



## High Rise Buildings in Steel - from Past to Present

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## The Tower of Babel

ca. 700 B.C.

Drawing of  
Peter Bruegel Sen.  
(1525-1569)



## Towers of Bologna

12th Century

Hight  
ca. 97 m



## The City of Shebam, South of Yemen

ca. 1500 A.D  
500 buildings

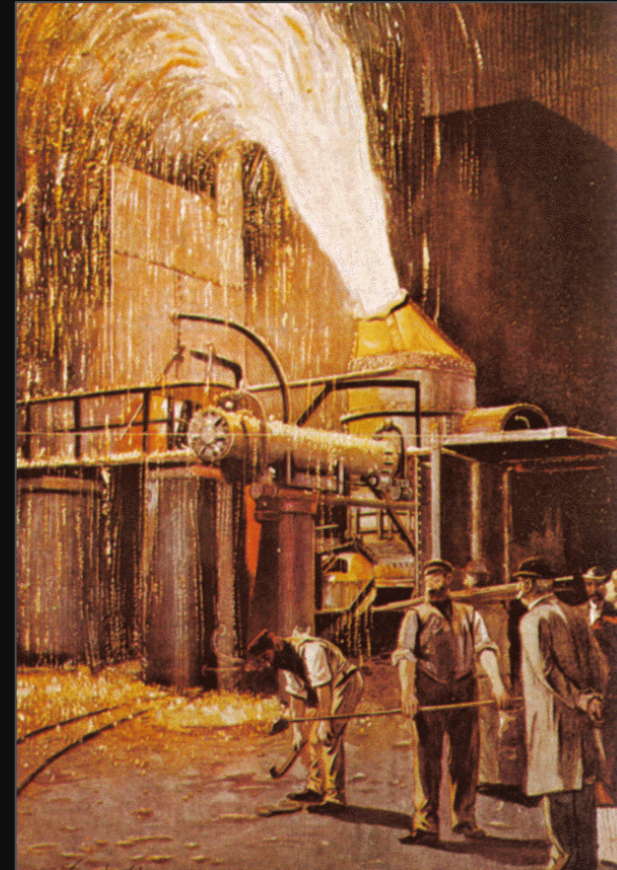
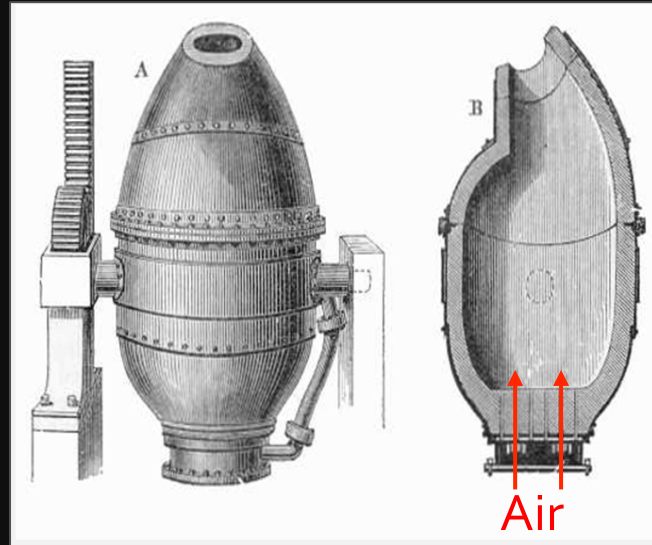
Max. 9 storeys

Buildings out of  
Timber and Clay

## Pre-Requisitions for the Modern High Rise Building:

(1) Building Material

# The Bessemer Process



Henry Bessemer  
(1813 – 1898) England

Inventor of the Bessemer Converter & Process  
Patent in 1856



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- (1) Building Material
- (2) Elevator

## The Elevator



Elisha Grave Otis  
1811-1861

Inventor of the Elevator



Otis  
Elevator with  
Steam-Powered Engine.

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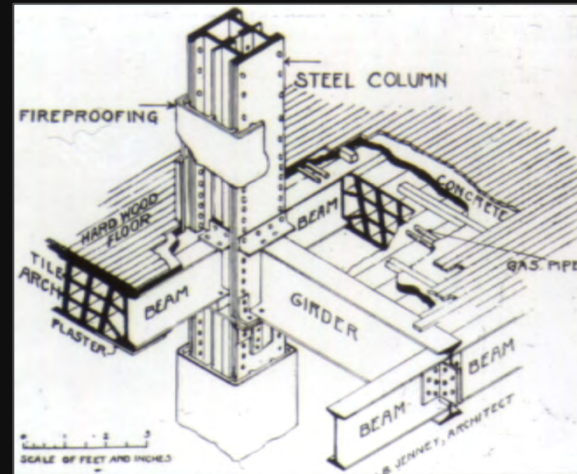
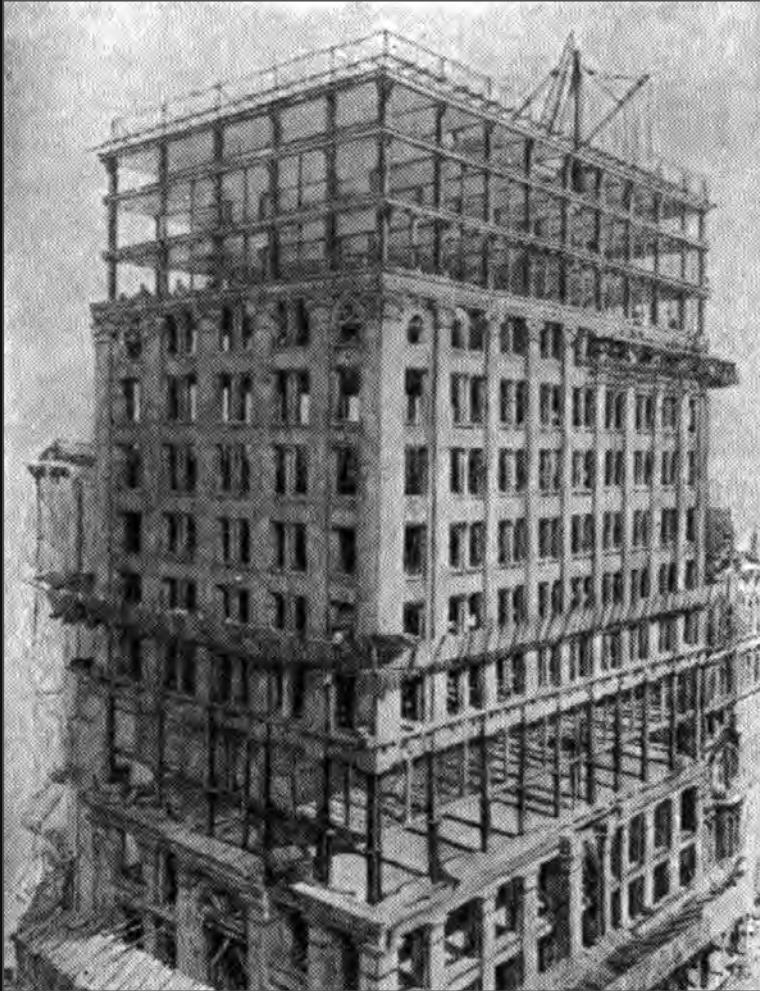
The First High Rise Building –  
The «Home Insurance Building»

1885  
Chicago

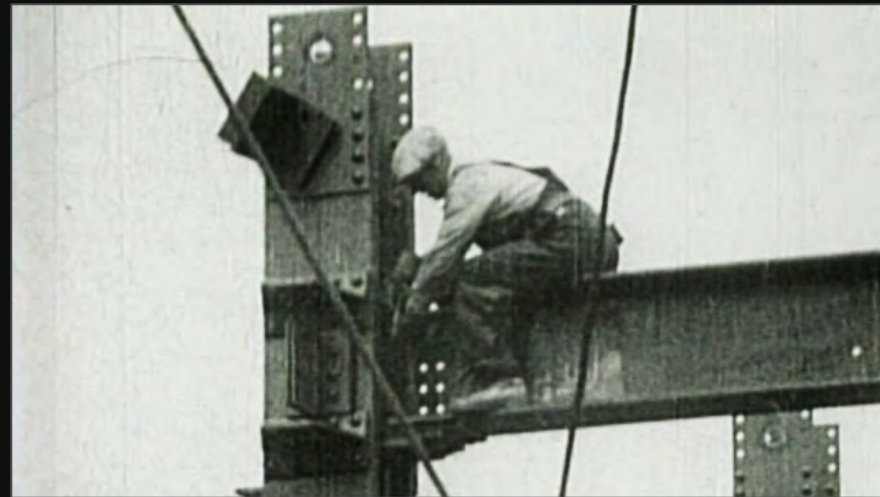
Hight 42 m

The building is seen as the first  
High Rise Building

Architect: William Le Baron Jenny  
Construction:  
Steel frame and two reinforced  
concrete walls



