

Earthquake Mitigation Measures

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Course Objectives

- **Understand the principles of seismic design for new buildings**
- **Know the principles of the evaluation and rehabilitation of existing buildings**
- **Know the philosophy of nonstructural seismic design**



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Resisting Ground Motion

EARTHQUAKE WAVES PRODUCE GROUND MOTION THAT PUSHES THE BUILDING BACK AND FORTH VERY RAPIDLY FOR A FEW SECONDS

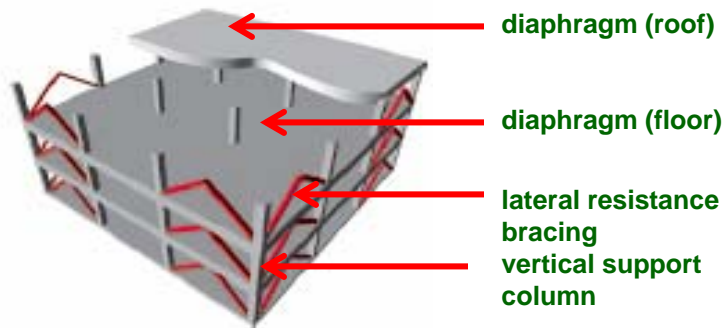
STRUCTURES MUST BE DESIGNED THAT CAN RESIST THESE FORCES, USUALLY CALLED “LATERAL” FORCES AS DISTINCT FROM “VERTICAL” FORCES-THE BUILDING WEIGHT AND ITS CONTENTS



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Vertical and Horizontal Elements



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Lateral Force-Resistance Systems

THERE ARE THREE BASIC TYPES OF LATERAL FORCE-RESISTANCE SYSTEMS:

- SHEAR WALLS
- BRACED FRAMES
- MOMENT RESISTANT FRAMES

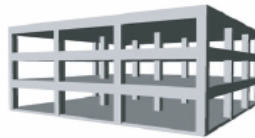
There are a number of variations of these basic types relating to materials and the ways in which the members are connected



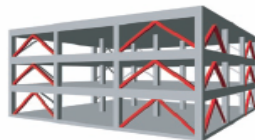
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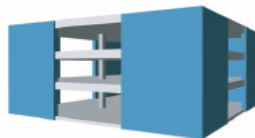
Lateral Force-Resistance Systems



moment resisting frame



braced frame



shear walls

Figure 5-1

The three basic vertical seismic system alternatives.



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Lateral Force-Resistance Systems

SHEAR WALLS:

- **SHEAR WALLS TRANSMIT SEISMIC FORCES FROM THE BUILDING DIAPHRAGMS (ROOF AND FLOORS) TO THE FOUNDATION**
- **TO BE EFFECTIVE, THEY RUN FROM THE TOP OF THE BUILDING TO THE FOUNDATION WITH A MINIMUM OF OPENINGS**



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Lateral Force-Resistance Systems

BRACED FRAMES:

- **ACT LIKE SHEAR WALLS**
- **PROVIDE MORE PLANNING FREEDOM THAN SHEAR WALLS**
- **GENERALLY USED IN STEEL FRAME STRUCTURES**



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Lateral Force-Resistance Systems

MOMENT –RESISTANT FRAMES

FRAMES HAVE NO DIAGONAL BRACING

- IF WELL DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED ARE VERY COLLAPSE- RESANT
- FORCES ARE RESISTED BY BENDING IN THE BEANMS AND COLUMNS AND BY STRONG JOINTS



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Seismic Design Examples



Commercial offices with exposed braced frame



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Seismic Design Examples



Exposed braced frames



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Seismic Design Examples



The earthquake as a metaphor: a small office building in Tokyo designed (by a New York architect) to represent earthquake motion



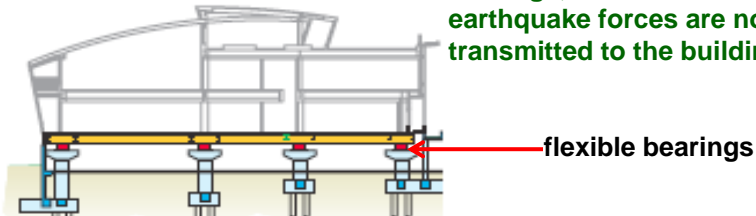
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Innovative Seismic Systems

