

STRENGTH AND HYSTERESIS CHARACTERISTICS OF
STEEL-REINFORCED CONCRETE BEAM-COLUMNS WITH BASE

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SUMMARY

This paper discusses the stress distribution of Steel-Reinforced Concrete (SRC) beam-columns and the mechanism of stress transmission from SRC beam-column to Reinforced Concrete (RC) foundation when the steel-skeleton composing SRC beam-column is connected with RC foundation by anchor bolts at base. The flexural cracking strength, the shear cracking strength, and the maximum flexural strength at the base connection are discussed considering the flexural rigidity and strength of the connection of the steel skeleton and those of the added reinforcements.

I TEST SPECIMENS

The grade and mechanical properties of the used material are listed in Table 1. The details of the test specimens are shown in Fig.1 and Table 2. The types of the base connection of the steel skeleton (wide flange section) are classified as follows by the arrangement and material properties of the anchor bolts. [Type A]: Two anchor bolts of 19 mm ϕ (SS41) are arranged at the center of base plate (Fig.1 (a)). [Type B]: Four anchor bolts of 16 mm ϕ (F10T) are arranged inside the flanges of the steel skeleton (Fig.1 (b)). [Type C]: Four anchor bolts of 14 mm ϕ (F8T) are arranged outside of the flanges of steel skeleton (Fig.1 (c)).

In case of [Type A], seven specimens are schemed as follows by the methods of reinforcing the base connection, A1) Not reinforced (A R4 H100 N0, A R4 H100 N441), A2) Reinforced by two added reinforcements at base side which are extended at the mid-span of the beam-columns (A R6 H100 N441), A3) Reinforced by two added reinforcements and hoops at base side (A R6 H50 M100), A4) Reinforced by four added reinforcements at base side (A R8 H100 N0, A R8 H100 N441), and A5) Reinforced by four added reinforcements and hoops at base side (A R8 H50 N0, A R8 H50 N441)¹⁾. Constant axial force $N = 0$ or 441 kN is introduced to the beam-column and reversal asymmetric bending moment and shearing force are loaded (Fig.1). The specimens are named as follows, for example, A R6 H50 N441 means the specimen whose type of the base connection is Type A (A), total numbers of main and added reinforcements at base side is six (R6), hoop pitch is 50 mm (H50), and whose constant axial force is 441 kN (N441).

II TEST RESULTS

The initial flexural cracking strength (eM_{cr}) and shear cracking strength (eQ_{cr}) at both capital and base sides, and the maximum strength (eQ_m , eM_m) are shown in Table 3. The typical hysteresis loops are shown in Fig.2 (a), and envelopes of the hysteresis loops for Type A specimens are shown in Fig.2 (b). Their ordinate shows the working shearing force and abscissa shows the amount of deflection δ_B or δ_C and drift angle

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$R_B = 2.6c/h$ or $R_c = 2.6c/h$, where h means the inside height of beam-columns. The marks ∇ indicate the points when covering concrete at compression side was crushed, and \blacktriangledown express the points when the reinforcements were buckled. The initial rigidity at both capital and base sides is shown in Fig.3 for each specimen. And the typical examples of over-all view of the specimens after testing are shown in Fig.4.

III DISCUSSIONS

Treating anchor bolts beneath base plate, and added reinforcements as steel skeleton, their flexural rigidity (EI) and strength M_p are considered as follows.

[For Anchor Bolts]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Type A :} & \quad b(EI) = sE \cdot bA^2/8\pi, \quad bM_p = 2\sqrt{2} \cdot bA^{3/2} \cdot bO_y/3\sqrt{\pi} \\ \text{Type B, Type C :} & \quad b(EI) = sE \cdot bA \cdot bj^2/4, \quad bM_p = bA \cdot bj \cdot bO_y/2 \end{aligned}$$

[For Added Reinforcements]

$$\text{Type A :} \quad a(EI) = sE \cdot aA \cdot aj^2/4 \quad aM_p = aA \cdot aj \cdot aO_y/2$$

Where, prefix "b" is for anchor bolts, "a" is for added reinforcements, and "s" is for steel materials. And "A" means the total sectional area, "j" means distance between centers of tension and compression, and O_y means yield strength of steel materials.

