

Week 12: Structural Considerations for Architects

Outline





Aims and objectives

- To do a recap on Assignment 1 submission
- To reiterate Assignment 2's submission requirements
- To look at compositions of structure

Learning outcomes

Students will be able to ...

01 Start to think about Assignment 2

Gain understanding on compositions of structure

Understand the common rule of thumbs in design practice

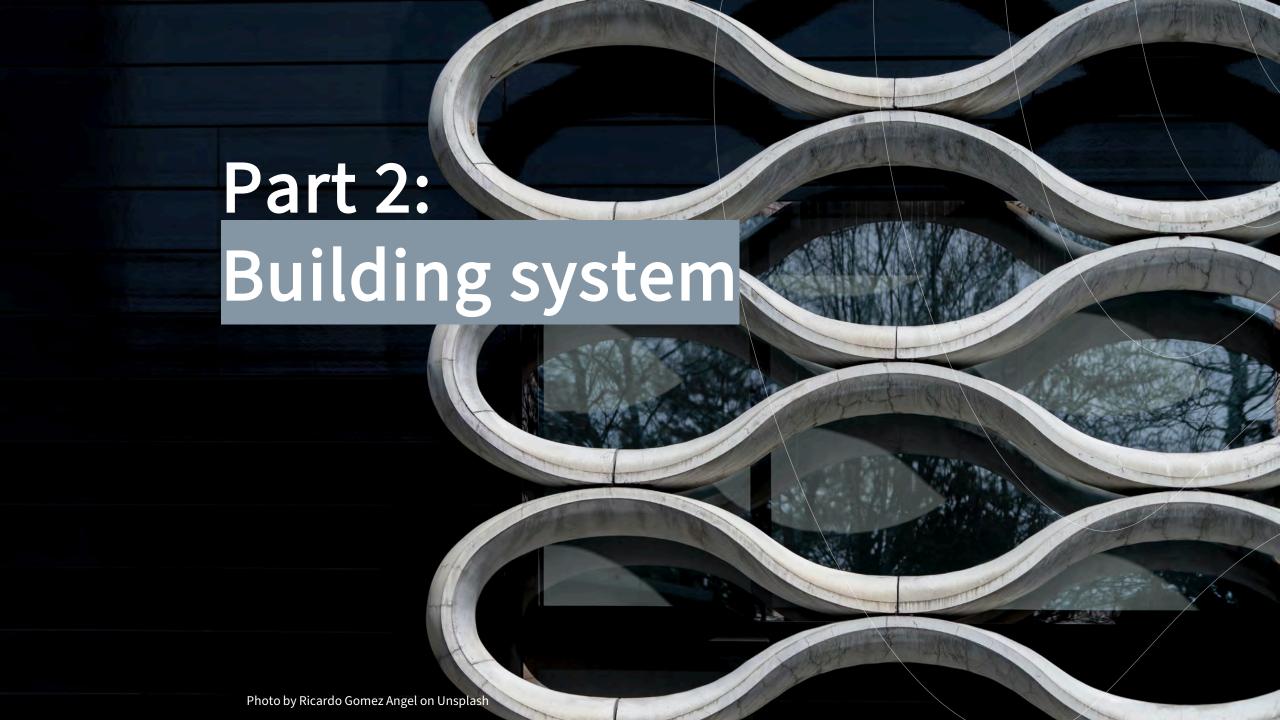


Assignment 1: common error

- Misunderstood assignment brief
- Missing grids
- Hatching (in elevation vs section, black colour hatching)
- Triangle on the dashed line (section or elevation) to show where the measurement of level is taken
- Dimension taking (centre-to-centre)
- Labelling 'void' convention
- Solid line vs dashed line
- Locations of columns on plan
- Odd measurements
- Missing required drawings

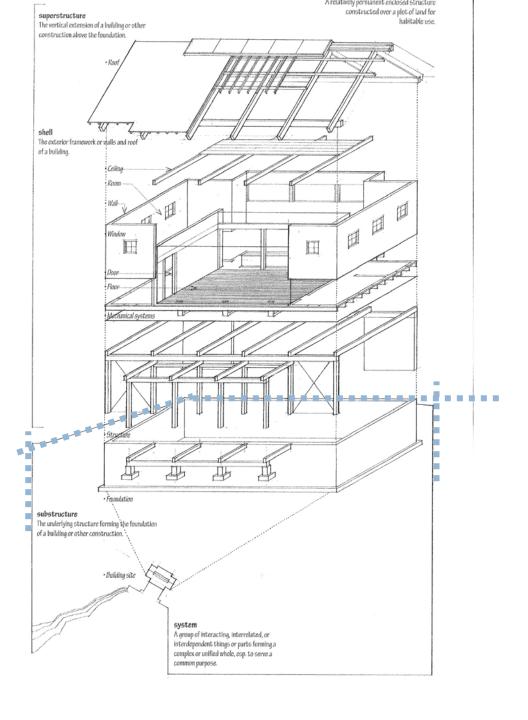
Assignment 2:





SUPERSTRUCTUREAbove the foundation

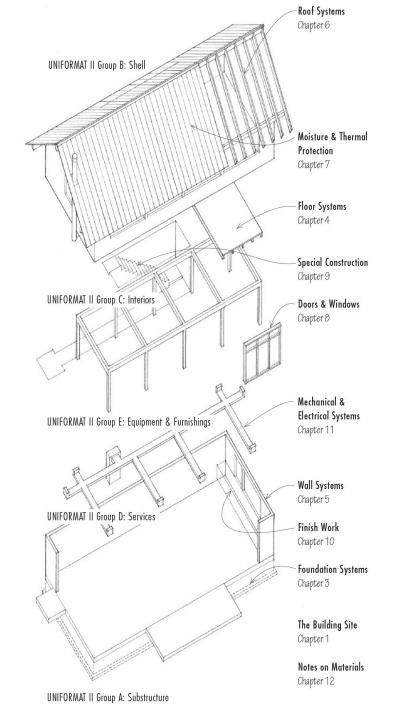
SUBSTRUCTURE



Ching, F. D. (2011). A visual dictionary of architecture. John Wiley & Sons.

Building systems

- Structural system
- Enclosure system
- Mechanical system



Building systems: Structural system

The structural system is designed and constructed to: support and transmit applied gravity and lateral loads safely to the ground. Without exceeding the allowable stresses in its members.

Elements of structural system:

- The superstructure (vertical extension of a building above the foundation)
- Columns, beams and load bearing walls, supporting floor and roof structure
- The substructure

Building systems: Structural system

Structural + envelope systems

9-3/4" NAILBASE PANELS 1"X8" (NOM) T&G ROOF SHEATING 3"X6" PURLIN @ 24" O.C. BENT FRAMING 2"X6" (NOM) T&G DECKING 2"X10" FLOOR JOIST @ 16" O.C. TYP. BENT TIE BEAM -MIN. 6"X12" SIZE TOP PLATE 3/4" T&G SUBFLOOR FOUNDATION BOTTOM PLATE WALL SHEATHING CAVITY FOR 2"X6" CEDAR SILL PLATE INSULATION 2"X6" VERT FRAMED WALL @ 16" O.C. TREATED 2"X4" MIN -WALL SHIFTED OUT 1-1/2" FROM POST 11-7/8" WOODEN I JOIST 2"X6" @ TOP OF RIM BOARD 11-7/8" RIM BOARD INTERIOR FINISH BY OTHER POSTS AROUND PERIMETER UPGRADED TO 6"X8"

You'll Want To Live In A Barn After Seeing These Barn Homes! | Home Design, Garden & Architecture Blog Magazine (goodshomedesign.com)

Building systems: Structural system



<u>Timber Frame Kits CT, MA, RI, Shipped & Raised Nationwide: The Barn Yard & Great Country Garages (thebarnyardstore.com)</u>

Building systems: Enclosure system

The enclosure system is the shell or envelope of a building. It consists of:

- Roof
- Exterior walls
- Windows
- Doors

Building systems: Enclosure system

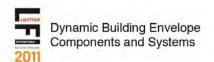
Case Studies

HelioTrace Façade System

SOM, Permasteelisa, and Adaptive Building Initiative, a co-venture between Buro Happold and Hoberman and Associates.

