










# PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

## – *fib* SYMPOSIUM 2015

Monday 18th-20th May, 2015

### TOPICS:

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|  Analysis and Design          |  Conservation of Structures |
|  Civil Works                  |  Numerical Modeling         |
|  New Materials and Structures |  Safety and Reliability     |
|  Life Cycle Design            |  Innovation in Buildings    |
|  Modelling of Concrete        |  |

# MONDAY MORNING

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**Room: Carstensen**

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## 9.00-10.30 WELCOME

OPENING PERFORMANCE

WELCOME ADDRESS

*by Kaare K. B. Dahl and Harald S. Müller, fib President*

PRESENTATION OF *fib* MEDAL OF MERIT AND *fib* HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

*by Harald S. Müller, fib president*

PRESENTATION OF *fib* AAYE WINNERS

*by Fernando Stucchi, AAYE Jury Chair*

PROFESSORS B.J. RAMBØLL AND J.G. HANNEMANN IN MEMORIAM

*by Mikael W. Bræstrup*

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## 10.30-11.00 BREAK

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### 11.00-12.30

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

##### Civil works

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONCRETE REQUIREMENTS FEHMARNBELT FIXED LINK

*Ulf Jönsson, Construction Manager, Femern A/S*

##### New Materials and Structures

DIGITAL FABRICATION OF A FULL-SCALE SCULPTURAL CONCRETE STRUCTURE

*Thomas Juul Andersen, Danish Technological Institute, Co-authors: Nyholm and Greisen*

##### Life cycle design

THE ROLE OF LIMIT STATE SELECTION IN THE DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT OF SUSTAINABLE REINFORCED CONCRETE INFRASTRUCTURE

*Michael D. Lepech, Stanford University*

## 12.30-14.00 LUNCH

# MONDAY AFTERNOON

Room: Carstensen

14.00-15.30

Young Engineer Award Session

OPENING REMARKS

by *Fernando Stucchi, Jury Chair*

WINNER OF RESEARCH CATEGORY:

JOÃO PEDRO SANTOS

WINNER OF RESEARCH CATEGORY:

YUGUANG YANG

WINNER OF DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

CATEGORY:

LUCA CARGNINO

SPECIAL MENTION, DESIGN AND

CONSTRUCTION:

KÅRE FLINDT JØRGENSEN

CLOSING REMARKS

by *Fernando Stucchi, Jury Chair*

Room: Harlekin

14.00-15.30

TOPIC: CIVIL WORKS

Session: Civil works I

OPTIMIZED TBM TUNNEL SOLUTION FOR THE

FEHMARNBELT FIXED LINK

by *Pompeu-Santos*

THE "DEURGANCKDOK LOCK" PORT OF

ANTWERP

by *Pauwels, De Kesel*

SLIPFORMING OF HIGH STRENGTH

CONCRETE

by *Fosså*

THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A

STEEL-CONCRETE COMPOSITE RAILWAY

VIADUCT

by *Stroscio*

THE "NEW EUROPA BRIDGE" CROSSES THE

RIVER DANUBE

by *Grange*

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE

MUKOGAWA BRIDGE

by *Mizuno, Samizo,*

*Fukuda, Kasuga*

Room: Columbine

14.00-15.30

TOPIC: NEW MATERIALS AND STRUCTURES

Session: Structures I

ASSEMBLY AND LIFTING OF PEARL-CHAIN

ARCHES

by *Halding, Hertz, Viebæk, Kennedy*

HOMOGENEITY AND STRENGTH OF MORTAR

JOINTS IN PEARL-CHAIN BRIDGES

by *Lund, Arvidsson, Kielsgaard Hansen*

DURABLE EXPANSION JOINT FOR LONG

INTEGRAL ABUTMENT BRIDGES

by *Eichwalder, Kollegger, Kleiser*

TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF PC

BRIDGE WITH HIGH DURABILITY TO SALT

DAMAGE

by *Toyofuko, Uezu, Kamiyama*

APPLICATION OF ENGINEERED CEMENTITIOUS

COMPOSITES TO PRECAST BEAM-COLUMN

SUB-ASSEMBLAGE UNDER COLUMN REMOVAL

SCENARIOS by *Kang, Tan*

EXPERIMENTAL AND ANALYTICAL STUDIES

ON BEHAVIOR OF BRACKET STRUCTURES

REINFORCED WITH CONCRETE ADHESIVE

AND CFRP SHEET

by *Yamashita, Hiroi, Arazoe, Yamamoto, Miyagawa*

Room: Pjerrot

14.00-15.30

TOPIC: LIFE CYCLE DESIGN

Session: LCA, LCC and Service Life I

MAINLINE - MAINTENANCE, RENEWAL AND

IMPROVEMENT OF RAIL TRANSPORT INFRASTRUC-

TURE TO REDUCE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMEN-

TAL IMPACTS by *Linneberg, Solgaard, Jensen, Sloth*

SUSTAINABILITY AND DURABILITY GO HAND IN

HAND, THE APPLICATION OF A COMBINED

SUSTAINABILITY AND DURABILITY APPROACH TO

A LARGE TUNNEL PROJECT IN ABU DHABI

by *Jackson, Høiby, Edvardsen*

HOW LIFE CYCLE COSTS CRITERIA MAY BE USED

FOR DESIGN LIFE AND / OR REPLACEMENT CYCLE

by *Solgaard, Edvardsen, Matos, McKenna*

FIELD AND LABORATORY STUDIES ON THE SER-

VICE LIFE PREDICTION OF RC STRUCTURES IN

MARINE ENVIRONMENT by *Safehian, Ramezaniapour*

EFFECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS ON CHLO-

RIDE INGRESS INTO CONCRETE IN THE MARINE

ATMOSPHERE ZONE OF WAKAYAMA PREFECTURE

by *An, Mihoichi, Noguchi, Hata, Kaneshiro, Shirato*

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND REMAINING

LIFE PREDICTION OF AN EXISTING BRIDGE BY

J-BMS by *Miyamoto, Emoto*

15.30-16.00 BREAK-POSTER

16.00-17.30

TOPIC: ANALYSIS AND DESIGN

Lead Paper session

INVESTIGATION OF SHEAR DESIGN ACCORDING

TO *fib* MODEL CODE 2010 AND UNDERLYING

THEORIES by *Norskov, Strørup, Hagsten*

Session: Shear I

ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A THEORY FOR

FLEXURAL MEMBERS FAILED IN SHEAR

by *Tung, Tue*

SHEAR DESIGN OF REINFORCED AND

PRESTRESSED CONCRETE BEAMS BASED ON

A MECHANICAL MODEL by *Mari, Jesús Miguel,*

*Cladera, Ribas*

ANALYTICAL INVESTIGATION ON SHEAR

FAILURE MECHANISM OF RC T-BEAMS WITH

STIRRUPS by *Nakamura, Sato*

THE SHEAR RATIO AND TYPE OF APPLIED LOAD

- EXPERIMENTAL ANALYSIS FOR THE CRITICAL

CROSS-SECTION by *Bodzak*

16.00-17.30

Session: Civil works II

ENHANCING PERFORMANCE & APPEARANCE

OF OPEN SPANDREL ARCH BRIDGES

by *Panday*

THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF

PRECAST CONCRETE COMPONENTS FOR

BRIDGES ALONG A ROAD WIDENING SCHEME

by *Stroscio*

INTEGRAL BRIDGES: RECENT TREND TO

ENHANCE BRIDGE FEATURES by *Panday*

BUILDING BRIDGES USING LIGHTWEIGHT

BRIDGE GIRDERS OUT OF CONCRETE

by *Foremniak, Kollegger, Eder*

STUDY ON 500M SPAN EXTRADOSSED

BRIDGES by *Kasuga*

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF OKEGAWA

VIADUCT WHICH HAS PRECAST SEGMENTAL

U-SHAPED BUTTERFLY WEB GIRDERS

by *Kasuga, Homma*

SAFE DEMOLITION AT TAMPA INTERNATIONAL

AIRPORT by *Konze*

15.30-16.00 BREAK-POSTER

16.00-17.30

Session: Structures II

DESIGN OF A CONCRETE ELEMENT DOME FOR

ROSKILDE FESTIVAL

by *Ludwigsen*

ULTRA-LIGHT CONCRETE MEMBERS INSPIRED

BY BAMBOO

by *Busse, Empelmann*

EFFECT OF FRP REINFORCEMENT ON ARCHING

ACTION IN FRP-STRENGTHENED CONTINUOUS

CONCRETE BEAMS

by *Zeng, Caspeele, Taerwe*

ON THE CONCEPTION OF FLOATING CONCRETE

STRUCTURES

by *Chyra, Arana Villafán, Sigrift*

CRACK INHIBITING FOR UNDERGROUND

SIDEWALL STRUCTURE BASED ON DUAL-

REGULATION TECHNOLOGY OF TEMPERATURE

FIELD AND EXPANSION HISTORY

by *Tian, Wang, Zhang, Liu, Miao*

CABLE-STAYED FOOTBRIDGE WITH UHPC DECK

OVER THE LABE RIVER IN CELAKOVICE

by *Kalný, Komanec, Kvasnicka, Broz, Koukolik, Vitek*

16.00-17.30

Session: LCA, LCC and Service Life II

SELECTIVE USE OF STAINLESS STEEL REBAR TO

INCREASE CONCRETE DURABILITY by *Borderon*

THE NEW COASTAL ROAD ON REUNION ISLAND

(FRANCE): APPLICATION OF DURABILITY MODEL

TO A REAL CASE by *Mai-Nhu, Rougeau, Linger, Denis,*

*Magne*

EFFECT OF CORROSION ON THE FATIGUE

SERVICE-LIFE OF REINFORCED CONCRETE BEAMS

by *Veerman*

MULTI-PHYSICS AND MULTI-SCALE DETERIORA-

TION MODELLING OF REINFORCED CONCRETE

PART I: COUPLING TRANSPORT AND CORROSION

AT THE MATERIAL SCALE by *Michel*

MULTI-PHYSICAL AND MULTI-SCALE DETERIO-

RATION MODELLING OF REINFORCED CONCRETE

PART II: COUPLING CORROSION AND DAMAGE AT

THE STRUCTURAL SCALE

by *Lepech, Rao, Kiremidjian, Michek, Stang, Geiker*

DURABILITY DESIGN OF THE LONGEST BRIDGE IN

NEW YORK STATE by *Solgaard, Edvardsen, Langlois*

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# TUESDAY MORNING

Room: Carstensen

9.00-10.30  
TOPIC: ANALYSIS AND DESIGN

## Session: Shear II

INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE SHEAR LOAD BEARING CAPACITY OF A PRESTRESSED TWO-SPAN CONCRETE BEAM - FINDINGS FROM A LARGE SCALE EXPERIMENT  
by [Gleich](#)

