



the experimental sample, the traverse system was applied, which consisted of a cross-arm and two steel rods with detents on which discs were hung. Such traverses were laid by a cross-arm on the top belt of the steel and concrete composite cable space frame at the joints (Fig. 3).



Fig. 2. Node connections of the steel and concrete composite cable space frame



Fig. 3. Loading of the steel and concrete composite cable space frame.

To fix and prevent of the displacement or movement of the traverses when loading full-scale experimental sample of the steel and concrete composite cable space frame, the detents were arranged at the traverse locations. Due to this solution, testing the experimental sample of steel and concrete composite cable space frame on the effect of a temporary load in accordance with the experimental research methodology was possible.

Strain of full-scale steel and concrete composite cable space frame were measured in accordance with the experimental research methodology (Fig. 4).

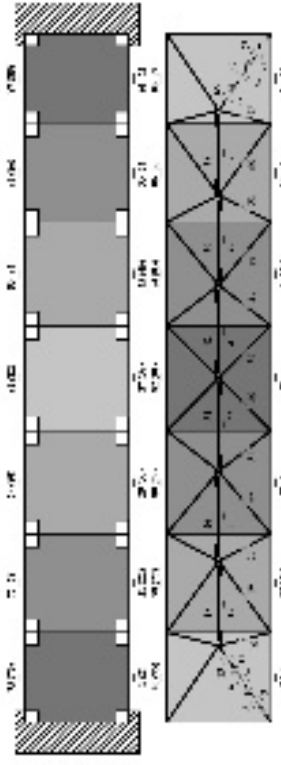


Fig. 4. Places where the strain was measured

The test was carried out in 10 stages (Fig. 5 and Fig. 6).

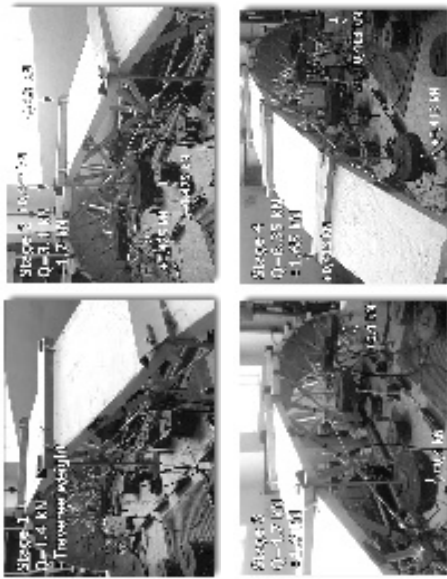


Fig. 5. The full-scale experimental sample of the steel and concrete composite cable space frame during the test

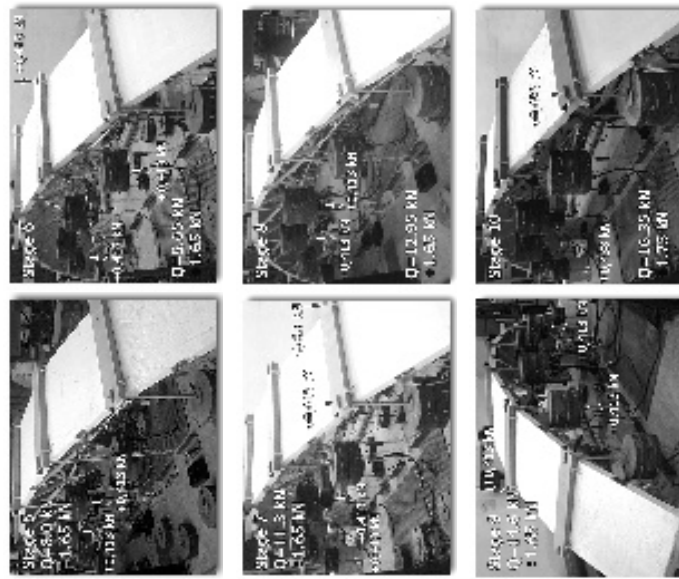


Fig. 6. The full-scale experimental sample of the steel and concrete composite cable space frame during the test

No significant difference between the experimental data in symmetric cross-sections indicates that the internal forces are distributed evenly and the steel and concrete composite cable space frame has demonstrated the joint operation of all the components.

