

Precast concrete
connections in
seismic zones
grout splices in
Japan

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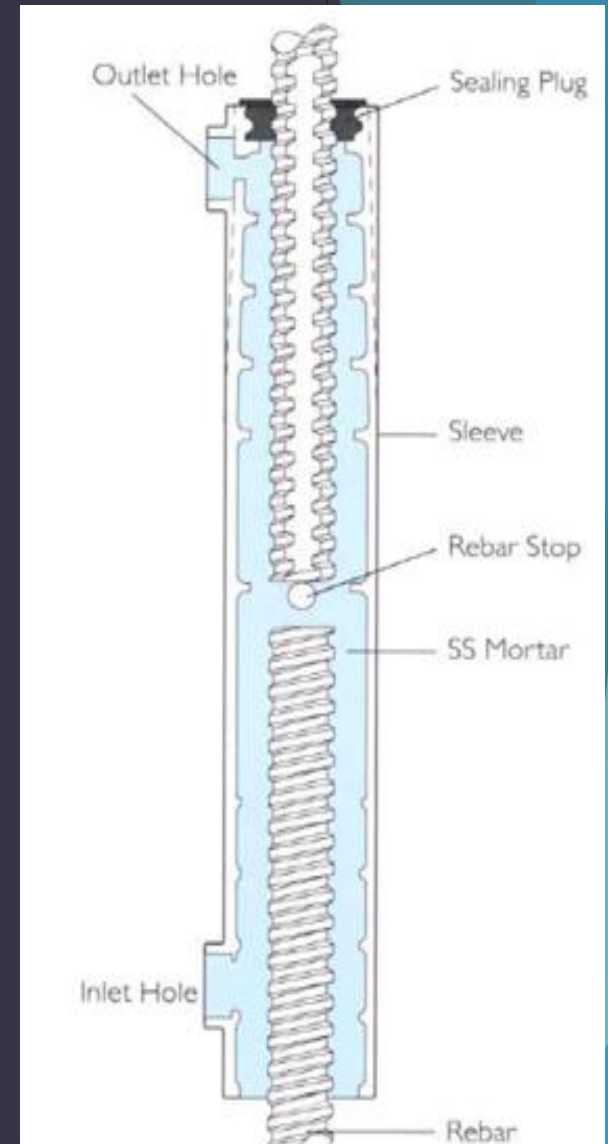
A grout splice consists of a cylindrical shaped coupler made of metal and a Portland cement based non-shrink, high-early-strength grout material.



NMB Splice Sleeve



Filling grout



What are grout splices?

- ▶ Grout splices are reinforcing bar splices specially designed for the connection of structural precast concrete units.

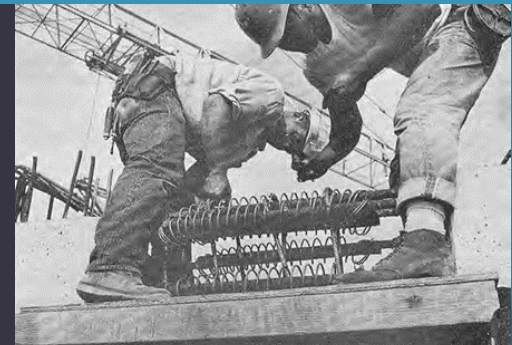


They were invented by an American structure engineer, Dr. Alfred A. Yee in Hawaii in the early 1970's.

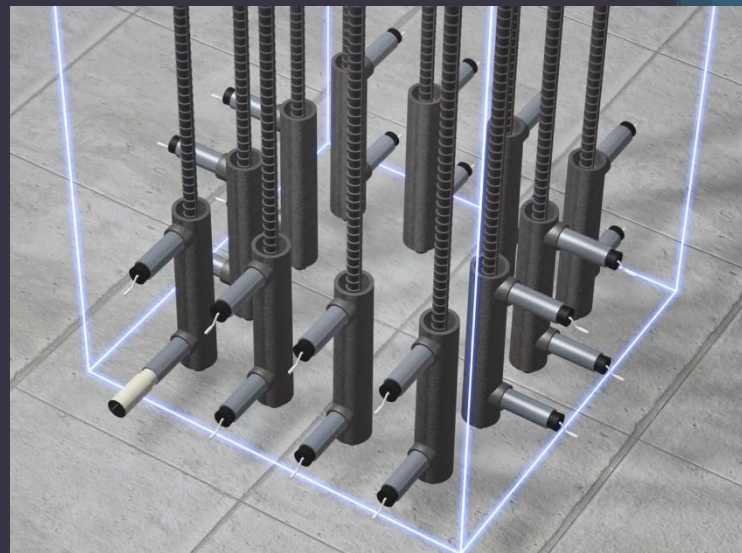
- ▶ Grout splices were used for the first time in the construction of a 38-story precast concrete building, the Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii.



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Rebar Joint Performance Evaluation Standard (1982)
updated in 2000, The Building Center of Japan

Class SA: The strength, rigidity and ductility are almost equivalent to those of the rebars to joint.

Class A: The strength and rigidity are almost equivalent, but the ductility is slightly inferior to the rebars to connect.

Class B; The strength and rigidity are almost equivalent, but other characteristics are inferior to the rebars to connect

Class C; The strength, rigidity etc. are inferior to the rebars to connect

Mechanical splices requirements

- ▶ Grout splices are the only mechanical splices qualified as class SA splices in Japan




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評 定 書 (工法等)

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令和2年6月15日付けで評定の申し込みのあった本件については、下記のとおり評定申込事項に係る技術的基準に適合しているものと評定します。
なお、本評定書の有効期間は、令和7年6月16日までとします。

令和2年8月19日


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記

1. 評定申込事項
本評定は、平成12年建設省告示第1463号「鉄筋の継手の構造方法を定める件」第1項ただし書きに係る評定（2015年版建築物の構造関係技術解説書におけるA級及び条件付きSA級）の申し込みがなされたものである。
2. 評定の区分
更新
3. 評定をした工法等
別紙1のとおり
4. 評定の内容
(1) 方法
本評定は、コンクリート構造評定委員会（委員長：林静雄）において、申込者から提出された資料に基づき審査を行ったものである。
(2) 審査内容
別紙2のとおり
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本評定は、設計・施工・品質管理等が適切に行われることを前提に、提出された資料に基づいて行ったものであり、個々の工事等の実施過程及び実施結果の適切性は評定の範囲に含まれていない。
また、本評定は申込者による自主管理方法について行われたものであり、受入れに際しては、工事管（監）理者の判断による受入検査が行われることを前提としている。

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Mechanical splices requirements

Requirements for class SA splices 1- high performance

(1) Monotonic tensile test $0 \rightarrow \sigma_{y0} \rightarrow \text{failure}$

(2) Repeated tensile test $0 \rightarrow (0.02\sigma_{y0} \leftrightarrow 0.95\sigma_{y0}) \rightarrow \text{failure}$
 $\uparrow 30 \text{ times}$

(3) Elastic cyclic test $0 \rightarrow (0.95\sigma_{y0} \leftrightarrow -0.5\sigma_{y0}) \rightarrow \text{failure}$
 $\uparrow 20 \text{ times}$

(4) Plastic cyclic test $0 \rightarrow (2\epsilon_y \leftrightarrow -0.5\sigma_0) \rightarrow (5\epsilon_y \leftrightarrow -0.5\sigma_0) \rightarrow \text{failure}$
 $\uparrow 4 \text{ times} \qquad \qquad \qquad \uparrow 4 \text{ times}$

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required tensile strength $\sigma_b > 1.35\sigma_{y0}$ or $\sigma_b > \sigma_{b0}$

residual slip elastic area $20c \delta_s \leq 0.3\text{mm}$

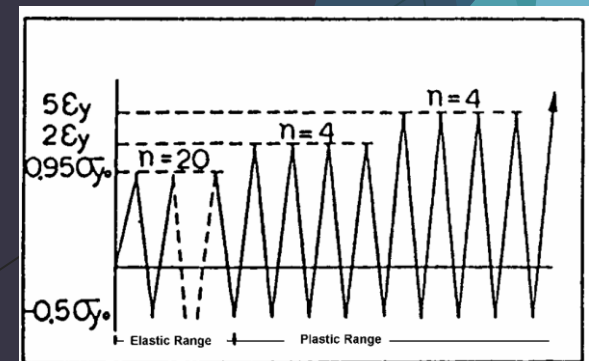
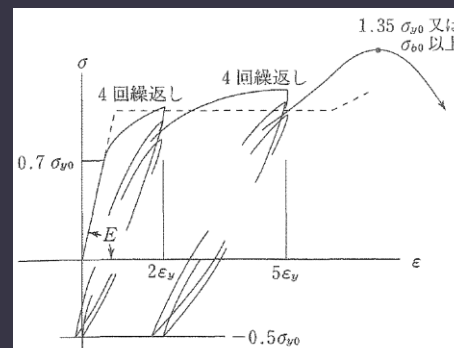
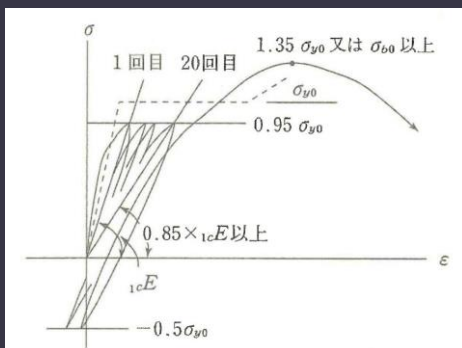
plastic area $4c \delta_s \leq 0.3\text{mm}$ and $\delta_s 8c \leq 0.9\text{mm}$

failure mode bar break

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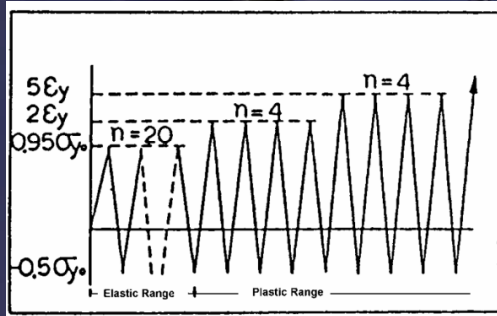
$20c \delta_s$, $4c \delta_s$, $8c \delta_s$: residual slip after 20 or 4 or 8 load cycles



Mechanical splices requirements

elastic deformation

$-0.5f_y$ ↔ $0.95f_y$ 20 cycles



SA Class - cyclic test

Mechanical splices requirements

Requirements for class SA splices

2 - submission of performance mock-up tests results to prove high resistance during earthquakes

Conduction of performance mock-up test

- minimum 1/3 scale mock-up test
- shall use actual mechanical splices
- applied load shall be as an emulation of an earthquake

NMB Splice Sleeve mock-up results evaluated for class SA recognition
columns 58 pieces, beams 12 pieces, walls 82 pieces total of 152 precast
concrete units

Mechanical splices requirements

Requirements for SA class splices

3 - Design Guidelines

4 - Grouting Procedure's Instruction Manual

Design Guidelines contents

- Scope of application of grout splices

- List of existing standards to follow

- Additional information necessary to consider during design

- Rebars, grout splices, grout's scope of specifications

Grouting Procedure's Instruction Manual contents

- Quality control system

- Recommend tool and equipment

- Quality control check lists

- Quality control test criteria

- Training sessions for grouting work team

- members and leaders



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NMB SPLICE SLEEVE GROUTING TRAINING ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE

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(EXPIRES IN 3 YEARS)

This is to certify that the following members have attended the online training of Splice Sleeve coupler's grouting. Grouting procedures and other technical information explained during the training can be found in "NMB Slim-Sleeve User's Manual", "NMB Splice Sleeve User's Manual for Model UX(SA)".

