

CEE 485
Reinforced Concrete Design
Fall 2018

Lab Beam Design for Flexure and Shear
Compared with Beam Test Results

Laboratory Beam Tests

- CEE485 – Reinforced Concrete Design
- Senior level course – 4 credits (1 for lab)
- Fall semester – 80 students
- Lab experience involves building, testing and evaluating 12 beams in groups of 6-7 students.
- Beam dimensions and reinforcement predefined to ensure desired response.
- Group reports must provide ACI-318 strength and group “educated” estimate of failure load.
- Prizes awarded to group with closest estimates

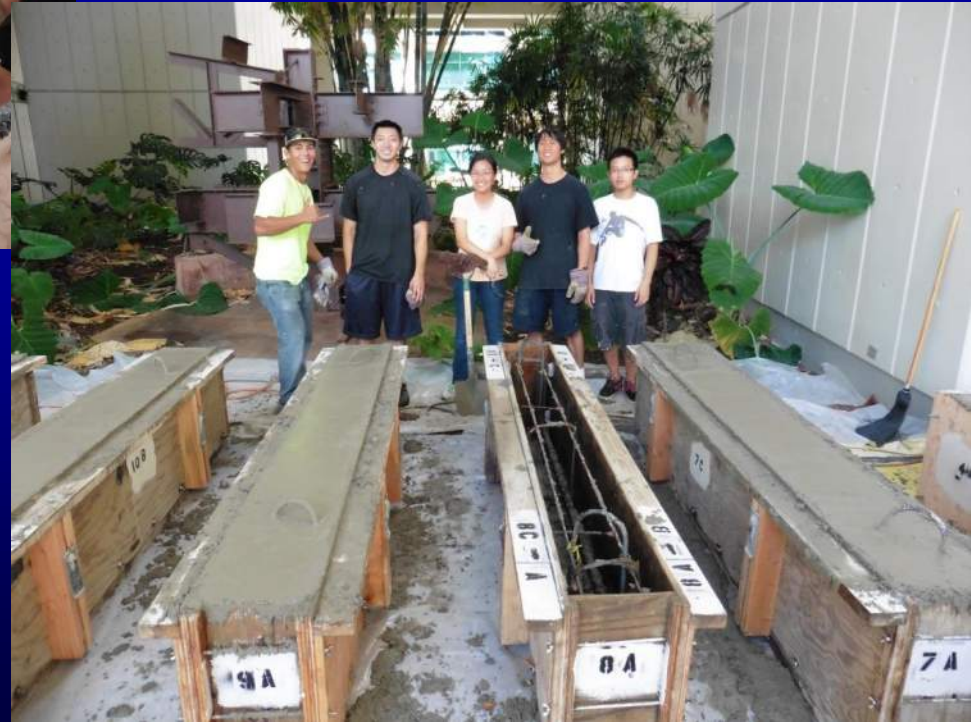
Rebar and Formwork Fabrication



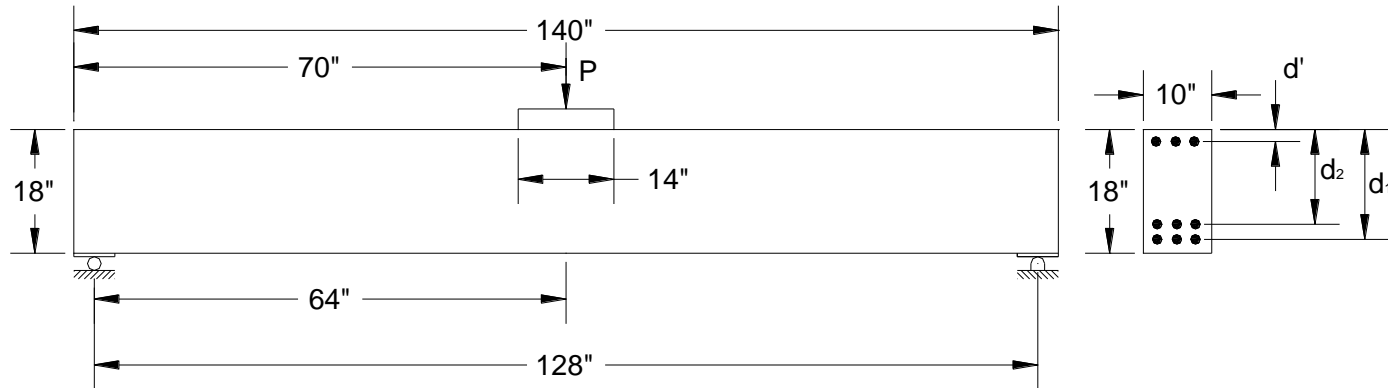
Concrete Pour

- 4000psi 3” \pm 1” Slump – 3/8” Aggregate
- Slump measured prior to placement
- Poured 10 beams
- Add 7.5lb/cuyd Ferro Fiber and Glenium 3030 to re-activate original slump
