## Weill Cornell Medical Research Building

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## Executive Summary

The Weill Cornell Medical Research Building is a 19 story, 455,000 square foot, 294' -6 " tall building located on East $69^{\text {th }}$ Street in New York City. The building features three stories below grade and eighteen, plus a penthouse and an interstitial floor, above grade.

The purpose of this Lateral System Analysis and Confirmation Design report is to analyze the existing lateral system design. The first step was modeling the building in Etabs. Results from this model would provide information for determining story drift and controlling load cases, as well as stiffness, relative stiffness, and load distribution among the elements of the lateral system. The model was unable to be analyzed due to unknown errors, therefore the only analysis that could be done was a manual investigation of the stiffness and distribution of story shears into direct and torsional shears for each member of the lateral system.

## Introduction

The Weill Cornell Medical Research Building is the newest addition to the campus of the Weill Cornell Medical College on the upper east side of Manhattan. Located at 413 East $69^{\text {th }}$ Street in New York City, the Medical Research Building is adjacent to other Weill Cornell buildings. The Weill Greenberg Center on its northeast side is an educational facility designed by the same architects as the Medical Research Building. Olin Hall to the east, and the Lasdon House to the north are residential buildings that house students of the medical college. $69^{\text {th }}$ Street slopes down to the east across the site of the Medical Research Building and the utilities run under it. The Con. Edison power vaults are also located under $69^{\text {th }}$ Street and the sidewalk in front of the building.

The $\$ 650$ million Medical Research Building is approximately 455,000 square feet with three stories below grade and eighteen, plus a penthouse and an interstitial floor, above grade. The total height of the building above grade is 294' -6 ." Floors 4-16 are dedicated to laboratory space. The first basement level, as well as the interstitial floor between floors 16 and 17 , and the $17^{\text {th }}$ and $18^{\text {th }}$ floors are designated as mechanical floors. The bottom two levels of the basement contain the MRB's animal facility. Service and freight elevators and vertical circulation are located on the west side of the building next to the loading docks on the $69^{\text {th }}$ Street side. Passenger elevators and vertical circulation are nearer the center of the building where the two story lobby atrium welcomes people into this hub of scientific exploration.

In the rear of the building, adjoining the second floor, there is a terrace that bridges the gap between the rear façade of the MRB and the Lasdon House. A grand staircase leads from the lobby on the ground floor up to the enclosed lounge on the second floor that opens onto the terrace. There are two entryways from the Lasdon House to the terrace so anyone living in that building and working in the Medical Research Building would have easy access. The terrace also wraps around the side of the Lasdon House and connects to a stairway leading down to the sidewalk on $70^{\text {th }}$ street.

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The building is defined visually by the undulating glass sunshade curtain wall across the front of the building. This curtain wall is attached to the floor slabs that are cantilevered
out approximately $9^{\prime}-8 "$ from the exterior row of columns to meet it. The curtain wall itself has two layers. The outer layer features the glass sunshade wall with aluminum mullions. This wall is tied to the inner layer of insulated glass (also with aluminum mullions) by aluminum struts. The inner layer is anchored to the slab either directly through the mullion or with a steel outrigger.

## Structural Systems

## Foundation System

The foundation system consists of spread footings bearing on undisturbed bedrock. Strap beams are provided as necessary around the perimeter. This undisturbed bedrock is expected to support 40 tons per square foot. According to the geotechnical report, there are two types of bedrock encountered on the site. One type supports 40 tsf and the other 60 tsf , but it is recommended by Langan Engineering and Environmental Services that the footings be designed to rest on 40 tsf bedrock. The slab on grade is a 6 " concrete slab resting on a 3 " mud slab on $24^{\prime \prime}$ of crushed stone. The perimeter concrete walls of the basement are $20 "$ thick with strip footings. Below, Figure 1 is an image of the foundation plan.

The geotechnical report also states that the water table is approximately 50 feet above the foundation level. This poses the problem of seepage through the rock and also uplift on the foundation. A few different design solutions are presented in the geotechnical report. The resolution of this problem comes in the form of 4-50 ton rock anchors located at the bottom of Stairwell B on the East side of the building to resist the uplift.

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Figure 1: Basement Level 3 - Foundation Plan

## Floor System

The floor system in the Medical Research Building is 2 way flat plate concrete slabs. These slabs vary in depth from floor to floor (see Figure 2 below). The bottom reinforcement is typically \#5 bars at 12." Top reinforcement and additional bottom reinforcement varies as needed throughout the building. The slabs are especially thick in this building because much of the design was constrained by strict vibration requirements of the medical and research equipment in the building. Laboratory floors were designed to limit vibration velocities to 2000 micro-inches per second. Walking paces were assumed to be moderate ( 75 footfalls per minute) in the labs and corridors and fast ( 100 footfalls per minute) only in public areas such as the lobby. There are also vertical HSS members at alternate floors through the middle of the building where the laboratories are located. These members serve no structural load bearing purpose, they are simply meant to tie each floor to another floor to further limit vibrations by forcing any impact to excite vibrations in two floors instead of just one.

