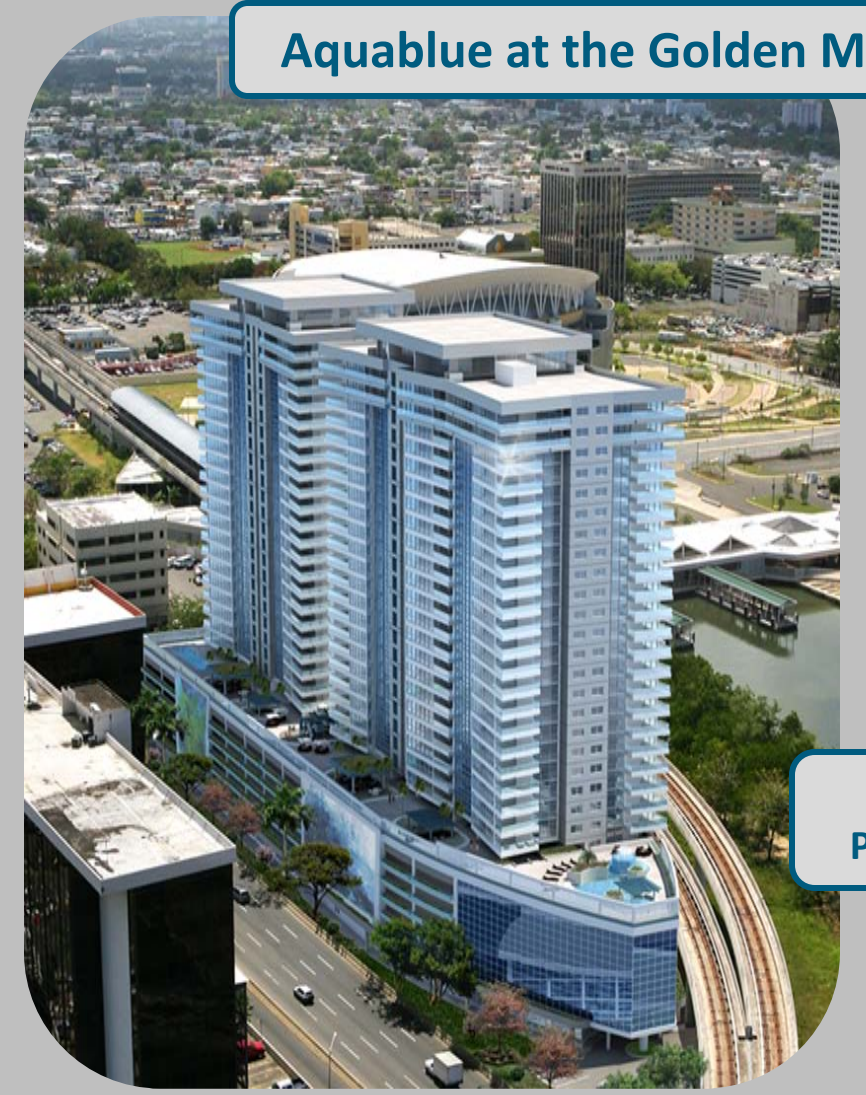


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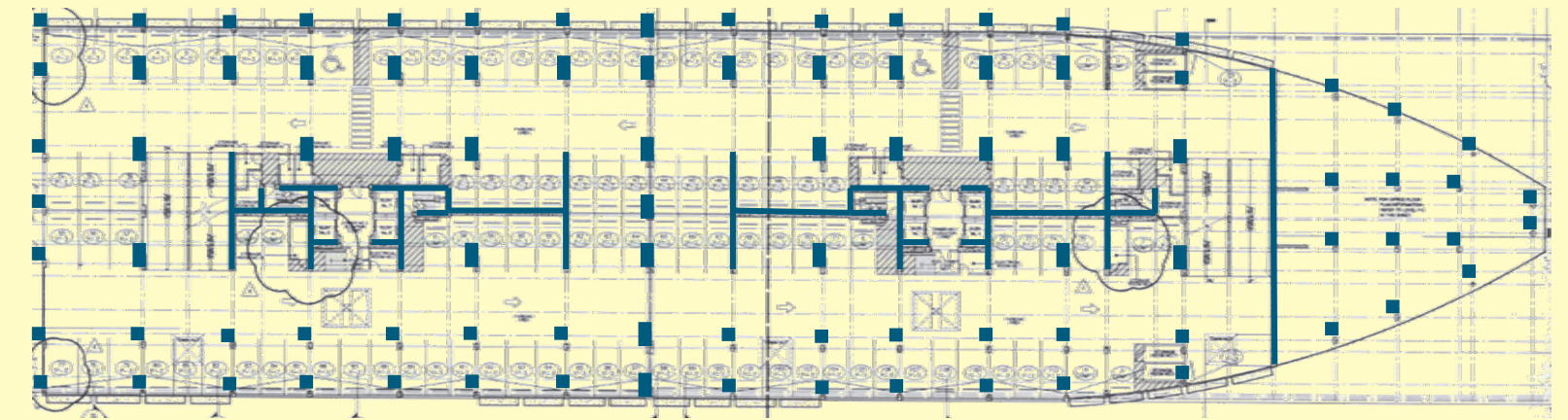
- 7-story parking structure + luxury apartments
- 900,000 ft<sup>2</sup>
- 31 stories above grade
- total height = 276'
- approximate plan dimensions = 120' x 490'
- Construction dates: February 2007 – August 2009
- Structural Engineer: DeSimone Consulting Engineers

Existing Structural System:

- foundation – drilled piles beneath 10" concrete slab
- gravity system – two-way, post-tensioned slabs
- lateral system – 18" concrete shear walls
- 5" seismic joint

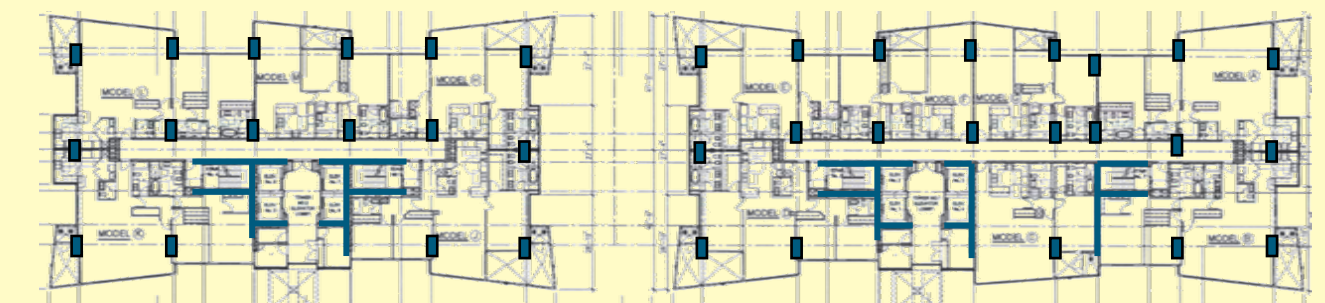


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**Parking Garage Level**

- 51,900 ft<sup>2</sup>
- plan dimensions = 120' x 490'



**Apartment Towers**

- 11,600 ft<sup>2</sup> and 14,500 ft<sup>2</sup>
- plan dimensions = 90' x 160' and 90' x 200'

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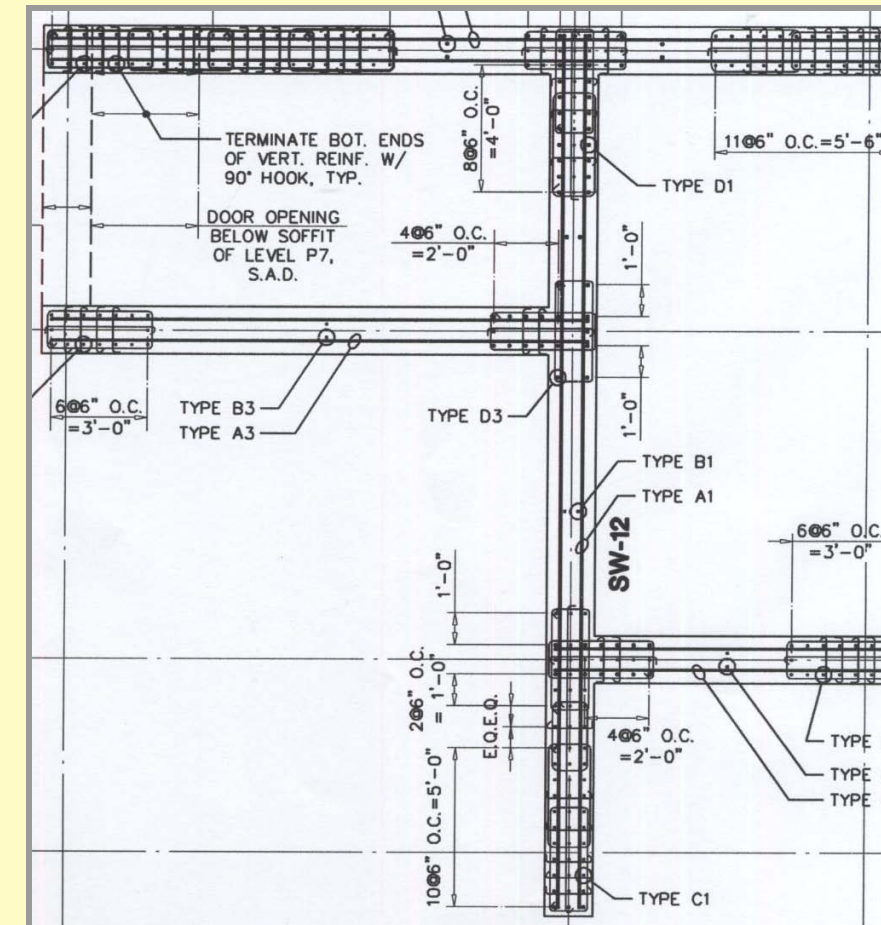


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Features of Shear Walls:

- $f'_c = 8000$  psi up to level 13
- $f'_c = 6000$  psi above level 13
- Detailed integration of shear wall segments
- Intricate construction process



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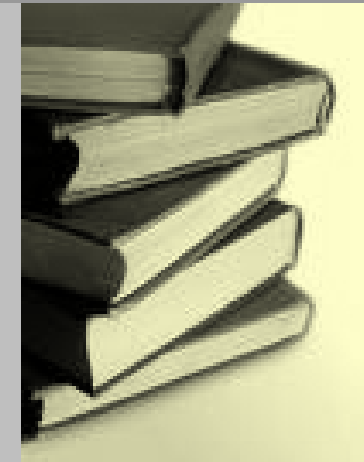
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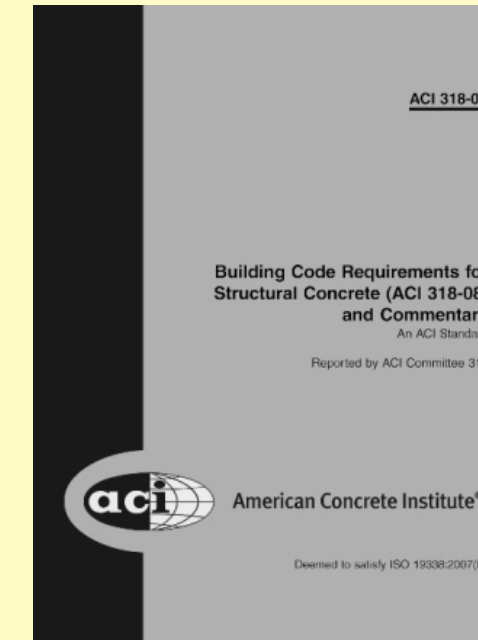


National Model Codes used by DeSimone Consulting Engineers:

- Puerto Rico Building Code 1999
- UBC 1997 (Uniform Building Code)
- ACI 318-99 ("Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete")
- ACI 530-99 ("Building Code Requirements for Masonry Structures")
- SJI 1994 (Steel Joist Institute)

