

# **FLAT PLATE AND FLAT SLAB CONSTRUCTION**

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**A Tribute to the Lasting Contributions and Legacy of Our  
Friend And Colleague Dr. W Gene Corley**

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# **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

## **Gene's Early Professional Years**

- **Equivalent Frame Analysis**

  - SRS 218 Univ. of Illinois – Ph.D. Thesis –June 1961

  - ACI Journal – Nov. 1970 – w. James Jirsa

  - Concrete International – Dec. 1983- w. Dan Vanderbilt

- **Testing and Analysis of Flat Plate and Flat Slab System Shear Strengths**

  - ACI Journal Sept.1971- NY World's Fair Waffle Slab Tests- with DM

  - ACI Journal – Oct. 1968- Shearhead Reinforcement – w. NMH

  - ACI SP-30 –1971–Moment and Shear Transfer to Columns–w. NMH

  - ACI SP-42- 1974- Moment Transfer with Shearheads – w. NMH

  - WCEE 1973–Ductile Flat-Plate Structures to Resist EQ–w.JEC & PHK

  - ACI SP-59- 1979– Shear in Two-Way Slabs – ACI Approach

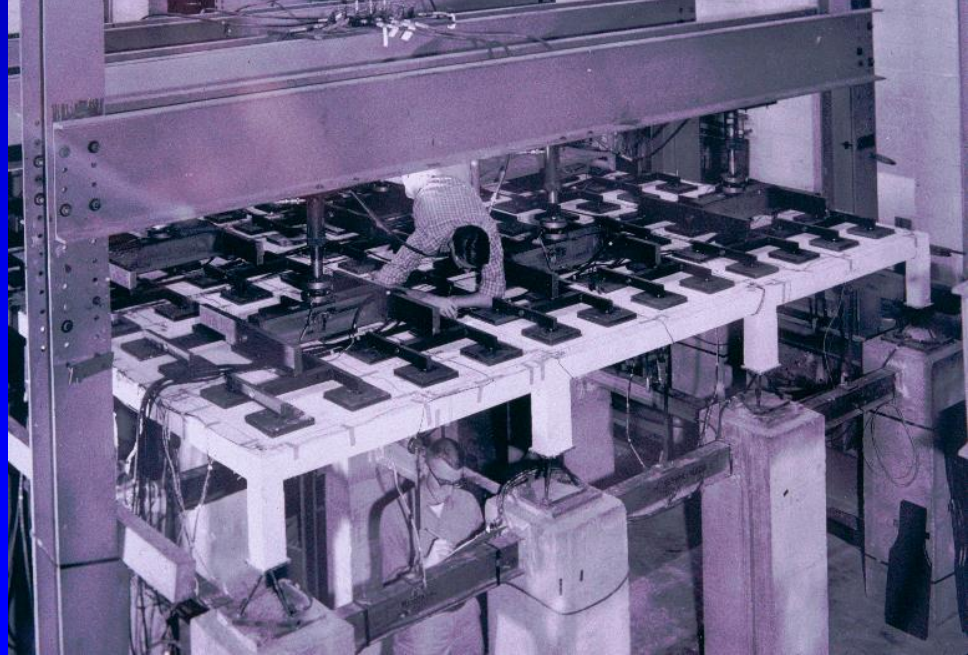
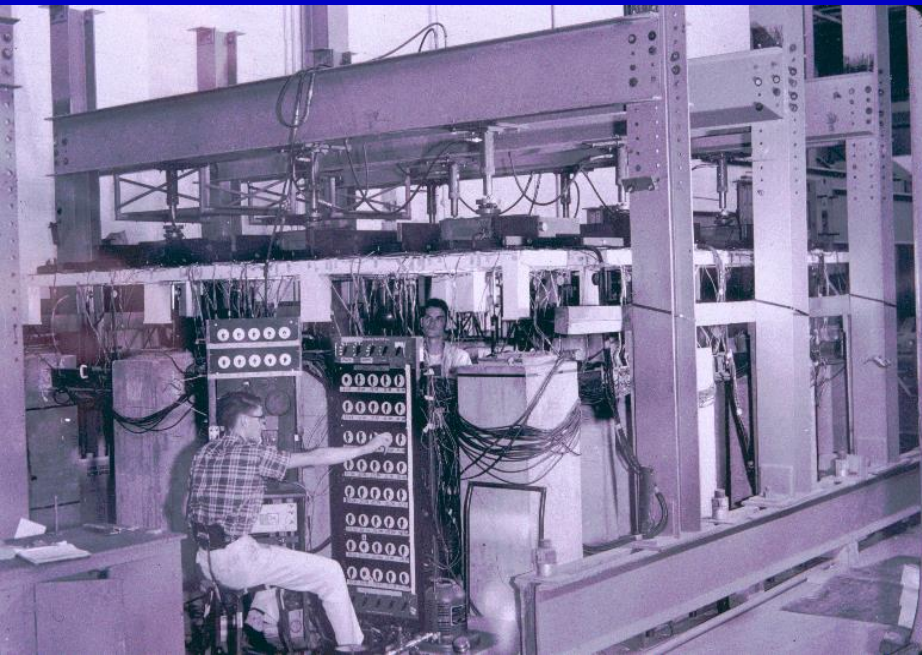
# EARLY PROFESSIONAL YEARS

National Science Foundation Fellow 1958-1961

Ph.D Structural Engineering, University of Illinois, 1961

US Army Corps of Engineers, 1961-1964

Structural Research Manager, PCA R & D Division 1964 - 1972



# EQUIVALENT FRAME ANALYSIS FOR FLAT PLATES AND FLAT SLABS

- First introduced in ACI 318-71 and based on U of I Ph. D theses by Corley (1961) and Jirsa (1963).
- Early ACI Codes permitted an “empirical method” of design only; Slab properties were restricted to those load tested in the early 1900s.

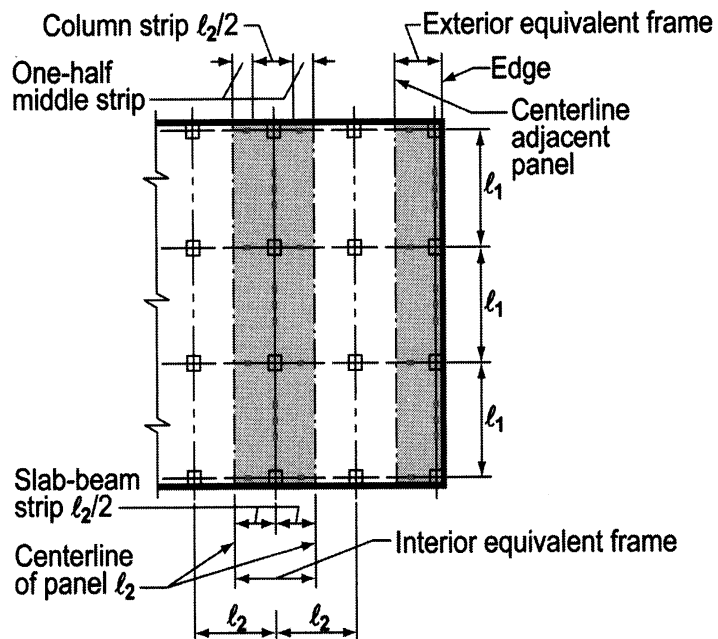
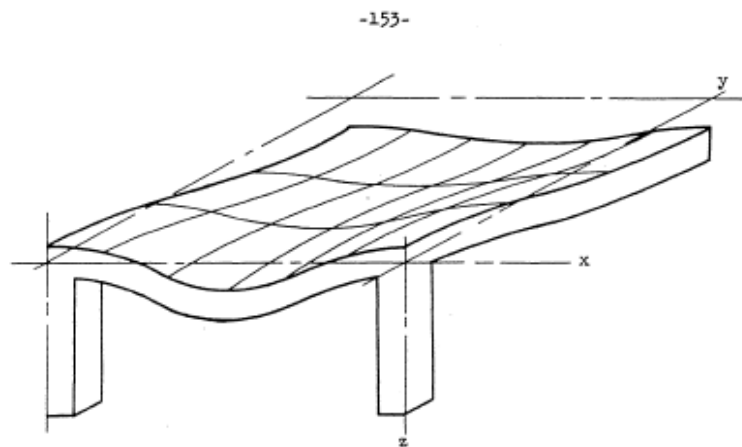


Fig. R13.7.2—Definitions of equivalent frame.

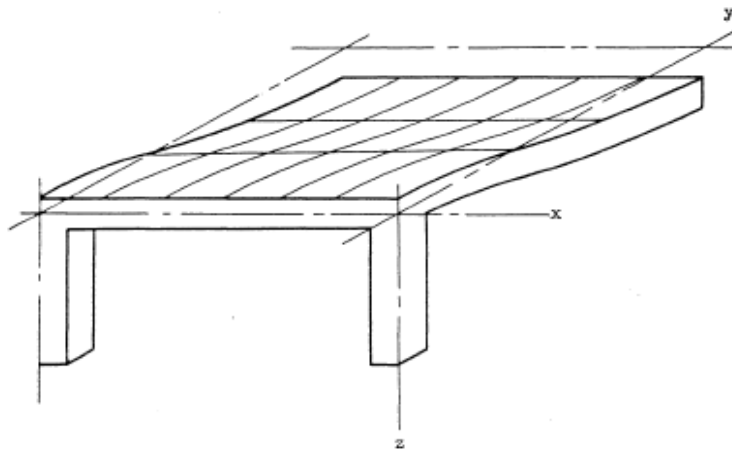
To overcome that restriction the 1941 ACI code introduced an “elastic design method” giving similar results to the “empirical method” for the loaded tested floors but useable for slabs with dissimilar properties

The 71 Code frame similar to the 41 Code frame except for stiffness definitions for frame members

