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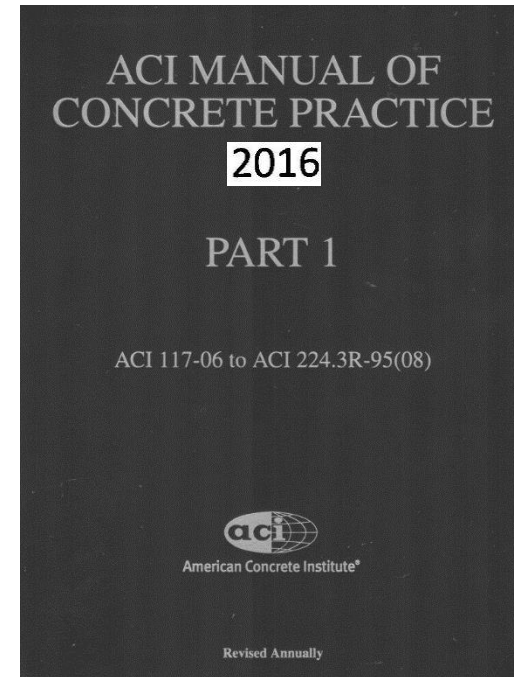
Report on Design and Construction of Steel Fiber-Reinforced Concrete Elevated Slabs

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How to use ACI 544 6R15 ?



Introduction

In the last 23 years over 15 million m² of SFRC piled slabs have been completed and , 100 buildings have been completed with SFRC suspended elevated flat slabs:

Piled slabs called **G-SRFS** (G: ground)

Elavated suspended slabs called **E-SRFS** (E: elevated)

Applications – Suspended slab on piles

TAB-STRUCTURAL
suspended floor system:



A number of full scale tests from 1994 to 2014:

Ternat (1994),Townsville (2000), Bissen (2004), Nieuw Venneep (2005), Tallinn (2007), Klaipeda (2011), Eindhoven (2011), Göteborg (2014),



FULL-SCALE TESTING OF A FIBRE-REINFORCED SUSPENDED CONCRETE SLAB

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INTRODUCTION

The full scale test was performed by constructing a 9.6 m x 9.6 m concrete slab suspended on 16 columns. The slab consisted of nine 3.1 m x 3.1 m bays and was 180 mm thick. The slab was reinforced with Twincone steel fibres at a dosage of 50 kg per cubic metre of concrete.

OBJECTIVES

- Apply loads to the centre bay and a corner bay to determine their maximum load carrying capacities
- Measure deflections at six points on each bay at each loading increment
- Observe crack patterns on the top and bottom of each bay
- Develop a Finite Element Model (F.E.M) of a conventionally reinforced slab comparing its strength and cost with a steel fibre reinforced concrete (SFRC) slab

METHODOLOGY

The Twincone fibres were added directly into the hopper of the concrete trucks, and mixed into the concrete. The first attempt at pouring the slab was unsuccessful as the fibres balled within the mix. This problem was rectified in the second attempt with the use of a fibre blower and a revised mix design.

A rigid I-section was used in order to apply the loads to the slab bays. The beam was inserted into two frames that were bolted to the slab with draw-bolts that extended from the columns. A hydraulic jack applied was placed between the I-section and the slab in order to apply the loads.

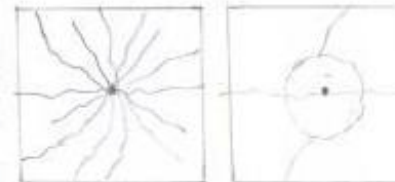


Deflections were measured using six VRT instruments



SLAB RESULTS

- Max load capacity of centre bay = 400 kN
- Max load capacity of corner bay = 300 kN
- Max deflection of centre bay = 29.64 mm
- Max deflection of corner bay = 31.16 mm
- The crack patterns for the top and bottom faces of the centre bay are given below



BOTTOM FACE

TOP FACE

F.E.M RESULTS

- A conventionally reinforced slab would require approx. three times the amount of steel as the SFRC slab to hold identical loads
- A conventionally reinforced slab would cost approx. twice as much as a SFRC slab

CONCLUSIONS

Steel fibre reinforced concrete offers a safe and economical alternative to conventionally reinforced concrete.



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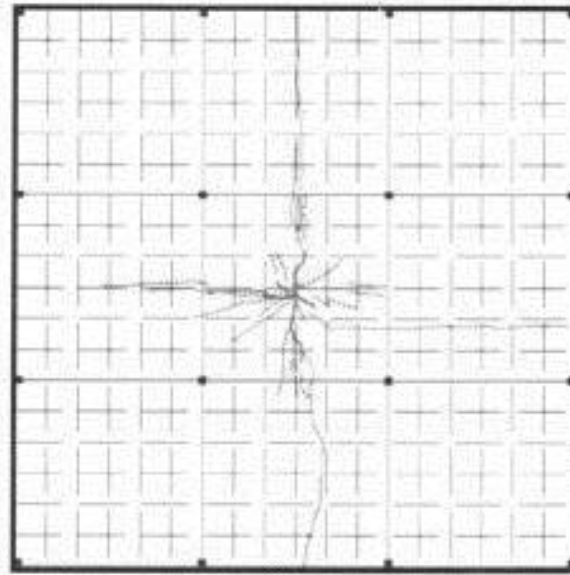
Full scale elevated SFRC slab cracking and yield lines:

Centre Point Loading

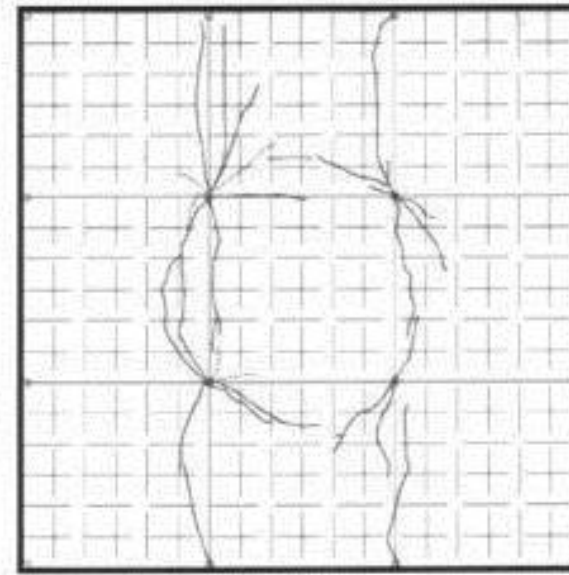
3 x 6 m x 6 m - 200mm

P (cracking) = 120kN

P (ultimate) = 500kN



(a)



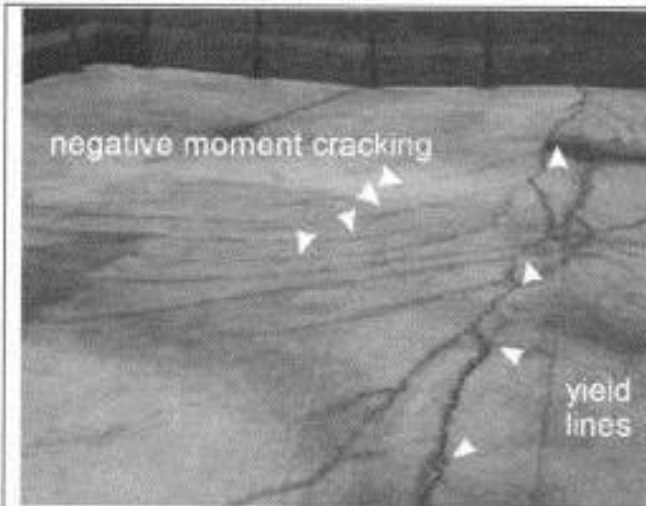
(b)

At the free corner span:

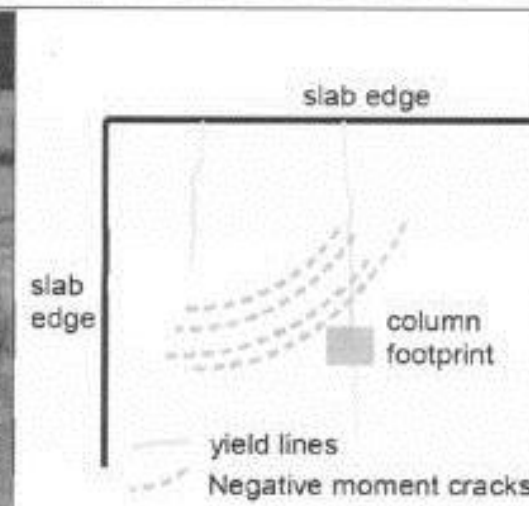
P(ultimate) = 300kN

Residual loading at 260mm deflection:

150kN



(a)



(b)

Example: Tallinn full scale test (2007)



Centre Point loading of 600kN
First crack at 120kN



UDL = 5kN/m²
2mm deflection

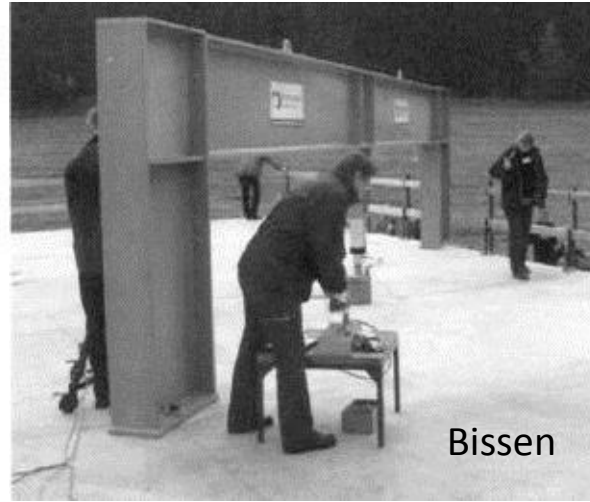
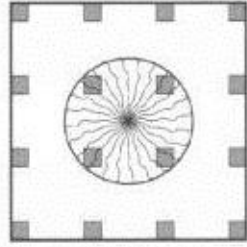


600kN: 3mm crack opening.
Bottom cracks only.



