

**Seminário Internacional ABCIC
O Estado da Arte da Fabricação em Concreto
e os Aspectos da Qualidade**

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Development of Prefabrication in Europe

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Chairman, *fib* Commission 6

Historical Development

both prefabrication and in-situ construction
have been used and re-used for structures
along centuries

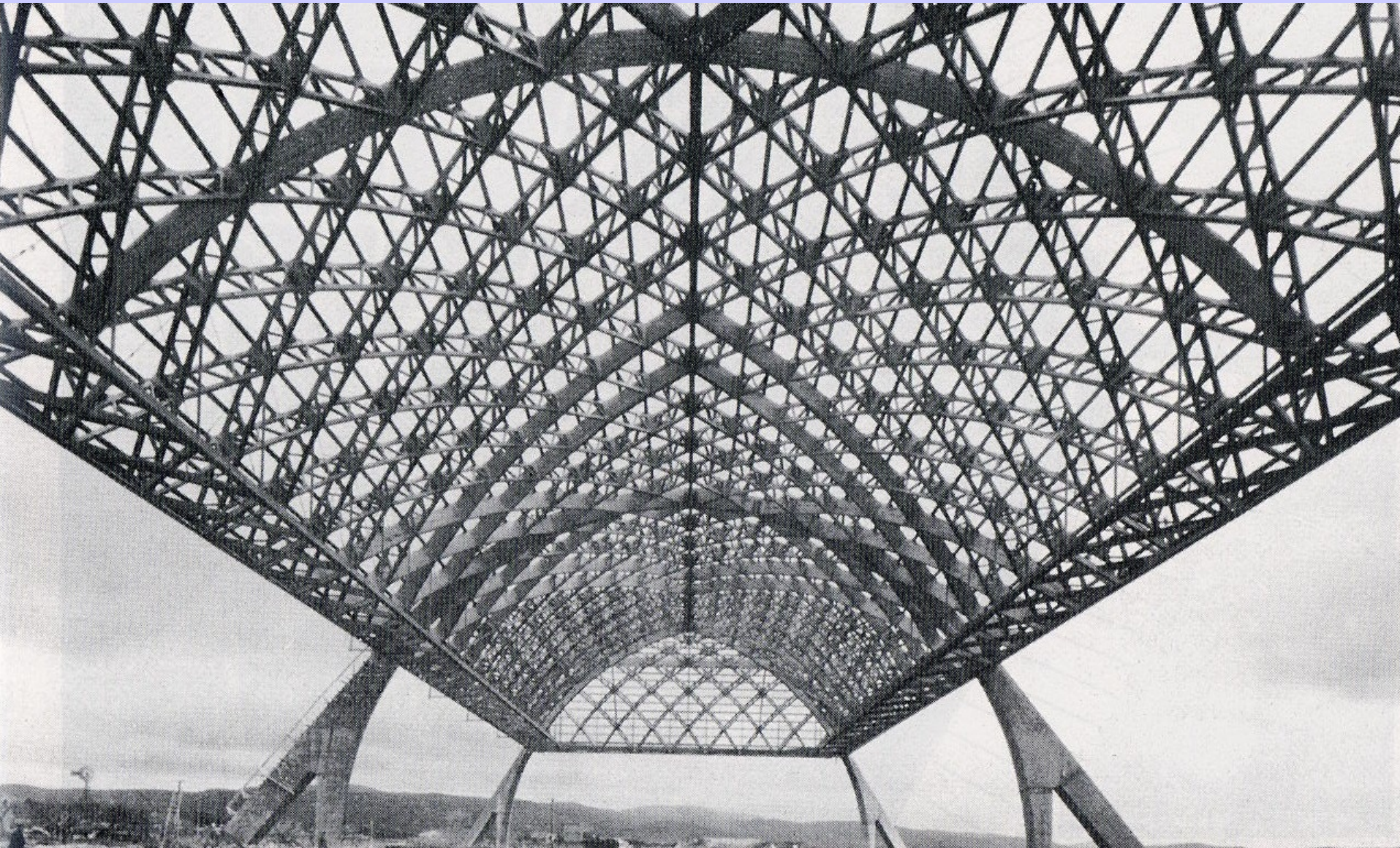


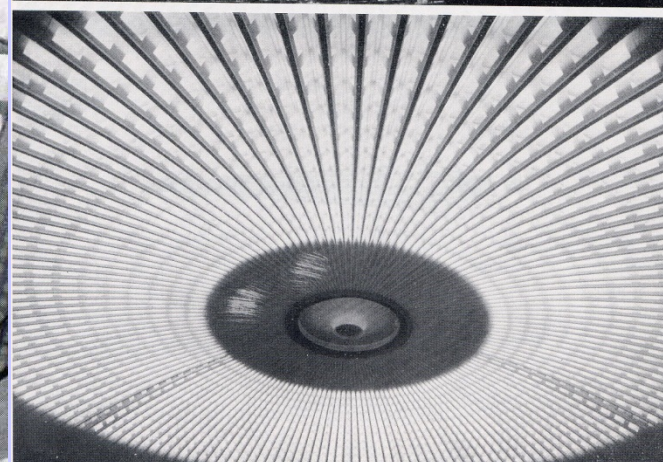
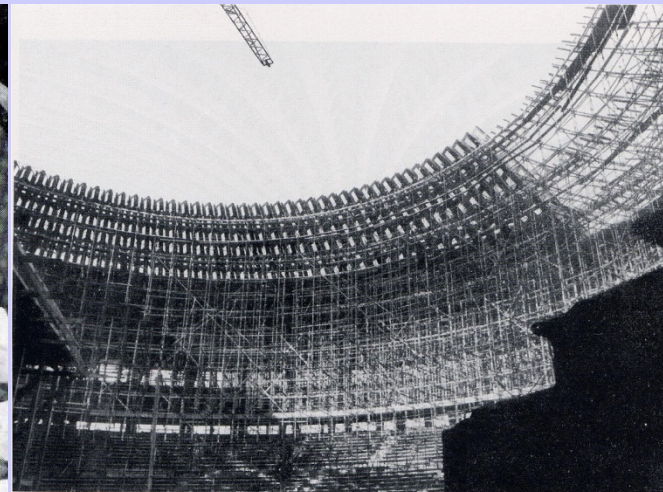
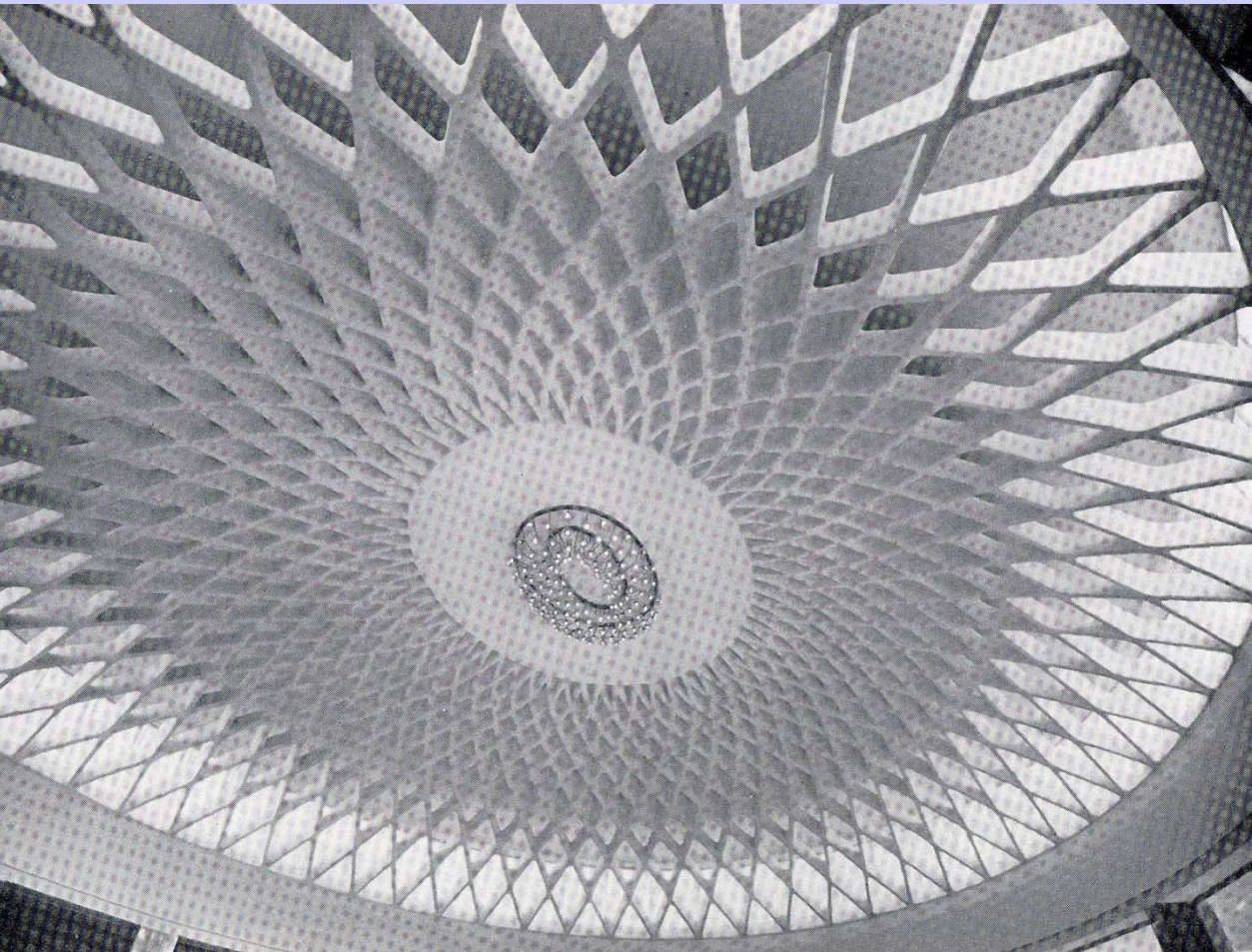
from precast to cast-in-situ
with multiple alterations
of structure and function
on a 20 centuries lifespan



reuse after 15 centuries with other technique

P.L. Nervi's
precast concrete hangars (1940)





again P.L. Nervi (1960)

by mid XXth century,

two new issues (ref. Italy):

- prestressing technology
- demand of utility buildings

stirred up industrial prefabrication of structures

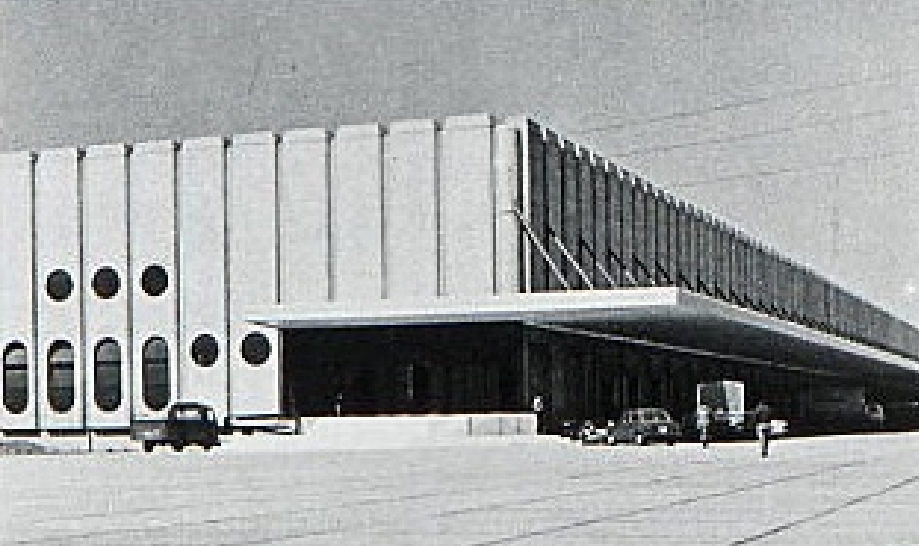
▶ skeletons:

industrial halls, then other buildings:

commercial... social... office... parking... dwelling...

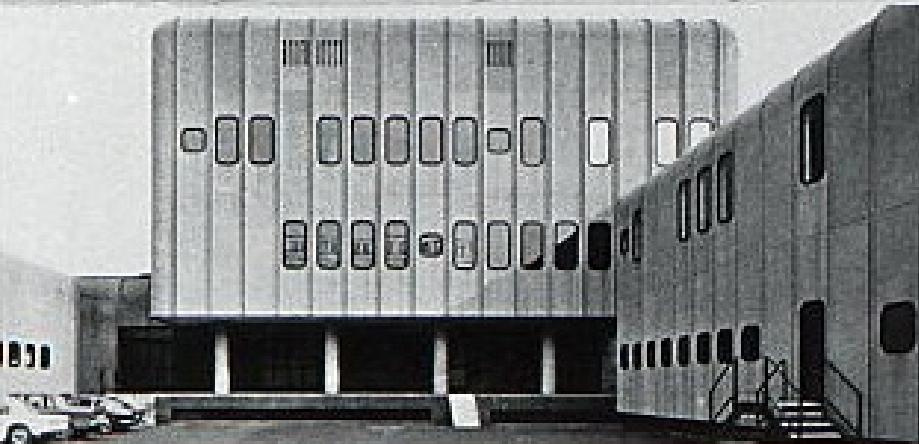
(national development)

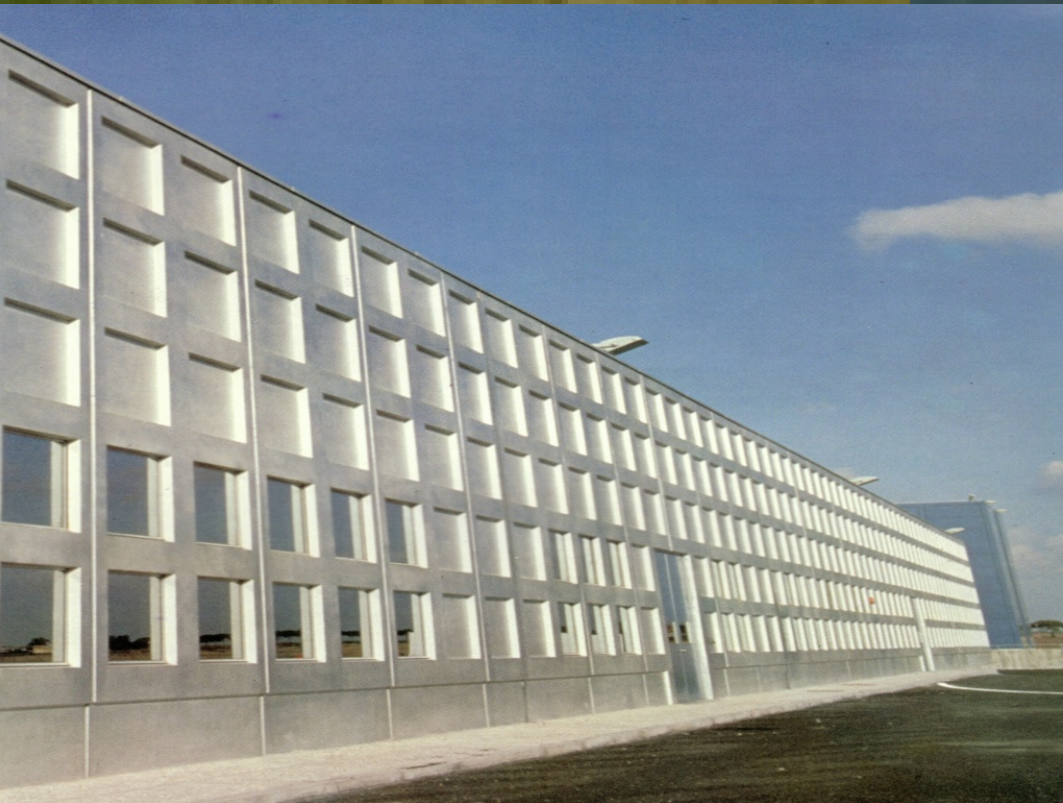
▶ load-bearing panels (imported systems)



MODERN PREFABRICATION

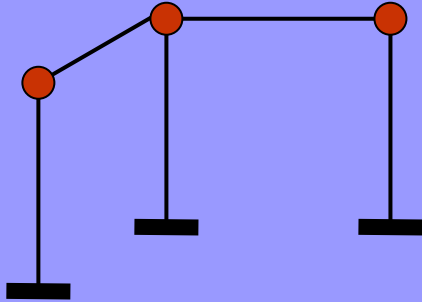
since the 1950s:
tailored industrial buildings
with personalized look





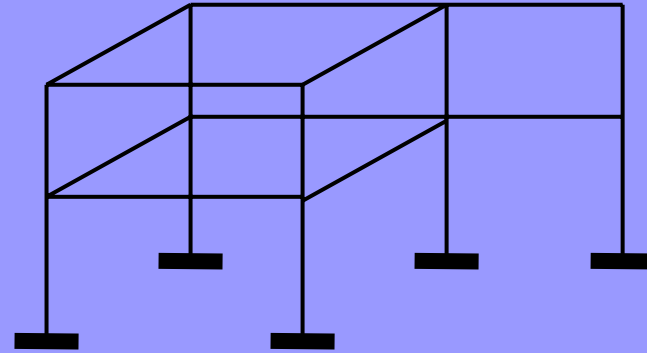
STRUCTURAL SCHEMES

(Emulating vs NonEmulating c-i-s continuity)



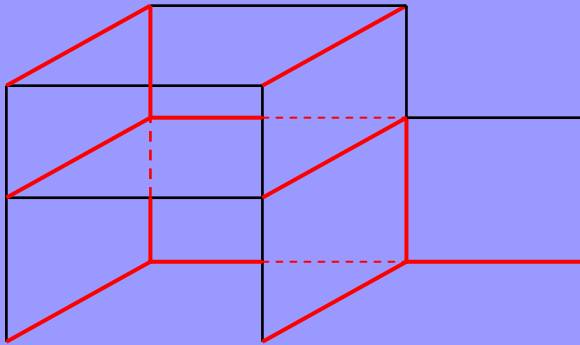
Pendulum

NE



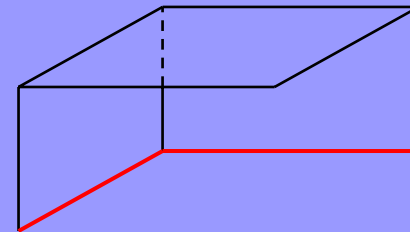
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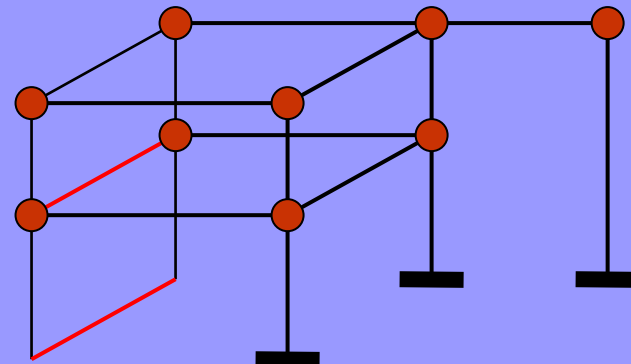
1.b.Panels

