

## **USER BULLETIN 10**

### **Joint Hinge Generator Spreadsheet for shear and bond slip behaviors**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

This document describes an Excel spreadsheet, *Joint Hinge Generator*, which is developed to generate shear stress-strain and moment rotation curves of both exterior and interior beam-column joints with or without transverse reinforcement. The purpose of *Joint Hinge Generator* is to execute the mathematical calculations and derive shear stress-strain and moment rotation curves of rotational spring element ready for inputting into global frame analysis software. The spreadsheet includes two joint models: Model 1 and Model 2. Model 1 is based on Jeon (2013) and applicable to a wide range of joint types including interior and exterior joints with and without transverse reinforcement. Model 2 is based on Sharma et al. (2011) and applicable to exterior joints without transverse reinforcement only. The formulation and theoretical assumptions of Model 1 and Model 2 are discussed in detail in Suwal and Guner (2023a). To facilitate the calculation process, the spreadsheet tool (Suwal and Guner 2023b) is shared as a freeware for the use of practicing engineer. It can be downloaded from the following link:

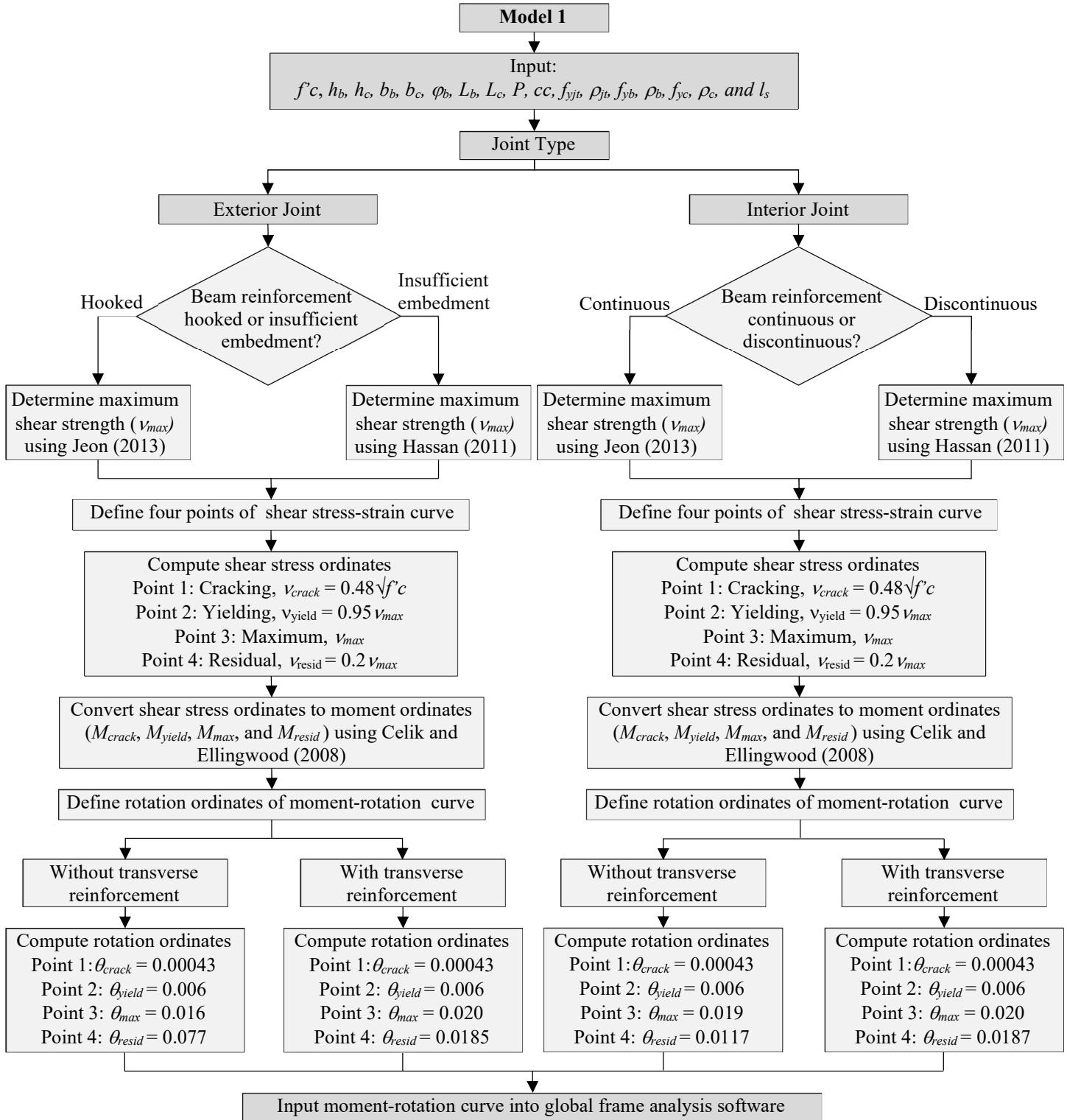
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This user bulletin presents the calculation process with flowcharts for both Model 1 (**Fig. 1**) and Model 2 (**Fig. 2**). In addition, the application and validation of the *Joint Hinge Generator* is presented for both interior and exterior joints with or without transverse reinforcement for Model 1 and for an exterior joint with no transverse reinforcement for Model 2. Five application and validation examples are presented in total.