**Conclusion.** Observing the experimental sample during the testing it was found that its behavior and the deformed view fully correspond to the theoretical data. Also, it should be noted that when inspecting the experimental sample at each stage of loading and at the end of the testing, no damage to the nodes or structural elements was detected, in particular, no cracks were found. Experimental data are showing that the top belt is in compression and the lower belt is in tension. Comparison of experimental data in similar cross-sections (symmetrical) showed that the difference between them is not significant. The steel and concrete composite cable space frame under short-term load operated as a holistic structure, and the designed bolted nodes of connection ensured reliable and joint operation of modular elements.

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As a result of the experiment, data were obtained, the analysis of which made it possible to evaluate the behavior of the steel and concrete composite cable space frame under short-term load (Fig. 7 and Fig. 8). It should be noted that in accordance of the experimental research methodology, the steel and concrete composite cable space frame was investigated on the effect of the operational load, which was 70 % of the destructive, that is, the sample was not destroyed.

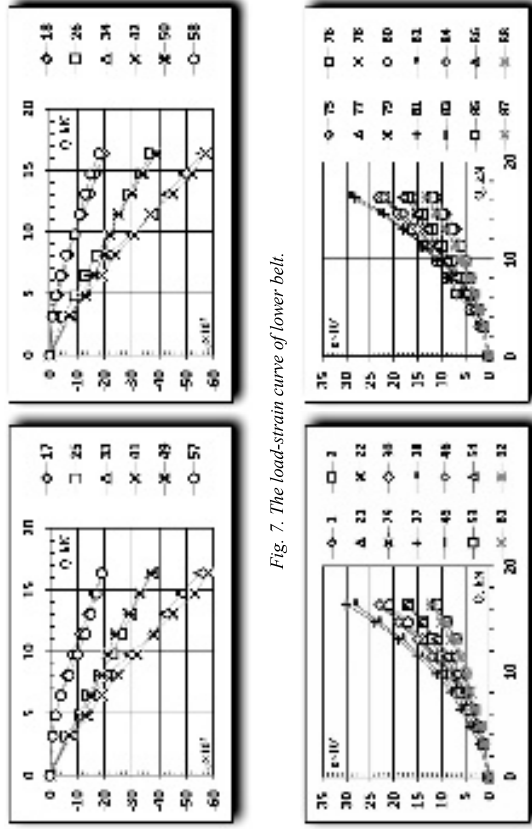


Fig. 7. The load-strain curve of lower belt.

Fig. 7. The load-strain curve of top belt

Analyzing these curves, it is obvious that, in general, the strain of the experimental sample of the steel and concrete composite cable space frame were elastic. The steel and concrete composite cable space frame that was prefabricated of modular elements operated as a holistic structure, and the designed nodes of connection ensured reliable and joint operation of modular elements.

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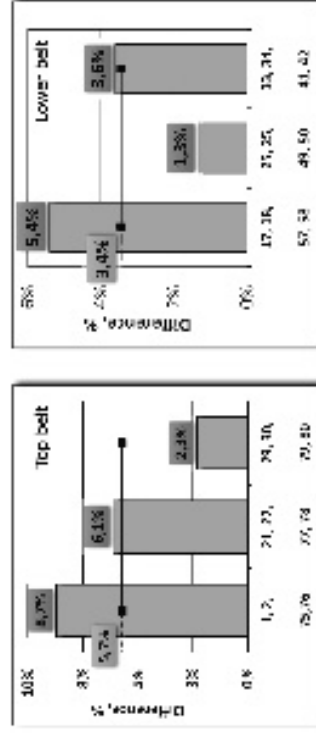


Fig. 8. The difference between strain in the similar cross-sections