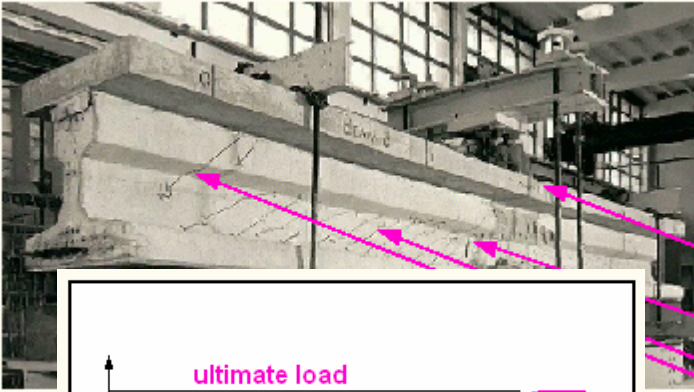
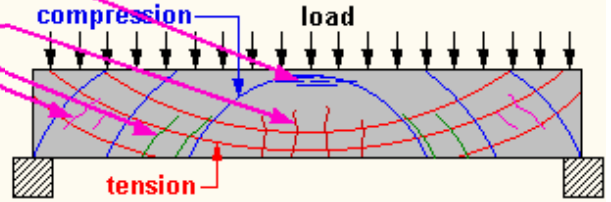
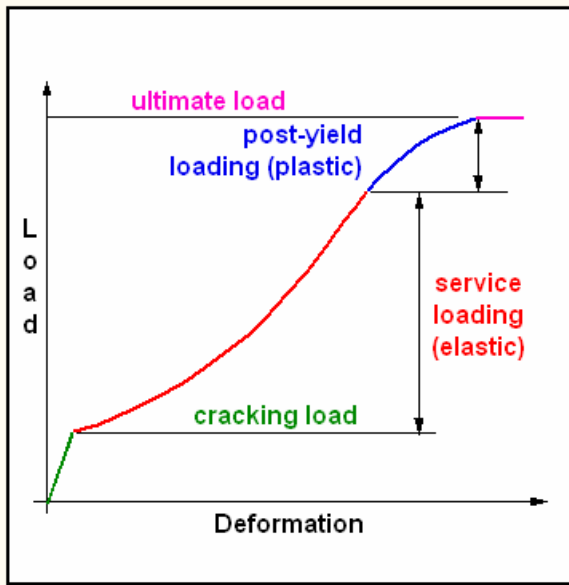


# Behavior of a reinforced concrete beam

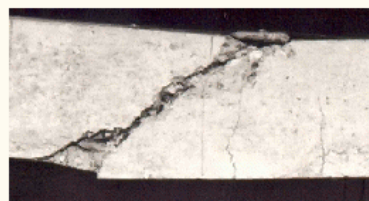
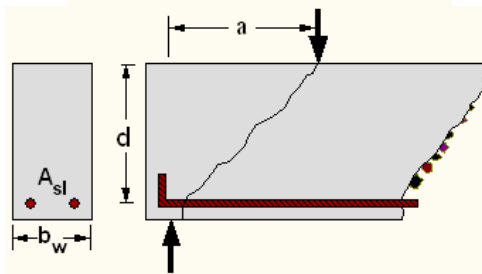
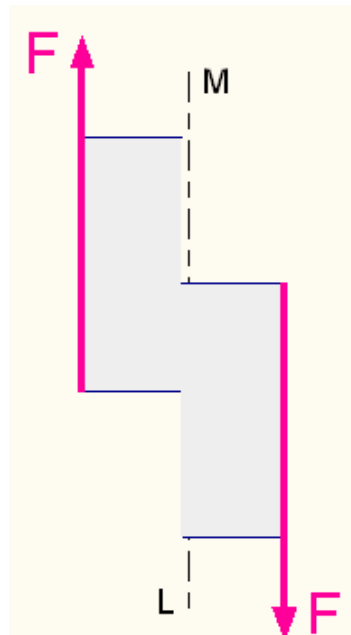
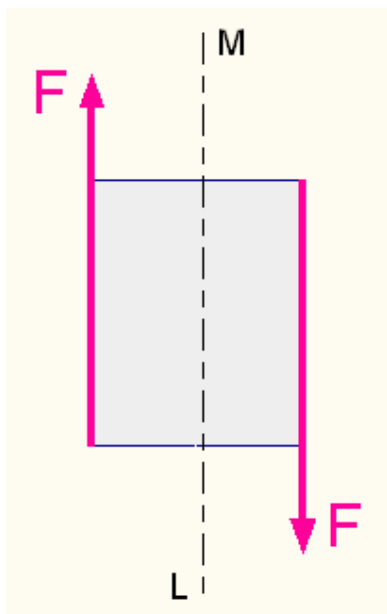


