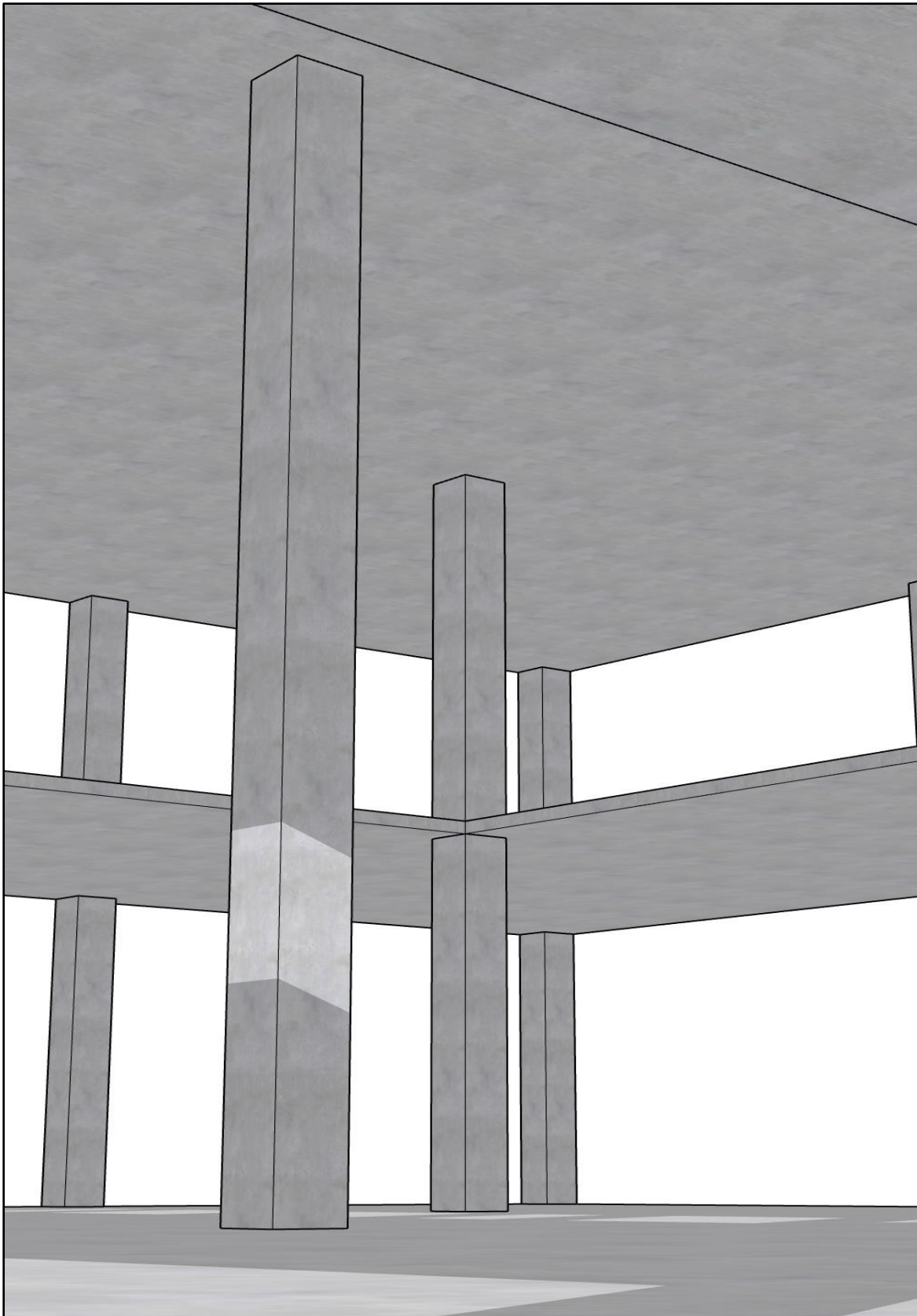


Slenderness Effects for Columns in Non-Sway Frame - Moment Magnification Method (CSA A23.3-14)



Slender Concrete Column Design in Non-Sway Frame Buildings

Evaluate slenderness effect for columns in a non-sway frame multistory reinforced concrete building (Q is computed to be much less than 0.05) by designing a two-story high column in the middle of an atrium opening at the second-floor level. The design forces obtained from a first-order analysis are provided in the design data section below. The story height is 4.3 m. it is assumed that the column only resists gravity loads. Compare the calculated results with the values presented in the Reference and with exact values from [spColumn](#) engineering software program from [StructurePoint](#).

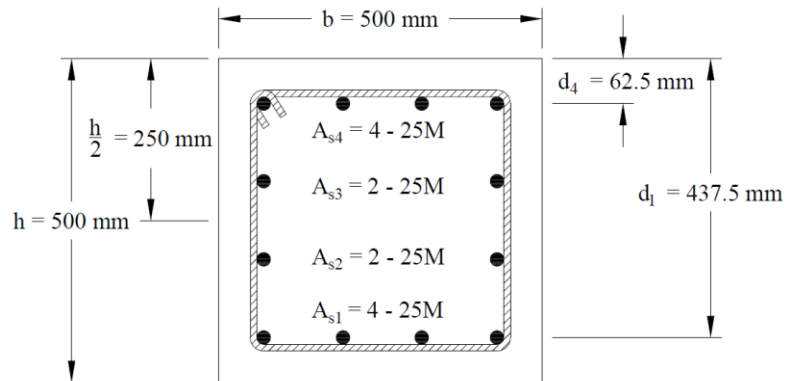


Figure 1 – Slender Reinforced Concrete Column Cross-Section

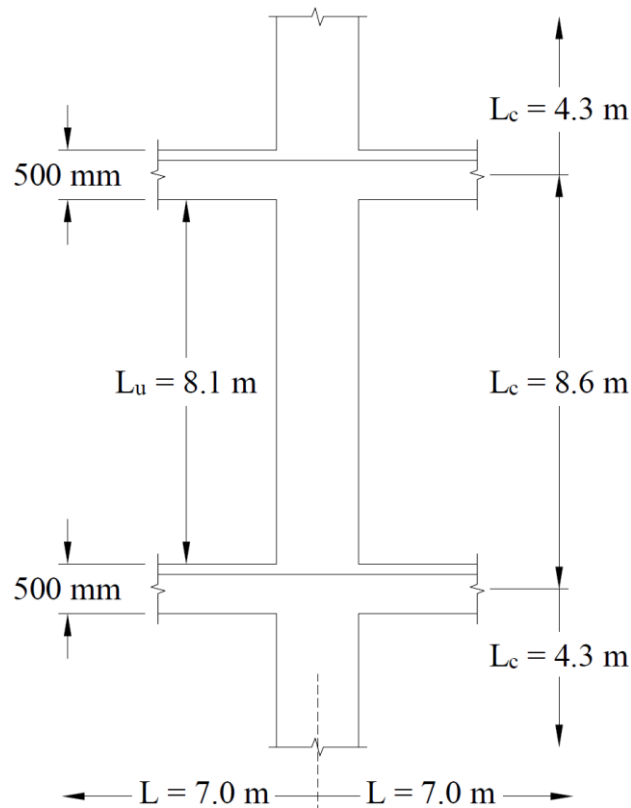


Figure 2 – Slender Reinforced Concrete Column Elevation

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Design of Concrete Structures (CSA A23.3-14)
Explanatory Notes on CSA Standard A23.3-14

Reference

Concrete Design Handbook, Fourth Edition, 2016, Cement Association of Canada (CAC), Example 8.1.

