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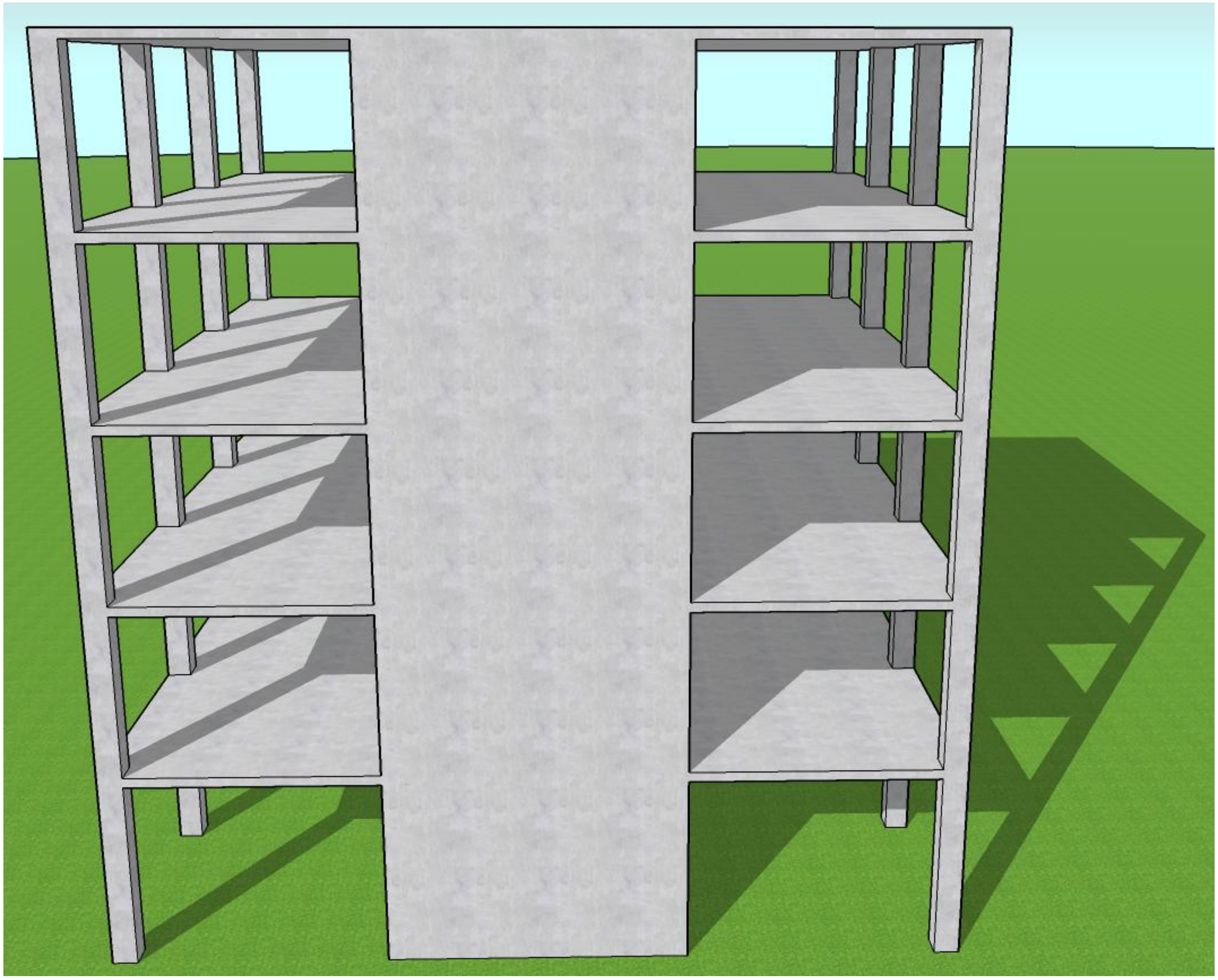

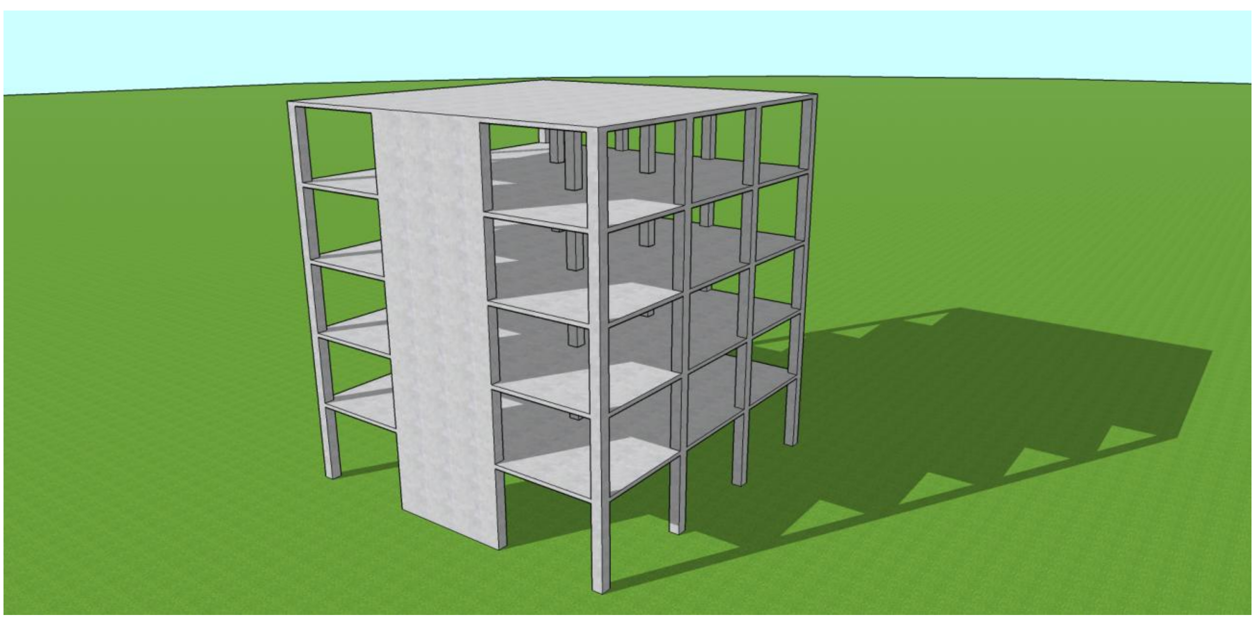

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A structural reinforced concrete shear wall in a 5-story building provides lateral and gravity load resistance for the applied load as shown in the figure below. Shear wall section and assumed reinforcement is investigated after analysis to verify suitability for the applied loads. The results of hand calculations are then compared with the reference results and numerical analysis results obtained from the spWall engineering software program by StructurePoint.

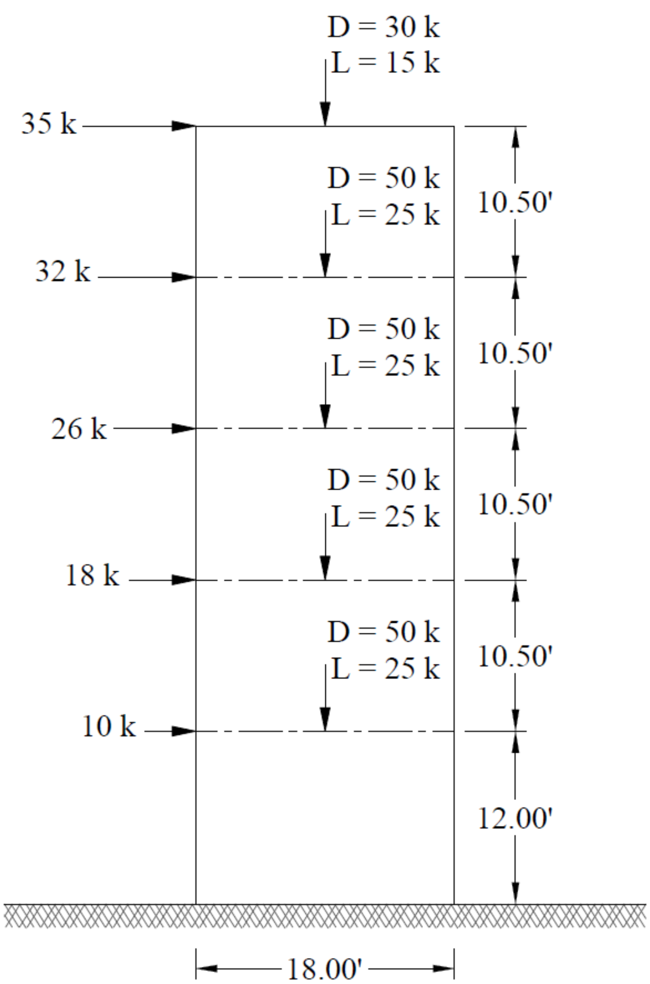

Figure 1 – Reinforced Concrete Shear Wall Geometry and Loading

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Code

Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete (ACI 318-19) and Commentary (ACI 318R-19)

References

- Reinforced Concrete Mechanics and Design, 8th Edition, 2021, James Wight, Pearson, Example 18-2
- spWall Engineering Software Program Manual v10.50, STRUCTUREPOINT, 2026
- spColumn Engineering Software Program Manual v10.20, STRUCTUREPOINT, 2025
- Contact Support@StructurePoint.org to obtain supplementary materials (spWall model: DE-Shear-Wall-ACI-19.walx)

Design Data

f_c' = 4,000 psi normal weight concrete

f_y = 60,000 psi

Slab thickness = 7.00 in.

Wall thickness = 10.00 in.

Wall length = 18.00 ft

Vertical reinforcement: #5 bars at 18.00 in. on centers in each face ($A_{s,\ vertical}$ = #5 @ 18.00 in.)

Horizontal reinforcement: #4 bars at 16.00 in. on centers in each face ($A_{s,\ horizontal}$ = #4 @ 16.00 in.)

1. Notations

This section (based on ACI 318-19 provisions) defines notation and terminology used in this design example:

A_s = area of nonprestressed longitudinal tension reinforcement, in.^{2}

A_{cv} = gross area of concrete section bounded by web thickness and length of section in the direction of shear force considered in the case of walls, and gross area of concrete section in the case of walls, and gross area of concrete section in the case of diaphragms. Gross area is total area of the defined section minus area of any openings, in.^{2}

A_{st} = total area of nonprestressed longitudinal reinforcement including bars or steel shapes, and excluding prestressing reinforcement, in.^{2}

A_v = area of shear reinforcement within spacing s, in.^{2}

c = distance from extreme compression fiber to neutral axis, in.

d = distance from extreme compression fiber to centroid of longitudinal tension reinforcement, in.

f_c' = specified compressive strength of concrete, psi

f_y = specified yield strength for nonprestressed reinforcement, psi

f_{yt} = specified yield strength of transverse reinforcement, psi

h = overall thickness, height, or depth of member, in.

h_w = height of entire wall from base to top, or clear height of wall segment or wall pier considered, in.

l_w = length of entire wall, or length of wall segment or wall pier considered in direction of shear force, in.

M_n = nominal flexural strength at section, in.-lb

M_u = factored moment at section, in.-lb

N_u = factored axial force normal to cross section occurring simultaneously with V_u or T_u; to be taken as positive for compression and negative for tension, lb

P_n = nominal axial compressive strength of member, lb

P_u = factored axial force; to be taken as positive for compression and negative for tension, lb

s = center-to-center spacing of items, such as longitudinal reinforcement, transverse reinforcement, tendons, or anchors, in.

s_2 = center-to-center spacing of longitudinal shear or torsional reinforcement, in.

V_c = nominal shear strength provided by concrete, lb

V_s = nominal shear strength provided by shear reinforcement, lb

V_u = factored shear force at section, lb

α_c = coefficient defining the relative contribution of concrete strength to nominal wall shear strength

β_1 = factor relating depth of equivalent rectangular compressive stress block to depth of neutral axis

ε_t = net tensile strain in extreme layer of longitudinal tension reinforcement at nominal strength, excluding strains due to effective prestress, creep, shrinkage, and temperature

ε_{ty} = value of net tensile strain in the extreme layer of longitudinal tension reinforcement used to define a compression-controlled section

λ = modification factor to reflect the reduced mechanical properties of lightweight concrete relative to normal weight concrete of the same compressive strength

ρ_l = ratio of area of distributed longitudinal reinforcement to gross concrete area perpendicular to that reinforcement

ρ_t = ratio of area of distributed transverse reinforcement to gross concrete area perpendicular to that reinforcement

ϕ = strength reduction factor

2. Minimum Reinforcement Requirements (Reinforcement Percentage and Spacing)

2.1. Horizontal Reinforcement Check

$$\rho_t = \frac{A_{v,horizontal}}{h \times s_2} = \frac{2 \times 0.2}{10 \times 16} = 0.0025$$ ***ACI 318-19 (2.2)***

$$\rho_t = 0.0025 \geq \rho_{t,\min} = 0.0025 \textbf{ (o.k.)}$$ ***ACI 318-19 (11.6.2(b))***

$$s_{t,\max} = \text{smallest of} \begin{Bmatrix} 3 \times h \\ 18 \text{ in.} \\ l_w / 5 \end{Bmatrix} = \text{smallest of} \begin{Bmatrix} 3 \times 10 \\ 18 \text{ in.} \\ 18/5 \end{Bmatrix} = \text{smallest of} \begin{Bmatrix} 30 \text{ in.} \\ 18 \text{ in.} \\ 43.2 \text{ in.} \end{Bmatrix} = 18.00 \text{ in.}$$ ***ACI 318-19 (11.7.3.1)***

$$s_{t,provided} = 16.00 \text{ in.} < s_{t,\max} = 18.00 \text{ in.} \textbf{ (o.k.)}$$

