



# CFRP Retrofit of Concrete Columns

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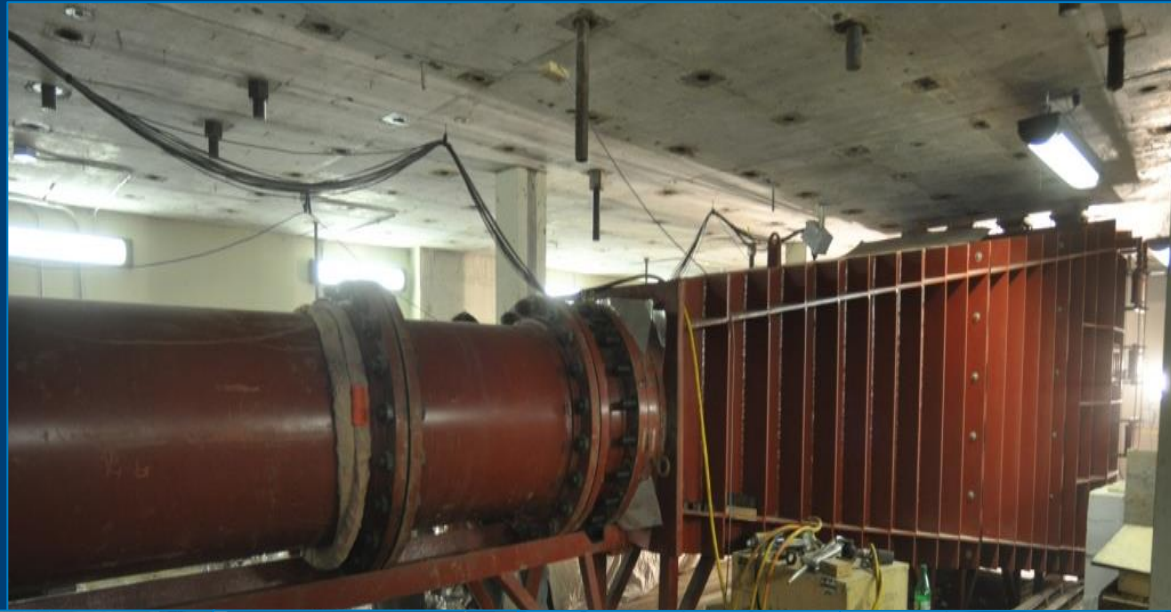
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# Overview

- Shock tube testing of concrete columns
- Response of columns with and without seismic detailing
- Retrofit of columns with FRP for ductility and for strength
- FRP bond under high strain rates



# Shock Tube Testing Facility



Explosive Simulation



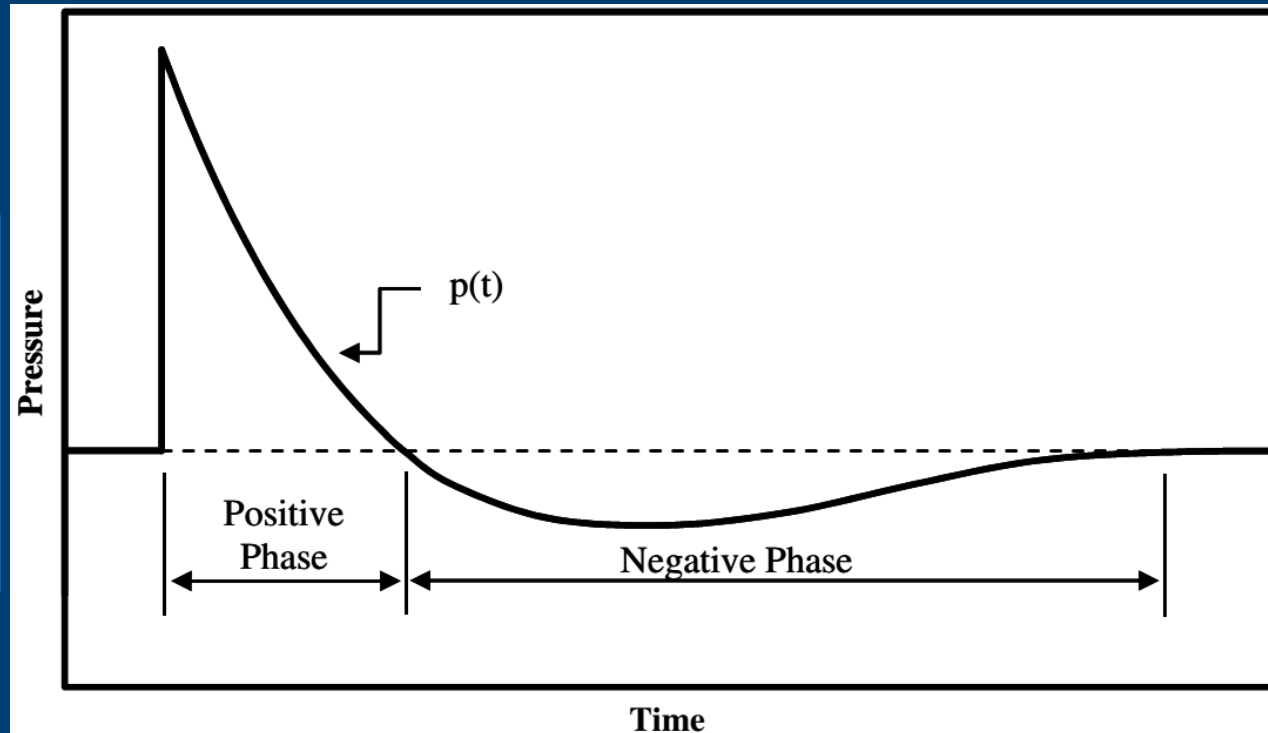
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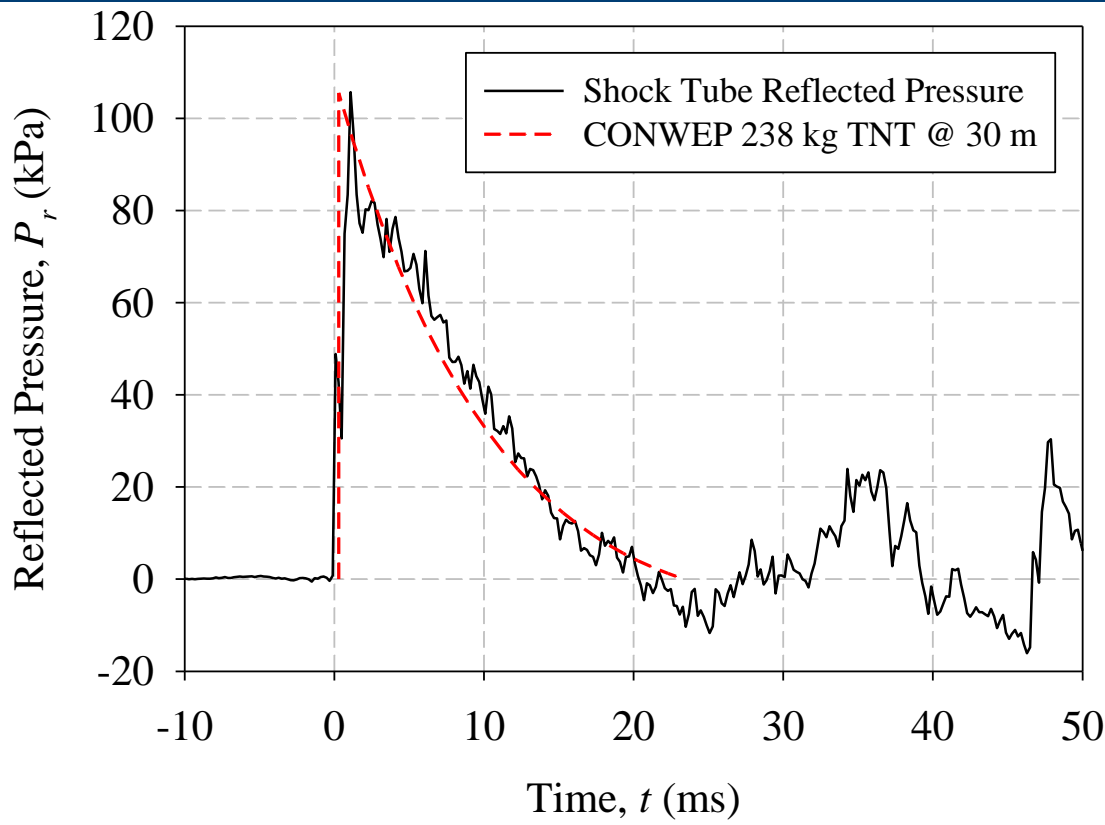
# Shock Waves