BASE ISOLATION:

Base isolation detaches the building superstructure from the ground by use of bearings, so that the full earthquake forces are not transmitted to the building



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Innovative Seismic Systems

ENERGY DISSIPATING DEVICES:



Devices to add damping in buildings (hydraulic, friction) are used to reduce the seismic loads imparted on a moment frame structure, reducing the drift and slowing down the shaking

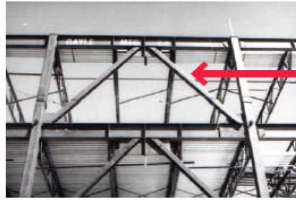


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ECENTRIC BRACED FRAMES:



Concentric brace, liable to buckle and distort



Eccentric brace, with link beams



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Strength and Stiffness

STRENGTH IS MEASURED BY THE TOTAL FORCE A STRUCTURAL ELEMENT CAN TAKE WITHOUT FAILING.

STIFFNESS IS MEASURED BY DEFLECTION, THE EXTENT TO WHICH A MEMBER BENDS WHEN LOADED

CODES IMPOSE STRESS AND DEFLECTION LIMITS TO ENSURE SAFETY

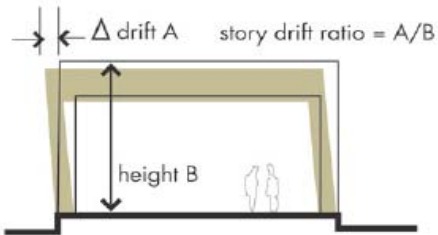


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Drift

THE TERM “DRIFT” IS USED IN SEISMIC DESIGN TO EXPRESS THE HORIZONTAL DEFLECTION OF A STRUCTURE. IT IS MEASURED AS THE DEFLECTION RELATED TO THE STORY HEIGHT



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Existing Buildings: Rehabilitation

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT SEISMIC RISK IS FROM OUR EXISTING OLDER BUILDING STOCK

- MANY OF THE SEISMICALLY PRONE AREAS OF THE COUNTRY HAVE ONLY RECENTLY ENFORCED SEISMIC DESIGN FOR NEW BUILDINGS
- EVEN ON THE WEST COAST SEISMIC CODES ENFORCED IN THE 1960S AND EVEN INTO THE 1970S ARE NOW CONSIDERED SUSPECT



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Existing Buildings: Rehabilitation

THE BASIC CONCEPTS OF SEISMIC DESIGN ARE THE SAME FOR NEW AND EXISTING BUILDINGS, BUT EXISTING BUILDINGS MUST BE EVALUATED TO DETERMINE THEIR LEVEL OF SEISMIC DEFICIENCY



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Existing Buildings: Rehabilitation

PHILOSOPHY

- Existing buildings should be treated differently from new buildings
- Archaic systems and materials must be recognized and incorporated
- Seismic design forces are often taken smaller (commonly 75%) than those required for new buildings



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Existing Buildings: Rehabilitation

CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS ARE **ACTIVE** AND **PASSIVE**:

- **Active** policies require that specified seismic criteria must be met in a certain time frame
- **Passive** policies require minimum seismic standards in existing buildings only when the owner "triggers" compliance
- Typically "triggers" are often not defined in the code



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Existing Buildings: Rehabilitation

ACTIVE CODE PROVISIONS ARE JURISDICTIONAL POLICY DECISIONS TO REDUCE SEISMIC RISK

- CALIFORNIA (SB 547-1986) REQUIRED LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO DEVELOP INVENTORIES OF THEIR UNREINFORCED MASONRY BUILDINGS
- CALIFORNIA (SB 1953-1994) REQUIRED ALL HOSPITALS TO BE CODE-COMPLIANT BY THE YEAR 2030



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Existing Buildings: Rehabilitation

IN 1985 FEMA INITIATED A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL GUIDELINES FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS. SOME SIGNIFICANT PUBLICATIONS ARE:

- **Rapid Visual Screening (RVS), FEMA 154.**
- **Seismic Evaluation of Existing Buildings, FEMA 178, and 310, and ASCE 31**
- **Benefit-Cost Model, FEMA 227**



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Existing Buildings: Rehabilitation

- **Typical Costs of Seismic Rehabilitation, FEMA 156**
- **NEHRP Guidelines for the Seismic Rehabilitation of Buildings, FEMA 273 and 356**
- **Development of a Standardized Regional Loss Estimation Methodology (HAZUS)**

Subsequent to the original development activity, HAZUS was expanded to include loss estimates for wind and flood.



