



# Shear-Reinforced Concrete Breakout Failure

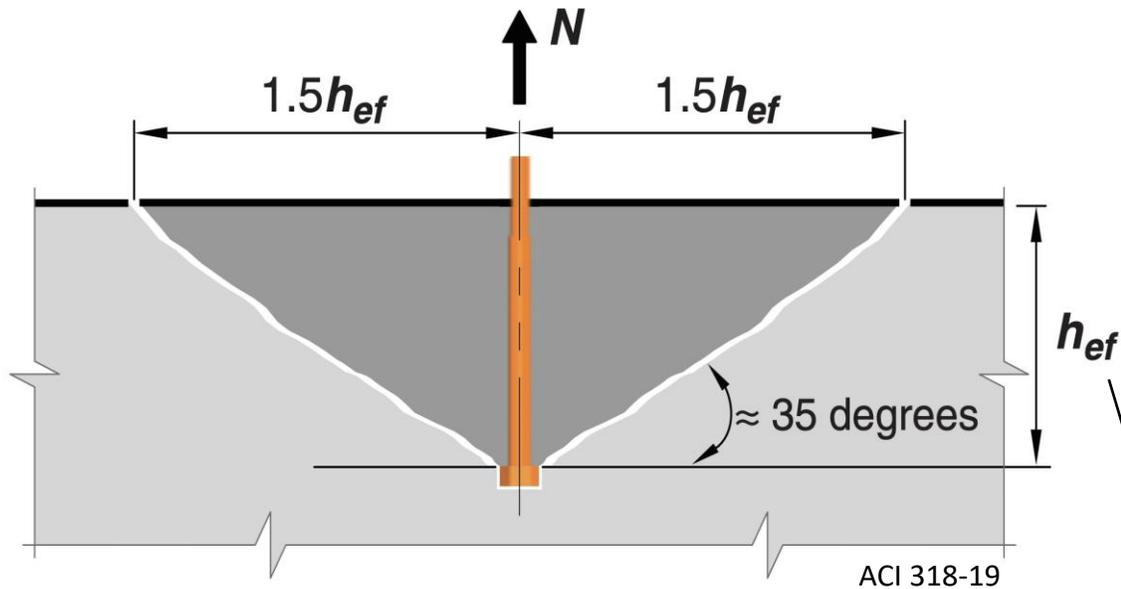
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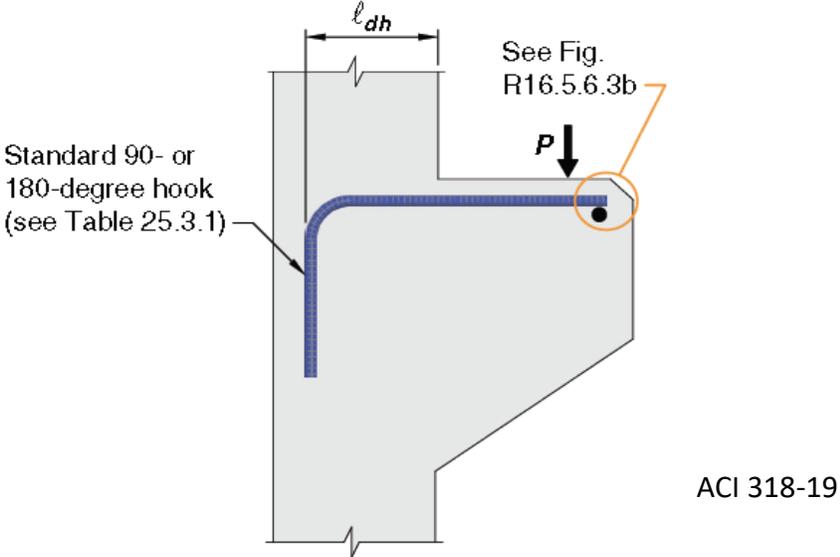
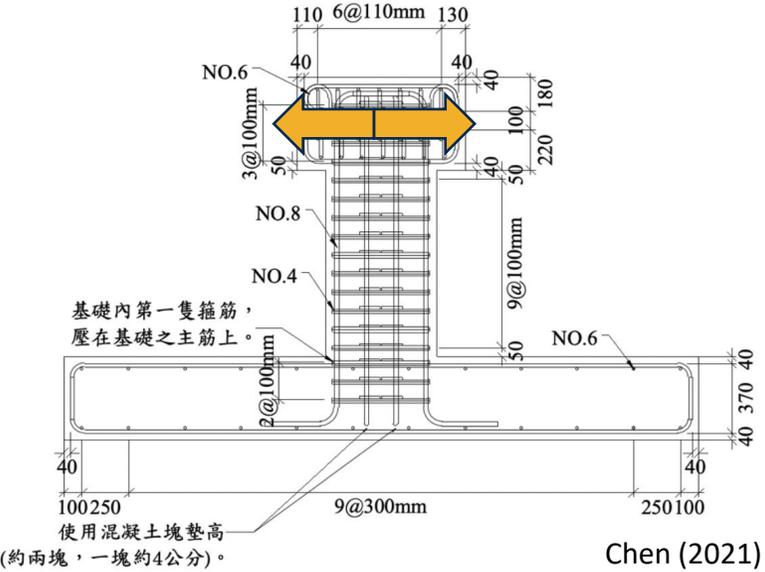
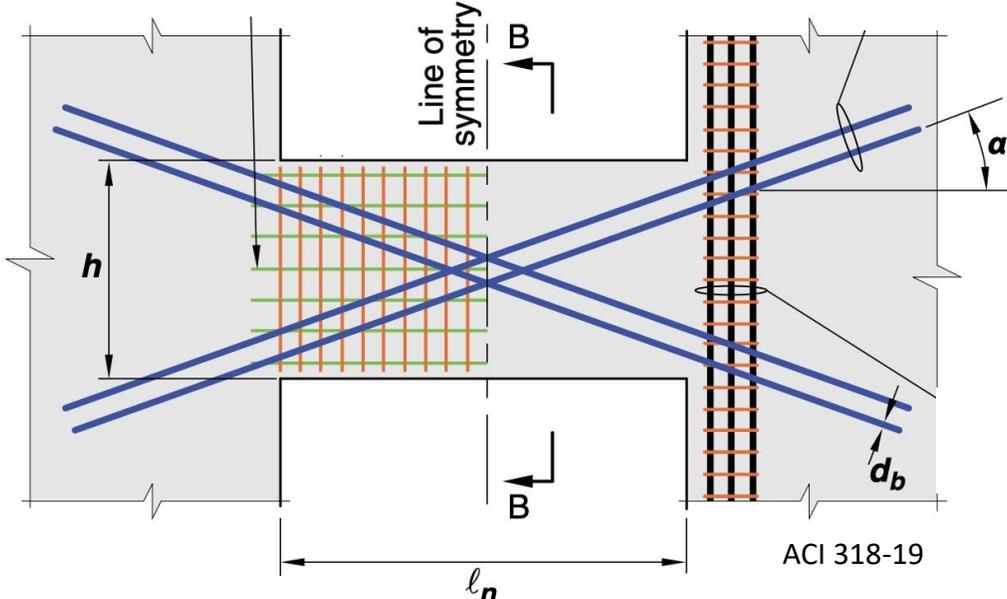
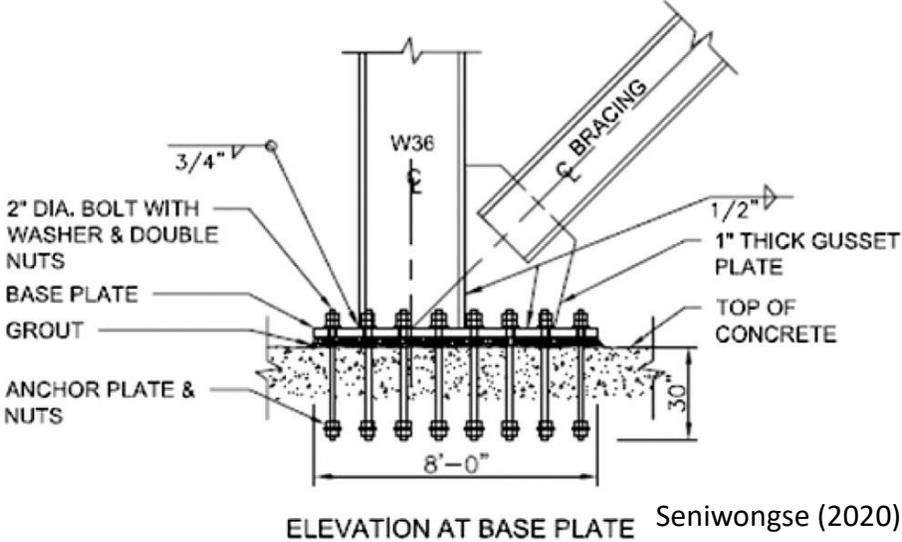
# Concrete Breakout Failure Cone



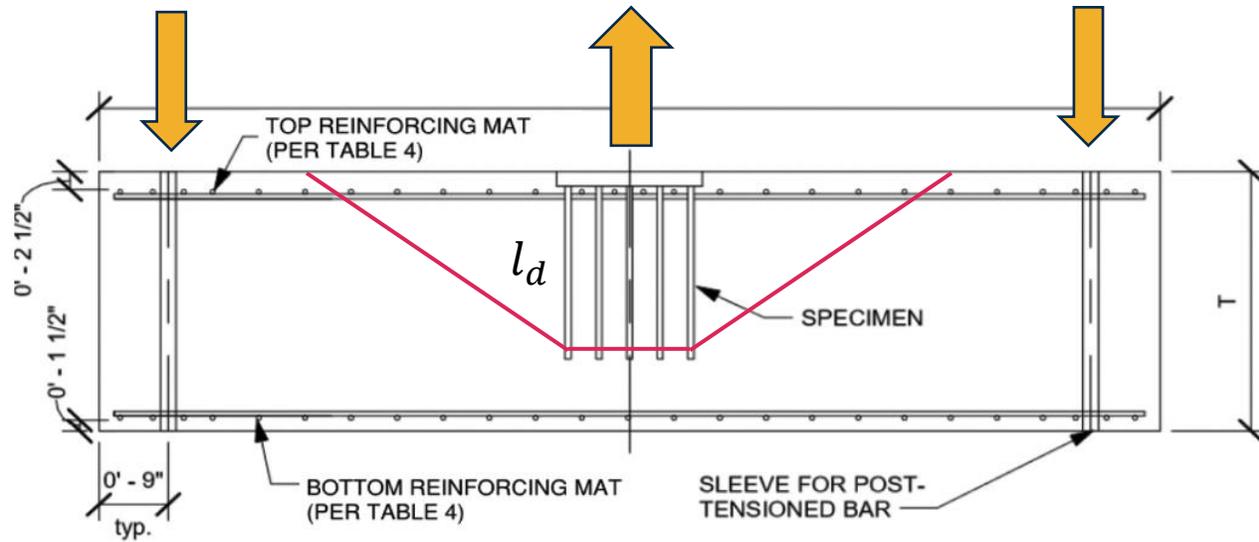
Is breakout failure relevant for large-scale connections involving groups of anchors or reinforcing bars?

Effective depth

# Breakout Potential?



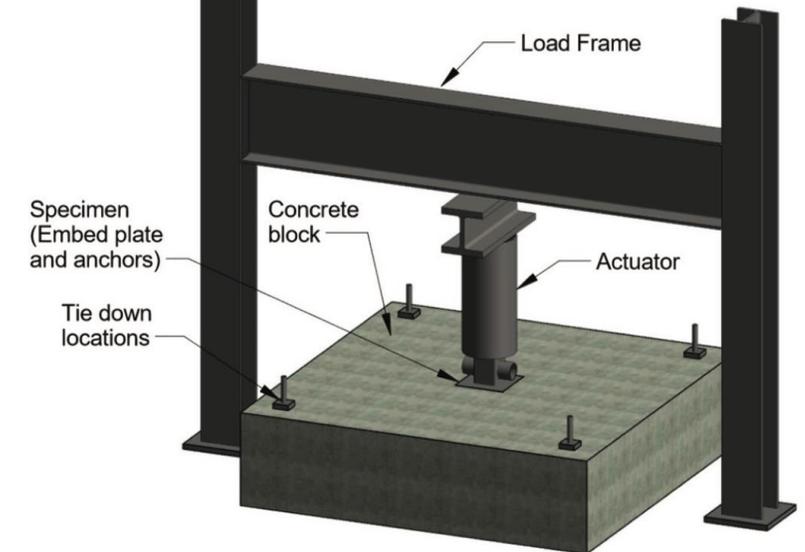
# Premature Breakout Failure Examples



- Purdue
- Up to 5x5 Groups of straight bars  
Embedded developed length
- Breakout failure governed before  
nominal bar yield

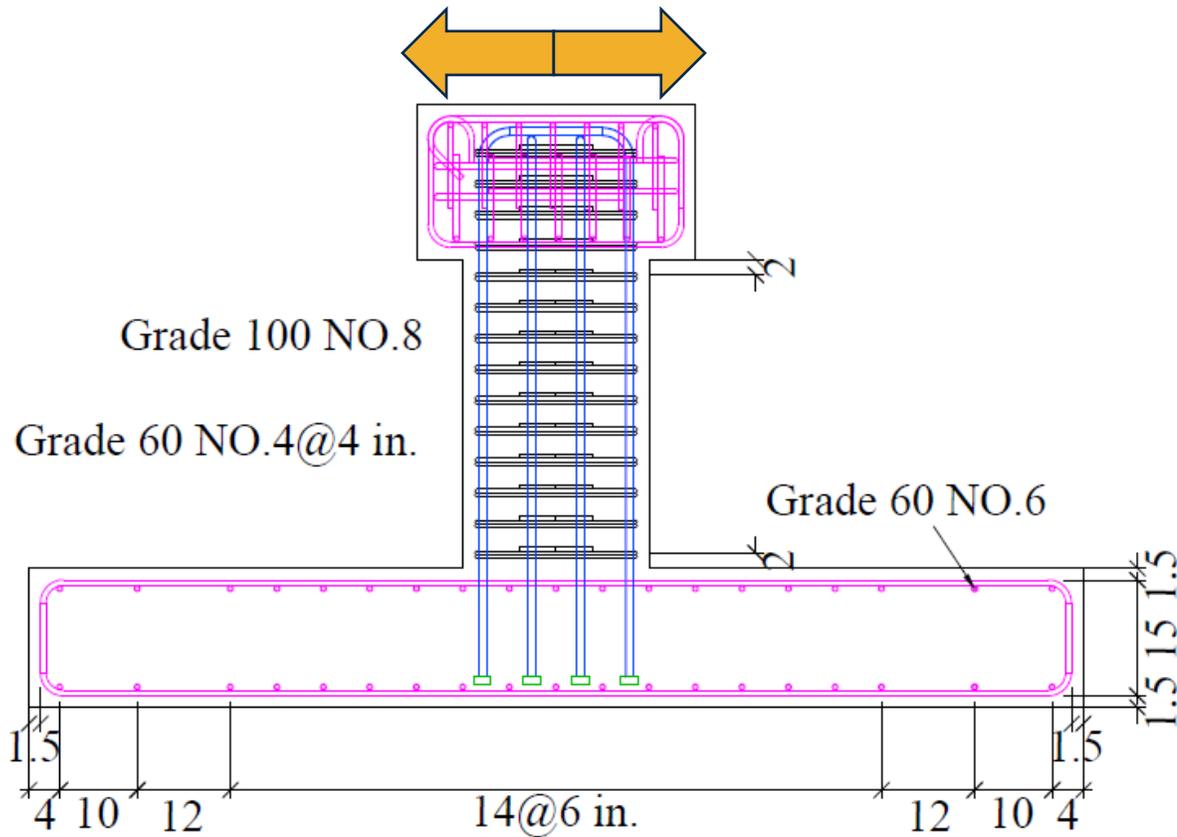


Chicchi et al. (2020)



# Premature Breakout Failure Examples

- Taiwan National University of Science and Technology
- Breakout before nominal bar yield



Chen (2021)

# Observations from Physical Tests

1. Breakout failure can govern for large-scale connections even when development length is provided.

2. Breakout equations in Chapter 17 are conservative.

- Example breakout strength specimen M01:

**17.1.6** Reinforcement used as part of an embedment shall have development length established in accordance with other parts of this Code. **If reinforcement is used as anchorage, concrete breakout failure shall be considered.** Alternatively, anchor reinforcement in accordance with 17.5.2.1 shall be provided.

ACI 318-19

$$N_{test} = 253 \text{ kip}$$

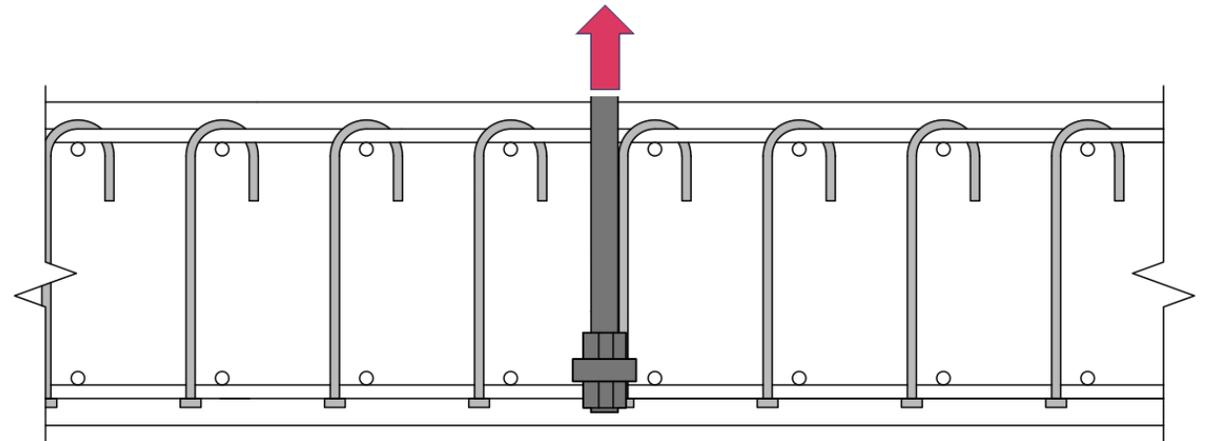
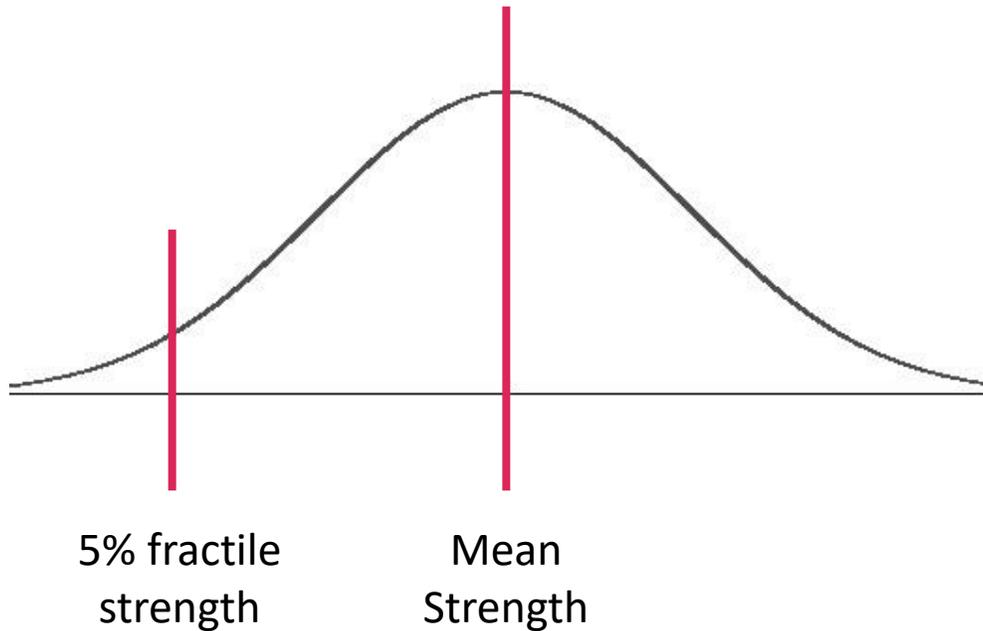
$$\Phi N_{cbg} = 77 \text{ kip (cracked)}$$

$$\frac{N_{test}}{\Phi N_{cbg}} = 3.3$$

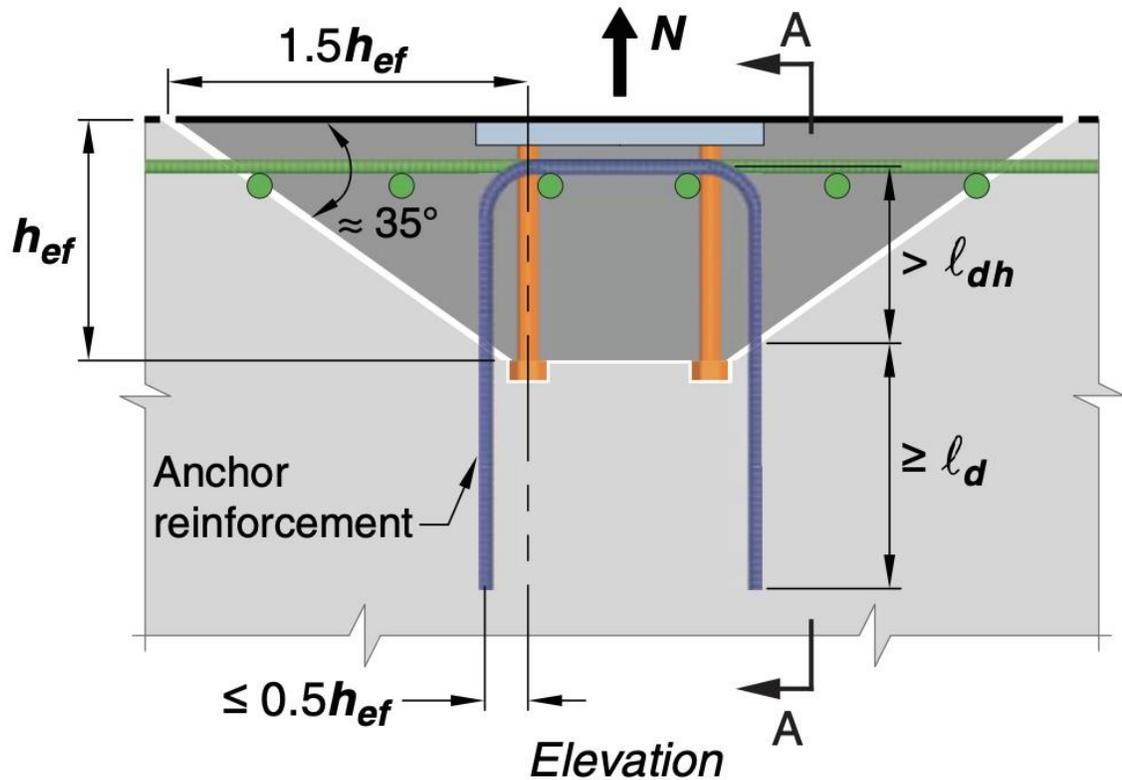
# Sources of Breakout Conservatism

5% Fractile Strength

Reinforcement not included  
in breakout strength



# ACI 318 Anchor Reinforcement



Breakout failure is precluded (assumption)