- Cracks
- tensile vertical
  - tensile inclined
  - shear
  - compression

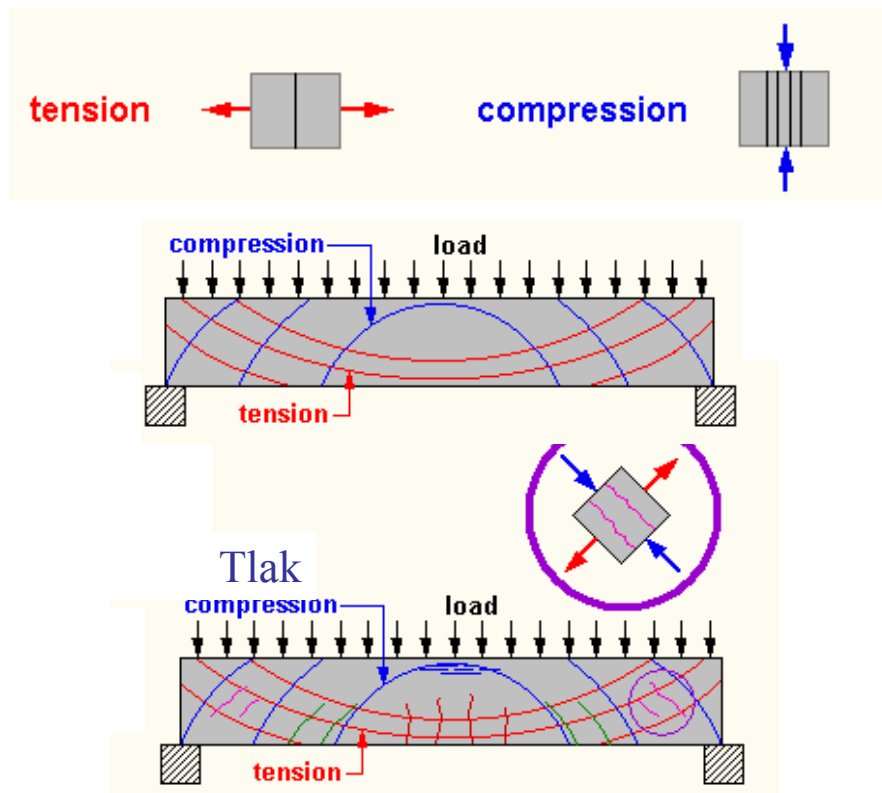


- The beam may have several possible modes of failure:
- cracking
  - deflection
  - shear
  - bending

