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PUNCHING SHEAR RESEARCH OF REINFORCED CONCRETE PLATES IN POLAND

Beginning with the late forties of our century numerous investigations of models representing the connection of column with flat floor or base slab have been made in the world, mainly in the United States, Sweden, Federal Republic of Germany, England, Canada, Australia, the Soviet Union. As a result of an analysis of these investigations, many empirical and semi-empirical formulas for the determination of load carrying capacity have been proposed [23,39,53]. Some of them are now found in the code rules [48,49,52]. A concise review of the problem of punching has been published in the materials of ACI [53] and CEB [39]. In home literature, an extensive summary of the state of art in this field is included in [2,8,16]. In a general case, in the regions of connections of flat slabs with columns, a twofold mechanism of failure is possible: through flexure or through punching shearing. Flexural strength, both for simple models and whole structures, can now be relatively accurately determined e.g., on the basis of the yield line theory. Some solutions of the problem of flexural strength in the region of internal columns and edge columns have been presented in [2,8]. In the case of failure through punching, depending on the way of load application symmetrical, asymmetrical two patterns of failure, shown in Fig.1, are possible.

1. Home experimental research

In Poland, the first experiments on punching shear of reinforced concrete plates were made in the years 1964-71 [1,26,42] in connection with the implementation of the "jack up" and "lift slab" technology. Further research was done in two centers - the Technical University of

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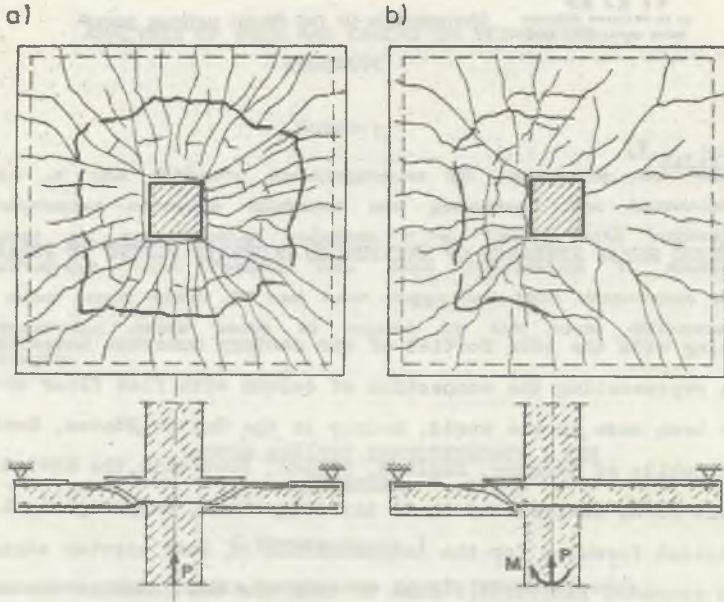


Fig.1 Crack pattern at punching shear: a) symmetrical load,
b) non-symmetrical load

Łódź, and the Silesian Technical University. Up till now, test results of 179 reinforced concrete models of slabs and columns connections have been published (Table 1). All the tests were made on simple models of slabs, mostly in prototype scale, simple-supported along the perimeter and loaded through a column by a axial or eccentric punching force. The size of the assumed, square or rectangular, model slabs reflected the line of contra flexure round the columns in a multi-area floor of the slab-structure.

The most important problems of the research were:

- behaviour at eccentric and axial loading of model slabs with an internal column with various types of connections: monolithic [9], precast/in-situ (prefabricated column, covered with in-situ concrete plate) [25, 26, 43], precast (prefabricated column and plate, mortar-filled joint) [25, 26, 47];

Table 1

Tests of model slabs in Poland

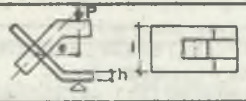
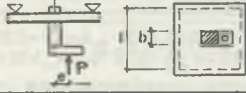
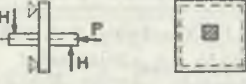
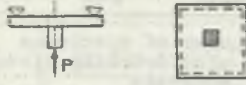
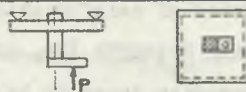
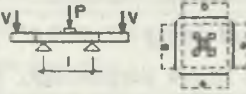
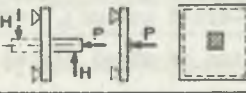
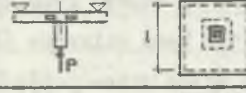
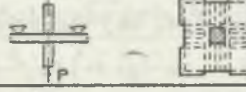
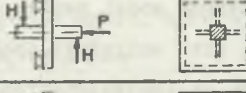
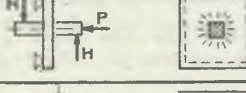

