

## EXTENDING GFRP REBAR USE TO SEISMIC ZONES: HYBRID RC DESIGN AND CODE MODIFICATIONS

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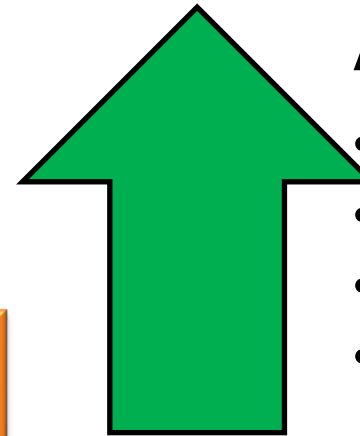
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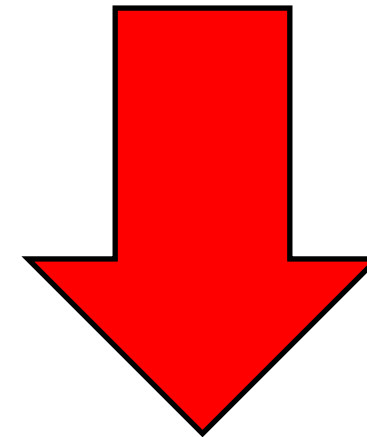


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### Advantages:

- high strength
- corrosion resistance
- lightweight
- durability



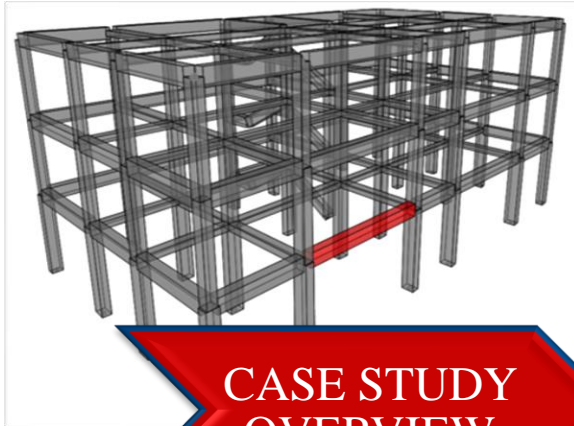
### Limitations:

- brittle behavior
- low stiffness
- lower workability (folding)

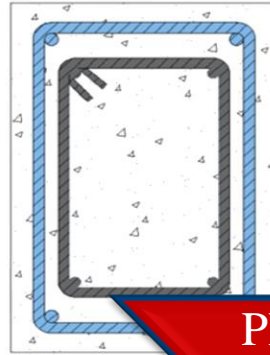


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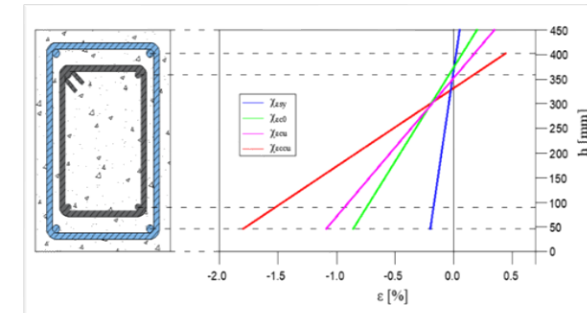
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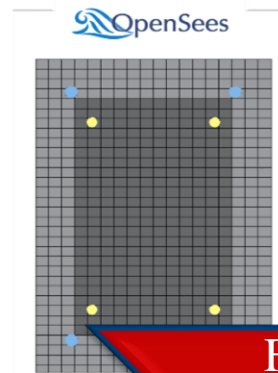
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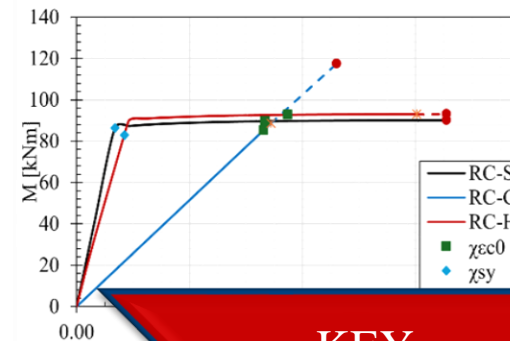
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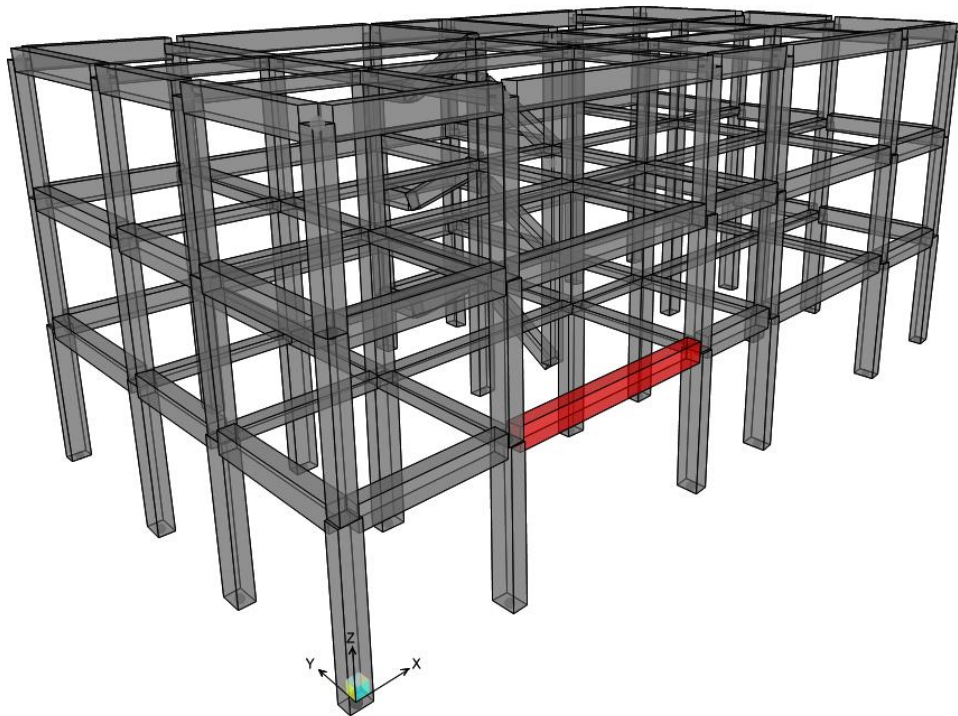
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### KEY CHARACTERISTICS

