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ABSTRACT

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The purpose of this investigation was to study the behavior and develop an ultimate strength model for composite beams with rectangular web openings.

Six composite beams with concentric rectangular web openings were tested to failure. Varying moment to shear ratios were used to help develop and verify the ultimate strength model. One steel beam was tested to demonstrate the contribution of the concrete to the capacity of composite beams. Two steel sections were used, while the concrete slab size was held constant for all beams. Three elastic tests were performed on each beam before it was tested to failure.

An ultimate strength model was developed to predict the strength of composite beams at the web openings in the form of moment-shear interaction diagrams. The steel is modeled as an elastic-perfectly plastic material. The yield stress of the steel is defined as a function of the assigned shear stress according to the von Mises yield criterion. The concrete is modeled for ultimate strength behavior. Concrete compressive strength is also defined as a function of the assigned shear stress, based on experimental results. Strain compatibility between the concrete and steel is assumed. The model is compared with experimental results and is used to study the effect of key parameters (material properties, opening size, and opening eccentricity) affecting the strength of composite beams with web openings. A simplified design interaction procedure is presented to conservatively guide the placement of web openings in composite beams.

Based on the experimental study, it is clear that web openings

can greatly reduce the strength of composite beams. It appears that the secondary bending has a sizable effect on beam behavior. The concrete in composite beams contributes, not only, to the flexural strength, but, also, to the shear capacity of the beams at web openings. The ultimate strength of composite beams at web openings is governed by the failure of the concrete.

The ultimate strength model satisfactorily predicts the strength of the experimental beams.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 General

Composite construction has become an important method of building for both bridges and commercial structures. Composite construction is a technique in which a rolled steel member (usually a wide-flange beam) is mechanically connected to a concrete slab by shear studs. The shear studs are designed to transmit the horizontal shear force between the steel and the concrete slab. The two materials act as a homogeneous unit when subjected to loading.

The use of composite construction has increased, because it allows more efficient use of construction materials. Savings in steel costs of 20 to 30% can be achieved. Additional benefits of this construction method are reduction in the depth of flexural members, increased stiffness of floor systems, and increased overload capacity (20).

The demand for more economical and efficient structures has led designers to reduce or eliminate the space below beams and girders in buildings provided for utility passage. The use of web openings (holes in the vertical portion of the steel section) will allow the passage of utilities through beams, thereby eliminating the need for space beneath them. The total height of a building can be reduced, resulting in a substantial reduction in material costs.

Numerous analytical and experimental investigations have been undertaken to study web openings in steel beams. However, only a limited effort has been made to analyze web openings in composite beams. The large differences in material properties of steel and concrete suggest

that analytical and experimental investigations of composite beams with web openings are necessary to fully understand their behavior.

1.2 Previous Work

Since the early 1960's, many investigators have studied web openings in steel beams (Fig. 1.1). Segner (26) tested a series of I-beams with reinforced rectangular web openings to determine the applicability of the Vierendeel truss analogy to members having web openings located on the neutral axis of the beam. Opening depths ranged from 0.4 to 0.7 of the total beam depths. This analysis includes the assumption that points of contraflexure occur both above and below the opening at the opening centerline (Fig. 1.2). Segner found that the Vierendeel method underestimates the stresses in the vicinity of the opening. The secondary moments due to the shear transfer through the opening are critical for large openings.

Bower (7, 9) presents an analytical method, based on the theory of elasticity, to determine the elastic stress distribution around rectangular and elliptical openings. The analysis accurately predicts bending and tangential stresses. His results show that the Vierendeel method predicts the bending stresses with reasonable accuracy, for rectangular openings not exceeding half of the beam depth, but neglects stress concentrations near the edges of the openings. Bower indicates, however, that the assumption that points of contraflexure occur at the opening centerline in the Vierendeel analysis does not provide accurate results in all cases.

Redwood and McCutcheon (22) note that the presence of shear forces at an opening reduce the plastic moment capacity of steel beams.

Under pure bending, the presence of an opening reduces the plastic moment capacity to the predicted plastic moment capacity based on the net section. A lower-bound strength solution presented by Bower (8) neglects local bending caused by the Vierendeel action. This method predicts higher ultimate loads than actual experimental loads for steel beams with web openings.

Congdon and Redwood (13) present an ultimate strength analysis for beams with concentric rectanglar reinforced openings. The shear force is assumed to be carried, uniformly, by the web, and the yield stress of the web is reduced using the von Mises yield criterion. This analysis is conservative in predicting the ultimate strength of beams with rectangular web openings. Moment-shear interaction curves are presented to represent the failure of a beam with varying combinations of moment and shear (Fig. 1.3).

Design guides have been developed (10, 23, 28) to aid designers in the placement of web openings in steel beams. The guides may be used for the design of concentric and eccentric, rectangular and circular, and reinforced and unreinforced openings using both working stress and plastic design methods.

Later investigations (12, 14, 18, 31) present more general methods of analysis, primarily for eccentric circular openings and eccentric reinforced rectangular openings. Wang, Snell, and Cooper (31) propose an ultimate strength method for rectangular openings, which assumes a four-hinge failure mechanism (Fig. 1.4). The points of contraflexure are not fixed at the opening centerline. Experimental and finite element results (14) indicate reasonable agreement with this theory. Redwood, et al (24, 25) have studied the effects of web slenderness in

steel beams with web openings. They conclude that both web slenderness and opening length are critical factors for web stability.

For most ultimate strength analyses, the shear force is assumed to be carried by the web of the steel section. Shrivastava and Redwood (27) present a method that allows part of the shear force to be carried by the flanges. This tends to expand the moment-shear interaction curve outward, as the theoretical shear strength of the members is increased.

The large amount of research conducted on steel beams with web openings has helped to identify the critical factors involved and has enabled designers to place web openings in steel beams with suitable factors of safety. However, this research is only indirectly applicable to composite beams. Composite beams are composed of both steel and concrete. The properties of steel and concrete are vastly different. Concrete is a highly non-linear material with reasonably good compressive strength, but very low tensile strength. Steel, on the other hand, is a linear elastic material, when stressed below its proportional limit, and exhibits high tensile and compressive strength.

In the United States, composite beams are usually designed in accordance with the AISC specifications for composite construction (5). The shear force is assumed to be carried solely by the web of the steel beam, and the concrete is assumed to contribute only to the flexural strength.

Granade (16) tested 2 composite beams with rectangular web openings and attempted to predict the experimental stresses using the Vierendeel method. In his analysis, the points of contraflexure were assumed to be located above and below at the centerline of the opening.

The Vierendeel estimates of the experimental stresses were found to be inaccurate.

Todd and Cooper (30) present an ultimate strength method for composite beams with web openings and assume that the shear force is carried only by the steel web. Based on the experimental results obtained by Granade, the model greatly underestimates the shear strength of composite beams (Fig. 1.5). Todd and Cooper indicate that beam strength will decrease with increasing opening size and that the effect of both positive or negative opening eccentricities is to increase the strength of the sections under high shear. Under high moment, positive eccentricities (raised openings) increase the beam capacity, while negative eccentricities decrease the capacity.

Swartz and Eluifoo (29) present a method for determining the neutral axis of the section in composite beams with web openings using the Vierendeel method and considering the cracked section. This method compares reasonably well with finite element solutions.

1.3 Object and Scope

The purpose of this investigation is to study the behavior and develop an ultimate strength model for composite beams with rectangular web openings.

Six composite beams were tested to failure. Varying moment to shear ratios were used to help develop and verify the ultimate strength model. One steel beam was also tested. Two different steel sections were used, while the concrete slab size was held constant for all beams. The beams were designed in accordance with the AISC specifications for composite construction (5) using standard wide-flange

sections. The concrete slabs were reinforced according to ACI recommendations (4). Three elastic tests were performed on each beam before it was tested to failure.

The ultimate strength model includes the contribution of the concrete to shear strength. The model is compared to experimental test results and is used to study the effects of key parameters that control the strength of composite beams with web openings. Design procedures are proposed for the sizing and placement of web openings in composite beams.

CHAPTER 2

EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION

2.1 General

The purpose of the experimental work is to study the behavior of composite beams with web openings and to aid in the development and verification of the proposed failure model.

The goal of the experimental investigation is to develop reasonably complete moment-shear interaction curves for particular beam sizes and opening configurations. To achieve this goal, it is necessary to test beams with openings located at points with differing moment-shear ratios. Of the six beams tested, two steel sections were used. This not only enables comparisons to be made with the proposed failure model, but provides information on the effect of beam geometry. Four of the tests used one size cross-section (although one beam was slightly different from the others due to changes in the AISC beam shapes). The other two beams used a smaller cross-section.

In addition to the composite beam tests, one steel beam was tested. The steel beam utilized the same steel section and had the same moment-shear ratio at the opening as one of the composite beams. The two tests provided a good illustration of the effect of the concrete slab on the shear strength at the opening.

Concentric rectangular openings were used in all tests.

Opening sizes were fixed with depth equal to 60% of the steel beam depth and lengths equal to twice the opening depth. The concrete slab dimensions were identical in all six beams.

2.2 Beam Design

The six composite beams were designed following the AISC Design Specifications (5) and the ACI Building Code (4), with certain limitations. The AISC Design Specifications (5) are based on elastic design methods, in which the concrete slab is transformed to an equivalent area of steel. Allowable stresses are given for the concrete and steel. The AASHTO Specifications for Highway Bridges (1) and foreign codes (11) are based on ultimate strength. Since the beams were to be loaded to failure, ultimate strength design methods were used. The shear stud design method recommended by the AISC specifications was utilized, since it is based on ultimate strength criteria.

In designing beams with web openings to be used in an experimental study, it is important to size the beams so that they will fail at the web opening. A long span in a high shear test can result in flexural failure at an interior high moment location, while the area around the opening is relatively unaffected. Unnecessarily long spans are not economical. The spans of the six test beams were selected with these points in mind. The opening locations, load configurations, and span lengths for all beams are shown in Figs. 2.1 to 2.3.

In composite beams, the effective width of the concrete slab is based on several requirements specified by the AISC Design Specifications. For full, symmetrical slabs, the effective width, $b_{\mbox{eff}}$, of the concrete flange must be less than

(2)
$$16t_s + b_f$$
 (2.1b)

in which L = span of the beam, $t_s = \text{depth of the concrete slab}$, and $b_f = \text{width of the compression steel flange}$.

For these tests, the conditions were met with a slab width of 48" and a thickness of 4", except for the 2 beams with 15' spans in which the slabs were 3" wider than $b_{\rm eff}$.

In composite beams, it is desirable to size the slab to be "adequate". This requires that the steel yield in tension prior to failure of the concrete at ultimate strength. Therefore, the neutral axis must lie somewhere in the concrete. Failure of the beam is preceded by large deformations, as the steel yields. At the ultimate load, the Whitney stress block (32) with a concrete stress equal to 0.85 f $^{\prime}_{\rm C}$ is used for the concrete. The concrete tensile strength is disregarded. The steel stress is limited to the yield stress, F $_{\rm y}$. No strain hardening is assumed.

For the neutral axis to lie in the slab at collapse, the axial capacity of the slab, $C'_{\ c}$, must exceed the axial capacity of the steel, T'.

$$C'_{C} > T'$$
 (2.2a)

$$C'_{c} = 0.85 f'_{c} A_{c}$$
 (2.2b)

$$T' = F_y A_s (2.2c)$$

in which f'_c = concrete compressive strength, A_c = area of slab, and A_s = area of steel beam.

These conditions were met in all experimental beams.

The steel beams were chosen based on their availability as well as the desire to work with realistic cross-sections. The steel beams were hot-rolled A36 structural steel wide-flange sections. The concrete was normal-weight, Portland cement concrete using 3/4" maximum size aggregate. Minimum concrete design strength was 3500 psi. The concrete reinforcing steel was standard Grade 40 deformed reinforcing steel. Standard headed concrete shear studs were used.

Shear studs in composite beams are designed to carry the entire horizontal shear force at the steel-concrete interface. The horizontal shear is assumed to be acting between the maximum and the zero moment locations. Using AISC procedures (5), the horizontal shear is assumed to be the smaller of the following values.

(1)
$$V_h = \frac{0.85 \, f'_c \, A_c}{2}$$
 (2.3a)

(2)
$$V_h = \frac{A_s F_y}{2}$$
 (2.3b)

For an allowable horizontal shear load per stud, q, the number of studs required on each side of the point of maximum moment, assuming double rows, is

$$N = \frac{V_h}{2q} \tag{2.4}$$

Shear connectors or shear studs must have at least 1" of concrete cover, and the diameter of the stud must not be greater than 2.5 times the thickness of the flange to which it is welded. The 3/4 inch diameter, 3 inch headed stud was chosen, since it was the largest stud

which conformed to these requirements. For f'_c = 3500 psi, q = 12.5 kips (5). Shear stud loctions and spacings are shown in Fig. 2.4.

Pairs of bearing stiffeners were provided at points of concentrated load (supports and load points). The stiffeners were hot-rolled flat bars and were designed in accordance with the AISC Design Specifications (5). The stiffeners were continuously welded to the web, with close contact against the flanges on the top and bottom.

Bearing plates were provided for the steel beam at the supports and the concrete at the load points. All bearing plates were cold-rolled, high-strength steel. The bearing surfaces were designed according to the AISC Specifications and were sized very conservatively.

The concrete slabs were designed based on ultimate strength criteria and effective width requirements and were reinforced following the ACI Building Code (4). In the longitudinal direction, minimum temperature and shrinkage reinforcement was provided using No. 3 bars at 14" spacing (4 bars). In the transverse direction, an increased reinforcing ratio was used to reduce the possibility of longitudinal splitting (15), with No. 4 bars placed at 6". The longitudinal reinforcing was placed at the mid-depth of the 4" concrete slab. Reinforcing steel placement is shown in Fig. 2.5.

2.3 Materials

2.3.1 Concrete

The concrete was normal weight, Portland cement concrete using 3/4" maximum size aggregate (locally described as 1/2" rock). The concrete was ordered with a 3500 psi nominal compressive strength, 3" slump, and 6% entrained air. The cement factor of the mixes were varied

depending on the desired rate of concrete strength gain. If a rapid strength gain was desired, a cement factor of $5\frac{1}{2}$ -6 sacks per cubic yard was specified. Design strength was usually attained in 1 week. If a more moderate strength gain was desired, a cement factor of 5 sacks per cubic yard was used, in which case the design strength was attained in about 2 weeks.

Concrete properties were tested in accordance with ASTM procedures (6). Six standard 6" diameter cylinders, 3 standard 3" diameter cylinders, and 2 flexure beams were cast for each slab. The slab and the test specimens were cured in the same manner. The formwork was removed from the slab and the test specimens were stripped at the same time. The 3" cylinders were instrumented with paper-backed strain gages to obtain stress-strain data.

The 6" diameter cylinders were tested on the day of the ultimate strength test. The results were used to obtain the average compressive strength, f'_c . The flexural beams were tested to determine the modulus of rupture. The concrete properties are listed in Table 2.1.

2.3.2 Structural Steel

The steel sections were hot-rolled, A36 wide-flange beams. Tensile tests were run on coupons cut from the beams. Longitudinal coupons were cut from the top and bottom flanges and the web using a band saw. Vertical coupons were also taken from the web for some beams to determine the effect of rolling direction on the tensile properties. The coupons were machined to standard 12" ASTM tensile coupons using a horizontal milling machine.

Tensile tests were run on a screw-type testing machine. The cross-sectional dimensions were measured using dial-gage calipers

graduated in 0.001". The coupons were fitted with an extensometer to obtain load-deflection plots during the test. The tests were designed to measure the "static" yield strength of the material, so the specimens were loaded slowly. After the steel began to yield, the displacement was stopped. The load would drop and usually stabilize (at the static yield load) within 10 minutes. Loading was continued and stopped again to obtain a second static yield load. For most specimens, this was done 3 times to get an average static yield load. Careful control was required so that the steel did not begin to strain-harden before the static yield test was completed. The loading was continued until the coupons reached the ultimate tensile strength. The results of a typical test is illustrated in Fig. 2.6. Table 2.2 lists the steel properties for the 6 beams.

2.3.3 Reinforcing Steel

The concrete reinforcing steel was standard Grade 40 deformed reinforcing steel. The longitudinal and transverse reinforcement consisted of No. 3 bars and No. 4 bars, respectively. The reinforcing steel was tested for yield strength and tensile strength. An extensometer was fitted to a 18" length of reinforcing steel to monitor the deflection. The bars were loaded slowly and when yielding began, the yield load was recorded. Loading was continued until the tensile strength of the bar has been reached. Material strengths of the reinforcing are shown in Table 2.2.

2.4 Beam Fabrication

The steel beams were purchased locally from a structural steel fabrication company. An 18" section was cut from each beam to provide

coupons for determining the material properties of the steel. The shear studs were hand-welded to the top flange of the beam by the steel fabricator, and the beams were delivered to the University of Kansas Structural Testing Laboratory.

The beams were measured and marked for stiffener location. The stiffeners were flame-cut to size and welded to the web of the steel beam using 6011 3/16" welding rods. The stiffeners were clamped into position using C-clamps and continuously welded to the web using an AC-DC electric welder (Fig. 2.7). The stiffeners were not welded to the flanges, but were in close contact with them. Double stiffeners were used at all locations.

After stiffener welding was completed, the web opening was measured and marked in the desired location. At the corners of the opening, 3/4" diameter holes were drilled to reduce stress concentrations. The opening was flame-cut using an oxy-acetylene torch. Little cosmetic work was done on the edges of the opening. Grinding of the flame-cut surfaces was restricted to the strain gage locations.

Bearing plates were welded to the bottom flange using an electric welder (Fig. 2.8). Prior to welding, the bearing plates were clamped into place with C-clamps to insure uniform bearing on the bottom flange.

The beams were supported on 15" square concrete pedestals poured directly on the structural floor (Fig. 2.9). A pin and a roller were used to provide the simple supports. The pinned support consisted of a 5" diameter cold-rolled bar welded to a 1" thick, 12" square cold-rolled plate grouted to one pedestal. End plates were used to hold the bar in position on the plate. The roller support consisted of another

5" diameter bar resting on a 1" thick, 12" square plate grouted to the other concrete pedestal. Since the concrete formwork was fixed in height, the pedestal heights were varied as the beam depths were altered.

The concrete formwork was constructed using structural grade lumber and plyform. Rectangular frames with diagonal braces were placed transverse to the steel beam on 4' centers to support the 3/4" plyform. The frames were then braced together both transversely and longitudinally. This resulted in a very stiff formwork which could be moved as a unit on either side of the beam.

After the steel beam was placed on the supports and instrumented with strain gages, the formwork was moved into position with the top of the plyform in close contact and flush with the top flange of the steel beam. All joints in the formwork were chaulked, and the formwork was oiled. The reinforcing steel was flame-cut to length using an oxyacetylene torch. The longitudinal reinforcing was placed on $1\frac{1}{2}$ " reinforcing chairs and tied to the formwork using soft wire. The transverse reinforcing steel was placed on the longitudinal reinforcing bars and wired to it. Splices in the longitudinal steel were designed in accordance with the ACI Building Code (4) and were not placed in the vicinity of the opening.

The concrete was obtained from a local ready-mix company and trucked to the laboratory for placement. Concrete was placed in the formwork using a 1 cubic yard bucket operated by an electric hoist.

After the concrete was placed, it was vibrated using a high-frequency flexible tube vibrator. The slab was screeded and bull-floated. Standard concrete test cylinders (3" and 6" diameter) and flexure beams were

cast as the beam was poured. Slump and air tests were performed prior to the cylinder and beam casting.

After the concrete surface had begun to set, the slab was covered with a plastic sheet. The concrete test specimens were covered and placed under the beam. As the concrete cured, the slab and test cylinders were kept continuously moist by spraying with water several times each day. Concrete strength was monitored by testing the standard 6" diameter cylinders at regular intervals after the slab was cast. The formwork was removed and the concrete allowed to dry after the concrete had reached a compressive strength of 3500 psi.

The dimensions of the steel section and the opening were obtained before the concrete was placed. The concrete dimensions were obtained after the formwork was removed. The beam dimensions are listed in Table 2.3.

2.5 Instrumentation

Each of the six beams were instrumented with electrical resistance strain gages on the concrete and steel. The number and location of the gages varied. The later beams were instrumented more thoroughly to obtain more information.

The gages were placed around the opening. Gages were placed on the steel, both below (bottom tee) and above (top tee) the opening. Gages were, also, placed on the top and bottom surfaces of the slab. The gages were placed longitudinally on the beams (except for 1 transverse gage placed on the top of the concrete slab in 3 beams) and were recessed in from the edge of the opening to avoid regions of stress

CHAPTER 3

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

3.1 General

Three elastic tests and one ultimate strength test constituted the experimental investigation for each of the six beams. One elastic test was selected for each beam, as being representative of the other two elastic tests, for presentation and evaluation. The results from the six ultimate strength tests are also included. Load-strain and load-deflection diagrams are presented in Figs. 3.1 to 3.30 (see Figs. 2.10 to 2.15 for strain gage locations). Load slip diagrams are not presented for the elastic tests due to the negligible values recorded. The strain, deflection, and load data for the tests are tabulated in Appendix C. The behavior of the six beams is discussed in the following sections.

3.2 Test Results

The six composite beams were tested to provide information on the effect of a web opening on beam behavior. The moment-shear ratio was varied by changing the location of the opening and proved to be critical in determining the mode of failure of the beams. The moment-shear ratios varied from 3', for Beams No. 4 and 6, to 33', for Beam No. 3.

The Vierendeel action of beams with web openings can be described in terms of the relative vertical displacement of the ends of the opening, $\delta_{\mathbf{r}}$, due to the presence of secondary bending moments. For an accurate comparison, the values of $\delta_{\mathbf{r}}$ are normalized with respect to the centerline deflection, $\delta_{\mathbf{c}}$, to take into account the varying stiffnesses of the sections $(\overline{\delta} = \delta_{\mathbf{r}}/\delta_{\mathbf{c}})$.

Secondary bending moments are produced by the transfer of shear force through the opening by the top and bottom tees. The lower the moment-shear ratio (more shear transferred through the opening at failure), the more pronounced is the Vierendeel effect. The test beams demonstrated this Vierendeel action. Beam No. 3, with a high momentshear ratio* (33') showed little Vierendeel action. At failure, the relative displacement of the ends of the opening was small (less than 0.5") compared to the centerline deflection, δ_c , at failure (4.3"). $\overline{\delta}$ was only 0.12. The beams with lower moment-shear ratios showed this Vierendeel action to a greater degree, as more shear was transferred through the opening at failure. Beams No. 1, 2, and 5 with momentshear ratios of 7', 9', and 6' showed larger relative displacements at failure (0.8", 0.9", and 0.7"), with $\overline{\delta}$ equal to 0.16, 0.30, and 0.63, respectively. The beams with the lowest moment-shear ratios, Beams No. 4 and 6, showed smaller relative displacements between the opening edges, both at about 0.5", but large values of $\overline{\delta}$, 0.66, and 0.50, respectively.

The strain readings, also, show the effect of the moment-shear ratio. The high moment, low shear test (Beam No. 3) had strain readings (Figs. 3.11 to 3.15) that showed the Vierendeel effect was minimal. The bottom tee acted as a tension member, while the neutral axis of primary bending was in the top tee. Failure of the beam was flexural in nature. The beams with lower moment-shear ratios, however,

 $^{\,\,}$ * It may be more general to express the moment-shear ratio, M/V, as a normalized shear-span to depth ratio, M/Vd, as done for reinforced concrete. This point needs careful consideration for composite beams, but for the purposes of this report, the actual values of M/V will be used.

showed that secondary bending was more important. The presence of compressive, as well as tensile, strains in the bottom tee indicates the presence of Vierendeel action. As the moment-shear ratio decreased, the zones of compression in the bottom tee increased correspondingly.

Cracking of the concrete slab occurred in the vicinity of the opening and, in some beams (Beams No. 1, 2, and 3), in the high moment regions near the interior load points. Critical cracking regions were the top of the slab at the low moment end of the opening, the bottom of the slab at the high moment end of the opening, and the bottom of the slab near the center of the opening.

The cracking in the concrete in the high moment, low shear beam (Beam No. 3) was due to the primary bending moment. As the steel in the bottom tee began to yield, the neutral axis began to shift upward. Tensile cracks in the bottom of the slab occurred as the tensile stress exceeded the tensile strength of the concrete. Tensile cracks were also present near the load points in the bottom of the slab. A slight separation between the slab and the steel occurred at a load of about one-half of the ultimate load. At the ultimate load, the concrete at the top of the slab failed by crushing (Fig. 3.31).

In the beams with lower moment-shear ratios, the concrete cracking patterns were more complex (Fig. 3.32). Cracking occurred first at the top of the slab at the low moment end of the opening (due to the Vierendeel effect). This cracking occurred at a load equal to one-half to three-quarters of the ultimate load. Cracking of the bottom of the slab at the high moment end of the opening began slightly after cracks began to develop at the low moment end. A longitudinal crack in the center of the upper surface of the slab began to develop as cracks

developed at the low moment end. The crack began near the low moment end of the opening and propagated toward the high moment end as the load increased. The most significant cracking began at about three-quarters of the ultimate load, near the center of the opening on the bottom of the slab. The slab separated slightly from the steel flange, and cracks propagated at about 45° across the bottom slab surface, moving toward the high moment end of the opening (Fig. 3.32). At the ultimate load, these cracks extended to the edge and propagated diagonally to the top of the slab. This shear-type failure in the slab appeared to be due to the prying action caused by the large relative displacement between the ends of the opening.

In all cases, the compressive strains in the concrete remained low until well after the steel had begun to yield. The ultimate failure of all beams was due to the failure (crushing or cracking) of the concrete. Strain hardening of the steel in the bottom and top tees occurred prior to ultimate load.

Due to the nature of the loading procedure (see section 2.7), some beams (Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4) failed during loading, at the maximum load attained, while others (Beams No. 5 and 6) failed at a fixed deflection (and a load less than the maximum attained during the test), while data readings were being taken. For the purposes of this report, the maximum load attained is considered to be the ultimate load.

Table 3.1 presents a summary of the test results including load at first yielding, maximum load, and mode of failure.

3.3 Evaluation of Results

The strain distributions at the end of the bottom and top tees

are plotted for each beam at 4 stages of load (elastic, first yield, late yield, and collapse) (Figs. 3.33 to 3.38).

On each beam (except Beam No. 1), strain gages were placed on the top flange of the steel under the slab and the bottom of the slab at the high moment end of the opening. This was done to assess the degree of strain compatibility between the concrete and the steel. The concrete gages on the bottom of the slab were placed toward the outside edge. The strain readings from these gages during loading indicated a lack of compatibility between the concrete and steel; the concrete gages read tension, while the steel gages read compression. This effect was observed for all load stages in the beams, except for Beam No. 2, in which the steel gage on the top flange showed this effect until the ultimate load was approached, when it went into tension. The probable cause of the incompatibility of strains at the interface is slip between the steel and concrete, although some transverse bending in the slab may have contributed to the difference in readings. The presence of slip at the concrete-steel interface is substantiated by the values of slip measured at the supports (Figs. 3.4, 3.9, 3.14, 3.19, 3.24, and 3.29). Concrete gages should be placed close to the steel section to improve the accuracy of the strain readings in future tests.

Many analytical models using the Vierendeel method of analysis assume that the point of contraflexure is located at the center of the opening in both the top and bottom tees. The experimental results (Figs. 3.33 to 3.38) indicate that this is reasonably correct for the elastic case, but that this is not the case near the ultimate load. Once general yielding is underway, the point of contraflexure is nearer to the low moment end of the opening. The movement is greatest in the

high moment, low shear cases. At collapse in Beam No. 2 (Fig. 3.35), the low moment end of the bottom tee had yielded completely in tension, while the high moment end had compressive strains at the top of the web. At collapse, Beams No. 4, 5, and 6 (Figs. 3.37, 3.38, and 3.34) seem to be effected less. Any movement of the point of contraflexure toward the low moment end will tend to lessen the secondary bending effects at the low moment end, while increasing the secondary bending effects at the high moment end.

Beam No. 1 was constructed using the smaller size steel section (W14 x 34). Due to problems with the load system, the beam was not tested until 180 days after the concrete was cast. This resulted in a concrete compressive strength of 7000 psi. This is considered a high moment - high shear test with a "medium" moment-shear ratio at the opening of 7'. This beam was instrumented less thoroughly than the following tests, with strain gages only on the bottom tee in the vicinity of the opening. Where the gages were placed, however, both sides of the web and flange were strain-gaged to verify the advisability of gaging only one side of the beam in later tests. First yield occurred in tension at the edge of the opening at the low moment end of the bottom tee (Fig. 3.33). At first yield, small compressive strains were present at the top of the web at the high moment end of the bottom tee. At ultimate load, the entire tee yielded in tension. The collapse condition was reached when the cracks in the concrete at the center of the opening had propagated completely through the slab. The ultimate shear at the opening was 32.2 kips, with a primary moment of 2710 in-kips.

