

# Use of Fibre-reinforced Polymer (FRP) Composites for Strengthening Concrete Structures

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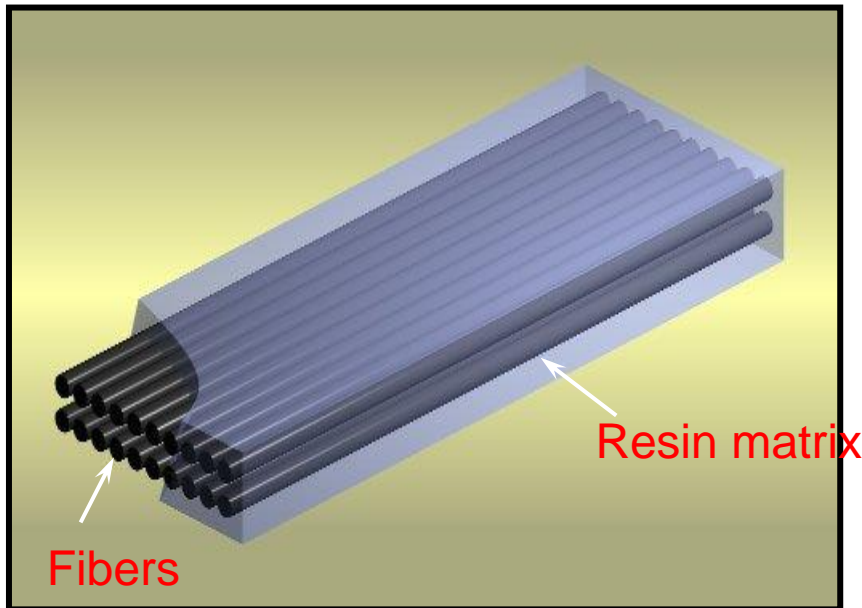


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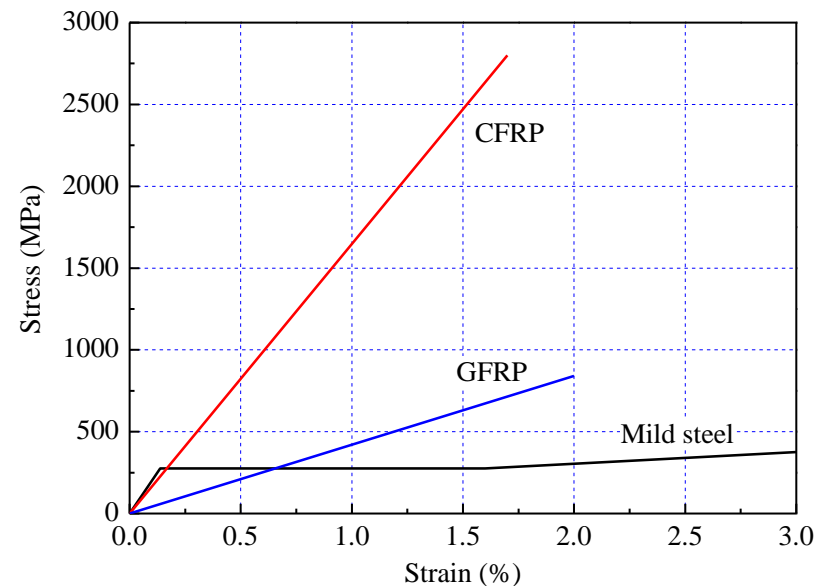
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# Fibre-Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Composites



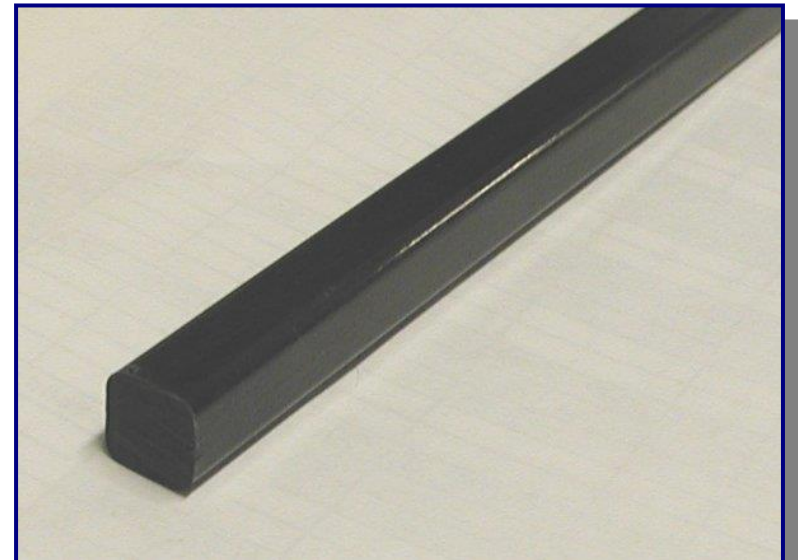
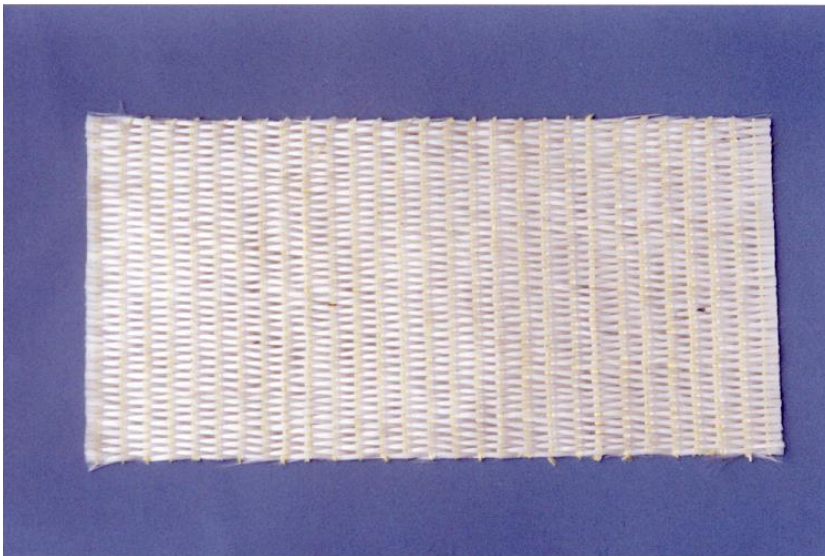
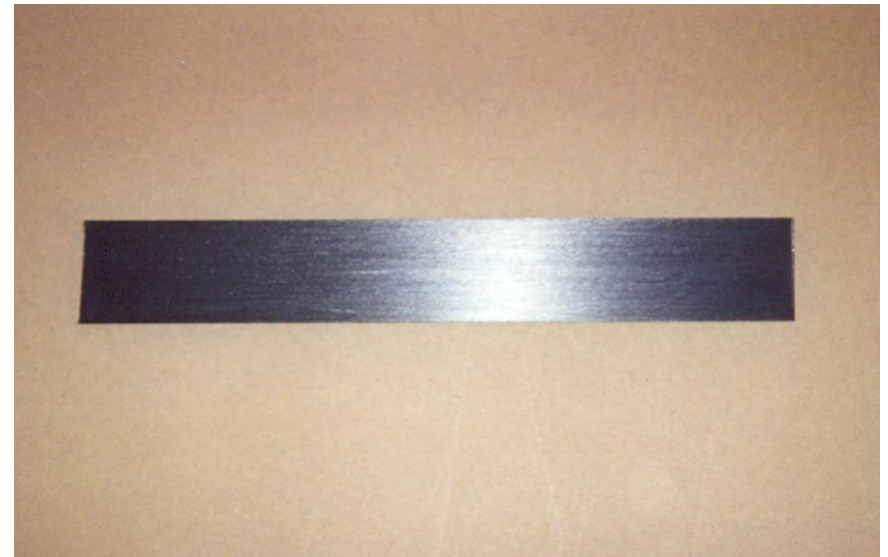
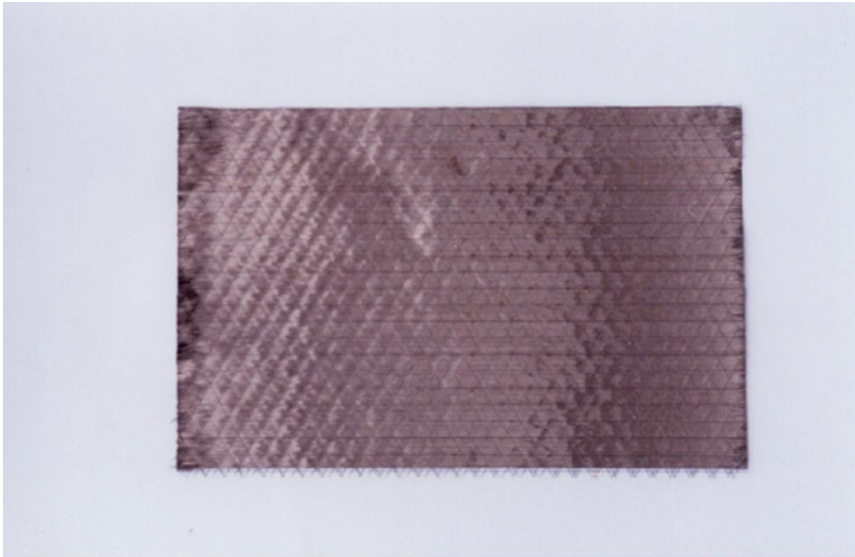
← Fiber-reinforced polymer (FRP) composites are formed by embedding continuous fibres in a polymeric resin matrix

- ✓ AFRP = Aramid FRP
- ✓ BFRP = Basalt FRP
- ✓ CFRP = Carbon FRP
- ✓ GFRP = Glass FRP





# FRP Products for Strengthening Applications



# Advantages of FRP Strengthening

**Have all the advantages of steel plates for plate bonding**

Speedy application; Minimal increases in structural weight and size.