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| Floor | Slab Depth (in) |
| :---: | :---: |
| B3 | 6 |
| B2 | 12.5 |
| B1 | 12.5 |
| 1 | 11 |
| 2 | 12 |
| 3 | 12.5 |
| 4 | 12.5 |
| 5 | 12.5 |
| 6 | 12.5 |
| 7 | 12.5 |
| 8 | 12.5 |
| 9 | 12.5 |
| 10 | 12.5 |
| 11 | 12.5 |
| 12 | 12.5 |
| 13 | 12.5 |
| 14 | 12.5 |
| 15 | 12.5 |
| 16 | 12.5 |
| Interstitial | 10.5 |
| 17 | 10.5 |
| 18 | 12.5 |
| 19 | 10.5 |

The front of the building features a cantilever slab extending approximately $9^{\prime}-8 "$ from the center of column line D. The glass sunshade curtain wall is connected to the edge of the slab. The slab is the same thickness as the rest of the floor, but is cambered up to reduce deflections caused by the curtain wall load. On the second floor, the slab is cambered 1 " upward. For the third through the interstitial floors, the slab is cambered 5/8" upward.

Figure 2: Slab Depth per Floor

## Lateral System

Lateral loads, such as seismic and wind loads, are primarily resisted by $14 "-16 "$ reinforced concrete shear walls located around the stairwells and elevator cores. A couple of these shear walls step in at the second floor. Extra precautions were taken to make sure that the lateral moment still has a viable path to travel through that step in. Severud, the structural engineers for the project, desired to transfer lateral loads toward the perimeter of the building. In the front of the building there are massive $14 \times 72$ inch columns from which the slabs cantilever out and the glass sunshade curtain wall is hung. These columns also take some of the lateral loads. See the sketch in Appendix E for the location of lateral system elements on a typical floor.

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Beams and Columns

There is a very wide variety of beam and column sizes in this building. There are almost forty different sizes of columns with dimensions ranging from 12 " to 84 ," with the most common column being $24 \times 36$. There are also approximately fifty five different sizes of beams ranging from $8 \times 24$ to $84 \times 48$. Except on the laboratory floors, which are quite uniform, the column sizes tend to change from floor to floor. Reinforcement was provided to ensure the continuity of the load path through these column transfers.

Columns are located on the specified grid of 4 major rows in the East-West direction for the majority of the floors-except the first floor and below grade, which have a fifth row in the back of the building. Bay sizes are $27^{\prime}-7,{ }^{\prime} 25^{\prime}-0, "$ and $16^{\prime}-3 "$ in the North-South direction and the typical bay in the East-West direction is $21^{\prime}-0$ " with end spans approximately $22^{\prime}-6$." Beams, however, are only placed where they are needed. They are rarely in the same place from floor to floor and each floor has a different number of beams. The fourth floor has the fewest with 6, and the second floor has the most with 33. Below in Figure 3 is a typical framing plan for the $5^{\text {th }}-15^{\text {th }}$ floors.


Figure 3: Typical Framing Plan $-5^{\text {th }}-15^{\text {th }}$ Floors

# Design Codes and Standards 

The Weill Cornell Medical Research Building was designed according to the 1968 New York City Building Code based on the UBC. In 2008 New York City updated their building code, which is now based on the IBC. For this report, the new 2008 code for analysis and design is being used; which references ASCE 7-02, ACI 318-02, etc. For relevance, ASCE 7-05, ACI 318-08, and the AISC Steel Construction Manual $14^{\text {th }} \mathrm{ed}$. will be referenced in this report. The design for the Medical Research Building was submitted in 2008 and the project team decided to file under the old code. The MRB is located in New York City's zoning district R8, the use group is 3 (college), the construction class is I-C, and the occupancy group is D-2.

## Structural Materials

The Medical Research Building is a predominantly concrete structure. The $f^{\prime}{ }_{c}$ of the concrete varies throughout. See the table below in Figure 4 for the strength of concrete per floor.

On the roof and penthouse levels, there are structural steel members that frame platforms for mechanical equipment (cooling towers on the roof level), and also the window washing platform on the penthouse level. This penthouse level platform provides the means from which the window washing apparatus are hung and operated.

Steel members include W14s as horizontal framing members and HSS 10x8x5/8 for the perimeter. Columns, some of which extend down to the $19^{\text {th }}$ floor (on the west side of the building) and some which continue to the $18^{\text {th }}$ floor (on the east side) are HSS $8 \times 8 \times 3 / 8$. The cooling tower platform consists of horizontal members ranging from $\mathrm{W} 8 \mathrm{~s}-\mathrm{W} 18 \mathrm{~s}$ and HSS $8 x 8 \mathrm{~s}$ as the columns. Figures 5 and 6 show the window washing platform and $19^{\text {th }}$ floor framing plans.

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| Floor | $f^{\prime}$ c Beams and Slabs(psi) | $\mathrm{f}^{\prime} \mathrm{c}$ Columns <br> $(\mathrm{psi})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| B3 | 4000 | 8000 |
| B2 | 5950 | 8000 |
| B1 | 5950 | 8000 |
| 1 | 5950 | 8000 |
| 2 | 5950 | 8000 |
| 3 | 5950 | 8000 |
| 4 | 5950 | 8000 |
| 5 | 5950 | 8000 |
| 6 | 5000 | 5950 |
| 7 | 5000 | 5950 |
| 8 | 4000 | 5000 |
| 9 | 4000 | 5000 |
| 10 | 4000 | 4000 |
| 11 | 4000 | 4000 |
| 12 | 4000 | 4000 |
| 13 | 4000 | 4000 |
| 14 | 4000 | 4000 |
| 15 | 4000 | 4000 |
| 16 | 4000 | 4000 |
| Interstitial | 4000 | 4000 |
| 17 | 4000 | 4000 |
| 18 | 4000 | 4000 |
| 19 | 4000 | 4000 |

Figure 4: Concrete Strength per floor

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Figure 5: Window Washing Platform Framing Plan

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Figure 6: $19^{\text {th }}$ Floor/Roof Framing Plan