Steel Profiles  
Rivets  
No Welding





## The «Empire State Building»

1930-1931  
New York

Height 443 m

(for nearly 40 years the  
world's highest building)











Architects : William F. Lamb of  
"Shreve, Lamb and Harmon"



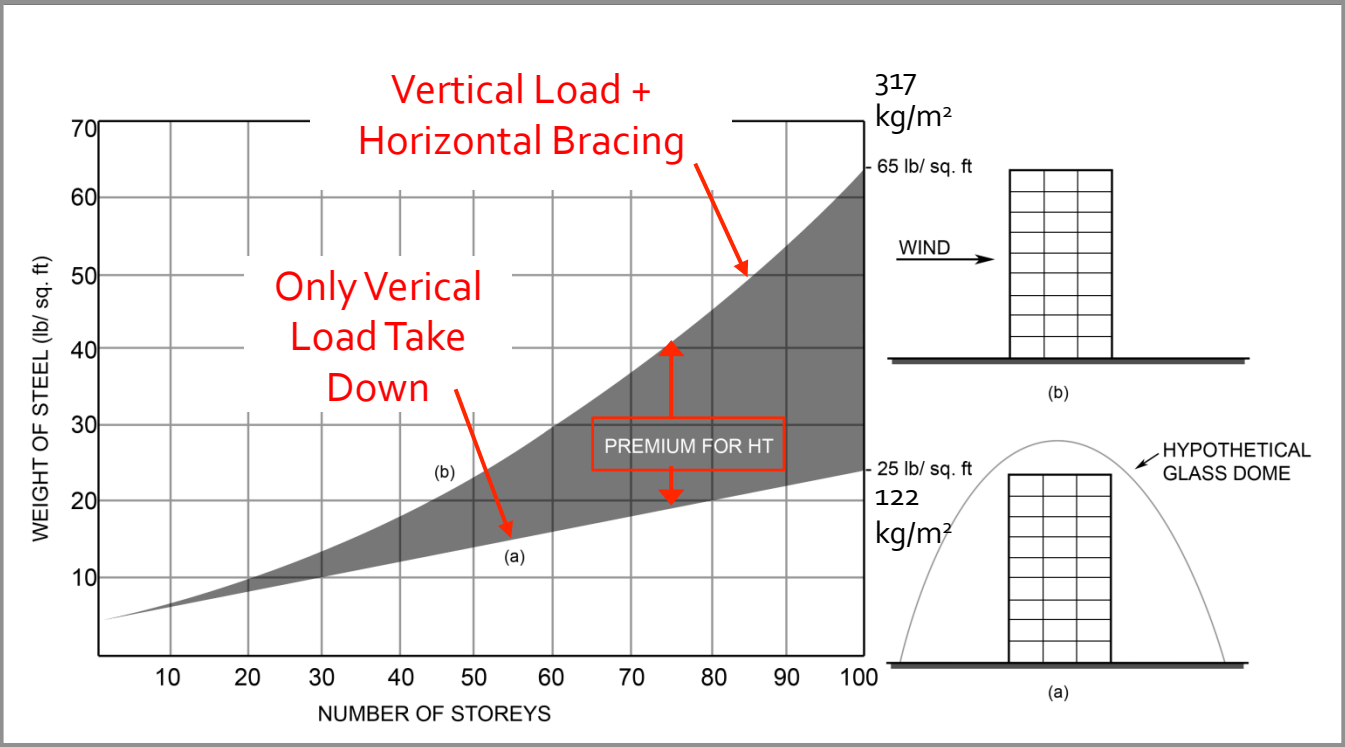
## Steel Consumption



## Khan (1959): Premium-For-Hight

455 m										
365 m										
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Diagrid Structure

Tube System with External X-Bracing

Bundled Tubes

Tube System with Shear Frames (Shear Walls)

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Tube in Tube Bracing

Space Truss Bracing

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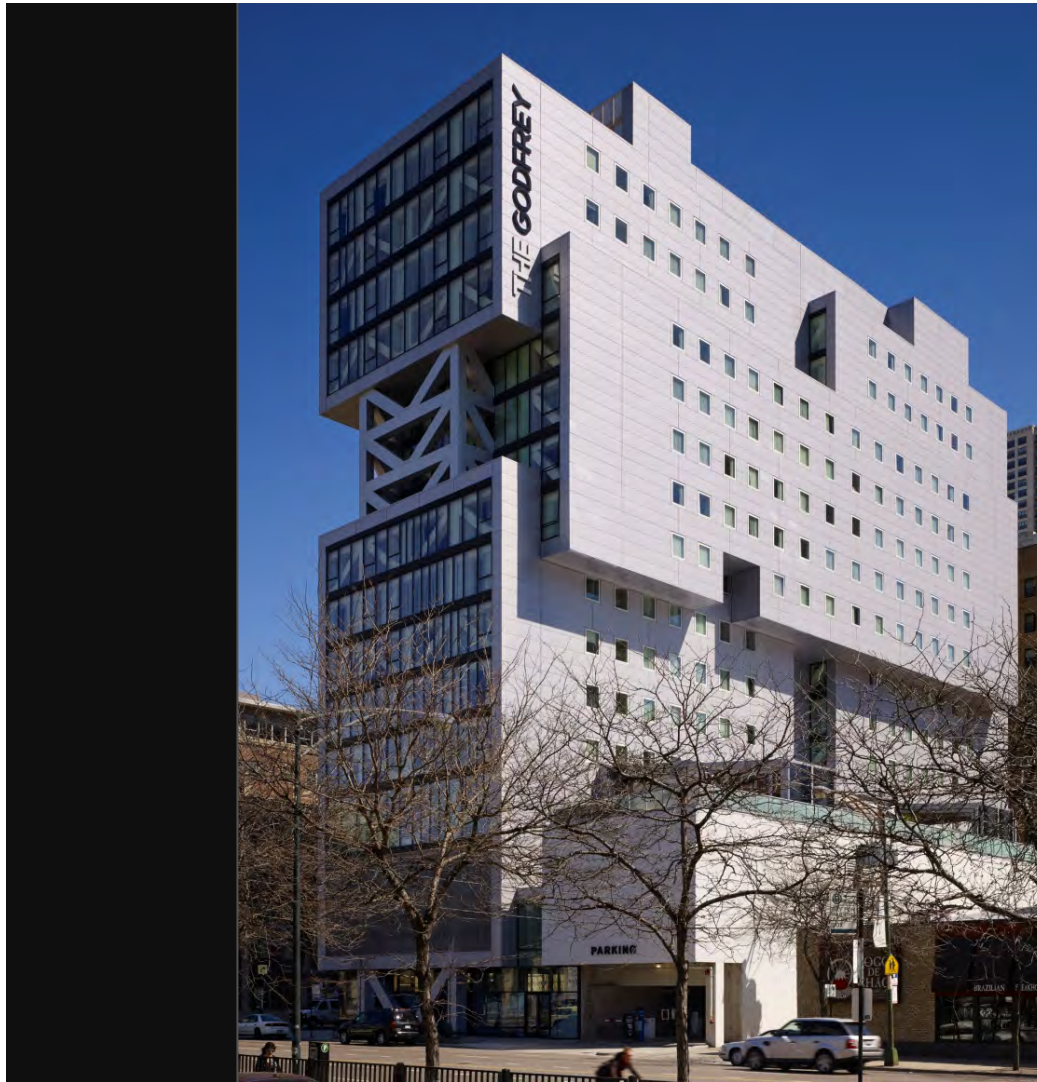
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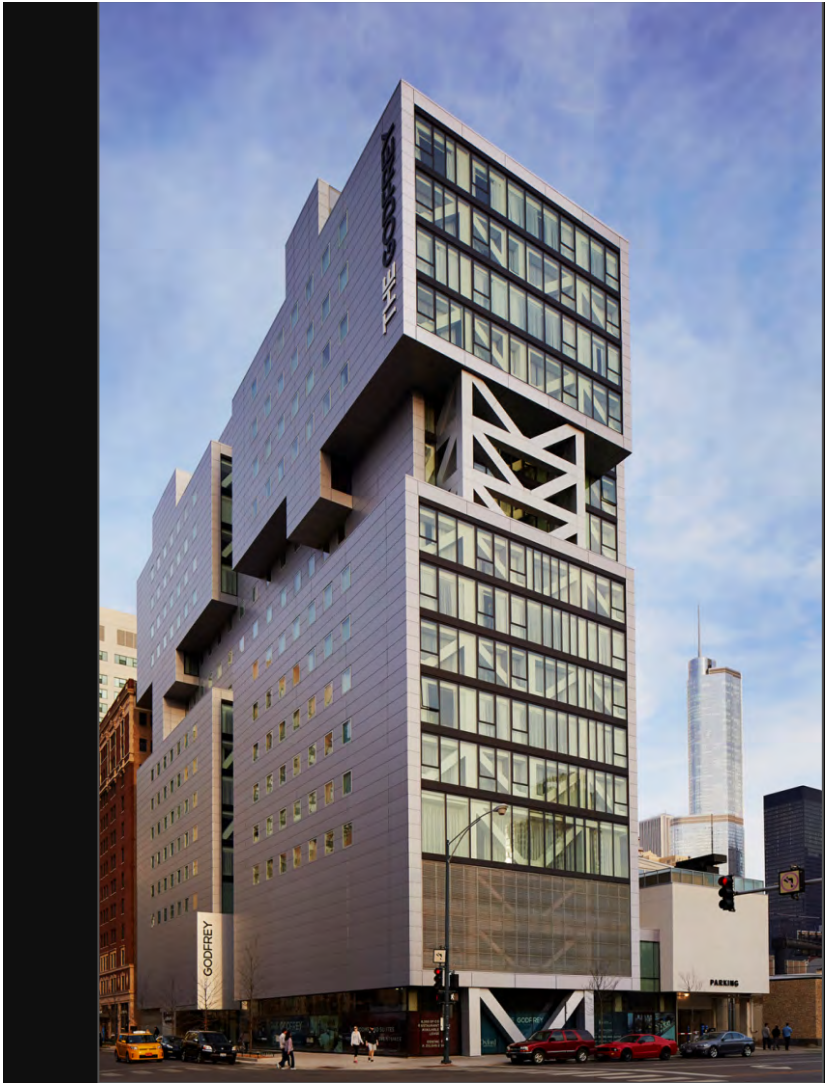
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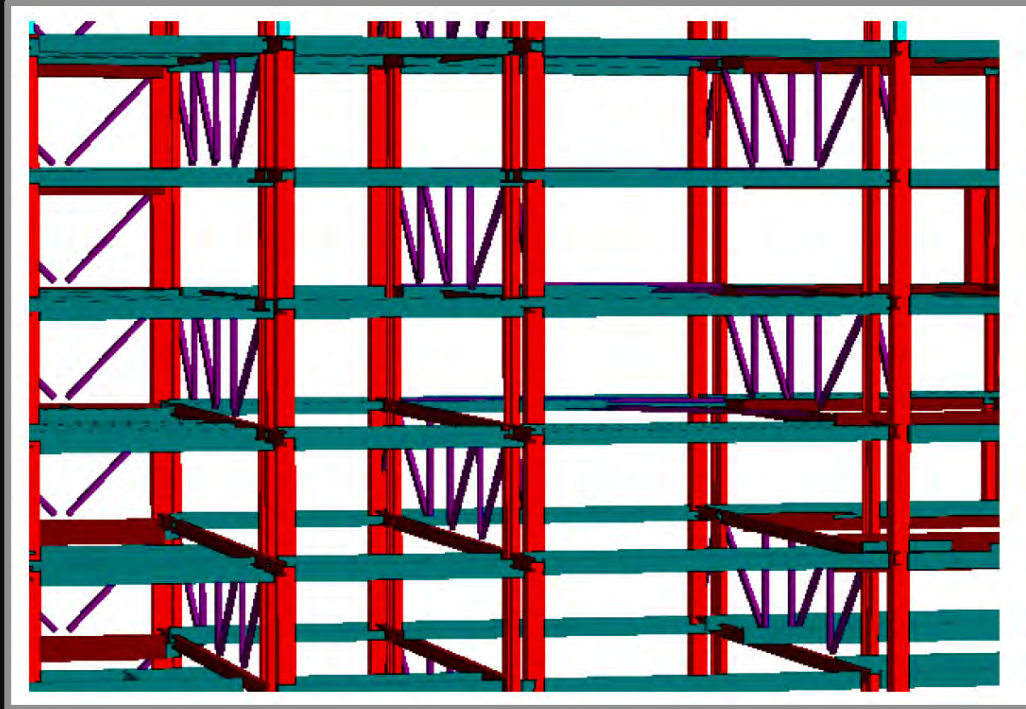
Godfrey Hotel, Chicago

