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## Preface

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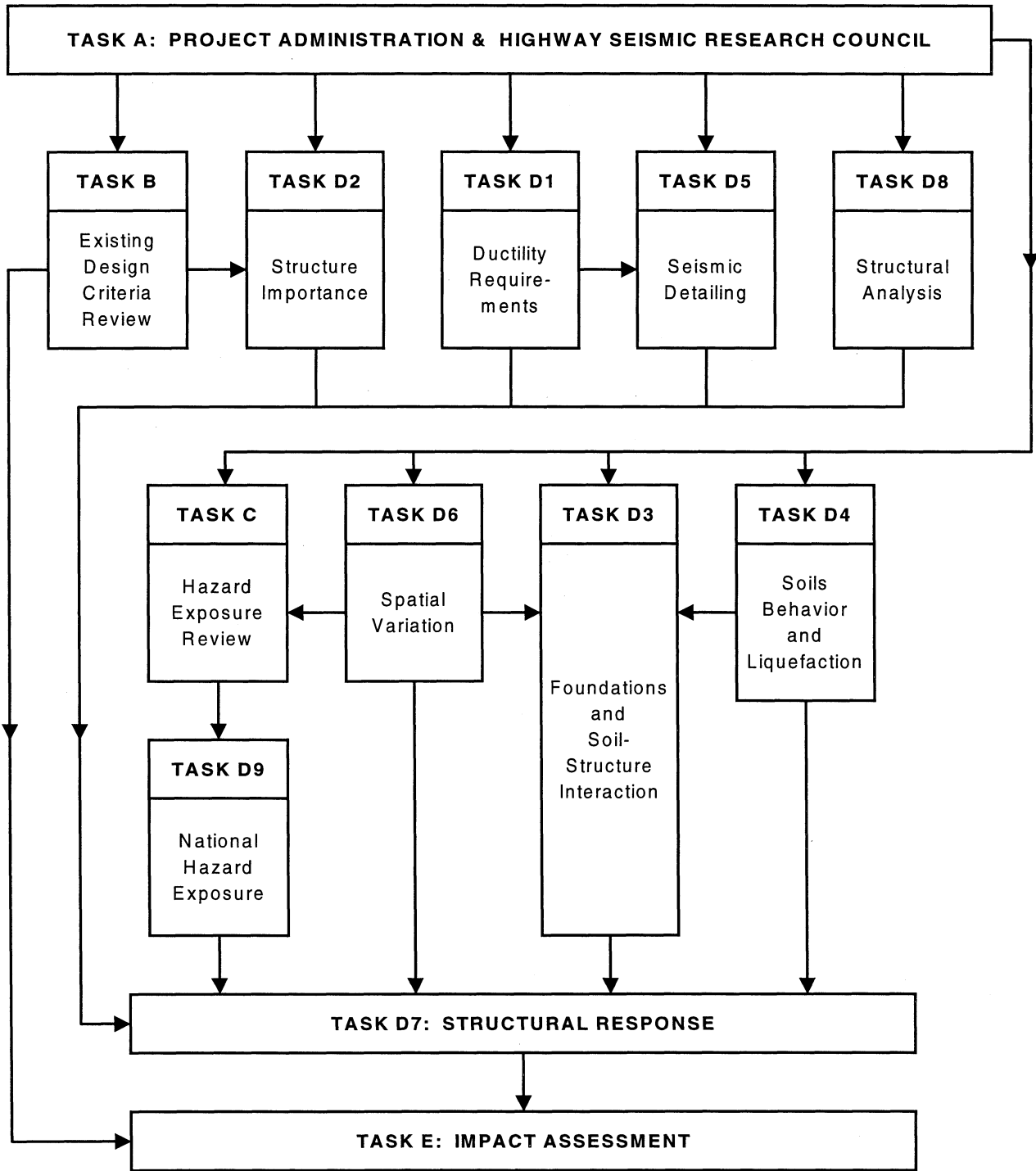
- assess the vulnerability of highway systems, structures and components;
- develop concepts for retrofitting vulnerable highway structures and components;
- develop improved design and analysis methodologies for bridges, tunnels, and retaining structures, which include consideration of soil-structure interaction mechanisms and their influence on structural response;
- review and recommend improved seismic design and performance criteria for new highway structures.

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*The overall objective of this task was to develop seismic design and capacity detailing recommendations for portions of highway bridge substructures that do not participate as primary energy dissipation elements. This report describes the development of deterministic procedures to obtain*

*overstrength factors for bridge columns on the basis of moment-curvature analysis. The authors propose a simplified design methodology based on plastic analysis of overstrength moment capacity, and demonstrate the methodology through its application to a design example.*

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## **ABSTRACT**

The capacity design philosophy has now become the design norm for the seismic design of most structural systems. For bridge systems, this means it is necessary to assess the overstrength capacity of columns prior to proceeding with the design of the foundation and superstructure. This research is devoted to developing deterministic procedures to obtain overstrength factors for column elements. For this purpose, a moment-curvature approach is explored. A parametric study is then conducted to investigate the factors that effect overstrength. A simplified design methodology is proposed based on plastic analysis of overstrength moment capacity. A design example showing the step by step procedure is also presented.



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## LIST OF SYMBOLS

- $A_{bh}$  = area of cross section of a single transverse reinforcement
- $A_{cc}$  = area of core concrete measured to the centerline of transverse reinforcement
- $A_g$  = gross area of the concrete section
- $A_{si}$  = area of steel at the  $i$ -th location
- $A_{st}$  = total area of longitudinal reinforcement
- $A_{sx}$  = total area of cross section of transverse reinforcement in the X direction
- $A_{sy}$  = total area of cross section of transverse reinforcement in the Y direction
- $C_c$  = concrete compression force
- $D$  = overall depth of the section
- $D'$  = depth of the section measured from centers of extreme tension and compression steel
- $D''$  = depth of the section measured from the centers of transverse reinforcement
- $E_c$  = modulus of elasticity of concrete
- $E_s$  = Young's Modulus of reinforcement
- $E_{sh}$  = strain hardening modulus
- $F_{si}$  = force in the  $i$ -th reinforcement layer
- $K$  = confinement ratio of concrete
- $L$  = column length
- $L_c$  = length of the column minus plastic hinge length
- $M_{bo}$  = maximum overstrength moment in an overstrength moment interaction curve
- $M_c$  = moment generated by the cover concrete
- $M_{cc}$  = moment generated by the core concrete
- $M_{cn}$  = nominal moment capacity of the compression stress block
- $M_d$  = moment at the center of the deck
- $M_n$  = provided nominal moment capacity of the plastic hinge zone
- $M_{nb}$  = maximum nominal moment in a nominal moment interaction curve
- $M_{np}^x$  = nominal moment capacity along the X direction for the capacity protected element

$M_{np}^y$  = nominal moment capacity along the Y direction for the capacity protected element  
 $M_{nw}^x$  = nominal moment capacity along the X direction for the capacity weakened element  
 $M_{nw}^y$  = nominal moment capacity along the Y direction for the capacity weakened element  
 $M_{nx}$  = nominal moment capacity along the X direction  
 $M_{ny}$  = nominal moment capacity along the Y direction  
 $M_{oc}$  = maximum overstrength concrete moment  
 $M_{os}$  = maximum overstrength steel moment  
 $M_{po}$  = overstrength moment capacity at the center of the hinge  
 $M_s$  = moment generated by the longitudinal reinforcement  
 $M_{sn}$  = nominal moment capacity of the reinforcing steel layers  
 $M_u$  = ultimate moment capacity of the section for a given curvature  
 $M_x$  = moment demand along the X direction  
 $M_y$  = moment demand along the Y direction  
 $P_{bo}$  = axial load corresponding to  $M_{bo}$  in overstrength moment interaction curve  
 $P_e$  = applied axial load on a section  
 $P_{nb}$  = axial load corresponding to  $M_{nb}$  nominal moment interaction curve  
 $P_{nt}$  = nominal tensile axial load capacity  
 $P_{to}$  = overstrength tensile axial load capacity  
 $P_u$  = ultimate load capacity of a section  
 $S_n$  = nominal strength of a section  
 $S_0$  = overstrength of a section  
 $Z_p$  = plastic section modulus of steel  
 $a$  = lower limit of Gauss integration  
 $b$  = upper limit of Gauss integration  
 $b'$  = lateral dimension of a rectangular section measured from centerline of outermost steel  
 $b'', b_c$  = breadth of the confined core concrete  
 $b_0$  = breadth of the cover concrete  
 $c$  = neutral axis depth

- $d$  = depth of the deck
- $d'$  = distance from the concrete compression fiber to the c.g. of nearest compression steel
- $f_c$  = differential concrete stress
- $f'_c$  = unconfined compression strength of concrete
- $f_{cc}$  = stress in the confined core concrete
- $f'_{cc}$  = peak value of confined concrete stress
- $f_{co}$  = stress in the cover concrete
- $f_l$  = confining stress exerted by the transverse reinforcement in circular and square sections
- $f_{l_x}$  = confining stress exerted by the transverse reinforcement in the X direction
- $f_{l_y}$  = confining stress exerted by the transverse reinforcement in the Y direction
- $f_s$  = stress in the steel reinforcement
- $f_{si}$  = i-th steel stress
- $f_{su}$  = ultimate stress of the longitudinal reinforcement
- $f_y$  = yield strength of the longitudinal reinforcement
- $k_e$  = confinement effectiveness coefficient
- $m$  = mean value for a normal distribution
- $n = E_c \epsilon'_{cc} / f'_{cc}$
- $p$  = power associated with steel constitutive relation
- $s$  = center to center spacing of transverse reinforcement
- $s'$  = clear spacing of transverse reinforcement
- $w_i$  = width of the i-th parabola between two adjacent longitudinal bars in a rectangular column
- $w_k$  = weight factor associated i-th the k-th Gauss point
- $y_k$  = location of the k-th Gauss point
- $x_{\alpha\beta}^{\max}$  = normalized strain at  $\alpha\beta^{\max}$
- $y$  = distance measured from geometric centroid with the convention positive downward
- $y_i$  = distance of the i-th reinforcement layer from the geometric centroid
- $z = 6.8 f'_c K^{-6}$
- $\Phi$  = standard cumulative distribution function

$\alpha, \beta$  = stress block factors

$\alpha, \beta_1$  = stress block parameters defined by AASHTO/ACI

$\alpha\beta^{\max}$  = maximum value of  $\alpha\beta$

$\alpha_{cc}, \beta_{cc}$  = confined concrete stress block factors

$\alpha_{co}, \beta_{co}$  = unconfined concrete stress block factors

$\alpha_{cc}, \beta_{cc}^{\max}$  = maximum product of confined concrete stress block parameters

$\beta_v$  = lognormal standard deviation for a lognormal distribution =  $\sigma_{\ln Y}$

$\chi$  = a parameter = 0.5 for spirals and = 1.0 for circular hoops

$\epsilon'_{cc}$  = strain of peak confined concrete stress

$\epsilon_s$  = strain in the steel reinforcement

$\epsilon_{sh}$  = strain hardening strain reinforcement

$\epsilon_{si}$  = strain at the i-th reinforcement location

$\epsilon_{su}$  = strain at ultimate stress

$\epsilon_0$  = strain at the geometric centroid of the section

$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\max}$  = value of strain where  $\alpha\beta$  is maximum

$\phi$  = section curvature

$\kappa_c$  = factor that locates the position of the plastic centroid of core cover concrete

$\kappa_0$  = factor that locates the position of the plastic centroid of core cover concrete

$\lambda_{mo}$  = moment overstrength factor

$\lambda_{mo}^x$  = moment overstrength in the X direction

$\lambda_{mo}^y$  = moment overstrength in the Y direction

$\theta$  = median value associated with a lognormal distribution

$\rho_{cc}$  = longitudinal steel ratio with respect to the core concrete

$\rho_s$  = volumetric ratio of transverse reinforcement

$\rho_t$  = longitudinal steel ratio

$\rho_x$  = volumetric ratio of transverse reinforcement in the X direction

$\rho_y$  = volumetric ratio of transverse reinforcement in the Y direction

$\sigma$  = standard deviation associated with a normal distribution

# SECTION 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 BACKGROUND

In the seismic design of bridge structures, there is now a common awareness that excessive strength is neither essential nor desirable for good performance in strong earthquakes. The emphasis in seismic design has shifted from resistance of large seismic forces to the control of deformations. Hence inelastic structural response (specially for large earthquakes in a multi-level design space) has become the expected norm when designing a structure to resist earthquake forces.

It is also well accepted that certain modes of inelastic behavior are more desirable than others. This is because undesirable behavioral modes may lead to failure, while others provide a controlled ductile response; an essential attribute of maintaining strength while the structure is subjected to reversals of inelastic deformations under seismic response. Therefore, undesirable inelastic deformation modes can be deliberately avoided by amplifying their strength in comparison with those of the desirable inelastic modes. Thus, for concrete structures, the required shear strength must exceed the required flexural strength to ensure that inelastic shear deformations, associated with large deterioration of stiffness and strength, do not occur.

It has also become a norm that seismic design should encourage structural forms that possess ductility. This relates to the careful choice of plastic hinge locations where plastic flexural deformations may occur. These plastic hinges are designed for high ductility while potentially brittle sections of the structure are designed for a higher strength capacity than those of the plastic hinge sections. These concepts form the basis of the capacity design philosophy currently followed in many seismic design codes.

To summarize, capacity design requires: (i) selection of a suitable structural configuration for inelastic response, (ii) selection of suitable and appropriately designed plastic hinge locations

for inelastic deformations to be concentrated, and (iii) creation of suitable strength differentials so that inelastic deformations do not occur at undesirable locations or by undesirable structural modes.

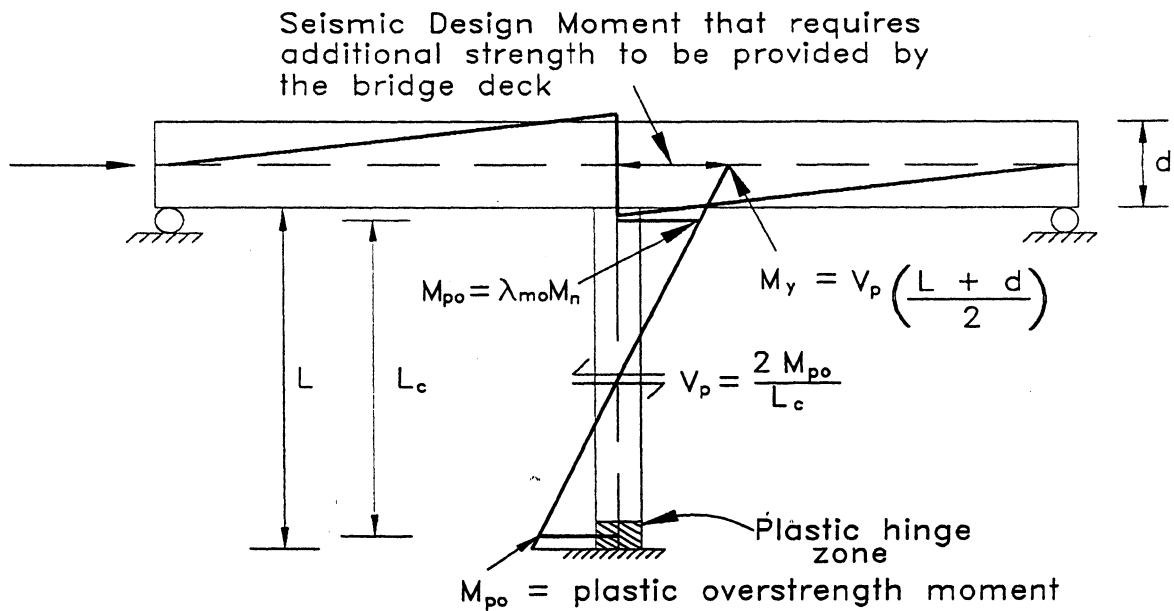
## 1.2 PLASTIC HINGE ZONES

In plastic hinge regions that support significant axial load, the ultimate compression strain of unconfined concrete is inadequate to allow the structure to achieve the desired level of ductility. Closely spaced transverse reinforcement in conjunction with longitudinal reinforcement acts to restrain the lateral expansion of concrete, enabling higher compression stresses and more importantly, much higher compression strains to be sustained by the compression zone before failure occurs. Therefore, by providing a nominal strength in plastic hinge zones greater than that required from the earthquake forces and by designing the column for a high ductility by confining the plastic hinge section, both the objectives of required strength and high ductility, required for capacity design, can be fulfilled in concrete columns.

