

# 4. Damage Consistent with Science

Wind (the movement of air) produced pressures on surfaces.

It also creates flying debris.

Wind damage can be “predictable” as seen on other properties when wind was determined to be the cause of damage. (expected outcome)

There is some variation in wind speed and direction, but when wind is strong enough to cause damage, it normally damages certain items similarly from place to place.



# Wind Velocity / Wind Pressure

- We can measure **some** wind speeds
  - Straight line – weather station instrument  
Local Airport
  - Tornadoes – no
  - Hurricanes – yes
- Structural Engineers like winds speed because wind speeds can be converter to wind pressures
- Why are pressures important?



Static Pressure = Force / Area



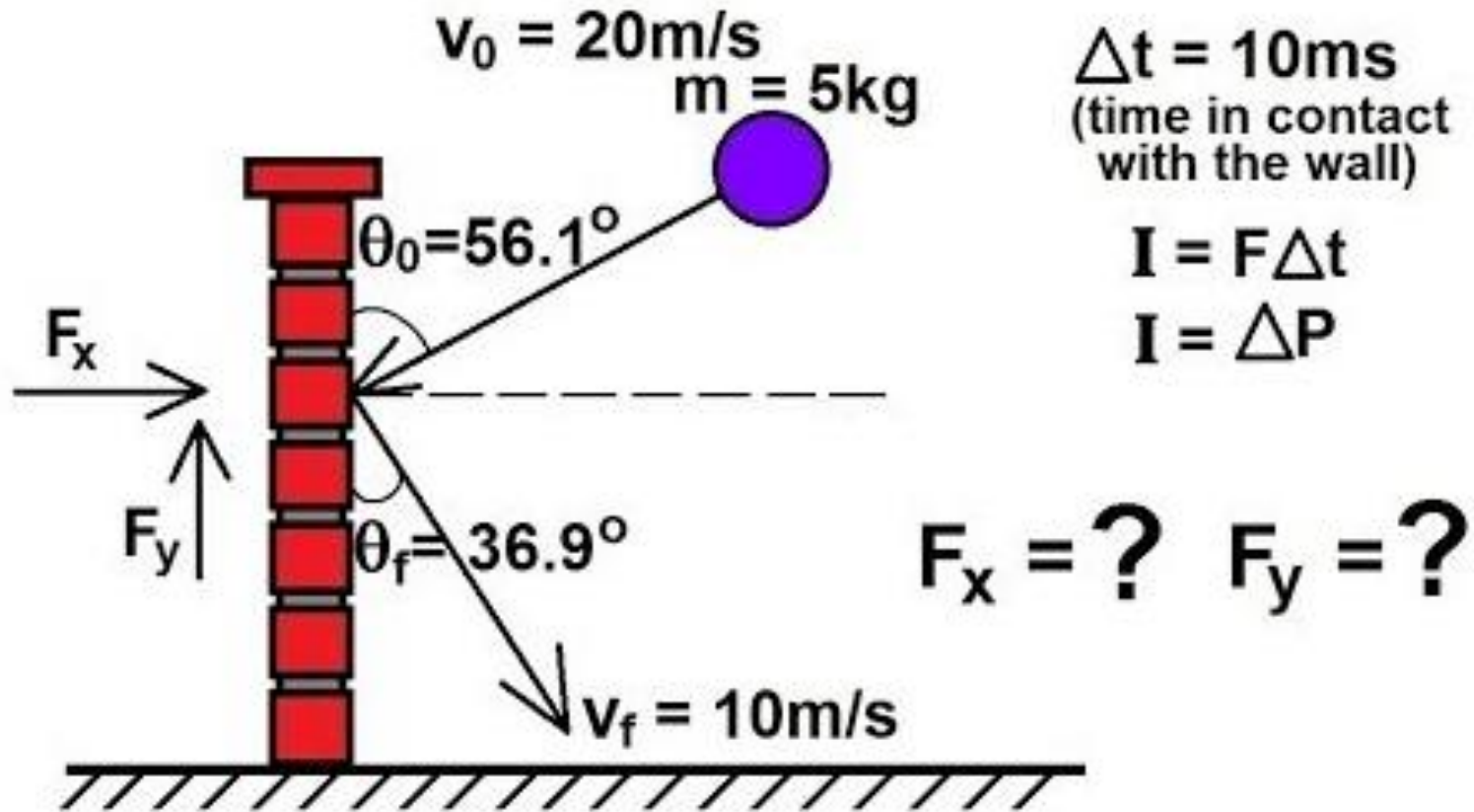
Force = 190 lbs

Area =  $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$

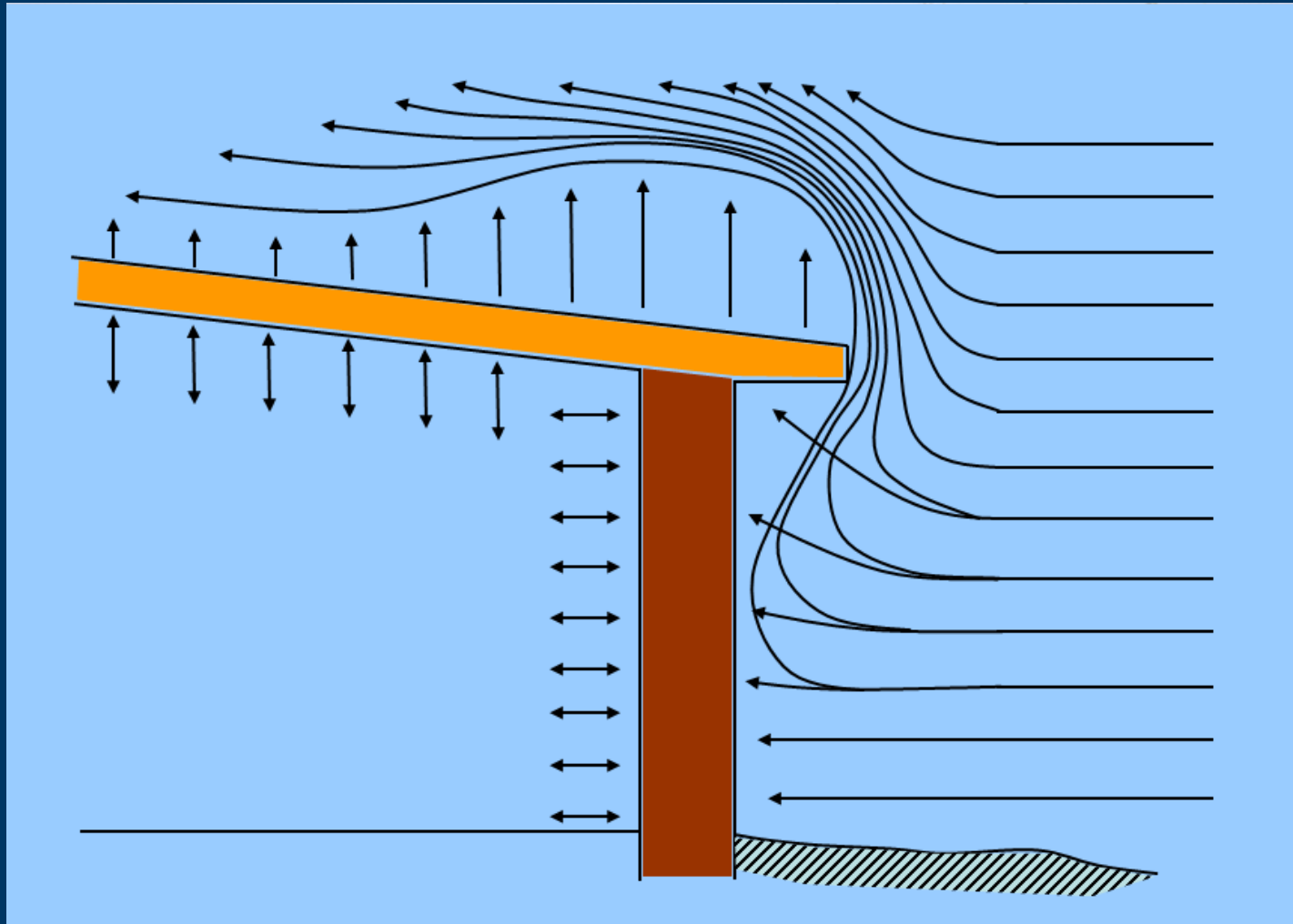
Pressure =  $190 / \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4} = 3000$  psi  
Pounds per square inch



