

10 - Step Design of Post-Tensioned Floors



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High Seismic Force Region



Four Seasons Hotel; Florida

High Wind Force Region



Residential/Office Post-Tensioned Building in Dubai



Column supported multistory building

Two-way flat slab construction



Multi-level parking structures
One-way beam and slab design

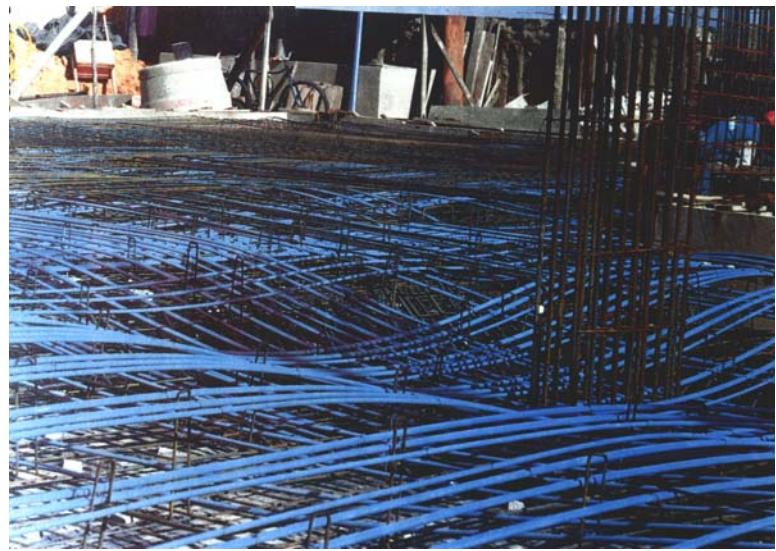


Hybrid Construction
Post-tensioned podium slab supporting light framed structure above

Santana Row; San Jose, California



Post-Tensioned ground supported slab (SOG) is the largest application of post-tensioning in USA



Fortaleza, Brazil

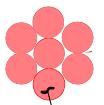
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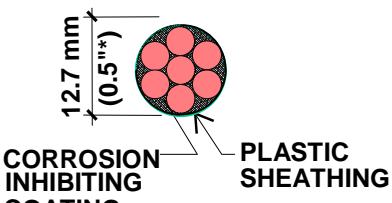
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POST-TENSIONED MAT FOUNDATION USING GROUTED TENDONS

Post-Tensioning Systems Unbonded System



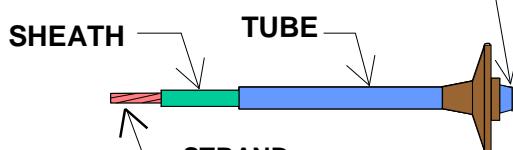
(a) STRAND



NOTE: * NOMINAL DIAMETER

(b) TENDON

GREASE FILLED PLASTIC CAP

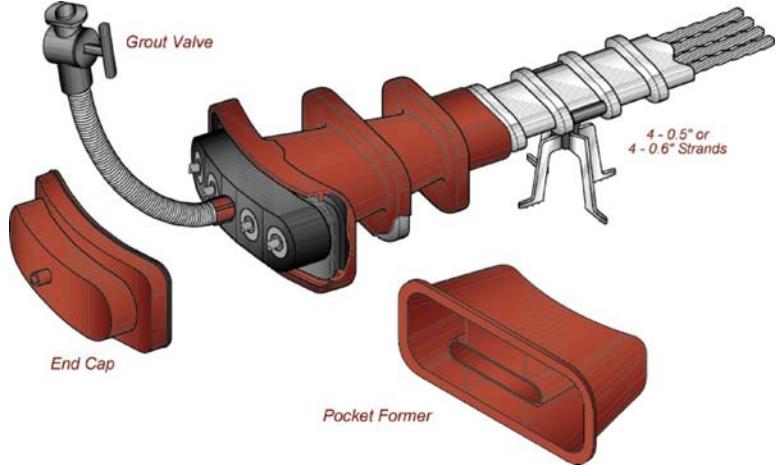


(c) ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY

Example of a Floor System using the Unbonded Post-tensioning System

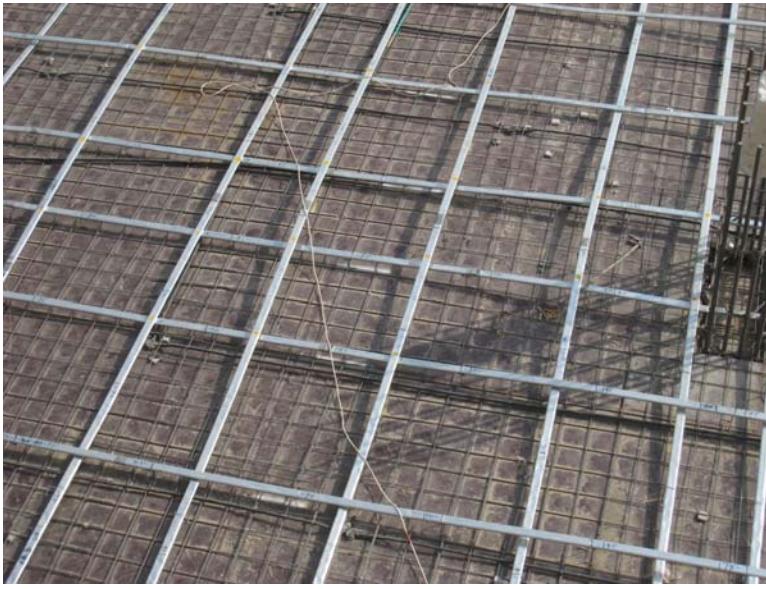


Post-Tensioning Systems Grouted System



An example of a grouted system hardware with flat duct

Example of a Floor System Reinforced with Grouted Post-Tensioning System



Preliminary Considerations Design of Post-Tensioned Floors

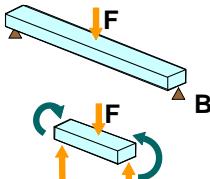
- ❖ **Dimensions (sizing)**
 - Optimum spans; optimum thickness
- ❖ **Structural system**
 - One-way/two-way; slab band/beam
- ❖ **Boundary conditions; connections**
 - Service performance; strength condition

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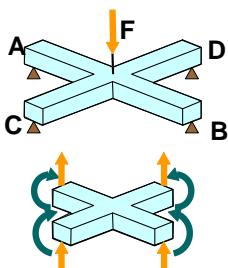
- **Dimensions (sizing)**
 - Optimum spans; optimum thickness
- ❖ An optimum design from standpoint of **material usage** is one in which the **reinforcement** determined for “service condition” is **used in its entirety** for “strength condition.”
- ❖ PT **amount** in service condition is governed mostly by:
 - Hypothetical **tensile stresses**
 - Tendon **spacing**
- ❖ Optimum spans: between 25 ft – 30 ft
- ❖ Span/thickness ratios
 - 40 for interior
 - 35 for exterior with no overhang