2014

Height: 16 storeys

Architect : Valerio Dewalt Train  
Structural Engineer : Structural  
Affiliates International







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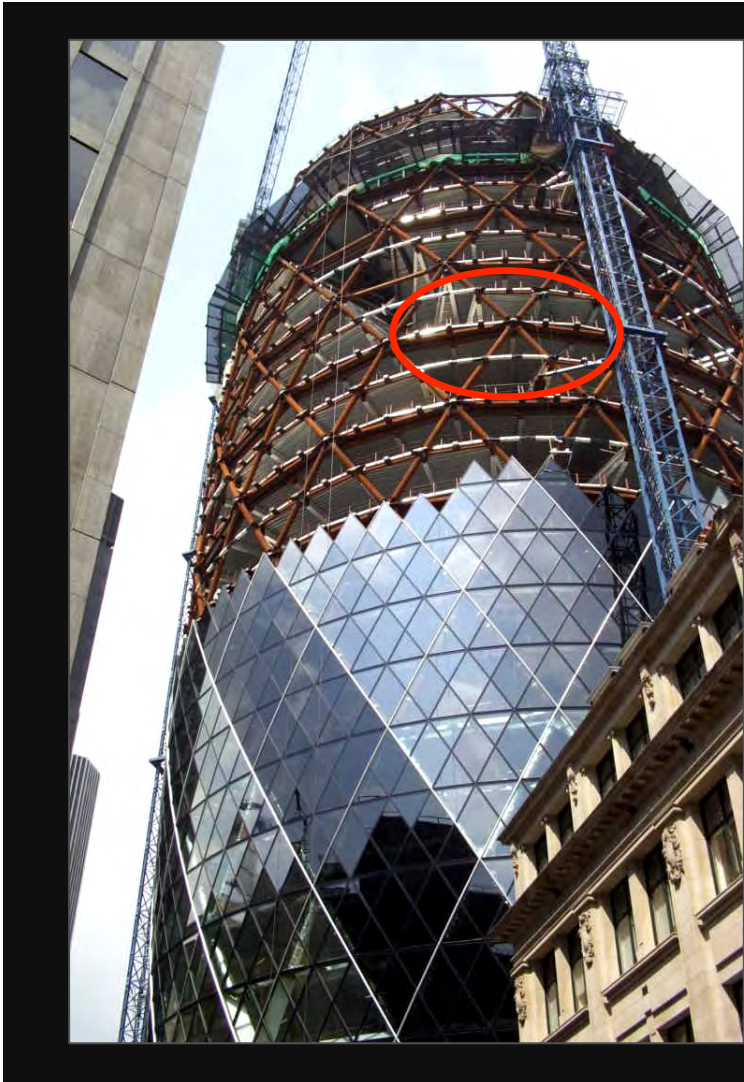
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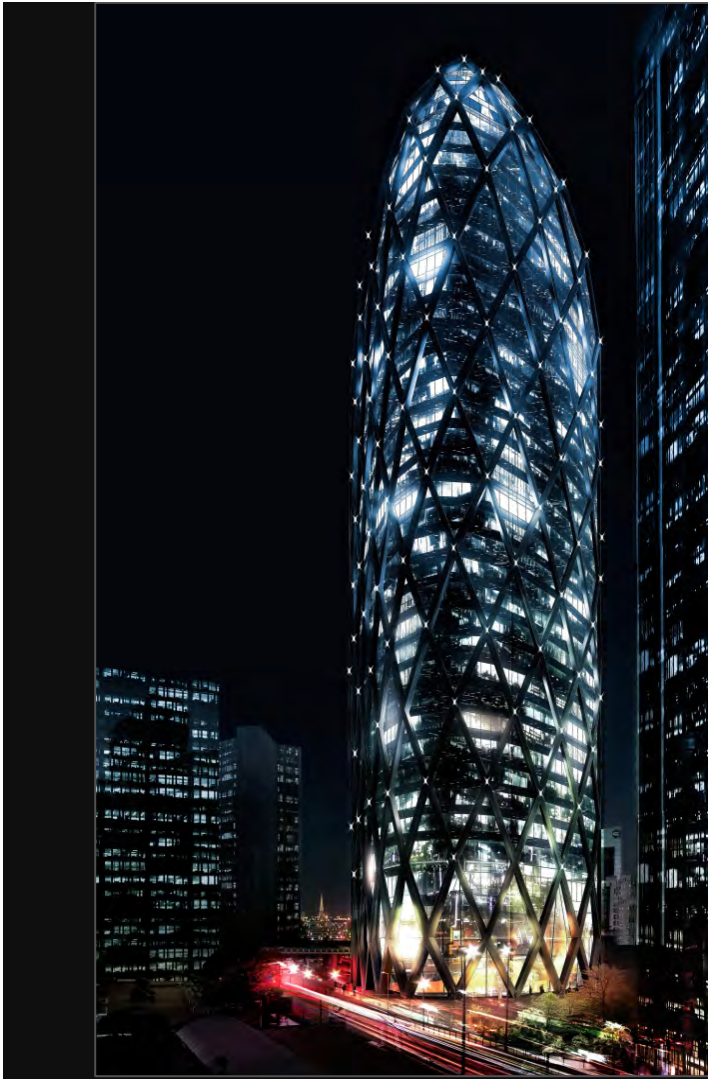