Beam No. 6 was a low moment - high shear test. It was constructed using the W14 \times 34 section and served as a companion test to

Beam No. 1. The moment-shear ratio was 3', and the behavior of the beam was completely dominated by the effects of the secondary bending moments. As shown in Fig. 3.34, at elastic loads the low moment end of the bottom tee was in tension, while the top of the web at the high moment end was in compression. First yield occurred at the high moment end of the top tee. At the ultimate load, the low moment end of the bottom tee had developed a compressive region in the flange (unyielded), while the web and the remainder of the flange yielded in tension. At the high moment end of the bottom tee, the compressive region increased in size until, at the ultimate load, the entire web and the top part of the flange yielded in compression. The bottom part of the flange yielded in tension. The top tee showed the secondary effects, also. At the high moment end, the steel yielded in tension, while, at the low moment end, the steel yielded in compression. The strain readings were inconsistent across the steel-concrete interface at both the low and high moment ends. A large separation near the center of the opening between the steel and concrete occurred at high loads (3/4 of ultimate load). The diagonal tensiontype cracks began propagating from this area on both sides of the slab. At the ultimate load, the cracks had propagated outward toward the high moment end and through the slab. The ultimate shear through the section was 39.4 kips, with a primary moment of 1420 in-kips. Fig. 3.39 shows the shear strains ($\varepsilon_{\rm sh}$ = ε_{+45} - ε_{-45}) obtained from the rosettes at the end of each tee. The results show that the shear strains began as expected, with the low moment ends of both tees and the high moment end of the top tee reversing the trend as yielding began. The shear strains at the high moment end of the top tee reversed the trend again at the

The bottom tee cross-section is shown in Fig. 4.9. The plastic centroid, PC, is defined as the point of application of an axial force which will cause no moment to develop when the section is fully plastic (analagous to the center of gravity for elastic behavior). The equal area axis, EAA, is the neutral axis, assuming perfect plasticity in the steel. The location of the PC and EAA, with respect to the bottom of the tee, are \overline{y} and y^* , respectively.

$$y^* = \frac{s_b t_w r}{2b_f} + \frac{t_f}{2}$$
 (4.8)

$$\overline{y} = \frac{\frac{b_f t_f^2}{2} + s_b t_w r (t_f + \frac{s_b}{2})}{b_f t_f + s_b t_w r}$$
(4.9)

in which, $r = F_{yw}/F_{yf}$, $F_{yw} =$ yield stress of web, $F_{yf} =$ yield stress of flange, $s_b =$ web stub length, $t_w =$ web thickness, $t_f =$ flange thickness, and $b_f =$ flange width.

For a specific location of the neutral axis, the axial force is found by integrating the stresses on the cross-section of the tee $(P = \int \sigma dA)$. The secondary bending moment is found by taking the moment of these stresses about the plastic centroid $(M = \int \sigma y dA)$.

4.3.1 Low Moment End

A negative secondary bending moment will result at the low moment end of the bottom tee, if a positive bending moment is applied to the beam. The negative secondary moment will create tensile stresses in the top of the tee and compressive stresses in the bottom of the tee. The neutral axis will always be in the flange, providing that the area of the web is not greater than the area of the flange (which is rarely

encountered in wide-flange beams with reasonably sized web openings). The neutral axis will be at the EAA when no axial force is present. As the axial force increases to the maximum tensile force, P_u , which is equal to $s_b t_w F_{yw} + b_f t_f F_{yf}$, the neutral axis shifts downward toward the bottom of the flange.

The location of the neutral axis with respect to the plastic centroid is designated as g (Fig. 4.10). The ratio of the axial force for a specific stress distribution, P'_{u} , is designated by n (17). Fig. 4.10 shows the stress distribution for a given neutral axis location. Equations of equilibrium can be written for the moment and axial force for a given neutral axis location, g.

F = 0:
$$(A_w r + A_f) n = s_b t_w r + b_f (g - y_b) - b_f (\overline{y} - g)$$
 (4.10)

M = 0:
$$M_{b1} = s_b t_w F_{yw} (y_t - \frac{s_b}{2}) - b_f F_{yf} g^2 + \frac{b_f F_{yf}}{2} (y_b^2 + \overline{y}^2)$$
 (4.11)

in which, $y_b = \overline{y} - t_f$ and $y_t = s_b - y_b$. Eqs. (4.10) and (4.11) may be combined to obtain a single equation in terms of n.

$$M_{b1} = -b_{f}F_{yf}C_{1}^{2}n^{2} - 2C_{1}C_{2}b_{f}F_{yf}n - b_{f}F_{yf}C_{2}^{2} + Z_{1} + Z_{2}$$

$$C_{1} = \frac{A_{w}r + A_{f}}{2b_{f}}$$

$$C_{2} = \frac{b_{f}(y_{b} + \overline{y}) - s_{b}t_{w}r}{2b_{f}}$$

$$A_{w} = s_{b}t_{w}$$

$$(4.12)$$

$$A_{f} = b_{f}t_{f}$$

$$Z_{1} = s_{b}t_{w}F_{yw}(y_{t} - \frac{s_{b}}{2})$$

$$Z_{2} = \frac{1}{2}b_{f}F_{yf}(y_{b}^{2} + \overline{y}^{2})$$

The result is a quadratic equation from which the tensile force ($P'_u = nP_u$) can be found, if the secondary moment, M_{b1} , is known.

4.3.2 High Moment End

The high moment end of the bottom tee is subjected to a positive secondary bending moment and a tensile axial force when the beam is subjected to a positive primary bending moment (Fig. 4.8). The positive secondary moment will create tensile stresses in the bottom of the tee and compressive stresses in the top of the tee. The equal area axis, EAA, and plastic centroid, PC, are obtained from Eqs. (4.8) and (4.9). The neutral axis under plastic bending is located at the EAA. As the tensile force is increased in the tee, the neutral axis shifts upward into the web. Two cases must be considered in order to develop the moment-axial force equations: (1) neutral axis in the web and (2) neutral axis in the flange. Fig. 4.11 shows these two cases.

When the neutral axis is in the web, the resulting momentaxial force equation is

$$M_{bh}(1) = -t_w F_{yw} C_3^2 n^2 - 2t_w F_{yw} C_3 C_4 n + Z_3 + Z_4 - t_w F_{yw} C_4^2$$
 (4.13) in which
$$C_3 = \frac{A_w r + A_f}{2t_w r}$$

$$C_{4} = \frac{(y_{t} - y_{b}) t_{w}r - b_{f}t_{f}}{2t_{w}r}$$

$$Z_{3} = b_{f}t_{f}F_{yf}(\frac{t_{f}}{2} + y_{b})$$

$$Z_{4} = \frac{1}{2}t_{w}F_{yw}(y_{b}^{2} + y_{t}^{2})$$

When the neutral axis is in the flange, the moment-axial force equations can be reduced to

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{M}_{bh}(2) &= -\mathsf{b}_{f} \mathsf{F}_{yf} \mathsf{C}_{6}^{2} \mathsf{n}^{2} - 2 \mathsf{b}_{f} \mathsf{F}_{yf} \mathsf{C}_{5} \mathsf{C}_{6} \mathsf{n} - \mathsf{b}_{f} \mathsf{F}_{yf} \mathsf{C}_{5}^{2} + \mathsf{Z}_{5} + \mathsf{Z}_{6} \end{aligned} \tag{4.14}$$

$$\mathsf{in which} \qquad \mathsf{C}_{5} &= \frac{\mathsf{b}_{f} (\overline{\mathsf{y}} + \mathsf{y}_{b}) - \mathsf{s}_{b} \mathsf{t}_{w} \mathsf{r}}{2 \mathsf{b}_{f}}$$

$$\mathsf{C}_{6} &= -\frac{(\mathsf{A}_{w} \mathsf{r} + \mathsf{A}_{f})}{2 \mathsf{b}_{f}}$$

$$\mathsf{Z}_{5} &= \frac{\mathsf{I}_{2} \mathsf{b}_{f} \mathsf{F}_{yf} (\overline{\mathsf{y}}^{2} + \mathsf{y}_{b}^{2})}{2 \mathsf{b}_{f}}$$

$$\mathsf{Z}_{6} &= \mathsf{s}_{b} \mathsf{t}_{w} \mathsf{F}_{yw} (\mathsf{y}_{t} - \frac{\mathsf{s}_{b}}{2})$$

4.3.3 Total Capacity

From the moment equilibrium equation, Eq. (4.7), the secondary moments at both ends of the bottom tee must equal the bottom shear force (V_b) times the opening length (2a). Using the moment-axial force equations developed for the bottom tee, Eq. (4.7) can be expressed as

Neutral Axis in Web at High Moment End

$$2V_{b}a = M_{b1} + M_{bh}(1)$$

$$= (-b_{f}F_{yf}C_{1}^{2}n^{2} - 2C_{1}C_{2}b_{f}F_{yf}n - b_{f}F_{yf}C_{2}^{2} + Z_{1} + Z_{2})$$

$$+ (-t_{w}F_{vw}C_{3}^{2}n^{2} - 2t_{w}F_{vw}C_{3}C_{4}n + Z_{3} + Z_{4} - t_{w}F_{vw}C_{4}^{2}) \quad (4.15)$$

Neutral Axis in Flange at High Moment End

$$2V_{b}^{a} = M_{b1} + M_{bh}(2)$$

$$= (-b_{f}F_{yf}C_{1}^{2}n^{2} - 2C_{1}C_{2}b_{f}F_{yf}n - b_{f}F_{yf}C_{2}^{2} + Z_{1} + Z_{2})$$

$$+ (-b_{f}F_{yf}C_{6}^{2}n^{2} - 2b_{f}F_{yf}C_{5}C_{6}n - b_{f}F_{yf}C_{5}^{2} - Z_{5} + Z_{6}) \quad (4.16)$$

The web-flange crossover point for the high moment end equations will occur when $g = -y_b$ at the high moment end. At this neutral axis location,

$$n = \frac{b_f t_f - 2y_b t_w r + (y_b - y_t) t_w r}{(A_w r + A_f)}$$
 (4.17)

The axial force ratio at the crossover point is designated $n_{\rm C}$. By substituting $n_{\rm C}$ into either Eq. (4.15) or Eq. (4.16), the crossover shear force can be found.

$$V_{bc} = \frac{M_{b1}(n_c) + M_{bh}(1 \text{ or } 2)(n_c)}{2a}$$
 (4.18)

If the applied shear force, V_b , is less than V_{bc} , Eq. (4.15) is used. Eq. (4.16) is used if the shear force is greater than V_{bc} .

The moment-axial force equations, Eqs. (4.15) and (4.16), are of the form $2V_ba = K_1n^2 + K_2n + K_3$. For a specific shear force, V_b , transferred through the tee, the equation is solved for n (positive root). The axial force is found by $P'_u = nP_u$, where $P_u = s_bt_wF_{yw} + b_ft_fF_{yf}$. The secondary moments can be found by substituting n into the moment-axial force equations for the low and high moment ends of the tee, Eqs. (4.12), (4.13), and (4.14).

The moment-axial force equations for the bottom tee determine the combination of axial forces and moments that the tee can carry, assuming that the steel is yielding. The equations are presented for a tensile axial force in the bottom tee. These equations can be adapted for a compressive axial force by applying the high moment end equations to the low moment end, and vice versa. The interaction diagram for moment and axial force in the bottom tee is shown in Fig. 4.12a for both tensile and compressive axial forces. Note that the negative bending moment in Fig. 4.12a represents a counterclockwise moment applied at the low moment end of the tee (i.e., a positive $M_{\rm bl}$ in Fig. 4.8). Fig. 4.12b shows the interaction diagram in terms of total secondary moment versus axial force.

The shear force that is transferred through the bottom tee decreases the capacity of the tee. Within the model, this shear is assigned to the web of the tee. The web is assumed to extend through the flange. The average shear stress for the web is

$$\tau_{b} = \frac{V_{b}}{(s_{b} + t_{f}) t_{w}}$$
 (4.19)

Using the von Mises yield criterion, Eq. (4.1), the reduced longitudinal

yield strength of the web is

$$F_{ywr} = (F_{yw}^2 - 3\tau_b^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
 (4.20)

 F_{ywr} is used in place of F_{yw} in Eqs. (4.11) - (4.16). The maximum axial capacity of the bottom tee, P_u , is fixed by virtue of the material strength and the tee size. P_u occurs only when the beam is in pure bending. Since no shear is transferred through the tee in the pure bending case, the axial strength is not reduced.

Secondary moments develop as shear is transferred through the tee. As more shear is transferred, the capacity is reduced due to the reduced yield stress of the web, F_{ywr} . From the moment equilibrium equation, Eq. (4.7), the sum of the secondary moments is equal to the product of the bottom shear force times the opening length. For a particular value of the secondary moments, as the opening length decreases, the capacity of the tee (as represented by the axial forcemoment interactions) decreases because the higher shear causes a greater reduction in the web yield strength. Fig. 4.13 shows the effect of opening length on the bottom tee axial force-moment interaction diagram. The results illustrated in Fig. 4.13 may seem contradictory, since a shorter opening can carry a greater shear. The shorter opening carries a greater shear, because the reduction in the secondary moments obtained with the shorter opening more than compensates for the reduction in the secondary moment capacity.

4.4 Top Tee

The top tee is subjected to an axial force, a shear force, and secondary moments similar to the bottom tee. Under a positive primary bending moment, the top tee carries an axial compressive force, equal in magnitude to the tensile force in the bottom tee (Fig. 4.14). The equilibrium equations for the top tee are

(1)
$$P_{t1} = P_{th}$$
 (4.21)

(2)
$$V_{t1} = V_{th}$$
 (4.22)

(3)
$$M_{t1} + M_{th} = 2V_{t}a$$
 (4.23)

in which, P_{t1} = axial force at the low moment end, P_{th} = axial force at the high moment end, V_{t1} = shear force at the low moment end, V_{th} = shear force at the high moment end, M_{t1} = secondary moment at the low moment end, and M_{th} = secondary moment at the high moment end.

The equilibrium forces are shown in Fig. 4.15. Since the axial and shear forces at the ends of the tee are equal, they will be referred to as $P_{\rm t}$ and $V_{\rm t}$, respectively.

The two failure modes described in section 4.1 are controlled by the top tee. A "mechanism" failure corresponds with the formation of plastic hinges (one or two) at the ends of the tee. A "shear" failure is governed by the strength of the top tee at the point of contraflexure.

4.4.1 Mechanism Failure

Under pure bending, it is assumed that failure of the top tee will occur by crushing in the concrete in compression and yielding of the steel in tension below the neutral axis. The stress distributions at the

low and high moment ends of the top tee are assumed to be identical. As shear force is added to the top tee, a negative secondary moment is induced at the low moment end and a positive secondary moment is induced at the high moment end (Fig. 4.15). At the low moment end, the secondary moment tends to counter the effect of the primary moment, as tensile stresses are created at the top of the slab and compressive stresses are added at the bottom of the tee. At the high moment end, the secondary moment adds to the stresses caused by the primary bending moment. Therefore, as shear is first added to the top tee, a plastic hinge occurs only at the high moment end. As the moment-shear ratio at the opening is further reduced, the shear increases, and the primary bending moment decreases. This results in a negative secondary bending moment at the low moment end, which produces a plastic hinge. The shear force in the top tee which corresponds to two plastic hinges and zero axial force is called the "mechanism" shear strength of the top tee, $V_{tmax}(\text{mech})$.

<u>High Moment End</u>

The secondary moment at the high moment end is positive under a positive primary moment, as shown in Fig. 4.15. The concrete at the top of the slab is in compression, while the bottom of the steel is in tension.

Failure of the high moment end is assumed to occur when the strain at the top of the concrete slab reaches -0.003. Strain compatibility across the concrete-steel interface is assumed (plane sections remain plane). This assumption does not match the experimental observations but proves to be satisfactory for the model. The plastic centroid is defined as the point of application of an axial force which will cause no moment when the concrete and steel are at their maximum

stresses in compression. All secondary moments are calculated with respect to the plastic centroid (Fig. 4.16). The location of the plastic centroid with respect to the bottom of the tee is calculated by

$$x_{c} = \frac{.85f'_{c}t_{s}b_{eff}x_{r} + A_{r}F_{yr}x_{r}}{.85f'_{c}t_{s}b_{eff} + A_{r}F_{yr} + A_{f}F_{yf} + A_{w}F_{yw}} + x_{s}$$
 (4.24)

$$x_{s} = \frac{{\frac{1}{2}s_{t}}^{2}t_{w}r + b_{f}t_{f}(s_{t} + {\frac{1}{2}t_{f}})}{b_{f}t_{f} + s_{t}t_{w}r}$$

$$x_r = s_t + t_f - x_s + \frac{1}{2}t_s$$

in which, f'_c = compressive strength of concrete, s_t = web stub length, t_s = slab thickness, b_{eff} = slab width, A_r = area of longitudinal reinforcing steel, F_{yr} = yield strength of reinforcing steel, A_f = area of top tee steel flange, and A_w = area of top tee steel web.

Since the top tee consists of two different materials, it is necessary to utilize strain-compatibility and stress-strain relations to determine the strength of the section. For each strain distribution, there is a corresponding stress distribution. The stress distribution determines the secondary moments and axial force. The requirement for failure is that the concrete "crush" at the top of the slab (strain = -0.003). The steel is elastic-plastic. Fig. 4.17 shows strain distributions, and the corresponding stress distributions, for different locations of the neutral axis. At failure, the concrete is assumed to have a depth of stress block equal to 0.85 times the depth to the neutral axis. The concrete stress within the stress block is 0.85 times the

the reduced strength, f, obtained using Eq. (4.3). The effective width of the concrete in compression is limited by the AISC restrictions (5).

Both the concrete and the steel can carry shear. The concrete carries shear above the neutral axis, in a width, $3t_s$, equal to three times the slab thickness. This effective width for shear is based on experience with reinforced concrete T-beams in which a portion of the flange is shown to participate in carrying shear (3).

The steel carries shear in both the web and the flange.

However, the flange is allowed to carry shear only if both the web and
the slab are at full capacity.

During the solution process, all of the shear force is first assigned to the concrete. The concrete compressive strength is reduced using Eq. (4.3). The shear stress in the concrete is

$$\tau_{c} = \frac{V_{hc}}{3t_{s}c} \tag{4.25}$$

in which, V_{hc} = shear force assigned to the concrete, and c = depth to the neutral axis from the top of the slab.

The strain distribution is varied (the strain in the top of the slab is held constant at -0.003) until the desired axial force is found (within .01% in this study). The shear stress in the concrete is rechecked, since the value changes as the depth of the neutral axis changes. The concrete strength is readjusted until the calculated shear stress is equal to the assumed shear stress.

The steel is assigned a shear force, $V_{\rm S}$, in increasing increments to determine the distribution of shear within the top tee that will result in the highest value for the primary moment. The concrete

is assigned the remainder of the shear ($V_{hc} = V_{t} - V_{s}$). The shear stress in the steel is taken to be

$$\tau_{s} = \frac{V_{s}}{(s_{t} + t_{f}) t_{w}}$$
 (4.26)

The steel yield strength is reduced for the shear using Eq. (4.2).

For each distribution of shear, the strain distribution is again varied to obtain the required axial force. The stresses in the steel are found by transforming the assumed strain distribution to a stress distribution (σ = εE). The stress in the steel may not exceed the reduced yield stress. From the stress distribution, the axial force and secondary moment are calculated. A moment-axial force interaction diagram for the high moment end of the top tee is shown in Fig. 4.18.

The maximum axial force that the top tee will carry is equal to the maximum axial force for the bottom tee. As the opening length decreases, the shear in the tees increases for a given secondary moment. This increased shear reduces the capacity of the top tee. Fig. 4.19 shows the reduction in capacity due to the decrease in opening length. As explained in section 4.3.3, this is somewhat misleading, since the overall shear capacity of the tee will increase as the opening is shortened due to the reduction in the secondary moments.

Low Moment End

A hinge will form at the low moment end of the top tee in the "pure shear case", that is when no axial force is present in the top tee. The negative secondary moment will create a tensile stress in the top of the slab which causes the concrete to crack. Since the neutral

axis is normally in the steel section, the concrete is fully cracked and is assigned no shear.

The web of the steel is assigned all of the shear force until the web yield strength is reduced to zero. The shear stress in the web is

$$\tau = \frac{V_t}{(s_f + t_f) t_w} \tag{4.27}$$

The steel strength is reduced using Eq. (4.2), and the maximum shear that can be carried by the web is

$$V_{wmax} = \frac{F_{yw}(s_t + t_f) t_w}{\sqrt{3}}$$
 (4.28)

If the shear in the top tee is greater than V_{wmax} , the flange carries V_t - V_{wmax} , and the flange yield stress is reduced accordingly.

When the beam is subjected to zero primary moment at the opening (pure shear case), a closed-form solution is obtained for the low moment end of the top tee by assuming that the steel is fully plastic. The secondary moment is calculated with respect to the plastic centroid of the top tee (see Eq. (4.24)).

For normal amounts of reinforcing steel, the neutral axis is not in the slab, but in the steel section. The neutral axis is in the flange (Fig. 4.20a) if

$$A_r F_{vr} + b_f t_f F_{vfr} > s_t t_w F_{vwr}$$
 (4.29)

in which, A_r = area of the reinforcing steel, and F_{yr} = yield stress of

the reinforcing steel. In this case, the neutral axis is a distance, y_1 , from the top of the flange.

$$y_1 = \frac{b_f t_f F_{yfr} + s_t t_w F_{ywr} - A_r F_{yr}}{2b_f F_{yfr}}$$
 (4.30)

and the secondary moment at the low moment end is

$$M_{t1} = s_{t} t_{w} F_{ywr} (h_{r} + t_{f} + \frac{1}{2} s_{t}) + b_{f} (t_{f} - y_{1}) F_{yfr} (h_{r} + \frac{1}{2} y_{1} + \frac{1}{2} t_{f})$$

$$- b_{f} y_{1} F_{vfr} (h_{r} + \frac{1}{2} y_{1})$$

$$(4.31)$$

in which, h_r = the height of the reinforcing steel above the steel flange. The neutral axis is in the web (Fig. 4.20b) if

$$A_r F_{yr} + b_f t_f F_{yfr} < s_t t_w F_{twr} . (4.32)$$

In this case, the neutral axis is a distance, y_2 , from the bottom of the web

$$y_2 = \frac{A_r F_{yr} + b_f t_f F_{yfr} + s_t t_w F_{ywr}}{2t_w F_{ywr}}$$
 (4.33)

and the secondary moment at the low moment end is

$$M_{t1} = A_r F_{yr} (h_r + t_f + s_t - \frac{1}{2} y_2) + b_f t_f F_{yfr} (\frac{1}{2} t_f + s_t - \frac{1}{2} y_2)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} t_w F_{ywr} s_t (s_t - y_2) .$$
(4.34)

For a "mechanism" failure, the low moment end of the top tee is critical only in the "pure shear" case. With the application of a primary bending moment at the opening, the addition of an axial force and the reduction in the shear stress serve to strengthen the low moment end. Under increasing moment, the low moment end become critical, again, only under pure bending, when the entire top tee is subjected to the same stress distribution.

4.4.2 Shear Failure

A shear failure can occur in the concrete and steel at the point of contraflexure, where no secondary bending stresses are present (only axial forces). In the "pure shear case", no axial forces are present. The concrete and the steel are subjected only to shear stresses at this location. The shear strength of the top tee at the point of contraflexure is

$$V_{\text{tmax}}(\text{sh}) = 3.5\sqrt{f'_c} 3t_s^2 + \frac{(s_t + t_f) t_w F_{yw}}{\sqrt{3}}$$
 (4.35)

4.5 Summary of Interaction Procedure

The initial step in developing an interaction curve is to determine the maximum shear strength of the top and bottom tees:

The bottom tee shear strength, $V_{\rm bmax}$, is calculated by varying the shear force assigned to the tee until a shear force is found that corresponds to zero axial force.

The maximum shear strength of the top tee for a "shear" failure, $V_{tmax}(sh)$, is calculated using Eq. (4.35). The maximum shear for a "mechanism" failure, $V_{tmax}(mech)$, is calculated by varying the shear force assigned to the top tee

until the moment equilibrium equation, Eq. (4.23), is satisfied. The shear strength of the top tee, $V_{\rm tmax}$, is assumed to be the smaller of the two values. The total shear strength of the beam at the opening, $V_{\rm max}$, is the sum of $V_{\rm tmax}$ and $V_{\rm bmax}$.

To develop an interaction curve, values of shear, between 0 and $V_{\rm max}$, are assigned to the opening. For a specific value of shear, $V_{\rm total}$, the amount assigned to the bottom is

$$V_{b} = V_{\text{total}} \left(\frac{V_{\text{bmax}}}{V_{\text{max}}} \right)$$
 (4.36)

while top tee carries

$$V_t = V_{total} - V_b = V_{total} \left(\frac{V_{tmax}}{V_{max}} \right)$$
 (4.37)

This method of assigning the shear to the top and bottom tees is used for convenience. It is on the safe side, because the overall procedure is an equilibrium method and produces a lower bound solution.

In distributing the shear force to the tees, two cases must be considered. When $V_{\rm tmax}({\rm mech}) < V_{\rm tmax}({\rm sh})$, the shear force in the bottom and top tees vary linearly from 0 to $V_{\rm bmax}$ and $V_{\rm tmax}({\rm mech})$, respectively as shown in Fig. 4.21.

When $V_{tmax}(sh) < V_{tmax}(mech)$, the shear in the bottom tee varies linearly from 0 to V_{bmax} , while the shear in the top tee varies linearly from 0 to $V_{tmax}(mech)$, until it reaches 95% of $V_{tmax}(sh)$. Then the top shear varies linearly from 95 to 100% of $V_{tmax}(sh)$, as the shear in the bottom tee continures to increase (Fig. 4.22).

The axial force in the tees is controlled by the bottom tee. As the shear in the bottom tee is varied from 0 to $V_{\rm bmax}$, the axial

force and secondary moments are calculated. The axial force in the top tee is equal to the axial force in the bottom tee. The primary moment at the centerline of the opening is

$$M_{primary} = P z + M_{th} + M_{bh} - V_{total} a$$
 (4.38)

in which, P = axial force, z = distance between the plastic centroids in the top and bottom tee, a = half of the opening length, and V_{total} = the total shear at the opening at a given increment.

The primary moment is calculated at each increment as the total shear on the section varies from 0 to V_{max} and is maximized for each value of V_{total} by adjusting the shear distribution within the high moment end of the top tee. Fig. 4.23 shows an example of an interaction curve in which a "mechanism" failure controls under high shear for the top tee. Fig. 4.24 shows an example of an interaction curve in which a "shear" failure controls.

The "pure shear" case discussed previously does not, in fact, represent pure shear. This is due to the fact that although the axial forces (and therefore Pz) are zero, the points of contraflexure are not in the center of the opening and M_{primary} is greater than zero (see Eq. (4.38)). To obtain a zero primary moment, it is necessary to apply a compressive axial force to the bottom tee and a tensile axial force to the top tee such that

$$Pz = -M_{th} - M_{bh} + V_{total} a \qquad (4.39)$$

For this calculation, the shear force on the top tee, V_{tmax} , is held

constant, and the bottom shear is decreased slightly until the primary moment drops to zero. Holding V_{tmax} constant is justified since the effect of a small tensile force is small. The effect on V_b is also small, so that, in practice, the difference in V_{max} for the "pure shear" case and the case in which $M_{primary} = 0$ is negligible.

CHAPTER 5

APPLICATION OF ULTIMATE STRENGTH MODEL

5.1 General

To determine the applicability of the proposed ultimate strength model for composite beams with web openings, comparisons with experimental tests are required. Interaction diagrams are developed using the geometric and material properties for each of the six beams tested (Tables 2.1 to 2.3). Average yield stresses for the bottom and top flanges and the horizontal yield stress for the web are used. Further comparisons are made to the two beams tested by Granade (16) using nominal beam dimensions and his reported values for the material properties.

The effect of opening length, opening eccentricity, and material properties on the predicted strength of composite beams with web openings is, also, investigated.

5.2 Comparison with Test Results

5.2.1 Current Tests

The moment-shear interaction diagrams for the six beams in the current study are shown in Figs. 5.1 to 5.6. Table 5.1 presents the predicted and observed ultimate shear strengths and primary moments for the beams at the opening. The experimental ultimate shear and primary moment is plotted on the interaction diagram. The origin and the experimental data point are connected with a straight line. The point at which the line crosses the interaction curve represents the predicted ultimate shear and primary moment at the moment-shear ratio. The slope of the line represents the moment-shear ratio. Table 5.2 summarizes

the interaction results for the pure shear and pure moment cases.

With the exception of Beam No. 4, the model conservatively predicts the ultimate strength at the opening. The results for Beams No. 2, 3, 4, and 5 (larger steel sections) indicate that as the momentshear ratio of the opening increases, the ratio of the difference in experimental and predicted strength to predicted strength, R. increases. Beam No. 3, with a moment-shear ratio of 33', failed at an ultimate shear (13.3 kips) that was 27% higher than predicted (11 kips).* The tests with the lower moment-shear ratios, Beams No. 2 and 5, failed at shears 16% and 14%, respectively, higher than predicted. The low momentshear ratio test (Beam No. 4) failed at a shear that was 4.0% below the predicted shear strength. The low strength of Beam No. 4 is consistent with the trend of the test results, when compared with the ultimate strength model. However, the fact that this test result is below the predicted value is not consistent with the rest of the results and may be due to a variability in material properties within the beam. The results for Beams 1 and 6 (smaller steel section) also show the increase in experimental over predicted strength as the moment-shear ratio increases. Beam No. 1, with a 7' moment-shear ratio, failed at a shear 24% higher than the predicted shear. Beam No. 6, with a moment-shear ratio of 3', failed at a shear 7% higher than predicted.

A large part of the difference in the predicted and the experimental strength of the beams can be attributed to the material representation in the model. The steel is assumed to behave in an elasto-plastic manner. No strain hardening was assumed. However, the recorded strains in some beams were very high (over 0.02).

^{*} Comparisons based on applied load. See Table 5.1b for comparisons including dead load.