Codes and References used for this design project:

- ACI 318-08 (American Concrete Institute)
- ASCE 7-05 (American Society of Civil Engineering)
- IBC 2006 (International Building Code)
- ETABS Nonlinear v9.2.0 (Computers and Structures, Inc.)
- pcaColumn v3.64 (Portland Cement Association)



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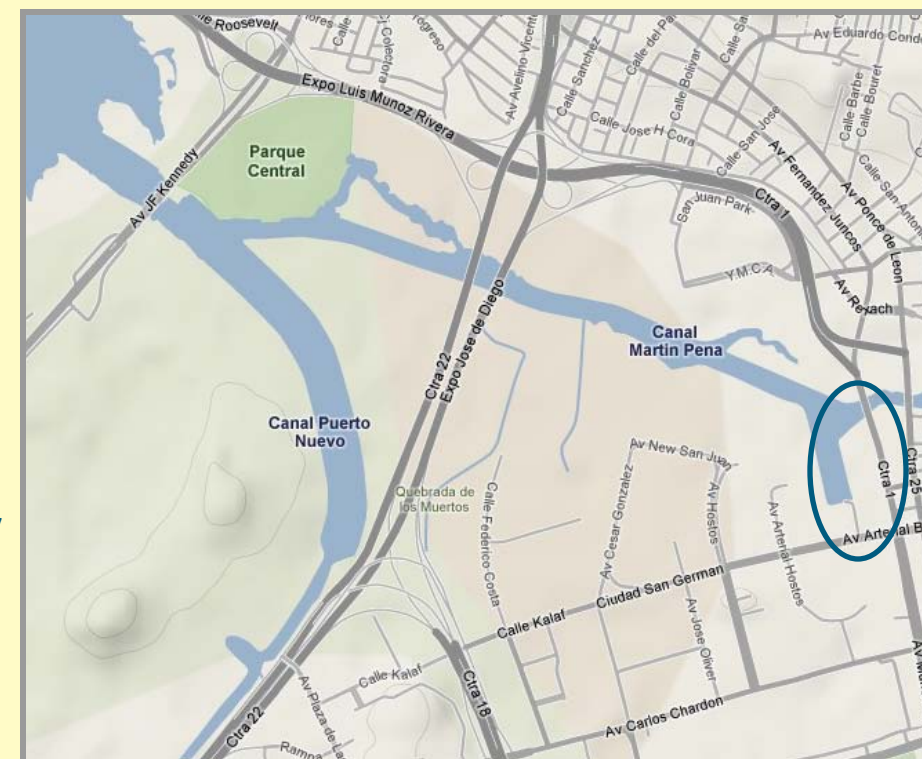
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Overview of Project Proposal:

- Lateral force analysis
- Shear wall and coupling beam re-design
- Reinforcement design
- ETABS and pcaColumn analysis
- Architectural breadth study
- Construction Management breadth study

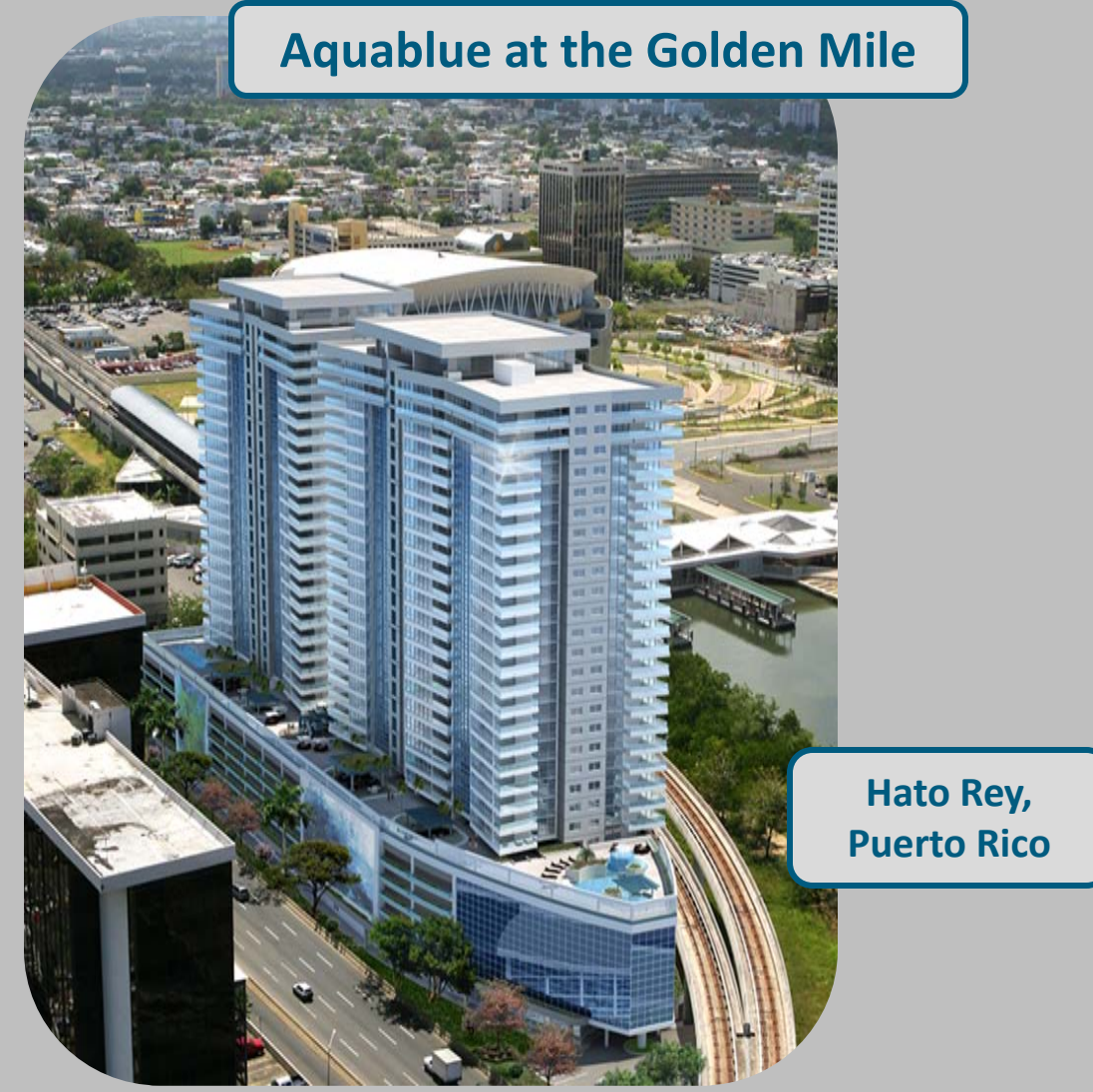
Project Goals:

- Detailed analysis of lateral loads
- Concrete shear wall design (ACI 318-08 building code)
- Computer modeling as a means of structural analysis
- Architectural impact of structural design



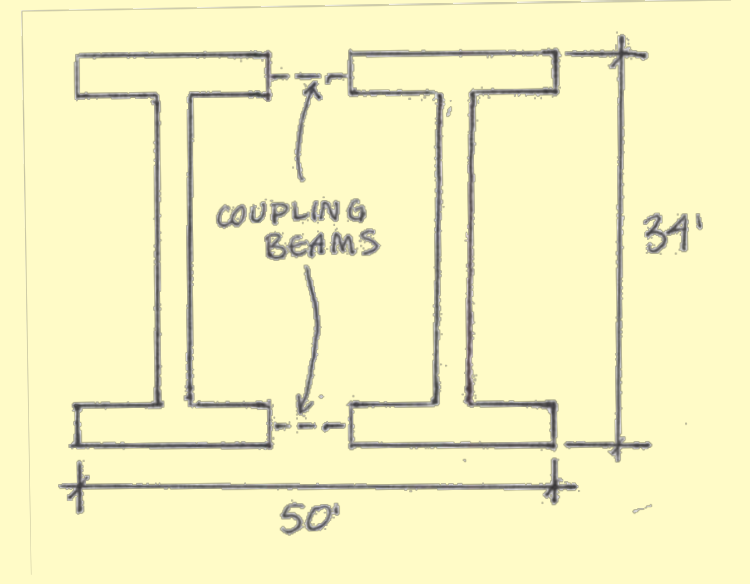
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**Ideas for Shear Wall Re-design:**

- Two I-shaped shear walls with connecting coupling beams
- More regular and efficient shape
- Minor architectural impact
- Hand calculations + computer modeling for analysis
- Reinforcement design
- Focus on the core of one tower



Preliminary Sketch (N.T.S.)

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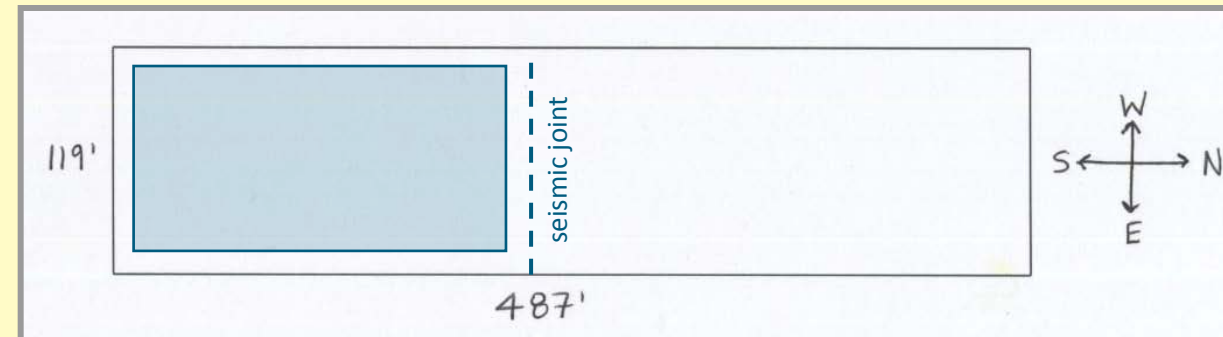
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## Wind Analysis:

- ASCE 7-05 (Chapter 6)
- Analytical Procedure (Method 2)
- Basic Wind Speed,  $V = 145$  mph
- Importance Factor,  $I = 1.0$
- Exposure Category = B
- Special Wind Cases

## Seismic Analysis:

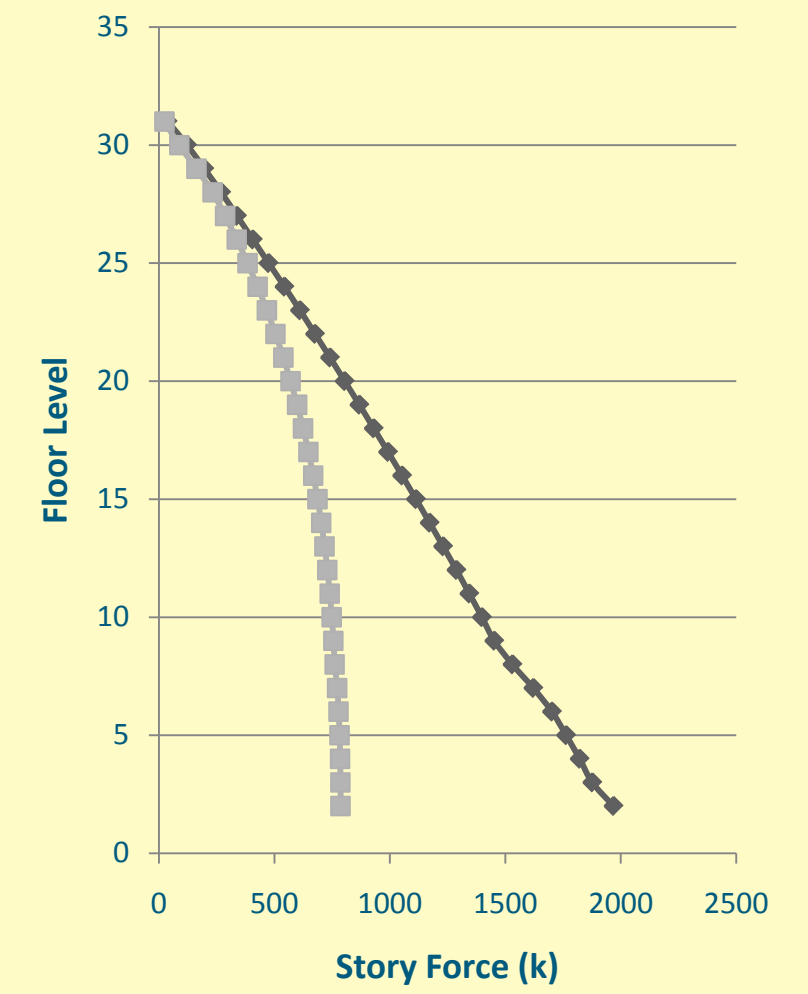
- ASCE 7-05 (Chapters 11 and 12)
- Equivalent Lateral Force Procedure
- Importance Factor,  $I = 1.0$
- Seismic Design Category = D
- Response Modification Coefficient,  $R = 6$
- Fundamental Period,  $T = 2.031$
- Seismic Response Coefficient,  $C_s = 0.0165$