- Integration
- Kinetic shades
- Building enclosure
- Internal mechanicals
 Shading
 - Opaque panels from the mullions
 - 50% perforated panels parallel to the envelope
 - Effective shading: 78%
 - Annual solar gain reduction: 81%





Building systems: Enclosure system

Case Studies

building: Kiefer Technic Showroom architect: Ernst Giselbrecht + Partner location: Steiermark







- Dynamic Facade
- Automated control of folding panels
- Manual override by occupants













Source: Ernst Giselbrecht + Partner

Building systems: Mechanical system

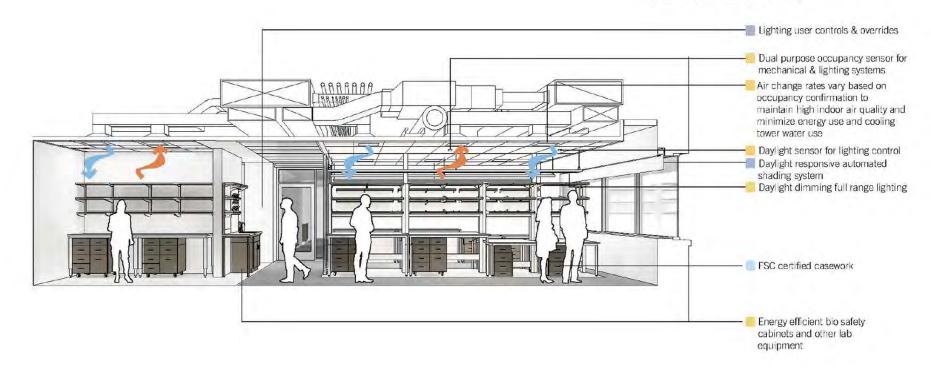
The mechanical system provides important services to a building. It consists of:

- The water supply system
- Sewage disposal system
- Heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems
- Electric system
- Vertical transportation system
- Fire-fighting system

Building systems: Mechanical system

WEILL CORNELL MEDICAL COLLEGE MRB ennead architects LLP

The building's high performance envelope and careful lighting design reduce conditioning loads, which are then met with an efficient mechanical system design. The mechanical systems, including variable speed drives on the chillers, AHU fans, and pumps, air-side heat recovery, water-side economizer and premium efficiency motors on chilled water and hot water pumps, reduce the energy required to remove the large heat loads and condition the building.



MECHANICAL SYSTEMS ENERGY SAVINGS

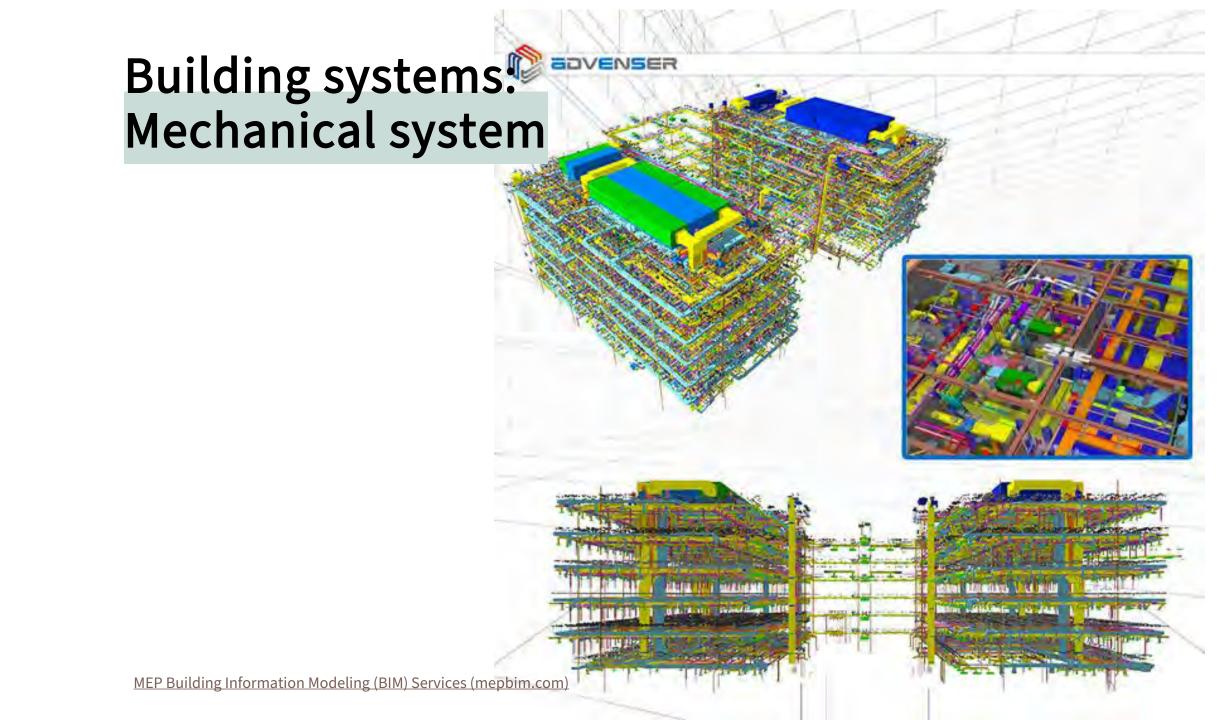
-MRB reduces annual energy use 21% below ASHRAE 90.1-2004

VERIFICATION

- -Measurement and verification of all HVAC and lighting systems
- -Post-occupancy thermal comfort survey

MECHANICAL SYSTEMS

SUSTAINABLE SITES
WATER EFFICIENCY
ENERGY / ATMOSPHERE
MATERIALS / RESOURCES
INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
INNOVATION & DESIGN PROCESS



- 1. Hangers, suspension cables
- 2. Columns
- 3. Beams
- 4. Planar Trusses
- 5. Arches
- 6. Cables
- 7. Rigid frames
- 8. Plates or slabs
- **9. Thin shells** (curved surface elements)

Columns- axially loaded members in compression

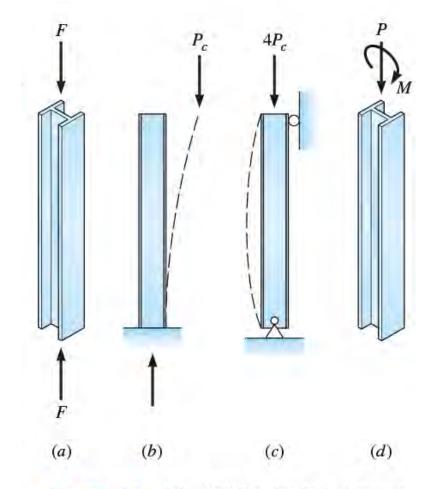
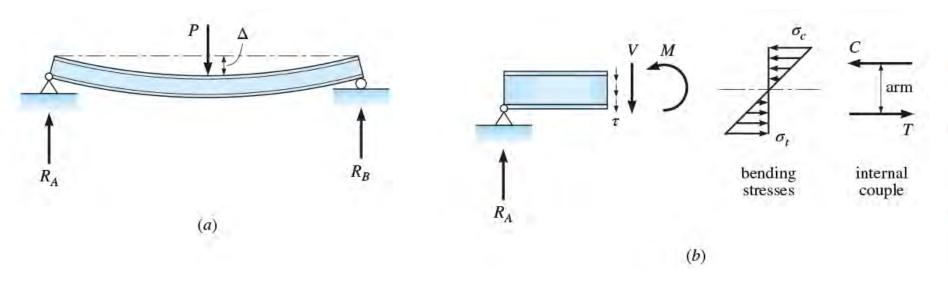


Figure 1.6: (a) Axially loaded column; (b) cantilever column with buckling load P_c ; (c) pin-supported column with buckling load $4P_c$; (d) beam-column.

Beams- members carrying bending moment and shear



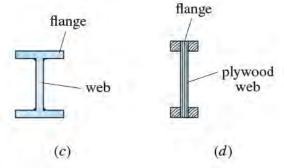
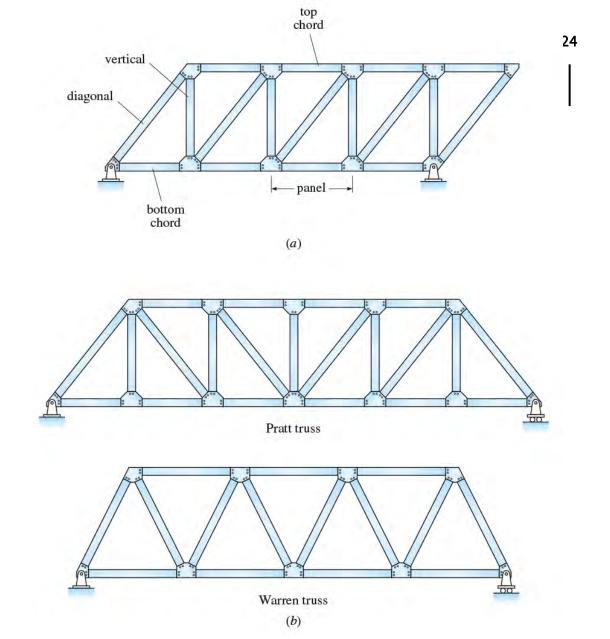
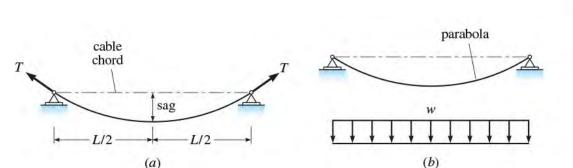


Figure 1.7: (a) Beam deflects into a shallow curve; (b) internal forces (shear V and moment M); (c) I-shaped steel section; (d) glue-laminated wood I-beam.