In the high-moment beams, the strain hardening effect is greater, due to the high tensile strains throughout the steel section. The effect of strain hardening in high-shear beams will be smaller because of the high strain gradient present in the tees due to the large secondary bending moments. These effects can be seen in the 6 test beams. The high moment, low shear beam (Beam No. 3) had the largest value of R. The low moment, high shear beams (Beams No. 4 and 6) showed the smallest values of R.

One method that can be used to include the effect of strain hardening is to increase the yield stress of the steel in the model. The material and geometric properties of Beam No. 2 are used to generate an interaction curve, in which the yield stress of the steel is increased (Fig. 5.7). For the pure moment case, the steel yield stress is increased by 20%. As the total shear on the section is increased to V_{max} (pure shear case), the steel yield stress is reduced, linearly, to the original value. The curve is normalized with respect to the pure shear and moment capacities* of Beam No. 2. The four data points, representing the test beams (large steel sections), are, also, normalized with respect to the pure shear and moment strengths of the beams. The interaction curve for Beam No. 2 with a constant yield strength is shown for comparison.

Table 5.1 shows the predicted points of contraflexure in the bottom tee for the test beams at failure. The model predicts, in every case, that the point of contraflexure will occur near the low moment end

^{*} A zero length opening is used to normalize the pure shear capacity. $V_{\text{max}} = 3.5 \sqrt{f^{\dagger}_{c}} 3t_{s}^{2} + \frac{(s_{t} + s_{b} + 2t_{f}) t_{w}F_{y}}{\sqrt{3}}$.

of the opening. Under pure shear, the model predicts that the point of contraflexure will occur in the center of the opening in the bottom tee at failure. As the moment is increased on the section, the point of contraflexure shifts toward the low moment end. In the pure moment case, no point of contraflexure is located in the opening. At failure, the point of contraflexure in the top tee will never occur at the center of the opening due to the cracked low moment end's reduced flexural capacity.

Slip between the concrete and the steel is not considered in the model. Based on the experimental evidence, however, slip does occur. This lack of agreement does not seem to be of great importance for the beams in this study.

The model is based on two possible modes of failure in the top tee, "shear" and "mechanism" failure. Beam No. 3 failed primarily in flexure as predicted by the model ("mechanism" failure in the top tee). Beams No. 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 failed in the diagonal tension-type (shear) mode. The model predicts "mechanism" failures for these beams. However, the difference in the predicted "shear" and "mechanism" strengths is small for these beams. In all of the higher shear tests (Beams No. 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6), the behavior supported the "mechanism" failure, cracking at the top of the slab at the low moment end and cracking at the bottom of the slab at the high moment end. However, before the hinges could fully develop for a "mechanism" failure, the concrete failed in shear.

5.2.2 Granade Tests

Two small (W8 x 28) composite beams with web openings were tested by Granade (16) (see Fig. 5.8). Each beam had a $3\frac{1}{2}$ " thick, 24" wide concrete slab and was supported on a 10' span. The opening height

was 4.8", with a length of 7.2", 0.6 and 0.9 of the depth of the steel section, compared to 0.6 and 1.2 for the current tests. The concrete strength was 3980 psi and the steel strength was 43.8 ksi for the flanges and 47.9 ksi for the web. The moment-shear ratios of the openings were 2' and 4', respectively. The interaction diagram for the beams is shown in Fig. 5.9. The results are summarized in Tables 5.1 and 5.2. A shear type failure occurred in both beams as predicted by the model. The experimental ultimate strength of the high moment beam was 3% higher than the predicted value. The experimental strength of the high shear beam was 16% higher than the predicted strength. The test with the moment-shear ratio of 4' had a value of R (3%) that was consistent with the current tests. The high shear test, however, does not show the decrease in R observed for the current tests for lower moment-shear ratios. Detail is lacking on the test procedures and material properties for these beams. Clearly, more study is needed for short openings.

5.3 Effects of Geometry

5.3.1 Opening Length

The length of a web opening affects the strength of a beam at the web opening. The pure moment capacity is not affected. As seen in Chapter 4, the sum of the secondary moments must be equal to the product of the shear force in the tee times the opening length. Since the secondary moment capacity of the tees is largely fixed (although some reduction occurs due to shear stress), the shear strength of both the top and bottom tees decrease as the opening length increases. On the other hand, if the opening length is reduced sufficiently so that a "shear" failure controls in the top tee, the shear strength of the top

tee is fixed and the strength varies only with the strength increase in the bottom tee. Fig. 5.10 shows the predicted effects of doubling the opening length and reducing the opening length by one-half in Beam No. 2.

5.3.2 Eccentricity

The location of the opening in the steel beam has an effect on the moment and shear capacity at the opening. As the opening is shifted upward from the centerline of the steel beam (positive eccentricity), the area of the bottom tee increases. The larger bottom tee develops a greater axial force, and the primary moment capacity in pure bending increases. As the opening is shifted downward from the centerline of the steel beam, the primary moment capacity in pure bending decreases (Fig. 5.11 and 5.12).

The type of failure that occurs in the top tee has a large effect on the behavior of openings with varying eccentricites, E. If a "mechanism" failure controls, the concentric opening will produce a lower pure shear strength, while the positive and negative eccentricities will increase the shear strength. Fig. 5.11 shows the effect of eccentricities of -1.5", 0", and 1.5" with a "mechanism" failure controlling in the top tee. The highest shear strength occurs at E = -1.5" and the lowest at E = 0". If a "shear" failure controls in the top tee, positive eccentricities produce lower shear strengths, while negative eccentricities produce higher shear strengths. Fig. 5.12 shows the effect of eccentricities of -1.5", 0", and 1.5" with a "shear" failure controlling in the top tee. The model exhibits this behavior because of the manner in which the tee shear strengths are calculated when a "shear" failure controls. As the opening is shifted upward or downward, the top tee responds with a linear decrease or increase in its shear

capacity. The bottom tee, however, does not respond with a proportional increase or decrease. Thus in this case, the shear capacity increases when more web area is given to the top tee and vice versa. The results obtained for high shear are in conflict with the model proposed by Todd and Cooper (30) who suggest that both positive and negative eccentricities increase the pure shear strength of composite beams equally at the opening. These interaction diagrams raise an important area for further validation of the model.

5.4 Material Properties

5.4.1 Steel

The steel yield strength affects the moment and shear capacity of a composite beam at a web opening. An increase in steel strength tends to expand the interaction curve as the moment and shear capacities of the section increase. Fig. 5.13 shows the effect of increasing the steel strength of Beam No. 2 by 10%. The pure shear strength of the beam at the opening is increased by 7% and the pure flexural capacity is increased by 9%. A "mechanism" failure in the top tee controls at high shears in both diagrams; however, the "mechanism" strength and the "shear" strength are nearly equal.

5.4.2 Concrete

Concrete strength also affects the strength of composite beams with web openings. An increase in concrete strength tends to expand the interaction curve, as does the steel, but to a lesser degree. Fig. 5.14 shows the interaction curves for Beam No. 2 with concrete strengths of 2000, 4000 and 6000 psi. A 200% increase in concrete strength results in a predicted increase in the pure shear strength of

the section of only 16% while the predicted increase in the pure moment capacity is only 13%. The predicted mode of failure for all three beams is a "mechanism" failure.

CHAPTER 6

DESIGN OF WEB OPENINGS

IN COMPOSITE BEAMS

6.1 General

A simplified method for constructing moment-shear interaction diagrams is presented to aid designers in the placement of rectangular web openings in composite beams. The approach is based on the existing experimental evidence and the analytical results obtained in the current study.

The procedure is based on a number of simplifying assumptions: The steel will yield in compression or tension. The shear force in the top tee is carried by both the concrete and the steel at the high moment end, but only by the steel at the low moment end. At the high moment end of the top tee, the concrete is at its maximum shear stress (0.21 $\rm f^i{}_c$), which corresponds to a compressive stress of 0.73 $\rm f^i{}_c$ (see Section 4.2). The steel yield stresses are reduced according to the von Mises yield criterion. The bottom tee carries shear only in the web. "Shear" and "mechanism" failure criteria are utilized for the top tee to determine its shear capacity.

Due to the iterative nature of this procedure, it is well suited for use with a mini-computer.

6.2 Analysis Procedure

6.2.1 Simplified Interaction Curve

The interaction between moment and shear in composite beams with web openings is weak; that is, the moment capacity at a web opening is relatively unaffected by the shear force, until the shear

approaches V_{max} . Due to this weak interaction, a circular interaction curve satisfactorily represents the moment-shear interaction. The circular interaction curve is represented by

$$\left(\frac{M}{M_{\text{max}}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{V}{V_{\text{max}}}\right)^2 = 1$$
 (6.1)

in which, M_{max} = the maximum moment capacity of the beam at the web opening and V_{max} = the maximum shear capacity of the beam at the web opening.

Eq. (6.1) is plotted in Fig. 6.1 for Beam No. 4. The interaction diagram generated by the proposed ultimate strength model is also shown. The two curves match quite well. The circular interaction curve slightly overestimates the moment capacity in the high moment region of the curve and slightly underestimates the moment capacity in the high shear region of the curve. However, in the high moment region, the effect of strain hardening is more pronounced and results in higher safety factors.

The current tests, as well as the two beams tested by Granade (16), are safely represented by Eq. (6.1).

The moment and shear strengths of the beam at the opening must be known in order to use the circular interaction equation. The following sections describe procedures to obtain $M_{\rm max}$ and $V_{\rm max}$.

6.2.2 Maximum Moment Capacity

The maximum moment capacity of a composite beam at a web opening is based on the usual ultimate strength procedures, using the net steel section at the opening. The steel yields and the concrete crushes at failure. The neutral axis will be in the slab, provided that the

slab is "adequate". The concrete stress within the stress block is fixed at $0.85f'_{\rm C}$. The strength contribution of the reinforcing steel in the slab is neglected because it is generally near the location of the neutral axis. Assuming that the slab is adequate (see Eq. (2.1)), the maximum moment capacity of the beam at the web opening is

$$M_{\text{max}} = T' \left(\frac{d}{2} + t_{s} - \frac{\overline{a}}{2} \right)$$
 (6.2)

in which

$$T' = A_{net} F_y = t_w(s_t + s_b)F_y + 2t_fb_fF_y$$

$$\overline{a} = \frac{T'}{0.85f'c^beff}$$

d = depth of steel section.

6.2.3 Maximum Shear Capacity

6.2.3a Maximum Shear Capacity of the Bottom Tee

The shear capacity of the bottom tee is determined by calculate the plastic moment and accompanying shear force that satisfy the moment equilibrium equation for the bottom tee (Eq. (4.7)). The shear force is assigned to the web, and the web yield stress is reduced using the von Mises yield criterion. The flange carries shear, only if the web has yielded in shear. Initially, the web yield stress is not reduced ($F_{ywr} = F_{yw}$). The following steps show the procedure used to calculate the bottom tee shear capacity:

Step No. 1

Calculate the location of the EAA.

$$y^* = \frac{s_b t_w F_{ywr} + t_f b_f F_{yf}}{2 b_f F_{yf}}$$
 (6.3)

Step No. 2

Calculate the plastic moment for the bottom tee.

$$M_b = s_b t_w F_{ywr} (\frac{s_b}{2} + t_f - \frac{y^*}{2}) + b_f F_{yf} (t_f - y^*) \frac{t_f}{2}$$
 (6.4)

Step No. 3

Calculate the shear force, $V_{\rm b}$, that satisfies the moment equilibrium equation.

$$V_b = \frac{2M_b}{2a} = \frac{M_b}{a} \tag{6.5}$$

in which, 2a is the opening length.

Step No. 4

Assign V_b to the web, and reduce the web yield strength.

$$F_{ywr} = \left[F_{yw}^2 - 3\left[\frac{V_b}{(s_t + t_f) t_w}\right]^2\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
 (6.6)

Step No. 5

Using the reduced web yield strength, return to Step No. 1, and iterate until $V_{\rm b}$ converges. The result is $V_{\rm bmax}$. Convergence usually occurs within a few iterations.

6.2.3b Maximum Shear Capacity of the Top Tee

The shear capacity of the top tee is governed by the smaller of the "mechanism" and "shear" failure loads.

"Shear" Failure

For a "shear" failure, the maximum capacity of the top tee is

$$V_{\text{tmax}}(\text{sh}) = \frac{3.5\sqrt{f_c^3} 3t_s^2}{1000} + \frac{(s_t + t_f) t_w F_{yw}}{\sqrt{3}}, \text{ kips},$$
 (6.7)

"Mechanism" Failure

To determine the "mechanism" shear strength, $V_{tmax}(mech)$, it is necessary to vary the shear force in the top tee until the moment equilibrium equation for the top tee, Eq. (4.23), is satisfied. The concrete compressive strength is fixed at $0.73f'_{\rm C}$. This corresponds to its maximum shear carrying capacity, $0.21f'_{\rm C}$. This is a conservative assumption with respect to the ultimate strength model and will, generally, result in a lower value for $V_{\rm tmax}({\rm mech})$ than will be obtained using the procedures presented in Chapter 4. The shear in the concrete is carried only in the uncracked portion of the slab. Therefore, shear is assigned to the concrete at the high moment end of the top tee only. In the steel, the yield stress is reduced separately at the low and high moment ends of the tee. The flange is assigned shear only if the web has completely yielded in shear ($F_{ywr} = 0$). To obtain rapid convergence, the web at the low moment end is initially assumed to be yielding in shear ($F_{ywr} = 0$).

Step No. 1

With the concrete strength fixed at $0.73f'_c$, calculate the depth of the stress block, \overline{a} , at the high moment end.

$$\overline{a} = \frac{b_f t_f F_{yfr} + t_w s_t F_{ywr}}{0.85(0.73) f'_c b_{eff}}$$
(6.8)

Step No. 2

Calculate the secondary moment at the high moment end.

$$M_{th} = b_f t_f F_{yfr} \left(\frac{t_f}{2} + t_s - \frac{\overline{a}}{2} \right) + t_w s_t F_{ywr} \left(\frac{s_t}{2} + t_f + t_s - \frac{\overline{a}}{2} \right)$$
 (6.9)

Step No. 3

Calculate the depth of the neutral axis at the low moment end, using Eq. (4.30) or Eq. (4.33).

If $A_rF_{yr} + b_ft_fF_{yfr} > s_tt_wF_{ywr}$, then

$$y_1 = \frac{b_f t_f F_{yfr} + s_t t_w F_{ywr} - A_r F_{yr}}{2b_f F_{yfr}}$$
 (4.30)

If A_rF_{yr} + b_ft_fF_{yfr} < s_tt_wF_{ywr}, then

$$y_2 = \frac{A_r F_{yr} + b_f t_f F_{yfr} + s_t t_w F_{ywr}}{2 t_w F_{ywr}}$$
 (4.33)

Step. No. 4

Calculate the moment at the low moment end, using Eq. (4.31) or Eq. (4.34).

If y_1 controls, then

$$M_{t1} = s_{t}t_{w}F_{ywr}(h_{r} + t_{f} + \frac{s_{t}}{2}) + b_{f}(t_{f} - y_{1})F_{yfr}(h_{r} + \frac{y_{1}}{2} + \frac{t_{f}}{2})$$
$$- b_{f}y_{1}F_{yfr}(h_{r} + \frac{y_{1}}{2}) \qquad (4.31)$$

If y_2 controls, then

$$M_{t1} = A_r F_{yr} (h_r + t_f + s_t - \frac{y_2}{2}) + b_f t_f F_{yfr} (\frac{t_f}{2} + s_t - \frac{y_2}{2})$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} t_w F_{ywr} s_t (s_t - y_2)$$
(4.34)

Step No. 5

Calculate the shear force that satisfies the moment equilibrium equation.

$$V_{t} = \frac{M_{t1} + M_{th}}{2a} \tag{6.10}$$

Step No. 6

Adjust the yield stresses for the steel at the low and high moment ends based on $V_{\pm}\colon$

High Moment End

The concrete shear capacity is based on the previously calculated stress block depth, \overline{a} .

$$V_{conc} = 0.21f'_{c}\overline{a}^{3}t_{s}$$
 (6.11)

Calculate the maximum web shear.

$$V_{\text{wmax}} = (s_t + t_f)t_w F_{vw} / \sqrt{3}$$
 (6.12)

Calculate the shear assigned to steel.

$$V_{s} = V_{t} - V_{conc} \tag{6.13}$$

If $V_s < V_{wmax}$, reduce web yield strength

$$F_{ywr} = \left[F_{yw}^2 - 3\left[\frac{V_s}{(s_t + t_f) t_w}\right]^2\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
 (6.14)

If $V_s > V_{wmax}$, $F_{ywr} = 0$ and flange yield stress is reduced by

$$F_{yfr} = \left[F_{yf}^{2} - 3\left[\frac{V_{s} - V_{wmax}}{(b_{f} - t_{w}) t_{f}}\right]^{2}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
(6.15)

Low Moment End

The steel at the low moment end carries all of the shear force, V_t . All of the shear is assigned to the web until it yields. The remainder is assigned to the flange. The web capacity is calculated by using Eq. (6.12). If $V_t < V_{wmax}$, use Eq. (6.14) replacing V_s with V_t . If $V_t > V_{wmax}$, use Eq. (6.15) replacing V_s with V_t .

Step No. 7

Using the reduced yield stresses for the low and high moment ends of the top tee, repeat the sequence beginning with Step No. 1. The solution will converge rapidly (a few iterations) to $V_{\mbox{tmax}}(\mbox{mech})$.

6.2.3c Total Shear Strength

The total shear strength, V_{max} , is calculated by adding the bottom tee shear strength, V_{bmax} , to the smaller of the top tee shear strengths, $V_{tmax}(sh)$ or $V_{tmax}(mech)$.

6.3 Design Example

A simply-supported composite beam is part of a floor system in which the center-to-center beam spacing is 10' (Fig. 6.2). The span is 40'. The composite beam is composed of a W18 x 45 steel section with a 4" thick concrete slab. The beam is designed for full composite action. A concentric opening with a 12" height and 24" length is to be placed in the beam. The steel has a minimum yield strength of 36 ksi, and the concrete has a nominal compressive strength of 4000 psi. The reinforcing consists of Grade 40 #3 bars placed at 18" at mid-depth in the slab. The live load is 50 lbs/ft². For simplicity, a load factor of 1.7 is used for both dead and live loads.

Solution:

For the W18 \times 45 steel section with a 12" \times 24" opening at mid-height in the steel beam, the section properties are

$$b_f = 7.477$$
" $s_t = 2.431$ "

 $t_f = 0.499$ " $s_b = 2.431$ "

 $t_w = 0.335$ " $t_s = 4$ "

 $d = 17.86$ " $A_m = (71.5/18) \times .11 = .44 \text{ sq. in.}$

The cross-sectional dimensions are shown in Fig. 6.3.

The material properties are $F_{yw} = F_{yf} = 36$ ksi, $f'_c = 4000$ psi, and $F_{yr} = 40$ ksi.

The effective slab width must be calculated using AISC (5) requirements.

(1)
$$Span/4 = 40'x 12/4 = 120''$$

(2) Beam Spacing =
$$10' = 120''$$

(3)
$$16t_s + b_f = 16 \times 4 + 7.477 = 71.5" \leftarrow controls$$

Therefore, $b_{eff} = 71.5$ "

Load Analysis

Dead Load

Steel Beam .045 kips/ft Concrete Slab $\frac{120 \times 4}{144}$ x .15 $\frac{.500}{.545}$ kips/ft Total Dead Load .545 kips/ft

<u>Live Load</u>

$$\frac{50 \times 10}{1000}$$
Total Load
$$\frac{.500 \text{ kips/ft}}{1.045 \text{ kips/ft}}$$

Factored Load, $w = 1.045 \times 1.7 = 1.777 \text{ kips/ft.}$

$$M_{\text{max}}(\text{Design}) = \frac{w1^2}{8} = \frac{1.777(40)^2}{8} (12) = 4265 \text{ in-kips}$$
 $V_{\text{max}}(\text{Design}) = \frac{w1}{2} = \frac{1.777(40)}{2} = 35.54 \text{ kips}$

Maximum Moment Capacity

Using Eq. (6.2),

T' = 0.335(2.431 + 2.431)36 + 2 x 36 x 0.499 x 7.477
= 327.3 kips

$$\overline{a}$$
 = 327.3/(0.85 x 4 x 71.5) = 1.346"
 M_{max} = 327.3($\frac{17.86}{2}$ + 4 - $\frac{1.346}{2}$) = 4012 in-kips

Bottom Tee Shear Capacity

Step No. 1

$$y^* = \frac{2.431(0.335)36 + 7.477(0.499)36}{2(7.477)36} = 0.304$$
"

Step No. 2

$$M_b = (2.431 \times 0.335 \times 36) \times (\frac{2.431}{2} + 0.499 - \frac{0.304}{2})$$

$$+ (7.477 \times 36 \times 0.499/2) \times (0.499 - 0.304)$$

$$= 58.91 \text{ in-kips}$$

Step No. 3

$$V_b = \frac{2(58.91)}{24} = 4.91 \text{ kips}$$

Step No. 4

$$F_{ywr} = \left[(36)^2 - 3 \left[\frac{4.91}{(2.431 + 0.499)0.335} \right]^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = 34.94 \text{ ksi}$$

Step No. 5

Using F_{ywr} and continuing the sequence at Step No. 1, V_b converges to V_{bmax} = 4.82 kips, on the third iteration.

Top Tee Shear Capacity

"Shear" Failure

$$V_{\text{tmax}}(\text{sh}) = \frac{3.5 \sqrt{4000} 3(4)^2}{1000} + \frac{(2.431 + 0.499) \times 0.335 \times 36}{\sqrt{3}}$$
$$= 31.02 \text{ kips}$$

<u>"Mechanism" Failure</u>

Step No. 1

$$a = \frac{7.477 \times 0.499 \times 36 + 0.355 \times 2.431 \times 36}{0.85 \times 0.73 \times 4 \times 71.5} = 0.922$$

Step No. 2

$$M_{\text{th}} = 7.477 \times 0.499 \times 36 \times \left(\frac{0.499}{2} + 4 - \frac{0.922}{2}\right) + 0.335 \times 2.431 \times 36 \times \left(\frac{2.431}{2} + 0.499 + 4 - \frac{0.922}{2}\right)$$

$$= 662.9 \text{ in-kips}$$

Step No. 3

$$A_r F_{yr} + b_f t_f F_{yfr} = 0.44 \times 40 + 7.477 \times 0.499 \times 36 =$$

$$= 151.9 \text{ kips}$$

$$s_t t_w F_{vwr} = 2.431 \times 0.335 \times 36 = 29.3 \text{ kips} < 151.9 \text{ kips}$$

Therefore, use Eq. (4.30), (for first iteration, assume web yielded)

$$y_1 = \frac{7.477 \times 0.499 \times 36 - 0.44 \times 40}{2 \times 7.477 \times 36} = 0.217$$
"

Step No. 4

$$M_{t1} = 7.477 \times (0.499 - 0.217) \times 36 \times (2 + \frac{0.217}{2} + \frac{0.499}{2})$$

$$- 7.477 \times 0.217 \times 36 \times (2 + \frac{0.217}{2}) = 55.83 \text{ in-kips}$$

Step No. 5

$$V_{t} = \frac{55.83 + 662.9}{24} = 29.95 \text{ kips}$$

Step No. 6

High Moment End

$$V_{conc}$$
 = 0.21 x 4 x 0.922 x 3 x 4 = 9.29 kips
 V_{wmax} = (2.431 x 0.499) x 0.335 x 36/ $\sqrt{3}$ = 20.40 kips
 V_{s} = 29.95 - 9.29 = 20.66 > 20.40, therefore, the web has yielded, and
 F_{vwr} = 0

Since V_{wmax} is very close to V_s , $F_{yfr} = F_{yf} = 36$ ksi.

Low Moment End

$$V_{wmax} = 20.40 \text{ kips}$$

$$V_{t} > V_{wmax}, \text{ therefore } F_{ywr} = 0$$

$$F_{yfr} = \left[(36)^{2} - 3 \left[\frac{(29.95 - 20.40)}{(7.477 - 0.335)0.499} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] = 35.70 \text{ ksi}$$

Beginning the sequence again at Step No. 1 with the readjusted yield stresses, the calculated shear is on the low side for the second iteration. After 8 iterations, V_t converges to V_{tmax} (mech) = 26.64 kips. However, after 4 iterations, V_t was within 2% of V_{tmax} (mech).

Total Shear Strength

$$V_{bmax}$$
 = 4.82 kips
 $V_{tmax}(sh)$ = 31.02 kips

 V_{tmax} (mech) = 26.64 kips

 $V_{\text{max}} = 4.82 + 26.64 = 31.46 \text{ kips}$

Using M_{max} = 4012 in-kips and V_{max} = 31.46 kips in Eq. (6.1), the circular interaction curve is calculated, as shown in Fig. 6.4. Fig. 6.4 also shows a curve representing the values of factored moment and shear along the span.

Since the loading on the beam is symmetrical, only one half of the beam needs to be considered. The beam moment-shear diagram crosses the interaction diagram at two points. Between these two points, the combination of moment and shear in the beam is less than the predicted capacity at the web opening. The opening may be placed between the points on the beam represented by the points of intersection of the two curves. For this problem, the points are located 3.3' and 12.05' from the supports. Fig. 6.5 shows the allowable opening locations.

It is interesting to note that if the span of the beam had been 5' shorter, the opening could have been placed anywhere in the beam. Stronger concrete and steel would have increased the strength of the section and increased the allowable locations for the opening. A smaller opening would, also, have increased the capacity at the opening. On the other hand, a slightly higher load would have prohibited the use of such a large opening in the beam.

6.4 <u>Design Interaction Summary</u>

The proposed method for obtaining design interaction curves is simple in concept and can be easily adapted to computer use.

This method can be utilized to determine interaction curves for all sizes and locations of rectangular openings. However, the amount of experimental data substantiating the method is very low. Particularly, further testing is necessary to determine the validity of the method for eccentric openings and different size steel sections. However, for beams with concentric openings, it appears that this procedure provides a conservative prediction of beam capacity.

CHAPTER 7

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

7.1 Summary

The purpose of this investigation was to study the effects of web openings on composite beams through experimental testing and to develop an ultimate strength model. Six composite beams with concentric rectangular web openings were tested to failure. Varying moment-shear ratios were used to help develop and verify the model. One non-composite steel beam was tested to demonstrate the contribution of the concrete to the capacity of composite beams with web openings. Two steel sections were used, while the concrete slab size was held constant for all beams. Three elastic tests were performed on each beam before it was tested to failure.

The model was developed to predict the ultimate strength of composite beams at the web openings with varying amounts of moment and shear. The model is compared with experimental results and is used to study the effects of key parameters (material strength, opening size and eccentricity) that affect the strength of composite beams with web openings.

A simplified design interaction procedure is presented to conservatively guide the placement of web openings in composite beams.

7.2 Conclusions

- Based on the experimental study, it is clear that web openings can greatly reduce the strength of composite beams.
- 2. In the vicinity of the opening, the compressive strains in the concrete remain low, long after the steel begins to yield.

- The load, at first yield in the steel near the openings, is not representative of the ultimate strength of the beam.
- 4. The nature of failure in composite beams with web openings is ductile. Concrete failure is preceded by general yielding of the steel in the vicinity of the opening.
- 5. The ultimate strength of composite beams at web openings is governed by the failure of the concrete.
- 6. The concrete and steel exhibit large values of slip prior to failure at the web opening. It is not clear that this has an important effect on strength.
- 7. The concrete in composite beams contributes, not only, to the flexural strength, but also to the shear strength of the beams at web openings.
- 8. The moment-shear ratio at an opening has a pronounced effect on ultimate behavior. Beams with high moment-shear ratios fail by general yielding in the steel below the neutral axis and crushing in the concrete. Beams with medium to low moment-shear ratios fail by the formation of plastic hinges in the bottom tee accompanied by a diagonal tension-type failure in the concrete.
- 9. The contribution of the concrete to shear strength must be considered to obtain an adequate analytical model.
- 10. The proposed ultimate strength model provides satisfactory predictions of the strength and failure mode of composite beams with web openings. With the exception of one beam, the model conservatively predicts the ultimate strength of the test beams.

- 11. The ultimate strength model shows that the flexural and shear capacities of beams at web openings are increased as the strengths of the concrete and steel are increased. Increasing the steel strength provides a relatively greater increase in capacity than increasing the concrete strength.
- 12. Increasing the opening length decreases the shear capacity of a beam, while decreasing the opening length increases the capacity.
- 13. The eccentricity of an opening affects the flexural and shear capacity of a composite beam. The model predicts that raising an opening will increase the flexural capacity, while lowering an opening will reduce the flexural capacity. The effect on shear capacity depends on the predicted failure mode. If a "mechanism" failure is predicted, raising or lowering an opening will increase the shear strength. If a "shear" failure is predicted, raising an opening will decrease the shear strength, while lowering an opening will increase the shear strength.
- 14. The simplified interaction curve provides reasonably good agreement with the interaction diagrams developed using the ultimate strength model and will provide designers with a suitable method to assist in the placement of web openings in composite beams.

7.3 Recommendations for Further Study

The use of web openings in composite beams is a design tool with important engineering and economic potential. The ultimate strength

model presented in this report was developed and verified using the results obtained from just eight beams with rectangular concentric web openings. This is too little verification to allow the procedure to be applied to more than a narrow range of applications. The effect of additional variables must be studied. To test the validity of the model for beams with eccentric openings, further experimental testing is required. Only a single slab size was used. The opening sizes in the current tests were limited to 0.6 times the steel beam depth, with an opening length equal to twice the opening depth. Further tests are needed for beams with varying opening sizes and cross-sectional geometries. The finite element technique should prove useful in assisting in the development of an adequate testing program.

