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ENHANCING LIVE LOAD-CARRYING CAPACITY OF EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR EXTENDED LIFE SPAN

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□ Fiber-Reinforced Polymers

- Material Properties
- Common Types / Application Techniques
- Advantages of FRP

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FIBER-REINFORCED POLYMERS (FRP)

Constituent Materials

Fibers: Glass



Resins: Epoxy

Carbon

Polyester

Aramid

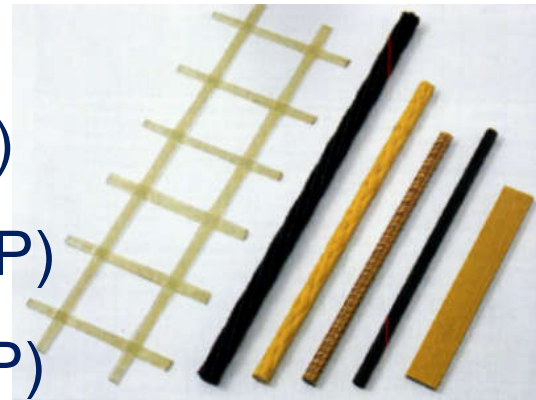
Vinyl esters



Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymers (GFRP)

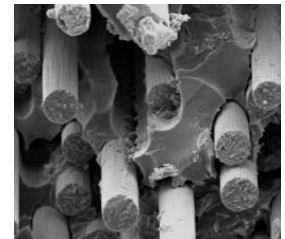
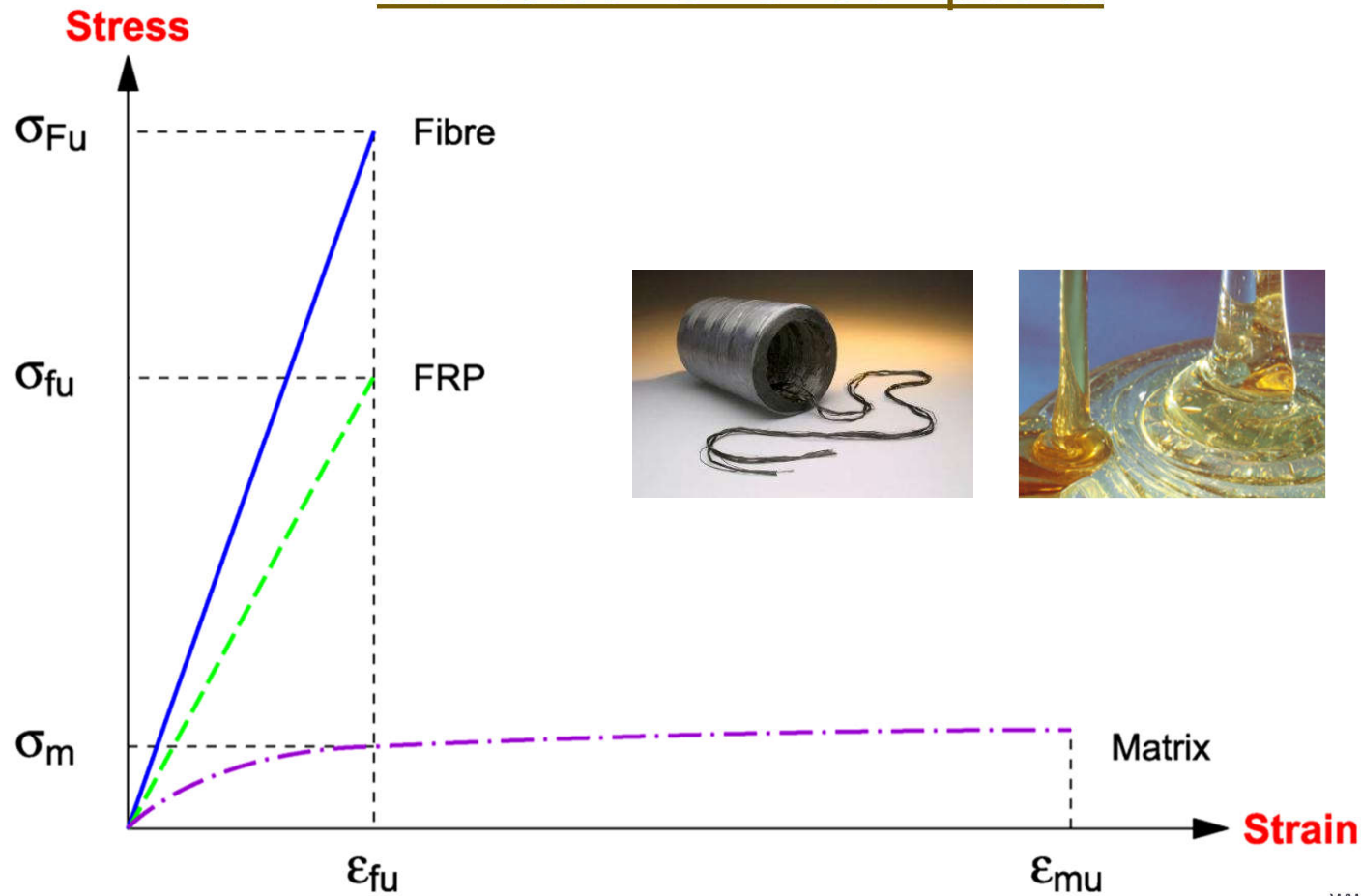
Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymers (CFRP)