## Properties

- Instantaneous rise to maximum
- Exponential decay
- Short duration



# Shock Tube Induced Shock Waves



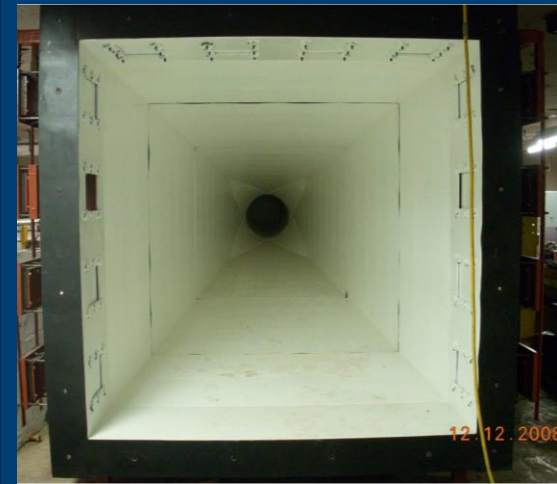
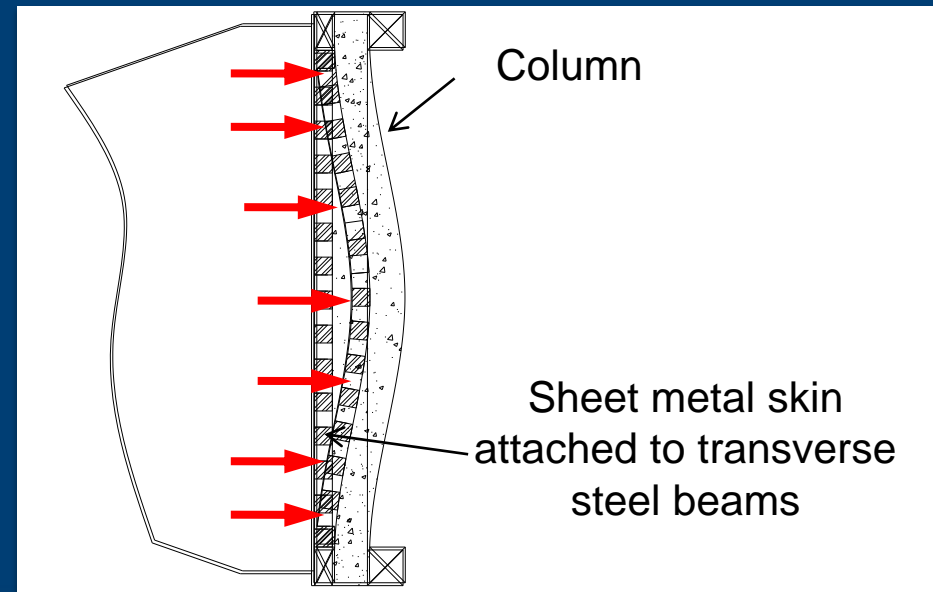
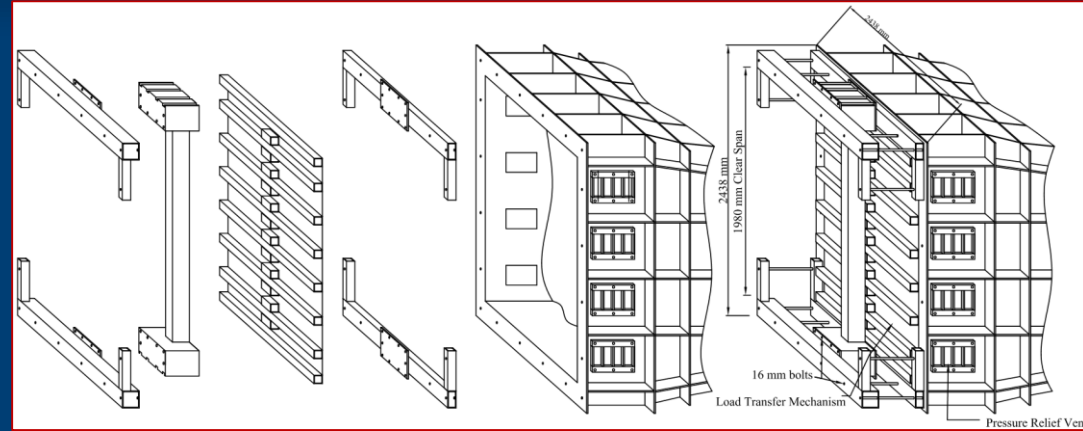
## Pressure vs Time

- Near instantaneous rise time
- Exponential decay over very short duration

# Load Transferring Device

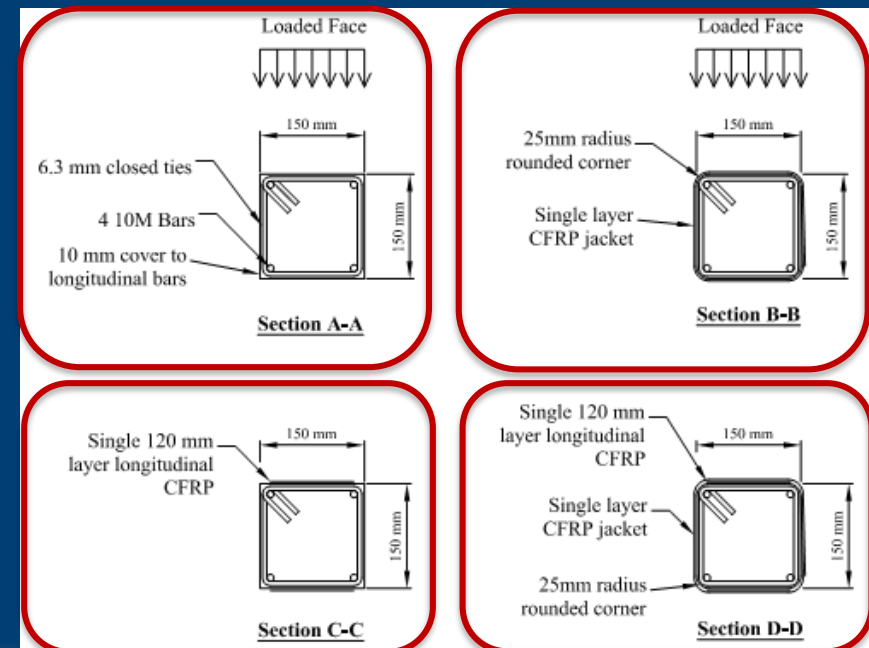
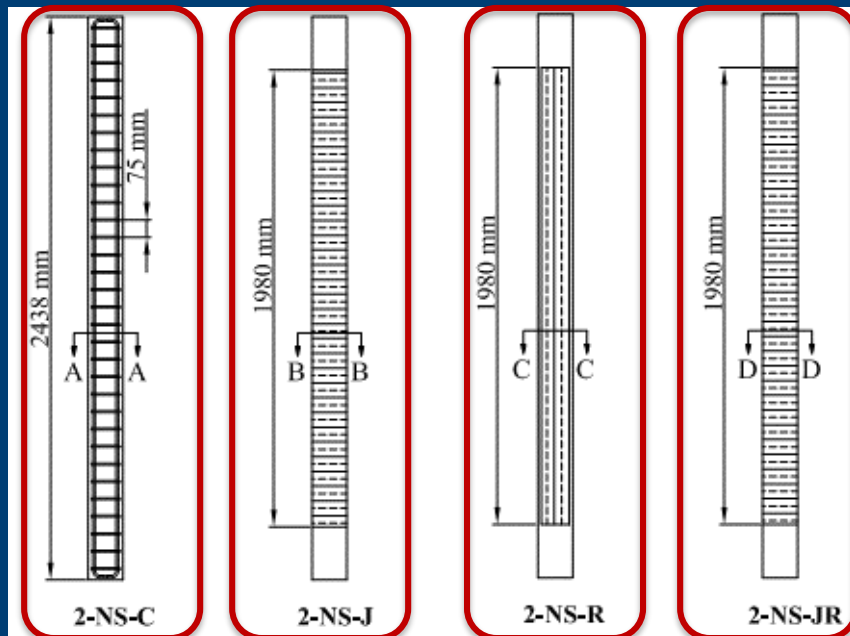
## Converting Pressure to Load

- Collect pressure
- Transfer to column as a UDL
- Increase mass of system
- Increase tributary loaded area
- Reduce venting and 'wrap around'