- Pour FRP beam 1
- Add 40lb/cuyd Helix Fibers and Glenium 3030 to re-activate original slump
- Pour FRP beam 2

Beam Pour



Flexural (Long) Beams 1-6



Long Beam Test Dimensions

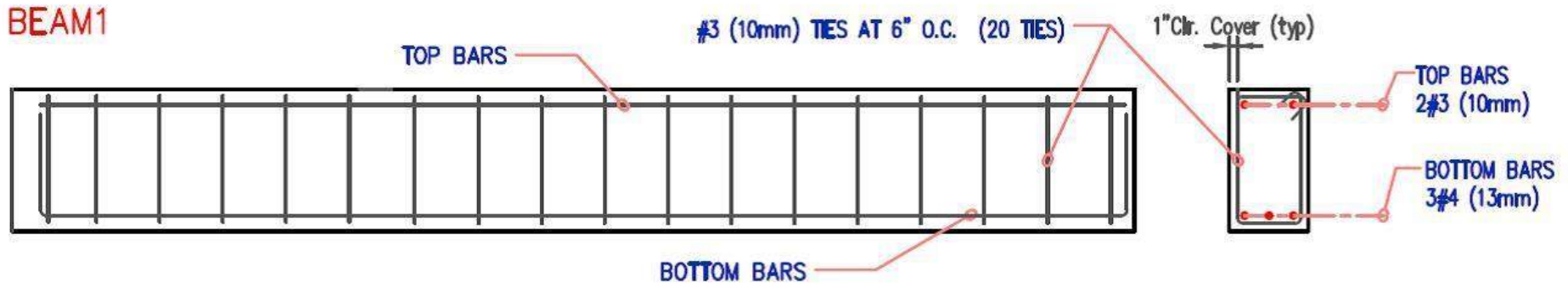
$$M_{cr} = \frac{f_r I_g}{y_t} = \frac{7.5 \sqrt{4000} \times \frac{10 \times 18^3}{12}}{9}$$

$$\therefore M_{cr} = 256,000 \text{ in} - \text{lb} = 21.3 \text{ ft} - \text{kip}$$

$$\text{and } M_{max} = PL/4$$

$$\text{So, } P_{cr} = \frac{4M_{cr}}{L} = \frac{4 \times 21.3}{128/12} = \mathbf{8.0 \text{ kips}}$$

Beam 1



(3) #4 bottom bars

(2) #3 top bars (ignore for flexural strength calculation)

#3@6" o.c. stirrups

$$d = h - \text{cover} - \phi_{st} - 1/2 \phi_{bar} = 18 - 1 - 0.375 - 0.25 = 16.375 \text{ in}$$

$$A_{s,\min} = \frac{200}{f_y} b_w d = \frac{200}{60000} \times 10 \times 16.375 = 0.546 \text{ in}^2$$

