#### **Hollow-Core Slabs on Flexible Supports**

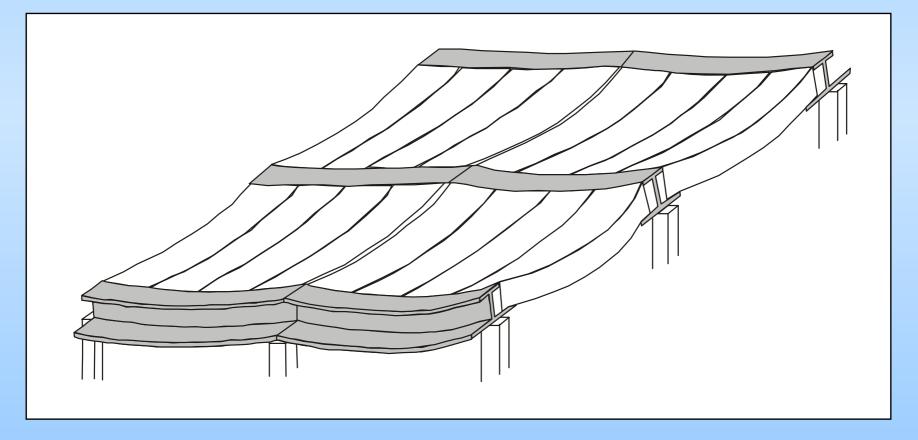
FE-Investigations of Prestressed Hollow-Core Slabs on non-rigid supports

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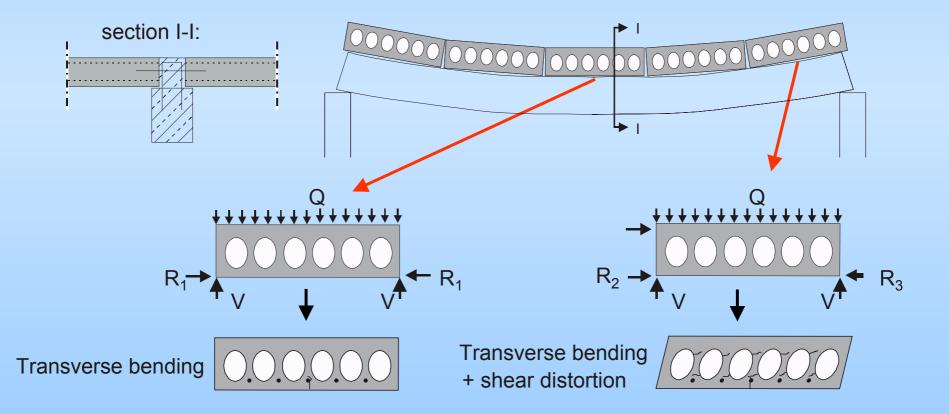
## **Hollow-Core Slabs on Flexible Supports**

# Additional stress caused by 2-axial bending, lateral tension and shear distortion



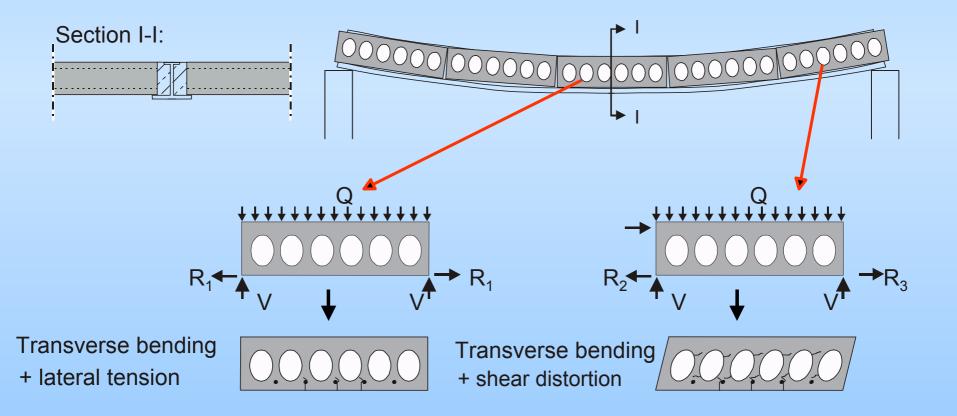
# **Hollow-Core Slabs on Concrete Beams**

Additional stress of prestressed hollow-core slabs supported on a regular concrete beam is little.

