

Bond-Deteriorated Reinforcement in Concrete Beams Strengthened with CFRP

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Introduction



Corrosion of the reinforcing steel in a bridge beam (https://www.materialsperformance.com/articles/material-selection-design/2015/12/corrosion-effects-on-the-durability-of-reinforced-concrete-structures)

Corrosion of reinforcement usually causes:

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- Reduction of cross section
- Spalling of concrete cover
- Deterioration of bond between reinforcement and concrete







All beams were reinforced with three #19 (19.1 mm in diameter) deformed steel bars as main tensile reinforcement and two #10 (9.5 mm in diameter) deformed steel bars as top reinforcement. The tensile bars were anchored in the test span using a standard hook to prevent anchorage failure. The steel stirrups were also #10 deformed bars with 250 mm spacing. Yield stresses of all steel reinforcing were 414 MPa (Grade 60).







Parameters tree

The specimens were divided into four groups (A, B, C and D) based on the CFRP thickness (0mm, 1mm, 2mm & 3mm); four beams in each group based on the unbonded percentage (0%, 15%, 30% & 45%), a total of 16 specimens.

Group	Group A (CFRP Thickness = 0mm)				
Specimen	R1T0	U15T0	U30T0	U45T0	
Unbonded Percentage	0%	15%	30%	45%	
Group	Group B (CFRP Thickness = 1mm)				
Specimen	R1T1	U15T1	U30T1	U45T1	
Unbonded Percentage	0%	15%	30%	45%	
Group	Gro	up C (CFRP T	hickness = 2r	nm)	
Group Specimen	Gro R1T2	up C (CFRP T U15T2	hickness = 2 r U30T2	nm) U45T2	
Group Specimen Unbonded Percentage	Gro R1T2 0%	up C (CFRP T U15T2 15%	hickness = 2r U30T2 30%	nm) U45T2 45%	
Group Specimen Unbonded Percentage Group	Gro R1T2 0% Gro	up C (CFRP T U15T2 15% up D (CFRP T	hickness = 2r U30T2 30% hickness = 3r	nm) U45T2 45% nm)	
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FEA Model



Compressive behavior of concrete (Yang et al., 2014)

 $E_{c} = A_{1}(f_{c}')^{a}(w_{c}/w_{0})^{b}$ where E_c = modulus of elasticity; f'_c = compressive strength of concrete; w_c = density of concrete = 2400kg/m^3 ; $w_0 = 2300 \text{kg/m}^3$; $A_1 = 8470$; a = 1/3; b = 1.17. The nonlinear compressive behavior of concrete can be expressed as follows: $f_{c} = \left[\frac{(\beta_{1}+1)\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{c}}{\varepsilon_{0}}\right)}{\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{c}}{\varepsilon_{c}}\right)^{\beta_{1}+1} + \beta_{1}}\right]f_{c}'$ ε_0 is the strain corresponding to the compressive strength of concrete. $\varepsilon_0 = 0.0016 \cdot exp[240(\frac{f_c'}{E_c})]$ β_1 is the slope of the up and down part of the curve and can be expressed as follow: $\beta_{1} = \begin{cases} 0.2 \cdot exp(0.73\xi), & for \varepsilon_{c} < \varepsilon_{0} \\ 0.41 \cdot exp(0.77\xi), & for \varepsilon_{c} > \varepsilon_{0} \end{cases}$ ξ can be expressed as follow: $\xi = \left(\frac{f_c'}{f_0}\right)^{1.17} \left(\frac{w_0}{w_0}\right)^{1.17}$ where $f_0 = 10$ MPa.







Tensile behavior of concrete before cracking was assumed to be a linear ascending line until the stress reaches the concrete modulus of rupture. After rupture, the process of cracking generation is divided into two stages, stage of primary cracking and stage of secondary cracking respectively. The best set of parameters selected to match the experiment is $R_t = 0.45$, $P_t = 0.8$, $S_t = 4$, $F_t = 10$.



Tensile behavior of concrete (Nayal and Rasheed, 2006)









According to CEB-*fib* model code (2010), the actual stress-strain diagrams can be simplified by an idealized characteristic diagram.

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Stress-strain relationship of reinforcement (CEB-fib, 2010)





Material	Concrete	Stirrup & Top Reinforcement	CFRP	Bottom Reinforcement	Epoxy Resin
Element Type	C3D8R	T3D2	C3D8R	C3D8R	COH3D8
E (MPa)	24,511	200,000	164,785	200,000	4,500
Strength (MPa)	21	414	2,800	414	30

Material properties using in ABAQUS (ABAQUS Analysis User's Manual (v6.6))







The composite system was simply supported. Displacement in x, y & z-direction were constrained with pined support (U1 = U2 = U3 = 0). To model the roller support, displacement in x, y-direction were constrained (U1 = U2 = 0)

To avoid load concentration, external loads were applied in y-direction as pressure on a rigid load plate which was tied with the concrete surface.

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U1 = U2 = 0



Verification



Suleymanova et al. (2020) conducted an experimental study to investigate the role of shear-span to depth ratio (a_v/d) ratio for the cross-sectional area of RC beam on the defection in RC beams (deep and normal beams), when the value of shear-span to depth ratio equal to (TB-3 = 1.0, TB-2 = 2.0, TB-1 = 4.0, and R.B.= 3.0). In this study, TB-1 was selected to verify the FEA result.

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Load-deflection curve of TB 1 from FEA and Exp. (Suleymanova et al., 2020)





Verification



El Maaddawy et al. (2005) performed a test on one control beam and four corroded beams with different corrosion degrees. While the control beam was not exposed to corrosion, the other four specimens CN-50, CN-110, and CN-310 were subjected to 50, 110, 210, and 310 days of corrosion exposure, which resulted in average steel mass losses of approximately 8.9%, 14.2%, 22.2%, and 31.6%, respectively. Specimen CN-110 was selected to validate in this study.

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Load-deflection curve of CN-110 from FEA and Exp. (EI Maaddawy et al., 2005)





Simulation Results





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Conclusions

Based on the results of the role of unbonded length (L_{ub}) and CFRP thickness conducted throughout this study, the following conclusions could be drawn:

- Unbonded length of main reinforcement has a significant impact on the behavior of flexure dominated RC beams
- For flexure dominated RC beams, the lack of bond between concrete reinforcement greatly affects the stiffness, ductility, and ultimate strength. All decrease as the unbonded length increases.
- CFRP is an effective rehabilitation material for RC beams with different unbonded lengths.
- With increase of CFRP thickness, the stiffness and ultimate strength were all significantly increased but the ductility decreased.





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