Further improvement may be possible in the analytical model by including strain hardening in the steel and the incompatibility of the strains at the steel-concrete interface.

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TABLE 2.1

CONCRETE PROPERTIES

	Slump <u>(in)</u>	Cement Factor (sacks/yd³)	Age at Test (days)	f'c (psi)	f _r (psi)	<u>% Air</u>	
Beam No. 1	1½	5 ¹ 2	180	7000	de se pe	5.0	
Beam No. 2	5 ¹ 2	5 ¹ 2	13	4200	675	4.8	
Beam No. 3	1/2	5	21	4930	600	6.0	
Beam No. 4	1½	5	10	4460	470	3.2	
Beam No. 5	2	6	8	4680	590	2.5	
Beam No. 6	1^{1}_{2}	6	14	4020	510	4.0	

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TABLE 2.2
STEEL PROPERTIES

		OP FLAN Static Yield		Yield	TTOM FLA Static Yield	ANGE Tensile	Yie Id		<u>Z.)</u> Tensile	Yield		T.) Tensile	ST	ORCING EEL
	<u>(ksi)</u>		(ksi)	<u>(ksi)</u>	(ksi)	(ksi)	<u>(ksi)</u>	Yield (ksi)	<u>(ksi)</u>	(ksi)	Yield (ksi)	(ksi)		Tensile (ksi)
Beam No. 1	39.37	34.92	61.33	40.39	35.84	61.85	38.54	34.57	60.93	PR WAS DOC 1000 Last				~ ~ ~ ~ <u>~</u>
Beam No. 2	39.27	38.88	68.84	39.88	38.97	69.39	42.44	40.58	70.55		***************************************	*** ** ** **	54.50	82.00
Beam No. 3	39.27	38.88	68.84	39.88	38.97	69.39	42.44	40.58	70.55			**********	54.50	82.00
Beam No. 4	46.39	44.38	73.28	44.89	41.24	71.42	52.00	48.71	74.86		50.81	74.67	54.50	82.00
Beam No. 5	43.88	40.93	65.40	45.10	41.86	67.05	44.23	39.47	63.70	43.62	40.77	63.94	59.10	87.20
Beam No. 6	42.94	39.44	67.11	43.47	39.57	66.61	49.80	43.76	67.05	48.12	43.67	67.79	59.10	87.20

TABLE 2.3
BEAM GEOMETRIC PROPERTIES

	Steel Section	d <u>(in)</u>	b _f (Top) <u>(in)</u>	t _f (Top) <u>(in)</u>		t _w	s _t (in)	s _b
Beam No. 1	W14 x 34	14	6.75	0.453	(.287	2.55	2.55
Beam No. 2	W18 x 45	177/8	7.50	0.475	(356	3.00	3.25
Beam No. 3	W18 x 45	177/8	7.50	0.475	(0.356	3.13	3.13
Beam No. 4	W18 x 45	17 ⁷ / ₈	7.50	0.485	(0.343	3.00	3.06
Beam No. 5	W18 x 46	$18^{1}/_{8}$	6.00	0.623	(0.380	3.06	3.13
Beam No. 6	W14 x 34	14	6.69	0.475	(296	2.38	2.38
	b _f (Bot.) (in)	t _f (Bot.) (in)	^b conc. (in)	M/V (ft)	t _s (in)	0ре	ening Size (in)	
Beam No. 1	6.75	0.453	48.0	7	4		8 x 16	
Beam No. 2	7.50	0.520	48.0	9	4	10 ¹³	/ ₁₆ x 21 ⁵ / ₈	
Beam No. 3	7.50	0.520	48.0	33	4	1013	/ ₁₆ x 21 ⁵ / ₈	
Beam No. 4	7.50	0.495	48.0	3	4	1013	/ ₁₆ x 21 ⁵ / ₈	
Beam No. 5	6.00	0.615	48.0	6	4	10 ¹³	/ ₁₆ x 21 ⁵ / ₈	
Beam No. 6	6.69	0.423	48.0	3	4		8 x 16	

TABLE 3.1
TEST RESULTS

		FIRST YIELD				
	$\frac{M}{V}$ at Opening (ft)	Ptotal (P1y)* (kips)	M at Opening (in-kips)		Opening kips)	Location
Beam No. 1	7	26.5	1110	:	13.3	B. Tee
Beam No. 2	9	16.8	680		6.30	T. Tee
Beam No. 3	33	31.7	1570		3.96	B. Tee
Beam No. 4	3	42.4	763	;	21.2	T. Tee
Beam No. 5	6	20.7	745	:	10.4	B. Tee
Beam No. 6	3	16.1	290		8.05	T. Tee
		MAXIMUM LOAD		P _{1y}		
	P _{total} (P _{ult}) _(kips)	M at Opening (in-kips)	V at Opening (kips)	P _{ult}	Mode o	f Failure
Beam No. 1	64.5	2710	32.2	0.41	Shear Fail Concrete O	ure in ver Opening
Beam No. 2	96.2	3900	36.1	0.17	Shear Failure in Concrete Over Openir	
Beam No. 3	106.5	5270	13.3	0.30	Crushing i	
Beam No. 4	93.0	1670	46.5	0.46	Shear Fail	
Beam No. 5	94.0	3380	47.0	0.22	Shear Fail	
Beam No. 6	77.8	1420	39.4	0.21	Shear Fail	

 $[\]star$ Applied load including load system

TABLE 5.1a COMPARISON OF PROPOSED MODEL WITH EXPERIMENTAL TESTS (BASED ON APPLIED LOAD)

PREDICTED

CURRENT	M V	V t	(kina)	etti kalla germen ya yakila mila ya kisakisa ya Maka a Maka a mila a	M (in kina)	"Mode" of
TESTS	<u>(ft)</u>	<u></u>	(kips)		<u>(in-kips)</u>	<u>Failure</u> ^t
Beam No. 1	7	0.84	25.9		2180	Mech.
Beam No. 2	9	0.79	31.2		3370	Mech.
Beam No. 3	33	0.81	11.0		4300	Mech.
Beam No. 4	3	0.81	48.8		1860	Mech.
Beam No. 5	6 3	0.80	41.2		2970	Mech.
Beam No. 6	3	0.82	36.7		1320	Mech.
GRANADE TESTS						
No. 1	2	0.74	28.0		672	Shear
No. 2	2 4	0.74	25.6		1230	Shear
110. L	7	0.7	45.0		1230	Silcai
		OBSERVED			Predicted Point of Contraflexure	Opening
CURRENT	٧	М	"Mode" of	% Diff.	(Bottom Tee)	Length
TESTS	(kips)	(in-kips)	Failure ^t	R	(in)	(in)
ILUIU	(KIP3)	(181-K1b2)	TUTTUTC		(11)	11117
Beam No. 1	32.2	2710	Shear	24.0	4.74(L)	16.0
Beam No. 2	36.1	3900	Shear	16.0	5.93(L)	21.625
Beam No. 3	13.3	5270	Mech.	27.0	6.63(L)	21.625
Beam No. 4	46.5	1670	Shear	-4.0	3.44(L)	21.625
Beam No. 5	47.0	3380	Shear	14.0	4.89(L)	21.625
Beam No. 6	39.4	1420	Shear	7.0	2.98(L)	10.00
GRANADE TESTS						
No. 1	32.4	780	Shear	16.0	,22(L)	7.2
No. 2	26.4	1270	Shear	3.0	1.19(L)	7.2
						• • • •

t - See Sections 4.4 and 5.2.1 for an explanation.(L) - Measured from the opening centerline toward the Low Moment End.

TABLE 5.1b

COMPARISON OF PROPOSED MODEL WITH EXPERIMENTAL TESTS

(BASED ON APPLIED LOAD PLUS DEAD LOAD)

		PREDICTED		
CURRENT	$\frac{V_{t}}{V_{t}}$	V	M	
TESTS	<u> </u>	<u>(kips)</u>	<u>(in-kips)</u>	
Beam No. 1	0.84	25.8	2230	
Beam No. 2	0.79	31.0	3460	
Beam No. 3	0.81	11.2	4370	
Beam No. 4	0.81	48.8	1860	
Beam No. 5	0.80	41.1	3010	
Beam No. 6	0.82	36.7	1320	
GRANADE TESTS				
No. 1	0.74	28.0	672	
No. 2	0.74	25.6	1230	
•		OBSERVED		
CURRENT	M	V	M	% Diff.
TESTS	<u>V</u>	(kips)	(in-kips)	R
Beam No. 1	7 0			
	1 . C	33.4	2887	29.3
Beam No. 2	7.2 9.3	33.4 36.8	2887 4099	29.3 18.7
Beam No. 2 Beam No. 3	9.3	36.8	4099	18.7
Beam No. 3	9.3 32.5	36.8 14.0	4099 5468	18.7 25.0
Beam No. 3 Beam No. 4	9.3 32.5 3.0	36.8 14.0 47.6	4099 5468 1723	18.7 25.0 -2.5
Beam No. 3 Beam No. 4 Beam No. 5	9.3 32.5 3.0 6.1	36.8 14.0 47.6 48.1	4099 5468 1723 3513	18.7 25.0 -2.5 17.0
Beam No. 3 Beam No. 4	9.3 32.5 3.0	36.8 14.0 47.6	4099 5468 1723	18.7 25.0 -2.5
Beam No. 3 Beam No. 4 Beam No. 5	9.3 32.5 3.0 6.1	36.8 14.0 47.6 48.1	4099 5468 1723 3513	18.7 25.0 -2.5 17.0
Beam No. 3 Beam No. 4 Beam No. 5 Beam No. 6	9.3 32.5 3.0 6.1	36.8 14.0 47.6 48.1	4099 5468 1723 3513	18.7 25.0 -2.5 17.0

TABLE 5.2

PREDICTED PURE SHEAR AND MOMENT STRENGTHS FOR TEST BEAMS

CURRENT TESTS	V _{tmax} (mech) (kips)	V _{tmax} (sh) (kips)	V (kips)	V _{max} (kips)	M max <u>(in-kips)</u>
Beam No. 1	33.0	31.3	6.0	27.2	2878
Beam No. 2	36.3	40.1	9.4	45.6	4630
Beam No. 3	37.6	37.8	8.7	46.3	4660
Beam No. 4	40.1	40.2	9.7	49.7	7040
Beam No. 5	39.1	43.4	9.8	48.9	4930
Beam No. 6	34.1	31.8	6.8	38.5	2990
GRANADE TEST					
No. 1 + No. 2	56.9	21.0	7.2	28.2	1740

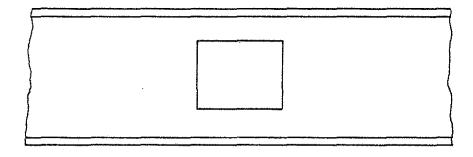


Fig. 1.1 Web Opening in Steel Beam

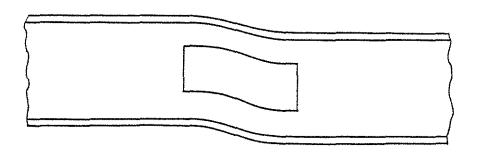


Fig. 1.2 Web Opening with Points of Contraflexure at Opening Centerline

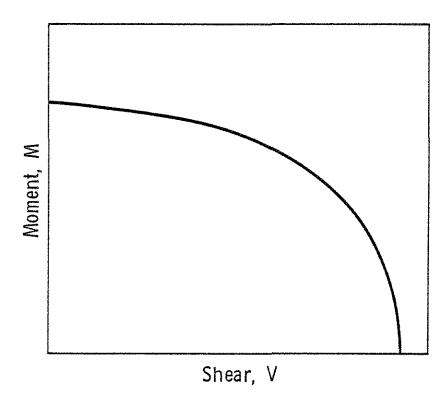


Fig. 1.3 Moment-Shear Interaction Diagram

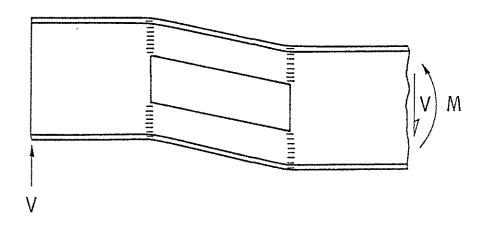


Fig. 1.4 Four-Hinge Failure Mechanism at Web Opening

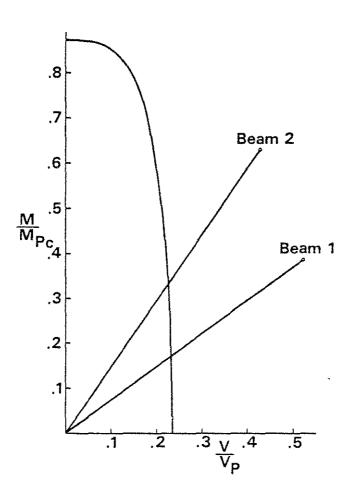
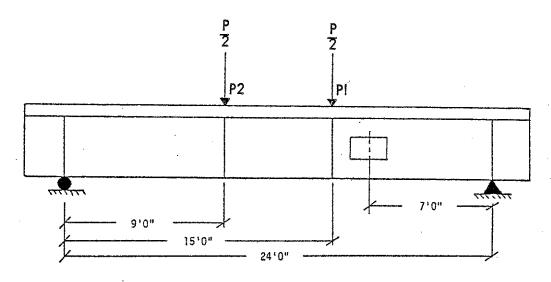
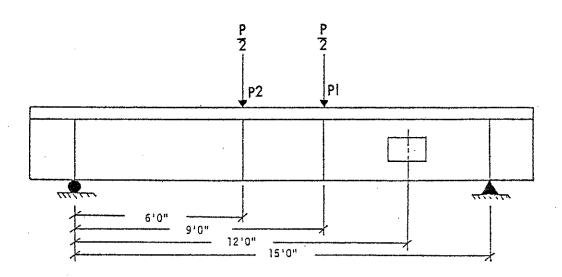


Fig. 1.5 Comparison of Todd-Cooper Model with Granade's Beams (30)

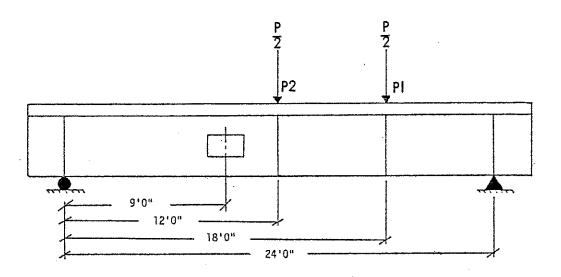


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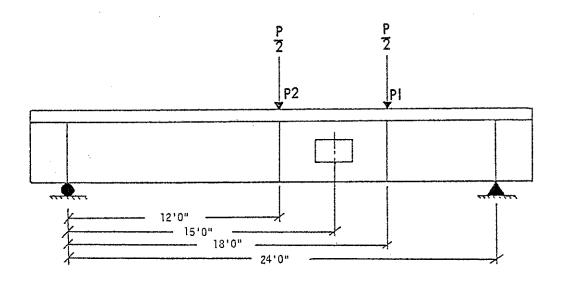


Beam No. 6

Fig. 2.1 Test Layouts for Beams No. 1 and 6

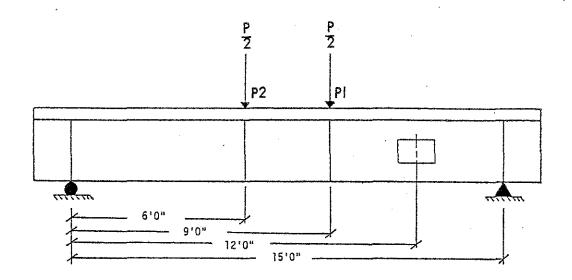


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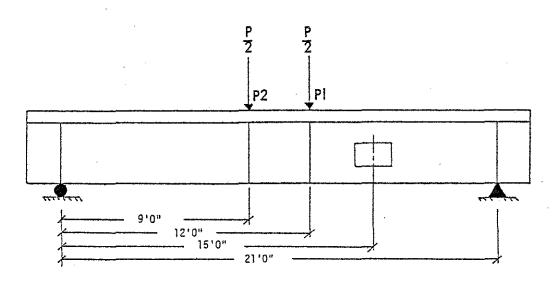


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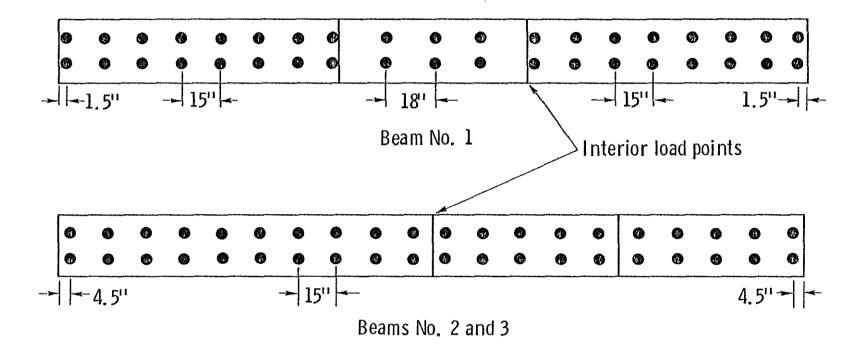


Beam No. 4



Beam No. 5

Fig. 2.3 Test Layouts for Beams No. 4 and 5



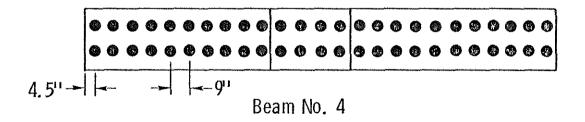
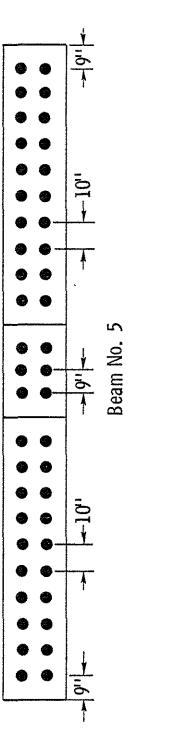


Fig. 2.4 Shear Stud Locations



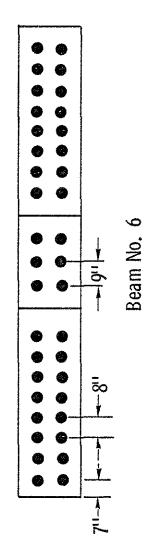
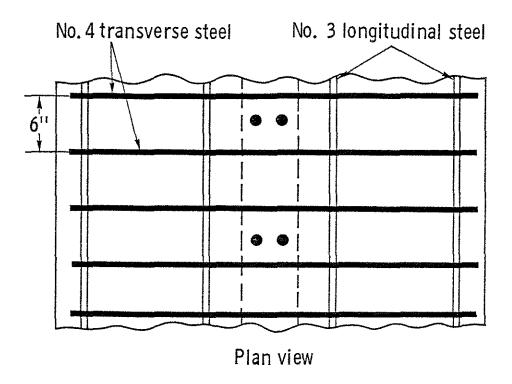


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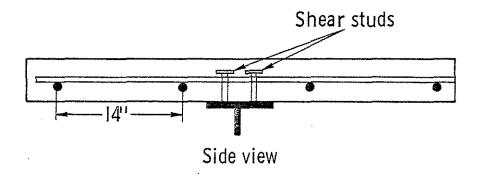


Fig. 2.5 Reinforcing Steel

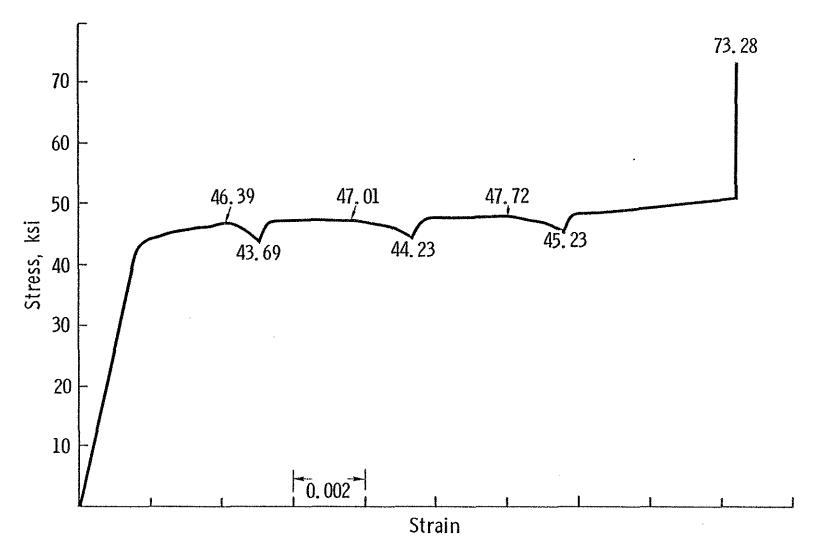


Fig. 2.6 Typical Stress-Strain Curve for Structural Steel

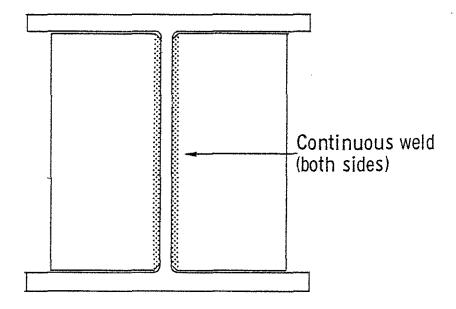


Fig. 2.7 Stiffener Detail

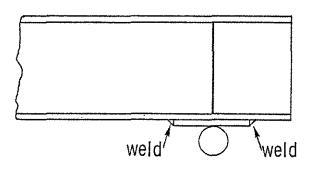
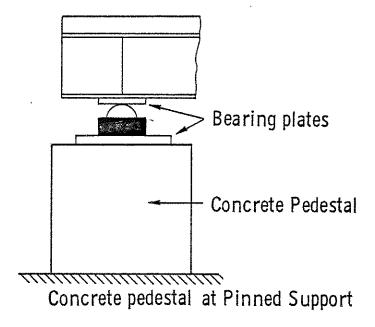


Fig. 2.8 Bearing Plate Detail



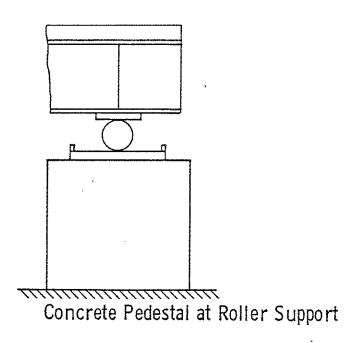


Fig. 2.9 Concrete Support Pedestals

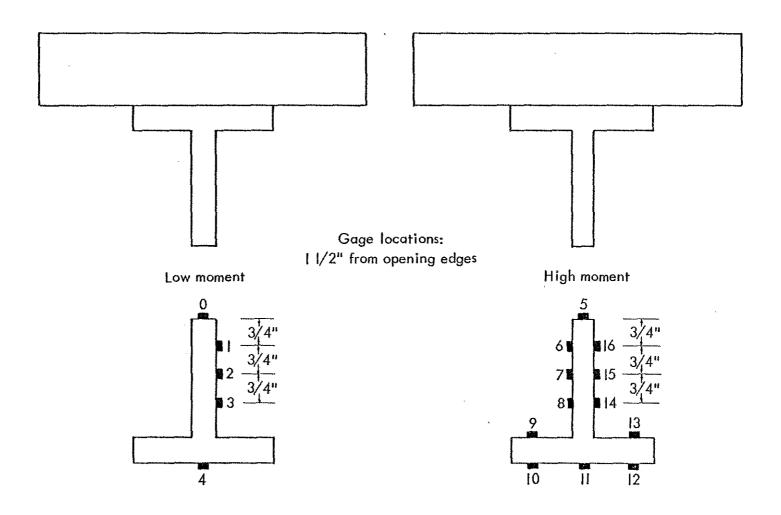


Fig. 2.10 Strain Gage Locations for Beam No. 1

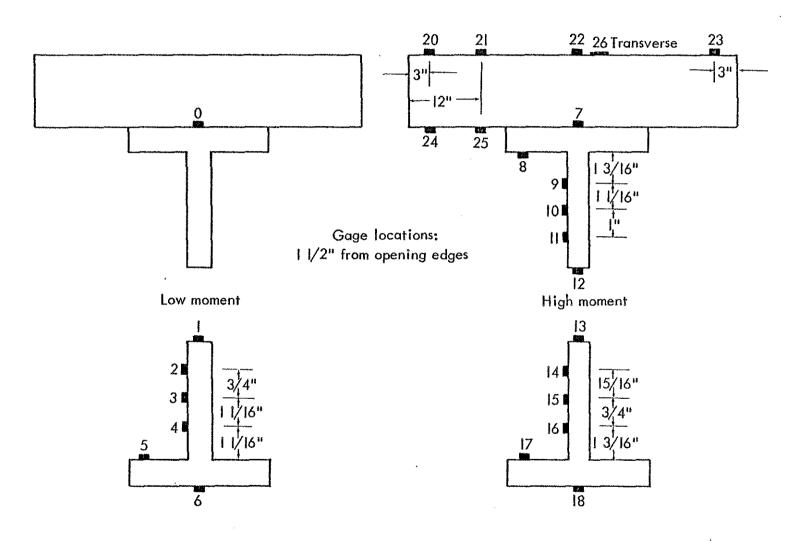


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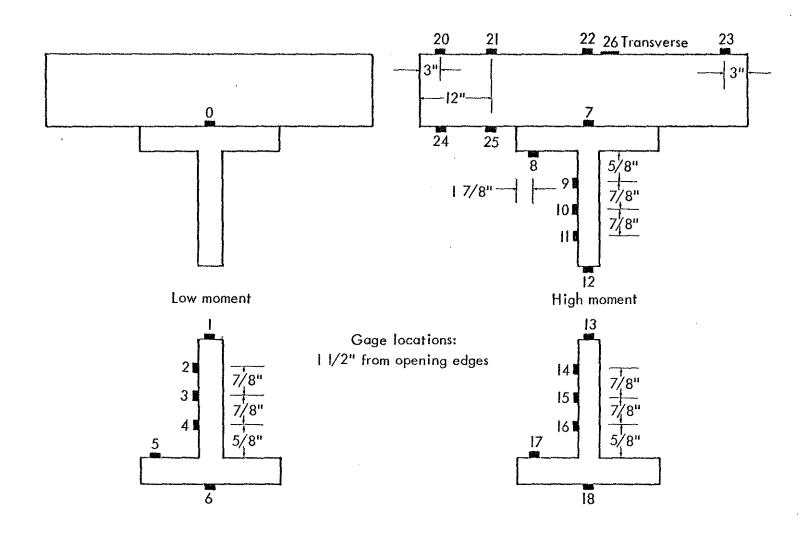


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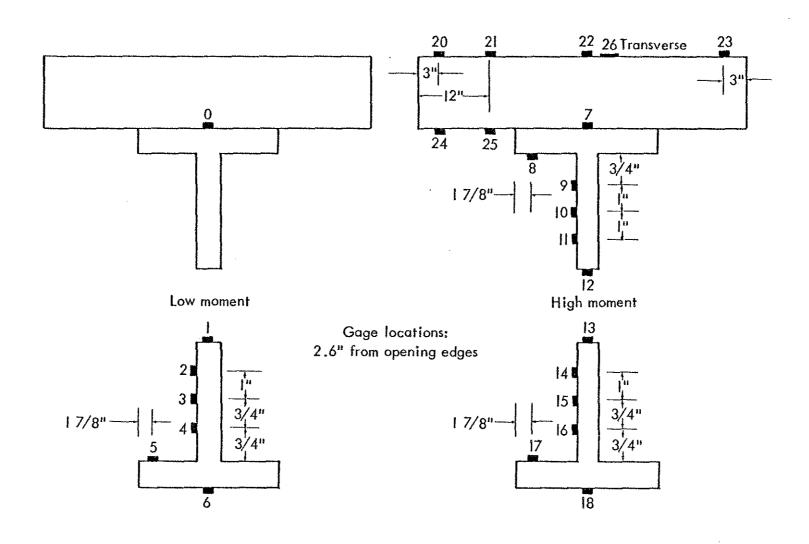


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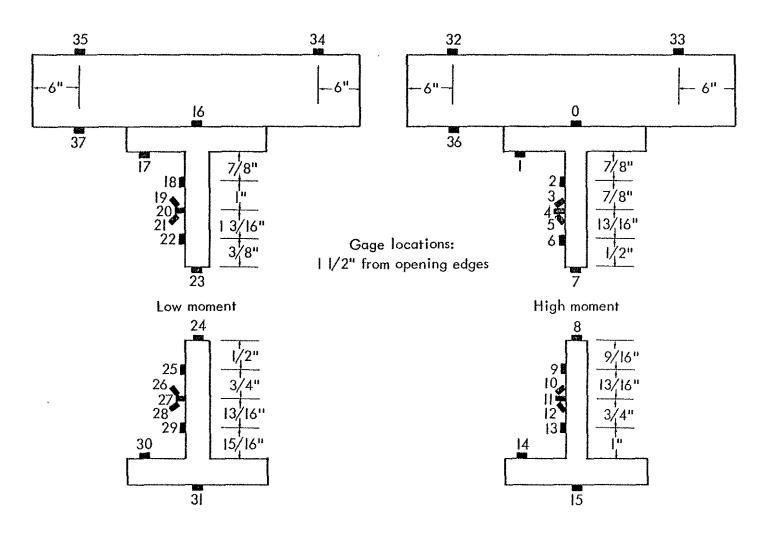