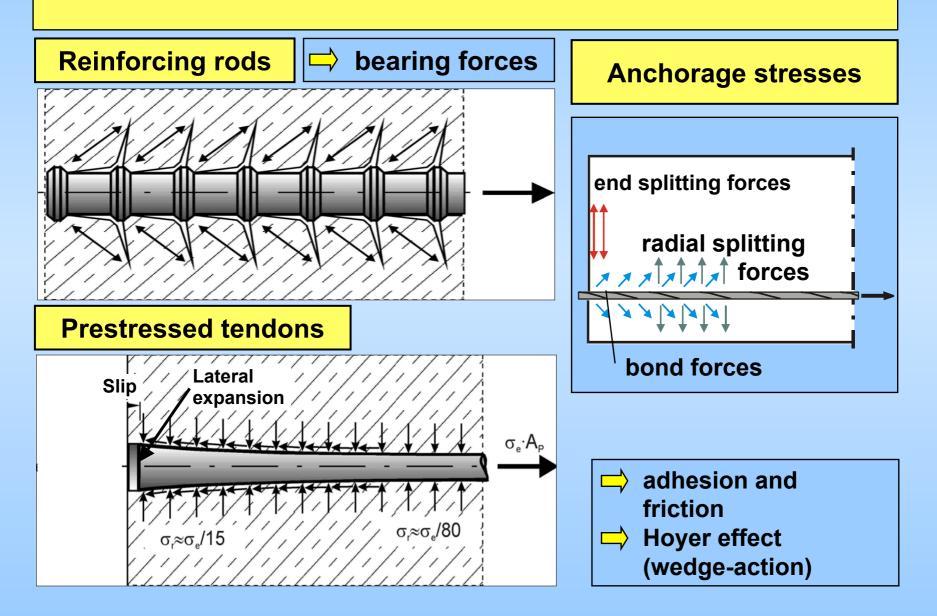


#### Hollow-Core Slab on Steel Beams (Slim-floor)

Additional stress of slabs has to be determined for each individual case.

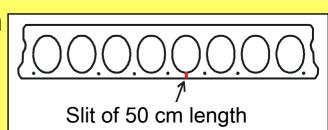


## **Bond Mechanisms**

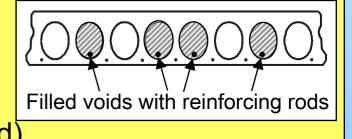


# **Possible Solutions**

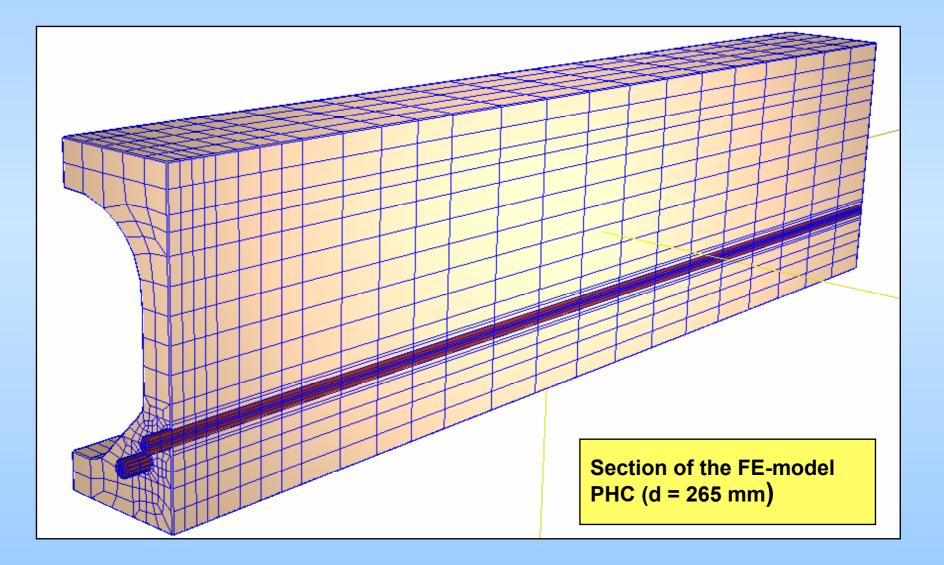
1. Slits in the soffit of the slabs with a length of approximately 50 cm starting from the support



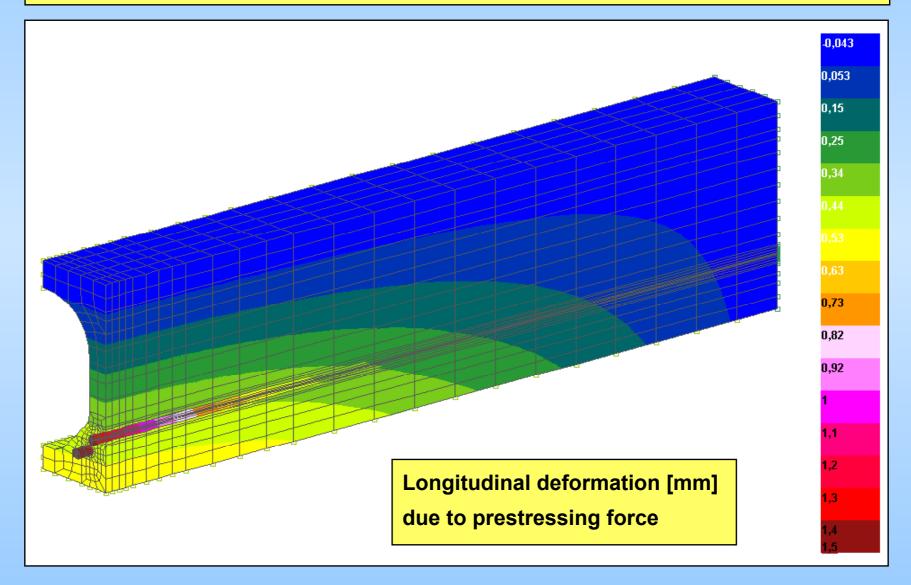
- 2. Tests on prestressed hollow-core slabs on flexiblesupports to determine the number of longitudinal cracks per element
- 3. Finite element analysis on floor systems to appoint the hidden assets of slim-floor structures
- 4. Additional reinforcing rods to resist the acting tensile force in the anchorage zone (Laps of rods and tendons are required)



