AASHTO GFRP-Reinforced Concrete Design Training Course









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- 1. Introduction & Materials
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Design Codes



AASHTO GFRP 1st Ed.

(No provisions included)



(Provisions included)







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Introduction – Pure Compression

Review of Steel-RC Columns

$$P_o = P_c + P_s = 0.85 f_c' (A_g - A_s) + f_y A_s$$

Basic Concept for GFRP-RC Columns

$$P_o = P_c + P_f = 0.85 f_c' (A_g - A_f) + f_c f_f$$

(AASHTO GFRP 2.6.4.2)

As reported in Afifi et al. (2014) and Mohamed et al., (2014), mechanical properties of GFRP in compression exceed those of concrete and therefore, equivalency could be assumed









Axial Loading Failure Modes



Column test at NIST



12-in Tie Spacing



3-in Tie Spacing

Behavior of Full-Scale Concrete Columns Internally Reinforced with Glass FRP Bars under Pure Axial Load (De Luca, et al., 2009)









Axial Loading Failure Modes



GFRP-RC Columns After Failure

Circular Concrete Columns with GFRP Longitudinal Bars, Hoops, or Spirals under Axial Loads (University of Sherbrooke; courtesy of Prof. Brahim Benmokrane)







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Factored Compressive Resistance - AASHTO

Factored Pure Compressive Resistance - AASHTO

For members with spiral or hoop reinforcements ٠

 $P_n = 0.85 [0.85 f_c' (A_q - A_f)]$

 $P_r = \phi P_n$

For members with the reinforcement •

$$P_n = 0.80 \big[0.85 f_c' \big(A_g - A_f \big) \big]$$

 A_f = area of GFRP reinforcement (in²) A_a = gross area of section (in²) f'_{c} = specified compressive (ksi) P_n = nominal axial resistance, without flexure (kips) P_r = factored axial resistance, without flexure (kips)

$$.80[0.85f_c'(A_g - A_f)]$$



(AASHTO GFRP 2.6.4.2-2)

Factored Tensile Resistance - AASHTO

Factored Pure Tensile Resistance - AASHTO

$$P_r = \phi P_n$$
 (AASHTO GFRP 2.6.6.2-1)

in which:

$$P_n = f_{fd} A_f \tag{AASHTO GFRP 2.6.6.2-2}$$

$$f_{fd} = C_E f_{fu} \tag{AASHTO GFRP 2.4.2.1-1}$$

where:

 A_f = area of GFRP reinforcement (in²)

 f_{fd} = design tensile strength of GFRP reinforcing bars considering reductions for service environment (ksi)

 P_n = nominal axial resistance (kip)





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Design Considerations

Minimum & Maximum Longitudinal Reinforcement

Minimum and maximum area of the longitudinal GFRP reinforcing shall be:

$$0.01 \le A_f / A_g \le 0.08$$

AASHTO GFRP 4.5.6

Provision adopted for GFRP-RC are analogous to Steel-RC design provisions in AASHTO & ACI

Limit on Maximum Tensile Strain in GFRP

To avoid strains that lead to unacceptable deformation and loss of stiffness of the column (Jawaheri & Nanni, 2013):

$$\varepsilon_{fd} = \min(\varepsilon_{fu}, 0.010)$$
 and

$$f_{fd} = \min(f_{fu}, 0.010E_f)$$







Design Considerations

Limits on maximum spacing of Transverse Reinforcement: confinement, buckling of longitudinal reinforcement



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Context



GFRP Cage Assembly, Casting and Installation of RC Piles









Combined P-M Failure Modes

CGA40 CGA80 CGA160 CGA320 CGA40 CGA80 CGA160 CGA320 CGA40 CGA80 CGA160 CGA320 CGB40 CGB80 CGB160 CGB320 CGB40 CGB80 CGB160 CGB320 CGB40 CGB80 CGB160 CGB320 CS320 CS40 **CS80** CS160 **CS40 CS160** CS320 **CS40 CS80 CS160 CS80** CS320 **Compression Side** Side View **Tension Side**

