

# Next Generation of Precast Concrete Seismic Resilient Buildings



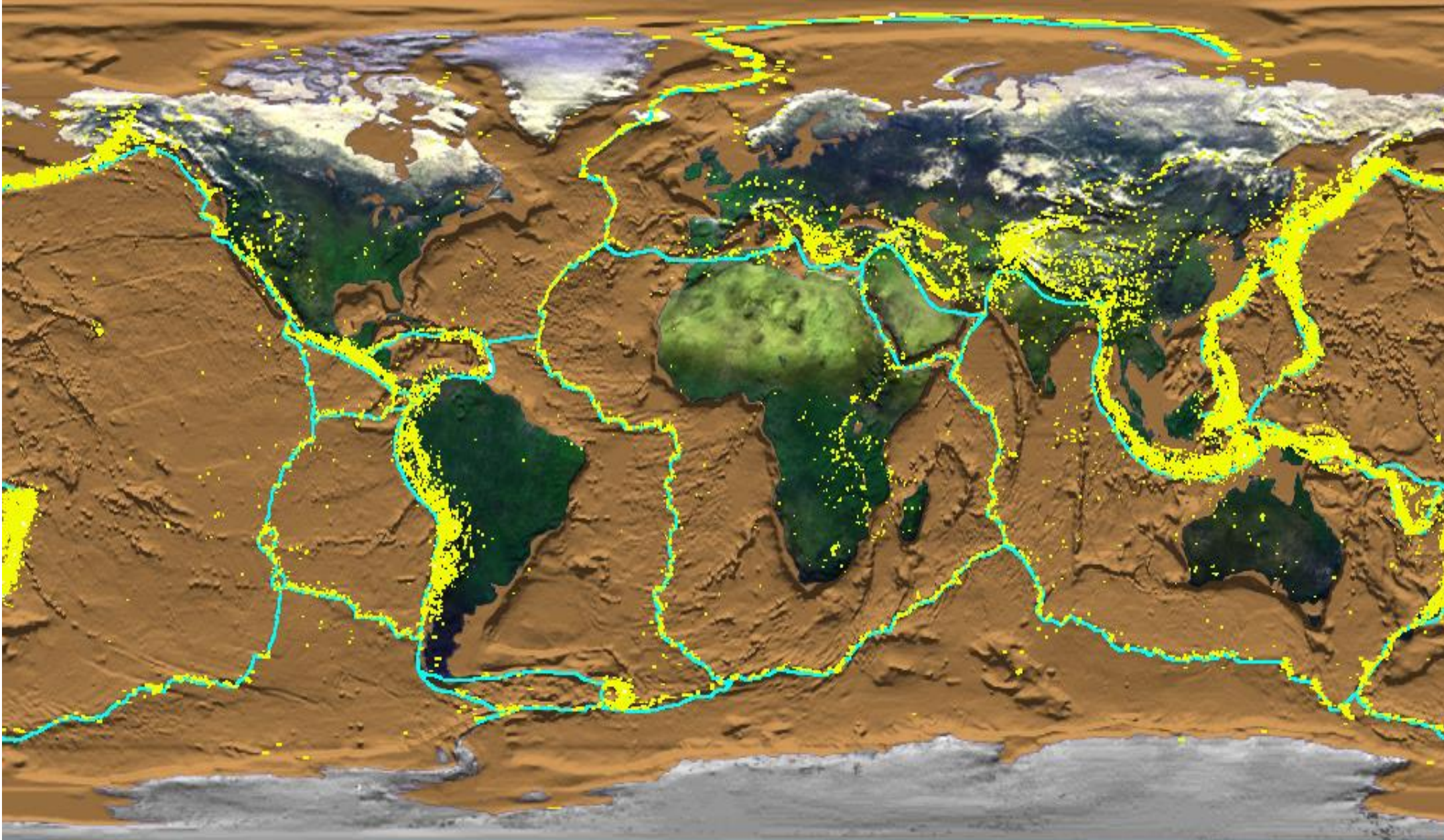
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# World Earthquakes Map



# PRECAST CONCRETE STRUCTURES IN SEISMIC REGIONS

- The use and development of **precast concrete structures** in seismic zones have been limited by:
  - lack of confidence on their performance
  - absence of rational seismic design provisions
- **Common trend** in the major model codes (U.S., Japan, New Zealand, Europe):
  - *emulation* of cast-in-place reinforced concrete (wet connections)
  - *strong* connections: inelastic response accommodated outside the joint region
  - *jointed ductile connections (new)*: inelastic response within the connection



# Fully-functioning three-span industrial plant



Post-earthquake debris

Izmit-Kocaeli (Turchia, 1999)

# (Some) Fundamental Aspects in Seismic Design of Precast Concrete Buildings

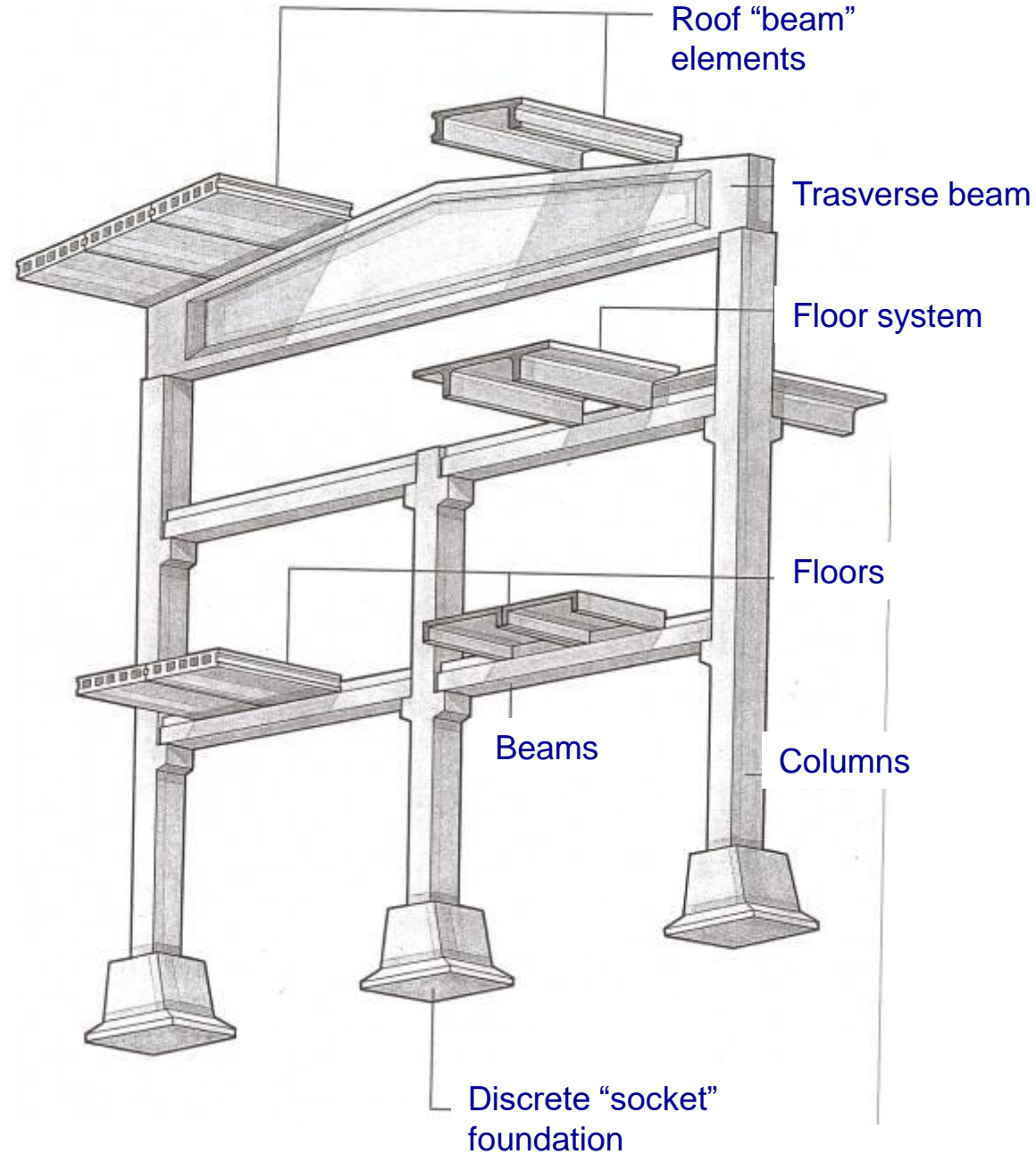
- Appropriate **Design Methodology** (Force-Based Design or Displacement Based Design)
- Understanding overall **Building Behaviour** (structural systems, diaphragm, non-structural elements, foundations)
- **Connections** detailing (ductile behaviour, dissipation)
- **Redundancy and robustness** (preventing progressing collapse)
- **Displacement compatibility** (between lateral-resisting systems, floor-diaphragms, infills facades)
- and....**detailing, detailing, detailing...**(**the devil is in the detail!**)

# **“HINGED” CONNECTIONS**

**(typical of Precast Industrial Buildings in Europe)**

# PRECAST INDUSTRIAL Building

## Key elements and nomenclature



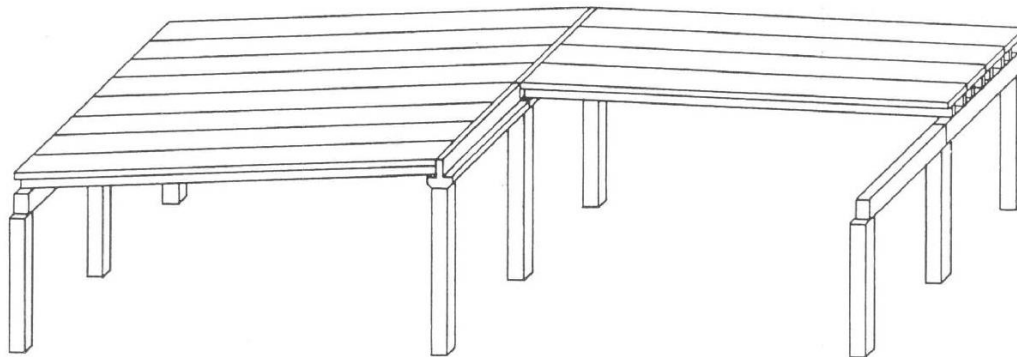
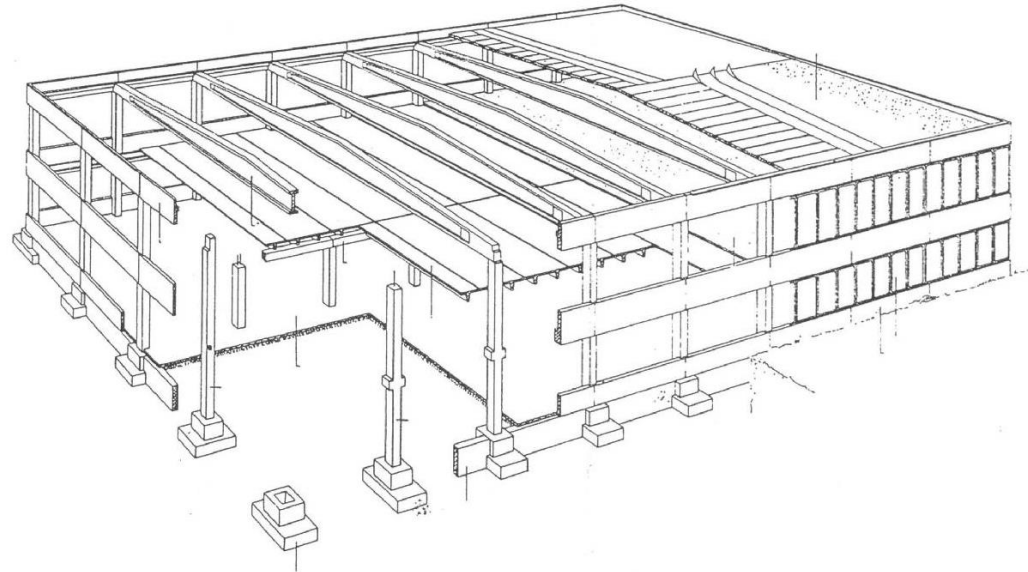
### 3.5 Large free space buildings

This type of building is used for:

- industrial buildings
- warehouses
- department stores, etc.

When large column-free areas are needed, the building is normally designed with precast frame systems or load-bearing facade walls.

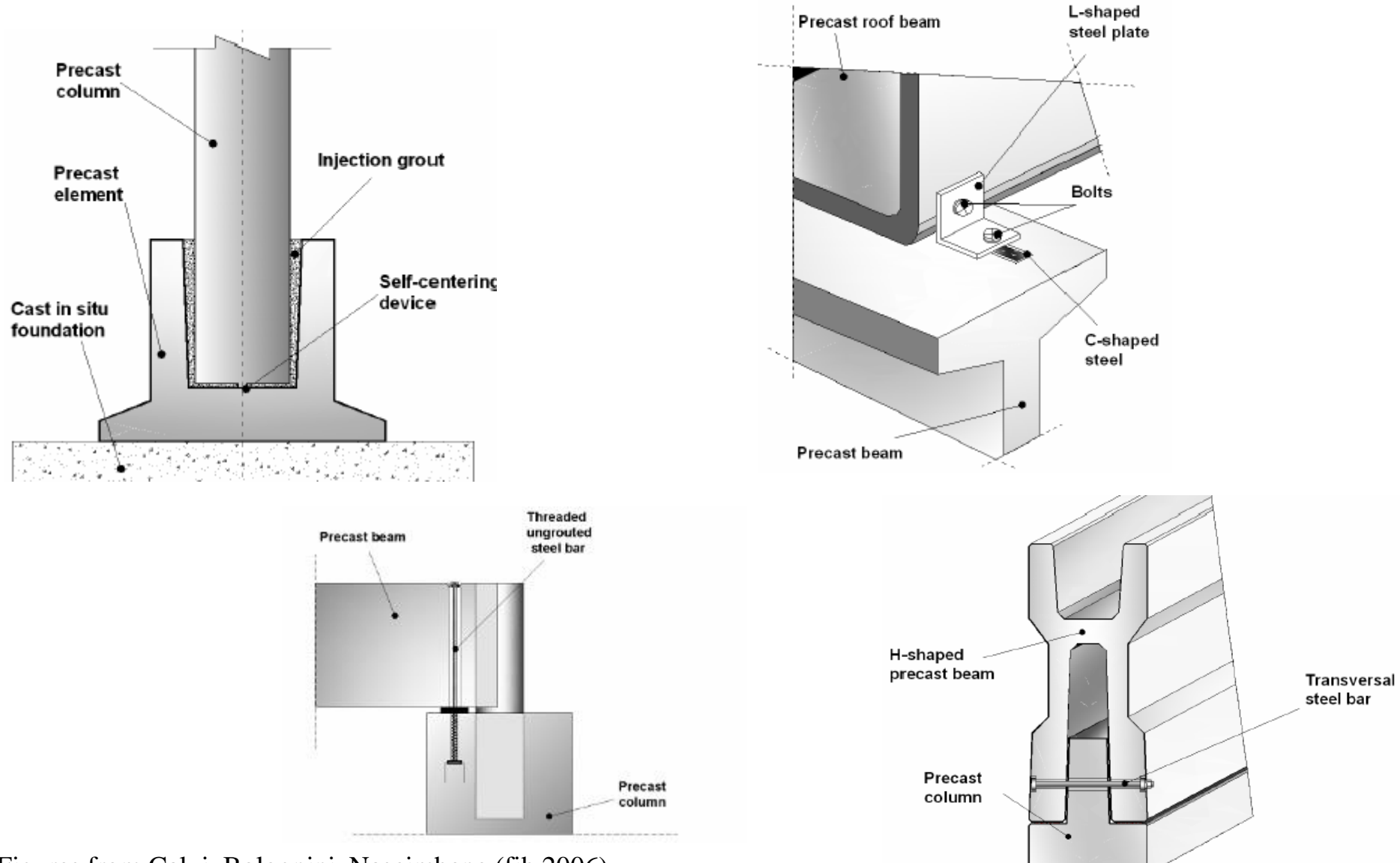
Intermediate floors may be installed in the whole building or parts of it. Staircases and shafts are normally formed using bearing walls. Additional precast products are shown in Fig. 3.10.



Straight

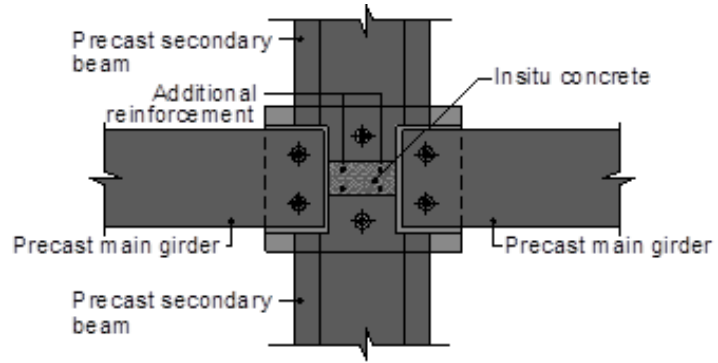


# Typical beam- column or column-foundation connections for industrial precast construction in the Mediterranean countries

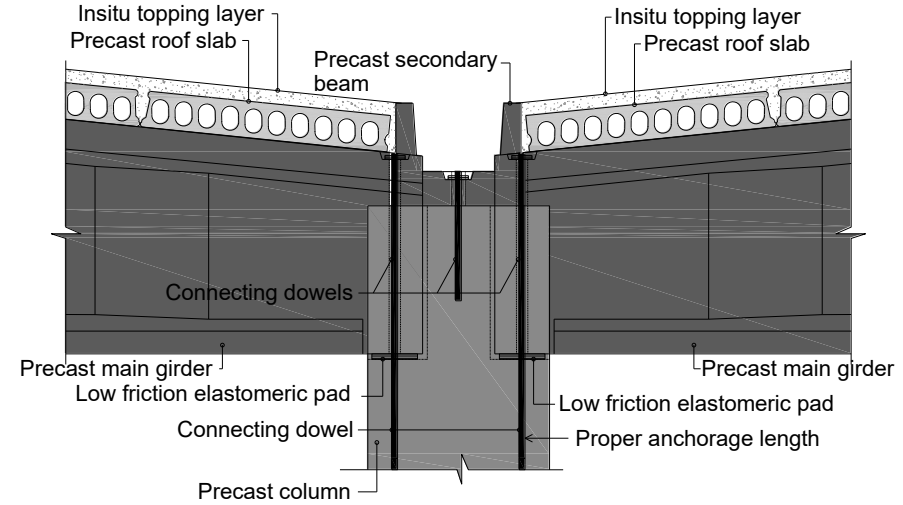


Figures from Calvi, Bolognini, Nascimbene (fib 2006)

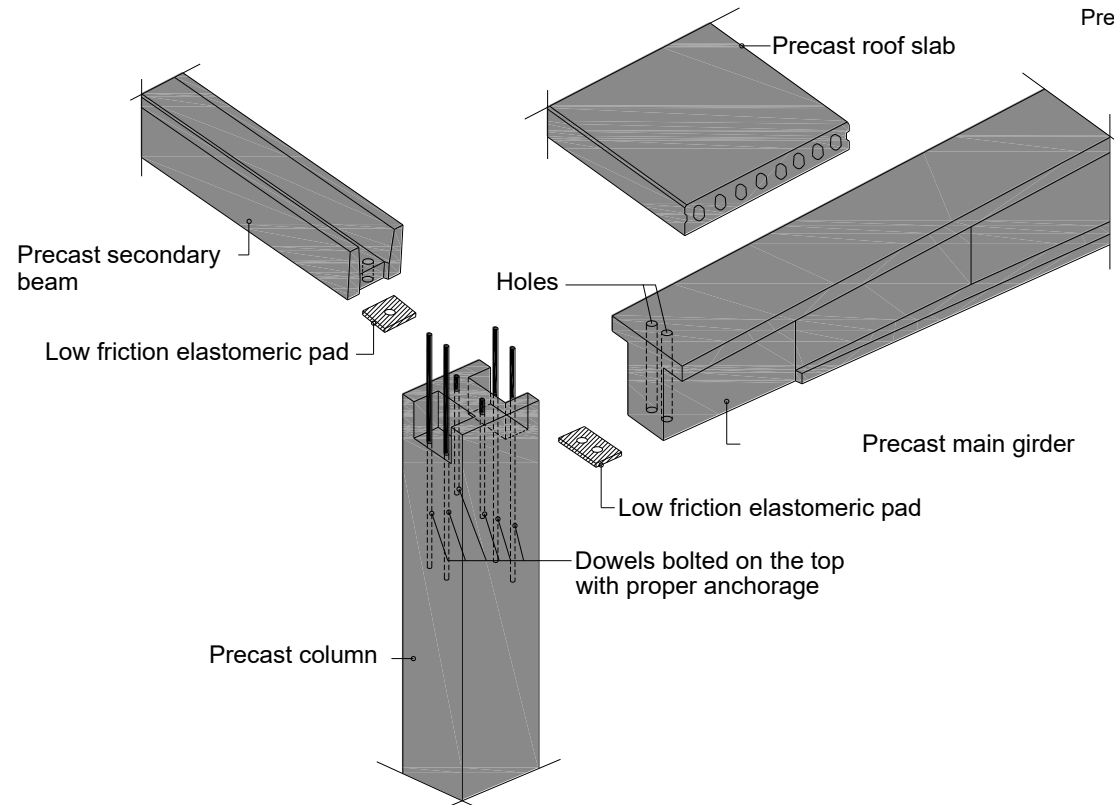
# Typical European hinged beam-to-column connection on the top of a column



a) plan view



b) Elevation (vertical) view



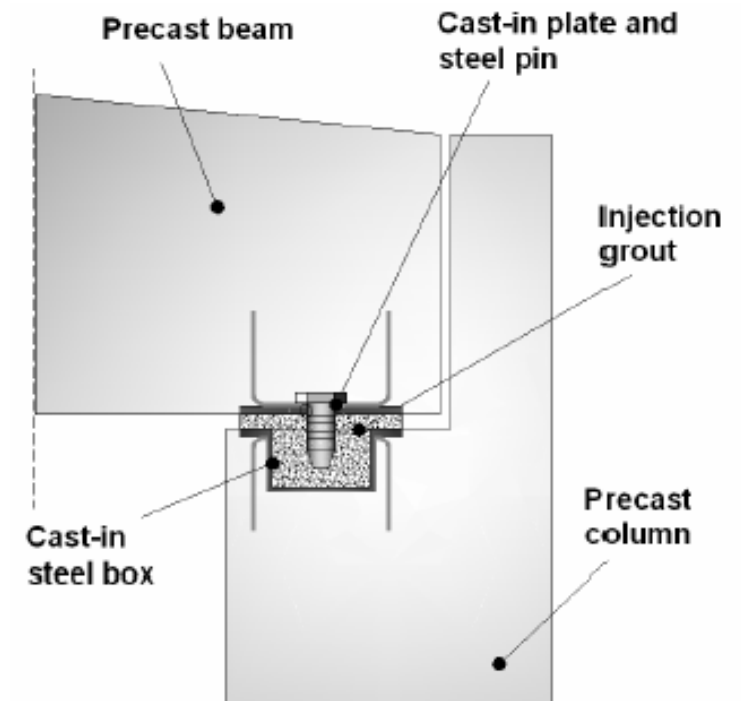
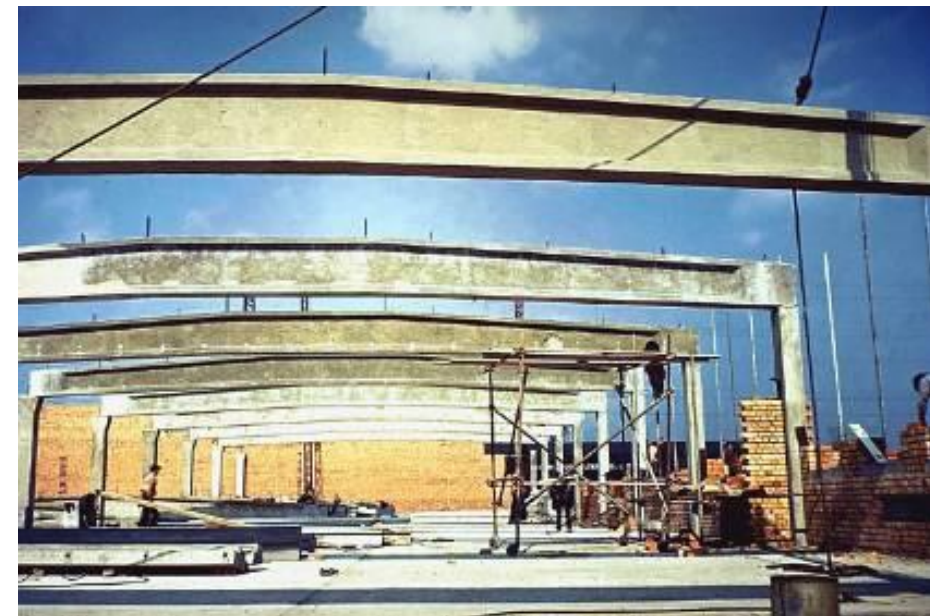
## (Some) typical Advantages and structural Limits of precast structures

- **Advantage:** Quality control, speed of erection, dry construction

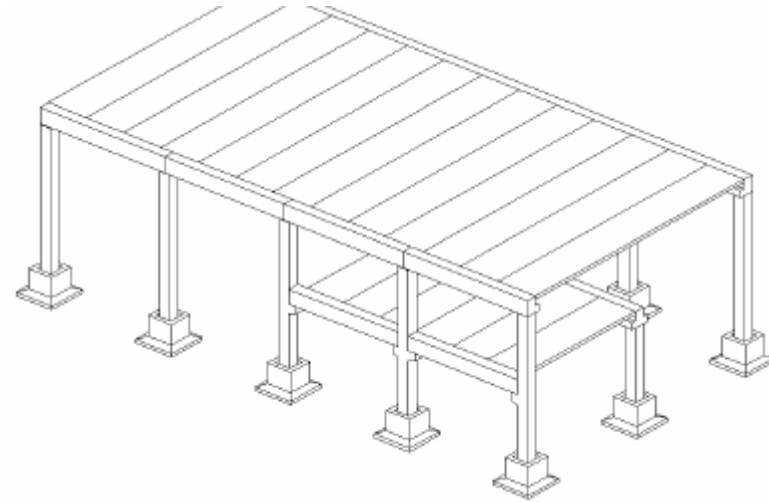
VS.