# Finite Element Analysis of a Prestressed Hollow-Core Slab I



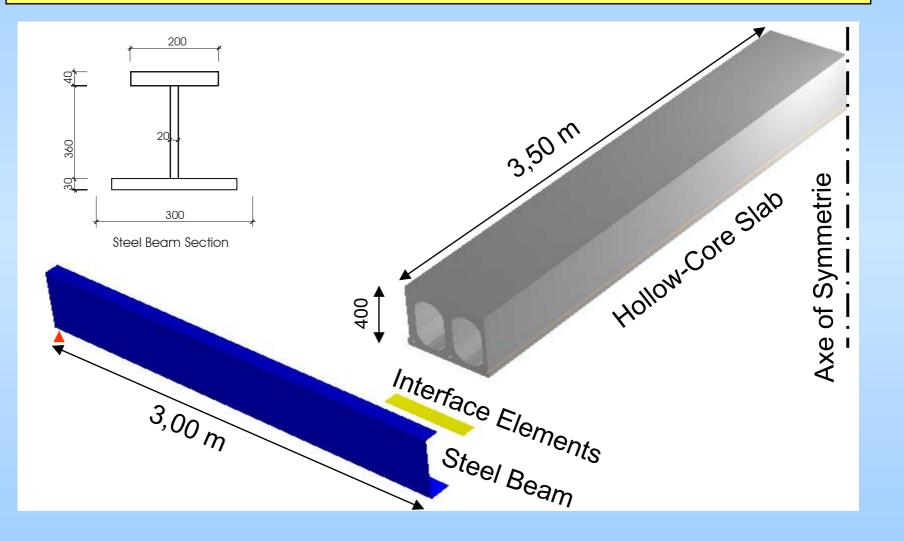
# Finite Element Analysis of a Prestressed Hollow-Core Slab II



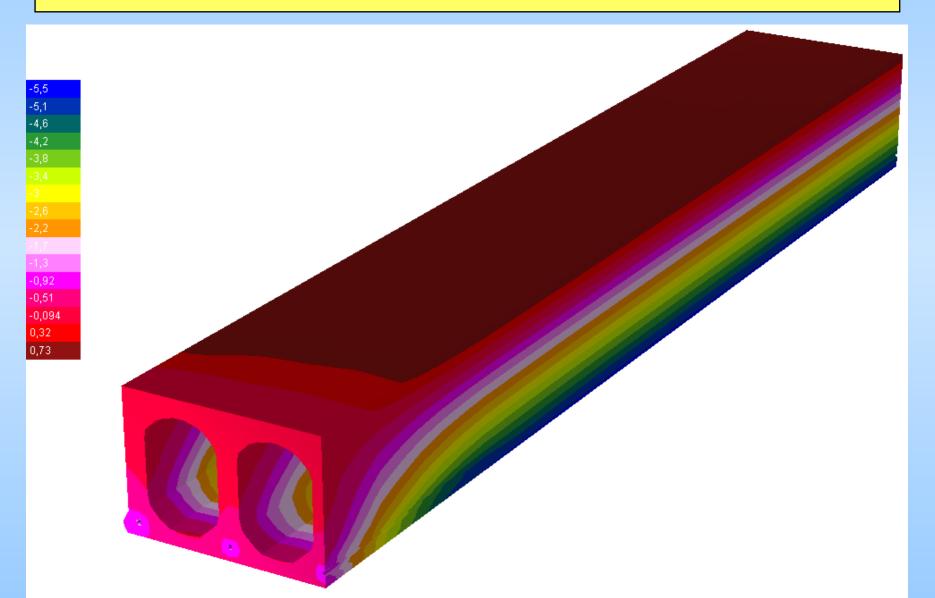
# Finite Element Analysis of a Prestressed Hollow-Core Slab III



