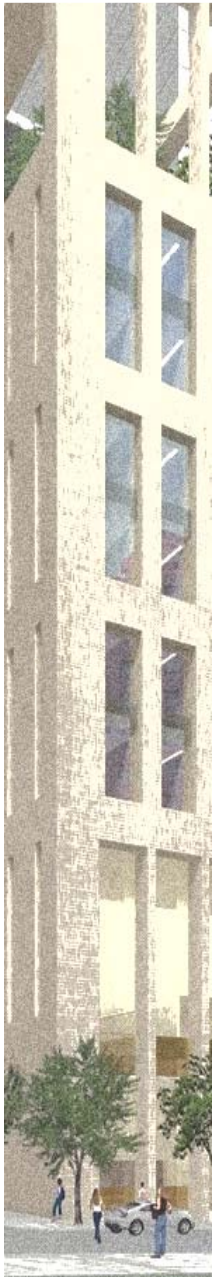
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Applied Lateral Loads

- WIND = controlling lateral load case (over seismic)
- As per the NYC Building Code,

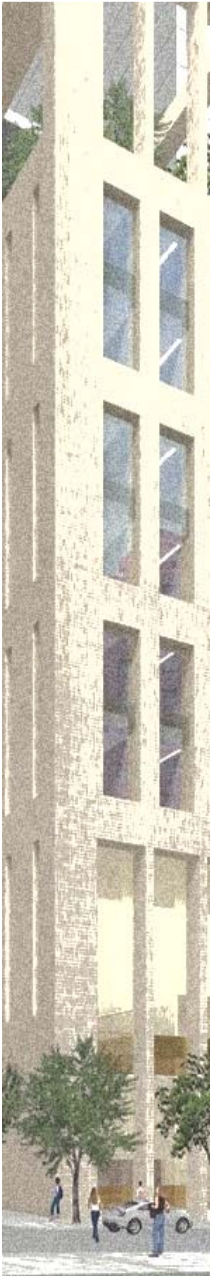
Height Zone (ft)	Design Wind Pressure on Vertical Surface (psf)
0-100	20
101-300	25
301-600	30
601-1000	35
Over 1000	40

- Total building height = 184'-0"

BASE SHEAR, E-W = 831 kips (1.4% total building weight)

BASE SHEAR, N-S = 707 kips (1.2% total building weight)

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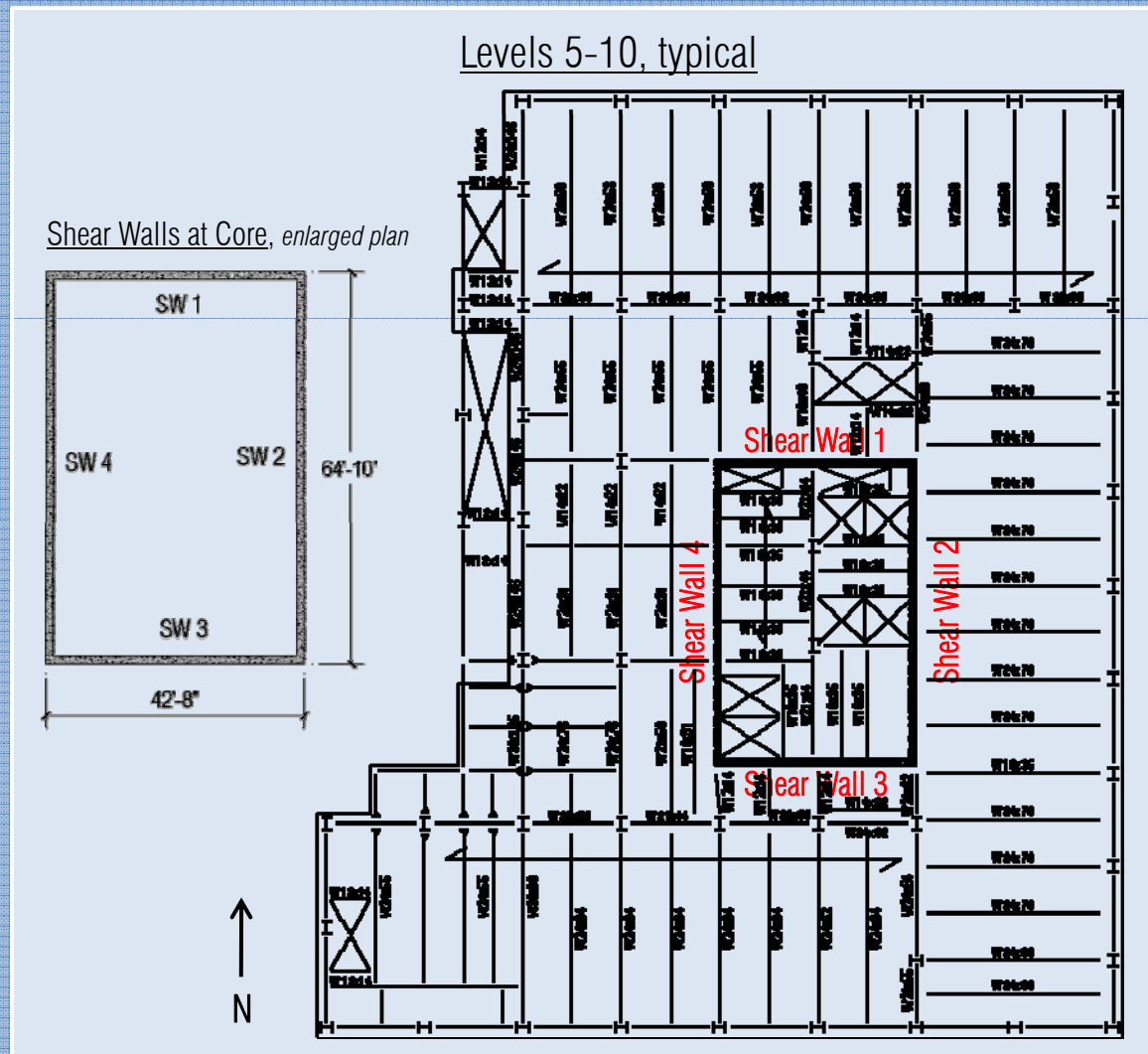
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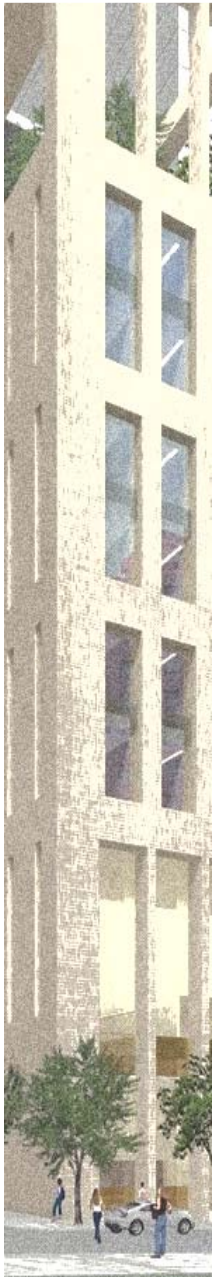
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16" thick shear walls surround the core.



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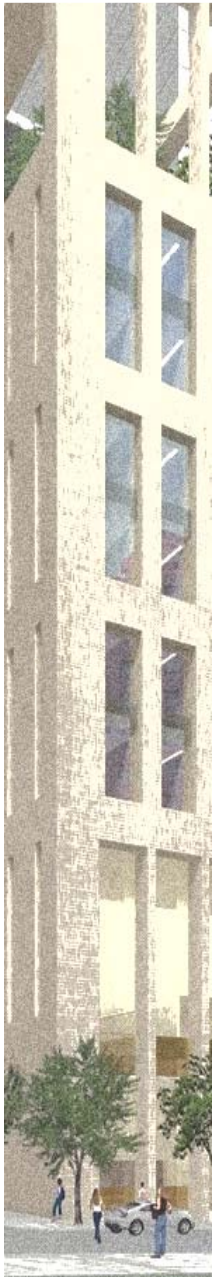
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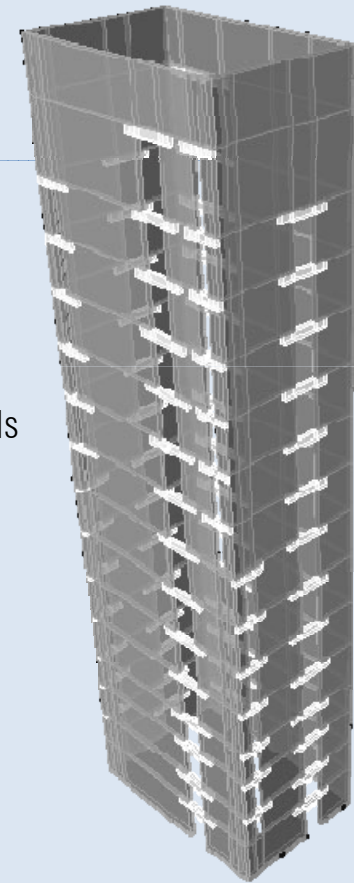
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ETabs Analysis: Equivalent Lateral Force Method

