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Reinforcement Detailing to Improve Life Safety Changes in AS 3600-2018

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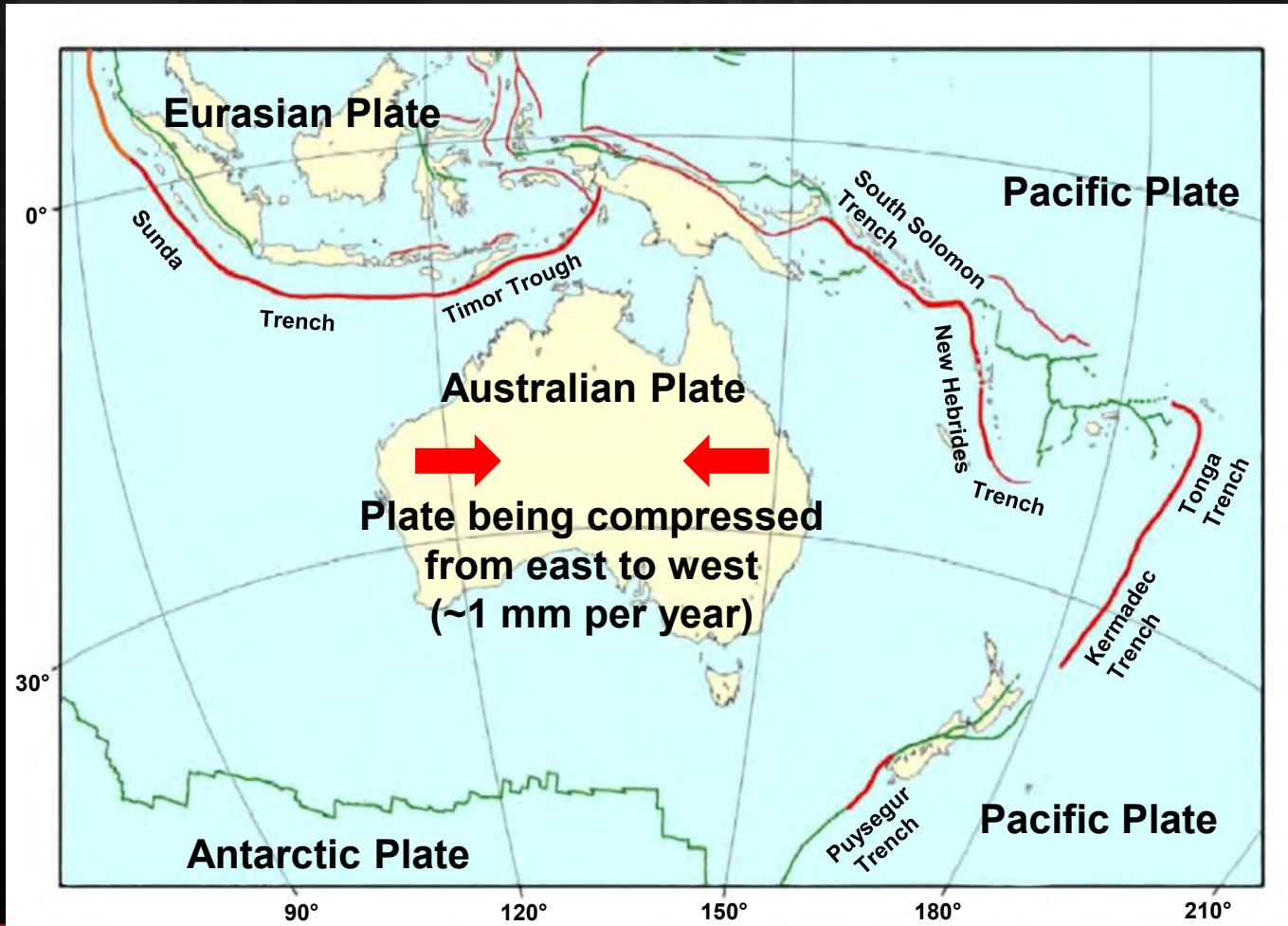
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Earthquakes in Australia

- ➔ Plate boundaries are remote from Australia but run through NZ
- ➔ Australian Plate being compressed in east-west direction
- ➔ Results in Intraplate earthquakes



Past Earthquakes

Top 10 Worst Australian Onshore Earthquakes in Modern Times – Ranked by Cost, Magnitude and Damage

(source Australian Geographic July 10, 2012)

1.	Newcastle NSW	28 Dec 1989	(Magnitude 5.6) Public Holiday
2.	Beachport SA	10 May 1897	(Magnitude 6.5)
3.	Meckering WA	14 Oct 1968	(Magnitude 6.9) Public Holiday
4.	Ellalong NSW	6 Aug 1994	(Magnitude 5.4)
5.	Adelaide SA	1 Mar 1954	(Magnitude 5.5)
6.	Warooka SA	19 Sept 1902	(Magnitude 6.0)
7.	Meeberrie WA	29 Apr 1941	(Magnitude 7.2)
8.	Tennant Creek NT	22 Jan 1988	(Magnitude 6.3-6.7)
9.	Kalgoorlie-Boulder WA	20 Apr 2010	(Magnitude 5.0)
10.	Cadoux WA	2 June 1979	(Magnitude 6.1)

Note: Christchurch earthquake was magnitude 6.2

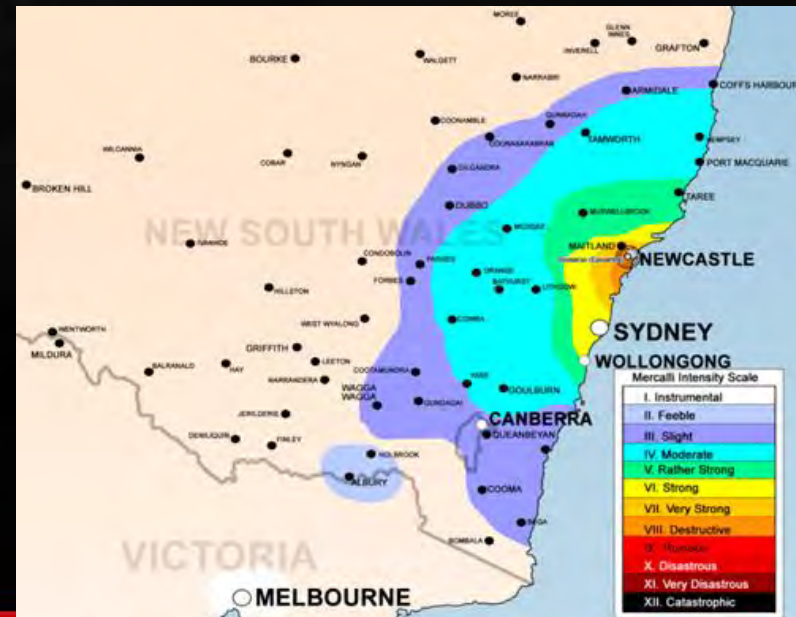
Past Earthquakes

1989 Newcastle NSW

- ➔ Magnitude 5.6
- ➔ Duration – 35 to 40 seconds
- ➔ One of Australia's worst natural disasters
- ➔ Killed 13 people, hospitalised 160
- ➔ A small intraplate event with soft soils intensifying shaking
- ➔ Boxing Day **Public Holiday** so few people in CBD
- ➔ Several events had occurred previously
- ➔ Estimated \$4 billion of damage to 35,000 homes, 147 schools & 3000 buildings
- ➔ Damage over 9,000 square kms with movement up to 800km away



The Newcastle Worker Club - Subsequently demolished & rebuilt. (Photo Courtesy Newcastle Library)



Past Earthquakes

1968 Meckering, WA (130 kms east of Perth)

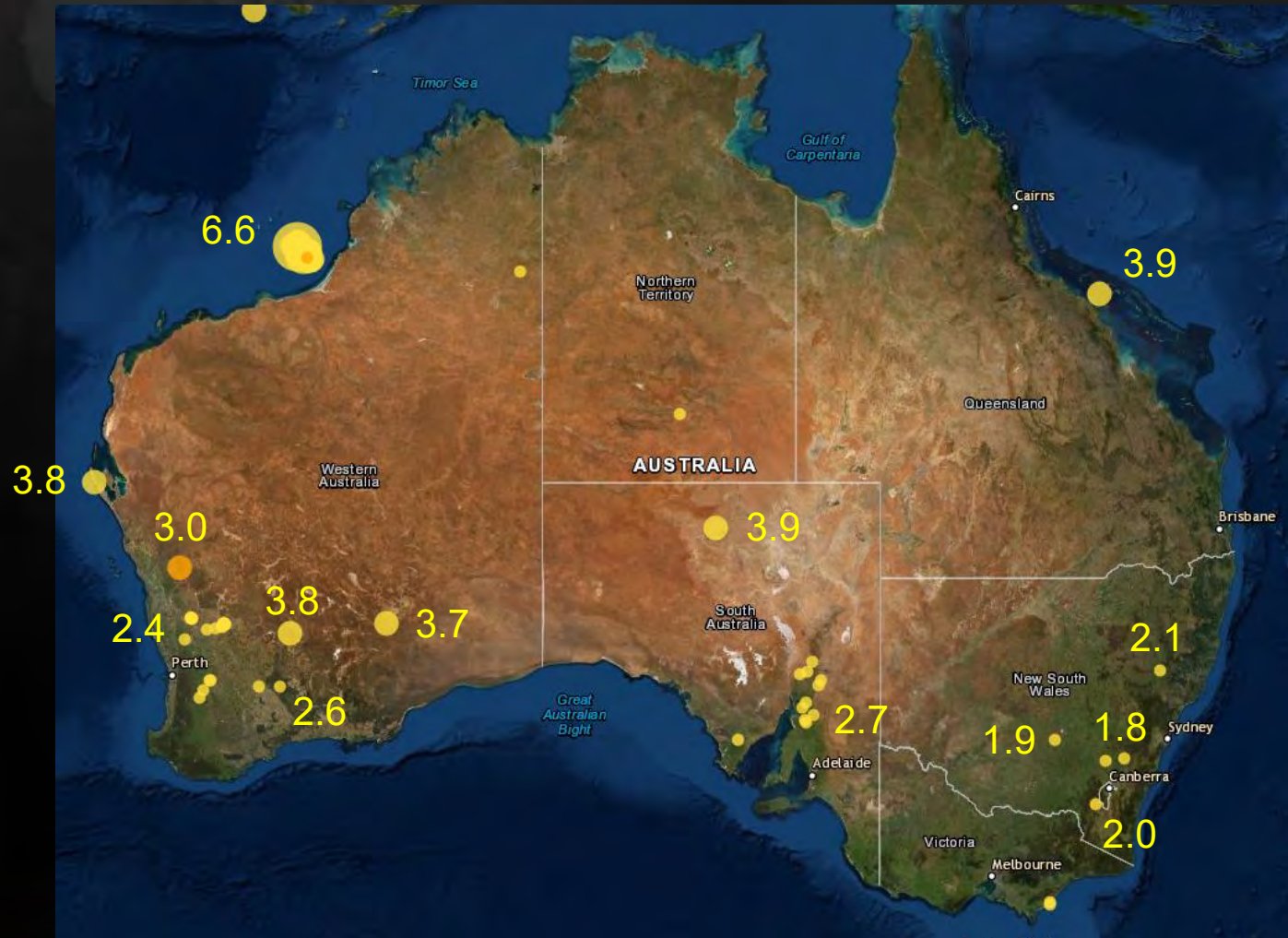
- ➔ Magnitude 6.9
- ➔ Duration - 40 seconds at 10.59 am
- ➔ Length of fault line scarp 37km, height of step 1.5 m
- ➔ 20 people injured 50 buildings damaged
- ➔ Epicentre 9km SW of town and felt over 700km radius (2nd strongest onshore in Australia)
- ➔ Most structures damaged or completely destroyed
- ➔ More deaths would have resulted if it hit in the night & again not on a **public holiday**!
- ➔ Cost \$1.5 M equal to \$57 M today
- ➔ The Great Eastern Highway, Transcontinental Railway, Eastern Goldfields water supply pipeline and the telephone lines were disrupted at the fault



Most Recent Earthquakes

Last 30 days (23/7/2019)

➔ Magnitude: 1.5 to 6.6



Earthquake Frequency

Geosciences Australia

On average Australia will experience:

- ➔ 1 shallow earthquake of magnitude 6.0 or more once every 10 years (equivalent to the 2011 Christchurch earthquake – magnitude 6.2)
- ➔ 2 magnitude 5 earthquakes every year

Is Earthquake Design required?