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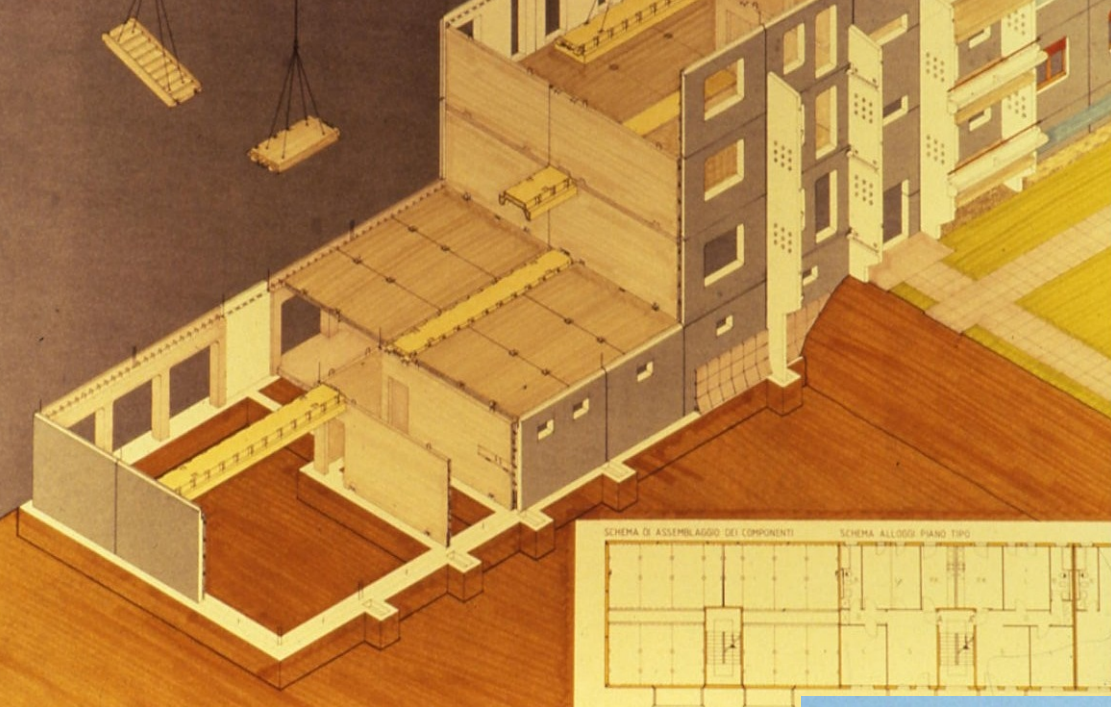
3D
Components

- hinge
- linear hinge
- fixed end



Dual

NE



NE LOAD-BEARING PANELS

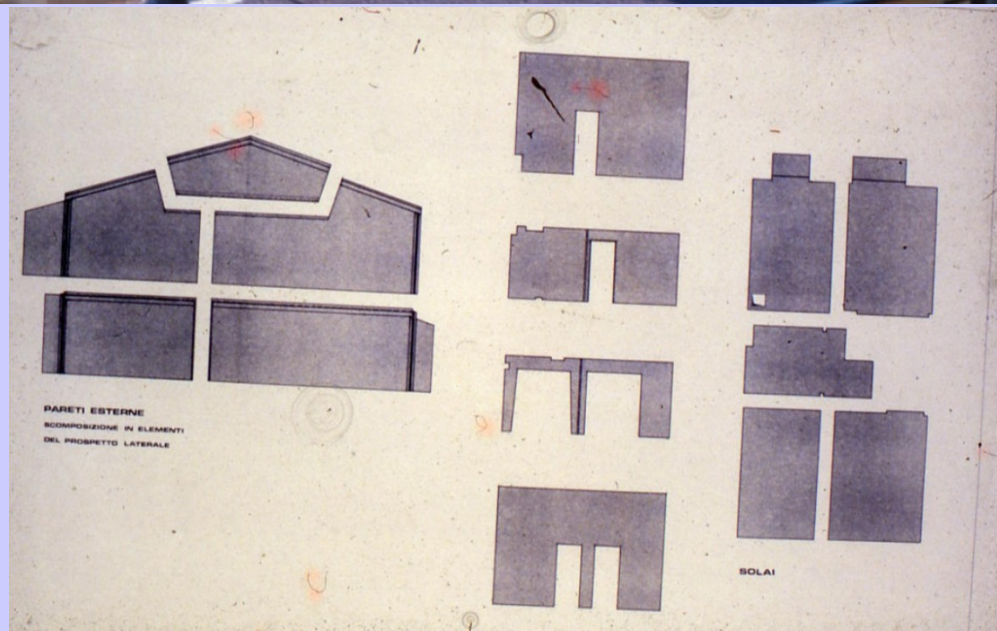
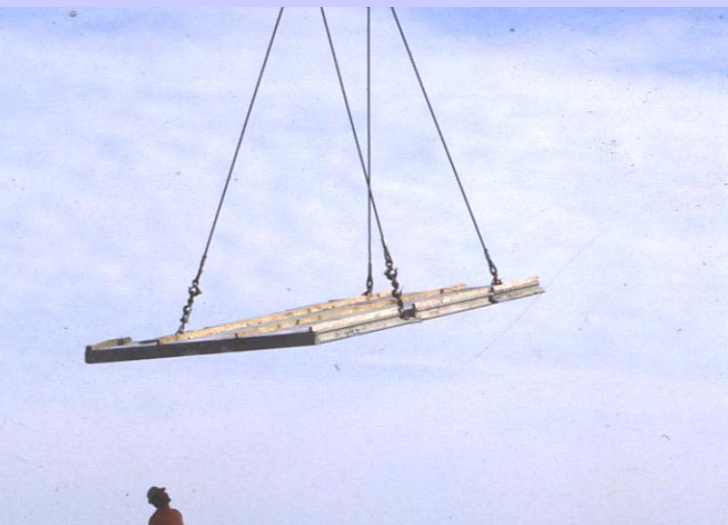
at start, rigid layout
and heavy appearance

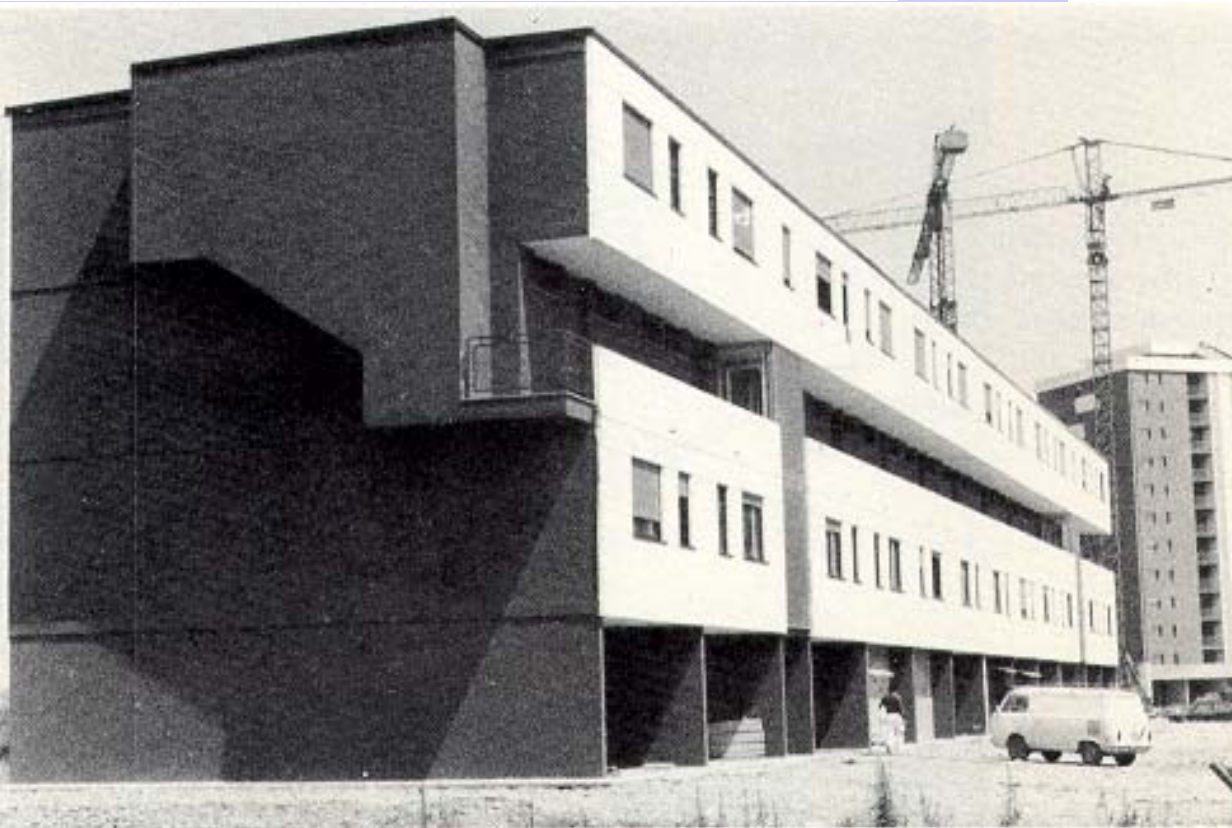
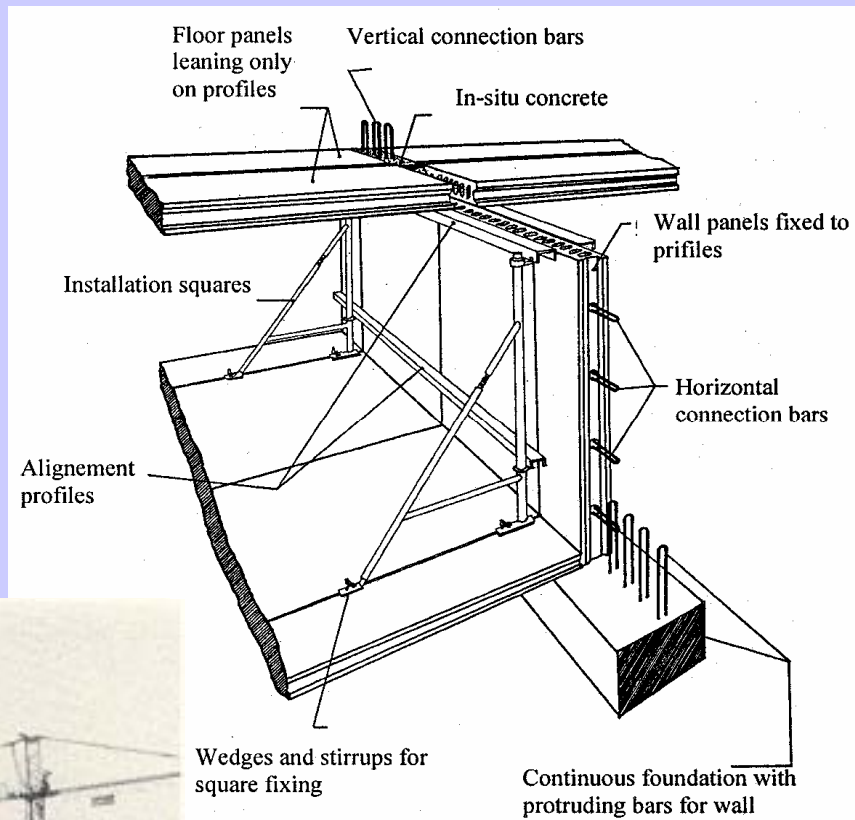
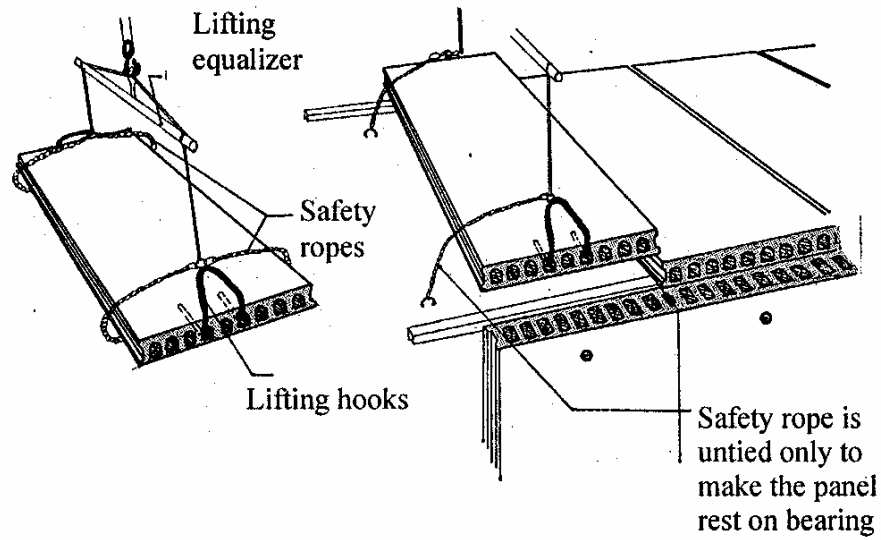


... search for variations





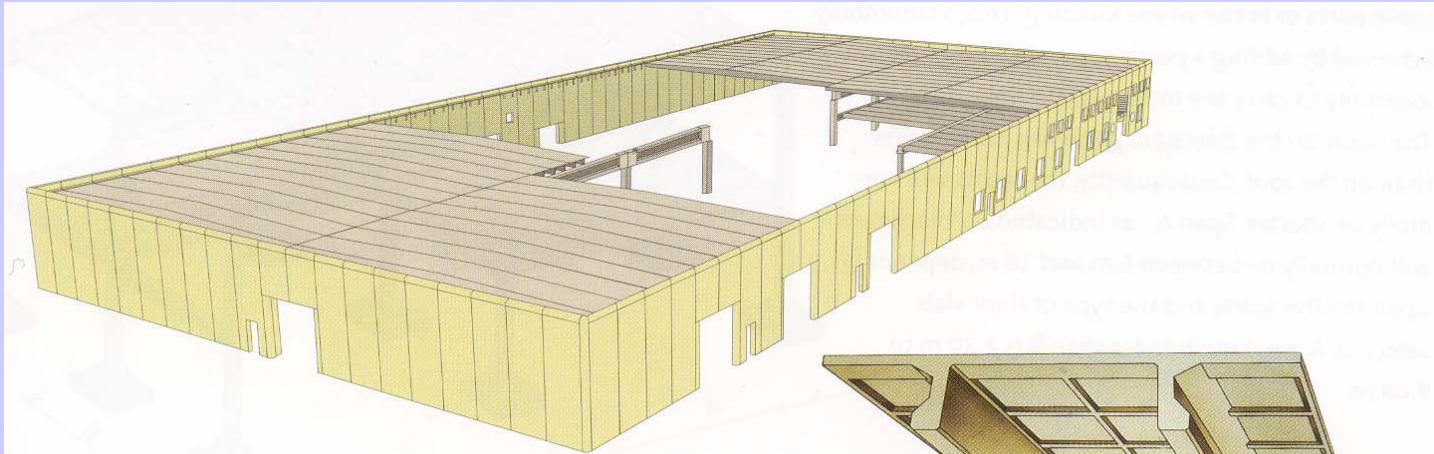




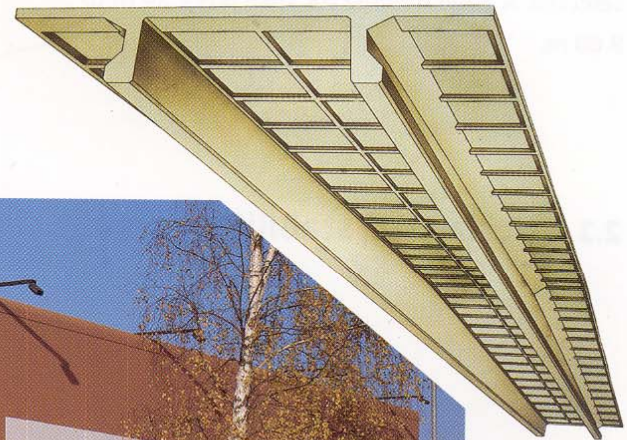
vertical and horizontal hollow-core panels

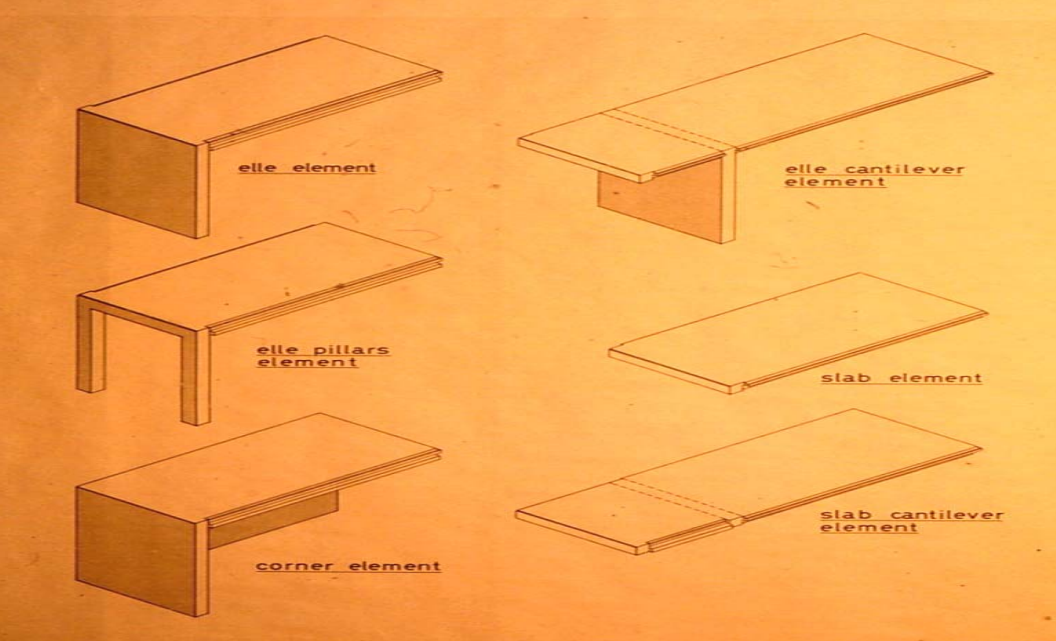


load-bearing sandwich walls + saddle roof units (Se)



