

Shallow Foundation Design: PTI vs Finite Element Method of Design and Performance for a Typical 40x70 Slab-On-Ground Foundation Design

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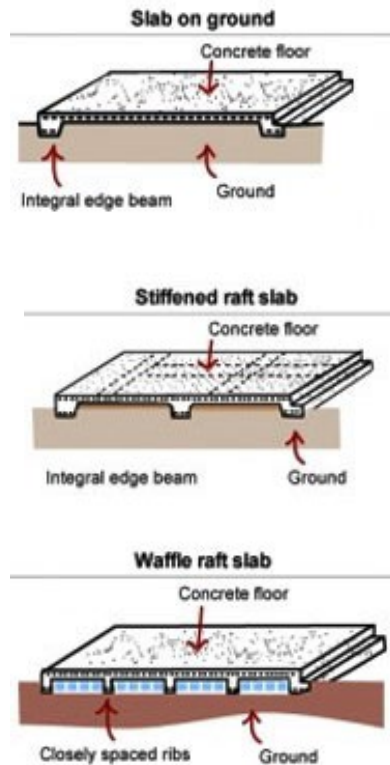
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Shallow Foundation Design Introduction

The design of shallow, slab-on-grade foundation design is a widely favored approach for creating foundations for low- to mid-rise buildings. This preference is driven by its cost-effectiveness, construction simplicity, and the engineer's capability to expedite the foundation design process.



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<https://theconstructor.org/practical-guide/concrete-slab-construction-cost/28153/>



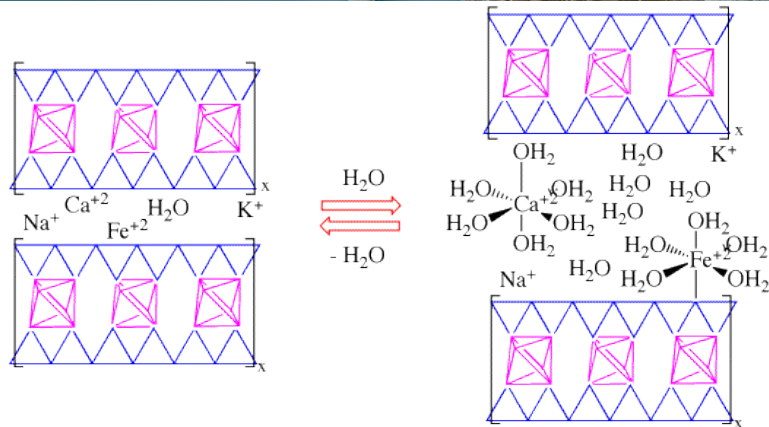
Stiffened Slab

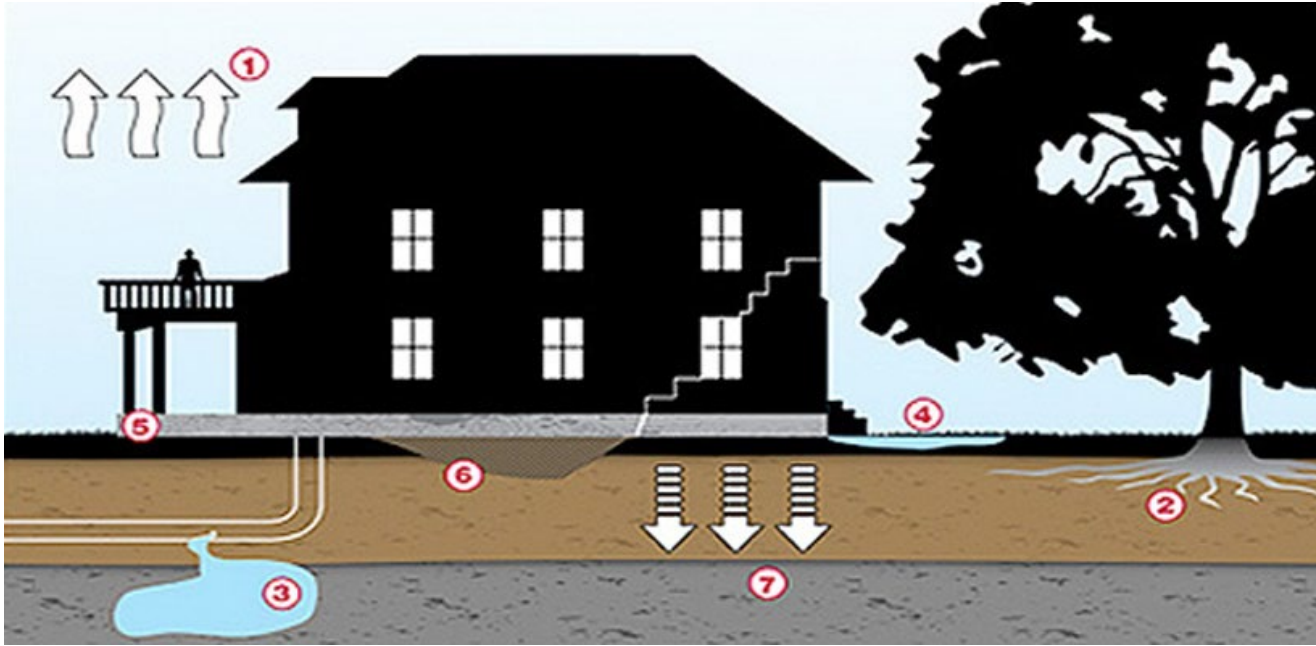


Waffle Slab



Expansive Clays: Macro to Micro Views





Reasons for Heave

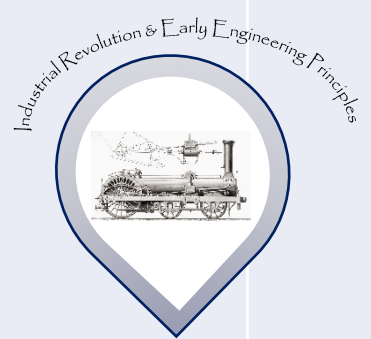
Primary Causes of Differential Heave:

- Nonuniform changes in soil moisture
- Variation in thickness and composition of the expansive foundation soil
- Nonuniform structural loads
- Geometry of the structure



In the early day of the United States, foundation design for buildings were rudimentary. European settlers used simple shallow foundations, such as stone or brick footings to support their structures.

1600s to 1700s



Industrial Revolution & the growth of cities, the need more sophisticated foundation design became apparent. Engineers introduced improved foundation systems for important structures.

1700s



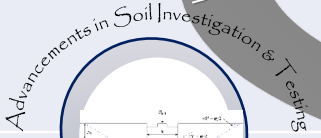
Structural engineering became a recognized discipline & professional organization ASCE was established. The establishment of building codes and standards brought uniformity & safety to shallow foundation design practices.

11/5/1852



Engineers contributed to the understanding of soil mechanics and the determination of bearing capacity. This knowledge provided a scientific basis for shallow foundation design.

1800s to 1900s



1900

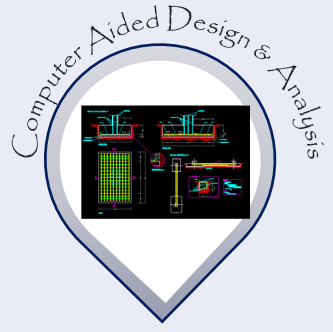
Only build on good dirt

1970s - Significant progress in soil investigation & testing techniques. The development of standard penetration tests, cone penetration tests, & other geo investigations allowed engineers to gather more accurate data of soil properties, enabling better designs.

mid 1900s



1939



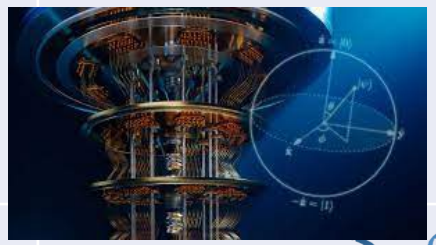
Engineers could now create 2D and 3D models, perform structural analysis, and simulate soil-structure interaction more efficiently and accurately.

late 1900s to 2000s

2000

All the good dirt is taken

2023

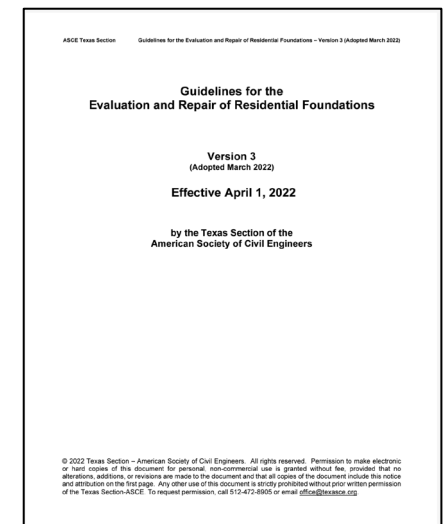
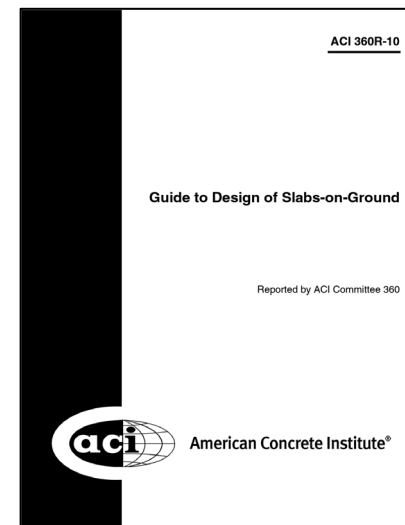
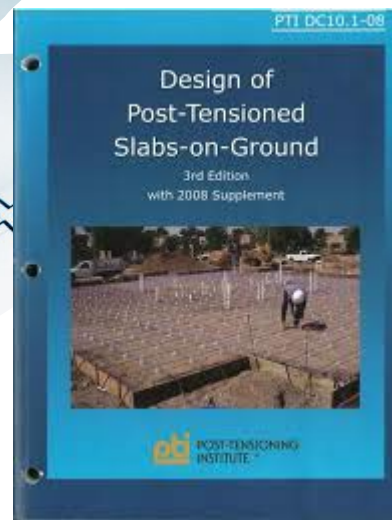
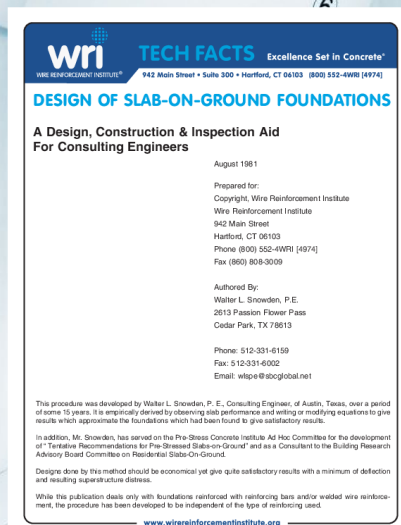


The Future is Now

Current Design Codes/Guides

1808.6.2 Slab-on-ground foundations.

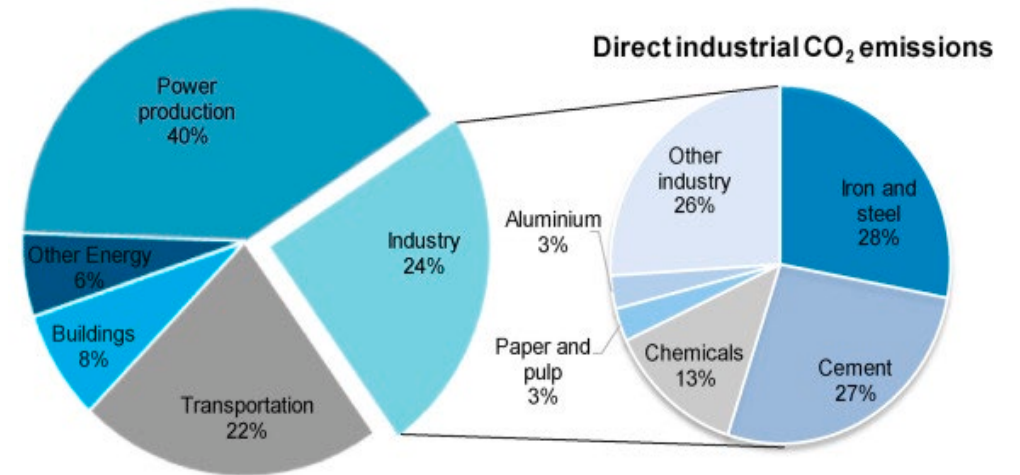
Moments, shears and deflections for use in designing slab-on-ground, mat or raft foundations on expansive soils shall be determined in accordance with [WRI/CRSI Design of Slab-on-Ground Foundations](#) or [PTI DC 10.5](#). Using the moments, shears and deflections determined above, nonprestressed slabs-on-ground, mat or raft foundations on expansive soils shall be designed in accordance with [WRI/CRSI Design of Slab-on-Ground Foundations](#) and post-tensioned slab-on-ground, mat or raft foundations on expansive soils shall be designed in accordance with [PTI DC 10.5](#). It shall be permitted to analyze and design such slabs by other methods that account for soil-structure interaction, the deformed shape of the soil support, the plate or stiffened plate action of the slab as well as both center lift and edge lift conditions. Such alternative methods shall be rational and the basis for all aspects and parameters of the method shall be available for peer review.



Shallow Foundation Design Fun Facts

- Shallow foundation failures occur more often than earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes damages combined in the United States
- After water, concrete is the 2nd most consumed material on the planet
- Concrete production accounts for more than 8% of all green house gas emissions in 2021
- Demand for cost-effective and well performing foundations on expansive soils is very high, however, the existing PTI method of design is very restrictive and does not allow for the implementation of innovative foundation solutions.

Global CO₂ emissions by economic sector



Source: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S136403212100318X>

Why Should We Care?

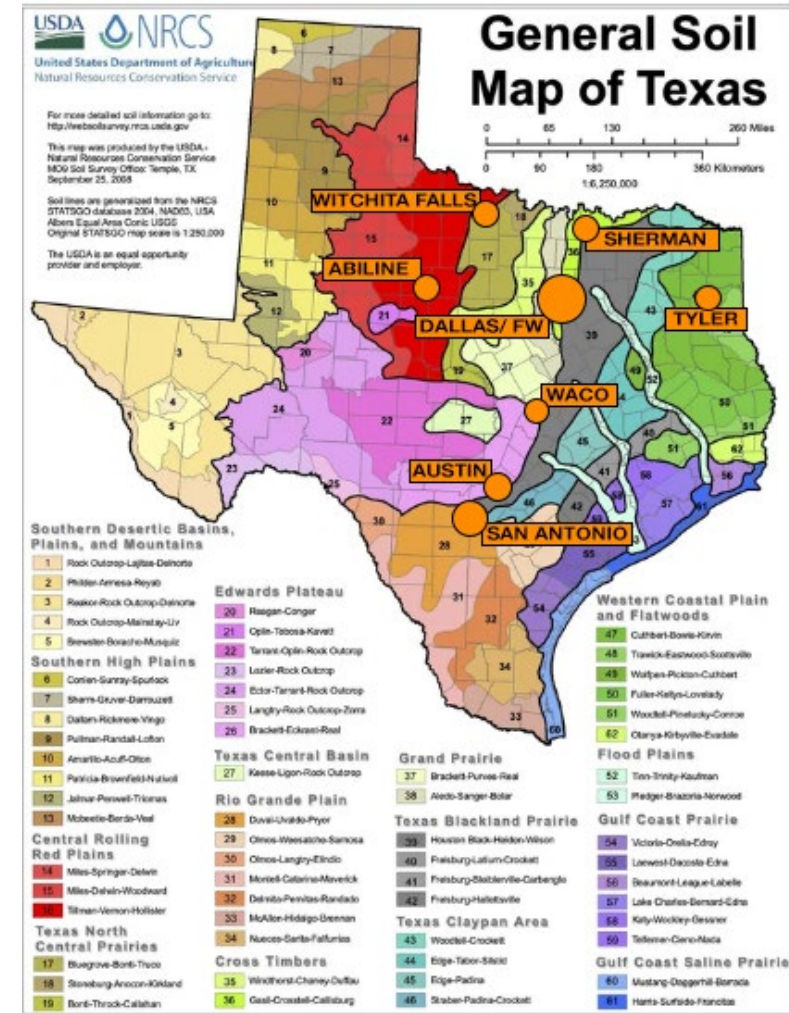
Top 15 Metro Areas with Foundation Issues

- 1 Sherman, TX – Ada, OK
- 2 San Antonio, TX
- 3 Dallas-Fort Worth, TX
- 4 Tyler-Longview, TX
- 5 Kansas City, MO
- 6 Grand Junction-Montrose, CO
- 7 Wichita Falls, TX – Lawton, OK
- 8 Waco-Temple-Bryan, TX
- 9 Columbia-Jefferson City, MO
- 10 Jackson, MS
- 11 St. Louis, MO
- 12 Abilene-Sweetwater, TX
- 13 Shreveport, LA
- 14 Austin, TX
- 15 Roanoke-Lynchburg, VA

Top 15 US Metros with Foundation Issues in 2019 – list produced by Groundworks

Foundation Repair Companies

- #1 Sherman, TX – 466
- #2 San Antonio, TX – 192
- #3 Dalls-Fort Worth, TX – 488
- #4 Tyler-Longview, TX – 472
- #5 Wichita Falls, TX - 417
- #6 Waco-Temple-Bryan, TX – 621
- #7 Abilene-Sweetwater, TX – 129
- #8 Austin, TX - 271

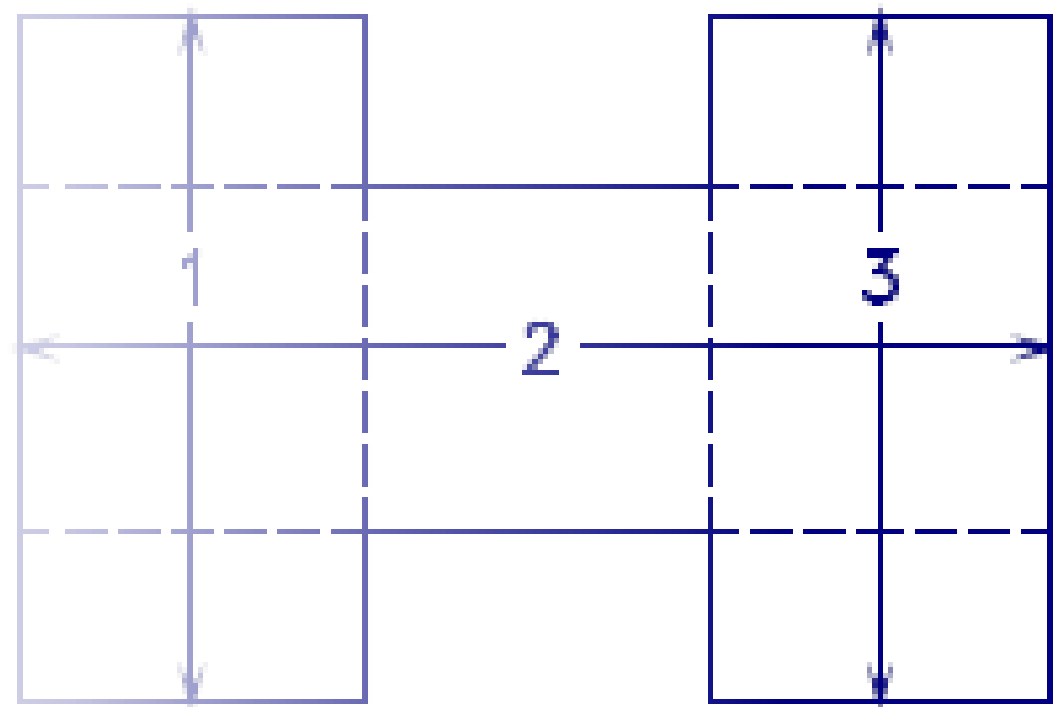
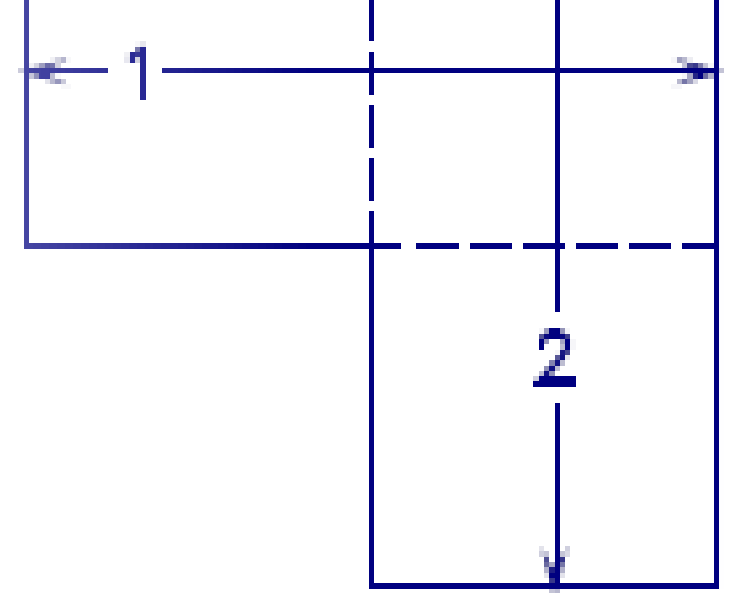
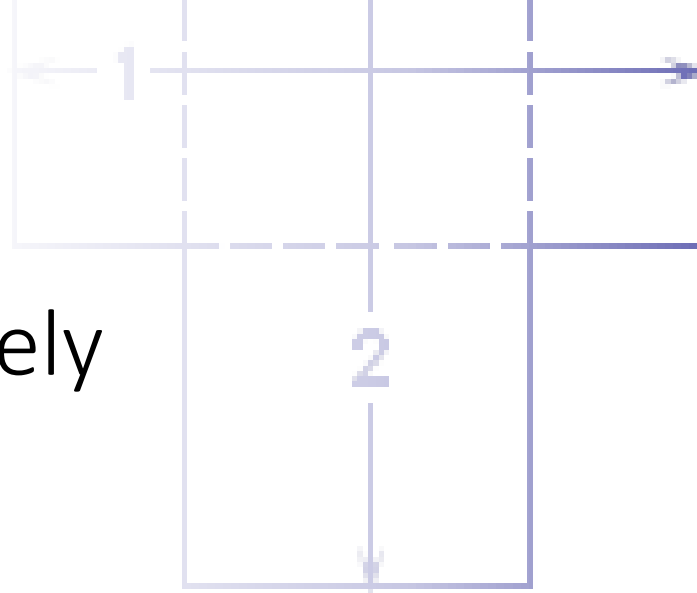


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"This again is the paradox of design. Things that succeed teach us little beyond the fact that they have been successful; things that fail provide us with incontrovertible evidence that the limits of design have been exceeded. Emulating success risks failure; studying failures increases our chances of success. The simple principle that is seldom explicitly stated is that the most successful designs are based on the best and most complete assumptions about failure." ~Petroski 1985

Existing Design Methodology Extremely Limited

- Prescriptive and not performance-based
- Limited to rectangular shapes
- Overly conservative – worst-case rectangle governs
- Maximum allowable difference in beam depths not greater than 1.2
- Moment calculation discontinuity for Center Lift $e_m > 5$ ft
- Is not set up to analyze and check any other configuration



Leveraging Capabilities of Advanced Finite Element Analysis

If SF exceeds 24, the designer should consider modifications to the foundation footprint, strengthened foundation systems, soil treatment to reduce swell or the use of additional non-prestressed reinforcement and/or additional ribs in areas of high torsional stresses. . Analysis by finite element procedures may also be used in the case of $SF > 24$.

PTI Section 4.5.1

According to PTI Design Procedure, 3rd Edition, Sections 4.5.1 and 6.3, the Shape Factor, SF , defined below, should not exceed 24.

$$SF = \frac{\text{Foundation Perimeter}^2}{\text{Foundation Area}} \leq 24$$

As a simple example, for a 100'x50' foundation, SF is 18, but for a 100'x25' foundation, SF is 25. The user is advised that for SF greater than 24, either the foundation and/or construction plans should be revised, or finite element procedures should be used. The FPA has no access to data that would suggest a limiting value of 24.

The FPA recommends that the PTI Design Procedure justify how the limiting value of 24 for the Shape Factor criterion was determined. Alternatively, the FPA recommends that PTI define a different procedure for the engineer to use in order to determine if the PTI design procedure is applicable for a specific foundation plan.

The FPA recommends that the PTI Design Procedure should specify a range for the Shape Factor where engineering judgment must be used to decide if a PTI solution is applicable.

A finite element analysis may be performed in lieu of the specific structural design formulas and procedures for slabs on expansive soils presented in this chapter. The finite element model should consider the interaction of the concrete foundation and the soil (see 1.2). The expansive characteristics of the soil should be established using the criteria specified in Chapter 3.

PTI Section 6.1.13

Designers should ensure that calculations of center lift moments based on values of e_m greater than 5 ft should not be less than those generated for the 5 ft threshold. There is a discontinuity in the equations for long direction center lift moments at $e_m = 5$ ft (Eq. 6-14, 6.8.1.1). The moment for e_m slightly greater than 5 ft is often less than the moment with e_m exactly equal to 5 ft. The curve fitting process used to arrive at the moment equations influences the discontinuity.

