



Development of New Building Systems in Concrete

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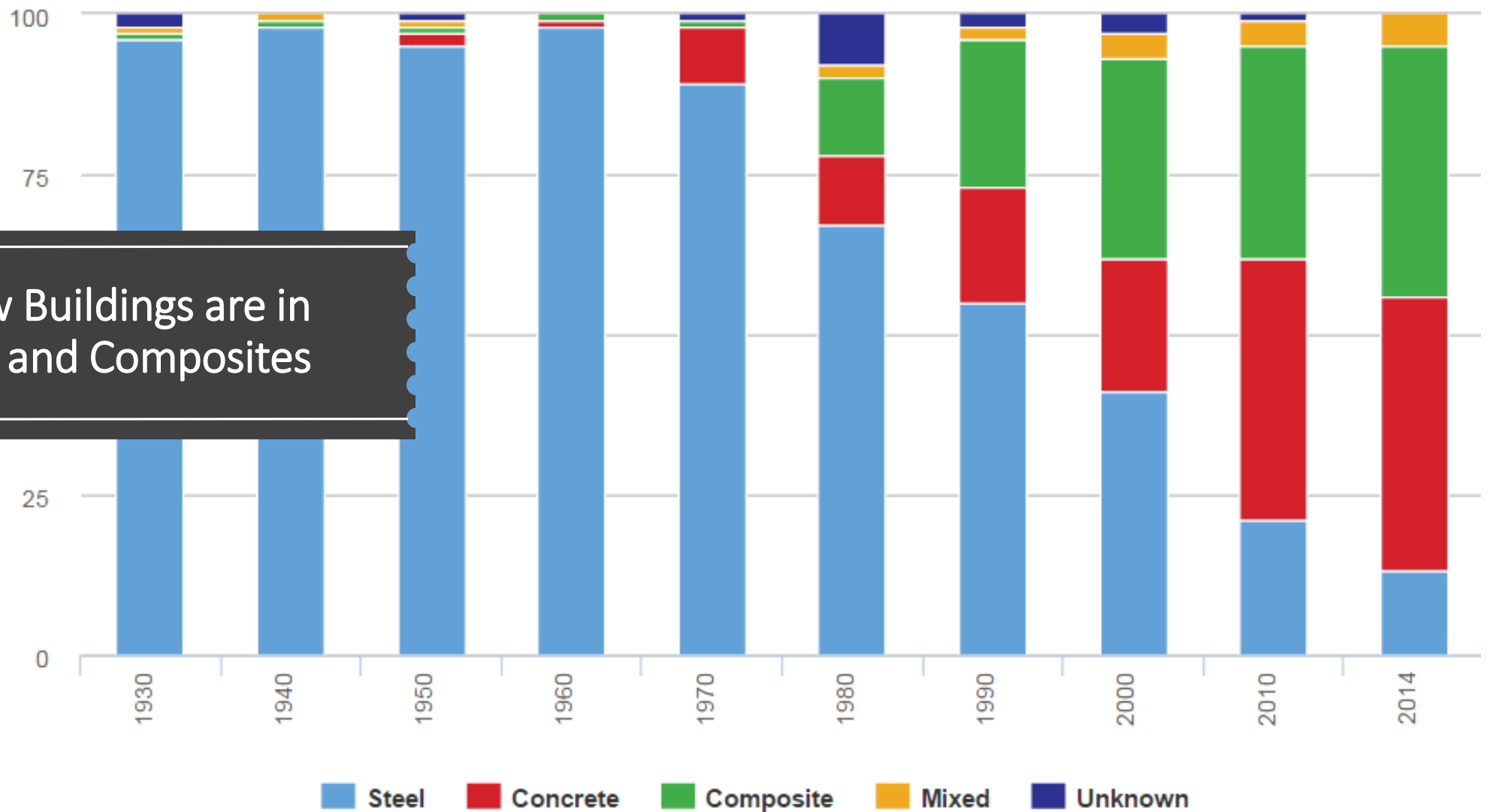
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Needs and Opportunities for New Building Systems

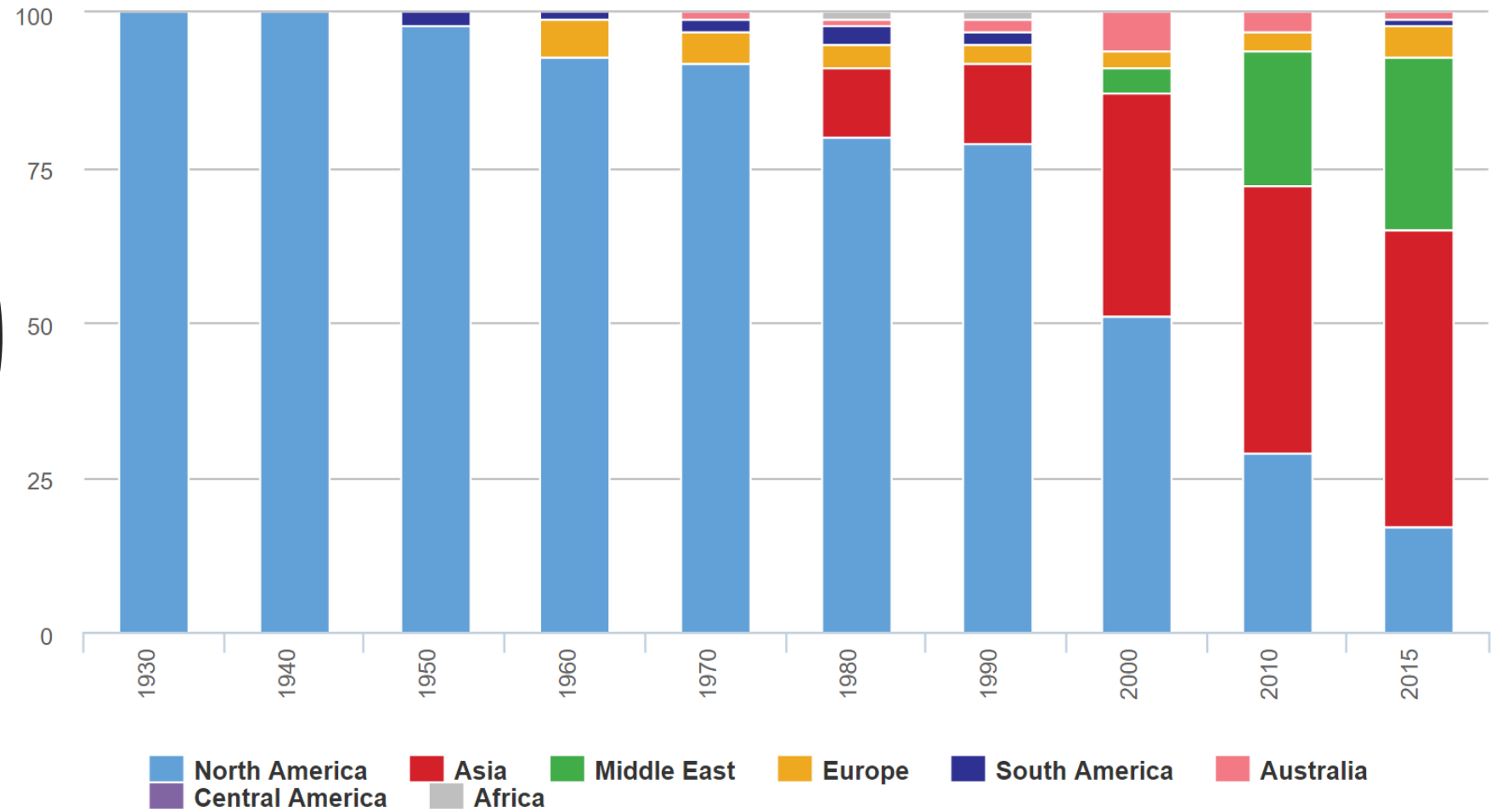
Most new Buildings are in
Concrete and Composites