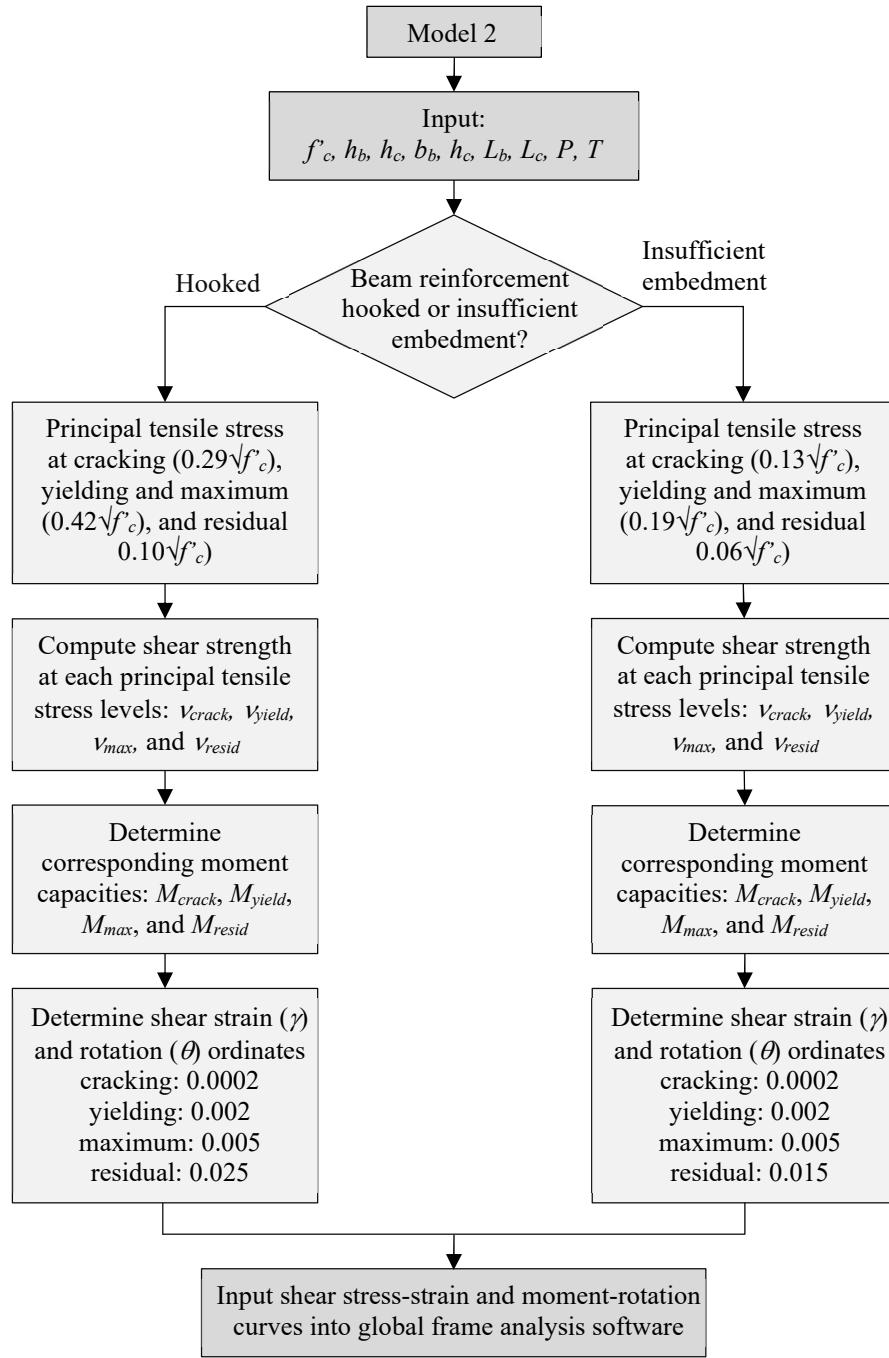
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## 2. FLOWCHARTS



**Fig. 1** Calculation process for *Joint Hinge Generator* for Model 1



**Fig. 2** Calculation process for *Joint Hinge Generator* for Model 2

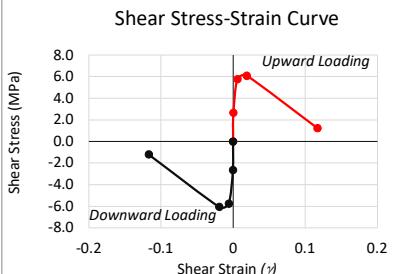
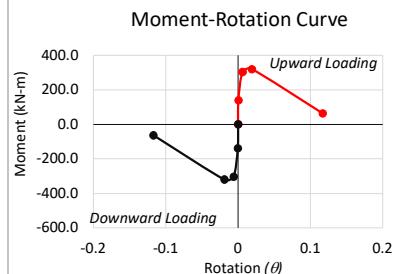
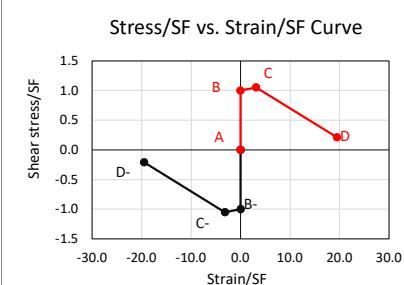
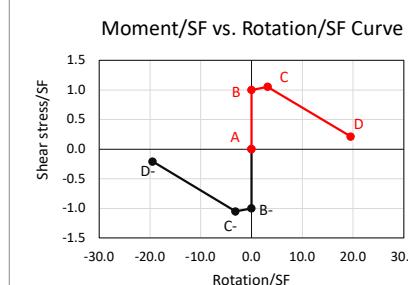
## SYMBOLS

