

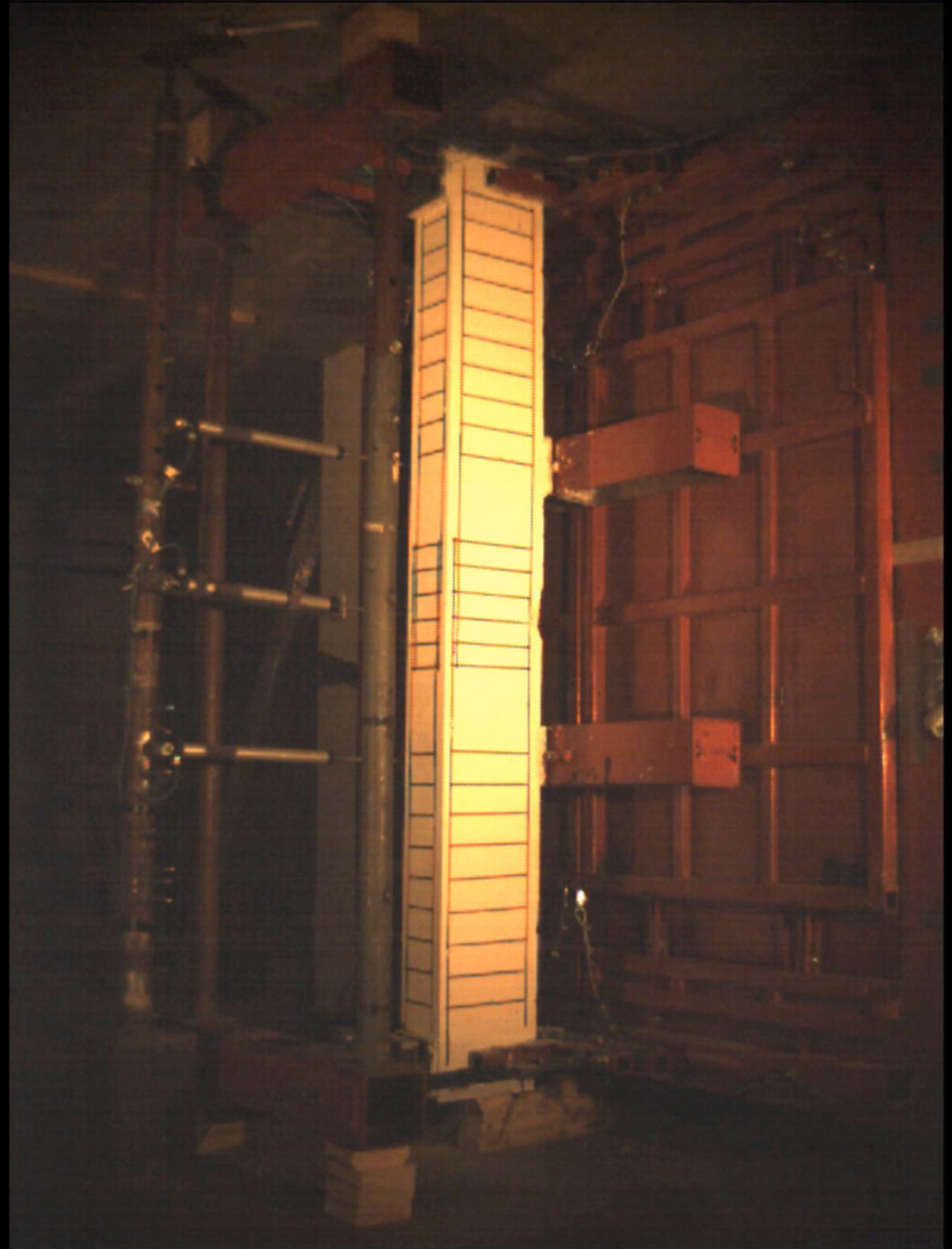
Effect of High Strain Rates of Reinforced Concrete Bond

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**What does a
high strain rate
bond failure
look like?**



- Development Length Design
 - Stringent detailing requirements
 - Ignore rate effects on bond “capacity”



$$l_{dd} = \left(\frac{3 \overbrace{SIF \times DIF \times f_y}^{1.17 \times 1.1 \approx 1.30}}{40 \lambda \sqrt{f'_c}} \frac{\psi_t \psi_e \psi_s}{\left(\frac{c_b + K_{tr}}{d_b} \right)} \right) d_b \geq 300 \text{ mm}$$

The Challenge:

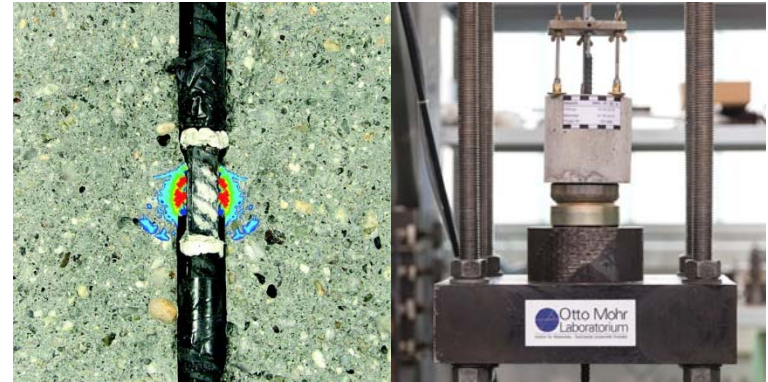
Does not address detailed design, assessment of existing, or contribute to state-of-the-art



Weathersby (2003)



Solomos & Berra (2010)



Panteki et al. (2017)

- Bond strength is improved under high strain-rate loading
 - *DIF* between 1.1 to 4.0 (!), $\dot{\epsilon} \approx 0.1 - 10 \text{ s}^{-1}$
 - Concrete quality, cover depth, confinement

Small-scale, pullout tests generate an unrealistic internal stress state.