**High strength/weight ratio**

Lifting equipment eliminated; Reduced labour cost.

**Flexibility in shape**

Can be handled in rolls; easy for wrapping on curved surfaces and around columns.

**Tailorability of material properties**

Through fiber orientations and lamination structures

**High resistance to corrosion and other chemical attacks**

Durable performance.



# Ibach bridge 1991

First use of CFRP to strengthen a structure

CFRP strips were  
going to be prepared



only 6 working hours!

Courtesy of Prof. Urs Meier

# FRP Strengthening of Concrete Structures: Typical Strengthening Scheme



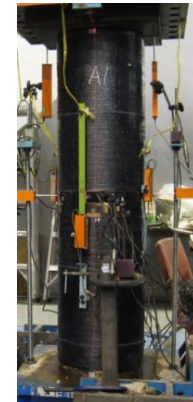
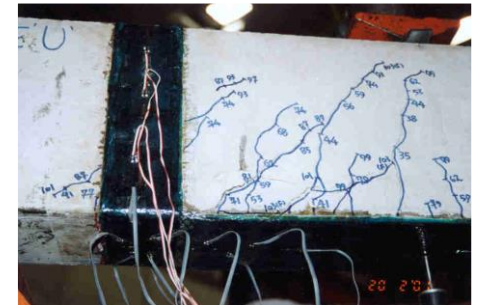
(<https://www.structuremag.org/?p=8643>)



# FRP Strengthening of Concrete Structures

## Strengthening of concrete structures with externally-bonded FRP reinforcement

- ❑ Bond-critical applications
  - ✓ Debonding failures
  
- ❑ Contact-critical applications
  - ✓ Confined concrete





# Debonding Failure



Courtesy of Prof. Peng FENG

# FRP Confinement for Columns



Dynamic collapse test on eccentric reinforced concrete structures with and without seismic retrofit,  
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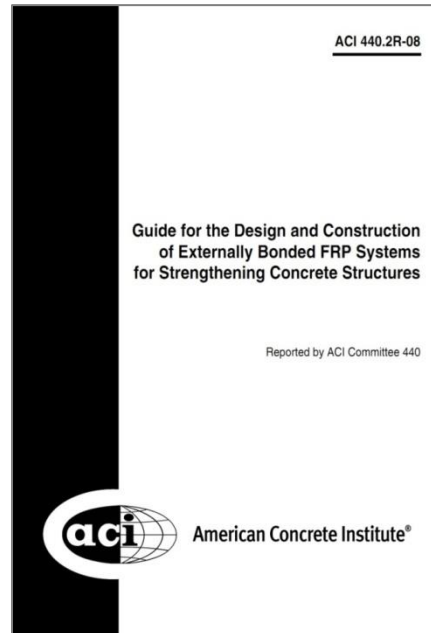


# FRP Strengthening of Concrete Structures

## Extensive Research and Design Guidance Exist



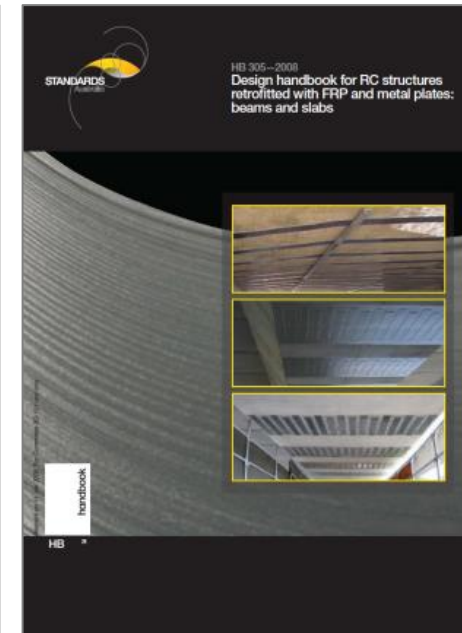
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Extensive research has been conducted at PolyU on the theory of FRP-strengthened concrete structures; the research outcomes of PolyU have been widely adopted by design guidance documents around the world.



# Design Principles and Requirements

## *FRP strengthening system*

**The design of an FRP strengthening system\* aims to ensure an acceptable level of probability that the structure or structural member strengthened with the FRP system will perform satisfactorily during the design working life.**

**With an appropriate degree of safety, the system should:**

- ✓ **Sustain all loads and deformations of normal construction and use;**
- ✓ **Remain fit for the purpose of its intended use;**
- ✓ **Have adequate durability for its environment; AND**
- ✓ **Have adequate resistance to the effects of misuse and fire.**

**\* An FRP strengthening system is defined to include the FRP material, the bonding adhesive, and the associated primer and putty materials.**



# Assessment of Existing Structures

To identify the deficiencies, establish the existing load-carrying capacity, determine the suitability of the FRP strengthening technology, define the performance requirements for the system.

Such an assessment should cover the following:

- A review of existing design calculations and drawings or as-built documents;
- A site investigation; and
- A structural analysis of the existing load-carrying capacity, based on the review of documents and the information gathered from the site investigation.

# Basic Principles for FRP Strengthening

- The FRP strengthening system should be so designed that the FRP is only called upon to resist **tensile forces**.
- The strain compatibility between the FRP and the concrete is ensured by **adhesive bonding** (plus mechanical anchoring where appropriate).
- The compressive strength of FRP should be **neglected** in the event that the FRP experiences compression due to moment reversals or load pattern changes.



# Basic Principles for FRP Strengthening

- **Long-term performance and durability:** 1) environmental factors including the effects of **moisture**, **temperature**, **freeze and thaw cycles**, and **ultraviolet** (UV) radiations; 2) chemical attacks by **alkaline**, **acidic**, or **salt solutions**; and 3) loading conditions such as **sustained loads** or **cyclic loads** which may cause the creep rupture or fatigue failure of FRP composites.

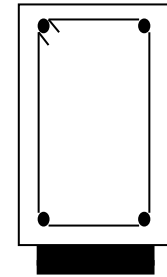
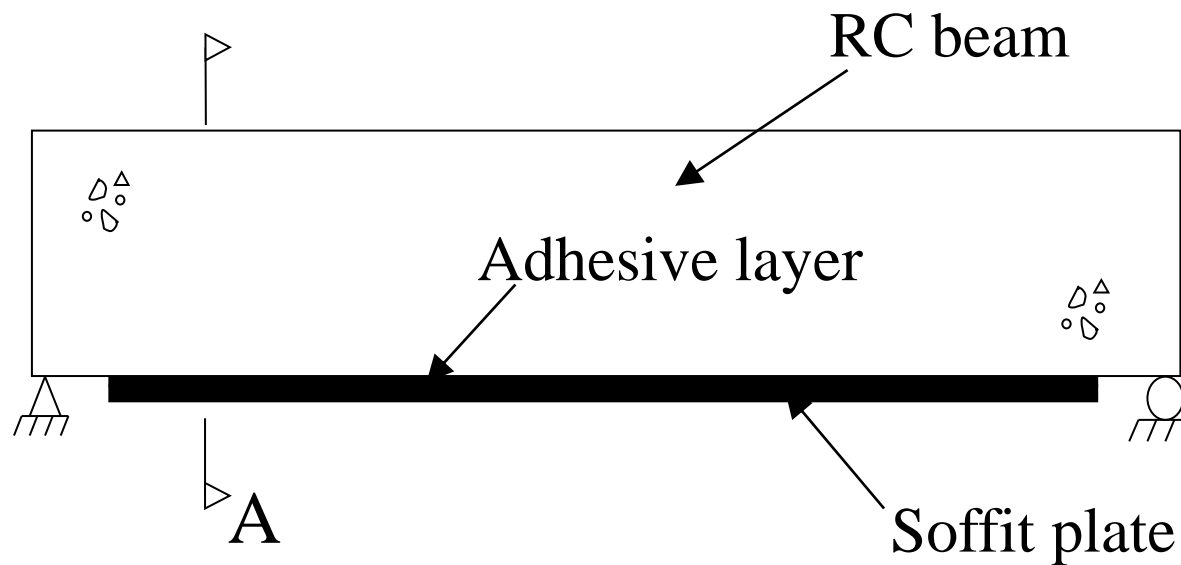
$$\text{Design value} = \frac{1}{\gamma_m} \times \text{characteristic value}$$

$$\gamma_m = \gamma_{m1} \gamma_{m2}$$

Accounts for differences between actual and laboratory values, local weaknesses and inaccuracy in the assessment of resistance

