



COMPARISONS OF CONCRETE
SLENDER WALL SOFTWARE WITH
FULL-SCALE EXPERIMENTS

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PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

1. PROJECT GOALS AND PURPOSE
2. 1982 FULL-SCALE TESTING
3. RESULTS AND IMPACT OF TESTING
4. COMPARISON WITH CURRENT DESIGN SOFTWARE
5. CONCLUDING SUMMARY

MY PROJECT GOALS

1. Understand ACI design provisions and how they were derived from the original full-scale testing.
2. Try to duplicate panel test results in multiple different software programs.
3. Analyze and compare results. If software results vary from original testing, pinpoint user assumptions that may have caused results to differ.
4. See which software programs could be contributors to the discrepancies within the engineering community.

PROJECT PURPOSE

Ensure life safety

- Current design provisions were empirically derived from experimental full-scale testing

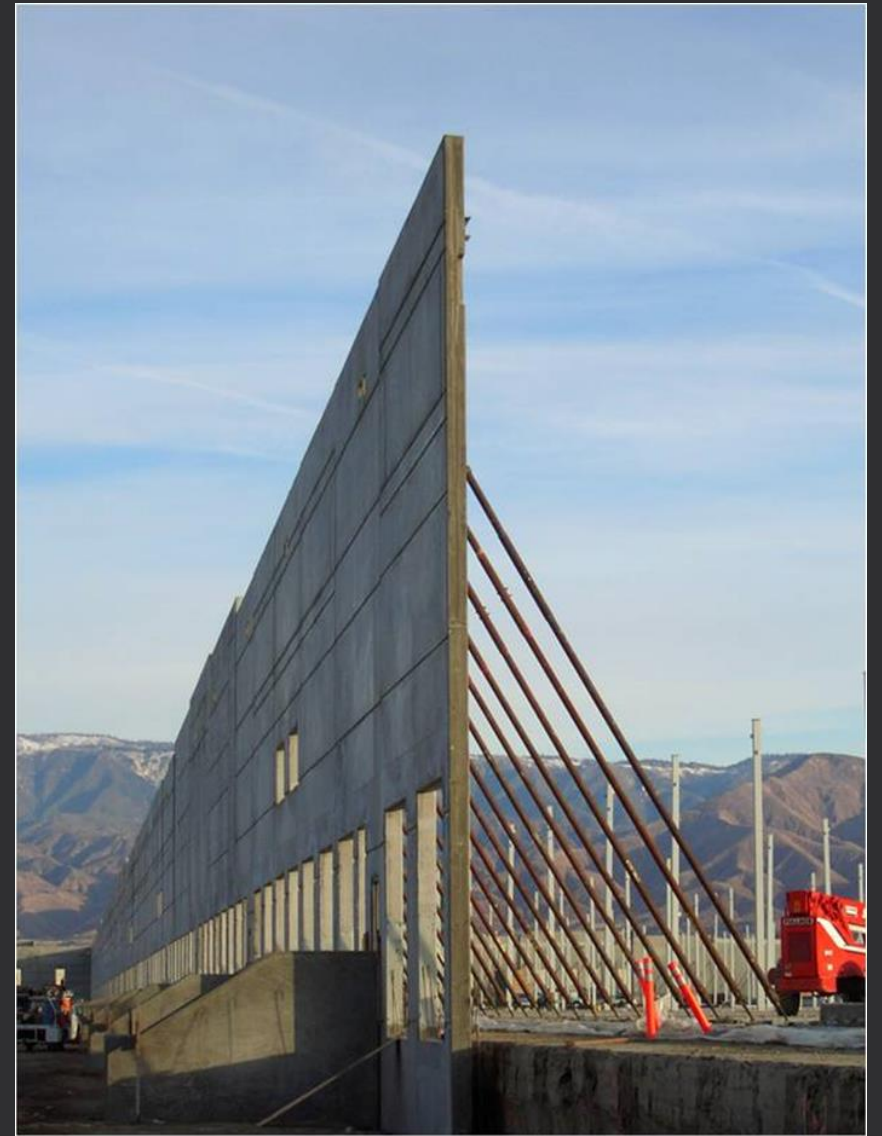


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- WHAT WAS THE REASONING FOR TESTING?

There was an increase in concrete and masonry walls usage due to economy, architectural appearance, fire safety and ease of construction.

- WHAT WERE THE GOALS FOR TESTING?

Analyze behavior of slender walls when subjected to both lateral and eccentric axial loads.

- WHAT WERE THE RESULTS?

