

## Convertible Bond Test Apparatus for EB FRP, NSM FRP, FRCM, and Allied Systems: Proof of Concept

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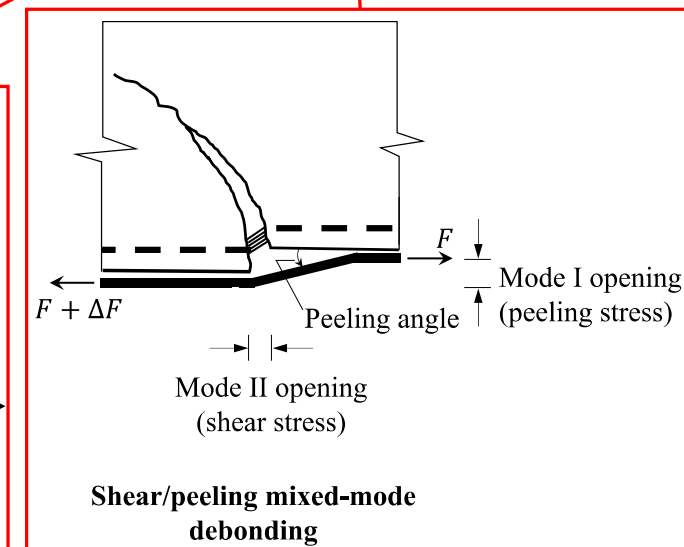
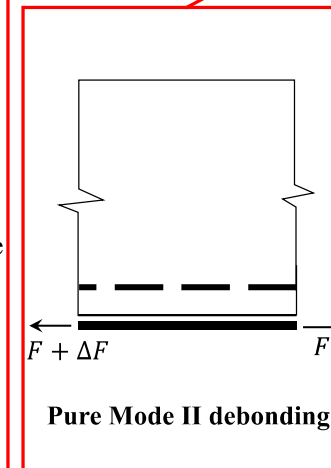
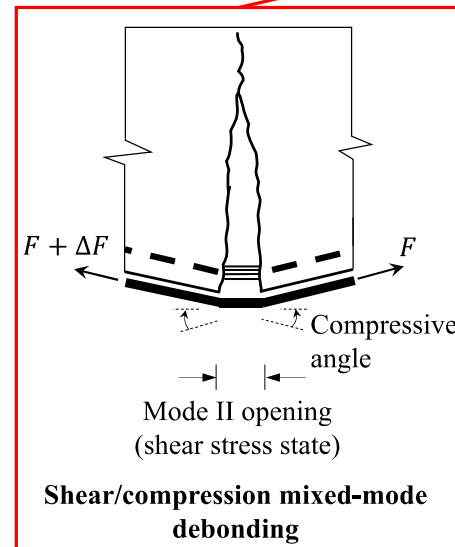
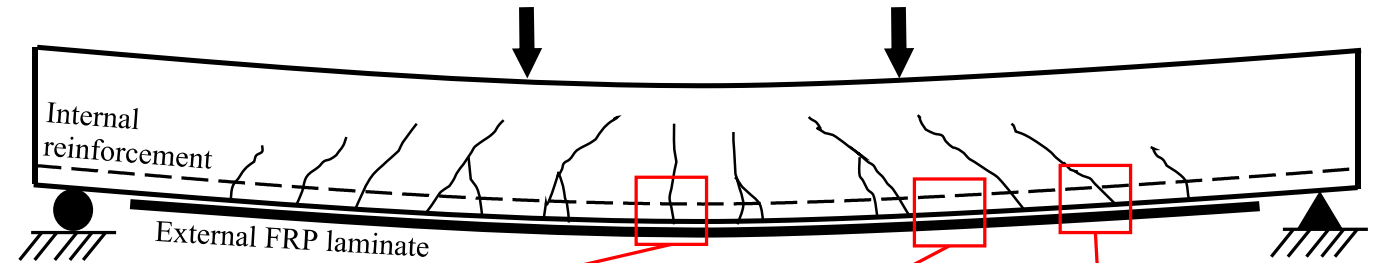


# Outline

- Introduction
- Challenges and Goal
- Experimental Investigation
- Results
- Conclusions
- Future Work

## Why Bond Testing?

- Useful for the strengthening system design.
- Different tests mimics the different possible field scenario.



## Existing FRP-Concrete Bond Test Types:

<p><b>(a) Beam test (ASTM D7958)</b></p>	<p><b>(b) Modified ASTM D7958 beam test</b></p>	<p><b>(c) Single-lap shear test (ASTM D8337)</b></p>	<p><b>(d) Double-lap shear test (CSA S806-12 and JSCE-E 543-2000)</b></p>
<p><b>(e) Modified double-lap shear test</b></p>	<p><b>(f) Mixed-mode test (double-lap)</b></p>	<p><b>(g) Mixed-mode test (single-lap)</b></p>	<p><b>(h) Pull-off test (ASTM D7522)</b></p>



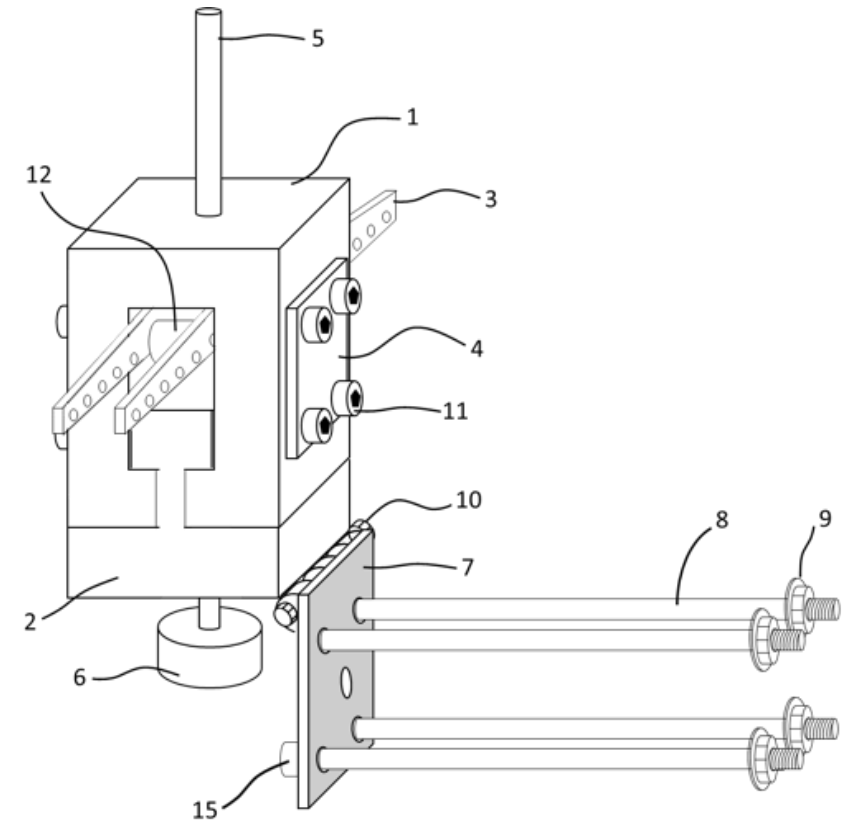
## Existing FRP-Concrete Bond Test Types: **Issues**

- Individual test limitations
- Large dispersion of results
- Unavailability of standardized apparatus hampers FRP-concrete bond tests from capturing all scenarios illustrated earlier
- Each test requires its purpose-built system, and the adoption of a double-lap setup is common
- Non-convertibility of the double-lap setup to other test methods

**Goal:** Develop a robust test framework for comprehensive bond assessment of FRP-concrete bond and deploy the same for comparison of bond test methods.

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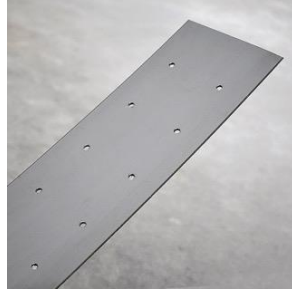
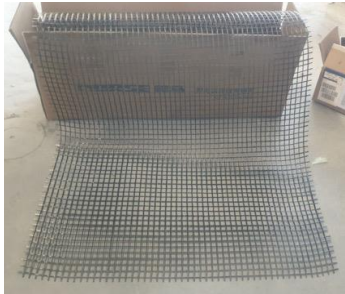


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Composites for strengthening



Typical literature field applications<sup>1-3</sup>



Wet layup FRP

Pultruded FRP laminate

FRCM

NSM FRP rods and strips

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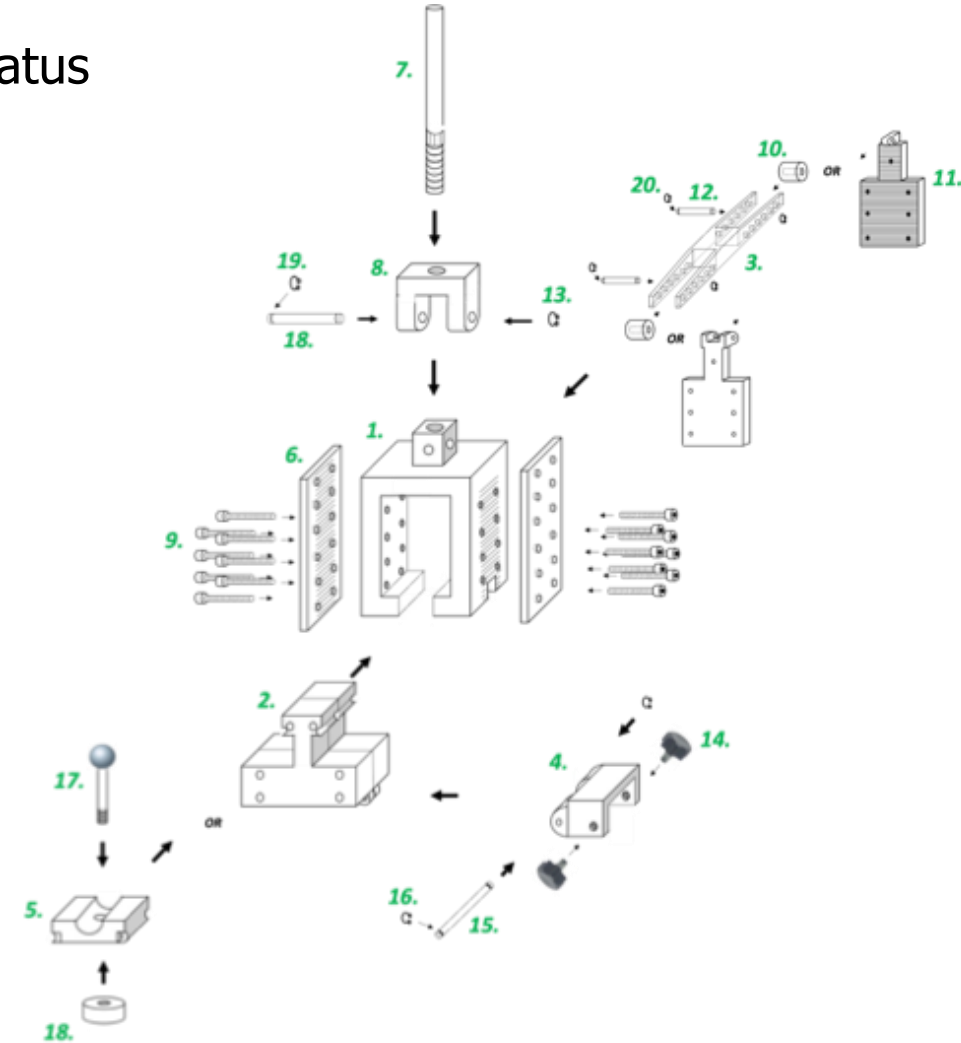
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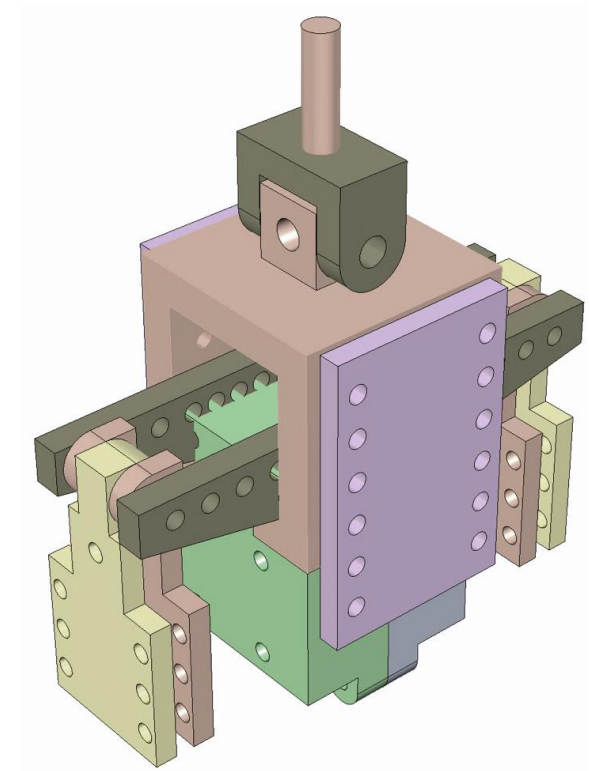
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- Application of the UBoT to:
  - (1) Wet layup and pultruded FRP systems
  - (2) FRCM
  - (3) Shape memory alloy (SMA) plates