Preliminary Considerations Design of Post-Tensioned Floors

- ❖ One-way and two-way systems
 - Skeletal Systems share load
 - Slab systems may not share load, depending on reinforcement layout



(a) ONE-WAY SKELETAL SYSTEM

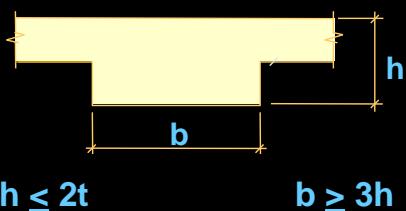


(b) TWO-WAY SKELETAL SYSTEM

Skeletal System

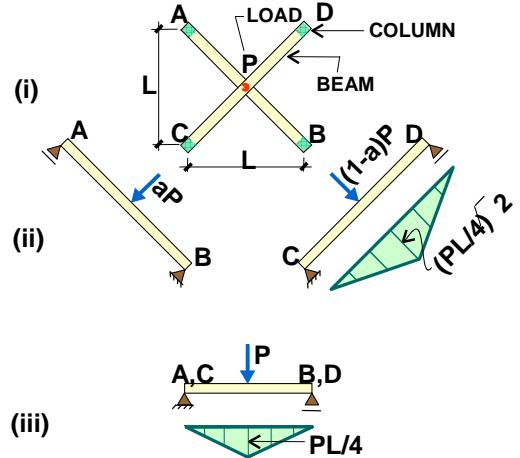
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Capacity required is for 100% of load in each direction, if reinforcement is placed along AD, and AC



SLAB BAND

Slab band is treated as part of a two-way system. One-way shear design provisions meant for beams do not apply to slab bands

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- ❖ Selection of boundary conditions; connections
 - Service performance
 - Strength performance

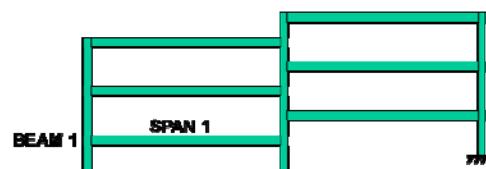
Detailing for service performance, such as the one shown below is to mitigate cracking from shortening of slab



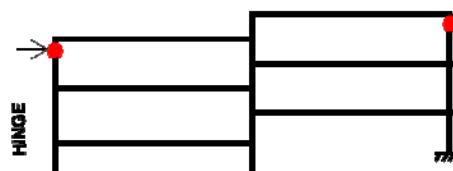
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Assumption of releases at connections, or reduced stiffness for selected members is made **prior to analysis** to achieve a more economical design.

In the following, the assignment of **reduced stiffness** for the uppermost columns, or **hinge assumption** at connection is not uncommon



(a) FRAME ELEVATION

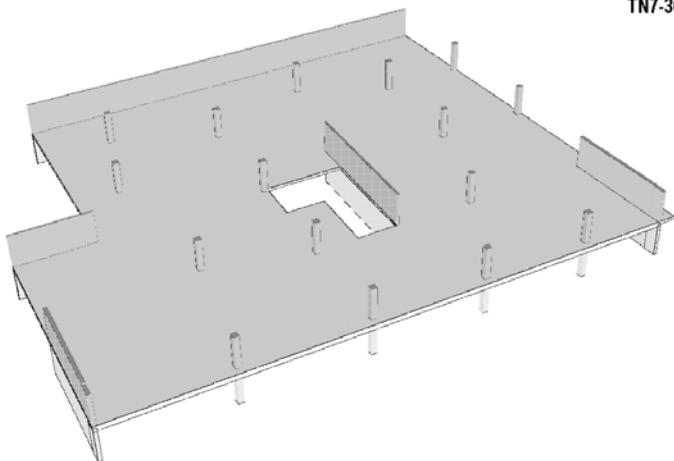


(b) STRUCTURAL MODEL

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- ❖ Selection of load path for two-way systems – **Design Strips**

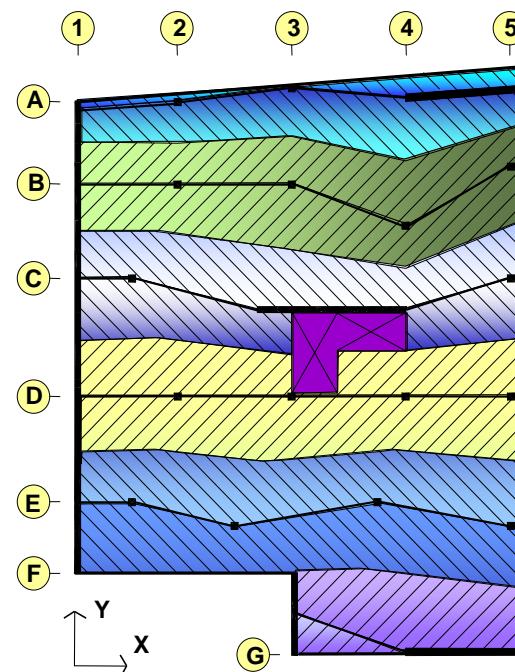
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Subdivide the structure into design strips in two orthogonal directions
(Nahid slab)

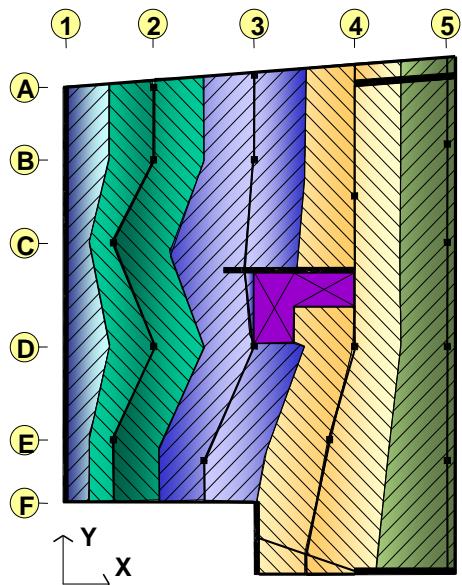
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Subdivide the floor along line of columns into **design strips**



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Subdivide floor along support lines in design strips in the **orthogonal direction**

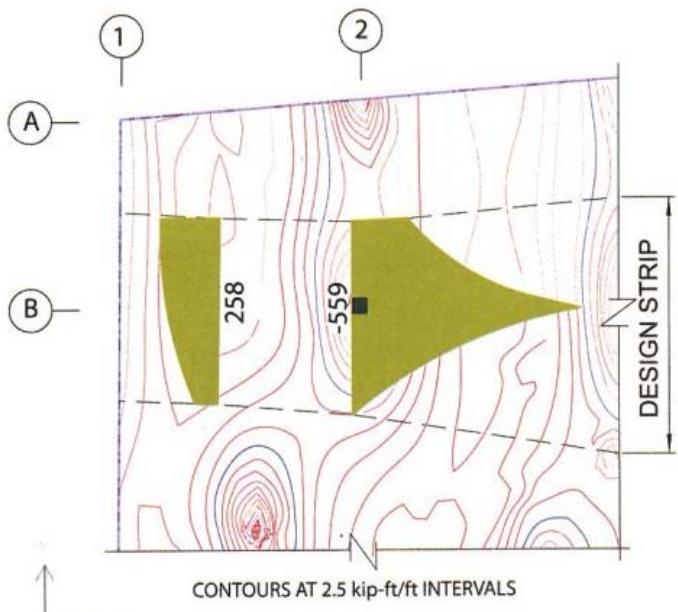


An important aspect subdivision of slab into design strips is that **every point** of the slab should be **covered by a design strip**. No portion of the slab should be left unassigned.