1. A fixed limitation of height-to-thickness ratio was not necessary for slender wall designs.

2. Each case should be analyzed based off strength and deflection of wall, including P-delta effects.

TEST REPORT on SLENDER WALLS



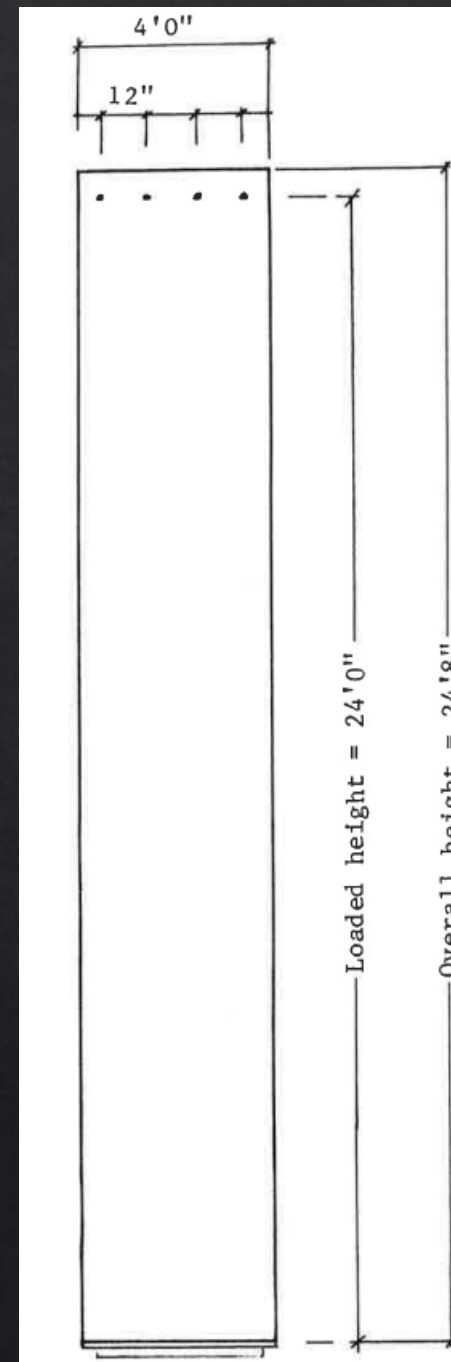
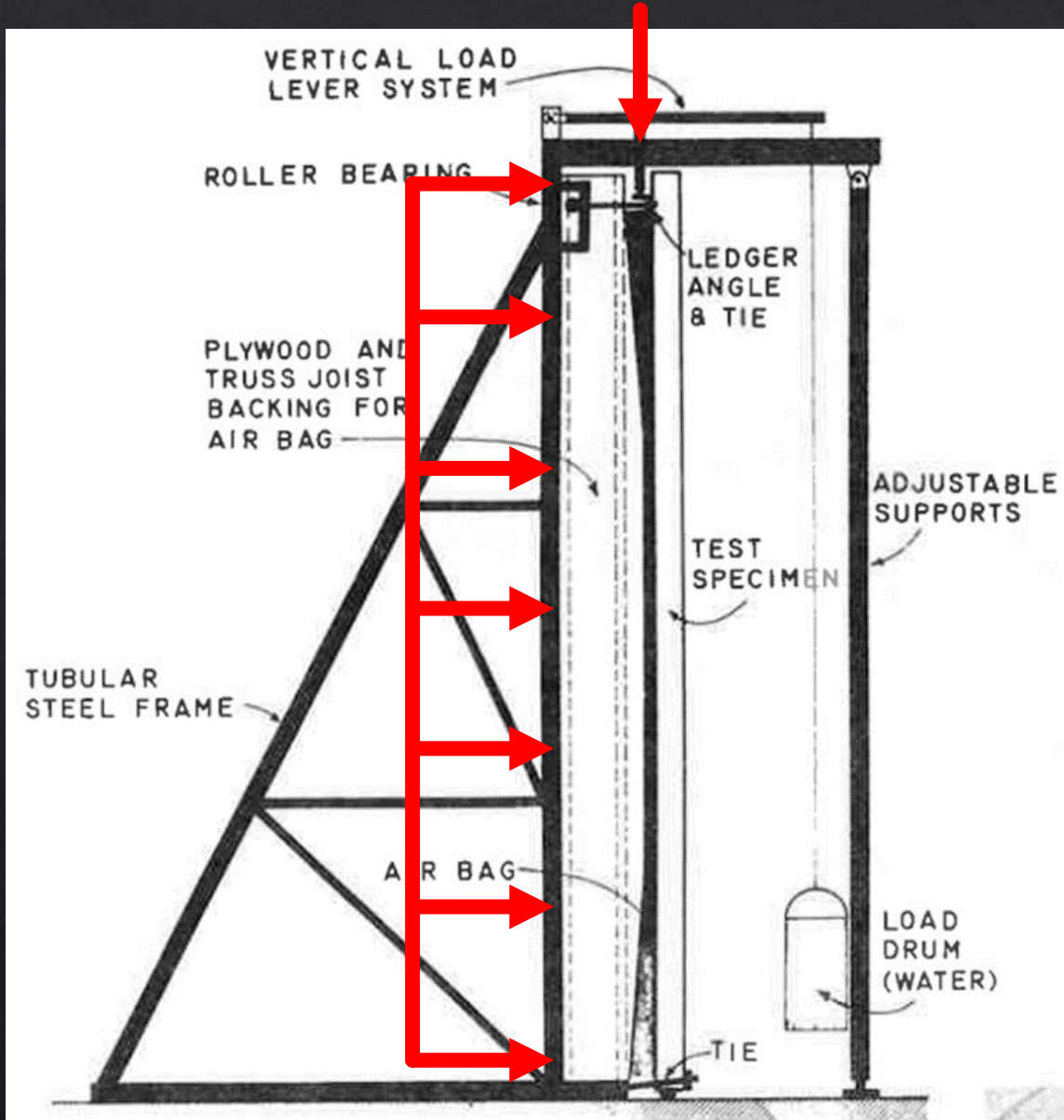
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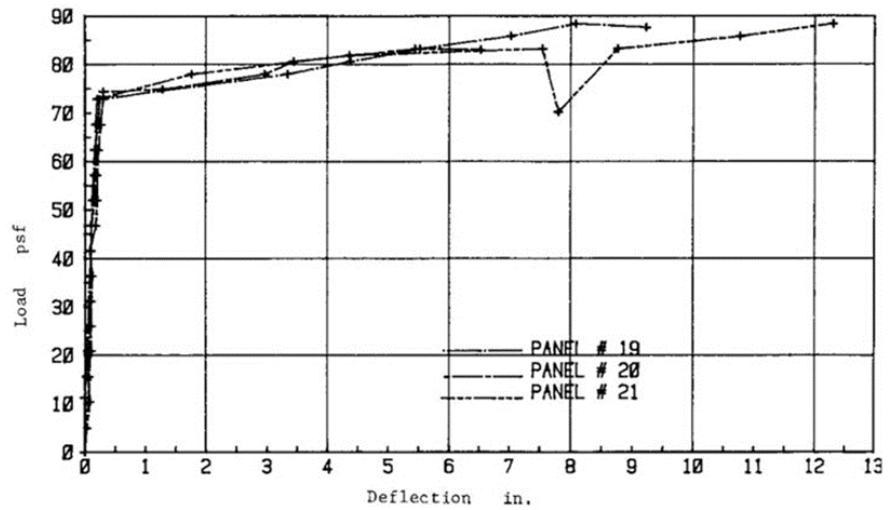


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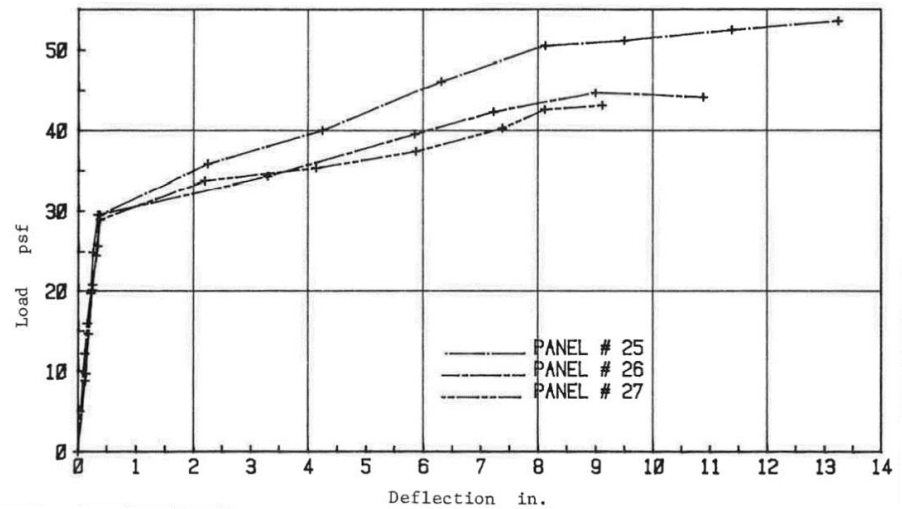
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TEST SETUP