No.	Company	Name	Class
1			A
2			A
3			A
4			A
5			A
6			A
7			A
8			A
9			A
35			B
36			B
37			B

- Class A — Grouting Supervisor
- Class B — Grouting Crew

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RC–full PCa building construction example

- × Project name: new development in Tokyo area (multistory
▶ condominium, private project)
- × Total period: September 2010~July 2012
- × Structure: RC & S 23 stories, 1 underground story
1 penthouse condominium (201 flats)
B1~2F : cast in place
2F~23F • PH : precast

Building area: 3,000 m²

Total floor space: 20,000 m²

RC-full PCa building construction example



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RC–full PCa building construction example

Precast concrete units



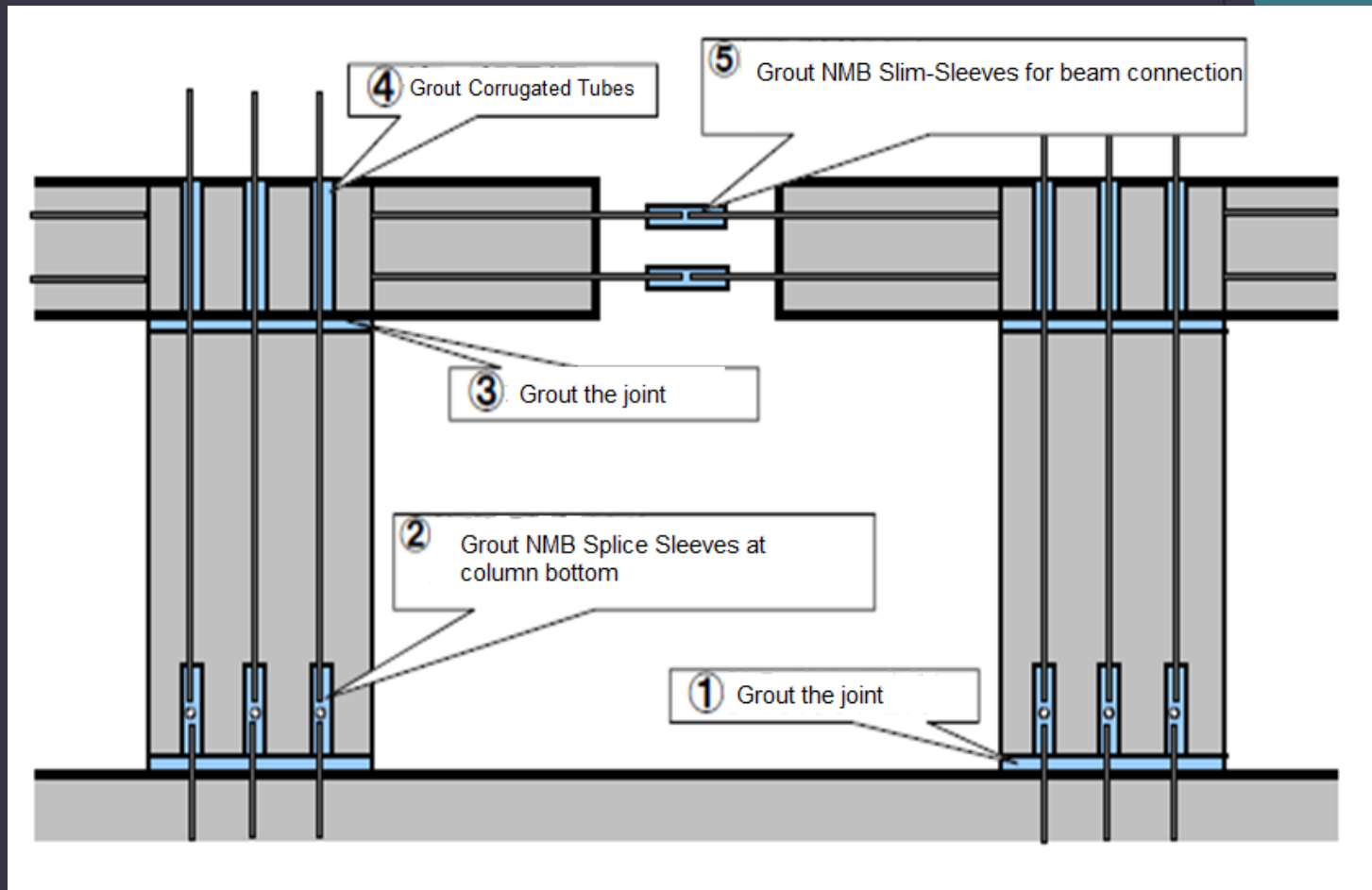
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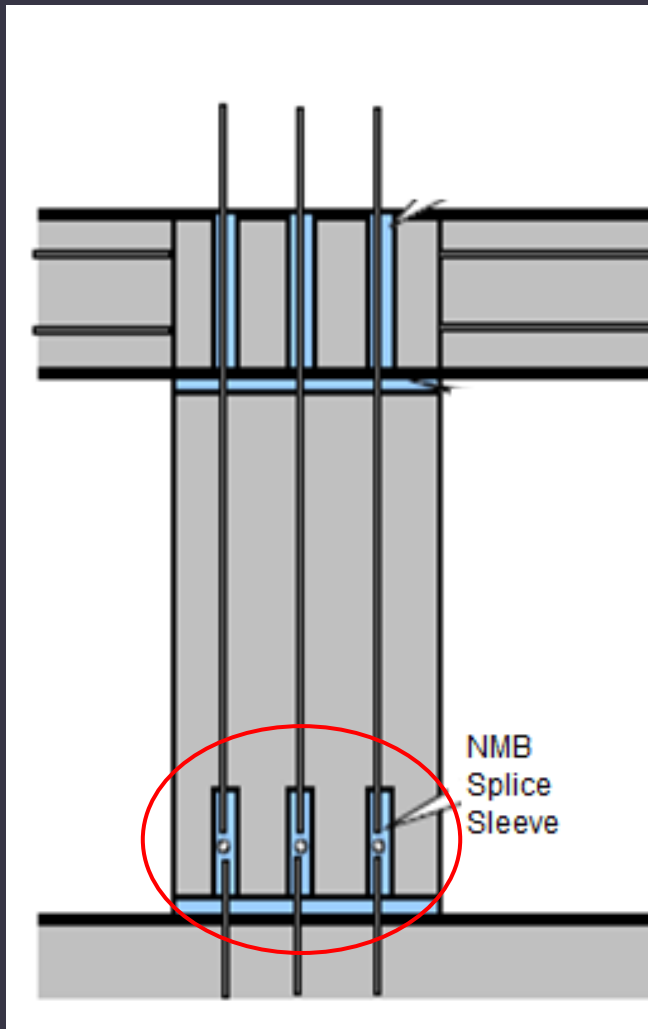
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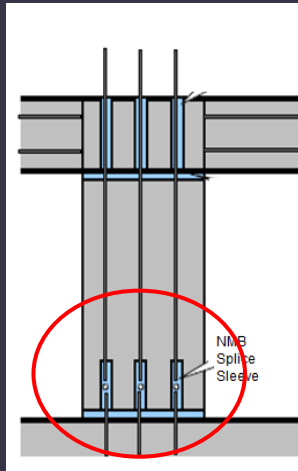
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Precast column's erection



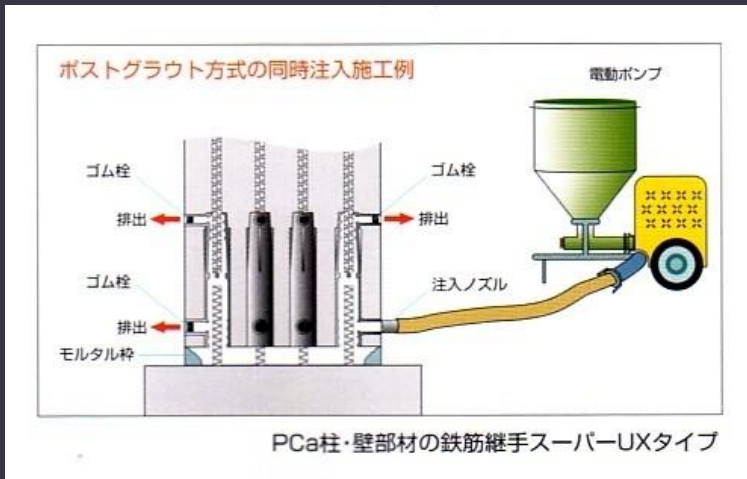
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Precast column / column connections



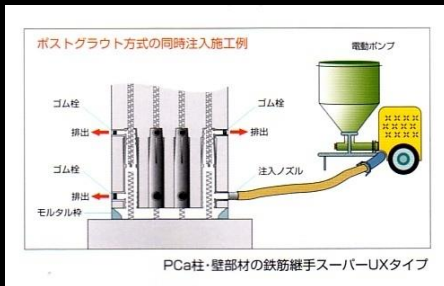
column/column joint sealing

(sealing method: high strength low-flowable grout, grouting Sleeve schedule to be conducted the next day)



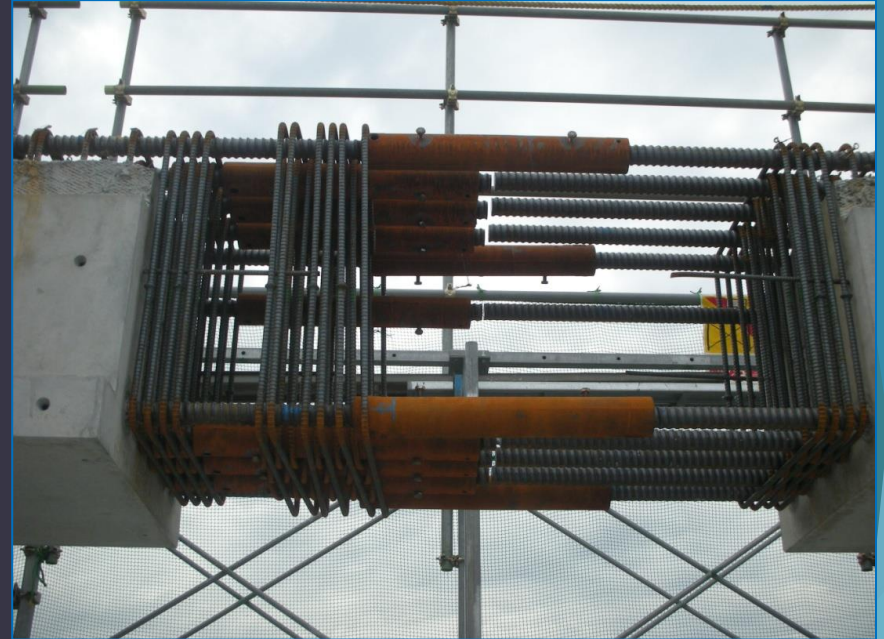
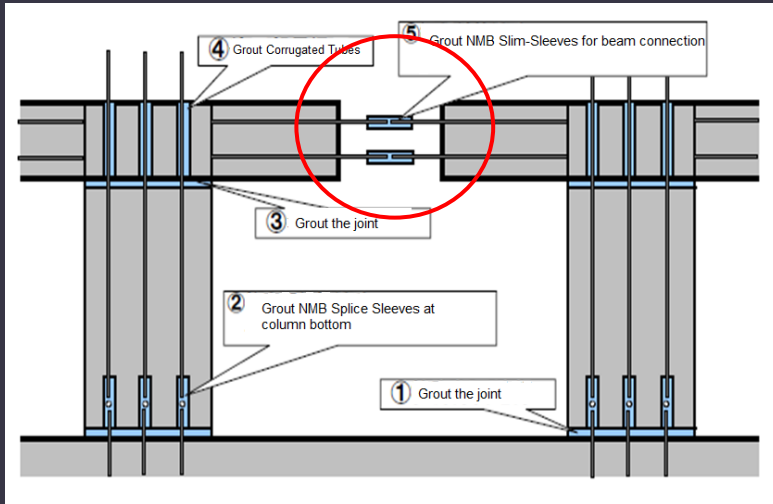
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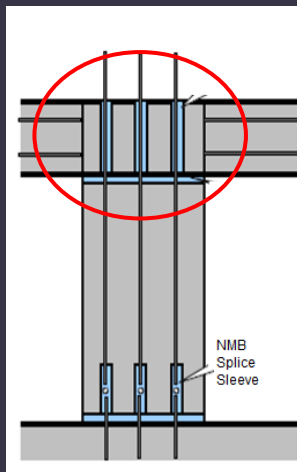
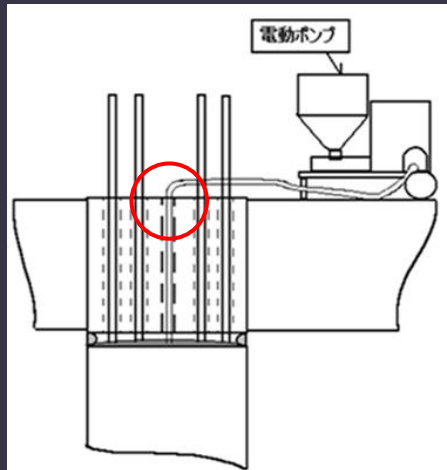
RC–full PCa building construction example

Beam / beam connection's location



RC-full PCa building construction example

Precast column/beam connection grouting



High-rise buildings



High rise building
56 stories, Tokyo



High rise building
53 stories, Tokyo



High rise building
100 stories, Australia



- ▶ “The new vertical support technique was designed to overcome a difficulty in joining precast units. Designers and builders are continually working on new joinery for structural precast units that will provide continuity at minimum cost. This new technique appears to be a promising one.”