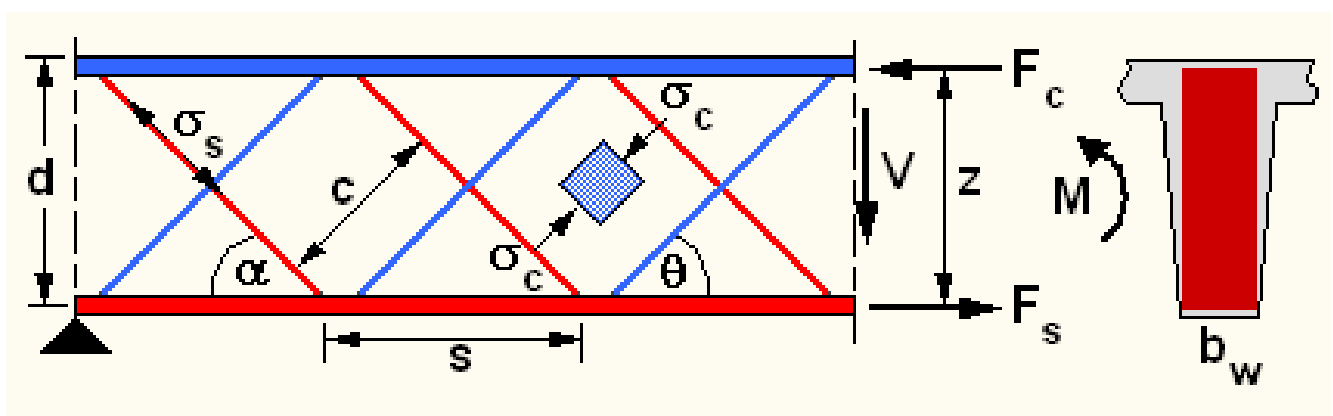
## What is shear of a beam



# The principles stresses - crack formation



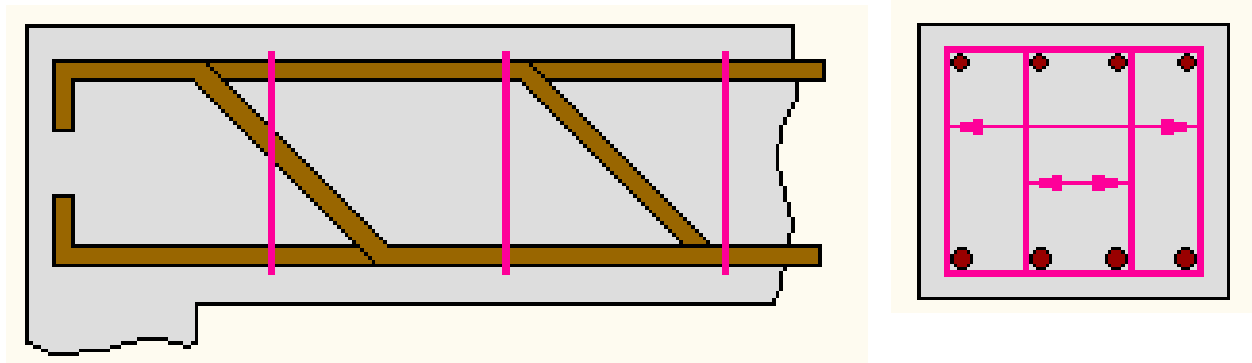
## Truss analogy



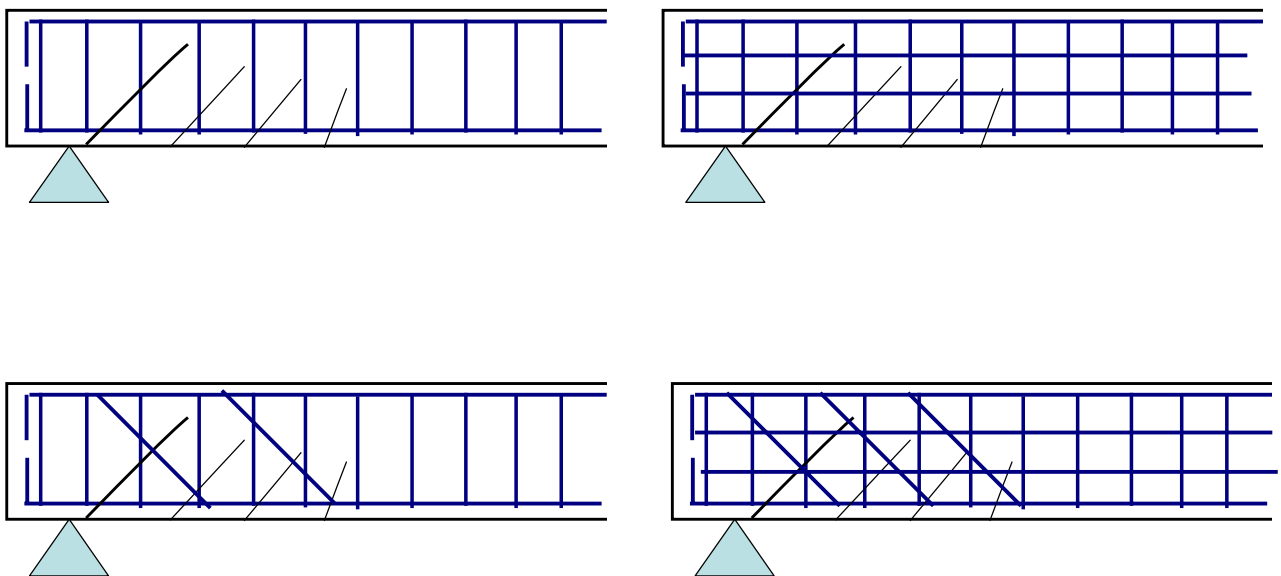
Blue: compression elements

Red: tension elements

# Vertical links and bent up bars



# Shear reinforcement of a beam



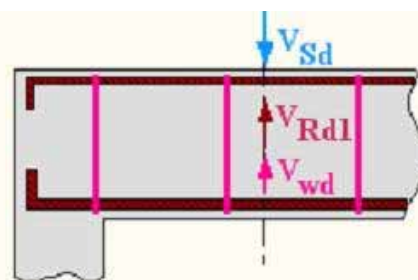
# Shear - Basic requirement

$$V_{Rd1} + V_{wd} \geq V_{Sd}$$

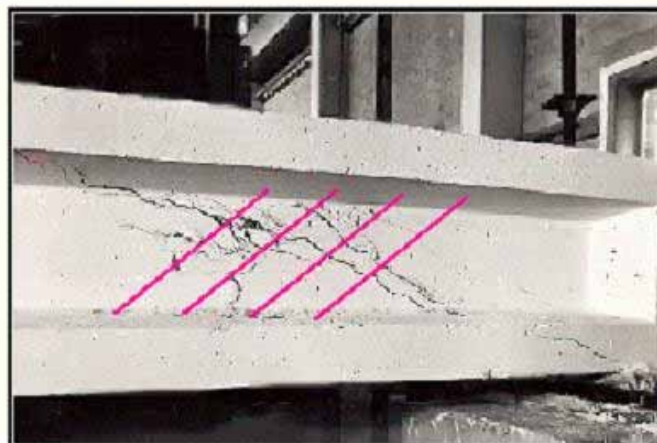
$V_{Sd1}$  load effect shear force

$V_{Rd1}$  combine shear resistance of the concrete and longitudinal bars,

$V_{wd}$  shear resistance due to additional shear reinforcement



Inclined bars are more difficult to fix



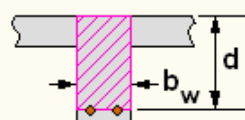
## Shear capacity of a beam

It is generally regarded that there are **3** factors which contribute to the resistance of a reinforced concrete member which has **NO shear reinforcement** :-

- 1) the area of concrete in **compression**
- 2) the **dowel** action of the longitudinal tensile reinforcement
- 3) the interlocking nature of the **aggregate**

A fully developed plastic theory exists, backed-up by experiments, to determine the shear behaviour of reinforced concrete beams **without shear reinforcement**. However, the theory is very complicated, and it was decided to adopt a traditional, empirical approach in the Code.