1. NCC requires design for both wind and earthquake
2. Class 10 Buildings – non-habitable (Importance Level 1) - **NO**
Private garage, carport, shed, fence, retaining or free-standing wall, swimming pool, private bushfire shelter
3. Class 1 Buildings – domestic structures – **NO** if
 - ➔ Less than 8.5 in height, **and**
 - ➔ Hazard factor $k_p Z \leq 0.11$, **and**
 - ➔ Material type covered by Standards

For domestic structures outside these limits:

Design as Importance Level 2 (IL2) structures in accordance with Section 2 of AS 1170.4, or use Paragraph A2 in AS 1170.4

Minimum Reinforcement in AS 3600

Section 8.3 General Details for Beams

8.3.1 Detailing of flexural reinforcement and tendons

8.3.1.1 Distribution of reinforcement and integrity reinforcement

8.3.1.2 Continuation of negative moment reinforcement

8.3.1.3 Anchorage of positive moment reinforcement

8.3.1.4 Shear strength requirements near terminated flex. reinforcement

8.3.1.5 Deemed to comply arrangement for flexural reinforcement

8.3.1.6 Restraint of compressive reinforcement

8.3.1.7 Bundled bars

8.3.1.8 Detailing of tendons

Minimum Reinforcement in AS 3600

Section 8.3 General Details for Beams

8.3.2 Detailing of shear and torsional reinforcement

8.3.2.1 General

8.3.2.2 Spacing

8.3.2.3 Extent

8.3.2.4 Anchorage of shear reinforcement

8.3.2.5 End anchorage of mesh

8.3.3 Detailing of torsional reinforcement

Minimum Reinforcement in AS 3600

Section 9.1.3 Detailing of tensile reinforcement in slabs

Section 9.2 Structural Integrity Reinforcement

9.2.2 Minimum structural integrity reinforcement

9.2.3 Minimum reinforcement for distributed loads

9.2.3 Spacing of reinforcement and tendons

Section 9.3.6 Detailing of shear reinforcement

Minimum Reinforcement in AS 3600

Section 10.7 Reinforcement requirements for columns

10.7.1 Limitations on longitudinal steel

10.7.3 Confinement to the core

10.7.4 Restraint of longitudinal reinforcement

10.7.5 Splicing of longitudinal reinforcement

Minimum Reinforcement in AS 3600

Section 11.7 Reinforcement requirements for walls

11.7.1 Minimum reinforcement

11.7.2 Horizontal reinforcement

11.7.3 Spacing of reinforcement reinforcement

11.7.4 Restraint of vertical reinforcement

Why Minimum Reinf. Requirements?

Requirements ensure **DUCTILITY** of Structural Elements

DUCTILITY allows structure to behave inelastically

→ Dead Load

→ Live Load

→ Wind Load

→ Earthquake Load
(1:500 to 1:2500 years)

} Designed elastically

Designed:

Elastically for nominal static load

Inelastically for remainder of load

Ductility - Clause 14.2.2 of AS 3600:2018

Ability of a structure to sustain its load-carrying capacity and dissipate energy when responding to cyclic displacements in the inelastic range during an earthquake.

Displacement of Structure

Christchurch Art Gallery Bookstore during 2011 earthquake



AS 1170.4 Earthquake Actions

Structural Ductility Factor (μ)

➔ **determines nominal static earthquake load**

Clause 1.3.23 of AS 1170.4 (Also Clause 14.2.8 of AS 3600:2018)

Numerical assessment of the ability of a structure to sustain cyclic displacements in the inelastic range.

Depends on:

- ➔ Structural form
- ➔ Ductility of the materials
- ➔ Structural damping characteristics

*California State University car park collapse
Northridge 1994*



Structural Ductility Factor (μ)

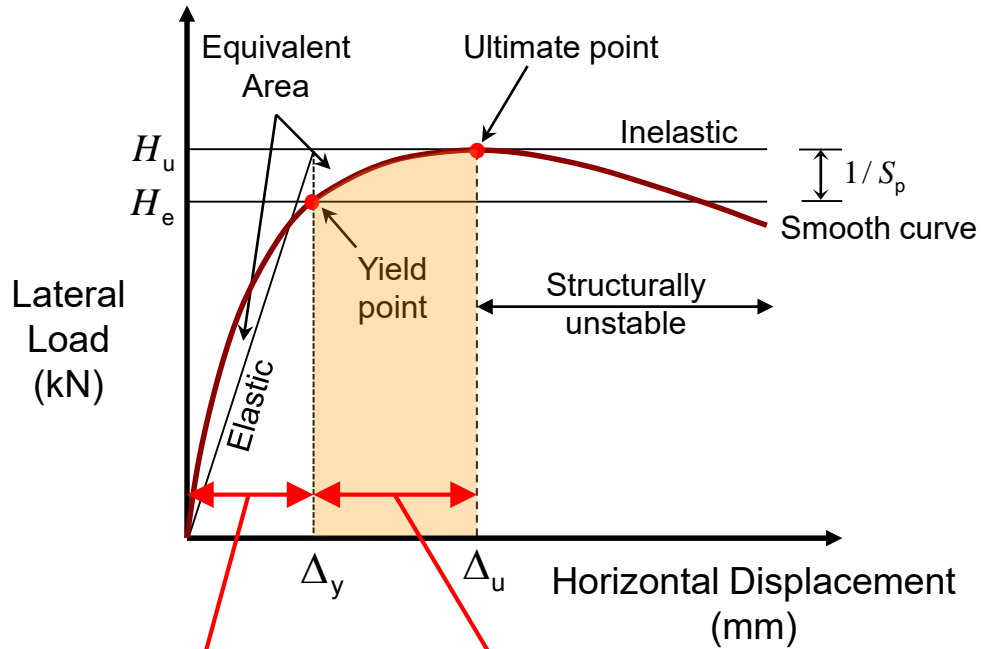
Table 14.3 of AS 3600 (2018) – 4 ductility levels defined for walls

Structural system description	(μ)	S_p	S_p / μ	μ / S_p
Special moment-resisting frames (fully ductile) designed in accordance with NZS 1170.5 and NZS 3101 and the AS 1170.4 Hazard Map	4	0.67	0.17	6
Ductile structural walls designed in accordance with NZS 1170.5 and NZS 3101 and the AS 1170.4 Hazard Map	4	0.67	0.17	6
Ductile partially or fully coupled walls designed in accordance with NZS 1170.5 and NZS 3101 and the AS 1170.4 Hazard Map	4	0.67	0.17	6
Intermediate moment-resisting frames (moderately ductile) designed in accordance with Section 2.2 of this Standard and Clauses 14.4 and 14.5 of this section	3	0.67	0.22	4.5
Combined systems of intermediate moment-resisting frames and moderately ductile structural walls designed in accordance with Section 2.2 of this Standard and Clauses 14.4, 14.5 and 14.7 of this section	3	0.67	0.22	4.5
Moderately ductile structural walls designed in accordance with Section 2.2 of this Standard and Clause 14.4 and 14.7 of this section	3	0.67	0.22	4.5
Ordinary moment-resisting frames designed in accordance with Section 2.2 of this Standard and Clause 14.4 of this section	2	0.77	0.38	2.6
Ordinary moment-resisting frames in combination with limited ductile shear walls designed in accordance with Section 2.2 of this Standard and Clauses 14.4 and 14.6 of this section	2	0.77	0.38	2.6
Limited ductile structural walls designed in accordance with Section 2.2 of this Standard and Clauses 14.4 and 14.6 of this section	2	0.77	0.38	2.6
Non-ductile structural walls designed in accordance with Section 2.2 of this Standard and Clause 14.4 of this section	1	0.77	0.77	1.3

Importance of Ductility

Allows displacement of structure with reduced risk of failure

$$\mu = \frac{\Delta_u}{\Delta_y}$$



AS 1170.4 Earthquake Actions

Ordinary Moment-resisting frame, $\mu \leq 2$

38% of loading designed for elastically

62% of loading taken inelastically

Intermediate Moment-resisting frame, $2 < \mu \leq 3$

22% of loading designed for elastically

78% of loading taken inelastically

Special Moment-resisting frame, $\mu > 3$

17% of loading designed for elastically

83% of loading taken inelastically

Ductility of Structural Elements

3 options for ductility available in AS 3600:

- a) Design structure elastically (**non ductile**)
- b) Design and detail in accordance with: **Sections other than 14.5 and 14.7**
 - ➔ Structural Ductility Factor, $\mu \leq 2$ (**limited ductile**)
 - ➔ Ordinary moment-resisting frame (OMRF)
- c) Design and detail in accordance **with Section 14.5 to 14.7**
 - ➔ Structural Ductility Factor, $2 < \mu \leq 3$ (**moderately ductile**)
 - ➔ Intermediate moment-resisting frame (IMRF)

NOTE: For $\mu > 3$ (**ductile**) the structure should be designed and detailed in accordance with NZS 1170.5 and NZS 3101.

- ➔ Special moment-resisting frame

Reinforcement Design & Detailing

Section 14 in AS 3600 (2018)

All RC structures and elements requiring seismic design to comply with General requirements (Clause 14.1 to 14.4)

- ➔ Vertical load bearing elements designed for horizontal drift
- ➔ Connections between prefabricated elements to allow for movement
- ➔ Structural Integrity reinforcement required
- ➔ Columns detailed to Clause 14.5 if $L_u \leq 5D$

Reinforcement Design & Detailing

Columns detailed to Clause 14.5 if $L_u \leq 5D$

Greater ductility required to allow drift over shorter length



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Reinforcement Design & Detailing

Section 14 in AS 3600 (2018)

Walls designed to Section 10 or 11

- ➔ Limited ductile also to Clause 14.6
- ➔ Moderately ductile also to Clause 14.7
- ➔ Simplified design method only for non-ductile walls

