

The image shows the interior of the Sendai Mediatheque, a modern building with a complex, multi-layered structure. The space is characterized by a series of horizontal, white, perforated metal plates that create a grid-like ceiling. The walls are composed of vertical, white, cylindrical columns that are interconnected by horizontal and diagonal beams, forming a lattice-like structure. The floor is made of light-colored, polished stone tiles that reflect the ambient light. In the center of the room, there is a large, red, abstract sculpture that resembles a stylized, elongated figure. The overall atmosphere is clean, bright, and architectural.

Sendai Mediatheque

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TUBE

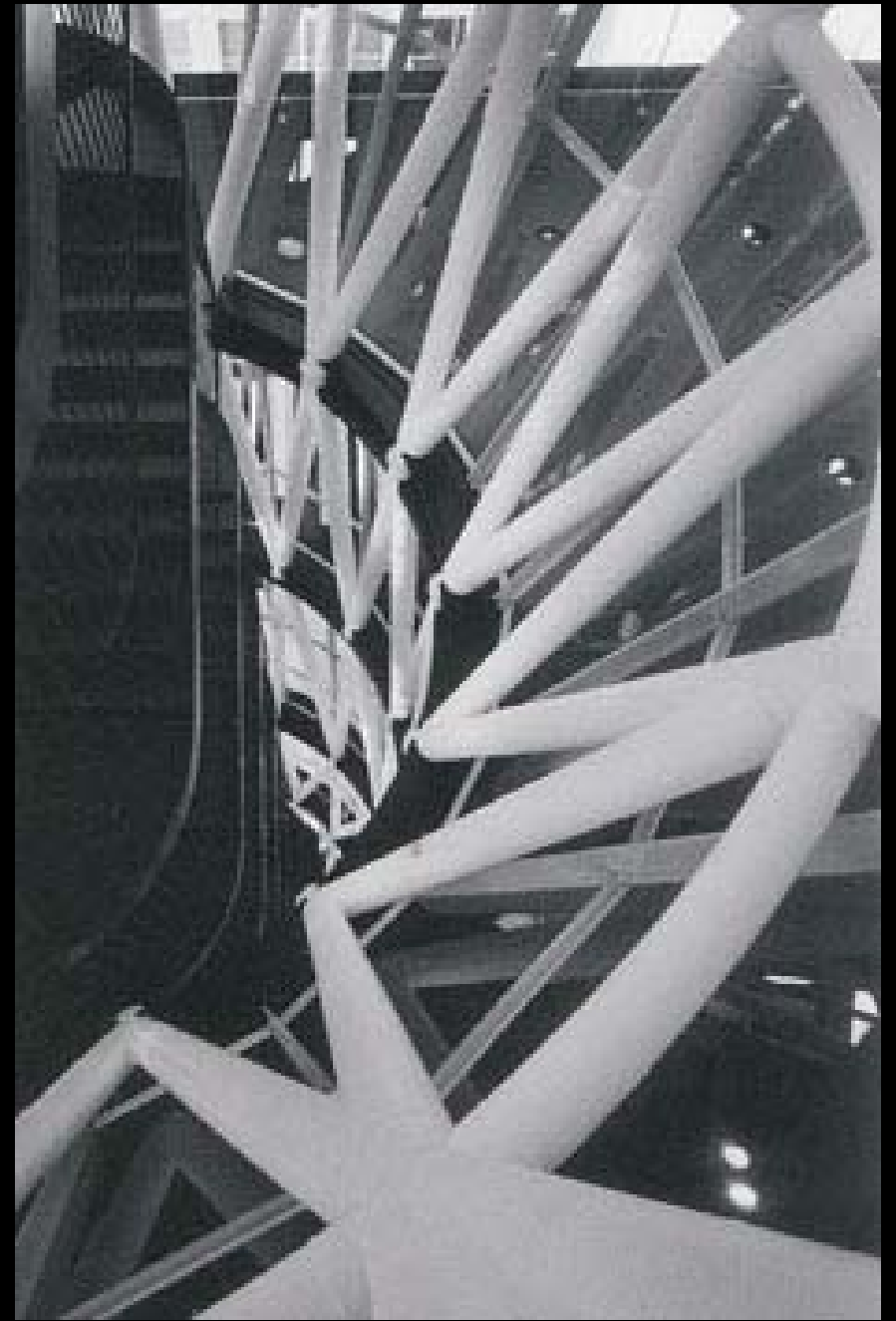
PLATE



Building Skin

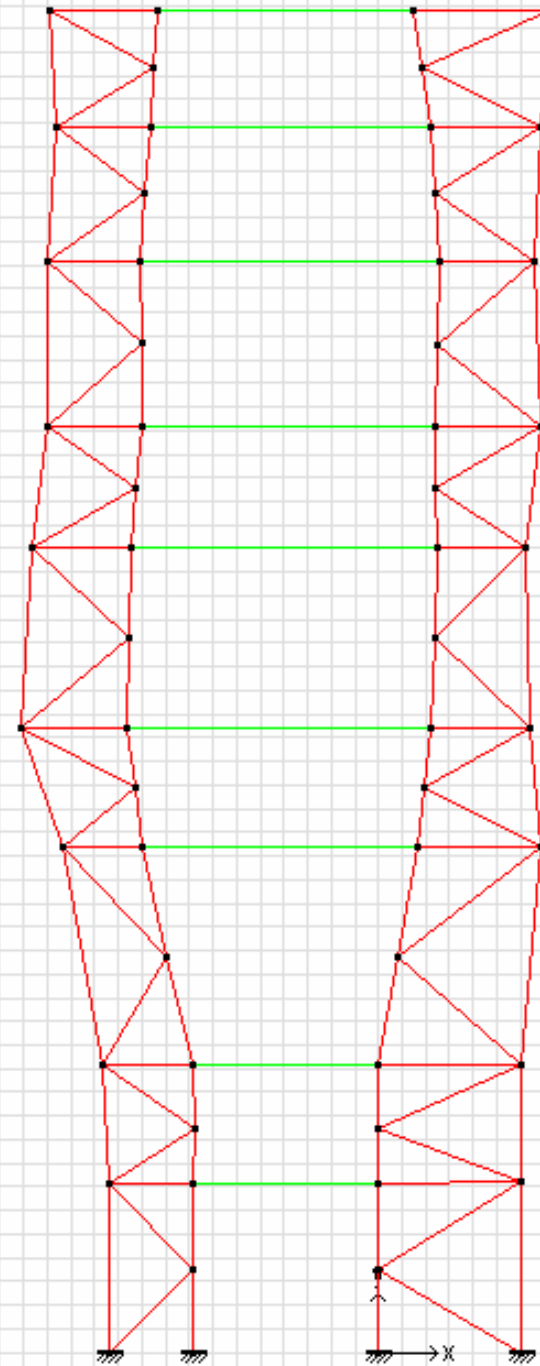


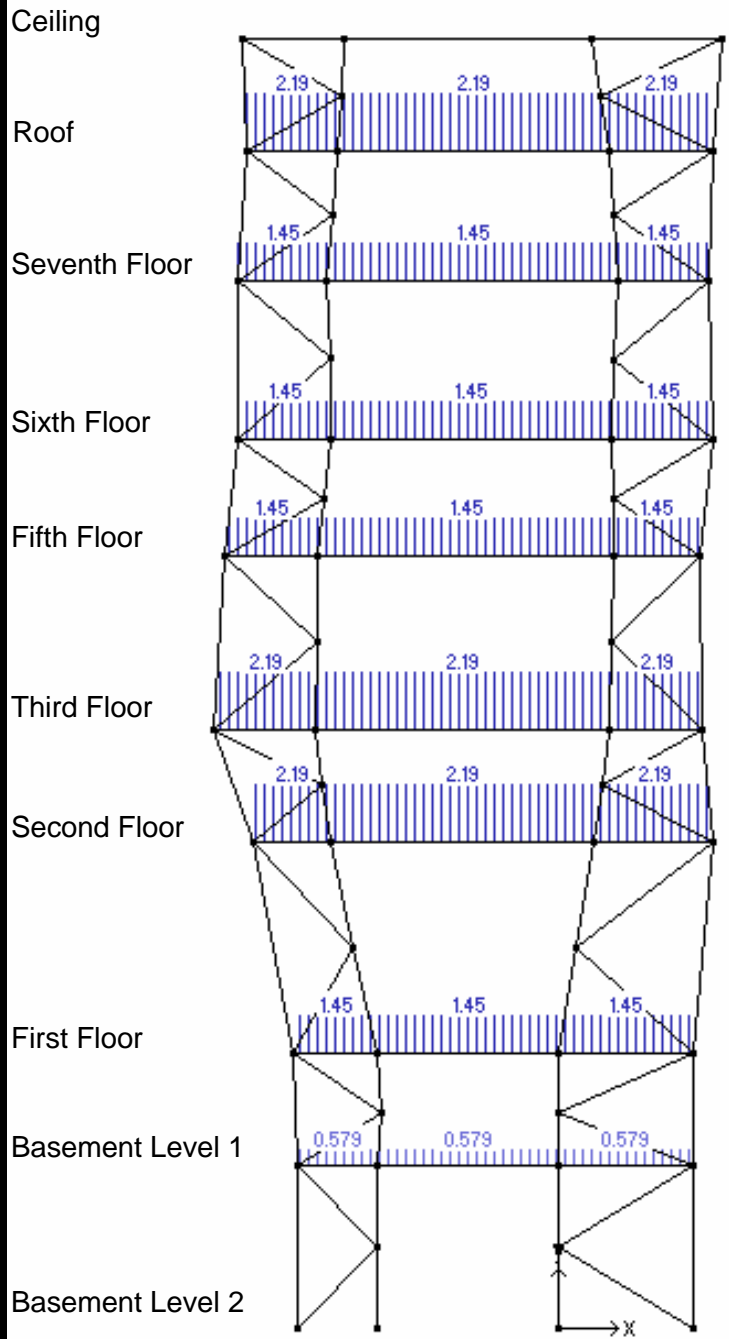
Rigid Structure



Connections

- Rigid connections throughout
- During construction the plates were placed on top of the ring beam of the tubes. This pin connection reduced bending stresses from the reaction of the plate with the tubes. Once the structure was in place the connections of the ring beam to the plate were welded.

