

ELEMENTS OF ARCHITECTURAL STRUCTURES:

FORM, BEHAVIOR, AND DESIGN

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lecture
twenty eight

shells &
structural systems



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Arch & Shell Systems

- curved, thin surface or 2D structures
- see very little bending stresses
- design for
 - axial stresses
 - shear stresses
- efficient because of uniformly distributed loads



Millennium Bridge in Newcastle, UK

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| 8 am | <i>link to posted schedule</i> | | | | |
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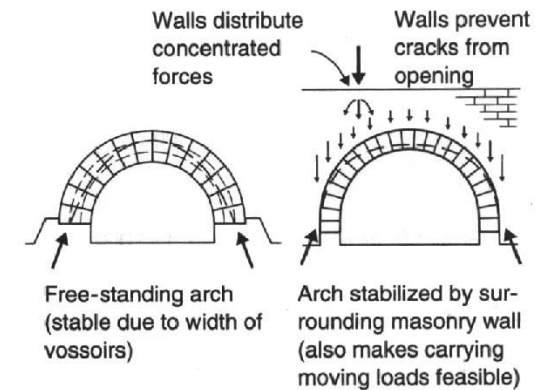
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Arches

- behavior
 - stabilization
 - resist thrust
- compression only



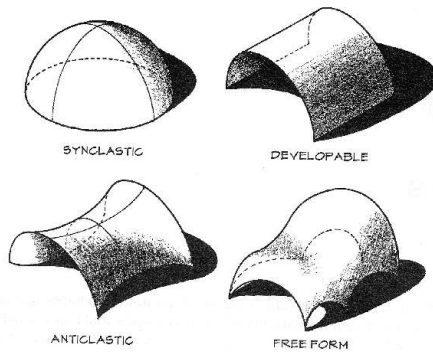
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Shell Types

- *shape classifications*
 - *developable:*
 - *revolution (vault)*
 - *synclastic*
 - *doubly curved*
 - *same direction*
 - *anticlastic:*
 - *doubly curved*
 - *opposite curvature*
 - *free form*



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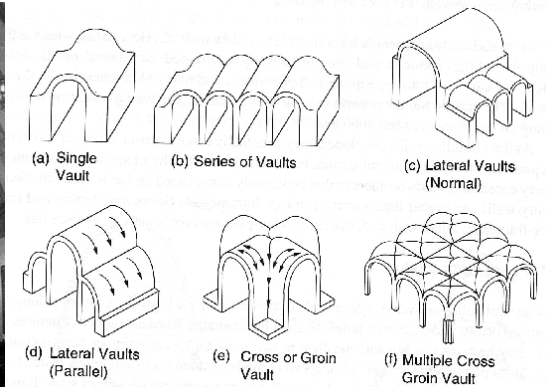
Vaults

- “wide” arch



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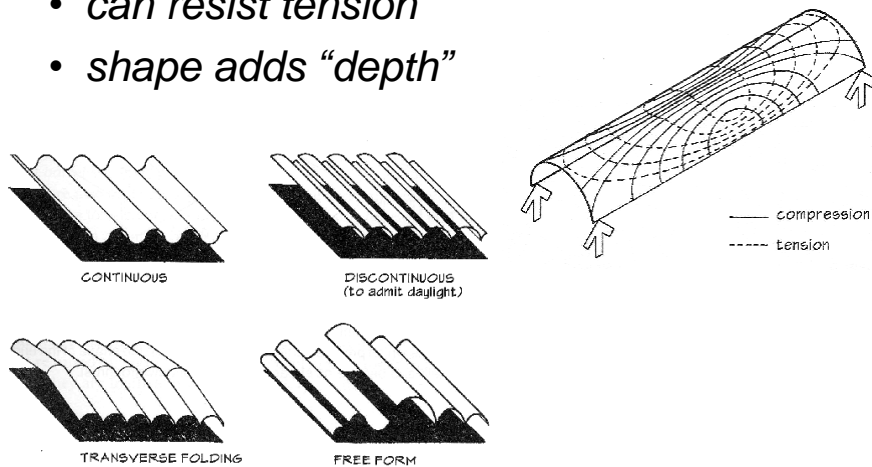