Cracking pattern : 0,3mm/250kN

3 x 6 m x 6m spans
 18m x 18m
 200mm
 70kg/m³ HE+1/60
 steelfibres

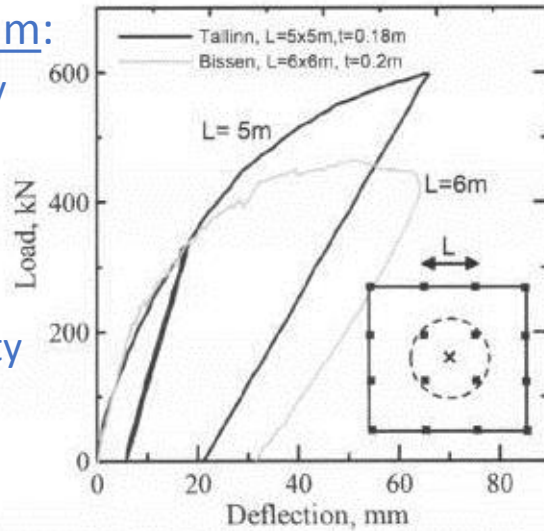


2 full scale tests up to rupture

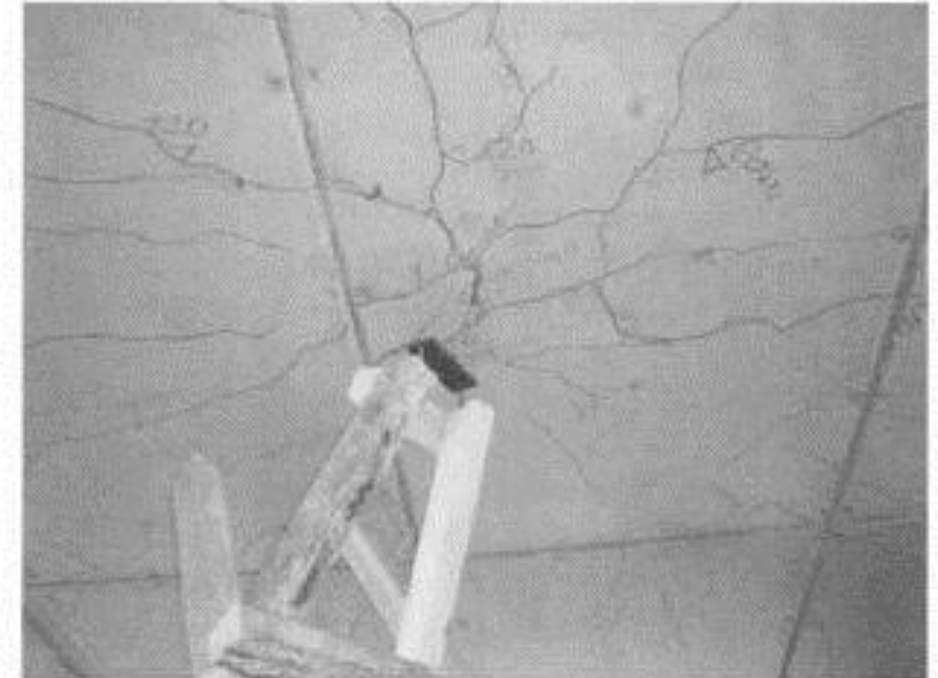
Center point loading diagram:

Ultimate loading intensity
 450 - 650kN

first crack loading intensity
 120 - 150 kN

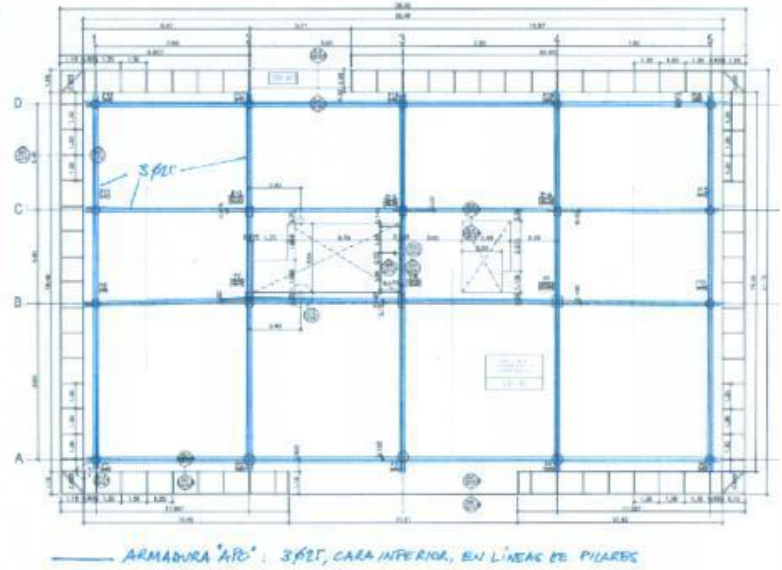
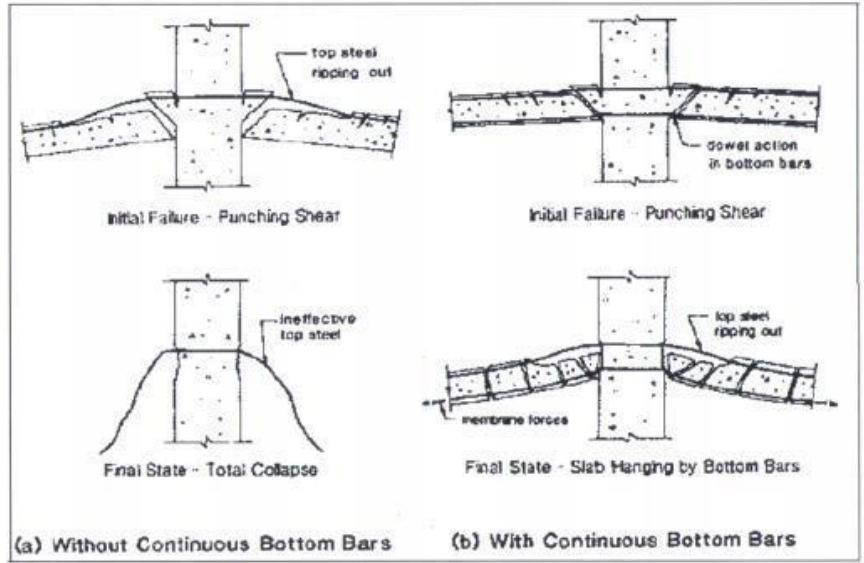