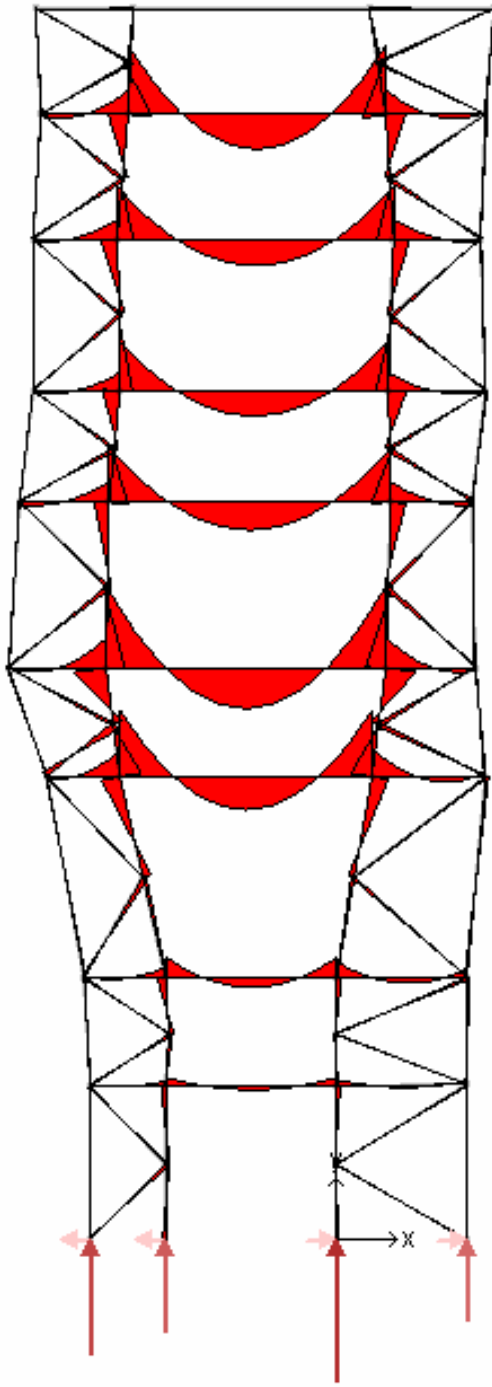




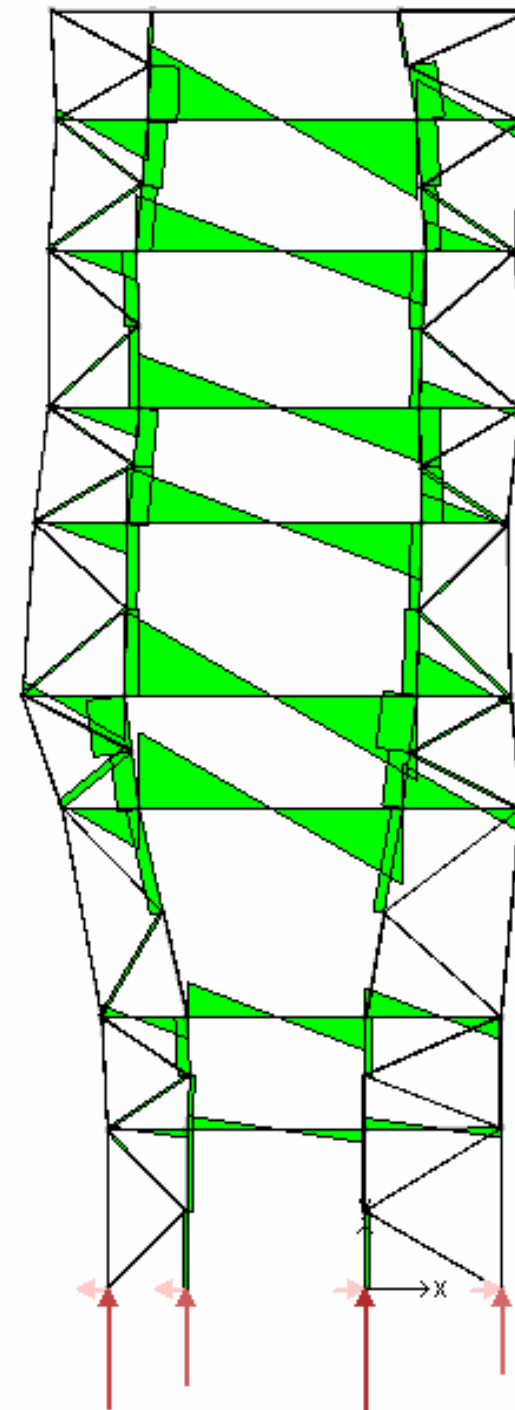
Live Loads

- Ceiling: steel lattice structure, non-load bearing
- Roof : 150 psf (2.03 kN/m)
- Seventh Floor: 100 psf (1.29 kN/m)
- Sixth Floor: 100 psf (1.29 kN/m)
- Fifth Floor: 100 psf (1.29 kN/m)
- Fourth Floor: open
- Third Floor: 150 psf (2.03 kN/m)
- Second Floor: 150 psf (2.03 kN/m)
- First Floor: 100 psf (1.29 kN/m)
- Basement: 40 psf (.419 kN/m)
- * Dead Load 10.96 psf (.16 kN/m) for steel tubes and sandwich slab per floor