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## Building Loads

## Dead and Live Loads

There are a number of different occupancies within this building. The lower floors feature more business and office-like occupancies while the labs and mechanical rooms present circumstances more unique to the function of this building. The table below in Figure 7 shows some typical loads seen throughout the building. Unique loads for this building include the vivarium, which is located on the third basement level in the animal facility. It is an enclosed facility that acts as a recreation of an ecosystem for the study of plants and animals.

| LOADING SCHEDULE (PSF) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| level | SLAB | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { CEIUNG } \\ \text { AND MECH. } \end{gathered}$ | PART'N. | MISC. DL. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { LIVE } \\ & \text { LOAD } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { TOTAL } \\ & \text { LOAD } \end{aligned}$ | REMARKS |
| UVARIUM | 160 | 20 | 60 | 5 | 60 | 305 | - |
| uvarium mezz. | Varies | 10 | - | 15 | 50 | VARIES | OR EQUIP. |
| $B_{1}$ | VARIES | 30 | 10 | 15 | 150 | VARIES | OR EQUIP. |
| LOADING DOCK | 150 | 10 | 60 | 5 | 400 | 625 | +4** TOPPING SLAB |
| SIDEWALK | 150 | 10 | - | 50 | 600 | 810 | - |
| LOBBY | 140 | 10 | - | 25 | 100 | 275 | - |
| AUDITORIUM | 140 | 10 | 12 | 15 | 100 | 277 | - |
| LABORATORY | 160 | 10 | 12 | 5 | 60 | 247 | - |
| offices | 160 | 10 | 12 | 5 | 50 | 237 | - |
| MECHANICAL | 160 | 30 | 12 | 5 | 150 | 357 | OR EQUIP. |
| CORRIDOR | VARIES | 10 | 12 | 5 | 100 | Varies | - |
| Interstitial | 130 | 30 | - | 5 | 50 | 195 | - |
| data center | 150 | 10 | 12 | 15 | 300 | 487 | - |
| ROOF | 130 | 30 | - | 15 | 30 | 205 | OR EQUIP. |
| STORAGE | VARIES | 10 | 12 | 5 | 150 | VARIES | - |
| FACADE LOADS: <br> BLOCK AND BRICK DOOBLE GEASS CORTAN WACL 46 PSF |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Figure 7: Loading Schedule

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## Wind Load

ASCE 7-05 was used to calculate wind pressures and story forces transferred to the Main Wind Force Resisting System (MWFRS) for both the East-West and North-South direction.

The basic wind speed was determined to be 110 mph in New York City from Figure 6-1 C. The plans list the exposure category as B , and the occupancy category was determined to be III because it is an educational research lab and part of Weill Cornell Medical College.

The structure was assumed to be rigid, which meant the gust effect factor, $\mathrm{G}=.85$. An excel spreadsheet was created to carry out the calculations of wind pressure and force for each story on the windward and leeward sides (Figures 8 and 9). Another excel spreadsheet was created to calculate the total base shear and overturning moment (Figure 11). Wind pressure diagrams were drawn to show how pressure is distributed in each direction (Figure 10).

| Floor | Elev | z | $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{z}}$ | $\mathrm{q}_{\mathrm{z}}$ | Windward (psf) | Windward (plf) | Windward (k) | Leeward (psf) | Leeward (plf) | Leeward (k) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 5.08 | 0.00 | 0.57 | 17.26 | 18.712 | 1309.871 | 9.824 | -14.158 | -991.06 | -7.433 |
| 2 | 20.08 | 15.00 | 0.57 | 17.26 | 18.712 | 1309.871 | 18.884 | -14.158 | -991.06 | -14.288 |
| 3 | 33.92 | 28.83 | 0.66 | 19.98 | 20.566 | 1439.587 | 19.914 | -14.158 | -991.06 | -13.710 |
| 4 | 47.75 | 42.67 | 0.76 | 23.01 | 22.624 | 1583.715 | 21.908 | -14.158 | -991.06 | -13.710 |
| 5 | 61.58 | 56.50 | 0.81 | 24.53 | 23.654 | 1655.779 | 22.905 | -14.158 | -991.06 | -13.710 |
| 6 | 75.42 | 70.33 | 0.89 | 26.95 | 25.301 | 1771.082 | 24.500 | -14.158 | -991.06 | -13.710 |
| 7 | 89.25 | 84.17 | 0.93 | 28.16 | 26.125 | 1828.733 | 25.297 | -14.158 | -991.06 | -13.710 |
| 8 | 103.08 | 98.00 | 0.96 | 29.07 | 26.742 | 1871.971 | 25.896 | -14.158 | -991.06 | -13.710 |
| 9 | 116.92 | 111.83 | 0.99 | 29.98 | 27.360 | 1915.210 | 26.494 | -14.158 | -991.06 | -13.710 |
| 10 | 130.75 | 125.67 | 1.04 | 31.49 | 28.390 | 1987.274 | 27.491 | -14.158 | -991.06 | -13.710 |
| 11 | 144.58 | 139.50 | 1.09 | 33.00 | 29.419 | 2059.338 | 28.488 | -14.158 | -991.06 | -13.710 |
| 12 | 158.42 | 153.33 | 1.09 | 33.00 | 29.419 | 2059.338 | 28.488 | -14.158 | -991.06 | -13.710 |
| 13 | 172.25 | 167.17 | 1.13 | 34.22 | 30.243 | 2116.989 | 29.285 | -14.158 | -991.06 | -13.710 |
| 14 | 186.08 | 181.00 | 1.17 | 35.43 | 31.066 | 2174.641 | 30.083 | -14.158 | -991.06 | -13.710 |
| 15 | 199.92 | 194.83 | 1.17 | 35.43 | 31.066 | 2174.641 | 30.083 | -14.158 | -991.06 | -13.710 |
| 16 | 213.75 | 208.67 | 1.20 | 36.33 | 31.684 | 2217.879 | 32.252 | -14.158 | -991.06 | -14.412 |
| Intertitial | 229.00 | 223.92 | 1.20 | 36.33 | 31.684 | 2217.879 | 28.001 | -14.158 | -991.06 | -12.512 |
| 17 | 239.00 | 233.92 | 1.20 | 36.33 | 31.684 | 2217.879 | 34.377 | -14.158 | -991.06 | -15.361 |
| 18 | 260.00 | 254.92 | 1.28 | 38.76 | 33.331 | 2333.182 | 44.914 | -14.158 | -991.06 | -19.078 |
| 19 | 277.50 | 272.42 | 1.28 | 38.76 | 33.331 | 2333.182 | 40.247 | -14.158 | -991.06 | -17.096 |
| Penthouse | 294.50 | 289.42 | 1.28 | 38.76 | 33.331 | 2333.182 | 19.832 | -14.158 | -991.06 | -8.424 |