Typical cracking of 0,3mm
 opening at 250kN
 loading intensity



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Minimum Structural Integrity Reinforcing also called Anti-Progressive Collapse Rebars



APC rebars in blue
(LKS project-Spain)

APC/SIR bottom rebars running from column to column

ACI 544 6R15 : mandatory Anti-Progressive-Collapse rebar in the bottom from column to column
APC rebar prevent progressive collapse if one or more column fail



A practical case of a 180mm slab of column grid of 5m x 5m subjected to 4kN/m² Live Load; columns of 250mm diameter

$$t := 180\text{mm}$$

slab thickness

$$f_{ck} := 30$$

cylinder strength(characteristic)
(N/mm²)

$$f_{ckc} := 37$$

(cube strength)

$$f_{ctm} := 0.3 \cdot (f_{ck})^{\frac{2}{3}} = 2.896 \times U (= 1\text{N/mm}^2)$$

tensile strength of plain concrete

$$\omega := \frac{f_{ck}}{f_{ctm}} = 10.357$$

ratio

$$f_{r3k} := 6.00 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

65 kg/m³ HE+1/60
EN 14651

$$\sigma_{cr} := f_{ctm}$$

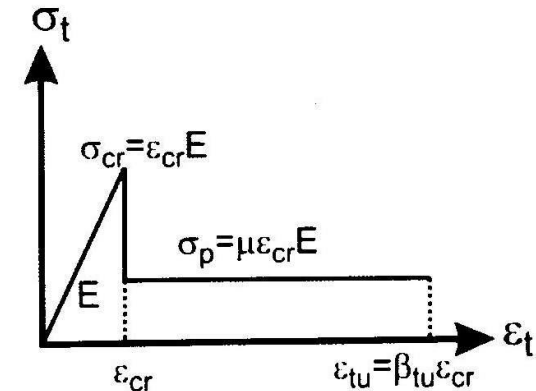
$$\mu := \frac{f_{r3k}}{3.104 \cdot f_{ctm}} = 0.667$$

Mobasher relation (from theory)

$$u := 1 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}$$

$$m_{Rdaci} := \frac{3 \cdot \omega \cdot \mu}{\omega + \mu} \cdot f_{ctm} \cdot \frac{t^2 \cdot u}{6} = 29.419 \cdot \text{kN} \cdot \frac{\text{m}}{\text{m}}$$

