

# Self-Consolidating Concrete Construction for Modular Units

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# 1. Intro

## Objectives and outcomes

- Development of a self-consolidating concrete mixtures so that concrete placement can be made into steel plate composite (SC) modular structures without the need for continuous concrete placement.

*Task 1: Development of SCC with Shear-Friction Capacity for Mass Placement*

- SCC mixtures to ensure sufficient shear capacity across cold- joints (self-roughening), while minimizing shrinkage and temperature increase during curing to enhance concrete bonding with the steel plates.

*Task 1: Development of SCC with Shear-Friction Capacity for Mass Placement*

*Task 2: Assessment of Cold Joint Shear-Friction Capacity*

- SCC mixtures featuring a self-roughening capability to produce adequate shear friction between cold joints and to produce draft provisions addressing shear-friction, for consideration in the AISC N690-12 Appendix N9 code used for the design of SC modular structures.

*Task 2: Assessment of Cold Joint Shear-Friction Capacity*

*Task 3: Assessment of Shear and Flexural Performance*

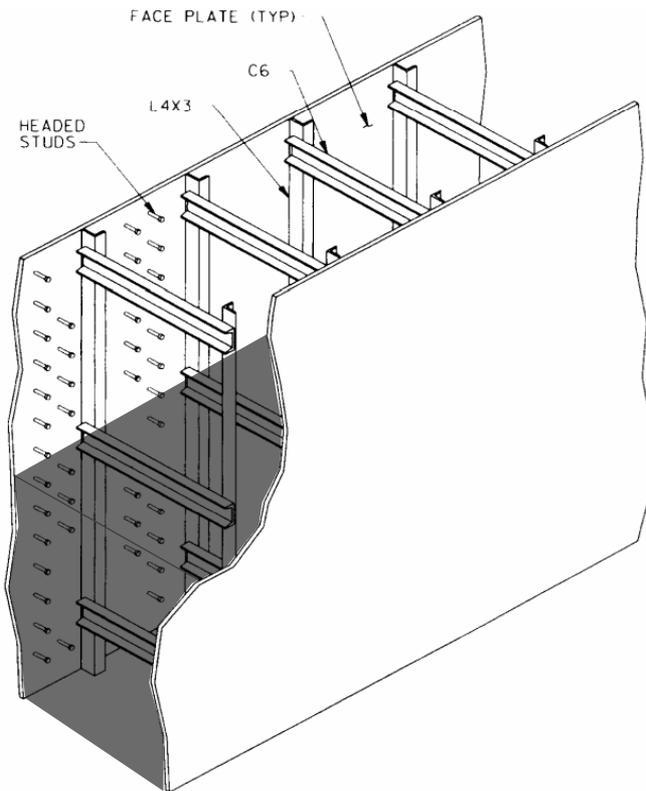
*Task 4: Validation through Full-Scale Testing and Modeling*

*Task 5: Draft Code Requirement for Shear Friction Design of Cold Joints*

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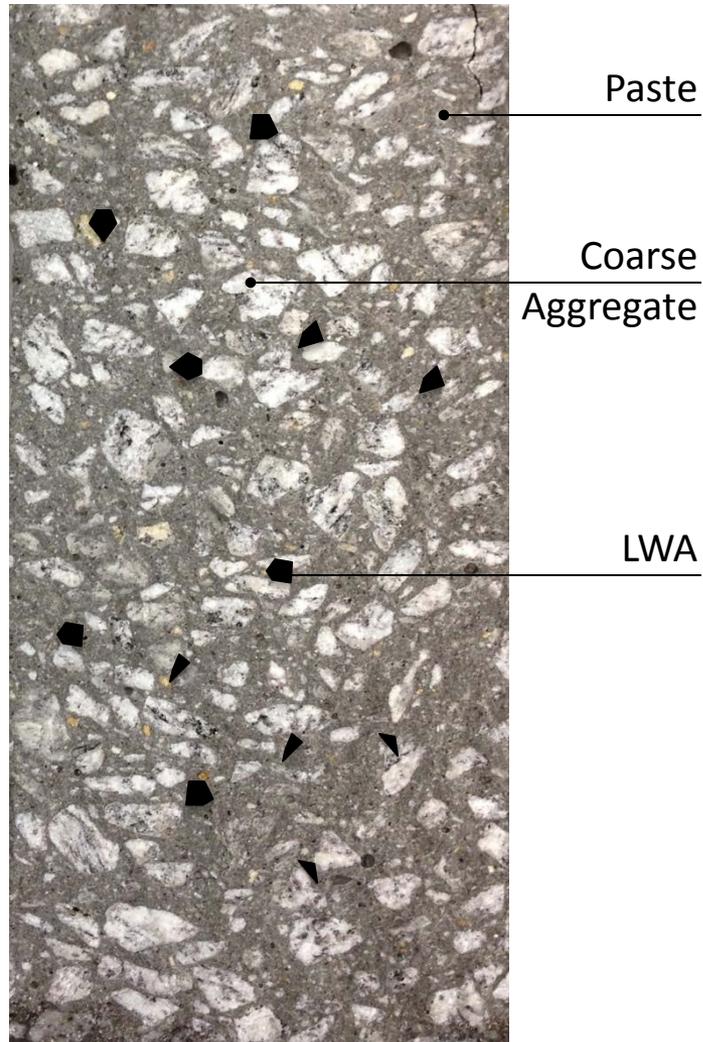
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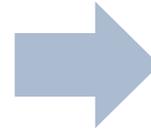


## 2. Development of SRC Mix Design Strategies

<b>Mix Component</b>	<b>67M</b>
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Cement Type II	617
Fly Ash, Class F	459
<i>Total Powder</i>	<i>1076</i>
<b>Water (lb/yd<sup>3</sup>)</b>	
<i>w/cm</i>	<i>0.319</i>
<b>Coarse Aggregates (lb/yd<sup>3</sup>)</b>	
# 67	981
# 89	305
<i>Total Coarse</i>	<i>1286</i>
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- Smaller aggregates and controlled gradation curve
- Use of #67 and #89 coarse aggregates
- Substitute 5%, 10% and 15% in volume of coarse aggregate with LWA

## 2. Development of SRC Mix Design

Proprieties and tests



Self-Consolidating Concrete



Self-Roughening Concrete

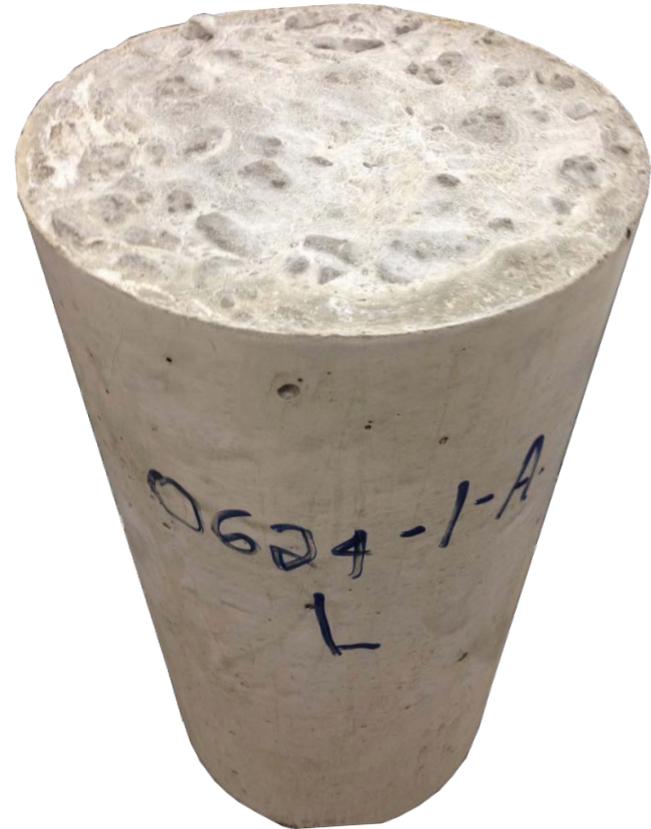
### Fresh SCC proprieties

- Flowability: flows easily at suitable speed into formwork (T20 = 4-5sec; Flow Slump = 24-26")
- S Groove test (good self-healing ability)
- Hardened Visual Stability Index (VSI = 0)

