



# Structural Retrofit and Structural Risk Mitigation

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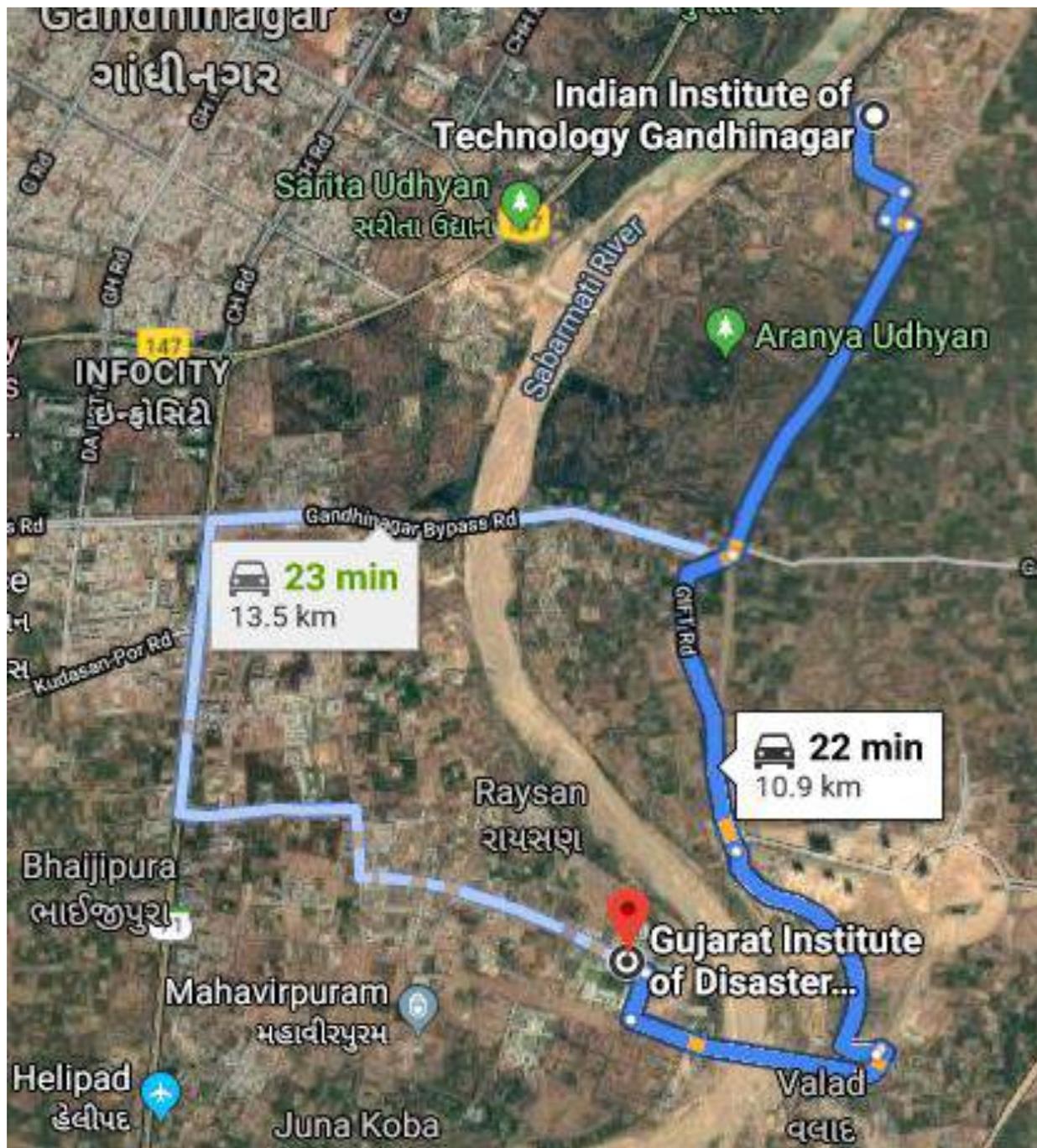
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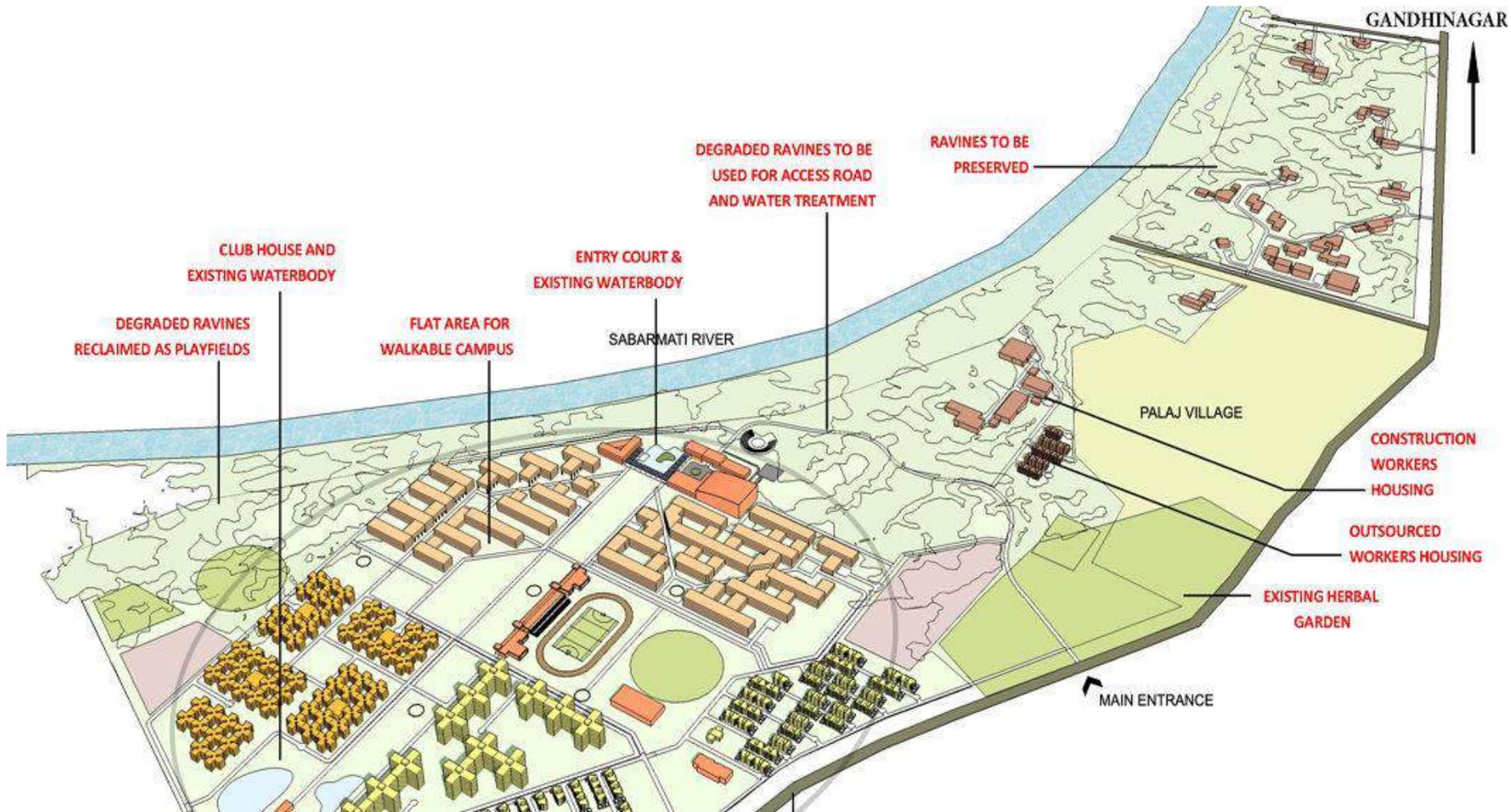
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# Outline

- Structural systems
- Example RVS
- Detailed evaluation and strengthening
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# Structural systems

# Earthquake damage



2015 Nepal earthquake: photo by UB team

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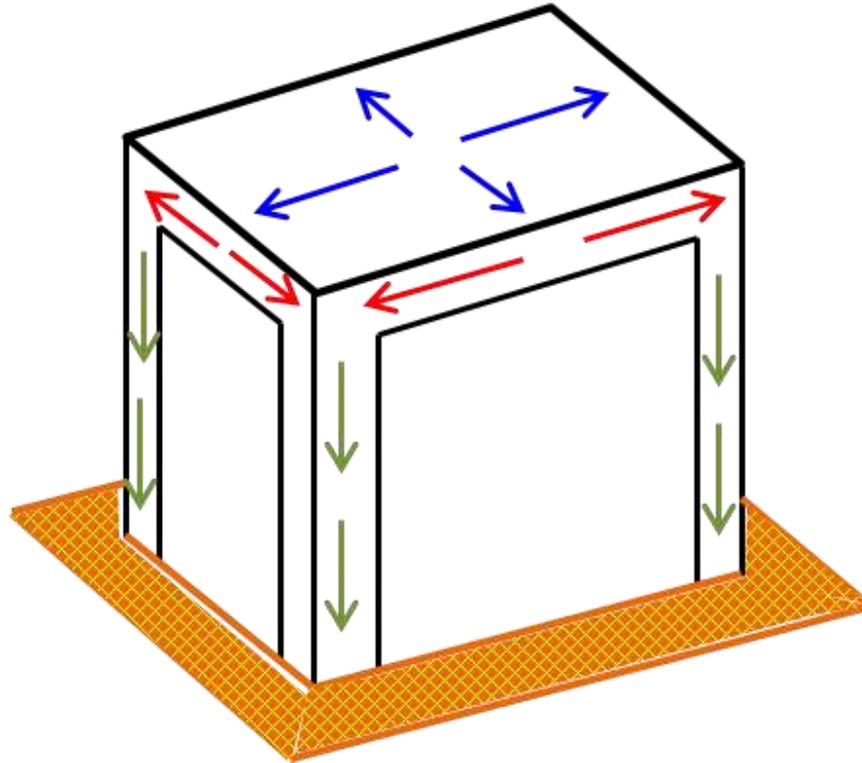
# Structural damage



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# Load path

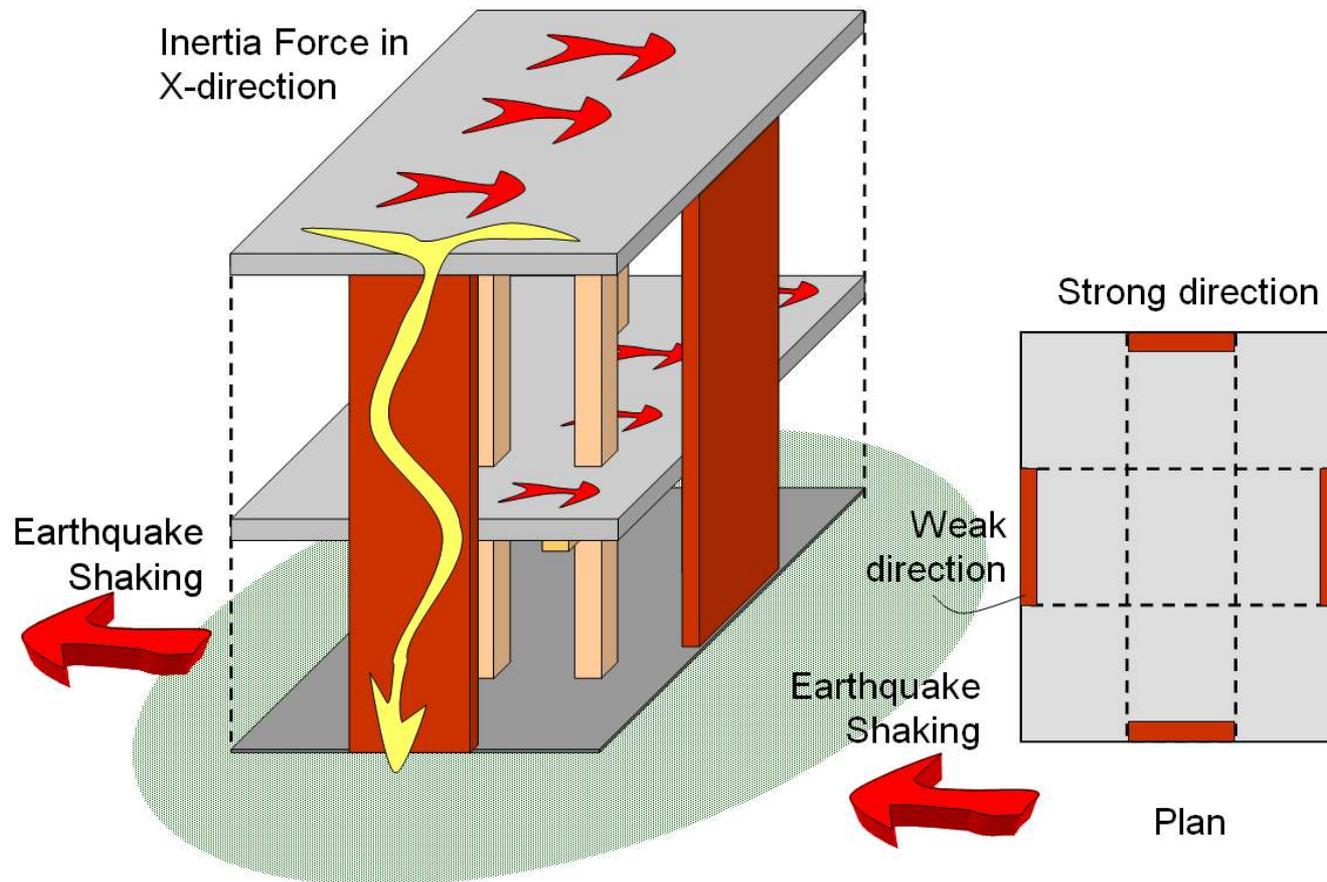
- Load transfer path
  - slab >>> beams >>> columns