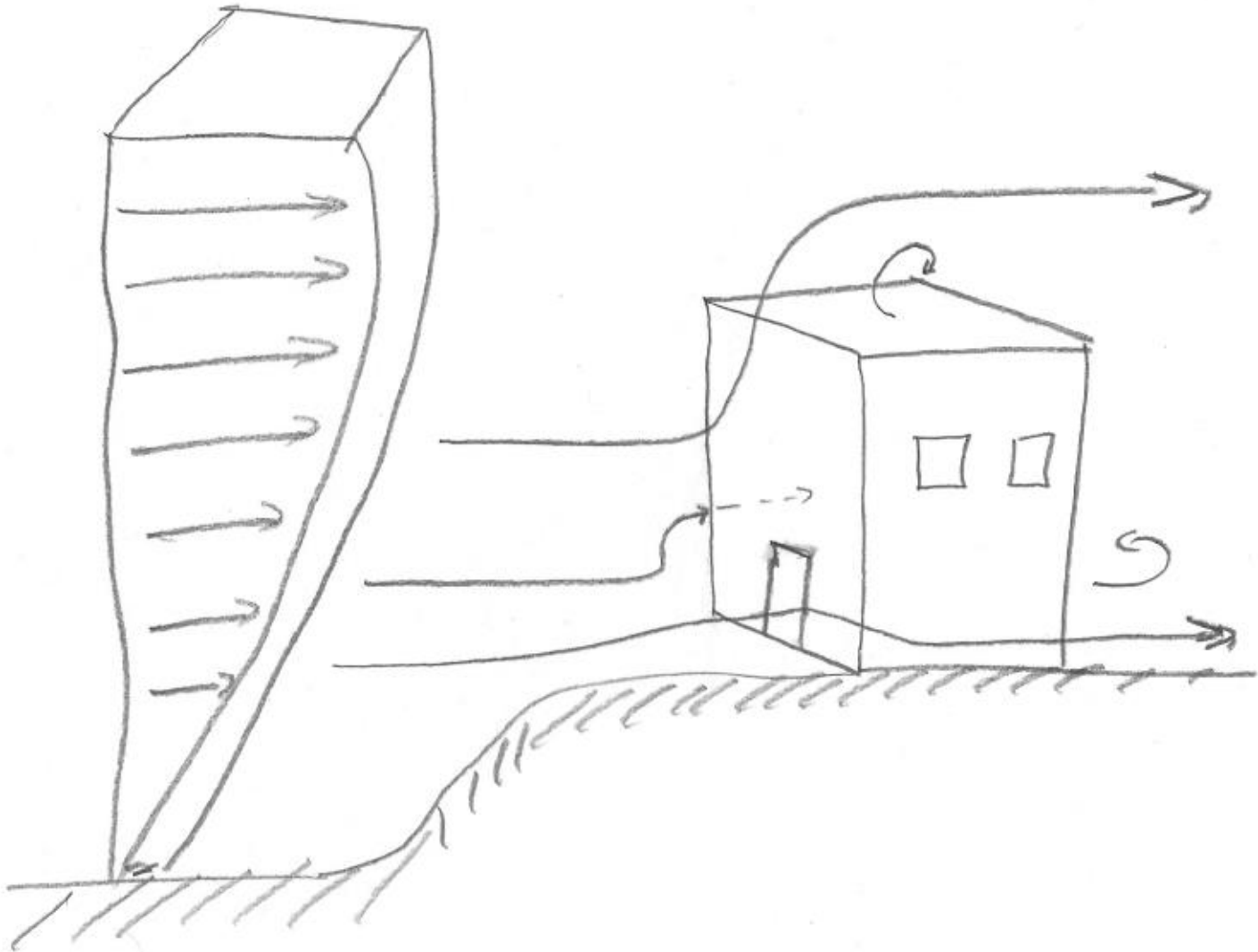
# Elastic Impact Force



# 4a - Uplift Increase at Roof Edge



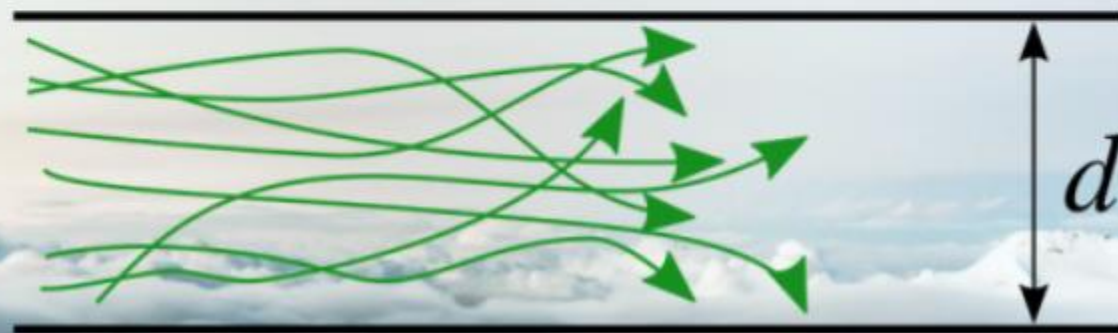
# 4a – 3D Pressures - Reality



**Laminar  
Flow** (a)

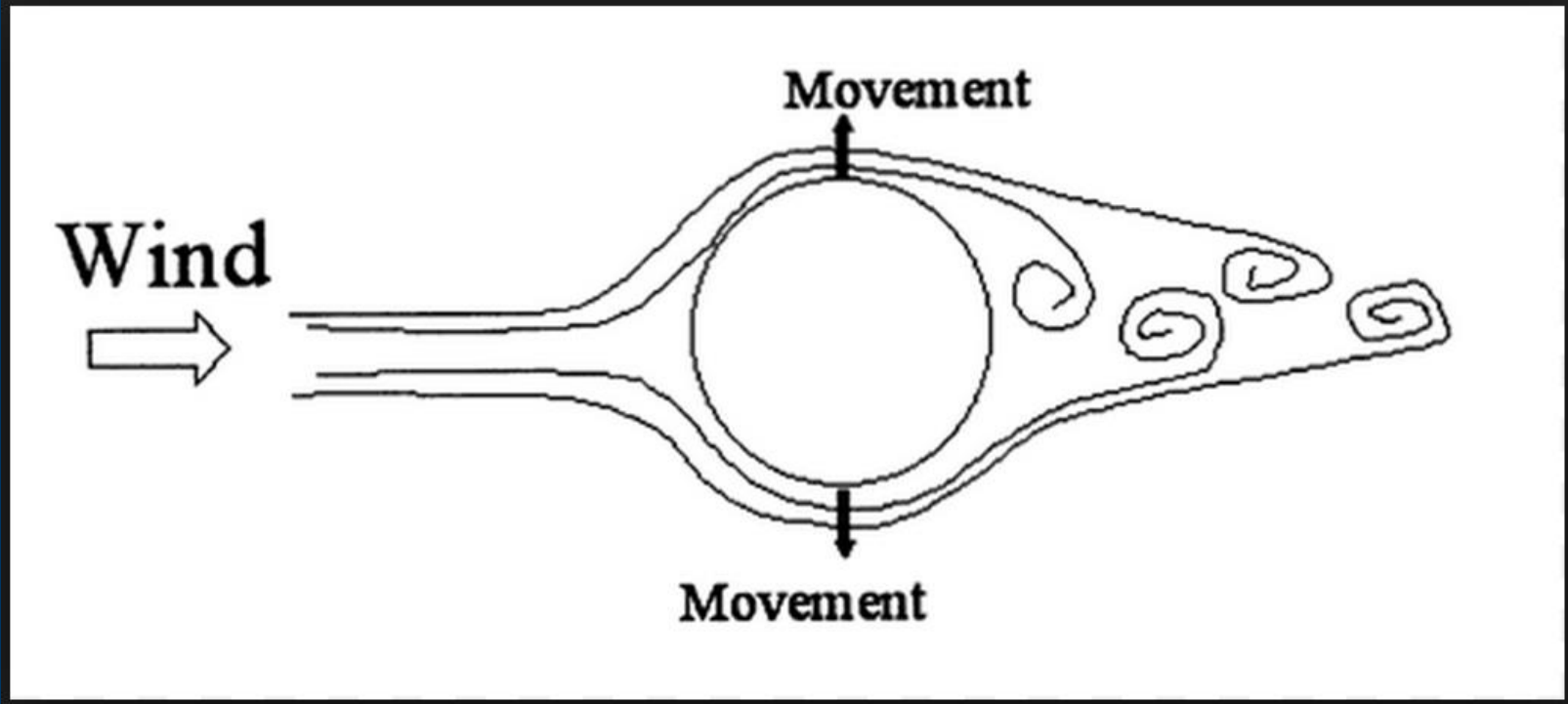


**Turbulent  
Flow** (b)



# 4a - More Complex Wind Issues

- Vortex Shedding (chimneys, poles, smooth & slender structures)





# Wind - Direct Wind Pressure

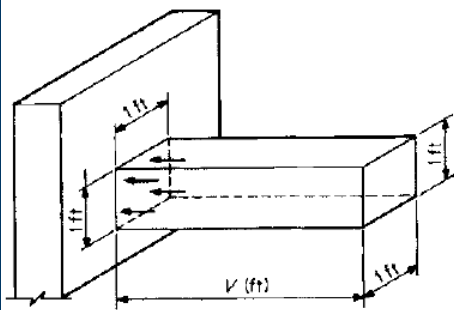