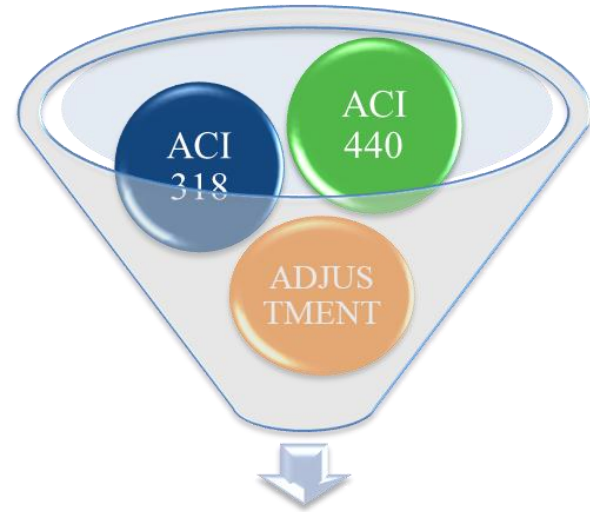
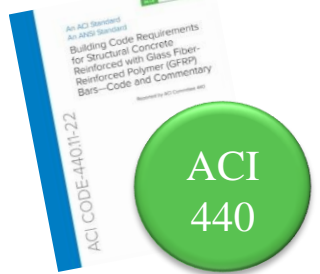
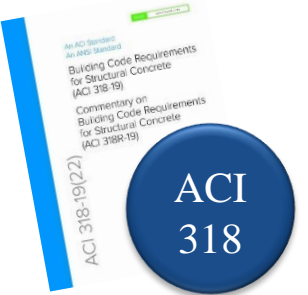
- moment resisting frame
- regular in both plan and elevation
- high seismic hazard site ( $\sim S_{DS} = 0.8g$ )
- code-conforming

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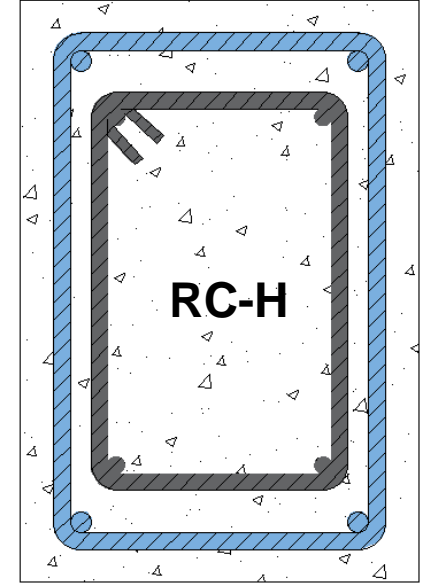
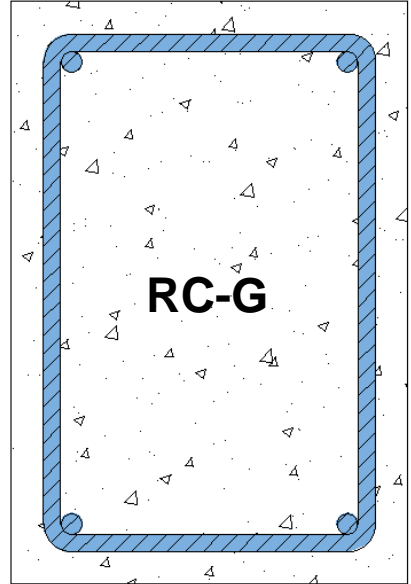
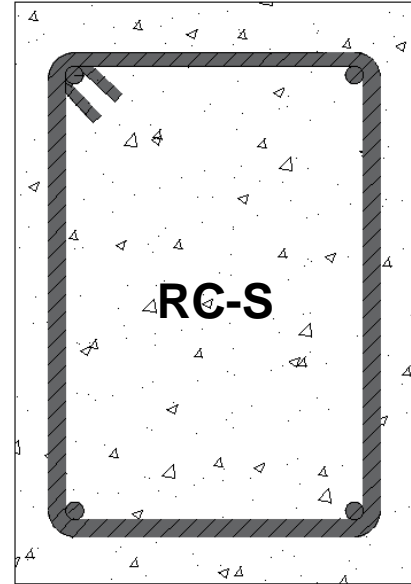
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## PROPOSED DESIGN APPROACH



### KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- same cross-section
- same bending capacity



 STEEL

 GFRP



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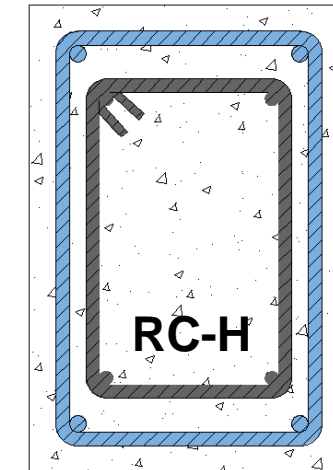
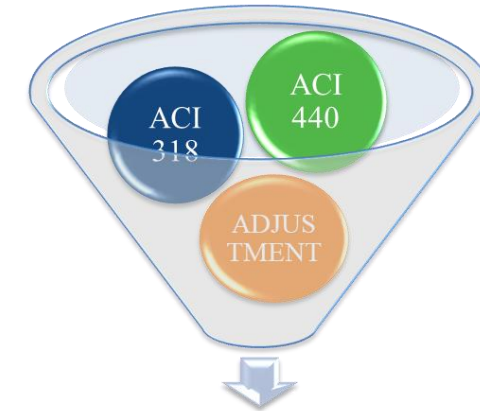
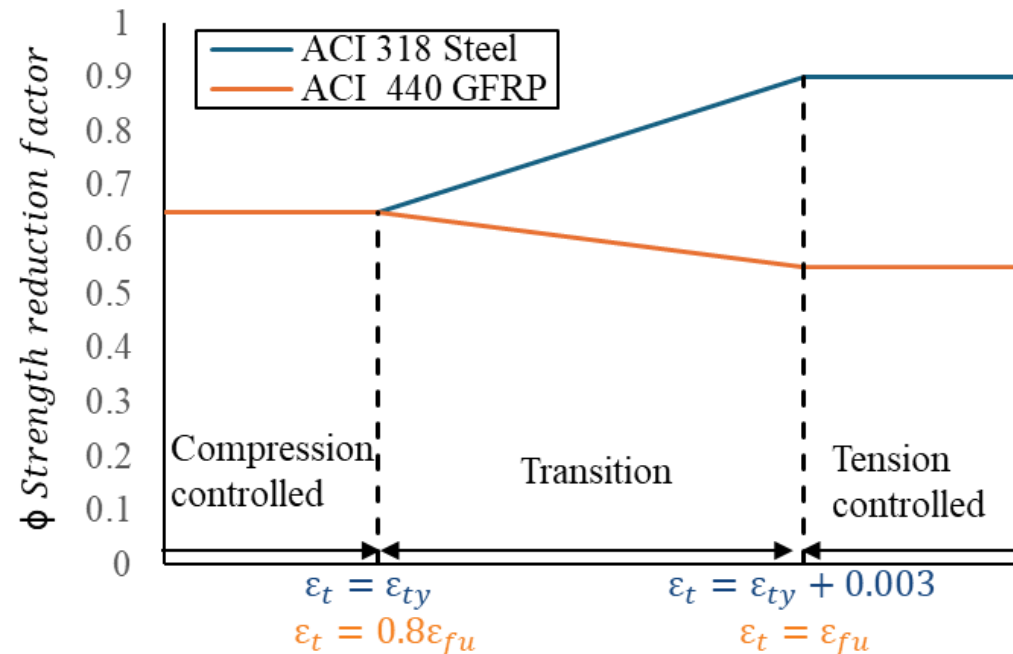
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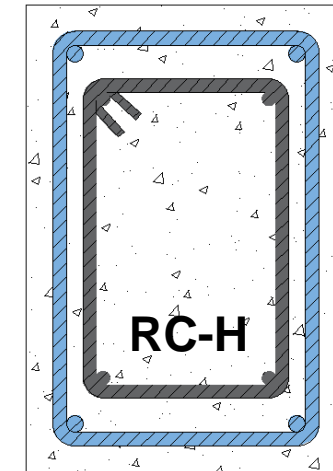
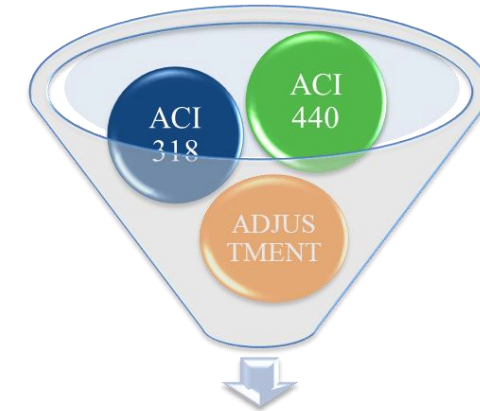
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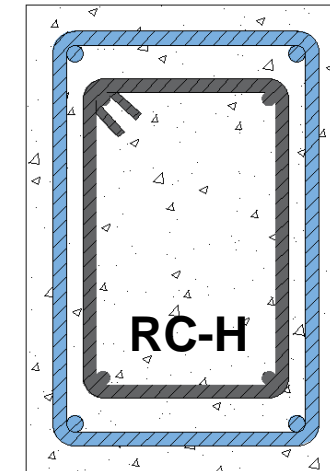
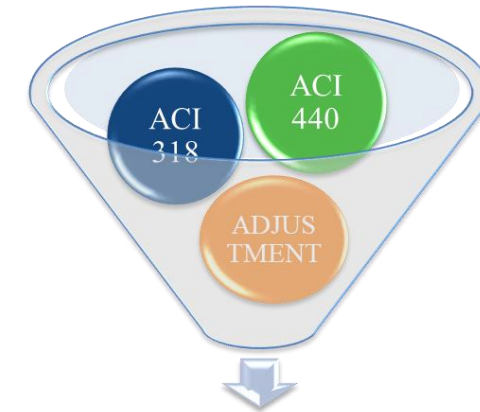
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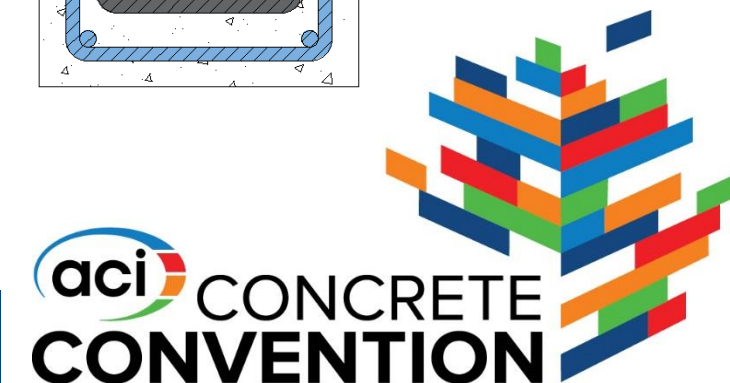
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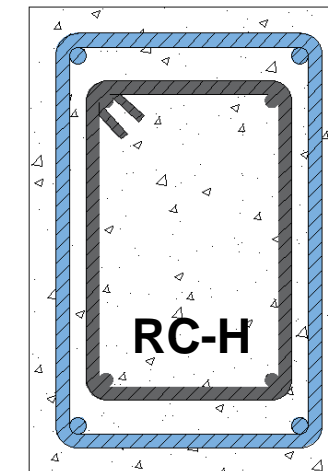
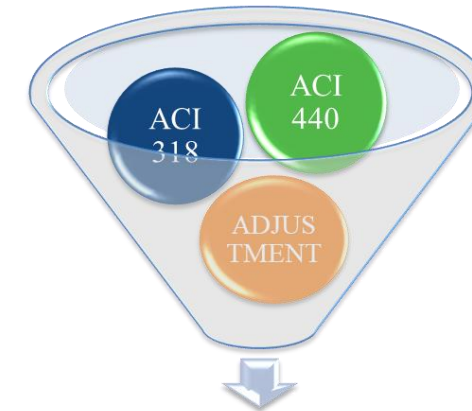