2.2. Vertical Reinforcement Check

$$\rho_l = \frac{A_{v,vertical}}{h \times s_1} = \frac{2 \times 0.31}{10 \times 18} = 0.00344$$ ***ACI 318-19 (2.2)***

$$\rho_{l,\min} = \text{greater of} \begin{Bmatrix} 0.0025 + 0.5\left(2.5 - \dfrac{h_w}{l_w}\right)\left(\rho_t - 0.0025\right) \\ 0.0025 \end{Bmatrix}$$ ***ACI 318-19 (11.6.2(a))***

$$\rho_{l,\min} = \text{greater of} \begin{Bmatrix} 0.0025 + 0.5\left(2.5 - \dfrac{10}{18 \times 12}\right)\left(0.0025 - 0.0025\right) \\ 0.0025 \end{Bmatrix} = \text{greater of} \begin{Bmatrix} 0.0025 \\ 0.0025 \end{Bmatrix} = 0.0025$$

$$\rho_l = 0.00344 \geq \rho_{l,\min} = 0.0025 \textbf{ (o.k.)}$$ ***ACI 318-19 (11.6.2(a))***

$$s_{l,\max} = \text{smallest of} \begin{Bmatrix} 3 \times h \\ 18 \text{ in.} \\ l_w / 3 \end{Bmatrix} = \text{smallest of} \begin{Bmatrix} 3 \times 10 \\ 18 \text{ in.} \\ 18/3 \end{Bmatrix} = \text{smallest of} \begin{Bmatrix} 30 \text{ in.} \\ 18 \text{ in.} \\ 72 \text{ in.} \end{Bmatrix} = 18.00 \text{ in.}$$ ***ACI 318-19 (11.7.2.1)***

$$s_{l,provided} = 18.00 \text{ in.} \leq s_{l,\max} = 18.00 \text{ in.} \textbf{ (o.k.)}$$

3. Neutral Axis Depth Determination

$$M_{base} = 35\times54.00+32\times43.50+26\times33.00+18\times22.50+10\times12.00 = 4,665.00 \text{ kip-ft}$$

The load factor for strength-level wind force = 1.0

$$M_{u,base} = 1.0\times4,665.00 = 4,665.00 \text{ kip-ft}$$

$$N_u = 0.9\times N_D = 0.9\times(30+50+50+50+50) = 207.00 \text{ kips}$$ **_ACI 318-19 (Eq.5.3.1f)_**

$$\beta_1 = 0.85-\frac{0.05\times(f'_c-4,000)}{1,000} = 0.85-\frac{0.05\times(4,000-4,000)}{1,000} = 0.85$$ **_ACI 318-19 (Table 22.2.2.4.3)_**

$$\omega = \rho_l\frac{f_y}{f'_c} = 0.00344\times\frac{60}{4} = 0.0517$$

$$\alpha = \frac{N_u}{h\times l_w\times f'_c} = \frac{207.00}{10.00\times216\times4} = 0.0240$$

$$c = \left(\frac{\alpha+\omega}{0.85\beta_1+2\omega}\right)l_w = \left(\frac{0.0240+0.0517}{0.85\times0.85+2\times0.0517}\right)\times216 = 19.78 \text{ in.}$$

Assume the effective flexural depth (d) is approximately equal to $0.8l_w$ = 172.80 in. **_ACI 318-19 (11.5.4.2)_**

$$\varepsilon_{ty} = \frac{f_y}{E_s} = \frac{60}{29,000} = 0.00207$$ **_ACI 318-19 (21.2.2.1)_**

$$\varepsilon_t = \left(\frac{0.003}{c}\right)\times d_t-0.003 = \left(\frac{0.003}{19.78}\right)\times172.80-0.003 = 0.0232 > 0.003+\varepsilon_{ty} = 0.00507$$

Therefore, section is tension controlled **_ACI 318-19 (Table 21.2.2)_**

$$\therefore \phi = 0.90$$ **_ACI 318-19 (Table 21.2.2)_**

4. Moment Capacity Check

$$A_{st} = A_{v,vertical}\frac{l_w}{s_{l,provided}} = 2\times 0.31\times\frac{216.00}{18.00} = 7.44 \text{ in.}^4$$

$$T = A_{st}\times f_y\left(\frac{l_w - c}{l_w}\right) = 7.44\times 60\times\left(\frac{216.00-19.78}{216.00}\right) = 405.52 \text{ kips}$$

Taking into account the applied axial force and summing force moments about the compression force (C), the moment capacity can be computed as follows:

$$M_n = T\left(\frac{l_w}{2}\right) + N_u\left(\frac{l_w - c}{2}\right) = 405.52\left(\frac{216.00}{2}\right) + 207.00\left(\frac{216.00-19.78}{2}\right) = 64{,}105.07 \text{ kips-in.} = 5{,}342.09 \text{ kips-ft}$$

$$\phi M_n = 0.9\times 5{,}342.09 = 4{,}807.88 \text{ kips-ft} > M_u = 4{,}665.00 \text{ kips-ft}$$

Since ϕM_n is greater than M_u, the wall has adequate flexural strength.

To further confirm the moment capacity is adequate with detailed consideration for the axial compression, an interaction diagram using spColumn can be created easily as shown below for the wall section. The location of the neutral axis, maximum tensile strain, and the ϕ factor can all be also verified from the spColumn model results output parameters. As can be seen from the interaction diagram a comprehensive view of the wall behavior for any combination of axial force and applied moment.

For a factored axial and moment of 207.00 kips and 4,665.00 kip-ft the interaction diagram shows a capacity factor of 1.140 (ϕM_n = 5,320 kip-ft for $\phi P_n = P_u$), see Figure 12 and Figure 13.

5. Shear Capacity Check

The factored shear at the base of the wall is:

$$V_u = 35 + 32 + 26 + 18 + 10 = 121.00 \text{ kips}$$

The nominal shear strength of the wall is:

$$\phi V_n = \phi V_c + \phi V_s = \phi \alpha_c \lambda \sqrt{f'_c} A_{cv} + \phi \rho_t f_{yt} A_{cv}$$ ***ACI 318-19 (11.5.4.3)***

$$\phi V_c = \phi \alpha_c \lambda \sqrt{f'_c} A_{cv} = 0.75 \times 2 \times 1 \times \sqrt{4,000} \times 10.00 \times 216.00 = 0.75 \times 273.22 = 204.92 \text{ kips}$$

$$\phi V_s = \phi \rho_t f_{yt} A_{cv} = 0.75 \times 0.0025 \times 60,000 \times 10.00 \times 216.00 = 0.75 \times 324.00 = 243.00 \text{ kips}$$

$$\phi V_n = \phi V_c + \phi V_s = 204.92 + 243.00 = 447.92 \text{ kips}$$

Where:

$$\alpha_c = 2 \text{ for } \frac{h_w}{l_w} = \frac{54.00}{18.00} = 3 \geq 2.0$$ ***ACI 318-19 (11.5.4.3)***

$\lambda = 1$ for normal weight concrete ***ACI 318-19 (19.2.4.1)***

$\phi = 0.75$ for shear ***ACI 318-19 (Table 21.2.1)***

$$\phi V_n = 447.92 \text{ kips} > V_u = 121.00 \text{ kips}$$

Thus, it is not required to calculate the additional shear strength provided by the horizontal reinforcement (V_s)

$$0.5 \times \phi V_c = 102.46 \text{ kips} < V_u = 121.00 \text{ kips}$$

Since $V_u \geq 0.5 \phi \alpha_c \lambda \sqrt{f'_c} A_{cv}$, ρ_l shall be at least the greater of ***Equation 11.6.2*** in the Code and 0.0025 but need not to exceed ρ_t required by ***Equation 11.5.4.3*** and ρ_t shall be at least 0.0025. ***ACI 318-19 (11.6.2)***

(Those requirements were checked in Step 2).

$$V_u = 121.00 \text{ kips} \geq 0.5 \phi \alpha_c \lambda \sqrt{f'_c} A_{cv} = 0.5 \times 0.75 \times 2 \times 1 \sqrt{4,000} \times 10.00 \times 216.00 = 102.46 \text{ kips}$$ ***ACI 318-19 (11.6.2)***

6. Shear Wall Analysis and Design – spWall Software

spWall is a program for the analysis and design of reinforced concrete shear walls, tilt-up walls, precast walls and Insulate Concrete Form (ICF) walls. It uses a graphical interface that enables the user to easily generate complex wall models. Graphical user interface is provided for:

- Wall geometry (including any number of openings and stiffeners)
- Material properties including cracking coefficients
- Wall loads (point, line, and area loads)
- Support conditions (including translational and rotational spring supports)

spWall uses the Finite Element Method for the structural modeling, analysis, and design of slender and non-slender reinforced concrete walls subject to static loading conditions. The wall is idealized as a mesh of rectangular plate elements and straight-line stiffener elements. Walls of irregular geometry are idealized to conform to geometry with rectangular boundaries. Plate and stiffener properties can vary from one element to another but are assumed by the program to be uniform within each element.

Six degrees of freedom exist at each node: three translations and three rotations relating to the three Cartesian axes. An external load can exist in the direction of each of the degrees of freedom. Sufficient number of nodal degrees of freedom should be restrained in order to achieve stability of the model. The program assembles the global stiffness matrix and load vectors for the finite element model. Then, it solves the equilibrium equations to obtain deflections and rotations at each node. Finally, the program calculates the internal forces and internal moments in each element. At the user's option, the program can perform second order analysis. In this case, the program takes into account the effect of in-plane forces on the out-of-plane deflection with any number of openings and stiffeners.

After the Finite Element Analysis (FEA) is completed in spWall, the required flexural reinforcement is computed based on the selected design standard (ACI 318-19 is used in this example), and the user can specify one or two layers of shear wall reinforcement. In stiffeners and boundary elements, spWall calculates the required shear and torsion steel reinforcement. Shear wall concrete strength (in-plane and out-of-plane) is calculated for the applied loads and compared with the code permissible shear capacity.

For illustration and comparison purposes, the following figures provide a sample of the input modules and the FEA results obtained from an spWall model created for the reinforced concrete shear wall in this example.