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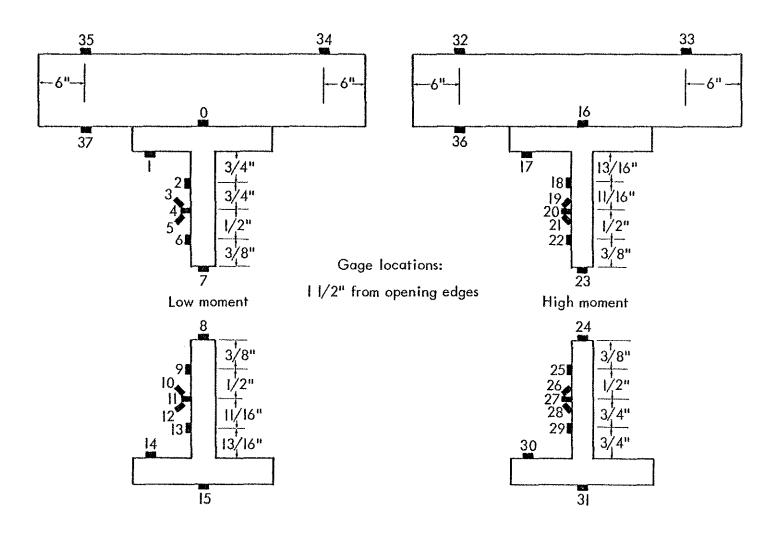
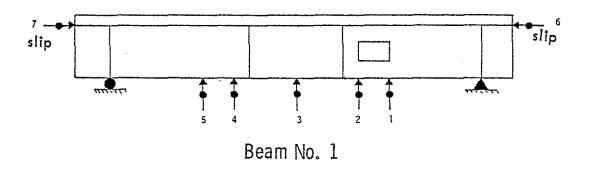
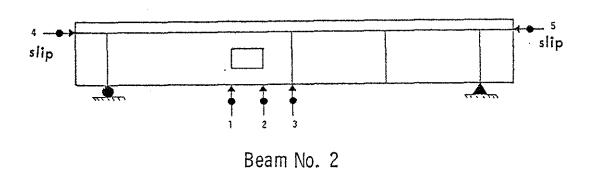


Fig. 2.15 Strain Gage Locations for Beam No. 6





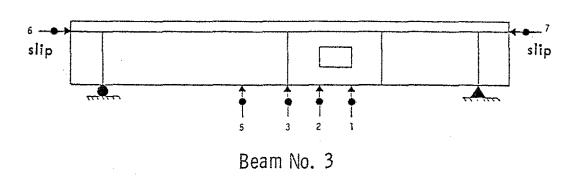
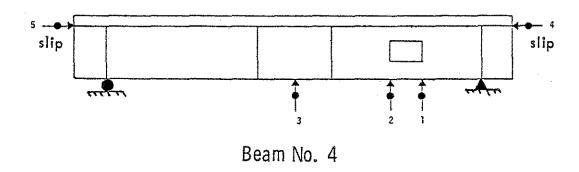
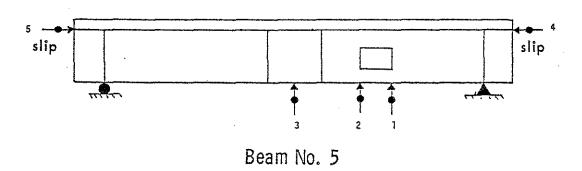


Fig. 2.16 Deflection Gage Locations for Beams No. 1, 2, and 3 $\,$





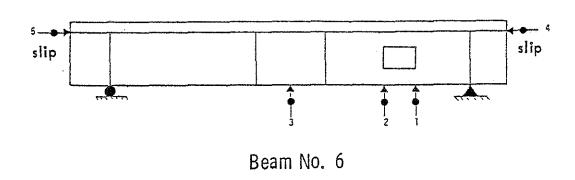
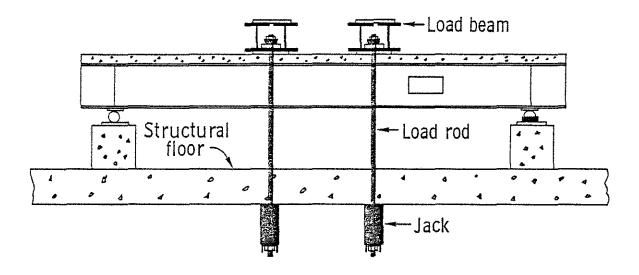


Fig. 2.17 Deflection Gage Locations for Beams No. 4, 5, and 6 $\,$



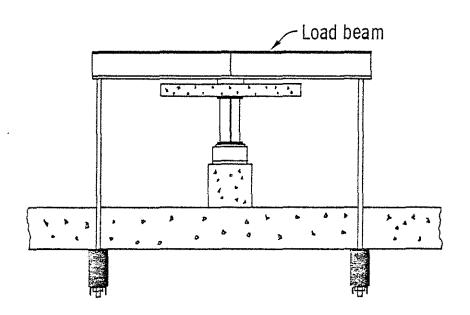


Fig. 2.18 Load System

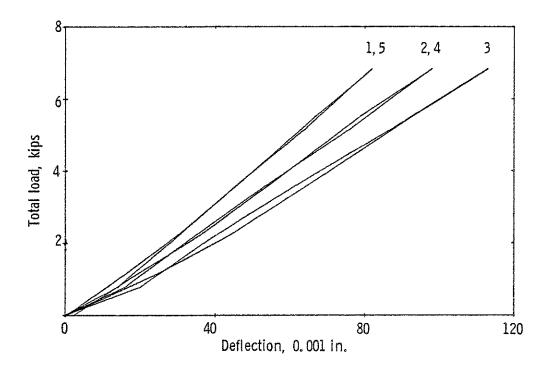


Fig. 3.1 Elastic Load-Deflection Curves for Beam No. 1

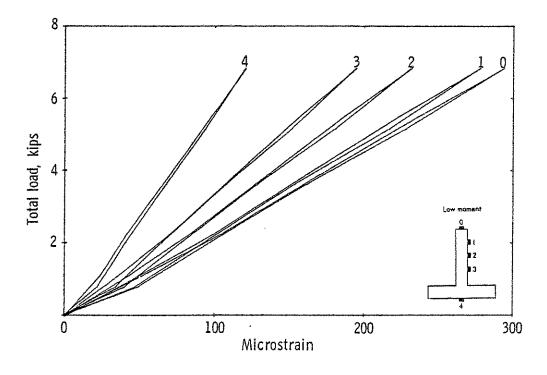


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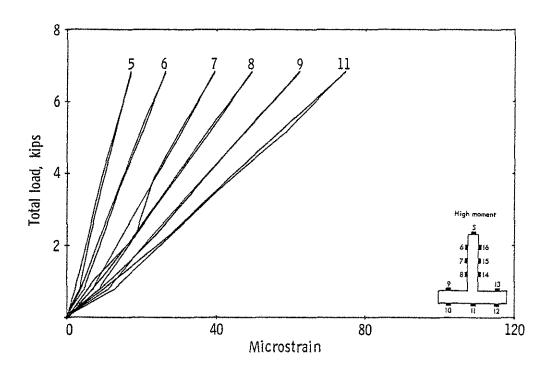


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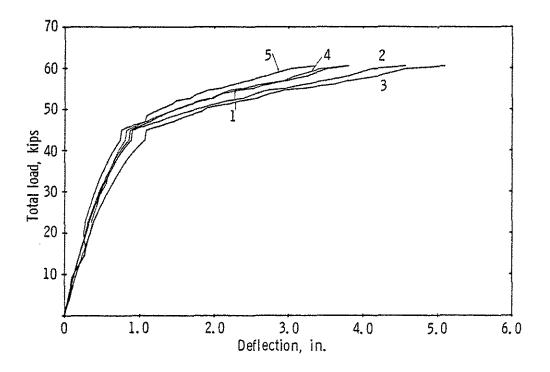


Fig. 3.3 Ultimate Load-Deflection Curves for Beam No. 1

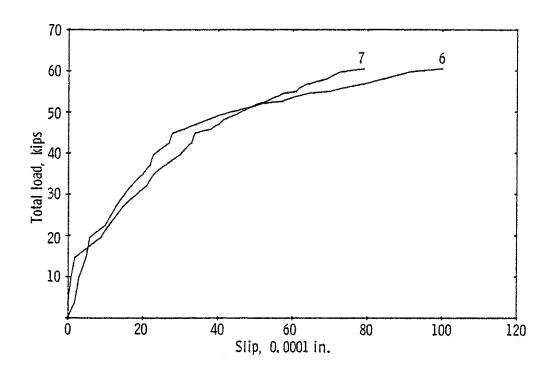


Fig. 3.4 Load-Slip Curves for Beam No. 1

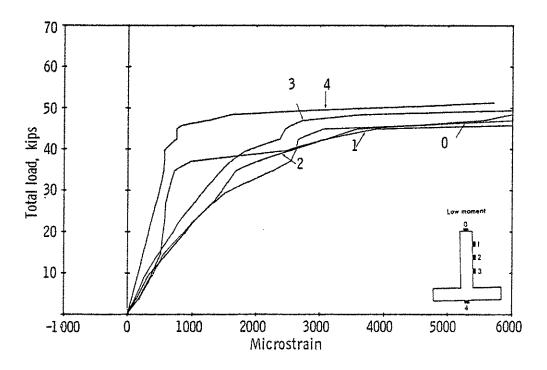


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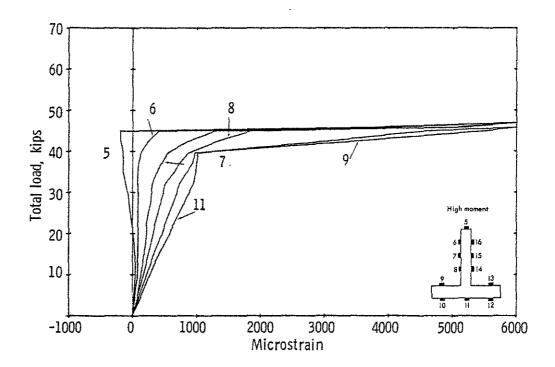


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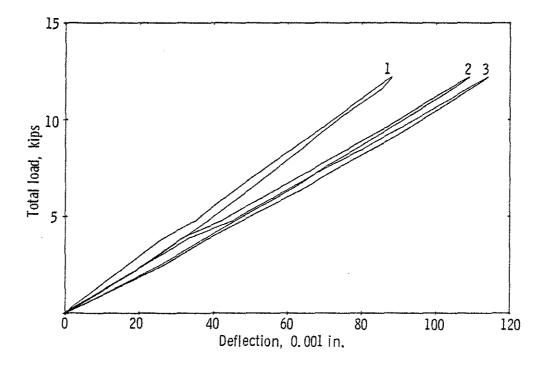
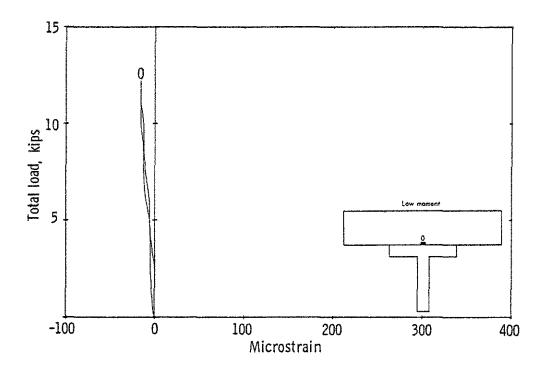


Fig. 3.6 Elastic Load-Deflection Curves for Beam No. 2



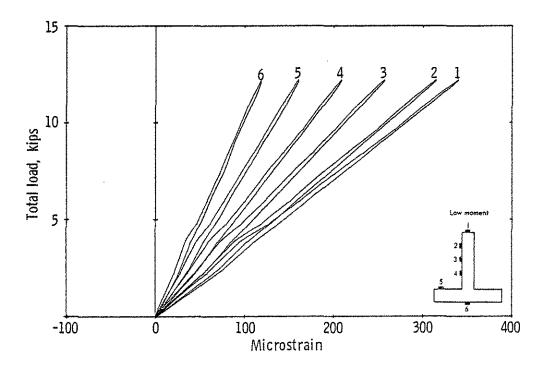
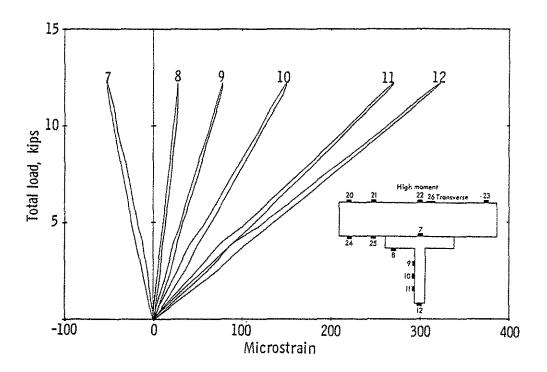


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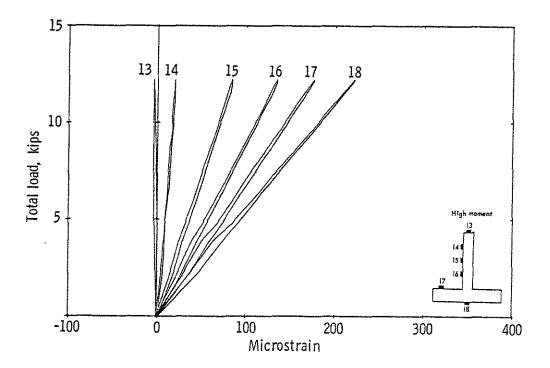


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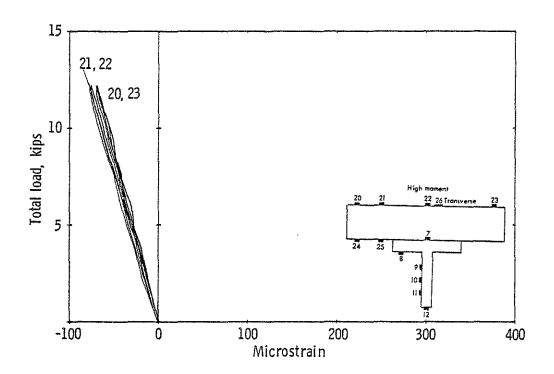


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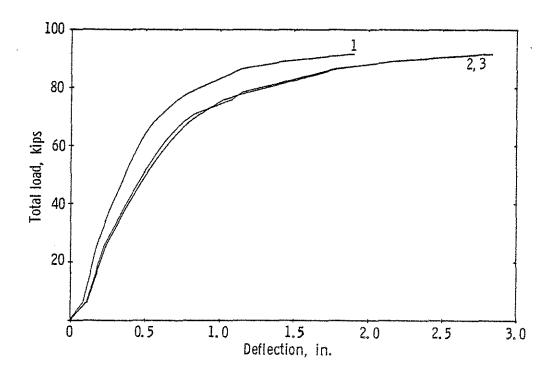


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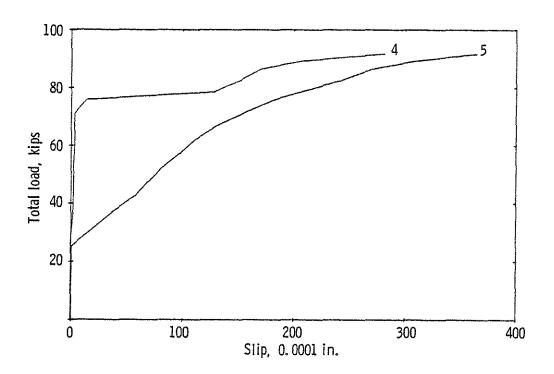


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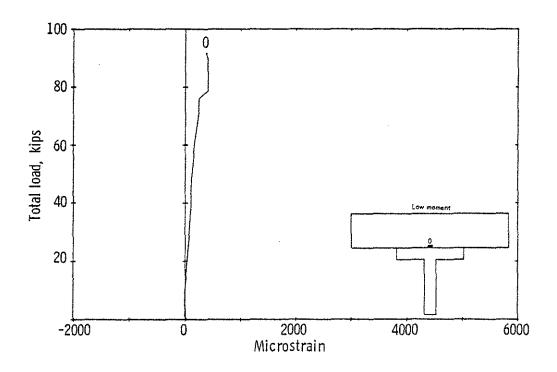
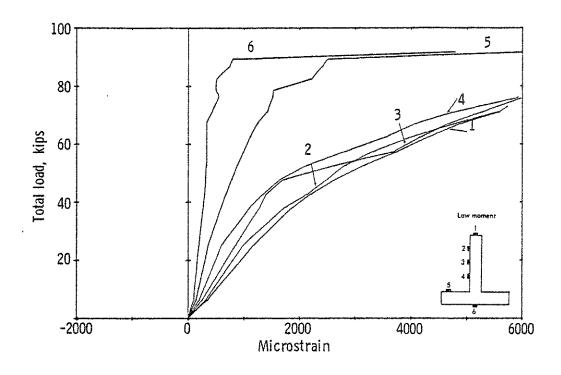


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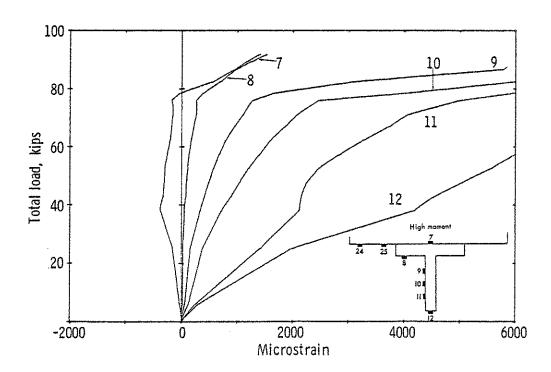
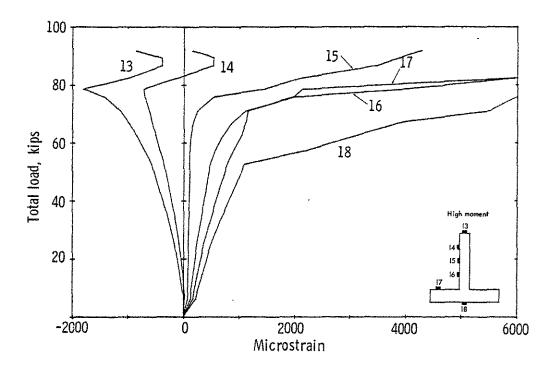


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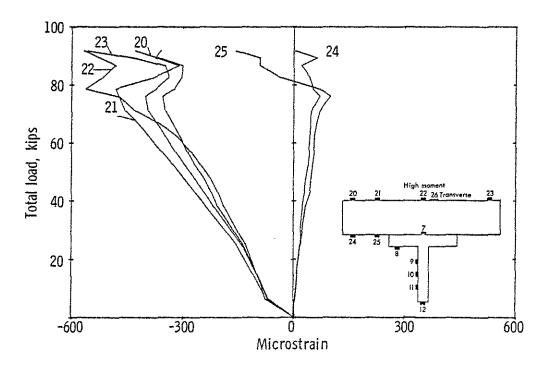


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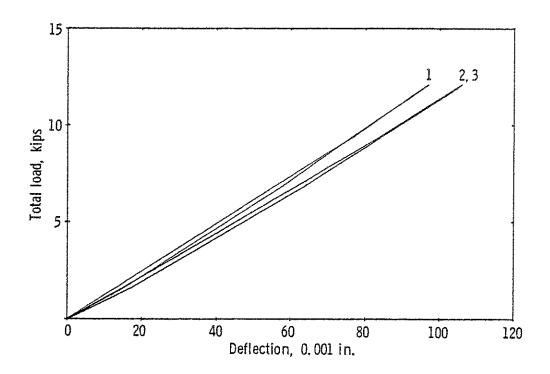


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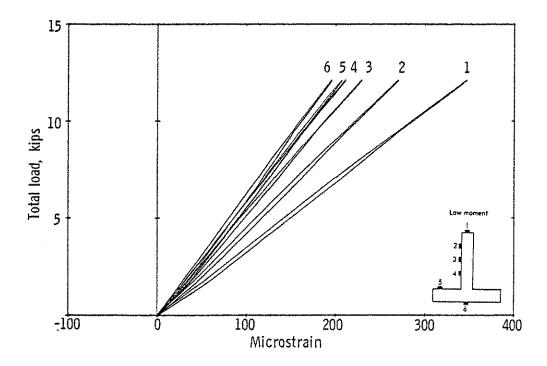
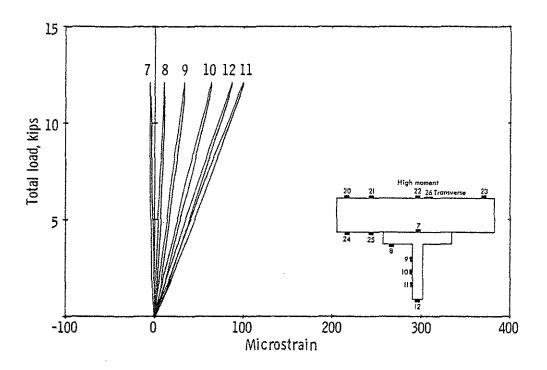


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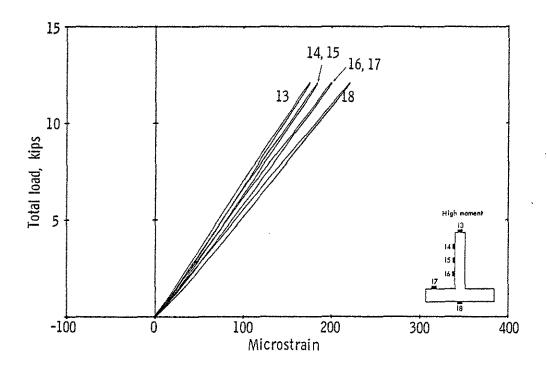


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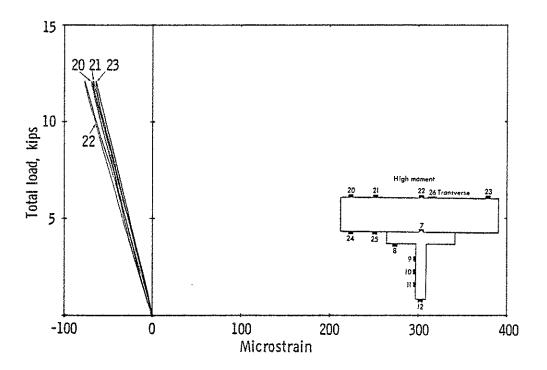


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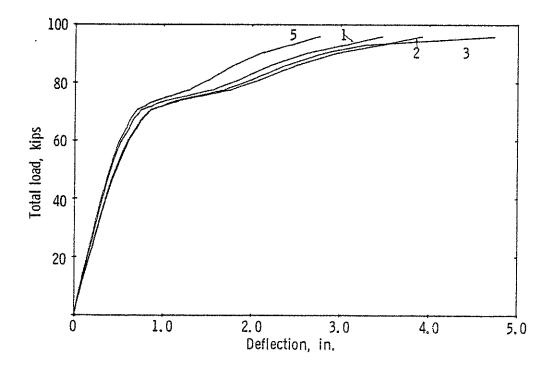


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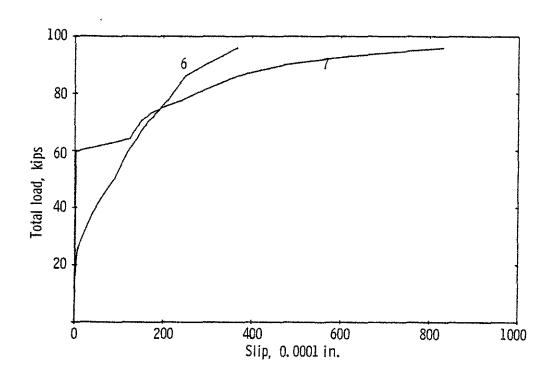


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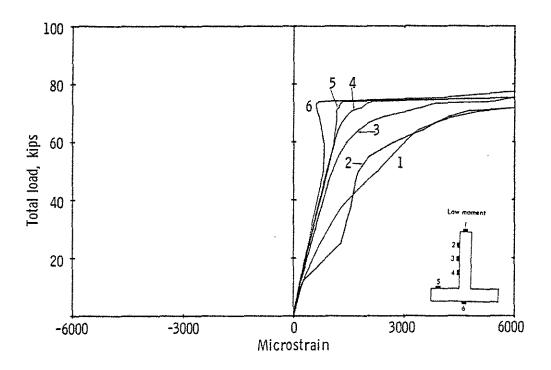
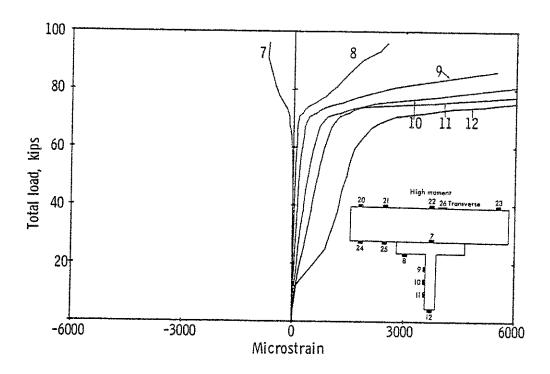


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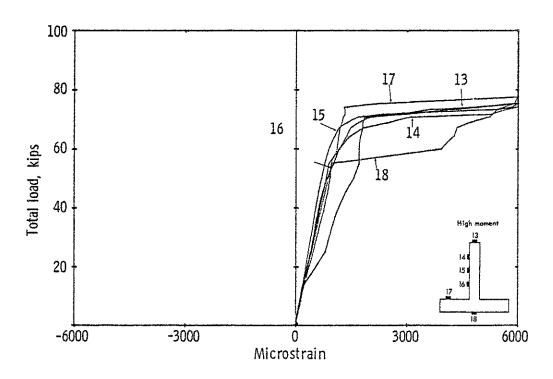


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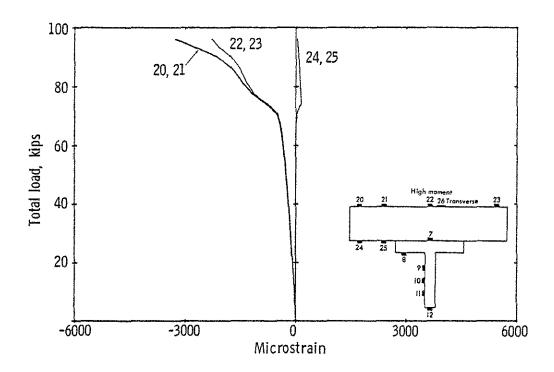


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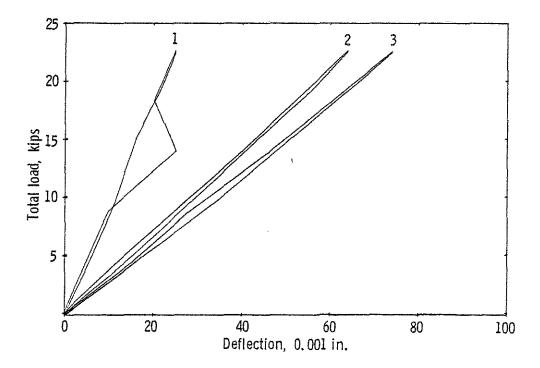
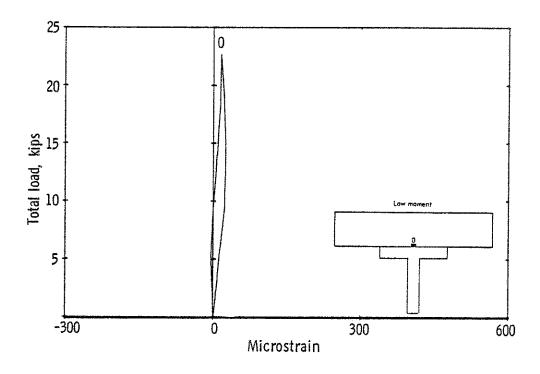


Fig. 3.16 Elastic Load-Deflection Curves for Beam No. 4



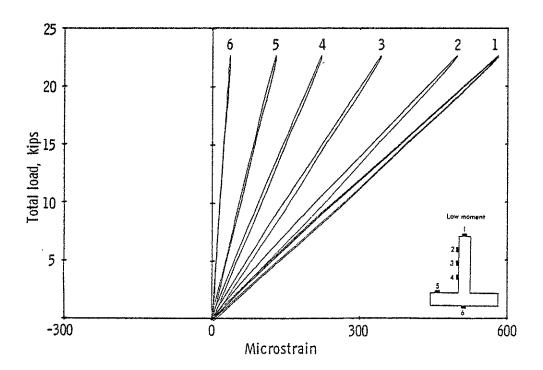
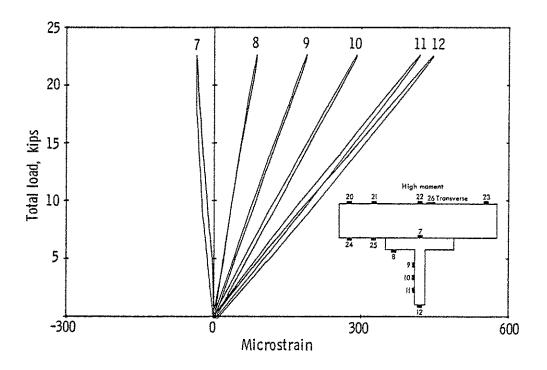