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Vaulted Shells

- *can resist tension*
- *shape adds “depth”*



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Kimball Museum, Kahn 1972



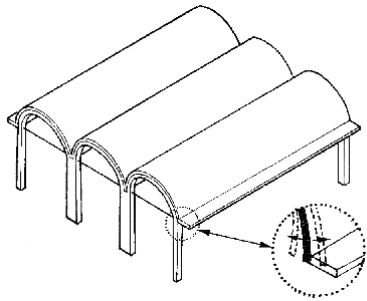
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- outer shell edges



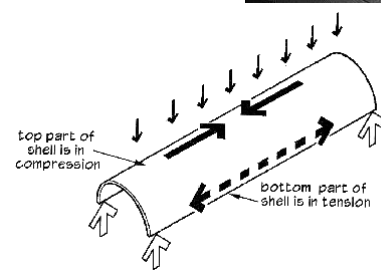
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Kimball Museum, Kahn 1972

- skylights at peak



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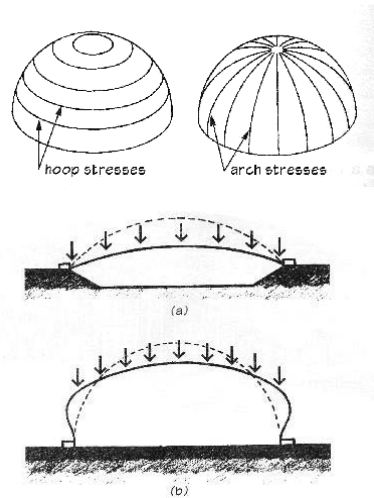
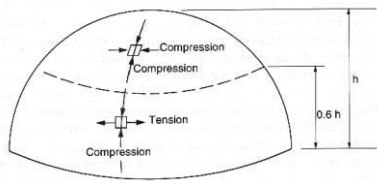
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Domes

- arch of revolution
- compression
- some tension



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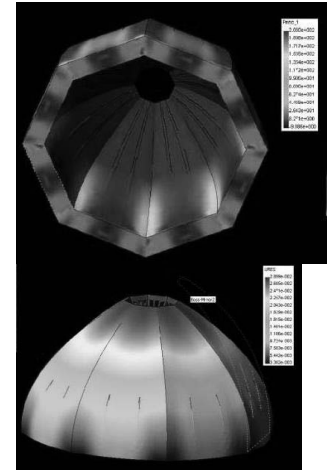
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Domes

- stresses and displacements

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Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

- Wright, 1956



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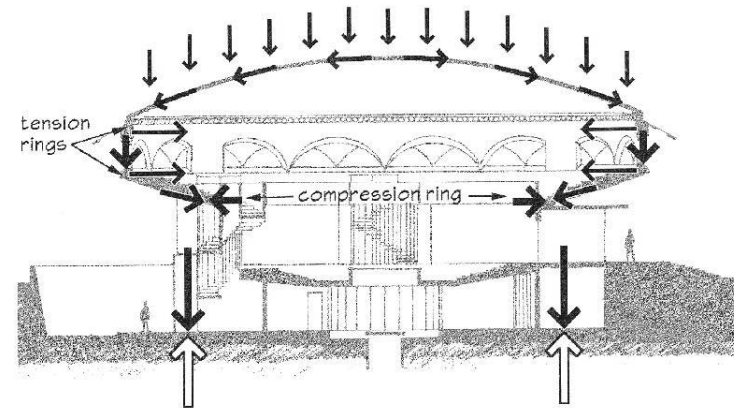
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- Wright, 1956



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Anticlastic Shells

- saddle or “ruled” shapes
- surface generated with straight lines



- tension follows “cable drape”
- compression follows “arch”