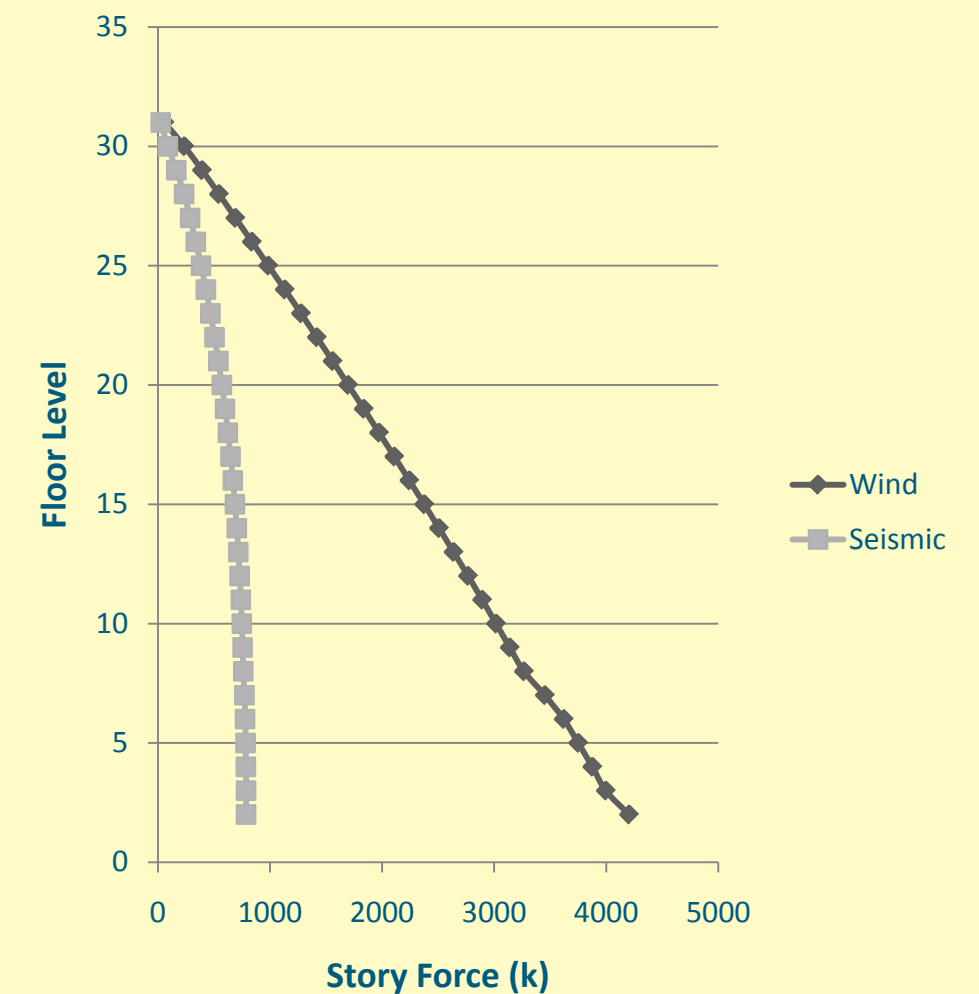
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Factored Story Shears for NS Direction



Factored Story Shears for EW Direction



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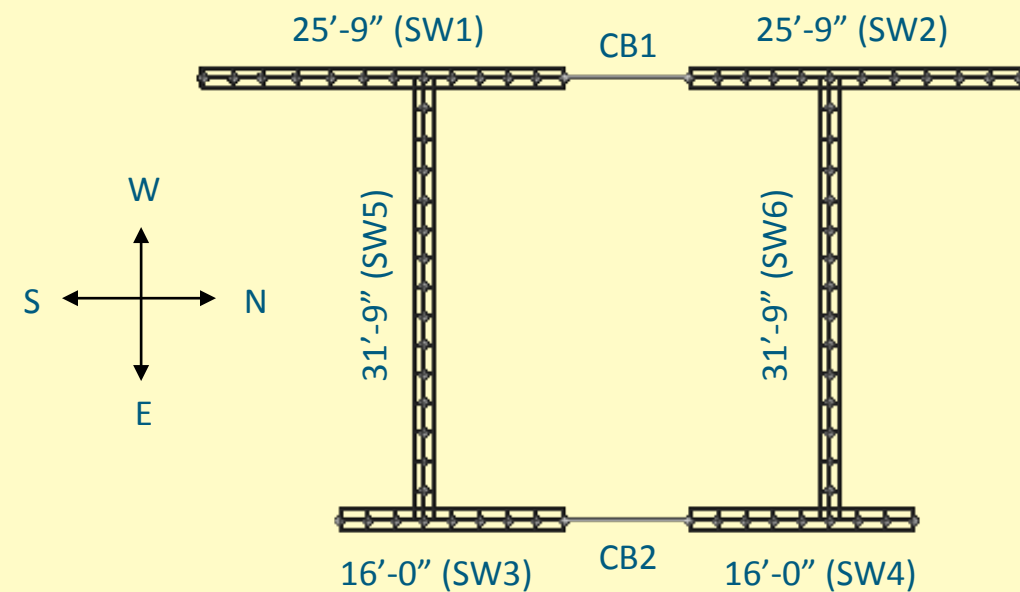
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$$t = \rho \frac{V_x}{\phi 3\sqrt{f'_c} (l_w)}$$

Equation variables:

- t = wall thickness (in)
- ρ = fraction of story shear force
- V<sub>x</sub> = total factored shear force
- φ = 0.75 for wind, φ = 0.60 for seismic
- 3√f'<sub>c</sub> = approximate shear stress of the wall
- l<sub>w</sub> = length of the wall (in)



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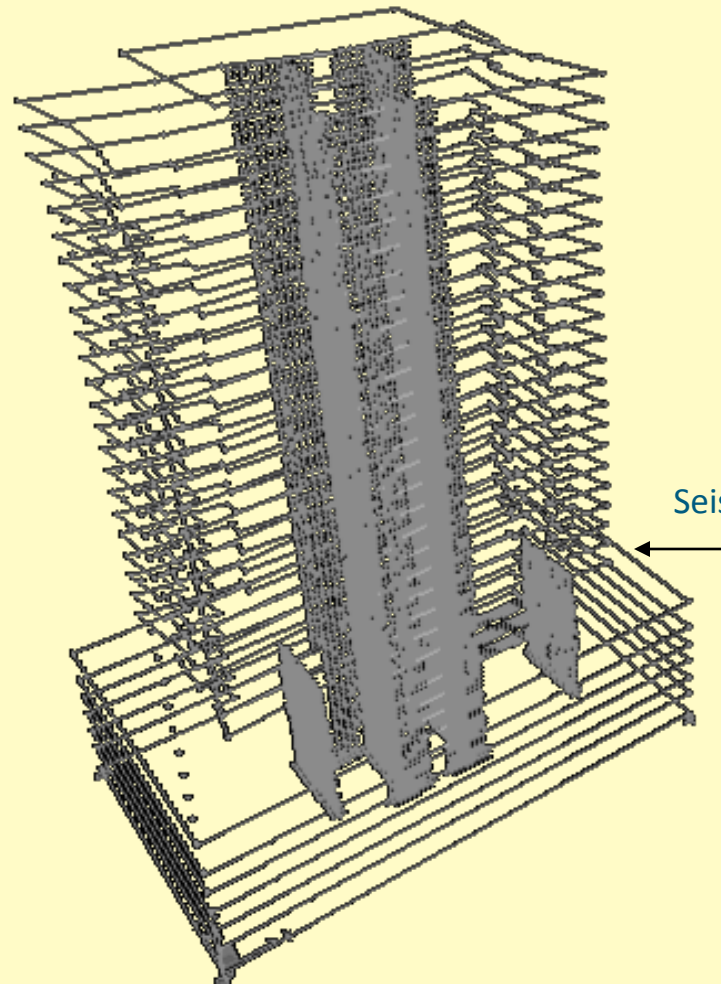
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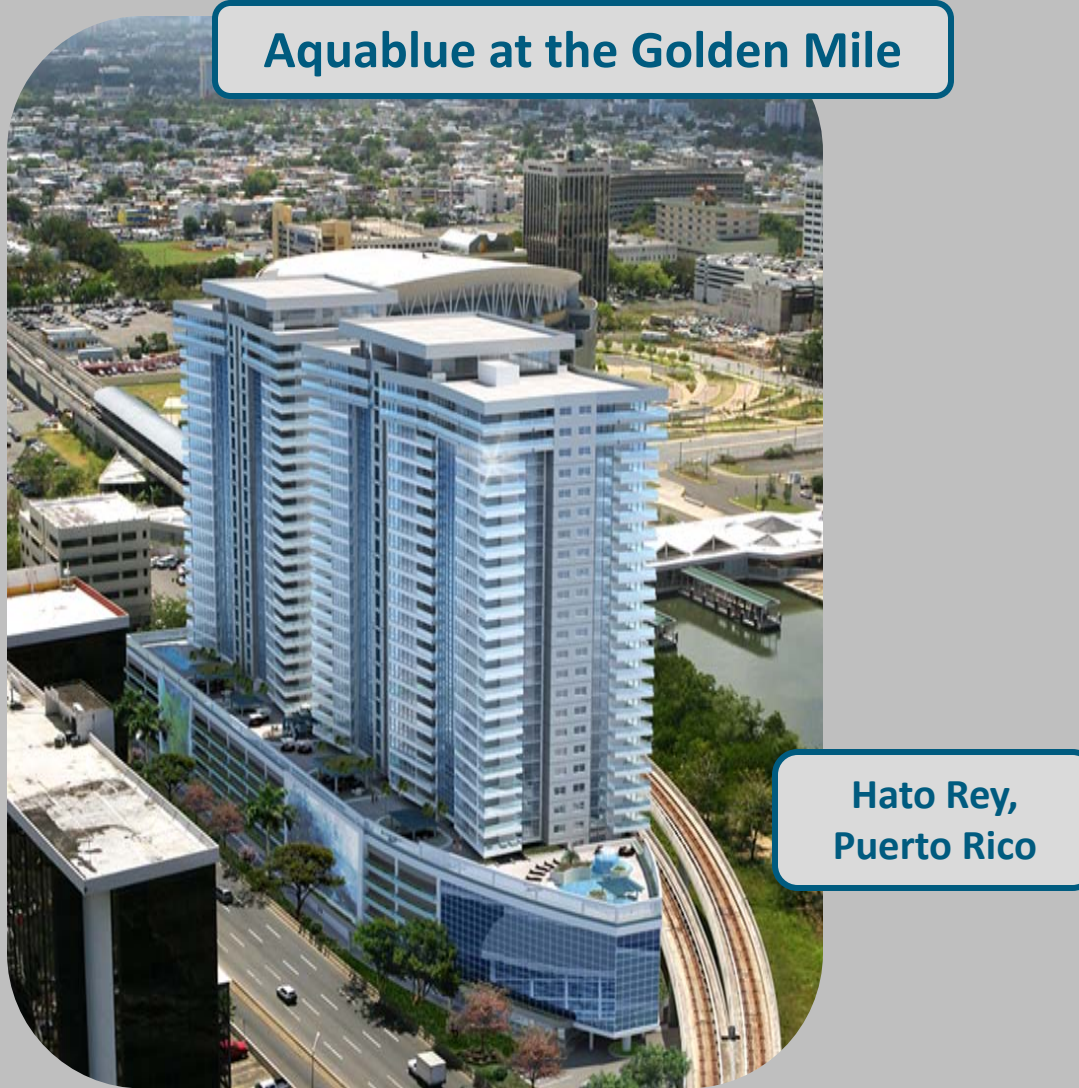