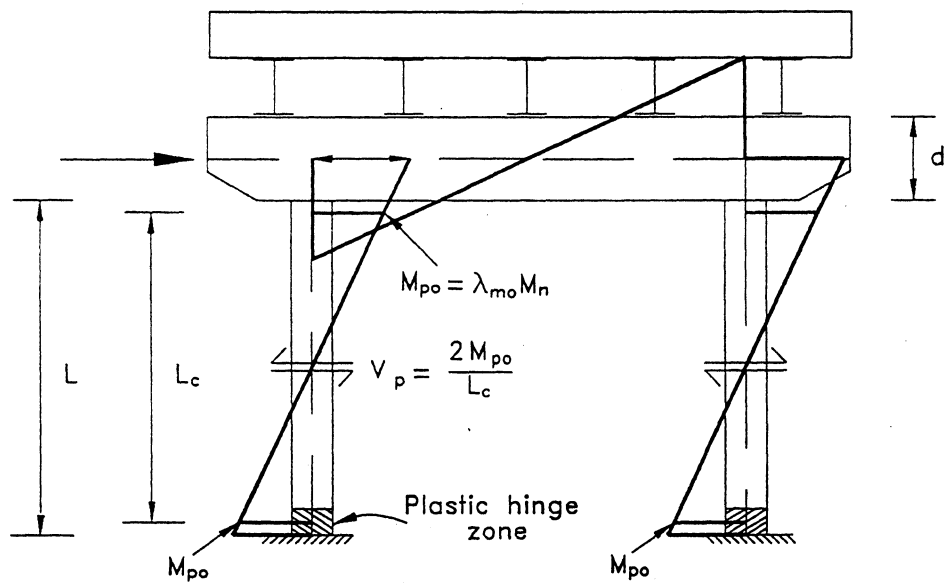
## 1.3 OVERSTRENGTH FACTORS IN CONFINED CONCRETE COLUMNS

In capacity design the prevention of undesirable inelastic deformation modes is usually achieved by ensuring that the section strength exceeds the demands originating from the overstrength of plastic hinges. Overstrength of a plastic hinge section takes into account all possible factors that may contribute to strength exceeding the nominal strength provided. Hence, determination of overstrength factors is very important in capacity design to maintain the correct hierarchy of capacities and hence, of failure modes and locations for the structure.

This can be illustrated by the example shown in figure 1-1 which represents a concrete bridge with a plastic hinge zone designed at the base of the column. The required strength of the bridge deck has to be assessed assuming the deck itself as a brittle section with no capacity for inelastic deformations. If  $M_n$  is the real provided nominal moment capacity of the plastic hinge zone and  $M_{po}$  is the overstrength moment capacity at the center of the hinge length due to confinement of concrete and strain-hardening of the longitudinal steel, then the moment



(a) Longitudinal Response



(b) Transverse Response

Figure 1-1 Capacity Design of Bridges using Overstrength Concepts.

overstrength factor ( $\lambda_{mo}$ ) is defined as:

$$\lambda_{mo} = \frac{M_{po}}{M_n} \quad (1-1)$$

The minimum (dependable) design moment at the center of the bridge deck is found by extrapolating the overstrength moment ( $M_{po}$ ) to the center of the bridge deck. This connection moment is then distributed to the two bridge beams in ratio of their relative stiffness. For the example shown in figure 1-1, the moment at the center of the deck for an integral construction is given by

$$M_d = \lambda_{mo} M_n \left( \frac{L+d}{L_c} \right) \quad (1-2)$$

where  $L$  is the column length,  $d$  is the depth of the deck, and  $L_c$  is the column length minus the plastic hinge zone length. This moment is then distributed into the deck based on the relative stiffness of each span and resisted either by providing additional prestress, supplementary mild steel reinforcement, or both.

#### 1.4 PREVIOUS RESEARCH

Most of the previous research has been limited to the development of constitutive relationships for confined concrete and very limited research has been conducted on the overstrength factor determination of confined concrete.

Kent and Park (1971), and Mander et al. (1988a) proposed analytical models for confined concrete which are most frequently used in analysis nowadays. Ang et al. (1985) proposed an empirical equation for determination of moment overstrength factors in concrete columns based on the results from the experiments conducted on confined concrete columns. The results from the experiments and the proposed equations are shown in figure 1-2. However, the research lacked an in-depth study on the effects of various material and sectional parameters which significantly affect overstrength factors. Andriono et al. (1986) used the statistical results of the stress-strain properties of the steel reinforcement to determine the moment overstrength factors



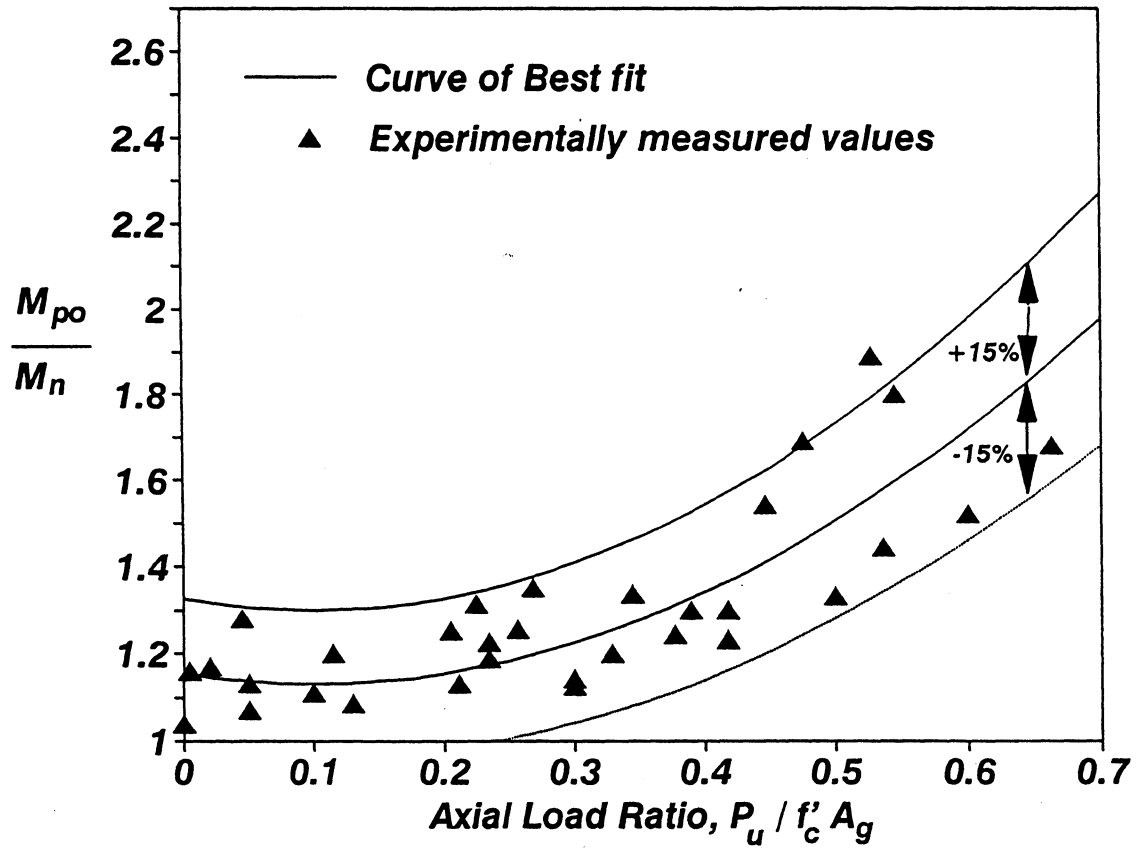


Figure 1-2 Moment Overstrength Factors for Confined Concrete Columns at different Axial Load Levels by Ang et al (1985).

of reinforced concrete beam sections. This study was limited to beam sections and hence axial loads which have significant effect on overstrength factors were not considered.

## **1.5 OUTLINE OF THIS STUDY**

In this study, an attempt has been made to develop deterministic analytical procedures for moment-curvature analysis and hence to determine the overstrength factors for concrete columns. The effects of various material and sectional properties on the overstrength factors has also been studied. This study is reported in two parts. The first part deals with development of the procedure to conduct moment-curvature analysis using a Gauss Quadrature integration scheme. The latter part deals with presentation of results obtained from the parametric study conducted on overstrength factors. The proposed theory is validated with experimental results. An axial load-moment interaction curve approach is proposed for determining overstrength factors to be used as part of the capacity design process. This uses a plastic analysis approach where special stress block factors are used to determine the plastic strength contribution of the concrete. Explicit stress block parameters that take confinement into consideration are developed from a proposed stress strain relationship of concrete. Design recommendations are then made based on the analytical studies conducted herein.

## SECTION 2

### MOMENT-CURVATURE ANALYSIS: A TOOL FOR DETERMINING OVERSTRENGTH FACTORS

#### 2.1 INTRODUCTION

This section presents a moment-curvature analysis procedure for columns with confined concrete. By determining the maximum obtainable moment capacity ( $M_{po}$ ), the overstrength capacity can be defined as

$$\lambda_{mo} = \frac{M_{po}}{M_n} \quad (2-1)$$

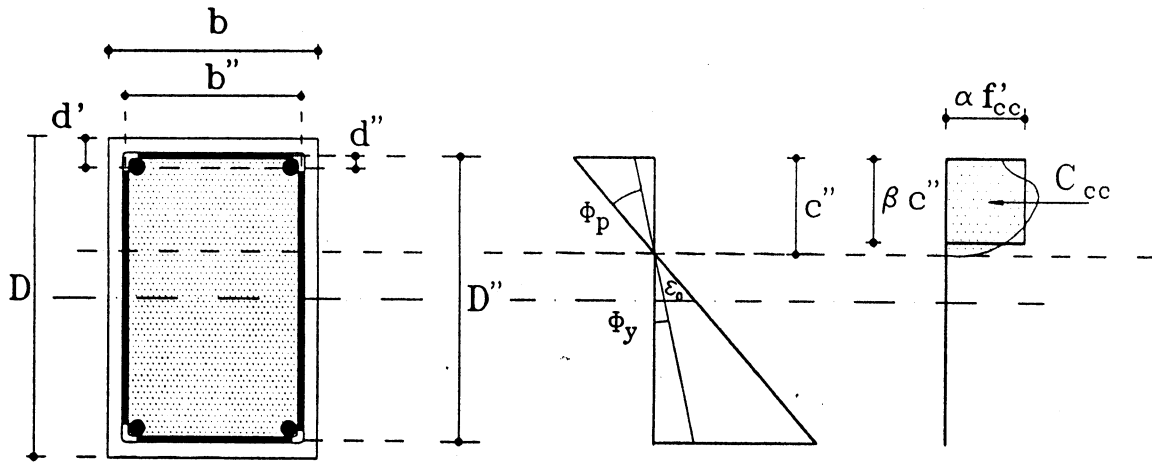
where  $M_n$  = provided nominal moment capacity that is defined in accordance with the usual AASHTO/ACI design approach—that is elasto-plastic steel behavior together with the Whitney stress block. The theoretical basis of the moment-curvature analysis procedure is presented in the following subsections.

#### 2.2 MOMENT-CURVATURE ANALYSIS OF A CONFINED CONCRETE COLUMN

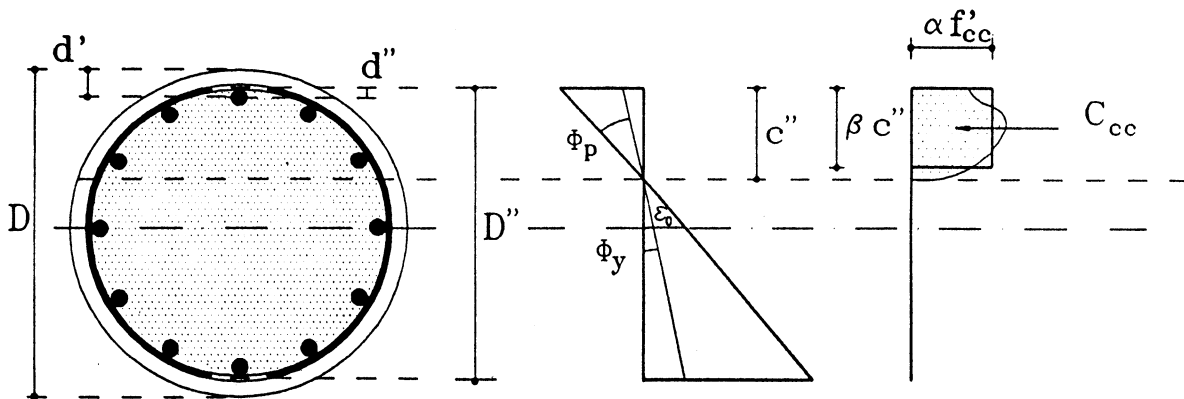
For a given cross sectional strain profile, the moment capacity ( $M$ ) of a section (figure 2-1) can be determined by using two equilibrium equations in conjunction with strain compatibility. For a given concrete strain in the geometric centroid of the section  $\epsilon_0$  and section curvature  $\phi$ , the strain at any location can be found from

$$\epsilon_{si} = \epsilon_0 + \phi y \quad (2-2)$$

where  $y$  denotes the location of the point from the geometric centroid of the section with the convention positive downward. Steel strains  $\epsilon_{s1}, \epsilon_{s2}, \epsilon_{s3} \dots$  can be determined using the same equation and the stresses  $f_{s1}, f_{s2}, f_{s3} \dots$  corresponding to these strains can be evaluated from stress-



(a) Rectangular Section



(b) Circular Section

Figure 2-1 Sectional Parameters for Rectangular and Circular Sections.

strain curves of steel. Steel forces may then be determined from the steel stresses and steel areas. For the bar  $i$ , the force equation is

$$F_{si} = f_{si} A_{si} \quad (2-3)$$

Force equilibrium requires

$$C_c + \sum_{i=1}^n A_{si} f_{si} = P_u \quad (2-4)$$

where  $C_c$  is the sum of concrete forces from confined core concrete and unconfined cover concrete obtained by integrating the respective concrete stresses over the cross sectional area in compression as

$$\iint f_c dx dy \quad (2-5)$$

Normalizing

$$\frac{C_c}{f'_c A_g} = \frac{P_u}{f'_c A_g} - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{A_{si} f_{si}}{f'_c A_g} \quad (2-6)$$

The moment-curvature relationship for a given axial load level is determined by incrementing the curvature  $\phi$ . For each value of  $\phi$ , the centroidal strain  $\epsilon_0$  is found by adjusting it until the force equilibrium of equation (2-4) is satisfied. The internal forces and centroidal strain so determined are then used to calculate the moment  $M$

$$M = \iint f_c y dx dy + \sum_{i=1}^n A_{si} f_{si} y_i \quad (2-7)$$

In order to evaluate the integral in equation (2-5) and (2-7) and to maintain generality without sacrificing accuracy, a numerical integration strategy that employs Gauss Quadrature is investigated.

### 2.2.1 Gauss Quadrature Technique

Gauss Quadrature is a very powerful method of numerical integration which employs unequally spaced intervals. The numerical integration of  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$  is given by

$$\bar{I} = \Omega [w_1 f(x_1) + w_2 f(x_2) + \dots + w_n f(x_n)] \quad (2-8)$$

where  $x_k$  are the  $n$  equally spaced points determined by the type and degree of orthogonal polynomial used, and the  $w_k$  are the weight factors associated with each integration point. The quantity  $\Omega$  is a constant determined by the limits of the integral and expressed as

$$\Omega = (b - a) \quad (2-9)$$

Thus by using Gauss Quadrature, it is possible to break down any difficult integral into a summation of discrete products with an associated weight factor. Although this form of numerical integration is widely applied to finite element analysis, the use of this technique in moment-curvature analysis is new and appealing due to its simplicity. The weight factors to be used for integration are dependent on the degree of polynomial used and can be obtained from any textbook on mathematical functions (e.g. Chapra and Canale, 1985). The weight factors and integration points for 4, 5 and 6 Gauss points with limits from 0 to 1 are shown in table 2-1.

**Table 2-1 Integration Points and Weights for Gauss Quadrature**

Order	Integration Points	Weight Factors	Truncation Error
4	0.069432 0.330009 0.669991 0.930568	0.173928 0.326072 0.326072 0.173928	$\frac{1}{3.473 \times 10^6} f^{(8)}(\xi)$
5	0.046910 0.230765 0.500000 0.769235 0.953089	0.118463 0.239312 0.284450 0.239312 0.118463	$\frac{1}{1.238 \times 10^9} f^{(10)}(\xi)$
6	0.033765 0.169395 0.380690 0.619310 0.830605 0.966235	0.085617 0.180381 0.233957 0.233957 0.180381 0.085617	$\frac{1}{1.426 \times 10^{15}} f^{(8)}(\xi)$

Although it is obvious that the level of numerical accuracy improves with the higher number of Gauss points, it was observed through a number of test runs that an optimum level of accuracy is achieved by the use of fourth and sixth order polynomials for rectangular and circular sections respectively. The use of a higher order polynomial for circular sections was necessitated by the added non-linearity involved due to the shape of the section. A typical example of a comparison of an "exact" analysis and the Gauss Quadrature method is shown in figure 2-2. Here the results of a rigorous fiber element analysis of a circular section are compared with a six point Gaussian integration scheme using the parameters listed in table 2-1.