World's 100 Tallest by Material

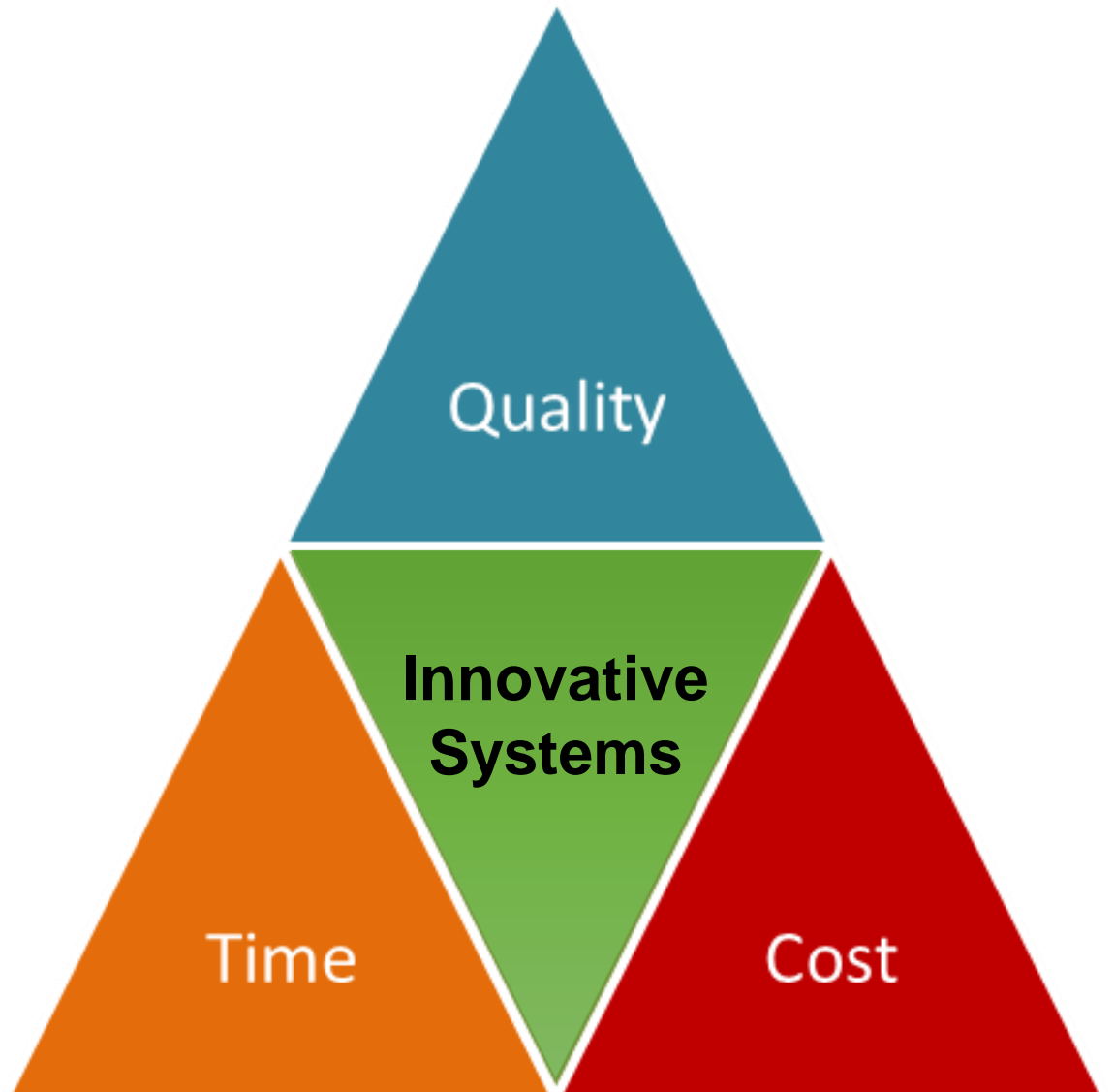


Most Tall Buildings in Asian Region

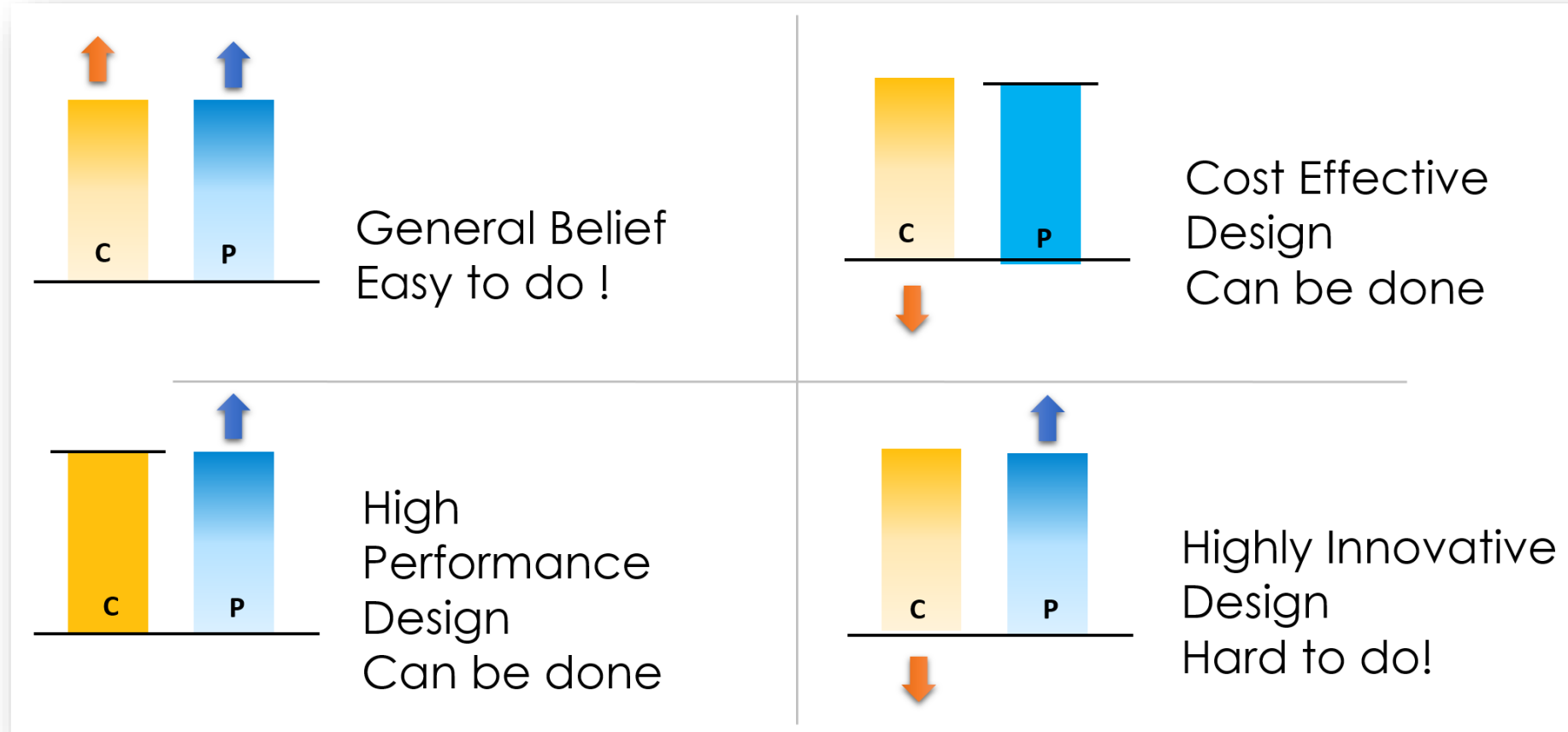
World's 100 Tallest by Location



Innovative systems needed
to balance the Triangle

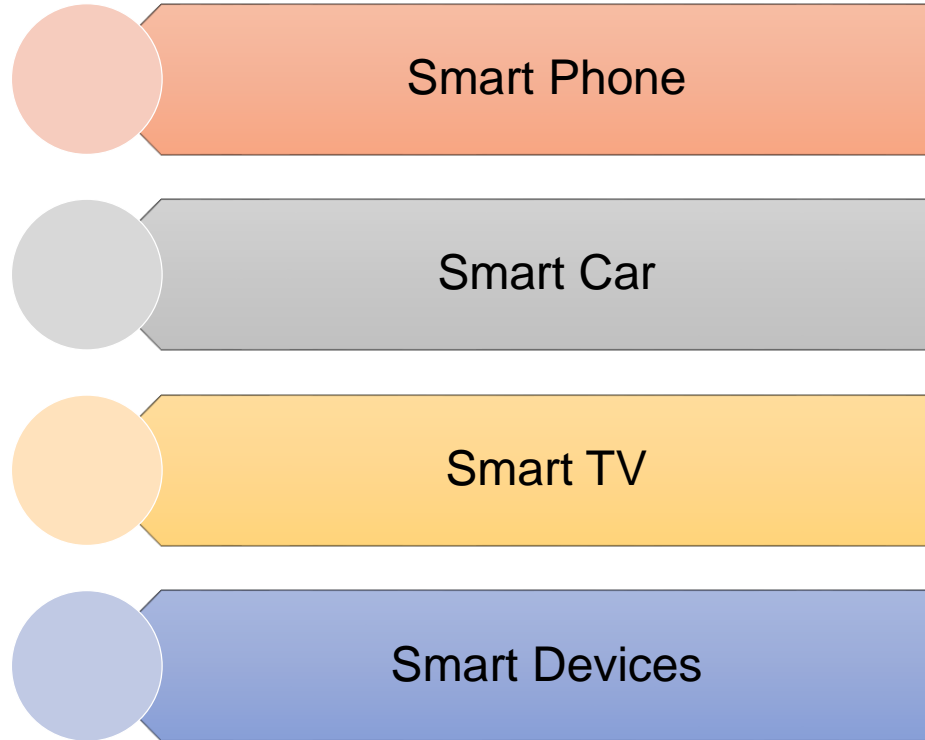


Complexity is Increasing – Needing Innovations

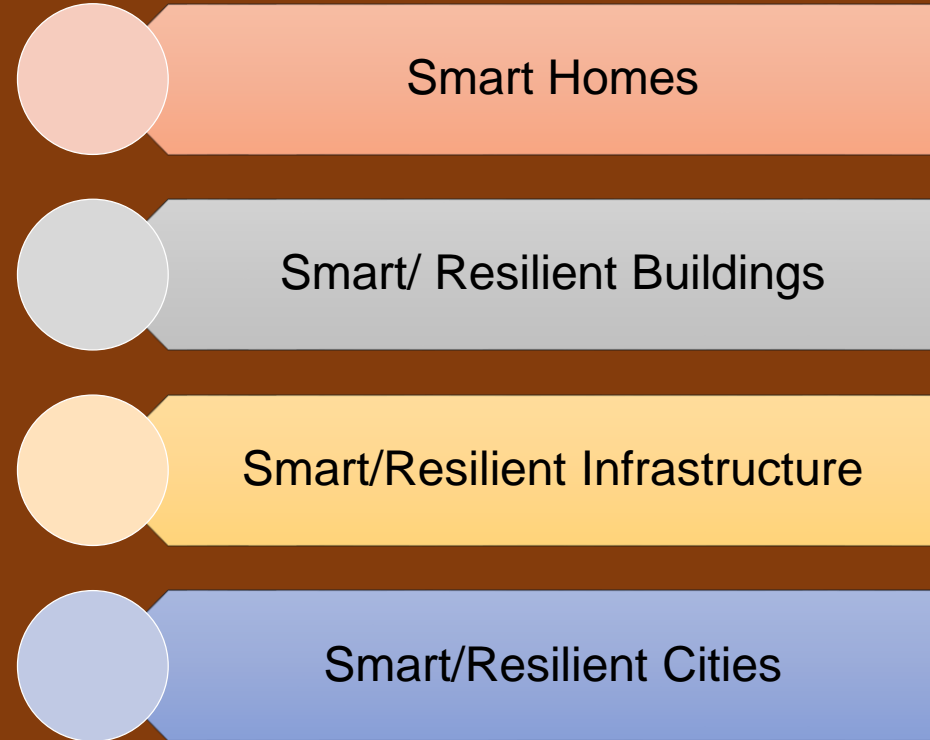


- Bigger, taller, complex forms, **but** Lighter, smaller, thinner structural elements
- High performance, **but** Lower cost

Higher Expectations from Public



Why not?



Concrete offers many areas for innovation

Concrete

Classification Based on

Mode of
Reinforcement/Design

Plain Cement
Concrete (PCC)

Reinforced Cement
Concrete (RCC)

Pre-stressed
Concrete

Fiber Reinforced
Concrete (RCC)

Cement Content

Lean

Rich

Air
Entrainment

Air Entrained

Non Air-Entrained

Aggregate
Density

Lightweight

Heavyweight

Binder Type

Portland Cement Concrete

Lime Concrete

Special Concretes

Ready-mix Concrete

Mass Concrete

Nailing Concrete

High-performance
Concrete

Self Compacting
Concrete

Repairing Concrete

Grouted Concrete

Polymer Concrete

High-strength
Concrete

Pre-placed Concrete

Vacuum Concrete

No-slump Concrete

Marine Concrete

Ultra Durable Concrete

Precast Concrete

Pervious Concrete

Architectural Concrete

Cellular Concrete

Pozzolanic Concrete

No Fines Concrete

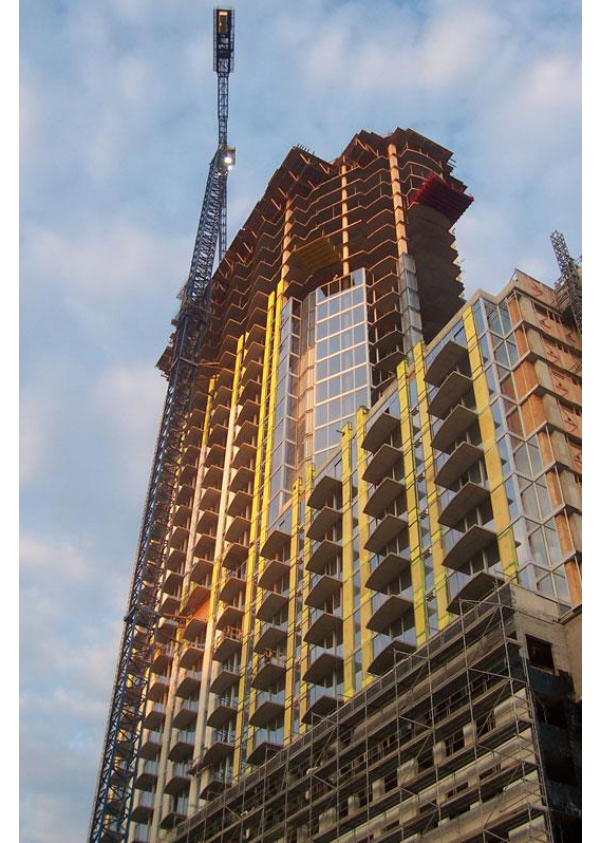
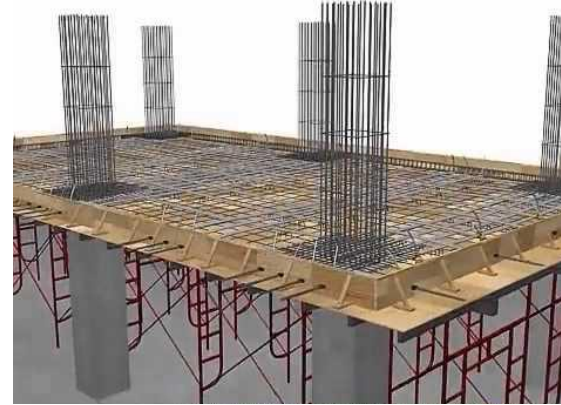
Stamped Concrete

Colored Concrete

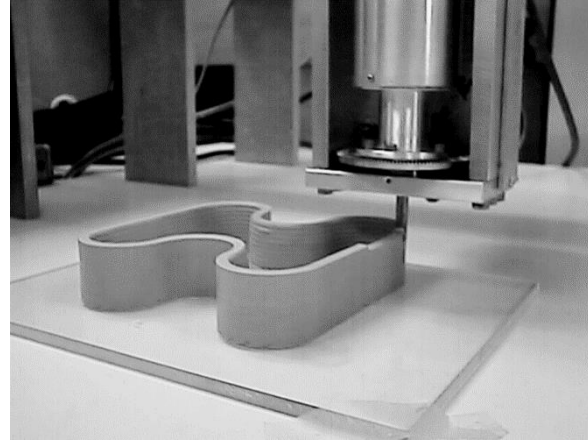
Autoclave Aerated
Concrete

Post tensioning in Buildings has great potential

- Less weight
- Less steel
- Lower building height or higher building volume
- Lower construction cost
- Lower carbon footprint
- Lower embodied energy, waste and pollution
- Can be used in a variety of applications



- A 173 m high PT building in Texas
- 44 levels of post-tensioning
 - Over 0.33 million meters of strand
 - 29,453 anchors installed



**Possibility of 3D Printed
Concrete – Freedom of Form**

3D Printed
Structure at
UC Berkeley





How to Develop New Systems?

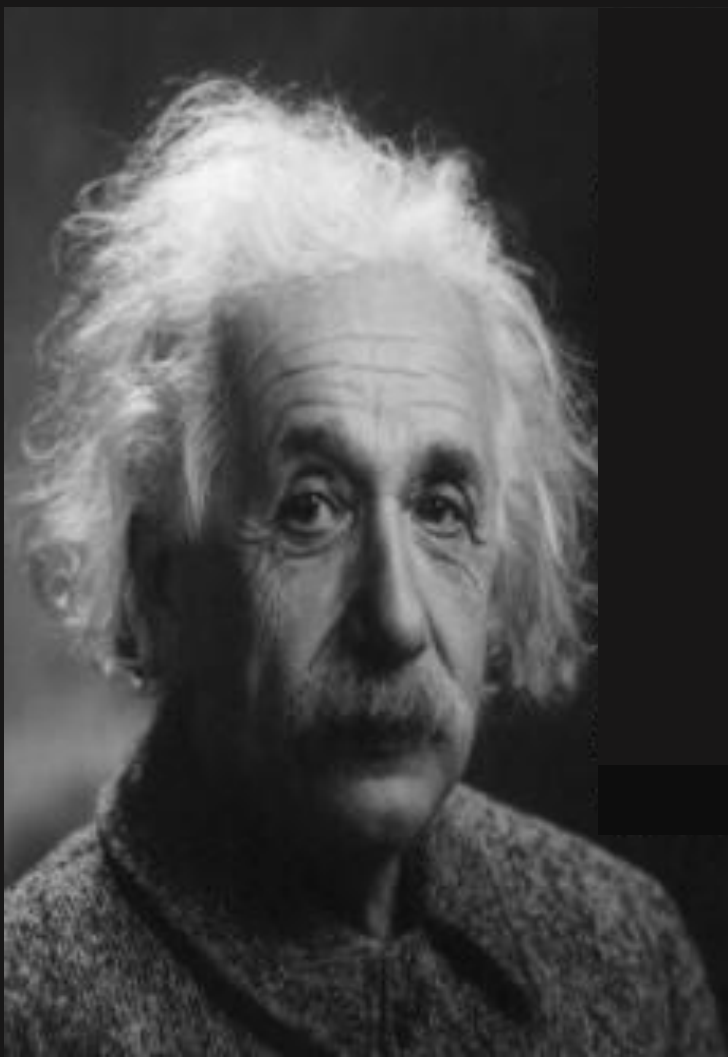


Heuristic or Rational Approach

Should design be based on innovation, “Engineering Judgment” and intuition,

Or

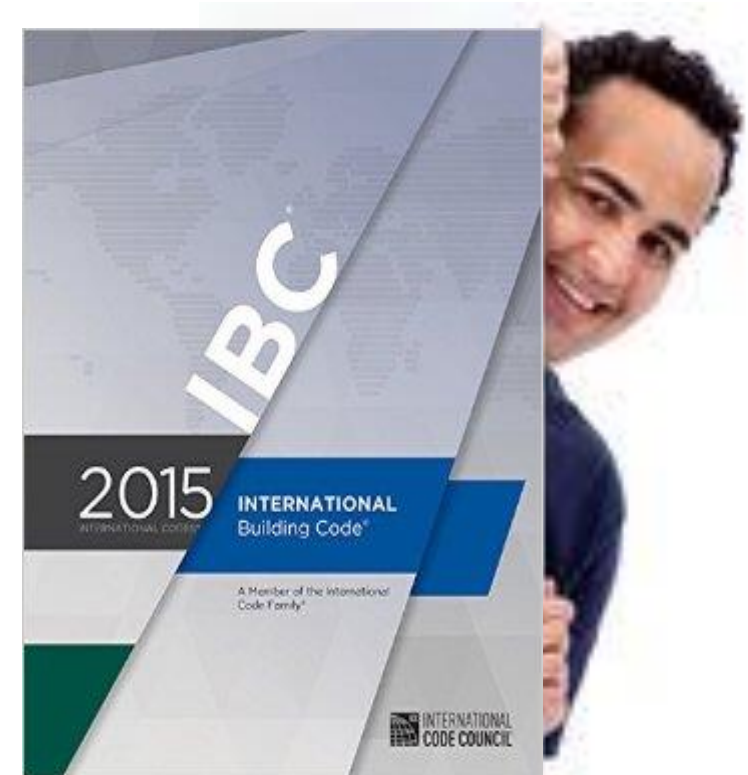
Strictly developed by explicit computations and, restrictive limits and rational approaches



Prescriptive Codes – A Shelter and an Impediment

- Public:
 - *Is my structure safe ?*
- Structural Engineer:
 - *Not sure, but I did follow the “Code”*

As long as engineers follow the code, they can be sheltered by its provisions

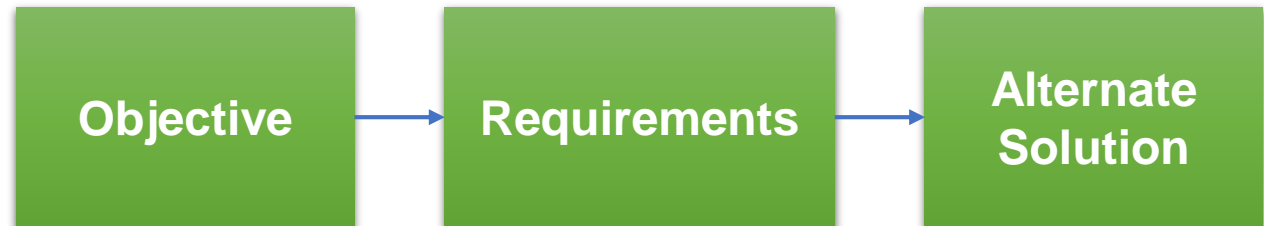


A Move Towards Performance-based Approach

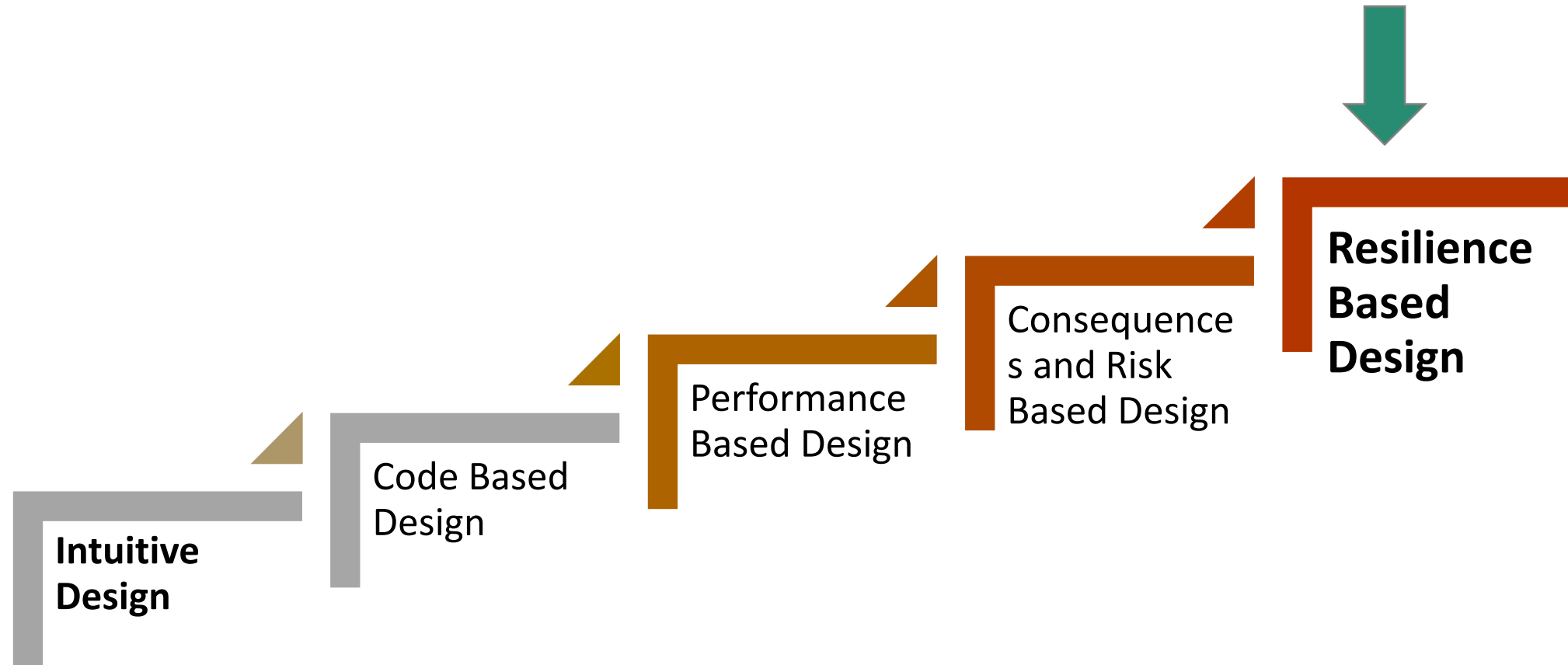
- Prescriptive Codes restrict and discourage innovation