Planar Trusses- all members axially loaded





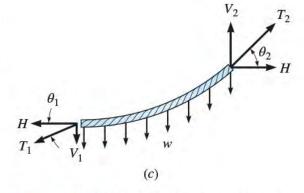


Figure 1.11: (a) Cable in the shape of a catenary under dead load; (b) parabolic cable produced by a uniform load; (c) free-body diagram of a section of cable carrying a uniform vertical load; equilibrium in horizontal direction shows that the horizontal component of cable tension H is constant.

Plates or slabs- load carried by bending

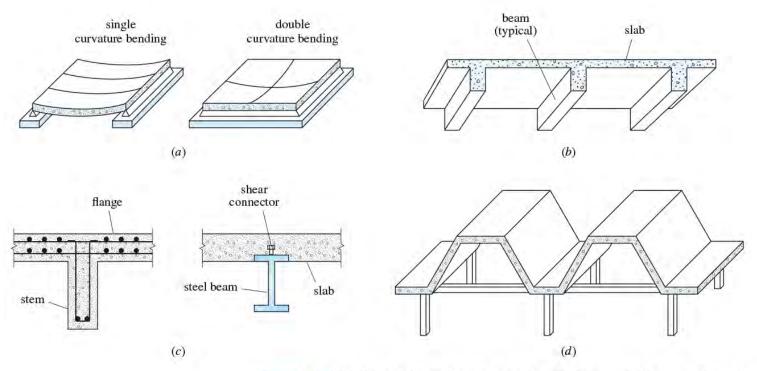
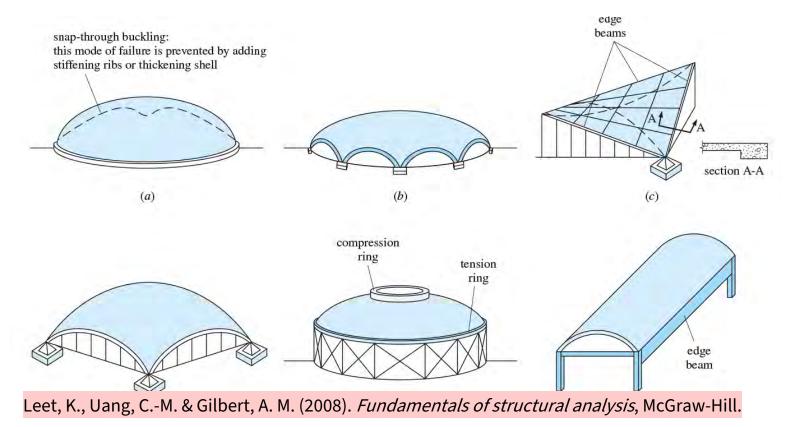
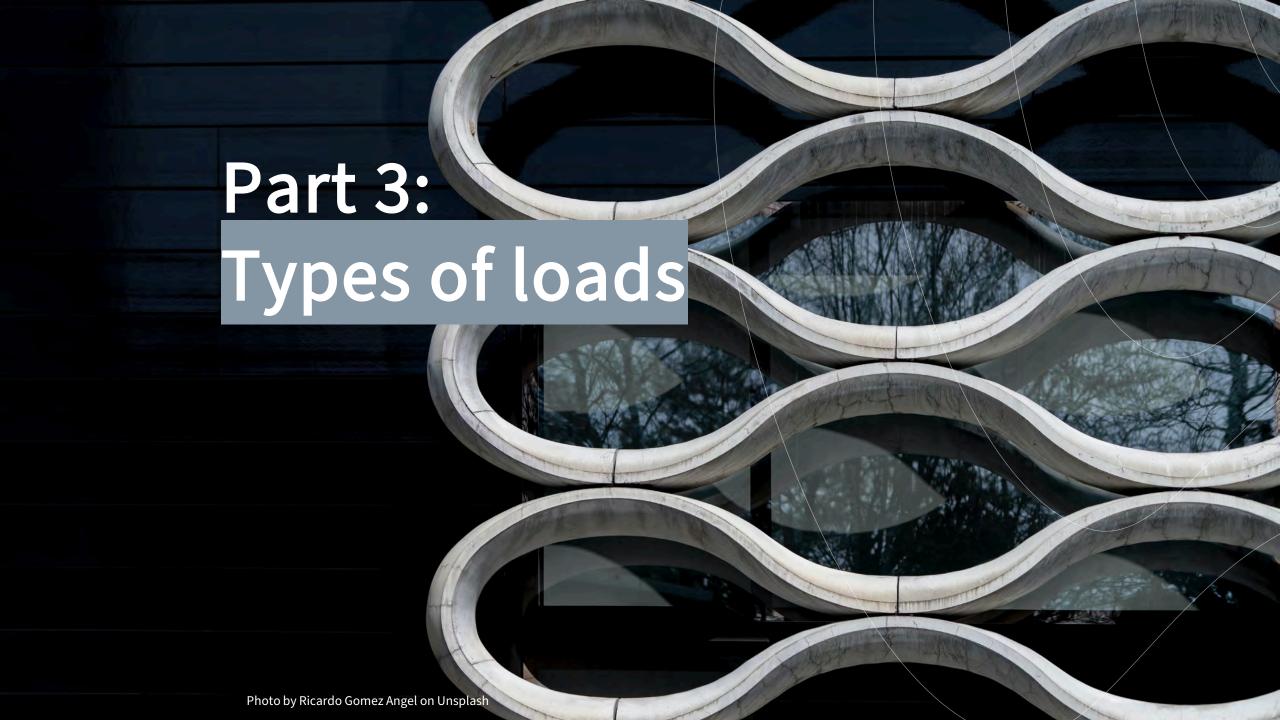


Figure 1.15: (a) Influence of boundaries on curvature; (b) beam and slab system; (c) slab and beams act as a unit: on left, concrete slab cast with stem to form a T-beam; right, shear connector joins concrete slab to steel beam, producing a composite beam; (d) a folded

Thin shells (curved surface elements)- stresses acting primarily in plane of element





Types of loads





VERTICAL LOADS
DEAD LOADS
LIVE LOADS

LATERAL LOADS
WIND, SEISMIC AND LATERAL
EARTH PRESSURES

Building's vertical loading

Building's vertical loading is based on:

- 1. Its intended use
- 2. Number of occupants
- 3. Type of construction
- → Dead and live loads.

Dead loads depend on material used to construct the building **Live loads** are based on the anticipated occupants using the building Loads are often applied in **combination** based on their likelihood of <u>occurring simultaneously</u>.

Vertical load: Warehouse vs residential project





Higher floor load (weights of contents)

→ higher dead loads.

More occupants → higher live loads

Vertical load: Dead loads

Dead load is the self-weight of the building that is composed of all construction materials that form the building.

The structural system must be able to support:

its **self-weight** (dead loads) + **other possible loads** building might experience

Vertical load: Live loads

Live loads are the maximum loads imposed by the occupants using the building.

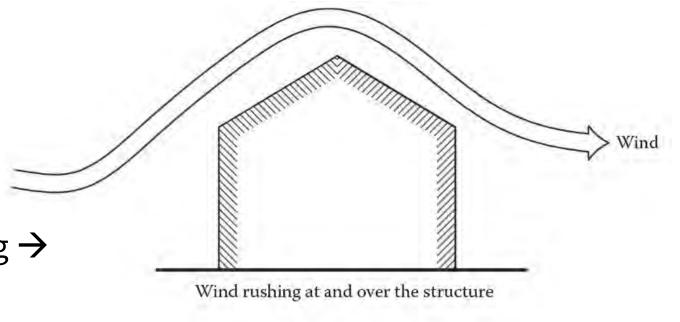
Components of buildings (roof, walls and floors) are to be designed to sustain: **Uniformly distributed live loads** and **concentrated live loads**.

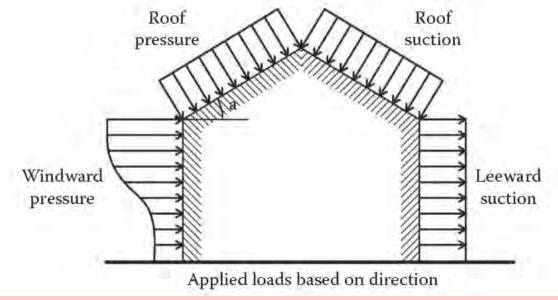
Building codes help building practitioners with the regulations.