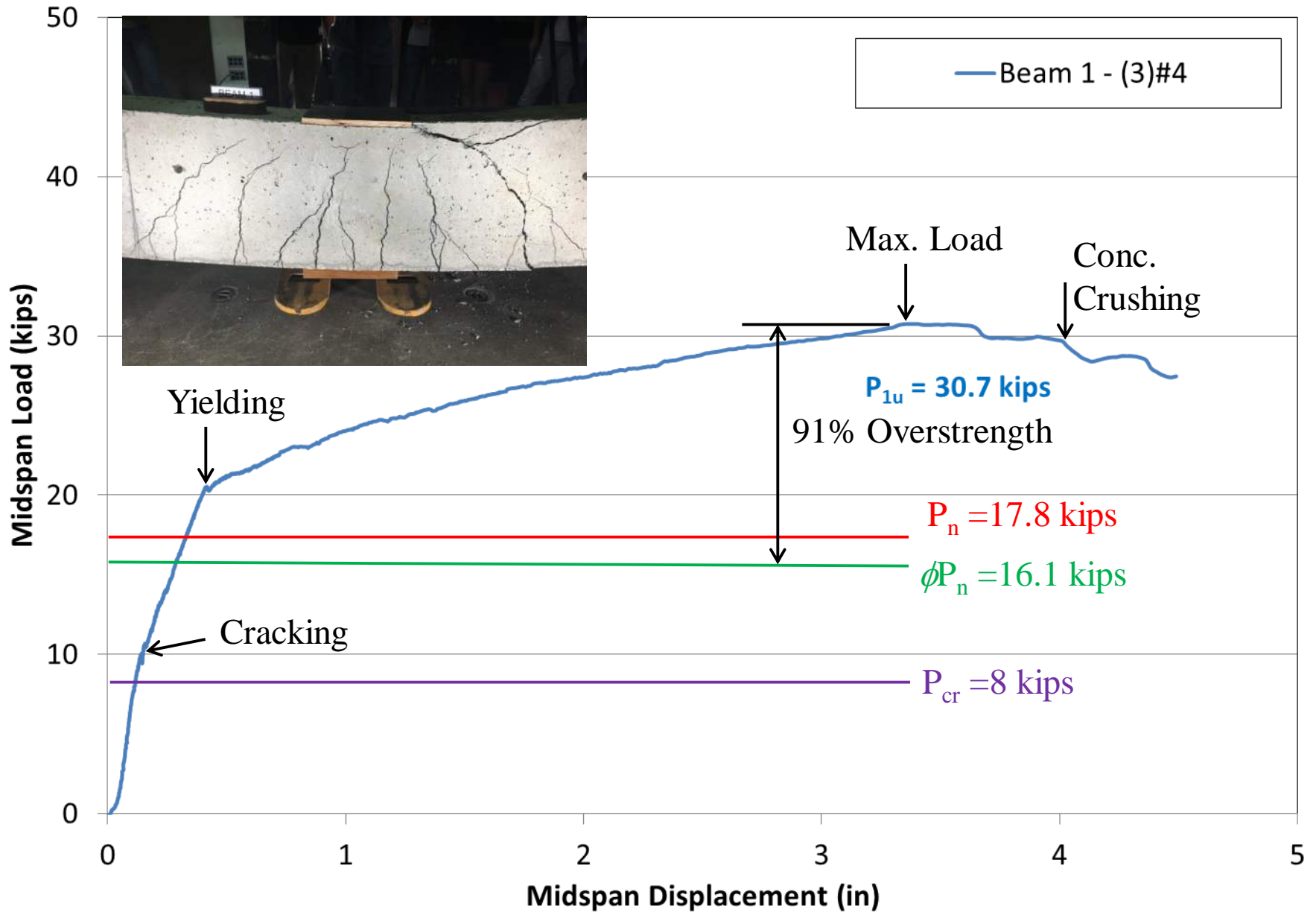
$$A_{s,\text{prov}} = 3 \times 0.2 = 0.6 \text{ in}^2 > 0.546 \text{ in}^2, \therefore \text{okay.}$$