# Load path

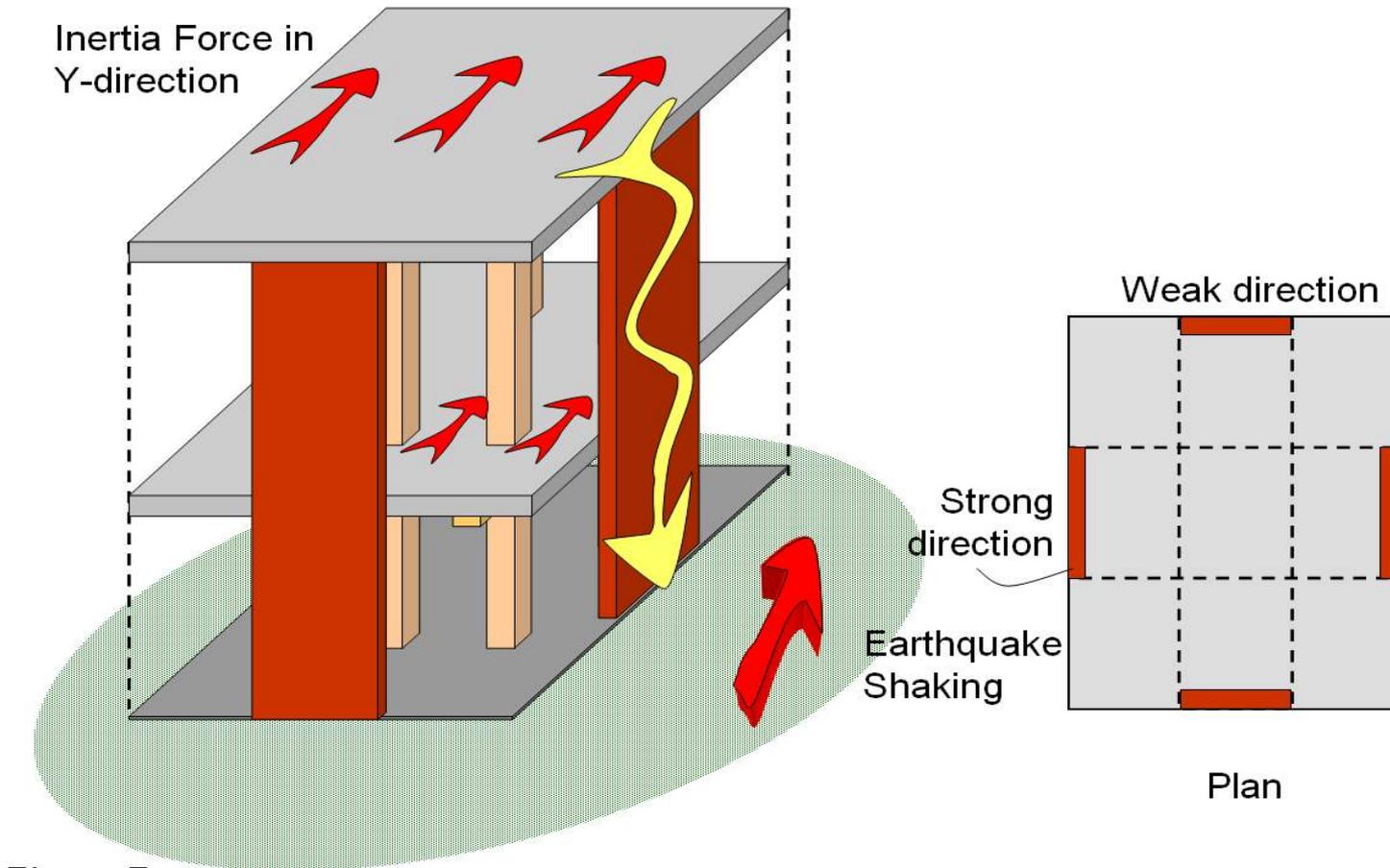
- Load path is function of
  - Structural system
  - Direction of loading
  - Support condition
  - ...

# EQ load path: direction of loading



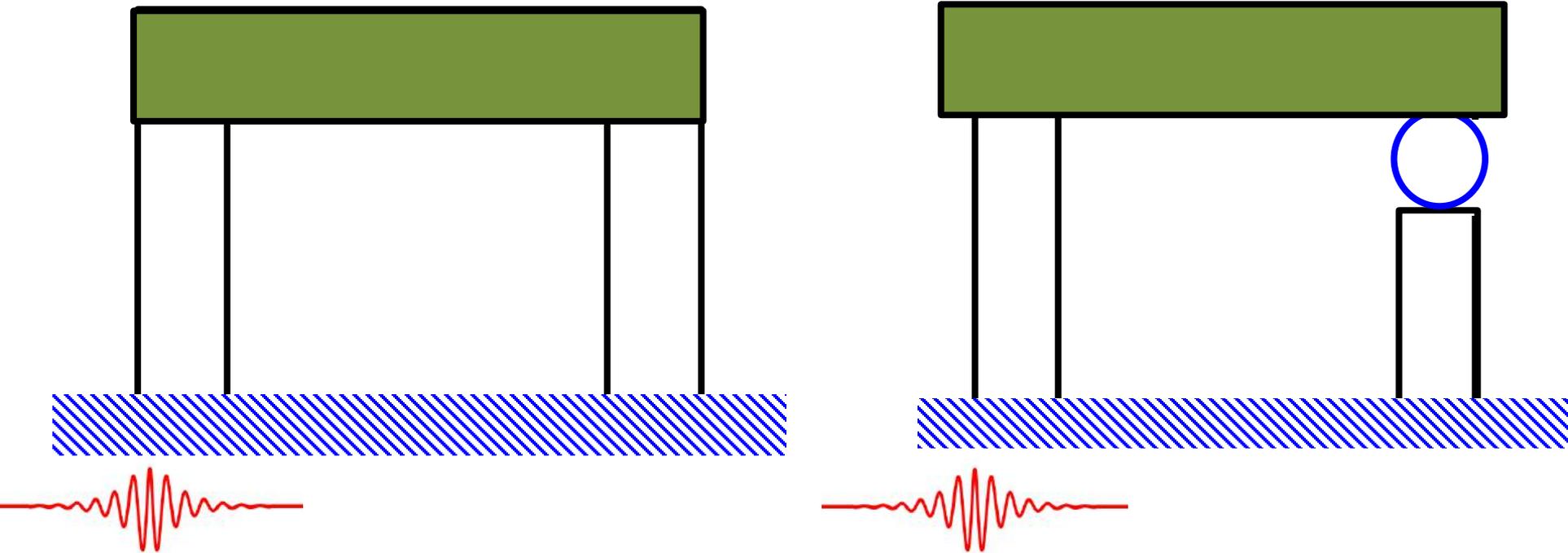
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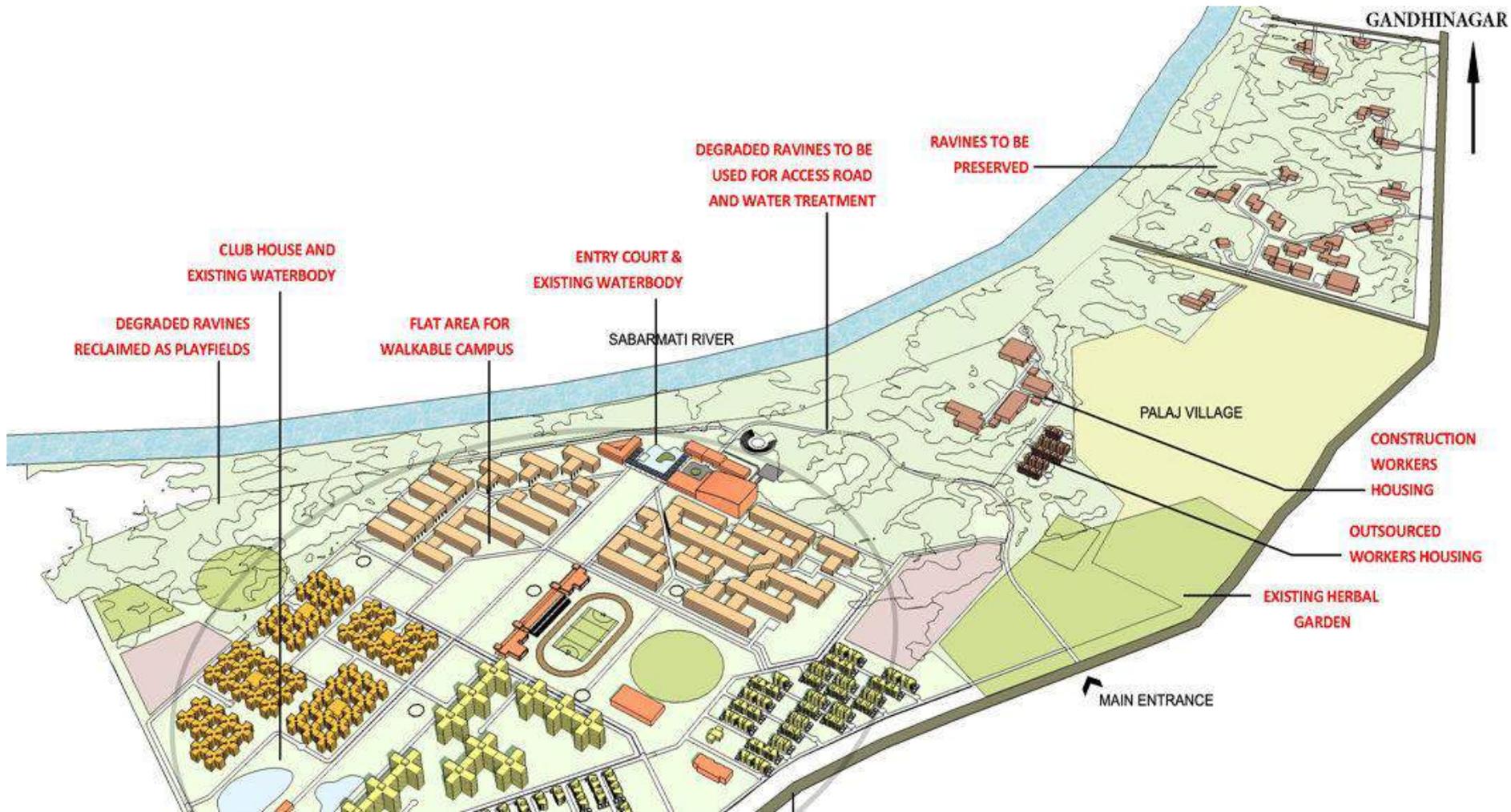


# EQ load path: support condition

- Member forces affected by support conditions



How many structural systems are there?