### 2.2.2 Moment Curvature Analysis using Gauss Quadrature Technique

For a confined concrete column, the moment capacity of eccentric compressive concrete stress block consists of the following:

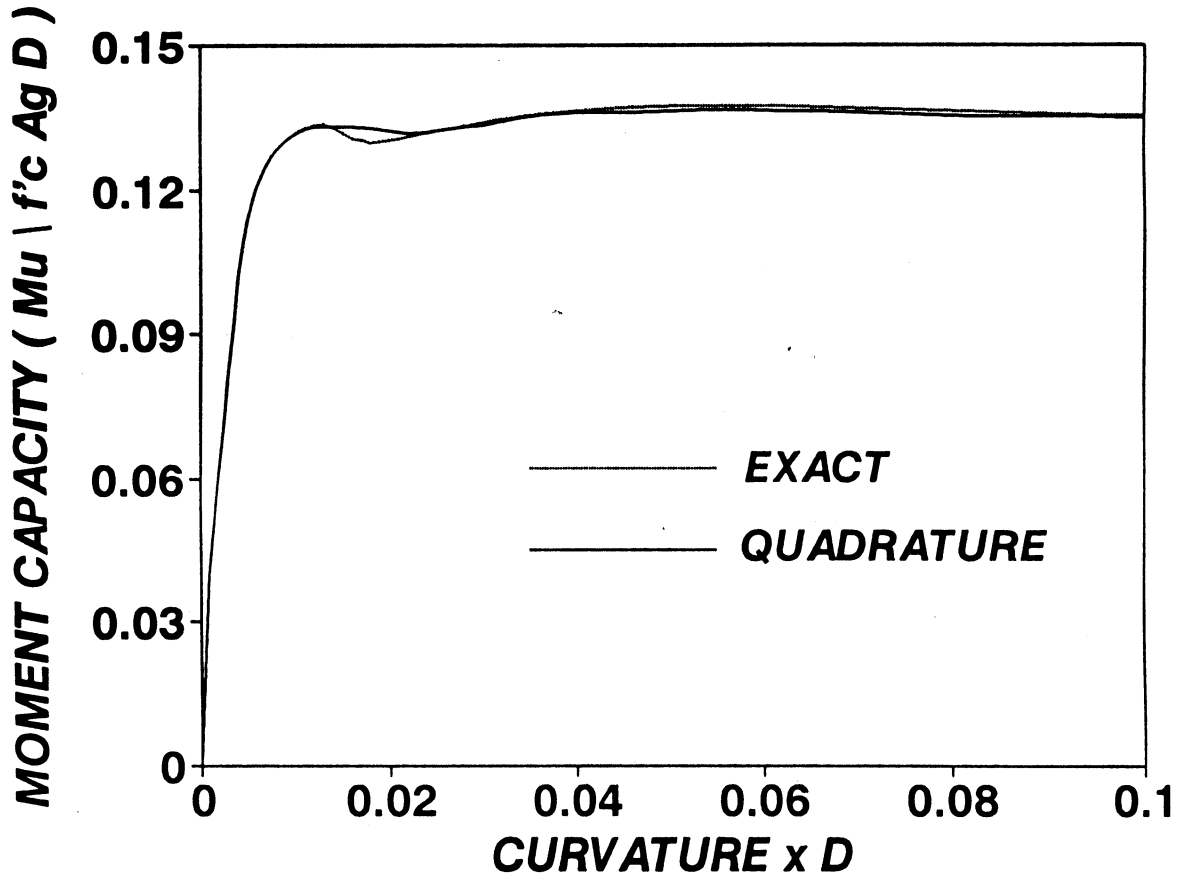


Figure 2-2 Comparison of the Exact and Gauss Quadrature Method for Moment Curvature Analysis.



$$M_u = M_s + M_c + M_{cc} \quad (2-10)$$

where  $M_u$  = the ultimate moment capacity of the section for a given curvature  $\phi$  that also has an associated centroidal strain  $\epsilon_0$  and neutral axis depth  $c$  (figure 2-1),  $M_s$  = moment generated by the longitudinal reinforcement, and  $M_c, M_{cc}$  = moment generated by the cover and core concrete respectively.

Following the numerical integration scheme, the axial load contribution from the concrete (both cover and core) can be calculated as

$$C_c = c \sum_{k=1}^6 w_k (b_o f_{co} + b_c f_{cc})_k \quad (2-11)$$

where  $w_k$  = weight factor,  $b_o, b_c$  = breadth of the cover and confined core concrete,  $f_{co}, f_{cc}$  = cover and core concrete stress at the k-th Gauss point and  $c$  = depth of the neutral axis. The moment capacity of the reinforcing steel can be calculated taking moment of all the steel forces about the middle of the section. Hence,

$$M_s = \sum_i A_{si} f_{si} y_i \quad (2-12)$$

in which  $i$  = index to refer to the  $i^{\text{th}}$  layer of steel,  $A_{si}$  = area of steel in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  layer,  $f_{si}$  = the steel stress corresponding to calculated steel strain, and  $y_i$  = the distance from the mid-depth reference axis to the center of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  longitudinal reinforcement. Using the same integration scheme, the concrete contribution to the moment can be calculated as

$$M_c + M_{cc} = c \sum_{k=1}^6 w_k y_k (b_o f_{co} + b_c f_{cc})_k \quad (2-13)$$

where the symbols are as explained previously. The term  $y_k$  in equation (2-13) refers to the distance of the k-th Gauss point from the middle of the section.

If the centroidal strain  $\epsilon_0$  and curvature  $\phi$  are known, the axial force ( $P_u$ ) and the moment ( $M_u$ ) can be easily calculated. But normally the inverse problem in which  $\epsilon_0$  and  $\phi$  are

to be determined from known values of  $P_u$  and  $M_u$ , or a mixed problem, is encountered. In this case, some degree of iteration is required to find a solution. The Newton-Rhapon algorithm can be utilized for the purpose. Considering the first terms only in the Taylor's series expansion

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_{0_{i+1}} \\ \phi_{i+1} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_{0_i} \\ \phi_i \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{Bmatrix} \Delta \varepsilon_{0_i} \\ \Delta \phi_i \end{Bmatrix} \quad (2-14)$$

where the incremental strain  $\Delta \varepsilon_{0_i}$  and curvature  $\Delta \phi_i$  are determined from

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \Delta P_{u_i} \\ \Delta M_{u_i} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial P_u}{\partial \varepsilon_0} & \frac{\partial P_u}{\partial \phi} \\ \frac{\partial M_u}{\partial \varepsilon_0} & \frac{\partial M_u}{\partial \phi} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \Delta \varepsilon_{0_i} \\ \Delta \phi_i \end{Bmatrix} \quad (2-15)$$

Using the first row of equation (2-15),  $\Delta \varepsilon_{0_i}$  can be solved as

$$\Delta \varepsilon_{0_i} = \frac{\Delta P_{u_i} - \frac{\partial P_u}{\partial \phi} \Delta \phi_i}{\frac{\partial P_u}{\partial \varepsilon_0}} \quad (2-16)$$

where the partial differentials are evaluated using a numerical differentiation technique.

### 2.2.3 Stress-Strain Relations for Concrete and Steel

Appropriate stress strain models for confined and unconfined concrete need to be used for the evaluation of the concrete component of the moment. Although significant research has been performed on formulating appropriate stress-strain models (eg. Popovics (1973), Kent and Park (1971)), most of them are unable to accurately control the descending branch of concrete for both confined and unconfined cases. However, Tsai's (1988) equation, capable of describing the behavior of both confined and unconfined concrete fairly satisfactorily, was chosen for describing the stress-strain behavior of concrete. The parameters to be used in the equation are based on the recommendations made by Chang and Mander (1994). These were calibrated against actual experiments to improve the quality of analytical predictions. The stress-strain

model (refer to figure 2-3) together with the parameters necessary for determining the confined concrete behavior are described in Appendix A.

**Reinforcing Steel Stress-Strain Relations:** Reinforcing steel forms an important component of structural concrete. Hence, accurate modeling of its behavior is important. For nominal strength calculations, an elasto-perfectly-plastic stress-strain model is customarily assumed. However, for a rigorous moment-curvature analysis capturing the effects of the strain-hardening branch is important since large moment capacity of the section may be obtained at very large strains.

In this study, the stress-strain behavior of reinforcing steel considering the strain hardening branch can be accurately represented by the single relationship suggested by Chang and Mander (1994), which is given by

$$f_s = \frac{E_s \epsilon_s}{\left\{ 1 + \left| \frac{E_s \epsilon_s}{f_y} \right|^{20} \right\}^{0.05}} + \left( \frac{1 + \text{sign}(\epsilon_s - \epsilon_{sh})}{2} \right) (f_{su} - f_y) \left[ 1 - \left| \frac{\epsilon_{su} - \epsilon_s}{\epsilon_{su} - \epsilon_{sh}} \right|^p \right] \quad (2-17)$$

in which,  $\epsilon_{su}$  = strain hardening strain,  $f_{su}$  = ultimate stress,  $E_{sh}$  = strain hardening modulus,  $\epsilon_s$  = ultimate strain of reinforcement and the power  $p$  is given by

$$p = E_{sh} \frac{\epsilon_{su} - \epsilon_{sh}}{f_{su} - f_y} \quad (2-18)$$

Based on the Chang and Mander model (1994), the stress-strain curves for typical grades of steel reinforcement are plotted in figure 2-3.

### 2.3 NOMINAL MOMENT CAPACITY

The nominal moment capacity of a section ( $M_n$ ) is derived from the code specified nominal material strength properties. Thus, the nominal moment capacity of a concrete section is the capacity of the section calculated with the following assumptions:

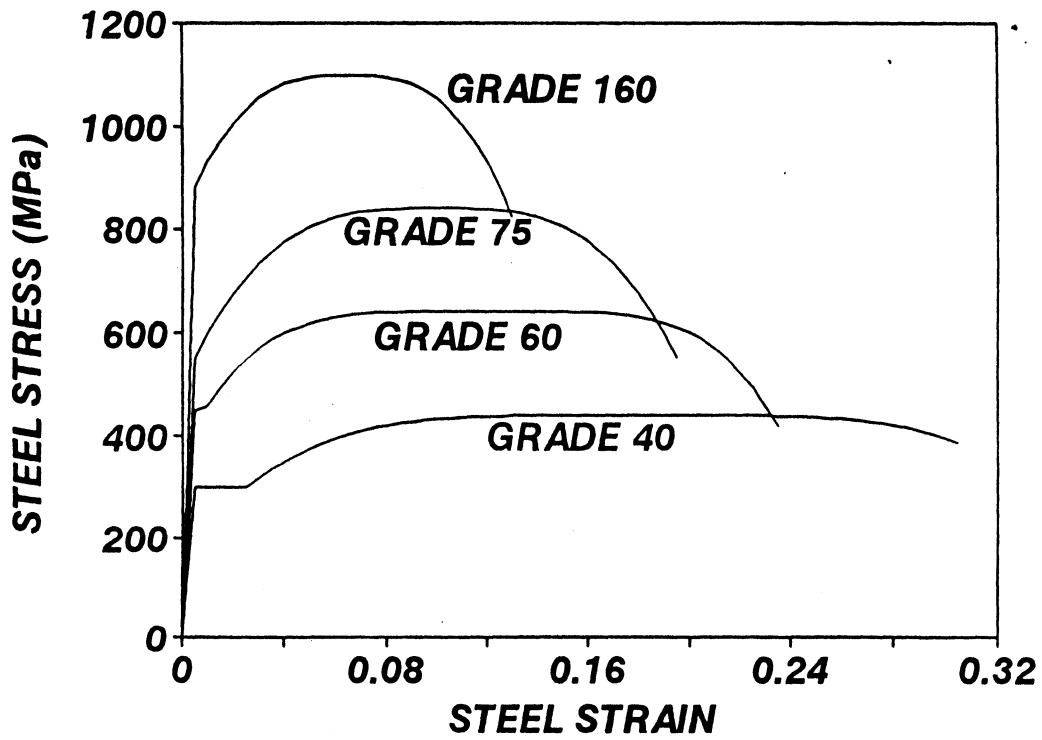
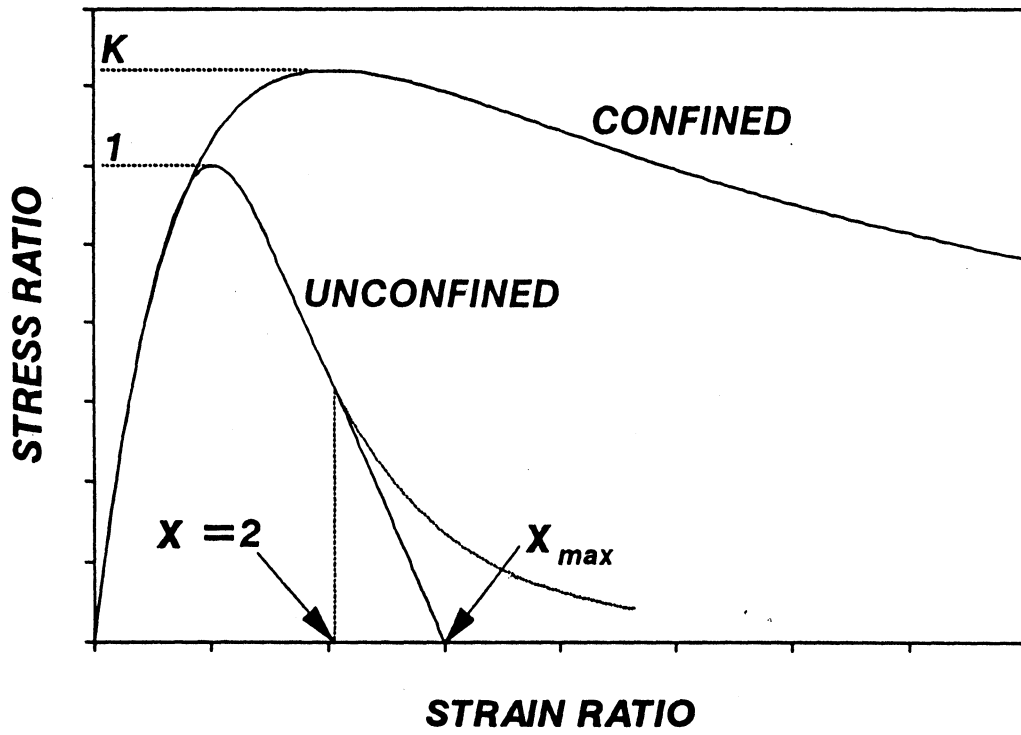


Figure 2-3 Constitutive Relations for Unconfined and Confined Concrete and Reinforcing Steel.

- 1) The whole section consists of unconfined concrete with a strength of  $f'_c$ .
- 2) Ultimate compression strain of 0.003 exists at the extreme compression fiber.

Hence, the concrete stress can be represented by a Whitney type stress block of magnitude  $\alpha_1 f'_c$  and depth  $\beta_1 c$ ,  $c$  being the neutral axis depth. The values of the stress block parameters are discussed in detail in section 4.

- 3) Elasto-perfectly plastic stress-strain curve for steel is assumed. Thus

$$f_s = E_s \epsilon_s \quad (2-19)$$

in which  $E_s$  = Young's Modulus,  $\epsilon_s$  = strain at any stress  $f_s$ ,  $f_y$  = yield stress. Using Chang and Mander's model, the bilinear curve can be represented by a single equation

$$f_s = \frac{E_s \epsilon_s}{\left\{ 1 + \left| \frac{E_s \epsilon_s}{f_y} \right|^{25} \right\}^{0.04}} \quad (2-20)$$

The nominal moment capacity of a section consists of the following:

- i) Moment due to compression stress block ( $M_{cn}$ ).
- ii) Moment due to reinforcing steel layers ( $M_{sn}$ ).

*i) Moment Due to Compression Stress Block*

This is calculated by considering stress block parameters defined by AASHTO/ACI codes (discussed in detail in section 4) and using the unconfined concrete strength. Hence, nominal moment of the concrete stress block with respect to mid-axis of the section is

$$\frac{M_{cn}}{f'_c A_g D} = 0.5 \alpha \beta_1 \left( \frac{c}{D} \right) \left[ 1 - \beta_1 \left( \frac{c}{D} \right) \right] \quad (2-21)$$

where  $\alpha, \beta_1$  = stress-block parameters of unconfined concrete as defined by AASHTO/ACI codes,  $D$  = overall depth,  $c$  = is the neutral axis depth from the top fiber of the compression zone and is calculated as

$$\left(\frac{c}{D}\right) = \frac{C_c}{\alpha \beta_1 f'_c A_g} \quad (2-22)$$

ii) *Moment Due to Reinforcing Steel Layers*

Moment carried by the reinforcing steel is same as calculated as in equation 2-10 by calculating  $f_{si}$  using the AASHTO/ACI code bilinear model for steel.

The section dimensions, strain compatibility and force equilibrium for nominal moment capacity of a section are shown in figure 2-1 for both rectangular and circular columns.

## 2.4 EXAMPLES

The moment overstrength theory presented so far is best illustrated with a numerical example. Two illustrative analyses are performed. The results are plotted in figure 2-4. The first example (figure 2-4(a)) shows the effect of confinement on the moment overstrength. In this case, a constant axial load is maintained so that  $P_u = 0.1 f'_c A_g$ , while the confinement ratio (refer to Appendix A) is varied from  $K = 1.0$  to  $K = 2.0$ . From the analysis it is evident that the column section with a higher level of confinement provides a higher value of the overstrength capacity.

The second example (figure 2-4(b)) shows the effect of axial load on overstrength capacity. For this purpose a column section is chosen with a confinement ratio of 1.5 in the core. The axial load is varied from 0.0 to 0.5. The column with a higher axial load gives a higher value of the maximum moment. The overstrength factor however, is larger at higher and lower axial loads respectively. The column section chosen is 915 mm in diameter with a clear cover 51 mm up to the hoop reinforcement which consists of 13 mm diameter spirals. Concrete in the column is assumed to have an unconfined compression strength of 30 MPa and 29 mm diameter longitudinal steel of yield strength 450 MPa.