Rectangular Concrete Column Failure with GFRP Bars and Ties (Guérin et al., 2018)









Schematic P-M diagram for two identical columns having the same amounts of GFRP and steel reinforcement. Include the following five points. Note location of **balance point for GFRP-RC**



Create a P-M interaction diagram for the following tied column section:



Equivalent FDOT standard index non-prestressed

18"x18", 12 GFRP bars

 $\begin{array}{ll} {f'}_{c} = 5,000 \text{ psi} \\ {E}_{f} = 6,500 \text{ ksi} & {E}_{c} = 4,291 \text{ ksi} \\ {f}_{fd} = 59.2 \text{ ksi} & {\epsilon}_{fd} = 0.00911 \\ 12 - \#8 \text{ GFRP bars evenly spaced} \end{array}$

Include the following points:

- Pure compression
- Zero tension
- Pure flexure
- Balance point
- Pure tension







Pure Compression

Strain in GFRP reinforcement cannot exceed the strain maximum strain in concrete (0.003). Contribution of GFRP in compression is difficult assess, show zero and non-zero contribution











Capacity in pure compression: $P = 0.85f'_c(A_g - A_f) + \frac{A_{f,tot}(\varepsilon_{cu}E_c)}{\varepsilon_{cu}E_c}$

 $C_c = (0.85)(5ksi)(324in^2 - 9.48in^2) = 1337 k$ (AASHTO GFRP 2.6.4.2)







Discussion on contribution of GFRP in Compression

- Current AASHTO provisions do not account for GFRP compression contribution
- Force up to 0.003 compressive strain times a stiffness conservatively equal to that of concrete is appropriate
- For pure compression: $A_{f,tot}(\varepsilon_{cu}E_c)$













Adding the compressive component of GFRP reinforcement ($\varepsilon_f = 0.003$)

$$C_{f1} = 4(0.79in^2)(4291ksi)(0.003)\frac{(18"-0")}{18"} = 40.7k$$

$$C_{f2} = 2(0.79in^2)(4291ksi)(0.003)\frac{(18"-0")}{18"} = 20.3k$$

$$C_{f3} = 2(0.79in^2)(4291ksi)(0.003)\frac{(18"-0")}{18"} = 20.3k$$

$$C_{f4} = 4(0.79in^2)(4291ksi)(0.003)\frac{(18"-0")}{18"} = 40.7k$$

Adding all forces:

P = 1337k + 40.7k + 20.3k + 20.3k + 40.7k = 1459 k

9% increase over current AASHTO equation





Next point: Zero tension on the extreme GFRP bar layer



Zero Tension

Point where there is zero tension in the bottom reinforcement layer







Zero Tension

c = d neutral axis

Strain at bottom GFRP reinforcement layer is zero GFRP bars in compression are treated as concrete

$$T_{f4} = 0 \ kip$$

Zero tension

Calculate the force in concrete

$$C_c = (b \cdot a)\alpha_1 f'_c = (b \cdot \beta_1 c)\alpha_1 f'_c = (18in \cdot 0.80 \cdot 15in)(0.85)(5ksi) = 918kip$$

Calculate the axial force

$$P = \sum F = C_c \qquad = 918k$$





Zero Tension (Continued)

Calculate distance of forces from center line and then solve using for moment

Concrete level:

$$y_{C_c} = y_{N.A.} - \frac{p_1 c}{2}$$

= 9in - $\frac{(0.8)(15in)}{2} = 3in$

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4th Level: $y_{f4} = d_4 - y_{N.A.} = 15in - 9in = 6in$

Taking moments

$$M = y_{Cc}F_{Cc} + y_{f4}T_{f4} = 918k(3in) + 0k(6in) = 229 k - ft$$







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Next point: Pure flexure (P= zero)







Pure Flexure

Pure flexure occurs when axial load is zero and the failure mode is governed by concrete crushing (potentially also by GFRP failure depending on cross-section)



