

# WHO IS SIKA FIBERMESH

# OUR BUSINESS IS BUILDING SOLUTIONS

## MORE THAN 100 YEARS OF EXPERTISE

Our reputation for **quality** and **reliability** is illustrated through a comprehensive portfolio of technologies and solutions. Whether we are **waterproofing** your basement or your roof, **sealing** your skyscraper or your car, or **solving problems** with you on your house or your multi-story building, you will see why we are renowned for **Building Trust**.

### SIKA AT A GLANCE

24,000+	EMPLOYEES
100+	COUNTRIES
300+	PLANTS WORLDWIDE
7	NEW PLANTS IN 2019
93	NEW PATENTS IN 2019
5	ACQUISITIONS IN 2019
\$8.109 BN	NET SALES IN 2019





## OUR SUSTAINABILITY COMMITMENT

BUILDING TRUST



# SUSTAINABLE STRATEGY

**TARGET 2023**  
All new product developments with "Sustainable Solutions".

**SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS**

We are leading the industry by pioneering a comprehensive portfolio of customer focused solutions, combining both higher performance and improved sustainability.



**CLIMATE PERFORMANCE**

We run our business in a responsible way and mitigate climate change and its impacts.



**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

We build trust and create value – with customers, communities, and with society.



**TARGET 2023**  
15% reduction of CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions per ton sold.

**TARGET 2023**  
10,000 working days of volunteering work  
50% more projects  
50% more direct beneficiaries

**MORE VALUE**

**LESS IMPACT**

**TARGET 2023**  
15% less energy consumption per ton sold  
50% renewable electricity rate

**ENERGY**

We manage resources and costs carefully.



**WASTE / WATER**

We increase material and water efficiency.



**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY**

Sika employees leave the workplace healthy.



**TARGET 2023**  
50% less accidents  
0 fatalities

**TARGET 2023**  
15% less waste generation per ton sold  
25% higher recycling rate of total waste  
15% less water consumption per ton sold

# A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH

CONCRETE



WATERPROOFING



ROOFING



BUILDING FINISHING



FLOORING & COATING



SEALING & BONDING



REFURBISHMENT



INDUSTRY





WHEN AN ENTIRE  
VALLEY CAN RELY  
ON THE STRENGTH  
OF THE CONCRETE.

Sika develops and markets a complete range of admixtures and additives for use in concrete, cement and mortar production. These products enhance specific properties of the fresh or hardened concrete, such as workability, watertightness, durability, load-bearing capacity, or early and final strength.

Sika® ViscoCrete®  
Sikament®  
Sika® Plastiment®  
SikaPlast®  
Sika® Plastocrete®  
Sika® Sigunit®  
Sika® ViscoFlow®  
SikaRapid®  
SikaFiber®  
SikaControl®

- Ready Mix Concrete
- Infrastructure Projects
- Precast Concrete
- Dry Mortar
- Shotcrete
- Tunneling
- Mining
- Slab on Ground Solutions

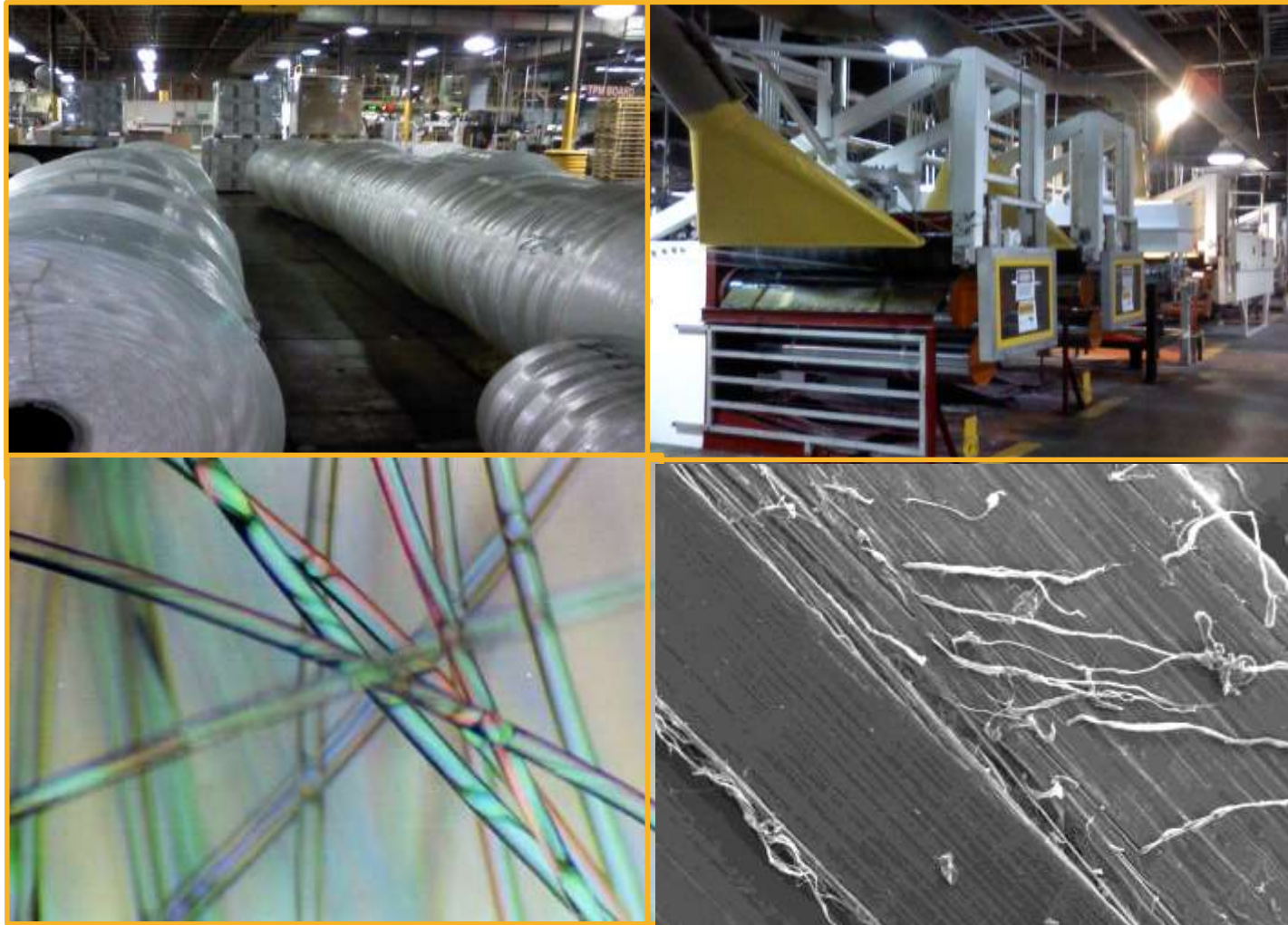
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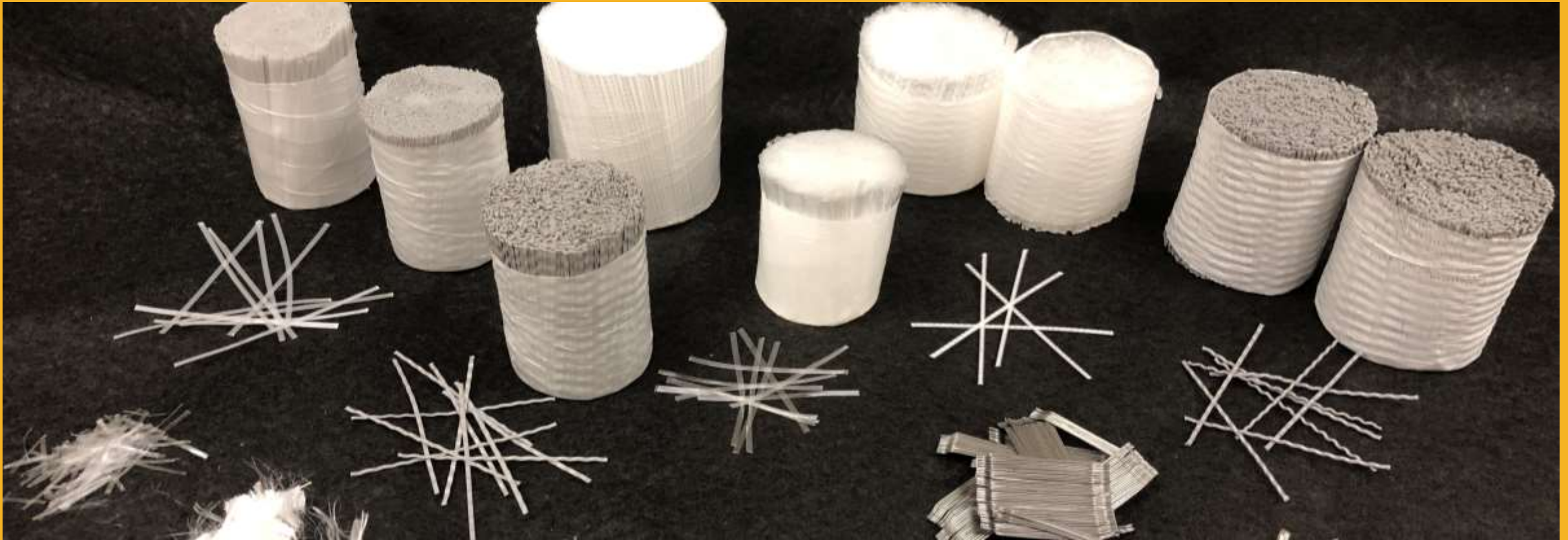
- Manufacturing Fibermesh® Since 1983 in Chattanooga, TN
- Purchased by Sika 2018
- Average tenure 12+ years
- Lean Manufacturing Practices
- Safety Behavior Based Facility
- Certified ISO Facility
- Seven Extrusion Lines
- Eight Cutting Lines

# WHO IS SIKA FIBERMESH

## Advanced Processing and Chemistry







# FIBER REINFORCED CONCRETE

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SIKA CORPORATION / SIKAFIBER

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# Sika Corporation

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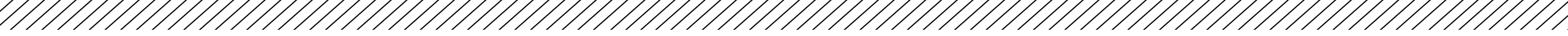
## Fiber Reinforced Concrete

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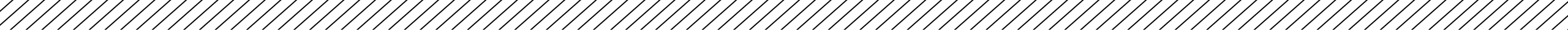
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# Course Description

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Further your knowledge of fiber reinforced concrete by understanding the differences and applications for micro and macro fibers usage. Learn about the different fiber types in each category in relationship to fiber performance. Gain knowledge on fiber applications including; slab on ground, composite metal deck, overlays, precast and explosive spalling of concrete.