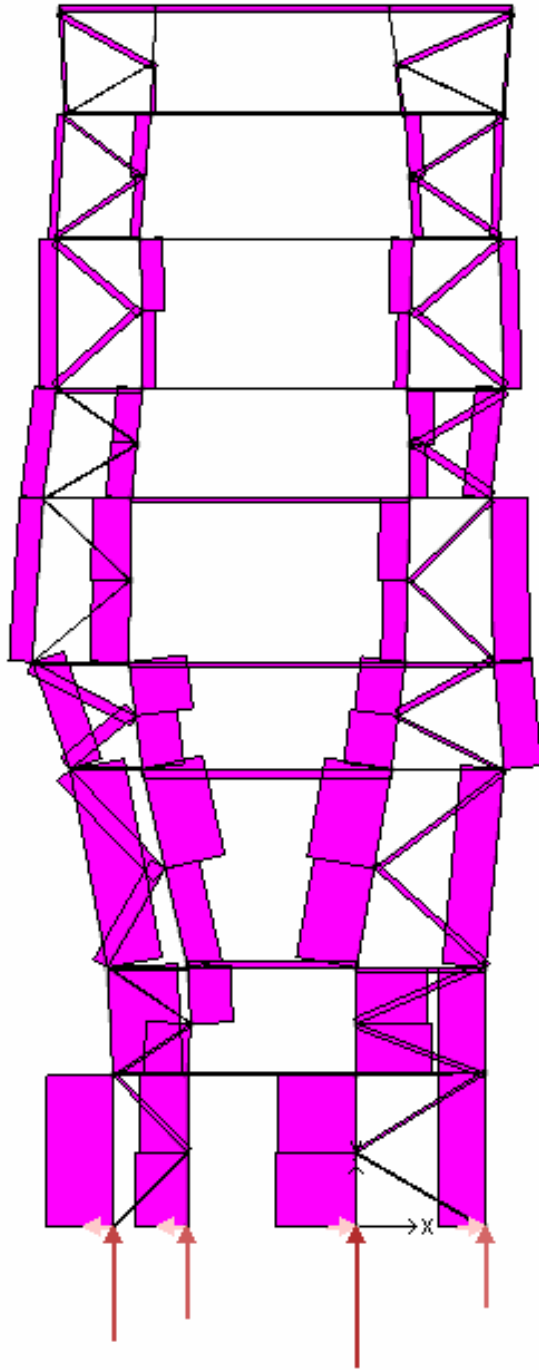
Moment Diagram



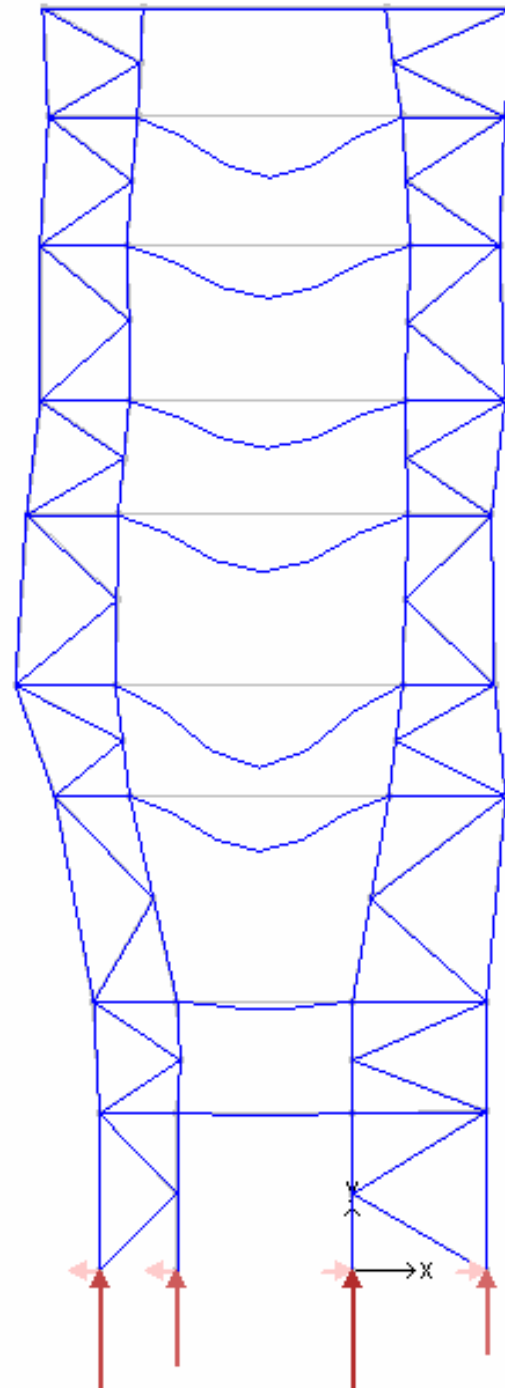
Shear Diagram



Distribution of Forces Diagram

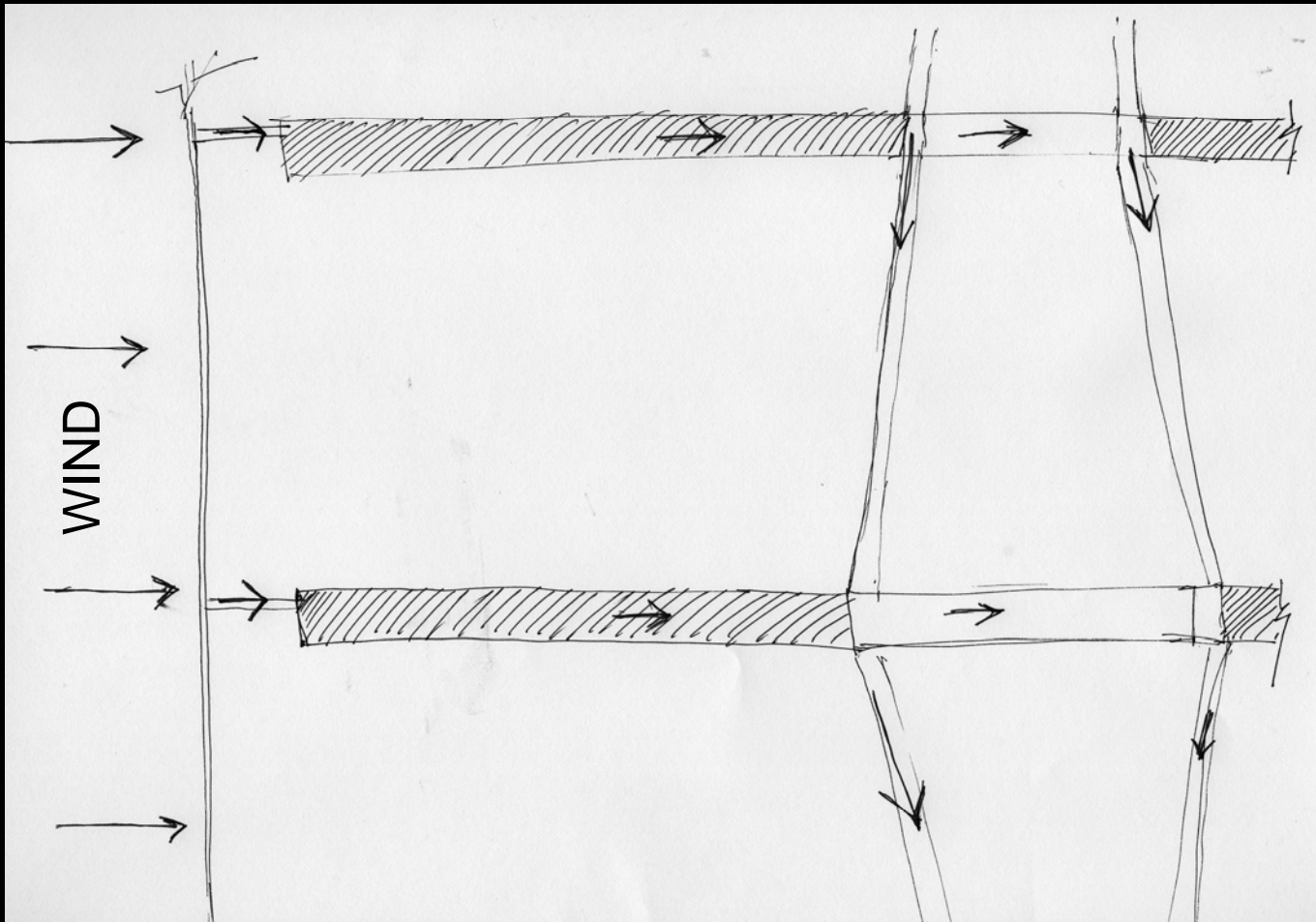


Deflection Diagram