The ratios of $b(EI)$ to $s(EI)$, $(b(EI) + a(EI))/s(EI)$, bM_p to sM_p , and $(bM_p + aM_p)/sM_p$ are listed in Table 2 for each specimen, where $s(EI)$ and sM_p mean flexural rigidity and full plastic moment of wide flange section (steel skeleton) respectively.

As shown in Fig.3, when $BR = (b(EI) + a(EI))/s(EI)$ of the specimen is more than 1.0, the initial rigidity at base side coincides with that at capital side of beam-columns. And as shown in Fig.4, the specimens whose $BM = (bM_p + aM_p)/sM_p$ is less than 1.0 had been fractured at base side, but those whose BM is more than 1.0 had been fractured at both capital and base sides.

III-1 BENDING MOMENT VERSUS CURVATURE RELATIONSHIP AT EACH SECTION

The relations between bending moment (M) and the curvature of the wide flange section ($s\phi$) and reinforced concrete element ($r\phi$) at each section are shown in Fig.5. And Fig.6 shows the curvature distributions of the beam-columns. These curvatures are calculated from the strains measured by wire strain gauges at sections A, B, C, D, and E shown in Fig.1. As strain values of the added reinforcements are almost the same with those of the main reinforcements, the average values of them are used to obtain the curvature $r\phi$.

Before the initiation of flexural cracking, $s\phi$ coincides with $r\phi$ irrespective of the $b(EI)/s(EI)$ value. Thereafter they diverge at section A remarkably for the specimens of Type A and Type B whose $b(EI)/s(EI)$ are from 0.0 to 0.34, but they coincide comparatively well even at section A for the specimen of Type C whose $b(EI)/s(EI)$ is 1.04. The inflection points of $s\phi$ and $r\phi$ coincide approximately as shown in Fig.6. After the yielding of beam-columns, the curvature distribution of $s\phi$ has steep inclination only at capital side for the specimens of Type A whose bM_p/sM_p are 0.03, but it has steep inclination at both capital and base sides for the specimens of Type B and Type C whose bM_p/sM_p are from 1.37 to 1.81.

III-2 THE INITIAL FLEXURAL CRACKING STRENGTH

As the Navier's assumption consists before the initiation of flexural cracking, the initial flexural cracking strength at base side (cM_{cr}) can be estimated from Eq.(1). As for the tensile strength of concrete material $0.75\sqrt{F_c}$ (N/mm^2) may be adopted from the statistical analysis on SRC beam-columns²).

$$cM_{cr} = (0.75\sqrt{F_c} + \sigma_o)Z_e \quad (N\text{-mm}) \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

σ_o means the average longitudinal compressive stress of SRC section above base plate. And as shown in Fig.7, Z_e is smaller value of $Z_e(B)$ and $Z_e(b)$, where $Z_e(B)$ means effective section modulus of RC section beneath base plate considering the effect of reinforcements and anchor bolts (mm^2) (Fig.1(d)), and $Z_e(b)$ means that of SRC section above base plate. The estimated values coincide well with the experimental values as shown in Table 3.

III-3 THE INITIAL SHEAR CRACKING STRENGTH

The initial shear cracking strength at both capital and base sides (cQ_{cr}) can be estimated from Eq.(2).^{2),4)}

$$cQ_{cr} = \frac{7}{8} b \cdot rd(1 + \beta) \left(\frac{C_1 \cdot kc(49 + F_c)}{M/Q \cdot rd + 1.7} + 0.1\sigma_o \right) \quad (N) \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

Where, b means width of beam-column (mm), rd means distance between centers of tension reinforcements and compressive edge of concrete (mm), kc means corrective coefficient from the sizes of RC sections (0.80), $M/Q \cdot rd$ means shear span ratio, and the values of C_1 and β are shown in Table 4. The estimated values coincide with the experimental values as shown in Table 3.

III-4 THE FLEXURAL MAXIMUM STRENGTH

The flexural maximum strength at base side of beam-column can be estimated as the smaller value of $cM_m(B)$ and $cM_m(b)$ as shown in Fig.8, and the estimated values coincide with the experimental values as shown in Table 3. Where $cM_m(B)$ and $cM_m(b)$ are calculated values by computing the moment-curvature relations of the RC sections beneath base plate and those of the SRC sections above base plate respectively as shown in Fig.9 based on the Navier's assumption. The stress-strain relationships used are elastic-perfectly plastic relation for steel material, and non-linear relation as shown in Fig.10 for concrete material.

