Fibre Composites in Structural Engineering

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Team Members

Flexural Strengthening using FRP Composites: Swiss and other codes

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External Strengthening of Metallic Structures

Dr. Hossein Heydarinouri, Structural engineering Research Laboratory, Empa

External Strengthening of Timber Structures

Robert Widmann, Structural engineering Research Laboratory, Empa

FRP Composite Profiles, All Composites Structures

Dr. Moslem Shahverdi, Structural engineering Research Laboratory, Empa

Measurement Techniques and Structural Health Monitoring

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Download pdf files from:

https://www.empa.ch/web/s303

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Course Schedule, Fall Semester 2024 (HIL E10.1)

- 18/Sept: Introduction and Overview, Material Properties
- 25/Sept: Mechanics of a Lamina: Micro Mechanics, Macro Mechanics
- 02/Oct: Laminate Theory,
- 09/Oct: Lamina and Laminate Theory, **First written midterm exam**
- 16/Oct: Externally Bonded FRP Reinforcement for Concrete Structures: Overview
- 23/Oct: Flexural strengthening of Concrete Structures by Externally Bonded FRP Reinforcement: Swiss Code 166 and other codes, Introduction to the laboratory experiments (Christoph Czaderski)
- 30/Oct: Externally Bonded FRP Reinforcement for Concrete Structures: Shear Strengthening; Column Confinement

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..... Course Schedule, Fall Semester 2024

- 06/Nov: Externally Bonded FRP Reinforcement for Metallic Structures (Hossein Heydarinouri)
- 13/Nov: Application of Externally Bonded FRP Reinforcement in the Empa laboratory,
- 20/Nov: Externally Bonded FRP Reinforcement for Timber Structures / Structural Health Monitoring (Robert Widmann/ Matteo Breveglieri)
- 27/Nov: FRP-Reinforced Concrete Design Internal Reinforcement
- 04/Dec: Design of FRP Profiles and All FRP Structures, Case Studies (Moslem Shahverdi)
- 11/Dec: Laboratory experiments and Empa structural laboratory tour, Second written midterm exam
- 18/Dec: Manufacturing Methods; Testing Methods

• Exercise at Empa

Column Confinement





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Master-Thesis

Thesis within ongoing research projects at the 'Structural Engineering Research Laboratory, Empa'.

Application of advanced materials in Structural Engineering (Composites, Shape Memory Alloys, Multi Laminated Timber);

Digital fabrication (3D RC printing, Metal Additive Manufacturing)

Experimental and analytical/numerical tasks

To be discussed.

- Midterm exam 1: 15%; written exam in English
- Midterm exam 2: 15%; written exam in English
- Final exam: 70%; 30 minutes, Oral exam; Language for the final exam can be selected: English or German
- Midterm exams will only be taken into account if both written midterm exams during semester are attended and if they improve the grade of the final exam

Questions????

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Book L. Bank, Chapter 1

Objectives

- To provide students with a general awareness of Fibre Reinforced Polymer (FRP) materials and their potential uses
- To provide information on some of the potential uses of FRPs in civil engineering applications
- To provide guidance for students seeking additional information on FRPs
- We will tackle three main worldwide interrelated global crisis: Energy, CO2 Emission and Global Warming



Cement and Concrete: high emissions originate from high demand

Cement consumption Switzerland (2022): 4.15 Mt : **2.4 Mt CO2** (~6% inland emissions)

«Cemsuisse Jahresbericht 2022/2023»

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• A primary factor leading to extensive degradation...

Corrosion



Moisture, oxygen and chlorides penetrate

—Through concrete —Through cracks Corrosion products form Volume expansion occurs More cracking Corrosion propagation



End result

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Degradation in Steel Structures

Market:

Europe:

- 22% bridges are metallic
- 70% are older than 50 years

Switzerland:

- Swiss Federal Railways (SBB) has 6050 railway bridges
- 25% of bridges older than 80 years are metallic riveted

Problems in Metallic Bridges:

- Major problem: insufficient fatigue crack safety
- Need an upgrade to carry larger loads and more traffic

Most commonly used structural metals: Steel, wrought irons, cast irons, Aluminum and ...



Chajes et al. "Fracture: Field testing of the I-95 bridge." In Third Annual Bridge Workshop: Fatigue and Fracture; Center of Innovative Bridge Engineering: Ames, IA, USA, 2004



Crack in angle at fillet toe

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Global Infrastructure Crisis

- How can we prevent deterioration of infrastructure?
- **•** How can we prolong the lives of existing structures?

Going towards Net Zero CO2 emmision



- Longstanding reputation in sport, automotive and aerospace industries
- Over the past 30 years have FRP materials been increasingly considered for civil infrastructure applications

FRP costs have decreased

New, innovative solutions needed!

