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Bridge built with Concrete Wall Piers in Utah



Concrete Wall Pier Deficiencies

- Constructed prior to AASHTO Bridge Design Code in 1970's
- Designed to support gravity loads
- Not design for seismic loads



Test 1: As-Built Concrete Wall Pier











As-built wall pier strain in lap-spliced bars







Modern code compliant wall pier reinforcement

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MCC specimen damage







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Hysteresis comparison: OpenSees cyclic load analysis with experimental results

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Retrofit Methods

How do we fix the deficiencies of the As-built Wall Pier before an earthquake occurs?

Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymers (CFRP)

THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH Properties of Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymer (CFRP) Light Weight • **CFRP** Sheet (Laminate) Corrosion Free Higher Tensile Strength than Steel Can be molded to any shape Lower modulus of elasticity than steel • CFRP Anchor

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Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymer Anchors



TABLE 1. CFRP Anchor Properties

Properties	Average Values
Tensile Strength	1,138 MPa (165 ksi)
Tensile Modulus	103 GPa (15 x 10 ³ ksi)
Tensile Elongation	1.10%
Diameter	19 mm (0.75 in.)

Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymer Near Surface Mounted (NSM) Bars



TABLE 2. CFRP NSM Bar Properties

Properties	Average Values
Tensile Strength	2,068 MPa (300 ksi)
Tensile Modulus	131 GPa (19 x 10 ³ ksi)
Tensile Elongation	1.58%
Size	12.7 mm (0.50 in.)

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Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymer Laminate



TABLE 3. CFRP laminate Properties

Properties	Average Values	
Tensile Strength	1,240 MPa (180 ksi)	
Tensile Modulus	74 GPa (10,700 ksi)	
Tensile Elongation	1.7%	
Thickness per layer	1.0 mm (0.04 in.)	



Test 3: Retrofit of As-Built Concrete Wall Pier 1 – CFRP Vertical Anchors



(d) wall cross-section at bottom 24 in.

U. THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH Vertical CFRP Anchors (9 on each face)

- Increase Flexural Resistance
- Create Positive Connection between
 Footing and Wall Pier



U. THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH Transverse (Horizontal) CFRP Anchors (5+5)

- Two rows of 5 CFRP anchors
- Increase Confinement in Plastic Hinge
 Region
- Increase Clamping Pressure on Lap
 Spliced Steel Rebar





• Two vertical CFRP layers on each wall face to improve flexural bond

• 4+2+1 CFRP hoop sheets to improve confinement



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Retrofit 1: CFRP Vertical Anchors



- CFRP on each wall face:
- Vertical CFRP Anchors : 9
- Unidirectional Vertical CFRP Sheets : 2
- Horizontal CFRP Anchors : 5+5
- Unidirectional Hoop Direction CFRP Sheets: 4+2+1



Behavior of retrofitted wall pier *R1*: (a) CFRP jacket debonding at 1.5% drift ratio; (b) vertical CFRP anchor failure at 2.0% drift ratio





U THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH Horizontal CFRP Anchors (10)

- Increase Confinement in Plastic Hinge
 Region
- Increase Clamping Pressure on Lap Spliced Steel Rebar



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Retrofit 2: CFRP NSM Bars



CFRP on each wall face:

- CFRP NSM Bars: 9
- Horizontal CFRP Anchors : 5+5
- Unidirectional Hoop Direction CFRP
 Sheets: 4+2+1





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Comparison of Test Results for Wall Piers

Test Criteria	As-built Wall Pier	Vertical Anchor Retrofit 1	CFRP NSM Retrofit 2	
Average maximum lateral force Kips (kN)	<mark>15 (68)</mark>	<mark>26 (117)</mark>	<mark>25 (113)</mark>	
Ultimate drift ratio	<mark>6.0 %</mark>	<mark>7.0 %</mark>	<mark>6.0 %</mark>	
Hysteretic Energy dissipation Kip-in. (kN-m)	<mark>496 (56)</mark>	<mark>816 (92)</mark>	<mark>827 (93)</mark>	
Failure mode	Lap splice failure	Vertical CFRP Anchor Tensile Failure	Bond Failure of CFRP NSM Bars	

Repair Methods

How do we fix the damaged As-built Wall Pier after an earthquake occurs?

How do we fix the damaged Modern Code Compliant Wall Pier after an earthquake occurs?