$f'_c$	: Concrete compressive strength
$h_b$	: Beam depth
$b_b$	: Beam width
$h_c$	: Column depth
$b_c$	: Beam width
$\varphi_b$	: Longitudinal reinforcement diameter
$L_b$	: Beam length from support to point of contraflexure (exterior joint), Beam length between two points of contraflexure (interior joint)
$L_c$	: Column span between two points of contraflexure
$P$	: Axial load applied to the column
$cc$	: Concrete cover
$f_{yb}$	: Beam longitudinal reinforcement strength
$\rho_b$	: Beam longitudinal reinforcement ratio
$f_{yc}$	: Column longitudinal reinforcement strength
$\rho_c$	: Column longitudinal reinforcement ratio
$f_{yjt}$	: Joint transverse reinforcement strength
$\rho_{jt}$	: Joint transverse reinforcement ratio
$l_s$	: Embedment length of beam reinforcement within joint
$T$	: Tension force in the beam longitudinal reinforcement
$V_{crack}$	: Cracking shear strength
$V_{yield}$	: Yielding shear strength
$V_{max}$	: Maximum shear strength
$V_{resid}$	: Residual shear strength
$\gamma_{crack}$	: Shear strain at cracking shear strength
$\gamma_{yield}$	: Shear strain at yielding shear strength
$\gamma_{max}$	: Shear strain at maximum shear strength
$\gamma_{resid}$	: Shear strain at residual shear strength
$M_{crack}$	: Cracking moment capacity
$M_{yield}$	: Yielding moment capacity
$M_{max}$	: Maximum moment capacity
$M_{resid}$	: Residual moment capacity
$\theta_{crack}$	: Rotation at cracking moment
$\theta_{yield}$	: Rotation at yielding moment
$\theta_{max}$	: Rotation at maximum moment
$\theta_{resid}$	: Rotation at residual moment

**Beam-Column Joint Shear Stress-Strain and Moment-Rotation Curve Development (Jeon, 2013)**  
**Validation with interior joint with transverse reinforcement (Guimaraes et al., 1992) - Specimen J5**

Select Joint Type	Interior								
Bottom reinforcement	Continuous								
			Input	Output					
<b>Cross-section properties</b>									
$h_b$ (mm)	$b_b$ (mm)	$h_c$ (mm)	$b_c$ (mm)	$L_b$ (mm)	$L_c$ (mm)	$e$ (mm)	$cc$ (mm)	$Transv.\ Beams$	
508.0	406.0	508.0	508.0	5181.0	4237.0	0.0	50.0	0	
<b>Reinforcement properties</b>									
$f_{yt}$ (MPa)	$\rho_{jt}$ (%)	$f_{yb}$ (MPa)	$\rho_b$ (%)	$f_{yc}$ (MPa)	$\rho_c$ (%)	$\varphi_b$ (mm)	$n_b$	$l_s$ (mm)	
550.0	0.8%	561.0	2.3%	543.0	6.3%	27.8	6	400.0	
<b>Concrete Property</b>				<b>Axial Load</b>					
$f_c$ (MPa)	77.9	$P$ (kN)					20.1		
<b>Output</b>									
$Bl$	$J_P$	$T_B$	$J_I$	$\psi$	$\omega$	$c$ (mm)	$A_j$ ( $\text{mm}^2$ )		
0.17	1.00	1.00	0.1	1.0	1.0	63.9	197225		
<b>Experimental Observation</b>									
$v_{max}$	15.0	MPa	$M_{max}$	1651.1	kNm	$v_{max}$ (MPa)	15.7		
$\tau_{actual\_bond}$	4.0	MPa							
$T$	831.8	kN							
$v_{bond}$	15.0	MPa	$M_{bond}$	1651.1	kNm				
<b>Final Output</b>									
<b>Downward Loading</b>									
<b>Shear Stress-Strain</b>				<b>Moment-Rotation</b>					
Points	$v$ (MPa)	$\gamma$	$M$ (kNm)	$\theta$					
Origin	0.0	0	0.0	0					
Cracking	-4.2	-0.00043	-466.0	-0.00043					
Yielding	-14.3	-0.006	-1568.6	-0.006					
Maximum	-15.0	-0.02	-1651.1	-0.02					
Residual	-3.0	-0.187	-330.2	-0.187					
<b>Upward Loading</b>									
<b>Shear Stress-Strain</b>				<b>Moment-Rotation</b>					
Points	$v$ (MPa)	$\gamma$	$M$ (kNm)	$\theta$					
Origin	0.0	0	0.0	0					
Cracking	4.2	0.00043	466.0	0.00043					
Yielding	14.3	0.006	1568.6	0.006					
Maximum	15.0	0.02	1651.1	0.02					
Residual	3.0	0.187	330.2	0.187					
<b>Shear Stress-Strain Curve</b>									
<b>Moment-Rotation Curve</b>									
<b>Frame Analysis Software Input</b>									
<b>Define Shear Hinge</b>									
Use Yield Stress	Stress SF	Positive	Negative						
14.3	14.3								
Use Yield Strain	Strain SF	0.006	0.006						
<b>Define Moment Hinge</b>									
Use Yield Moment	Moment SF	1568.6	1568.6						
0.006	0.006								
Point	Stress/SF	Strain/SF							
D-	-0.2	-31.2							
C-	-1.1	-3.3							
B-	-1.0	0.0							
A	0.0	0.0							
B	1.0	0.0							
C	1.1	3.3							
D	0.2	31.2							
<b>Stress/SF vs. Strain/SF Curve</b>									
<b>Moment/SF vs. Rotation/SF Curve</b>									