FRPs now recognized as effective and efficient structural materials

Increased use of FRPs in infrastructure applications attributable to:

FRP advantages

- Will not corrode electrochemically (durability)
- High strength-to-weight ratio
- **Electromagnetically inert**
- Ease and speed of installation
- Ability to tailor mechanical properties (versatility)
- Low thermal conductivity

Potential FRP disadvantages

FRPs are linear elastic materials

Addressed through careful design procedures

High initial material cost

But not when "life-cycle" costs are considered

All-FRP structures

FRP-reinforced concrete

Repair and rehabilitation

Hybrid FRP structures

Smart materials

FRP ground anchors

architectural panels

Infinite possibilities...

- Background
- Reliability
- Challenged by the Sport Items
- State of the Technology Today
- Future Challenges

Background



Material Application per Year (old statistic!):

- Steel 795'000'000 t
- Polymer 120'000'000 t
- E-Glass Fibre 2'200'000 t
- Carbon Fibre 17'000 t

Quiz

Volume Usage per Year:

- A: Volume Steel
- B: Volume Steel
- C: Volume Steel

- >> Volume Polymer
- = Volume Polymer
- << Volume Polymer

Answer to Quiz

Volume Usage per Year (old statistic!):

- Volume Steel= $101'923'000 \text{ m}^3$ Volume Polymer= $104'348'000 \text{ m}^3$
- **B:** Volume Steel = Volume Polymer

Composites are not new !!!

Brick: Egypt 1279-1212 BC



Fibres: straw Matix: Clay RAMSES II

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Trabant, "Plastic Bomber" DDR 1957

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Phenol resin/Cotton fibers

- First Polymer Composite Bridge:
- Appr. 1969 in USA



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Historical Bridge Sins, Switzerland



Built in 1807 Post strengthening of lateral profile with CFRP in 1992

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Reliability



Creep Test at EMPA-Switzerland RC beam strengthened with one glued steel plate (7X120 mm) Loading: 2 X 30 kN (88% of failure load!)



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Langzeitversuch mit geklebter Bewehrung

Versuchsbedingungen : Temp. 16 24 °C, relative Luftfeuchtigkeit 30 70 %



Long Time Reliability: BASF - Chimney 197

H = 55.3 m; D = 2.5 m v = 150 km/h; T = 60° C weight = 133 kN t = 10 ...50 mm

Long Time Reliability: E-2C Hawkeye since 1964



Challenged by the sport items





Steffi Graf, 1988 No.

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State of technology today



Post Strengthening using Steel Strips



- Heavy

- Corrosion

Requires scaffoldRequires many joints

Reasons for strengthening

- Aging of our structures
- Renewal is too expensive
- Higher loads (railway bridges, ...)
- Natural hazards (earthquake, ...)
- Man made hazards (terror attacks, ...)
- Repair

Post Strengthening using CFRP Strips

Introduced by Prof. Urs Meier (EMPA Switzerland) in 80's





- Light weight - Corrosion resistant No scaffoldNo joints



Ibach Bridge, Switzerland 1991



Ibach Beridge, Switzerland 1991



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Steel Bridge Strengthening

Münchenstein Railway Bridge, 120 years old near Basel





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Daily Job



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CFRP Strips in Switzerland



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Alternative to Steel ?



For example:

Stay cables

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Parallel wire cable 241 wires (Diameter 5 mm) Load capacity: 12 MN

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Storch Bridge 1996, Winterthur, Switzerland (Span: 124 m, 2 Lanes)

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Laroin Foot Bridge, 2002



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Light weight CFRP hangers for the railway bridge over the river Oder, Germany



https://www.rbb24.de/studiofrankfurt/panorama/2023/09/brandenburg-kuestrin-oderbruecke-eingeschoben-ostbahn.html

2023



Das derzeit größte Brückennroiekt der Deutschen Rahn (DR) in Brandenhurg steht kurz vor dem

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GFRP Bridge "Sugar Grove", VA



Bridge Decks



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GFRP-Deck in Ohio



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All FRP Structures





Length: Width: Height pylon: 1500 kg Total weight girder:

9.2 m			
.6 m			
'.5 m			



Smart Cable Stayed GFRP-Bridge at Empa

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All FRP Structures



Laboratory testing of an FRP bridge deck panel

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FRP-Reinforced Concrete

Placing the deck slab concrete



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Bridge deck reinforcement

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CFRP reinforcement



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SACAC Carbolith Pole



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CFRP reinforced concrete

- L = 9.2 m
- Light point height = 8 m
- Mass 350 kg (= 65% of a classical pole!)

State of the technology : Airbus A300, 310 ...



approved since 1974

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Ariane V

Live load cover

- H = 12,7 m
- D = 5,4 m
- 200°C, 110 km, 3 min
- Total mass = 1680 kg





Ariane V: Static Tests at EMPA, Switzerland



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Pressure vessel (700 ... 2130bar)



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Future Challenges



Visions and Dreams

Messina: 3'300 m

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CFRP hangers for network arch bridges

Fatigue experiments in 2020 on CFRP hangers





Carbo____ Link New bridge over the river Oder



Picture from schlaich, bergermann, partner



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Relative equivalent Modulus

Tidal and Wind Power Station



Structural Health Monitoring

Wireless Monitoring Technology at Empa