### Hardened SRC proprieties

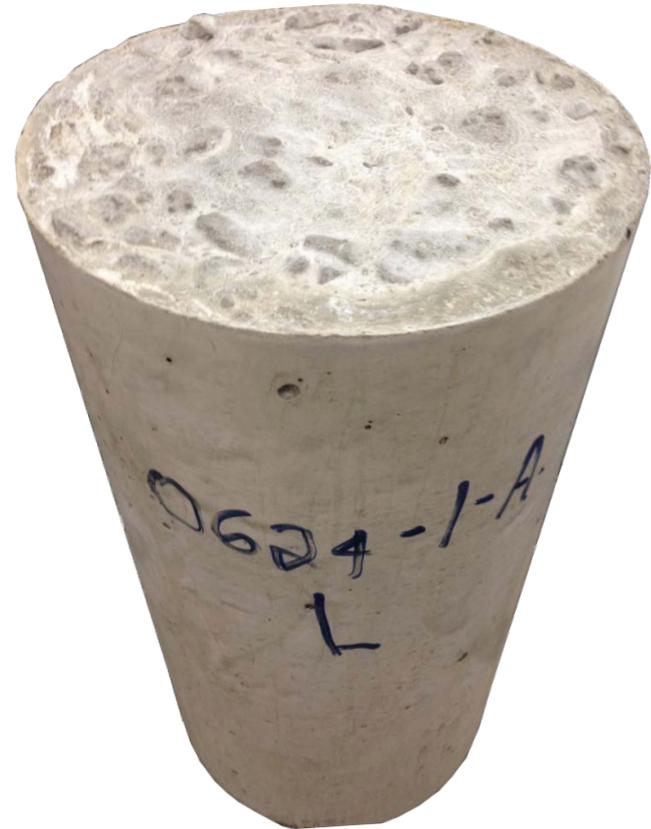
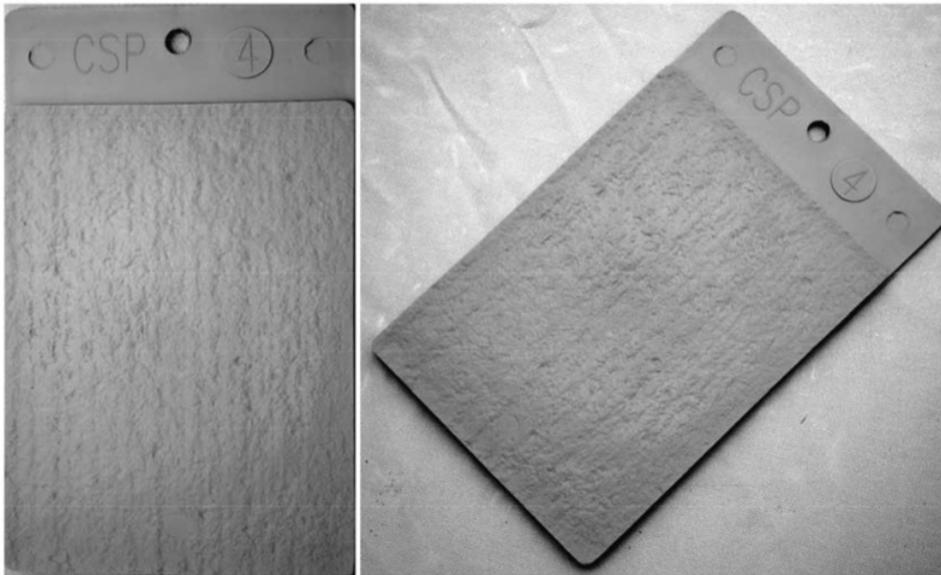
- Compressive strength: 6-7ksi
- Shrinkage: <math><250 \mu\epsilon</math>

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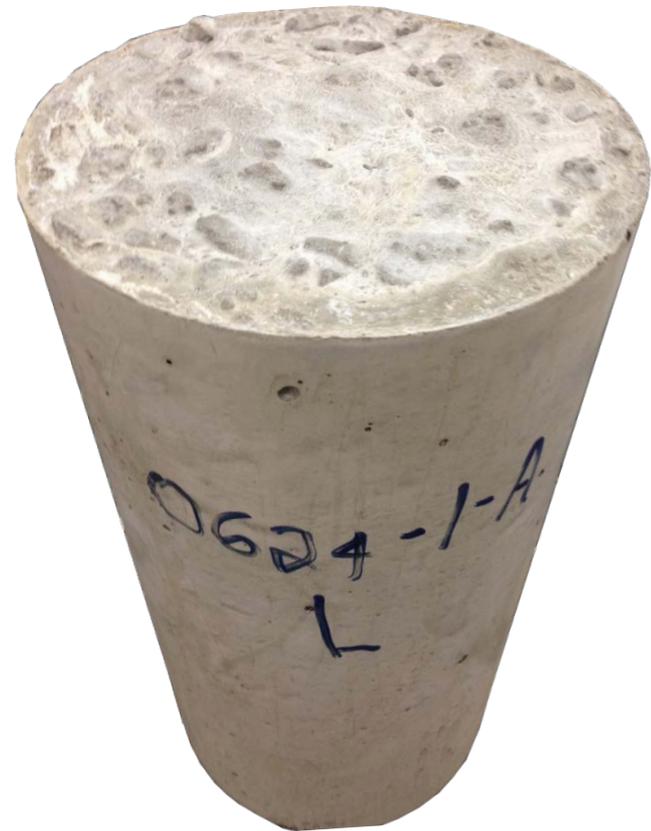
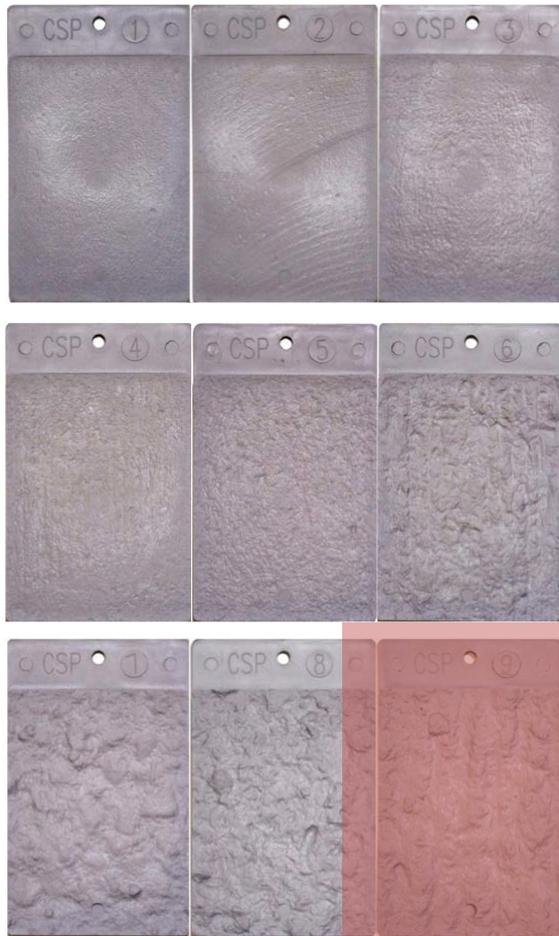


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ICRI's CSPs



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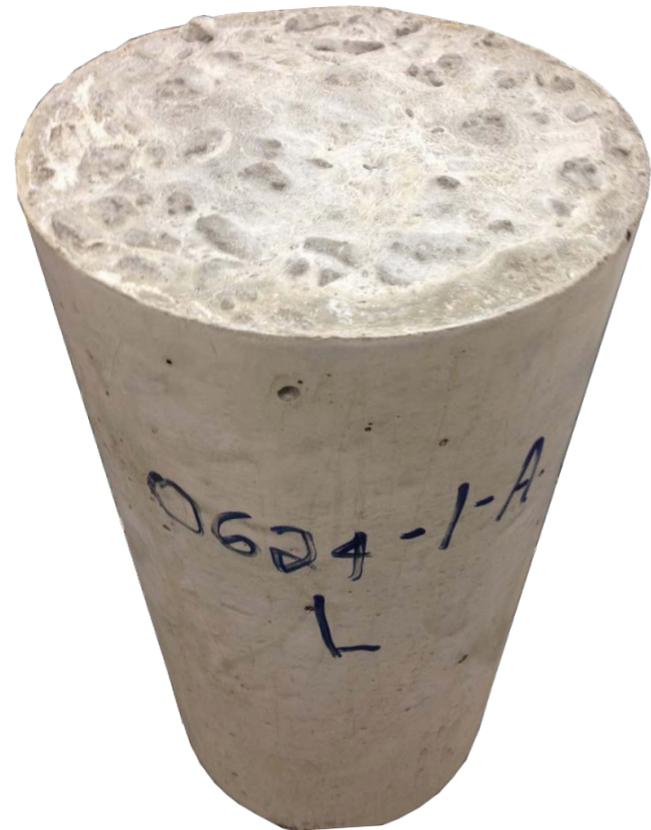


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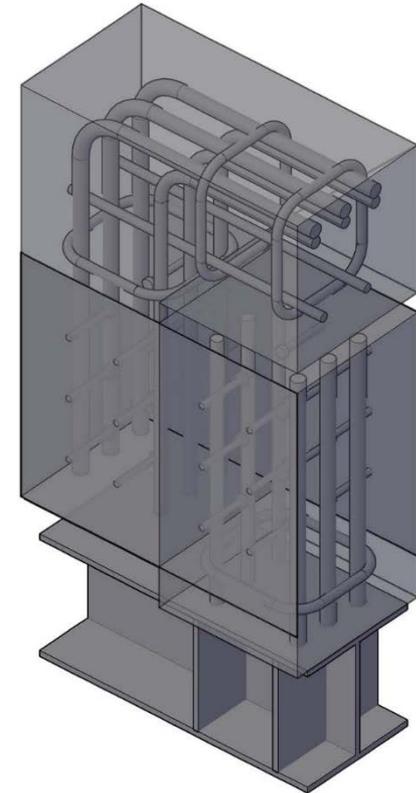
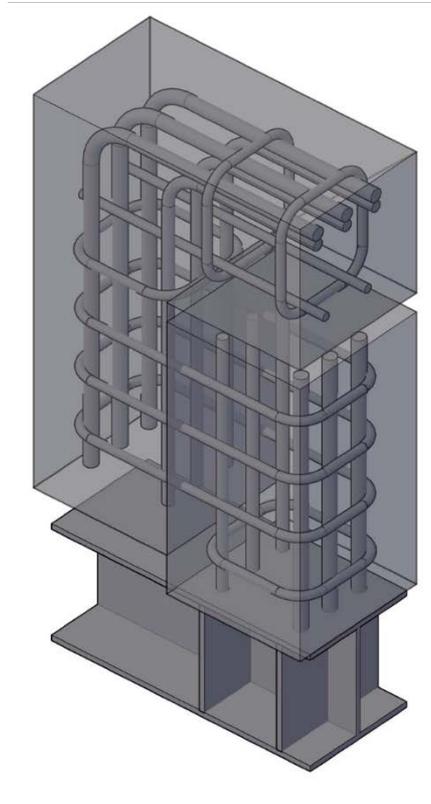
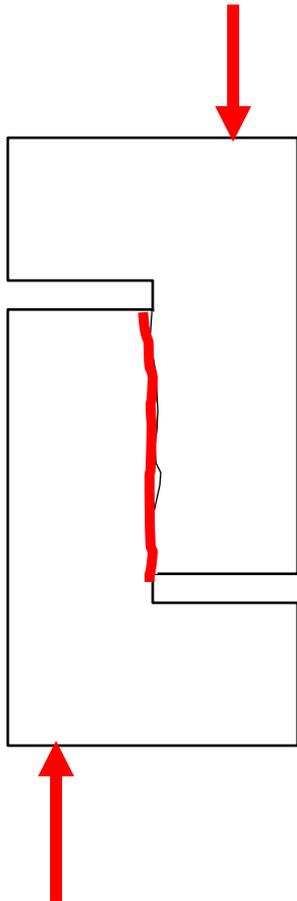
ACI 318-11 (11.6.9):

“...when concrete is placed against previously hardened concrete, the interface for shear transfer shall be clean and free of laitance. If  $\mu$  is assumed equal to  $1.0\lambda$ , interface shall be roughened to a full amplitude of approximately 1/4 in.”