**Beam-Column Joint Shear Stress-Strain and Moment-Rotation Curve Development (Jeon, 2013)**  
**Validation with interior joint without transverse reinforcement (Li et al., 2005) - Specimen AL1**

Select Joint Type	Interior	Input Output						
Bottom reinforcement	Continuous							
<b>Cross-section properties</b>								
$h_b$ (mm)	$b_b$ (mm)	$h_c$ (mm)	$b_c$ (mm)	$L_b$ (mm)	$L_c$ (mm)	$e$ (mm)	$cc$ (mm)	Transv. Beams
400.0	200.0	400.0	200.0	4500.0	2460.0	0.0	50.0	0
<b>Reinforcement properties</b>								
$f_{ybt}$ (MPa)	$\rho_{jt} (\%)$	$f_{yb}$ (MPa)	$\rho_b (\%)$	$f_{yc}$ (MPa)	$\rho_c (\%)$	$\varphi_b$ (mm)	$n_b$	$l_s$ (mm)
0.0	0.0%	473.0	1.1%	473.0	3.1%	20.0	2	400.0
<b>Concrete Property</b>	<b>Axial Load</b>							
$f'_c$ (MPa)	30.3	$P$ (kN)	242.4					
<b>Output</b>								
$Bl$	$Jp$	$Tb$	$Jl$	$\psi$	$\omega$	$c$ (mm)	$A_j$ ( $\text{mm}^2$ )	
0.17	1.00	1.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	60.0	115600	
<b>Experimental Observation</b>								
$v_{max}$	6.1	MPa	$M_{max}$	319.4	kNm	$v_{max}$ (MPa)	6.3	
$\tau_{actual\_bond}$	8.6	MPa						
$T$	431.8	kN						
$v_{bond}$	6.1	MPa	$M_{bond}$	319.4	kNm			
<b>Final Output</b>								
<b>Downward Loading</b>	<b>Upward Loading</b>							
<b>Shear Stress-Strain</b>	<b>Moment-Rotation</b>							
<b>Points</b>	<b><math>v</math> (MPa)</b>	<b><math>\gamma</math></b>	<b><math>M</math> (kNm)</b>	<b><math>\theta</math></b>				
Origin	0.0	0	0.0	0				
Cracking	-2.6	-0.00043	-139.0	-0.00043				
Yielding	-5.8	-0.006	-303.4	-0.006				
Maximum	-6.1	-0.019	-319.4	-0.019				
Residual	-1.2	-0.117	-63.9	-0.117				
<b>Shear Stress-Strain Curve</b>	<b>Moment-Rotation Curve</b>							
								
<b>Frame Analysis Software Input</b>								
<b>Define Shear Hinge</b>	<b>Define Moment Hinge</b>							
<b>Point</b>	<b>Stress/SF</b>	<b>Strain/SF</b>	<b>Positive</b>	<b>Negative</b>				
D-	-0.2	-19.5						
C-	-1.1	-3.2						
B-	-1.0	0.0						
A	0.0	0.0						
B	1.0	0.0						
C	1.1	3.2						
D	0.2	19.5						
<b>Stress/SF vs. Strain/SF Curve</b>	<b>Moment/SF vs. Rotation/SF Curve</b>							
								

**Beam-Column Joint Shear Stress-Strain and Moment-Rotation Curve Development (Jeon, 2013)**  
**Validation with exterior joint with transverse reinforcement (Eshani and Alameddine, 1991) - Specimen LL8**

Select Joint Type	Exterior	Input
Bottom reinforcement	Hooked	Output

Cross-section properties								
$h_b$ (mm)	$b_b$ (mm)	$h_c$ (mm)	$b_c$ (mm)	$L_b$ (mm)	$L_c$ (mm)	$e$ (mm)	$cc$ (mm)	Transv. Beams
508.0	318.0	356.0	356.0	1778.0	3581.0	0.0	50.0	0