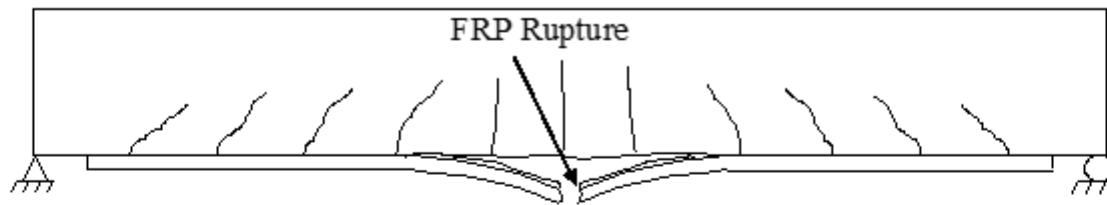
Accounts for long-term strength degradations due to environmental exposure including the effects of moisture/solution, alkalinity, elevated temperature and ultraviolet radiations (UV)

# Flexural Strengthening

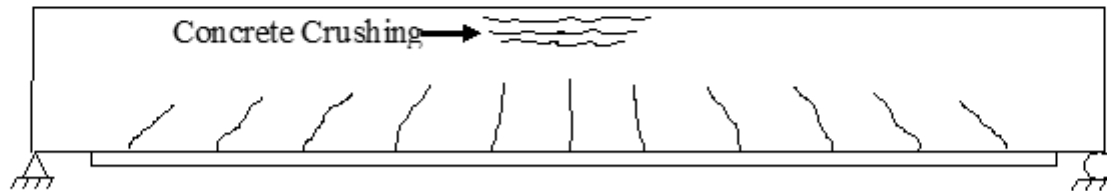


Section A

# Conventional Failure Modes



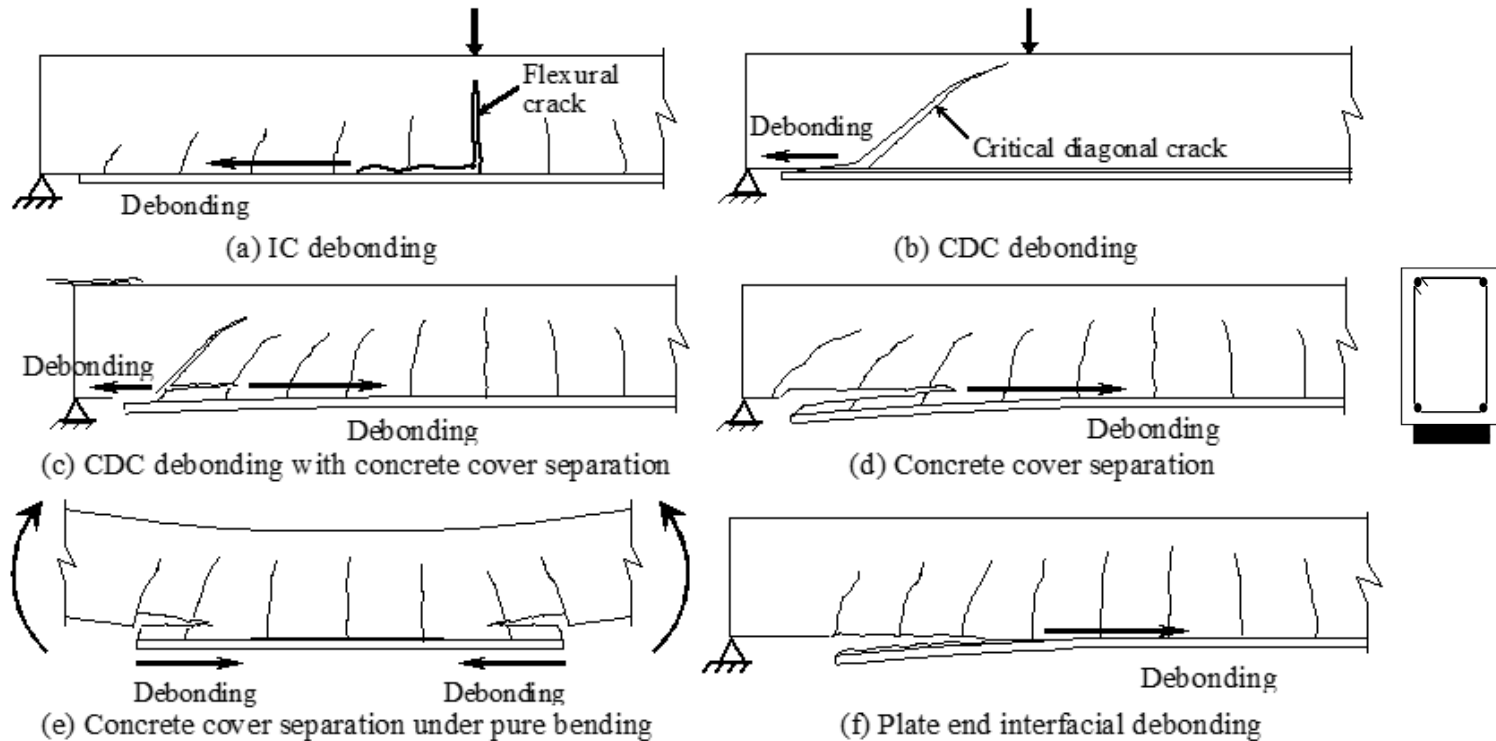
(a) FRP rupture



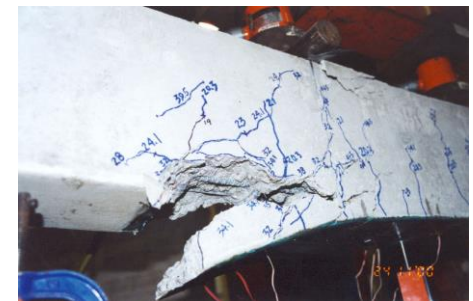
(b) Crushing of compressive concrete



# Debonding Failures of FRP-plated RC Beams

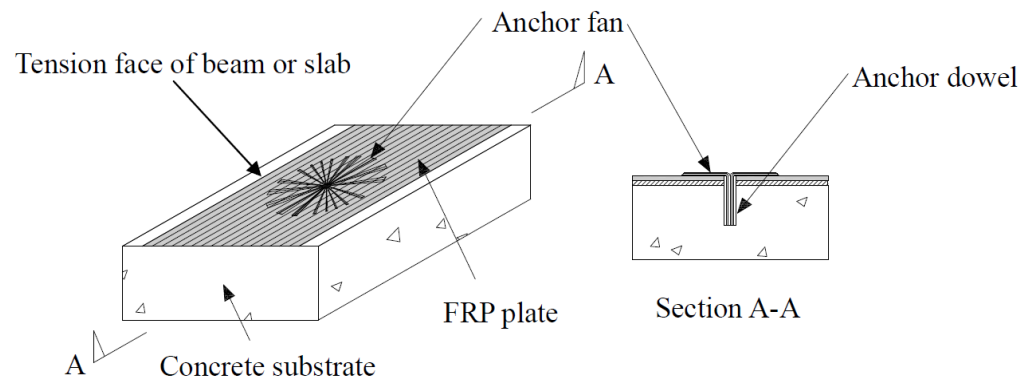
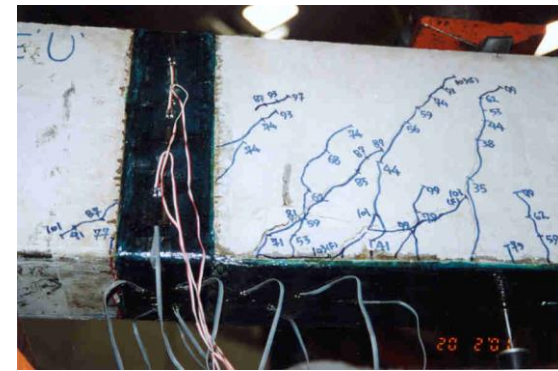
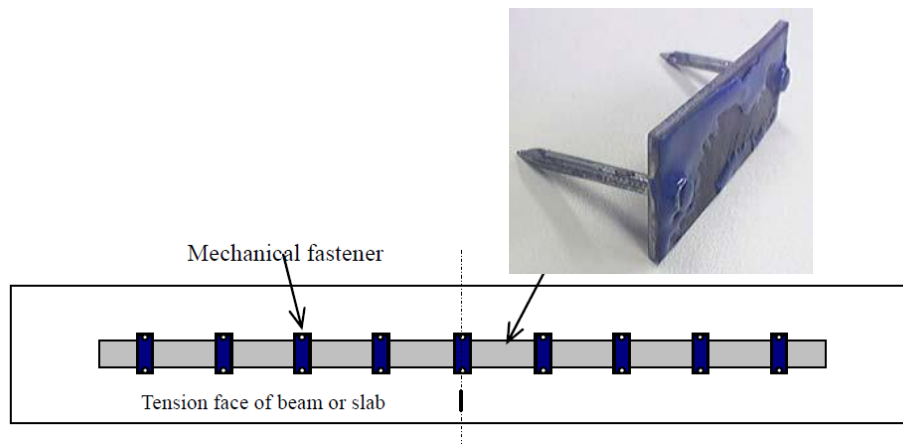