Aramid Fiber Reinforced Polymers (AFRP)



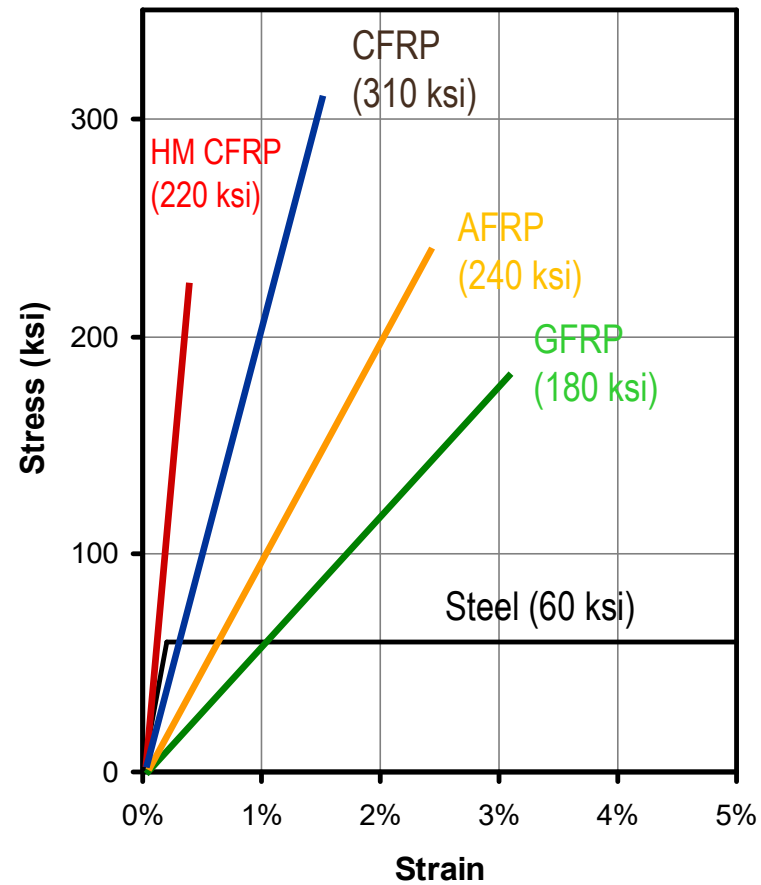
FIBER-REINFORCED POLYMERS (FRP)

Constituents vs. Composite



FIBER-REINFORCED POLYMERS (FRP)

Mechanical Properties



FIBER-REINFORCED POLYMERS (FRP)

Advantages of FRP

- ✓ High strength-to-weight ratio
- ✓ Excellent durability
- ✓ Non-magnetic, Non corrosive
- ✓ Low profile when installed
- ✓ Fast and easy application

Table 4.2.1—Typical densities of FRP materials, lb/ft³ (g/cm³)

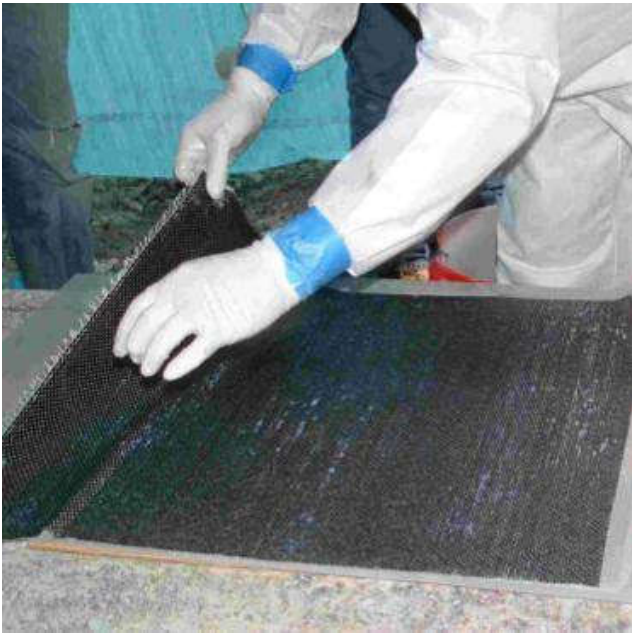
Steel	Glass FRP (GFRP)	Carbon FRP (CFRP)	Aramid FRP (AFRP)
490 (7.9)	75 to 130 (1.2 to 2.1)	90 to 100 (1.5 to 1.6)	75 to 90 (1.2 to 1.5)

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FIBER-REINFORCED POLYMERS (FRP)

Common Types of CFRP

Wet lay-up systems



Pre-cured Laminates



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Common Types of FRP

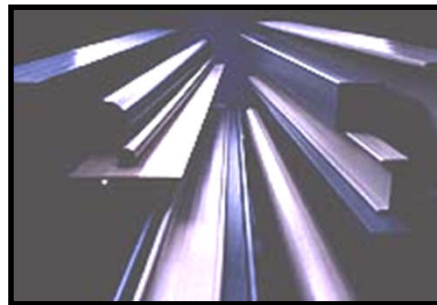
Wet lay-up

Dry fiber sheets or fabrics impregnated with resin on-site



Pre-cured

Pre-cured Composite shapes manufactured off-site



Pre-preg

Pre-impregnated uncured fiber sheets or fabrics



FIBER-REINFORCED POLYMERS (FRP)