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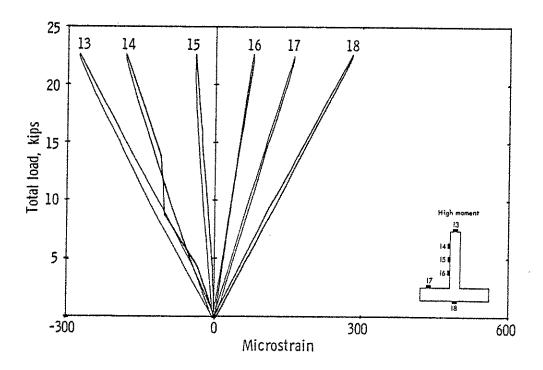


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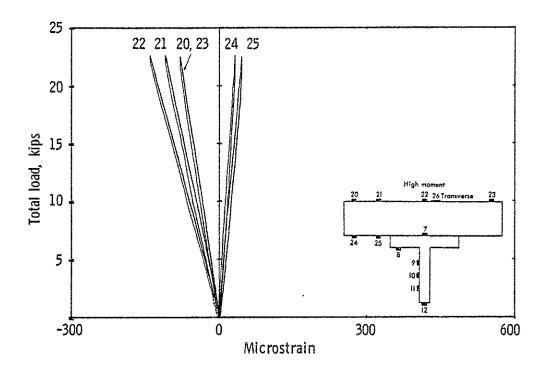


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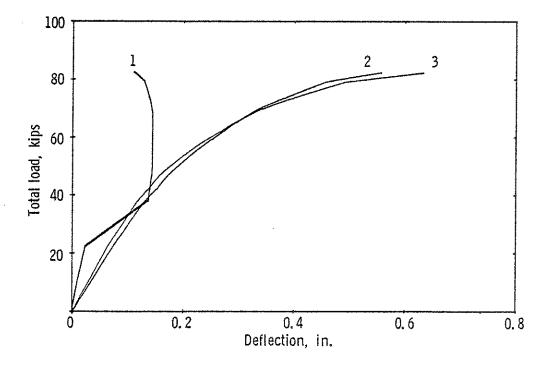


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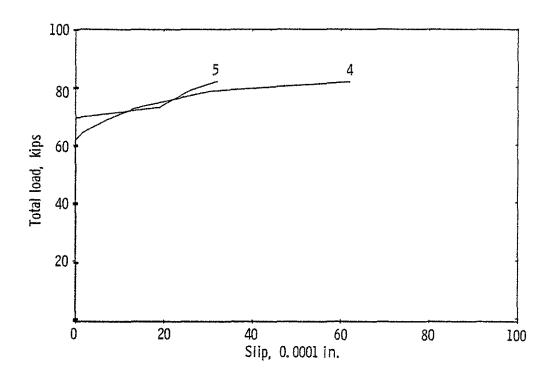


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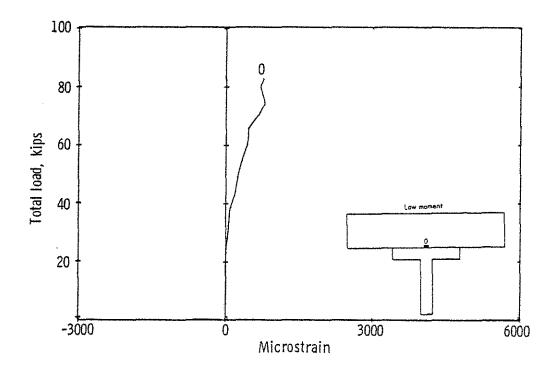
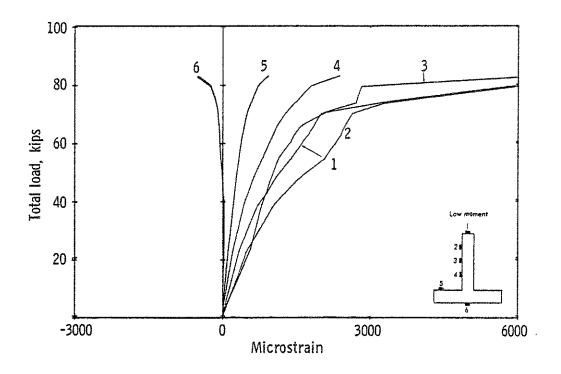


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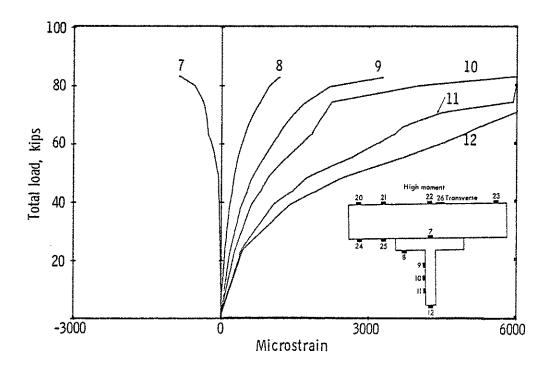
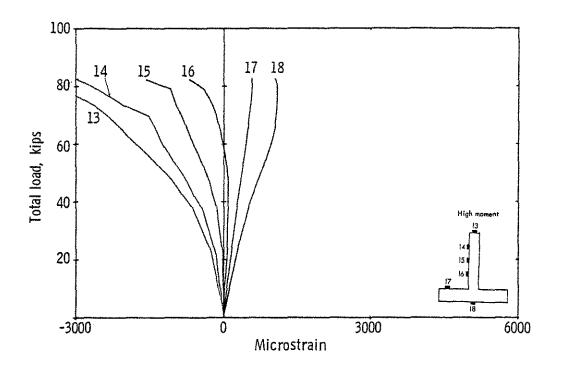


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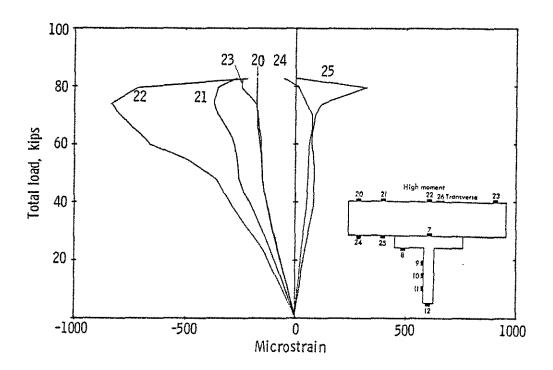


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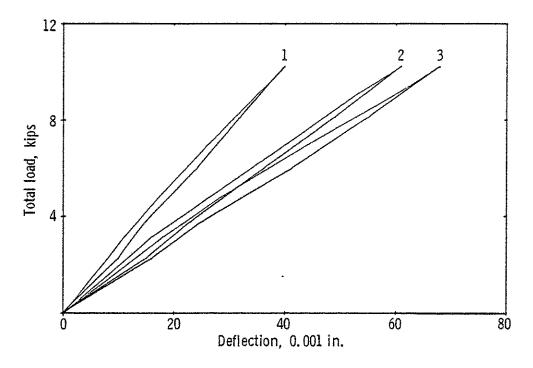


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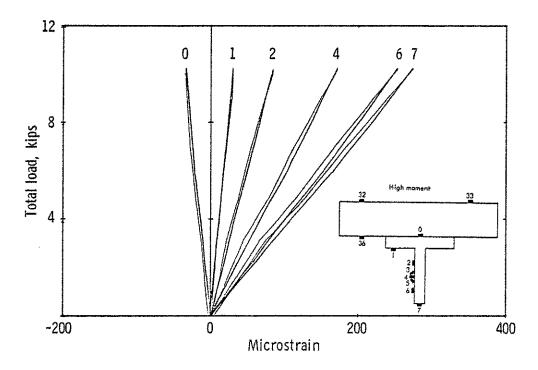
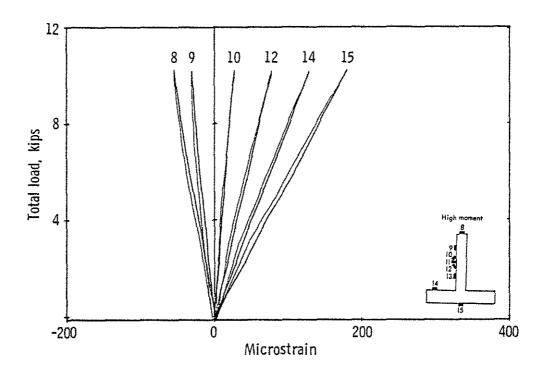


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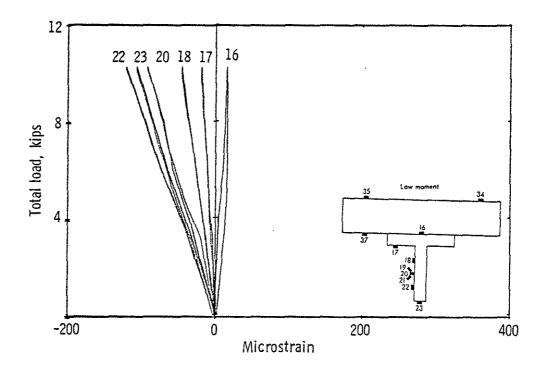
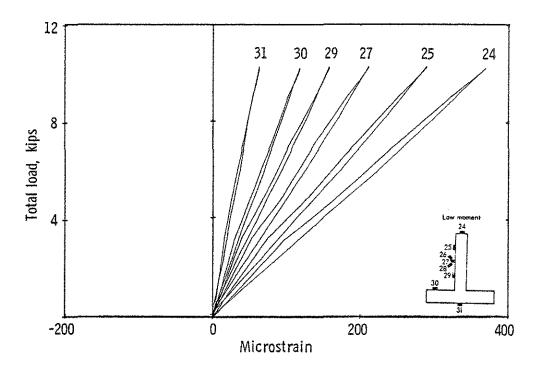


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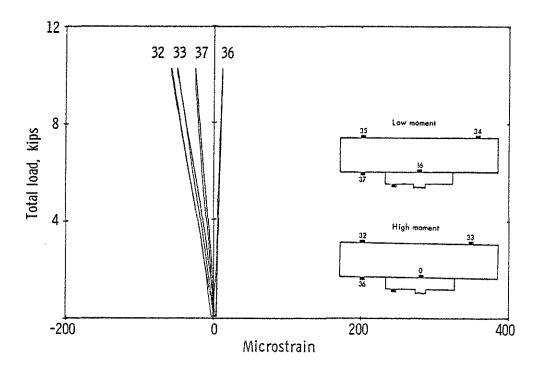


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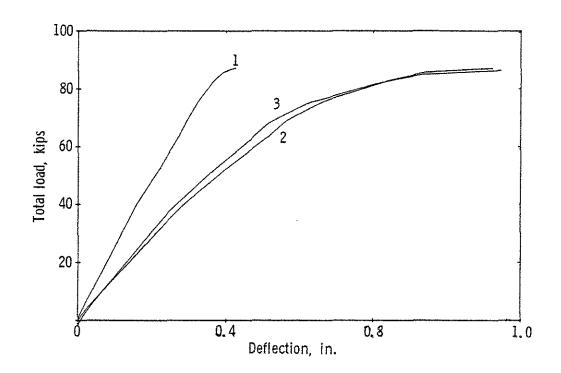


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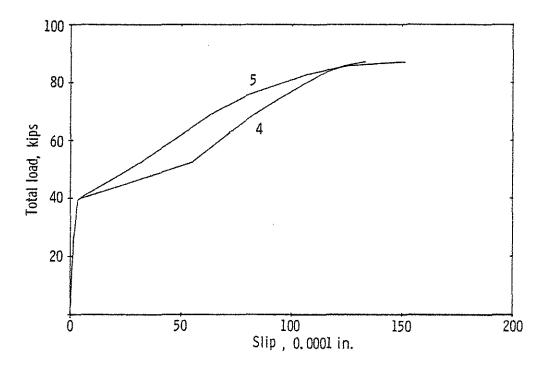
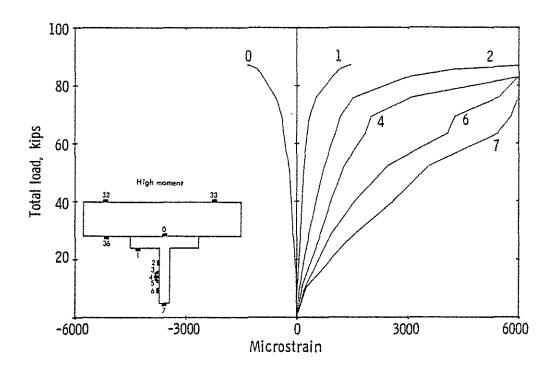


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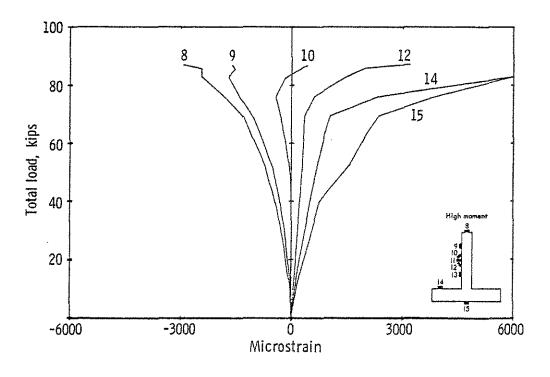
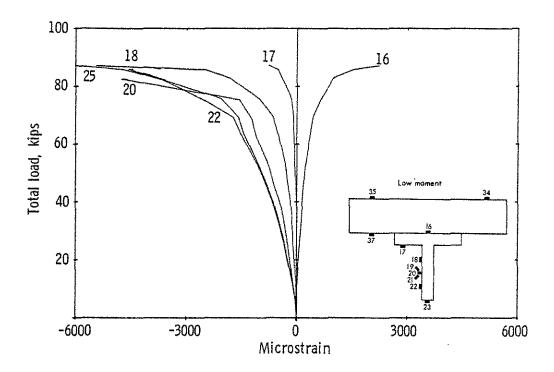


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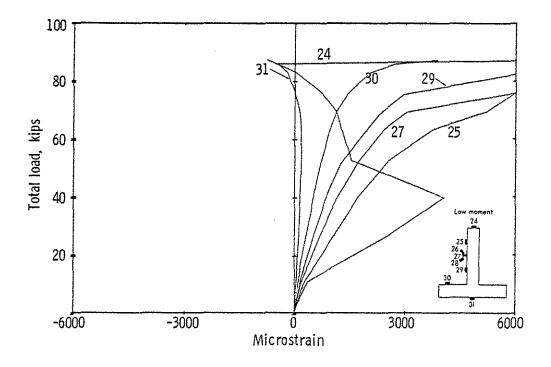


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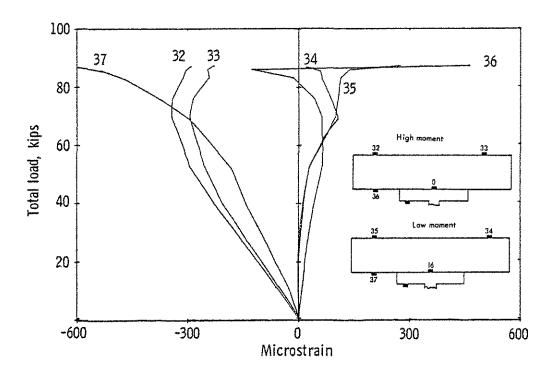


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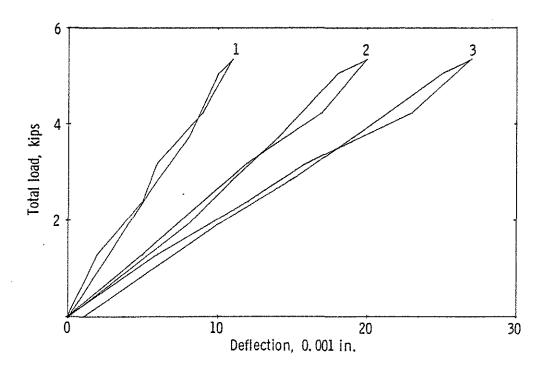
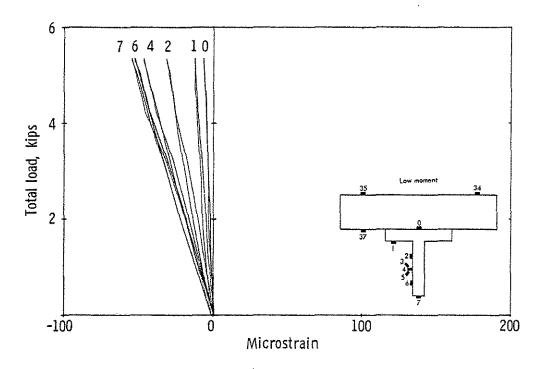


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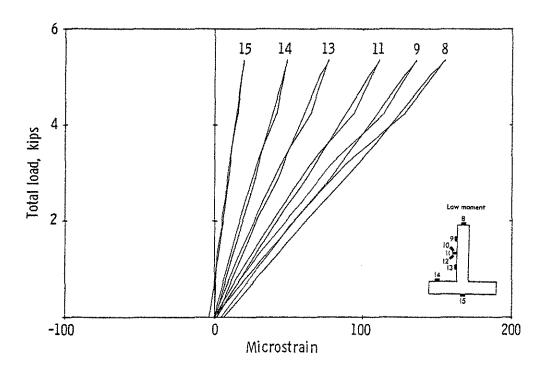
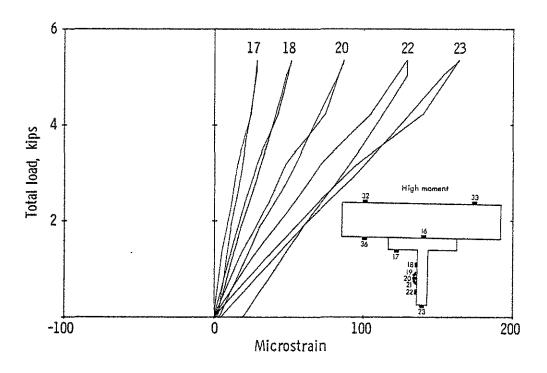


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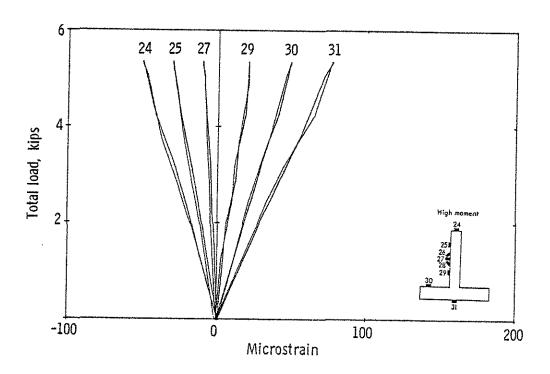


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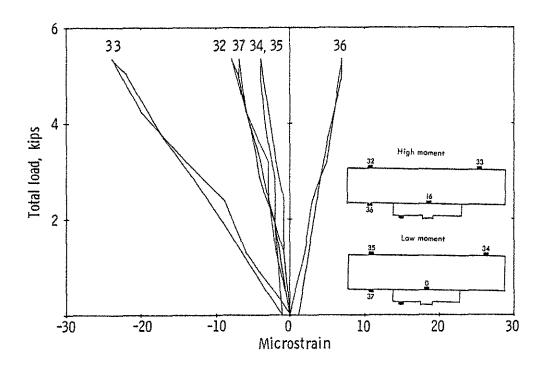


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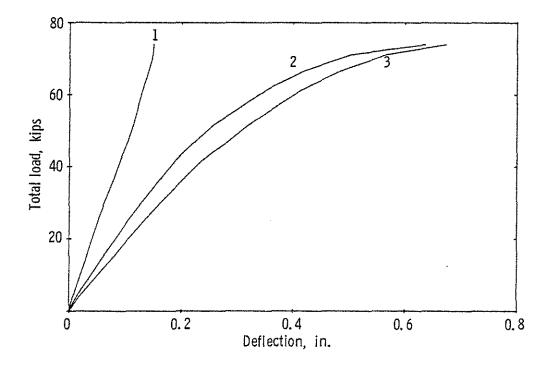


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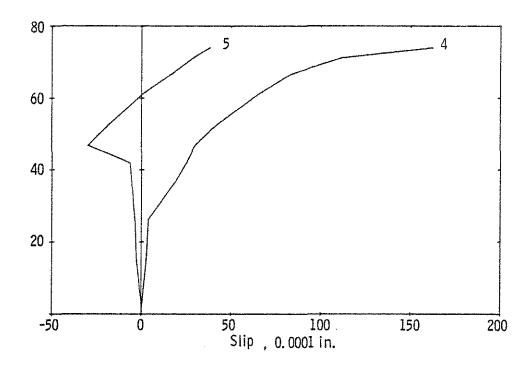


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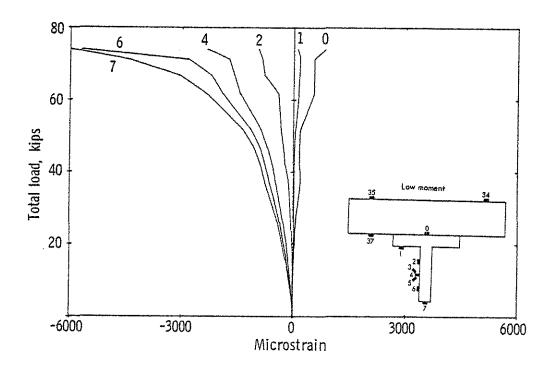
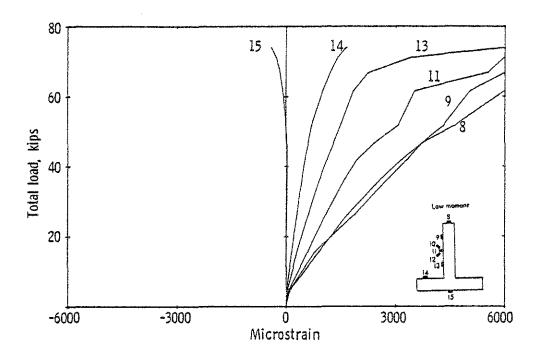


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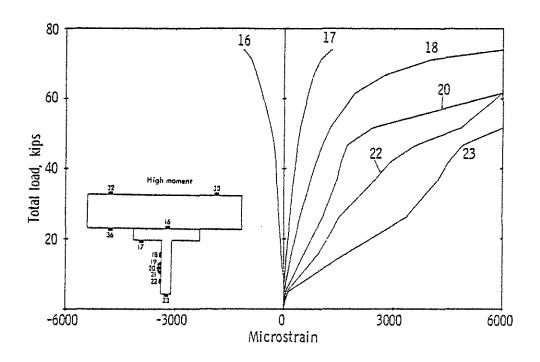
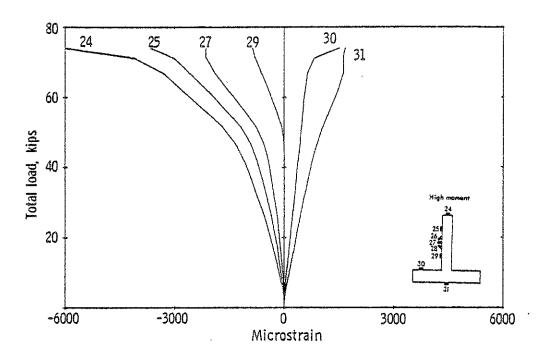


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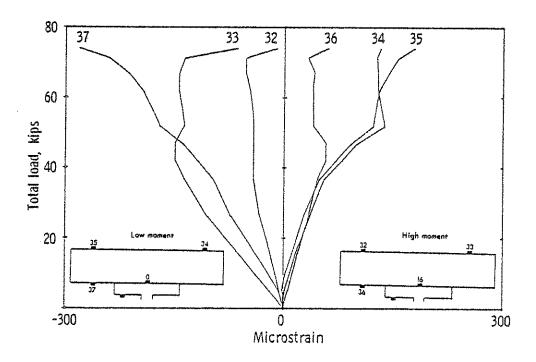


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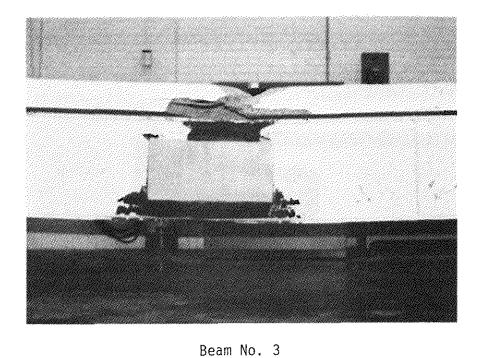
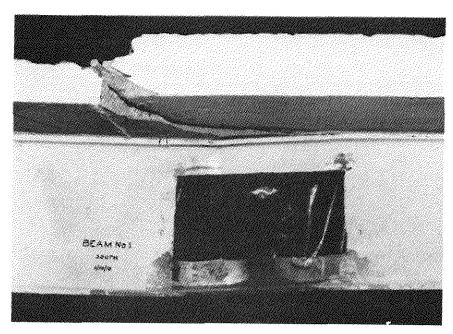
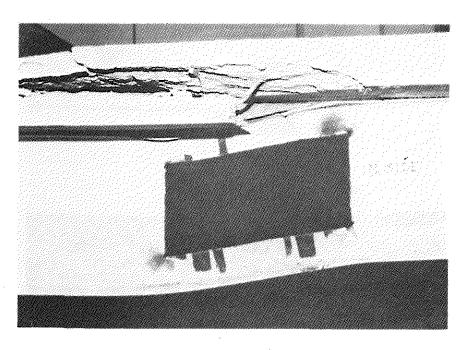


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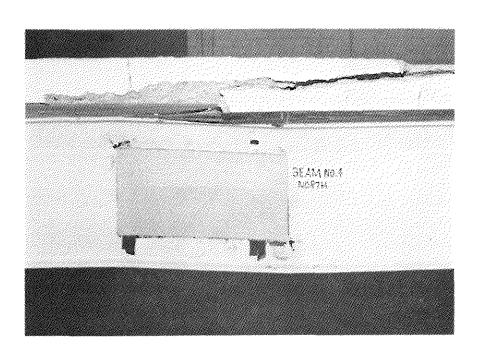
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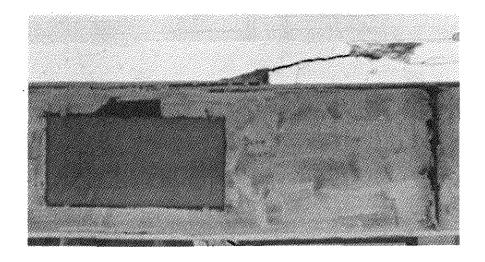
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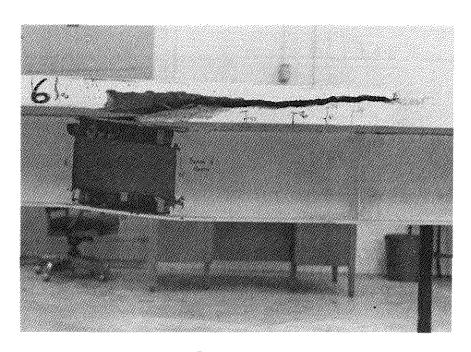
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Beam No. 5

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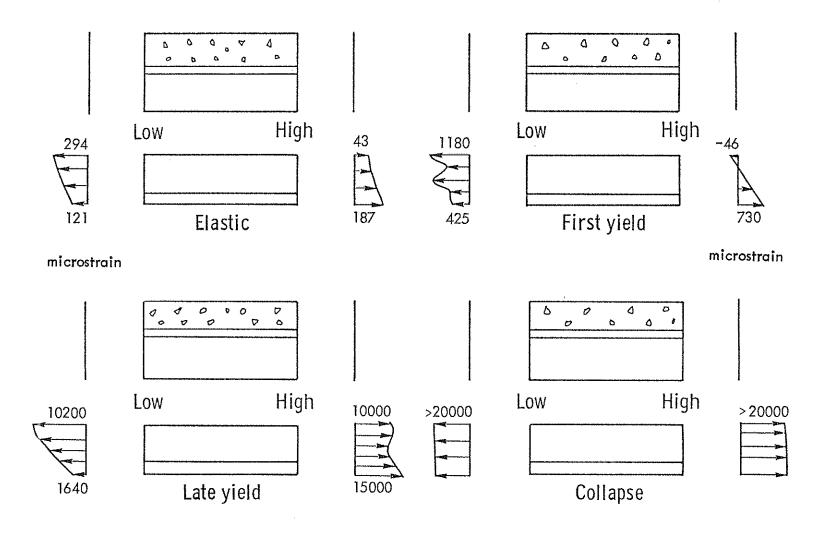


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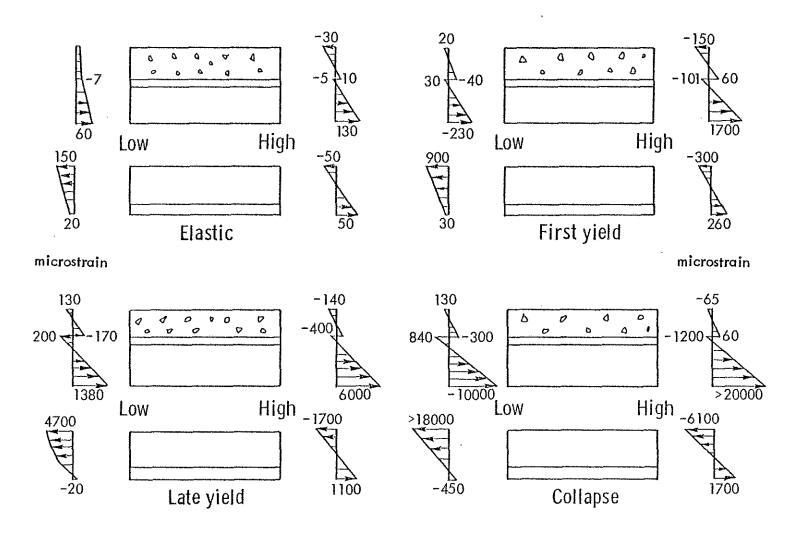