Figure 8: Wind Load Excel Sheet - East-West Direction

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| Floor | Elev | z | $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{z}}$ | $\mathrm{q}_{\mathrm{z}}$ | Windward (psf) | Windward (plf) | Windward (k) | Leeward (psf) | Leeward (plf) | Leeward (k) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 5.08 | 0.00 | 0.57 | 17.26 | 18.712 | 4771.674 | 35.788 | -23.448 | -1641.37 | -12.310 |
| 2 | 20.08 | 15.00 | 0.57 | 17.26 | 18.712 | 4771.674 | 68.792 | -23.448 | -1641.37 | -23.663 |
| 3 | 33.92 | 28.83 | 0.66 | 19.98 | 20.566 | 5244.209 | 72.545 | -23.448 | -1641.37 | -22.706 |
| 4 | 47.75 | 42.67 | 0.76 | 23.01 | 22.624 | 5769.247 | 79.808 | -23.448 | -1641.37 | -22.706 |
| 5 | 61.58 | 56.50 | 0.81 | 24.53 | 23.654 | 6031.766 | 83.439 | -23.448 | -1641.37 | -22.706 |
| 6 | 75.42 | 70.33 | 0.89 | 26.95 | 25.301 | 6451.797 | 89.250 | -23.448 | -1641.37 | -22.706 |
| 7 | 89.25 | 84.17 | 0.93 | 28.16 | 26.125 | 6661.813 | 92.155 | -23.448 | -1641.37 | -22.706 |
| 8 | 103.08 | 98.00 | 0.96 | 29.07 | 26.742 | 6819.324 | 94.334 | -23.448 | -1641.37 | -22.706 |
| 9 | 116.92 | 111.83 | 0.99 | 29.98 | 27.360 | 6976.836 | 96.513 | -23.448 | -1641.37 | -22.706 |
| 10 | 130.75 | 125.67 | 1.04 | 31.49 | 28.390 | 7239.355 | 100.144 | -23.448 | -1641.37 | -22.706 |
| 11 | 144.58 | 139.50 | 1.09 | 33.00 | 29.419 | 7501.874 | 103.776 | -23.448 | -1641.37 | -22.706 |
| 12 | 158.42 | 153.33 | 1.09 | 33.00 | 29.419 | 7501.874 | 103.776 | -23.448 | -1641.37 | -22.706 |
| 13 | 172.25 | 167.17 | 1.13 | 34.22 | 30.243 | 7711.890 | 106.681 | -23.448 | -1641.37 | -22.706 |
| 14 | 186.08 | 181.00 | 1.17 | 35.43 | 31.066 | 7921.905 | 109.586 | -23.448 | -1641.37 | -22.706 |
| 15 | 199.92 | 194.83 | 1.17 | 35.43 | 31.066 | 7921.905 | 109.586 | -23.448 | -1641.37 | -22.706 |
| 16 | 213.75 | 208.67 | 1.20 | 36.33 | 31.684 | 8079.417 | 117.488 | -23.448 | -1641.37 | -23.868 |
| Interstitial | 229.00 | 223.92 | 1.20 | 36.33 | 31.684 | 8079.417 | 102.003 | -23.448 | -1641.37 | -20.722 |
| 17 | 239.00 | 233.92 | 1.20 | 36.33 | 31.684 | 8079.417 | 125.231 | -23.448 | -1641.37 | -25.441 |
| 18 | 260.00 | 254.92 | 1.28 | 38.76 | 33.331 | 8499.448 | 163.614 | -23.448 | -1641.37 | -31.596 |
| 19 | 277.50 | 272.42 | 1.28 | 38.76 | 33.331 | 8499.448 | 146.615 | -23.448 | -1641.37 | -28.314 |
| Penthouse | 294.50 | 289.42 | 1.28 | 38.76 | 33.331 | 8499.448 | 72.245 | -23.448 | -1641.37 | -13.952 |

