# Strengthening concrete structures with FRP laminates

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Design of concrete 2<sup>nd</sup> generation of Eurocode 2 on concrete structures



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# FIBRE REINFORCED POLYMER (FRP): Composite material formed by a polymeric matrix (resin) reinforced with continuous fibres



Fibres: G (glass), C (carbon), B (basalt), A (aramid) Matrix: Thermosetting; Thermoplastic GFRP CFRP BFRP AFRP



# STRENGTHENING STRUCTURES with FIBRE REINFORCED POLYMER (FRP) LAMINATES

to restore or increase their load bearing capacity





FRPs introduced in **construction sector** to overcome the drawbacks of steel bonded plates (corrosion and weight)





# STRENGTHENING STRUCTURES by ADHESIVELY BONDED REINFORCEMENT (ABR) with CARBON FIBRE REINFORCED POLYMER (CFRP) LAMINATES

Included in ANNEX J (informative) of EUROCODE 2

2 possible CONFIGURATIONS



Externally bonded reinforcement (EBR)



Near surface mounted (NSM) reinforcement



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Textile Reinforced Mortar (TRM)



Prestressed adhesively bonded reinforcement



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DAfStb (2013)

**TR-55 (2012)** 

➢ AFGC (2011)

SIA (2004)

GRECO (2013)

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CNR-DT 200 R1/2013 (2013)

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#### Existing European guidelines



Externally applied FRP reinforcement for concrete structures

Technical report

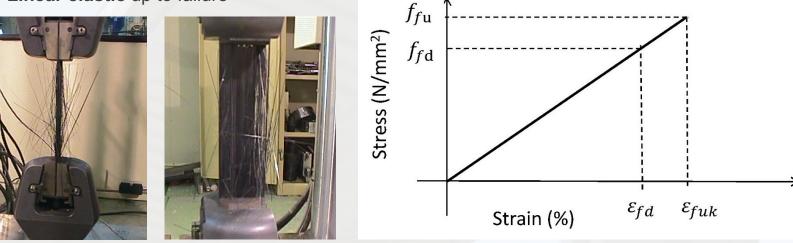
# Additional background to Annex J



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#### 2. BASIS OF DESIGN, MATERIALS AND STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS

• Linear elastic up to failure



Design situation	Tensile strength		Bond strength
	CFRP strips and bars	In-situ lay-up CF	Failure in concrete
		sheets	or adhesive
Designation	γ <sub>f</sub>		ŶBA
Persistent and	1.30	1.40	1.50
transient			
Accidental	1.10	1.15	1.15
Serviceability	1.00	1.00	1.00
Fatigue	1.30	1.40	1.50

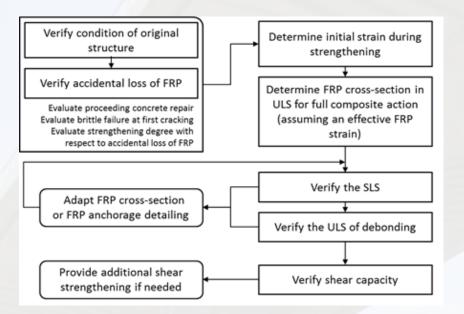
 $f_{fd} = \frac{\eta_f \cdot f_{fuk}}{\gamma_f}$ 

 $\eta_f$  Reduction factor for relevant exposure conditions

Members strengthened with ABR should not be analysed using linear elastic analysis with limited redistribution or plastic analysis



#### Bending with or without axial forces





Design of flexural strengthening system by applying equilibrium + compatibility

CHECK FRP DEBONDING!!!



#### Confinement

FRPs apply an ever-increasing confinement pressure to the concrete core.

Ultimate capacity is governed by tensile failure of FRP (lower than standard tensile testing of FRP coupons).

based on Lam and Teng (2003)

For circular columns:

For rectangular columns:

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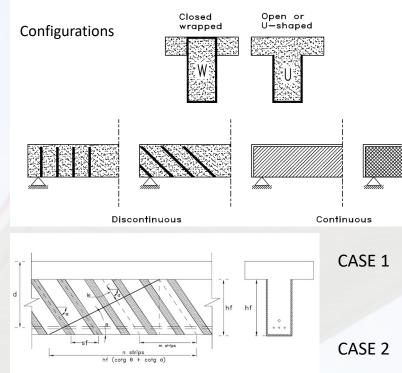
#### Shear



