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Phase 1 Closeout

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FastFloor: Behavior of Modular Steel Plate Floor Assemblies

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Overview of Phase 1 Closeout

Phase 1 was under a no cost extension until 2023 06 30.

Phase 2 initiated 2023 07 01 and continues until 2024 12 31.

This slide report provides closeout materials for Phase 1.

Summary of Phase 1 activities, Excerpt from Phase 2 contract

Phase 1: January 2022 – June 2023: Work Completed and Ongoing (a request has been submitted to amend the contact to end Phase 1 on June 30, 2024)

- 1. Formed and met with Industry Advisory Panel (IAP) to iterate on design of prototype system. Several meetings were held with the IAP and subsets of the IAP.
- 2. Conducted a state-of-the-art review (ongoing)
- Modular floor systems a.
	- $\mathbf b$. Buckling behavior of structures built with steel plates
- Connection and fastening methods for modular floor systems c.
	- 3. Finalized initial development of the modular floor system; assessed issues of construction sequence, connection detailing, local buckling, and other relevant behavior
	- 4. Finalized initial prototype structures and specimen designs for the vibration tests and acoustic tests.
	- 5. Conducted analyses of prototype structures to document behavior.
	- 6. Initiated the design, analysis, and execution of subassemblage tests of modular floor system for serviceability and acoustics (ongoing).
	- 7. Initiated design and analysis of panel-to-panel connections.
	- 8. Initiated design and analysis on experiments of modular floor system for gravity strength and ductility.
	- 9. (Forthcoming) Produce final report summarizing Phase 1 with recommendations for Phase 2.

A request has submitted for an amendment to the contract to change the end date of Phase 1 to June 30, 2024 so as to complete the acoustic and vibration tests that were part of Phase 1, and to advance the design and analysis of experiments to assess gravity strength and ductility of the modular floor system.

NCE was approved, and this slide deck provides the closeout of those activities.

-Phase 1 acoustic tests were completed and reported out, additional tests are now planned in Phase 2

-Work on gravity strength continues in Phase 2, with Phase 1 efforts complete, as provided in quarterly reports. -Phase 1 vibration work is complete, with a full summary report provided in this closeout

slide deck, and work moving to Phase 2 full bay specimen

FastFloor Vibration Update

2024 07 10

Sahab Rifai, Rajshri Kumar, Onur Avci, Ben Schafer

Note, boxes in yellow that appear throughout the presentation are comments collected during the 2024 07 10 meeting from RK: Ron Klemencic (MKA/Pankow), JM: Josh Mouras (MKA), DH: Devin Huber (AISC)

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Fig. 2-2. Idealized single-degree-of-freedom system.

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image from Omer Tigli, LinkedIn, floor vibration testing in situ

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	- In situ measurements provide most realistic response and we know that response is highly sensitive to final details

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recommended in this edition.

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Step Blace Design Desig *Vibrations Str* 2. Compare lab ESPA's to fundamental tolerances, if typically pass, move on *Due to* 3. Use our own human perception/judgment based on walking on lab floors ² *^M steadystate* ^β ⁼ (2-1) *Fig. 2-1. Recommended tolerance limits for human comfort.* $-$ ($+$ 5) *^P ^a ^M* ⁼ ^β *Fig. 2-2. Idealized single-degree-of-freedom system.* Team continues to pursue DG11 as primary path, team largely believes this is most Possible standards of care 1. Pass DG11 in a configuration, with assistance of a model, then move on conservative route to take, but a minority opinion in the team wonders if 2 and 3 are enough to allow us to move our attention to other issues.

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Vibration "design space"…

 k, m, β

Why bring this up?

- Let's make sure we understand the implications of our decisions on the vibration predictions.
- For instance L 40' vs. e.g. L 36', quantities are sensitive to L^3 so these choices are not secondary/trivial!
- Other basic issues like beam depth and as a result EI is driving us in important ways
- We can see what plate thickness is doing as well. (following slides)

We have many optimizations underway (architectural, erection, more) but we can make choices that improve vibration.

Upperbound Analysis for "passing" DG11…

Assume the plate is stiffened above 20 Hz and no longer an issue

Assume the beam and girder are torsionally stiffened, so only flexural modes are left

Assume that the low frequency DG11 method is all we need, and L=40'

The #'s are the β we need To pass DG11 in these configurations….

Right now we estimate 2.25% damping in installed condition

What do we learn??

-Even if we make plate modes and beam torsion go away, passing DG11 is not easy. (must we pass?) -The role of the girder (and related beam end conditions) is really important

-If EI (or L) or β are knobs we can turn, we can find a path, if not may need to think about standard of care choice, fancier ideas…

Plate stiffening "design space" and upperbound ideas

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First vibration mode results

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analysis says too good to be true. Can't get a practical longitudinal stiffener which is 40' long! To be stiff enough basically equivalent to another beam…

But we are imagining that K trusses or other braces can provide this same type of support, perhaps at transverse brace locations to break up the vibration mode and improve the frequency.. This is being investigated numerically.