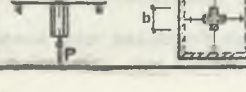
| No | reference year | Scheme of the test | n | remarks . dimensions |
|----|-------------------------------------|---|----|---|
| 1 | [26] 1964 |  | 3 | $h=0,1; l=0,6; b=0,2; e=0,43 [m]$ |
| 2 | [42] 1971 |  | 15 | $h=0,16; (0,24); (0,28); l=1,7; b=0,45; e=0,075 [m]$ $g=0,3 \div 1,29 \%$; $f_{cu}=11 \div 30 [MPa]$ light-weight concrete |
| 3 | [9] 1974 |  | 4 | $h=0,15; l=1,7; b=0,45; e=0,075 [m]$ $g=0,5 \div 1,5 \%$; $f_{cu}=28 \div 32 [MPa]$ |
| 4 | [25] 1975 |  | 10 | $h=0,1; l=0,94; b=0,2 [m]$; $g=0,98 \%$ $f_{cu}=20 \div 34 [MPa]$ |
| 5 | [23] 1976 |  | 30 | $h=0,16 (0,24); l=1,7; b=0,45; e=0,075 [m]$ $g=0,35 \div 1,29 \%$; $f_{cu}=12 \div 30 [MPa]$ lightweight concrete |
| 6 | [35] 1977 |  | 6 | $h=0,26; l=1,0; b=0,24 [m]$; $g=1,35 \%$ $f_{cu}=21 \div 26 [MPa]$ |
| 7 | [43] 1978 |  | 8 | $h=0,16; l=1,7; b=0,25; e=0,025 [m]$; $g=1,0 \%$ $f_{cu}=12 \div 23 [MPa]$ |
| 8 | [38] 1979 [37] 1989 |  | 6 | $h=0,22 (26); l=2,25; b=0,4 [m]$; $g=0,4 \div 1,0 \%$ $f_{cu}=20 \div 35 [MPa]$ steel collars |
| 9 | [13] 1979 |  | 4 | $h=0,16; l=1,7; b=0,25 [m]$; $g=0,94 \%$ $f_{cu}=30 \div 37 [MPa]$ two-way prestressed slabs |
| 10 | [12,13,14] 1980 |  | 12 | $h=0,16; l=1,7; b=0,25; e=0,025 [m]$ $g=0,5 (1,0) \%$; $f_{cu}=14 \div 19 [MPa]$ shearheads |
| 11 | [10,11] 1981 [27] 1984 |  | 19 | $h=0,16; l=1,7; b=0,25; e=0,025 [m]$ $g=1,0 (1,5) \%$; $f_{cu}=12 \div 25 [MPa]$ shear reinforcement |
| 12 | [45] 1984 |  | 6 | $h=0,16; l=1,7; b=0,25 [m]$; $g=1,0 (1,25) \%$ $f_{cu}=19 \div 27 [MPa]$ steel fiber reinforced concrete |
| 13 | [3] 1985 |  | 6 | $h=0,18; l=1,8; b=0,45 [m]$; $f_{cu}=42-53 [MPa]$ press moulded lightweight concrete |

