# Shear-Reinforced Concrete Breakout Failure



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#### **Concrete Breakout Failure Cone**



#### **Breakout Potential?**



ELEVATION AT BASE PLATE Seniwongse (2020)







- Purdue
- Groups of straight bars (up to 5x5 groups)
- 8 Specimens
- Developed length
- Breakout failure governed before nominal bar yield





- Taiwan National University of Science and Technology
- Breakout before nominal bar yield



Chen (2021)



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#### **Observations from Physical Tests**

 Breakout failure can govern for large-scale connections even when development lengths are provided.

17.1.6 Reinforcement used as part of an embedment shall have development length established in accordance with other parts of this Code. If reinforcement is used as anchorage, concrete breakout failure shall be considered. Alternatively, anchor reinforcement in accordance with 17.5.2.1 shall be provided. 2. Breakout equations can be overly conservative.

• Example breakout strength specimen M01:

 $N_{test} = 253 \ kip$ 

$$\Phi N_{cbg} = 77 \ kip \ (cracked)$$

$$\frac{N_{test}}{\Phi N_{cbg}} = 3.3$$

## Sources of Breakout Conservatism



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### ACI 318 Anchor Reinforcement



Fig. R17.5.2.1a—Anchor reinforcement for tension.

Concrete strength is ignored

#### Shear-Reinforced Breakout (SRB)



Fig. R17.5.2.1a—Anchor reinforcement for tension.

$$N_{n,SRB} = N_c + N_s ?$$

Question:

- Detailing requirements?
- Size of reinforced region?
- Upper limits to steel strength?

- UC Berkeley
- Four monotonic axial loading tests
- Breakout failures for all specimens
- Longitudinal bars did not appear to yield

Specimen	Shear	Reinforcing
	Reinforcement	ratio, ρ <sub>tr</sub> (%)
A01	N/A	0
A02	#4@7.5in.	0.36%
A03	#5@7.5in.	0.55%
A04	#4@6in.	0.56%















#### Shear Bar Strains

## **Finite Element Studies**







FE Crack Pattern

#### Finite Element Studies: shear-reinforced region



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# New Shear-Reinforced Breakout (SRB) Design Equation (ACI 318-25)



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#### Upper Limit: Steep Cone Strength

• Considered indirectly in ACI implementation

$$N_{n,max} = \Psi_{c,steep} N_c + \Psi_{s,steep} N_s$$
$$\Psi_{c,steep} = 2.75 - 1.75 \frac{A'}{A_{Nc}} \ge 1$$
$$\Psi_{s,steep} = 2 \frac{A'}{A_{Nc}} - 1 \ge 0$$



Berger (2015)

## ACI 318-25 New Design Equation

- New provisions require breakout failure checks at the termination of groups of straight, hooked, or headed bars.
- Beam-column joints exempt



#### Code Implementation: Detailing Requirements

- 1. Shear reinforcement shall be parallel to bar group
- 2. Shear reinforcement shall terminate in hooks or heads beyond the termination of the bar group satisfying the requirements for stirrups in 25.7.1.3
- Shear reinforcement bar diameter shall not exceed the diameter of the smallest bar in the bar group
- 4. Shear reinforced region extends at least throughout projected cone region
- 5. Maximum bar spacing

$$s_{max} = 0.5 h_{ef}$$

If 
$$N_{n,SRB} \ge 2.5N_c$$
  
 $s_{max} = 0.25h_{ef}$ 



#### ACI 318 Anchor Reinforcement



Fig. R17.5.2.1a—Anchor reinforcement for tension.

- Anchor Reinforcement is still an allowable solution
- Concrete strength is ignored

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## Example: Boundary element to thin foundation



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