**Intermediate crack debonding: (a)**  
**Plate end debonding: (b) to (f)**

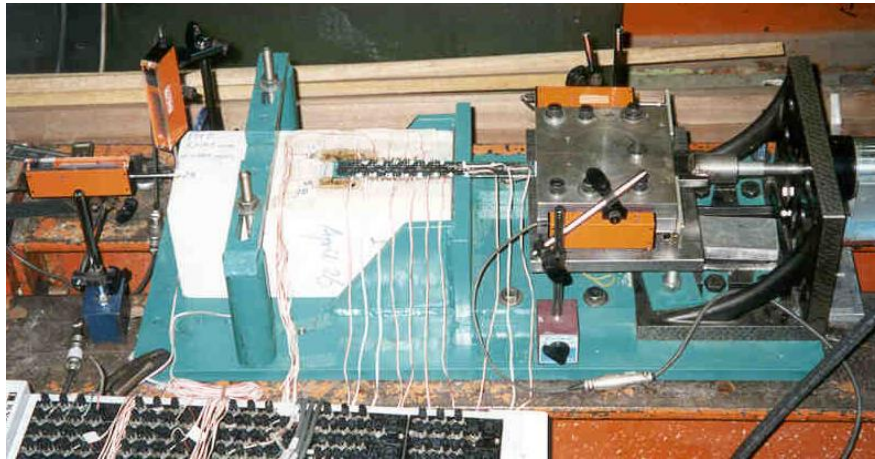
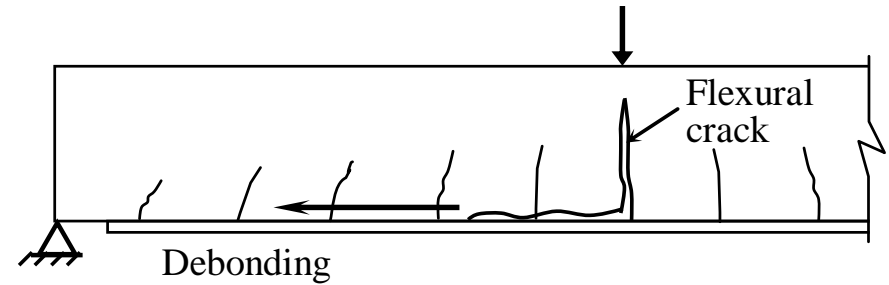
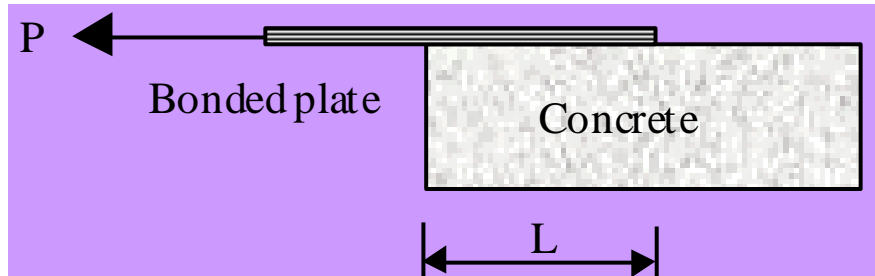


# Plate End Debonding

- Due largely to the high interfacial stresses between the FRP plate and the concrete beam near the plate end;
- Should be prevented by additional anchorage at the plate end



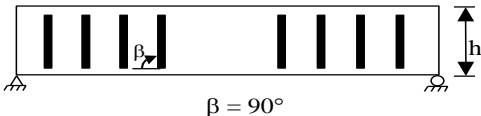



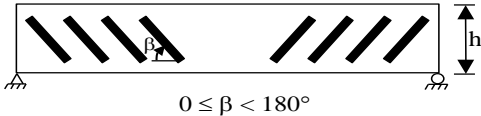



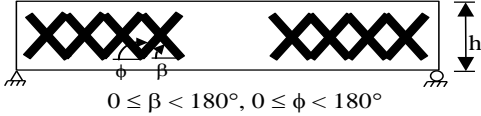



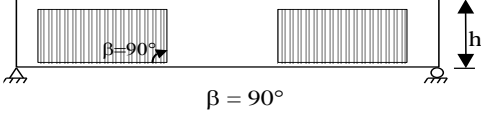



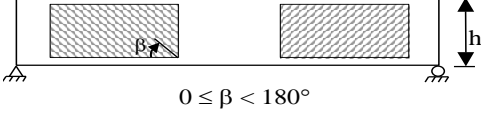
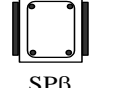


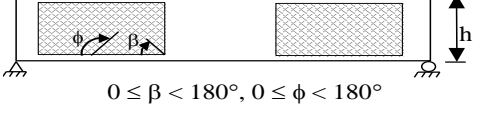
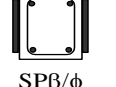


# Intermediate Crack Induced (IC) Debonding



Empirical models have been developed based on results from bonded joint tests for the IC debonding strain.



# Concrete Beams Shear Strengthened with FRP

Fibre orientations and distributions	Bonding scheme and notation		
 <p><math>\beta = 90^\circ</math></p>	 <p>SS90</p>	 <p>US90</p>	 <p>WS90</p>
 <p><math>0 \leq \beta &lt; 180^\circ</math></p>	 <p>SS<math>\beta</math></p>	 <p>US<math>\beta</math></p>	 <p>WS<math>\beta</math></p>
 <p><math>0 \leq \beta &lt; 180^\circ, 0 \leq \phi &lt; 180^\circ</math></p>	 <p>SS<math>\beta/\phi</math></p>	 <p>US<math>\beta/\phi</math></p>	 <p>WS<math>\beta/\phi</math></p>
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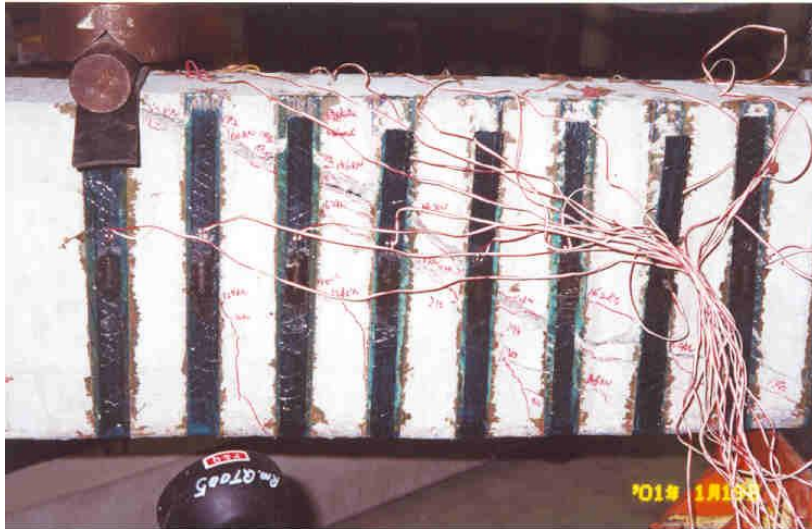


# Concrete Beams Shear Strengthened with FRP

Factors to be considered in selecting a strengthening scheme:

- Accessibility:
  - Can the whole perimeter of a beam be accessed for wrapping?
- Loading type:
  - Monotonic loading, or reversed cyclic loading?
- Required shear capacity increase; *and*
- Economic considerations.

# Concrete Beams Shear Strengthened with FRP



Debonding failure



FRP rupture failure

# Shear Capacity

- Shear capacity of shear-strengthened RC beams:

$$V_n = V_c + V_s + V_{frp}$$

- ✓  $V_c$  = contribution by concrete
  - ✓  $V_s$  = contribution by steel shear reinforcement
  - ✓  $V_{frp}$  = contribution by FRP
- $V_c$  &  $V_s$  can be calculated using provisions in an existing code on reinforced concrete structures



# Method of Column Strengthening

- Wrapping
- Filament Winding
- Prefabricated Shell Jacketing



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Wet lay-up



FRP shell



Machine winding

# Various Forms of FRP Wrapping

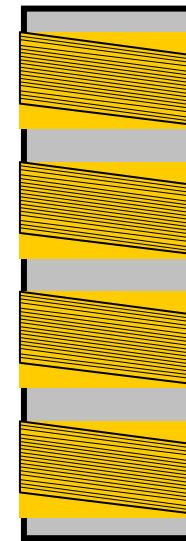
(a) Full Wrapping

(b) Wrapping with  
Continuous  
Spirals

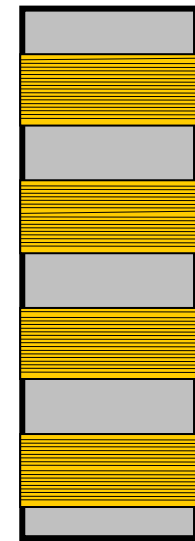
(c) Wrapping with  
Discrete Rings



(a)