Wet layup FRP



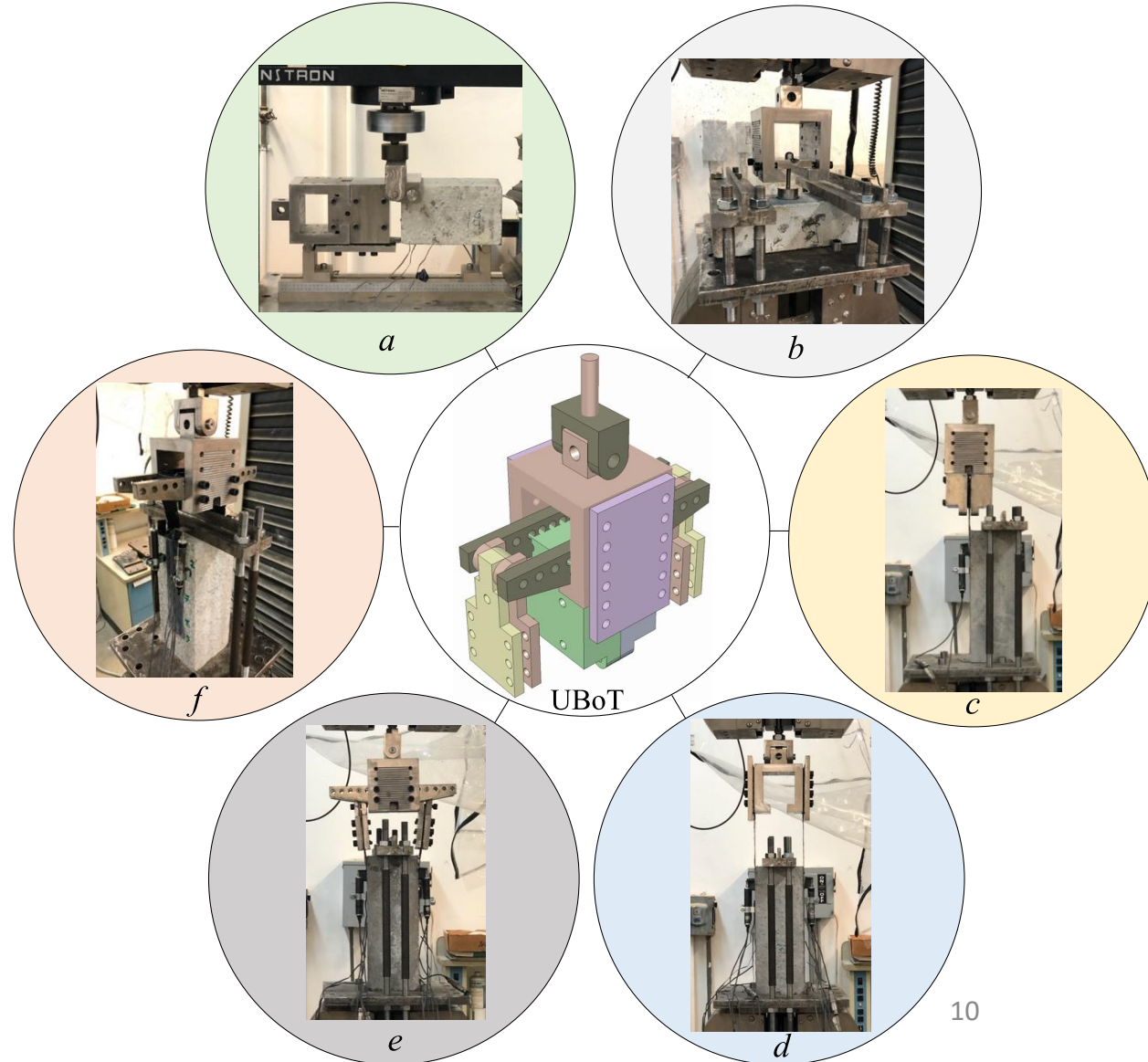
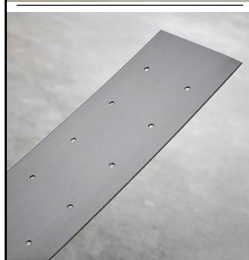
Pultruded FRP laminate



FRCM

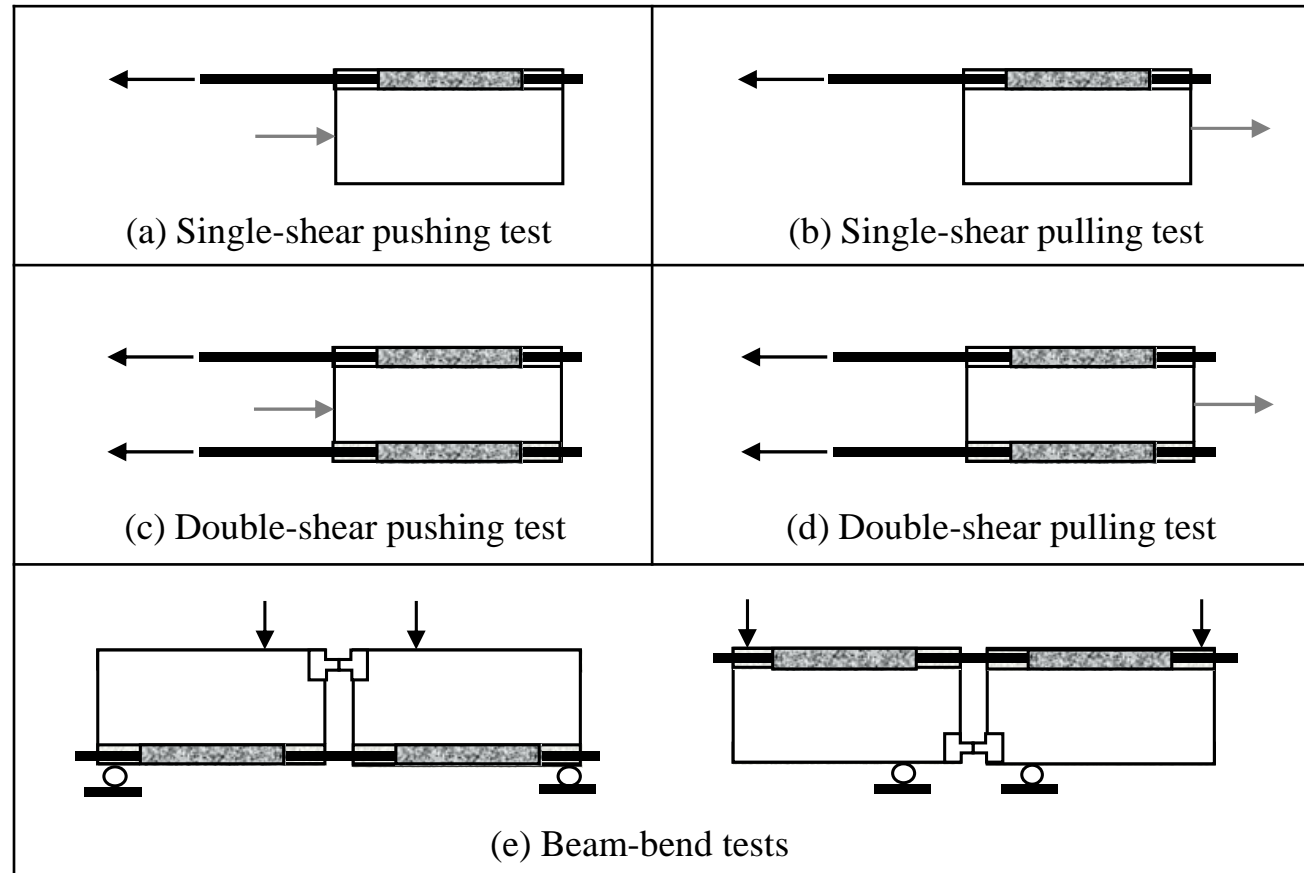


Heat activated NSM Fe-based shape memory alloy plates





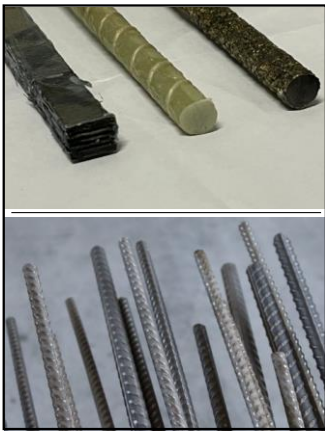
- Existing setups for evaluating the NSM FRP bond behavior <sup>1</sup>:



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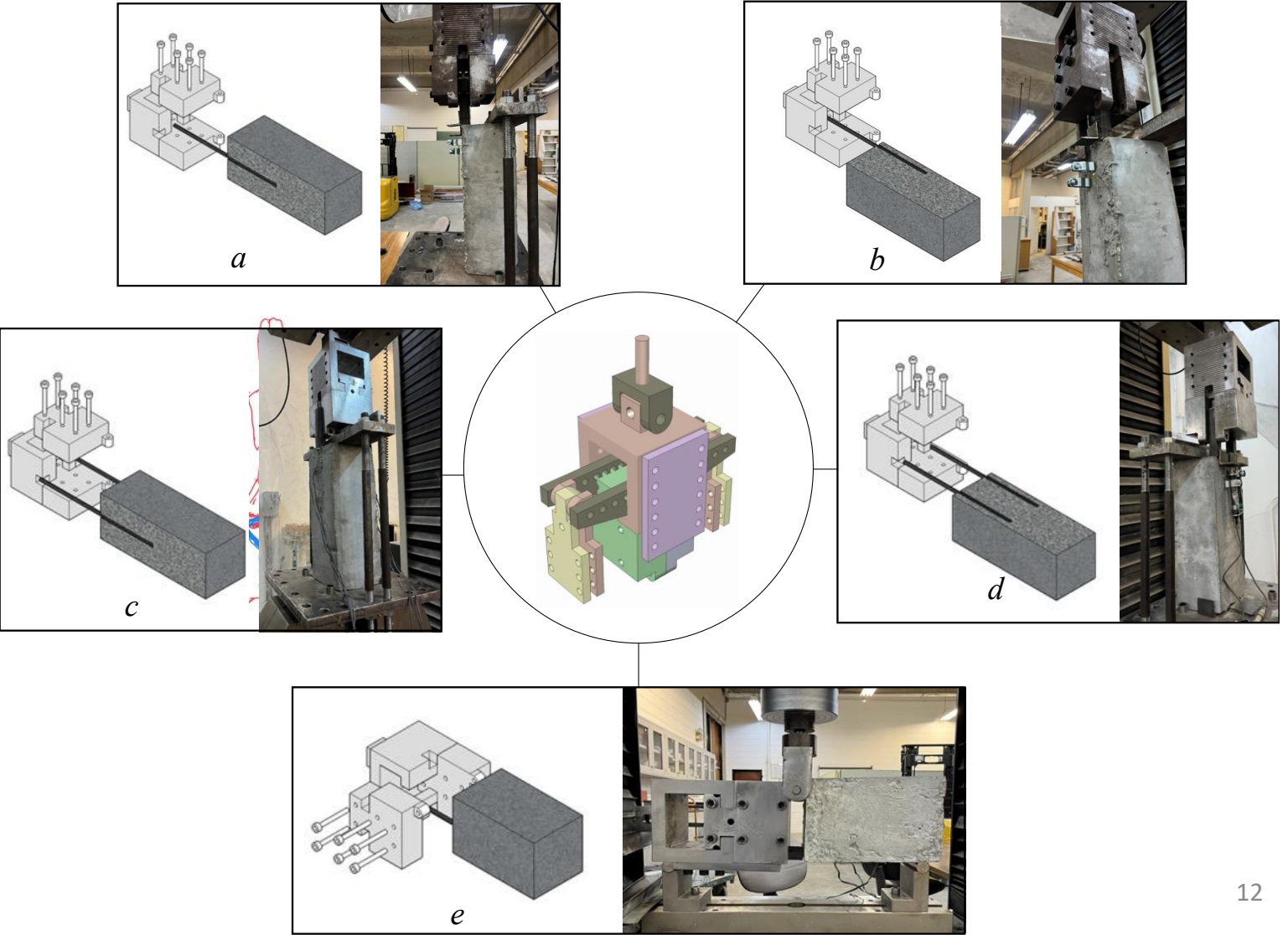
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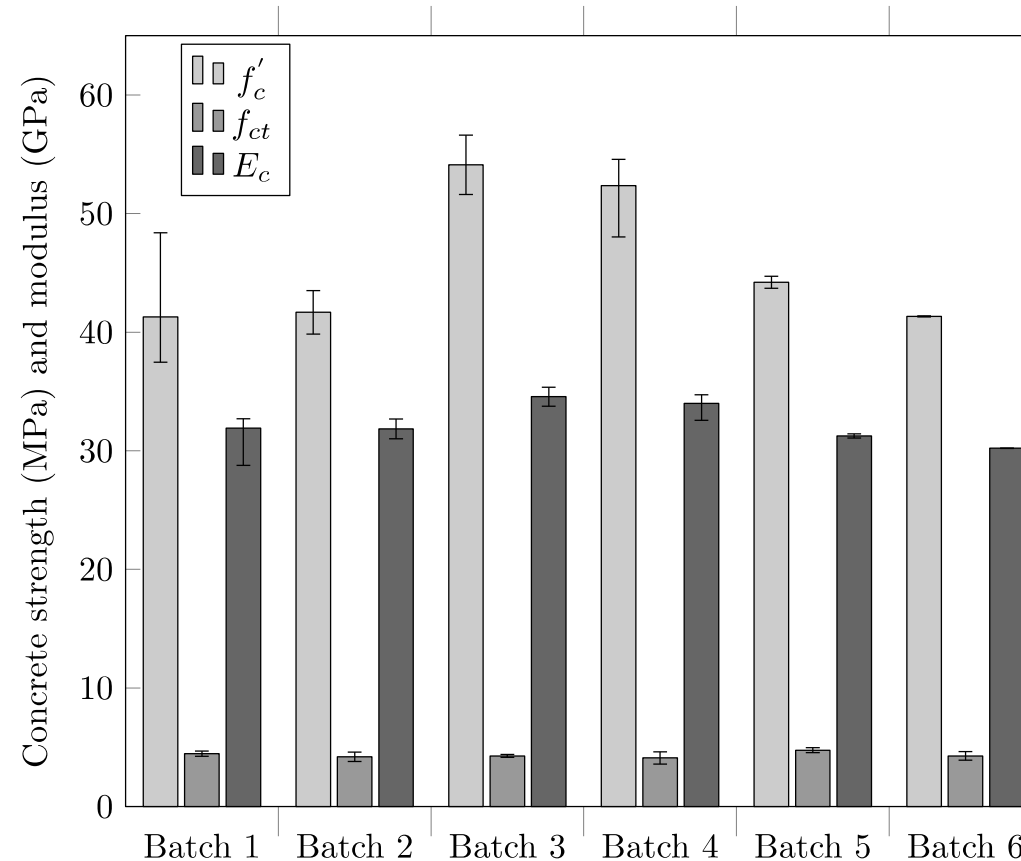
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## Materials: Concrete

- Mix design
- Mechanical properties

Cement (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Water (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Coarse Aggregate (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Fine Aggregate (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Air content (%)
418	180	1039	702	1.5



## Materials:

- FRP sheet and CFRP laminate

Width, $b_f$ (mm) *	Thickness, $t_f$ (mm)	Area, $A_f$ (mm <sup>2</sup> )	Dry fiber properties			
			$\rho_f$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	$f_f$ (MPa)	$E_f$ (GPa)	$\epsilon_u$ (%)
60 (or 100)	0.29	17.4	1.82	4000	230	1.7
			CFRP Properties			
			–	3500	225	1.59

\* 60 mm wide FRP was used for all bond tests except the pull-off test where 100 mm wide FRP was used.

- Epoxy

Mixing ratio by weight	Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Glass transition temp. (°C)	Potlife (min)		Tensile strength (MPa)	Elastic modulus (MPa)		Ultimate strain (%)
			At 10°C	At 35°C		Flexural	Tensile	
4: 1	1310	58	90	30	30	3800	4500	0.9

## Prepared concrete blocks

Dimensions (in mm) :

- Traditional ASTM D7958 =  $500 \times 150 \times 150$
- Modified ASTM D7958 =  $250 \times 150 \times 150$
- Modified ASTM D7958 with UBoT  
=  $250 \times 150 \times 150$
- ASTM D7522 =  $350 \times 100 \times 150$
- All other tests =  $400 \times 150 \times 150$





## EB-FRP Specimens' Preparation

### 1. Wet layup system



### 2. Coring and mounting of dollies on the pull-off test specimens



### 3. Specimens ready for all test methods



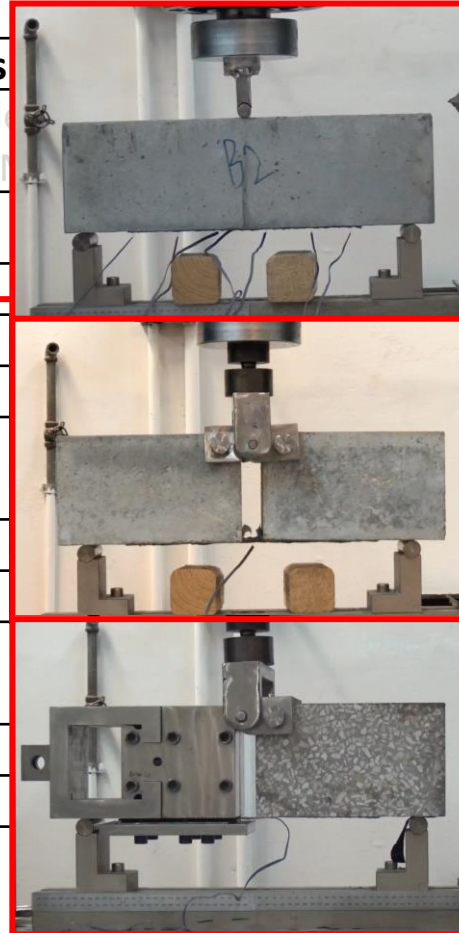


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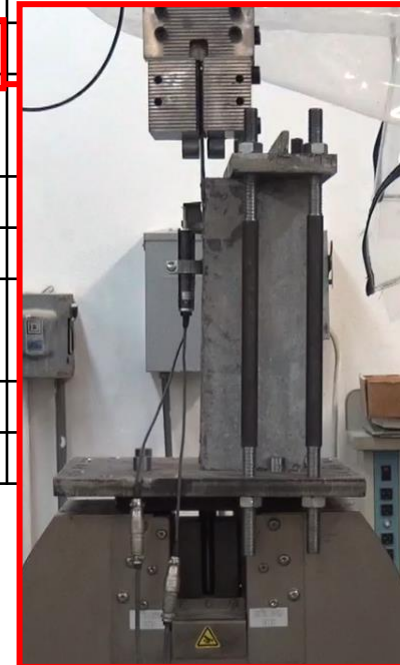
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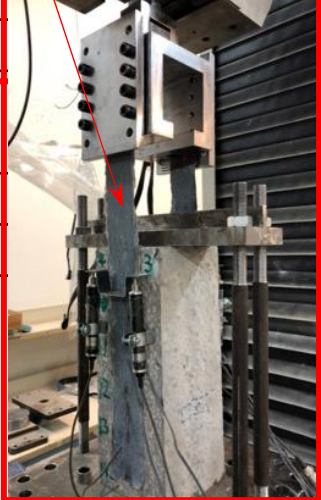


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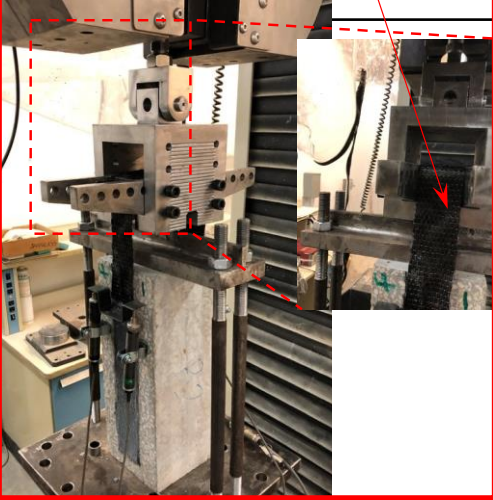
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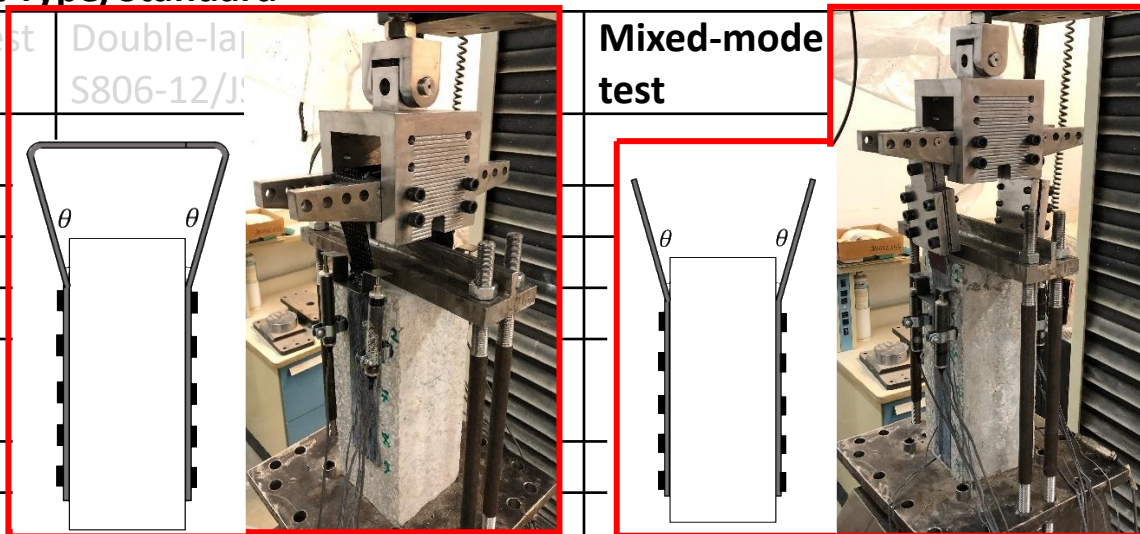