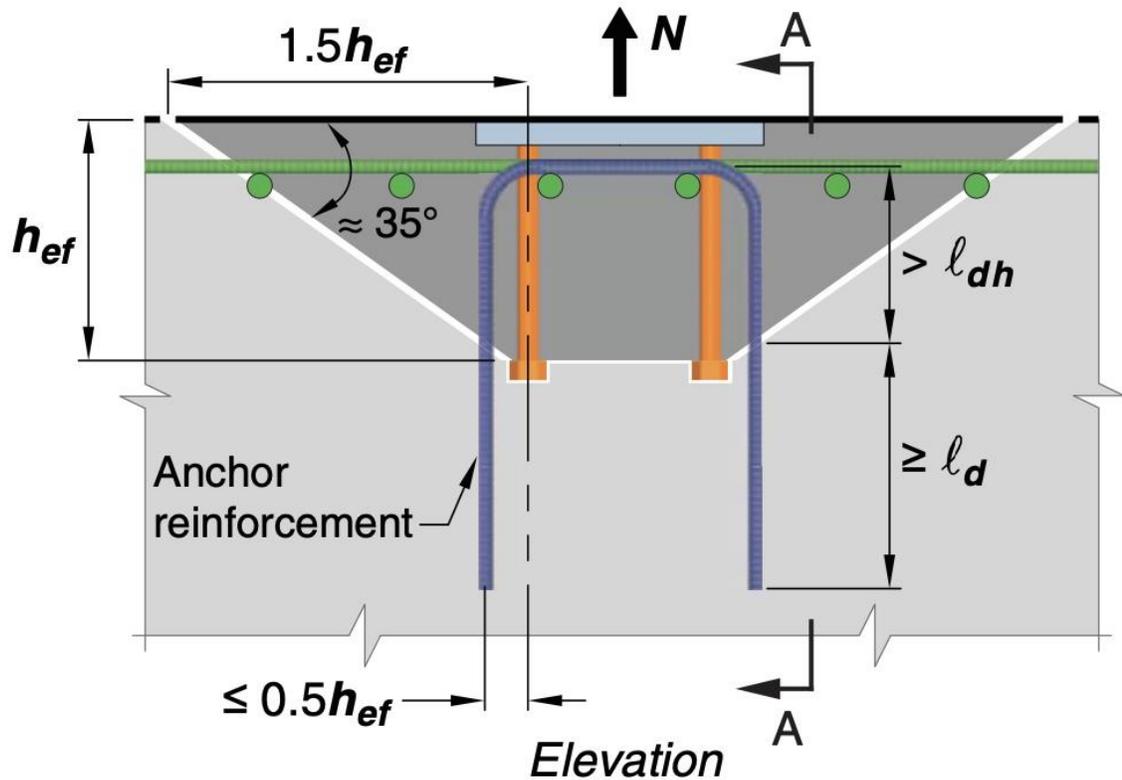
*Fig. R17.5.2.1a—Anchor reinforcement for tension.*

# Shear-Reinforced Breakout (SRB)

$$N_{n,SRB} = N_c + N_s ?$$

Question:

- Detailing requirements?
- Size of reinforced region?
- Upper limits to steel strength?

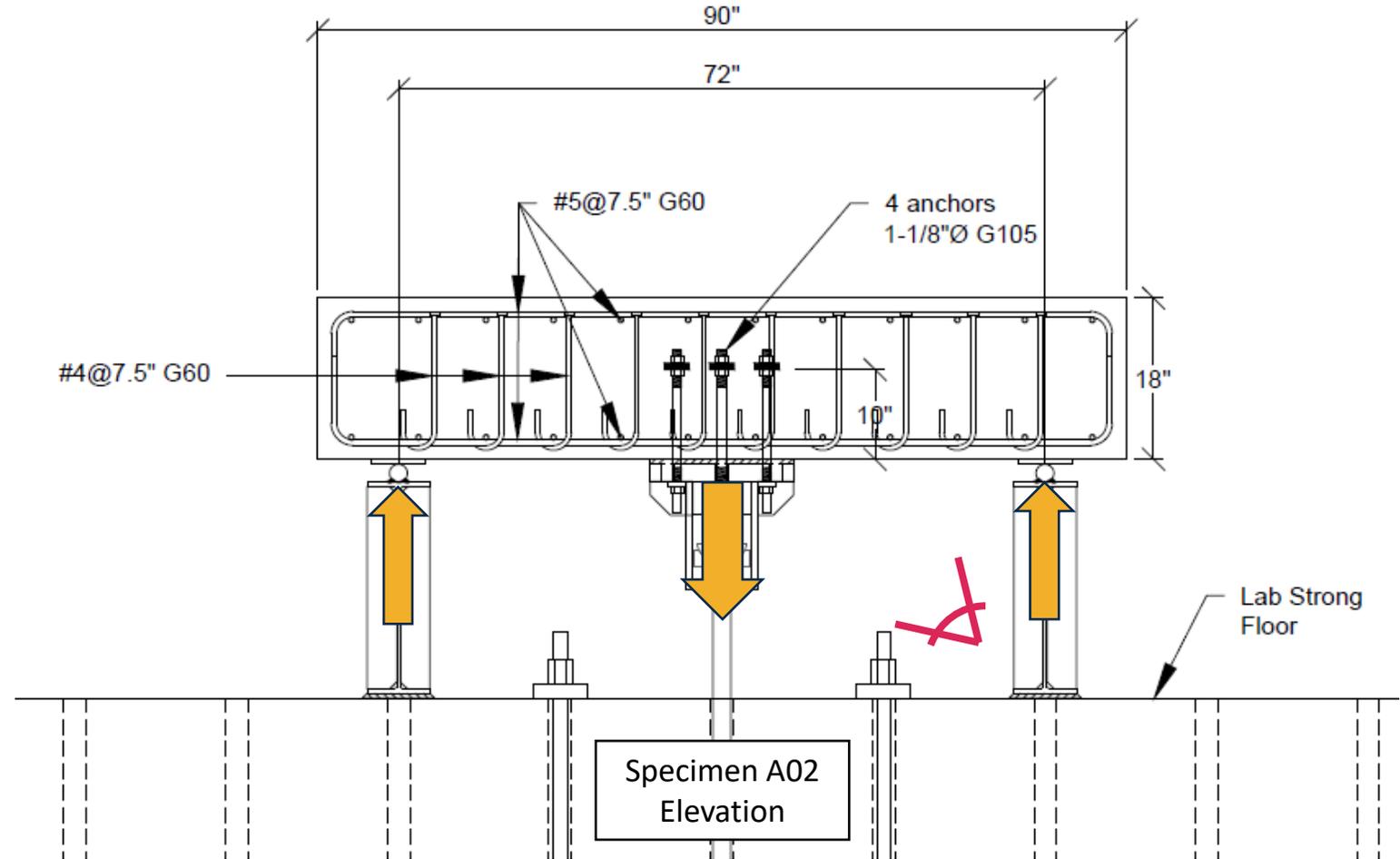


*Fig. R17.5.2.1a—Anchor reinforcement for tension.*

# Shear-Reinforced Breakout Tests

- UC Berkeley
- Four monotonic axial loading tests
- Breakout failures for all specimens

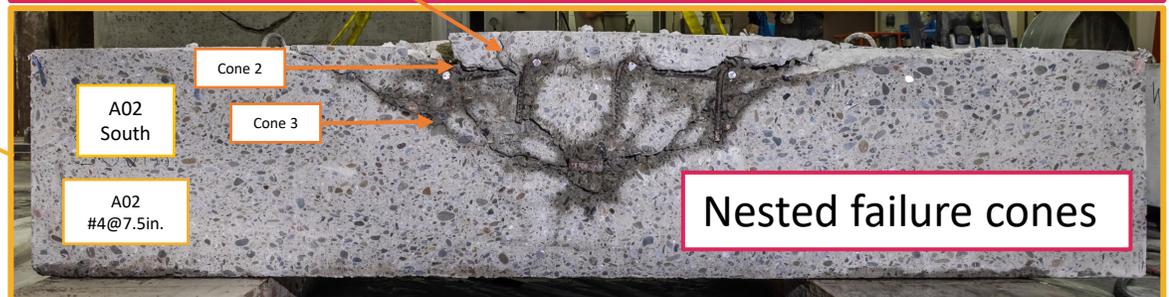
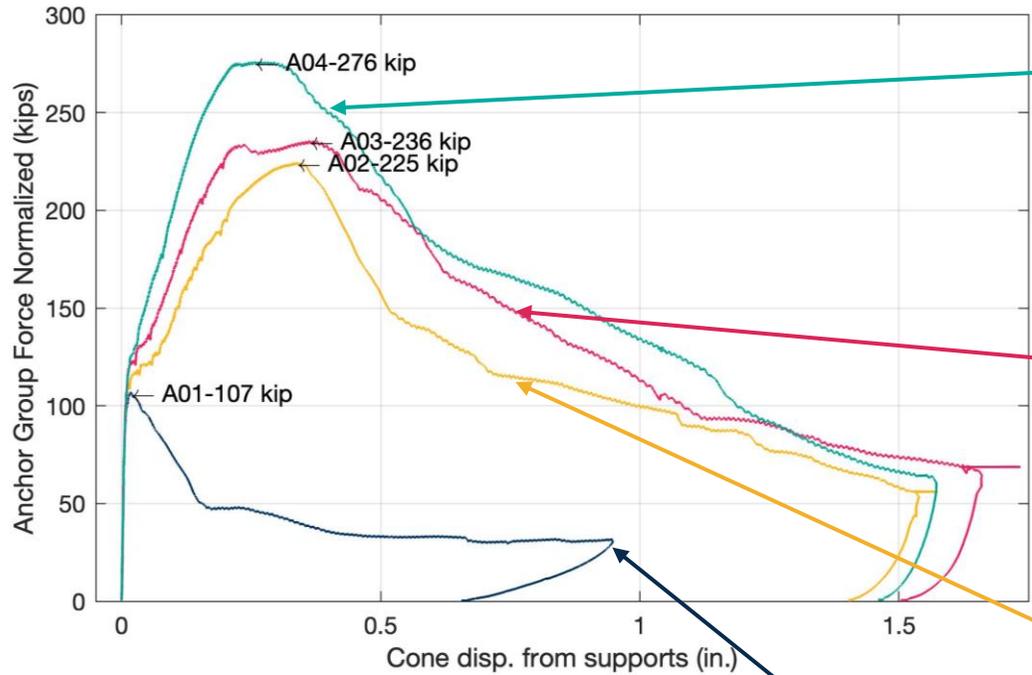
Specimen	Shear Reinforcement	Reinforcing ratio, $\rho_{tr}$ (%)
A01	N/A	0
A02	#4@7.5in.	0.36%
A03	#5@7.5in.	0.55%
A04	#4@6in.	0.56%



Karać (2023)



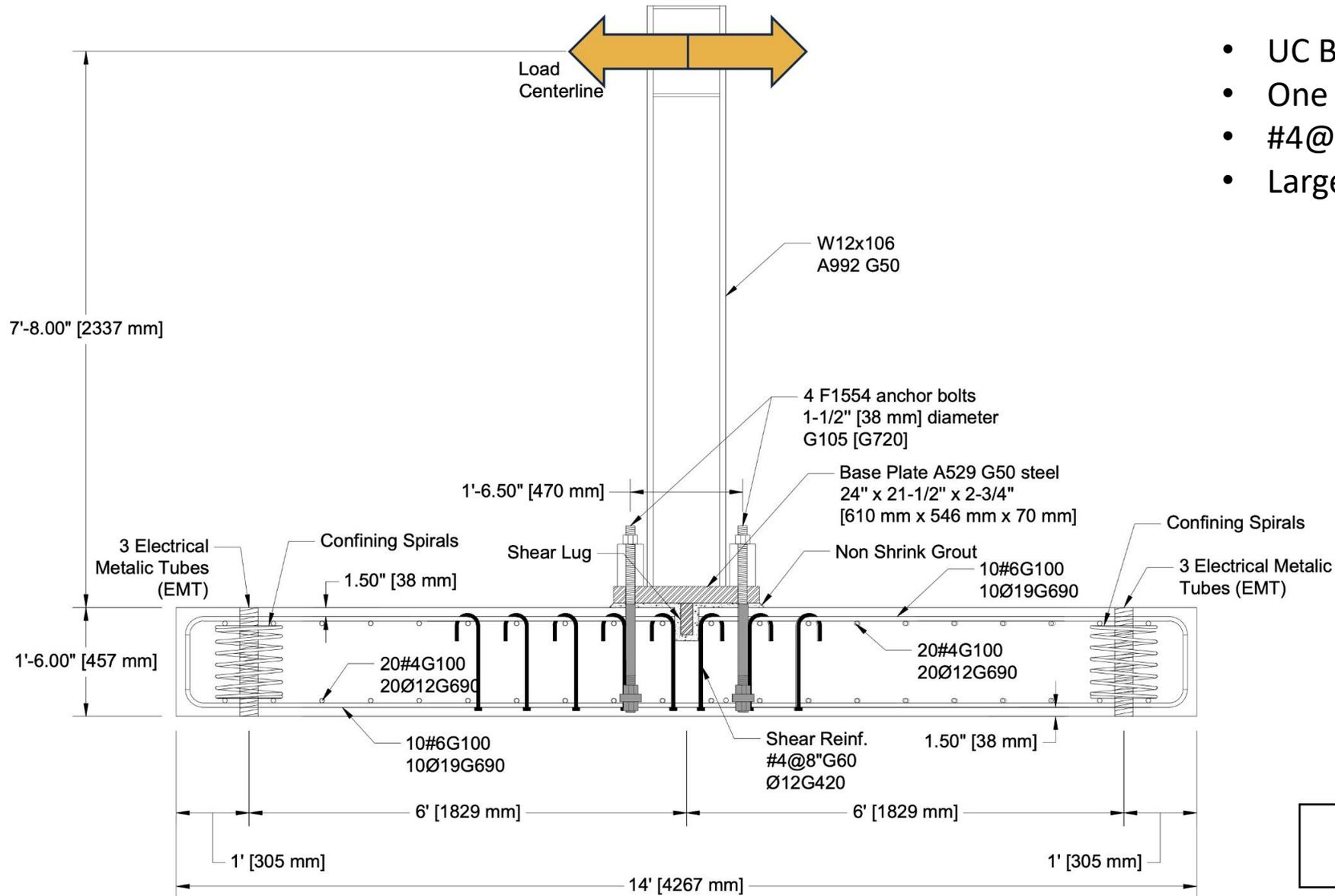
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Increased

- Peak strength
- Displacement capacity

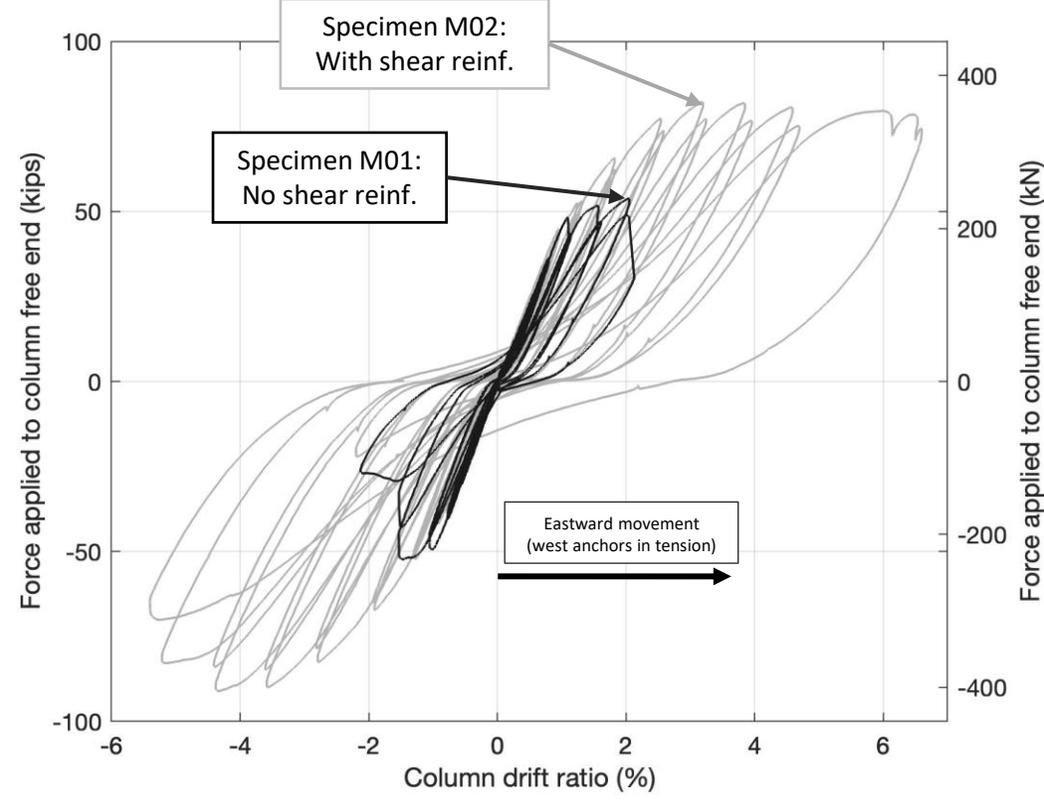
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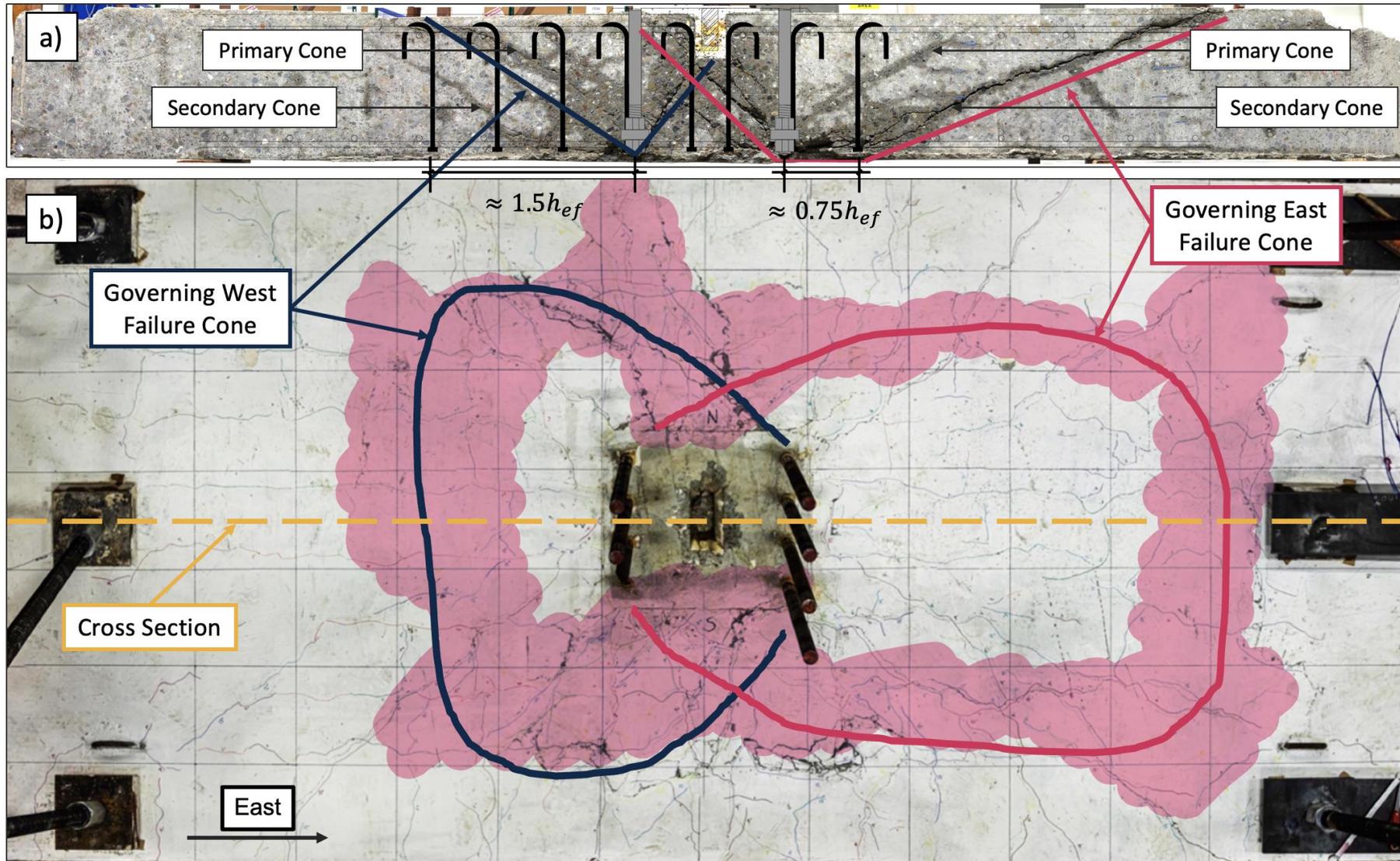
- UC Berkeley
- One cyclic moment-transfer tests
- #4@8" G60
- Larger reinforced region on one side