Seismic Joint

**Design Assumptions:**

- Same concrete strength as original building
- 'User-defined' loads
- Rigid floor diaphragms with assigned masses
- Meshed walls with 0.7 multiplier for moment of inertia
- 18" wide x 19.5" deep coupling beams with reduced moment of inertia

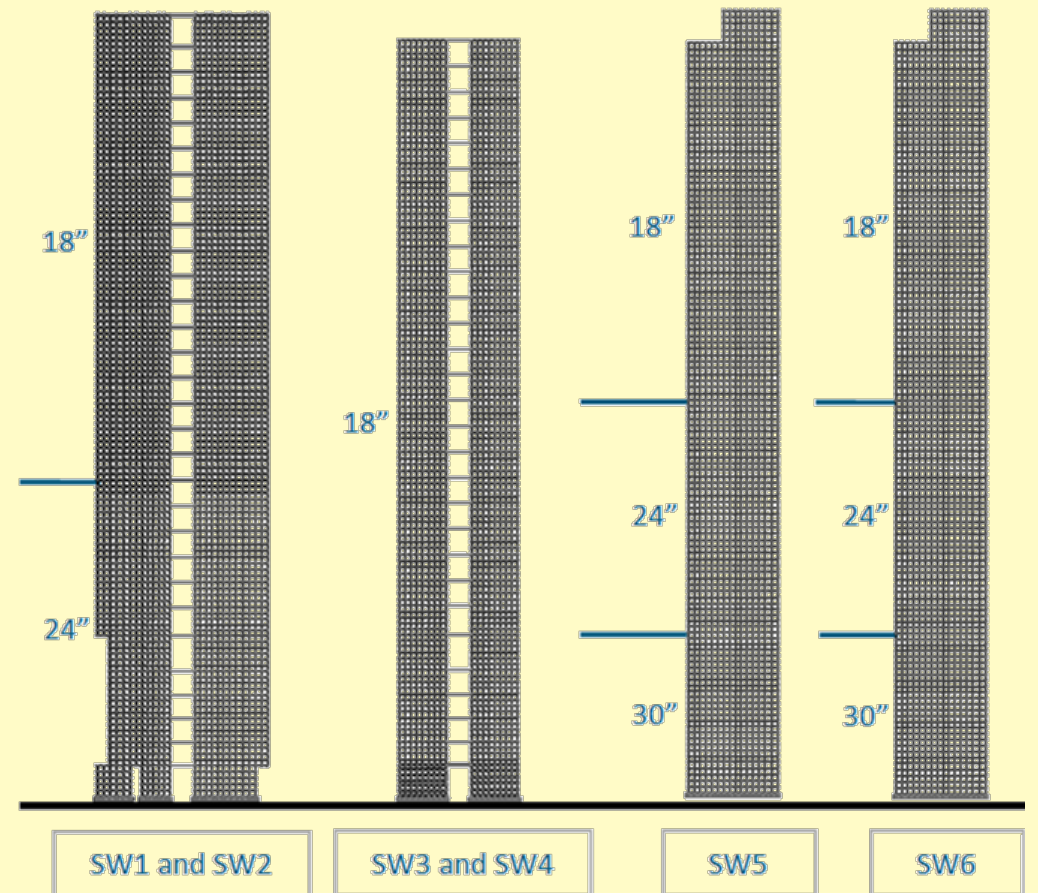
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- Final Shear Wall Thicknesses:**
- 18" – 30" thickness
  - (2) 18" thick walls added through parking levels



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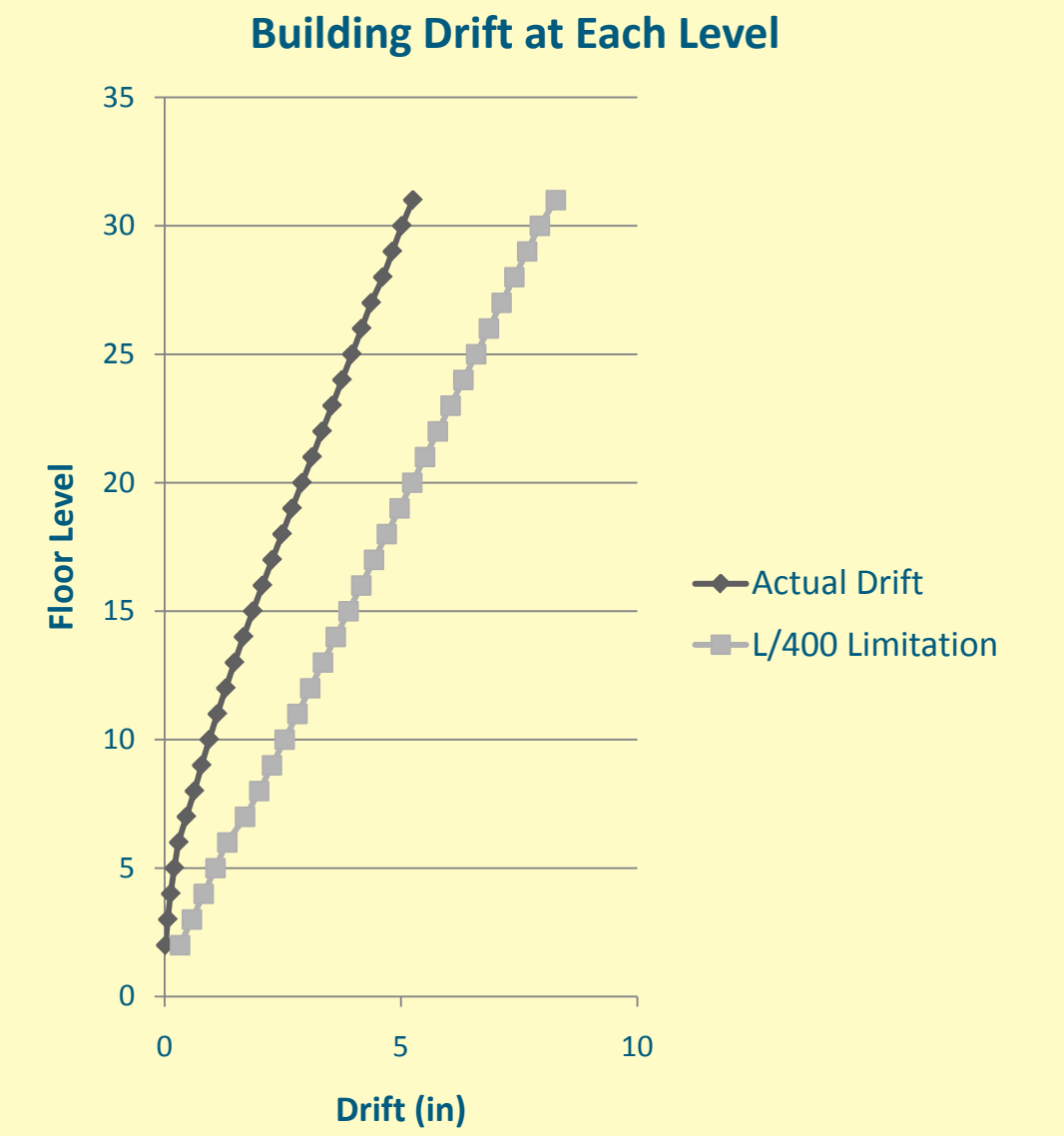
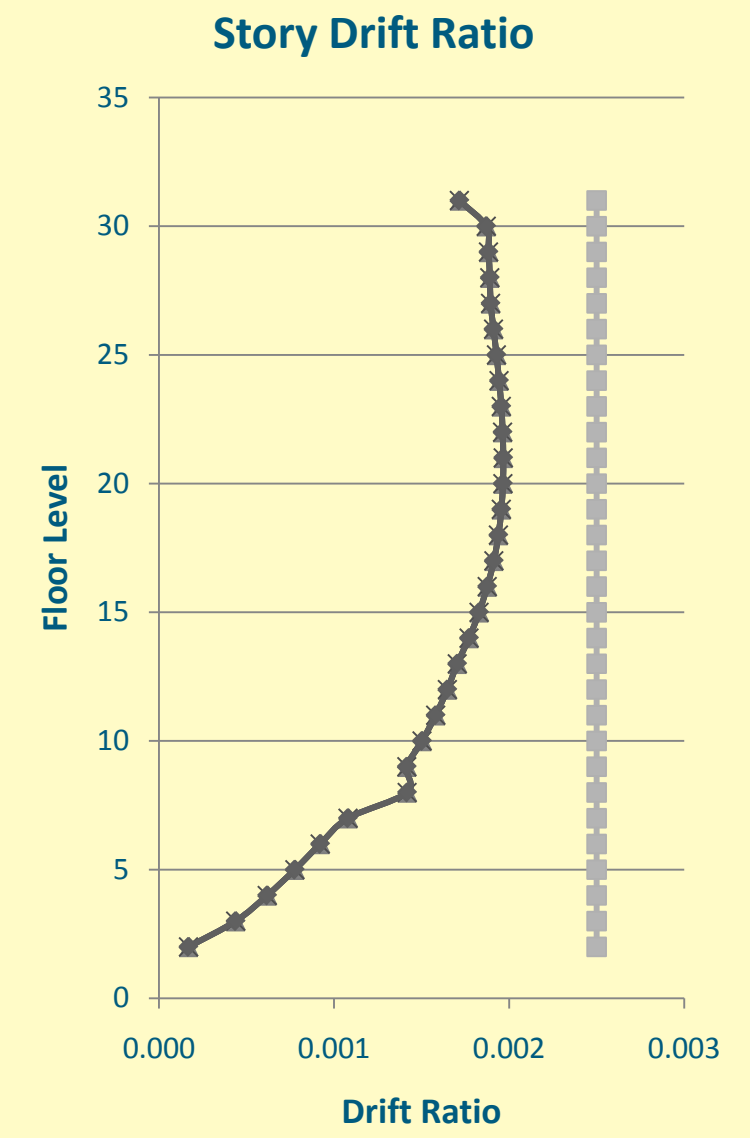
**Aquablue at the Golden Mile****Hato Rey,  
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- Extreme torsional irregularity
- Torsional amplification factor,  $A_x = 1.46$
- Accidental eccentricity ratio = 0.073

**Drift limitations:**

- $L/400$  for wind loads (0.70W permitted by section CC.1.2 of ASCE 7-05)
- 0.020h for seismic loads
- Deflection amplification factor,  $C_d = 5$  (seismic drifts)
- Drifts within the required limits
- Maximum drift at level 7 = 1.06" (assumed that seismic joint is adequate)