#### **FE-Model**



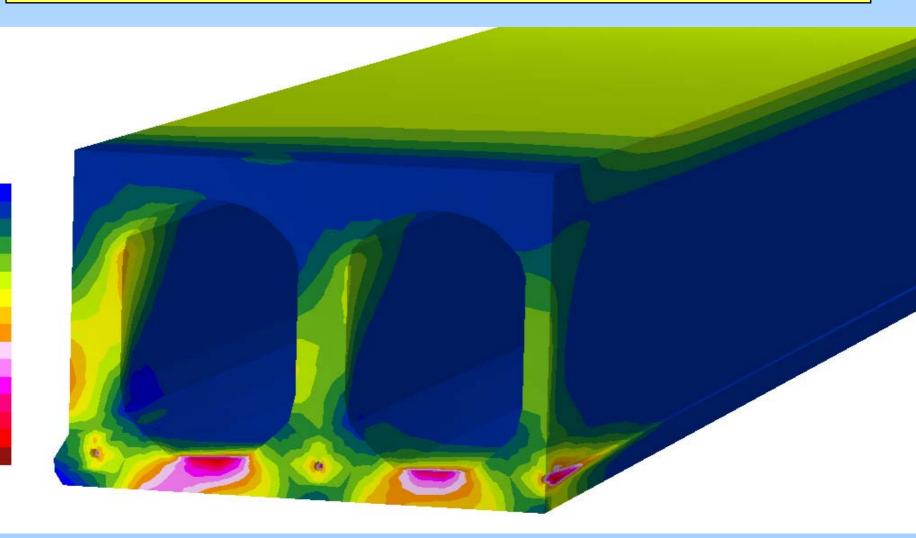
## **Longitudinal Stresses due to Prestressing**



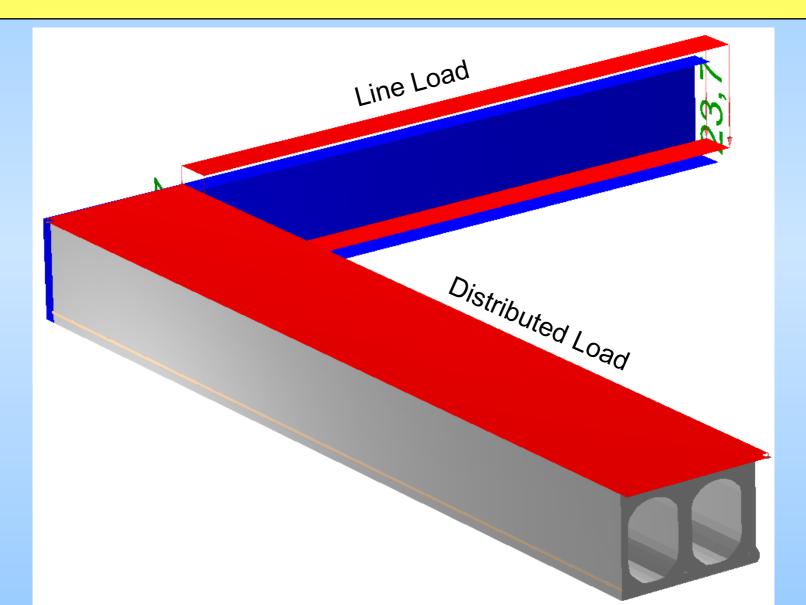
#### **Mean Tensile Stresses due to Prestressing**

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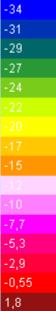
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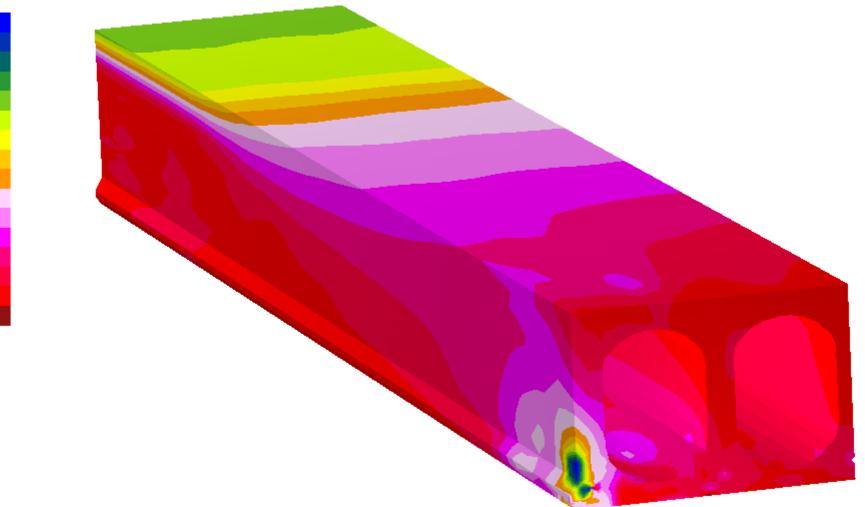


