

# TRANSPORTATION SYMPOSIUM

## Structures Research Update

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## Structures Research Center

- Large Scale Structures Research
  - In-House
  - University/Consultant
- Bridge Load Testing/Rating and Monitoring

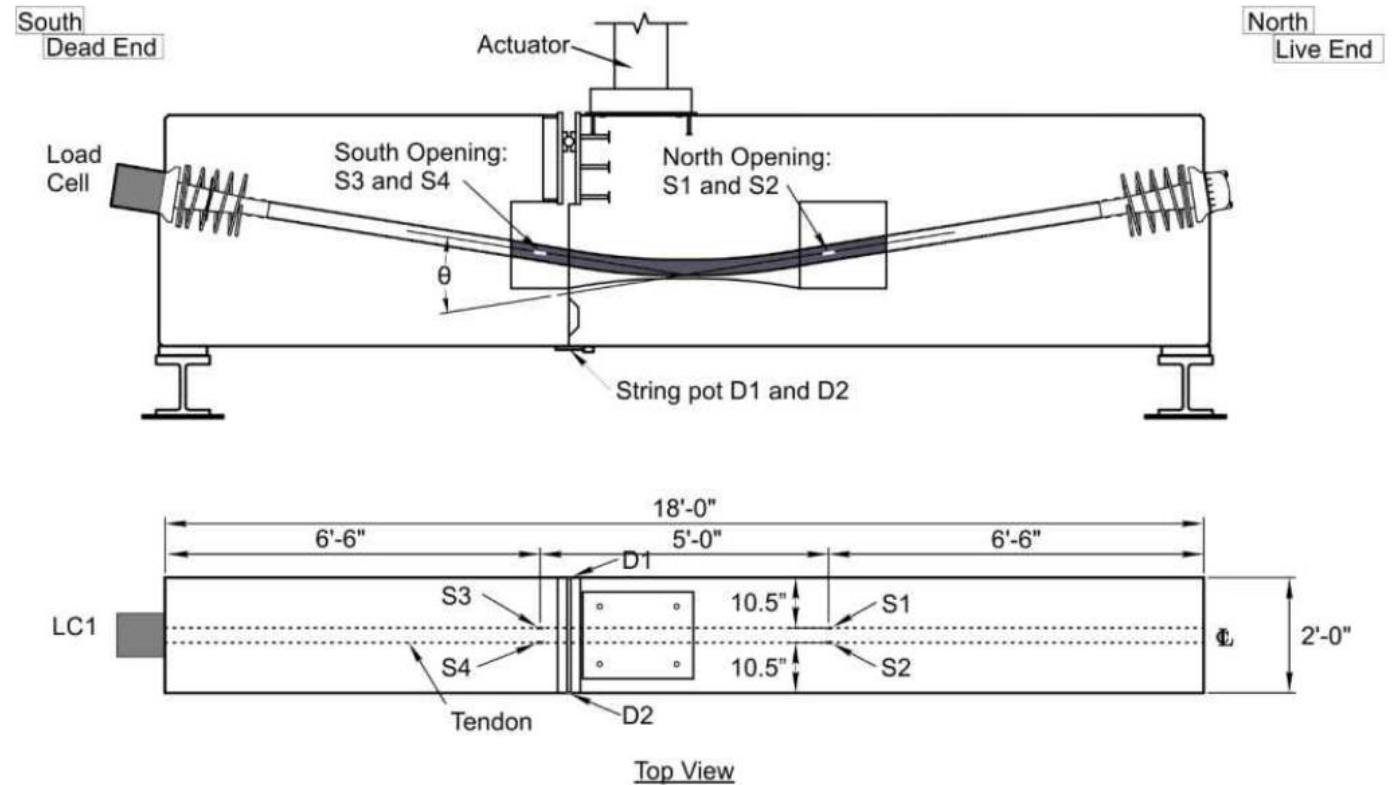


As Part of the Research  
Project: *Replaceable  
Unbonded Tendons for  
Post-Tensioned Bridges*

# Diabolo Deviator Simulation with Flexible Filler

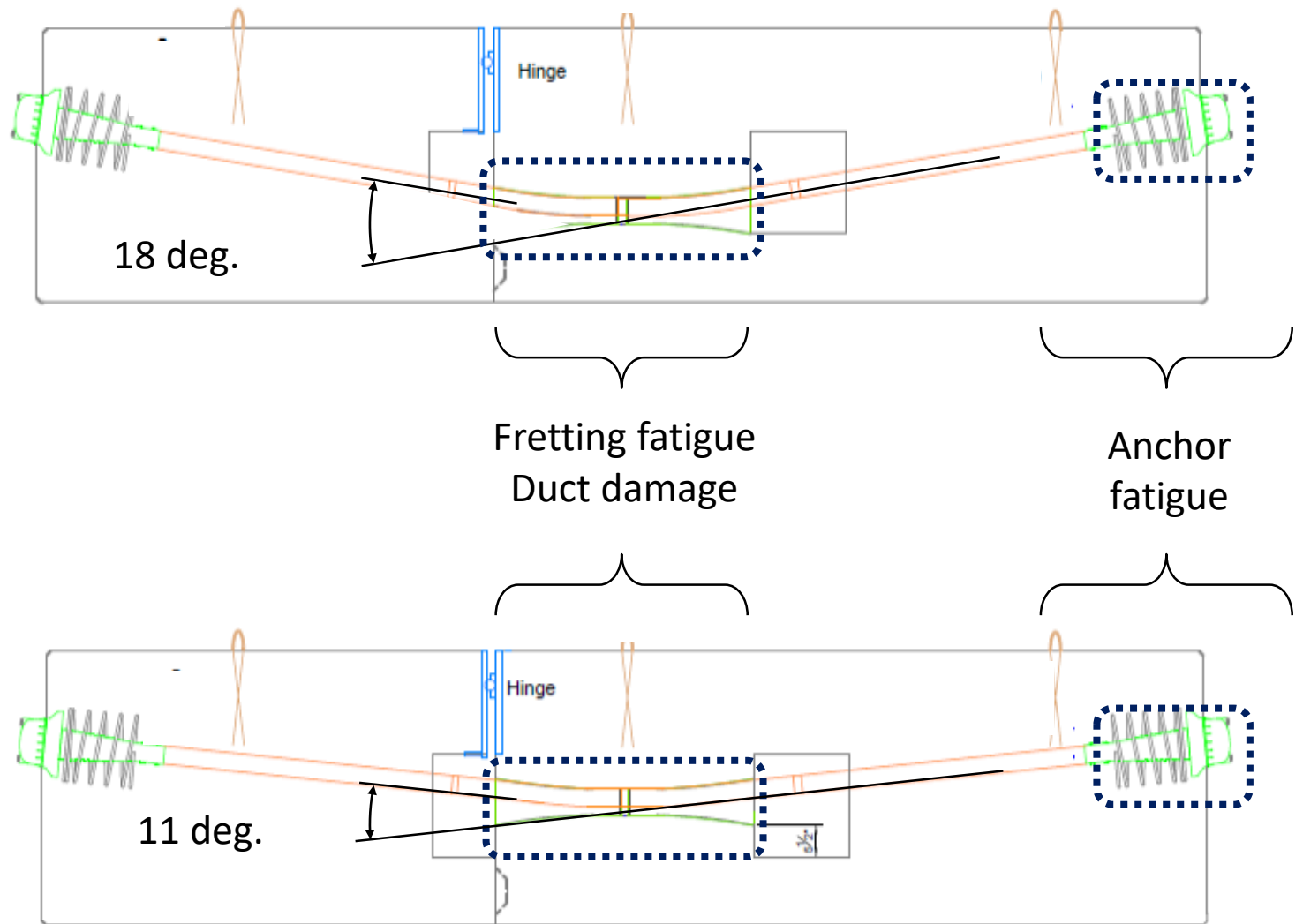


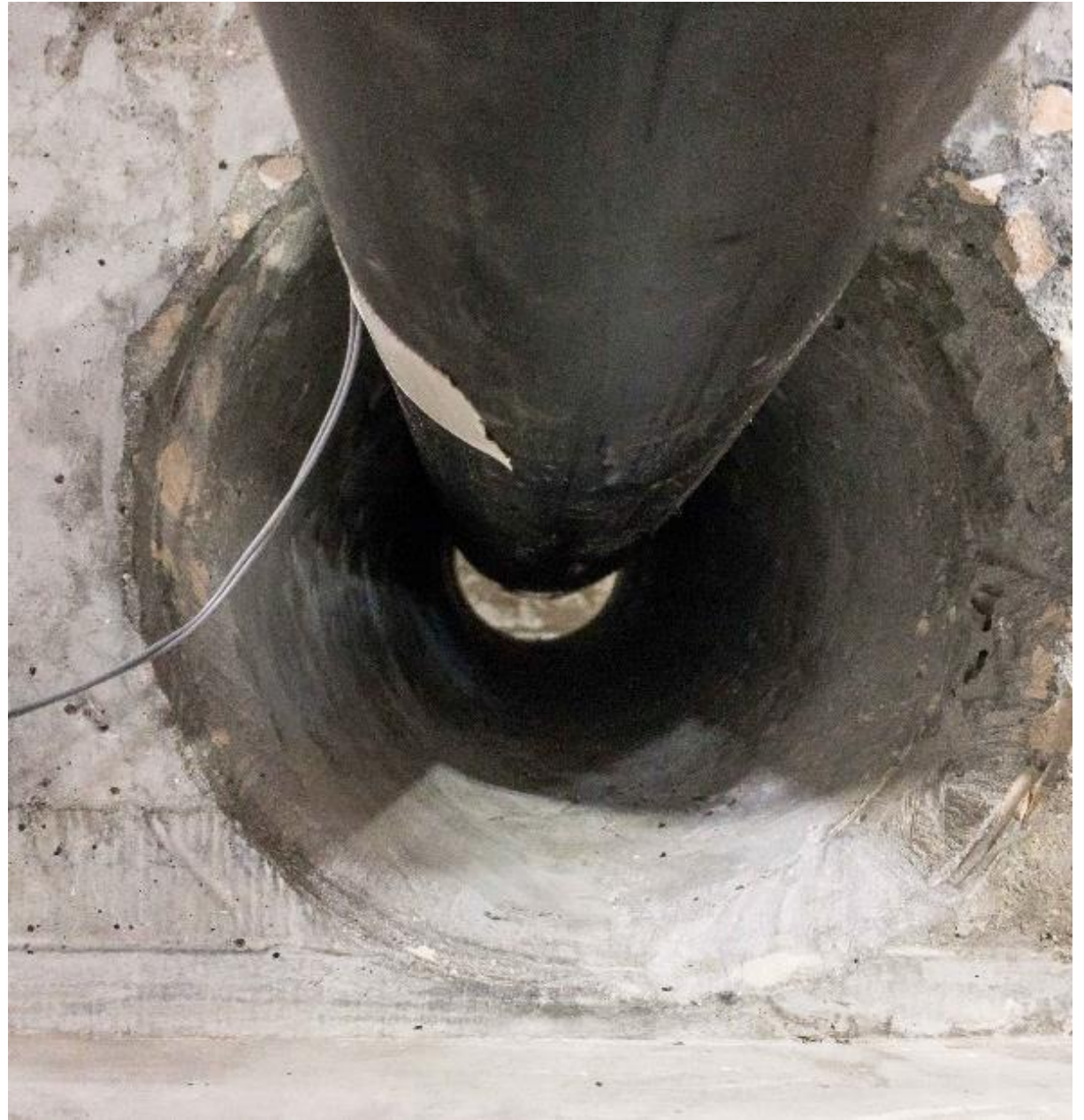
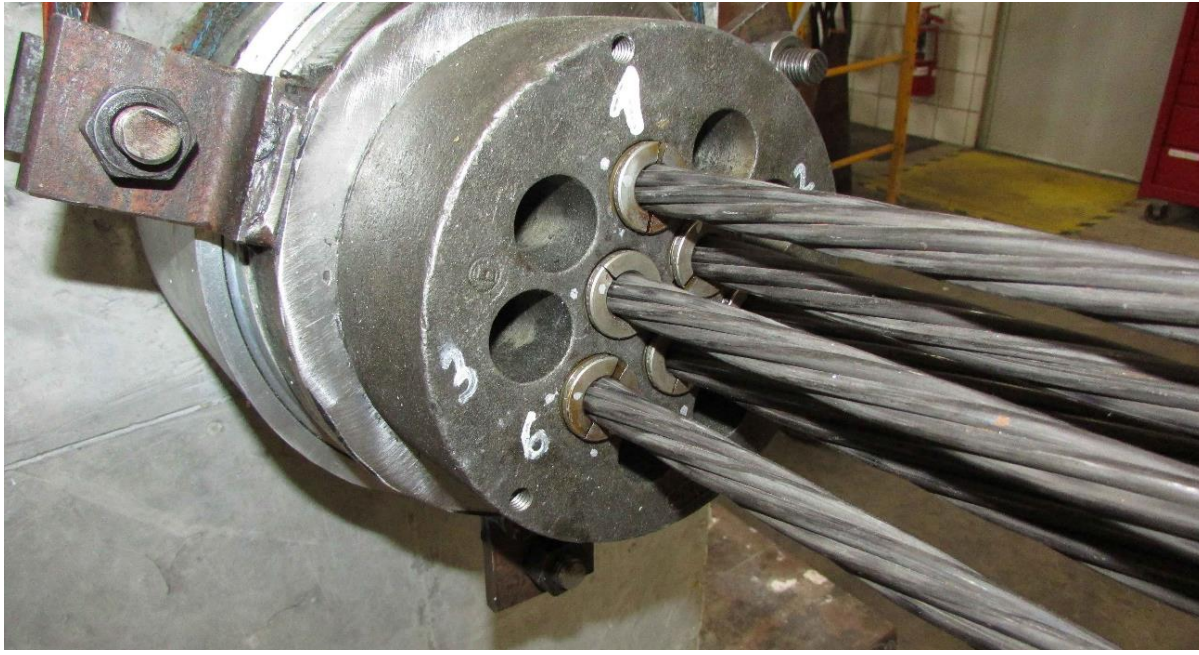
# Test Beam