# Group 2 Columns – Non-Seismic Detailing

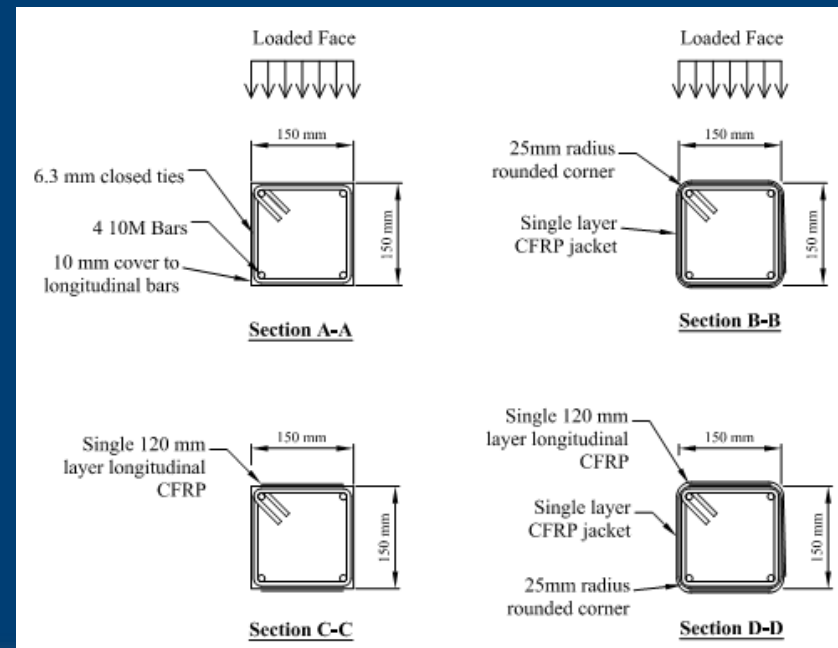
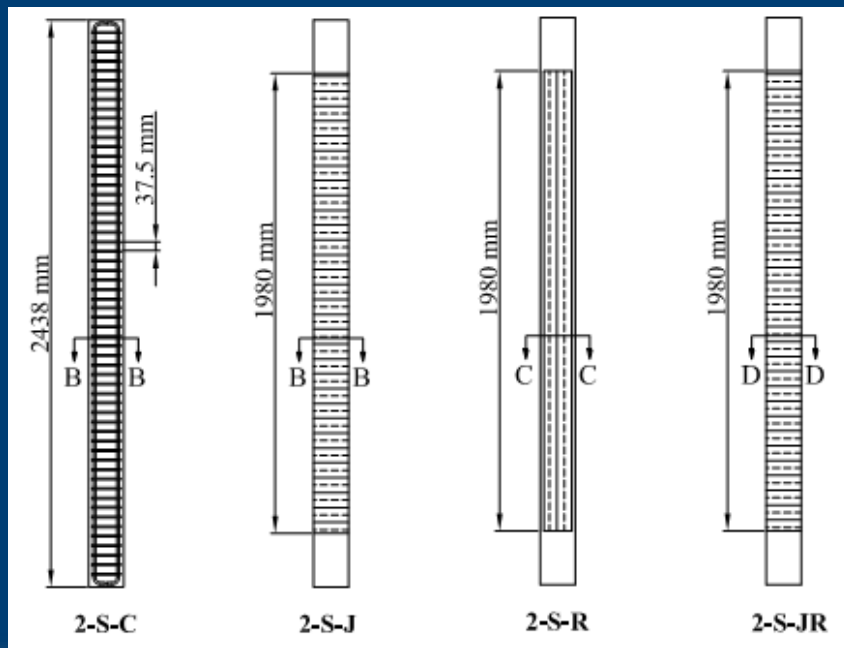
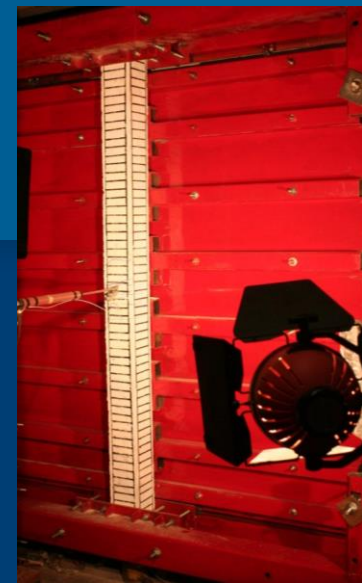
- Control Column – 2-NS-C
- CFRP Jacketed Column – 2-NS-J
- Longitudinal CFRP Column – 2-NS-R
- Longitudinal and Jacketed CFRP – 2-NS-JR





# Group 2 Columns – Seismic Detailing

- Control Column – 2-S-C
- CFRP Jacketed Column – 2-S-J
- Longitudinal CFRP Column – 2-S-R
- Longitudinal and Jacketed CFRP – 2-S-JR





# Details of Columns Tested

Group	Name	Cross Section	Cross Section	Longitudinal Reinforcement	Spacing of Transverse Reinforcement	$f'_c$	$F_y$	P/P <sub>o</sub>	Retrofit Details
		Width	Height	Ratio	mm	MPa	MPa	%	
		mm	mm	%	mm	MPa	MPa	%	
1	1-NS-C	150	100	2.67	50	58	483	35.6	-
	1-S-C	150	100	2.67	25	58	483	35.6	-
	1-NS-J	150	100	2.67	50	56.2	483	36.7	FRP Jacket
	1-S-J	150	100	2.67	25	56.2	483	36.7	FRP Jacket
2	2-NS-C	150	150	1.78	75	69.6	483	25.1	-
	2-S-C	150	150	1.78	37.5	69.6	483	25.1	-
	2-NS-J	150	150	1.78	75	69.6	483	25.1	FRP Jacket
	2-S-J	150	150	1.78	37.5	69.6	483	25.1	FRP Jacket
	2-NS-R	150	150	1.78	75	69.6	483	25.1	FRP Reinforcement
	2-S-R	150	150	1.78	37.5	69.6	483	25.1	FRP Reinforcement
	2-NS-JR	150	150	1.78	75	69.6	483	25.1	FRP Jacket and Reinforcement
	2-S-JR	150	150	1.78	37.5	69.6	483	25.1	FRP Jacket and Reinforcement
3	3-NS-C	150	150	1.78	75	49.5	497	31.3	-
	3-NS-W	150	150	1.78	150	49.5	497	34.7	Prestressed Steel Jacket
	3-NS-CB	150	150	1.78	75	49.5	497	34.7	Compression Brace
	3-NS-TB1	150	150	1.78	75	49.5	497	34.7	Tension Brace
	3-NS-TB2	150	150	1.78	75	49.5	497	34.7	Tension Brace
	3-NS-TB3	150	150	1.78	75	49.5	497	11.6	Tension Brace

# Control Columns



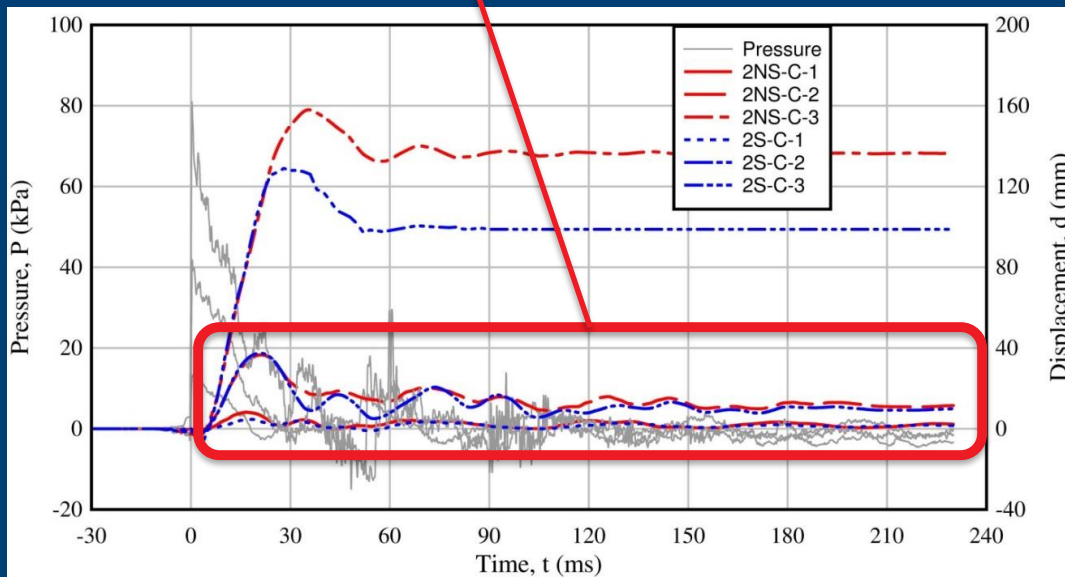
**Non-Seismic  
Column**



**Seismic  
Column**

# Control Columns

- Similar response in elastic tests
- Bar buckling prevention with seismic detailing
- Minimal core concrete loss with seismic