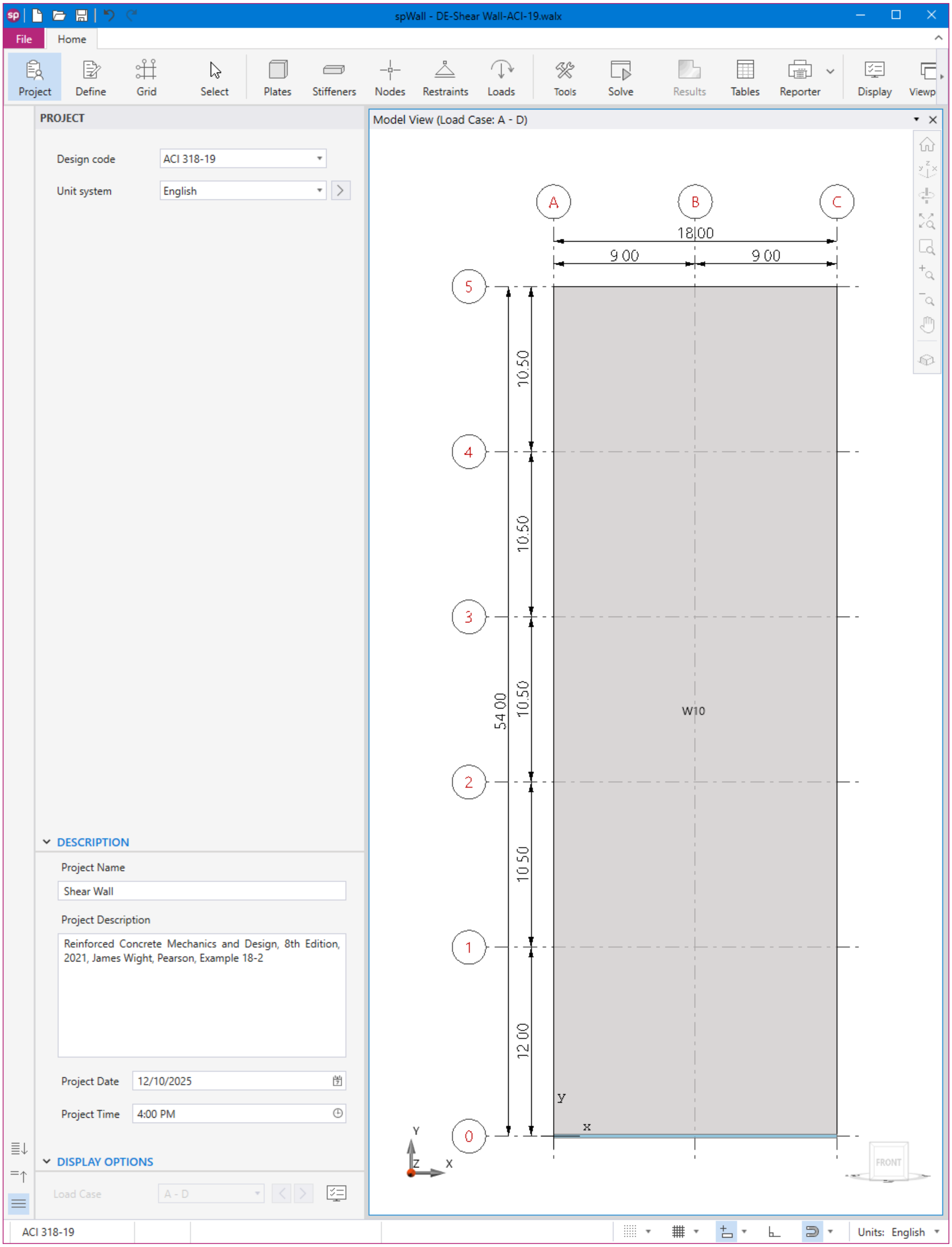

Figure 2 – spWall Interface

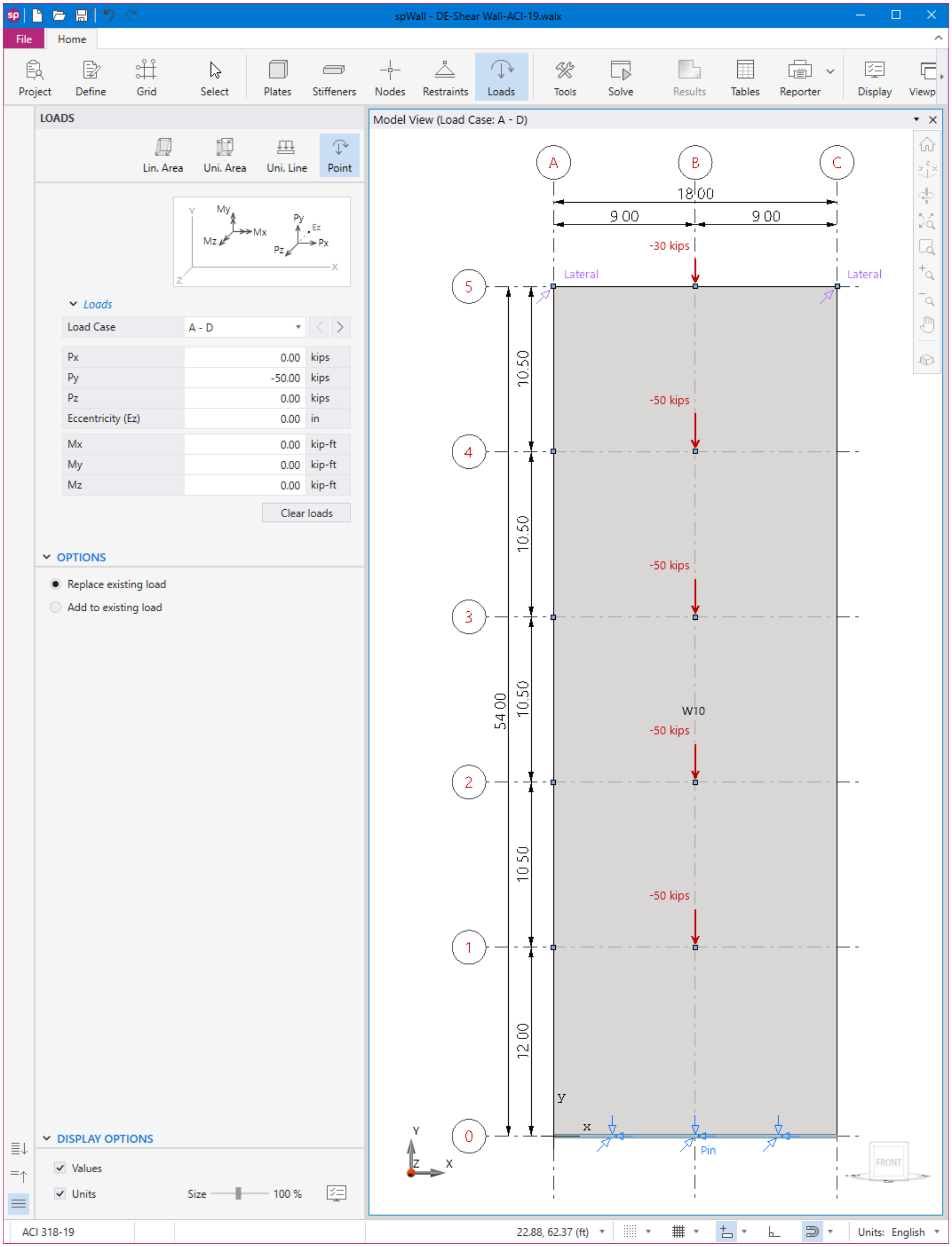

Figure 3 – Assigning Dead Loads for Shear Wall (spWall)

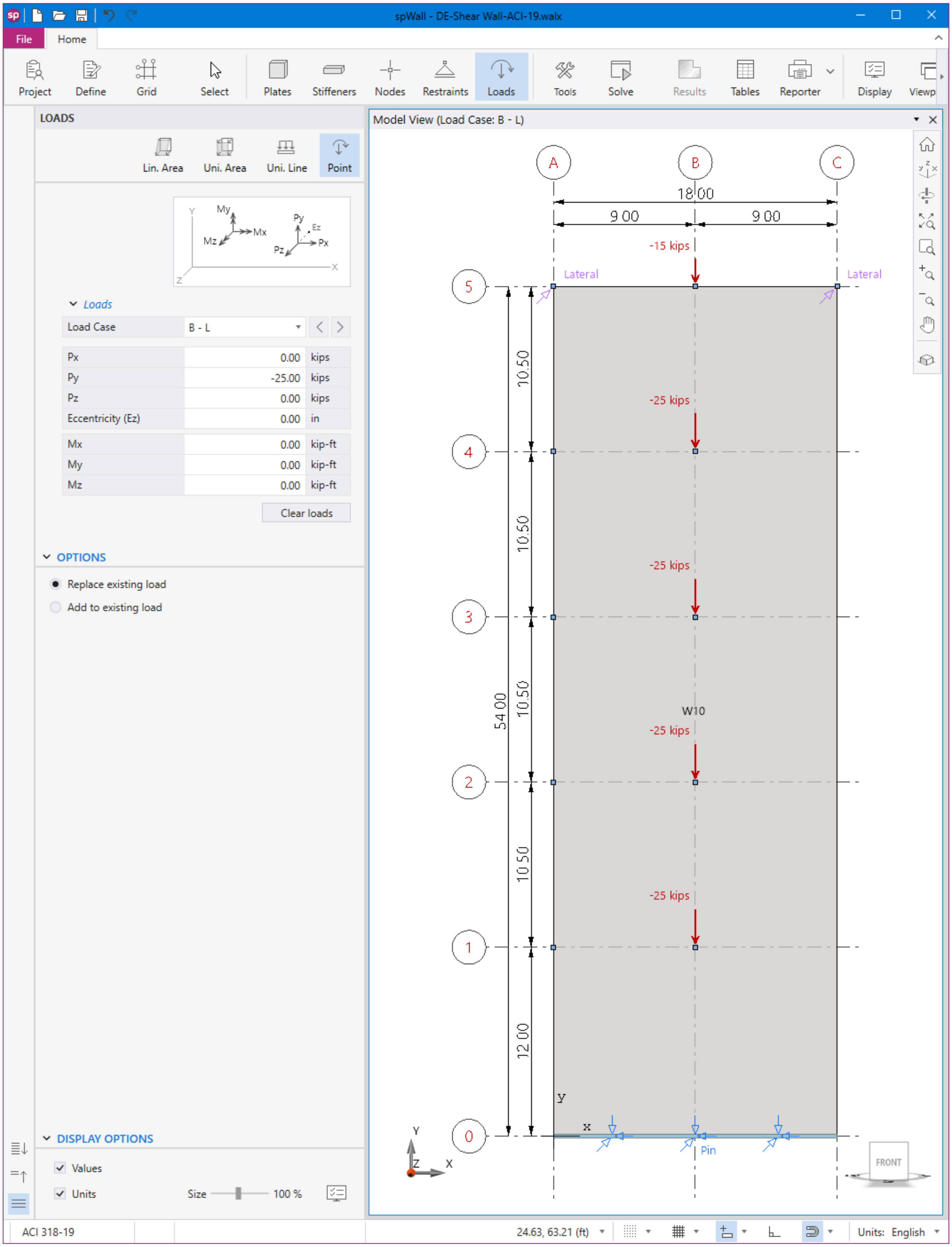

Figure 4 – Assigning Live Loads for Shear Wall (spWall)

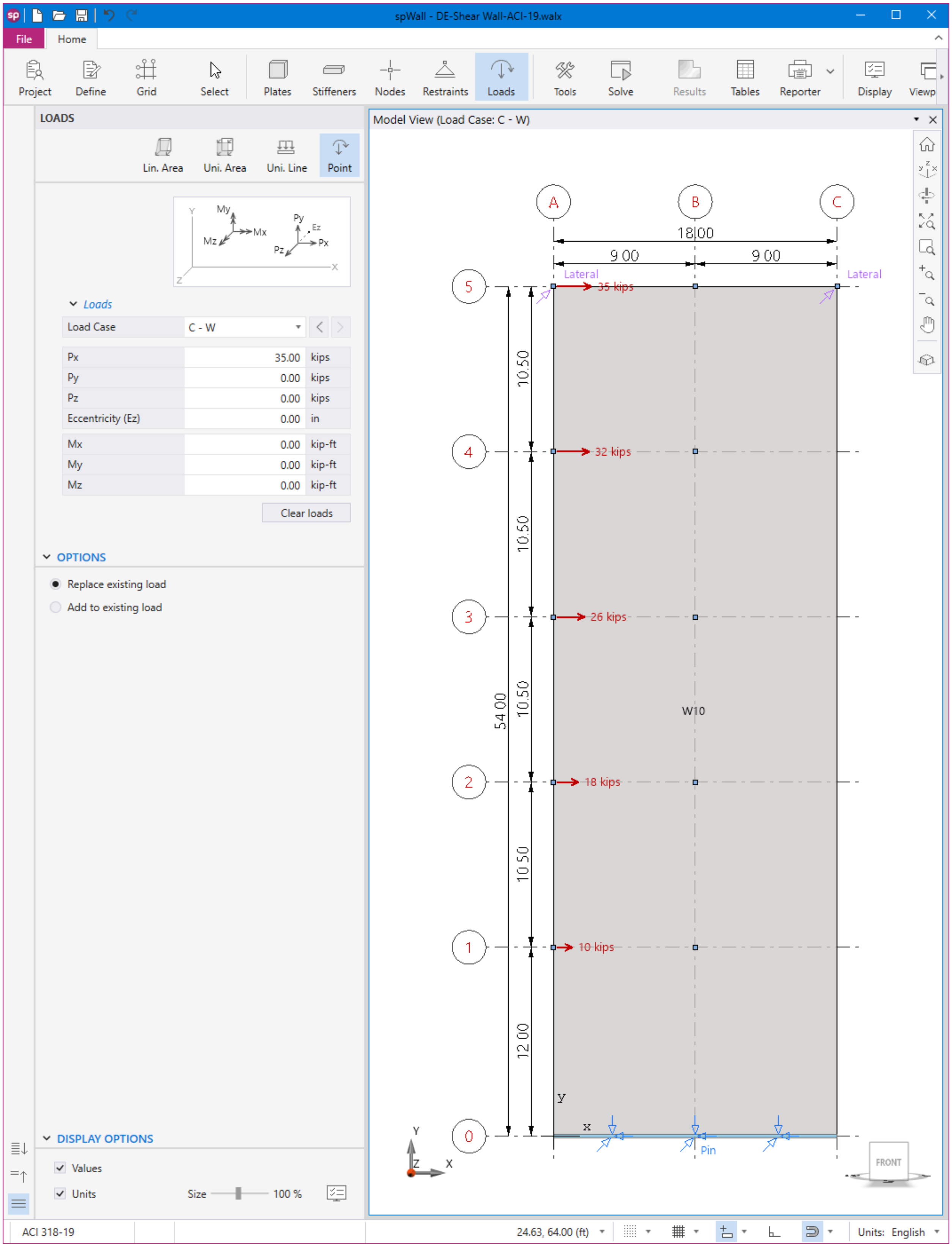

Figure 5 – Assigning Wind Loads for Shear Wall (spWall)

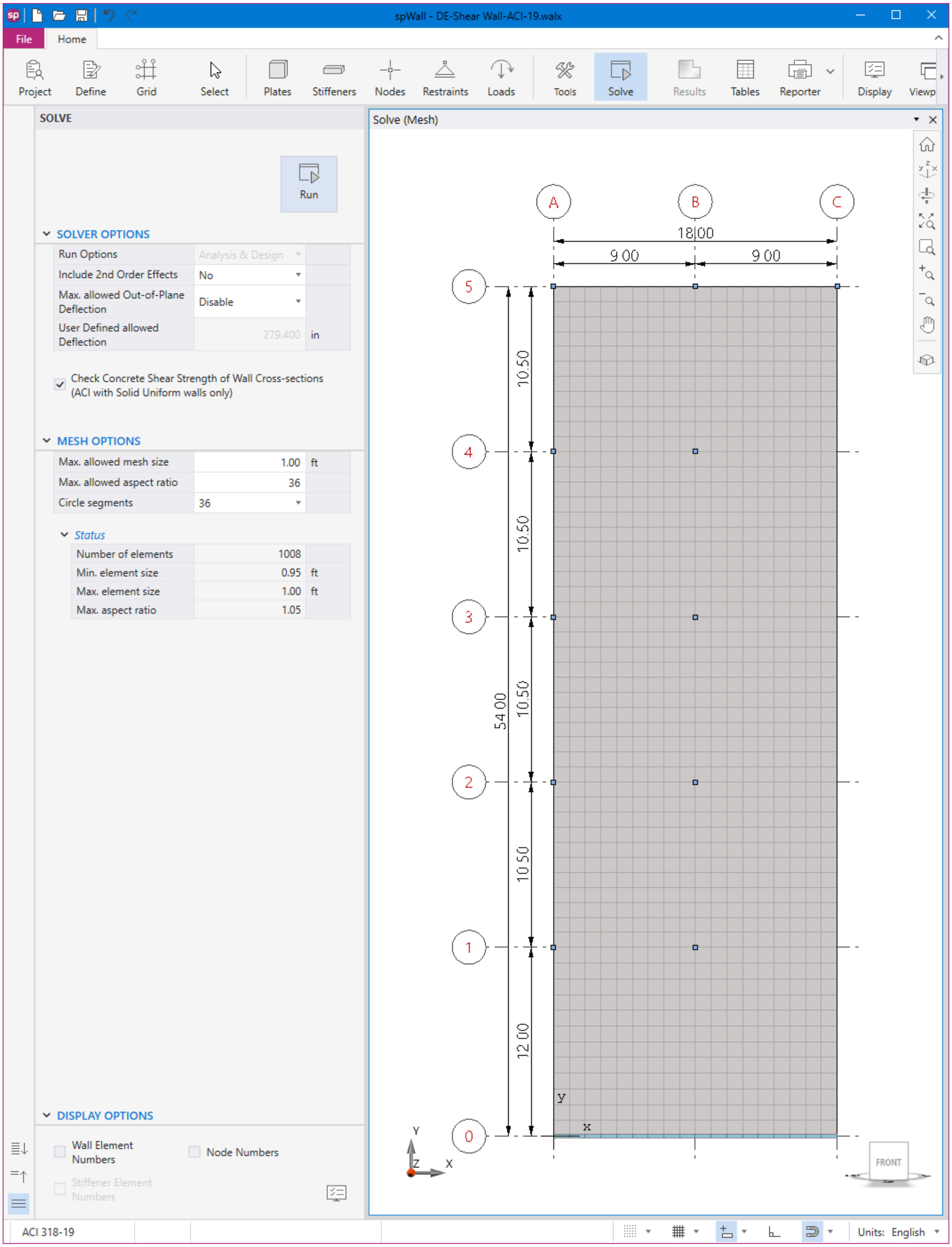

Figure 6 – Solve and Mesh Options (spWall)