# 1971 AND 1941 DEFORMATION ASSUMPTIONS

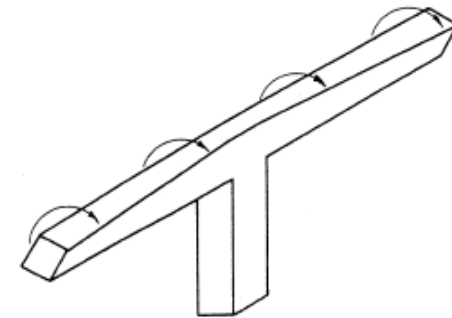


(a) DEFLECTED SHAPE OF SLAB

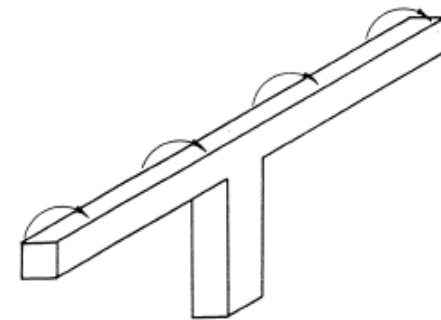


(b) DEFLECTED SHAPE OF SLAB BY ACI CODE ASSUMPTIONS

FIG. 49 DEFLECTED SHAPE OF A SLAB PANEL UNDER UNIFORM LOAD



(a) DEFORMATION OF EDGE BEAM

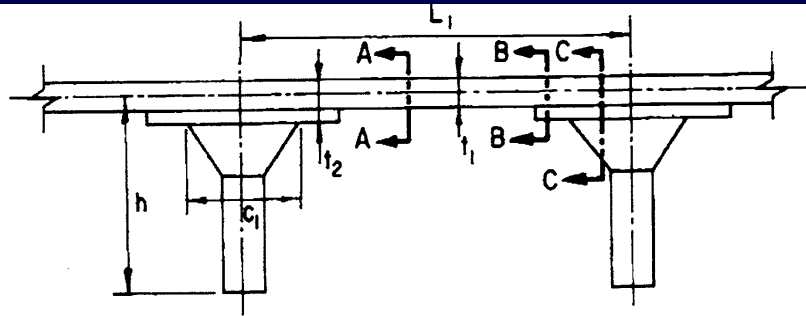


(b) "DEFORMATION" OF EDGE BEAM ACCORDING TO ASSUMPTIONS OF ACI CODE FRAME ANALYSIS

FIG. 50 ILLUSTRATION OF BEAM DEFORMATIONS CAUSED BY TWISTING MOMENT



# 1971 SLAB STIFFNESS ASSUMPTIONS



CROSS SECTION OF FLAT SLAB

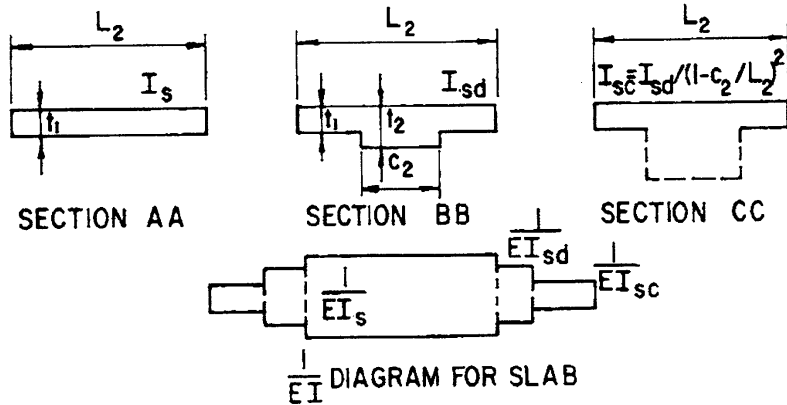


Fig 1 — Cross sections for calculating stiffnesses of equivalent frame

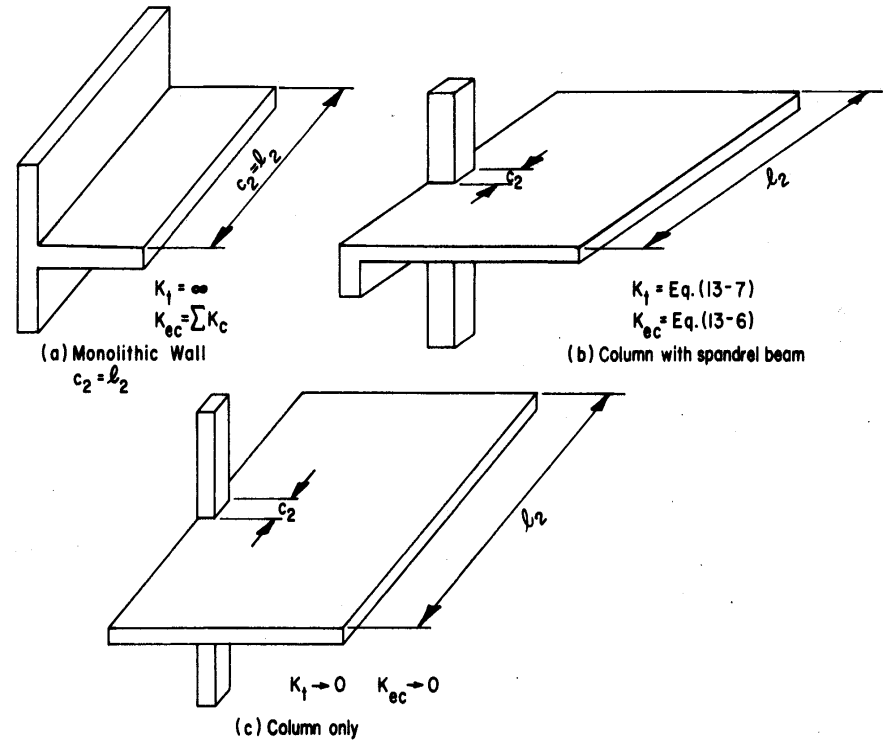
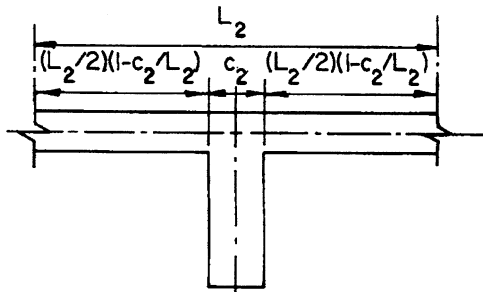
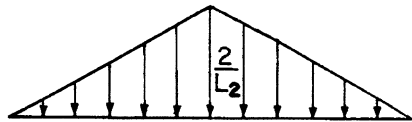


Fig. 13-7 – Simplified physical models illustrating the intent of Section 13.7.4

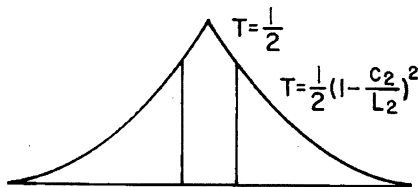
# TORSIONAL MEMBER STIFFNESS ASSUMPTIONS



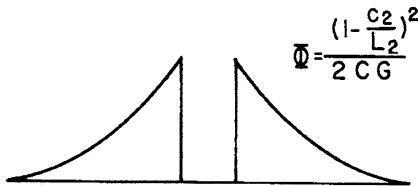
(A) BEAM-COLUMN COMBINATION



(B) DISTRIBUTION OF UNIT TWISTING MOMENT ALONG COLUMN CENTER LINE



(C) TWISTING MOMENT DIAGRAM



(D) UNIT ROTATION DIAGRAM

Fig. 3 — Rotation of beam under applied unit twisting moment

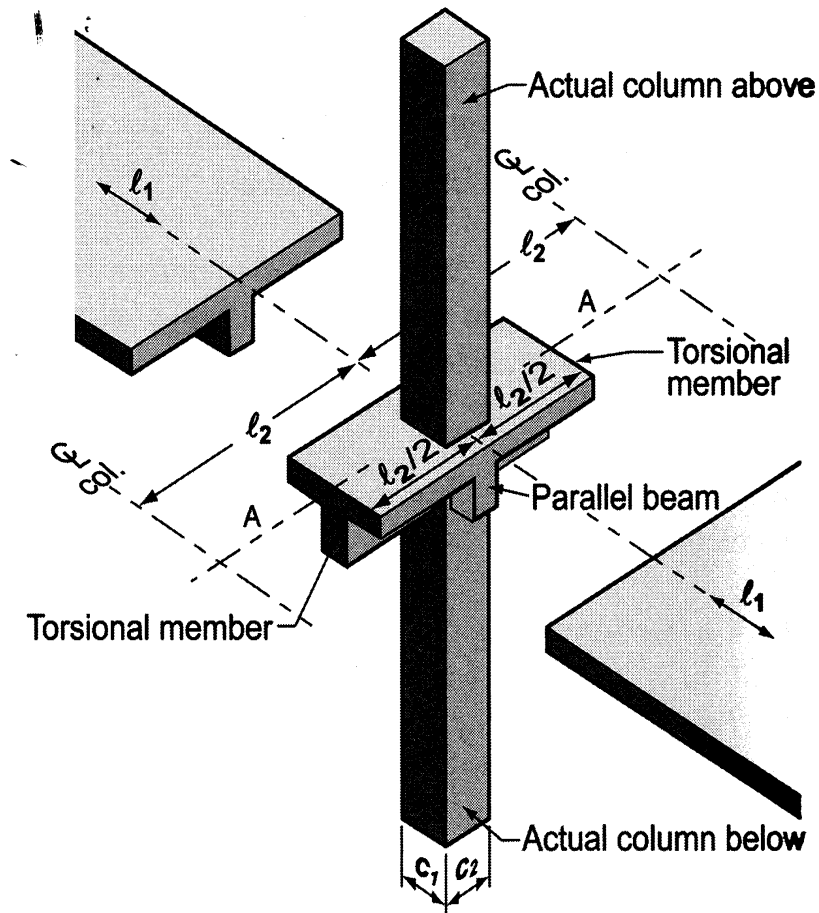
$$K_t = \sum \frac{9E_{cs}C}{l_2 \left(1 - \frac{c_2}{l_2}\right)^3}$$

Where  $C$  = Torsional Constant

$$C = \sum \left(1 - 0.63 \frac{x}{y}\right) \frac{x^3 y}{3}$$

In Corley's thesis the unit twisting moment, Fig 3(B), was uniform over the length  $L_2$ . Jirsa modified Corley's distribution to that shown based on pattern loading considerations