# FRP Jacketed Columns

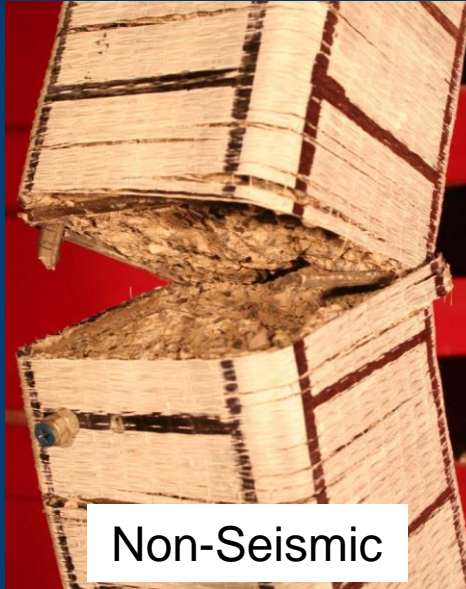
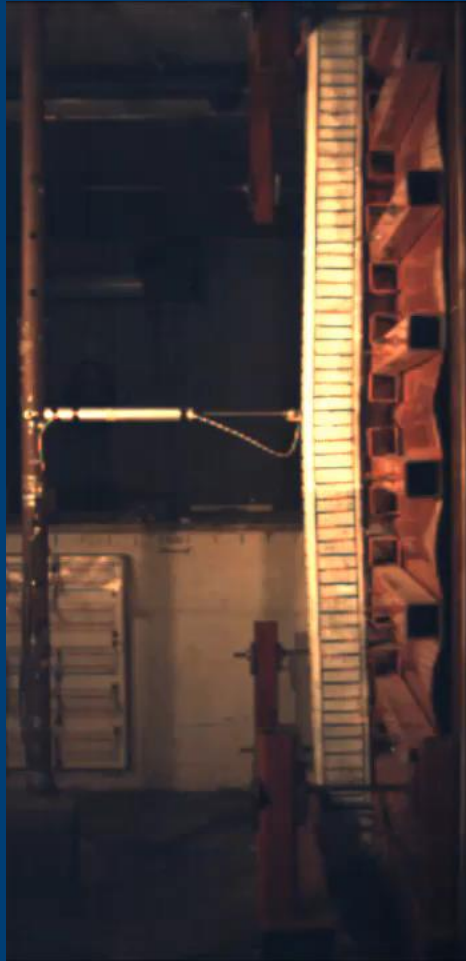


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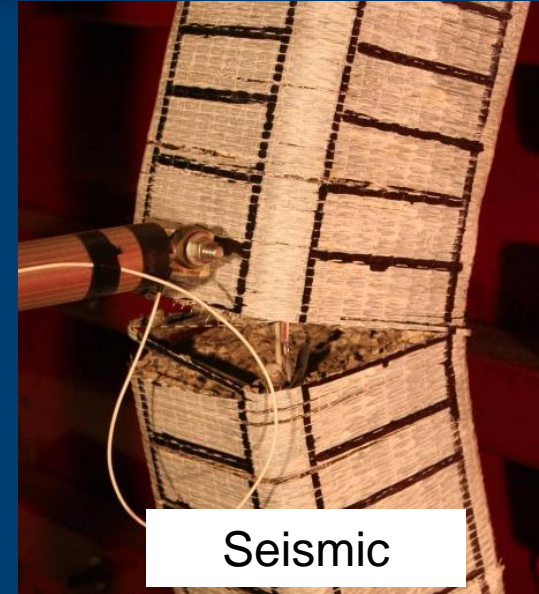


**Seismic  
Column**

# Jacketed Columns High Pressure Test



Non-Seismic



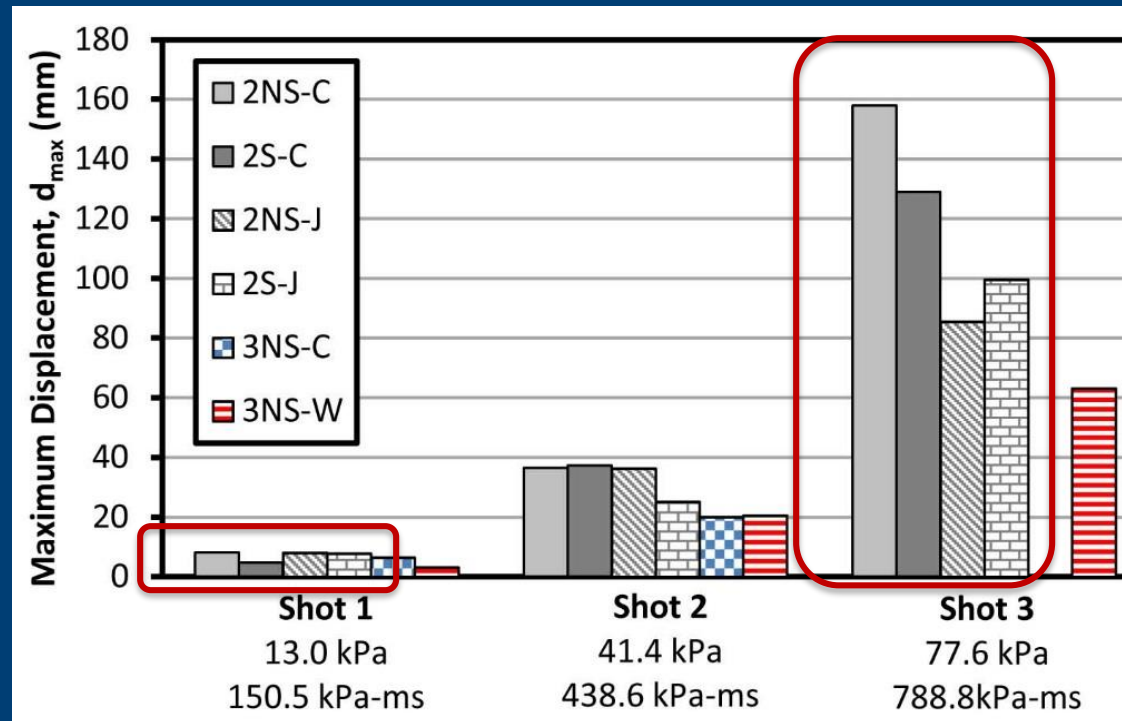
Seismic

- Buckling and concrete compression failure prevented
- Failure due to rebar rupture



# Maximum Displacement of Jacketed Columns

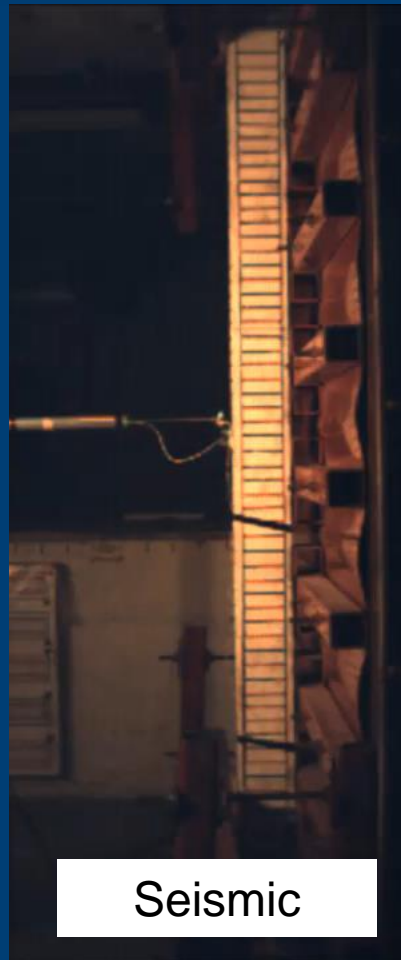
- No real change in elastic response
- Moderate reduction in maximum displacement for high damage



# Longitudinal FRP Reinforced Columns



Non-Seismic



Seismic

- Brittle failure mode of FRP debonding
- Post-debond damage to columns similar to control columns



