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# Shear Wall Types and Layouts

Loadbearing walls can provide lateral bracing

In some cases additional lateral bracing requires shear walls

Usually set in the 2 major axis of the building

In multistory buildings load is distributed by floors, roofs, rigid diaphragms to the walls

Can be infill between columns

Types by units used: solid, hollow, brick, block, grouted

Types by form: single or multi-wythe, reinforced, unreinforced, rectangular or flanged

Strength is affected by shape (aspect), openings, boundary elements



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### **Behavior and Failure Modes**

Other factors:

- Increased axial load helps
- Either horizontal or vertical reinforcement
- Even distribution of reinforcing is better rather than concentrated at ends
- Low levels of steel fail soon after cracking
- High levels fail at higher loads after cracking
- Around 2% steel is optimum
- Horizontal reinf. Seems better
  - more uniform cracking
  - increased ultimate strength
  - increased deformation capacity



Flexural failure mode (Courtesy of B. Shing)



Shear failure mode (Courtesy of B. Shing)

### **Behavior and Failure Modes**

Reinforced shear walls:

Type of wall – effects of openings Cantilever type is generally better



# Additional Shear Load Due to Torsion

When the center of rigidity of the walls (CR) does not coincide with the center of <u>gravity</u> of the loads, an additional torsional load results.



# Effects of Walls Fixed Against Rotation

Deflection of walls due to bending and shear deformation

Effect of aspect ration on shear deflection

TABLE 10.1EFFECT OF ASPECT RATIO ON DEFLECTIONDUE TO SHEAR

A	Percentage deflection due to shear	
h/L	Cantilever wall	Fixed-end wall
SHAT 0.25	92	98
1	43	75
2	16	43
4	5	16
Long 8	1	4.5



Effects of Openings in Multistory Walls

Location and spacing of windows has a great effect

Staggered opening is better

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Separate wall strips can be connected by floors or beam – more complex connections

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# Shear Wall Design

Unreinforced:

- Fail along weaker planes
  - bed joints \_
  - bed joints + head joints \_
- Flexural tension not allowed
- For intersecting walls, flanges can be effective in resisting bending provided there is a good connection:
  - 50% of units interlock
  - mechanical connections (steel anchors)
  - reinforced bond beam ٠



#### Shear Wall Design – unreinforced example



#### Shear Wall Design - unreinforced example

Assume flange walls are not connected:



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#### Shear Wall Design - reinforced example



#### Shear Wall Design - reinforced example