Figure 9: Wind Load Excel Sheet - North-South Direction


Figure 10: Wind Pressure Diagram

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| Floor | Force (k) | Height (ft) | Moment (k-ft) | Floor | Force (k) | Height (ft) | Moment (k-ft) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 17.257 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1 | 48.098 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2 | 33.172 | 15.91 | 527.92 | 2 | 92.455 | 44.36 | 4101.00 |
| 3 | 33.624 | 16.37 | 550.32 | 3 | 95.250 | 47.15 | 4491.31 |
| 4 | 35.618 | 18.36 | 653.97 | 4 | 102.513 | 54.42 | 5578.34 |
| 5 | 36.615 | 19.36 | 708.77 | 5 | 106.145 | 58.05 | 6161.42 |
| 6 | 38.210 | 20.95 | 800.59 | 6 | 111.955 | 63.86 | 7149.21 |
| 7 | 39.007 | 21.75 | 848.41 | 7 | 114.861 | 66.76 | 7668.42 |
| 8 | 39.605 | 22.35 | 885.11 | 8 | 117.040 | 68.94 | 8068.91 |
| 9 | 40.203 | 22.95 | 922.52 | 9 | 119.218 | 71.12 | 8478.90 |
| 10 | 41.200 | 23.94 | 986.47 | 10 | 122.850 | 74.75 | 9183.30 |
| 11 | 42.197 | 24.94 | 1052.41 | 11 | 126.481 | 78.38 | 9914.09 |
| 12 | 42.197 | 24.94 | 1052.41 | 12 | 126.481 | 78.38 | 9914.09 |
| 13 | 42.995 | 25.74 | 1106.58 | 13 | 129.387 | 81.29 | 10517.70 |
| 14 | 43.792 | 26.54 | 1162.03 | 14 | 132.292 | 84.19 | 11138.20 |
| 15 | 43.792 | 26.54 | 1162.03 | 15 | 132.292 | 84.19 | 11138.20 |
| 16 | 46.663 | 29.41 | 1372.20 | 16 | 141.356 | 93.26 | 13182.70 |
| Interstitial | 40.513 | 23.26 | 942.16 | Interstitial | 122.725 | 74.63 | 9158.60 |
| 17 | 49.739 | 32.48 | 1615.59 | 17 | 150.672 | 102.57 | 15455.09 |
| 18 | 63.992 | 46.73 | 2990.63 | 18 | 195.211 | 147.11 | 28718.00 |
| 19 | 57.343 | 40.09 | 2298.67 | 19 | 174.929 | 126.83 | 22186.47 |
| Penthouse | 28.256 | 11.00 | 310.79 | Penthouse | 86.197 | 38.10 | 3284.03 |
| Total | 855.990 |  | 21949.58 | Total | 2548.409 |  | 205487.98 |

Figure 11: Wind Load Base Shear and Overturning Moment - East-West Direction (to the left), and North-South (to the right)

## Seismic Load

For the seismic load evaluation of the Medical Research Building, the Equivalent Lateral Force Method as outlined in ASCE 7-05 was employed. The Site Class was determined to be A from Table 20.3-1 because the building sits on hard rock. An occupancy category of III resulted in an importance factor of 1.25 from Table 11.5-1. The Seismic Design Category based on short period response yielded Category B (Table 11.6-1), while the SDC based on 1 second period response yielded Category A (Table 11.6-2). To be conservative, Category B (the more severe category) was chosen. The Seismic Response Modification Factor, R, was labeled 4 on the drawings, which corresponds to the lateral resisting system of Ordinary Reinforced Concrete Shear Walls in Table 12.2-1.

The remainder of the procedure was followed resulting in a seismic base shear of approximately 980 kips. A spreadsheet developed in AE 597A was used to calculate the forces and moment at each floor as well as the overall overturning moment, calculated as 191,420 kip-ft.

## Lateral System Analysis

## Computer Model

A computer model of the Weill Cornell Medical Research Building was made in Etabs, a Computer and Structures Inc. modeling and analysis program. The purpose of this model was to determine the building's lateral drift and to determine the controlling wind load case. Only the elements of the lateral system and the diaphragms that hold them together were modeled. Figures $12 \& 13$ below feature a typical floor plan and a 3-D image of the computer model.


Figure 12: Typical Floor Plan in Etabs model


Figure 13: 3-D view from the South-West of the Etabs model

When analysis was attempted on the computer model, unknown errors occurred and no results could be obtained.

## Relative Stiffness

Relative stiffness values for the shear walls and columns were calculated using an excel spreadsheet. Because the diaphragms are rigid, the distribution of lateral load is based on the relative stiffness of the elements. Due to the unavailability of the computer output of deflections due to a 1 kip load, the relative stiffness of the lateral elements was determined

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manually. First, stiffness and rigidity were found using a formula learned in AE 430 and AE 538 for fixed-end concrete shear walls (see table in Appendix ). Next, relative stiffness was determined by applying a 1 kip lateral load to each element and using the relationship $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{KU}$ to determine the deflection. The ratio of the minimum deflection to the individual element's deflection provides the relative stiffness. See the table below (Figure 14) for relative stiffness values. The Shear Wall 1 core around the freight elevators is the stiffest, which makes sense because that shear wall core is the only one on the western half of the building, whereas the two Shear Wall 2 cores around the passenger elevators and the Shear Wall 3 core around the stairs are spaced closer together.

| Relative Stiffness: | $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{k})$ | $\mathrm{K}(\mathrm{k} / \mathrm{in})$ | $\mathrm{U}(\mathrm{in})$ | $\mathrm{K}_{\text {rel }}(\mathrm{k} / \mathrm{in})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $14 \times 72$ Columns | 1 | 188.034 | 0.005318 | 0.09542 |
| SW1 E-W Elements | 1 | 681.992 | 0.001466 | 0.34609 |
| SW1 N-S Elements | 1 | 1970.572 | 0.000507 | 1.00000 |
| SW2 \& SW3 E-W <br> Elements | 1 | 577.808 | 0.001731 | 0.29322 |
| SW2 \& SW3 N-S Elements | 1 | 1558.018 | 0.000642 | 0.79064 |

Figure 14: Relative Stiffness calculation

## Load Distribution

It was determined in the $1^{\text {st }}$ Technical Report that wind load controls in the NorthSouth direction and seismic loads control in the East-West direction. The tables below (Figures 15-18) show the results of distributing the direct and torsional shears to all of the lateral elements in both the North-South direction and the East-West direction. The stiffer elements, the North-South components of the shear wall cores, received more load. The maximum direct shear was approximately 12 kips seen in Shear Wall 1.