This assumes that the shear resistance,  $V_{Rd1}$  (or  $V_{cd}$ ) is derived from a **shear capacity (stress),  $\tau_c$**  acting uniformly over the effective area of the section, thus:

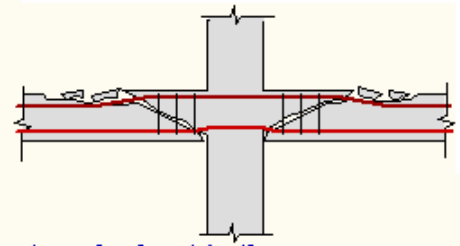


$$V_{Rd1} = \tau_c b_w d$$

Extensive tests have shown that  $\tau_c$  is influenced by the parameters shown on the buttons above.

# Dowel effect

Once punching has occurred, the **top bars** make only a very limited contribution to the shear resistance since the cover is easily torn away (but prior to punching they are vital to the truss analogy in determining the strength).

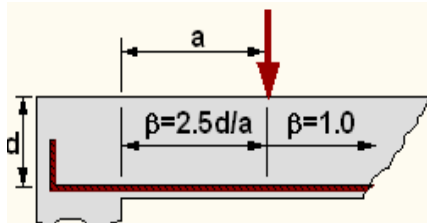


However, the **bottom bars**, being more deeply embedded, are not pushed out in the same way and thus provide more resistance. This is attributable initially to **dowel** action, and then later at larger deformations to its being **kinked**, as shown.

When punching occurs at a slab-column connection without shear reinforcement the resistance and thus the **load carrying capacity is greatly reduced**. The load is therefore transferred to adjacent connections, which may also suffer punching failures. This may lead to a general failure of the floor which in turn could lead to a **progressive collapse** of the structure as one floor falls onto the floor below. This has occurred several times with flat slab structures in recent years.