Saddle TT-roof slabs on load-bearing sandwich walls





3D components





... assembled
boxes (Gr)





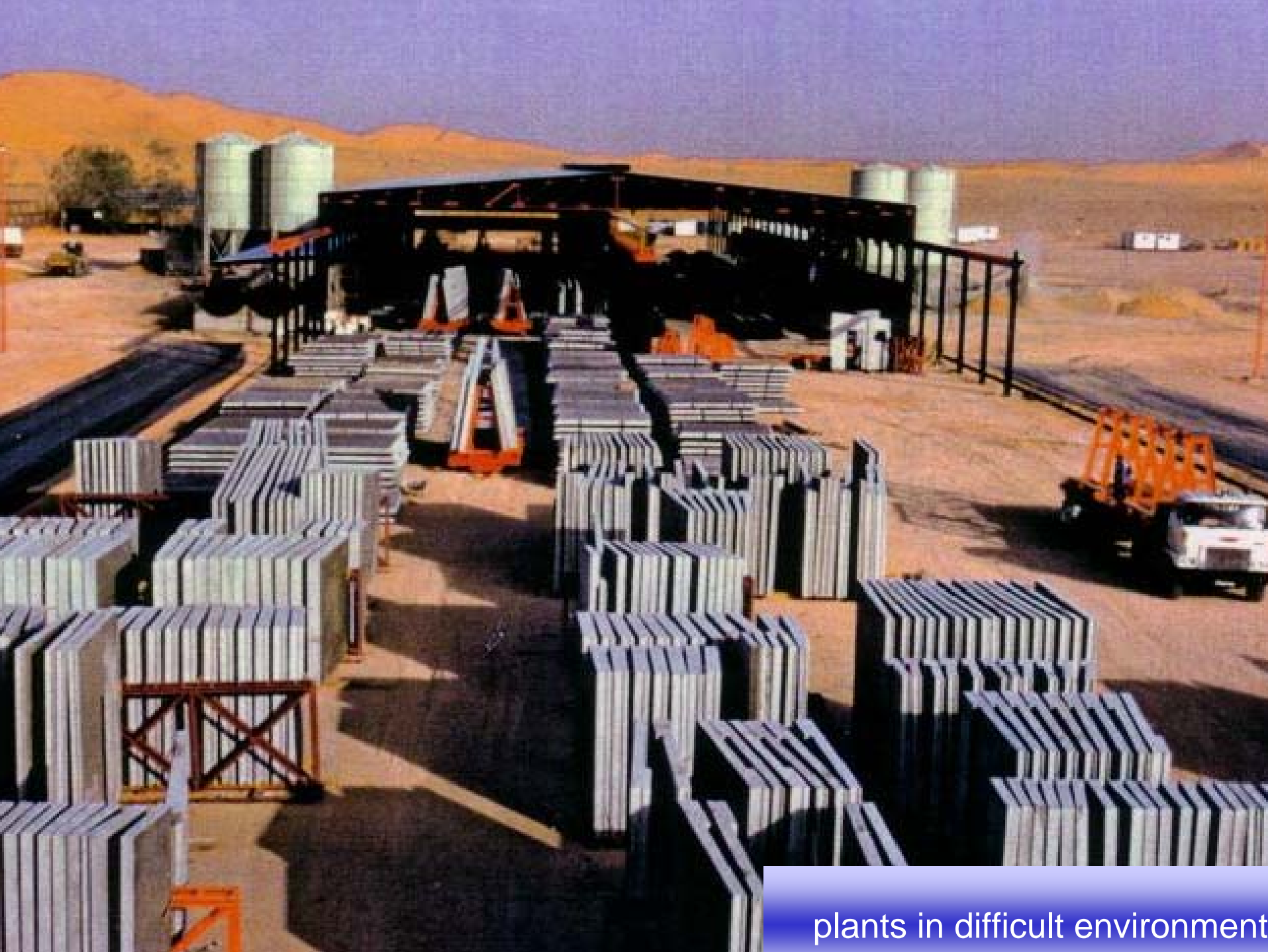
Special Issues:

self construction
with light
bearing panels



cellular concrete loadbearing panels
for low-rise buildings in a desert





plants in difficult environment





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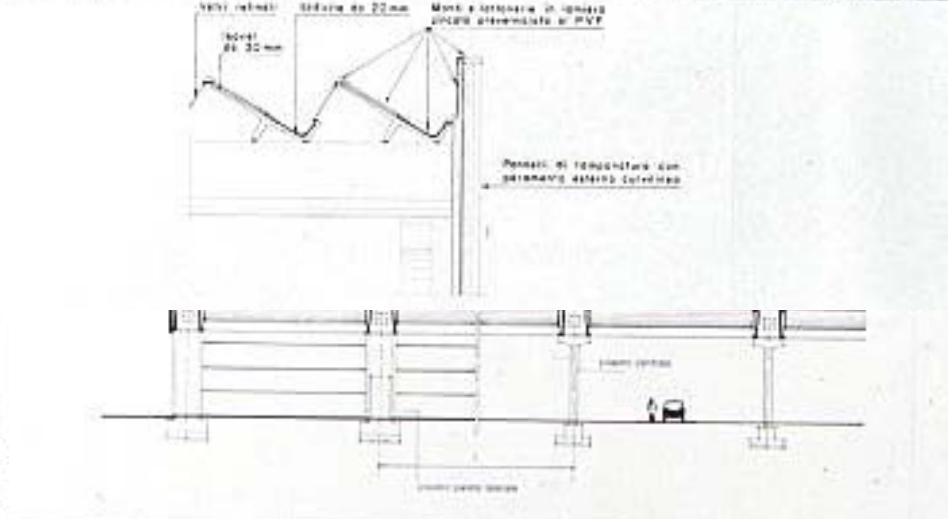
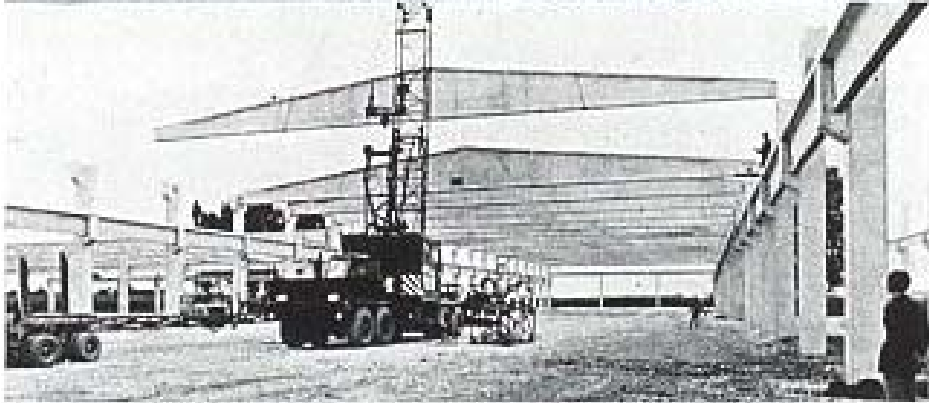
INDUSTRIAL HALLS

various types of elements



saddle (Δ) beams
I or T cross-section





Δ -shed, Ω , Δ -TT beams;
corbel, cantilever, Y-columns

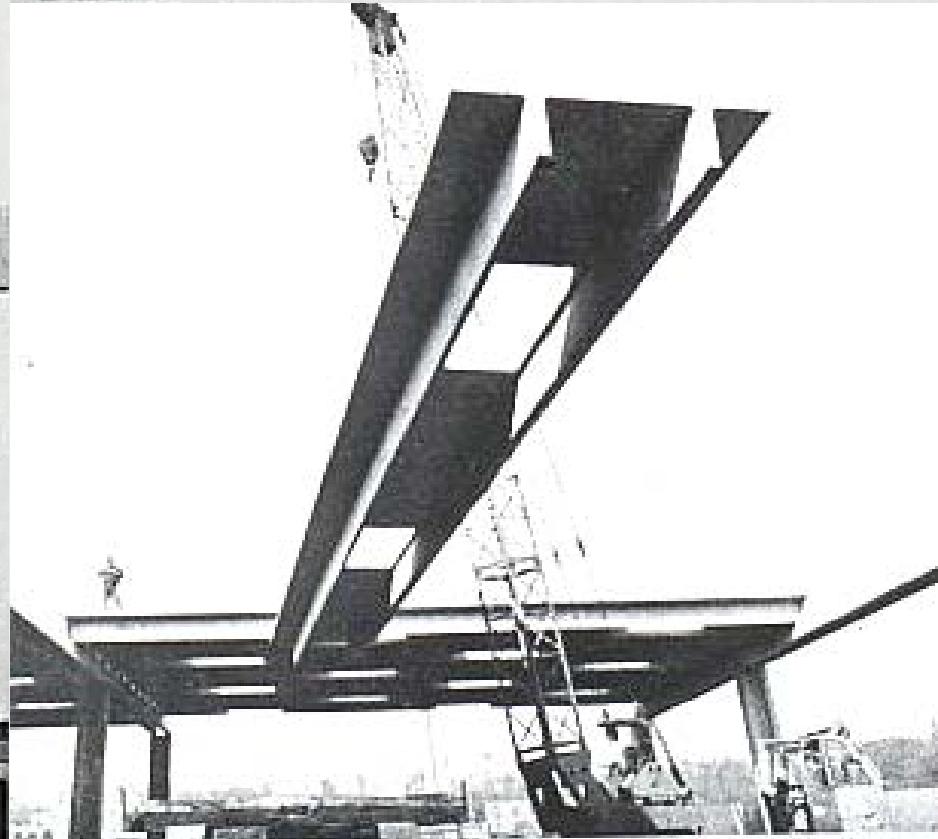
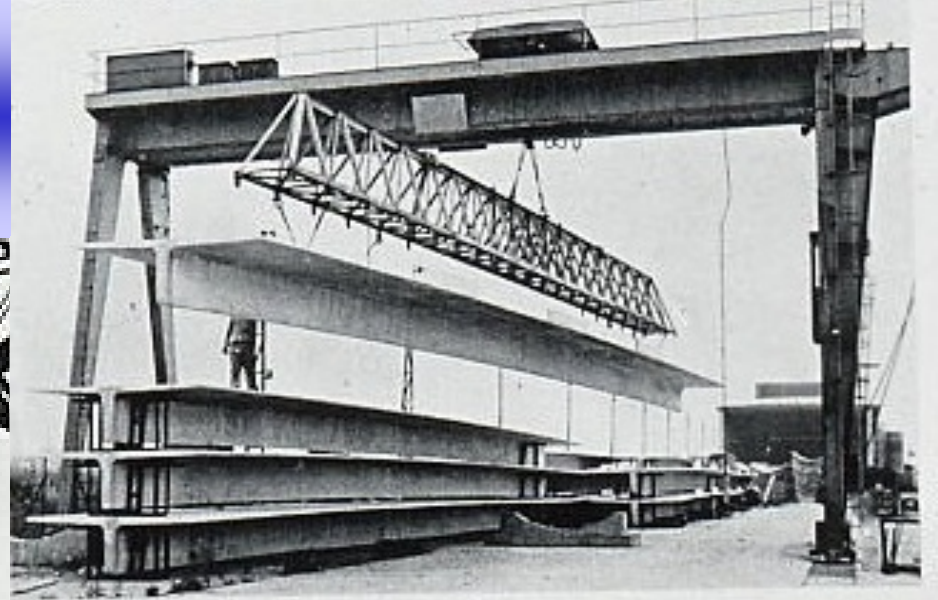
truss beams
multistorey columns



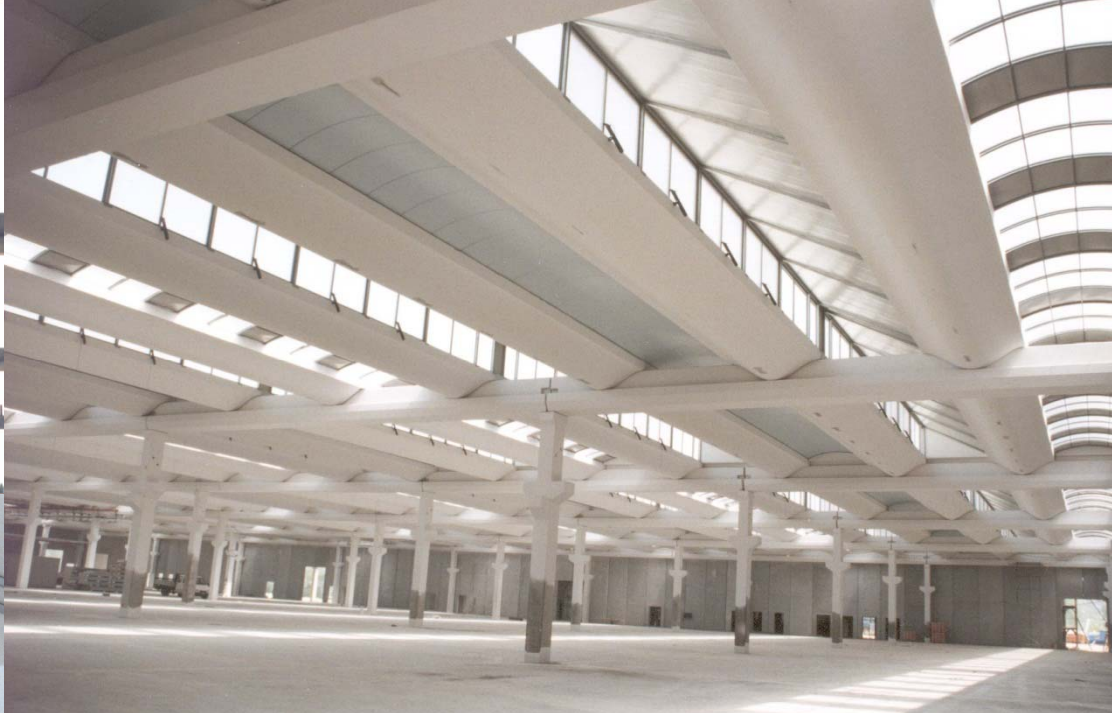
service storey deep beams



roofings

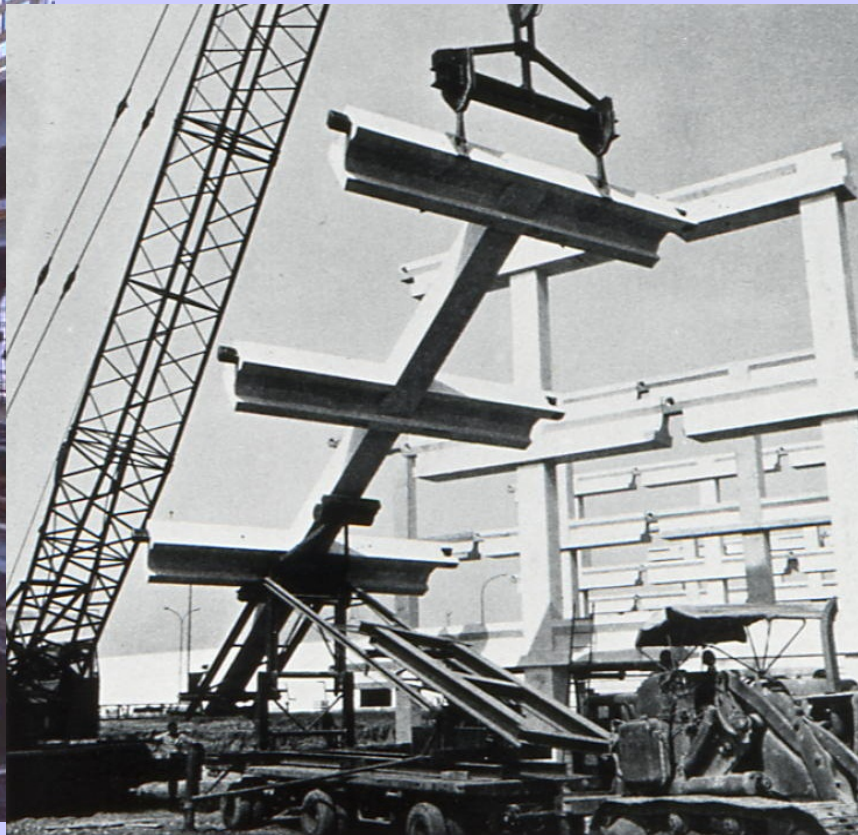








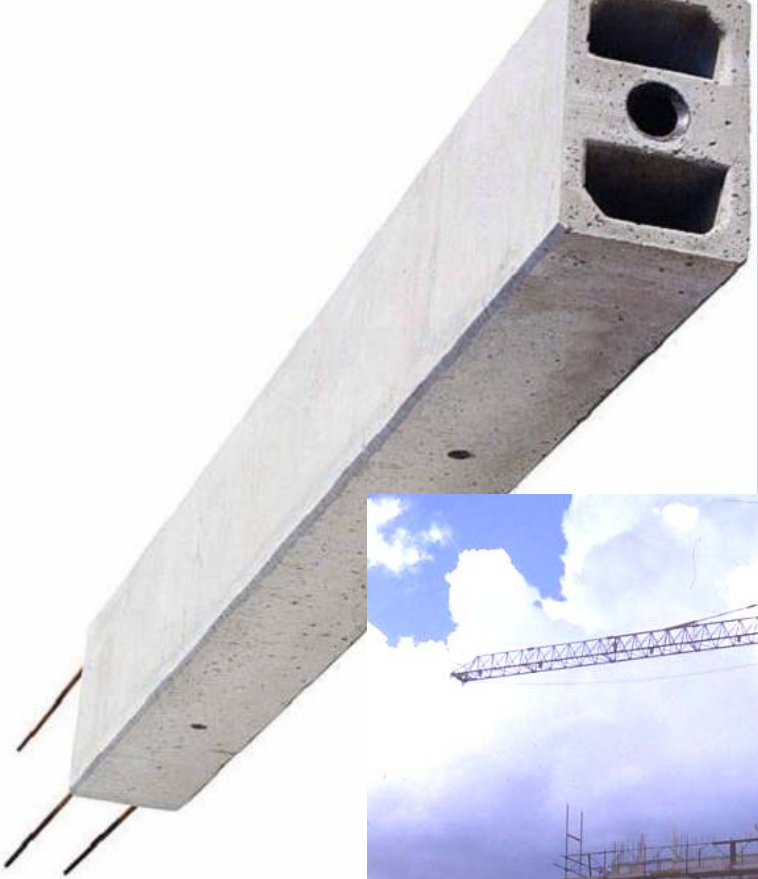
Emulating BUILDING FRAMES



FULLY PRECAST...