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Thank you for your
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ありがとうございました

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Middle-rise buildings



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Railways projects



PCa viaducts



PCa sound walls



CIP piles



socket connections



PCa columns

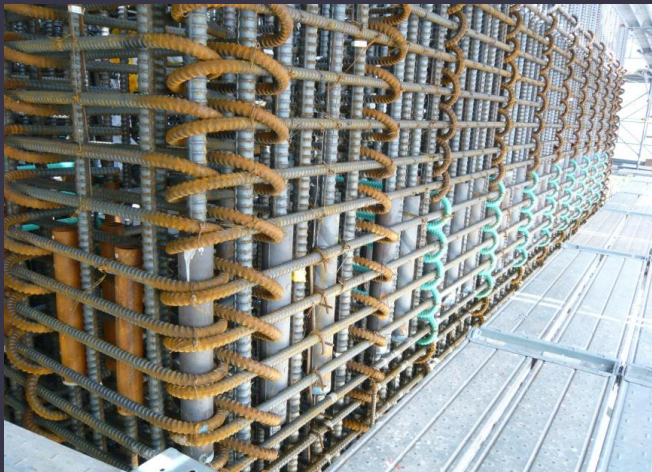
Bridges



CIP foundations



Epoxy coated Splice Sleeves



CIP piers



CIP upper structures

Others



PCa box calvarts



PCa arch calvarts



Electric power plants



Nuclear power plants

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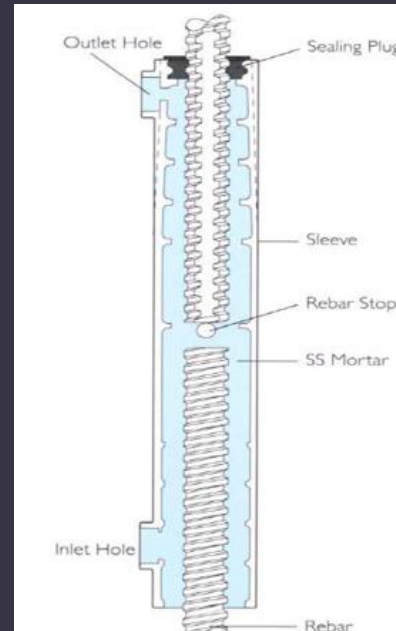
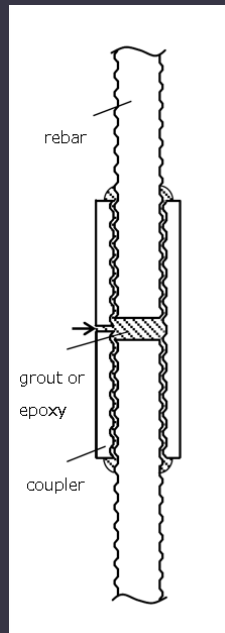
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Gas pressure welding