# Loads

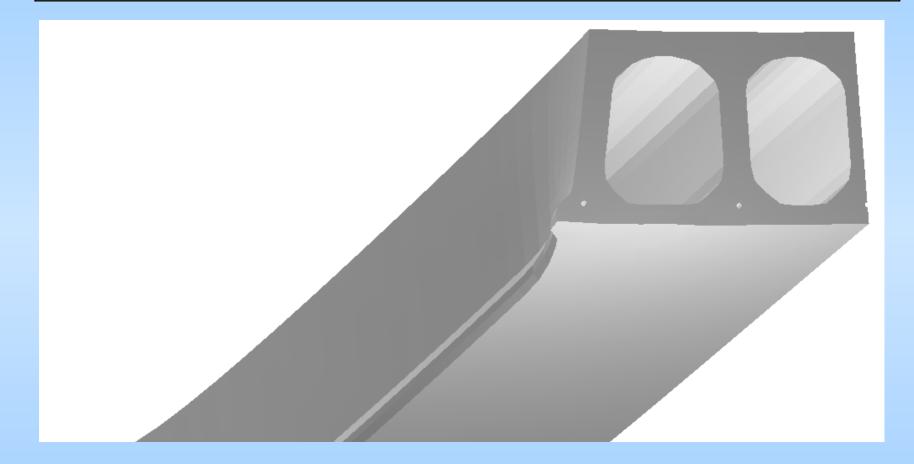


#### Mean Compressive Stresses (V=193 kN/Slab)

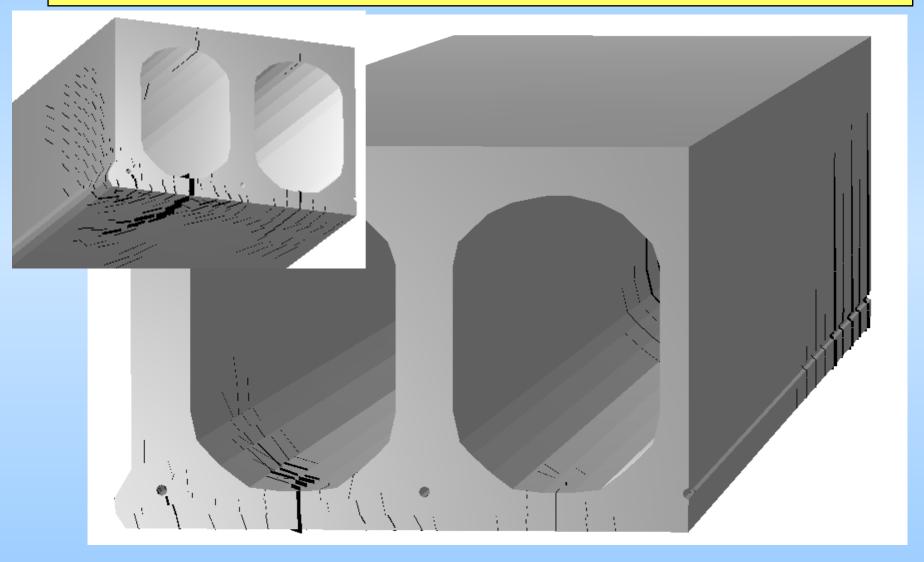




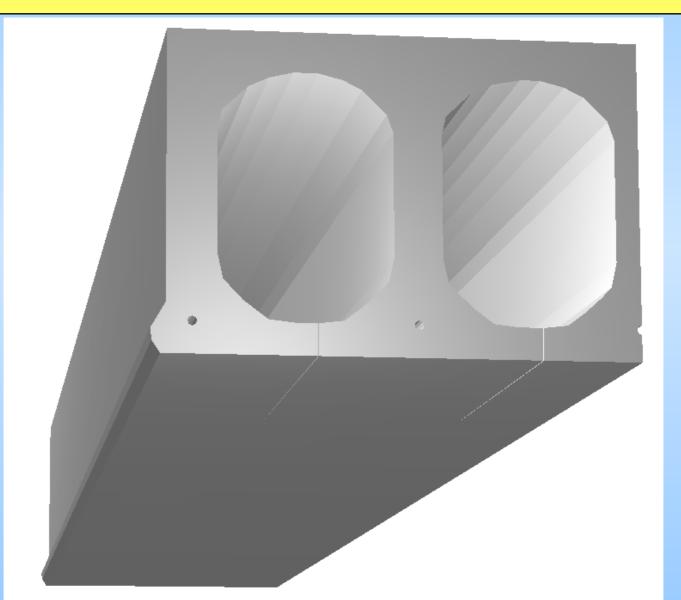
## **Deformation at Failure (scaled in transv. Direc.)**