# Course / Learning Objectives

- Understand what are Micro fibers and applications
- Understand what are Macro fibers (steel, synthetic and blends)
- Explore the aspects of Macro fibers that determine performance
- Recognize typical applications for fiber reinforced concrete

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# HISTORY



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4500 years ago: Sun baked bricks in Mesopotamia used rice husk or straw



1847 French engineer Joseph Lambot used continuous reinforcement

1968 Micro Synthetic fiber used in shotcrete

1990 Macro Synthetic fiber



San Francisco de Assisi Mission Church, constructed of adobe 1772



Asbestos fibers for concrete in 1900

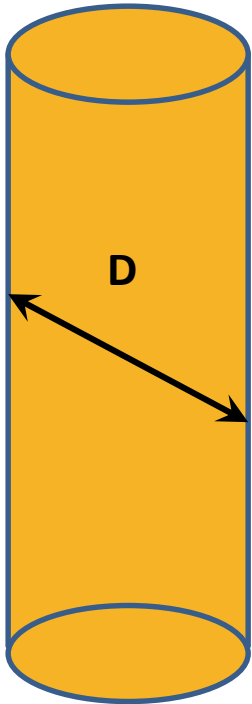
1971 first steel fiber project in North America



1973 first steel fiber shotcrete – Ririe Dam



# HISTORY



**MICRO FIBERS:** diameter or equivalent diameters less than 0.012 in (0.3mm)

**MACRO FIBERS:** diameter or equivalent diameters greater than or equal to 0.012 in

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**MICRO**



# MICRO FIBERS

## Short Term

- Plastic Shrinkage
- Settlement
- Reduce Bleed Water
- Create Uniform Bleed

## Long Term

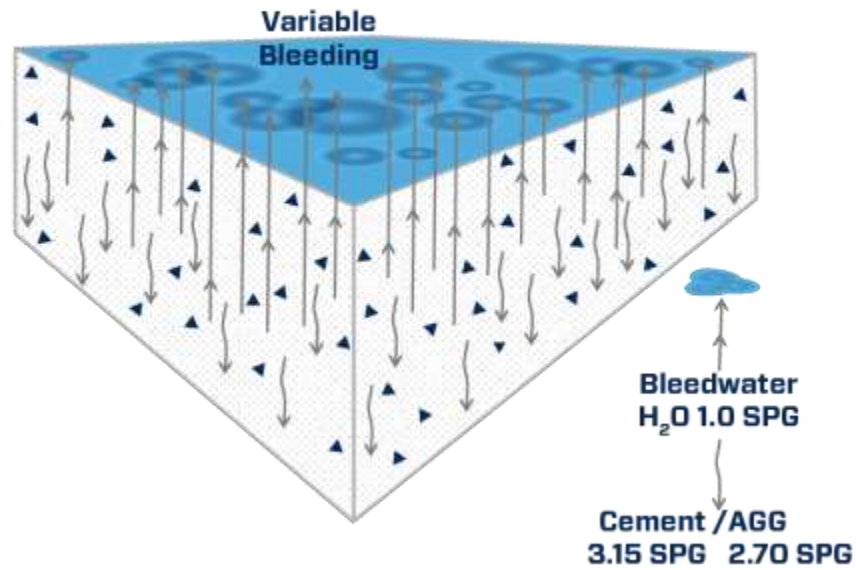
- Reduce Permeability
- Impact
- Abrasion
- Shatter Resistance
- Explosive Spalling

## Applications for Micro Fibers

- Everyday concrete
- Sidewalks
- Driveways
- Tunnel segments
- Outdoor placements

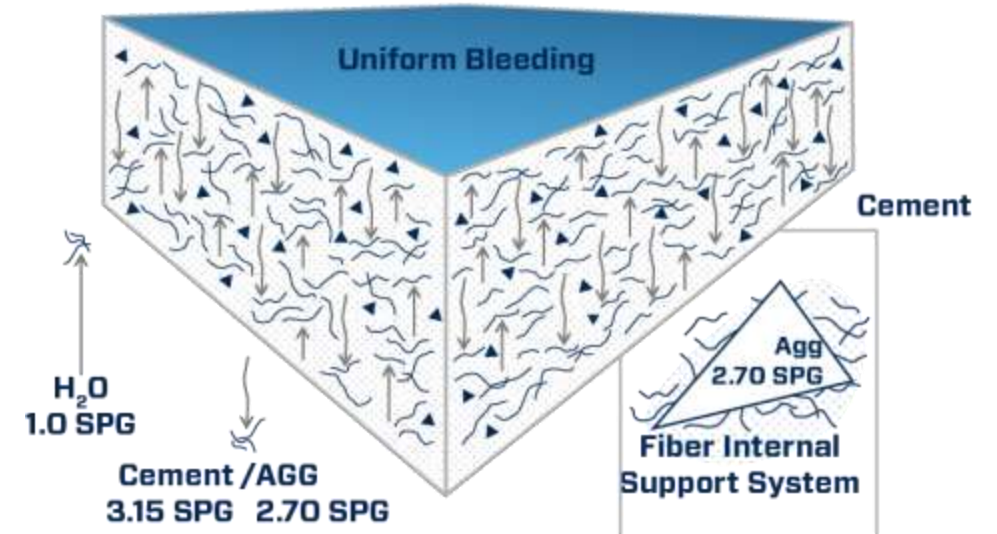
# MICRO FIBERS

## Plain Concrete



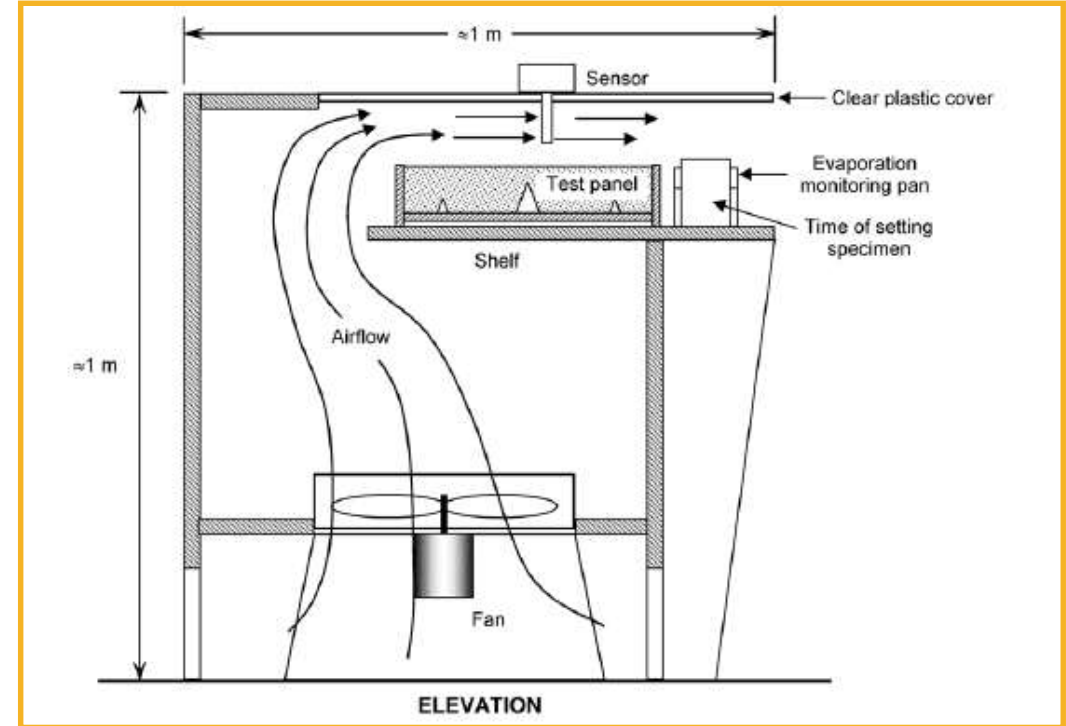
## Fibrous Concrete

### Synthetic Fiber Internal Support System



Uniform Bleeding & Internal Support

# MICRO FIBERS



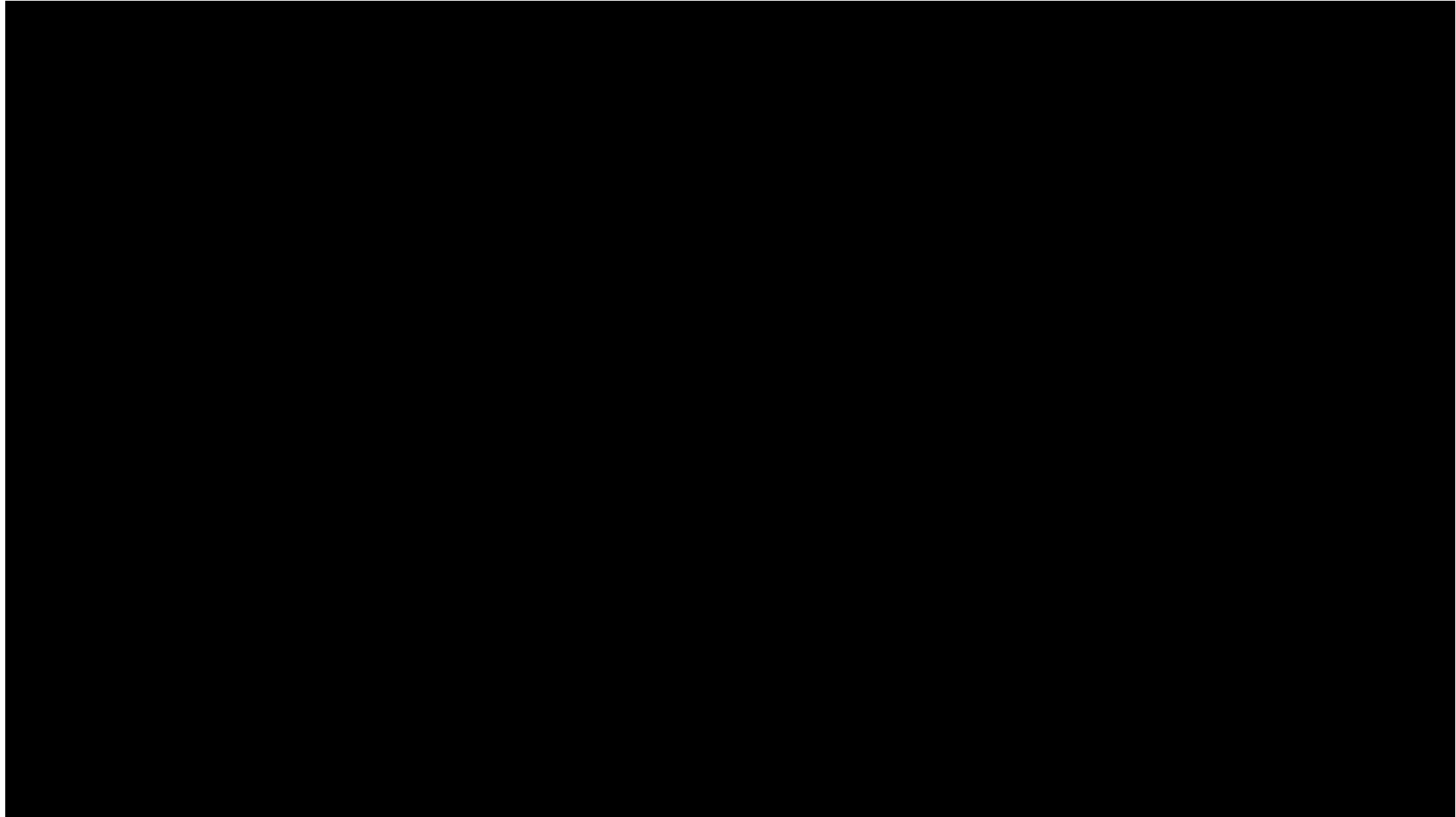
ASTM C1579 - Standard Test Method for Evaluating Plastic Shrinkage Cracking of Restrained Fiber Reinforced concrete