## 2.5 CONCLUSIONS

In this section, a complete procedure to determine the ultimate moment capacity of concrete columns was presented. Expressions were derived for the moment capacity of confined and unconfined concrete columns using the Gauss Quadrature numerical integration scheme. It was that the procedure of moment-curvature analysis can be easily automated and lends itself for application in spreadsheet-type programming. This is very useful, specially for highly irregular cross sections where the usual fiber element method may prove time consuming. This procedure was used to conduct moment curvature analysis of a number of concrete sections to determine their overstrength capacity and hence conduct a parametric study on the overstrength factors. The results of the parametric study are presented in the next section.

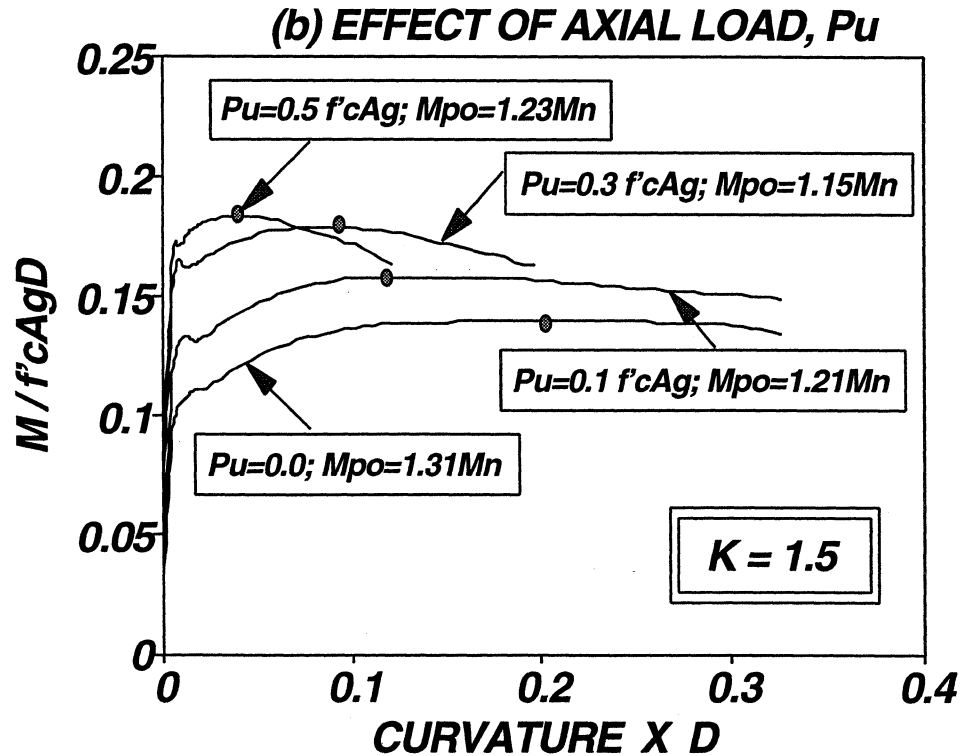
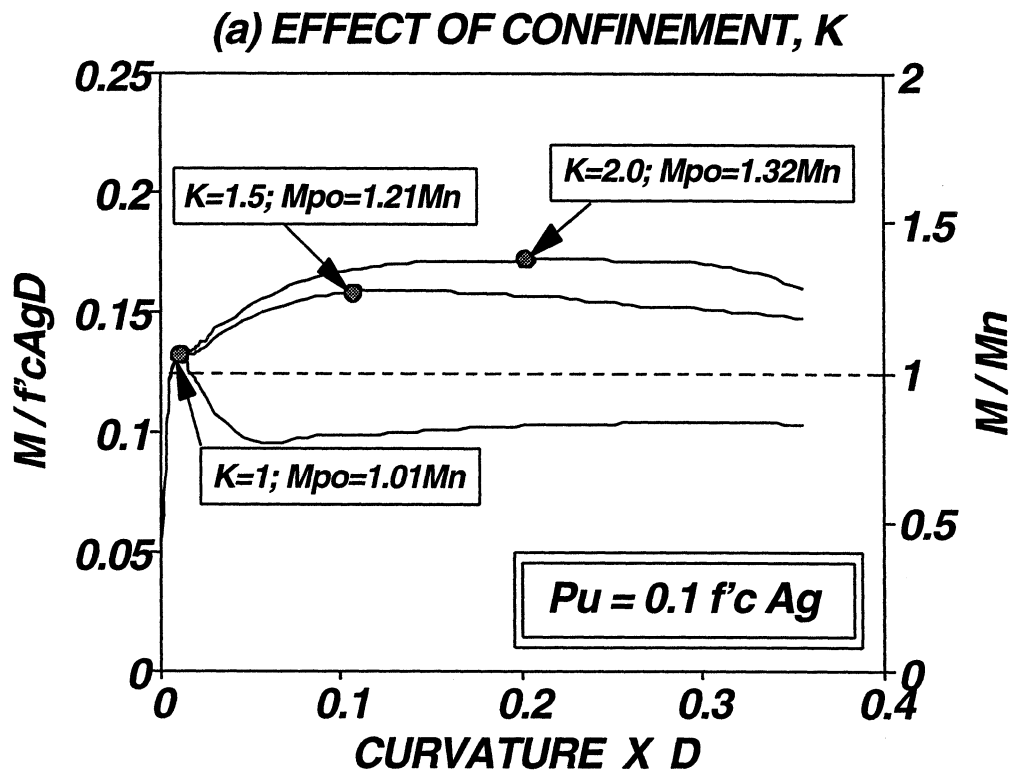


Figure 2-4 Moment-Curvature Analysis of Circular Column ( $f'_c = 30$  MPa,  $f_y = 450$  MPa) showing (a) effect of confinement and (b) effect of axial load on overstrength.



## SECTION 3

### MOMENT OVERSTRENGTH ANALYSIS FOR COLUMN SECTIONS

#### 3.1 INTRODUCTION

In the seismic design of structures using the capacity design philosophy, the designer chooses a hierarchy of plastic failure mechanisms. Flexural inelastic modes of deformation which provide ductility are preferred and all undesirable inelastic deformation modes which potentially could lead to brittle failure are prevented by deliberately amplifying their strengths in comparison to desirable modes. Flexural modes, being ductile, are the preferred inelastic modes of deformation. Moreover, brittle regions are protected by ensuring that their strength exceeds the demands originating from the maximum flexural strength of plastic zones. Hence, determination of overstrength moment of flexural plastic zones beyond their ideal strength is of paramount importance in capacity design. This section demonstrates the methodology of overstrength factor determination using the moment-curvature analysis for concrete columns presented in the previous section. Results of a parametric study are presented for different concrete sections showing the effects of different constituent material properties and geometric factors on overstrength. The results are discussed and compared with experimental observations.

#### 3.2 OVERSTRENGTH FACTORS USING MOMENT CURVATURE ANALYSIS

Overstrength of a section ( $S_o$ ) is the strength above the nominal strength taking into account all possible factors that may contribute to strength exceeding the nominal value. For a confined concrete column, the following factors contribute to overstrength:

- i) Compression strength enhancement of the concrete due to its confinement.
- ii) Additional strength enhancement of steel due to strain-hardening at large deformations.
- iii) Steel strengths greater than the specified yield strength.

The overstrength of a section is related to the nominal strength ( $S_n$ ) of the same section by

$$S_o = \lambda_o S_n \quad (3-1)$$

where  $\lambda_o$  = the overstrength factor due to strength enhancement of the constituent materials. This is an important property that must be accounted for in the capacity design when large ductility demands are imposed on the structure since brittle elements must possess strengths exceeding the maximum feasible strength (overstrength) of ductile plastic hinge zones.

To quantify the hierarchy of strength in ductile structures, it is convenient to express the overstrength of a member in flexure ( $S_o = M_{po}$ ) at a specified section in terms of the nominal flexural strength ( $S_n = M_n$ ) at the same section. The ratio so formed,

$$\lambda_{mo} = \frac{M_{po}}{M_n} \quad (3-2)$$

is defined as the moment overstrength factor. The moment overstrength factor ( $\lambda_{mo}$ ) of a plastic hinge zone can be obtained by determining the maximum moment capacity of a confined concrete section. The maximum moment is found by conducting a moment-curvature analysis of the section. Hence using the proposed analytical procedure, parametric studies were conducted to assess overstrength factors for unconfined and confined columns. The results are presented below.

### 3.3 Unconfined Concrete Columns

The effects of the following parameters on moment overstrength of plastic hinge zones of unconfined concrete columns was studied and the results are plotted in figure 3-1 and 3-2 for circular and rectangular sections, respectively.

(i) Percentage of Steel: Analytical studies were conducted for following percentages of steel: 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0. It can be observed from the figures 3-1 and 3-2 that the effect of percentage of steel on moment overstrength is not very significant in the medium axial load levels for both circular and rectangular sections. However, for both column shapes, overstrength increases with decreasing percentage of steel at high axial load levels. Similar results are also noticed at low axial load levels both for circular and rectangular sections. Note that the effect of percentage of steel on rectangular sections is more pronounced than circular sections especially at low axial load levels.

(ii) Strength of Steel: The following strengths of steel were considered,  $f_y = 300, 450, 550, 870 \text{ MPa}$ . It may be observed that increasing the yield strength of steel increases moment overstrength at high levels of axial load for both circular and rectangular sections. The same trend is also observed even at low levels of axial load for both circular and rectangular sections.

(iii) Concrete Strength: Parametric studies were conducted for concrete compressive strengths of  $f'_c = 30, 45, 60 \text{ MPa}$ . From figures 3-1 and 3-2, it may be observed that the effect of concrete strength is minimal on moment overstrength at high levels of axial load. For rectangular sections this effect is more significant when  $P_u < 0.2 f'_c A_g$  when the overstrength tends to be affected by the variation in concrete strengths.

It can be concluded from the above observations that moment overstrength in unconfined concrete columns is most pronounced at low ( $P_u < 0.15 f'_c A_g$ ) and high ( $P_u > 0.55 f'_c A_g$ ) levels of axial loads. The latter case rarely exists for bridge columns, whereas for building columns it is the general norm. In summary, the contribution to overstrength in unconfined concrete columns is due to large strains in the flexural reinforcement at low axial load levels. The effect of strain-hardening in the flexural reinforcement leads to moment overstrength at high ductility factors. Based on this analysis, it is recommended that a value of  $\lambda_{mo} = 1.2$  be adopted as a conservative estimate of overstrength in unconfined concrete columns.

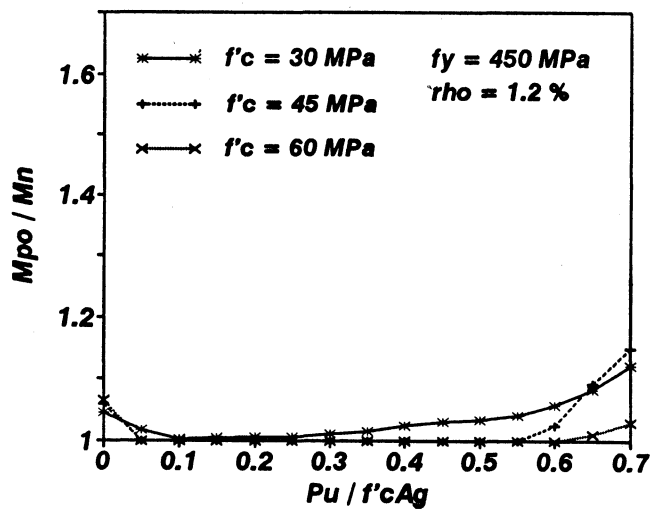
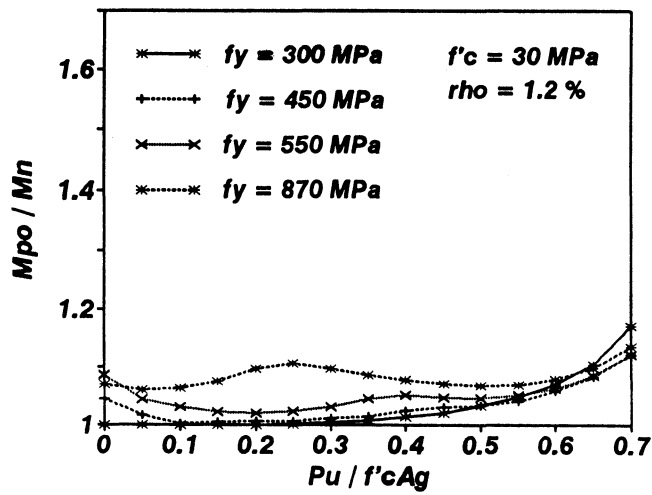
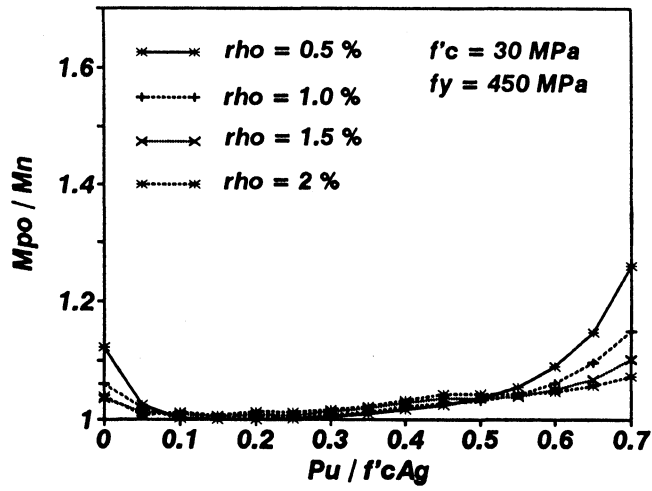


Figure 3-1 Effect of Various Parameters on Moment Overstrength of Unconfined Circular Columns.

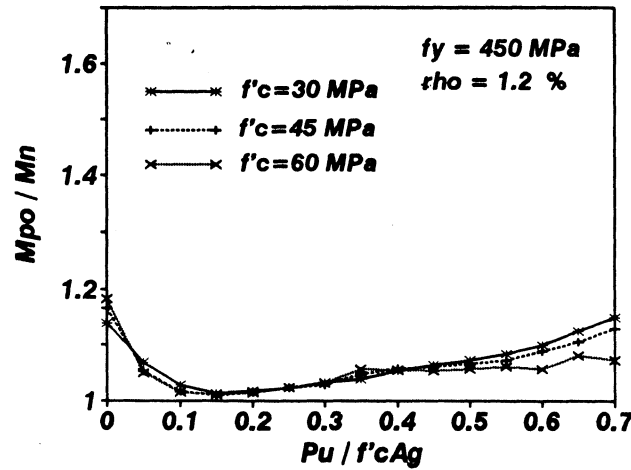
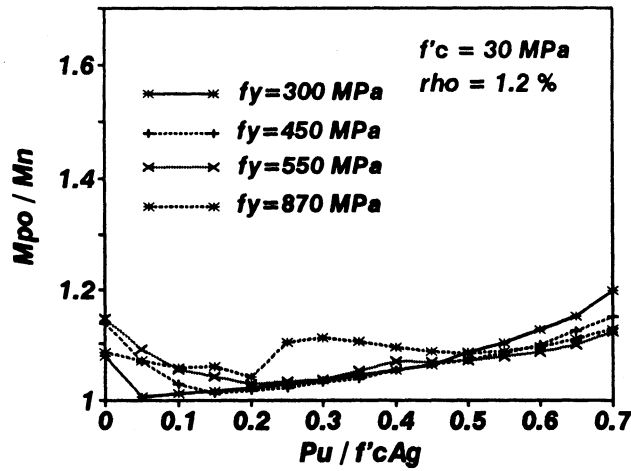
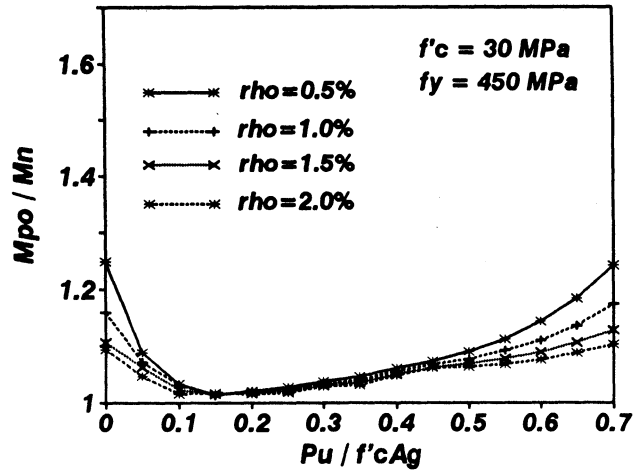


Figure 3-2 Effect of Various Parameters on Moment Overstrength of Unconfined Rectangular Columns.