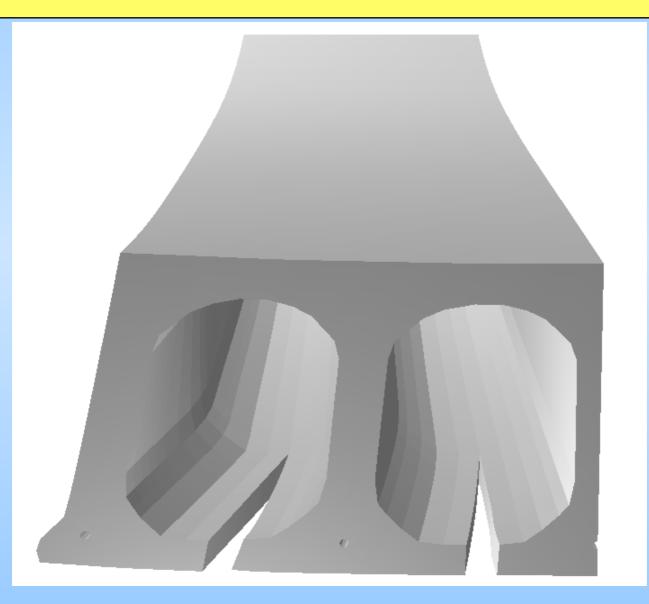
## **Crack Pattern at Failure**



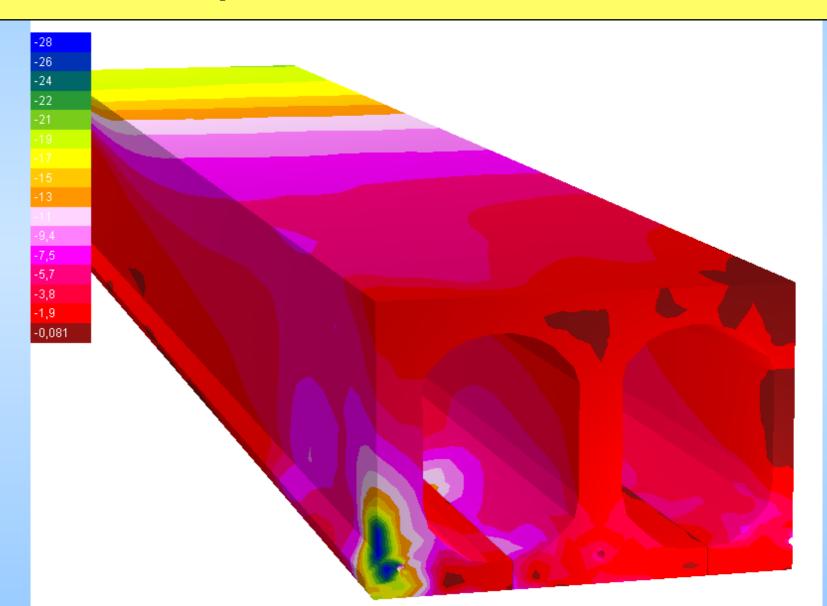
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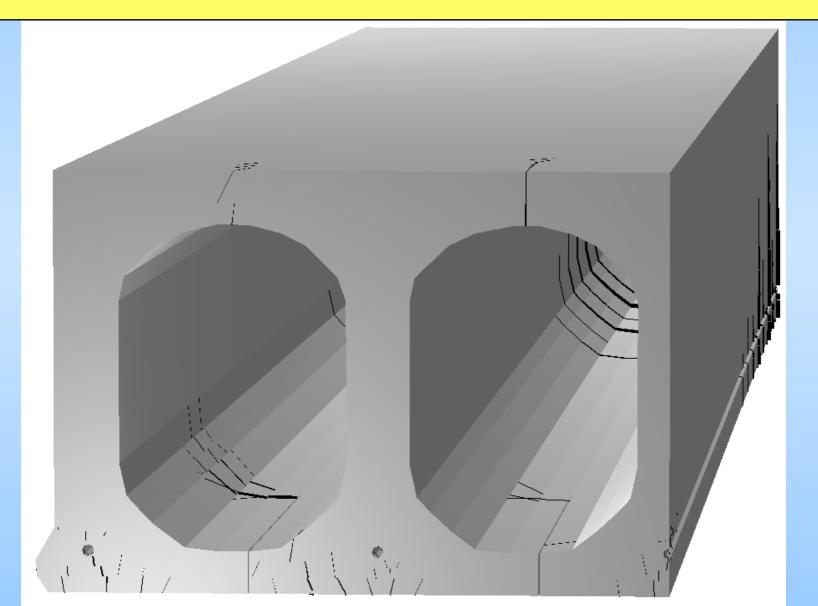
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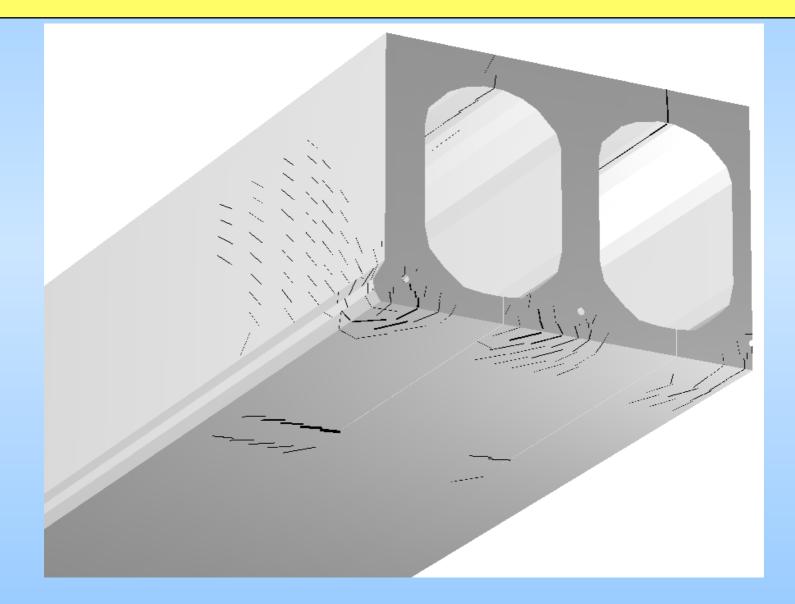
## **Mean Compressive Stress at Failure**