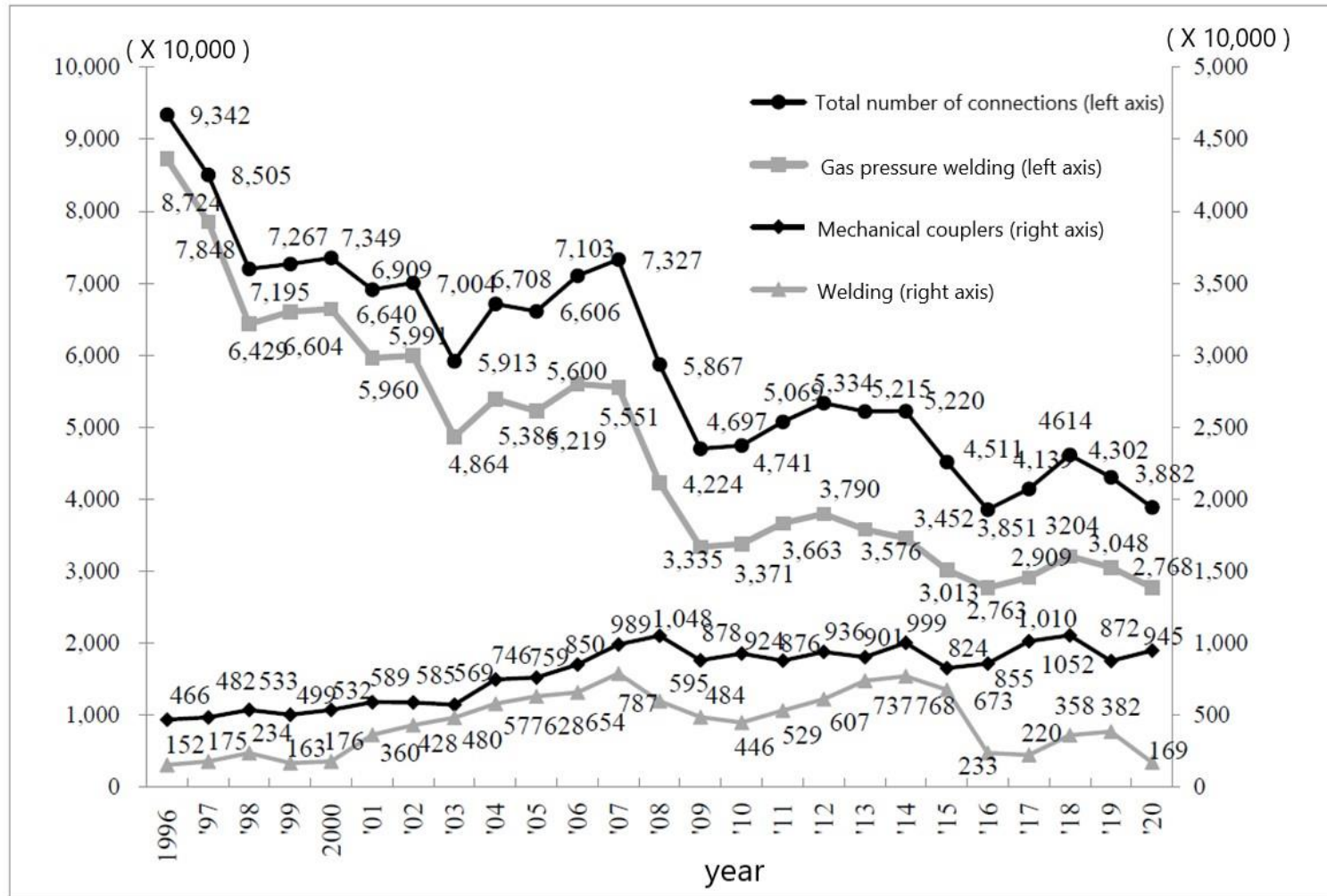
Threaded rebar's splices



Grout splices

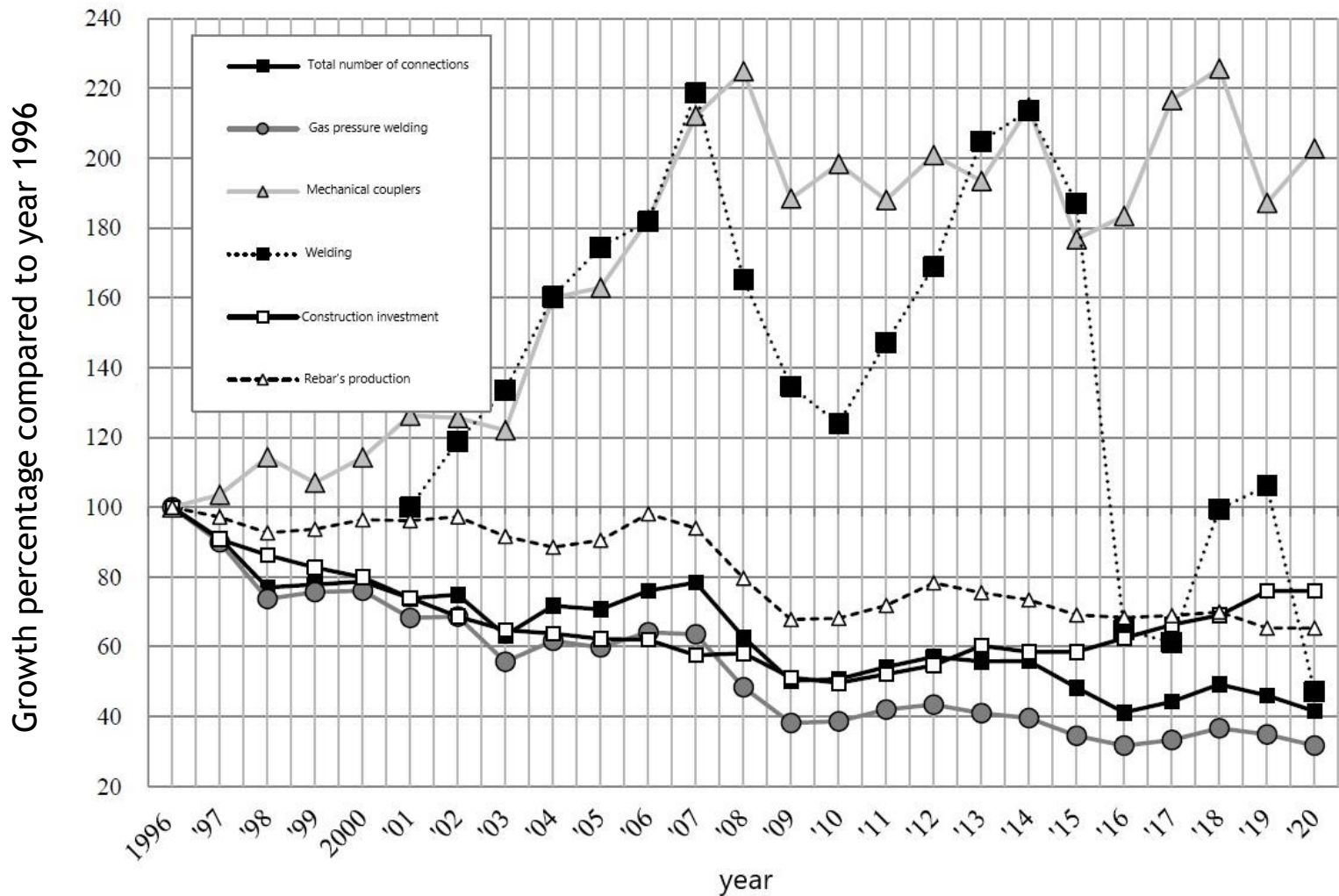


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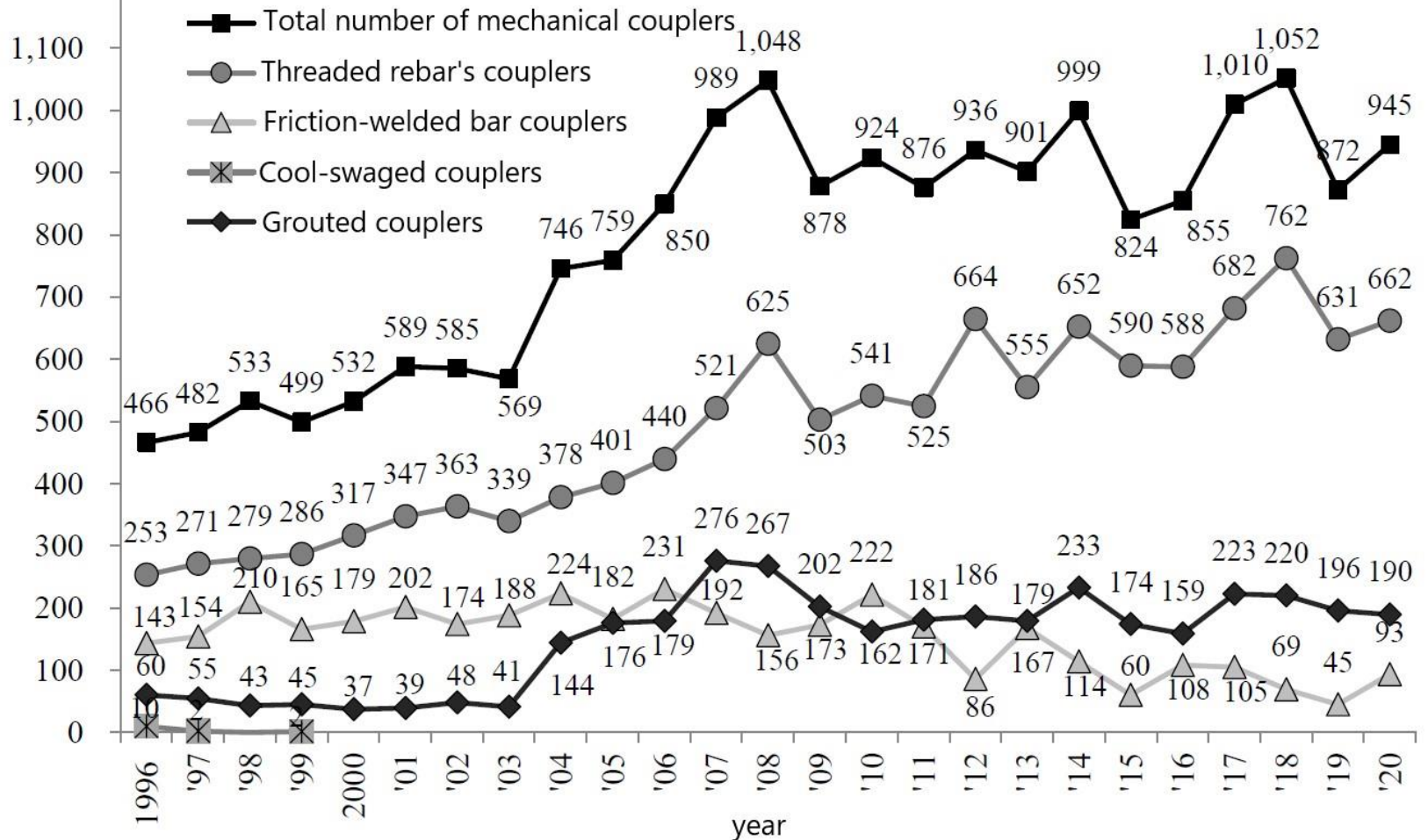
Trend of number of rebar connections per year/ per connection method

Mechanical splices in Japan



Mechanical splices in Japan

(X 10,000 pieces)



► Issues about mechanical splices that were discussed at early times 1960's - 1980's

- Is there a risk of adverse effects on the performance of the splices or the precast units by the residual stress in the splices when the concrete units are installed ?
- Is there a risk of system-specific failure of the splice in the vicinity of the splices ?
- Effects of mechanical splices installed close to the concrete unit's joint surfaces, especially on the behavior of column-beam joints
- What about the behavior of a joint within a column-beam connection ?
- Can shear forces be transferred between units at the joints ?
- Should be there limits on the diameter of splices that can be used in relation to the diameter of the concrete units, allowances for diameter differences in rebar diameters, and whether unit reinforcement is required ?
- What is the allowable limit of splice's length relative to concrete unit's dimensions ?

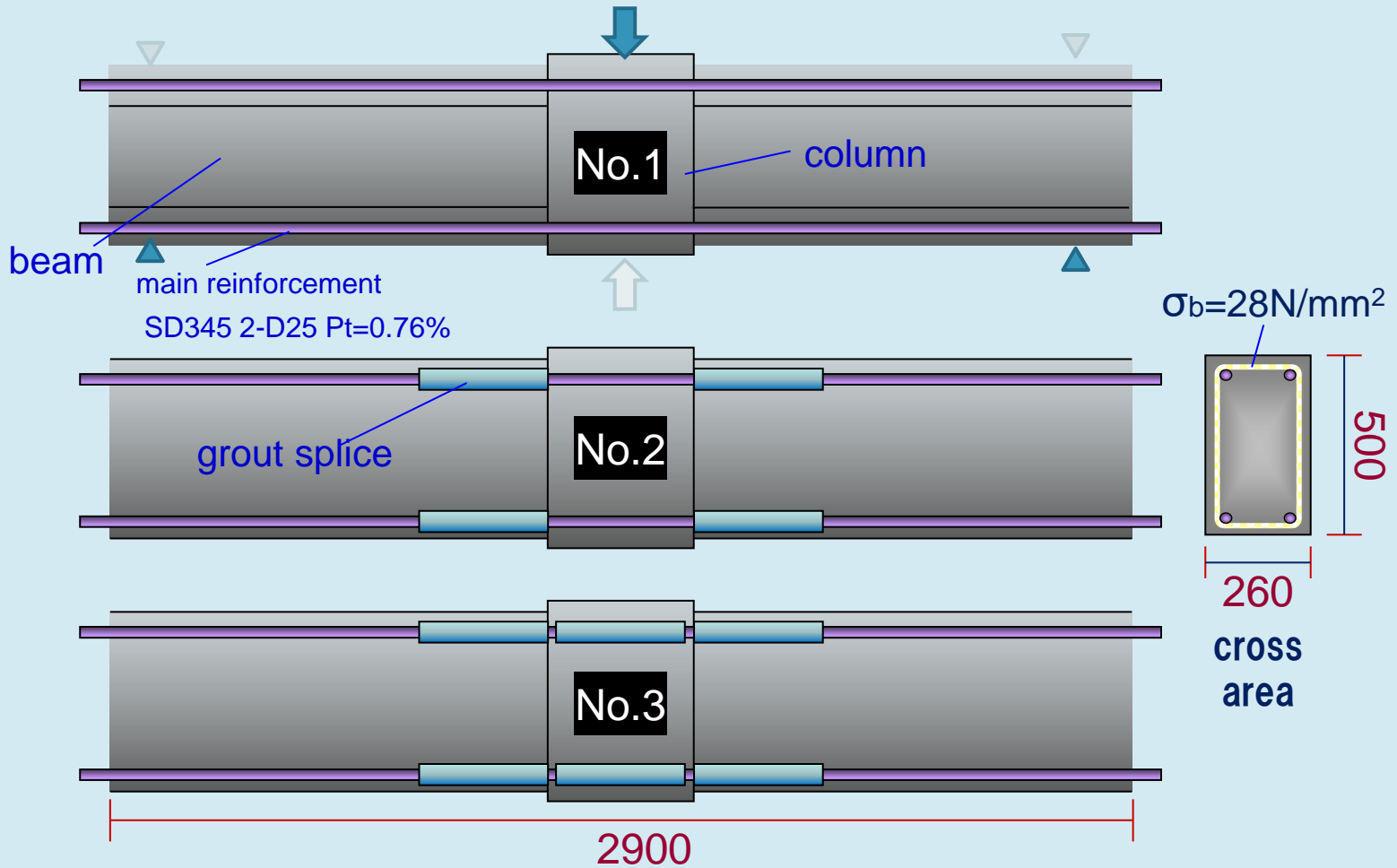
What are grout splices?

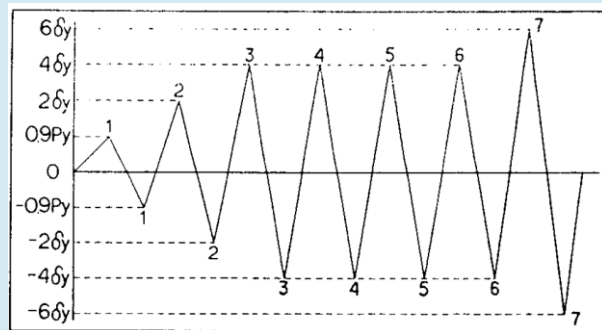
Requirements for SA class splices

- Evaluation of the splice system shall be done on the splice's single performance and by mock-up tests
- While the application of a splice system is for PIP construction, generally, mock-up tests are also required.
- Tests required for splice's single performance evaluation are monotonic tensile test, repeated tensile test, elastic cyclic test and plastic cyclic test. Fracture of the connected rebars must occur in the rebar.

Mock-up test result example 2 (beam to column connection)

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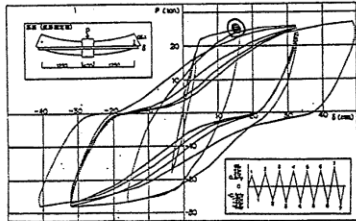




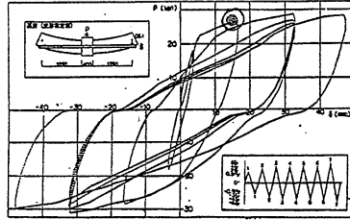
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No1	+	6.5	----	22.0	26.8(7)	1.04	1.17
	-	4.0	11.0(3)	23.0	27.8(7)	1.09	1.22
No2	+	6.0	26.3(3)	21.6	28.7(3)	1.02	1.25
	-	4.5	28.6(7)	20.0	31.2(3)	0.95	1.36
No3	+	6.5	17.0	22.0	28.2(3)	1.04	1.23
	-	5.5	21.5(7)	21.0	29.3(3)	0.99	1.28

$cPy = \pm 21.12$ (tons) e function method
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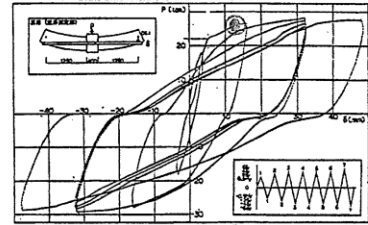
一体打ち



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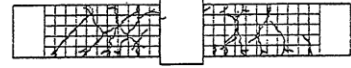
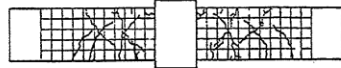
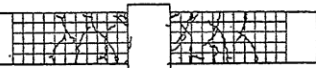


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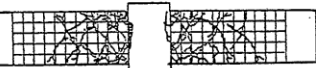


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(2cycle)



6δy
(7cycle)