- **Limit:** inefficient static schemes (simple supports of beams, slabs). Oversizing of cantilever columns for lateral (wind & earthquake) loads

### NEED for MOMENT RESISTING CONNECTIONS



## Limitation to one-two storeys industrial buildings (need for core walls or other lateral resisting systems)

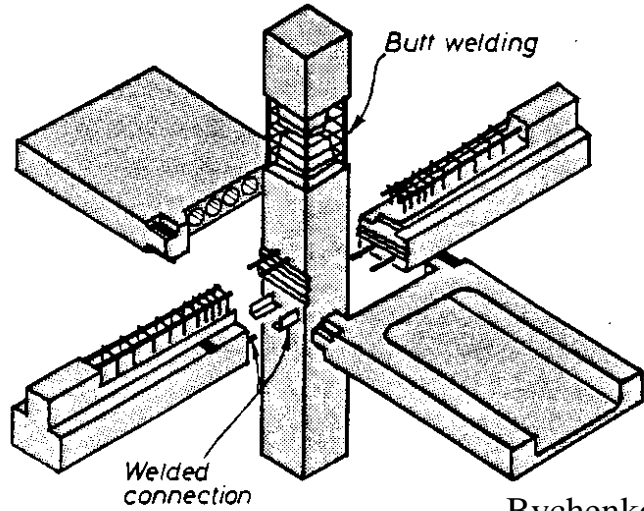


- Significant limits due to the excessive deformability and high lateral displacement demand
- Second Order Effects (P-Delta)

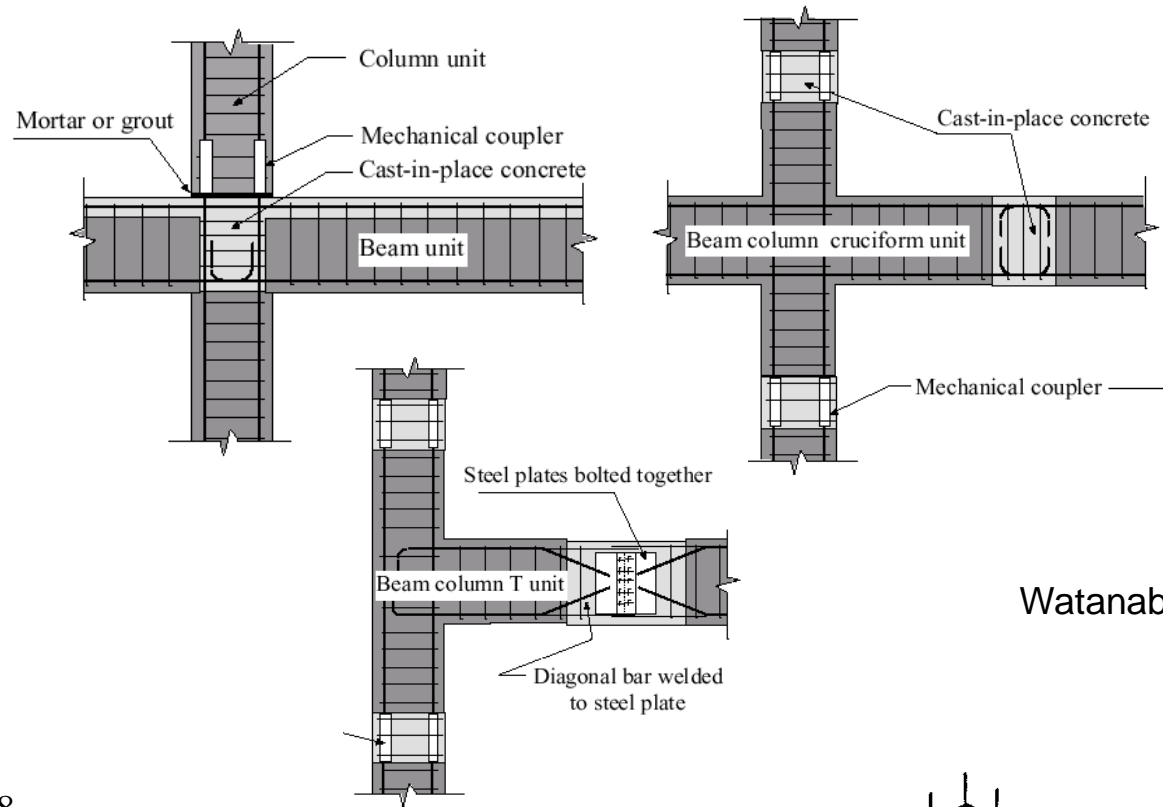
→ **NOT efficient** Static Structural Scheme

**“EMULATION”  
OF CAST-IN-SITU CONCRETE  
CONNECTIONS**

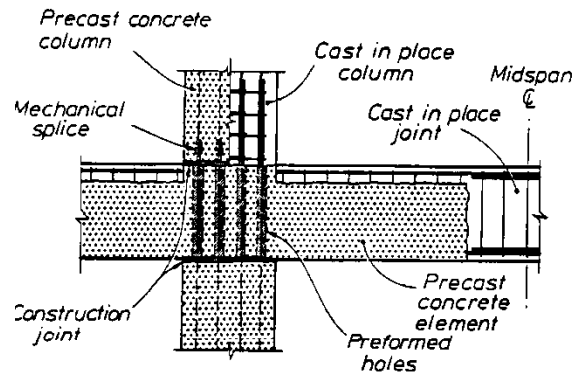
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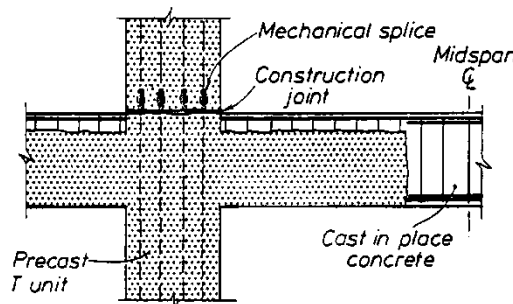
Bychenkov, 1978



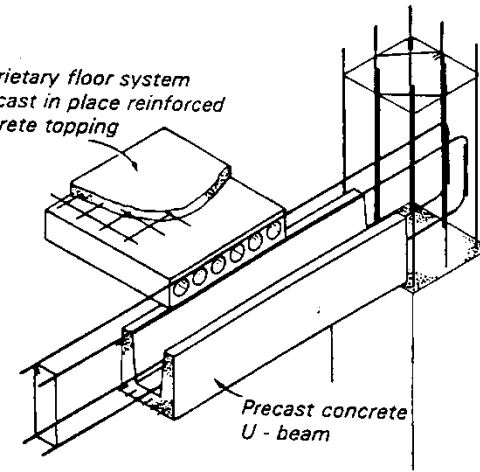
Watanabe, 2000



(b) System 2 - Precast Beam Units through Columns



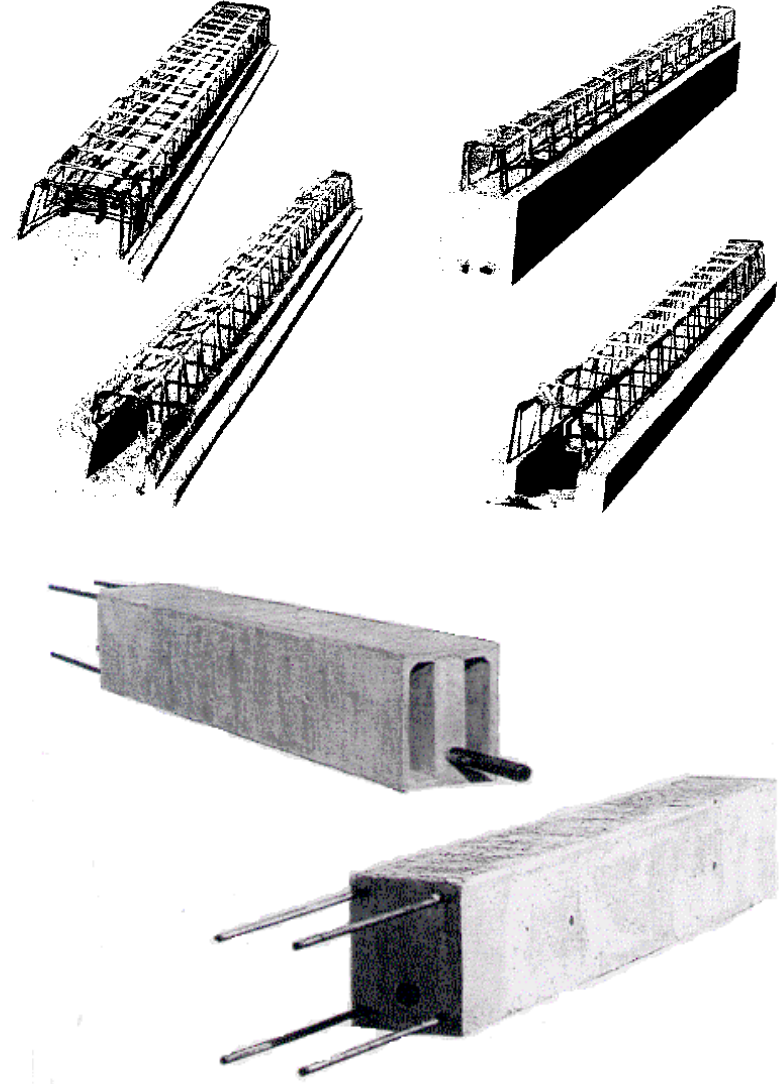
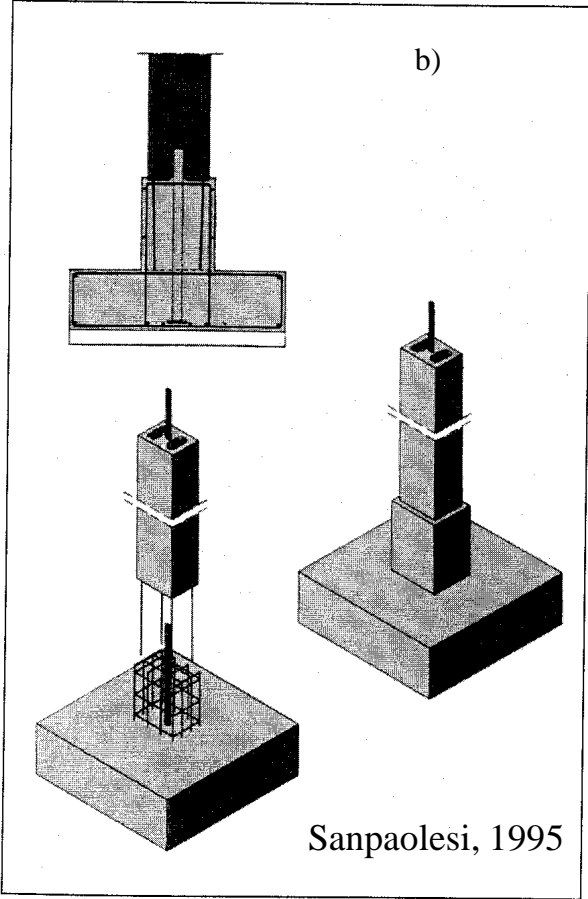
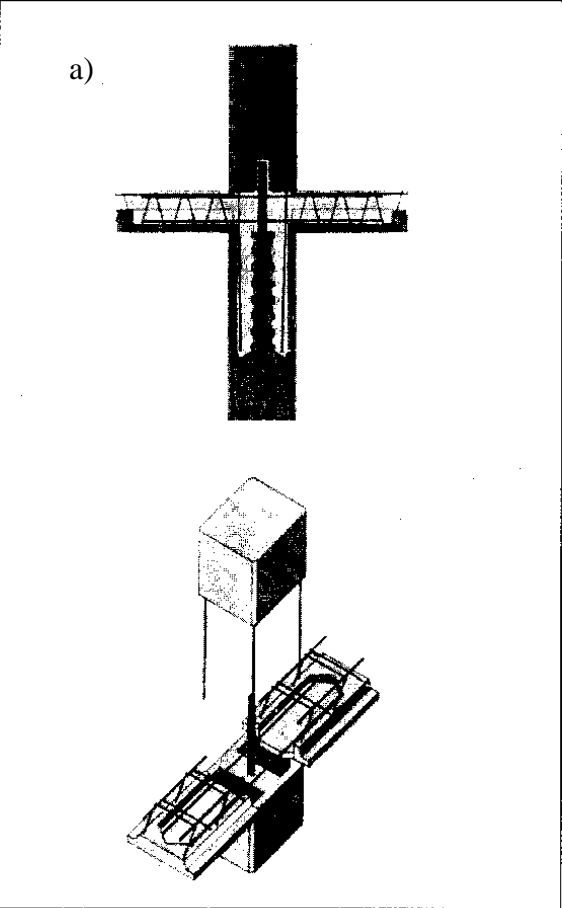
(c) System 3 - Precast T or Cruciform Units



(d) Precast Concrete System Involving Shell Beams

Park, 1990s

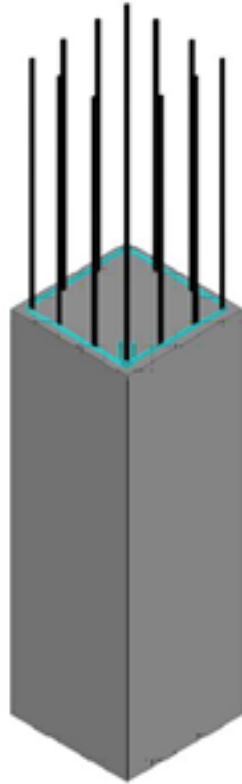
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# Construction Steps of emulative System S1

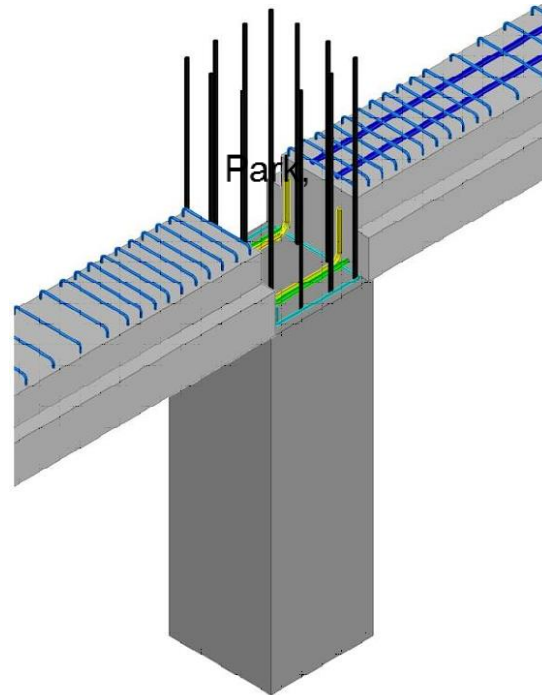
## Step 1

Placement of the column



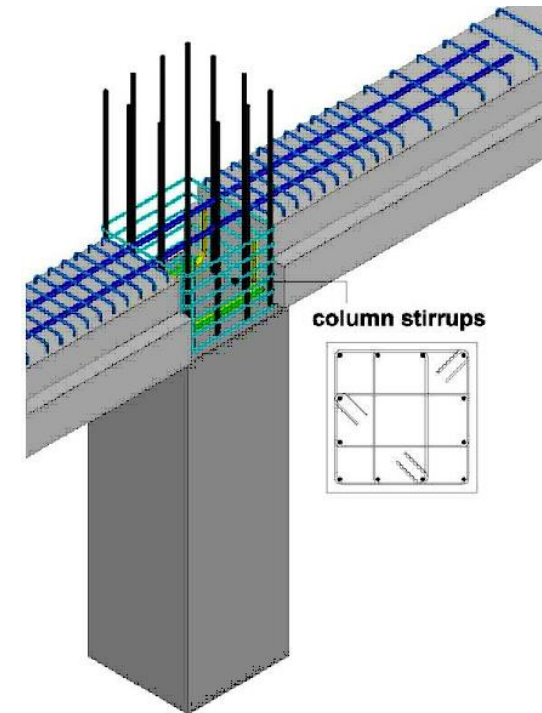
## Steps 2-3

Placement of the two beams on the column



## Step 4

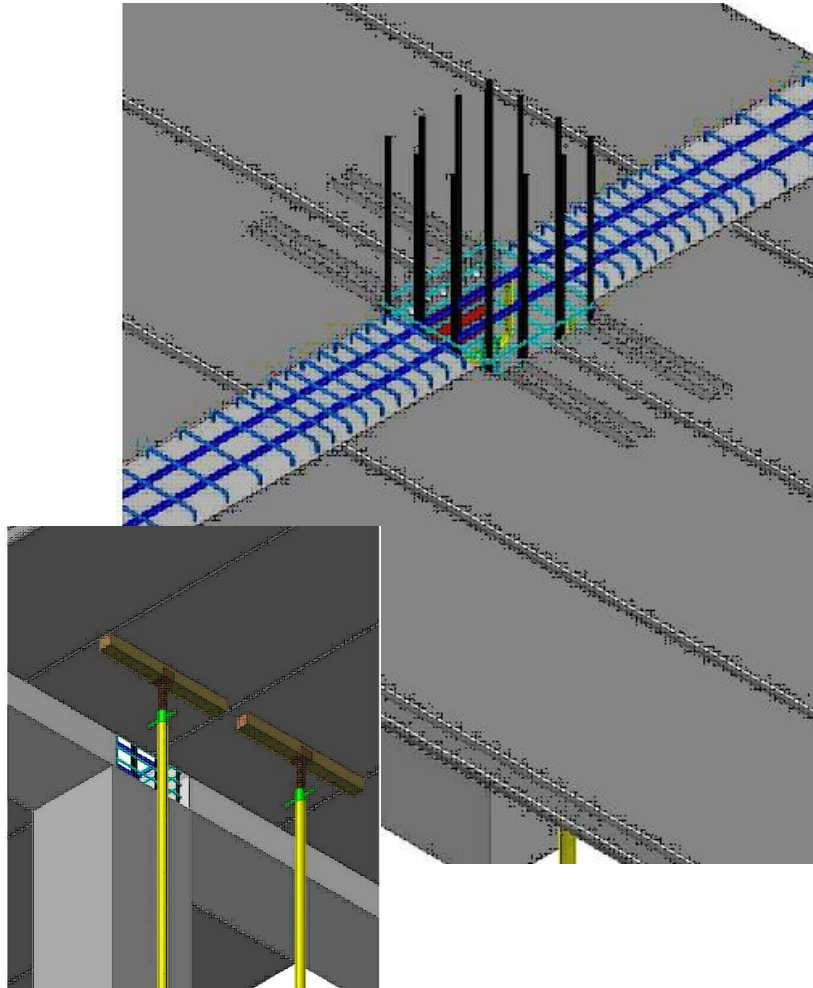
Placement of column stirrups in the joint and top bar reinforcement





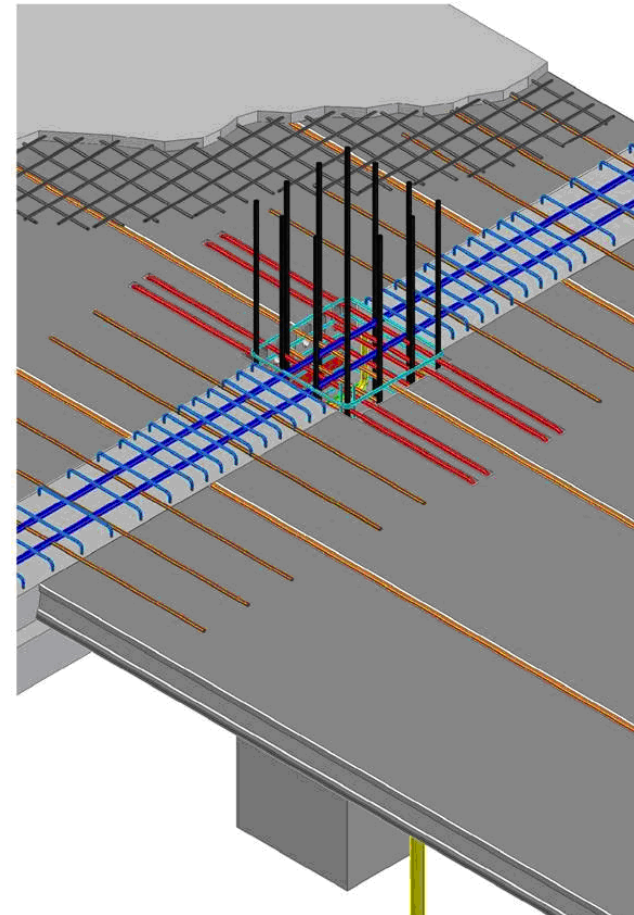
## Step 5

Placement of Hollow-Core units  
(with propping underneath)