Objective

1. Establish the high strain rate bond characteristics of realistically proportioned structures
2. Understand influence of key parameters
3. Incorporate bond *DIF* into the design process

Scope

- Experimental shock tube tests of lap spliced beams

University of Ottawa Shock Tube

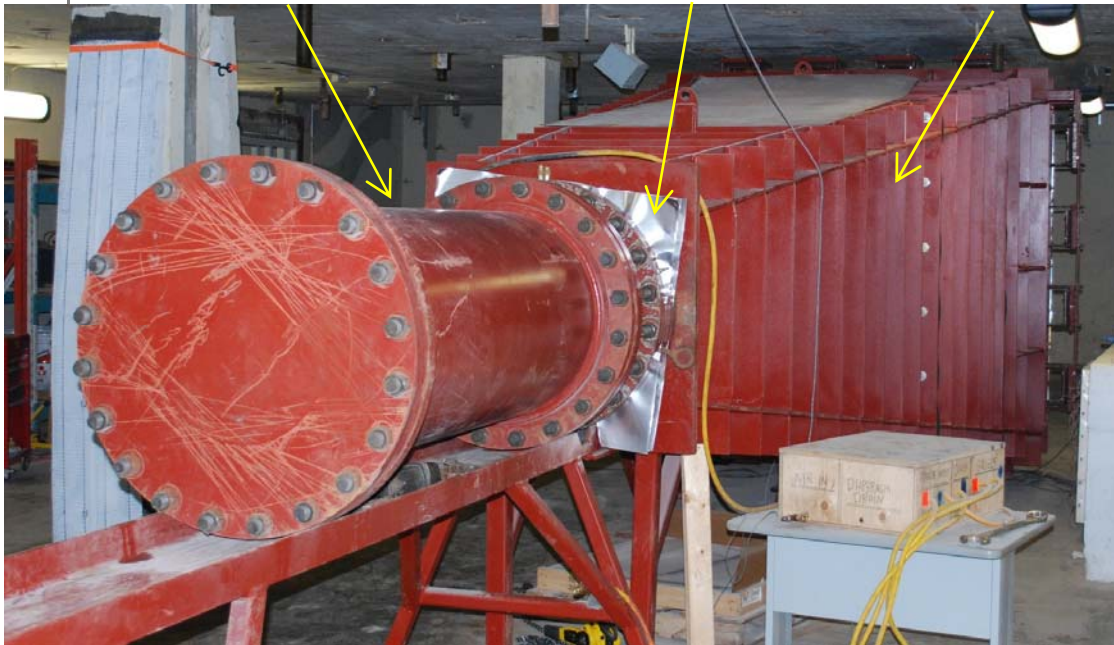
Diver Section

Aluminum
Diaphragms

Expansion
Section

Pressure Relief
Vents

Test Frame



(a) Shock tube driver and expansion sections

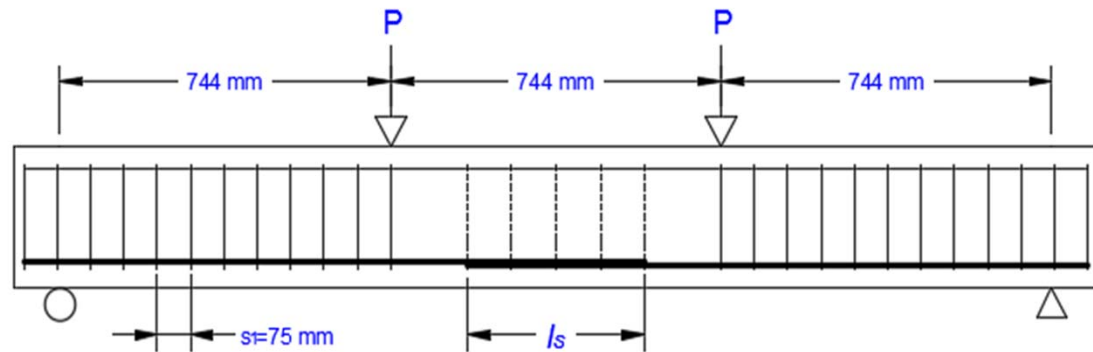
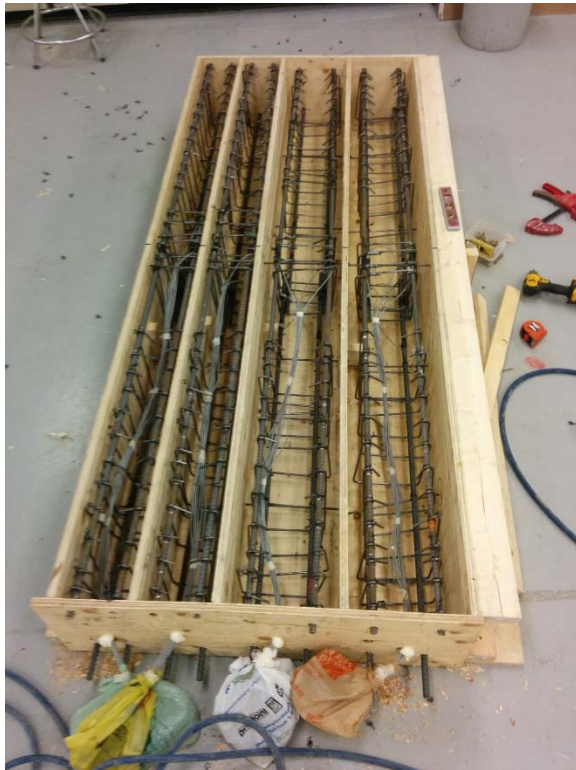
(b) Shock Tube Test Frame