Lateral load

Building's location will dramatically affect its loading \rightarrow affect structural system.

Seismic loading
Wind forces
Lateral soil pressures



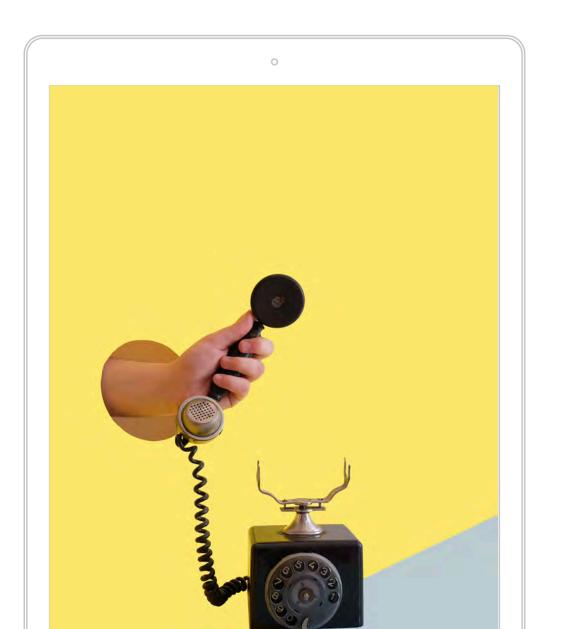


Lateral load

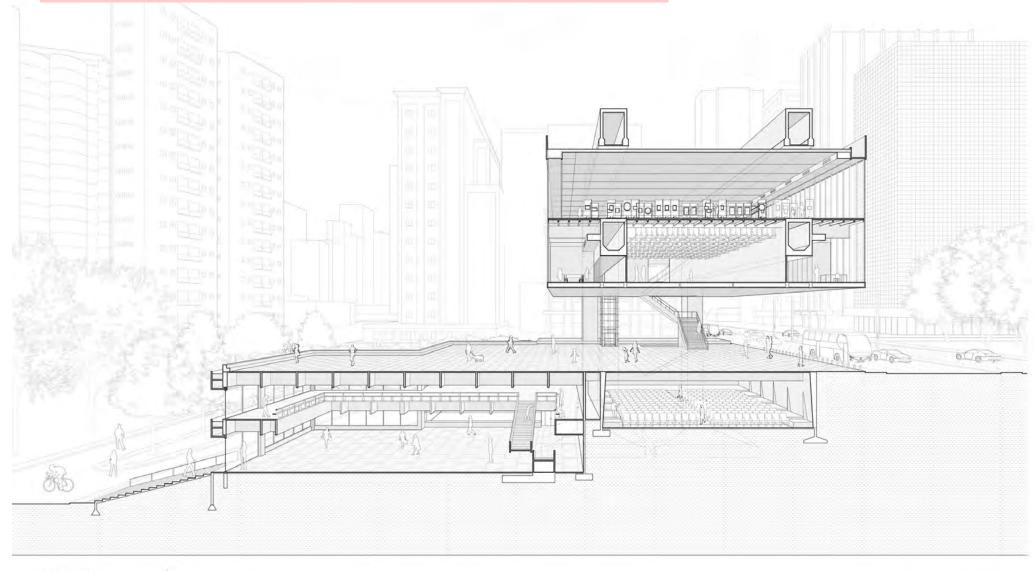
Buildings are design to respond lateral loads that are exerted on them, by generating resistance. A **building's lateral structural system** is specifically designed to **meet requirements of minimum design loads** as prescribed by the governing building code.

ACTIVITY 1

- 1. CHOOSE OF THE THREE AVAILABLE SECTIONAL PERSPECTIVE DRAWINGS. 5 MINS
- 2. INDIVIDUAL BRAINSTORMING SESSION: 30 MINS
 - IDENTITY MAIN STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS
 - IDENTIFY DIFFERENT TYPES OF LOADS ON BUILDING THE ARCHITECT NEED TO CONSIDER
 - HOW DO WE CONSIDER THEM?
 SKETCH ON THE DRAWING



Lewis, P., Tsutumaki, M. & Lewis, D. J. (2016). *Manual of section*, Chronicle Books.



are external, producing an unimpeded exhibition hall enclosed by a curtain

volume and the plaza with the below-grade civic hall, auditoriums, theater,

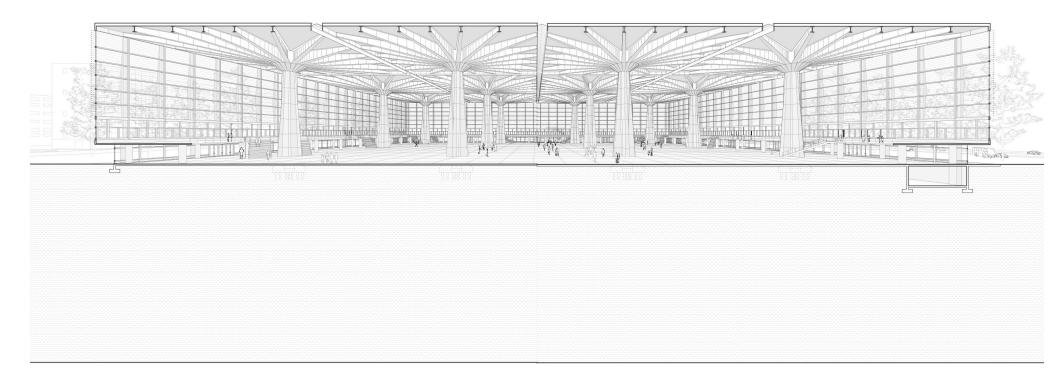
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library, restaurant, and service spaces. Exploiting the topography of its

São Paolo Museum of Art | São Paolo, Brazil

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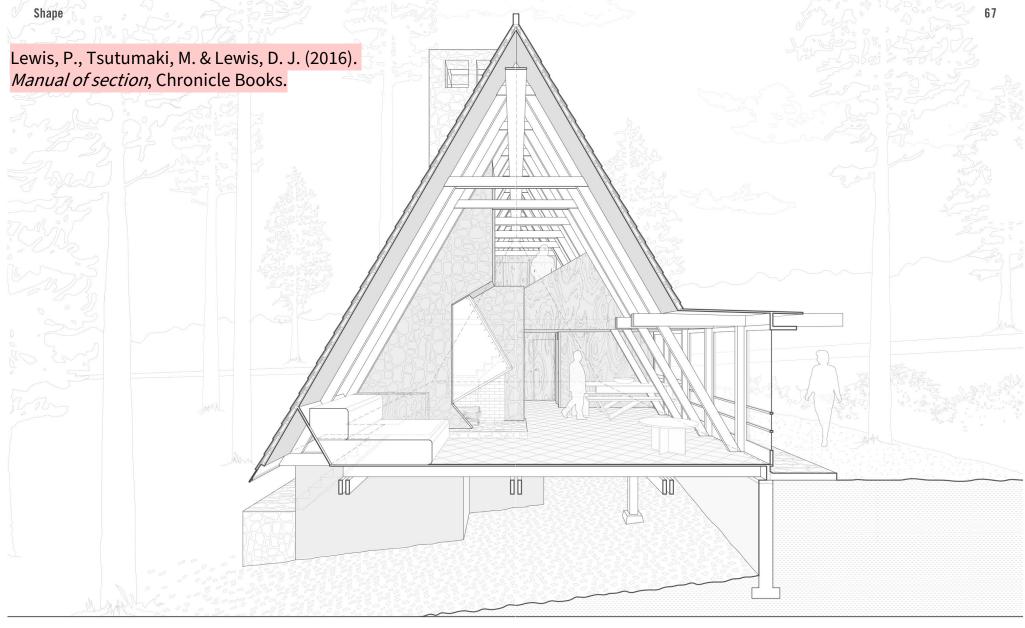
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Palace of Labor Turin, Italy