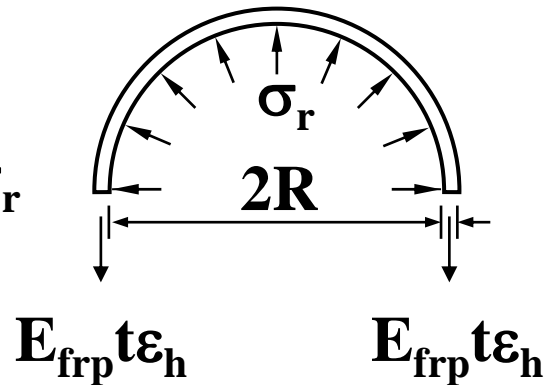
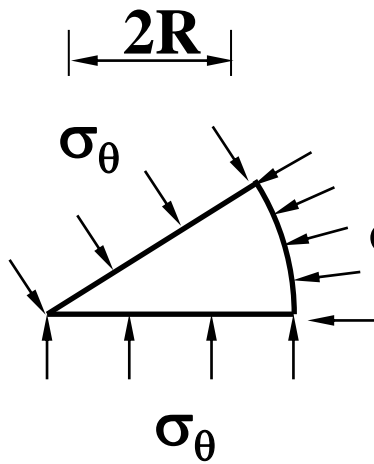
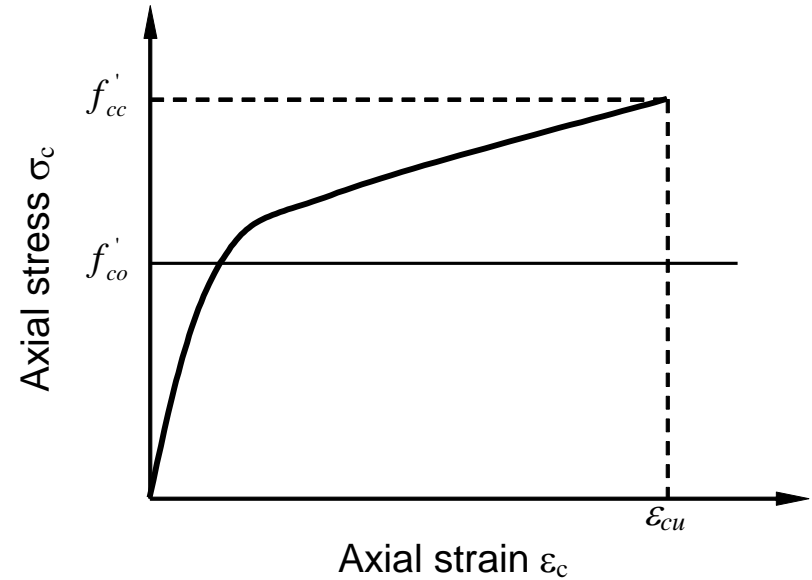
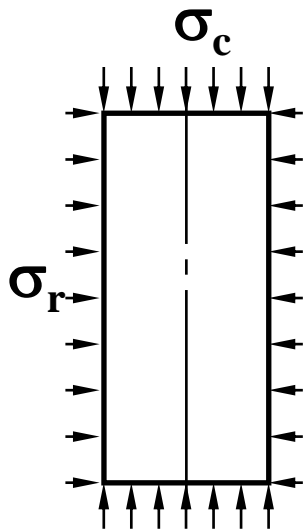


(b)



(c)

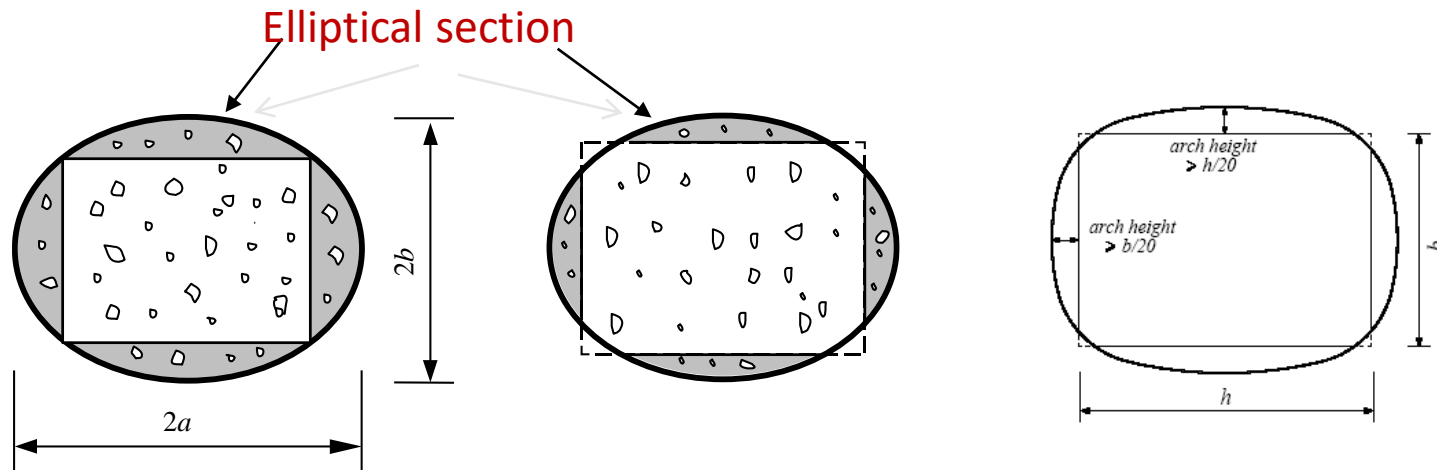
# FRP-confined Concrete



Concrete

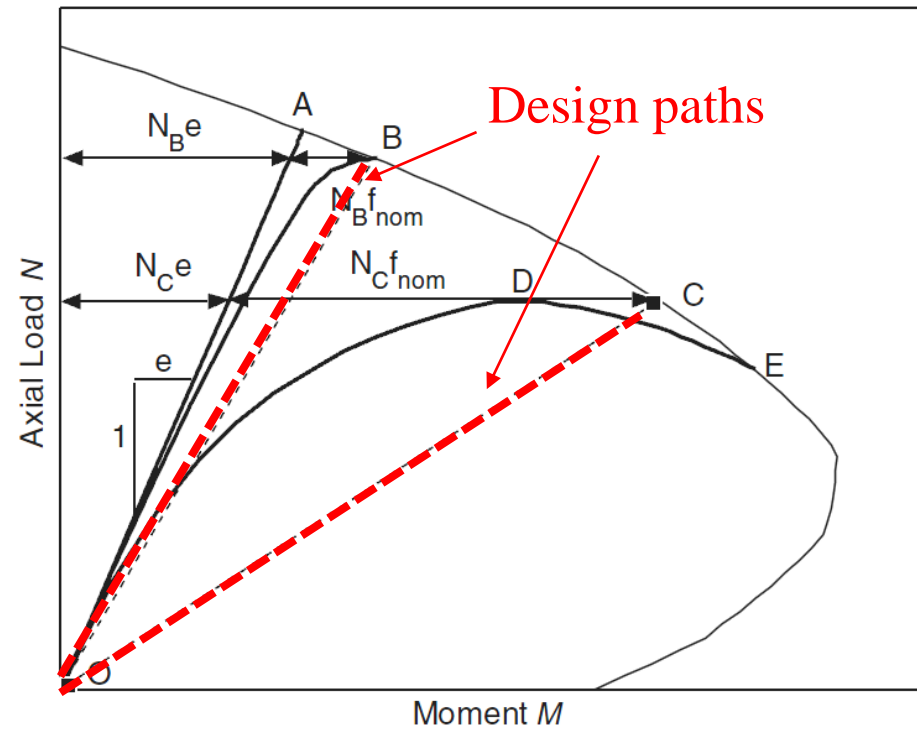
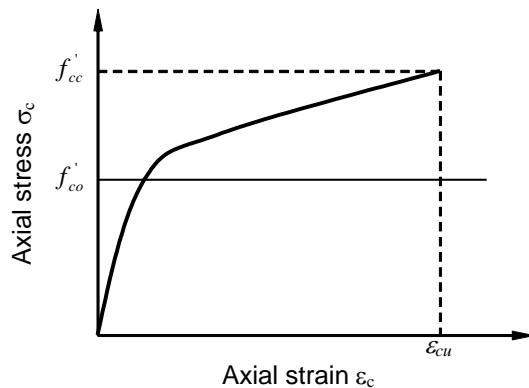
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# Shape Modification