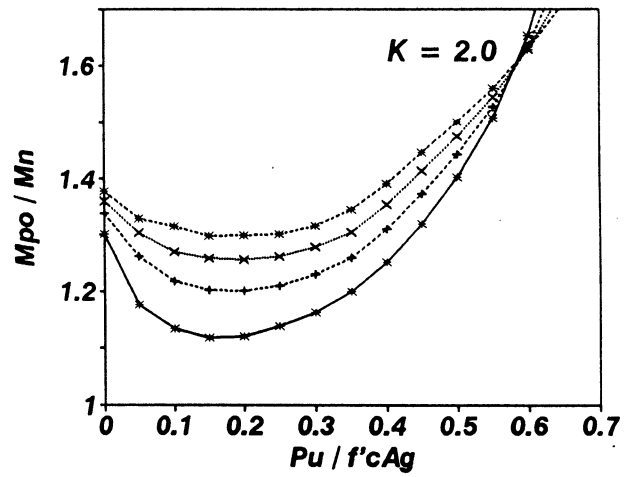
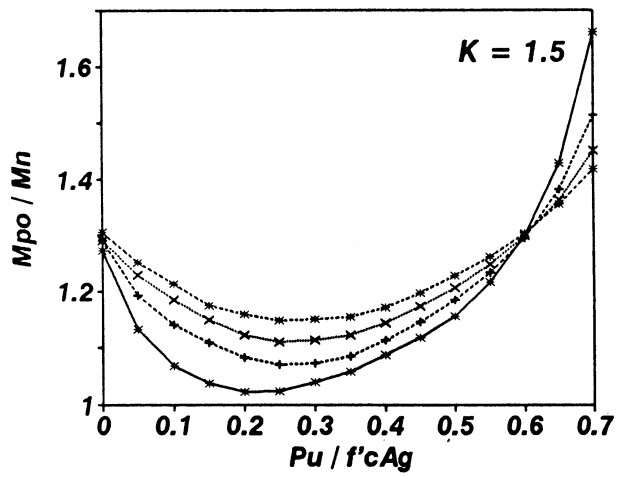
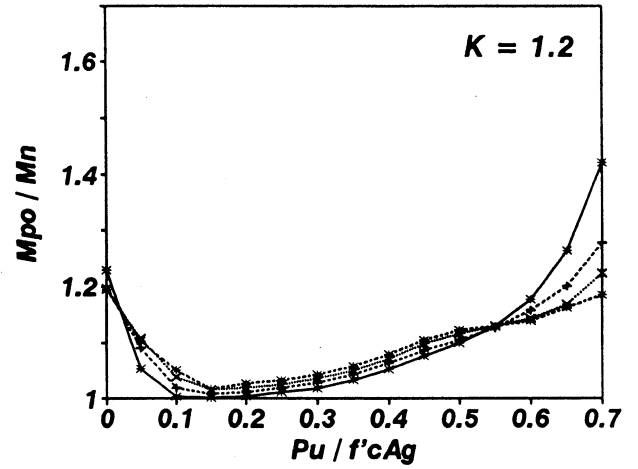
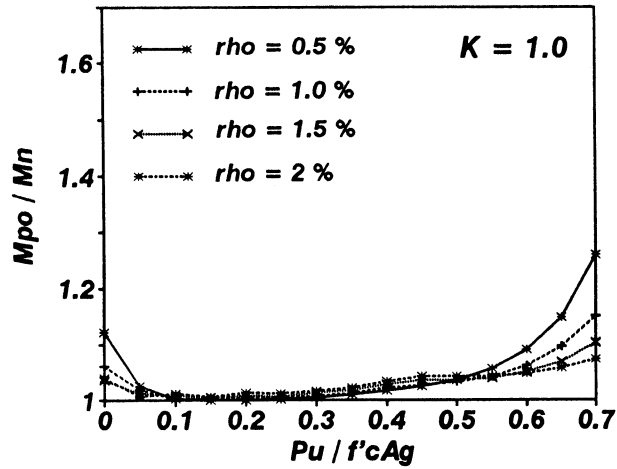
### 3.4 Confined Concrete Columns

As compared to unconfined columns, significant moment overstrength may be observed at both high and low levels of axial loads for confined concrete columns. At high axial load levels, overstrength is due to the increased influence of the confined compression strength of concrete. At low levels of axial loads, larger moment overstrength arises because large compression strains can be sustained in the steel leading to strain hardening of the steel. This subsection presents the results of the parametric study on confined concrete columns under combined axial load and flexure. Studies were conducted to determine the effect of following parameters on the moment overstrength factor for the standard confinement ratios,  $K (=f'_{cc}/f'_c) = 1.0, 1.2, 1.5, 2.0$ :

#### 3.4.1 Effect of Longitudinal Steel Volume

Analytical studies were conducted for following volumes of steel: 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0 and the results are plotted in figures 3-3 and 3-4 for circular and rectangular sections. It may be observed from these figures that at low levels of axial loads, moment overstrength increases with increasing steel volume. At low levels of axial loads, maximum moment takes place at very high strains and is mainly due to the strain-hardening effects of steel. Hence, as the proportion of the steel contribution to total moment increases with increasing steel volumes, the moment overstrength factor also increases.

For higher levels of axial load, moment overstrength is not governed by the steel but rather by the confined concrete contribution. This is due to the fact that at higher values of axial load, much of the flexural steel remains in the elastic zone. In figures 3-5 and 3-6, the same data is presented in order of increasing confinement ratio corresponding to a particular longitudinal steel volume. The graphs clearly show the importance of the confined concrete strength in the computation of overstrength as the value of  $K$  influences the overstrength over the entire axial load range.



**Figure 3-3 Effect of Longitudinal Steel Volume on Moment Overstrength for Circular Sections.**

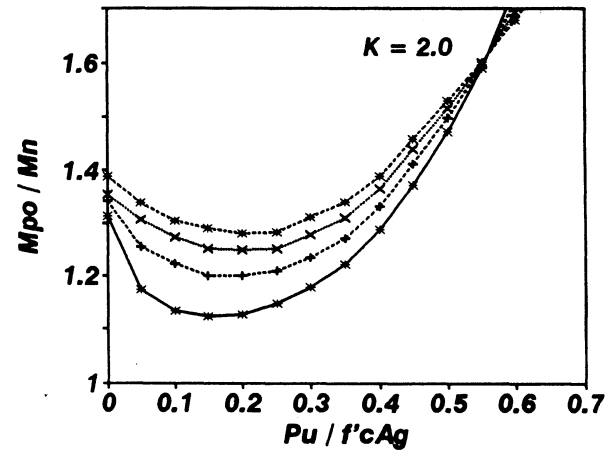
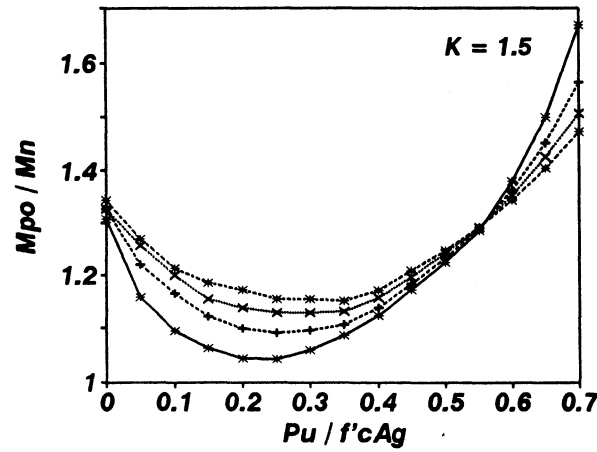
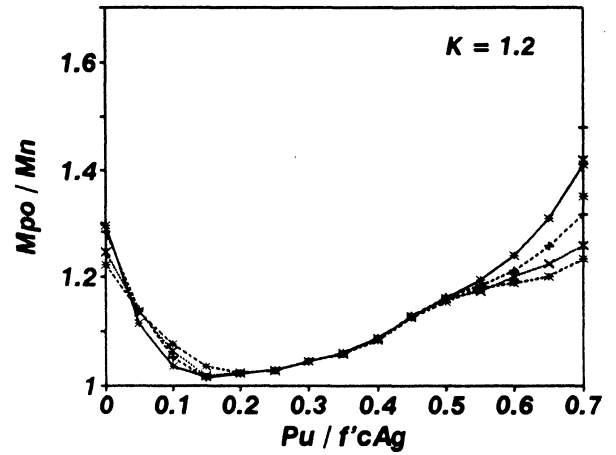
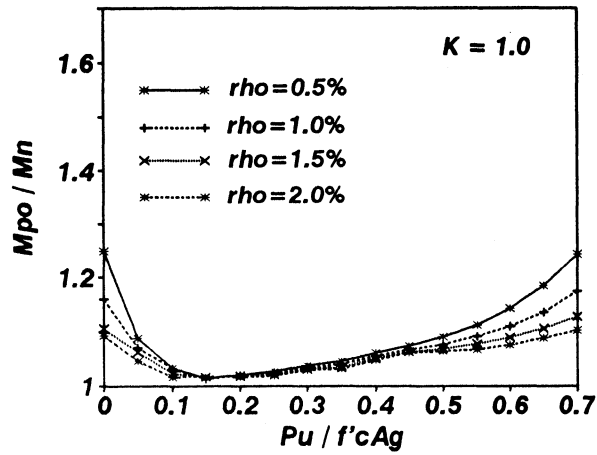


Figure 3-4 Effect of Longitudinal Steel Volume on Moment Overstrength for Rectangular Sections.



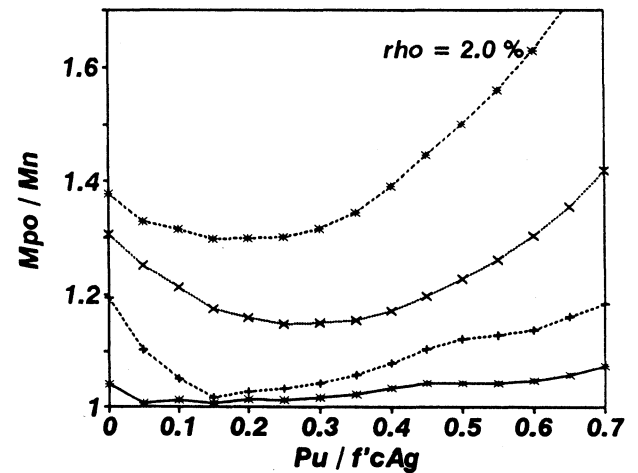
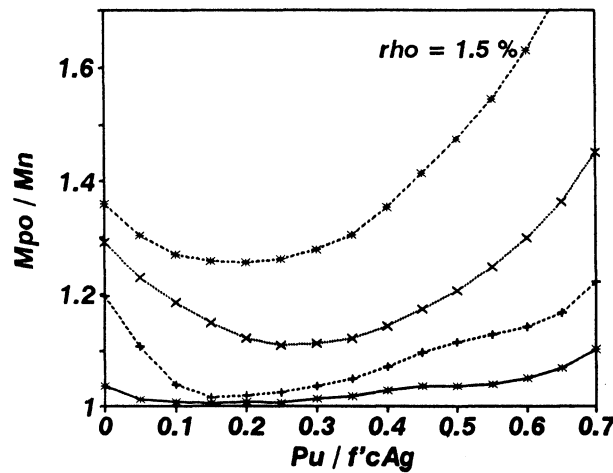
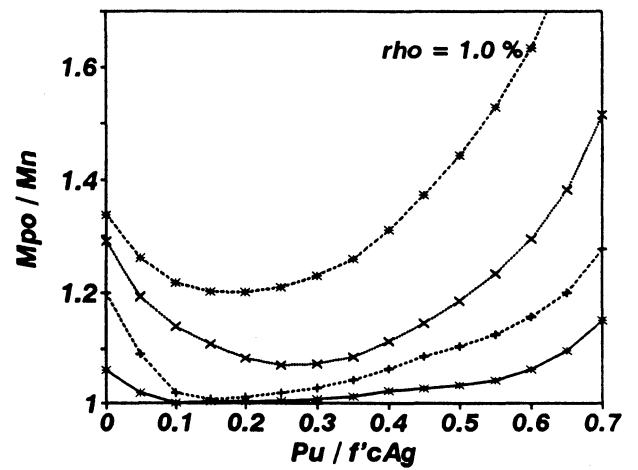
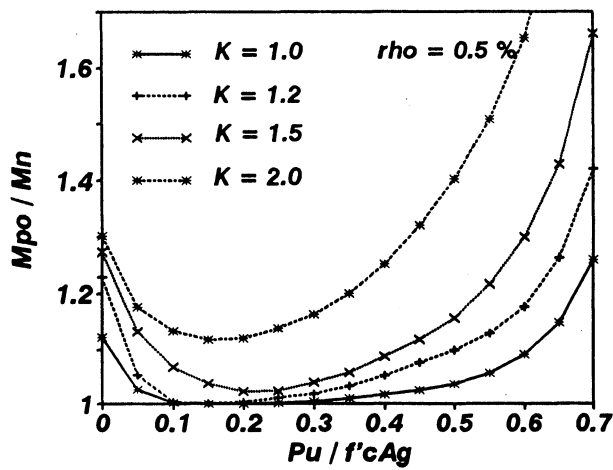


Figure 3-5 Influence of Longitudinal Steel Volume on Moment Overstrength for Circular Sections.

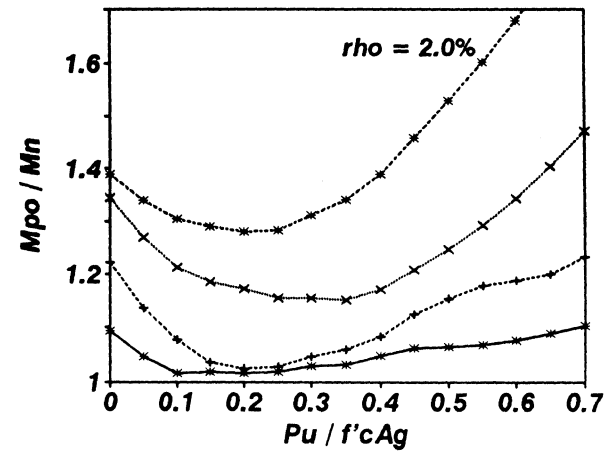
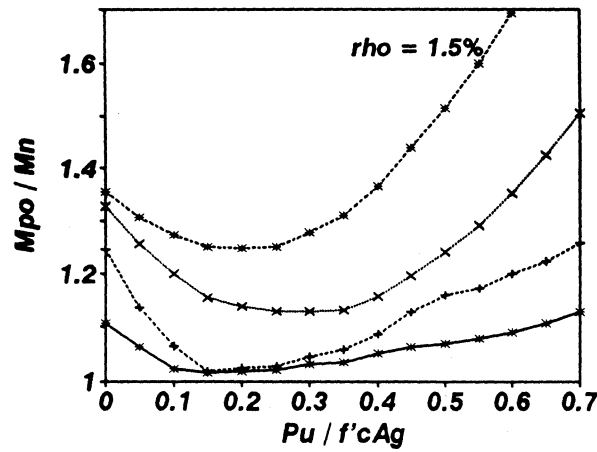
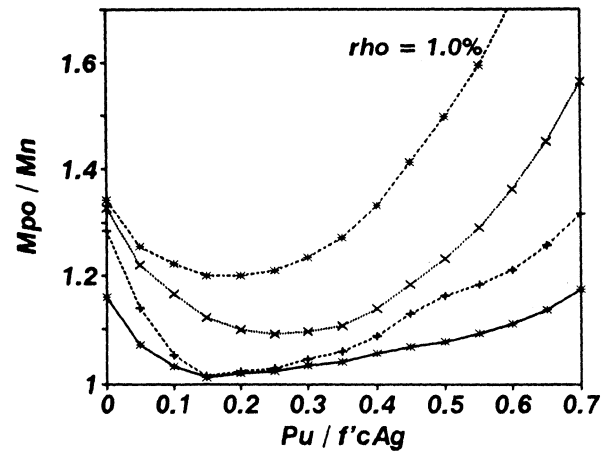
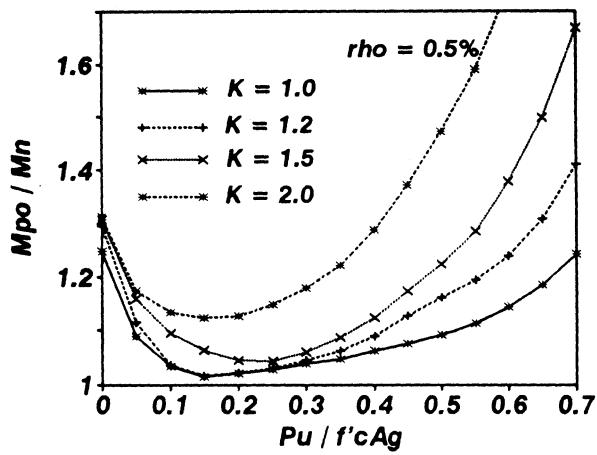


Figure 3-6 Influence of Longitudinal Steel Volume on Moment Overstrength for Rectangular Sections.