The moment -curvature relations of RC sections and SRC sections are indicated in Fig.5 by the dot-dash-lines and the dotted lines respectively. $M - r\phi$ relations at base side section (A) for the specimens whose BM are less than 1.0 coincide with the dot-dash-lines, but $M - r\phi$ and $M - s\phi$ relations at both capital and base side sections (A), (E) for the specimens whose BM are more than 1.0 coincide with the dotted line close to the maximum strength.

For designing the flexural maximum strength of the base side of SRC beam-columns to be the same with that of the capital side, it is sufficient to design BM of beam-columns to be more than 1.0 as shown in Fig.11.

III-5 THE SUPERPOSED STRENGTH METHOD ADOPTED IN AIJ STANDARD³⁾

The combined stress states of axial force and bending moment worked

on the wide flange section computed from the measured strains at steel flanges are shown in Fig.12. The interaction curve between axial force and ultimate bending moment of the RC section whose size is that of base plate and whose main reinforcements are anchor bolts as shown in Fig.13 (a) is indicated by the dot-dash-line in Fig.12. And the interaction curve of the wide flange section is also indicated by the broken line. The dotted lines show the behaviour of the wide flange section at capital side of beam-columns which are obtained from the $M-s\phi$ relationships based on the Navier's assumption.

The stress states of the wide flange sections at base side behave within the interaction curve of the RC section for the specimens whose bMp/sMp are less than 1.0, but they behave within that of the wide flange section for the specimens whose bMp/sMp are more than 1.0.

Therefore, the superposed flexural strength ($cMsup.$) at base side can be calculated from the summation of the flexural maximum strength of the RC section of base plate size (rMb) and that of the RC section (rM) for the specimens whose aMp/sMp are less than 1.0 as shown in Fig.13(a), but for the specimens whose aMp/sMp are more than 1.0 it can be calculated from the summation of that of the wide flange section (sM) and that of the RC section (rM) as shown in Fig.13(b). $cMsup.$ can estimate the flexural maximum strength (eMm) as shown in Table 3 and Fig.14.

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Table 1. Mechanical Properties of Materials

	Grade of steel	Yield Point (N/mm ²)	Tensile Strength (N/mm ²)	E _s t (S)	Elongation (S)	Specimen	Remarks	Concrete (Grade)	Mixing Proportion by Weight			Slump (cm)	Maximum strength (N/mm ²)	Maximum Compressive Strain (E _s) (1/inch)	Young's modulus (E _s) (1/inch ²)	Specimen
									Water-Cement ratio (%)	Fine Aggregate	Coarse Aggregate					
R 18	SM50A	393 354	559 508	1.53	23.7 26.5	A B,C	Base Plate									
R 6	SM50A	361 338	523 485	1.55 1.90	22.3 22.2	A B,C	Wide Flange Section									
R 4.5	SM50A	397	513	1.75	20.9	A	Section									
D 13	SD35	464 399	688 588	1.50	13.1 16.9	A B,C	Reinforcements (Deformed Bar)									
S 9	SR30	339 346	463 468	2.29	26.3 22.1	A B,C	Hoop (Round Bar)									
H 19	SB41	299	433	2.03	26.7	A	Anchor Bolts (Round Bar)									
H 14	F8T	892	1,023	-	-	B										
H 16	F10T	1,039	1,094	-	-	C										

E_st: strain at beginning of strain hardening
A, B, C represent the types of the base-connection