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Zarzuela Hippodrome, Torroja 1935



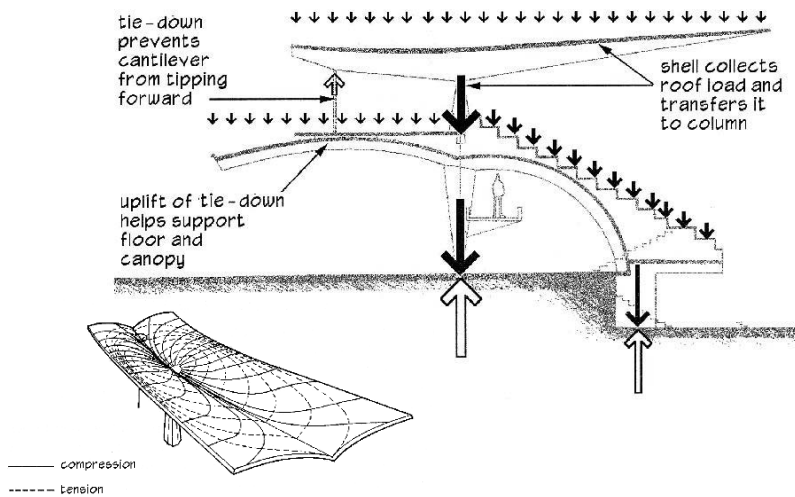
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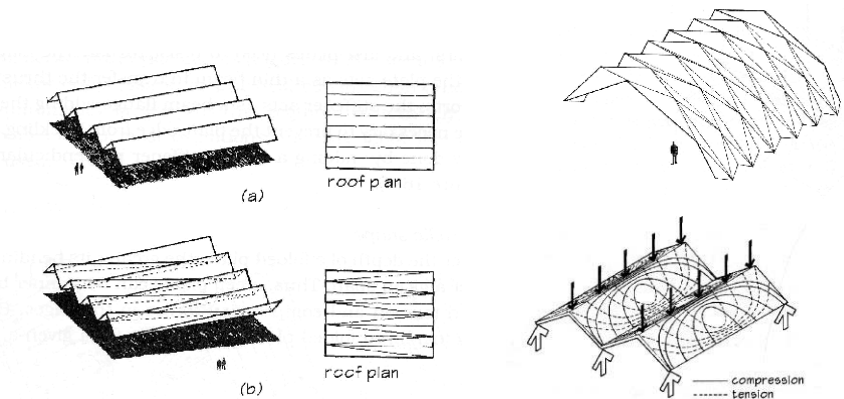
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Folded Plates

- increased stiffness with folding



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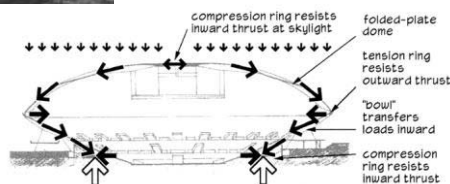
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State Farm Center, Harrison & Abramovitz 1963



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- State Farm Center (Assembly Hall), University of Illinois
- Harrison & Abramovitz 1963
- Edge-supported dome spanning 400 feet wound with 614 miles of one-fifth inch steel wire

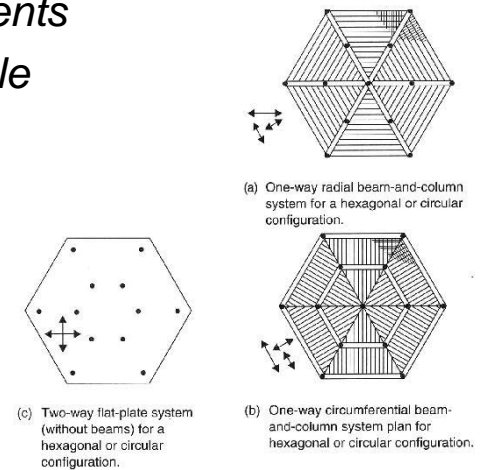
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Systems