30 St. Mary Axe, London  
2004

Hight: 180 m

Architects : Ken Shuttleworth  
& Norman Foster





Tour D2

Paris, La Défense  
2014

Height: 171 m

Architects : Anthony Béchu / Tom Sheehan



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### John Hancock Center

1968-1970

Chicago

Height: 344 m (100 storeys)





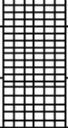
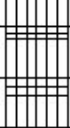
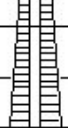

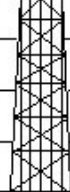

Architects : & Engineers :  
Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (F. Khan)

Construction: Braced Tube  
(Steel frame & Megastructure X-bracing)







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## Bundled Tubes

Sears Tower (Willis Tower)

Chicago 1973

Architects & Engineers : SOM  
(Skidmore, Owings & Merrill)  
Bruce Graham, Fazlur Khan

Hight: 442 m, 108 storeys

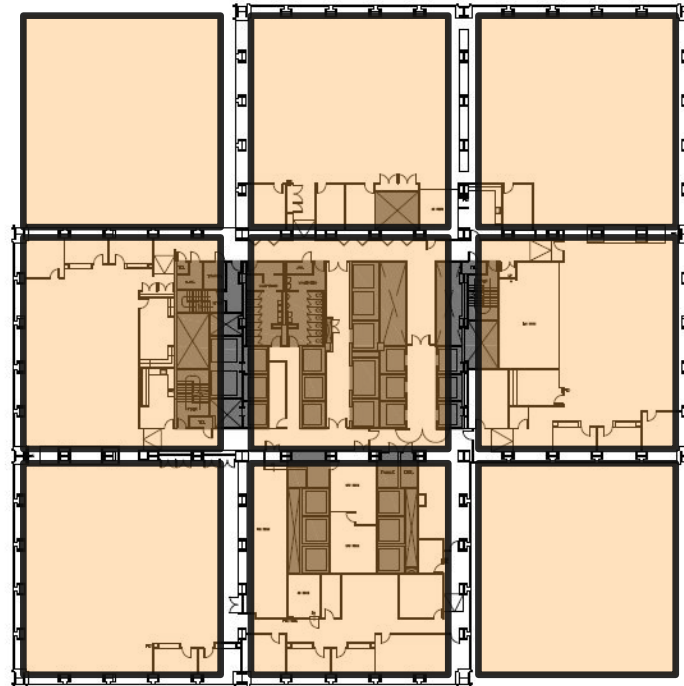
Construction:  
Bundled Tube System with  
Steel Frames.

## Fazlur Khan



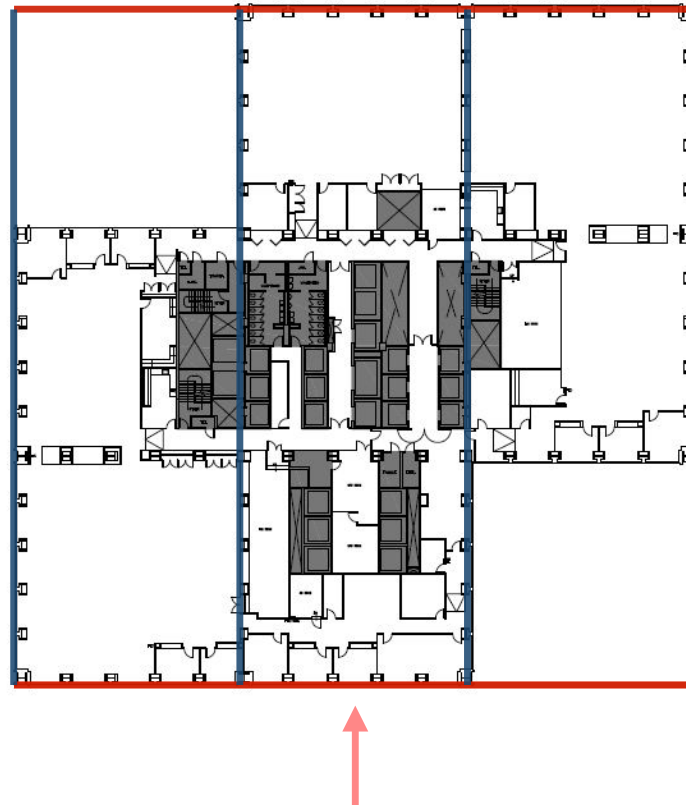
Fazlur Khan with his  
daughter,  
Yasmin Sabina Khan

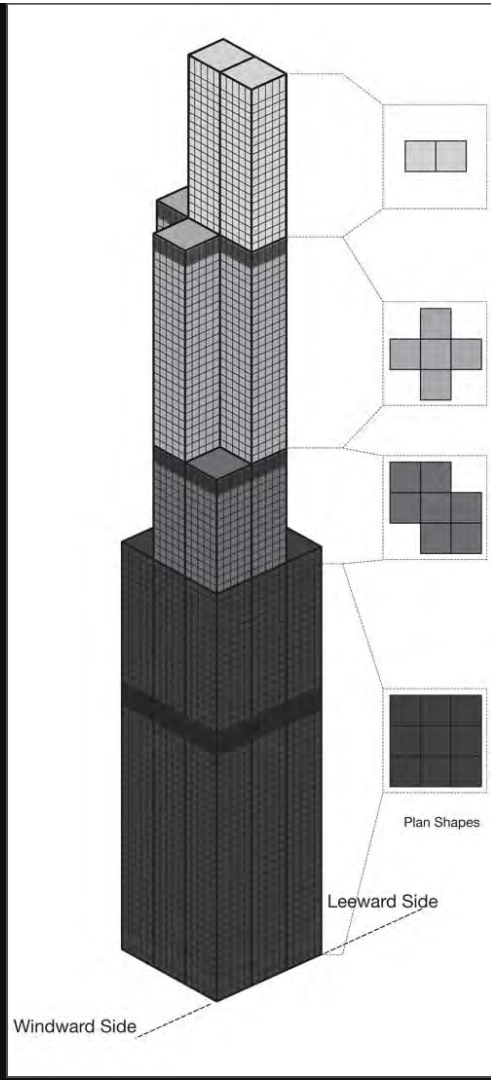
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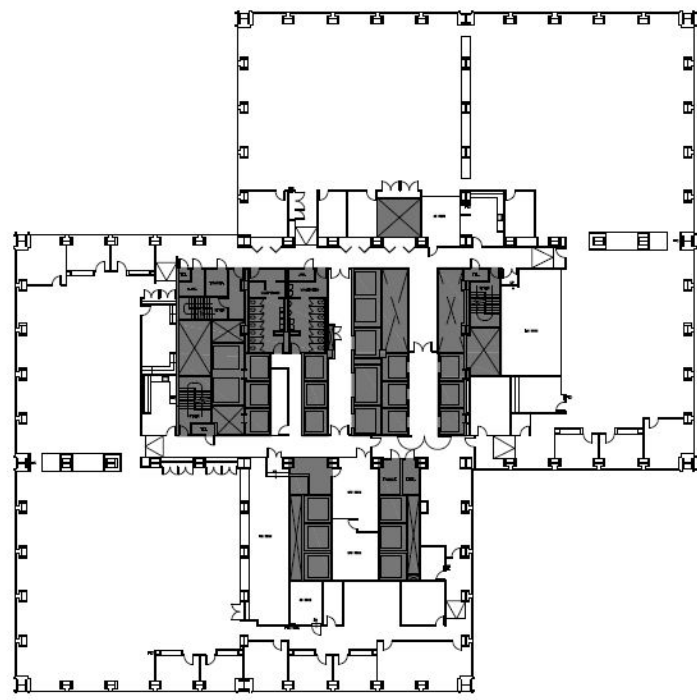