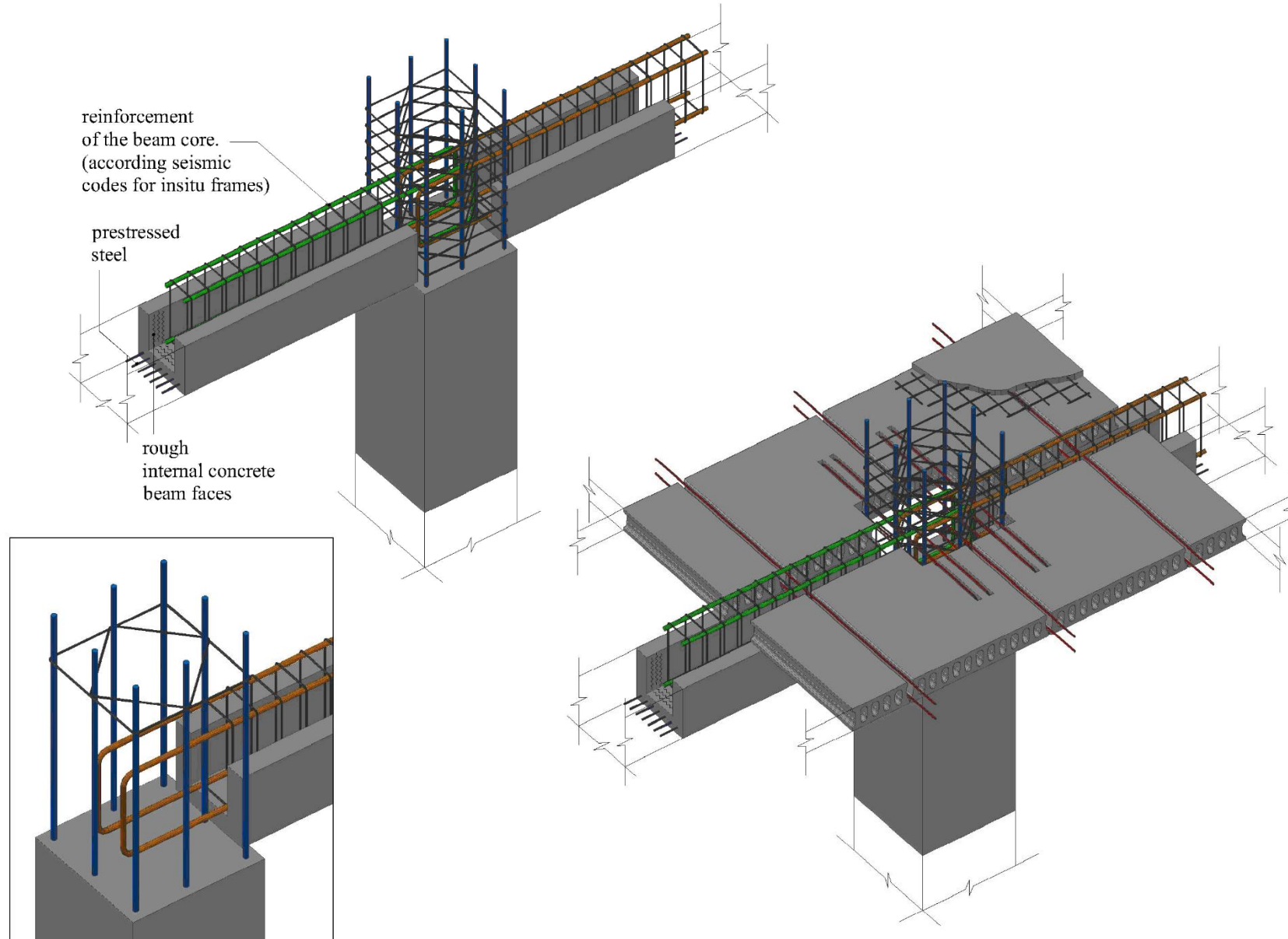


## Step 6-7

Placement of all reinforcement  
including mesh and casting of  
concrete topping on the floor



# Construction Steps of emulative System S2 (U-shaped or shell beams)



Bazzano,  
L'Aquila 2009

# Example of on-site applications



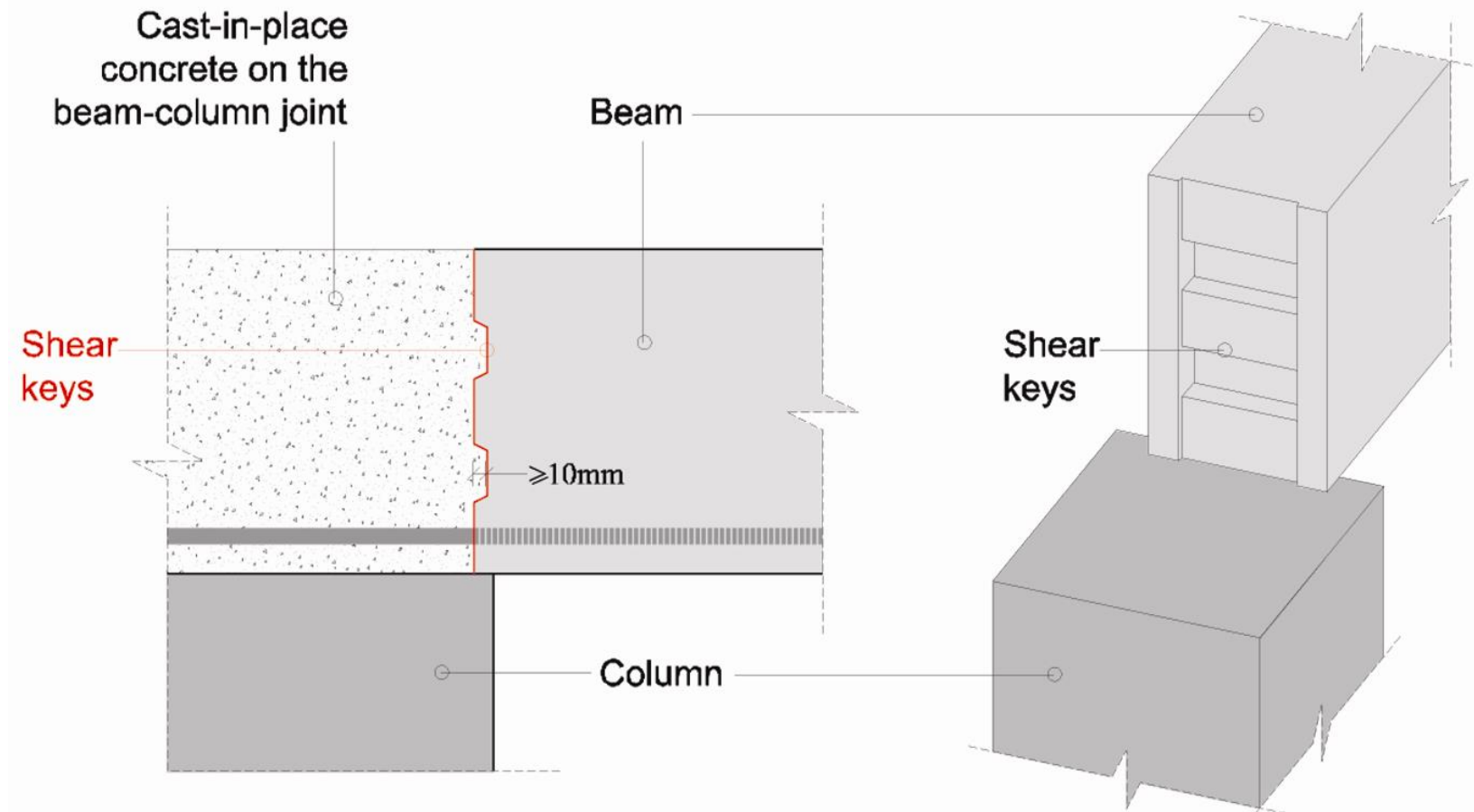
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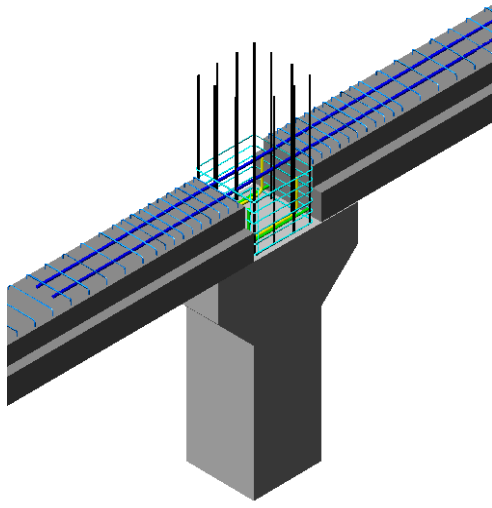


Bazzano, L'Aquila 2009





- **Note:** The **interface** between insitu concrete and beams in the beam-to-column joint cores should be made intentionally **rough** enough to accommodate shear.
- It is recommended that **mechanical shear keys** are created at the vertical ends of the precast beams during casting of precast beams.



## Emulative System S1 with corbel (minimum or no propping required)

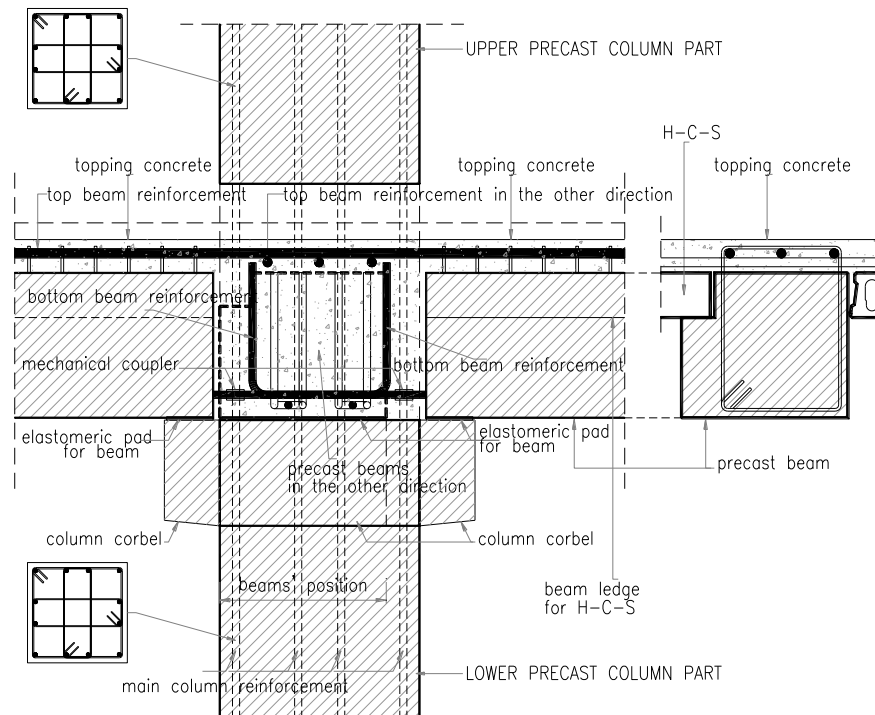
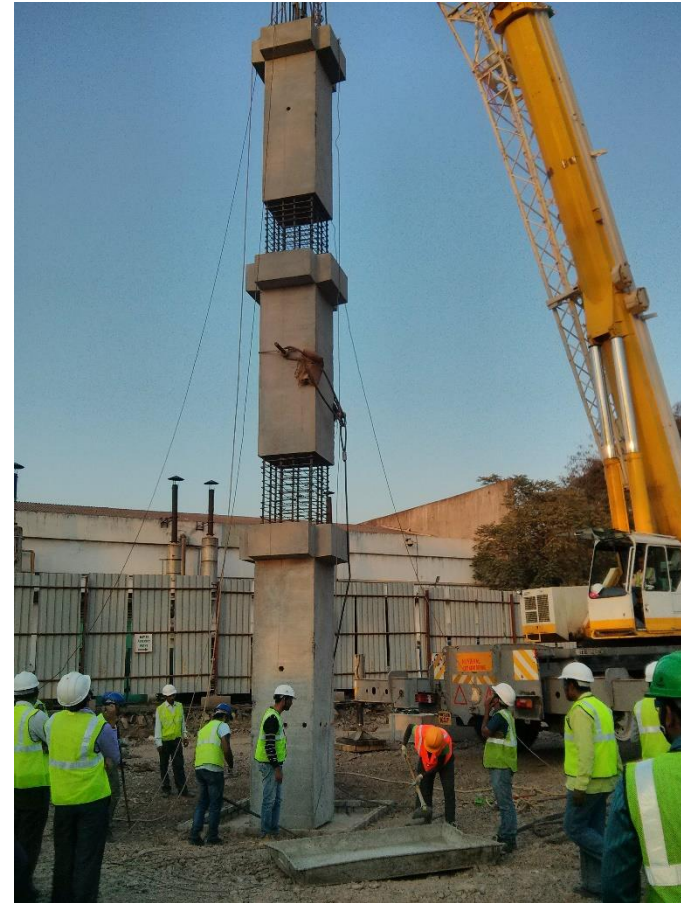


*Application of System S1 in Turkey  
(Photo courtesy of Yapi Merkezi Prefabrication Inc. Istanbul)*



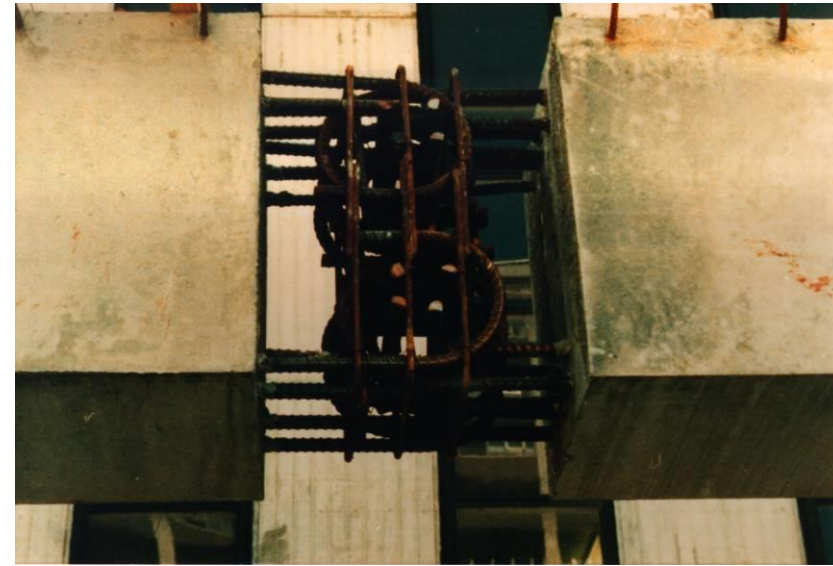
*Application of Emulative System S7 (with continuous columns) in Pune-India  
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## Application of "Emulative" solutions in New Zealand



Unisys House, Wellington, New Zealand

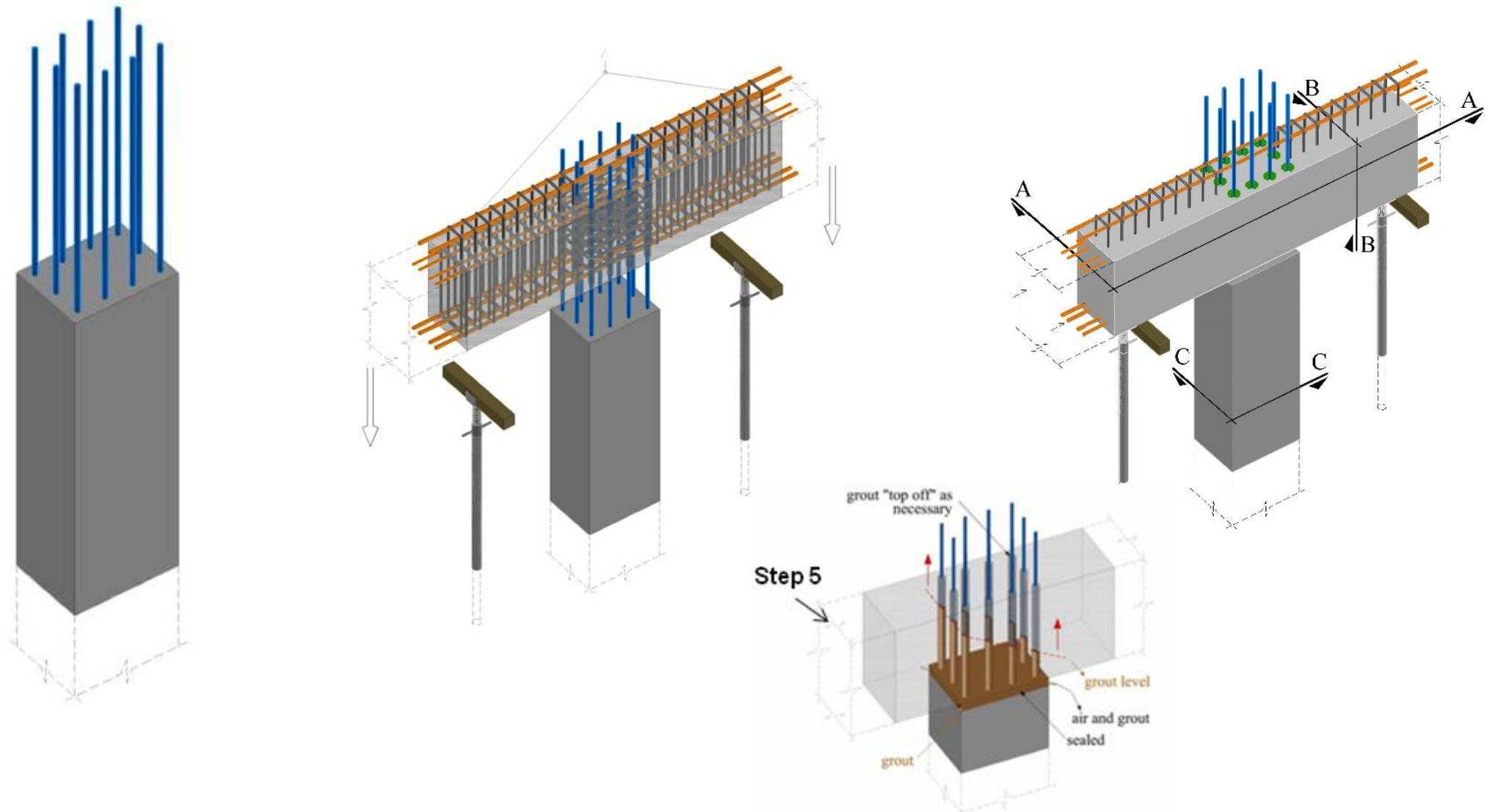
(Photo courtesy of A. O'Leary)

Double vertical cruciform joints



Unisys House, Wellington, New Zealand (Photo courtesy of A. O'Leary)

# Construction Steps of emulative System S3 (top beam passing through)



## Application of "Emulative" solutions in New Zealand



**NOW LEASING**

**Retail Space**

- 295 m<sup>2</sup>
- 580 m<sup>2</sup>

Available October 2007

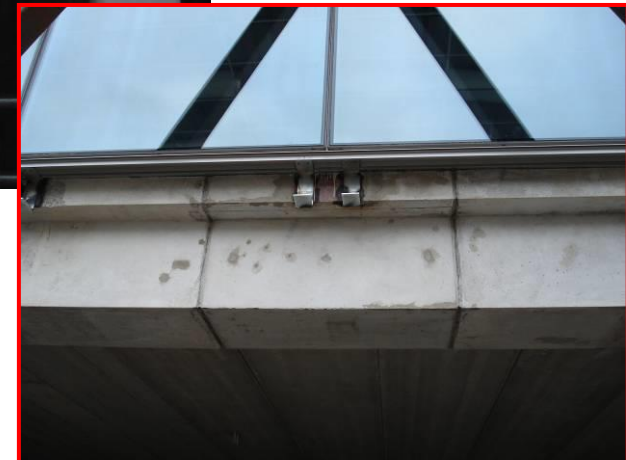
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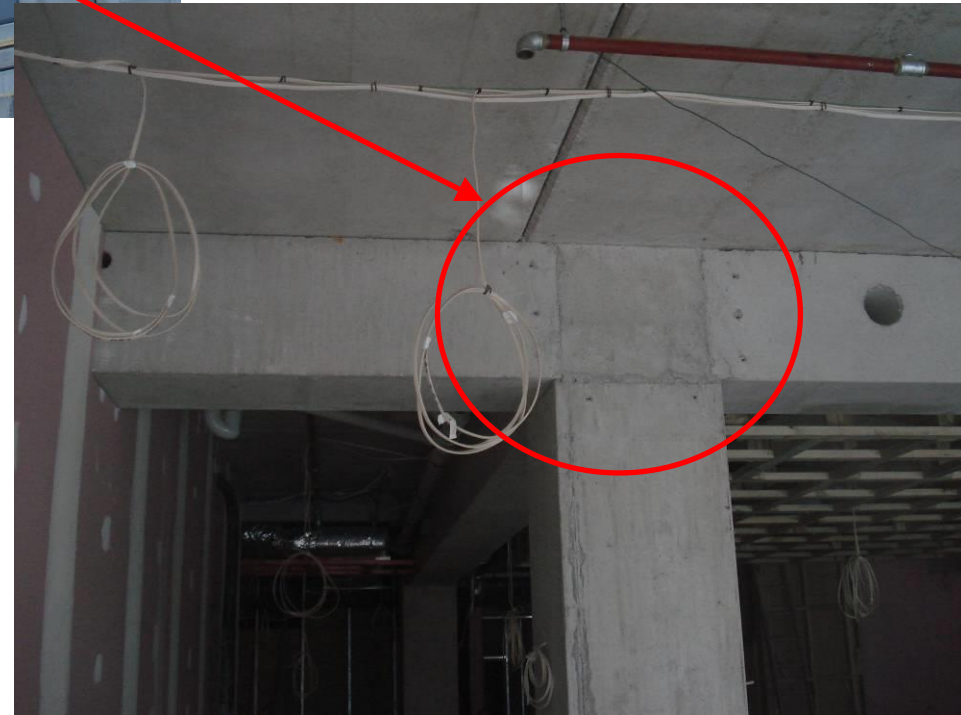