# Faculty apartments: confined masonry



Courtesy: SK Jain

# Student hostel: confined masonry



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# Academic area: infilled RC frame

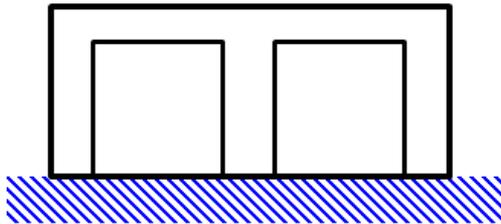


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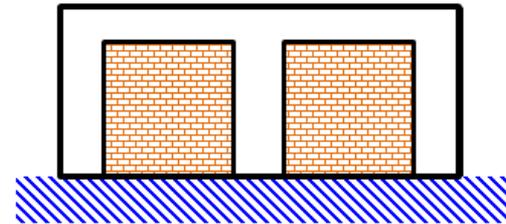
# Infilled RC frame vs. confined masonry

## Infilled RC frame

Step 1: Construction of RC frame

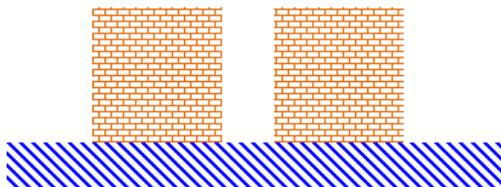


Step 2: Placement of infill

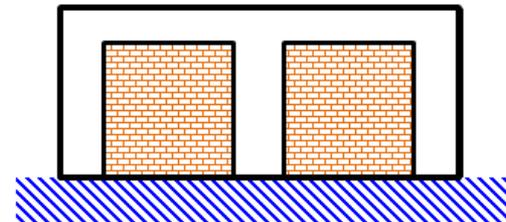


## Confined masonry

Step 1: Masonry construction



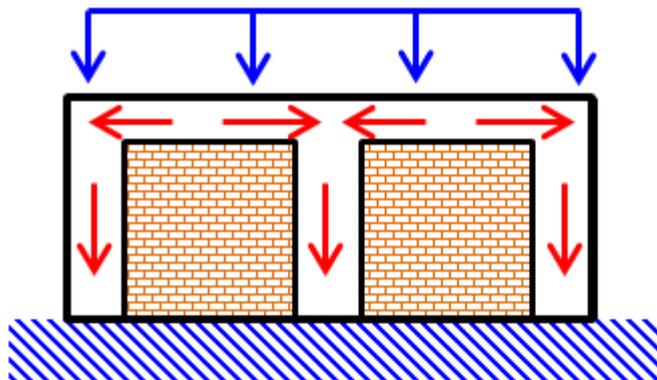
Step 2: Casting of frame



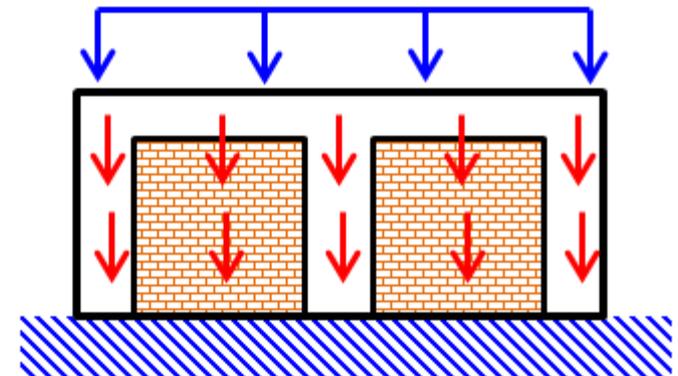
# Infilled RC frame vs. confined masonry building

- Difference in load path
  - Infilled RC frame: beams  $\gg$  columns
  - Confined masonry: walls

## Infilled RC frame



## Confined masonry



# How many structural systems?

- Wide range
  - Function of space and time

# Concrete moment-resisting frame



Source: FEMA 154

# Concrete frame with masonry



Source: FEMA 154

# Steel frame with masonry



Source: FEMA 154

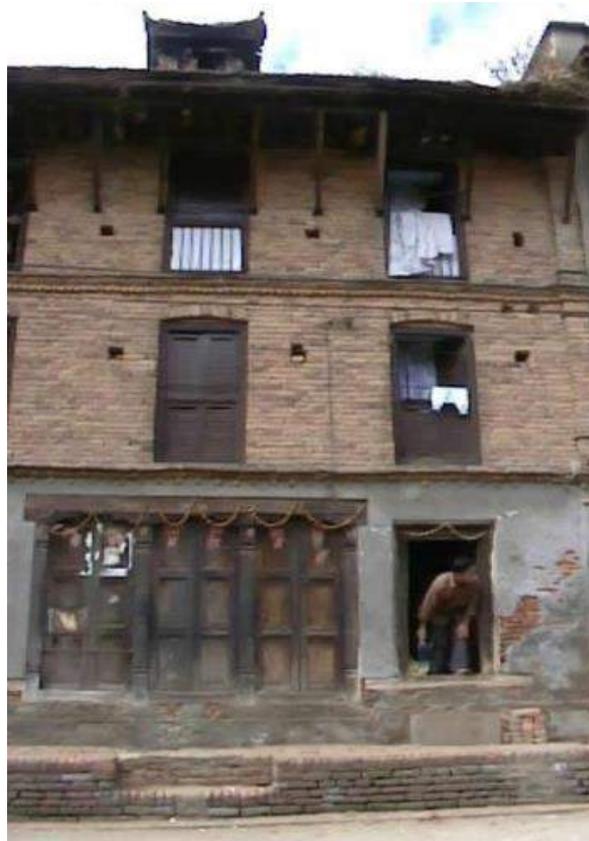
# Steel frame with concrete wall



Source: FEMA 154

# Nawari house

- Kathmandu, Nepal



Source: World Housing Encyclopaedia

# Thathara house

- Himachal Pradesh, India



Source: World Housing Encyclopaedia

# Dry stone construction

- Himachal Pradesh, India



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# Bhonga house

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# Dhajji dewari house

- Kashmir, India



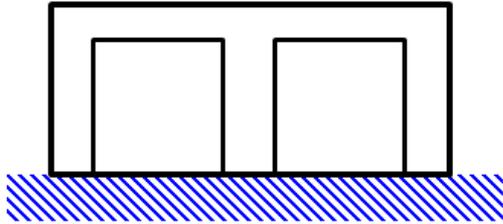
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# Example RVS: RC frame building with masonry infill

# General

## Infilled RC frame

Step 1: Construction of RC frame



Step 2: Placement of infill

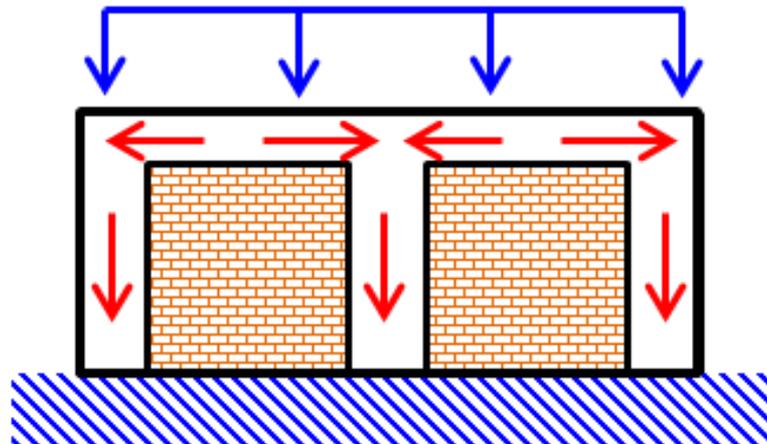
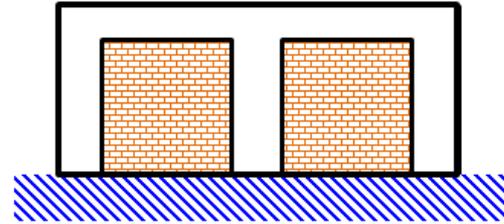




Photo: SK Jain

# An RVS methodology

- Damage data from 2001 Bhuj earthquake
  - Approximately 300 RC frame buildings surveyed immediately after earthquake
    - Damage grade assigned
  - Additional survey conducted few years later
    - Number of stories
    - Status of maintenance
    - Presence of soft storey
    - Presence of heavy overhang
    - ...

# **A Proposed Rapid Visual Screening Procedure for Seismic Evaluation of RC-Frame Buildings in India**

**Sudhir K. Jain,<sup>a)</sup> M.EERI, Keya Mitra,<sup>b)</sup> Manish Kumar,<sup>c)</sup> M.EERI, and Mehul Shah<sup>d)</sup>**

Poor performance of reinforced concrete (RC) frame buildings in India during past earthquakes has been a matter of serious concern. Hence, it becomes important to identify and strengthen the deficient buildings. When dealing with a large building stock, one needs evaluation methods for quick assessment of the seismic safety of existing buildings so that corrective retrofitting measures may be undertaken on the deficient buildings. This paper presents a review of some of the available methods for rapid visual screening (RVS) of RC-frame buildings and proposes a RVS method for RC-frame buildings in India based on systematic studies on damage data of the 2001

# Vulnerability scores

- Base score
  - Function of
    - Seismic zone: – 15 for a unit increase in seismic zone
    - Soil type: + 15 for better soil conditions
      - Soft, Medium, Rock
  - Ranges between 40 and 115
  - Ahmedabad
    - Seismic zone III
    - Medium soil
    - Base score: 85

# Vulnerability scores

- Scores for different parameters
  - Basement present: + 10
  - Number of storeys > 5: + 10
  - Good maintenance: 20
  - Re-entrant corners present: – 10
  - Presence of open storey: – 10
  - Presence of short column: – 10
  - Non-residential usage: + 5

# Maintenance



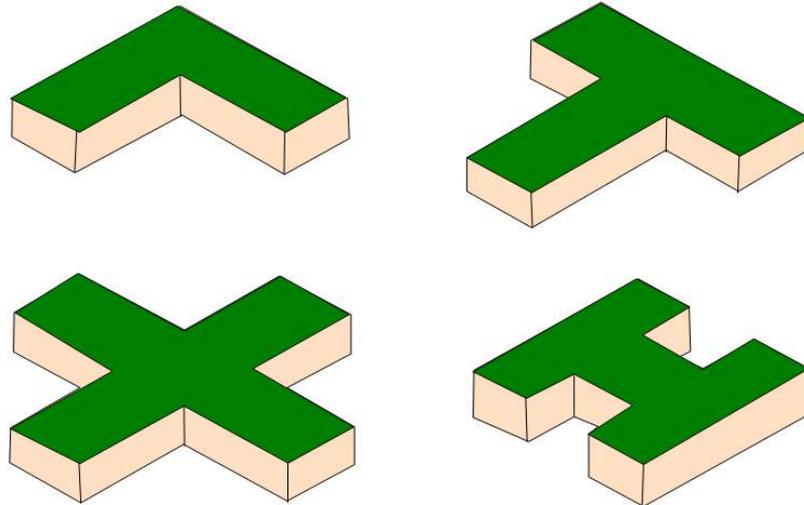
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# Maintenance

- Effect of poor maintenance
  - Leakage/seepage affects the strength of building materials
    - Corrosion leads to further cracks
  - Poor maintenance affects the building performance score **twice** as much as **soft story**, **re-entrant corners** or **short columns**
- Owners may be encouraged to maintain the building better

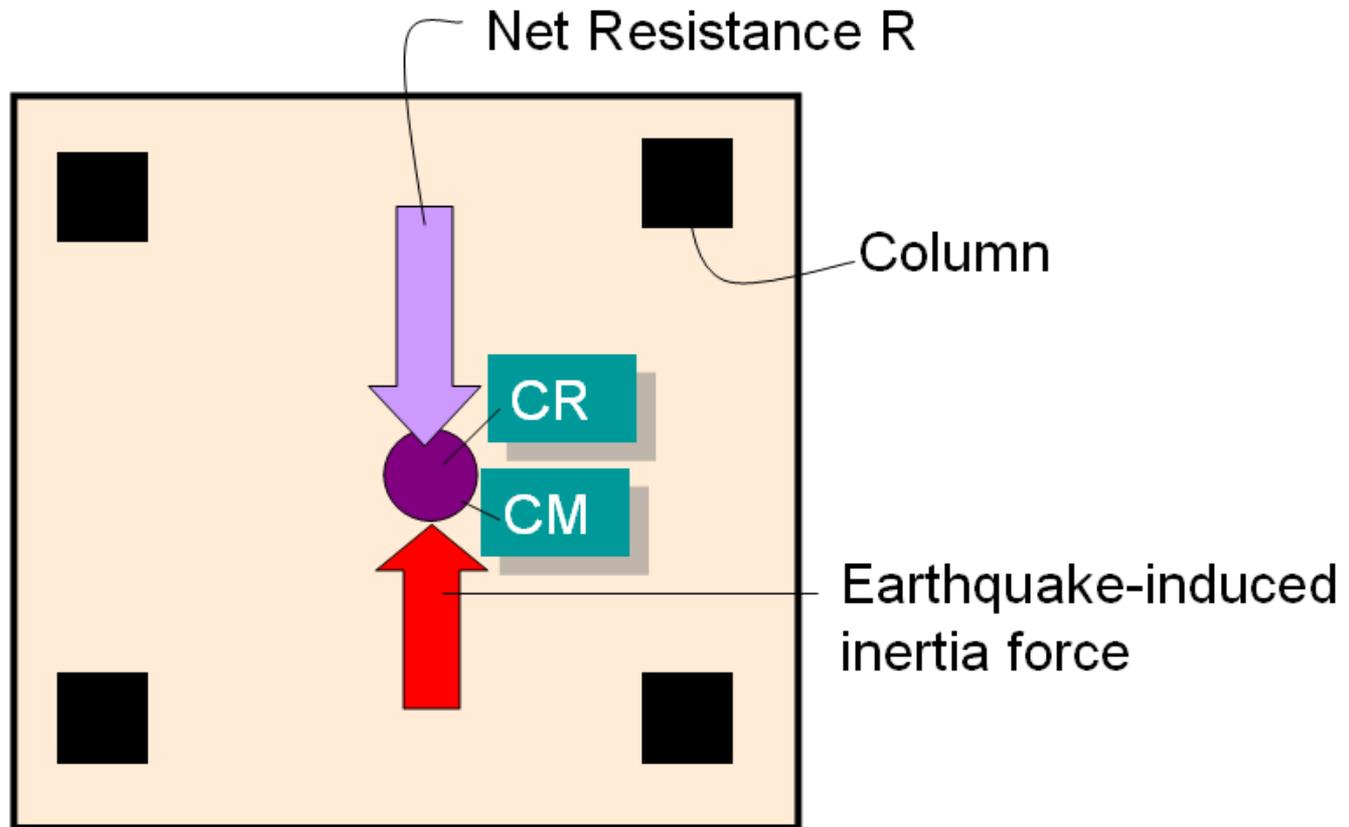
# Re-entrant corners: issues

- Issues
  - Unsymmetrical plan may lead to torsion
  - Stress concentration at the re-entrant corners