Double  
-T-Section  
with  
Flange  
and Web





22.85 m





SEARS TOWER  
OWNER: SEARS ROEBUCK & CO  
CONTRACTOR: BIESSEL CONSTRUCTION CO

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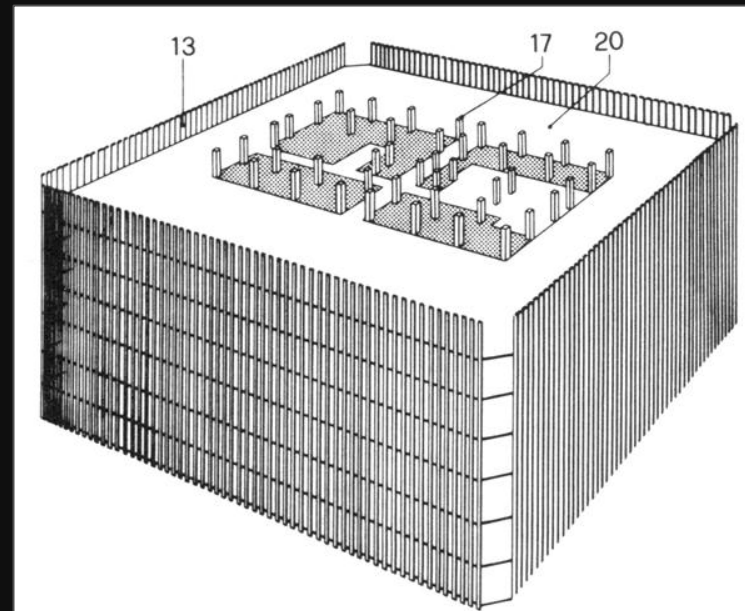


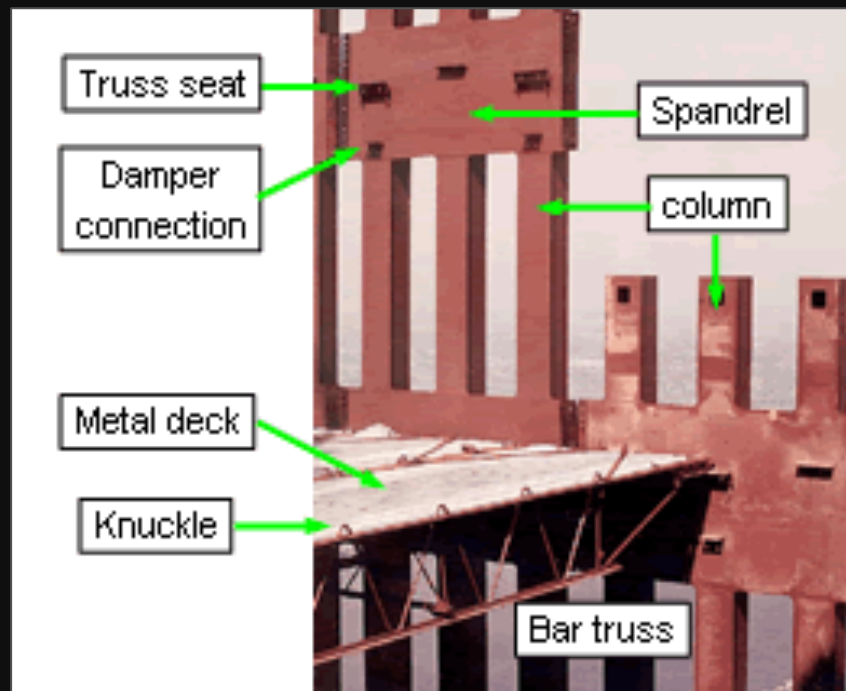
## Tube System with Shear Frames

World Trade Center, NY

1970

Height: 417 m





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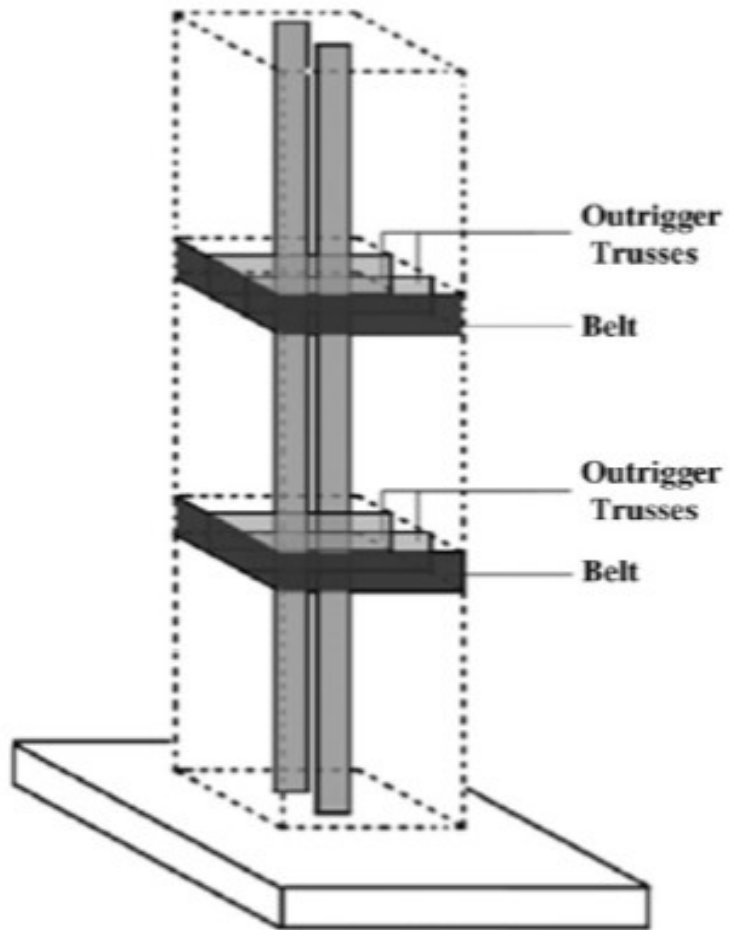
## Outrigger System

First Wisconsin Center,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

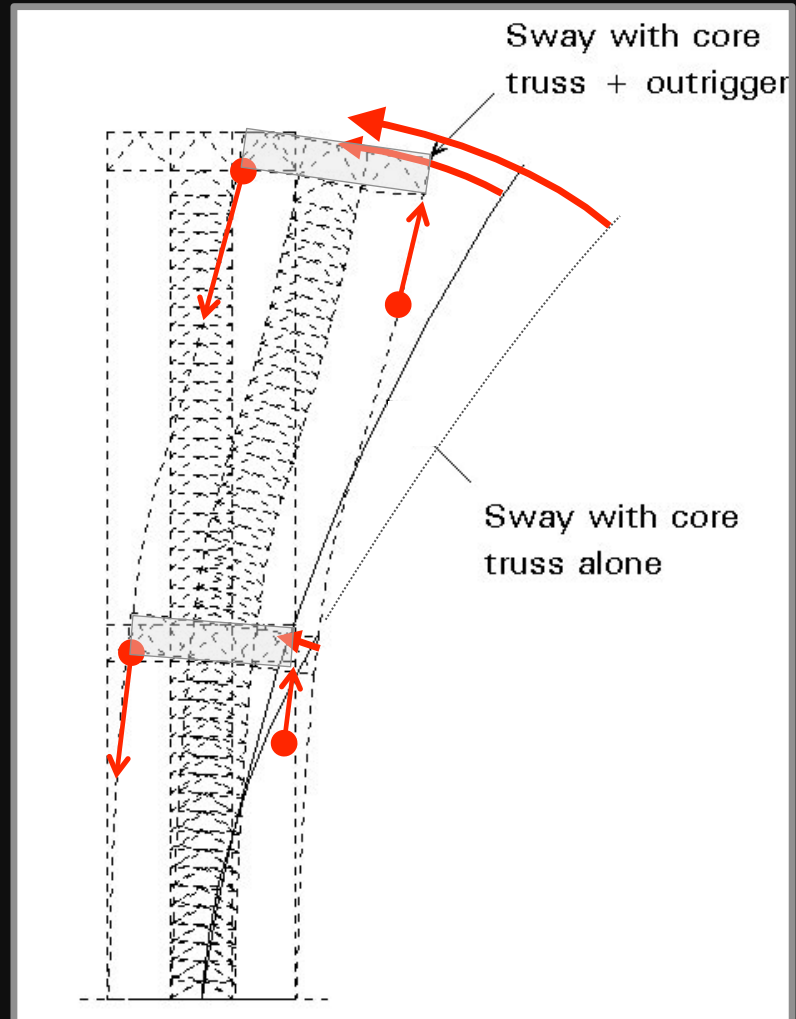
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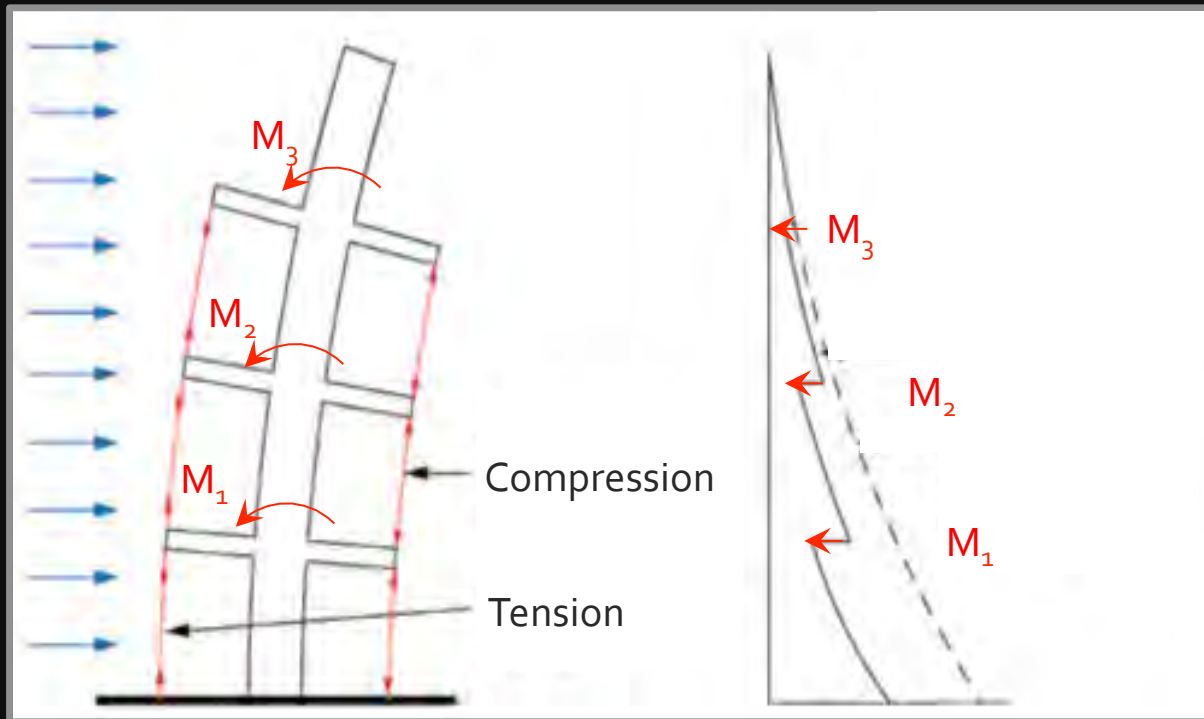
Height: 183 m