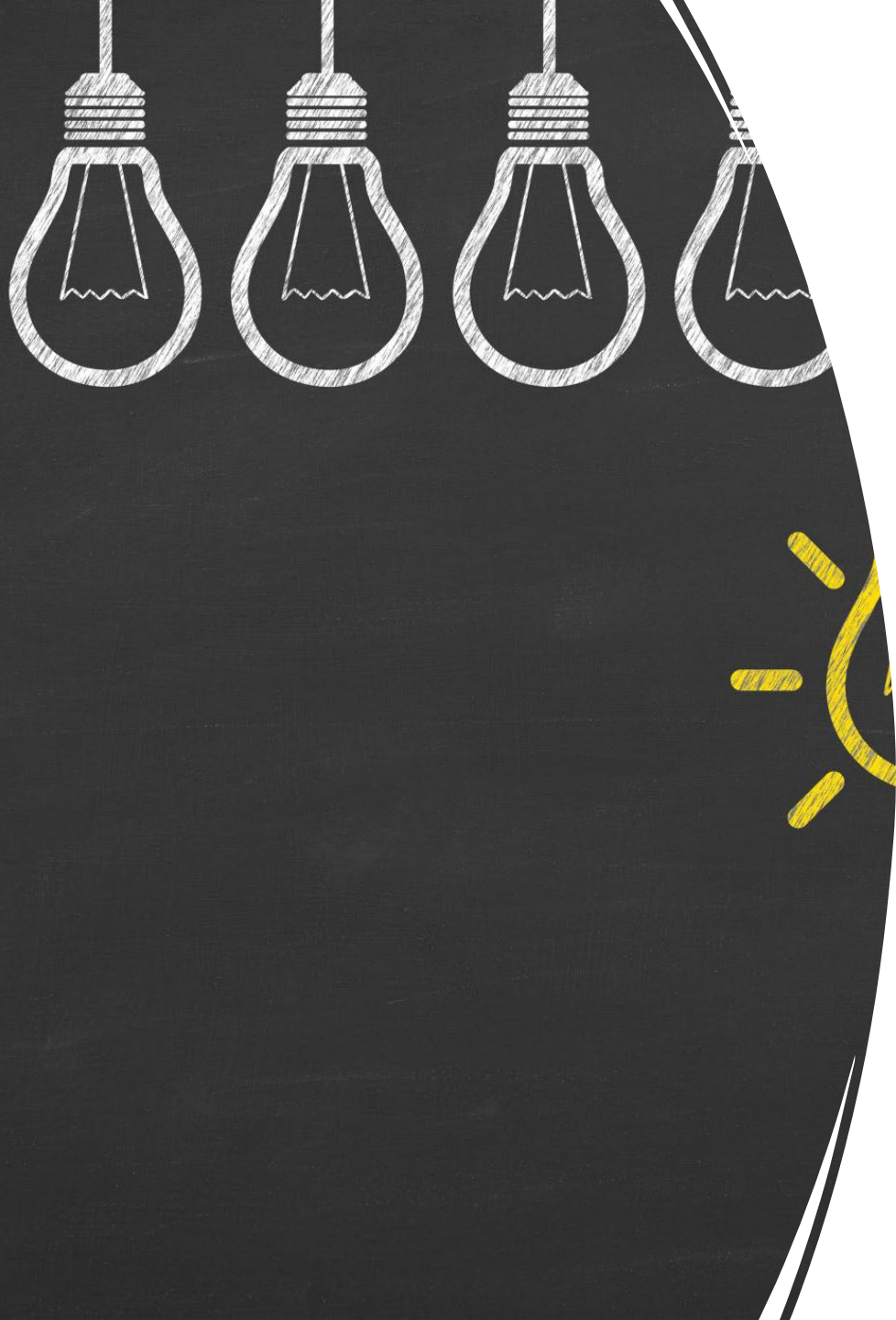
PTI Section 4.3.2

FPA Comments by Structural Committee June 28, 2006

PTI Design Procedures were developed based on calculations made by Dr. W. Kent Wray for his Ph.D. dissertation in 1978 [24]. According to information available to the FPA these calculation procedures were based on finite element technology and procedures of that day and advances proposed by Dr. Wray. Statistical interpretations of similar solutions led to the parametric solutions still embraced by the PTI.

In practice this means that differences exist between the appropriate design solution and the PTI parametric solution. For an almost square slab there is a discontinuity in the solutions relating to the e_m calculation. PTI Design Procedure, 3rd Edition, Section 4.3.2, states, "There is a discontinuity in the equations for long direction center lift moments at $e_m = 5$ ft (Eq. 6-14, 6.8.1.1). The moment for e_m , slightly greater than 5 ft is often less than the moment with e_m exactly equal to 5 ft. The curve fitting process used to arrive at the moment equations influences the discontinuity."

The FPA recommends that the PTI Design Procedure rewrite the equations to eliminate the discontinuity which occurs at $e_m = 5$.



Learning Objectives

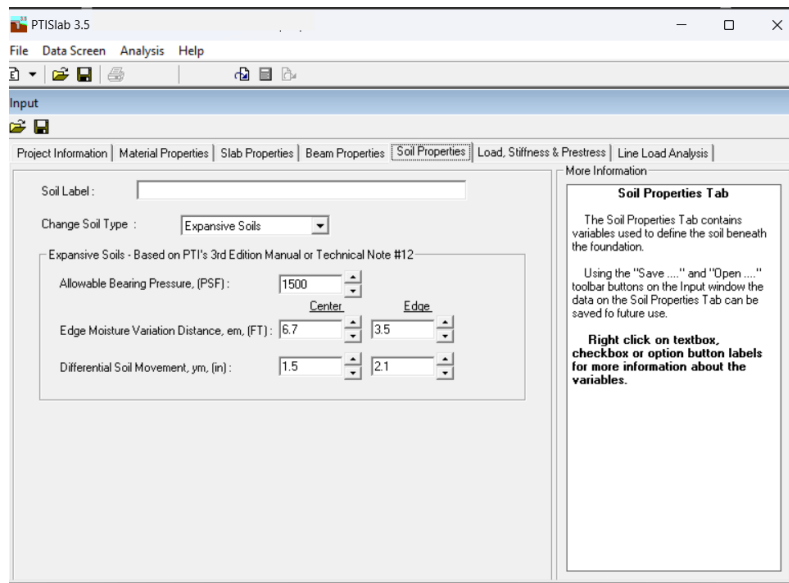
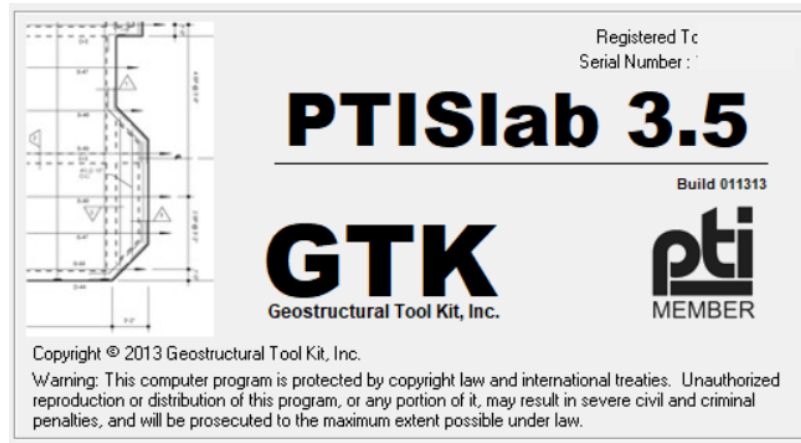
At the end of this presentation, you will be able to:

- Assess differences between traditional PTI and FEM design methods for slab-on-ground foundations
- Understand FEM design approach
- Evaluate a Wafflemat design
- Confidently apply FEM-based design method to non-traditional slabs

6.2 Post-Tensioning Institute, Design of Post-Tensioned Slabs-on-Grade

Tables B and C contain information for design of the post-tensioned, slab-on-grade foundations. Design parameters provided below were evaluated based on the conditions encountered in the borings and using information and correlations published by PTI Third Edition and VOLFLO 1.5 computer program provided by Geostructural Tool Kit, Inc. (GTI).

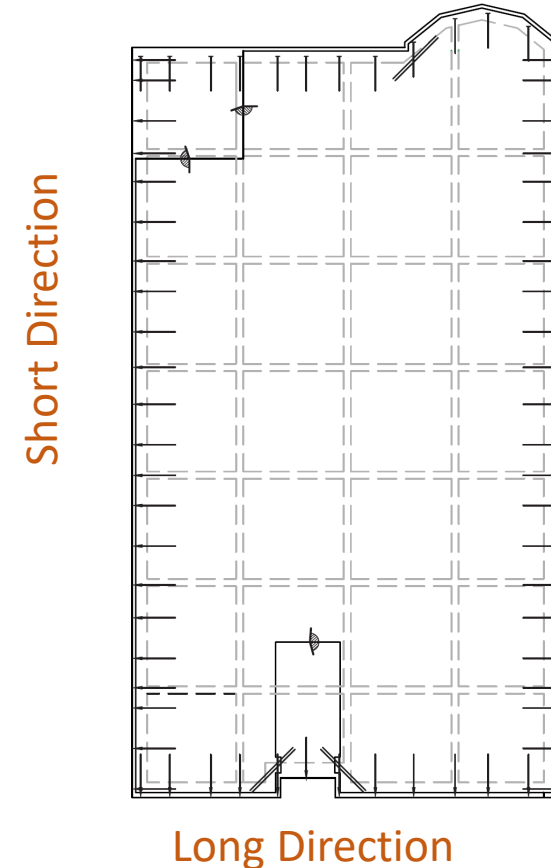
Case Study
Project:
40x70
Foundation



PVR 4.5" with a 2ft embedment depth

Select Soil Parameters:	Edge Lift	Center Lift
Edge Moisture Distance, ft (em)	3.5	6.7
Differential Soil Movement, inches (ym)	2.1	1.5

Traditional Ribbed Layout



Outline of Design Procedure using GTK PTISlab Software



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PRODUCTS

PTISLAB 3.5

PTISlab 3.5 is the latest upgrade to the PTISlab series of programs which rapidly became the de facto standard programs for designing foundations on expansive and compressible soils. **PTISlab** can be used to design or analyze both post-tensioned and conventionally reinforced slabs-on-ground for single and multi-family residential and commercial foundations on expansive and compressible soils. The expansive soil analysis of PTISlab 3.5 has been upgraded to take into account the changes incorporated in the [Post-Tensioning Institute's \(PTI's\) DC10.5-12 publication: Standard Requirements for Design and Analysis of Shallow Post-Tensioned Concrete Foundations on Expansive Soils](#). PTISlab 3.2 is based on the [Post Tensioning Institute's *Design of Post-Tensioned Slabs-On-Ground, 3rd Edition Manual and corresponding Standards*](#) and includes the changes in Addendum 1 and 2.

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VOLFLO 1.5

Using unsaturated soil mechanics theory, **VOLFLO 1.5** was developed to calculate the shrink and swell capabilities of clay soils. **VOLFLO 1.5** can be used to determine the Edge Moisture Variation Distance (E) and the Differential Soil Movement (γ_m) required by [Post-Tensioning Institute's *Design of Post-Tensioned Slabs-On-Ground, 3rd Edition Manual*](#).

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

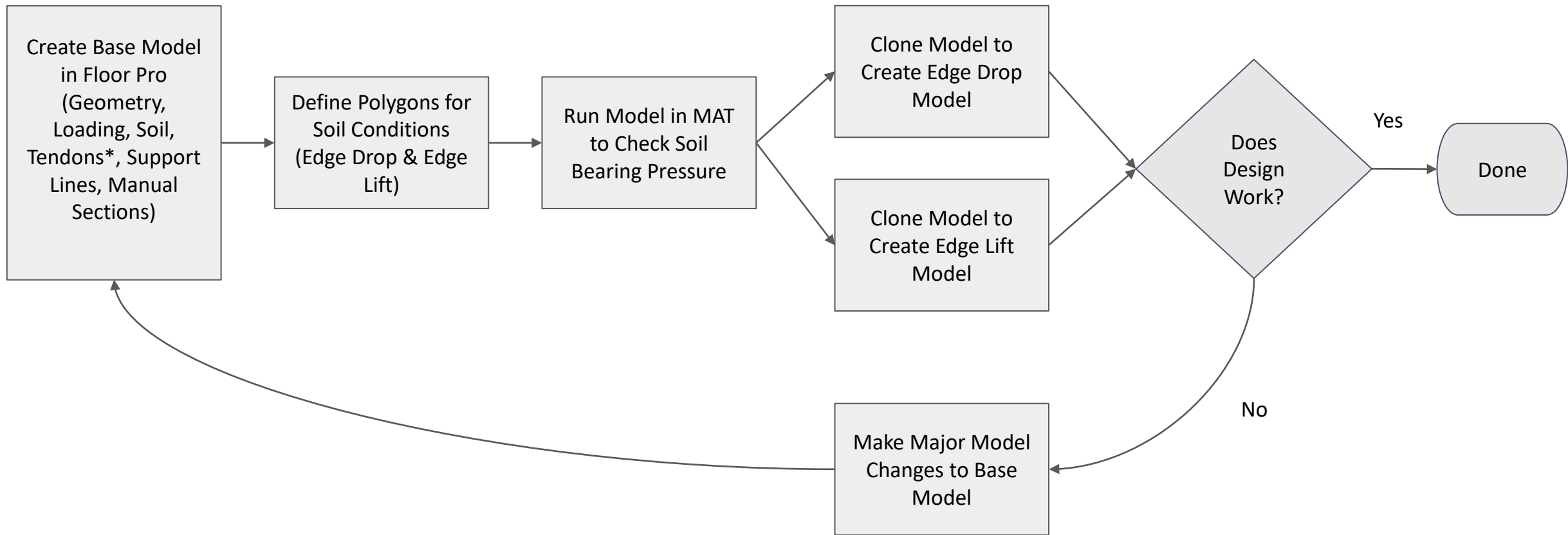
- Soil bearing pressure check
 - Based on Load/Area
- Center lift design checks
 - Bending stress
 - Stiffness
 - Shear stress
 - Cracked moment capacity
- Edge lift design checks
 - Bending stress
 - Stiffness
 - Shear stress
 - Cracked moment capacity



PTISlab 3.5 Software Limitations

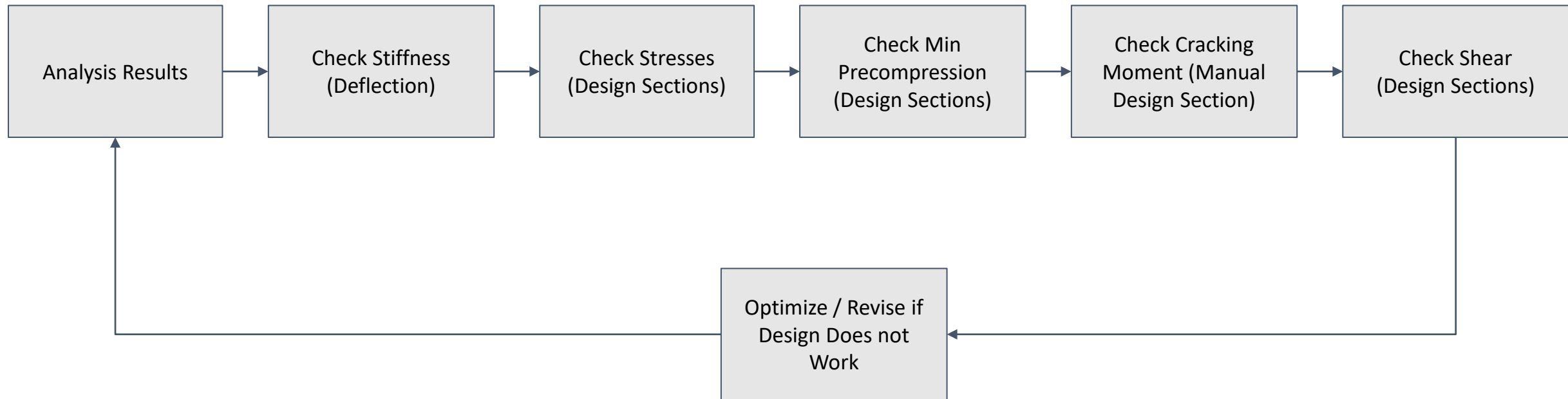
- Can only model rectangular slabs
- Cannot model beams spaced closer than 6 ft apart
- No flexibility in tendon profiling or placement
- No flexibility in detailed load modeling

Overall Design Workflow Using Finite Element Analysis

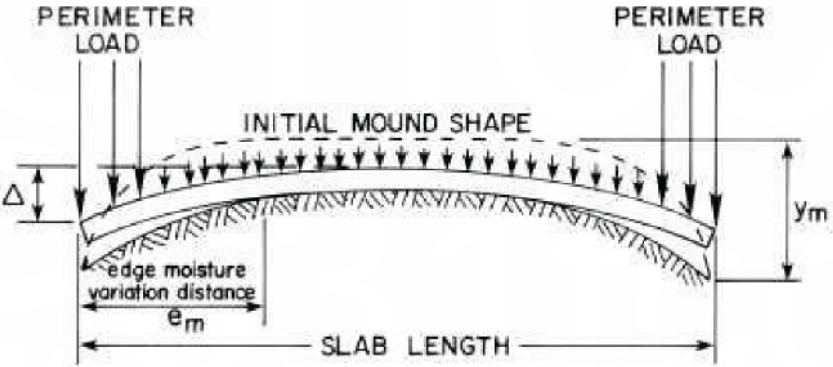
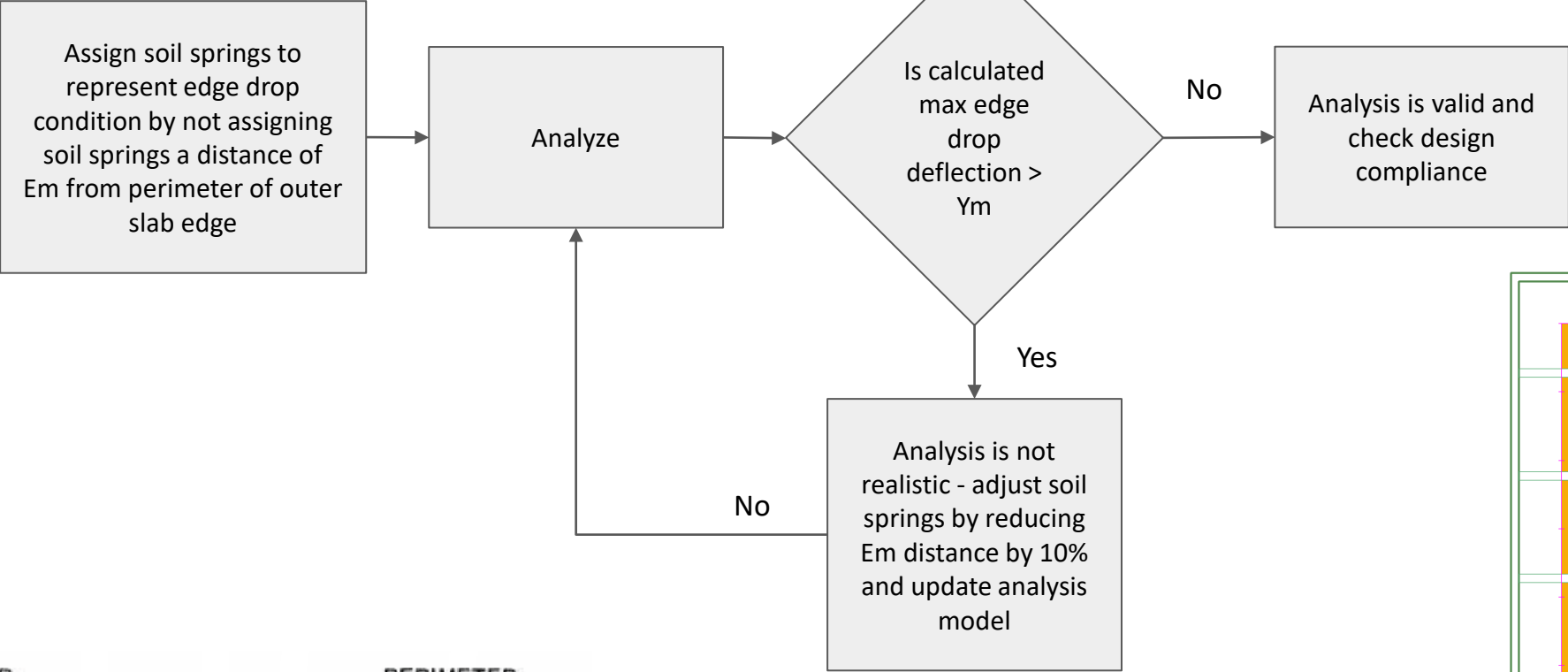


* To account for soil friction losses, model tendons with Effective Force = 26.7 (default value) - max soil friction loss

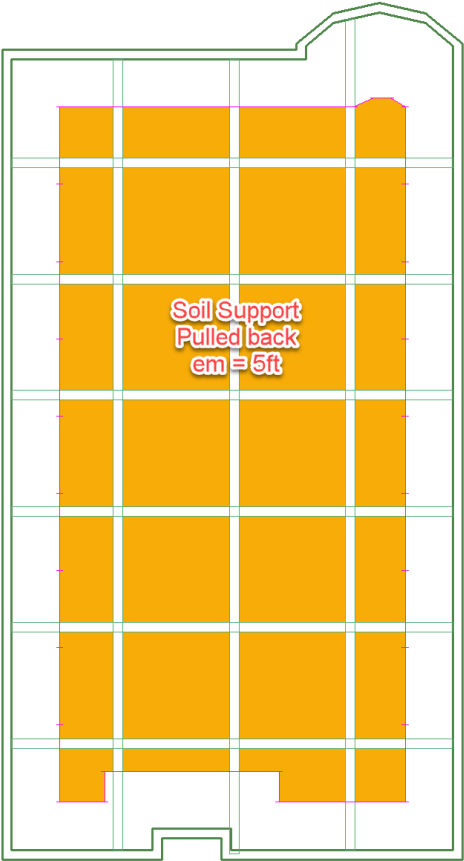
Check PTI Code Compliance of Design Iteration



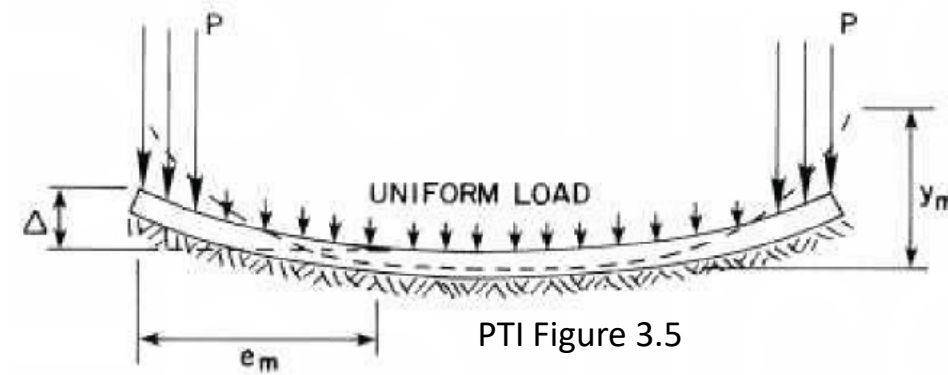
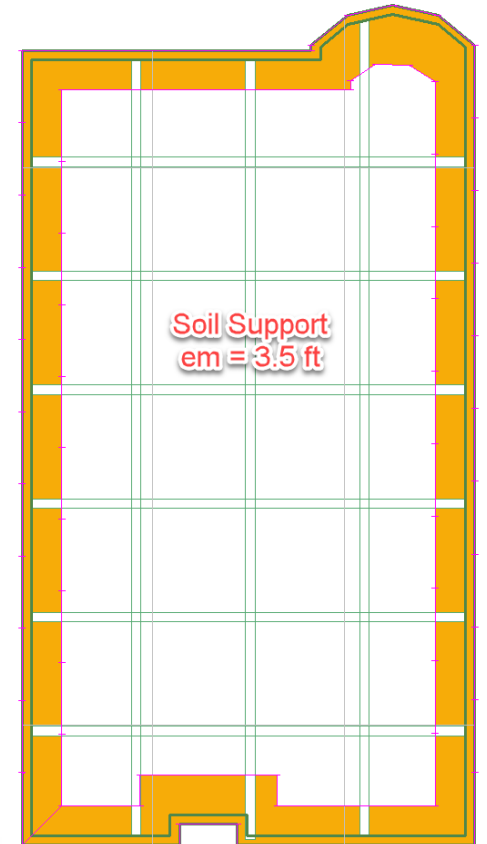
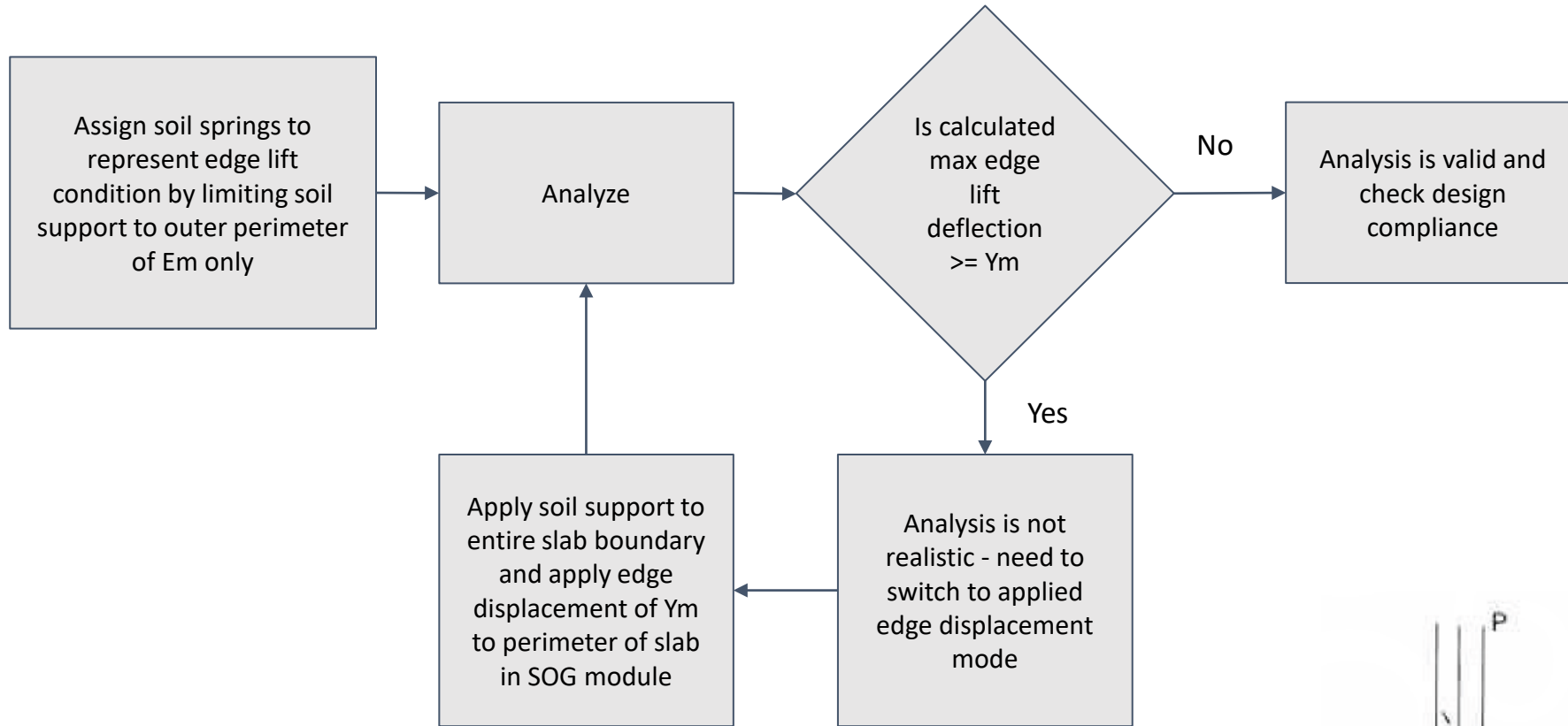
Edge Drop Analysis (formerly Center Lift)



PTI Figure 3.5



Edge Lift Analysis



Note on applying edge displacements: Applying edge displacements along the entire length of a foundation, in particular, irregular foundations with re-entrant corners can lead to unrealistic high stress concentrations at the corners. It is advised to only apply the edge displacement along the primary outer edges and a distance away from the corners.