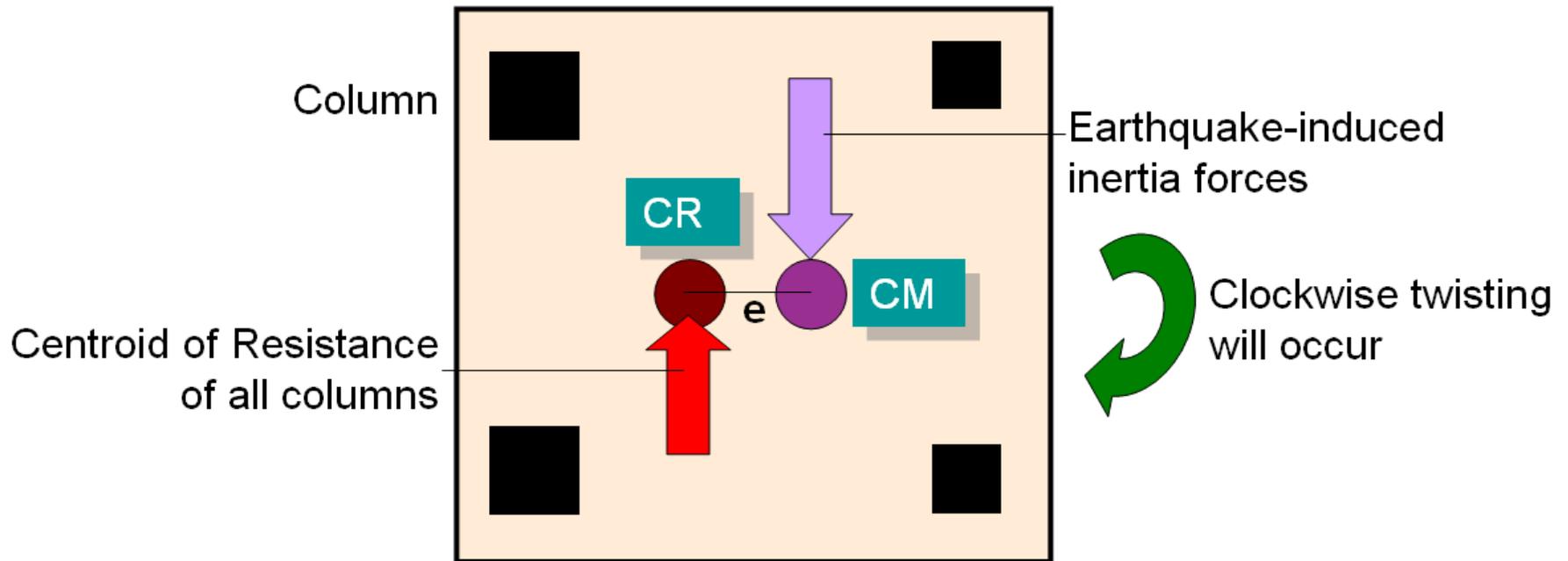
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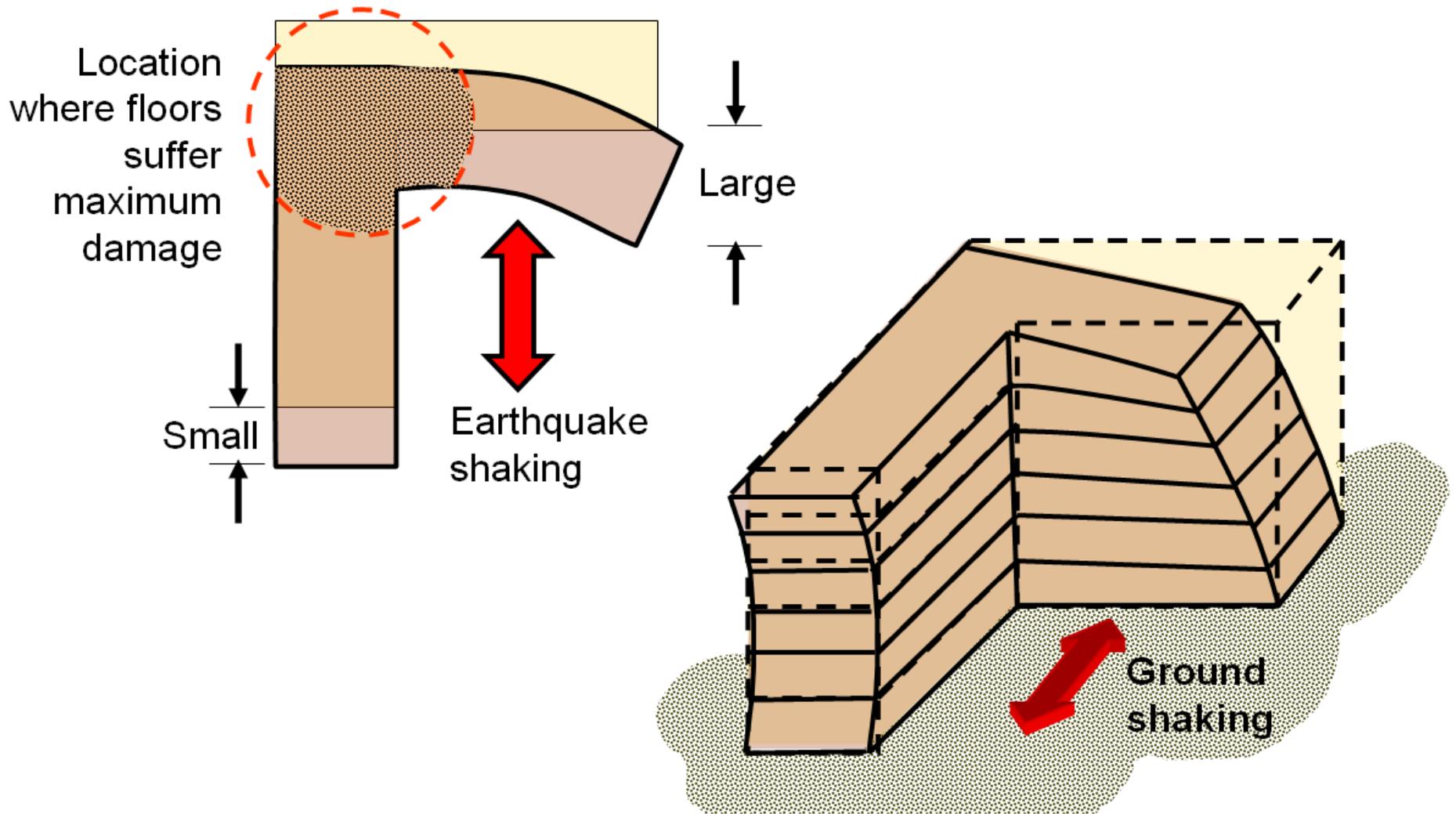


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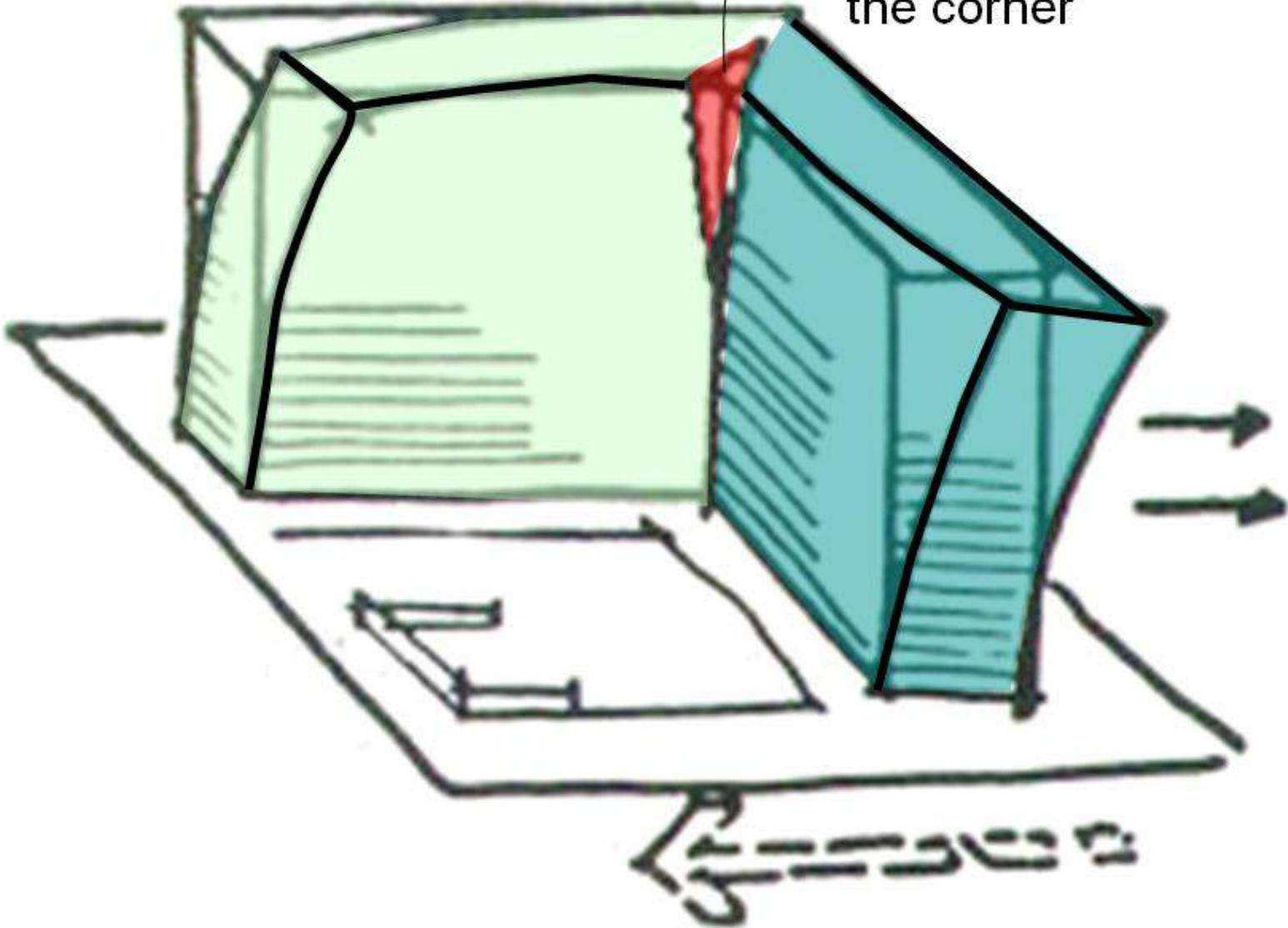


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Tearing-off effect at the corner

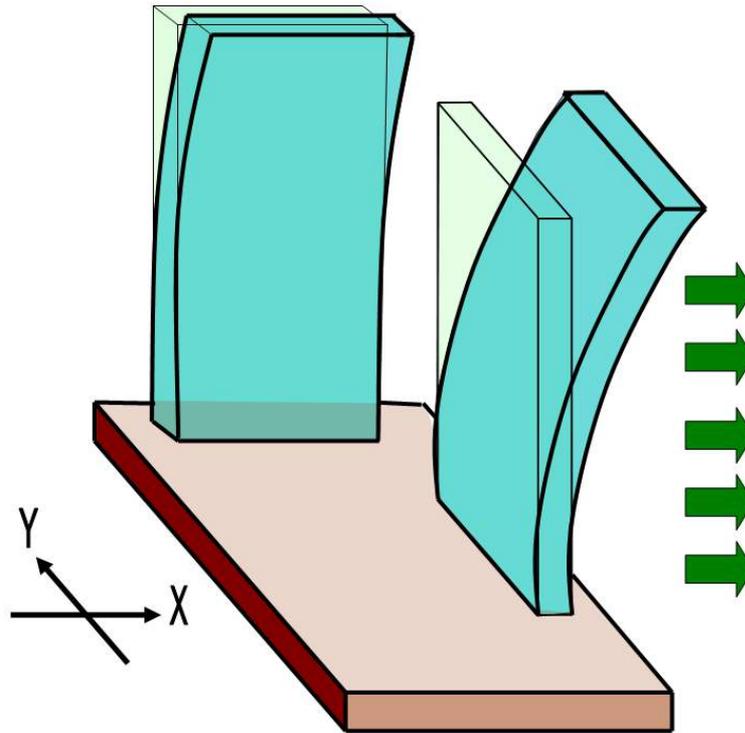




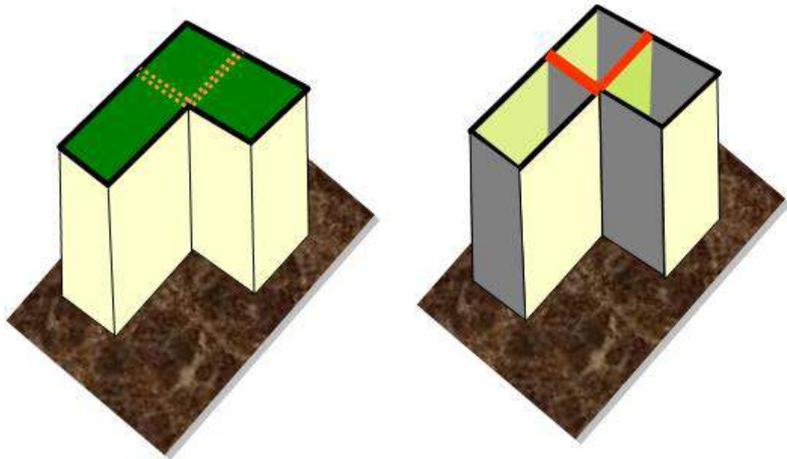
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# Re-entrant corners: solutions

- Separation of segments



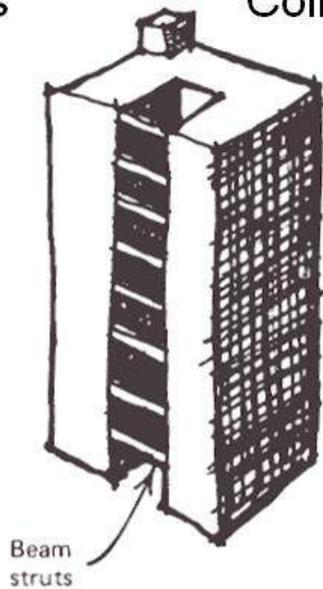
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Collectors

Collector Walls

Tie the building together more strongly.