Table 1. continuation

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|----|-------------------|--|--|----|---|
| 14 | [47] 1985 | | | 6 | $h=0,16 ; l=1,8 ; b=0,25 [m] ; \rho=1,0 (125) \%$ $f_{cu}=23 \div 34 [MPa]$ |
| 15 | [46] 1980 | | | 14 | $h=0,16 ; l=1,7 ; b=0,25 ; e=0+0,75 [m]$ $\rho=1,0 \%$; $f_{cu}=12 \div 20 [MPa]$ $w=0 ; (0,16) ; (0,82) [m]$, edge connections |
| 16 | [36] 1980 | | | 8 | $h=0,175 ; l=2,25 \times 1,75 ; b=0,3 \times 0,35 [m]$ $e=0-0,75 [m] ; \rho=0,75 \%$; $f_{cu}=15 \div 37 [MPa]$ shearheads, edge connections |
| 17 | [32,33] 1982 | | | 24 | $h=0,2 ; l=2,25 ; b=0,4 ; e=0-0,25 [m]$ $\rho=0,9 \div 1,3 \%$; $f_{cu}=21 \div 44 [MPa]$ large holes |

total n = 179

n - number of specimens
 f_{cu} - cube crushing strength of concrete
 ρ - ratio of reinforcement

- effect of lightweight concrete on punching strength [25, 42] ;
- effect of slab reinforcement ratio on carrying capacity at punching [9, 23], and the effect of slab prestress [13] ;
- effect on the load carrying capacity and crack morphology, of the connection shape (one-sided column, two-sided column), method of load transfer (axial, eccentric, through column or steel plate) [43] ;
- effect of shear reinforcement in the form of closed stirrups, bent-up bars, "segments of I sections", [10, 11], beam stirrups [27], shearheads [12, 14, 36], and also reinforced steel fibre [45] ;
- behaviour at punching of edge connections [44, 46] and connections with large holes [32, 33, 36].

Apart from complex research including numerous model series, also a number of separate investigations dealing with untypical cases of punching shear and connected with attempts at implementation of the specific design solutions have been realized [3, 35, 36, 37].

2. Analytical methods

On the basis of the investigations made in this country, many empirical and semi-empirical formulas for the determination of punching strength (Table 2) have been proposed. The formulas are mostly a

Table 2

Equations for punching resistance

| method No | reference | Equations for punching resistance (m, MPa, MN) | No eq. | notes and limitations |
|-----------|-----------|---|------------------------------|--|
| | | $P_u = P_0 \left(1 + \frac{e P_0}{M_0}\right)^{-1}$; for methods No 1+4: $M_0 = \frac{J P_0}{\gamma d u c}$ | (1) (2) | expression(1) for methods No 1+6 |
| 1 | [9] | $P_0 = 0,33 \sqrt{f_{cc}} u d$ $\gamma = (4758 q^2 - 133,87 q + 1,55) (1 + 1,5 \sqrt{b_2 d / b_1 d})^{-1}$ | (3) (4) | |
| 2 | [15] | $P_0 = 0,465 \sqrt{f_{cc}} u d$ $\gamma = 0,85 \left(\frac{e}{b_1 + d}\right)^{0,42} \cdot (1 + 1,5 \sqrt{b_2 d / b_1 d})^{-1}$ | (5) (6) | u-for edge connections according to [15] $0,33 < \frac{e}{b_1 + d} < 2,51$ |
| 3 | [23] | $P_0 = \frac{1,63 P' (1 - 0,075 b_1/d) + (P_w - 0,43 P')}{1 + 0,5 P'/P_y}$ $\gamma = (1 + 2,126 \sqrt{b_2 d / b_1 d})^{-1}$; $P = 0,23 k_1^3 \sqrt{f_c^2} u d$ | (7) (8) (9) | $k_1 = 1,0$ normal concrete ; $k_1 = 0,722$ lightweight concrete $P_w - 0,43 P' > 0$ |
| 4 | [41] | without shear reinf.: $P_0 = k_1 k_2 f_{ctd} u d$ with shear reinf.: $P_0 = \Sigma A_{sw} f_y \sin \alpha \leq 1,4 k_1 k_2 f_{ctd} u d$ | (10) (11) | $k_1 = 1,0$ normal concrete $k_1 < 1,0$ lightweight concrete $k_2 = 0,5 + b_2/b_1 \leq 1$, $b_2 < b_1$ $\gamma = (1 + 1,5 \sqrt{b_2 d / b_1 d})^{-1}$ (12) |
| 5 | [44] | $P_0 = k_2 u d (0,22 + 0,058 q f_y) \sqrt{f_{cc}}$ $M_0 = m(2b_1 + b_2 + \alpha_u d) k_2$; $\alpha_u = 15,3 / \left(\frac{e_u - e_g}{b_1}\right) < 18,5$ | (13) (14) (15) | $k_2 = 0,6 + 0,4 b_2/b_1$; $b_2 < b_1$; k_2 -according to [44] $(0,22 + 0,058 q_1 f_y) < 0,523$ |
| 6 | [34] | $P_0 = 0,3 \sqrt{f_{cu}} u d + 0,53 \frac{\phi}{s} u d$ $M_0 = 1,78 \sqrt{f_{cu}} n d (b_1 - d/3) + (m^2 + m^2/b_1) (b_2 + 6d)$ | (16) (17) | $\phi/s \leq 0,25$; ϕ/s in [MN/m] |
| 7 | [11] | $\left(\frac{P_u - P_w}{P_c}\right)^2 + k \frac{P_u e}{M_u} \leq 1$, $k = 1 - 0,5 e/b_1 \geq 0,3$ $P_0 = P_c + P_w = 0,3 \sqrt{f_{cc}} u d + \beta A_{sw} f_y \sin \alpha$ $M_u = 0,3 \sqrt{f_{cc}} J / c$ | (18) (19) (20) (21) | $\beta = 0,6$ - stirrups $\beta = 0,55$ - bent up bars additional restricts for u_α in [11] |
| 8 | [54] | P_0 - according to (10) and (11) for $k_1 = k_2 = 1$ | (22) | slabs and footings axially loaded with normal concrete |
| 9 | [29] | $P_0 = P_c + P_w$, P_c - according to (13); $P_w = \eta \frac{E M_2}{1,5 - 0,5 b}$ $\eta = 0,05 + 0,365 \left(\frac{1,5 - 0,5 b}{h_2} - 2,3\right)$ | (23) (24) | slab - column connections with shearheads axially loaded |