Input Data: Ribbed Foundation Analysis Model

RIBBED FOUNDATION - DESIGN SUMMARY

Slab Dimensions : 40.00 FT x 70.00 FT x 4.00 Inches

Material Properties

Concrete Strength, f'_c : 4,000 PSI
 Tendon Strength, F_{pu} : 270 KSI
 Tendon Diameter : 1/2 Inch

Material Quantities

Concrete Volume : 69.8 Cubic Yards
 Prestressing Tendon : 2,556 Linear Feet
 Number of End Anchorages : 96

In the LONG direction ...

	Type I Beam	Type II Beam
Quantity of Beams :	2	3
Depth of Beams :	28.0 Inches	24.0 Inches
Width of Beams :	10.0 Inches	10.0 Inches
Tendons per Beam :	1	1
Beam Tendon Centroid :	2.00 Inches	2.00 Inches
Beam Spacing :	10.00 Feet O.C.	
Number of Slab Tendons :	13	
Slab Tendon Spacing :	3.00 Feet O.C.	
Slab Tendon Centroid :	2.00 Inches from top of slab	

In the SHORT direction ...

	Type I Beam	Type II Beam
Quantity of Beams :	2	6
Depth of Beams :	28.0 Inches	24.0 Inches
Width of Beams :	10.0 Inches	10.0 Inches
Tendons per Beam :	1	1
Beam Tendon Centroid :	2.00 Inches	2.00 Inches
Beam Spacing :	10.00 Feet O.C.	
Number of Slab Tendons :	22	
Slab Tendon Spacing :	3.14 Feet O.C.	
Slab Tendon Centroid :	2.00 Inches from top of slab	

Soil Properties

Allowable Bearing Pressure : 1,500.0 PSF

	Center Lift	Edge Lift
Edge Moisture Variation Distance, e_m :	6.70 Feet	3.50 Feet
Differential Soil Movement, y_m :	1.500 Inches	2.100 Inches

Load, Deflection and Subgrade Properties

Slab Loading

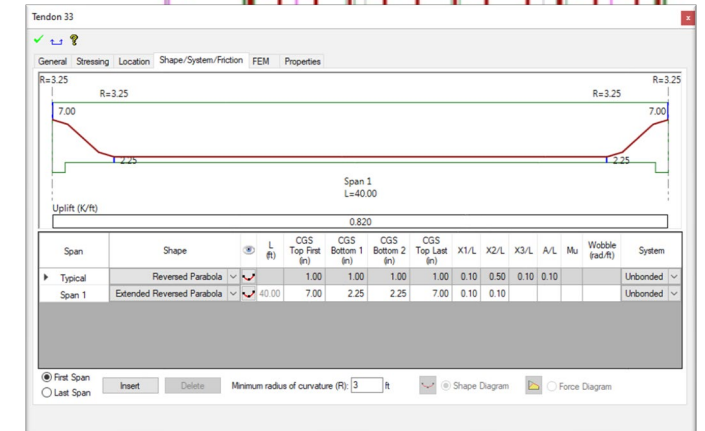
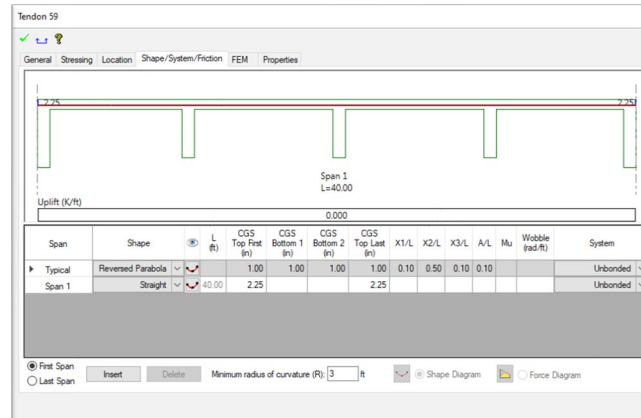
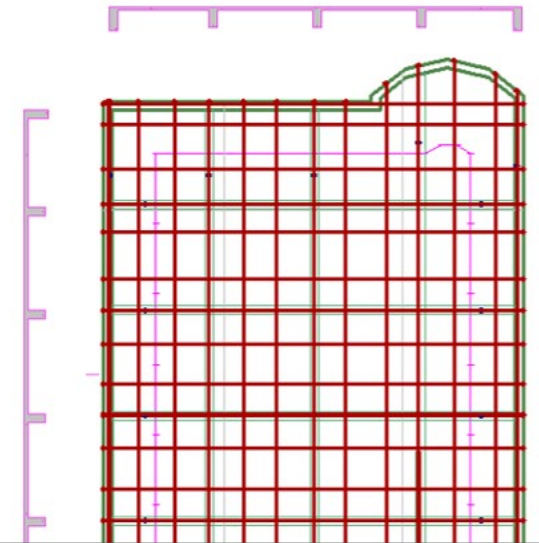
Uniform Superimposed Total Load : 40.00 PSF
 Total Perimeter Load : 1,200.00 PLF

Stiffness Coefficients

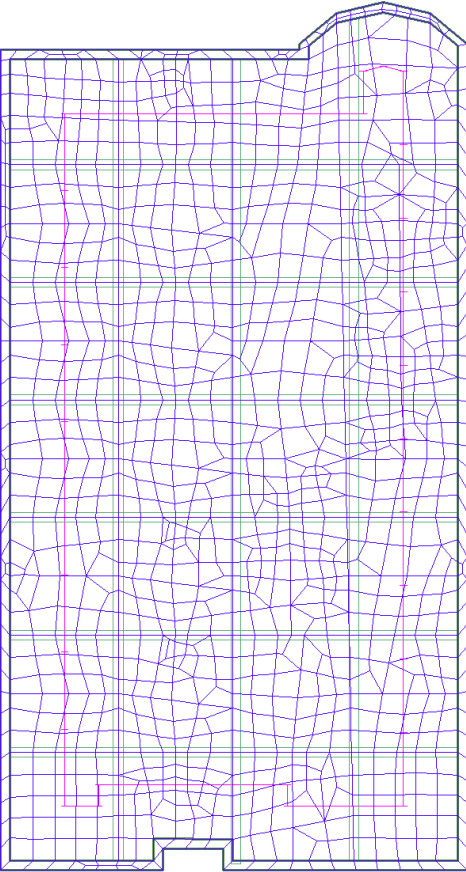
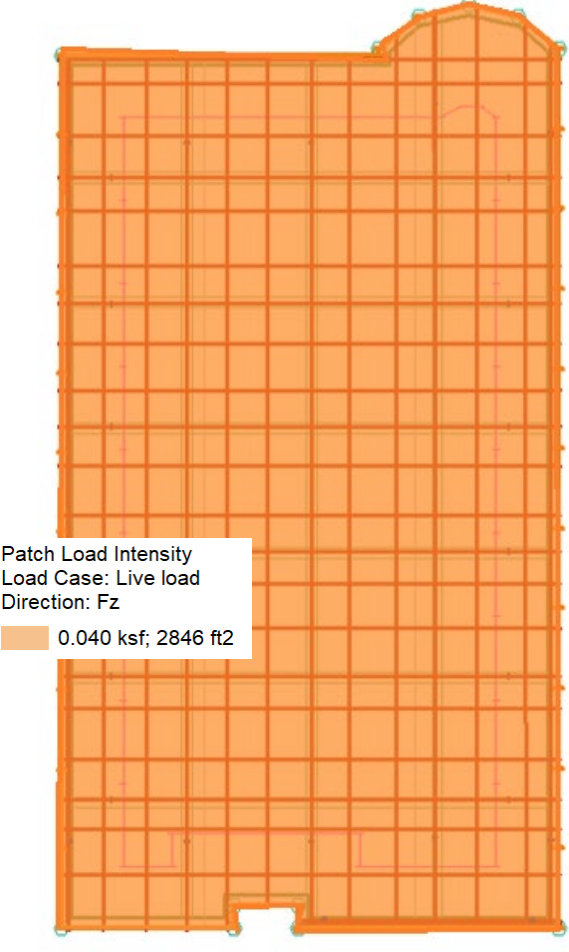
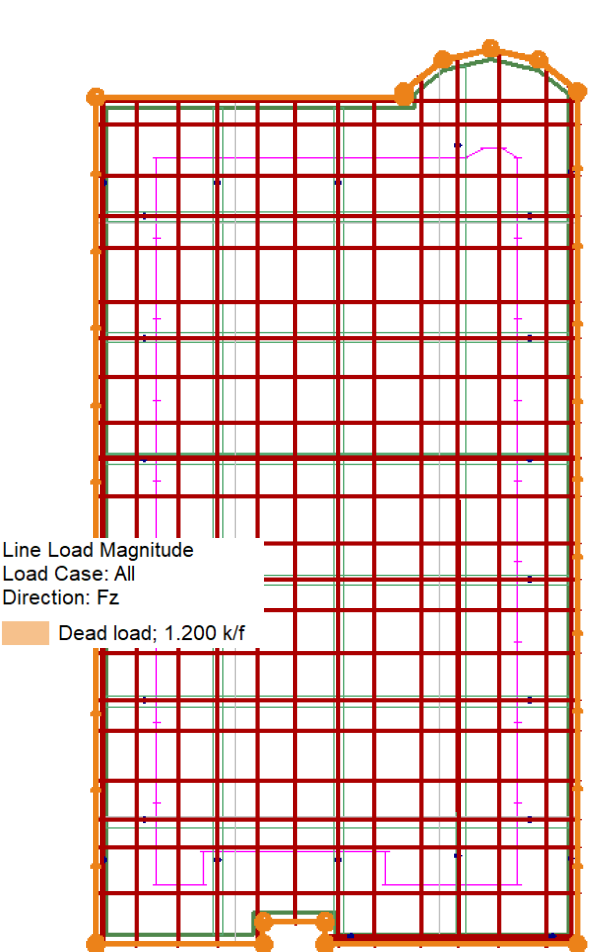
Center Lift : 480
 Edge Lift : 960

Prestress Calculation

Subgrade Friction calculated by method prescribed in PTI Manual
 Prestress Loss : 15.0 KSI
 Subgrade Friction Coefficient : 0.75



3D Finite Element Ribbed Foundation Analysis Model



PTISlab 3.5 Analysis Parameters: Ribbed Foundation Analysis Model

	Short Direction	Long Direction
Cross Sectional Area (Inch ²) :	5,053	3,010
Moment of Inertia (Inch ⁴) :	245,897	161,491
Section Modulus, Top (Inch ³) :	39,560	24,203
Section Modulus, Bottom (Inch ³) :	12,977	8,441
Center of Gravity of Concrete - from top (Inch) :	6.22	6.67
Center of Gravity of Prestressing Tendons - from top (Inch) :	7.64	8.06
Eccentricity of Prestress (Inch) :	-1.43	-1.38
Beta Distance (Feet) :	11.55	10.40
Equivalent Beam Depth (Inches) :	25.16	25.80

Note: All Calculations above and other reported values which depend on depths use the equivalent depths as shown above.

Jacking Force : 33.05 KIPS

5.2.3 The β Distance

The maximum moment does not occur at the point of actual soil-slab separation but at some distance further toward the interior. The location of the maximum moment can be closely estimated by β , a length which depends upon the relative stiffness of the soil and the stiffened slab. Center lift moments may be estimated by assuming a slab edge cantilever action with the tributary line load as load concentration at the cantilevers tip, using β as distance "L". Edge lift moments are difficult to estimate as the soil loading is unknown.

Soil Bearing Analysis

PTI 3.5 Soil Bearing Analysis

- Assumes uniform soil support
- Equally distributes all load to supporting soil
- Max pressure on soil 163 PSF << allowable 1,500 PSF

Soil Bearing Analysis

Total Applied Load
Bearing Area
Applied Pressure on Soil
Soil Pressure Safety Factor

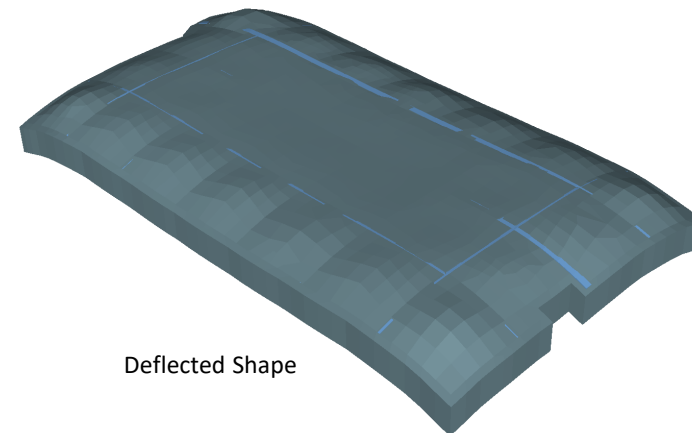
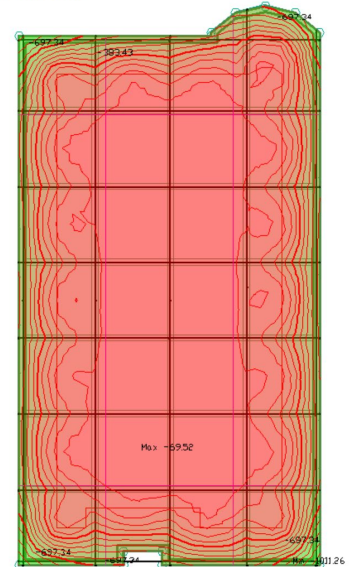
385,266 LB
2,367 FT²
163 PSF
0.00

FEM Soil Bearing Analysis

- Assumes uniform soil support
- Max pressure on soil 1,011 PSF < allowable 1,500 PSF

Slab, Stress (contour map), Soil pressure (Psf)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Max -69.52@(87.90, 15.15, 10.00)
Min -1011.26@(108.02, 0.02, 10.00)

-69.52
-132.30
-195.08
-257.87
-320.65
-383.43
-446.21
-509.00
-571.78
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Deflected Shape

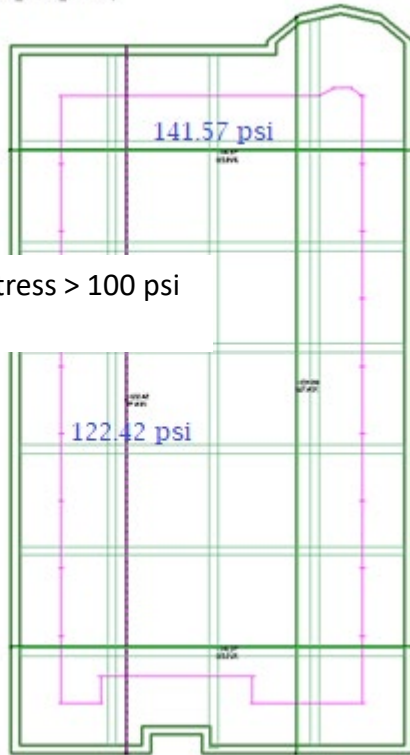
Effective Prestress Calculations

PTISlab

- Effective PT force/tendon at Beta distance
 - Short direction: **24.65 kips**
 - Long direction: **24.93 kips**
 - We assume the same valued in the FEM model

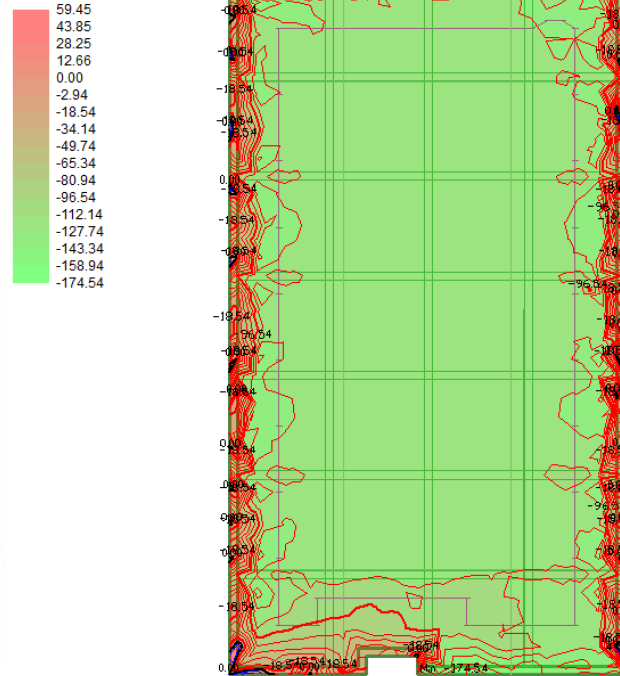
FEM

Manual Design Sections, Stresses, P/A (Precompression # of tendons) (Psi)
 Load Combination: Effective PT (NO_CODE_CHECK)
 Minimum allowable 125.00
 Tension stress positive
 Max: 141.57
 Min: 122.42

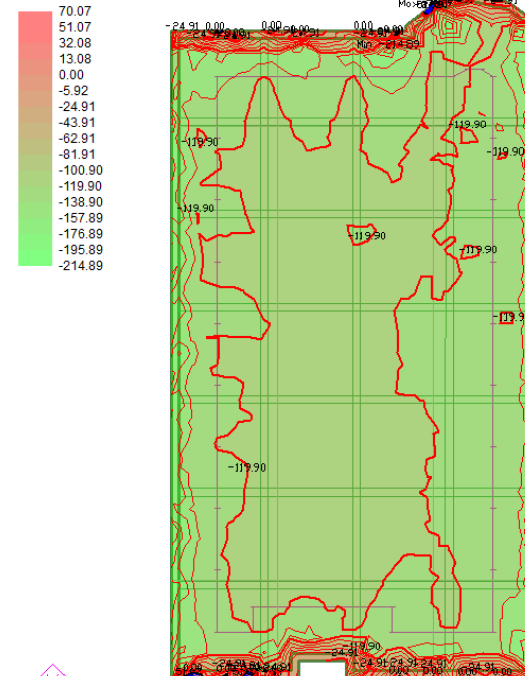


Effective prestress > 100 psi
OK

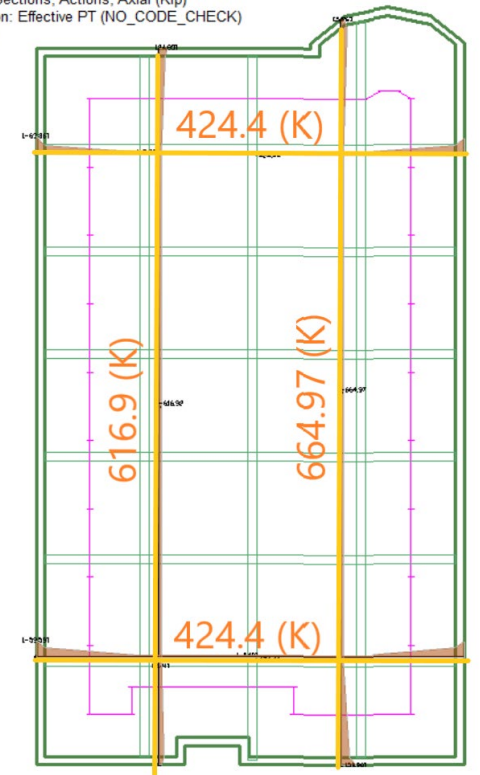
Slab, Stress (contour map), Mid-depth along XX (Psi)
 Load Combination: Effective PT (NO_CODE_CHECK)
 Max 59.45@(95.86, 72.75, 10.00)
 Min -174.54@(90.90, 0.02, 10.00)



Slab, Stress (contour map), Mid-depth along YY (Psi)
 Load Combination: Effective PT (NO_CODE_CHECK)
 Max 70.07@(95.86, 72.75, 10.00)
 Min -214.89@(91.74, 68.30, 10.00)



Manual Design Sections, Actions, Axial (Kip)
 Load Combination: Effective PT (NO_CODE_CHECK)
 Tension positive
 Max: -424.44
 Min: -664.97



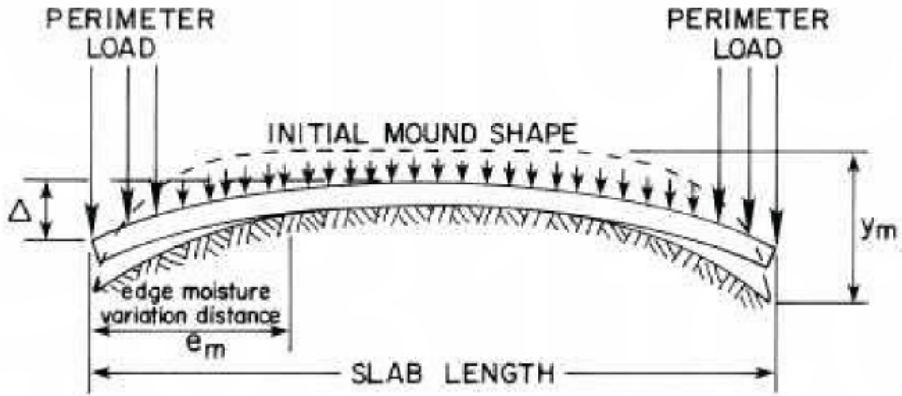
Prestress Summary

Subgrade Friction calculated by method prescribed in PTI Manual

	Short Direction	Long Direction
Number of Slab Tendons	22	13
Number of Beam Tendons	8	5
Spacing of Slab Tendons (Feet)	3.14	3.00
Center of Gravity of Concrete (from top of slab) (Inch)	6.22	6.67
Center of Gravity of Tendons (from top of slab) (Inch)	7.64	8.06
Eccentricity of Prestressing (Inch)	-1.43	-1.38
Minimum Effective Prestress Force (K)	696.2	376.7
Beta Distance Effective Prestress Force (K)	739.5	448.8
Minimum Effective Prestress (PSI)	138	125
Beta Distance Effective Prestress (PSI)	146	149

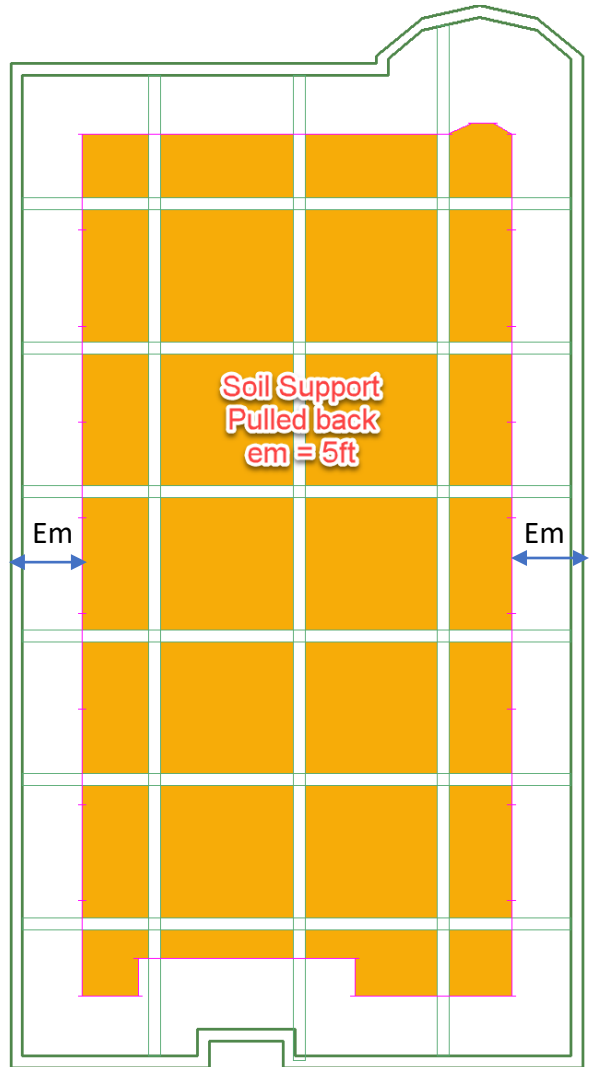
Exact same PT force applied to FEM model as in PTISlab.