**Application of  
"Emulative" solutions**

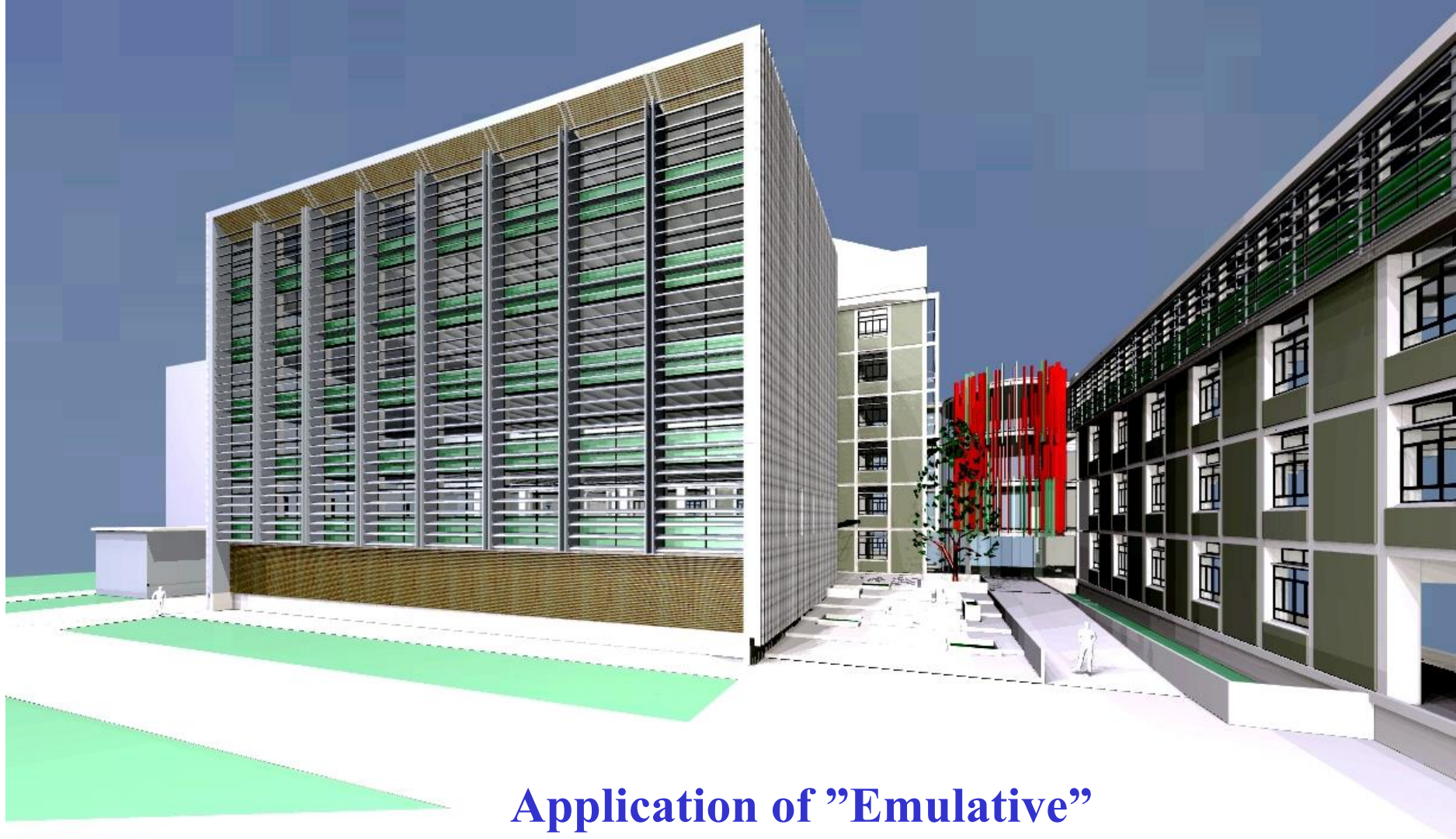


## Application of "Emulative" solutions



<b>IBIS HOTEL</b> 	<b>CLIENT</b> 
	<b>PROJECT DIRECTOR</b> 
<b>MAIN BUILDING CONTRACTOR</b> 	<b>CONSULTANTS</b>
	<b>PROJECT ARCHITECT</b> CDA ARCHITECTS <b>QUANTITY SURVEYOR</b> RIDER HUNT <b>STRUCTURAL / CIVIL</b> BULLER GEORGE ENGINEERS <b>ELECTRICAL</b> ENSOR PARTNERSHIP LTD <b>MECHANICAL / HYDRAULIC</b> DOBBIE ENGINEERS <b>FIRE SAFETY</b> COSGROVE MAISON
<p>This project entails the creation of an 8 level, 155 room Ibis Hotel, with full restaurant, bar and associated retail facilities.</p>	





**Application of "Emulative"  
solutions (more)**

**Architectural Rendering of UoC Biological Science Building**



UoC Biological Science Building,  
Christchurch, New Zealand

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CAUTION  
CRANES  
OPERATING

**Double (horizontal)  
cruciform joints**







# Beam-to-column “wet” connection



# Limits of the “Emulative” approach

- **Does not exploit** the advantages of precast concrete
- **Slow down** the erection speed (**higher costs**)
- **Complexity of connections** and of semi-precasting elements (**higher costs**)

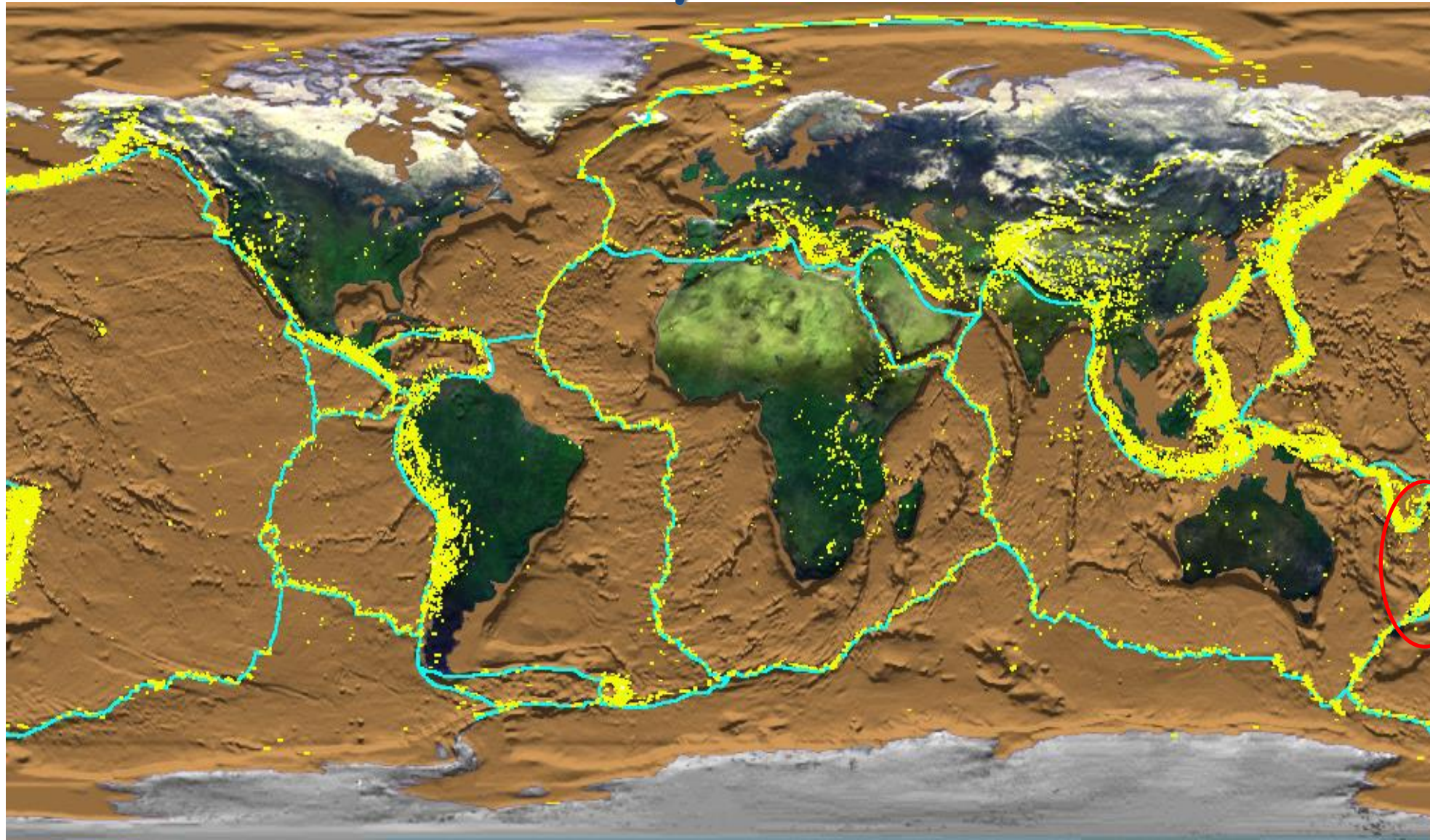
- **As typical of Traditional Ductile Systems**

**DUCTILITY= (Unavoidable?) DAMAGE**

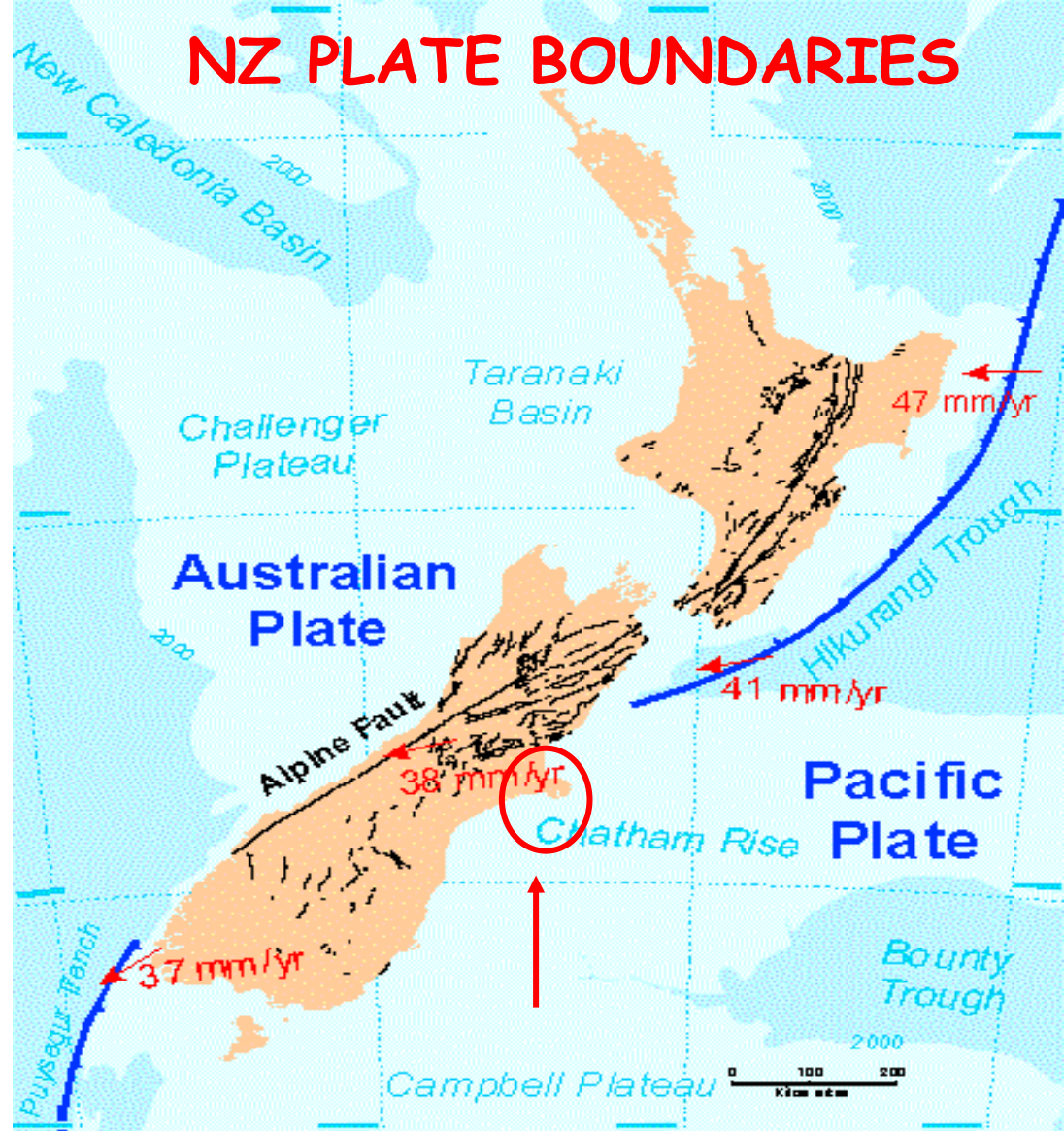
- **Permanent (Residual) Deformations** after the earthquake
- **High Costs of repairing** (when feasible and convenient to repair)

# Seismic Performance of modern solutions

## A Reality Check..







“Shaky Islands”

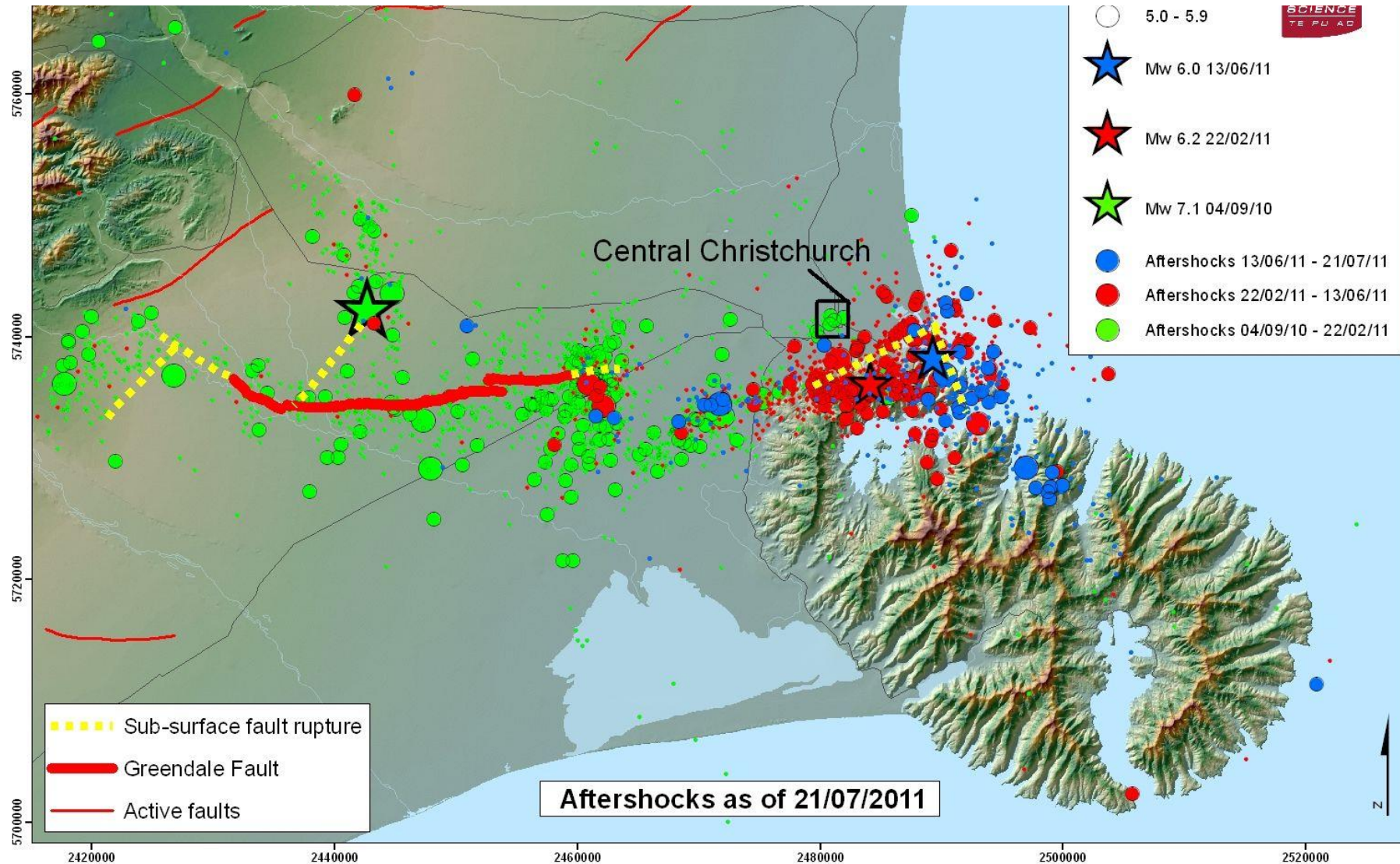
Christchurch  
(PGA=0.22g)



# The dramatic “experimental tests”

from the Christchurch Earthquake sequence

(4 Sept 210, 26 Dec 2010, 22 Feb 2011, 13 June 2011...)



12.51pm 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2011...



# PGC- Collapsed Reinforced Concrete Building (1960s)

## Issues:

- Design methodology and assumptions (capacity design)
- Lack of Redundancy
- Detailing

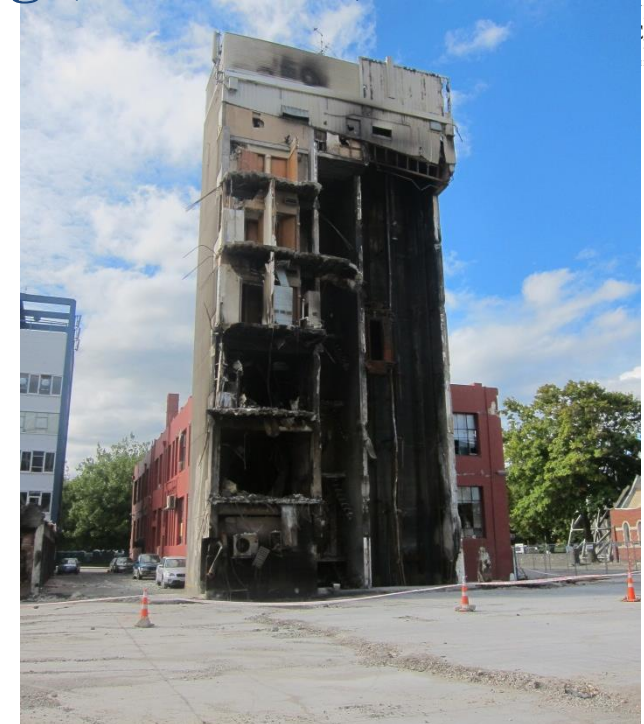


PGC Building (Photo courtesy of Weng Y Kam)

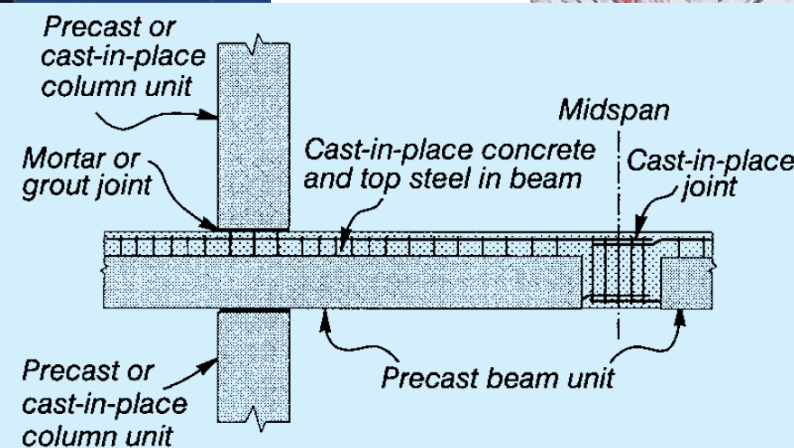
# CTV - Collapsed Reinforced Concrete Building (mid 1980s)

## Issues:

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- Lack of Redundancy
- Detailing



# 22-storey precast concrete (post-1980s)



(b) System 2 - Precast Beam Units Through Columns

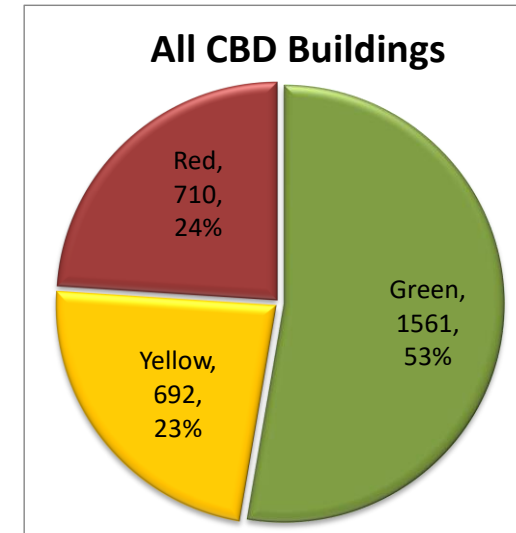
# Extensive **damage** (beyond reparability) to modern Buildings



Typical plastic hinges in beams  
(intended to act as **sacrificial fuses**)



# A very common end : Man-made Demolition



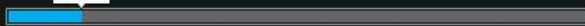
As per 12 June 2011  
Source: CCC Data  
(Kam, Pampanin,  
Elwood, 2012)

*“But they [buildings] did  
what they were meant to do”*





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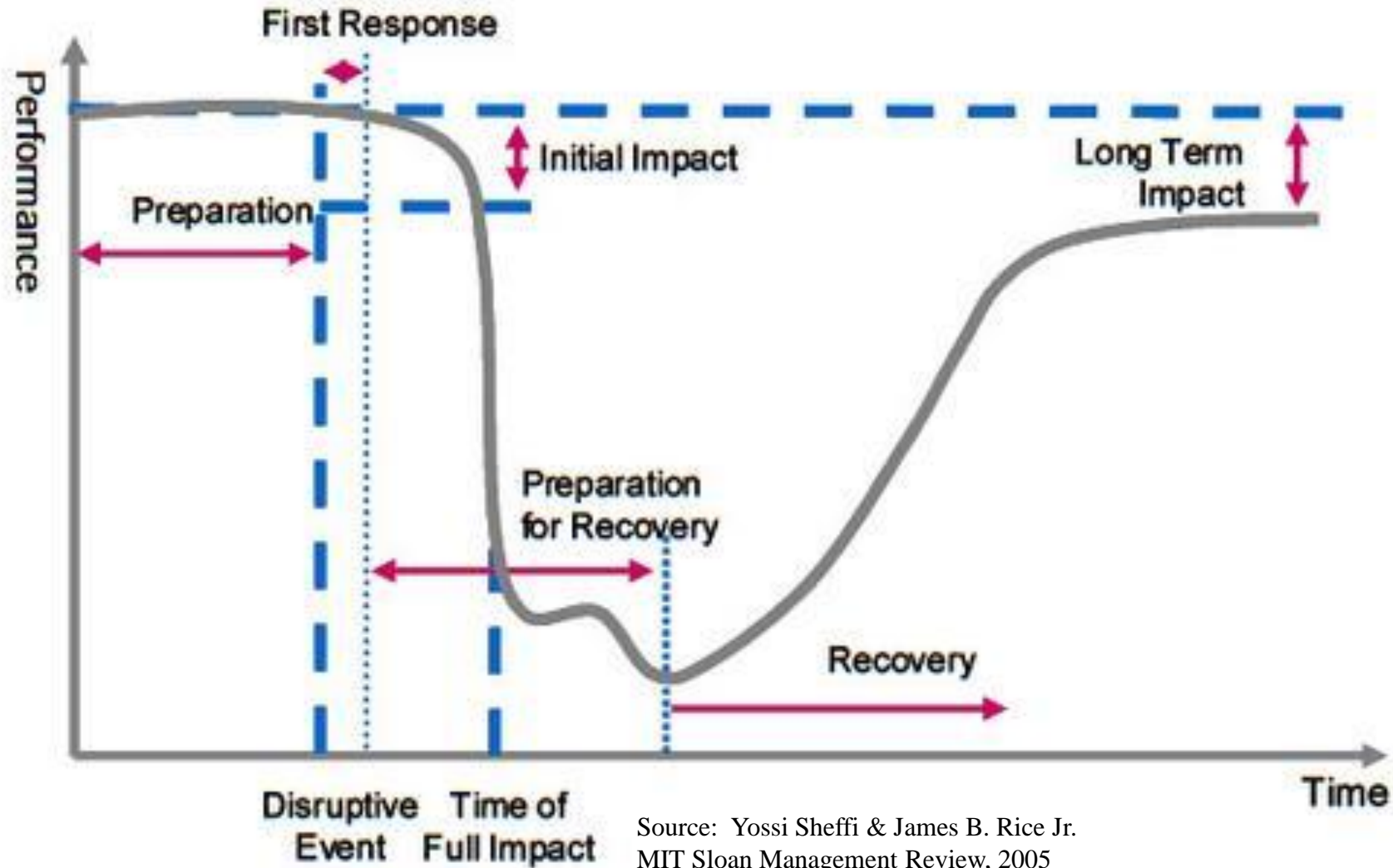
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*Rebuilding a SAFER and  
RESILIENT community*

