Applied Achitectural Structures: Structural Analysis and Systems

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(c) Two-way flat-plate system

(without beams) for a

hexagonal or circular configuration.

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Structural Design Sequences

- first-order design
 - structural type and organization
 - design intent
 - contextual or programmatic
- second-order
 - structural strategies
 - material choice
 - structural systems
- third-order
 - member shaping & sizing

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Systems

- total of components
- · behavior of whole
- classifications
 - one-way
 - two-way
 - tubes
 - braced
 - unbraced





(b) One-way circumferential beamand-column system plan for hexagonal or circular configuration

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Systems & Spans



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Systems & Spans



Moments in Members



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Span Lengths

- crucial in selection of system
- maximum spans on charts aren't absolute limits, but usual maximums
- increase L, increase d² required (ex. cantilever)
- deflections depend on L

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Spans

- long-span structures
 - over 60' or 20 m
 - depths are large compared to span
 - usually shaped
 - trusses, arches, cables, nets, pneumatics & shells
 - common for roofs
 - camber
 - flat systems not as efficient
 - deflections can govern size

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Spans

- intermediate- and low-span systems
 - 15' 40' or 5 15 m
 - more common
 - good for planar surfaces
 - lots of options
 - cost usually dictates





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Moving Supports

- location of supports can redistributed the moments
 - reduced section size
- using cantilevers & continuous beams
 - rule of thumb for simple supported beam
 - move L/5 in both ends
 - move L/3 one end



Support Density

- · concentrated structure
 - fewer columns
 - few large beams
- distributed structure
 - many columns
 - more smaller beams
- efficiency vs. character of interior space

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• <u>loads</u>

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- type may dictate density
 - piles vs. mats vs. spread
 - capacity of soil to sustain loads



Column

- high capacity smaller area of bearing needing and can spread out
- low capacity multiple contacts and big distribution areas



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One-Way Systems

· horizontal vs. vertical



Two-Way Systems



Two-Way Systems

- spanning system less obvious
- horizontal
 - plates
 - slabs
 - space frames
- vertical
 - columns
 - walls



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Square Bays

- two-way systems rely on square-ness
 - peripheral wall system or columns
 - columns extending 2 ways common



- for low & intermediate span ranges
- one-way systems can be used
 - don't have 4 walls
 - columns extending 1 way only

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Rectangular Bays

- 1:1 to 1:1.5
- direction of joists & beams not obvious
 run comparison for material amounts
- generally:
 - with no collectors, span the short way



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- lightweight joists or trusses
- with collectors, try the short way
 - same tributary load over shorter span

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Grids and Patterns



Grids and Patterns

- · often adopted early in design
 - give order
 - cellular, ex.
- vertical and horizontal
- square and rectangular
 - single-cell
 - aggregated bays





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Grid Dependency on Floor Height

- wide grid = deep beams
 - increased building height
 - heavier
 - foundation design
- codes and zoning may limit
- utilize depth for mechanical



Non-Uniform Grids

- irregular column placement
 - concrete & flat slabs adaptable
- long spans
 - complex
 - increased story heights



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Meeting of Grids

• horizontal choices



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Meeting of Grids

- · common to use more than one grid
- intersection important structurally
- can use different structural materials
 - need to understand their properties
 - mechanical
 - thermal



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Corners

- terminate system & change
- transition, rotation, or two-way system
- depends on vertical elements
- prefer constant member sizes AND spacings with steel & wood
- can use cast-in-place concrete



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Meeting of Grids

• vertical choices



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(c) Deep transfer beams allow for typical upper floor grid spacing to permit uses such as parking in the lower levels.

Large Spaces

- ex. auditoriums, gyms, ballrooms
- choices
 - embed in finer grid
 - high up, less load transfer
 - low more load transfer & heavy girders or deep truss
 - staggered truss

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Case

• grid

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- system orientation
 - one-way or two?
- span lengths
- support strategy
 - concentrated vs. distributed



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- span lengths
 - 30-40 m (100 130 ft)
 - 15-20 m (50 65 ft)



DURING CONSTRUCTION

PRESTRESSED IN 2 STAGES

HALF CABLES INITIALLY STRESSED AFTER THE SECOND FLOOR

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DETAIL OF FIRST FLOOR SLAB PRESTRESS

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• pre-stressing & loading type



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Design Issues

- degree of fit
 - single (1:1)
 - multiple (2:1, etc.)
 - any number of patterns possible
 - simple patterns generally more "elegant"
- one-on-one fit
 - good for large spans
 - material selection influences short span fit
 - steel & concrete for "looser" fits



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Design Issues

- critical programmatic dimensions
 - minimum clear spans for functional areas
 - determines selection of beam. or roof/ floor systems
 - vertical support elements
 - match clear span or greater



Critical functional

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Spatial Implications

- one-directional or linear space
 - load bearing walls
 - beams & columns
 - · column shape & orientation
 - long spans
- two-way, relatively neutral space
 - flat plate

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- beams & slabs
- space frames





One-way

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Framed system

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Other Conditions

- poking holes for member services
 - horizontal
 - need to consider area removed, where removed, and importance to shear or bending



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Plan

- vertical
 - requires framing at edges
 - can cluster openings to eliminate a bay
- double systems

circulation

Other Conditions

- building service systems
 - one-way systems have space for parallel runs



- trusses allow for transverse penetration
- pass beneath or interstitial floors
 - · for complex or extensive services or flexibility

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Fire Safety & Structures

- · fire safety requirements can impact structural selection
- construction types
 - light
 - residential
 - · wood-frame or unprotected metal
 - medium
 - masonry
 - heavy

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· protected steel or reinforced concrete

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Fire Safety & Structures

- degree of occupancy hazards
- building heights
- maximum floor areas between fire wall divisions
 - can impact load bearing wall location



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Fire Safety & Structures

- resistance ratings by failure type
 - transmission failure
 - · fire or gasses move
 - structural failure
 - high temperatures reduce strength
 - failure when subjected to water spray
 - necessary strength
- ratings do not pertain to usefulness of structure after a fire

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