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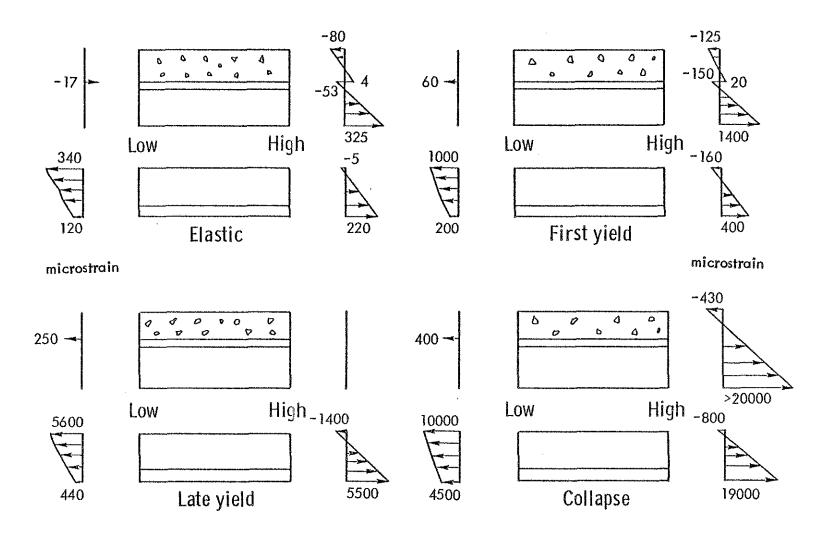


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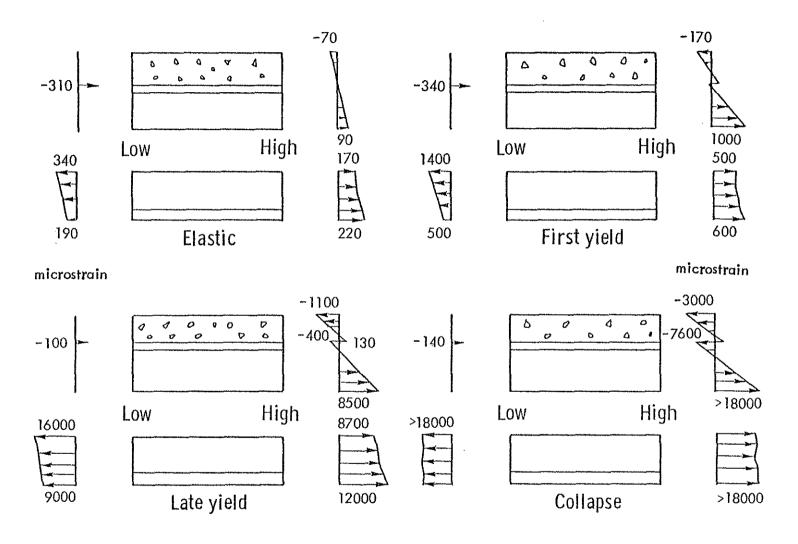


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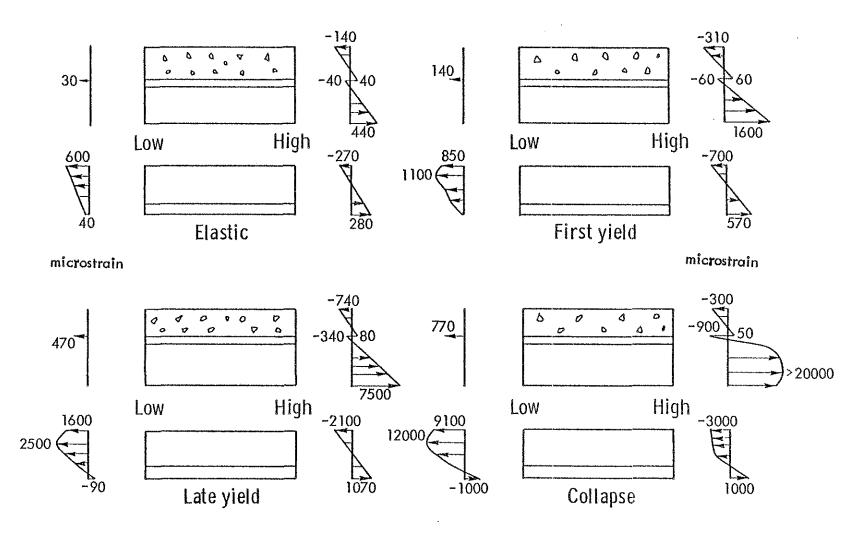


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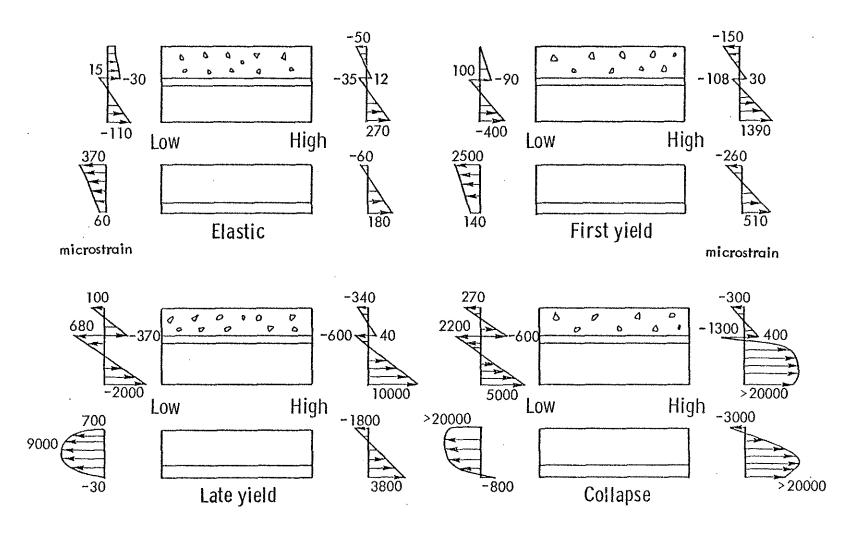


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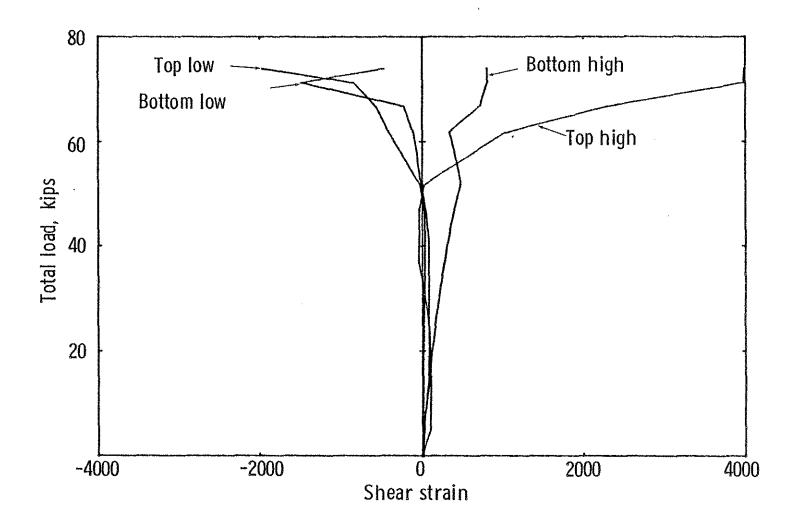


Fig. 3.39 Load-Shear Strain Curves for Beam No. 6

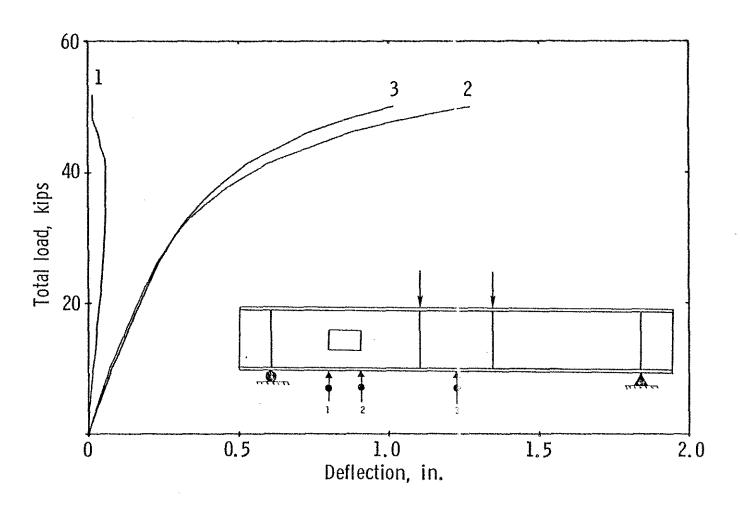


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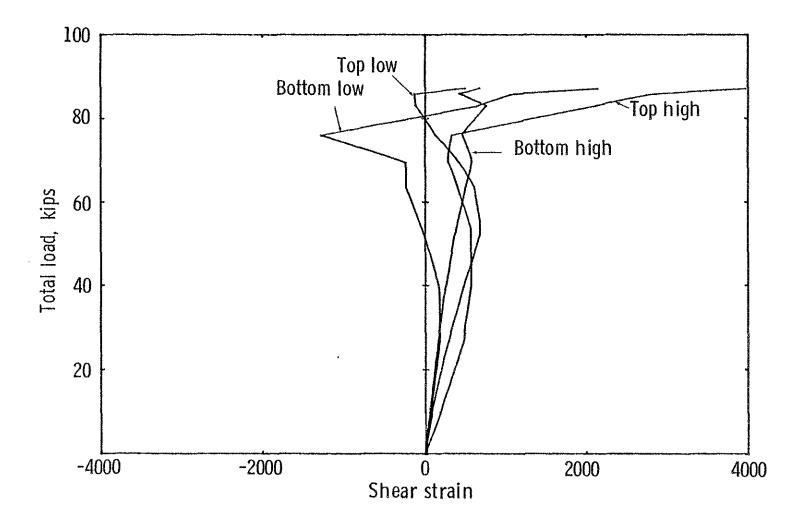


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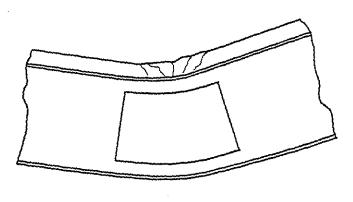


Fig. 4.1 Pure Bending Failure at Opening

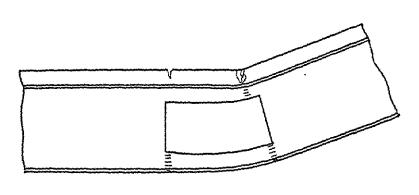


Fig. 4.2 "Mechanism" Failure with Combined Moment and Shear

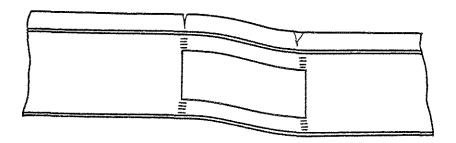


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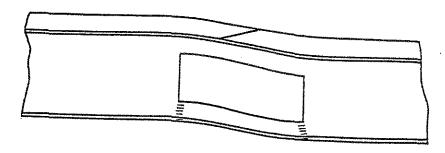


Fig. 4.4 "Shear" Failure in Top Tee

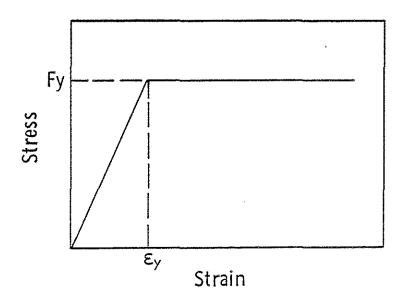


Fig. 4.5 Idealized Stress-Strain Diagram for Steel

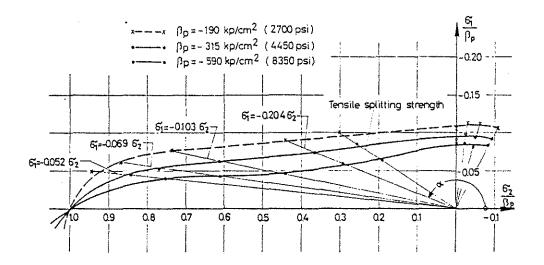


Fig. 4.6 Experimental Results for the Strength of Concrete Under Combined Tension and Compression (19)

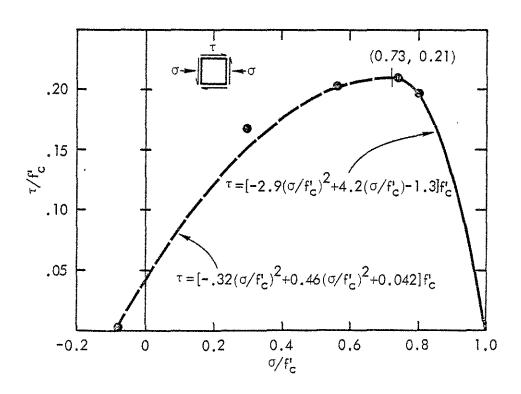


Fig. 4.7 Concrete Strength Under Combined Shear and Normal Stress

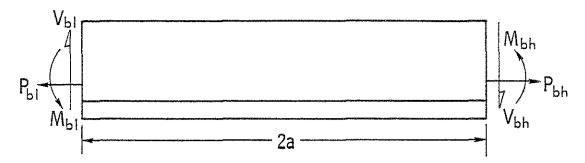


Fig. 4.8 Forces Acting on Bottom Tee

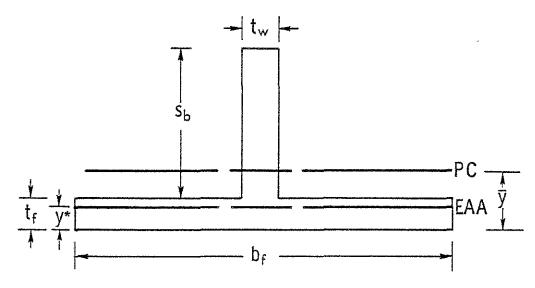


Fig. 4.9 Bottom Tee Cross-Section

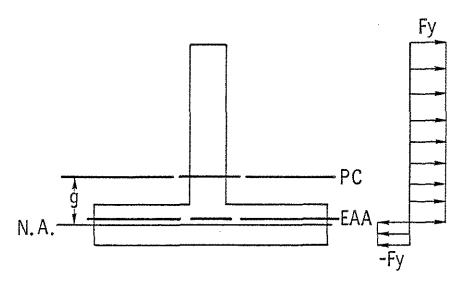
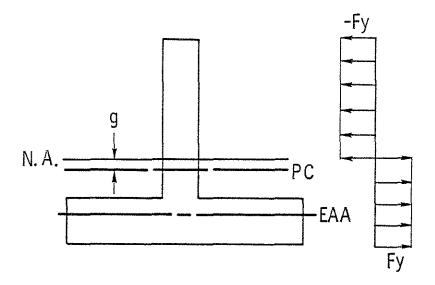


Fig. 4.10 Stress Distribution at Low Moment End of Bottom Tee



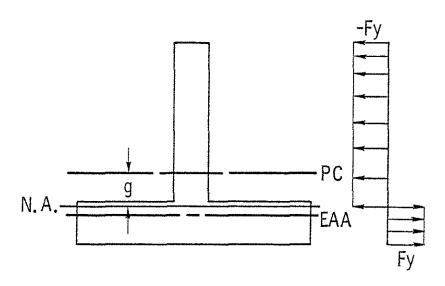


Fig. 4.11 Stress Distributions at High Moment End of Bottom Tee

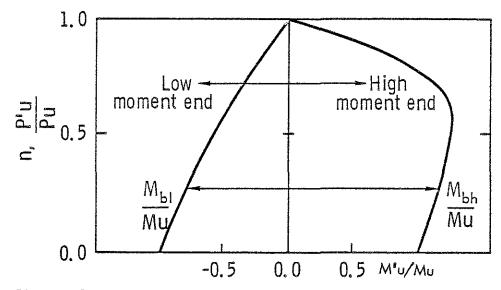


Fig. 4.12a Moment-Axial Force Interaction Curves for Bottom Tee

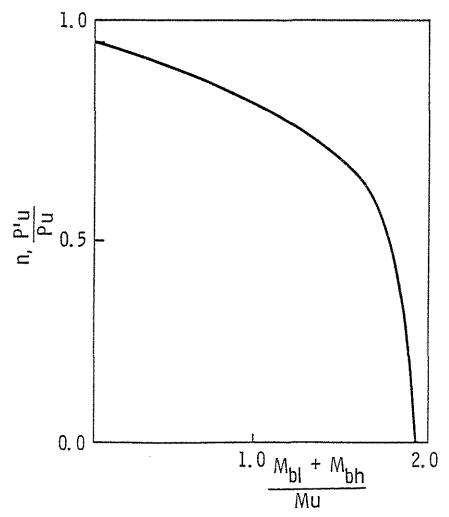


Fig. 4.12b Total Secondary Moment-Axial Force Interaction Curves for Bottom Tee

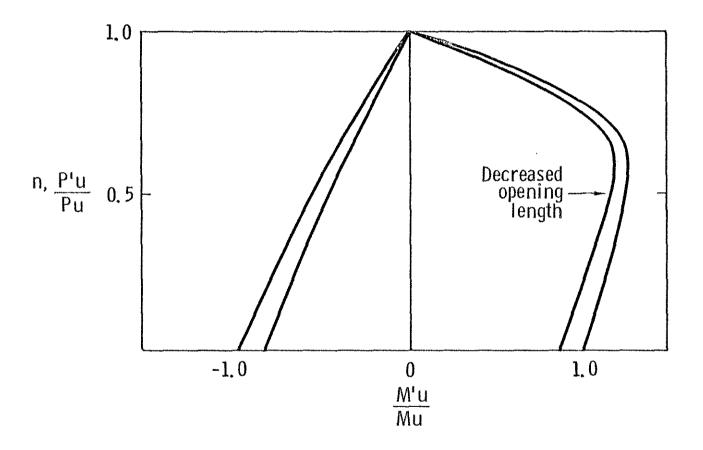


Fig. 4.13 Effect of Opening Length on Bottom Tee Moment-Axial Force Interaction

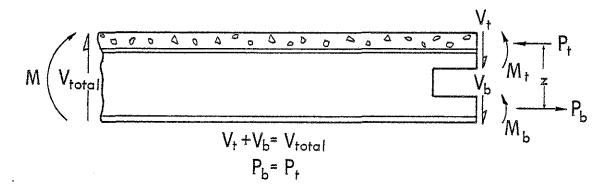


Fig. 4.14 Forces Acting on Top and Bottom Tees

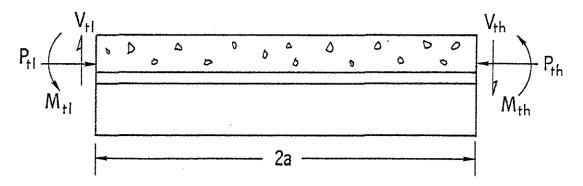


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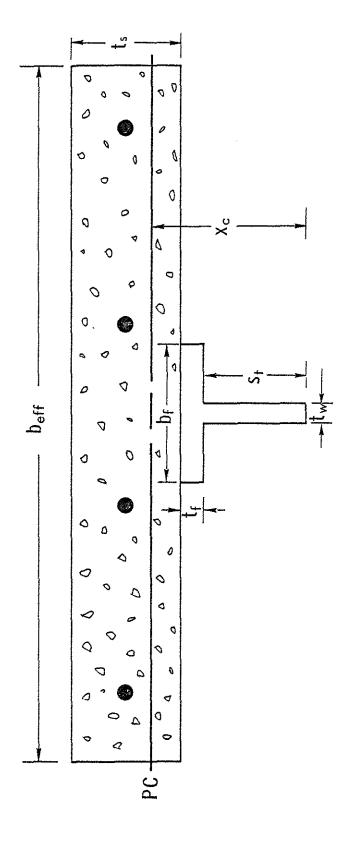
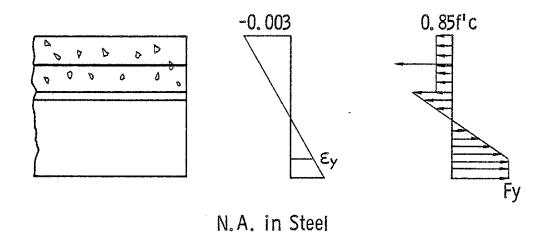


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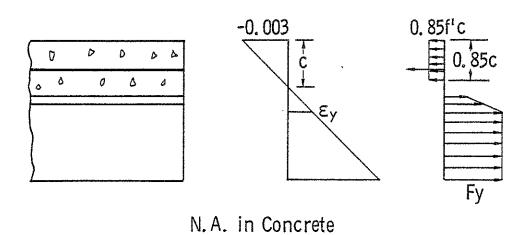


Fig. 4.17 Strain and Stress Distributions for Different Neutral Axis Locations at High Moment End of Top Tee

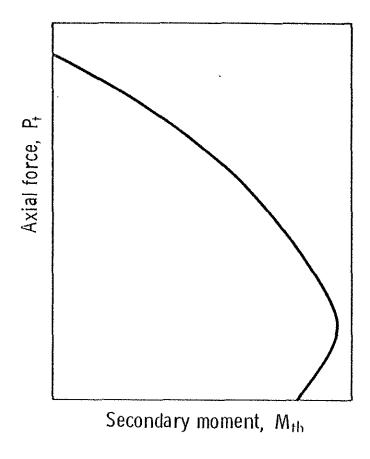


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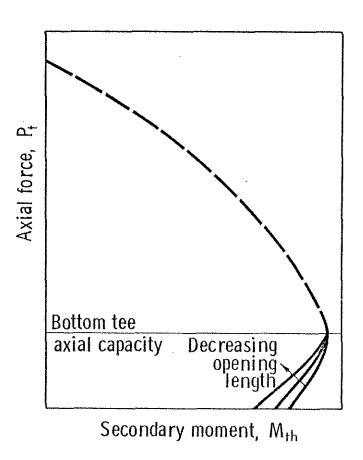


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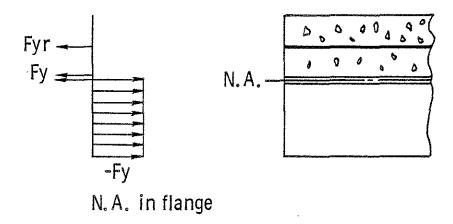


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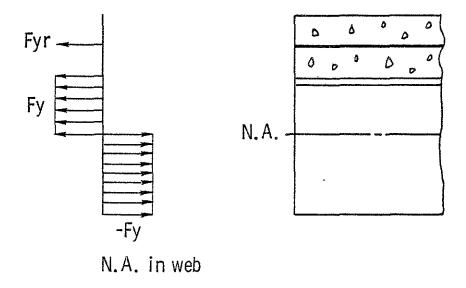


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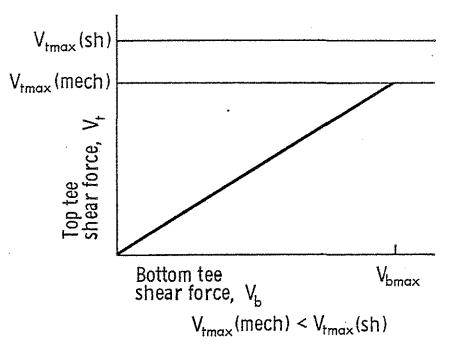


Fig. 4.21 Shear Force Distribution to Top and Bottom Tees with $V_{\mbox{tmax}}(\mbox{mech})$

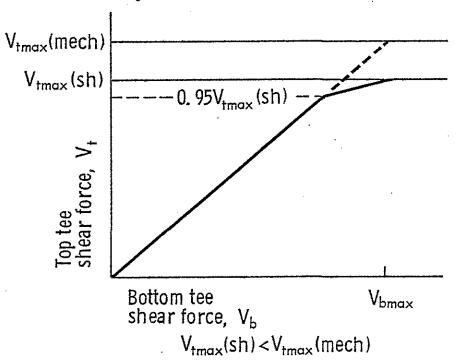


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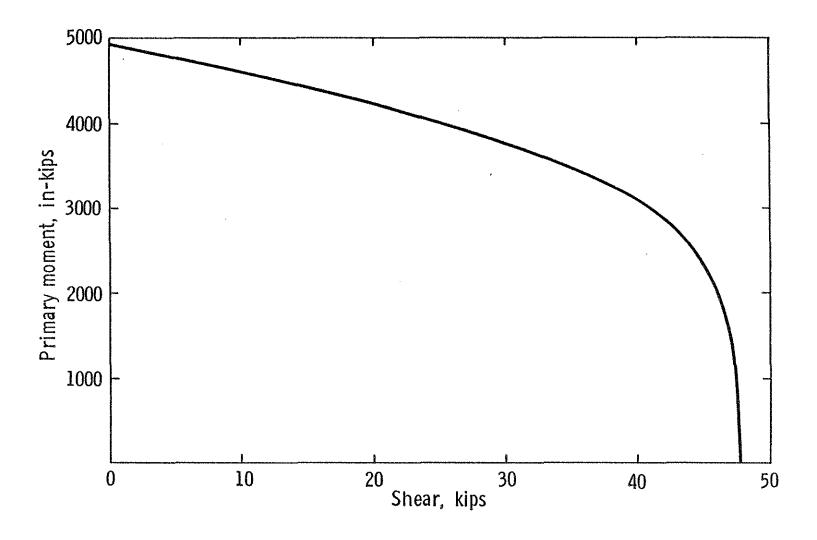


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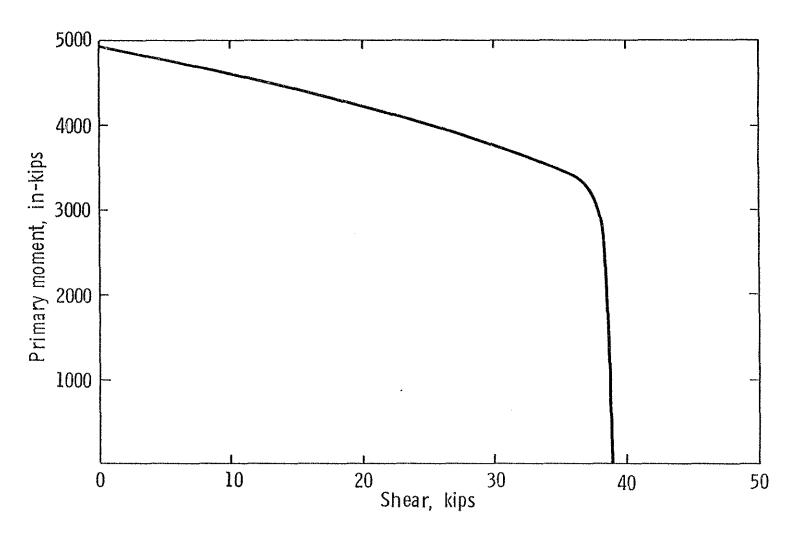


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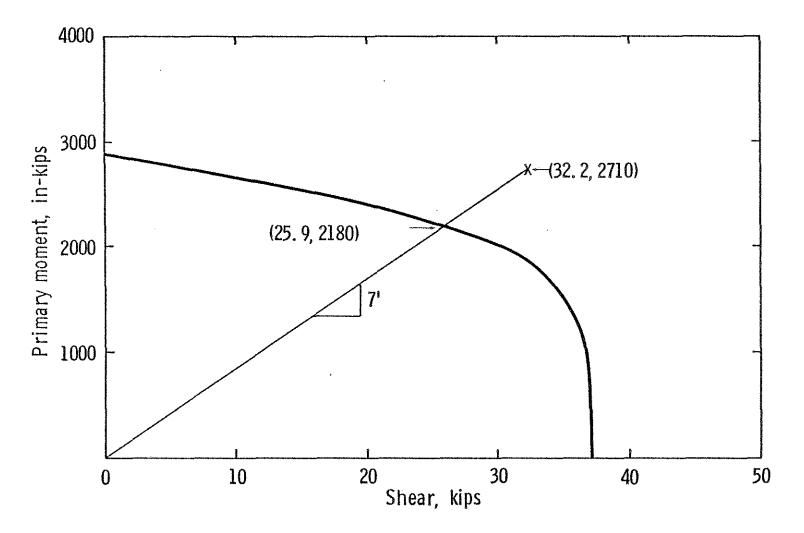


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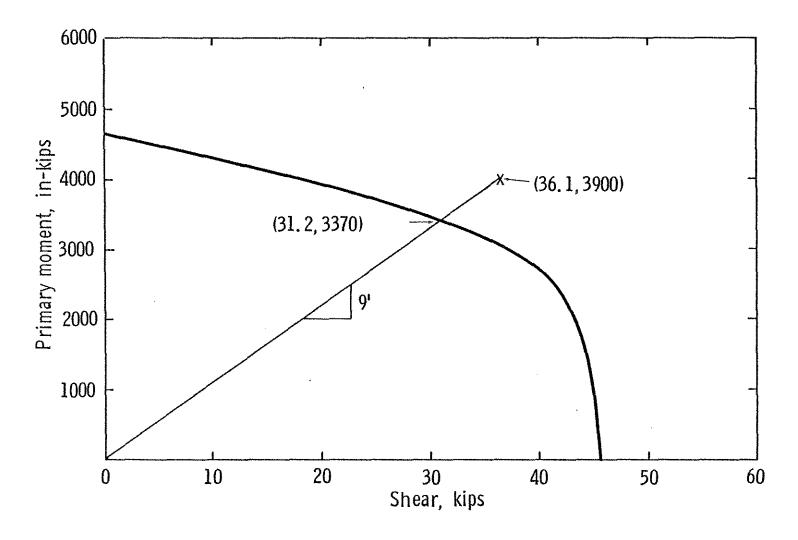


