



Advancements in Anchoring to Concrete Construction

*Commemorating the lifetime contributions of Prof. Dr. Ing. Rolf Eligehausen*

**“Concrete break-out failure of hooked and headed  
bars in RC column joins”**



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## Development Length in RC Beam-Column Joints

- Addressed for hook and headed steel bars
- Empirically expressed in ACI-318

## Factors Affecting Development Length

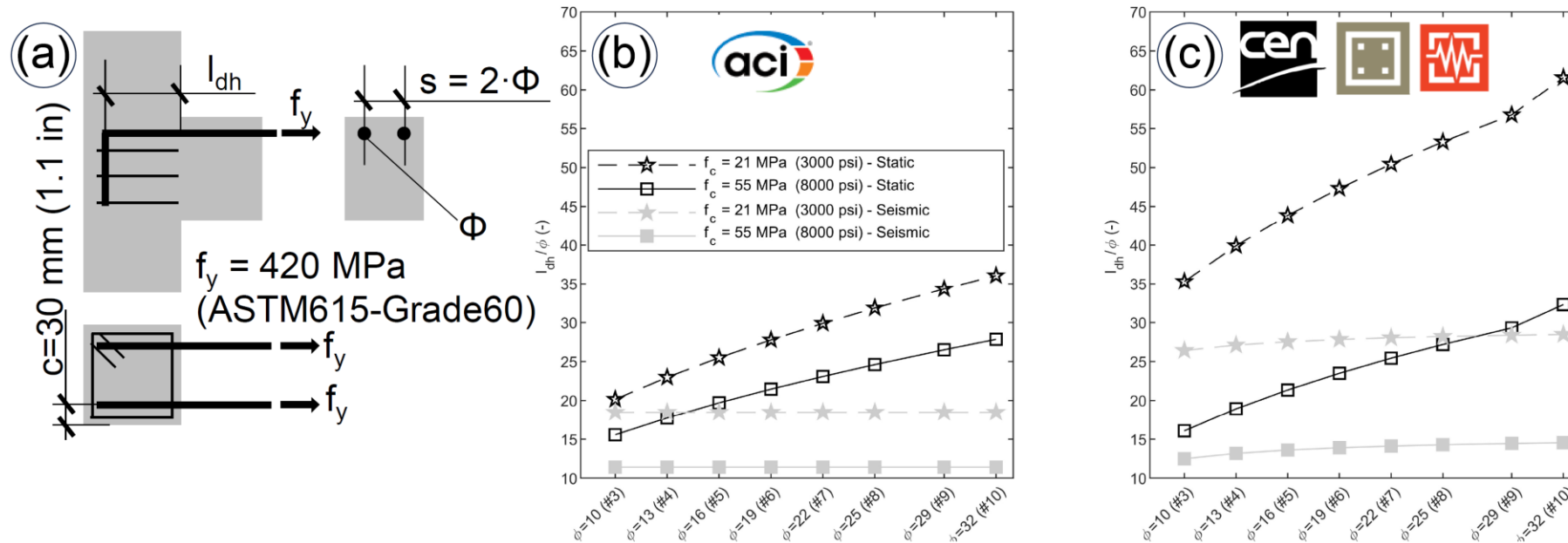
- Yield strength of reinforcement
- Compressive strength of concrete
- Bar diameter
- Boundary conditions like light-weighted concrete, epoxy coating, confining reinforcement