- Performance Based approach encourages and liberates it



Use of New Design Approaches



The P2P Initiative

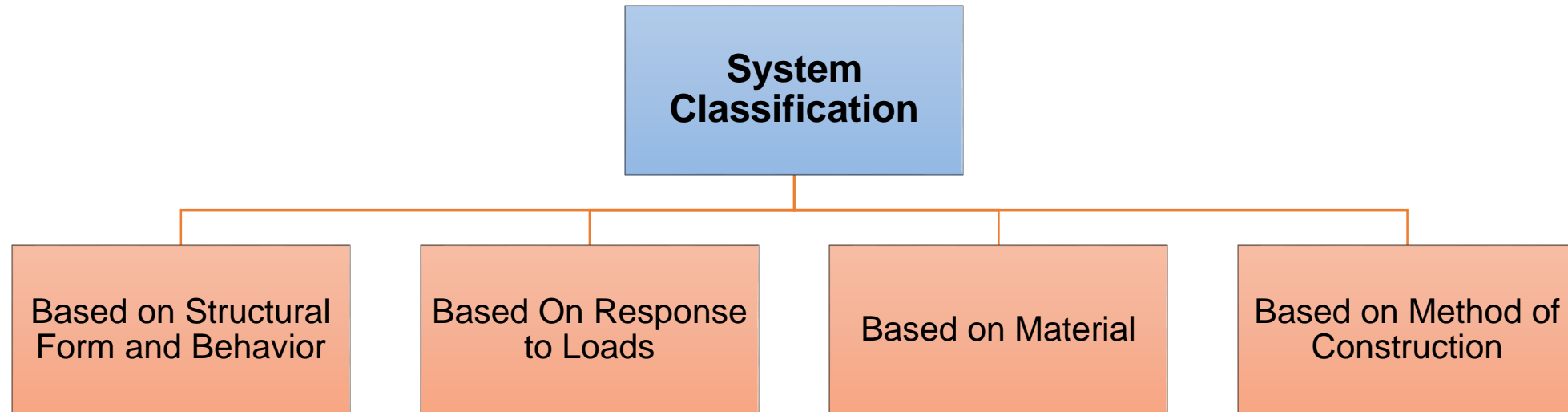
- P2P > for Prescription-to-Performance
- Initiative of the ready mixed industry through the NRMCA
- Coordinated by P2P Steering Committee under the NRMCA Research, Engineering and Standards Committee
- Members include technical representatives, product suppliers, contractors, engineers, and architects



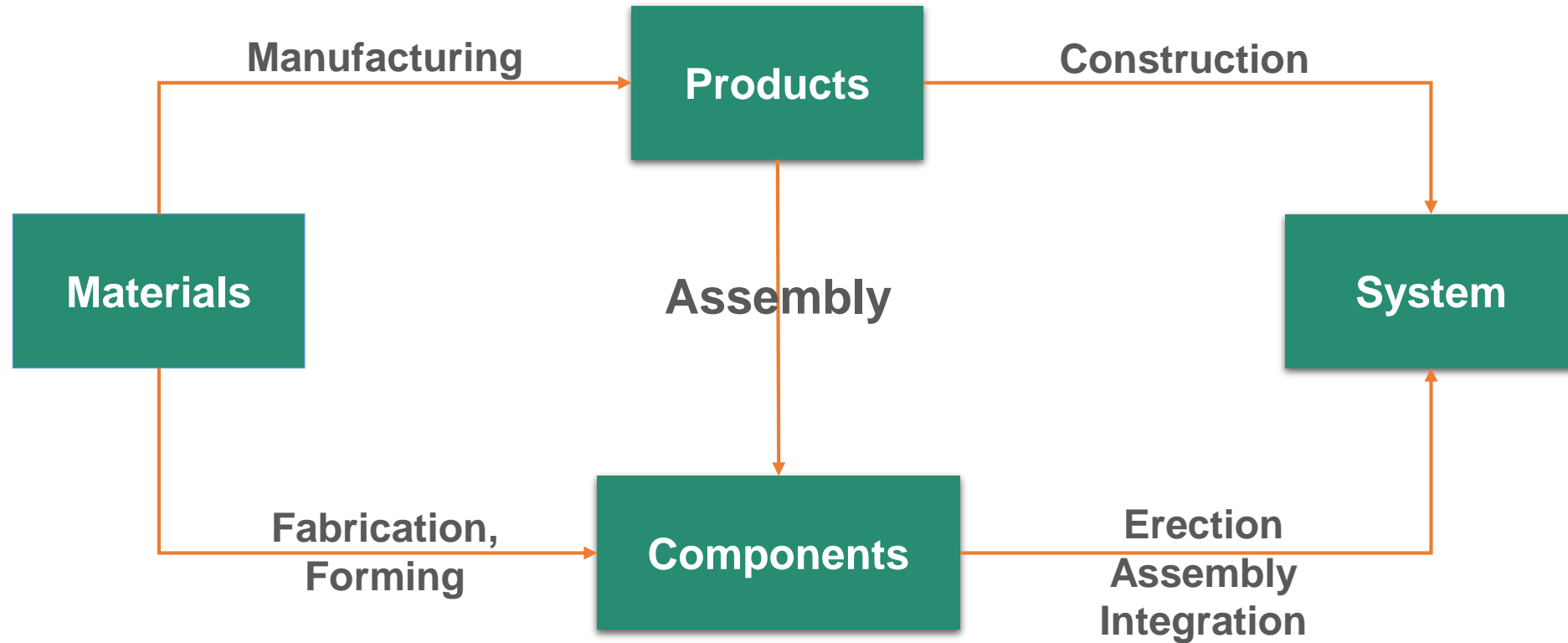
Prescriptive vs. Performance

Approach	Procedure	Outcome
Prescriptive (emphasis on procedures)	Specify “what, and how to do” Make Concrete: 1:2:4	Implicit Expectation (a strength of 21 MPA is expected)
Performance Based Approach (emphasis on Key Performance Indicators)	What ever it takes (within certain bounds)	Explicit Performance Concrete less than 21 MPA is rejected

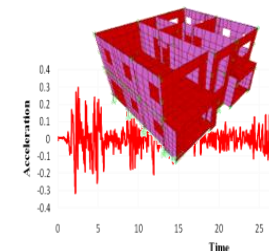
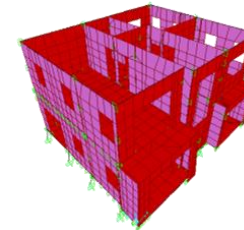
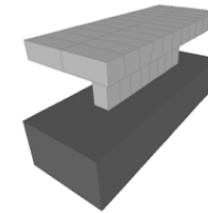
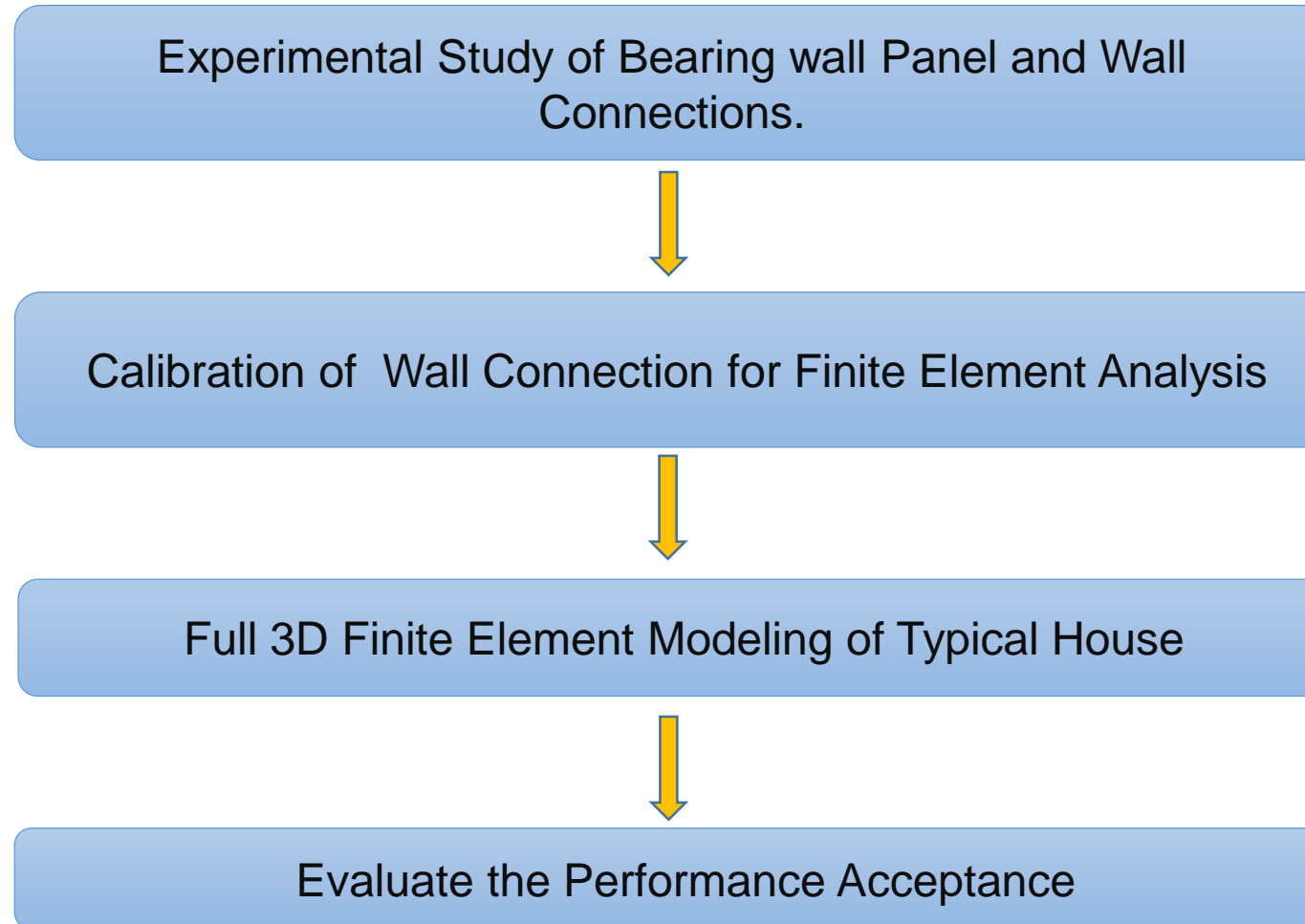
Using a Systems Approach



Building/Structural System

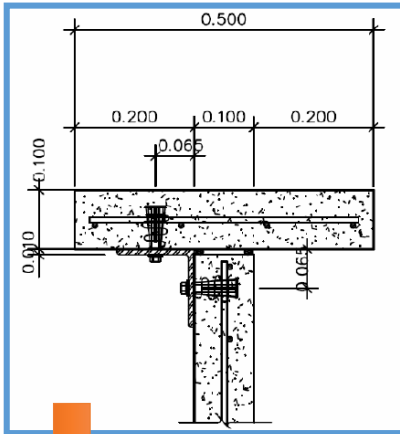


A Rational Approach for Developing New Systems

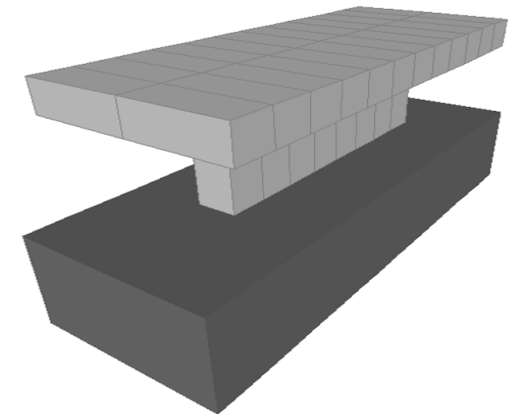
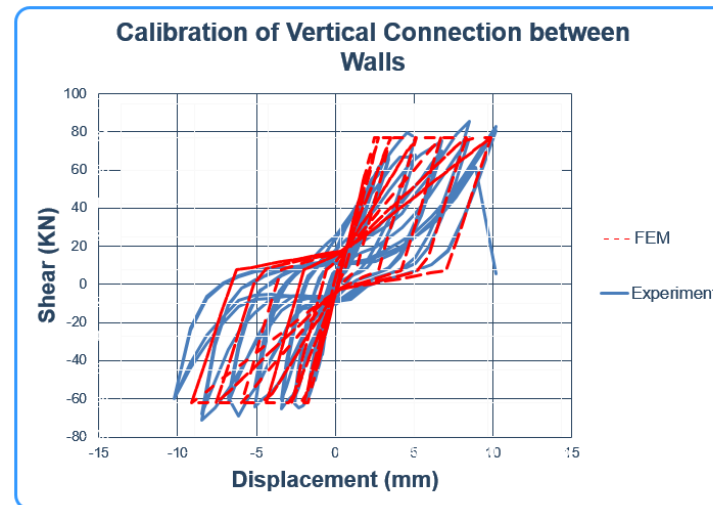
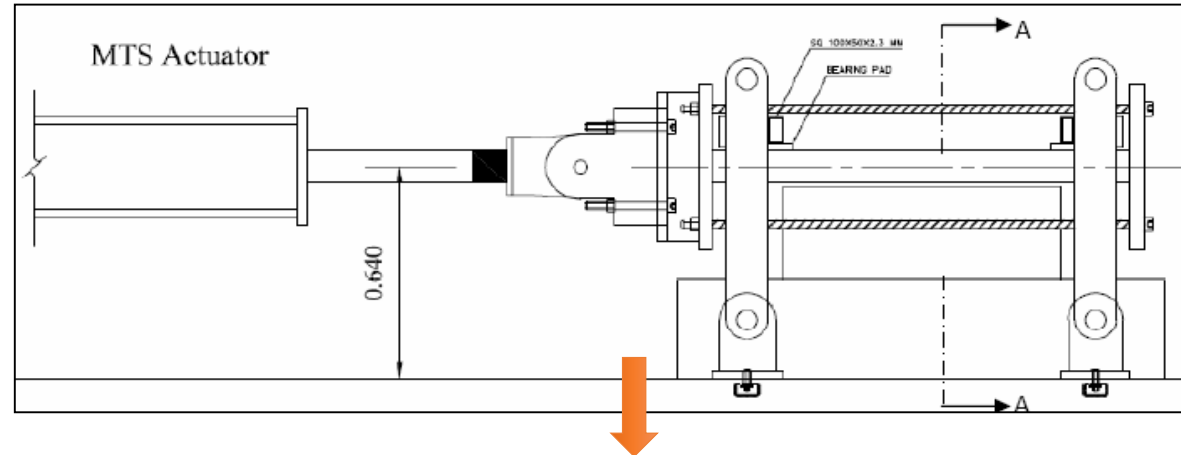