Table 2. List of the Test Specimens

Specimen	N (mm)	H (mm)	Reinforcement		Loop Pitch (mm)		smp	s(EI)	NR	SM
			Main	Added	Capital Side	Base Side				
AR4H0000	0	0.0	4-D13	0	100	100	0.025	0.003	0.003	0.025
AR4H0004L	441	0.242	4-D13	0	100	100	0.025	0.003	0.003	0.025
AR4H0004L1	441	0.242	4-D13	2-D13	100	100	0.025	0.003	0.450	0.406
AR4H0004L1	441	0.242	4-D13	2-D13	100	50	0.025	0.003	0.450	0.406
AR4H0004L1	441	0.0	4-D13	4-D13	100	50	0.025	0.003	1.010	0.837
AR4H0004L1	441	0.242	4-D13	4-D13	100	100	0.025	0.003	1.010	0.837
AR4H0004L1	441	0.242	4-D13	4-D13	50	50	0.025	0.003	1.010	0.837
BR4H0004L1	441	0.300	4-D13	0	100	100	1.373	0.338	0.338	1.373
CR4H0004L1	441	0.300	4-D13	0	100	100	1.810	1.035	1.035	1.810

$NR = (b(EI) + a(EI)) / s(EI)$, $SM = (smp \cdot smp) / smp$

Table 4

	B	C ₁
$\sqrt{EI} < s(EI)$	$n \cdot \frac{M(EI)}{s(EI)}$	$\frac{tw \cdot s}{b \cdot t}$
$\sqrt{EI} \geq s(EI)$	$n \cdot \frac{tw \cdot s}{b \cdot t}$	

F₁: distance between centers of tension and compression of RC element
 s₁: distance between centers of tension and compression flange of the wide flange section
 n: ratio of modulus of elasticity of steel to that of concrete
 tw: web thickness of the wide flange section

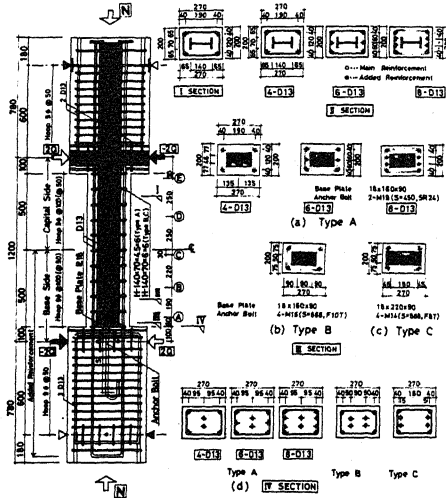


Fig. 1 Test Specimen

Table 3. Test Results

Specimen		eMer	eMer	eQcr	eQcr	eQm (kN)	eMn	eMn
		(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(kN)	(kN)	(kN)
AR4H0000	(C)	15.8	1.08	72.1	0.61	103.9		
	(B)	10.4	0.82	66.6	1.14	51.5	1.17	1.46
AR4H0004L	(C)	34.3	1.04	161.7	1.12	-161.7		
	(B)	27.0	0.99	98.0	1.25	-80.9	1.09	1.11
AR4H0004L1	(C)	29.4	0.89	141.7	1.02	-166.6		
	(B)	29.4	1.02	102.9	1.33	-83.2	0.97	0.99
AR4H0004L1	(C)	36.8	1.11	139.3	0.91	-166.6		
	(B)	33.1	1.15	98.0	1.14	-83.3	0.97	0.99
AR4H0004L1	(C)	14.7	1.00	73.5	0.62	140.1		
	(B)	14.7	1.00	53.9	0.92	70.1	0.99	1.21
AR4H0004L1	(C)	34.3	1.04	160.1	-1.11	-187.2		
	(B)	29.4	0.97	117.6	1.15	-93.6	0.97	0.98
AR4H0004L1	(C)	29.4	0.89	152.9	1.06	191.0		
	(B)	29.4	0.97	132.3	1.72	97.0	1.00	1.02
BR4H0004L1	(C)	29.4	0.96	132.3	0.98	-166.6		
	(B)	29.4	1.04	117.6	1.49	-83.3	1.07	0.99
CR4H0004L1	(C)	29.4	0.96	147.0	1.06	-178.2		
	(B)	34.3	1.15	147.0	1.16	-89.1	0.91	1.05

