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Fiber reinforced concrete design

For concrete elements

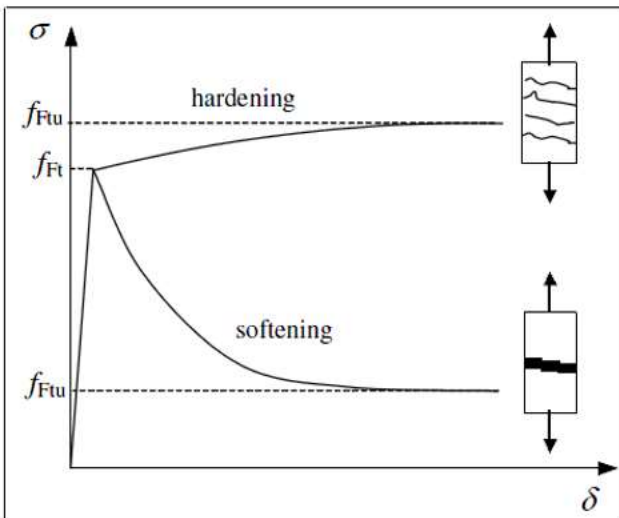
## Reference standard of the design

This design is done against NB 38 – 2019 / EN 1992-1-1-2004

## Design method

Fibre reinforced concrete (FRC) is a concrete mix containing water, cement, aggregate and discontinuous fibres of various shapes and sizes.

The behaviour of fibre reinforced concrete, varies with composition and can have a softening or hardening behaviour. Post crack hardening allows multiple cracks before failure while in post crack softening there is a reduction of strength after the first crack allowing no further cracks.



## Concept

According to FIB model code, the strength of fibres is measured as a residual flexural tensile strength.

This can be done by performing crack mouth opening displacement (CMOD) tests. A CMOD test is a deformation controlled loading test, where the crack opening is measured as a horizontal deflection. The test setup requires a beam, notched to prevent horizontal cracking, and devices for recording the applied load and the crack opening, which is referred to as CMOD.

The FIB model code proposes that it is to be done in accordance with EN 14651 (2005). The CMOD.

## Concrete specifications

This design is based on the assumptions that concrete mix follows EN 206. To increase the performance of the fibre reinforced concrete slab, ConCribе recommends to keep aggregate size below 22 mm in any case. Water cement ration should also be kept as low as possible, with maximum of 0.5. To prevent drying shrinkage, filler content

should be maximum 400 kg/m<sup>3</sup> or mix should not contain fly ash nor microsilica. Slab thickness should not be below 80 mm, in which case ConCribе's screed specifications should be used.

## Fiber reinforced concrete

Steel fibres and macro-synthetic fibres, in accordance with EN 14889 Fibres for concrete, provide post-cracking or residual moment capacity – see Section 6.3.3. For CE marking, the fibre supplier is required to declare the quantity of fibres to achieve residual (post-cracking) flexural strength  $f_R$  of 1.5 N/mm<sup>2</sup> at a crack mouth opening displacement (CMOD) of 0.5 mm (0.47 mm central deflection) and of 1.0 N/mm<sup>2</sup> at a CMOD of 3.5 mm (3.02 mm central deflection). This requirement equates to a ratio of cracked to uncracked moment resistance of 30–35%, which is less than the requirements for the design in accordance with this guidance. As with conventional steel reinforcement, fibres do not generally\* increase the flexural tensile strength of plain concrete, as the concrete must crack before any reinforcement can have effect.

\*Unless FRC shows hardening effect (see FIB Model code 2010 § 56)

## Micro-synthetic fibres

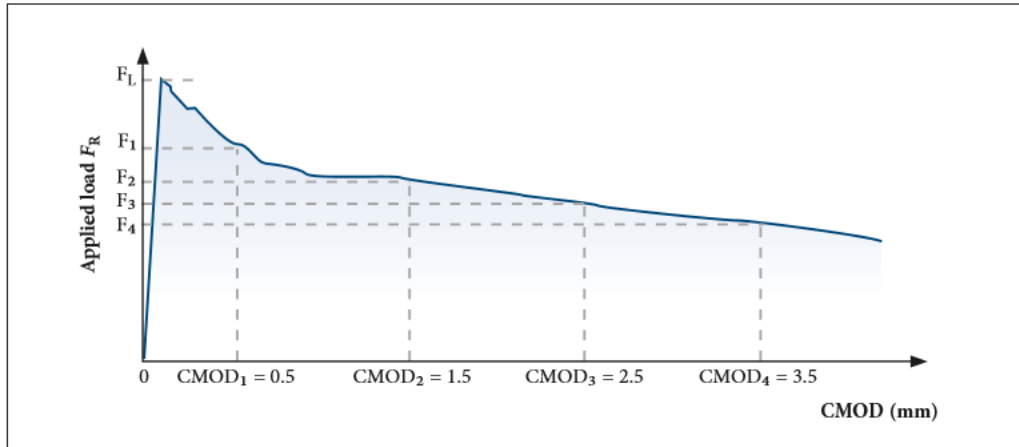
Micro-synthetic fibres do not provide any post-crack ductility. They do not control cracking of the hardened concrete and therefore cannot be used in lieu of other reinforcement. They are not considered in the design process.