# EQUIVALENT COLUMN STIFFNESS



For moment distribution procedures the equivalent column stiffness  $K_{ec}$  was defined by:

$$1/K_{ec} = 1/K_c + 1/K_t$$

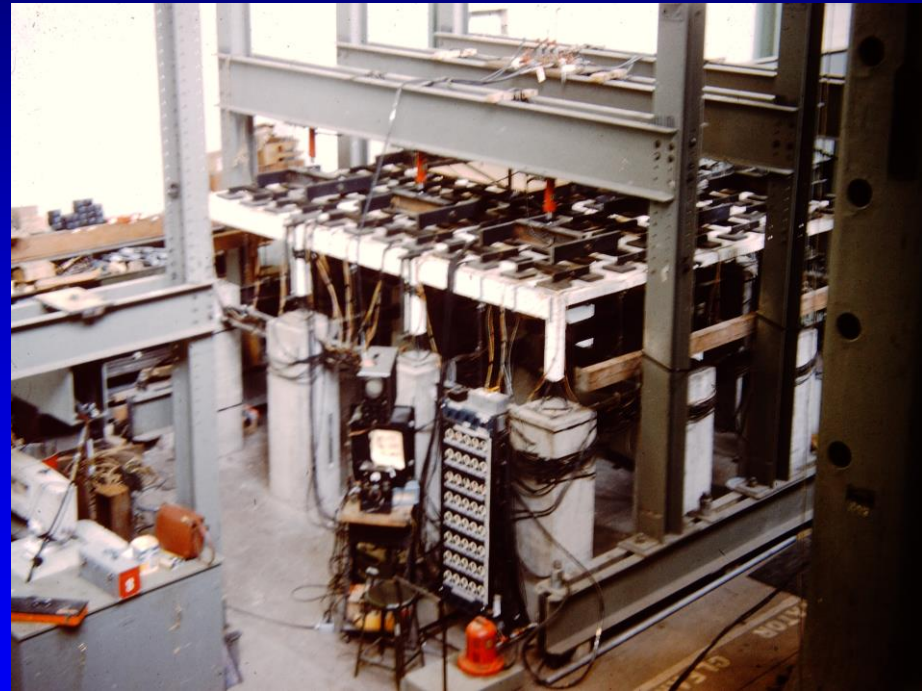
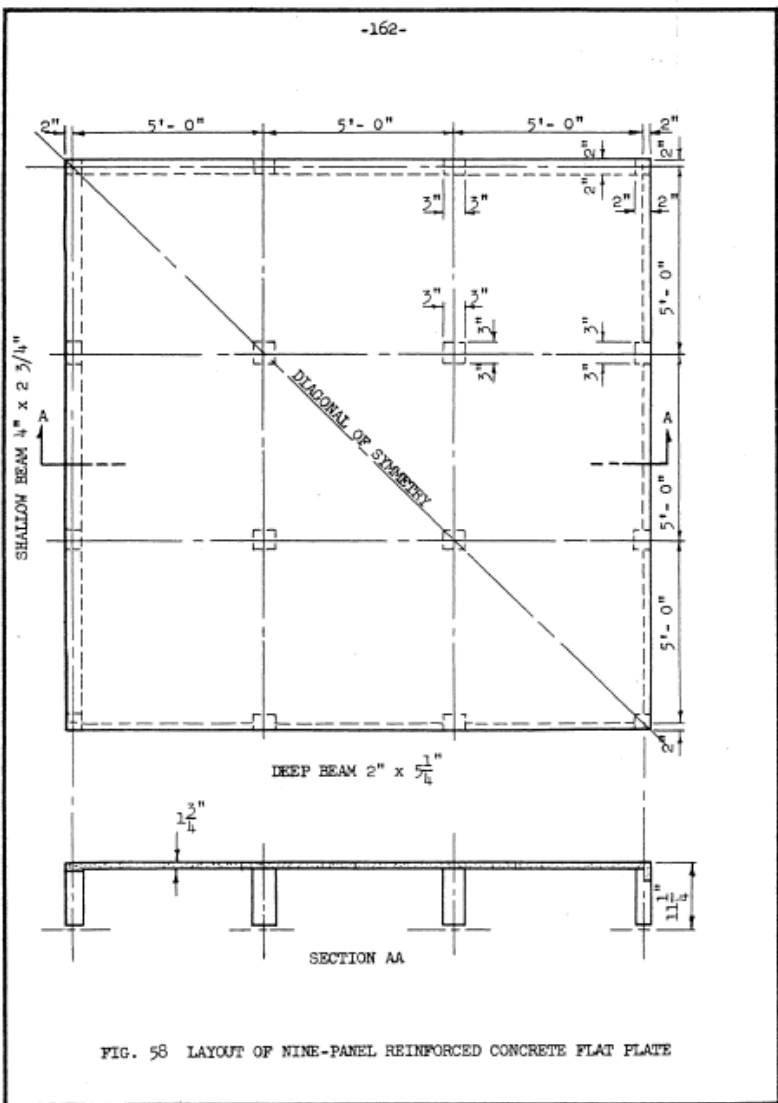
$K_c$  = column flexural stiffness

$K_t$  = torsional stiffness of members framing into column

Fig. R13.7.4—Equivalent column (column plus torsional members).

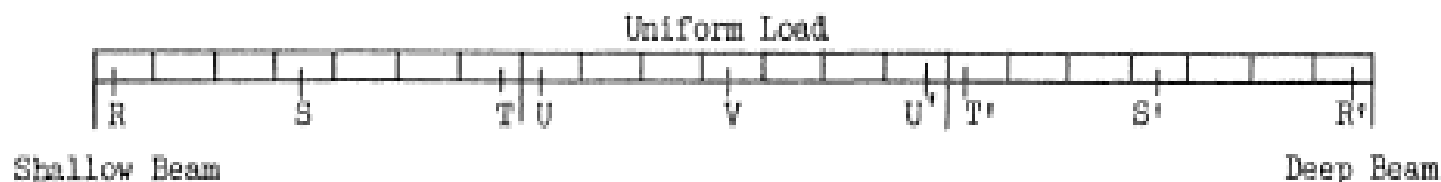


# LAYOUT OF 9 PANEL U of I ¼ SCALE MODEL



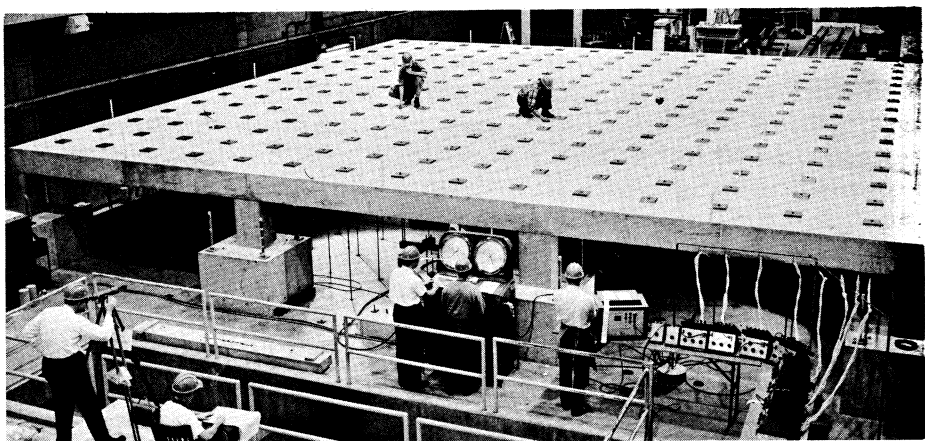
# COMPARISON OF MEASURED AND COMPUTED SERVICE LOAD MOMENTS

TABLE 14. COMPARISON OF MEASURED MOMENTS WITH MOMENTS COMPUTED FOR 9-PANEL REINFORCED CONCRETE FLAT PLATE MODEL



Moment Coefficients of WL

Section	R	S	T	Sum	U	V	U'	Sum	T'	S'	R'	Sum
Entire Structure												
Moments Measured from Strains <sup>†</sup>	0.029	0.052	0.069	0.101	0.063	0.038	0.062	0.101	0.064	0.048	0.035	0.098
Moments Measured from Reactions <sup>†</sup>	0.030	0.053	0.078	0.107	0.071	0.037	0.070	0.108	0.078	0.052	0.041	0.112
Difference Solutions (UI94)*	0.045	0.043	0.062	0.096	0.061	0.039	0.061	0.100	0.062	0.043	0.046	0.097
Proposed Frame Analysis	0.024	0.051	0.090	0.108	0.068	0.038	0.068	0.106	0.092	0.052	0.031	0.114
ACI Code Frame Analysis**	0.058	0.036	0.066	0.098	0.061	0.034	0.061	0.095	0.066	0.036	0.058	0.098
ACI Code Empirical Moments	0.049	0.031	0.071	0.091	0.063	0.041	0.063	0.104	0.071	0.031	0.052	0.093



# COMPARISON WITH PCA 3/4 SCALE FLAT PLATE RESULTS

TABLE I — COMPARISON OF MEASURED WITH COMPUTED MOMENTS (FLAT PLATE STRUCTURES)

Section	M-	M+	M-	M+	M-	M+	M-	
	Shallow beam edge	"	"	"	Deep beam edge	"	"	
University of Illinois structure, F1 (1/4 scale), $w_m/w_p = 2.5$	Moment coefficients, $1000 M/WL_1$							
Calculated uniform load design moment	47	44	72	66	34	67	73	46
Calculated maximum design moment	54	50	75	73	45	73	76	52
Ratio maximum to uniform load moment	1.15	1.14	1.04	1.11	1.32	1.09	1.04	1.13
Measured uniform load moment	27	49	65	64	40	58	58	34
Measured maximum moment	21	52	68	67	44	63	63	26
Ratio maximum to uniform load moment	—	1.06	1.04	1.05	1.10	1.09	1.09	—
Ratio design to measured uniform load moment	1.74	0.90	1.11	1.03	0.85	1.16	1.26	1.35
PCA structure (3/4 scale)								
Calculated uniform load design moment	44	48	67	62	38	62	68	43
Measured uniform load moment	37	47	68	68	31	73	73	31
Ratio design to measured uniform load moment	1.19	1.02	0.99	0.91	1.22	0.85	0.85	1.39

# EQUIVALENT FRAME PROCEDURE LIMITATIONS

Discussed in “ Frame Analysis of Concrete Buildings”

Vanderbilt and Corley, *Concrete International*, Dec. 1983

- Method assumes analysis by moment distribution methods.
- Method calibrated for gravity loadings only by comparison to U of I  $1/4$  scale and PCA  $3/4$  scale tests
- Method based on stiffness of uncracked sections
- Method not calibrated for lateral loadings but theoretical studies suggest using a cracked section stiffness equal to  $1/3^{\text{rd}}$  uncracked section stiffness. See ACI 318R13.5.1.2
- The method is extensively used and remains essentially unchanged since 1971.