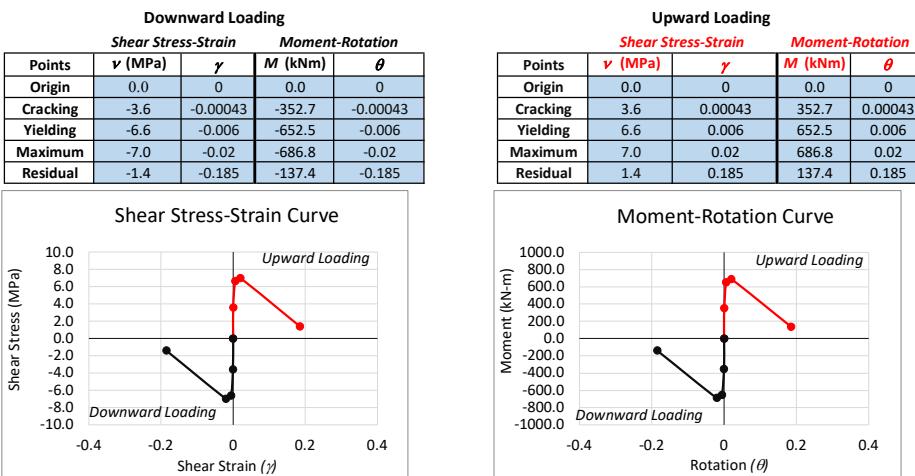
Reinforcement properties								
$f_{yt}$ (MPa)	$\rho_{jt}$ (%)	$f_{yb}$ (MPa)	$\rho_b$ (%)	$f_{yc}$ (MPa)	$\rho_c$ (%)	$\varphi_b$ (mm)	$n_b$	$l_s$ (mm)
437.0	1.2%	437.0	1.5%	437.0	2.8%	25.4	4	400.0

Concrete Property		Axial Load	
$f_c$ (MPa)	55.8	$P$ (kN)	294.0

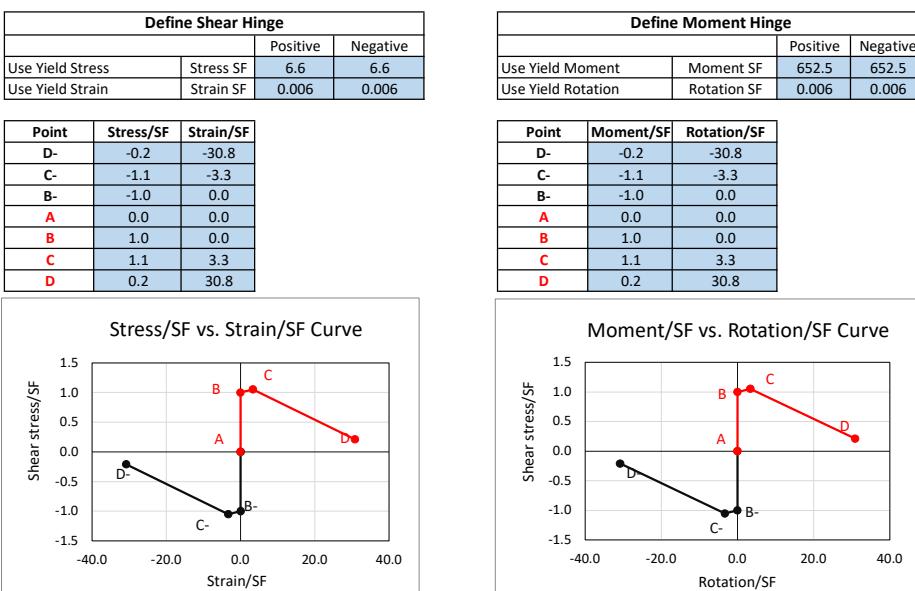
BI	JP	TB	J1	$\psi$	$\omega$	c (mm)	$A_j$ ( $\text{mm}^2$ )
0.12	0.75	1.00	0.1	1.0	1.0	62.7	130606

Experimental Observation		
$v_{max}$	7.0	MPa
$\tau_{actual\_bond}$	8.4	MPa
$T$	1069.9	kN
$v_{bond}$	7.0	MPa
$M_{max}$	686.8	kNm
$M_{bond}$	686.8	kNm
$v_{max}$ (MPa)	7.8	

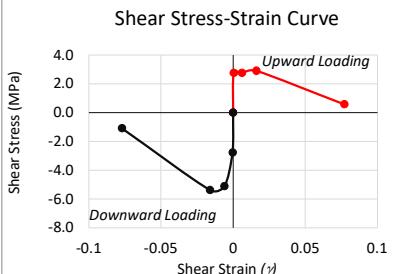
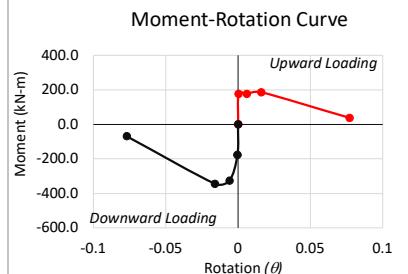
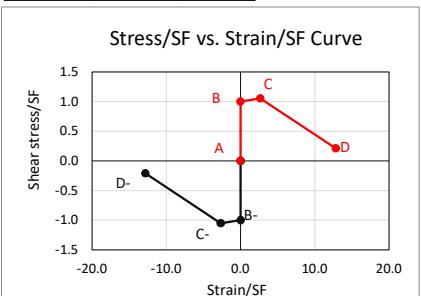
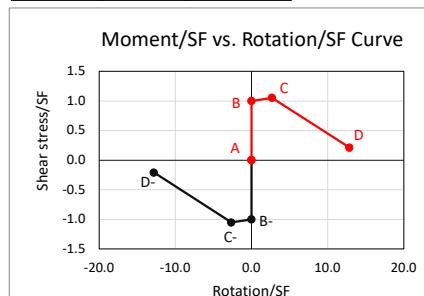
**Final Output**