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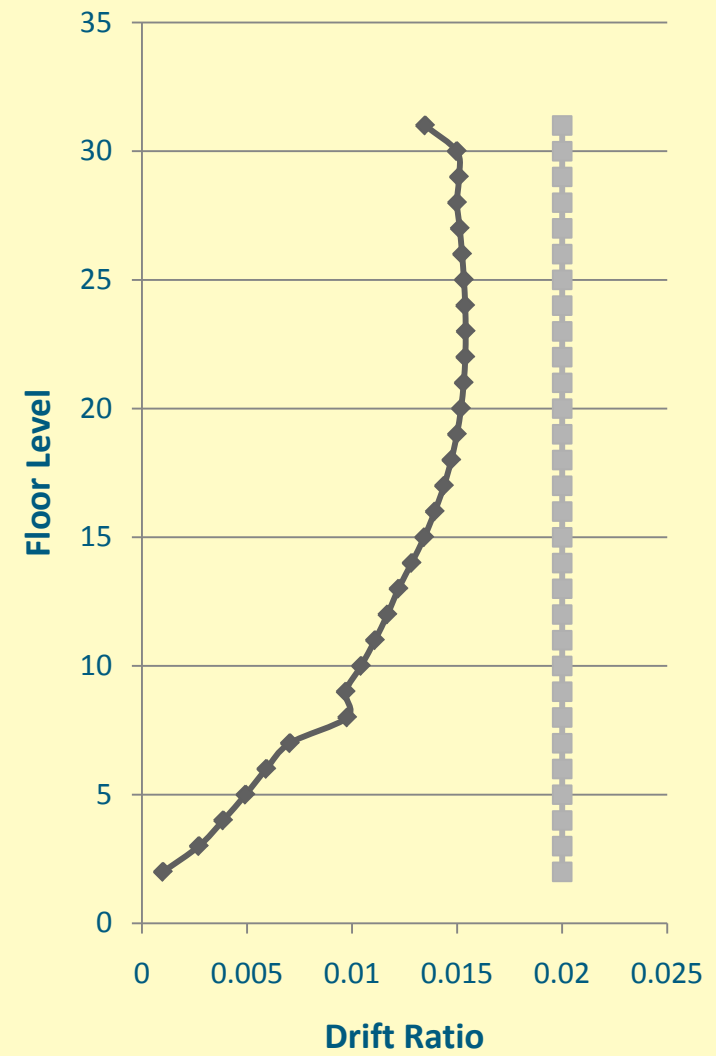
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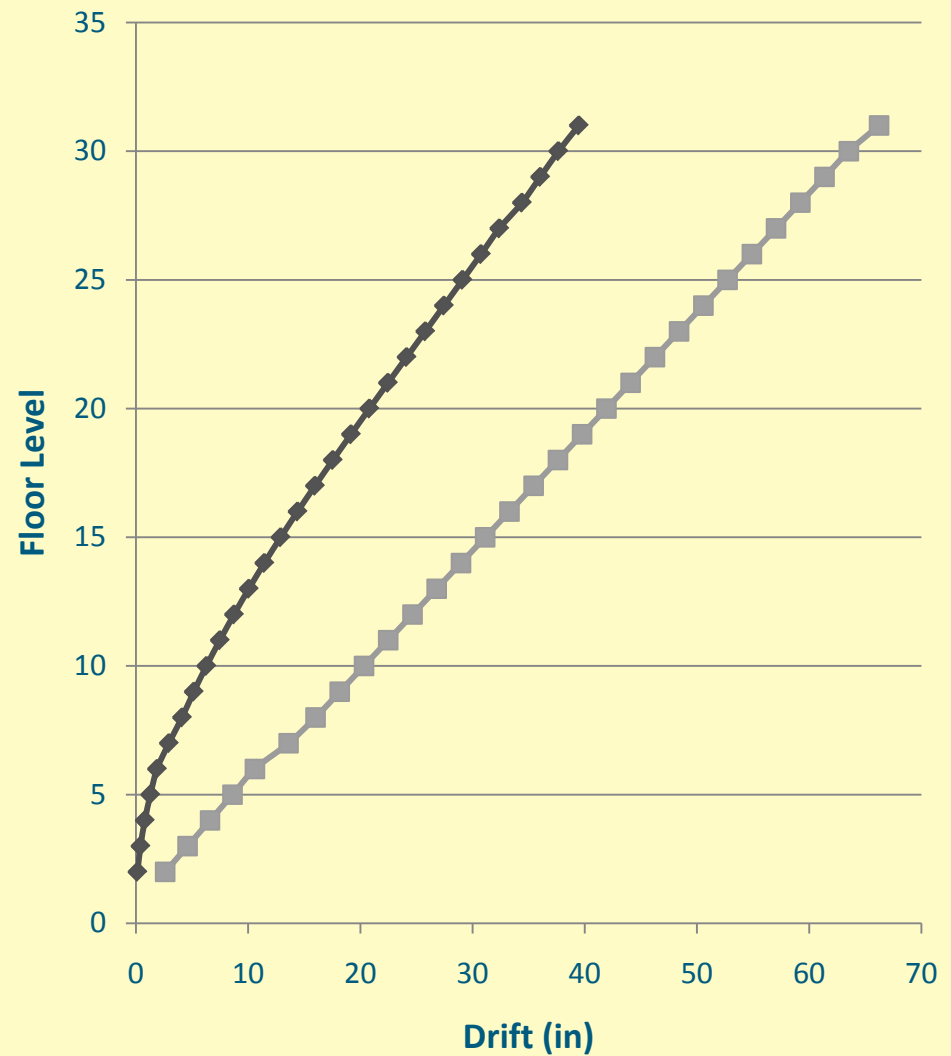
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Story Drift Ratio



Building Drift at Each Level



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$$\frac{V_u / \phi}{\lambda \sqrt{f'_c} A_{cw}} \leq \begin{cases} 12(\text{wind}) \\ 4(\text{seismic}) \end{cases}$$

**Equation variables:**

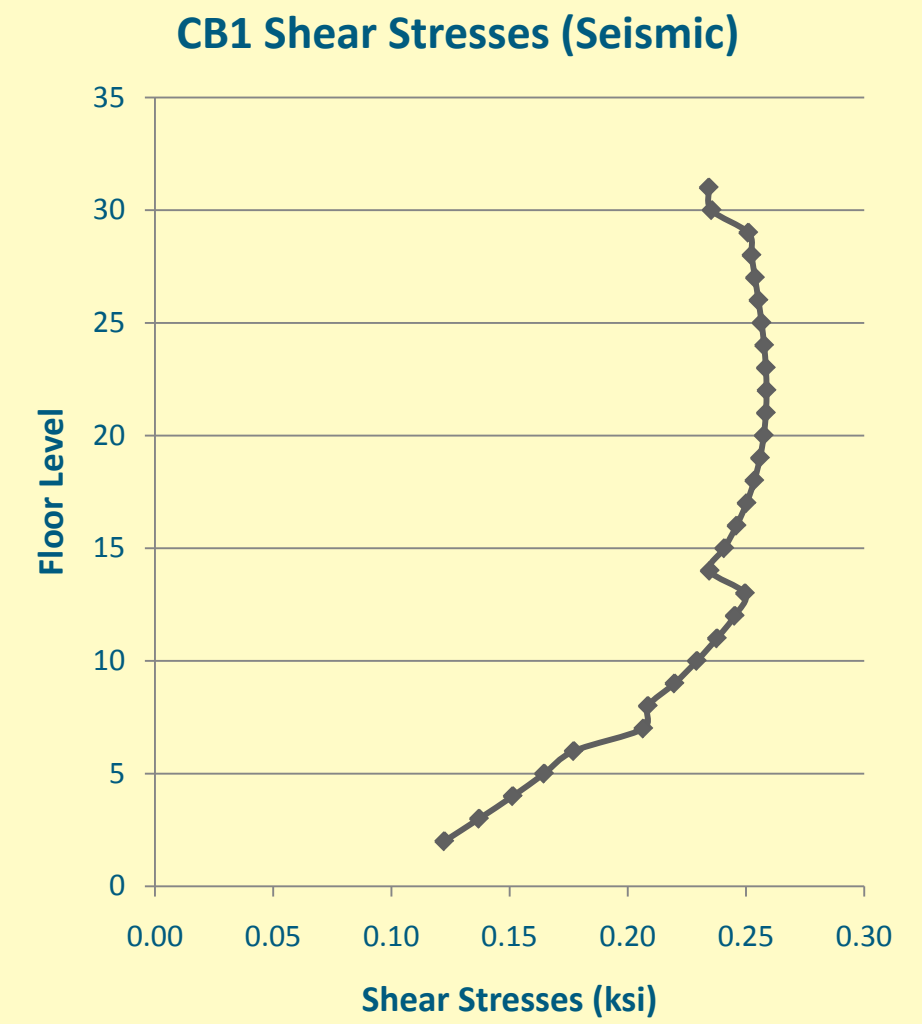
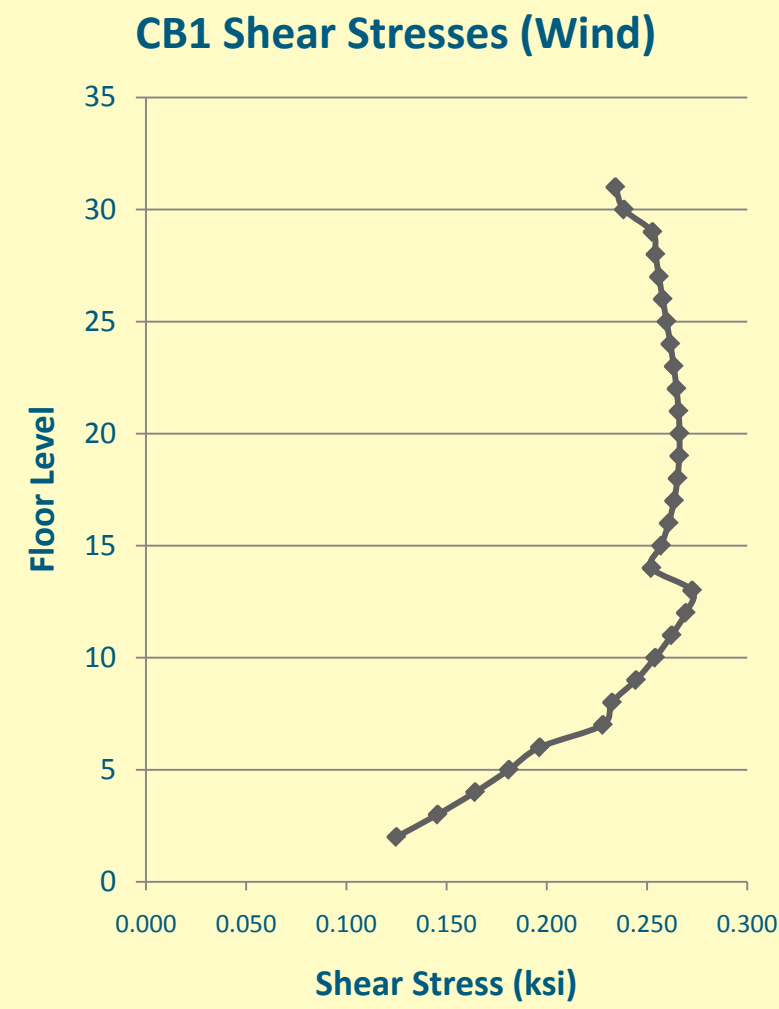
- $V_u$  = factored shear force in the beam
  - $1.2D + 0.5L + 1.6W$
  - $0.9D + 1.6W$
  - $1.32D + 0.5L + 1.0E$
  - $0.78D + 1.0E$
- $\lambda = 1$  (normal weight concrete)
- $A_{cw}$  = cross-sectional area of the beam