# PUNCHING SHEAR

- Flat plate for PCA and U of I tests designed for 70 psf LL and 86 psf DL. Grade 40 steel: 3000 psi concrete.
- Both slabs failed by punching at an interior column. Strains in the top steel at the column face  $\geq 7$  times the yield strain at punching. Failure load of 369 psf and was only 85% of the ACI  $4\sqrt{f'_c}$  value.
- Computed yield line strength was 350psf. Based on shape of the load-slab midspan deflection curves and the limited spread of reinforcement yielding across the width of the slab a capacity greater than the 369psf was likely if not for the punching failure.
- Punching was classified as a “secondary” failure due to the extensive yielding of the top reinforcement around the column prior to failure.

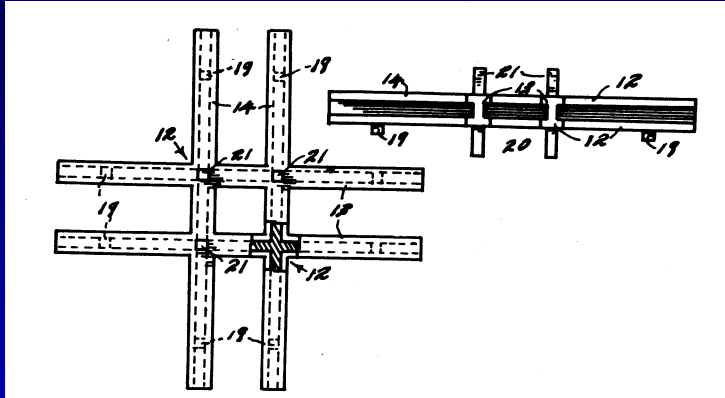
# **PUNCHING SHEAR ISSUES**

- **How to prevent the “secondary” punching failure and enable large slab deflections before failure?  
Answer: Shear reinforcement but what type?**
- **How to evaluate punching strength when there is also moment being transferred from slab to column?**
- **Under Gene’s leadership PCA set out to make significant contributions to addressing both those issues.**

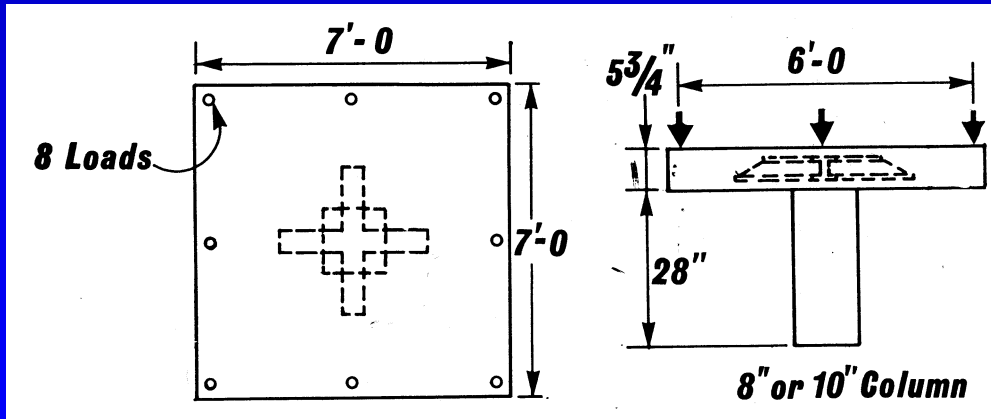
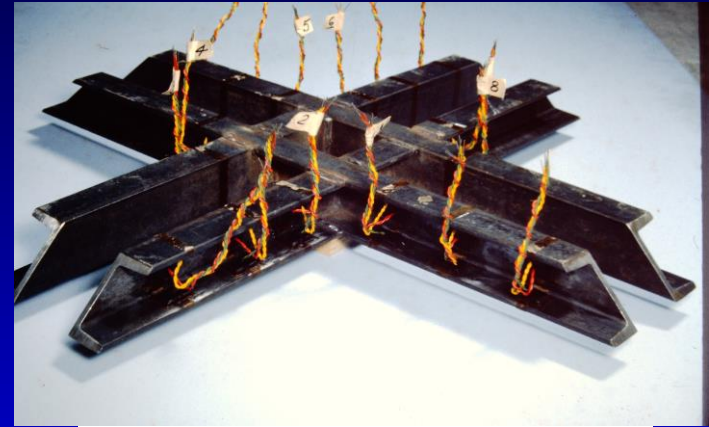


# SHEAR REINFORCEMENT STUDIES

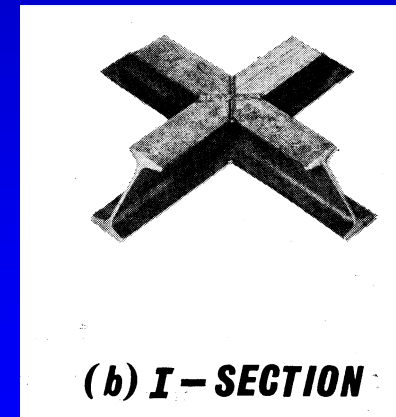
## Shearheads



1930 Wheeler Patent Shearhead



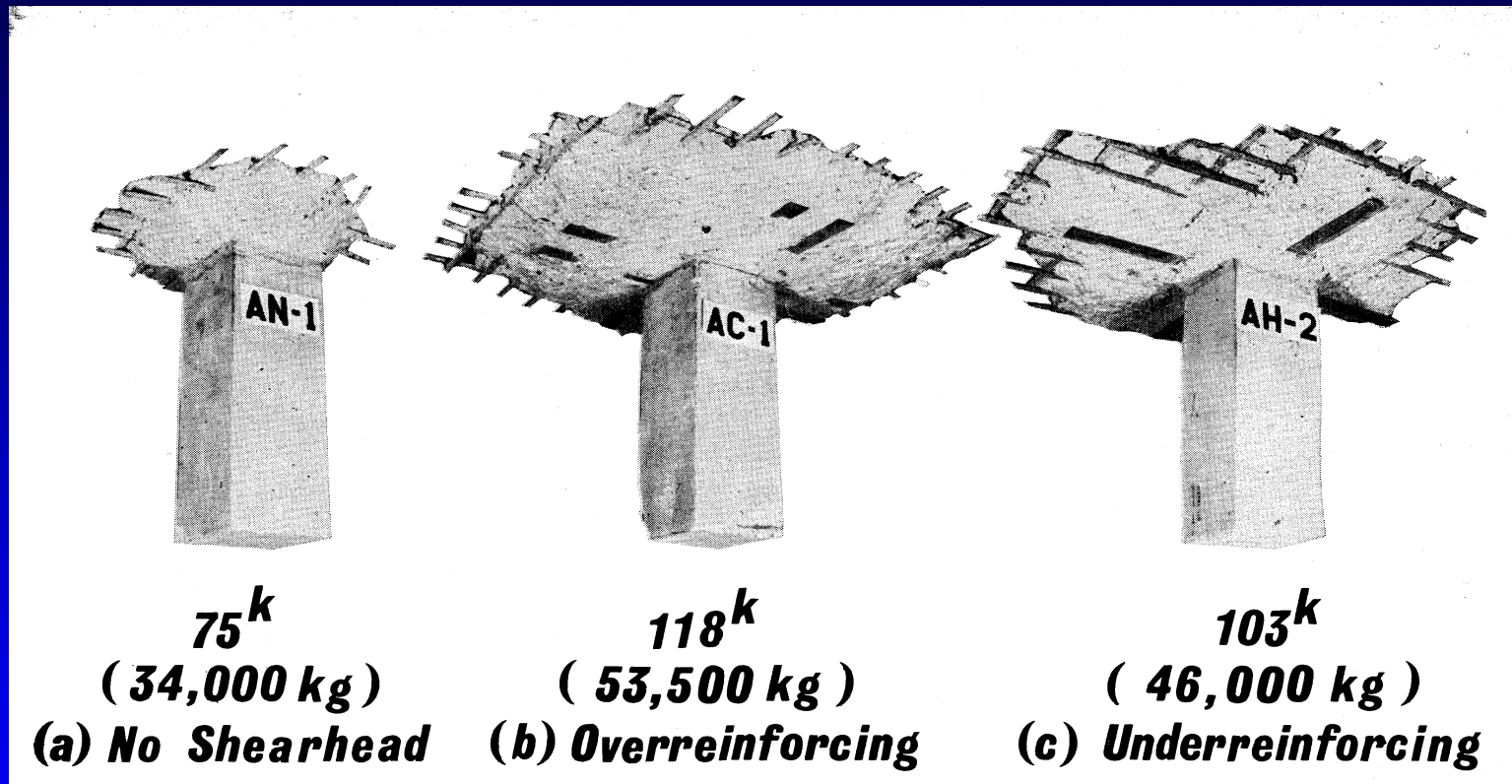
PCA TEST SPECIMENS



1966 PCA TEST SHEARHEADS

# SHEAR REINFORCEMENT STUDIES

## 10 Specimens with Shearheads Tested



$L_s = 0$

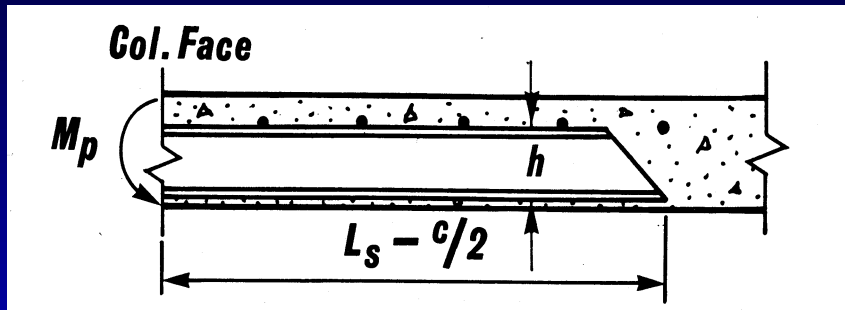
$L_s = 18 \text{ in}$

$L_s = 20 \text{ in}$

Shearhead increases shear capacity in the same way as a larger column.  
For warning of failure shearhead should yield before punching.  
Then critical section for shear does not extend to end of shearhead