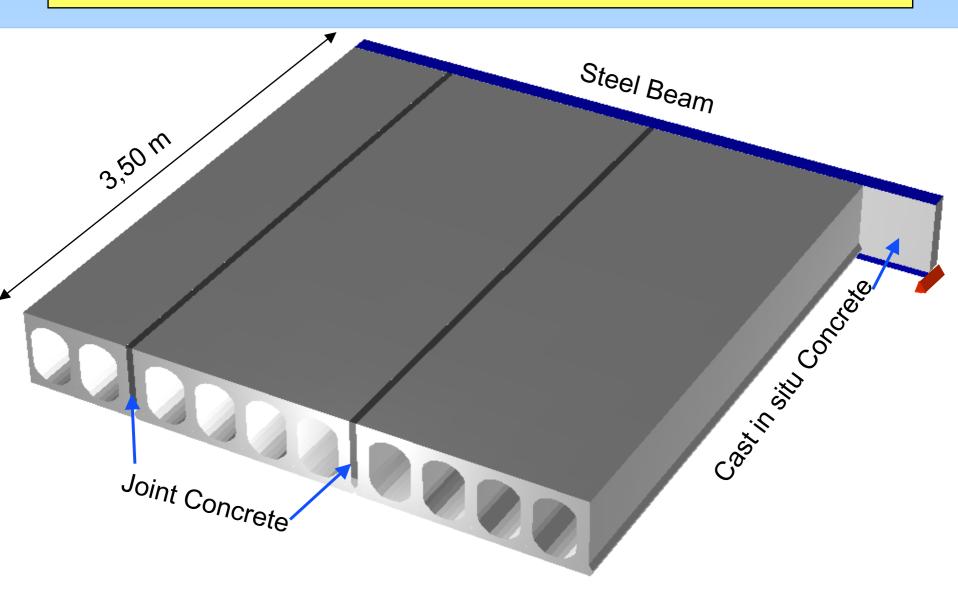
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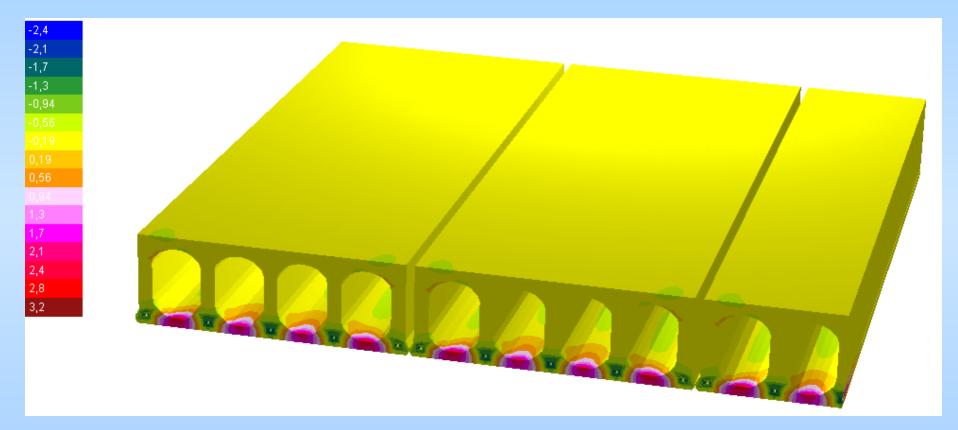
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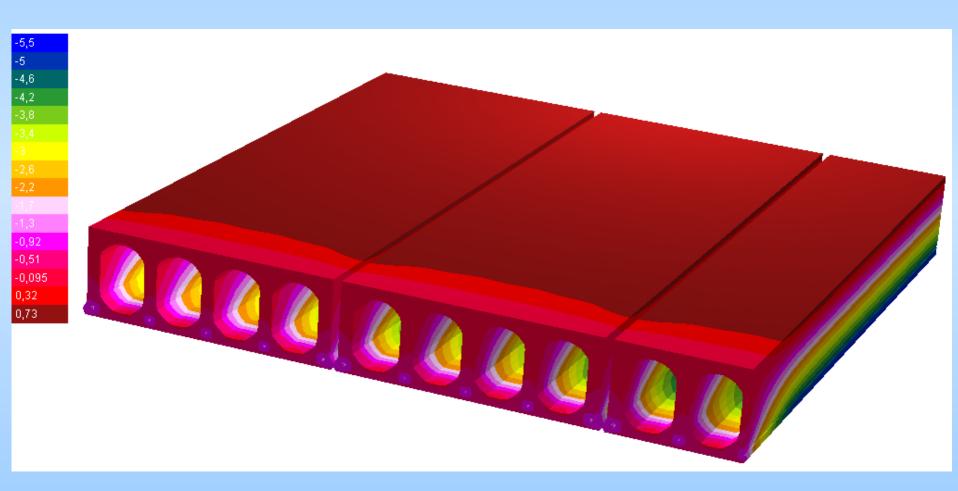
## **Future Investigation**



