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The objective of the "Design Guide for Improving Hospital Safety in Earthquakes, Floods, and High Winds" is to inform and assist design professionals, hospital administrators, and facility managers in implementing sound mitigation

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measures that will decrease the vulnerability of hospitals to disruptions caused by natural hazard events. The intent of the Design Guide is to provide its audience with state-of-the-art knowledge on the variety of vulnerabilities faced by hospitals

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structural elements and structures in considerable depth. Emphasizes behavior at the ultimate load, and, in particular, aspects of the seismic design of reinforced concrete structures. Based on American practice, but also examines European practice.

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**Proceedings of the 7th
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Structural Engineering,
Mechanics and Computation
(SEMC 2019), September 2-4,
2019, Cape Town, South Africa
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Advances in Engineering Materials,
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Structures and Systems: Innovations, Mechanics and Applications comprises 411 papers that were presented at SEMC 2019, the Seventh International Conference on Structural Engineering, Mechanics and Computation, held in Cape Town, South Africa, from 2 to 4

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September 2019. The subject matter reflects the broad scope of SEMC conferences, and covers a wide variety of engineering materials (both traditional and innovative) and many types of structures. The many topics featured in these Proceedings can be

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classified into six broad categories that deal with: (i) the mechanics of materials and fluids (elasticity, plasticity, flow through porous media, fluid dynamics, fracture, fatigue, damage, delamination, corrosion, bond, creep, shrinkage, etc); (ii) the

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mechanics of structures and systems (structural dynamics, vibration, seismic response, soil-structure interaction, fluid-structure interaction, response to blast and impact, response to fire, structural stability, buckling, collapse behaviour); (iii) the numerical

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modelling and experimental testing of materials and structures (numerical methods, simulation techniques, multi-scale modelling, computational modelling, laboratory testing, field testing, experimental measurements);
(iv) innovations and special structures

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(nanostructures, adaptive structures, smart structures, composite structures, bio-inspired structures, shell structures, membranes, space structures, lightweight structures, long-span structures, tall buildings, wind turbines, etc); (v) design in traditional

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engineering materials (steel, concrete, steel-concrete composite, aluminium, masonry, timber, glass); (vi) the process of structural engineering (conceptualisation, planning, analysis, design, optimization, construction, assembly, manufacture, testing,

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maintenance, monitoring, assessment, repair, strengthening, retrofitting, decommissioning). The SEMC 2019 Proceedings will be of interest to civil, structural, mechanical, marine and aerospace engineers. Researchers, developers, practitioners and

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academics in these disciplines will find them useful. Two versions of the papers are available. Short versions, intended to be concise but self-contained summaries of the full papers, are in this printed book. The full versions of the papers are in the e-

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book.

Wood-framed shear walls are a crucial part of modern residential and small commercial buildings. Shear walls resist wind and earthquake forces to protect buildings from collapse. This book explains the engineering

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principles involved with shear wall design and proper construction. It is written in non-technical language intended for carpenters and builders. The basic, unchanging physical principles are explained with illustrated examples. This guide goes into detail

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that no other book on the subject even approaches. Over 180 pages and 150 color photos and illustrations show actual construction conditions and examples of proper and improper installations. It is extensively indexed for quick reference to specific topics. A

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detailed two-page illustration shows many basic requirements in graphical format for easy guidance. Specific sections of the International Building Code and International Residential Code are referenced where appropriate. This edition includes a new chapter on

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earthquake strengthening methods for existing buildings. This chapter was itself expanded into a completely separate book (over 250 pages) titled "Earthquake Strengthening for Vulnerable Homes." The book is intended mostly for carpenters and

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builders, but engineers and building inspectors also find the information very useful. Engineers may learn methods to make their shear wall designs more efficient and effective. An extensive inspection checklist (over 70 items) is included. This checklist is

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the basis for Special Inspection Guidelines for Wood-Frame Construction, currently under development by the Structural Engineers Association of Northern California.

This book discusses resilience in terms

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of structures and infrastructures responses to extreme loading conditions. These include static and dynamic loads such as those generated by blasts, terrorist attacks, seismic events, impact loadings, progressive collapse, floods and wind. In the last

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decade, the concept of resilience and resilient-based structures has increasingly gained in interest among engineers and scientists. Resilience describes a given structure's ability to withstand sudden shocks. In other words, it can be measured by the

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magnitude of shock that a system can tolerate. This book offers a valuable resource for the development of new engineering practices, codes and regulations, public policy, and investigation reports on resilience, and provides broad and integrated coverage

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of the effects of dynamic loadings, and of the modeling techniques used to compute the structural response to these loadings.