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The FEMA Model Building Types

THE FEMA PROGRAM DEVELOPED A SET OF 17 MODEL BUILDING TYPES SIGNIFICANT FOR SEISMIC EVALUATION AND DESIGN.



FEMA Building Type W1:
Wood, light frame, small residence



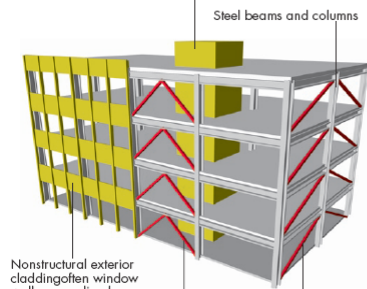
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The FEMA Model Building Types

FEMA Building Type S2 STEEL BRACED FRAMES

Braced frames often placed within shaft walls



These building consist of a frame assembly of steel columns and beams. Lateral forces are resisted by diagonal steel members placed in selected bays. Floors are cast-in-place concrete slabs or metal deck and concrete. These buildings are typically used for buildings similar to Steel Moment Frames, although are more often low rise.

The S2A building type is similar but has floors and roof that act as flexible diaphragms such as wood, or up-topped metal deck. This is a relatively uncommon building type and is used mostly for smaller office or commercial buildings in which the fire rating of concrete floor is not needed.



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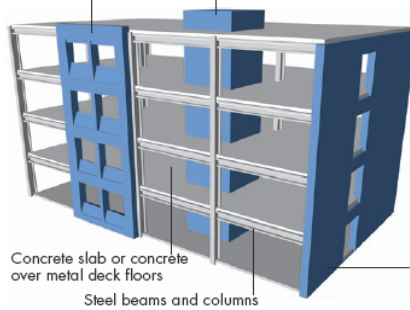
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The FEMA Model Building Types

FEMA Building Type S4 STEEL FRAMES with concrete shearwalls

'Punched' concrete exterior walls are an alternate shear wall configuration

Vertical shafts often constructed of concrete



These buildings consist of an essentially complete frame assembly of steel beams and steel columns. The floors are concrete slabs or concrete fill over metal deck. The buildings feature a significant number of concrete walls effectively acting as shear walls, either as vertical transportation cores, isolated in selected bays, or as a perimeter wall system. The steel column and beam system may act only to carry gravity loads or may have rigid connections to act as a moment frame. This building type is generally used as an alternate for steel moment or braced frames in similar circumstances. These buildings will usually be mid- or low-rise.



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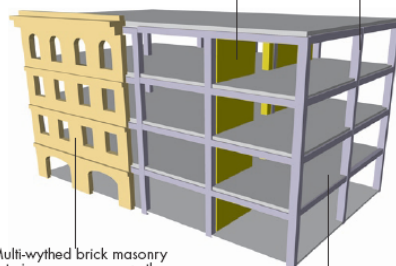
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FEMA Building Type C3 CONCRETE FRAMES with infill masonry shear walls

Interior partitions or shaft walls often built with clay tile

Concrete beams and columns or slabs and columns



Multi-wythed brick masonry exterior one or more wythes built within the column/beam envelope as 'infill'

Floors usually formed concrete

These buildings consist of concrete framing, either a complete system of beams and columns or columns supporting slabs without gravity beams. Exterior walls, and possibly some interior walls, are constructed of unreinforced solid clay brick, concrete block, or hollow clay tile masonry infilling the space between columns and beams. Windows and doors may be present in the infill walls but to act effectively as shear resisting elements, the infill masonry must be constructed tightly against the columns and beams. The building type is similar to S5 but is more often used for industrial and warehouse occupancies.

The C3A building type is similar but has floors and roof that act as flexible diaphragms such as wood, or up-topped metal deck. This building type not often found except as one story industrial buildings.