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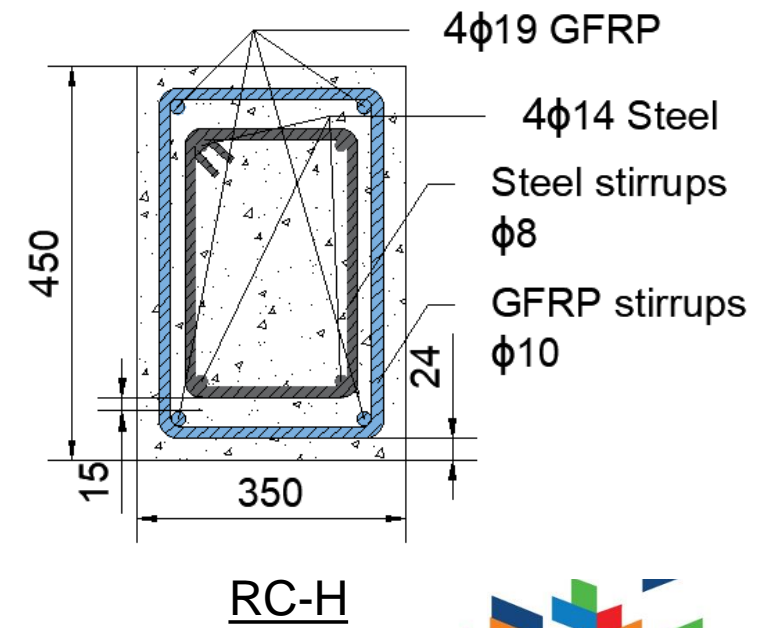
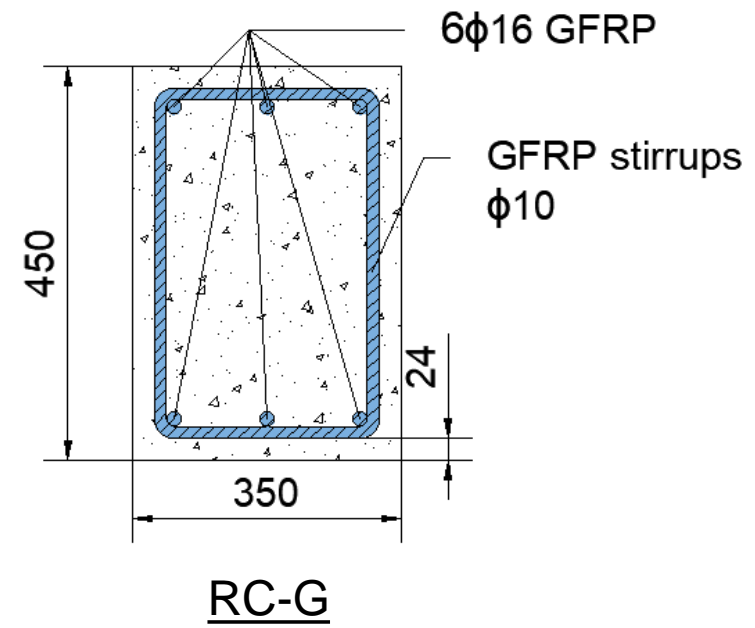
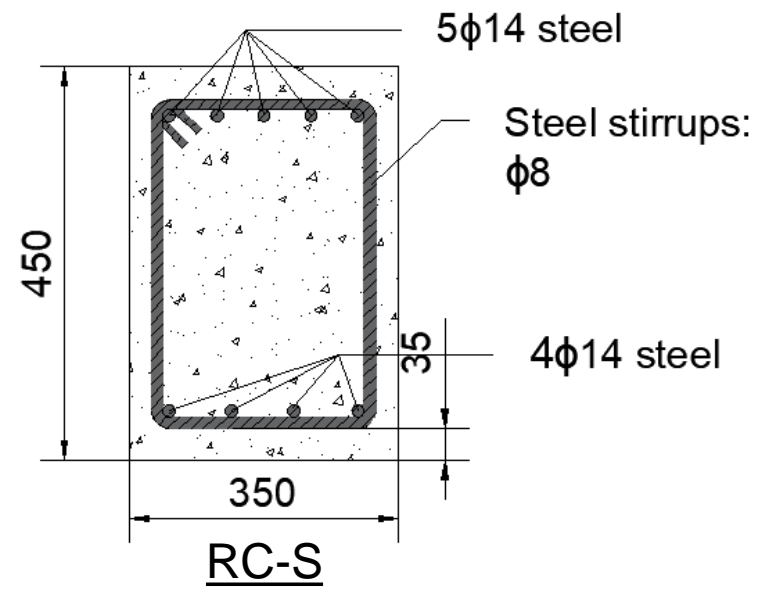
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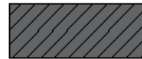
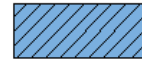


