# **Contribution of Floor Slabs to Steel Building Behaviour**

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## Background

- Started this year
- Improvements
  - Replaceable Link
  - Strains near stiffener
  - Self-centring
- Similar configuration
- Slab applicable to all systems







#### **Honours Research**



- Ten storey model, two slab conditions
- Bi-directional springs for slabs
- Yield line theory used to quantify slab resistance







#### **Honours Results**





- Improved performance
- Self-centring
- Slightly increased forces in secondary elements
- Design benefits from being free to select link and collector separately
- Further research prompted

Figure 11 - La Union Residual Floor Displacements





#### Literature

Ricles & Popov 1989



FIG. 8. Damaged Floor Slab above Link

#### Okazaki et al. 2005 PL 10 mm 247 mm Section A-A for Specimen 4A (4A-RLP) Okazaki et al. 2005 38 mm PL 10 mm B0 mm 6 mm Comm Section A-A for Specimen 4C (4C-RLP)

#### Stratan, Ioan & Dubina 2012



Dusicka, Itani & Buckle 2010







#### Present Work: Model Concepts

- Conventional, bolted, contact stiffeners
- Strip and 3D slab
- Present technology
- Complicated, theory is sparse.

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#### **Present Work: Model 1A**





- As built now
- Each step requires careful knowledge of theory
- Detailed only in regions of interest





#### **Present Work: HERA**

- Bolted link proof of concept
- Strains concentrate near stiffener
- Final shear stud placement





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### Future Aims: Experimental Work

- Link and slab experiments to validate models
- Portland, Oregon for
  - Expertise
  - Testing Facilities
  - Local Conferences
- Linked Column Frame (Dusicka 2009)







#### Future Aims: Write Up

- Findings in a useful format
- Make it easy for practicing Engineers
- Generalise the slab contribution part to other systems, so that researchers can take advantage of it.





#### **Thank You**





#### **Questions?**