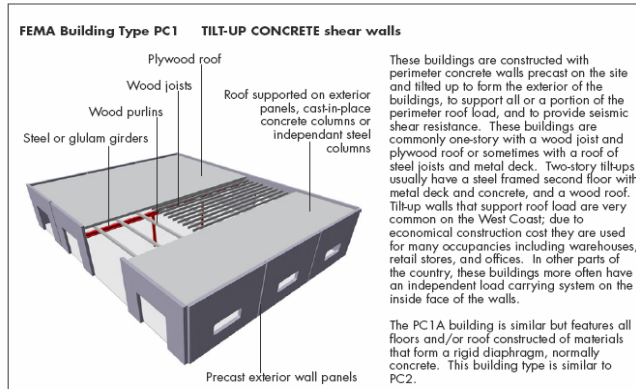


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EXAMPLE MODEL BUILDING TYPES:



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Performance Damage Levels

FEMA HAS DEVELOPED DESCRIPTIONS OF DAMAGE LEVELS RELATED TO PERFORMANCE-BASED DESIGN (FEMA 356):

- OPERATIONAL
- IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY
- LIFE SAFETY
- COLLAPSE PREVENTION



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Rehabilitation Categories

THREE BASIC CATEGORIES OF REHABILITATION MEASURES

- **MODIFICATION OF “GLOBAL” BEHAVIOR**
- **MODIFICATION OF “LOCAL” BEHAVIOR**
- **IMPROVING CONNECTIVITY**



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Other Rehabilitation Issues

SOME OTHER ISSUES RELATED TO REHABILITATION :

- **INADEQUATE RECOGNITION OF DISRUPTION TO OCCUPANTS**
- **COLLATERAL REQUIRED WORK**



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Rehabilitation Examples



Steel braced frame inserted in a small commercial structure



Steel braced frame on exterior of building to avoid construction on the building interior



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Rehabilitation Examples



Steel moment frame for a commercial retrofit. The large (white) double frame is placed behind the original façade columns.



Steel

Steel moment frame (gray) placed within the recess



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Rehabilitation Examples

New end wall (gray) that wraps around side of a large academic building to provide additional strength. The building was occupied during construction



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Historic Building Rehabilitation

HISTORIC BUILDINGS PRESENT SPECIAL PROBLEMS FOR REHABILITATION

- **PRESERVATION GUIDCELINES MAY LIMIT APPLICATION OF OTHERWISE APPROPRIATE SEISMIC UPGRADING**
- **GENERALLY , LOWER PERFORMANCE LEVELS ALLOWED FOR HISTORIC BUILDINGS**
- **SPECIAL METHODS NEEDED TO ACHIEVE HIGH PERFORMANCE**



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Historic Building Examples



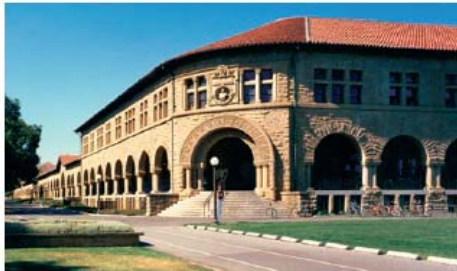
Base isolation of San Francisco City Hall enabled high safety level without compromising preservation standards.



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Historic Building Examples



Original Stanford University quadrangle retrofitted over a 40-year period with evolving techniques. Earliest sections were gutted and new interior structure constructed. Later sections retrofitted with new interior shear walls leaving wood floors and heavy timber roofs intact



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Nonstructural Components

THE DESIGN APPROACH TO PROTECTING NONSTRUCTURAL COMPONENTS AND SYSTEMS

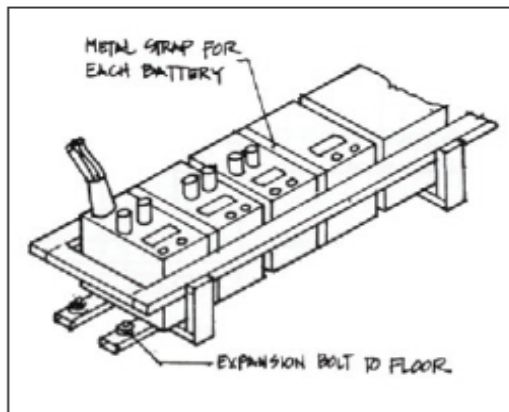
- ADEQUATE SUPPORT AGAINST ACCELERATION FORCES
- PROVIDING LATERAL BRACING TO SUSPENDED ELEMENTS
- ISOLATING COMPONENTS SUCH AS HEAVY CLADDING FROM THE STRUCTURE