# MICRO FIBERS



Explosive Spalling

# MICRO FIBERS



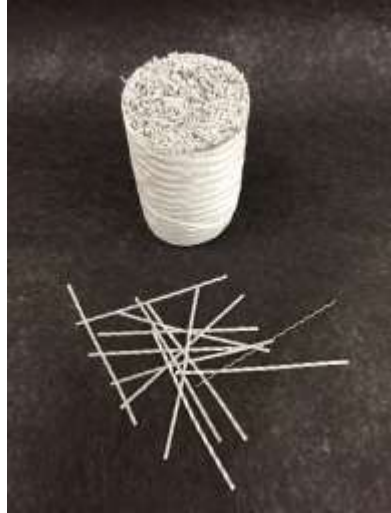
Explosive Spalling

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# MACRO - PERFORMANCE



# MACRO FIBERS - PERFORMANCE



Macro Synthetic



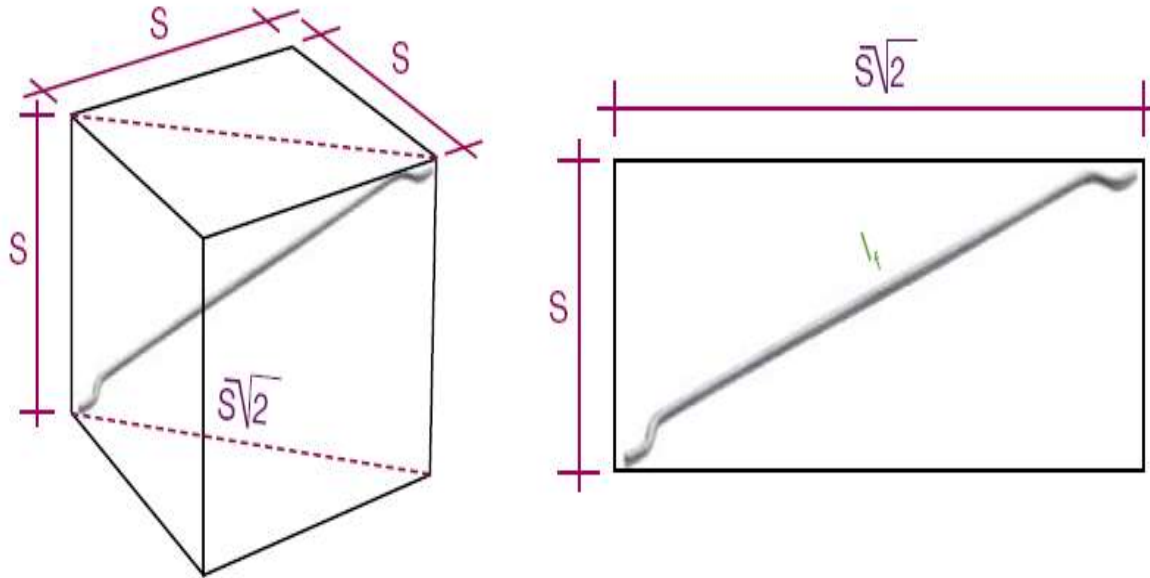
Steel



Blend

- Steel with Micro
- Synthetic with Micro

# MACRO FIBERS - PERFORMANCE



## McKee Spacing Theory:

- In one unit volume of concrete there are a number of cubes with a dimension of  $S$  which is equal to the number of fibers in total volume.
- Fibers are random throughout the mix (not placed into location)
- If the size of the cube is reduced to be smaller than the volume containing one fiber, overlap is provided.

# MACRO FIBERS - PERFORMANCE

McKee Spacing Theory:

$$S = \sqrt[3]{\frac{\pi d^2 L}{4\sigma}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad D = \frac{VM_v}{(O_f L)^3}$$

Volume of one Fiber (V) =  $\pi d^2 L / 4$

Where d = Diameter

L = Length

Fiber Volume Fraction ( $\sigma$ ) = Dosage (D) / Mass per Volume ( $M_v$ )

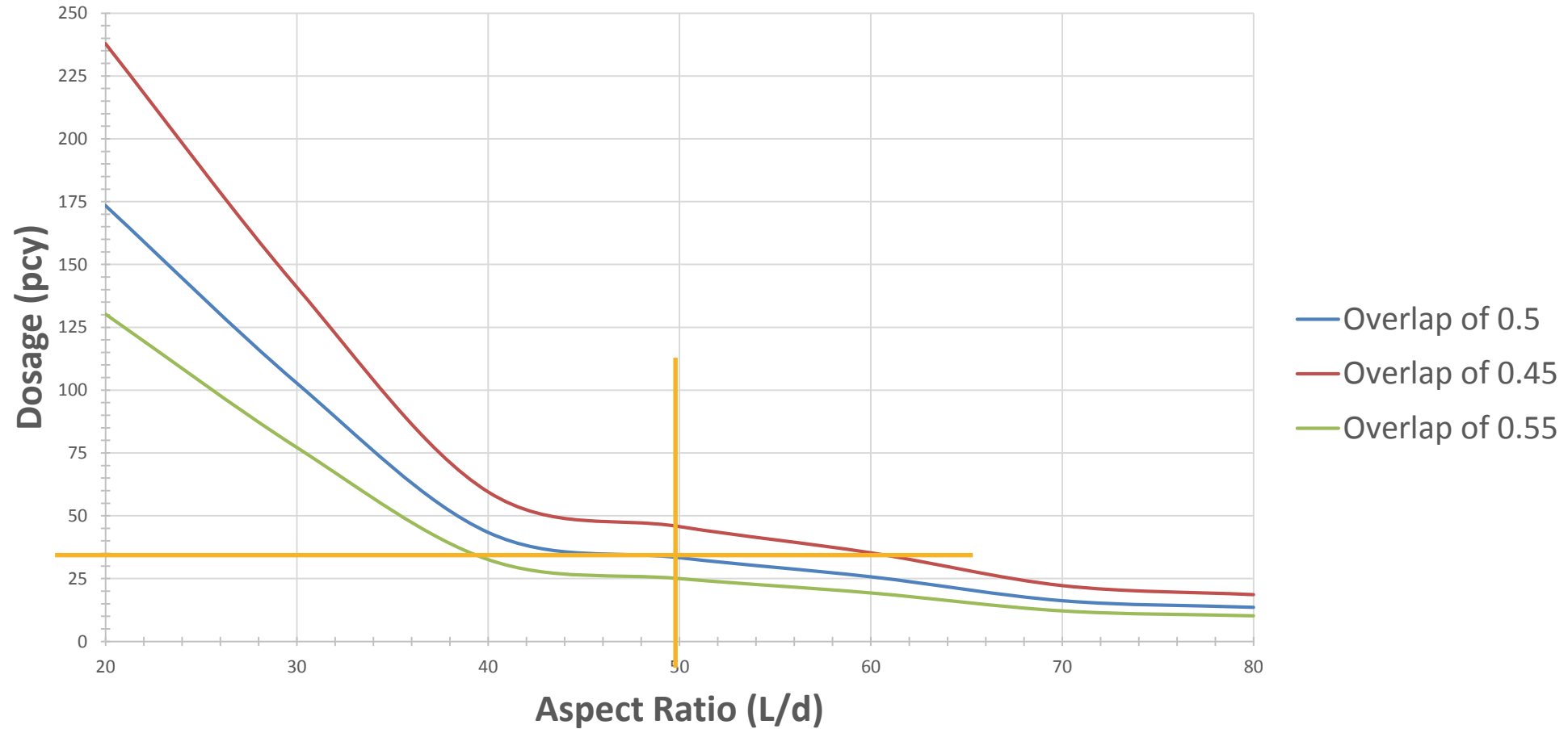
Spacing (S) = Overlap factor ( $O_f$ ) \* L

Should never be 1 since fibers are random. Typical factor 0.45

# MACRO FIBERS - PERFORMANCE

McKee Spacing Theory:

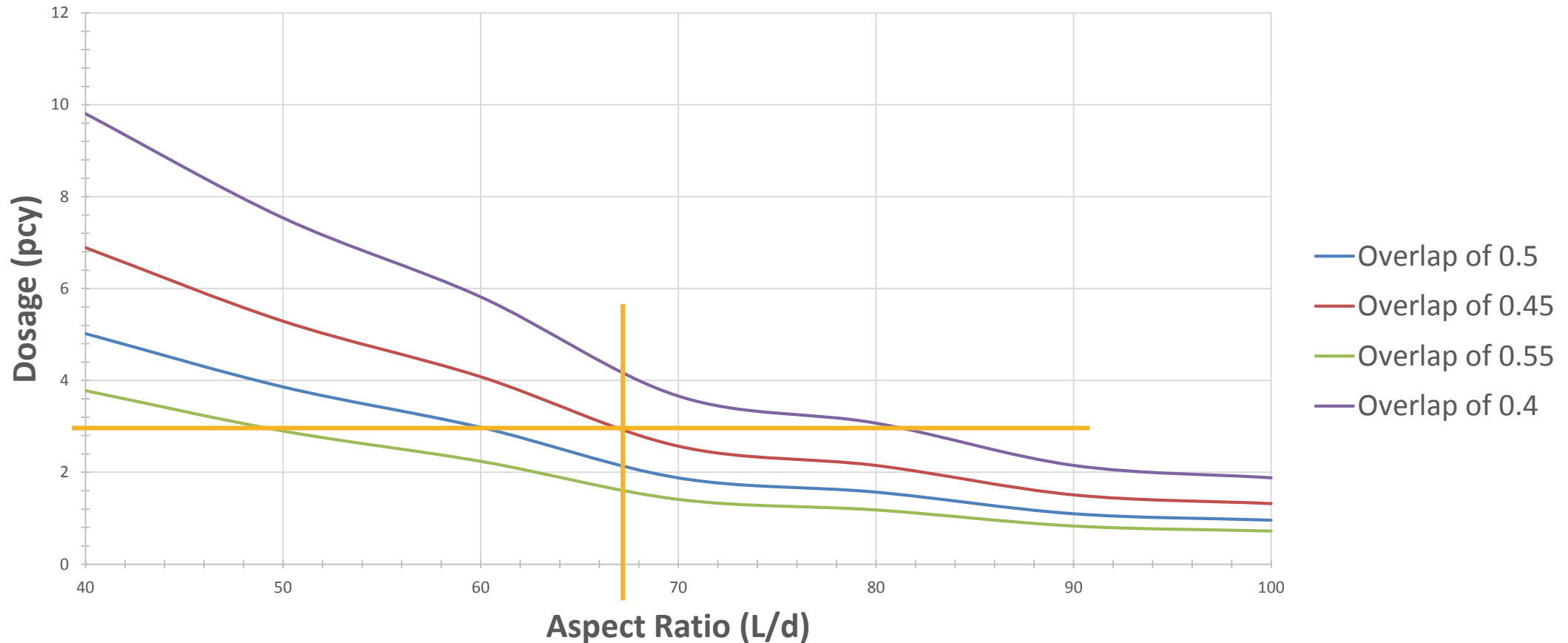
## Minimum Dosage Steel Fiber Based on Aspect Ratio



# MACRO FIBERS - PERFORMANCE

McKee Spacing Theory:

Minimum Dosage Synthetic Fiber based on Aspect Ratio

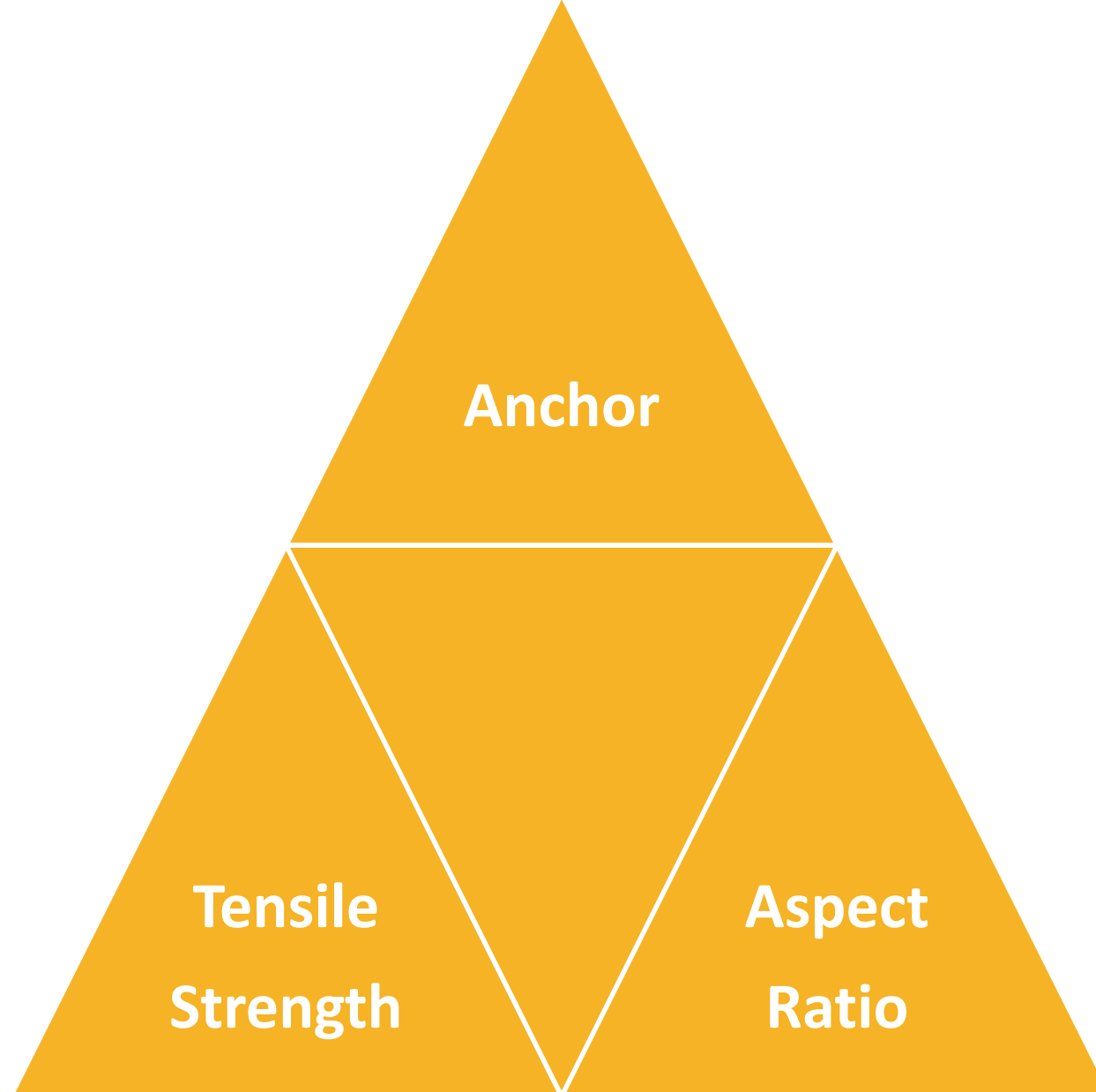


# MACRO FIBERS - PERFORMANCE

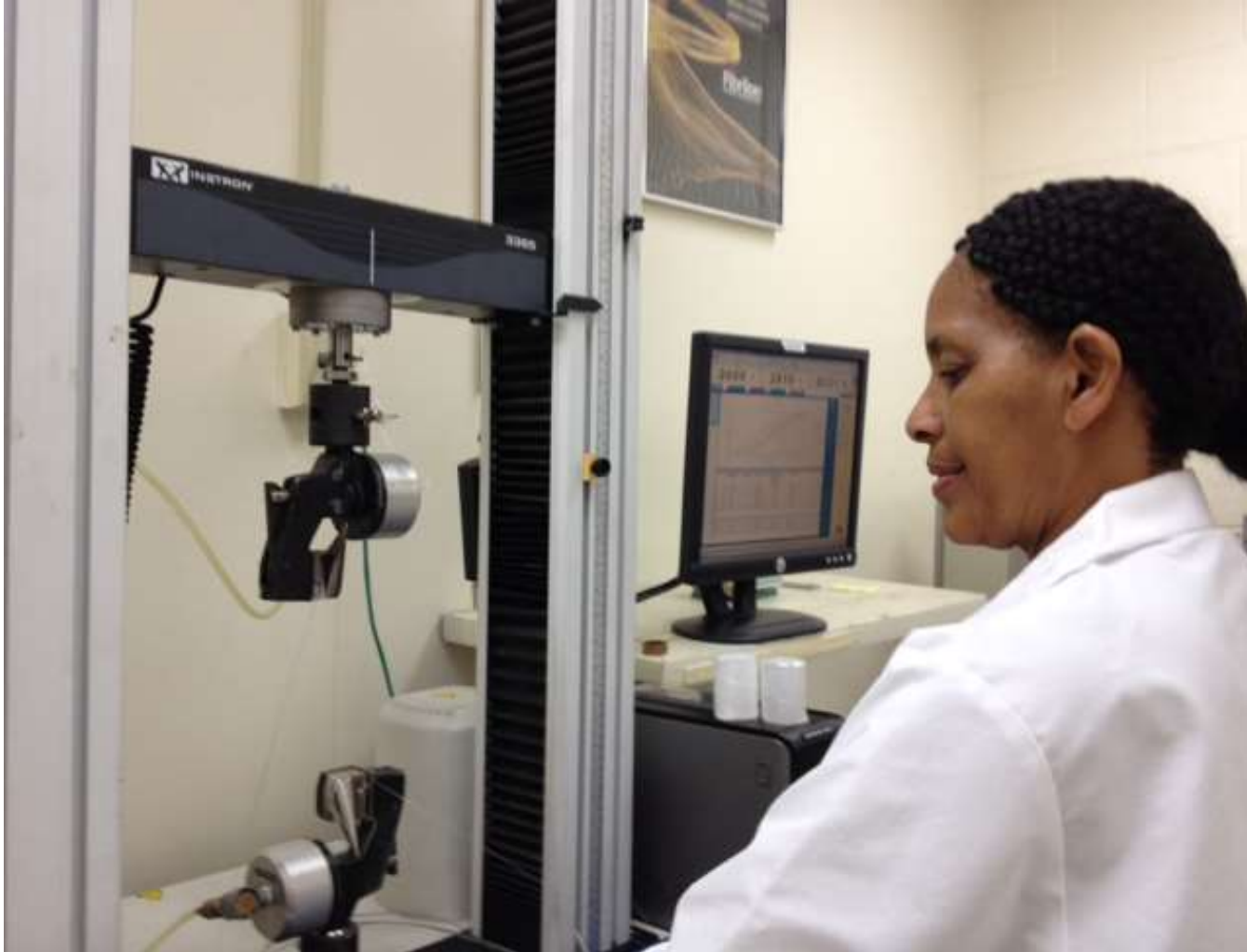


Is there a difference? Aren't they all the same?

# MACRO FIBERS - PERFORMANCE



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## TENSILE STRENGTH

Higher the tensile strength  
the better the reinforcing



# MACRO FIBERS - PERFORMANCE



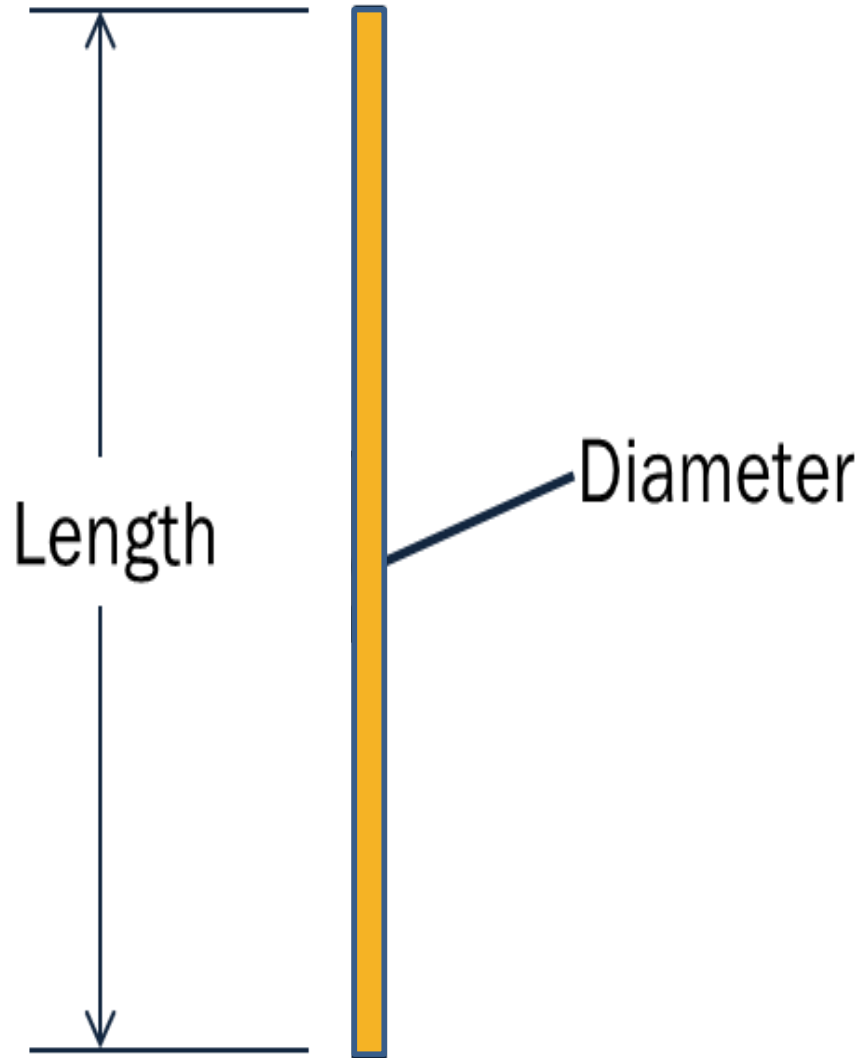
## ANCHORAGE TYPES

- Hooked end
- Crimped
- Embossing
- Fibrillation

## CONTROLLED PULL-OUT

- Due to deformation of the crack
- Controlled crack
- Ductility

# MACRO FIBERS - PERFORMANCE



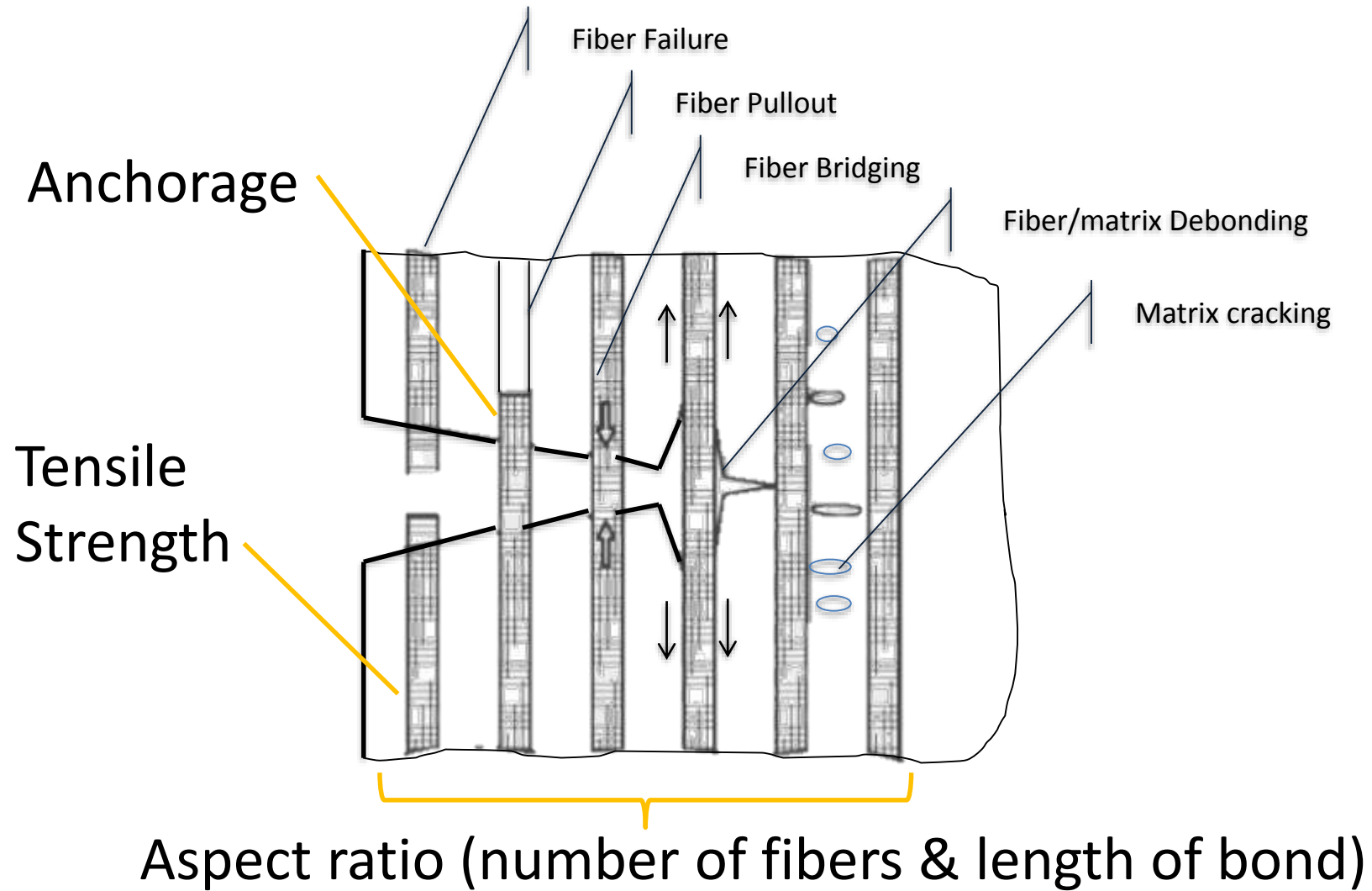
## ASPECT RATIO

The length/diameter.