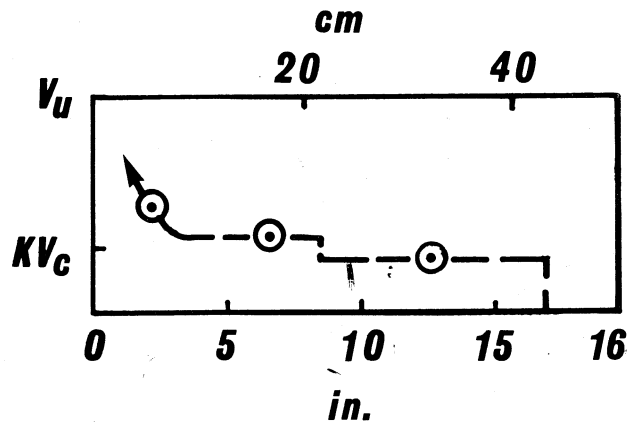
# SHEAR REINFORCEMENT STUDIES

## Shearhead – Determination of Required Capacity



$$M_p = \frac{V_u}{8\phi} \left[ h + K \left( L_s - \frac{c}{2} \right) \right]$$

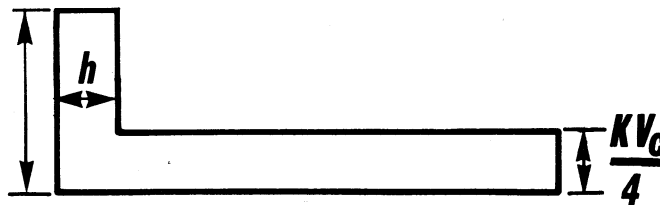
Measured Shear



SHEAR DETERMINED FROM STRAIN GAGE READINGS

$$\frac{V_u}{4} - \frac{V_c}{4} (1-K)$$

SHEAR

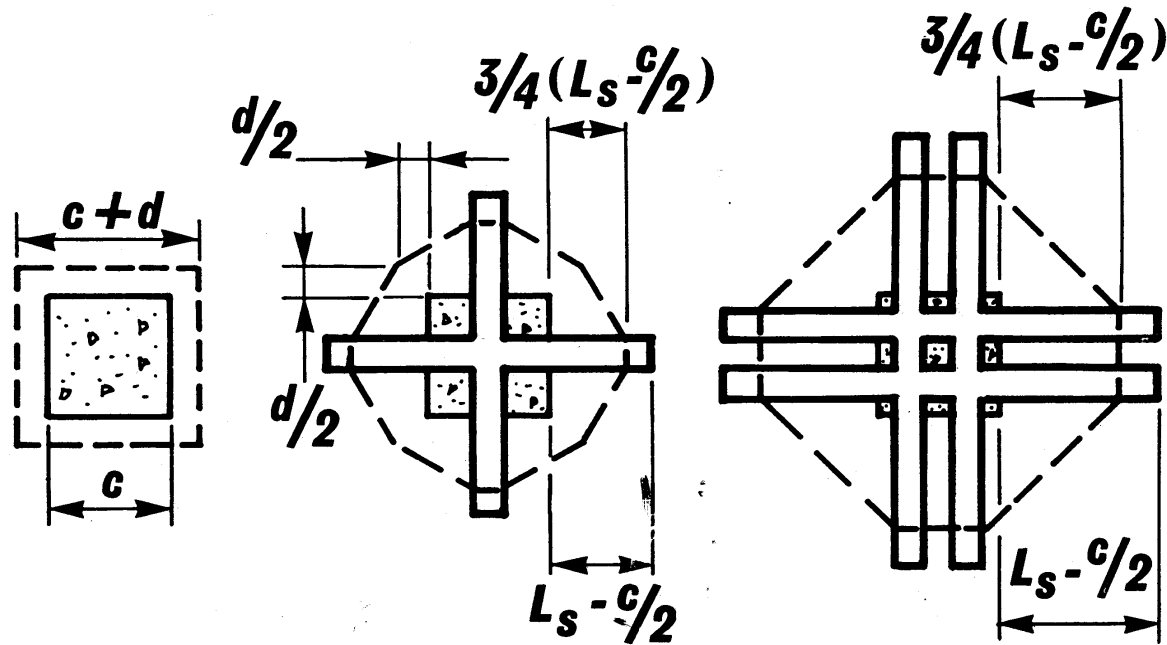


IDEALIZED SHEAR

$K = \frac{EI \text{ OF SHEARHEAD}}{EI \text{ COMPOSITE SECTION}}$   
 WIDTH  $(c + d)$   $K \geq 0.15$

# SHEAR REINFORCEMENT STUDIES

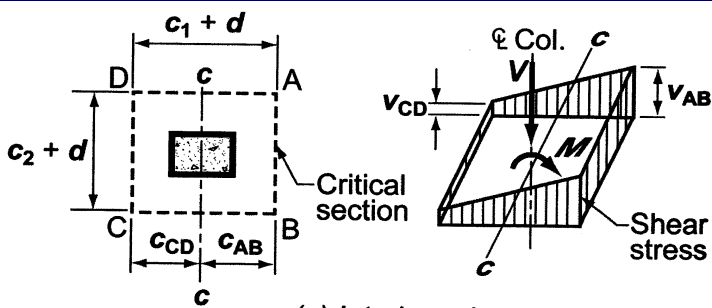
## Shearhead – Location of Critical Section for Shear



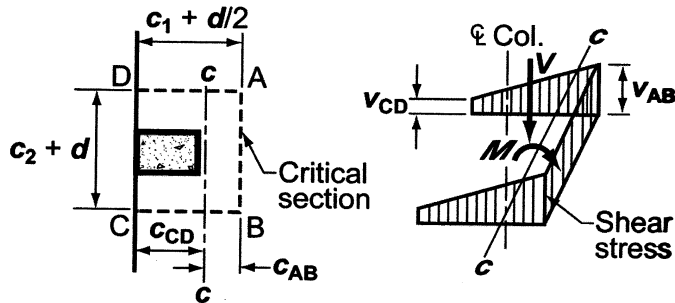
**(a) No Shearhead**    **(b) Small Shearhead**    **(c) Large Shearhead**

# SHEAR REINFORCEMENT STUDIES

## Shear and Moment Transfer – Existing ACI Code



(a) Interior column



(b) Edge column

$$v_{u(AB)} = \frac{V_u}{A_c} + \frac{\gamma_v M_u c_{AB}}{J_c}$$

$$\gamma_v = (1 - \gamma_f)$$

Fraction  $\gamma_f M_u$  to be transferred by flexure within lines 1.5h either side of column

where

$$\gamma_f = \frac{1}{1 + (2/3)\sqrt{b_1/b_2}}$$

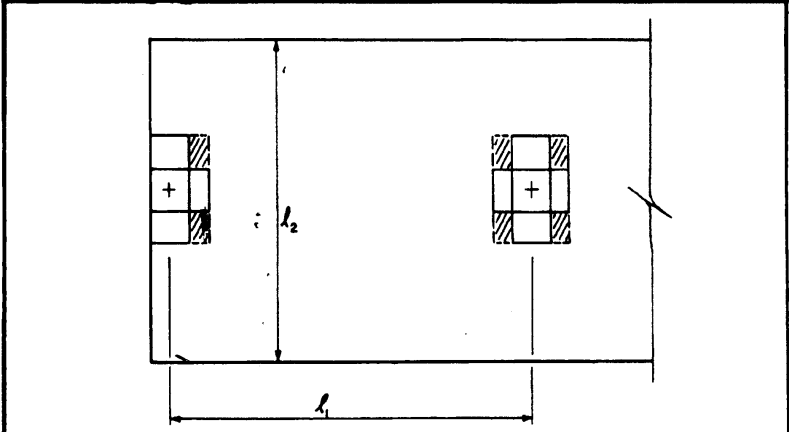
and  $b_1 = c_1 + d$

For RC slabs and exterior columns  $\gamma_f$  can be increased to 1.0 provided  $V_u$  does not exceed  $0.75\phi V_c$  for edge columns and  $0.50\phi V_c$  for corner columns. At interior columns  $\gamma_f$  can be increased by 25% but to not greater than 1.0 provided  $V_u \leq 0.40\phi V_c$  and  $\epsilon_t \geq 0.010$ .

