Shear and torsion in hollow core slabs: How advanced modelling can be used in design



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Examples of torsion



Combined shear and torsion in a hollow core unit



Design method used today in EN 1168:

- Cracking means failure
- Only crack in web is considered
- One critical point
- Stresses are added linearly



Aim of the project

- To use the capacity of the hollow core slabs better
- To develop methods to design for combined shear and torsion in hollow core slabs
 - Single units
 - Whole floors



Experiments on hollow core units loaded in shear and torsion





FE-model of hollow core unit



Comparison of results



- Maximum load
- Load versus deflection
- Failure mode
- Crack pattern





FE-analyses for design

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By loading with various combinations, complete V-T interaction diagrams that can be used in design are obtained



Interaction diagram for 400 mm unit



Critical section



Analytical model



FE-analysis, pure shear

Interaction diagram for 200 mm unit





FE model of hollow core floor



Results 3-sided supported hollow core floor



Design of hollow core slabs



Floor test



Design level III and II







Floor, design example



Design level

Conclusions

- Modelling methods developed
 - Single hollow core units \Rightarrow Capacity V-T
 - Higher capacity than in analytical model
 - Hollow core floors \Rightarrow Cross-sectional forces V, T and M
 - Reduced torsional moment compared to traditional design method
- The capacity of the hollow core slabs can be used better

Thanks !



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Interaction diagram for 200 mm unit