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| Direct Shear N-S: | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}{ }^{*} \mathrm{~V} / \Sigma \mathrm{Ri} \\ (\mathrm{kips}) \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SW1A | 27588.003 | 12.151 |
| SW1B | 27588.003 | 12.151 |
| SW1C | 9547.881 | 4.205 |
| SW1D | 9547.881 | 4.205 |
| SW2AA | 24928.285 | 10.979 |
| SW2AB | 24928.285 | 10.979 |
| SW2AC | 9244.925 | 4.072 |
| SW2AD | 9244.925 | 4.072 |
| SW2BA | 24928.285 | 10.979 |
| SW2BB | 24928.285 | 10.979 |
| SW2BC | 9244.925 | 4.072 |
| SW2BD | 9244.925 | 4.072 |
| SW3A | 24928.285 | 10.979 |
| SW3B | 24928.285 | 10.979 |
| SW3C | 9244.925 | 4.072 |
| SW3D | 9244.925 | 4.072 |
| Column D2.0 | 2632.478 | 1.159 |
| Column D3.0 | 2632.478 | 1.159 |
| Column D4.5 | 2632.478 | 1.159 |
| Column D5.5 | 2632.478 | 1.159 |
| Column D6.5 | 2632.478 | 1.159 |
| Column D8.0 | 2632.478 | 1.159 |
| Column D9.0 | 2632.478 | 1.159 |
| Column D10.0 | 2632.478 | 1.159 |
| Sum Total: | 300370.857 | 132.292 |

Figure 15: Direct Shear in the North-South Direction

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| Torsional Shear N-S: | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $\mathrm{d}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{V}^{*} \mathrm{e}^{*} \mathrm{~d}_{\mathrm{i}}{ }^{*} \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}} / \mathrm{J} \text { (kips) } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SW1A | 27588.003 | 118.811 | 0.8712 |
| SW1B | 27588.003 | 107.227 | 0.7863 |
| SW1C | 9547.881 | 10.267 | 0.0261 |
| SW1D | 9547.881 | 10.267 | 0.0261 |
| SW2AA | 24928.285 | 8.273 | 0.0548 |
| SW2AB | 24928.285 | 18.773 | 0.1244 |
| SW2AC | 9244.925 | 15.934 | 0.0392 |
| SW2AD | 9244.925 | 11.316 | 0.0278 |
| SW2BA | 24928.285 | 29.273 | 0.1940 |
| SW2BB | 24928.285 | 39.773 | 0.2635 |
| SW2BC | 9244.925 | 15.934 | 0.0392 |
| SW2BD | 9244.925 | 11.316 | 0.0278 |
| SW3A | 24928.285 | 71.273 | 0.4722 |
| SW3B | 24928.285 | 81.773 | 0.5418 |
| SW3C | 9244.925 | 15.934 | 0.0392 |
| SW3D | 9244.925 | 11.316 | 0.0278 |
| Column D2.0 | 2632.478 | 124.352 | 0.0870 |
| Column D3.0 | 2632.478 | 65.227 | 0.0456 |
| Column D4.5 | 2632.478 | 33.727 | 0.0236 |
| Column D5.5 | 2632.478 | 12.727 | 0.0089 |
| Column D6.5 | 2632.478 | 8.273 | 0.0058 |
| Column D8.0 | 2632.478 | 39.773 | 0.0278 |
| Column D9.0 | 2632.478 | 60.773 | 0.0425 |
| Column D10.0 | 2632.478 | 81.773 | 0.0572 |
| Sum Total: | 300370.857 |  | 3.8597 |

Figure 16: Torsional Shear in the North-South Direction

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| Direct Shear E-W: | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}{ }^{*} \mathrm{~V} / \Sigma \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | ---: |
| SW1A | 27588.003 | 6.990 |
| SW1B | 27588.003 | 6.990 |
| SW1C | 9547.881 | 2.419 |
| SW1D | 9547.881 | 2.419 |
| SW2AA | 24928.285 | 6.316 |
| SW2AB | 24928.285 | 6.316 |
| SW2AC | 9244.925 | 2.343 |
| SW2AD | 9244.925 | 2.343 |
| SW2BA | 24928.285 | 6.316 |
| SW2BB | 24928.285 | 6.316 |
| SW2BC | 9244.925 | 2.343 |
| SW2BD | 9244.925 | 2.343 |
| SW3A | 24928.285 | 6.316 |
| SW3B | 24928.285 | 6.316 |
| SW3C | 9244.925 | 2.343 |
| SW3D | 9244.925 | 2.343 |
| Column D2.0 | 2632.478 | 0.667 |
| Column D3.0 | 2632.478 | 0.667 |
| Column D4.5 | 2632.478 | 0.667 |
| Column D5.5 | 2632.478 | 0.667 |
| Column D6.5 | 2632.478 | 0.667 |
| Column D8.0 | 2632.478 | 0.667 |
| Column D9.0 | 2632.478 | 0.667 |
| Column D10.0 | 2632.478 | 0.667 |
| Sum Total: | 300370.857 | 76.110 |