Additional “v” Caused by M

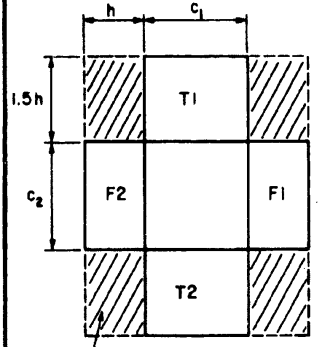
Determining Fraction of M Transferred by Reinforcement

# UNDERSTANDING SHEAR AND MOMENT TRANSFER BEAM ANALGY

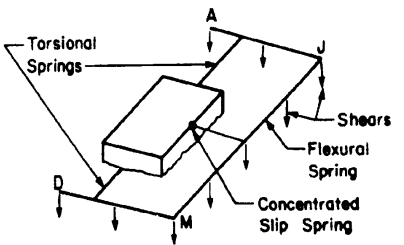


(a) Frame dimensions

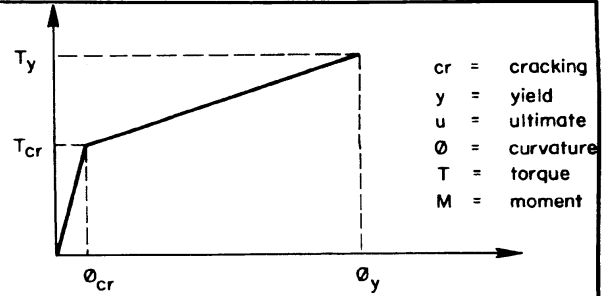
F1, F2 = Flexural Members  
 T1, T2 = Torsional Members  
 h = Plate Thickness



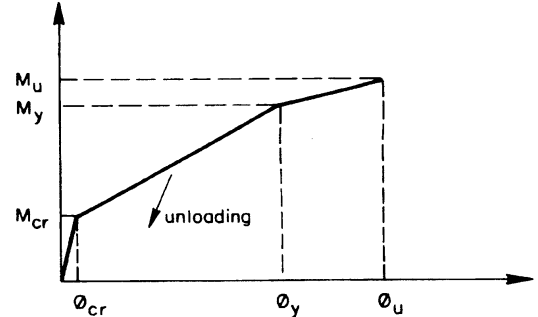
(b) Stub beams



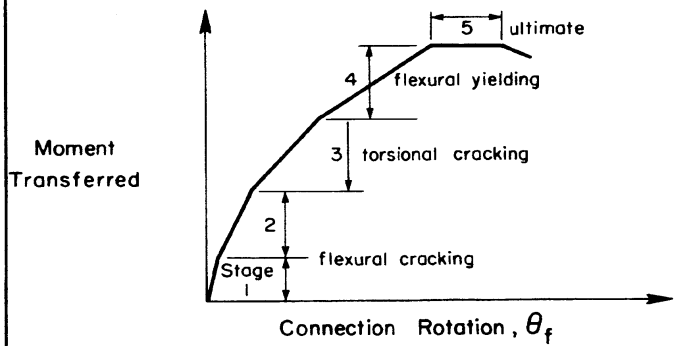
(c) Idealized model for edge connection



(a) Torque-twist curve for torsional members



(b) Moment-curvature curve for flexural members



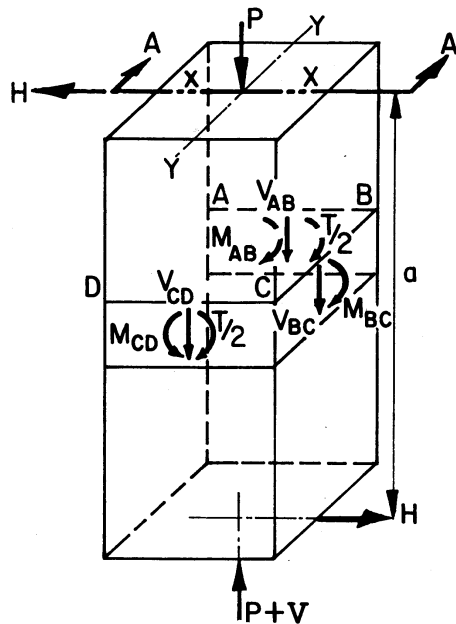
(c) Five stage moment-rotation curve

Model

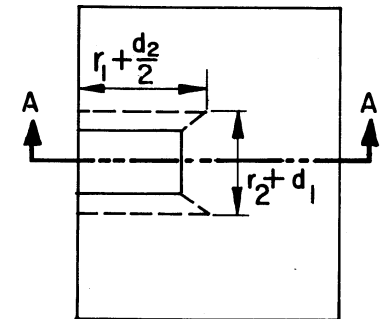
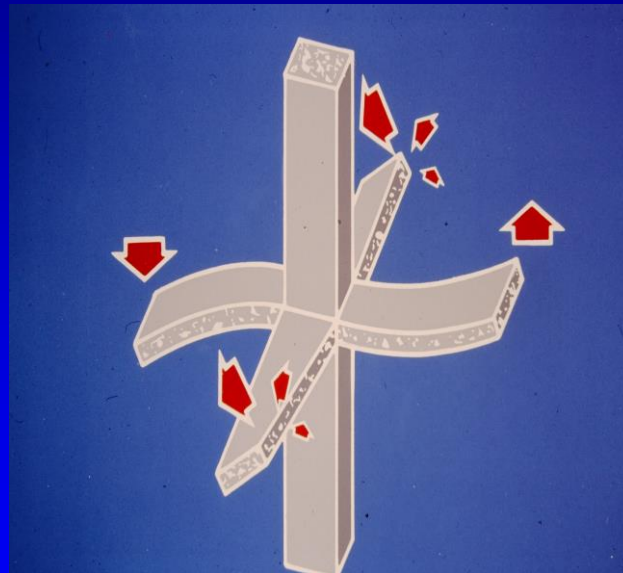
Torsional, Flexural and Overall Response



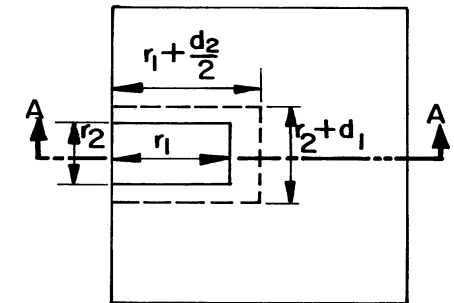
# UNDERSTANDING SHEAR AND MOMENT TRANSFER BEAM ANALOGY - EXTERIOR COLUMN STRENGTH



(a) MOMENTS AND FORCES



(c) CRITICAL SECTION FOR MOMENT-TORSION



(d) CRITICAL SECTION FOR SHEAR-TORSION

# SHEAR REINFORCEMENT STUDIES

## Exterior Column Connections -Dimensions

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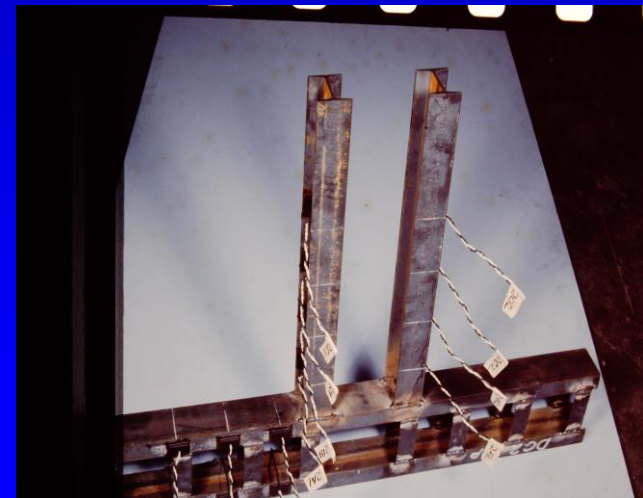
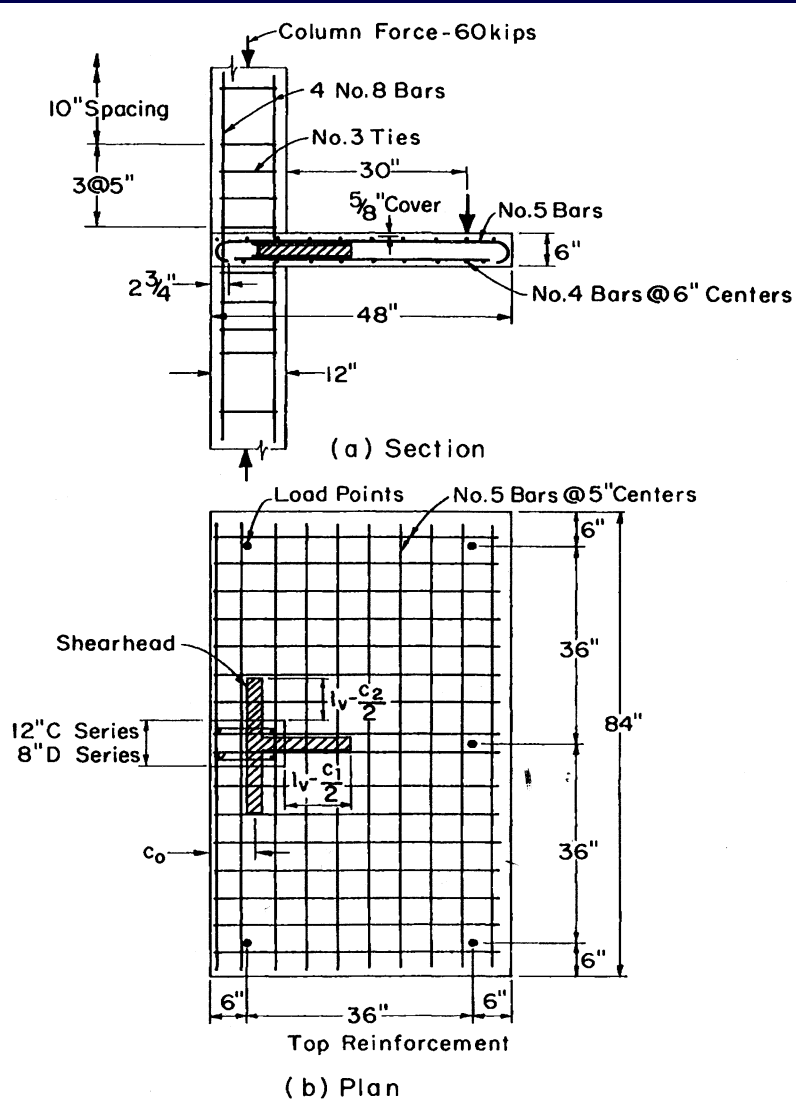
Sheahead - Shape, Length, Area