11.2 DESIGN PROCEDURES (AS 3600 – 2009)

• 11.2.1 General

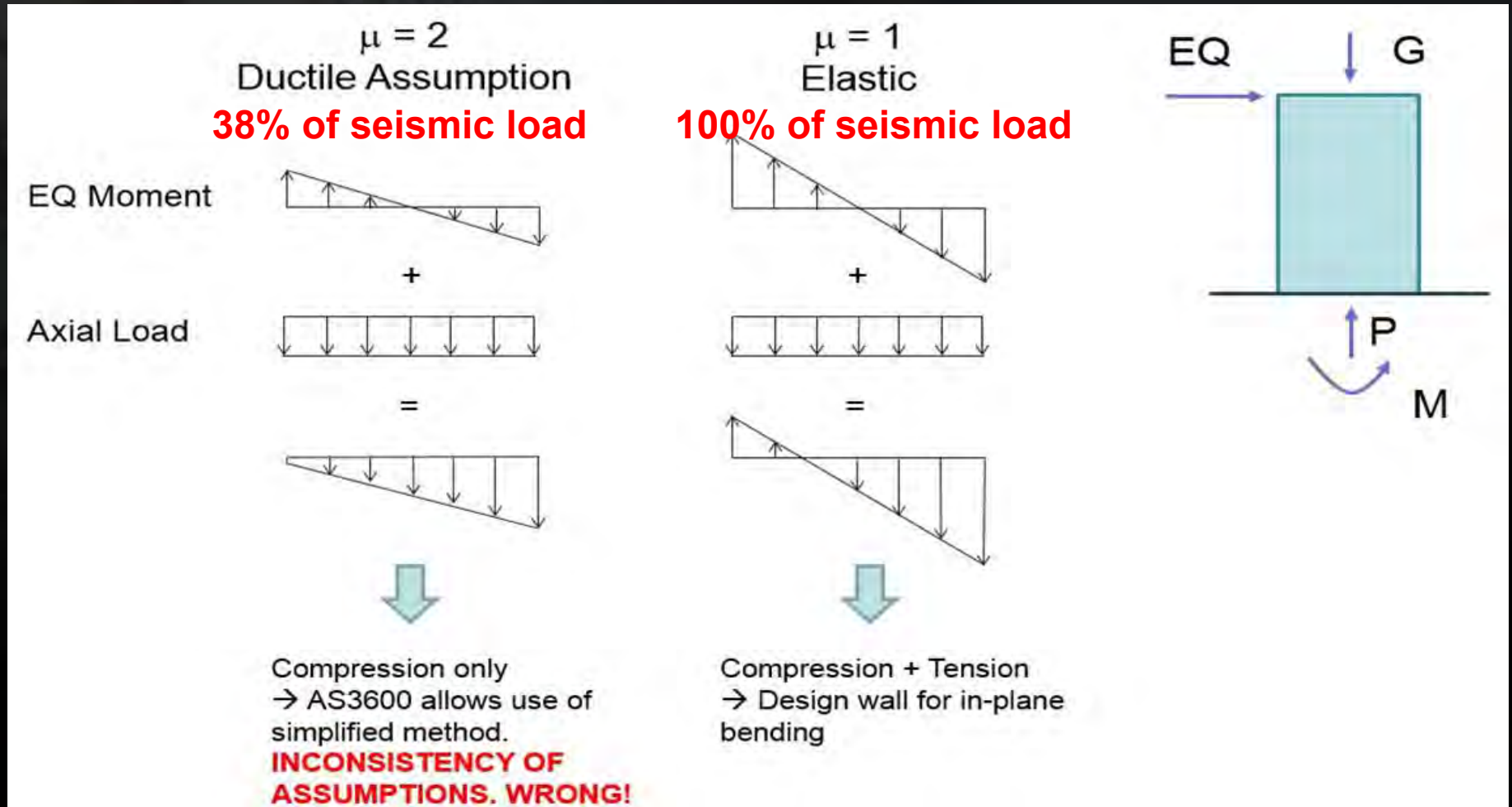
Braced walls where in-plane horizontal forces, acting in conjunction with the axial forces, are such that where a horizontal cross-section of the wall-

- (a) **Is subject to compression over the entire section**, in-plane bending may be neglected and the wall designed for horizontal shear forces in accordance with Clause 11.6 and for the vertical compressive forces either-
- (i) **in accordance with the simplified method of Clause 11.5**; or
 - (ii) as columns in accordance with Section 10 where vertical reinforcement is provided in each face, except that Clause 11.7.4 may override the requirements of Clause 10.7.4; or

Detailing of Walls

AS 3600 (2009) Simplified Method of Design

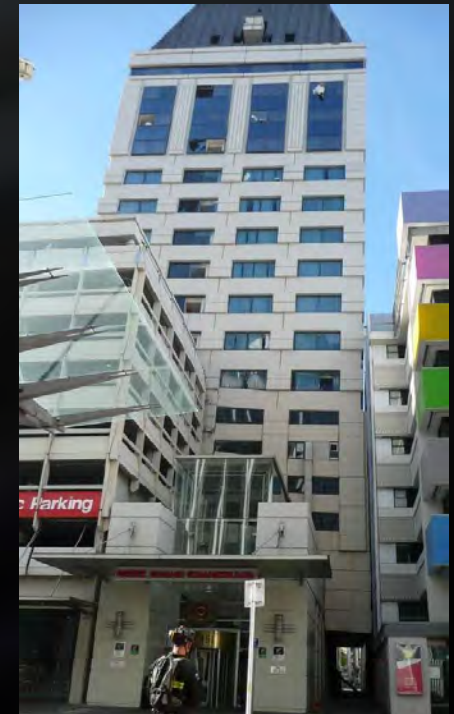
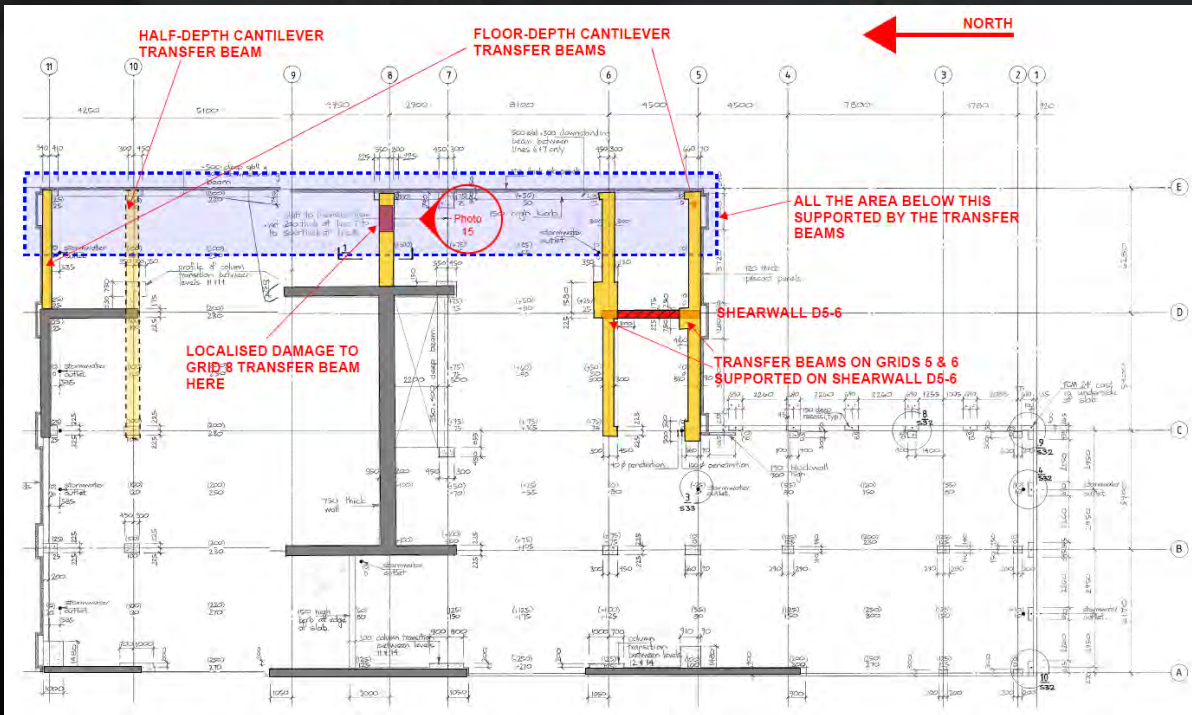
Compression over entire section - **Basic problem with assumptions**



Detailing of Walls

Heavily loaded walls and columns exhibit lower ductility

Also, mean value of 28 day strength $< 1.4 f'_c$ (Clause 14.6.4)



Failure of shear wall D5-6
Hotel Grand Chancellor, Christchurch, NZ

(Images courtesy Dunning Thornton Consultants Ltd)

Detailing of Walls

Ensure boundary elements for limited and moderately ductile walls are adequately detailed

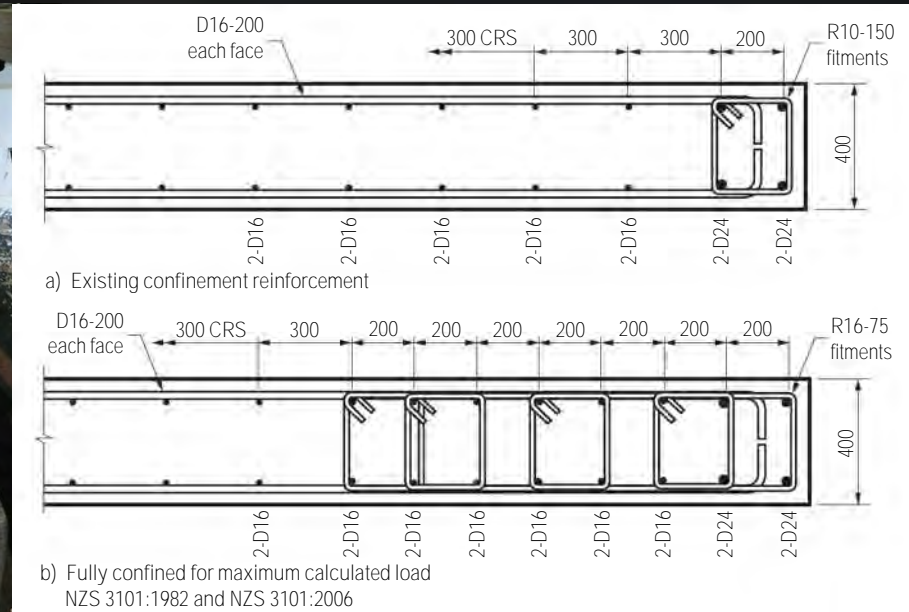


Figure 29 in Guide to Seismic Design

Failure of shear wall D5-6
Hotel Grand Chancellor, Christchurch, NZ

(Images courtesy Dunning Thornton Consultants Ltd)

Figure 28 in Guide to Seismic Design

Detailing of Walls

Boundary elements required for limited and moderately ductile walls if:

- ➔ End of wall is discontinuous and around openings (with exceptions)
- ➔ Extreme fibre compressive stress $> 0.15 f'_c$
- ➔ Clause 14.6.2 for limited ductile structural walls - IMRFs