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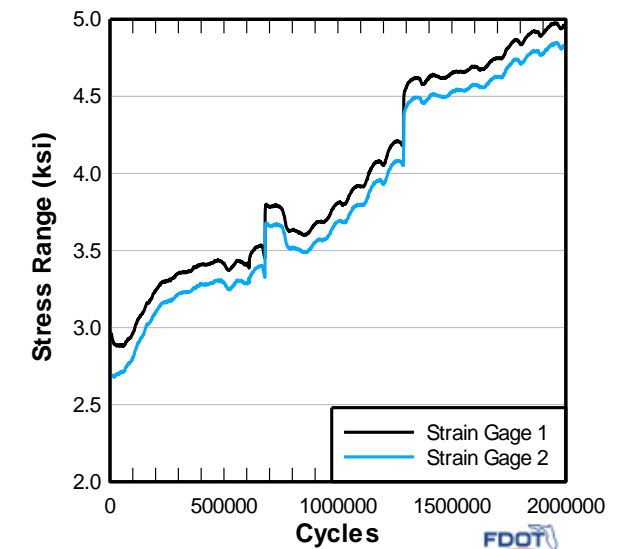
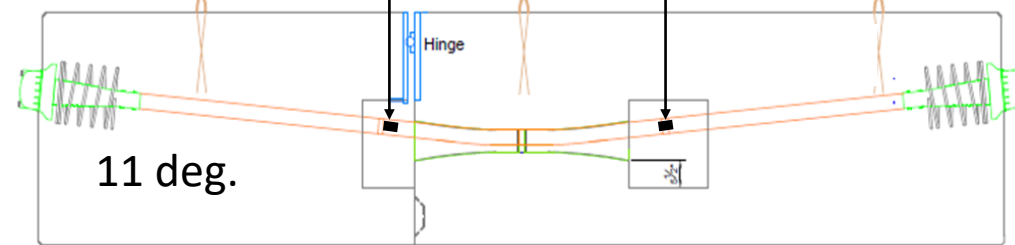
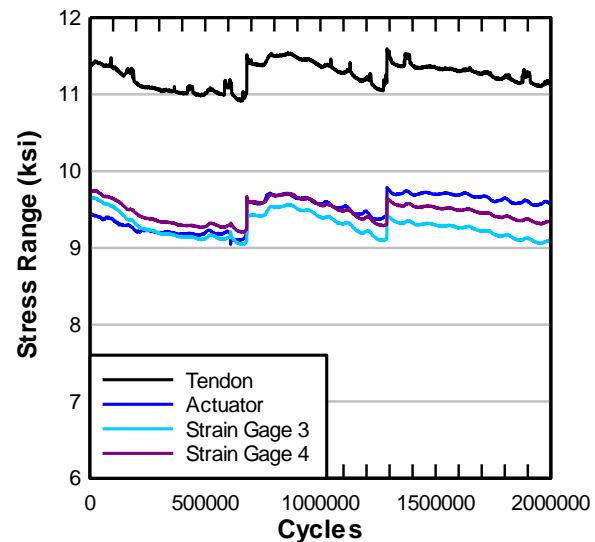
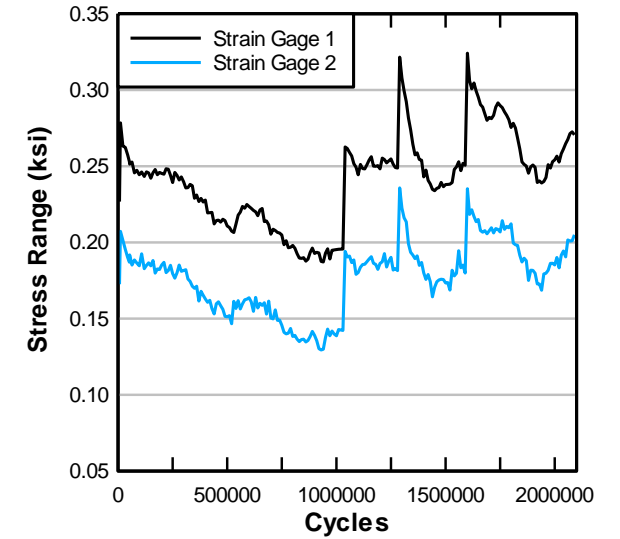
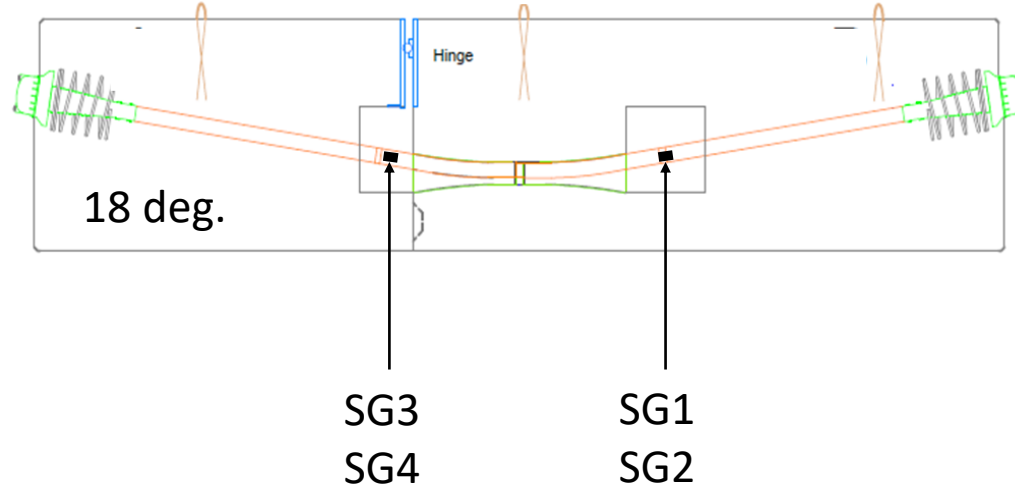
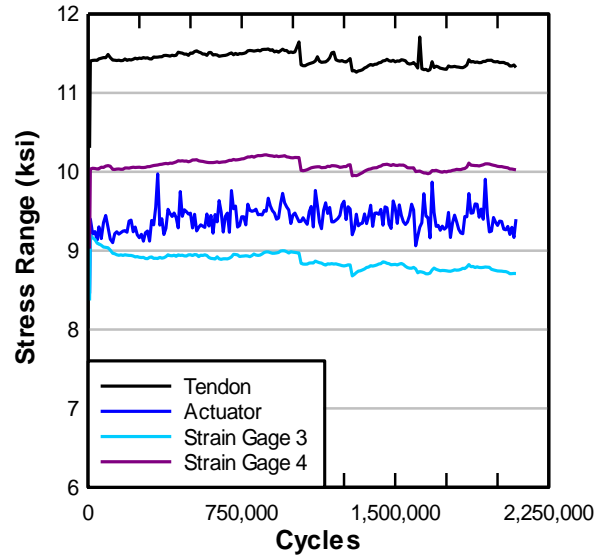
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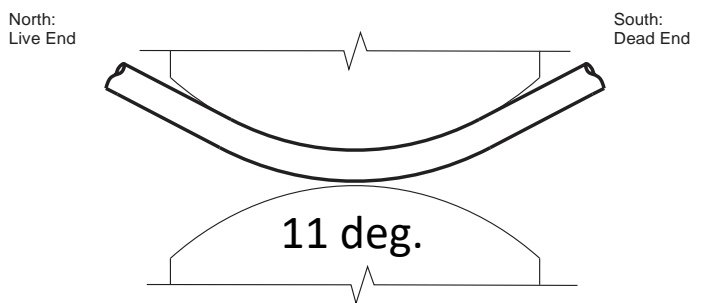
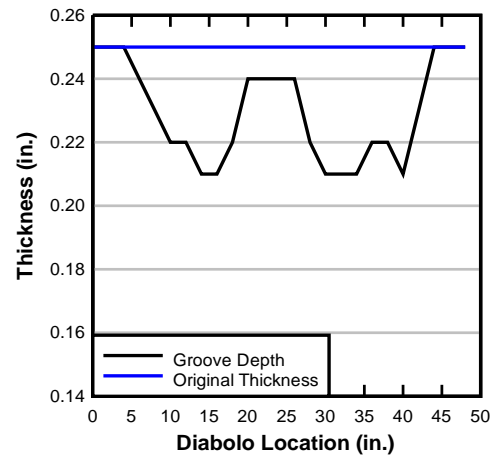
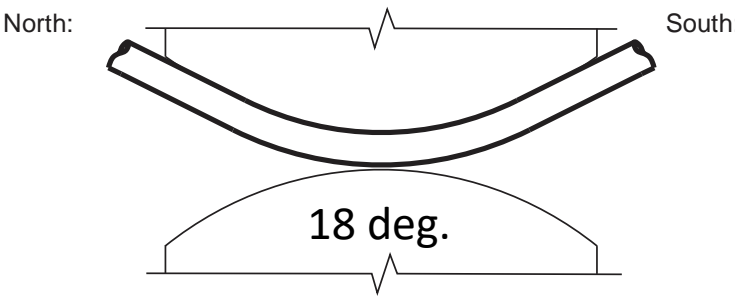
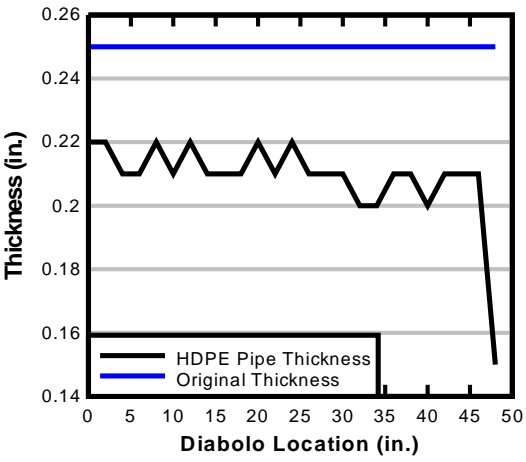
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# Test Results



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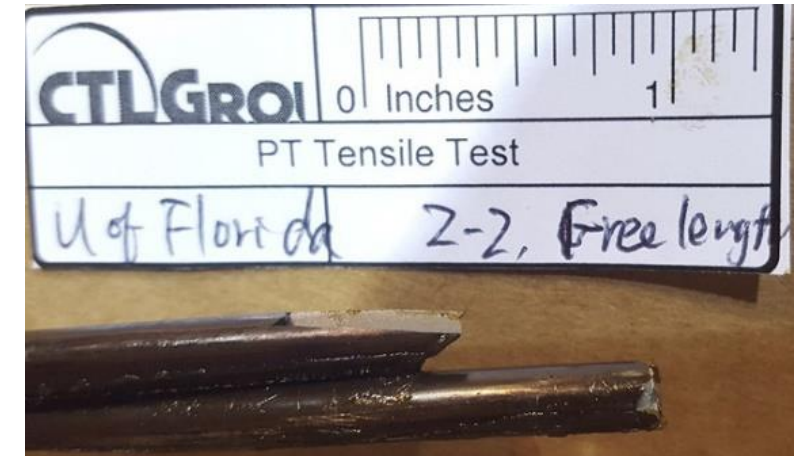
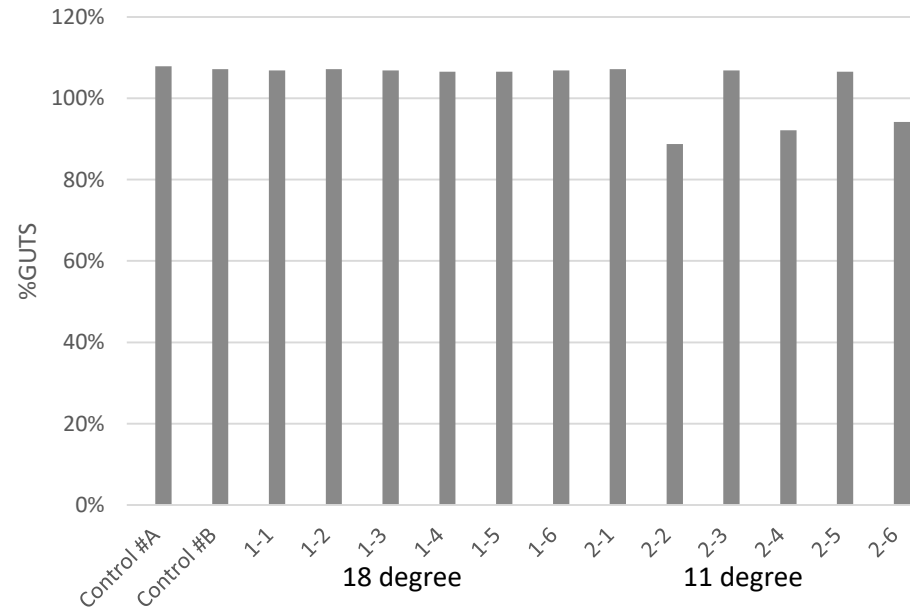
# Dissection: HDPE Thickness



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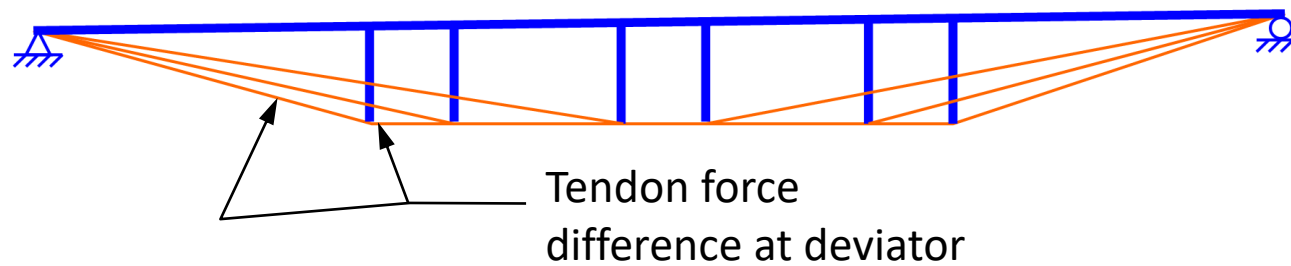
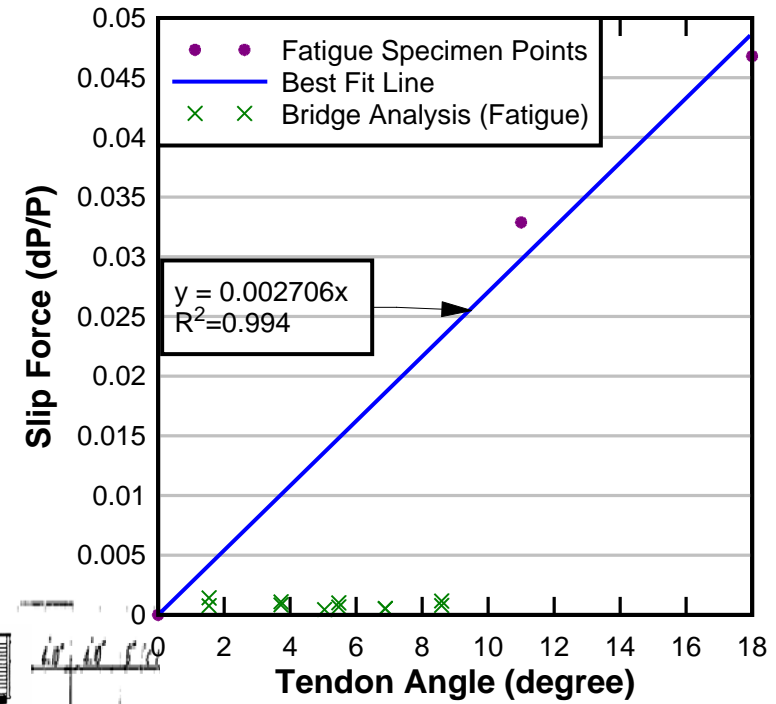
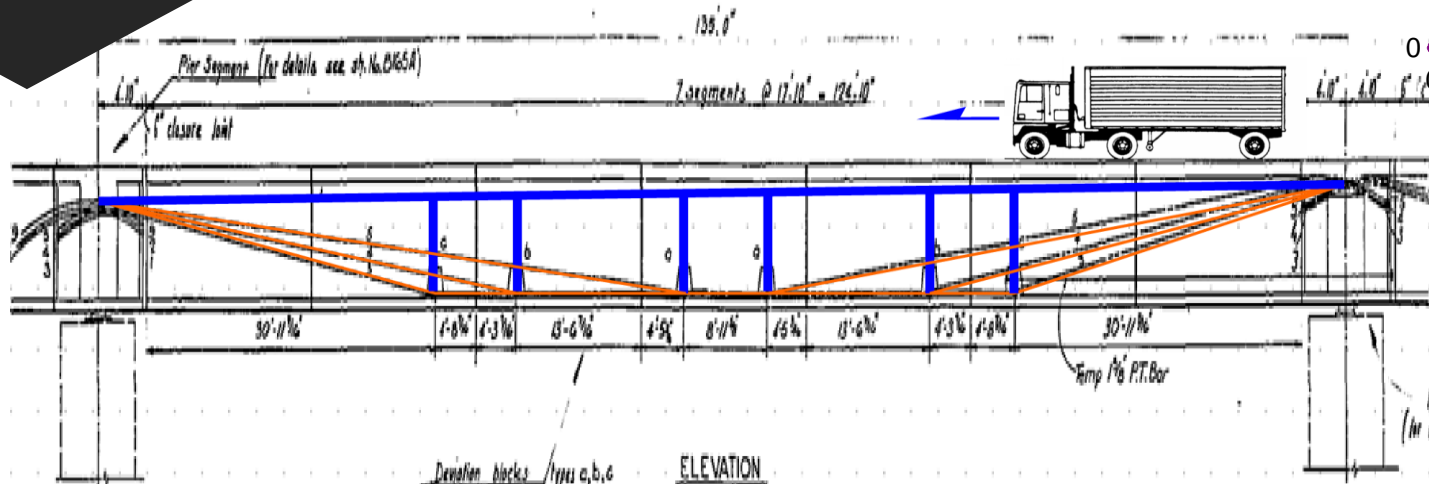


# Post-testing Strand Test



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# Comparison to Prototype Bridge



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# Techniques to Remove Defective Grout



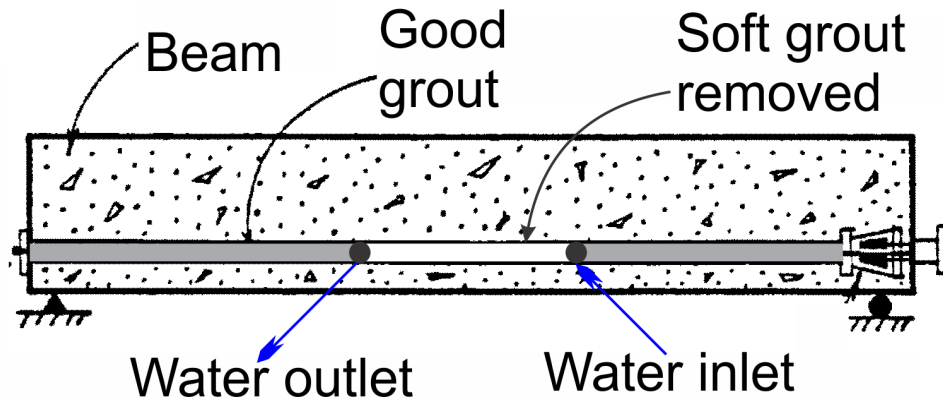
# Wonderwood Bridge

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# Two Treatment Methods

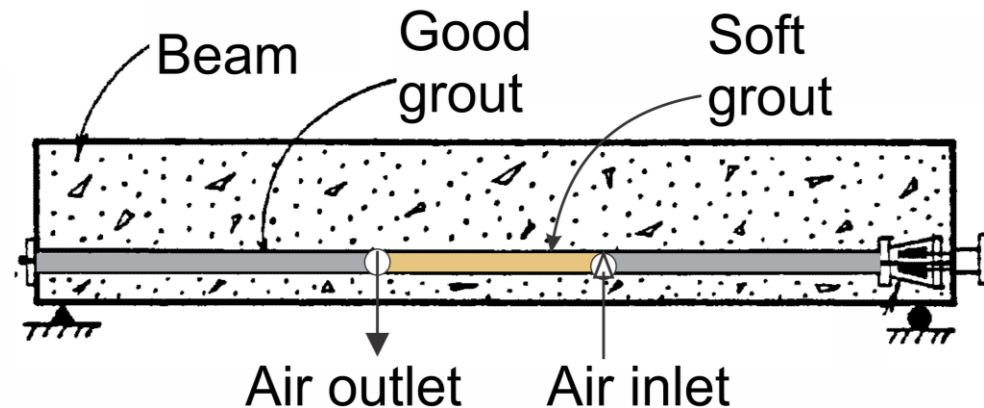
## Hydrodemolition

- Remove and replace soft grout



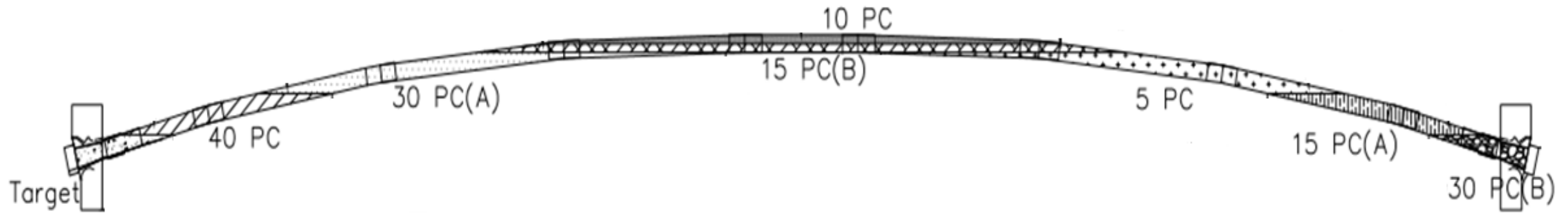
## Drying

- Remediate soft grout and leave in place



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# Hydrodemolition Test Setup



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# Hydrodemolition Trial

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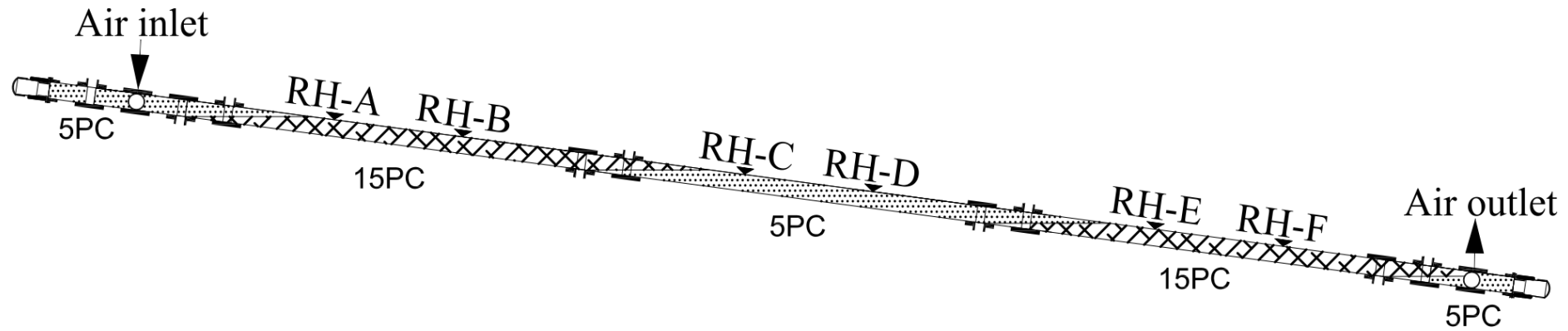