Calibration Process

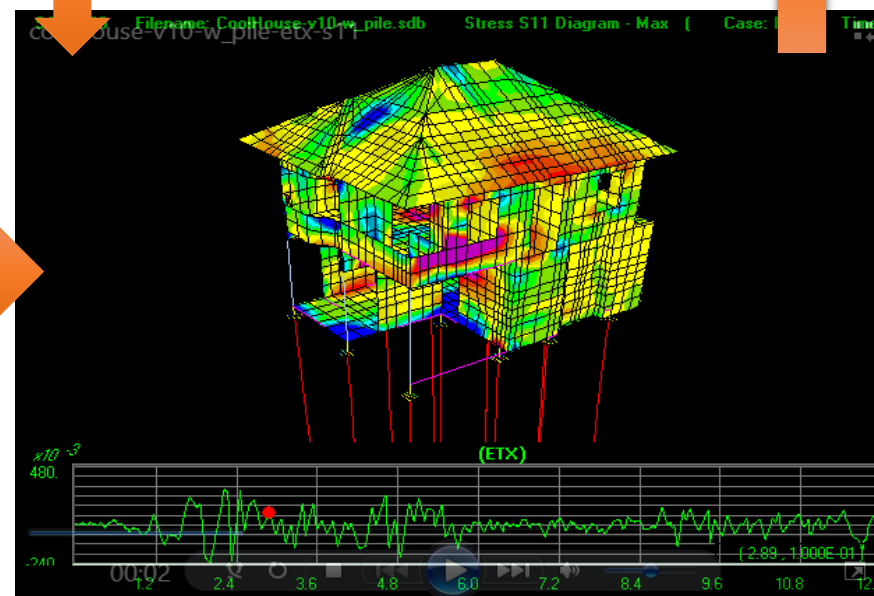
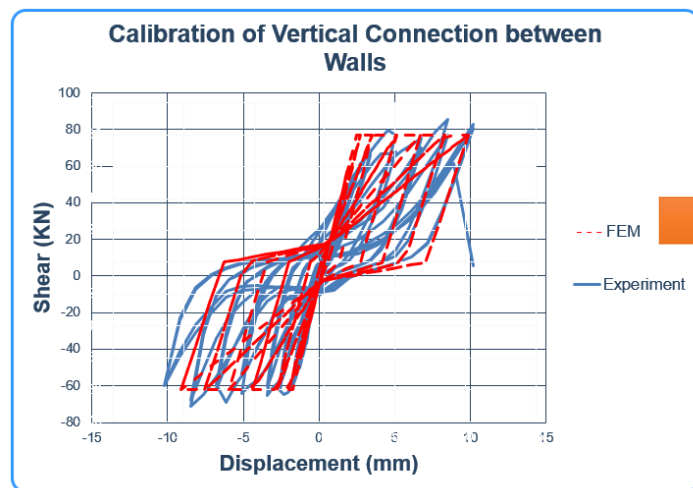
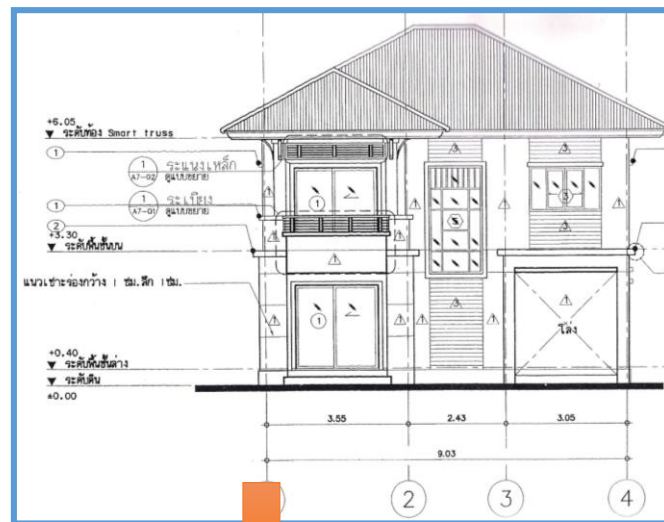
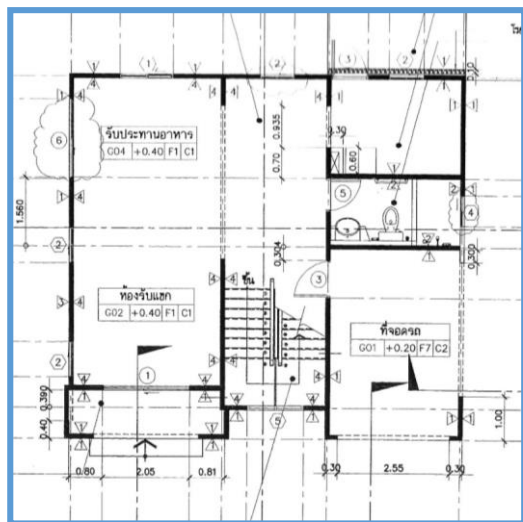
Connection to test



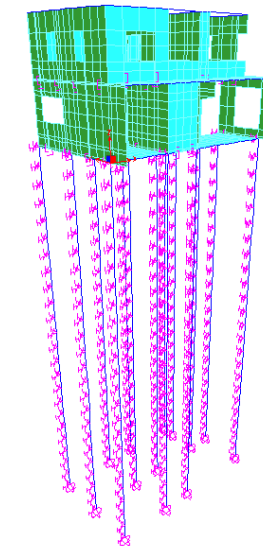
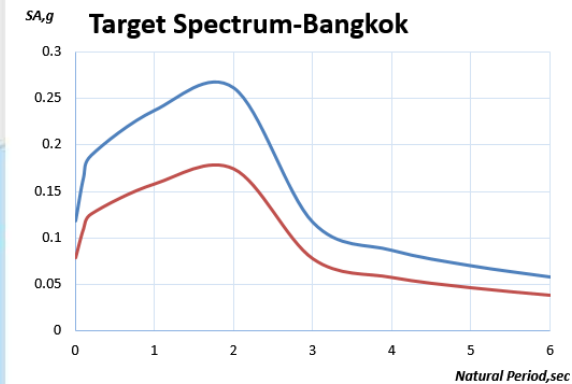
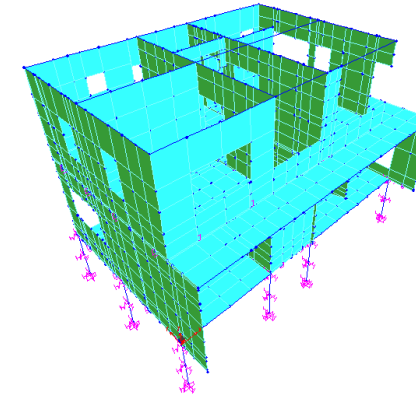
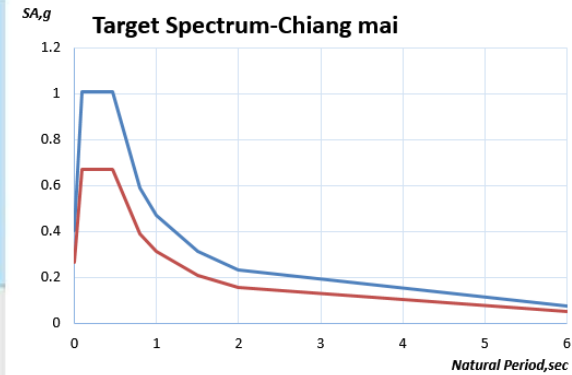
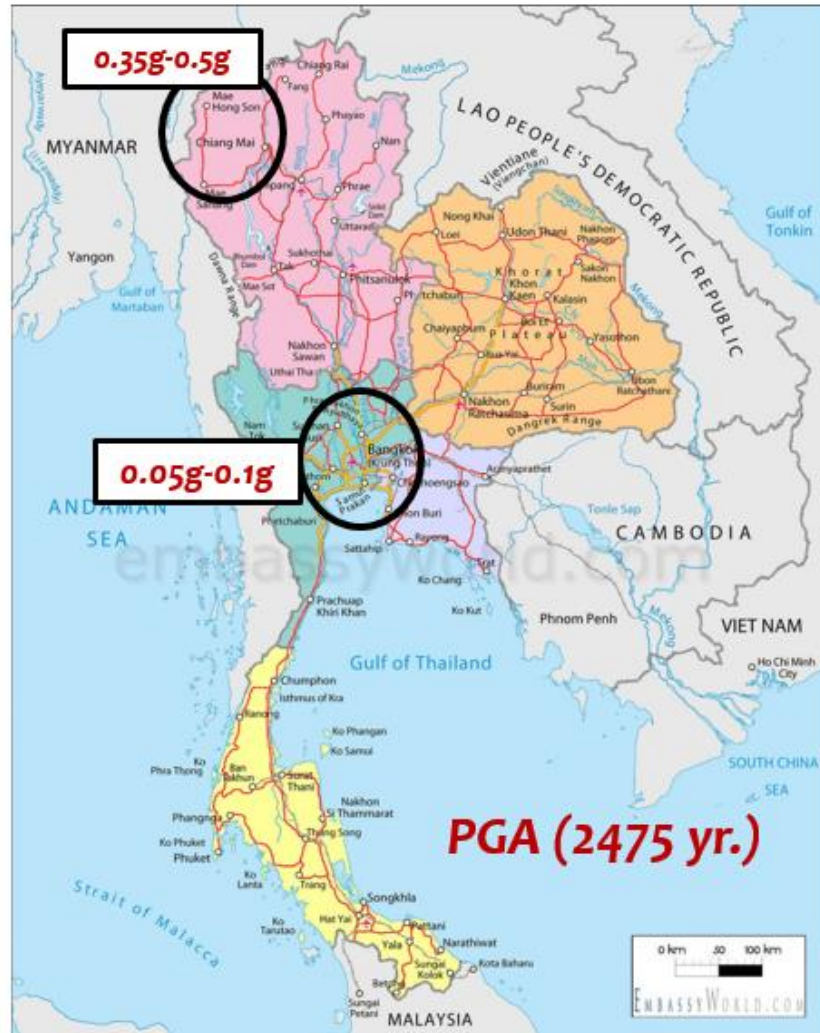
Test Model



FE Model



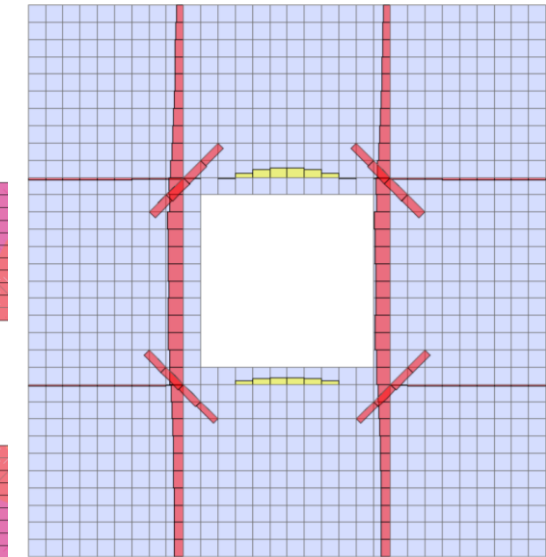
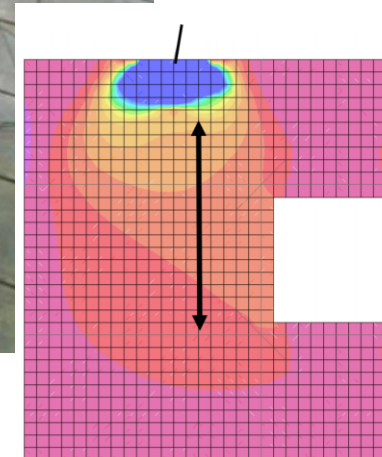
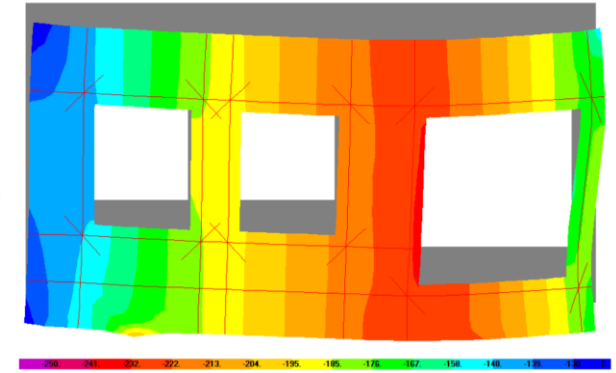
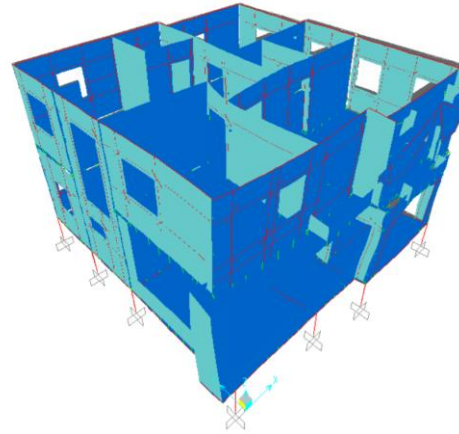
Localization Effects