Reinforcement buckling at the end region

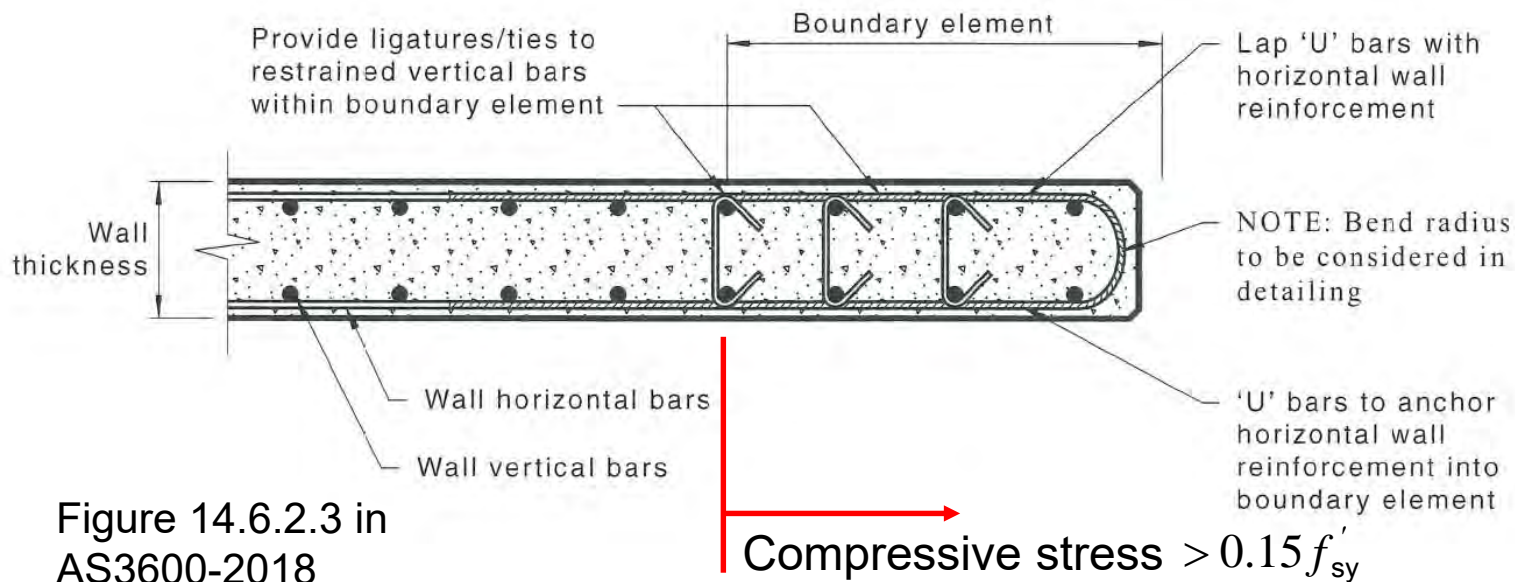


Figure 14.6.2.3 in AS3600-2018



If more than 4 stories - detail reinforcement to Clause 10.7.4

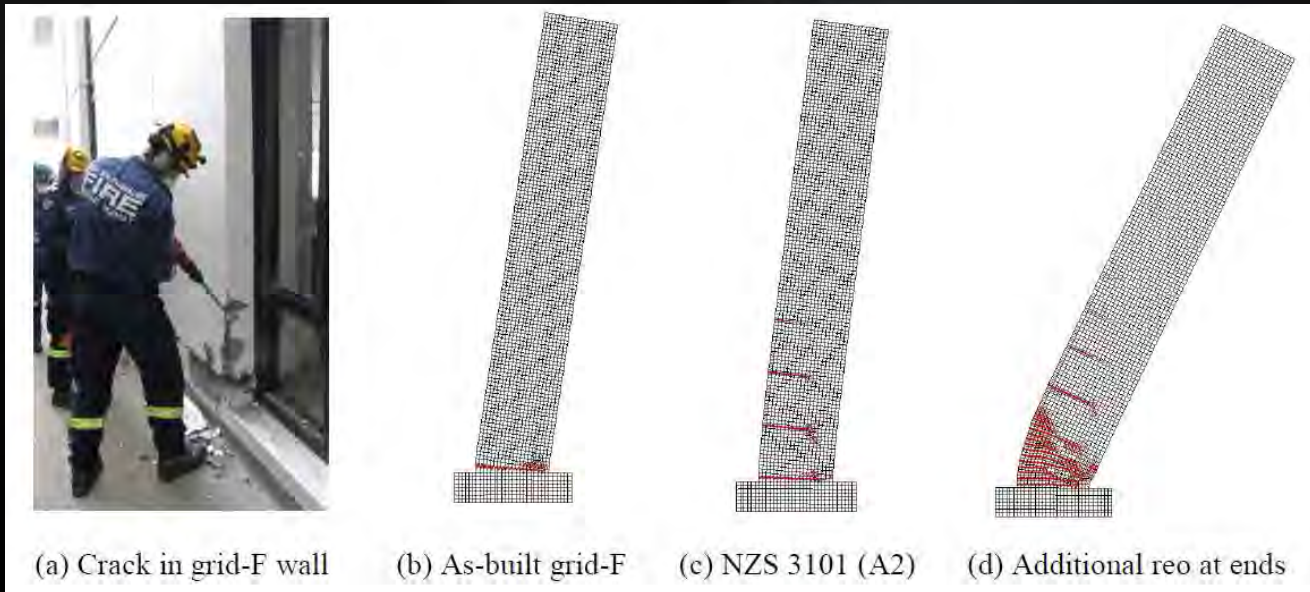
If extreme fibre compressive stress $> 0.2 f'_c$, detail to Clause 14.5.4

Detailing of Walls

Limited and Moderately Ductile Shear Walls - Clause 14.6.7 of AS 3600

Horizontal and vertical reinforcement ratio ≥ 0.0025

- ➔ Lightly reinforced walls tend to develop single crack
- ➔ Reinforcement unable to handle strain and fractures



Actual damage and crack patterns from wall models

(Henry et al., University of Auckland, 2015)

Detailing of Walls

Fractured bars in wall

Gallery Apartments,
Christchurch NZ

“The building’s overall damage state may be described as being at near collapse. A potentially catastrophic failure might have been observed for a slightly longer duration of severe ground shaking.” (Morris et al., 2015)



(Sritharan et al., 2014)

Detailing of Slabs

One way slabs

OMRF – Clause 9.1.3.2 of AS 3600

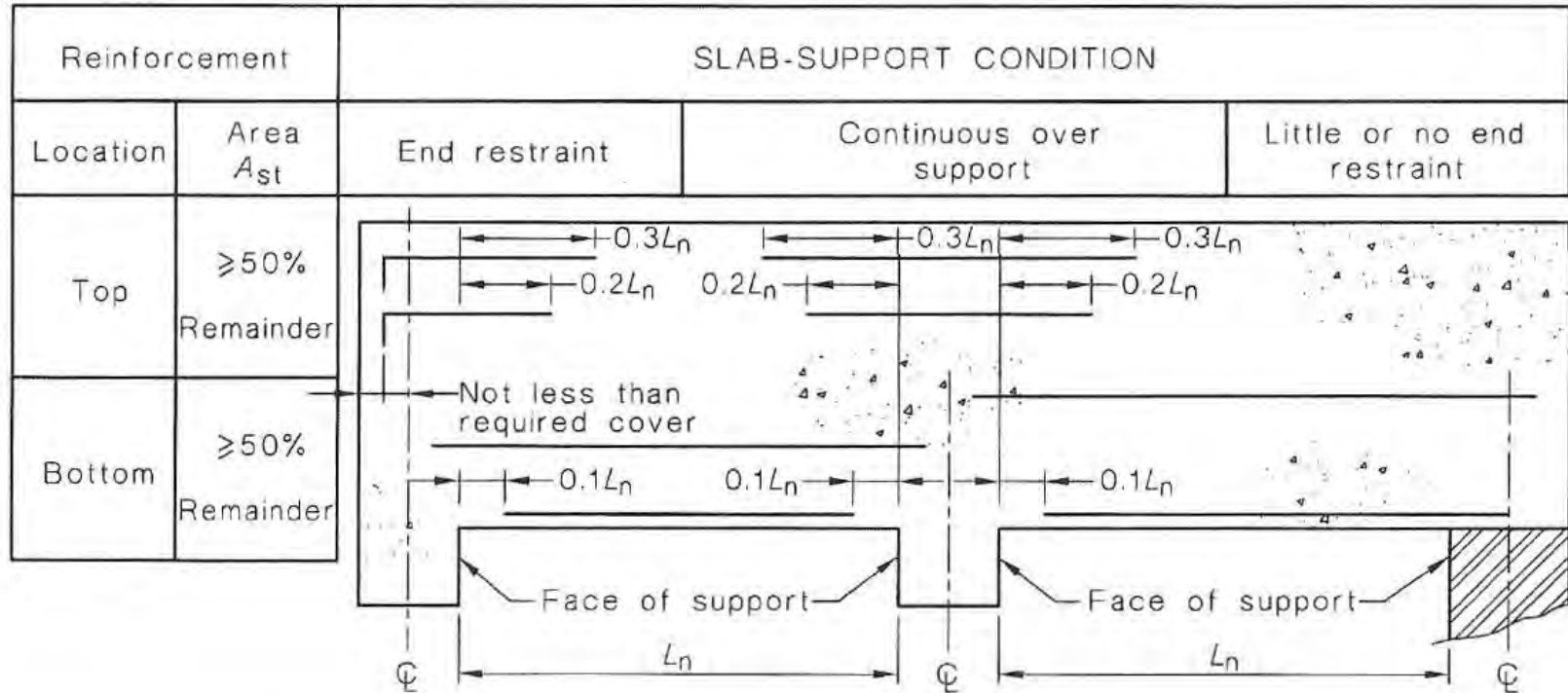
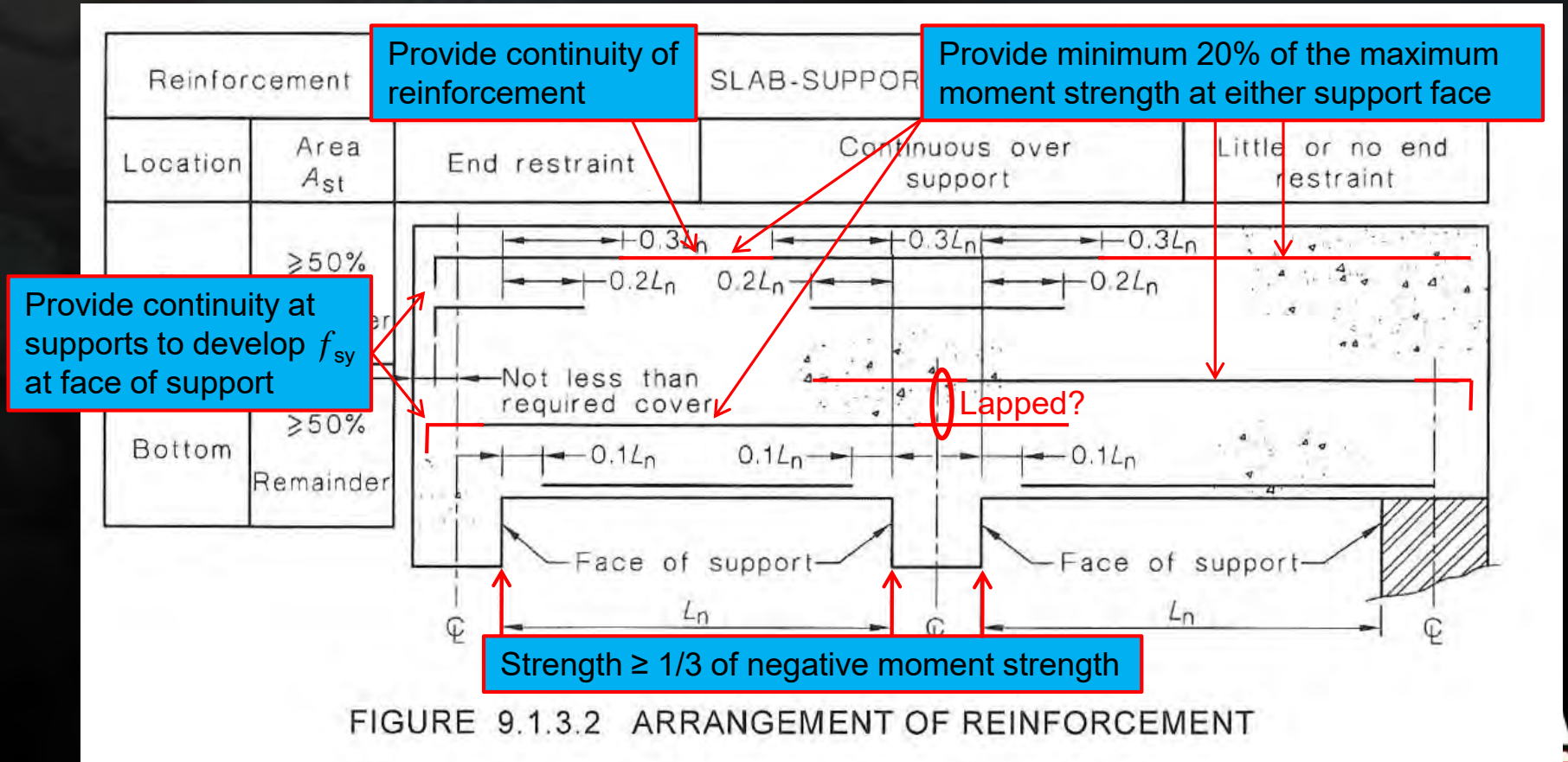