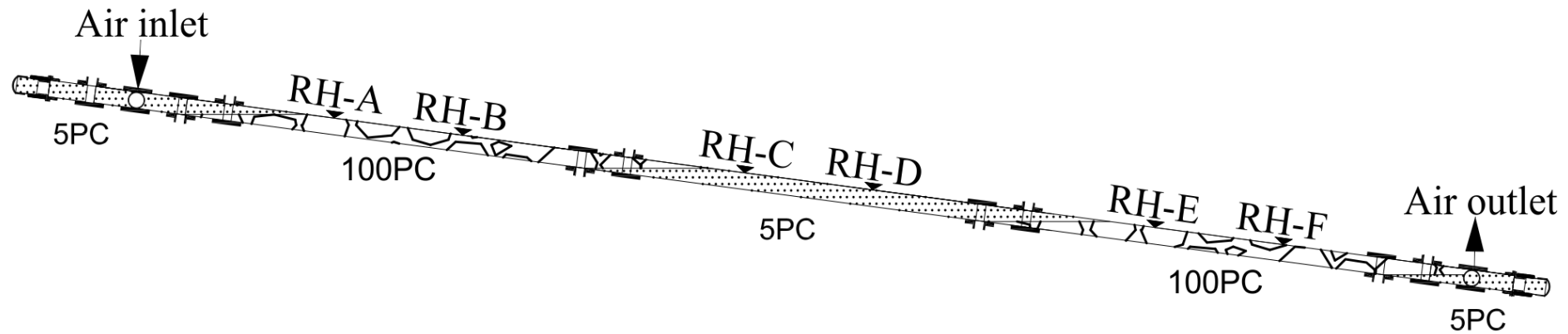
# Hydrodemolition Dissection



# Drying Trial Setup



Specimen 1: Grout distribution



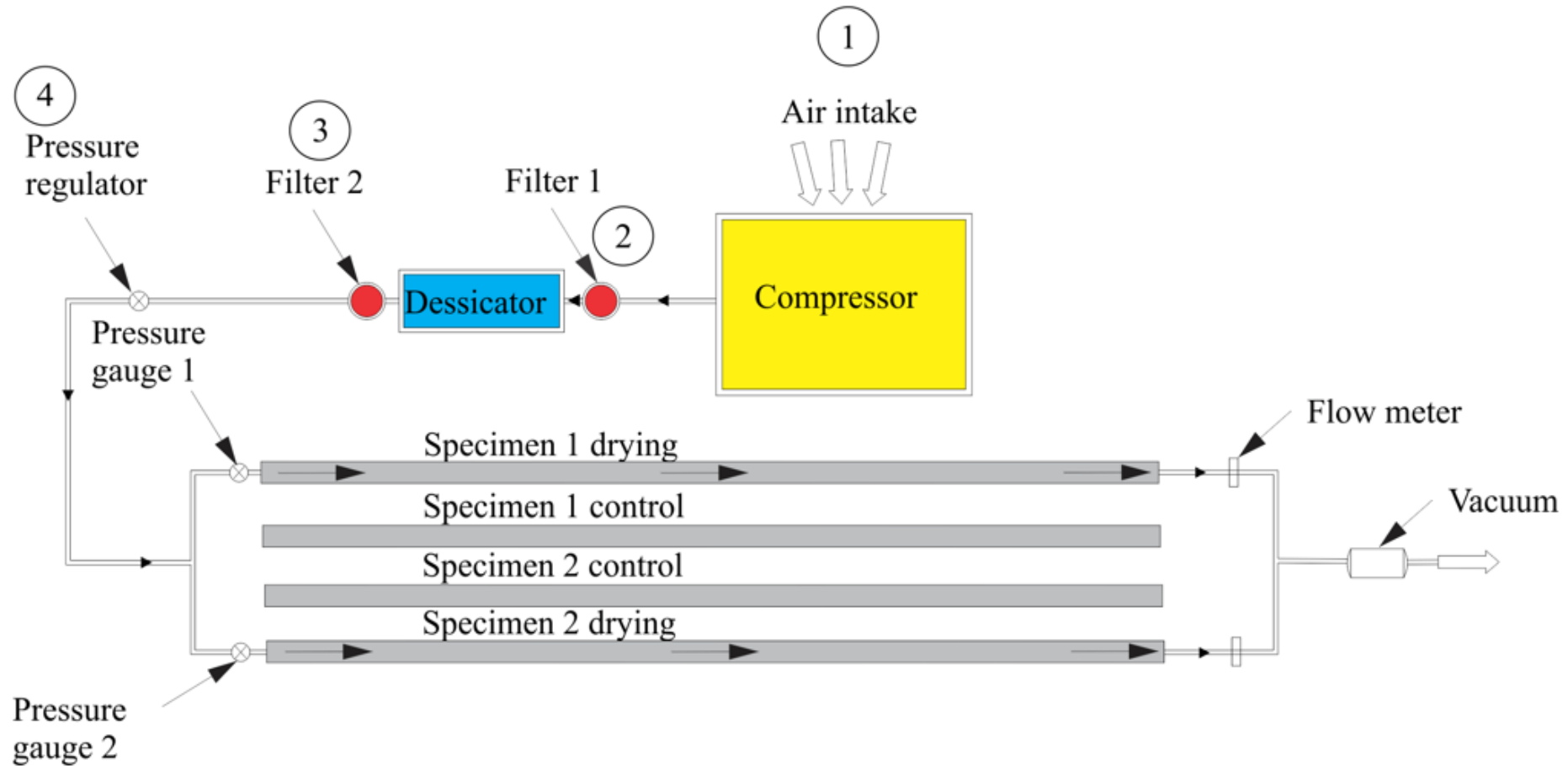
Specimen 2: Grout distribution



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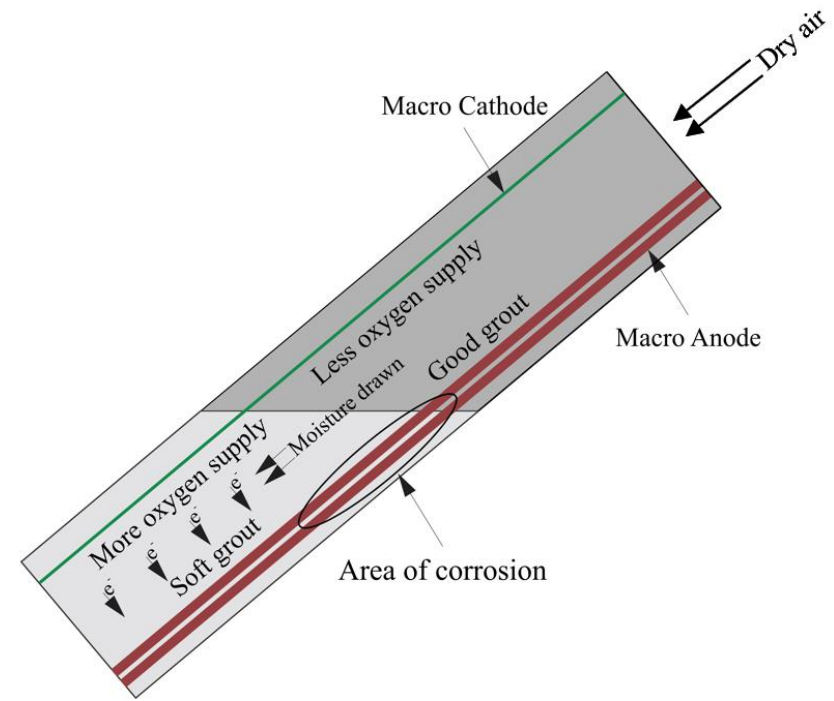
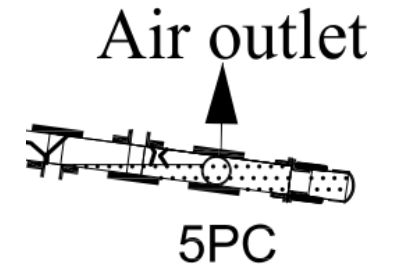


# Measurement

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# Findings

- Negligible moisture content in soft grout of drying specimen
- Reduced moisture content in good grout of drying specimen
- Inefficient moisture removal beyond outlet
- Corrosion during drying



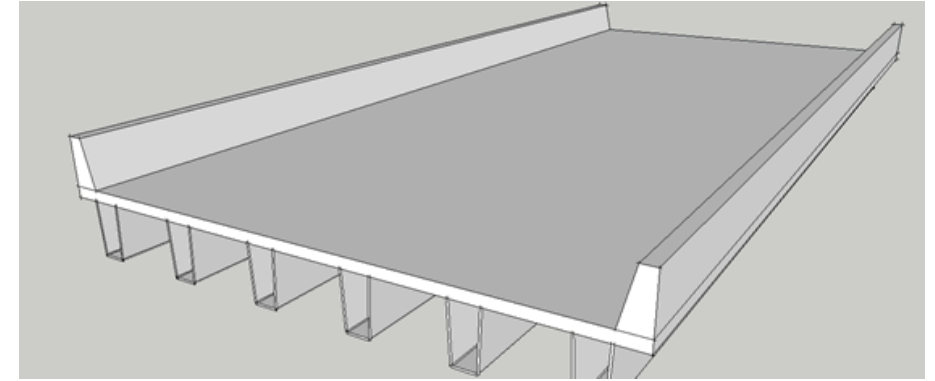
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# Wonderwood Bridge

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# Bridge Girder Alternatives for Extremely Aggressive Environments

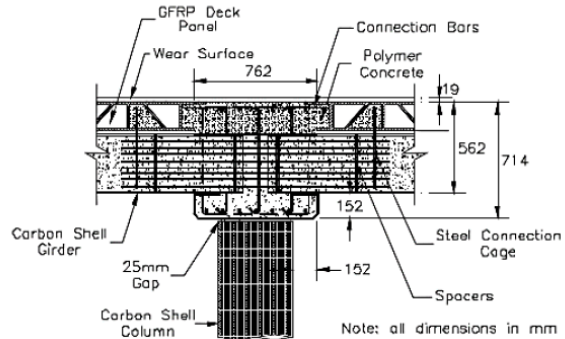
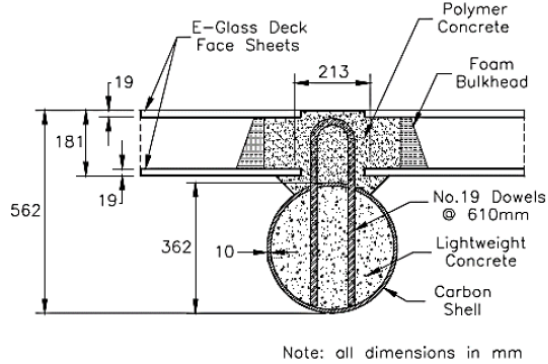
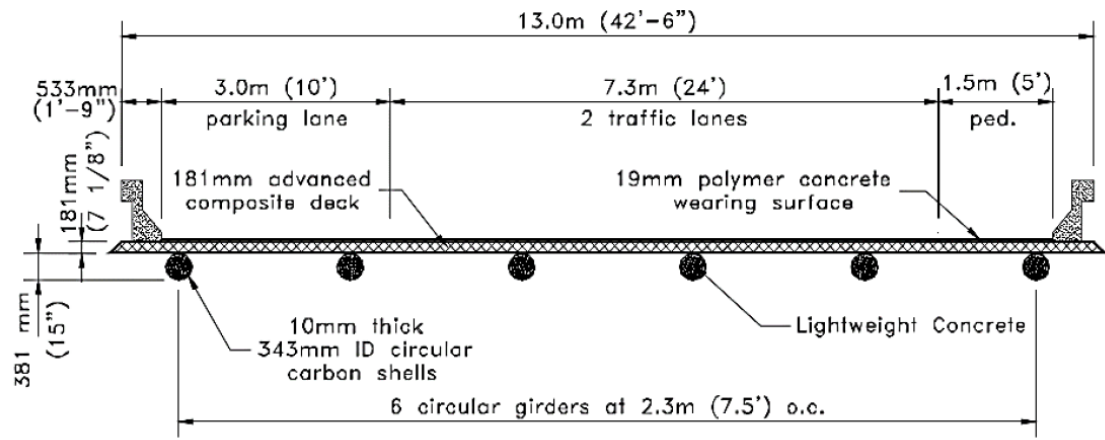


# Hybrid FRP/Concrete-filled U-Girder



Source: Brown et al. *Bridge Girder Alternatives for Extremely Aggressive Environments*, Embry-Riddle, 2018.





# Hybrid FRP/Concrete-filled Tube

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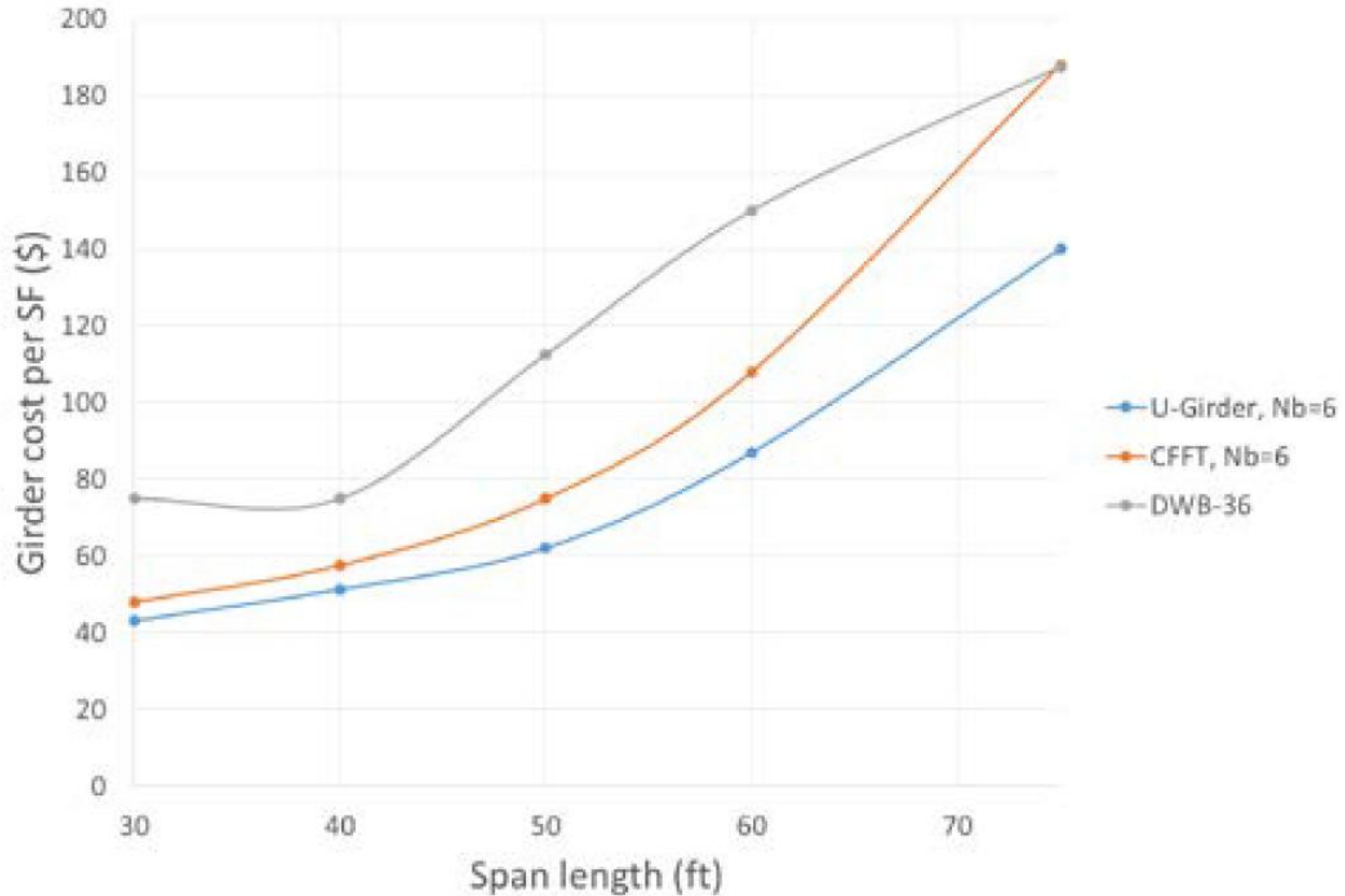


# Conceptual Design

- 32 ft clear roadway width
- 8 in thick cast-in-place RC deck
- Simply supported span lengths: 30', 40', 50', 60' & 75'
- Variable girder spacing ( $N_b = 5$  through  $N_b = 12$ )