Lateral Loads

- Lateral resisting system is tubes and slabs
- Building will twist in response to lateral loading

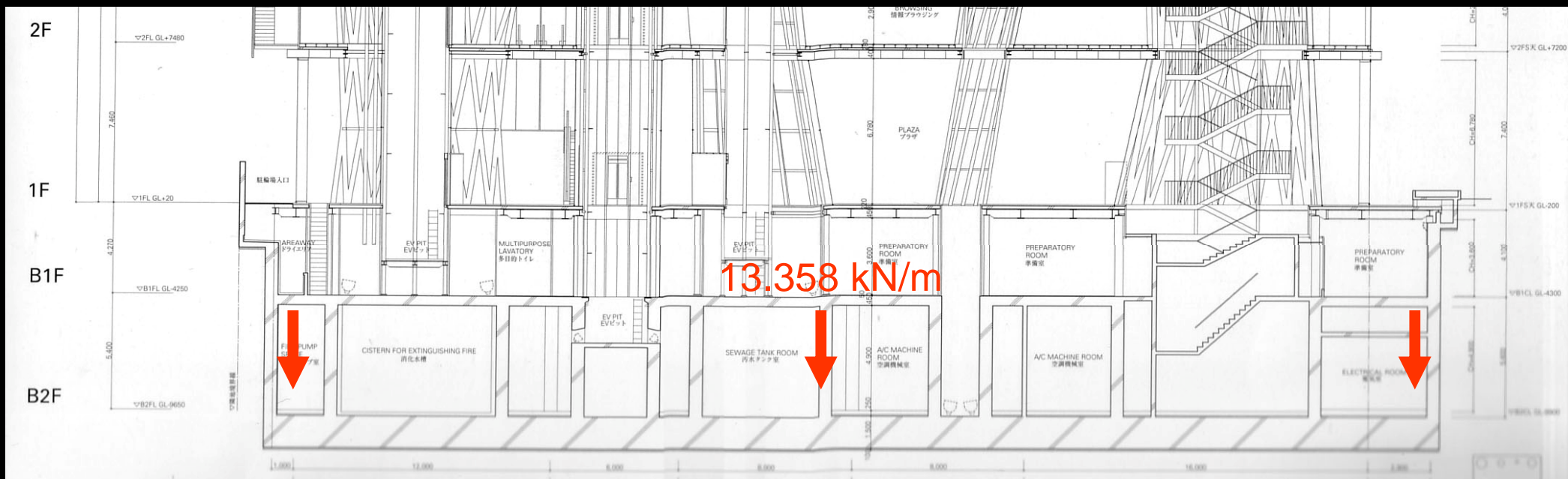


Soil Conditions

- Liquefaction Index
 - Calculated from the safety rate to liquefaction for every depth derived from sampling of the soil
- Soil Conditions in Sendai
 - Sand, silty sand, sand with clay, sand with gravel
 - Presumed bearing condition 200 kN/m²