**Frame Analysis Software Input**



**Beam-Column Joint Shear Stress-Strain and Moment-Rotation Curve Development (Jeon, 2013)**  
**Validation with exterior joint without transverse reinforcement (Pantelides et al., 2017) - Specimen Test Unit 1**

Select Joint Type	Exterior							
Bottom reinforcement	Straight Embedment							
			Input	Output				
<b>Cross-section properties</b>								
$h_b$ (mm)	$b_b$ (mm)	$h_c$ (mm)	$b_c$ (mm)	$L_b$ (mm)	$L_c$ (mm)	$e$ (mm)	$cc$ (mm)	Transv. Beams
406.0	406.0	406.0	406.0	1879.6	3200.0	0.0	43.5	0
<b>Reinforcement properties</b>								
$f_{ybt}$ (MPa)	$\rho_{jt} (\%)$	$f_{yb}$ (MPa)	$\rho_b (\%)$	$f_{yc}$ (MPa)	$\rho_c (\%)$	$\varphi_b$ (mm)	$n_b$	$l_s$ (mm)
0.0	0.0%	459.0	1.7%	460.0	3.0%	28.7	4	152.4
<b>Concrete Property</b>			<b>Axial Load</b>					
$f'_c$ (MPa)	33.1	$P$ (kN)		545.6				
<b>Output</b>								
$BI$	$JP$	$TB$	$JI$	$\psi$				
0.24	0.75	1.00	0.0	1.0				
$\omega$	$c$ (mm)	$A_j$ ( $\text{mm}^2$ )						
1.0	57.8	121226						
<b>Experimental Observation</b>								
$v_{max}$	5.4	MPa	$M_{max}$	344.6 kNm				
$\tau_{actual\_bond}$	7.2	MPa	$v_{max}$ (MPa)	5.2				
$T$	394.1	kN	$M_{bond}$	186.1 kNm				
$v_{bond}$	2.9	MPa	$v_{bond}$ (MPa)	2.5				
<b>Final Output</b>								
<b>Downward Loading</b>			<b>Upward Loading</b>					
<b>Shear Stress-Strain</b>		<b>Moment-Rotation</b>						
Points	$v$ (MPa)	$\gamma$	$M$ (kNm)	$\theta$				
Origin	0.0	0	0.0	0				
Cracking	-2.8	-0.00043	-176.7	-0.00043				
Yielding	-5.1	-0.006	-327.4	-0.006				
Maximum	-5.4	-0.016	-344.6	-0.016				
Residual	-1.1	-0.077	-68.9	-0.077				
<b>Shear Stress-Strain Curve</b>			<b>Moment-Rotation Curve</b>					
								
<b>Frame Analysis Software Input</b>								
<b>Define Shear Hinge</b>								
Use Yield Stress	Stress SF	Positive	Negative					
Use Yield Strain	Strain SF	2.8	5.1					
<b>Define Moment Hinge</b>								
Use Yield Moment	Moment SF	176.8	327.4					
Use Yield Rotation	Rotation SF	0.006	0.006					
Point	Stress/SF	Strain/SF						
D-	-0.2	-12.8						
C-	-1.1	-2.7						
B-	-1.0	0.0						
A	0.0	0.0						
B	1.0	0.0						
C	1.1	2.7						
D	0.2	12.8						
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<b>Moment/SF vs. Rotation/SF Curve</b>								
								