### 3. Assessment of Cold Joint Shear Friction Capacity

Mechanical tests for shear friction characterization



Laboratory test

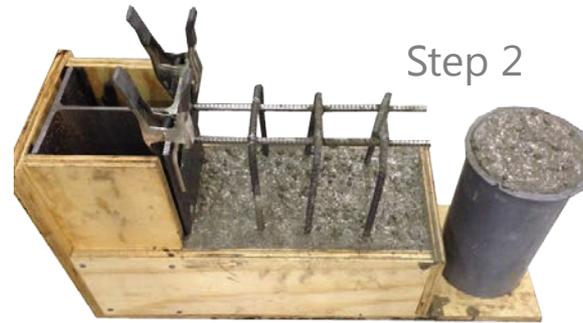
Kahn, L., Mitchell, A. D. (2002) "Shear friction test with high-strength concrete" ACI Structural Journal, 99 (1).

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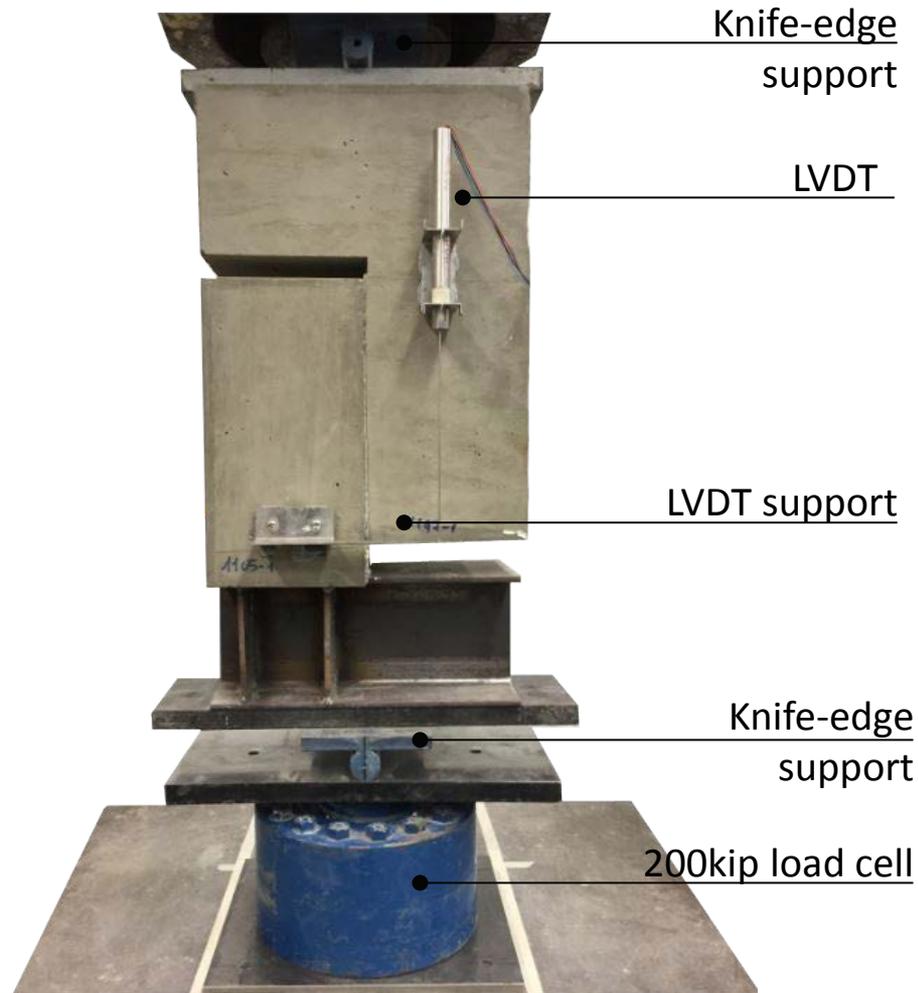
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Failure modes



Internal  
Reinforcement  
 $\rho=0.75\%$



External Steel  
Plate  
 $\rho=0.25\%$   
 $t=0.031$  in.  
(22 gage)



External Steel  
Plate  
 $\rho=0.50\%$   
 $t=0.063$  in.  
(16 gage)



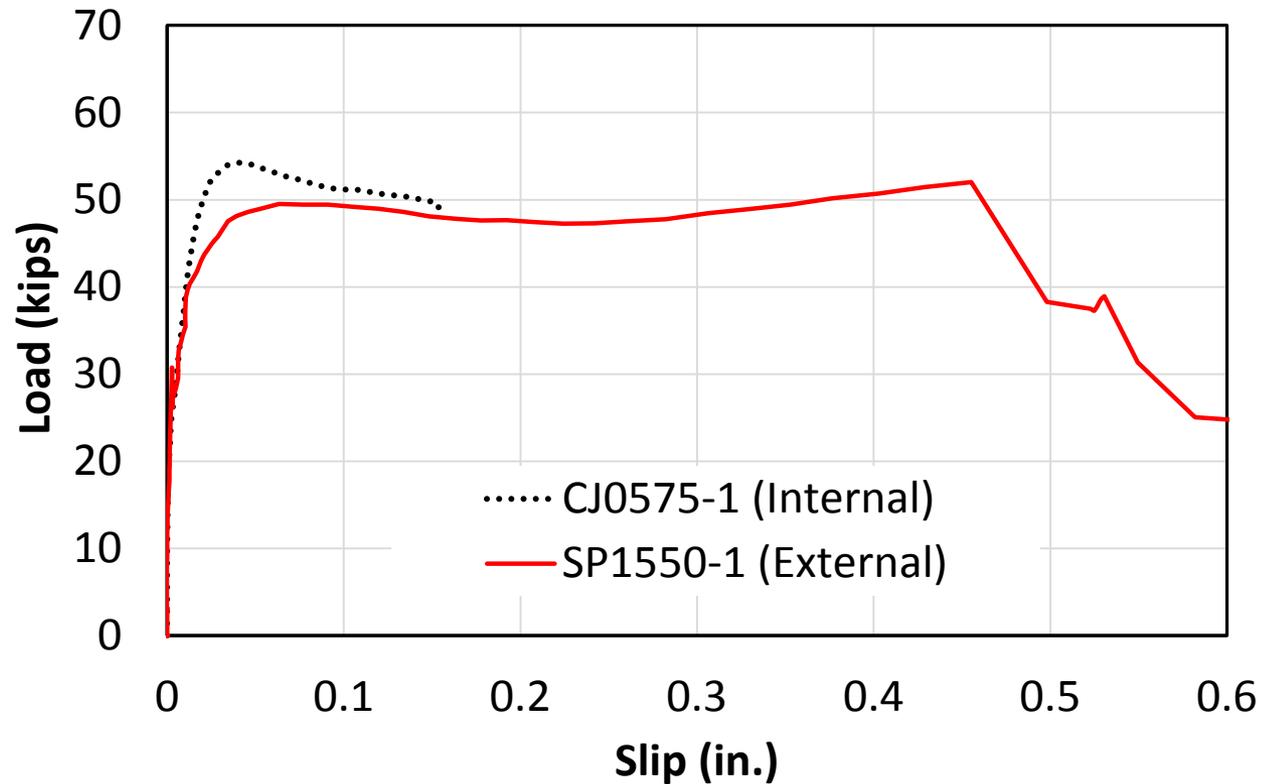
External Steel  
Plate  
 $\rho=0.75\%$   
 $t=0.094$  in.  
(13 gage)



External Steel  
Strips  
 $\rho=0.75\%$   
 $t=0.375$  in.