Photo courtesy of  
Kam Yuen Weng and Umut Akguzel

# The Concept of Resilience

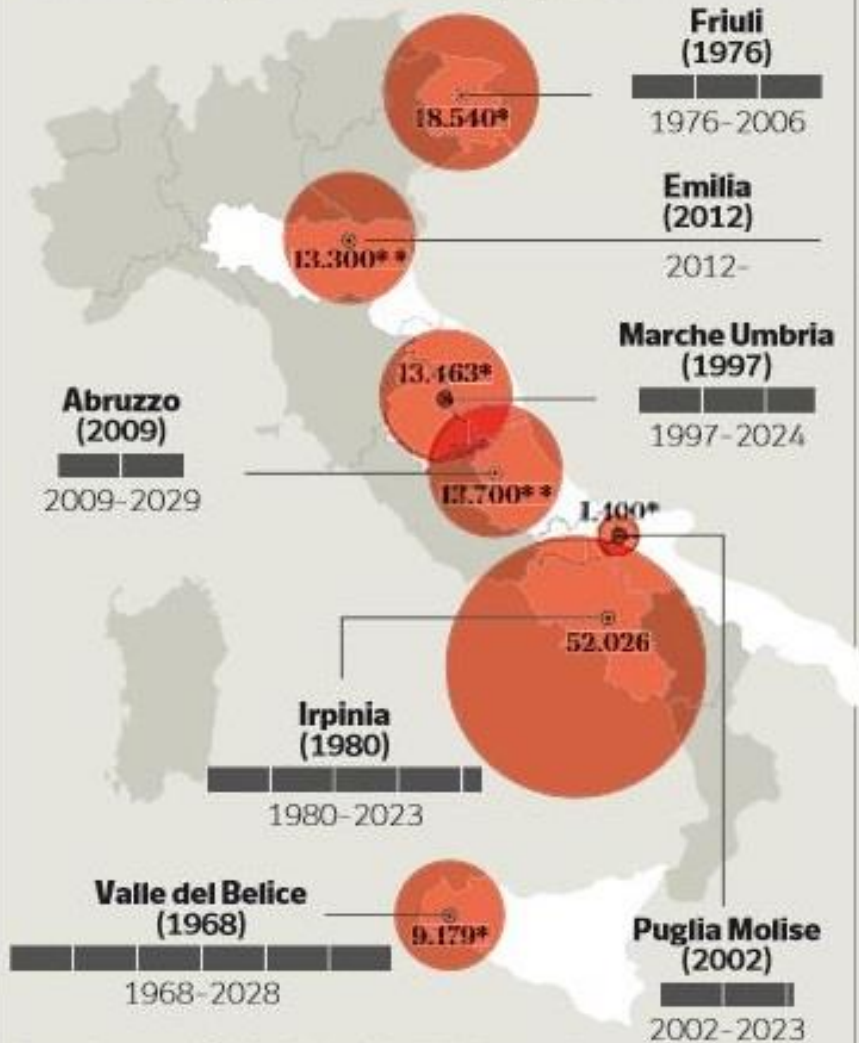


Source: Yossi Sheffi & James B. Rice Jr.  
MIT Sloan Management Review, 2005

# I costi dei terremoti in Italia



\* Dati a consuntivo sulle risorse effettivamente stanziare dallo Stato  
 \*\* Previsioni di spesa delle autorità locali preposte alla ricostruzione



Fonte: Centro studi del Consiglio nazionale degli ingegneri

## 250 miliardi di euro

il costo totale degli interventi dal Dopoguerra, considerando non solo terremoti ma anche frane e alluvioni



degli edifici italiani non sono costruiti secondo le regole antisismiche



degli edifici italiani è stato costruito prima del 1974, anno di entrata in vigore delle prime regole antisismiche



delle scuole non è antisismica

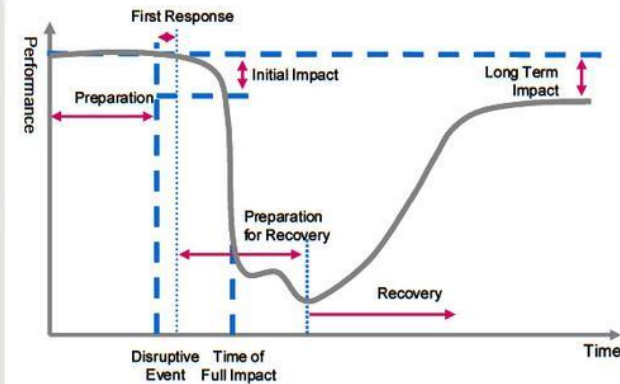


l'incremento medio del costo delle costruzioni antisismiche rispetto a quelle «normali»

## 360 miliardi di euro

la stima del costo dell'adeguamento sismico degli edifici italiani secondo Oice, associazione delle organizzazioni di confindustria

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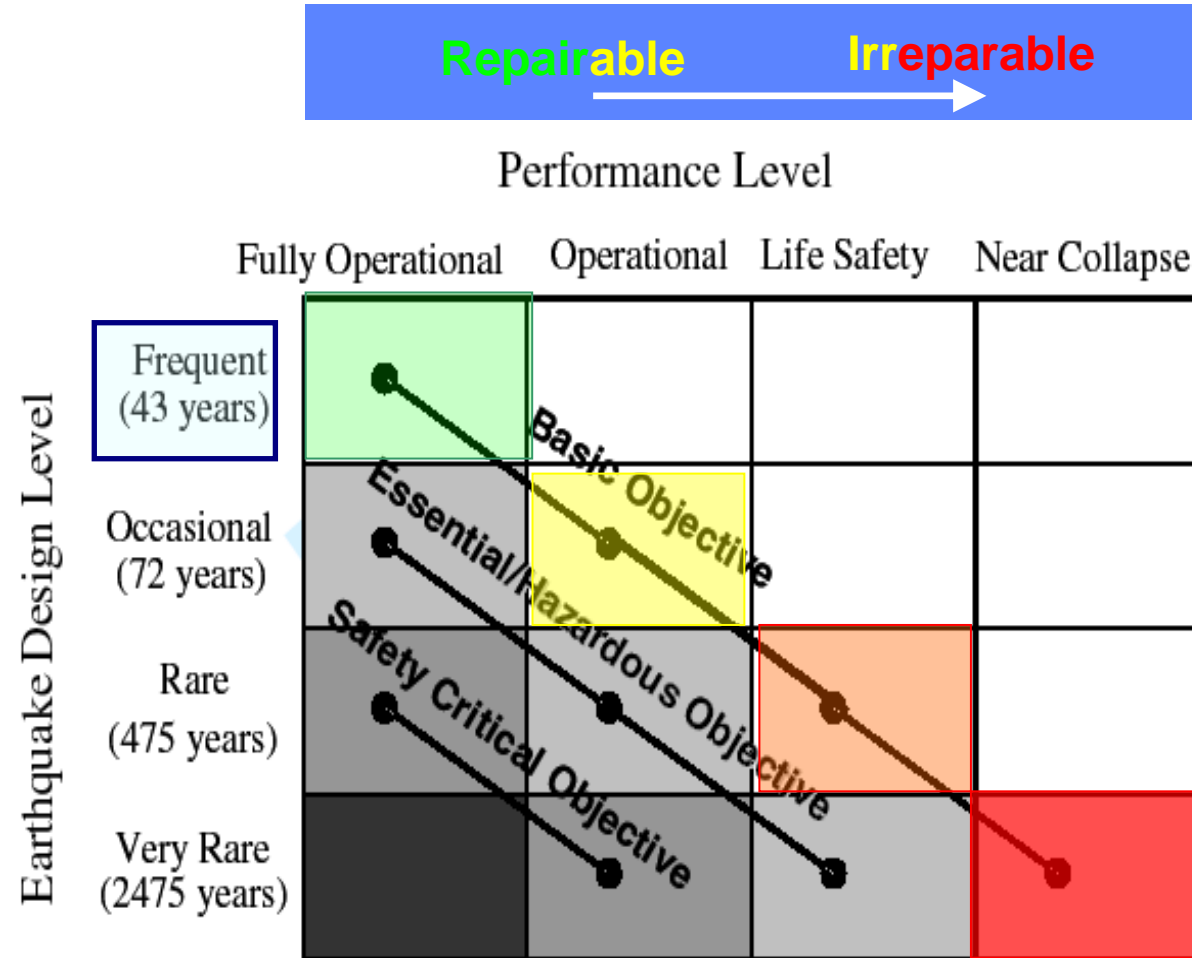


## Costi indiretti? Indirect Costs?

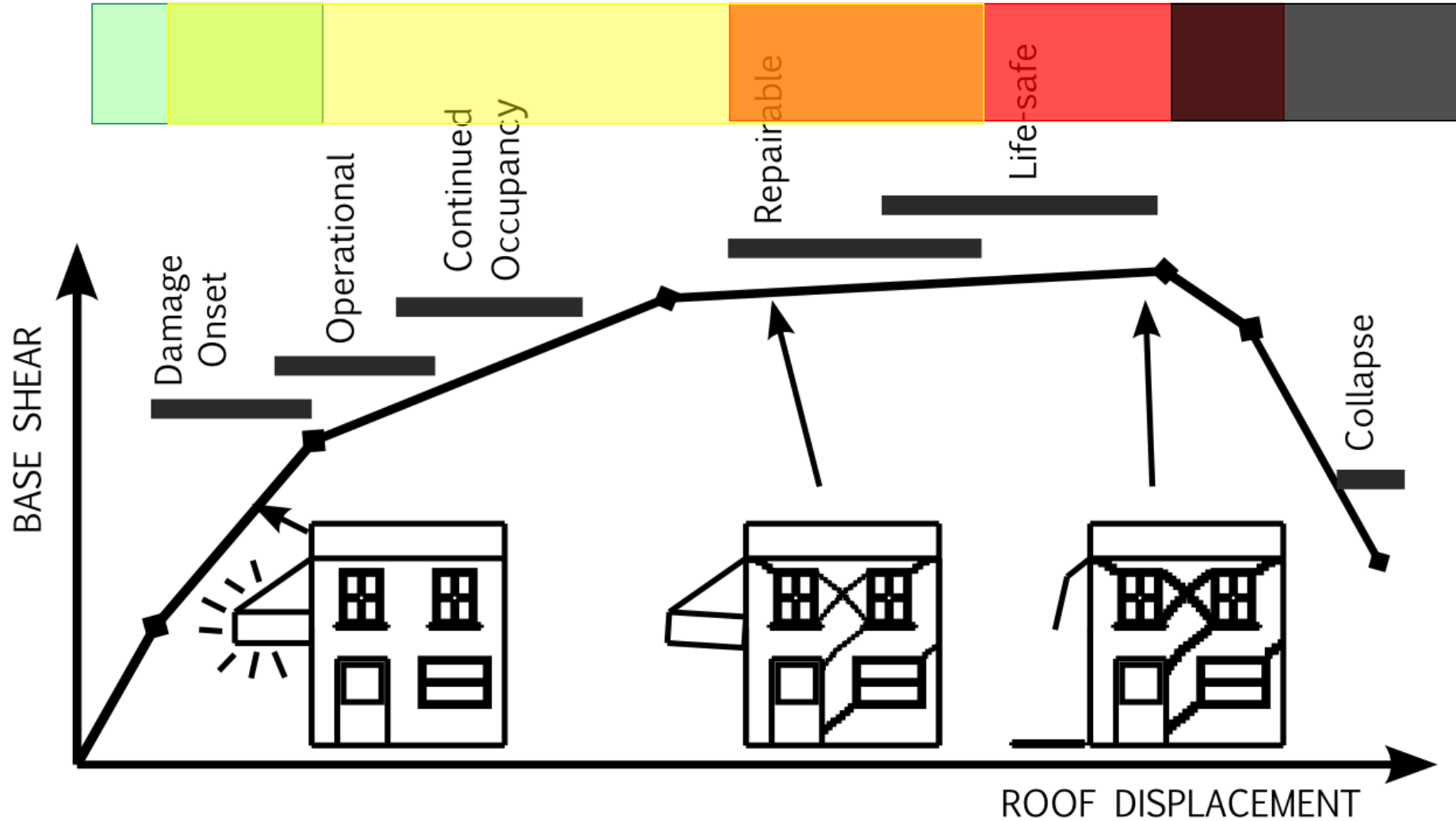
c.a. 1500-2000 miliardi (billions) in 40 anni (years)

=40 miliardi all'anno (billions/year)

# “Our” understading of Earthquake-Resistant



# Which means.....



## Fallacy

*The Code-Standard is **NOT** meant to be used as a Target or Ultimate Goal but as a minimum by law*

## Corollary

*Earthquake-Resistant*

*(earthquake engineering  
community's view)*

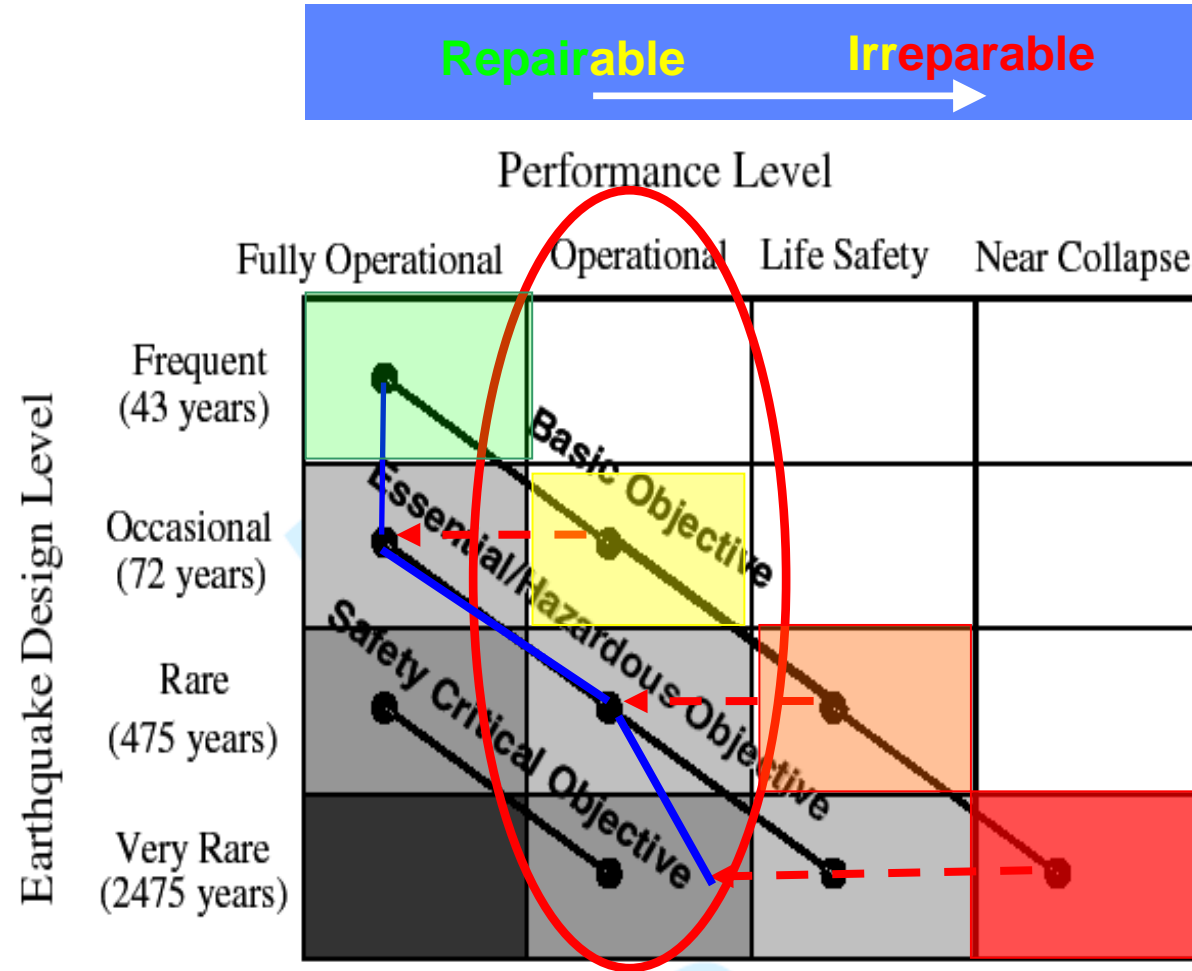


*Earthquake-Proof*

*(everyone else's view)*

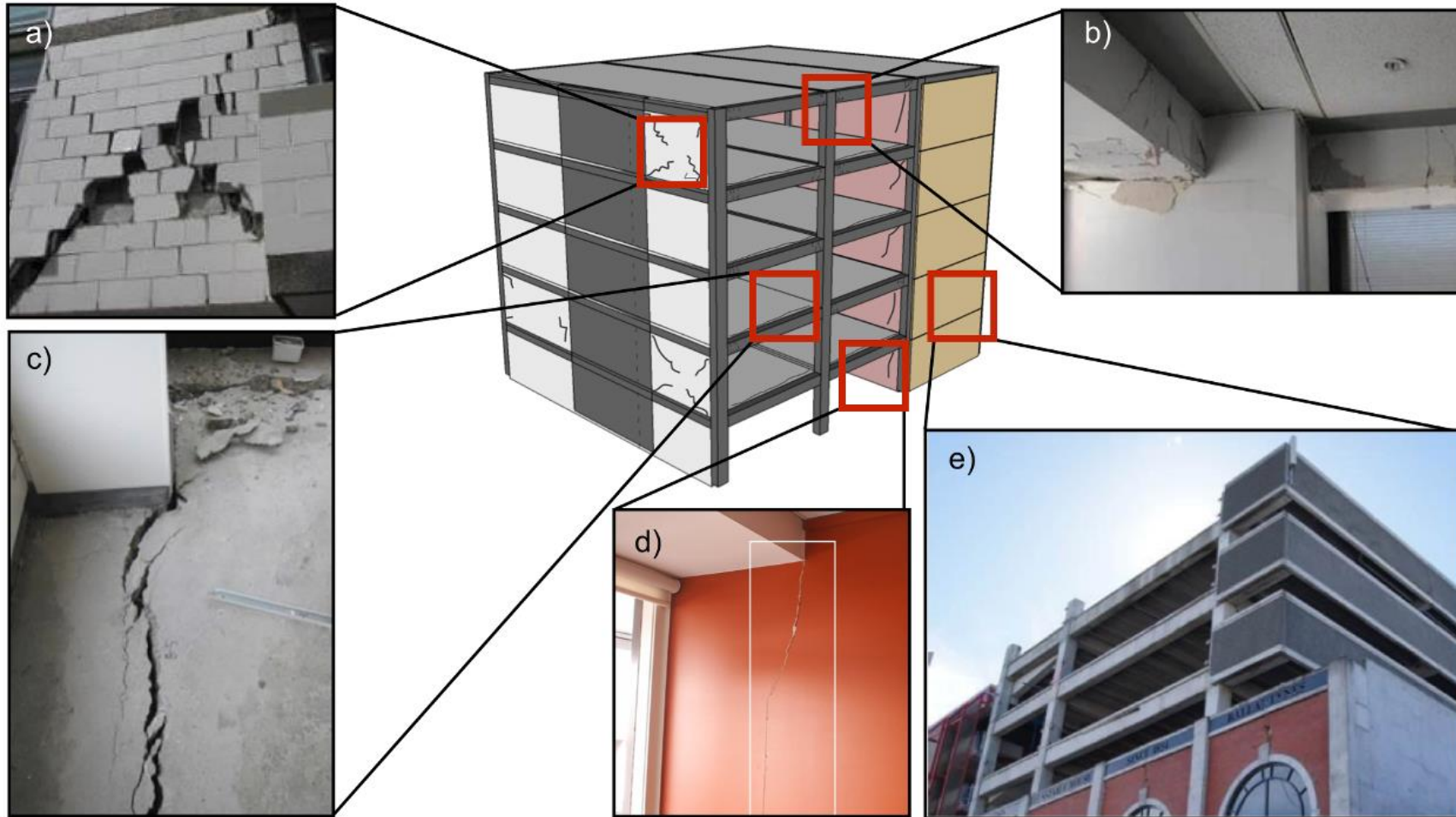


# The Renewed Challenge of Earthquake Engineering: Raising the bar to meet Society's Expectations



# Towards the “Ultimate Earthquake Proof-building” Shake-table testing of an integrated low-damage system

from Johnston, Watson, Pampanin, Palermo (2013, 2014)

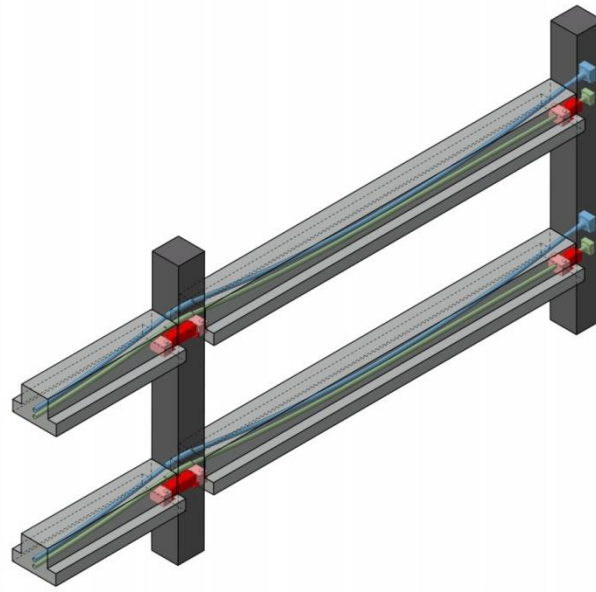


**Typical damage to structural and non-structural components  
in New BUILDINGS (Traditional Emulation of Cast-in-situ approach)**

**“JOINTED DUCTILE”  
CONNECTIONS  
(Low-Damage Technology)**

# New Generation of Seismic Resisting Systems Introduction to PRESSS-technology

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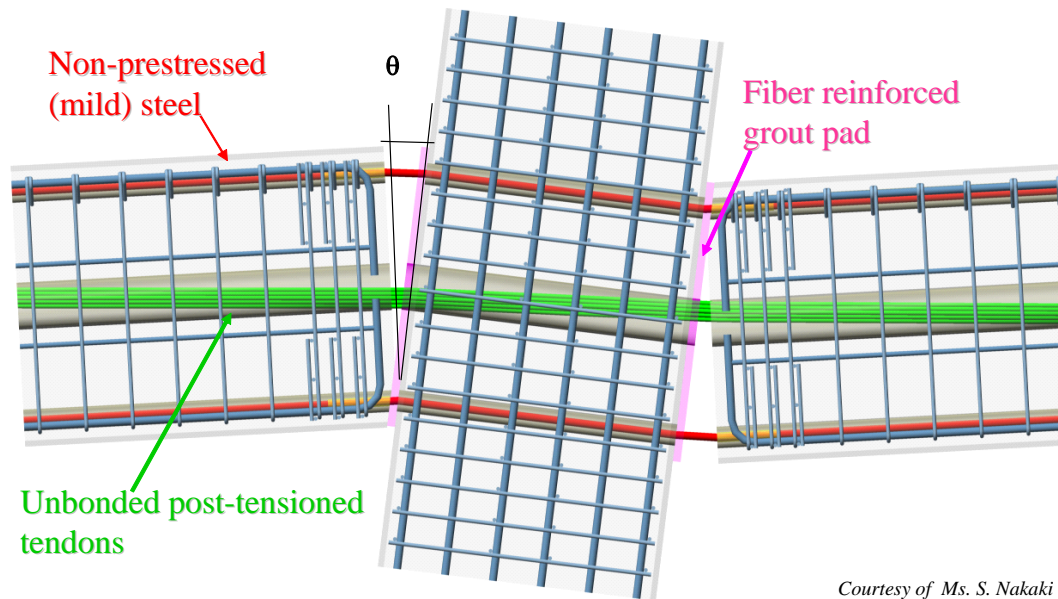
# PRESSS-Technology (PREcast Seismic Structural System)

Five-Storey Test-Building (UC San Diego, Aug 1999, coordinator Prof. M.J.N. Priestley)