(connections far from b/c joints)





... PARTLY PRECAST

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DUAL



FLOOR SYSTEMS



early 1950's precast prestressed floor patent





prestressed

planks for composite slabs

reinforced



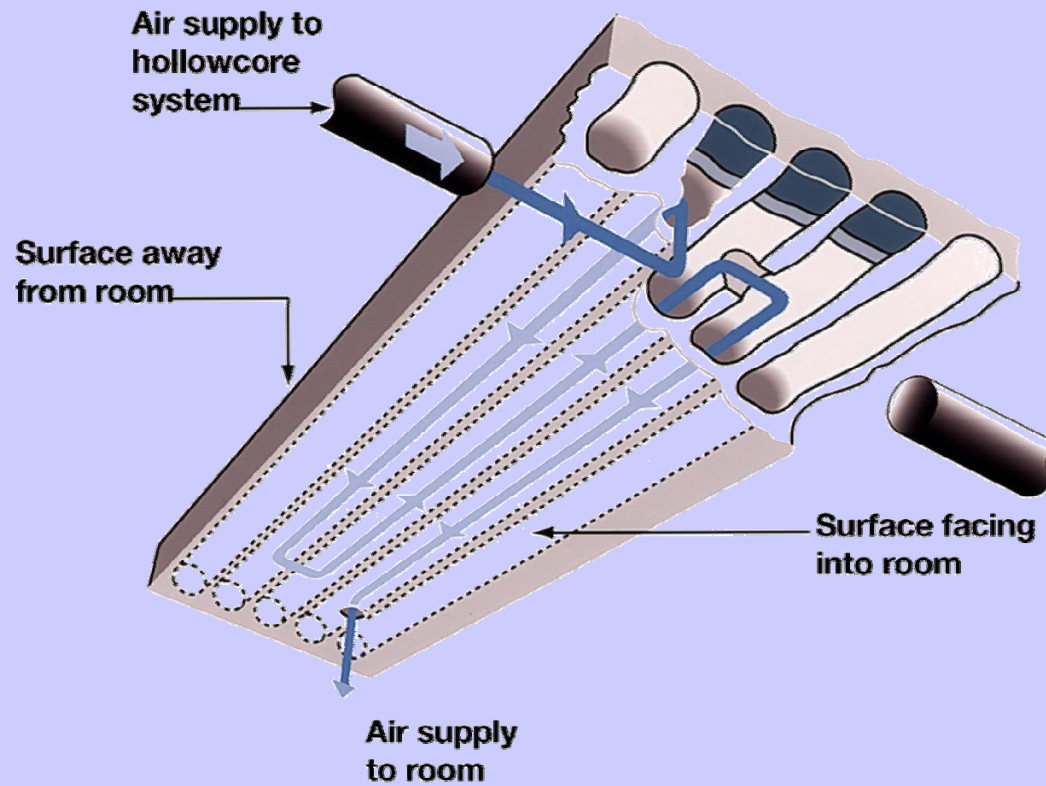
hollow-core slabs



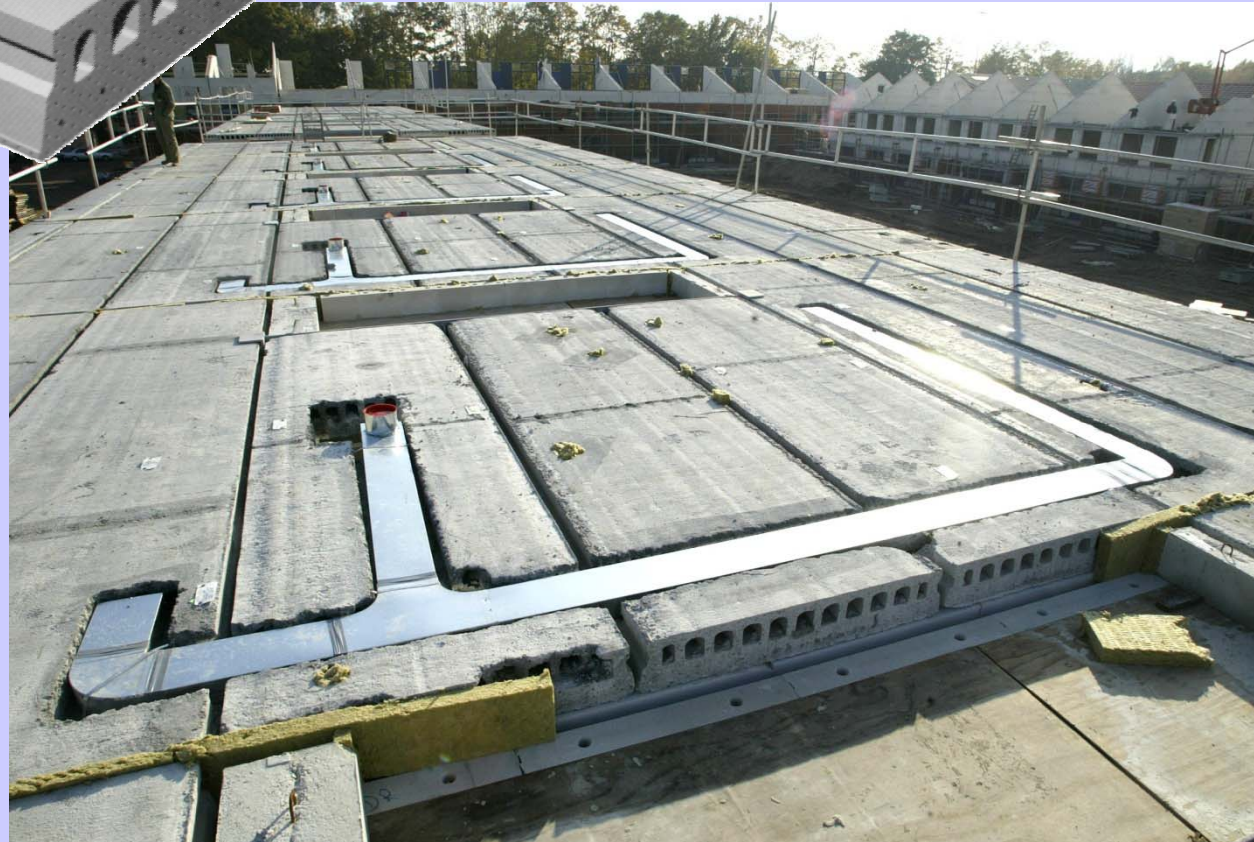
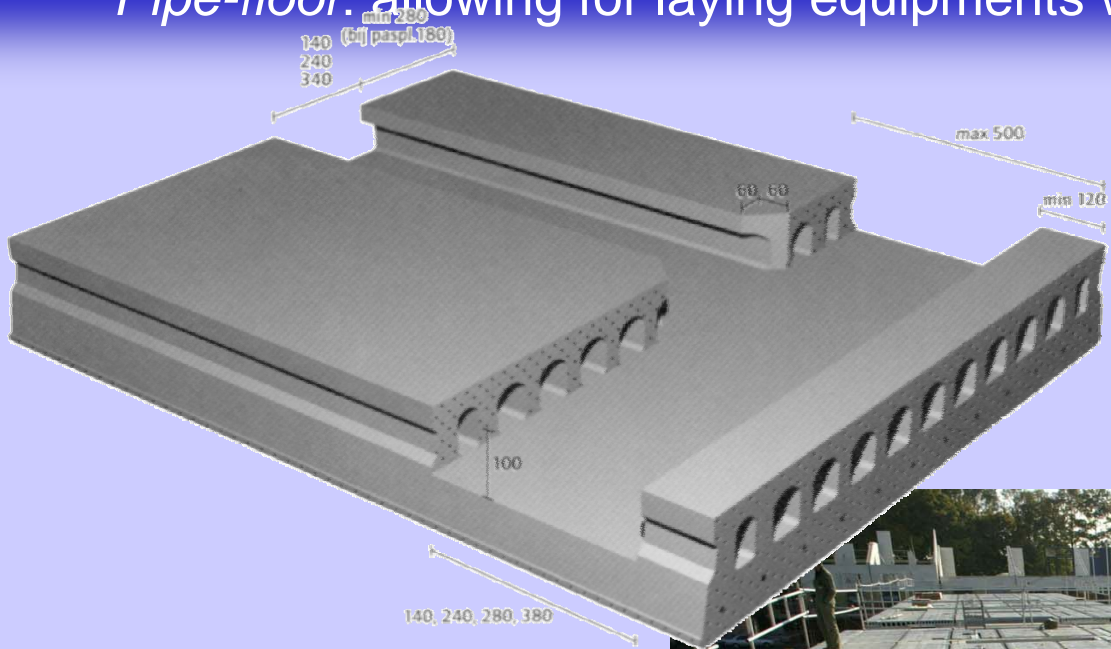
seismic waved joint



Thermo-deck: exploiting thermal mass of hollow-core slabs (Be)



Pipe-floor: allowing for laying equipments within the HC floor depth (NL)



TT slabs (composite or not)



stairs slabs

INDUSTRIAL FRAMES





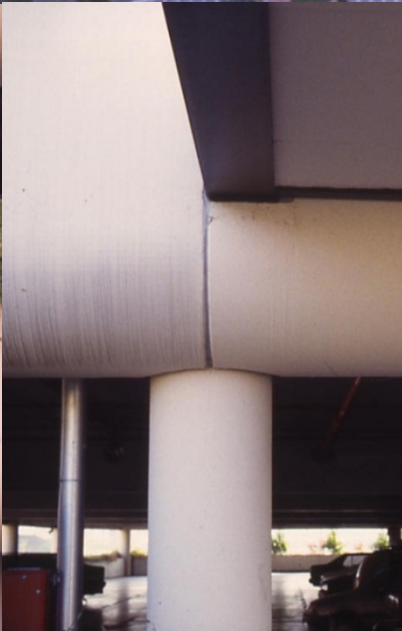


complex precast frames (pipe rack)

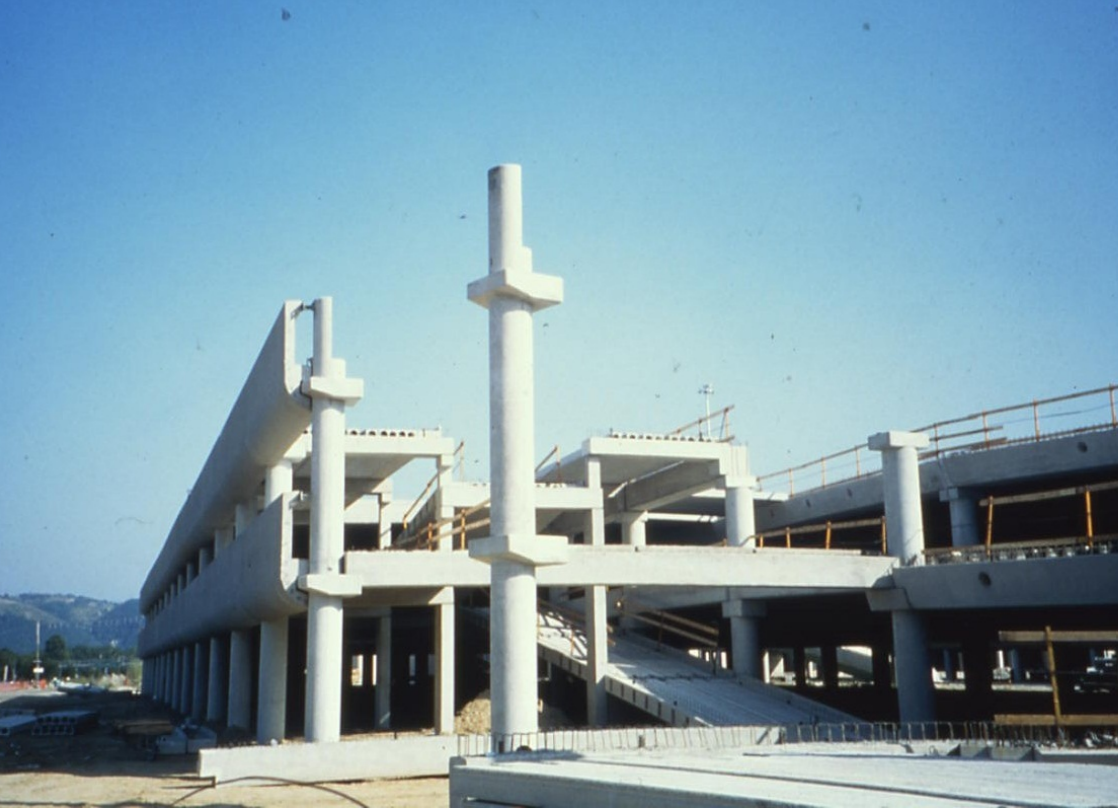


CAR PARKS

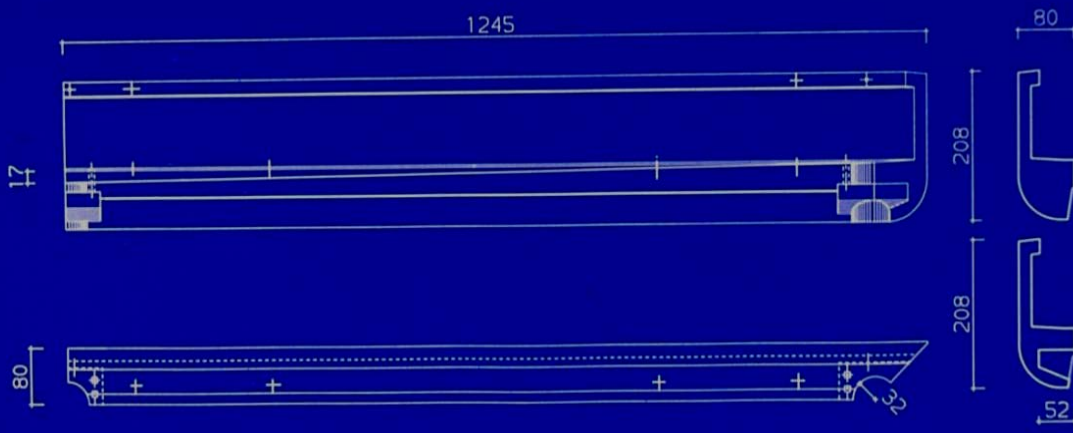




flexibility in production of varied precast units



partially prestressed spandrel beam with inclined support for slab





adaptability
to irregular layouts





OFFICE BUILDINGS





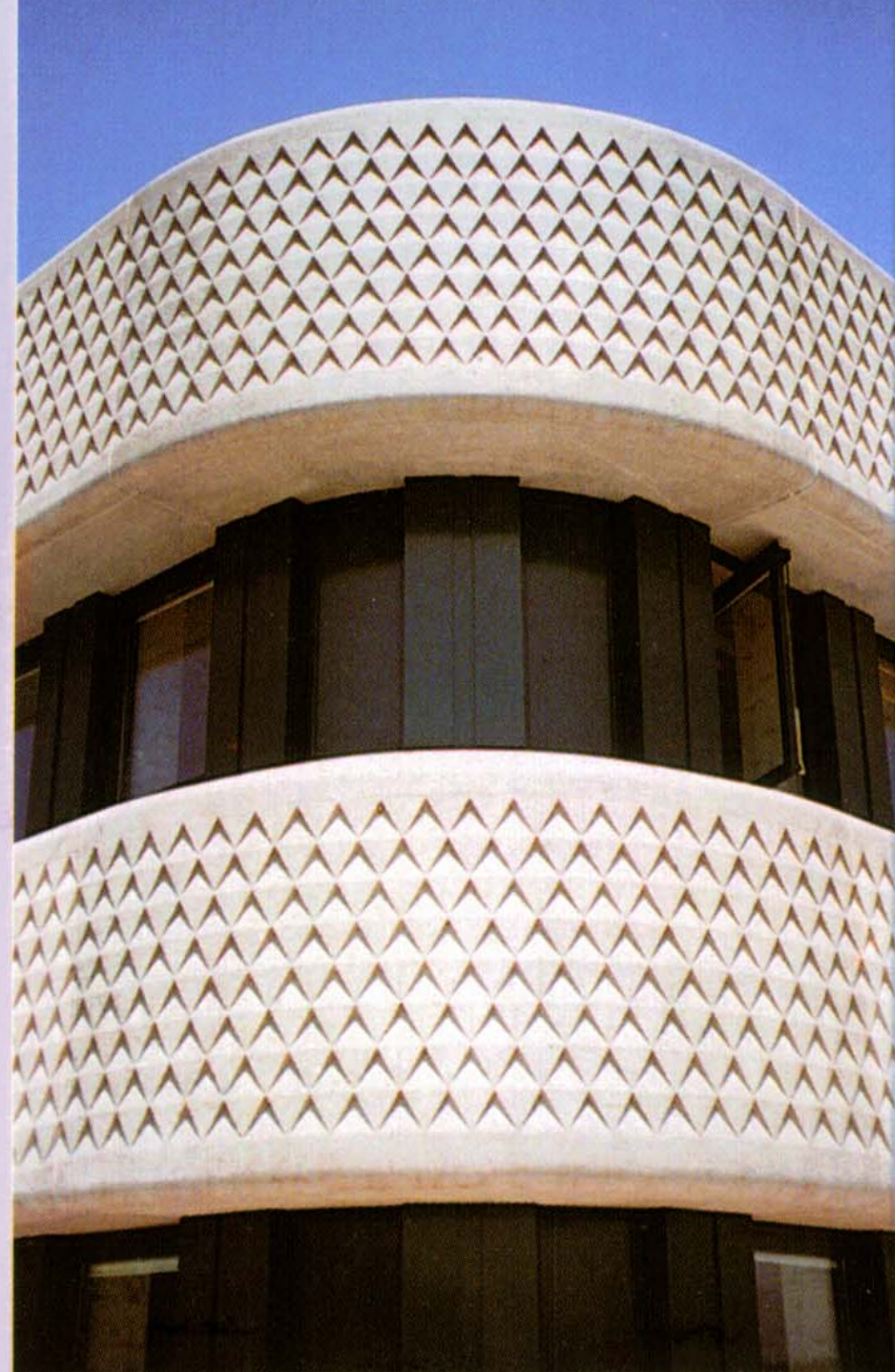
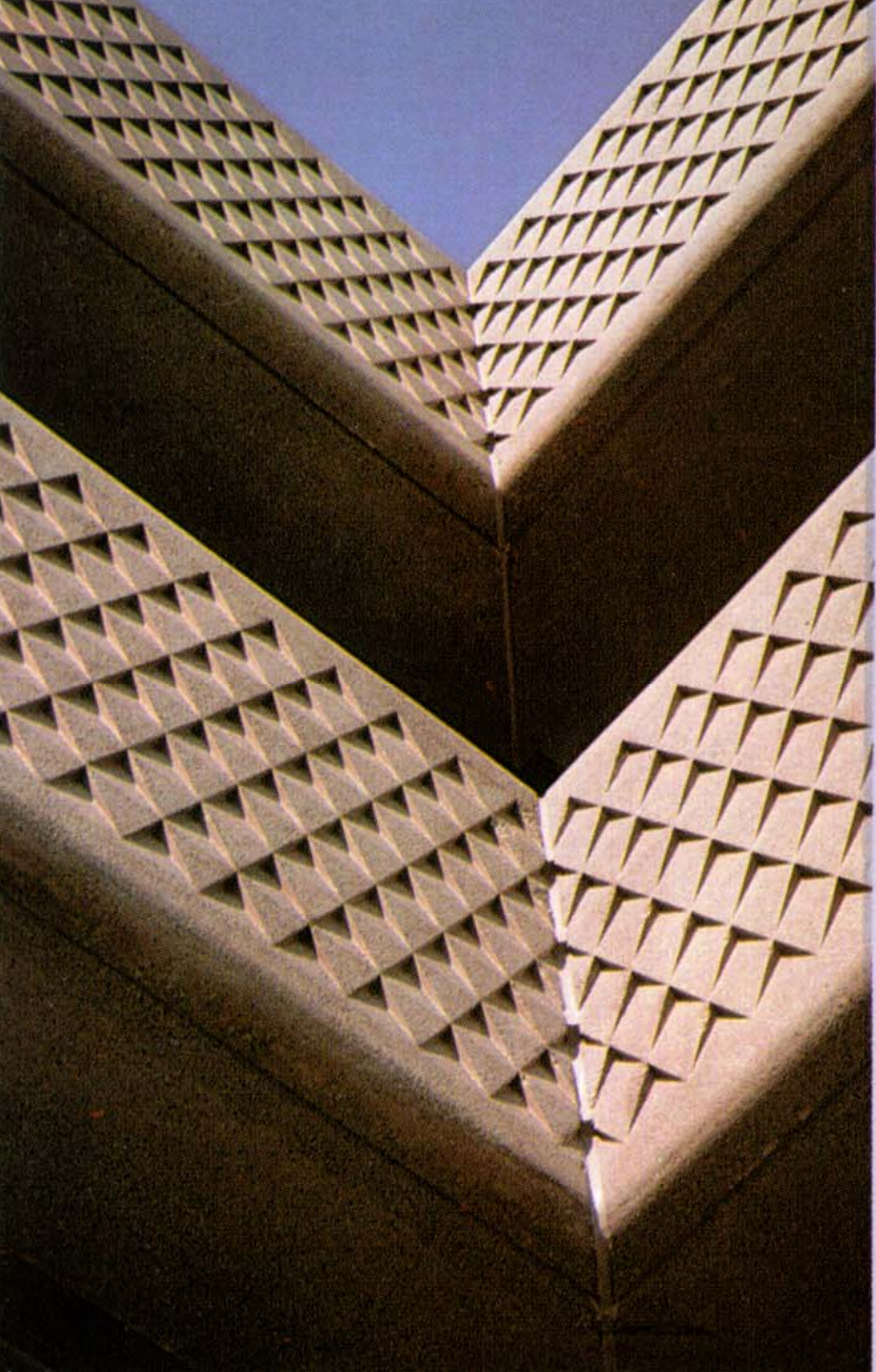
office building façades (Be)