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❖ Design values

- Actions, such as moments at each design section are reduced to a “**single representative value**” to be used for design

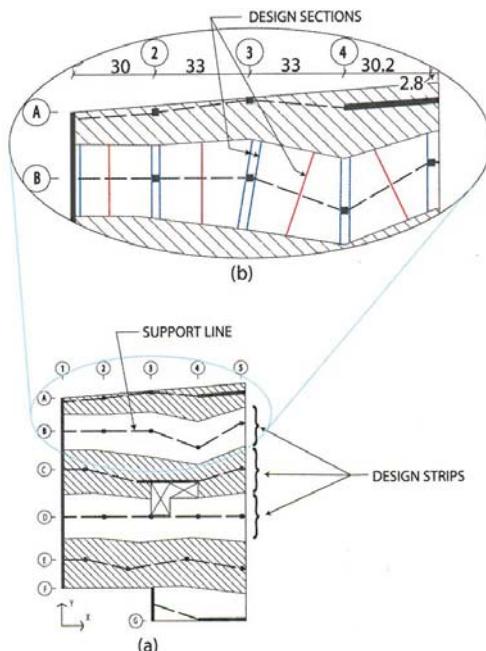


559 k-ft is the area (total) of bending moment at face of support

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Design sections

- Design sections extend over the **entire design strip** and are considered at critical locations, such as face of support and mid-span

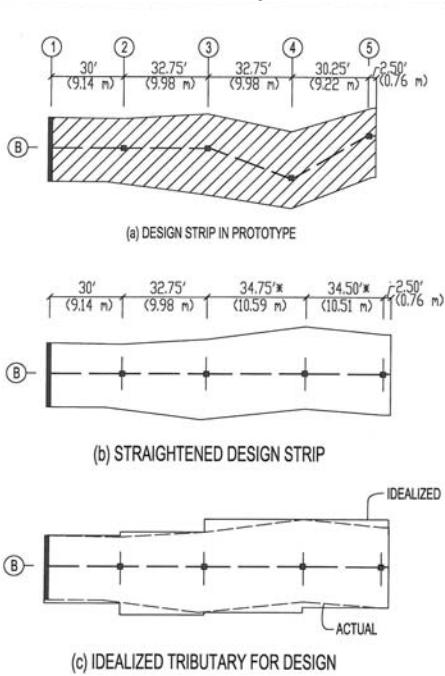


10- Steps Design of Post Tensioned Floors

1. Geometry and Structural System
2. Material Properties
3. Loads
4. Design Parameters
5. Actions due to Dead and Live Loads
6. Post-Tensioning
7. Code Check for Serviceability
8. Code Check for Strength
9. Check for Transfer of Prestressing
10. Detailing

Step 1 Geometry and Structural System

- ❖ Select design strip and **Idealize**
 - Extract; straighten the support line; square the boundary

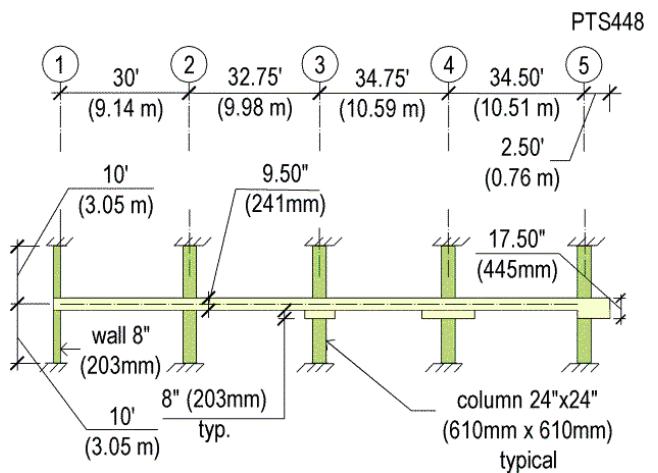


CONSTRUCTION OF DESIGN STRIP IN PLAN

Step 1 Geometry and Structural System

- Select design strip and Idealize

- Model the slab frame with a row of supports above and below. This represents an upper level of multi-story concrete frame.
- Assume **rotational fixity** at the far ends;
- Assume **roller support** at the far ends



View of idealized slab-frame

Step 2 Material Properties

Concrete

- Weight 150pcf
- 28 day cylinder 4000 – 6000 psi
- Elastic modulus 3,605 – 5,700 ksi
- Long-term deflection factor 2

Non-Prestressed reinforcement

- fy 60 ksi
- Elastic modulus 29,000 ksi

Prestressing

- Strand diameter 0.5 in
- Strand area 0.153 in²
- Ultimate strength 270 ksi
- Effective stress 175 ksi
- Elastic modulus 28,000 ksi

Step 3 Dead and Live Loads

Selfweight

- Based on member volume

Superimposed dead load

- Min (partitions) 20 psf

Live load

- | | |
|---------------------|--------|
| ➤ Residential | 40 psf |
| ➤ Office | 50 psf |
| ➤ Shopping mall | 75 psf |
| ➤ Parking structure | 40 psf |

Lateral loads

- Wind
- Earthquake

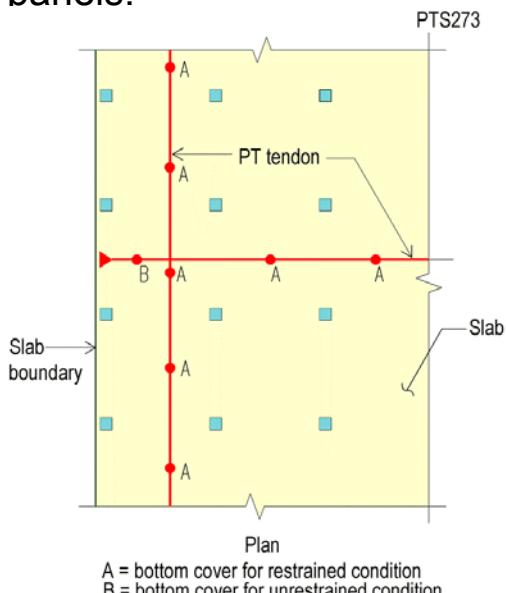
Step 4 Design Parameters

- ❖ Applicable code
 - ACI 318-14
 - IBC 2015
 - Local codes, such as California Building Code (CBC 2011)
- Cover for protection against corrosion
- ❖ Cover to rebar
 - Not exposed to weather 0.75 in
 - Exposed to weather 2.00 in
- ❖ Cover to tendon
 - Not exposed to weather 0.75 in.
 - Exposed to weather 1 in.