Providing **shear reinforcement** to restrain the top bars by tying them to the bottom bars, greatly increases the resistance and the ductility of the slab-column connection. Running the bottom bars through the column or anchoring them in the column will also increase the ductility.

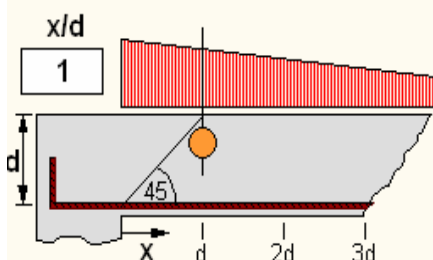
# Shear capacity of a beam



The formula for shear capacity,  $\tau_c = \tau_{Rd} k (1.2 + 40 \rho_l) + |0.15| \sigma_{cp}$  makes no allowance for the increased shear strength for small values of  $a/d$  at **direct supports**, where there is a clear **strut** or **arch** action.

For **concentrated loads** within  $2.5d$  from the face of the support the **shear capacity** can be **enhanced** by increasing the basic shear strength,  $\tau_{Rd}$  by a factor  $\beta$ , whose value is inversely proportional to  $a$ , thus  $\beta = 2.5d/a$ , but limited to  $|5.0|$ . On the span side of the load  $\beta$  is  $1.0$ .

The increase in shear capacity is only permissible if the tension reinforcement is **fully anchored**.



For **continuous distributed loading**, as indicated by the shear force diagram, the **shear capacity** is unchanged. Instead a **reduction** in shear force is generally effected by not considering the design shear force nearer than an **effective depth**,  $d$  from the face of a direct support.

This is based on a  $45^\circ$  projection from the face of the support at the effective depth.

# Concrete strength and scale effect

Values of $\tau_{Rd}$ N/mm <sup>2</sup> (with $\gamma_c = 1.5$ )							
$f_{ck}$	12	16	20	25	30	35	≥40
$f_{ctk 0.05}$	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.5
$\tau_{Rd}$	0.18	0.22	0.26	0.30	0.34	0.37	0.41

$k$  is a coefficient to allow for the 'scale effect'.

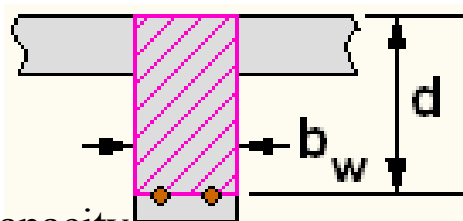
$k = 1$  for members where more than 50% of the longitudinal tensile reinforcement has been curtailed. otherwise,

$k = (1.6 - d) \leq 1$  (where  $d$  is in metres)

This means that members with  $d < 600$  mm will have an **enhanced** shear capacity.

## An example

Concrete C20,  $f_{ck} = 20$  MPa,  $f_{ctk 0.05} = 1.5$  MPa,  $\tau_{Rd} = 0.26$  MPa



$$V_{cd} = \tau_c b_w d$$

Shear capacity  
for  
 $\rho = 0.01$

$$\tau_c = \tau_{Rd} k (1.2 + 40 \rho_l) + |0.15| \sigma_{cp}$$

$$\tau_c = 0.26 \times 1 \times (1.2 + 40 \times 0.01) + 0 = 0.42 \text{ MPa}$$

A beam  $b_w = 0.30$  m,  $d = 0.40$  m:

$$V_{cd} = 0.42 \times 0.30 \times 0.40 = 0.05 \text{ MN} = 50 \text{ kN}$$

Slab beam  $b_w = 1.00$  m,  $d = 0.17$  m:

$$V_{cd} = 0.42 \times 1.00 \times 0.17 = 0.071 \text{ MN} = 71 \text{ kN}$$

# Punching shear

Consider a portion of slab subjected to an increasing concentrated load. Eventually the slab will fail. One possible method of failure is that the load '**punches**' through the slab, thus:

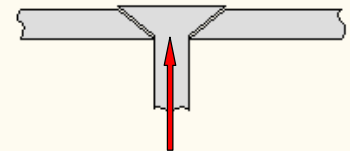
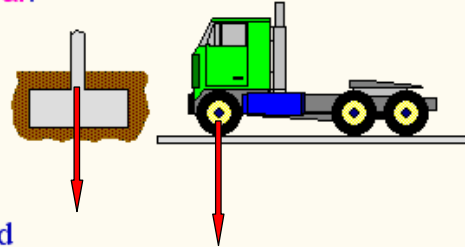
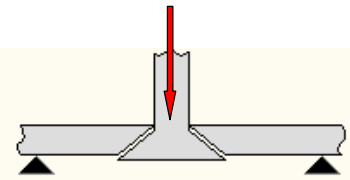
The failure mechanism is by shear, hence the name **Punching Shear**.