U-shape dry fibers over rollers



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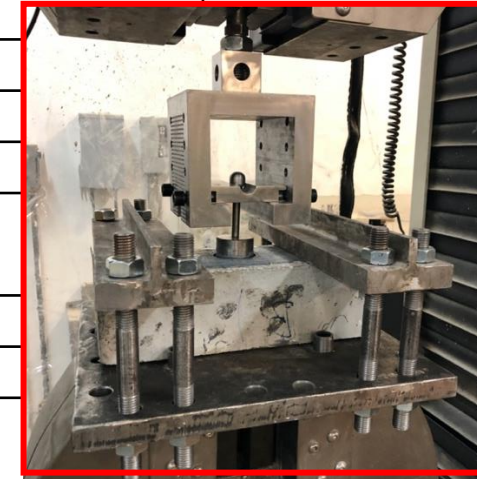
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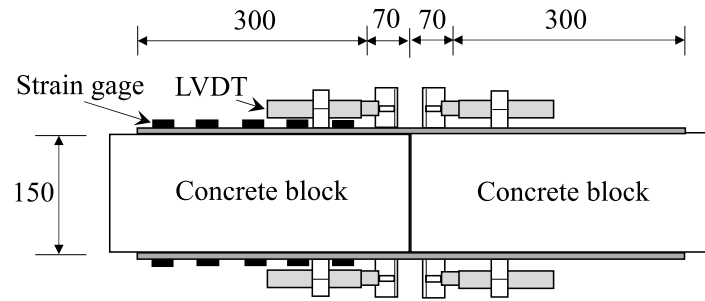
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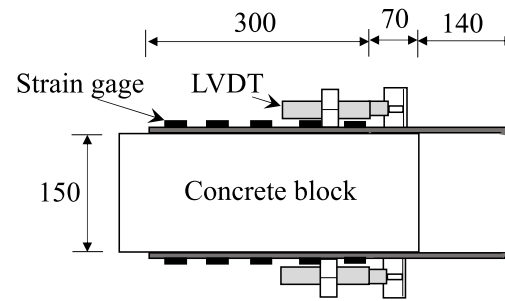




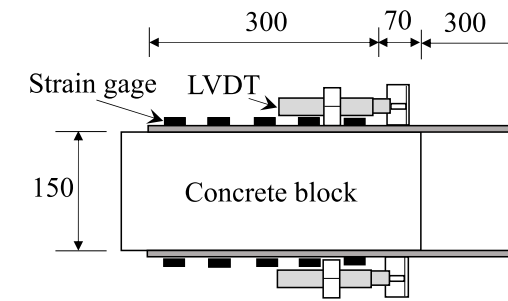
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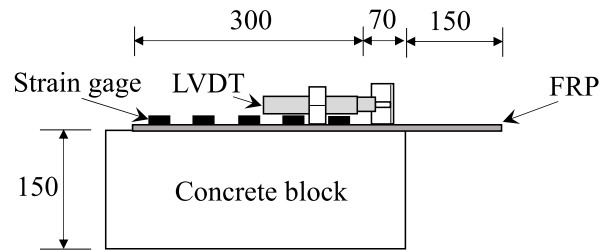
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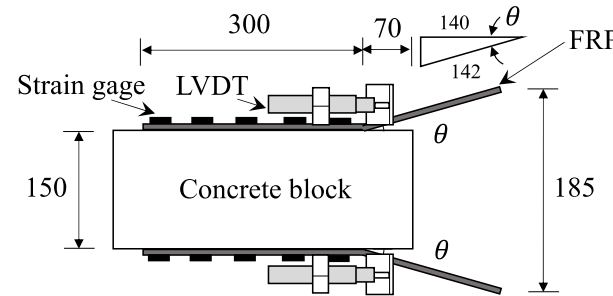
(b) Double-lap shear (U-shape FRP)



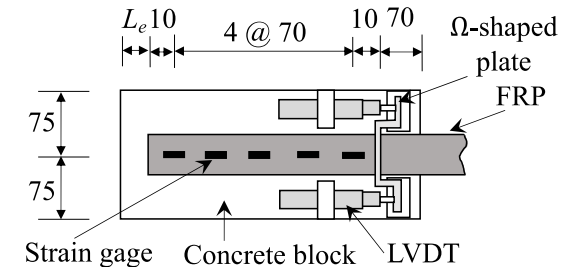
(c) Double-lap shear (disconnected FRP strips)



(d) Single-lap shear

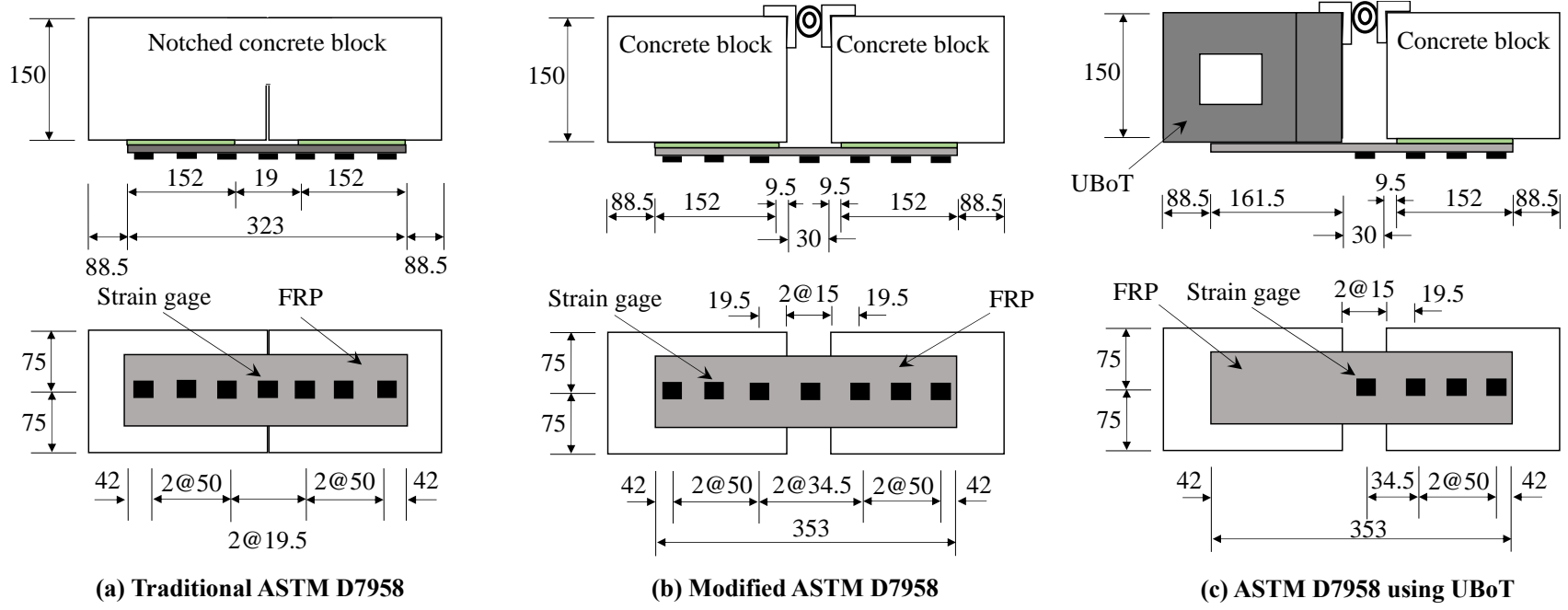


(e) Mixed-mode (shear-peeling)



(f) Front view for all blocks

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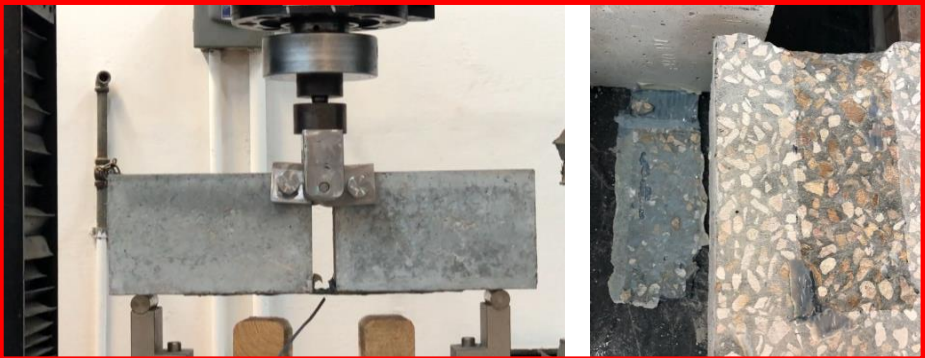


## Failure Modes

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Modified  
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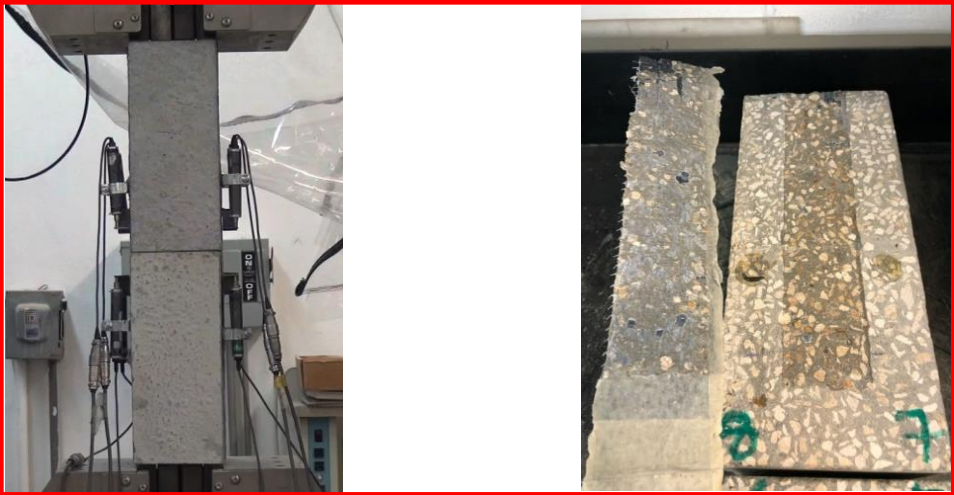
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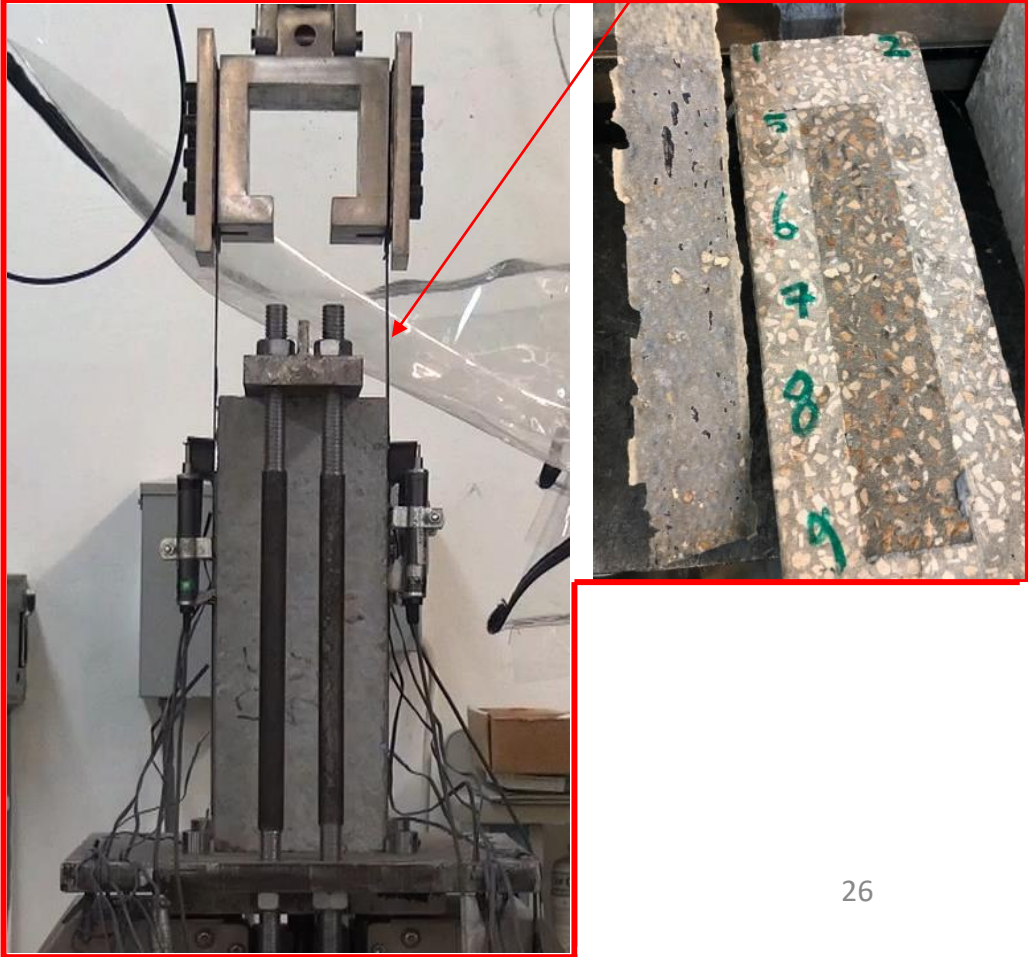