Design Data

Concrete $f_c' = 40 \text{ MPa}$ $\rho_c = 2400 \text{ kg/m}^3$

Steel $f_y = 400 \text{ MPa}$

Slab: $h_s = 150 \text{ mm}$, $b_{\text{eff}} = 1800 \text{ mm}$

Beams: $h = 500 \text{ mm}$, $b_w = 400 \text{ mm}$, $l = 7 \text{ m}$

Columns: $h = 500 \text{ mm}$, $b = 500 \text{ mm}$

Service design forces obtained from first-order analysis from the reference:

Table 1 - Column service loads			
Load Case	Axial Load, kN	Bending Moment, kN.m	
		Top	Bottom
Dead, D	1776	-130	-15
Live, L	1320	-79	-8

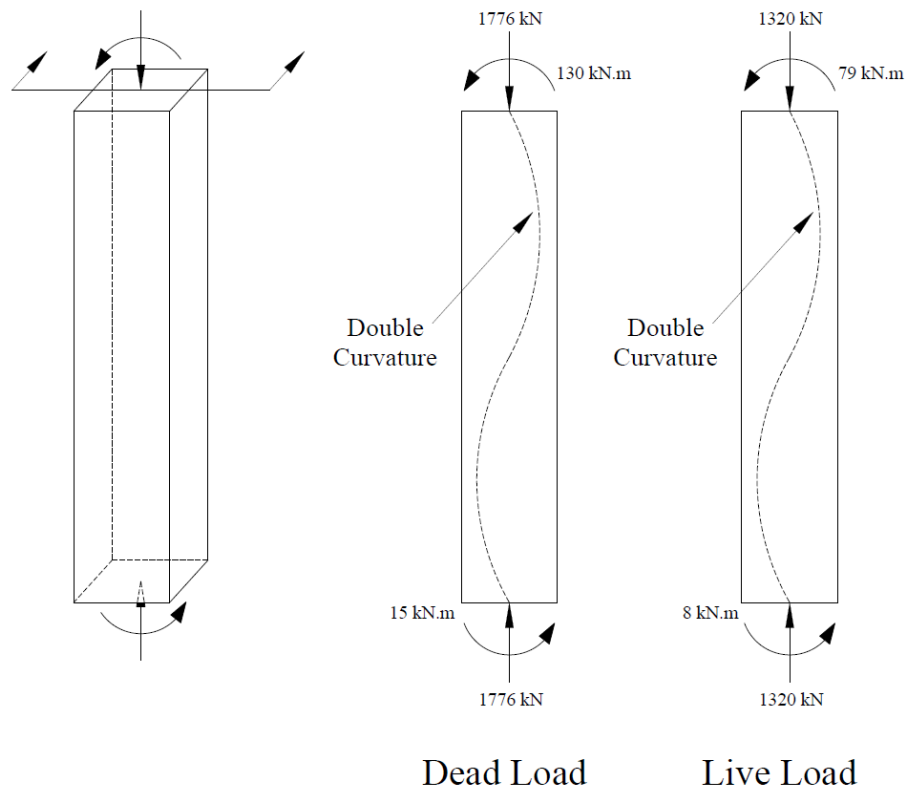


Figure 3 – Service Design Forces

1. Factored Axial Loads and Bending Moments

1.1. Load Combinations – Factored Loads

CSA A23.3-14 (Annex C, Table C.1a)

CSA A23.3-14 Reference	No.	Load Combination	Axial Load, kN	Bending Moment, kN.m		M _{Top,ns} kN.m	M _{Bottom,ns} kN.m	M _{Top,s} kN.m	M _{Bottom,s} kN.m
				Top	Bottom				
Annex C Table C.1a	1	1.4D	2486	182	21	182	21	0.0	0.0
	2	1.25D + 1.5L	4200	281	31	281	31	0.0	0.0

2. Slenderness Effects and Sway or Non-sway Frame Designation

Columns and stories in structures are considered as non-sway frames if the stability index for the story (Q) does not exceed 0.05.

CSA A.23.3-14 (10.14.4)

The reference assumed that the Q value is much less than 0.05. Therefore, the frame is considered as a non-sway frame.

3. Effective Length Factor (k)

$$I_{column} = 0.7 \times \frac{c^4}{12} = 0.7 \times \frac{500^4}{12} = 3.65 \times 10^9 \text{ mm}^4$$

CSA A.23.3-14 (10.14.1.2)

$$E_c = \left(3,300 \times \sqrt{f'_c} + 6,900 \right) \left(\frac{\gamma_c}{2,300} \right)^{1.5}$$

CSA A.23.3-14 (Eq. 8.1)

$$E_c = \left(3,300 \times \sqrt{40} + 6,900 \right) \left(\frac{2,400}{2,300} \right)^{1.5} = 29602 \text{ MPa}$$

For column being designed:

$$\frac{E_c \times I_{column}}{l_c} = \frac{29602 \times 3.65 \times 10^9}{8600} = 1.25 \times 10^{10} \text{ N.mm}$$

For other columns:

$$\frac{E_c \times I_{column}}{l_c} = \frac{29602 \times 3.65 \times 10^9}{4300} = 2.51 \times 10^{10} \text{ N.mm}$$

For beams framing into the columns:

$$\frac{E_b \times I_{beam}}{l_b} = \frac{29602 \times 2.70 \times 10^9}{7000} = 1.14 \times 10^{10} \text{ N.mm}$$

Where:

$$I_{beam} = 0.35 \times 7.7 \times 10^9 = 2.70 \times 10^9 \text{ mm}^4$$

CSA A.23.3-14 (10.14.1.2)

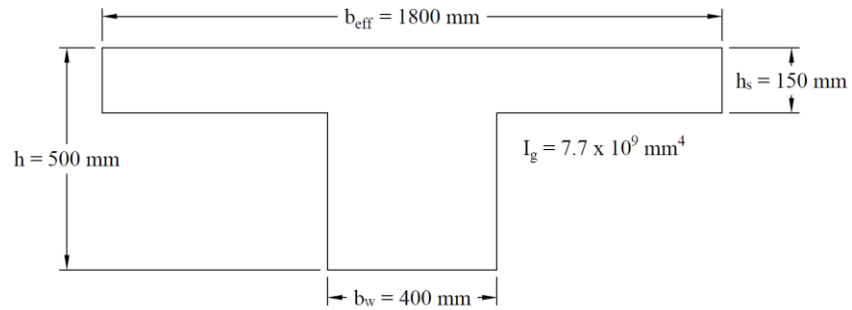


Figure 4 – Beam Cross-Section

$$\Psi_A = \frac{\left(\sum \frac{EI}{l_c} \right)_{columns}}{\left(\sum \frac{EI}{l} \right)_{beams}} = \frac{1.25 + 2.51}{2 \times 1.14} = 1.65$$

CSA A.23.3-14 (Figure N.10.15.1)

$$\Psi_B = \Psi_A = 1.65$$

Using Figure N10.15.1(a) from CSA A23.3-14 $\rightarrow k = 0.835$ as shown in the figure below for the exterior column.