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## DESIGNED SECTIONS



 STEEL       GFRP



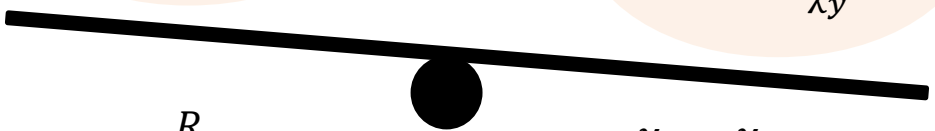
## CURVATURE DUCTILITY

### DEMAND

$$\mu_{\chi,D} = 2 q_0 - 1$$

### CAPACITY

$$\mu_{\chi,C} = \frac{\chi_u}{\chi_y}$$



$$q_0 \approx \frac{R}{I_e}$$

$$\chi_y = \chi_{\epsilon sy}$$

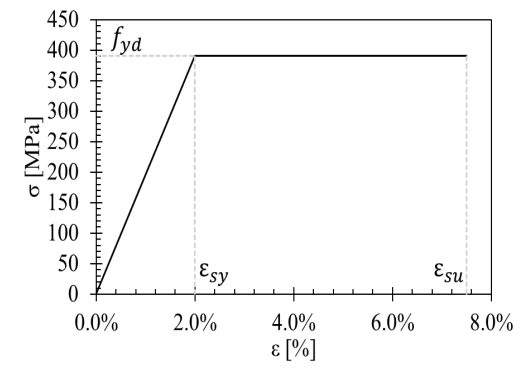
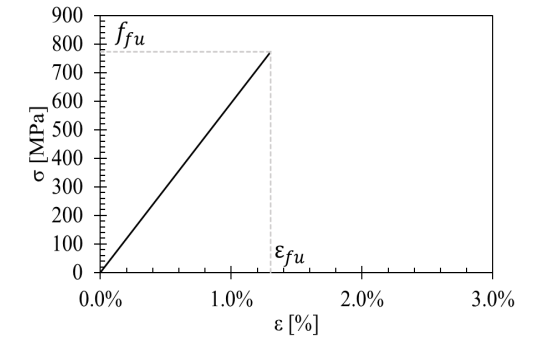
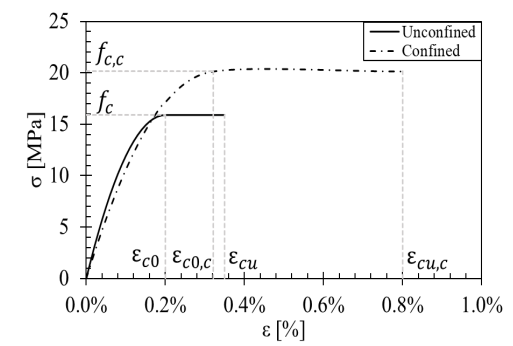
$$\chi_u = \min(\chi_{\epsilon su}, \chi_{\epsilon cu,c}, \chi_{\epsilon fu})$$

$q_0$  behavior factor (EC8);

$R$  response modification coefficient (ASCE7);

$I_e$  importance factor (ASCE7).

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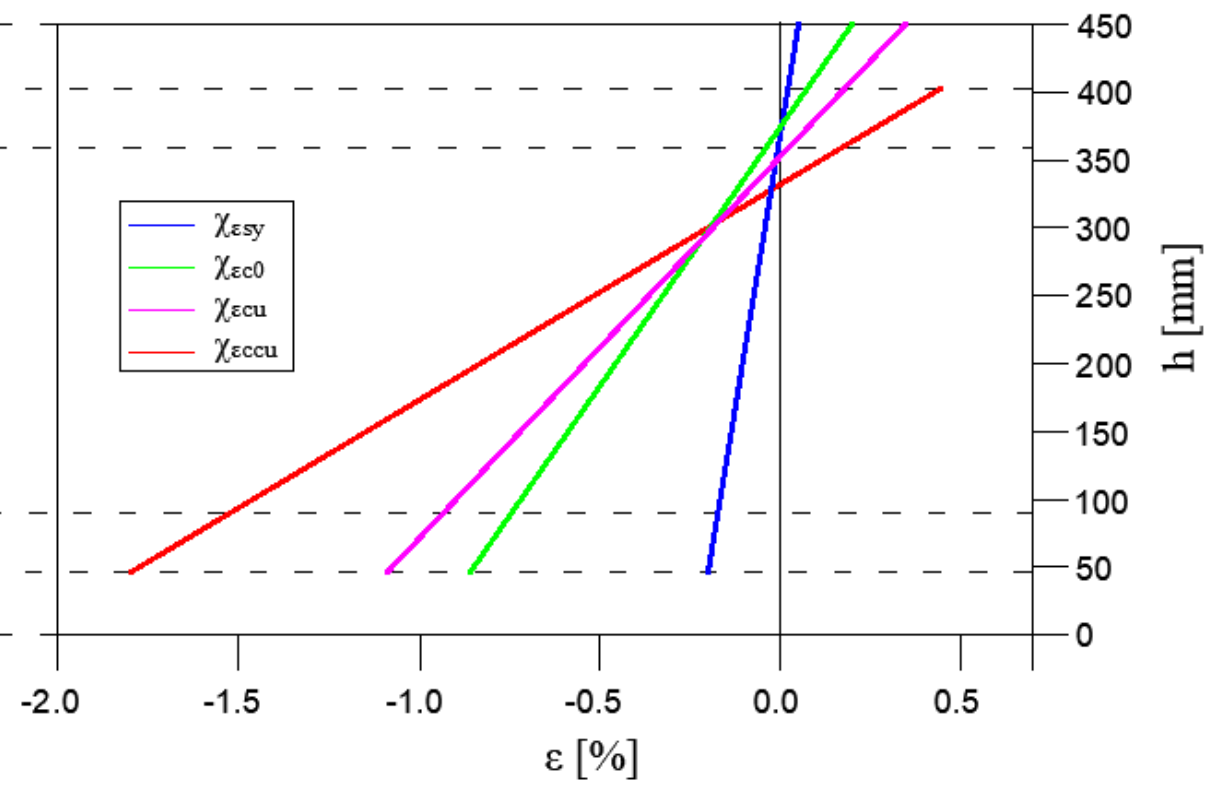
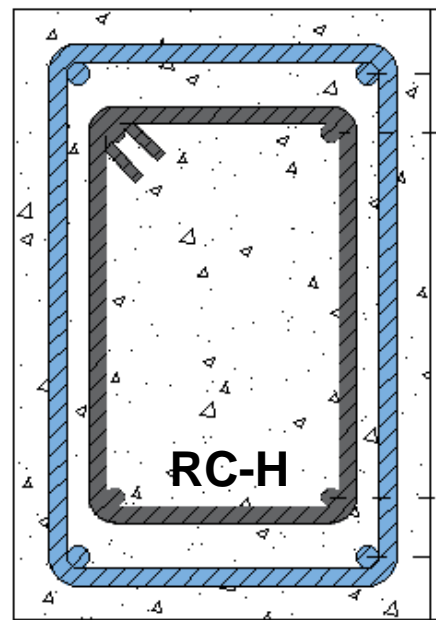