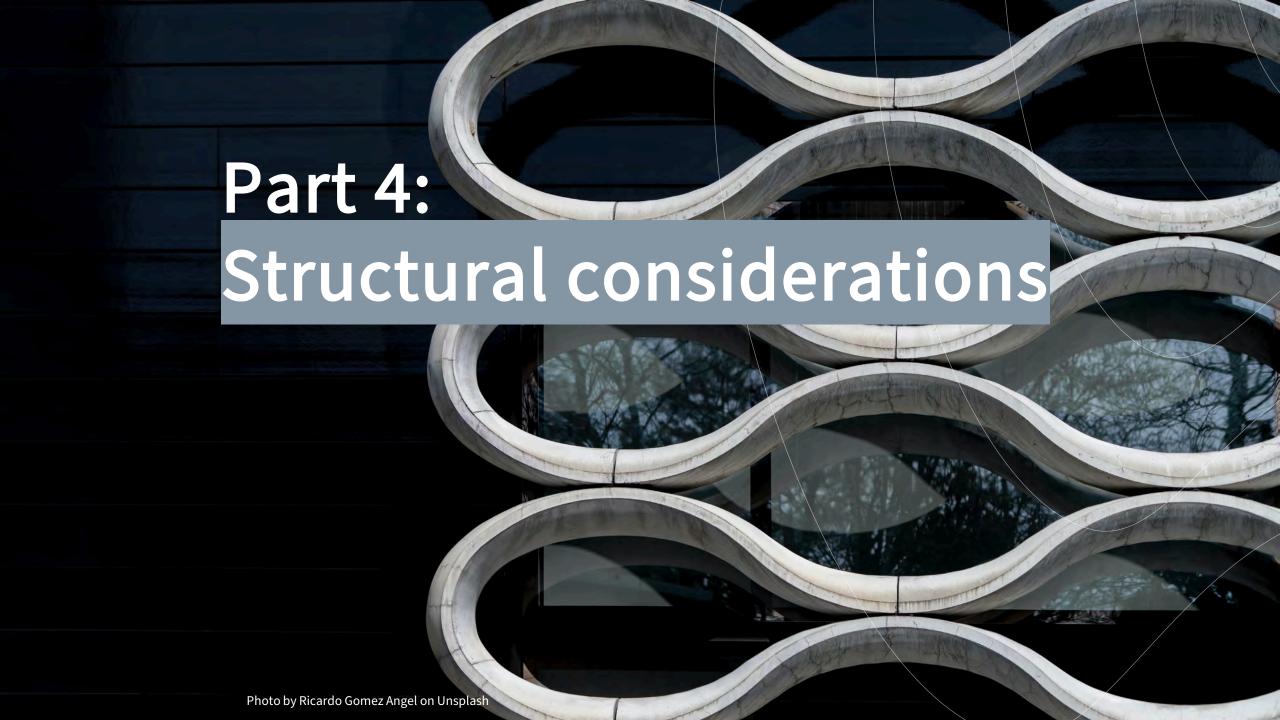
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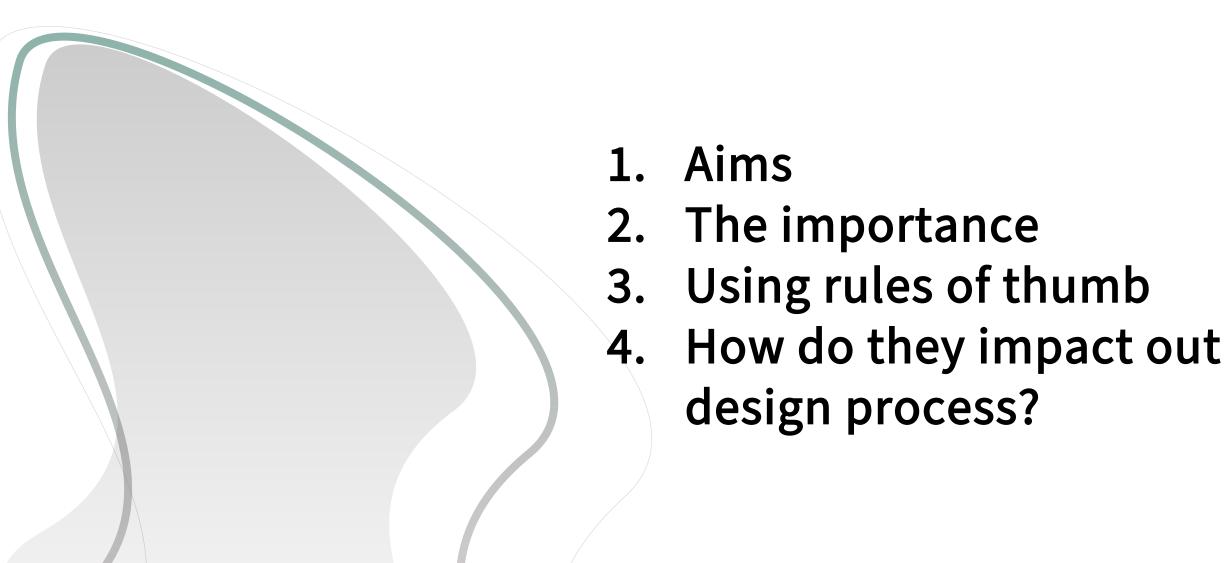




Bennati Cabin | Lake Arrowhead, California, USA

Rudolph Schindler 1937





4.1 - Aims and Rationale

When designing a structure, we must account for its safety, aesthetics and serviceability. Also we need to take into consideration economic and environmental constraints.

Preliminary design needs to be analysed to ensure that it has its required **stiffness** and **strength**.

4.2 - The importance as an architect to gain basic understanding

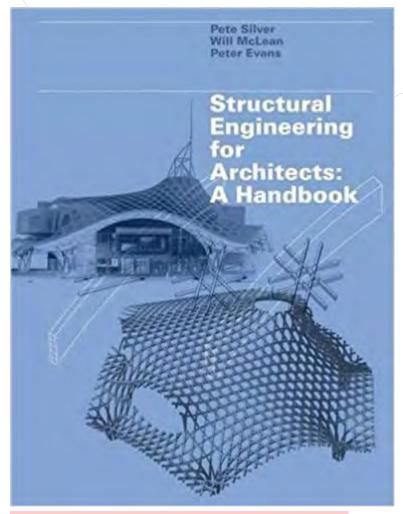
Relationship between structural analysis and design phases

1	CONCEPTUAL DESIGN	Designer begins by considering all possible layouts and structural system which might satisfy requirements of project. Architects and engineers consult as a team to establish layouts with efficient structural system and meeting architectural requirements of the project.
2	PRELIMINARY DESIGN	Engineers chose from the conceptual design and sizes their main components. The preliminary proportioning of structural member requires understanding of: structural behaviour and a loading condition knowledge.
3	ANALYSIS OF PRELIMINARY DESIGNS	Using estimated values of load, the engineer carries out an analysis of several structural systems .

4.2 - The importance as an architect to gain basic understanding

4	REDESIGN OF THE STRUCTURES	From the result of preliminary designs, (structural) designers recomputes the proportions of the main elements of all structures.
5	EVALUATION OF PRELIMINARY DESIGNS	The design is compared with regard to cost, availability of materials, appearance, maintenance, time for construction and other important considerations. The structure best satisfying client's criteria is selected for further refinement in the final design phase.
6	FINAL DESIGN AND ANALYSIS PHASES	The engineer makes minor adjustments to the selected structure to improve: economy and appearance . Strength and stiffness of the structure are evaluated for all significant loads and combination of loads. Final design will also reveal certain deficiencies, the designer will have to adjust. Members are sized with regards to design codes, and also taking into account each material's special properties.

4.3 - Rules of thumbs



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	WOOD BEAMS
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COMED	CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER
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WOOD COLUMNS	PRECAST CONCRETE SLABS
WOOD DECKING	PRECAST CONCRETE SINGLE AND DOUBLE TEES

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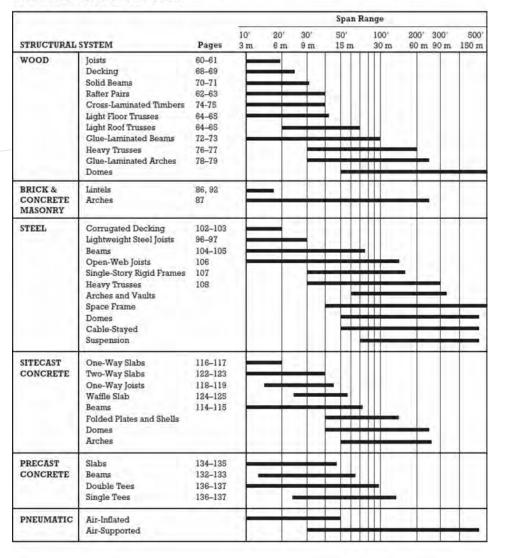
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Rules of thumbs GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO THE SYSTEM INDICATED IF YOU WISH TO:	Light Wood Frame	Heavy Timber Frame	Cross-Laminated Timber	Long-Span Wood Systems	Masonry Systems	Lightweight Steel Framing	Steel Frame	Single-Story Rigid Steel Frame	Trusses	One-Way Solid Slab	Posttensioned One-Way Solid Slab	One-Way Joist	Posttensioned One-Way Joist	Two-Way Flat Plate	Posttensioned Two-Way Flat Plate	Two-Way Flat Slab	Posttensioned Two-Way Flat Slab		Waffle Slab	Posttensioned Waffle Slab	Solid Slab	Hollow-Core Slab	Double Tee	Single Tee
Create highly irregular build form							31																	
Expose the structure while retaining a high fire-resistance rating																								
Allow column placements that deviate from a regular grid																								
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Minimize the area occupied by columns or bearing walls																	•		•					
Allow for changes in the building over time																								
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Avoid the need for diagonal bracing or shear walls																•								
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Minimize structural distress due to unstable foundation conditions																		T						
Minimize the number of separate trades needed to complete a building																								
Provide concealed spaces for ducts, pipes,																								