Column Size -3 with 12 x 8 in

-11 with 12 x 12 in

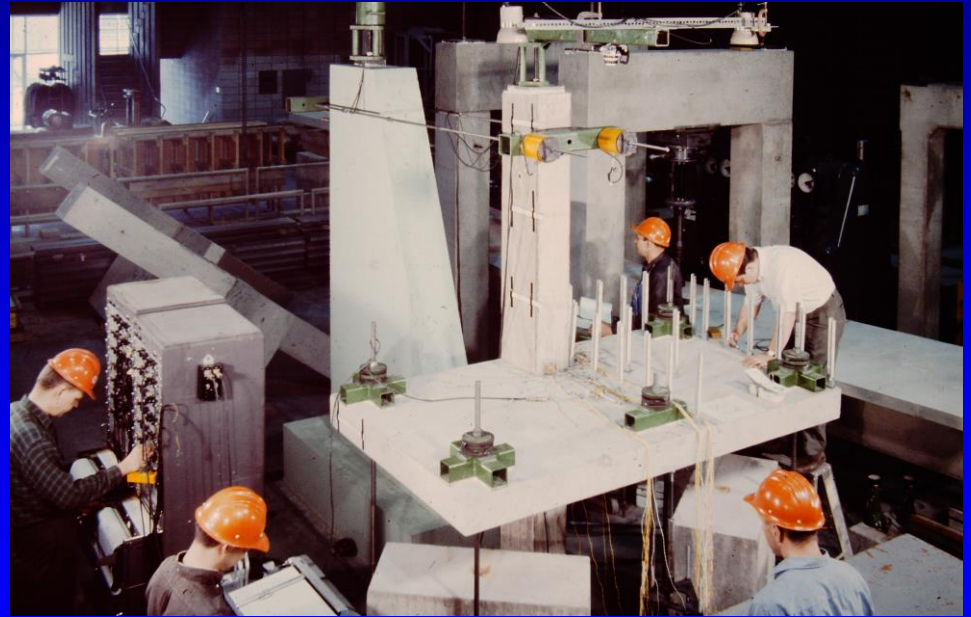
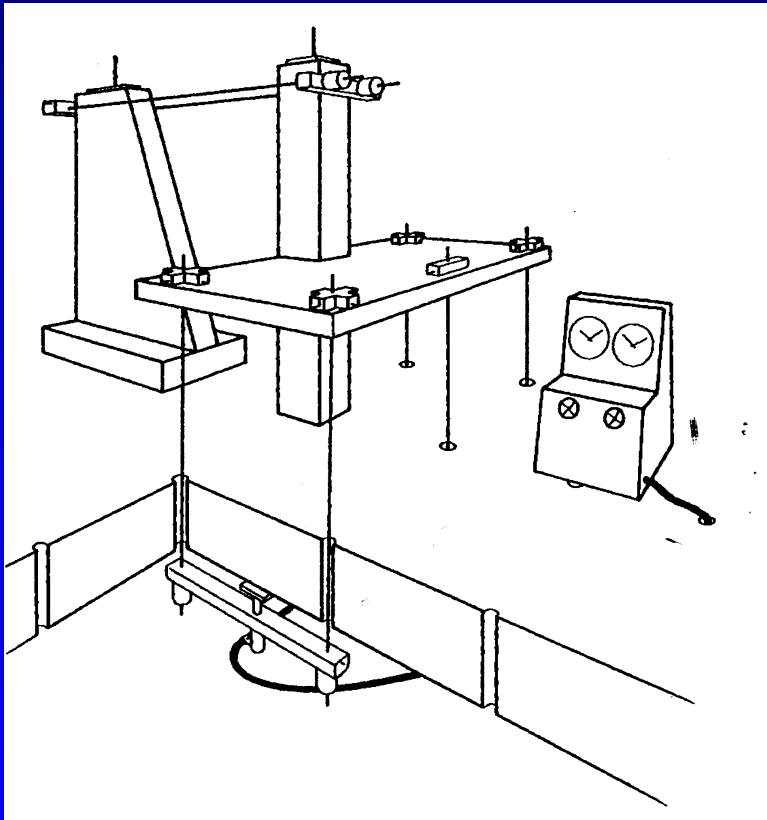
Grade 60 Steel