Experimental Program

- Large-scale lap spliced beams under high strain rate loading

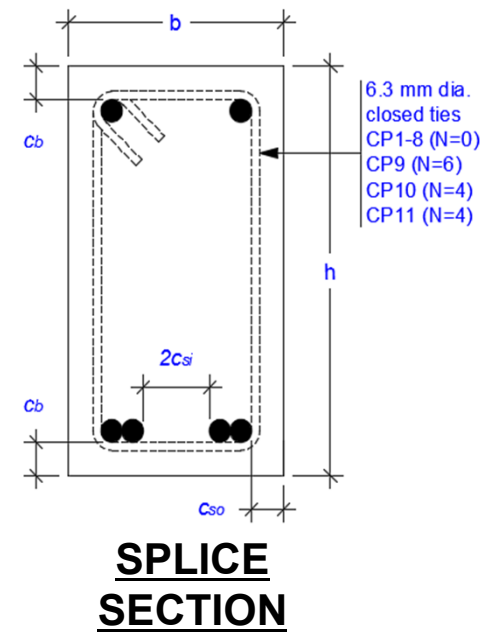
- Effect of:
 - **Concrete strength ?**
 - **Bar size ?**
 - **Cover depth ?**
 - **Transverse reinforcement ?**

Test Specimens - Reinforcement



Splices designed to fail at 400 MPa static stress

Equal cover depths



Test Specimens – Companion Pairs

Twenty-five beams, twelve companion pairs

Concrete Properties

- Compression f'_c
 - 30, 50 MPa

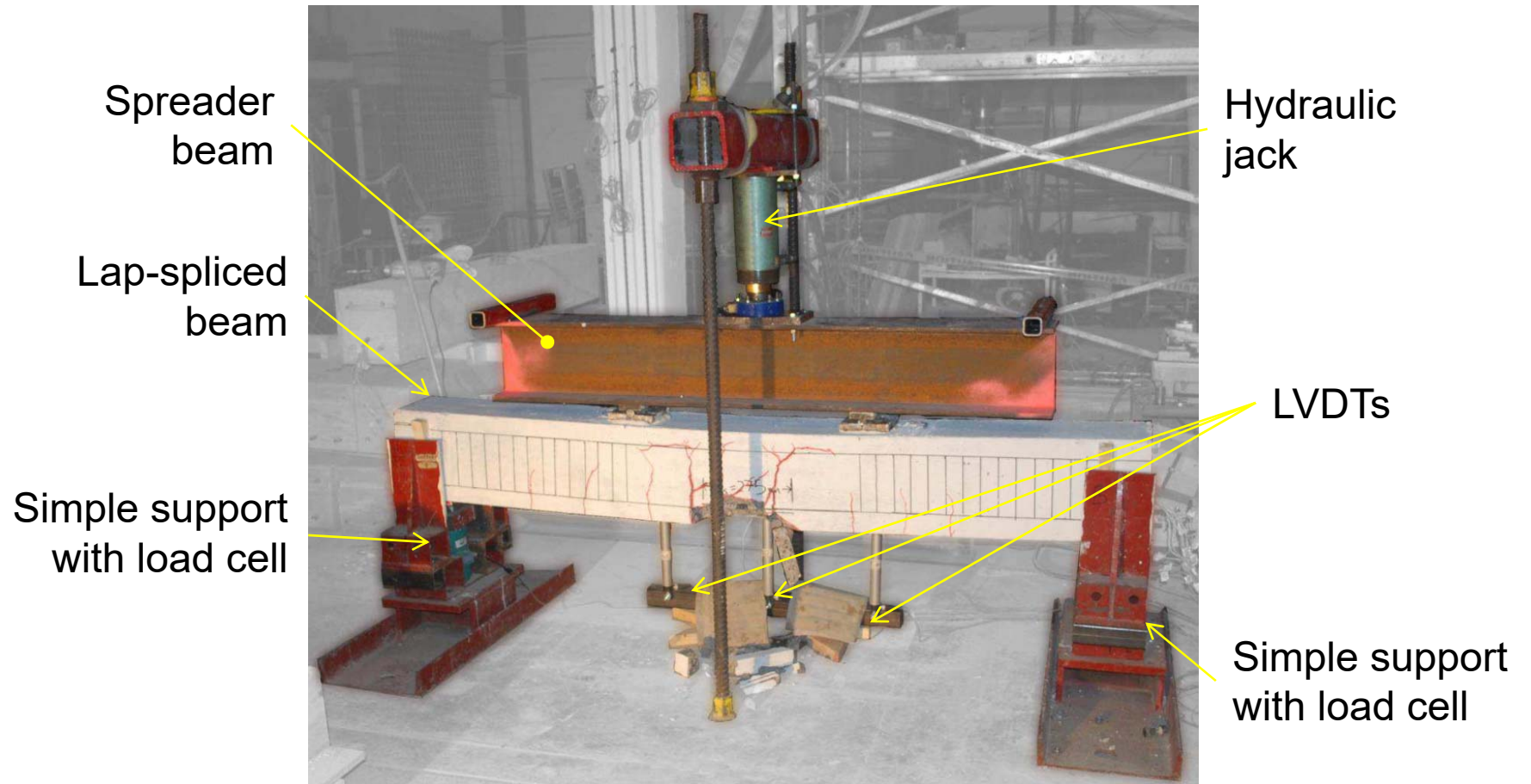
Structural Properties

- Bar size
 - 10M, 15M, 20M
- Concrete cover
 - 25, 38, 50 mm
- Presence of confinement