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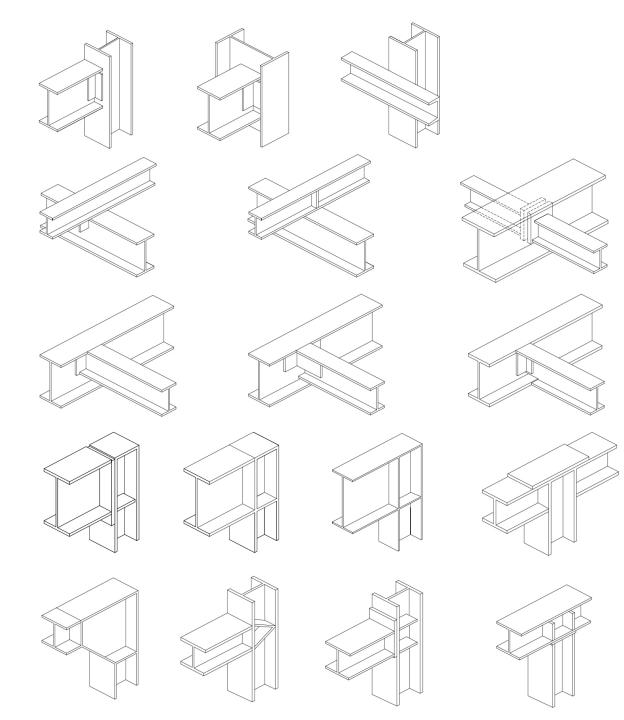
4.3-Rules of thumbs

PRACTICAL SPAN RANGES FOR STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS

This chart gives typical practical span ranges for various structural systems. Spans beyond the ranges indicated may be possible in unique circumstances. Page references are included where a system indicated is covered in greater detail elsewhere in this book.



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Previously in Week 4 (Steel Structure).. Assembling and connecting steel loadbearing components

MEANS OF CONNECTIONS COLUMNS BEAMS COLUMN BASE BRACING VIERENDEEL GIRDERS LATTICE BEAMS

Reichel, A., Ackermann, P., Hentschel, A. & Hochberg, A. (2012). Building with steel. Building with Steel. Birkhäuser.

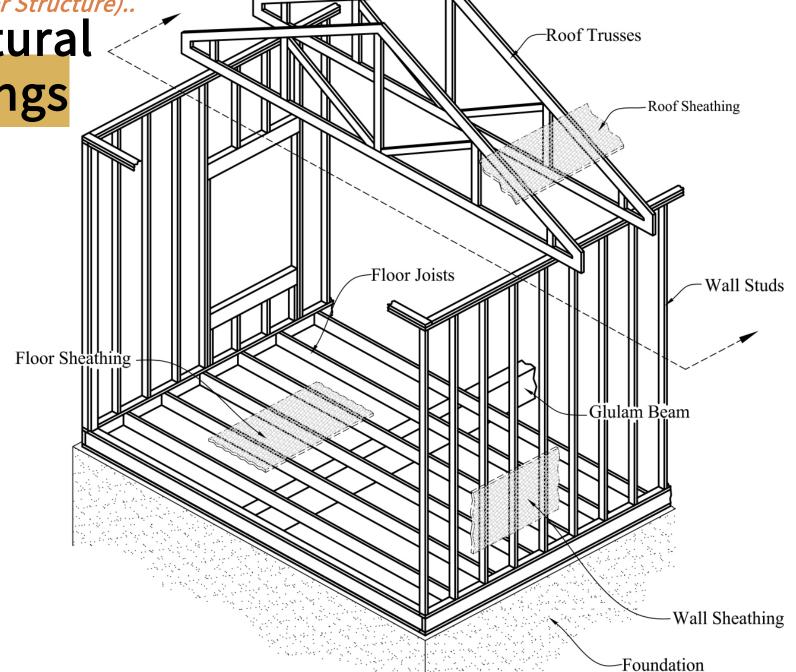
Rule of thumb: steel frame

- Span (centre-to-centre):
 - Floor beam- 12m max
 - Roof trusses- 17m max
 - Space frames- 60m max
- Governing factor → deflection limit, vibration limit
- Grouping and repetition
- Connection detail and design are important (bolted or welded, limit welding connection)
- Limited length to be transported
- Mixing metal materials (usually steel and aluminium) might lead to potential corrosion
- Determining beam depth: a reasonable estimate is 'span divided by 24 (L/24)'
- Maximum cantilever length equals to 1/3 length of the back-span

Typical structural timber buildings

Structural systems:

- Roof framing
- Floor framing
- Wall framing



Platform framing

Rule of thumb: timber construction

Properties of engineered timber products

Engineered timber products include Glue-laminated beams (glulam), Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL), and Laminated Strand Lumber (LSL).

Each of these products is fabricated from layers of sawn timber, which are glued together to form the beam. This process increases the homogeneity of the final product as all the imperfections within sawn timber, such as knots, are distributed along the beam rather than being concentrated at particular

positions. This in turn increases the strength of the element.

The fabrication process also

Laminated Strand Lumber (LSL).
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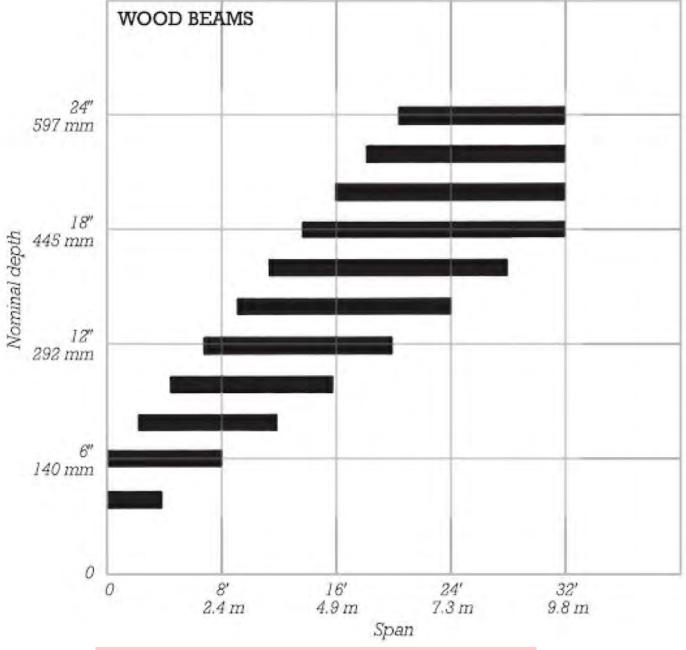
reduces the tendency of the
members to warp, twist, or bow.
Engineered timber products can
be fabricated to a range of section
sizes and lengths.