SHEAR BEHAVIOUR OF EXISTING BRIDGES WITHOUT AND WITH A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF SHEAR REINFORCEMENT by [Huber](#)

EFFECT OF SHRINKAGE AND STRENGTH DEVELOPMENT HISTORIES ON HIGH STRENGTH CONCRETE BEAMS IN SHEAR  
by [Matsumoto](#), [Osakabe](#), [Niwa](#)

DEFORMABILITY OF REINFORCED CONCRETE MEMBERS IN SHEAR by [Hong](#)

TEST AND ANALYSIS OF PARTLY PRECAST RC SHEAR WALL by [Li](#), [Lu](#), [Xilin](#)

SEISMIC BEHAVIOUR OF REINFORCED CONCRETE WALLS WITH MINIMUM VERTICAL REINFORCEMENT by [Liu](#), [Henry](#)

Room: Harlekin

9.00-10.30  
TOPIC: MODELLING OF CONCRETE

## Lead Paper Session

AN INNOVATIVE EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE TO ENHANCE UNDERSTANDING OF REBAR-CONCRETE BOND  
by [Dancygier](#), [Leibovitch](#), [Yankelevsky](#)

## Session: Mechanics

A PROBABILISTIC MODEL TO PREDICT AGGREGATES SIZE DISTRIBUTION EFFECT ON THE COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF NORMAL AND HIGH STRENGTH CONCRETES  
by [Miled](#), [Limam](#), [Sab](#)

EVALUATION OF MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF CONCRETE  
by [Munch-Petersen](#), [Meson](#)

CONSTITUTIVE MODEL FOR SHEAR TRANSFER IN ULTRA HIGH PERFORMANCE FIBER REINFORCED CONCRETE  
by [Lee](#), [Hong](#)

INFLUENCE OF TEMPERATURE ON THE FATIGUE BEHAVIOUR OF CONCRETE  
by [Elsmeier](#)

Room: Columbine

9.00-10.30  
TOPIC: NEW MATERIALS AND STRUCTURES

## Session: Structures and UHPC

PREFABRICATED NON-STANDARD SHELL STRUCTURES MADE OF UHPC – STRUCTURAL CONNECTIONS  
by [Sanmer](#), [Freitag](#), [Trummer](#)

SHAPE OPTIMIZED STRUTS MADE OF ULTRA-HIGH PERFORMANCE CONCRETE  
by [Henke](#), [Fischer](#)

EFFECT OF U-SHAPED WIRE MESHED UHPC PERMANENT FORMON THE FLEXURAL-BEHAVIOURS OF RC BEAM by [Wu](#), [Lin](#)

FULL UHPC RC200 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE IN EINDHOVEN, THE NETHERLANDS  
by [Tirimanna](#), [Falbr](#)

STRESS REDISTRIBUTION IN BRIDGES BUILT WITH ULTRA-THIN PRECAST GIRDERS  
by [Suzá](#), [Kollegger](#)

PRESTRESSED I-BEAMS MADE OF ULTRA-HIGH PERFORMANCE CONCRETE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY BRIDGES  
by [Tej](#), [Kolísko](#), [Bouška](#), [Vokác](#), [Cech](#)

Room: Pjerrot

9.00-10.30  
TOPIC: LIFE CYCLE DESIGN

## Session: LCA, LCC and Service Life III

A SUSTAINABILITY COMPARISON BETWEEN RENOVATION AND NEW BUILD OPTION FOR THE GALECOPPER BRIDGE by [Villa](#), [Den Blanken](#), [Thie](#)

PRECAST CONCRETE FOR SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS by [Nieminen](#)

TOPIC: CONSERVATION OF STRUCTURES

## Lead Paper session

SETTING UP OF A DATABASE DEDICATED TO DURABILITY INDICATORS BY THE CIVIL WORKS FRENCH ASSOCIATION (AFGC) TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONCRETE PERFORMANCE-BASED APPROACH  
by [Linger](#), [Carcasses](#), [Cussigh](#), [Rougeau](#), [Barberon](#), [Thauvin](#), [Cassagnere](#), [Mai-Nhu](#), [Dierkens](#)

## Session: Asset Management

MANAGEMENT OF M4 ELEVATED SECTION SUBSTRUCTURES  
by [Brock](#), [Hendy](#), [Nicholls](#)

10.30-11.00 BREAK

11.00-12.30

## Session: Shear III

EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS ON THE SHEAR CAPACITY OF RC SLABS UNDER CONCENTRATED LOADS – INFLUENCE OF DEGREE OF RESTRAINT AND MOMENT-SHEAR RATIO  
by [Reissen](#), [Hegger](#)

LIMIT ANALYSIS FOR PUNCHING SHEAR DESIGN OF COMPACT SLABS AND FOOTINGS  
by [Fernández Ruiz](#), [Simões](#), [Muttoni](#), [Viúla Faria](#)

MODIFIED BOND MODEL FOR SHEAR IN SLABS UNDER CONCENTRATED LOADS  
by [Lantsoght](#), [Van der Veen](#), [De Boer](#)

PUNCHING OF RC THICK PLATES – EXPERIMENTAL TESTS AND ANALYSIS  
by [Krakowski](#), [Swiniarski](#), [Urban](#)

PUNCHING IN POST-TENSIONED CONCRETE FLAT SLABS WITH EDGE COLUMNS  
by [Melo](#), [Barban](#)

FLAT SLAB PUNCHING BEHAVIOUR UNDER CYCLIC HORIZONTAL LOADING  
by [Almeida](#), [Inácio](#), [Lúcio](#), [Ramos](#)

11.00-12.30

## Session: Cracking and Transport I

FATIGUE BEHAVIOUR OF HIGH-STRENGTH GROUTING CONCRETE TESTED UNDER WATER  
by [Hümmel](#)

ON THE CRACKING LOCALIZATION IN TENSILE REINFORCED CONCRETE BARS WITH STEEL FIBERS  
by [Dancygier](#), [Karinski](#)

NUMERICAL 3D MODELLING OF ANCHORAGE, CORROSION AND SPALLING  
by [Kamyab](#), [Lundgren](#)

A RAPID AND REPEATABLE METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING THE WATER PERMEABILITY OF CRACKED MORTAR SPECIMENS  
by [Palin](#), [Jonkers](#), [Wiktor](#)

LOCALIZATION OF ACOUSTIC EMISSION IN REINFORCED CONCRETE USING A HETEROGENEOUS VELOCITY MODEL AND MULTILINEAR WAVE PROPAGATION PATHS by [Gollob](#), [Vogel](#)

CEMHAPP - AN APPLICATION FOR HYDRATION KINETICS COU-PLLED WITH MULTISCALE FEM ANALYSIS by [Leal da Silva](#), [Šmilauer](#)

12.30-14.00 LUNCH

10.30-11.00 BREAK

11.00-12.30

## Session: Materials I

DESIGN OF CONCRETE FOR HIGH FLOWABILITY: PROGRESS REPORT OF fib TASK GROUP 4.3  
by [Schmidt](#), [Grünewald](#), [Ferrara](#), [Dehn](#)

TIME- AND LOAD-DEPENDENT BEHAVIOUR OF FLOWABLE CONCRETE: PROGRESS REPORT OF fib TASK GROUP 4.3  
by [Leemann](#), [Hammer](#), [Grünewald](#), [Ferrara](#), [Dehn](#)

IMPACT OF MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OF COMB-LIKE POLYMER ON DISPERSION PROPERTIES OF CEMENT PASTES  
by [Qiao](#), [Ran](#), [Liu](#)

THE COLOUR POTENTIALS OF SSA-CONTAINING MORTAR  
by [Kappel](#), [Bache](#), [Ottoßen](#), [Kirkelund](#), [Goltermann](#)

COLOURED FAIR-FACED CONCRETE - EVALUATION OF COLOUR TONE  
by [Cauberg](#)

11.00-12.30

## Session: Asset Management and Diagnosis

BRIDGE MAINTENANCE MODELS USING EXPERT OPINION  
by [Guimarães](#), [Campos e Matos](#)

LONG TERM ASSET MANAGEMENT APPROACH FOR CONCRETE BRIDGES AND TUNNELS  
by [Knudsen](#), [Andersen](#), [Nielsen](#)

EXPERT CENTRE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE MATERIALS  
by [Poulsen](#), [Stang](#), [Sørensen](#), [Pade](#), [Mathiesen](#)

STUDY ON DIAGNOSIS METHOD FOR CABLE-STAYED AND EXTRADOSED BRIDGE WITH CONCRETE-STEEL COMPOSITE MAIN GIRDER  
by [Sakai](#)

SEISMIC PERFORMANCE OF RC BEAMS FROM EXISTING BUILDINGS  
by [Araki](#), [Hibino](#)

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT OF A RC STRUCTURE AFFECTED BY FROST AND SALT ACTIONS  
by [Mizuta](#), [Yoshinori](#), [Hisatoshi](#), [Norihito](#), [Akinori](#), [Tetsuji](#)

12.30-14.00 LUNCH

# TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Room: Carstensen

14.00-15.30  
TOPIC: ANALYSIS AND DESIGN

**Session: Shear IV**  
EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS OF PUNCHING SHEAR CONCRETE SLABS WITH DIFFERENT TYPES TRANSVERSE REINFORCEMENT  
by *Krawczyk, Urban*

**PUNCHING SHEAR STRENGTHENING OF FLAT SLABS: CFRP AND SHEAR REINFORCEMENT**  
by *Moreno*

LOAD CARRYING CAPACITY OF KEYED JOINTS REINFORCED WITH HIGH STRENGTH WIRE ROPE LOOPS  
by *Joergensen, Hoang*

ONE-WAY SHEAR BEHAVIOUR OF INDIRECTLY LOADED LARGE FOOTINGS  
by *Uzel, Bentz, Collins*

ON THE RESISTANCE OF FASTENING PLATES WITH SUPPLEMENTARY REINFORCEMENT  
by *Bujňak, Farbak, Bahleda, Leinonen*

THE INCREASING BEARING CAPACITY WHILE REMOVING CONCRETE FROM REINFORCED BEAMS  
by *Hoogen, Vergoossen, Blom*