SOM and Fitzhugh Scott  
Architects



## Effect in Terms of Deflection





## Effect in Terms of Bending Moments

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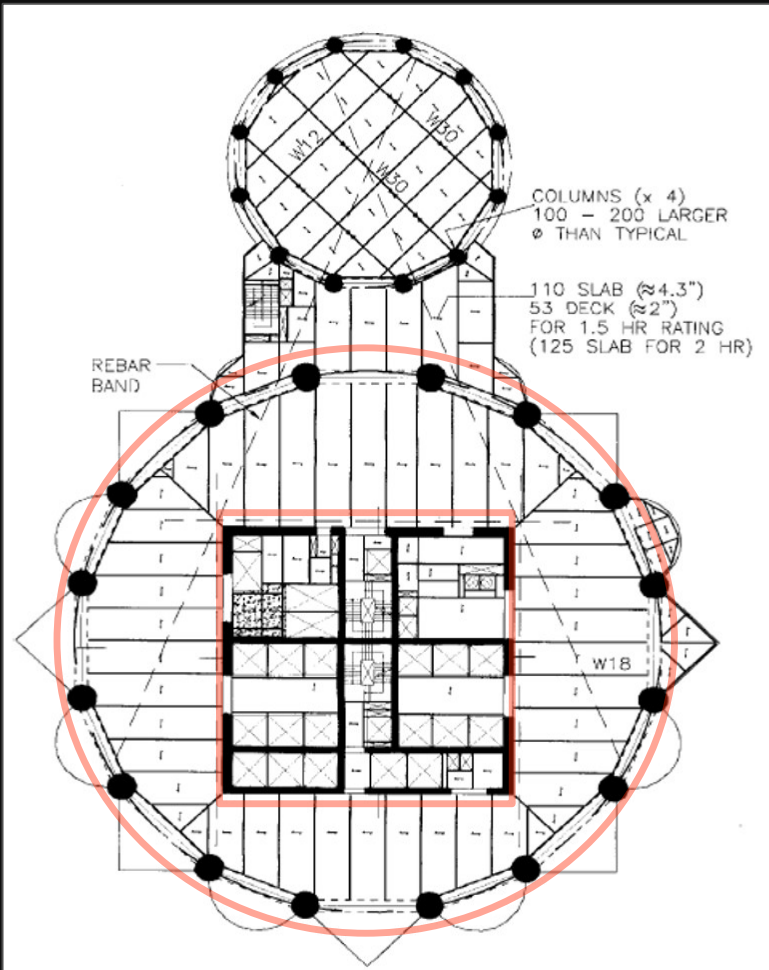
Petronas Towers

Kuala Lumpur, 1999

Hight: 452

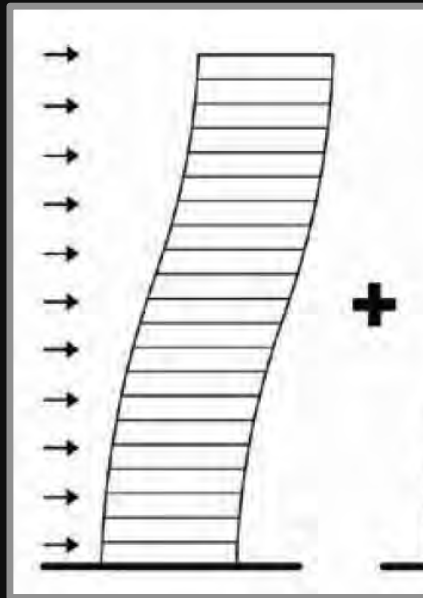
Architect: Cesar Pelli & Associates, New Haven,  
Structural Engineering : Thornton Thomasetti

Construction:  
Mixed Steel-Concrete Structure



# Shear Wall/Truss – Frame Interaction Forces

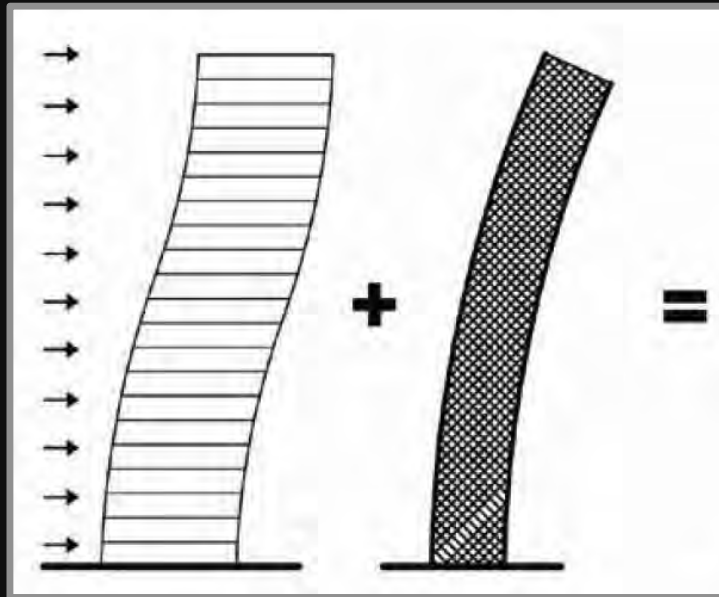
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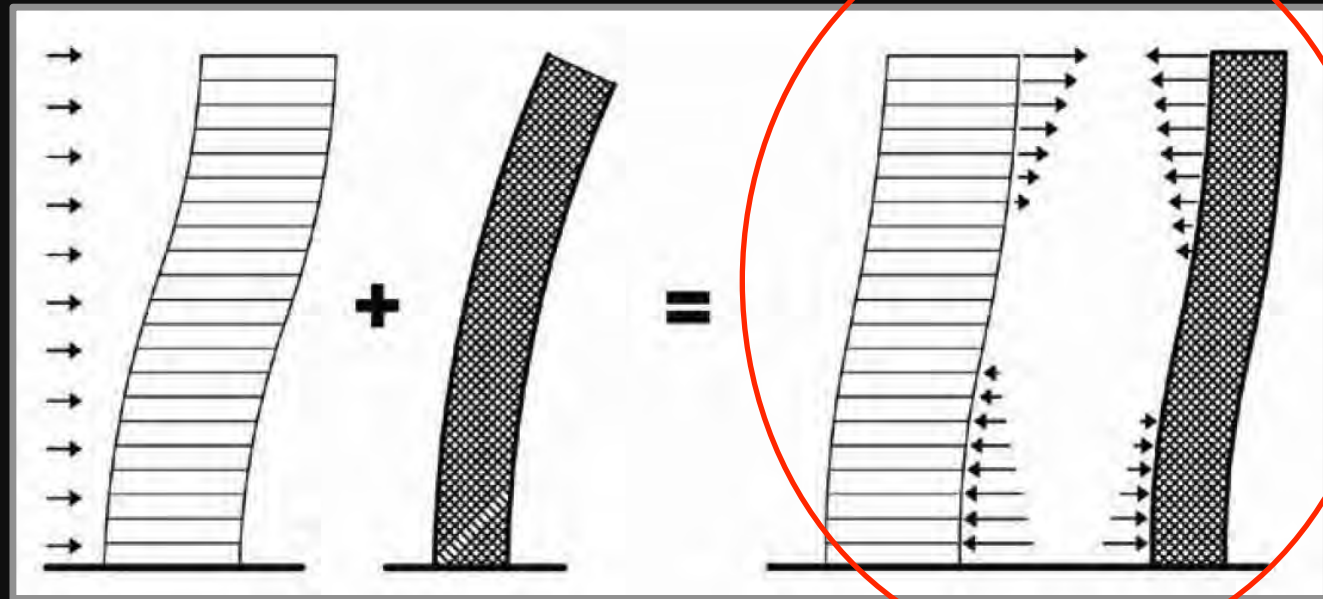
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Bank of China, Hong Kong