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Test 5: Repair of As-Built Concrete Wall Pier – Mild Steel Vertical NSM Bars



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Repair of As-Built Concrete Wall Pier



Mild Steel NSM bar placement



Epoxy coverage of Mild Steel NSM bars



Repair of As-Built Concrete Wall Pier



Application of CFRP hoop layers



Transverse (horizontal) CFRP anchors

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Repair of As-Built Concrete Wall Pier



Footing crack at 1.5% drift ratio



East face CFRP jacket debonding at 4.0% drift ratio

Repair of As-Built Concrete Wall Pier





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Repair of As-Built Concrete Wall Pier

Summary of AB & ABR performance

Test criteria	As-built (AB)	Repaired (ABRP)
Average maximum lateral force	15.2 kip (68 kN)	21.6 kip (96 kN)
Drift ratio at peak force	4.0 %	3.0%
Ultimate drift ratio	6.0 %	5.0%
Failure mode	West Lap-Splice Failure	Debonding of mild steel NSM Bar
Yield force	13.0 kip (58 kN)	17.3 kip (77 kN)
Initial elastic stiffness	16.1 kip/in. (2.8 kN/mm)	23.6 kip/in. (4.1 kN/mm)
Yield displacement	0.81 in. (21 mm)	0.74 in. (19 mm)
Ultimate displacement	5.76 in. (146 mm)	4.80 in. (122 mm)
Displacement ductility	7.1	6.5

Test 6: Repair of Modern Code Compliant Concrete Wall Pier – Headed Steel Bars & CFRP Shell Filled with Concrete Grout



Repair of Modern Code Compliant Concrete Wall Pier



Headed steel bar installation process: (left) drilling holes; (right) headed bar placement for specimen MCRP





Steel collar with shear studs











Failure of repaired modern code compliant wall pier: 6% drift ratio





Repair of Modern Code Compliant Concrete Wall Pier

Summary of MCC & MCRP performance

Test criteria	Modern code compliant (MCC)	Repaired (MCRP)
Average maximum lateral force	31.6 kip (141 kN)	36.4 kip (162 kN)
Drift ratio at peak force	8.0 %	5.0%
Ultimate drift ratio	10.0 %	6.0%
Failure mode	West bar fracture	Buckling of original wall steel bars
Yield force	29.8 kip (133 kN)	22.8 kin (150 kN)
Initial elastic stiffness	21.4 kip/in. (3.7 kN/mm)	20.8 kin/in (3.6 kN/mm)
Yield displacement	1.82 in. (46 mm)	1 79 in (45 mm)
Ultimate displacement	9.62 in. (244 mm)	5.65 in. (143 mm)
Displacement ductility	5.3	3.2

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Conclusions -Retrofit

- The as-built wall specimen *AB* was not able to develop the theoretical flexural capacity due to lap splice clamping failure
- Retrofit specimen *R1* utilized vertical CFRP anchors, transverse CFRP anchors, vertical CFRP sheets and CFRP jackets
- The lateral load for retrofit pier *R1* dropped in the first cycle of the 2.0% drift ratio due to fracture of two CFRP vertical anchors on the west side of the wall
- Retrofitted specimen *R1* performed better than the as-built specimen *AB* and reached a drift ratio of 7%
- The retrofitted wall pier R1 at 2.0% drift ratio had 2.1 times the initial stiffness, 1.6 times the hysteretic energy dissipation, and 2.0 times the flexural capacity of the as-built specimen AB



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Conclusions -Retrofit

- Both retrofit methods were successful in increasing the flexural capacity of the wall piers
- The retrofit methods provide alternatives for increasing the flexural strength of substandard bridge wall piers in an economical and fast manner
- In order to seismically upgrade the wall piers more efficiently, a CFRP jacket with an *increased number of layers* is needed to provide more confinement and improve the displacement ductility

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Conclusions -Repair

- The modern code compliant specimen MCC was able to develop the theoretical flexural capacity and performed very well up to a drift ratio of 10%
- The seismically deficient (*AB*) and *MCC* specimen were repaired after significant damage from cyclic loading simulating earthquake damage to upgrade their performance
- The repair of the as-built reinforced concrete pier wall (ABRP) failed in the second cycle of the 4.0% drift ratio due to debonding of the mild steel NSM bars
- The repaired as-built (ABRP) specimen performed better than the asbuilt specimen (AB) with increased stiffness. lateral force and hysteretic energy

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Conclusions - Repair

- The repair for the modern code compliant wall pier specimen (*MCRP*) used a rapid seismic repair method, which utilizes plastic hinge relocation using a **CFRP shell and headed steel bars**
- This repair method was successfully applied to restore both the load carrying capacity as well as stiffness of a damaged reinforced concrete wall pier with a cross-section aspect ratio of four
- The repair method was able to strengthen the damaged region considering the additional bending moment and shear
- No failure was observed in the repair system; the CFRP shell was intact and did not experience any cracking, while continuously providing confinement and shear strength to the repaired region
- The repaired specimen (*MCRP*) matched the displacement capacity and energy dissipation of the modern code compliant specimen up to a drift ratio of 6.0%



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