Specimen M02  
Elevation

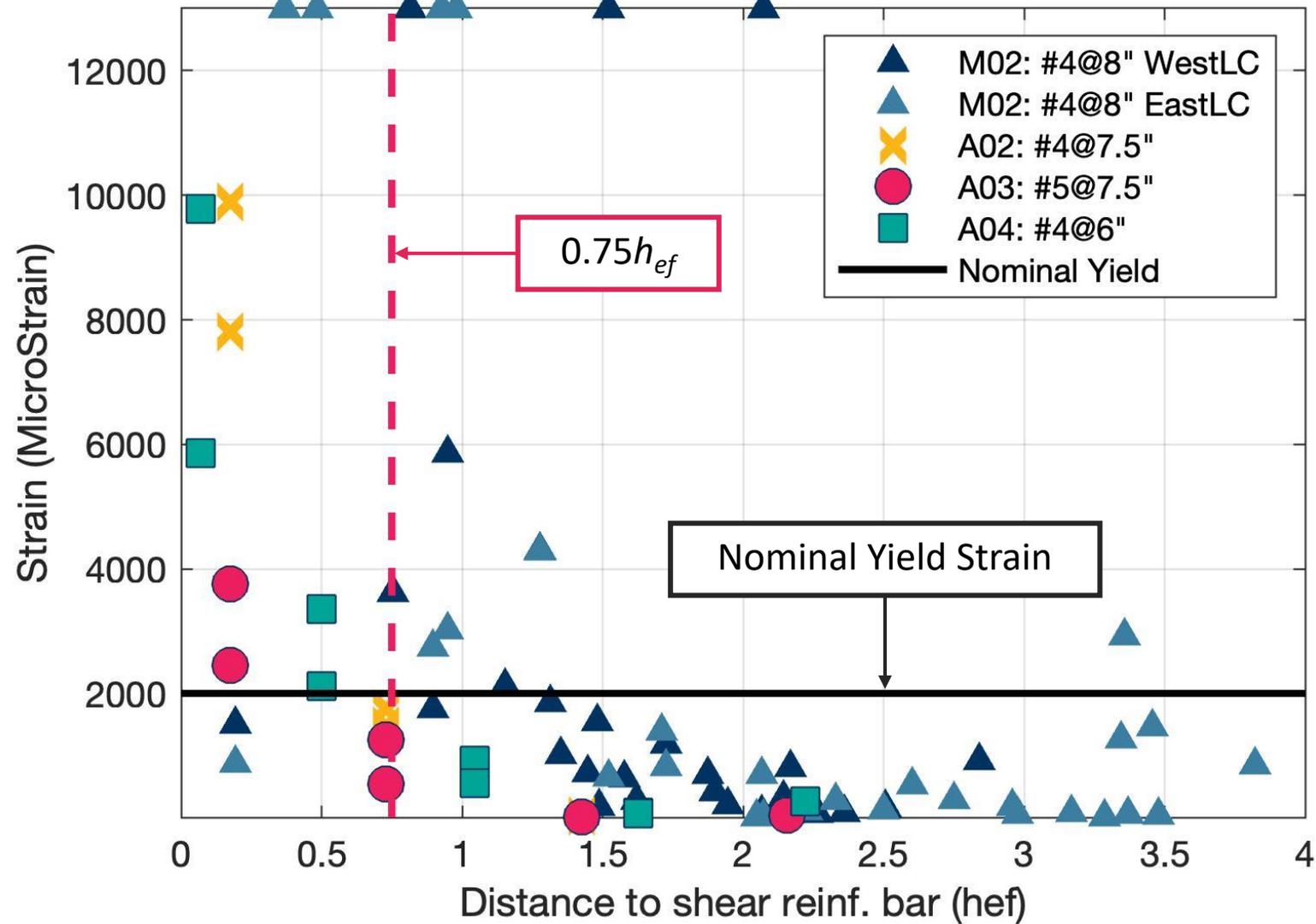
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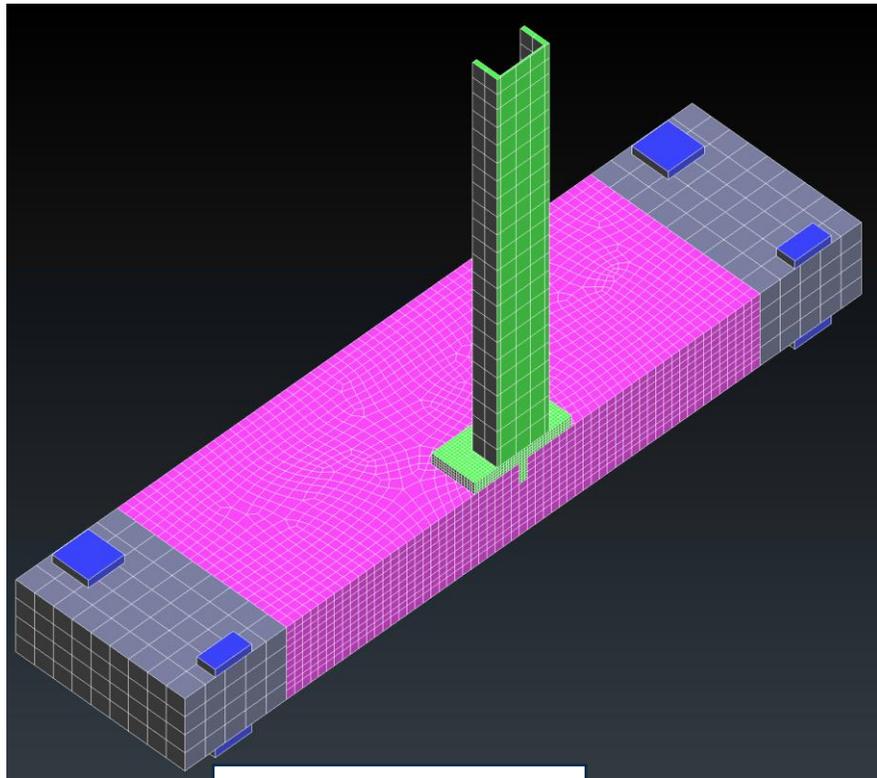
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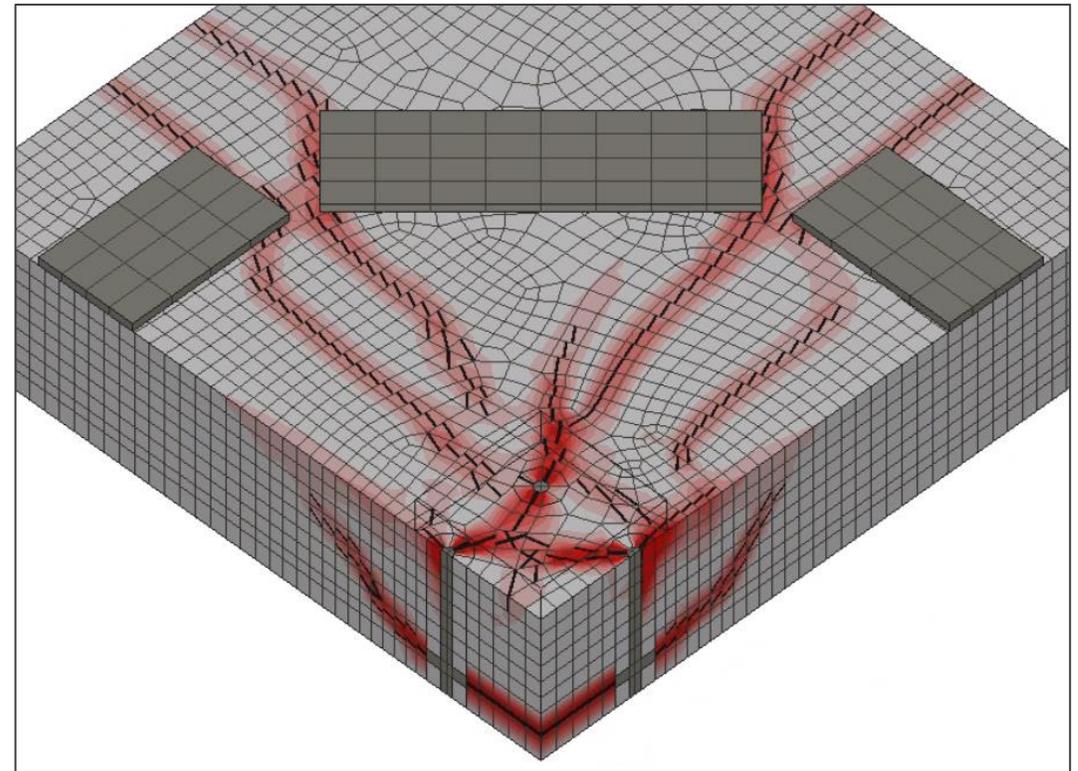
# Shear Bar Strains



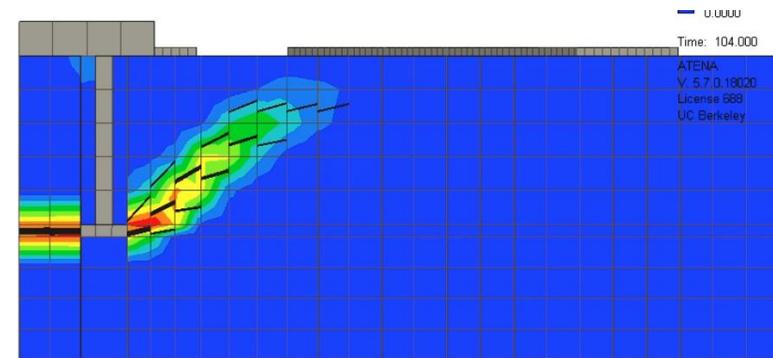
# Finite Element Studies



M01 Model

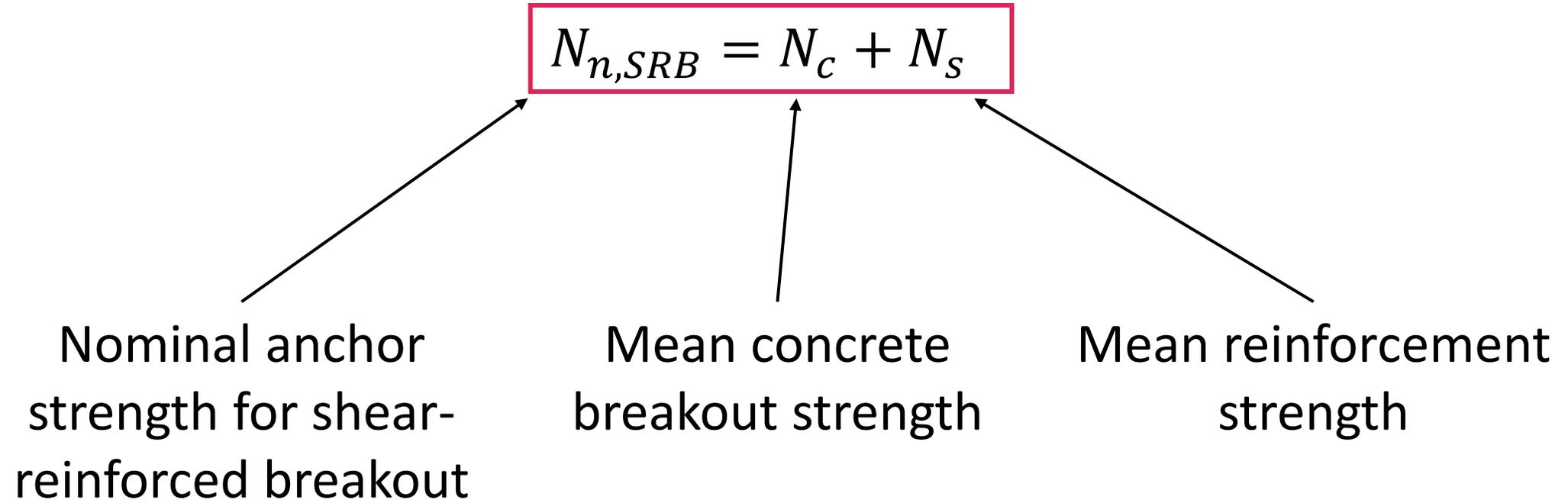


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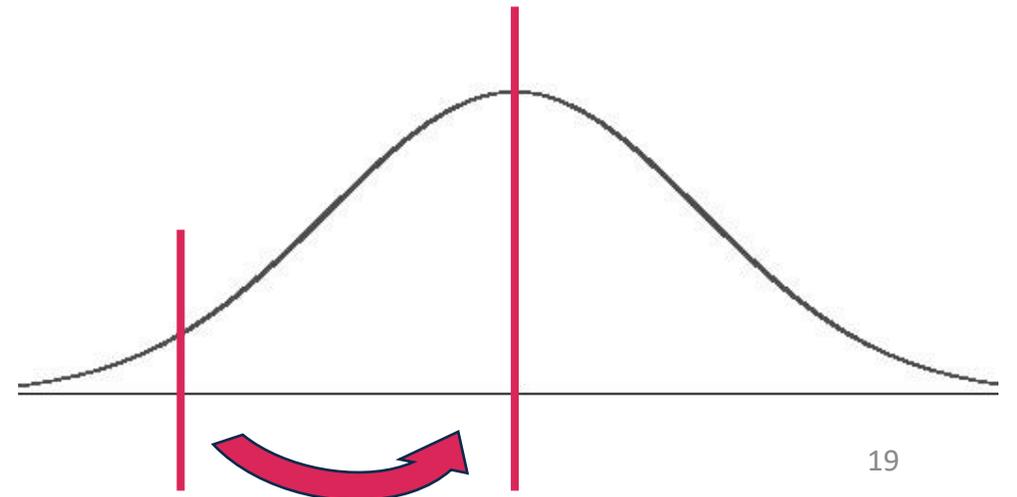
$$N_c = 1.33N_{cbg}$$

Mean concrete  
breakout strength

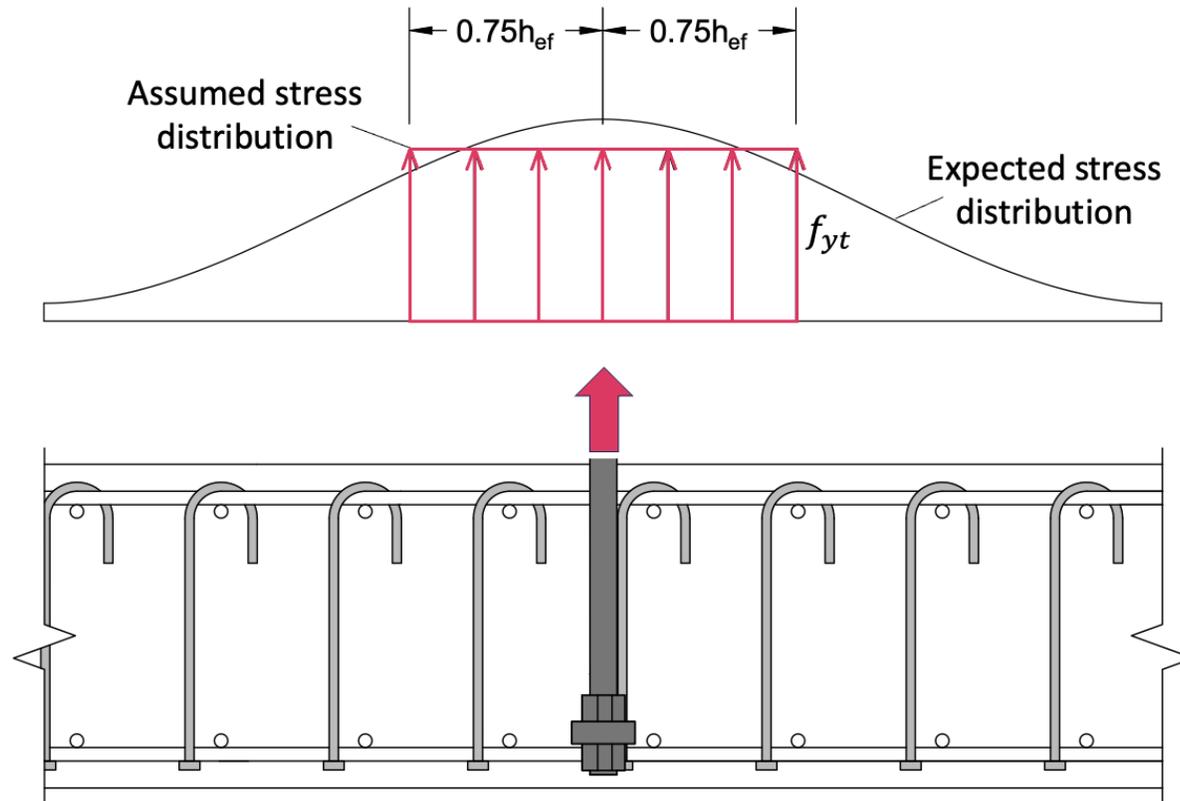
5% fractile strength  
ACI 318-19 Chap. 17

$$\frac{1}{1 + z_{0.05} * CV} = \frac{1}{1 + (-1.645) * 0.15} = 1.33$$

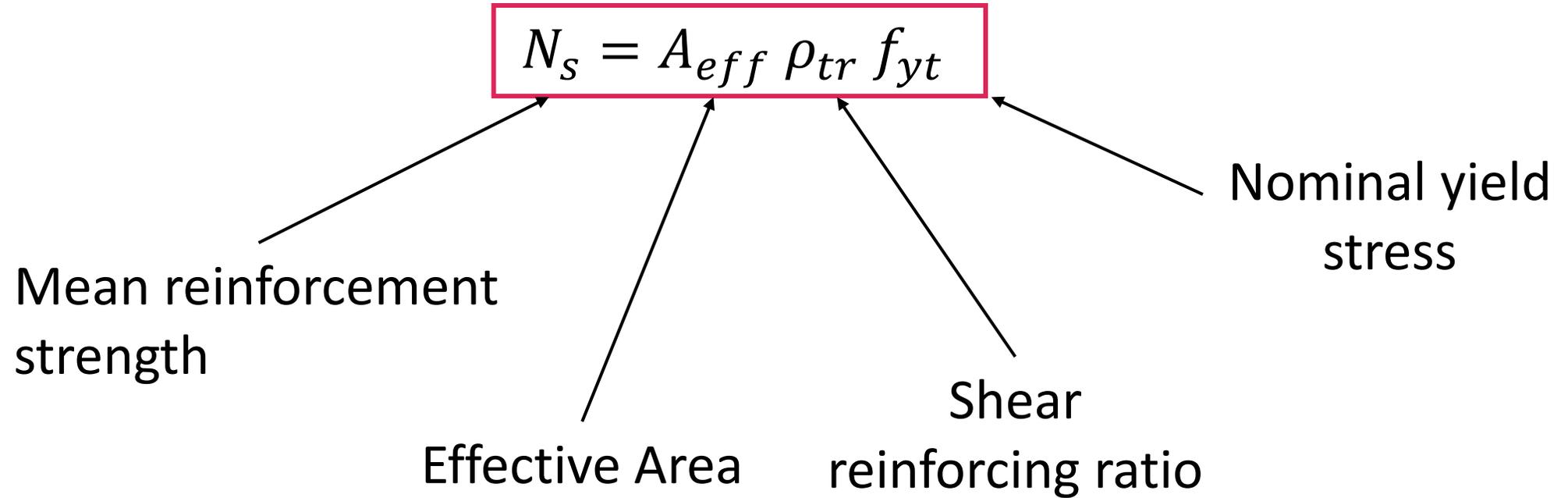
Fuchs (1995)



