



STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING BASICS

Loads



Vertical Loads

Dead Loads:

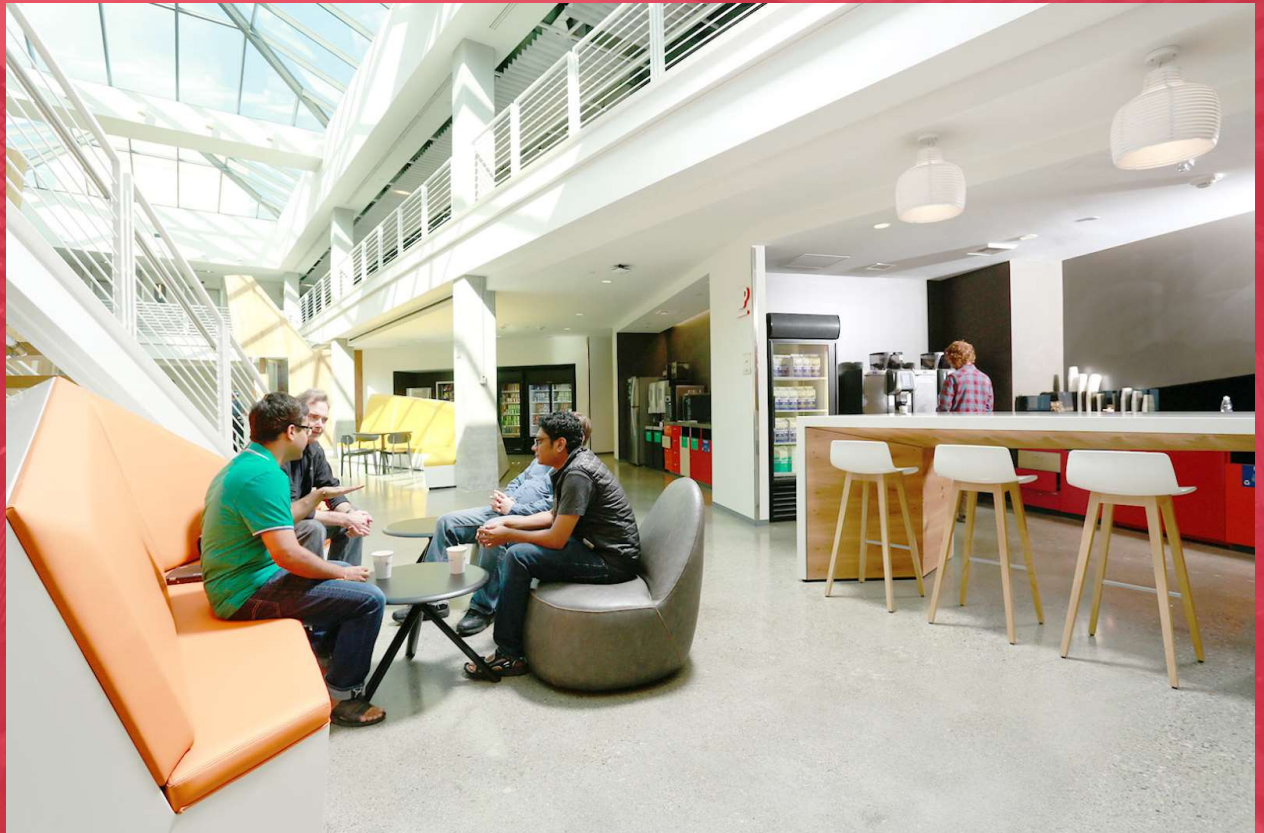
- Weight of the structure
- Permanent Construction Material
- Permanent Equipment
- Partitions



Vertical Loads

Live Loads:

- Weight of people
- Weight of Furniture
- Equipment that is flexible





Vertical Loads

Snow Loads:





Vertical Loads

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Vertical Loads

Snow Loads:

- 1 foot of snow on a 2000 square foot house is around 40 000 pounds of snow, or 10 elephants!



Horizontal Loads

Wind Loads:

- Positive & Negative Pressures
- Dependant on terrain, building size/height, opening
- Different loads for different parts of the building



Horizontal Loads

Wind Loads:





Horizontal Loads

Earthquake Loads:



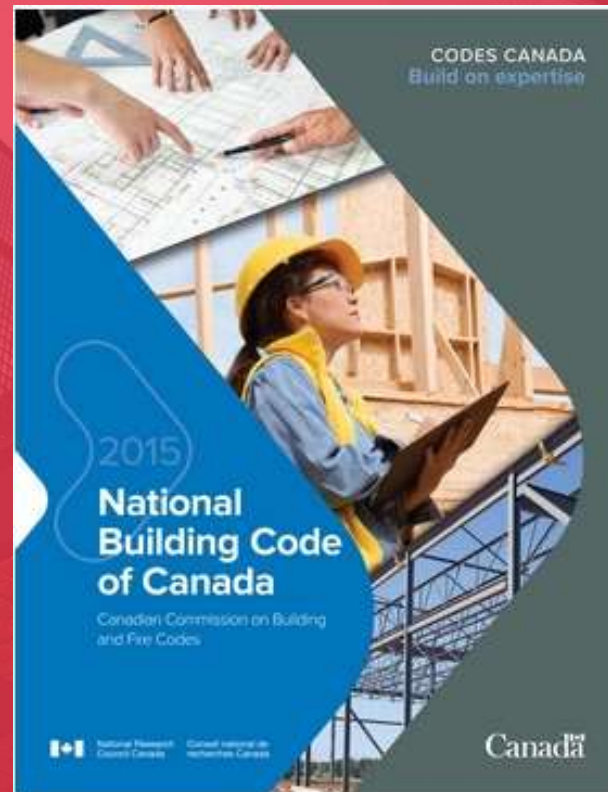


Horizontal Loads

Earth Pressure/Surcharge
Loads:



Building Codes





Building Codes

Limit States Design

- Ultimate Limit State
→ Strength
- Serviceability Limit State
→ Deflection, Vibration
- Factors of Safety
→ Overdesign?



Building Codes

- Load Combinations:
 - Principle Loads and Companion Loads
 - Probability Based
- Importance Factors



Building Codes

- Different live loads dependant on type of occupancy and building use
- Live load reduction factors





Building Codes

- Different Wind, Snow, Rain and Earthquake loads dependant on location
- Based on 1 in 50 year storm



Building Codes

Snow buildup:

- High Roof to Low Roof
→ Based on height difference and size of high roof
- Buildup around mechanical units, signs, projections
- Roof failures are most common in build up zones