**DEFINITIONS:**

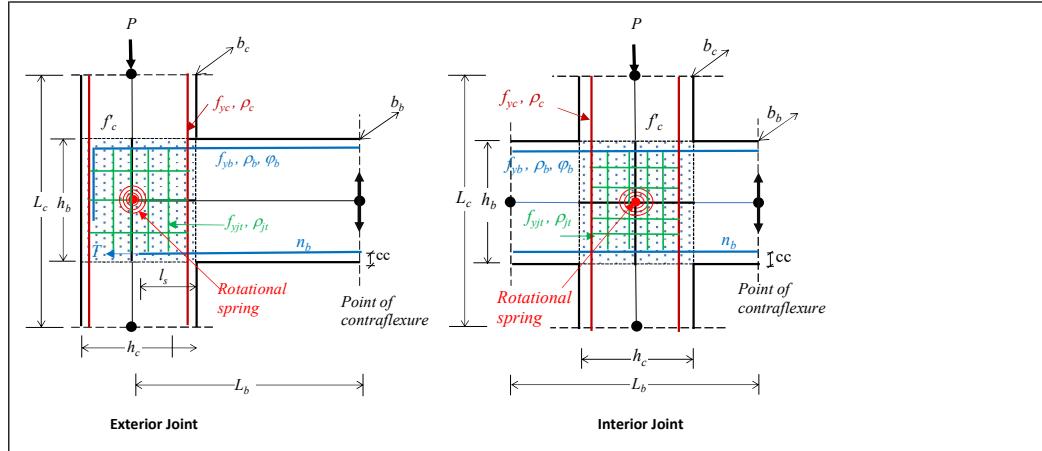
$f'_c$ (MPa)	Concrete compressive strength
$h_b$ (mm)	Depth of beam
$b_b$ (mm)	Width of beam
$h_c$ (mm)	Depth of column
$b_c$ (mm)	Width of column
$L_c$ (mm)	Span of column between two points of contraflexure
$L_b$ (mm)	Span of beam from center of joint to the point of contraflexure
$cc$ (mm)	Concrete cover
Transv. Beams	Number of transverse beams
$e$ (mm)	Eccentricity between beam and joint geometric centers
$f_{yt}$ (MPa)	Yield strength of joint transverse reinforcement
$\rho_{jt}$	Joint transverse reinforcement percentage
$f_{yb}$ (MPa)	Yield strength of beam longitudinal reinforcement
$\rho_b$	Beam top longitudinal reinforcement percentage
$f_{yc}$ (MPa)	Yield strength of column longitudinal reinforcement
$\rho_c$	Column longitudinal reinforcement percentage
$BI$	Beam reinforcement index
$JP$	Joint plane factor
$TB$	Confinement factor
$JI$	Joint index factor
$\varphi_b$ (mm)	Diameter of beam bottom longitudinal reinforcement
$\psi$	Reinforcement factor, 1 for $\varphi_b > 19\text{mm}$ and 1.25 for $\varphi_b < 19\text{mm}$
$\omega$	Transverse beam confinement factor for exterior joint
$c$ (mm)	Sum of concrete cover and half of beam longitudinal reinforcement diameter
$A_j$ ( $\text{mm}^2$ )	Area of joint
$n_b$	Number of beam longitudinal reinforcement with short embedment
$l_s$ (mm)	Length of beam reinforcement embedment inside the joint
$P$ (kN)	Axial load applied to the column
$T$ (kN)	Tension force in beam bottom reinforcement
$v_{max}$ (MPa)	Shear strength capacity of joint
$\tau_{actual\_bond}$ (MPa)	Bond stress capacity
$v_{bond}$ (MPa)	Shear strength due to short embedment of beam bottom reinforcement
$M_{max}$ (kNm)	Moment capacity equivalent to $v_{max}$
$M_{bond}$ (kNm)	Moment capacity equivalent to $v_{bond}$
$\gamma$	Shear strain
$\theta$	Rotation

**\*NOTES:**

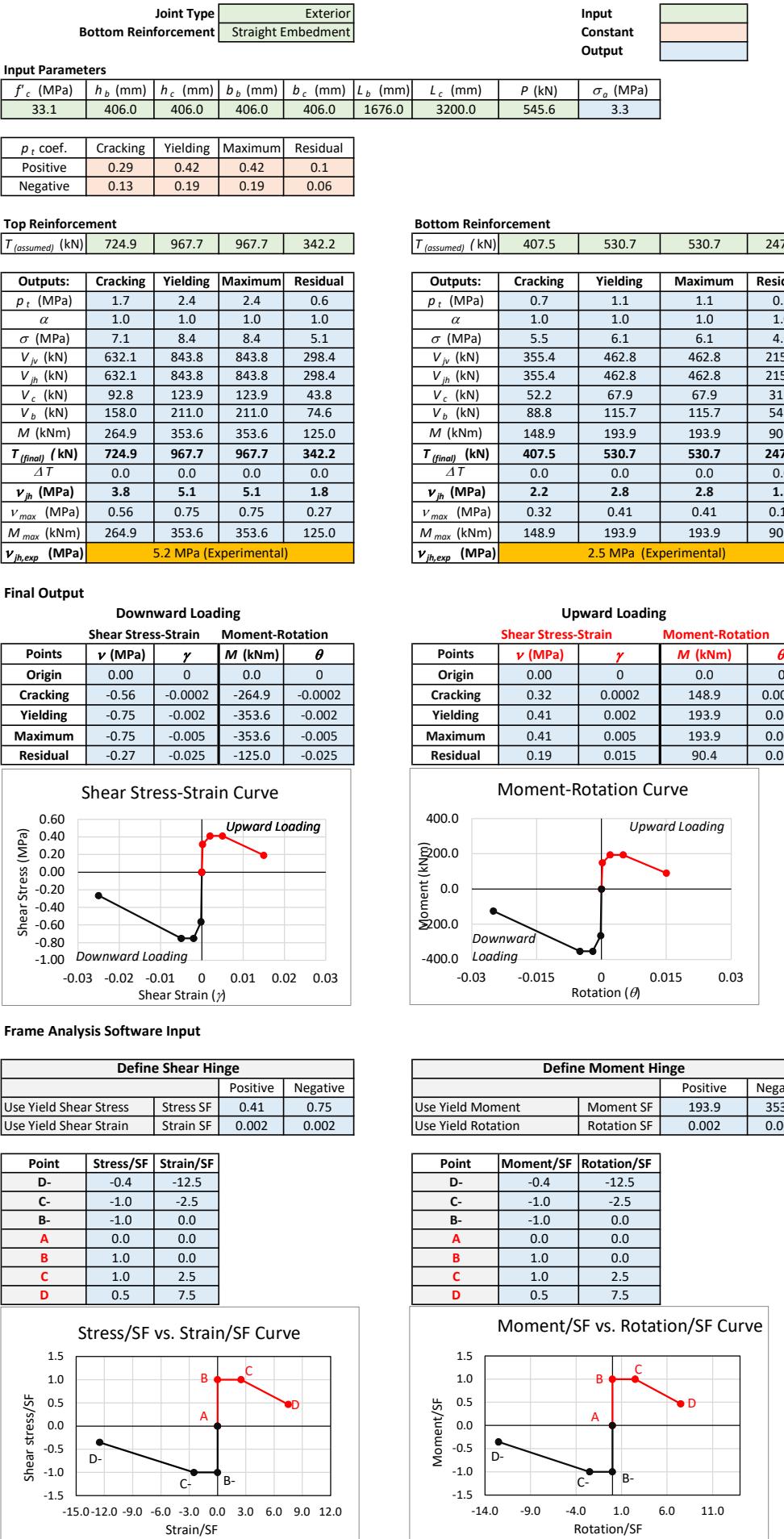
The Joint Model 1 is applicable to interior/exterior joints with or without transverse reinforcement