recently,
much attention to
aspect
claddings
finishes











MIGALAN

GE

B4
B5

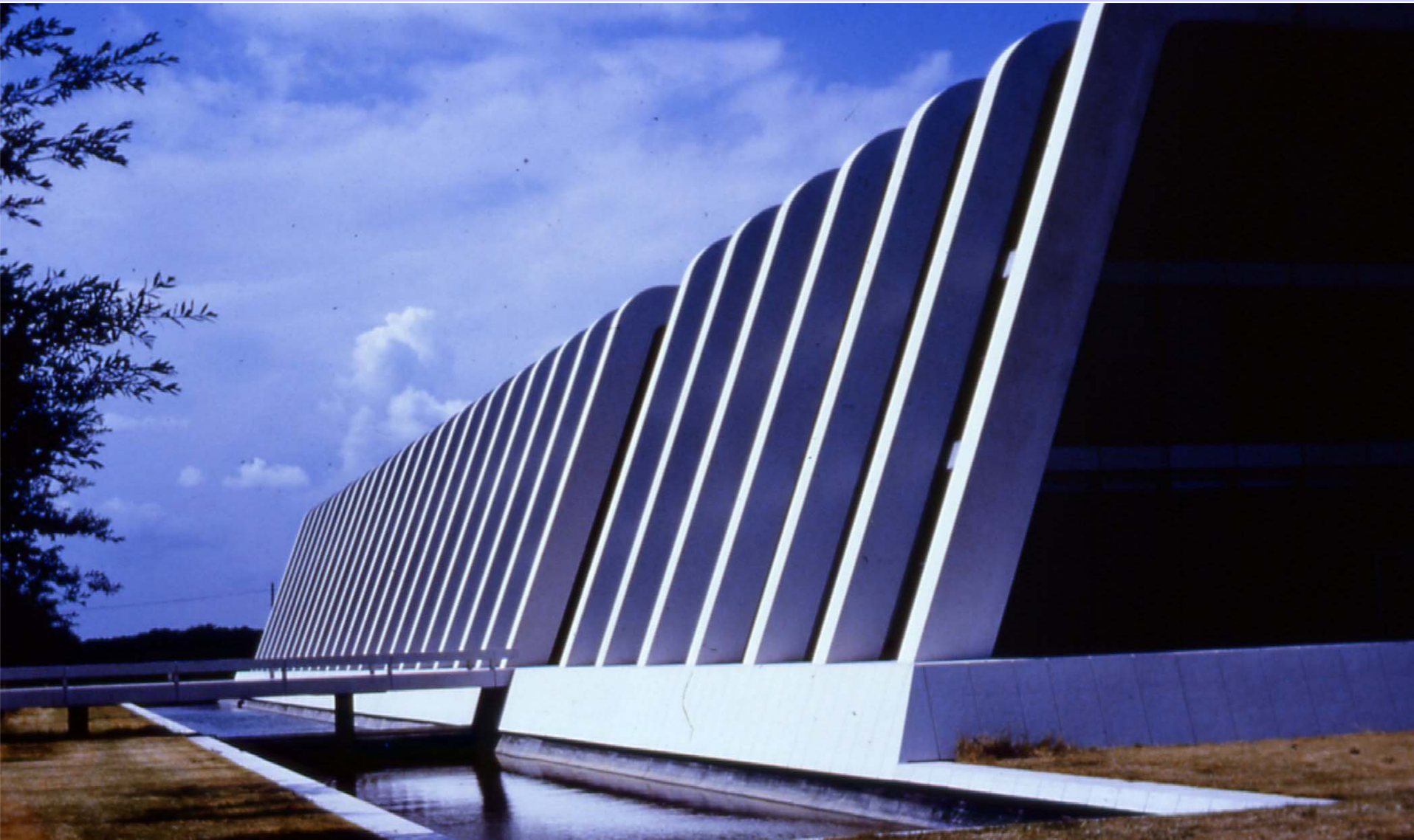
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cladding example (UK)



prize winner (UK)





Split-wall
façades
(Be)





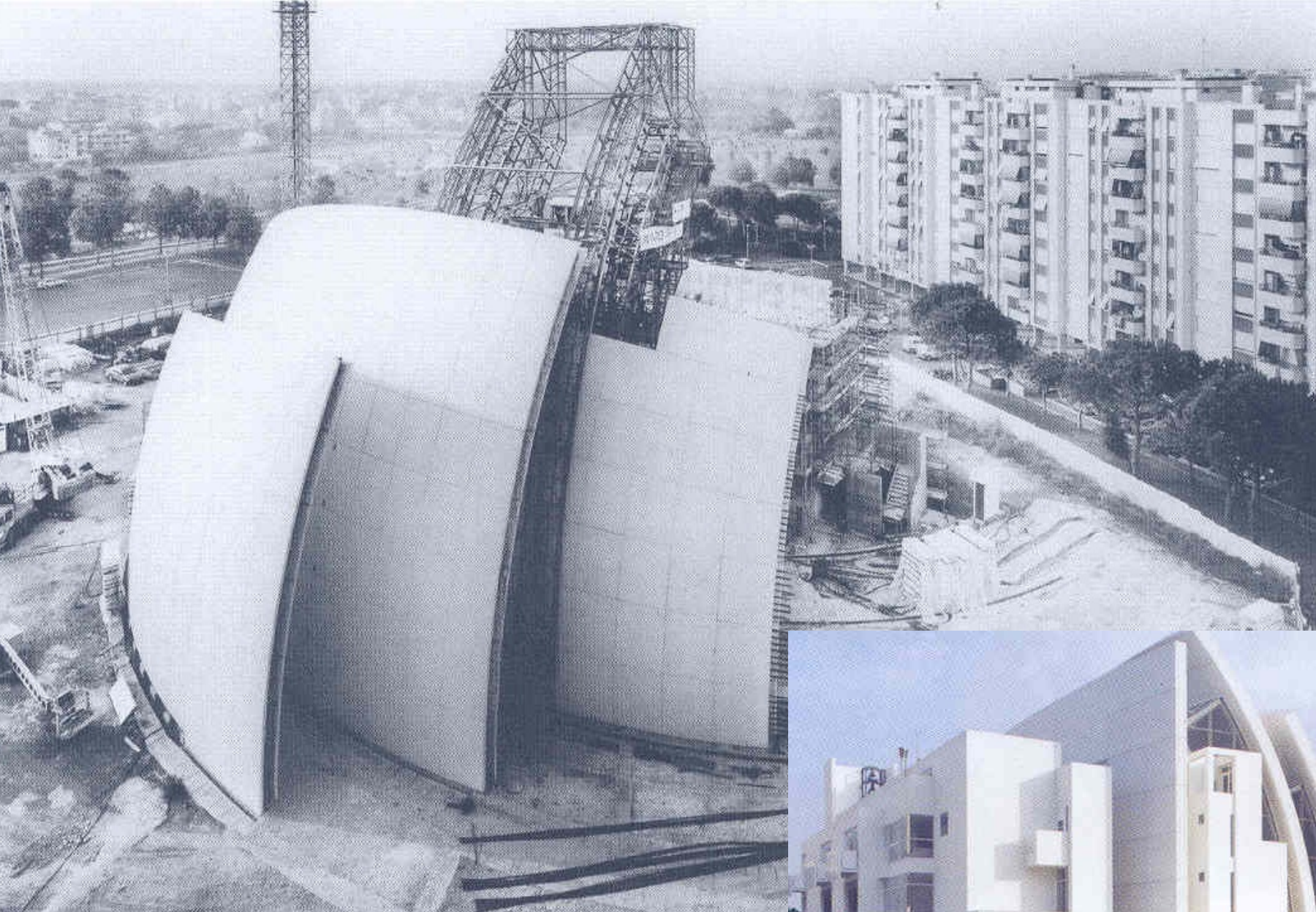
Outstanding prefabricated buildings today (NI)

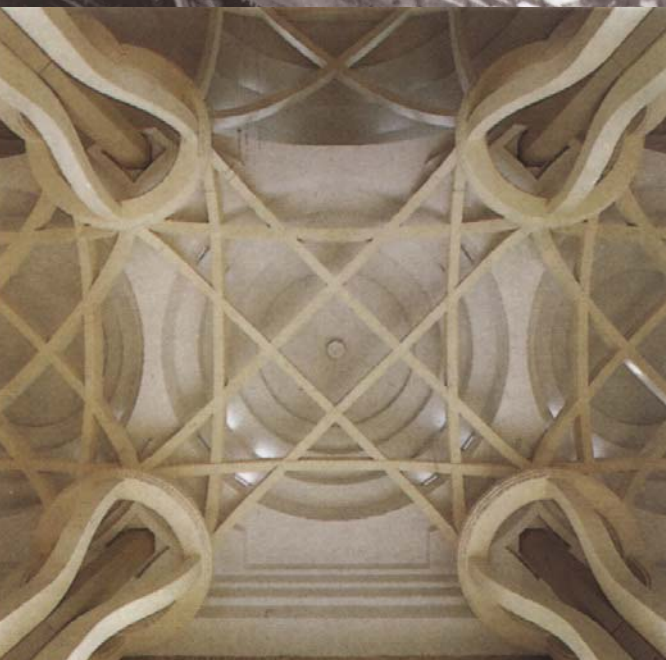
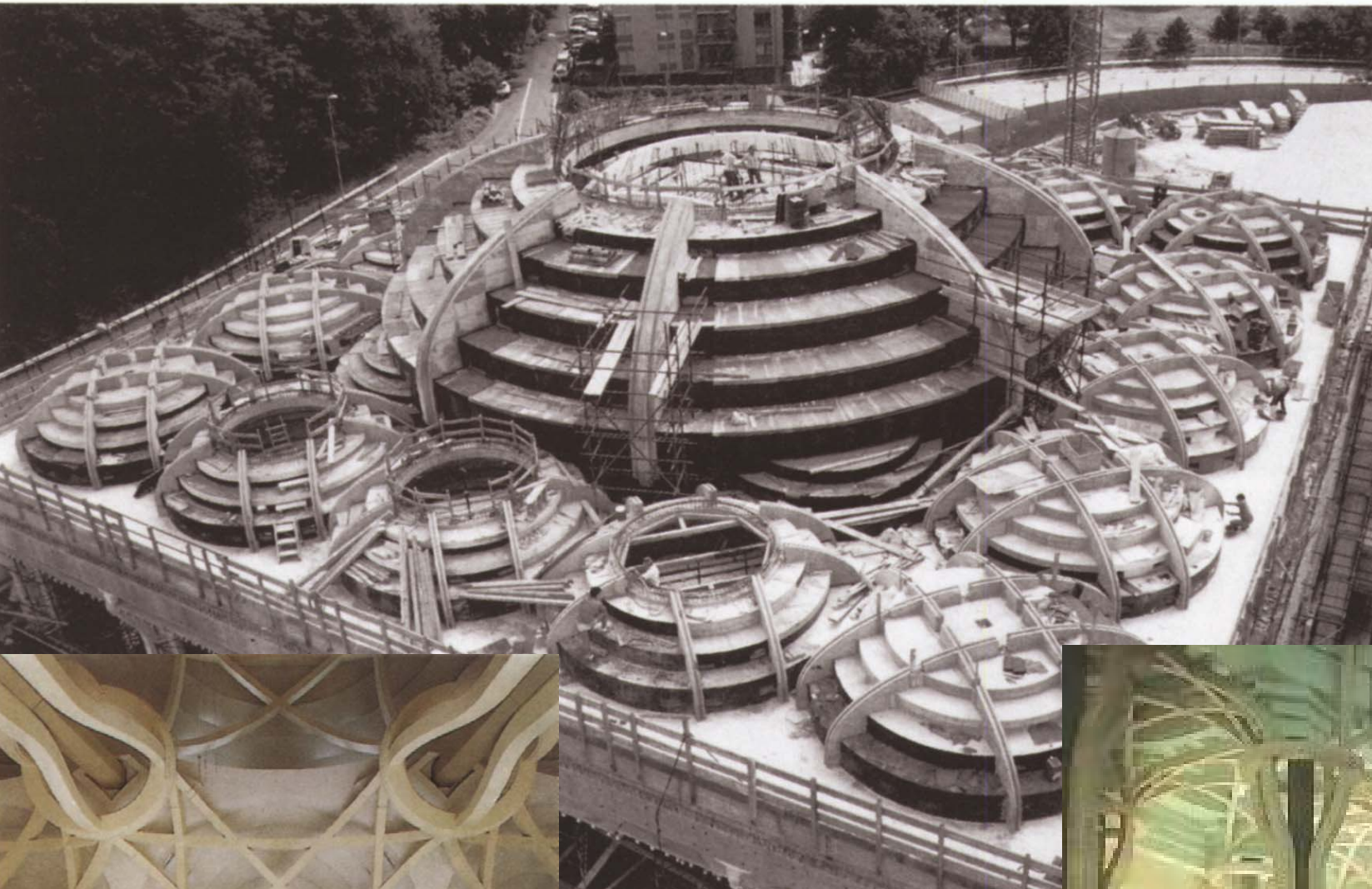
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SPECIAL APPLICATIONS



Meyer's Church at Tor Tre Teste, Roma (2000)





Mosque of Rome
(1980s)