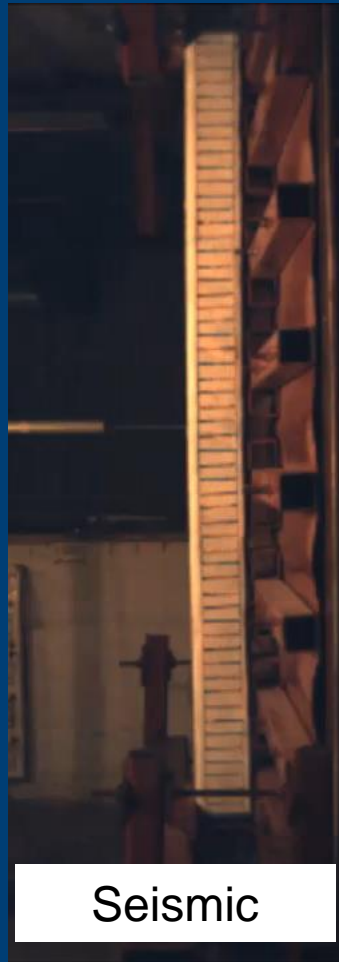
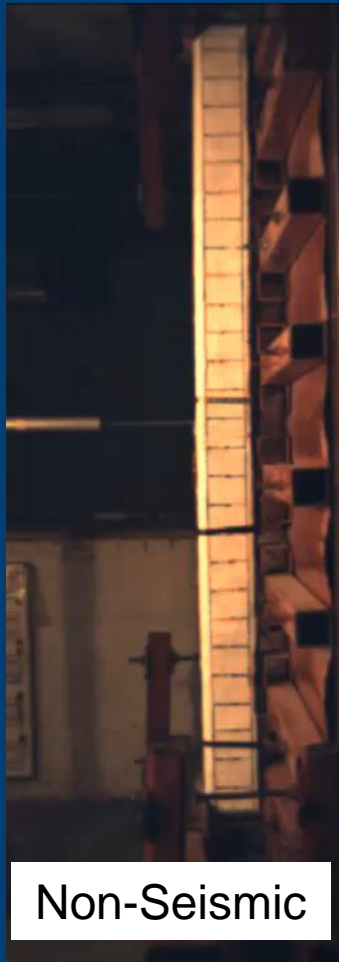
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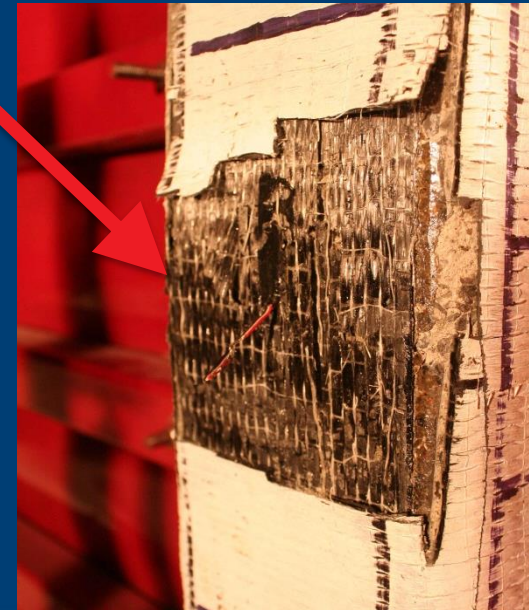
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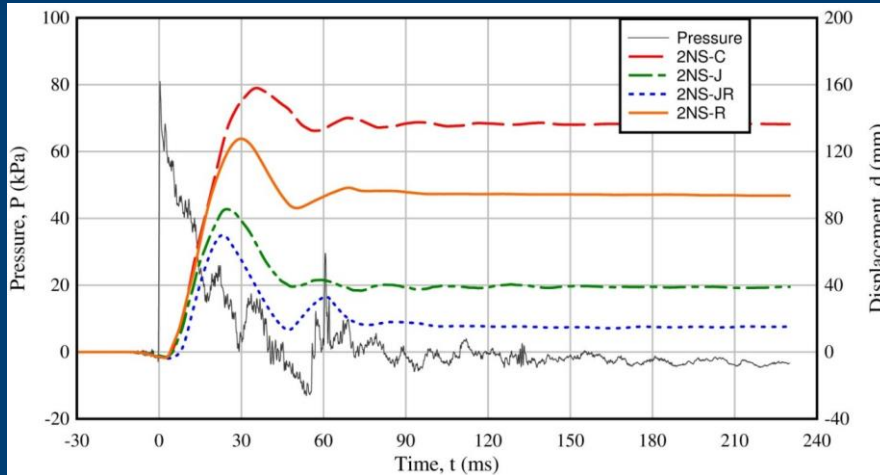
# Longitudinal and Jacketed FRP Columns



- Limited deflection
- Bar buckling and concrete compression failure prevented
- Longitudinal FRP rupture



# Summary of FRP Performance



- The combination of longitudinal strengthening and FRP jacketing showed the best performance
- However, this is not the end of the story

## Performance

- 2NS-JR
- 2NS-J
- 2NS-R
- 2NS-C

BEST  
↑  
WORST

# A Canadian Blast Retrofit Perspective



S850-12

**Design and assessment of buildings  
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The use of FRP to  
retrofit reinforced  
concrete columns in  
Canada



S806-12

**Design and construction of building  
structures with fibre-reinforced  
polymers**



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# Standard Levels of Protection (LOP)

- LOPs are selected based on design objectives
- LOPs are achieved by limiting member response

**Table 4.1**  
**LOP damage description for building elements**  
 (See Clauses 4.3.3, 4.3.4, 4.4.1.1, and A.4.5)

LOP	Building performance (Clause 4.4.2)	Building component damage levels				
		Components (Clause 4.4.3)			Glazing* (Clause 4.4.4.2)	Doors† (Clause 4.4.4.3)
		Primary structural	Secondary structural	Non-structural‡		
<b>Very Low (VL)</b>	Collapse prevention	Heavy	Hazardous		Low hazard rating	Failure
<b>Low (L)</b>	Life safety	Moderate	Heavy		Very low hazard rating	Category IV
<b>Medium (M)</b>	Immediate occupancy	Superficial	Moderate		Minimal hazard rating	Category III
<b>High (H)</b>	Operational	Superficial			No break	Category I or II

Columns should be on the higher end of LOP

# Response Limits

- Flexure members design based on displacement levels (support rotation)
- Column design based on ductility capacity
- Higher ductility allowed for seismic columns

**Table 4.3**  
**Response limits for reinforced concrete\***  
 (See Clauses 4.5.2, 9.1.9, and A.4.5 and Table 4.8.)

Element type		B1		B2		B3		B4	
		$\mu_{max}$	$\theta_{max}$	$\mu_{max}$	$\theta_{max}$	$\mu_{max}$	$\theta_{max}$	$\mu_{max}$	$\theta_{max}$
Flexure	Single-reinforced slab or beam†	1	—	—	2°	—	5°	—	10°
	Double-reinforced slab or beam without shear reinforcement‡§	1	—	—	2°	—	5°	—	10°
	Double-reinforced slab or beam with shear reinforcement‡	1	—	—	4°	—	6°	—	10°
	With tension membrane**	1	—	—	6°	—	12°	—	20°

**Table 4.3 (Concluded)**

Element type		B1		B2		B3		B4	
		$\mu_{max}$	$\theta_{max}$	$\mu_{max}$	$\theta_{max}$	$\mu_{max}$	$\theta_{max}$	$\mu_{max}$	$\theta_{max}$
Combined flexure and axial compression	Single-reinforced beam-column†	1	—	—	2°	—	2°	—	2°
	Double-reinforced beam-column without shear reinforcement‡§	1	—	—	2°	—	2°	—	2°
	Double-reinforced beam-column with shear reinforcement‡	1	—	—	4°	—	4°	—	4°
	Wall or seismic column††	0.9	—	1	—	2	—	3	—
	Nonseismic column††	0.7	—	0.8	—	0.9	—	1	—

# Response Limits with FRP

- Higher ductility capacities for FRP confined columns than seismic columns
- FRP strengthening limits not currently defined

**Table 4.9**  
**Response limits for FRP composites\***  
 (See Clauses 4.5.2, 9.1.9, and A.4.5.)

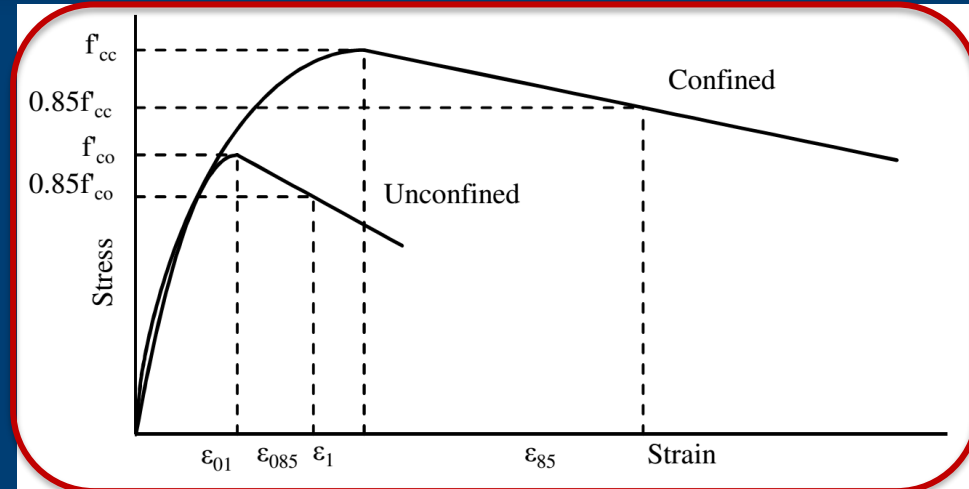
Element type	B1		B2		B3		B4	
	$\mu_{\max}$	$\theta_{\max}$	$\mu_{\max}$	$\theta_{\max}$	$\mu_{\max}$	$\theta_{\max}$	$\mu_{\max}$	$\theta_{\max}$
FRP confined columns	1	—	3	—	6	—	6	—
FRP strengthened elements	No response limits are provided in this Standard†							

\* Where a dash (—) is shown, the corresponding parameter is not applicable as a response limit.