## Failure Mechanisms Identified

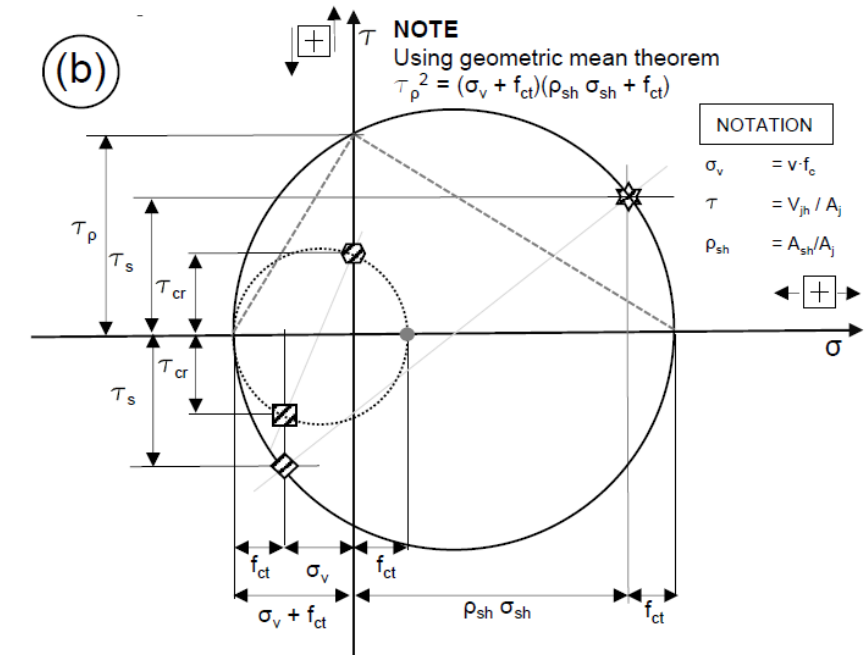
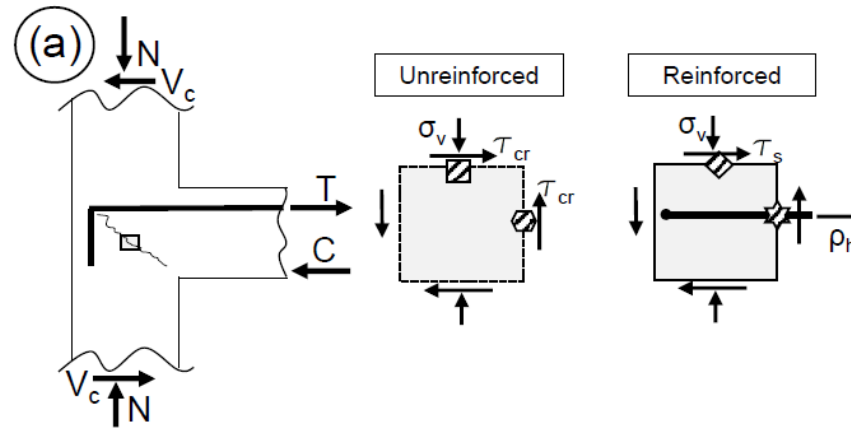
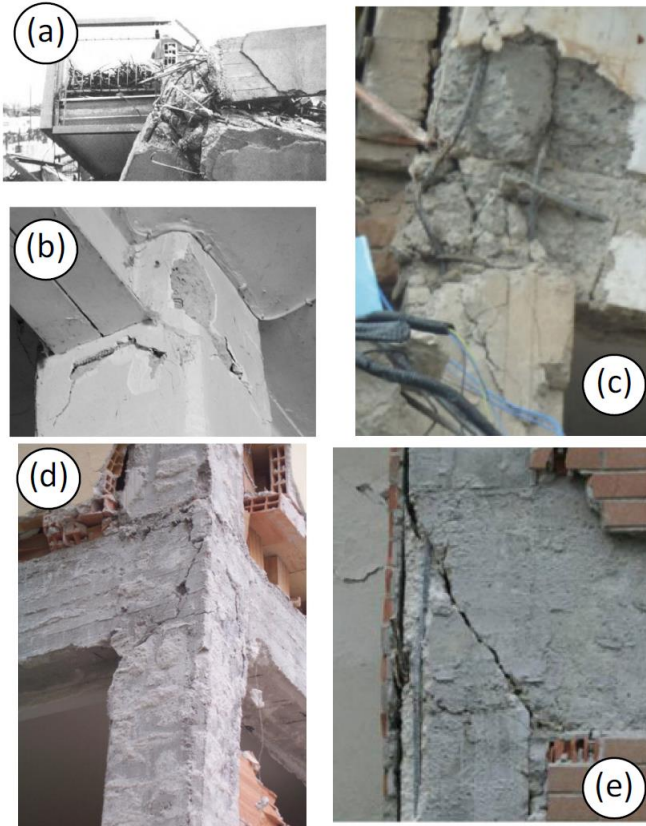
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- Joint-shear failure (JS)

## Assessment of Mechanical Behavior

# About development length in beam-column joints



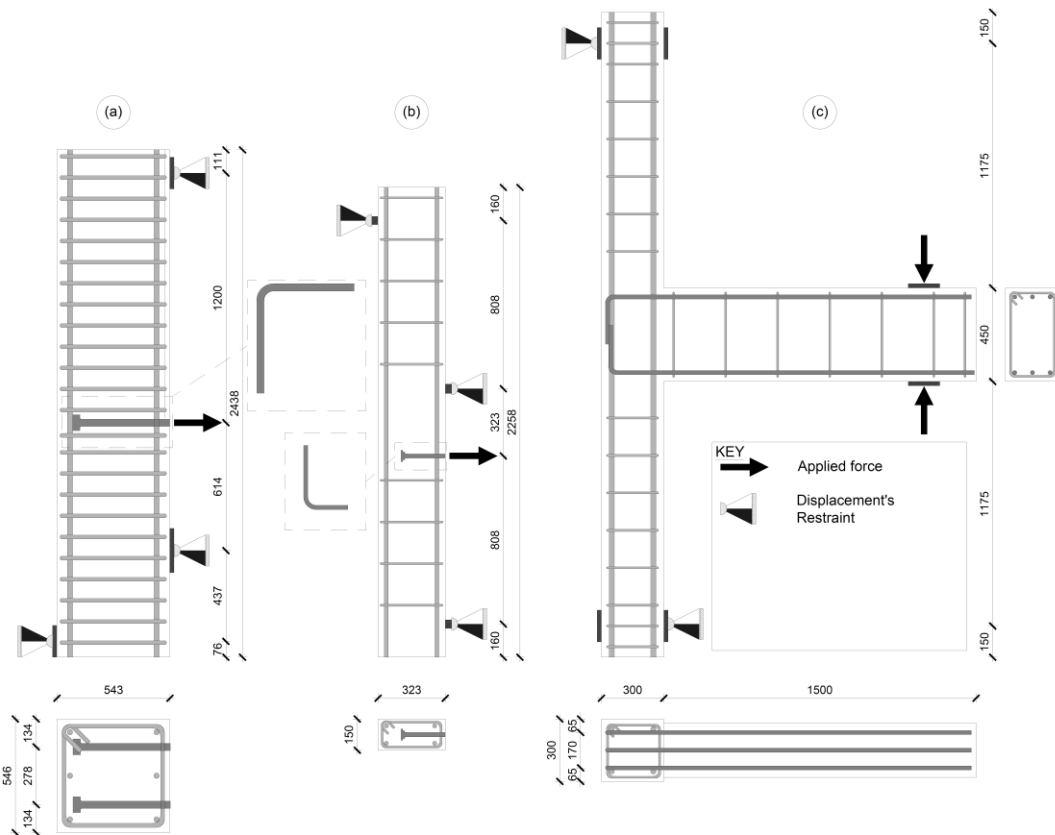
# About shear strength of beam-column joints



(a) Irpinia 1980 ; (b) Molise 2002; (c) Emilia 2012; L'Aquila 2009 (d) and (e)

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# How testing was carried out?