- total of components
- behavior of whole
- classifications
 - one-way
 - two-way
 - tubes
 - braced
 - unbraced



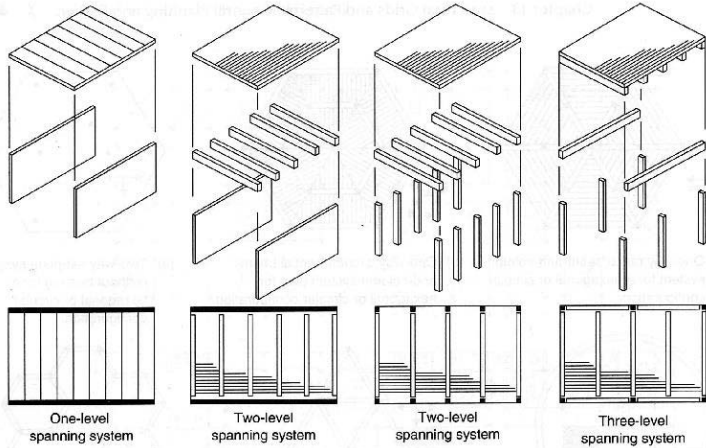
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One-Way Systems

- horizontal vs. vertical



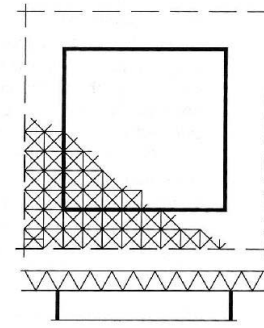
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Two-Way Systems

- spanning system less obvious
- horizontal
 - plates
 - slabs
 - space frames
- vertical
 - columns
 - walls



(i) Space-frame system on walls with cantilevers.

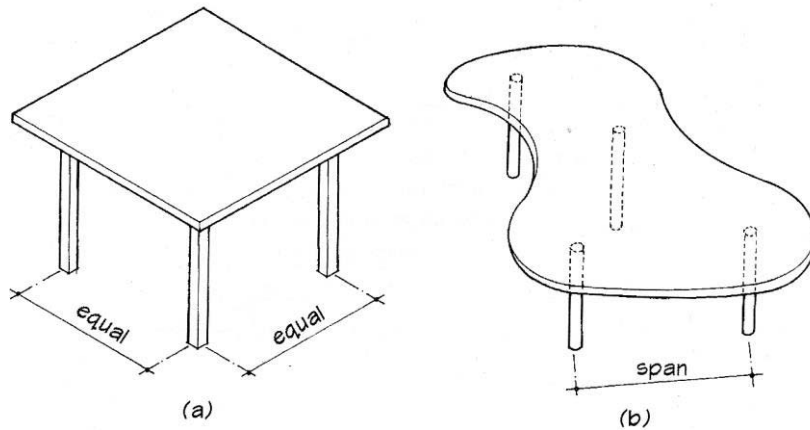
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System Selection

- evaluation of alternatives



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| DESIGN CRITERIA | Light-frame timber | Heavy-frame timber | Masonry bearing wall | Steel frame (hinge connections) | Steel frame (rigid connections) | Steel open-web joists | Steel space frame | Steel decking | Site-cast concrete: one-way slab | Site-cast concrete: two-way plate | Site-cast concrete: two-way slab | Site-cast concrete: one-way joists | Site-cast concrete: waffle slab | Precast concrete: solid slab | Precast concrete: hollow-core slab | Precast concrete: single tee | Precast concrete: double tee | RATIONALE |
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| Exposed, fire-resilient construction | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Inherently fire-resilient construction |
| Irregular building form | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Simple, site-fabricated systems |
| Irregular column placement | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Systems without beams in roof or floors |
| Minimize floor thickness | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Precast-concrete systems without ribs |
| Allow for future renovations | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Short-span, one-way, easily modified |
| Permit construction in poor weather | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Quickly erected; avoid site-cast concrete |
| Minimize off-site fabrication time | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Easily formed or built on site |
| Minimize on-site erection time | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Highly prefabricated; modular components |
| Minimize low-rise construction time | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Lightweight, easily formed or prefabricated |
| Minimize medium-rise construction time | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Precast, site-cast concrete; steel frames |
| Minimize high-rise construction time | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Strong; prefabricated; lightweight |
| Minimize shear walls or diagonal bracing | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Capable of forming rigid joints |
| Minimize dead load on foundations | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Lightweight, short-span systems |
| Minimize damage due to foundation settlement | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Systems without rigid joints |
| Minimize the number of separate trades on job | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Multipurpose components |
| Provide concealed space for mech. services | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Systems that inherently provide voids |
| Minimize the number of supports | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Two-way, long-span systems |
| Long spans | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Long-span systems |