**Results:**

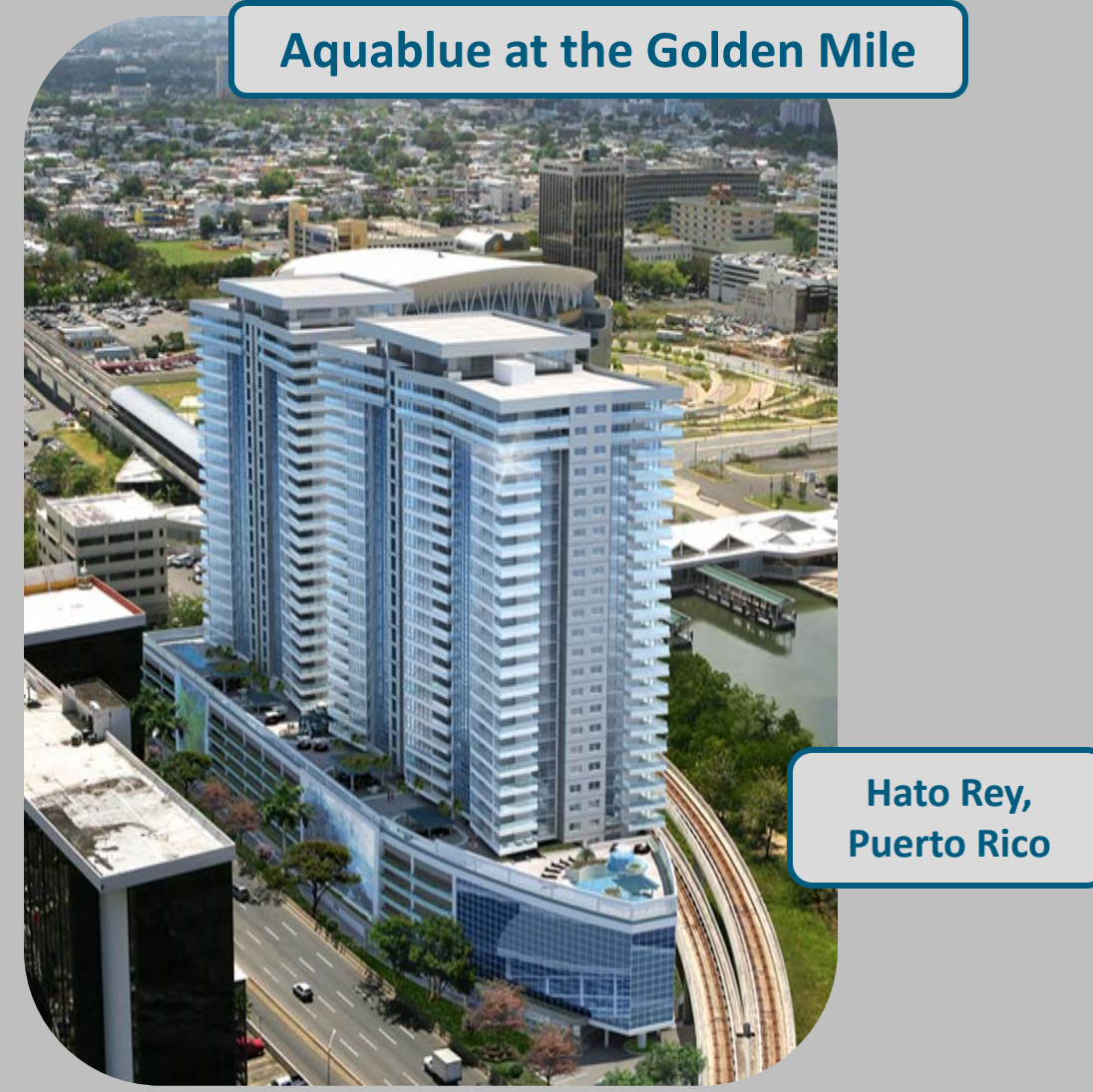
- Diagonal reinforcement is not required
- Beam depths are feasible



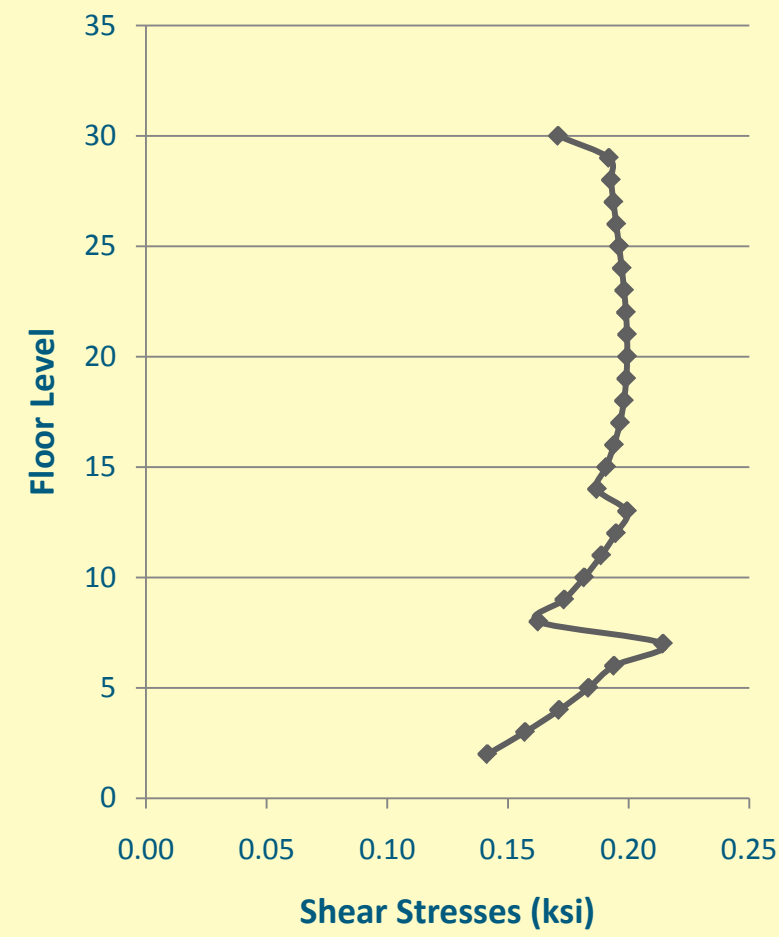
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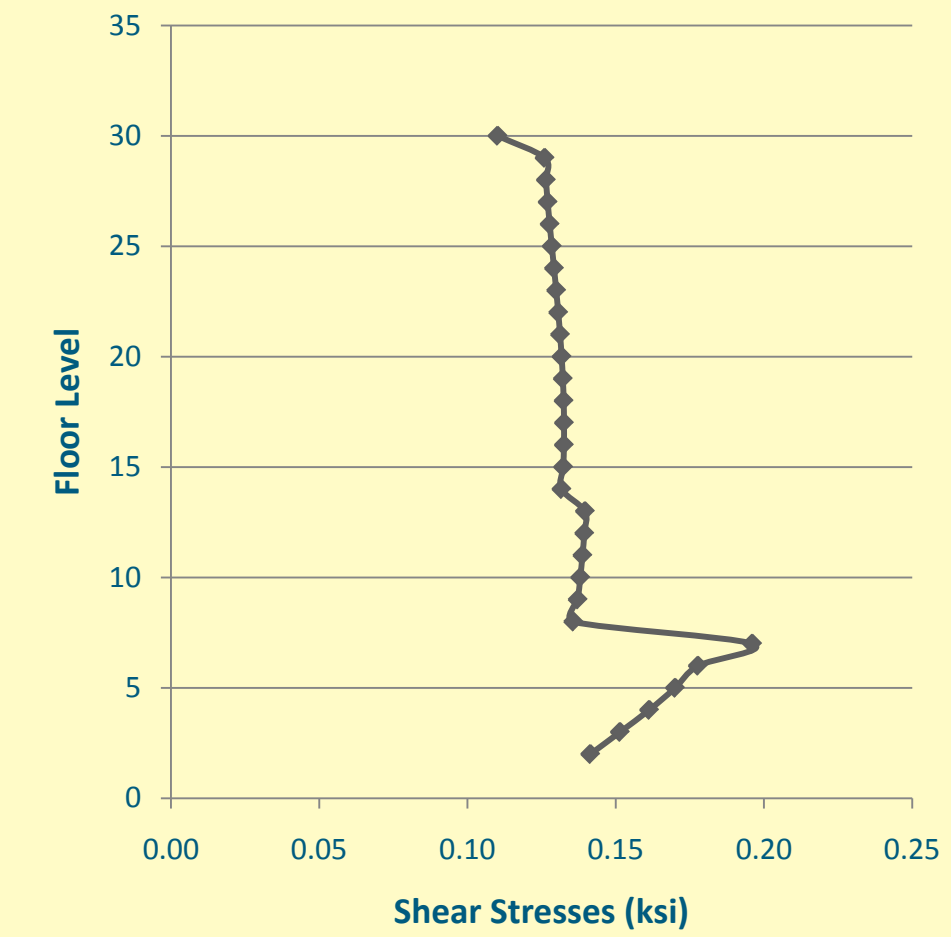
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CB2 Shear Stresses (Wind)



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**Design process:**

- Preliminary design according to seismic provisions of ACI 318-08, chapter 21
- Reinforcement checked for wind loads using ACI 318-08, chapter 11
- (2) curtains for both transverse and longitudinal reinforcement

$$\phi V_n = \phi A_{cv} (\alpha_c \lambda \sqrt{f'_c} + \rho_t f_y)$$

$$\phi V_n = \phi (2 \lambda \sqrt{f'_c} t_w d + A_{s,t} f_y d / s)$$

Level	Transverse (horizontal)	Longitudinal (vertical)
	SW1 and SW2 reinforcement	
14 to sky lobby	(2) #5 @ 12"	(2) #5 @ 10"
4 to 13	(2) #5 @ 9"	(2) #5 @ 8"
2 to 3	(2) #7 @ 9"	(2) #7 @ 8"

Level	Transverse (horizontal)	Longitudinal (vertical)
	SW3 and SW4 reinforcement	
2 to sky lobby	(2) #5 @ 12"	(2) #5 @ 12"

Level	Transverse (horizontal)	Longitudinal (vertical)
	SW5 and SW6 reinforcement	
20 to sky lobby	(2) #5 @ 12"	(2) #5 @ 10"
16 to 19	(2) #5 @ 8"	(2) #5 @ 6"
2 to 15	(2) #7 @ 8"	(2) #7 @ 6"

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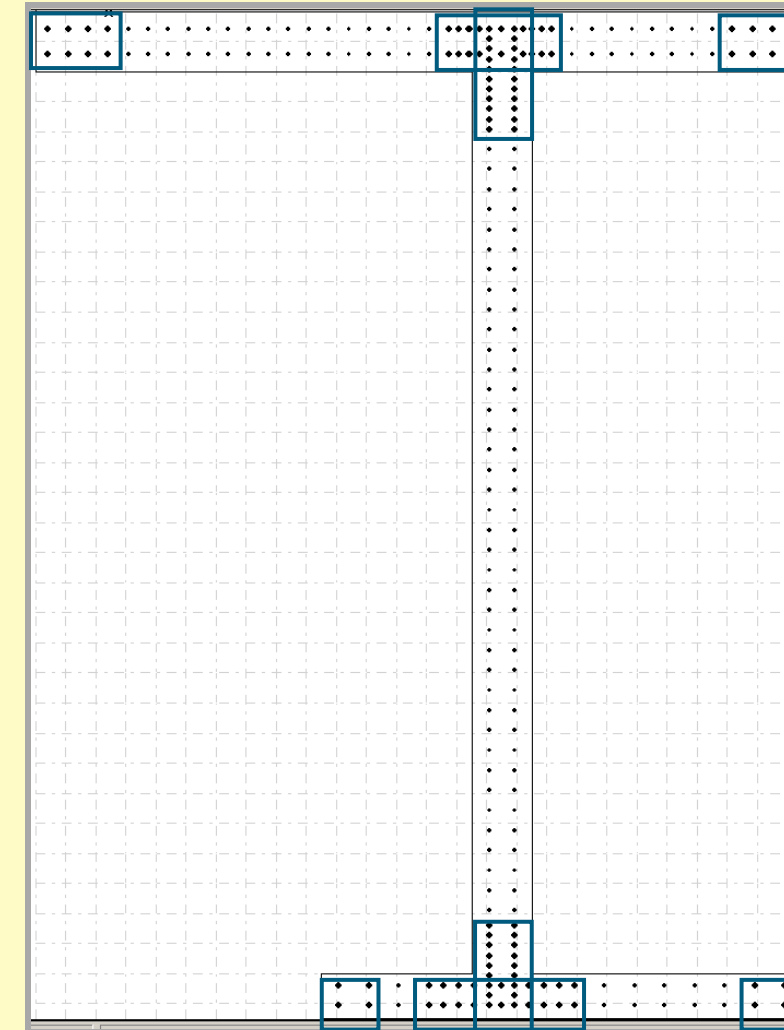