(a)-(b) column-type adapted from Shao et al. (2016), Chun and Kim (2004); (c) sub-assembly adapted from Kuang and Wong (2006)

## Historical Context

- First application by Jirsa and Marques (1975)
- Further studies by Pinc et al. (1977)
- Peckover and Darwin (2013)
- Kim et al. (2023)

## Three failure mechanisms observed

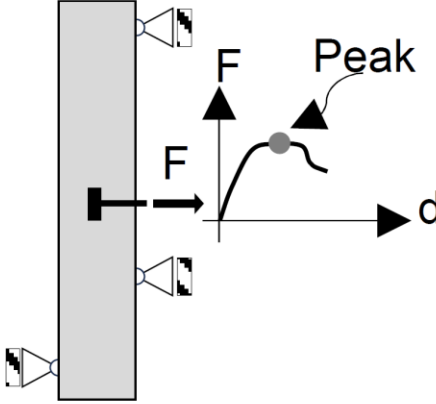
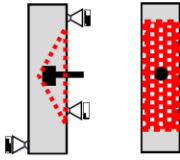
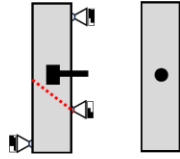
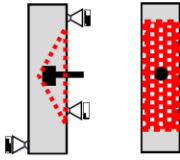
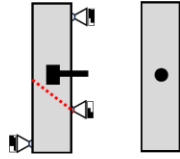
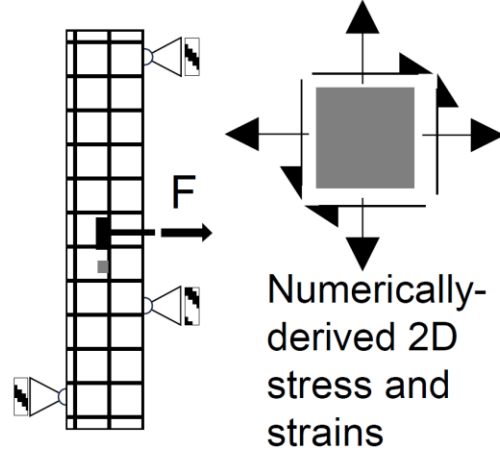
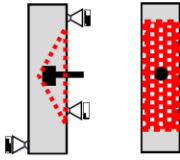
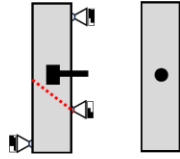
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- Pullout/splitting failure (PO)

Which is the difference between Concrete Breakout and Joint Shear failure?

Which are the implications for node design?

Are we in the context of concrete-cone mechanism ?

# Proposed methodology

Exp. Results	LoA-1	LoA-2									
<i>Derived from Literature</i>	<i>Analytically—Derived Load—Carrying Capacities (F)</i>	<i>NLFEA as validation of LoA-1</i>									
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Levels-of-Approximation (LoA) Methodology, Inspired by Muttoni and Ruiz (2012) and adopted in fib Model Code (2013)



# Focus of current investigation

## Selection of Beam-Column Joint Tests

- Tests from Sperry et al. (2015) and Shao et al. (2016)
- Focus on CB mode failures