Response Spectrum

Foundations

R&D for Systematic Determination of Shortcoming

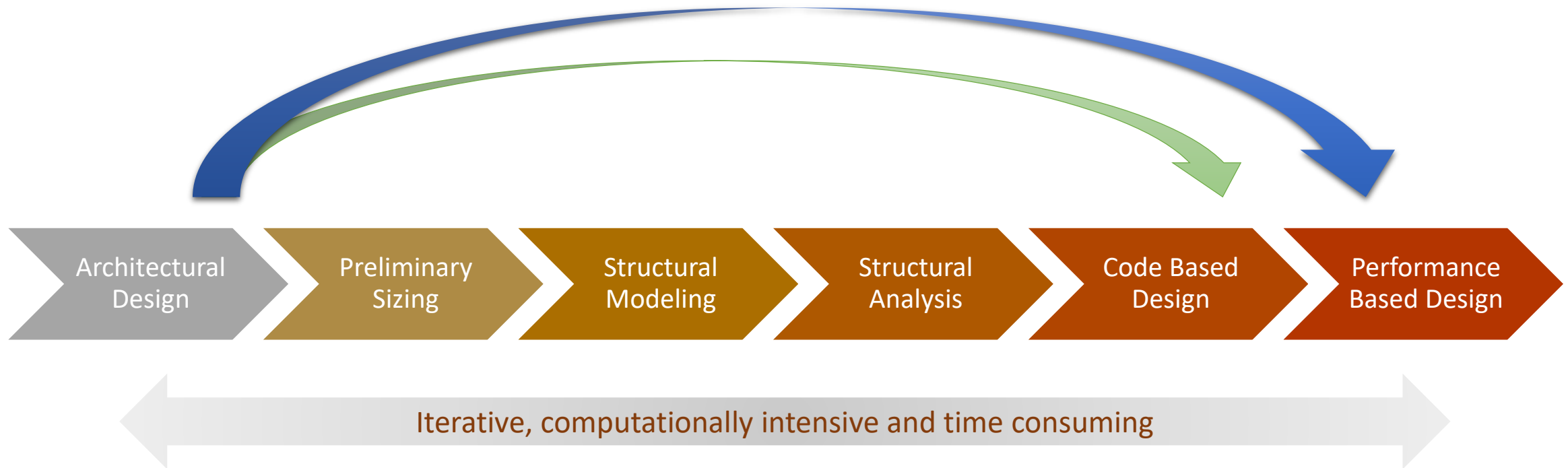


Using Artificial Intelligence

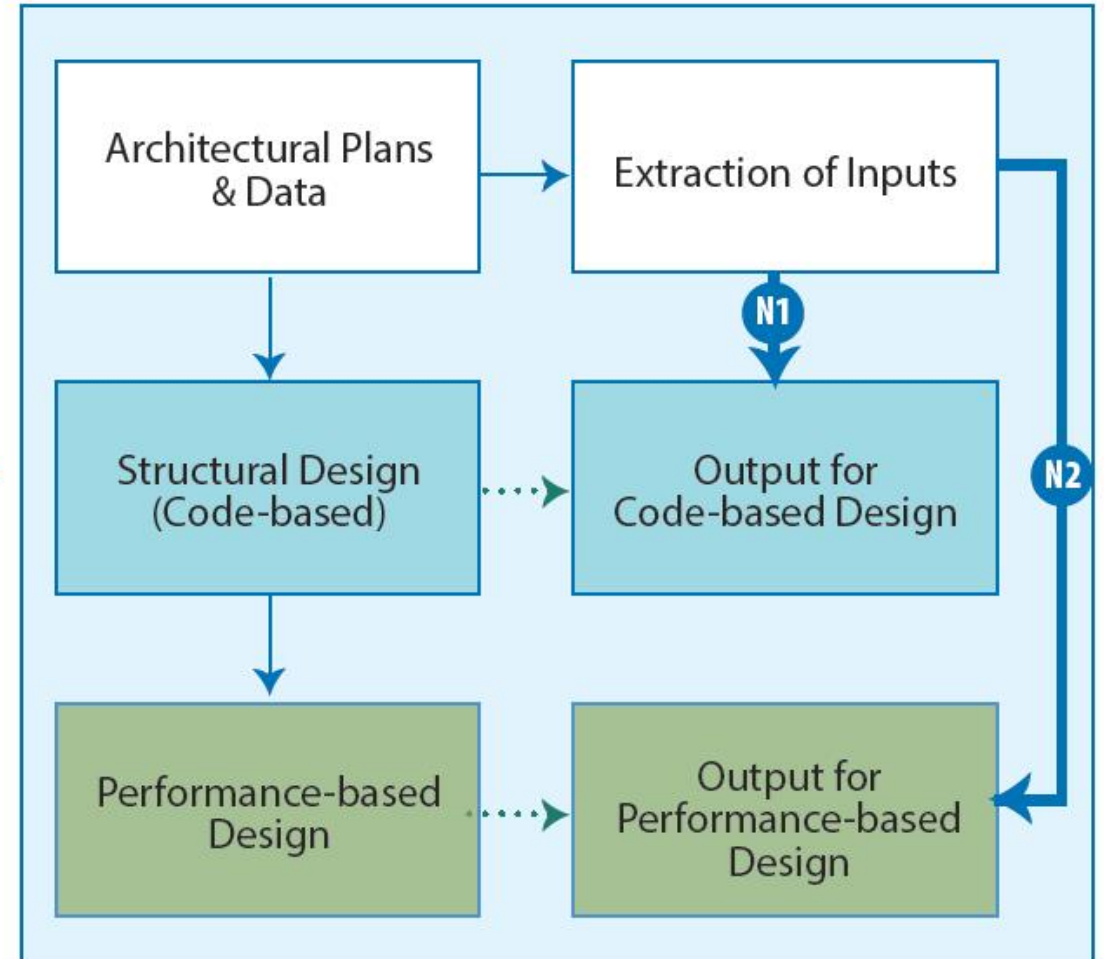
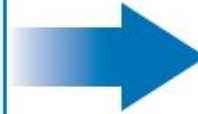
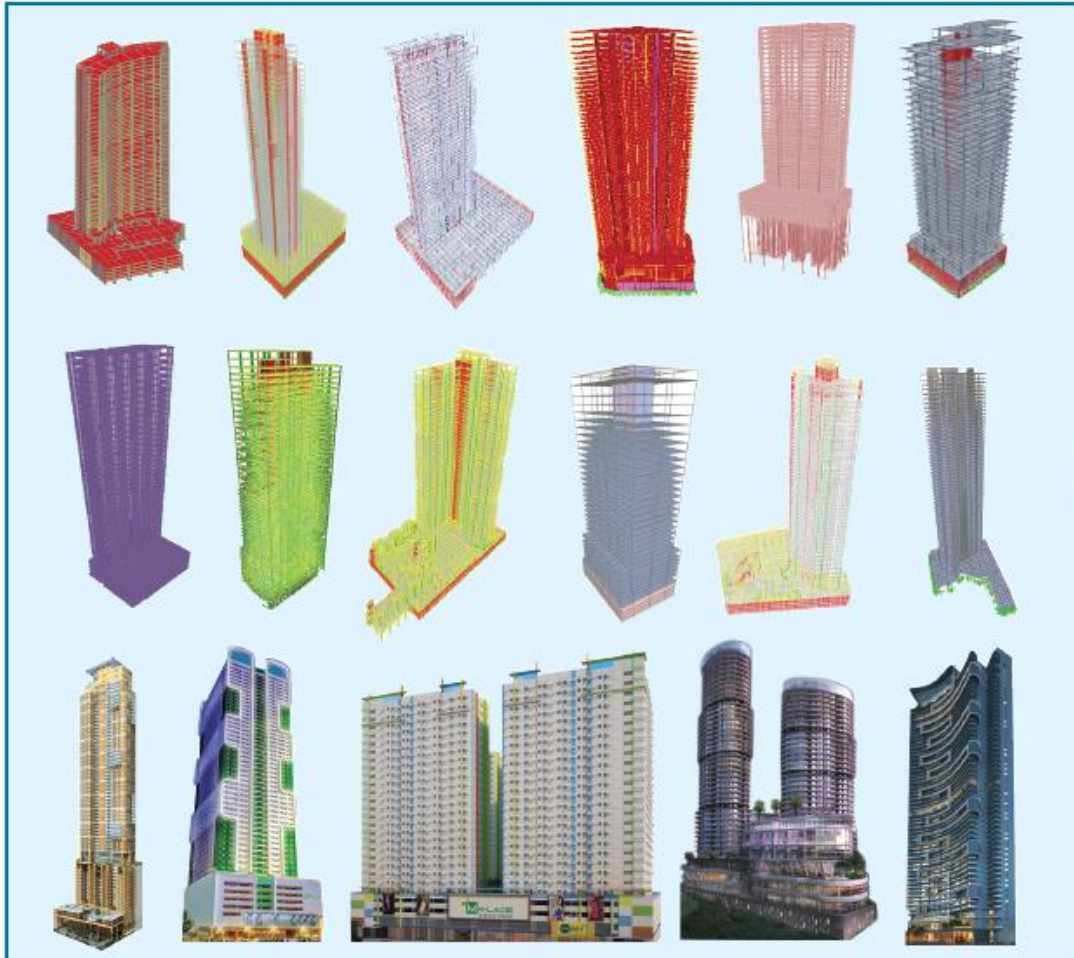
- Rich Pictures
- Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP)
- Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)
- Genetic Algorithms (GA)
- Expert Systems (ES)
- Fuzzy Logic
- Deep Thinking
- Big Data and Data Mining



Using AI in Structural Design Process



Our Approach for Tall Buildings



Using Mobile Computing and Apps for Learning and Design

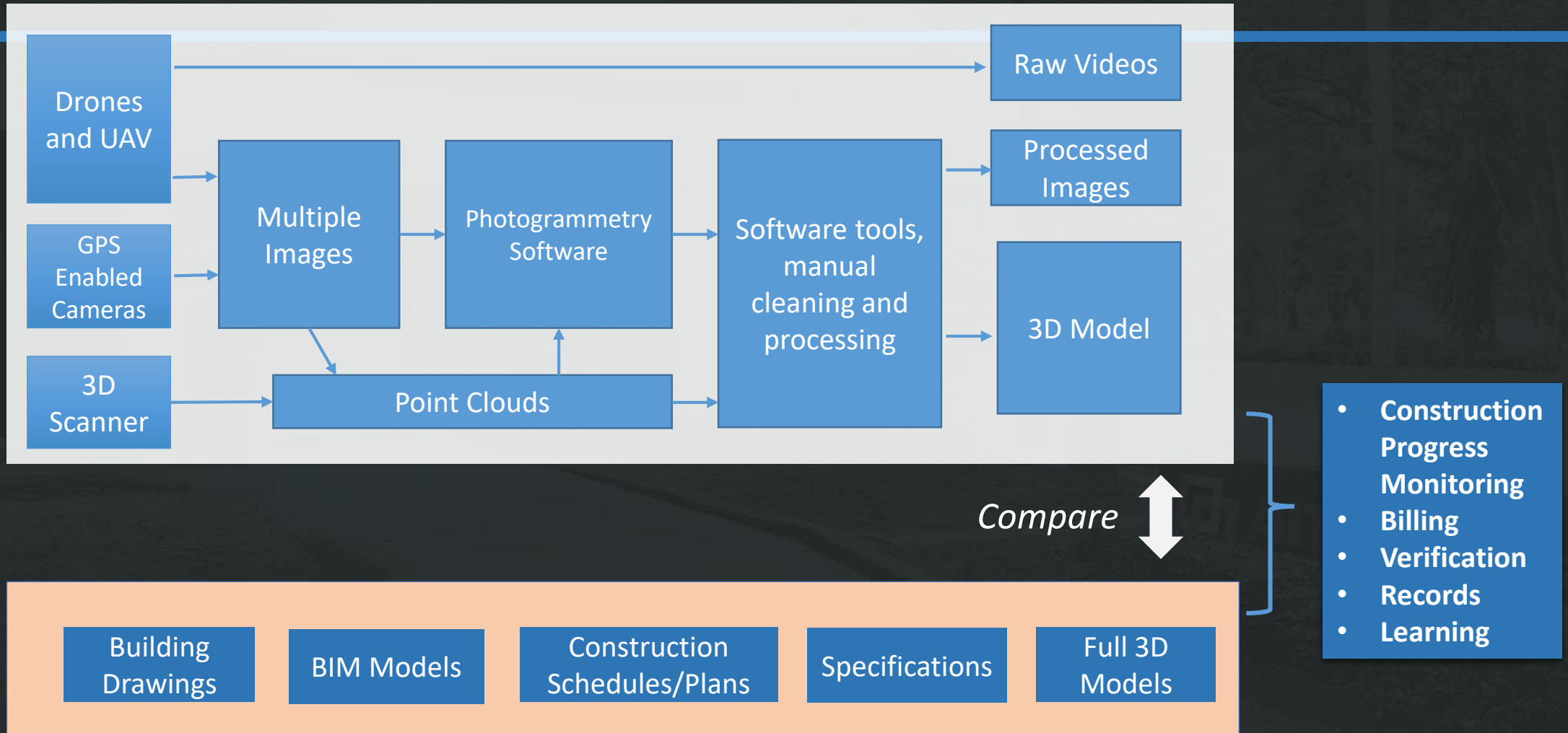


Mobile computing might change how we learn and design

Drone Based Construction Monitoring Solutions

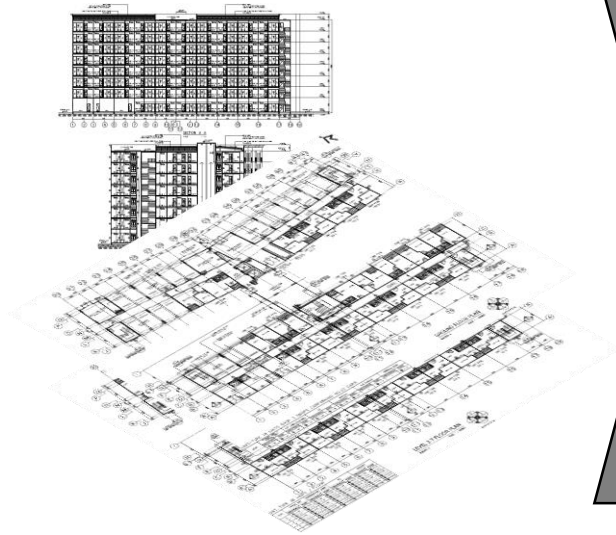


Overall Concept



Case study

Conceptual and
Detail Drawings



3D Model with all the
detail (BIM)