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Nonstructural Components



Protection for
emergency battery
power supply

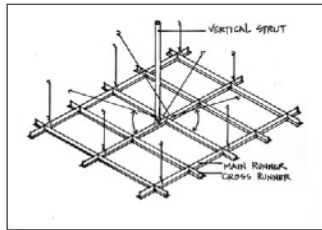


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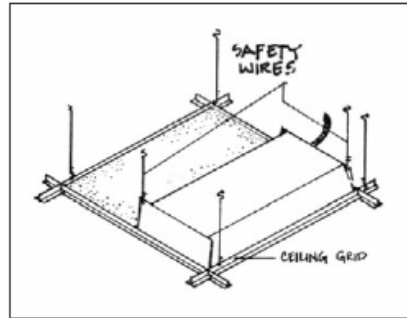
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NONSTRUCTURAL DESIGN EXAMPLES



Suspended ceiling bracing



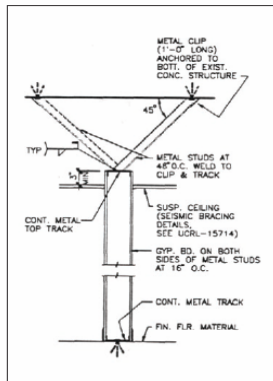
Safety wires for lighting fixture



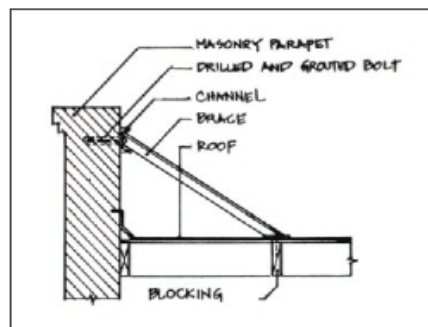
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Nonstructural Components



Partition bracing



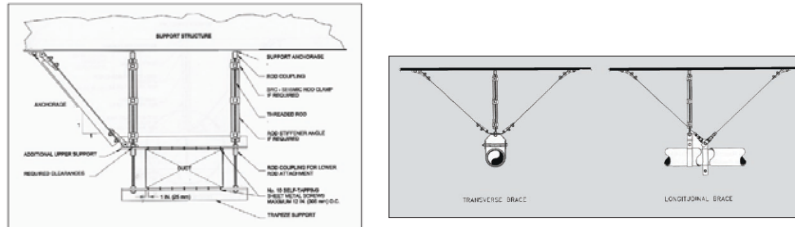
Bracing for URM parapet



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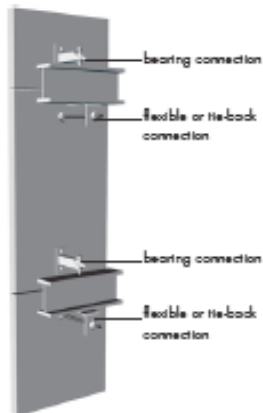
Lateral bracing for ductwork (left) and bracing for suspended piping (right)



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Nonstructural Components



Typical connection system for heavy concrete exterior cladding attached to steel structure.



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Conclusions

THIS PRESENTATION HAS OUTLINED THE PRINCIPLES OF SEISMIC DESIGN FOR NEW BUILDINGS

THE PRINCIPLES OF SEISMIC DESIGN ARE THE SAME FOR NEW AND EXISTING BUILDINGS, BUT THE PROCEDURES ARE DIFFERENT

EXISTING BUILDINGS MUST BE EVALUATED TO DETERMINE THEIR SEISMIC DEFICIENCIES

PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN FOR THE PROTECTION OF NONSTRUCTURAL COMPONENTS IS OUTLINED



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