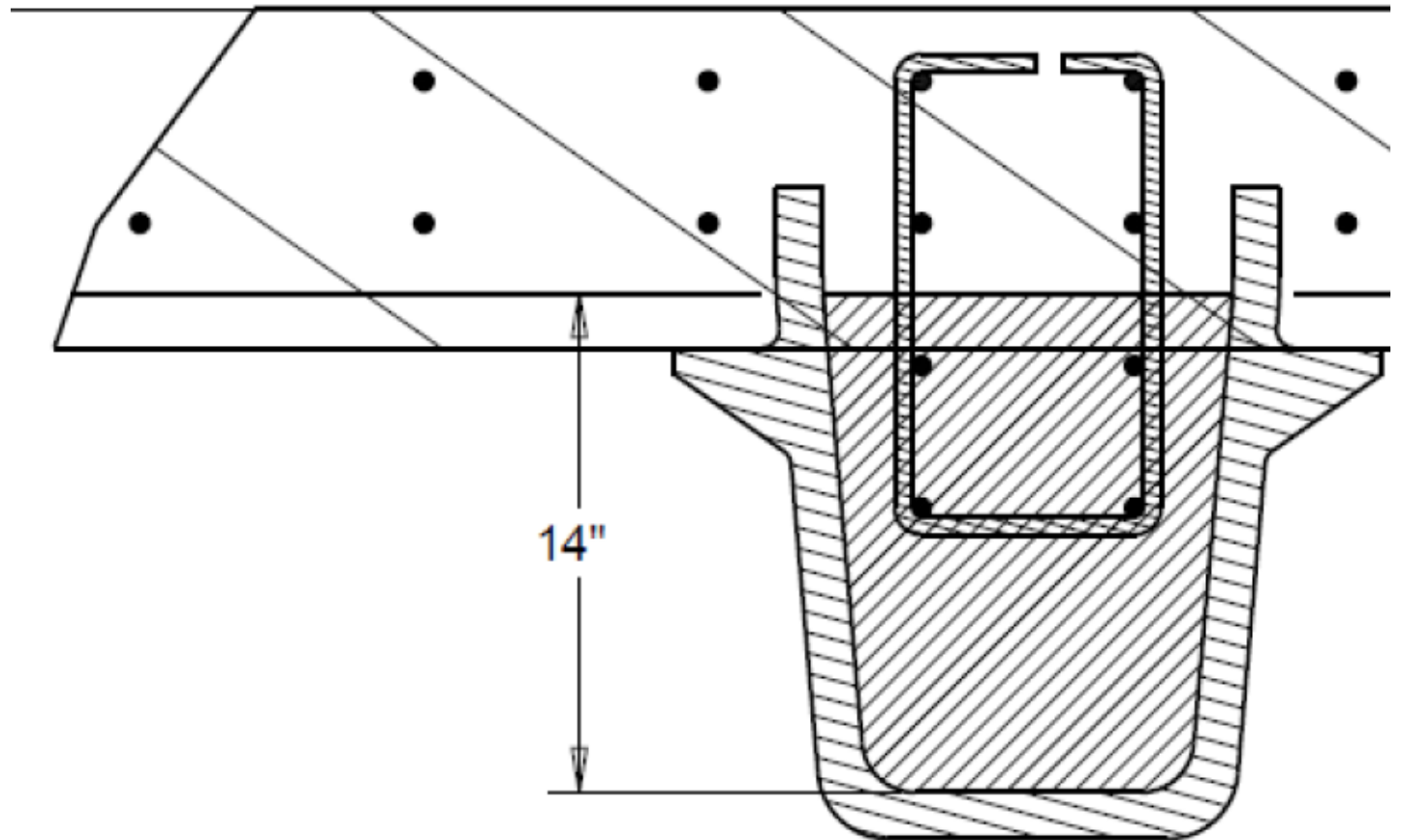


Girder cost per SF vs. Span length

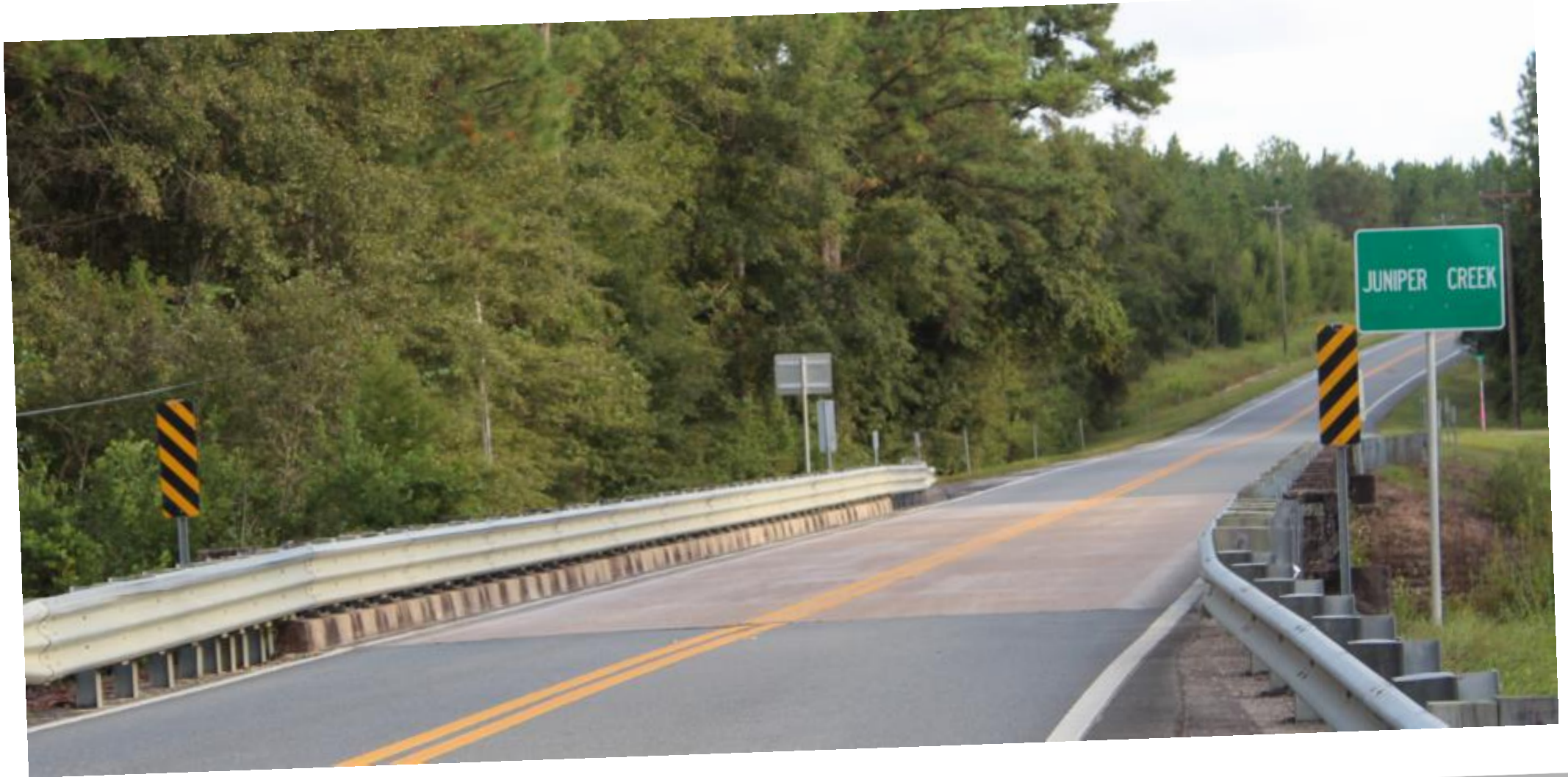


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Hybrid  
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U-Girder

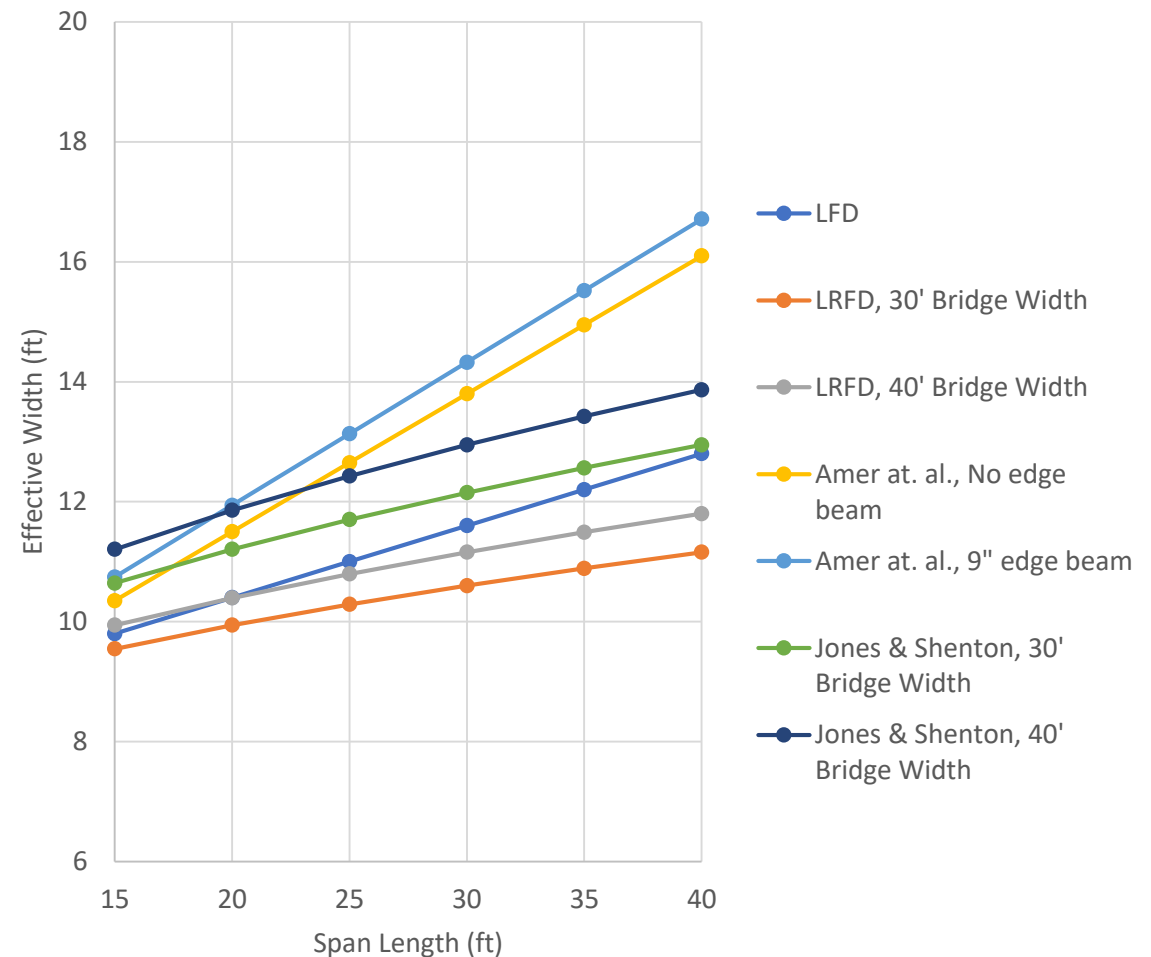


# Load Ratings for FDOT Flat Slab Bridges



# Past Work

- Contribution from Parapet
- Various Simple Equations for Distribution:
  - AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications (based on NCHRP Project 12-26)
  - AASHTO Standard Specifications
  - Amer and Arockiasamy Equations
  - University of Delaware Center for Innovative Bridge Engineering



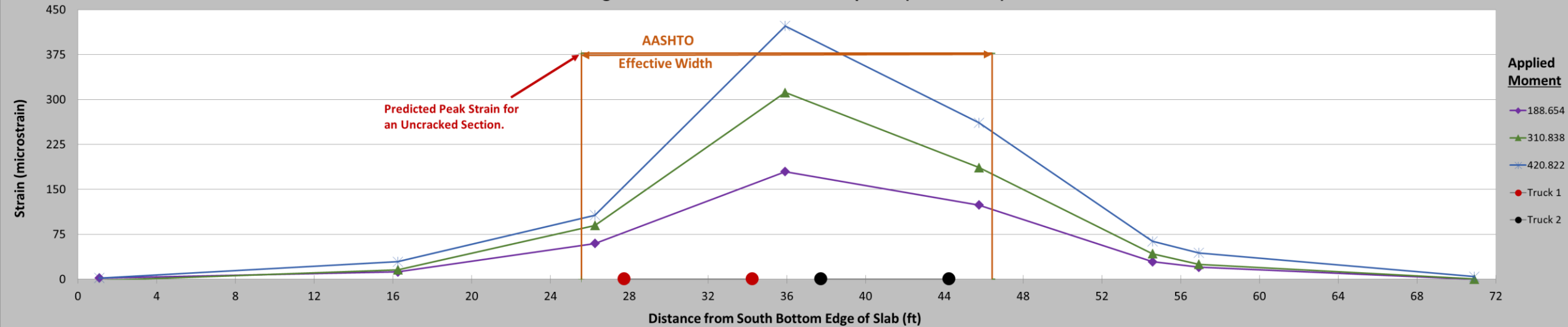




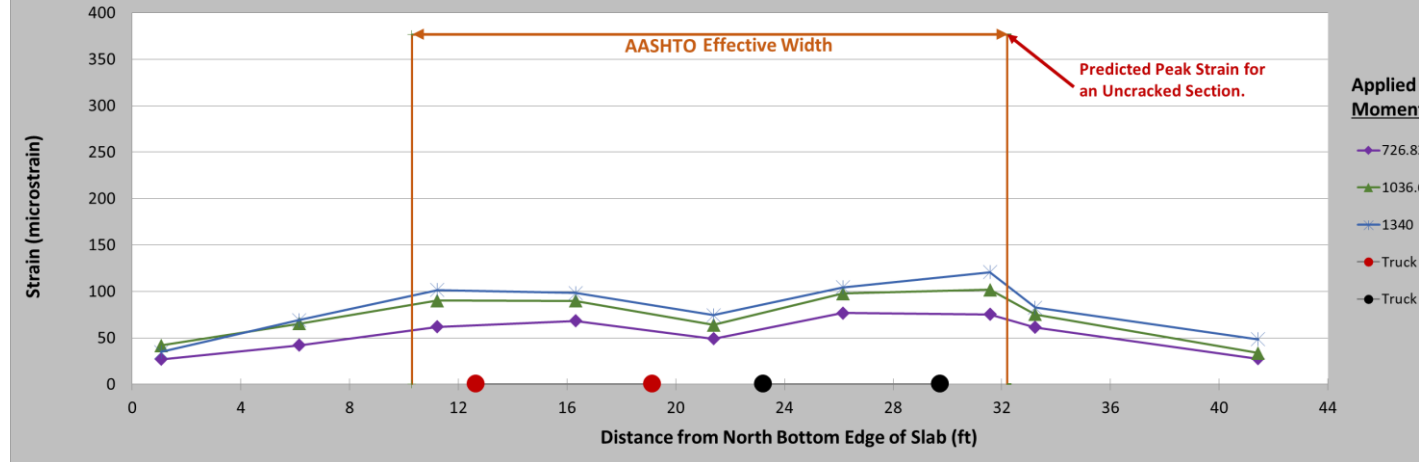
# Bridge Testing

# Test Result Comparison to AASHTO

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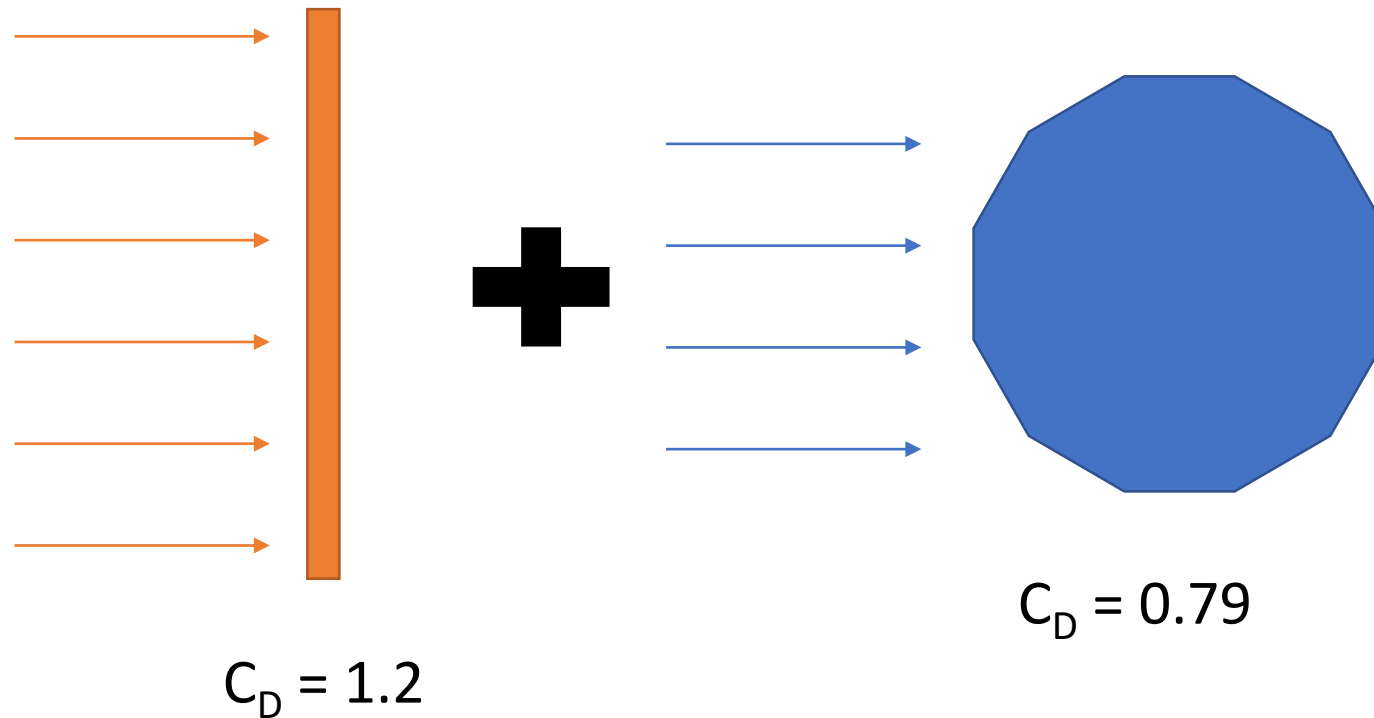