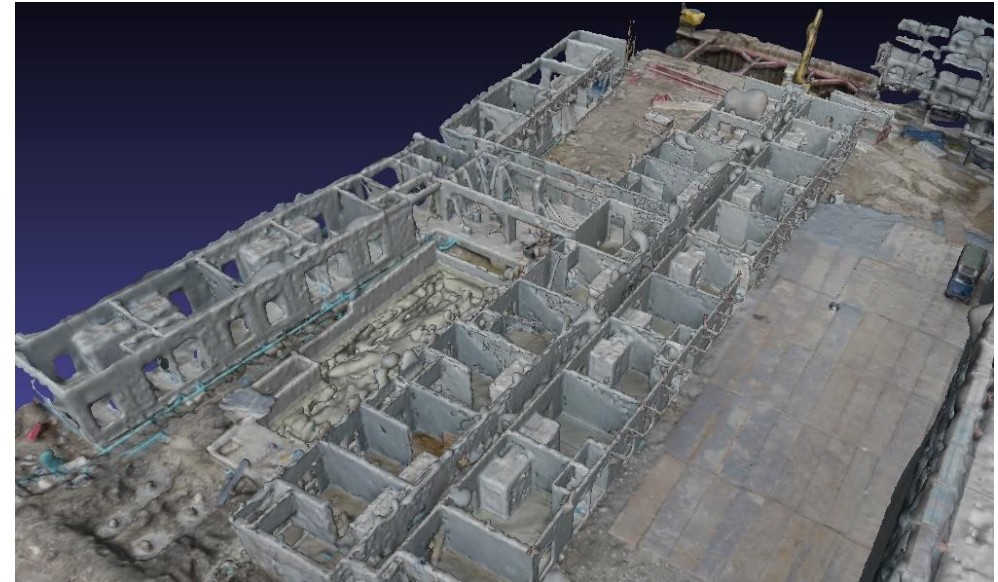
Construction Modeling Trough Drone



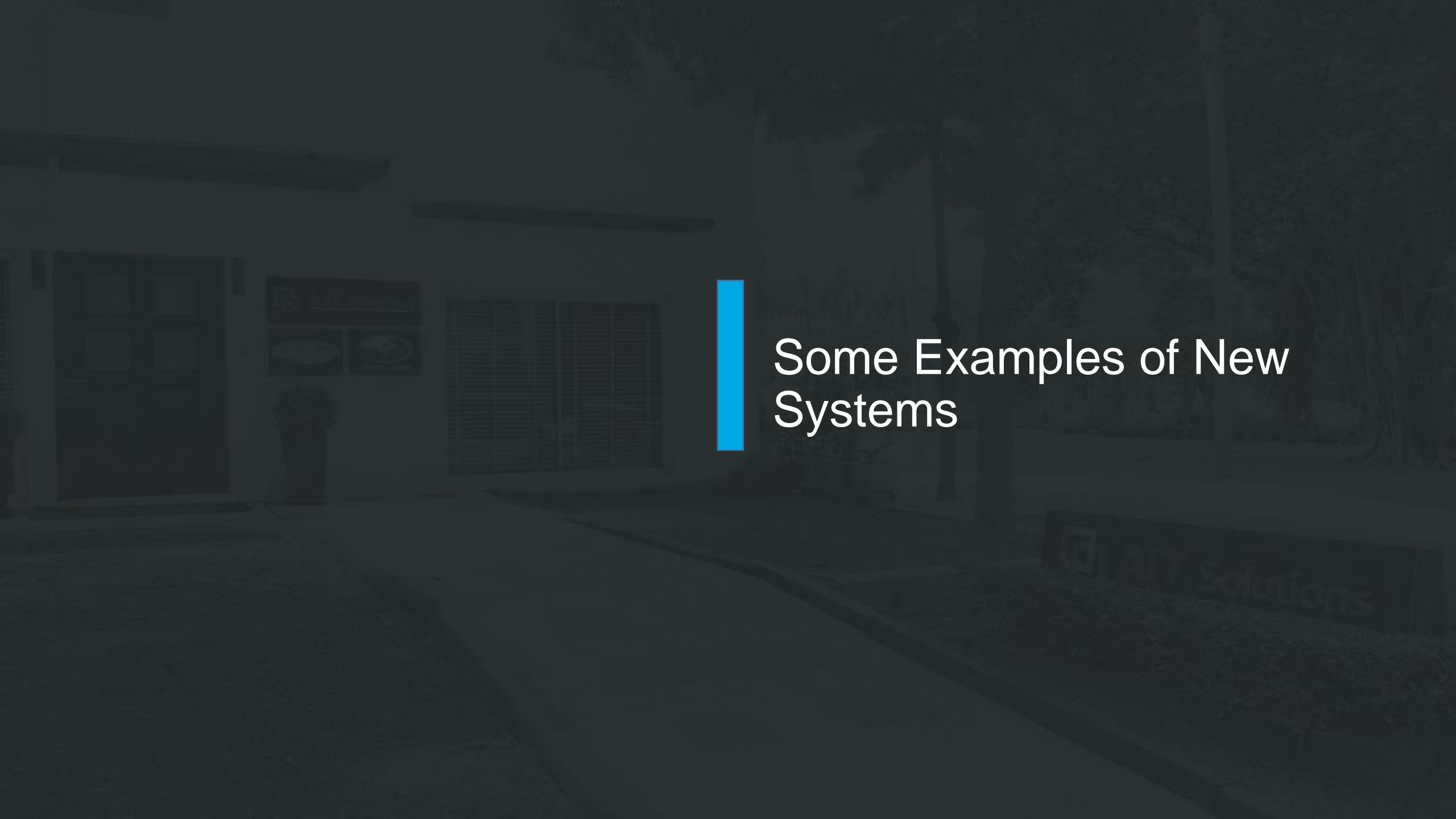
A Sample Project



Drone Imaging

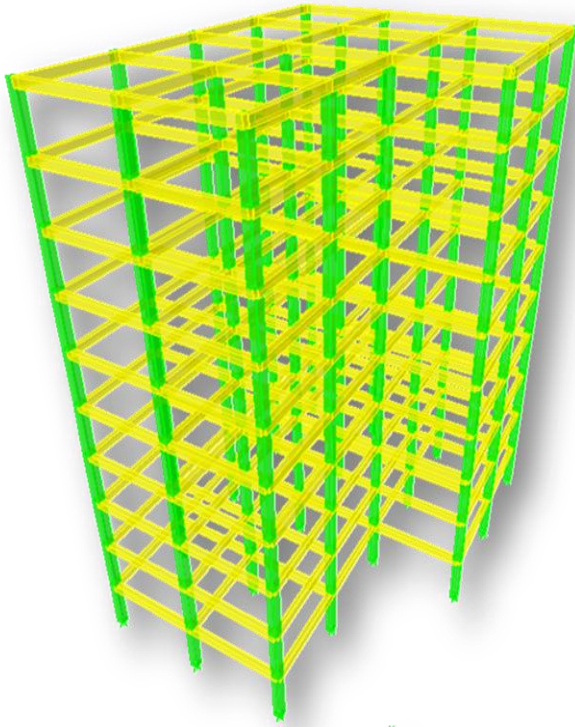


3D Model from drone

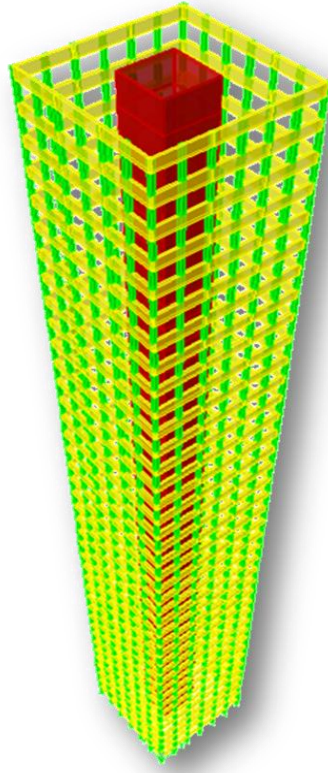


Some Examples of New Systems

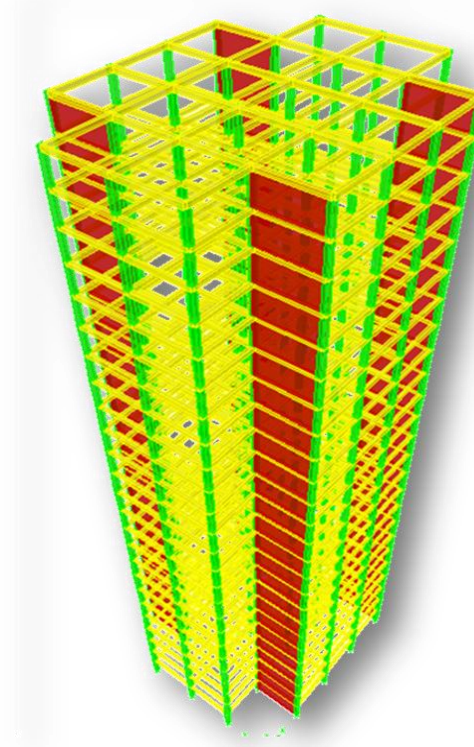
Traditional Systems



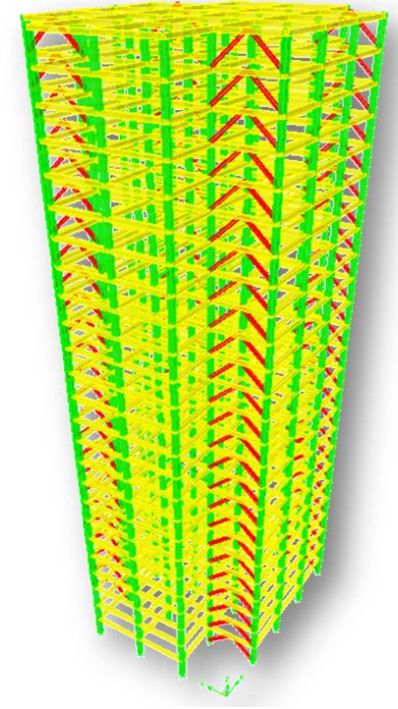
Moment Resisting Frame



Shear Wall and Frame



Shear Wall – Frame Coupled

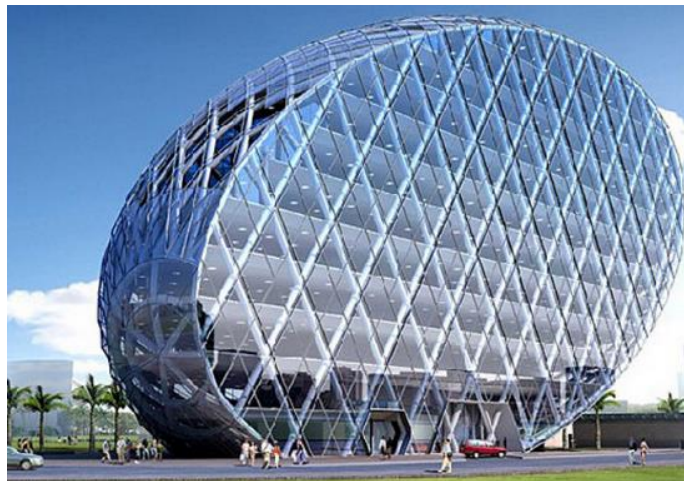


Braced Frame

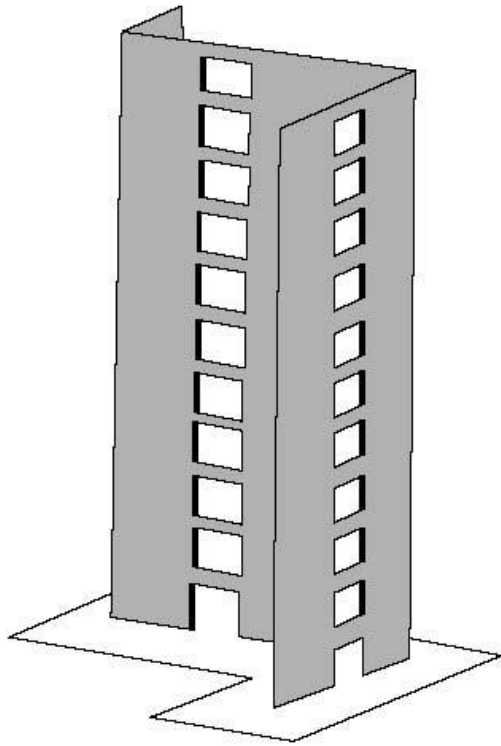
Traditional

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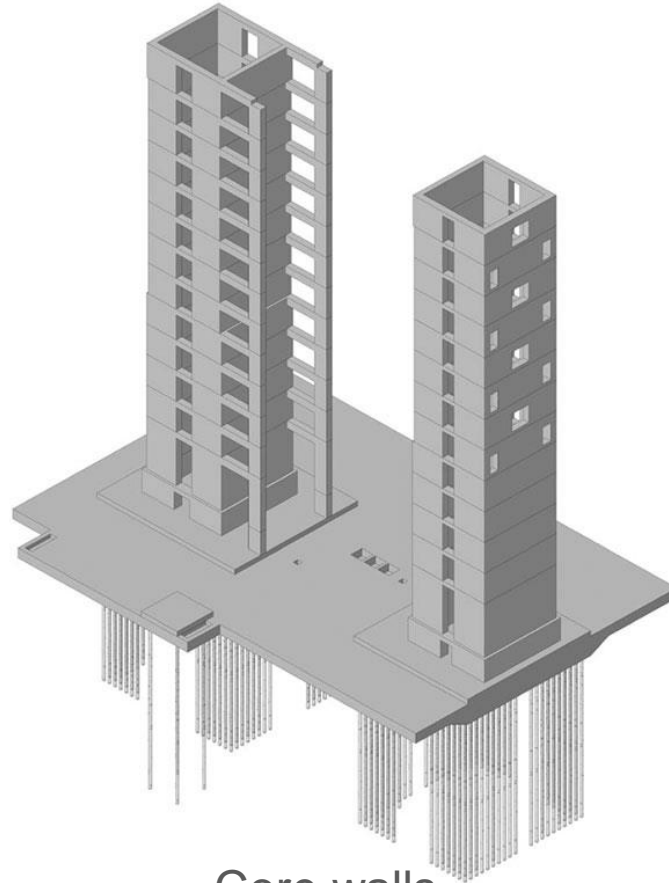
Innovative



Core Walls



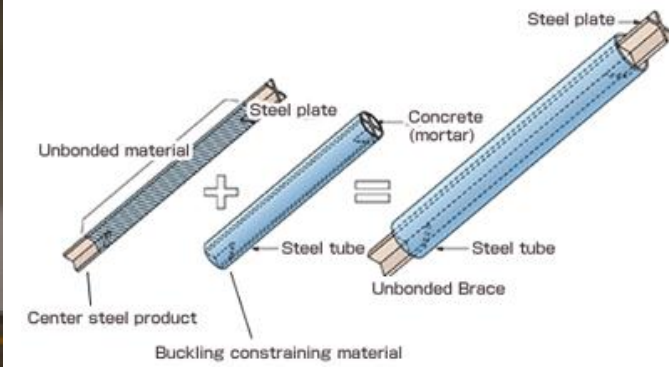
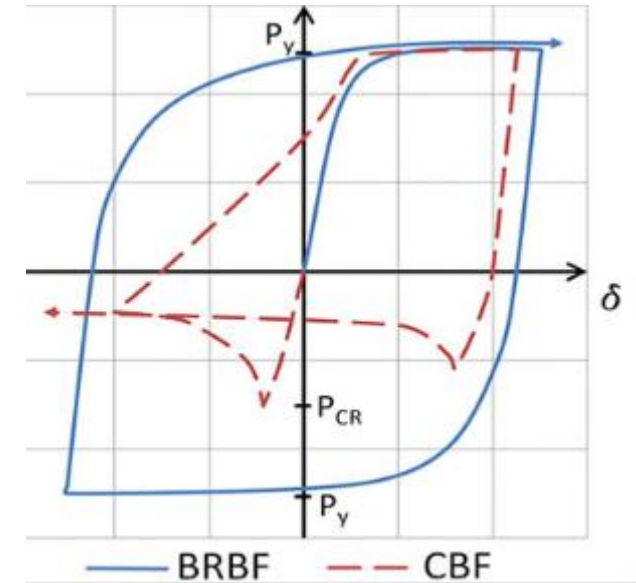
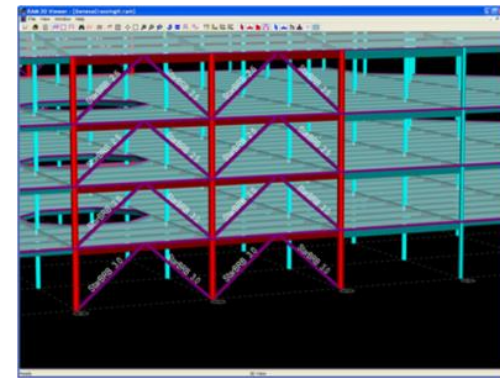
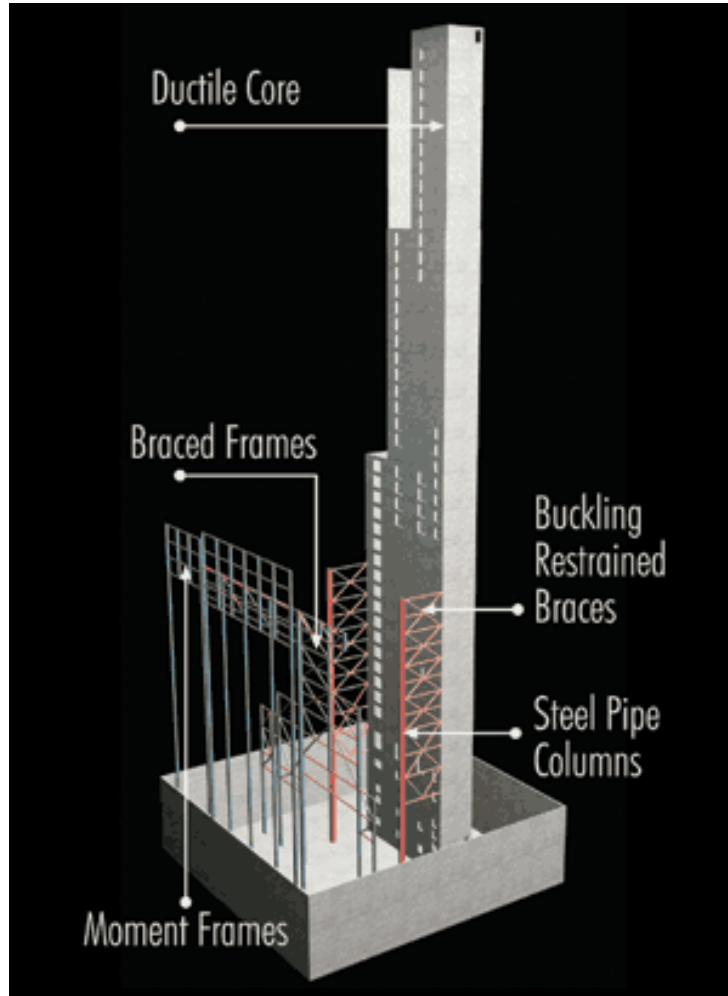
Coupled shear walls



Core walls

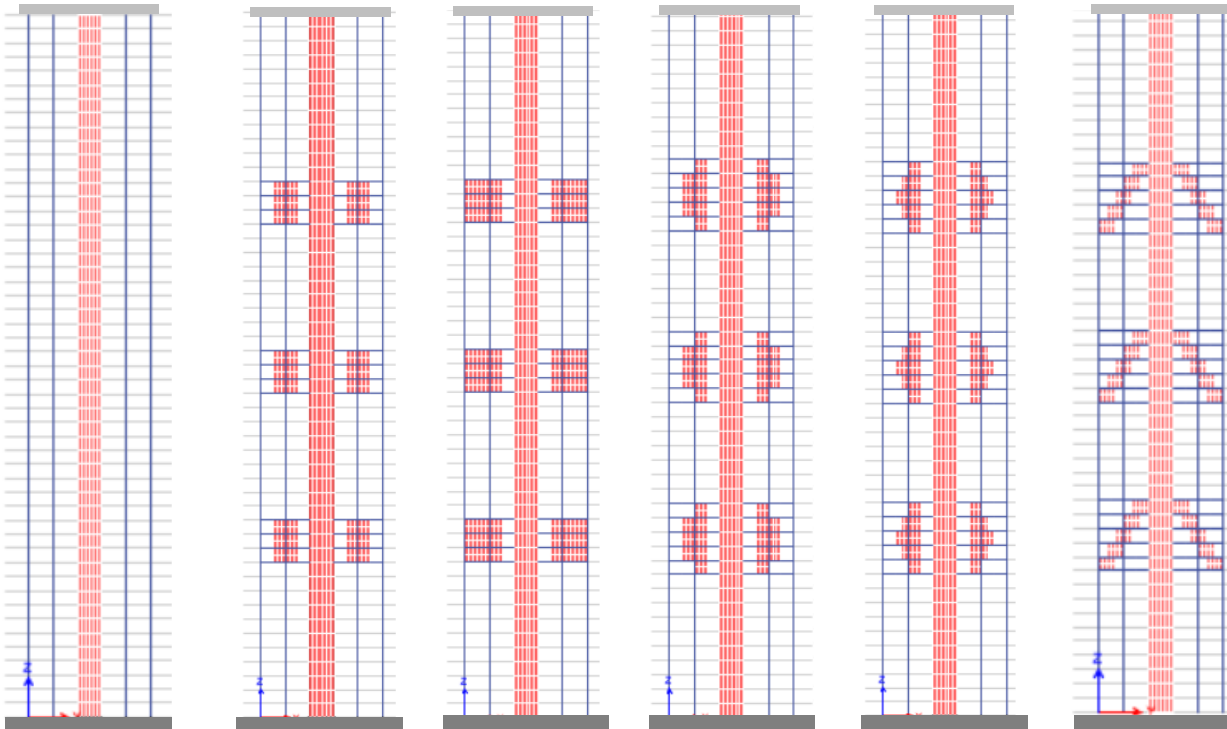
- Capable of transmitting lateral loads in both directions
- Able to resist shear forces and bending moments in two directions
- Able to resist torsion particularly when link beams are provided between the openings
- The shape is typically dictated by the elevator and stair requirements

BRB Based Systems (Braces that Don't Buckle)



Flag Wall Systems

Partition walls, general made of brick masonry, can be effectively replaced with RC walls and therefore, can be used as structural components.