Place stiffening elements at the location

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# Open story: Issues

- Soft story
  - Parking lot, garage, shops

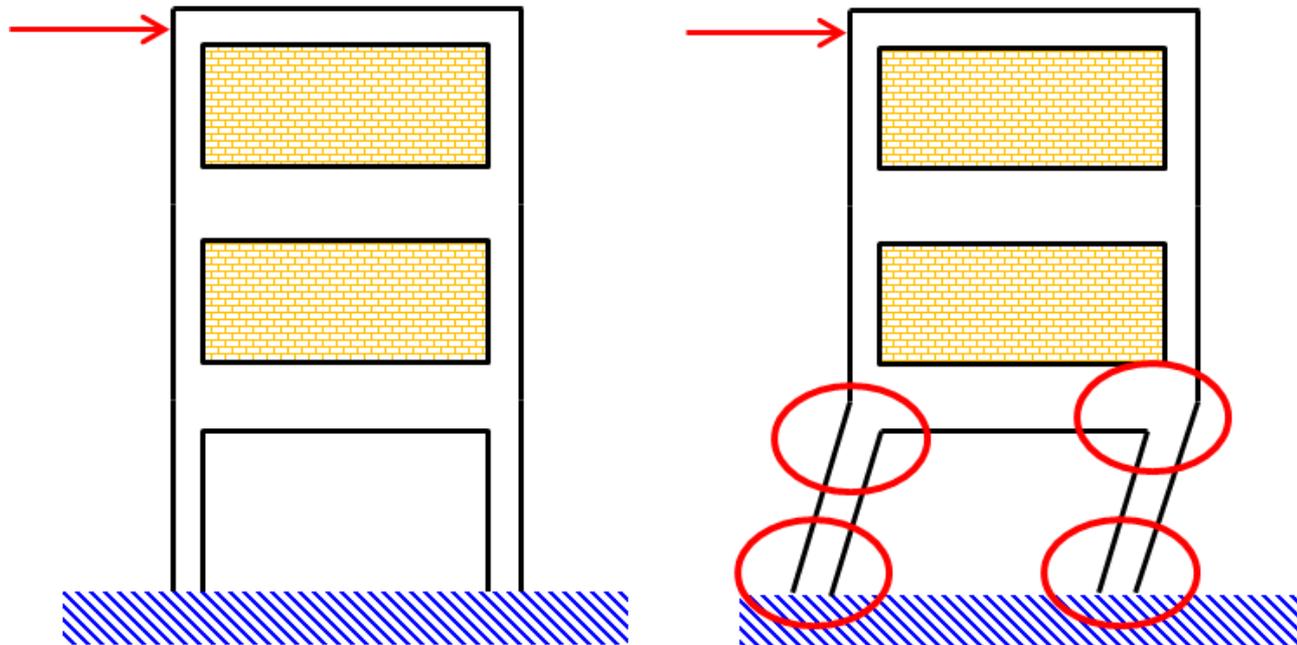




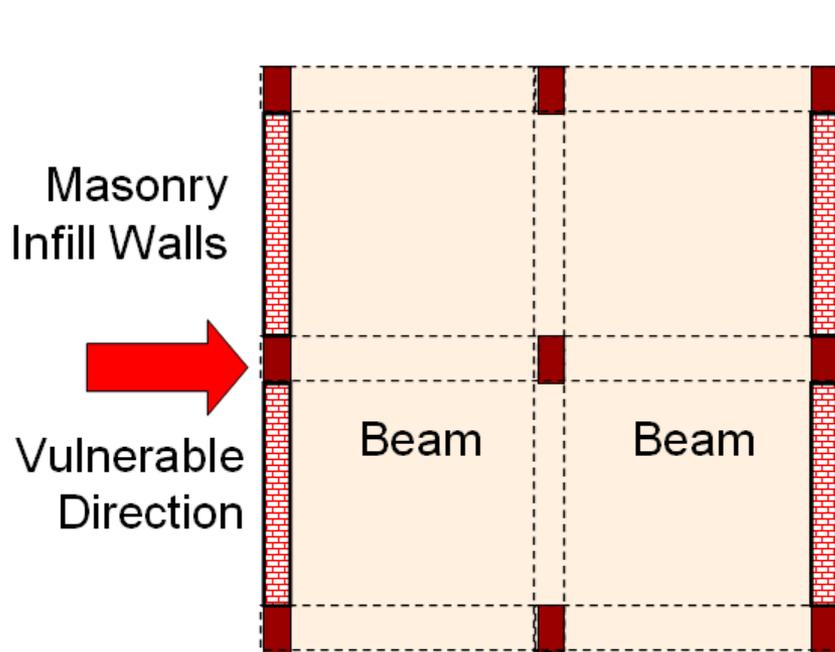
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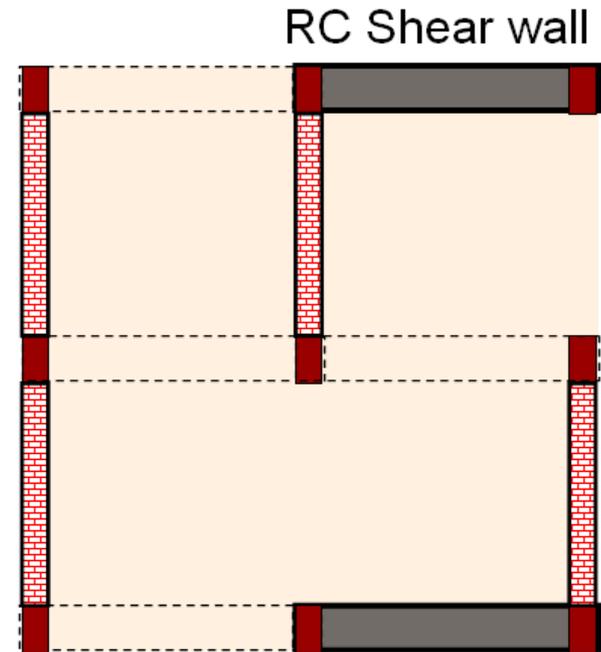


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# Open story: solutions

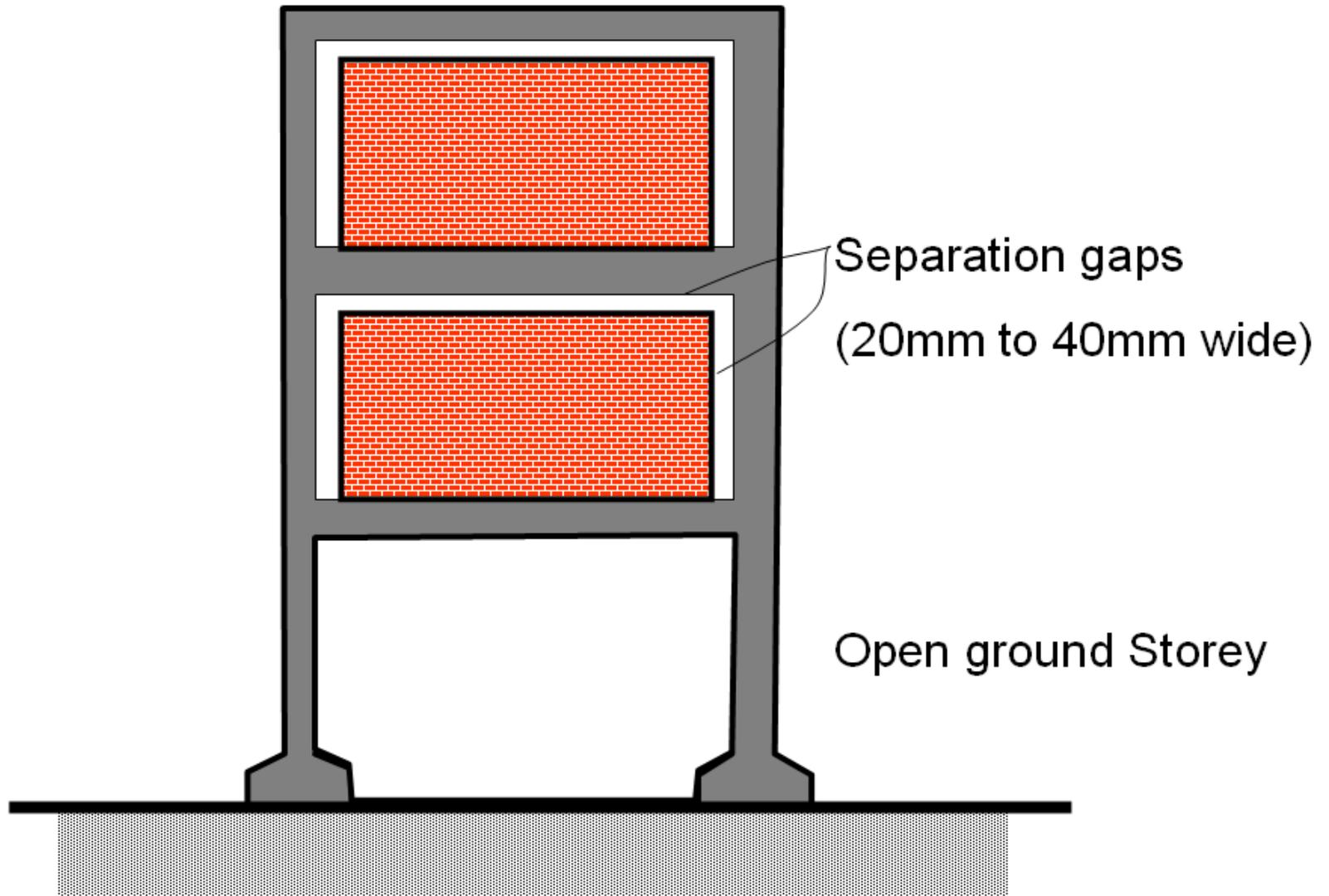


(a) Open Ground Storey



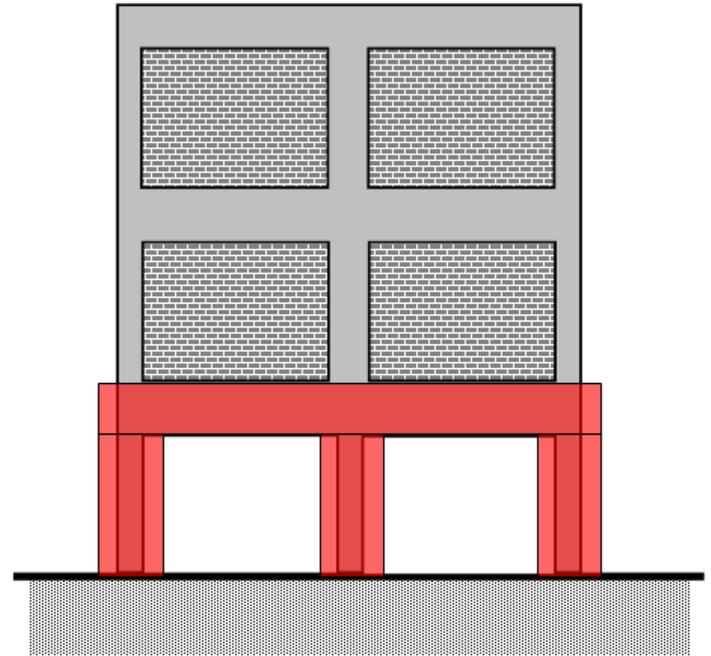
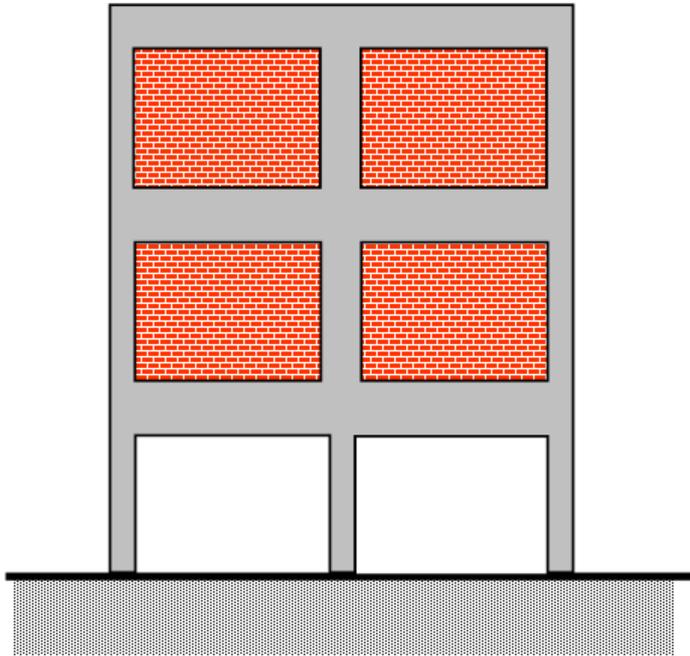
(b) Detrimental effects of Open Ground Storey avoided by using a RC shear walls