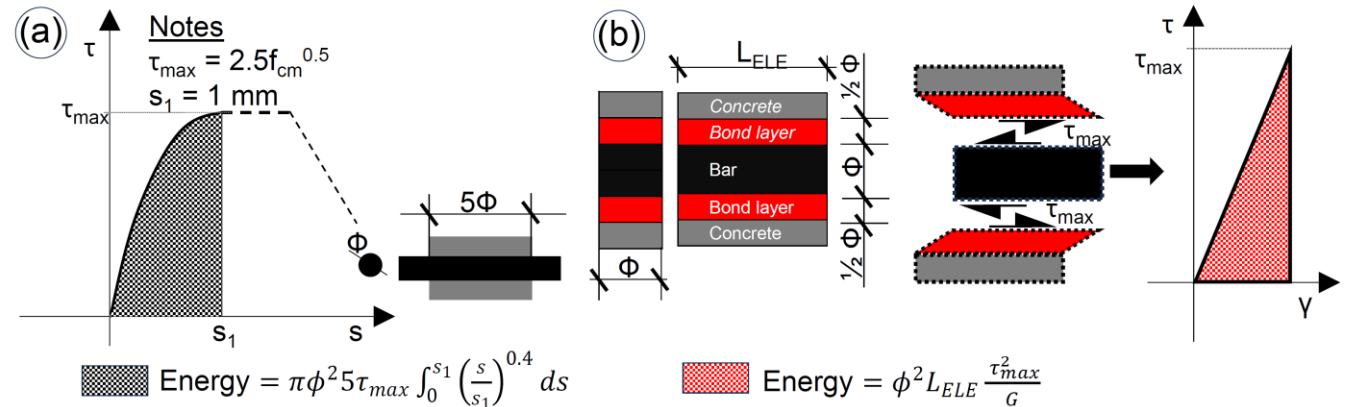
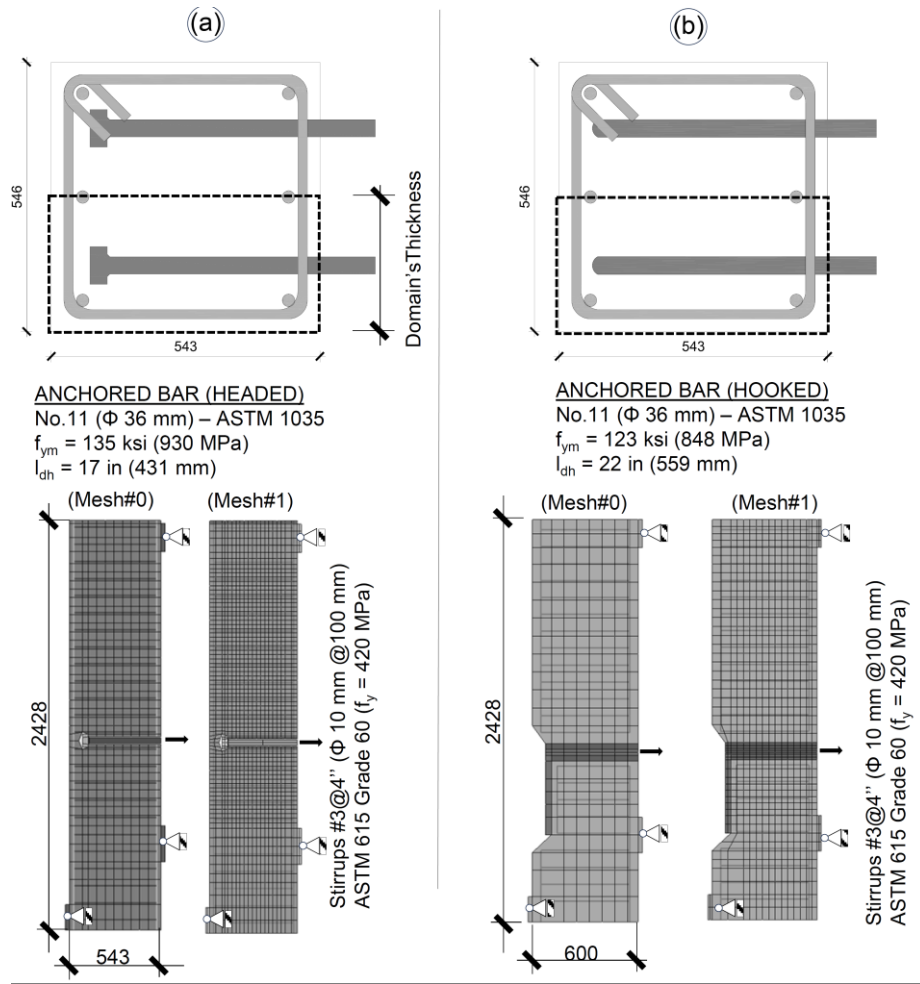
## Specimen Details

- Large diameter bars (#11; 36 mm)
- High strength steel (ASTM 1035 – Grade 120,  $f_yk = 820$  MPa)
- Embedment depth: 17 in (431 mm)

## Confining Reinforcement

- Hoops No. 3 (10 mm), with  $\cong 0.3\%$  reinforcement ratio
- ASTM 615 - Grade 60 ( $f_yk = 420$  MPa)

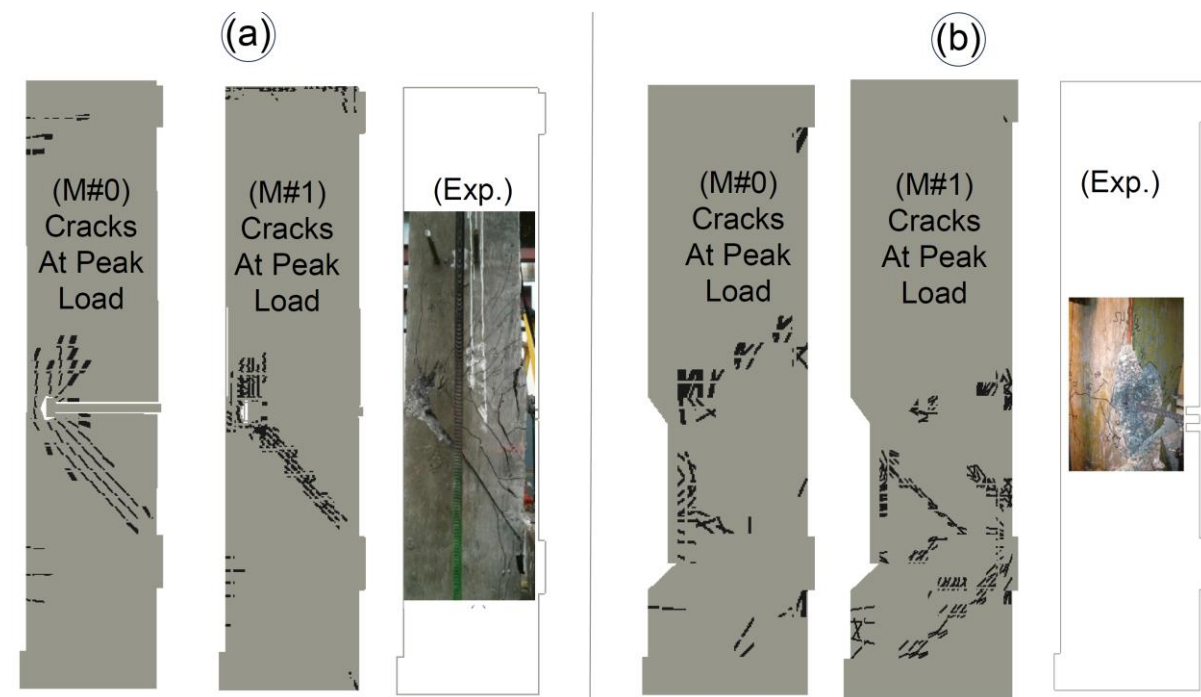
# Column-type specimens by Shao et al. (headed) and by Sperry et al (hooked)