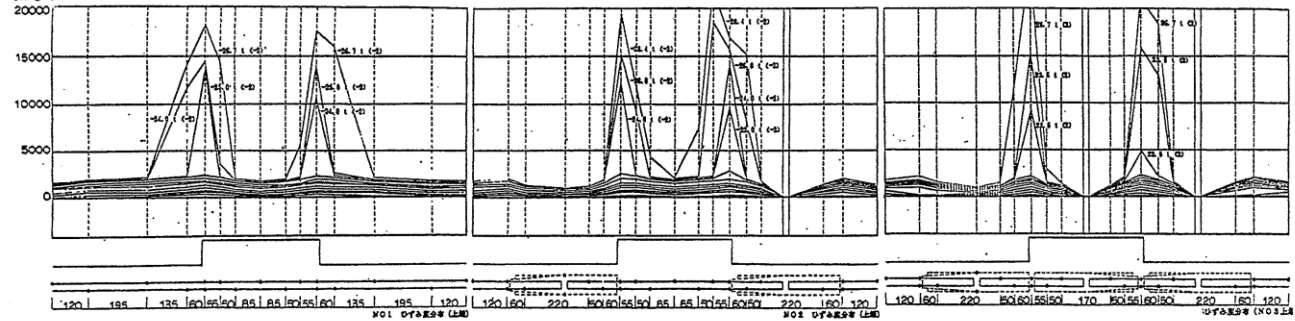


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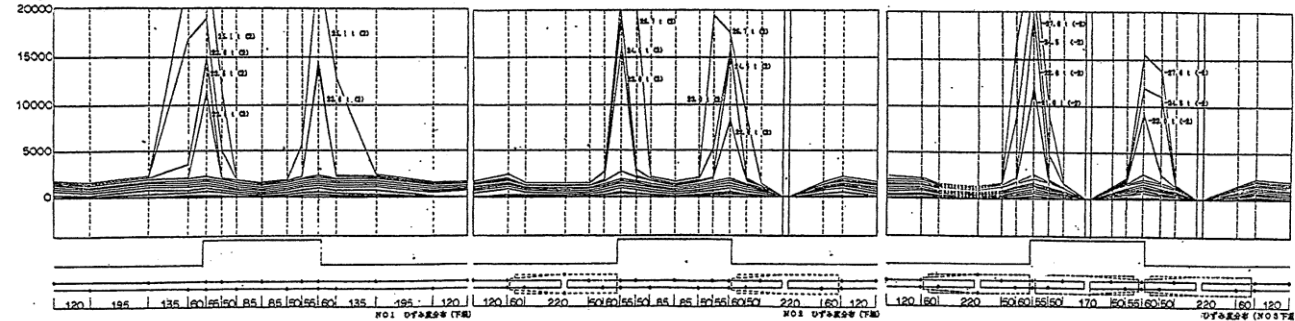
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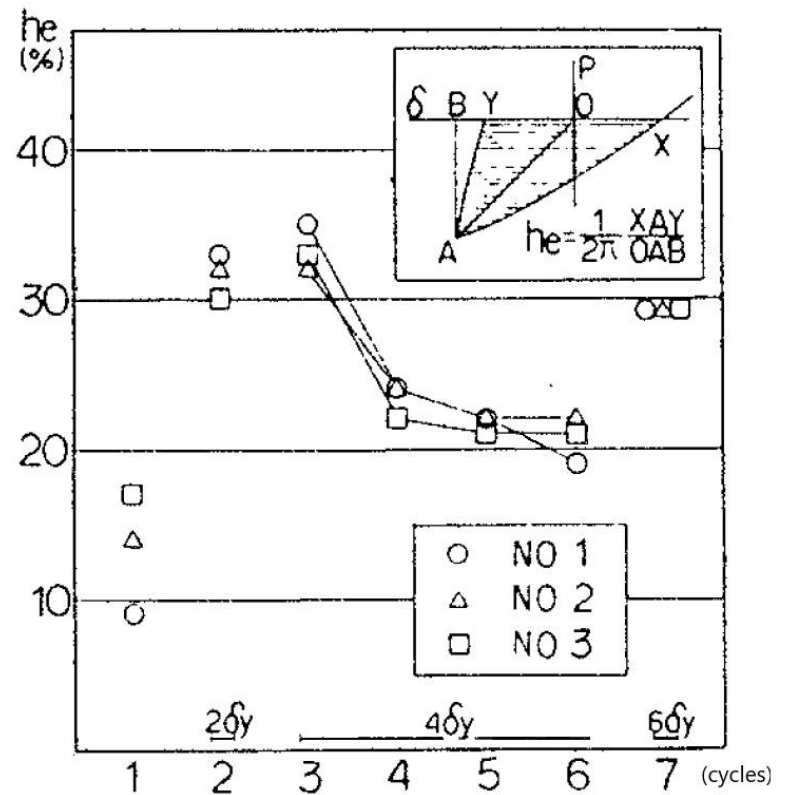
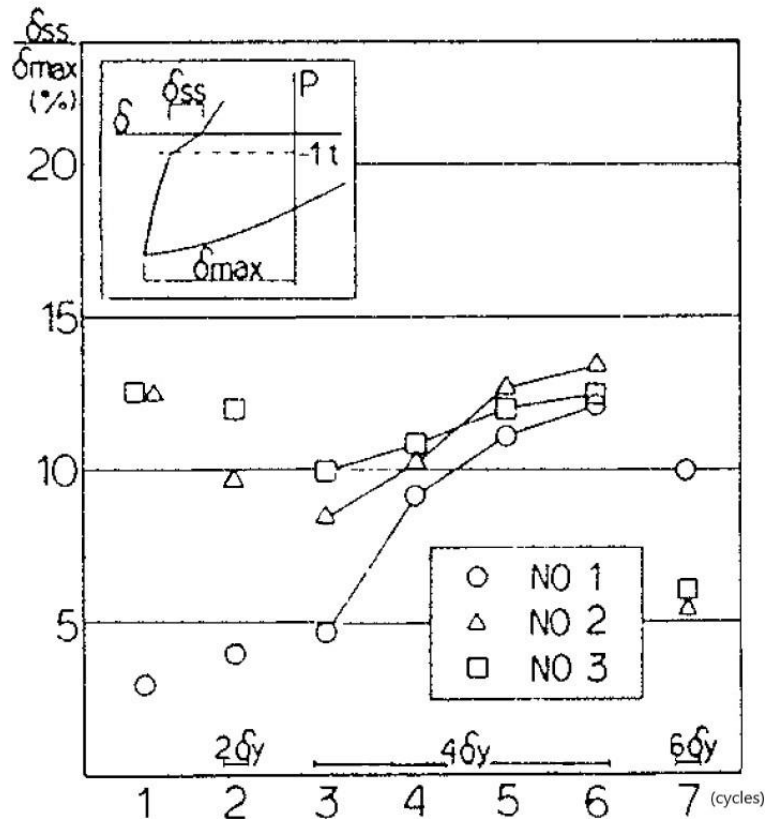
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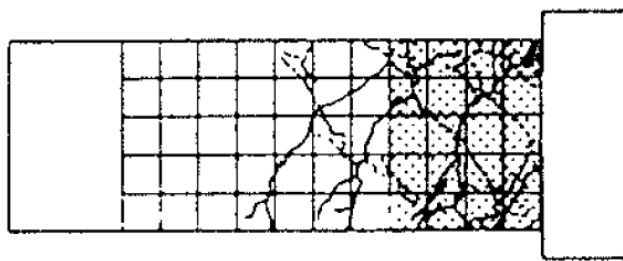


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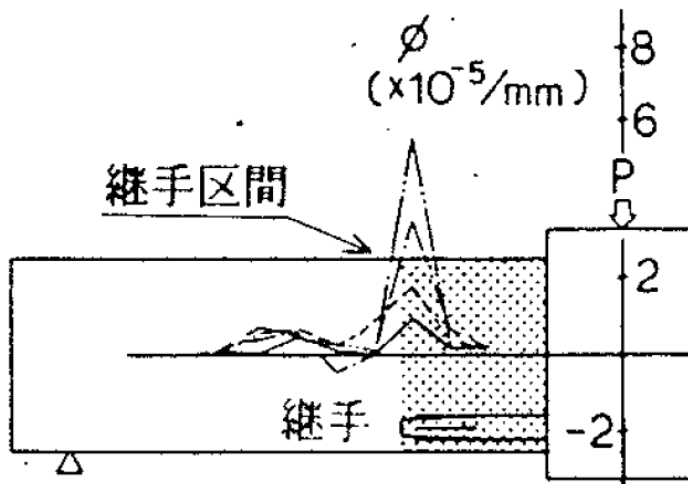
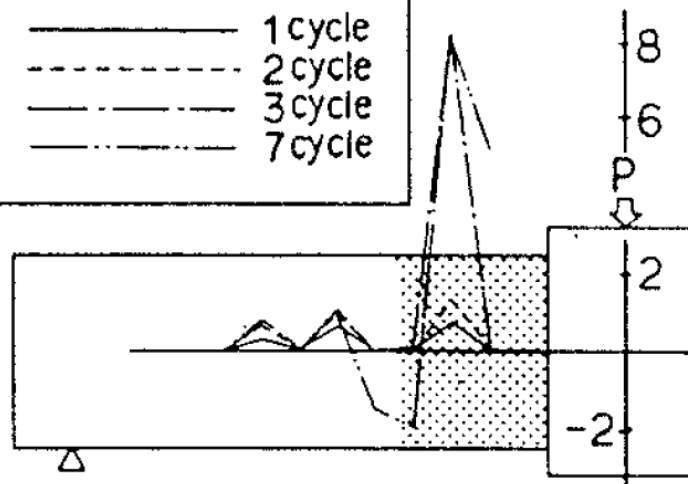
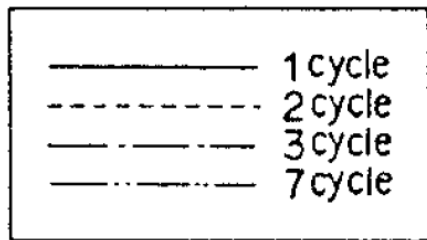
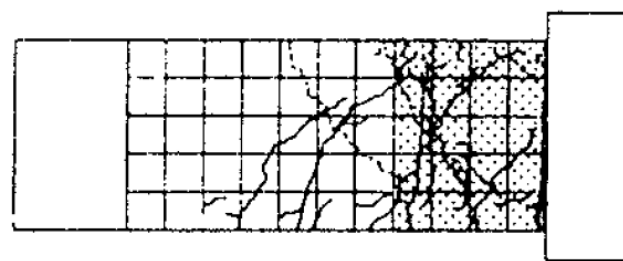