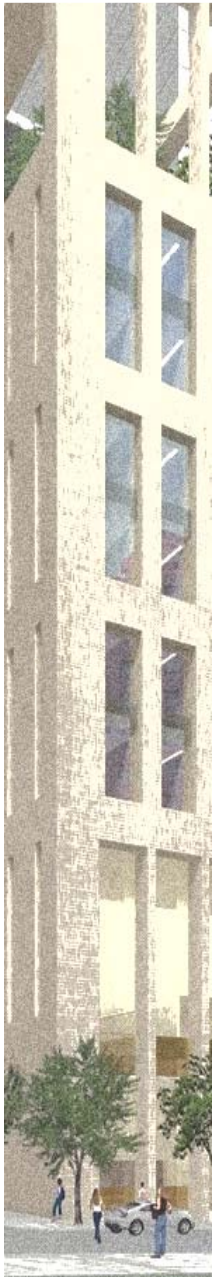
- Proposed lateral system modeled in ETab for 2 purposes:

- To determine distribution of lateral load for strength design
- To check drift for serviceability limits

- Rigid diaphragm
- Cracked section properties
- Rigid ends (coupling beams)
- Infinitely stiff springs assigned to sub-grade levels
- Input wind load cases: ASCE 7-05, Figure 6-9
- Input load combinations: UBC 1997
 - $1.2D \pm 0.8W$
 - $1.2D \pm 1.3W L$
 - $0.9D \pm 1.3W$



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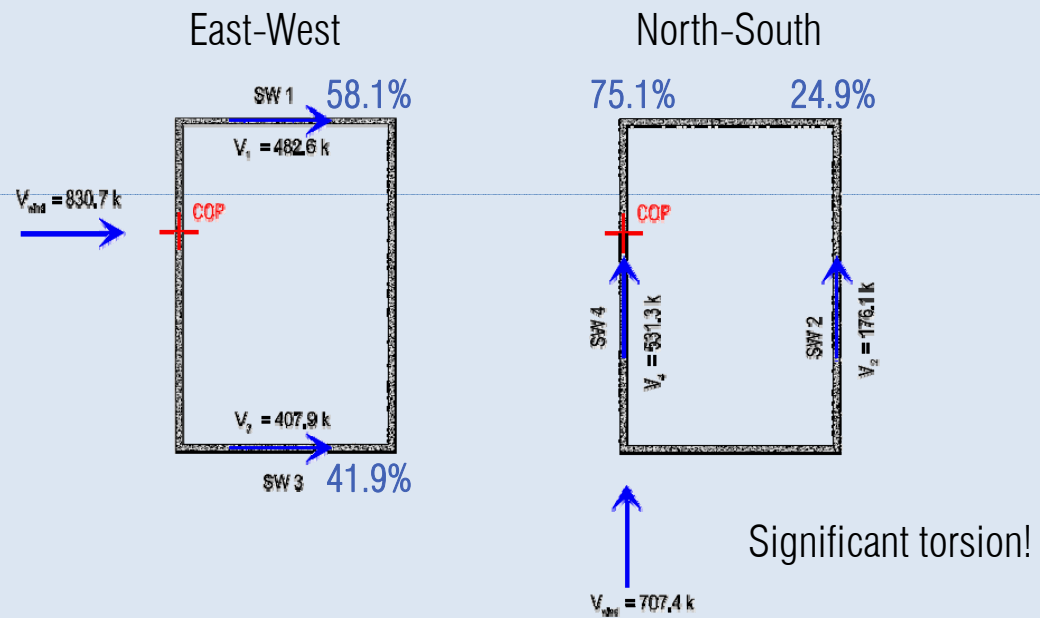
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Distribution of lateral load to each wall:



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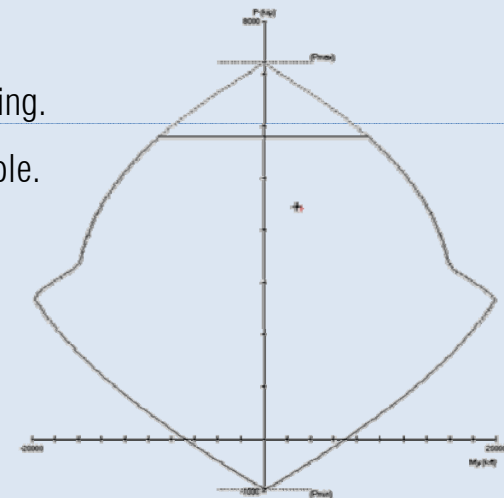
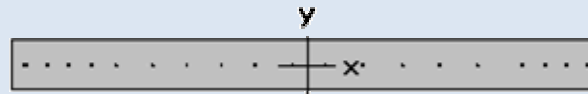
Design for Strength

Design Criteria & Methods

ACI 318-05, 21.7

- Maximum shear, axial forces & in-plane bending moments given by ETabs analysis.
- Required reinforcement calculated by hand.
- PCA Column to check combined axial/bending.
- Effective flanges considered, where applicable.

Example: Wall 1, Pier 2

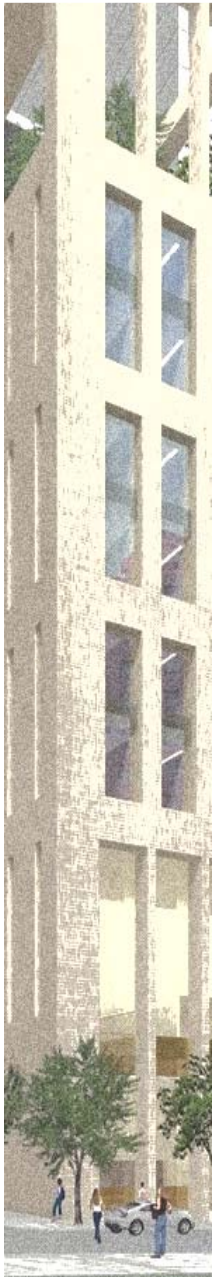


Interaction Diagram for W1P1

Final Design

- Flexural reinforcement: (2 curtains) #5 @12," $\rho_{\min} = \rho_{\text{req'd}} = 0.0025$
- Shear reinforcement: (2 curtains) #5 @12," $\rho_{\min} = \rho_{\text{req'd}} = 0.0025$
- Boundary element reinforcement: #8 bars, typ. (transverse), $\rho_{\text{req'd}} = 0.01$

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Coupling Beam Design

Design Criteria & Method

ACI 318-05, 21.7

- Three different coupling beam sizes → Design determined by aspect ratio.