## Failure Modes

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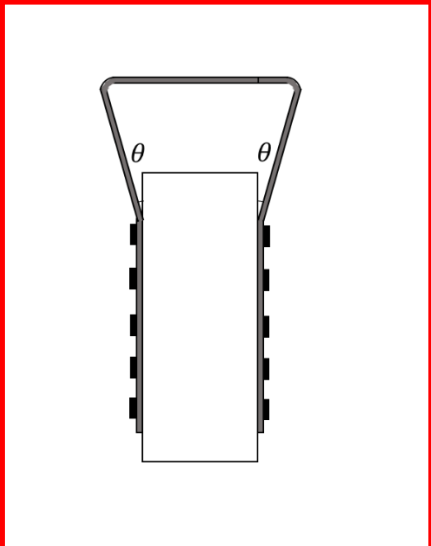
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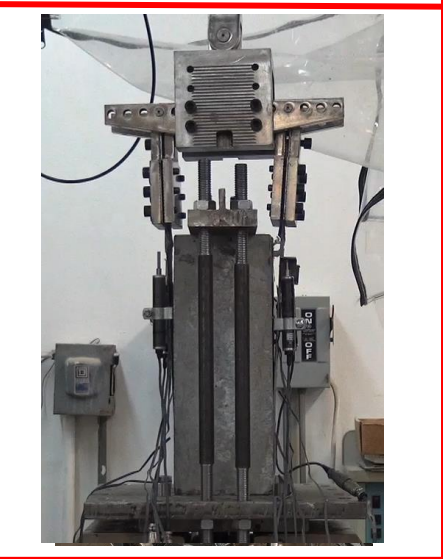
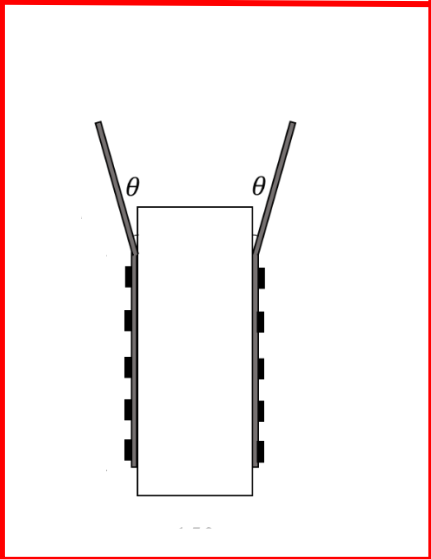
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## Failure Modes

ASTM D7522



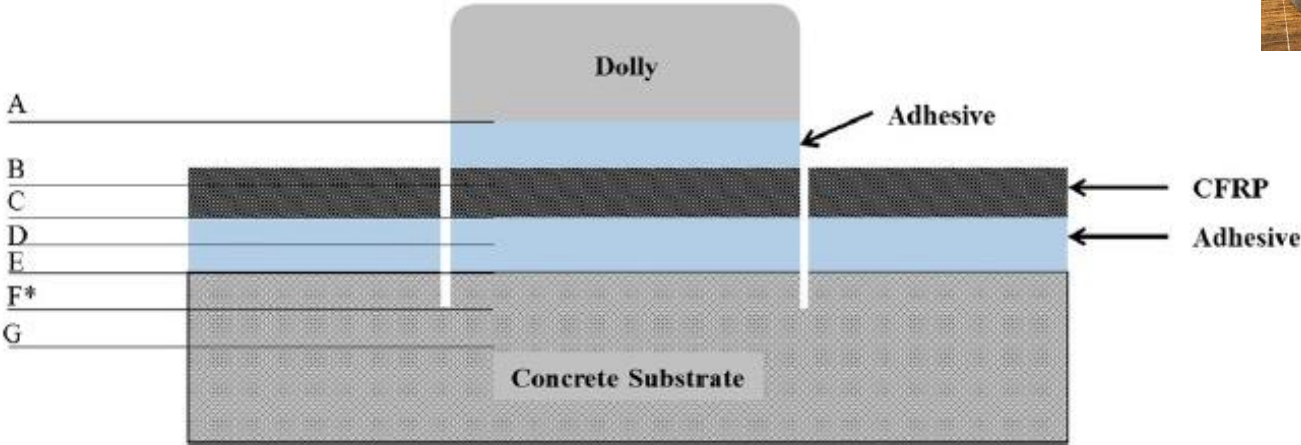
Cleaned dollies via application of only a slight lateral load misalignment

$PO^{top-1}$

$PO^{top-2}$

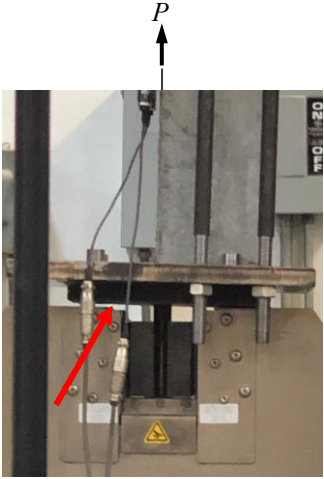
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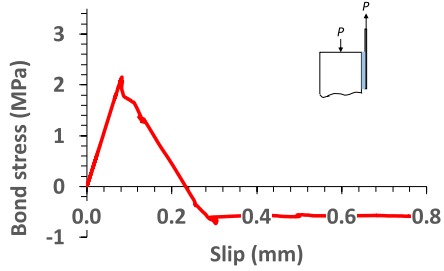




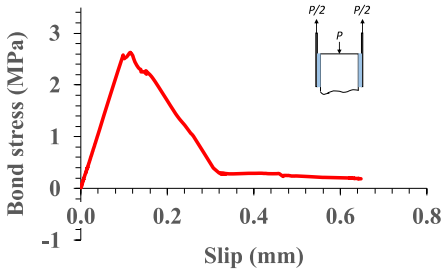
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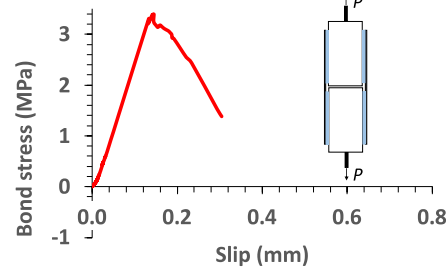
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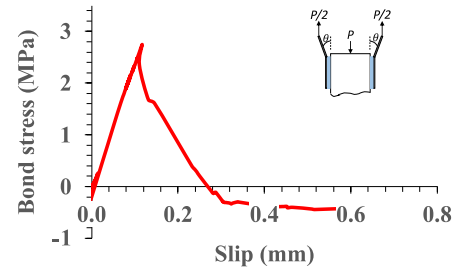
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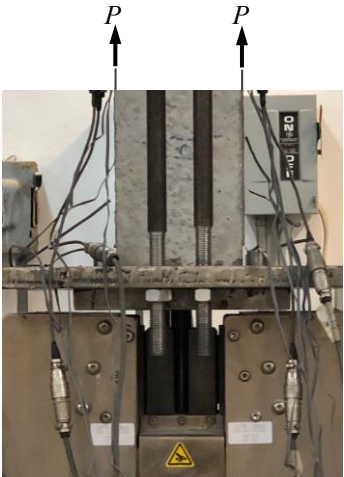
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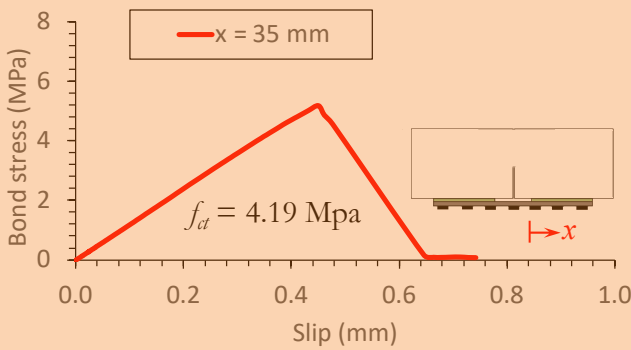
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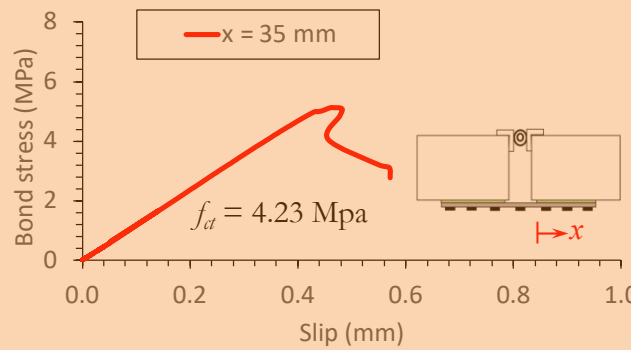
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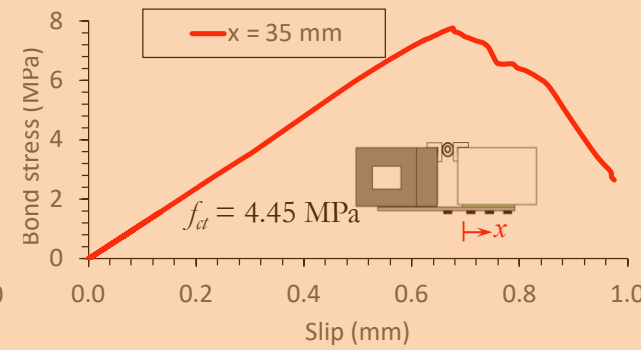
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(a) Traditional ASTM D7958