Football Stadion Bari

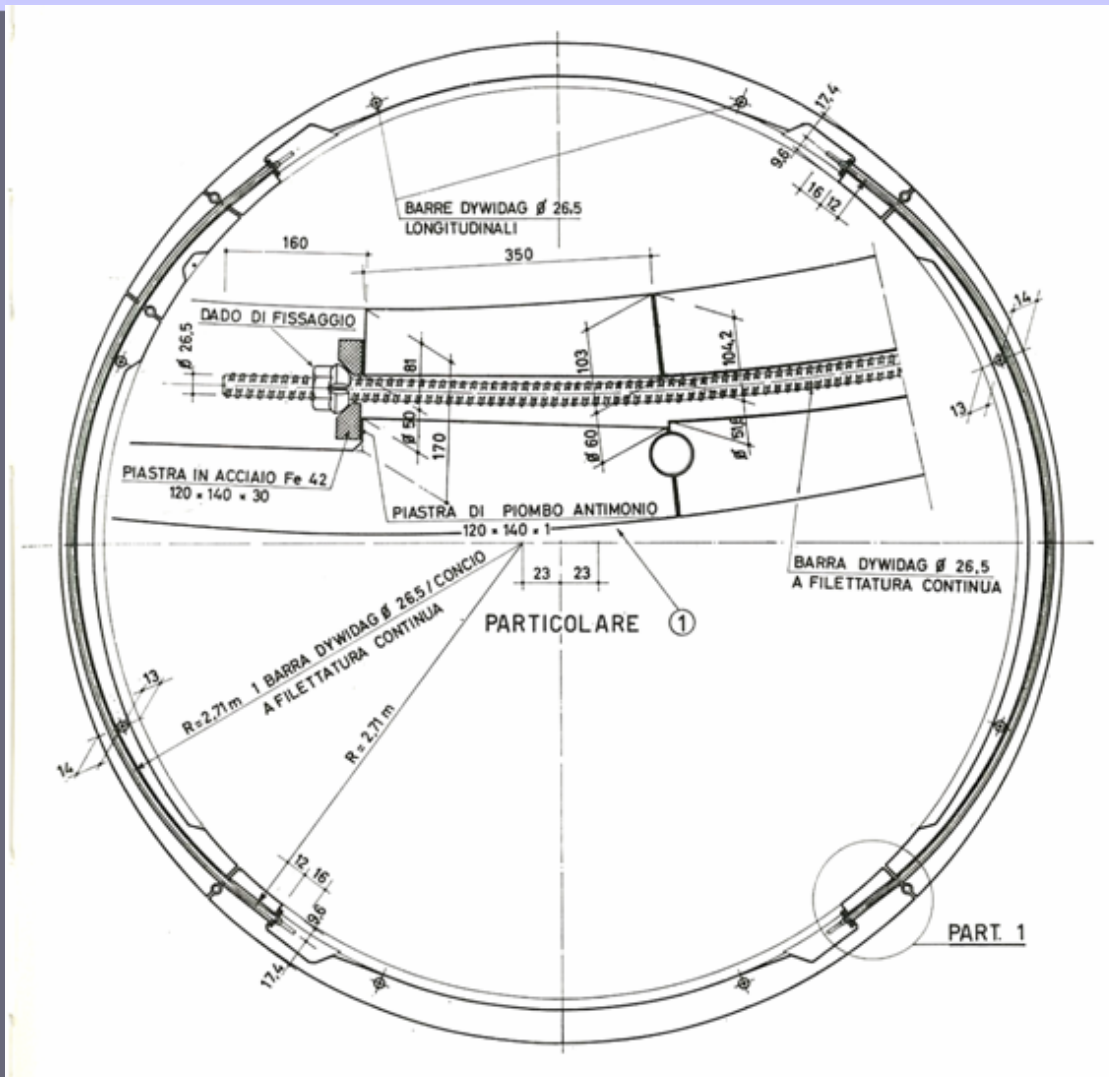
HS Railway viaducts



TUNNELS LINING



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Underground metro Roma - former system
multiple ring shapes, ribbed and prestressed at tunnel sides (1960s)



Underground metro Roma - present system
universal ring: single shape, tapered, for straight or curved in plan / elevation
solid, non prestressed (2009)



ADVANCED MATERIALS

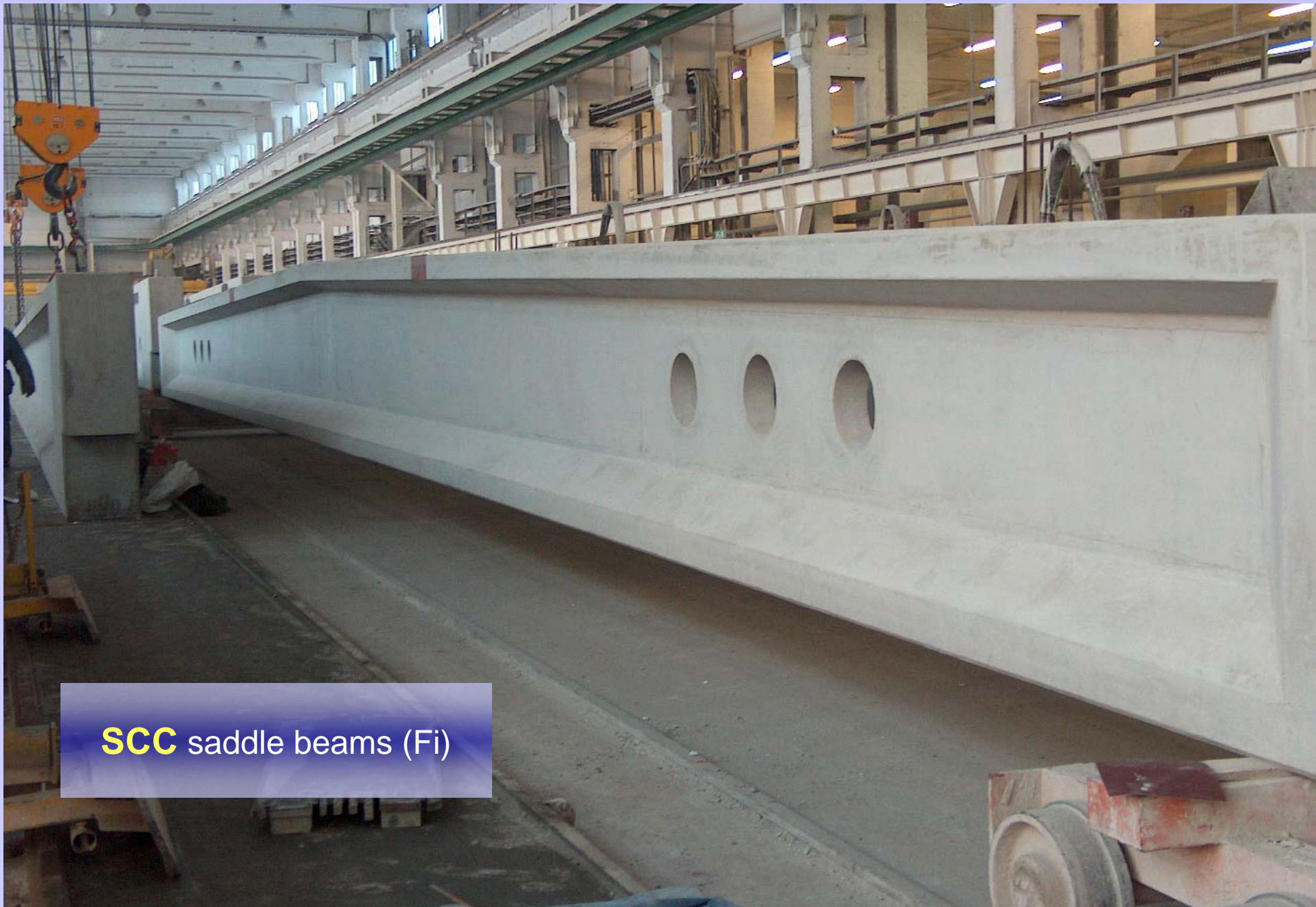
HSC precast columns (Be)



HSC
segmental
towers (Be)



ADVANCED MATERIALS



SCC saddle beams (Fi)

SCC precast arches (NL)



SCC precast sheet piles (NL)



STANDARDISATION

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

EUROPEAN COMMITTEE FOR STANDARDISATION - CEN

role of *fib*

Official Standards in Europe

Official standards for structural design in Europe

are still issued by the *National Authorities*

of the individual Countries, with different legal enforcement

A process of harmonization and unification is advanced, aimed at eliminating technical barriers among the member States

Structural Eurocodes (ECs) and other standards: common structural design rules

Subsequent editions of National Standards (NS) in all countries

are becoming closer and closer to the ECs

therefore among each other, too

Eurocodes can yet be adopted as NS by Countries,

implemented with limited sets of Nationally Determined Parameters (NDP)

related to safety levels or classes

in special National Annexes to each EC

CPD / CPR

Directive of the Council of the European Communities 89/106/EEC
“Construction Products Directive” (CPD)
now replaced by the “Construction Products Regulation” (CPR)

states that products placed on the market shall be “fit for the intended use”
i.e., such that the construction works they belong satisfy the
“Essential Requirements” (ER):

- 1 – MECHANICAL RESISTANCE AND STABILITY
- 2 – SAFETY IN CASE OF FIRE
- 3 – HYGIENE, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT
- 4 – SAFETY IN USE
- 5 – PROTECTION AGAINST NOISE
- 6 – SAVING OF ENERGY & THERMAL INSULATION
- 7 – SUSTAINABLE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Task of Structural Eurocodes:

RULES to meet ER 1 and partly ER 2

1995-2005

Complete set of Eurocodes EN: a success,
the starting point having been some 30 National standardisation systems
of different cultural political technical economical and language background!
however ... they resent of a certain drafting by adding

2010

CEN received a new mandate (n. 446) for revising and redrafting the ECs
possibly easier to draft them more homogeneous and user-friendly

at present

“coexistence period” between NS and EC.

finally (2018?)

Eurocodes (with NDP) are deemed to replace totally all National Standards

Present Eurocodes

10 Eurocodes, each divided into several “Parts”

EN 1990	Basis of Structural Design	Eurocode 0	EC0
EN 1991	Actions on Structures	Eurocode 1	EC1
EN 1992	Design of Concrete Structures	Eurocode 2	EC2
EN 1993	Design of Steel Structures	Eurocode 3	EC3
EN 1994	D of Composite S+C Structures	Eurocode 4	EC4
EN 1995	Design of Timber Structures	Eurocode 5	EC5
EN 1996	Design of Masonry Structures	Eurocode 6	EC6
EN 1997	Geotechnical Design	Eurocode 7	EC7
EN 1998	D o Struct’s for EQ Resistance	Eurocode 8	EC8
EN 1999	Design of Aluminum Structures	Eurocode 9	EC9

Total number of Parts forming the Eurocodes: **58**

Possible **new Eurocodes** envisaged, e.g.:

EN xxxx Glass structures

EN yyyy Existing structures assessing / retrofitting

EN ...

Product Standards & Technical Approvals

Beside Eurocodes, dealing with *construction works*

CEN also issues specific **Product Standards (PS)**, which are *harmonised European Standards (hEN)*:

once approved by majority they become **mandatory in all Countries** who shall withdraw possible conflicting NS

Particular products not falling into the scope of a CEN TC can be given an **European Technical Approval (ETA)**, following specific procedure established by EOTA

Possible aspects in PS or ETA concerning **structural safety (ER1)** must agree or be **consistent with the relevant EC**

Both PS and ETA

can be reference and provide conditions for the “**CE Marking**” official attestation of conformity to the ERs.

STANDARDS hENs FOR PRECAST CONCRETE PRODUCTS

after request from

BIBM – BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DU BETON MANUFACTURÉ

to

CEN – EUROPEAN COMMITTEE FOR STANDARDIZATION

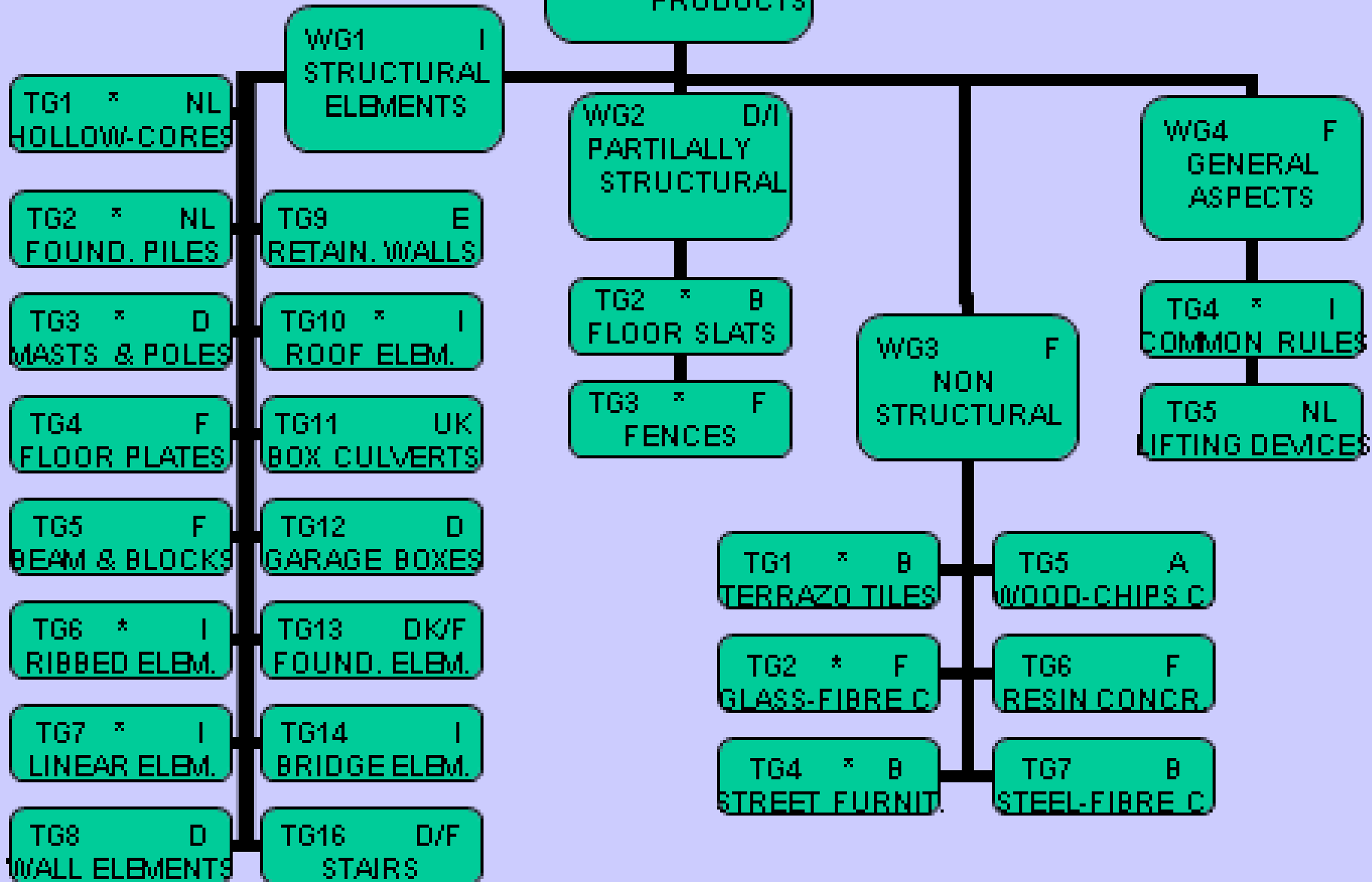
for a dedicated Technical Committee

CEN TC 229: PRECAST CONCRETE PRODUCTS

started 1989 (Mandate M100)

Program is almost completed
since 2007, corresponding provisions in NS are being withdrawn

CEN TC 229
PRECAST
CONCRETE
PRODUCTS



hENs on structural precast concrete products

Name	Title	Date of Availability	Withdraw National Standard
EN 1168:2005	Hollow Core Slabs	01/03/2006	01/03/2008
EN 1168+A1:2008		01/01/2009	01/01/2010
EN 1168+A2:2009		01/12/2009	01/12/2010
EN 12737+A1:2007	Floor Slats for livestock	01/01/2009	01/01/2010
EN 12794:2005	Foundation Piles	01/01/2006	01/01/2008
EN 12794+A1:2007		01/02/2008	01/02/2009
EN 12794+A1+AC:2008		01/08/2009	01/08/2009
EN 12839:2001	Fences	01/03/2002	01/03/2003
EN 12843:2004	Masts and Poles	01/09/2005	01/09/2007
EN 13224:2004	Ribbed Elements	01/09/2005	01/09/2007
EN 13224+A1:2007		01/03/2008	01/03/2009
EN 13225:2004	Linear Elements	01/09/2005	01/09/2007
EN 13225+AC:2006		01/01/2008	01/01/2008

hENs on structural precast concrete products (cont'd)

Name	Title	Date of Availability	Withdraw National Standard
EN 13693:2004	Special Roof Elements	01/06/2005	01/06/2007
EN 13747:2005	Floor Planks	01/05/2006	01/05/2008
EN 13747+AC:2006		01/01/2008	01/01/2008
EN 13747+A1:2008		01/08/2009	01/08/2010
EN 13978-1:2005	Box Garages	01/03/2006	01/03/2008
EN 14843:2007	Stairs	01/01/2008	01/01/2009
EN 14844:2006	Box Culverts	01/05/2007	01/05/2008
EN 14844+A1:2008		01/08/2009	01/08/2010
EN 14991:2007	Foundation Elements	01/01/2008	01/01/2009
EN 14992:2007	Wall elements	01/01/2008	01/05/2010
EN 15037-1:2008	Beams for beam-block systems	01/01/2010	01/01/2011
EN 15050:2007	Bridge Elements	01/02/2008	01/02/2009
EN 15258:2008	Retaining Walls	01/01/2010	01/01/2011

hENs on structural precast concrete products under way

Name	Title	Date of Availability	Withdraw National Standard
EN 15037-2:2009	Concrete blocks for beam-block systems		
EN 15037-3:2009	Clay blocks for beam-block systems		
EN 15037-4:2010	Polystyrene blocks for beam-block systems		
EN 15037-5:	Lightweight blocks for beam-block systems		

EN 13369: COMMON RULES for PRECAST CONCRETE PRODUCTS

resume the **clauses valid for all standards**

represent a **reference for all Precast Concrete PS**

as well as for **Products lacking a specific standard**

it is not hEN but items recalled in a hEN become there harmonised

CONTENT

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	M TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION
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	O FIRE RESISTANCE

Some Standards on Precast Concrete Products by other CEN TCs

CEN TC177

Standards under Mandate **M100**:

EN 1520:2002

Prefabricated reinforced components of lightweight aggregate concrete with open structure

Pr EN 12602:

Prefabricated reinforced components of autoclaved aerated concrete

CEN TC 50

Standard under Mandate **M111** (road equipment):

EN 40-4:2005 – Lighting columns - Part 4:

Requirements for reinforced / prestressed concrete lighting columns

INTERACTION BETWEEN PRECAST CONCRETE hENs and EUROCODES ENs

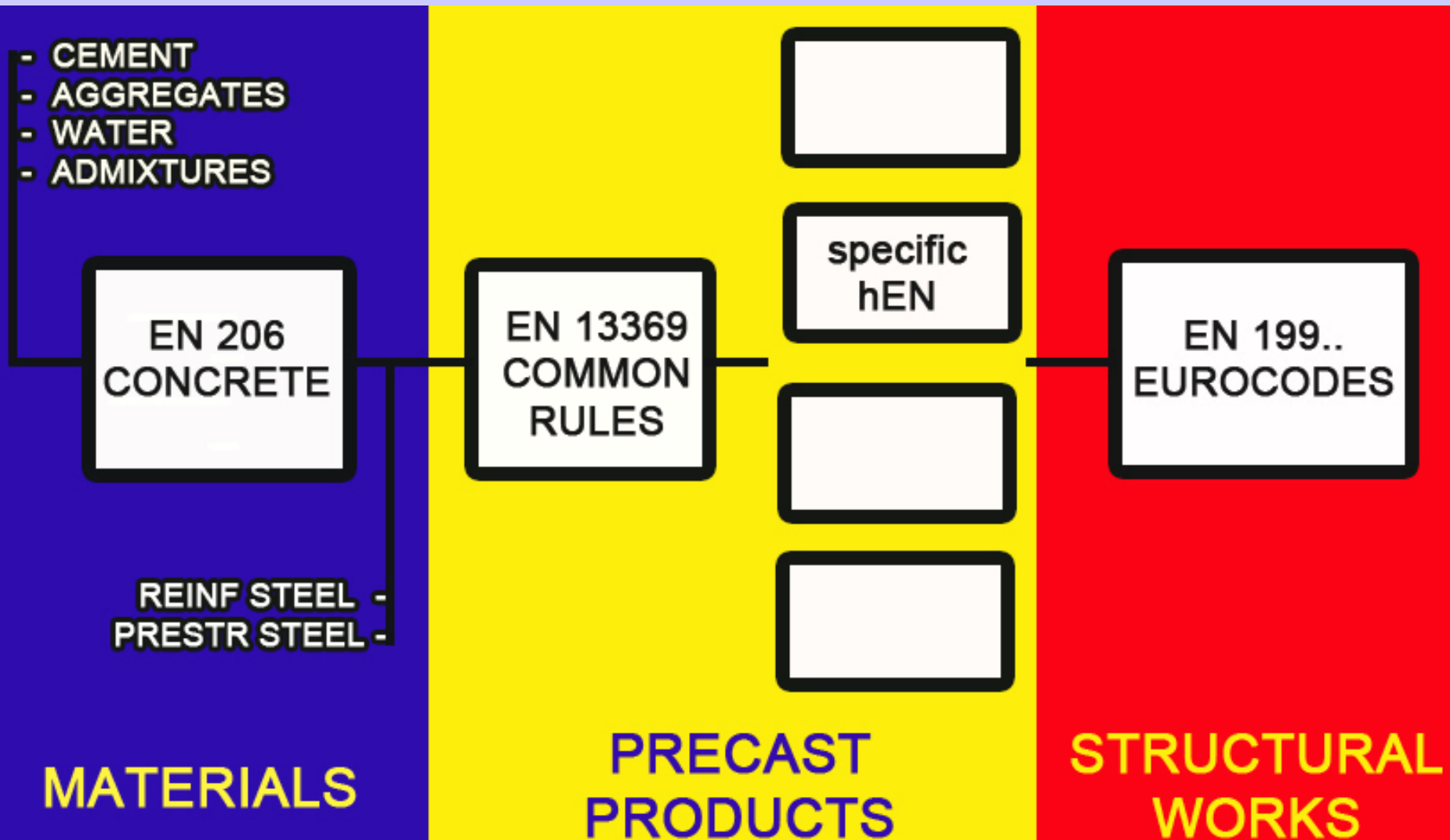
hENs MAKE REFERENCE to ECs
for structural design requirements

hENs add SPECIAL ANNEXES
for specific design rules not covered by ECs

ECs add SPECIFIC RULES
following TC229 liaison request

**AdHocGroup TC250 / TC229
checks**
hENs and ECs FINAL DRAFTS
for CONSISTENCY

DESIGN PATH FOR PRECAST STRUCTURES



the role of *fib* (CEB-FIP 1998 merger)

fib inherited the activities of **CEB** and **FIP** (both founded in the early 1950s) who made them converge into a common forum the research into concrete developed since the beginning of 20th century in Europe and worldwide by National associations and scientific institutions

fib keeps promoting and coordinating research and pre-normative work by means of its 10 Commissions, with about 40 TG and about 10 SAG

fib edits technical publications in form of *Bulletins* of various levels:

Model Codes, Recommendations, Guides or Manuals, SoA Reports, Technical Reports and a quarterly Journal “*Structural Concrete*”.

With its predecessors, *fib* has played and plays important role in structural standardization, particularly in Europe.

Mainly Eurocode 2 but also EC0, EC1 and EC8,

as well as Precast Concrete PS, would haven't been possible

without **CEB/FIP/*fib*** preparatory studies and pre-normative documents

In parallel to the start of PREFABRICATION INDUSTRY and R&D

1955 – birth of
FIP Commission “Prefabrication”

1998 – CEB-FIP merger into *fib*
(*International Federation for Structural Concrete*)

***fib* Commission 6 “Prefabrication”**

membership from 30 Countries of 5 Continents
fruitful and friendly cooperation of
Profession, Industry, University

2011 – 40 activemembers working in

Aims

to enhance the progress of Precast Concrete:

stimulate, promote, coordinate R&D internationally

to disseminate knowledge:

Seminars, Courses, Educational material,

SoA Reports, Guides to Good Practice, Technical Reports

to contribute to Recommendations, Pre-normative, Codes

Scope

Subjects ***directly*** related to Precast Concrete:

elements, connections, systems, production, handling, assembling, demounting, ...

as well as ***indirectly*** related:

materials technology, structural analysis, building physics, equipment, sustainable development, ...

Areas of Interest

Structural efficiency

Flexibility in use

Best use of materials

Speed of construction

Quality consciousness

Durability

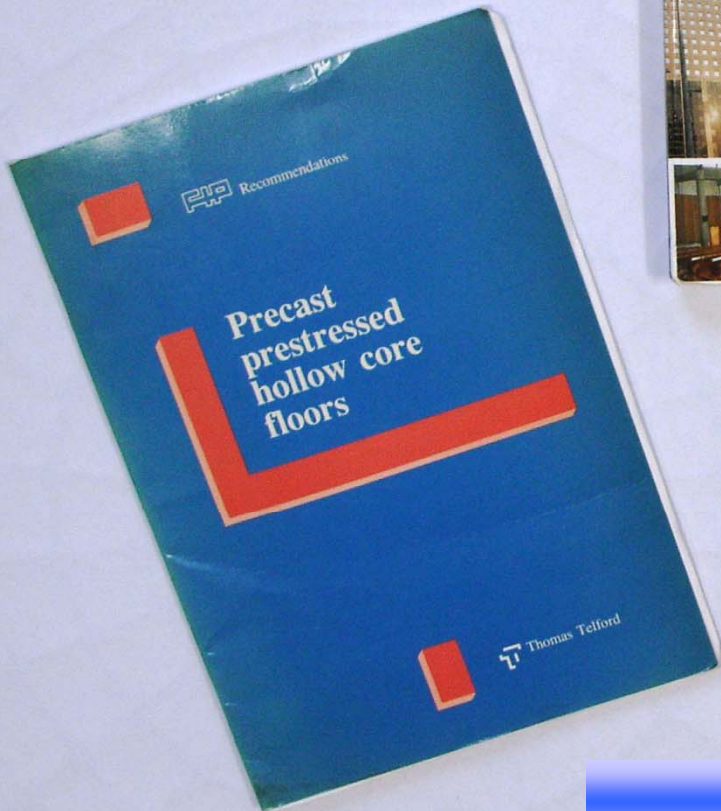
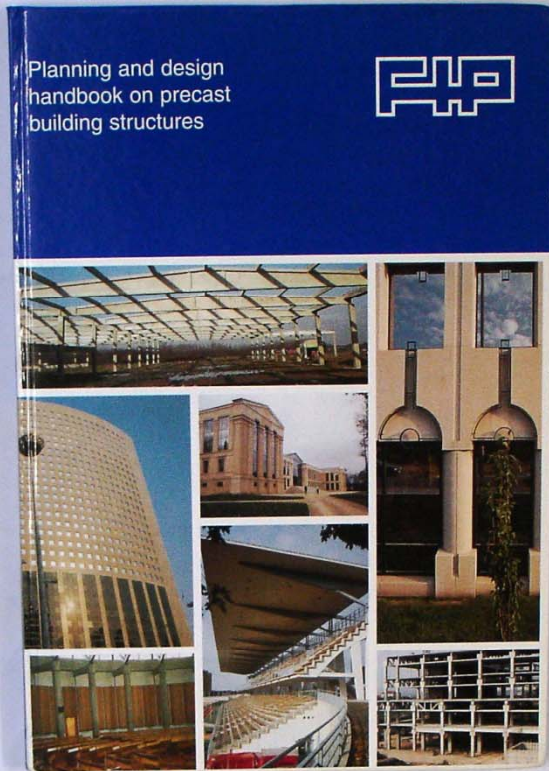
Friendliness toward environment

Sustainability

Life-cycle design

COMMISSION'S 6 TASK GROUPS

- 6.1 Prestressed Hollow-Core Floors
 - 6.2 Structural Connections
 - 6.3 P/C in Mixed Construction (dis)
 - 6.4 Precast Bridges (dis)
 - 6.5 P/C Railway Track Systems (dis)
 - 6.6 New Model Code
 - 6.7 Affordable Housing
 - 6.8 Treatment of Imperfections in P/C Elements (dis)
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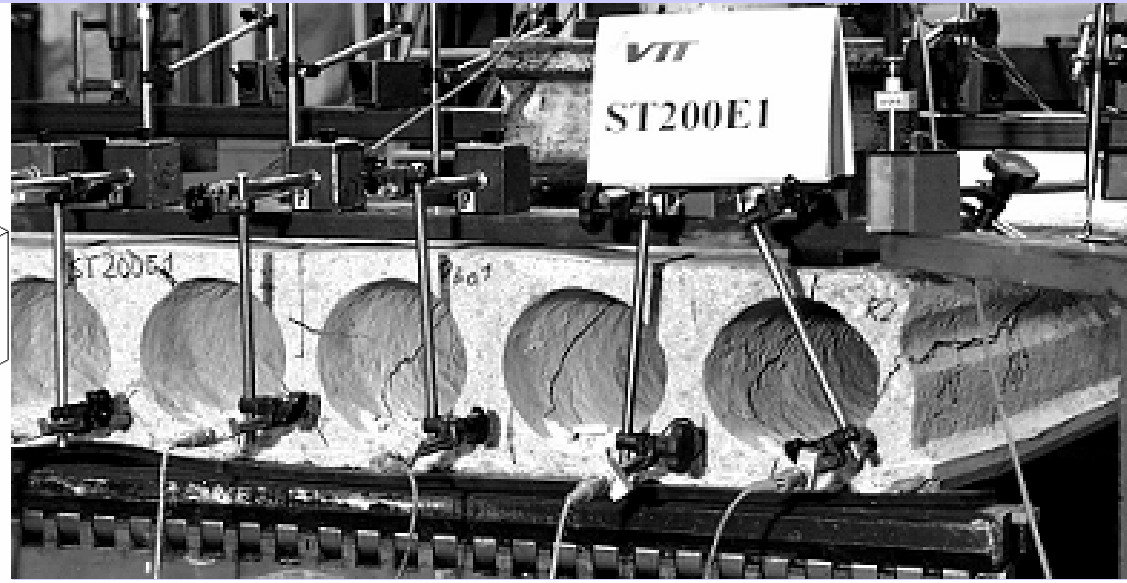
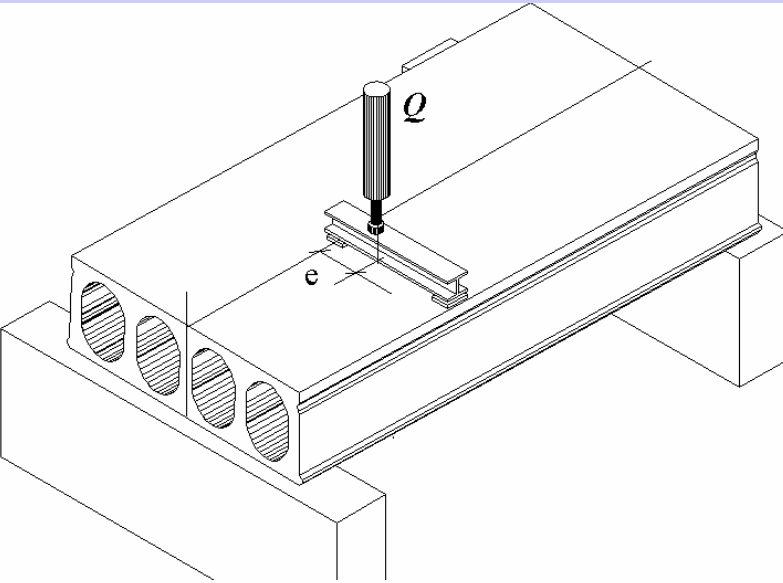
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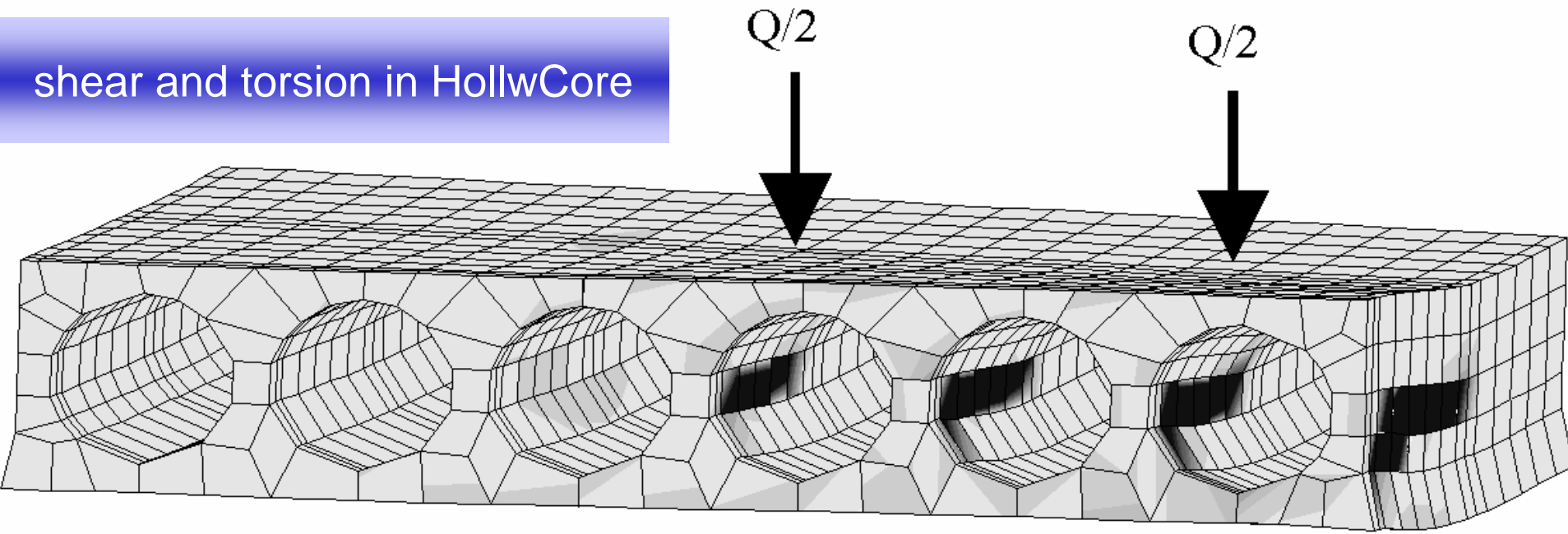
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TG Hollow-Core Slabs



shear and torsion in HollwCore



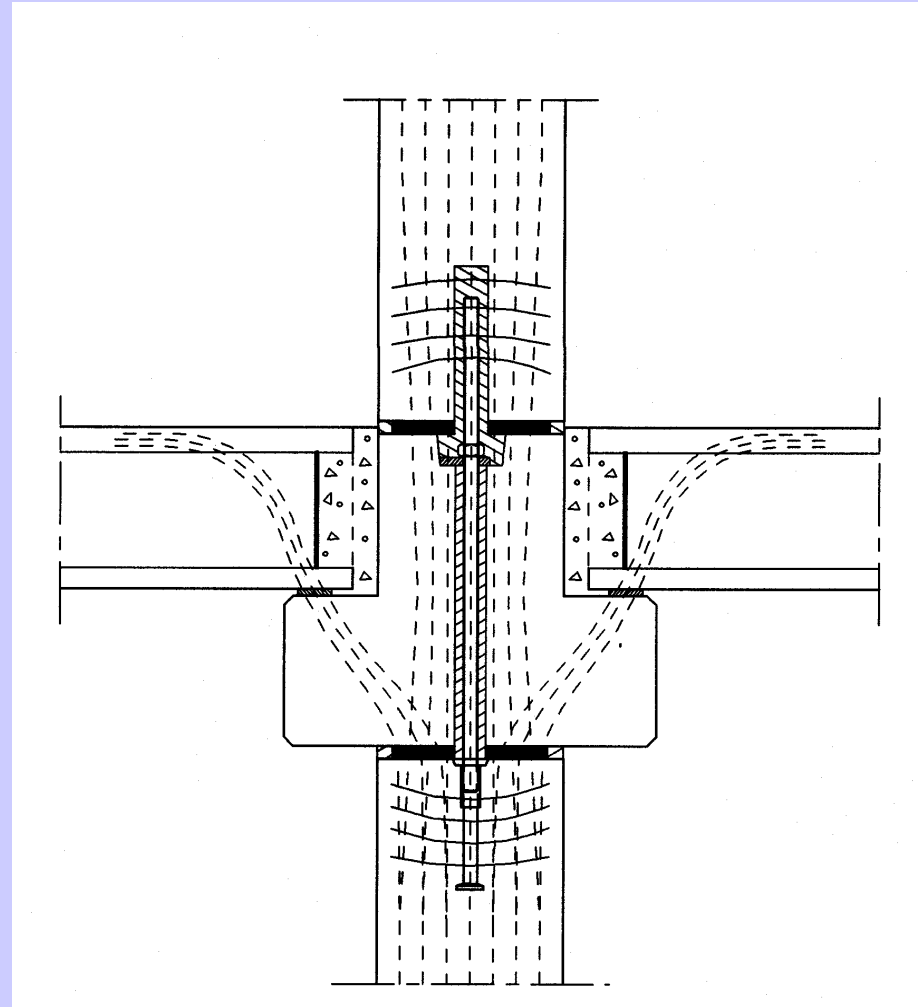
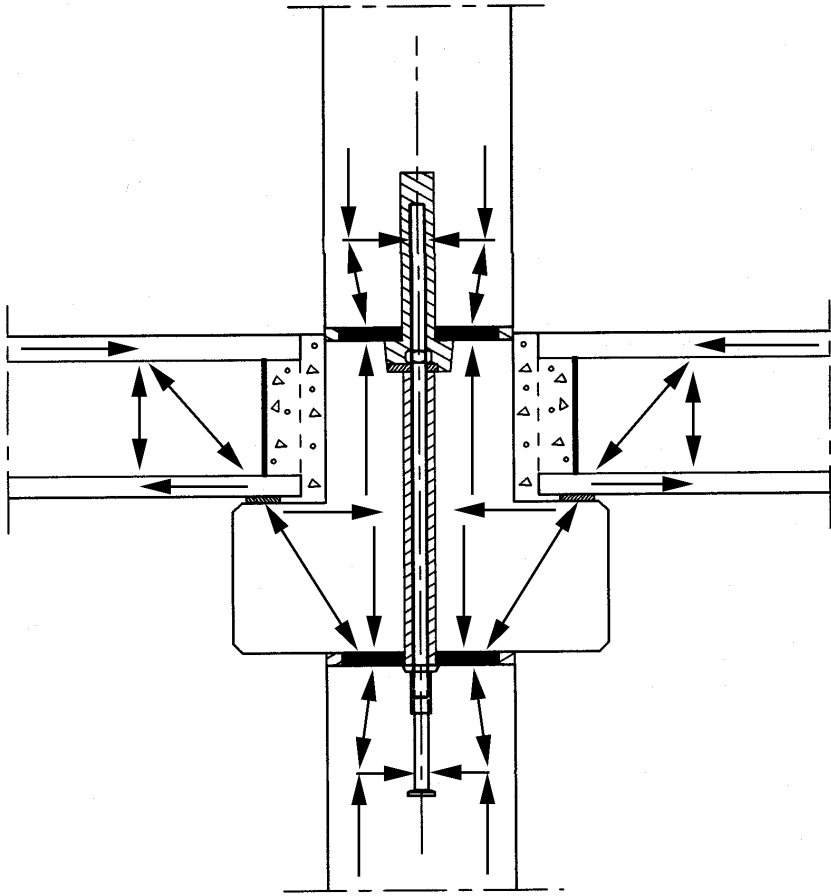
Hollow Core Slabs on Flexible Supports