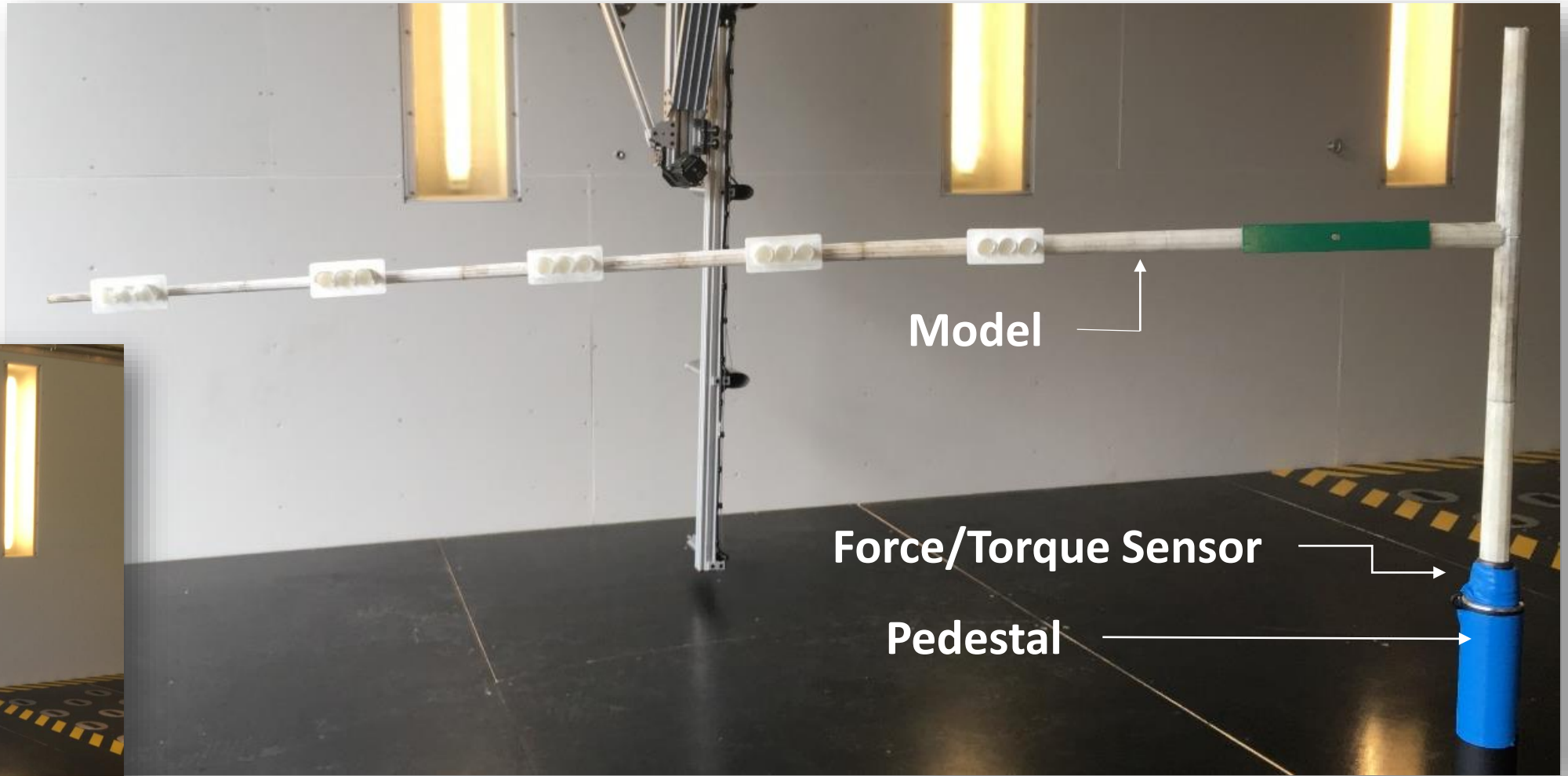
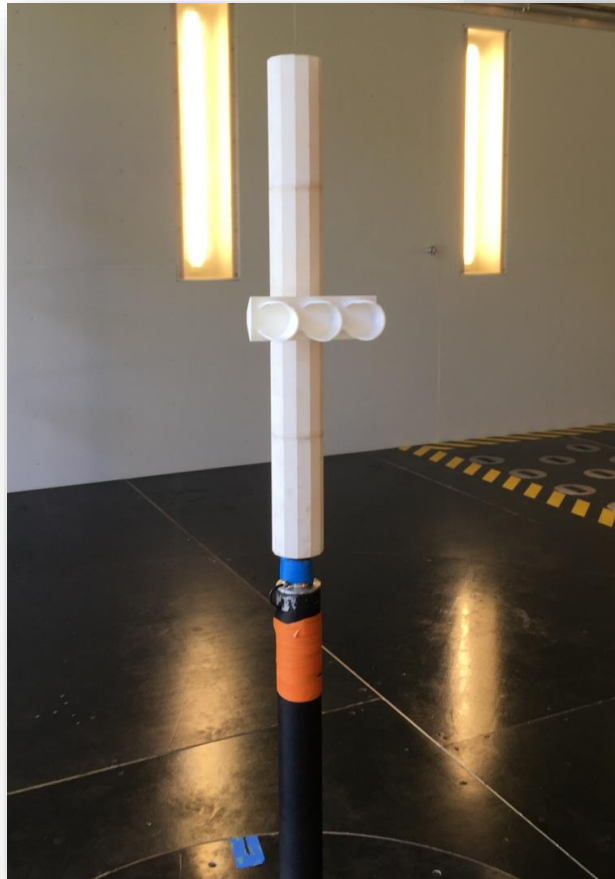
Longitudinal Strains for Truck Position 5 - Span 2 (Two Trucks)



# Wind Effects on Mast Arms

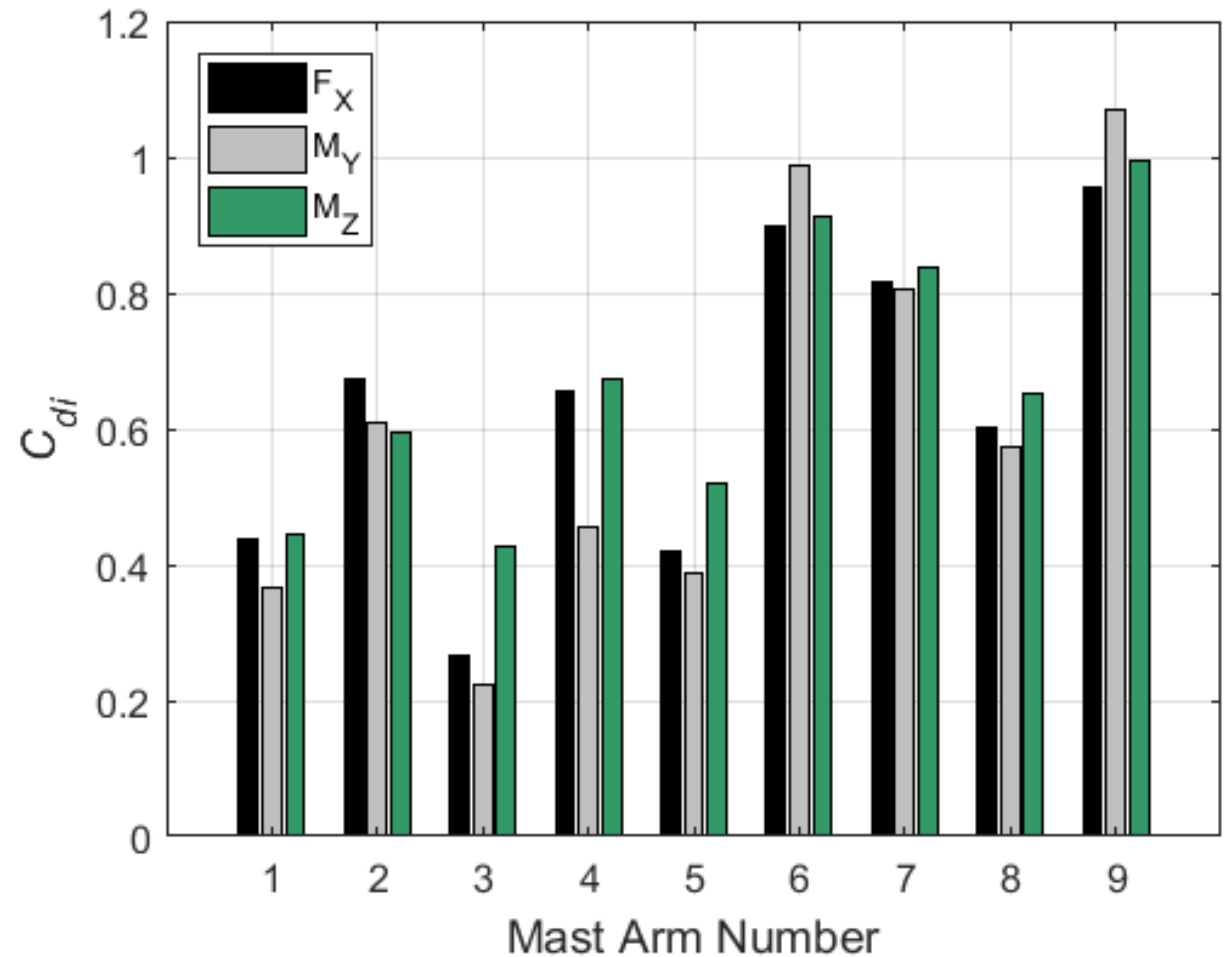
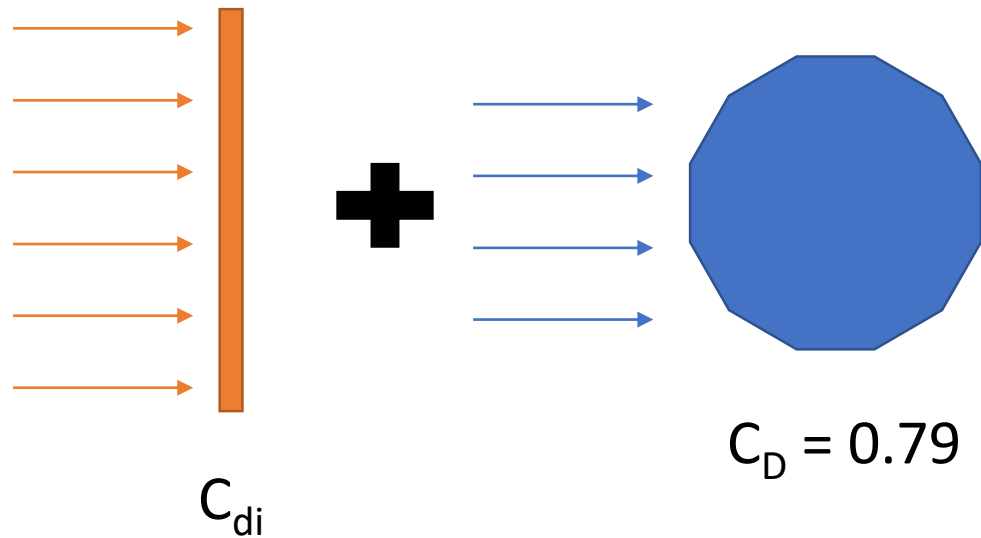
# Drag Coefficient

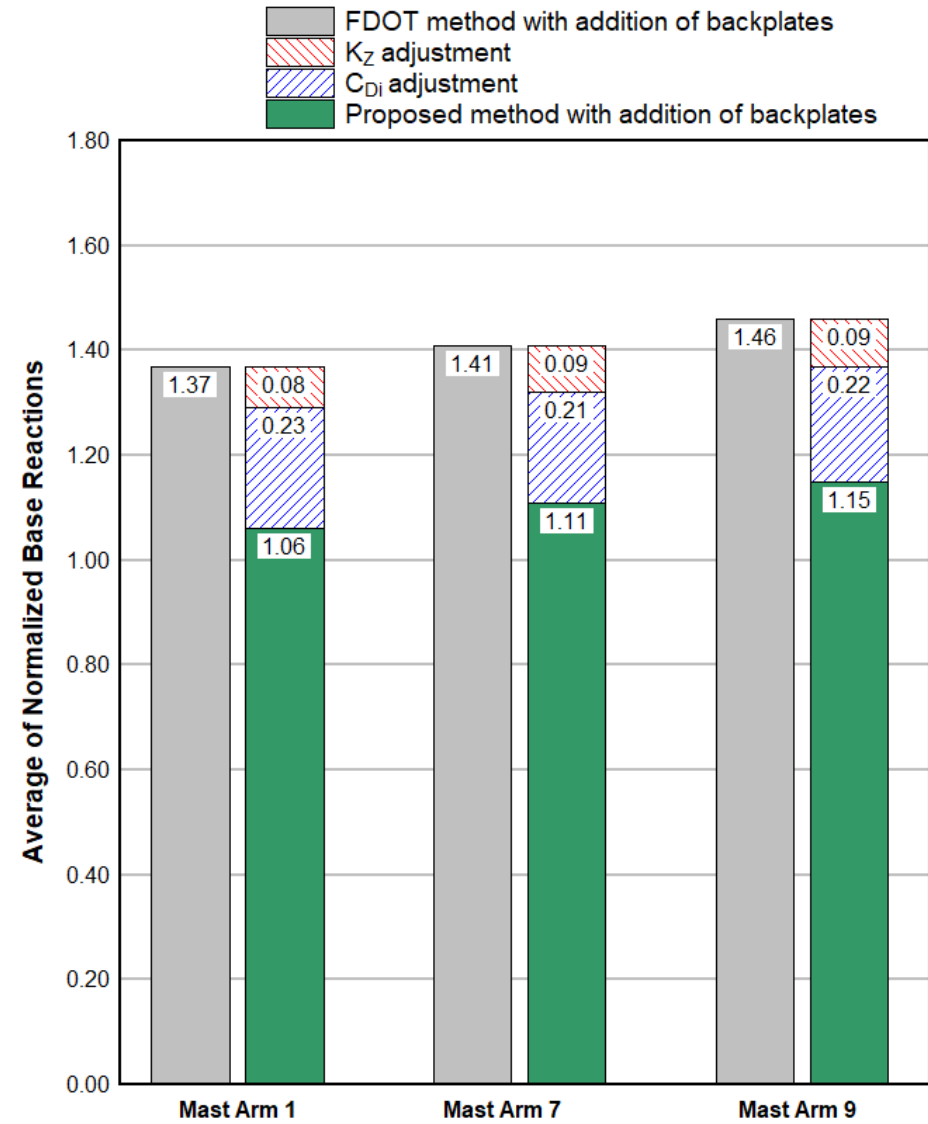
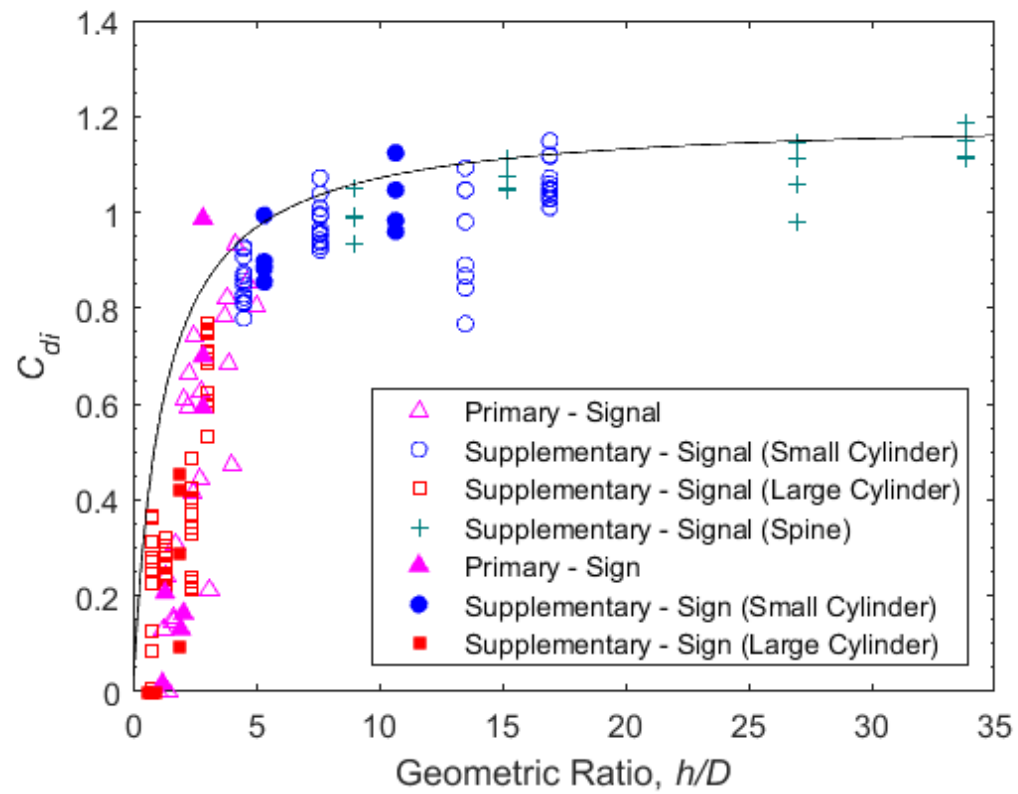




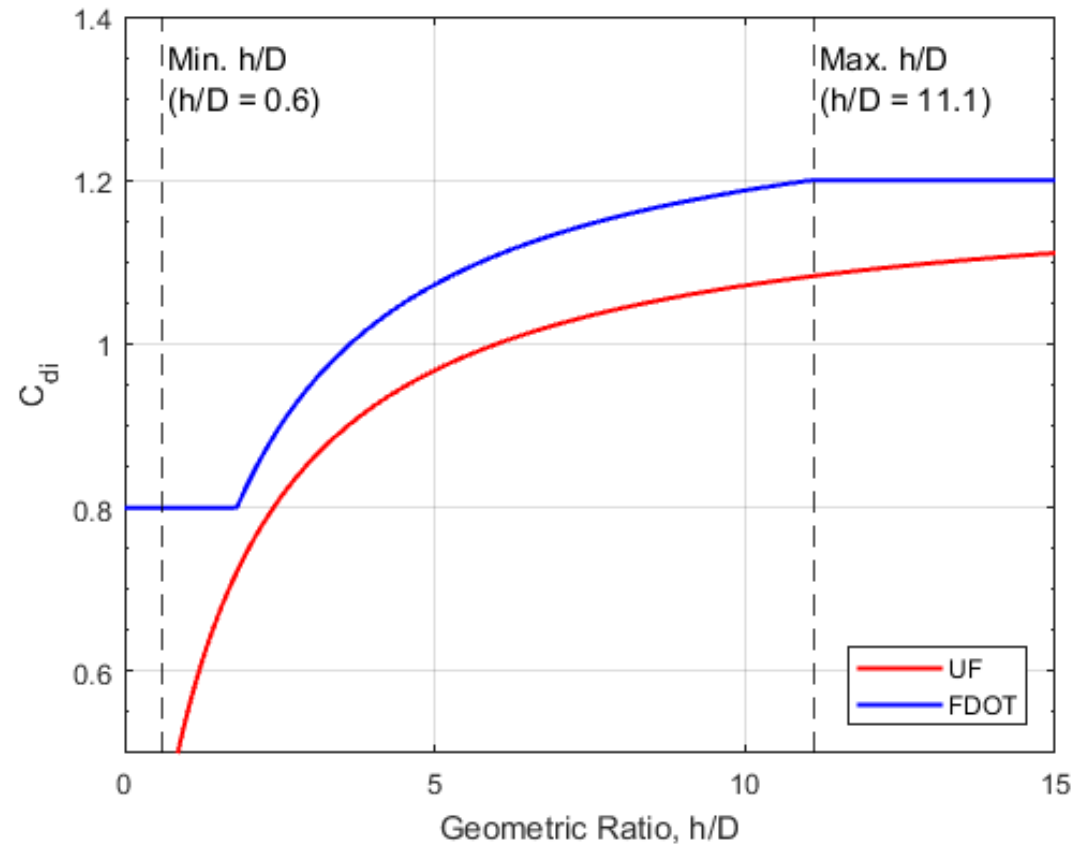
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# Revised Drag Coefficient





# FDOT Proposed Implementation

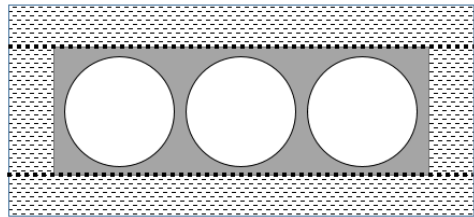


$$C_{di} = \begin{cases} 0.8 & \text{for } h/D \leq 1.82 \\ \frac{1.2(1.33)(h/D)^2}{1.2(h/D)^2 + 1.44(h/D)} & \text{for } 1.82 < h/D < 11.1 \\ 1.2 & \text{for } h/D \geq 11.1 \end{cases}$$