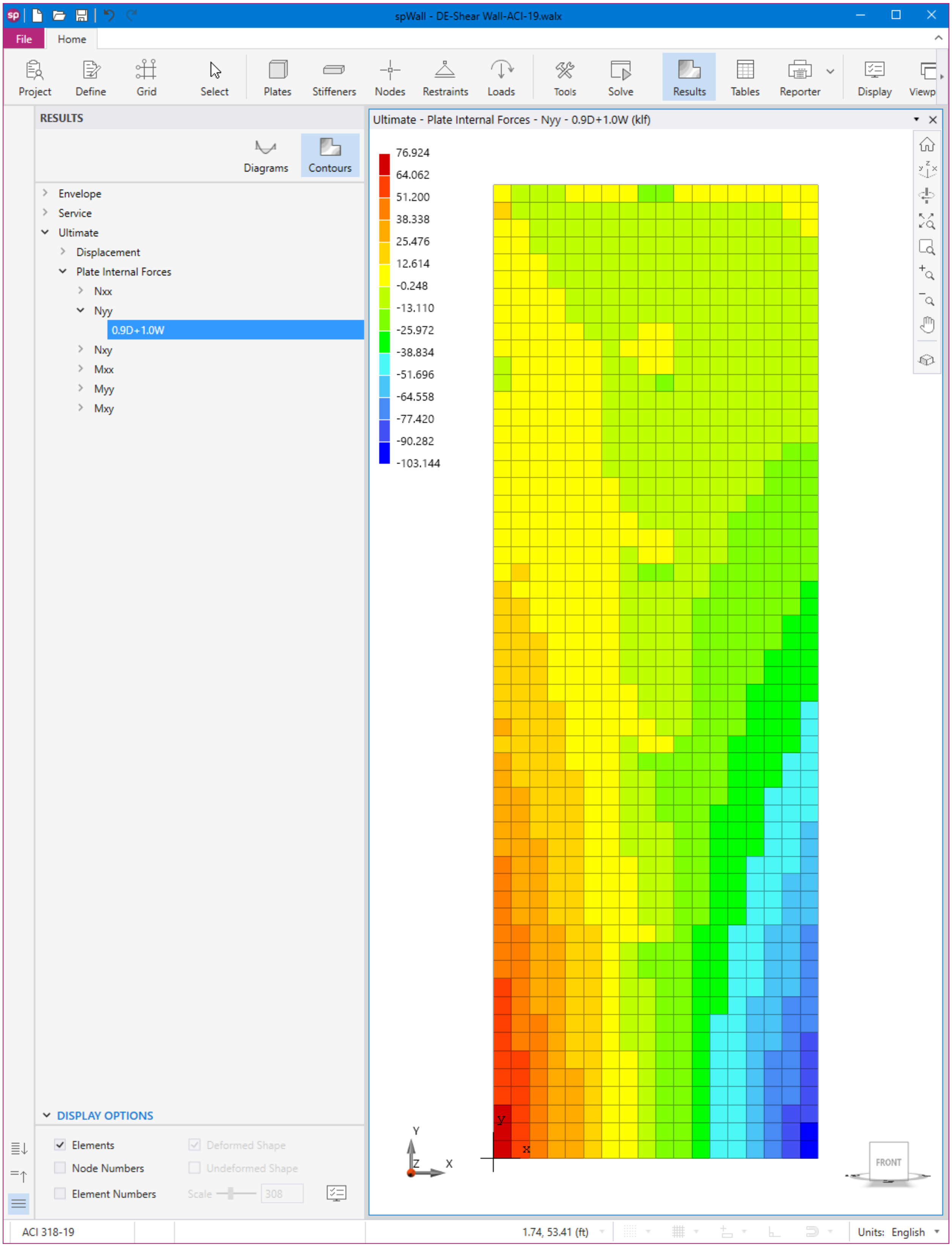

Figure 7 – Factored Axial Forces Contour Normal to Shear Wall Cross-Section (spWall)

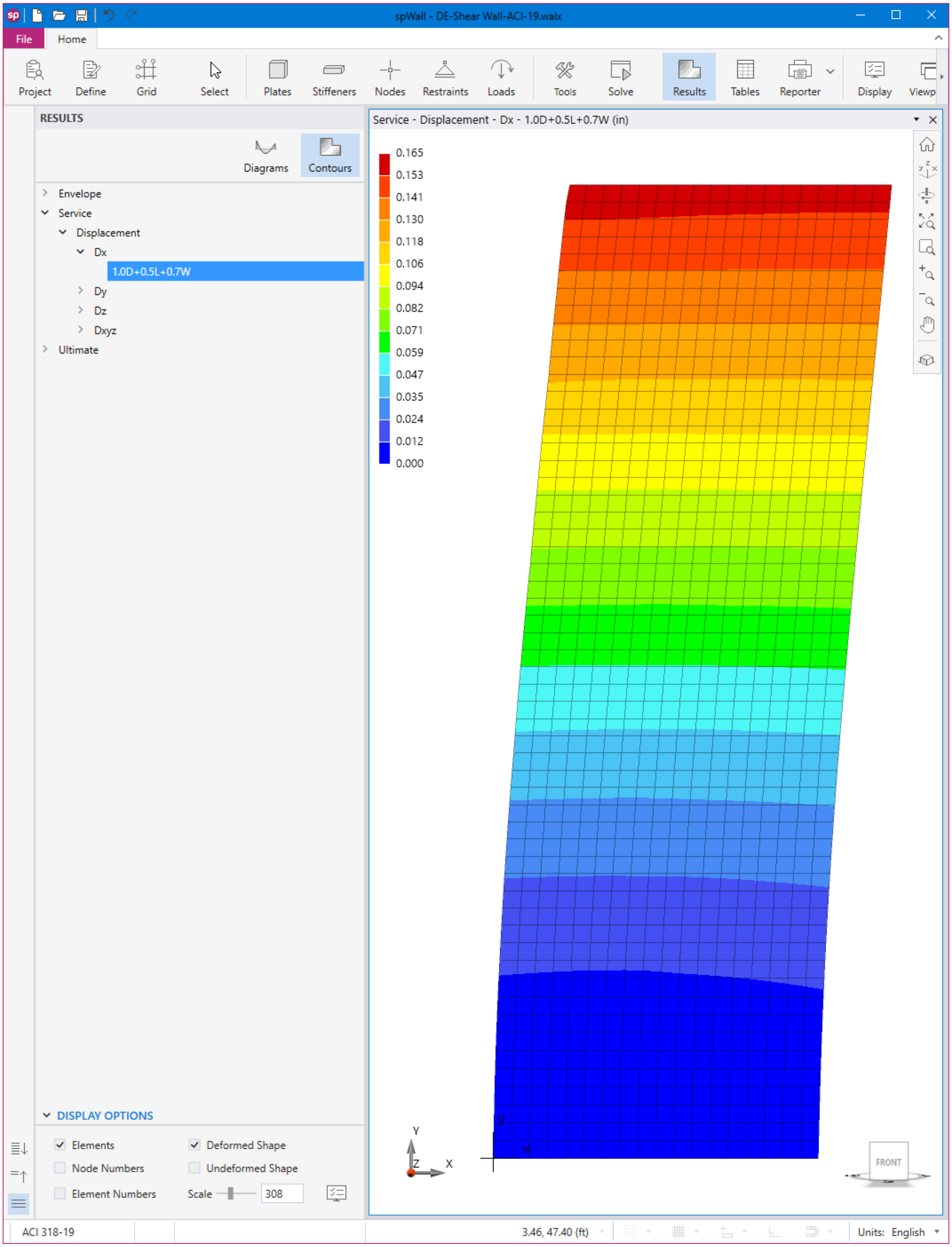

Figure 8 – Shear Wall Lateral Displacement Contour (spWall)

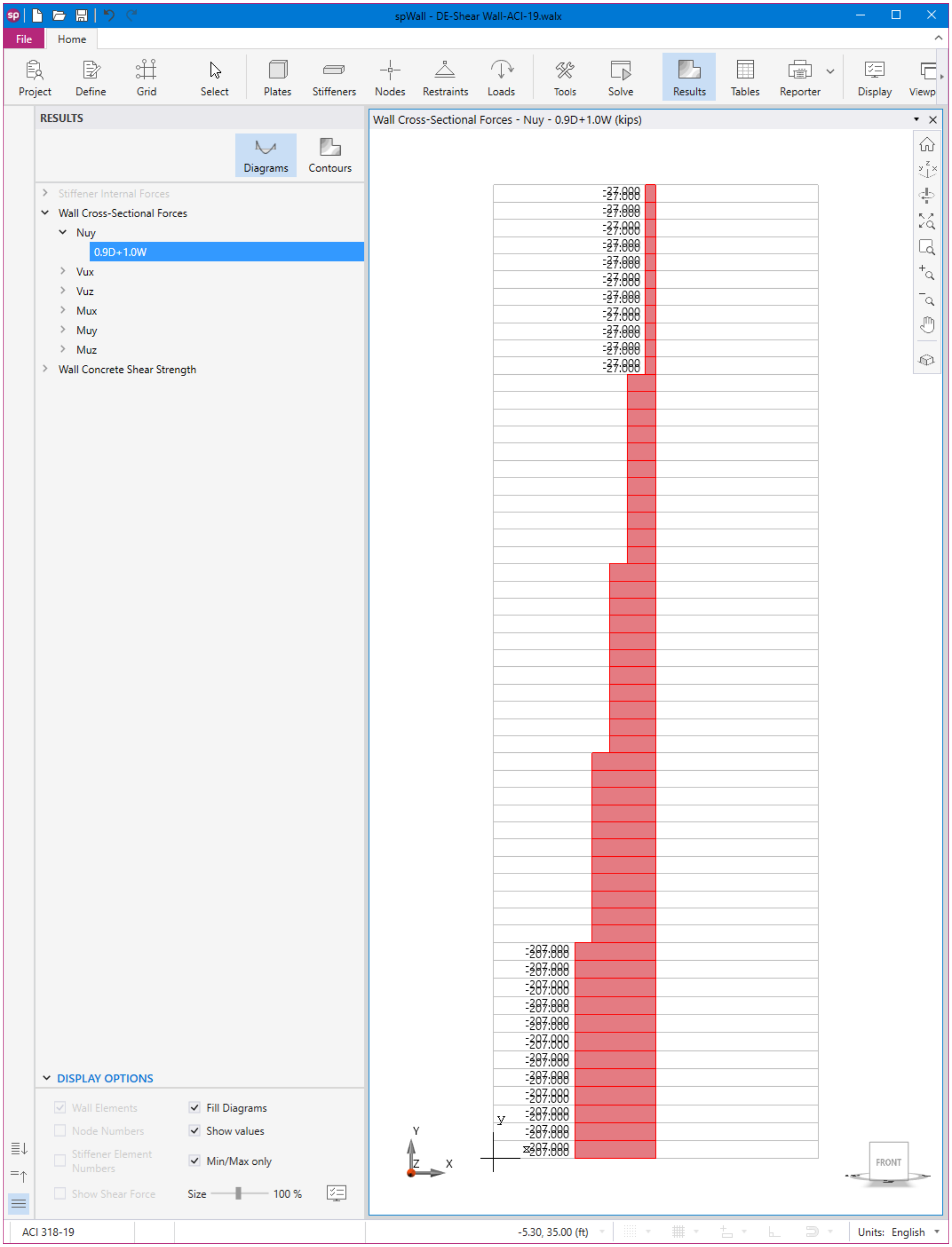

Figure 9 – Shear Wall Axial Load Diagram (spWall)

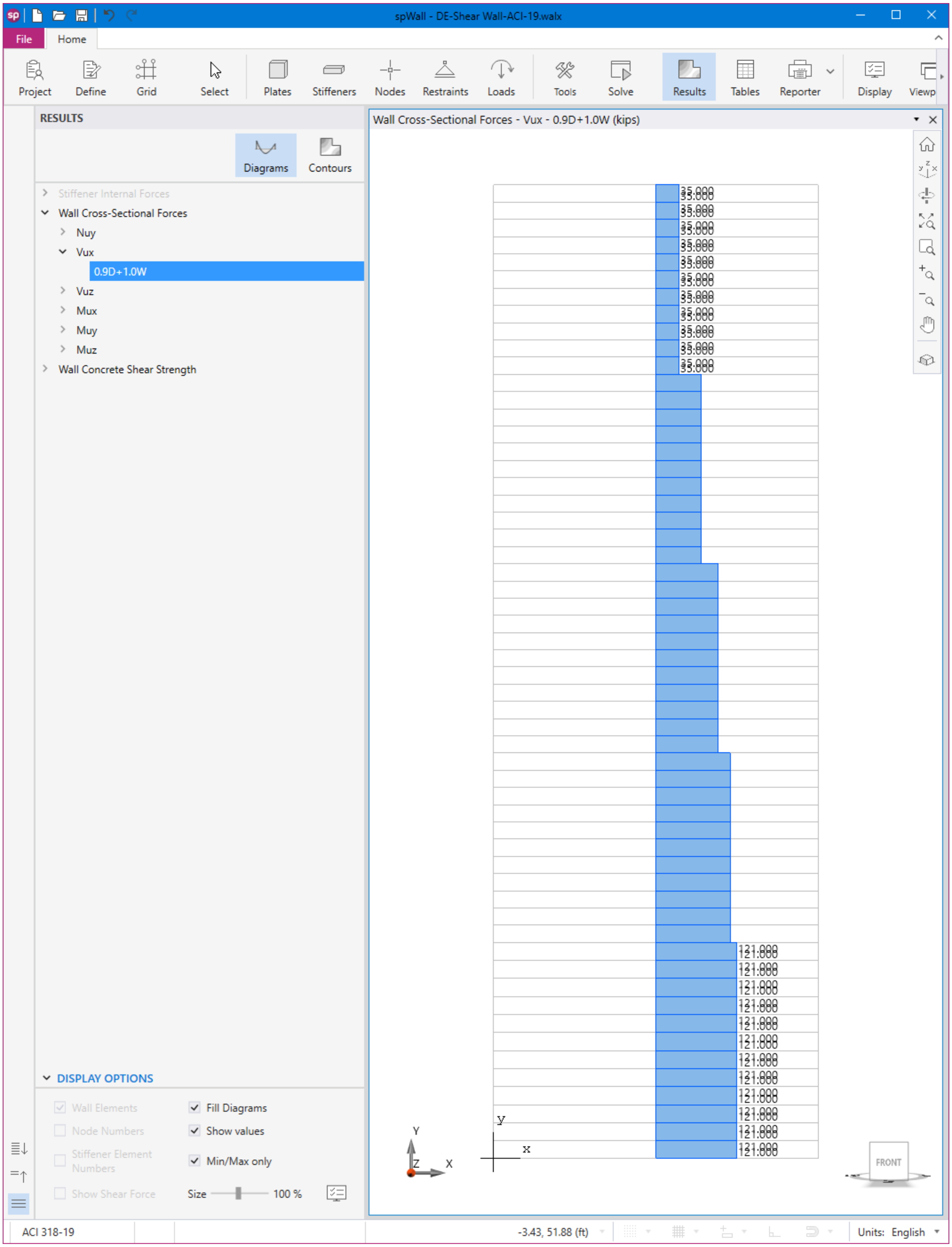

Figure 10 – In-plane Shear Diagram (spWall)