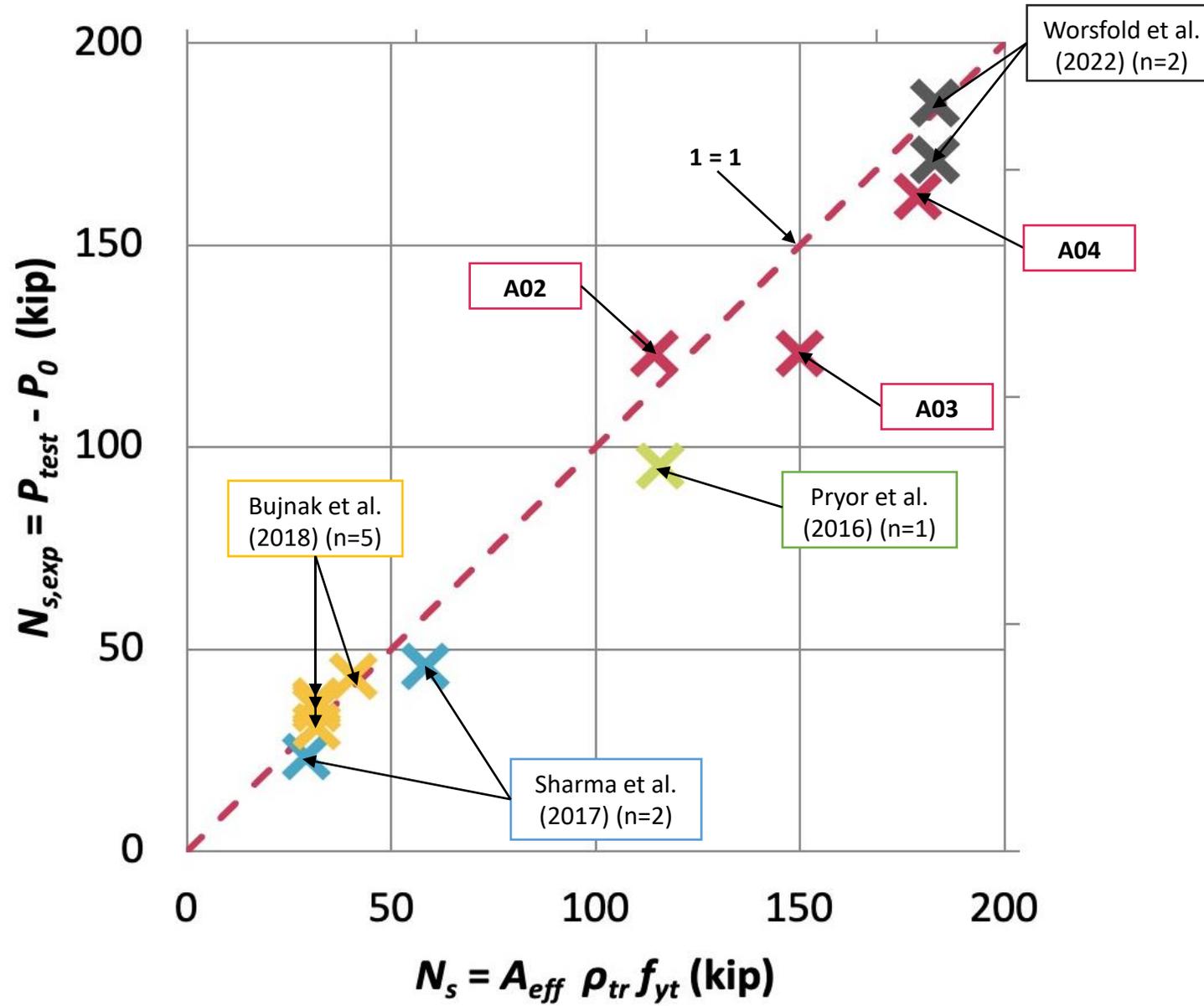
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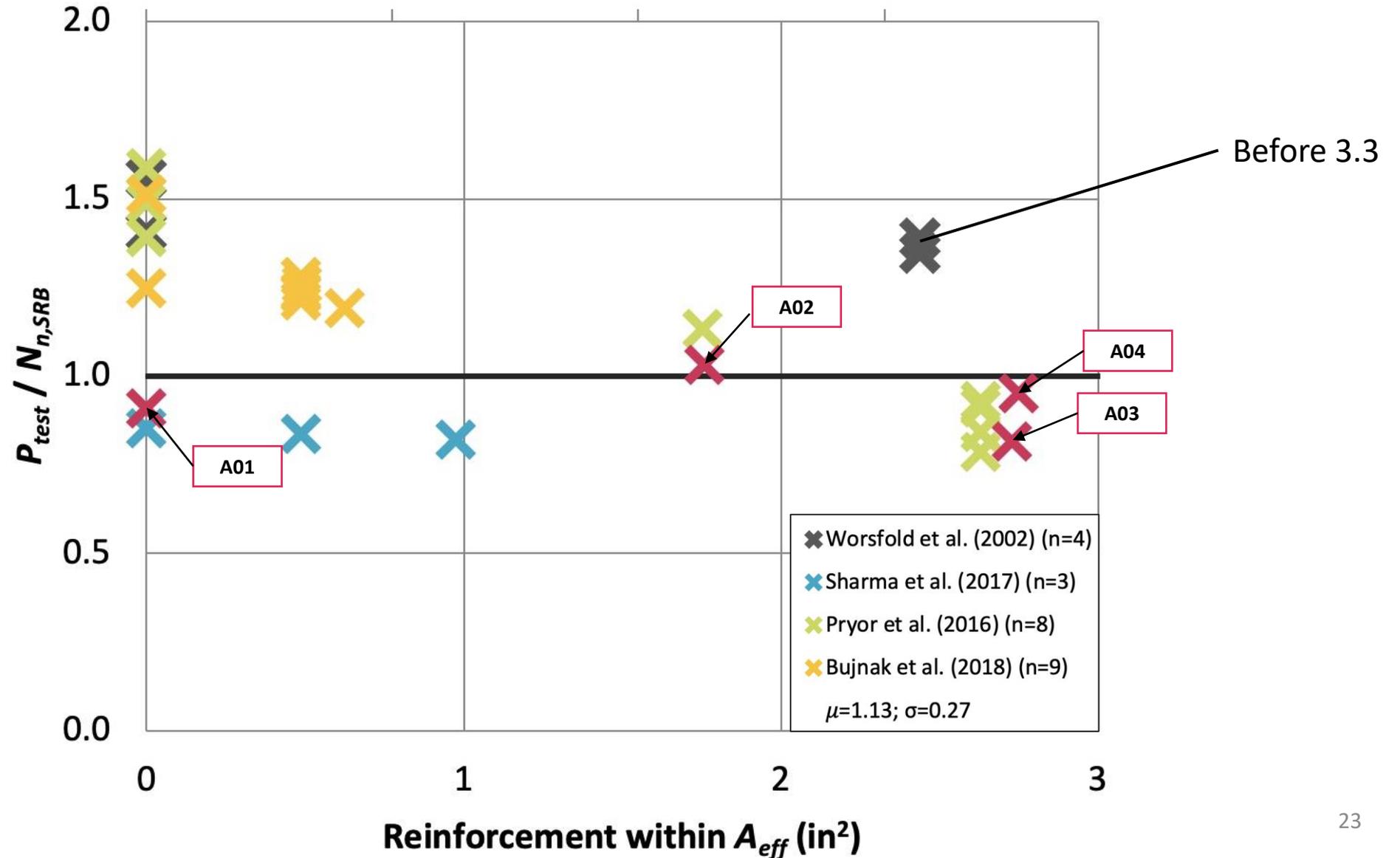


# Shear-Reinforced Breakout Design Equation



# Strength Ratio

$$N_{n,SRB} = N_c + N_s$$





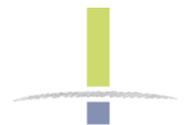
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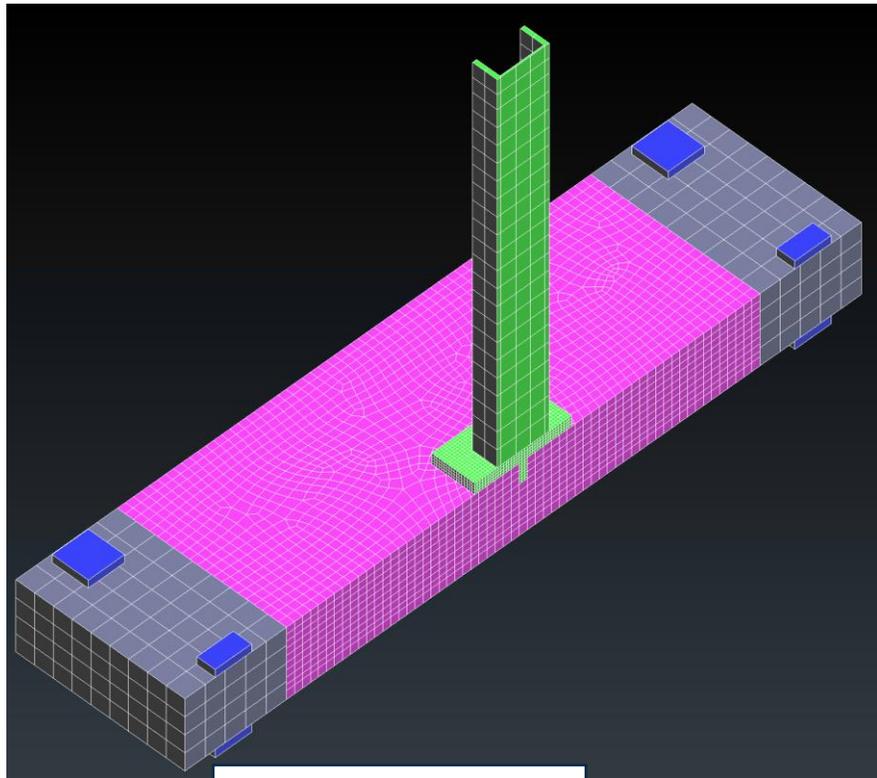
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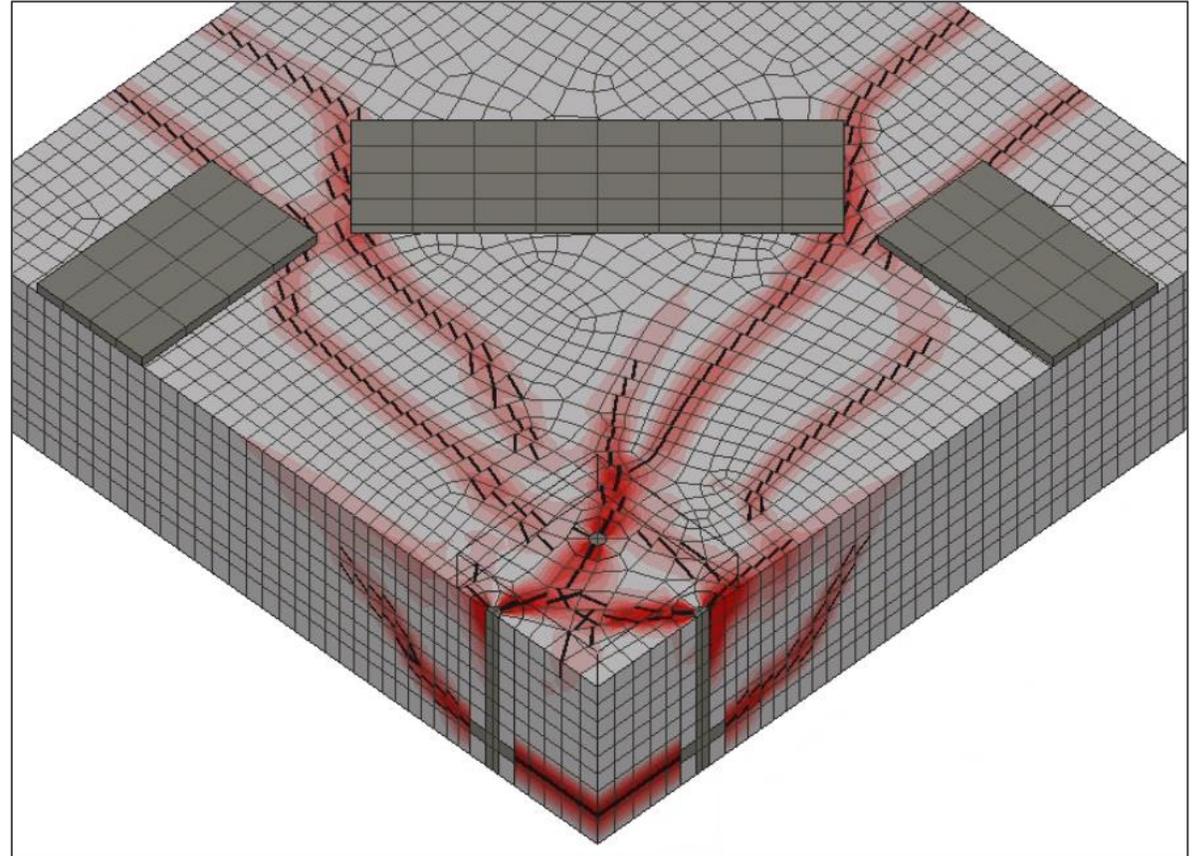


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# Numerical modeling



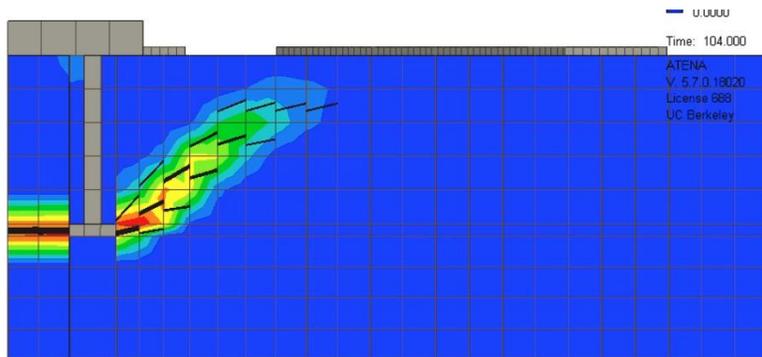
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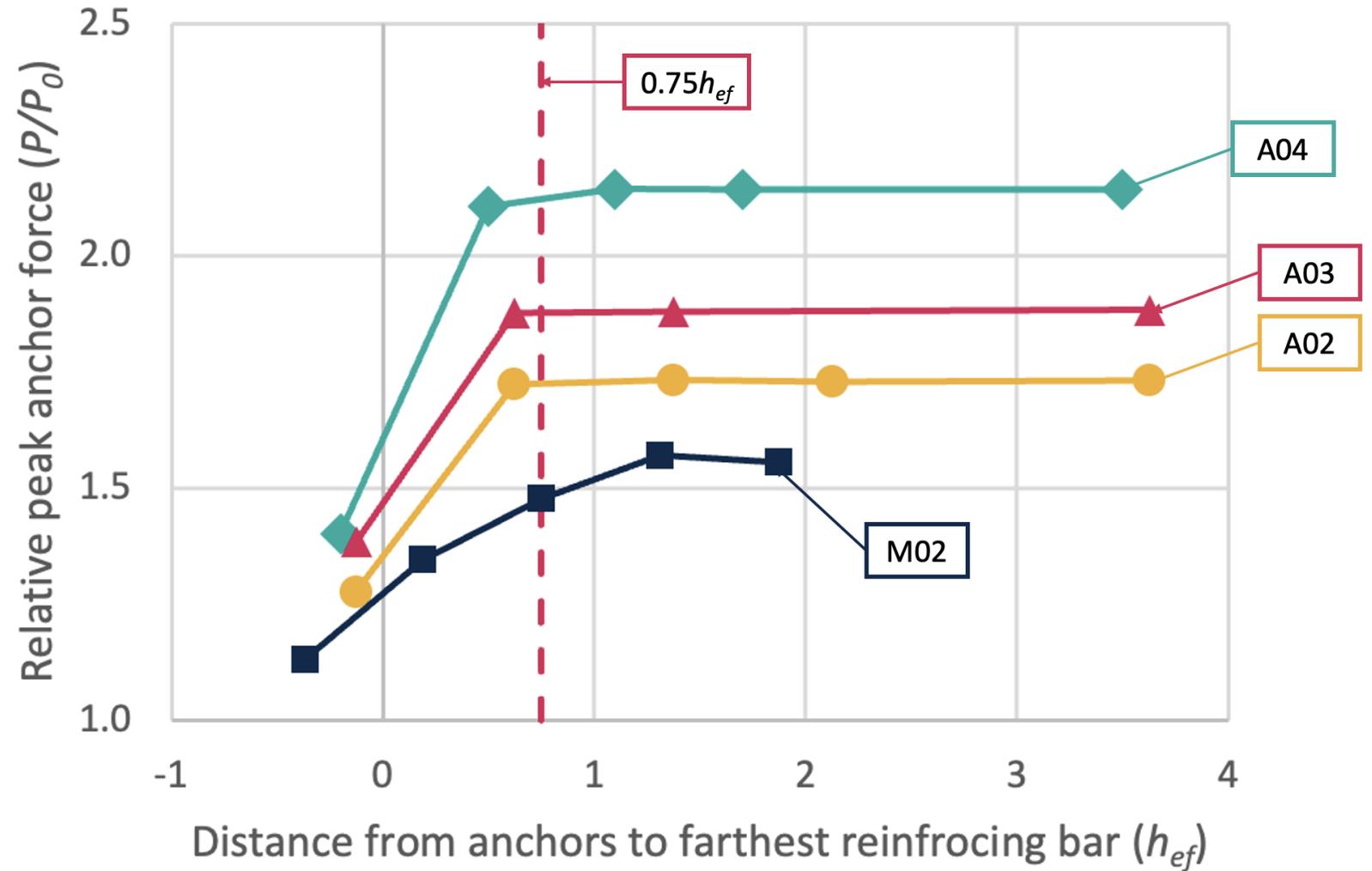
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# Finite Element Studies: shear-reinforced region

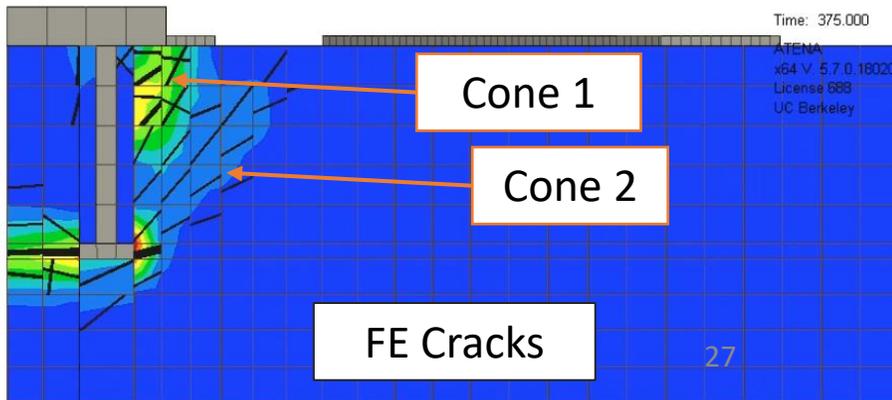
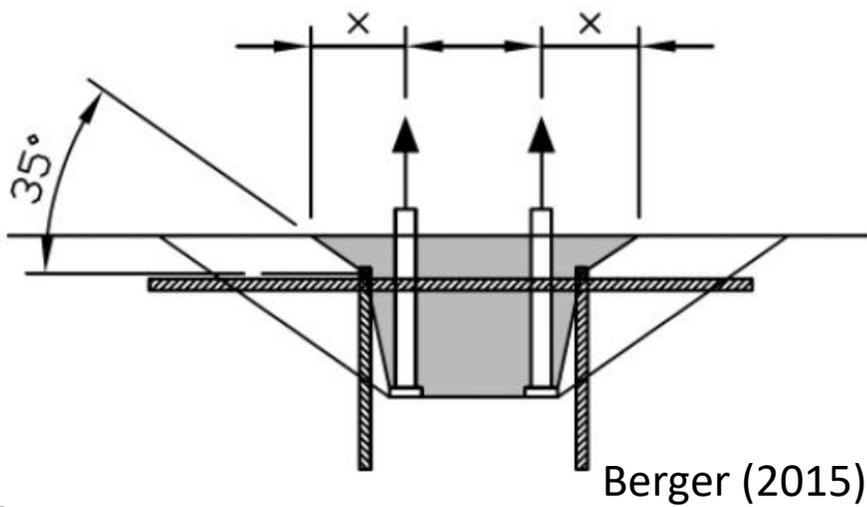
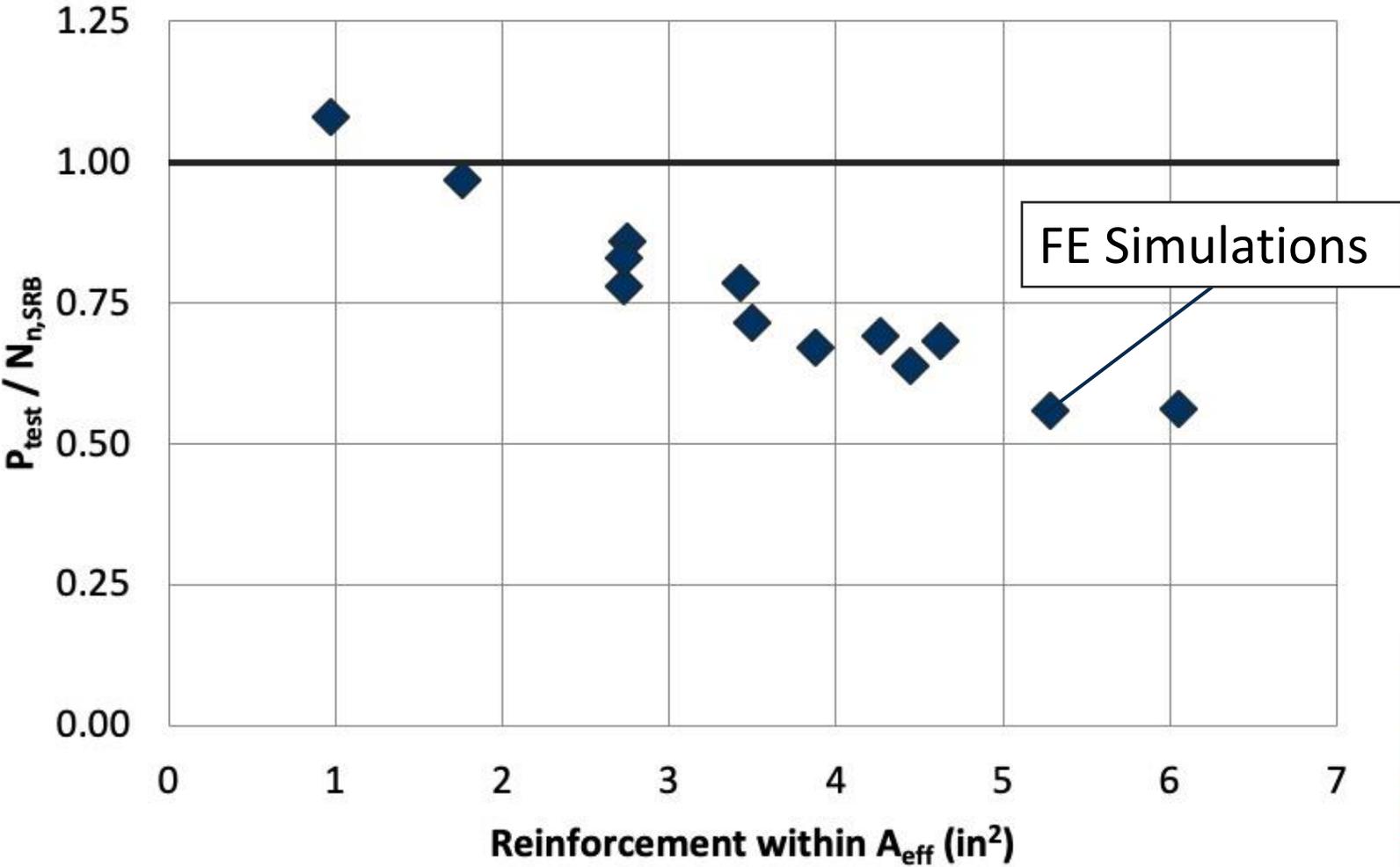
- Shear reinforcing beyond about  $0.75h_{ef}$  does not seem to increase peak strength