(Eq.6.4.1b and H.8)
Resiting moment of the section



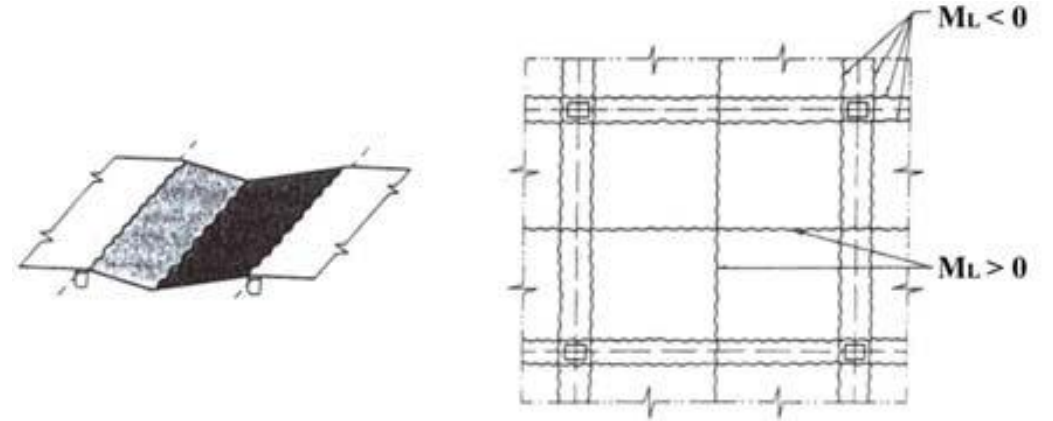
From ACI 544-8R16

Determination of the design moments

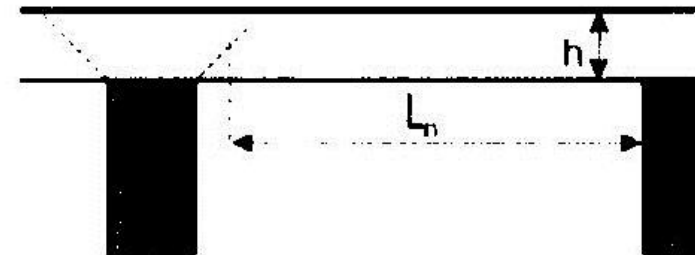
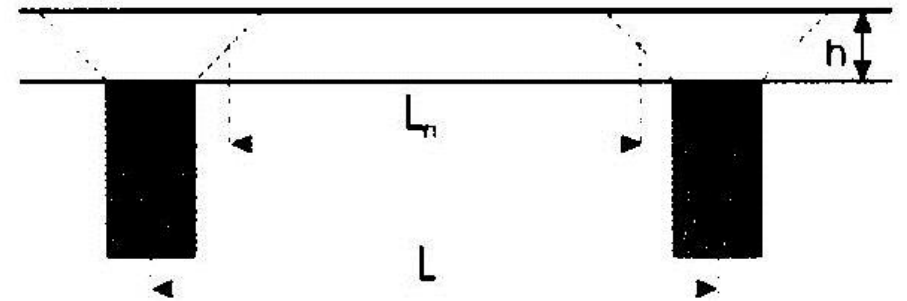
Interior panel: $M_{di} = q \times L_{rxi}^2 / 16$

Edge panel: $M_{de} = q \times L_{rx}^2 / 12$

Corner panel: $M_{dc} = q \times L_{rxc}^2 / 8$



ACI 5446R15 uses a NET SPAN so that
 $L_N = \text{Gross Span} - \text{Thickness} - \text{Diameter}$





$$\gamma_c := 24 \frac{\text{kN}}{\text{m}^3}$$

Concrete volumic mass

$$q := 4 \frac{\text{kN}}{\text{m}^2}$$

UDL Live Load

$$W_G := \gamma_c \cdot t = 4.32 \cdot \frac{\text{kN}}{\text{m}^2}$$

slab unit weight

$$D := 250\text{mm}$$

column diametre

$$L_x := 5\text{m}$$

spans (Gross spans)

$$L_y := 5\text{m}$$

$$\lambda_{DL} := 1.2 \quad \lambda_{LL} := 1.6$$

load factors ACI 318

$$\lambda_Q := \frac{(\lambda_{DL} \cdot W_G + \lambda_{LL} \cdot q)}{W_G + q} = 1.392$$

average load factor

$$(\lambda_{DL} \cdot W_G + \lambda_{LL} \cdot q) = 11.584 \frac{\text{kN}}{\text{m}^2}$$

factored loading

$$L_{rx} := L_x - D - t = 4.57\text{m}$$

Net spans

$$L_{ry} := L_y - D - t = 4.57\text{m}$$

reduction factor of resisting moment

$$\Phi_p := 1.00$$

$$M_{Px} := \left[\frac{(\lambda_{DL} \cdot W_G + \lambda_{LL} \cdot q) \cdot (L_{rx})^2}{12} \right] = 20.161 \frac{1}{\text{m}} \cdot \text{kN} \cdot \text{m}$$

design moment
Edge span (corner)
(eq.7.5.3c and 6.3.1.1m)

$$\frac{M_{Px}}{\Phi_p \cdot m_{Rdaci}} = 0.685$$

< 1, OK

$$M(\text{SLS}) = 20,16/1,392 = 14,48\text{kNm/m}$$

$$\Sigma\sigma (\text{SLS}) = 6 \times 14480 / (180 \times 180) = 2,68\text{N/mm}^2$$