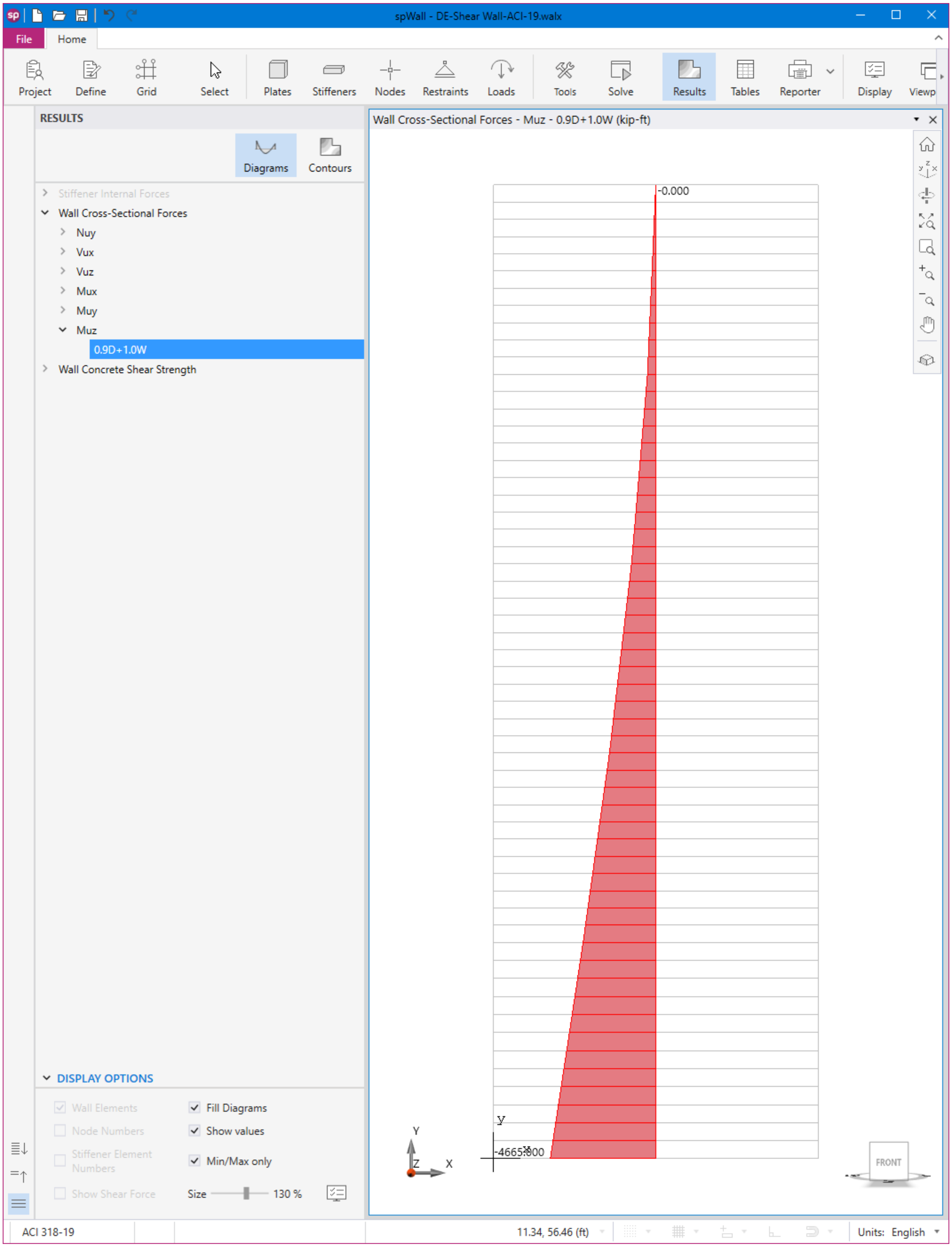

Figure 11 – Shear Wall Moment Diagram (spWall)

spWall v10.50 (TM) - Alpha 1
A Computer Program for Analysis and Design of Reinforced Concrete, Precast, and Tilt-up Walls

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1. Project

1.1. General Information

File Name	DE-Shear Wall-ACI-19.walx
Project	Shear Wall
Code	ACI 318-19
Units	English
Date	12/10/2025
Time	4:00 PM

1.2. Solver Options

Include 2nd order effects	No
Check out-of-plane service deflections	No
Maximum permissible out-of-plane deflections	---
Check concrete shear strength of wall crossection	Yes

2. Definitions

2.1. Grid Lines

2.1.1. Vertical

Label	Coordinate-X	Spacing
	ft	ft
A	0.00	0.00
B	9.00	9.00
C	18.00	9.00

2.1.2. Horizontal

Label	Coordinate-Y	Spacing
	ft	ft
0	0.00	0.00
1	12.00	12.00
2	22.50	10.50
3	33.00	10.50
4	43.50	10.50
5	54.00	10.50

2.2. Objects

2.2.1. Plates

Label	Thickness	Concrete	Reinforcement	Design Criteria	Cracking Coeff.	Used
	in					
W10	10.00	C4	Gr60	2C_Ct	PCC1	Yes

2.3. Properties

2.3.1. Concrete

Label	f'_c	W_c	E_c	v	Precast	Used
	ksi	pcf	ksi	-		
C4	4.0000	150.00	3834.3	0.20	No	Yes

2.3.2. Reinforcement

Label	f_y	E_s	Used	Label	f_y	E_s	Used
	ksi	ksi			ksi	ksi	
Gr60	60.0000	29000.0	Yes				

2.3.3. Plate Cracking Coefficients

Label	Service Combinations		Ultimate Combinations		Used
	In-plane	Out-of-plane	In-plane	Out-of-plane	
PCC1	1	0.7	1	0.35	Yes

2.3.4. Plate Design Criteria

NOTE: Bar centroid location measured from Z-ve face for Back Curtain and Z+ve face for Front Curtain

Label	Curtains	Flags	Reinforcement Ratio				Reinforcement Location				Used
			Rmin (Hor)	Rmax (Hor)	Rmin (Ver)	Rmax (Ver)	Back H. (BH)	Back V. (BV)	Front H. (FH)	Front V. (FV)	
			%	%	%	%	in	in	in	in	
2C_Ct	2		0.20	8.00	0.12	8.00	1.00	1.56	1.00	1.56	Yes

2.4. Restraints

2.4.1. Supports

	Translations			Rotations			
Label	Dx	Dy	Dz	Rx	Ry	Rz	Used
Pin	Fixed	Fixed	Fixed	Free	Free	Free	Yes
Lateral	Free	Free	Fixed	Free	Free	Free	Yes

2.5. Load Case/Combo.

2.5.1. Load Cases

NOTE: Self weight is not included under Case A.

Case	Type	Case Label	Load Defined?
A	Dead	D	Yes
B	Live	L	Yes
C	Wind	W	Yes

2.5.2. Load Combinations

Combo./Case	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	Combo Type
Type	Dead	Live	Wind							
Combo./Label	D	L	W							
1.0D+0.5L...	1.000	0.500	0.700	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ser.
0.9D+1.0W	0.900	0.000	1.000	-	-	-	-	-	-	Ult.

3. Assignments

3.1. Nodes

ID	X Coord.	Y Coord.	Rigid Support	Spring Support
	ft	ft		
N1	0.00	12.00		
N2	9.00	12.00		
N3	0.00	22.50		
N4	9.00	22.50		

ID	X Coord.	Y Coord.	Rigid Support	Spring Support
	ft	ft		
N5	0.00	33.00		
N6	9.00	33.00		
N7	0.00	43.50		
N8	9.00	43.50		
N9	0.00	54.00	Lateral	
N10	9.00	54.00		
N11	18.00	54.00	Lateral	

3.2. Plates

ID	Label	Shape	Top Left/Center X	Top Left/Center Y	Width (B)	Height (H)/Dia. (D)
			ft	ft	ft	ft
P1	W10	Polygonal	0.00	54.00	18.00	54.00

3.3. Stiffeners

ID	Label	Direction	Start X	End X	Start Y	End Y	Length	Rigid Support
			ft	ft	ft	ft	ft	
S1	- Null -	Horizontal	0.00	18.00	0.00	0.00	18.00	Pin

3.4. Point Loads

Nodes ID	Load Case	Fx	Fy	Fz	Mx	My	Mz	Ecc.
		kips	kips	kips	kip-ft	kip-ft	kip-ft	in
N1	C	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
N2	A	0.00	-50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	B	0.00	-25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
N3	C	18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
N4	A	0.00	-50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	B	0.00	-25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
N5	C	26.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
N6	A	0.00	-50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	B	0.00	-25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
N7	C	32.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
N8	A	0.00	-50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	B	0.00	-25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
N9	C	35.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
N10	A	0.00	-30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	B	0.00	-15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

4. Results

4.1. Envelope

4.1.1. Plate Reinforcement

Coordinate System: Global

Element	Curtains	Direction	Mu (x/y)	Nu (x/y)	Ld Comb.	ε_t	φ	As (x/y)	Rho	Tie
			kip-ft/ft	klf		-		in²/ft	%	
1	2	Horizontal	0.00	25.55	0.9D+1.0W	0.6500	0.90	0.478	0.40	
		Vertical	0.00	83.56	0.9D+1.0W	0.1842	0.90	1.563	1.30	
2	2	Horizontal	0.00	16.59	0.9D+1.0W	1.0029	0.90	0.310	0.26	
		Vertical	0.00	67.83	0.9D+1.0W	0.2276	0.90	1.269	1.06	
3	2	Horizontal	0.00	14.51	0.9D+1.0W	1.1467	0.90	0.271	0.23	
		Vertical	0.00	53.61	0.9D+1.0W	0.2888	0.90	1.003	0.84	
4	2	Horizontal	0.00	12.18	0.9D+1.0W	1.0814	0.90	0.240	0.20	

Elements along the wall base

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Element	Curtains	Direction	Mu (x/y)	Nu (x/y)	Ld Comb.	ε_t	φ	As (x/y)	Rho	Tie
			kip-ft/ft	klf		-		in²/ft	%	
		Vertical	0.00	42.35	0.9D+1.0W	0.3664	0.90	0.792	0.66	
5	2	Horizontal	0.00	10.22	0.9D+1.0W	0.3042	0.90	0.240	0.20	
		Vertical	0.00	32.32	0.9D+1.0W	0.4811	0.90	0.604	0.50	
6	2	Horizontal	0.00	8.45	0.9D+1.0W	0.1838	0.90	0.240	0.20	
		Vertical	0.00	23.08	0.9D+1.0W	0.6747	0.90	0.432	0.36	
7	2	Horizontal	0.00	6.84	0.9D+1.0W	0.1347	0.90	0.240	0.20	
		Vertical	0.00	14.38	0.9D+1.0W	1.0851	0.90	0.269	0.22	
8	2	Horizontal	0.00	5.35	0.9D+1.0W	0.1078	0.90	0.240	0.20	
		Vertical	0.00	6.04	0.9D+1.0W	0.4511	0.90	0.144	0.12	
9	2	Horizontal	0.00	2.49	0.9D+1.0W	0.0775	0.90	0.240	0.20	
		Vertical	0.00	-12.47	0.9D+1.0W	0.0360	0.90	0.144	0.12	
10	2	Horizontal	0.00	-8.20	0.9D+1.0W	0.0392	0.90	0.240	0.20	
		Vertical	0.00	-20.86	0.9D+1.0W	0.0246	0.90	0.144	0.12	
11	2	Horizontal	0.00	-10.03	0.9D+1.0W	0.0370	0.90	0.240	0.20	
		Vertical	0.00	-29.33	0.9D+1.0W	0.0193	0.90	0.144	0.12	
12	2	Horizontal	0.00	-11.93	0.9D+1.0W	0.0349	0.90	0.240	0.20	
		Vertical	0.00	-37.99	0.9D+1.0W	0.0155	0.90	0.144	0.12	
13	2	Horizontal	0.00	-13.94	0.9D+1.0W	0.0329	0.90	0.240	0.20	
		Vertical	0.00	-46.98	0.9D+1.0W	0.0126	0.90	0.144	0.12	
14	2	Horizontal	0.00	-16.09	0.9D+1.0W	0.0308	0.90	0.240	0.20	
		Vertical	0.00	-56.51	0.9D+1.0W	0.0103	0.90	0.144	0.12	
15	2	Horizontal	0.00	-18.43	0.9D+1.0W	0.0287	0.90	0.240	0.20	
		Vertical	0.00	-66.96	0.9D+1.0W	0.0084	0.90	0.144	0.12	
16	2	Horizontal	0.00	-21.17	0.9D+1.0W	0.0265	0.90	0.240	0.20	
		Vertical	0.00	-78.90	0.9D+1.0W	0.0068	0.90	0.144	0.12	
17	2	Horizontal	0.00	-23.49	0.9D+1.0W	0.0248	0.90	0.240	0.20	
		Vertical	0.00	-94.65	0.9D+1.0W	0.0052	0.90	0.144	0.12	
18	2	Horizontal	0.00	-34.84	0.9D+1.0W	0.0182	0.90	0.240	0.20	
		Vertical	0.00	-112.57	0.9D+1.0W	0.0021	0.65	0.144	0.12	