### 3.4.2 Effect of Longitudinal Steel Strength

The following steel strengths were considered,  $f_y = 300, 450, 550, 870 \text{ MPa}$  and the results are shown in figures 3-7 and 3-8. It may be observed from these figures that at lower levels of axial loads, moment overstrength increases with increasing longitudinal steel strength. Steel moment from strain hardening depends upon  $\epsilon_{su}$ ,  $\epsilon_{sh}$  and the ratio of  $f_{su}/f_y$ . As the steel strength increases,  $\epsilon_{sh}$  and  $\epsilon_{su}$  occur at much lower strain (figure 2-4) and high steel moments at lower strains are obtained where concrete moment is still high and therefore larger moment overstrength factors are obtained. Steel with  $f_y = 870 \text{ MPa}$  differs from the normal behavior of lower strengths at low levels of axial load because  $\epsilon_{sh}$  and  $\epsilon_{su}$  occur at very low strains and hence at low axial loads, maximum moment occurs at strain,  $\epsilon_s > \epsilon_{su}$  and hence lower moment overstrengths are observed. It is also observed that at high axial load levels, moment overstrength increases in the same way with higher steel strengths although the difference between various varieties of steel is less significant. This is because the moment overstrength factor ( $\lambda_{mo}$ ) can be expressed as a combination of the concrete and steel capacities as explained below:

$$\lambda_{mo} = \frac{M_{po}}{M_n} = \frac{(M_c + M_{cc} + M_s)_o}{(M_c + M_{cc} + M_s)_n} \quad (3-3)$$

where  $M_{po}$  = the ultimate moment,  $M_n$  = the nominal moment,  $M_c, M_{cc}$  = the unconfined and confined concrete contribution to respective moments,  $M_s$  = the steel contribution to the respective moments. At high levels of axial load, due to the force equilibrium requirements, with increase in steel strength,  $C_c$  increases and hence moment of concrete,  $(M_c + M_{cc})_o$  and  $(M_c + M_{cc})_n$  increases but increase in  $(M_c + M_{cc})_o$  is much more than  $(M_c + M_{cc})_n$  and hence, with steel strength, moment overstrength increases as seen in equation 3-3. The effect of confinement for a particular steel strength is illustrated by figures 3-9 and 3-10 where the results are plotted in order of increasing confinement. As expected, the overstrength increases with confinement over the entire axial load range for both circular and rectangular sections.

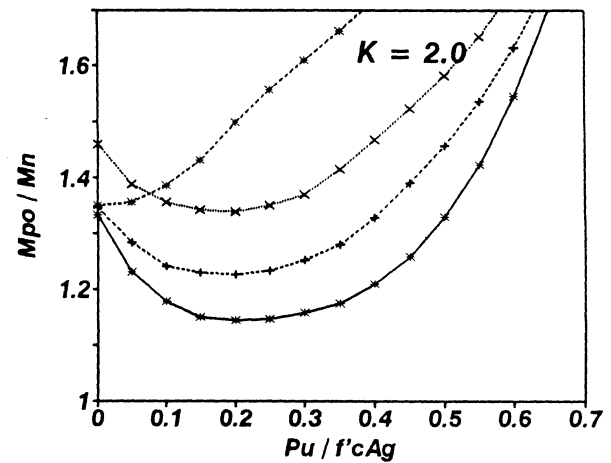
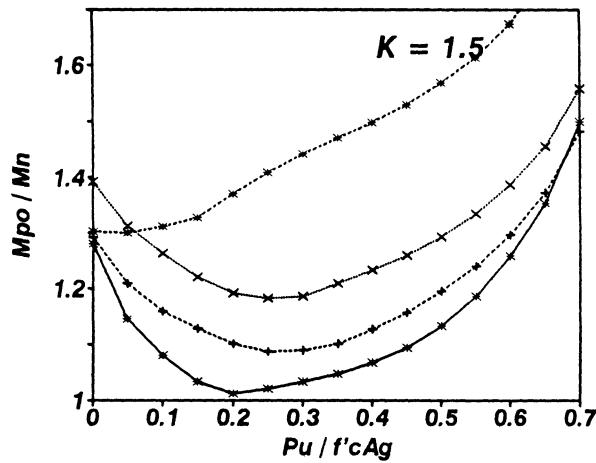
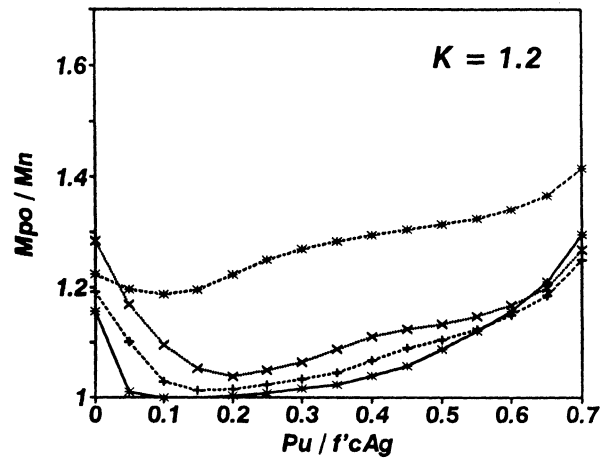
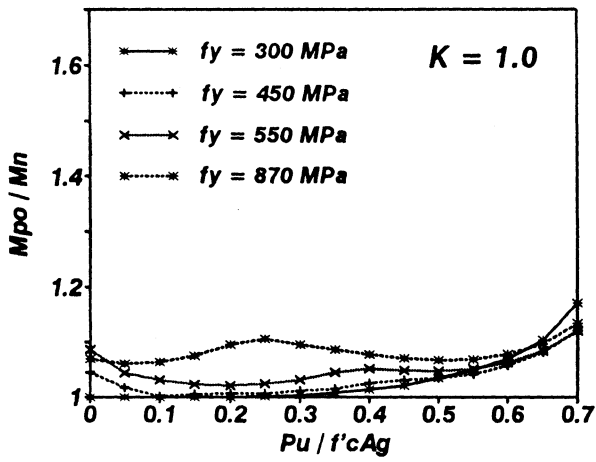


Figure 3-7 Effect of Longitudinal Steel Strength on Moment Overstrength for Circular Sections.

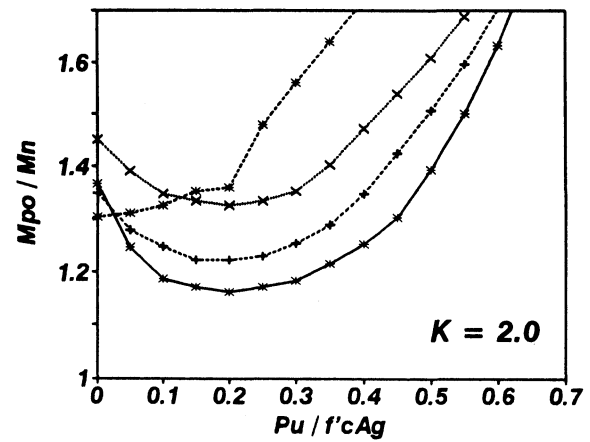
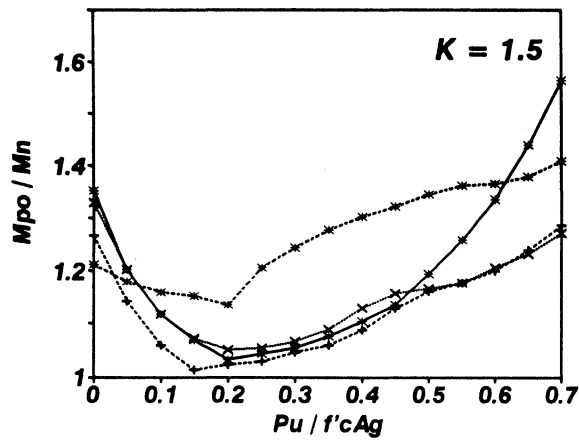
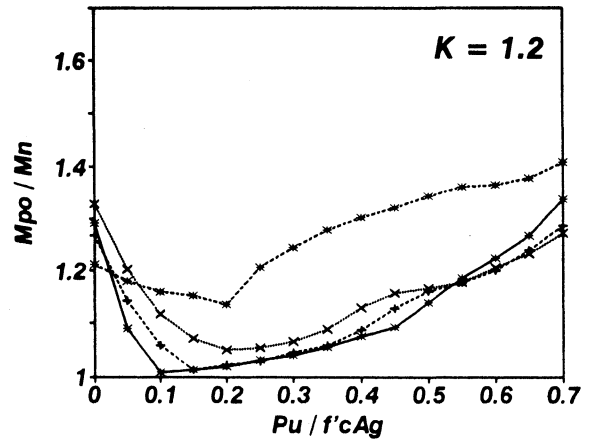
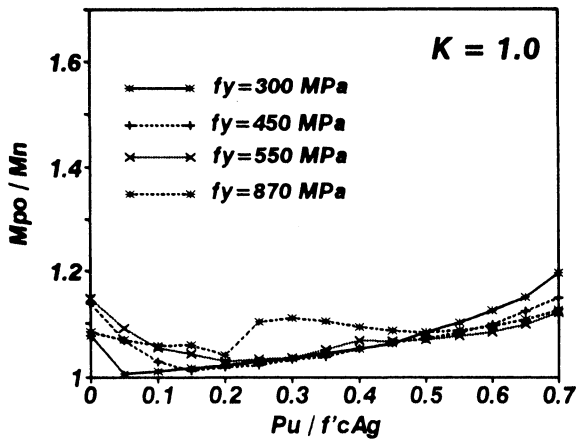


Figure 3-8 Effect of Longitudinal Steel Strength on Moment Overstrength for Rectangular Sections.

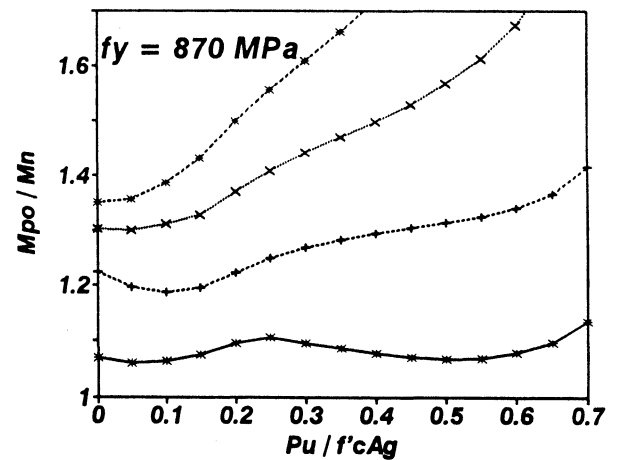
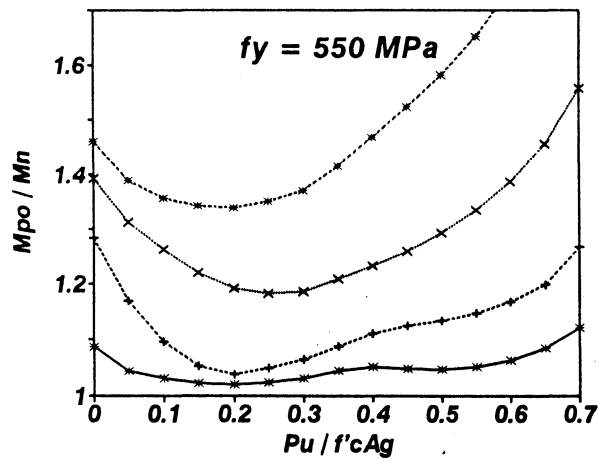
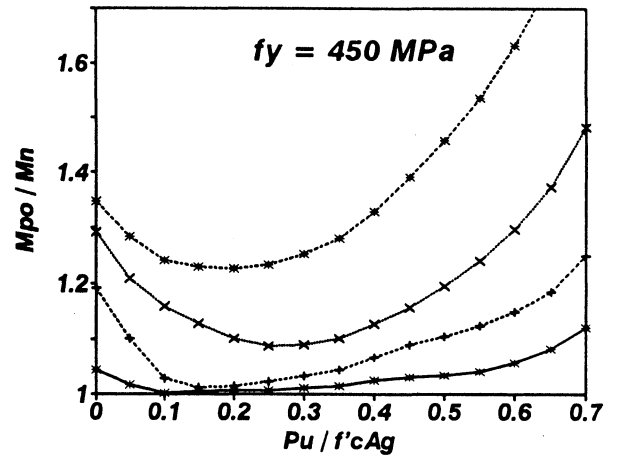
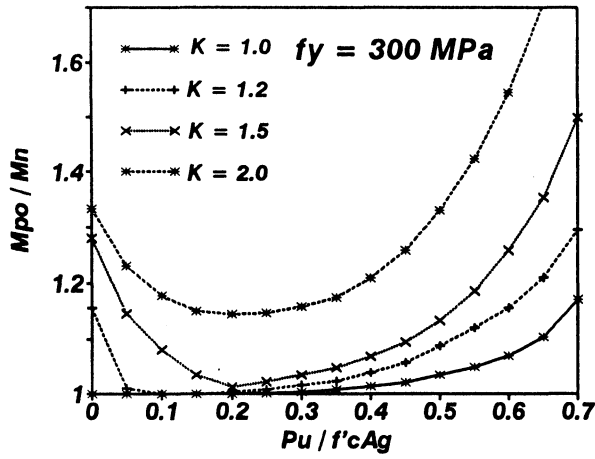


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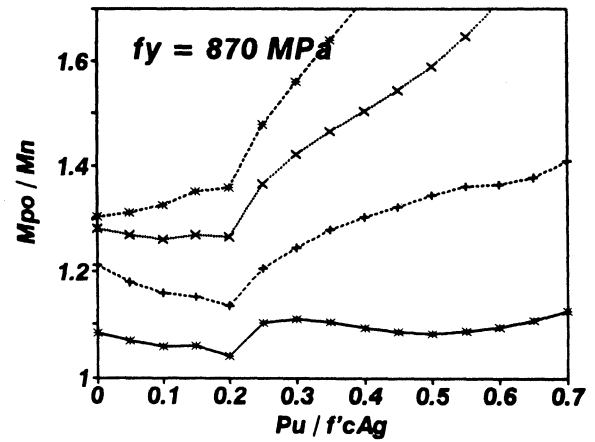
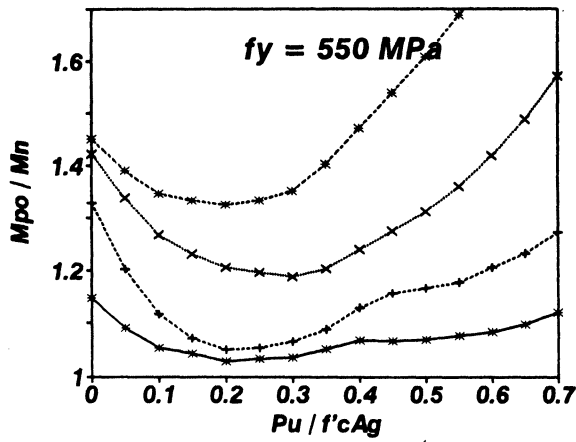
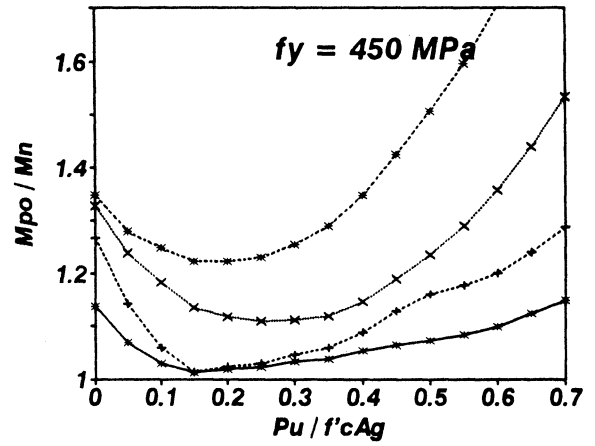
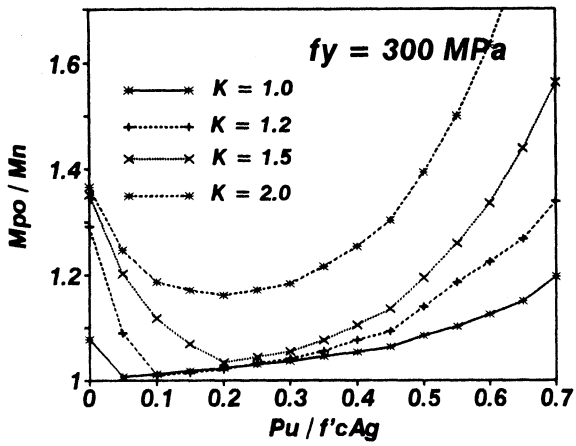


Figure 3-10 Influence of Longitudinal Steel Strength on Moment Overstrength for Rectangular Sections.

### 3.4.3 Effect of Concrete Strength

The studies were conducted for the following concrete maximum compressive strength,  $f'_c = 30, 45, 60 \text{ MPa}$  and results plotted in figures 3-11 and 3-12, respectively. It is well known that as the compressive strength of concrete increases, concrete toughness (and hence ductility) decreases. Therefore, moment increase with increasing curvature takes place more slowly. However, at low levels of axial load, the maximum moment occurs at high strains where the concrete has little influence on the moment capacity, as demonstrated by similar overstrength factors obtained for all ranges of  $f'_c$  when  $P_u < 0.05 f'_c A_g$ . At high levels of axial load, moment capacity is dominated by the concrete component when the concrete with a higher strength has a more significant effect than a lesser strength variety. This is particularly observable at higher confinement where the overstrength tends to increase with higher concrete strengths beyond  $P_u / f'_c A_g > 0.65$ . The effect of confinement corresponding to any particular concrete strength is portrayed by the graphs in figures 3-13 and 3-14, where the overstrength increases with increasing concrete strength irrespective of sectional shape.