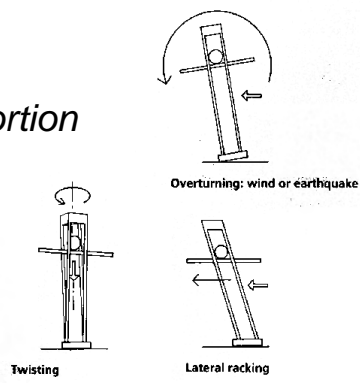
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Structural Design Criteria

- components stay together
- structure acts as whole to be stable
 - resist sliding
 - resist overturning
 - resist twisting and distortion
- internal stability
 - interconnectedness
- strength & stiffness



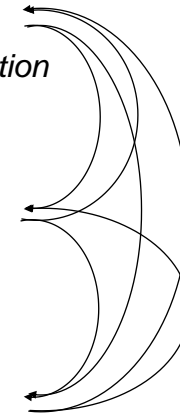
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Structural Design Sequences

- first-order design
 - structural type and organization
 - design intent
 - contextual or programmatic
- second-order
 - structural strategies
 - material choice
 - structural systems
- third-order
 - member shaping & sizing



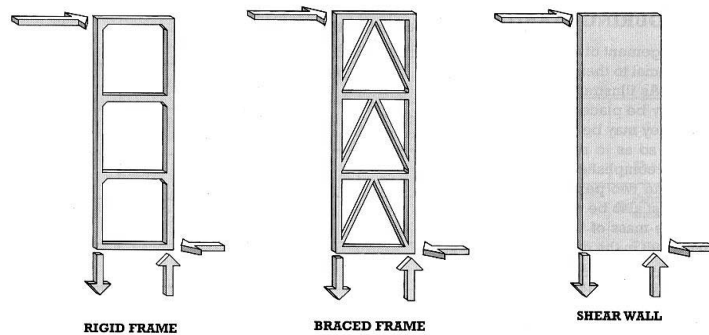
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Design Issues

- lateral stability – all directions



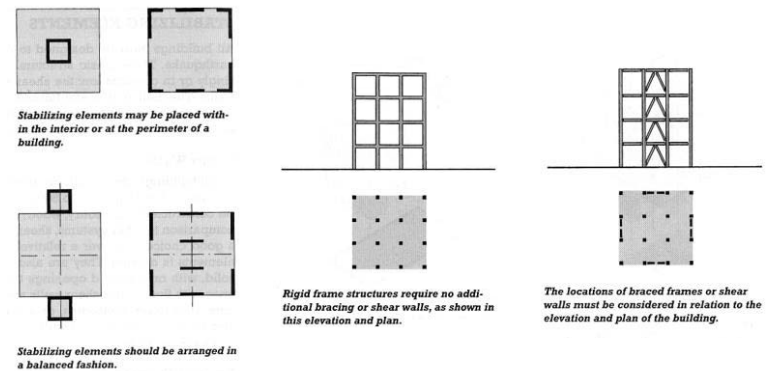
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Design Issues