Room: Harlekin

14.00-15.30  
TOPIC: MODELLING OF CONCRETE

**Session: Cracking and Transport II**  
MOCK-UP FOR VERIFICATION OF TEMPERATURES IN LARGE CONCRETE STRUCTURES  
by *Aarre, Frederiksen*

INVESTIGATION OF CRACK DEVELOPMENT IN A FAIRFACED CONCRETE FLOOR  
by *Waldmann, Weiler*

CHLORIDE TRANSPORT IN CONCRETE STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS AFTER REPAIR  
by *Rahimi*

NEW INSIGHTS FOR MODELING CHLORIDE INGRESS UNDER FREEZE-THAW LOADING  
by *Ferreira, Leivo*

AN INVESTIGATION OF THE INFLUENCE OF VARYING EXPOSURE TEMPERATURE ON CHLORIDE INGRESS IN CONCRETE  
by *Poulsen, Sørensen*

Room: Columbine

14.00-15.30  
TOPIC: NEW MATERIALS AND STRUCTURES

**Session: Materials II**  
SELF-HEALING CAPABILITY OF CONCRETE CONTAINING CRYSTALLINE ADMIXTURES IN DIFFERENT EXPOSURE CONDITIONS  
by *Roig-Flores, Moscato, Serna Ros, Ferrara*

NANOTECHNOLOGIES IN NEW STRUCTURAL CONCRETES: PRACTICE AND OUTLOOK  
by *Falikman, Gusev*

CEMENTITIOUS HYBRID MATERIALS AND INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY  
by *Greisen*

CHALLENGE OF TEXTILE REINFORCED HIGH PERFORMANCE CONCRETE FOR SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION  
by *Hajek, Novotna, Chira, Fiala, Vlach, Leiblova*

CRC® – NEW CHALLENGES FOR NEW MARKETS USING ULTRA HIGH PERFORMANCE FIBRE REINFORCED CONCRETE  
by *Aarup, Hansen*

EXPERIMENTAL BOND BEHAVIOR OF DEFORMED CFRP REBARS IN HIGH STRENGTH CONCRETE  
by *Akbas, Celik, Yalcin*

Room: Pjerrot

14.00-15.30  
TOPIC: CONSERVATION OF STRUCTURES

**Session: Diagnosis, Monitoring and Repair**  
DIAGNOSIS OF SEVERE ALKALI AGGREGATE REACTION IN A FINNISH SWIMMING POOL  
by *Holt, Lindqvist, Orantie, Ferreira*

INNOVATIVE FIBER OPTIC MONITORING OF WADI LEBAN BRIDGE (KSA)  
by *Lebon, Paris, Lamour*

REPAIR MONITORING OF CRACKED CONCRETE FLOOR USING THE IMPULSE – RESPONSE METHOD  
by *Zoidis, Tatsis, Vlachopoulos, Gotzamanis, Sterke Clausen, Aggelis, Matikas*

APPLICABILITY OF CATHODIC PROTECTION BY GALVANIC ANODE SYSTEM FOR RC MEMBER UNDER COMBINED DETERIORATION OF CARBONATION AND MIXED CHLORIDES  
by *Yoshida, Otani, Takaya, Yamamoto, Miyagawa*

15.30-16.00 BREAK-POSTER

16.00-17.30

**Session: Columns and Elements I**  
LOAD CARRYING CAPACITY OF REINFORCED CONCRETE COLUMNS IN THE CONNECTION ZONE WITH SLAB OF LOWER STRENGTH CONCRETE  
by *Goldyn*

A CONFINEMENT MODEL FOR REINFORCED CONCRETE COLUMNS  
by *Tung, Tue*

EXPERIMENTAL STUDY ON 2-D RC FRAME WITH MIDDLE COLUMN REMOVED UNDER PROGRESSIVE COLLAPSE  
by *Lim, Lee, Tan*

FORCE INTRODUCTION INTO FLANGES OF STRUCTURAL CONCRETE T-BEAMS  
by *Schütte, Sigrist*

EFFECT OF THE INACCURACY ON THE STRESS DISTRIBUTION IN DRY CONNECTIONS OF MODULAR CONSTRUCTIONS  
by *Theiler, Reich*

16.00-17.30

TOPIC: ANALYSIS AND DESIGN

**Session: Fibre Reinforced Concrete**  
NEW SWEDISH DESIGN GUIDE FOR FIBRE CONCRETE STRUCTURES  
by *Silfverbrand, Hedebratt*

CRACK WIDTHS IN CONCRETE WITH FIBERS AND MAIN REINFORCEMENT  
by *Christensen, Ulfkjær*

SHEAR CAPACITY OF FIBER-REINFORCED CONCRETE  
by *Toubia, Ishtewi*

INFLUENCE OF STEEL FIBERS AND STIRRUPS ON THE STEEL-CONCRETE BOND BEHAVIOR  
by *El Debs, Correa*

COMPRESSIVE FATIGUE STRENGTH OF SFC UNDER LOW-CYCLE FATIGUE LOAD  
by *Yoon*

ANALYTICAL MODELS FOR STRUCTURAL BEHAVIOUR OF FIBRE REINFORCED CONCRETE BEAMS WITH STEEL OR FRP BARS  
by *Ali, Sheikh, Oehlers*

DINNER

15.30-16.00 BREAK-POSTER

16.00-17.30

**Session: Materials III**  
PROPERTIES OF PERVIOUS CONCRETE CONTAINING GROUND GRANULATED BLAST FURNACE SLAG (GGBFS) AS A SUPPLEMENTARY CEMENTING MATERIAL  
by *Joshaghani, Ramezaniapour*

DESIGN AND PROPERTIES OF SUSTAINABLE CONCRETE  
by *Haist, Moffatt, Breiner, Müller*

RECENT DEVELOPMENT OF ULTRA-HIGH STRENGTH PRESTRESSING 19-WIRE STRAND 29.0 MM  
by *Qshima*

DELAYED CONCRETE PRESTRESSING WITH SHAPE MEMORY POLYMER TENDONS  
by *Pilegis, Teall, Hazelwood, Jefferson, Gardner, Lark*

A NOVEL 2D VASCULAR NETWORK IN CEMENTITIOUS MATERIALS  
by *Davies, Jefferson, Gardner*

16.00-17.30

**Session: Repair**  
STUDY ON THE EFFECTIVE PROTECTION METHODS AGAINST CHLORIDE ATTACK IN SUBWAY TUNNELS  
by *Mutou*

DEVELOPMENT OF REPAIR METHOD FOR CORRODED PC TENDONS IN INCOMPLETE GROUTING AREA USING LINO2-CONTAINING SOLUTION AND GROUT AND APPLICATION TO EXISTING PC BRIDGES  
by *Kamotani, Aoyama, Morikawa*

POST-INSTALLED REINFORCEMENT CONNECTIONS UNDER ULS, SLS AND SUSTAINED LOADS  
by *Kunz, Randl*

REHABILITATION OF BALAD BRIDGE IN INDIA  
by *Panday*

REHABILITATION OF A SEVEN STORIED BUILDING PROJECT: A UNIQUE CASE STUDY  
by *Panday*

DINNER

# WEDNESDAY MORNING

Room: Carstensen

9.00-10.30  
TOPIC: ANALYSIS AND DESIGN

**Session: Columns and Elements II**

CONCRETE ELEMENTS REINFORCED WITH LARGE DIAMETERS, PART 2: BOND BEHAVIOUR AND LAPPED JOINTS *by Schoening, Hegger*

CONCRETE ELEMENTS REINFORCED WITH LARGE DIAMETERS, PART 3: COLUMNS *by Oettel, Empelmann*

BOND AND DEFORMATION BEHAVIOUR OF REINFORCED INFRA-LIGHTWEIGHT CONCRETE (ILC) *by Hütkler, Schlaich*

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS FOR SHEAR FAILURE OF FLAT CONCRETE SLABS EXPOSED TO FIRE *by Annerel, Taerwe*

EFFECT OF IMPERFECTIONS ON CONCRETE COLUMNS SUBJECTED TO FIRE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT SECOND ORDER EFFECTS *by Wang, Caspeele, Taerwe*

DESIGN FOR ACCELERATED HIGH STRENGTH CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION USING STRUT-AND-TIE MODEL *by Tantiqidok, Stemberk*

Room: Harlekin

9.00-10.30  
TOPIC: NUMERICAL MODELLING

**Lead Paper session**

SHELLDESIGN – EFFICIENT AND INNOVATIVE DESIGN TOOL FOR CONCRETE STRUCTURES *by Nyhus*

**Session: Numerical Modelling I**

PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF RC WALL ELONGATION *by Encina, Henry*

DESIGN OF A MIXED FOUNDATION FOR THE HIGH SPEED RAILWAY STATION OF LODZ FABRYCZNA, POLAND *by Mugnier, Magne Tachago, Landi, Chirioti*

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## **PUNCHING SHEAR STRENGTHENING OF FLAT SLABS: CFRP AND SHEAR REINFORCEMENT**

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### **Abstract**

Punching in slabs is usually associated to the application of concentrated loads or to the presence of columns. One of the main concerns related to flat slabs is its punching shear capacity at slab-column connection, which is subjected to a very complex three-dimensional stress state. Provided that bending capacity is installed, punching shear failure is hence characterized by the development of a truncated cone shaped surface at the slab-column connection. The experimental programme carried out by the authors includes four normal strength concrete slabs ( $1100 \times 1100 \times 100 \text{ mm}^3$ ), with and without shear reinforcement, submitted to punching under a concentrated load. One of the specimens included typical bent-down bars as shear reinforcement. Frequently, there is the need to strengthen existing flat slabs against punching shear failure. Current paper intends to further investigate the structural response of such reinforcement techniques. One of the strengthening practices, which have been tested within current experimental programme, consists on gluing carbon fibre reinforced polymers on concrete surface. Moreover, the near surface mounted technique has also been tested within current experimental work. Finally, a fourth specimen served as reference. The effects of shear reinforcement and of the carbon fibre reinforced polymers enhancing punching shear capacity are observed.

**Keywords:** Punching shear, CFRP, NSM, Building codes, Experimental tests

### **1 Introduction**

One of the main concerns related to two-way flat slabs is the punching shear capacity at slab-column connection, which is subjected to a very complex three-dimensional stress state. Punching shear failure is hence characterized by the development of a truncated cone shaped surface at the slab-column connection. Punching shear can thus result from a concentrated load or reaction acting on a relatively small area, called the loaded area, of a slab or a foundation. This type of failure is usually both brittle and catastrophic since it may generate the global collapse of the structure due to the increasing load transfer to neighbouring columns and to the slabs located underneath. The load carrying capacity of reinforced concrete (RC) slabs may be compromised for a number of reasons, including structural damage, design errors, building code changes and alteration of functional use.