1) equations for designing

List of denotations to the formulas from Table 2:

- A_{sw} - total section area, respectively for shear reinforcement with stirrups, bent-up-bars
- b_1, b_2 - length of the sides of a rectangular column, respectively in the directions 1 and 2
- c - distance from the column centre to the farthest point of the control perimeter
- d, d_1, d_2 - effective depth of the slab, and respectively for the rectangular-to-each-other directions 1 and 2
- e - eccentricity of the punching force to the centre of critical section constituting a geometric sum of static and geometric eccentricity
- f_{cu}, f_c, f_{cc} - mean values of the compressive strength of concrete determined respectively on cubes $15 \times 15 \times 15$ cm, cylinders 16 and $h = 16$ cm, and cylinders 15×30 cm
- f_{ctd} - design tensile strength of the concrete according to PC [54]
- f_y - design strength of the steel of reinforcement with stirrups or bent-up-bars according to PC [54]
- f_y - mean value of reinforcement yield stress of steel
- h_s - depth of the shear-head section
- I - polar moment of inertia of the critical section to the axis passing through its centre of gravity in the direction perpendicular to the moment plane
- l_s - length of the arm of the shear-head
- m, m^t, m^b - moment resistance per unit width of the tensioned reinforcement and the corresponding one for the top and bottom reinforcement
- M_0 - ultimate value of unbalanced moment for pure moment loading ($P=0$)
- M_y - total plastic moment of the arms of the shearhead
- n - number of the lateral planes of the column transferring the torsion moment
- P_0 - ultimate value of punching shear force for pure punching ($M=0$)
- F_u - ultimate punching shear strength at eccentric load
- P_c, P_w - shear forces transferred respectively by concrete and shear reinforcement
- P_y - flexural strength determined according to yield line theory
- s - axial spacing of the slab reinforcement bar
- u - perimeter of the critical section at the distance $0,5 h_0$ from the sides of the column
- u_d - perimeter at the distance h_0 from the sides of the column
- α - angle of the bending up of bars
- ϕ - diameter of the tensioned reinforcement bars of the slab
- ξ - slab reinforcement ratio
- $\gamma, \beta, \eta, k, k_1, k_2, k_z$ - coefficients

specification, modification or expansion of the already-known methods of foreign researchers. In [9] is presented a suggestion of specifying more closely the coefficient γ in the method of ACI code [49] by relating its value to the reinforcement ratio of the slab - formula (4).