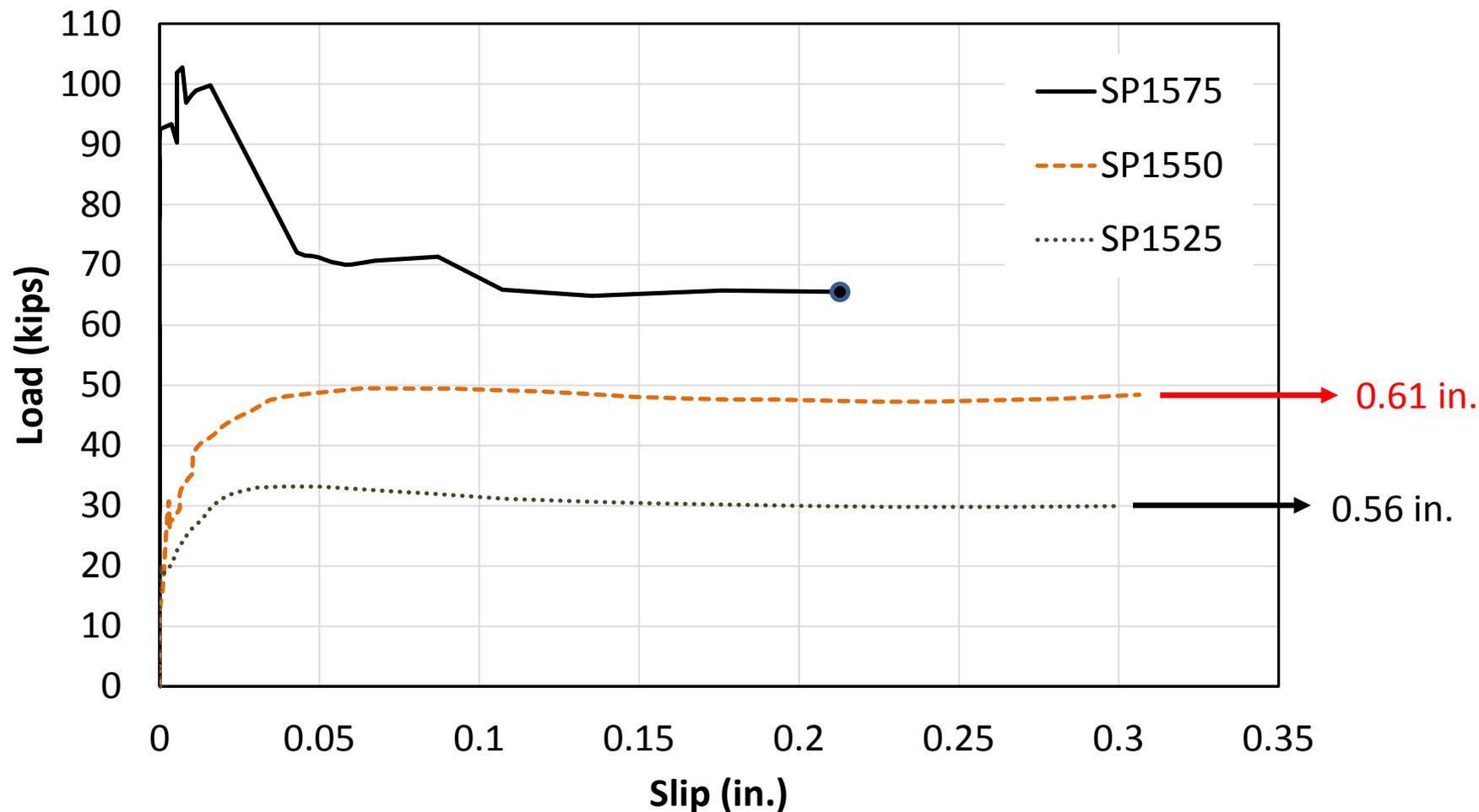
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Test Results – Internal versus External Reinforcement



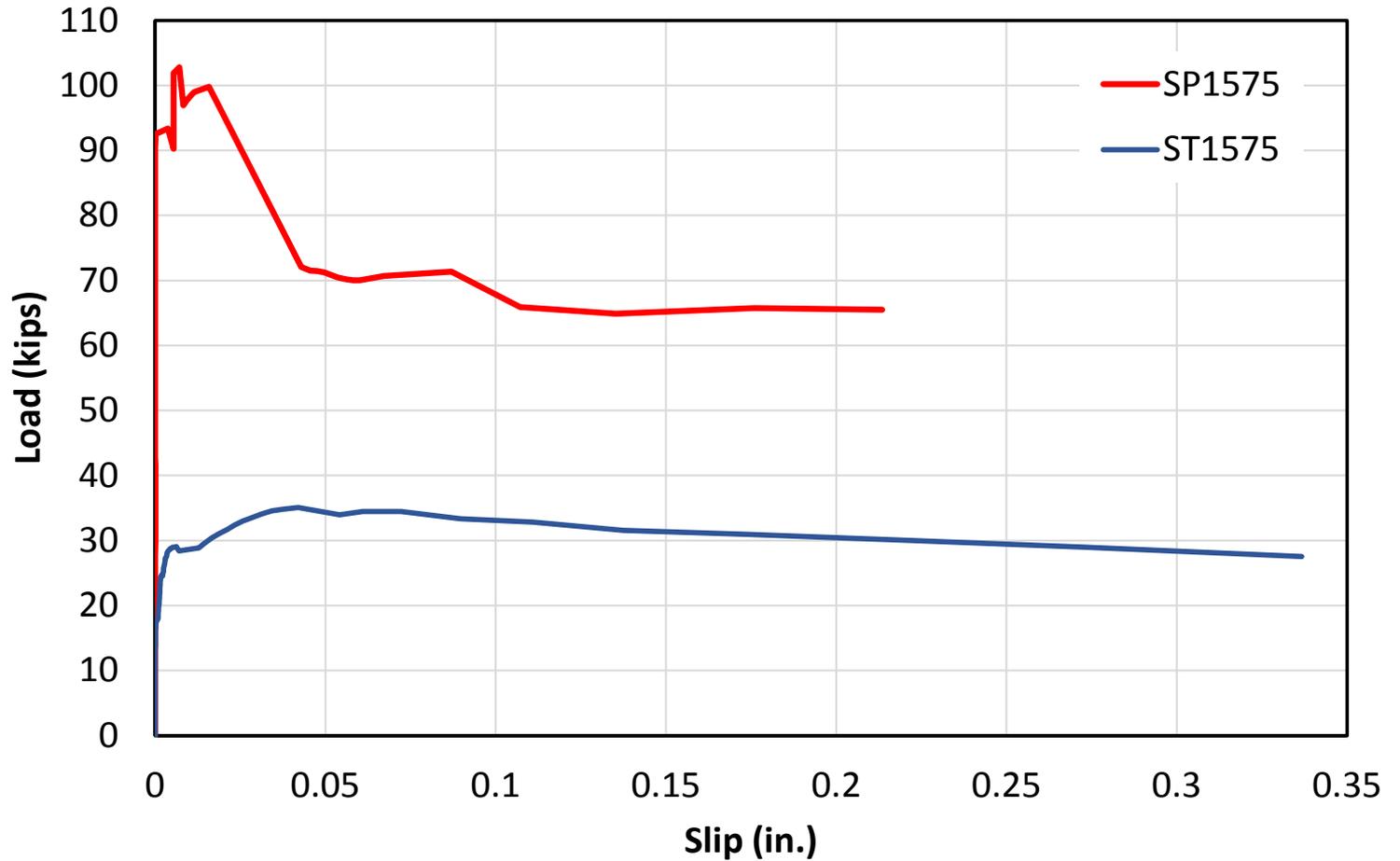
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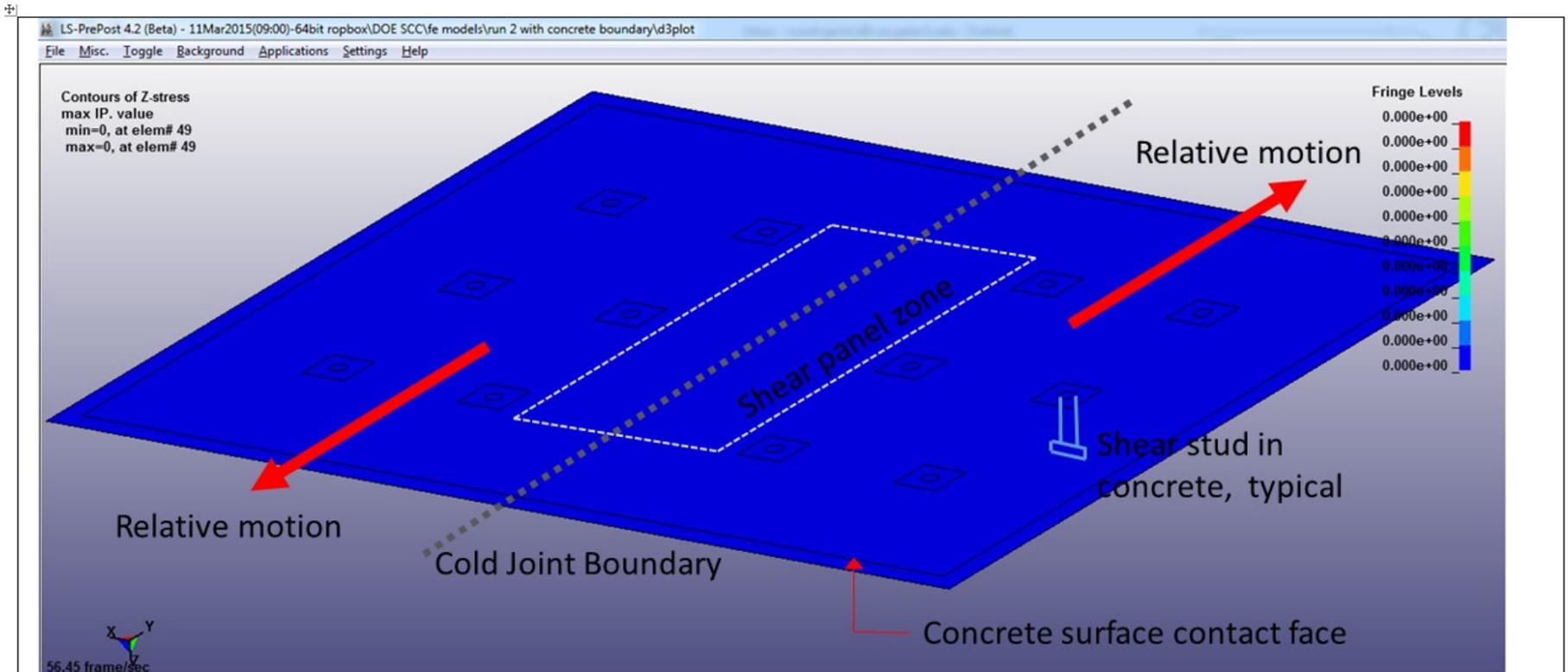
External Reinforcement – Effect of Reinforcement Ratio