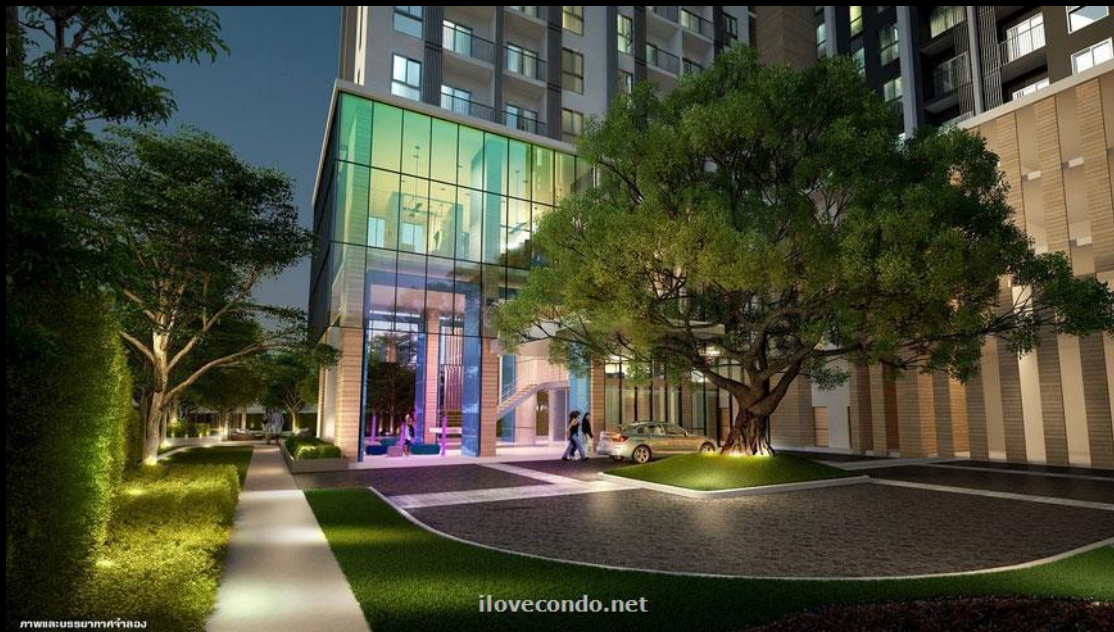
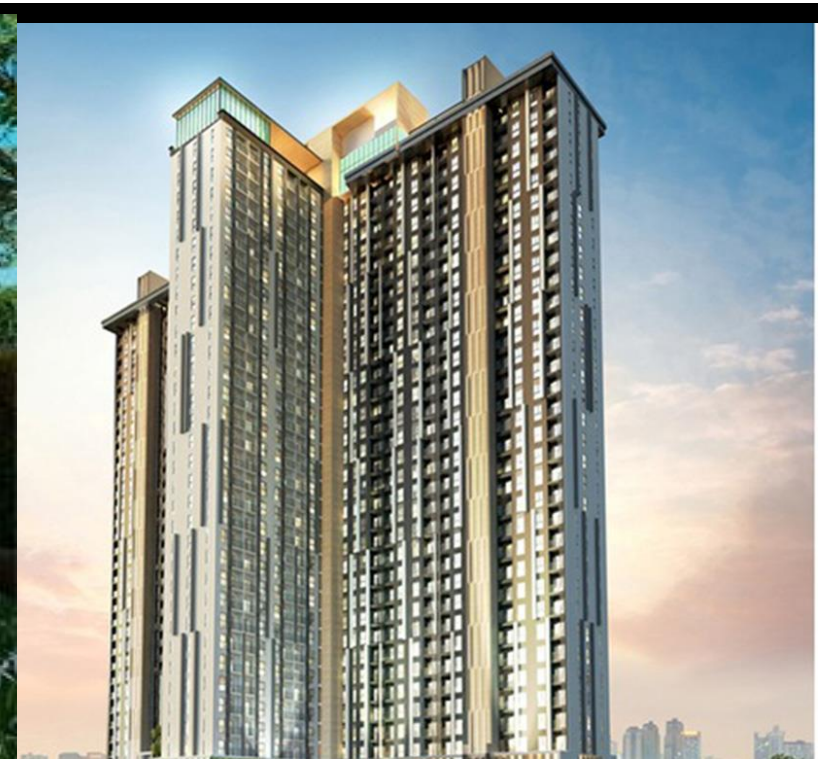


Various configurations of flag walls in a tall building

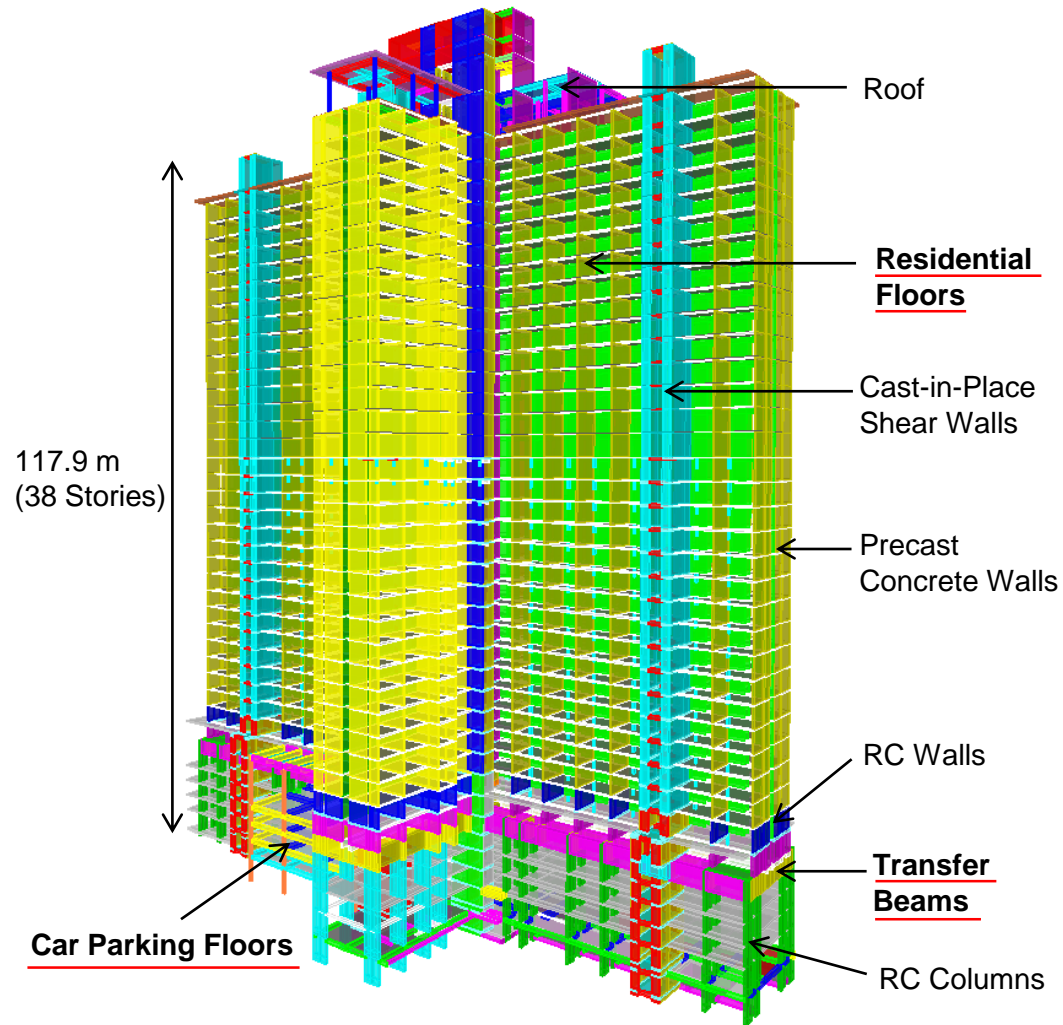
Recent study showed that:

- ▶ Flag walls can be used as an alternative to outriggers
- ▶ However, they can create local concentration of forces
- ▶ Their configuration should be symmetric

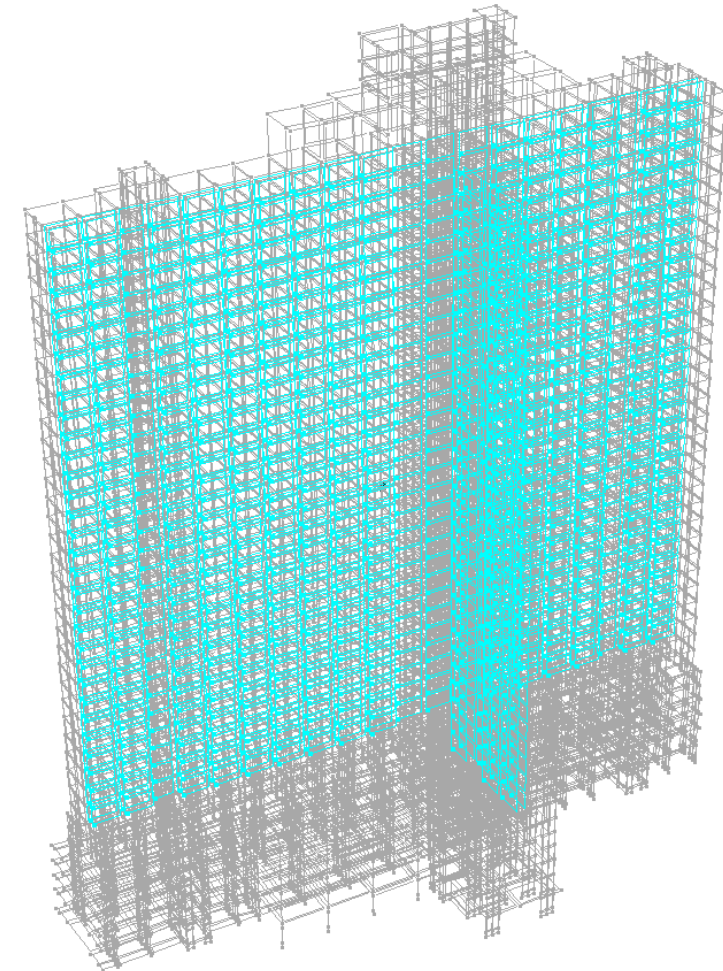
PC-RC Hybrid Tall Building in Bangkok



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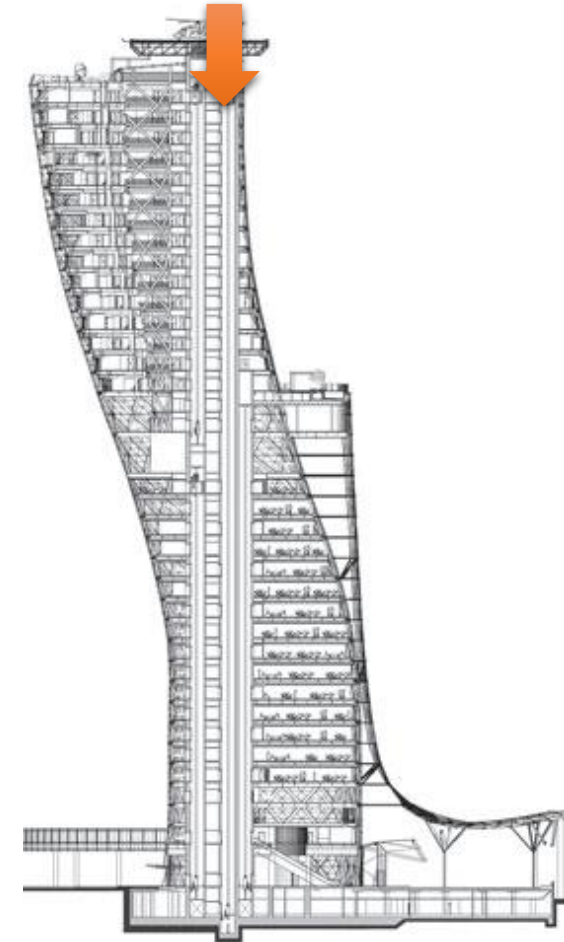