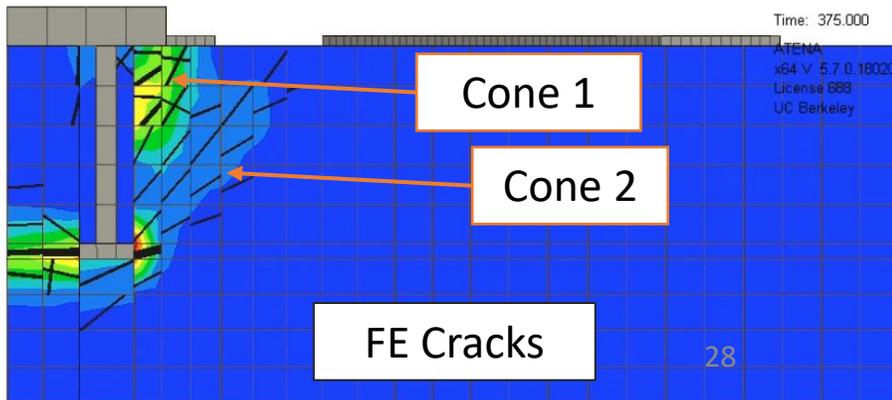
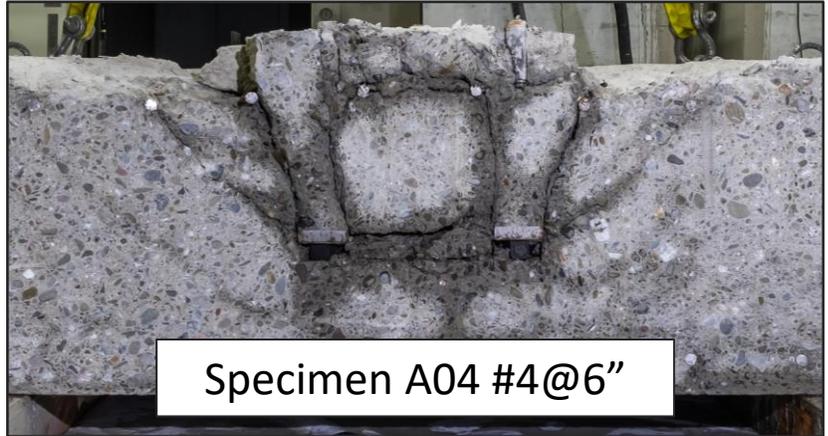
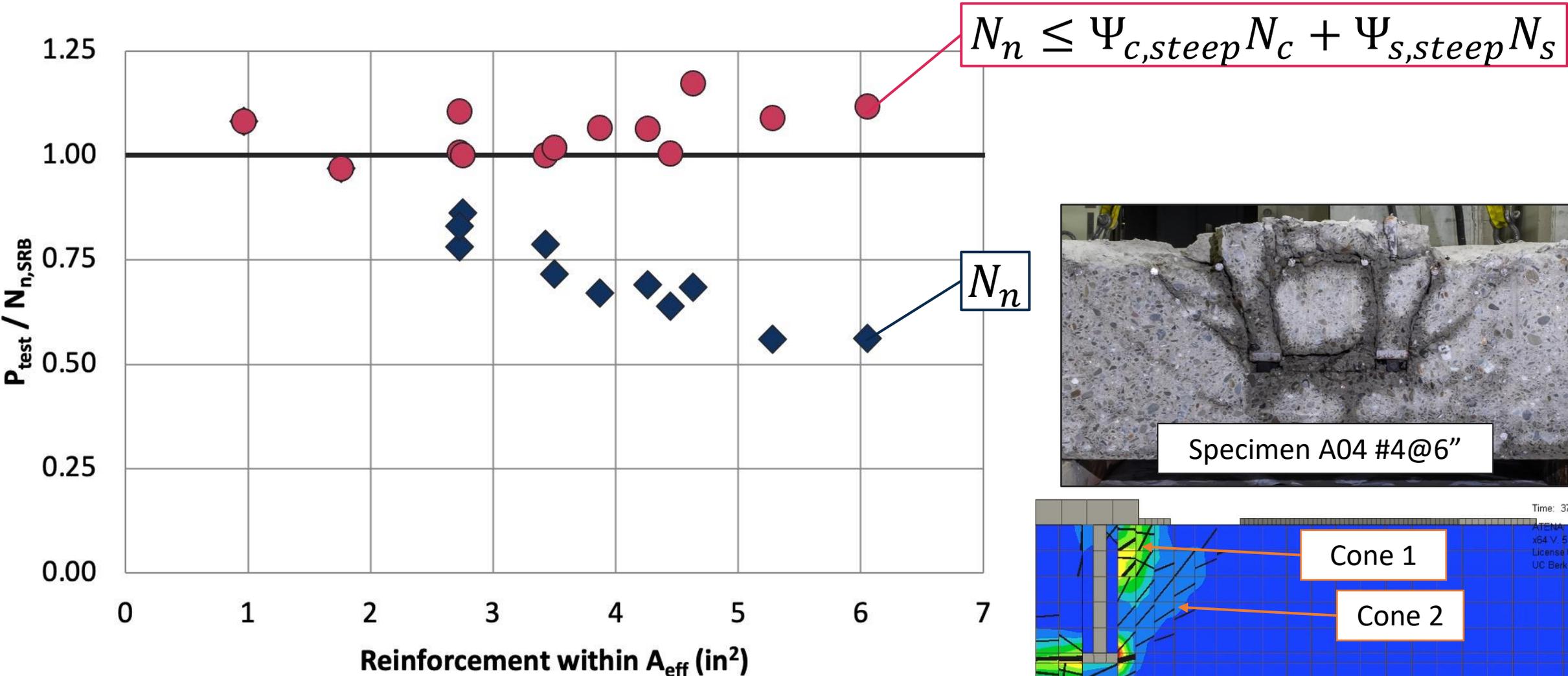
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# Upper Limit: Steep Cone Strength

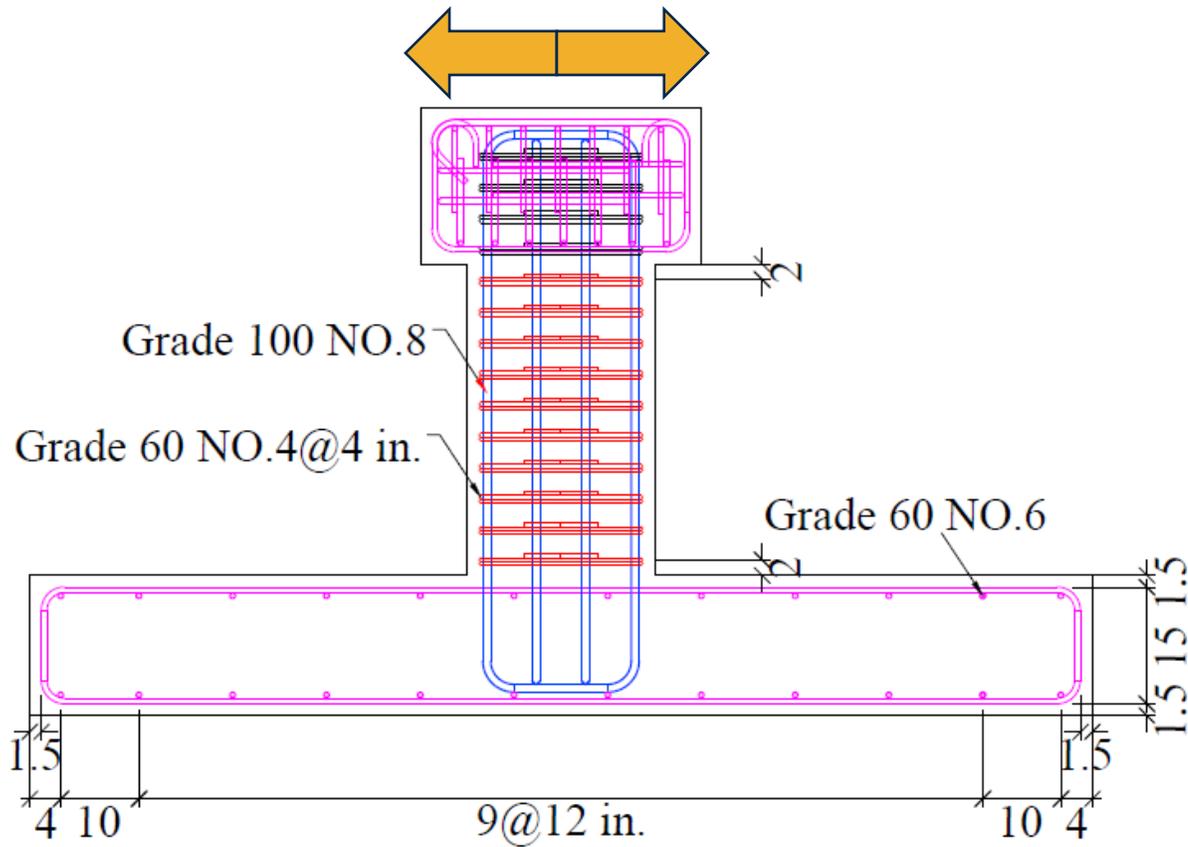


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# Premature Breakout Failure Examples

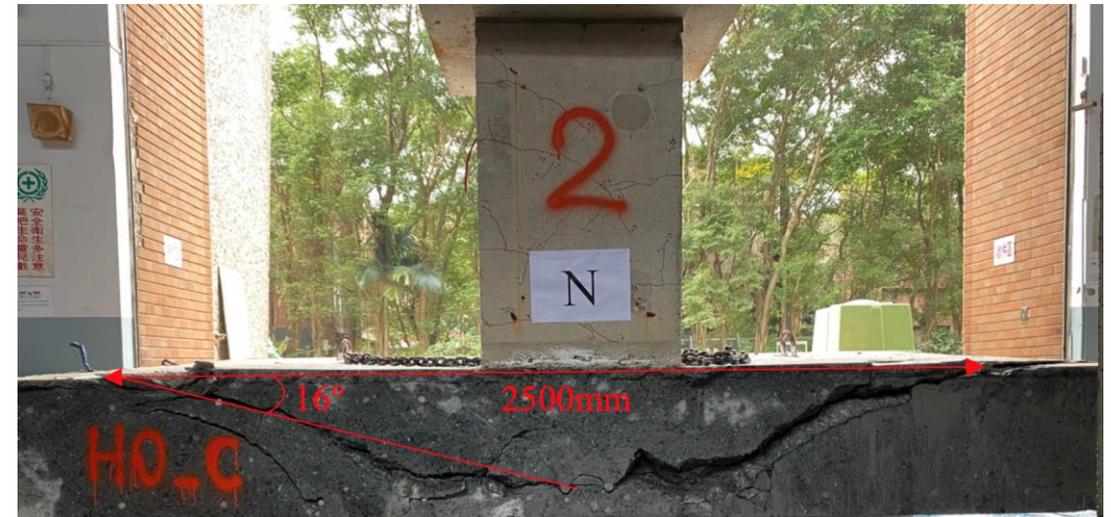
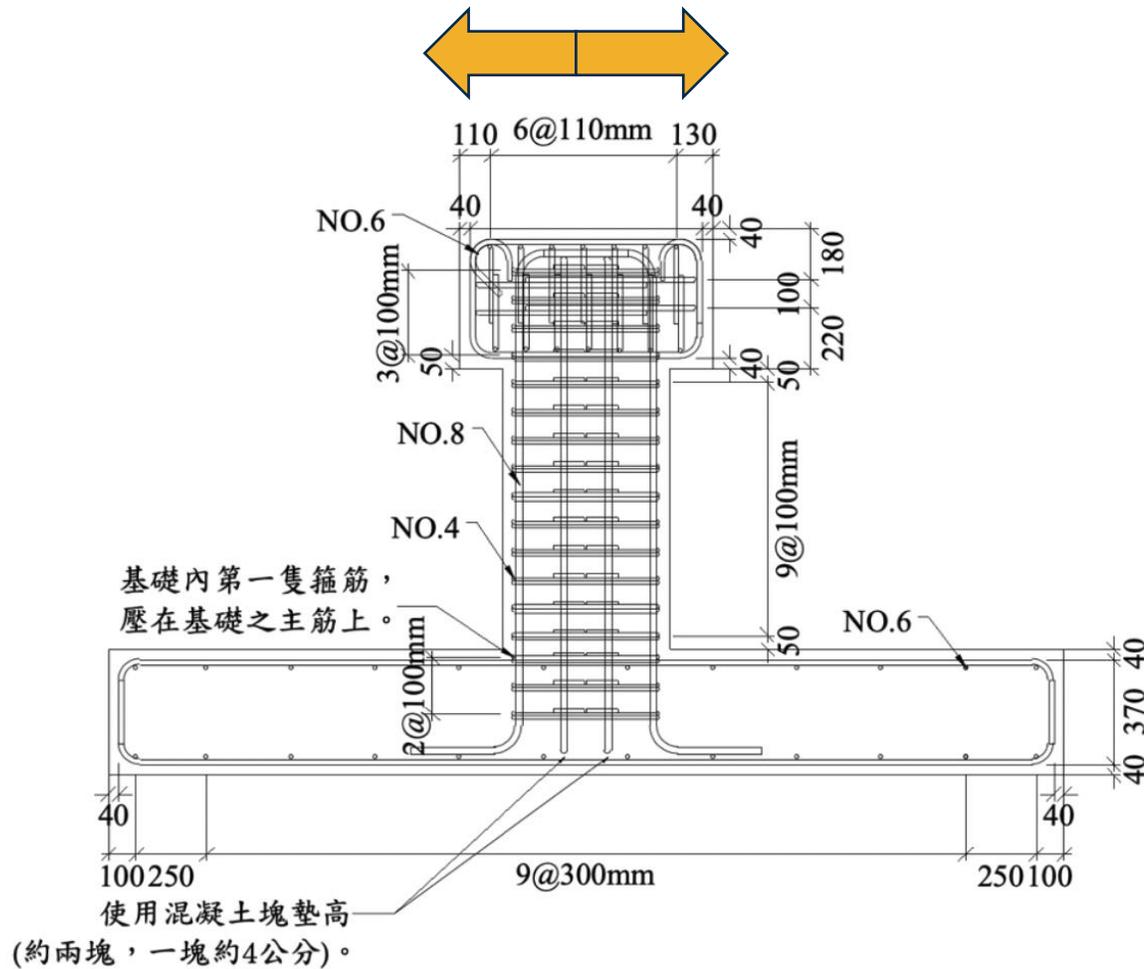
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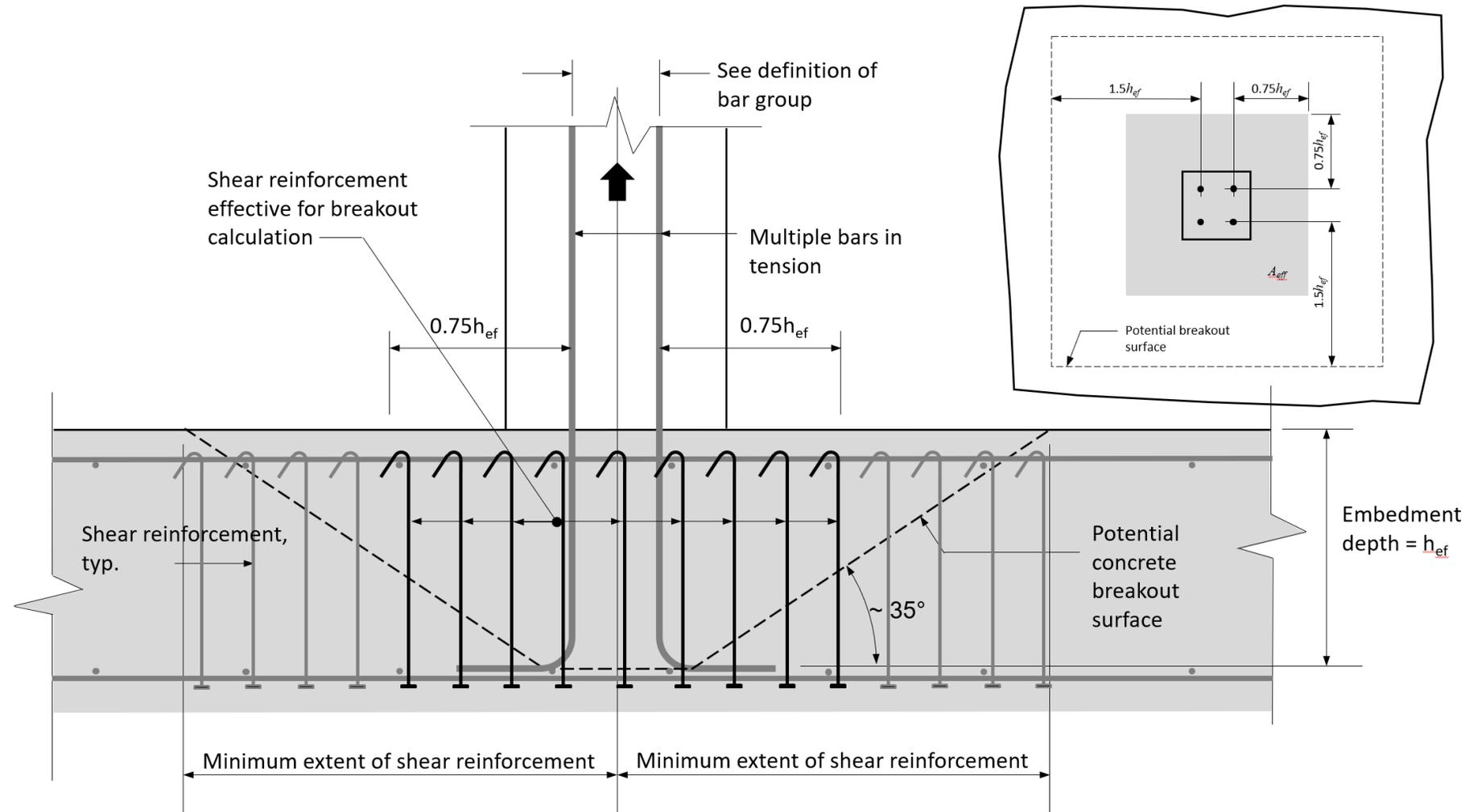


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# Code Implementation: Detailing Requirements

1. Bars terminate in hooks or heads
2. Shear reinforced region extend at least throughout cone region
3. Maximum bar spacing  
 $s_{max} = 0.5h_{ef}$

If  $N_{n,SRB} \geq 2.5N_c$   
 $s_{max} = 0.25h_{ef}$



# Example: Boundary element to thin foundation

Potential exists for concrete breakout failure even if the bars are placed  $1.25l_{dt}$  into the foundation

Nominal yield strength:

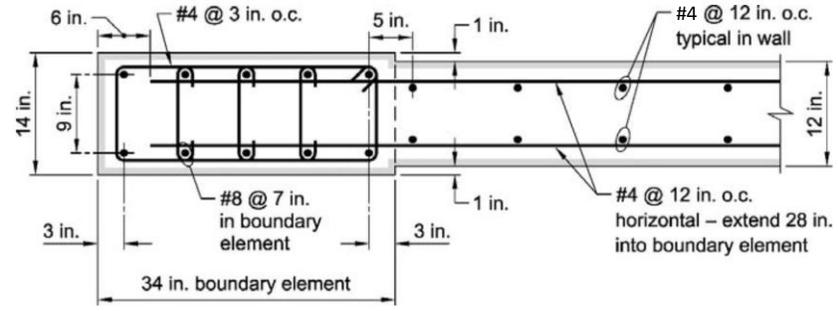
$$T_y = 474 \text{ kips}$$

Mean breakout strength:

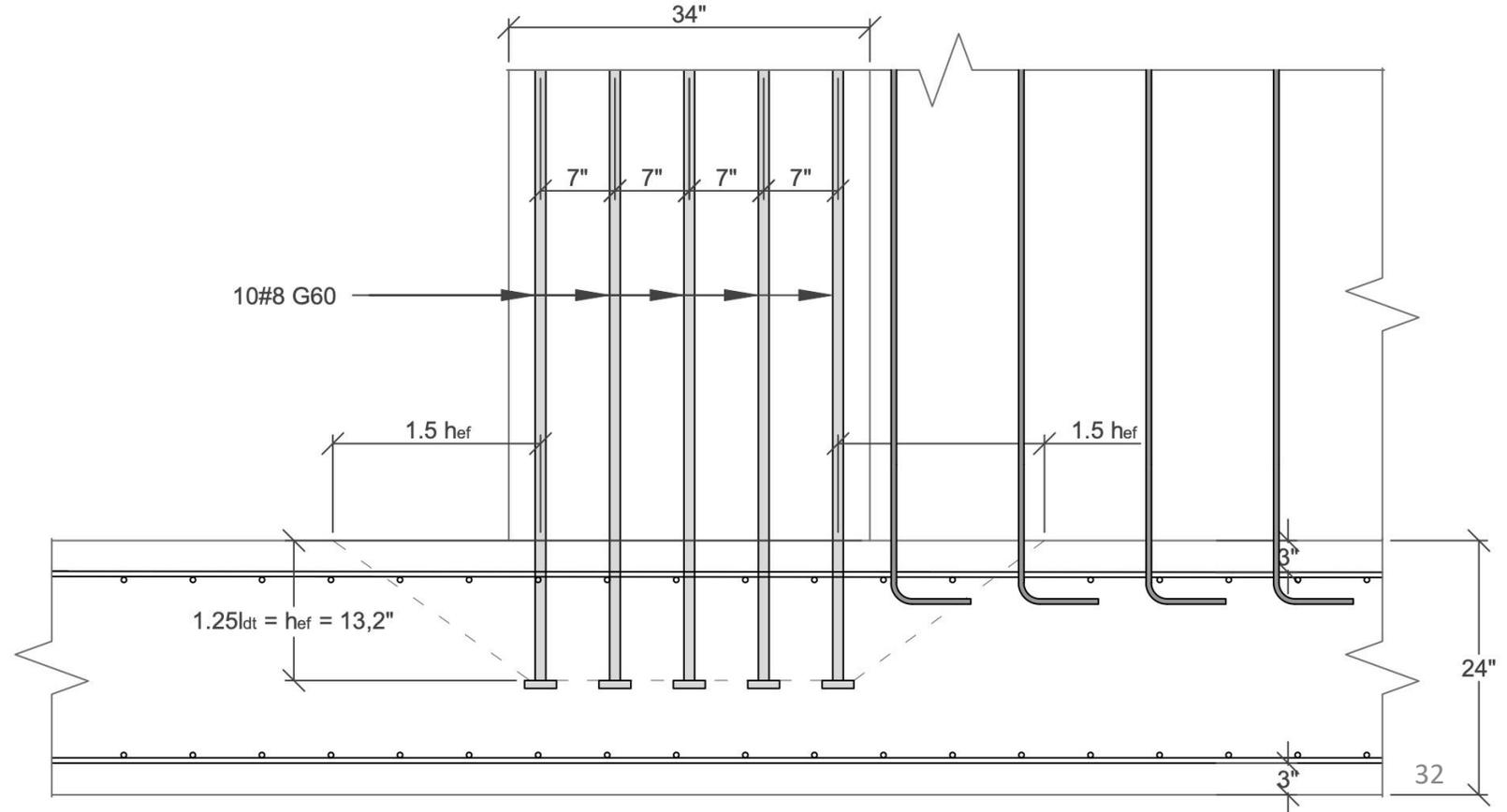
$$N_c = 284 \text{ kips}$$

Difference:

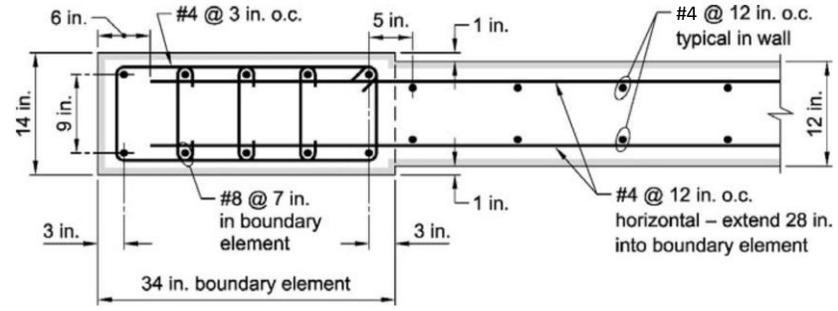
$$T_y - N_c = 190 \text{ kips}$$



SP-17(14) Design Handbook  
SDC D  
Special Structural Wall  
 $f'_c = 5000 \text{ psi}$   
 $f_y = 60 \text{ ksi}$



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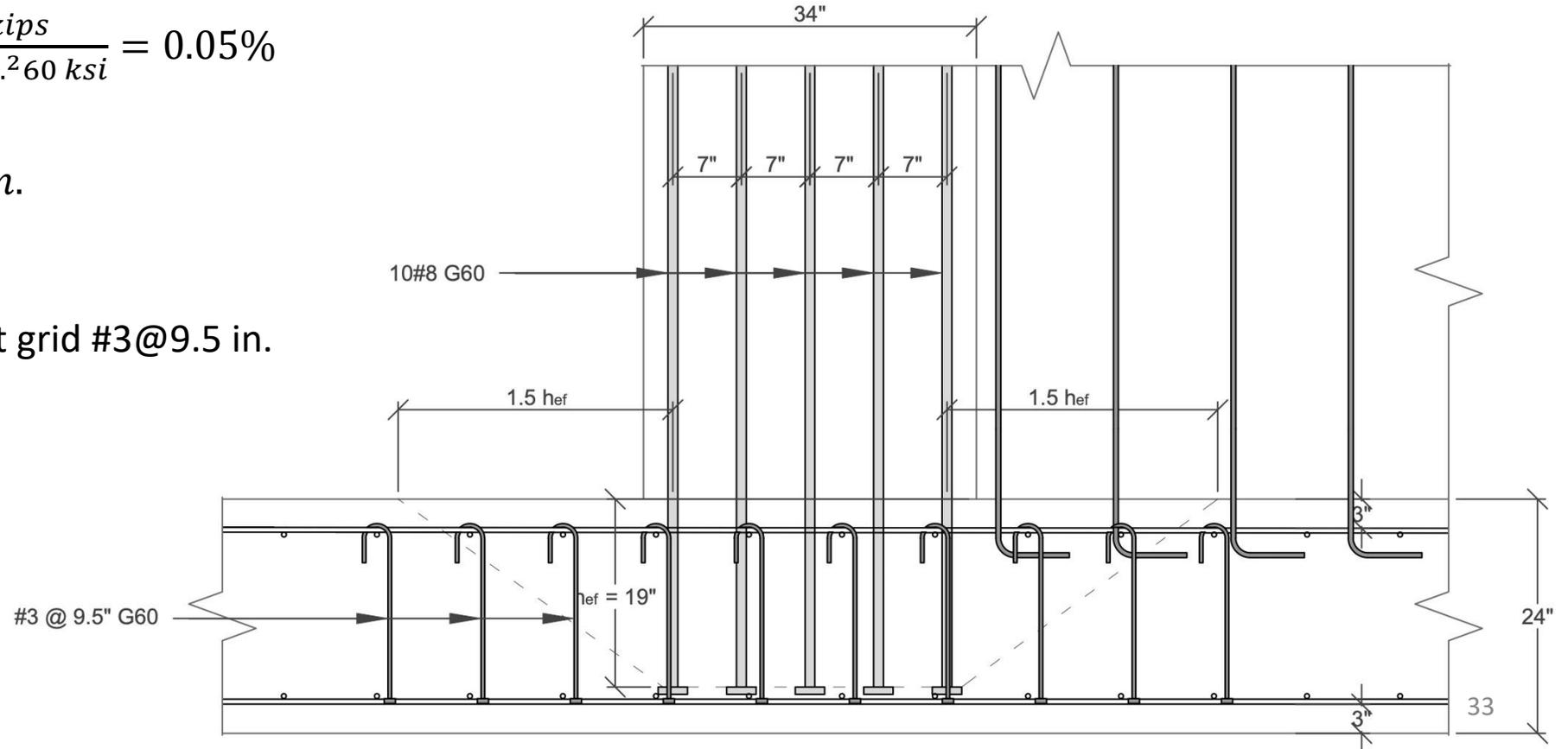
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$$\rho_{tr,min} = \frac{N_s}{A_{eff}f_{yt}} = \frac{70\text{kips}}{1377\text{in.}^2 60\text{ksi}} = 0.05\%$$

$$s_{max} = \frac{h_{ef}}{2} = \frac{19\text{in.}}{2} = 9.5\text{in.}$$

Select shear reinforcement grid #3@9.5 in.

$$\rho_{tr} = 0.12\%$$



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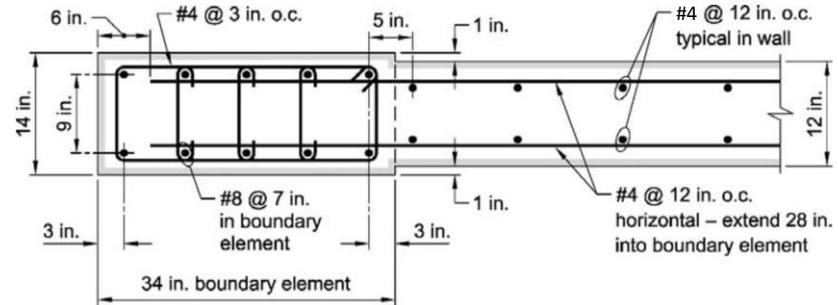
Boundary element  
 $1.25f_y$

$$\rho_{tr,min} = \frac{N_s}{A_{eff}f_{yt}} = \frac{188kips}{1377 in.^2 60 ksi} = 0.15\%$$

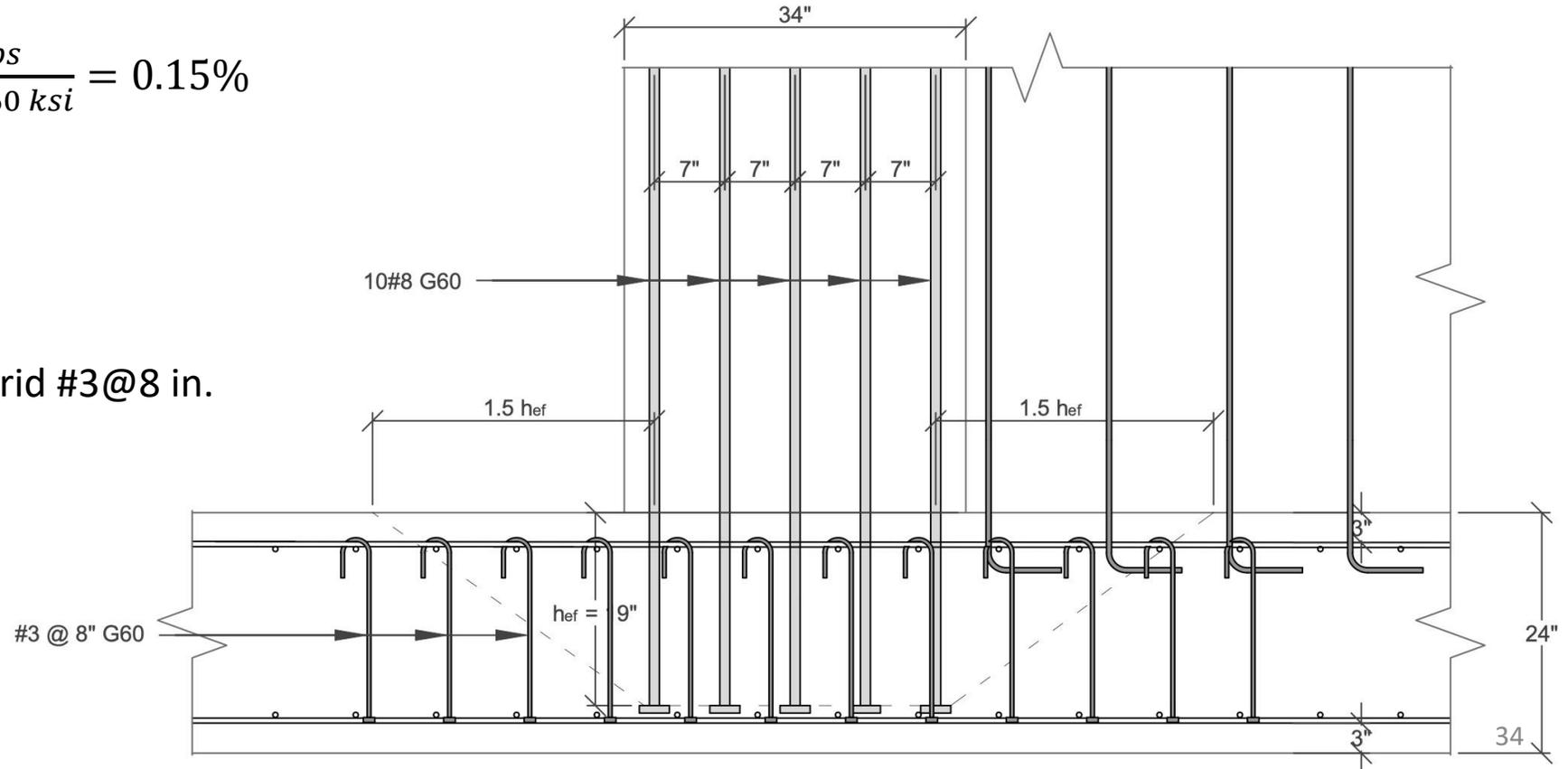
$$s_{max} = \frac{h_{ef}}{2} = \frac{19in.}{2} = 9.5in.$$

Select shear reinforcement grid #3@8 in.

$$\rho_{tr} = 0.17\%$$



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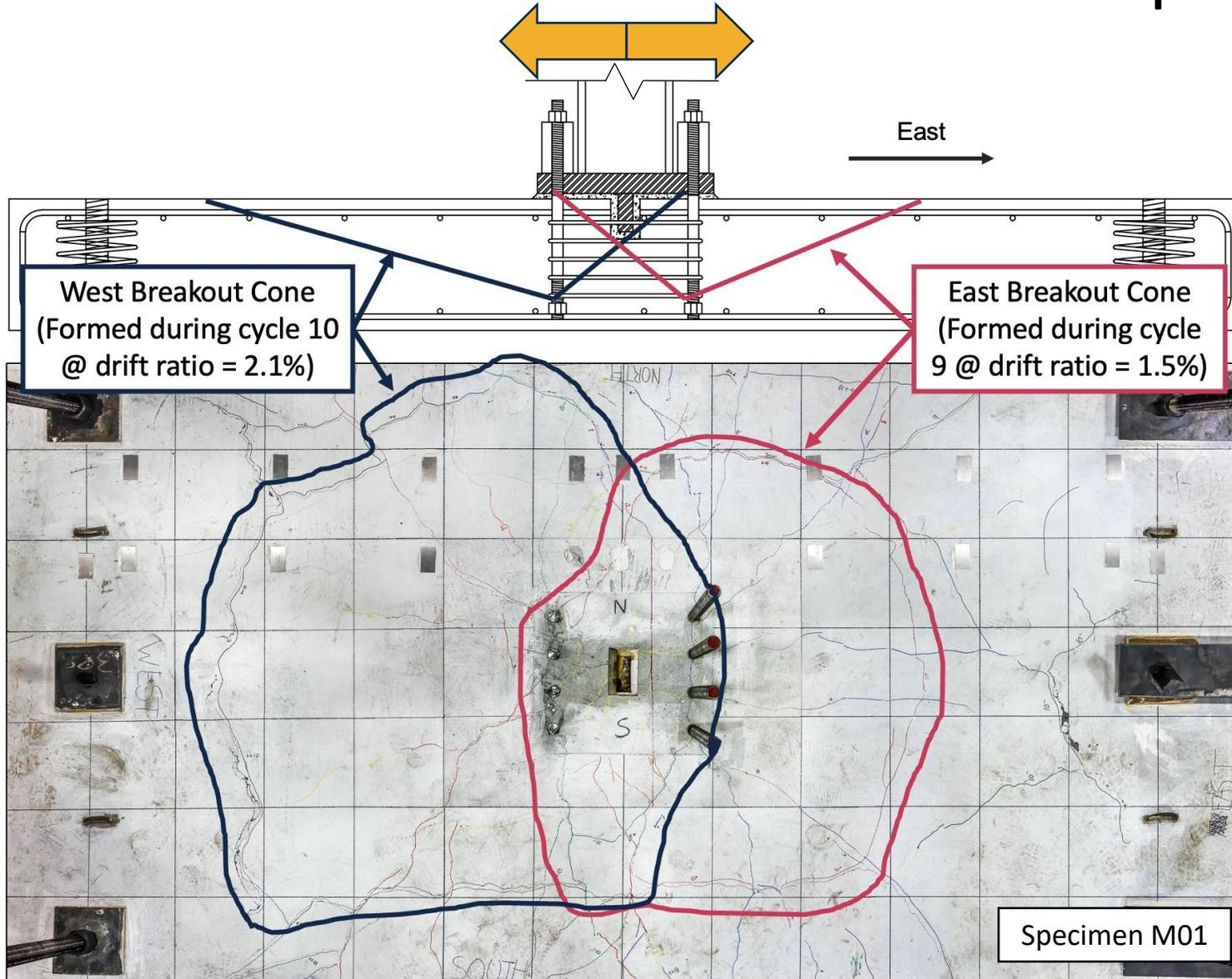


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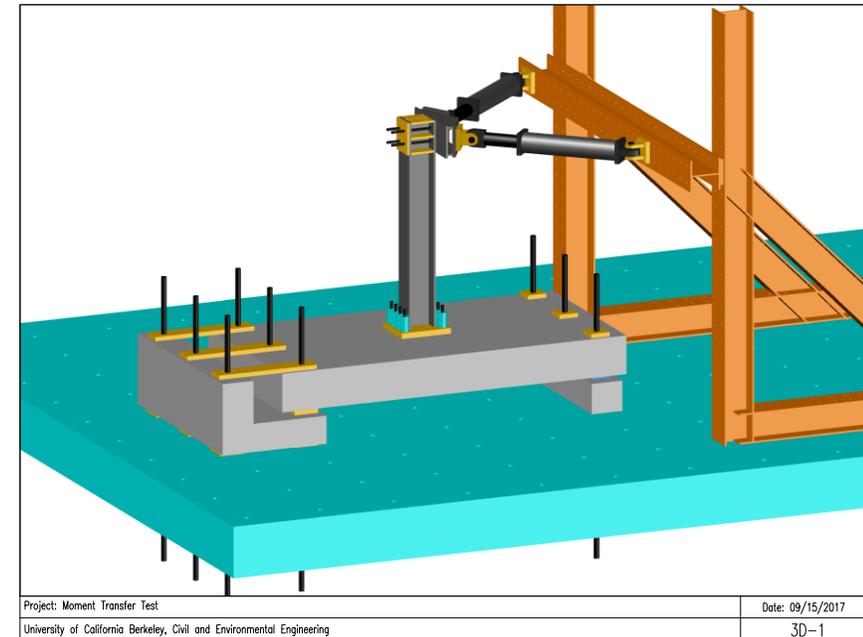
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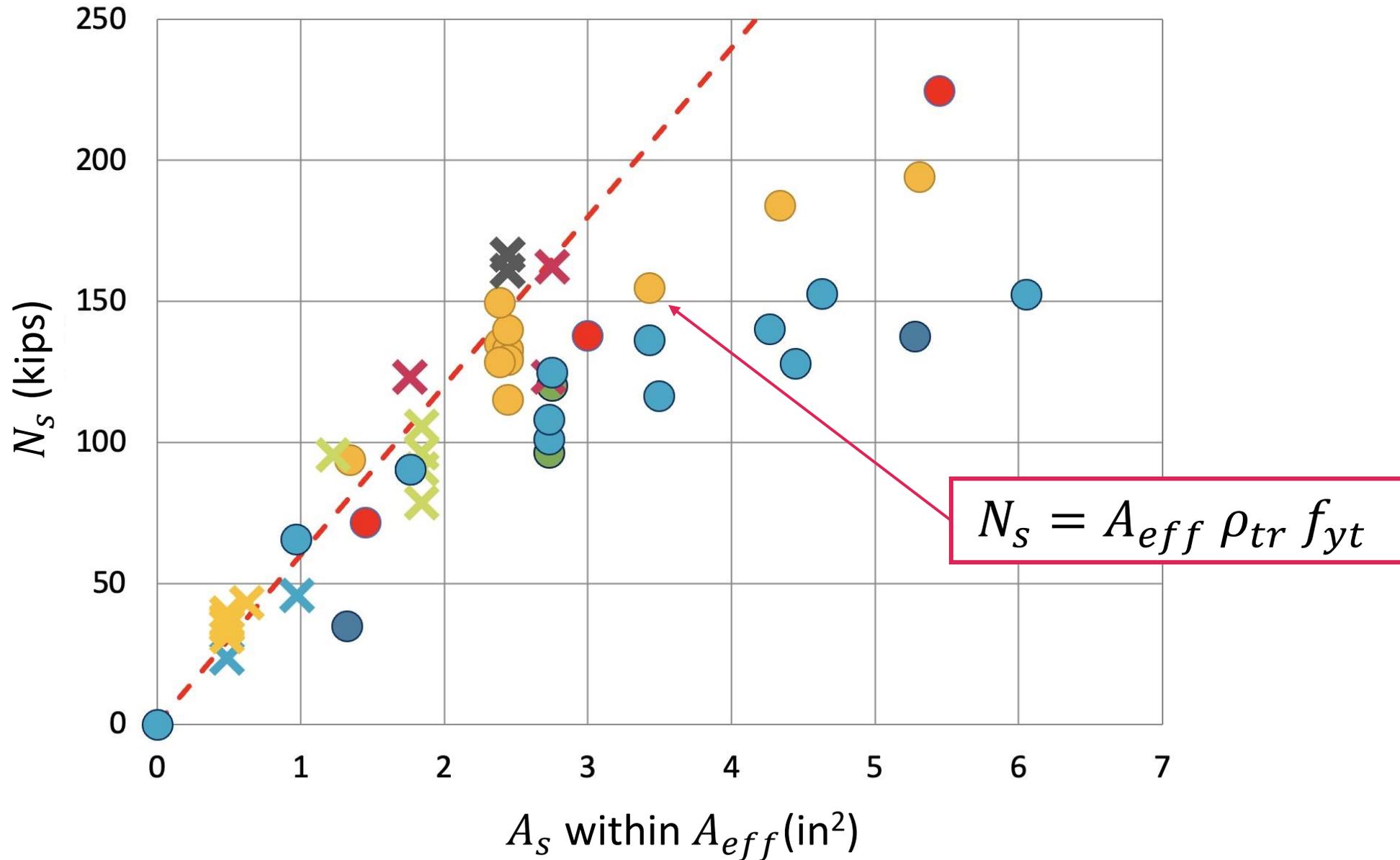
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# Shear-Reinforced Breakout Design Equation