- configuration



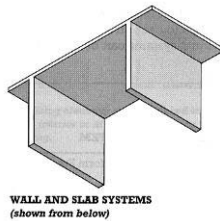
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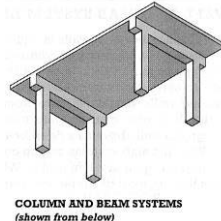
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Design Issues

- vertical load resistance



walls



columns

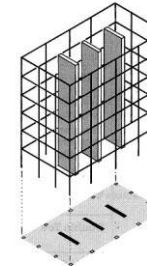
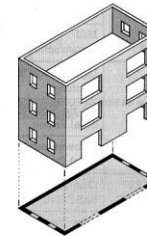
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Design Issues

- lateral load resistance



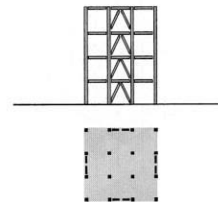
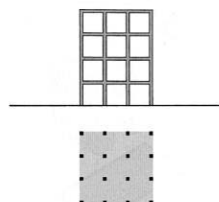
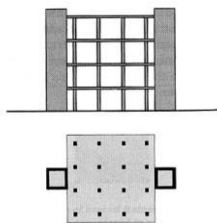
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Design Issues

- lateral load resistance



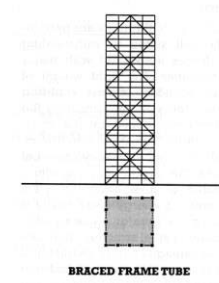
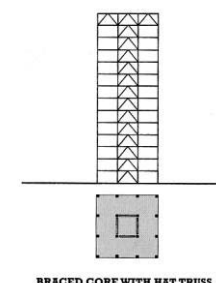
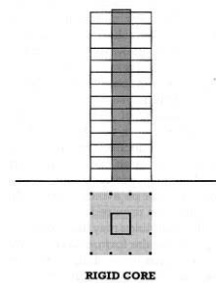
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Design Issues

- multi-story
 - cores, tubes, braced frames



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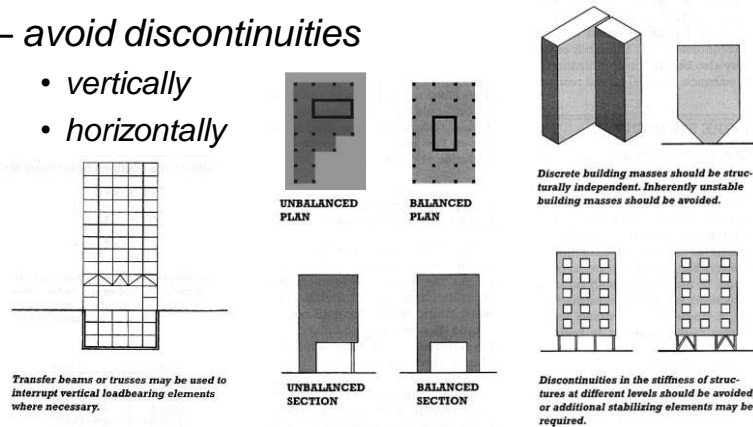
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Design Issues

- multi-story
 - avoid discontinuities

- vertically
- horizontally



Transfer beams or trusses may be used to interrupt vertical loadbearing elements where necessary.

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Final Exam Material

- my list:
 - equilibrium - ΣF & ΣM
 - supports, trusses, cables, beams, pinned frames, rigid frames
 - materials
 - strain & stress (E), temperature, constraints
 - beams
 - distributed loads, tributary width, V&M, stresses, design, section properties (I & S), pitch, deflection

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Final Exam Material

- my list (continued):
 - columns
 - stresses, design, section properties (I & r)
 - frames
 - P , V & M , $P-\Delta$, effective length with joint stiffness, connection design, tension member design
 - foundations
 - types
 - sizing & structural design
 - overturning and sliding

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Final Exam Material

- my list (continued):
 - systems
 - levels
 - design considerations
 - design specifics
 - steel (ASD & LRFD)
 - concrete
 - wood
 - masonry

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