#### Problem: Debonding of FRP shear strengthening system



#### Shear



Unstrengthened structure  

$$\tau_{Rd,CFRP} = \tau_{Rd} + \tau_{Rd,f} \le 0.5 \cdot v \cdot f_{cd}$$

$$\tau_{Rd,f} = \frac{A_f}{s_f} \cdot \underbrace{f_{fwd}}_{b_w} \cdot (\cot \theta + \cot \alpha_f) \cdot \sin \alpha_f$$

$$(f_{fwd}) = ??? \quad \text{FRP does not yield}$$
W Closed system  $f_{fwd} = 0.8 \cdot k_r \cdot f_{fud}$ 
U Open system  

$$f_{fwd} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{n \cdot s_f}{l_{bf,max,k} \cdot [(\cot \theta + \cot \alpha_f) \cdot \sin \alpha_f]} \cdot f_{bfRd}$$

$$f_{fwd} = \left[1 - \left(1 - \frac{2}{3} \frac{m \cdot s_f}{l_{bf,max,k} \cdot [(\cot \theta + \cot \alpha_f) \cdot \sin \alpha_f]}\right) \frac{m}{n}\right] \cdot f_{bfRd}$$

#### 4. SERVICEABILITY LIMIT STATES

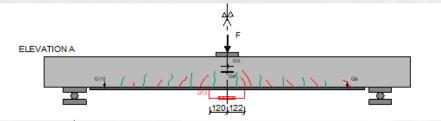
SLS (**control of deflections**) might govern the design of the strengthening system, even the main purpose was the strength increase.

Previous state of stresses and deflections should be considered in the verification of the SLS

**Stress limitations** due to compatibility reasons

Cracking:

 $\sigma_f \le 0.8 \cdot f_{yk} \cdot \frac{E_f}{E_c}$ 



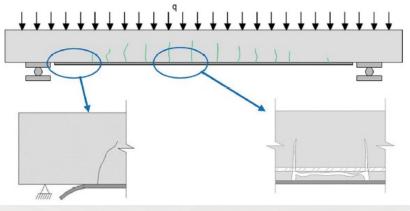
**Deflections:** Strengthened element should fulfil the deflection limitations given by the main EC2. Limited studies on the long-term behaviours.



#### 6. BOND AND ANCHORAGE OF ADHESIVELY BONDED CFRP SYSTEMS

# Anchorage of EBR

Flexural strengthening



End debonding

Intermediate crack debonding

#### End debonding

Effective bonded length  $l_{bf,max}$ : the minimum length that ensures the transfer of the maximum force or stress between the CFRP laminate and the concrete substrate.

- a) Refined method
- b) Simplified method

$$l_{bf,max,k} = 1.5 \sqrt{\frac{E_f \cdot t_f}{\left(f_{cm} \cdot f_{ctm,surf}\right)^{0.5}}}$$

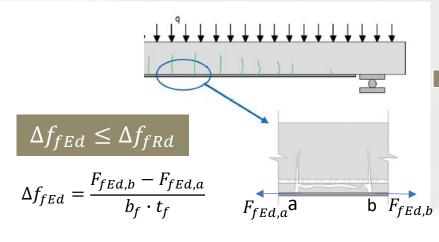
EBR shall be anchored from the section where the existing structure is able to carry the design load forces without any additional strengthening system



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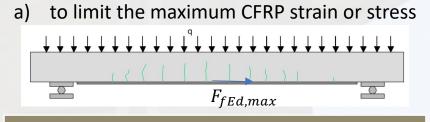
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$$\Delta f_{fRd} = \frac{1}{\gamma_{BA}} \cdot \left( (\eta_{cc} \cdot k_{tc} \cdot k_{tt})^{0.5} \cdot \Delta f_{fk,B} + \Delta f_{fk,F} + \Delta f_{fk,C} \right)$$

Intermediate crack debonding



b) to limit the increment of the tensile forces for each pair of adjacent cracks

Annex J is based on Finck and Zilch (2012) model included in the German guideline DAfStb (2013)

#### CONCLUSIONS

Strengthening existing concrete structures with CFRP adhesively bonded systems has been incorporated for the first time in EC2 provisions in an informative annex (Annex J).

- Design provisions for strengthening existing reinforced or prestressed concrete structures in flexure, shear or confinement with passive EB or NSM CFRP reinforcements are given considering:
  - ✓ CFRP laminates are **linear elastic up** to failure.
  - Debonding is a premature failure that should be considered when strengthening in flexure and shear.



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