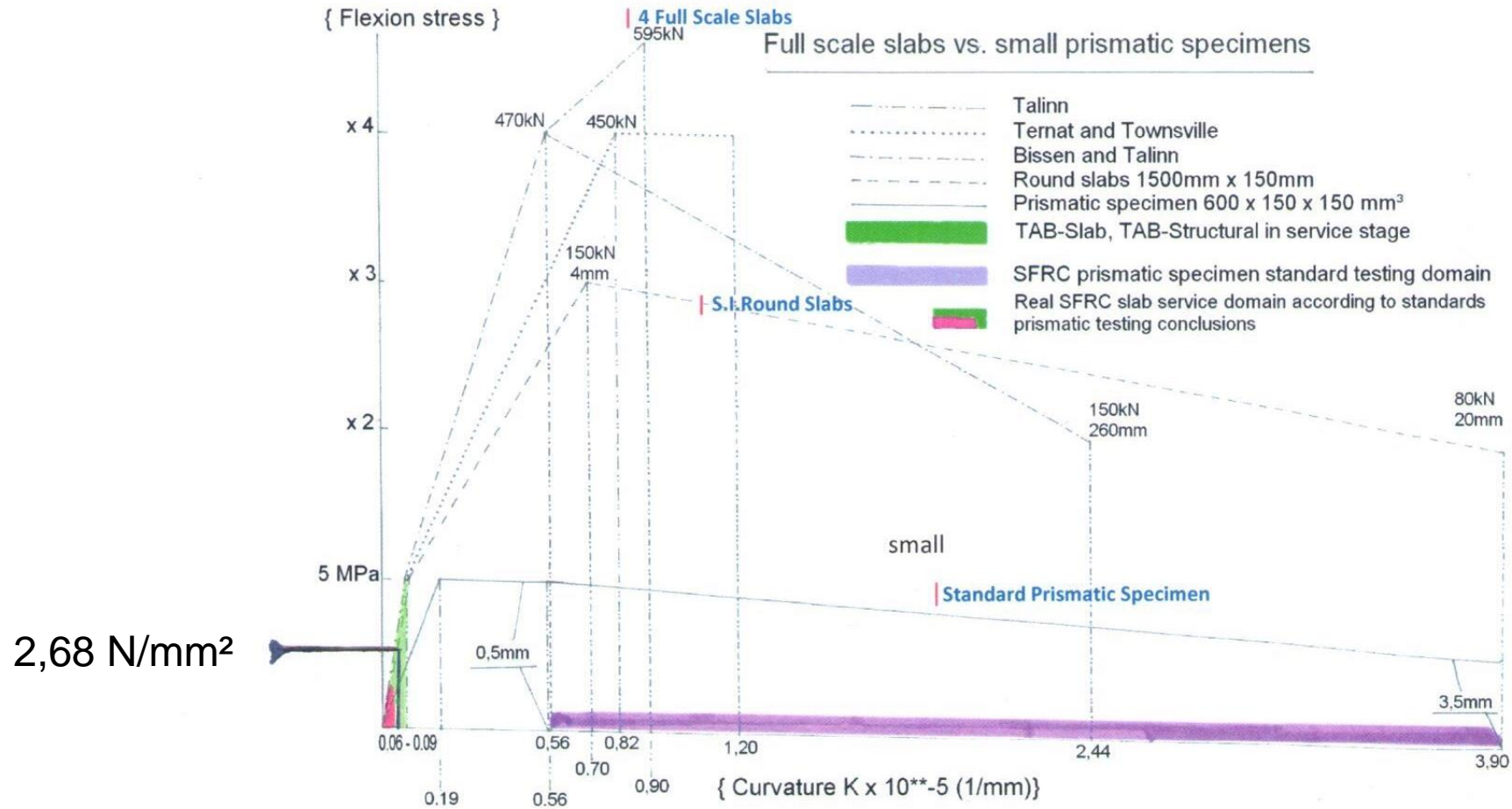
The slab is not cracked under the SLS loading,

One single diagram where all tested specimen are shown together:

- standard prismatic specimens
- statically indetermined round slabs
- 4 Full scale slabs: Ternat,Townsville,Bissen and Talinn

$M/EI = 1/R=K$ and $K=1/R = 4 d/L^2$; I : moment of Inertia; K: curvature; d: deflexion; L = span

$K(\text{beam at fr3})/K(\text{slab SLS}) = 3,90/0,06 = 65 !!$





Punching-out resistance around a column support or a point loading

Examples: -**200mm slab** with 70kg/m^3 HE+1/60 steelfibres has a 2000 kN Punching- Out resistance (center point loading) and 1100kN at the edge,
-**160mm slab** with 35 kg/m^3 HE+1/60 has a 700kN Punching-Out resistance

When the span to depth ratio of the slab is smaller than 30, the mode of rupture of SFRC slabs is the flexion and punching-out is never critical

The photos: the slab is weakened by 60% of section suppression along the critical shear perimeter to be able to see a punching-out rupture,



ACI 544 6R15 : calculation of the shear/punching-out effect

punching shear verification:

$$V_{\text{cr}} := 2 \cdot \pi \cdot \left(\frac{3 \cdot t + D}{2} \right) \cdot t \cdot 0.66 \cdot \mu \cdot \sigma_{\text{cr}} \cdot u = 569.932 \cdot \text{kN}$$

Shear resistance at critical perimeter (eq. 7.6a)

$$R_{\text{cr}} := (\lambda_{\text{DL}} \cdot W_{\text{G}} + \lambda_{\text{LL}} \cdot q) \cdot L_{\text{x}} \cdot L_{\text{y}} = 289.6 \cdot \text{kN}$$

total factored reaction of a column (5m x 5m grid, 180mm, 4kN/m² .Live Loading

$$\frac{R}{V} = 0.508$$

<1, OK

D = column diameter ; t = slab thickness; $\mu = f_{r3k} / (3,104 \times f_{\text{ctm}})$; $\sigma_{\text{cr}} = f_{\text{ctm}}$

ACI 544 6R15 : Anti - Progressive Collapse Reinforcing is mandatory

The ACI 544 6R15 APC provision is the same as in the Canadian Standard CSA 92 13,3 applicable to all kinds of suspended elevated concrete slabs

Anti-Progressive Collapse Reinforcing

5 m x 5 m column grid; 180mm thickness; 4kN/m² Live Loading; 70kg/m³ HE+1/60 steel fibres

$$f_y := 500 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}$$

$$w_s := W_G + q = 8.32 \cdot \frac{\text{kN}}{\text{m}^2}$$

$$\phi_s := 0.85$$

$$A_{sb} := \frac{0.5 \cdot w_s \cdot L_x \cdot L_y}{\phi_s \cdot f_y} = 244.706 \cdot \text{mm}^2 \quad \text{Eq.J.1}$$

Install 3 rebars of 12mm dia (339 mm² > 245 mm²) in the bottom going from column to column (passing over the footprint of the column) and along the perimeter of the slab.