Figure 7.4 Static pressure  $q$  exerted against a wall by a prism of moving air can be computed by a formula derived as follows:

$$E_k = qs \int \frac{M dV}{dt} \cdot V dt = \int MV dV$$

For a velocity change from  $V$  to  $0$ :

$$E_k = \int_V^0 MV dV = \frac{MV^2}{2} = \frac{WV^2}{2g}$$

where  $E_k$  = kinetic energy of

moving air mass (ft · lb)

$q$  = static pressure (psf)

$W = 0.0765$  (lb/ft<sup>3</sup>) at 59°F (15°C) ×  $V$  (ft)

$g$  = gravitational acceleration = 32.17 ft/s<sup>2</sup>

$V$  = distance traveled by air prism in 1 s

For a 1-s interval:

$$E_k = qV$$

$$q = \frac{E_k}{V} = \frac{0.0765V \cdot V^2}{2g \cdot V} = \frac{0.0765V^2}{2 \times 32.17} = 0.00119V^2$$

Convert wind velocity to mph:

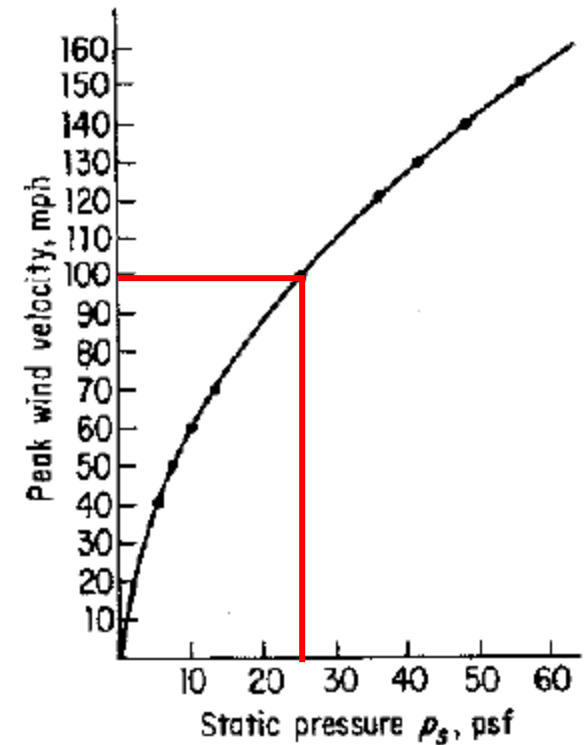
$$1 \text{ mph} = 5280/60^2 = 1.4667 \text{ ft/s}$$