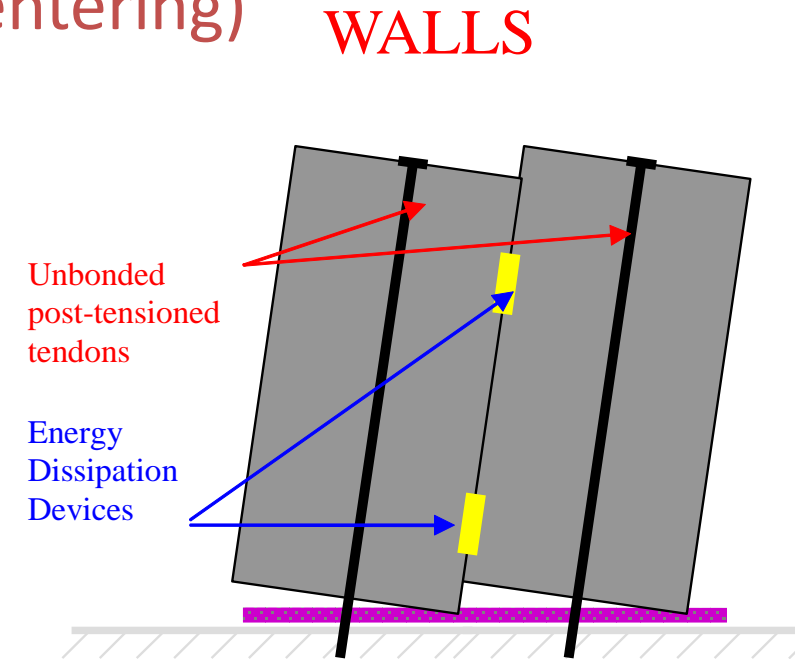


# New Generation of Damage-Resisting systems

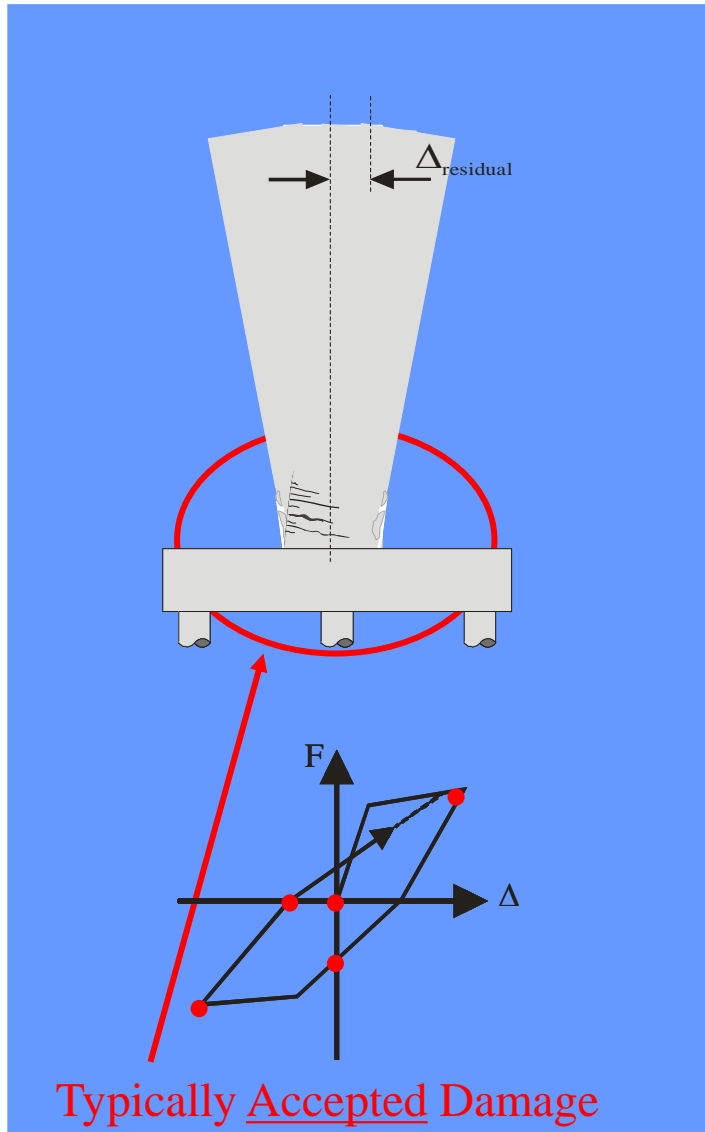
- **Jointed Ductile** DRY connections assembled by post-tensioning techniques
- inelastic demand accommodated within the connection
- **Hybrid systems** : combination of unbonded post-tensioning AND dissipaters
- **“Controlled Rocking”** :
  - Reduced level of damage
  - Negligible residual (permanent) deformations (recentering)



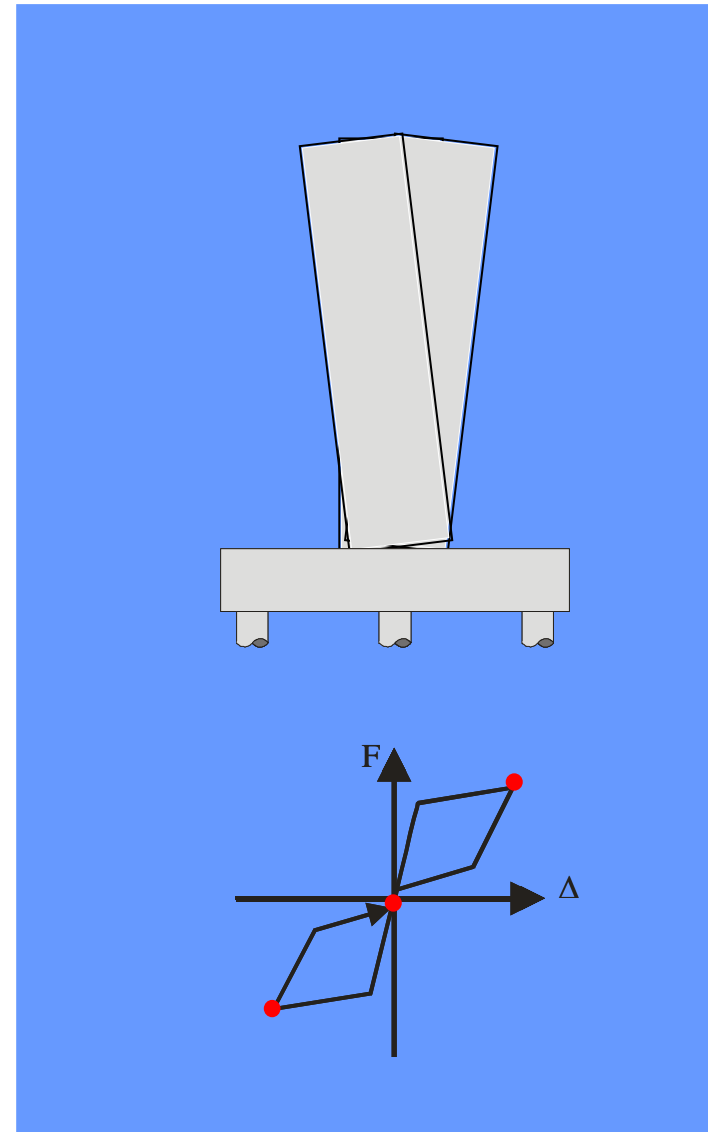
Courtesy of Ms. S. Nakaki



## Traditional (monolithic)



## New generation (jointed ductile)



*courtesy of Dion Marriott*

# Learning from our ancestors





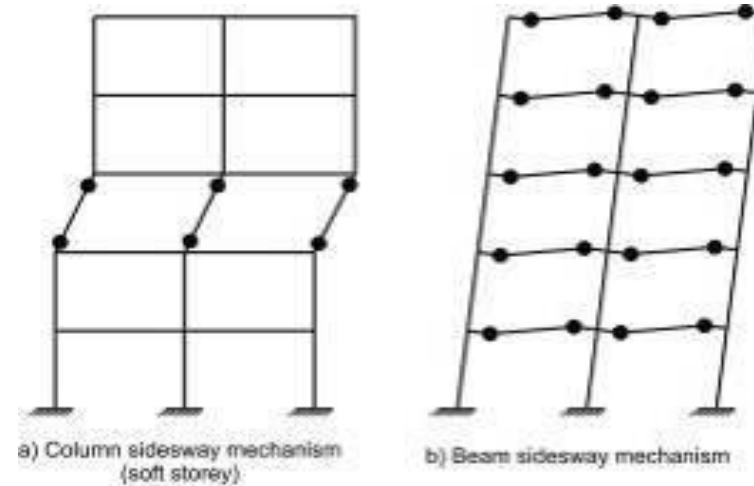
What a brilliant legacy from our Ancestors



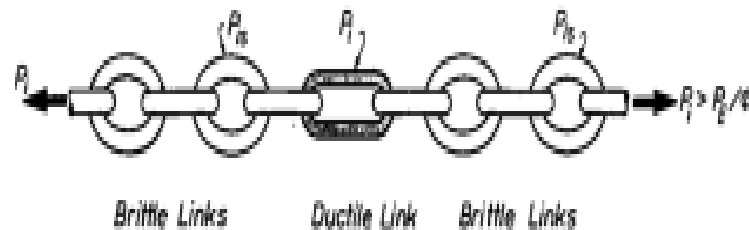
Temple of Haephestus, Ancient Agora', Athens

# A paradigm shift

- Changing the way of thinking at “plastic hinges”



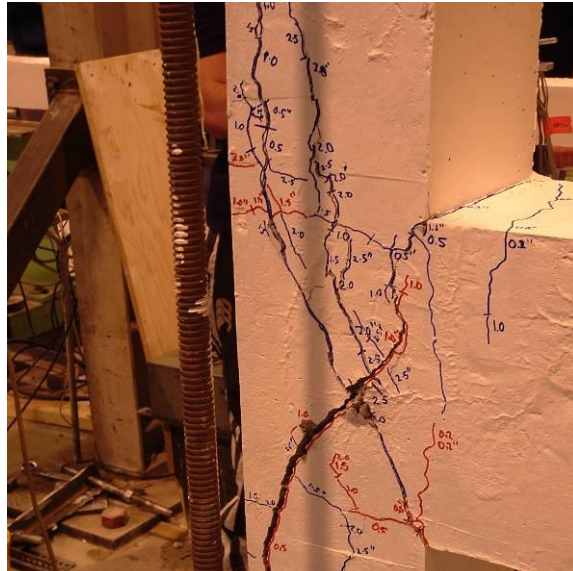
- Fully exploiting the concept of Capacity Design



- Ductility **NOT** anymore = damage

# Historical Developments in Seismic Design Philosophy

PAST (pre-1970s codes)



PRESENT (post-1970s codes)

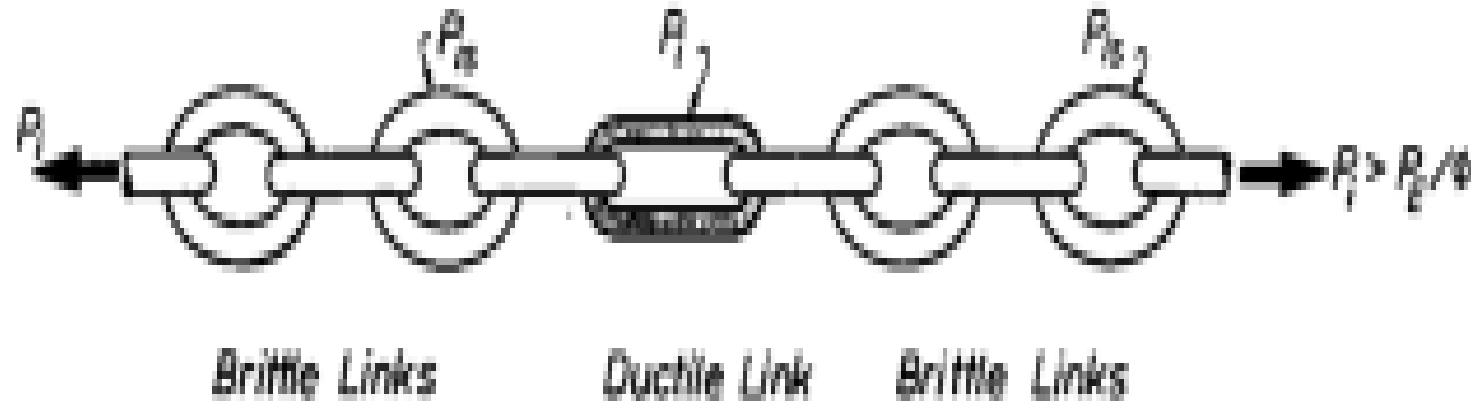


FUTURE (Next Generation of codes: NZ 3101:2006 (Appendix B))

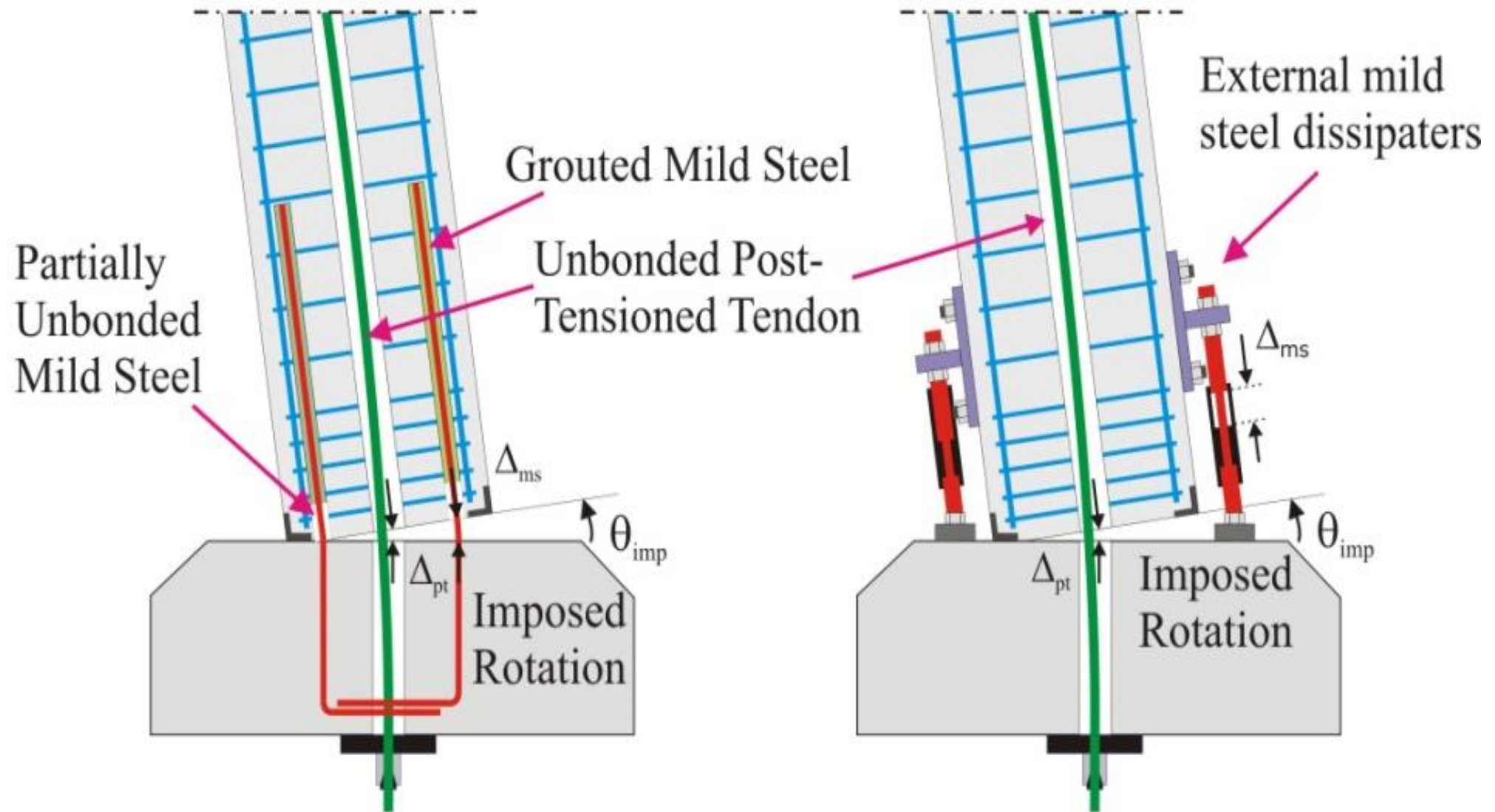


## One Further Step Ahead:

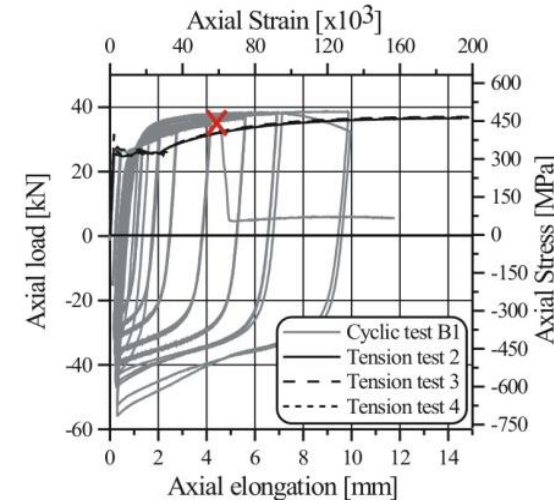
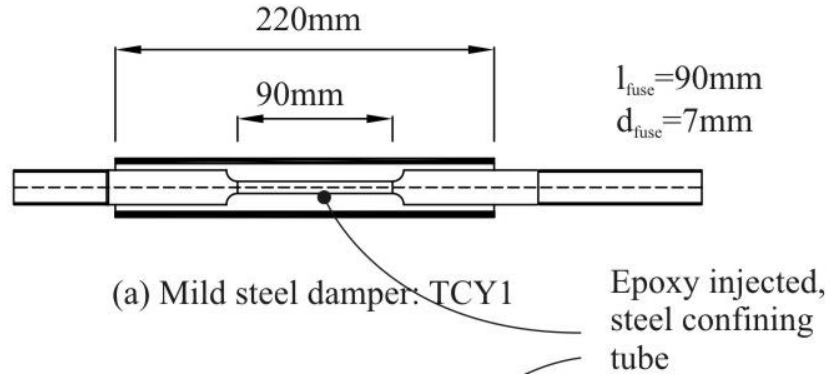
# Repairability of the Weakest Link of the chain



# External & Repleacable Dissipaters ("Plug & Play")



# The "Plug & Play" dissipater



# Earthquake Event or Aftershock?

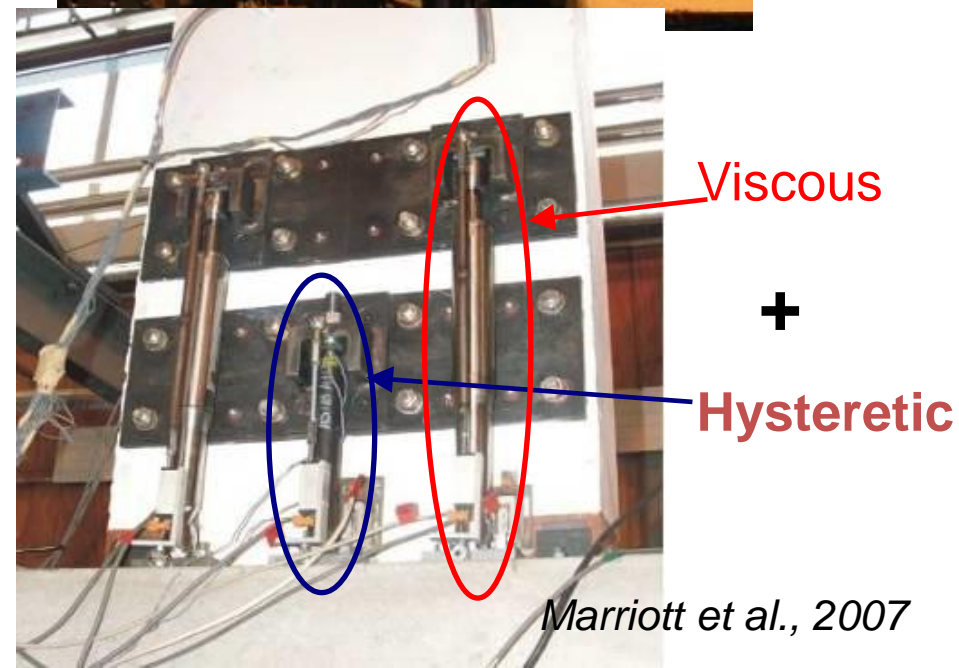
(you can simply check and replace the **Plug&Play** fuses)



# Alternative “architecture” Configurations



*Amaris et al. 2006*



*Marriott et al., 2007*

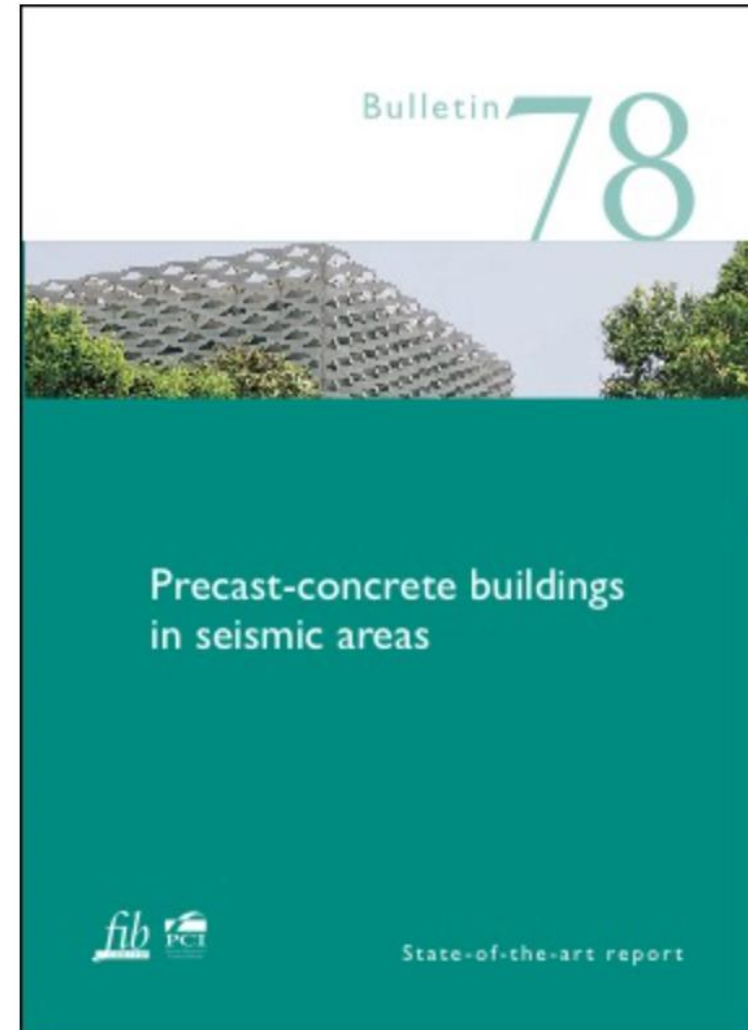


# Design Code Implementation

# Design guidelines are available



***fib, 2004***



***fib, 2016***

# Code/Standards are available

New Zealand Standard

## CONCRETE STRUCTURES STANDARD

Part 1 –  
The Design of Concrete Structures

**NZS3101:2006**

### APPENDIX B – SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE SEISMIC DESIGN OF DUCTILE JOINTED PRECAST CONCRETE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS (Normative)

**NZS 3101:Part 1:2006**

#### B2 Definitions

##### B2.1 *Jointed systems*

Jointed systems are structural systems in which the connections between the precast concrete elements are weaker than the elements themselves. Jointed systems do not emulate cast-in-place concrete construction. The connections of jointed systems can be of limited ductility or ductile.

##### B2.2 *Hybrid systems*

Hybrid systems are jointed structural systems in which the self-centering capability is provided by post-tensioning and/or axial compressive load, and energy dissipation is provided by yielding non-prestressed steel reinforcement or other special devices. Hybrid systems are ductile.