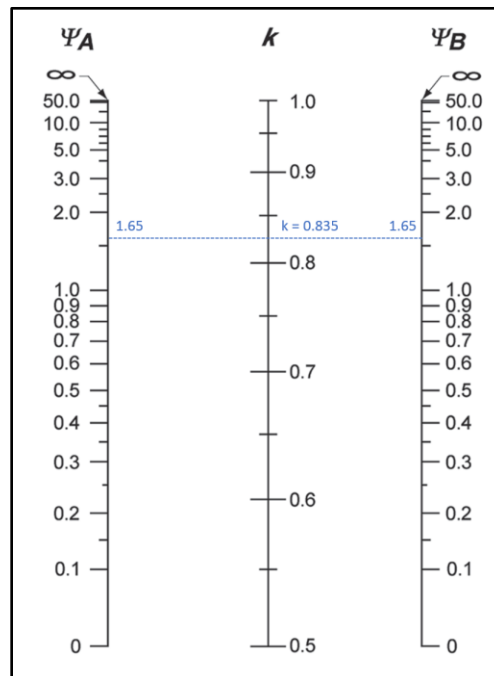


Figure 5 – Effective Length Factor (k) (Non-Sway Frame)

4. Check if Slenderness can be Neglected

CSA A23.3-14 allows to neglect the slenderness in a non-sway frame if:

$$\frac{k \times l_u}{r} \leq \frac{25 - 10 \left(\frac{M_1}{M_2} \right)}{\sqrt{\frac{P_f}{f_c \times A_g}}} \quad \text{CSA A.23.3-14 (Eq. 10.16)}$$

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{I_g}{A_g}} = \sqrt{\frac{c^2}{12}} = \sqrt{\frac{500^2}{12}} = 144.34 \text{ mm}$$

$$\frac{k \times l_u}{r} = \frac{0.835 \times (8600 - 500)}{144.34} = 46.86$$

Since the member is bent in double curvature, M_1/M_2 ratio shall be taken as negative. And M_1/M_2 shall not be taken less than -0.5. CSA A.23.3-14 (10.15.2)

$$\frac{M_1}{M_2} = -\frac{30.75}{281} = -0.11 > -0.5$$

$$\frac{25 - 10 \left(\frac{M_1}{M_2} \right)}{\sqrt{\frac{P_f}{f_c \times A_g}}} = \frac{25 - 10(-0.11)}{\sqrt{\frac{4200}{40 \times (500 \times 500)}}} = \frac{25 + 1.10}{0.648} = 40.3$$

$$\frac{k \times l_u}{r} = 46.86 > \frac{25 - 10 \left(\frac{M_1}{M_2} \right)}{\sqrt{\frac{P_f}{f_c \times A_g}}} = 40.3 \quad \therefore \text{slenderness can't be neglected.}$$

5. Moment Magnification – Non-Sway Frame

$$M_c = \frac{C_m M_2}{1 - \frac{P_f}{\phi_m P_c}} \geq M_2 \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (10.15.3.1)}$$

Where:

$$C_m = 0.6 + 0.4 \frac{M_1}{M_2} \geq 0.4 \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (10.15.3.2)}$$

And, the member resistance factor would be $\phi_m = 0.75$ CSA A23.3-14 (10.15.3.1)

$$P_c = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{(kl_u)^2} \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (Eq. 10.18)}$$

Where:

$$EI = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(a)} \frac{0.2E_c I_g + E_s I_{st}}{1 + \beta_d} \\ \text{(b)} \frac{0.4E_c I_g}{1 + \beta_d} \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (10.15.3.1)}$$

There are two options for calculating the effective flexural stiffness of slender concrete columns EI . The first equation provides accurate representation of the reinforcement in the section and will be used in this example and is also used by the solver in [spColumn](#). Further comparison of the available options is provided in “[Effective Flexural Stiffness for Critical Buckling Load of Concrete Columns](#)” technical note.

5.1. Calculation of Critical Load (P_c)

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{I_g}{A_g}} = \sqrt{\frac{500^4 / 12}{500^2}} = 144.34 \text{ mm} \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (10.14.2)}$$

With 12 – 25M reinforcement equally distributed on all sides and 500 mm x 500 mm column section

$$I_{st} = 0.176 \times \rho_l \times b \times h^3 \times \gamma^2 \quad \text{Concrete Design Handbook (Table 8.2(b))}$$

$$I_{st} = 0.176 \times \frac{12 \times 500}{500 \times 500} \times 500 \times 500^3 \times 0.75^2 = 1.485 \times 10^8 \text{ mm}^4$$

$$\beta_d = \frac{P_{f, \text{sustained}}}{P_f} = \frac{2220}{4200} = 0.529$$

$$EI = \frac{0.2E_c I_g + E_s I_{st}}{1 + \beta_d} \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (Eq. 10-19)}$$

$$EI = \frac{0.2 \times (29602) \times (5.21 \times 10^9) + (200000) \times (1.485 \times 10^8)}{1 + 0.529} = 3.96 \times 10^{13} \text{ N.mm}^2$$

$$P_c = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{(kl_u)^2} \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (Eq. 10.18)}$$

$$P_c = \frac{\pi^2 \times (3.96 \times 10^{13})}{(0.835 \times (8600 - 500))^2} = 8544 \text{ kN}$$

5.2. Calculation of Magnified Moment (M_c)

$$C_m = 0.6 + 0.4 \frac{M_1}{M_2} \geq 0.4 \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (10.15.3.2)}$$

$$C_m = 0.6 + 0.4 \left(-\frac{30.75}{281} \right) = 0.556 \geq 0.4$$

Check minimum moment:

CSA A23.3-14 (10.15.3.1)

$$(M_2)_{\min} = P_f (15 + 0.03h)$$

$$(M_2)_{\min} = 4200 \times (15 + 0.03 \times 500) / 1000 = 126 \text{ kN.m} < M_2$$

$$M_c = \frac{C_m M_2}{1 - \frac{P_f}{\phi_m P_c}} \geq M_2 \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (10.15.3.1)}$$

$$M_c = \frac{0.556 \times 281}{1 - \frac{4200}{0.75 \times 8544}} = \frac{0.556 \times 281}{1 - 0.655} = 453.6 \text{ kN.m} \geq 281 \text{ kN.m}$$

The slenderness effects resulted in a 61% increase of the first-order moment.

6. Column Design

Based on the factored axial loads and magnified moments considering slenderness effects, the capacity of the assumed column section (500 mm × 500 mm with 12 – 25M bars distributed all sides equal) will be checked and confirmed to finalize the design. A column interaction diagram will be generated using strain compatibility analysis, the detailed procedure to develop column interaction diagram can be found in “[Interaction Diagram - Tied Reinforced Concrete Column](#)” example.