Hong Kong, 1999

Hight: 315 m

Architect: I.M Pei and Partners

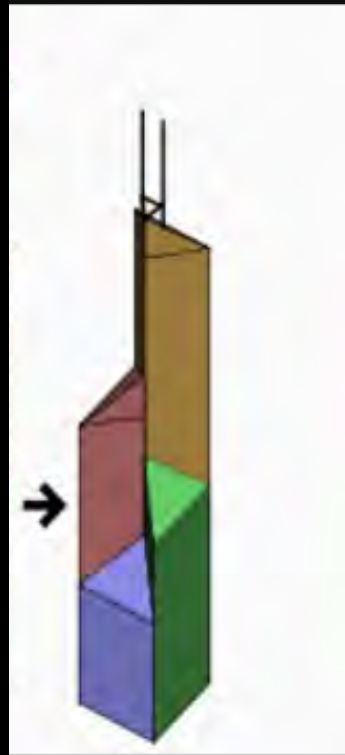
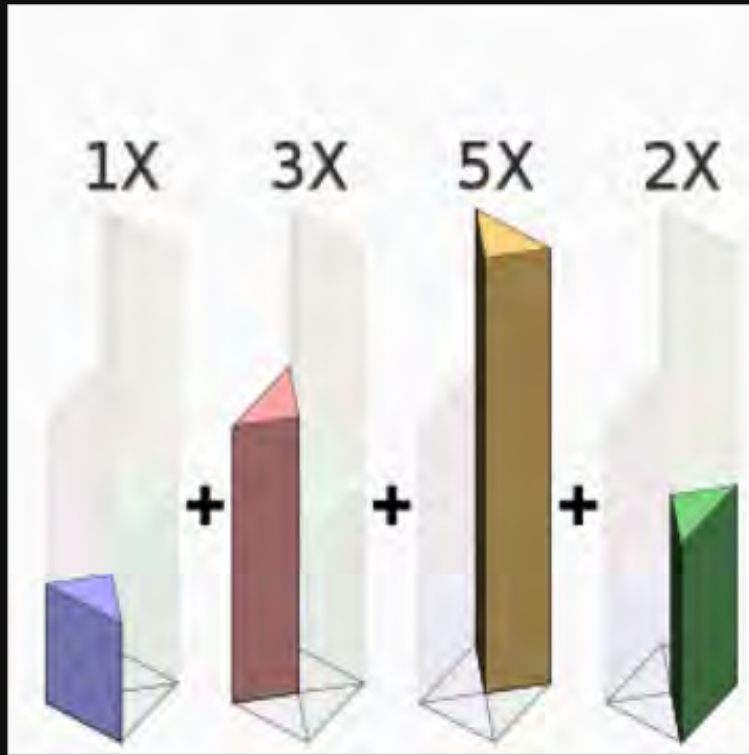
Structural Engineering :

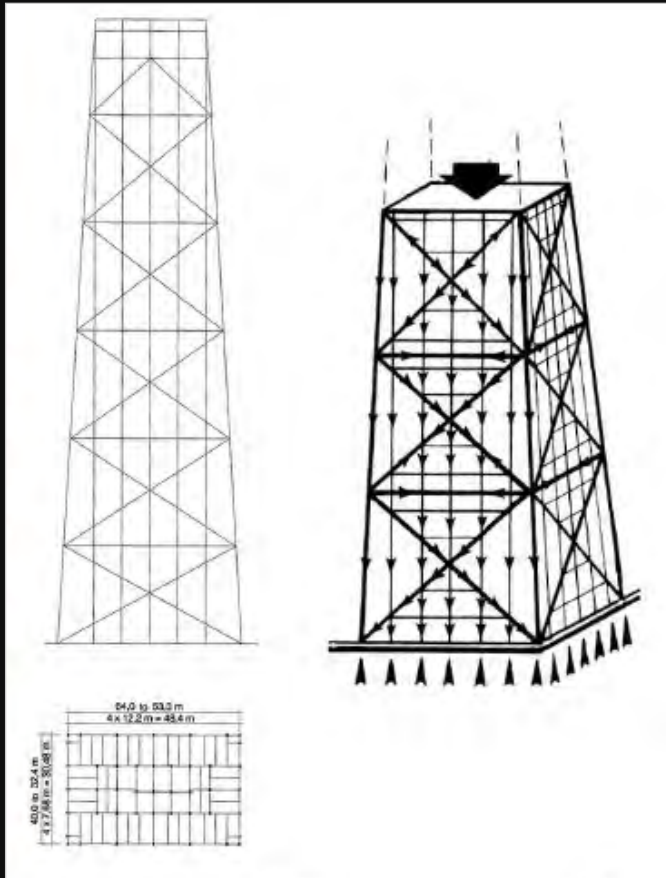
Leslie E. Robertson Associates

Structures :