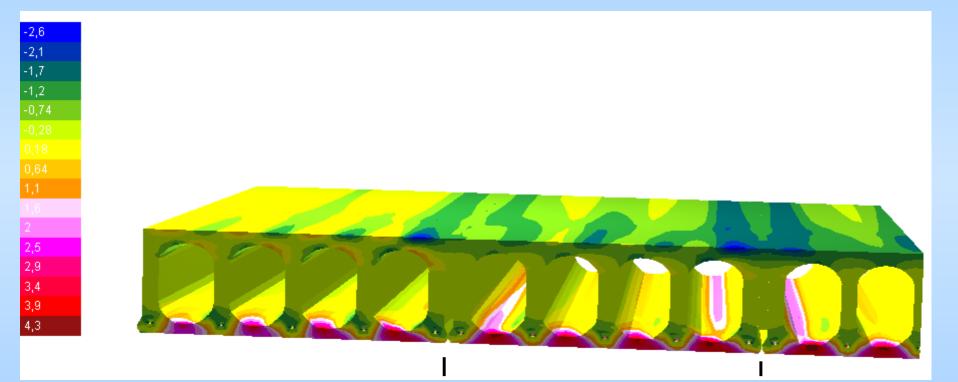
## **Transversal Stresses due to Prestressing**



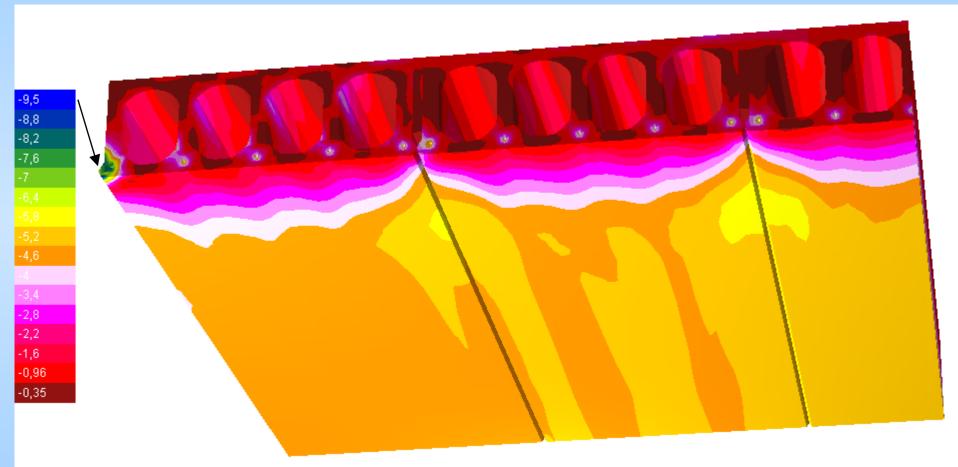
#### **Longitudinal Stresses due to Prestressing**



#### **Transversal Stresses at V=17 kN/Slab**



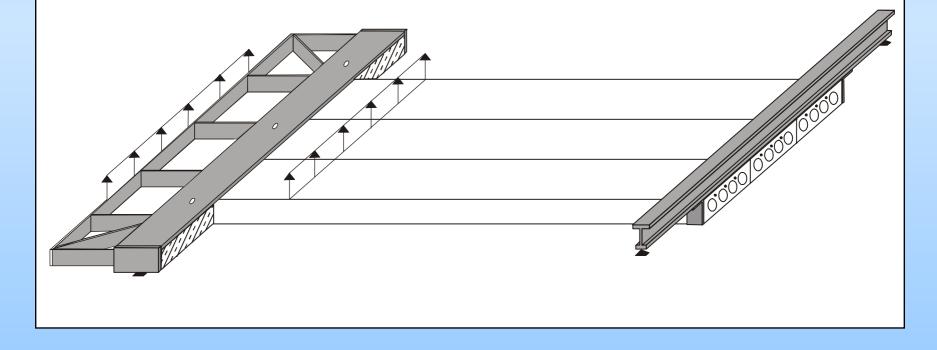
#### **Mean Compressive Stresses at V=17kN/Slab**



# **Experimental Test Set-Up**

Test set up regarding EN 1168

- Span of Slabs approx. 6,0 m
- Span of Beams approx. 8,0 m



## **Measurement II**

- loading
  - deflection of slabs / beams (a)
  - longitudinal cracking (strain gauges;b) slip of strands (f)

- crack opening

slab/beam (e)

- strain of slabs and beam (c) rotation of beam
- relative displacement of slabs/ beam (d)