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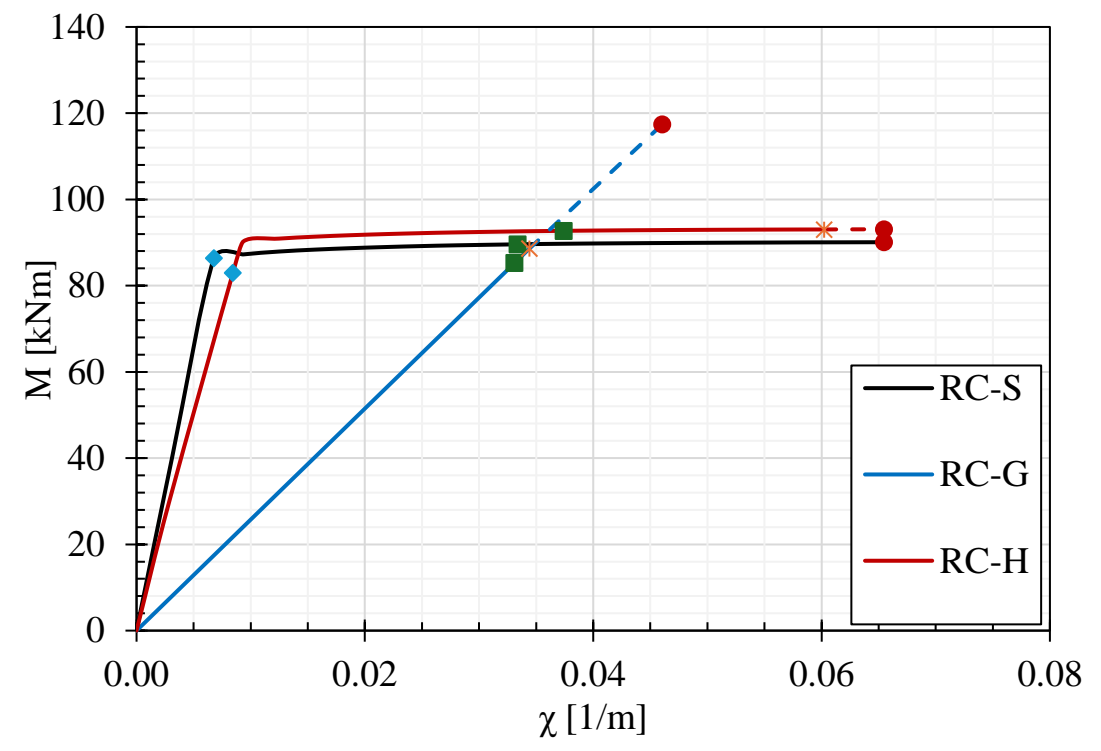
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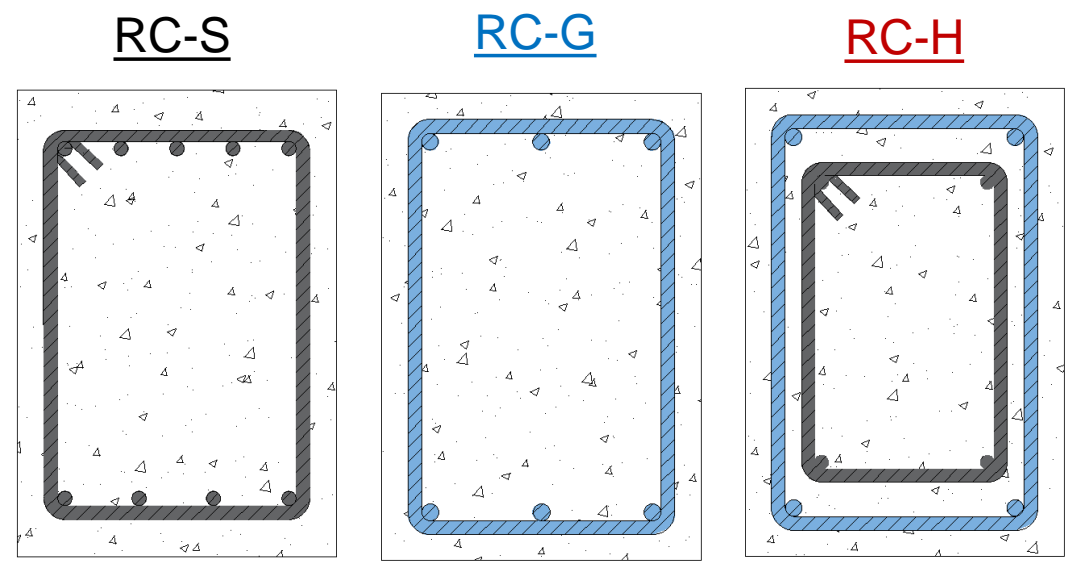
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**ANALYTICAL VALIDATION**