Foundation Section

- Foundation: flat slab below grade



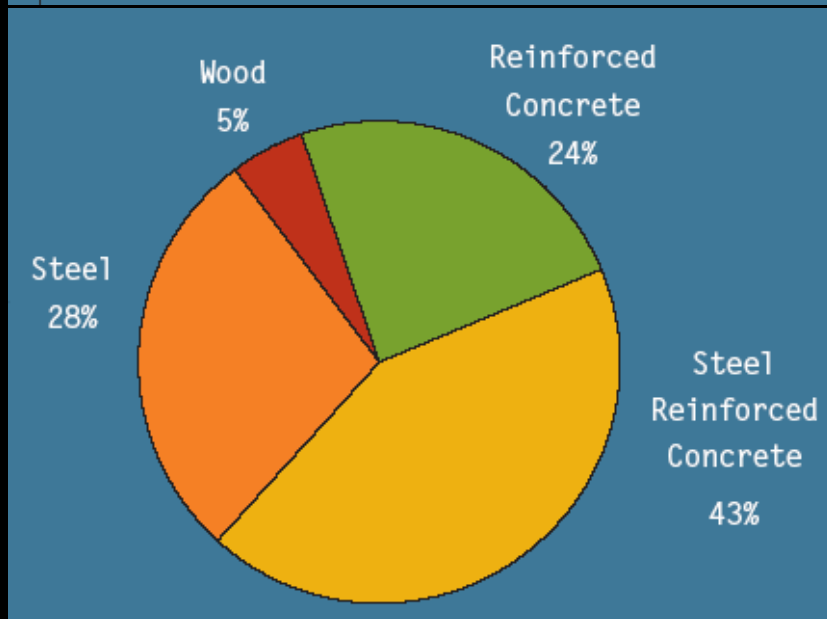
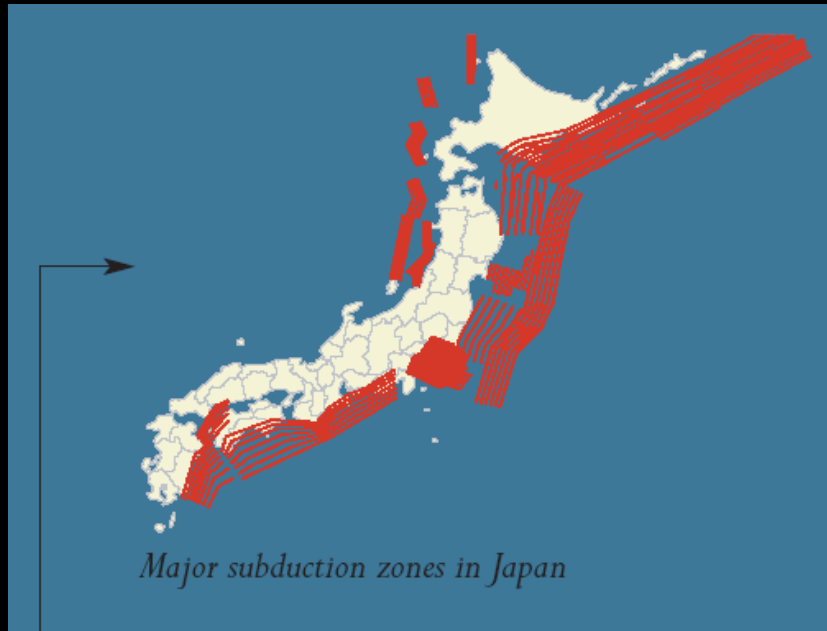
13.358 kN/m