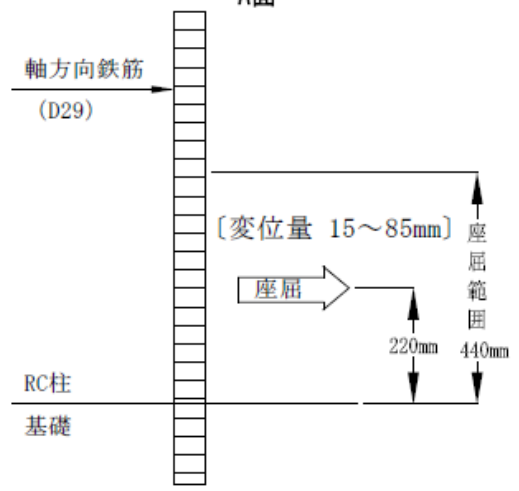
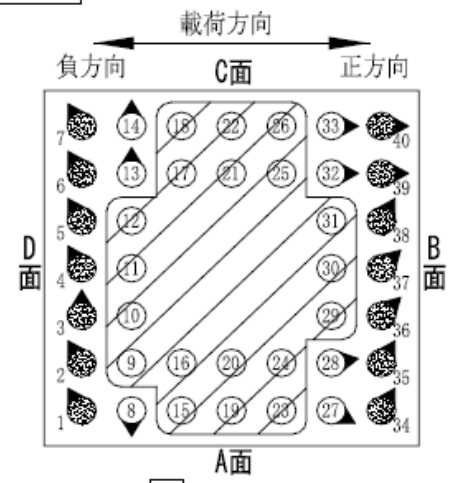
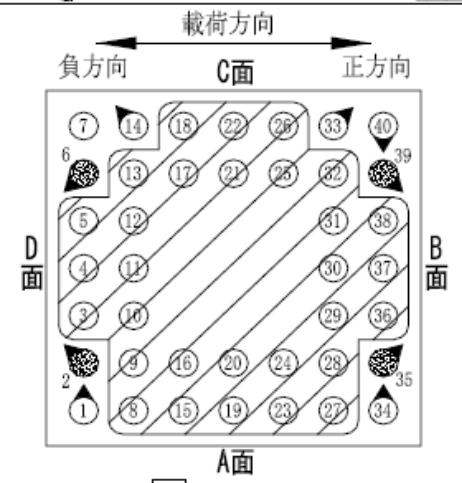
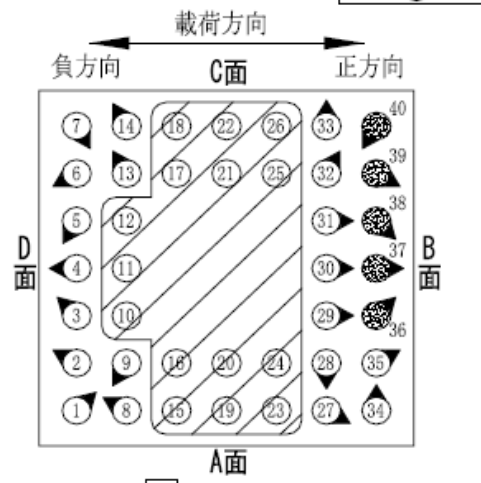
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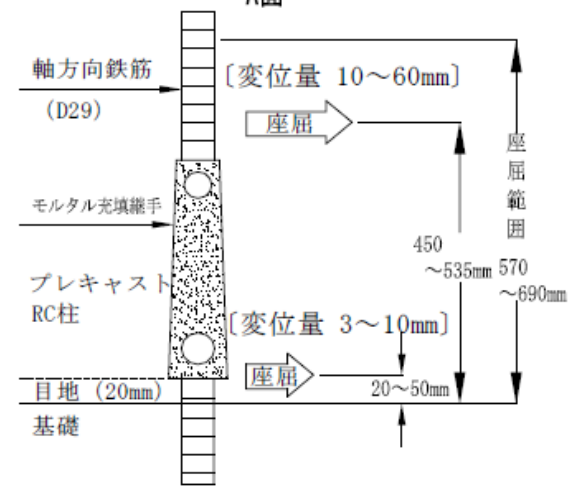
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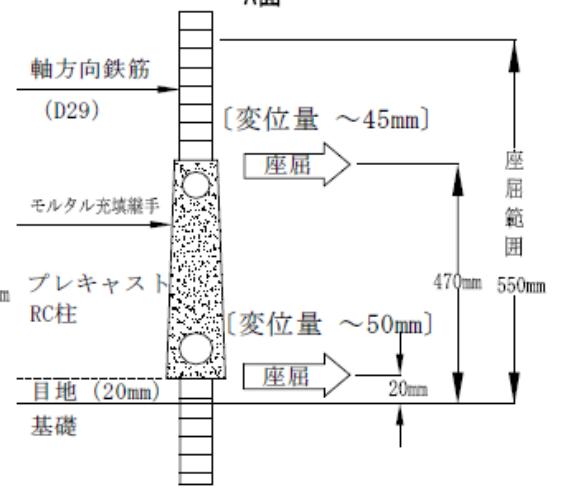
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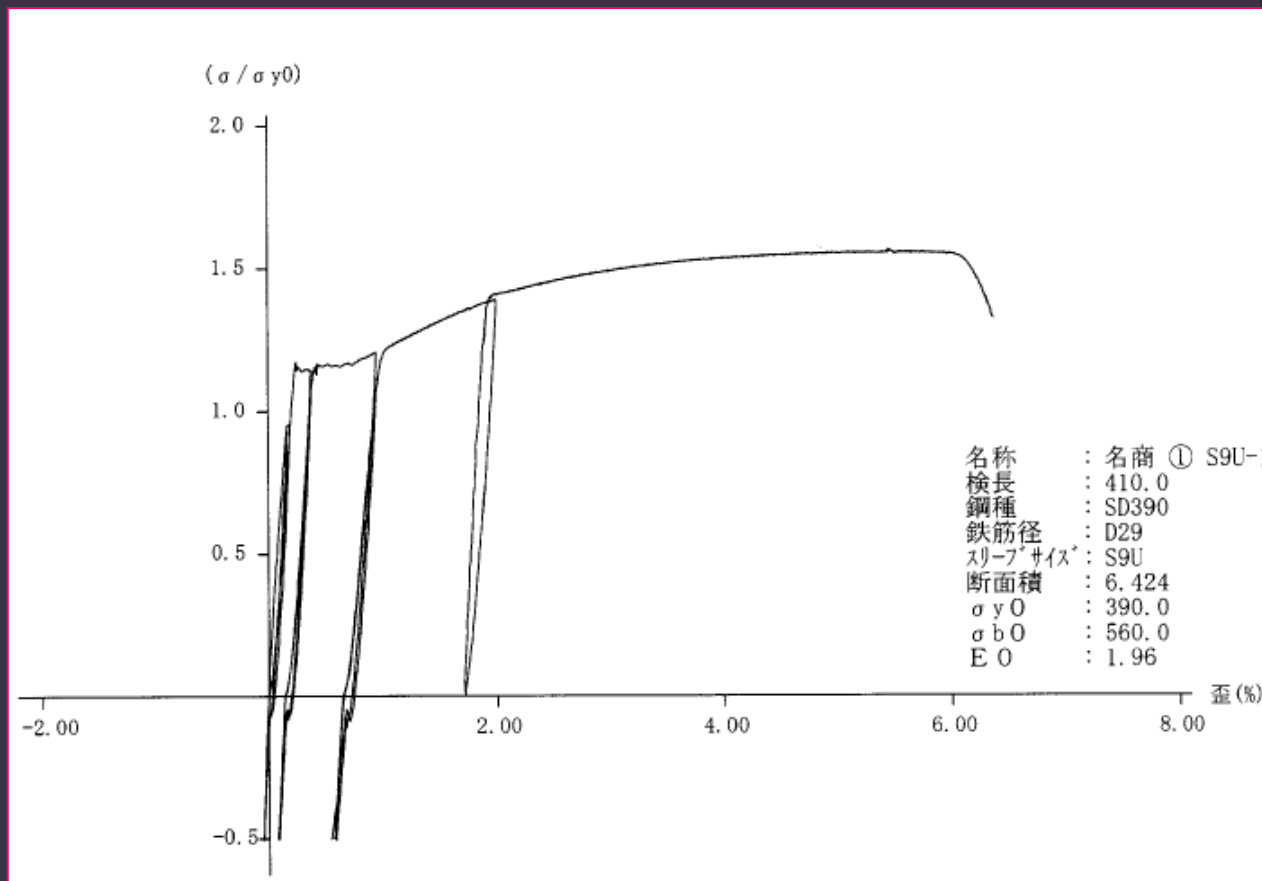
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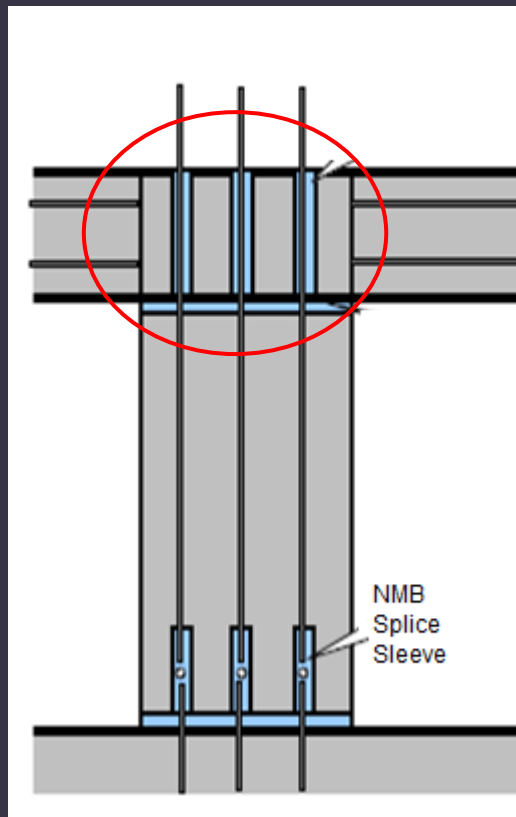
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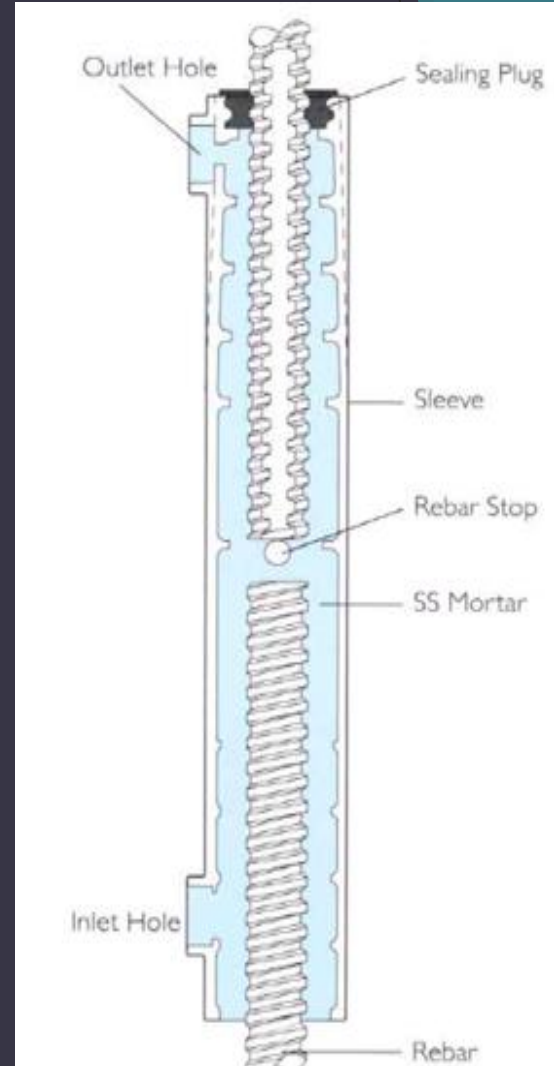


Typical R-PC building construction example

Column / beam joint area and locations



What are grout splices?



Mechanical splices requirements

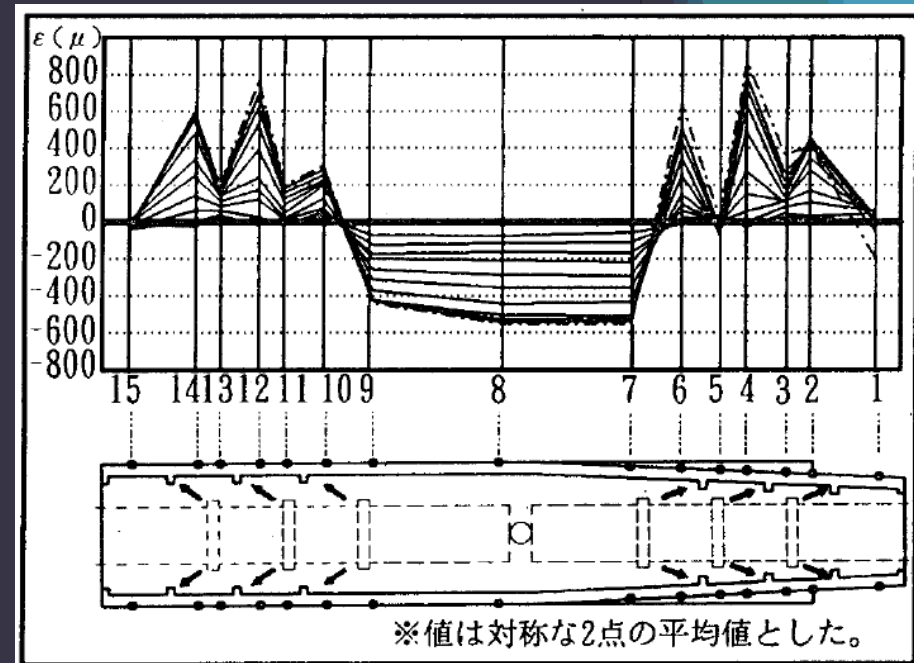
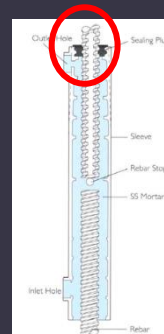
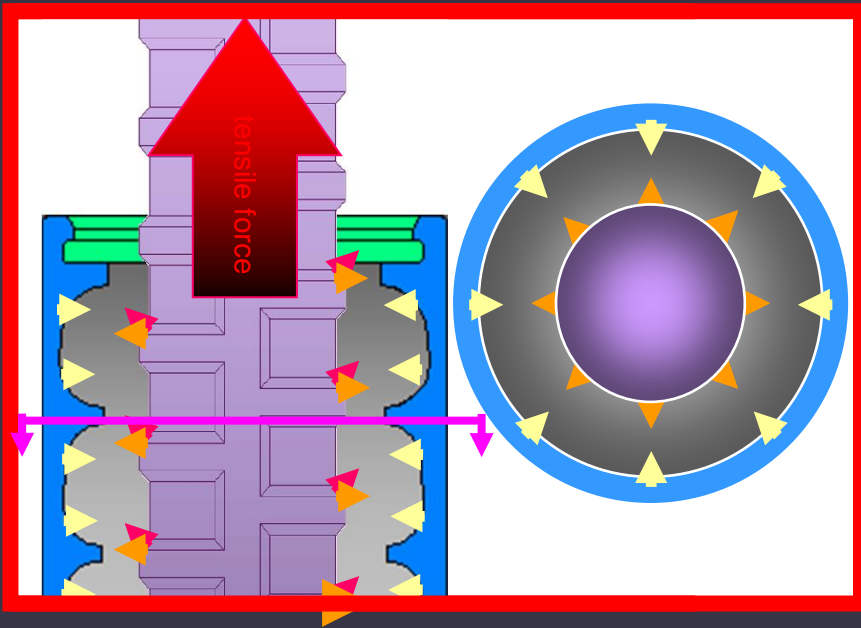
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Required tension strength	<p>Static tension test $\sigma_b > 1.35\sigma_{y0}$ or $\sigma_b > \sigma_{b0}$</p> <p>Repeated tension test $\sigma_b > 1.35\sigma_{y0}$ or $\sigma_b > \sigma_{b0}$</p> <p>Cyclic tension and compression test $\sigma_b > 1.35\sigma_{y0}$ or $\sigma_b > \sigma_{b0}$</p> <p>Static Compression test (not required)</p> <p>σ_b: actual strength σ_{b0}: specified tensile strength σ_{y0}: rebar's specified yield strength</p>
Required rigidity	<p>Static tension test $0.7\sigma_{y0}E \geq E_0$ $0.95\sigma_{y0}E \geq 0.9E_0$</p> <p>Repeated tension test $30cE \geq 0.851cE$</p> <p>E_0: rebar's Young's modulus E: rebar's secant modulus $1cE, 30cE$: rebar's secant modulus at stresses of $0.95\sigma_{y0}$ at 1st or 30th loading. σ_{y0}: rebar's specified yield strength</p>

Required ductility	<p>Static tension test $\epsilon_u > 20\epsilon_y$</p> <p>Repeated tension test $\epsilon_u > 20\epsilon_y$ & $\epsilon_u > 0.04$</p> <p>ϵ_u: rebar's ultimate strain ϵ_y: rebar's strain at actual yield stress</p>
Required elongation	<p>Static tension test $\delta_s < 0.3\text{mm}$ at $0.95\sigma_{y0}$</p> <p>Repeated tension test $30c\delta_s < 0.3\text{mm}$</p> <p>Cyclic tension and compression test $4c\epsilon_s < 0.5\epsilon_y$ & $4c\delta_s < 0.3\text{mm}$ & $8c\epsilon_s < 1.5\epsilon_y$ & $8c\delta_s < 0.9\text{mm}$</p> <p>$\epsilon_s$: rebar's slipping strain ϵ_y: rebar's strain at actual yield stress δ_s: rebar's elongation σ_{y0}: rebar's specified yield strength</p>

What are grout splices?