(B): Base Side (C): Capital Side

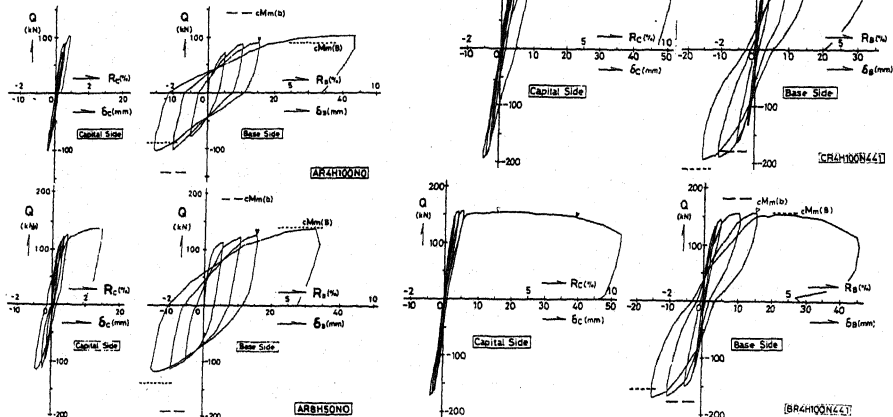
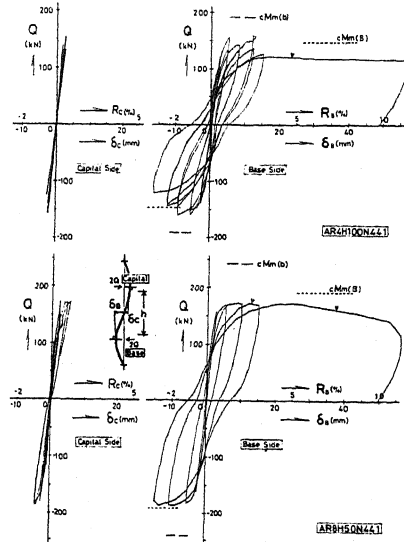