The higher the Aspect Ratio the better the performing the fiber:

- Better embedment
- More fibers per pound

# MACRO FIBERS - PERFORMANCE



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# MACRO – PERFORMANCE TESTING



# MACRO FIBER – PERFORMANCE TESTING

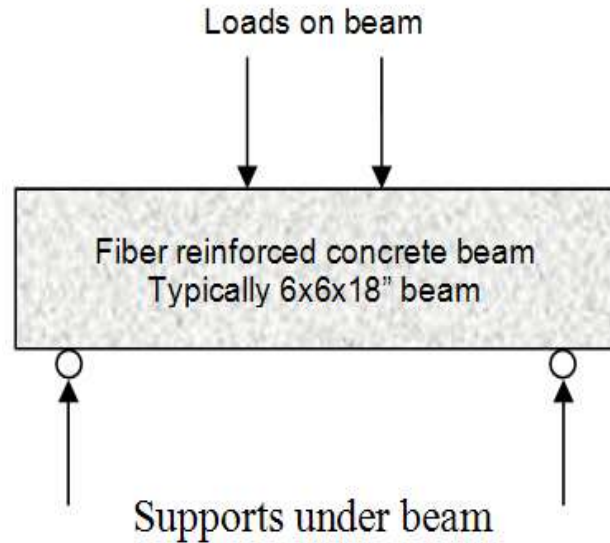


## BEAM TESTS

- Used in calculations
- ASTM C1609 – Flexural Performance of Fiber-Reinforced Concrete
- ASTM C1399 - Obtaining Average Residual –Strength of Fiber-Reinforced Concrete

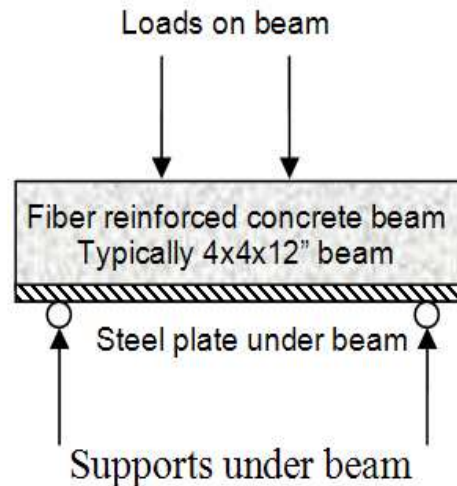
THIRD PARTY LAB

# MACRO FIBER – PERFORMANCE TESTING



## ASTM C1609

- Three dimensional orientation of fibers due to beam size
- Fiber reinforced beam and load
- More conservative results.
- ACI and More industry standards utilizing this standard

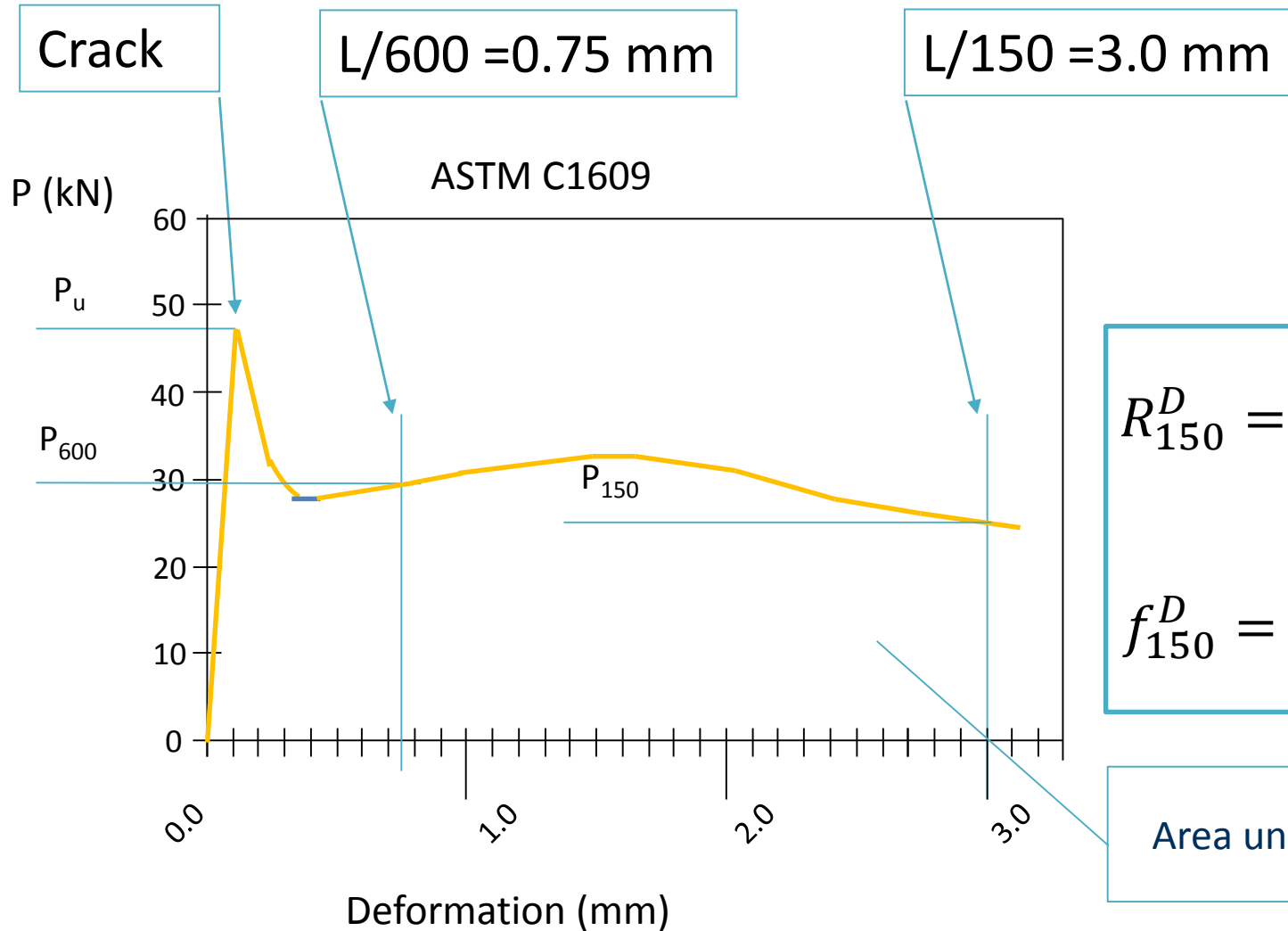


## ASTM C1399

- Smaller beam size can lead to favorable fiber orientation
- Steel plate under the beam until after first crack
- Energy release of crack absorbed by steel plate
- 10 to 20% higher results than ASTM C1609
- Higher Standard Deviation

# MACRO FIBER – PERFORMANCE TESTING

Performance testing done at variety of dosage and results used in calculation



$$R_{150}^D = R_{e3} = \frac{150T_{150}^D}{f_1bd^2} \times 100\% = \%$$

$$f_{150}^D = f_{e3} = \frac{150T_{150}^D}{bd^2} \times 100\% = \text{PSI}$$

Area under the curve is  $T_{150}^D$

# MACRO FIBER – PERFORMANCE TESTING

**ICC**  
(International  
Code Council)

**AC383 –**  
Acceptance  
Criteria for  
Synthetic Macro  
Fibers for Use in  
Concrete

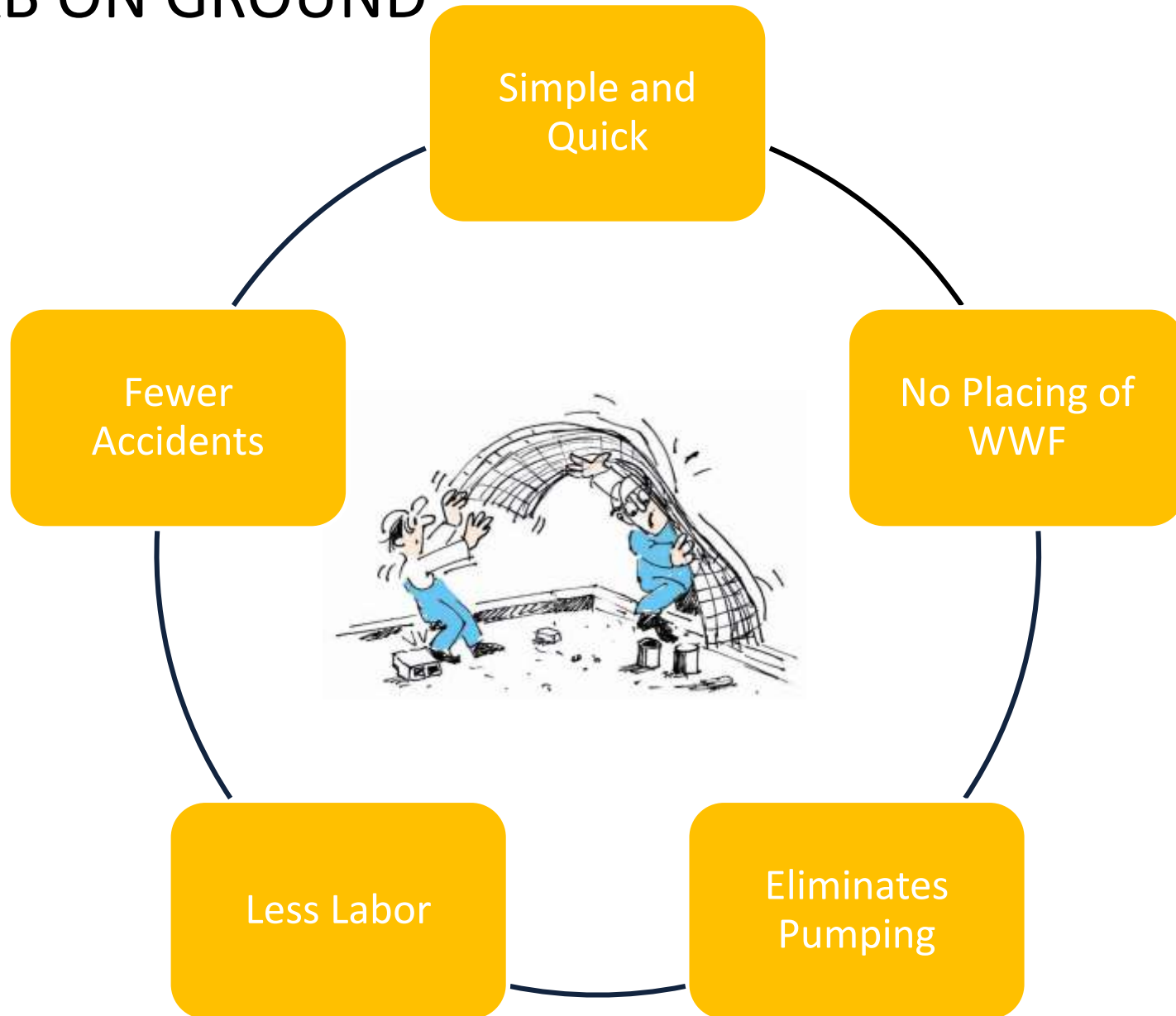
**ESR –**  
Engineering  
Service Report  
for each fiber