Recent Advances in Structural
Engineering, Volume 1
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ASCE Standard, ASCE/SEI, 41-17,
Seismic Evaluation and Retrofit of
Existing Buildings
Higher Capacity Cold-formed Steel
Sheathed and Framed Shear Walls for
Mid-rise Buildings
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Providing Protection to People and
Buildings

"In order to reduce the seismic risk facing many densely populated regions worldwide, including Canada and the

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United States, modern earthquake engineering should be more widely applied. But current literature on earthquake engineering may be difficult to grasp for

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structural engineers who are untrained in seismic design. In addition no single resource addressed seismic design practices in both Canada and the United States

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until now. Elements of Earthquake Engineering and Structural Dynamics was written to fill the gap. It presents the key elements of earthquake engineering and

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structural dynamics at an introductory level and gives readers the basic knowledge they need to apply the seismic provisions contained in Canadian and American

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building codes."--Résumé de l'éditeur.

"This thesis contains a summary of previous cold-formed steel stud shear wall test programs in North America, as well as

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an overview of the seismic requirements for a number of different design standards, i.e. the NBCC, the UBC and the NEHRP guidelines for seismic design. A

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theoretical method for the prediction of shear capacity based on the first possible failure mode, which follows the adapted American wood design procedure, is

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presented and the results from this method are compared with peak loads obtained from existing tests. In addition, a preliminary force modification factor

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for use in seismic design is suggested for use with the NBCC. Finally, future tests of cold-formed steel stud shear walls are proposed and a corresponding test frame

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is designed. (Abstract shortened by UMI.)" -- Guidelines for Design of Low-Rise Buildings Subjected to Lateral Forces is a concise guide that identifies

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performance issues, concerns, and research needs associated with low-rise buildings. The book begins with an introduction that discusses special

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problems with low-rise buildings subjected to wind and earthquakes. Chapter 2 examines probabilistic methods and their use in evaluating risks from natural

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hazards. It also addresses the characteristics of wind and seismic forces and levels of risk implied by building codes. Wind forces are covered in more detail in Chapter 3,

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with discussions of wind force concepts and wind-structure interactions. Chapter 4 is devoted to earthquake forces and traces the development of building codes for

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earthquake resistant design. Chapter 5 describes the main framing systems used to resist lateral forces and discusses the code requirements for drift

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control. The designs and requirements for connections between building elements are addressed in Chapter 6. It includes examples along with several illustrations

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of suitable connections. The performance of non-structural elements during wind and earthquake forces is also examined in detail. This book serves as an

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important reference for civil engineers, construction engineers, architects, and anyone concerned with structural codes and standards. It is an excellent guide that

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***can be used to
supplement design
recommendations and
provide a design basis
where there are no
current requirements.
Guide to Stability Design***

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***Criteria for Metal
Structures
Designing for Wind and
Air Movement
Cold-Formed Steel Design
The Analysis of Irregular
Shaped Structures***

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Diaphragms and Shear Walls Earthquake Engineering

This book is a collection of select papers presented at the Tenth Structural Engineering Convention 2016

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(SEC-2016). It comprises plenary, invited, and contributory papers covering numerous applications from a wide spectrum of areas related to structural engineering. It presents contributions by academics, researchers, and practicing structural

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engineers addressing analysis and design of concrete and steel structures, computational structural mechanics, new building materials for sustainable construction, mitigation of structures against natural hazards, structural health monitoring, wind and

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earthquake engineering, vibration control and smart structures, condition assessment and performance evaluation, repair, rehabilitation and retrofit of structures. Also covering advances in construction techniques/practices, behavior of structures under

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blast/impact loading, fatigue and fracture, composite materials and structures, and structures for non-conventional energy (wind and solar), it will serve as a valuable resource for researchers, students and practicing engineers alike.

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Standard ASCE/SEI 41-17 describes deficiency-based and systematic procedures that use performance-based principles to evaluate and retrofit existing buildings to withstand the effects of earthquakes.

This invitation conference, held Dec. 2

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and 3, 1994, included earth scientists, engineers, social scientists, agency program managers, and practitioners and others who implement earthquake research. Chapters include: NSF-funded Northridge Earthquake researchers; summary of USGS

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Northridge supplementary funding;
NIST Northridge research; FEMA
Northridge research; organizational
research programs: Calif. Div. of
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NHRAIC, Rand Critical Technologies

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Inst., and SAC Joint Venture; Info. Services: EERC-NISEE, NCEER Info. Services, and OES DFO; and individuals' research projects. A Practice-Oriented Approach From Engineering Seismology to Performance-Based Engineering

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Reinforced Concrete Design: Principles
And Practice

**This book comprises
selected proceedings of
the 2nd International
Conference of
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**Infrastructure, and
Materials (ICCIM 2021)
focusing on topics such
as structural
engineering,
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**engineering,
transportation system
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development. Its content will be useful to researchers, educators, practitioners, and policymakers alike.