ACI544 6R15: rapid calculation of the deflection,

5 m x 5 m column grid; 180mm thickness; 4kN/m² Live Loading; 70kg/m³ HE+1/60 steel fibres

Deflection

$$E := 30000 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}$$

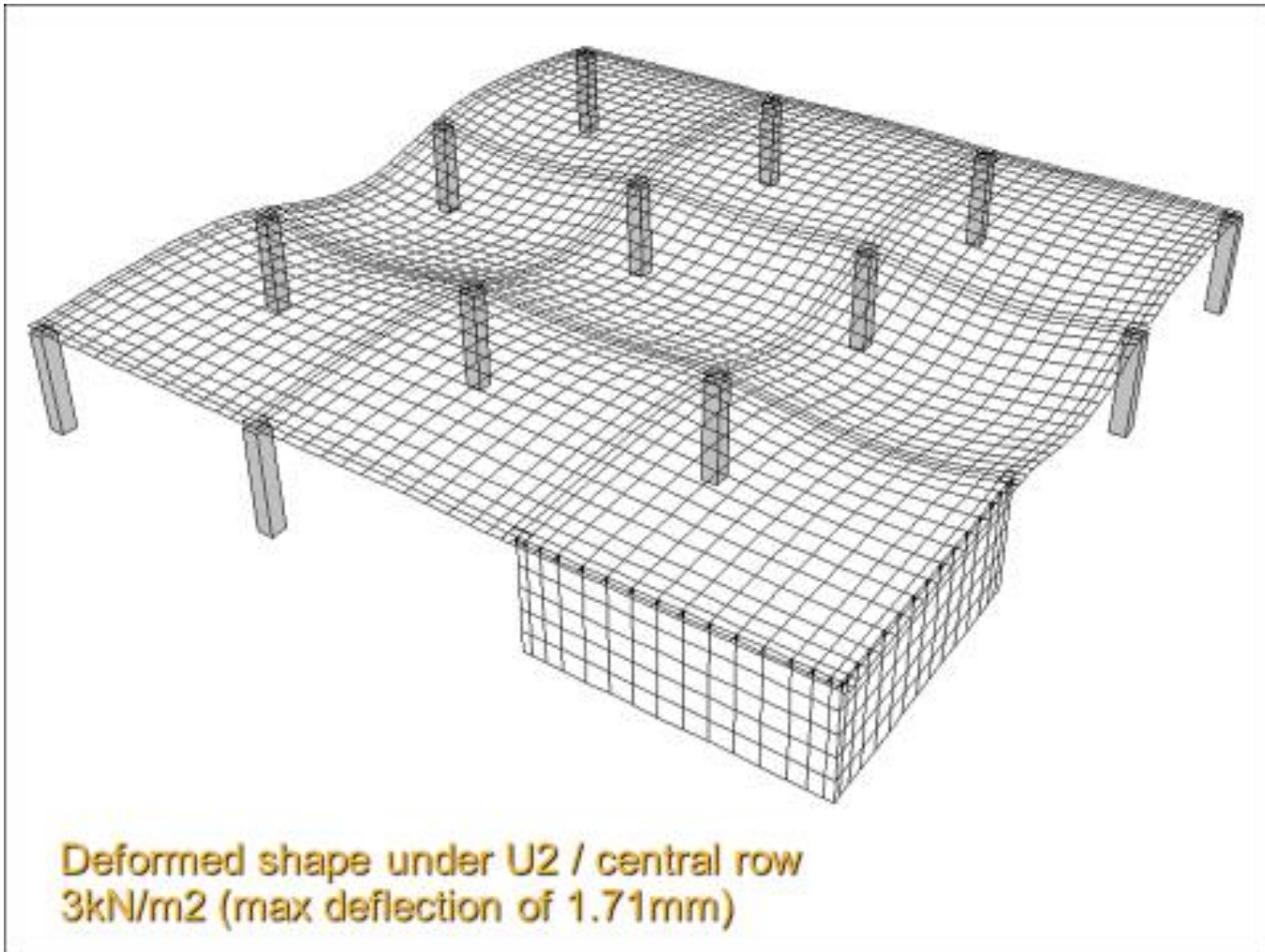
$$\delta := \frac{0.185 \cdot q \cdot L_x \cdot \left(\frac{L_x}{t}\right)^3}{E} = 2.643 \cdot \text{mm}$$

Eq.J.2

$$\frac{L_x}{\delta} = 1.891 \times 10^3$$

> 500, OK!