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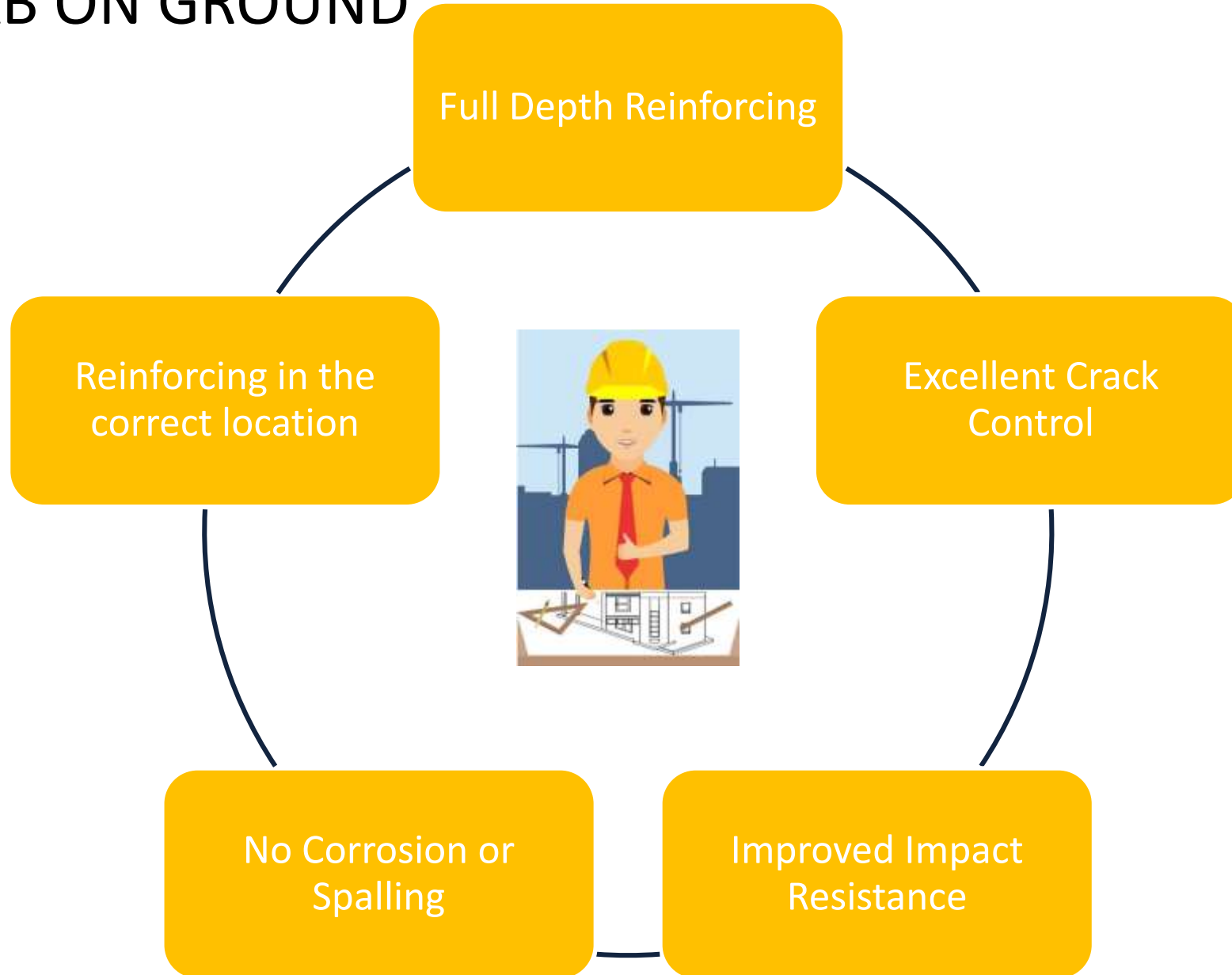
# **MACRO – APPLICATION SLAB ON GROUND**

# SLAB ON GROUND



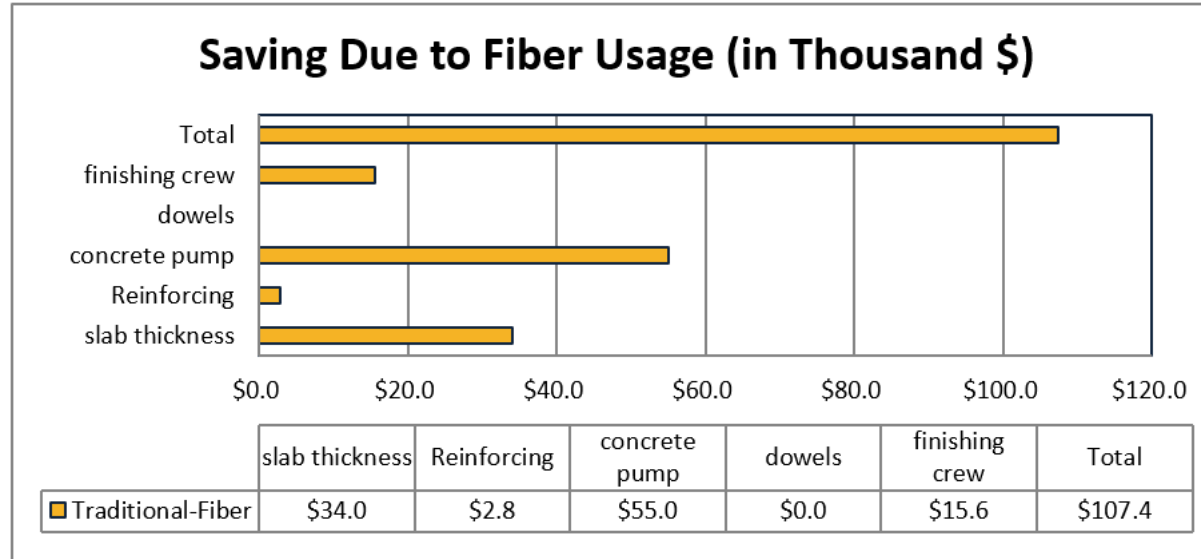
## WHY USE MACRO FIBERS – CONSTRUCTION

# SLAB ON GROUND



WHY MACRO FIBERS  
- TECHNICAL

# SLAB ON GROUND



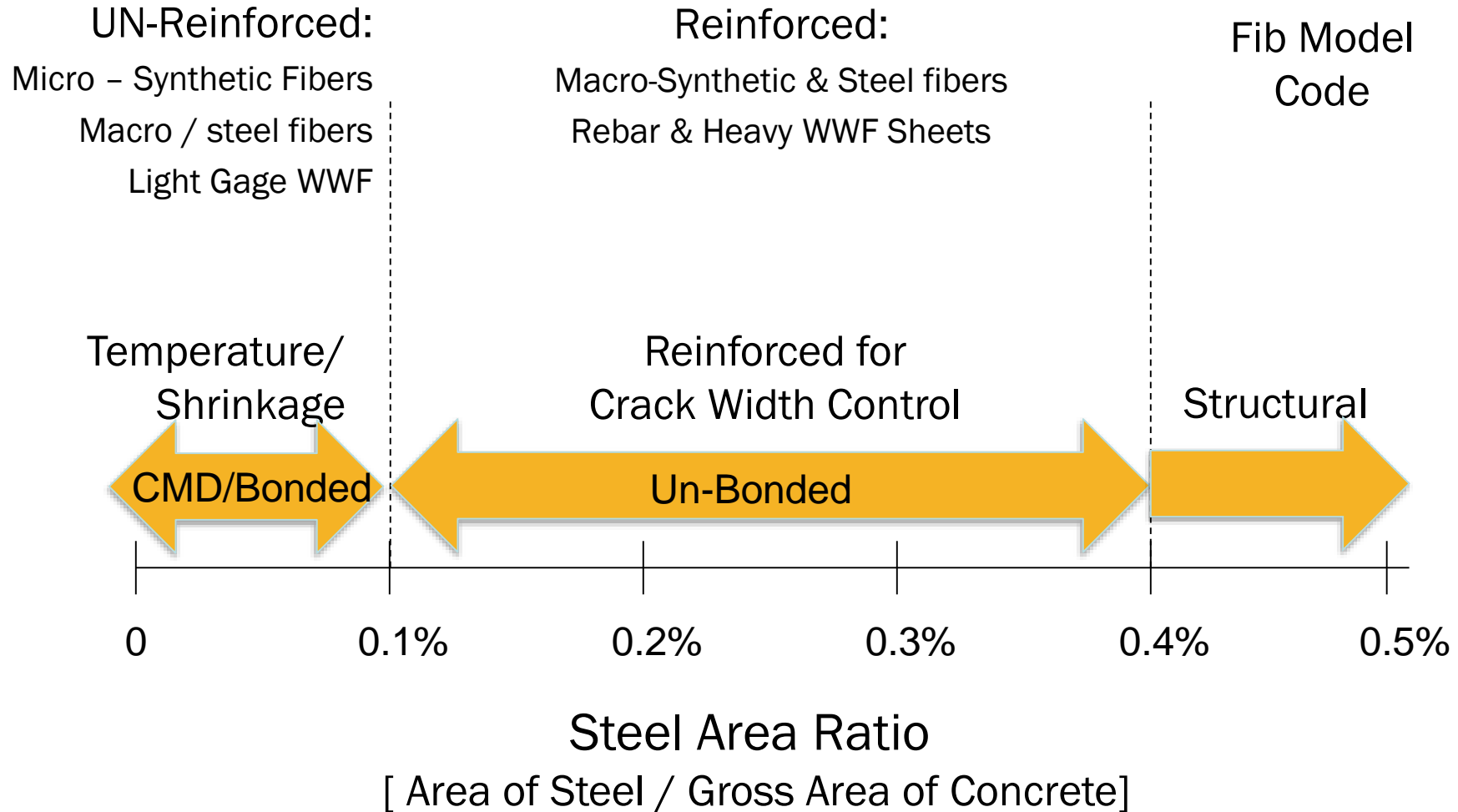
**A percent cost savings of 27.7%**

Traditional Reinforcing Costs			
concrete	110	\$/cy	\$ 203,720
plasticizer	1	\$/cy	\$ 1,852
steel	800	\$/ton	\$ 17,248
Chairs & spacers	0.23	\$/ea @ 3.0 sq ft	\$ 7,667
steel installation	250	\$/ton	\$ 5,390
concrete pump	5000	\$/day	\$ 55,000
dowels	3.18	\$/ft	\$ 40,386
finishing crew	5200	\$/day	\$ 57,200
			<b>\$ 388,463</b>

Fiber Reinforced Concrete Cost			
concrete	110	\$/cy	\$ 169,730
plasticizer	1	\$/cy	\$ 1,543
Fibers	6	\$/lb	\$ 27,774
concrete pump	0	\$/day	\$ -
dowels	3.18	\$/ft	\$ 40,386
finishing crew	5200	\$/day	\$ 41,600
			<b>\$ 281,033</b>

# SLAB ON GROUND

## Concrete Reinforcement Spectrum Slabs



# SLAB ON GROUND

## ACI 360 – CALCULATIONS (11.3.3)

Formulate  
Equivalency

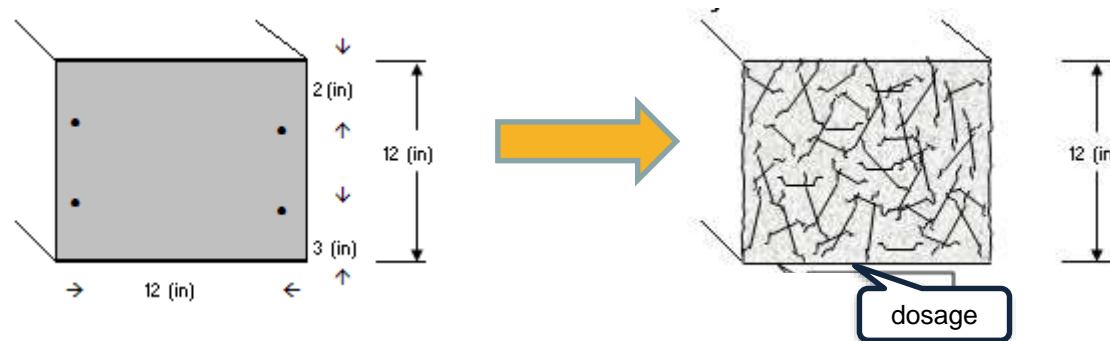
- PCA Method – Unreinforced concrete method
- WRI Method – From computer model
- COE Method – Design charts
- Elastic Method
- NonLinear Finite Element – Using springs