(b) Modified ASTM D7958



(c) UBoT: ASTM D7958

# Results: Test Methods' Impact on Wet Layup FRP

<b>Shear-Dominant Tests versus ASTM D8337</b>					
	<b>Single-lap shear test (ASTM D8337): UboT*</b>	<b>Double-lap shear test (CSA S806-12/JSCE-E 543-2000): UboT*</b>	<b>Beam test (ASTM D7958): Traditional**</b>	<b>Beam test (ASTM D7958): Modified**</b>	<b>Beam test (ASTM D7958): UBoT**</b>
Bond strength, $\tau_{max}$ or $\tau_{aver}$ (Mpa)	2.2	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.4
% diff. wrt single-lap shear test (ASTM D8337)	-	15.4	11.5	3.8	7.7

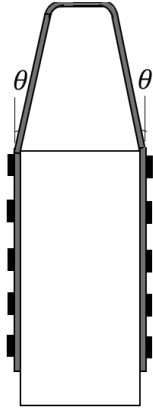
\*  $\tau_{max}$  from bond-slip curve

\*\*  $\tau_{aver}$  from  $\frac{P_{FRP,max}}{\text{bonded area}}$

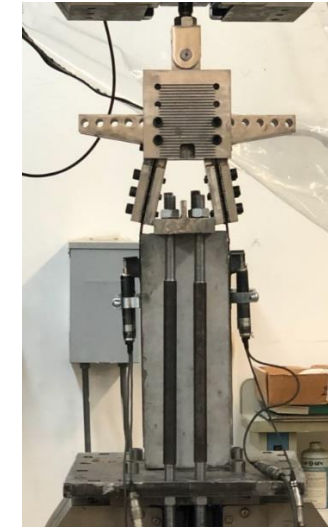
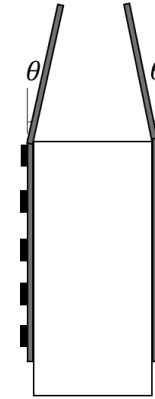
	Spec. ID	Mix batch	$P_{max}$ (kN)	$\sigma_u$ (MPa)	Mean $\sigma_u$ (MPa)
<b>Pull-off test (ASTM D7522)</b>	PO <sup>top</sup> -1	B1	6.8	3.46	3.57
	PO <sup>top</sup> -2	B1	7.2	3.67	
	PO <sup>bot.</sup> -1	B1	6.2	3.16	3.44
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## 1. Negative mixed-mode test

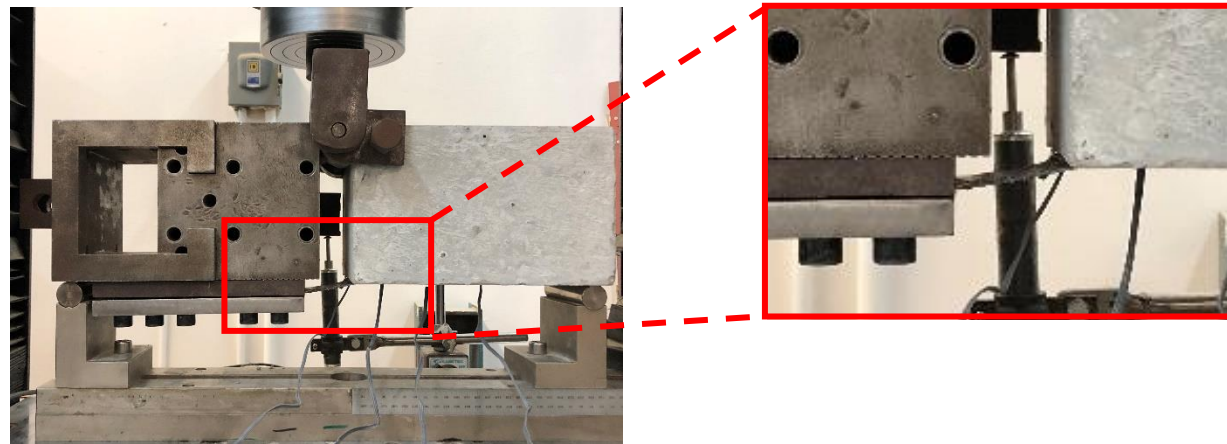
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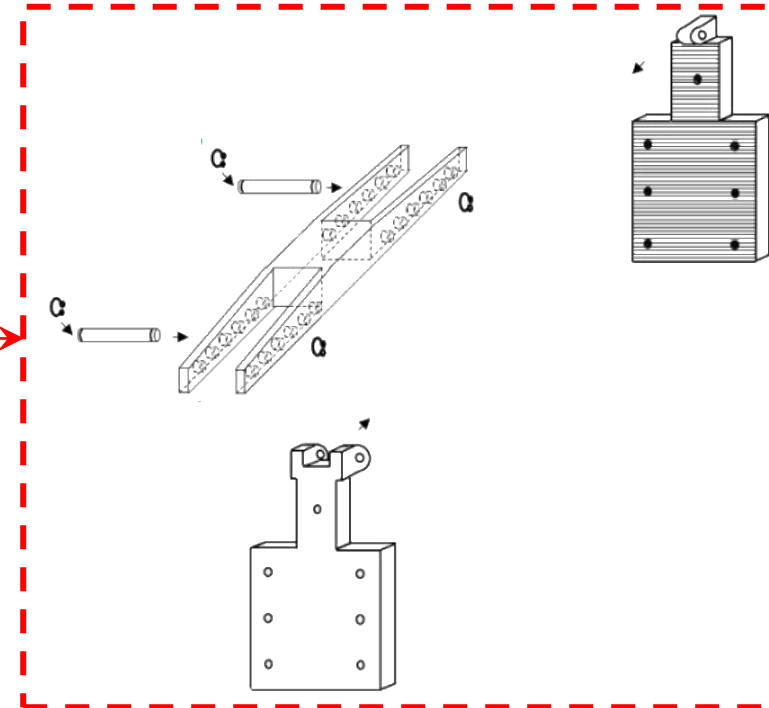
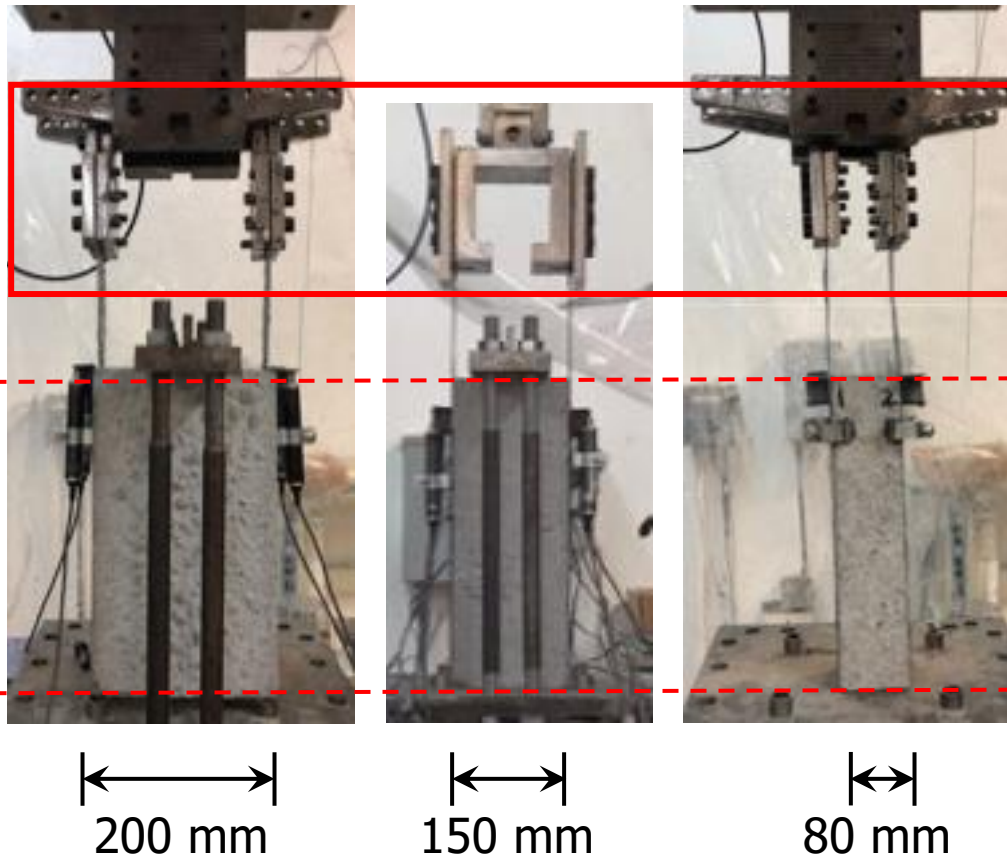
- Disconnected FRP



## 2. Bending-type mixed-mode test



## 3. Size effect analysis



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## CFRP Grid

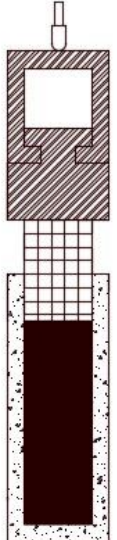
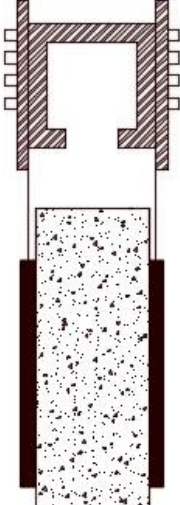
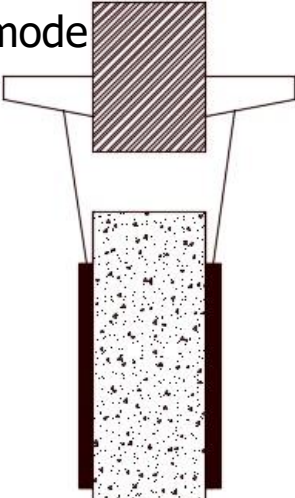
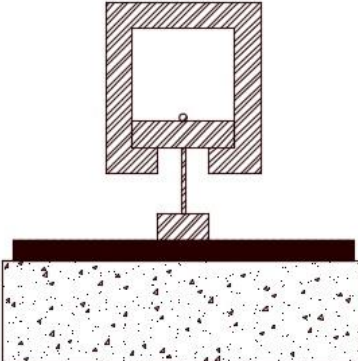
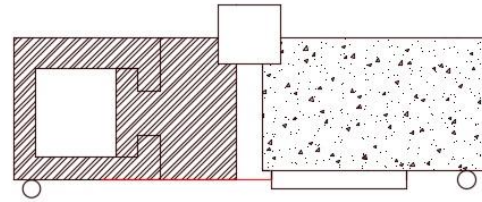

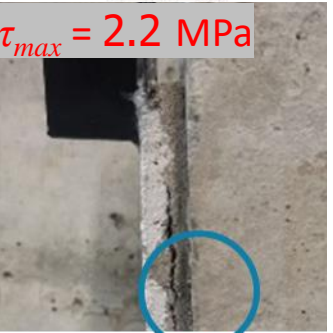

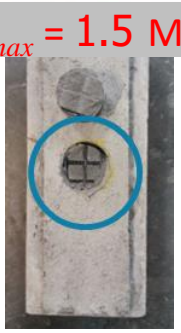
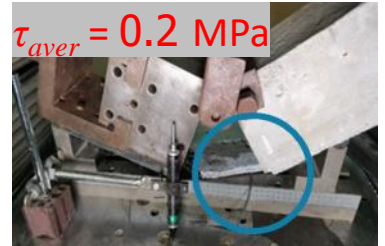
<b>Tensile strength</b>	4900 MPa
<b>Tensile Elastic Modulus</b>	234 GPa
<b>Grid Size</b>	20 mm x 20 mm
<b>Thickness</b>	0.047 mm

## Concrete

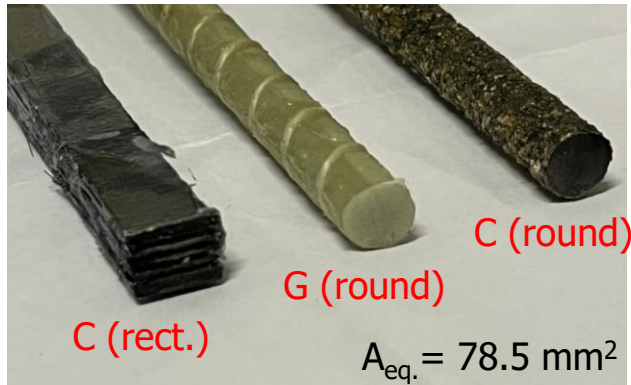
<b>Cement (kg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Fine Aggregate (kg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Coarse Aggregate (kg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>W/C ratio</b>	<b>f<sub>c</sub> (MPa)</b>
300	750	900	0.5	36.0



## Comparison of Test Methods:

Single-lap shear test	Double-lap shear test	Mixed-mode test	Pull-off test	Beam/bending test
				
				
$\tau_{max} = 1.1 \text{ MPa}$	$\tau_{max} = 2.2 \text{ MPa}$	$\tau_{max} = 0.7 \text{ MPa}$	$\sigma_{max} = 1.5 \text{ MPa}$	$\tau_{aver} = 0.2 \text{ MPa}$
<b>Failure Mode:</b> Fiber slippage	Fiber slippage with matrix cracking	Fiber slippage with matrix cracking	Fabric/matrix interf.	Matrix/Concrete interf.