Edge Drop/Center Lift



PTI Figure 3.5

PTI 4.3.2. Edge Moisture Variation Distance, e_m
 Designers should ensure that calculations of center lift moments based on values of e_m greater than 5 ft should not be less than those generated for the 5 ft threshold. There is a discontinuity in the equations for long direction center lift moments at $e_m = 5$ ft (Eq. 6-14, 6.8.1.1). The moment for e_m slightly greater than 5 ft is often less than the moment with e_m exactly equal to 5 ft. The curve fitting process used to arrive at the moment equations influences the discontinuity.



Select Soil Parameters:	Edge Lift	Center Lift
Edge Moisture Distance, ft (e_m)	3.5	6.7
Differential Soil Movement, inches (y_m)	2.1	1.5

To simulate Center Lift Mode, soil support is removed the distance of e_m (5ft) around the perimeter of the slab.

Edge Drop/Center Lift Moment Analysis

PTISlab

Moment Analysis - Center Lift Mode

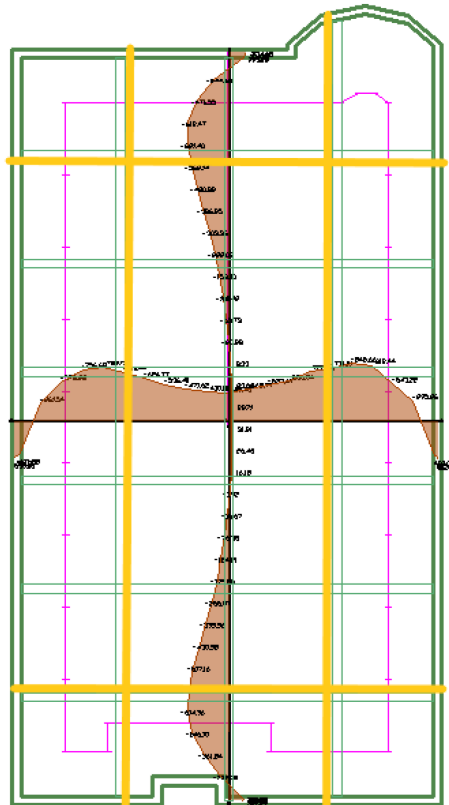
Maximum Moment, Short Dir. (calculated with $E_m=5.0$ per PTI 4.3.2)
Maximum Moment, Long Dir. (calculated with $E_m=5.0$ per PTI 4.3.2)

10.10 FT-K/FT
9.62 FT-K/FT

FEM

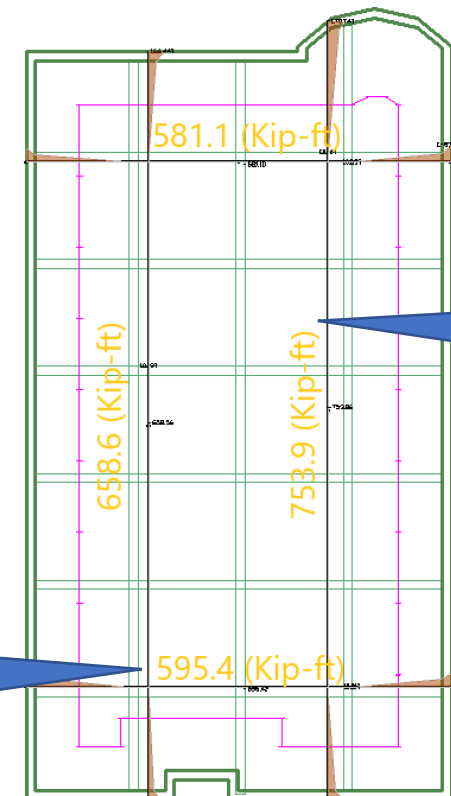
Design Sections, Actions, Bending (Kip-ft)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Max: 561.74
Min: -845.66

Moment
Distribution



Stresses @ beta
distance pass.

Manual Design Sections, Actions, Bending (Kip-ft)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Max: -581.10
Min: -753.86



PTISlab Moment is
384.8 FT-K

PTISlab Moment
is 707 FT-K

Edge Drop/Center Lift Moment Stress Analysis

PTISlab

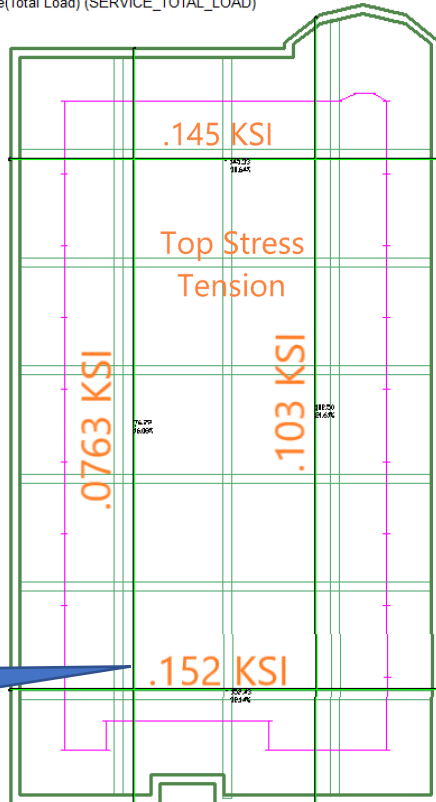
Moment Analysis - Center Lift Mode

Maximum Moment, Short Dir. (calculated with $E_m=5.0$ per PTI 4.3.2) 10.10 FT-K/FT
 Maximum Moment, Long Dir. (calculated with $E_m=5.0$ per PTI 4.3.2) 9.62 FT-K/FT

	Tension in Top Fiber (KSI)		Compression in Bottom Fiber (KSI)	
	Short Direction	Long Direction	Short Direction	Long Direction
Allowable Stress	-0.379	-0.379	1.800	1.800
Actual Stress	-0.167	-0.150	0.307	0.301

FEM

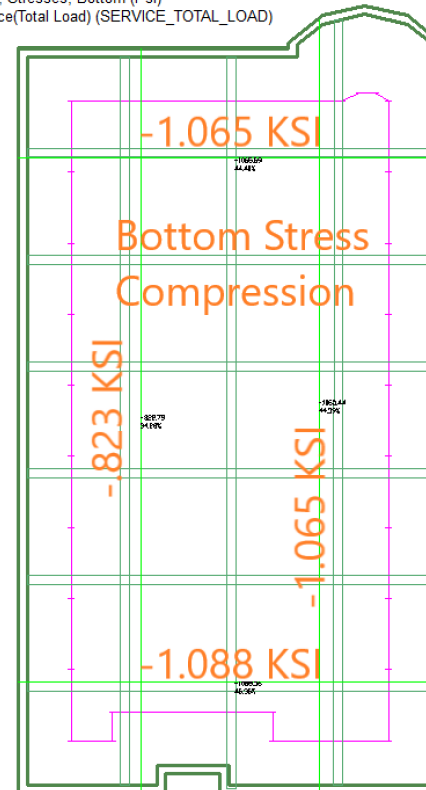
Manual Design Sections, Stresses, Top (Psi)
 Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
 Tensile stress positive
 Max: -76.29
 Min: -152.43



Closest correlation to PTISlab



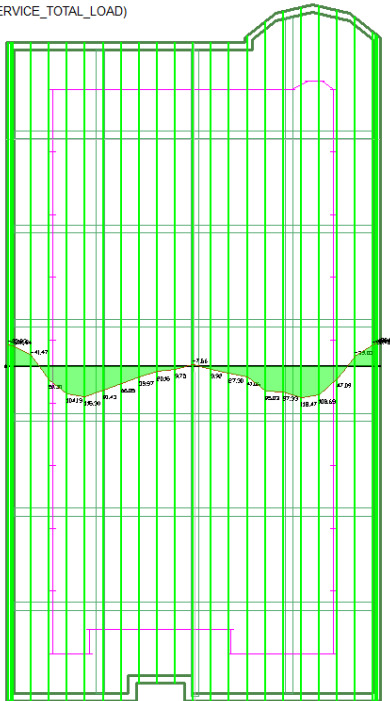
Manual Design Sections, Stresses, Bottom (Psi)
 Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
 Tensile stress positive
 Max: 1088.36
 Min: 822.79



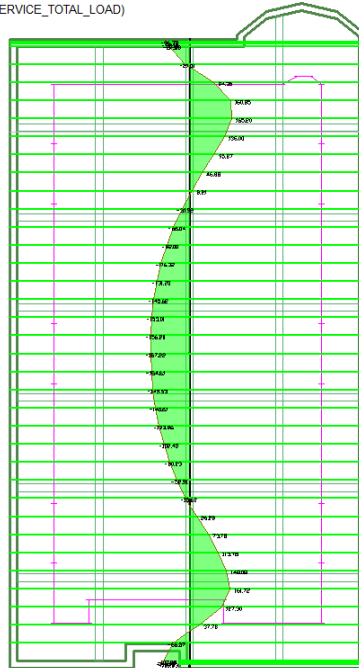
FEM – Moment Analysis @ All Sections – Center Lift Mode

All slab stresses are within allowable limits if integrated over entire slab width.

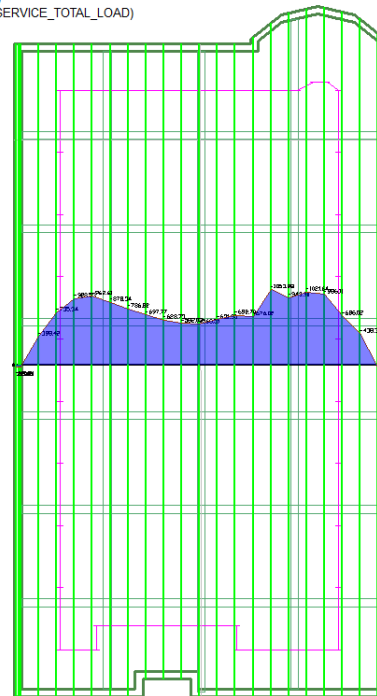
Design Sections, Stresses, Top (Psi)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Tensile stress positive
Max: 165.20
Min: -157.22



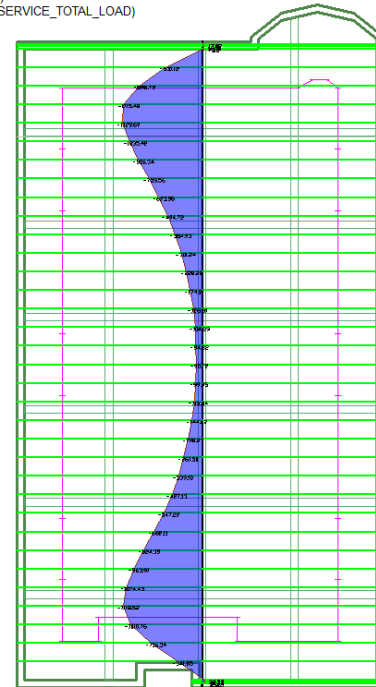
Design Sections, Stresses, Top (Psi)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Tensile stress positive
Max: 165.20
Min: -157.22



Design Sections, Stresses, Bottom (Psi)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Tensile stress positive
Max: 37.04
Min: -1129.69



Design Sections, Stresses, Bottom (Psi)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Tensile stress positive
Max: 37.04
Min: -1129.69



FEM – Moment Analysis @ Detailed – Center Lift Mode

FEM can provide more detailed and localized stress distribution, a useful guide for added rebar placement.

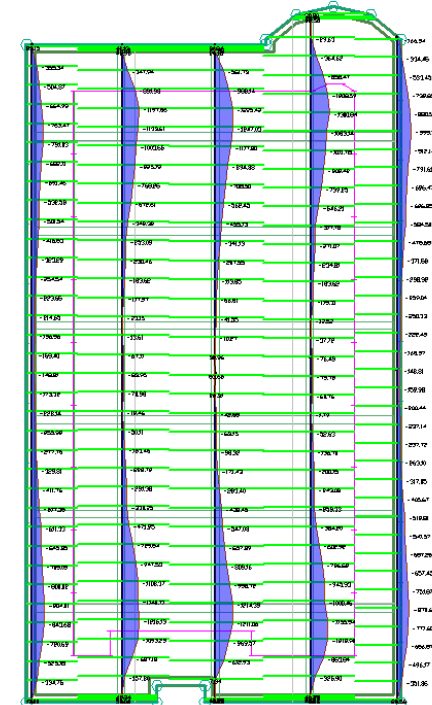
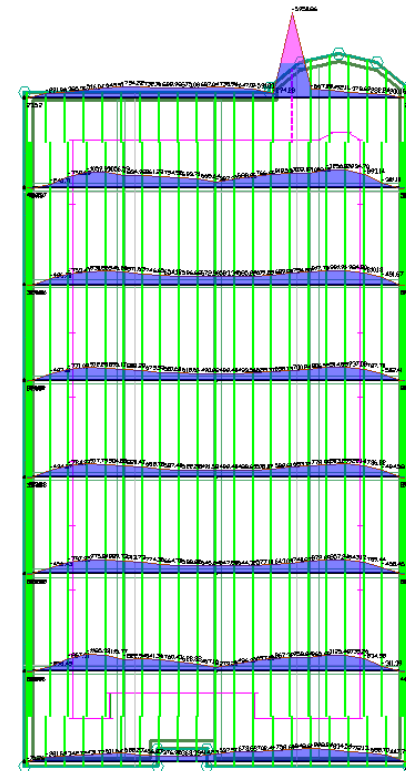
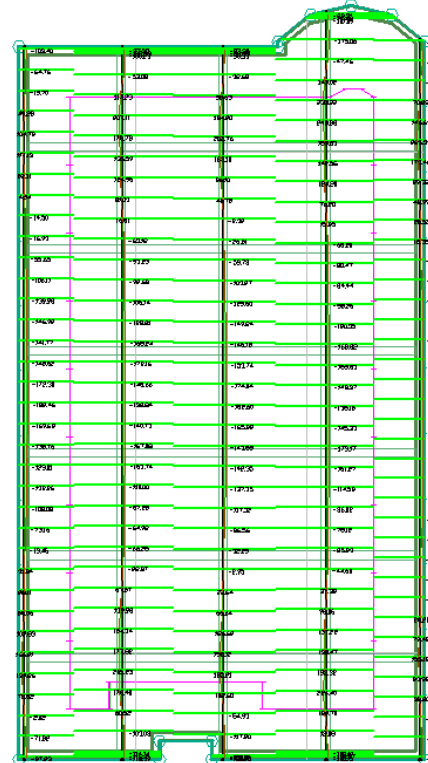
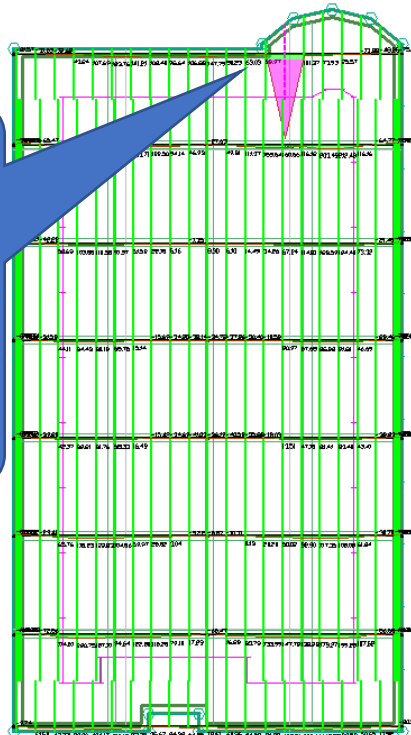
Design Sections, Stresses, Top (Psi)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Tensile stress positive
Max: 5594.07
Min: -193.33

Design Sections, Stresses, Top (Psi)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Tensile stress positive
Max: 5594.07
Min: -193.33

Design Sections, Stresses, Bottom (Psi)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Tensile stress positive
Max: 59.97
Min: -5950.86

Design Sections, Stresses, Bottom (Psi)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Tensile stress positive
Max: 59.97
Min: -5950.86

Localized area of high stresses – should add crack control rebar



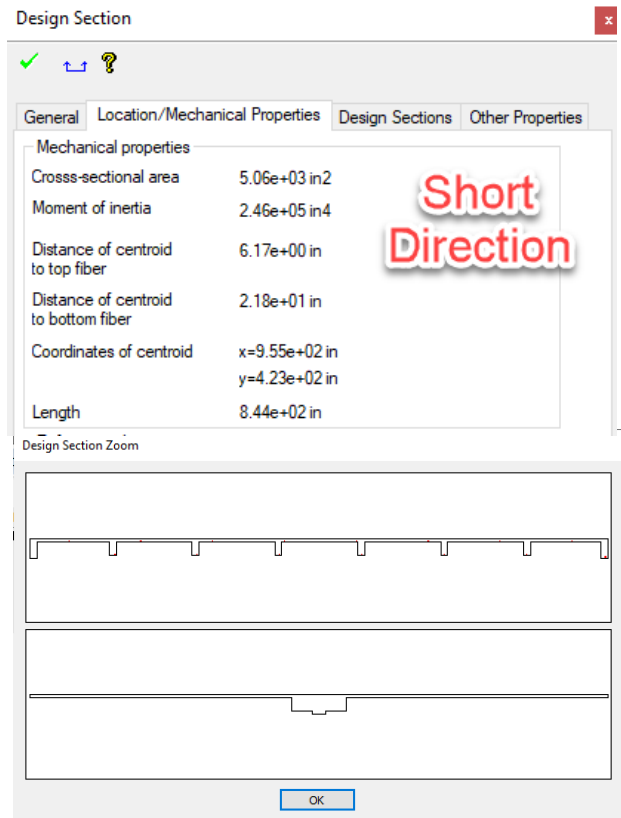
Stiffness Analysis – Edge Drop/Center Lift Mode

Stiffness Analysis - Center Lift Mode

Based on a Stiffness Coefficient of 480

PTISlab

	Short Direction	Long Direction
Available Moment of Inertia (Inch ⁴)	245,897	161,491
Required Moment of Inertia (Inch ⁴)	108,632	92,193
Required Moment of Inertia controlled by	Width	6*Beta

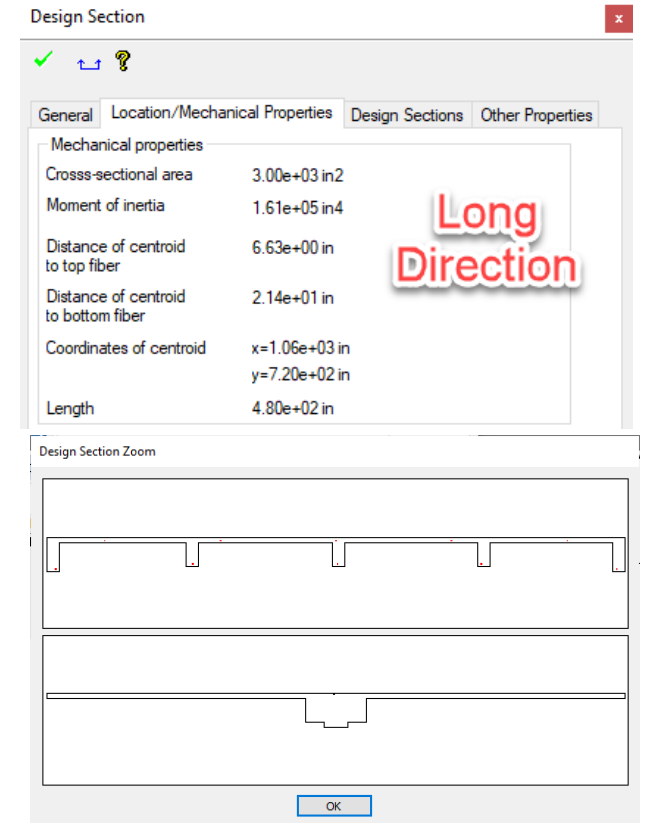


Short direction:

- Required 108,632 (in⁴)
- Available 246,000 (in⁴)
- **OK**

Long direction:

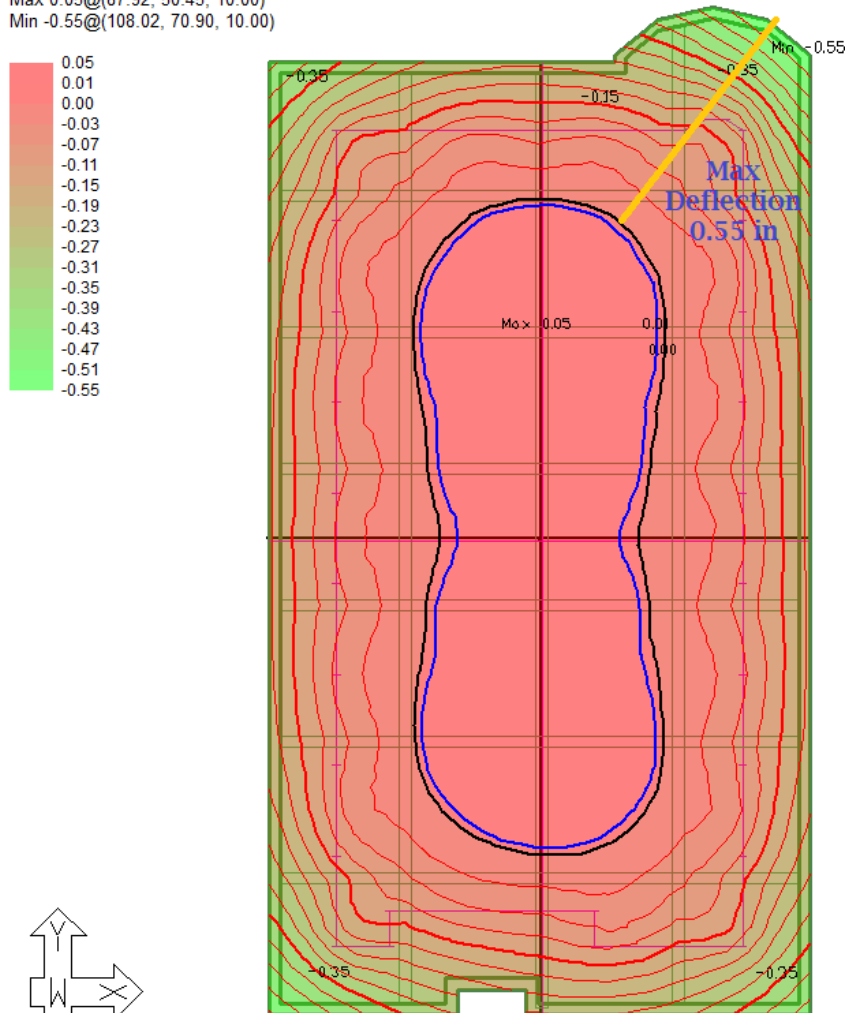
- Required 92,193 (in⁴)
- Available 161,000 (in⁴)
- **OK**



FEM

Stiffness Analysis – Edge Drop/Center Lift Mode

Slab, Deformation, Z-Translation (in)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Max 0.05@(87.92, 50.45, 10.00)
Min -0.55@(108.02, 70.90, 10.00)



Can use actual deflection to check deflection criteria.