Loading

- Strain-rate
 - $\dot{\epsilon} \approx 10^{-6} s^{-1}$
 - $\dot{\epsilon} \approx 1 s^{-1}$

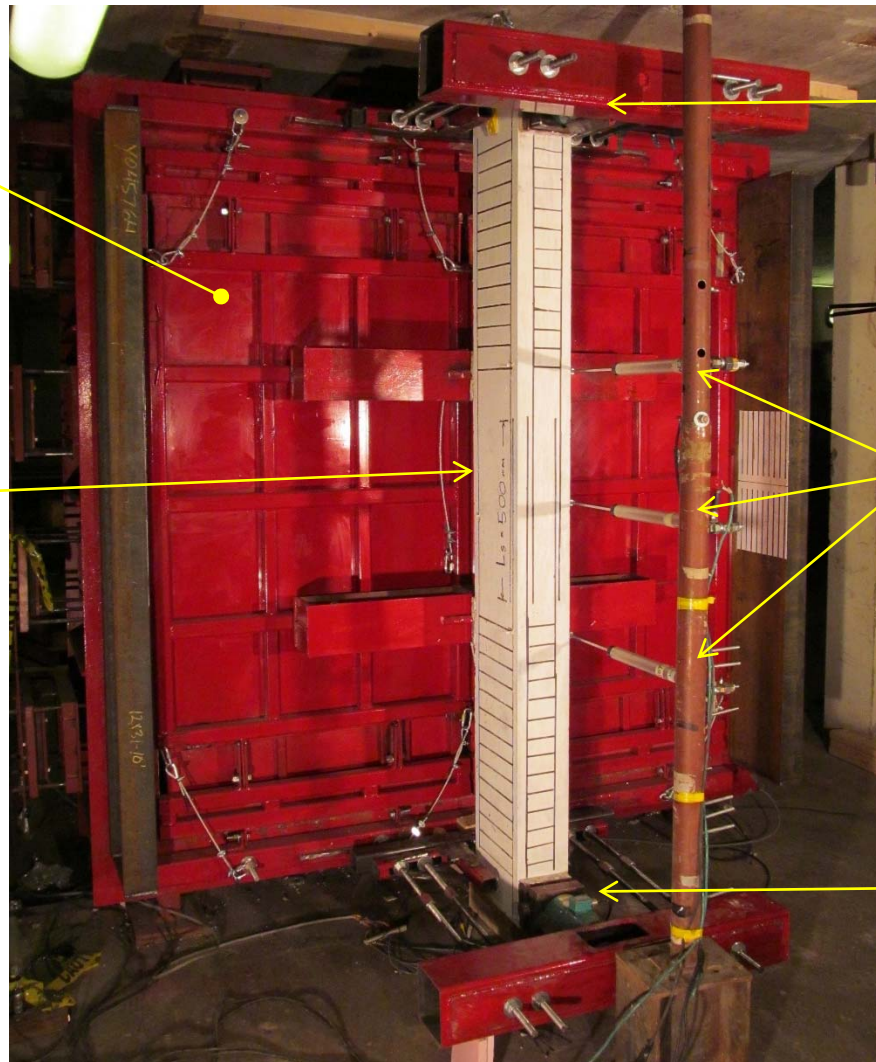
Test Procedure & Instrumentation



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Load Transfer Device