"Seismic design provisions for wood

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sheathed / cold-formed steel (CFS) framed shear walls and CFS strap braced walls are available in the AISI S213-07 Standard. However, the National

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Building Code of Canada (NBCC), as well as the CSA S136 and the AISI S213 Standards, at present, do not address the seismic design of steel sheathed / CFS

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framed shear walls for use in Canada. The existing design guidelines for CFS framed shear walls are based on data obtained from static tests

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carried out under both monotonic and reversed cyclic loading protocols. The objective of this research was to develop seismic design provisions for the CFS

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framed shear walls forming part of the seismic force resisting system of a building, with the intent to recommend that they be included in the NBCC and

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AISI S213. The approach involved shake table testing of single- and double-storey CFS framed steel and wood sheathed shear walls, numerical modeling of the tested

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shear walls, and,
lastly, non-linear time
history dynamic analyses
of building archetypes
following the Federal
Emergency Management
Agency (FEMA) P695

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methodology. Overall, seven wood sheathed and ten steel sheathed CFS framed shear walls were tested on the Ecole Polytechnique de Montréal structural

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laboratory shake table. The wall specimens were full-scale single- and double-storey walls and, most, were constructed with the blocking in the CFS frame. A wood

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sheathed shear wall was tested with a gypsum panel on one side of the specimen in order to investigate the effects of non-structural components. The dynamic

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test program included impact tests, harmonic forced vibration tests, and ground motion tests representative of the seismic hazard in Quebec and Vancouver, Canada.

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The seismic performance of the dynamically tested shear walls, i.e. force vs. displacement hysteretic behaviour and failure modes, was primarily similar to the

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static tests. Inclusion of the blocking increased the shear strength of the tested shear walls by almost 50%. OpenSees software was used for the

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numerical modelling of the dynamically tested walls. The inelastic behaviour of the shear walls was replicated by using the Pinching04 material; additional

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zerolength spring elements were included in the model to represent frame stiffness, anchor rod stiffness and the CFS framing. The wall models

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were calibrated based on the results of the dynamic tests, as well as data obtained from the calibration of previously performed static tests. Moreover,

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to provide experimental data to complete the model calibration procedure a series of static tests was conducted on blocked CFS bare frames and stud-to-

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track connections. The archetype buildings (twelve in total) were two, four and five storey office and residential buildings located in Halifax,

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Montreal and Vancouver, Canada. The buildings designed with $R_d = 2.0$ and $R_o = 1.3$ satisfied the FEMA P695 collapse capacity requirements. Inclusion of gypsum

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panel in two of the archetype buildings increased the collapse margin ratio by 20% on average." --

Brick and Block Masonry
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and Challenges contains the lectures and regular papers presented at the 16th International Brick and Block Masonry Conference (Padova, Italy, 26–30 June 2016) .

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In an ever-changing world, in which innovations are rapidly implemented but soon surpassed, the challenge for masonry, the oldest and most traditional

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building material, is that it can address the increasingly pressing requirements of quality of living, safety, and sustainability. This abstracts volume and

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**Infrastructure, and
Materials
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International Conference
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Construction, held in
Waterloo, Ontario,
Canada, May 14-17, 2006
ICCIM 2021, 26 July,
2021, Jakarta, Indonesia
The definitive guide to
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fully updated and
incorporating current
research Representing nearly
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Structural Stability
Research Council, the Guide
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for Metal Structures is often described as an invaluable reference for practicing structural engineers and researchers. For generations of engineers and architects, the Guide has served as the definitive

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and research, this Sixth Edition brings this foundational work in line with current practice and research. The Sixth Edition incorporates a decade of progress in the field since the previous edition, with

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disproportionate collapse resistance, and inelastic seismic performance and design recommendations for various moment-resistant and braced steel frames Complete with over 350 illustrations, plus references and

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Exposition Is Based On The
Latest Indian Standard Code
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Method Also Explained. *
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Resistant Design. * Includes
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Examples, Practice Problems
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Would Serve As A
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Engineering Students.
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Also Find It A Valuable
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Supplement 1, and expanded

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commentary, 2013.