Sanded Lightweight Concrete 3,000 psi



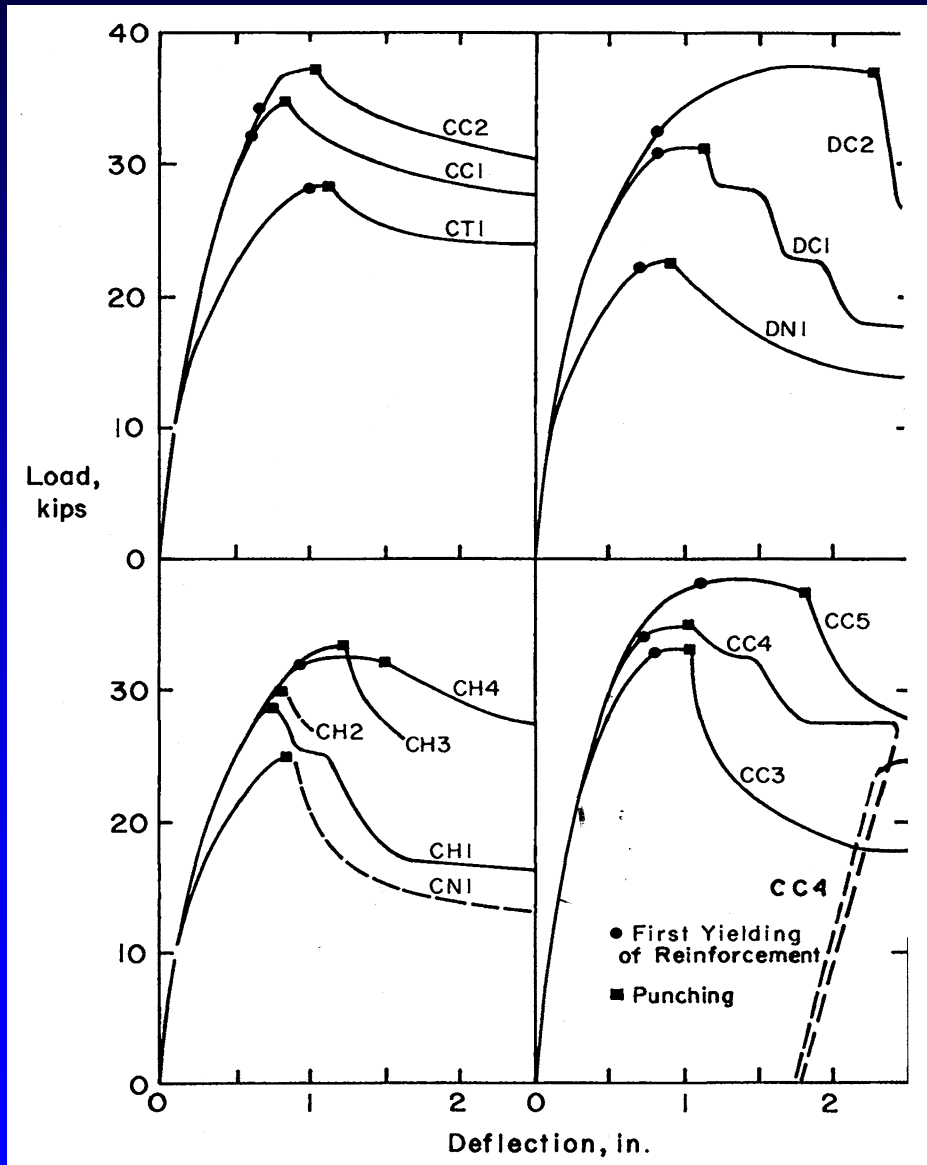
# SHEAR REINFORCEMENT STUDIES

## Exterior Column Connections – Test Setup



# SHEAR REINFORCEMENT STUDIES

## Exterior Column Connections – Loading Response



D = 12 x 8; C = 12 x 12 column

N = No Shearhead

C = Channel Sections

H = I Sections

Under-reinforced CH4; CC5; DC2

Projections: 17.5; 21; 21 in

Over-reinforced CH1,2,3

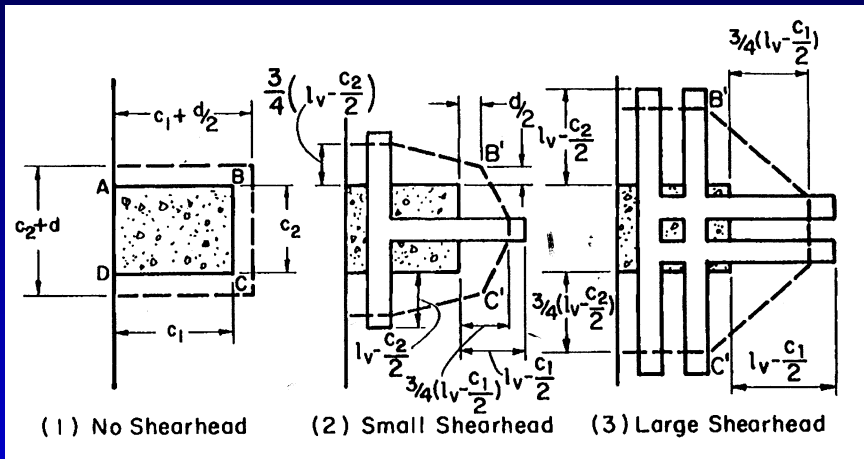
Projections: 8.5, 11.5, 14.5 in

Over-reinforced CT1, CC1, CC2

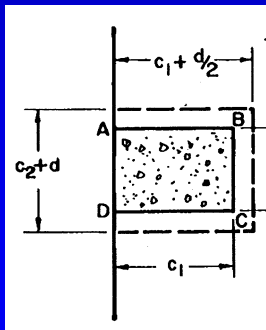
Projections: 14.5, 21, 21 in

# SHEAR REINFORCEMENT STUDIES

## Exterior Column Connections – Critical Sections



For shear stress  $v_1$  due to Shear

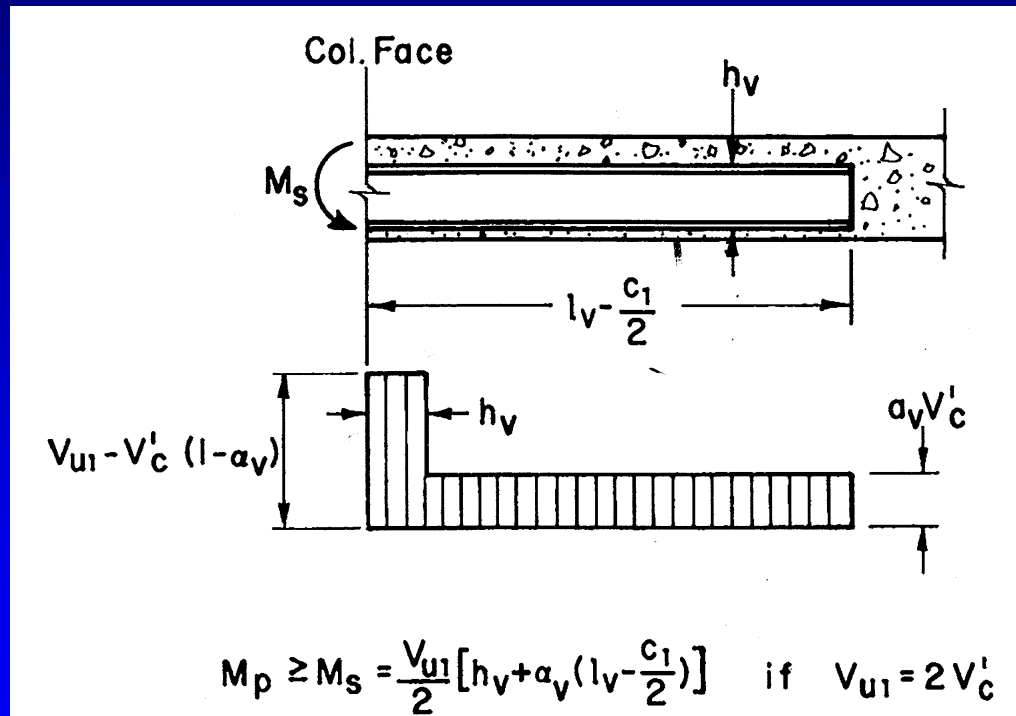


For shear stress  $v_2$  due to Moment Transfer

For Design  $v_1 + v_2 = v_u \leq \phi v_n$

# SHEAR REINFORCEMENT STUDIES

## Exterior Column Connections – Shearhead Strength Requirements



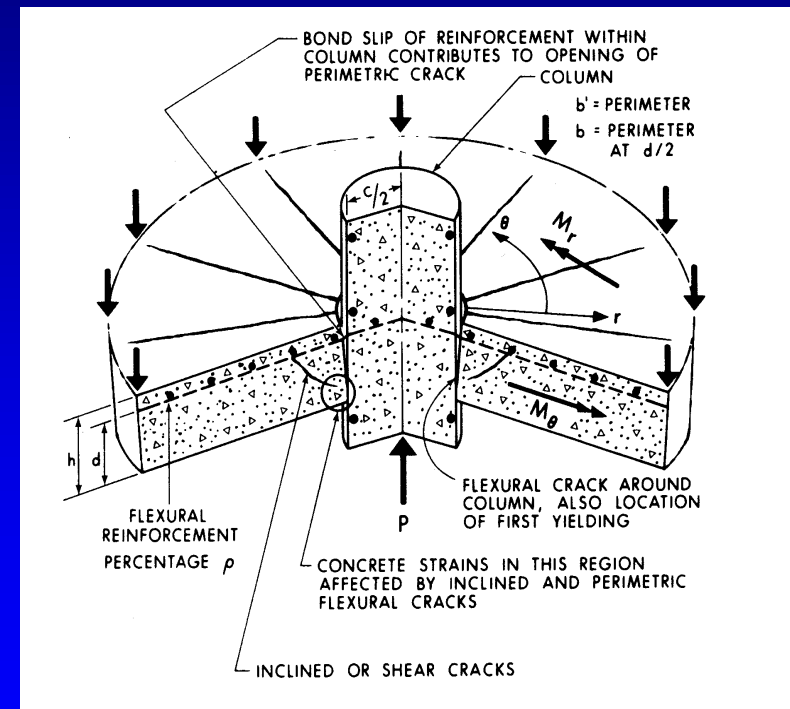
Current Code Requirement For Plastic Moment Strength



# WHAT STILL NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED?

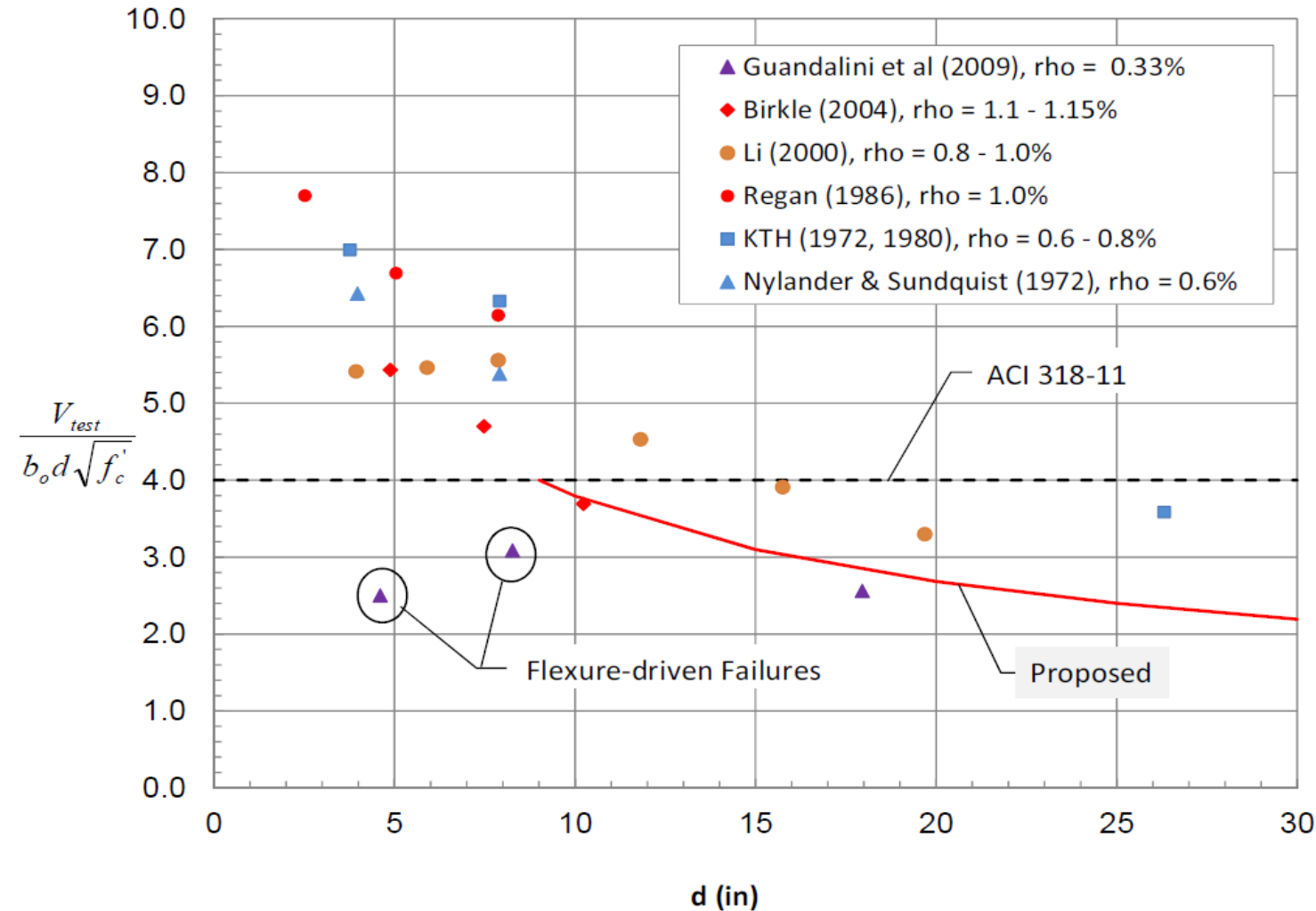
## Slabs Without Shear Reinforcement – Flexural Strength Limit

- Recognize Relevance of Muttoni's Critical Shear Crack (CSC) Theory
- Aggregate Interlock Along CSC Is Lost When There Is General Yielding of Reinforcement in the Vicinity of Column
- Per Ghali, Strength for General Yielding is  $8m$  where  $m$  is flexural strength per unit width
- Require  $\phi_v V_{\text{shear}} \leq \phi_f V_{\text{flex}} = \phi_f 8m$  – Needed for low  $\rho$



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## Slabs Without Shear Reinforcement – Depth Effect



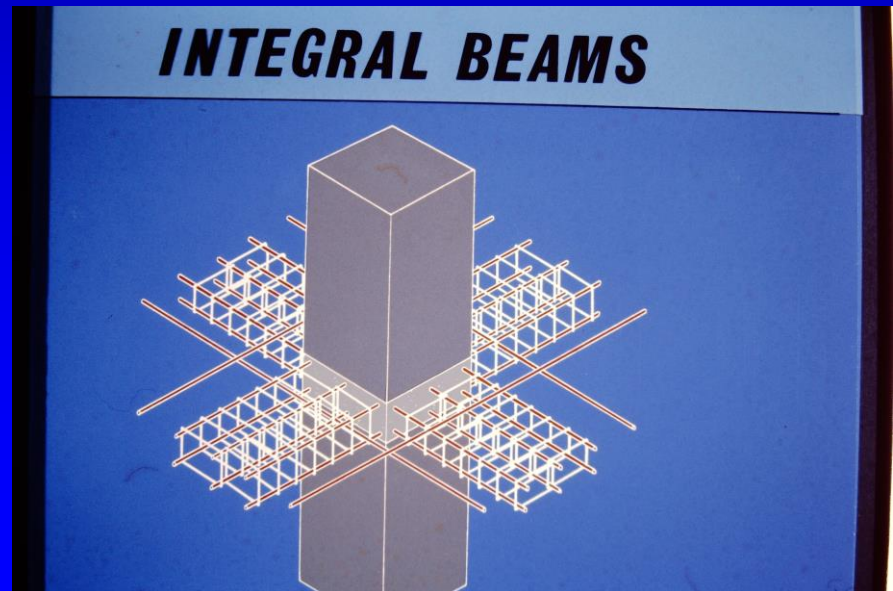
$$k_v = 3/\sqrt{d}$$

# WHAT STILL NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED?

## Slabs With Shear Reinforcement

- Develop Conceptually Consistent Punching Shear, Moment Transfer, and Ductility Provisions For Connections With Shear Reinforcement

Cover Stirrup Reinforcement,  
Stud Rail Reinforcement,  
Fortress Reinforcement,  
Shearhead Reinforcement.



**Thank You**