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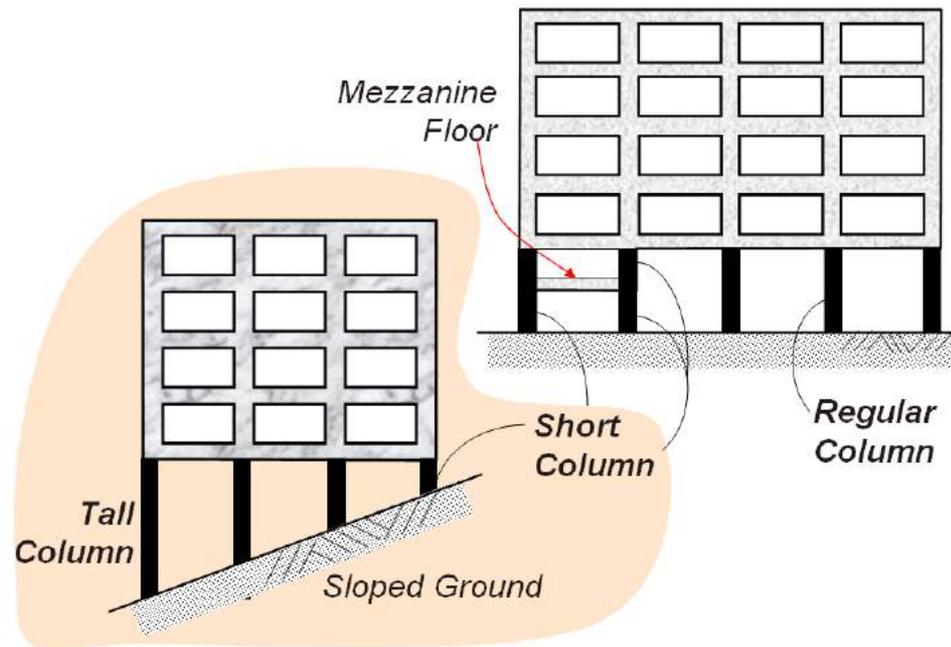
# Soft story: solutions



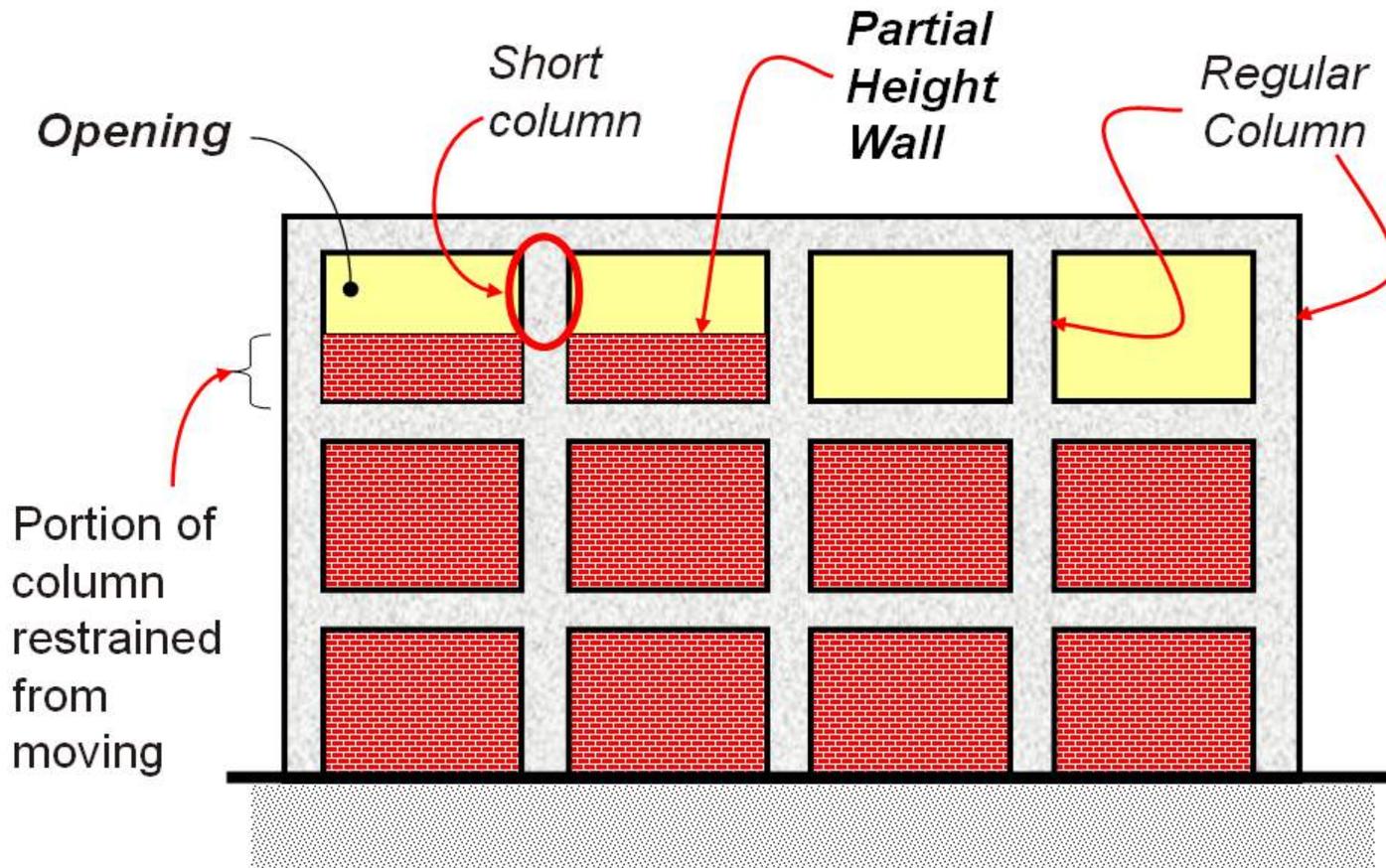
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# Short column: issues

- Causes
  - Most deformation concentrated in a short length of the column

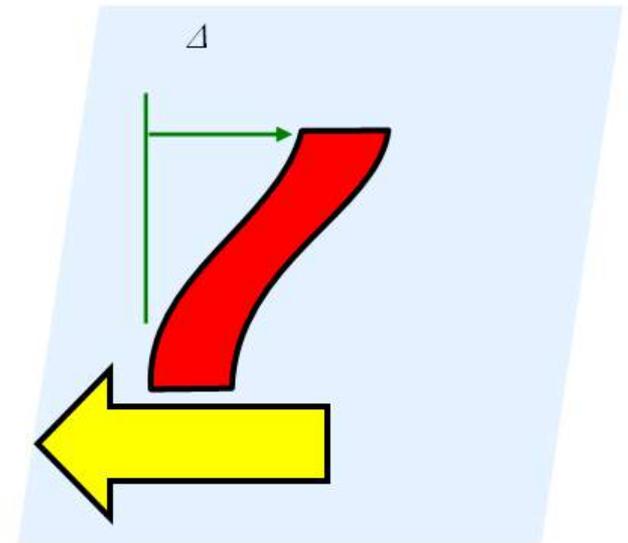
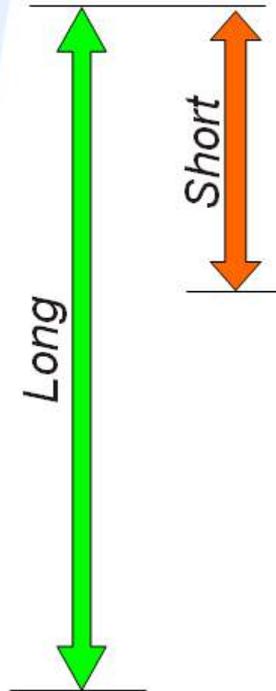
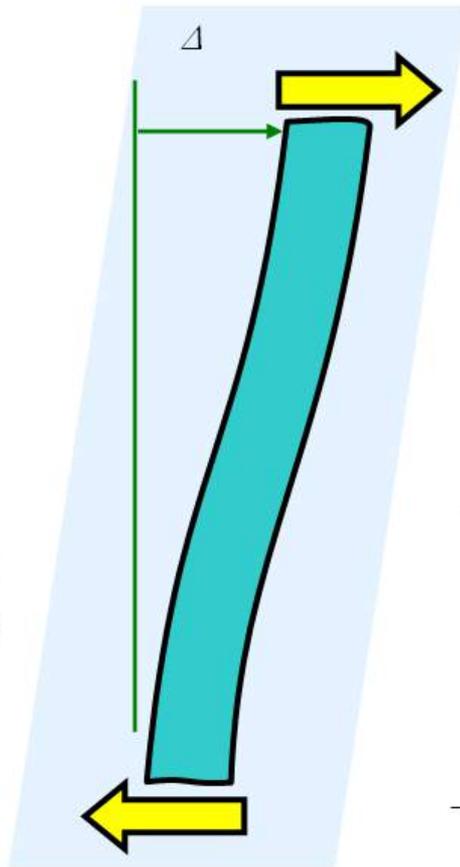


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**Tall Column:**  
Attracts smaller  
horizontal force



**Short Column:**  
Attracts larger  
horizontal force

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Source: Guevara-Perez and Garcia (2005)

# Short column

- Separation between column and wall



# After calculating vulnerability score

- Assign damage category
  - G1 for score  $> 77.5$ 
    - Slight non-structural damage
  - G2 for scores between 60 and 77.5
    - Slight structural damage
  - G3 for scores between 37.5 and 60
    - Moderate structural damage
  - G4 for scores  $< 37.5$ 
    - Severe structural damage
- Prioritize buildings
  - Detailed evaluation
  - Rehabilitation, if necessary

# Detailed evaluation and strengthening

# Relevant documents

- ASCE Standard 41: 2019
  - American Society of Civil Engineers, USA
  - Seismic evaluation and retrofit of existing buildings
- FEMA 310: 1998
  - Federal Emergency Management Agency, USA
  - Handbook for seismic evaluation of buildings
- FEMA 547: 2006
  - Federal Emergency Management Agency, USA
  - Techniques for seismic rehabilitation of existing buildings

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- FEMA 356: 2000
  - Federal Emergency Management Agency, USA
  - Prestandard and commentary for the seismic rehabilitation of the building
- IITK-GSDMA-EQ6: 2005
  - IIT Kanpur, Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority, India
  - IITK-GSDMA guidelines for seismic rehabilitation and retrofitting of buildings

# Relevant documents

- FMEA P58: 2018
  - Federal Emergency Management Agency, USA
  - Seismic performance assessment of buildings
- IS 15988: 2013
  - Bureau of Indian Standards, India
  - Seismic evaluation and strengthening of existing reinforced concrete buildings – guidelines

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**SEISMIC EVALUATION AND STRENGTHENING OF  
EXISTING REINFORCED CONCRETE  
BUILDINGS — GUIDELINES**

ICS 91.120.25

# Outline of IS 15988

- Evaluation criteria
- Preliminary evaluation
- Detailed evaluation
- Seismic strengthening

# Evaluation criteria

- Design forces
  - Indian earthquake standard
    - IS 1893, Part 1
- Consideration for age
  - Design lateral force may be reduced
    - Reduction should be less than 30%
- Consideration for availability of documents
  - A smaller material strength can be considered
    - Up to 50%

# Preliminary evaluation

- Data collection
  - Soil type
  - Architectural and structural drawings
  - ...
- Checks
  - Configuration-related
    - Load path
    - Redundancy
    - Soft story
    - Weak story
    - Short column
    - Torsion

# Preliminary evaluation

- Checks
  - Configuration-related
    - Adjacent buildings
    - Mezzanine floors
    - ...
  - Strength-related
    - Simplified expressions to calculate
      - Stresses in structural members
      - Limiting stress

# Preliminary evaluation

- Acceptability criteria
  - Building considered acceptable if it meets all configuration- and strength-related checks
    - No further checks needed



# Detailed evaluation

- Necessary if acceptability criteria for preliminary evaluation NOT satisfied
- Steps
  - Develop detailed mathematical model
    - Probable capacity
      - Consideration for knowledge of material properties
    - Strength demands in members
      - Consideration for age

