

Advanced Structural Concrete

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Objectives and content of the lecture

The lecture Advanced Structural Concrete is a mandatory part of the specialisation in construction in the Master's programme Civil Engineering at the ETH Zurich.

The lecture builds on the basic knowledge of reinforced and prestressed structures, slabs and membrane elements taught in the course Stahlbeton (lectures and exercises Stahlbeton I and Stahlbeton II) in the bachelor's degree.

Overarching learning objectives

Within this course, the students are able to:

- deepen their understanding of structural concrete models and apply them to **general design problems, including the assessment of existing structures**.
- enhance their knowledge about the **load-deformation response** of reinforced and prestressed concrete structures.
- identify and assess the **limits of applicability** of limit analysis methods.
- recognise the assumptions of models suitable for **computer-aided structural design** and use in a critical way structural concrete design software.
- evaluate the **long-term behaviour** and the behaviour under **fire conditions** of concrete structures.
- assess the behaviour of **fibre reinforced concrete** structures.

The knowledge acquired in the Bachelor's programme is enhanced and expanded. The focus lies on the understanding of the load-bearing and deformation behaviour, as it is required in particular for the correct assessment of the structural safety of existing structures (see Introduction).

Basics / additional documents

- [1] Kaufmann, W., *Stahlbeton I/II*, Lecture notes, ETH Zurich, 2016/17 (Basics of the lecture) → [available online](#)
 - [2] Marti, P., *Theory of Structures*, Wilhelm Ernst & Sohn, Berlin, 2011
 - [3] Swiss society of engineers and architects (SIA), standards:
 - SIA 262 *Concrete Structures*, Zürich, 2003 (Partial rev. 2013)
 - SIA 260 *Basis of Structural Design*, 2003 (Partial rev. 2013)
 - SIA 261 *Actions on Structures*, 2003 (Partial rev. 2014)
 - [4] Marti, P., Alvarez, M., Kaufmann, W., Sigrist, V., *Tragverhalten von Stahlbeton*, IBK, ETH Zurich, 1999 → [available online](#)
 - [5] Muttoni, A., Schwartz, J., Thürlimann, B., "Design of Concrete Structures with Stress Fields", Birkhäuser, Basel, 1997
 - [6] Marti, P., *Stahlbeton I/II*, Lecture notes, ETH Zurich, 2009/10 → [available online](#)
 - [7] Nielsen, M.P., Hoang, L.C., "Limit Analysis and Concrete Plasticity", CRC Press, 2010
 - [8] Kaufmann W., Mata-Falcón J., Weber M., Galkovski T., Tran D.T., Kabelac J., Konecny, M. et al., *Compatible Stress Field Design of Structural Concrete: Principles and Validation*, ISBN 978-3-906916-95-8, ETH Zurich & IDEA StatiCa, 2020. → [available as an E-Book and at the ETH Store](#)
 - [9] fib Bulletin 100, "Design and assessment with strut-and-tie models and stress fields: from simple calculations to detailed numerical analysis", 2021
- Technical terms and designations shall be used in accordance with SIA 262 (Clause 1).
- Translation and calculation aids → [available online](#)

The content of the lecture is mostly independent of standards. The expressions and nomenclature are basically according to the Swiss codes (structural standards of the SIA); they are mostly compatible with the Eurocodes.

The exercises are based on the Swiss codes, which were introduced in the course Stahlbeton in the bachelor's degree.

Additional literature



Kaufmann W., Mata-Falcón J., Weber M., Galkovski T., Tran D.T., Kabelac J., Konecny, M. et al., *Compatible Stress Field Design of Structural Concrete: Principles and Validation*, ISBN 978-3-906916-95-8, ETH Zurich & IDEA StatiCa, 2020.

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- E-Book available at <https://payhip.com/b/DP6N>
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Content

1. **Introduction**
2. **In plane loading** (Enhancement of understanding and additional remarks to Stahlbeton I)
 - Walls and beams
 - Stress fields
 - Stress fields with prestressing
 - Compatibility and deformation capacity
 - Membrane elements
 - Equilibrium, yield conditions
 - Compatibility and deformation capacity
 - Numerical modelling
3. **Steel fibre reinforced concrete**
4. **Long term effects**
 - Basics (material properties, superposition principle of Boltzmann)
 - Application (General approaches and simplified calculation of structures subjected to creep and shrinkage)
5. **Slabs** (Enhancement of understanding and additional remarks to Stahlbeton II)
 - Equilibrium, yield conditions
 - Shear and punching shear
 - Numerical modelling
6. **Fire behaviour**

The content of chapters 2, 4 is based on the training course for civil engineers "Tragverhalten von Stahlbeton" held at ETH Zurich in 1999, supplemented by findings from more recent work, particularly in the field of deformation capacity and computer-aided structural design.