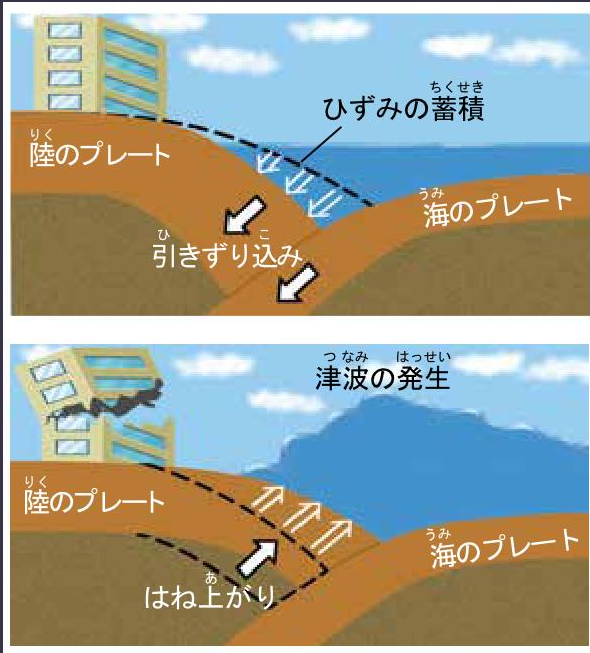
Load transfer mechanism



Agenda

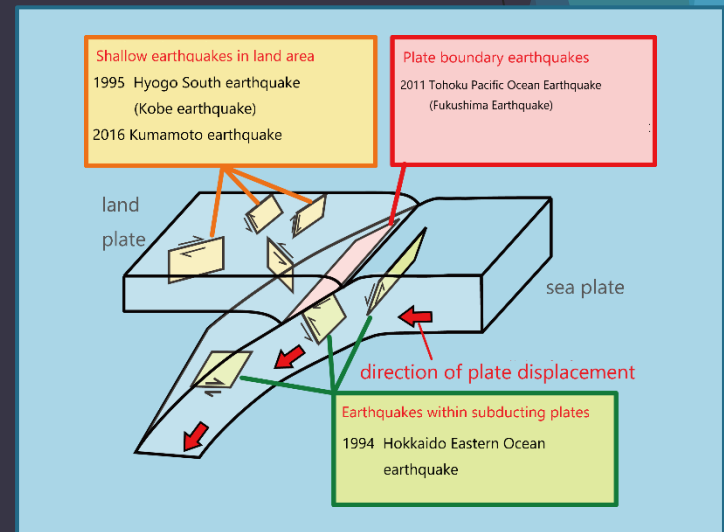
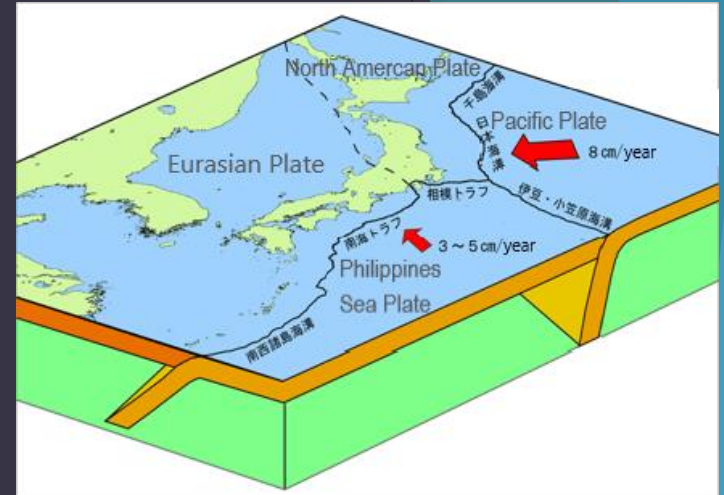
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Seismic country - Japan



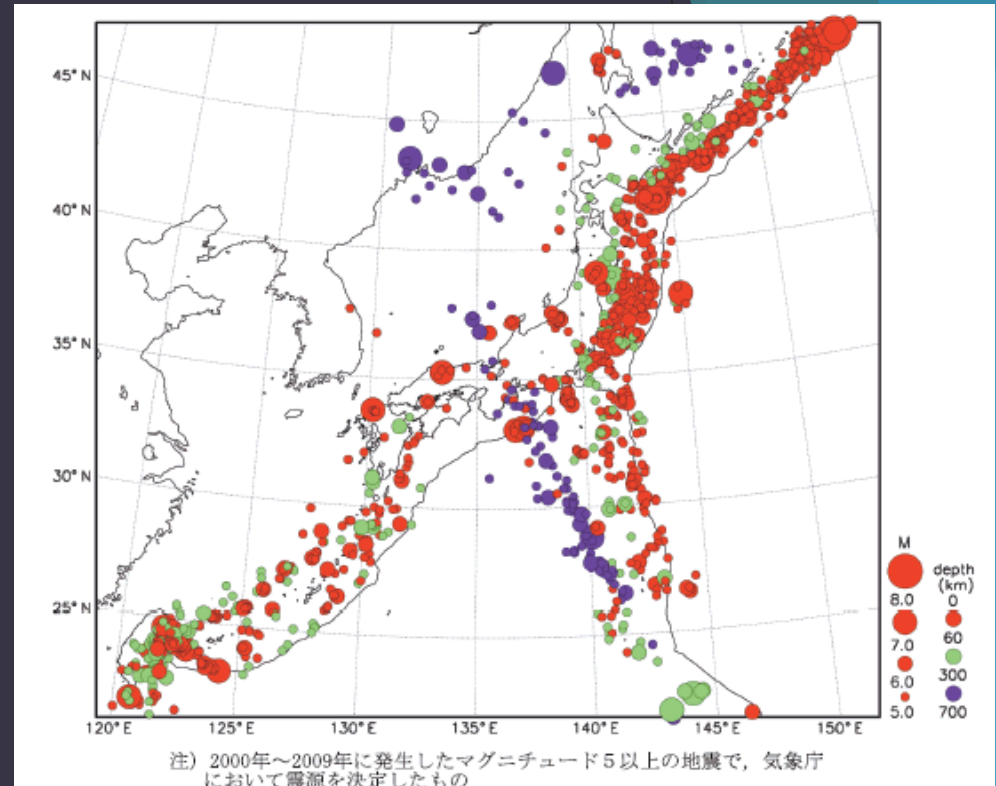
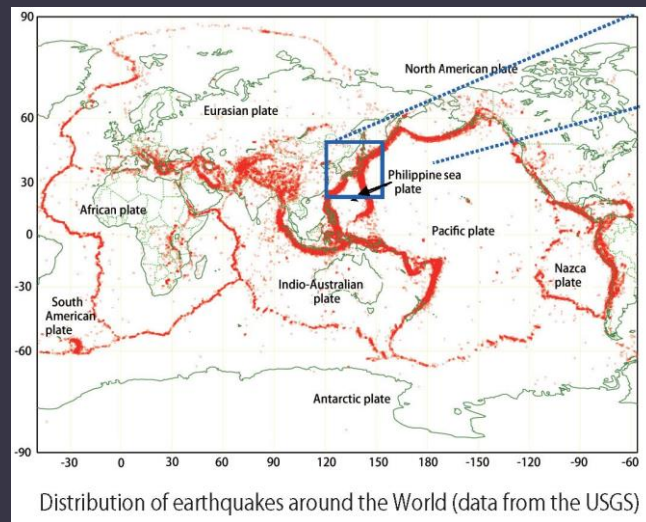
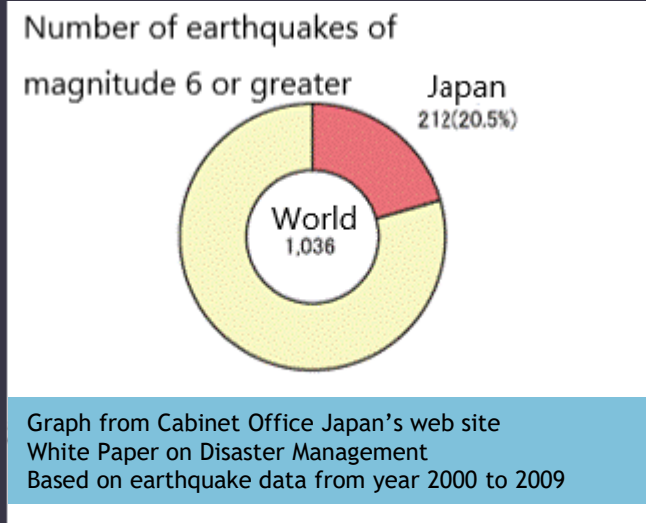
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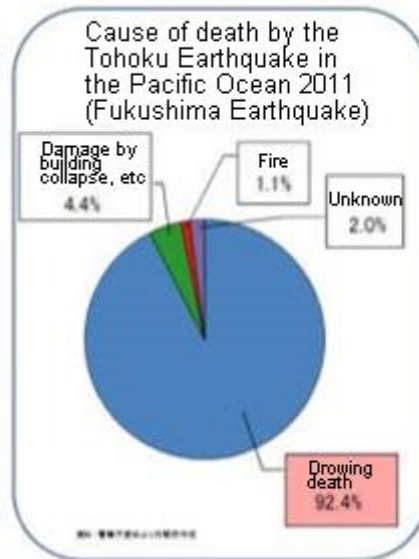
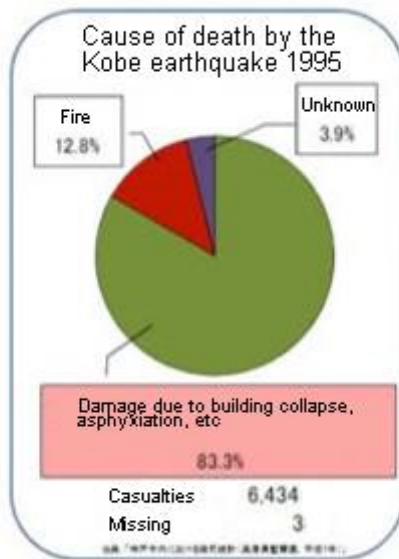
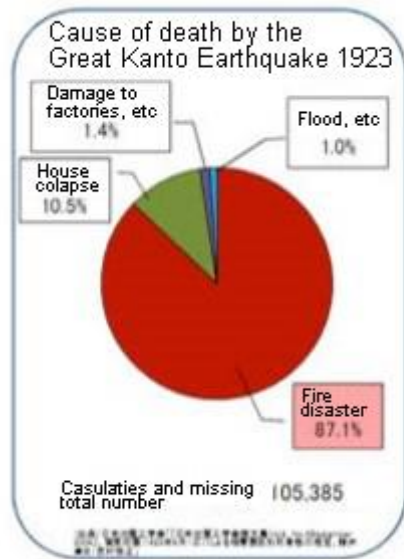