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Step 4 Design Parameters

- Cover for fire resistivity
- ❖ Identify “restrained” and “unrestrained panels.”



Bottom Cover to Tendon for Fire Resistivity

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- ❖ Identify “restrained” and “unrestrained panels.”

Restrained or Unrestrained	Aggregate Type	Cover Thickness, in. For Fire Endurance of				
		1 hr	1.5 hr	2 hr	3 hr	4 hr
Unrestrained	Carbonate Siliceous Lightweight	-	-	1.50 1.50 1.50	2.00 2.00 2.00	- - -
Restrained	Carbonate Siliceous Lightweight	-	-	0.75 0.75 0.75	1.00 1.00 1.00	1.25 1.25 1.25

- ❖ For 2-hour fire resistivity
 - Restrained 0.75 in.
 - Unrestrained 1.50 in

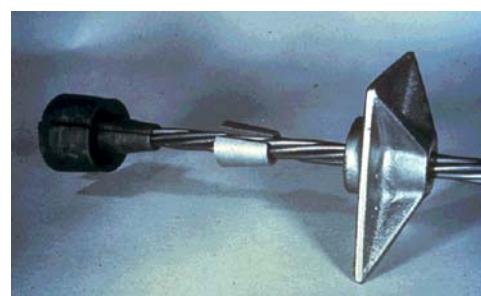
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Step 4 Design Parameters

- ❖ Select post-tensioning system
 - For **corrosive** environment use “encapsulated system.”



- For **non-corrosive** environment, regular hardware may be used



Step 4 Design Parameters

- Allowable stresses for two-way systems
- ❖ Service condition
 - Total (frequent) load case
 - Tension ----- $6\sqrt{f_c}$
 - Compression ----- $0.6f_c$
 - Sustained (quasi permanent) load case
 - Tension ----- $6\sqrt{f_c}$
 - Compression ----- $0.45f_c$
- ❖ Initial condition
 - Tension ----- $0.6\sqrt{f_c}$
 - Compression ----- $0.45f_c$

Step 4 Design Parameters

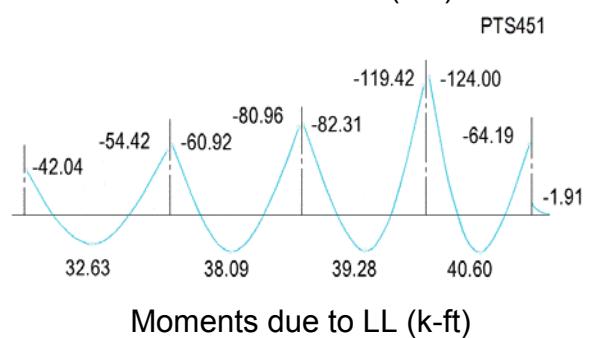
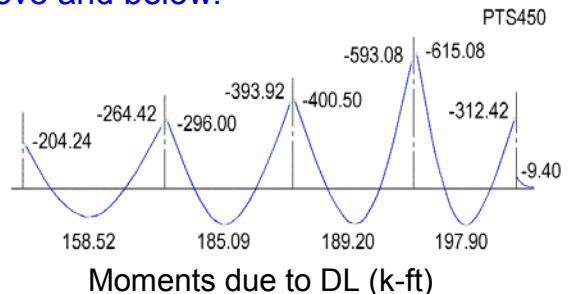
- Allowable deflections (ACI 318)
- ❖ For visual impact use total deflection
 - Span/240
 - Use camber, if necessary
- ❖ Total deflection subsequent to installation of members that are likely to be damaged
 - Span/360
- ❖ Immediate deflection due to live load
 - Span/480
- ❖ Long-term deflection magnifier 2. This brings the total long-term deflection to 3,

Step 5 Actions due to Dead and Live Loads

- Analyze the design strip as a single level frame structure with one row of supports above and below, using
 - ❖ In-house simple frame program (Simple Frame Method; SFM); or
 - ❖ in-house Equivalent Frame Program (EFM);
 - ❖ Specialty commercial software
- ❖ All the three options yield safe designs. But, each will give a different amount of reinforcement.
- ❖ The EFM is suggested by ACI-318. To some extent, it accounts for biaxial action of the prototype structure.
- ❖ 3D FEM software can improve optimization.

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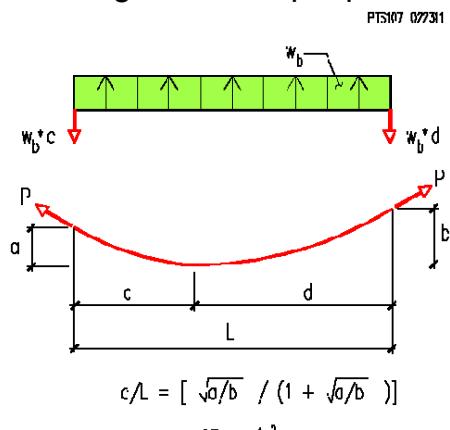
- ❖ Selection of **design parameters**
- ❖ Selection of **PT force and profile**
- ❖ **Effective force** vs tendon selection option
 - Force selection option
- ❖ Calculation of **balanced loads**; adjustments for percentage of load balanced
- ❖ Calculation of **actions** due to balanced loads

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Step 6 Post-Tensioning

- Selection of **design parameters**
 - Select average precompression 150 psi
 - Target to balance 60% of DL
- ❖ Selection of **PT force and profile**
 - Assume **simple parabola** mapped within the bounds of top and bottom covers

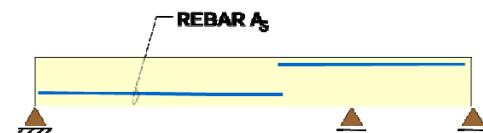
Force diagram of simple parabola



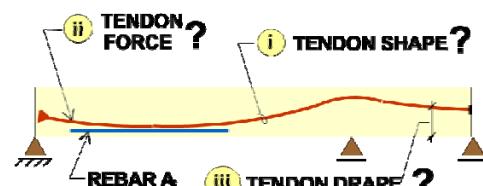
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Step 6 Post-Tensioning

- ❖ Selection of **PT force and profile**
 - Two entry value selections must be made to initiate the computations. Select precompression and % of DL to balance