$$\rho = A_s / b_w d = 0.6 / (10 \times 16.375) = 0.00366 = 0.37\%$$

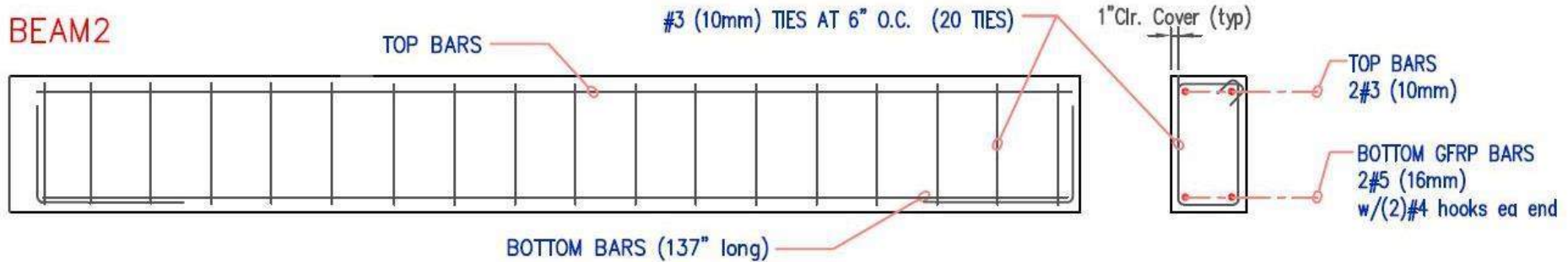
$$M_n = 47.6 \text{ k-ft (Equiv to } P = 17.8 \text{ kips)}, \text{ and } \phi M_n = 42.8 \text{ k-ft}$$

Demonstrate the behavior of a “**tension-controlled**” ductile RC beam.

Flexural Beam 1



Beam 2



(2) #5 Glass FRP bottom bars

(2) #3 top bars (ignore for flexural strength calculation)

#3@6" o.c. stirrups

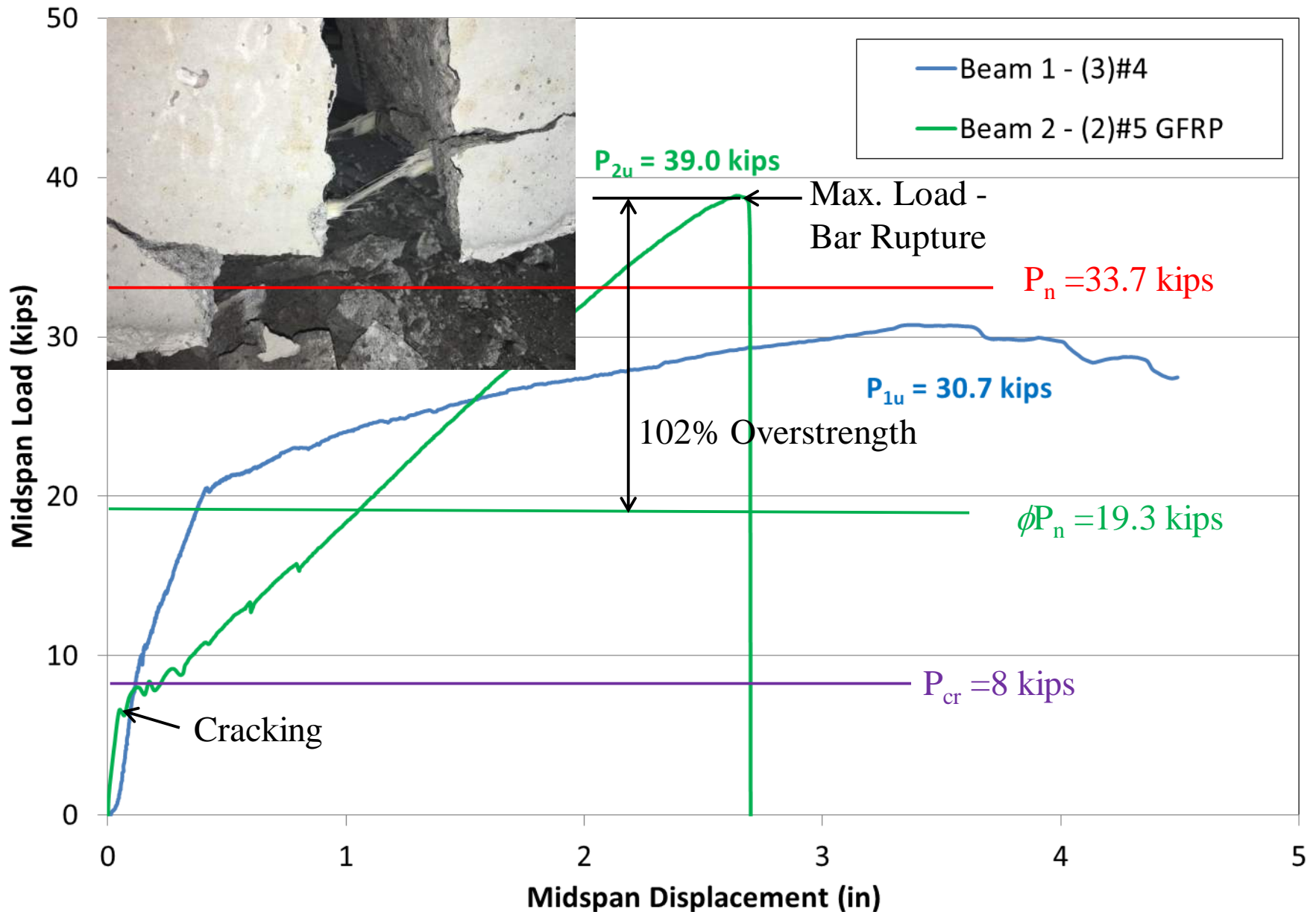
$$A_{s,prov} = 2 \times 0.31 = 0.62 \text{ in}^2$$