Some examples of the occurrence of concentrated loads on a slab are a column, particularly on a **pad foundation**, and **wheel loads**.

This same type of failure could also happen in another way. Turning the structure upside down we get .... a **flat slab** supported by a column, where, as described in the previous topic '**Slabs**', there is a high concentration of shear force around the column head.

When the total shear force **exceeds** the shear resistance of the slab, the slab will be '**pushed down**' around the column, or this can be viewed as the column being '**punched**' through the slab, thus:

**Punching shear** is most common, and is a **major design consideration**, in flat slab construction. In pad foundations, where weight and depth are not so critical, its effects are satisfied by providing sufficient depth. The major emphasis of this topic is, therefore, concentrated on flat slabs.



## Pipers Row Car Park, Wolverhampton, 1997



# CHDG Airport - cracks of the outer surface of the shell



## Rupture of concrete shell

Détail de la surface de rupture

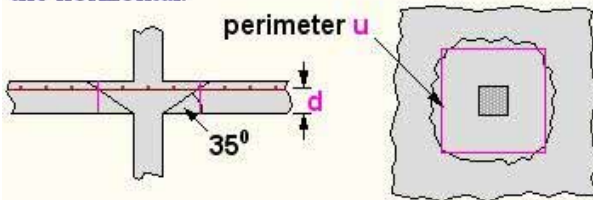




# Resistance

## 2 Shear Resistance

Tests show that cracks develop radially from the column position, culminating in a **sudden and brittle** failure on inclined faces of truncated cones or pyramids at an angle of about  $35^\circ$  to the horizontal.



Methods have been proposed for checking the stress on the failure planes, but the general method adopted is similar to that for transverse shear in beams, namely:

The shear force acting on a perimeter  $u$  around the loaded area is resisted by a nominal shear capacity (stress)  $\tau_c$  acting over the average effective depth  $d$  of the section.

$$\text{Shear resistance } V_{Rd1} = \tau_c u d$$



## Shear capacity

The shear capacity or average shear stress  $\tau_c$  of a section is a mechanism for calculating the design shear resistance of a section **without shear reinforcement**,  $V_{Rd1}$  thus: ( $u$  is the length of the critical perimeter.)

$$V_{Rd1} = \tau_c u d$$

The empirical formula for the **shear capacity**,  $\tau_c$  of a section is given by:

$$\tau_c = \tau_R k (1.2 + 40\rho_l)$$

$\tau_R$  is the basic design shear strength of concrete. Its **value** is taken as 25% of the 5% fractile value of the concrete tensile strength, thus:

$$\tau_R = 0.25 f_{ctk0.05} / \gamma_c$$

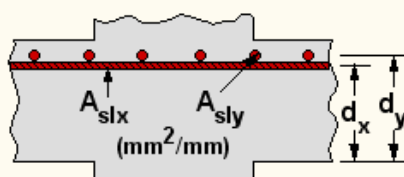
This is limited in the UK to the value for the concrete strength of  $f_{ck} = 40 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .

$k$  is a coefficient to allow for the 'scale effect'. ( $d$  is in metres).

$$k = (1.6 - d) \leq 1$$

$1.2 + 40\rho_l$  allows for the combined effect of the concrete (1.2) and the tension steel ( $40\rho_l$ ), (see Part 1 'Shear' for the derivation).

$$\rho_l = (\rho_{lx} \rho_{ly})^{0.5} \geq 0.015$$

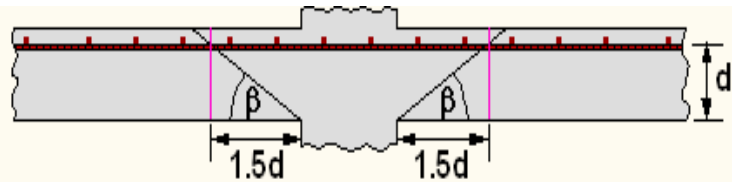


$\rho_{lx}$ ,  $\rho_{ly}$  are the reinforcement ratios in the  $x$  and  $y$  directions, neither of which should be less than 0.005. They are given by:

$$\rho_{lx} = A_{slx} / d_x$$

$$\rho_{ly} = A_{sly} / d_y$$

# Critical perimeter

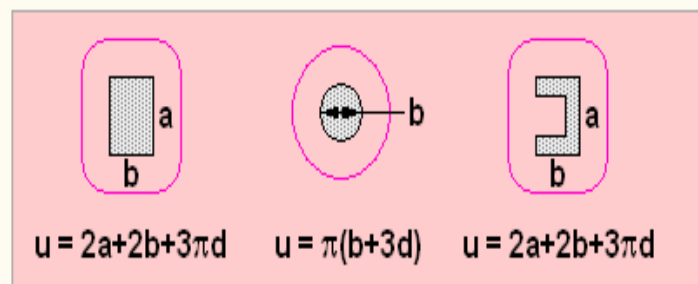


Comparisons with a large number of test results show that the closer the **critical perimeter** is to the loaded area, the greater is the influence of the size of the loaded area relative to the slab depth on the shear resistance of the slab.

To be largely independent of this ratio, the distance of the **critical perimeter** from the face of the loaded area is taken as  $1.5d$ .

This gives an angle  $\beta = 33.7^\circ$  ( $\arctan(2/3)$ ) with the horizontal, similar to the plane of failure.

These are the **critical perimeters** for some loaded areas.  $u$  is the length. Other shapes should be treated in a similar manner.

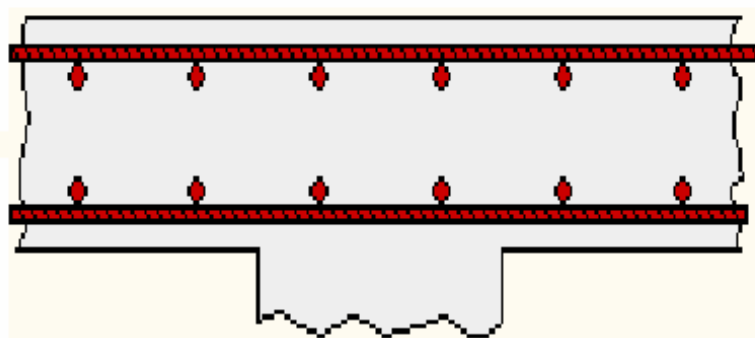


$$u = 2a + 2b + 3\pi d$$

$$u = \pi(b + 3d)$$

$$u = 2a + 2b + 3\pi d$$

## An example of critical perimeter



Internal column **400 mm square**  
 **$h = 245$  mm ; cover = 25 mm**  
 $f_{ck}$

$$d_x = 245 - 25 - 10 = 210 \text{ mm}$$

$$d_y = 245 - 25 - 20 - 10 = 190 \text{ mm}$$

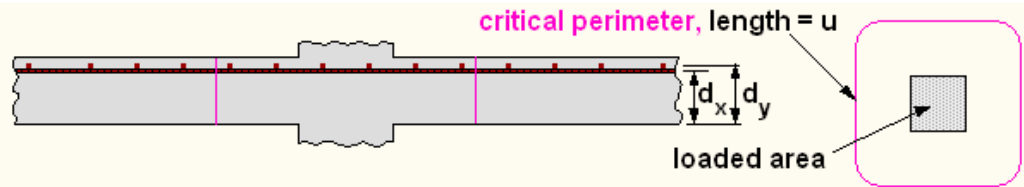
$$\text{Therefore } d = (210 + 190)/2 = \mathbf{200 \text{ mm}}$$

$$\text{Critical perimeter} = 1.5 d = \mathbf{300 \text{ mm}}$$

Therefore length of critical perimeter,  $u$  is :

$$4 \times 400 + \pi \times 3 \times 200 = \mathbf{3485 \text{ mm}}$$

# Design procedure



- Calculate the total **effective** shear force,  $V_{Sd,eff}$  at the face of the loaded area.
- Calculate the maximum shear resistance of the slab,  $V_{Rd2}$ . This is based on a maximum shear stress of  $0.9f_{ck}^{0.5}$  at the face of the loaded area, where  $u_l$  is the perimeter of the loaded area, and  $d = (d_x + d_y)/2$ .
- If  $V_{Sd,eff} > V_{Rd2}$  either  $V_{Sd,eff}$  must be reduced or  $V_{Rd2}$  increased.
- Calculate the **shear capacity**,  $\tau_c$  at the **critical perimeter**.
- Calculate the design shear resistance of the slab,  $V_{Rd1}$  at the **critical perimeter**.
- If  $V_{Sd,eff} > V_{Rd1}$  several design options are available to increase the shear resistance of the slab.