## Performance of FRC

EN 14889-1 and 2 Fibres for concrete, Part 1 and 2: Steel fibres and synthetic fibres requires the effect of the fibre on the strength of the concrete to be determined in accordance with EN 14845 using a standard notched beam test in EN 14651 Test method for metallic fibre concrete. Measuring the flexural tensile strength. Specimens 150 mm wide × 150 mm deep are tested under central point loading on a span of 500 mm. The specimens are notched with a saw cut 25 mm deep in a side face as cast, and then tested with the notch in the tension face.

Either the crack mouth opening displacement (CMOD) (i.e. the increase in width of the notch) or the central deflection is measured, and the load  $f$  recorded at CMODs of 0.5, 1.5, 2.5 and 3.5 mm (or deflections of 0.47, 1.32, 2.17 and 3.02 mm). A test set should consist of at least 12 samples. A typical graph of applied load  $f_R$  against CMOD is shown below.

This graph indicates the behaviour of a typical fibre reinforced concrete, exhibiting strain softening. Peak load ( $F_L$ ) is achieved at the point the concrete section cracks, and thereafter the capacity of the section reduces as strain / crack width increases.  $F_1$  is lower than  $F_L$  and  $F_4$  is lower than  $F_1$ . Certain combinations of fibre type and dosage can exhibit strain hardening behaviour. Strain hardening is identified in a notched beam test where  $F_1$  is equal to or greater than  $F_L$  and  $F_4$  is greater than  $F_1$ .



## Fibre reinforcement moment resistance

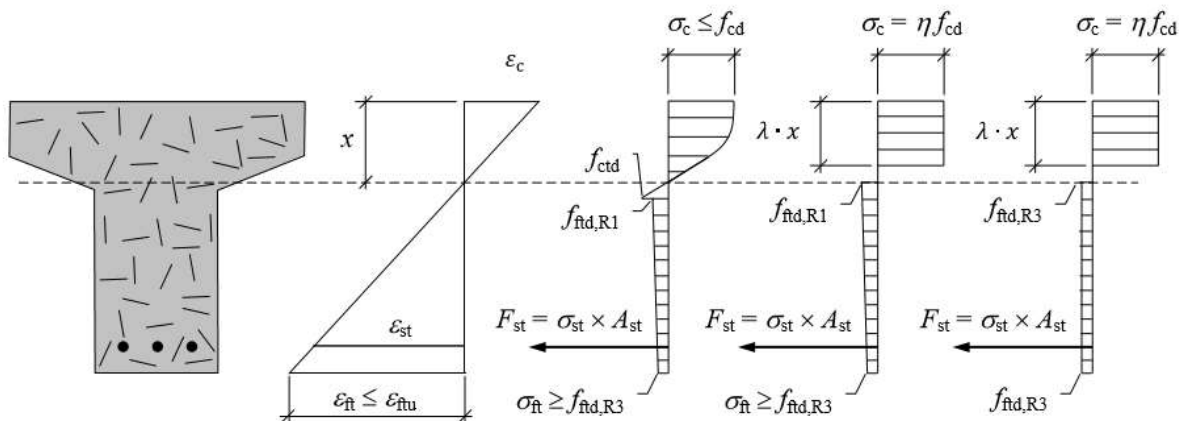
The residual flexural tensile strength of the fibres is added as a stress block as seen in figure below.

For bending moment and axial force in the ultimate limit state, a simplified stress/strain relationship is given by the FIB model code. The simplified stress distributions can be seen in Figure below where the linear post cracking stress distribution is to the left and the rigid plastic stress distribution is to the right, with  $\eta = 1$  and  $\lambda = 0.8$  for concrete with compressive strength below or equal to 50MPa.

## Shear on the critical perimeter

RILEM suggests that the increase in shear capacity is 0.12 times the residual flexural strength, where the mean flexural strength is taken from a load deflection plot up to a deflection of 3mm. This deflection is equivalent to the CMOD of 3.5mm of the notched beams as determined from EN 14651. For this report, only 50% of this value is taken and this is applied to the mean of  $f_{r1}$  to  $f_{r4}$ . Thus, the increase in shear strength is given by:

$$v_f = [0.12 (f_{r1} + f_{r2} + f_{r3} + f_{r4})/4]/2 = 0.015 (f_{r1} + f_{r2} + f_{r3} + f_{r4})$$



## Partial safety factors

The partial safety factors used in ground-supported floors are as follows.

Materials Concrete	1.5
Concrete with fibre	1.5
Reinforcement (bar or fabric)	1.15
Loads Defined racking	1.2
Other	1.5
Dynamic loads	1.6

## Shrinkage and movement

Shrinkage is a reduction in size or volume; for concrete floors, several generic types of shrinkage are of concern.

These are:

Drying shrinkage

Early thermal contraction

Crazing

Plastic shrinkage.

All forms of shrinkage can lead to cracking, although drying shrinkage is the most relevant to concrete floor slabs.

## Curing

It is mandatory to apply appropriate curing techniques as soon as practical after finishing is completed.