Two strengthening techniques enhancing directly the bending capacity of slab-column connections are employed. The collateral increase in the ultimate punching shear capacity is analysed. The use of carbon fibre reinforced polymers (CFRP) on structural repair and strengthening has continuously increased during the last years due to the following main advantages of this composite material when compared to conventional materials like steel and concrete: low specific weight, easy installation, high durability and tensile strength, electromagnetic permeability, and practically unlimited availability regarding size, geometry and

dimensions (ACI 2008). The most widely used technique aiming to increase load carrying capacity is to apply CFRP plates on the tension surface of the RC slab as externally bonded (EB) reinforcement. CFRP laminates and sheets are generally applied on the faces of the elements to be strengthened configuring which is commonly designated as the EB reinforcing technique. The research carried out up to now has revealed that this method cannot mobilize the full tensile strength of CFRP materials due to the occurrence of premature debonding phenomenon (Nigro, Ludovico & Bilotta 2008). Due to the fact that CFRP is often directly exposed to the weathering conditions the reinforcing performance of this technique should be accounted for. EB systems are also vulnerable regarding fire action and vandalism acts. Alternatively, the near surface mounted (NSM) technique, which consists of cut-in openings strengthened with CFRP materials, can be used. This technique was used in some practical applications (Barros & al. 2006) and several benefits were pointed out. In order to assess the efficacy of this strengthening system as regards structural elements failing in punching shear, flat slab specimens were tested. The carried out tests are described and the most significant outcomes are presented and analyzed. Experimental results are also compared with design code predictions regarding the punching shear strength.

## 2 Design code provisions

A review on design code provisions is conducted. The punching shear approaches of CEB-FIP MC 90 (CEB-FIP 1993) and EN 1992-1-1 (CEN 2004) which is based on the former – otherwise referred to as Eurocode 2 – are analysed below.

Both design codes adopt an approach involving critical sections where punching shear capacities are to be checked as represented in Fig. 1: at the face of the column, at the basic control section, and at the outermost control section where shear reinforcement is no longer required if shear reinforcement is needed. The basic control perimeter  $u_1$  is taken to be at a distance  $2d$  from the loaded area (or column perimeter) and should be constructed so as to minimise its length.

Punching shear strength is the product of a shear stress times the area of the critical section under consideration. The full contribution of concrete to the design punching shear resistance of flat slabs without shear reinforcement at the basic control section is given by (CEN 2004):

$$V_{Rd,c} = \frac{0.18}{\gamma_c} \cdot \xi \cdot (100 \cdot \rho_l \cdot f_{ck})^{1/3} \cdot u_1 \cdot d \quad (1)$$

In (1)  $\gamma_c$  is the concrete partial safety factor,  $\xi$  is the size effect factor (defined in Table 1 with  $d$  in mm),  $\rho_l$  is the ordinary reinforcement ratio,  $f_{ck}$  is the characteristic value of concrete compressive strength in MPa,  $u_1$  is the length of basic control perimeter, and  $d$  is the mean effective depth of the slab calculated as shown in (2).

$$d = (d_x + d_y) / 2 \quad (2)$$

The value of  $\rho_l$  is calculated as indicated in (3) as a mean value taking into account a slab width (C dimension, see Fig. 1) equal to the column width plus  $3d$  each side of the column. Such reinforcement should anchor beyond the control perimeter being considered,  $u_1$ .

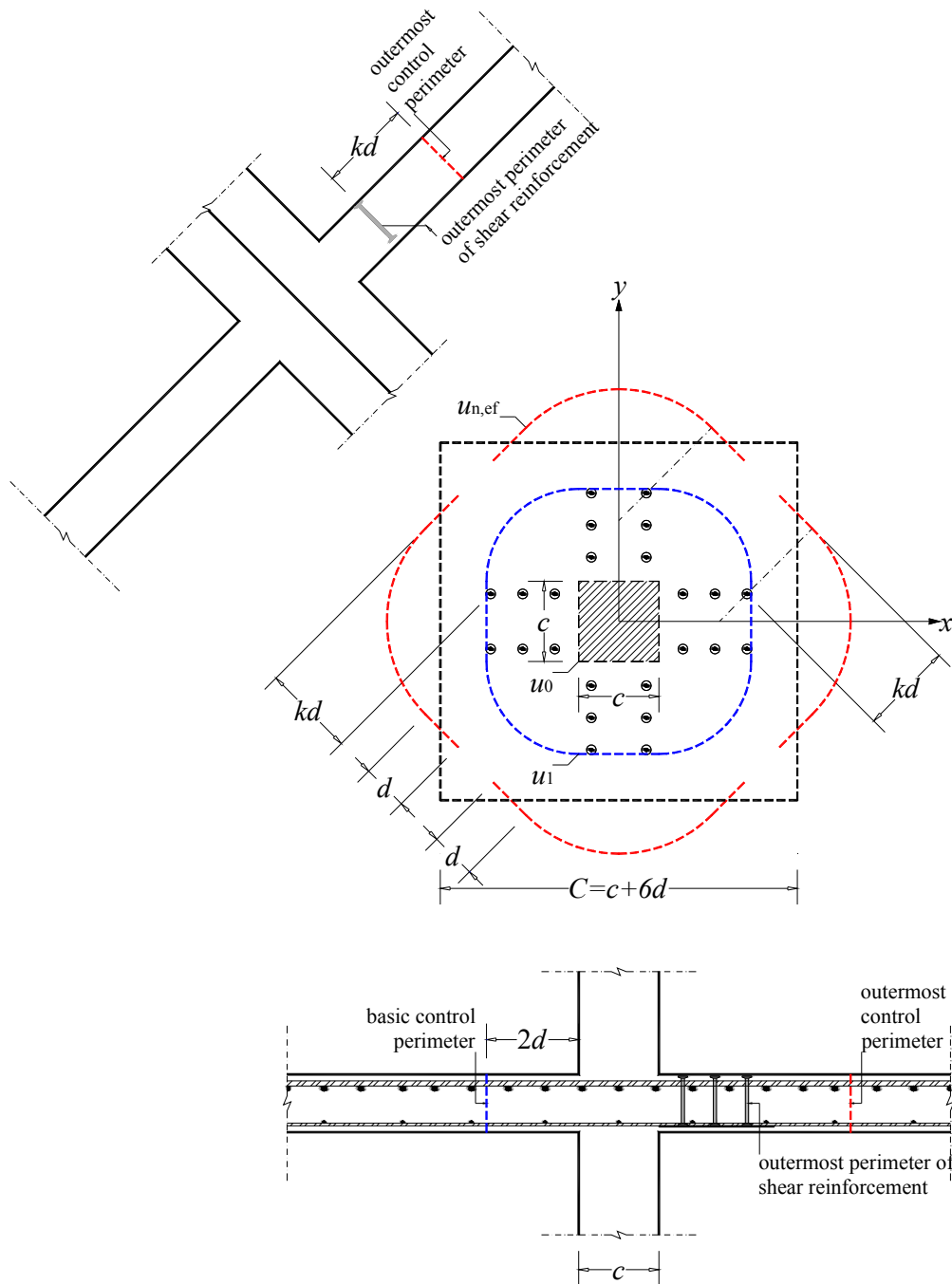
$$\rho_l = \sqrt{\rho_{lx} \cdot \rho_{ly}} \quad (3)$$

Where shear reinforcement is required the punching shear strength should be calculated in accordance with (4) where  $s_r$  is the radial spacing of perimeters of shear reinforcement,  $f_{ywk,ef}$  is the effective characteristic strength of the punching shear reinforcement according to (5),  $\gamma_s$  is the partial safety factor for shear reinforcement steel,  $A_{sw}$  is the area of one perimeter of shear reinforcement around the column, and  $\alpha$  is the angle between the shear reinforcement and the plane of the slab.

$$V_{Rd,cs} = \frac{3}{4} \cdot V_{Rd,c} + \left( \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{d}{s_r} \cdot \frac{f_{ywk,ef}}{\gamma_s} \cdot A_{sw} \cdot \sin \alpha \right) \quad (4)$$

With respect to CEB-FIP MC 90 and EN 1992-1-1 punching shear formulations, the original equations have been modified (Moreno 2010) in order to include the partial safety factor related to shear reinforcement steel, leading to (4). Therefore, equation (5) has been derived in order to account for the safety margin coupled with shear reinforcement ( $d$  in mm).

$$f_{yw,ef} = 0.2875 \cdot (1000 + d) \leq f_{yw} \quad (5)$$



**Fig. 1**  $u_0$ ,  $u_1$  and  $u_{n,ef}$  control perimeters for interior square loaded areas according to the CEB-FIP MC 90 (CEB-FIP 1993) and EN 1992-1-1 (CEN 2004).

For slabs with transverse shear reinforcement the punching shear resistance should additionally be assessed for the outermost control section which defines the outermost control perimeter  $u_{n,ef}$

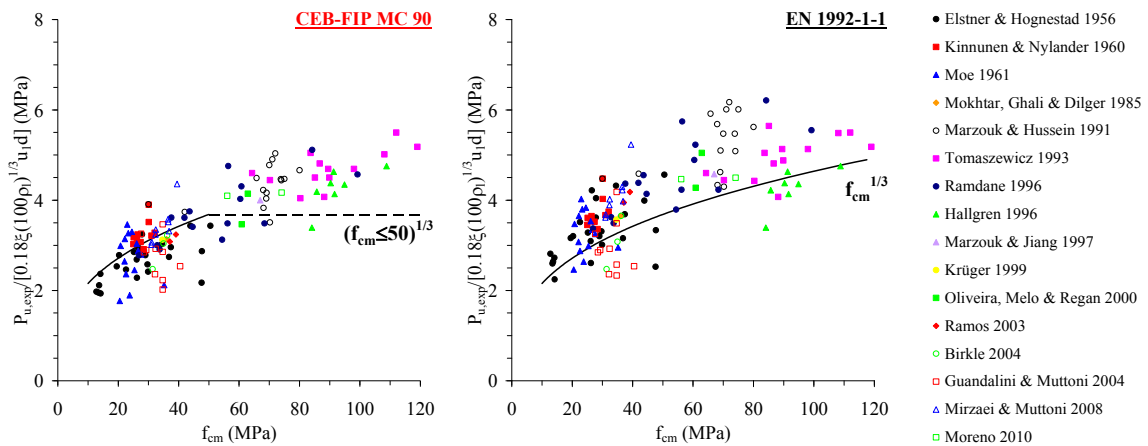
(see Fig. 1). The outermost perimeter of shear reinforcement should be placed at a distance not greater than  $kd$  within  $u_{n,ef}$  perimeter. According to EN 1992-1-1 the recommended value is  $k = 1.5$  whereas CEB-FIP MC 90 recommends the value  $k = 2$ .