 $T_f = A_f \varepsilon_f E_f$

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Pure Flexure

$$P = \sum F = C_c + T_{f2} + T_{f3} + T_{f4} = 0k$$

Calculate forces in terms of c, and then solve by imposing horizontal equilibrium

$$T_{f2} = 2 \cdot (0.79in^2)(6500ksi)(0.003) \left(\frac{c - 7in}{c}\right)$$

$$T_{f3} = 2 \cdot (0.79in^2)(6500ksi)(0.003) \left(\frac{c - 11in}{c}\right)$$

$$T_{f4} = 4 \cdot (0.79in^2)(6500ksi)(0.003)\left(\frac{c - 15in}{c}\right)$$





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$$C_c = 0.85(0.8)(5ksi)(18in)c = 61.2c$$

Solving for c:

$$T_{f2} = 30.8 \left(\frac{c-7}{c}\right)$$
$$T_{f3} = 30.8 \left(\frac{c-11}{c}\right)$$
$$T_{f4} = 61.6 \left(\frac{c-15}{c}\right)$$

Substituting into equilibrium equation:

$$30.8\left(\frac{c-7}{c}\right) + 30.8\left(\frac{c-11}{c}\right) + 61.6\left(\frac{c-15}{c}\right) + 61.2c = 0$$











Pure Flexure (Continued)

Calculate the Moment: Sum moments around center line Concrete lever arms:

 $y_{C_c} = y_{N.A.} - \frac{\beta_1 c}{2} = 9in - \frac{(0.8)(4.01in)}{2} = 7.4in$ $y_{f2} = y_{N.A.} - d_2 = 9in - 7in = 2in$ $y_{f3} = d_3 - y_{N.A.} = 11in - 9in = 2in$ $y_{f_{4}}$

$$a_4 = d_4 - y_{N.A.} = 15in - 9in = 6in$$

Summing Moments Around Cente



$$M = y_{Cc}C_c + y_{f2}T_{f2} + y_{f3}T_{f3} + y_{f4}T_{f4} = 231 k - ft$$









Next point: Balance failure, simultaneous GFRP rupture and concrete crushing. Design failure strain in GFRP about 5 times larger than yield strain for Grade 60 steel



Balance Point: strain, stress and force distribution (equivalent stress block)









Balance Point



Find the neutral axis:

$$c = d\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{cu}}{\varepsilon_{fd} + \varepsilon_{cu}}\right)$$
$$c = (15in)\left(\frac{0.003}{0.00911 + 0.003}\right) = 3.72in$$







Calculate GFRP strain and stresses:

Second layer GFRP strain

$$\varepsilon_{f2} = \varepsilon_{cu} \left(\frac{c - d_2}{c} \right) = 0.003 \left(\frac{3.72in - 7in}{3.72in} \right) = -0.00265$$

 $f_{f2} = E_f \varepsilon_{f2} = (6500 ksi)(-0.00265) = -17.2 \ ksi$

Third layer GFRP strain

$$\varepsilon_{f3} = \varepsilon_{cu} \left(\frac{c - d_3}{c} \right) = 0.003 \left(\frac{3.72in - 11in}{3.72in} \right) = -0.00588$$

 $f_{f3} = E_f \varepsilon_{f3} = (6500 ksi)(-0.00588) = -38.2 ksi$

Fourth layer GFRP strain

$$\varepsilon_{f4} = \varepsilon_{cu} \left(\frac{c - d_4}{c} \right) = 0.003 \left(\frac{3.72in - 15in}{3.72in} \right) = -0.00911$$

 $f_{f4} = E_f \varepsilon_{f4} = (6500 ksi)(-0.00911) = -59.2 ksi = \mathbf{f_{fd}}$





Balance Point (Continued)

Calculate the Forces:

 $C_c = (b \cdot a) \alpha_1 \beta_1 f_c'$

$$C_c = (18in \cdot 0.85 \cdot 3.72in)(0.8)(5ksi) = 277.5k$$

$$P = \sum F = C_c + T_{f2} + T_{f3} + T_{f4}$$

Sum forces by multiplying GFRP stress by areas

 $P = 277.5k - (17.2ksi)(1.58in^2) - (38.2ksi)(1.58in^2) - (59.2ksi)(3.16in^2)$



Balance point occurs when axial load is tension








Calculate the Moment: Sum moments around section centerline *Concrete and GFRP bars lever arms:*

$$y_{C_c} = y_{N.A.} - \frac{\beta_1 c}{2} = 9in - \frac{(0.8)(3.72in)}{2} = 7.5in$$
$$y_{f2} = y_{N.A.} - d_2 = 9in - 7in = 2in$$
$$y_{f3} = d_3 - y_{N.A.} = 11in - 9in = 2in$$
$$y_{f4} = d_4 - y_{N.A.} = 15in - 9in = 6in$$



Summing Moments Around Center Line

$$M = C_c y_{C_c} - y_{f_2} T_{f_2} + y_{f_2} T_{f_3} + y_{f_4} T_{f_4} = 241 k - ft$$









Next point: Pure axial tension. There is no concrete contribution







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Zero Moment (Tension)

The first point is tension only, so the concrete is assumed to not contribute







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Zero Moment (Tension)



 $\varepsilon_f = \varepsilon_{fd}$

Calculate force components assuming all GFRP bars rupture

$$P = \sum F = F_{f1} + F_{f2} + F_{f3} + F_{f4}$$

 $P = 12(0.79in^2)(59.2ksi) = 561.1kip$

$$\mathsf{M}=0kip-ft$$









AASHTO Resistance Factor for GFRP



The safety factor Φ needs to be calculated for each moment-axial load combination (as each P-M point has a different stress in tension reinforcement)







Limiting the factored compressive load:

0.85 = spiral or hoop reinforcement 0.80 = tie reinforcement

 $P_{n,max} = 0.80[0.85(5ksi)(324in^2 - 9.48in^2)]$

 $P_{n,max} = 1070.6 kip$

Point	M _n	P _n	φ	φM _n	фР _n
Pure Compression	0 k-ft	1070 k	0.75	0 k-ft	802 k
Zero Tension	229 k-ft	918 k	0.75	172 k-ft	689 k
Pure Moment	231 k-ft	0 k	0.64	148 k-ft	0 k
Balance Point	241 k-ft	-47 k	0.55	133 k-ft	-26 k
Pure Tension	0 k-ft	-561 k	0.55	0 k-ft	-309 k







P-M Diagram for factored and unfactored values

Unfactored P-M diagram for different assumptions on GFRP compression contribution











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Slenderness Effect

Slender Columns



As column bends, there is an out-of-plane deflection (Δ). Δ will cause second-order moment

 $M_{2nd \ order} = P\Delta$

This second-order moment is in addition to any other moment applied to the column and decreases the strength of the overall column

By definition, a column is considered slender when this second order moment decreases the capacity by more than 5%

Criterion

$$\frac{P_{long}}{P_{short}} \le 0.95$$







Determination of El

Flexural stiffness, *EI*, ad effective length, *kL*, are the parameters determining the slenderness effect

 $\Lambda \gamma \Gamma I$

GFRP-RC columns are affected more by slenderness due to smaller *EI*

Jawaheri & Nanni, 2017 offer both simplified and detailed expressions for *EI* analogous to ACI 318-14:

Simplified
$$EI = \frac{0.2E_c I_g}{1 + \beta_{dns}} + 0.03E_c I_g$$

Detailed $EI = \frac{0.2E_c I_g}{1 + \beta_{dns}} + 0.75E_f I_f$ where $\beta_{dns} = \frac{P_{u,sustained}}{P_u}$





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Design Considerations

Slenderness Ratio

Mirmiran et al., 2001 showed that, for GFRP-RC columns not braced against side-way, the limit should be reduced to 17