Lap-spliced beam

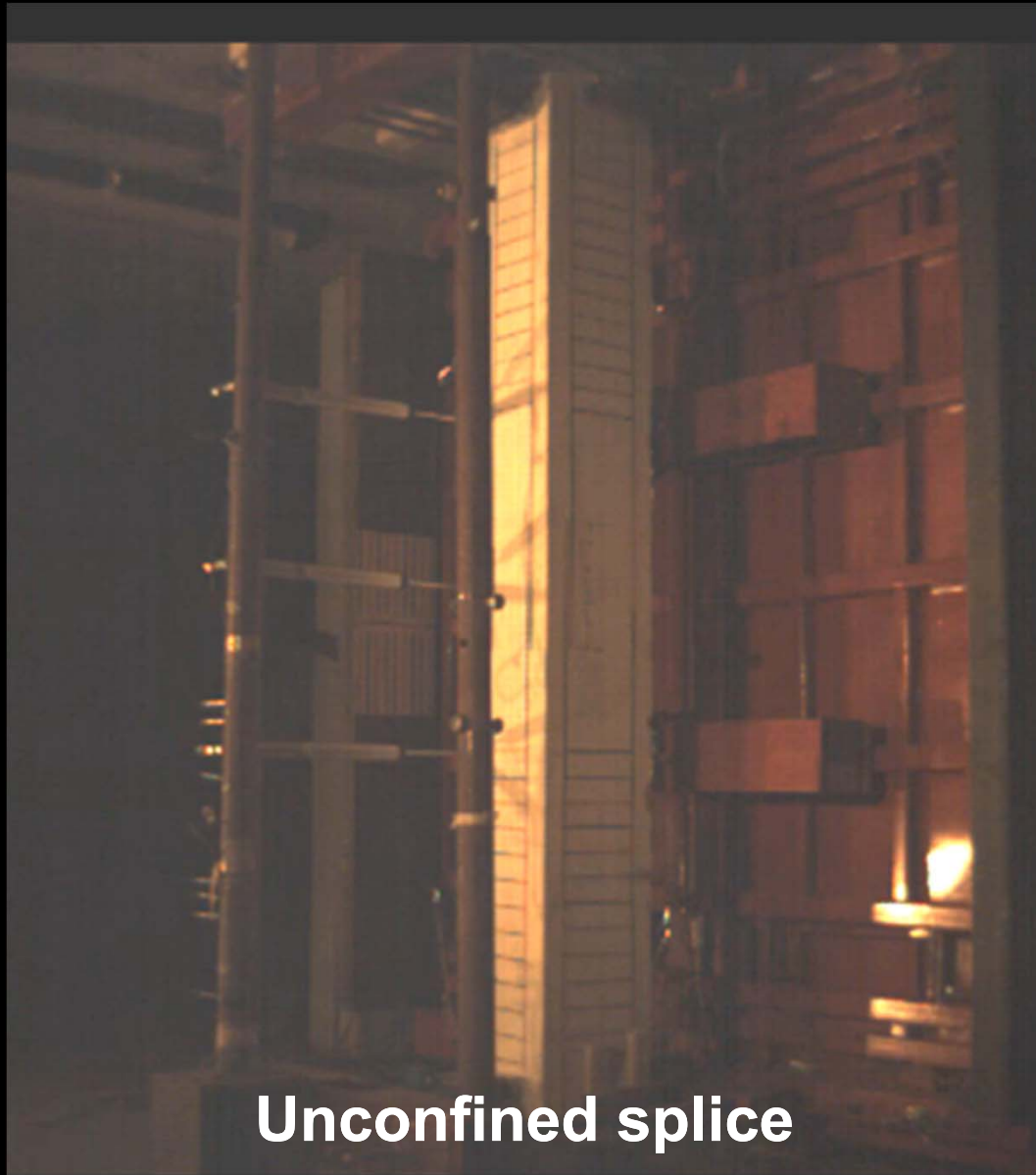


Simple support with load cell

LVDTs

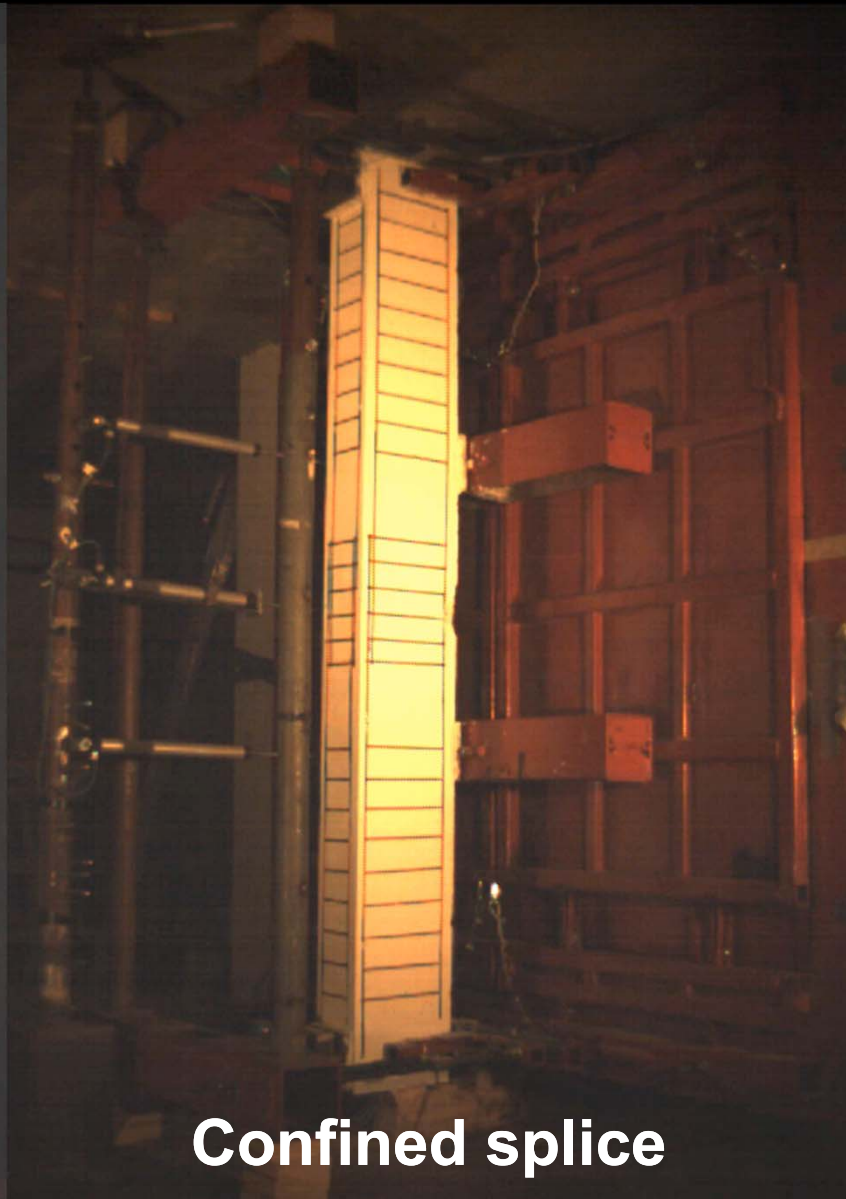
Simple support with load cell

CP4-HSR



Unconfined splice

CP9-HSR