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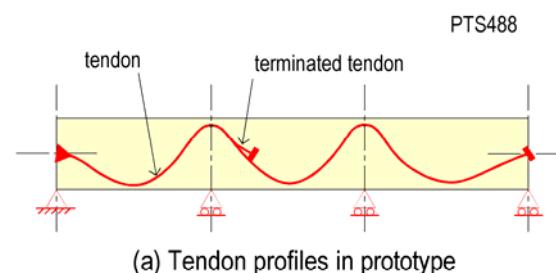


(b) POST-TENSIONED MEMBER

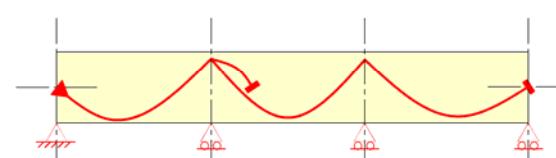
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- Assume **simple parabola** for hand calculation



(a) Tendon profiles in prototype

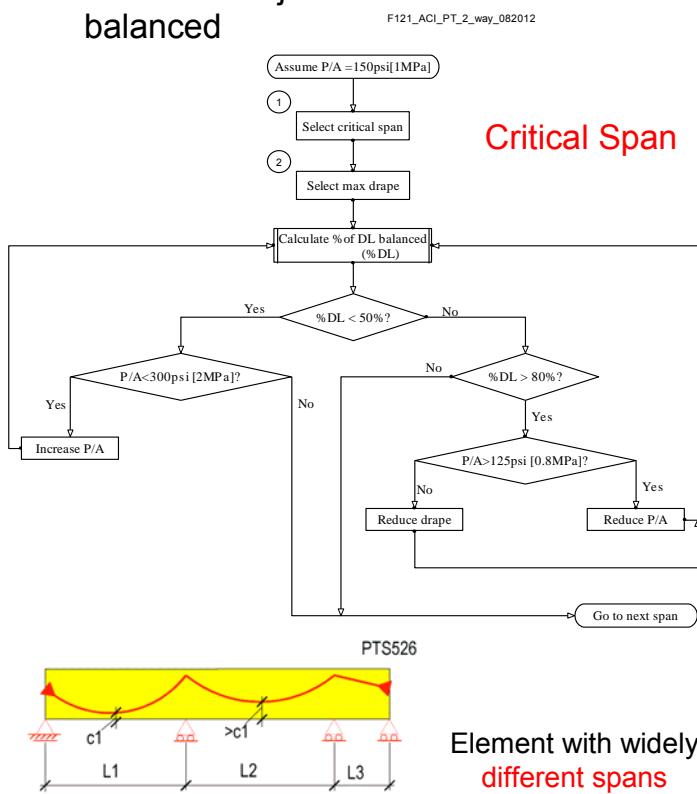


(b) Tendon profiles for hand calculation

Tendon Profiles in Prototype and Hand Calculation

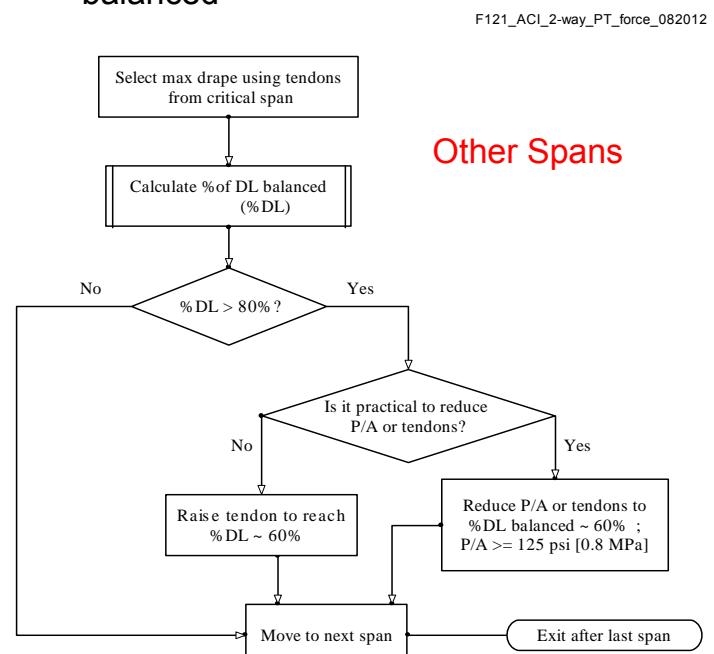
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- ❖ Flow chart for Calculation of balanced loads and adjustment for % of DL balanced



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STEP 6 Post-Tensioning

- ❖ Effective force per strand
 - Unbonded: $0.153 \times 175 = 26.77$ k/tendon
 - Bonded: $0.153 \times 160 = 24.48$ k/tendon
- ❖ Estimate initial force for each span using the assumed 150 psi precompression

Span 1

$$\text{Force} = (26.77 \times 12 \times 9.5) \times 150 / 1000 = 448.88 \text{ k}$$

$$\text{No of tendons} = 448.88 / 26.77 = 16.77$$

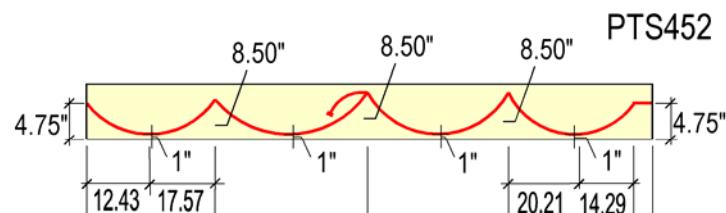
assume 17 strands

Similarly the required strands are:
 required assumed

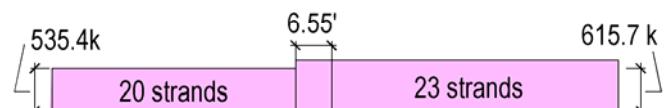
Span 1	17 -----	20
Span 2	20 -----	20
Span 3	23 -----	23
Span 4	22 -----	23

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- ❖ Tendon selection



(a) Assumed tendon profile (ft UNO)