Innovation
in Production

TG Connections



TG Mixed Construction



precast concrete and steel profiles
segmental post-tensioned beam



with c-i-s concrete

with timber + others



with steelwork

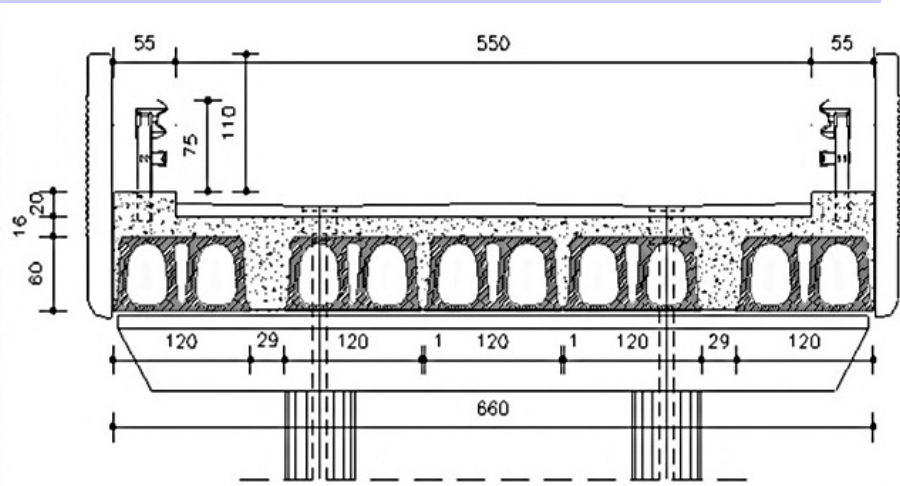


TG Precast Bridges





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Travi in cap prefabbricato (fino a 40-45m)

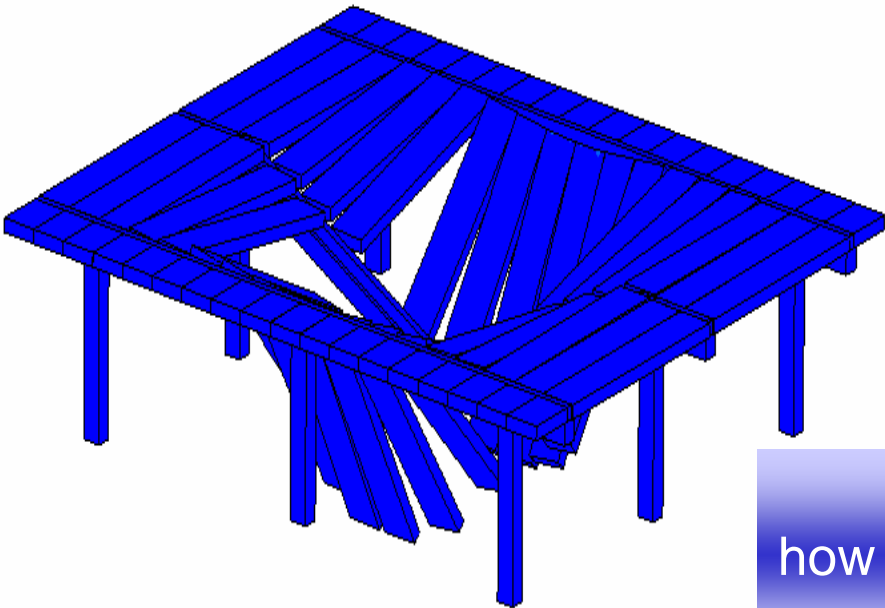


precast HSC beams (Be)

TG Railway Track Systems



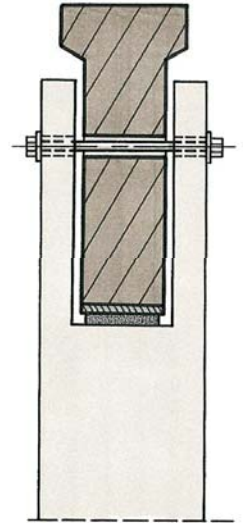
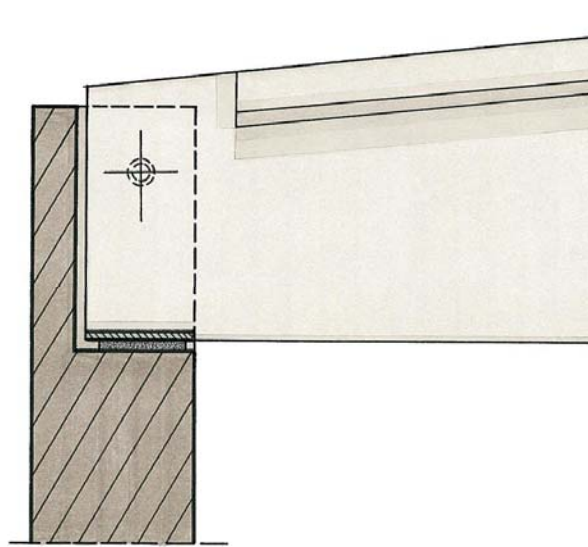
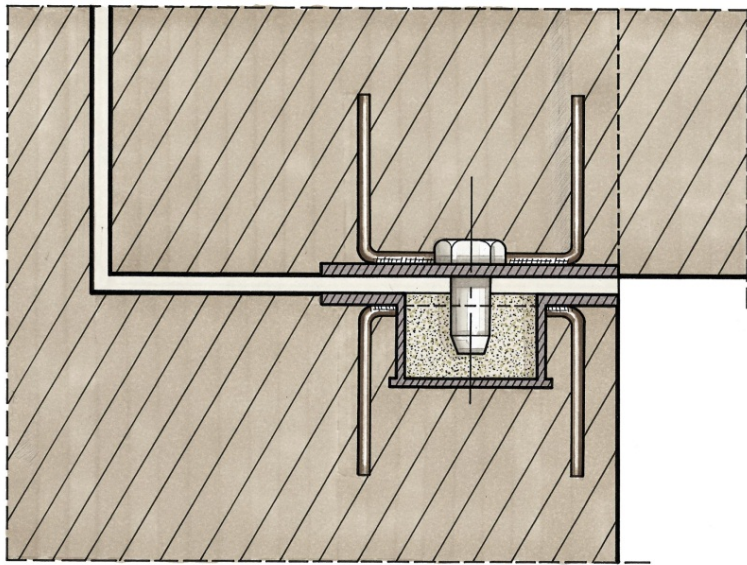
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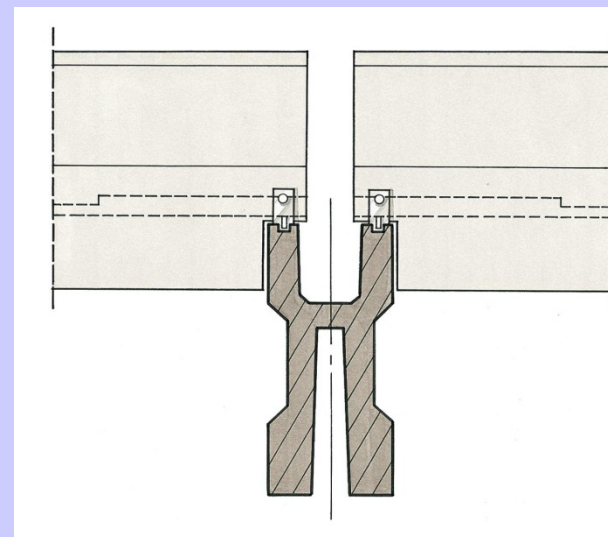
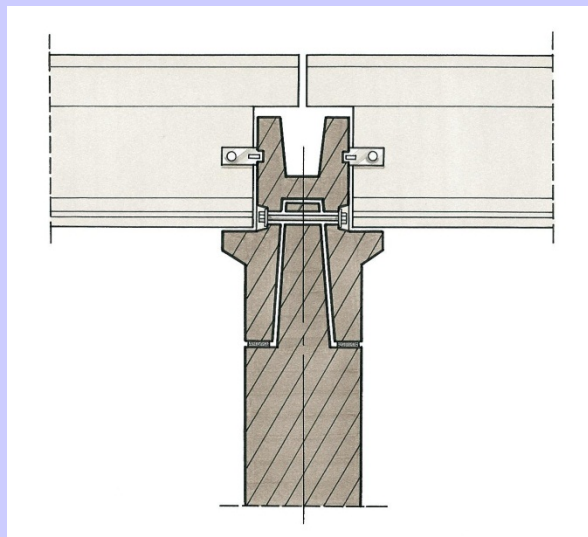
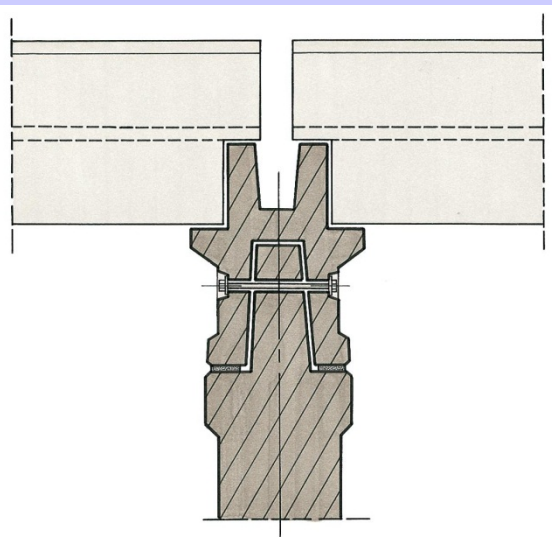
how to mitigate the risk of progressive collapse

TG Structures in Seismic Areas





retainers





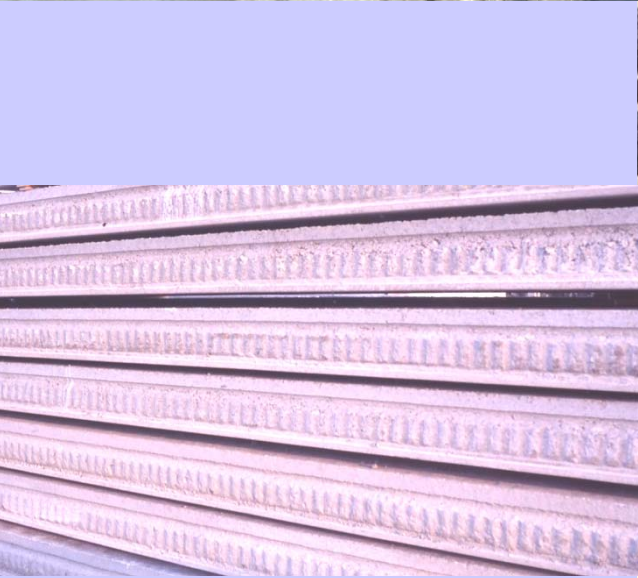
seismic action on precast frames...

postensioned joints
(rocking)

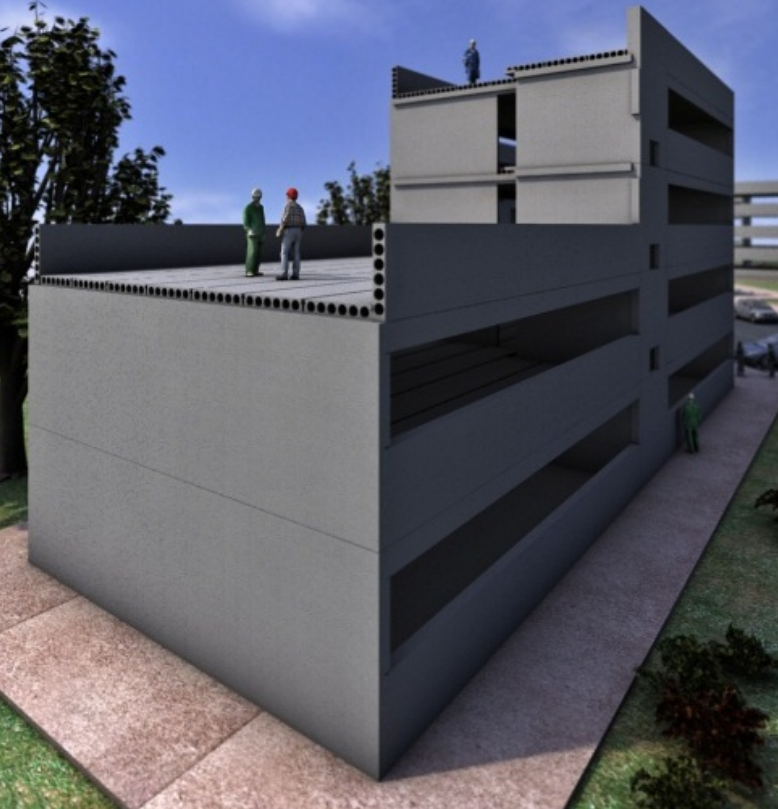




floors as seismic diaphragms



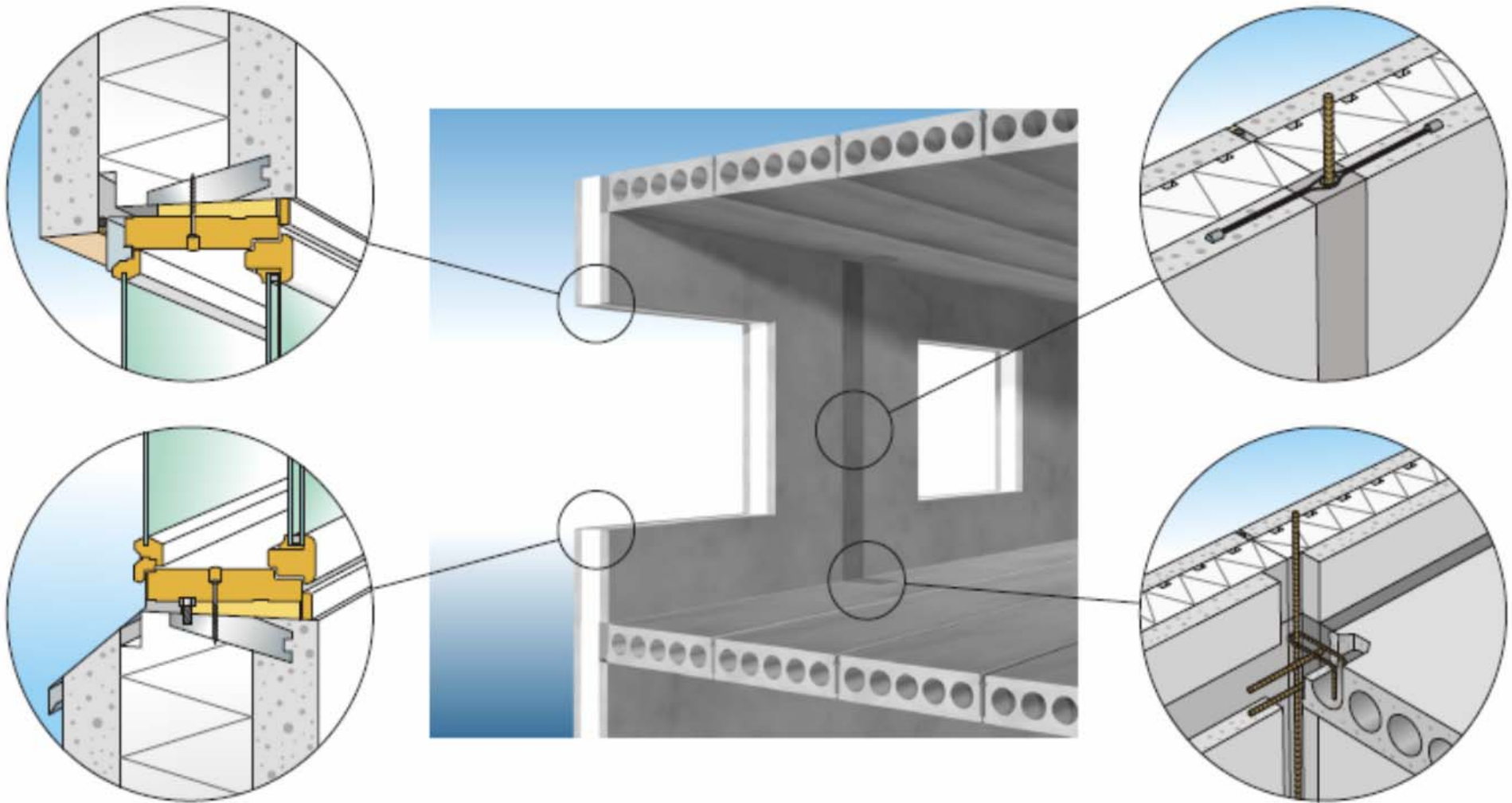
TG Affordable (low-cost) Housing



TG Sandwich Panels



bearing capacity and
thermal insulation (Fi)



... connections and fastenings



and ... back
to history

ancient remains met by
new precast structure



What about 60 years of
industrial prefabrication?
was it worth?

Definitely Yes:

in many cases it proved the convenient choice
for economy, speed, good look, environment ...

fib C6 has been trying to contribute all time along, too!

MUITO OBRIGADO!