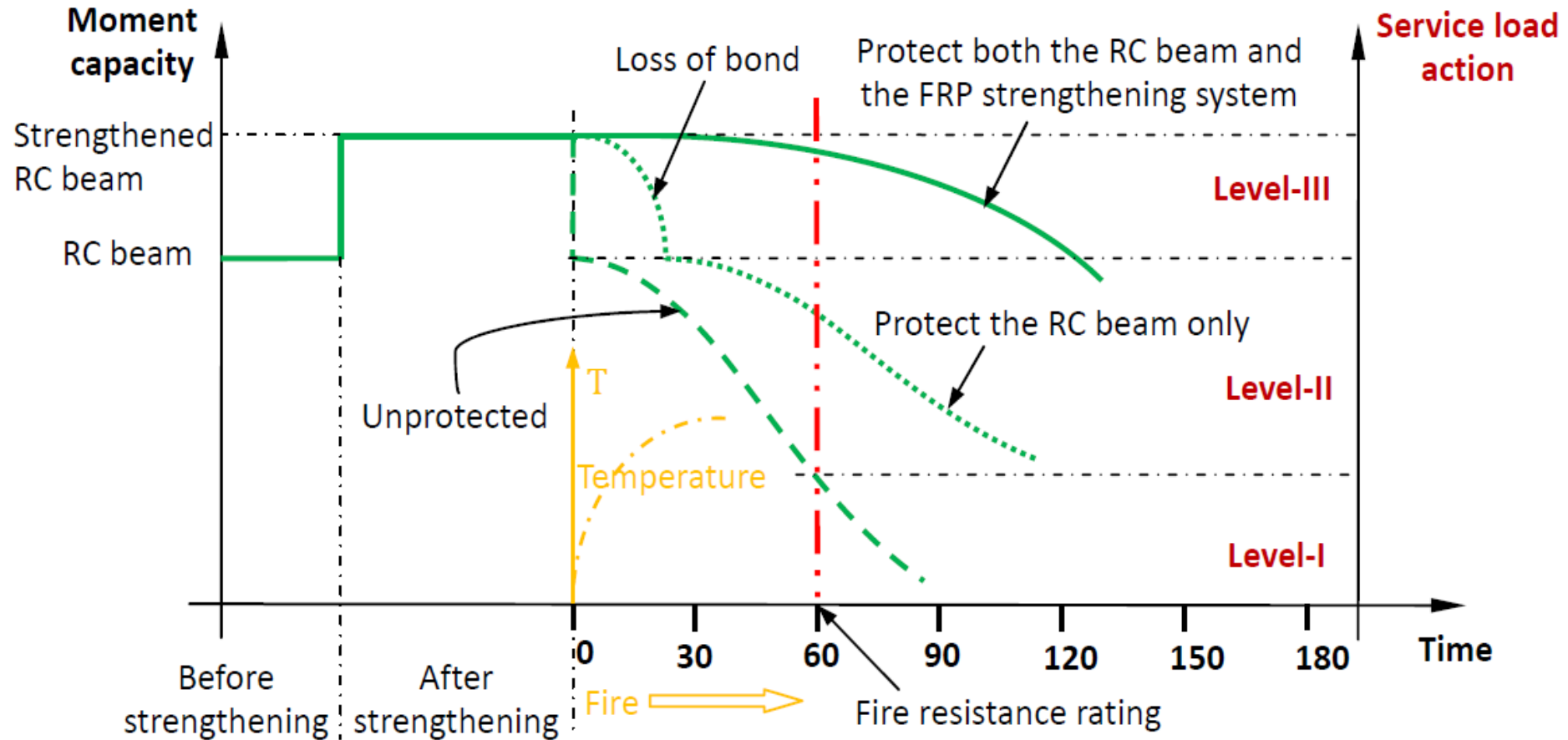




# FRP-strengthened Slender Concrete Columns



# Three-Level Fire Resistance Design Approaches



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# Three-Level Fire Resistance Design Approaches

## Level-I design (Unprotected FRP-strengthened RC beams)

### ❖ Design formulae

$$R\left(\gamma, c, \rho, \frac{l}{d}, \frac{A_{sc}}{A_{st}}, \mu_{ag}, b\right) = \varphi(\gamma) \times \omega(c, \rho_s) \times \psi\left(\frac{l}{d}, \rho_s\right) \times \xi\left(\frac{A_{sc}}{A_{st}}\right) \times \phi(b)$$

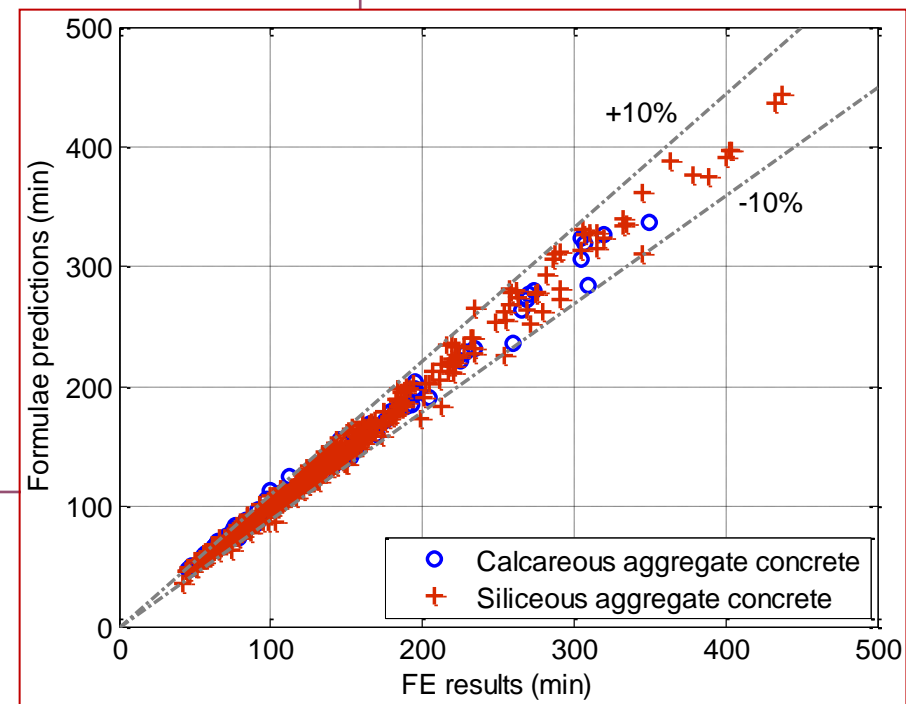
$$\varphi(\gamma) = a_1 + a_2 \cdot \gamma + a_3 \cdot \gamma^2 + a_4 \cdot \gamma^3$$

$$\omega(c, \rho_s) = \omega_0 + \omega_1 \cdot c$$

$$\psi\left(\frac{l}{d}, \rho\right) = \psi_0 + \psi_1 \cdot \rho + \psi_2 \cdot \rho^2$$

$$\xi\left(\frac{A_{sc}}{A_{st}}\right) = \xi_1 + \xi_2 \cdot \left(\frac{A_{sc}}{A_{st}}\right)$$

Total **512** numerical tests



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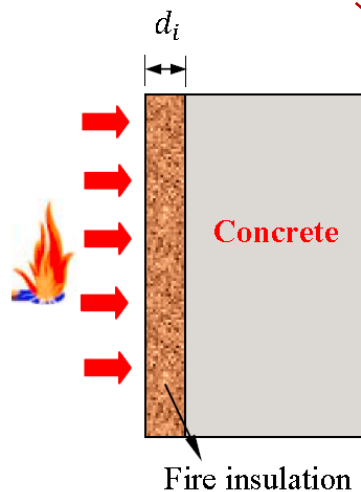
## Level-II design (Partially protected FRP-strengthened RC beams)

### ❖ Simple design method

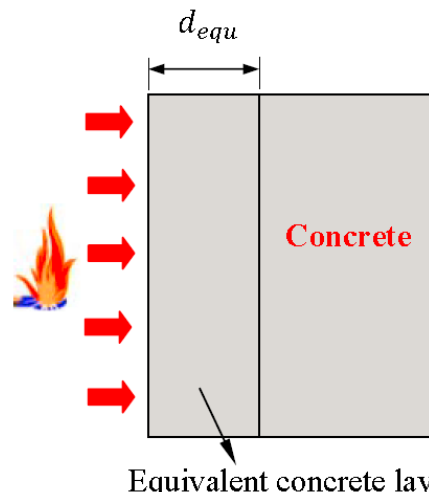
Temperature field analysis of insulated RC beams