Beam type	Comments	Typical span range	Typical span/depth ratio
Glulam beams	1 Typically used in lightweight timber roofs (often exposed) or light commercial structures 2 Can be fabricated to significantly longer lengths than standard sawn-timber joists 3 Strength subject to grade of timber used and number of laminations, and is advised by specific manufacturer	Roof beams 20-65ft for standard section sizes Can increase to 165ft with nonstandard sizes Floor beams 15-45ft for standard section sizes	20:1
Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL) and Laminated Strand Lumber (LSL)	1 Can be used as simple beams similar to glulam 2 Typically used in residential, educational, or light commercial structures 3 Can be fabricated to significantly longer lengths than standard sawn-timber joist 4 Strength subject to grade of timber used and number of laminations, and is advised by specific manufacturer 5 Ranges and span-to-depth ratios similar to glulam.	Similar to glulam	20:1
Timber I-sections	1 Manufactured with either sawn-timber or LVL flanges and a plywood or Oriented Strand Board (OSB) web 2 Typically used in residential or light commercial structures 3 Can be fabricated to significantly longer lengths than standard sawn-timber joists 4 Strength subject to grade of timber used and number of laminations, and is advised by specific manufacturer 5 Ranges and span-to-depth ratios similar to sawn-timber beams	10-20ft	20:1 Subject to grade of timber, width, and spacing of joists

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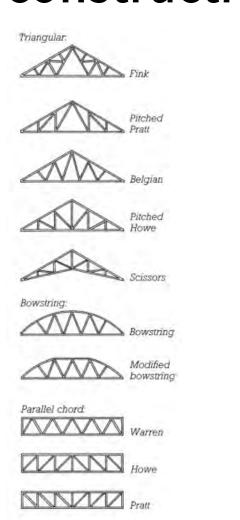
Rule of thumb: timber construction

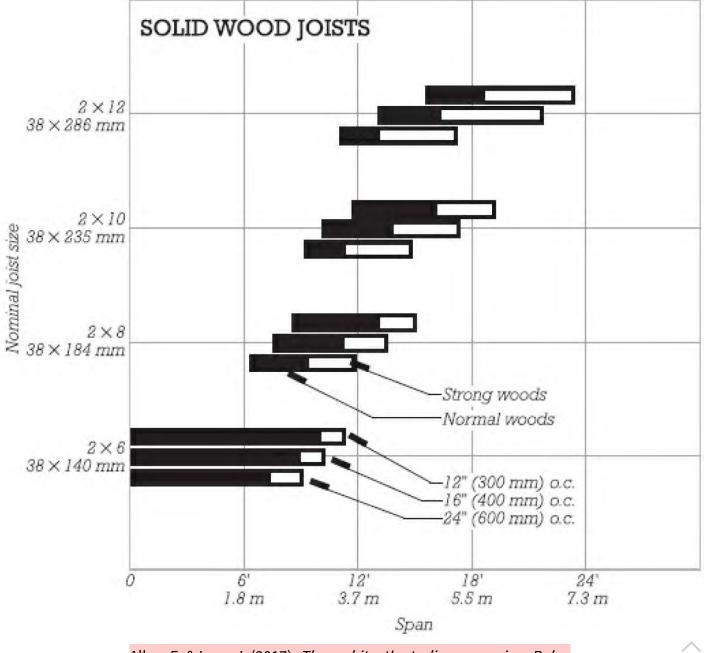
- 2 or 4 feet modular plan dimension will reduce waste (600 or 1200mm)
- Roof trusses space no greater than 1.2-2.4m without additional support
- Wall studs are commonly put spaced at 400-600mm on centre
- Decking 150-200mm
- Commonly available length of wood: 2.4m



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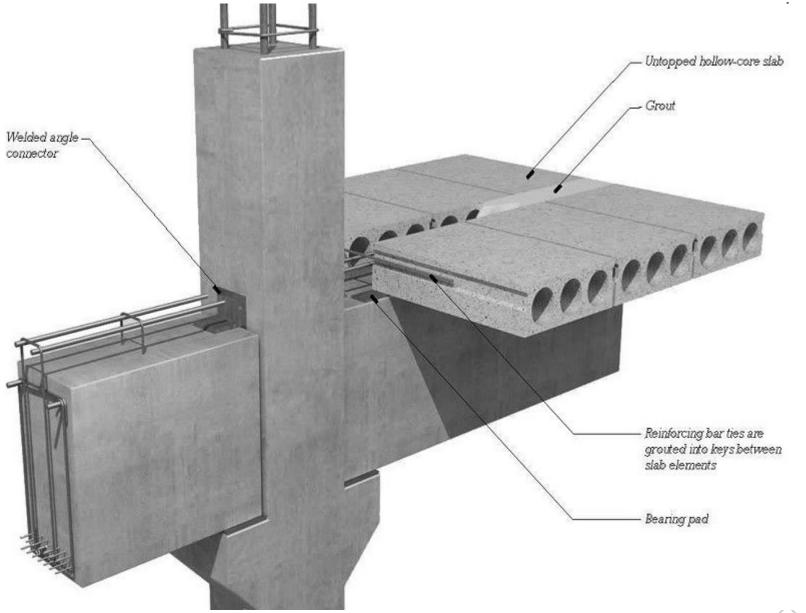




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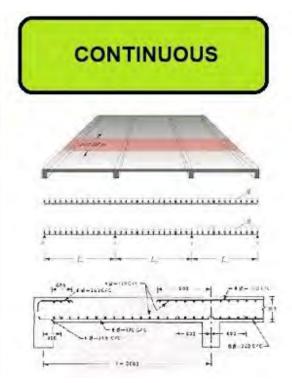
- Bolting
- Welding
- Grouting



Rule of thumb: concrete structure

- Up to 10m span or less: Beam depth (effective span divide by 12)
- Up to 10m span or less: Slab depth (span divide by 30), only applicable for simply supported slab and continuous slab. But not for cantilevered slab.
- Column size (no rule of thumb, will be based on actual loading), but for small structure and normal loading we can use the concept of short column (effective length divide by 12). That is the minimum size.





4.4. How do these impact our design process?

Designer begins by considering all possible layouts and structural system which might satisfy requirements of project. Architects and engineers consult as a team to establish layouts with efficient structural system and meeting architectural requirements of the project.

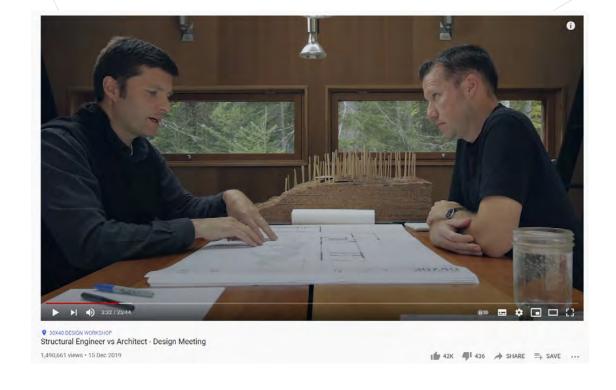
PRELIMINARY DESIGN

Engineers chose from the conceptual design and sizes their main components. The preliminary proportioning of structural member requires understanding of: structural behaviour and a loading condition knowledge.

ANALYSIS OF PRELIMINARY DESIGNS

Using estimated values of load, the engineer carries out an analysis of several structural systems.

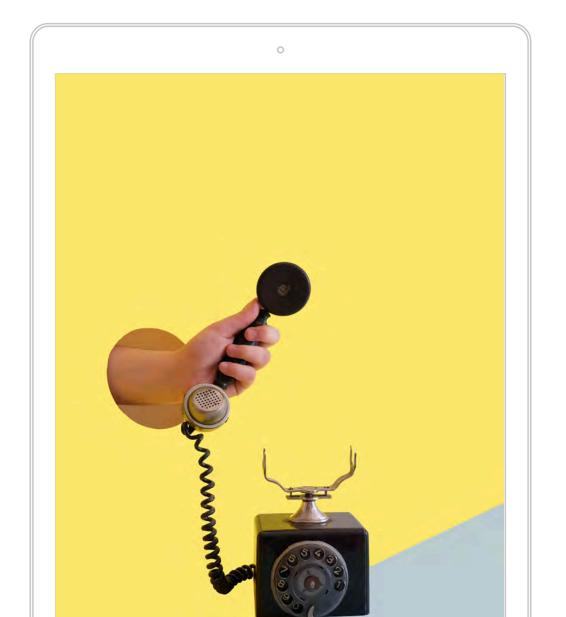
Practitioners dialogue



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ACTIVITY 2

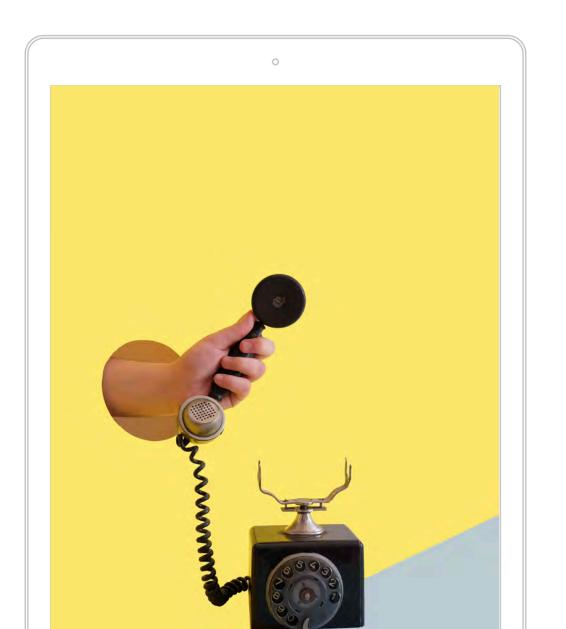
- 1. WORK IN GROUPS (FIRST PRESENTATION GROUPS): 45MINS
- 2. HYPOTHETICALLY YOU ARE TO DESIGN MULTIPLE PRE-FABRICATED VILLAS ON CONTOURED LAND
- 3. YOU CAN DEFINE YOUR OWN CLIMATE CONTEXT AND LOCATION
- 4. SIZES ARE- SEE NEXT SLIDE 7.2 X 14.4M (8 VILLAS) 7.2 X 7.2M (4 VILLAS)
- 6. CHOOSE THE MAIN STRUCTURE SYSTEM (STEEL/TIMBER/CONCRETE)
- 7. APPLY THE RULE OF THUMB
- 8. SUBMIT GROUP WORK VIA EMAIL