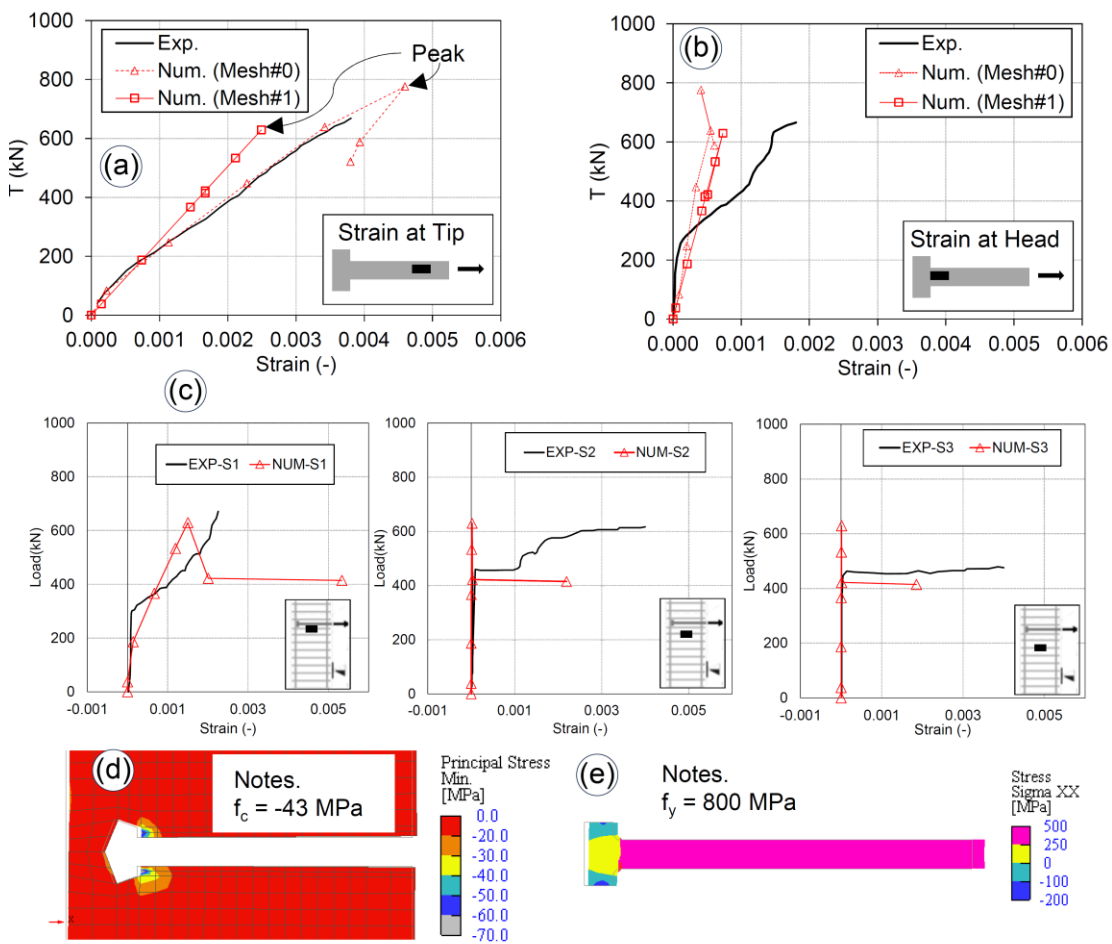
Bond-slip behavior at the interface between the bar and the surrounding concrete was modeled using a fictitious elastic layer with thickness almost equal to half diameter of the bar.