### 3.4.4 Effect of Longitudinal Steel Placement

The distance between the extreme compression fiber and the center of the transverse reinforcement has significant effect on moment overstrength as it determines the strain and hence the stress in the longitudinal reinforcement and the percentage of confined concrete in the section. This effect was studied by considering the following values of the distance between the extreme compression fiber and the center of the transverse reinforcement normalized with respect to the total depth of the section, (0.0, 0.1, 0.2). The results obtained are plotted in figures 3-15 and 3-16.

Moment overstrength decreases with increasing distance between the extreme compression fiber and the compression reinforcement and it is observed that axial load level does not have any effect on the behavior of overstrength factors. This occurs because with increase



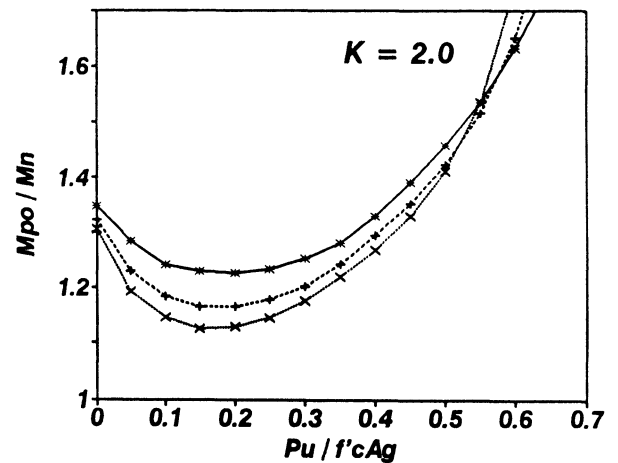
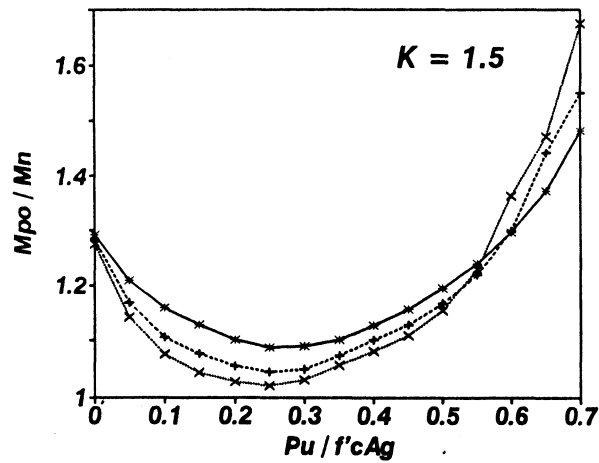
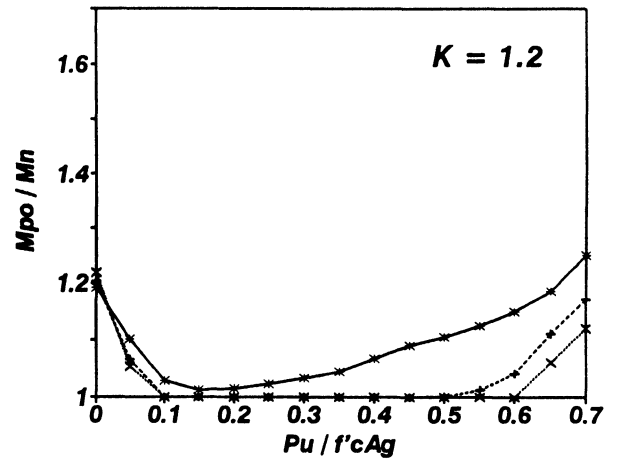
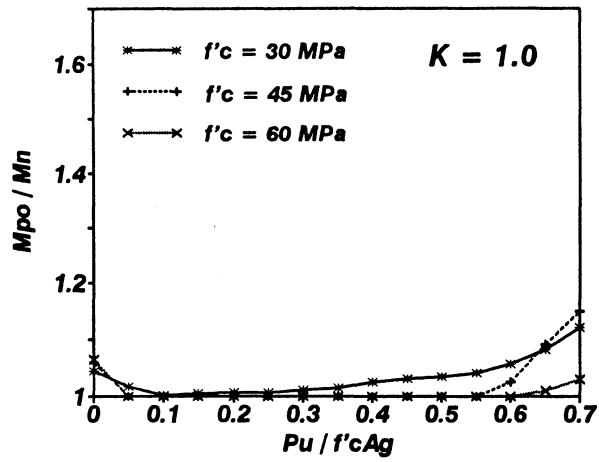


Figure 3-11 Effect of Concrete Strength on Moment Overstrength for Circular Sections.

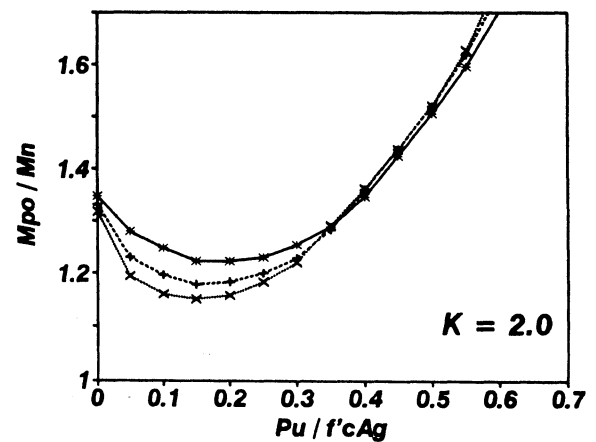
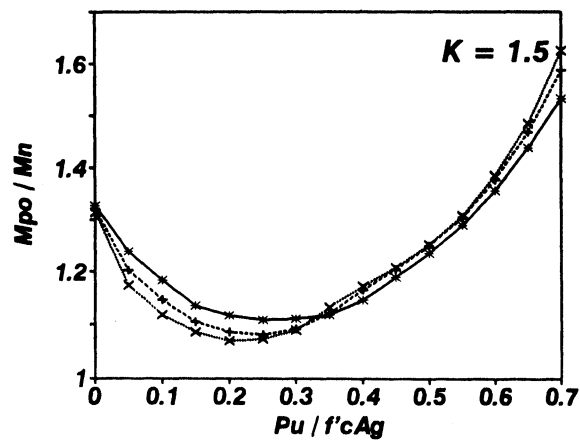
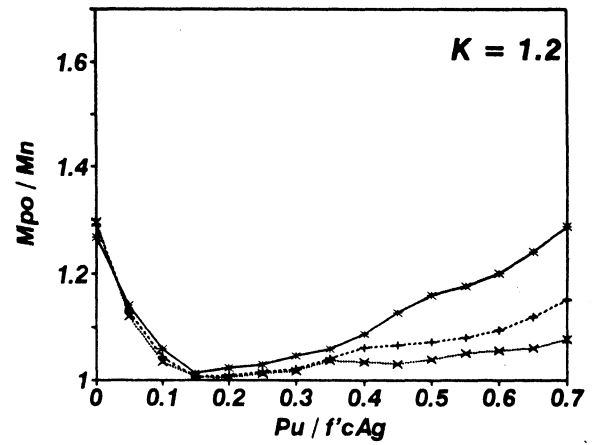
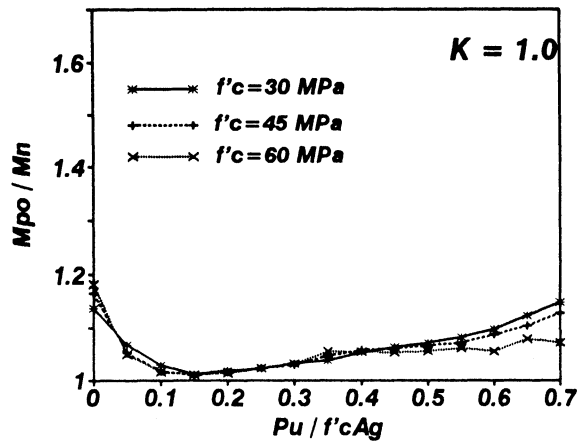


Figure 3-12 Effect of Concrete Strength on Moment Overstrength for Rectangular Sections.

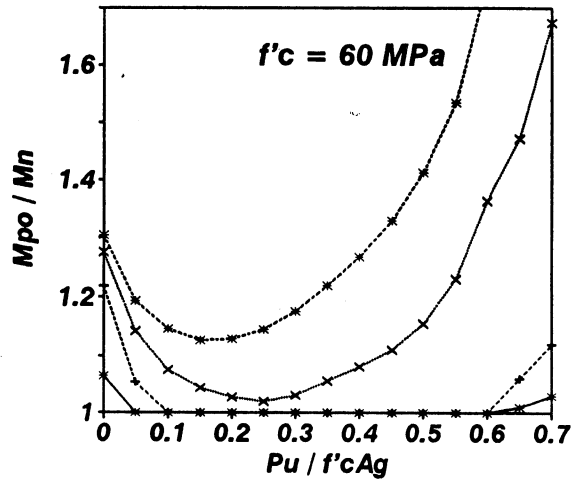
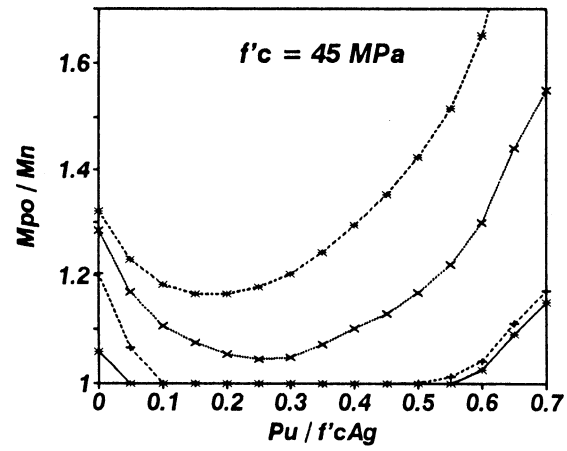
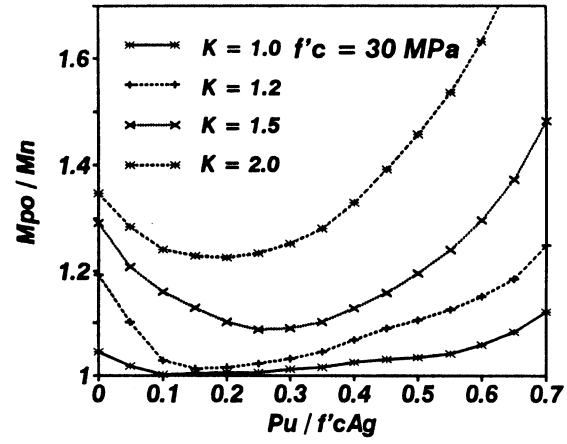


Figure 3-13 Influence of Concrete Strength on Moment Overstrength for Circular Sections.

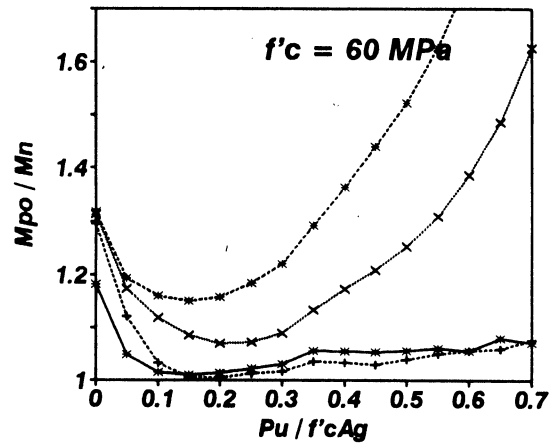
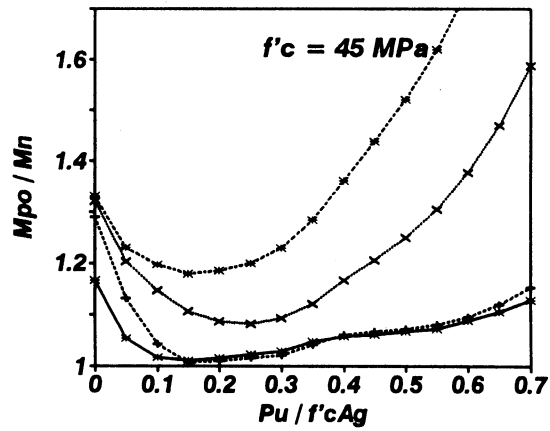
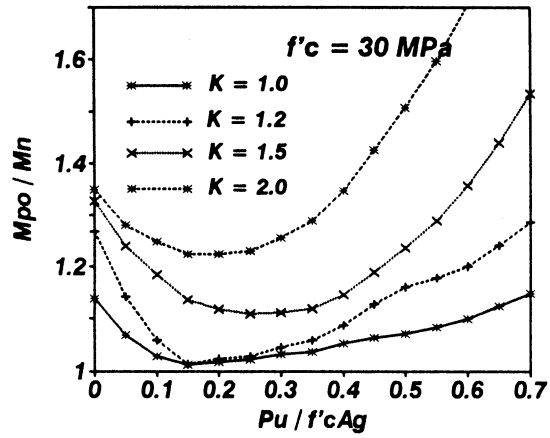


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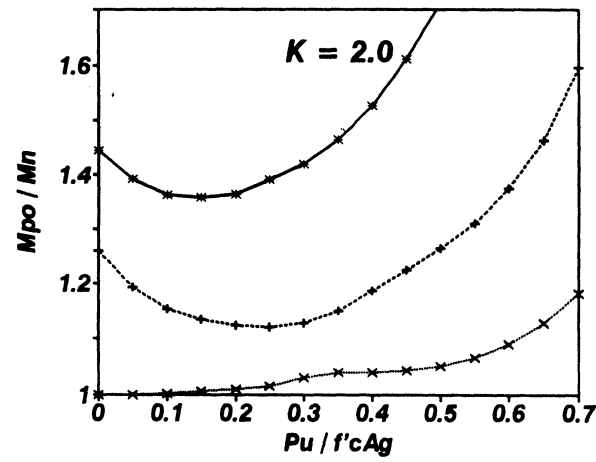
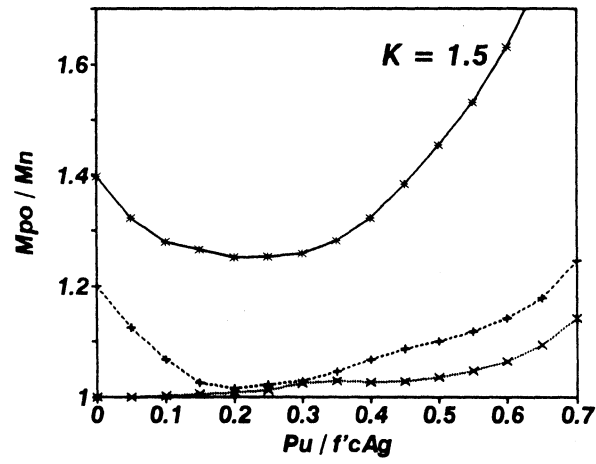
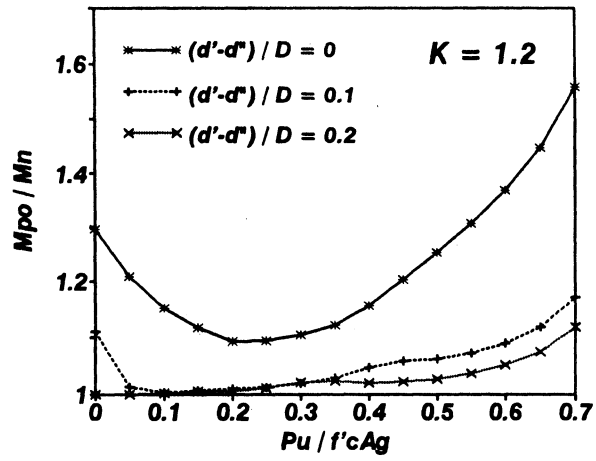


Figure 3-15 Effect of Longitudinal Steel Placement on Moment Overstrength for Circular Sections.

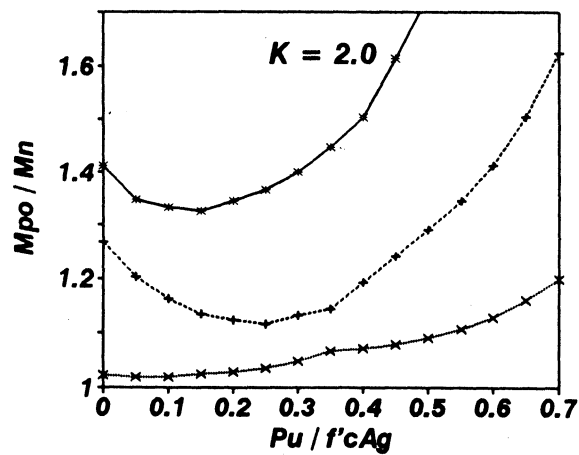
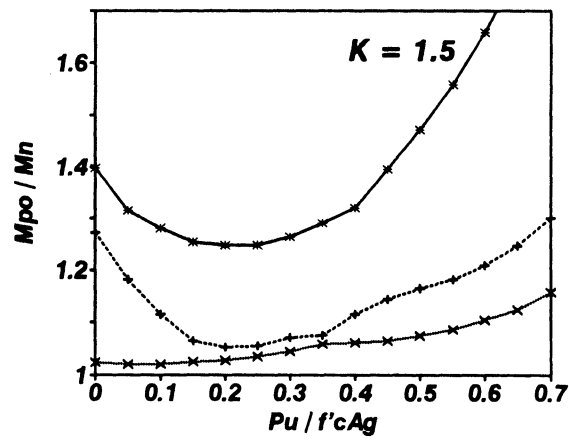
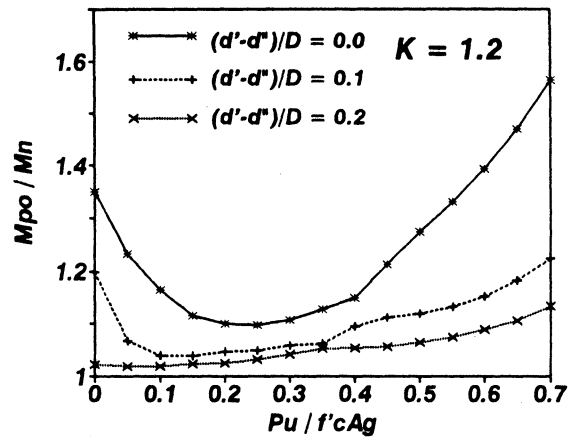


Figure 3-16 Effect of Longitudinal Steel Placement on Moment Overstrength for Rectangular Sections.