Chapter 3 is based on the section "Long-term effects" of the lecture "Stahlbeton III" held by Prof. Menn until 1993.

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Lecture

- Thursday, 09:45-11:30, HIL E 7. **No streaming available**
Detailed semester program and lecture materials available online at <http://www.concrete.ethz.ch/asc>

Exercises

- Enhancement of the understanding of the topics discussed in the lecture
- **Introduction to the exercises in the lecture: 12.10., 26.10., 30.11., 14.12.**
- Submission optional, questions can be discussed during the consultation hours

Consultation hours

- Every Tuesday, 13:00 – 14:00, HIL E10.3
- Assistant: Karin Yu
- For questions concerning the lecture or exercises, sign-up via karin.yu@ibk.baug.ethz.ch

Workshop “Compatible Stress Fields” (optional)

- **Tuesday, 21.11., 16:00 – 18:00, in-person, room to be announced**
- More information will follow

Exam

- 18' task preparation, followed by 18' oral examination (9' task presentation + 9' additional questions), language: English

Exercises

Exercise 1

Appendix A - Figures

A1 Overview

A1.1 Cross-section of the hollow beam (support region). Dimensions with high precision

A1.2 Free of stress from the adjoining walls to the diaphragms

Stress fields

Exercise 2

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Topic: In-plane loading beams Deformation capacity and demand

Hand out: 27 October 2022; REL E7

1 Dimensioning bases of the exercise

1.1 Introduction

An existing building is to be used and needs to be assessed for new additional live load. In this exercise a part of this building needs to be verified. The structure is composed of a clamped beam and a tension member (see Figure 1). A particular stress line on its deformation demand and deformation capacity.

Figure 1: Static system and loads.

1.2 Geometry

The dimensions can be taken from Figure 1 and Figure 2. The bending stiffness of the beam and the tensile stiffness of the tension member can be assumed constant over their length and height. Furthermore, the whole structure is expected to be cracked.

1.3 Material

Concrete C25/30 and reinforcing steel B500B were used for the structure.

1.4 Loads

Two different load scenarios are investigated:

- Load scenario 1: $Q_1 = 30kN$, $Q_2 = 10kN$
- Load scenario 2: $Q_1 = 10kN$, $Q_2 = 30kN$

Deformation capacity

Exercise 3

2 Tasks

a) Determine the creep coefficient of each stage for the point in time $t_{10} = 120$ days and $t_{10} = 5$ years after the start of construction, respectively. Assume that the structure is only loaded after the completion of each stage (dead weight and non-structural dead weight are covered by the framework). The influence of the level of loading on creep can be neglected (i.e. the factor according to EN 1991-1-1, 3.1.2.6.5, can be set to $\beta_{10} = 1$).

b) Determine the bending moment distribution along the beam at the end of each construction stage through superposition of the bending moment curve of all previous stages (as well as the bending moment distribution of the corresponding, nonstructurally restrained structure).

c) Superimpose 20% of the bending moments from the construction stages with 80% of the bending moments from the nonstructurally restrained structure, which were calculated in task b), and thus approximate the final state of the bending moment distribution, taking into account the long-term effects of the staged construction ($\mu = 0$).

d) Additional task: Determine the bending moment distribution with the help of the Truss method, considering creep effects at the point in time $t_{10} = 120$ and $t_{10} = 5$ years. The creep factor can be assumed constant with $\mu = 0.8$.

3 Literature

[1] Swiss society of engineers and architects (SIA), standard: SIA 262 Concrete Structures, 2013

Appendix A – General overview

Stage 1 with loading

Stage 2 with additional loading

Stage 3 with additional loading

Final state with loading

Long term effects

Exercise 4

2 Tasks

a) Choose a reasonable slab thickness.

b) Determine the minimum reinforcement of the slab and its bending and shear resistance.

c) Dimension the slab using the strip method.

d) Dimension the slab using an elastic FEM-calculation (e.g. with CEBUS 7.14).

e) Draw a reinforcement layout to a scale of 1:50 of the necessary bending shear reinforcement.

f) Determine an upper limit value of the ultimate load using the yield line method.

g) Compare the different methods from c), d) and f).

3 Literature

[1] Swiss society of engineers and architects (SIA), standard: SIA 260 Basis of Structural Design, 2003

[2] Swiss society of engineers and architects (SIA), standard: SIA 261 Action on Structures, 2003

[3] Swiss society of engineers and architects (SIA), standard: SIA 262 Concrete Structures, 2003

[4] FEM software: CEBUS 7, Cubes AG, Zürich

Appendix A - Figures

A1 Floor plan and side view of the three-supported slab, dimensions in [m]

Legend

- Free edge
- Simple support

Slabs