	4' span	8' span	13' span
f_c	4,000	4,000	4,000
Length (in)	48	96	156
Depth (in)	36	36	36
Width (in)	16	16	16
A_{cp} (in ²)	768	1536	2496
Aspect Ratio, l/h	1.33	2.67	4.33
Reinforcement	Diagonals required.	Diagonals permitted.	Treat as flexural member of special moment frame.
$V_{u,max}$	30.2 k	49.4 k	41.5 k

Final Design

	4' span	8' span	13' span
Transverse Reinforcement	#3 hoops @ 5"	#3 hoops @ 5"	(2) #3 legs @ 8"
Longitudinal Reinforcement	(2) #3 bars @ 6"	(2) #3 bars @ 6"	(5) #8 bars, top & bot
Diagonal Reinforcement	2 diagonals of (4) #5 bars, $\alpha = 25^\circ$	2 diagonals of (4) #7 bars, $\alpha = 17^\circ$	N/A
Diagonal Confinement	#4 hoops @ 6"	#4 hoops @ 6"	N/A

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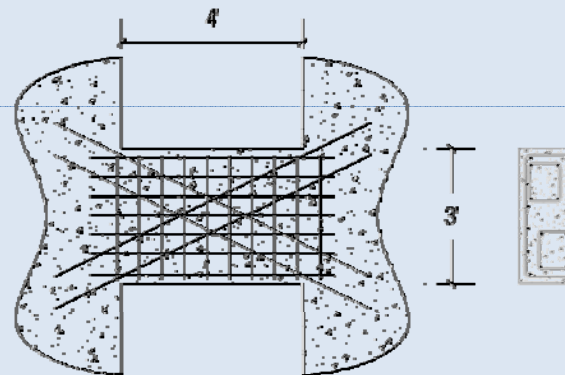
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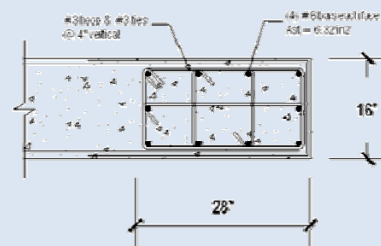
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Typical Details

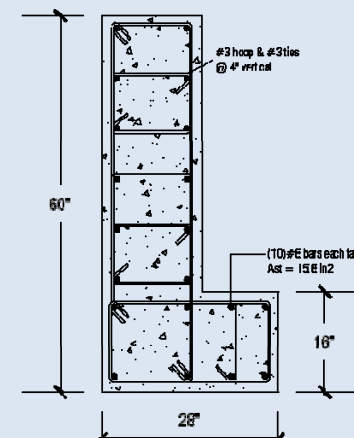
- 4' Span Coupling Beam



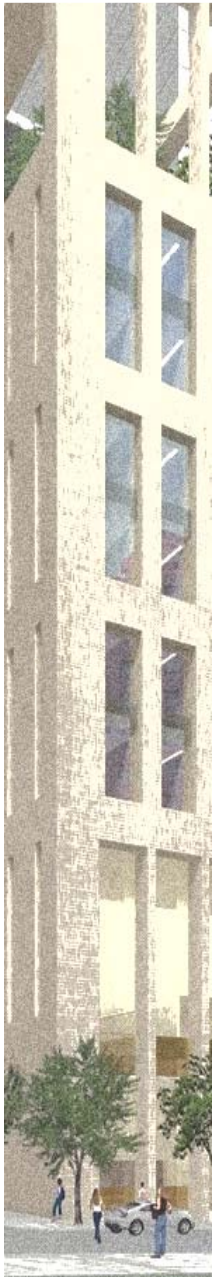
- Boundary Element at Opening (BE28)



- Corner Boundary Element (BE28x60)



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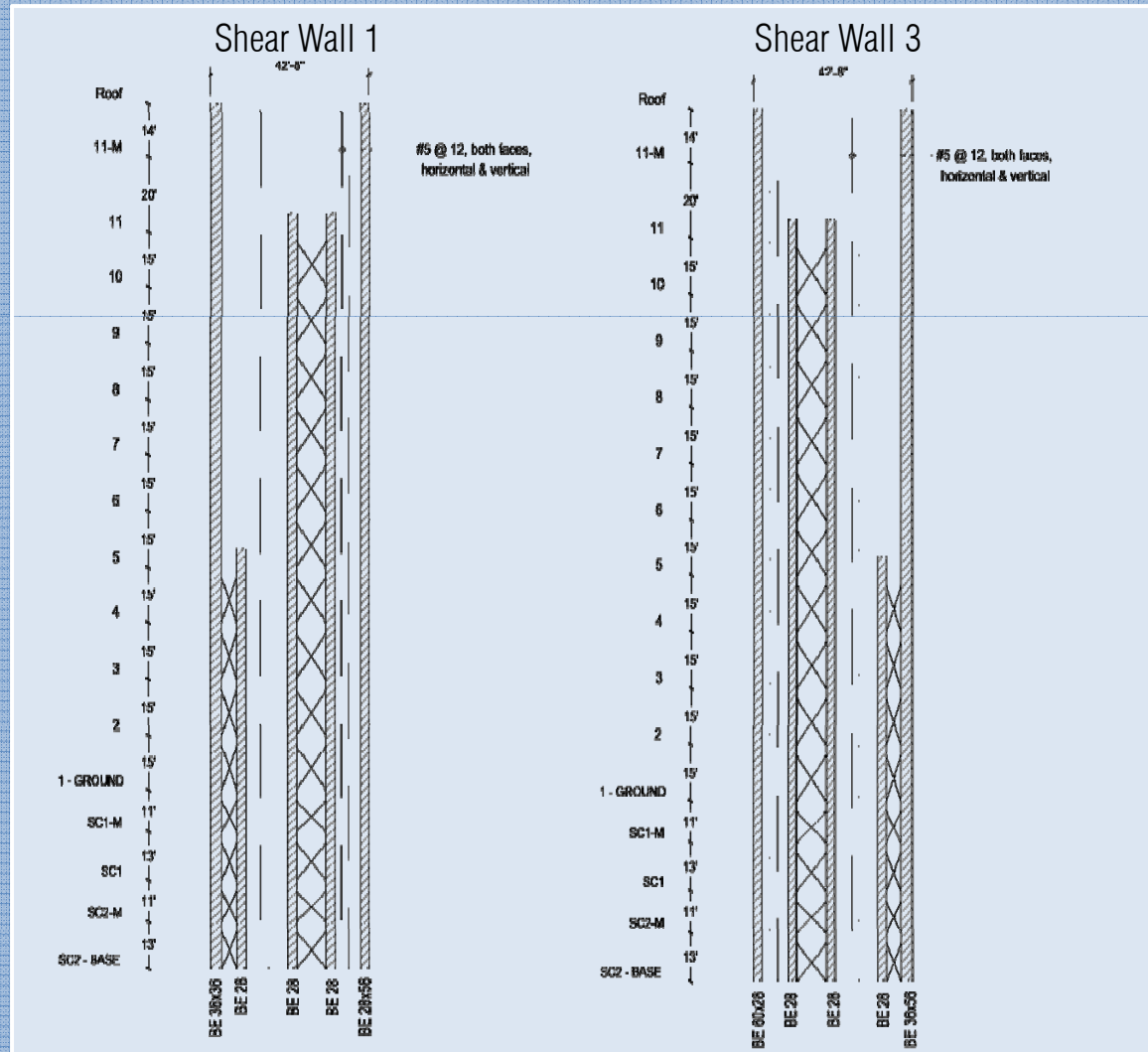
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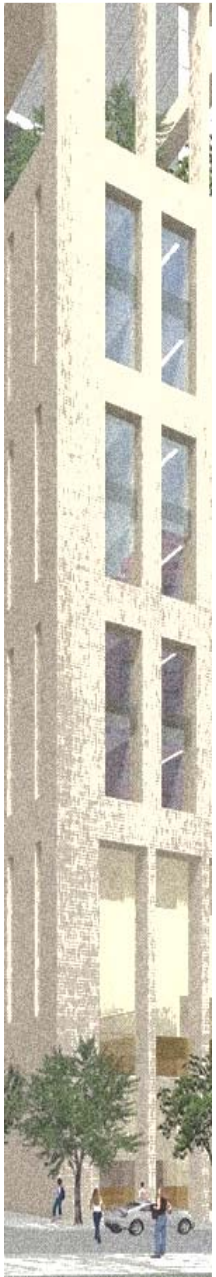
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Final Shear Wall Design: E-W