Application Techniques

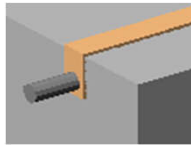
Externally Bonding (EB)



FIBER-REINFORCED POLYMERS (FRP)

Application Techniques

Near-Surface-Mounted (NSM)



NSM Bars



NSM Strips



FIBER-REINFORCED POLYMERS (FRP)

Application Techniques

Wrapping



FIBER-REINFORCED POLYMERS (FRP)

Reasons to Retrofit with FRP

- ❑ Increase load-carrying capacity
 - Flexure strengthening, shear strengthening, axial load strengthening
- ❑ Impact damaged structures
- ❑ Ductility enhancement
- ❑ Blast mitigation
- ❑ Structural upgrade and seismic retrofit
- ❑ Cutouts and penetrations

FIBER-REINFORCED POLYMERS (FRP)

Durability

□ Environmental considerations

- Alkalinity/acidity
- Thermal expansion
- Electrical conductivity

□ Loading considerations

- Impact tolerance
- Creep rupture and fatigue

FIBER-REINFORCED POLYMERS (FRP)

Durability

- ❑ Environmental reduction factor (conservative estimates)
 - Fiber type & exposure conditions
- ❑ Protective coatings
- ❑ Projects that are more than 30 years old

Table 9.4—Environmental reduction factor for various FRP systems and exposure conditions

Exposure conditions	Fiber type	Environmental reduction factor C_E
Interior exposure	Carbon	0.95
	Glass	0.75
	Aramid	0.85
Exterior exposure (bridges, piers, and unenclosed parking garages)	Carbon	0.85
	Glass	0.65
	Aramid	0.75
Aggressive environment (chemical plants and wastewater treatment plants)	Carbon	0.85
	Glass	0.50
	Aramid	0.70

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ADVANCED COMPUTING TECHNIQUES

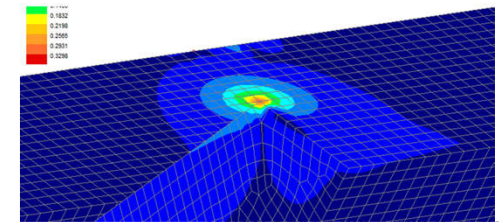
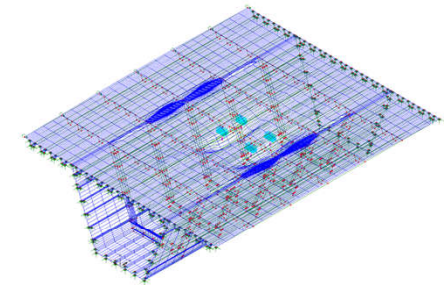
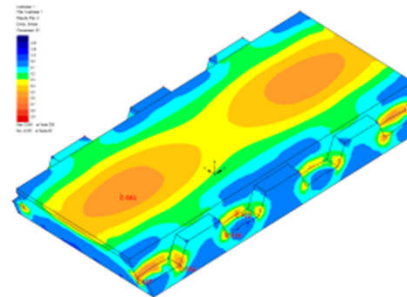
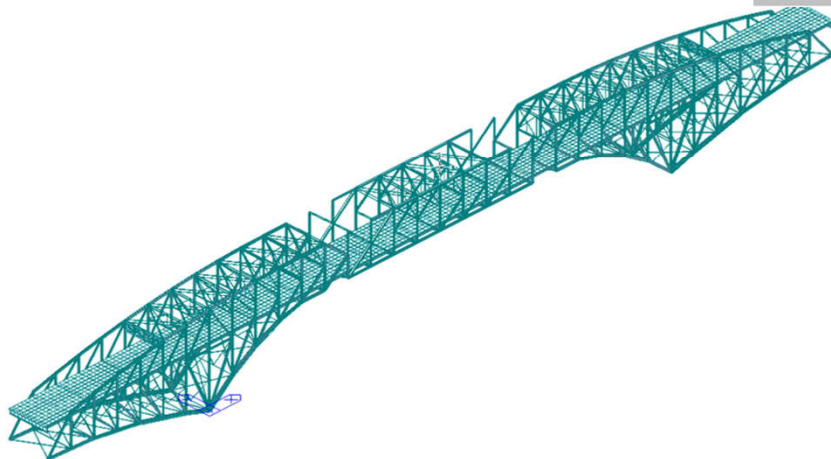
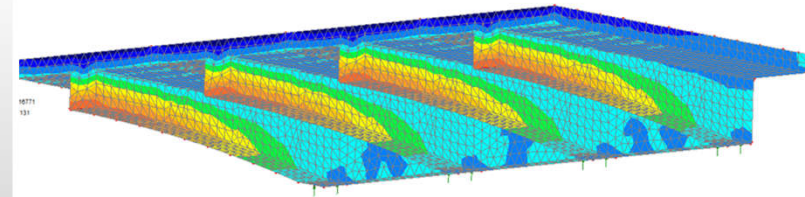
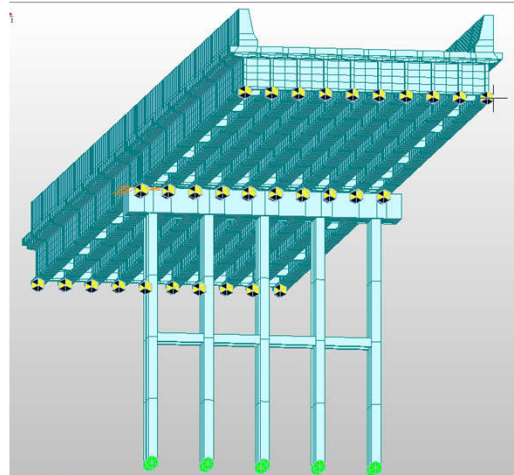
Advanced Structural Analysis