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**Check in pcaColumn:**

- Shear wall design checked in pcaColumn for level 9
- #5 bars at either 8" or 12" spacing
- #9 bars for the boundary elements



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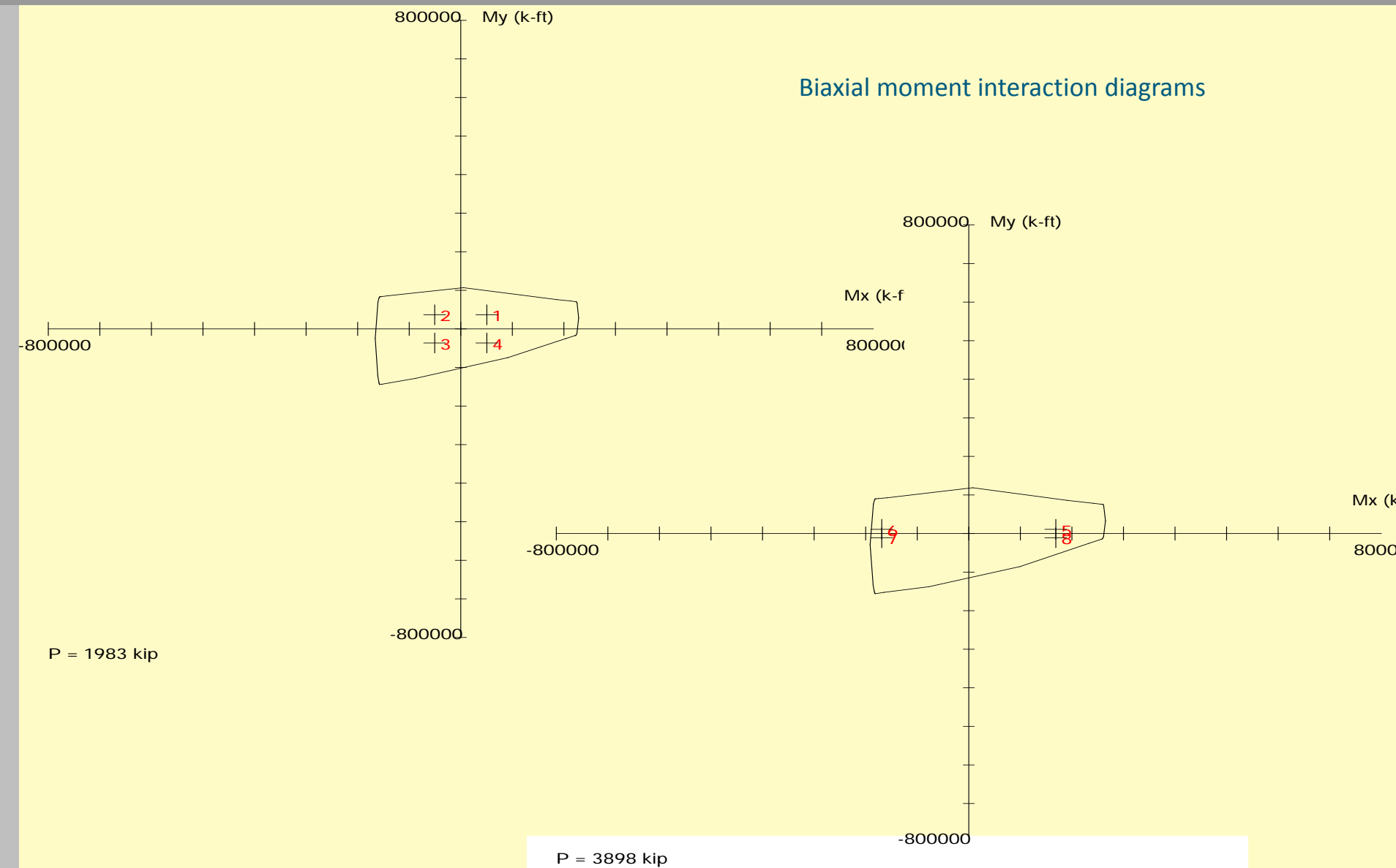
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**Longitudinal reinforcement design:**

- Minimum steel area from chapters 10 and 21 of ACI 318-08
- Area of steel for 6 ksi strength concrete  $A_s = \frac{M_u}{4.17d}$
- Area of steel for 8 ksi strength concrete  $A_s = \frac{M_u}{4.25d}$
- Generally, (6) – (10) #7 bars at both the top and bottom of the beams sufficed
- Reinforcement ratio below 0.025 (acceptable)

	<b>CB1</b>
Level	Required Reinforcement (top and bottom)
9 to sky lobby	(10) #7
7 to 8	(8) #7
5 to 6	(6) #7
3 to 4	(4) #7
2	(2) #7

	<b>CB2</b>
Level	Required Reinforcement (top and bottom)
11 to roof level	(8) #7
6 to 10	(6) #7
3 to 5	(4) #7
2	(2) #7

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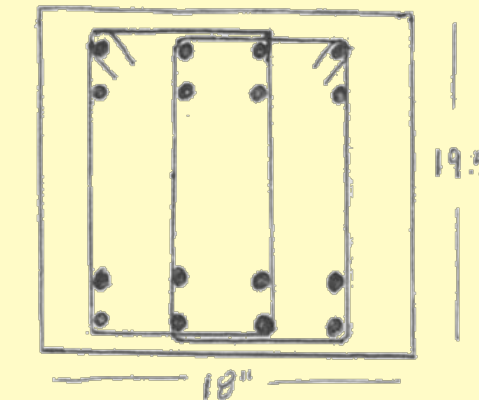
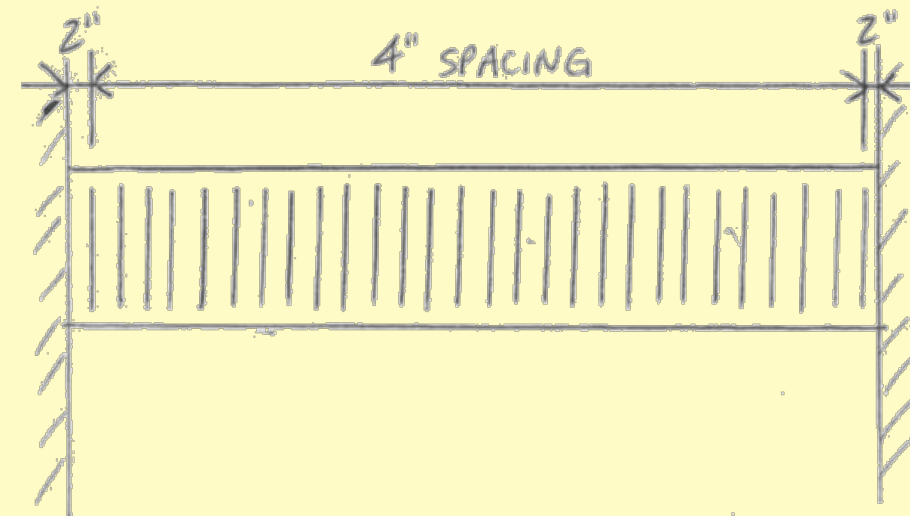


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**Stirrup reinforcement design:**

- Shear capacity of concrete neglected
- Required steel area determined by chapters 11 and 21 of ACI 318-08
- (3) – (4) legs of #3 stirrups in each beam
- 2" spacing at supports
- 4" spacing throughout beam



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**Original foundation:**

- Drilled compression piles (147) and drilled tension piles (23)
  - Compression capacity = 200 tons (170 total piles)
  - Lateral capacity = 20 tons (170 total piles)
  - Tension capacity = 40 tons (23 tension piles)
- Mat slab under group of columns and shear walls

**Analysis of lateral capacity:**

- Maximum factored base shear determined
- Force converted to number of required piles
- No change necessary for existing design

	East-West Direction	North-South Direction
	Total Shear (k)	Total Shear (k)
Wind Case 1a	0.8	1961.8
Wind Case 1b	2951.6	304.0
Wind Case 2a	151.9	1472.4
Wind Case 2b	2183.1	183.9
Wind Case 3	2214.2	1466.1
Wind Case 4	1630.9	1102.0
Seismic - NS	9.7	932.1
Seismic - EW	540.7	75.9

Total Shear (tons) =	1475.8	980.9
Required Piles =	<b>73.8</b>	<b>49.0</b>



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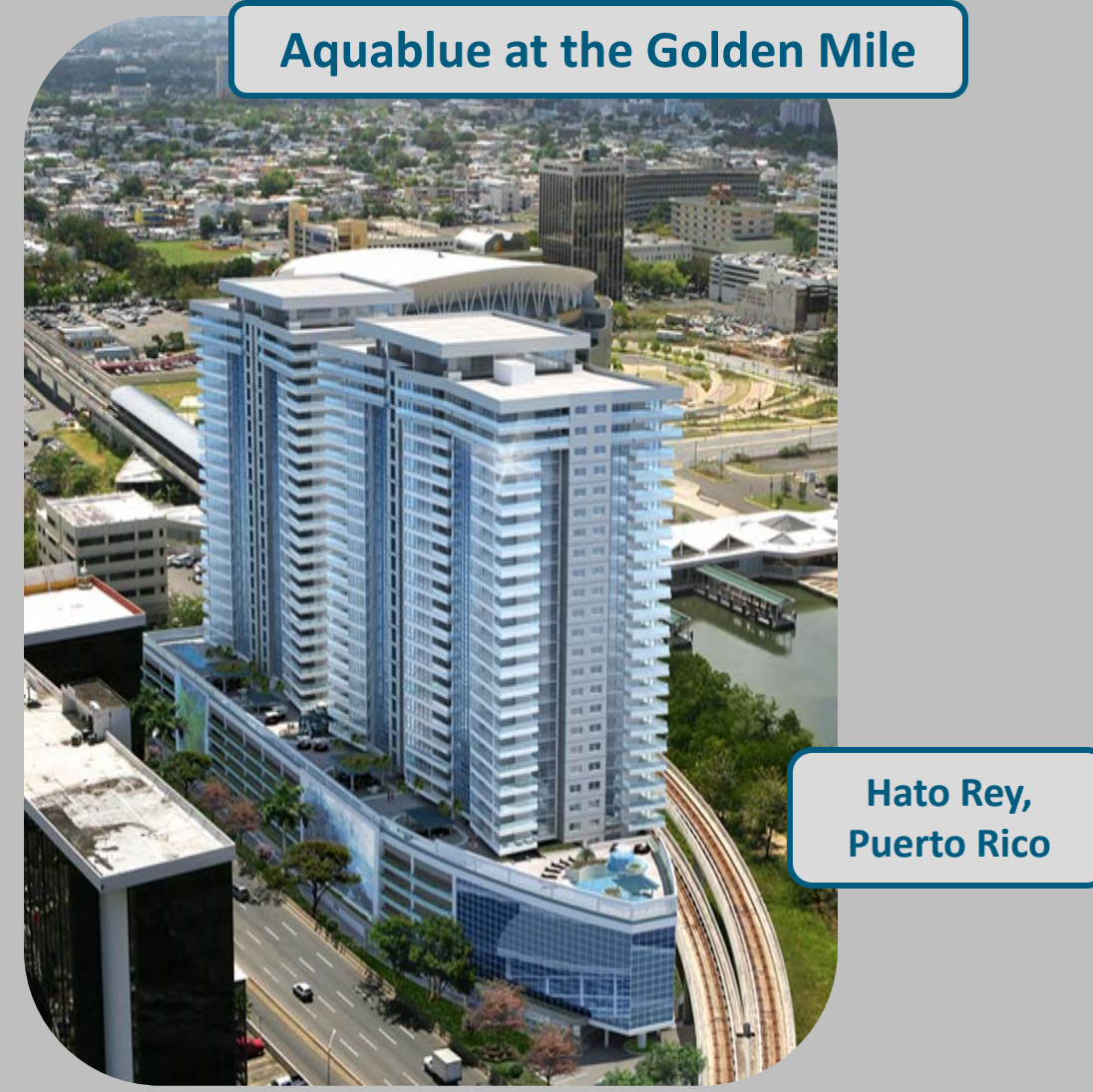