$$q = 1.4667^2 \times 0.00119V^2$$

$$= 0.00256V^2$$

$$\text{Pressure} = .00256V^2$$

$$25.6 \text{ psf} = .00256(100 \text{ mph})^2$$



$$15 \text{ psf} = 75 \text{ mph}$$

$$160 \text{ psf} = 250 \text{ mph}$$

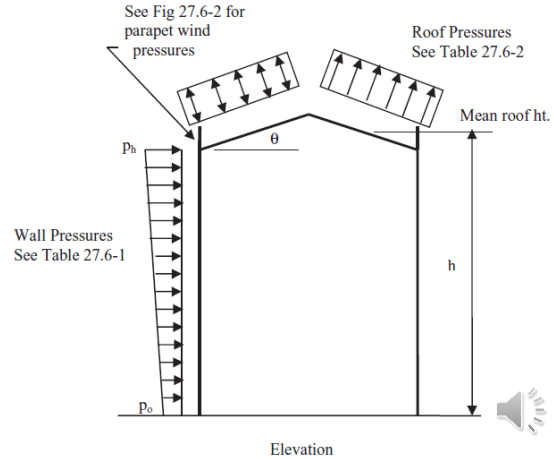
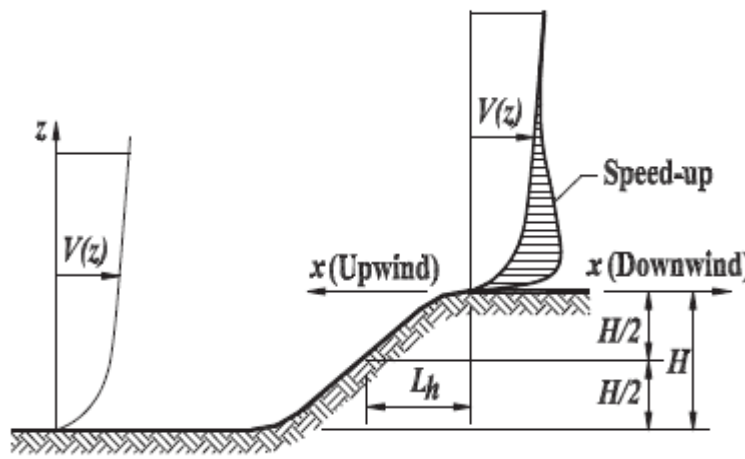
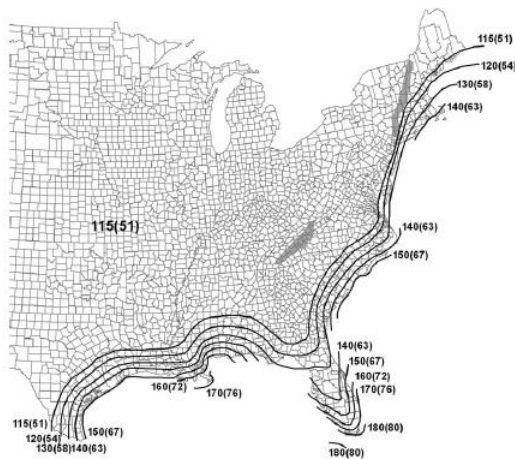
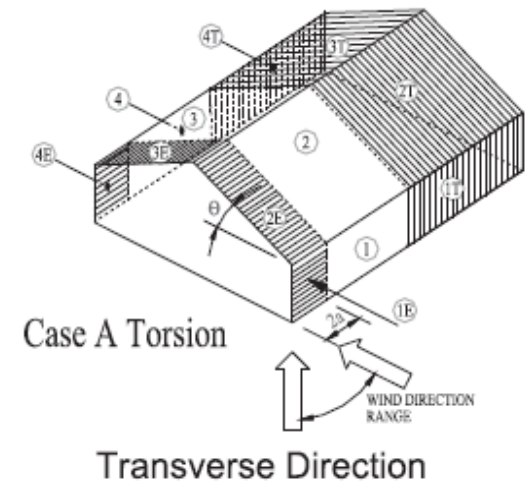
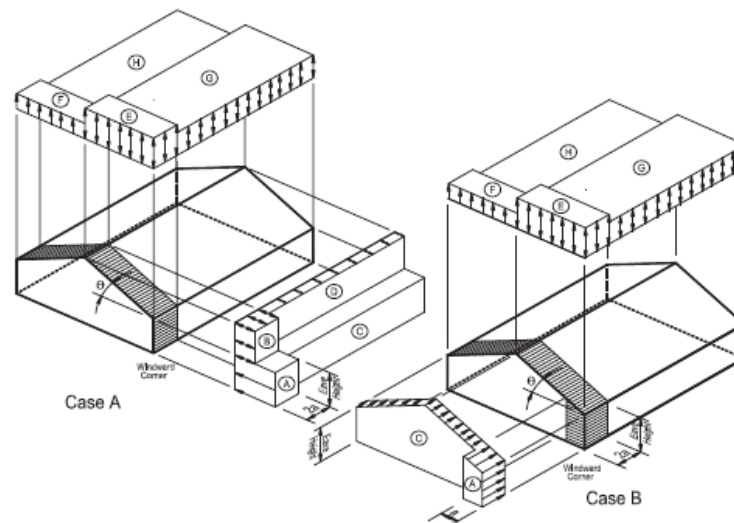
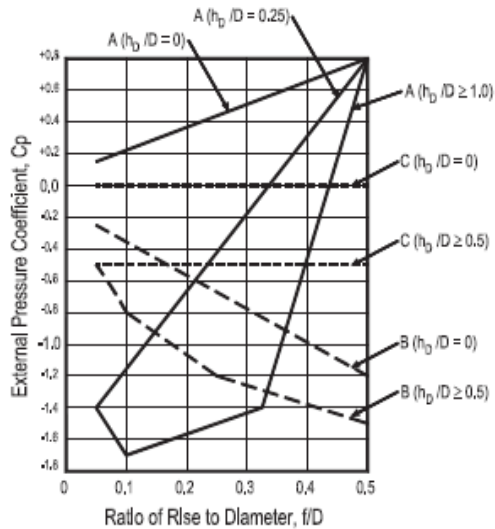
$$25 \text{ psf} = 100 \text{ mph}$$