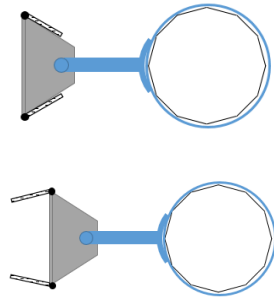


# Hardware Modification Concepts

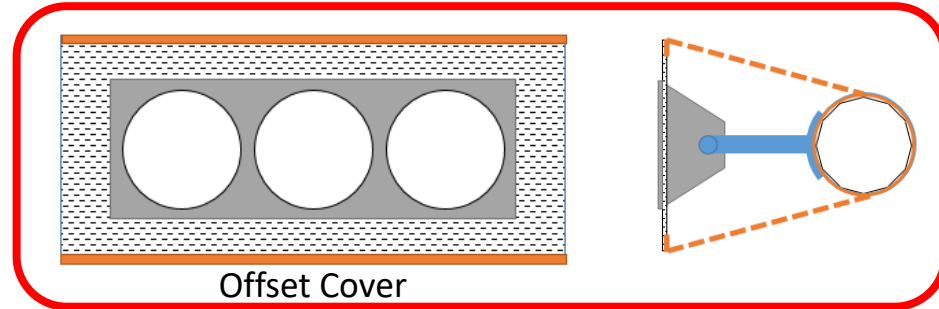
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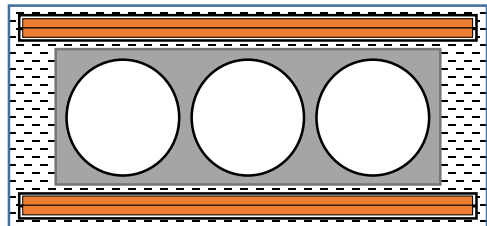
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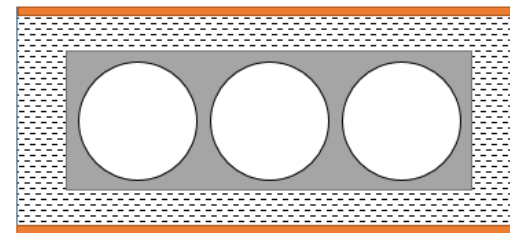
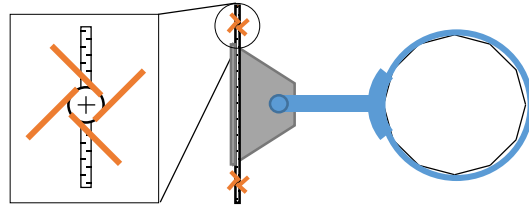
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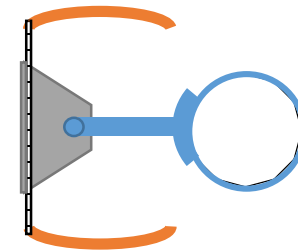
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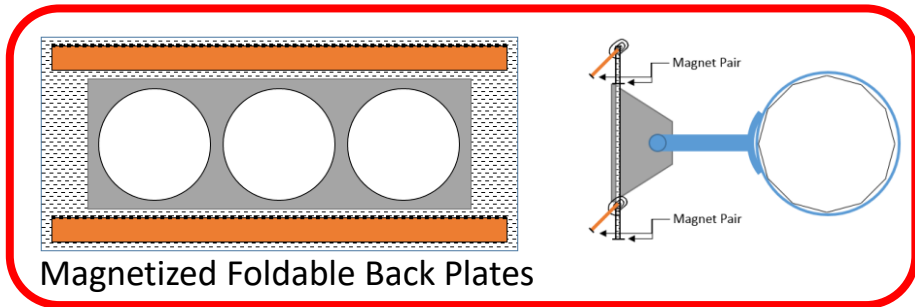
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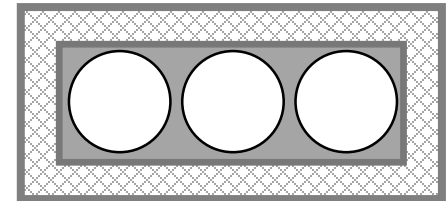
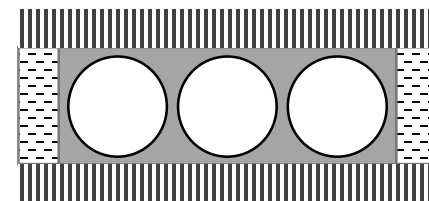
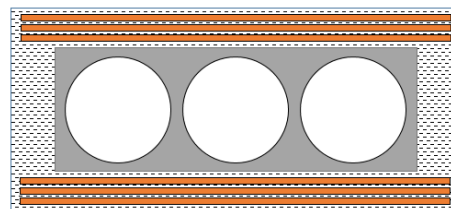
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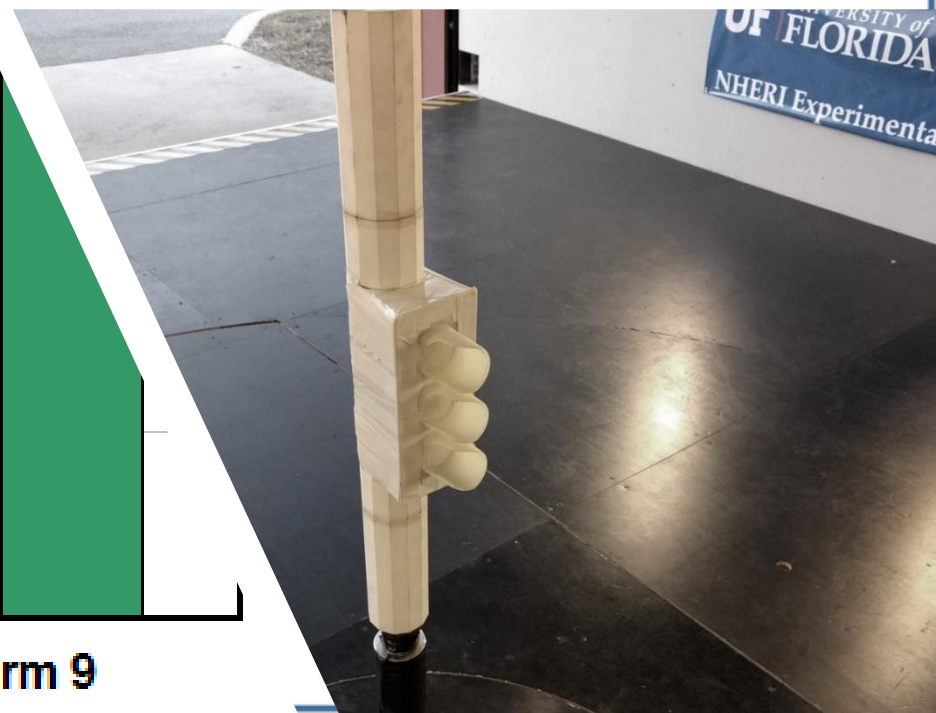
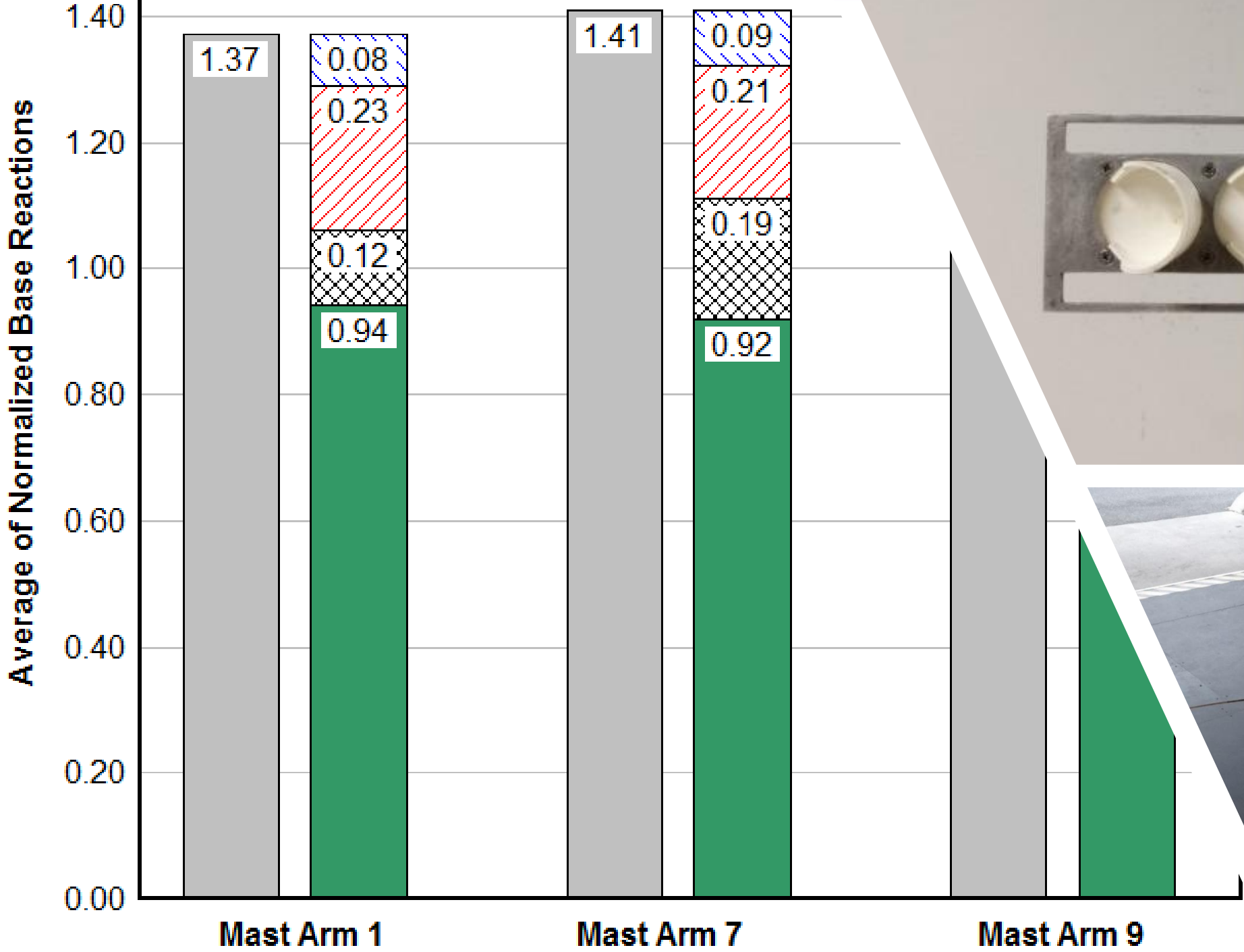
## Flexible/Permeable



Magnetized Foldable Back Plates



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# Ultra-High Performance Concrete

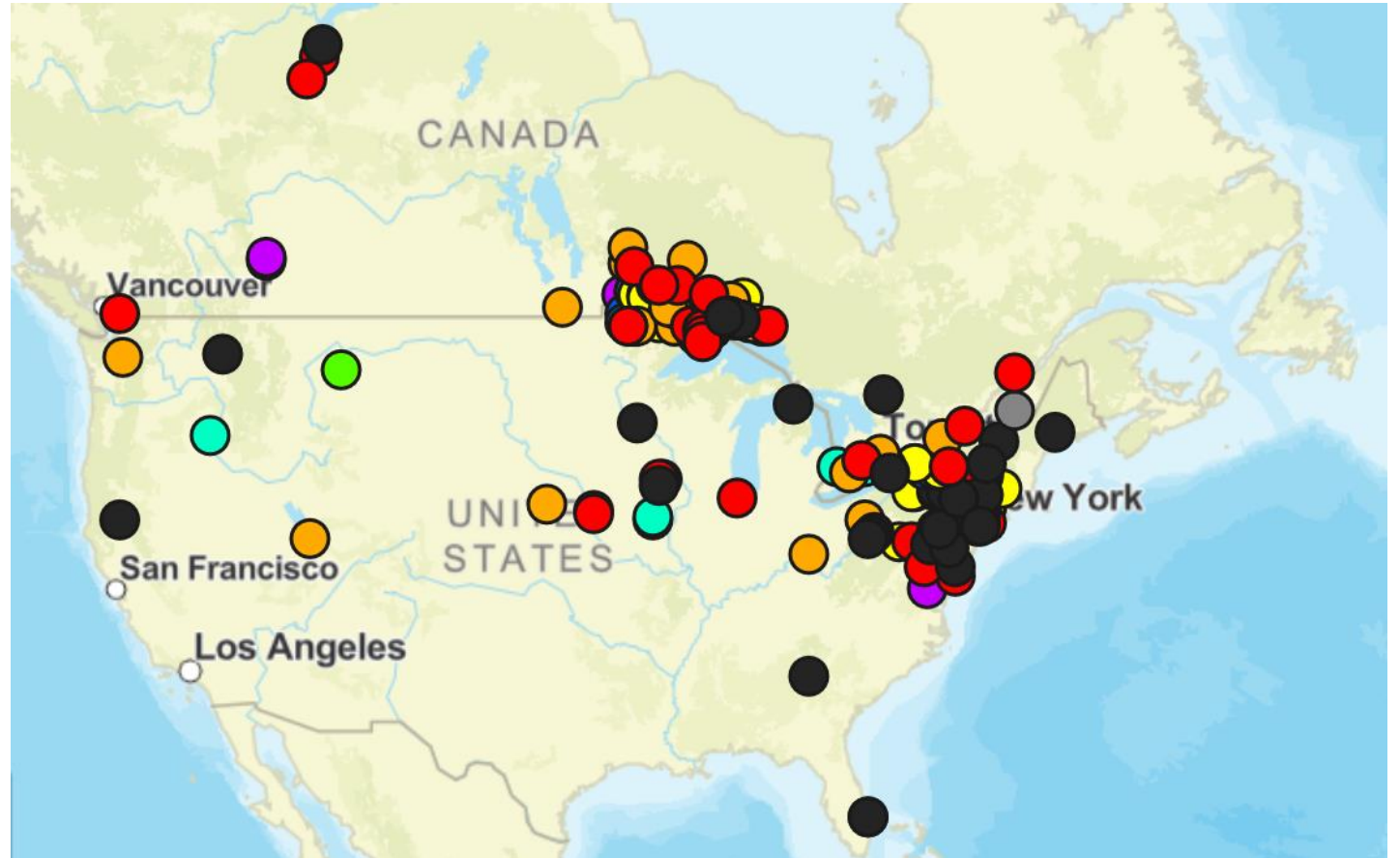


# UHPC Material Properties

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- Fiber Reinforced (2%)
- Portland Cement Product
- Water to cementitious ratio  $< 0.25$
- Compressive Strength  $> 21.7$  ksi
- Tensile Strength  $> 0.72$  ksi
- Enhanced Durability

UHPC  
Connection  
Use

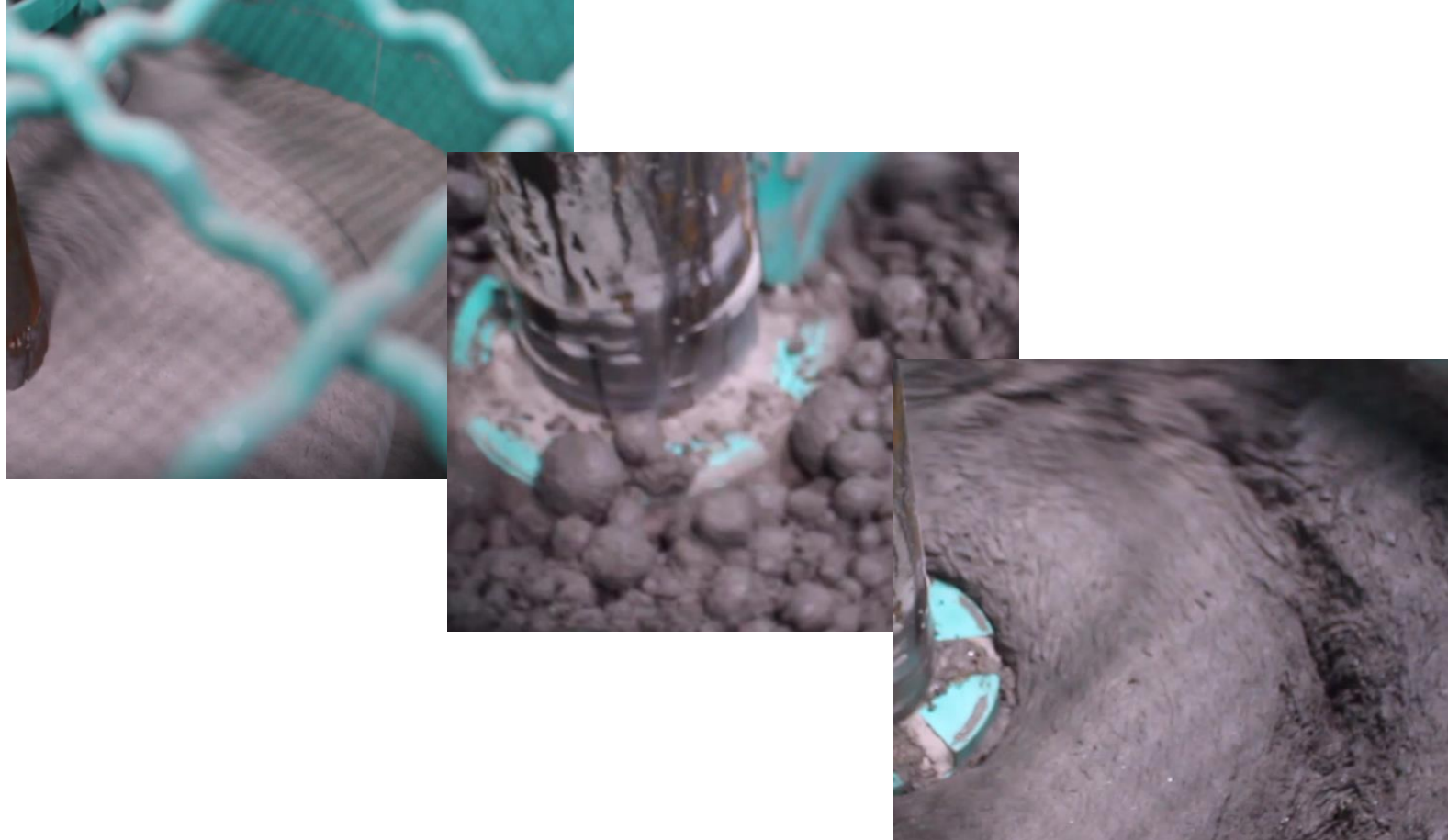


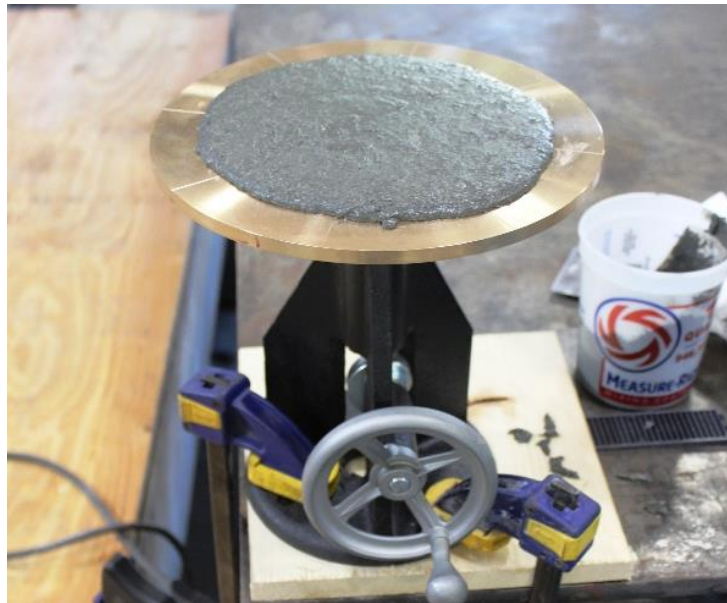
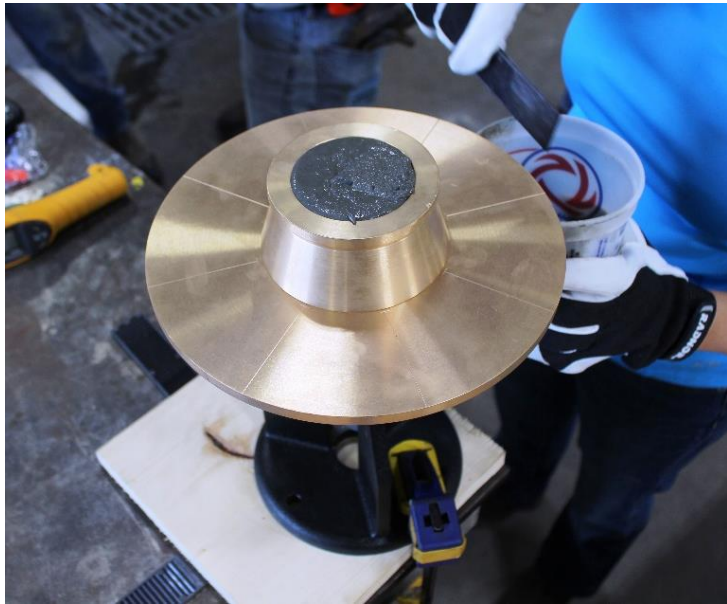
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# Mixing