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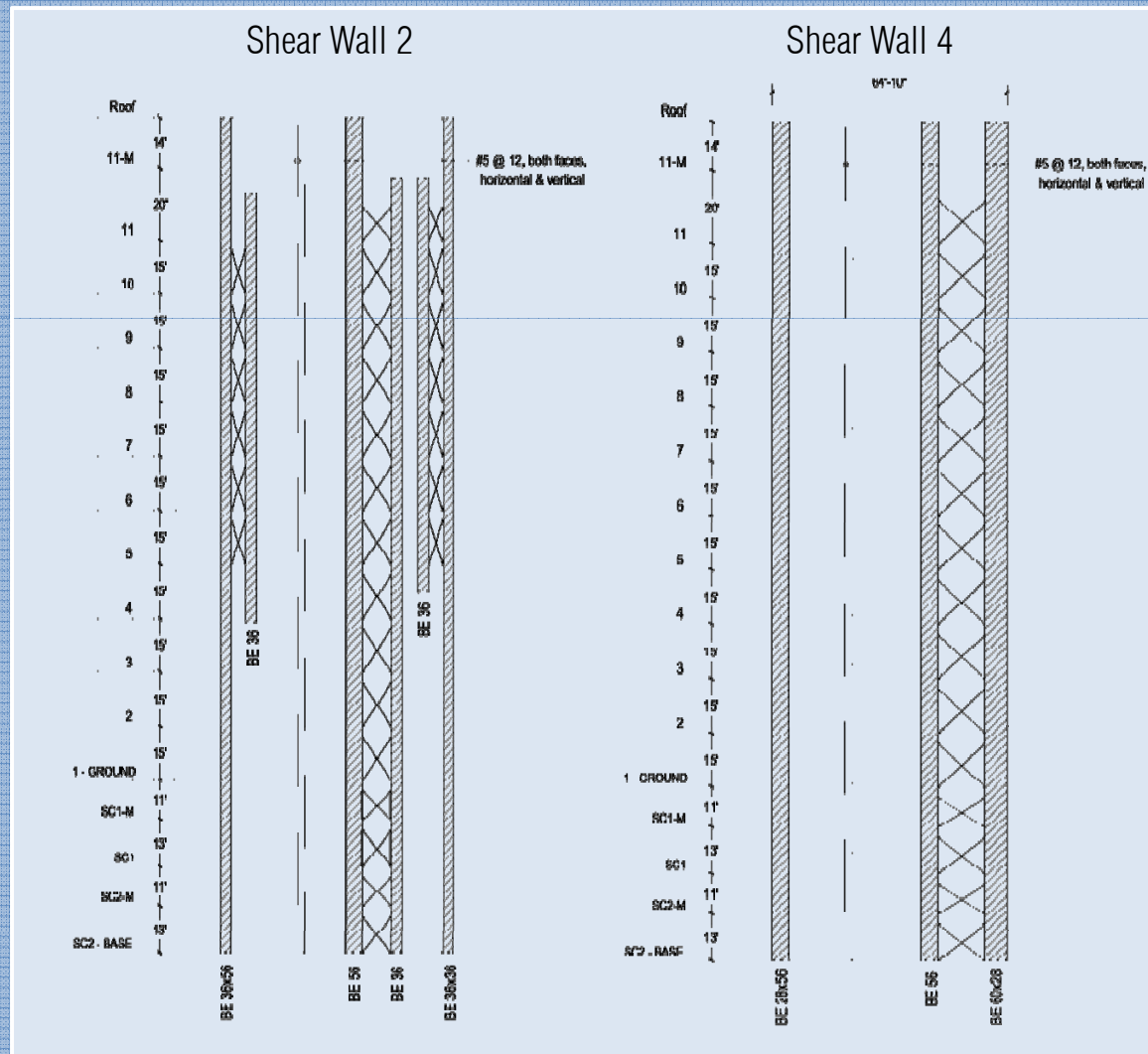
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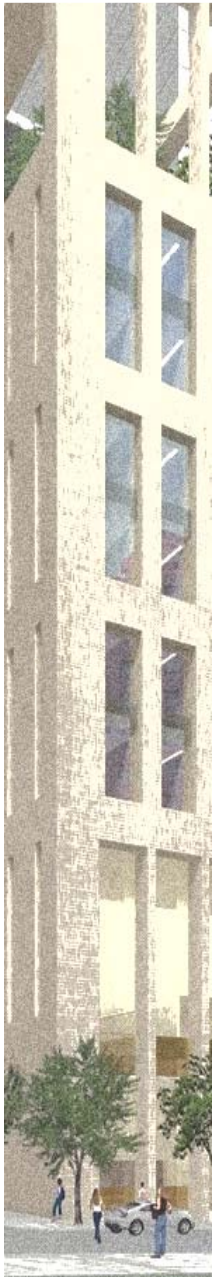
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Final Shear Wall Design: N-S



Shear Wall Design: Serviceability



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Check Serviceability

Building Drift

WIND Drift Limits:

Overall Deflection (wind)	H/400	Interstory Drift	h/400
✓ E-W: 2.37"	< 5.52"	✓ E-W: 0.22"	< 0.45"
✓ N-S: 1.26"	< 5.52"	✓ N-S: 0.11"	< 0.45"

SEISMIC Drift Limits:

Interstory Drift	$0.02h_{sx} \times amp$
✓ E-W: 0.13"	< 3.6"
✓ N-S: 0.08"	< 3.6"

✓ Proposed lateral system satisfies serviceability requirements.

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1. Gravity System

- W30 girders resized to W24s at perimeter.
- Vibration criteria still satisfied in laboratory areas
✓ (2,000 μ in/sec limit)

2. Foundation

- Existing spread footings would need to be redesigned as mat foundation.
- Consider overturning:

	Shear Wall 1	Shear Wall 2	Shear Wall 3	Shear Wall 4
<i>Height</i>	232 ft	232 ft	232 ft	232 ft
<i>Length</i>	42'-8"	64'-10"	42'-8"	64'-10"
<i>Applied Wind Load</i>	482.6 k	176.1 k	407.9 k	531.3 k
<i>Overtuning Moment</i>	111,963 ft-k	40,855 ft-k	94,633 ft-k	123,192 ft-k
<i>Resisting Dead Load</i>	4533 k	8186 k	3716 k	8636 k
<i>Resisting Moment</i>	96,712 ft-k	264,779 ft-k	79,275 ft-k	184,241 ft-k
	$M_R < M_{OT}$	$M_R > M_{OT}$	$M_R < M_{OT}$	$M_R > M_{OT}$

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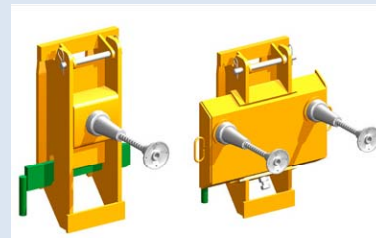
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3. Construction Method

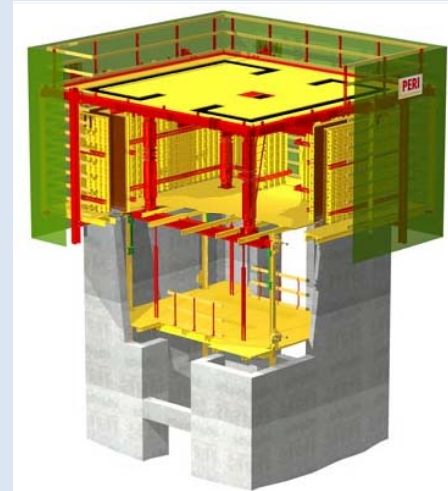
- Steel unions in New York City require that no trade work above them.
- Use this problematic circumstance to **optimize** the construction process.
- Solution:

PERI Automatic Climbing System (ACS) formwork

- ✓ Allows for steel-first construction
- ✓ Faster & more efficient than traditional flying forms
- ✓ Safer: no crane necessary
- ✓ Requires less physical labor
- ✓ Equipment cost $\uparrow \approx$ Labor Cost \downarrow

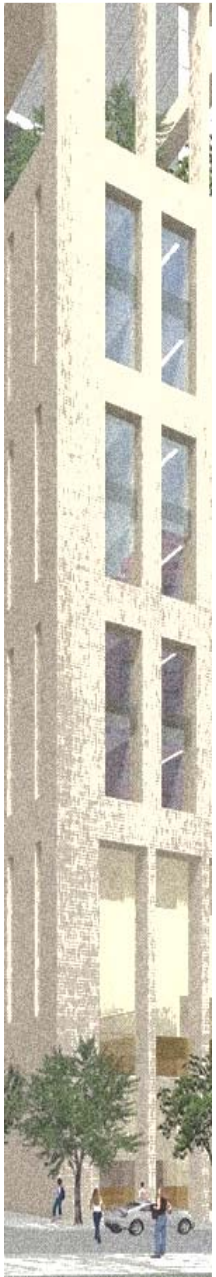


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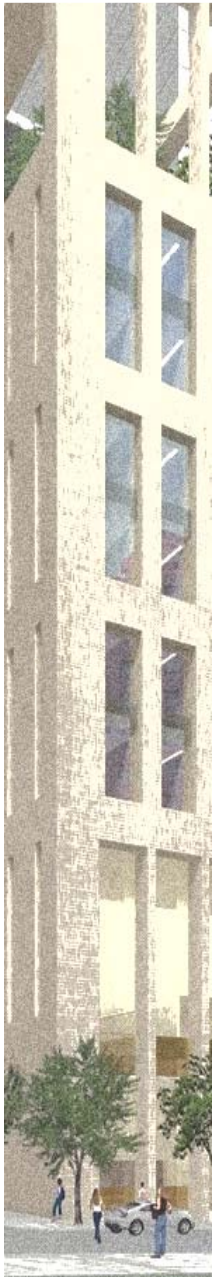
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Approximate Cost Analysis