$$V_{Sd,eff} = \beta V_{Sd}$$

$$V_{Rd2} = 0.9 f_{ck}^{0.5} u_l d$$

$$\tau_c = \tau_R k (1.2 + 40\rho_l)$$

$$V_{Rd1} = \tau_c u d$$

## Shear capacity - an example (continue)

Concrete C 35,  $f_{ctk 0,05} = 2,2$  MPa

$$V_{Rd2} = 0.9 f_{ck}^{0.5} u_l d$$

$$V_{Rd2} = 0,9 \times 2,2^{0,5} \times 4 \times 0,4 = 2,14 \text{ MN}$$

$$V_{Rd1} = \tau_c u d$$

$$V_{Rd1} = 0,83 \times 0,2 \times 3,485 = 0,58 \text{ MN}$$

$$\tau_c = \tau_R k (1.2 + 40\rho_l)$$

$$\tau_c = 0,37 \times 1,4 \times (1,2 + 0,4) = 0,83 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\tau_R = 0.25 f_{ctk 0.05} / \gamma_c$$

$$\tau_R = 0,25 \times 2,2 / 1,5 = 0,37 \text{ MPa}$$

$$k = (1.6 - d) \leq 1$$

$$k = 1,6 - 0,2 = 1,4$$

Shear capacity depends on:

- concrete grade
- perimeter
- effective depth
- reinforcement ratio

$$\rho_l = (\rho_{lx} \rho_{ly})^{0.5}$$

$$\rho_l \geq 0.015$$

$$\rho_{lx} = A_{slx} / d_x$$

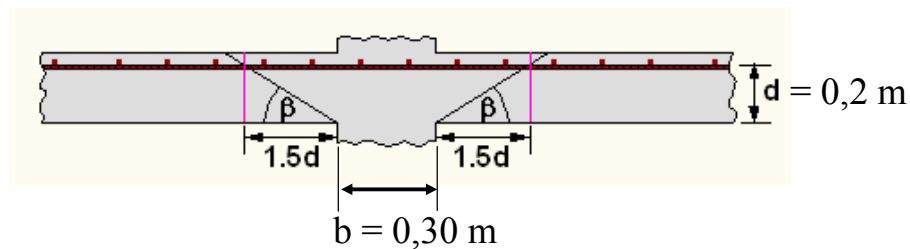
$$\rho_{ly} = A_{sly} / d_y$$

$$\rho \sim 0,01$$

# An example of circular column

$$V_{Rd1} = \tau_c u d$$

Concrete C40/50:  $f_{ctk} = 2,5$  MPa,  $\tau_c \approx 2,1$  MPa – separate calculation



Circular column  $u = \pi(b+3d) = 2,8$  m

$$V_{rd1} = 2,1 \times 2,8 \times 0,2 = 1,18 \text{ MN}$$

## Exam questions

- Failure modes of reinforced concrete beam
- What is shear stress
- Draw lines of principle stresses in a beam
- Explain truss analogy
- Types of shear reinforcements
- Fundamental shear theory
- Shear capacity of a beam without shear reinforcement
- Examples of punching shear
- Shear capacity of a slab without shear reinforcement
- An example of punching shear verification

# Basic formulae

Component	Design resistance	Notes
Bending, simple reinforcement	$M_{Rd} = A_s f_{yd} \left( d - \frac{A_s f_{yd}}{2b f_{cd}} \right)$	$d$ effective depth
Bending, approximation	$M_{Rd} \cong z A_s f_{yd}$	$z \cong 0,9 d$ internal arm
Short column, no excentricity	$N_{Rd} = 0,8 A_c f_{cd} + A_s f_{yd}$	0,8 a reduction factor
Shear, no additional shear reinforcement	$V_{Rd} = \tau_c b d$	$\tau_c \cong \tau_{Rd} k (1 + 40 \rho)$ $k \cong 1,6 - d$
Punching shear, no additional shear reinf.	$V_{Rd} = \tau_c u d$	$u$ length of critical perimeter