Figure 17: Direct Shear in the East-West Direction

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| Torsional Shear E-W: | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $\mathrm{d}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $\mathrm{V}^{*} \mathrm{e}^{*} \mathrm{~d}_{\mathrm{i}}{ }^{*} \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}} / \mathrm{J}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SW1A | 27588.003 | 118.811 | 2.5887 |
| SW1B | 27588.003 | 107.227 | 2.3364 |
| SW1C | 9547.881 | 10.267 | 0.0774 |
| SW1D | 9547.881 | 10.267 | 0.0774 |
| SW2AA | 24928.285 | 8.273 | 0.1629 |
| SW2AB | 24928.285 | 18.773 | 0.3696 |
| SW2AC | 9244.925 | 15.934 | 0.1163 |
| SW2AD | 9244.925 | 11.316 | 0.0826 |
| SW2BA | 24928.285 | 29.273 | 0.5763 |
| SW2BB | 24928.285 | 39.773 | 0.7830 |
| SW2BC | 9244.925 | 15.934 | 0.1163 |
| SW2BD | 9244.925 | 11.316 | 0.0826 |
| SW3A | 24928.285 | 71.273 | 1.4032 |
| SW3B | 24928.285 | 81.773 | 1.6100 |
| SW3C | 9244.925 | 15.934 | 0.1163 |
| SW3D | 9244.925 | 11.316 | 0.0826 |
| Column D2.0 | 2632.478 | 124.352 | 0.2585 |
| Column D3.0 | 2632.478 | 65.227 | 0.1356 |
| Column D4.5 | 2632.478 | 33.727 | 0.0701 |
| Column D5.5 | 2632.478 | 12.727 | 0.0265 |
| Column D6.5 | 2632.478 | 8.273 | 0.0172 |
| Column D8.0 | 2632.478 | 39.773 | 0.0827 |
| Sum Total: | 300370.857 |  | 0.1264 |
| 2632.478 | 60.773 | 0.1700 |  |
| Column D10.0 | 2632.478 | 81.773 | 11.4689 |

Figure 18: Torsional Shear in the East-West Direction

## Drift

Due to the errors in the Etabs model, drift values for the building could not be obtained. The drift values would be compared to $\mathrm{H} / 400$ for wind load and $0.015 \mathrm{~h}_{\mathrm{sx}}$ for seismic loads.

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The errors in the computer model prevented a full analysis of the lateral systems in this report. The only thing that could be investigated was the stiffness, relative stiffness, and distribution of loads.

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Seismic Load


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| Level | Height <br> $(\mathrm{ft})$ | Weight <br> $(\mathrm{k})$ | $\mathrm{w}^{*} \mathrm{~h}^{\mathrm{m}}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{v x}$ | $\mathrm{~F}_{\mathrm{i}}(\mathrm{k})$ | $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{i}}(\mathrm{k})$ | $\mathrm{M}(\mathrm{k}-\mathrm{ft})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Penthouse | 294.50 | 318.29 | 1281420 | 0.0106 | 10.42 | 10.42 | 3069.51 |
| 19 | 277.50 | 1669.14 | 6161082 | 0.0512 | 50.11 | 60.54 | 13906.32 |
| 18 | 260.00 | 4997.25 | 16772289 | 0.1393 | 136.42 | 196.96 | 35469.73 |
| 17 | 239.00 | 5402.93 | 16035778 | 0.1331 | 130.43 | 327.39 | 31173.11 |
| Interstitial | 229.00 | 3547.31 | 9891438 | 0.0821 | 80.45 | 407.84 | 18424.14 |
| 16 | 213.75 | 4091.69 | 10317278 | 0.0857 | 83.92 | 491.76 | 17937.56 |
| 15 | 199.92 | 4091.69 | 9357110 | 0.0777 | 76.11 | 567.87 | 15215.39 |
| 14 | 186.08 | 4091.69 | 8427041 | 0.0700 | 68.54 | 636.41 | 12754.83 |
| 13 | 172.25 | 4091.69 | 7528261 | 0.0625 | 61.23 | 697.65 | 10547.42 |
| 12 | 158.42 | 4091.69 | 6662105 | 0.0553 | 54.19 | 751.84 | 8584.29 |
| 11 | 144.58 | 4091.69 | 5830084 | 0.0484 | 47.42 | 799.26 | 6856.23 |
| 10 | 130.75 | 4091.69 | 5033929 | 0.0418 | 40.94 | 840.20 | 5353.54 |
| 9 | 116.92 | 4091.69 | 4275646 | 0.0355 | 34.78 | 874.98 | 4066.03 |
| 8 | 103.08 | 4091.69 | 3557602 | 0.0295 | 28.94 | 903.92 | 2982.90 |
| 7 | 89.25 | 4091.69 | 2882639 | 0.0239 | 23.45 | 927.36 | 2092.62 |
| 6 | 75.42 | 4091.69 | 2254263 | 0.0187 | 18.34 | 945.70 | 1382.81 |
| 5 | 61.58 | 4091.69 | 1676944 | 0.0139 | 13.64 | 959.34 | 839.99 |
| 4 | 47.75 | 4214.07 | 1191249 | 0.0099 | 9.69 | 969.03 | 462.67 |
| 3 | 33.92 | 4598.03 | 788815.4 | 0.0065 | 6.42 | 975.44 | 217.61 |
| 2 | 20.08 | 6402.62 | 511090.6 | 0.0042 | 4.16 | 979.60 | 83.49 |
|  |  |  |  | Base Shear: | 979.60 | Total Mom: | 191420.19 |