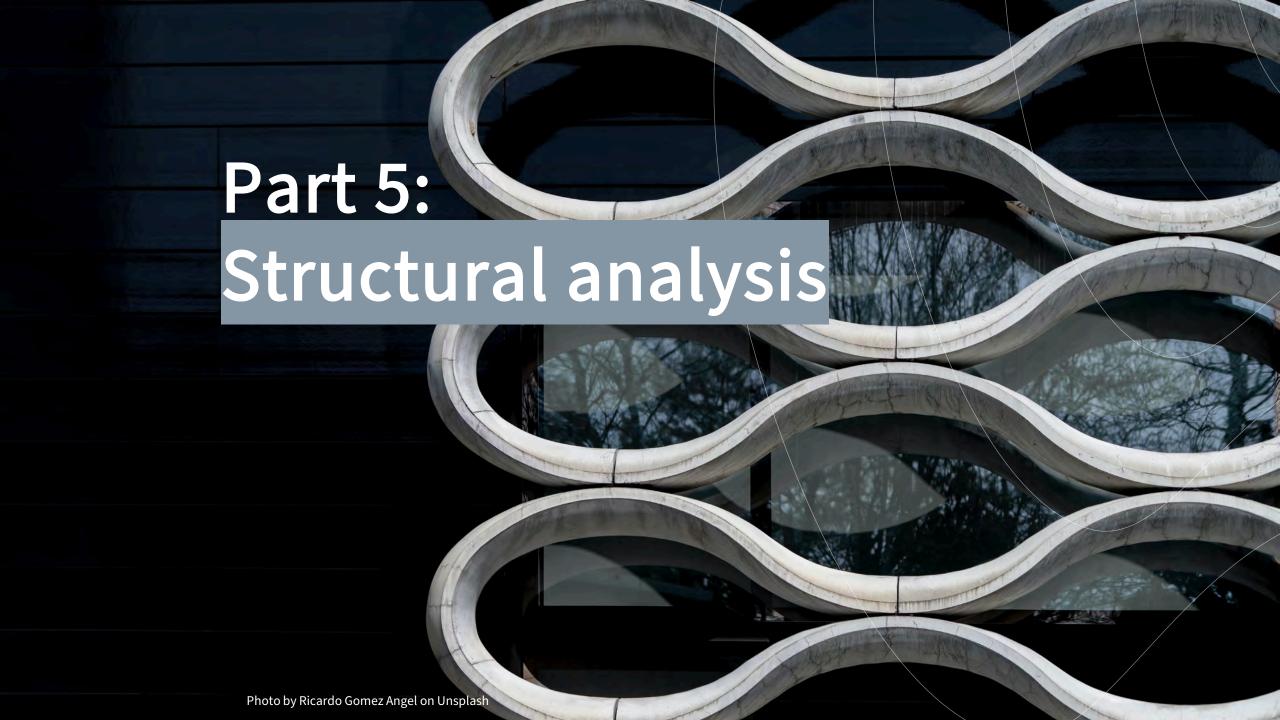
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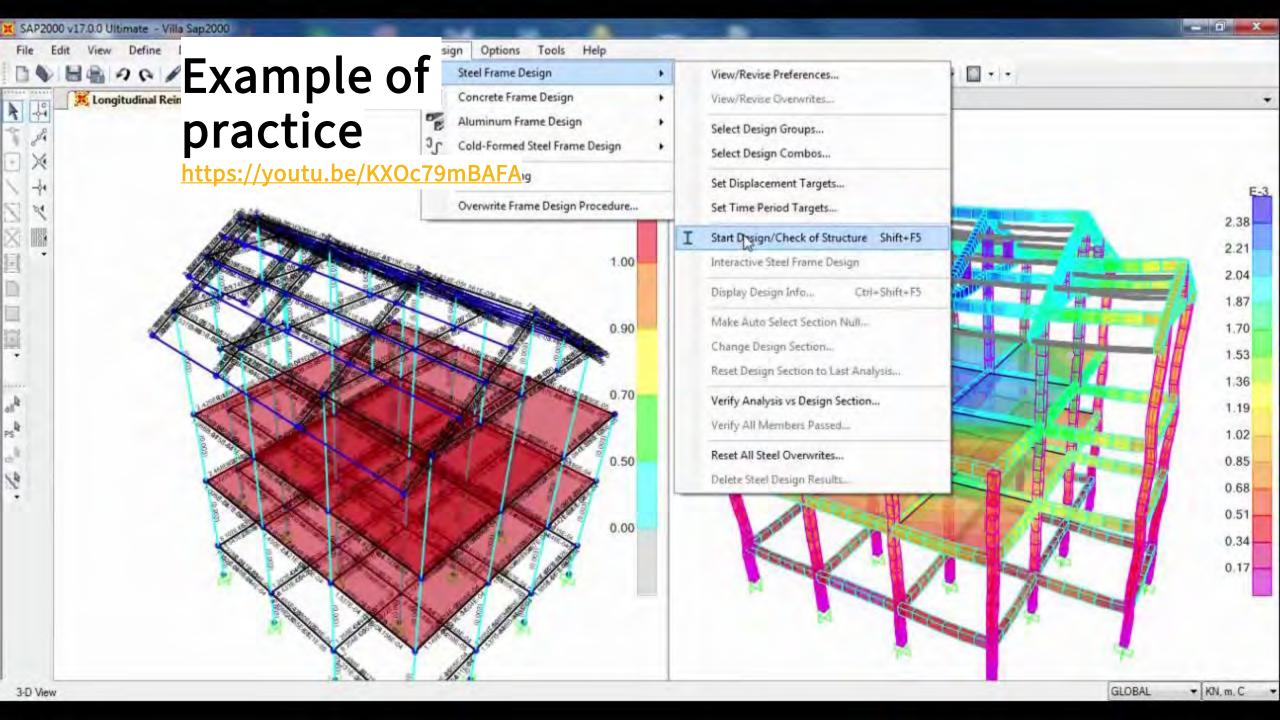
EXPECTED OUTCOME:

- SKETCHES AND EXPLANATION
 ABOUT THE CHOSEN STRUCTURAL
 MATERIAL
- MAIN STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS

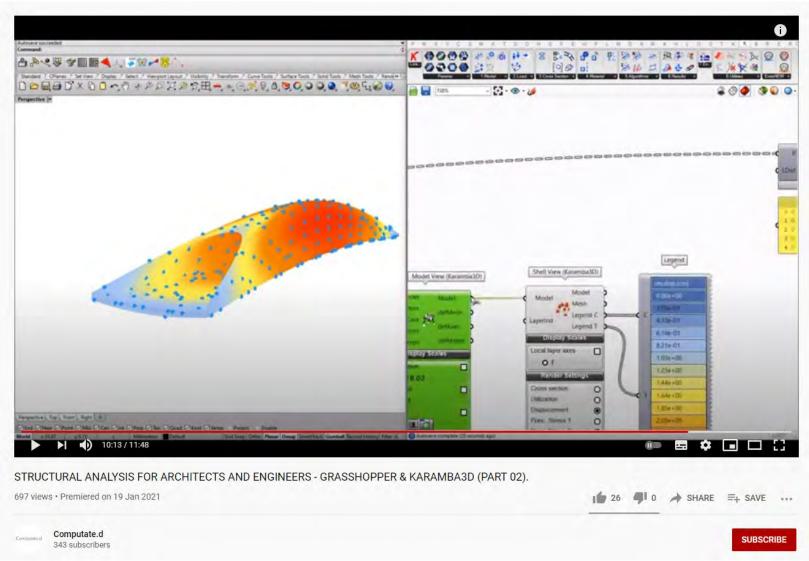








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Digital tectonics: Kangaroo set View Display Select Viewport Layout Visibility Transform Curve Tools Surface Tools Solid Tools Mesh Tools Render Curve Tools Surface Tools Solid Tools S enables designers to interact with form through particle-spring system simulations in real time. Point Mid Cen In

Re-iterating aims and objectives

- To do a recap on Assignment 1 submission
- To look at compositions of structure
- To expand on structural considerations (rule of thumbs)