Finite Element Analysis (FEA)

Non-linear analysis

Geometrical non-linearities

Shell elements, solid elements



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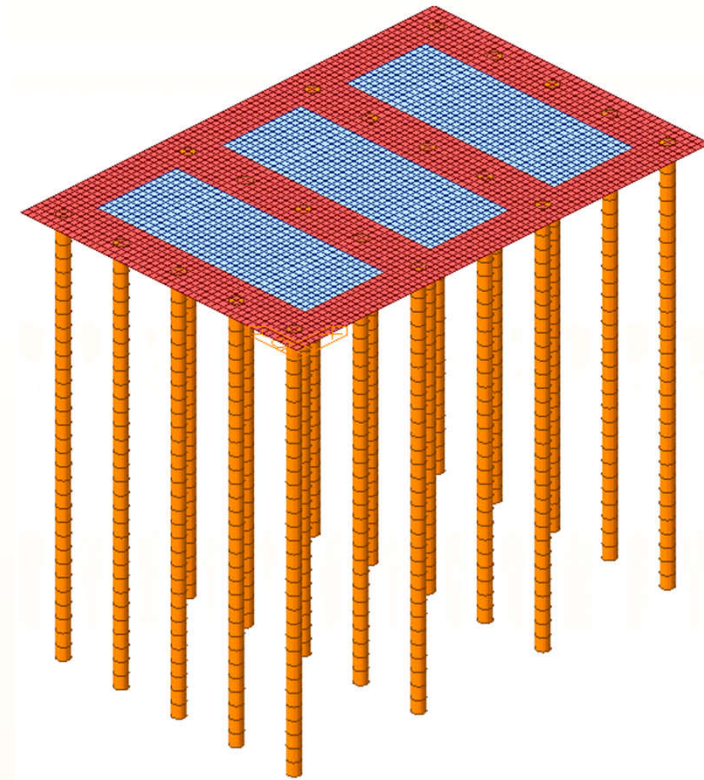
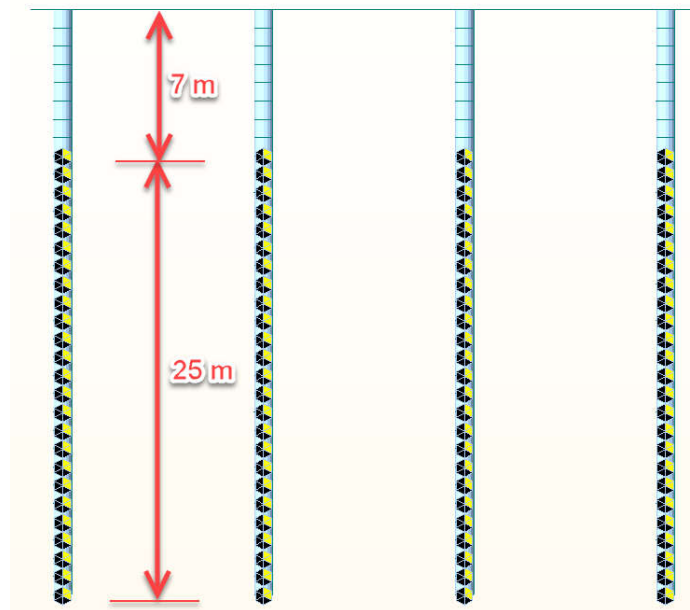
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Soil-Structure Interaction

Piles: beam elements

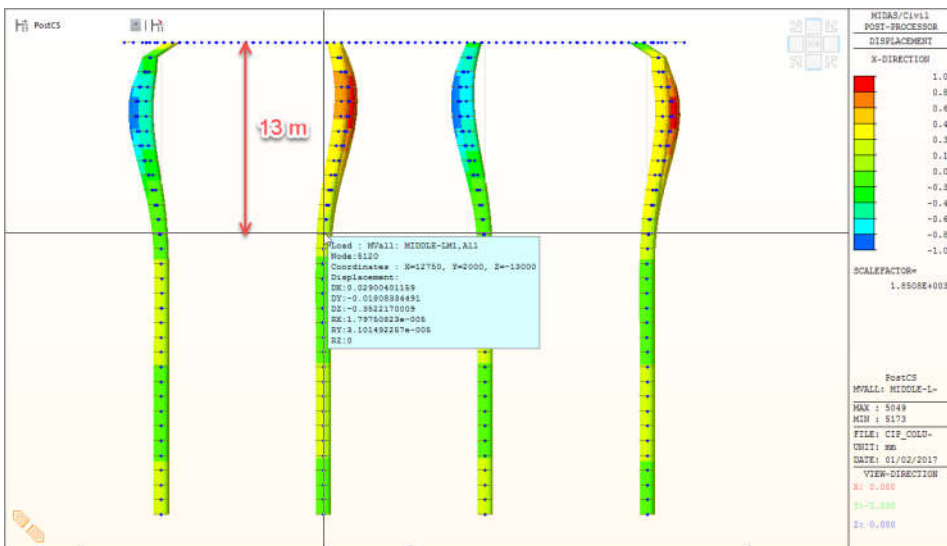
Soil springs (P-y curves)