- Stiffness coefficient 480
- Max allowable deflection 0.9 in
(based on 18 ft cantilever deflection)
- Max deflection 0.55 in **OK**

Shear Analysis – Edge Drop/Center Lift Mode

Shear Analysis - Center Lift Mode

Maximum Shear, Short Direction.
Maximum Shear, Long Direction

2.37 K/FT
2.22 K/FT

PTISlab

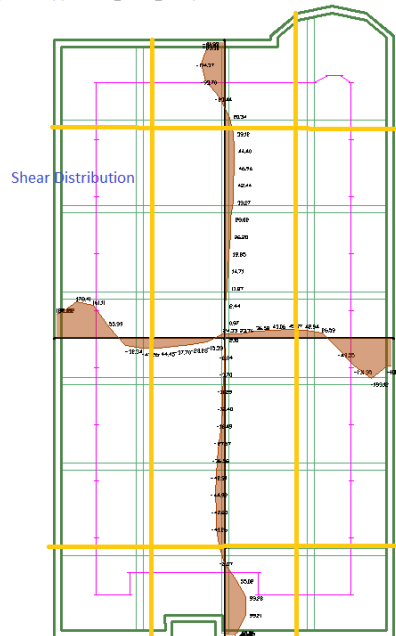
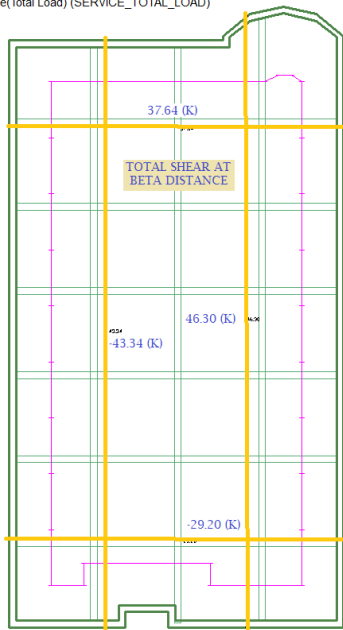
Allowable Shear Stress (PSI)
Actual Shear Stress (PSI)

Short Direction	Long Direction
181	182
83	69

FEM

Manual Design Sections, Actions, Shear (Kip)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Max: 46.30
Min: -43.34

Design Sections, Actions, Shear (Kip)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Max: 178.41
Min: -193.12



Allowable shear stress:

- Short direction 181 psi
- Long direction 182 psi

Max shear capacity:

- Short direction 331 K
- Long direction 214 K

Shear @ Beta

- Short direction 46.3 K **OK**
- Long direction 37.6 K **OK**

Max shear demand

- Short direction 114.37 K **OK**
- Long direction 193.12 K **OK**

Cracked Section Analysis – Center Lift Mode

Cracked Section Analysis - Center Lift Mode

PTISlab

Cracked Section Capacity (FT-K)
0.5 Moment (FT-K)

Short Direction	Long Direction
1,078.0	657.1
353.6	192.4

FEM

Short direction:

Design section moment capacity	
Positive moment	376.52 k-ft
Negative moment	-904.99 k-ft

0.5 M @ Beta 298 K-FT **OK**

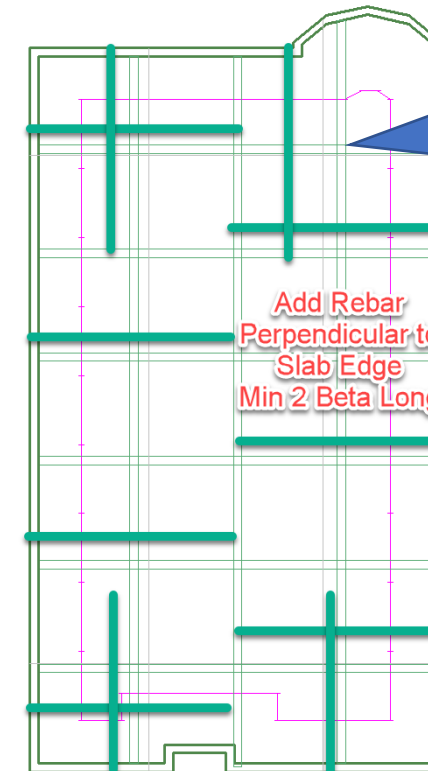
0.5 M Max 311 K-FT **OK**

Long direction:

Design section moment capacity	
Positive moment	327.11 k-ft
Negative moment	-586.88 k-ft

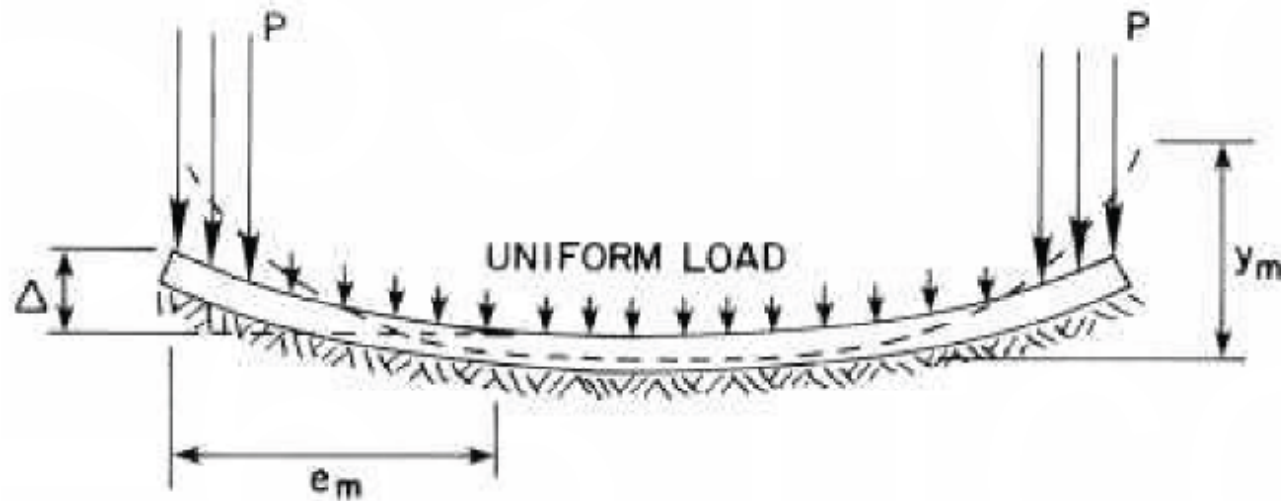
0.5 M @ Beta 377 K-FT **NG**

0.5 M Max 423 K-FT **NG**



To meet PTI 6.9, add rebar or increase PT

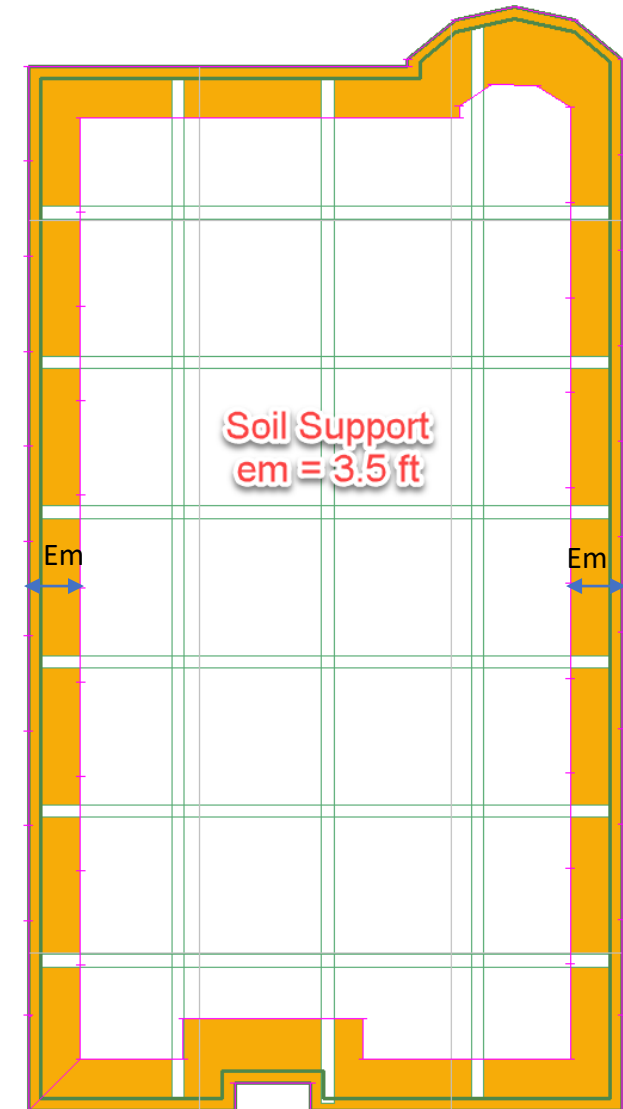
Edge Lift Mode



PTI Figure 3.5

Select Soil Parameters:

	Edge Lift	Center Lift
Edge Moisture Distance, ft (e_m)	3.5	6.7
Differential Soil Movement, inches (y_m)	2.1	1.5



To simulate Edge Lift Mode, heaving soil support is limited to outer distance e_m (3.5 ft) from perimeter of slab.

Edge Lift Moment Analysis

PTISlab

Moment Analysis - Edge Lift Mode

Maximum Moment, Short Direction
Maximum Moment, Long Direction

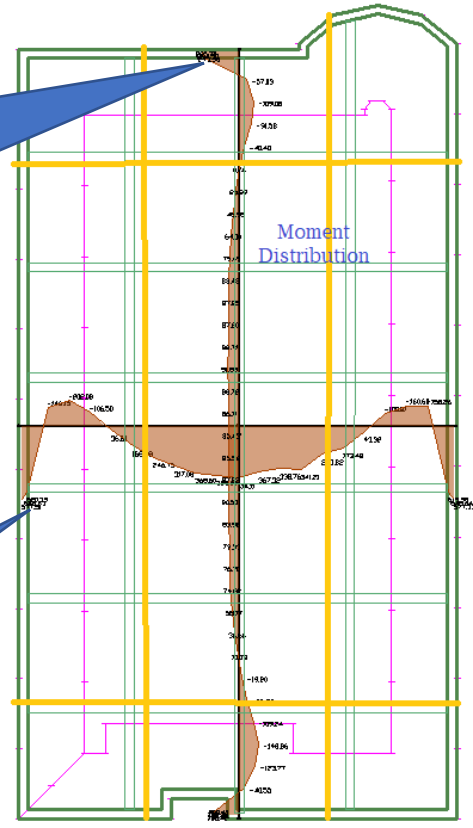
8.44 FT-K/FT
7.01 FT-K/FT

FEM

Maximum moments and shears don't coincide with Beta distance.

Design Sections, Actions, Bending (Kip-ft)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Max: 577.51
Min: -202.08

FEM Max value is 295.7
PTI value is 280.4

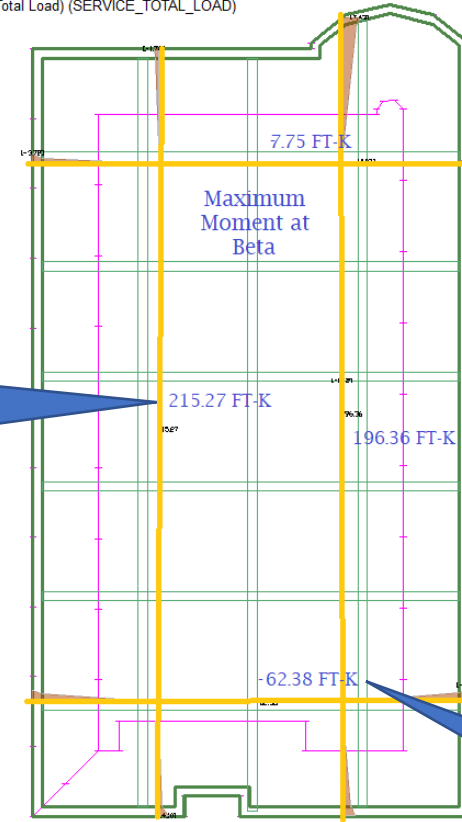


FEM Max value is 577.5
PTI value is 590.8

Stresses @ beta distance pass.

Manual Design Sections, Actions, Bending (Kip-ft)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Max: 215.27
Min: -62.38

PTI value is 280.4



PTI value is 590.8

Edge Lift Moment Stress Analysis

PTISlab

Moment Analysis - Edge Lift Mode

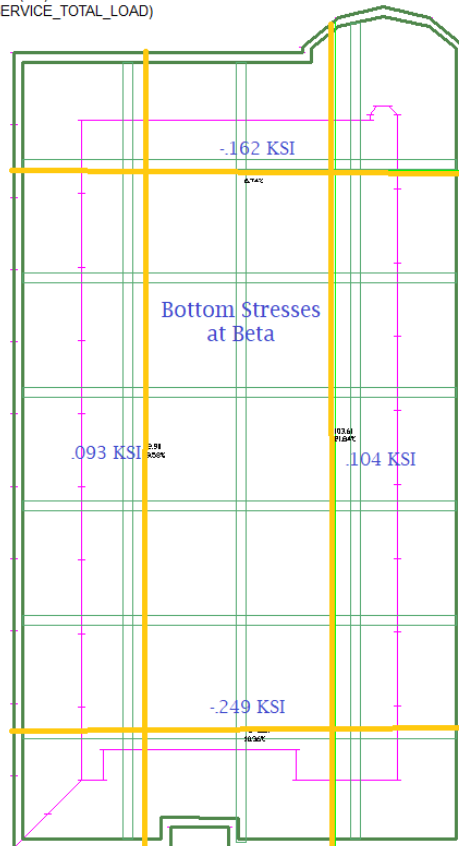
Maximum Moment, Short Direction
Maximum Moment, Long Direction

8.44 FT-K/FT
7.01 FT-K/FT

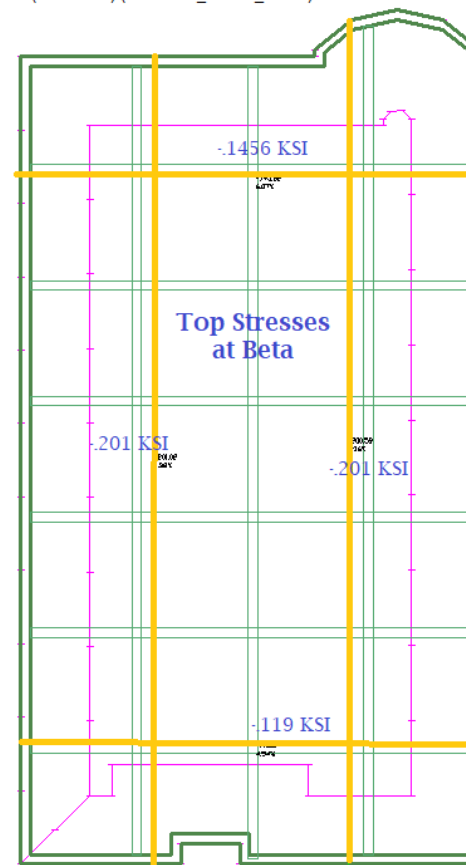
	Tension in Bottom Fiber (KSI)		Compression in Top Fiber (KSI)	
	Short Direction	Long Direction	Short Direction	Long Direction
Allowable Stress	-0.379	-0.379	1.800	1.800
Actual Stress	-0.319	-0.176	0.299	0.262

FEM

Manual Design Sections, Stresses, Bottom (Psi)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Tensile stress positive
Max: 248.59
Min: -103.61



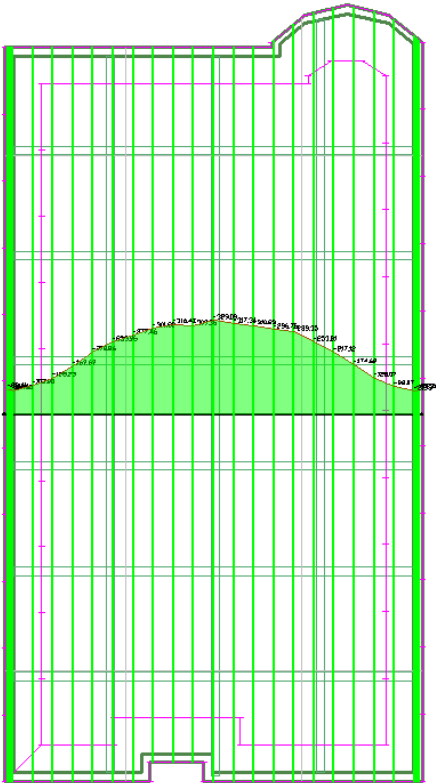
Manual Design Sections, Stresses, Top (Psi)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Tensile stress positive
Max: 201.02
Min: 118.64



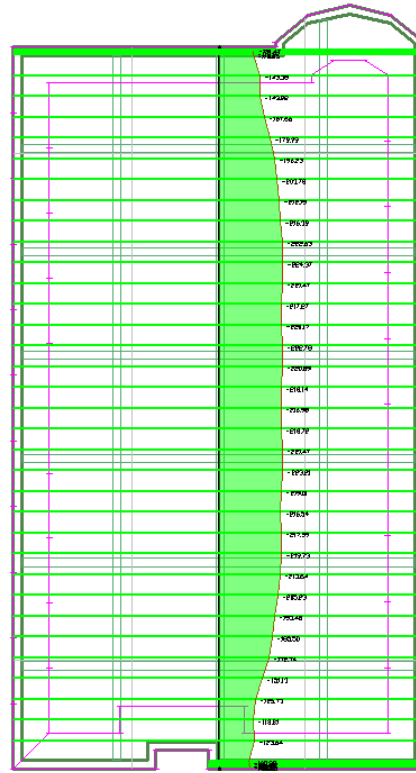
FEM – Moment Analysis @ All Sections – Edge Lift Mode

When checking stress distribution in slab, short direction bottom stresses in beams **exceed** cracking stress.

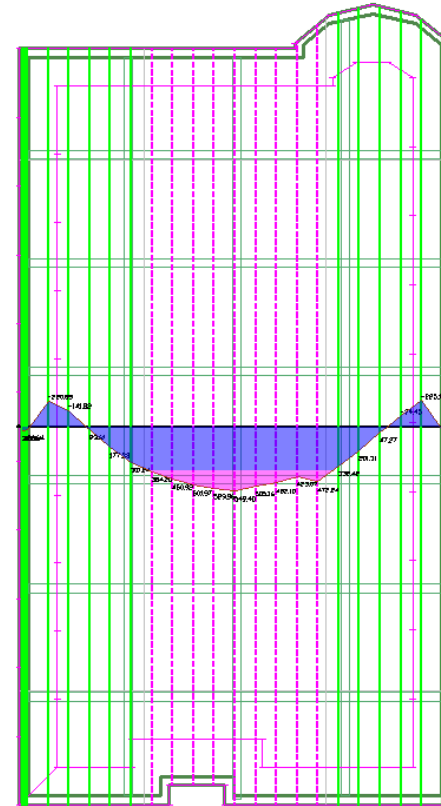
Design Sections, Stresses, Top (Psi)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Tensile stress positive
Max: -81.19
Min: -329.09



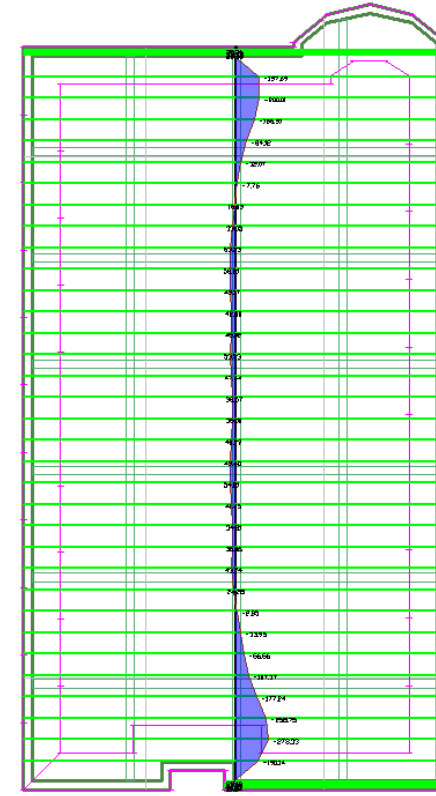
Design Sections, Stresses, Top (Psi)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Tensile stress positive
Max: -81.19
Min: -329.09



Design Sections, Stresses, Bottom (Psi)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Tensile stress positive
Max: 549.40
Min: -278.33



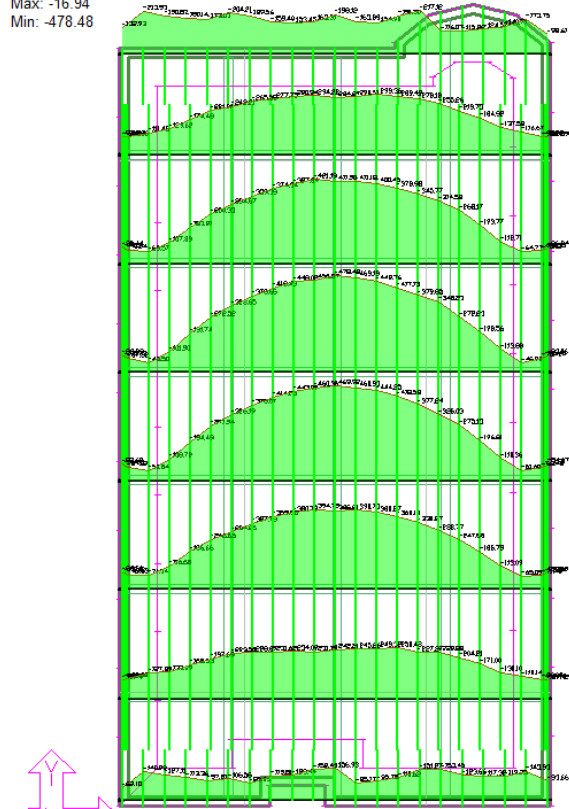
Design Sections, Stresses, Bottom (Psi)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Tensile stress positive
Max: 549.40
Min: -278.33



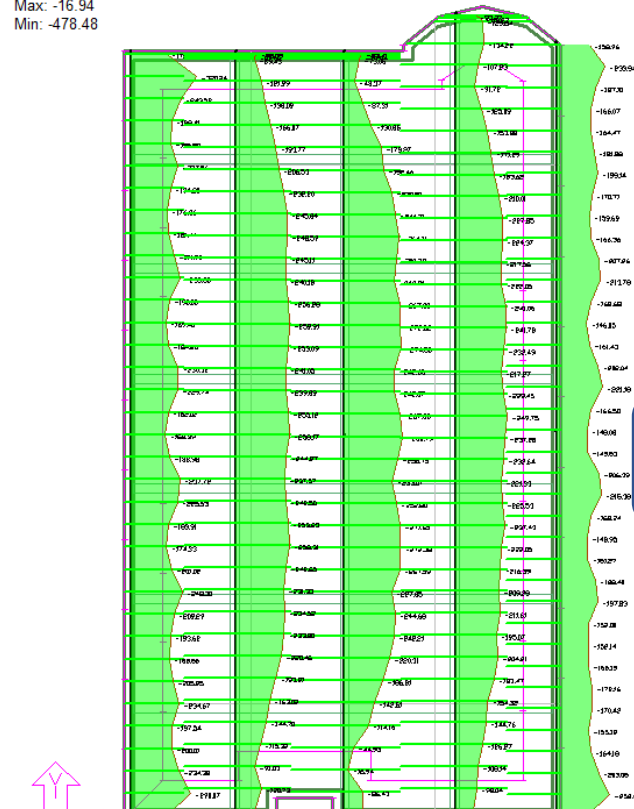
FEM – Moment Analysis @ Detailed – Edge Lift Mode

FEM can provide more detailed and localized stress distribution, a useful guide for added rebar placement.

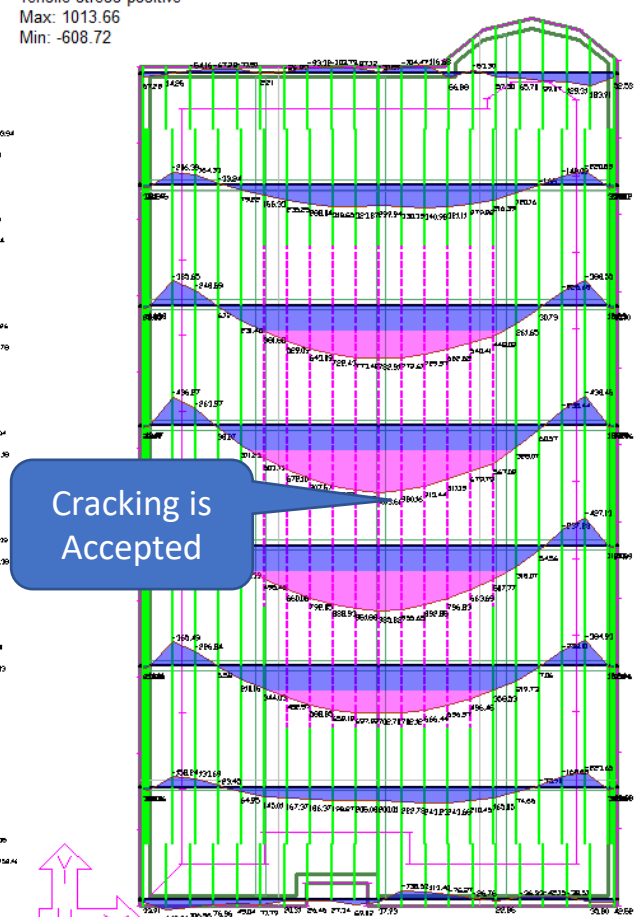
Design Sections, Stresses, Top (Psi)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Tensile stress positive
Max: -16.94
Min: -478.48



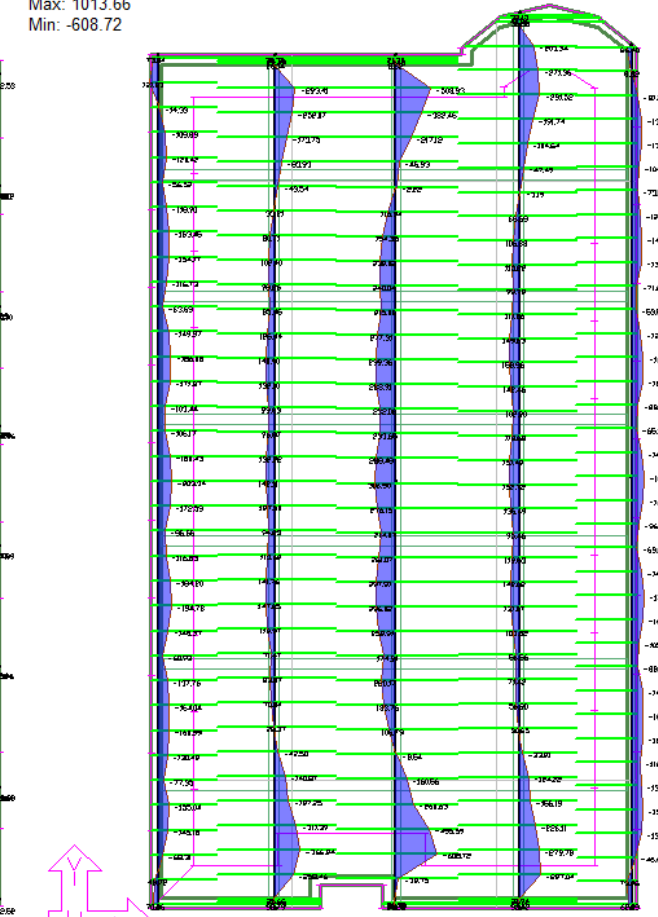
Design Sections, Stresses, Top (Psi)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Tensile stress positive
Max: -16.94
Min: -478.48



Design Sections, Stresses, Bottom (Psi)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Tensile stress positive
Max: 1013.66
Min: -608.72



Design Sections, Stresses, Bottom (Psi)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Tensile stress positive
Max: 1013.66
Min: -608.72