9-1/2" PANEL



5-3/4" PANEL



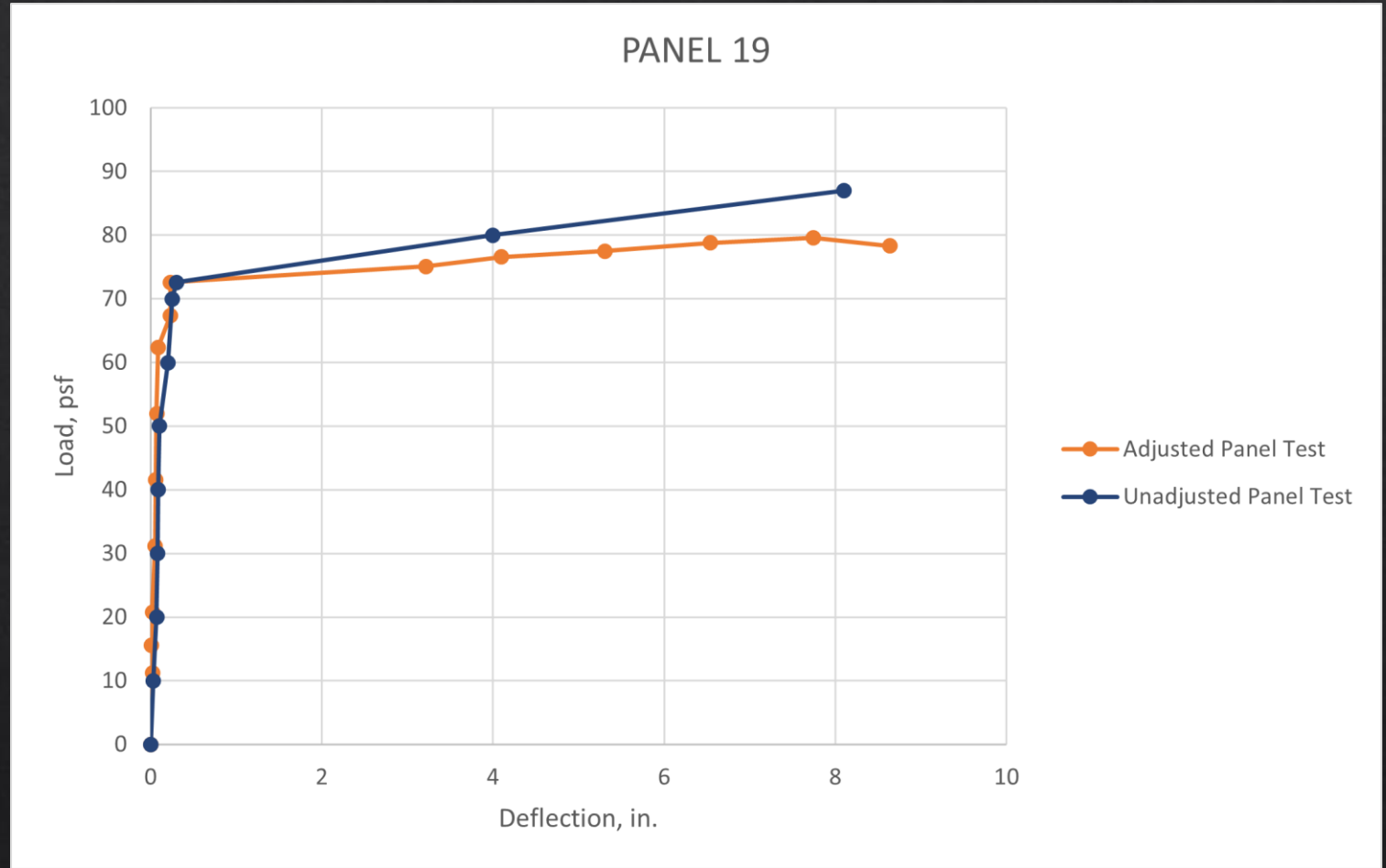
TEST PANEL DEFLECTION



TEST PANEL CRACKING

SUMMARY REPORT

- Written by SEAOSC Slender Wall Task Group in 2006
- Incorporates adjustments as a result of lack of contact area in original testing.



ACI 318-19 SEC. 11.8

11.8—Alternative method for out-of-plane slender wall analysis

11.8.1 *General*

11.8.1.1 It shall be permitted to analyze out-of-plane slenderness effects in accordance with this section for walls satisfying (a) through (e):

- (a) Cross section is constant over the height of the wall
- (b) Wall is tension-controlled for out-of-plane moment effect
- (c) ϕM_n is at least M_{cr} , where M_{cr} is calculated using f_r as provided in 19.2.3
- (d) P_u at the midheight section does not exceed $0.06f'_c A_g$

11.8.3 Factored moment

11.8.3.1 M_u at midheight of wall due to combined flexure and axial loads shall include the effects of wall deflection in accordance with (a) or (b):

(a) By iterative calculation using

$$M_u = M_{ua} + P_u \Delta_u \quad (11.8.3.1a)$$

where M_{ua} is the maximum factored moment at midheight of wall due to lateral and eccentric vertical loads, not including $P\Delta$ effects.

Δ_u shall be calculated by:

$$\Delta_u = \frac{5M_u \ell_c^2}{(0.75)48E_c I_{cr}} \quad (11.8.3.1b)$$

where I_{cr} shall be calculated by:

$$I_{cr} = \frac{E_s}{E_c} \left(A_s + \frac{P_u}{f_y} \frac{h}{2d} \right) (d-c)^2 + \frac{\ell_w c^3}{3} \quad (11.8.3.1c)$$

and the value of E_s/E_c shall be at least 6.

(b) By direct calculation using:

$$M_u = \frac{M_{ua}}{\left(1 - \frac{5P_u \ell_c^2}{(0.75)48E_c I_{cr}} \right)} \quad (11.8.3.1d)$$

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11.8.4.1 Out-of-plane deflection due to service loads, Δ_s , shall be calculated in accordance with Table 11.8.4.1, where M_a is calculated by 11.8.4.2.

Table 11.8.4.1—Calculation of Δ_s

M_a	Δ_s	
$\leq (2/3)M_{cr}$	$\Delta_s = \left(\frac{M_a}{M_{cr}} \right) \Delta_{cr}$	(a)
$> (2/3)M_{cr}$	$\Delta_s = (2/3)\Delta_{cr} + \frac{(M_a - (2/3)M_{cr})}{(M_n - (2/3)M_{cr})} (\Delta_n - (2/3)\Delta_{cr})$	(b)

11.8.4.2 The maximum moment M_a at midheight of wall due to service lateral and eccentric vertical loads, including $P_s \Delta_s$ effects, shall be calculated by Eq. (11.8.4.2) with iteration of deflections.

$$M_a = M_{sa} + P_s \Delta_s \quad (11.8.4.2)$$

11.8.4.3 Δ_{cr} and Δ_n shall be calculated by (a) and (b):