“500 °C” isotherm method



(a) Insulated concrete member



(b) Equivalent bare concrete member

**Fire insulation layer**  
=  
**Equivalent concrete layer**

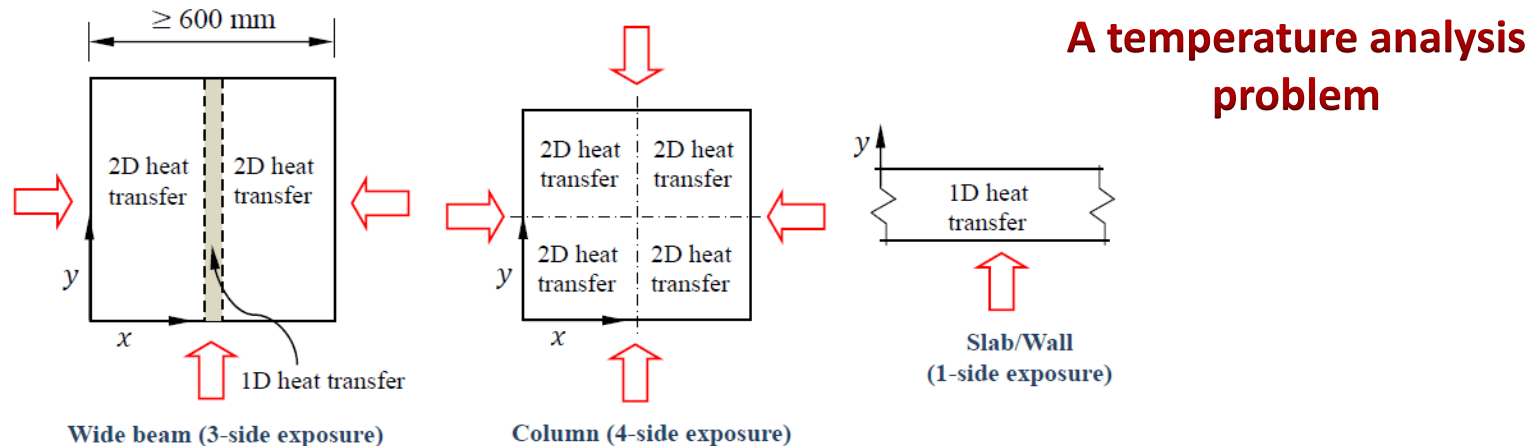
$$d_{equ} = d_a k_\lambda k_{\rho c}$$

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# Three-Level Fire Resistance Design Approaches

## Level-III design (Fully protected FRP-strengthened RC beams)



One-dimensional heat transfer

$$\Delta T = \theta_{d,120} k_t k_b$$

$$\theta_{d,120} = a_0 \cdot \exp(a_1 d) + a_2$$

$$k_t = \frac{t_1 t_2 + t_3 t_4}{t_2 + t_4}$$

$$k_b = \exp \left[ b_0 + \frac{b_1}{b/200} + b_2 \ln(b/200) \right]$$

Two-dimensional heat transfer

$$\Delta T = \left\{ \left[ \ln \left( \frac{\theta_x}{\theta_y} + 1 \right) + 1 \right] \cdot \theta_y \cdot m(y) \cdot n \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) \right\} k_t k_b$$

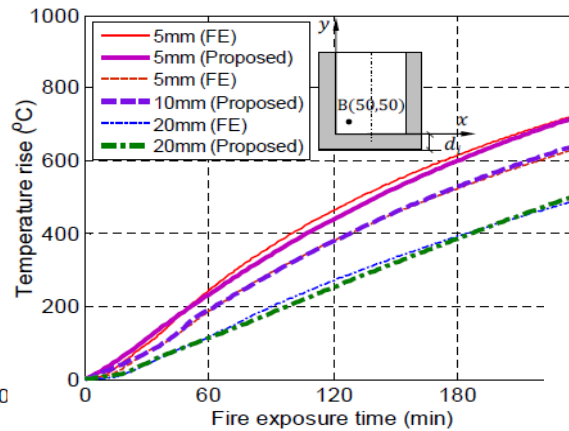
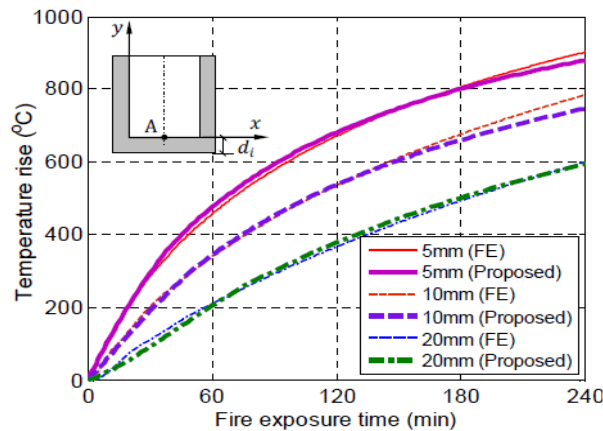
$$m(y) = 0.759 + 4.37 \times 10^{-3} y - 1.71 \times 10^{-5} y^2$$

$$n \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) = 1.26 - 1.32 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) + 0.881 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)^2$$

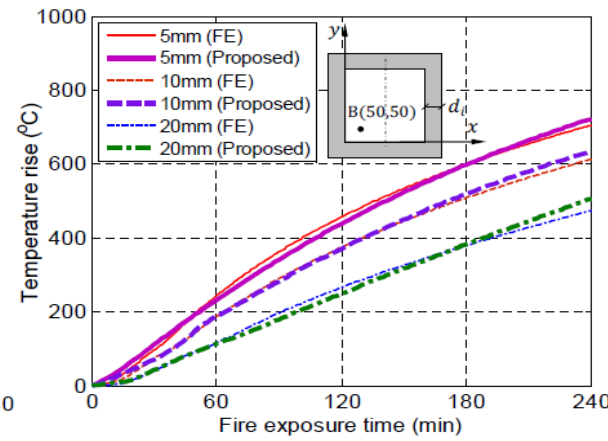
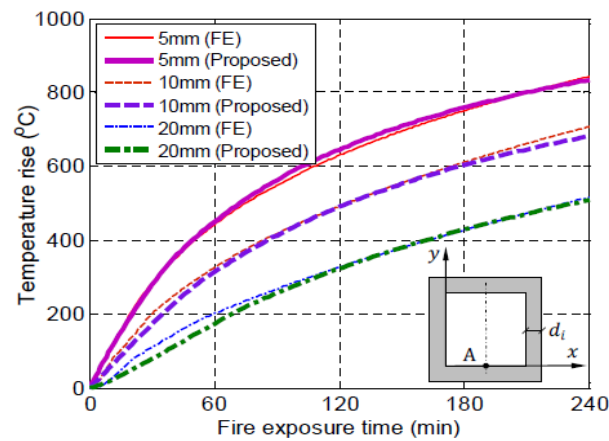
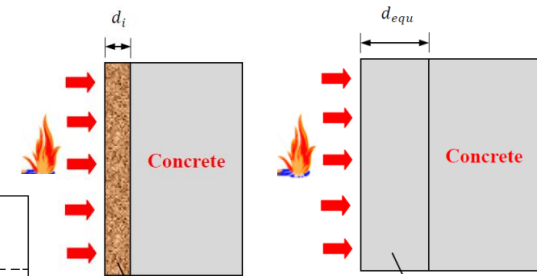
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### Insulated beam sections



### Insulated column sections

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# Fire resistance design of FRP-strengthened RC structures

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P GB 50608-2020

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in construction

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6	预应力碳纤维复材板加固混凝土结构	( 58 )
6.1	一般规定	( 58 )
6.2	抗弯加固设计	( 58 )
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表 5.7.5 复材加固构件的三等级耐火设计方法

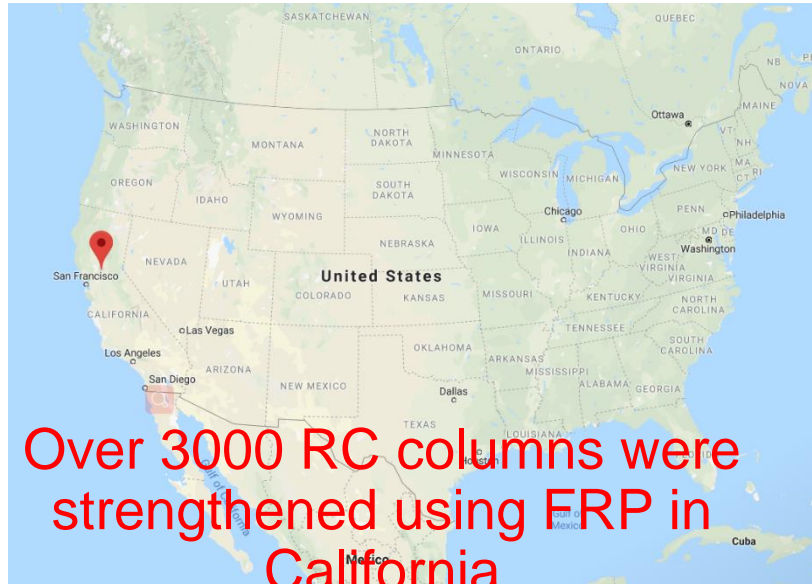
等级	选用条件	防火保护措施
I	$S_{mT} \leq R_{dT}$	宜在表面粉刷一层不少于 1cm 厚的水泥砂浆用于阻燃,无须采取其他的防火保护措施
II	$R_{dT} < S_{mT} \leq R_d$	对原有构件采取防火保护措施,使 $S_{mT} \leq R_{dT}$ 或 $t_{fire} \geq [t_{fire}]$
III	$R_d \leq S_{mT}$	采取防火保护措施保护原有构件及复材,应确保复材的温度在规定的耐火时间内 $[t_{fire}]$ 低于其玻璃化转变温度 $T_g$

注:1  $R_d$  为常温下原有构件的极限承载力。

2  $R_{dT}$  为达到耐火极限状态时原有构件极限承载力。

3  $[t_{fire}]$  为《建筑设计防火规范》GB 50016 规定的耐火极限。

# FRP Strengthening of RC Structures



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(a)