Japan Meteorological Agency web site [地震の仕組み] with translations into English

Seismic country - Japan



Cabinet office of Japan's web site
White Paper on Disaster Management year 2010



	Great Kanto Earthquake	Kobe Earthquake	Fukushima Earthquake
Date	September 1, 1923	January 17, 1995	Mach 11, 2011
Epicenter	Prefecture of Kanagawa, North-East of Sagamihara golf	North of Awaji Island	130 km east-south of Ojika peninsula, Prefecture of Miyagi,
Areas affected	South of Kanto area	South of Prefecture of Hyogo	Tohoku area, north of Kanto area
Magnitude	7.9	7.3	9.0
Casualties	105,385	6,434	15,234
Missing		3	8,616
Injured	103,733	43,792	5,339
Houses damaged	372,659	256,312	161,665

注) 東日本大震災の死者・行方不明者は平成 23 年 5 月 26 日現在

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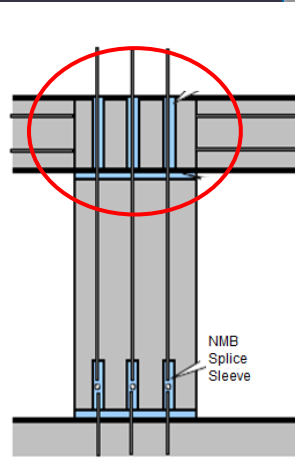
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Typical R-PC building construction example

Precast column/beam connection

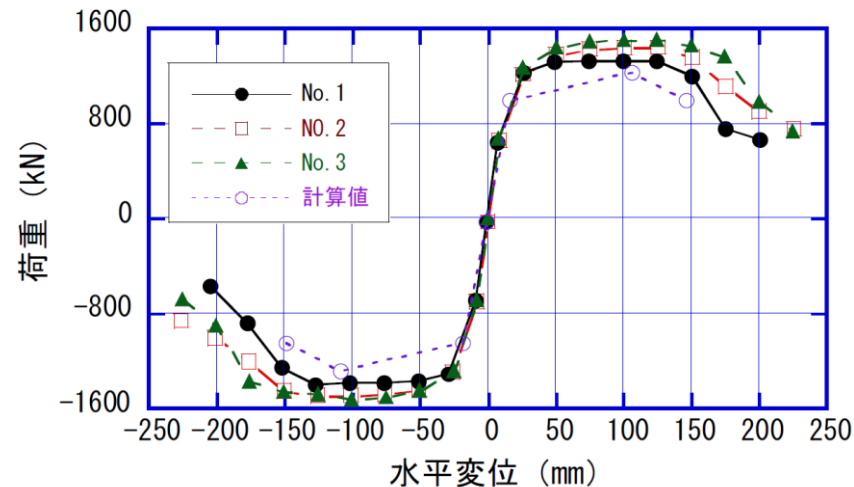


column/column
gap sealing



Grout splices - column mock-up test example

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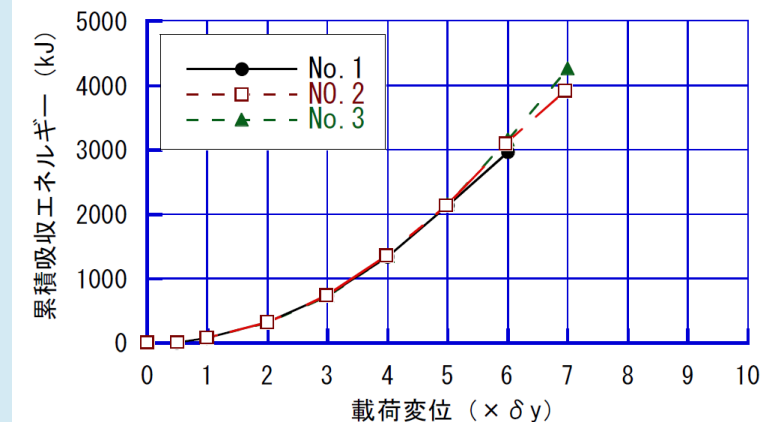


envelop curve of the load/displacement curves
the line connecting the white cycles show the calculated line

no significant difference between the 4 lines

Accumulated absorbed energy

no significant differences



Mock-up test result example (column-foundation connection)

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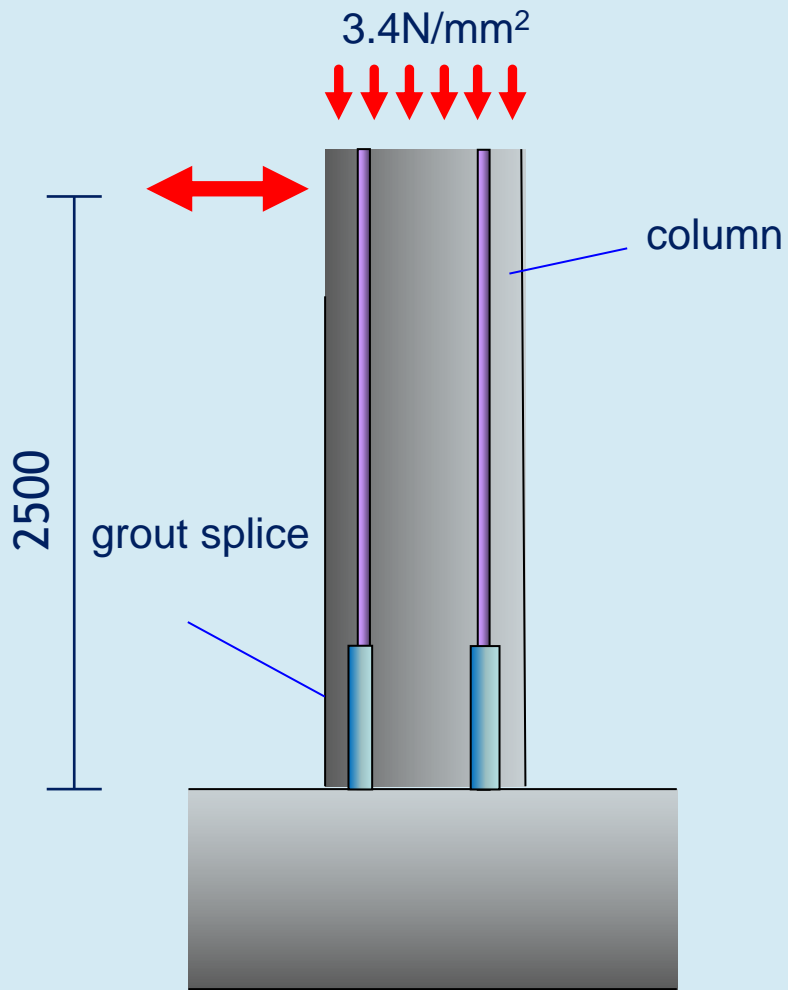
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Viaduct for railways
Frame structure

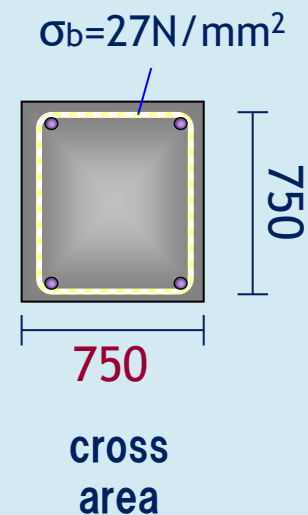
Comparison between PIP
and PCa + grout splices

Mock-up test result example 1 (column-foundation connection)

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Column vertical
reinforcement ratio 4.568%
Rebar size D29



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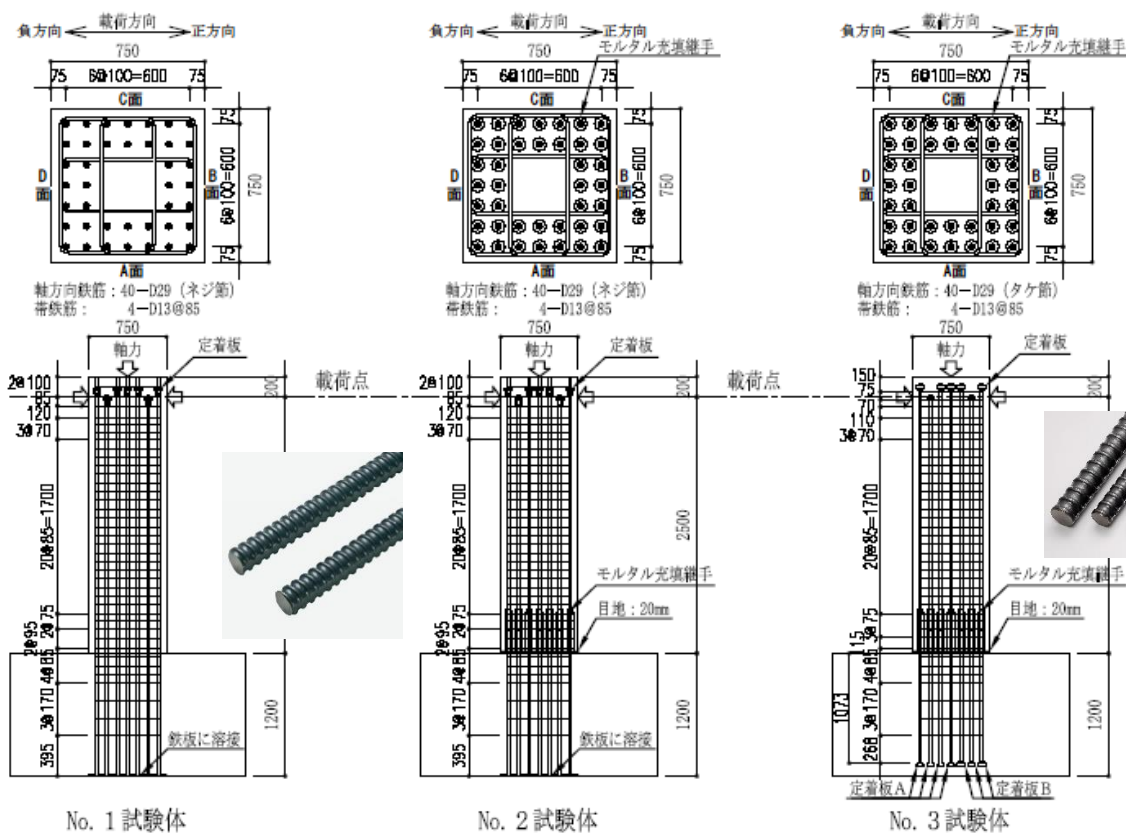


図-1 試験体形状寸法 (単位: mm)

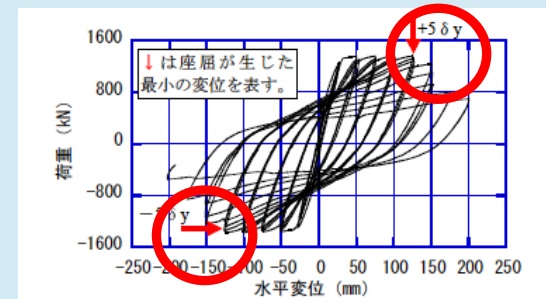


図-6 荷重-変位履歴曲線 (No. 1)

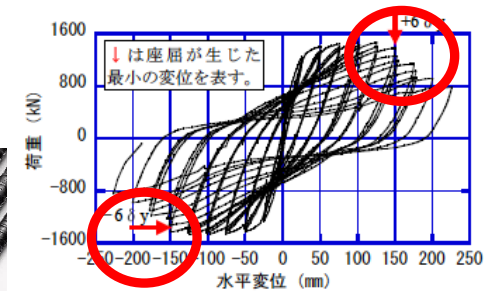


図-7 荷重-変位履歴曲線 (No. 2)

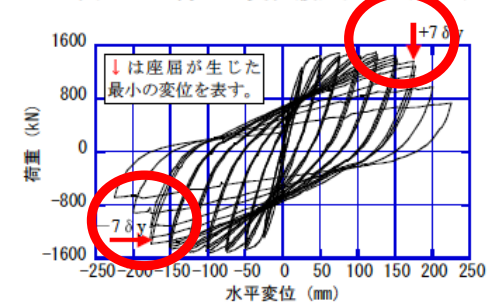


図-8 荷重-変位履歴曲線 (No. 3)

Comparison between a CIP column and PCa column connected to the footing with grout splices