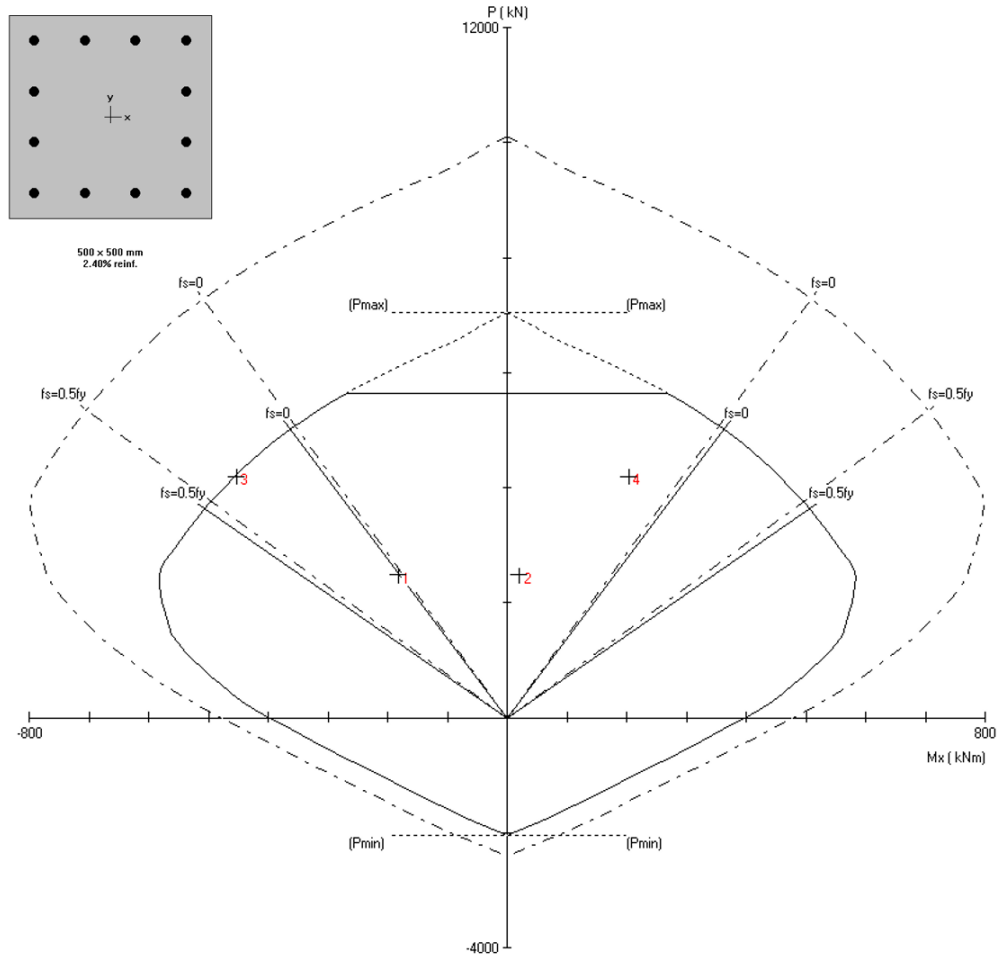


Figure 6 – Designed Column Interaction Diagram

7. Column Design - spColumn Software

[spColumn](#) program performs the analysis of the reinforced concrete section conforming to the provisions of the Strength Design Method and Unified Design Provisions with all conditions of strength satisfying the applicable conditions of equilibrium and strain compatibility and includes slenderness effects using moment magnification method for sway and nonsway frames. For this column section, we ran in design mode with control points using the CSA A23.3-14. The graphical and text results are provided below for both input and output of the [spColumn](#) model.