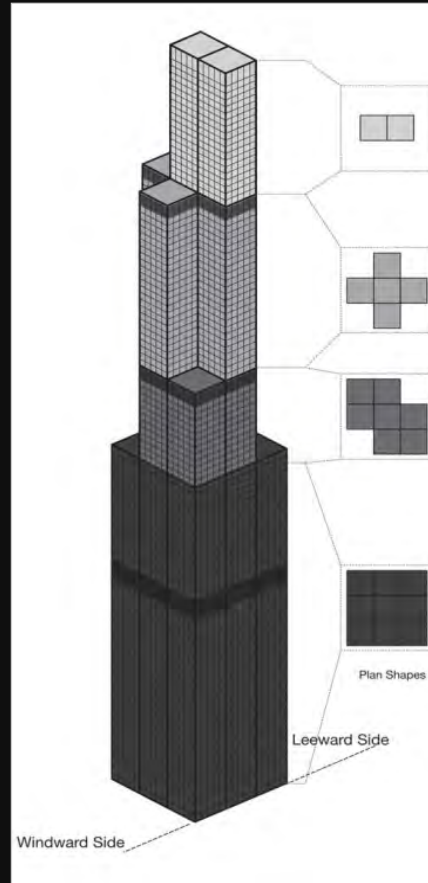
Steel / Steel-Composite



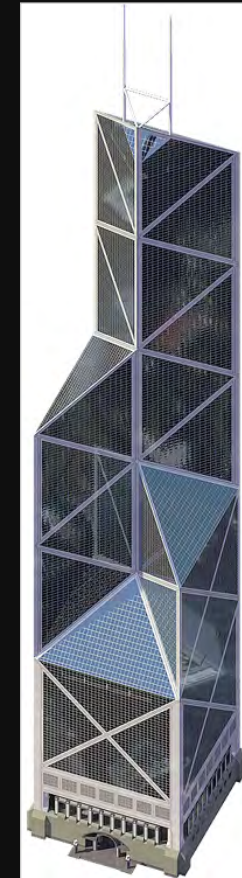




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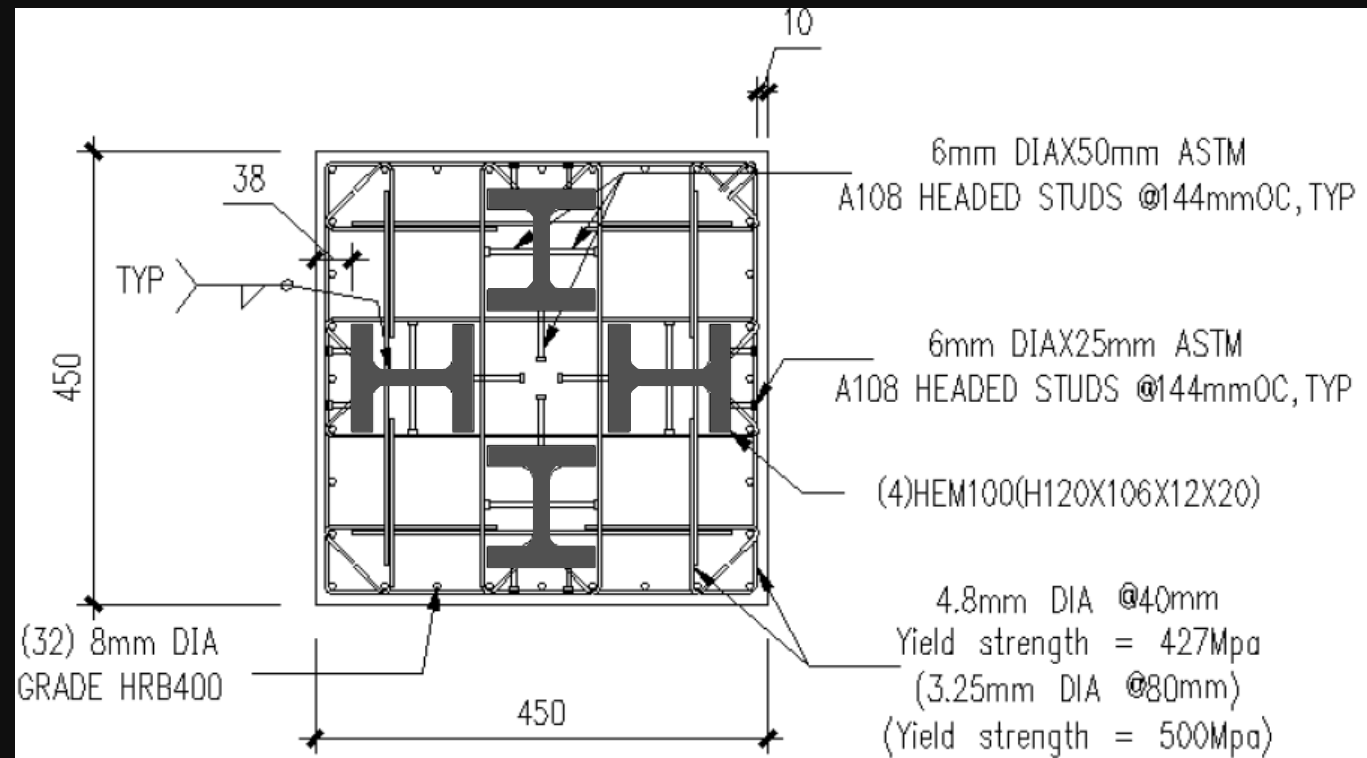


## Research on Super Columns :

ArcelorMittal

China Academy of  
Building Research

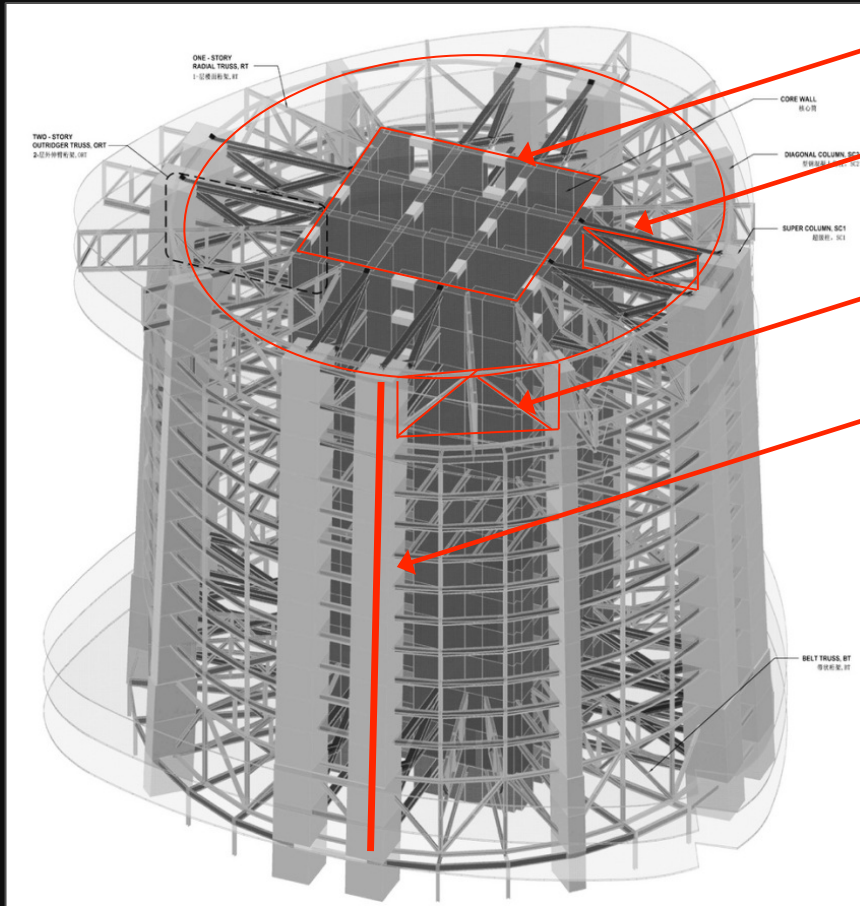
Tsinghua University  
Beijing







Principle



Core (Concrete/Composite)

Outrigger & Shear Trusses

Belt Truss

Super Columns

## Projects



Combined  
Core + Super Columns + Outrigger System

International Finance Center  
Hong Kong

2003

Height 412 m

Architect 7 Engineers:  
Cesar Pelli / Ove Arup









Super Columns +  
Outrigger + Super Frames

Ping Anh Finance Center  
Shenzen

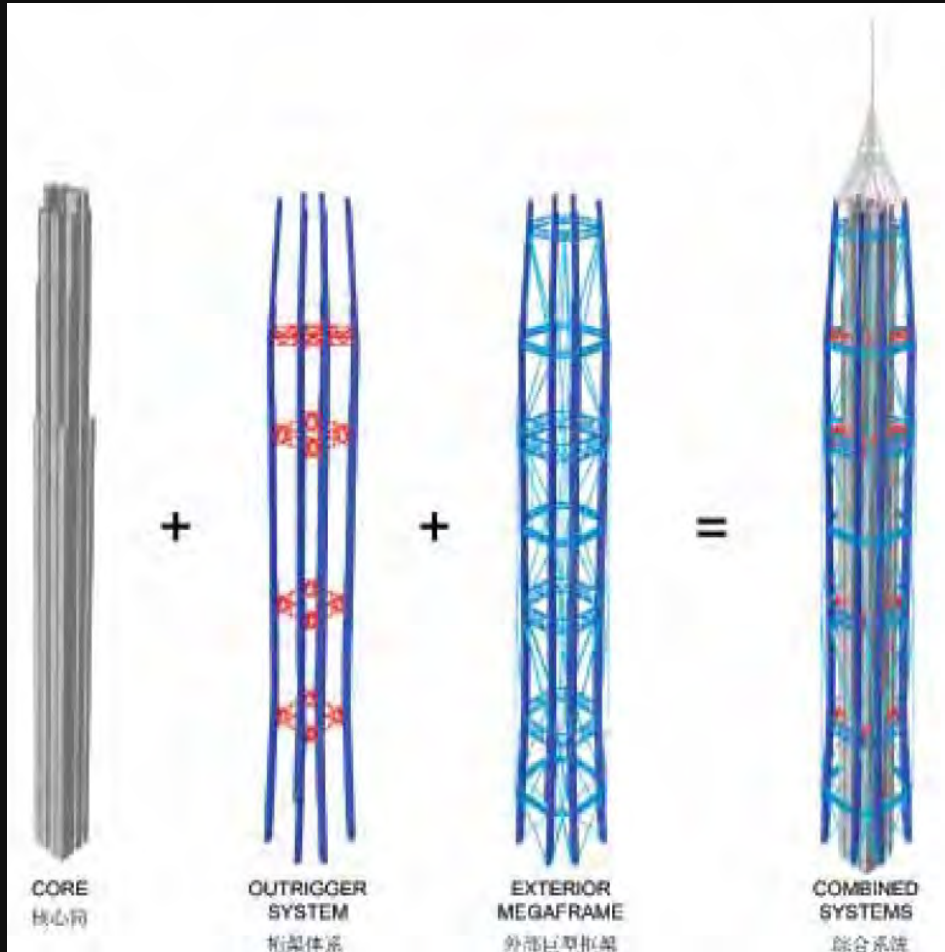
Under Construction

Hight 660 m

Architect & Engineers:

Kohn Pedersen Fox &  
Thornton Thomasetti







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