(a)



(b)



(b)



(c)



(c)



# Emergency Strengthening with FRP

## 应急加固



成都机场机库震后应急加固

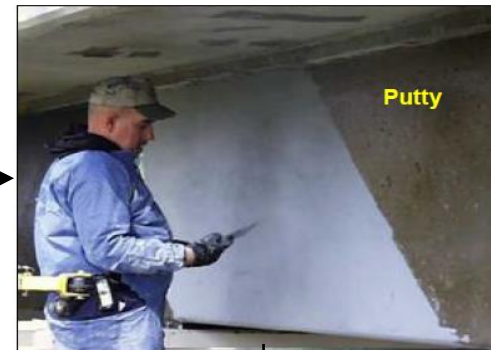
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厦门大嶝大桥火灾后加固

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# Example of FRP Strengthening Bridge Girders



Putty

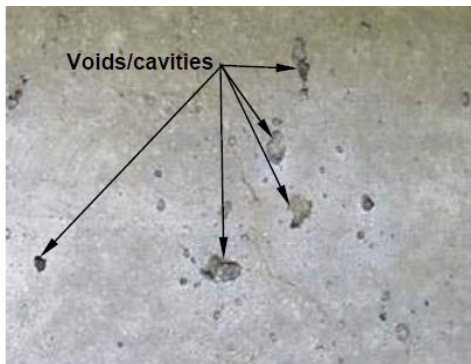


Wet resin  
undercoat

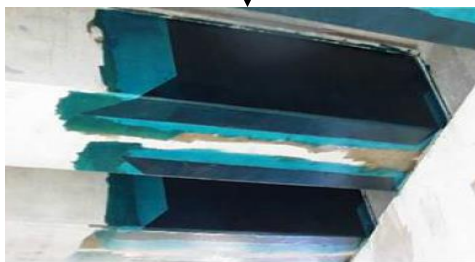
CFRP fabric



Bottom of  
the beam



Voids/cavities



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# Example of FRP Strengthening Marine Infrastructure

## The Friendship Trail Bridge



(a)



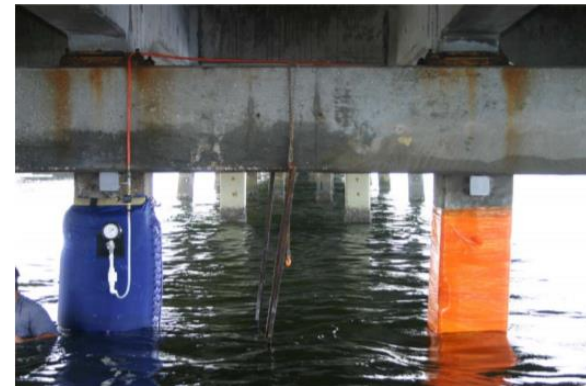
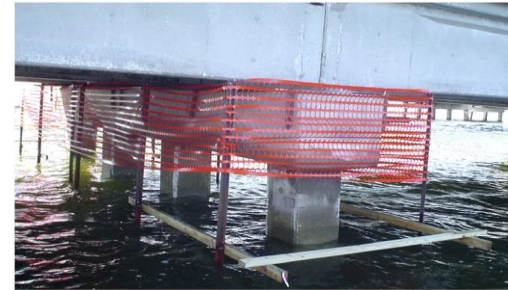
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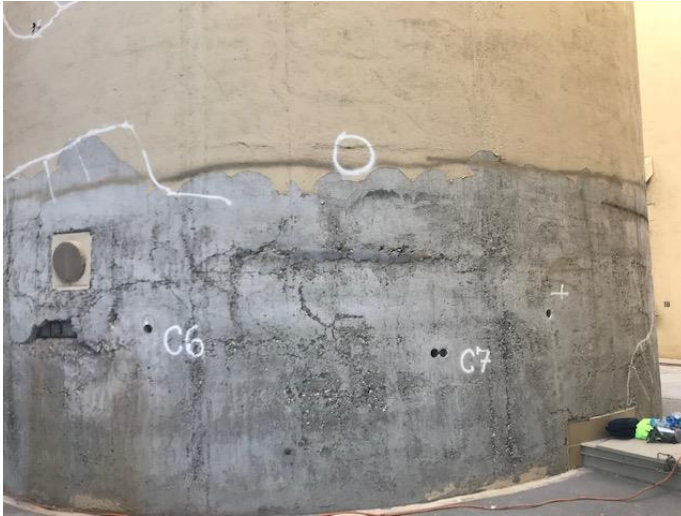


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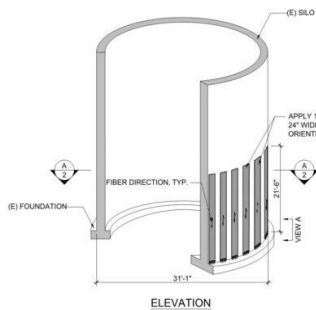
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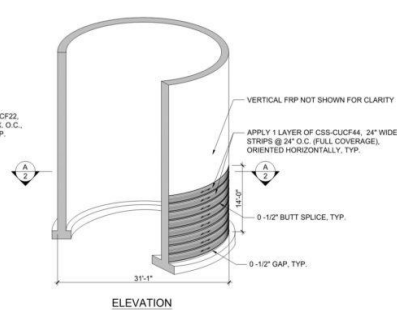
## Example of FRP Strengthening *Storage Silos*



### STEP 1: VERTICAL STRIPS



### STEP 2: HORIZONTAL STRIPS



<https://seblog.strongtie.com/2019/10/case-study-shoring-up-aging-concrete-grain-silos-with-fiber-reinforced-polymer/>



# Local Projects



FRP-strengthened cantilever slabs with fibre anchors

# Local Projects



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专家「会诊」復修拟引进新物料 中环街市「伤重见骨」

发布日期: 2017-10-23



(右起) 麦中杰、韦志成、关建祺及滕锦光教授，到中



滕博士指，雖然內地和外國已應用FRP多年，不過針對加固後結構的耐火性研究則不多，因此香港在審批業界使用FRP時仍抱審慎態度。不過理大研究小組已就FRP加固後混凝土結構的耐火設計方法進行研究，並提出設計方法，能夠確保物料可安全應用在香港這種高密度城市的樓宇建築中。

工程顧問建議引用「纖維增強聚合物復合材料」(FRP)進行復修

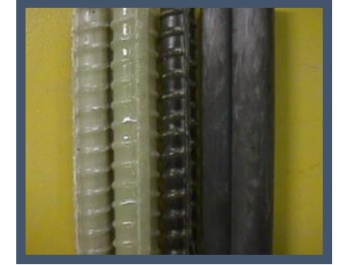


# FRP for New Construction

## Reconstruction Project

### Pak Kok Pier on Lamma Island, Hong Kong

### Demonstration: FRP-Reinforced Concrete Slab



**新南丫島北角碼頭**

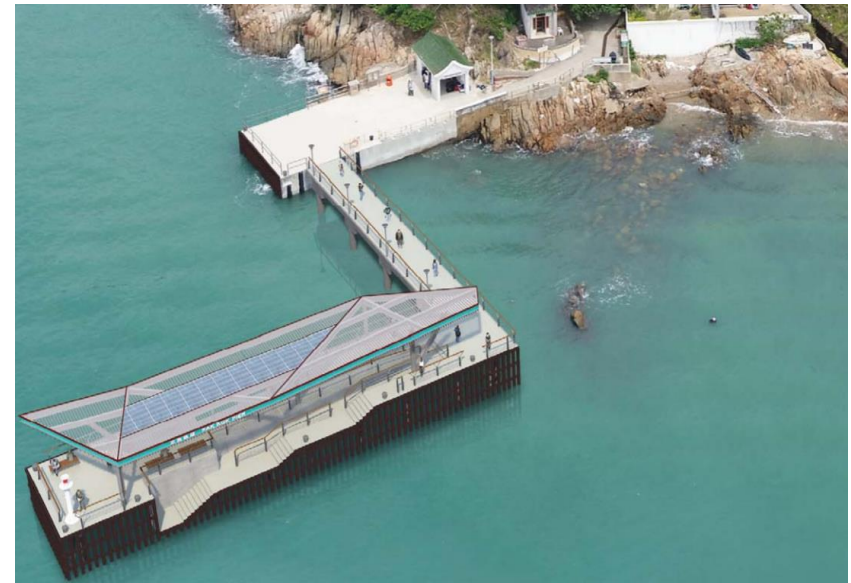
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首個碼頭完成升呢工程  
增兩靠泊位設減浪板方便上落  
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◆新碼頭增添不少配套設施，如Wi-Fi、飲水機、充電設施等。

◆新南丫島北角碼頭是政府推行「改善碼頭計劃」下首個展開改善工程的項目。

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## Concluding Remarks

- ✓ FRP strengthening has become accepted as a mainstream technology worldwide.
- ✓ FRP strengthening systems are particularly advantageous for their speedy installation, corrosion-resistance, flexibility in shape and light weight nature and may be used in various structural applications.





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