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# ConCribes

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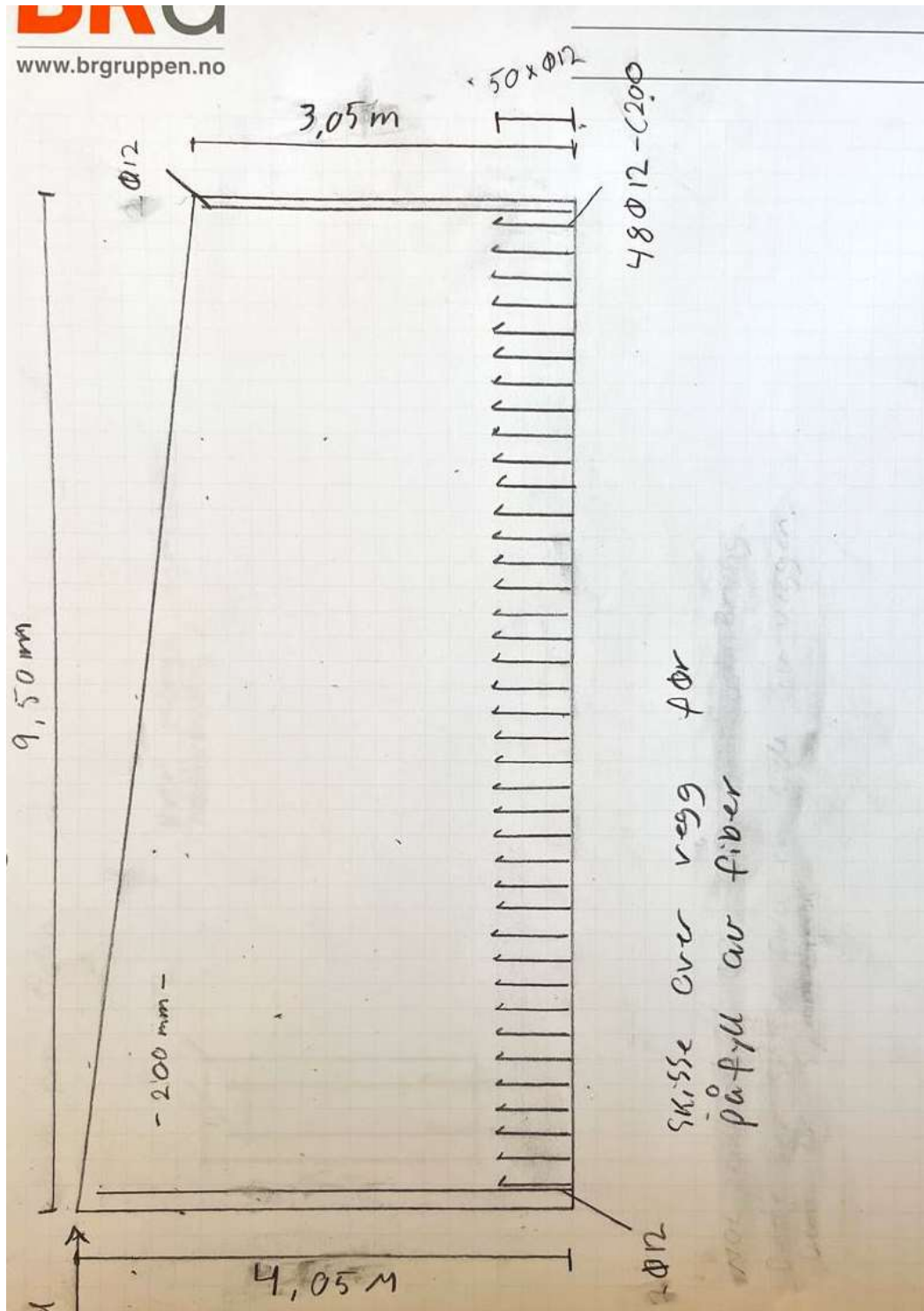
## CONCRETE WALL

### Input data

Concrete grade C30/37  
Fibertype MiniBars 43 BF  
Thickness 200 mm

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## Drawings



## EC2 min reinforcement

$A_{sminv} = 2470 \text{ mm}^2 \Rightarrow T_v = 1235 \text{ kN}$  for vertical reinforcement

$A_{sminh} = 1053 \text{ mm}^2 \Rightarrow T_h = 526 \text{ kN}$  for horizontal reinforcement

With  $f_{yk} = 500 \text{ Mpa}$

$E = 200 \text{ mm}$

$L = 9500 \text{ mm}$

$H = 4050$

## Equivalence for MBRC to NB38

for vertical and horizontal sections:

$f_{tsv} = 1235/1900 = 0.65 \text{ Mpa}$

$f_{tsh} = 526/810 = 0.649 \text{ Mpa}$

With  $6 \text{ kg/m}^3$  of MB 43 in a C30/37,

$\Rightarrow f_{ts} = 0.67 \text{ Mpa}$

## CONCLUSION

Concrete grade

C35/45

Fiber type

MiniBars 43 BF

Dosage rate

$6 \text{ kg/m}^3$