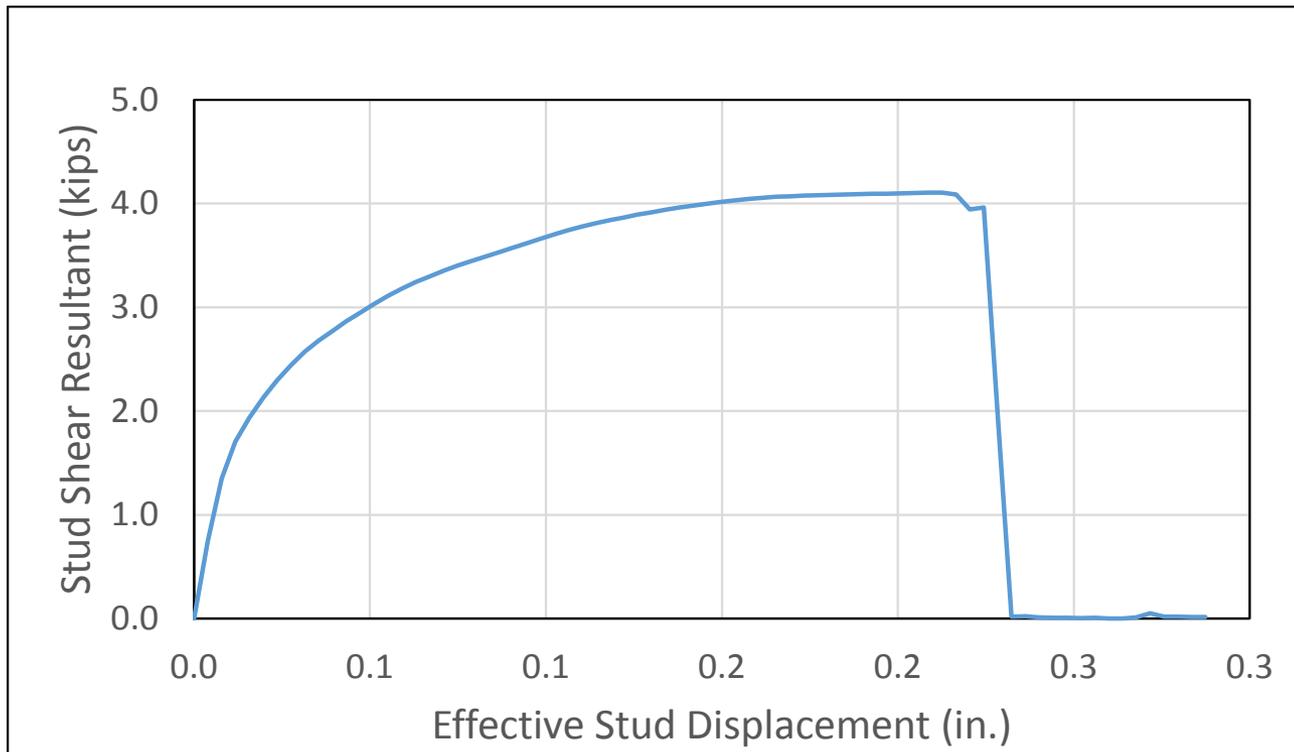
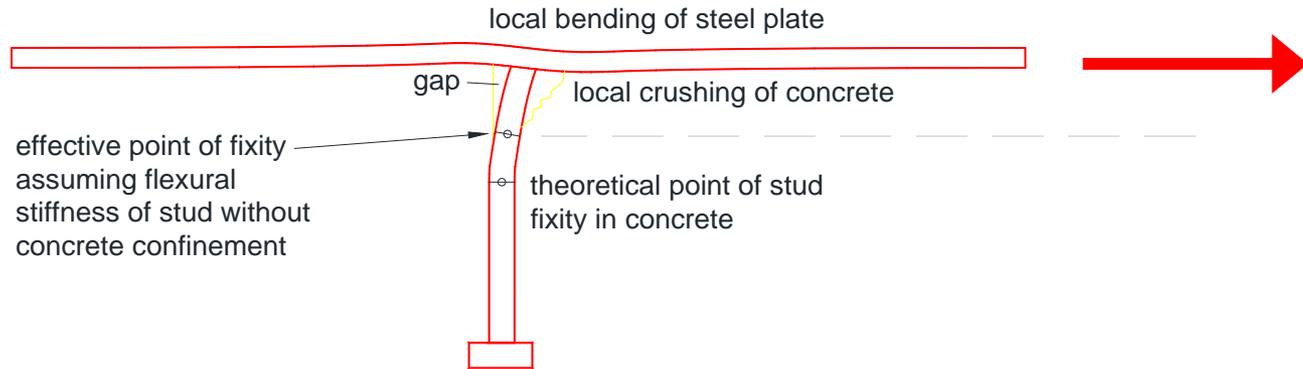
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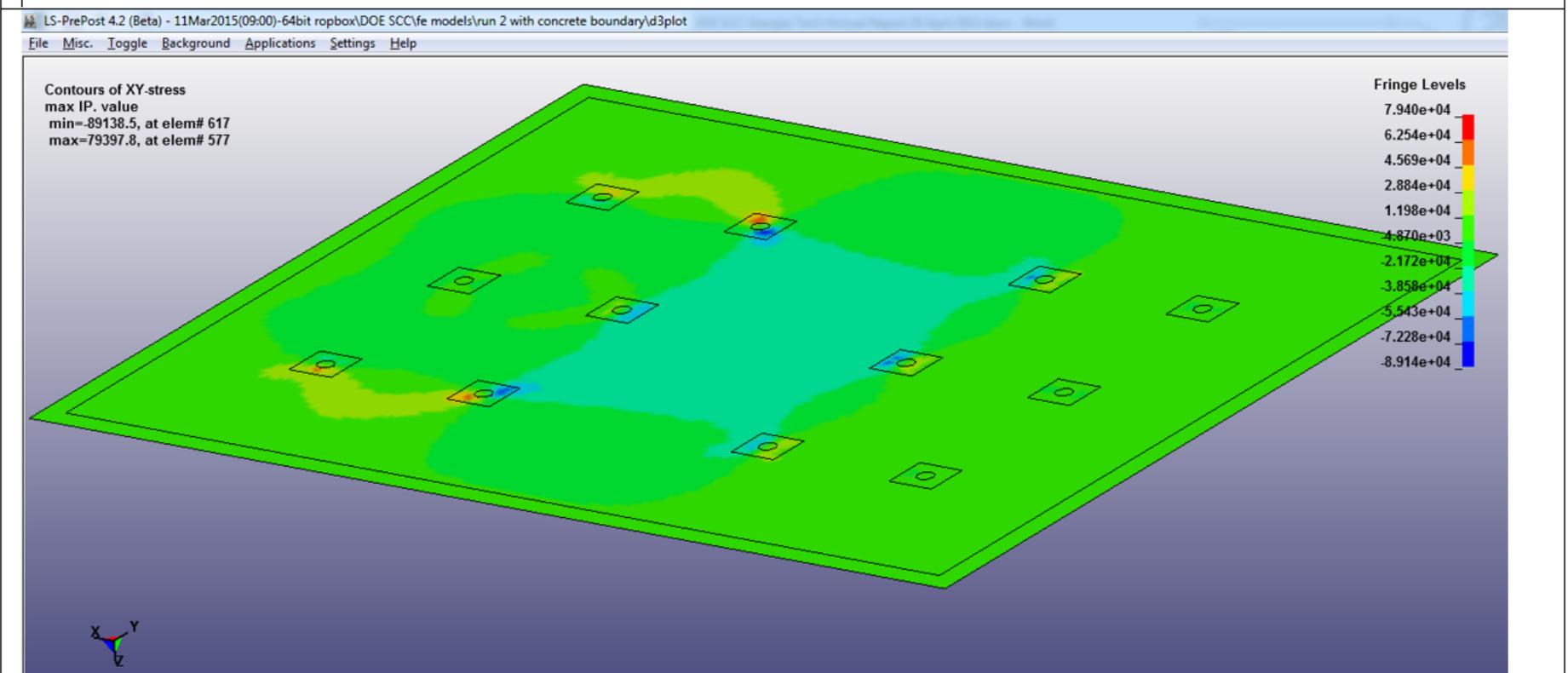
Test Results – External Plate versus Strip Reinforcement