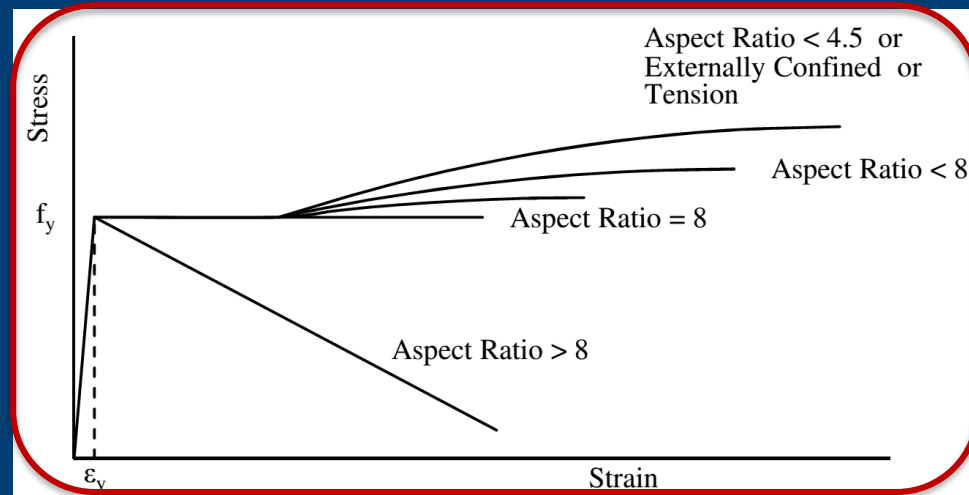
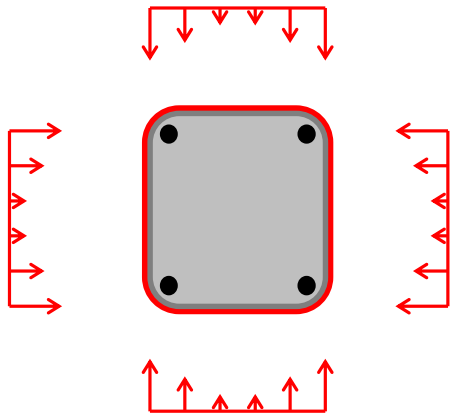
† 1.0 may be used for all  $\mu_{\max}$  response limits until further information becomes available.

# Column Confinement

- Increase in concrete compression strength and ductility
- Prevention of compression reinforcement buckling



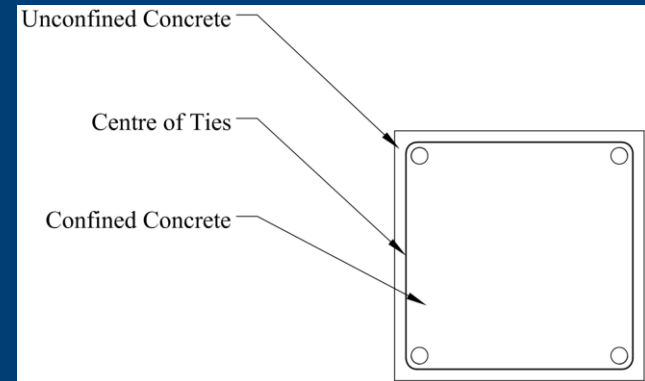
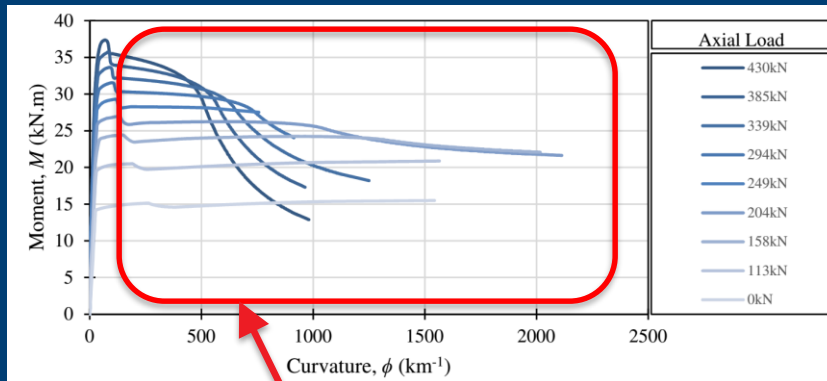
## FRP Confinement Pressure





# Concrete Confinement

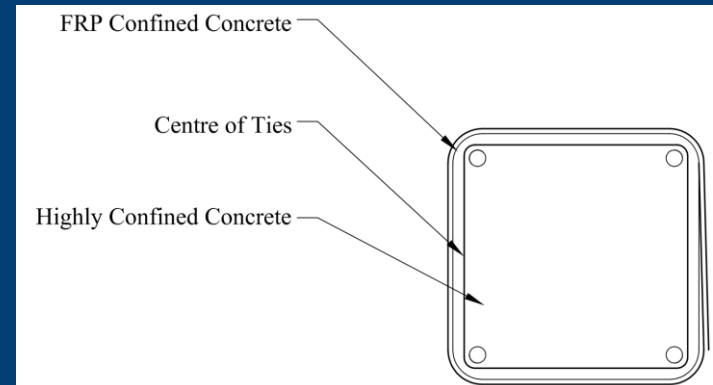
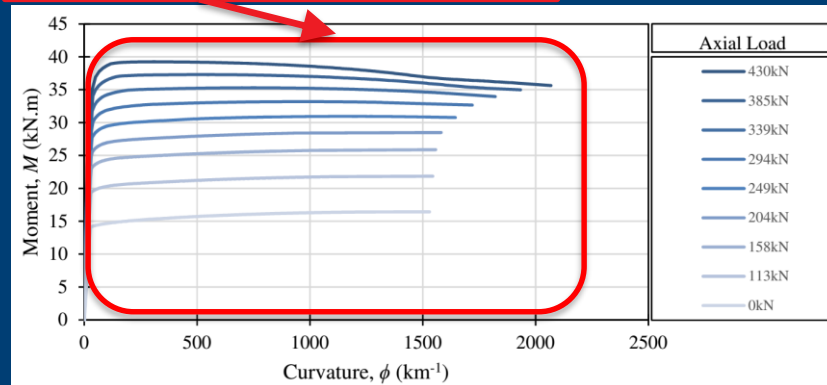
## No FRP Jacket



**Low Ductility Capacity**

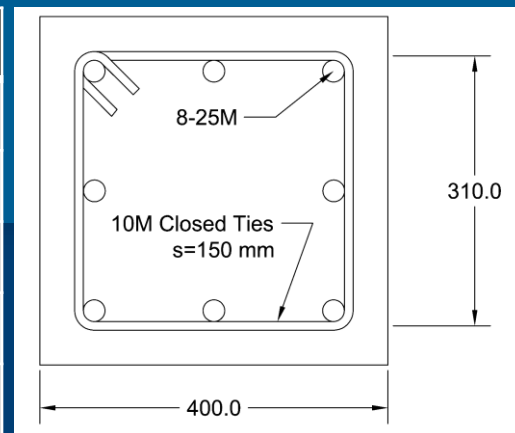
**High Ductility Capacity**

## FRP Jacket



# Column Capacity

Length :	3500 mm
Supports :	Fully Fixed
$f'_c$ :	40 MPa
$F_y$ :	400 MPa
$F_{yh}$ :	400 MPa
$P/P_o$ :	0.4