Elastic parameters of the layer such as tangential modulus ( $G$ ) was calibrated such that a segment of the layer associated with one element (LELE) had elastic energy equivalent to the one derived by applying local bond-to-slip law according to fib (2013) for a bond length equal to five times the bar's diameter

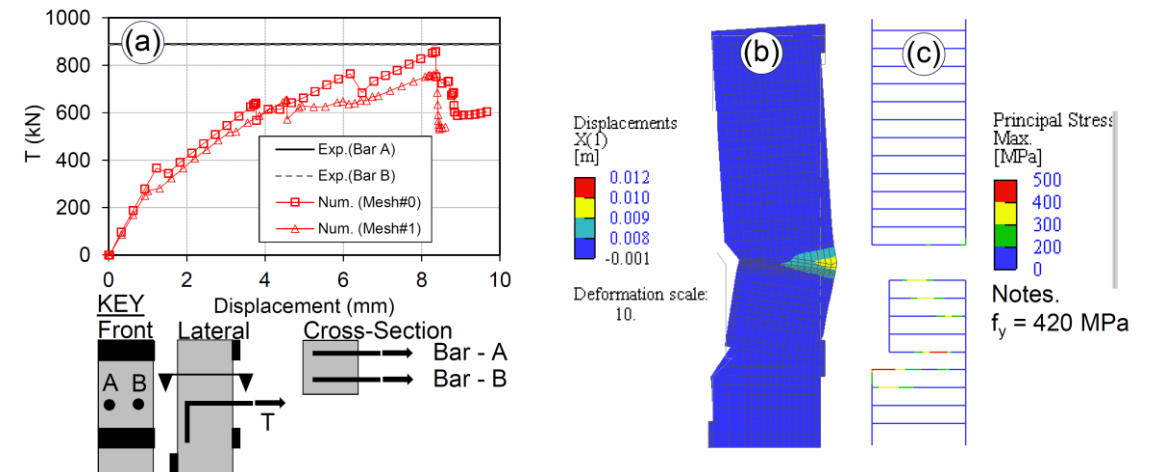
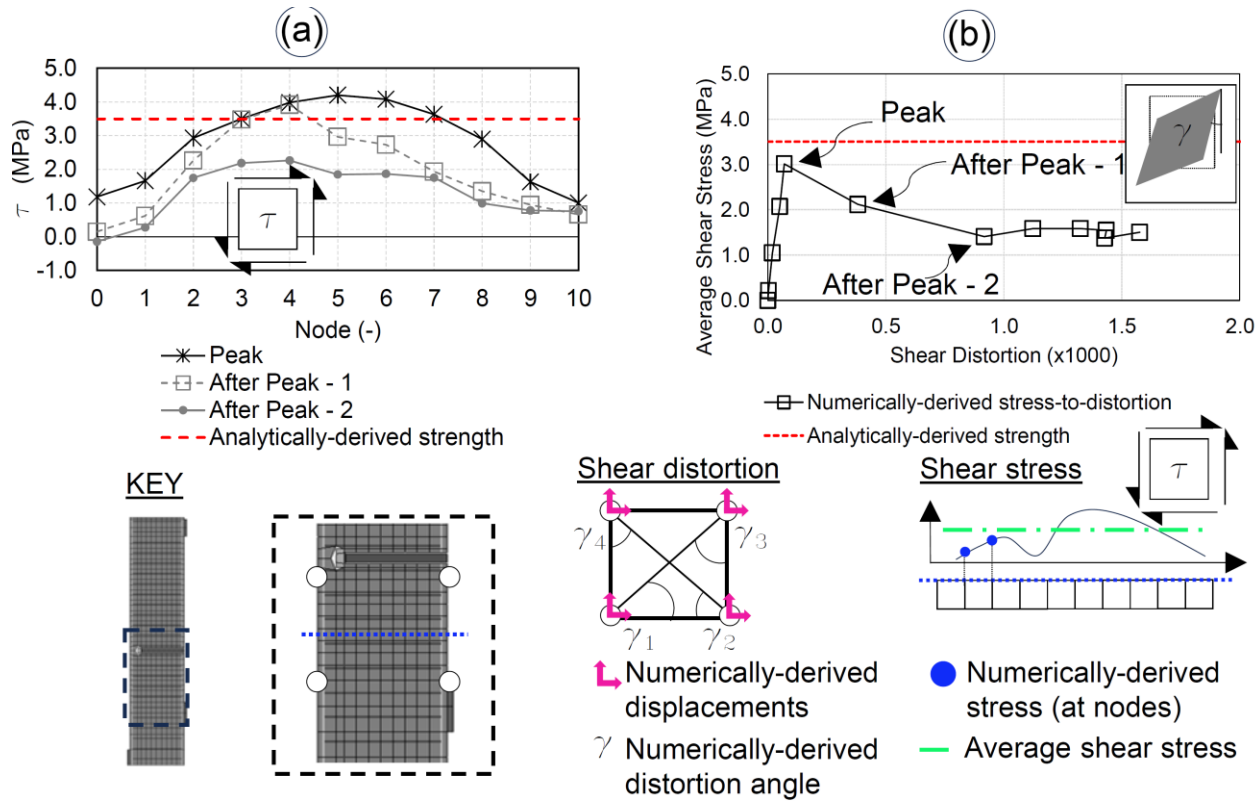
# Main results /1