Stiffness Analysis – Edge Lift Mode

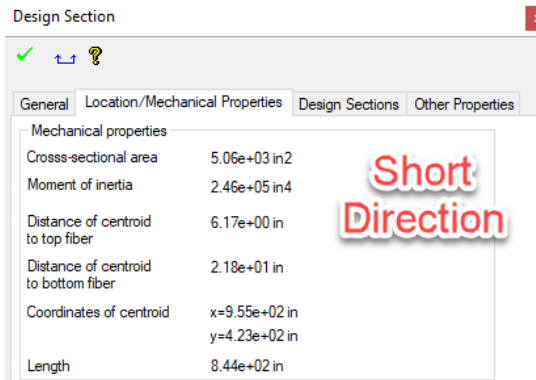
Stiffness Analysis - Edge Lift Mode

Based on a Stiffness Coefficient of 960

PTISlab

Available Moment of Inertia (Inch⁴)
 Required Moment of Inertia (Inch⁴)
 Required Moment of Inertia controlled by

	Short Direction	Long Direction
Available Moment of Inertia (Inch ⁴)	245,897	161,491
Required Moment of Inertia (Inch ⁴)	181,583	134,309
Required Moment of Inertia controlled by	Width	6*Beta



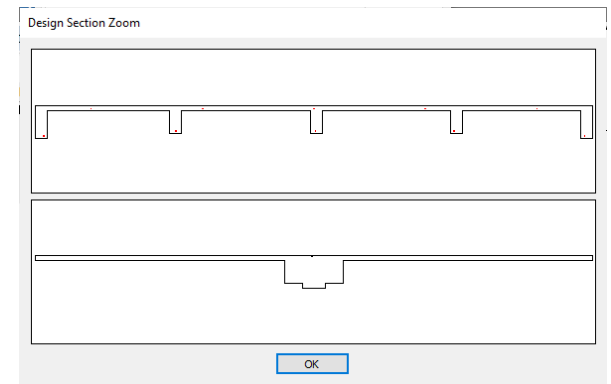
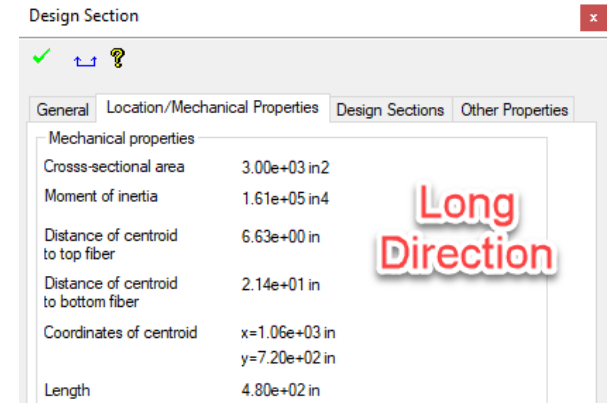
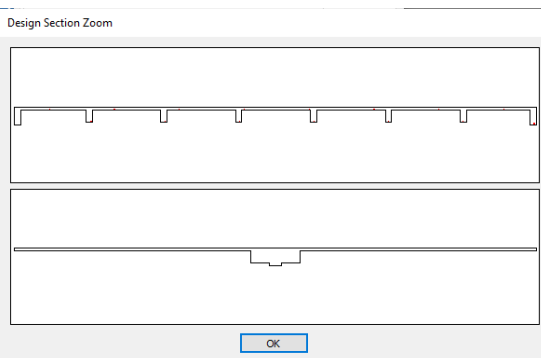
Short direction:

- Required 181,583 (in⁴)
- Available 246,000 (in⁴)
- **OK**

Long direction:

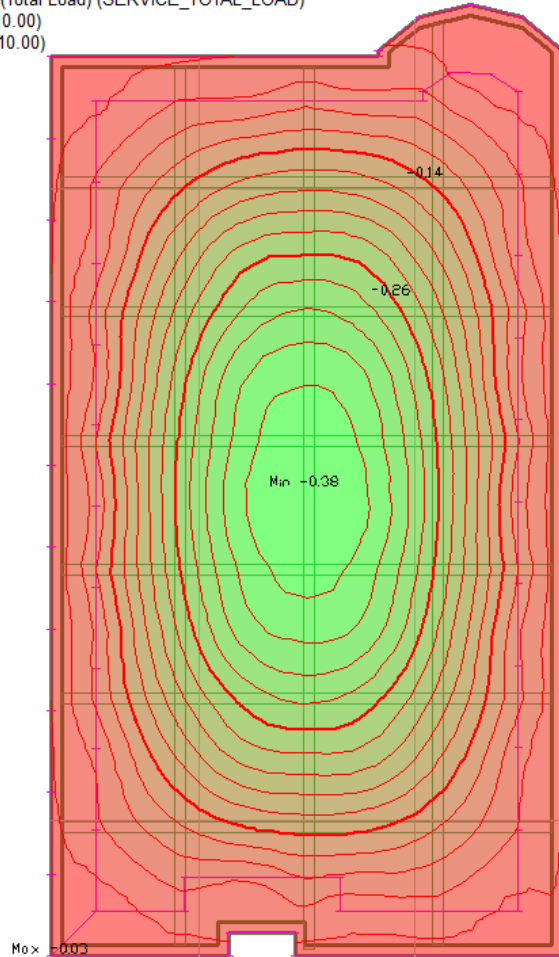
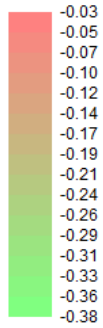
- Required 134,309 (in⁴)
- Available 161,000 (in⁴)
- **OK**

FEM

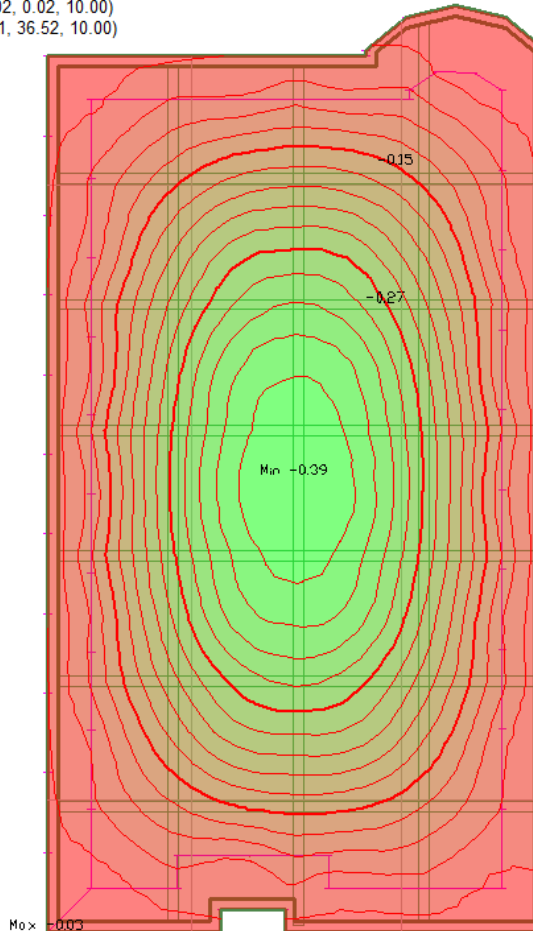
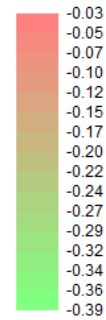


Stiffness Analysis – Edge Lift Mode - Using Required I

Slab, Deformation, Z-Translation (in)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Max -0.03@(68.02, 0.02, 10.00)
Min -0.38@(87.91, 36.52, 10.00)



Slab, Deformation, Z-Translation (in)
Load Combination: cracked_Cracked_Analysis
Max -0.03@(68.02, 0.02, 10.00)
Min -0.39@(87.91, 36.52, 10.00)



Use actual deflection to check deflection criteria.

- Stiffness coefficient 480
- Max allowable deflection 1.0 in
- Max deflection (uncracked) 0.38 in **OK**
- Max deflection (cracked) 0.39 in **OK**



Shear Analysis – Edge Lift Mode

PTISlab

Shear Analysis - Edge Lift Mode

Maximum Shear, Short Direction
Maximum Shear, Long Direction

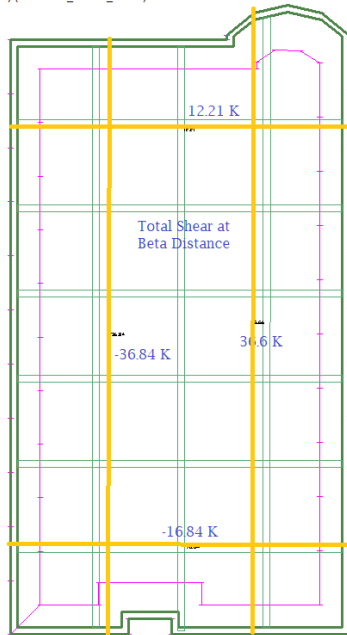
3.76 K/FT
3.95 K/FT

Allowable Shear Stress (PSI)
Actual Shear Stress (PSI)

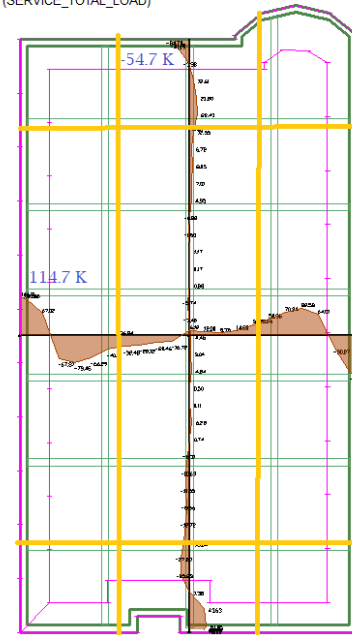
Short Direction	Long Direction
181	182
131	123

FEM

Manual Design Sections, Actions, Shear (Kip)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Max: 36.66
Min: -36.84



Design Sections, Actions, Shear (Kip)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Max: 114.71
Min: -113.73



Allowable shear stress:

- Short direction 181 psi
- Long direction 182 psi

Max shear capacity:

- Short direction 331 K
- Long direction 214 K

Shear @ Beta

- Short direction 37 K **OK**
- Long direction 17 K **OK**

Max shear demand

- Short direction 55 K **OK**
- Long direction 115 K **OK**



Cracked Section Analysis – Edge Lift Mode

Cracked Section Analysis - Edge Lift Mode

PTISlab

Cracked Section Capacity (FT-K)
0.5 Moment (FT-K)

Short Direction	Long Direction
410.4	263.6
295.5	140.2

FEM

Short direction:

Design section moment capacity	
Positive moment	376.52 k-ft
Negative moment	-904.99 k-ft

0.5 M @ Beta 108 K-FT **OK**
0.5 M Max 148 K-FT **OK**

Long direction:

Design section moment capacity	
Positive moment	327.11 k-ft
Negative moment	-586.88 k-ft

0.5 M @ Beta 31.2 K-FT **OK**
0.5 M Max 289 K-FT **OK**

Summary Table Comparing Design Values

General Design Criteria	PTISlab 3.5	FEM CL Em Limited to 5ft	FEM CL Em 6.7ft
Soil Bearing (uniform) PSF	163	1011	Same
Effective Prestress PSI	138 / 125	142 / 122	Same
Center Lift Mode Design Criteria			
Max Moment @ Beta Short FT-K	707	754	509
Max Moment @ Beta Long FT-K	384.8	596	580.7
Max Total Moment Short FT-K	707	846	1129.8
Max Total Moment Long FT-K	384.8	622	865.7
Stiffness Check Approach	Rq'd Moment of Inertia	0.55 in Deflection	0.97 in Deflection
Max Shear @ Beta Short K	165.9	46.3	109.12
Max Shear @ Beta Long K	88.8	37.6	100.7
Max Total Shear Short K	166	114.4	119.7
Max Total Shear Long K	89	193	193
Edge Lift Mode Design Criteria			
Max Moment @ Beta Short FT-K	590.8	215.3	n.a.
Max Moment @ Beta Long FT-K	280.4	62.4	n.a.
Max Total Moment Short FT-K	591	295.7	n.a.
Max Total Moment Long FT-K	280	577.5	n.a.
Stiffness Check Approach	Req'd Moment of Inertia	0.38 in Deflection	n.a.
Max Shear @ Beta Short K	263	37	n.a.
Max Shear @ Beta Long K	158	17	n.a.
Max Total Shear Short K	263	55	n.a.
Max Total Shear Long K	158	115	n.a.

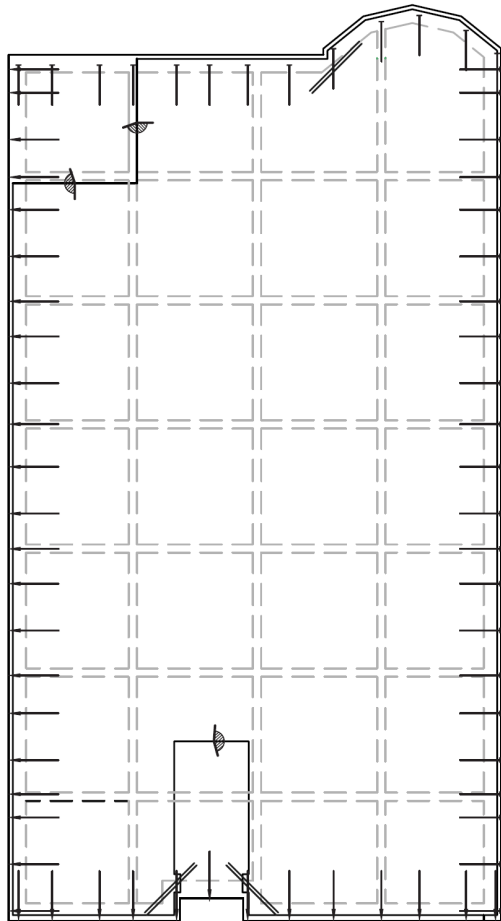
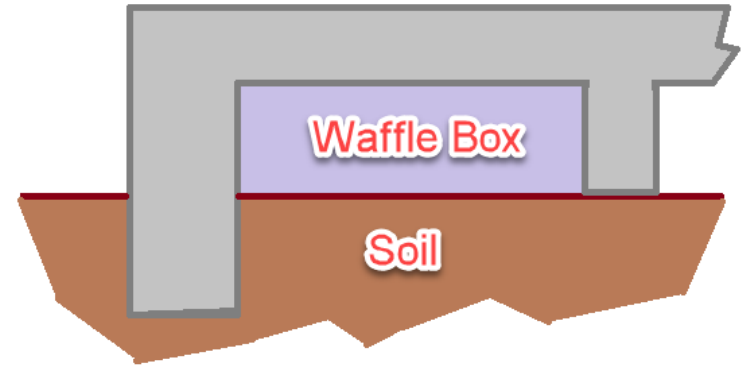
- FEM values higher for soil bearing
- FEM higher for Center Lift (not limited to $e_m = 5\text{ft}$)
- PTISlab higher for Edge Lift (Soil / Slab interaction less understood)

Best Practice for Using FEM to Design Slab- on-Ground Foundations

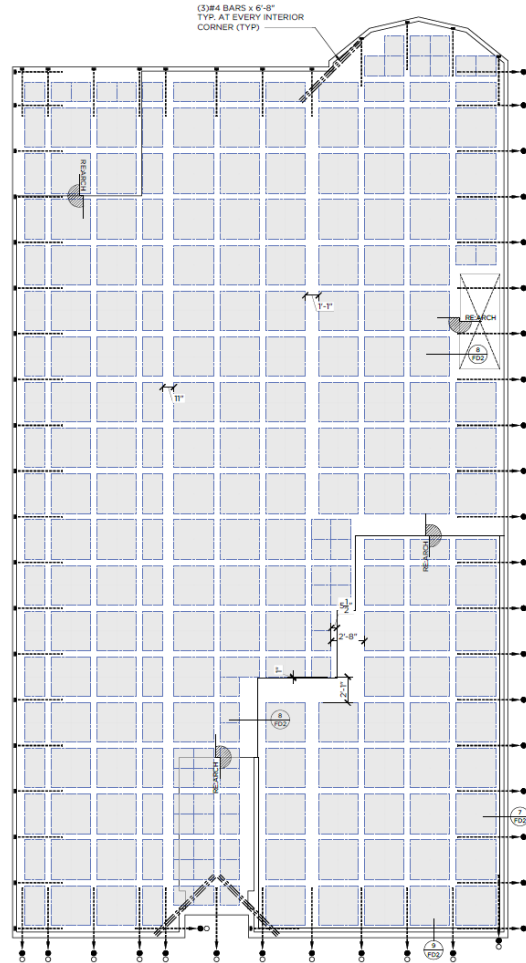
- Create base model with geometry, loading and tendons
- Reduce effective PT force to account for losses
- Check soil bearing pressure
- Check min 50 psi effective prestress requirement
- Model design strips to allow checking of slab at multiple sections
- Create Center Lift model by removing soil em from perimeter
 - Check moment stresses
 - Check stiffness
 - Check shear
 - Check cracking moment
- Create Edge Lift model by applying soil em from perimeter or by applying edge displacement
 - Calculated deflection limited to y_m
 - Run through all design checks

Wafflemat Foundation Design using FEM

- 32 in perimeter beams
- 4 in slab
- 8.5 in boxes
- 12.5 in interior beams



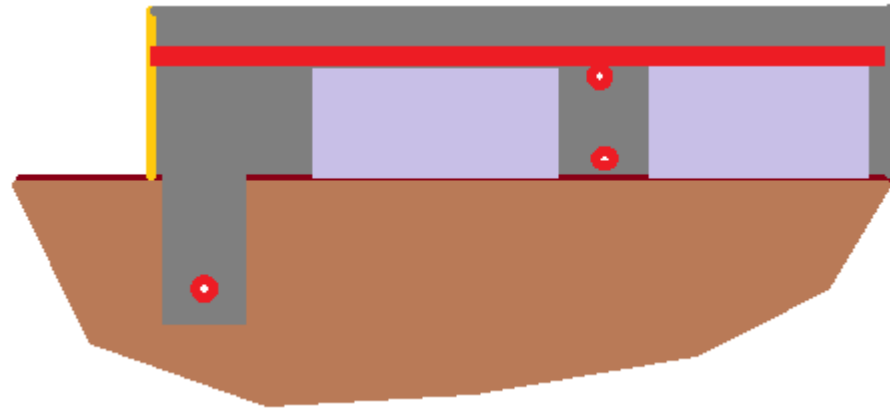
Traditional Ribbed Layout



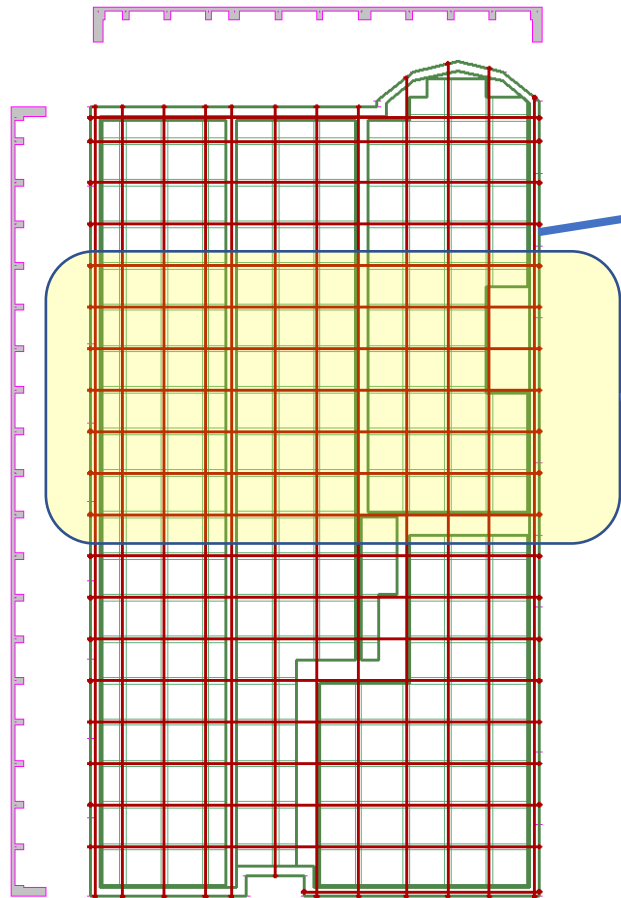
Wafflemat Layout



Wafflemat Construction Sequence



FEM Wafflemat Foundation Analysis Model



Tendon 19

General Stressing Location Shape/System/Friction FEM Properties

4.00

Tendon 13

Uplift

Span 1
L=39.67

Uplift (K/ft)

0.267

Span	Shape	L (ft)	CGS Top First (in)	CGS Bottom 1 (in)	CGS Bottom 2 (in)	CGS Top Last (in)	X1/L	X2/L	X3/L	A/L	Mu	Wobble (rad/ft)	System
Typical	Reversed Parabola		1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.10	0.50	0.10	0.10			Unbonded
Span 1	Extended Reversed Parabola	39.67	4.00	3.00	3.00	4.00	0.10	0.10					Unbonded

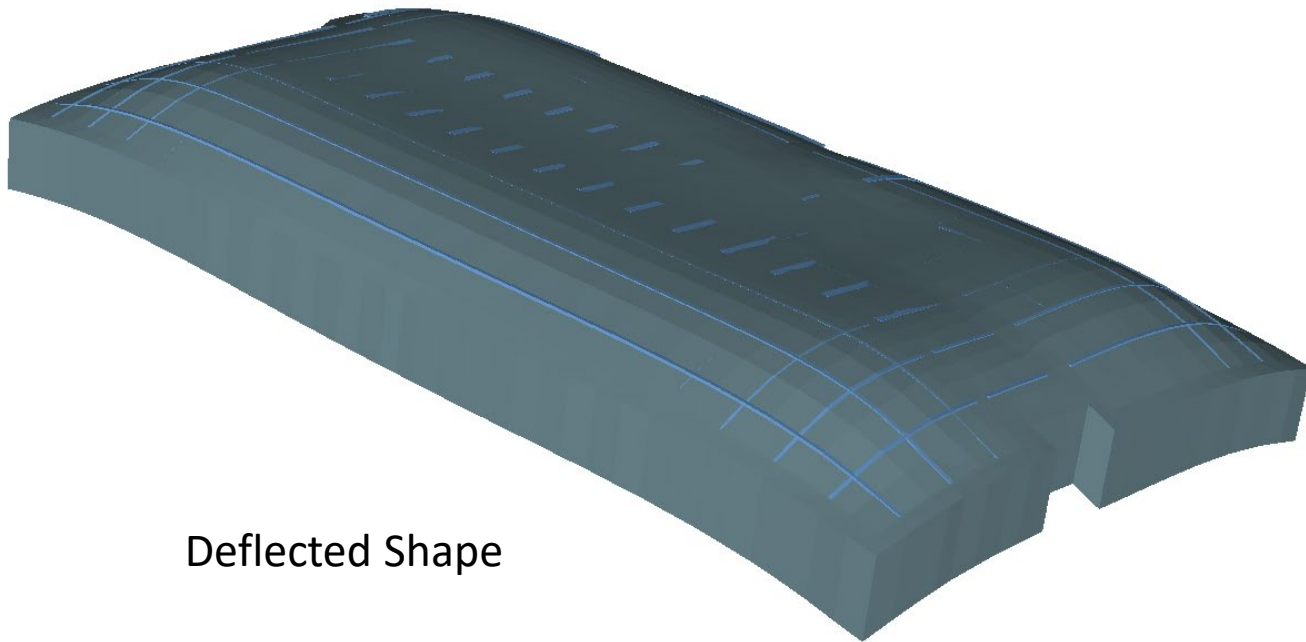
Minimum radius of curvature (R): 3 ft

Shape Diagram Force Diagram

Optimized Tendon Layout

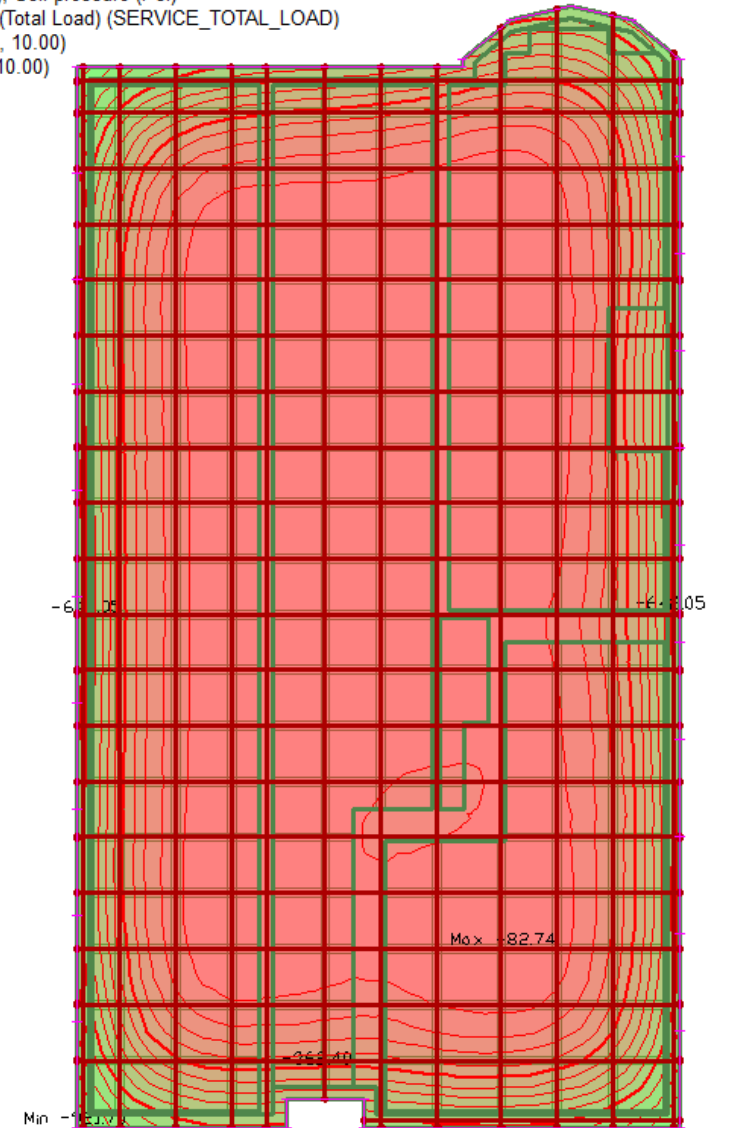
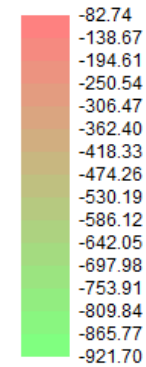
FEM - Soil Bearing Analysis

- Assumes uniform soil support
- Max pressure on soil 921.7 PSF < allowable 1,500 PSF **OK**



Deflected Shape

Slab, Stress (contour map), Soil pressure (Psf)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Max -82.74@(28.17, 13.49, 10.00)
Min -921.70@(0.00, 1.74, 10.00)

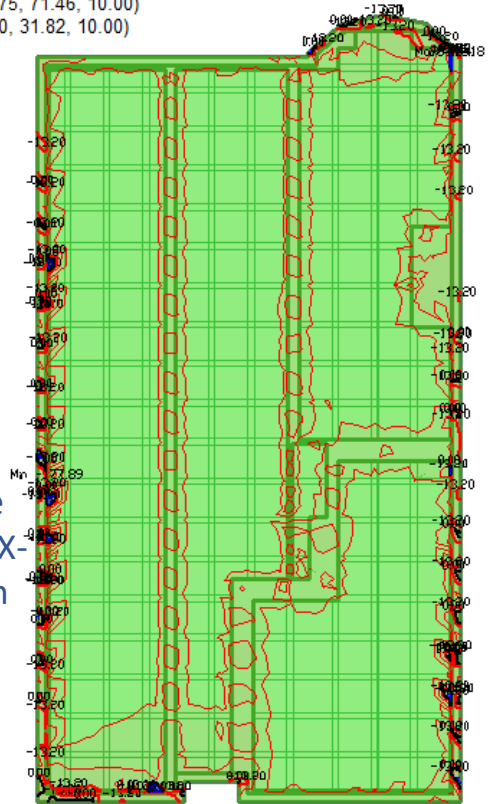


FEM – Effective Prestress Calculations

Reduced PT force applied to model.