Coefficient γ determines the part of the moment transferred through shearing at punching. The verification of modified-in-this-way method of ACI code carried out in [23] has shown that it gives a better conformity with the test results (159 models) than the code method.

A somewhat different form of the coefficient γ has been given in [15], and checked on models of edge connections. The method based on an analysis of shear stresses in the critical section $0,5 h_0$ distant from the sides of the column has been presented in [23, 24] - formulas (1, 7, 8, 9). The load carrying capacity at symmetrical punching is calculated here from the modified Moe's formula (31). To calculate the load carrying capacity of the internal connections with shear reinforcement in the form of steel shearheads - formulas (12, 23, 24) Herzog's approach [18], as well as Corley and Hawkins method were used [5]. Herzog's approach was also used for edge connections [44] - formulas (13, 14, 15). Some expressions, based also on the analysis of the state of failure, which make it possible to take into account, among others, the influence of large holes in the column head region, are given in [33, 34] - formulas (1, 16, 17). The function of M and P interaction in the form of a parabole was used for an analysis of the strength of the connections shear reinforcement [11] - formulas (18 + 21).

However, in [28] Kanoh's and Yozhizaki's beam analogy method [21] was adapted to calculate strength capacity of such connections.

In Polish recommendations [41] for the designing of slab-column structures, a universal and repeatedly verified American code [48] was adapted as it permits taking into consideration, in a relatively simple way, a great number of possible designing situations: internal and edge connection, shear reinforcement, eccentricity of the punching force, holes in column head region, proportions of the column sides dimensions, and shear-heads. A disadvantage of this method is in not including the tensile reinforcement ratio of the slab, the effect of this factor being

many times confirmed in the investigations. The methods described above were analyzed by the authors with the test results of their own and of others. The synthetic results of these analyses are included in Table 3. The most extensively verified with the test results (159 models) were the methods [9] and [23] and also, indirectly, method [41].

Table 3

Verification of analytical formulas acc.to Table 2 with the test results

| Method acc.to No Table 2 | No 1 | No 2 | No 3 | No 5 | No 6 | No 7 | No 8 | | No 9 |
|--|------------------|-------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Reference | [23] | [15] | [23] | [44] | [33] | [11] | Fig. 2 | Fig. 3 | [29] |
| Number of models | 159 (109) | 6 | 159 (109) | 37 | 71 | 16 | 86 | 21 | 12 |
| $\left(\frac{P_{obs}}{P_{cal}}\right)$ mean | 1,307 (1200) | 0,978 | 1,121 (0,973) | 1,014 | 1,008 | 0,994 | 1,128 | 1,127 | 0,965 |
| Coefficient of var. v [%] | 25,89 (21,80) | 5,76 | 31,54 (15,23) | 7,50 | 10,51 | 13,90 | 13,27 | 24,00 | 3,21 |

1) In parentheses, the values for prototype scale models only.

3. Punching shear in the light of code PN-84/B-03264 and CEB recommendations

The problem of punching shear in the Polish code was limited, to column footings only. The latest version of the code from 1984 [54] permits the use of equations (10, 11, 22) also for the purpose of checking the load carrying capacity of the slab elements, but only those axially loaded. Eccentric load may be considered, in a much simplified way, only for column footings. It should be noted that the state of axial punching in slab-column structures practically does not occur on account of horizontal loading or nonuniform distribution of vertical loads in the particular floor fields. Moreover, the code approach does not include the effect of the ratio of the sides of the transverse section of the column which factor is essential for the rectangular

columns - the corresponding coefficient is used e.g., in ACI code and following it - recommendations [41] and the recommendations of CEB. In Fig.2 is presented a confrontation of the code expression - formula (22) after assuming the mean values of the tensile strength of concrete (f_{ct}), with 68 results of various investigations of home and foreign authors, depending on the compressive strength of concrete f_{cu} . On the other hand, Fig.3 shows similar checking of the load carrying capacity of shear-reinforced elements in the column head region - here, obtained are higher values of the coefficient of variation ν of the ratios P_{obs}/P_{cal} .