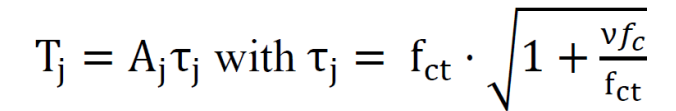
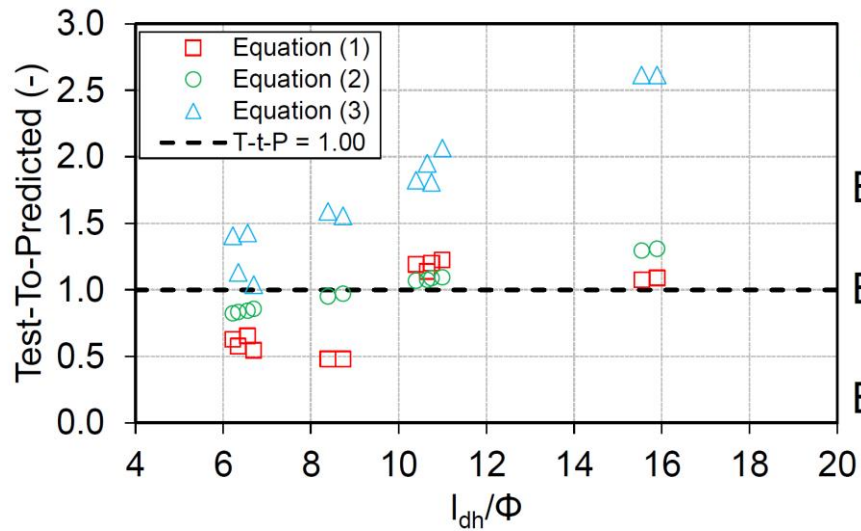
TEST	Type	Exp.	LoA-1				LoA-2
		$T_{exp}$ (kN)	$T_j$ (kN)	$T_{dh}$ (kN)	$T_{cc}$ (kN)	$T_{LoA-2}$ (kN)	
11-5-f3.8-6#3-i-2.5-3-17		685	527	555	154	629	
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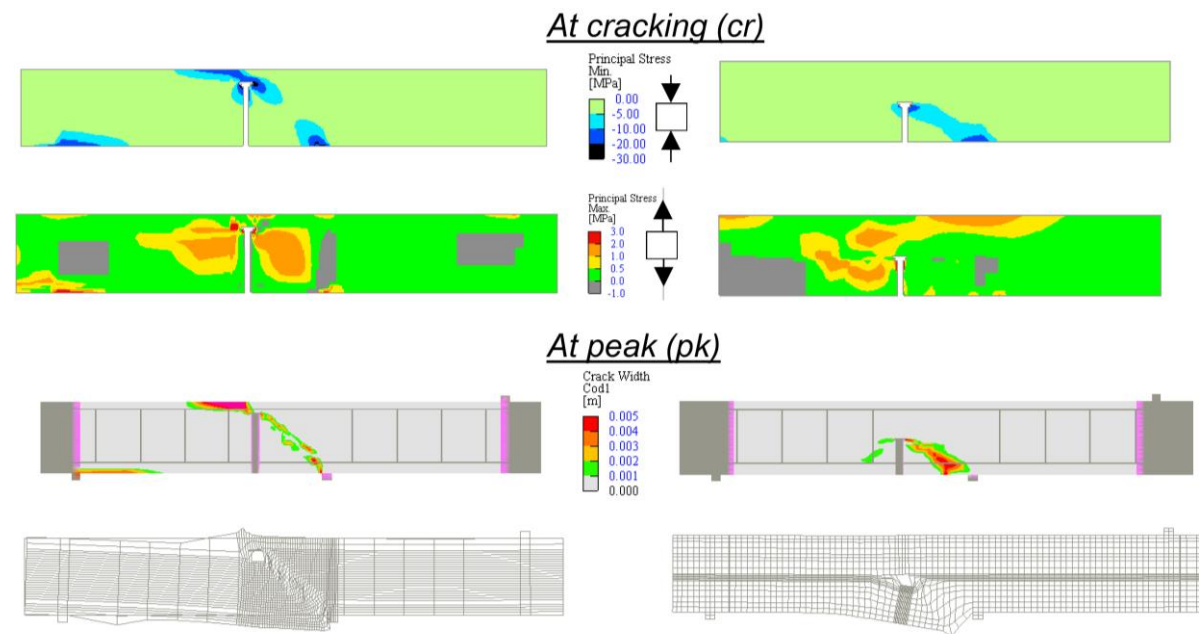
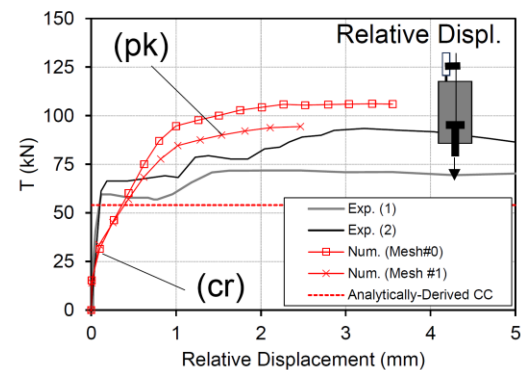
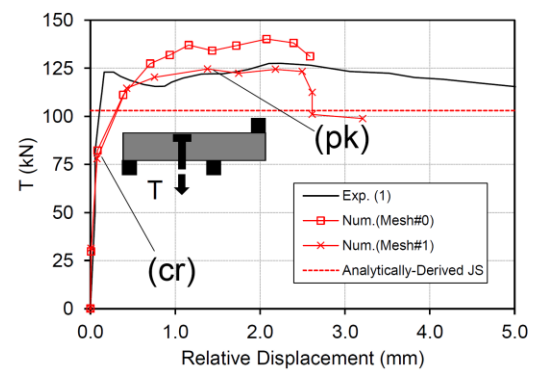
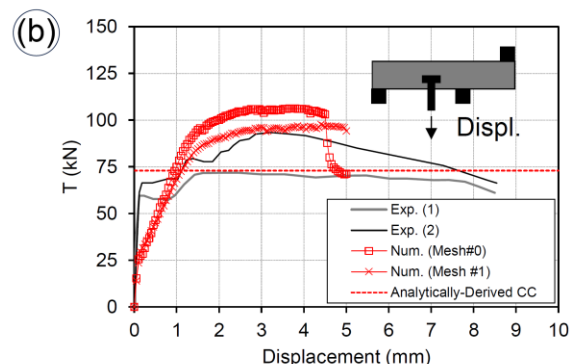
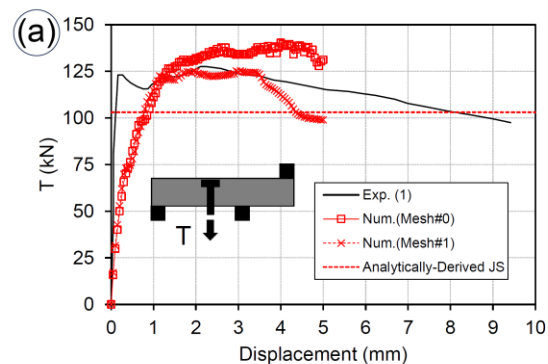
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$$T_{cc} = k_c \frac{A_N}{A_{N0}} \cdot l_{dh}^{1.5} \sqrt{f_c}$$