**Variables studied:** (i) Bond test type (ii) FRP material [glass/carbon] (ii) FRP cross-section (round/rect.)



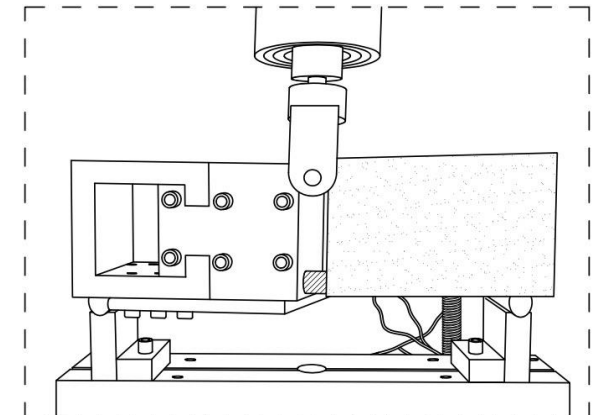
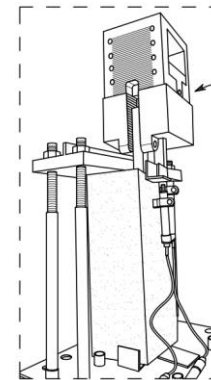
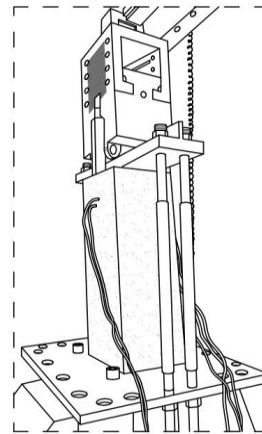
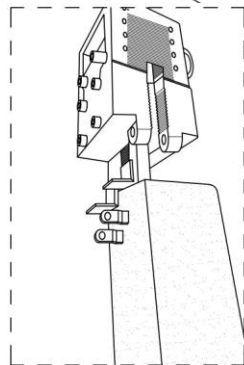
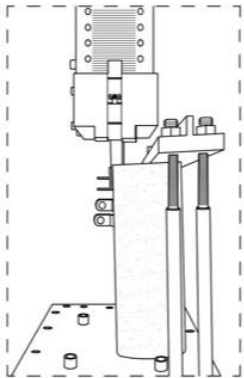
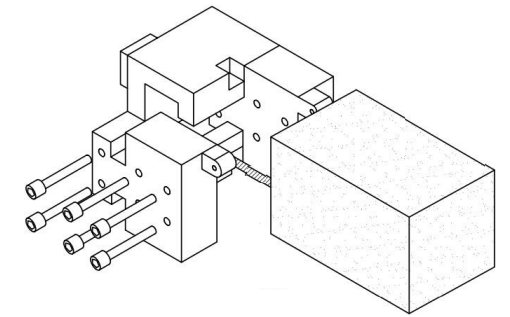
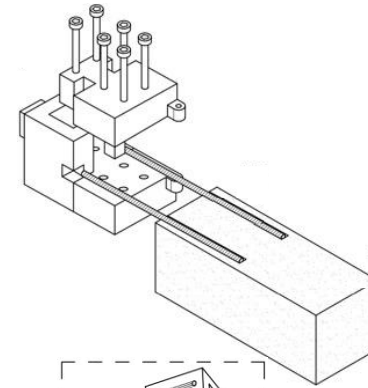
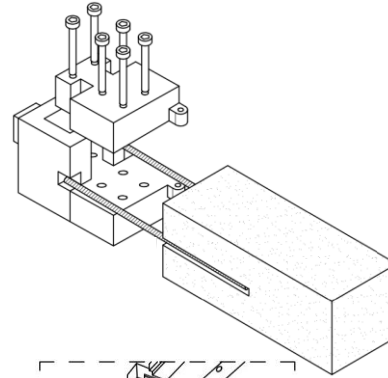
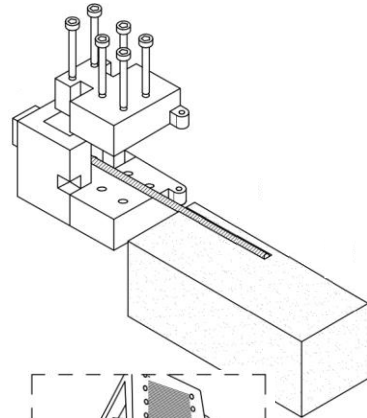
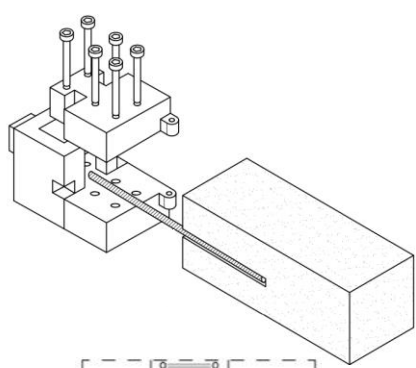
### FRP

FRP	$f_u$ (MPa)	$E_f$ (GPa)	Rupture Strain
GFRP (round)	910	50	0.0182
CFRP (round)	2172	124	0.0175
CFRP (rect.)	3100	170	0.0180

### Concrete

Cement (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Fine Aggregate (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Coarse Aggregate (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	W/C ratio	$f_c$ (MPa)	$f_{ct}$ (MPa)
418	702	1,039	0.4	39.4	3.9

**Variables studied:** (i) Bond test type (ii) FRP material [glass/carbon] (ii) FRP cross-section (round/rect.)



(a) Single shear

(b) Single-edge effect

(c) Double shear

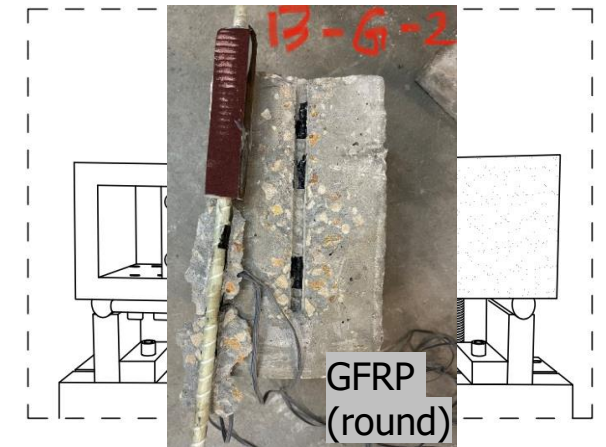
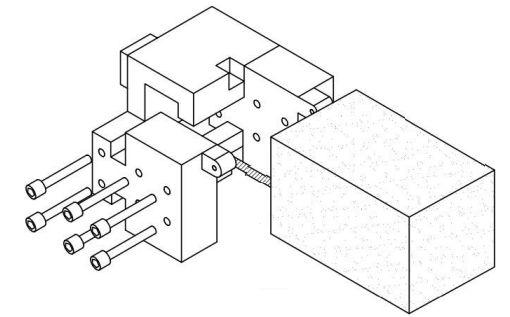
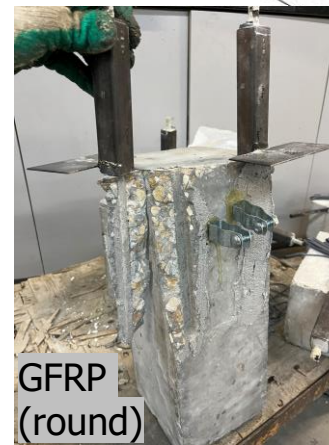
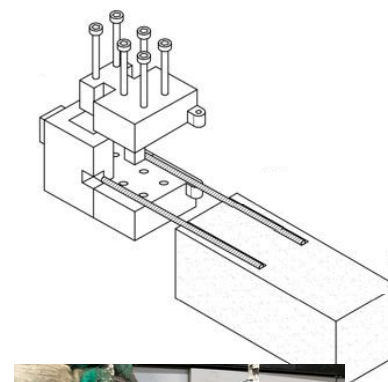
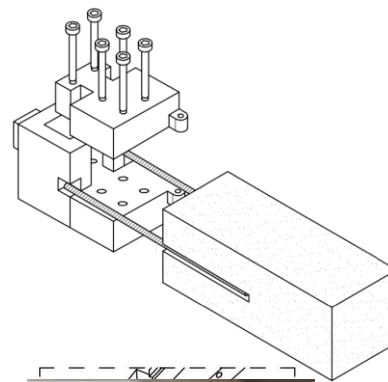
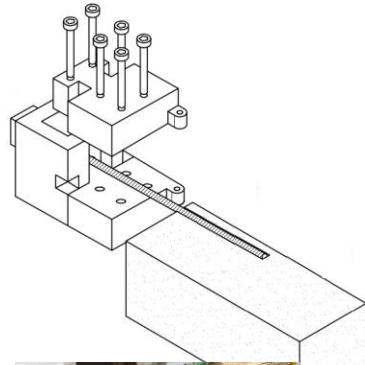
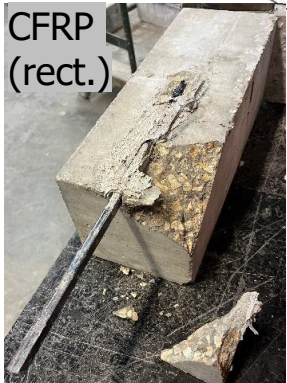
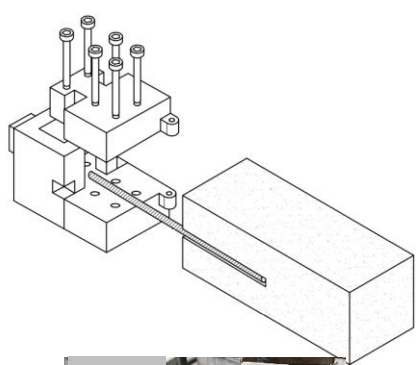
(d) Double-edge effect

(e) Beam/bending



# Application of the UBoT to NSM FRP

**Variables studied:** (i) Bond test type (ii) FRP material [glass/carbon] (ii) FRP cross-section (round/rect.)



F: FRP  
 A: Adhesive  
 C: Concrete

**Failure mode:**

GFRP (round): F/A interf.  
 CFRP (round): F/A interf.  
 CFRP (rect.): Wedge fail.