FIGURE 9.1.3.2 ARRANGEMENT OF REINFORCEMENT

Detailing of Slabs

One way slabs

IMRF – Clause 14.5.3.1 of AS 3600

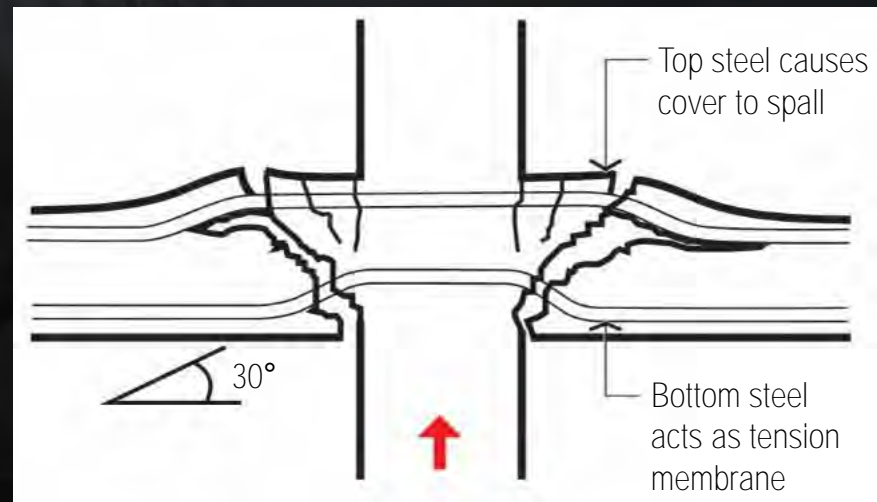
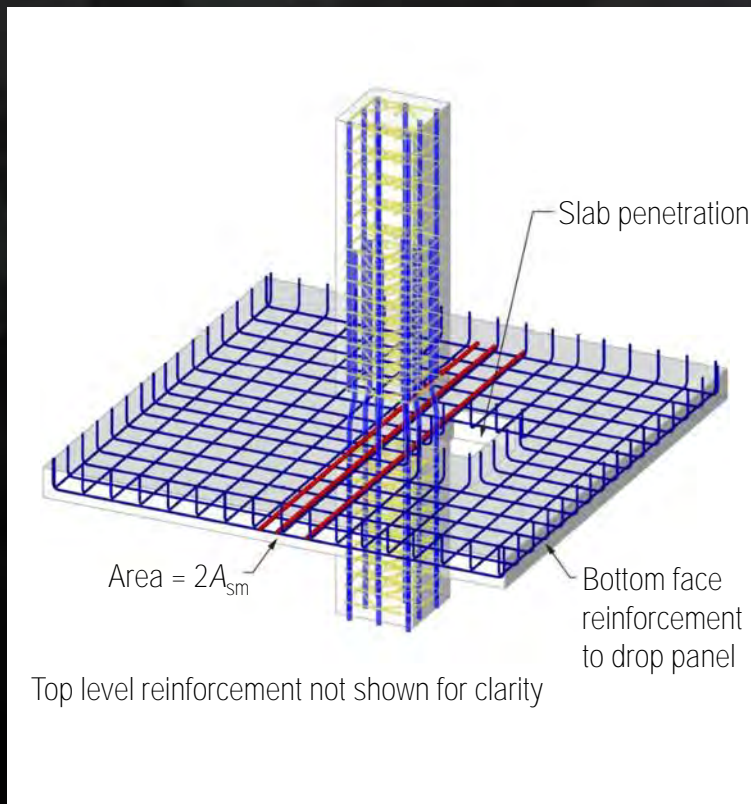


Detailing of Slabs

Structural Integrity Reinforcement (Clause 9.2)

Increases resistance of structural system to progressive collapse

Simple Reinforcement Detailing → Improves Life Safety



Figures 36 and 37 from SRIA's Seismic Guide

Detailing of Slabs

Structural Integrity Reinforcement (Clause 9.2)

AS 3600: 2018 (all connections)

Total bottom reinforcement

$$A_{s.min} = \frac{2N^*}{\phi f_{sy}} \quad (\text{Equation 9.2.2})$$

ACI 352.1R-11 Equation 6.3.1

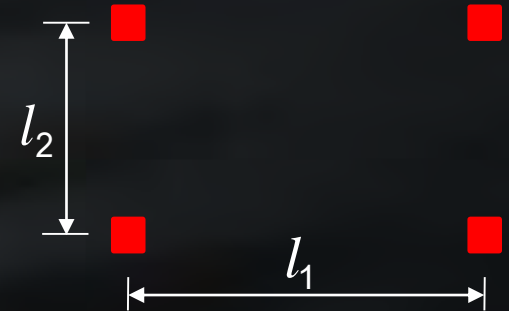
$$\text{Area in each direction, } A_{sm} = \frac{0.5 \omega_u l_1 l_2}{\phi f_{sy}}$$

where:

ω = factored uniformly distributed load

≥ two times the slab dead load (N / mm²)

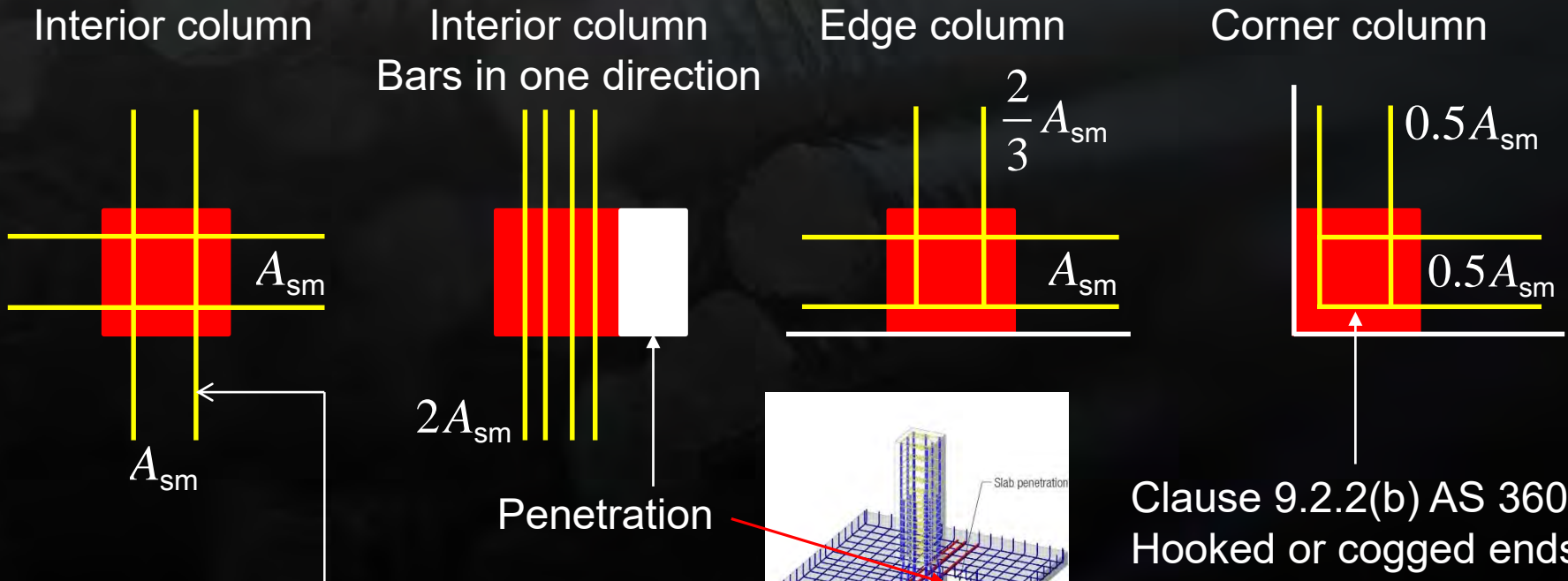
$\phi = 0.9$



Detailing of Slabs

Structural Integrity Reinforcement

Area at various column locations (ACI 352.1R-11 and Section 5.11.3 of Seismic Guide)



Clause 9.2.2(b) AS 3600
Extend $2L_{sy.tb}$ from face
of column

Clause 9.2.2(b) AS 3600
Hooked or cogged ends
at discontinuous edges

Detailing of Slabs

Structural Integrity Reinforcement – Improves Life Safety



Remains of car park floor – Old Newcastle Workers Club NSW - Brittle failure & progressive collapse
(Photo courtesy Cultural Collections, The University of Newcastle, Australia)



Punching shear failure
Hotel Grand Chancellor
Christchurch, NZ

Detailing of Slabs

Structural Integrity Reinforcement – Improves Life Safety

Clauses 2.1.3, 8.3.1.1, 9.2 and 14.4.7 for structural integrity reinforcement

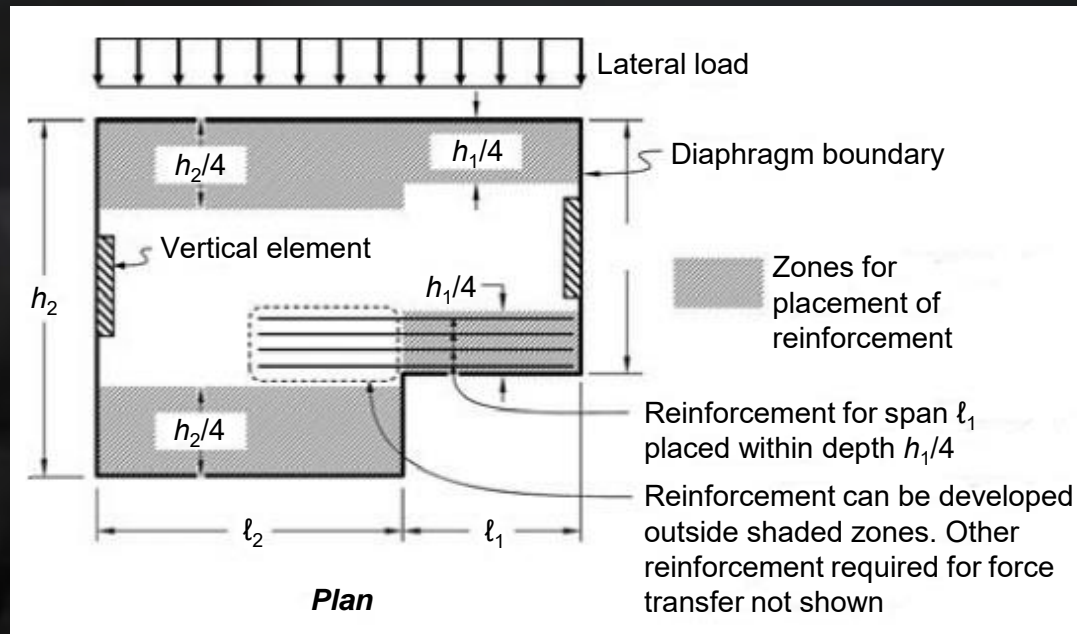


Remains of post-tensioned car park floor – Christchurch

Slabs as Diaphragms

Clause 15.2 Design Actions

- ➔ 15.2.1 General design actions
- ➔ 15.2.2 Analysis procedure
- ➔ 15.2.2.2 Stiffness of diaphragm



Clause 15.3 Cast-in-place toppings

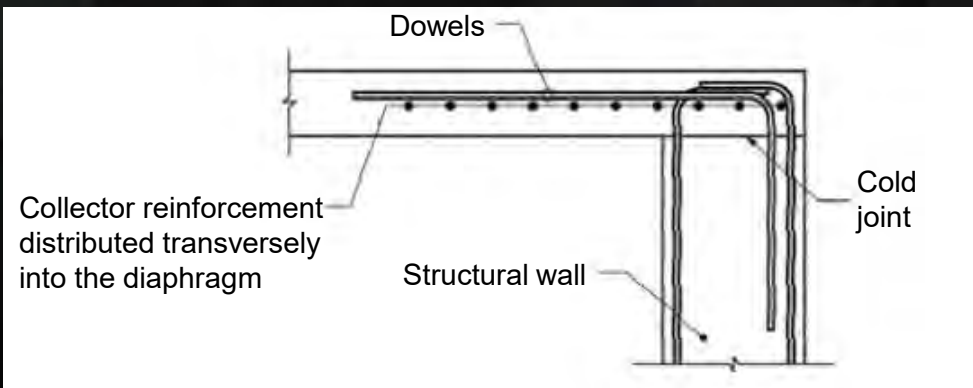
- ➔ Acting on its own - Minimum thickness of 75 mm and reinforced for loading
- ➔ Acting compositely with precast elements:
 - Minimum thickness 65 mm
 - Reinforce to act compositely with precast elements

Location of reinforcement resisting tension due to moment and axial force (Figure R12.5.2.3 from ACI 318M-14)

