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## COMMENTARY Ineffective Opening Oritical section Free corner as free edge

**Note:** Openings shown are located within 4*h* of the column periphery.

Fig. R22.6.4.3—Effect of openings and free edges (effective perimeter shown with dashed lines).

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**22.6.5.1** For nonprestressed two-way members,  $v_c$  shall be calculated in accordance with 22.6.5.2. For prestressed two-way members,  $v_c$  shall be calculated in accordance with (a) or (b):

- (a) 22.6.5.2
- (b) 22.6.5.5, if the conditions of 22.6.5.4 are satisfied
- **22.6.5.2**  $v_c$  shall be calculated in accordance with Table 22.6.5.2.

**R22.6.5.2** Experimental evidence indicates that the measured concrete shear strength of two-way members without shear reinforcement does not increase in direct proportion with member depth. This phenomenon is referred to as the "size effect." The modification factor  $\lambda_s$  accounts for the dependence of two-way shear strength of slabs on effective depth.

For nonprestressed two-way slabs without a minimum amount of shear reinforcement and with d > 250 mm, the size effect specified in 22.5.5.1.3 reduces the shear strength of two-way slabs below  $0.33 \sqrt{f_c'} b_o d$  (Hawkins and Ospina 2017; Dönmez and Bažant 2017).

For square columns, the stress corresponding to the nominal two-way shear strength provided by concrete in