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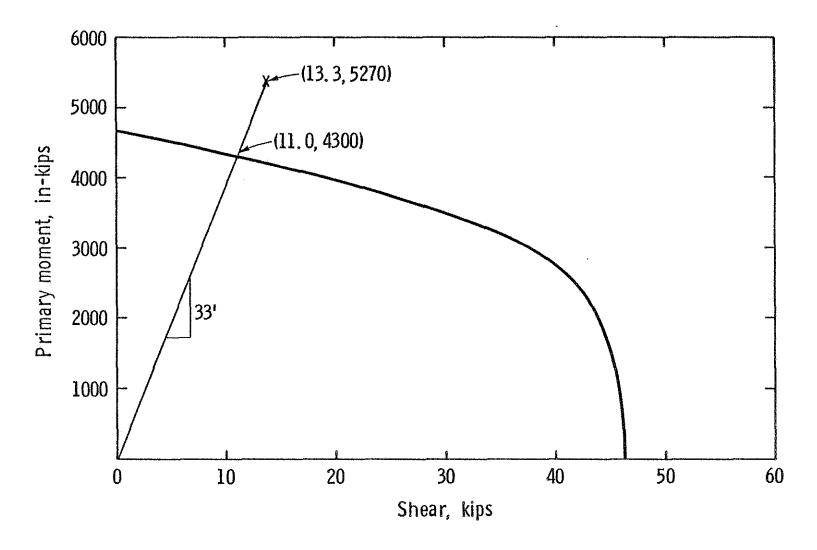


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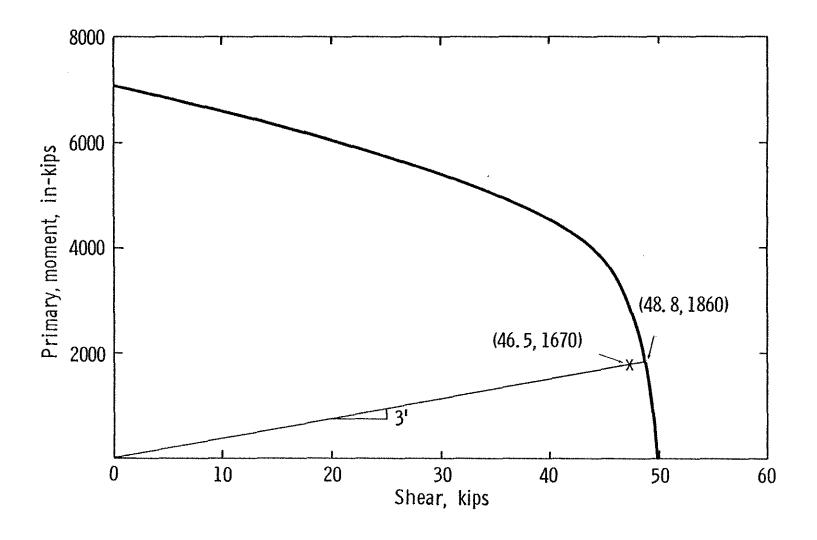


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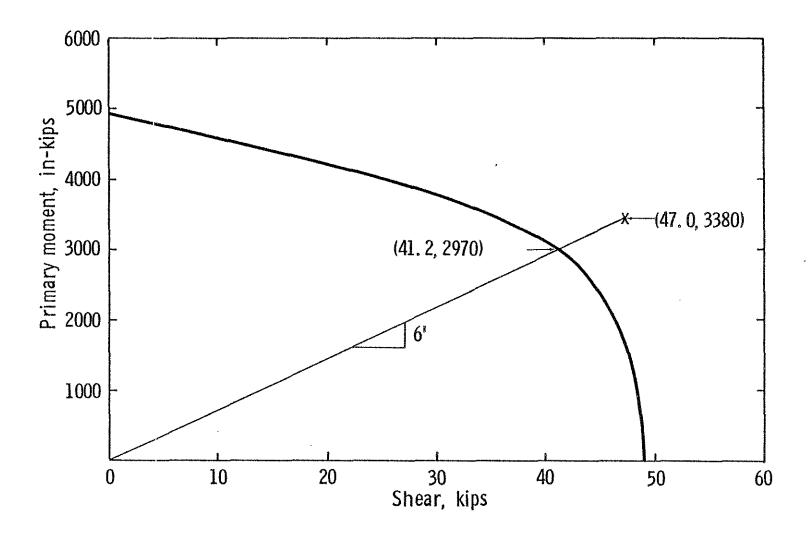


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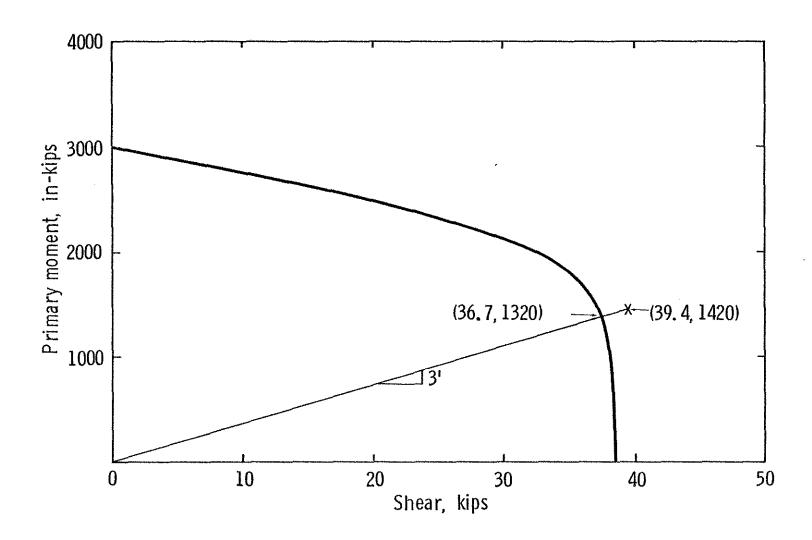


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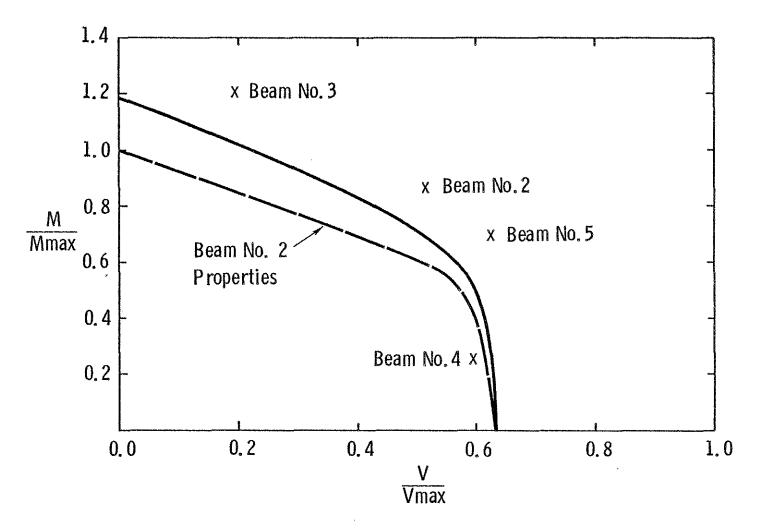
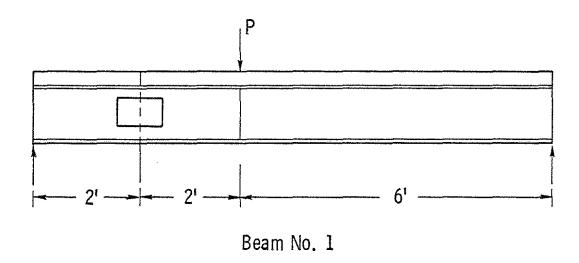


Fig. 5.7 Effect of Increasing Yield Stress in Steel to Represent Strain Hardening



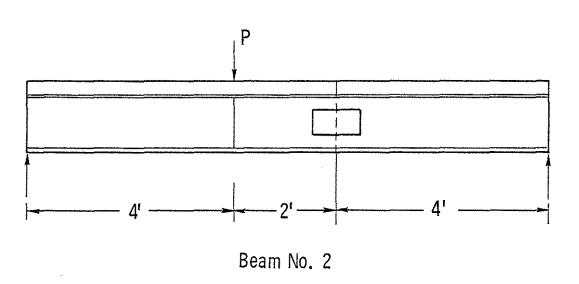


Fig. 5.8 Granade's Beams

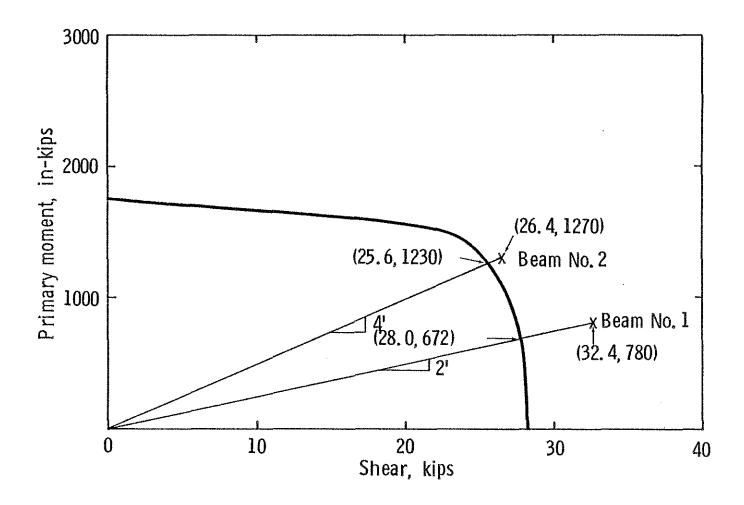


Fig. 5.9 Moment-Shear Interaction Curve for Granade's Beams

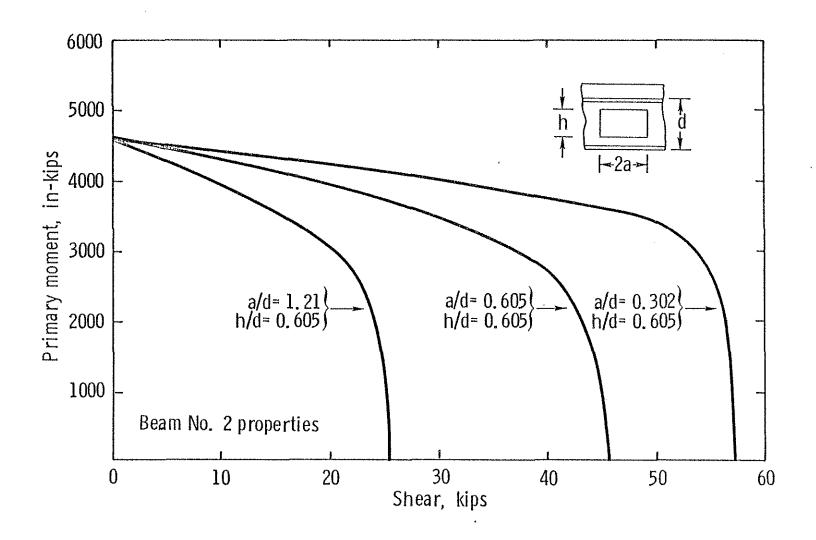


Fig. 5.10 Effect of Opening Length on Moment-Shear Interaction at Web Openings.

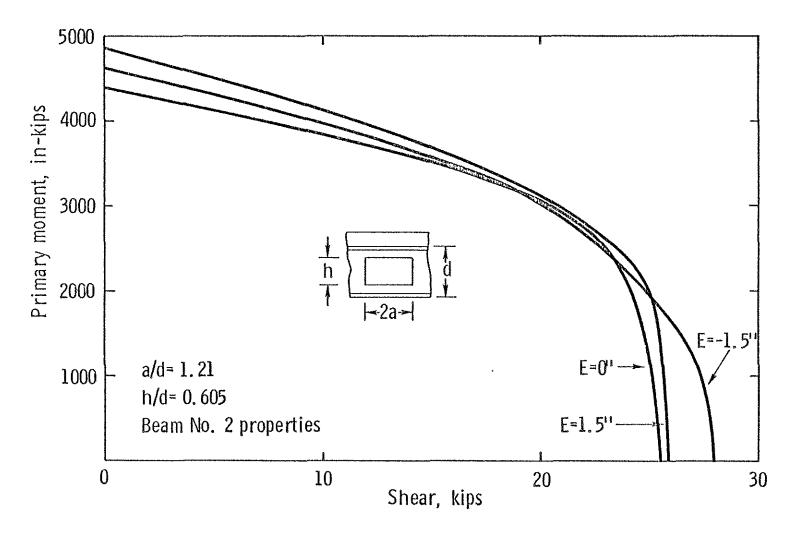


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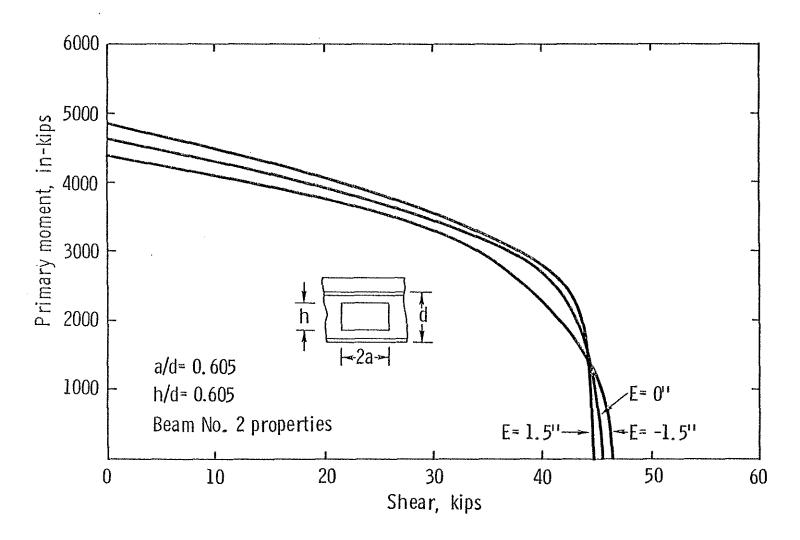


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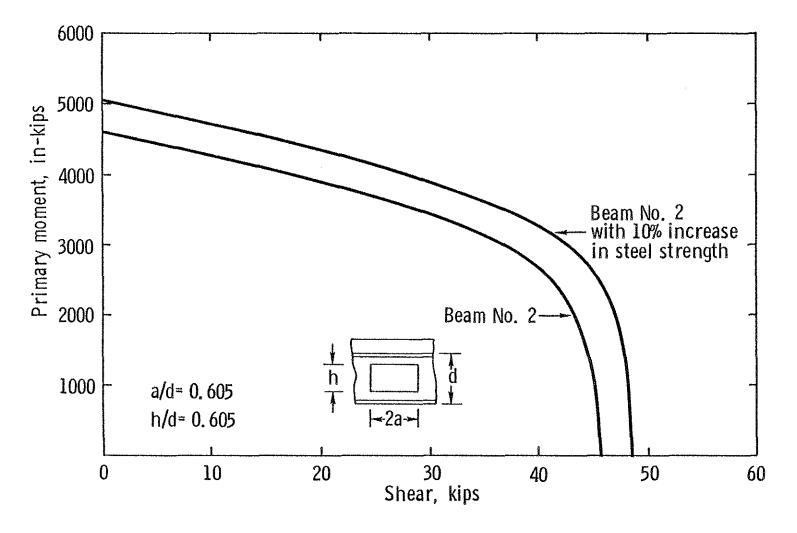


Fig. 5.13 Effect of Steel Strength on Moment-Chear Interation at Web Opening

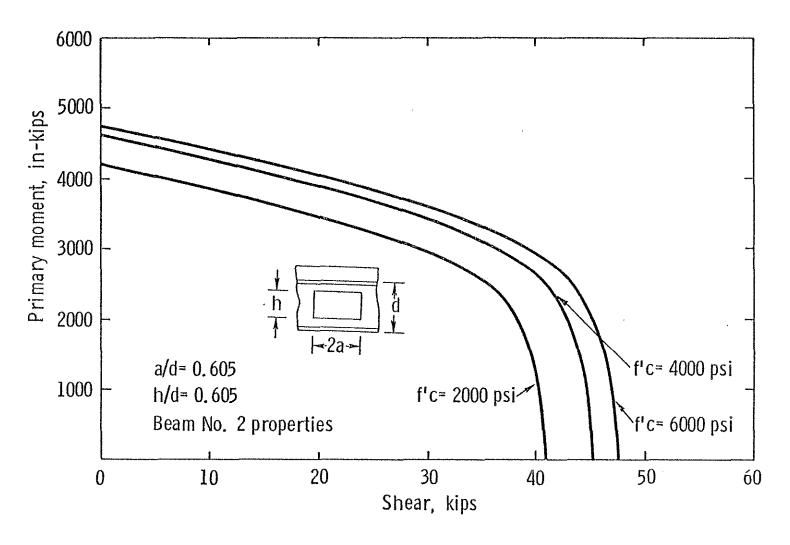


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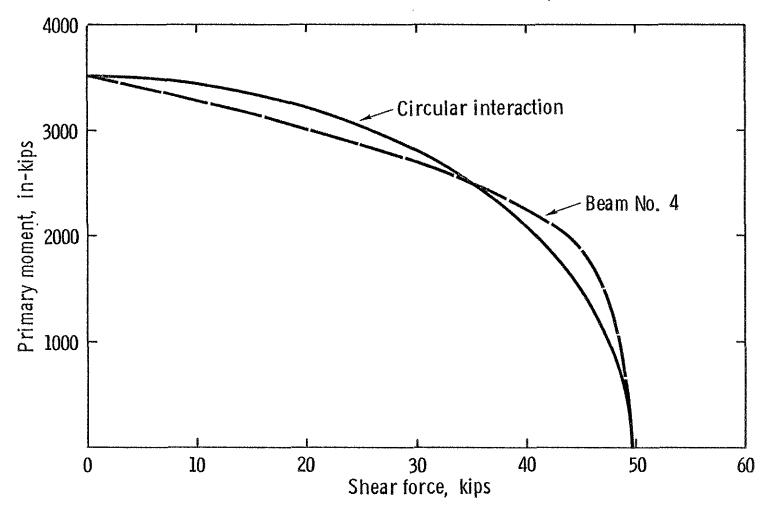
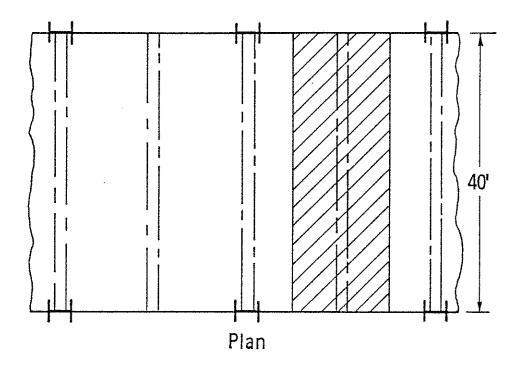


Fig. 6.1 Comparison of Circular and Proposed Ultimate Strength Model Moment-Shear Interaction at a Web Opening



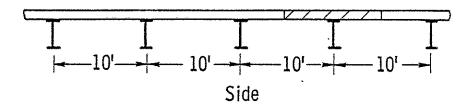


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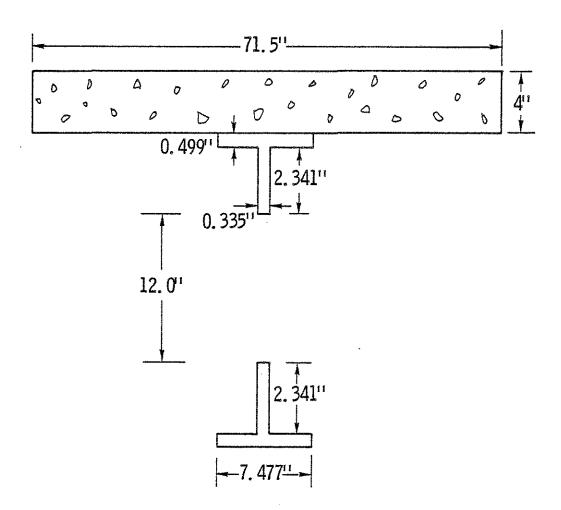
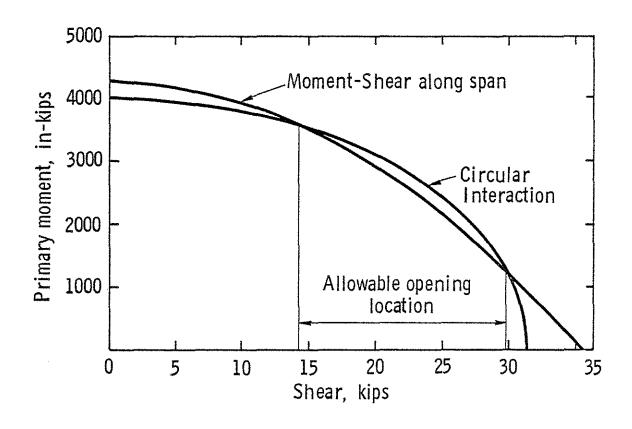


Fig. 6.3 Cross-Section of Composite Beam in Design Example



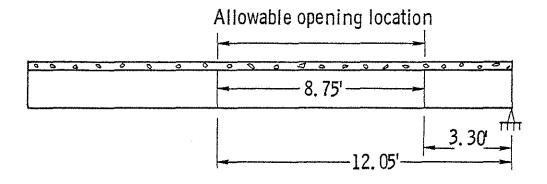


Fig. 6.4 Circular Moment-Shear Interaction and Moment-Shear Values Along Span

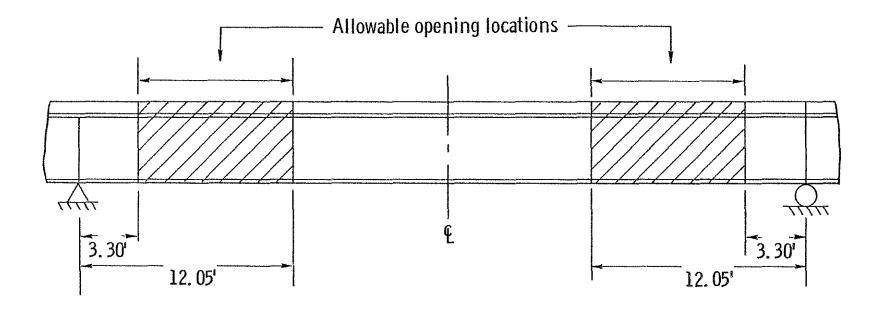


Fig. 6.5 Allowable Opening Locations for Design Example

APPENDIX A

NOMENCLATURE

a	one-half of the opening length
A _c	area of the effective concrete slab
A_{f}	area of a steel flange
Ar	area of the longitudinal reinforcing steel in the effective slab width
A _w	area of the steel web or stub
b _{eff}	effective width of concrete slab
b _f	steel flange width
С	depth to neutral axis from the top of the slab at the high moment end of the top tee
c _i	constants in bottom tee moment-axial force equations
C' _C	axial capacity of effective slab
E	opening eccentricity from the centerline of the steel beam
EAA	equal area axis
f	normal stress
f'c	nominal compressive concrete strength obtained from 6" diameter cylinder tests
f _r	concrete modulus of rupture obtained from 6" x 6" x 21" flexure specimens
F _y	yield stress of steel
Fyf	yield stress of steel flange
F _{yfr}	reduced yield stress of steel flange
Fyr	yield stress of reinforcing steel
Fyw	yield stess of steel web
Fywr	reduced yield stress of steel web
g	location of neutral axis in bottom tee
h	opening depth

h _r	height of reinforcing steel above top flange
L	span length
М	primary moment at the centerline of the opening
^M bh	secondary moment at the high moment end of the bottom tee
M _{b1}	secondary moment at the low moment end of the bottom tee
M _{max}	maximum primary moment capacity at an opening
M primary	primary moment at the centerline of an opening
^M th	secondary moment at the high moment end of the top tee
M _{t1}	secondary moment at the low moment end of the top tee
n	P'u/Pu ratio for the bottom tee
P bh	axial force at the high moment end of the bottom tee
P _{b1}	axial force at the low moment end of the bottom tee
PC	plastic centroid
P _{1,2}	total load per load point
P _{1y}	total load at first yield
P'u	maximum axial capacity in bottom tee with secondary moment
P _{th}	axial force at the high moment end of the top tee
Ptl	axial force at the low moment end of the top tee
Pu	maximum axial capacity of bottom tee
Pult	total load at failure
r	F _{yw} /F _{yf} ratio for bottom and top tees
R	ratio of observed to predicted strength
s _b	bottom tee stub length
st	top tee stub length
T'	axial capacity steel beam
٠.	shear force at the centerline of the opening
V _b	bottom tee shear force

V _{hc}	shear assigned to the concrete at the high moment end of the top tee
V _{max}	maximum shear capacity at an opening
V _{max a=0}	maximum shear capacity at an opening with length equal to zero
V _s	shear assigned to the steel at the high moment end of the top tee
$V_{tmax}(mech)$	maximum shear capacity of top tee with "mechanism" failure
V _{tmax} (sh)	maximum shear capacity of top tee with "shear" failure
V total	shear forces at the centerline of an opening
V _{wmax}	web stub shear capacity
x _c	location of plastic centroid in top tee
ÿ	location of plastic centroid in bottom tee
y*	location of equal area axis in bottom tee
У ₁	location of neutral axis in flange at low moment end of top tee
^у 2	location of neutral axis in web at low moment end of top tee
Z	distance between the plastic centroids of the top and bottom tees
z _i	constants in bottom tee moment-axial force equations
$\overline{\delta}$	$\delta_{\mathbf{r}}/\delta_{\mathbf{c}}$ ratio
δc	centerline deflection
δ _r	relative vertical displacement between the low and high moment ends of the opening at failure
arepsilonsh	shearing strain
€ ₊₄₅	strain reading from rosette gage oriented at +45°
[€] -45	strain reading from rosette gage oriented at -45°
τ	shear stress
$^{ au}$ b	shear stress in the web stub in the bottom tee

^T c	shear stress top tee	in	the	concret	te at	the	high	moment	end o	f the
^T s	shear stress of the top to		the	steel w	veb s	tub a	it the	high	moment	end

APPENDIX B

STRAIN GAGE APPLICATION

The strain gages used on the steel were two varieties. The single gages were 120Ω , 1/4" gage length gages produced by Micro-Measurements (EA-06-250BG-120). The 3-gage rosettes were composed of 120Ω , 1/8" gage length gages also produced by Micro-Measurements (EA-06-125-RA-120).

The steel surfaces were prepared by grinding away the scale and imperfections until the surface was smooth. This was done with a pneumatic grinder with a coarse abrasive disk. The surface was sprayed with a degreaser and wiped clean with gauze sponges until it was clean. An acidic cleaning solution was added to the steel surface and was sanded with emory paper to further smooth the surface. Sanding was completed using a find grade of emory paper. The surface was wiped clean and a neutralizing solution was added using a cotton swab. This solution was removed using a gauze sponge, leaving a clear surface ready for strain gage application.

The strain gage was placed on a clean surface and a terminal strip was placed at the end of the gage near the gage terminals. Cellophane tape was applied to the gage and terminal and gently peeled back with the gage attached to the tape. The tape was then applied to the desired location on the beam. The tape was peeled back until the gage and terminal were revealed. A thin coat of adhesive catlyst was applied to the bottom of the gage and allowed to dry for at least 1 minute. The adhesive was applied to the steel surface, and the tape was pressed down with the thumb, maintaining pressure on the gage for 2-3 minutes. The

tape was left on the gage to protect it temporarily. All steel gages were attached in this manner, leaving the tape on the gages until the lead wires were ready to be soldered to the gages.

Small 3-wire tabs were soldered to the terminals with small single strands soldered to the gages. One wire was soldered to one terminal tab, and 2 wires were soldered to the other. The wiring was completed by soldering 3-wire shielded cables to the tabs. The steel strain gages were moisture-proofed using 2 different methods. Gages under the concrete were protected using MCOAT-G and MCOAT-D which are epoxy and rubber-based materials, respectively, both produced by Micro-Measurements. Other steel gages were protected with a lacquer-type coating called MCOAT-200, also produced by Micro-Measurements.

The concrete strain gages were 120Ω , paper-backed gages. Primarily, strain gages for the concrete were produced by Precision (W240), although a few BLH gages were used.

Since the concrete contains moisture, it was necessary to allow the concrete to dry several days before instrumenting. The surface of the concrete was rough, and it was necessary to grind the surface slightly. After grinding, the surface was blown clean using compressed air. The surface was sealed using a thin coat of DUCO cement which was allowed to dry for about 15 minutes. The bottom of the gage was coated with DUCO cement and placed at the desired locations. A thin sheet of plastic was placed on the top surface of the gage, and the gage was pressed firmly to the concrete surface using the thumb. The plastic sheet was removed, and the gage was allowed to dry. Curing of the DUCO cement was usually complete in 24 hours. The gages were not moisture-

proofed because moisture could migrate from the concrete and be trapped under the coating and affect the gage reliability. Three-wire shielded cables were connected to the gages.

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APPENDIX C

EXPERIMENTAL DATA

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