- ✓ Lateral springs
- ✓ Vertical springs

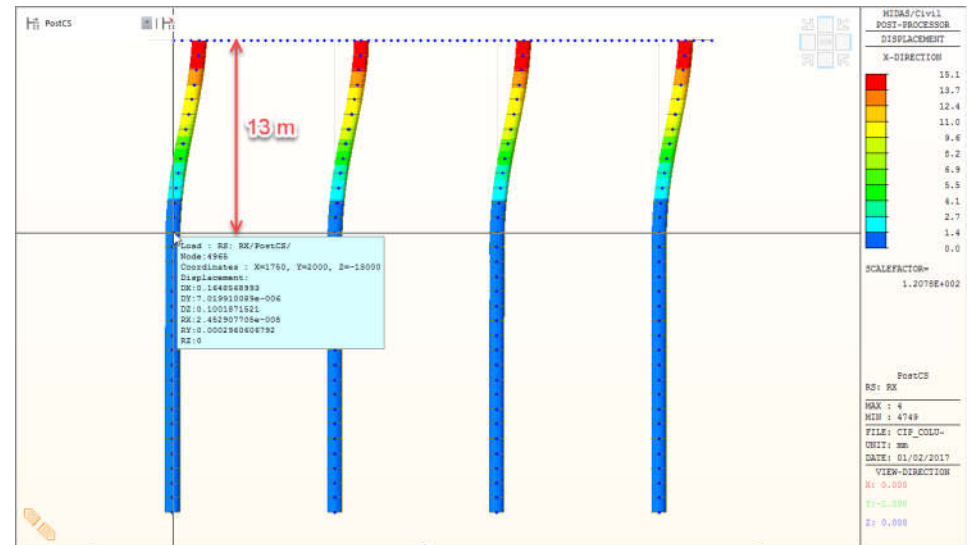


ADVANCED COMPUTING TECHNIQUES

Soil-Structure Interaction



Gravity Loads



Lateral Loads

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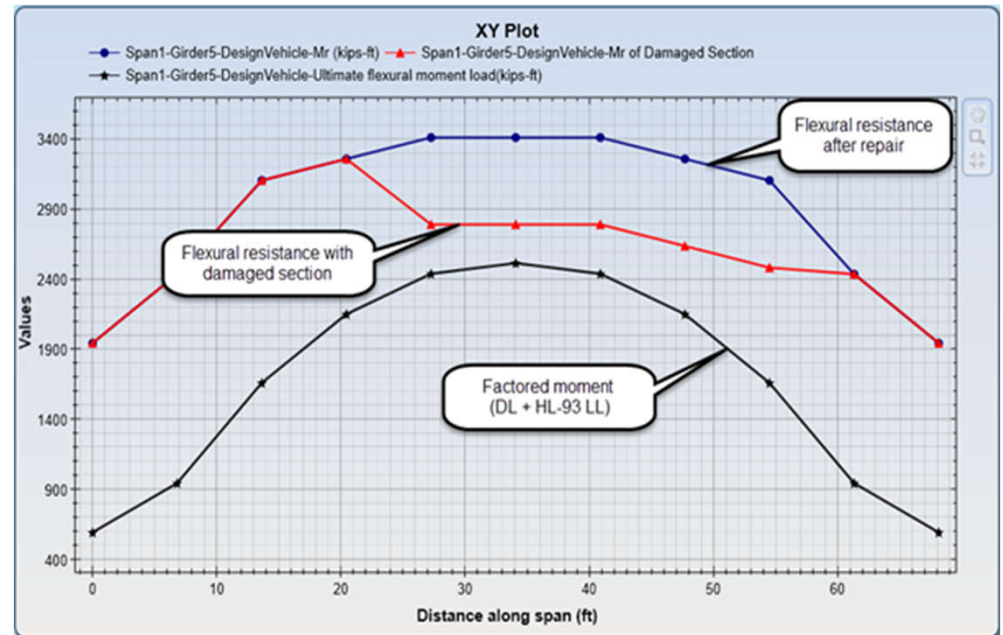
Damage Assessment

Section loss

Corrosion of steel

Loss of bond

Deterioration



SMART BRIDGE SUITE

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TESTING AND MONITORING

Load Testing

- ❑ Actual behavior of structure (load distribution)
- ❑ Strength enhancing factors not included in calculations
 - Composite actions
 - Continuity/fixation
 - Secondary members
- ❑ Static tests (proof test and diagnostic test)
- ❑ Dynamic tests