Slabs as Diaphragms

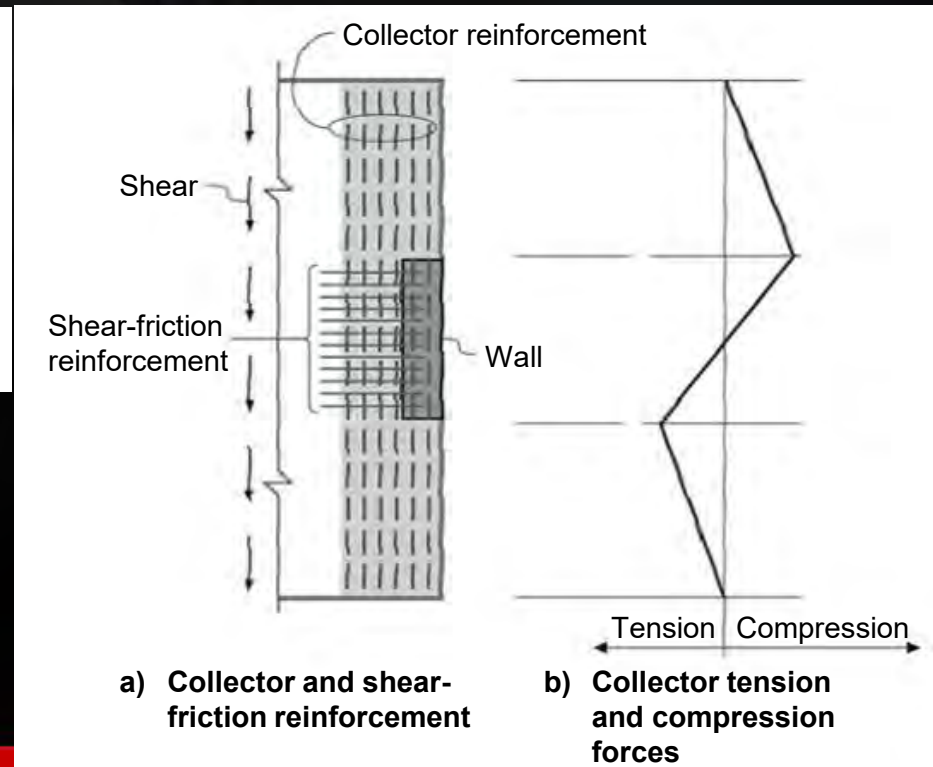
Clause 15.4 Diaphragm reinforcement

- ➔ Minimum – in accordance with Clause 9.5.3
- ➔ Spacing – in accordance with Clause 9.5.1
- ➔ Development and laps – sufficient to transfer forces
- ➔ Collectors – reinforce to transfer loads into shear-resisting elements
- ➔ Construction joints – reinforcement must transfer forces across joint



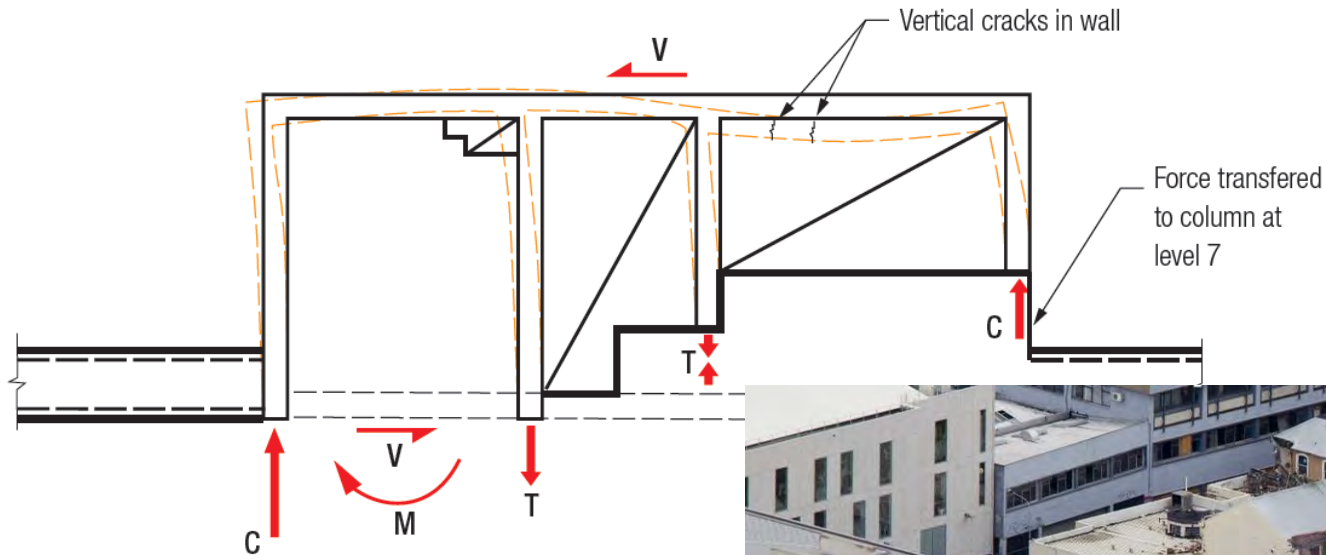
Typical detail showing dowels provided for shear transfer to a structural wall through shear-friction (Figure R12.5.3.7 of ACI 318M-14)

Collector and shear-friction reinforcement required to transfer collector force into wall (Figure R12.5.4.1 of ACI 318M-14)



Slabs as Diaphragms

Must provide adequate life safety through good design and detailing



Failure of shear
wall/diaphragm connection
CTV Building, Christchurch NZ



CTV Building

Poor detailing of connections and columns

Inadequate connections
- Tie everything together



Poorly detailed, heavily
loaded columns failed



For reinforcement to be effective it is critical
that it be properly anchored.

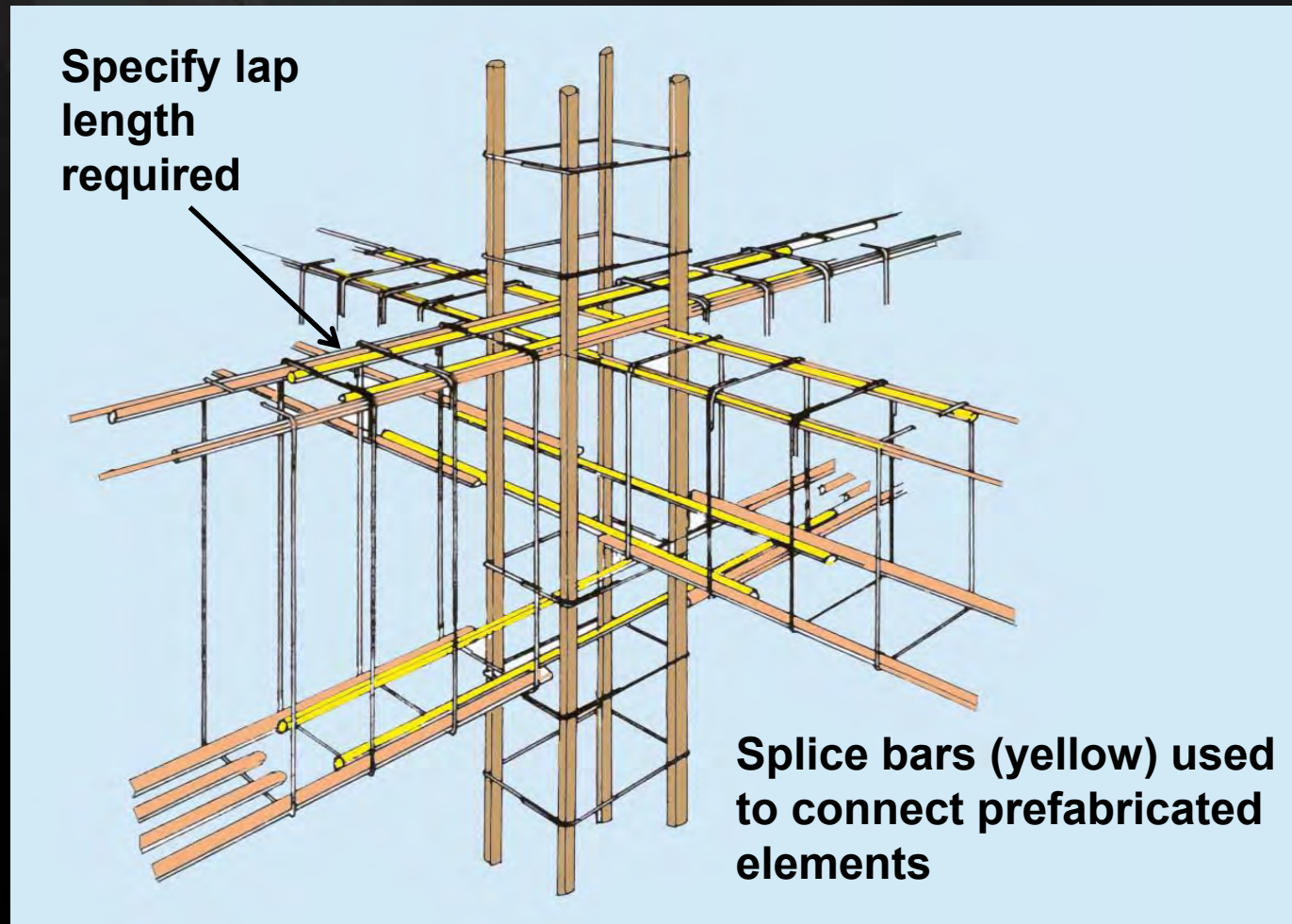
Detailing of Beams

Prefabrication of reinforcement cages saves time



Detailing of Beams

'Loose bar' detailing allows assembly of prefabricated cages
Satisfactory for ordinary moment-resisting frames (OMRF)