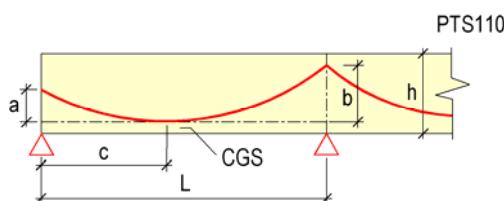


(b) Force diagram

Post Tensioning Profile and Force

STEP 6 Post-Tensioning

- ❖ Calculation of balanced loads
- ❖ Span 1



$$a = 3.73 \text{ in}$$

$$b = 7.5 \text{ in}$$

$$L = 30.00 \text{ ft}$$

$$c = \{[3.75/7.5]^{0.5}/[1 + (3.75/7.5)^{0.5}]\} * 30 = \\ = 12.43 \text{ ft}$$

$$P = 26.77 \text{ k/strand}$$

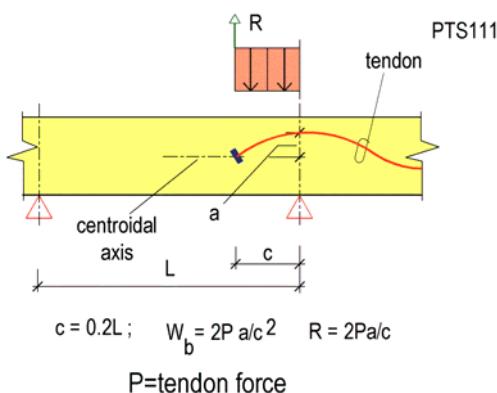
$$w_b = 2 P * a / c^2 = (2 * 26.77 * 3.75 / 12) / 12.43^2 \\ = 0.108 \text{ klf per tendon}$$

Total uplift for 20 strands = $20 * 0.108 = 2.16 \text{ klf}$

% uplift = $(2.16 / 3.826) * 100 = 56\% < 60\%$
but considered acceptable

STEP 6 Post-Tensioning

- ❖ Calculation of balanced loads
- Lateral force from terminated tendons



$$L = 32.75 \text{ ft}; a = 3.75 \text{ in}; P = 26.77 \text{ k/tendon}$$

$$c = 0.20 * 32.75 = 6.55 \text{ ft}$$

$$w_b = (2 * 3 * 26.77 * 3.75 / 12) / 6.55^2 = 1.17 \text{ k/lft} \downarrow$$

$$\text{Concentrated force at dead end} = \\ = 2 * 3 * 26.77 * 3.75 / 12 * 6.55 = 7.66 \text{ k} \uparrow$$

STEP 6 Post-Tensioning

- ❖ Calculation of balanced loads
- Span 2
- Span 2 has 20 continuous tendons and 3 tendons from span 3 extending to span 2

- ❖ Balanced loads of span 2 consist of:
- Lateral forced from continuous tendons
- Lateral force from terminated tendons
- Moments from change in centroid of member

Continuous strands:

$$w_b = 8 P * a / L^2$$

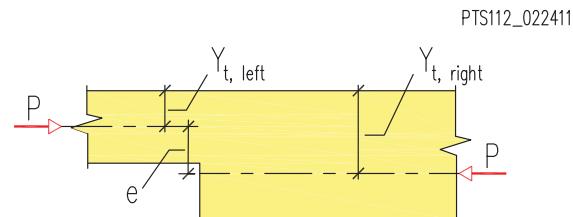
$$= (8 * 26.77 * 7.5 / 12) / 32.75^2 = 0.125 \text{ klf}$$

$$\% \text{ of DL} = (20 * 0.125 / 4.482) * 100 = 56\% \text{ OK}$$

STEP 6 Post-Tensioning

- ❖ Calculation of balanced loads up to here
- Lateral forced from continuous tendons
- Lateral force from terminated tendons
- Moments from change in centroid of member

- Example of force from shift in member centroidal axis



Moment at face of drop = M

$$M = P * \text{shift in centroid} = P * (Y_{t-Left} - Y_{t-Right})$$

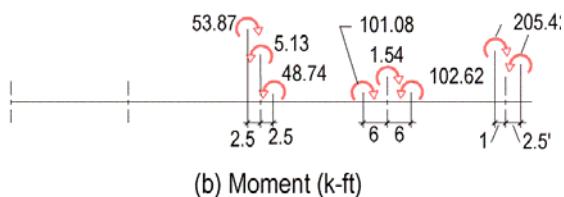
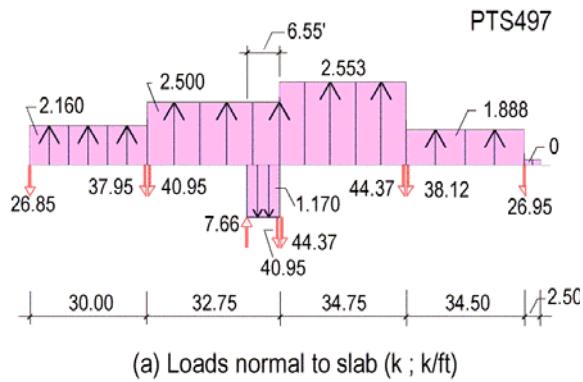
$$P = 23 * 26.77 = 615.71 \text{ k};$$

$$Y_{t-Left} = 4.75"; Y_{t-Right} = 5.80"$$

$$M = 615.71(4.75" - 5.80") / 12 = -53.87 \text{ k-ft}$$

STEP 6 Post-Tensioning

- ❖ Check balanced loads for **static equilibrium**
 - Sum of **forces** must **add up to zero**
 - Sum of **moments** must **add up to zero**
 - **Correct errors**, if equilibrium is not satisfied



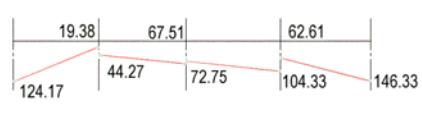
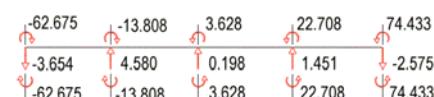
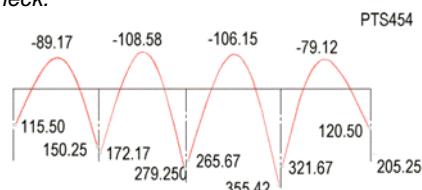
Balanced Loading

STEP 6 Post-Tensioning

- ❖ Calculate **actions** from balanced loads
 - Obtain moments at face-of-supports and mid-spans
 - Note the **reactions**. The reactions are **hyperstatic forces**..

Comments:

Moments will be used for **serviceability** check. **Reactions** will be used for **Strength** check.



Post-Tensioning Actions on Design Strip

STEP 7 Code Check for Serviceability

- ❖ ACI 318-14 requirements for serviceability
 - Stress check
 - Minimum reinforcement
 - Deflection check.
- ❖ Load combinations
 - Total (quasi permanent)
1.00DL + 1.00LL + 1.00PT
 - Sustained (frequent)
1.00DL + 0.30LL + 1.00PT
- ❖ Stress check

Using **engineering judgment**, select the locations that are likely to be critical. Typically, these are at the **face of support** and for hand calculation at **mid-span**

At each section selected for check, use the design actions applicable to the **entire design section** and apply them to the **entire cross-section** to arrive at **code-intended hypothetical** stresses used in code check.