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Load Testing



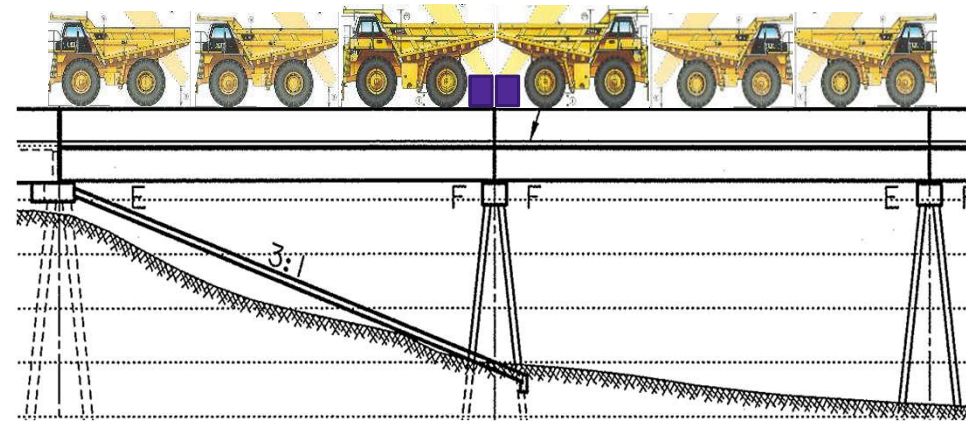
Counter weights



Trucks with known weights

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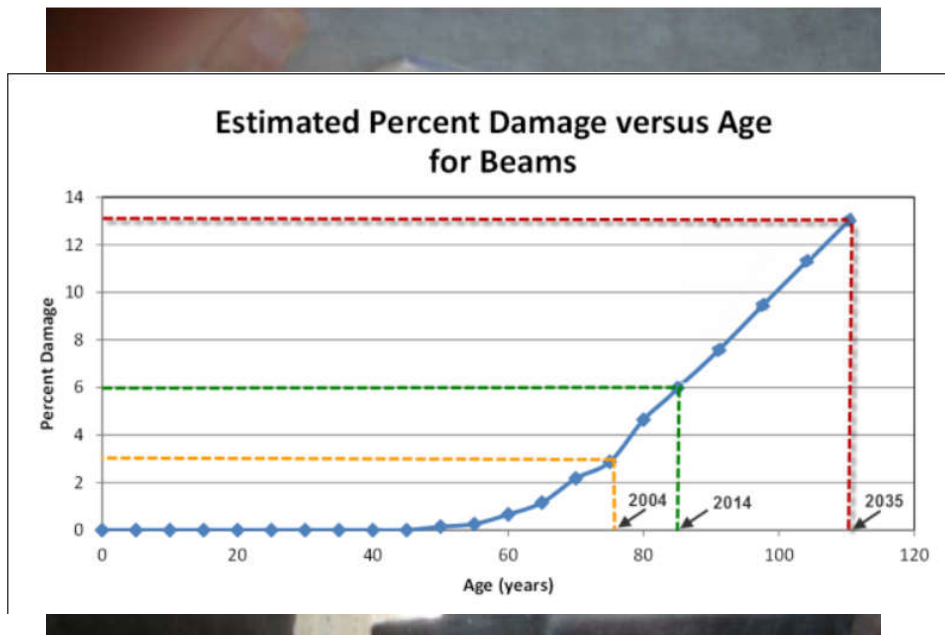


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Non-Destructive Testing



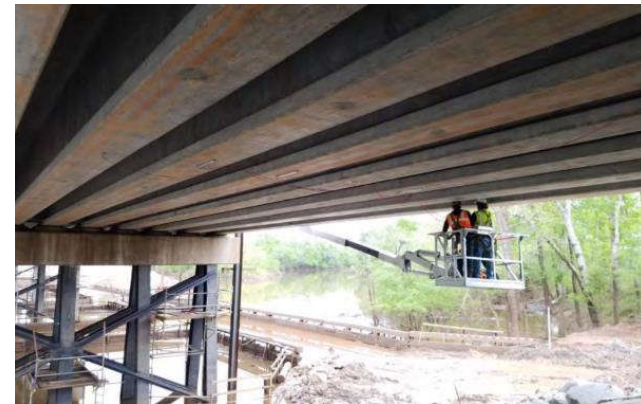
Chloride Ion Penetration



Cover removal and reinforcement inspection

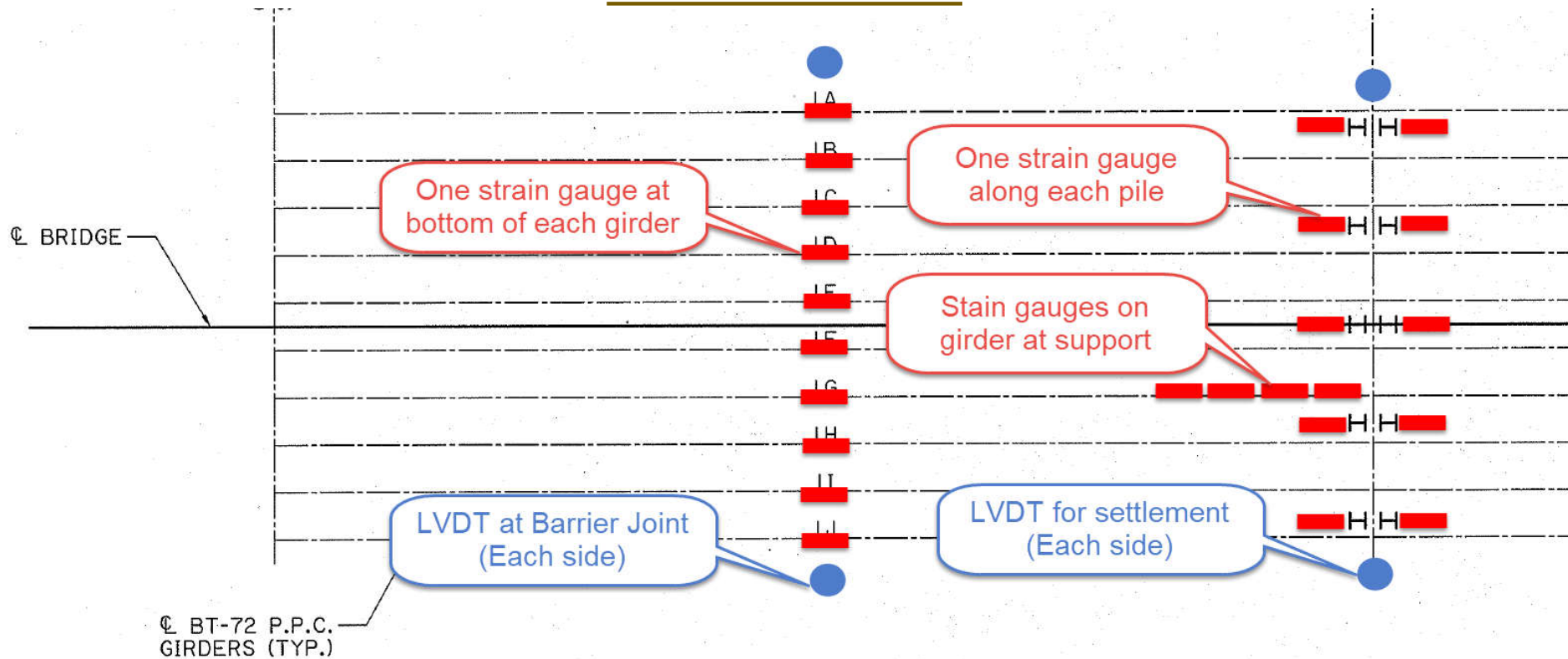
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Instrumentation