$$(a) \Delta_{cr} = \frac{5M_{cr} \ell_c^2}{48E_c I_g} \quad (11.8.4.3a)$$

$$(b) \Delta_n = \frac{5M_n \ell_c^2}{48E_c I_{cr}} \quad (11.8.4.3b)$$

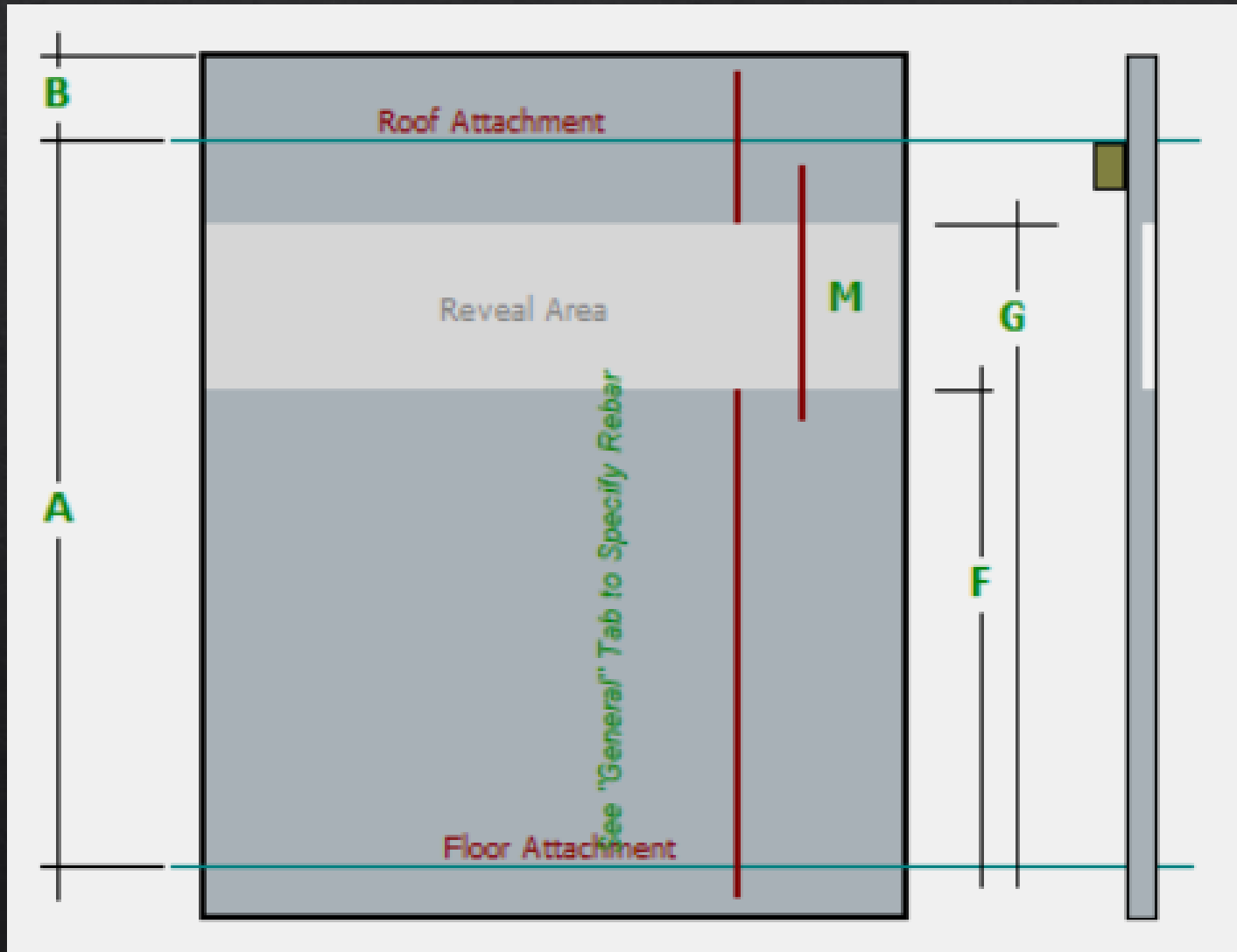
CONCERNS

1. Concerned program results aren't agreeing with original experimental testing and could pose safety issues to designs.
2. The ACI Committee 551 questions whether it is appropriate to deviate from the approved ACI provisions when designing any slender or tilt up walls.

Slender walls are very sensitive to inaccuracies which can lead to a quick strength and stiffness reduction resulting in large deflections.

SOFTWARE

Software X



Concrete Slender Wall

General | Dimensions | Loads | Load Combinations

--None--

Wall Material: **Concrete** | Masonry

Material Properties

f_c 4.0 ksi | f_y 67.50 ksi

f_r : Rupture Modulus | λ Lt Wt Factor 1.0

5.0 * SQRT (f_c) | 7.5 * SQRT (f_c) | f_r = 474.342 psi

E_c "57" "33" 3,540.0 ksi

Concrete Wt 150 pcf | Max $P_u/A_g = f_c^*$ 0.060

Thickness & Rebar

Wall Thickness 6 in

Bar Location(s) @ Center Each Face

Rebar "d" Distance 3.0 in

Define Rebar Spacing

Rebar ... Bar Size 4 | # Bars in Width 4.0

Define # bars in section width

Wall Weight 75.0 psf

Analysis Settings

I_{eff} used for deflection **I_{eff} based on M_u @ Element** | Cracked Full Height

Temperature Differential across thickness

Minimum Vertical Steel : (your entry) * bd 0.0020

Minimum allowed (Spar/Deflection) ratio 150.0

Apply 0.75 Factor used in ACI 530-11 Eq. 14.8.3

Number of wall elements for FE solver to use : 50

General | Dimensions | Loads | Load Combinations

Wall Type **1 Story** | 2 Story

A Clear Height 24.0 ft

B Parapet height 0.6670 ft

Wall Support Conditions ... **Top & Bottom Pinned**

Height / Thickness Ratio 48.0 : 1

Reveal Data

Reveal Depth 0 in

Design Width of wall portion ("strip width") 48.0 in

Concrete Slender Wall

General Dimensions Loads Load Combinations

--None--

Wall Material

Concrete

Masonry

Material Properties

f_c 4.0 ksi f_y 67.50 ksi
 f_r : Rupture Modulus λ Lt Wt Factor 1.0
5.0 * SQRT (f_c) 7.5 * SQRT (f_c) f_r = 474.342 psi
 E_c "57" "33" 3,540.0 ksi
Concrete Wt 145.749 pcf Max $P_u/Ag = f'_c *$ 0.060

Thickness & Rebar

Wall Thickness 9.880 in
Bar Location(s) @ Center Each Face
Rebar "d" Distance 4.940 in
Wall Weight 120.0 psf
Rebar . . .
Bar Size 4
Bars in Width 4.0
Define Rebar Spacing
Define # bars in section width
Analysis Settings
Ieff used for deflection Ieff based on M_u @ Element Icracked Full Height
 Temperature Differential across thickness
Minimum Vertical Steel : (your entry) * bd 0.0020
Minimum allowed (Span/Deflection) ratio 150.0
 Apply 0.75 Factor used in ACI 530-11 Eq. 14.8.3
Number of wall elements for FE solver to use : 50

General Dimensions Loads Load Combinations

Wall Type

1 Story 2 Story

A Clear Height 24.0 ft
B Parapet height 0.6670 ft

Wall Support Conditions . . .

Top & Bottom Pinned
Top Pinned, Bottom Fixed
Top Free, Bottom Fixed

Height / Thickness Ratio 29.150 : 1

Reveal Data

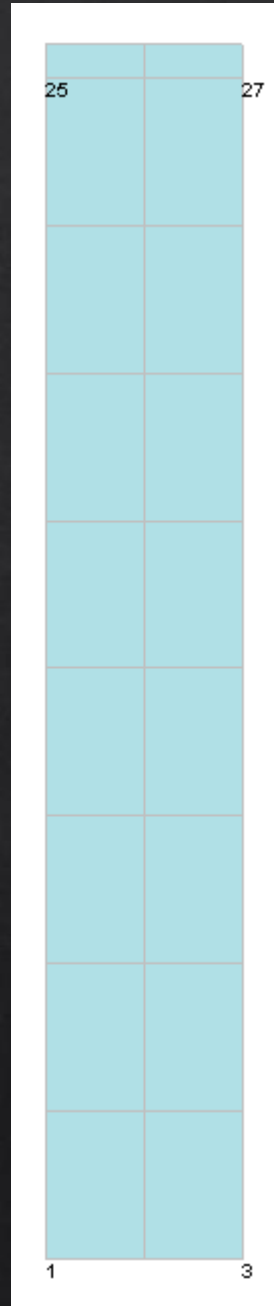
Reveal Depth 0.280 in
F Reveal Start Loc
G Reveal End Loc 24.667 ft

Reveal Rebar

No Change Drape Bars Add Bars

Design Width of wall portion ("strip width") 48.0 in

Software Y



Grid Setup

Grid Direction
 X Direction Y Direction

Edit Gridlines
Coordinate (ft)

Number	Coordinate
[1]	0.00 ft
[2]	2.00 ft
[3]	4.00 ft

Grid Setup

Grid Direction
 X Direction Y Direction

Edit Gridlines
Coordinate (ft)

Number	Coordinate
[1]	0.00 ft
[2]	3.00 ft
[3]	6.00 ft
[4]	9.00 ft
[5]	12.00 ft
[6]	15.00 ft
[7]	18.00 ft
[8]	21.00 ft
[9]	24.00 ft
[10]	24.67 ft

Plate Thickness

Label: Thickness (in):

Label	Thickness
W9.6	9.60
W6	6.00

Reinforcement

Label: f_y (ksi): E_s (ksi):