Elements along the wall base

$\sum A_{s,vertical} = 7.52 \text{ in.}^2$

4.1.2. Wall Concrete Shear Strength

4.1.2.1. In-Plane Shear

NOTE: # - Shear force Vux exceeds half Ø Vcx

Coordinate System: Global
(+) Horizontal cross-section above Y-coordinate
(-) Horizontal cross-section below Y-coordinate

Cross-Section		Cross-Sectional Forces				Strength	
No.	Y Coord.	Ld Comb.	Nuy	Muz	Vux	Ø Vcx	
	ft		kips	kip-ft	kips	kips	
1+	0.00	0.9D+1.0W	-207.00	-4665.00	121.00	204.92	#
2-	1.00	0.9D+1.0W	-207.00	-4544.00	121.00	204.92	#
2+	1.00	0.9D+1.0W	-207.00	-4544.00	121.00	204.92	#
3-	2.00	0.9D+1.0W	-207.00	-4423.00	121.00	204.92	#
3+	2.00	0.9D+1.0W	-207.00	-4423.00	121.00	204.92	#
4-	3.00	0.9D+1.0W	-207.00	-4302.00	121.00	204.92	#
4+	3.00	0.9D+1.0W	-207.00	-4302.00	121.00	204.92	#
5-	4.00	0.9D+1.0W	-207.00	-4181.00	121.00	204.92	#
5+	4.00	0.9D+1.0W	-207.00	-4181.00	121.00	204.92	#
6-	5.00	0.9D+1.0W	-207.00	-4060.00	121.00	204.92	#
6+	5.00	0.9D+1.0W	-207.00	-4060.00	121.00	204.92	#
7-	6.00	0.9D+1.0W	-207.00	-3939.00	121.00	204.92	#
7+	6.00	0.9D+1.0W	-207.00	-3939.00	121.00	204.92	#
8-	7.00	0.9D+1.0W	-207.00	-3818.00	121.00	204.92	#

Cross-Section		Cross-Sectional Forces				Strength
No.	Y Coord.	Ld Comb.	Nuy	Muz	Vux	Ø Vcx
	ft		kips	kip-ft	kips	kips
8+	7.00	0.9D+1.0W	-207.00	-3818.00	121.00	204.92 #
9-	8.00	0.9D+1.0W	-207.00	-3697.00	121.00	204.92 #
9+	8.00	0.9D+1.0W	-207.00	-3697.00	121.00	204.92 #
10-	9.00	0.9D+1.0W	-207.00	-3576.00	121.00	204.92 #
10+	9.00	0.9D+1.0W	-207.00	-3576.00	121.00	204.92 #
11-	10.00	0.9D+1.0W	-207.00	-3455.00	121.00	204.92 #
11+	10.00	0.9D+1.0W	-207.00	-3455.00	121.00	204.92 #
12-	11.00	0.9D+1.0W	-207.00	-3334.00	121.00	204.92 #
12+	11.00	0.9D+1.0W	-207.00	-3334.00	121.00	204.92 #
13-	12.00	0.9D+1.0W	-207.00	-3213.00	121.00	204.92 #
13+	12.00	0.9D+1.0W	-162.00	-3213.00	111.00	204.92 #
14-	12.95	0.9D+1.0W	-162.00	-3107.05	111.00	204.92 #
14+	12.95	0.9D+1.0W	-162.00	-3107.05	111.00	204.92 #
15-	13.91	0.9D+1.0W	-162.00	-3001.09	111.00	204.92 #
15+	13.91	0.9D+1.0W	-162.00	-3001.09	111.00	204.92 #
16-	14.86	0.9D+1.0W	-162.00	-2895.14	111.00	204.92 #
16+	14.86	0.9D+1.0W	-162.00	-2895.14	111.00	204.92 #
17-	15.82	0.9D+1.0W	-162.00	-2789.18	111.00	204.92 #
17+	15.82	0.9D+1.0W	-162.00	-2789.18	111.00	204.92 #
18-	16.77	0.9D+1.0W	-162.00	-2683.23	111.00	204.92 #
18+	16.77	0.9D+1.0W	-162.00	-2683.23	111.00	204.92 #
19-	17.73	0.9D+1.0W	-162.00	-2577.27	111.00	204.92 #
19+	17.73	0.9D+1.0W	-162.00	-2577.27	111.00	204.92 #
20-	18.68	0.9D+1.0W	-162.00	-2471.32	111.00	204.92 #
20+	18.68	0.9D+1.0W	-162.00	-2471.32	111.00	204.92 #
21-	19.64	0.9D+1.0W	-162.00	-2365.36	111.00	204.92 #
21+	19.64	0.9D+1.0W	-162.00	-2365.36	111.00	204.92 #
22-	20.59	0.9D+1.0W	-162.00	-2259.41	111.00	204.92 #
22+	20.59	0.9D+1.0W	-162.00	-2259.41	111.00	204.92 #
23-	21.55	0.9D+1.0W	-162.00	-2153.45	111.00	204.92 #
23+	21.55	0.9D+1.0W	-162.00	-2153.45	111.00	204.92 #
24-	22.50	0.9D+1.0W	-162.00	-2047.50	111.00	204.92 #
24+	22.50	0.9D+1.0W	-117.00	-2047.50	93.00	204.92
25-	23.45	0.9D+1.0W	-117.00	-1958.73	93.00	204.92
25+	23.45	0.9D+1.0W	-117.00	-1958.73	93.00	204.92
26-	24.41	0.9D+1.0W	-117.00	-1869.95	93.00	204.92
26+	24.41	0.9D+1.0W	-117.00	-1869.95	93.00	204.92
27-	25.36	0.9D+1.0W	-117.00	-1781.18	93.00	204.92
27+	25.36	0.9D+1.0W	-117.00	-1781.18	93.00	204.92
28-	26.32	0.9D+1.0W	-117.00	-1692.41	93.00	204.92
28+	26.32	0.9D+1.0W	-117.00	-1692.41	93.00	204.92
29-	27.27	0.9D+1.0W	-117.00	-1603.64	93.00	204.92
29+	27.27	0.9D+1.0W	-117.00	-1603.64	93.00	204.92
30-	28.23	0.9D+1.0W	-117.00	-1514.86	93.00	204.92
30+	28.23	0.9D+1.0W	-117.00	-1514.86	93.00	204.92
31-	29.18	0.9D+1.0W	-117.00	-1426.09	93.00	204.92
31+	29.18	0.9D+1.0W	-117.00	-1426.09	93.00	204.92
32-	30.14	0.9D+1.0W	-117.00	-1337.32	93.00	204.92
32+	30.14	0.9D+1.0W	-117.00	-1337.32	93.00	204.92
33-	31.09	0.9D+1.0W	-117.00	-1248.55	93.00	204.92
33+	31.09	0.9D+1.0W	-117.00	-1248.55	93.00	204.92
34-	32.05	0.9D+1.0W	-117.00	-1159.77	93.00	204.92
34+	32.05	0.9D+1.0W	-117.00	-1159.77	93.00	204.92
35-	33.00	0.9D+1.0W	-117.00	-1071.00	93.00	204.92

Cross-Section		Cross-Sectional Forces				Strength
No.	Y Coord.	Ld Comb.	Nuy	Muz	Vux	Ø Vcx
	ft		kips	kip-ft	kips	kips
35+	33.00	0.9D+1.0W	-72.00	-1071.00	67.00	204.92
36-	33.95	0.9D+1.0W	-72.00	-1007.05	67.00	204.92
36+	33.95	0.9D+1.0W	-72.00	-1007.05	67.00	204.92
37-	34.91	0.9D+1.0W	-72.00	-943.09	67.00	204.92
37+	34.91	0.9D+1.0W	-72.00	-943.09	67.00	204.92
38-	35.86	0.9D+1.0W	-72.00	-879.14	67.00	204.92
38+	35.86	0.9D+1.0W	-72.00	-879.14	67.00	204.92
39-	36.82	0.9D+1.0W	-72.00	-815.18	67.00	204.92
39+	36.82	0.9D+1.0W	-72.00	-815.18	67.00	204.92
40-	37.77	0.9D+1.0W	-72.00	-751.23	67.00	204.92
40+	37.77	0.9D+1.0W	-72.00	-751.23	67.00	204.92
41-	38.73	0.9D+1.0W	-72.00	-687.27	67.00	204.92
41+	38.73	0.9D+1.0W	-72.00	-687.27	67.00	204.92
42-	39.68	0.9D+1.0W	-72.00	-623.32	67.00	204.92
42+	39.68	0.9D+1.0W	-72.00	-623.32	67.00	204.92
43-	40.64	0.9D+1.0W	-72.00	-559.36	67.00	204.92
43+	40.64	0.9D+1.0W	-72.00	-559.36	67.00	204.92
44-	41.59	0.9D+1.0W	-72.00	-495.41	67.00	204.92
44+	41.59	0.9D+1.0W	-72.00	-495.41	67.00	204.92
45-	42.55	0.9D+1.0W	-72.00	-431.45	67.00	204.92
45+	42.55	0.9D+1.0W	-72.00	-431.45	67.00	204.92
46-	43.50	0.9D+1.0W	-72.00	-367.50	67.00	204.92
46+	43.50	0.9D+1.0W	-27.00	-367.50	35.00	204.92
47-	44.45	0.9D+1.0W	-27.00	-334.09	35.00	204.92
47+	44.45	0.9D+1.0W	-27.00	-334.09	35.00	204.92
48-	45.41	0.9D+1.0W	-27.00	-300.68	35.00	204.92
48+	45.41	0.9D+1.0W	-27.00	-300.68	35.00	204.92
49-	46.36	0.9D+1.0W	-27.00	-267.27	35.00	204.92
49+	46.36	0.9D+1.0W	-27.00	-267.27	35.00	204.92
50-	47.32	0.9D+1.0W	-27.00	-233.86	35.00	204.92
50+	47.32	0.9D+1.0W	-27.00	-233.86	35.00	204.92
51-	48.27	0.9D+1.0W	-27.00	-200.45	35.00	204.92
51+	48.27	0.9D+1.0W	-27.00	-200.45	35.00	204.92
52-	49.23	0.9D+1.0W	-27.00	-167.05	35.00	204.92
52+	49.23	0.9D+1.0W	-27.00	-167.05	35.00	204.92
53-	50.18	0.9D+1.0W	-27.00	-133.64	35.00	204.92
53+	50.18	0.9D+1.0W	-27.00	-133.64	35.00	204.92
54-	51.14	0.9D+1.0W	-27.00	-100.23	35.00	204.92
54+	51.14	0.9D+1.0W	-27.00	-100.23	35.00	204.92
55-	52.09	0.9D+1.0W	-27.00	-66.82	35.00	204.92
55+	52.09	0.9D+1.0W	-27.00	-66.82	35.00	204.92
56-	53.05	0.9D+1.0W	-27.00	-33.41	35.00	204.92
56+	53.05	0.9D+1.0W	-27.00	-33.41	35.00	204.92
57-	54.00	0.9D+1.0W	-27.00	0.00	35.00	204.92

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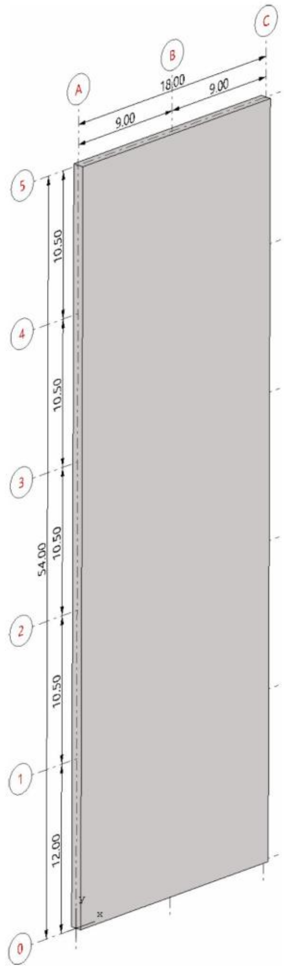
5. Screenshots

5.1. Extrude 3D view



Project: Shear Wall

Diagram: Model View (Extrude)