C splitting, F/A interf.  
 C splitting  
 C splitting

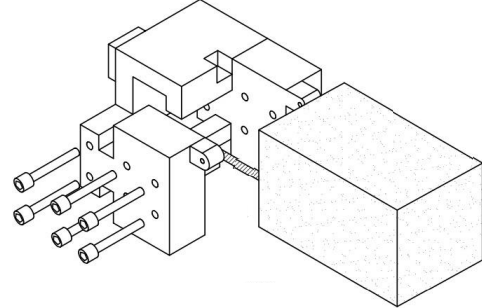
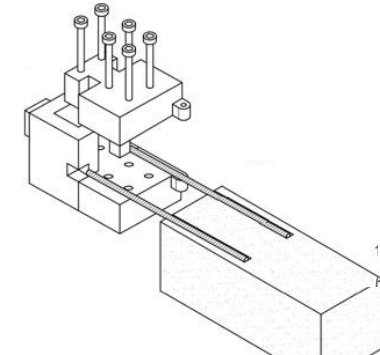
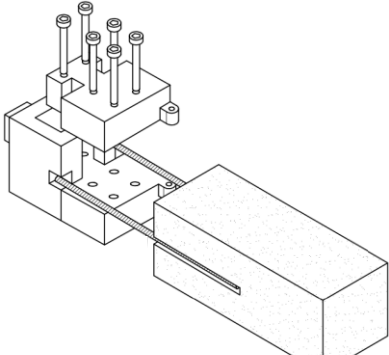
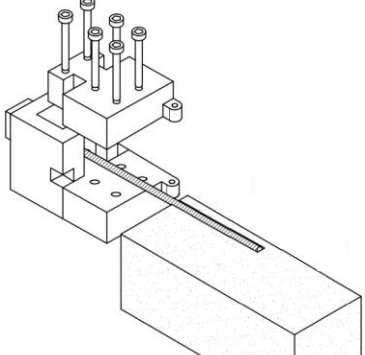
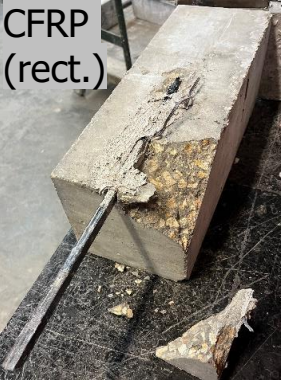
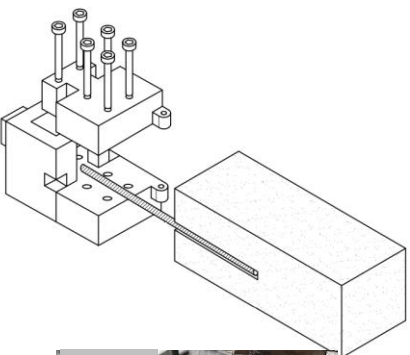
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 C splitting  
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F/A interf.  
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 FRP rupture

# Application of the UBoT to NSM FRP

**Variables studied:** (i) Bond test type (ii) FRP material [glass/carbon] (ii) FRP cross-section (round/rect.)



$P_u$  (kN) [% diff. wrt single shear]

GFRP (round): 17.8 [ - ]	11.6 [-35%]	25.3 [+42%]	-	13.8 [ - ]
CFRP (round): 17.5 [ - ]	26.5 [+51.4%]	28.8 [+65%]	25.8 [+47%]	30.9 [ - ]
CFRP (rect.): 40.7 [ - ]	23.2 [-43%]	23.6 [-42%]	-	13.4 [ - ]



# Conclusions

- Universal bond tester for wet layup EB FRP-concrete:
  - Robust and convertible to all test methods
  - Economically efficient framework for comparison of test methods
- Most consistent results: Pull-off test
- Single shear bond capacity = 85% of double shear bond capacity
- Beam test not suitable for bond-slip analysis
- The mixed-mode test (1) simulates the more realistic field behavior and (2) diagnoses the single shear test artifacts
- Successful extension to other strengthening systems: Pultruded EB-FRP, FRCM, NSM-FRP
- The tool can be useful for more detailed validations of numerical models

# Ongoing Work: Heat-Activated Fe-based SMAs

Bond integrity assessment using the UBoT and effect of activation temperature



Heat activated NSM Fe-based shape memory alloy rods<sup>1-2</sup>

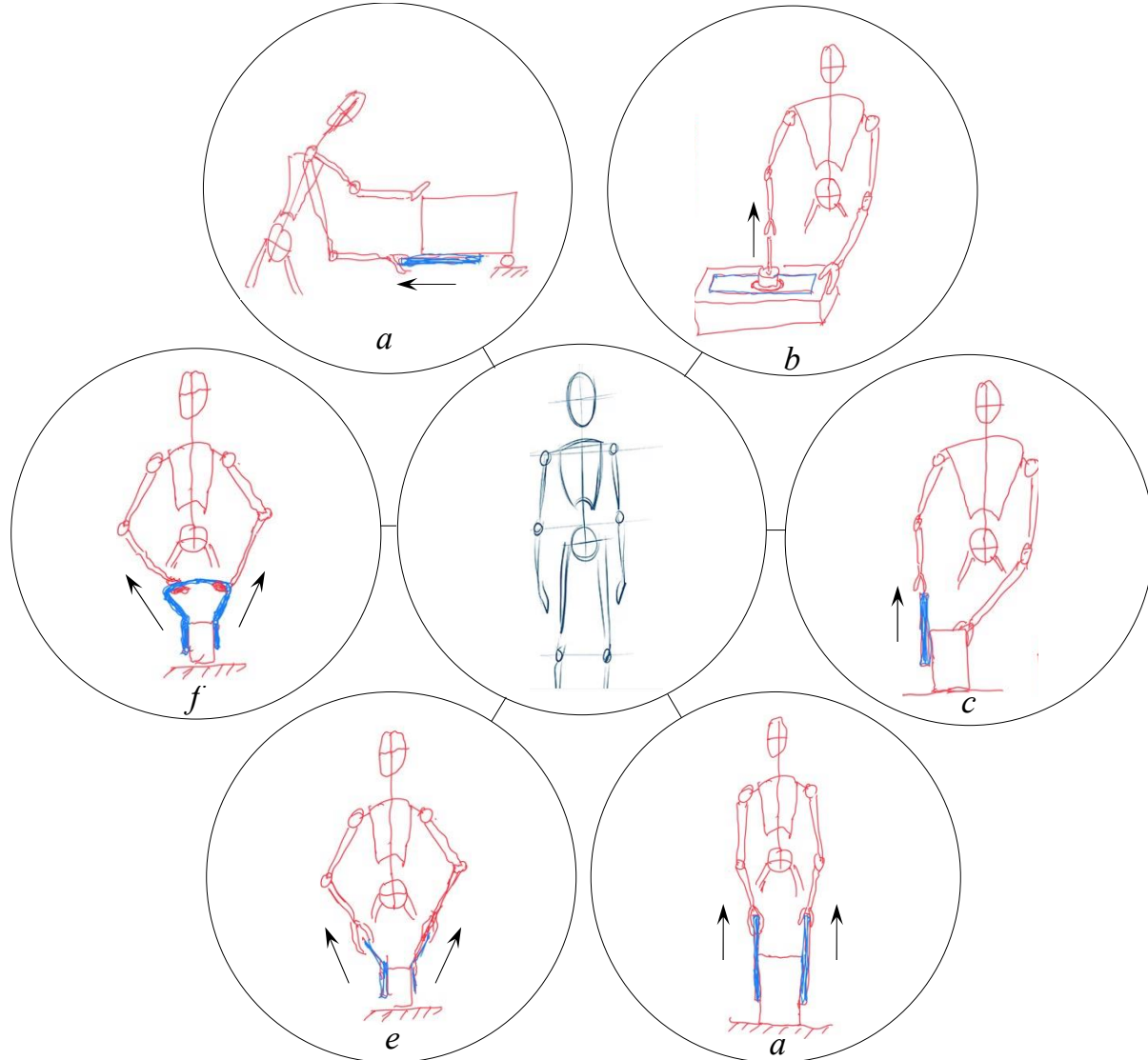
Heat activated Fe-based shape memory alloy plates<sup>3</sup>

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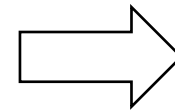
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# Future Work: Automation (Solution Phase 3)

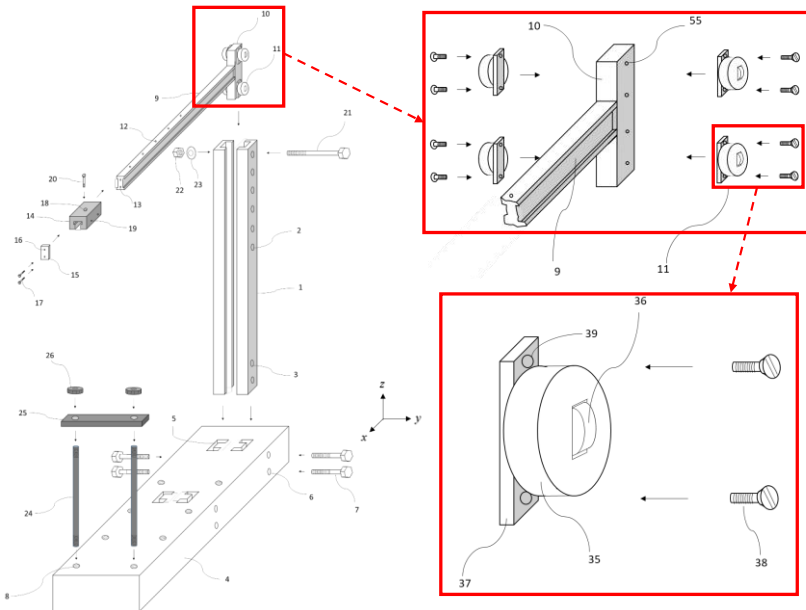


State-of-the-art



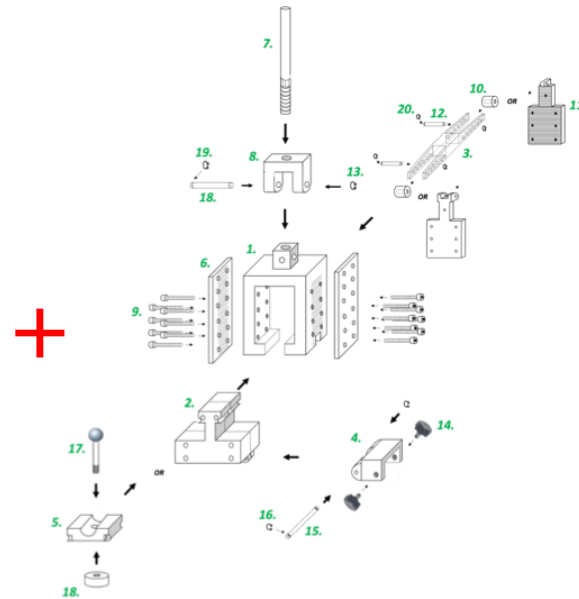
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## Adaptable Loading Frame



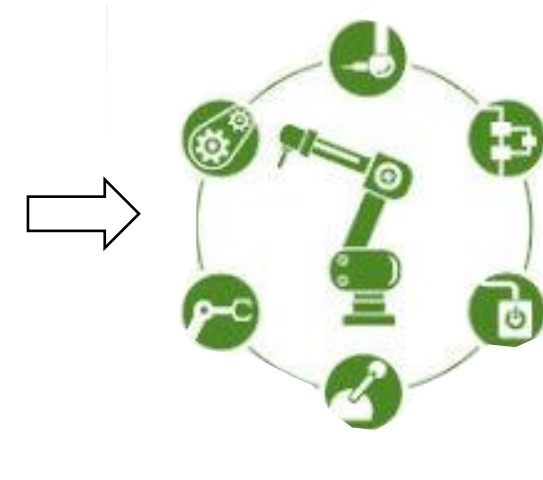
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## UBoT



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## Machine Design



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