##### B2.3 *Equivalent monolithic systems*

Equivalent monolithic systems are structural systems in which the connections between the precast concrete elements are designed to emulate the performance of cast-in-place concrete construction. The connections can be of limited ductility or ductile.

#### B3 Scope and limitations

This Appendix applies to ductile jointed and hybrid precast concrete structural systems. The systems may be moment resisting frames, structural walls or dual systems, in which the precast concrete elements are joined together by post-tensioning techniques with or without the presence of non-prestressed steel reinforcement or other energy dissipating devices.

#### B4 General design approach

##### B4.1 *General*

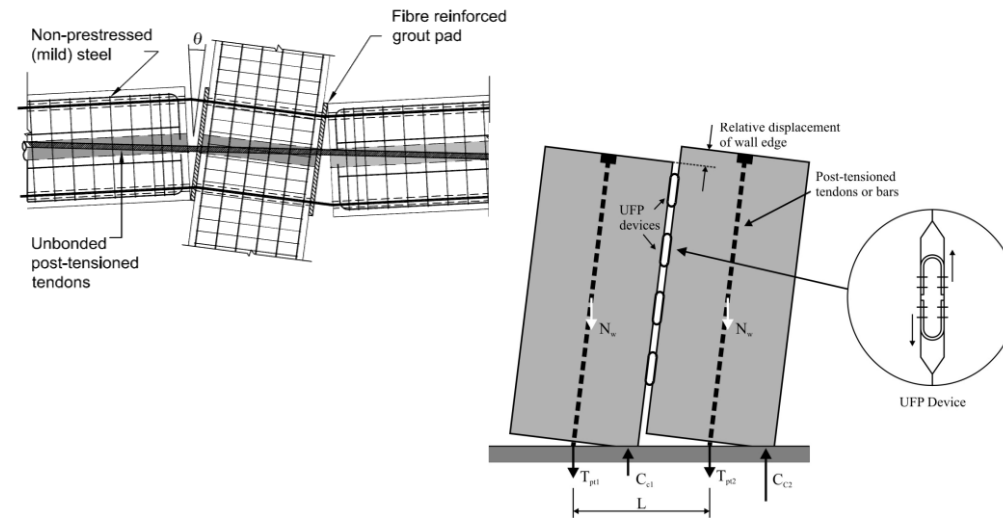
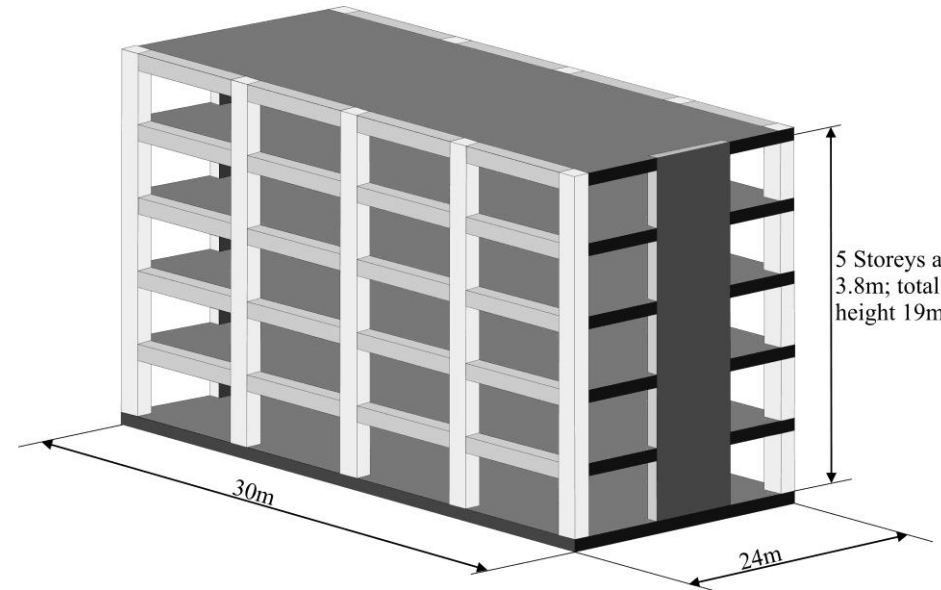
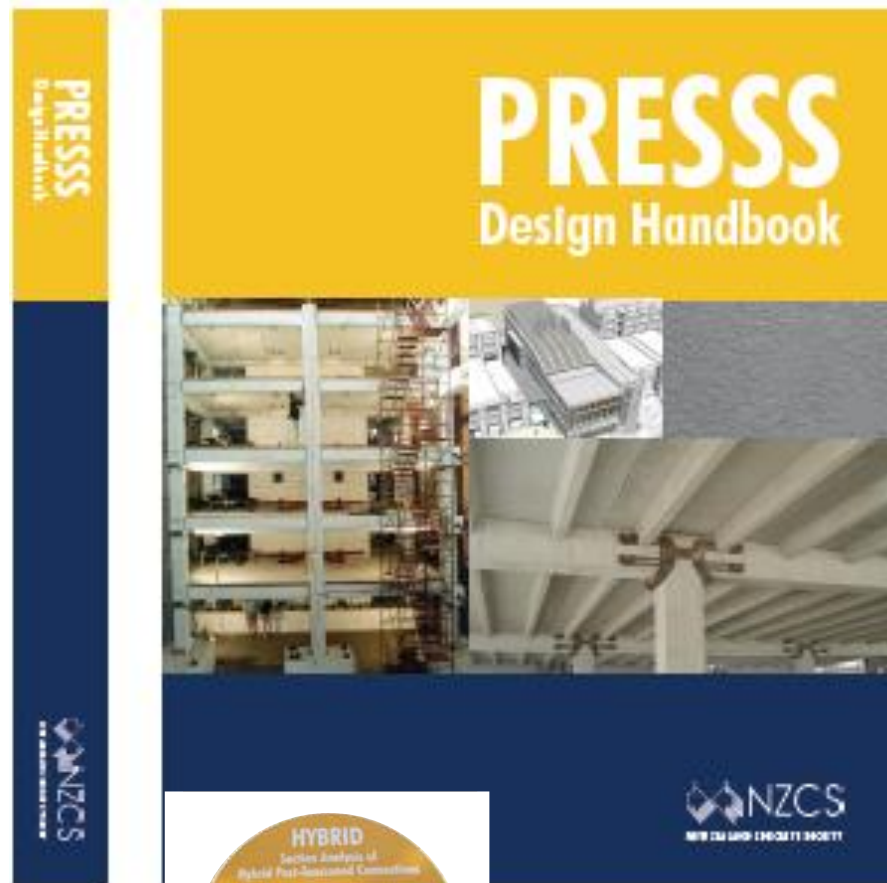
Either a force-based or a displacement-based design approach shall be used for the seismic design of jointed and hybrid structural systems. Modifications to the inter-storey drift limits used in design shall be made in accordance with B4.2.

##### B4.2 *Drift limits*

Inter-storey drift limits as defined in NZS 1170.5 shall be adopted for jointed structures, except that drift limits corresponding to a damage control, or the serviceability limit state may be increased by up to 50 %, provided analytical calculations and/or experimental validation demonstrates a reduced level of damage, (both structural and non-structural), when compared to an equivalent monolithic structure. No increase in drift limit corresponding to the ultimate limit state shall be allowed where high inelastic demand and P-delta effects can govern the response.

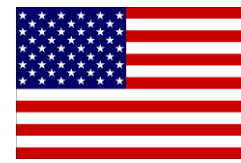
# NZCS PRESSS Design Handbook (2010)

## With Displacement Based Design Examples of Frames and Walls (According to NZS3101:2006)



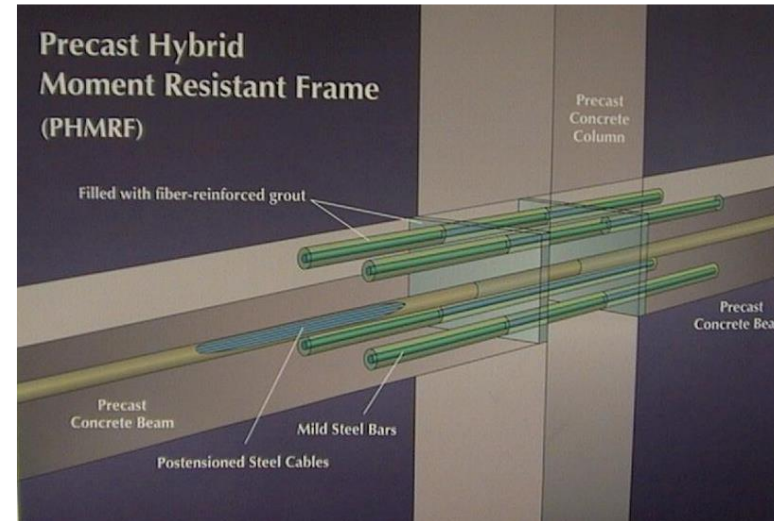
# From theory... to Practice

# On-site Applications



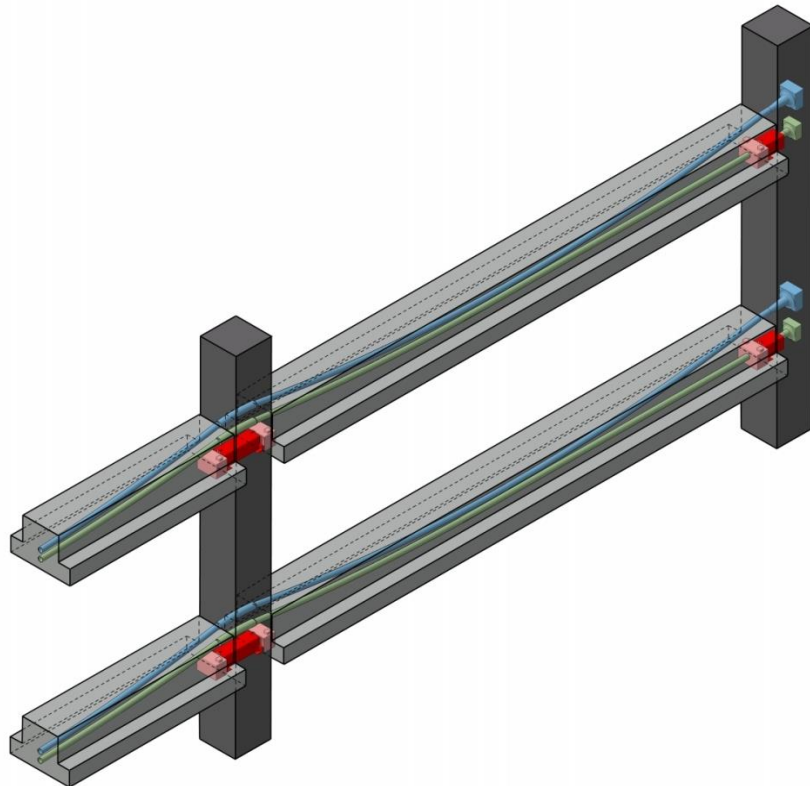
*Photo courtesy of E Miranda*

**Paramount Tower, San  
Francisco (Englekirk, 2002)**





# On-site Applications



Brooklyn System – Italy  
(Pampanin, Pagani, Zambelli, 2004)

# On-site Applications



**Hotel Virgo**  
**(Mendoza, Argentina)**  
courtesy Pretensados Argentinos

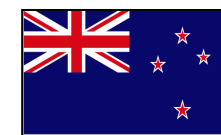




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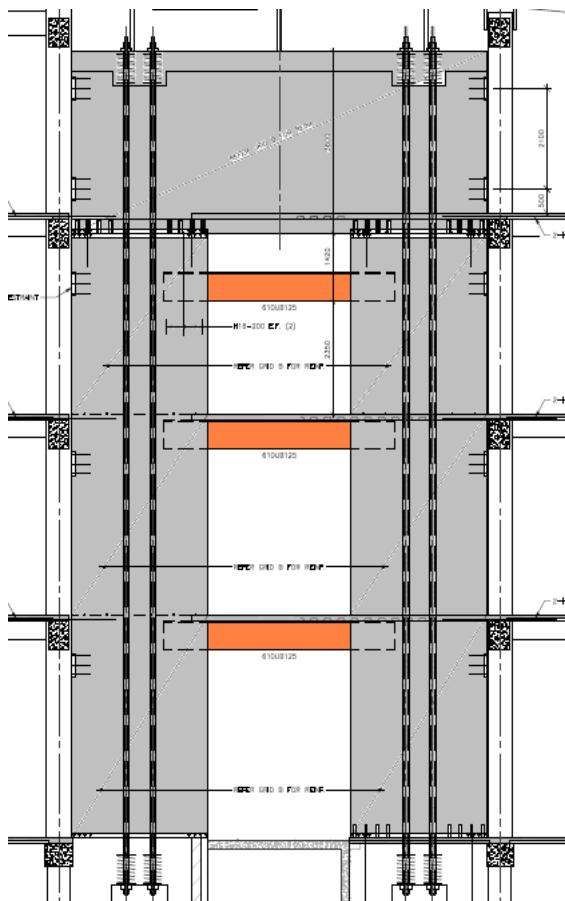
**Zona Franca America, Costarica, Holcim Producto de Concreto**



# On-site Applications



**Alan MacDiarmid Building, Victoria University, Wellington**





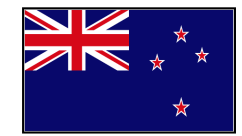


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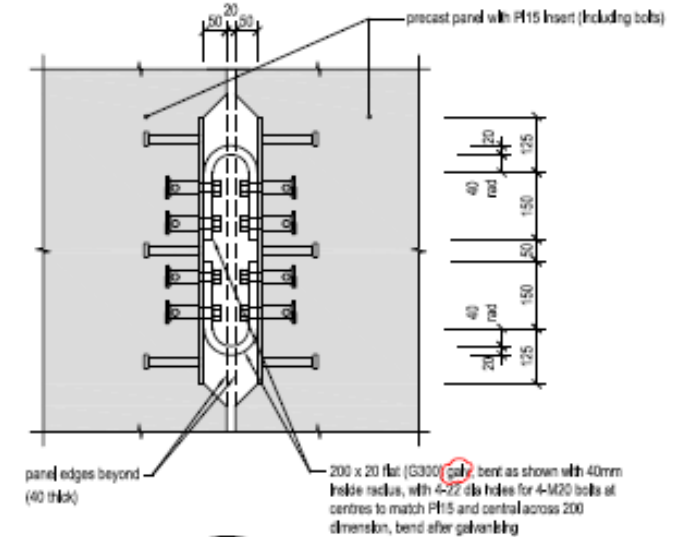
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# NZ's second PRESSS Building (6)

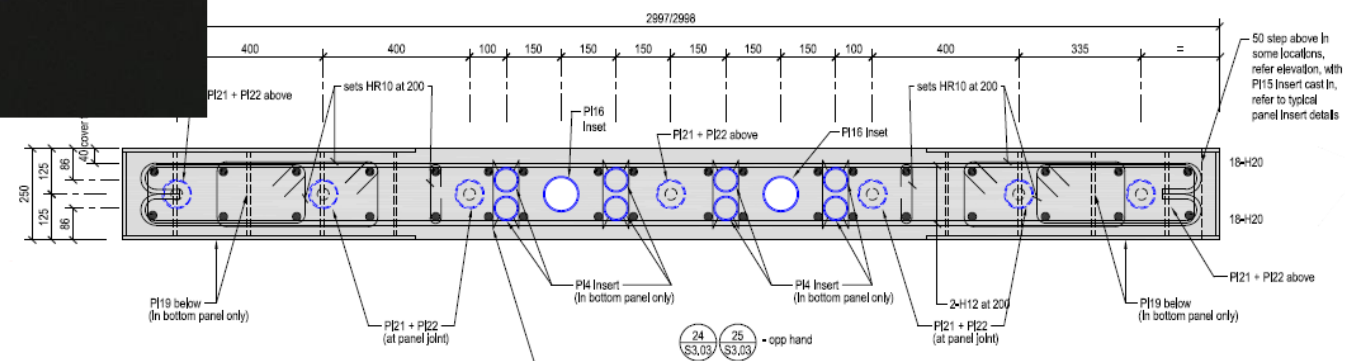


Pampanin, Haverland, Kam, 2010

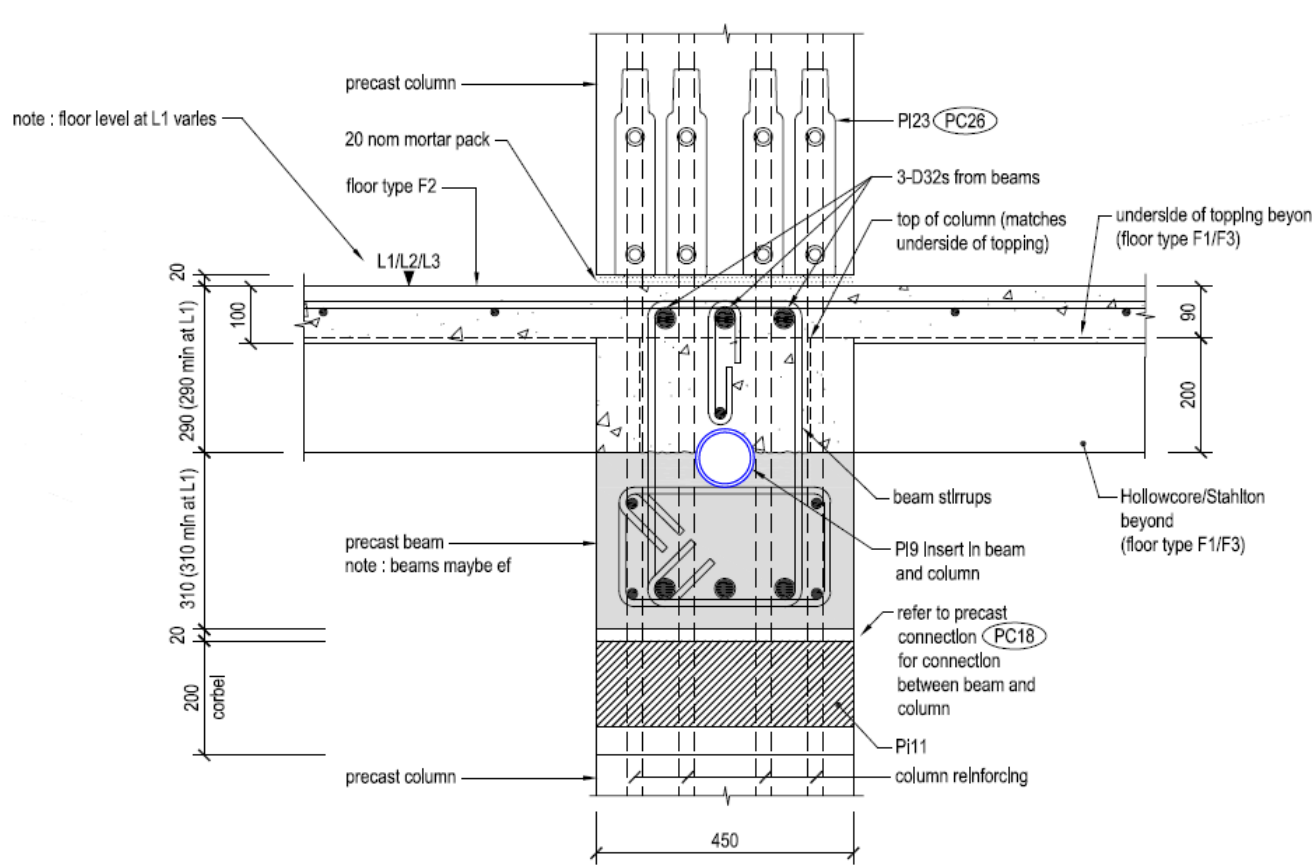


PC21 (section)

## Coupled PRESSS walls

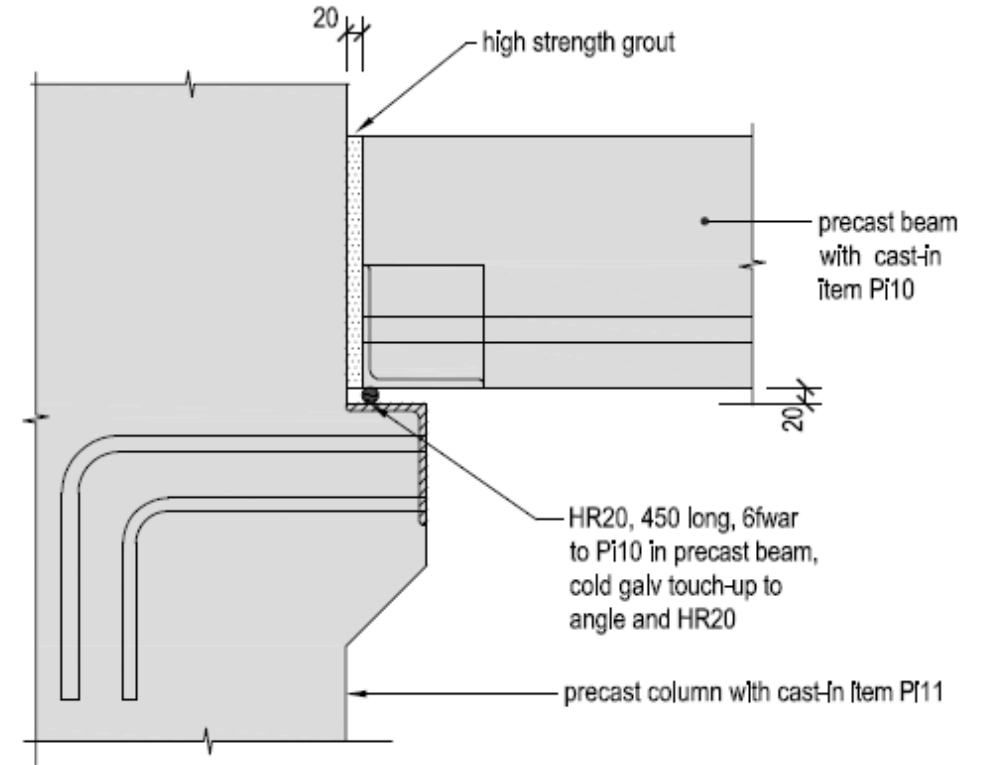


# Beam- Column Connection



note : when column is on either grid A or D the 3-D32s run over the top of the column and have varying end details (either PC19 or PC20 or welded flat), refer to beam elevations

column joint  
(insitu beams not shown)



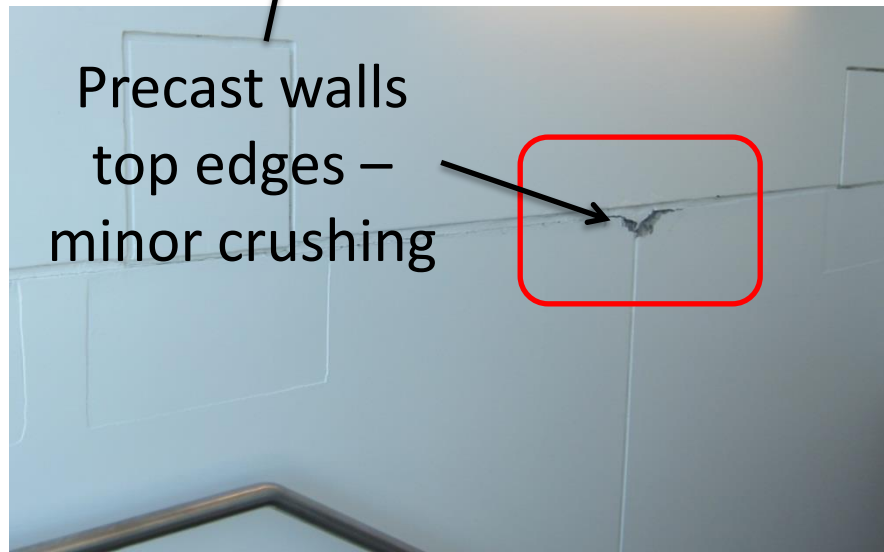
PC18 (section)