Confined splice

Post-Test Photographs

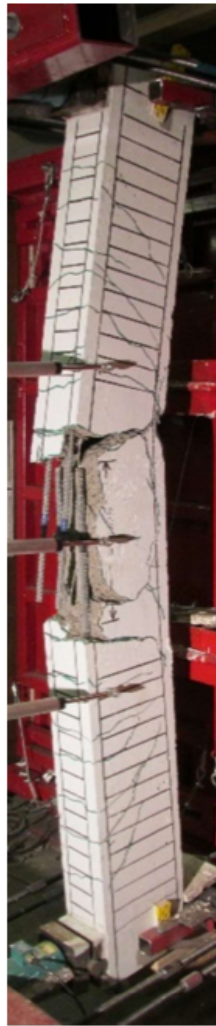
CP3-HSR



CP4-HSR



CP5-HSR



CP6-HSR



CP9-HSR



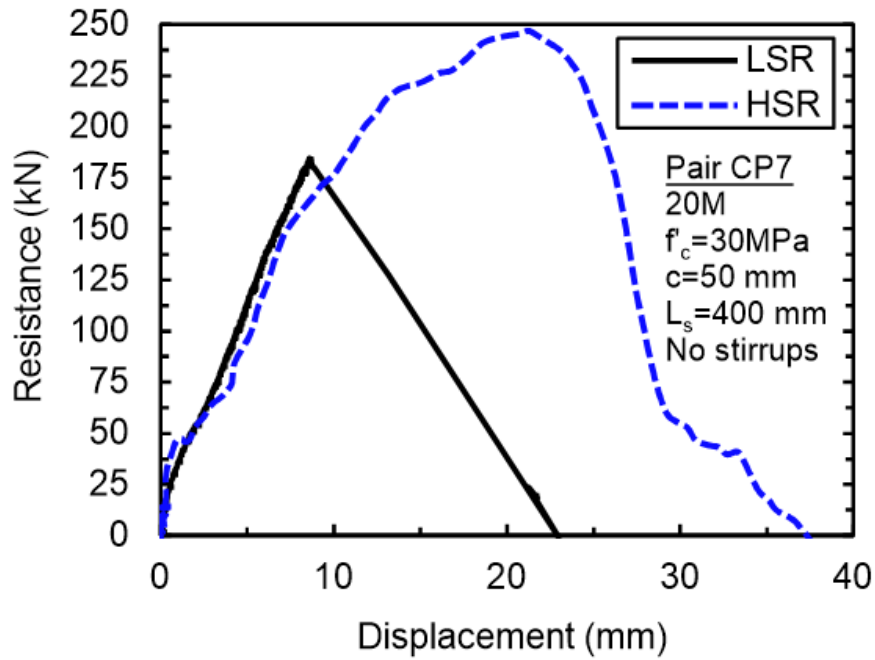
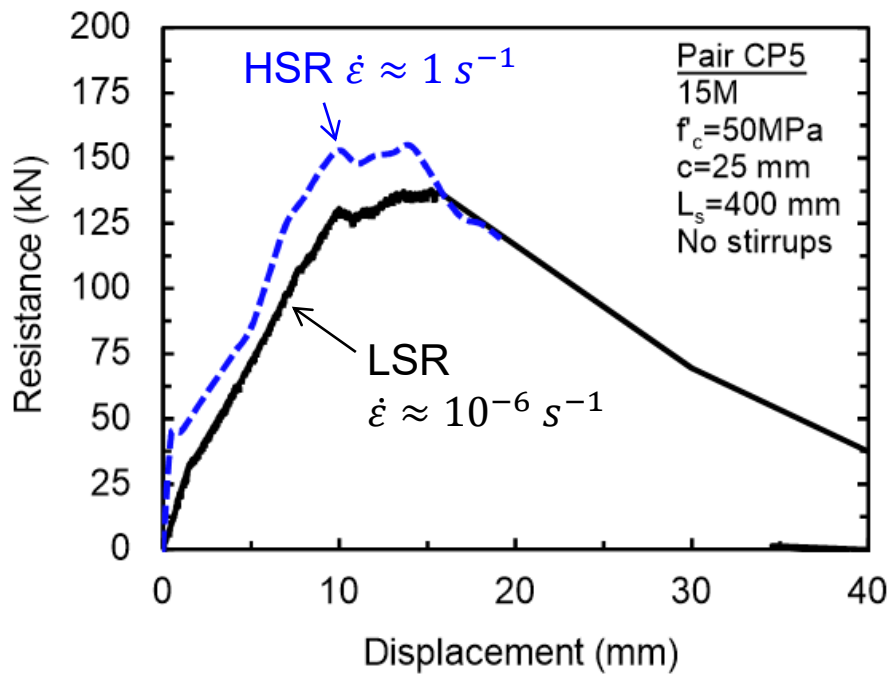
CP10-HSR