# Conclusions

**1. Concrete Break-Out Failure:** The analyses revealed that there is a need of identifying failure modes in testing. This distinction is crucial for accurate assessment and design of beam-column joints

**2. Levels-of-Approximation (LoA):** Two levels of approximation were used in the numerical analyses:

- **LoA-1:** This level focused on predicting the maximum tensile force and identifying failure mechanisms such as shear failure, 'anchorage failure' and concrete-cone failure
- **LoA-2:** This level utilized advanced non-linear finite element models to provide a detailed analysis of the mechanical behavior of the joints

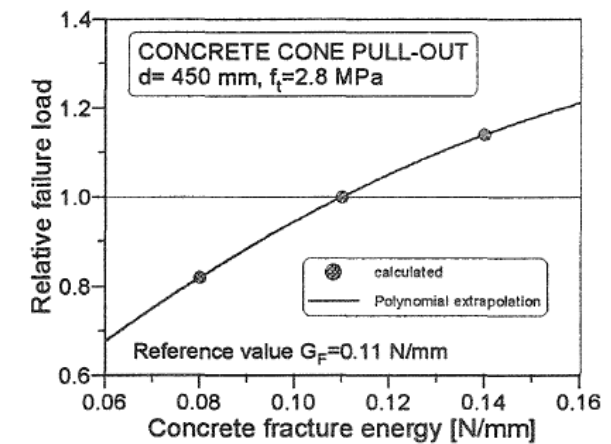
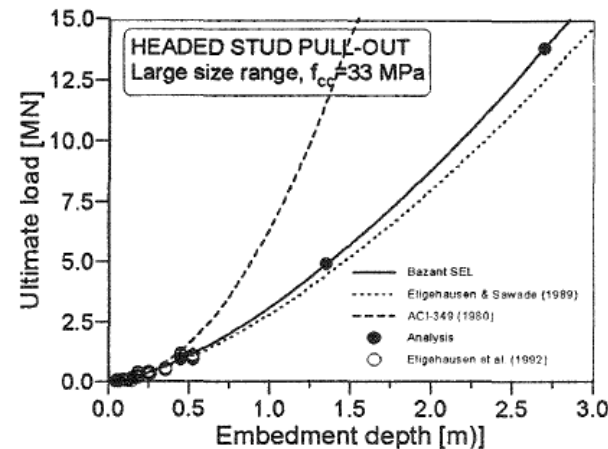
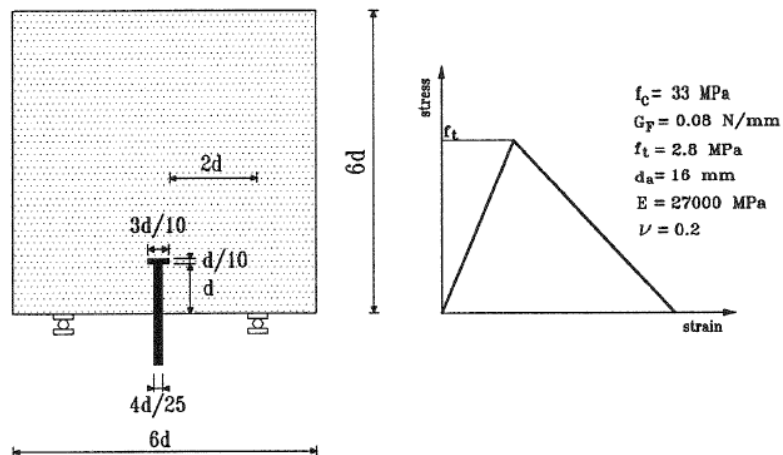
**3. Comparison of Crack Patterns:** The numerical analyses compared the crack patterns derived from the models with those observed in experimental tests. The major diagonal crack formation indicated shear behavior, and additional diagonal cracks were observed in the experimental tests

**4. Concrete Break-Out vs. Joint Shear Failure:** The analyses showed that concrete-cone type failure may be not representative of the actual failure mechanism in some cases. The comparison of analytically-derived and experimental tensile forces highlighted the differences in failure modes.

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