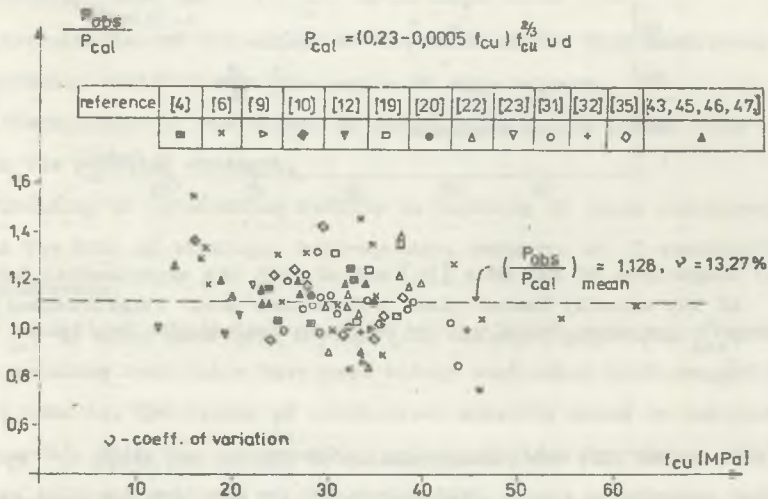


Fig.2 Comparison of the code PN-84/B-03264 [54] method with the experimental data of the axially loaded plate-models without shear reinforcement. Note: 1) P_{cal} according formula (10) computed for mean value of $f_{ct} = (0,23 - 0,0005 f_{cu}) f_{cu}^{2/3}$; 2) for lightweight concrete used factor $k_1 = 0,75$

The obtained values of static measures correspond to the values obtained according to other code methods [2]. The recommendations of CEB FIP Model Code, 1990 on the punching of reinforced concrete slabs were not conclusively explicit in the first edition from Dubrownik [51]. Work is being continued in Committee IV and is based on the elaborations of CEB

from 1978 [50] and 1985 [39]. For 86 models of reinforced concrete slabs, analyzed in Fig.2 at average concrete strength values, the mean value $P_{obs}/P_{cal} = 1,297$ was obtained according to CEB approach given in [50] with the coefficient of variation $\nu = 12,12\%$.

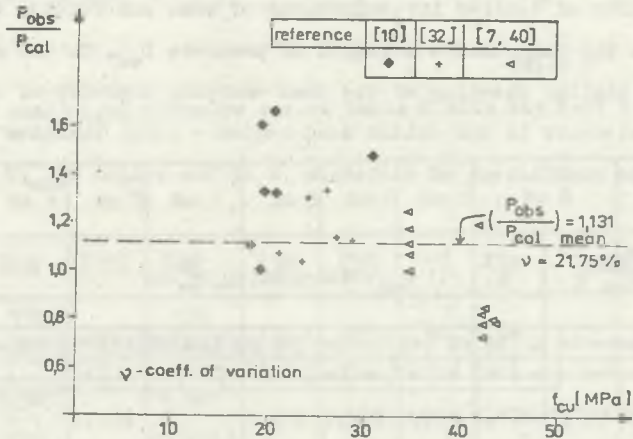


Fig.3 Comparison of the code [54] method with the experimental data of the axially loaded plate models with shear reinforcement; P_{cal} according formulas (10) and (11) for mean value of f_{ct} , f_{yw}

Hence, it results that the recommendation of CEB in the field of symmetrical punching are more cautious (about 15% in relation to the mean values) than the recommendation of the Polish code. The Rules of CEB permit, however, a better consideration, in the calculations of the load carrying capacity, of the effect of the slab depth, dimensions and proportions of the sides of the transverse section of the column, with due consideration to the effect of the slab reinforcement ratio and to other aspect of punching like; prestress, eccentricity of the punching force and holes. They also make possible taking into account the shear reinforcement in the punching region to a higher degree than Polish recommendations [41]. According to CEB [50] the strength of the column region with shear reinforcement is 1,6 of the strength of the not-

reinforced region, while Polish code takes into consideration only a possibility of 40% increase of load carrying capacity (formula 11).

4. Recapitulation

In Poland, 179 models of slabs have been tested for punching. Eccentric load occurred in 88 cases, however, in available literature descriptions of tests of about 300 elements have been found.