Label	f_y	E_s
Gr67.5	67.50	28600.00

Plate Design Criteria

Label:

Reinforcement Layout: One curtain Two curtains Allow one curtain in thick walls [Chk-1]

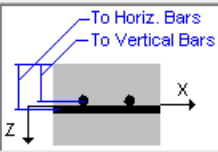
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Maximum:	<input type="text" value="0.2"/>	<input type="text" value="0.1737"/>

Allow minimum below code [Chk-2]

Reinforcement Location (in)

	Horizontal	Vertical
Curtain 1	<input type="text" value="4.16"/>	<input type="text" value="4.66"/>



Label	Curtai...	[Chk...	Rmin (H)	Rmax (H)	Rmin (V)	Rmax (V)	[Chk...	Ct-1 (H)	Ct-1 (V)	Ct-2 (H)	Ct-2 (V)
W9.6_1C#4	One	No	0.100	0.200	0.174	0.174	No	4.16	4.66		
W6_1C#4	One	No	0.100	0.200	0.278	0.278	No	3.85	3.35		
W6_2C#4	One	No	0.100	0.200	0.278	0.278	No	3.50	3.00		

Uniform Line Loads

Label: Load Case:

Eccentricity (in):

Forces (klf)

	Wx	Wy	Wz
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Label	Case	Wx	Wy	Wz	Ec
Vertical9.6	A	0.000	-0.320	0.000	7.800
Vertical6	A	0.000	-0.320	0.000	6.000

Stiffener Cracking Coefficients

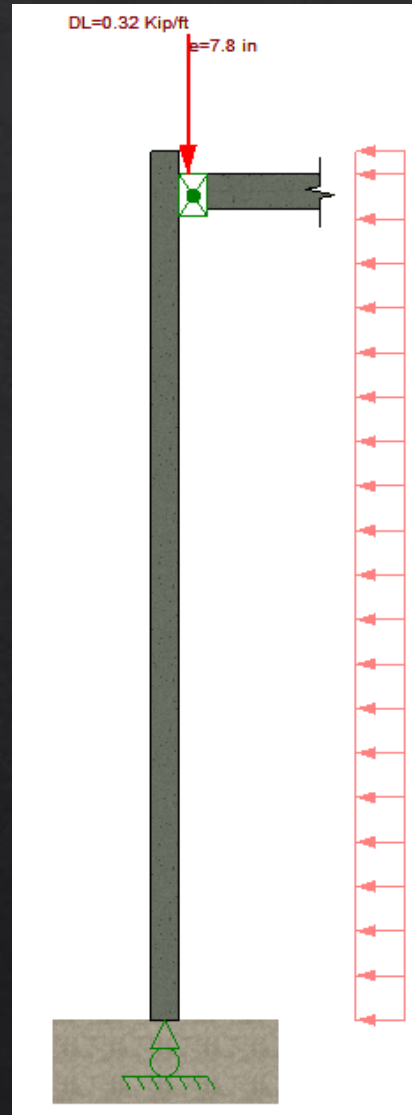
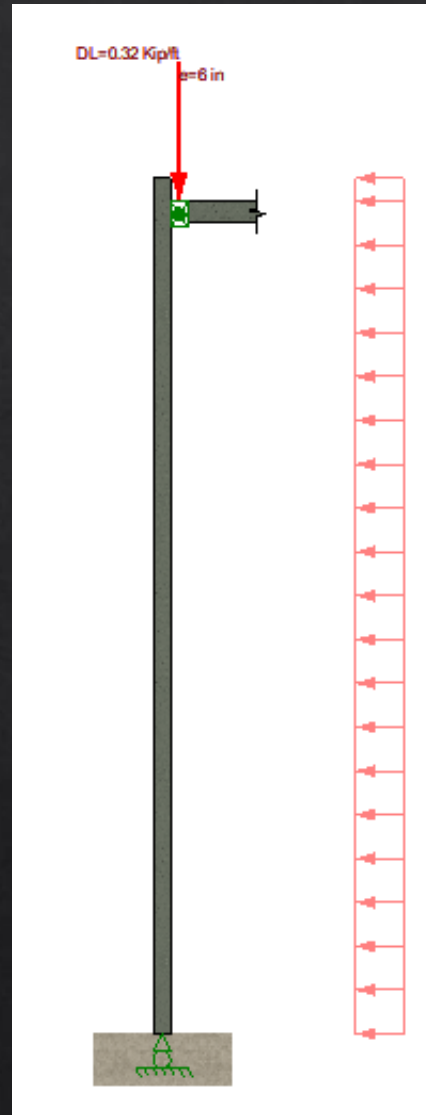
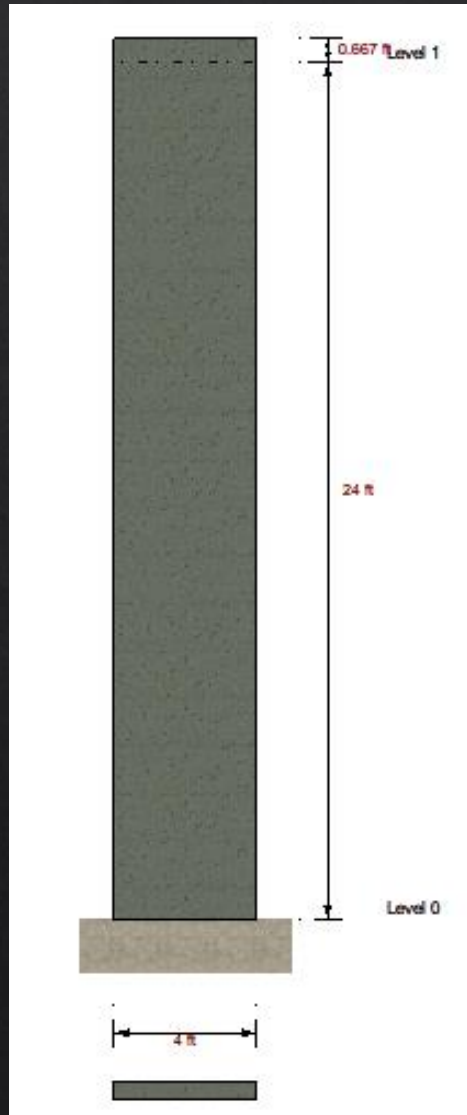
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Cracking coefficients

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SCC1	1.000	0.350	0.350	0.350