(a) Sway permitted $\frac{kL}{r} \le 22 \quad (ACI \ 318-14) \longrightarrow \frac{kL}{r} \le 17$ (b) Braced $\frac{kL}{r} \le 34 + 12 \left(\frac{M_1}{M_2}\right) \le 40 \ (ACI \ 318-14) \longrightarrow \frac{kL}{r} \le 29 + 12 \left(\frac{M_1}{M_2}\right) \le 30$ $M_1/M_2 \text{ is negative if column is bent in single curvature, and positive}$

for double curvature





Alignment Charts

The coefficient **k** can be determined through the use of alignment charts based on relative stiffness of framing members



Determination of El

For GFRP reinforced concrete members, stiffness of restraining members needs approximation. Values are provided below in the table

 φ_A		
$\varphi_i =$	$\frac{\sum \left(\frac{EI}{L}\right)_{column}}{\sum \left(m\frac{EI}{L}\right)_{beam}}$	
 φ_B		Æ

Member and condition		Moment of Inertia	Cross-sectional area	
Columns		0.40lg		
Walls	Uncracked	0.40lg		
	Cracked	0.15lg	1.0A _g	
Beams		0.15lg		
Flat plates and flat slabs		0.15lg		

Approved by ACI 440 committee adapting Bischoff (2017) for expected range of reinforcing ratios and elastic modulus. Jawaheri, H. & Nanni, A., (2017) provide further information.







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Concluding Remarks

- Elastic modulus of GFRP in compression matches that of concrete (conservative assumption)
- Transverse reinforcement spacing affected by smaller elastic modulus of GFRP
- Minimum longitudinal GFRP reinforcement ratio for columns same as for steel
- P-M diagram can be constructed using similar procedure as for steel-RC columns
- GFRP-RC not appropriate for seismic application





Questions?









AXIAL RESPONSE OF GFRP REINFORCED CONCRETE 4.1 Review Questions: *Fundamentals*









4.1.1) The compressive capacity of GFRP reinforcement

a. Is used to improve ductility

b. Is used to satisfy maximum strain requirements of AASHTO

c. Is not considered for low loads

d. Can be used in design up until a concrete strain of 0.003





Introduction



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GFRP bar loaded in compression (Deitz, Harik, and Gesund, 2003)







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4.1.2) Compared to steel reinforced columns, the transverse spacing requirements for GFRP reinforced columns are the same.

a. True

a. False





Design Considerations

Limits on Maximum Spacing of Transverse Reinforcement: confinement, buckling of longitudinal reinforcement









4.1.2) Compared to steel reinforced columns, the transverse spacing requirements for GFRP reinforced columns are the same.

a. True

b. False







4.1.3) Compared to steel reinforced columns, the ultimate tensile capacity is reduced.

a. True

b. False





Schematic P-M diagram for two identical columns having the same amounts of GFRP and steel reinforcement









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4.1.3) Compared to steel reinforced columns, the ultimate tensile capacity is reduced.

a. True

b. False







4.1.4) When constructing a moment-interaction diagram for a GFRP reinforced column, the balance points refers to:

- a. The point at which the GFRP reinforcement yields and concrete crushes
- b. The point at which the GFRP reinforcement ruptures and concrete crushes
- c. The point at which the GFRP reinforcement yields before concrete crushes
- d. The point at which the concrete crushes, but the GFRP reinforcement has not ruptured.





Balance Point

Balance point is when concrete crushes and tension reinforcement ruptures simultaneously. (Since there is no yielding of GFRP)









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4.1.5) When designing a slender GFRP reinforced column, special considerations should be made to determining slenderness ratio and EI?

a. True

b. False







Determination of El

Effect of Creep

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a. True

b. False







AXIAL RESPONSE OF GFRP REINFORCED CONCRETE 4.2 Design Example: Solider **Pile in Wing Wall**









Pile Example

Consider the following example:







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Pile Example



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Cross Section







Pile Example



Distributed Force = Resultant Earth Pressure × Pile Spacing






Pile Example



Pile Example

Laterally Loaded Pile Results



Pile Example

Plotting Demand Point in P-M Diagram











Questions?