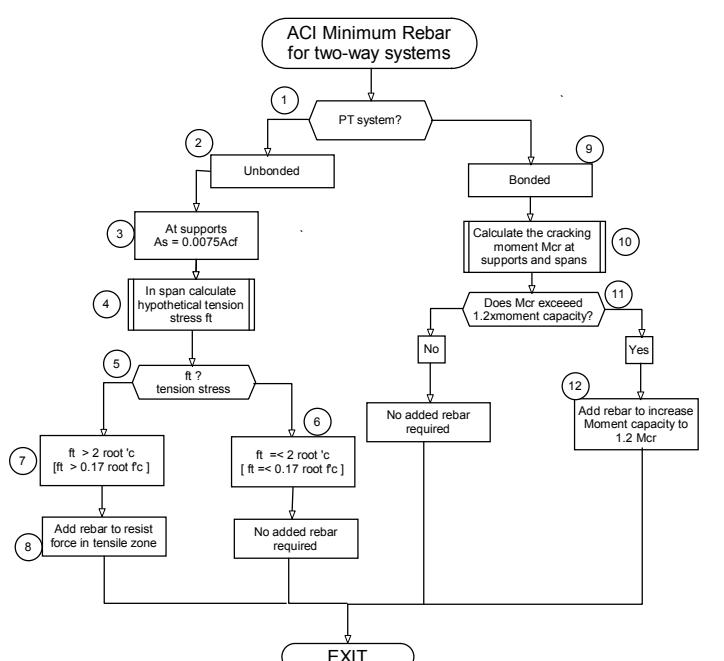
$$\sigma = (M_D + M_L + M_{PT})/S + P/A$$

$S = I/Y_c$; I = second moment of area of ;

Y_c = distance to farthest tension fiber

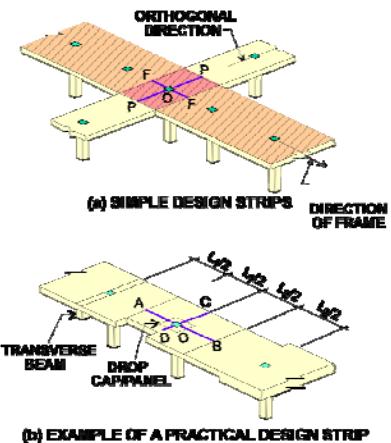
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- ❖ ACI 318-14 Minimum Reinforcement



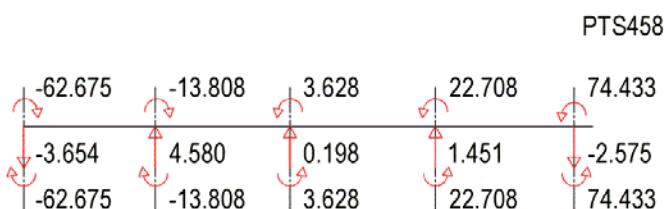
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- ❖ ACI 318-14 Minimum Reinforcement
 - Rebar over support is function of geometry of the design strip and the strip in the orthogonal direction
 - Rebar in span is a function of the magnitude of the hypothetical tensile stress

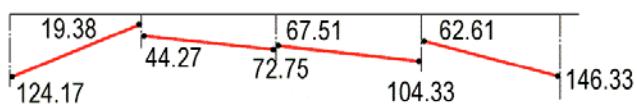


STEP 8 Strength Check

- Determination of Hyperstatic actions
 - Direct Method – based on reactions from balanced loads



(a) Reaction due to balanced loading (k; k-ft)

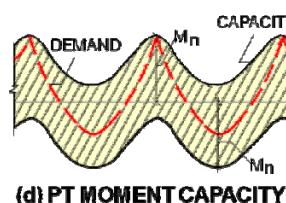
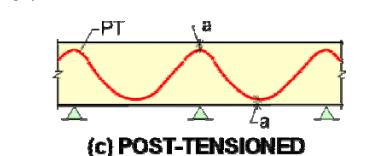
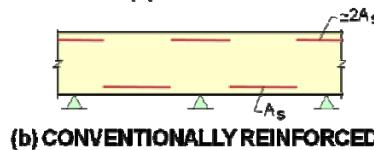
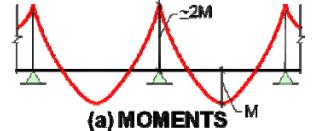


(b) Hyperstatic moments (k-ft)

Post-Tensioning Actions on Design Strip

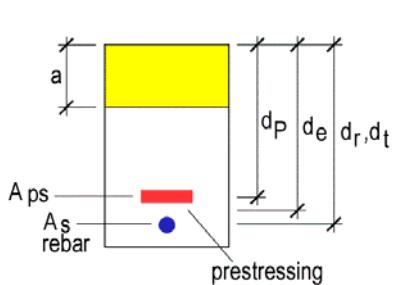
STEP 8 Strength Check

- A comment on capacity versus demand
- Post-tensioned elements possess both positive and negative moment capacity along the entire element's length
- Add rebar, where capacity falls short of demand
- Find capacity and compare it with demand

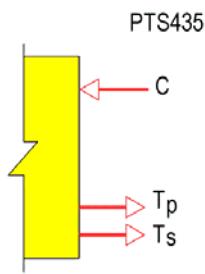


STEP 8 Strength Check

- For capacity calculation use the simplified relationship applicable to common building structures reinforced with unbonded tendons



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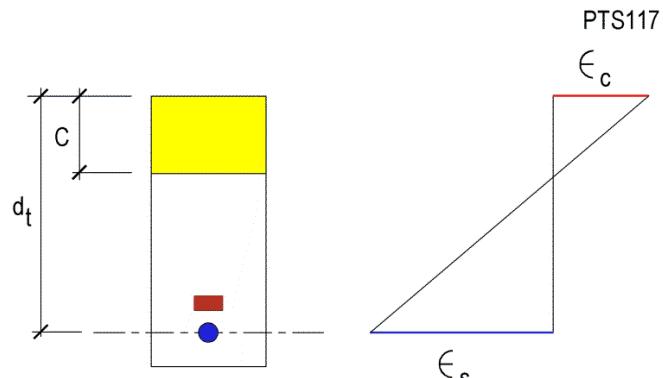


(b) Elevation

- $f_c \geq 4000 \text{ psi}$; $P/A \leq 250 \text{ psi}$
- $c/d_t \leq 0.375$; d_t is distance from compression fiber to farthest tension rebar
- Tendon Length $\leq 125'$ for single end stressing; if length $\leq 250'$ double end stressing
- f_{ps} is conservatively 215 ksi if span is less than 35 ft
- f_{ps} is conservatively 195 ksi if span is greater than 35 ft

STEP 8 Strength Check

- Check for ductility
 - Ductility is adequate, if $c/dt \leq 0.345 dt$. This condition guarantees that steel will yield, before concrete in compression crushes.
 - Add compression rebar if $c/dt > 0.345 dt$