Software Z

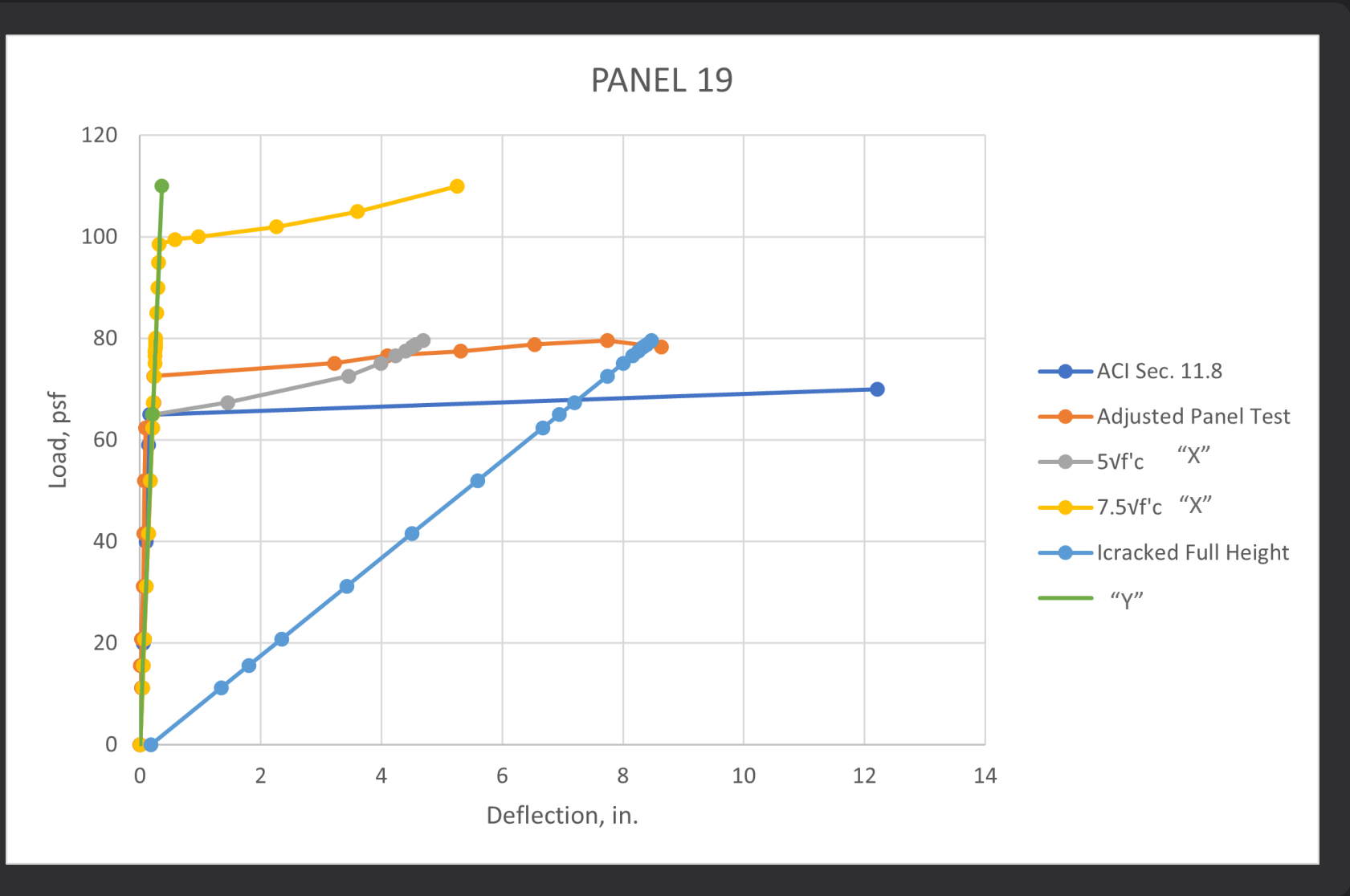


Property	Value
Units system	English
Analysis method	Simplified
Design code	ACI 318-19
Geometry	
Number of levels	1
Height	24 ft
Parapet height	0.667 ft
Length	4 ft
Thickness	6 in
Bottom panel	0 ft
Fixity at foundation level	Pinned
Level restraints	Pinned
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Additional strips	<Strips>
Materials	
Material	Senior Project
Lightweight concrete	<input type="checkbox"/>