Load Based

- Yield Line – Calculations from Lösberg and Meyerhof
- Combined FRC & bar reinforcement

# SLAB ON GROUND

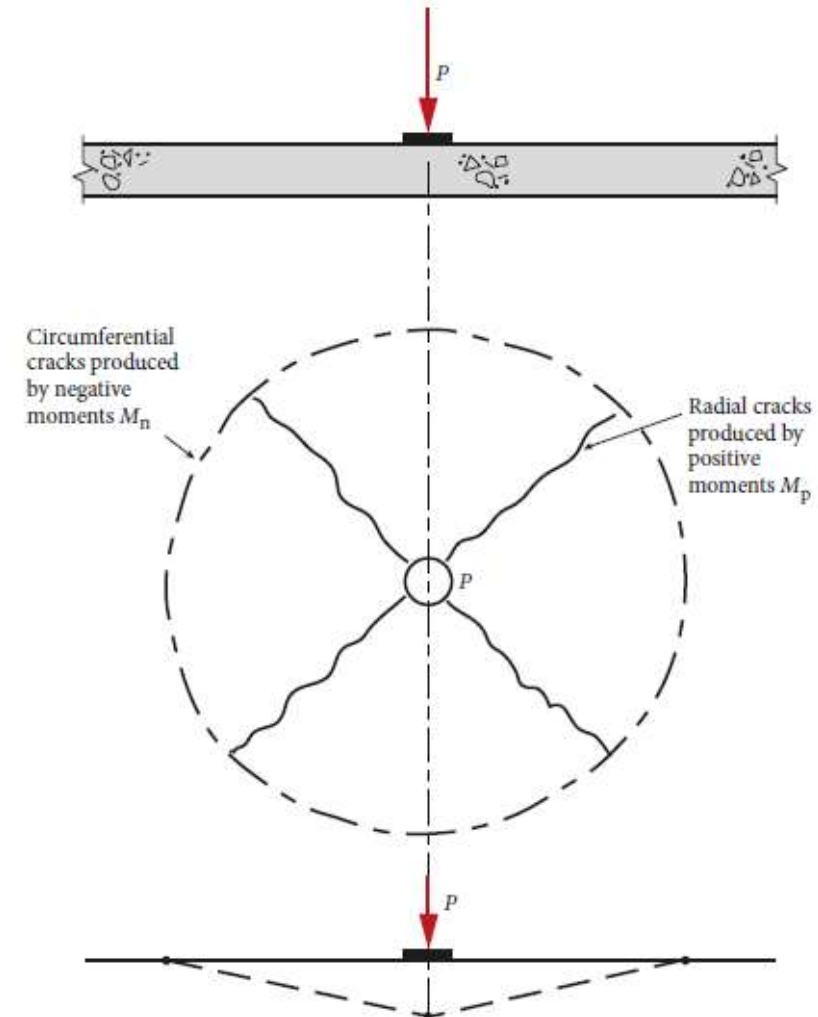
Equivalent Moment Capacity or Equivalent Shrinkage



The 3 items needed

1. slab/shotcrete thickness,
2. concrete/shotcrete psi
3. size/spacing of the steel – including the number of layers

# SLAB ON GROUND

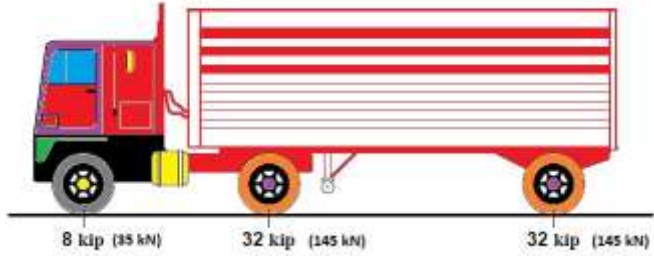


## YIELD LINE

- Ultimate Limit State Calculation
- Determines where the slab will crack (Yield)
- Applies safety factors to ensure the slab does not crack
- Slab on ground online programs are available



# SLAB ON GROUND



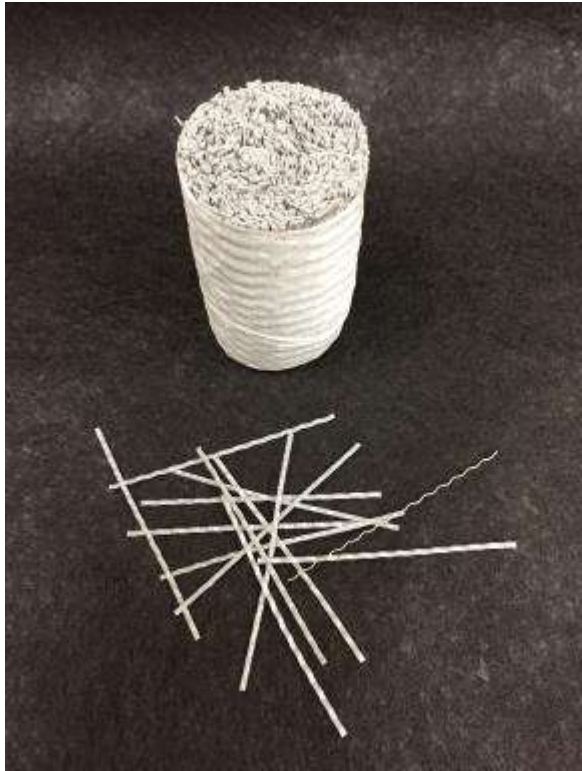
# SLAB ON GROUND



## STEEL FIBERS

- Collated for easy batching
- Fibers should not be first item in mix
- Ribbon feed steel fibers into mix
- Mixing time 5 min. or 70 revolutions

# SLAB ON GROUND



## SYNTHETIC MACRO FIBERS

- Pucked for easy batching
- Do not remove from bags
- Mix sequence
  - Dry mix (Ready Mix Truck) - Fibers should be last item in the mix
  - Central Batch – Fibers should be first to middle item in the mix
- Mixing time 5 min. or 70 revolutions

# SLAB ON GROUND



## Finishing Tips:

- Timing is Everything
- Follow ACI 302 Guide to Concrete Floor and Slab Construction
  - 10.3.9 Power Floating

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# **MACRO – APPLICATION COMPOSITE METAL DECK (CMD)**

# CMD



## TRADITIONAL CMD

- Steel to be placed in top 1/3 of slab
- Tripping hazards
- Need crane time for steel (critical path)
- Negative steel above beam is rebar

# CMD



## FIBER REINFORCED CMD

- Three dimensional reinforcing
- Can be pumped (no crane time)
- No tripping hazard
- Negative steel above beam is rebar

# CMD



AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE/ STEEL DECK INSTITUTE  
C - 2017 Standard for  
**Composite Steel Floor Deck-Slabs**

Allows for the usage of:

- Steel fibers at minimum dosage 25 pcy
- Synthetic fibers at a minimum dosage of 4 pcy



# CMD



ONLINE CERTIFICATIONS DIRECTORY

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**Fiber Reinforcement and Concrete Additives**

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**Fiber Reinforcement and Concrete Additives**

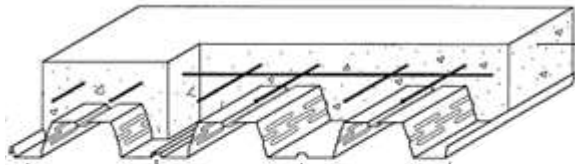
[See General Information for Fiber Reinforcement and Concrete Additives](#)

## UL FIRE TEST CERTIFICATION

type of deck and fire exposure hours is required for composite metal decks.

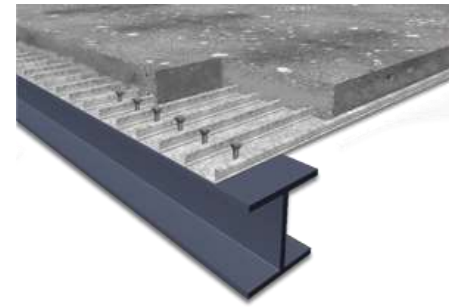


# CMD



Traditional reinforced  
concrete tensile  
restraining capacity

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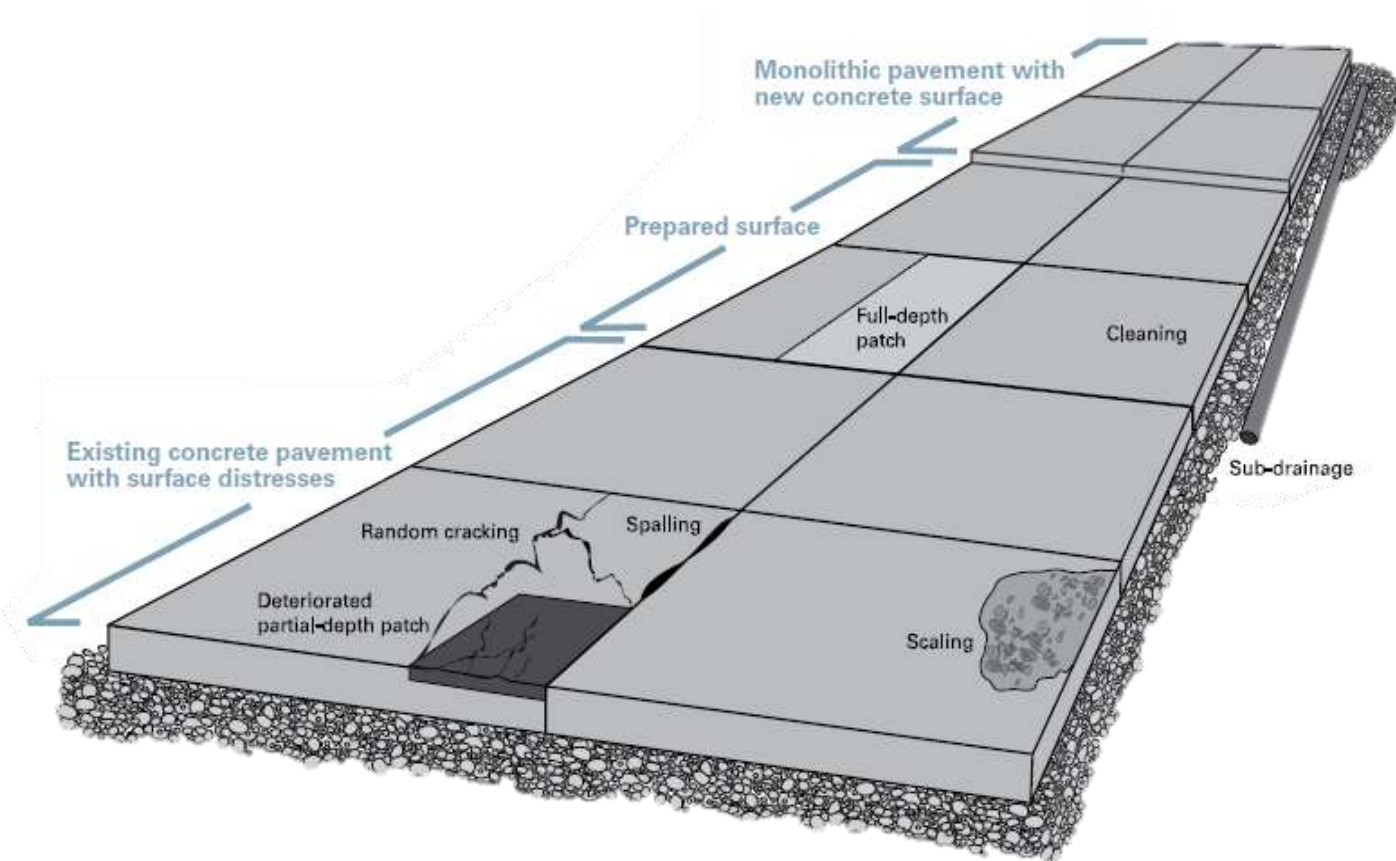
Fiber reinforced  
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restraining capacity

$$f_s \times A_s = 0.67 \times f_r \times R_{e3} \times w \times t$$

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# **MACRO – APPLICATION OVERLAYS**