CP11-HSR



After Testing



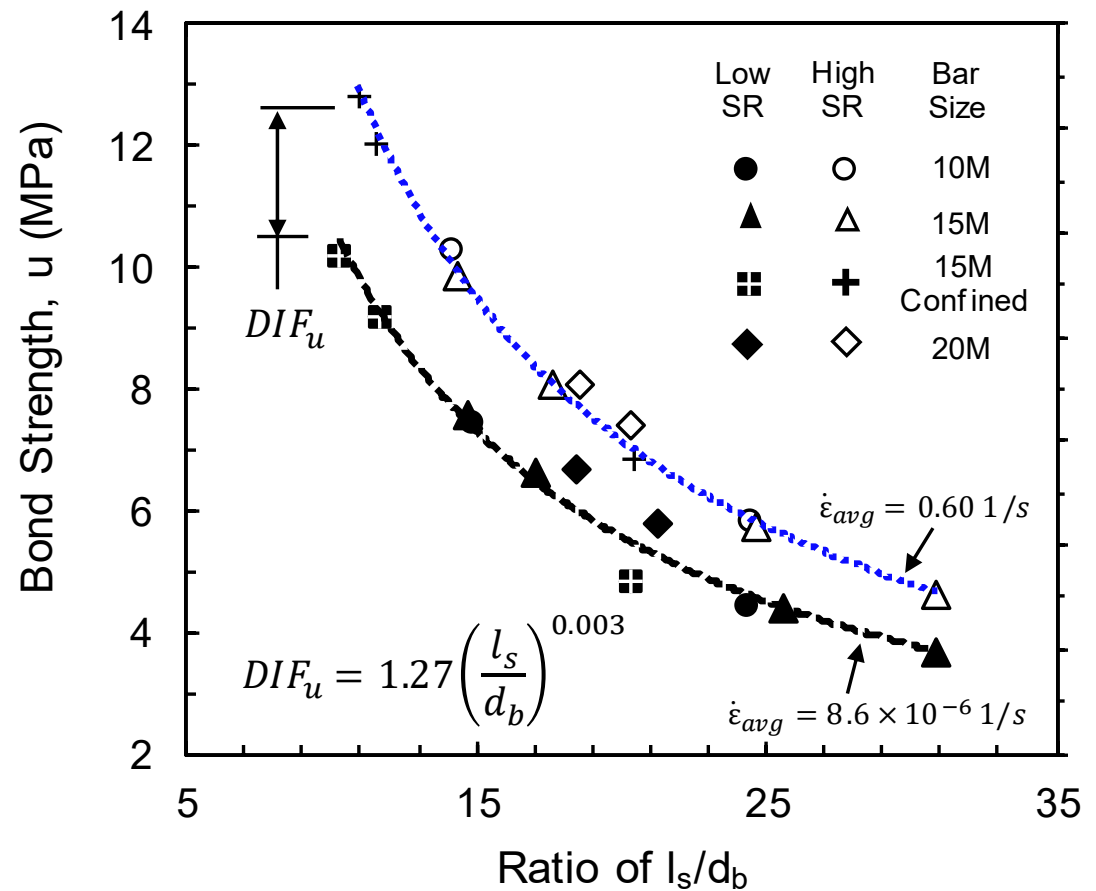
Dynamic Bond Strength

- Maximum bond strength u developed at splice failure

$$u = \frac{f_s A_b}{\pi d_b l_s} \quad (\text{MPa})$$

Effect of:

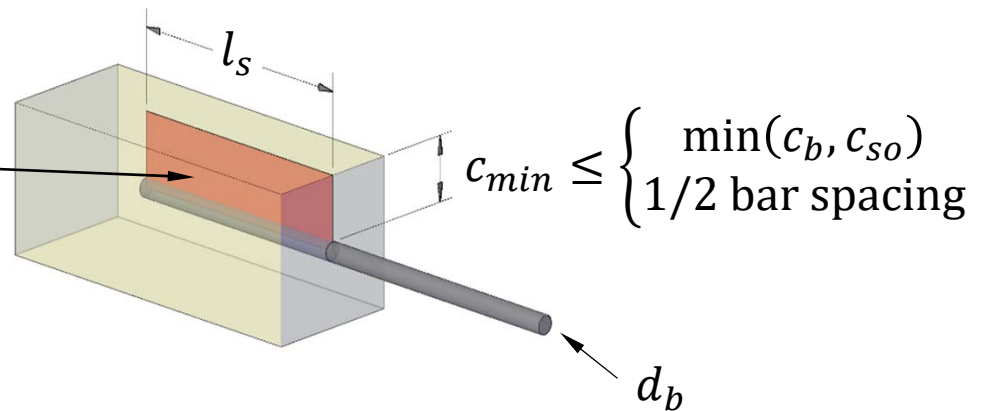
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Dynamic Bond Force