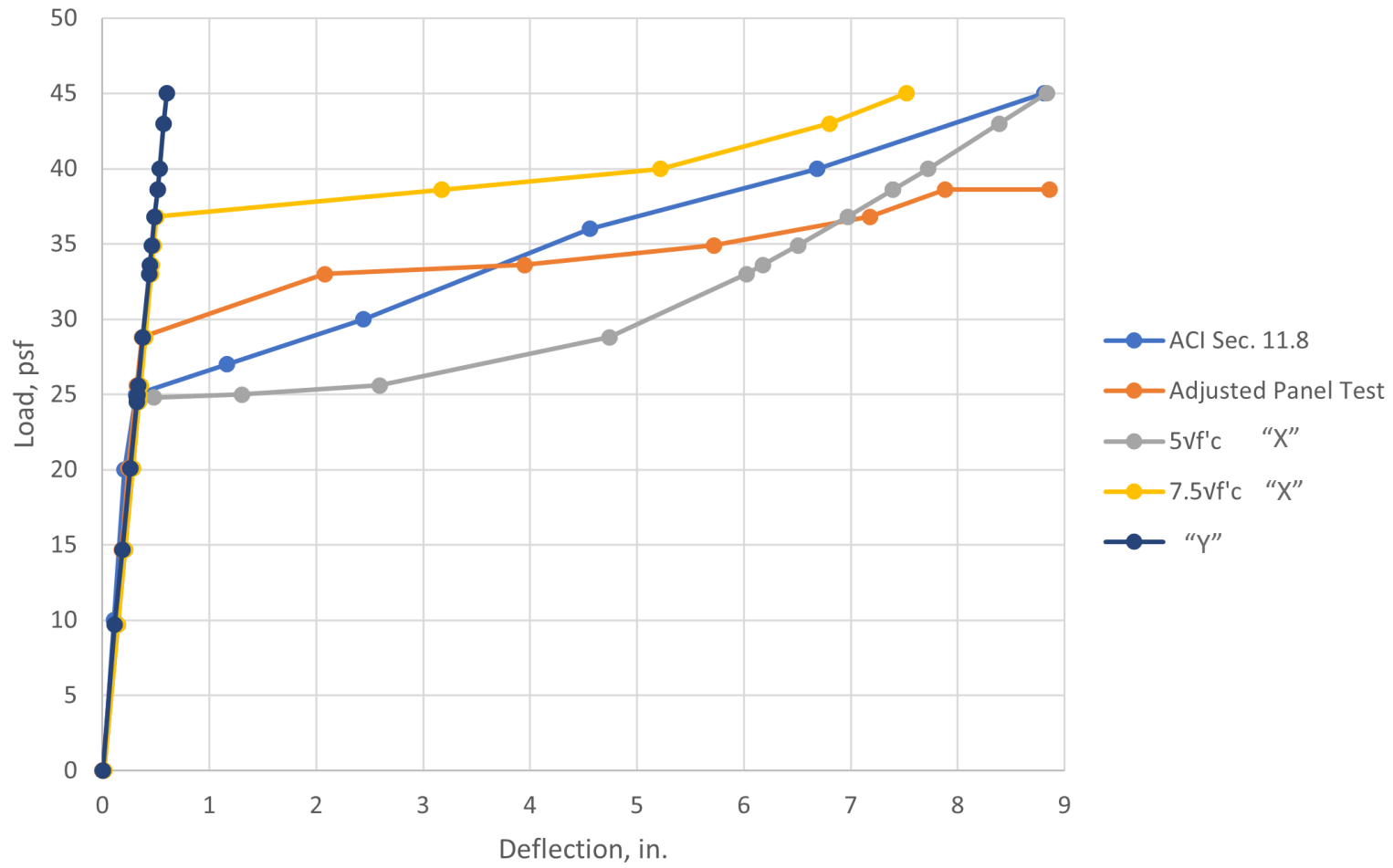


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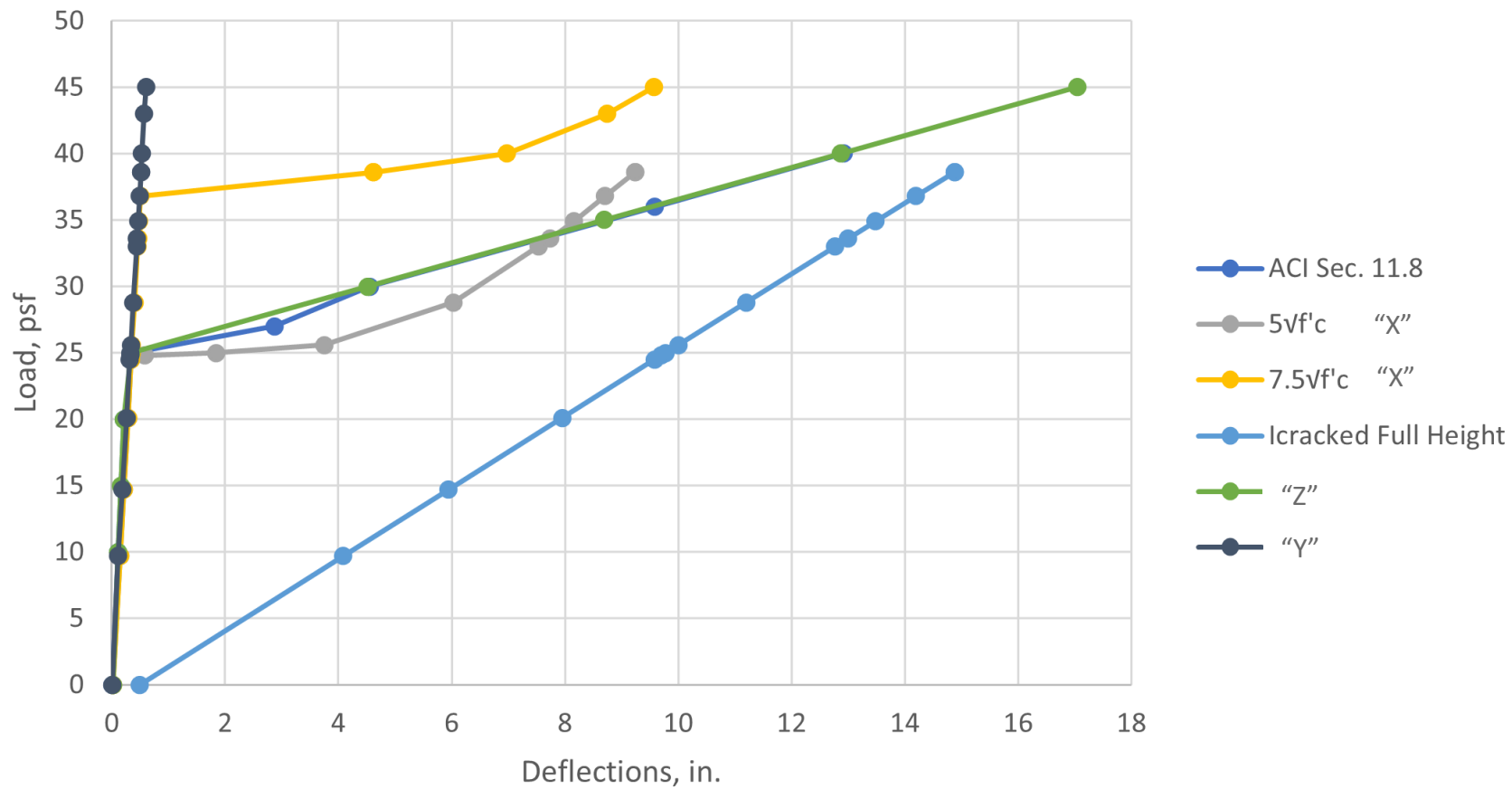
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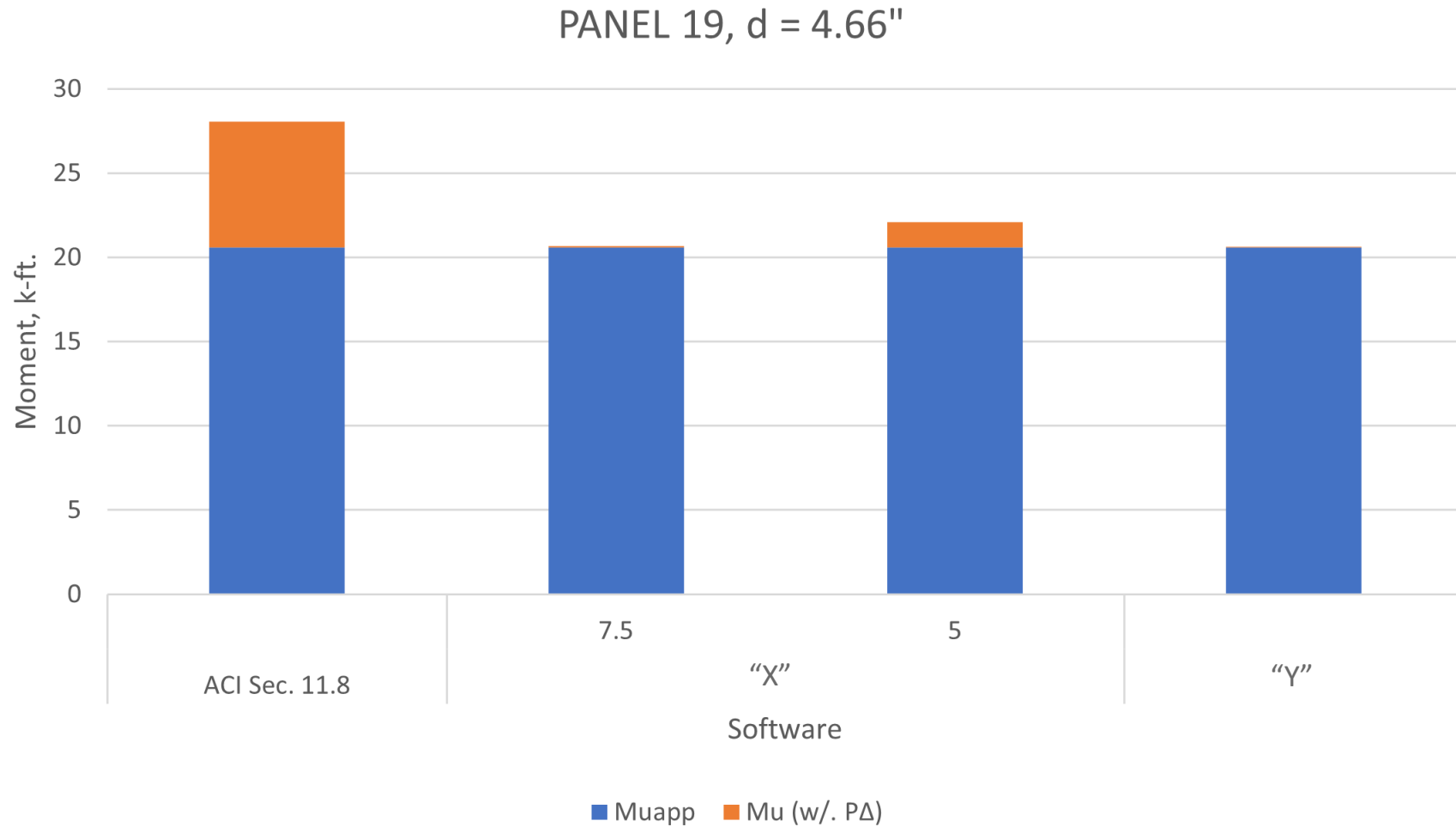
PANEL 27