Although both code formulations are quite similar, main differences were identified and are summarised in Table 1.

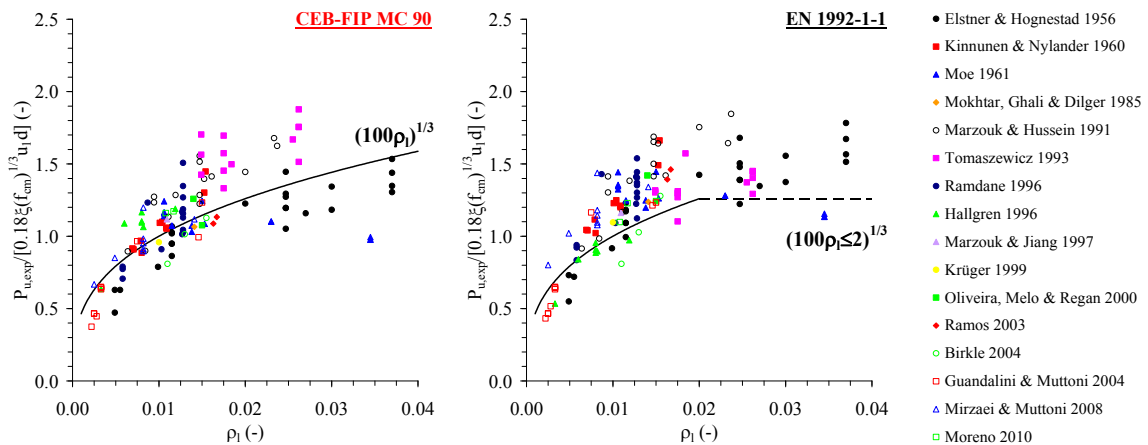
**Table 1**  
**Limited parameters on punching shear design codes provisions**

Parameter	Design code	
	CEB-FIP MC 90	Eurocode 2
Size effect factor, $\xi = 1+(200/d)^{1/2}$	-	$\leq 2$
Characteristic concrete strength, $f_{ck}$	$\leq 50$ MPa	-
Ordinary reinforcement ratio, $\rho_1$	-	$\leq 0.02$
k factor (recommended values)	2.0	1.5

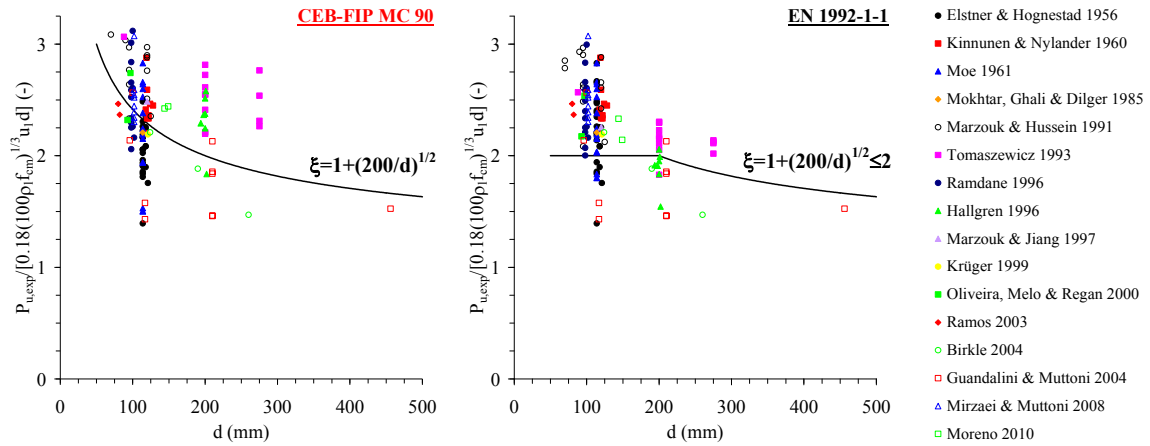
In order to fully compare both design code formulations a database has been derived compiling test results for slabs subjected to non-eccentric loading which failed in punching comprising both non-reinforced (128 experiments, see Fig. 2 to Fig. 4) and shear-reinforced slabs (38 experiments). In the following the materials partial safety factors are taken as  $\gamma_c = \gamma_s = 1$  and the characteristic values of the material mechanical properties are replaced by the respective average value.



**Fig. 2** Experimental punching shear failure load of shear non-reinforced slabs (non-eccentric loading) normalized regarding the average concrete compressive strength.



**Fig. 3** Experimental punching shear failure load of shear non-reinforced slabs (non-eccentric loading) normalized regarding the ordinary reinforcement ratio.



**Fig. 4** Experimental punching shear failure load of shear non-reinforced slabs (non-eccentric loading) normalized regarding the size effect factor.

The range of collected values for average concrete compressive strength is between 12.8 MPa and 119 MPa, the mean effective depth of the slab varies from 70 mm to 456 mm, and the ordinary reinforcement ratio is comprised between 0.22% and 3.70%.

From the analysis of Fig. 2 to Fig. 4, one can notice that the CEB-FIP MC 90 condition  $f_{ck} \leq 50$  MPa is needless so that the formulation can be extended to high performance concrete. As regards the ordinary reinforcement ratio, the EN 1992-1-1 imposes the limitation  $\rho_l \leq 0.02$  which can certainly be understood as a concern about the ductility behaviour of the slab-column connections. Regarding the size effect factor, EN 1992-1-1 design code limitation  $\xi \leq 2$  appears to be unnecessary. The authors propose as well to adopt the value  $k = 2$ . The enlargement of the distance comprised between the outermost perimeter of shear reinforcement  $u_{n,ef}$  and the loaded (or column cross-section) perimeter from  $1.5d$  to  $2d$  can be justified by the test results of several authors (Elstner & Hognestad 1956; Voet, Dilger & Ghali 1982; Mokhtar, Ghali & Dilger 1985) who observed that the shear stress supported by concrete decreases with increasing distance from the column face and stabilizes at a distance of about  $4d$  from the loaded area. Identical recommendation is done by the Danish national annex to Eurocode 2 (EN-1992-1-1 2007).

Current analysis results for both code formulations are summarised in Table 2.

**Table 2**  
**Comparison of test results with codes predictions as they stand**

Experiments	Design code	$P_{u,exp}/V_{Rm}$			
		Min.	Max.	Average	CV
128 non-reinforced slabs	CEB-FIP MC 90	0.60	1.49	1.03	0.18
	Eurocode 2	0.70	1.54	1.14	0.17
38 shear-reinforced slabs	CEB-FIP MC 90	0.50	1.46	0.98	0.22
	Eurocode 2	0.54	2.16	1.18	0.38

Based on the comparative analysis, and aiming to reduce the high observed dispersion, a sensitivity analysis of the limiting parameters on the code provisions was developed. Consequently, following actions were taken:

- 1) CEB-FIP MC 90 provision  $f_{ck} \leq 50$  MPa is ignored;
- 2) EN 1992-1-1 recommended value  $k = 1.5$  is replaced by  $k = 2$ , and;
- 3) EN 1992-1-1 design code limitation  $\xi \leq 2$  is not considered.

The above mentioned proposals were further computed and obtained results are summarised in Table 3. The overall effect of those proposals is thus far a significant reduction in standard deviation (CV) and in average value of the observed-to-predicted failure loads  $P_{u,exp}/V_{Rm}$  ratio.

**Table 3**  
**Comparison of test results with codes predictions including proposals**

Experiments	Design code	$P_{u,exp}/V_{Rm}$			
		Min.	Max.	Average	CV
128 non-reinforced slabs	CEB-FIP MC 90	0.60	1.28	0.98	0.13
	Eurocode 2	0.60	1.28	1.01	0.13
38 shear-reinforced slabs	CEB-FIP MC 90	0.44	1.38	0.98	0.22
	Eurocode 2	0.44	1.57	0.98	0.25

### 3 Experimental programme

#### 3.1 Test specimens

Current experimental programme includes 4 RC square flat slab specimens 1100×1100 mm<sup>2</sup> wide and 100 mm height, which were designed so as the bending capacity prevail over the punching shear strength in order for slabs to fail in shear. The ordinary reinforcement ratio remained unchanged for all the tested slabs. Full details of specimen's geometry are presented in Fig. 5 where the ordinary reinforcement has been omitted in both the CFRP strengthened slabs for interpretation convenience.

The first specimen, denoted BC01, served as the non-strengthened reference slab. The second specimen, BCA1, included typical steel bent-down bars as punching shear reinforcement. The CFRP strengthening techniques were used in the third specimen, BCN1, which include 16 NSM cut-in in each direction, and in the EB specimen denoted BCG1 on which 6 CFRP laminates were bonded in each direction. Both the CFRP strengthened specimens were designed so as approximately similar effective reinforcement ratios were installed (see Table 5 and Table 6). Table 4 below summarises the chronological sequence of the experimental programme.

**Table 4**  
**Notation and RC slabs age at strengthening and testing**

Slab	Age at strengthening (days)	Age at experiment (days)
BC01	-	31
BCA1	-	28
BCN1	36	41
BCG1	24	29

All the current specimens were reinforced on the top (tensile) side with orthogonal bending reinforcement using 8 mm diameter rebar spaced 50 mm. The main bars were folded up at both ends in order to promote better anchorage. The ratio  $\rho_l$  of ordinary reinforcement was 1.33% for all the tested specimens. A 20 mm concrete cover was guaranteed by using plastic rebar-to-formwork spacers.