**Analysis of tension capacity:**

- Maximum factored overturning moment determined
- Moment divided by wall length for tension force at extreme fiber
- Force converted to number of required piles
- Approximately 33 required piles unnecessary due to gravity load effects
- 56 piles still required (convert 33 compression piles to tension piles)

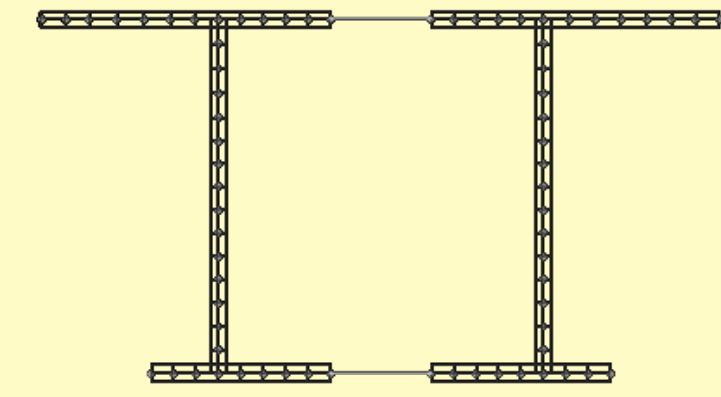
	Base Moment (k-ft)	Tension Force (k)	Tension Force (tons)	Number of Required Piles
Wind Case 1a	182637.4	7092.7	3546.4	<b>88.7</b>
Wind Case 1b	33349.4	1295.1	647.6	16.2
Wind Case 2a	136919.1	5317.2	2658.6	66.5
Wind Case 2b	23847.2	926.1	463.1	11.6
Wind Case 3	138366.3	5373.4	2686.7	67.2
Wind Case 4	103416.1	4016.2	2008.1	50.2
Seismic - NS	96733.5	3756.6	1878.3	47.0
Seismic - EW	8881.0	344.9	172.4	4.3

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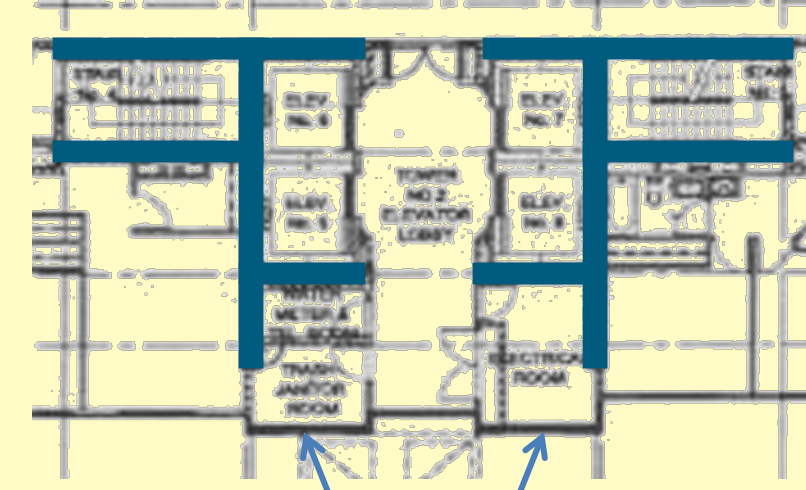


**Impact of New Shear Wall Design on the Existing Architecture:**

- Elimination of two columns of existing windows
- More narrow bedroom windows

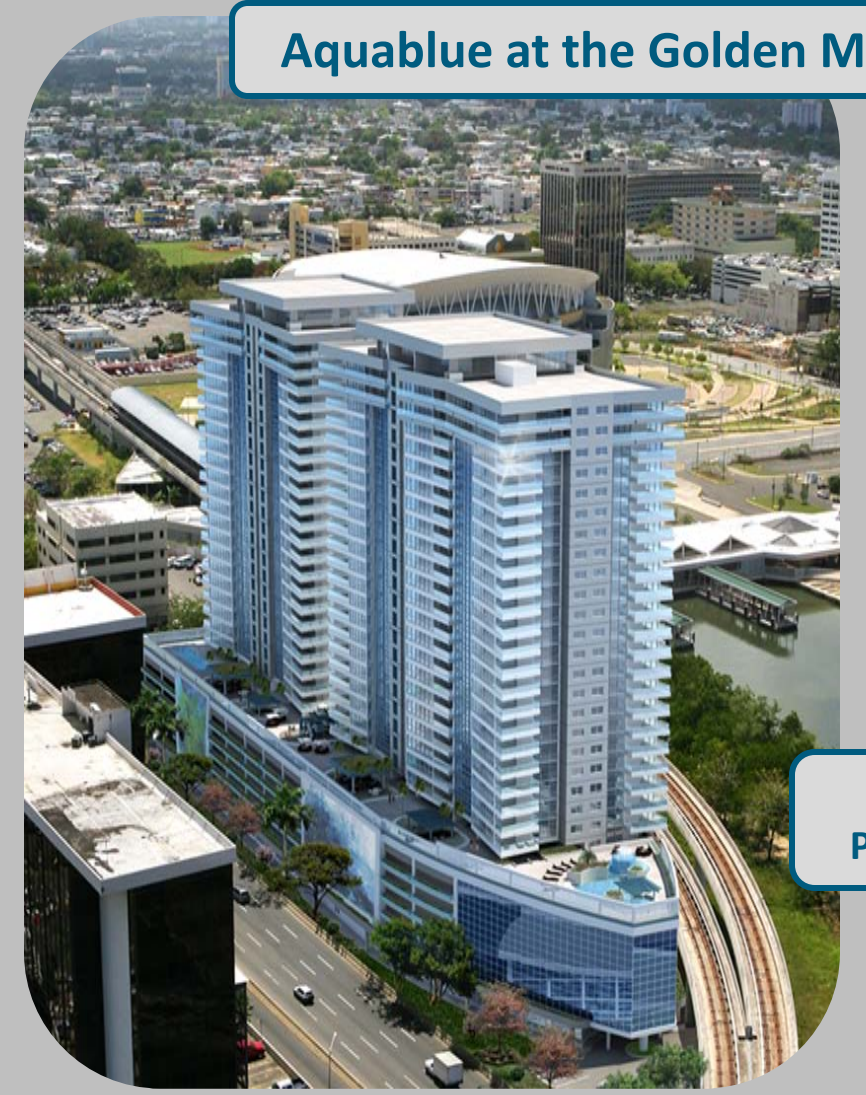


New Shear Wall Design



Windows to be removed  
Existing Shear Wall Design

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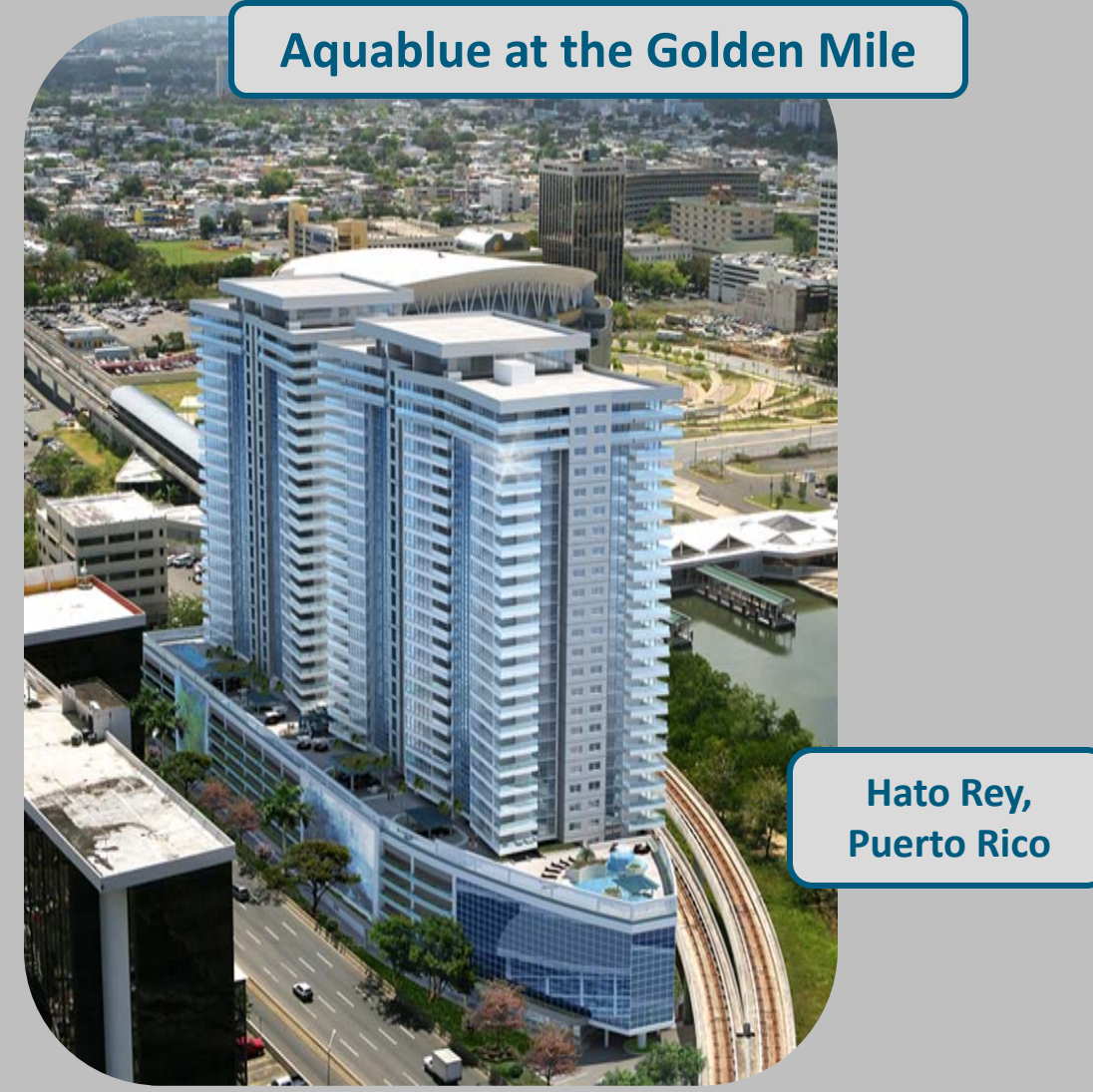
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**Impact of New Shear Wall Design on the Existing Architecture:**

- Elimination of two columns of existing windows

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Impact of New Shear Wall Design on the Existing Architecture:

- Additional Floor Space

	Original Shear Wall Design	New Shear Wall Design	
Level	Percentage of Floor Area (%)	Percentage of Floor Area (%)	Floor Area Gained in New Design (ft <sup>2</sup> )
sky lobby roof level	4.47	4.56	-4.0
17 - roof level	1.75	1.60	20.3
14 - 16	2.14	2.23	-10.0
8 - 13	2.14	2.45	-34.8
3 - 7	1.88	1.72	38.6
2	2.08	1.72	83.9

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The project was a success because the initial goals were met and valuable design experience was gained:

- Completion of lateral analysis
- Familiarity with the ACI 318-08 design code
- Use of ETABS for modeling purposes
- Study of architectural impact



Opportunity for further study – Dynamic analysis of the structure

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**Questions?**