# Christchurch EQ (22 Feb 2011) performance



Precast walls  
top edges –  
minor crushing





# Continuous functionality and immediate re-occupancy



# Isn't this the **GOOD NEWS** that our Society deserves to receive?



# Rotorua Police Station

## PRESSSS Walls with “Plug&Play” dissipaters



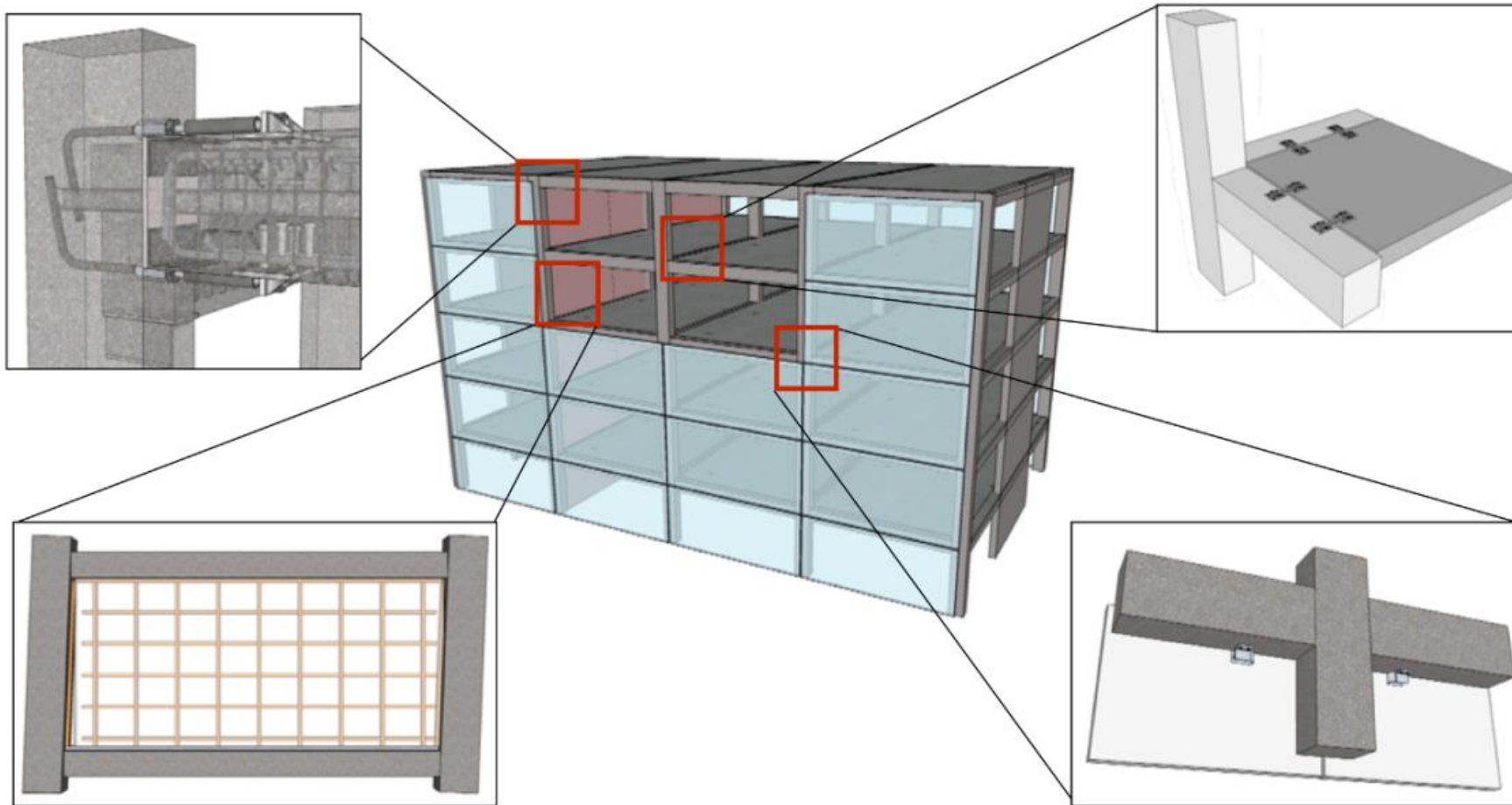
**PRESSS Walls**  
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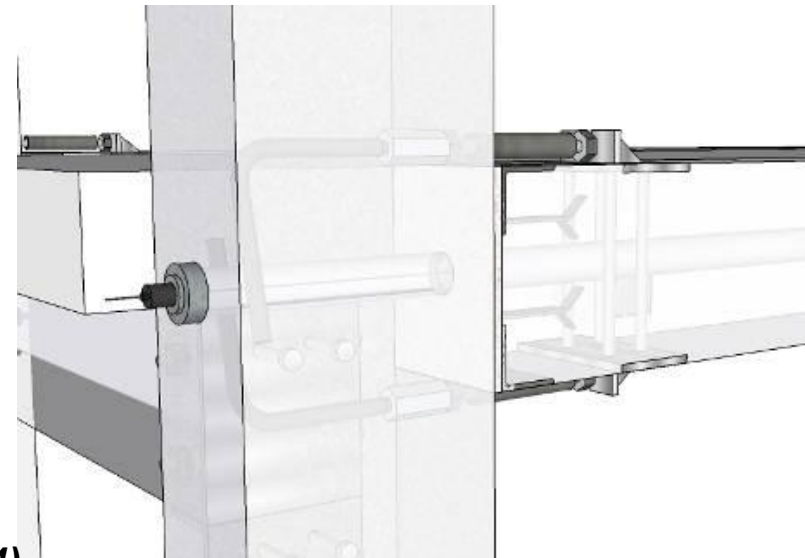
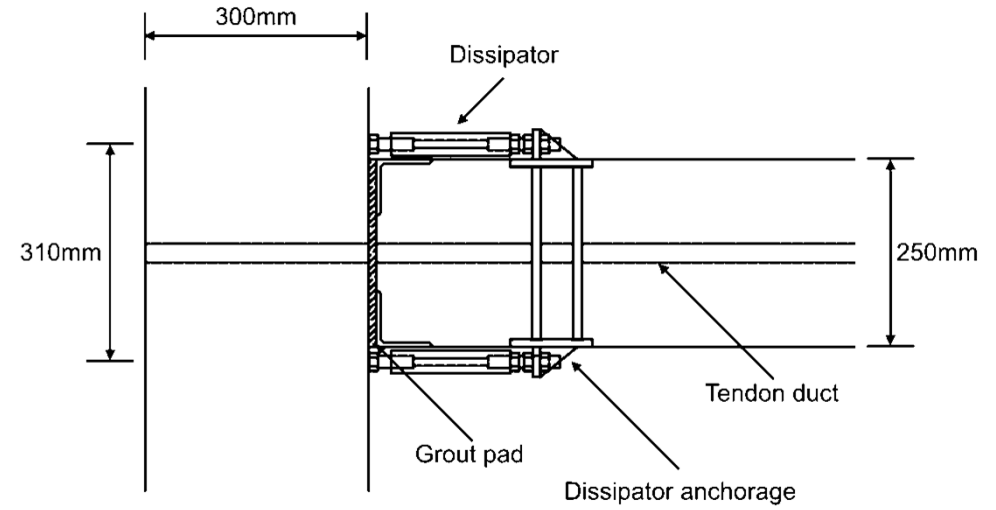
# Towards the “Ultimate Earthquake Proof-building” Shake-table testing of an integrated low-damage system

*Johnston, Watson, Pampanin, Palermo (2013, 2014)*



**Next Generation of Integrated Low-Damage Building  
- precast concrete with dry jointed ductile connections -**

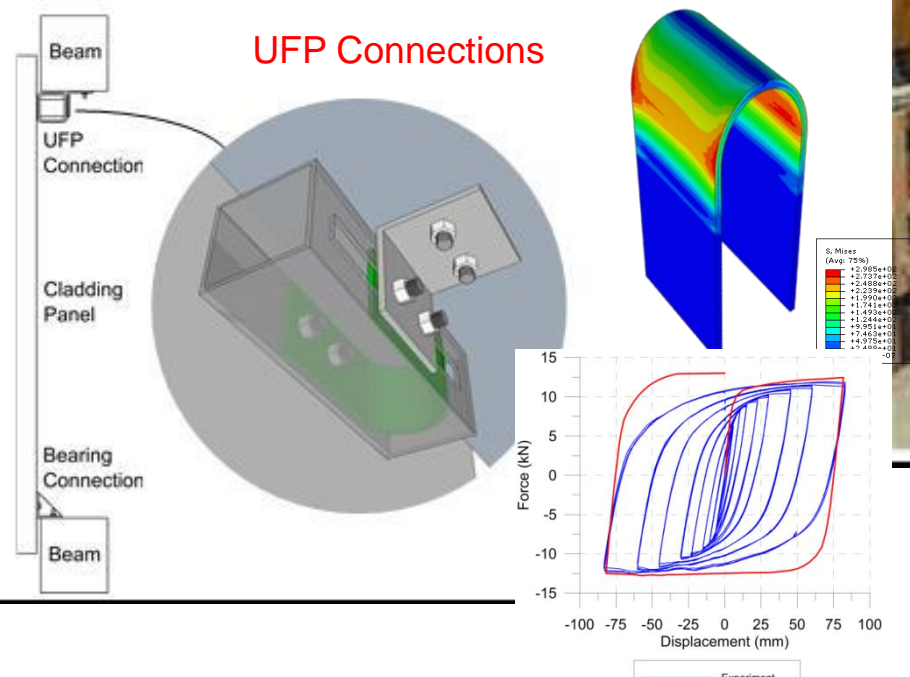
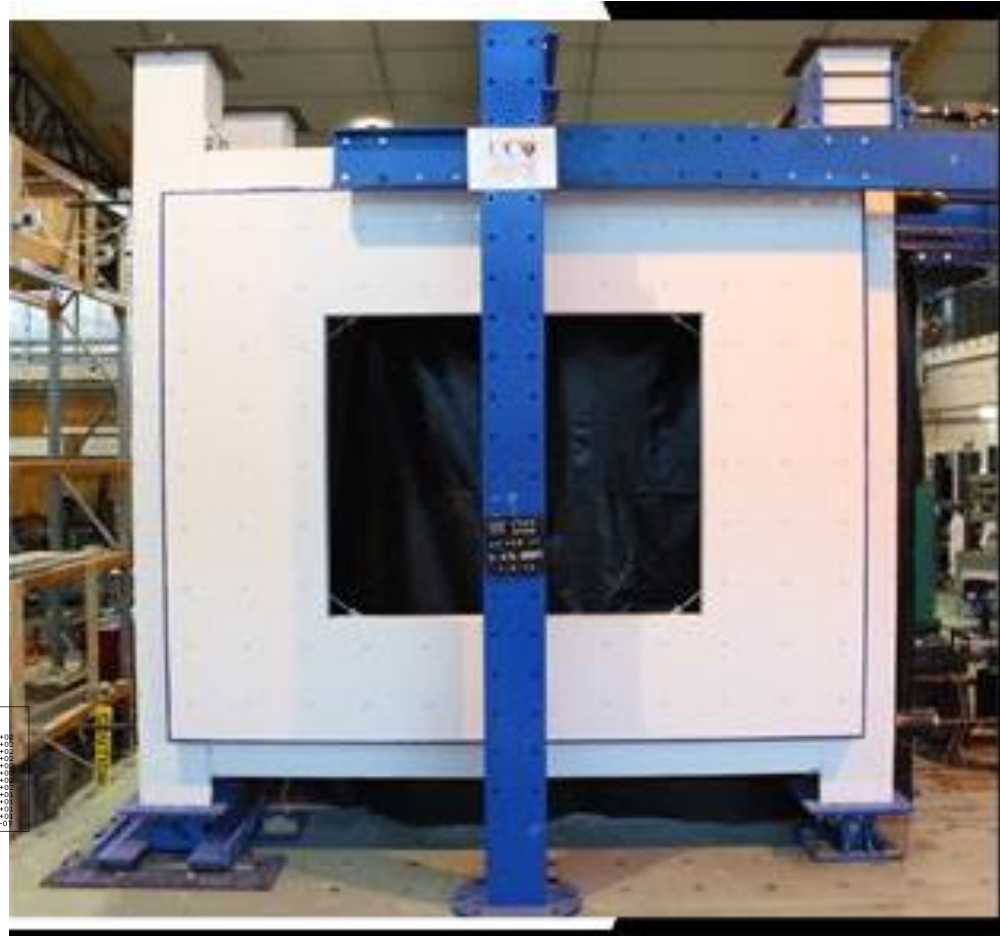
# The Frame System



*from Johnston, Watson, Pampanin, Palermo (2013, 2014)*

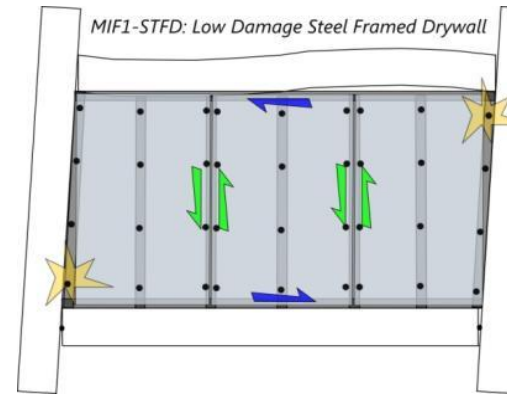
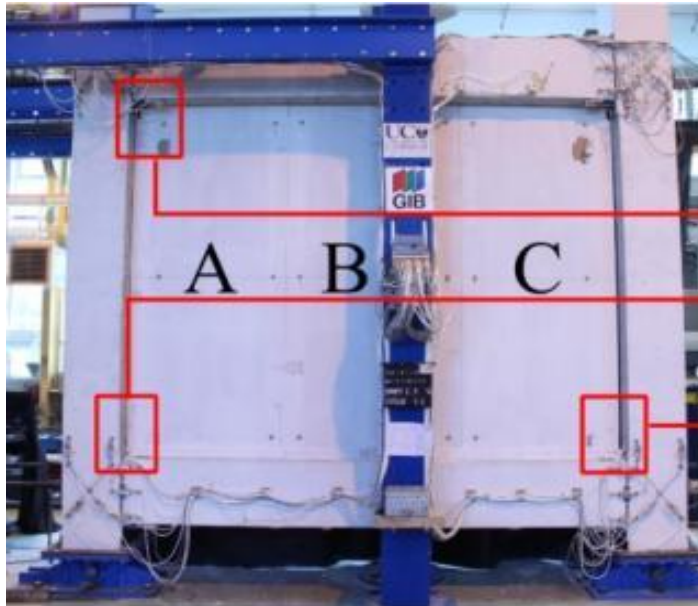
# Low-damage façades




(Baird, Palermo, Pampanin, 2010-2014)



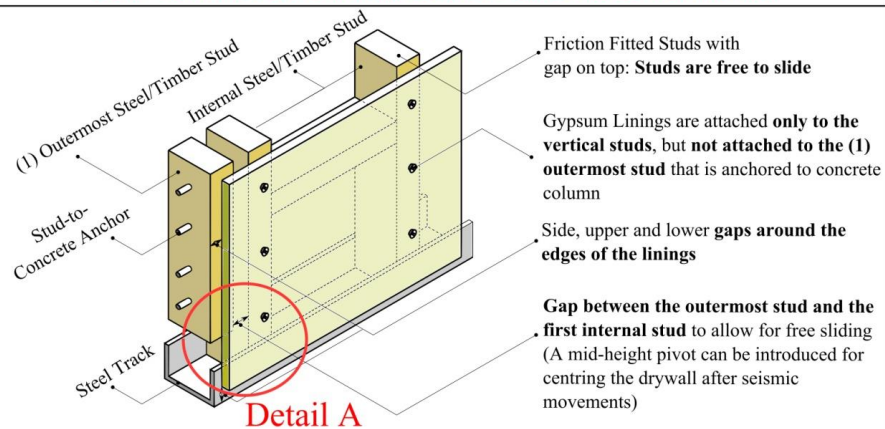
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(Tasligedik, Pampanin, Palermo, 2010-2014)

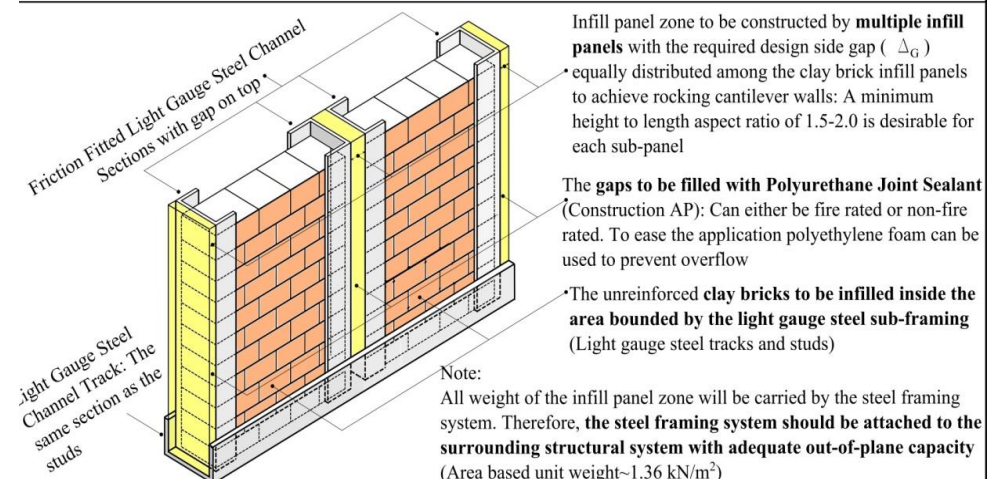


-  Anchor pull out and plaster damage at high drift levels (1.5-2.5%) due to lining rocking caused by the closing of the gaps (Solved in MIF2-TBFD)
-  Linings have freedom for rocking that is to be utilized when the supplied external side gaps are closed in the storey
-  Linings and studs have freedom for movement in horizontal that is utilized all the time when drift is imposed

## LOW DAMAGE DRYWALL DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS



## LOW DAMAGE UNREINFORCED CLAY BRICK INFILL WALL DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS (Shown on a single skin)







***Johnston, Watson, Pampanin, Palermo, 2014***



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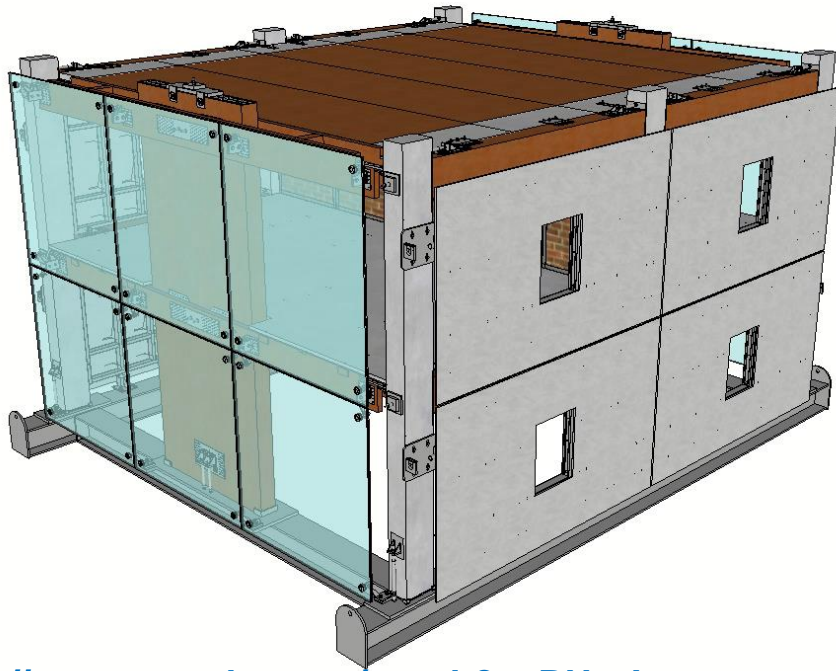
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# SERA Project (2017-2019)

## Towards the Ultimate Earthquake proof Building System: development and testing of integrated low-damage technologies for structural and non-structural elements



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## **TRIDIRECTIONAL TEST XYZ - LIMIT STATE 4**

Christchurch (NZ) February 22, 2011  
Mw = 6.3, Station = CCCC

Scaling Factor = 1.2  
PGA = 0.58 g

Maximum inter-storey drift = 1.00 %  
Peak floor acceleration = 1.28g



# Towards a “S3 Design” SAFER, SUSTAINABLE, SMART Building Systems (Pampanin et al., 2016-)





# How much would it cost (vs. performance)?



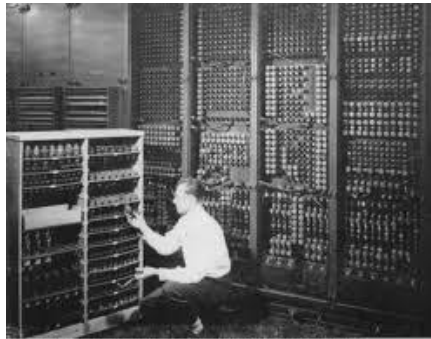
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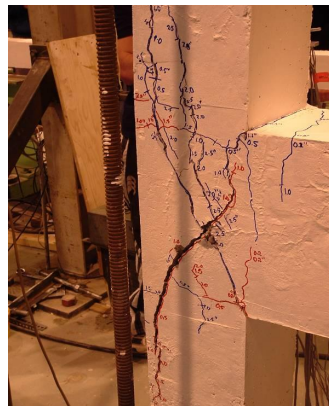
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The bar has been set to very high level  
but the International Earthquake Engineering  
community is going to get there, together!

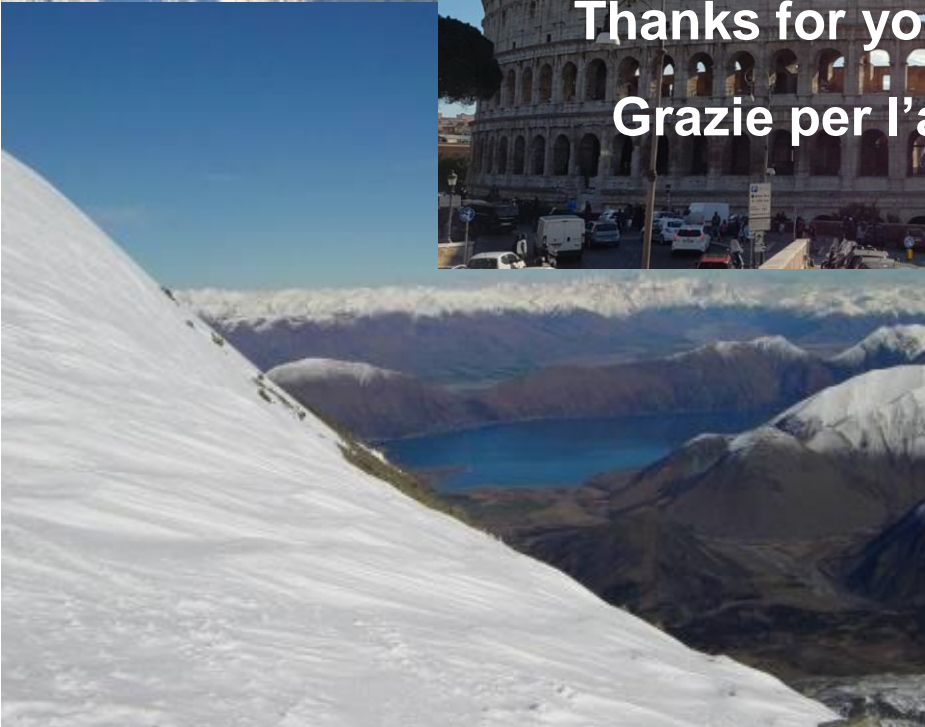


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