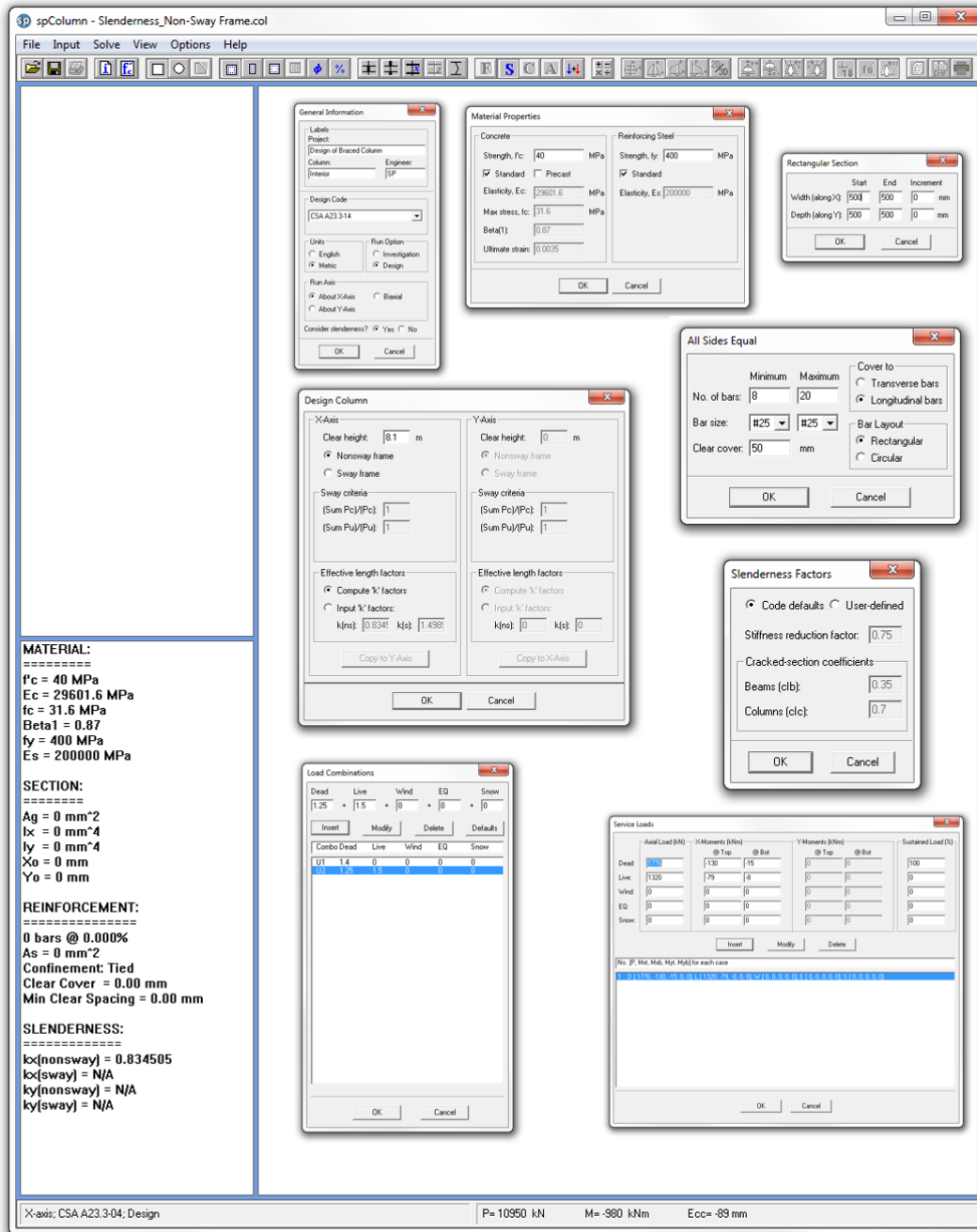


Figure 7 – spColumn Model Input Wizard Windows

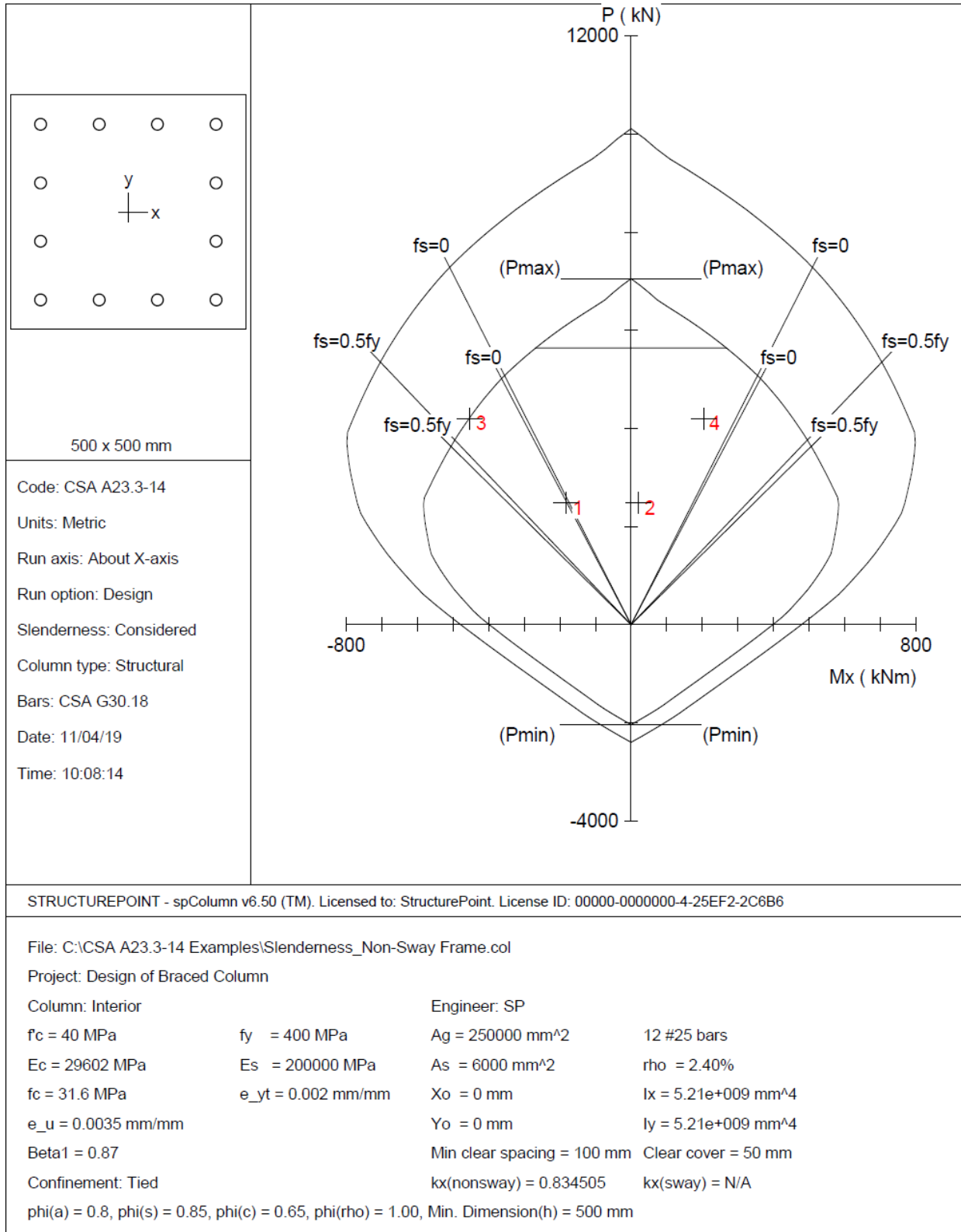
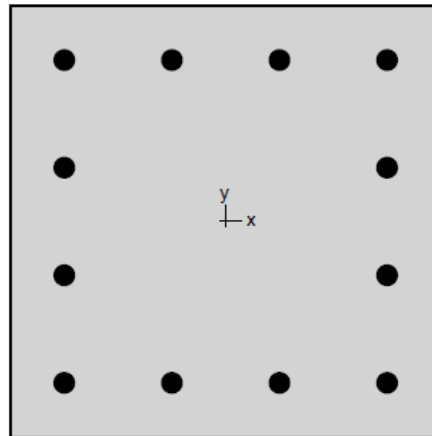


Figure 8 – Column Section Interaction Diagram about X-Axis (spColumn)



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Computer program for the Strength Design of Reinforced Concrete Sections
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1. General Information

File Name	C:\CSA A23.3-14...\Slenderness_Non-Sway Frame.col
Project	Design of Braced Column
Column	Interior
Engineer	SP
Code	CSA A23.3-14
Bar Set	CSA G30.18
Units	Metric
Run Option	Design
Run Axis	X - axis
Slenderness	Considered
Column Type	Structural
Capacity Method	Moment capacity

2. Material Properties

2.1. Concrete

Type	Standard
f_c	40 MPa
E_c	29601.6 MPa
f_c	31.6 MPa
ϵ_u	0.0035 mm/mm
β_1	0.87

2.2. Steel

Type	Standard
f_y	400 MPa
E_s	200000 MPa
ϵ_{yt}	0.002 mm/mm

3. Section

3.1. Shape and Properties

Type	Rectangular
Width	500 mm
Depth	500 mm
A_g	250000 mm ²
I_x	5.20833e+009 mm ⁴
I_y	5.20833e+009 mm ⁴
r_x	144.338 mm
r_y	144.338 mm
X_o	0 mm
Y_o	0 mm

3.2. Section Figure

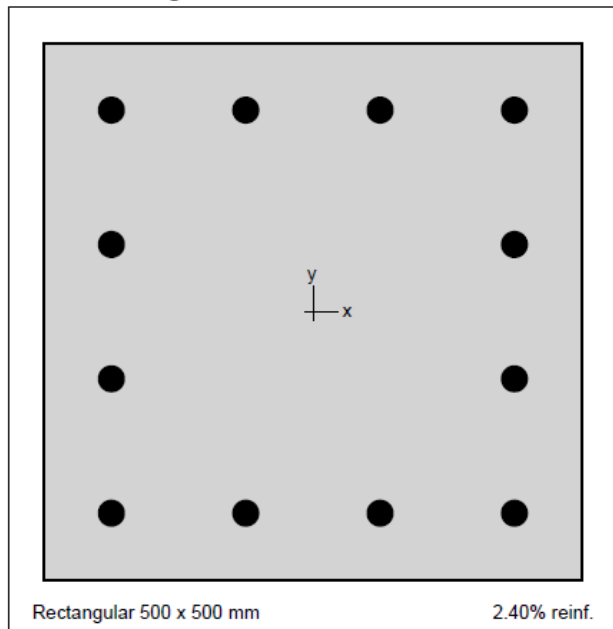


Figure 1: Column section

4. Reinforcement

4.1. Bar Set: CSA G30.18

Bar	Diameter mm	Area mm ²	Bar	Diameter mm	Area mm ²	Bar	Diameter mm	Area mm ²
#10	11.30	100.00	#15	16.00	200.00	#20	19.50	300.00
#25	25.20	500.00	#30	29.90	700.00	#35	35.70	1000.00
#45	43.70	1500.00	#55	56.40	2500.00			

4.2. Design Criteria

Bar selection	Min. number of bars
$A_{s,min} = 0.01 \times A_g$	2500 mm ²
$A_{s,max} = 0.08 \times A_g$	20000 mm ²
Allowable Capacity Ratio (<1 is safe)	1.00

4.3. Confinement and Factors

Confinement type	Tied
For #55 bars or less	#10 ties
For larger bars	#15 ties
Material Resistance Factors	
Axial compression, (a)	0.8
Steel (ϕ_s)	0.85
Concrete (ϕ_c)	0.65
Minimum dimension, h	500 mm

4.4. Arrangement

Pattern	All sides equal
Bar layout	Rectangular
Cover to	Longitudinal bars
Clear cover	50 mm
Bars	12 #25
Total steel area, A_s	6000 mm ²
Rho	2.40 %
Minimum clear spacing	100 mm

5. Loading

5.1. Load Combinations

Combination	Dead	Live	Wind	EQ	Snow
U1	1.400	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
U2	1.250	1.500	0.000	0.000	0.000

5.2. Service Loads

No.	Load Case	Axial Load kN	Mx @ Top kNm	Mx @ Bottom kNm	My @ Top kNm	My @ Bottom kNm
1	Dead	1776.00	-130.00	-15.00	0.00	0.00
1	Live	1320.00	-79.00	-8.00	0.00	0.00
1	Wind	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	EQ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Snow	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

5.3. Sustained Load Factors

Load Case	Factor %
Dead	100
Live	0
Wind	0
EQ	0
Snow	0

6. Slenderness

6.1. Sway Criteria

X-Axis	Non-sway column
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6.2. Columns