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Peak Accelerations (ESPA) from Random Walking Tests **for One Person**

Takeaways:

- Angle blocking resulted in significant reduction in accelerations.
- 2. While not a judge of acceptability, it is good sign that accelerations less than 0.5%g in this case
- 3. This is an example for one person walking. Tests conducted with other people show same trend.
- 4. Final floor vibrations acceptability will be judged using model results on full bay.

Experimental results from walking

Looking at impact of RAF: raised access floor AB: angle blocking to beam bottom flange PS: plate stiffeners transverse to plate K: K braces from bot. flange to mid-width plate

Experimental results to date exhibit clear trends in the desired direction.

Mean ESPA from experiments is not the same as predicted ESPA from DG11

1. Obtained using a low-amplitude mass shaker excitation.

2. Modal Damping ratios are amplitude-dependent. Each mode has a different damping ratio. Damping ratios were determined per frequency response functions (FRF).

3. Low-amplitude mass shaker tests were considered which correspond to walking excitation amplitudes (rather than high-amplitude shaker tests).

4. ESPA: Equivalent Sinusoidal Peak Acceleration. Determined based on walking with subharmonics of modal frequencies guided with metronome.

6. Walking tests include random and metronome-guided walking. Max. ESPA results generally correspond to metronome-guided walking.

RK: Agree the trends and calibrating the models are our goal here.

Latest models "working" frequency matching OK

1. Obtained using a low-amplitude mass shaker excitation.

2. Explicit modelling of the RAF with frames (pedestals) and shells (panels).

Model results provided for SAP2000 plate FE models, similar results observed to date with ABAQUS shell FE models. Minimal calibration conducted, but true td details (intermittent flange to plate connections, etc.)

Additional model results

Full suite of experimental to SAP model results for frequency matching, not discussed in the meeting but provided for completeness. Companion ABAQUS models also underway.

Mode Shapes and Natural Frequencies – SM68 (Specimen 1)

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* K Braces are welded with each other at the top. 21

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1. Obtain RK – what's the source of the 0.75% to 2. Mode 2.25% assumption? Ben - DG11 chart has a different dan and the contract ratio. Damping per section per functions been used for us to justify beta increase in 3. Low-amplitude mass shaker tests were considered which correspond to walking excitence experimental mean ESPA, closer to max a. ESPA installed condition. RK.. Prefers the the model on walking with subsequencies in the model frequencies guide with s 5. Per A measured damning at the lower level α restimations for peak walking bases. The measured damning at the lower level α 5. Per f measured damping at the lower level... Or erallies in the specific value of the metronomerge random and metronomers in the metronomerger in the set of me
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Details – FRF from SAP200 that drives the DG11 solution: solution Peaks **Effect of Braces on Frequencies and FRF Peaks DG11** and FRF the SAP200 that drives Frequencies $\overline{\mathsf{o}}$ **Braces** from FRF Effect of **Details**

No Braces Angle Blocking (AB)

These FRF results are inputs into the DG11 analysis, primarily with respect to frequencies (and mode shapes, not shown)

Angle blocking is effective in shifting lower frequencies

Plate stiffeners primarily influencing frequencies above 20Hz, and seem to cause issues (cause not determined) at middle frequencies

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- We are pursuing experiments on angle blocking (complete) and transverse plate stiffeners (in progress)
- The models have close enough agreement with experiments that we can begin to "have some trust"; however, DG11 ESPA results and test-based ESPA results are not directly comparable
	- so we do not have model validation against accelerations, if we want to pursue that, adds a lot of complication, now we need to explicitly model walking/gait/step strikes etc.
- What is our standard of care/acceptability before moving on to the full bay testing?
	- Do we want a modeled system that passes DG11 high frequency method at 0.5%g – this has been promoted internally as a goal
	- Would we allow the relief of a higher %g at higher freq?
	- Is a tested system with a mean ESPA near or less than 0.5%g adequat our current 10x40 purposes?
	- What about our own user perception as a standard of care?
- Are we open to some of the bigger "knobs" in our design space vibrations?
	- Length, beam depth, plate thickness, supplemental damping are compromises here worth seeing in some further form so we understand the impact of our decisions?

might be acceptable. Consider it at RK: something like bullet point 3 011-018_DG11_reprint_Ch02.indd 12 5/20/16 10:13 AM DG11 with some improvements. (Bullet 1 is a fallback. But does not have to be primary) JM, DH agree… Let's us move forward, don't feel stuck..all good

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- Continuity across modules has been hypothesized as helpful (we know it is in concrete-filled steel deck floors) but here the vertical plate stiffness is low, should we expect a substantial benefit?
- If end effects matter, should we look at some of the beam end conditions that produce favorable conditions? What about the girder support conditions, do we want to see what happens when that modes are locked away? Do we want to see a test that clearly shows acceptable behavior (is a test enough?)
- We are developing models of the full bay specimen, do we want to see preliminary results of such models before we finalize full bay detailing? We think yes.
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plate tieing to a core – that helps, what about the haunch bolted down? Stiffness there?

JM- locking out girder, just prop so it does not vibrate, let's have that in the setup. On one side.

RK-In real buildings will have both conditions, won't have locked off in all conditions… in some only have "unlocked"

specimen revelatory on the real world case.

JM – full bay hopes and dreams, ok to be aggressive and good with predictions rather than solution that guarantees it works, but not innovative enough.. RK concurs.