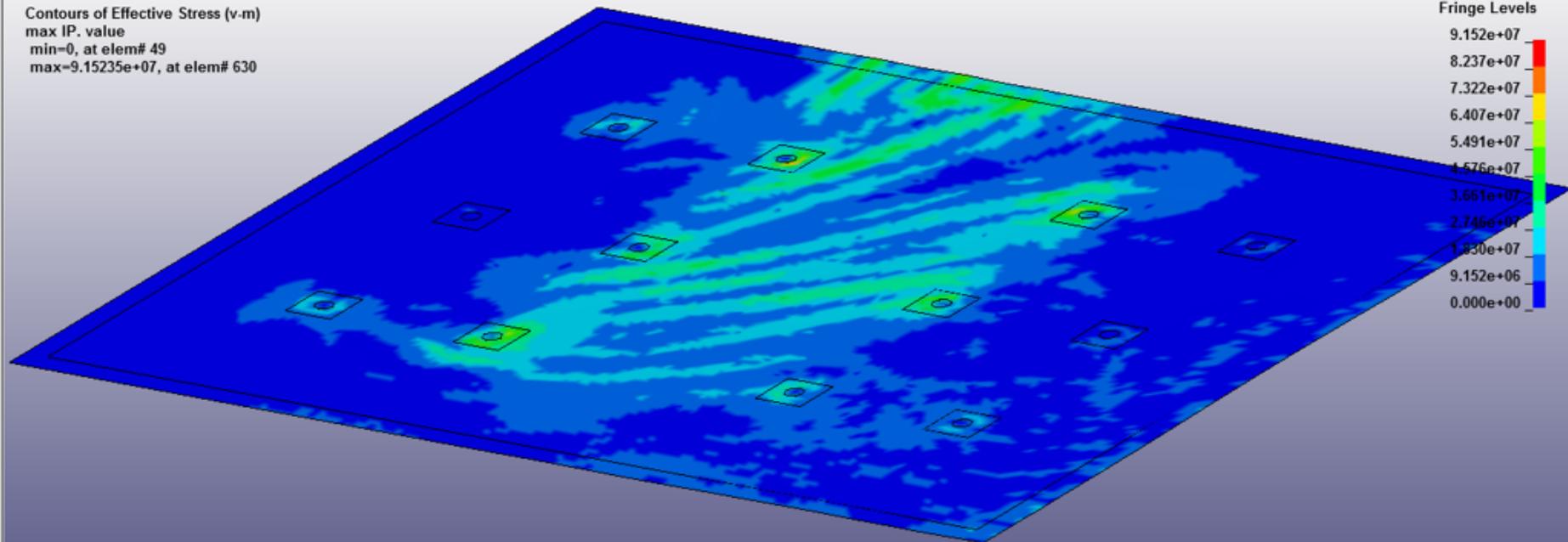
(a) Non-linear finite element model in LS-DYNA explicit. This initial model approximate the geometry of specimen SP 15 50-1 but with fewer Nelson studs.

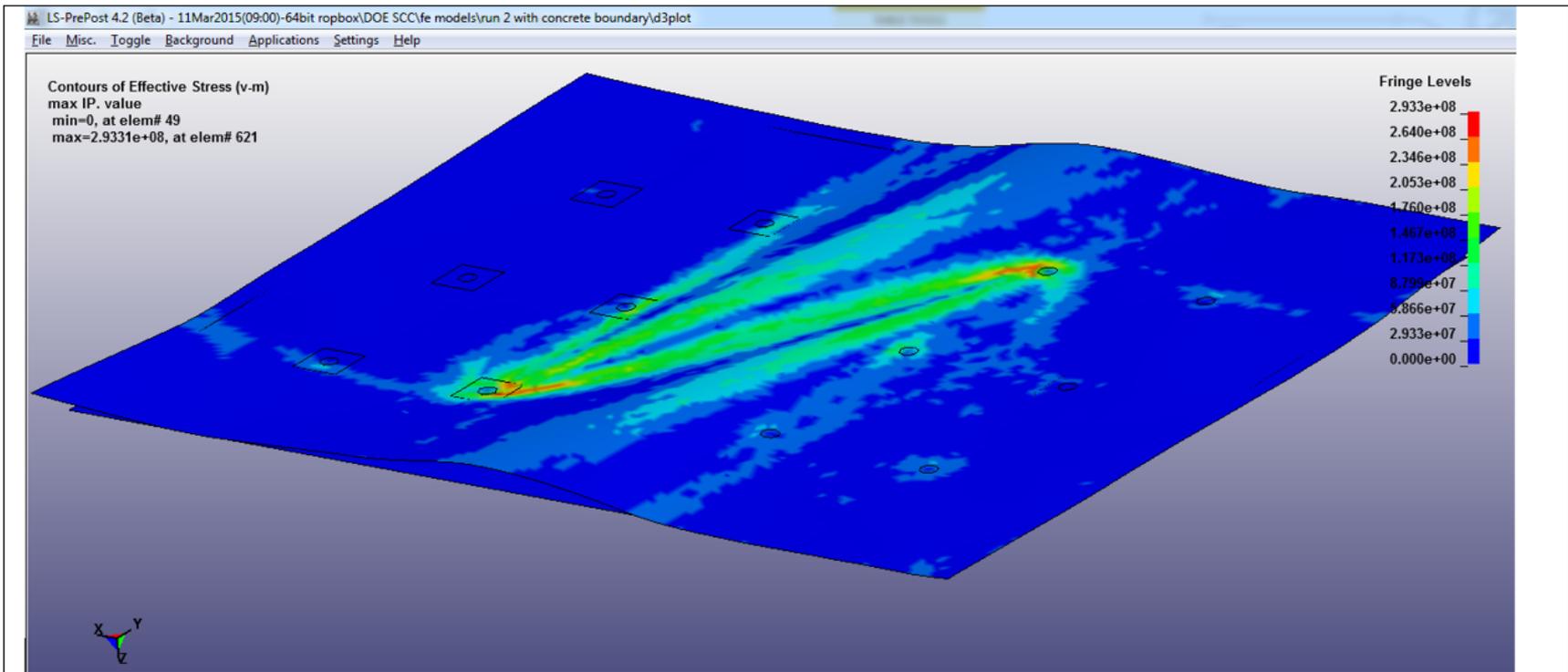




(b) Initial loading. Constant shear in the panel zone. In-plane shear stresses shown (all stresses in Pa).

Contours of Effective Stress (v-m)  
max IP. value  
min=0, at elem# 49  
max=9.15235e+07, at elem# 630





(e) Buckling progresses. Steel plate begins to yield in the vicinity of two studs (see red on stress contour). Buckling distortion as the plate pulls away from the concrete visible.