Regarding BCA1 specimen, shear reinforcement comprising four bent-down bars in each direction were used spaced 50 mm. Shear reinforcement bars (8 mm diameter bars similar to the main reinforcement) were well anchored at their extremities and placed in two perimeters perpendicularly to the column face as shown in Fig. 5. The first perimeter of shear elements was positioned at a distance of approximately half effective depth ( $d/2$ ) from the column face. The radial spacing of shear reinforcement perimeters was taken as  $s_r \approx 0.7d$ . According to (Hallgren 1996) the ratio of ordinary reinforcement should be modified (increased) with the part of the steel bent-down bars which act as main bending reinforcement over the loaded area (100×100×20 mm<sup>3</sup> steel plate denoted G in Fig. 5) as indicated:

$$\rho_{l,mod} = \rho_l + \frac{f_{yw}k}{f_{yk}} \cdot \frac{A_{sw}}{4 \cdot d \cdot C} \quad (6)$$

In (6)  $f_{ywk}$  is the characteristic value of the yielding stress of shear reinforcement steel,  $f_{yk}$  is the characteristic value of the yielding stress of ordinary reinforcement steel,  $A_{sw}$  is taken as the total cross-sectional area of the shear reinforcement, and dimension  $C$  is taken as defined in Fig. 1. The ultimate punching shear capacity of slab BCA1 is therefore predicted using (4) where  $V_{Rd,c}$  is calculated with  $\rho_{l,mod} = 1.86\%$  instead of  $\rho_l$  leading to:

$$V_{Rd,c} = \frac{0.18}{\gamma_c} \cdot \xi \cdot (100 \cdot \rho_{l,mod} \cdot f_{ck})^{1/3} \cdot u_1 \cdot d \quad (7)$$

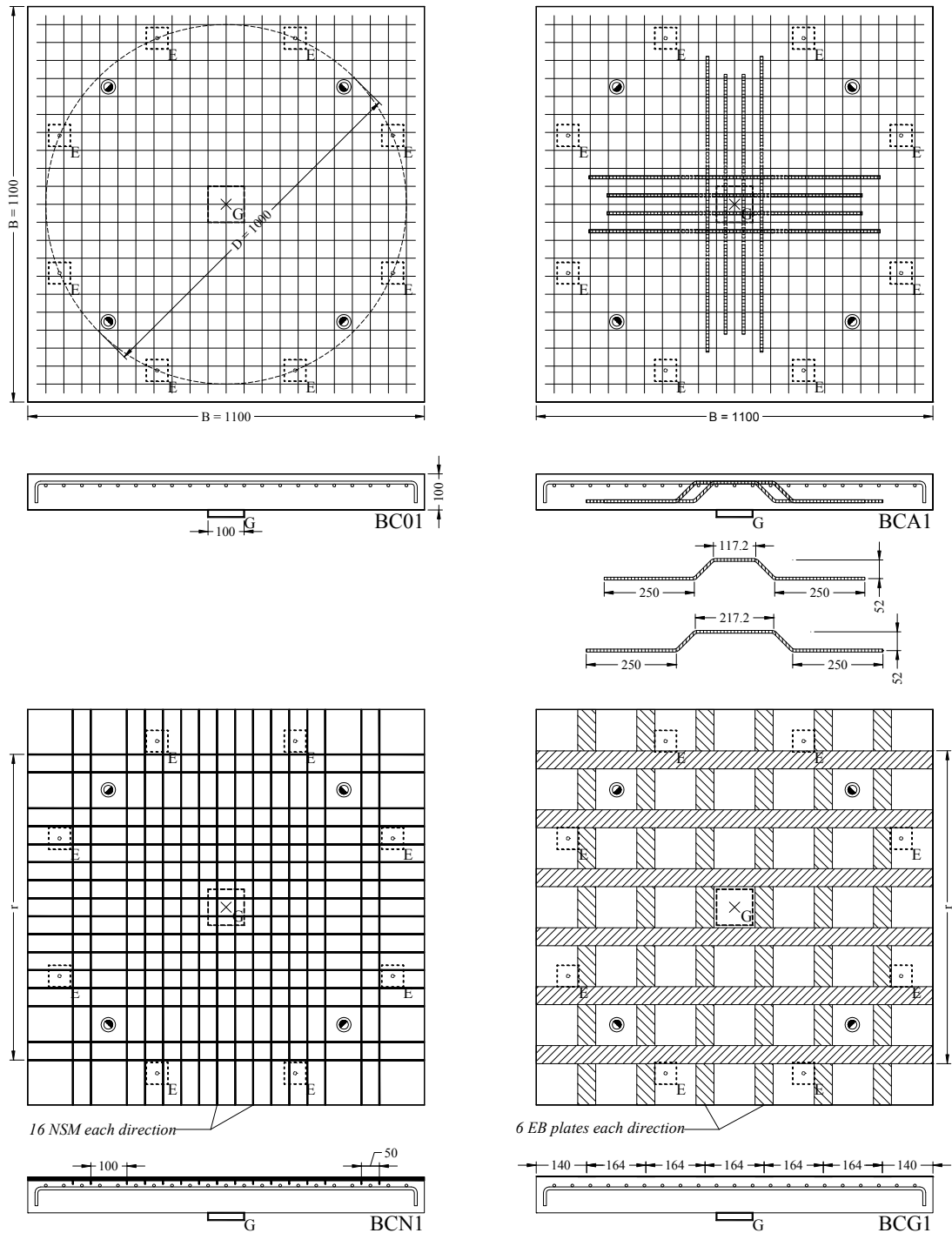


Fig. 5 Geometry of tested slabs (dimensions in mm).

For the CFRP strengthened slabs BCN1 and BCG1, the indirect effect of the CFRP reinforcement (which represents a reinforcement ratio increase of about 55% with respect to remaining non-strengthened specimens BC01 and BCA1) was accounted for according to the following. For brittle failures in punching, the ordinary reinforcement remains mostly elastic so that an equivalent effective depth  $d_{eq}$  can be computed as follows according to (Faria & al. 2014):

$$d_{eq} = d \cdot \frac{1 + \frac{\rho_{st}}{\rho_l} \cdot \frac{E_{st}}{E_s} \cdot \left(\frac{d_{st}}{d}\right)^2}{1 + \frac{\rho_{st}}{\rho_l} \cdot \frac{E_{st}}{E_s} \cdot \frac{d_{st}}{d}} \quad (8)$$

In (8)  $\rho_{st}$  is the strengthening reinforcement ratio,  $E_{st}$  is the modulus of elasticity of CFRP, and  $d_{st}$  is the distance between the compressed face and the centroid of the CFRP strengthening elements. As the bending stiffness of the slabs is therefore increased (Faria & al. 2014) propose the use of an effective reinforcement ratio  $\rho_{tot}$  which can be obtained as follows:

$$\rho_{tot} = \rho_l + \rho_{st} \cdot \frac{E_{st}}{E_s} \cdot \frac{r}{B} \cdot \left(\frac{d_{st}}{d}\right)^3 \quad (9)$$

In (9)  $B$  and  $r$  are taken as the slab dimension and the distance where the strengthening laminates are distributed, respectively (see Fig. 5). The obtained effective reinforcement ratios are summarised in Table 5 and Table 6 below for the BCN1 and BCG1 specimens, respectively.

**Table 5**  
**Main reinforcement ratio and geometry for BCN1 specimen**

Layer #	Material	Direction	d (mm)	$\rho_l$ (%)	d (mm)	$\rho_{st}$ (%)	$d_{st}$ (mm)	$d_{eq}$ (mm)	$\rho_{tot}$ (%)
1	Steel	y	68	1.33	72.0	-	-	76.7	2.07
2		x	76						
3	CFRP	x	85	-	-	0.45	90.0		
4		y	95						

**Table 6**  
**Main reinforcement ratio and geometry for BCG1 specimen**

Layer #	Material	Direction	d (mm)	$\rho_l$ (%)	d (mm)	$\rho_{st}$ (%)	$d_{st}$ (mm)	$d_{eq}$ (mm)	$\rho_{tot}$ (%)
1	Steel	y	68	1.33	72.0	-	-	78.4	2.08
2		x	76						
3	CFRP	x	100.6	-	-	0.32	101.2		
4		y	101.8						

### 3.2 Material properties

The tensile mechanical properties of the steel reinforcement were derived from representative samples testing. The yield and ultimate strength as well as the Young's modulus were measured and are as given in Table 7.

**Table 7**  
**Material properties of bending and shear reinforcement steel**

Diameter (mm)	Yield strength, $f_{ym}$ (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	Ultimate strength, $f_{um}$ (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	Young modulus, $E_s$ (kN/mm <sup>2</sup> )
8	535	650	200

The concrete was designed to have a 28-day cube compressive strength of 30 MPa using 20 mm

maximum aggregate size and a 0.55 free water-cement ratio. A 1% cement content of Sika ViscoCrete super-plasticiser was included in the concrete mix. A CEM II/B-M (T-LL) 42.5 cement was employed. Table 8 presents the average mechanical properties obtained on concrete samples ( $150 \times 150 \times 150 \text{ mm}^3$ ) which were tested on the experiment day of the respective slab specimen.

Conversion between cubic and cylinder compressive strength has been computed according to (Reineck & al. 2003):

$$f_{cm} = 0.79 \cdot f_{cm,cub} \quad (10)$$

**Table 8**  
**Mechanical properties of concrete mix**

Slab	$\gamma_{cm}$ ( $\text{kN/m}^3$ )	$f_{cm,cub}$ ( $\text{N/mm}^2$ )	$f_{cm}$ ( $\text{N/mm}^2$ )
BC01	23.3	53.9	42.6
BCA1	23.4	44.6	35.3
BCN1	24.0	33.4	26.4
BCG1	23.0	34.1	27.0

The used CFRP plates were S&P CFK 150/2000 manufactured in Portugal by S&P Clever Reinforcement. These carbon laminates were used together with adhesive S&P Resin Epoxy 55 certified in accordance with EN 1504-4 (CEN 2004). Material properties of the CFRP plates used in current experimental tests are given in Table 9 (S&P 2014).