Fig. 2(a) Hysteresis Loops of the Specimens

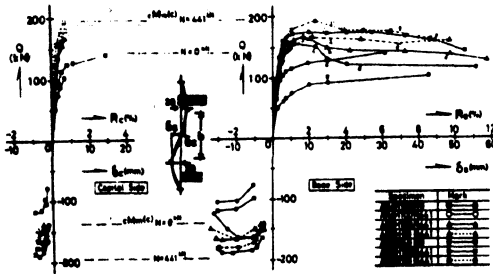


Fig. 2(b) Enveloping Curves of the Hysteresis Loops

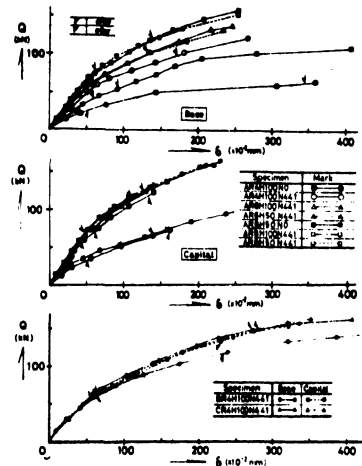


Fig. 3 Load-Deflection Curve of the Beam Column Tests

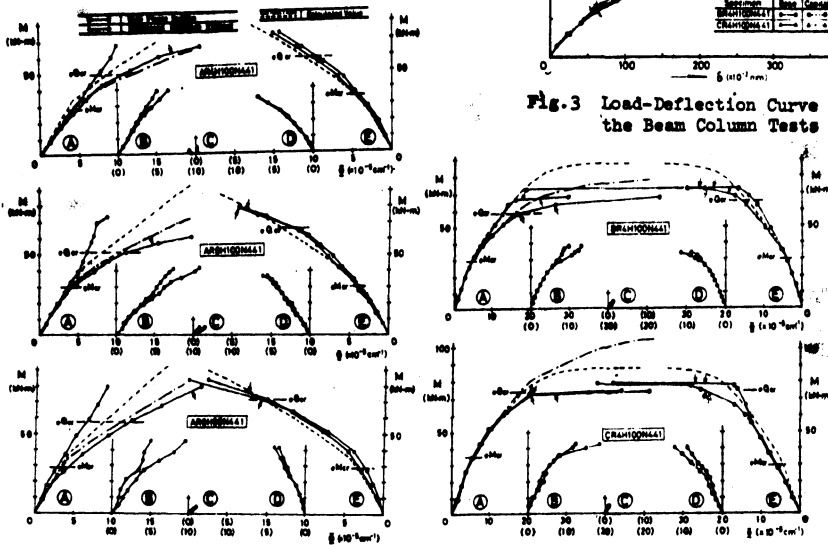


Fig. 5 Moment (M) versus $s\delta$ and $r\delta$ at Each Section

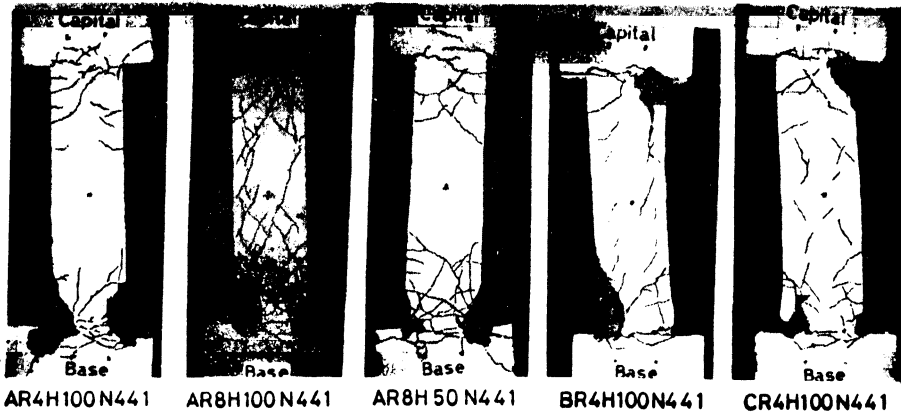


Fig. 4 Over-all View of Specimens after testing

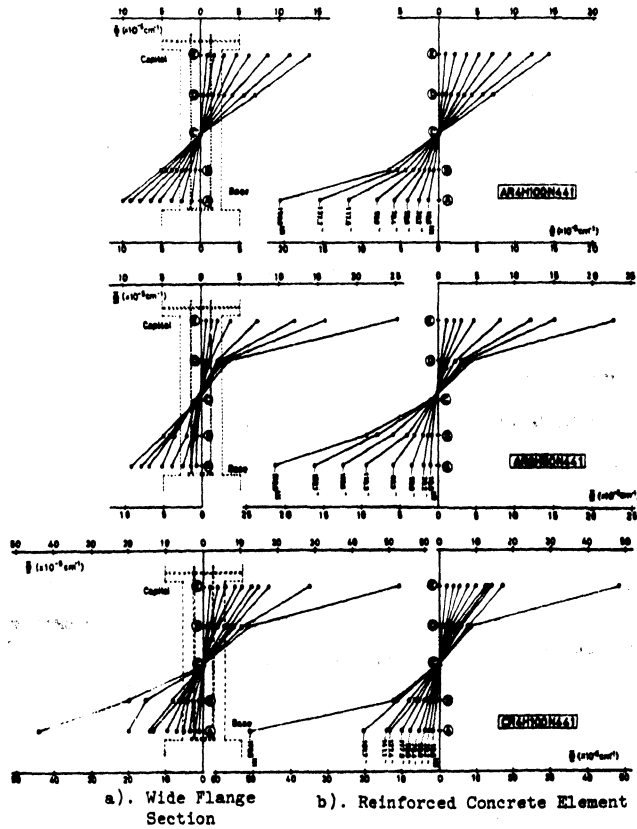


Fig.6 Curvature Distribution of the Beam Column Tests

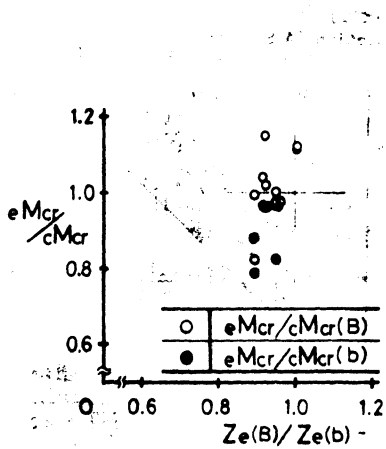


Fig.7 eM_{cr}/cM_{cr} versus $Z_e(B)/Z_e(b)$