Savings	Expenses
Elimination of braced/moment frames	Addition of concrete shear walls
+ \$1,486,400 (removed steel)	- \$556,480 (materials & placement)
+ \$1,346,000 (removed moment connections)	- \$324,220 (formwork)
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+ \$2,832,400	(- \$880,700)
Net savings = \$1,951,700 ≈ 1% total project cost	
* Estimate does not include additional costs incurred by changes in foundation	

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Original Goals

1.) Eliminate need for inefficient moment frames ✓
Core of shear walls resists 100% of lateral load

2.) Proposed system more efficient ✓

- STIFFNESS

- Shortened Moment Frame Design

- Shear Wall Design

(Original)

(Proposed)

Shortened → no moment connections, quick automatic

self-climbing formwork

E-W load

BF-1: 34%
BF-3: 33%
MF-A: 19%
MF-C: 14%

SW-1: 58%
SW-3: 42%

3.) Proposed system more economical ✓

Overall savings almost \$2 million.

N-S load

BF-2: 35%
BF-4: 57%
MF-B: 3%
MF-D: 5%

SW-2: 25%
SW-4: 75%

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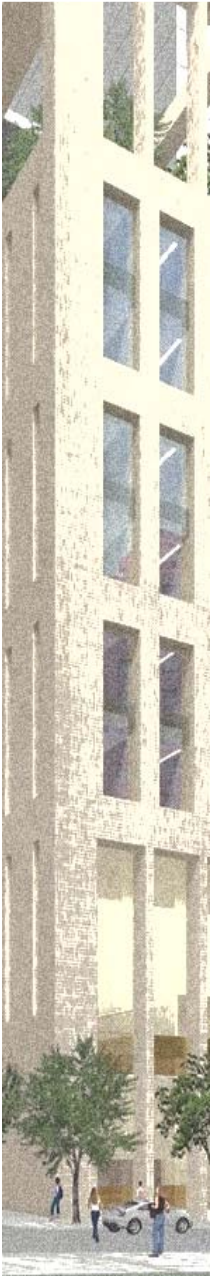
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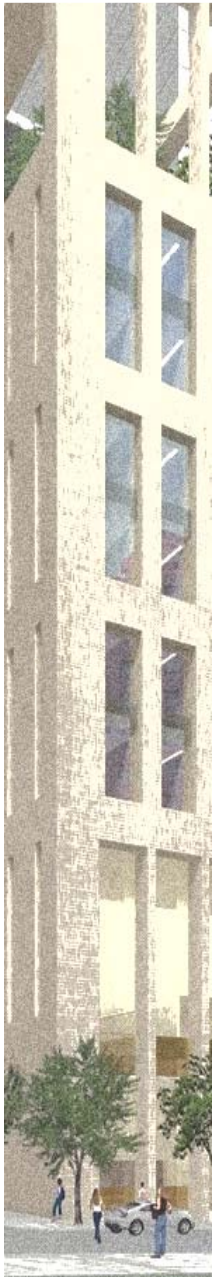
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3D Modeling

Designer Skidmore, Owings & Merrill used

Autodesk's Revit throughout the design process.

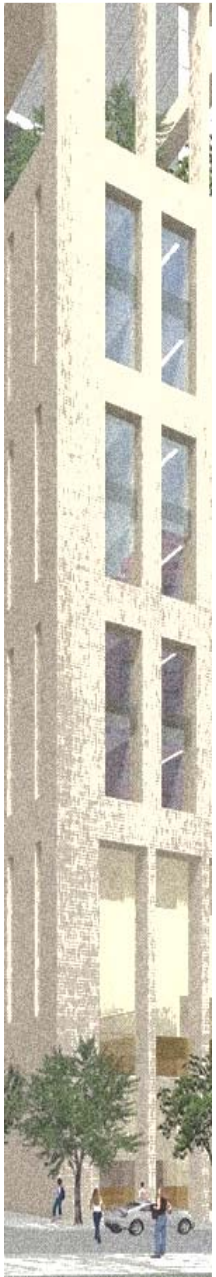
- Architectural
- Structural
- MEP

Does building information modeling truly optimize the design process?

Interviews conducted with:

- Project Architect
- Project Structural Engineer
- Digital Design Specialist
- Digital Design Coordinator / Structural Drafter

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3D Modeling

How it Works: a 5-day cycle in the office

Each discipline has its own working 3D model

Days 1 & 2



Architects post “static” model for all engineers to access

Day 3



Engineering disciplines submit models, all are linked

Day 4



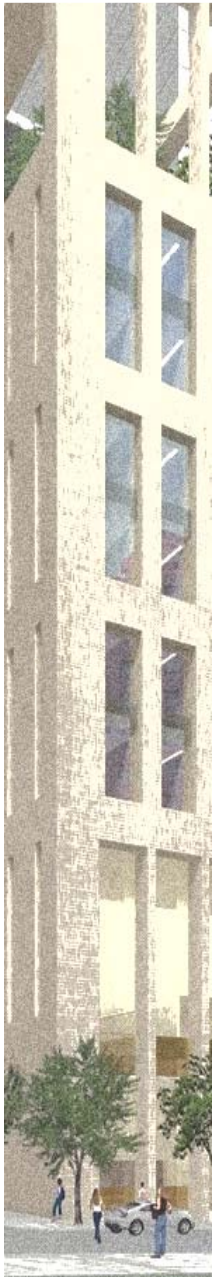
Coordination meeting held between all disciplines

Day 5



Necessary changes made to all models, as determined in meeting

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Evaluation of 3D Modeling Implementation

PROS

- ✓ Project quality improvement
- ✓ More coordination early-on
- ✓ Less conflicts during CD phase & construction phase
- ✓ Same amount of total design hours

CONS

- ✗ Training required
- ✗ Learning curve
- ✗ “Heavy” models

Does building information modeling truly optimize the design process?

Yes.

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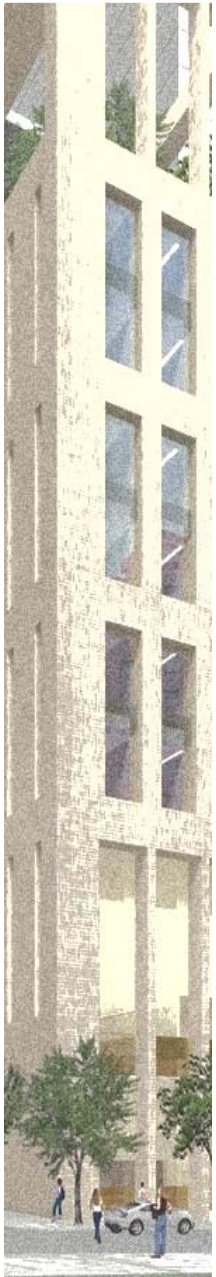
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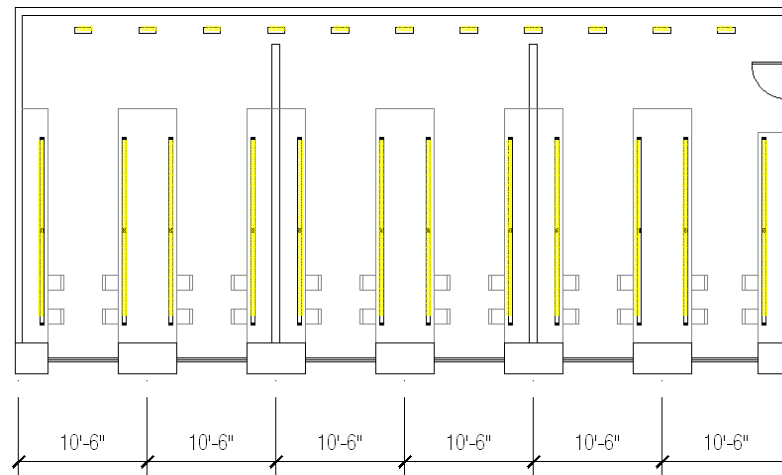
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Typical Laboratory Existing Conditions

Existing Lighting Plan



Current Fixtures:

- Surface ceiling mounted fluorescent wraparounds with (2) 32W T8 lamps
(61.5% efficiency)
- Recessed fluorescents with (2) 40W twin tube T5 lamps

	Calculated Value		Limit	Reference
Power Density	1.76 W/ft ²	> TOO HIGH	1.4 W/ft ² maximum	ASHRAE Standard 91.1
Avg. Ambient Illuminance	59.2 FC	> TOO HIGH	40 - 50 FC target	Criteria provided by designer.
Avg. Bench Top Illuminance (37")	97.4 FC	> TOO HIGH	70 - 80 FC target	Criteria provided by designer.