# Detailed evaluation

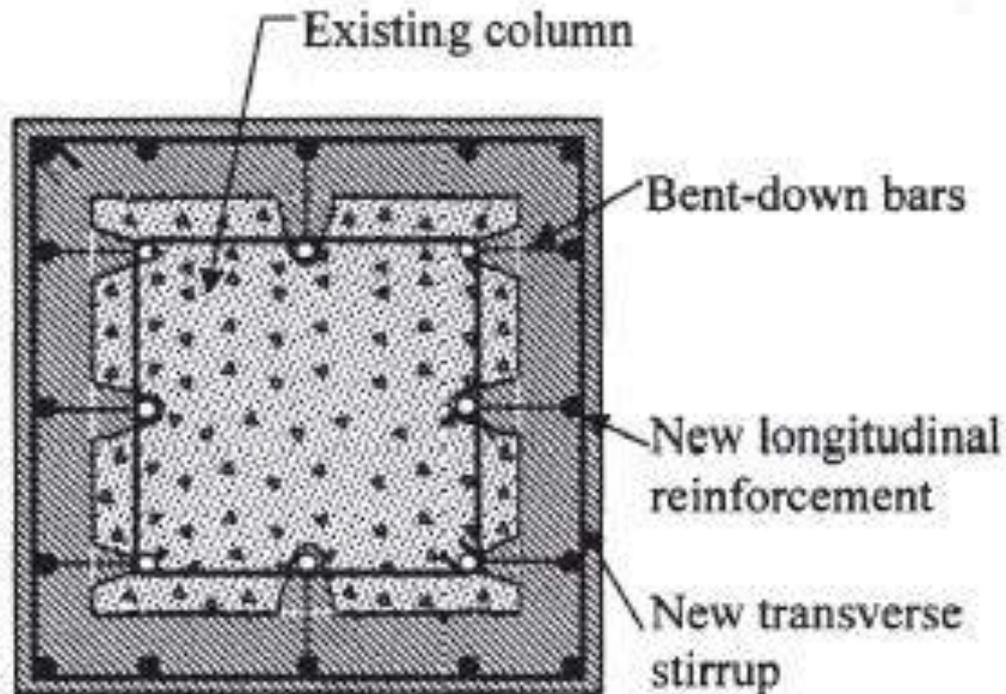
- Acceptability
  - Drift
    - Within limits set by IS 1893
  - Strength
    - Greater than demand for all members, or
    - Greater than demand for most critical members and stability of the system ensured through suitable non-linear analysis
- In addition to strength and drift checks, ductility checks should be performed

# Detailed evaluation

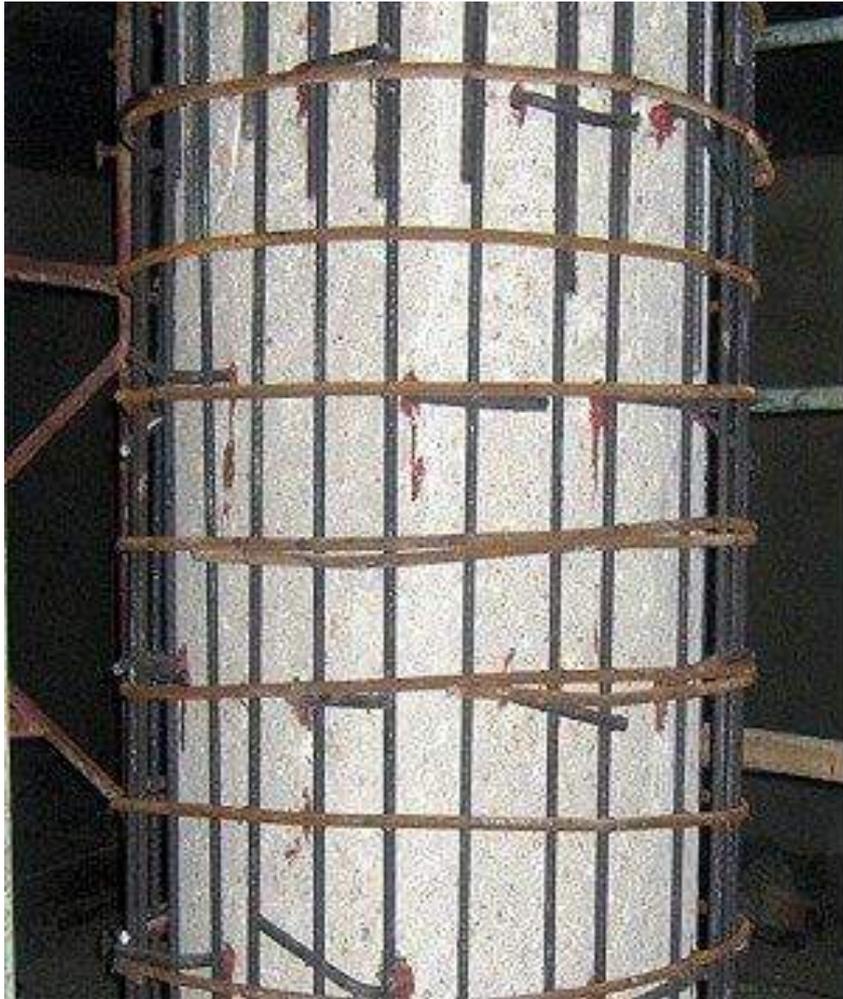
- Ductility provisions (RC frames)
  - Beams and column should fail in flexure before shear
  - At a beam-column joint
    - Sum of column capacities should be sufficiently greater than sum of beam capacities
  - Provisions on spacing of shear hoops near joints
  - Check on capacity of joints
- Provisions for
  - Shear wall buildings
  - RC frame buildings with masonry infill

# Seismic strengthening

- Strengthening individual members
  - Jacketing



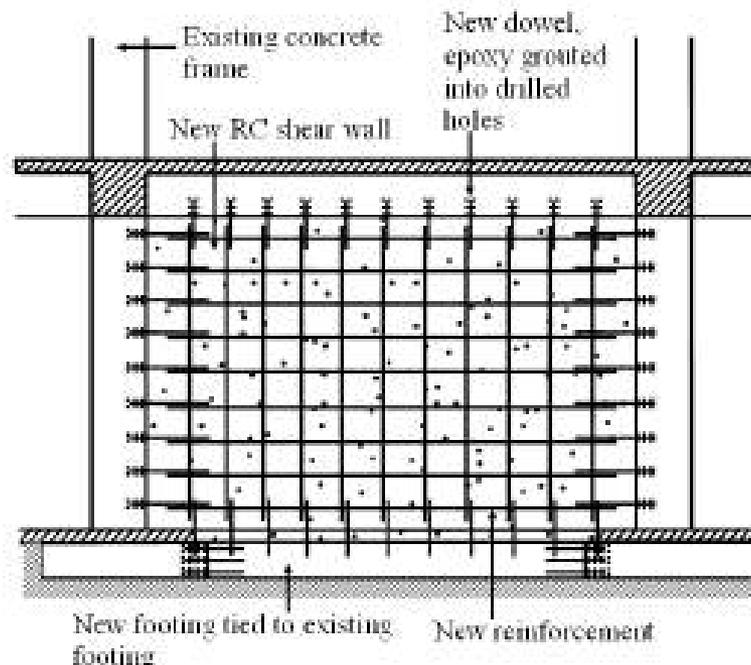
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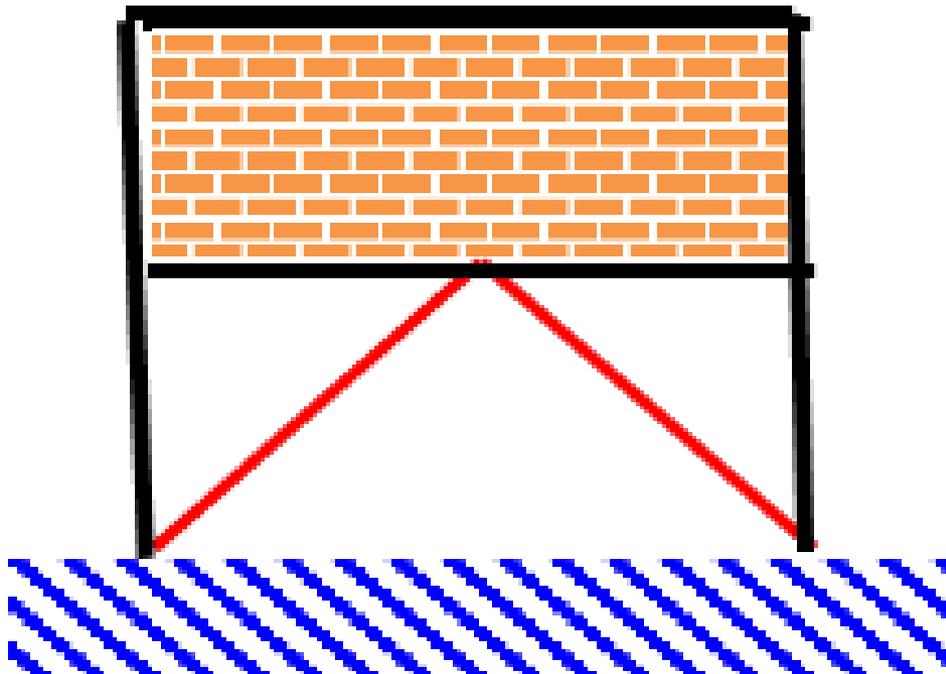
- Eliminating or reducing irregularity
  - Example: soft story can be mitigated through new shear walls



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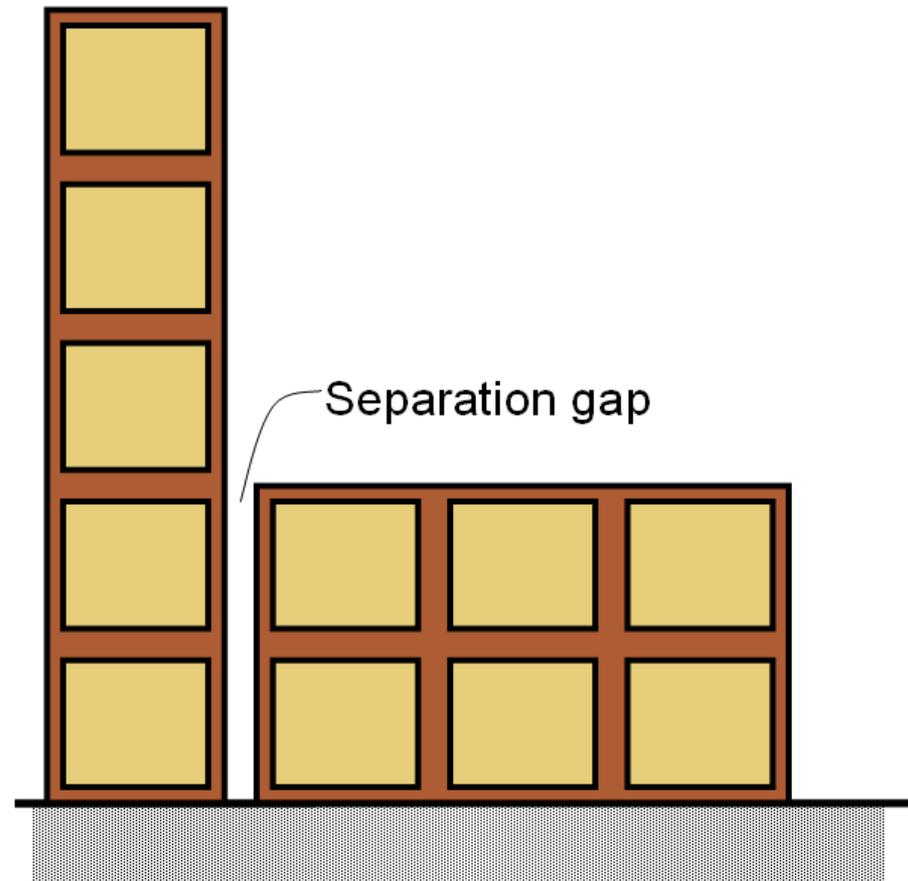
# Seismic strengthening

- Eliminating or reducing irregularity
  - Example: soft story mitigation through braces



# Seismic strengthening

- Eliminating or reducing irregularity
  - Providing a seismic gap at the joints



Source: NPEEE material

# Seismic strengthening

- Eliminating or reducing irregularity
  - Providing a gap to avoid short column effect



# Seismic strengthening

- Strengthening at structural level



Source: [openquake.org](http://openquake.org)

# Seismic strengthening

- Damping devices



Source: [taylordevices.in](http://taylordevices.in)

