

FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS OF INTERIOR SLAB-COLUMN CONNECTION REINFORCED WITH FRP BARS

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Abstract

This paper describes the non-linear behavior of interior slab-column connection reinforced with fiber reinforced polymers (FRP) bars, under monotonically increasing vertical loads. The non-linear 3D finite element (FE) analysis program (ANSYS V¹³) [1] is used. A full scale interior slab column connection measuring 2500 x 2500 mm supported over its perimeter line located at 250 mm from edges was subjected to the present analysis. Two bars were used, namely glass fiber reinforced polymers (GFRP) and carbon fiber reinforced polymers (CFRP) behavior is studied in comparison to reference models reinforced with conventional steel bars. A total of 35 column connection models were constructed and tested up to failure. The studied parameters are; i) tensile reinforcement ratios (0.48 to 1.74%); ii) compression reinforcement ratios (0.16 to 0.41%); iii) concrete compressive strength (28 to 60 MPa); iv) column size to slab depth ratio, (c/d), and v) slab depth (150 to 350 mm). The proposed FE model was verified against test results obtained by Duludeel [2]. Finally, a proposed punching shear resistance equation for slab reinforced with FRP bars is devised. The prediction of the proposed modified resistance equation is compared with current codes and other equations given in the literature, and is shown to be more accurate.