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## Appendix B: <br> Wind Load



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## Appendix C:

Stiffness/Rigidity, Center of Rigidity, and Load Distribution

| Stiffness/Rigidity: | E (ksi) | h (in) | b (in) | $\left.\mathrm{E} /(\mathrm{h} / \mathrm{b})^{\wedge} 3+3 \mathrm{~h} / \mathrm{b}\right)$ <br> $(\mathrm{k} / \mathrm{in})$ | t <br> (in) | $\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{K}^{*} \mathrm{t}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $14 \times 72$ Columns | 3605 | 166 | 72 | 188.034 | 14 | 2632.478 |
| SW1 E-W Elements | 3605 | 166 | 139 | 681.992 | 14 | 9547.881 |
| SW1 N-S Elements | 3605 | 166 | 300 | 1970.572 | 14 | 27588.003 |
| SW2 \& SW3 E-W <br> Elements | 3605 | 166 | 126 | 577.808 | 16 | 9244.925 |
| SW2 \& SW3 N-S Elements | 3605 | 166 | 247.5 | 1558.018 | 16 | 24928.285 |


|  | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}{ }^{*} \mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $\mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}{ }^{*} \mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $\mathrm{d}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}{ }^{*} \mathrm{~d}_{\mathrm{i}}{ }^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SW1A | 27588.003 | 11.042 | 304617.54 | 38.417 | 1059839.126 | 118.811 | 389432126.027 |
| SW1B | 27588.003 | 22.625 | 624178.57 | 38.417 | 1059839.126 | 107.227 | 317199132.080 |
| SW1C | 9547.881 | 16.833 | 160722.67 | 25.917 | 247449.253 | 10.267 | 1006432.766 |
| SW1D | 9547.881 | 16.833 | 160722.67 | 50.917 | 486146.281 | 10.267 | 1006432.766 |
| SW2AA | 24928.285 | 138.125 | 3443219.43 | 24.792 | 618013.744 | 8.273 | 1705981.249 |
| SW2AB | 24928.285 | 148.625 | 3704966.43 | 24.792 | 618013.744 | 18.773 | 8784970.141 |
| SW2AC | 9244.925 | 143.375 | 1325491.06 | 11.167 | 103234.991 | 15.934 | 2347084.876 |
| SW2AD | 9244.925 | 143.375 | 1325491.06 | 38.417 | 355159.185 | 11.316 | 1183922.642 |
| SW2BA | 24928.285 | 159.125 | 3966713.43 | 24.792 | 618013.744 | 29.273 | 21360645.982 |
| SW2BB | 24928.285 | 169.625 | 4228460.42 | 24.792 | 618013.744 | 39.773 | 39433008.772 |
| SW2BC | 9244.925 | 164.375 | 1519634.47 | 11.167 | 103234.991 | 15.934 | 2347084.876 |
| SW2BD | 9244.925 | 164.375 | 1519634.47 | 38.417 | 355159.185 | 11.316 | 1183922.642 |
| SW3A | 24928.285 | 201.125 | 5013701.42 | 24.792 | 618013.744 | 71.273 | 126630218.832 |
| SW3B | 24928.285 | 211.625 | 5275448.42 | 24.792 | 618013.744 | 81.773 | 166689329.416 |
| SW3C | 9244.925 | 206.375 | 1907921.30 | 11.167 | 103234.991 | 15.934 | 2347084.876 |
| SW3D | 9244.925 | 206.375 | 1907921.30 | 38.417 | 355159.185 | 11.316 | 1183922.642 |
| Column D2.0 | 2632.478 | 5.500 | 14478.63 | 9.667 | 25447.292 | 124.352 | 40707395.979 |
| Column D3.0 | 2632.478 | 64.625 | 170123.92 | 9.667 | 25447.292 | 65.227 | 11200186.311 |
| Column D4.5 | 2632.478 | 96.125 | 253047.00 | 9.667 | 25447.292 | 33.727 | 2994546.766 |
| Column D5.5 | 2632.478 | 117.125 | 308329.04 | 9.667 | 25447.292 | 12.727 | 426427.941 |
| Column D6.5 | 2632.478 | 138.125 | 363611.09 | 9.667 | 25447.292 | 8.273 | 180155.148 |

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| Column D8.0 | 2632.478 | 169.625 | 446534.16 | 9.667 | 25447.292 | 39.773 | 4164207.266 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Column D9.0 | 2632.478 | 190.625 | 501816.21 | 9.667 | 25447.292 | 60.773 | 9722549.550 |
| Column <br> D10.0 | 2632.478 | 211.625 | 557098.26 | 9.667 | 25447.292 | 81.773 | 17602737.865 |
| Sum Totals: | 300370.857 |  | 39003882.98 |  | 8140117.115 |  | 1170839507.413 |

Center of Rigidity: $\quad(129.9,27.1)$

Center of Mass: (127.5 , 39.25 )

| $\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{x}}=$ | 2.3524 | ft |
| ---: | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{y}}=$ | 12.1498 | ft |
| $\mathrm{J}=$ | 1170839507.4 | $\mathrm{k}-\mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{in}$ |


| $\mathrm{V}_{\text {wind, } \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{S}}=$ | 132.292 | kips |
| ---: | :---: | :--- |
| $\mathrm{V}_{\text {seismic, } \mathrm{E}-\mathrm{W}}=$ | 76.11 | kips |