Significant achievements of the investigations compiled in Table 2 are:

- a better distinction of the behaviour of reinforced concrete slabs made of lightweight and normal concrete at non-symmetrical cases of punching,
- determination of the effect of the reach of the slab cantilever on the punching resistance in the region of edge columns,
- determination of the effect of large holes in the column head region on the punching strength,
- obtaining of interesting results on punching of shear reinforced slabs in the form of stirrups, bent-up-bars, segments of I sections and shearheads.

The analytical expressions proposed by the Polish authors, determining the punching resistance have been widely confronted with own and foreign test results. The values of statistical measures based on analyses are comparable with the corresponding values obtained by other authors which is an indirect evidence of the credibility of the experiments made in this country. The specification presented in [9, 14, 15, 23, 28, 29, 44], and modifications [5, 18, 21, 31, 48] of methods led to a better conformance of the results of tests and calculations.

The tests and analyses of punching carried out in the country referred almost entirely to the static load. The effect of the dynamic load, as well as the phenomena of post punching behaviour have not been analyzed. These problems are particularly essential in the structures designed for the seismically active regions and are discussed i.a., in [7, 17, 39].

A proper construction of reinforcement of the column head region, taking into consideration the post failure phenomena permit suitable protecting of the structure against progressive collapse. As results from [17], the

decisive factors here are: shear reinforcement and continuity of the bottom reinforcement of the slab, passing through the column. Evident here is the lack of critical analyses, both in home literature and foreign one, dealing with a comparison of the test results obtained on simple models with relation to the real structures. It is a common view, partly confirmed in paper [35], that the expected load carrying capacities in the prototype will be higher than those obtained on models. A quantitative consideration of this problem has not been clarified and may be the subject of properly programmed studies. The mechanism of cracking and failure at punching, especially of the symmetrically loaded internal columns is now well identified. However, no universal method has been developed which would be based on a constitutive model, and which would take into account most of the factors affecting the strength capacity with the possible types of geometrical and static asymmetry (edge columns, holes etc.). It seems that such a solution may be found through an analysis of the state of failure, representing best the essence of the phenomena taking place.

There is a need for bringing up-to-date the home code rules on punching shear. The calculational expressions should take into consideration the effect of the reinforcement ratio of the slab, and of the proportion of the column sides on punching strength. These factors are reflected in most of the code recommendations [48, 49, 52].

The Polish code should also be supplemented with suitable recommendations dealing with the effect, on the load carrying capacity, of the eccentric load, prestress, holes, shearheads, etc.

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PUNCHING SHEAR RESEARCH OF REINFORCED CONCRETE
PLATES IN POLAND

Summary

This report presents a review of home achievements in the scope of analysis of the phenomenon of punching shear in reinforced concrete slabs in comparison to world scientific knowledge. On the basis of bibliography of the works of home authors, the experimental investigations and the analysis of load carrying capacity and cracking resistance of reinforced concrete slabs at punching are presented, and the calculation methods, as well as code rules are discussed. Finally, the trends for future research works are mentioned.

Keywords: reinforced concrete plates, slab-column connections, models, punching tests, punching shear strength, structural analysis, research.

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Streszczenie

Referat prezentuje przegląd krajowych osiągnięć w zakresie analizy zjawiska przebicia w żelbetowych płytach. Na podstawie bibliografii prac autorów krajowych opisano badania doświadczalne, przedstawiono analizę nośności i zarysowania przy przebicciu żelbetowych płyt, omówiono metody obliczeniowe i przedyskutowano także zalecenia normowe. W podsumowaniu wskazano kierunki przyszłych badań dotyczących przebiccia.

ПОЛЬСКИЕ ИССЛЕДОВАНИЯ ПРОДАВЛИВАНИЯ ЖЕЛЕЗОБЕТОННЫХ ПЛИТ

Резюме

В статье описаны страные достижения касающиеся анализа продавливания железобетонных плит в сравнении к состояния мирной науки. На основе библиографии работ странных афторов описано экспериментальные исследования, представлено анализ несущей способности и трещиностойкости при продавливании железобетонных плит, рассмотрено расчетные методы и передискутировано также стандартные рекомендации. В заключению указано направления будущих исследований касающиеся продавливания.