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Instrumentation plans are developed based on analysis of structure.

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Allen Creek Bridge Clearwater, FL 2005

- ✓ Wrapping of piles
- ✓ Underwater application
- ✓ Splash zone



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US 1 Bridge Melbourne, FL 1994

- ✓ Corrosion of main reinforcement
- ✓ Girders repair
- ✓ Concrete section restoration



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Rockaway Line Viaduct New York, NY 2009



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I-10 Bridge Over L&A Railroad LA 2016

- ✓ Strengthening of deck slab
- ✓ Instrumentation & proof testing

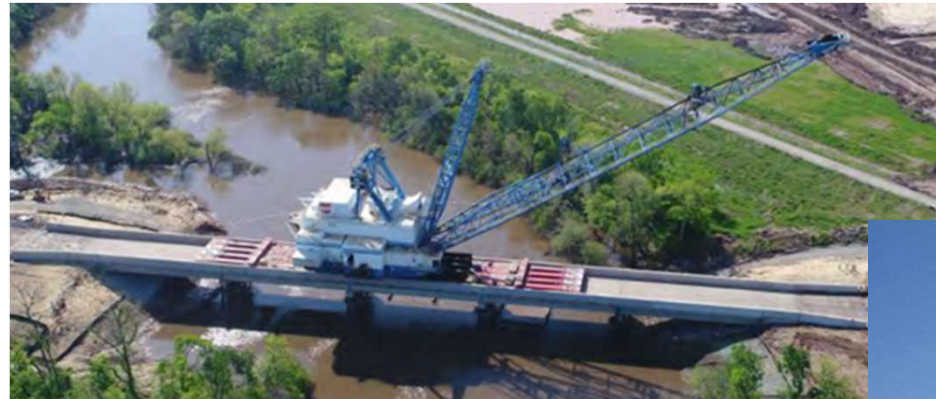


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Bayou Pierre Bridge Desoto & Red River Parishes, LA 2018



46-AXLES SPMT



390 KIPS TRUCKS

5-Span with total length of 500 ft.