**Table 9**  
**Material properties and geometry of CFRP laminates**

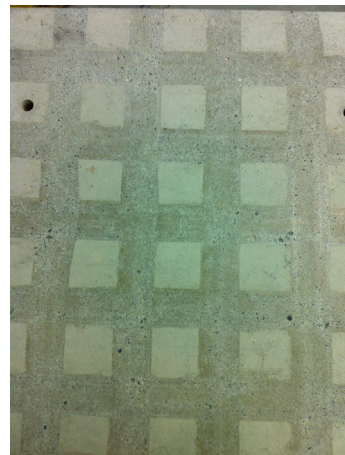
Parameter	BCN1 specimen	BCG1 specimen
Cross section ( $\text{mm}^2$ )	$2.8 \times 10$	$50 \times 1.2$
Modulus of elasticity, $E_{st}$ ( $\text{kN/mm}^2$ )	165	165
Theoretical tensile strength at 0.8% elongation ( $\text{N/mm}^2$ )	1300	-
Recommended tensile strength for the design ( $\text{N/mm}^2$ )	-	1650
Tensile strength ( $\text{N/mm}^2$ )	2000	2000

### 3.3 CFRP strengthened specimens' preparation

The CFRP strengthened slabs were prepared following the instructions of the manufacturer. Regarding BCN1 slab, the slots of  $5.5 \times 20 \text{ mm}^2$  and  $5.5 \times 10 \text{ mm}^2$  were obtained using a circular saw (Fig. 6). For BCG1 specimen, a surface grinder was passed back and forth along pre-aligned paths until a uniform exposure of aggregate was achieved (Fig. 7). A vacuum cleaner allowed a clean surface from dust and loose particles to be obtained.



**Fig. 6** BCN1 slots cutting.



**Fig. 7** BCG1 surface prior to CFRP gluing.

### 3.4 Test procedure and instrumentation

All tests were conducted under concentrated loading ( $100 \times 100 \text{ mm}^2$ ) and simply supported on eight points ( $60 \times 60 \times 10 \text{ mm}^3$  steel plates denoted E in Fig. 5) equally spaced along a  $D = 1000 \text{ mm}$  diameter perimeter (see Fig. 5). Tests were performed using a servo-hydraulic test system by means of controlling the vertical force at  $0.26 \text{ kN/s}$  constant loading rate. The load was applied through a load-controlled hydraulic jack with a nominal range of  $300 \text{ kN}$  acting against a reaction strong slab.

A data acquisition system connected to a personal computer was used to control the loading and to collect test data (load, deflections and CFRP strains).

Externally, five LVDT (L1 to L5) were placed along the diameter  $D$  (see Fig. 5) in order to measure the deflections of the four tested slabs. Internally, five strain gauges (A to E) were laterally glued to CFRP laminates on BCN1 slab. Three strain gauges (A to C) were glued to the top surface of CFRP laminates on BCG1 specimen. The instrumentation is located as indicated in Fig. 8 where the truncated cone shaped surface taken accordingly to an estimated failure crack angle of  $35$  degrees is plotted.

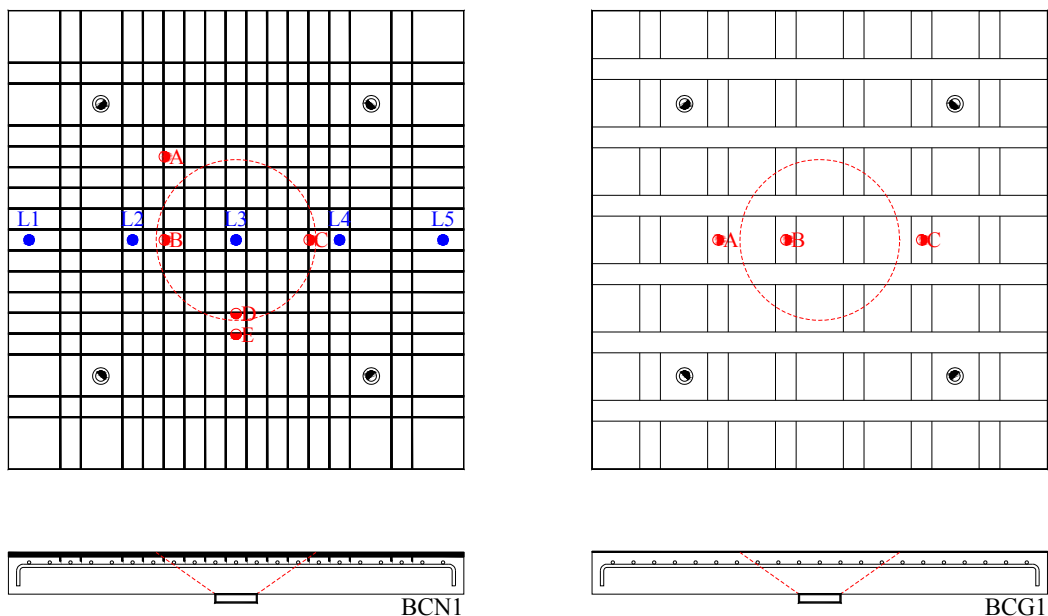


Fig. 8 Strain gauges and LVDT locations.

## 4 Experimental results

### 4.1 Failure load analysis

All the specimens failed in punching. In the following the materials partial safety factors are taken as  $\gamma_c = \gamma_s = 1$  and the concrete compressive strength is taken as the respective average value. Experimental failure loads as well as predicted failure modes are indicated in Table 10.

According to (1) and to the actual value of concrete compressive strength, the failure loads of the four tested slabs were predicted based on punching shear approaches of both CEB-FIP MC 90 and Eurocode 2 considering non-strengthened specimens.

Design code approaches accurately predicted the failure load of the non-strengthened reference specimen BC01. Accordingly,  $P_{u,exp}/V_{Rm,ns}$  ratio was computed for the remaining specimens and obtained values are indicated in Table 10. Regarding the slab reinforced with bent-down bars the enhancement on punching shear strength is estimated of about 29%. For the CFRP strengthened specimens, the NSM strengthening technique appears to be more effective (14% estimated enhancement) than EB technique (4% estimated strength increase) as regards punching capacity.

Furthermore, the actual predicted failure loads were calculated using (1) for BCA1 and CFRP

strengthened specimens. For BCA1 specimen it was found that the minimum punching shear strength is attained at the outermost control section so that the outermost control perimeter  $u_{n,ef}$  and the value  $k = 2$  were computed in (1). Punching failure loads are consistently overestimated for shear-reinforced and CFRP strengthened specimens ( $P_{u,exp}/V_{Rm}$  ratio in Table 10).

**Table 10**  
**Experimental and predicted failure loads**

Slab	Experimental failure load, $P_{u,exp}$ (kN)	Non-strengthened (predicted) failure load, $V_{Rm,ns}$ (kN)	Strengthened (predicted) failure load, $V_{Rm}$ (kN)	$P_{u,exp}/V_{Rm,ns}$ (-)	$P_{u,exp}/V_{Rm}$ (-)	Predicted failure mode
BC01	176.8	173.4	-	1.02	-	Punching
BCA1	209.8	162.9	243.5	1.29	0.86	Punching
BCN1	168.7	147.8	186.8	1.14	0.90	Punching
BCG1	155.0	149.0	194.4	1.04	0.80	Punching

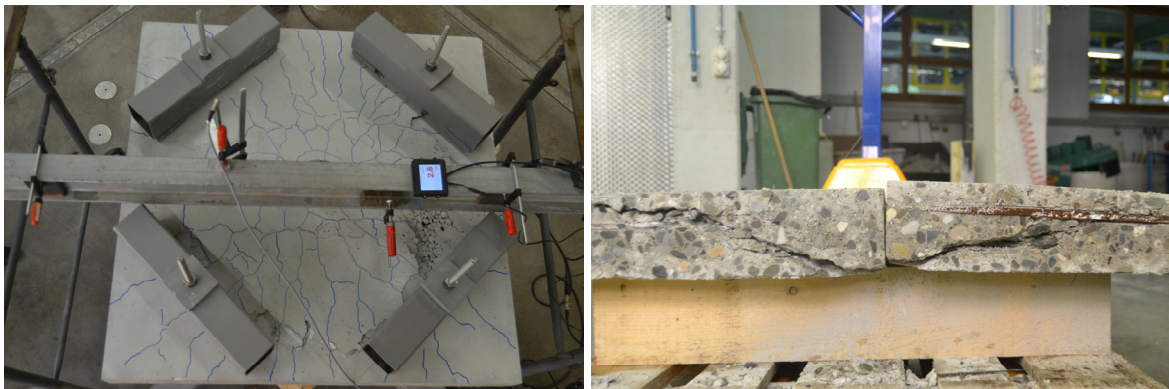
#### 4.2 Failure pattern analysis

The failure mode of the reference specimen, BC01, which was neither shear-reinforced nor strengthened with CFRP plates, was brittle as can be seen in Fig. 9 and Fig. 14.



**Fig. 9** Cracking pattern and internal shear crack of slab BC01 after failure.

The failure mode of the steel shear-reinforced specimen, BA01, was also brittle as can be seen in Fig. 10.



**Fig. 10** Cracking pattern and internal shear crack of slab BA01 after failure.

Regarding both the CFRP strengthened specimens, Fig. 11 and Fig. 12 show the final post-

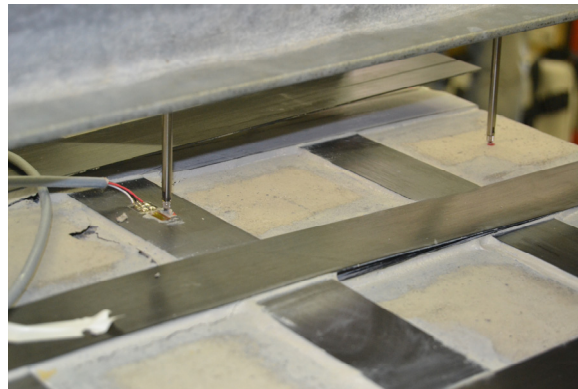
experiment condition for BCN1 and BCG1 slabs, respectively. No evidence of debonding was observed in the NSM specimen. On the contrary, a pure punching shear failure was attained.



**Fig. 11** Final aspect of BCN1 specimen after failure. **Fig. 12** Final aspect of BCG1 specimen after failure.

According to the literature the majority of the elements retrofitted using EB strengthening method experienced debonding as a failure method in spite of the efficiency of the strengthening technique.

As regards BCG1 specimen, no significant enhancement could hence be achieved to the overall shear stress using EB strengthening technique. A premature debonding of CFRP laminates located by the centre of the slab was identified at failure. Debonding did not actually occur at the edge of the slab but rather at an interior section. This suggests that the relative displacement perpendicular to the plane of the slab, which is due to the punching cone onset that precedes failure, set off a dowel effect that triggered the overall failure. Fig. 13 confirms the above referenced occurrence.



**Fig. 13** Detail of local debonding on CFRP laminates of BCG1 specimen.

In fact, one can point out that the anchorage length of BCG1 specimen was insufficient. However, debonding-to-tensile failure length ratios were calculated. Table 11 shows that the specific anchorage lengths related to both the CFRP strengthened specimens are quite analogous.