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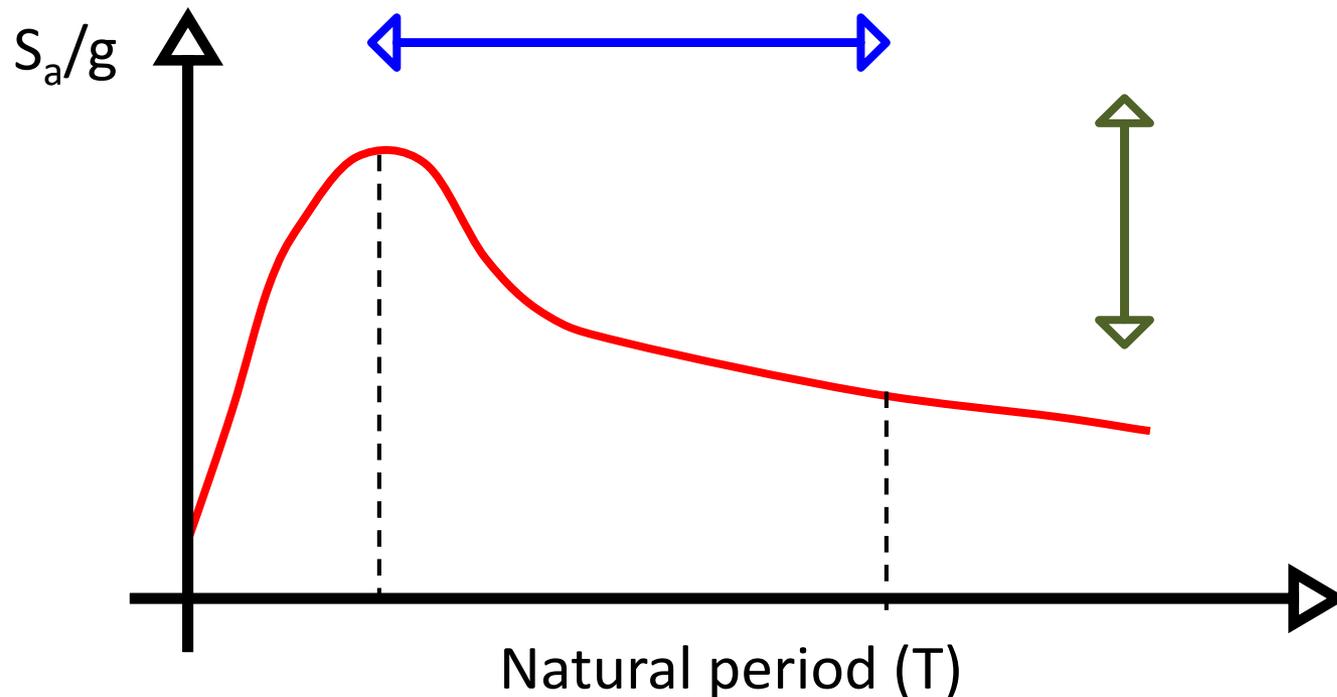
- Seismic isolation
  - San Francisco City Hall



Source: Wikipedia

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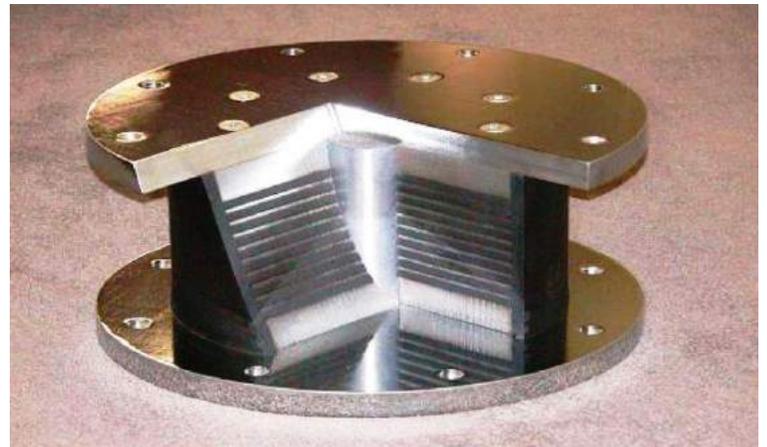
- Seismic isolation increases natural period, which reduces input energy



# Seismic strengthening



Source: EPS



Source: Constantinou et al. (2007)

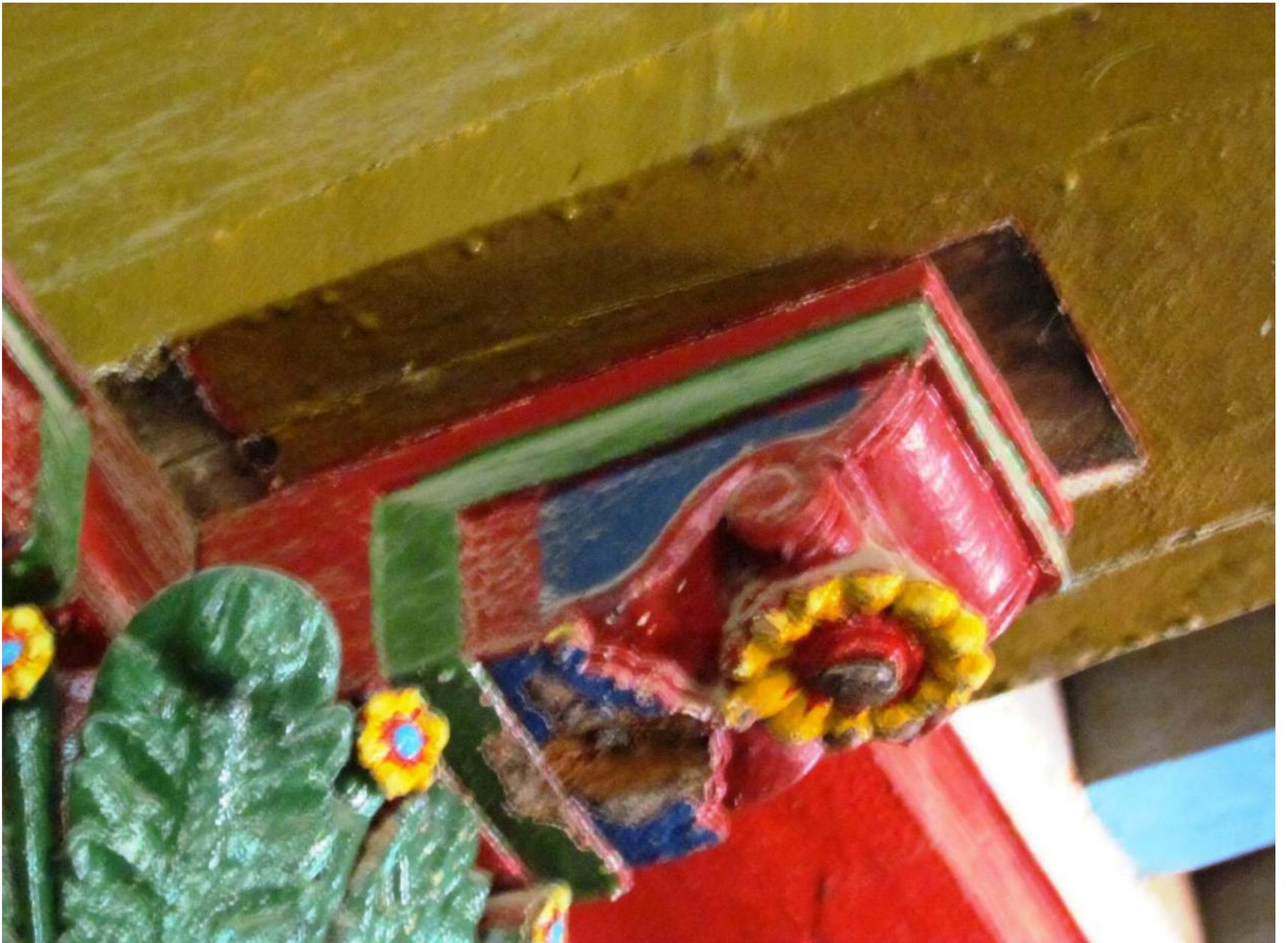


# Examples of retrofitting and strengthening











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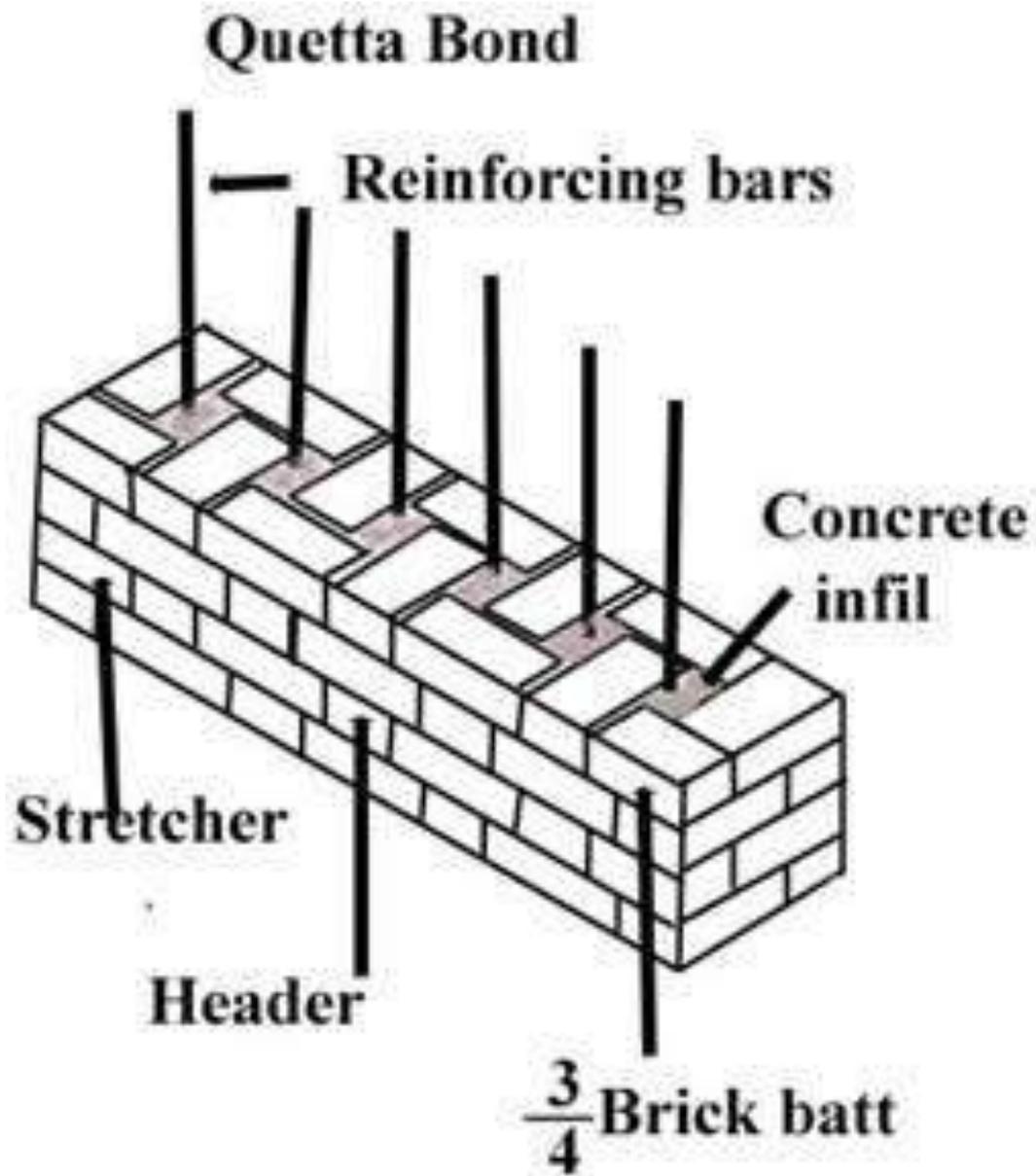
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# Quetta bond

- 1931 Quetta earthquake, Baluchistan
  - Sardari Lal Kumar
    - Young engineer with Railways
    - Designed new earthquake-resistant staff quarters
    - Published a paper in 1933
      - First seismic zone map
      - Design coefficients
- 1935 Quetta earthquake
  - ~ 30,000 deaths
  - Houses designed by Kumar survived



Source: [diydoctor.org.uk](http://diydoctor.org.uk)

# Summary

- A regular structural system is best bet against earthquake
- RVS can be used to prioritize buildings for further evaluation
- Tools available for analysis of buildings identified during RVS
- Suitable retrofit mechanisms may be adopted

# Do earthquakes always bring bad news?

## Dianthe born in Christchurch earthquake

By Jarrod Booker

5:30 AM Saturday Sep 11, 2010

Australasia

Canterbury

Christchurch

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*Have you been affected by the earthquake?*  
Send us your photos and video.

Sleeping peacefully in her mother's arms, little Dianthe Rose Barnard has no idea she was born in a natural disaster.

And at the time of her birth, when the 7.1 magnitude earthquake was hitting Christchurch last Saturday morning, her mother was not sure what was going on either.

Maruschke Barnard had her mind fully occupied at Christchurch



Evert and Maruschke Barnard with their daughter Dianthe, who was born during the earthquake. Photo / Alan Gibson

# Do earthquakes always bring bad news?

“Lying in bed Swaminathan realized with a shudder that it was Monday morning. It looked as though only a moment ago it had been the last period on Friday; but Monday was already here. He hoped that an earthquake would reduce the school building to dust...”

– Malgudi Schooldays by R. K. Narayan

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