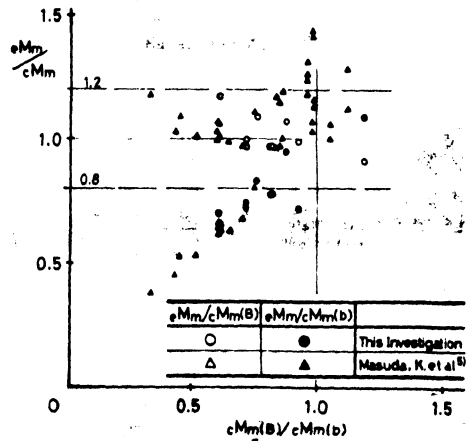


Fig.8 eM_m/cM_m versus $cM_m(B)/cM_m(b)$

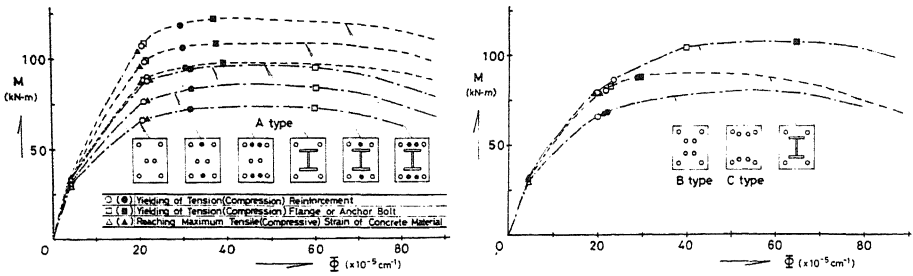


Fig.9 Moment (M) versus Curvature (ϕ) of Each Section

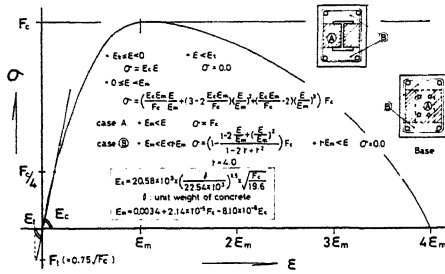


Fig.10 Stress (σ) versus Strain (ϵ) of Concrete Element

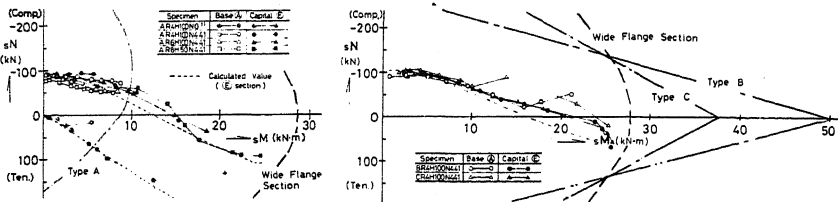
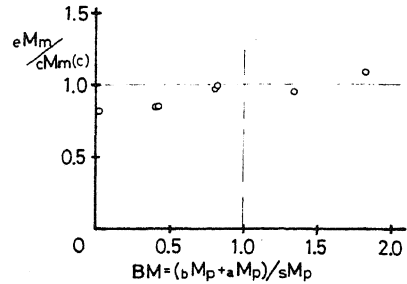


Fig.12 sN versus sM of Wide Flange Section (A Section)

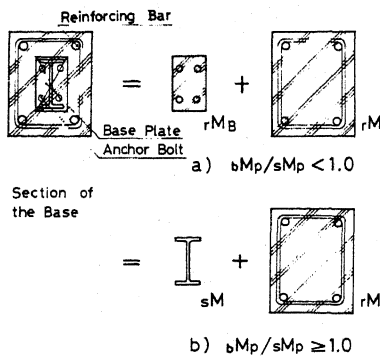


Fig.13 Superposed Method of the Base of Column

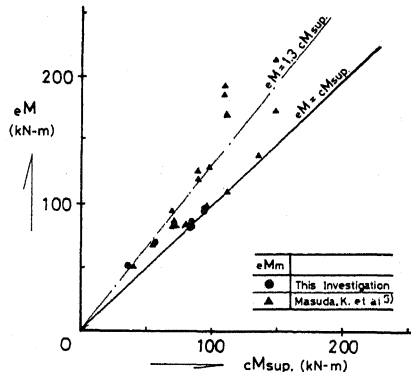


Fig.14 eM versus cM_{sup} .