## SECTIONAL ANALYSIS RESULTS



$$\chi_u = \min(\chi_{\epsilon su}, \chi_{\epsilon cu, c}, \chi_{\epsilon fu})$$



	$\mu_{\chi, C}$			$\mu_{\chi, D}$
	RC-S	RC-G	RC-H	
	9.3	1.1	8.2	6.2





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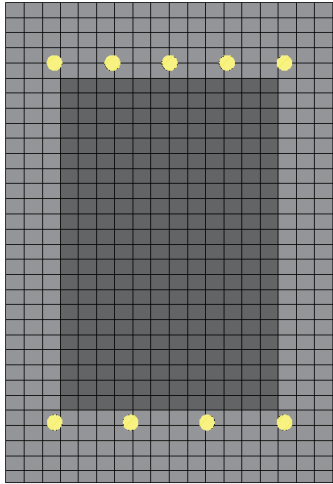
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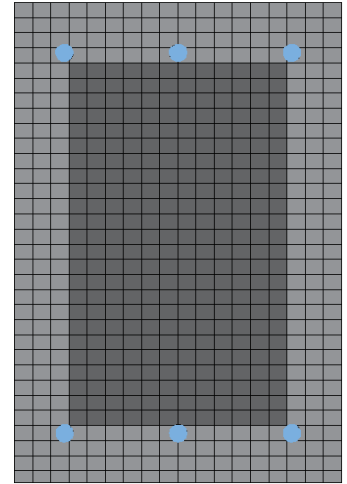
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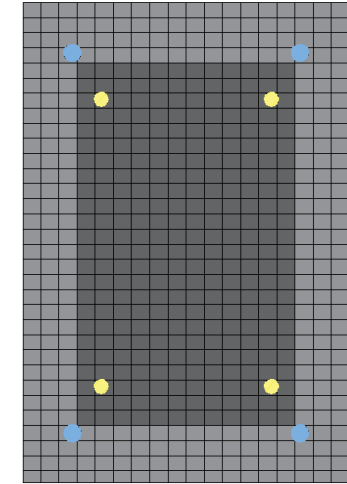
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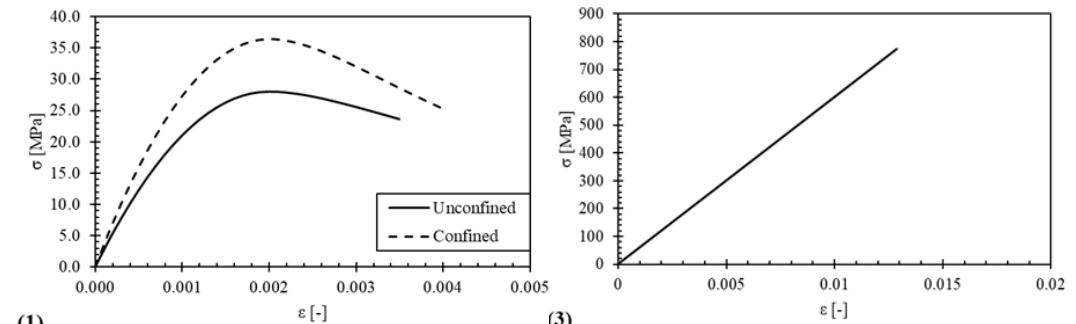


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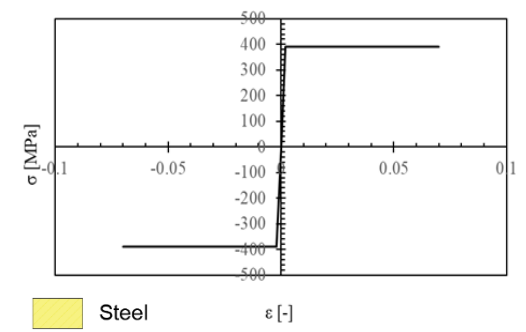


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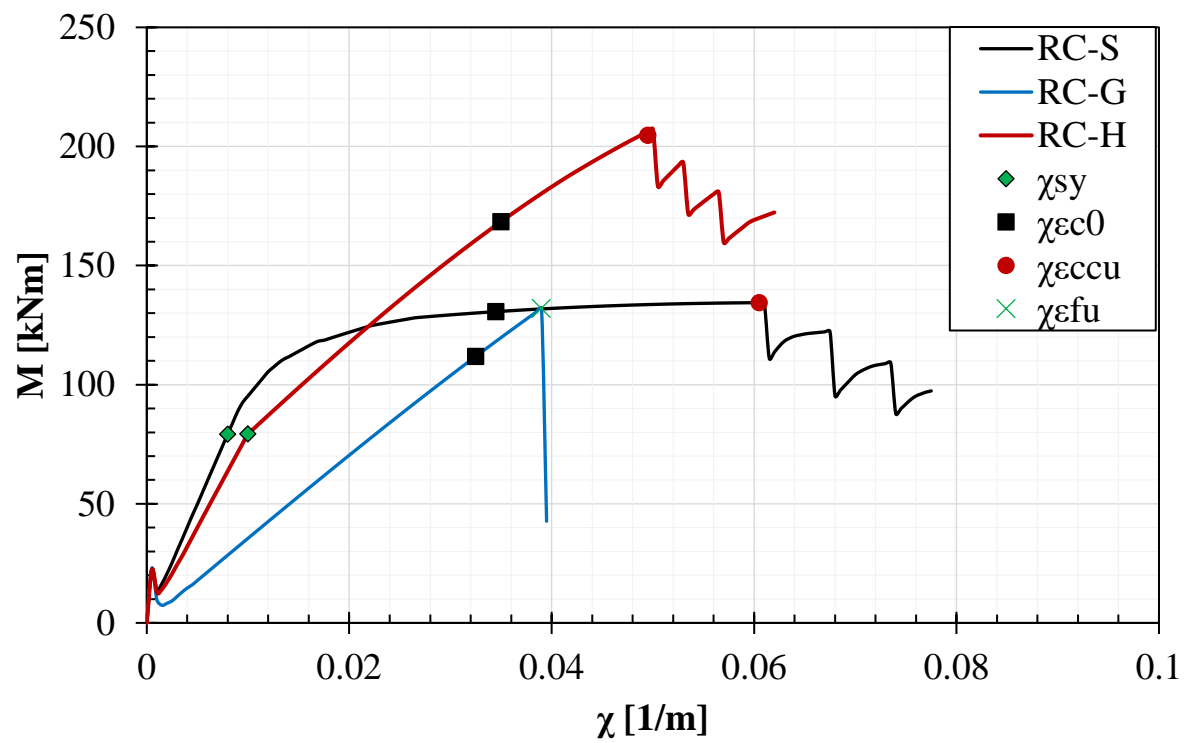
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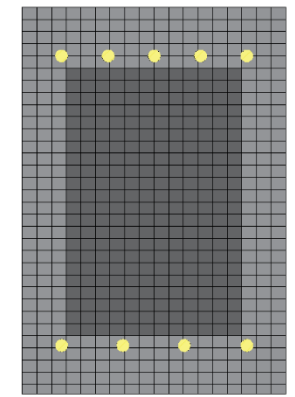
**FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS**