**As-Built**

**FRP Jacket**

**Low**

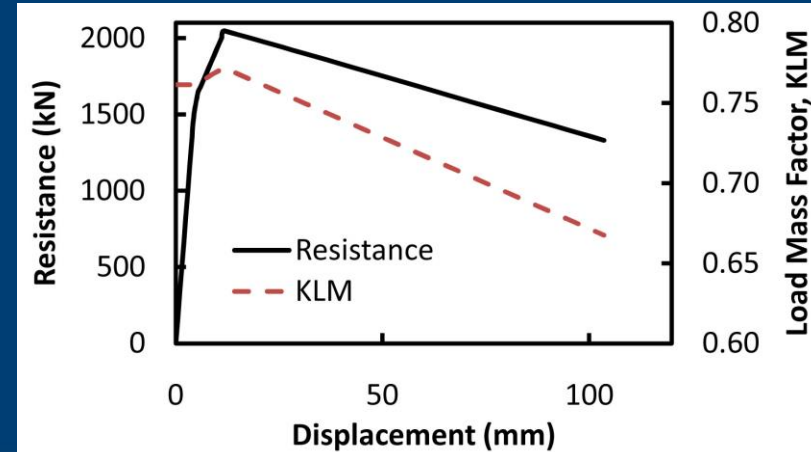
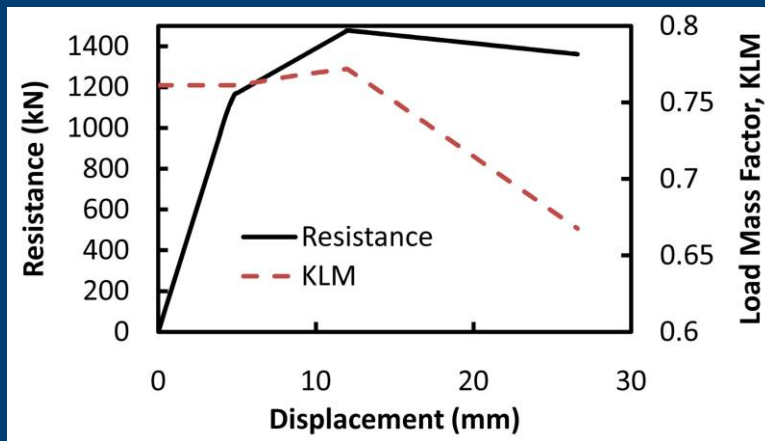
**Moment Capacity**

**High**

**Low**

**Ductility Capacity**

**High**

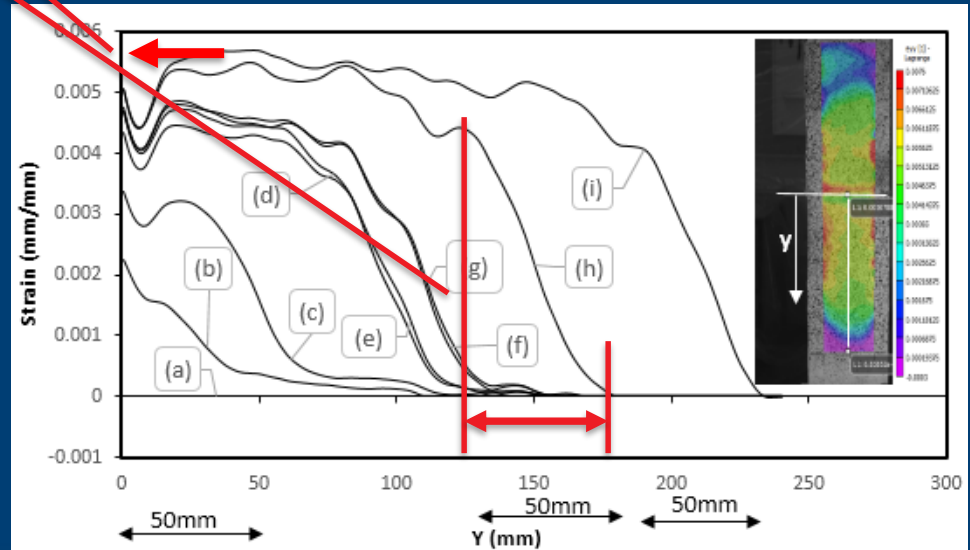
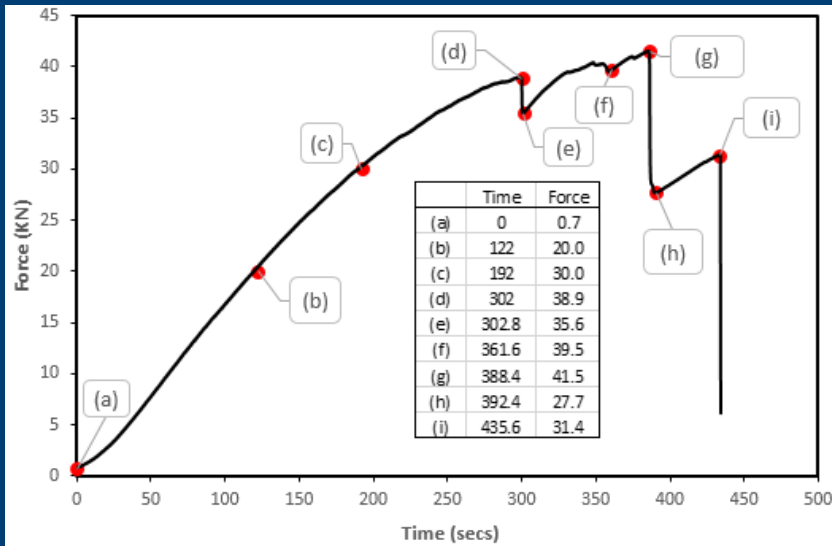




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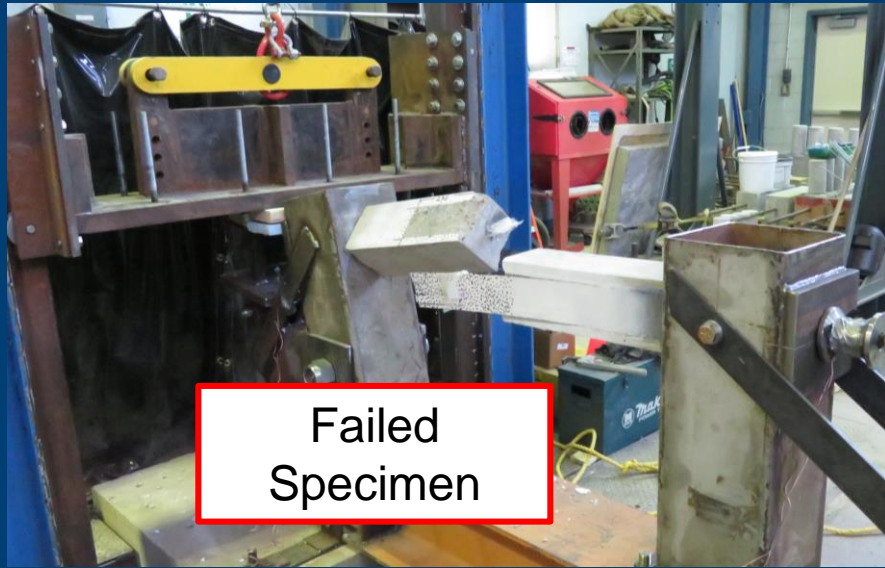
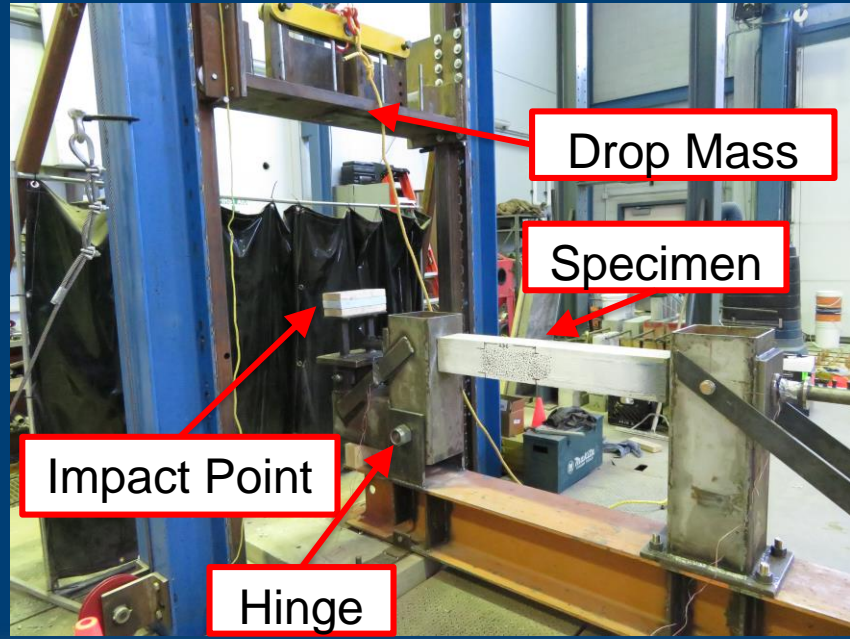
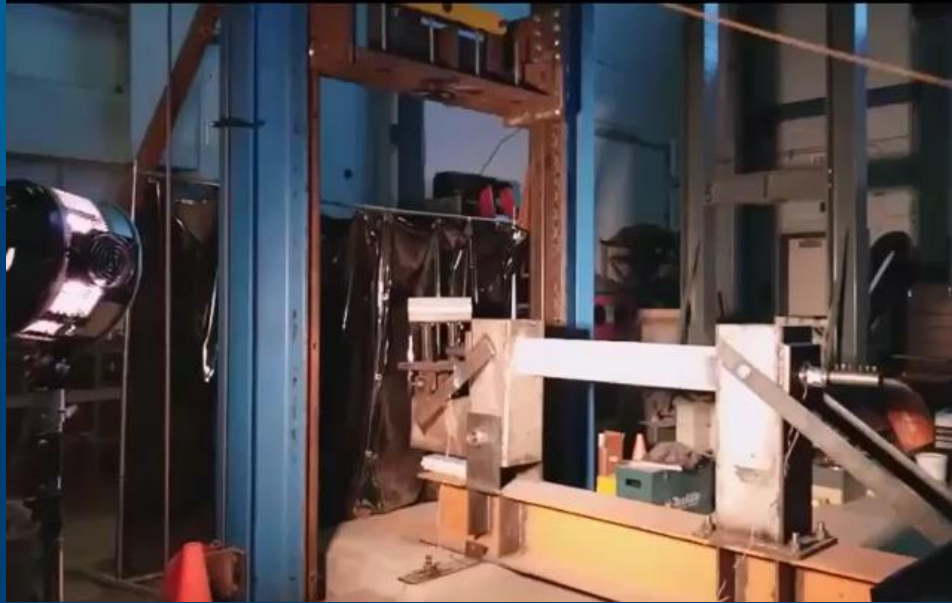
- Debonding strains between 0.45% and 0.70%
- Development length measured to be approximately 50mm