Code Based Design – Linear Model



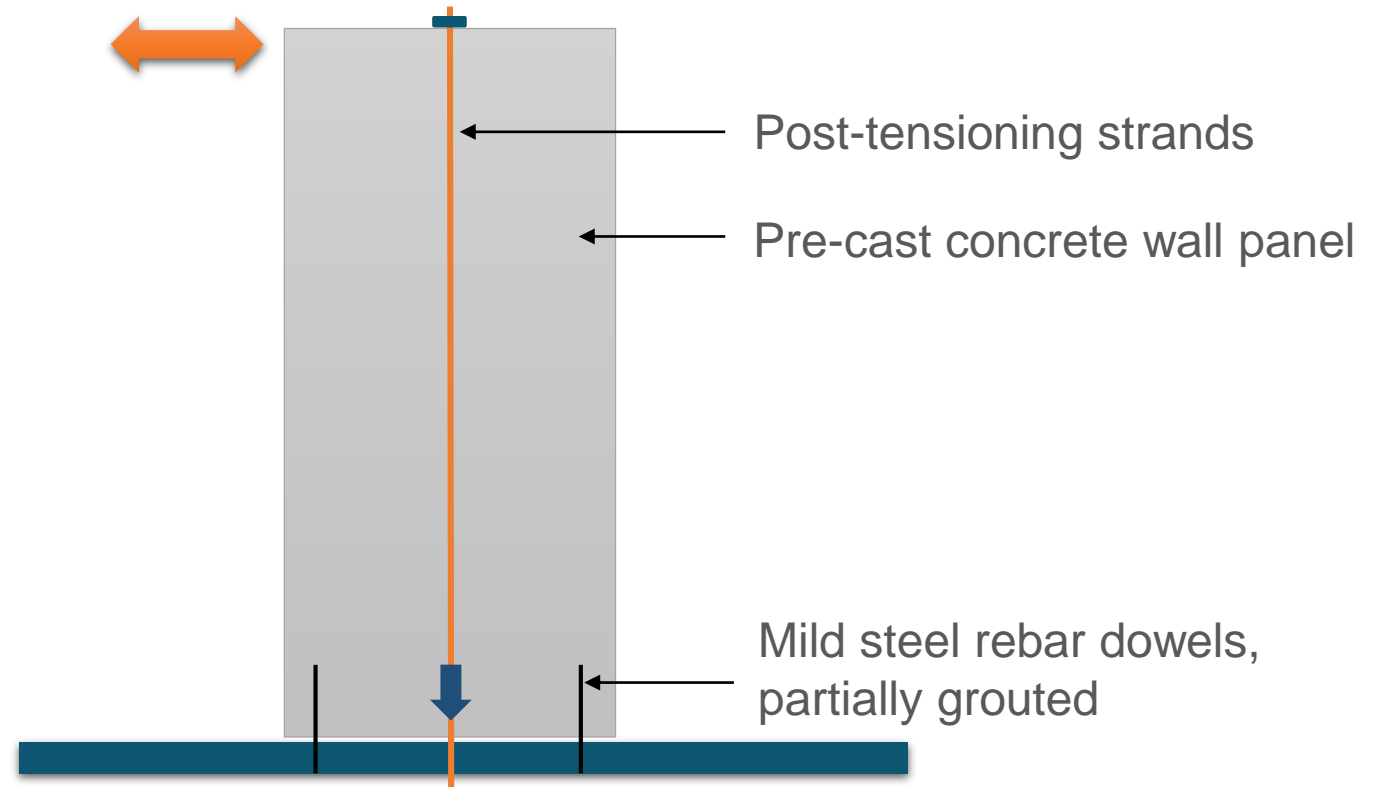
PBD – Nonlinear Model

Capital Gate Tower, Dubai – Vertical Post Tensioning of Walls

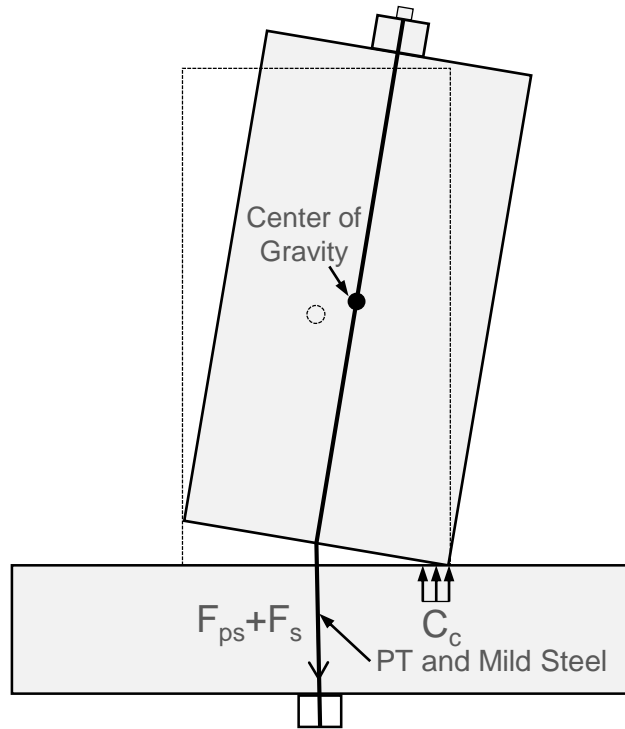


The Rocking PC Walls

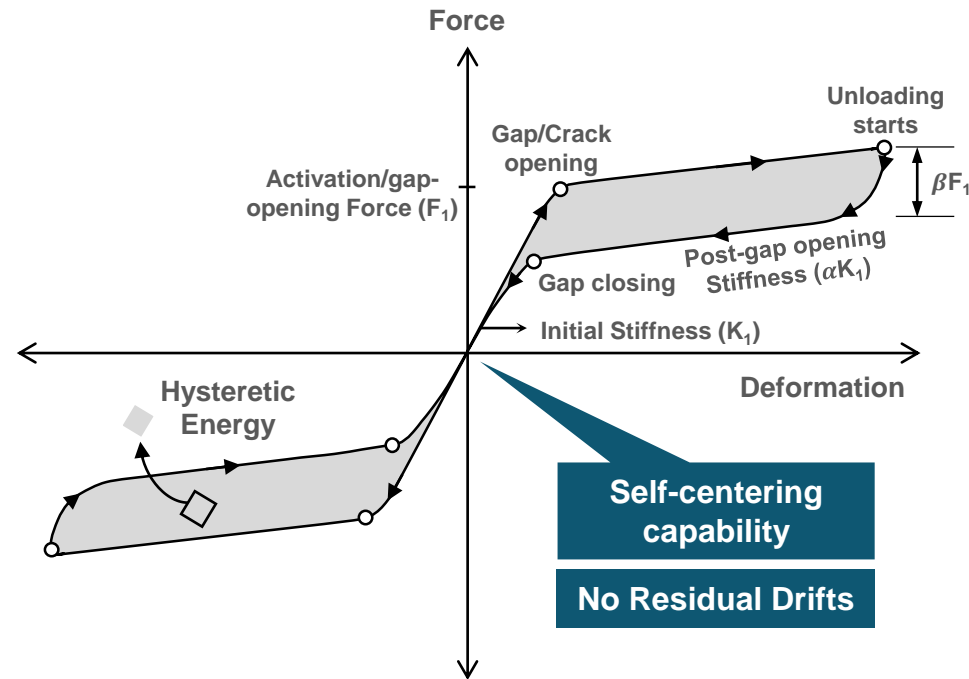
- An innovative solution to resist large, cyclic seismic excitation
 - without damage
 - With re-centering ability (no residual deformations)
 - Providing damping, and energy dissipation
 - Simpler construction



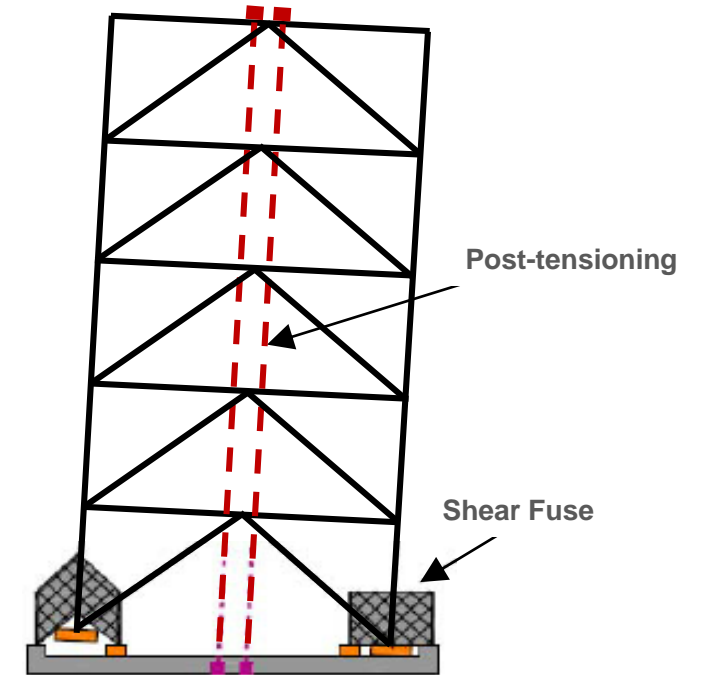
Rocking Wall Systems



A single rocking wall



Cyclic behavior of a rocking wall



A rocking frame with shear fuses

Developing Better Connections



Increasing use of Concrete in Buildings



Seismic Risk



Failure of pre-fabricated concrete structures caused by failure of joints

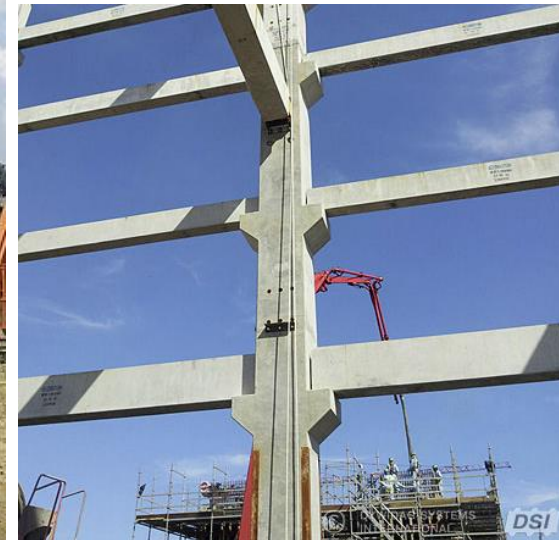
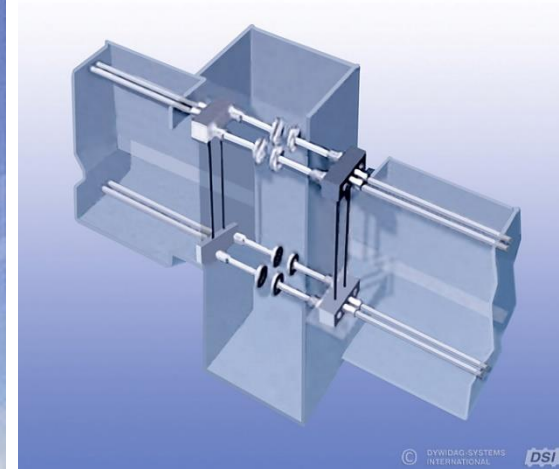


R&D and Testing of RC joints

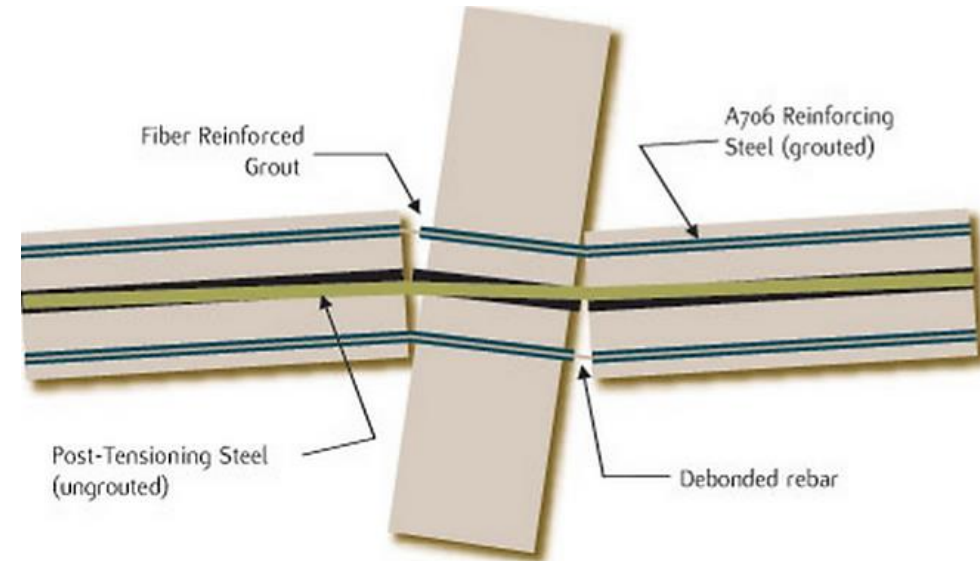
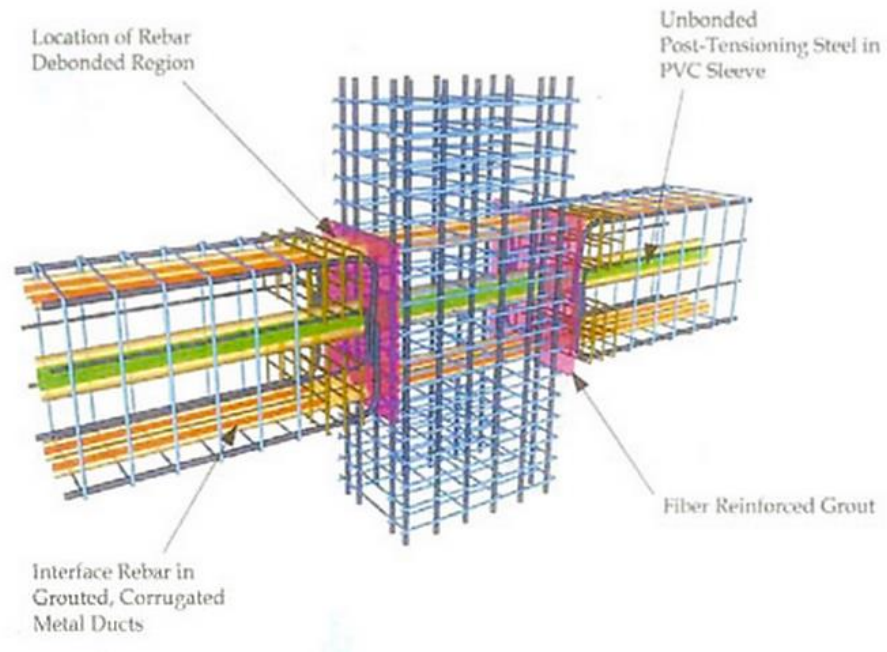
Cast-in-place

Hybrid connections

Ductile PC Connections



Improved Post Tensioned Frame Connections

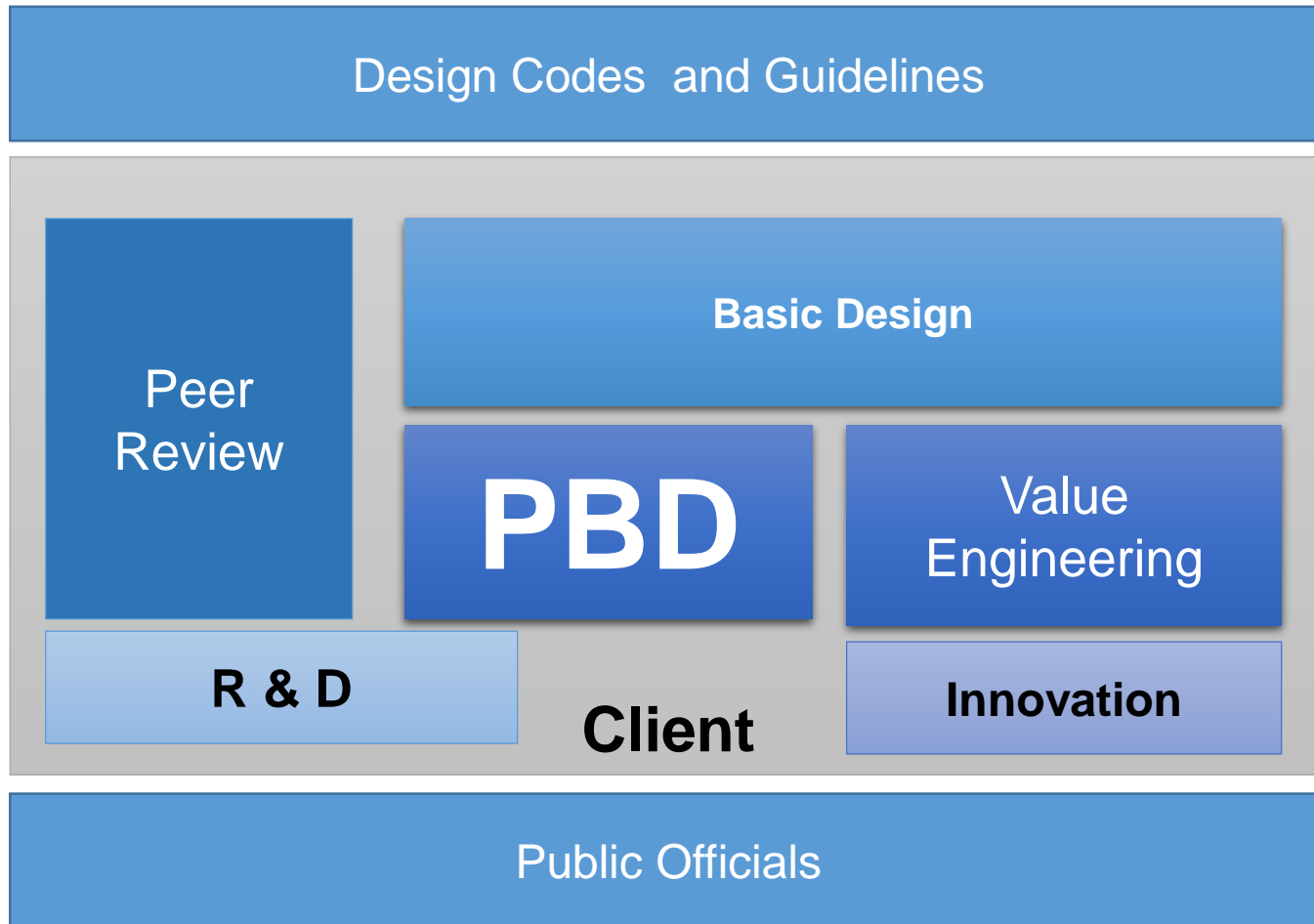


An innovative solution to resist large, cyclic seismic excitation without damage
Providing ductility , damping, and energy abortion

<http://cenews.com/article/8596/how-the-precast-hybrid-moment-frame-works>

<http://precast.org/2010/05/defying-mother-nature/>

New Systems – A Joint Effort



High performance,
Higher safety
higher value,
cost effective
Sustainable



Thank you