# LS-DYNA keyword deck by LS-PrePost

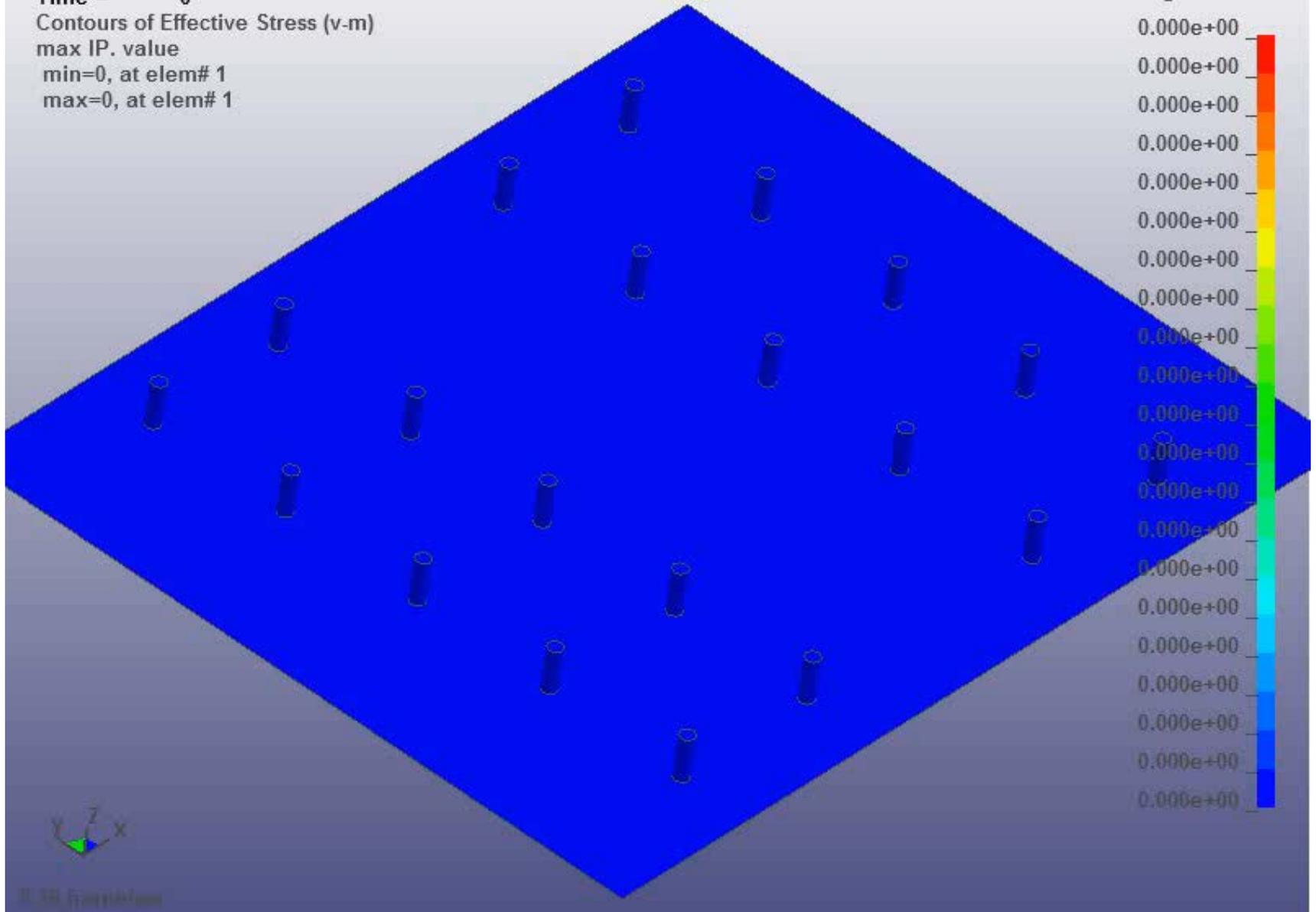
Time = 0

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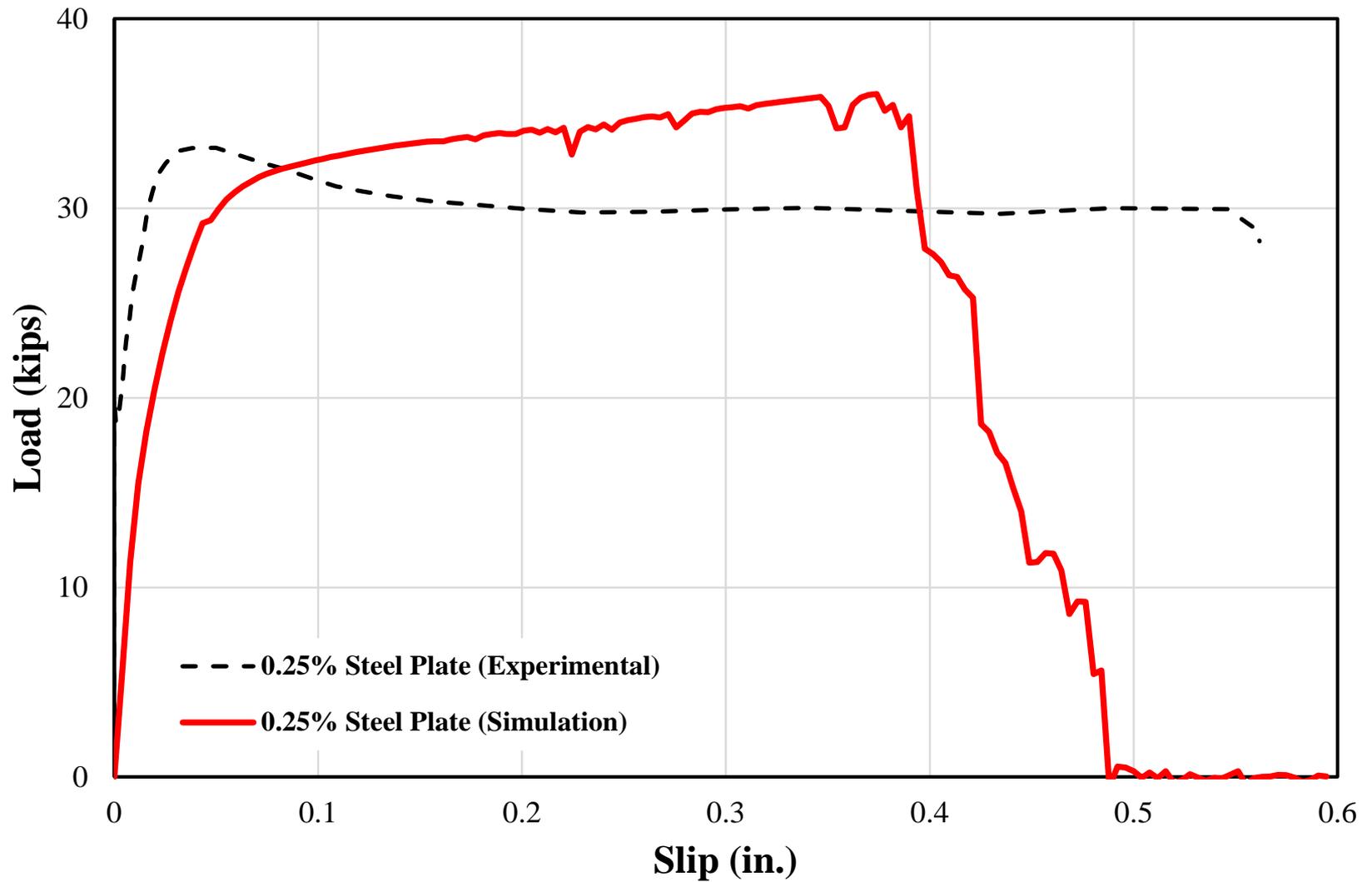
min=0, at elem# 1

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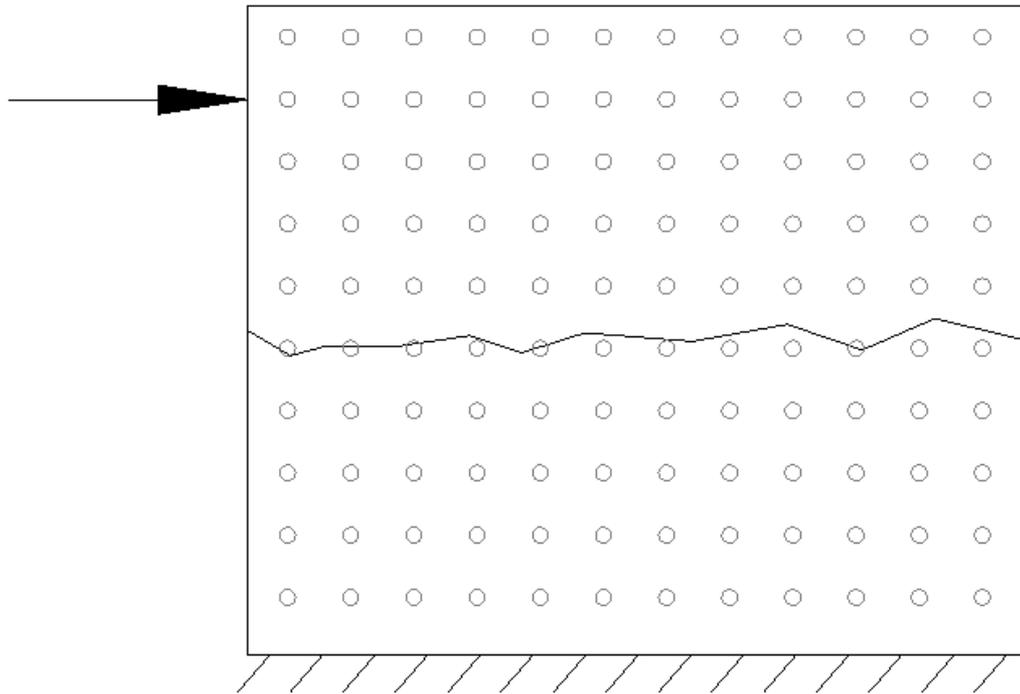
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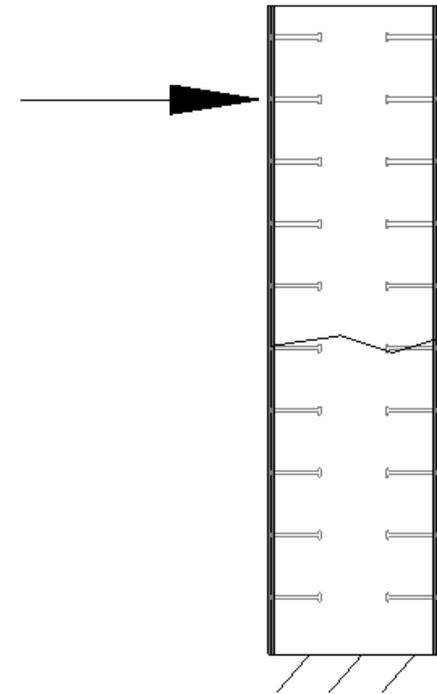


# 4. Assessment of Shear and Flexural Performances

## Specimens preparation



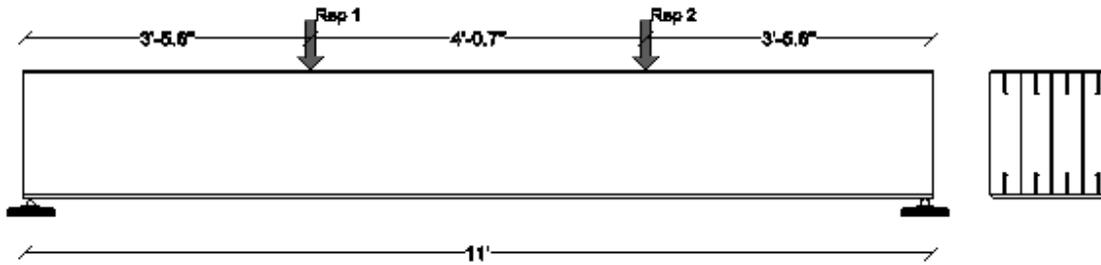
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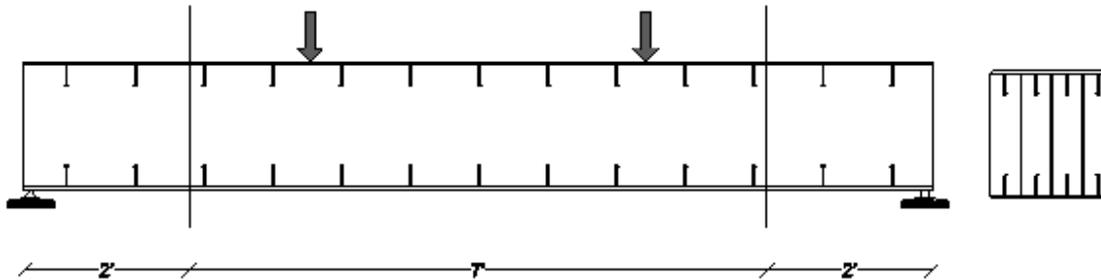
**Out-of-Plane Loading**