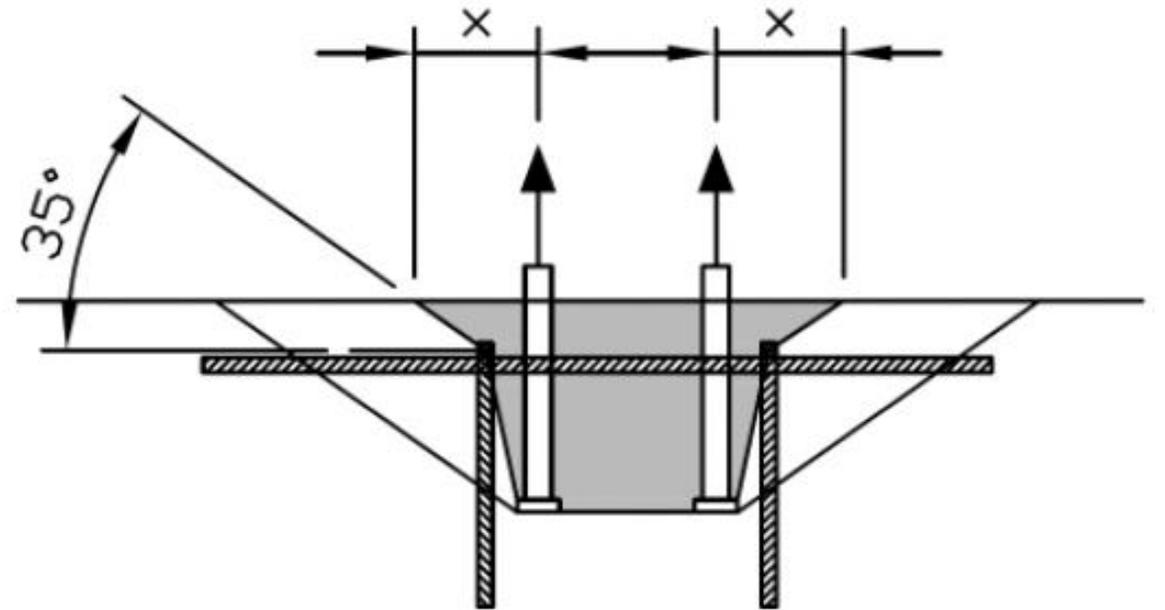


# Upper Limit: Steep Cone Strength

$$N_{n,max} = \Psi_{c,steep} N_c + \Psi_{s,steep} N_s$$

$$\Psi_{c,steep} = 2.75 - 1.75 \frac{A'}{A_{Nc}} \geq 1$$

$$\Psi_{s,steep} = 2 \frac{A'}{A_{Nc}} - 1 \geq 0$$

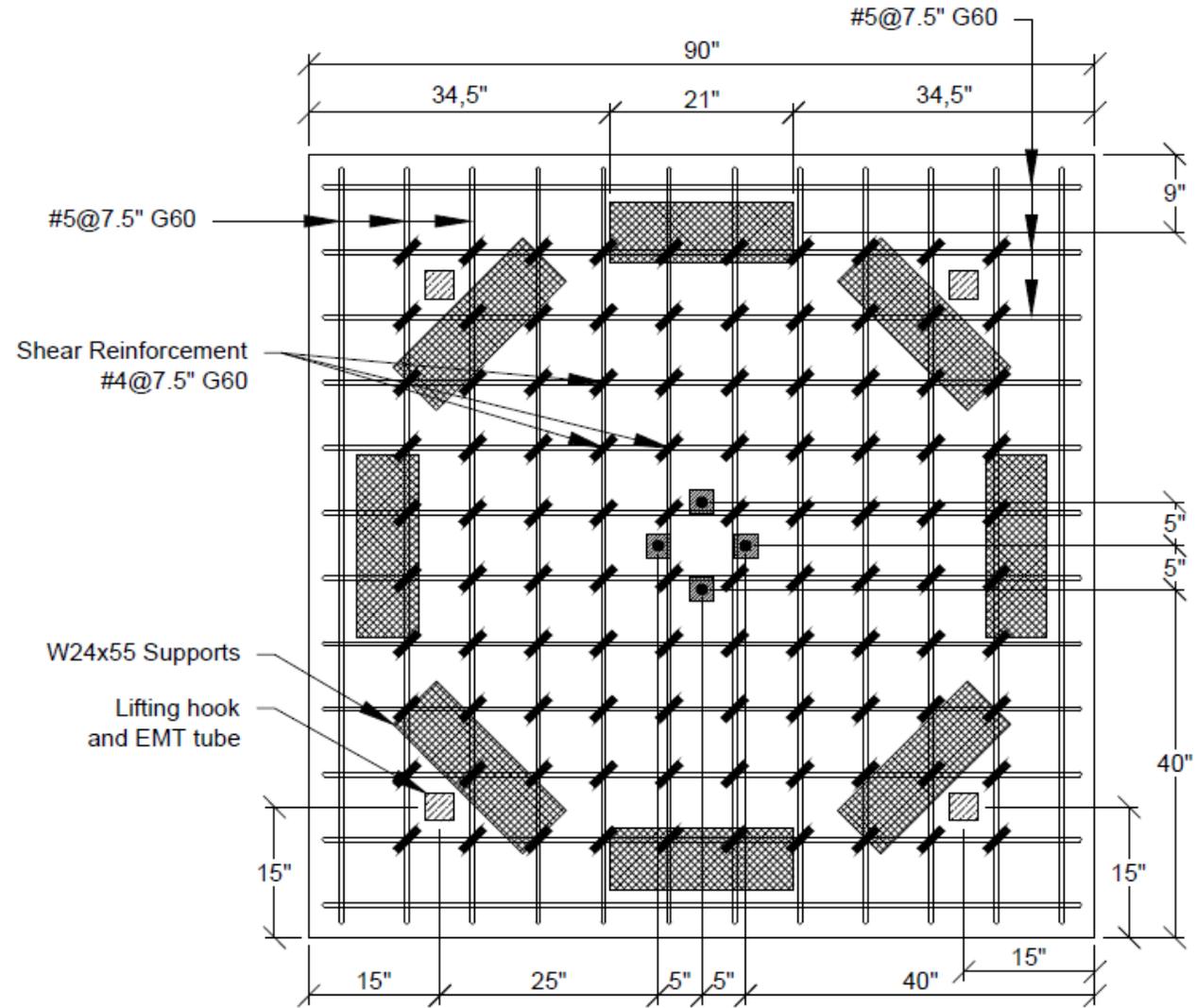


Berger (2015)

# Shear-Reinforced Breakout Tests

- UC Berkeley
- Four monotonic axial loading tests
- Breakout failures for all specimens
- Longitudinal bars did not appear to yield

Specimen	Shear Reinforcement	Reinforcing ratio, $\rho_{tr}$ (%)
A01	N/A	0
A02	#4@7.5in.	0.36%
A03	#5@7.5in.	0.55%
A04	#4@6in.	0.56%

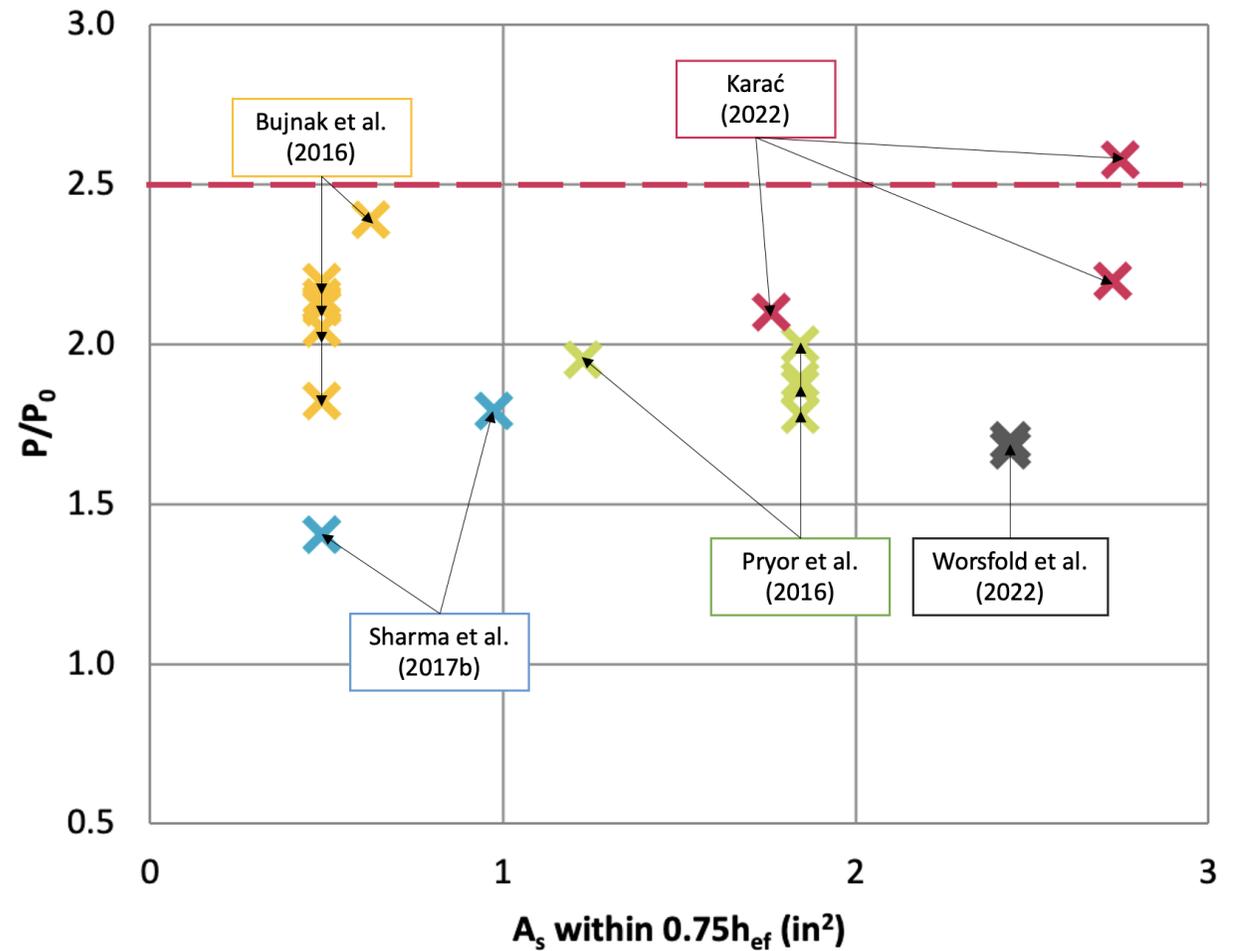


Specimen A02 Plan

Karac (2023)

# Shear Bar Strains

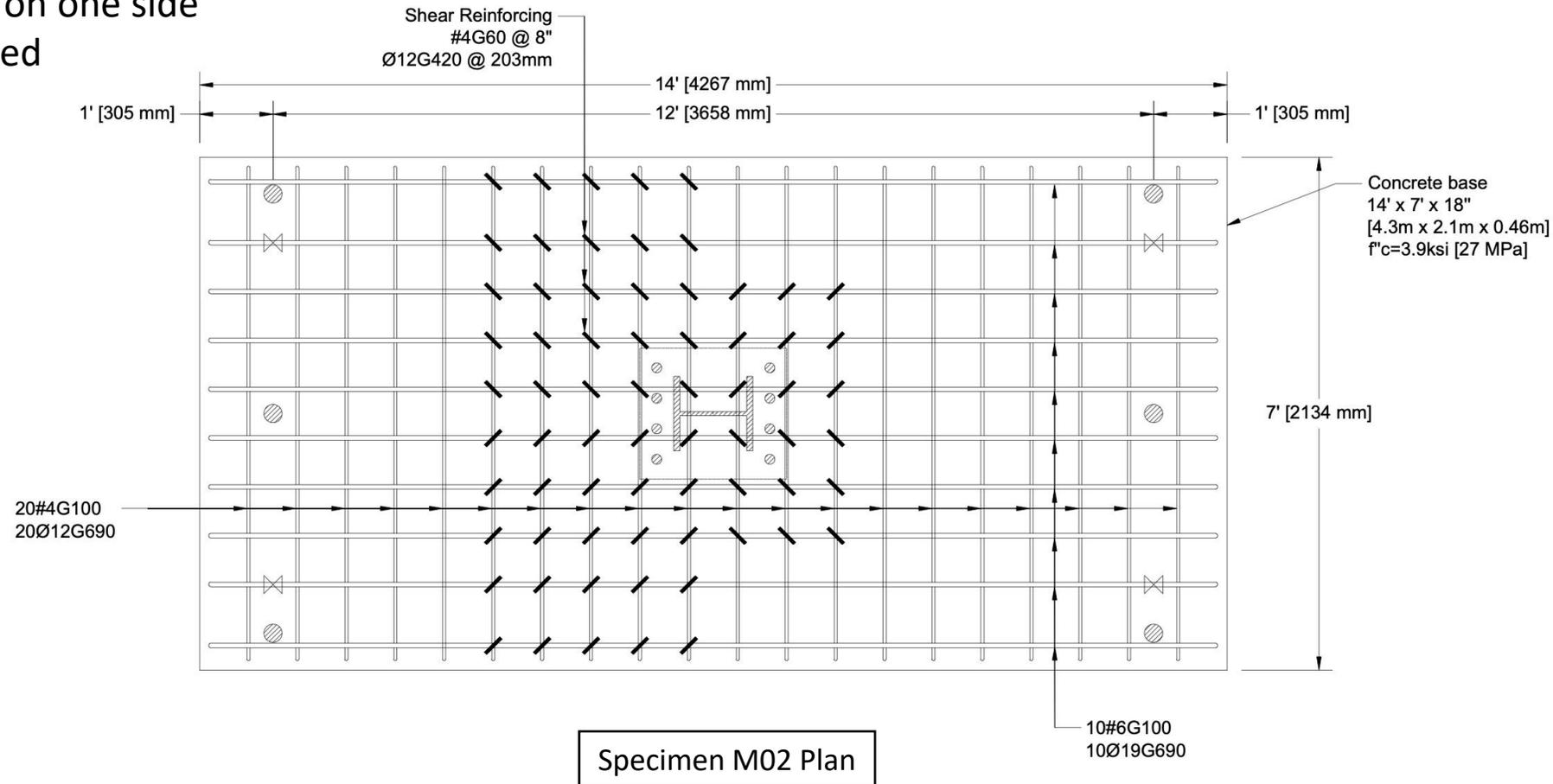
- Bars beyond about  $0.75h_{ef}$  less likely to yield



$A_s$  within  $A_{eff}$  (in<sup>2</sup>)

# Shear-Reinforced Breakout Tests

- UC Berkeley
- One cyclic moment-transfer tests
- Larger reinforced region on one side
- Breakout failures governed



# Publications



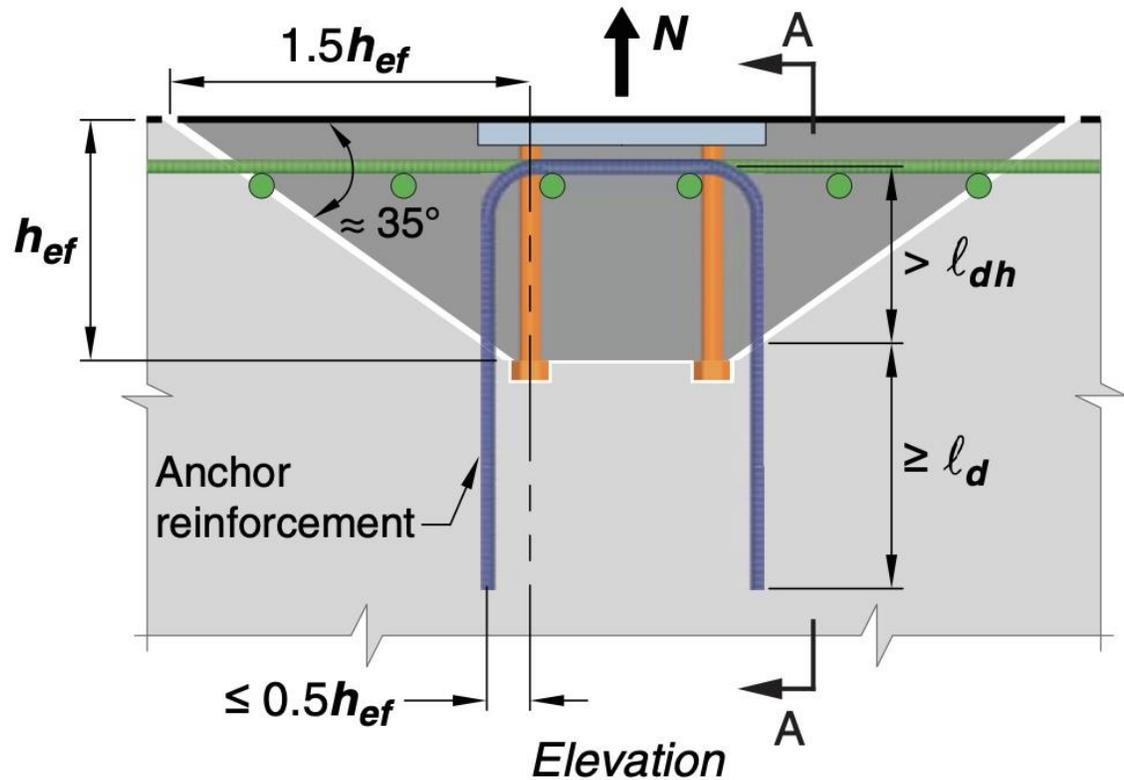
## Title

**Moment Transfer at Column-to-Footing Connections: Physical Tests**

**Moment Transfer at Column-to-Footing Connections: Analytical Simulations**

**Strengthening Breakout Failure with Distributed Shear Reinforcing**

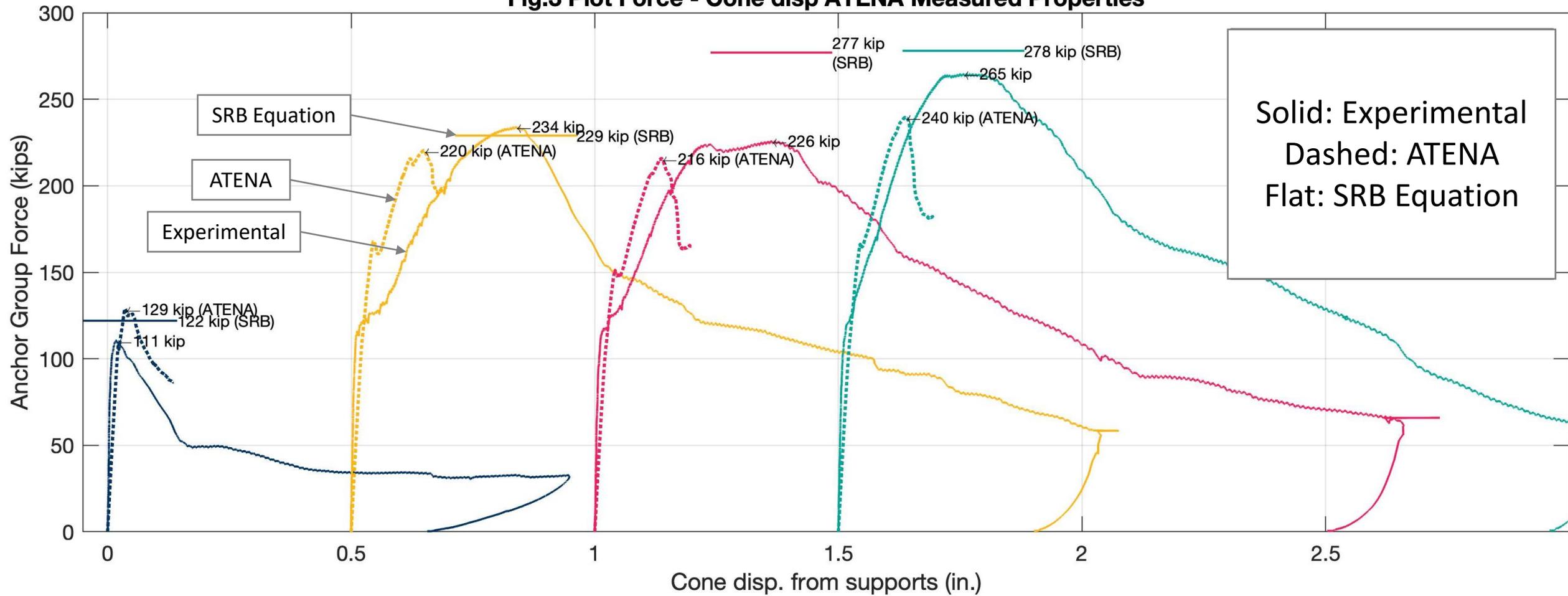
# ACI 318 Supplementary Reinforcement



- Supplementary reinforcement: reinforcement that acts to restrain the potential concrete breakout but is not designed to transfer the design load from the anchors into the structural member.
- Slightly increased  $\Phi$  factor to consider increased displacement capacity.
- Reinforcement strength is ignored