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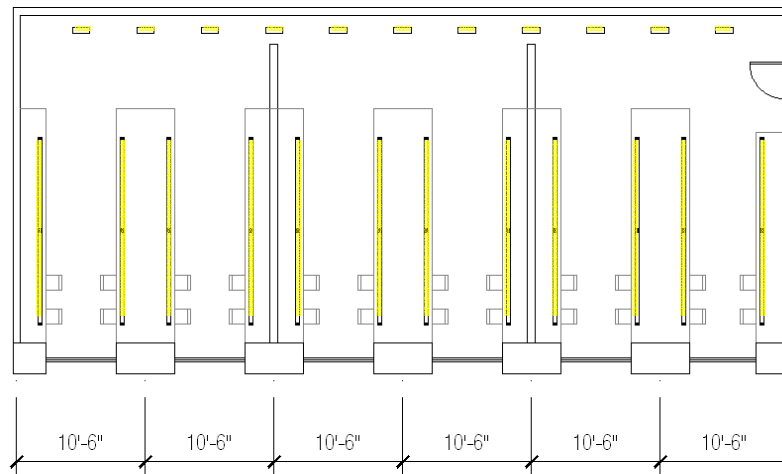
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Typical Laboratory Existing Conditions

Proposed Lighting Plan



Proposed Fixtures:

- Corelite Class R2 Shallow Recessed Fluorescent with (1) 24W 48" T5 lamp (85% efficiency)
- Recessed fluorescents with (2) 40W twin tube T5 lamps

	Calculated Value		Limit	Reference
Power Density	1.02 W/ft ² ✓	< Acceptable	1.4 W/ft ² maximum	ASHRAE Standard 91.1
Avg. Ambient Illuminance	51.1 FC ✓	≈ Acceptable	40 - 50 FC target	Criteria provided by designer.
Avg. Bench Top Illuminance (37")	77.3 FC ✓	= Acceptable	70 - 80 FC target	Criteria provided by designer.

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Primary Goal:

Optimize building systems and processes:

Was this accomplished?

■ Building Systems:

- Core-only lateral system is more efficient & economical ✓
- Lab lighting redesign now meets ASHRAE standard and defined design criteria ✓

■ Building Processes:

- PERI ACS formwork is faster & safer ✓
- 3D modeling in Revit highly beneficial ✓

Overall success.

Optimization of Building Systems and Processes

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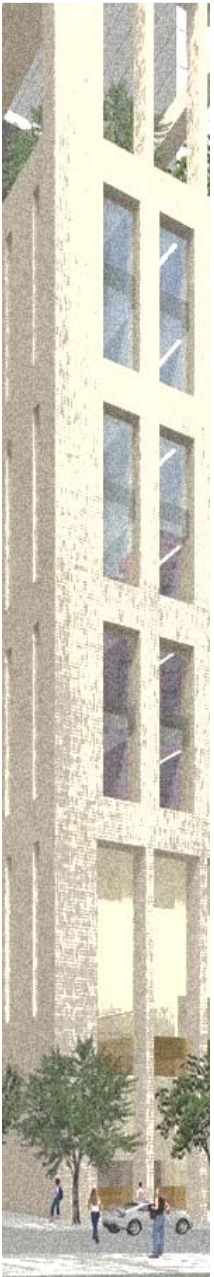
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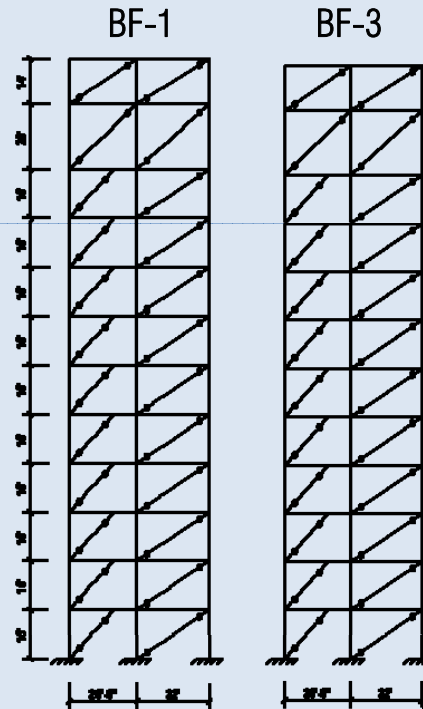
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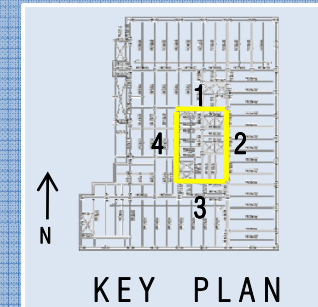
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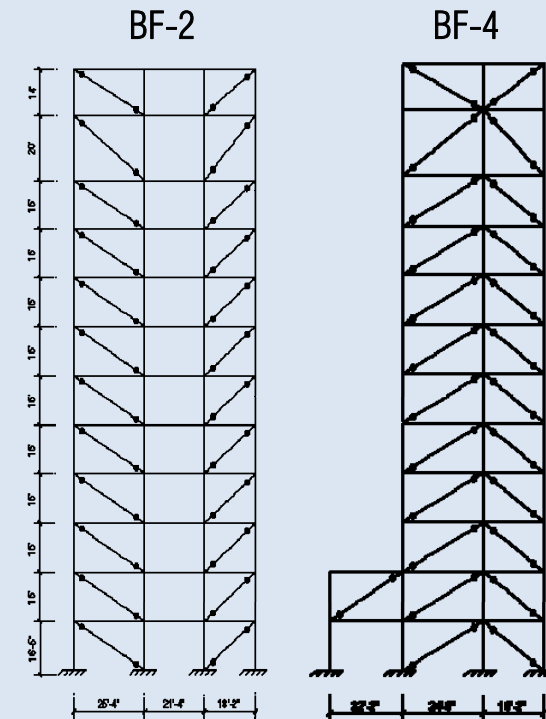
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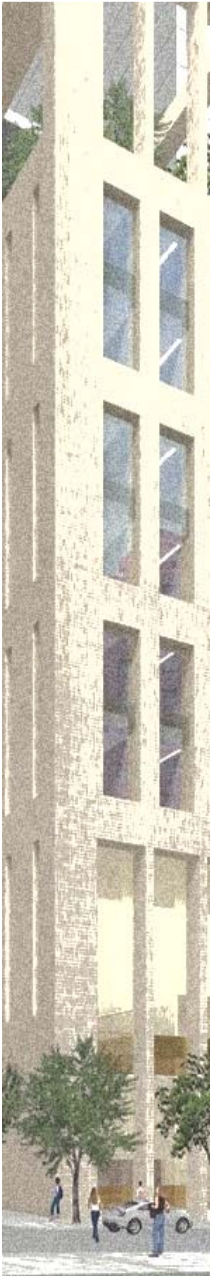
- Frames braced concentrically by (2) heavy double tee sections
- WT6x39.5 - WT6x68



North-South



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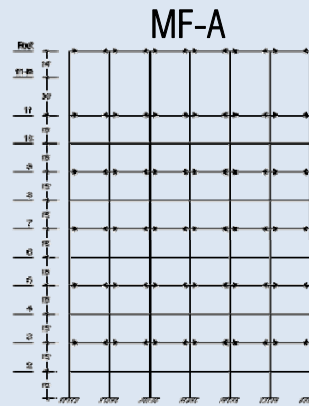
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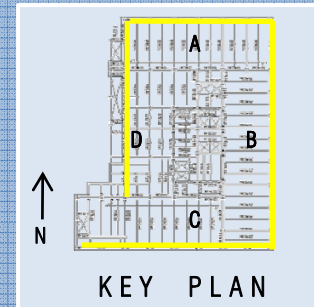
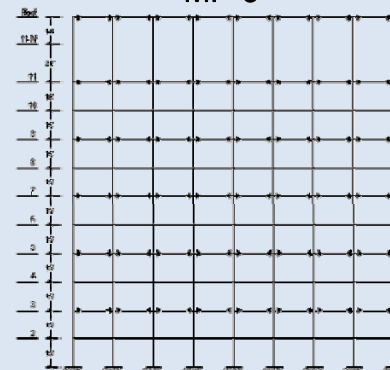
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Moment Frames