200 kN/m

*Loads above are for 1' strip section

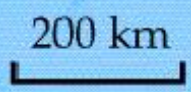
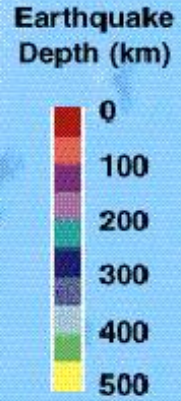
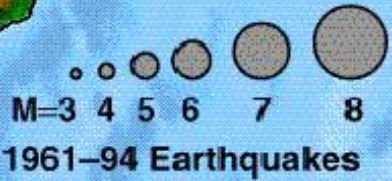
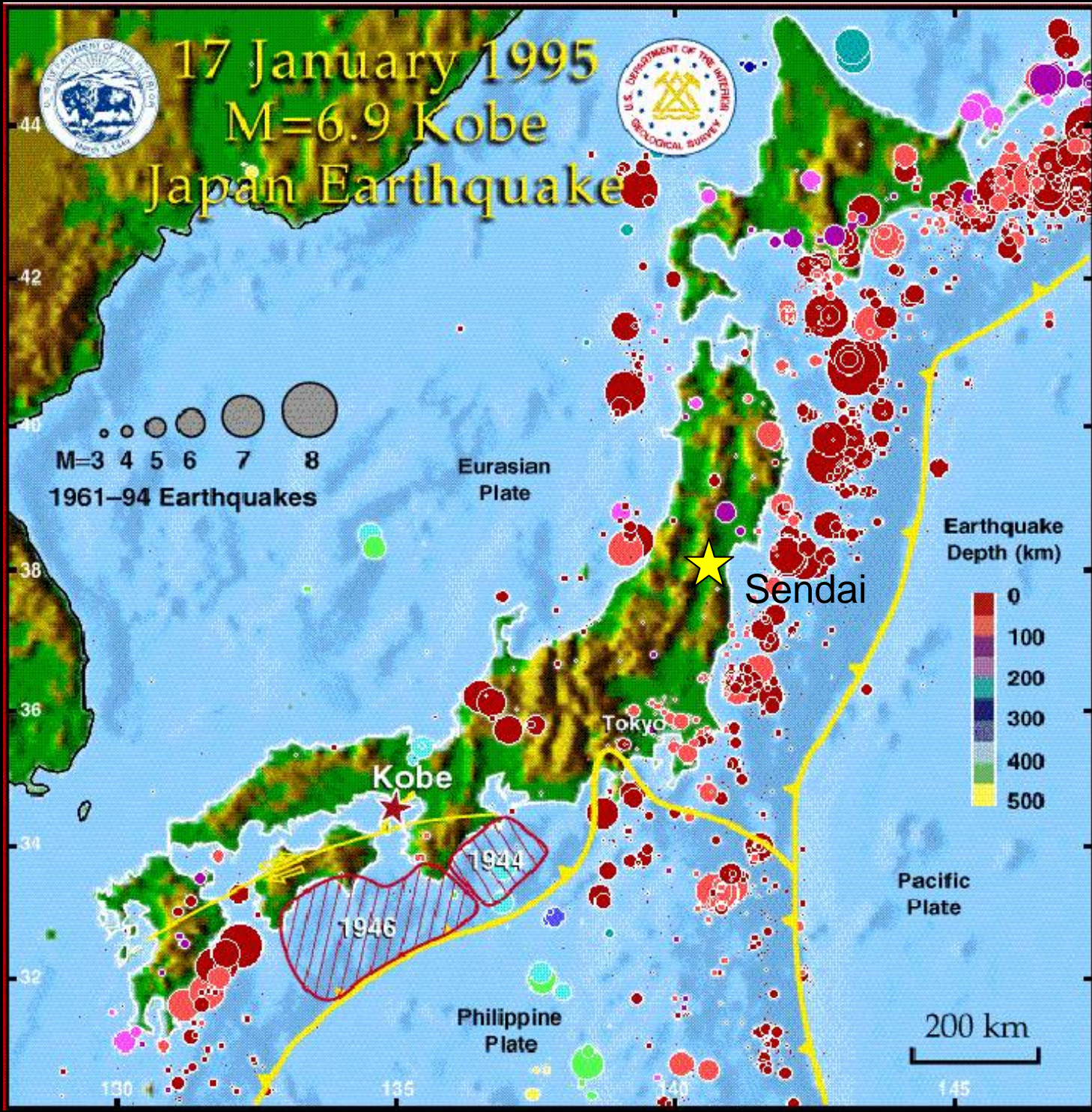
Seismic Forces



- 1915: $V=CW$
 - V is lateral force for seismic design
 - C is seismic coefficient
 - W is structure weight
- 2000:
 - Allowable stress design
 - $Q_i=C_t \times W_i$
 - Lateral shear capacity design
 - $C_i=Z \times R_t \times A_i \times C_0$



17 January 1995 M=6.9 Kobe Japan Earthquake



Reaction to Seismic Forces

- A damping mechanism for absorbing energy is used within the main structure on the first basement floor.
- The first floor framing is structurally separated from the basement's external wall. So, the first basement floor is the level where seismic energy is transferred into the ductile steel shafts that support the upper level steel tubes. Therefore, the upper levels see little of the seismic forces.