## FEM RESULTS

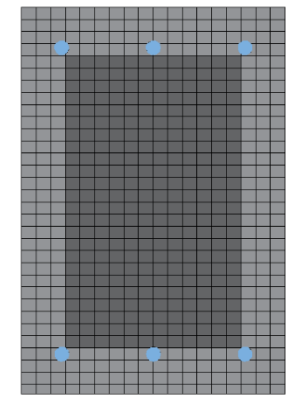


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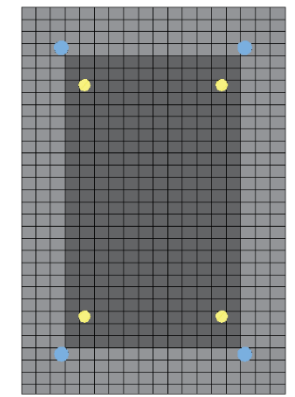
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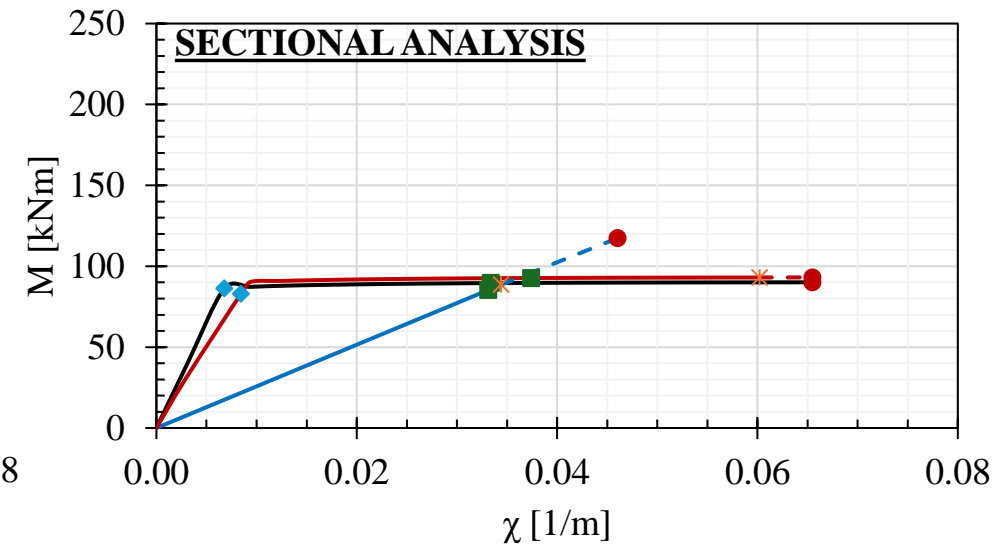
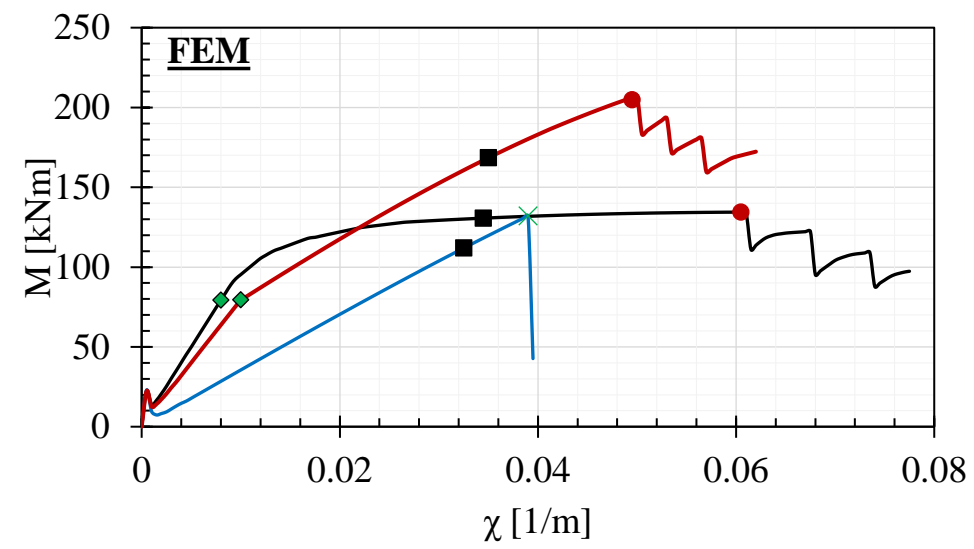
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## COMPARISON RESULTS



$\mu_{\chi,C}$ FEM			$\mu_{\chi,C}$ SECTIONAL			$\mu_{\chi,D}$
RC-S	RC-G	RC-H	RC-S	RC-G	RC-H	
8.2	1.2	7.6	9.3	1.1	8.2	<b>6.2</b>



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- Both sectional analysis and finite element models indicate that the hybrid section is suitable for use in seismic regions.
- The inclusion of steel reinforcement significantly enhances the ductility of the section compared to GFRP-only reinforcement.
- While the curvature ductility of the steel-only section remains higher than that of the hybrid sections, the performance of the latter is still comparable.
- Differences between the sectional analysis and finite element results are primarily due to the distinct material properties considered in each approach.

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FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS			DEMAND	SECTIONAL ANALYSIS		
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