Plates

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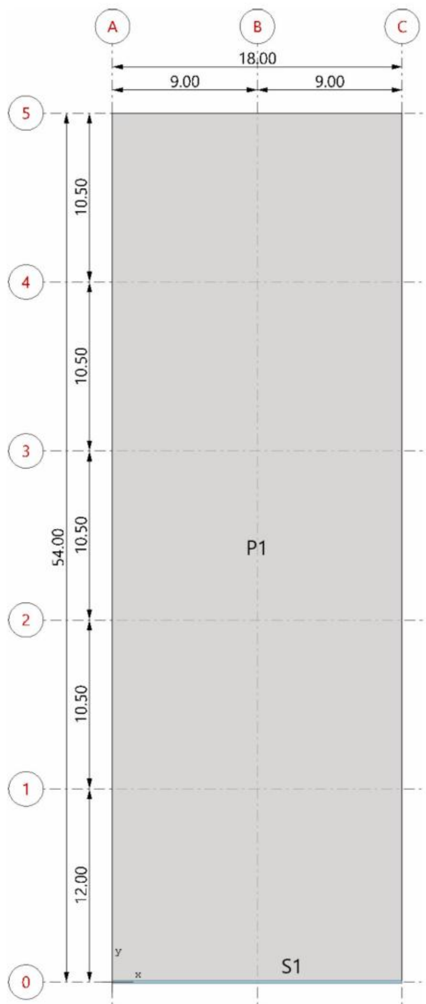
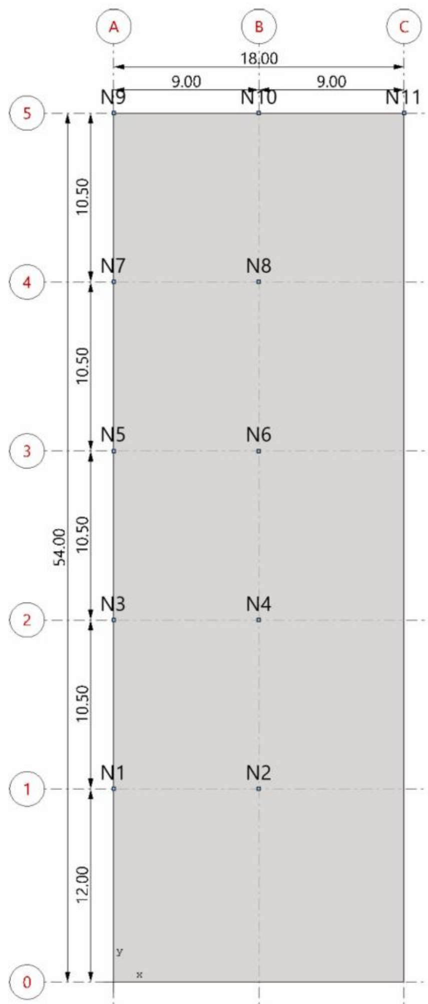
5.2. Plates & Stiffeners ID



Project:	Shear Wall
Diagram:	Model View
	Plates (ID); Stiffeners (ID)

5.3. Nodes ID



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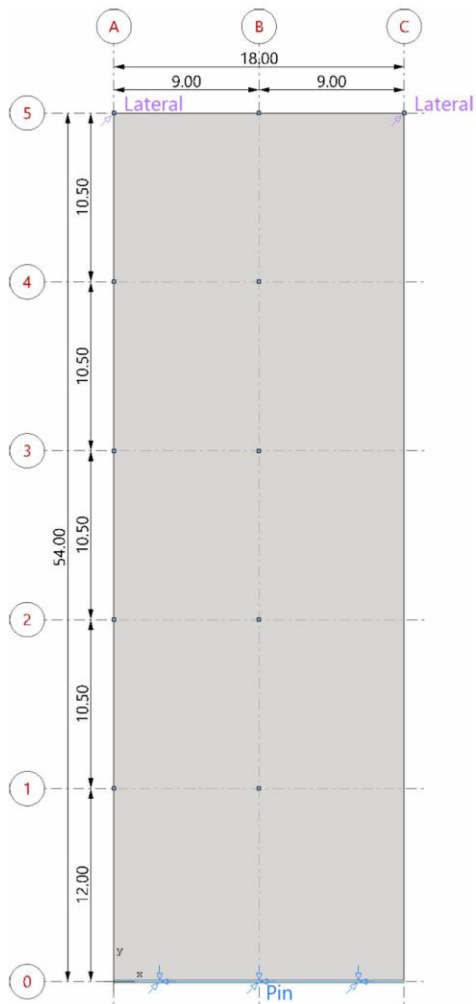
5.4. Restraints



Project:	Shear Wall
Diagram:	Model View
	Plates; Nodes; Stiffeners; Restraints (Label)

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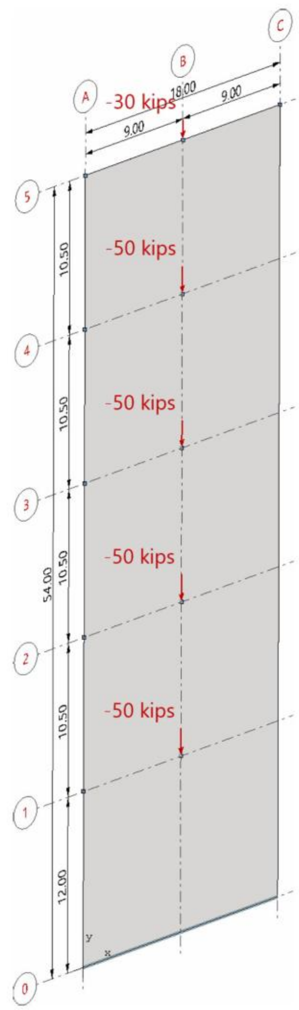
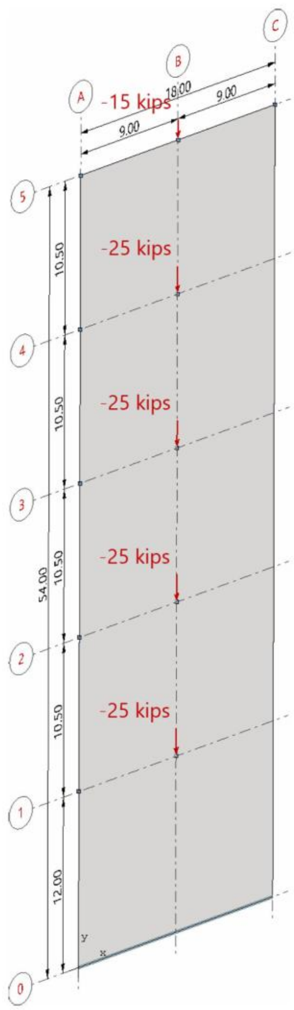
5.5. Loads - Case A - D



Project:	Shear Wall
Diagram:	Model View (Load Case: A - D)
	Plates; Nodes; Stiffeners

5.6. Loads - Case B - L



Project:	Shear Wall
Diagram:	Model View (Load Case: B - L)
	Plates; Nodes; Stiffeners

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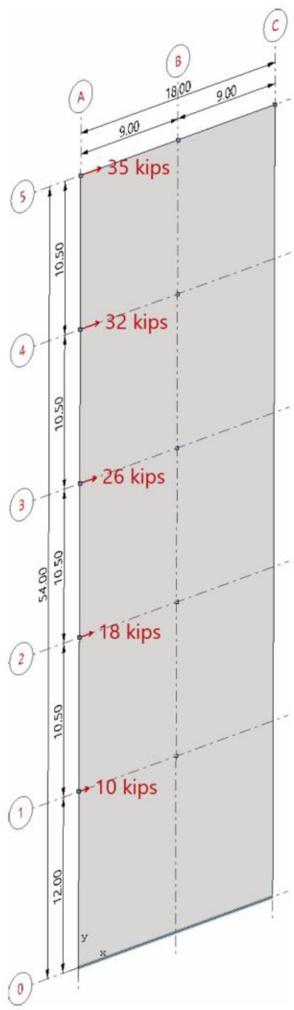
5.7. Loads - Case C - W



Project:	Shear Wall
Diagram:	Model View (Load Case: C - W)
	Plates; Nodes; Stiffeners

7. Design Results Comparison and Conclusions

Table 1 – Comparison of Shear Wall Analysis and Design Results						
Solution	**Wall Cross-Sectional Forces**			**ϕV_c (kips)**	**$A_{s,vertical}$ (in.^{2})**	**ϕM_n (kip-ft)**
	M_u (kip-ft)	**N_u (kips)**	**V_u (kips)**			
Hand	4,665	207	121	204.92	7.44	4,808
Reference	4,670	207	121	204.92	7.44	4,800
spWall	4,665	207	121	204.92	7.52	4,663*
* Minimum required capacity						

The results of all the hand calculations and the reference used illustrated above are in precise agreement with the automated results obtained from the spWall FEA. It is worth noting that the minimum area of steel is governed by the minimum reinforcement ratio stipulated by the code. The same can be seen in spWall output for elements 8 through 18.

To calculate the wall moment capacity, the design forces in each finite element can be employed to sum force moments about the center of the wall section as follows:

$$\phi M_n = \phi \times \sum_{i=1}^{18} \left(N_{u,i} \times d_i \right)$$

$$= 0.9 \times \begin{bmatrix} (83.6\times 8.5)+(67.8\times 7.5)+(53.6\times 6.5)+(42.3\times 5.5)+(32.3\times 4.5)+(23.1\times 3.5)+(14.4\times 2.5) \\ +(6.0\times 1.5)+(-12.5\times 0.5)+(-20.9\times -0.5)+(-29.3\times -1.5)+(-38.0\times -2.5)+(-47.0\times -3.5) \\ +(-56.5\times -4.5)+(-67.0\times -5.5)+(-78.9\times -6.5)+(-94.7\times -7.5)+(-112.6\times -8.5) \end{bmatrix} = 4,663 \text{ kip-ft}$$

8. Appendix – Commentary on Reinforcement Arrangement Impact on Wall Capacity

8.1. Discussion

In the hand calculations and the reference, a simplified procedure to calculate the nominal flexural strength was used (A. E. Cardenas et al.). In this procedure, several broad assumptions are made to avoid tedious detailed calculations:

- All steel in the tension zone yields in tension.
- All steel in the compression zone yields in compression.
- The tension force acts at mid-depth of the tension zone.
- The total compression force (sum of steel and concrete contributions) acts at mid-depth of the compression zone.

To investigate the shear wall cross section capacity using the interaction diagram method, a model generated by spColumn is made. This approach considers the entire wall section and employs the provisions of the Strength Design Method and Unified Design Provisions with all conditions of strength satisfying the applicable conditions of equilibrium and strain compatibility.

For illustration and comparison purposes, following figures provide a sample of the input and output of the results obtained from an spColumn model created for the shear wall in this example. spColumn calculates the values of strain at each layer of steel (in tension and compression zones) with location of the total tension and compression forces leading to the value for nominal and design strengths (axial and flexural strengths).

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Irregular 10 x 216 in

General Information

Project	Structural Wall
Column	Shear Wall
Engineer	StructurePoint
Code	ACI 318-19
Bar Set	ASTM A615
Units	English
Run Option	Investigation
Run Axis	X - axis
Slenderness	Not Considered
Column Type	Structural
Capacity Method	Moment capacity

Materials

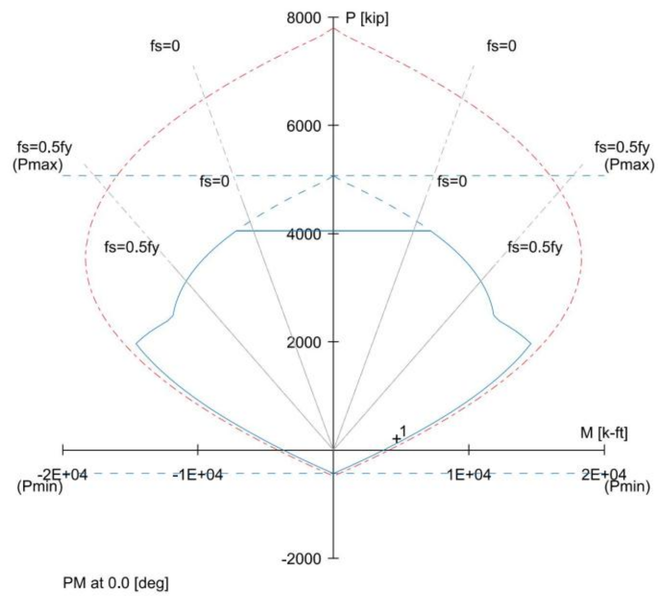
f'_c	4 ksi
E_c	3605 ksi
f_y	60 ksi
E_s	29000 ksi

Section

Type	Irregular
A_g	2160 in²
I_x	8.39808e+006 in⁴
I_y	18000 in⁴

Reinforcement

Pattern	Irregular
Bar layout	---
Cover to	---
Clear cover	---
Bars	---
Confinement type	Tied
Total steel area, A_s	8.06 in²
Rho	0.37 %
Min. clear spacing	7.37 in



No.	P_u kip	M_{ux} k-ft	ϕP_n kip	ϕM_{nx} k-ft	Capacity Ratio
1	207.0	4665.0	207.00	5319.19	0.88

Max. Capacity Ratio: 0.88

Figure 12 – Shear Wall Interaction Diagram (X-Axis, In-Plane) (spColumn)

1. General Information

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2. Material Properties

2.1. Concrete

Type	Standard	
f'_c	4	ksi
E_c	3605	ksi
f_c	3.4	ksi
ε_u	0.003	in/in
β_1	0.85	

2.2. Steel

Type	Standard	
f_y	60	ksi
E_s	29000	ksi
ε_{ty}	0.00206897	in/in

3. Section

3.1. Shape and Properties

Type	Irregular	
A_g	2160	in^2
I_x	8.39808e+006	in^4
I_y	18000	in^4
r_x	62.3538	in
r_y	2.88675	in
X_o	0	in
Y_o	0	in

3.2. Solids

3.2.1. S1

Points	X in	Y in	Points	X in	Y in	Points	X in	Y in
1	-5.0	-108.0	2	5.0	-108.0	3	5.0	108.0
4	-5.0	108.0						

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4. Reinforcement

4.1. Bar Set: ASTM A615

Bar	Diameter	Area	Bar	Diameter	Area	Bar	Diameter	Area
	in	in^2		in	in^2		in	in^2
#3	0.38	0.11	#4	0.50	0.20	#5	0.63	0.31
#6	0.75	0.44	#7	0.88	0.60	#8	1.00	0.79
#9	1.13	1.00	#10	1.27	1.27	#11	1.41	1.56
#14	1.69	2.25	#18	2.26	4.00			

4.2. Confinement and Factors

Confinement type	Tied
For #10 bars or less	#3 ties
For larger bars	#4 ties
Capacity Reduction Factors	
Axial compression, (a)	0.8
Tension controlled ϕ, (b)	0.9
Compression controlled ϕ, (c)	0.65

4.3. Arrangement

Pattern	Irregular
Bar layout	---
Cover to	---
Clear cover	---
Bars	---
Total steel area, A_s	8.06 in^2
Rho	0.37 %
Minimum clear spacing	7.37 in

(Note: Rho < 0.50%)

4.4. Bars Provided

Area	X	Y	Area	X	Y	Area	X	Y
in^2	in	in	in^2	in	in	in^2	in	in
0.31	-4.0	107.0	0.31	-4.0	-107.0	0.31	-4.0	-89.2
0.31	-4.0	-71.3	0.31	-4.0	-53.5	0.31	-4.0	-35.7
0.31	-4.0	-17.8	0.31	-4.0	0.0	0.31	-4.0	17.8
0.31	-4.0	35.7	0.31	-4.0	53.5	0.31	-4.0	71.3
0.31	-4.0	89.2	0.31	4.0	-107.0	0.31	4.0	-89.2
0.31	4.0	-71.3	0.31	4.0	-53.5	0.31	4.0	-35.7
0.31	4.0	-17.8	0.31	4.0	0.0	0.31	4.0	17.8
0.31	4.0	35.7	0.31	4.0	53.5	0.31	4.0	71.3
0.31	4.0	89.2	0.31	4.0	107.0			

5. Factored Loads and Moments with Corresponding Capacity Ratios

NOTE: Calculations are based on "Moment Capacity" Method.