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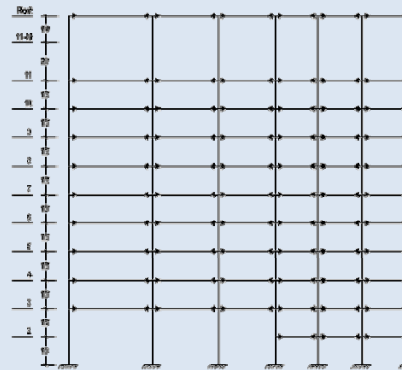
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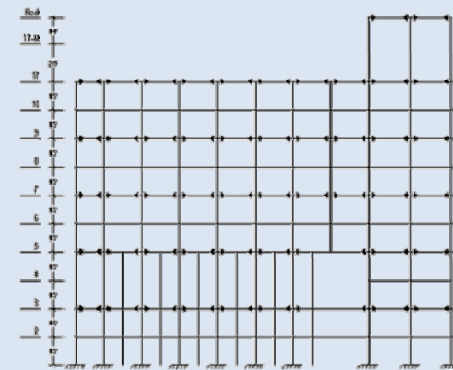
- W14 and W24 shapes
- Moment connections occur on every other level

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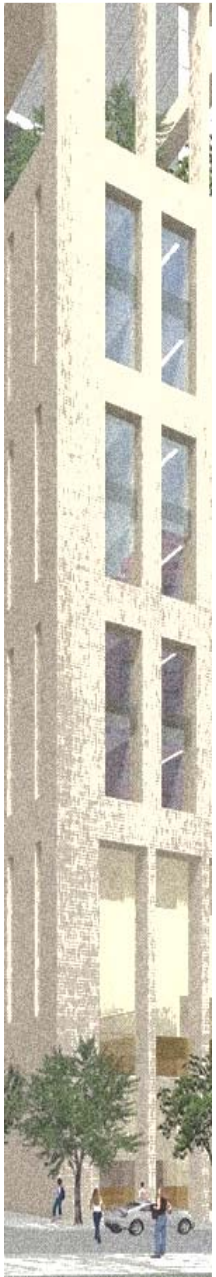
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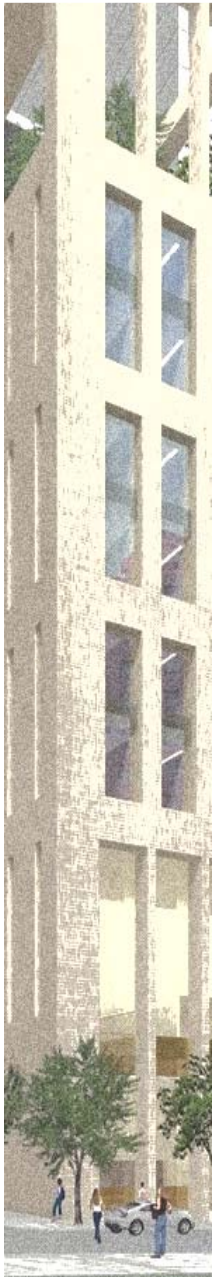
Windward Pressures:				
Story	Height Above Grade (ft)	Windward Pressure (psf)	Windward X (kips)	Windward Y (kips)
Roof	184	25	35.4	30.1
11-M	170	25	85.9	73.1
11	150	25	88.4	75.3
10	135	25	75.8	64.5
9	120	25	75.8	64.5
8	105	25	75.8	64.5
7	90	20	60.6	51.6
6	75	20	60.6	51.6
5	60	20	60.6	51.6
4	45	20	60.6	51.6
3	30	20	60.6	51.6
2	15	20	60.6	51.6
1	0	20	30.3	25.8

Base Shear: $\Sigma =$ 830.7 707.4

% of bldg weight = 1.40 1.19

Factored Base Shear (x 1.3): $\Sigma =$ 1079.9 919.6

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Seismic Loads, per NYC Building Code

Level	Elevation	w, (given)	SW weight	w, (kips)	w,h, (k-ft)	Fx (kips)
Roof	184	4073	0	4073	749,432	157.0
Level 11-M	170	512	665	1177	200,090	41.9
Level 11	150	6850	950	7800	1,170,000	245.2
Level 10	135	3423	713	4136	558,293	117.0
Level 9	120	4184	713	4897	587,580	123.1
Level 8	105	3453	713	4166	437,378	91.6
Level 7	90	4211	713	4924	443,115	92.9
Level 6	75	3460	713	4173	312,938	65.6
Level 5	60	4175	713	4888	293,250	61.4
Level 4	45	3176	713	3889	174,983	36.7
Level 3	30	4220	713	4933	147,975	31.0
Level 2	15	4208	713	4921	73,808	15.5
Level 1	0	5835	713	6548	0	0.0
Seismic Base Shear (unfactored):						$\Sigma = 1078.9$

Seismic Design Values, NYC Building Code (references UBC 1997)		
Occupancy		
Importance Factor	= 1.25	(Essential & Hazardous Facility)
Period, T	T = 1.89 sec	(from E-Tabs analysis)
S	0.67	(Rock, per Langan Report)
Z	0.15	(Zone 2A, per Langan Report)
R _w	5	(Shear Walls)
Diaphragm	Rigid	

Shear Wall Design: Strength

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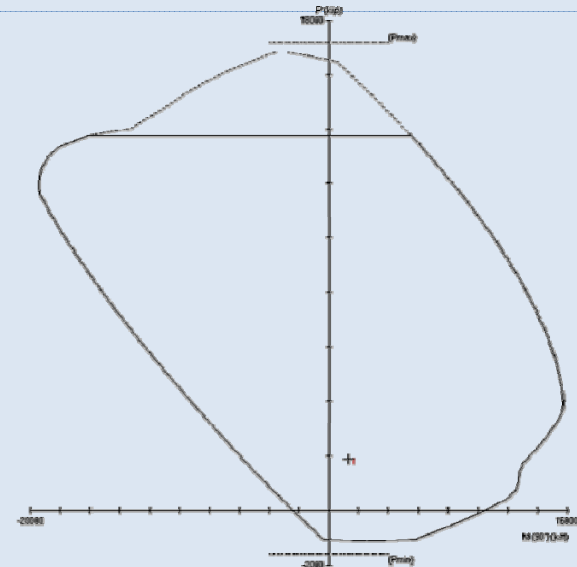
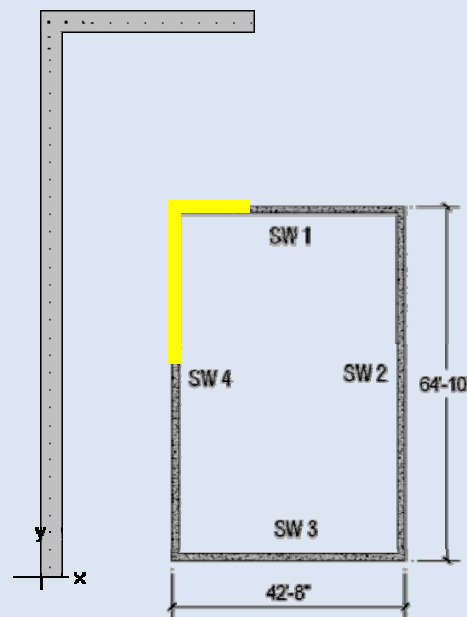
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Design for Flexure and Shear

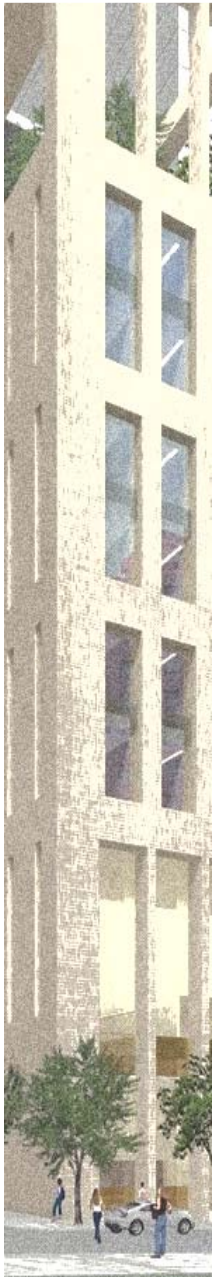
Flexural Strength: ACI 318-05, 21.7

- Maximum axial forces and in-plane bending moments given by ETabs.
- PCA Column used to check combined axial/bending.
- Effective flanges considered, where applicable.