Column	Axis	Height m	Width mm	Depth mm	I mm ⁴	f'_c MPa	E_c MPa
Design	X	8.1	500	500	5.20833e+009	40	29601.6
Above	X	4.3	500	500	5.20833e+009	40	29601.6
Below	X	4.3	500	500	5.20833e+009	40	29601.6

6.3. X - Beams

Beam	Length m	Width mm	Depth mm	I mm ⁴	f'_c MPa	E_c MPa
Above Left	7	740	500	7.70833e+009	40	29601.6

Beam	Length m	Width mm	Depth mm	I mm ⁴	f _c MPa	E _c MPa
Above Right	7	740	500	7.70833e+009	40	29601.6
Below Left	7	740	500	7.70833e+009	40	29601.6
Below Right	7	740	500	7.70833e+009	40	29601.6

7. Moment Magnification

7.1. General Parameters

Factors	Code defaults
Stiffness reduction factor, ϕ_k	0.75
Cracked section coefficients, c1(beams)	0.35
Cracked section coefficients, c1(columns)	0.7
0.2 E _c I _g + E _s I _{se} (X-axis)	6.05e+010 kNm ²
Minimum eccentricity, e _{x min}	30.00 mm
k'	$(P_r / (f_c * A_g))^{0.5}$

7.2. Effective Length Factors

Axis	Ψ_{top}	Ψ_{bottom}	k (Nonsway)	k (Sway)	k _l /r
X	1.650	1.650	0.835	(N/A)	46.83

7.3. Magnification Factors: X - axis

* Slenderness need not be considered.

Load Combo	At Ends						Along Length					
	$\sum P_r$ kN	P _c kN	$\sum P_c$ kN	β_{ds}	δ_s	P _r kN	k' _l /r	P _c kN	β_{dns}	C _m	δ	
1 U1	(N/A)	(N/A)	(N/A)	(N/A)	(N/A)	2486.40	(N/A)	6533.27	1.000	(N/A)	(N/A) *	
1 U2	(N/A)	(N/A)	(N/A)	(N/A)	(N/A)	4200.00	(N/A)	8548.21	0.529	0.556	1.613	

8. Factored Moments

NOTE: Each loading combination includes the following cases:

Top - At column top

Bot - At column bottom

8.1. X - axis

Load Combo	1 st Order					2 nd Order			Ratio 2 nd /1 st
	M _{ns} kNm	M _s kNm	M _r kNm	M _{min} kNm	M _l kNm	M _c kNm			
1 U1 Top	-182.00	(N/A)	-182.00	(N/A)	M ₂ =	(N/A)	(N/A)	(N/A)	
1 U1 Bot	21.00	(N/A)	21.00	(N/A)	M ₁ =	(N/A)	(N/A)	(N/A)	
1 U2 Top	-281.00	(N/A)	-281.00	-126.00	M ₂ =	-281.00	-453.19	(N/A)	
1 U2 Bot	30.75	(N/A)	30.75	126.00	M ₁ =	30.75	203.21	(N/A)	

9. Factored Loads and Moments with Corresponding Capacity Ratios

NOTE: Calculations are based on "Moment Capacity" Method.

Allowable Capacity (Ratio) <= 1.00

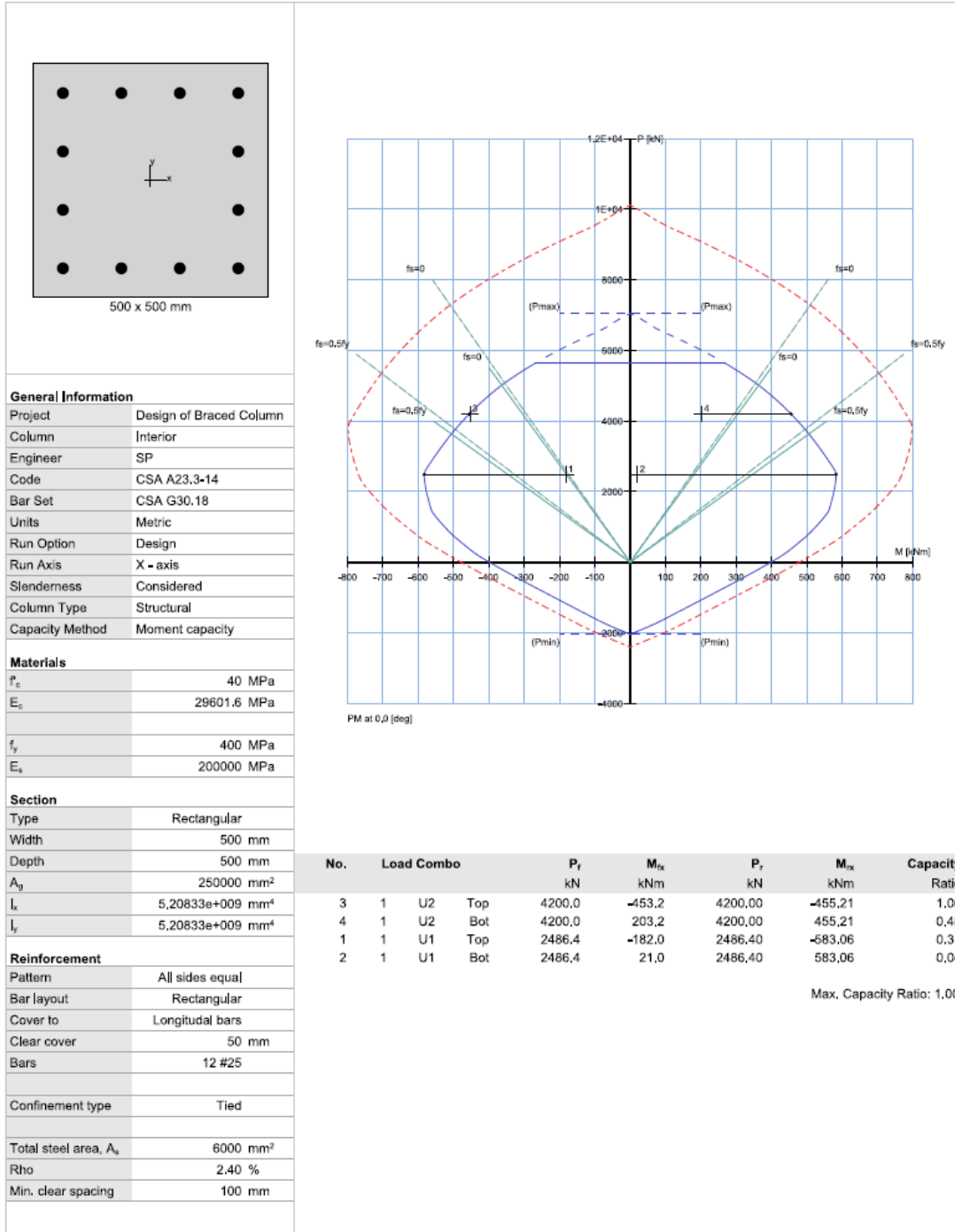
Each loading combination includes the following cases:

Top - At column top

Bot - At column bottom

No.	Load Combo			Demand		Capacity		Parameters at Capacity		Capacity Ratio
				P_r kN	M_{rx} kNm	P_r kN	M_{rx} kNm	NA Depth mm	ϵ_t	
1	1	U1	Top	2486.40	-182.00	2486.40	-583.06	274	0.00209	0.31
2	1	U1	Bot	2486.40	21.00	2486.40	583.06	274	0.00209	0.04
3	1	U2	Top	4200.00	-453.19	4200.00	-455.21	379	0.00054	1.00
4	1	U2	Bot	4200.00	203.21	4200.00	455.21	379	0.00054	0.45