1. Ductile Joints are those with joint transverse reinforcement ratio is greater than 0.

2. Non-Ductile Joints are those with zero transverse reinforcement ratio within the joint



**Beam-Column Joint Shear Stress-Strain and Moment-Rotation Curve Development (Sharma et al., 2011)**  
**Validation with exterior joint without transverse reinforcement (Pantelides et al., 2017) - Specimen Test Unit 1**



**DEFINITIONS:**

$f'_c$ (MPa)	Concrete compressive strength
$h_b$ (mm)	Depth of beam
$b_b$ (mm)	Width of beam
$h_c$ (mm)	Depth of column
$b_c$ (mm)	Width of column
$L_c$ (mm)	Span of column between two points of contraflexure
$L_b$ (mm)	Span of beam from face of column to point of load application
$P$ (kN)	Axial load in column
$\sigma_a$ (MPa)	Axial stress in column ( $P/(h_c \cdot b_c)$ )
$p_i$ (MPa)	Principal tensile stress level
$T$ (kN)	Tension force in beam reinforcement
$\Delta T$ (kN)	$T_{(final)} - T_{(assumed)}$
$\alpha$	Joint aspect ratio ( $h_b/h_c$ )
$\sigma$ (MPa)	Vertical joint shear stress
$V_{jv}$ (kN)	Vertical joint shear force
$V_{jh}$ (kN)	Horizontal joint shear force
$V_c$ (kN)	Column shear force
$V_b$ (kN)	Beam shear force
$V_{max}$ (MPa)	Shear strength capacity
$M$ (kNm)	Moment capacity
$\theta$	Rotation

**NOTES:**

1. Joint Model 2 is only applicable for exterior joints with zero transverse reinforcement inside the joint.

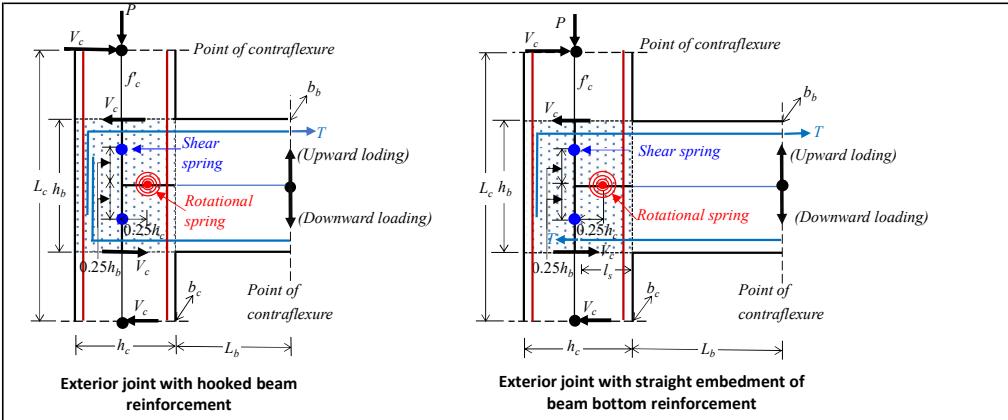
2.  $T_{(final)}$  should be equal to  $T_{(assumed)}$ .

3. Several iteration (trial and error) is done until  $T_{(final)}$  equals  $T_{(Assume)}$ .

4. Goal Seek is used such that  $T_{(assume)}$  equals  $T_{(final)}$ .

5. Steps of Goal Seek

- i) Click **Data** in tab bar
- ii) Go to **What-if Analysis**
- iii) Click **Goal Seek**
- iv) Set value =  $\Delta T$
- v) To value = "0"
- vi) By changing cell =  $T_{(assumed)}$



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