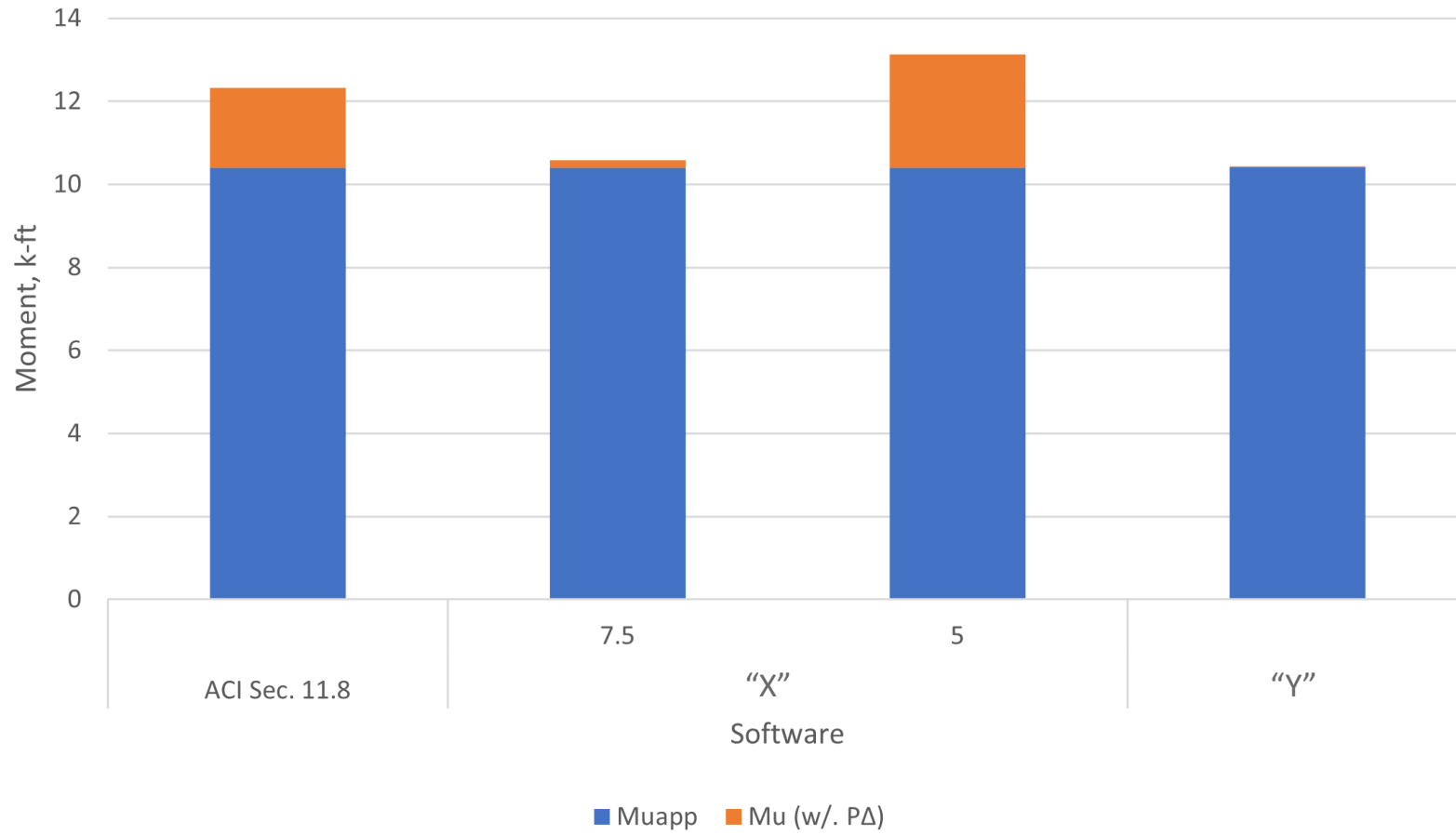
PANEL 27 (d = 3)



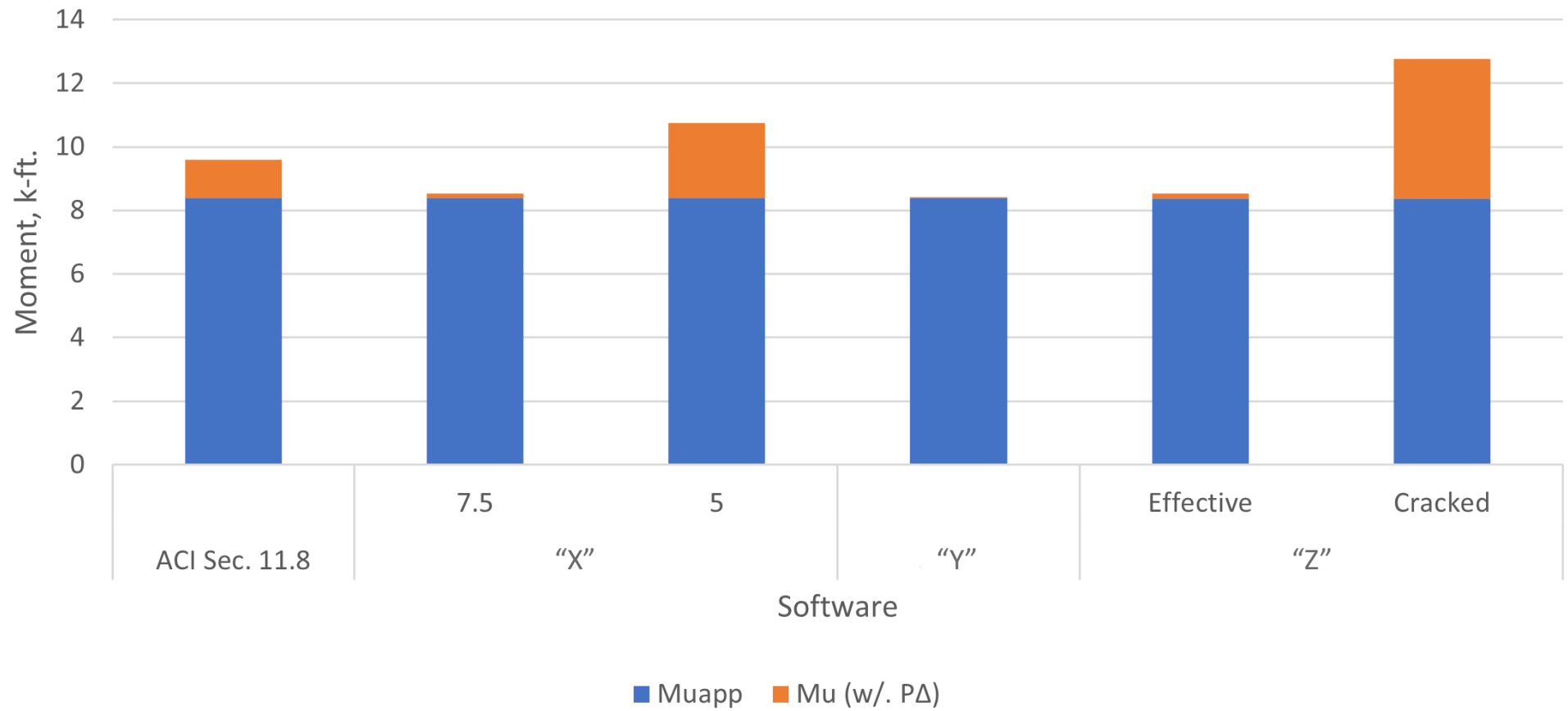
Moment



PANEL 27 d = 3.35



PANEL 27, d = 3"





CONCLUDING SUMMARY

1. It's important to understand the true behavior of slender walls.
2. Different software will require users to make assumptions.
3. Decide whether the assumptions are appropriate and adjust accordingly.
4. Know that software is a tool and can be used incorrectly.

QUESTIONS??