Slab, Stress (contour map), Mid-depth along XX (Psi)
 Load Combination: PT Only (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
 Max 316.18@(38.75, 71.46, 10.00)
 Min -177.89@(1.00, 31.82, 10.00)

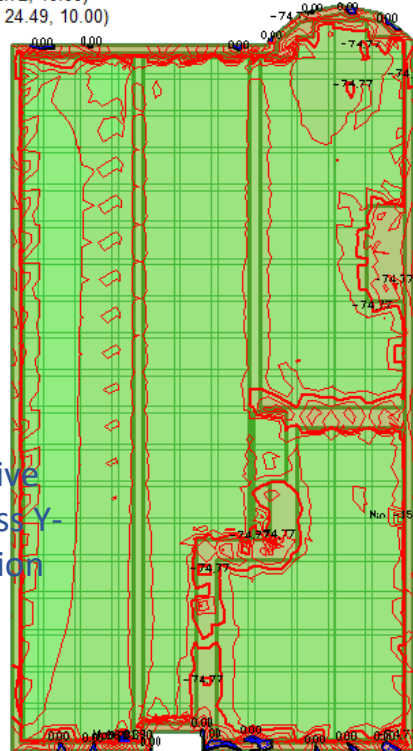
316.18
 283.24
 250.30
 217.37
 184.43
 151.49
 118.55
 85.62
 52.68
 19.74
 0.00
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 -46.14
 -79.07
 -112.01
 -144.95
 -177.89



Effective
 Prestress X-
 Direction

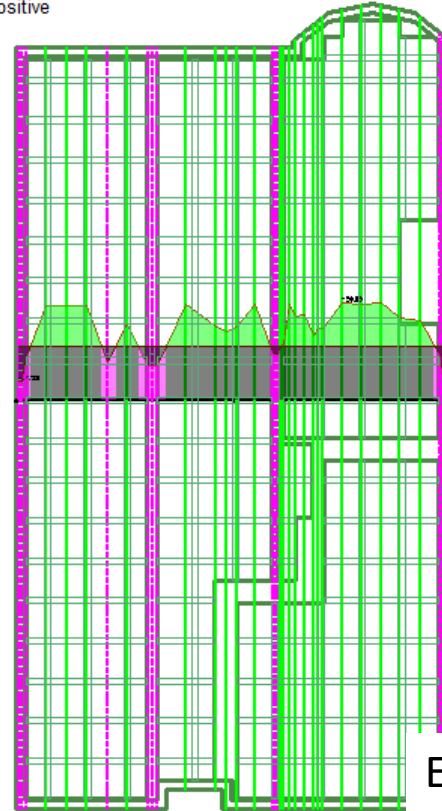
Slab, Stress (contour map), Mid-depth along YY (Psi)
 Load Combination: PT Only (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
 Max 81.90@(11.07, 2.72, 10.00)
 Min -153.10@(38.67, 24.49, 10.00)

81.90
 66.23
 50.56
 34.90
 19.23
 3.56
 0.00
 -12.10
 -27.77
 -43.44
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 -74.77
 -90.44
 -106.10
 -121.77
 -137.43
 -153.10

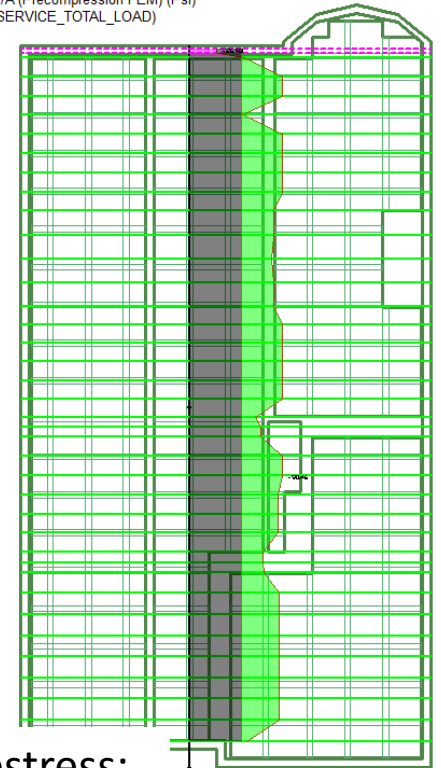


Effective
 Prestress Y-
 Direction

Design Sections, Stresses, P/A (Precompression FEM) (Psi)
 Load Combination: PT Only (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
 Minimum allowable 50.00
 Tensile stress positive
 Max: -17.33
 Min: -90.46



Design Sections, Stresses, P/A (Precompression FEM) (Psi)
 Load Combination: PT Only (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
 Minimum allowable 50.00
 Tensile stress positive
 Max: -17.33
 Min: -90.46

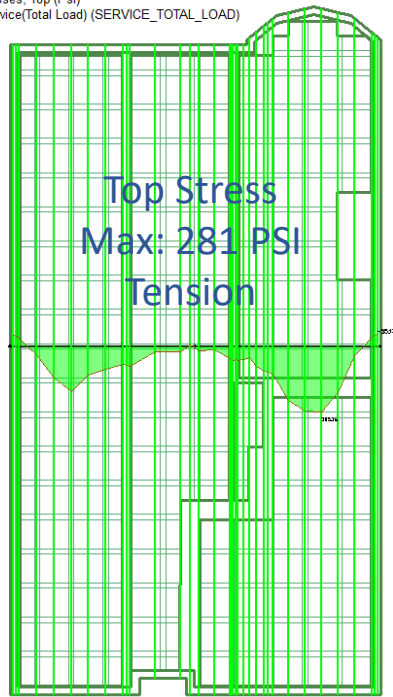


Effective prestress:
 Short = 90 psi
 Long = 90.46 psi **OK**

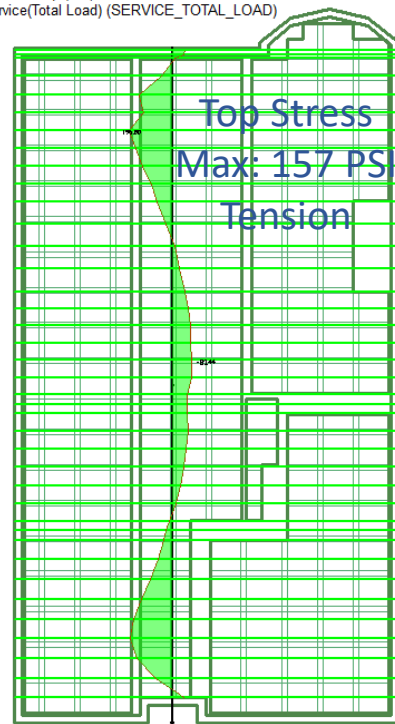
FEM – Moment Stress Analysis – Edge Drop/Center Lift Mode

All stresses are within limits – **OK**.

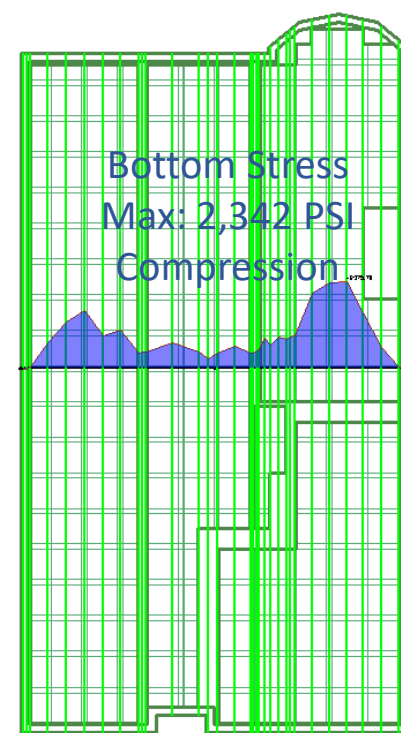
Design Sections, Stresses, Top (Psi)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Tensile stress positive
Max: 305.16
Min: -83.44



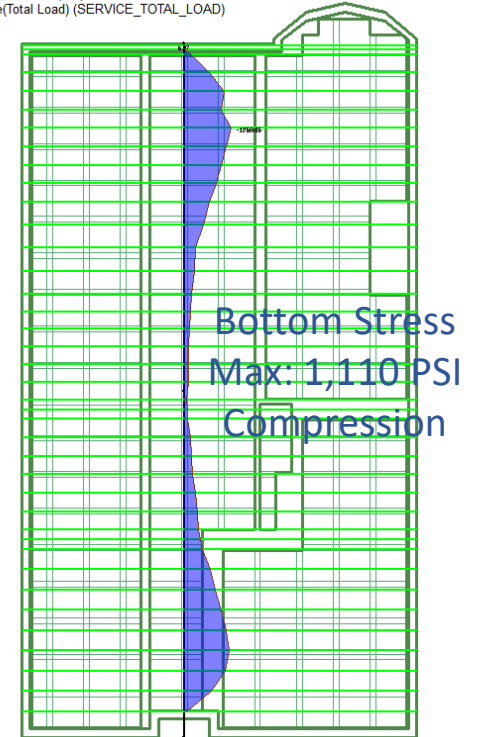
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Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Tensile stress positive
Max: 305.16
Min: -83.44



Design Sections, Stresses, Bottom (Psi)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Tensile stress positive
Max: 19.04
Min: -2375.70

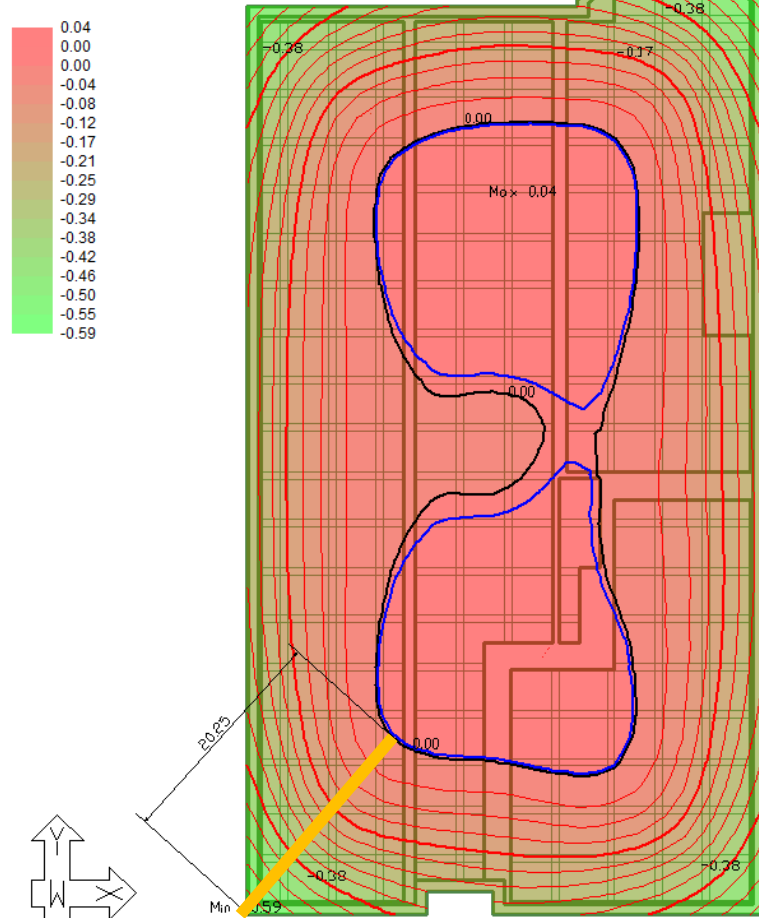


Design Sections, Stresses, Bottom (Psi)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Tensile stress positive
Max: 19.04
Min: -2375.70



FEM – Stiffness Analysis – Edge Drop/Center Lift Mode

Slab, Deformation, Z-Translation (in)
 Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
 Max 0.04@(21.31, 56.72, 10.00)
 Min -0.59@(0.00, 1.74, 10.00)



Deflection check:

- Cantilever length at max deflection = 20.25 ft
- Max allowable deflection based on $L / 480 = 1.0$ in
- Max calculated deflection 0.59 in < 1.0 in **OK**

Stiffness comparison (moments of inertia Inch^4):

- Short direction
 - Traditional ribbed slab 245,897
 - Wafflemat 248,000
- Long direction
 - Traditional ribbed slab 161,491
 - Wafflemat 183,000

Wafflemat has
1% greater
Moment of
Inertia

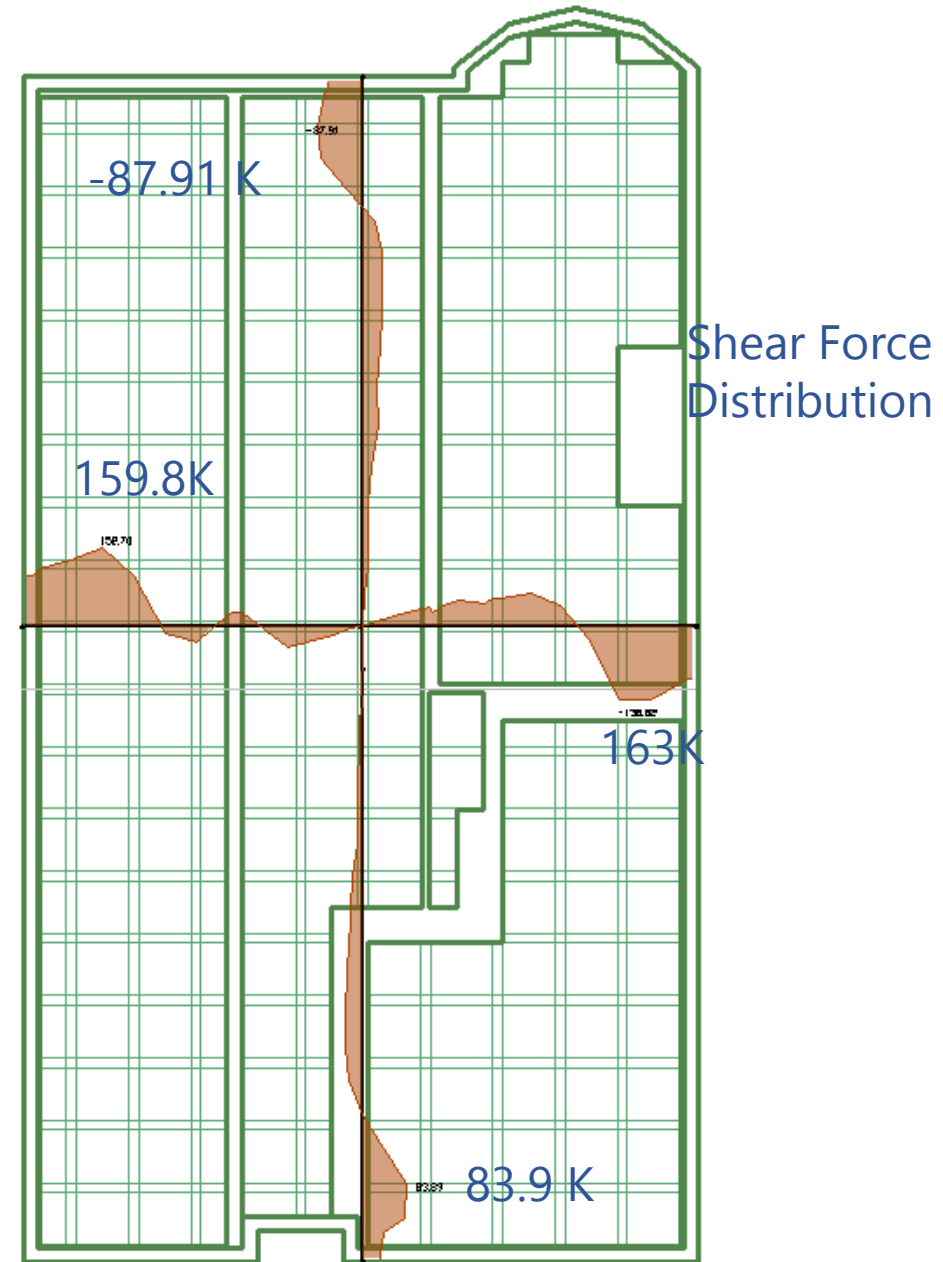
Wafflemat has
13% greater
Moment of
Inertia

Wafflemat is stiffer in both directions compared to conforming ribbed slab **OK**

Design Sections, Actions, Shear (Kip)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Max: 152.70
Min: -138.82

FEM – Shear Analysis – Center Lift Mode

- Allowable shear stress:
 - Short direction 169 psi
 - Long direction 169 psi
- Max shear capacity:
 - Short direction 391 K
 - Long direction 335 K
- Max shear demand
 - Short direction 88 K **OK**
 - Long direction 163 K **OK**



FEM – Cracked Section Analysis – Center Lift Mode

Short direction:

Design section moment capacity	
Positive moment	259.62 k-ft
Negative moment	-823.85 k-ft

0.5 M Max -253.8 K-FT **OK**

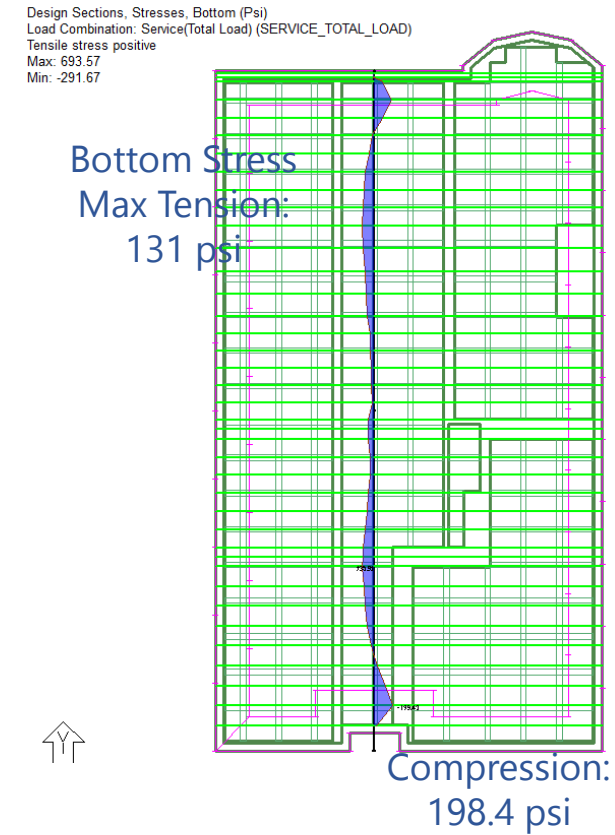
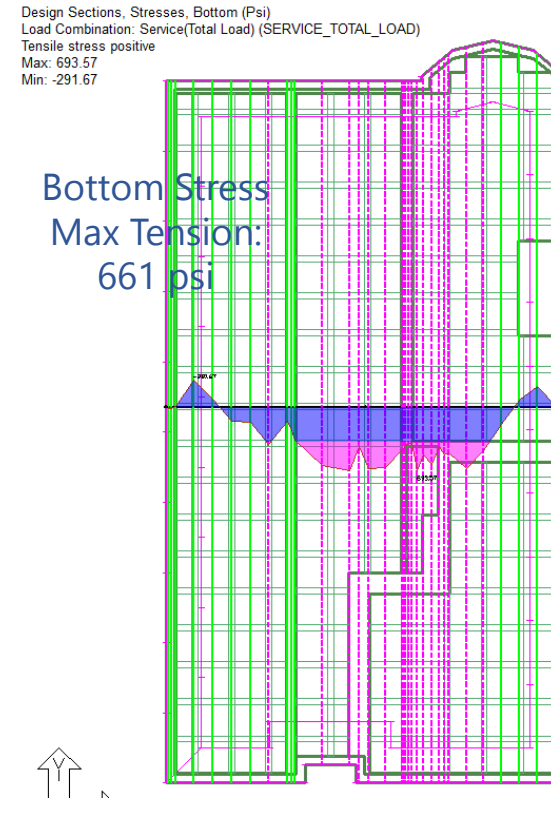
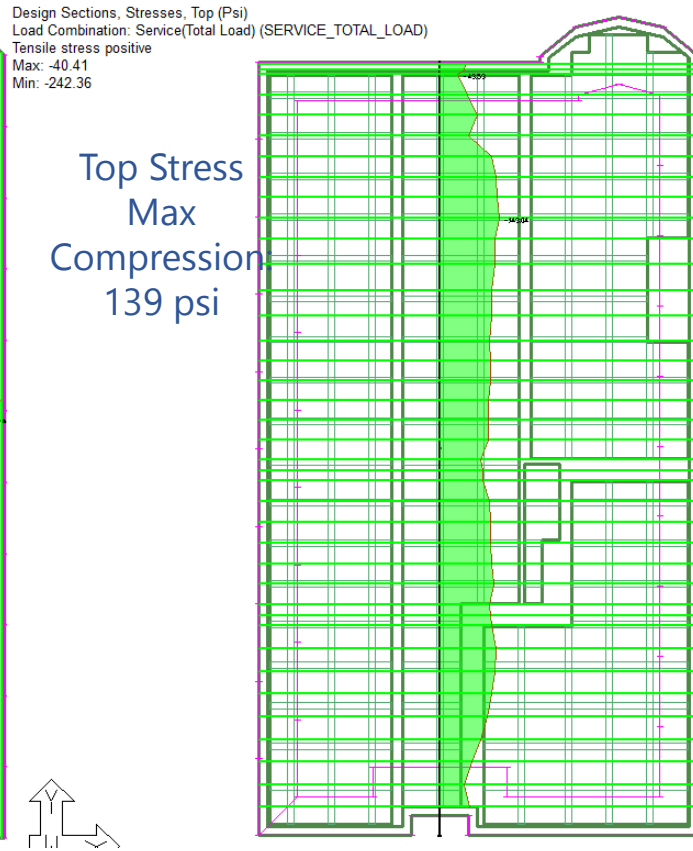
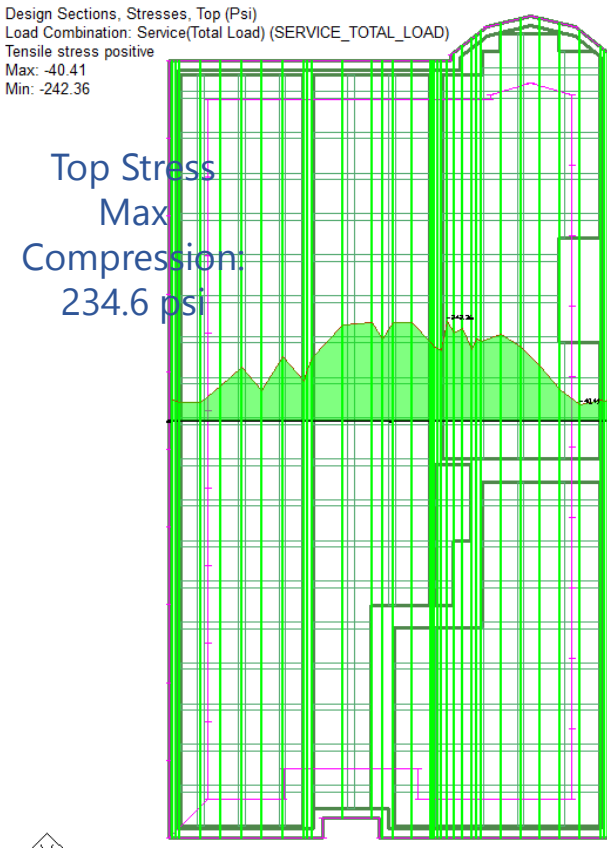
Long direction:

Design section moment capacity	
Positive moment	116.39 k-ft
Negative moment	-843.77 k-ft

0.5 M Max -385.14 K-FT **OK**

FEM – Moment Analysis – Edge Lift Mode

Bottom tension stresses in Short direction **exceed** allowable – same as traditional ribbed slab – **check cracked deflection.**



FEM – Stiffness Analysis – Edge Lift Mode

Deflection check:

- Span = 40 ft
- Max allowable deflection based on $L / 480 = 1.0$ in
- Max calculated deflection 0.69 in < 1.0 in **OK**

Stiffness comparison (moments of inertia Inch⁴):

- Short direction
 - Traditional ribbed slab
 - Wafflemat
- Long direction
 - Traditional ribbed slab
 - Wafflemat

245,897

248,000 **OK**

161,491

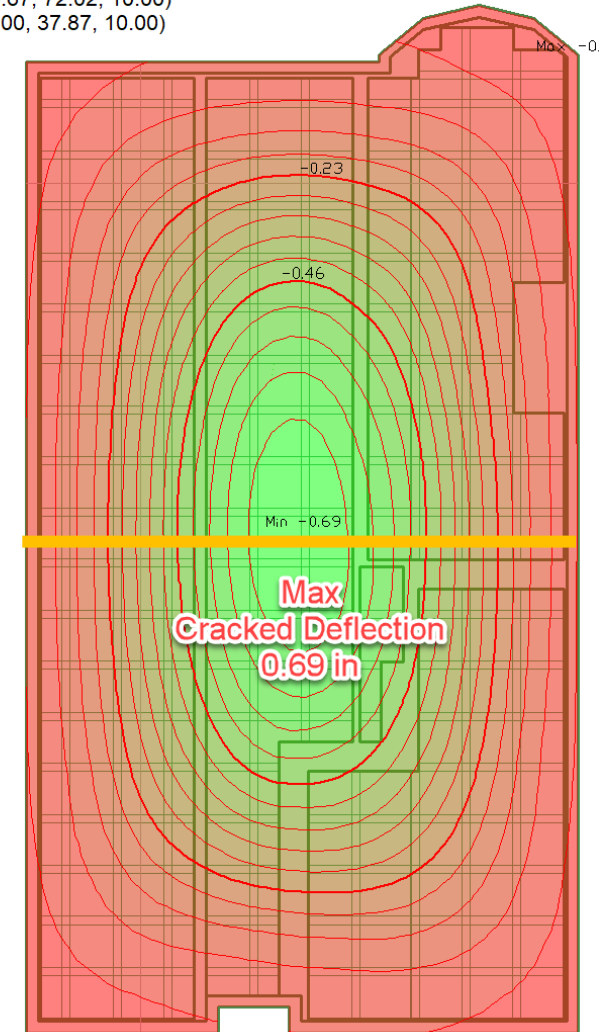
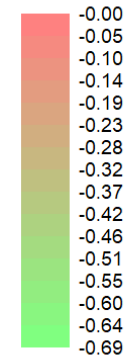
183,000 **OK**

Wafflemat has
1% greater
Moment of
Inertia

Wafflemat has
13% greater
Moment of
Inertia

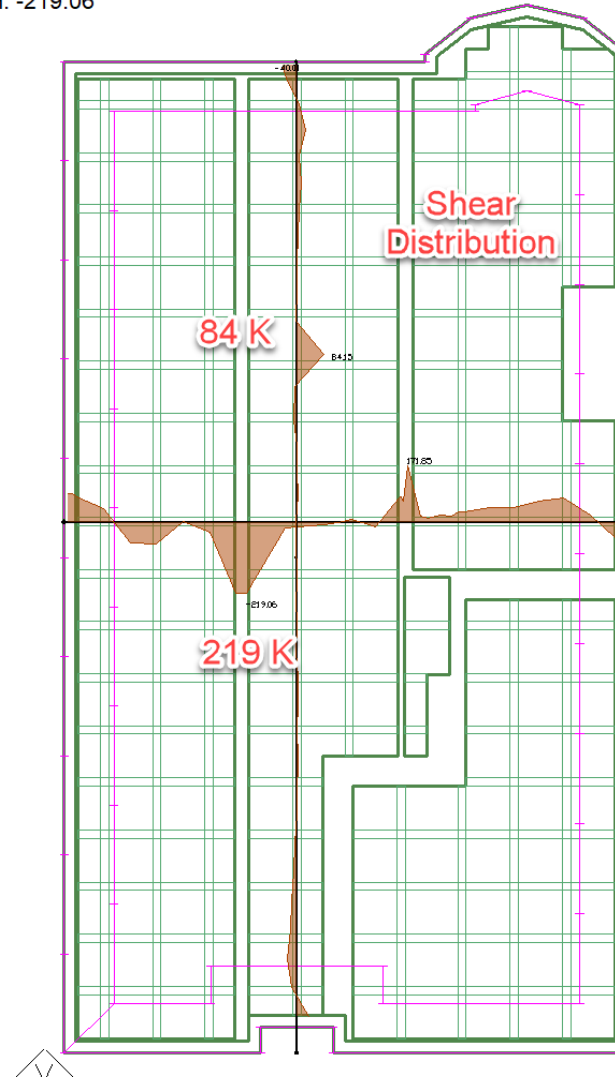
Wafflemat is stiffer in both directions compared to conforming ribbed slab

Slab, Deformation, Z-Translation (in)
Load Combination: cracked_Cracked_Def
Max -0.00@(39.67, 72.02, 10.00)
Min -0.69@(20.00, 37.87, 10.00)



FEM – Shear Analysis – Edge Lift Mode

Design Sections, Actions, Shear (Kip)
Load Combination: Service(Total Load) (SERVICE_TOTAL_LOAD)
Max: 171.85
Min: -219.06



- Allowable shear stress:
 - Short direction 169 psi
 - Long direction 169 psi
- Max shear capacity:
 - Short direction 391 K
 - Long direction 335 K
- Max shear demand
 - Short direction 219 K **OK**
 - Long direction 84 K **OK**

FEM – Cracked Section Analysis – Edge Lift Mode

Short direction:

Design section moment capacity	
Positive moment	306.75 k-ft
Negative moment	-621.62 k-ft

0.5 M Max 260 K-FT **OK**

Long direction:

Design section moment capacity	
Positive moment	259.62 k-ft
Negative moment	-823.85 k-ft

0.5 M Max 101 K-FT **OK**

Concluding Remarks

- The FEM method of analysis and design is a valid option for slab-on-ground designs
- We benchmarked the PTISlab method against the FEM method for a 40x70 ribbed slab
- A best practices design methodology based on FEM was presented
- Using the FEM method, we successfully analyzed and validated a wafflemat design

Material Savings:

Concrete

WM: 75 cy (with waste factor)

Traditional: 95 cy (with waste factor)

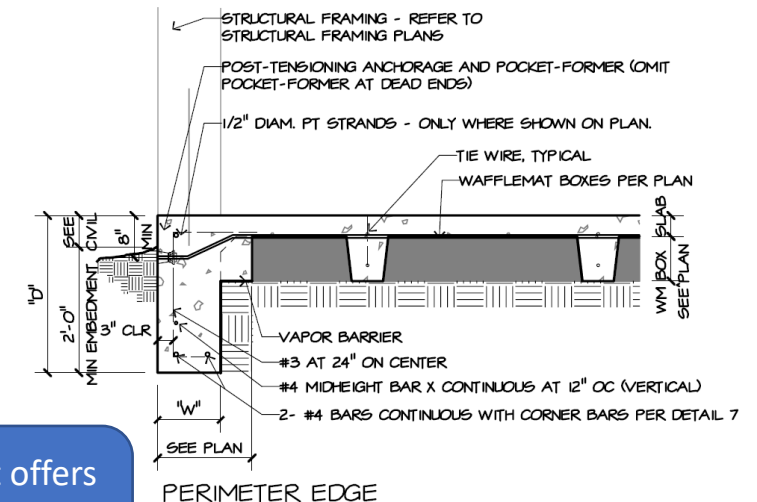
Wafflemat offers
21% reduction in
concrete

PT Tendons (Lf)

WM: 1,621 lf (64 Live ends)

Traditional: 2,410 lf (94 Live Ends)

Wafflemat offers
33% reduction in
lf of tendons



This concludes the Educational Content of
this activity

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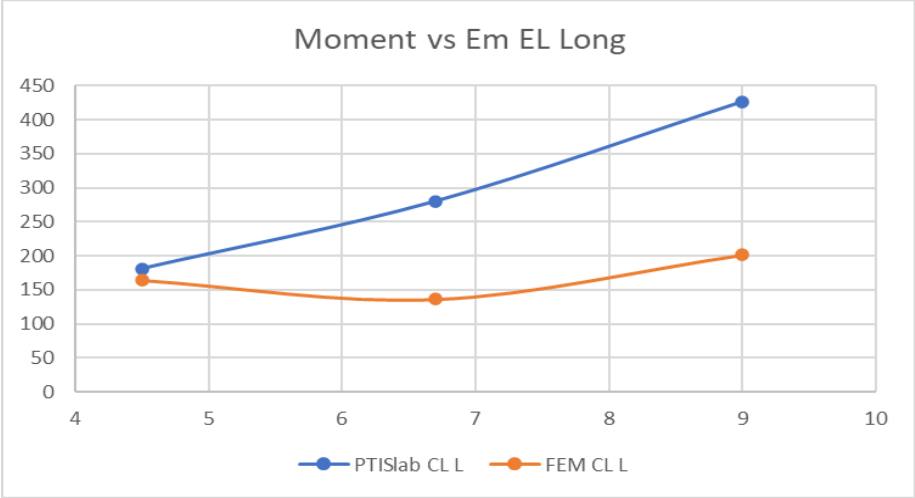
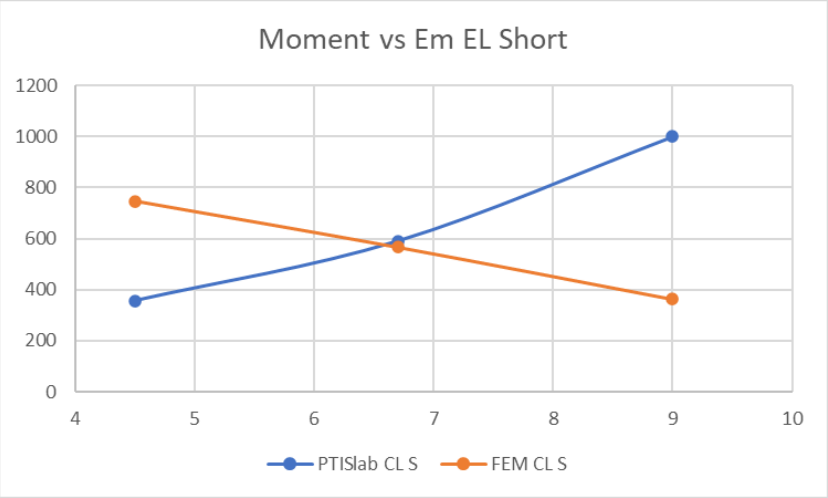
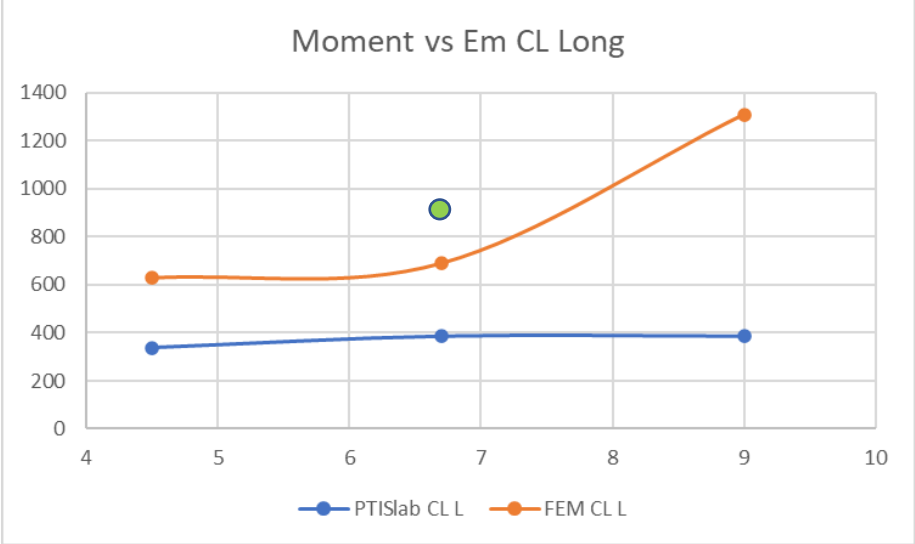
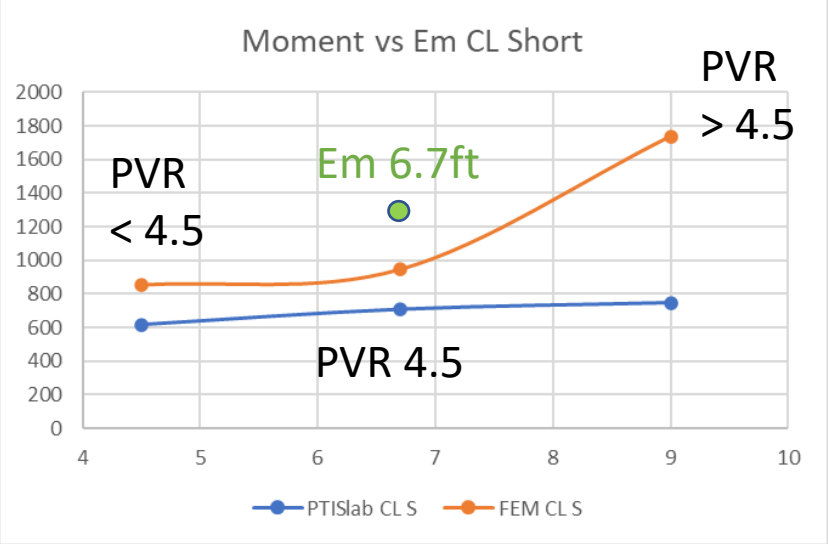
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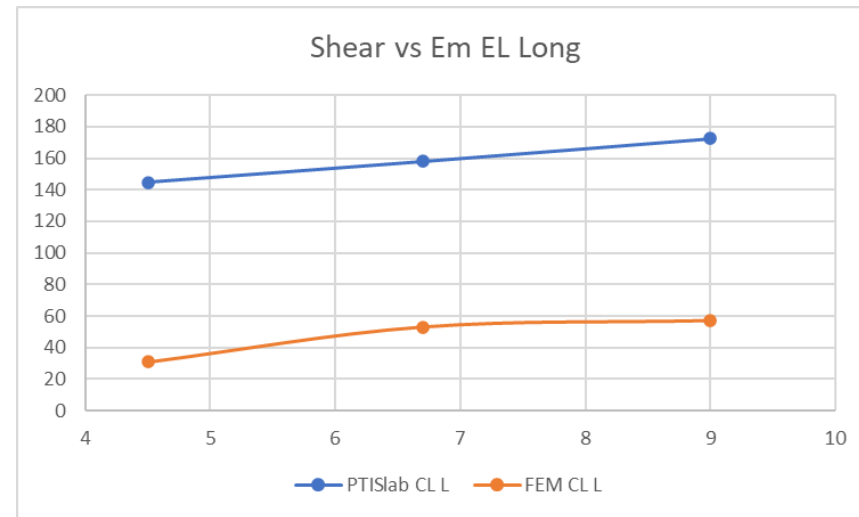
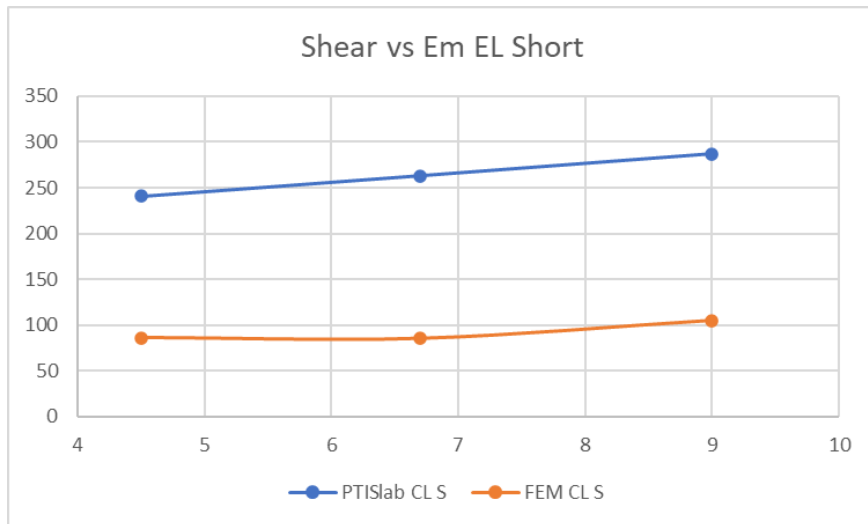
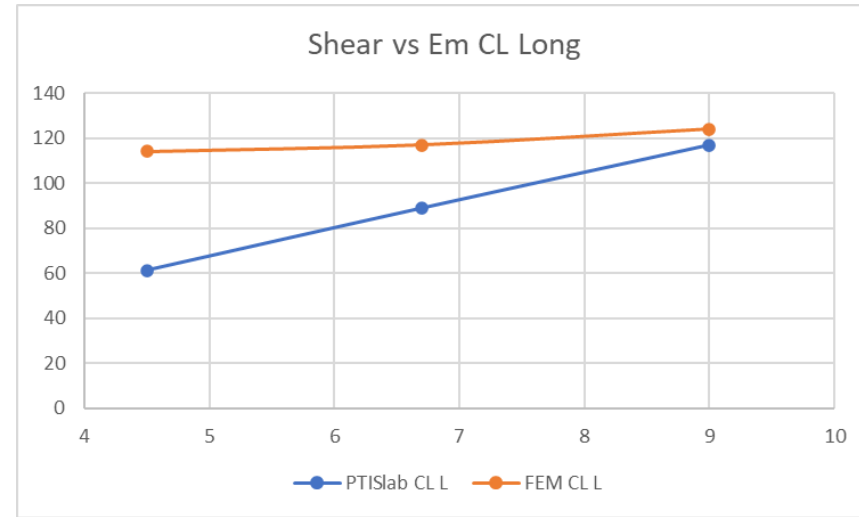
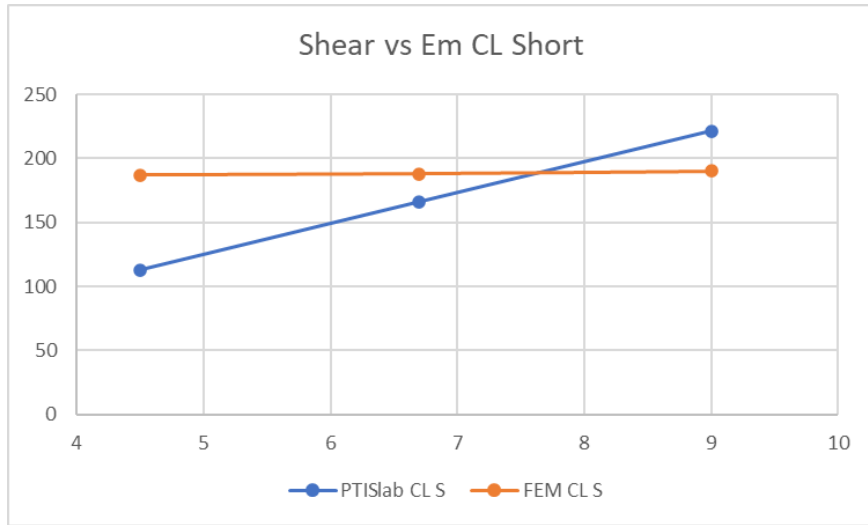
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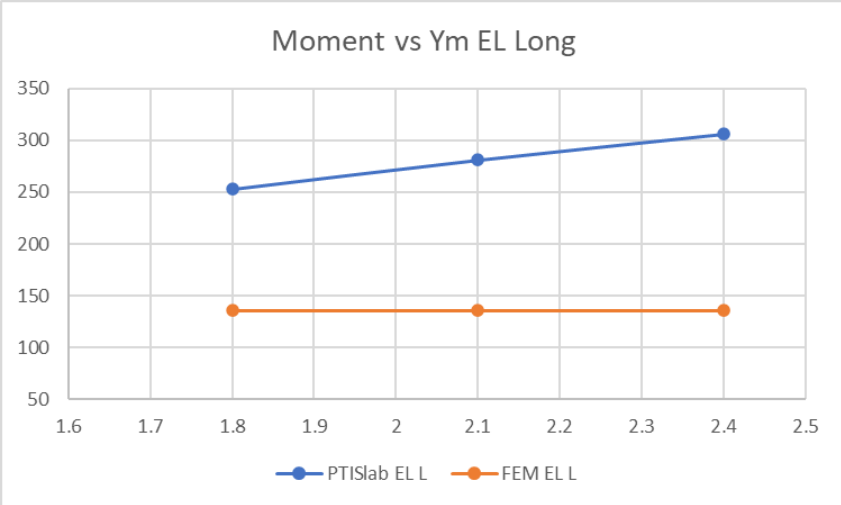
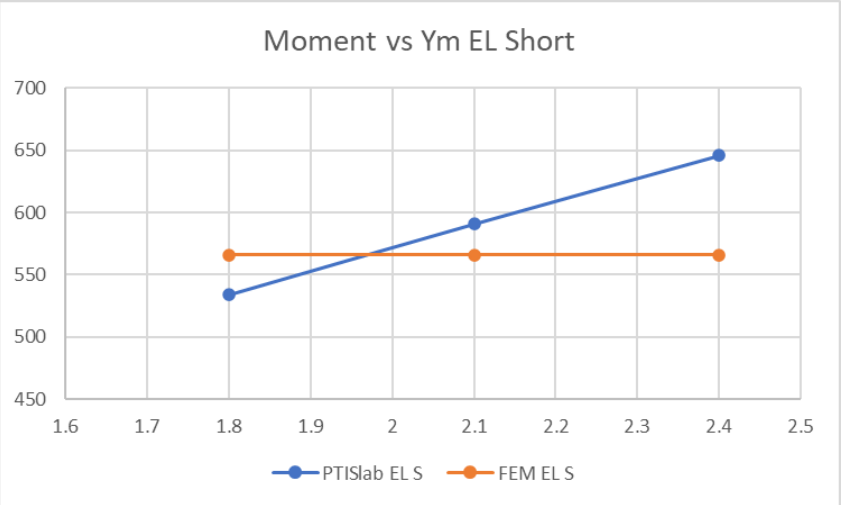
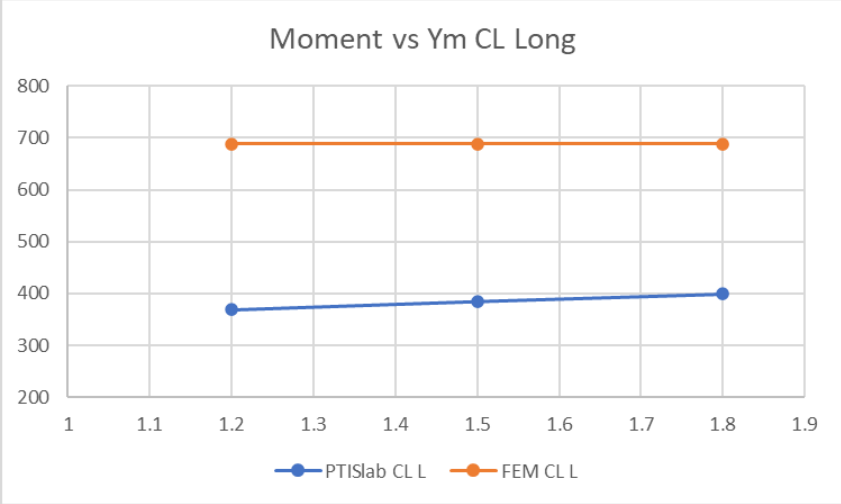
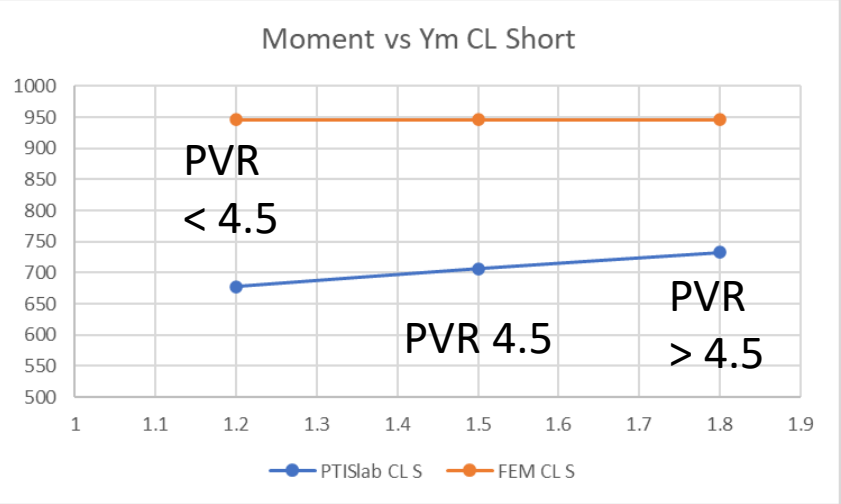
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Parametric Study for Different E_m Soil Conditions - Shear



Parametric Study for Different Y_m Soil Conditions - Moment



Parametric Study for Different Y_m Soil Conditions - Shear