$$\rho = A_s / b_w d = 0.62 / (10 \times 16.375) = 0.38\%$$

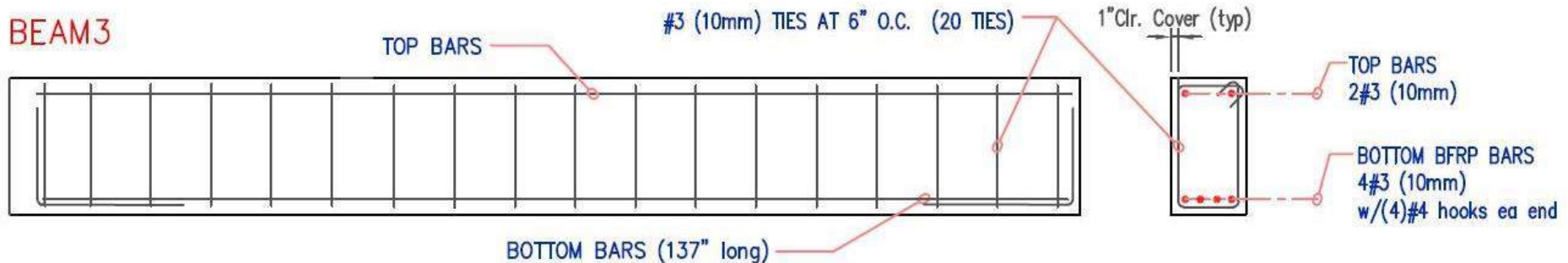
$$M_n = 90 \text{ k-ft (Equiv to } P = 33.7 \text{ kips)}, \text{ and } \phi M_n = 51.7 \text{ k-ft}$$

Demonstrate the behavior of a concrete beam reinforced with Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer (GFRP bars) equivalent to Beam 1.

Flexural Beams 1 - 2



Beam 3



(4) #3 Basalt FRP bottom bars

(2) #3 top bars (ignore for flexural strength calculation)