Example: Wall 1, Pier 1 (base)



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Shear Strength

Nominal shear strength for structural walls shall not exceed:

$$V_n = A_{cv}(\alpha_c \sqrt{f'_c} + \rho_n f_y)$$

Nominal shear strength of all wall piers sharing a common lateral force shall not exceed:

$$8A_{cv} \sqrt{f'_c}$$

Nominal shear strength of any one pier shall not exceed:

$$10A_{cp} \sqrt{f'_c}$$

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Design Criteria & Method

ACI 318-05, 21.7

- Designed for compression zones where max extreme compressive fiber $> 0.2f'c$.
- Must extend horizontally into web of wall the larger distance of:
 - $c - 0.1lw$ OR $c/2$
- Locations checked:
 - Each corner of the core, at base level
 - Each end of individual piers adjacent to openings
- BE length and reinforcement (longitudinal & transverse) designed by hand
- Each section checked in PCA column for combined bending/axial strength

Final Design

- 7 typical BE sections
- Selected reinforcement:

Flexural: (2 curtains) #8 bars, $\rho \geq 1\% A_g$ (BE)

Shear/Confinement: #3 hoops & ties @ 4", $A_s \geq 0.44\text{in}^2$ per 4"

Shear Wall Design: Strength

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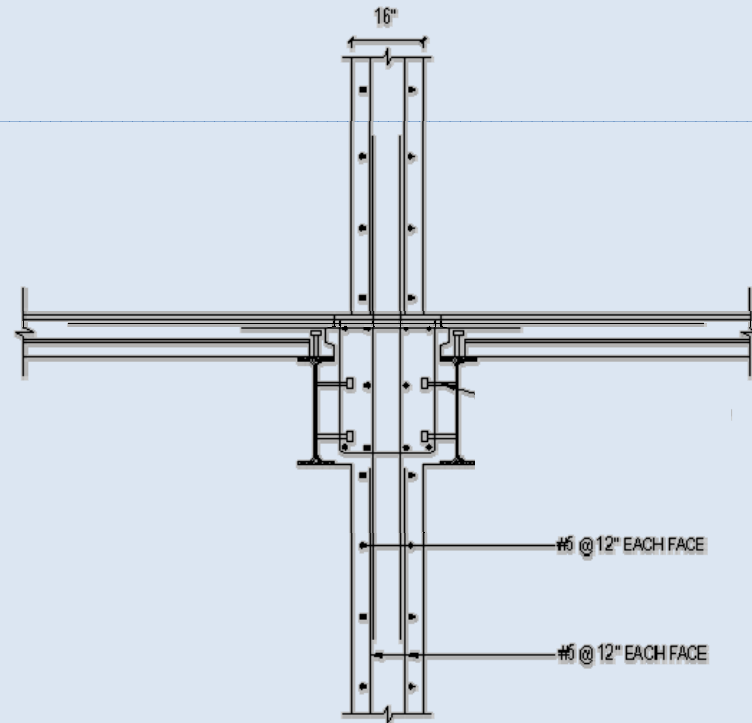
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Typical Details

▪ Section at Shear Wall, typ.



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Boundary Element Summary

BE #	BE length	BE reinforcement		Steel Required	Steel Provided
BE28	28"	Flexural	(2 curtains) # 8 bars = (8) #8 bars	$\rho = 0.01$	$\rho = 0.033$
		Shear	#3 hoops and ties @ 4" vertical	$A_{st} = 0.3 \text{ in}^2$	$A_{st} = 0.44 \text{ in}^2$
BE 36	36"	Flexural	(2 curtains) # 8 bars = (10) #8 bars	$\rho = 0.01$	$\rho = 0.014$
		Shear	#3 hoops and ties @ 4" vertical	$A_{st} = 0.3 \text{ in}^2$	$A_{st} = 0.44 \text{ in}^2$
BE56	56"	Flexural	(2 curtains) # 8 bars = (16) #8 bars	$\rho = 0.01$	$\rho = 0.014$
		Shear	#3 hoops and ties @ 4" vertical	$A_{st} = 0.3 \text{ in}^2$	$A_{st} = 0.44 \text{ in}^2$
BE28x56	28"x56" (corner)	Flexural	(2 curtains) # 8 bars = (24) #8 bars	$\rho = 0.01$	$\rho = 0.017$
		Shear	#3 hoops and ties @ 4" vertical	$A_{st} = 0.3 \text{ in}^2$	$A_{st} = 0.44 \text{ in}^2$
BE36x36	36"x36" (corner)	Flexural	(2 curtains) # 8 bars = (21) #8 bars	$\rho = 0.01$	$\rho = 0.023$
		Shear	#3 hoops and ties @ 4" vertical	$A_{st} = 0.3 \text{ in}^2$	$A_{st} = 0.44 \text{ in}^2$
BE36x56	36"x56" (corner)	Flexural	(2 curtains) # 8 bars = (28) #8 bars	$\rho = 0.01$	$\rho = 0.018$
		Shear	#3 hoops and ties @ 4" vertical	$A_{st} = 0.3 \text{ in}^2$	$A_{st} = 0.44 \text{ in}^2$
BE60x28	60"x28" (corner)	Flexural	(2 curtains) # 8 bars = (20) #8 bars	$\rho = 0.01$	$\rho = 0.014$
		Shear	#3 hoops and ties @ 4" vertical	$A_{st} = 0.3 \text{ in}^2$	$A_{st} = 0.44 \text{ in}^2$

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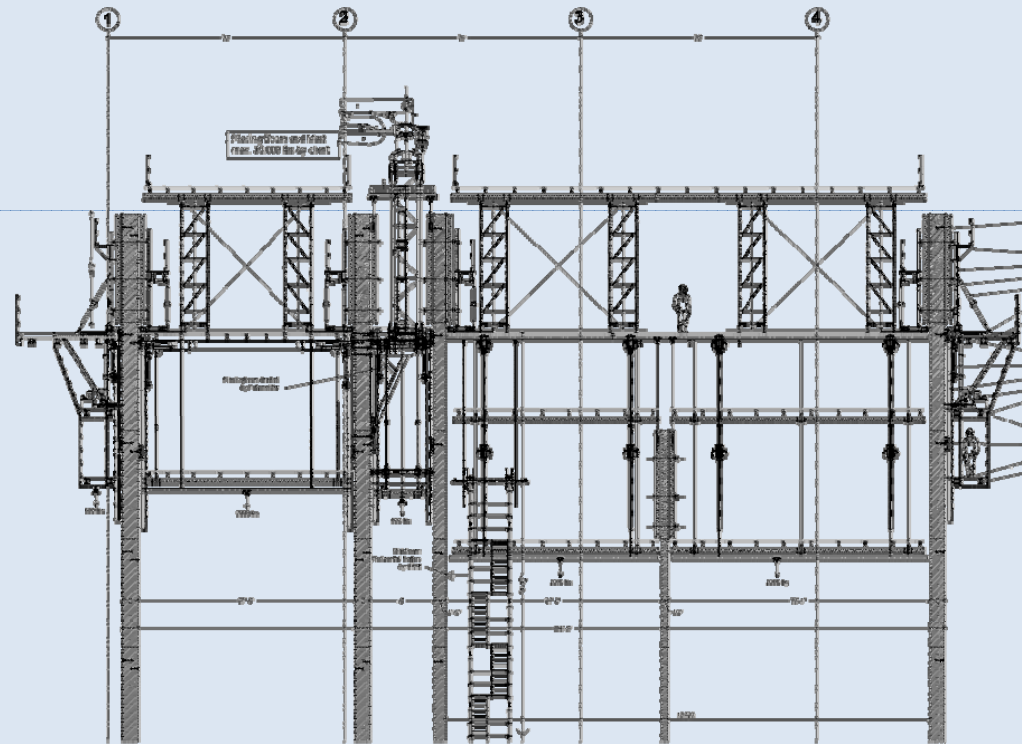
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