No.	Demand		Capacity		Parameters at Capacity			Capacity
	P_u	M_{ux}	ϕP_n	ϕM_{nx}	NA Depth	ε_t	ϕ	Ratio
	kip	k-ft	kip	k-ft	in			
1	207.00	4665.00	207.00	5319.19	20.73	0.02811	0.900	0.88

Figure 13 – Load & Moment Capacities Output from spColumn

Using spColumn, calculate the expected wall capacity based on various reinforcement distributions obtained from the FEA results from spWall. Three reinforcement distributions are evaluated below.

Table 2 – Comparative capacity calculations (using spColumn) based on FEA suggested reinforcement distribution

Reinforcement Distribution	c (in.)	ϕM_n (kip-ft)
Reference	20.73	5,319 > 4,800* (110.8%)
Non-Uniform	22.46	6,803 > 4,800* (141.7%)
Uniform	20.58	5,049 > 4,800* (105.2%)
Suggested	22.46	6,726 > 4,800* (140.1%)

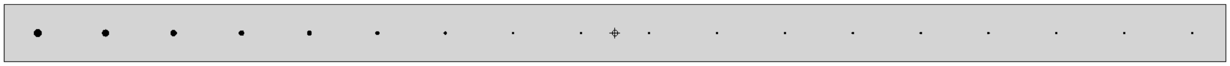
* Wall flexural capacity calculated using simplified reference method

Wall Capacity – Non-Uniform Reinforcement from FEA

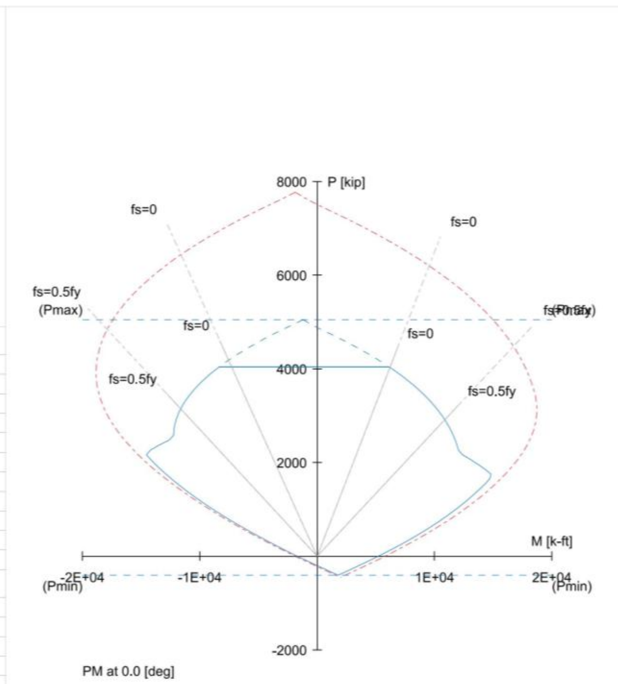
Using the method of solution in spColumn where one section is used the finite element analysis model can be investigated as one section and not as individual finite elements as calculated by spWall.

A_s/bar (in.^{2})

1.56 1.27 1.00 0.79 0.60 0.43 0.27 0.14 0.14 0.14 0.14 0.14 0.14 0.14 0.14 0.14 0.14 0.14



$A_{s,total}$ = 7.52 in.^{2}



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Column Type	Structural
Capacity Method	Moment capacity
Materials	
f'c	4 ksi
Ec	3605 ksi
fy	60 ksi
Es	29000 ksi
Section	
Type	Irregular
Ag	2160 in²
Ix	18000 in⁴
Iy	8.39808e+006 in⁴
Reinforcement	
Pattern	Irregular
Bar layout	---
Cover to	---
Clear cover	---
Bars	---
Confinement type	Tied
Total steel area, As	7.52 in²
Rho	0.35 %
Min. clear spacing	10.66 in

Axial Loads and Corresponding Moment Capacities

No	ϕPn	ϕMny	NA Depth	dt Depth	εt	ϕ
	kip	k-ft	in	in		
1	207.0	6803.19	22.460	210.000	0.02505	0.900
2	207.0	-3351.57	15.571	210.000	0.03746	0.900

<u>Wall Capacity – Uniform Reinforcement from FEA</u>

Taking the total area of non-uniform reinforcement obtained from FEA and redistributing it in a uniform bar pattern to represent a reinforcement arrangement very comparable to the reference example distribution, the wall capacity can be calculated and is expected to be very similar to the results obtained from the reinforcement configuration used by the reference.

A_s/bar (in.^{2})

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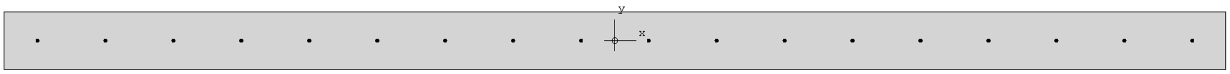
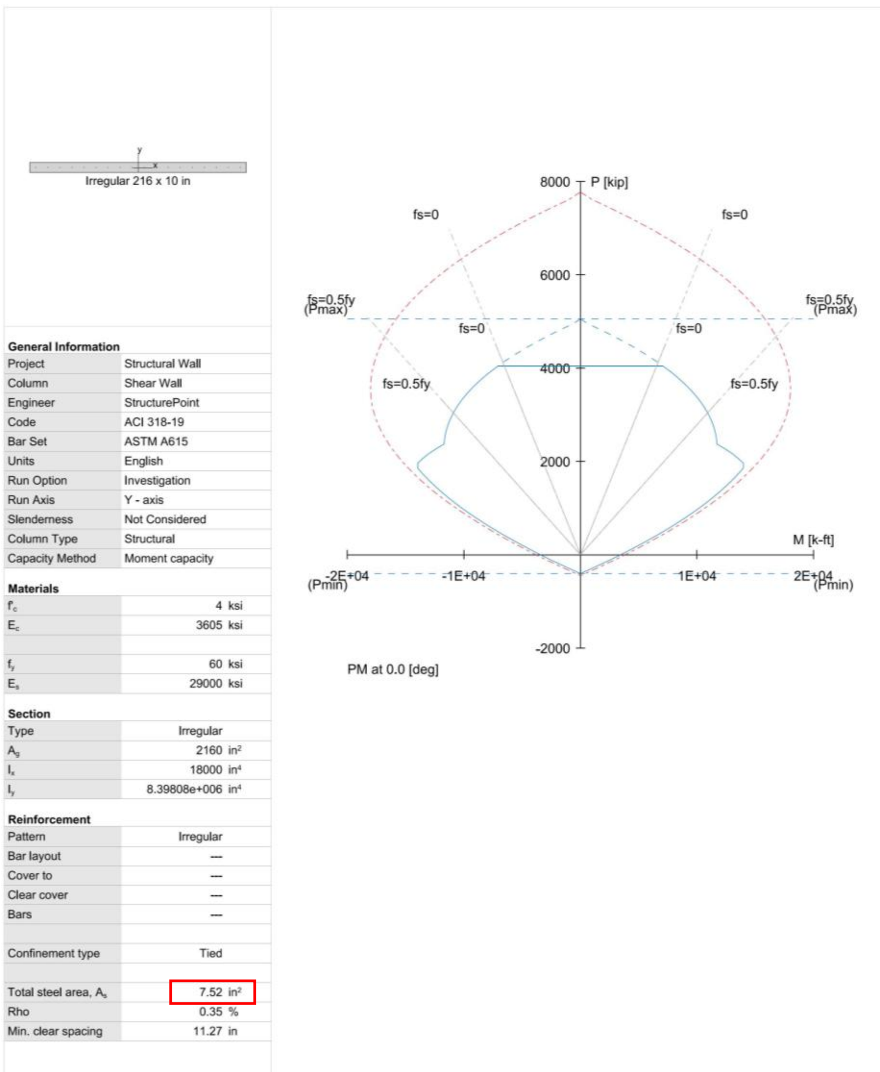


$A_{s,total}$ = 7.52 in.^{2}



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f'_c	4 ksi
E_c	3605 ksi
f_y	60 ksi
E_s	29000 ksi
Section	
Type	Irregular
A_g	2160 in²
I_x	18000 in⁴
I_y	8.39808e+006 in⁴
Reinforcement	
Pattern	Irregular
Bar layout	---
Cover to	---
Clear cover	---
Bars	---
Confinement type	Tied
Total steel area, A_s	7.52 in²
Rho	0.35 %
Min. clear spacing	11.27 in

Axial Loads and Corresponding Moment Capacities

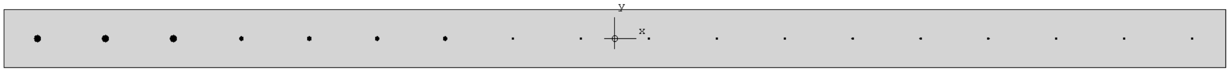
No	ϕPn	ϕMny	NA Depth	dt Depth	εt	ϕ
	kip	k-ft	in	in		
1	207.0	5048.82	20.576	210.000	0.02762	0.900
2	207.0	-5048.82	20.576	210.000	0.02762	0.900

Wall Capacity – Suggested Reinforcement

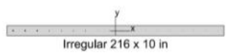
Taking the total area of non-uniform reinforcement obtained from FEA and redistributing it in a banded approach where the suggested reinforcement is averaged over the first 3 elements and the following 4 elements resulting in the suggested bar pattern below to represent a practical reinforcement arrangement, a new wall capacity can be calculated.

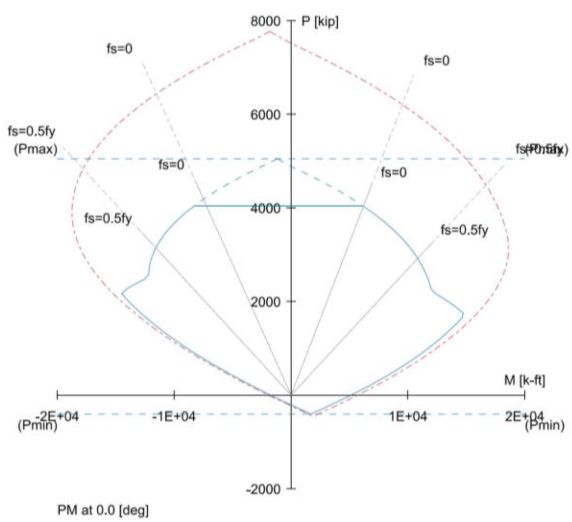
A_s/bar (in.^{2})

1.28 1.28 1.28 0.52 0.52 0.52 0.52 0.14 0.14 0.14 0.14 0.14 0.14 0.14 0.14 0.14 0.14 0.14



$A_{s,total}$ = 7.52 in.^{2}





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E_s	29000 ksi
Section	
Type	Irregular
A_g	2160 in²
I_x	18000 in⁴
I_y	8.39808e+006 in⁴
Reinforcement	
Pattern	Irregular
Bar layout	---
Cover to	---
Clear cover	---
Bars	---
Confinement type	Tied
Total steel area, A_s	7.52 in²
Rho	0.35 %
Min. clear spacing	10.72 in

Axial Loads and Corresponding Moment Capacities

No	ϕPn	ϕMny	NA Depth	dt Depth	εt	ϕ
	kip	k-ft	in	in		
1	207.0	6725.99	22.460	210.000	0.02505	0.900
2	207.0	-3410.15	16.356	210.000	0.03552	0.900

8.2. Conclusions and Observations

As can be seen from the three options above the engineers can evaluate several options when arriving at the reinforcing bar arrangement from an FEA model. The following conclusions and observations can be used to better understand designing and investigating shear walls using spWall:

1. In finite element analysis, selecting mesh size has a crucial impact on the results accuracy (as an example the amount and distribution of reinforcement). The mesh size should be optimized in a way that changing the element size has slight effect on the results obtained. However, the optimum element size is dependent on multiple parameters in the model which makes it difficult to find a generalized procedure to select the optimum size. Multiple studies conducted by StructurePoint showed that the element length should not be greater than 10% of the total wall length and a coarser mesh should be used with caution and engineering judgement.

2. spWall calculates the required area of steel for each element along the section. This area of steel is selected in a way that it should be enough to satisfy the strength requirements under a specific sets of extreme design forces. This approach will lead to placing most of the reinforcement at wall section ends as was shown in this example leading to the highest possible flexural capacity that can be achieved for the section with the same amount of steel. In practice, having a uniform distribution of reinforcement along the wall section is more common and the flexural capacity of the concrete wall is usually calculated based on it.

3. Concrete Shear walls can be analyzed and designed using simplified structural analysis approaches as the one used in this example. However, as the level of complexity of the wall increases, analyzing and designing shear walls using hand solution become more challenging and less effective. Computer software utilizing FEA (e.g. spWall) is an efficient solution to analyze and design concrete shear walls regardless of the level of complexity. spWall selects the minimum required area of steel with the optimum reinforcement distribution for the wall section in which the highest bending capacity of the wall section is achieved. spColumn software can be also utilized to obtain the wall interaction diagram to help better understand the behavior of the section selected.