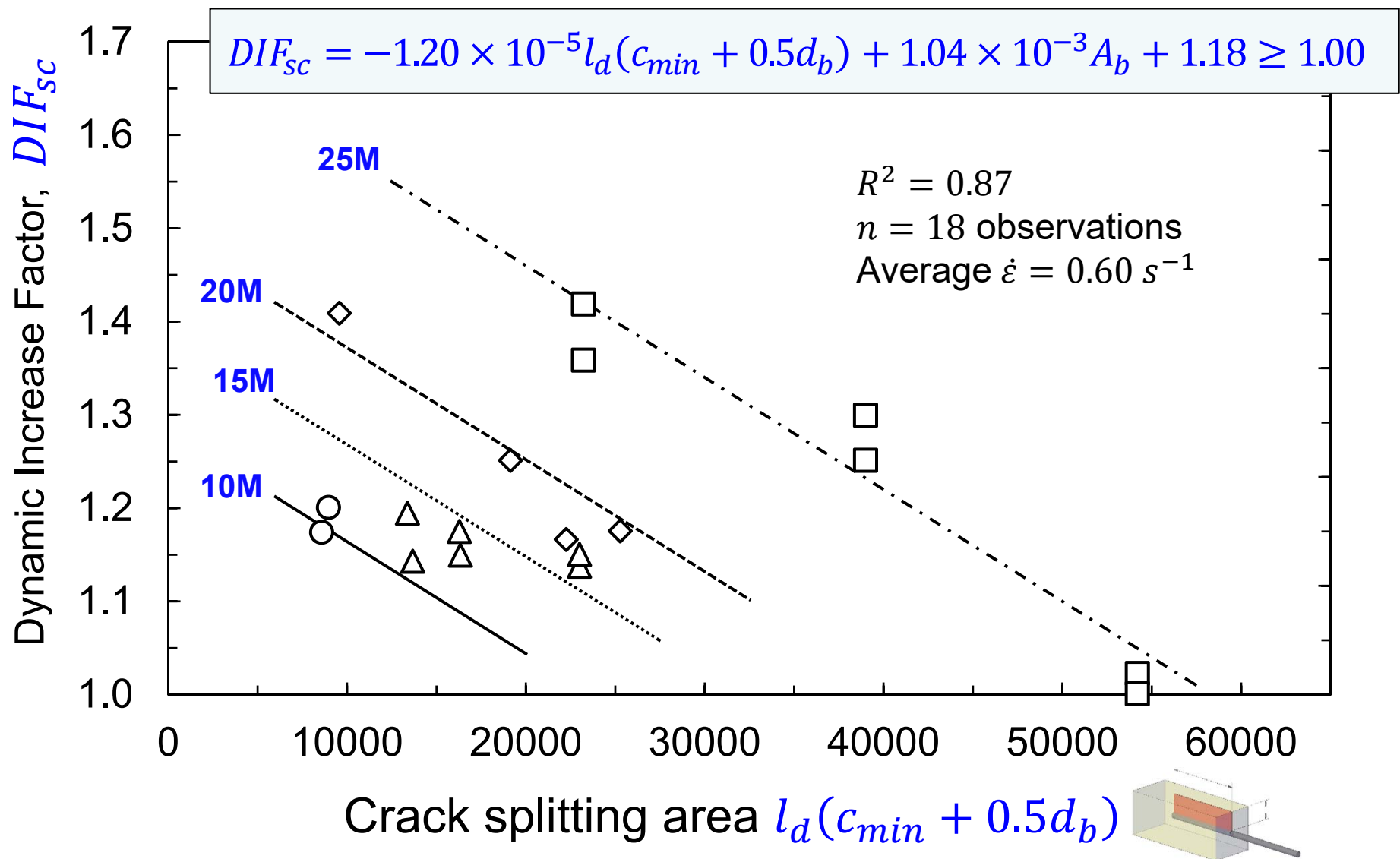
- Normalize **total bond force** $T_b = f_s A_b$ w.r.t to $f'_c{}^{0.25}$ to investigate influence of structural configuration

Crack splitting area:
 $l_s(c_{min} + 0.5d_b)$



Strain rate sensitivity of structural configuration: $DIF_{sc} = \frac{\text{Dynamic}}{\text{Static}} = \frac{T_{db}/f'_{dc}{}^{0.25}}{T_b/f'_c{}^{0.25}}$

Influence of Structural Configuration for Unconfined Splices

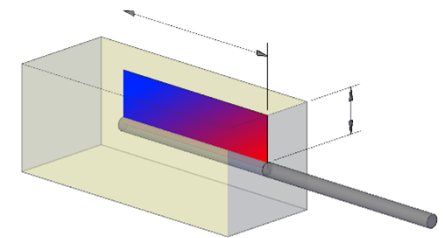


Practical Significance

$$DIF_{sc} = \underbrace{-1.20 \times 10^{-5} l_d (c_{min} + 0.5d_b)}_{\textcircled{1}} + \underbrace{1.04 \times 10^{-3} A_b}_{\textcircled{2}} + \underbrace{1.18}_{\textcircled{3}} \geq 1.00$$

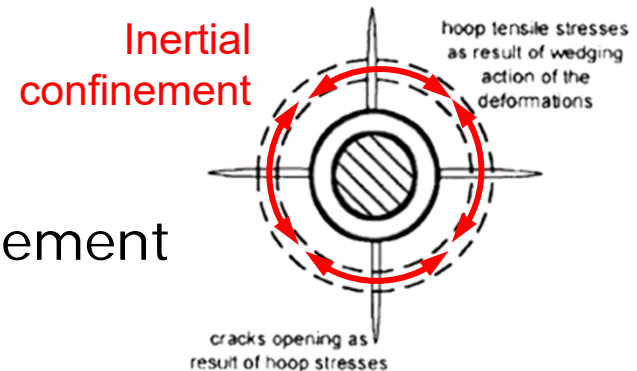
① $\uparrow l_d (c_{min} + 0.5d)$, $\downarrow DIF_{sc}$

- Bond forces are not uniform
- Bond failures are localized & incremental



② $\uparrow A_b$, $\uparrow DIF_{sc}$

- Wedging action of lugs
- Activates lateral inertial confinement



③ Lower limit DIF_{sc} indicates no strain rate decrease

Protective Design

1. Minimum dynamic development length l_{dd} shall be calculated by:

$$l_{dd} = \frac{1}{DIF_{l_d}} \left(\frac{3}{40} \frac{S_{fy}}{\lambda \sqrt{S_{f'_c}}} \frac{\psi_t \psi_e \psi_s}{\left(\frac{c_b + K_{tr}}{d_b} \right)} \right) d_b \geq 300 \text{ mm}$$

where:

$$S_{fy} = ASF \times DIF \text{ for steel}$$

$$S_{f'_c} = ASF \times DIF \text{ for concrete}$$

$$DIF_{l_d} = -1.10 \times 10^{-5} l_d d_{cs} + 8.50 \times 10^{-4} A_b + 1.11 \geq 1.00$$

2. Valid for far-range blast effects $Z > 1.2 \text{ m/kg}^{1/3}$
3. Check development for all other load combinations
4. Satisfy all detailing requirements specified in ASCE/SEI 59-11

Reduction in dynamic development length of
 $\approx 15\%$ compared with current practice

Summary

1. Established the high strain rate bond characteristics of realistically proportioned reinforced concrete structures
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Thank you!



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