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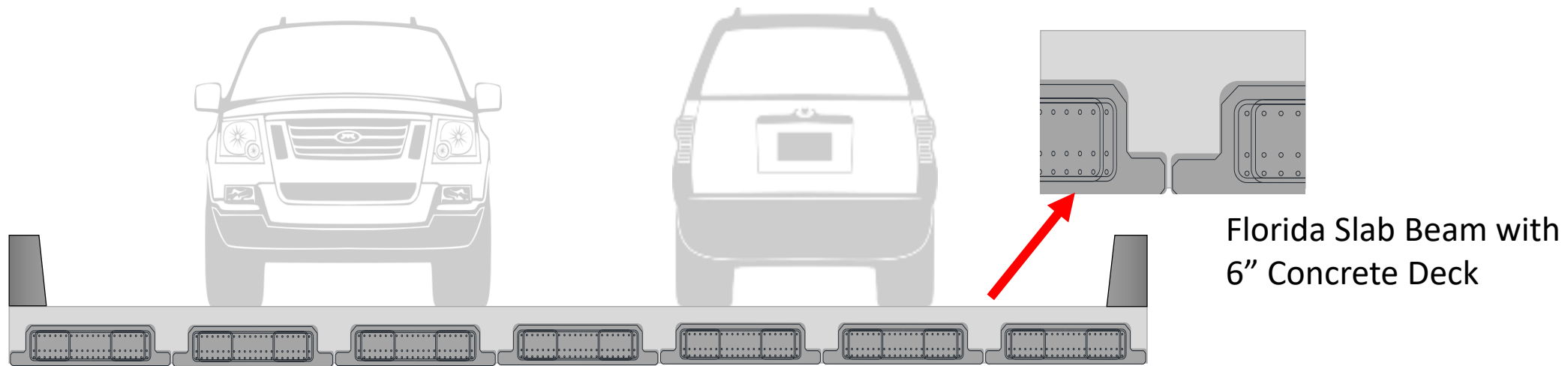


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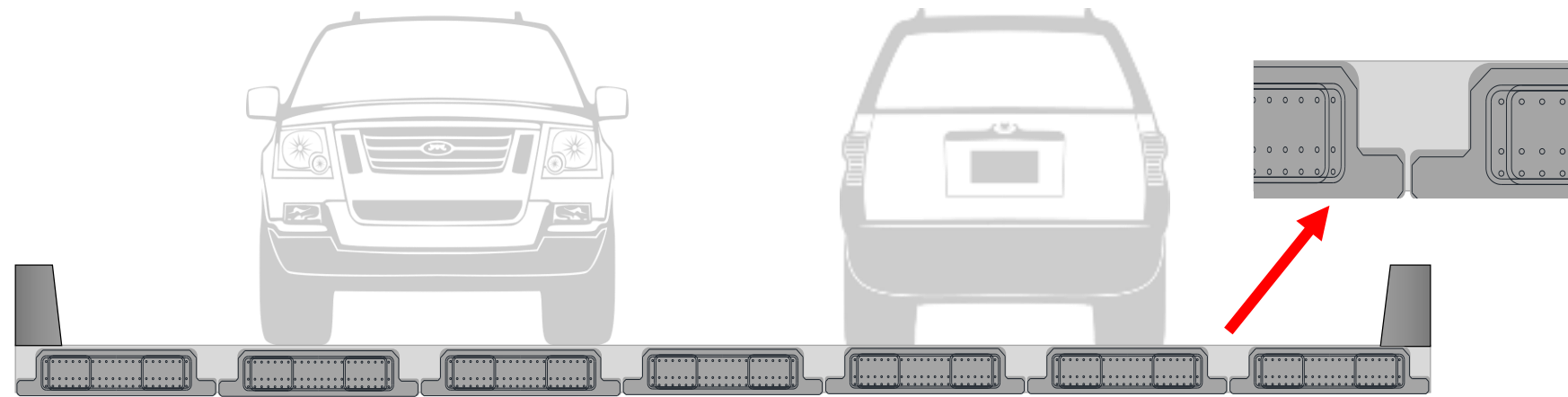
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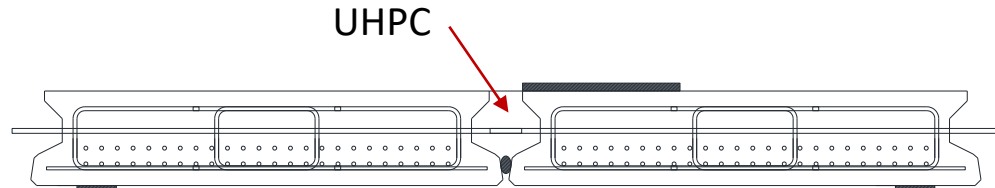
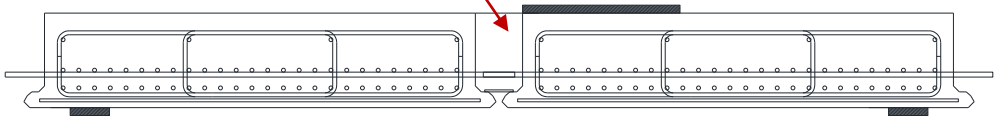
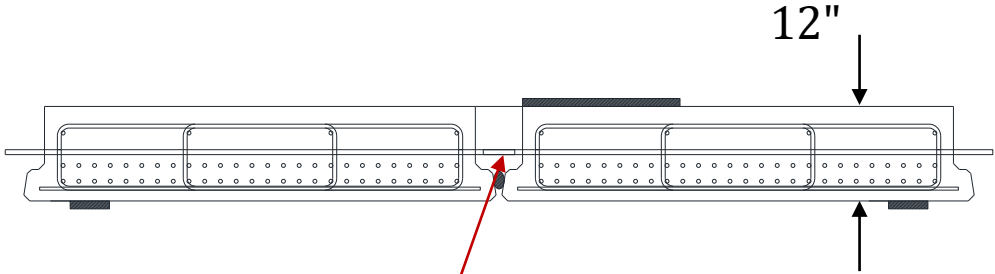
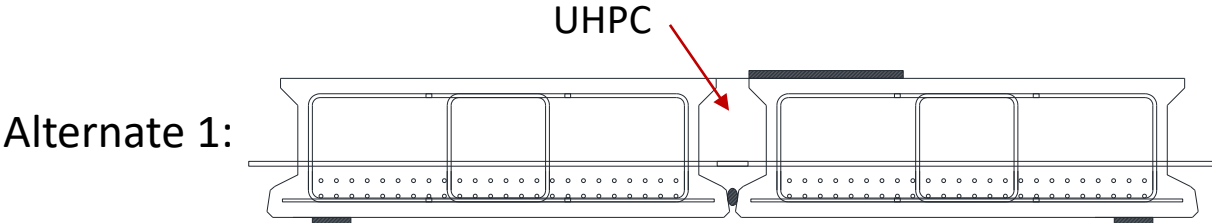
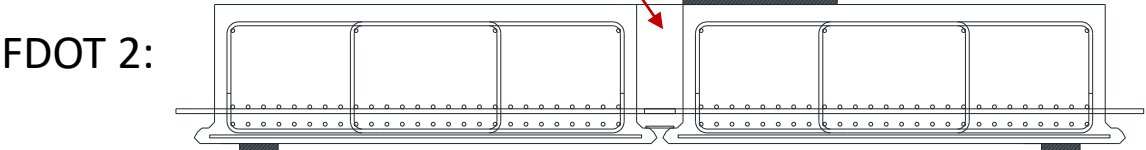
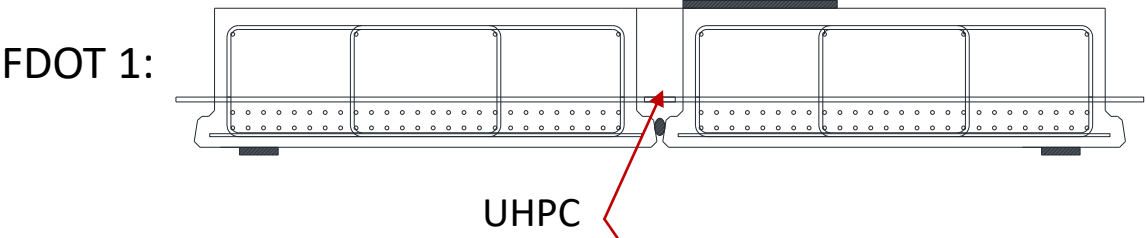
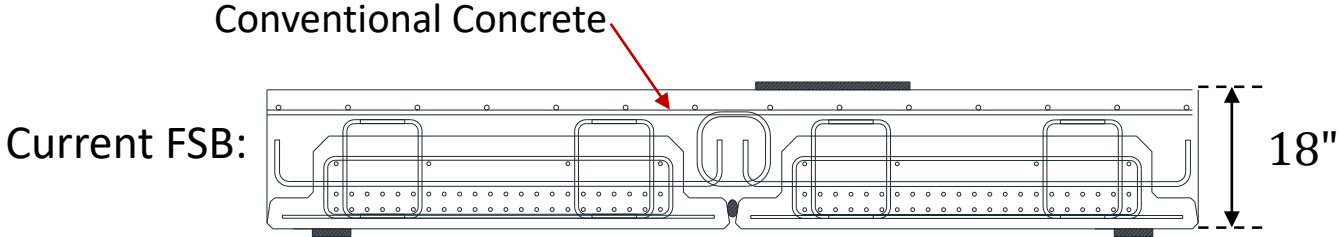
Florida Slab Beam (FSB)  
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(UHPC) Joint  
Connections



Florida Slab Beam with UHPC Closure Pour



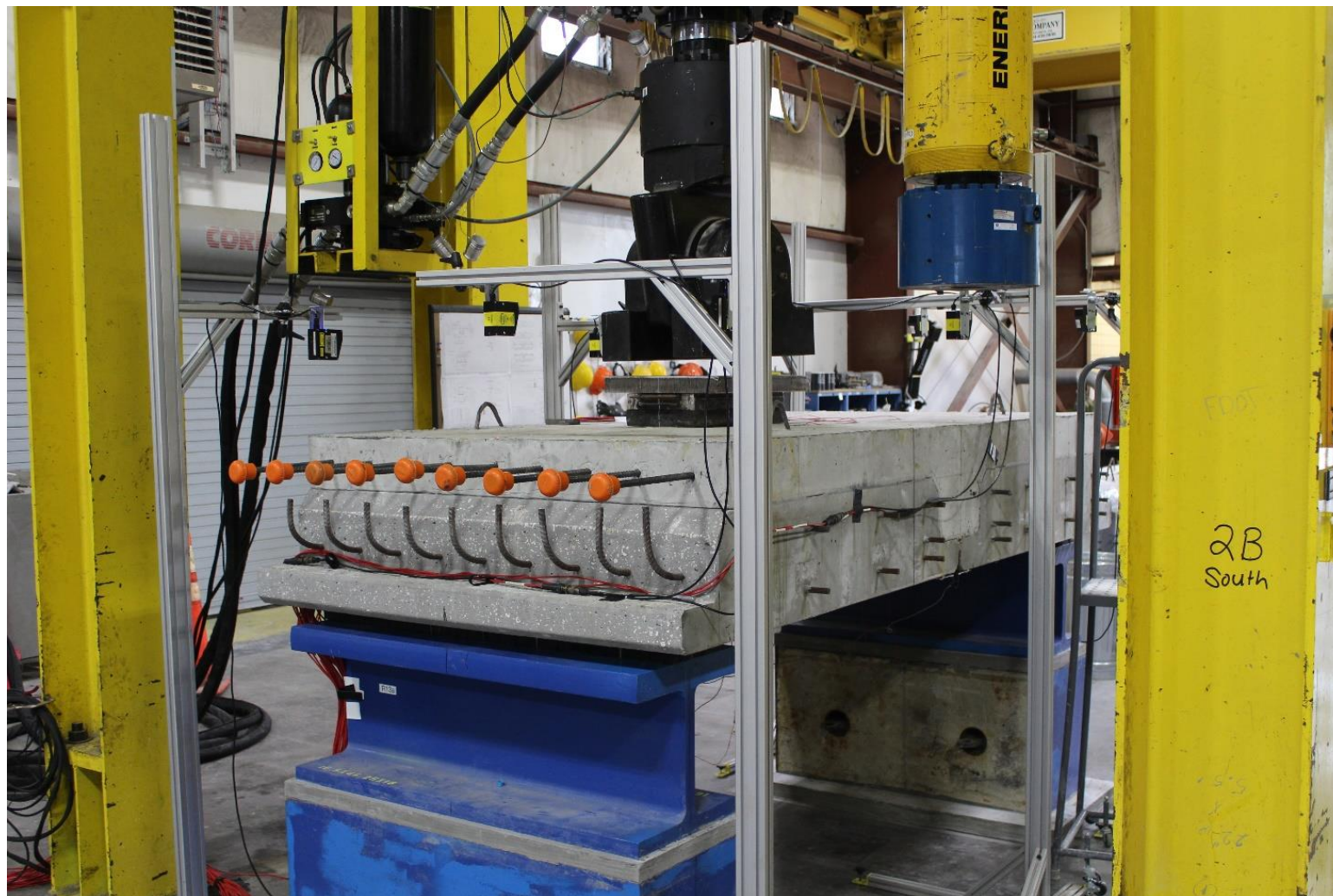
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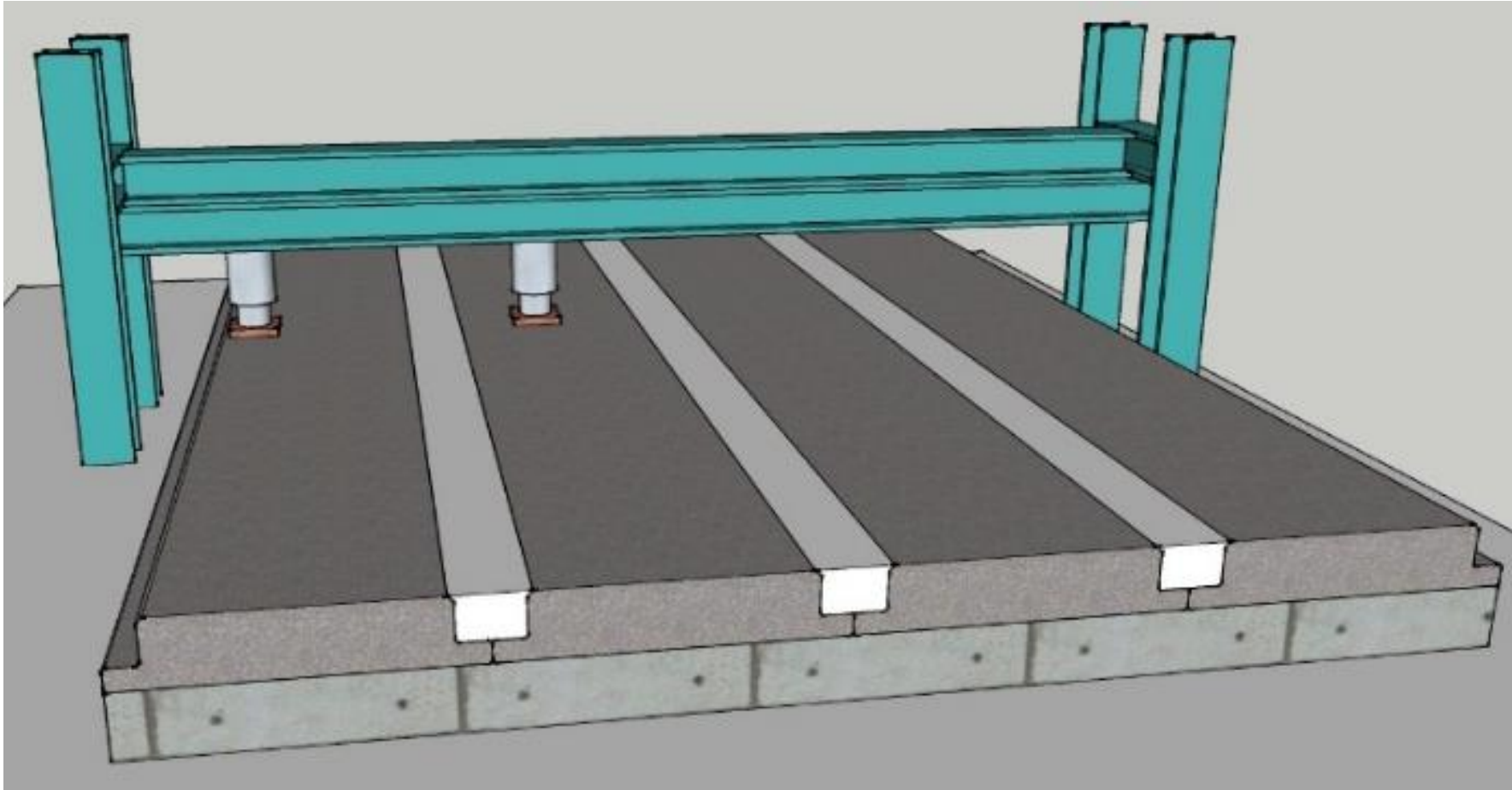