# Bernoulli's Principle

- Daniel Bernoulli (1782)
- Bernoulli - Fluid Mechanics
- Provides scientific explanation for “wind uplift”





# 4a - More Complex Wind Issues







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100

210°  
240°

N1

210°

240°

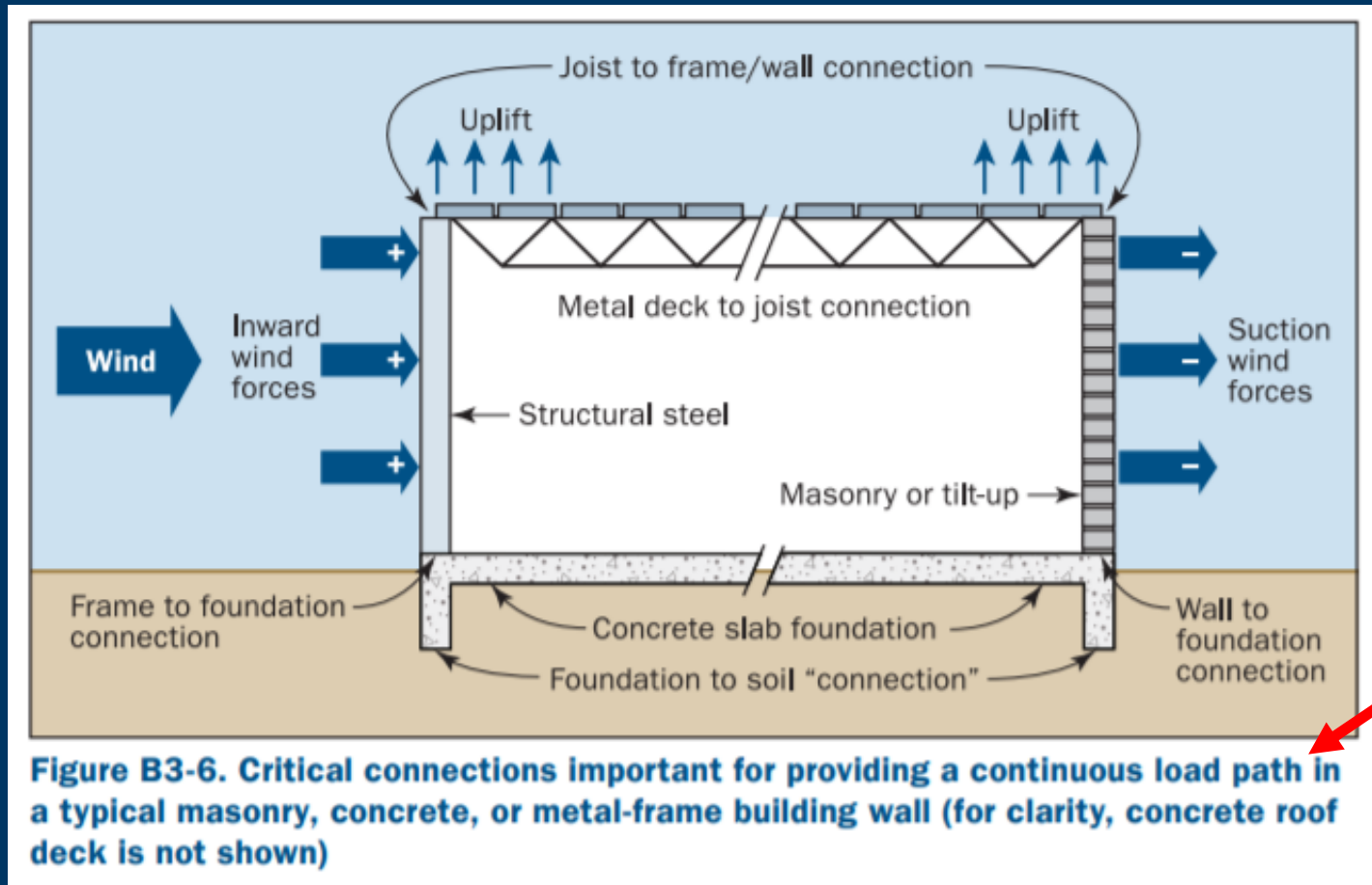


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- Dead Loads 1 page
- Live Loads 3 pages
- Flood Loads 3 pages
- Wind Loads 60 pages 29%
- Snow Loads 3 pages
- Rain Loads 1 page
- Ice Loads 3 pages
- Seismic Loads 130 page 63%



# 4a - Wind Pressure



*Safe Rooms for Tornadoes and Hurricanes (FEMA 361, July 2021)*

[https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema\\_safe-rooms-for-tornadoes-and-hurricanes\\_p-361.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_safe-rooms-for-tornadoes-and-hurricanes_p-361.pdf)



# 4c – Design Manuals



AMERICAN WOOD COUNCIL

<https://awc.org/about>

NDS National Design Specifications for Wood Construction



American Concrete Institute

<https://www.concrete.org/aboutaci.aspx>

Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete (ACI 318)



<https://www.aisc.org/>

AISC Steel Construction Manual



<https://masonrysociety.org/product/tms-402-602-2016/>

TMS 402/602-16 Building Code Requirements and Specification for Masonry Structures (ACI 530)



<https://www.gobrick.com/read-research/technical-notes>



NATIONAL  
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<https://ncma.org/resources/tek-solutions-center/>





# 4c – Connections

## The Devil is in the Detailing

