

## Projeto de Ligações - Introdução



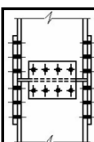
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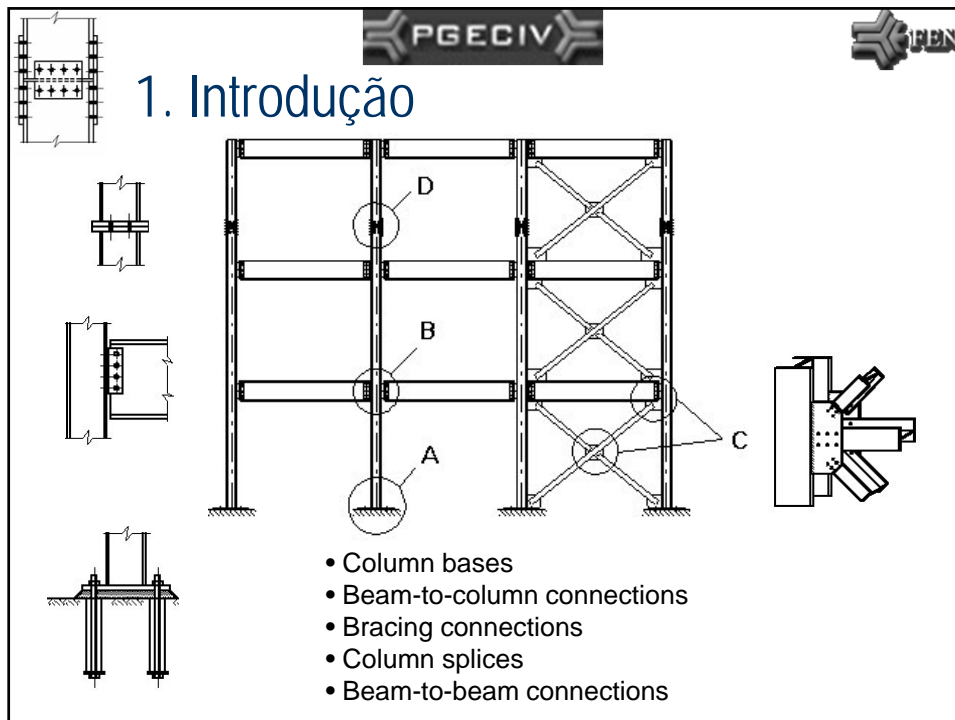
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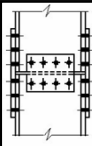
- **Steel frame buildings** consist of a number of **different types of structural elements**, each of which has to be properly attached to the neighboring parts of the structure. This will involve the use of **several forms of connections**. The main classes of connection are:
  - ✓ Where a **change of direction** occurs, e.g. **beam-to-column connections**, **beam-to-beam connections** and **connections between different members in trusses**.
  - ✓ To ensure **manageable sizes** of steelwork for transportation and erection e.g. **columns are normally spliced every two or three storeys**.
  - ✓ Where a **change of component** occurs, including connection of the steelwork to other parts of the building, e.g. **column bases**, **connections to concrete cores** and **connections with walls, floors and roofs**.



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- Connections are important parts of every steel structure. The mechanical properties of the connections are of great influence on the strength, stiffness and stability of the whole structure.
- The number and the complexity of the connections have a decisive influence on the time that is necessary for the statical analysis and the production of drawings.
- Production of connections, i.e. cutting, drilling and welding of main members, plates, cleats and stiffeners, consumes much of the work content in the fabrication shop.
- Thus the selection, design and detailing of the connections in a building frame has a very significant influence on costs.



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- This list does not, of course, include connections between the main framework and other parts of the structure, e.g. beams to floors, attachment of the cladding, etc.
- Despite the different geometrical configurations and detailed structural requirements of the five different types, certain general functional requirements must always be addressed:
  - ✓ The **connections** should be **strong** enough to **transmit the design loads**. To this end, they should be arranged to **transmit internal forces from one member to another** along smooth **load paths** so as to avoid severe stress concentrations.
  - ✓ They must possess the intended **degree of flexibility or rigidity**.
  - ✓ The connecting elements (plates or cleats) should be arranged such that, as far as possible, they are self-positioning, accessible for fixing (in the shop and on site), and capable of providing a '**good fit**'.