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of up-to-date structural codes, requirements, and standards and includes newly developed structure types and new design solutions. Covers new topics of diaphragm solutions including CLT diaphragms and

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IBC, and 2021 SDPWS with new CLT diaphragm and shear wall design requirements and guidelines. Written by a team of experienced structural engineers and certified building official. Comprehensive coverage of

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design provisions and standards from the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) and the Canadian Standard Association (CSA). The book covers steel material, cross-section, component, and

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Self-study problems at the end of each chapter help reinforce the concepts presented. Written by experts in earthquake-

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resistant design who are active in the development of seismic guidelines, this is an invaluable resource for students and professionals involved in earthquake engineering or other areas related to the analysis and

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rotation capacity of steel beams

This book presents the proceedings of an International Conference on Advances in Engineering Structures, Mechanics & Construction, held in

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Waterloo, Ontario, Canada,
May 14-17, 2006. The
contents include contains
the texts of all three
plenary presentations and
all seventy-three technical
papers by more than 153
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2005 Edition of the
National Design
Specification for Wood
Construction, and the
2008 Edition of the
Special Design*

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Provisions for Wind and Seismic (SDPWS-08).

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*Open front and
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*diaphragms with combined
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Standard shear walls
Shear walls with
openings Discontinuous
shear walls Horizontally
offset shear walls The*

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*portal frame Rigid
moment-resisting frame
walls--the frame method
of analysis*

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subject experts based on
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results in steel plate shear walls considering the gravity load effect. It establishes a vertical stress distribution of the walls under compression

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and in-plane bending load and an inclination angle of the tensile field strip. The stress throughout the inclined tensile strip, as we consider the effect of

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the vertical stress distribution, is determined using the von Mises yield criterion. The shear strength is calculated by integrating the shear

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*stress along the width.
The proposed theoretical
model is verified by
tests and numerical
simulations.*

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and engineers in the*

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field of structural engineering can benefit from the book. As such, this book provides valuable knowledge, useful methods, and practical algorithms

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that can be considered in practical design of building structures adopting a steel shear wall system.

Aeroform: Designing for Wind and Air Movement

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provides a comprehensive introduction to applying aerodynamic principles to architectural design. It presents a challenge to architects and architectural engineers

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to give shape to the wind and express its influence on architectural form. The wind pushes and pulls on our buildings, infiltrates and

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exfiltrates through cracks and openings, and lifts roofs during storm events. It can also offer opportunities for resource conservation through natural

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ventilation or a biophilic connection between indoors and out. This book provides basic concepts in fluid mechanics such as materials, forces,

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equilibrium, pressure, and hydrostatics; introduces the reader to the concept of airflow; and provides strategies for designing for wind resistance, especially

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*in preventing uplift.
Natural ventilation and
forced airflow are
explored using examples
such as Thomas Herzog's
Hall 26 in Hanover, RWE
Ag building in Essen*

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Germany, and the Kimbell Art Museum in Texas.

Finally, issues of wind and airflow measurement are addressed. A reference for students and practitioners of

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architecture and architectural engineering, this book is richly illustrated and presents complex concepts of aerodynamic engineering in easy-to-

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understand language. It prepares the architect or architectural engineer to design buildings that are visually expressive of a dialogue between wind

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and built form.

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Theory and Design

"The use of cold-formed steel (CFS) for seismic force-resisting systems (SFRS), including shear walls, has increased throughout the years.

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However, the design provisions for CFS sheathed and framed shear walls available in the North American CFS standards (AISI S400 and AISI S240) are limited by

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the shear walls' sheathing and framing thicknesses. Design guidelines for CFS sheathed and framed shear walls for the purpose of mid-rise

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construction (up to 5 storeys) are still absent from the standards. The main objective of this research program was to develop a design procedure for CFS

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sheathed and framed shear walls to achieve higher capacity and ductility to resist the higher forces experienced in mid-rise construction. The developed design

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procedure is proposed to be included in the provisions of the AISI S240 Standard and AISI S400 Standard. The design procedure was developed by

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determining the shear strength of full-scale shear wall specimens built and tested at McGill University under monotonic and cyclic loading protocols. A total

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of 31 specimens, with varying building parameters, were constructed using thicker sheathing and framing members than what is currently available for

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design. The specimens were built using two new shear wall configurations (double-sheathed and centre-sheathed) to address out-of-plane forces experienced by

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shear walls tested in previous research programs. The centre-sheathed shear wall configuration, with a confined and concentrically placed

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sheathing panel, reached a shear resistance four times higher than the design values tabulated in the current standards. The ductility of these CFS shear walls was also

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significantly improved. A preliminary equation-based nominal shear strength prediction method has been developed for the centre-sheathed shear walls; the

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method reflects the shear wall's different configuration and superior behaviour. Following the test data analysis, preliminary design parameters for

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Limit States Design (LSD)
used in Canada and for
Load and Resistance
Factor Design (LRFD)
used in the USA and
Mexico were determined,
including the load

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resistance factor, f , and the factor of safety. In addition, capacity based design parameters were determined for seismic design in Canada. These parameters included the

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