### Task 3

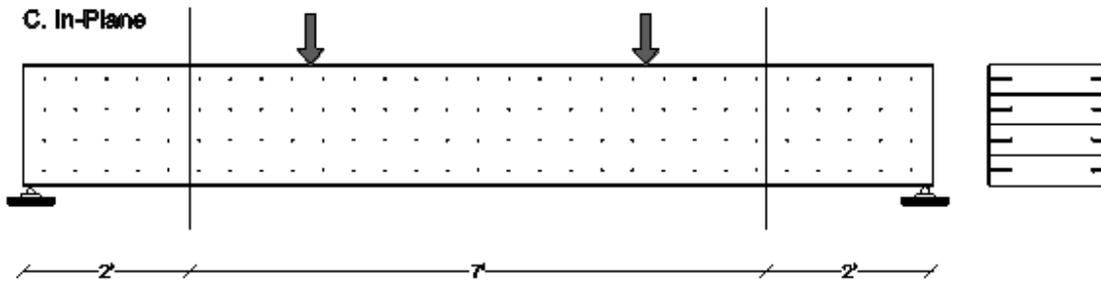
#### A. Control - No cold joint 1 in-plane and 1 out-of-plane



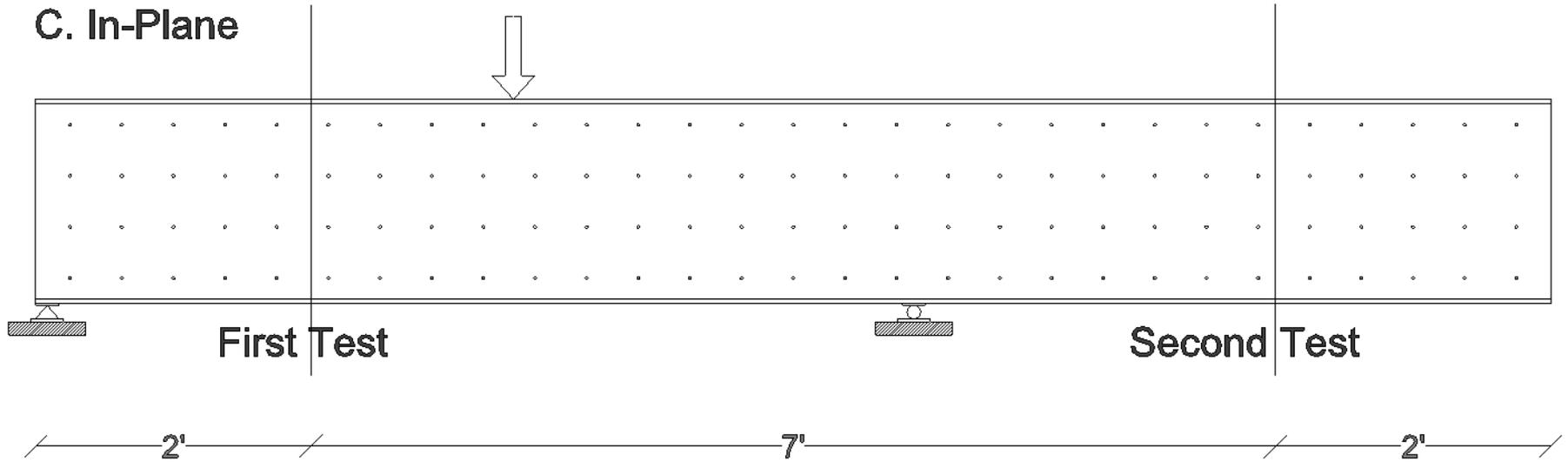
#### B. Out-of-Plane

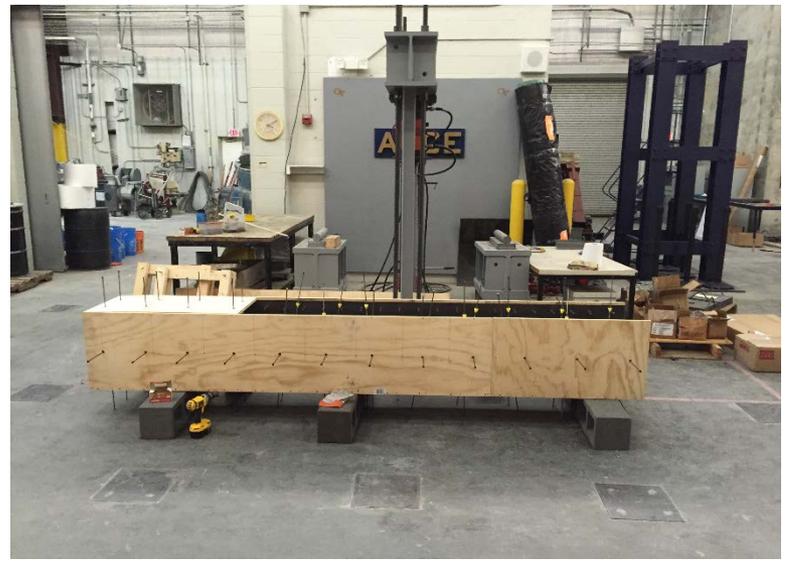


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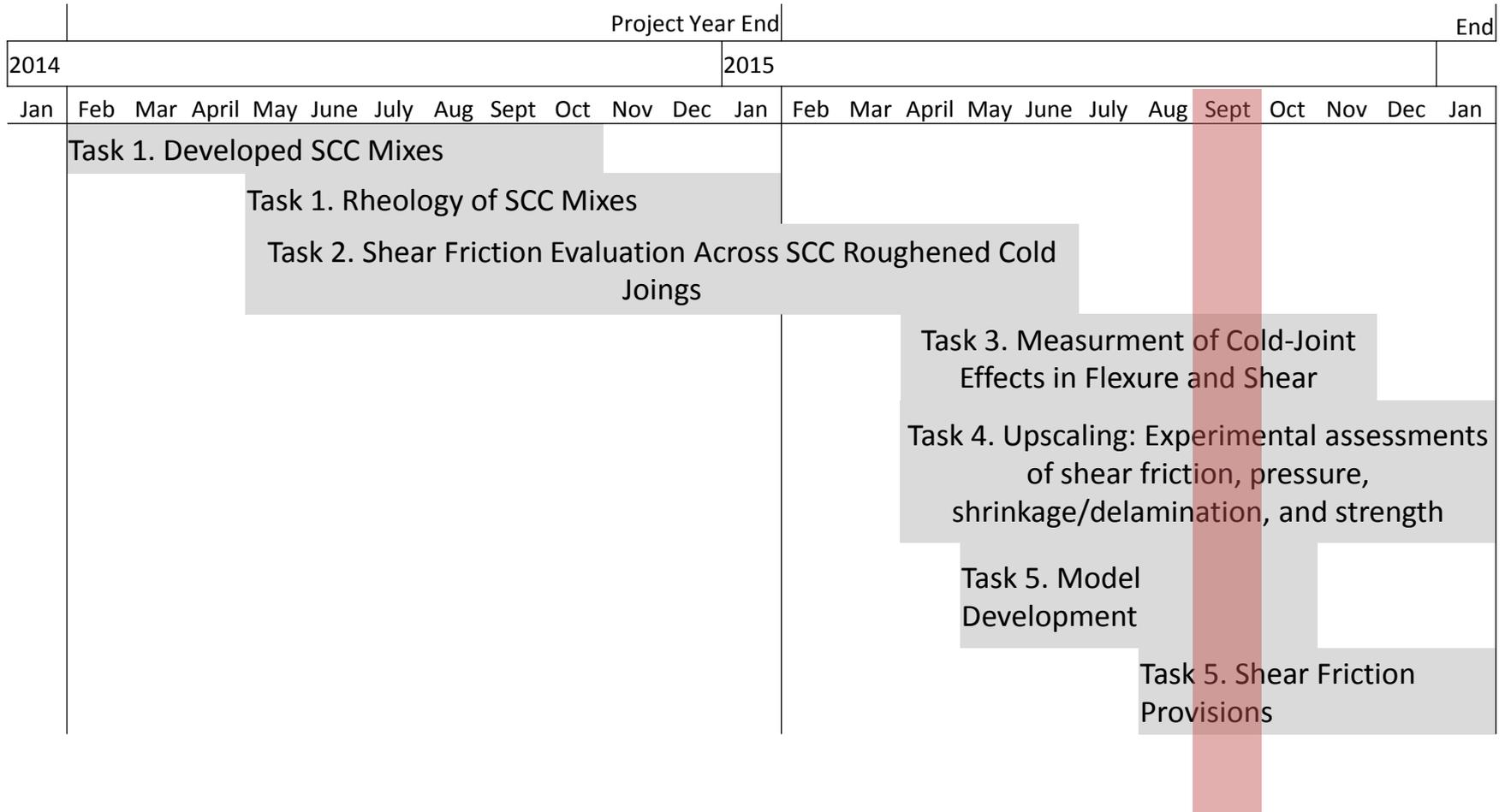


## 6. Conclusions and Outlooks

And future developments

1. Task 2 test results demonstrate the ability of steel plate composite construction to transfer in-plane forces across the cold-joint boundaries.
2. Results show that SC construction is more ductile than conventional internally-reinforced concrete.
3. Test results show that self-roughening concrete with at least 5% LWA provides shear friction coefficient ( $\lambda$ ) of 1.0 or greater.
4. The test results do not conclusively demonstrate the relationship between LWA percentage and cold-joint shear capacity.
5. Non-linear FEA models are promising and may be used for parametric studies of joint behavior – but further calibration is needed.
6. Task 3 specimens will validate in-plane shear behavior and provide better guidance on the out-of-plane behavior of cold-joint behavior in SCC.
7. The Task 4 specimen will be a tremendous challenge and we are working closely with Westinghouse to procure the test article from CBI in a cost-effective and timely manner.

# Timeline



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