10. Diagrams
10.1. PM at $\theta=0$ [deg]



8. Summary and Comparison of Design Results

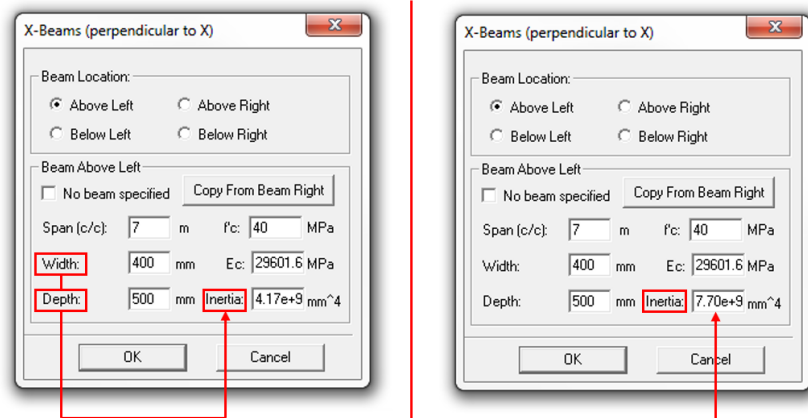
Analysis and design results from the hand calculations above are compared for the exact values obtained from spColumn model.

	k	EI, N.mm ²	P _c , kN	P _r , kN	Magnification Factor	M _c , kN.m
Reference	0.840	4.10×10 ¹³	8741	4200	1.560	438
Hand	0.835	3.96×10 ¹³	8544	4200	1.614	454
spColumn	0.835	3.96×10 ¹³	8548	4200	1.613	453

All the results of the hand calculations illustrated above are in precise agreement with the automated exact results obtained from the [spColumn](#) program.

The notes below are helpful to the [spColumn](#) user in creating the design model:

1. The reference used the larger of the two equations provided by CSA A23.3-14 (10.15.3.1) to calculate EI since both EI equations are lower bounds. However, the hand solution and [spColumn](#) use the first equation since it provides an estimate that is dependent on the reinforcement configuration provided in the section.
2. The reference used an approximate equation to calculate the radius of gyration (r) while the hand solution and [spColumn](#) use the exact equation to calculate r value.
3. In slenderness window, the default value for moment of inertia is based on a rectangular section. For non-rectangular sections, the moment of inertia should be entered manually by the user.



When entering the width and depth values, the moment of inertia will be calculated automatically considering a rectangular section.

If the section is not rectangular, the moment of inertia can be entered manually by the user.

Figure 9 – Moment of Inertia Considerations ([spColumn](#))

9. Conclusions & Observations

The analysis of the reinforced concrete section performed by [spColumn](#) conforms to the provisions of the Strength Design Method and Unified Design Provisions with all conditions of strength satisfying the applicable conditions of equilibrium and strain compatibility and includes slenderness effects using moment magnification method for sway and nonsway frames.

CSA A23.3 provides multiple options for calculating values of EI and magnification factor leading to variability in the determination of the adequacy of a column section. Engineers must exercise judgment in selecting suitable options to match their design condition. The [spColumn](#) program utilizes the exact methods whenever possible and allows user to override the calculated values with direct input based on their engineering judgment wherever it is permissible.

10. Effects of $M_{2,min}$ on Slenderness Calculations for Non-Sway Column per CSA A23.3

Provisions for the minimum moment, $M_{2,min}$, effects on slenderness calculations for non- sway columns per CSA A23.3 has gone through significant changes in the 2004, 2014, and 2019 code cycles. The 2019 edition of CSA A23.3 is to bring significant conservatism to non- sway column designs in both slenderness consideration and the moment magnification phases.

To illustrate relevant changes, additional load cases will be considered in this example to outline and discuss the evolution of CSA A23.3 provisions in slenderness calculations for non- sway columns where the largest first- order moment, M_2 , is less than the minimum moment, $M_{2,min}$.

Note that:

- The column cross- section and reinforcement configuration are unchanged.
- The calculations shown below are based on CSA A23.3-14 provisions.
- The calculations not affected by the load changes are not repeated.
- The calculations based on revised provisions from CSA A23.3-19 will be covered in the 2019 version of this design example.

Table 4 – Additional column service load cases			
Load Case	Axial Load, kN	Bending Moment, kN.m	
		Top	Bottom
Dead, D	1776	48	-8
Live, L	1320	30	-5

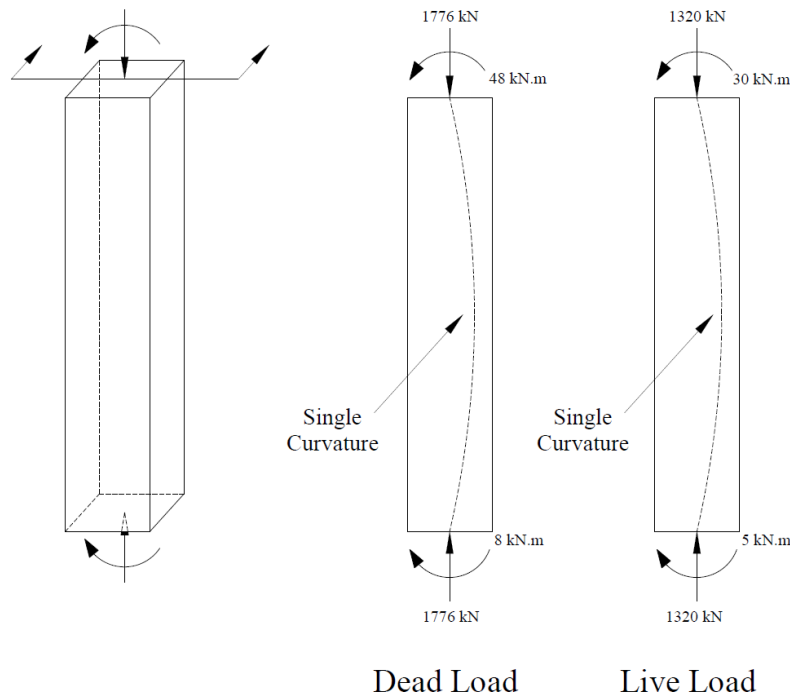


Figure 10 – Service Design Forces

Table 5 - Column factored loads

CSA A23.3-14 Reference	No.	Load Combination	Axial Load, kN	Bending Moment, kN.m		M _{Top,ns} kN.m	M _{Bottom,ns} kN.m	M _{Top,s} kN.m	M _{Bottom,s} kN.m
				Top	Bottom				
Annex C Table C.1a	1	1.4D	2486	67.2	11.2	67.2	11.2	0.0	0.0
	2	1.25D + 1.5L	4200	105.0	17.5	105.0	17.5	0.0	0.0

$$k = 0.835$$

$$\frac{k \times l_u}{r} \leq \frac{25 - 10 \left(\frac{M_1}{M_2} \right)}{\sqrt{\frac{P_f}{f_c \times A_g}}} \quad \text{CSA A.23.3-14 (Eq. 10.16)}$$

Where:

per CSA A23.3-04 and CSA A23.3-14:

- M₁/M₂ is not taken less than -0.5.
- M₁/M₂ shall be taken positive if the member is bent in single curvature.

per CSA A23.3-19:

- M₁/M₂ is not taken less than -0.5.
- M₁/M₂ shall be taken positive if the member is bent in single curvature **and**
- **shall be taken as 1.0 if M₂ is less than M_{2,min}**