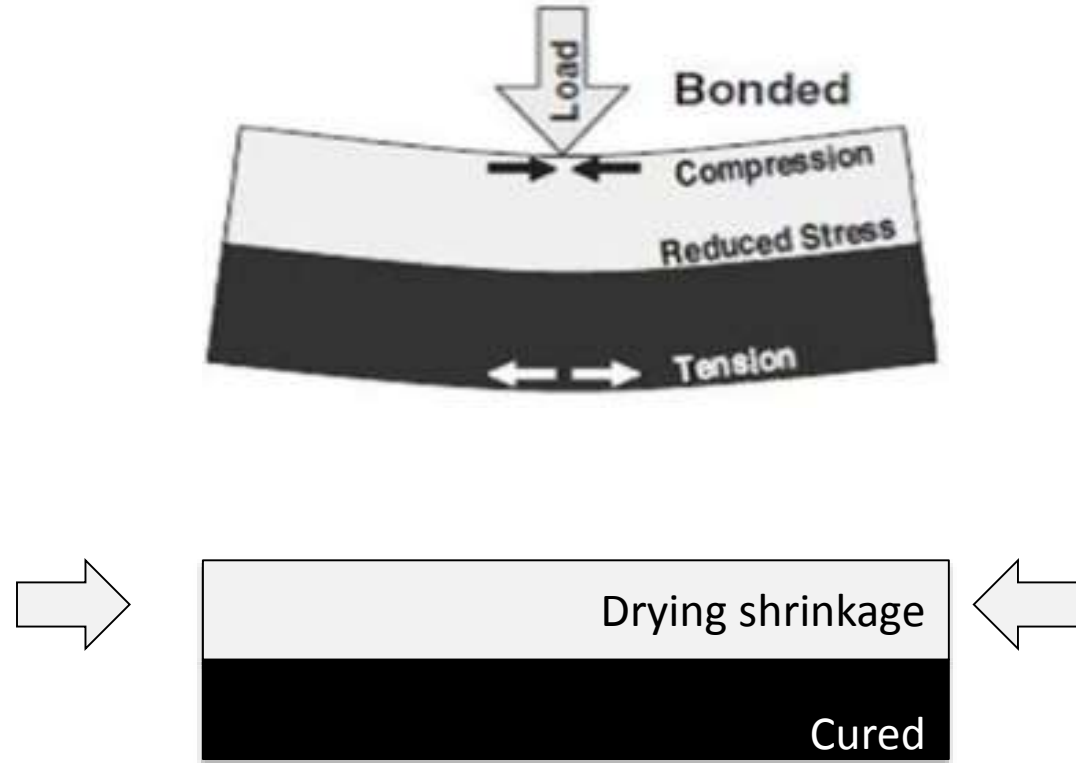
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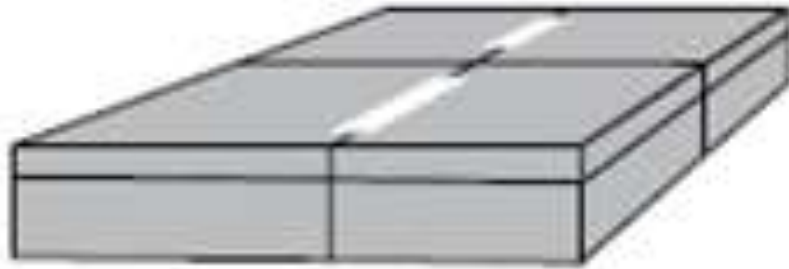
## BONDED

- Thin Layer bonded to Surface distressed slab / pavement below
- Typically, 1 to 3 inches in thickness
- Encounters plastic shrinkage forces Plus light flexural.

# OVERLAY - BONDED



# OVERLAY - BONDED



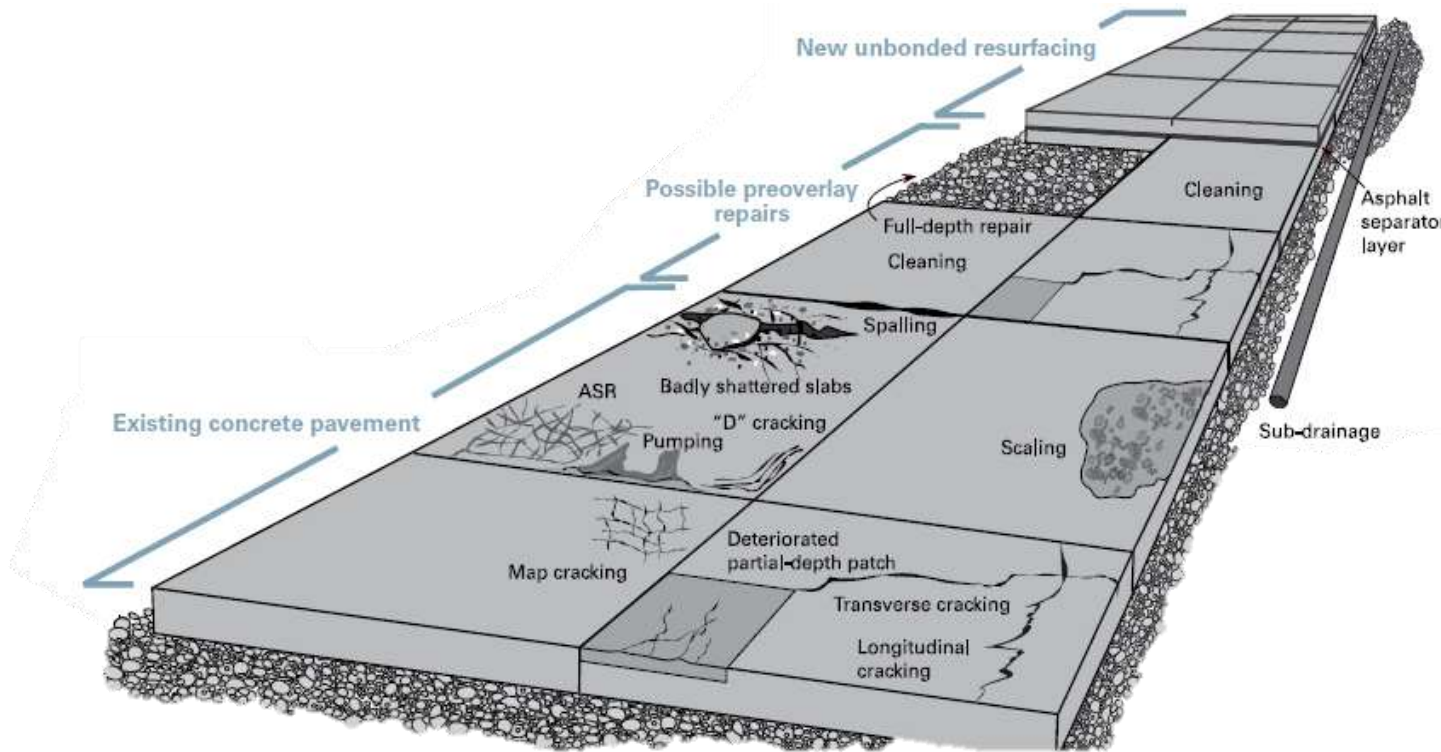
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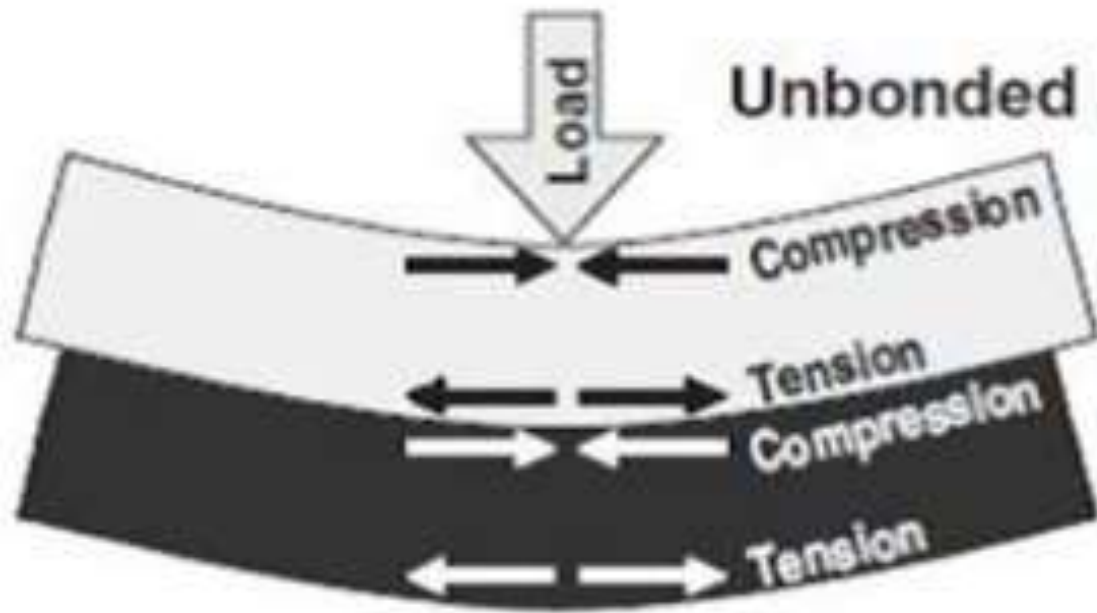
# OVERLAY - UNBONDED



## UNBONDED

- Thick Layer unbonded to Surface structurally deficient slab / pavement below
- Typically, 4 inches and up
- Encounters vertical loads
- Top slab in designed as an independent slab

# OVERLAY - UNBONDED



## SLAB CALCULATIONS

- Moment comparison
  - Thickness
  - Concrete Strength
  - Steel size and spacing
- Yield Line
  - Load Based
  - Utilize a high soil modulus (k)



# OTHER – PRECAST / TRANSPORTATION

# PRECAST



- Replacement of light gage wire mesh with Macro Fibers.
  - Creates a larger production area
  - Improved safety
  - Reduces waste
  - Save time
  - No rust marks
  - Leads to unique shapes
- Addition of Micro Fibers
  - Prevents plastic shrinkage cracks

# PRECAST



## CAGE REMOVAL ADVANTAGES

- Construction of the cage is time consuming and labor intensive
- Sufficient space and special equipment required for fabrication and storage of cages
- Positioning of the cage in the mold determines the quality of the precast product
- Remove time for cage increases productivity in the precast operation

# PRECAST



## ADVANTAGES:

- Decrease in manpower
- No increase in batch mixing time
- More durable against long term corrosion
- Spalling is minimized during construction and moving
- Cracking is common in the corners during shipping – fibers help minimize cracks

# PRECAST



## COMMON QUESTIONS

- Slump Loss? - Additional plasticizer may be required to compensate for the slump loss caused by the fibers.
- Self Compacting or Zero Slump Concrete? - Proven to be successful.
- Mixing time? Not changed from fibers in pan mixers
- Conductivity? Discrete reinforcing
- Fiber exposure? Yes along form base. Exposed fibers can be removed with a stone

# TRANSPORTATION



## TRANSPORTATION

- Tunnel Segments
- Shotcrete
- Concrete Roads
- Bridge Decks
- White toppings

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# MICRO FIBERS



## Fibermesh 150

Multifilament, plastic concrete crack reduction, excellent finish-ability



## Fibermesh 300

Fibrillated, plastic concrete crack reduction, moderate toughness

# MACRO FIBERS



**Macro**  
Fibermesh  
Enduro  
SikaFiber



**Steel**  
Novocon



**Blend**  
Novomesh



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