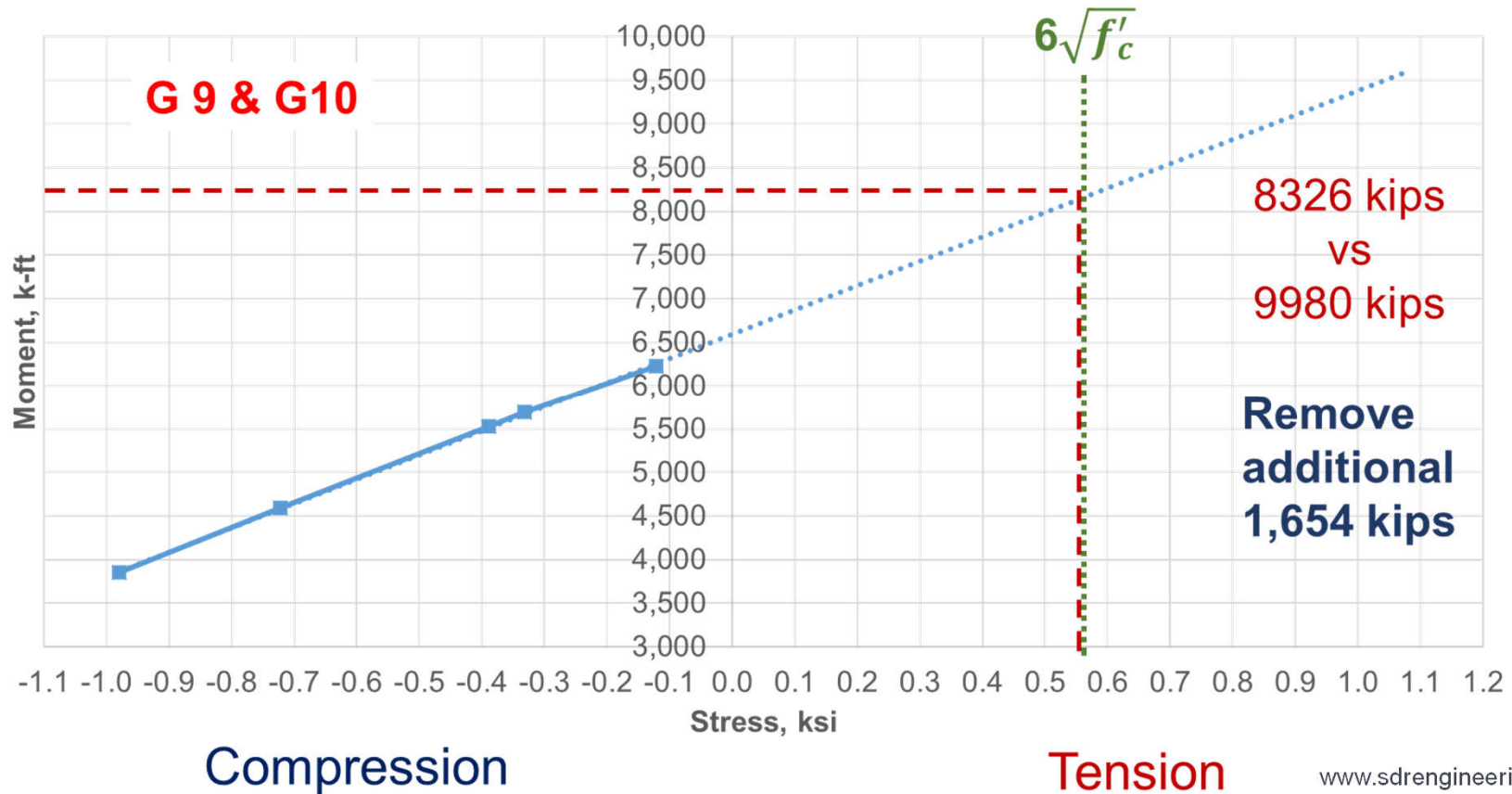
10 PPC girders

10,000 kips (4,500 tons) DRAGLINE



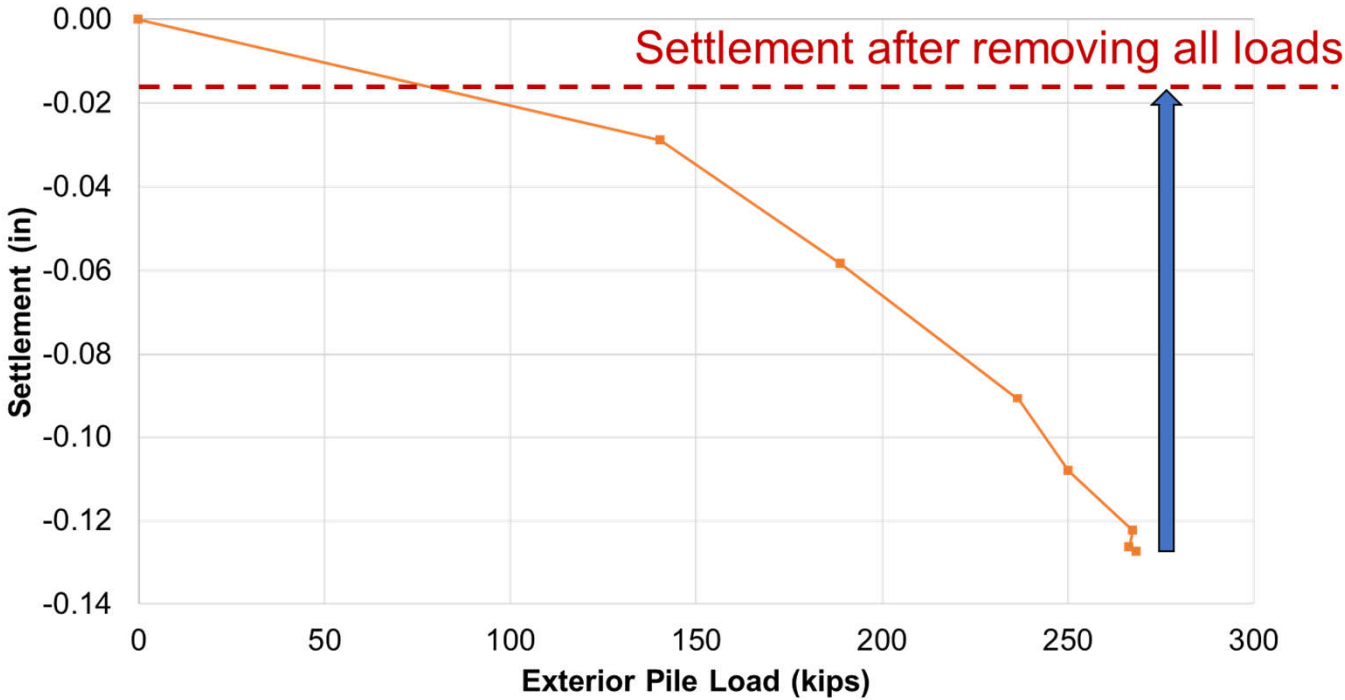
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Elastic shortening + Temperature effect = -0.124"