Since the member is bent in single curvature, M₁/M₂ ratio shall be taken as positive. And M₁/M₂ shall not be taken less than -0.5. CSA A.23.3-14 (10.15.2)

$$\frac{M_1}{M_2} = \frac{17.5}{105} = 0.167 > -0.5$$

$$\frac{25 - 10 \left(\frac{M_1}{M_2} \right)}{\sqrt{\frac{P_f}{f_c \times A_g}}} = \frac{25 - 10(0.167)}{\sqrt{\frac{4200}{40 \times (500 \times 500)}}} = \frac{25 - 1.67}{0.648} = 36$$

$$\frac{k \times l_u}{r} = 46.86 > \frac{25 - 10 \left(\frac{M_1}{M_2} \right)}{\sqrt{\frac{P_f}{f_c \times A_g}}} = 36 \quad \therefore \text{slenderness can't be neglected.}$$

$$P_c = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{(kl_u)^2} \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (Eq. 10.18)}$$

$$P_c = 8544 \text{ kN}$$

$$C_m = 0.6 + 0.4 \frac{M_1}{M_2} \geq 0.4 \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (10.15.3.2)}$$

CSA A23.3-04, clause 10.15.3.1 stated that “ M_2 in Equation 10.16 shall not be taken as less than $P_f(15+0.03h)$ about each axis separately.”

CSA A23.3-14, clause 10.15.3.1 stated that “ M_2 in Equation 10.17 shall not be taken as less than $P_f(15+0.03h)$ about each axis separately **with the member bent in single curvature with C_m taken as 1.0.**”

The CSA A23.3-14, clause 10.15.3.1 provides unclear guidance implying the M_2 shall not be taken less than the minimum moment, $P_f(15+0.03h)$ with members bent in single curvature only. This provision is revised entirely and clarified in CSA A23.3-19 as follows to consistently require $C_m = 1.0$ in all cases where $M_{2,\min}$ exceeds M_2 .

CSA A23.3-19, clause 10.15.3.1 states that “ M_2 in Equation 10.17 shall not be taken as less than $M_{2,\min}$ about each axis separately. **If $M_{2,\min}$ exceeds M_2 , C_m shall be taken as equal to 1.0.**”

$$C_m = 0.6 + 0.4 \left(\frac{17.5}{105} \right) = 0.667 \geq 0.4$$

$$(M_2)_{\min} = P_f(15 + 0.03h) = 126 \text{ kN.m} > M_2 = 105 \text{ kN.m}$$

$$\therefore M_2 = 126 \text{ kN.m}$$

$$M_c = \frac{C_m M_2}{1 - \frac{P_f}{\phi_m P_c}} \geq M_2 \quad \text{CSA A23.3-14 (10.15.3.1)}$$

$$M_c = \frac{0.667 \times 126}{1 - \frac{4200}{0.75 \times 8544}} = \frac{0.667 \times 126}{1 - 0.655} = 243.8 \text{ kN.m} \geq 126 \text{ kN.m}$$

Table 6 – Parameters for moment magnification of column in Non-sway frame (revised loads)					
	C_m	M_2 , kN.m	$M_{2,\min}$, kN.m	Magnification Factor	M_c , kN.m
Hand	0.667	105	126	1.935	243.8
spColumn	0.667	105	126	1.933	243.6

Summary and Observations:

- When using CSA A23.3-14, the first-order moment has been increased by 93.5% ($M_2 = 105 \text{ kN.m}$, $M_c = 243.8 \text{ kN.m}$) since the largest first-order moment value is less than the minimum moment ($M_{2,\min}$).
- Further magnification is expected when using CSA A23.3-19. The first-order moment increased by 248% due to the adjustment on clause 10.15.3.1 in CSA A23.3-19 where C_m shall be taken as equal to 1.0 when $M_{2,\min}$ exceeds M_2 . ($M_2 = 105 \text{ kN.m}$, $M_{2,\min} = 126 \text{ kN.m}$, and $M_c = 365.6 \text{ kN.m}$)

3. Excerpts from the [spColumn](#) model results for the column with modified loads are shown below for demonstration.

5. Loading

5.1. Load Combinations

Combination	Dead	Live	Wind	EQ	Snow
U1	1.400	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
U2	1.250	1.500	0.000	0.000	0.000

5.2. Service Loads

No.	Load Case	Axial Load kN	Mx @ Top kNm	Mx @ Bottom kNm	My @ Top kNm	My @ Bottom kNm
1	Dead	1776.00	48.00	-8.00	0.00	0.00
1	Live	1320.00	30.00	-5.00	0.00	0.00
1	Wind	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	EQ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Snow	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

7. Moment Magnification

7.1. General Parameters

Factors	Code defaults
Stiffness reduction factor, ϕ_k	0.75
Cracked section coefficients, cl(beams)	0.35
Cracked section coefficients, cl(columns)	0.7
$0.2 E_c I_g + E_s I_{se}$ (X-axis)	6.05e+010 kNmm ²
Minimum eccentricity, $e_{x,min}$	30.00 mm
k'	$(P_r / (f'_c \cdot A_g))^{0.5}$

7.2. Effective Length Factors

Axis	Ψ_{top}	Ψ_{bottom}	k (Nonsway)	k (Sway)	kl_u/r
X	1.650	1.650	0.835	(N/A)	46.83

7.3. Magnification Factors: X - axis

Load Combo	At Ends						Along Length					
	$\sum P_r$ kN	P_c kN	$\sum P_c$ kN	β_{ds}	δ_s	P_r kN	$k'l_u/r$	P_c kN	β_{dns}	C_m	δ	
1 U1	(N/A)	(N/A)	(N/A)	(N/A)	(N/A)	2486.40	(N/A)	6533.27	1.000	0.667	1.353	
1 U2	(N/A)	(N/A)	(N/A)	(N/A)	(N/A)	4200.00	(N/A)	8548.21	0.529	0.667	1.933	

8. Factored Moments

NOTE: Each loading combination includes the following cases:

Top - At column top

Bot - At column bottom

8.1. X - axis

Load Combo	1 st Order				2 nd Order		Ratio 2 nd /1 st
	M_{ns} kNm	M_s kNm	M_r kNm	M_{min} kNm	M_i kNm	M_c kNm	
1 U1 Top	67.20	(N/A)	67.20	74.59	$M_2 =$ 67.20	100.96	(N/A)
1 U1 Bot	11.20	(N/A)	11.20	74.59	$M_1 =$ 11.20	100.96	(N/A)
1 U2 Top	105.00	(N/A)	105.00	126.00	$M_2 =$ 105.00	243.55	(N/A)
1 U2 Bot	17.50	(N/A)	17.50	126.00	$M_1 =$ 17.50	243.55	(N/A)

9. Factored Loads and Moments with Corresponding Capacity Ratios

NOTE: Calculations are based on "Moment Capacity" Method.

Each loading combination includes the following cases:

Top - At column top

Bot - At column bottom

No.	Load Combo	Demand		Capacity		Parameters at Capacity		Capacity Ratio
		P_r kN	M_{rx} kNm	P_r kN	M_{rx} kNm	NA Depth mm	ϵ_t	
1	1 U1 Top	2486.40	100.96	2486.40	583.06	274	0.00209	0.17
2	1 U1 Bot	2486.40	100.96	2486.40	583.06	274	0.00209	0.17
3	1 U2 Top	4200.00	243.55	4200.00	455.21	379	0.00054	0.54
4	1 U2 Bot	4200.00	243.55	4200.00	455.21	379	0.00054	0.54

10. Diagrams

10.1. PM at $\theta=0$ [deg]