## Test Specimen Casting

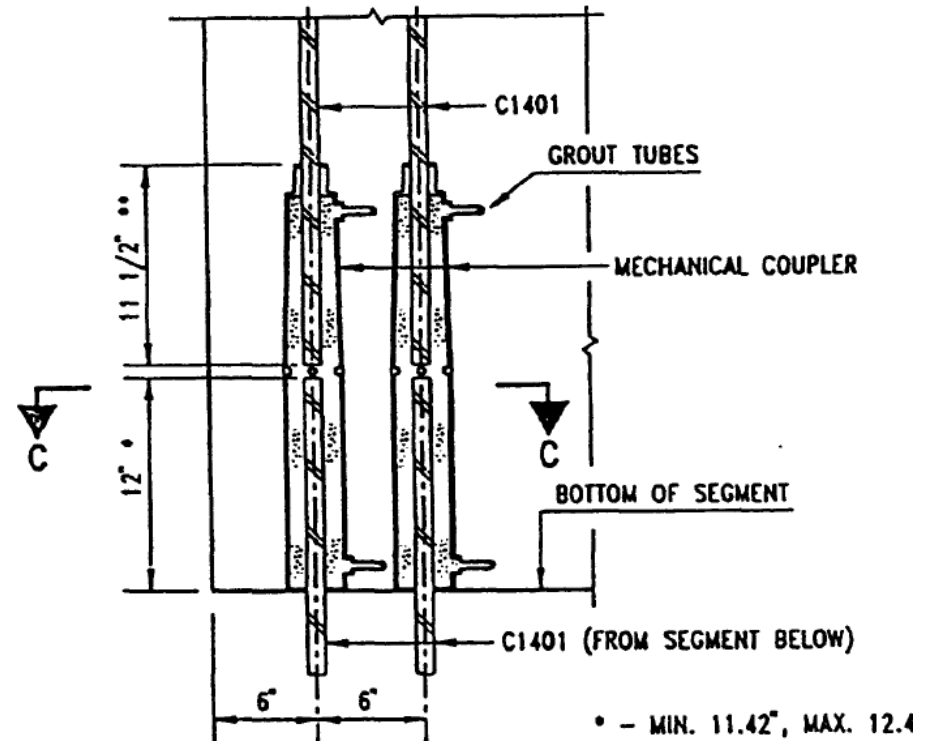
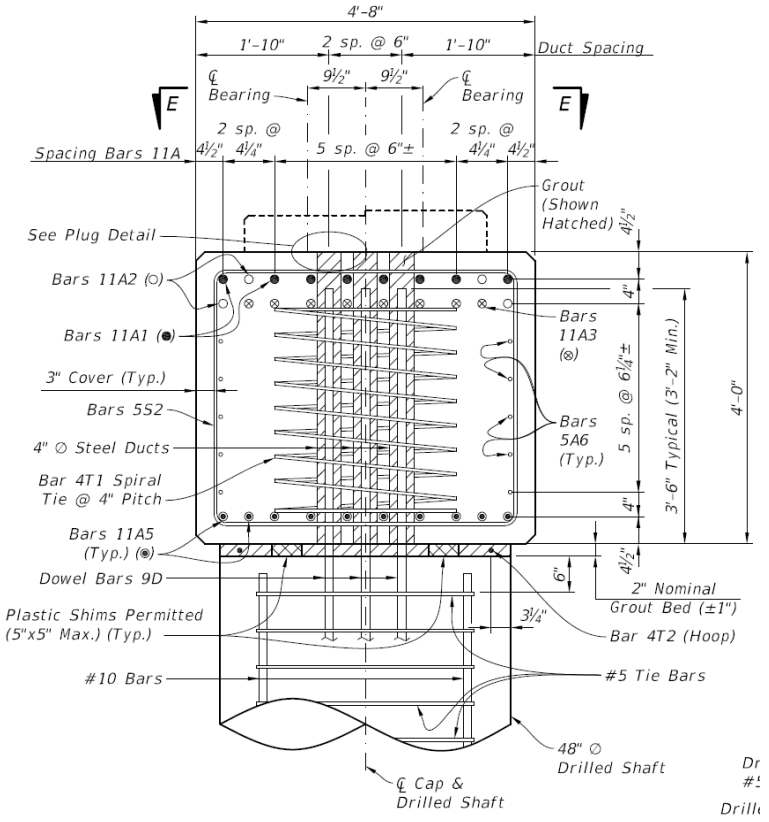
# Control Specimen Test



# Large Scale Testing



# Ultra-High Performance Concrete (UHPC) Large Bar Splice

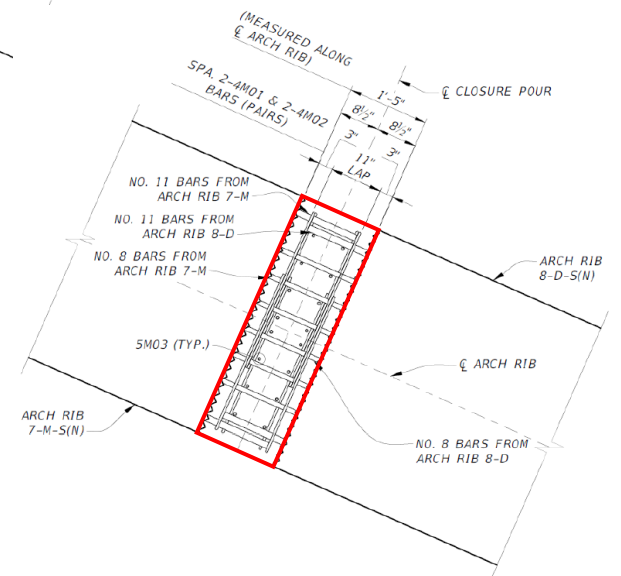
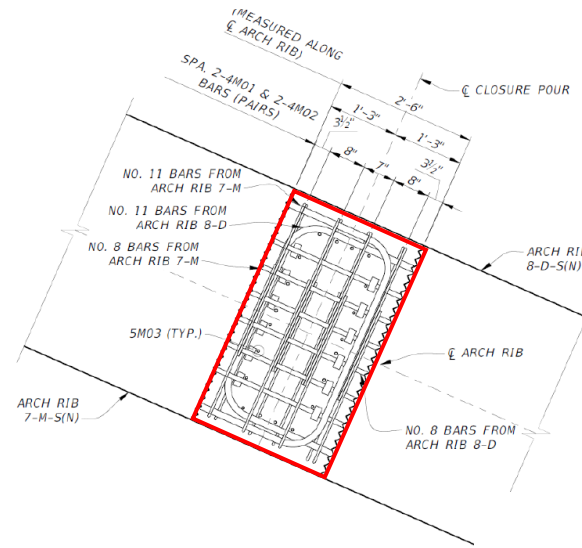
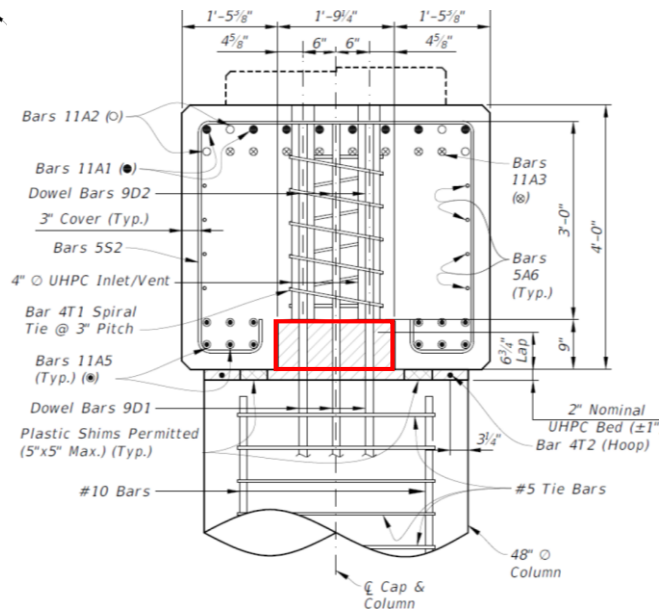
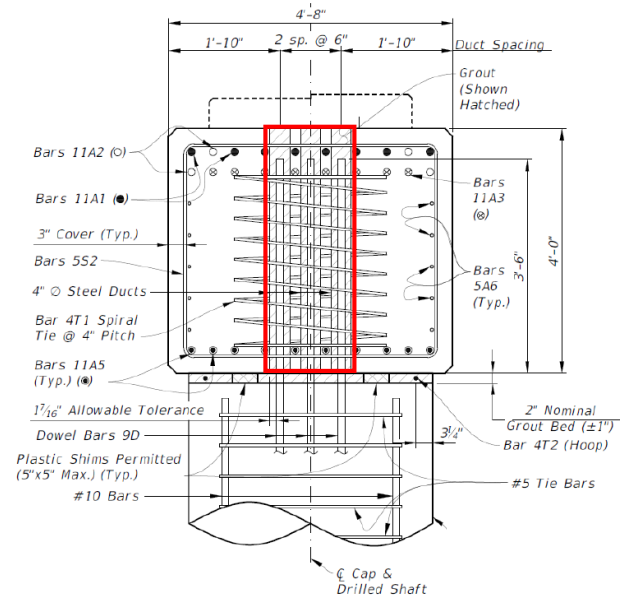


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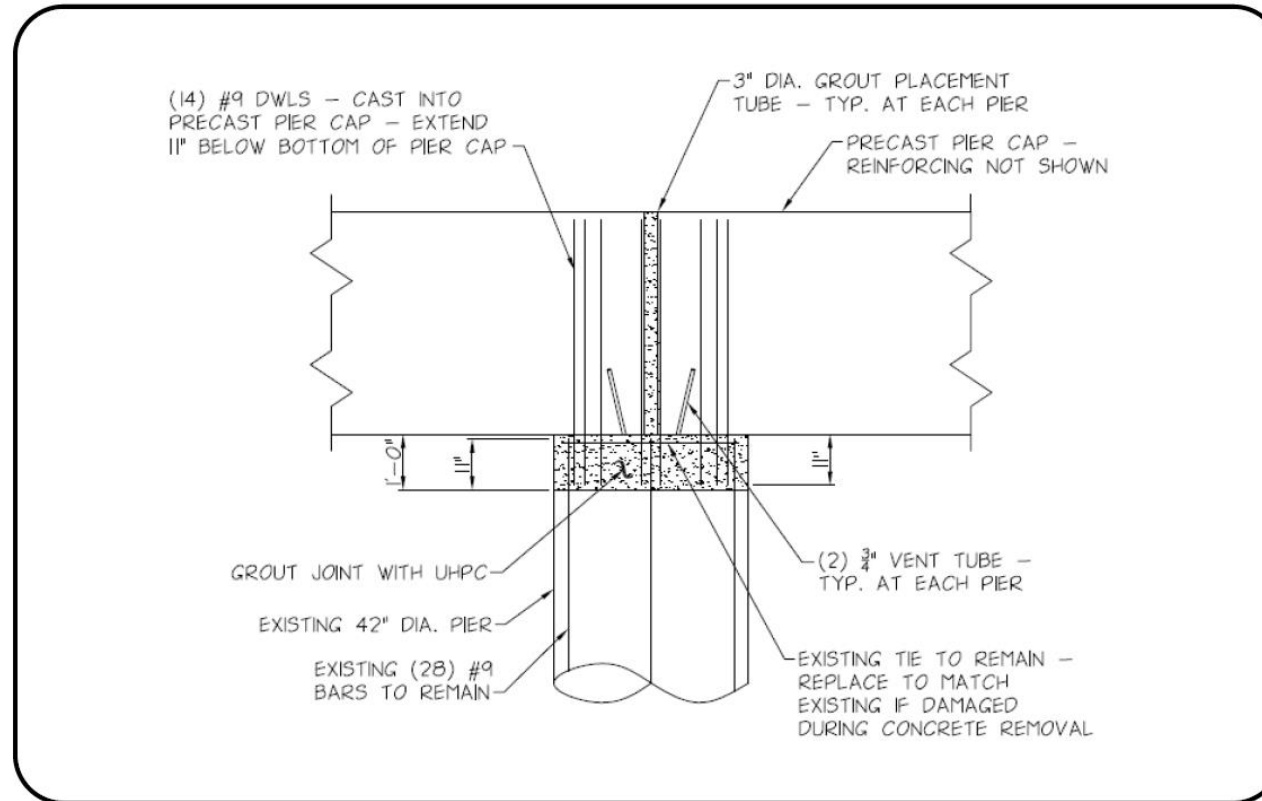
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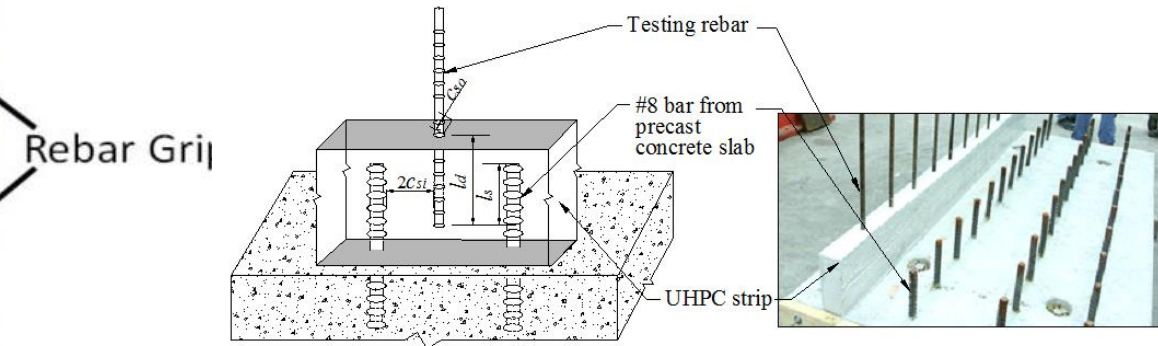
# UHPC Large Bar Splice Connections



# UHPC Substructure Connection

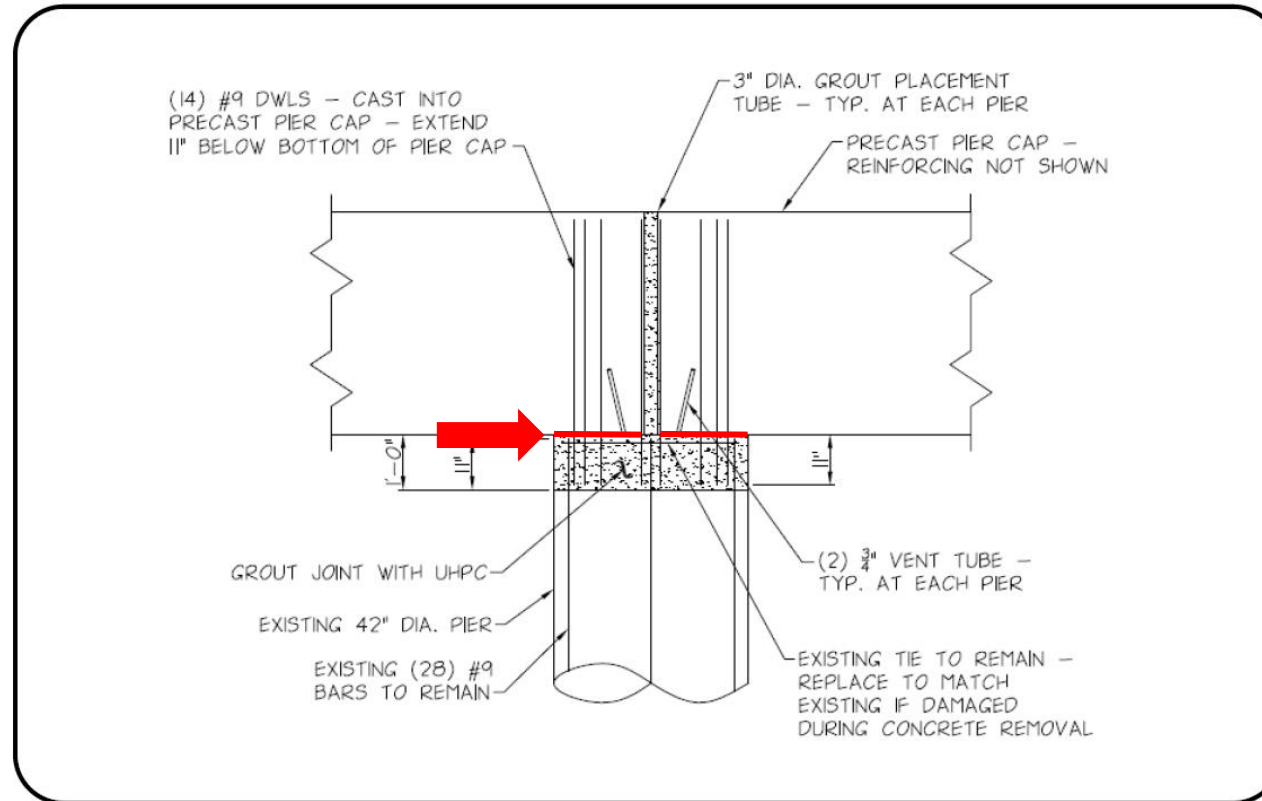


Hooper Road over US 17C in Union, New York



## Previous Splice Testing

# Blind Casting



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Source: UHPC Connections for ABC presentation by Graybeal

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Splice Testing



# Upcoming Research

- Macro Synthetic Fiber Reinforcement for Improved Structural Performance of Concrete Bridge Girders
- Shear Friction Capacity of Corrugated Pipe Connection in Precast Footings
- Stainless Steel Strands and Lightweight Concrete for Pretensioned Concrete Girders
- Fiber-Reinforced Concrete Traffic Railings for Impact Loading
- Straight Steel I-girder Bridges with Skew Index Approaching 0.3
- Flexural Capacity of Concrete Elements with Unbonded and Bonded Prestressing
- Shear Behavior of Webs Post-Tensioned with Tendons Containing Flexible Fillers

Questions?

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