Detailing of Beams

Splice and fitment requirements for IMRFs

S1 Region

Fitment spacing

Clause 14.5.2.2

Max. $\leq 0.25d_o$

$8d_b$

$24d_f$

300 mm

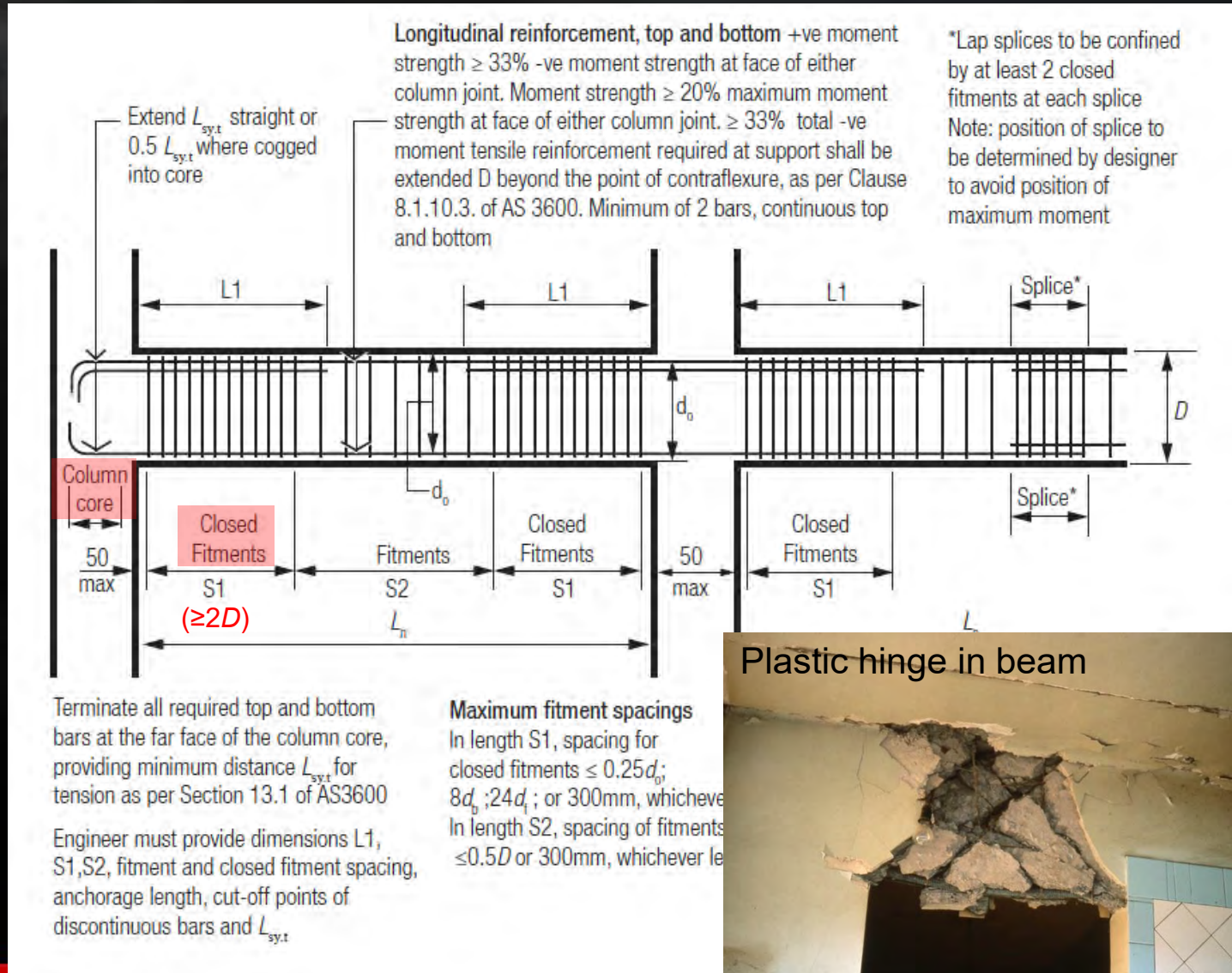
S2 Region

Fitment spacing

Max. $\leq 0.5D$

300 mm

Figure 38 of SRIA
Guide to Seismic
Design and Detailing



Detailing of Beams

Anchor beam bars in confined column core

Why? ➔ At about 1.5% drift, the cover concrete will typically be lost

Bottom bars not anchored in the confined region of the column



Failure of a transfer beam column joint at Cophthorne Hotel, Christchurch 2011

Images courtesy of Peter McBean
Walbridge and Gilbert

Design Recommendations

LOAD PATHS

- Use simple, well established, direct load paths that offer predictable behaviour.
- **Avoid non-redundant load paths** i.e. transfers.
Consider designing them to remain elastic.



Copthorne Hotel

Image courtesy of Peter McBean, Walbridge and Gilbert

Direct Load Paths

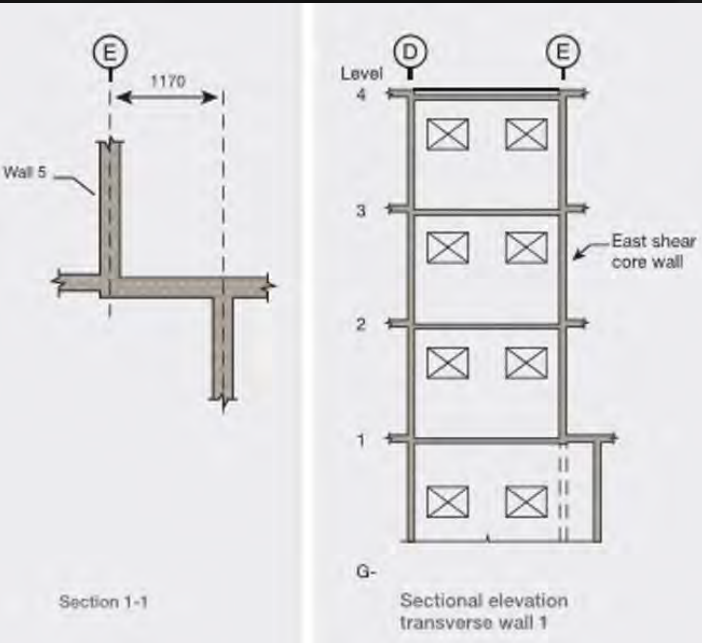
Pyne Gould Building

Poor detailing issues

Lightly reinforced core walls

Poorly restrained columns

Indirect load paths



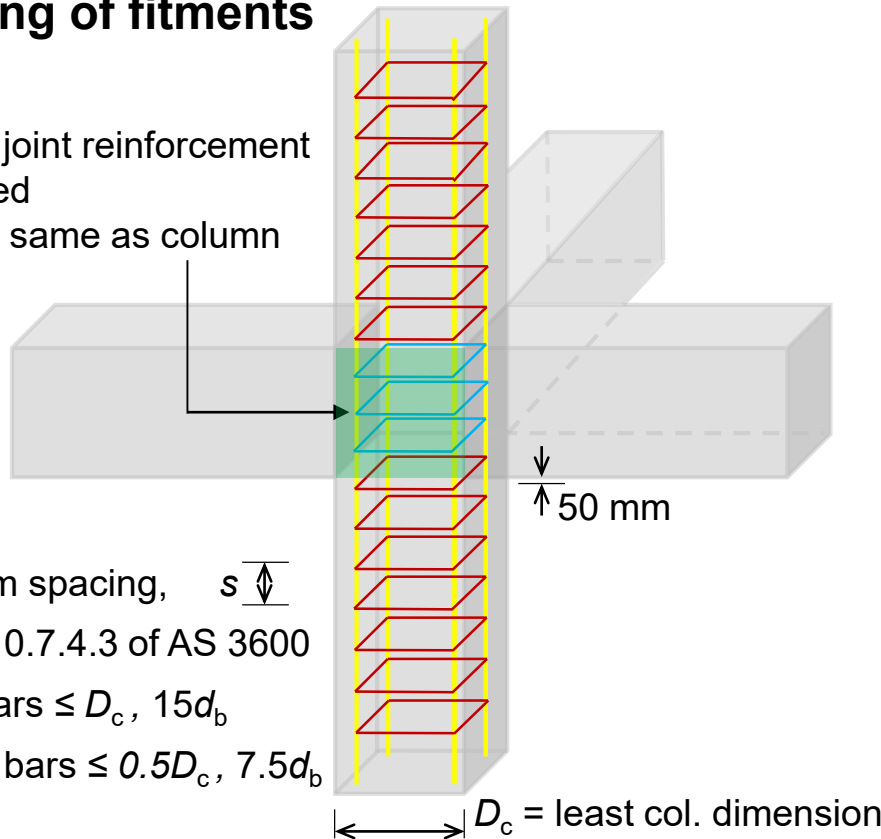
Detailing of Columns

Fitments for Ordinary moment-resisting frames

($f'_c \leq 50$ MPa and all load levels)

Spacing of fitments

Column joint reinforcement
if required
Spacing same as column



Maximum spacing, s

Clause 10.7.4.3 of AS 3600

Single bars $\leq D_c, 15d_b$

Bundled bars $\leq 0.5D_c, 7.5d_b$

$D_c =$ least col. dimension

Size of fitments

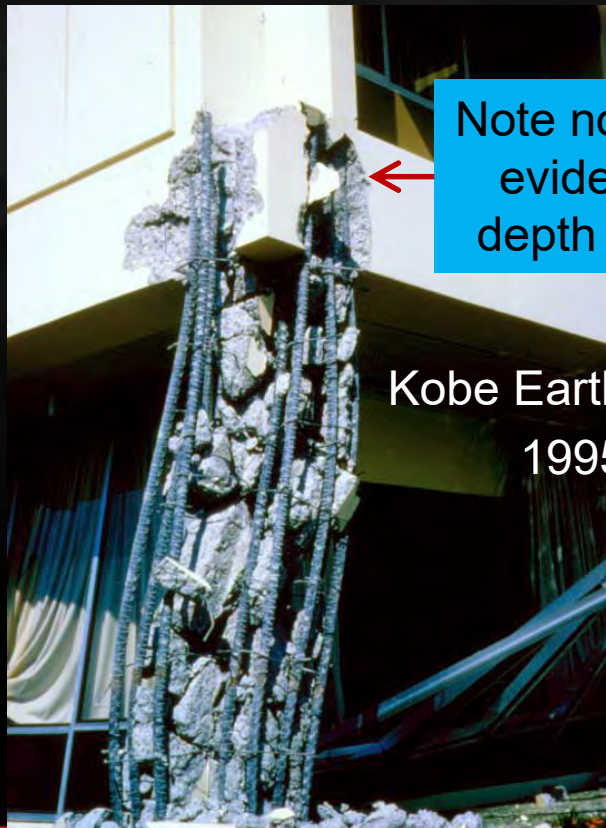
Table 10.7.4.3 of AS 3600

Longitudinal bar diameter mm	Minimum bar diameter of fitment and helix mm
Single bars up to 20	6
Single bars 24 to 28	10
Single bars 32 to 36	12
Single bars ≥ 40	16
Bundled bars	12

Detailing of Columns

Detailing of reinforcement critical

- ➔ Fitments designed not to yield and fail, because
- ➔ Once fitments fail, column will general fail
- ➔ Fitments provide confinement and ductility to allow drift of column



Note no fitments evident over depth of beam

Kobe Earthquake
1995

Insufficient lateral restraint of column reinforcement



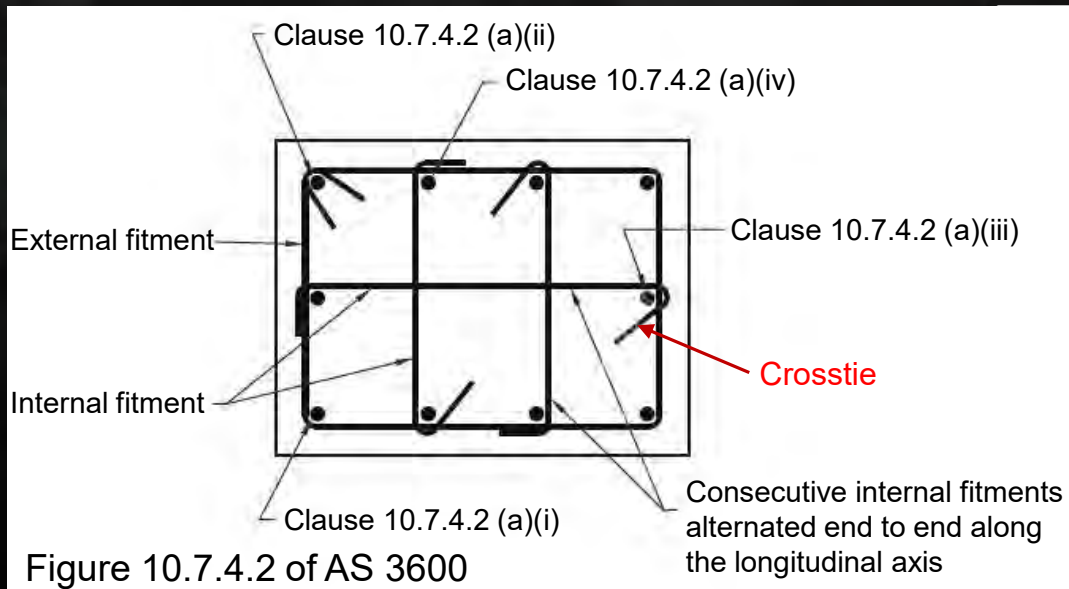
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(Photograph courtesy Peter McBean)

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Detailing of Columns

Lateral restraint of longitudinal bars – OMRF's

- ➔ Single longitudinal bars
Spacing > 150 mm – all bars
< 150 mm – every alternate bar
- ➔ Bundled longitudinal bars – each bundle



Internal fitments with 90° cog **not** allowed for:

- IMRFs (Clause 14.5.4) or limited/moderately ductile walls (Clause 14.6.2.3)
- Where the design axial force is $> 0.3 \times 0.3 A_g f'_c$ (Clause 10.7.4.2)
- When $f'_c > 65$ MPa (Clause 10.7.4.2)

Cogs must be alternated

Detailing of Columns

IMRF - Minimum Reinforcement Details

Note:

- ➔ Maximum fitment spacing (similar to beams)
Clauses 10.7.3 and 10.7.4
Clause 14.5.2.2 (b) (c) (d)
 $0.25d_o$, $8d_b$, $24d_f$ or 300
- ➔ **Clause 14.5.4 (a) to (d)**
 $0.5D_c$, $8d_b$, $24d_f$ or 300
- ➔ Closed fitments required over length D
- ➔ Crossties require seismic hook at both ends

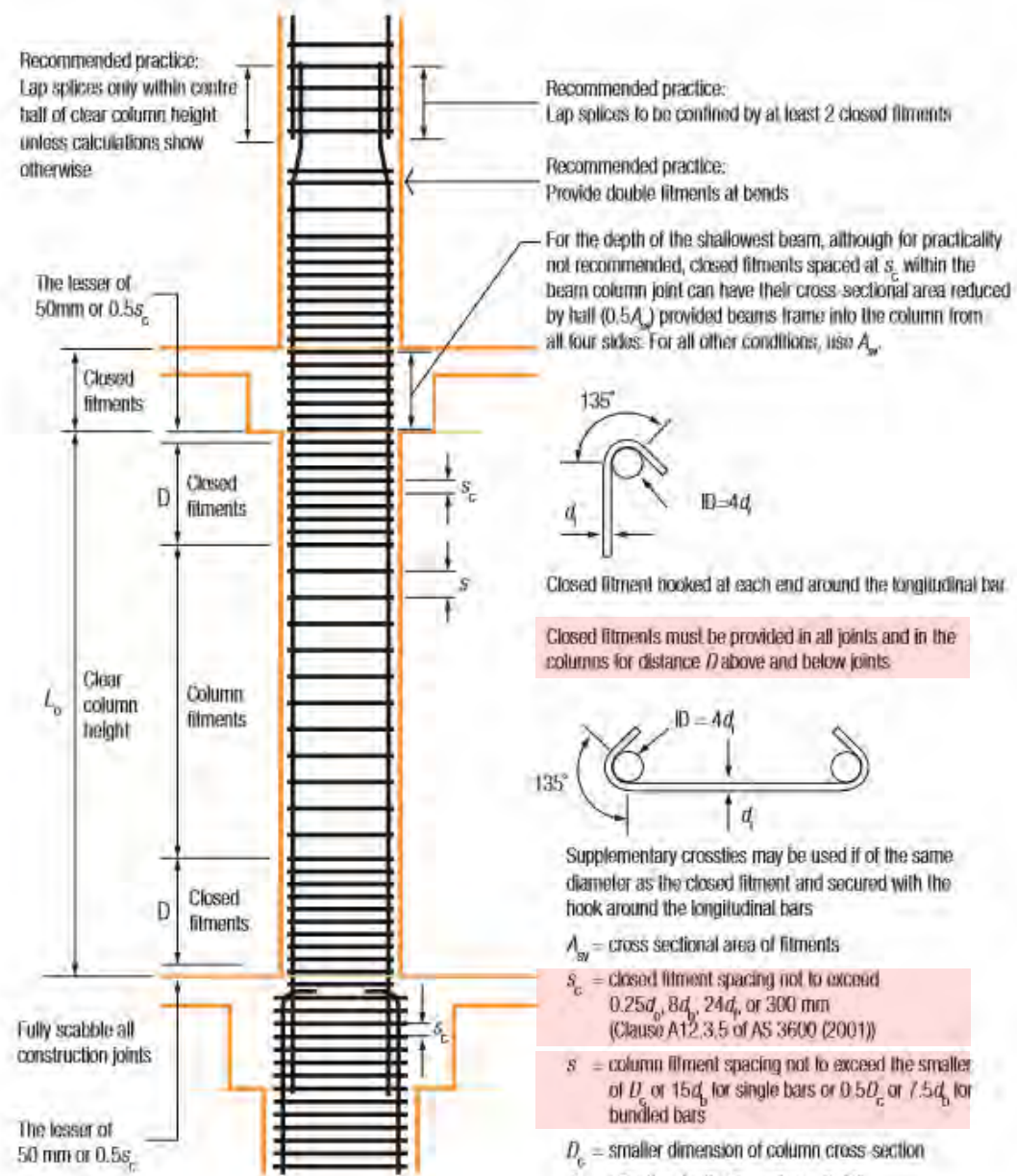


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Detailing of IMRF Columns

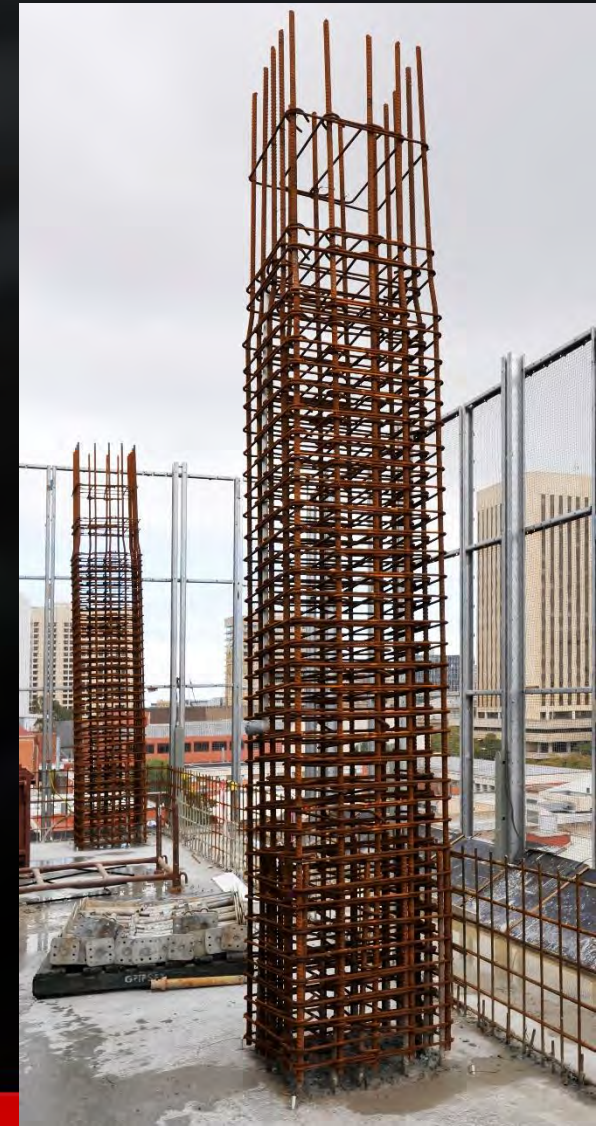
Strong column / weak beam design

- Clause 14.5.6 of AS 3600 (2018)
- Requires $\sum M_{nc} > (6/5) \sum M_{nb}$
- From ACI318M-14 for SMRFs
- Only if columns are part of a moment-resisting frame system



Failure of columns in San Fernando Earthquake, 1971
Olive View Hospital, California

IMRF column, Adelaide



Detailing of IMRF Columns

Strong column / weak beam concept – Clause 14.5.6 of AS 3600 (2018)

- ➔ If impossible to achieve in IMRF
- ➔ Provide alternate lateral support system
- ➔ Design columns for drift induced moments arising from frame action



Reinforcing Bar Classification

All reinforcing bar to comply with AS/NZS 4671

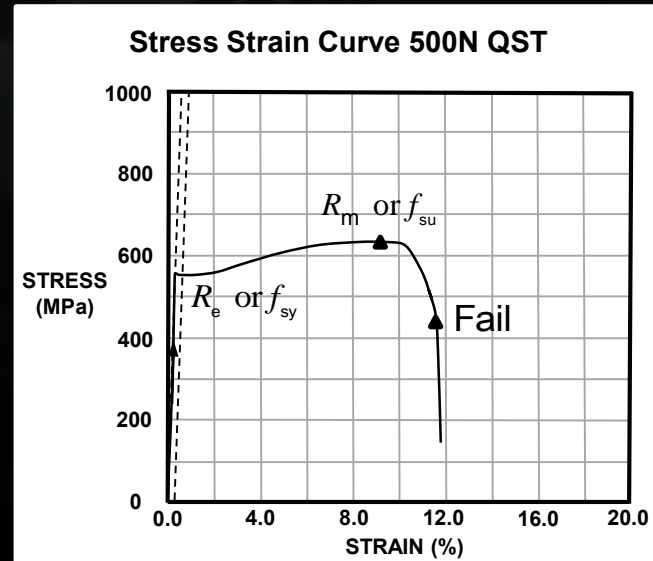
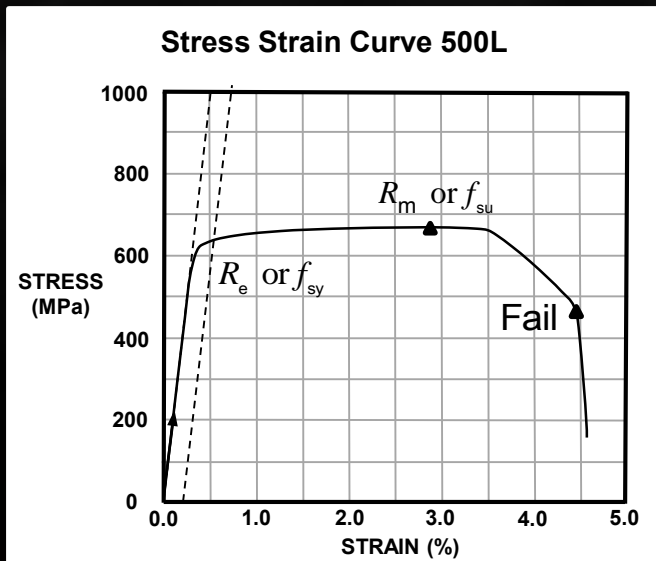
AS/NZS 4671 Designation	Yield Stress, MPa	Ductility Class	Description	Typical Size mm
D500N	500	N	Hot-rolled Deformed bar	Coil 10, 12, 16 Straight 12 – 40 Special 50
R250N	250	N	Hot-rolled Plain round	6.5, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24
D250N	250	N	Hot-rolled Deformed bar	12 (pool steel)
D500L	500	L	Cold-rolled Deformed bar	5 - 12
R500L	500	L	Cold-drawn Round rod	5 - 12

NOTE: AS/NZS 4671 Seismic (Earthquake) Ductility Class E steels are also available in Australia through advanced ordering (Grades 500E or 300E)

Mechanical Properties (from AS/NZS 4671)

Property	500L	500N	Probability of exceedance
Nominal Diameter (mm)	5 to 12	10 to 40	-
Characteristic Yield Stress (MPa), $R_{ek.L}$ $R_{ek.U}$	500 750	500 650	95% 5%
Ratio: $\frac{\text{Tensile Stress}}{\text{Yield Stress}} = \frac{R_m}{R_e}$	≥ 1.03	≥ 1.08	90%
Uniform Elongation, A_{gt} (%)	≥ 1.5	≥ 5	90%

Ductility of reinforcement



Use of Class N and L reinforcement

The ductility required (μ) determines the Class of reinforcement:

For OMRF ($\mu \leq 2$)

- ➔ Class L can be used as flexural reinforcement in the form of mesh ($\phi = 0.65$)
- ➔ Class L can be used as fitments in the form of rod, bar or mesh
- ➔ Class N can be used for both with no restrictions ($\phi = 0.85$ max).

For IMRF ($2 < \mu \leq 3$) and Limited/Moderate Ductile Walls

- ➔ Only Ductility Class N allowed as a 'flexural' reinforcement (Clause 14.5.1)
- ➔ Ductility Class L is permitted to be used for fitments and non-flexural reinforcement eg shrinkage and temperature
- ➔ Ductility Class L not permitted as structural reinforcement in walls (Clause 14.6.7 (C))

For SMRF ($\mu > 3$)

- ➔ Not covered by AS 3600
- ➔ 'Complete' design & detailing is required to NZS 1170.5, NZS 3101 and AS 1170.5
Hazard Map, using Ductility Class E steels

Thank you