Checking of the SLS deflection of the slab:



ACI 544 6R15 compares well to F.E.M methods :

$$\delta = 1,71\text{mm} \times 4/3 = 2,28\text{mm} < 2,643\text{mm}$$



Experimental deflection at 3 days of loading application:

$$\delta = 2\text{mm} \times 4/5 = 1,6\text{mm}$$

Various examples of the applications in free suspended elevated slabs, piled slabs and raft foundations

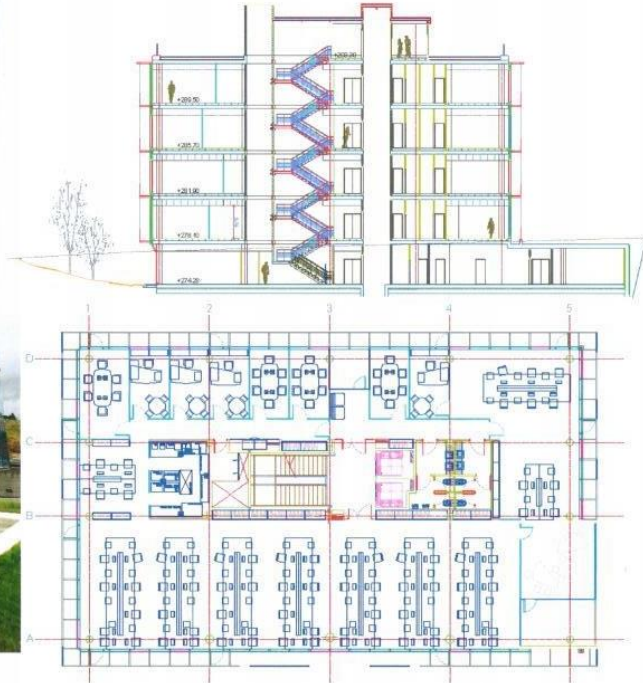


Example 1: LKS Building, Bilbao, Spain
engineering office building

32.45m x 19.45m , 4 levels plus roof ; 8m x 7.80m grid of columns



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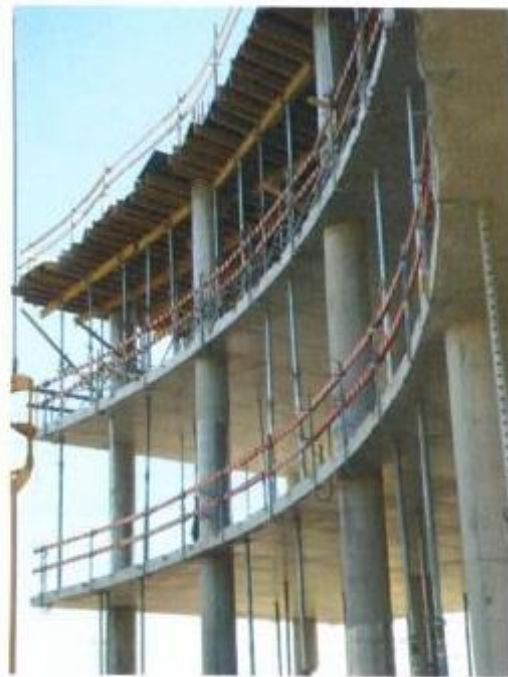
Elevated suspended slabs TAB-Slab™:
Office project LKS Bilbao, Spain: 4000m² slabs for **LKS structural engineers** new headquarters



- 5 storeys building of 800m² each (4000m² in total)
- d = 280 mm span : 8m; up to 6kN/m² live load
- 100kg/m³ of TABIX1.3/50
- Structural Integrity Reinforcing: 3 dia 20mm in the bottom from column to column



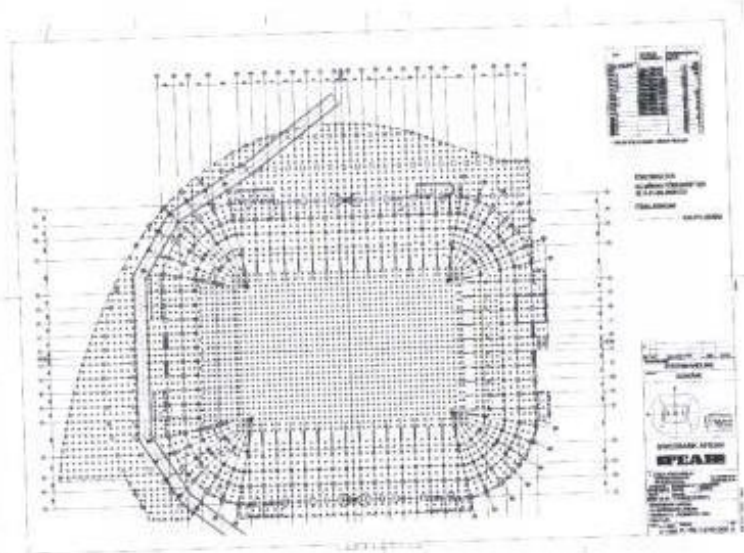
Rocca-al-Mare tower, Tallinn/Estonia





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Example of a slab on pile in Sweden: The Swedbank Arena (Stockholm) -Swerock-Peab).



Grass area: 3m x 3m pile grid, 600kN P.L., 300mm slab 45kg/m³ HE+1/60
Technical rooms: up to 5m x 5m pile grid and 15kN/m² + P.L. and
Thicknesses of 250mm to 300mm with up to 50kg/m³ HE+1/60

General raft foundation for office and housing structures

Also designed following
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400 mm thick 50 kg/m³ HE+ 1/50
Ground water pressure of 3 m
GF +4



350 mm 45 k g/m³ HE+ 1/50 social housing
GF +3



300 mm with 500 mm thickening under the columns
45 kg/m³ HE+ 1/60 ; GF + 5 ; 2000m



Residence Maritime - Brussels
Raft between secant piles
400-700mm thickness
5m underground water pressure
50kg/m³ HE+1/60