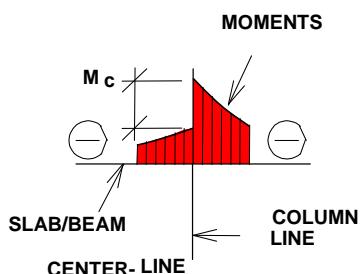


(a) Section

(b) Strains

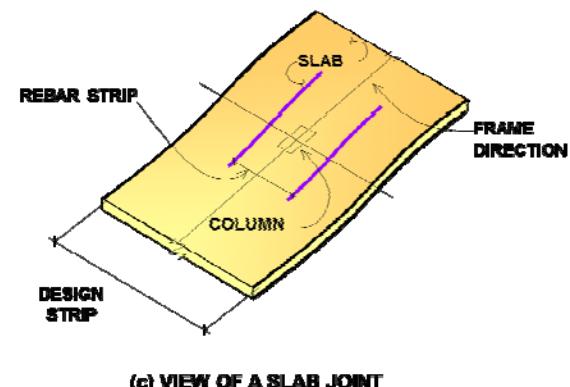
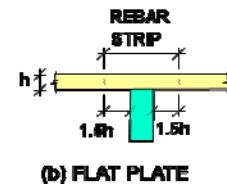
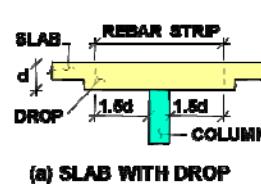
STEP 8 Strength Check

- Verify adequacy (detail) of the design for transfer of unbalanced moment at supports
- Unbalanced moment (M_c) is defined as the difference between the design moments on the opposite sides of a column support. This is the moment that is resisted by the support.
- The reinforcement associated with the transfer of unbalanced moment must be placed over a narrow band at the support (next slide)
- In most cases, this provision leads to a "detailing" requirement, as opposed to added rebar, since the reinforcement for slab design is in excess of that needed for transfer of unbalanced moment.



STEP 8 Strength Check

- Transfer of unbalanced moment



Place the reinforcement within the narrow band identified as rebar strip

Punching Shear Design

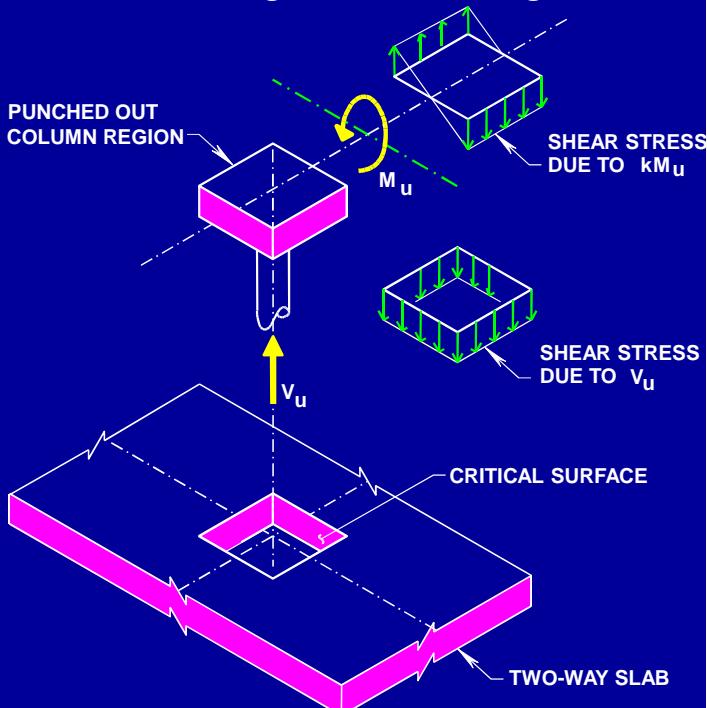


ILLUSTRATION OF CRITICAL SURFACE
FOR THE EVALUATION OF PUNCHING SHEAR STRESSES

Definition based on ACI 318

STEP 9 Check for Transfer of Prestressing

At stressing:

- Tendon has its maximum force;
- Concrete is at its weakest strength; and
- Live load to counteract prestressing is absent



STEP 9

Check for Transfer of Prestressing

- Add rebar where “representative” (hypothetical) tension stresses exceed the allowable threshold
- Do not exceed “representative” hypothetical compressive stresses. Wait until concrete gains adequate strength

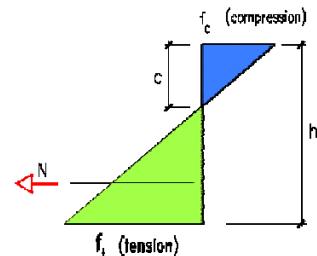


STEP 9

Check for Transfer of Prestressing

- ❖ Load combination
 - $U = 1.00 * \text{Selfweight} + 1.15 * \text{PT}$
- ❖ Allowable stresses
 - Tension $3\sqrt{f'_c}$;
 - Compression $0.60f'_c$
 - If tension exceeds, add rebar in tensile zone to resist N

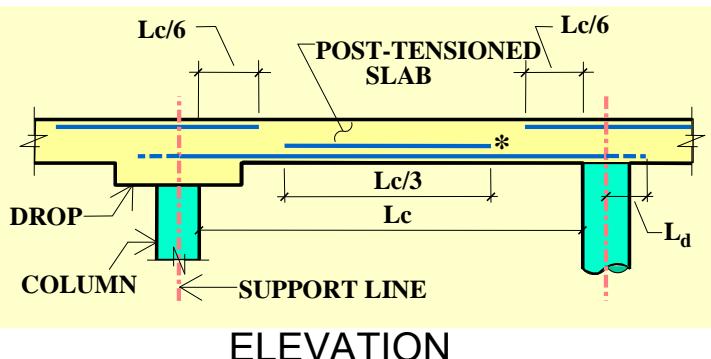
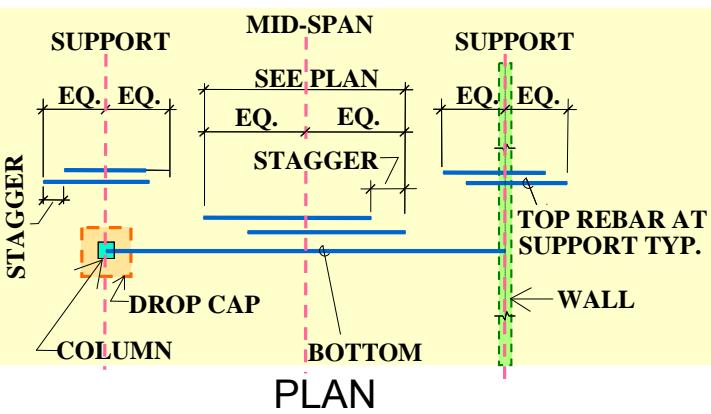
$$As = N / (0.5 f_y)$$
- ✓ If compression exceeds, wait until concrete gains adequate strength



STEP 10

Detailing

- ❖ Position of rebar



Thank you for listening

QUESTIONS ?