*Fig. R17.5.2.1a—Anchor reinforcement for tension.*

**Fig.3 Plot Force - Cone disp ATENA Measured Properties**

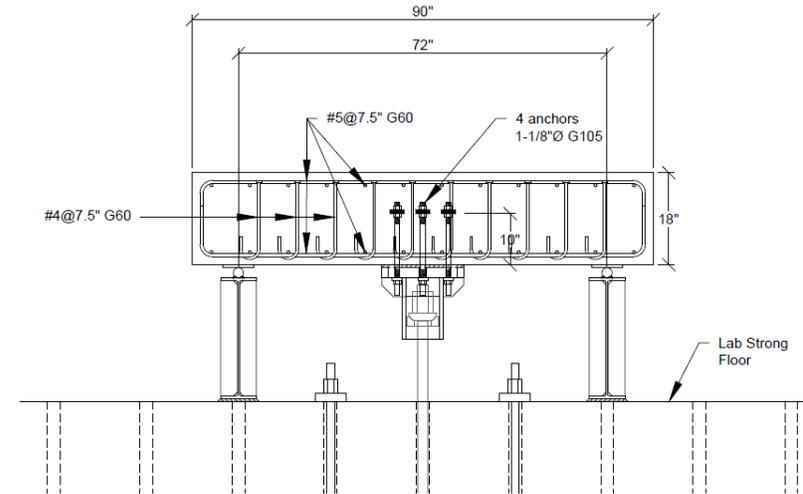
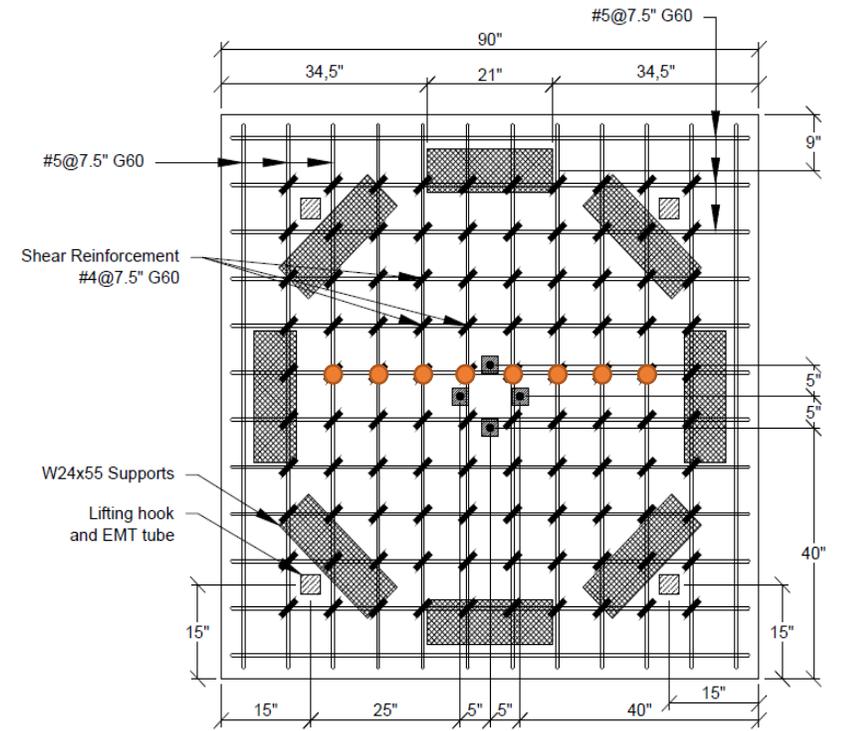
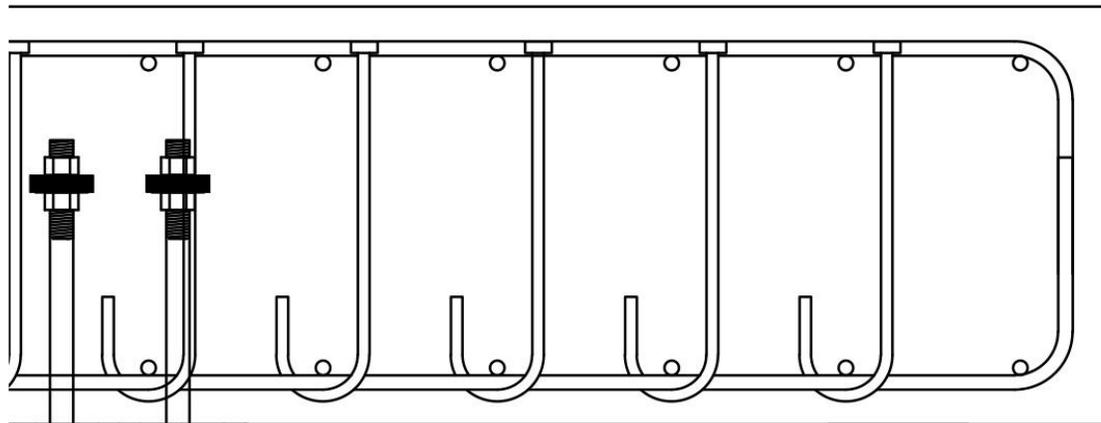
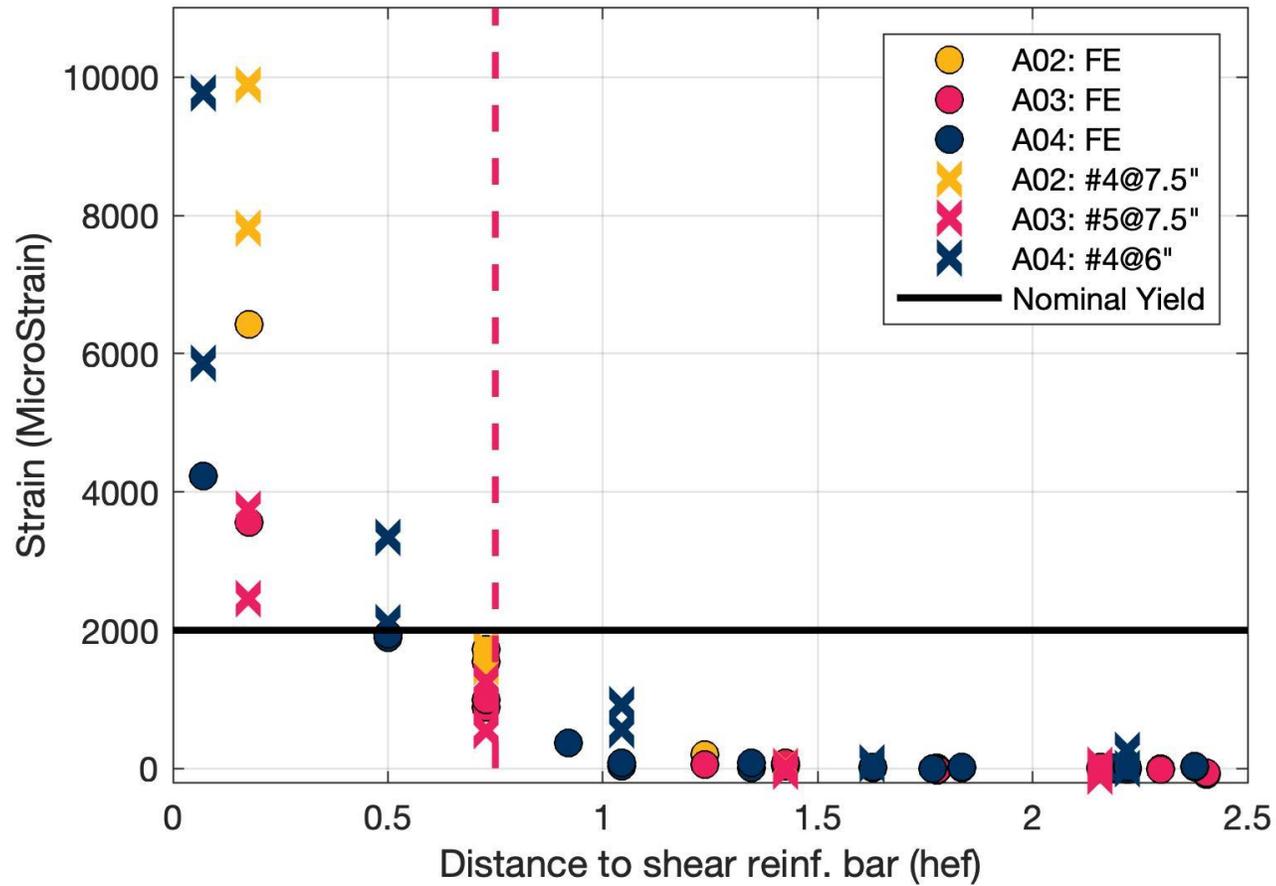


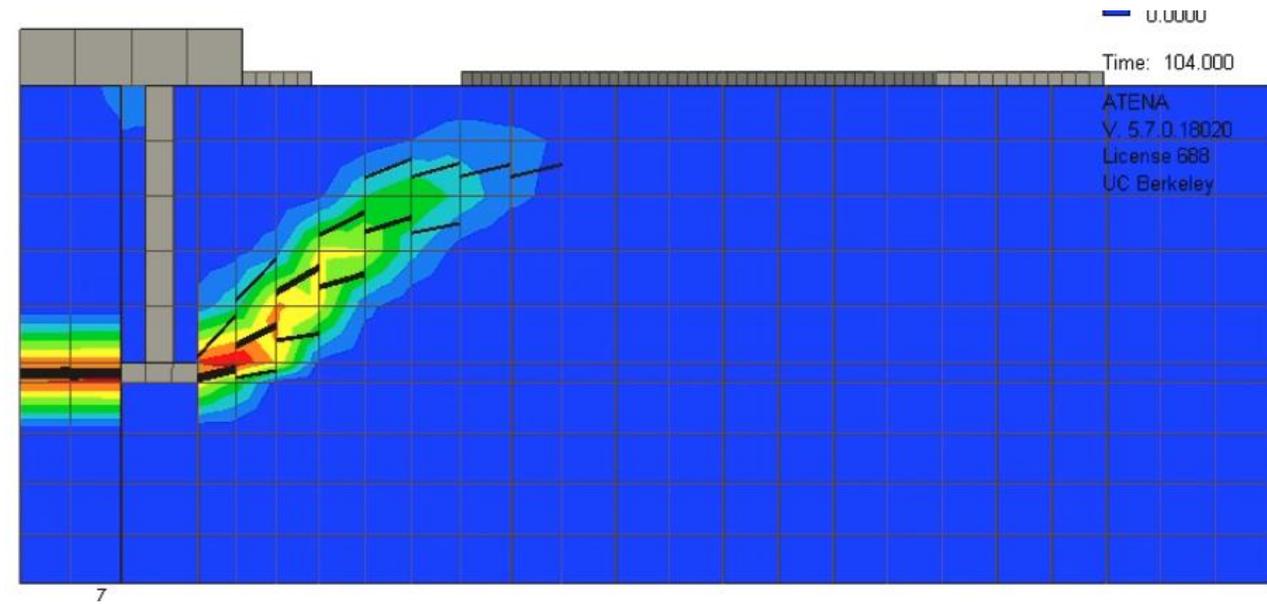
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No Shear  
Reinf.

**A02**  
#4@7.5in.  
 $\rho_{tr}=0.36\%$

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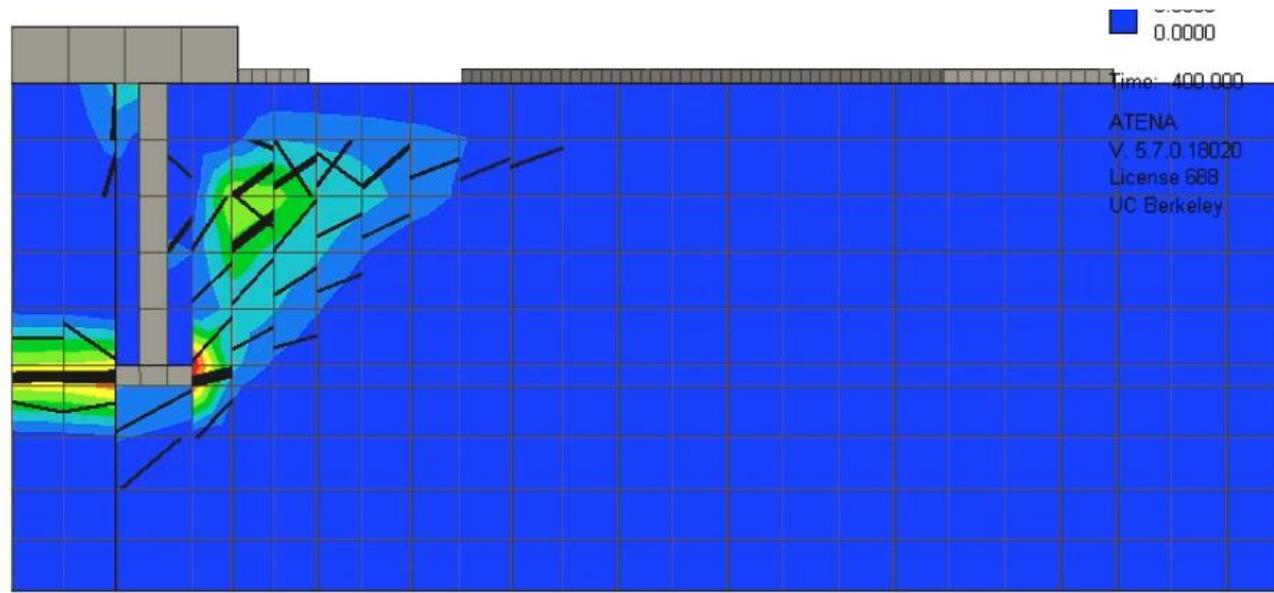


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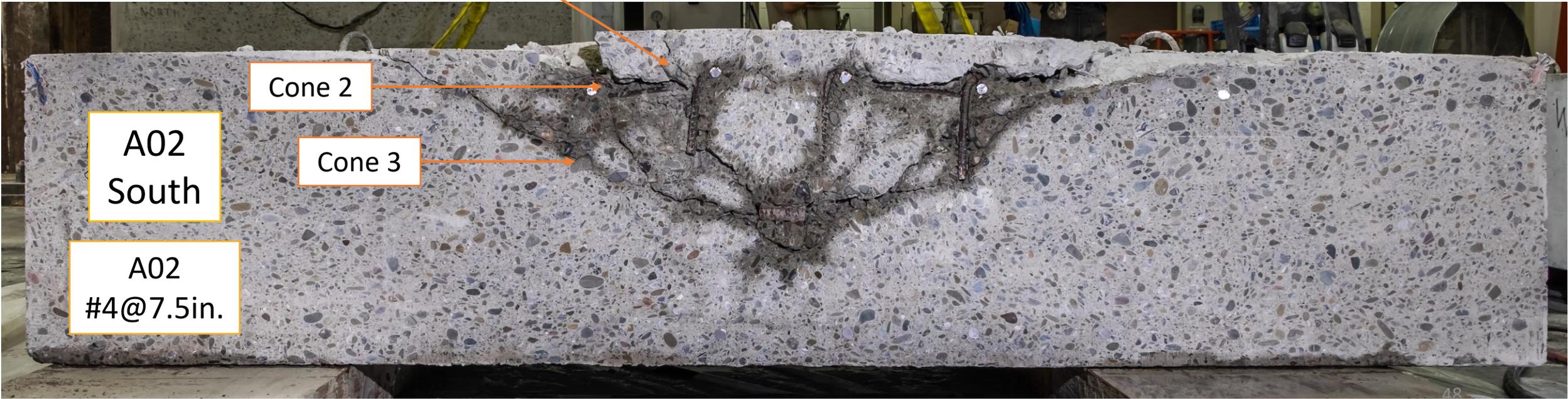
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No Shear Reinf.



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Cone 1

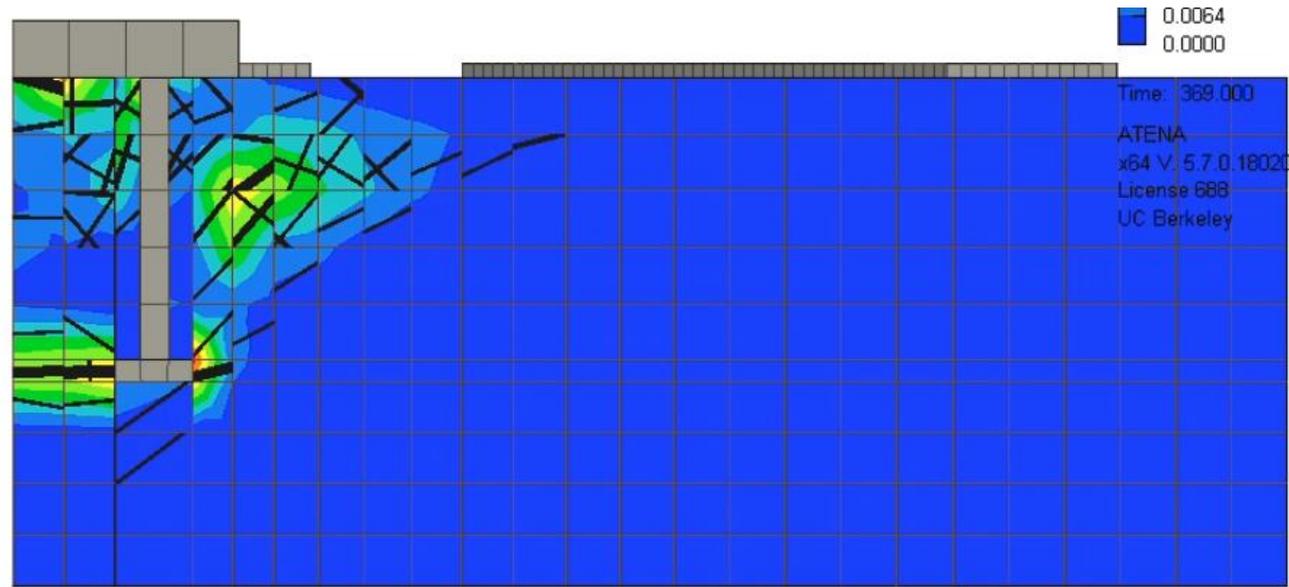


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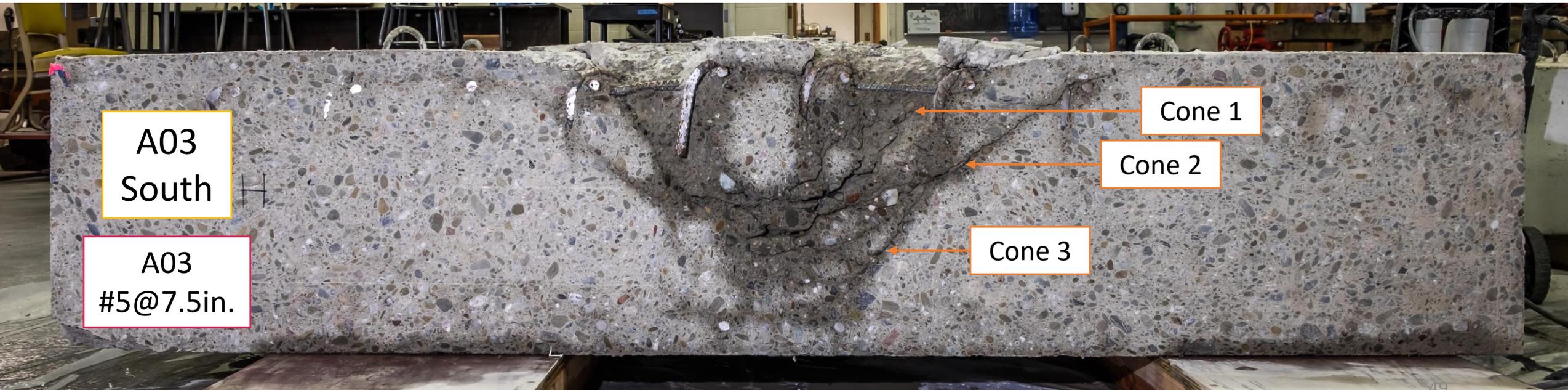
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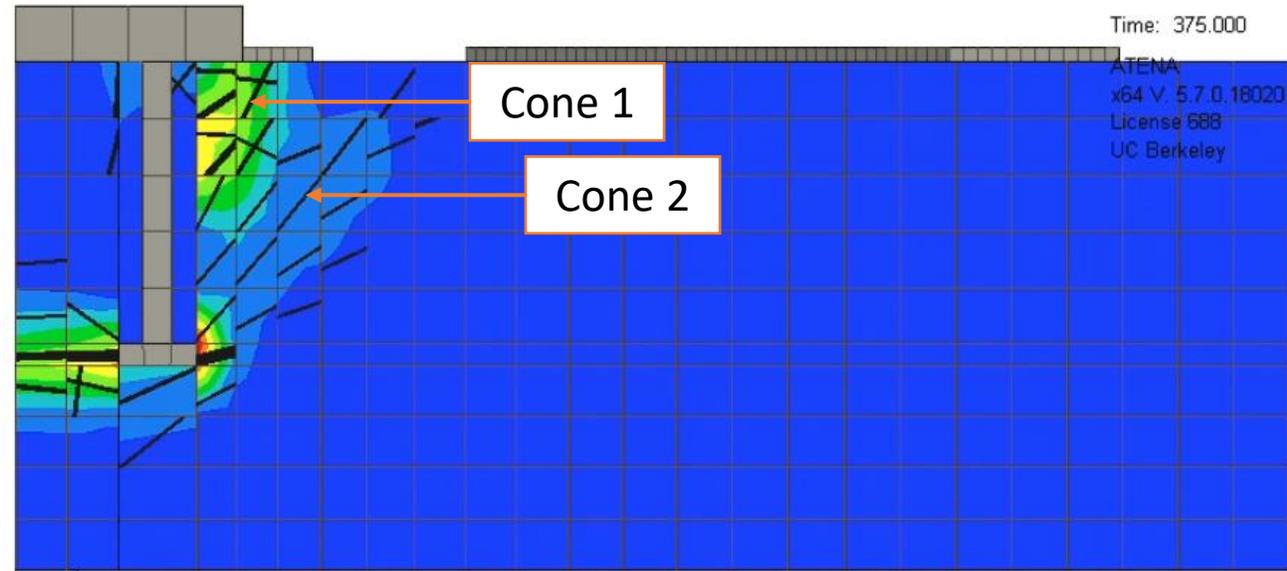
Cone 2

Cone 3



ATENA Cracks (1.3\*peak disp.)





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