**Table 11**  
**Specific anchorage lengths**

Slab	Technique		Debonding/tensile length (m <sup>-1</sup> /m)
BCN1	CFRP strengthened	NSM	0.71
BCG1		EB	0.83

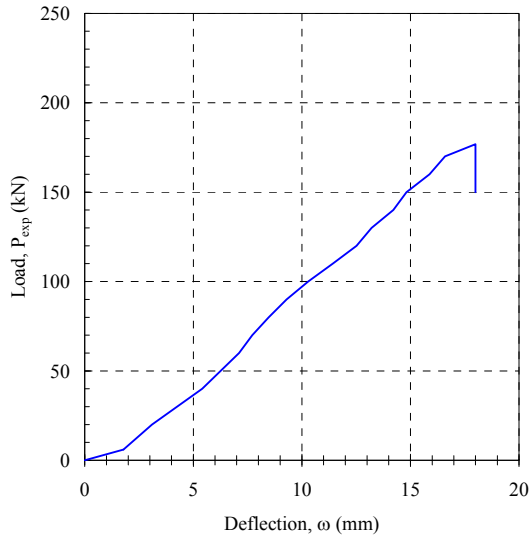
#### 4.3 Load-deflection characteristics

The deflections measured at the centre of the slabs followed an almost linear starting relationship

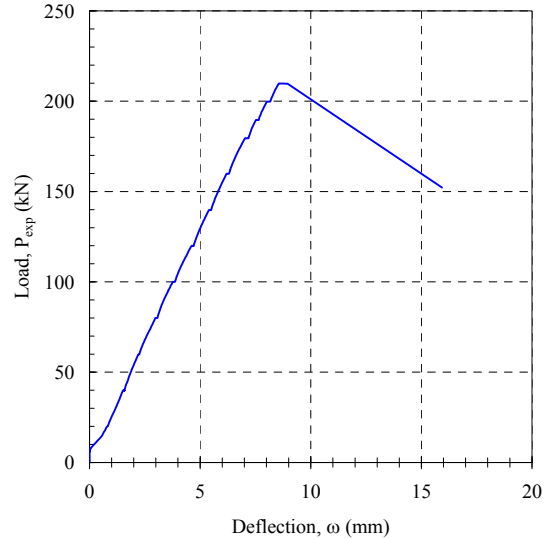
with applied load as shown in the following (Fig. 14 to Fig. 17). In fact, the load-deflection relationships are nearly linear up to the first cracking occurrence in all the slabs.

No subsequent considerable reduction in stiffness was detected, except for the strengthened slabs BCN1 and BCG1 which is due to the higher effective reinforcement ratio (see section 3.1).

The load-deflection curves have thus confirmed the brittle nature of the failure of slabs collapsing in punching mode. The failure mode of the non-strengthened reference specimen BC01, which was neither shear-reinforced nor CFRP laminates strengthened, was particularly brittle as can be seen in Fig. 14.



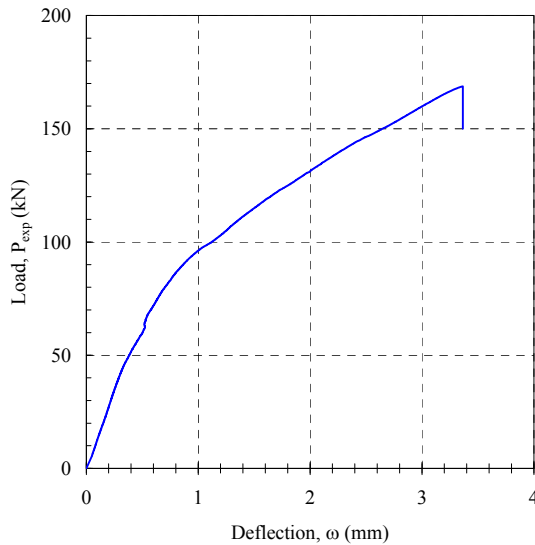
**Fig. 14** Load-central deflection of the BC01 slab.



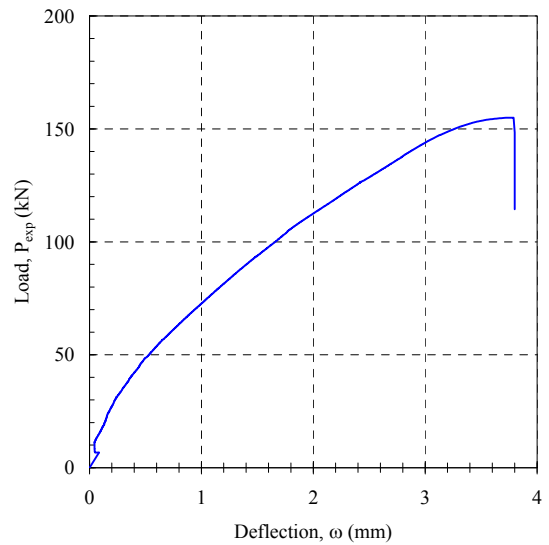
**Fig. 15** Load-central deflection of the BCA1 slab.

Ductility enhancement due to bent-down bars was not noticeable on the shear-reinforced slab response (Fig. 15).

Concerning the NSM strengthened specimen (Fig. 16), the load-deflection curve arched near the end of the experiment while the existing cracks widened and propagate towards the compression zone. The stiffness of both the CFRP strengthened specimens (Fig. 16 and Fig. 17) was markedly increased when compared to the non-strengthened reference specimen BC01 due to the enhanced effective reinforcement ratio. In effect, central deflections of only 3 to 4 mm were measured.



**Fig. 16** Load-central deflection of the BCN1 slab.

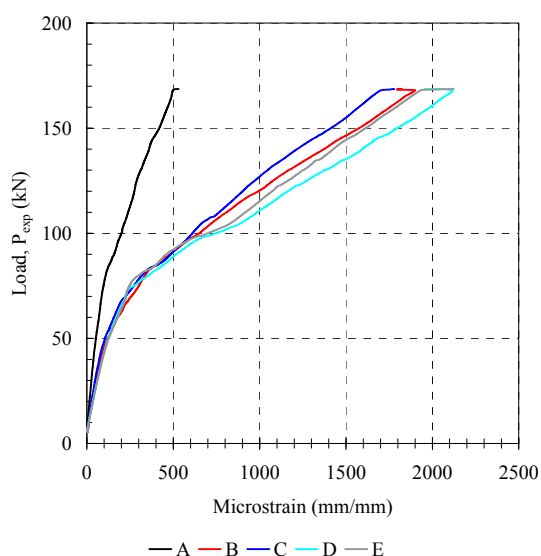


**Fig. 17** Load-central deflection of the BCG1 slab.

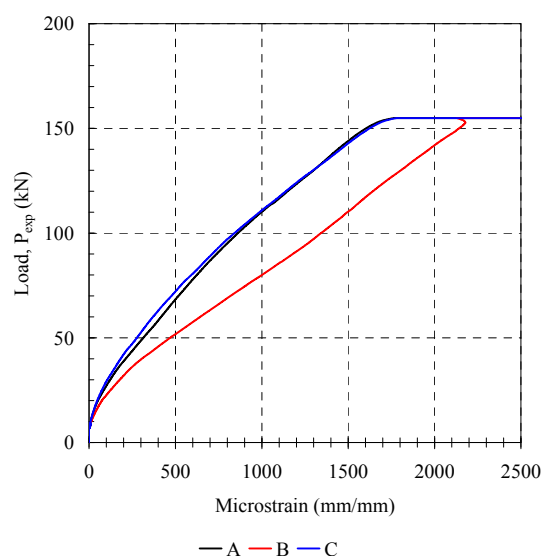
#### 4.4 CFRP strains analysis

The load-strain relationships for the CFRP reinforcement of strengthened specimens BCN1 and BCG1 are shown in Fig. 18 and Fig. 19, respectively (strain gauges locations indicated in Fig. 8). Assuming the strain compatibility in the strengthened slabs cross section, one can infer that ordinary reinforcement did not reach yielding on both the CFRP strengthened specimens, as maximum strains of about 0.15% to 0.20% were measured.

Regarding the NSM strengthened specimen (Fig. 18), CFRP strains remained of negligible magnitude until cracking initiation. Centrally located strain gauges (B to E, see Fig. 8) show analogous responses. Additionally, the comparison of collected data in strain gauges A and B, which are located on the same CFRP laminate, indicate that the deformation decreases sharply with increasing distance to loaded area.



**Fig. 18** Load-strain relationship for CFRP laminates of BCN1 specimen.



**Fig. 19** Load-strain relationship for CFRP laminates of BCG1 specimen.

As regards the EB strengthened specimen (Fig. 19), the recorded strains confirm the symmetry of the experimental test as coincident strains were obtained in strain gauges A and C.

## 5 Conclusions

The current work intends to assess the performance of different solutions regarding slabs' strengthening against punching. Firstly, a specimen was strengthened before casting using steel bent-down bars. For existing slabs, two different design solutions were investigated. One of them consisted in gluing CFRP laminates on slab's surface while the other design was based on introducing CFRP laminated strips into slits cut on the concrete cover, bonded to concrete using epoxy adhesive (NSM technique). In order to compare these two techniques similar CFRP reinforcement ratios were adopted.

Further to current investigation, following conclusions can be drawn:

- Proposals are made for both CEB-FIP MC 90 and EN 1992-1-1 code provisions regarding punching shear strength in order to reduce the standard deviation and the average values of the relationship between experimental and predicted punching failure loads;
- Good agreement is found regarding the observed-to-predicted failure load ratios  $P_{u,exp}/V_{Rm}$  when the above referred proposals are taken into account;
- Flat slab specimen reinforced with steel bent-down bars showed an enhanced punching shear strength of approximately 29% when compared with non-strengthened reference slab;

- The NSM specimen presented an enhanced punching shear capacity strength that can be estimated as 14%. This value should be considered relatively large when compared with results from other researchers;
- No evidence of debonding was observed in the NSM specimen. On the contrary, a pure punching shear failure was obtained;
- The NSM CFRP strips presented an enhanced performance compared to EB CFRP plates regarding punching shear failure. In the later, premature surface debonding of the laminates triggered the specimen's failure;
- On the EB CFRP specimen, no significant enhancement (4%) could be achieved to the overall shear stress using this strengthening scheme. A premature debonding of CFRP laminates was detected at the punching cone onset that preceded failure;
- Ordinary reinforcement clearly remained elastic on the four tested slabs as maximum strains of about 0.15% to 0.20% were measured on both the CFRP strengthened specimens.

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