Longitudinal Strain (%)		
Individual	Average	Variance
0.52	0.54	0.0062
0.64		
0.55		
0.45		
0.70	0.64	0.0029
0.65		
0.65		
0.57		
0.57	0.57	0.0023
0.54		
0.52		
0.63		



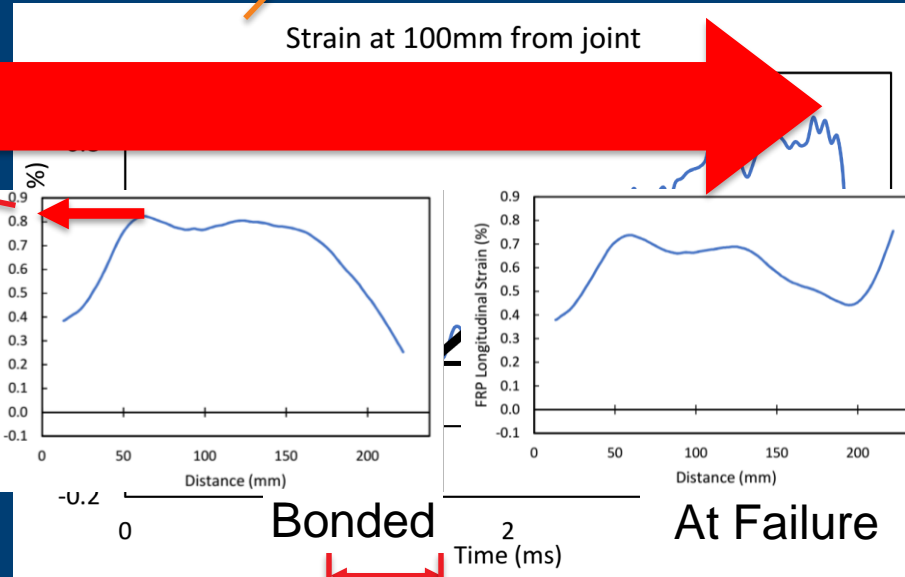
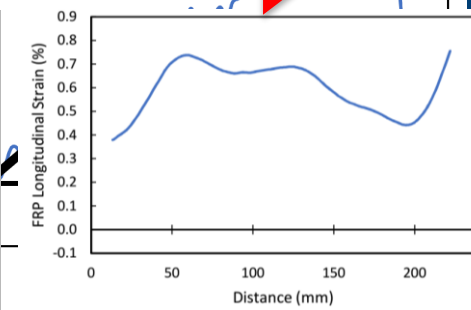
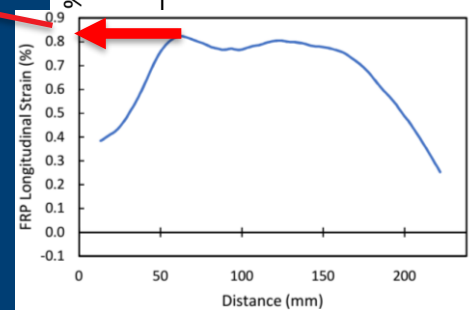
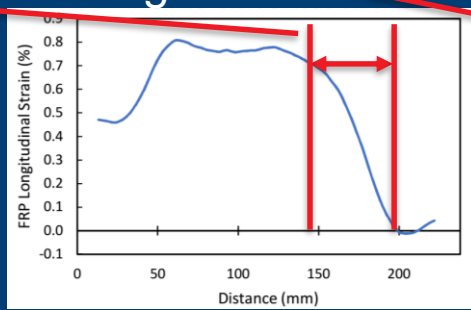
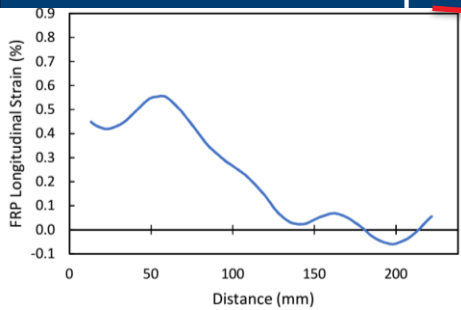
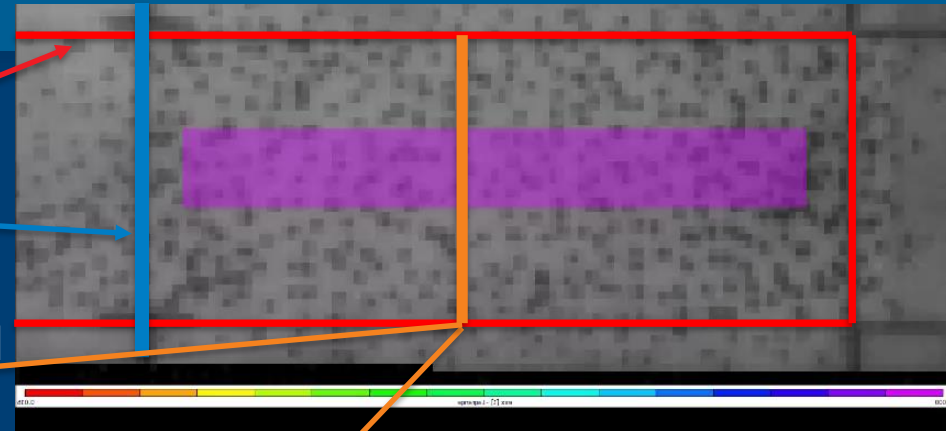


# Impact Testing



# Impact Response

- Playback at 4000 times slower than real time
- Boundary between prisms
- Bounds of FRP
- Strain vs. time and strain rate measured 100mm from joint
- Progression of debonding working away from joint



Bonded

Bonded

Bonded

At Failure

# High Strain Rate Response of FRP

- Test are too preliminary to draw conclusions
- Potential increase in FRP bond stress under high strain rates
- For the above specimen

$\epsilon_{max,dynamic}$	0.82%
$\epsilon_{max,static}$	0.64%
$\dot{\epsilon}$	3.5 to 5.5s <sup>-1</sup>
$DIF = \frac{\epsilon_{max,dynamic}}{\epsilon_{max,static}}$	1.28



# Conclusions

- FRP jackets can enhance ductility and allow for higher design limits
- FRP strengthening should be used with care as brittle failure modes can occur
- FRP bond potentially has a dynamic increase factor allowing for higher FRP strains under high strain rates