#3@6" o.c. stirrups

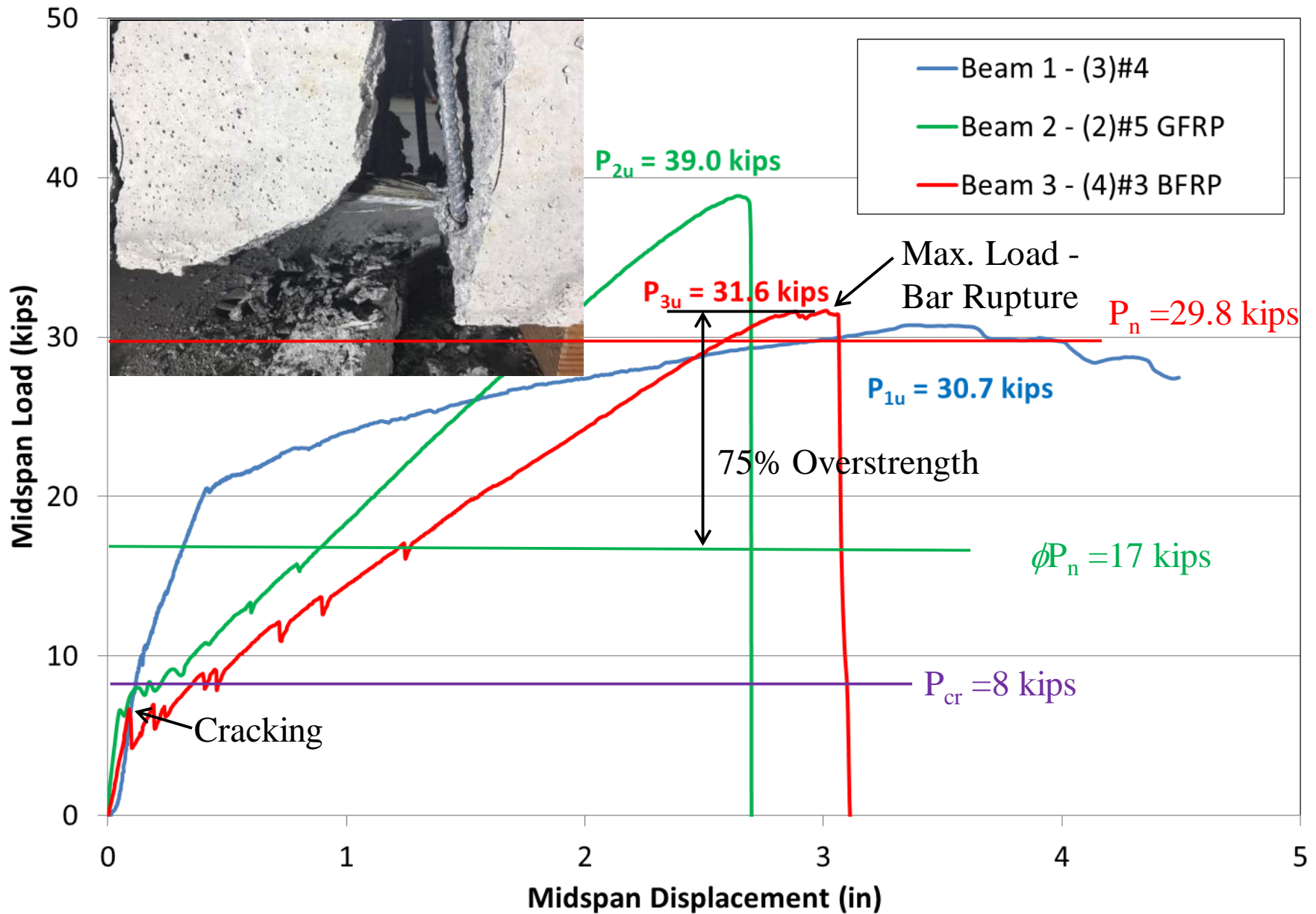
$$A_{s,prov} = 4 \times 0.11 = 0.44 \text{ in}^2$$

$$\rho = A_s / b_w d = 0.44 / (10 \times 16.375) = 0.27\%$$

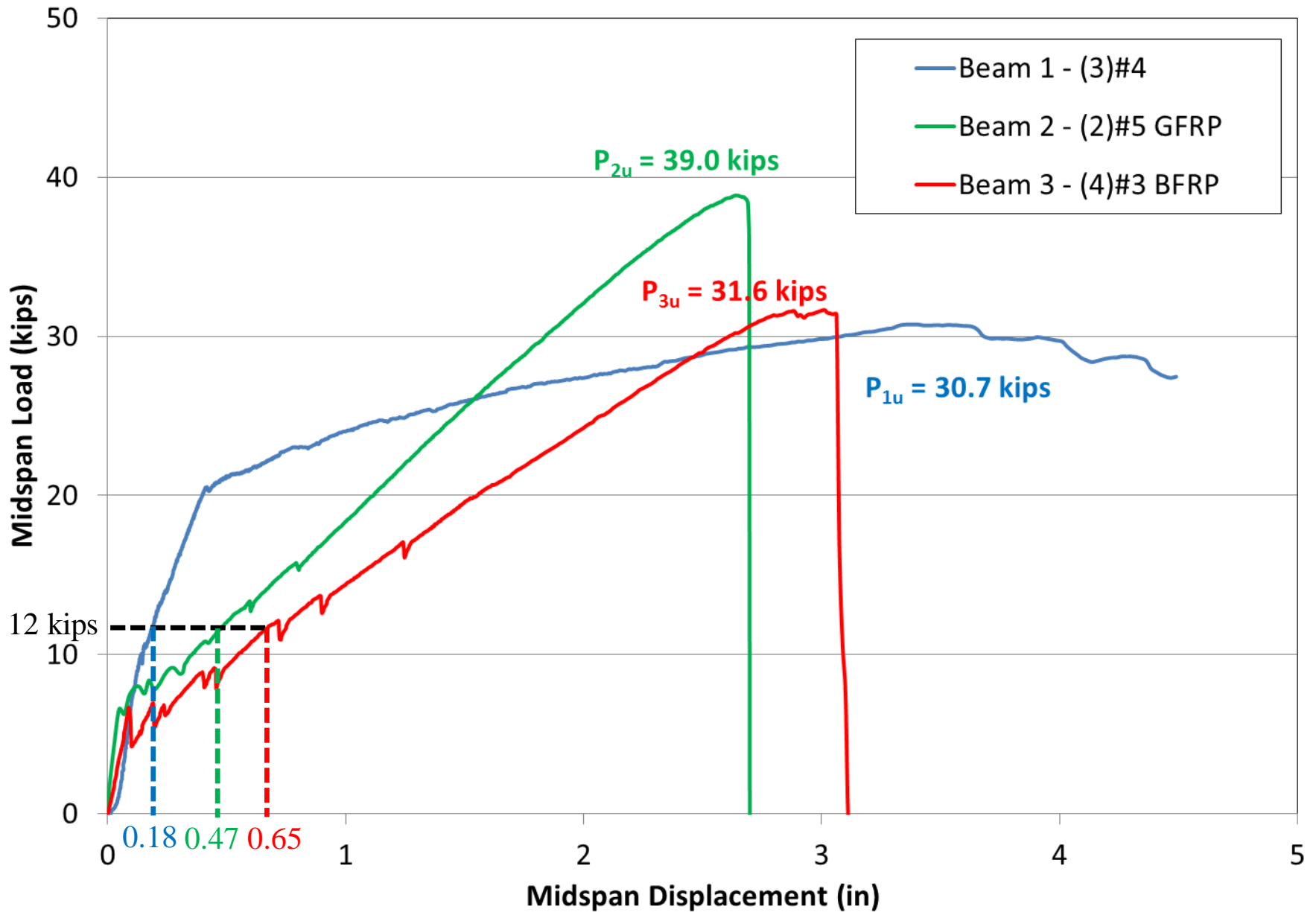
$$M_n = 79.4k - ft \text{ (Equiv to } P = 29.8kips), \text{ and } \phi M_n = 45.2k - ft$$

Demonstrate the behavior of a concrete beam reinforced with Basalt Fiber Reinforced Polymer (BFRP bars) equivalent to Beam 1.

Flexural Beams 1 - 3



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BFRP Applications

- Excellent for non-structural flat work in any environment, including highly corrosive
 - Slab-on-grade, pavement, etc.
 - Free-standing walls, panels, guard rails, etc.
- Deflection issues will require increased reinforcement quantities
 - Structural beams
 - Structural slabs