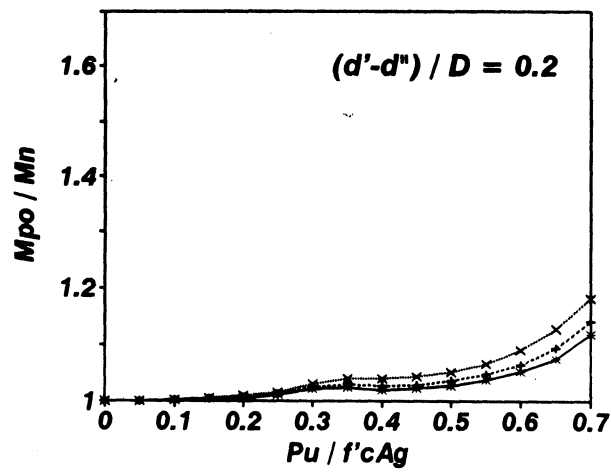
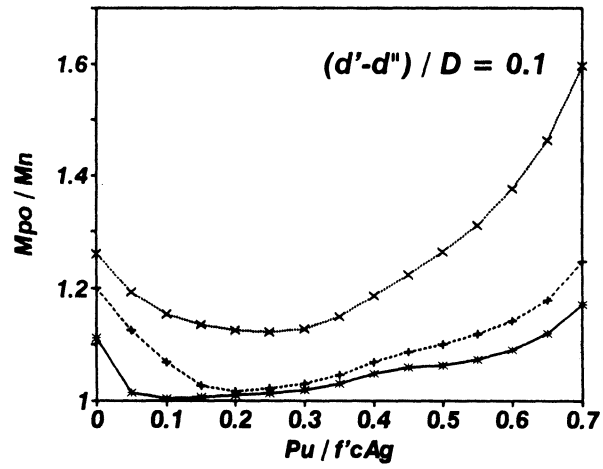
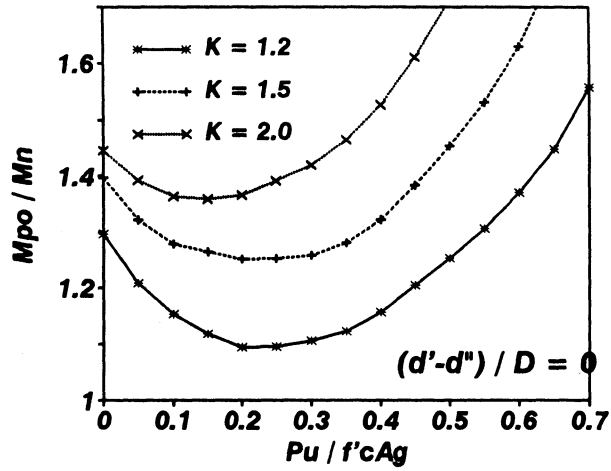


Figure 3-17 Influence of Longitudinal Steel Placement on Moment Overstrength for Circular Sections.

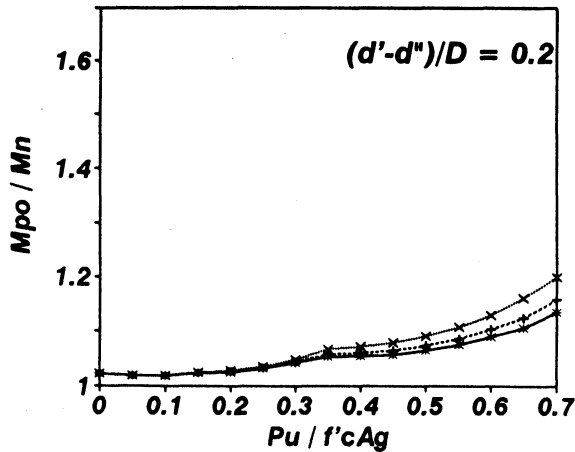
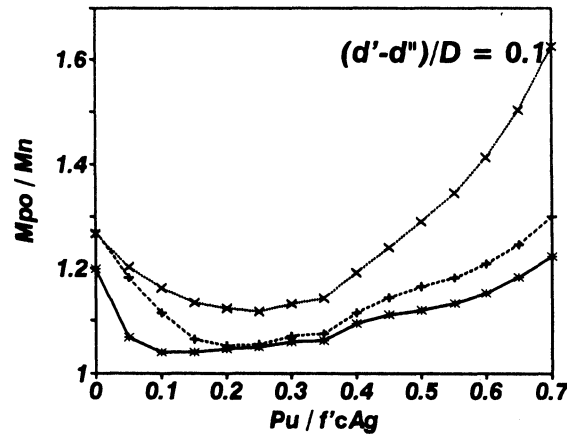
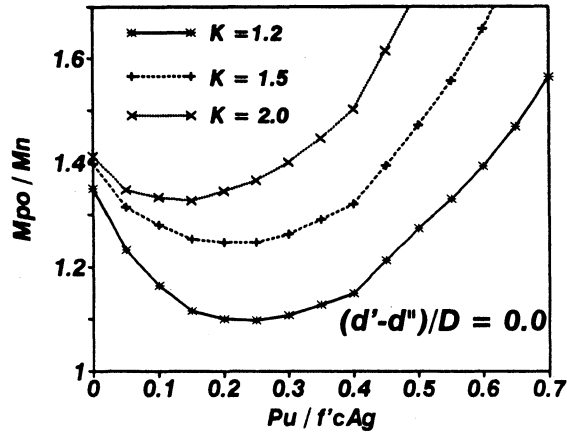


Figure 3-18 Influence of Longitudinal Steel Placement on Moment Overstrength for Rectangular Sections.



in the distance the percentage of confined concrete decreases;  $(d' - d'')/D$  is a parameter which shows the percentage of confined concrete in a section. Higher values of  $(d' - d'')/D$  means larger amount of unconfined concrete in the section. Hence, smaller the value of  $(d' - d'')/D$ , the larger the moment overstrength. This is typically the case for large bridge columns where the thickness of the cover with respect to the overall column size is small. The effect of confinement corresponding to any particular value of  $(d' - d'')/D$  is shown in figures 3-17 and 3-18 for circular and rectangular sections, respectively. As before, overstrength is found to increase with increasing confinement irrespective of axial load and sectional shape.

### 3.5 DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The following conclusions can be drawn from the foregoing parametric study:

1. For unconfined concrete columns, the values of moment overstrength are significant at low and at very high levels. Since the axial load levels in bridge columns are small ( $P_u < 0.15 f'_c A_g$ ), it is recommended that  $\lambda_{mo} = 1.2$  be adopted as a minimum value.

2. For confined concrete columns, the moment overstrength is significant at both low and high levels of axial load. Hence the consideration of moment overstrength is important for capacity design of both bridge and building columns designed with confined concrete plastic hinge zones. Moreover, the effects of various parameters on moment overstrength factors were found to be appreciable. Therefore, a simplified general method of analysis is needed to determine overstrength factors which considers both material and section properties. In the following section, an approach is proposed which uses a plastic method of analysis for determining overstrength.

### 3.6 VALIDATION WITH EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

The analytical results of overstrength factors were confined within certain limits of the parameters studied and compared with experimental results of Ang et al. (1985) for the purpose of validating the presented moment overstrength analysis theory. Ang et al.(1985) conducted a number of experiments on confined concrete columns of various confinement ratios ( $K$ ) and of various material and sectional properties. From the experimental results obtained, they established the maximum moment capacity observed for each specimen. Each experimental data point of maximum moment overstrength ratio was plotted on a graph with respect to axial load ratios ( $P_u/f'_c A_g$ ) and the following empirical equation was developed representing the best fit curve for the moment overstrength factor:

$$\lambda_{mo} = \frac{M_{po}}{M_n} = 1.13 + 2.35 \left( \frac{P_u}{f'_c A_g} - 0.1 \right)^2 \quad (3-4)$$

The experimental data was within  $\pm 15\%$  of this equation.

Analytical studies conducted in the previous section led to the development of a number of graphs representing the variation of overstrength factors with various parameters. To make a comparison with the experimental results, the theoretical values were confined within the following values of various parameters to make an comparison with the experimental results mentioned above:

- i) Concrete compressive strength:  $f'_c = 30 - 45 \text{ MPa}$
- ii) Longitudinal steel strength:  $f_y = 276 \text{ and } 414 \text{ MPa}$
- iii) Longitudinal steel volume:  $\rho_t = 0.005 - 0.02$

The plots of maximum and minimum values of moment overstrength factors obtained within the above parameters represents the average values of analytically obtained strength enhancement

factors.

The analytical results obtained above were plotted against the experimental results and the best curve fit equation of Ang, Priestley and Paulay as shown in figure 3-19. The maximum value curve is observed to be in good agreement with the +15 percent experimental curve and encompasses most of the experimentally observed moment overstrength factors. Hence, the theory tends to be conservative, which is satisfactory from the design point of view. This curve can also serve as a design chart to determine the moment overstrength factor for the majority of the concrete columns designed with normal strength materials.

### 3.7 CLOSURE

The analytical method of performing moment curvature analysis, derived in the previous section, was used to carry out a complete overstrength analysis for circular and rectangular sections. A large number of parametric studies were conducted to better understand the individual and cumulative effects of various parameters on the influence of moment overstrength. The analytical curves so obtained were also compared with experimental results of Ang (1985). The theoretical results were conservative, which is desirable from a design point of view. Although the analysis reported herein was limited to circular and rectangular sections only, similar exercise can be performed on sections of any arbitrary shape. In view of the apparent complexity of the whole approach, the necessity to develop a relatively simple method is evident. Thus an interaction approach of evaluating overstrength factors is developed which is discussed in detail in the next section.

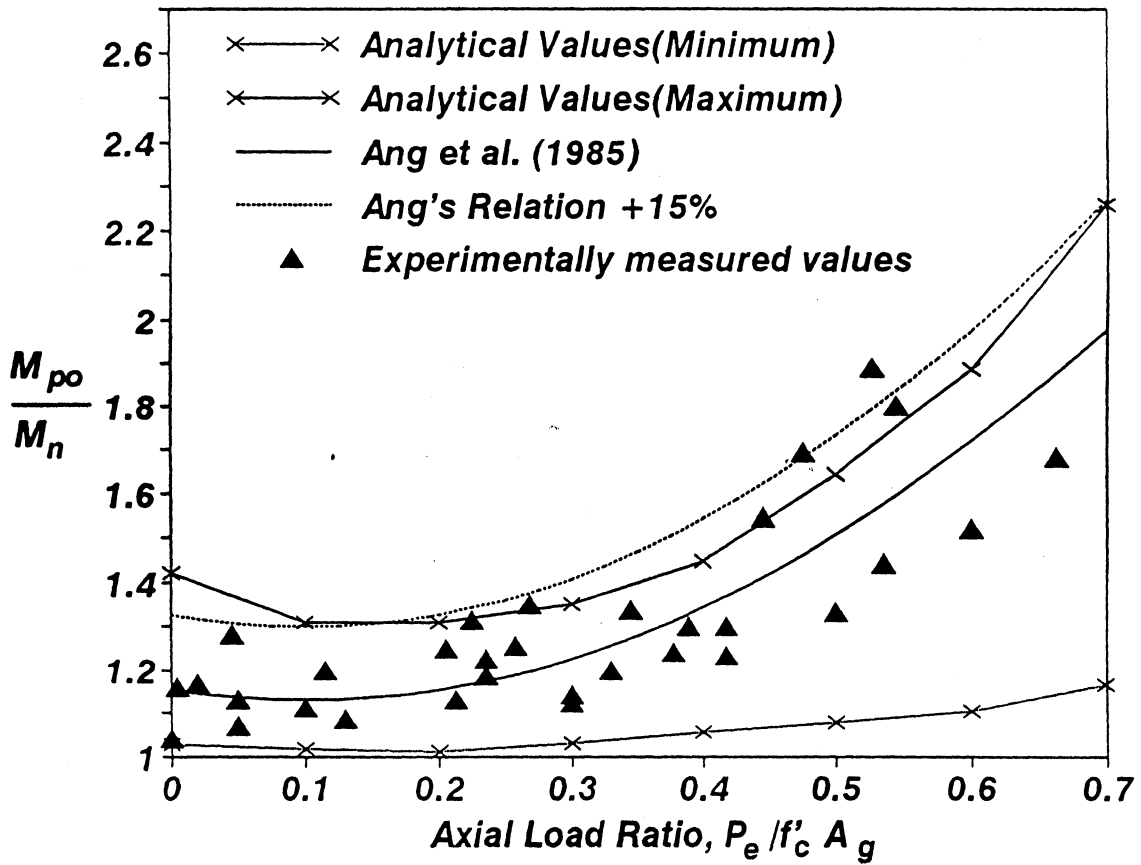


Figure 3-19 Comparison of Analytical Results with Experimental Results.

( $f'_c = 30-45$  MPa, Steel Grade 40-60, Steel Volume = 0.5% to 2%)

## **SECTION 4**

### **SIMPLIFIED ANALYSIS USING A STRESS BLOCK INTERACTION DIAGRAM APPROACH**

#### **4.1 INTRODUCTION**

In the previous section, an "exact" approach using moment-curvature analysis was used to compute the overstrength factors for any general section. Although the method is extremely accurate, it is necessary to develop a simple yet sufficiently accurate method for everyday design office applications. This prompted the development of the stress block interaction diagram approach for computing the overstrength factors. This method uses a plastic analysis method and as an obvious result ignores strain compatibility though maintaining force equilibrium-an essential attribute of any limit based analysis. However, before discussing the method in detail it is important to look back into the concept of stress block analysis. Although stress block analysis was used extensively by Mander et al. (1984), he used a numerical integration approach which is not particularly suitable for spreadsheet-type computer programming. Hence discreet closed form expressions for stress block parameters taking into account confinement is developed and integrated into the evaluation of approximate overstrength factors. This is discussed in the following subsection.

#### **4.2 STRESS BLOCK ANALYSIS**

From the general stress block theory, stress block parameters can be obtained by numerical integration of the various stress-strain relations of concrete. The stress blocks so obtained though functions of the concrete strength, level of confinement and maximum strain, are implicit and hence difficult to utilize in a computational moment-curvature analysis of concrete columns. Hence, to obtain explicit analytical expressions of stress blocks, stress-strain relations for concrete which can be easily integrated were formulated. Using a proposed stress-strain relation for concrete, explicit expressions for stress block parameters which are a function of the concrete strength, level of confinement and maximum strain were formulated (Appendix-

B). Using maximum values of these stress block parameters, maximum overstrength moment is evaluated which is discussed later in the section. The nominal moment capacity is also obtained using the same approach but using stress block parameters specified by ACI which is described in the next subsection.

#### 4.2.1 AASHTO/ACI Stress Block Parameters for Unconfined Concrete

For deriving the flexural strength, only the magnitude and the position of the concrete compression force need to be known. The U.S. practice, as represented by AASHTO (1996) and ACI (1995) code, has been to replace the actual stress block by an equivalent rectangle. On the basis of extensive direct measurements as well as indirect evaluation of axially and eccentrically loaded specimens, AASHTO/ACI adopted the following values of equivalent rectangular stress block parameters:

$$\alpha = 0.85 \text{ for all values of } f'_c \quad (4-1)$$

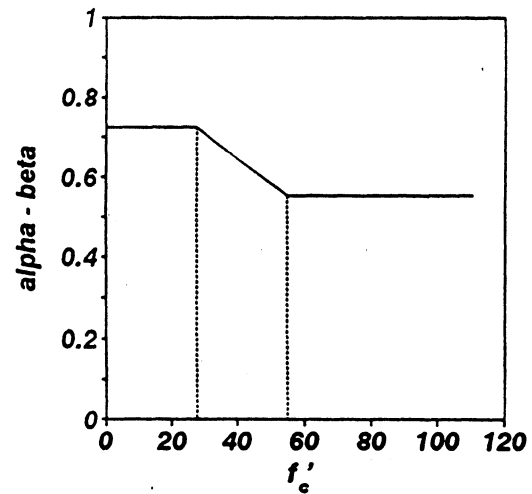
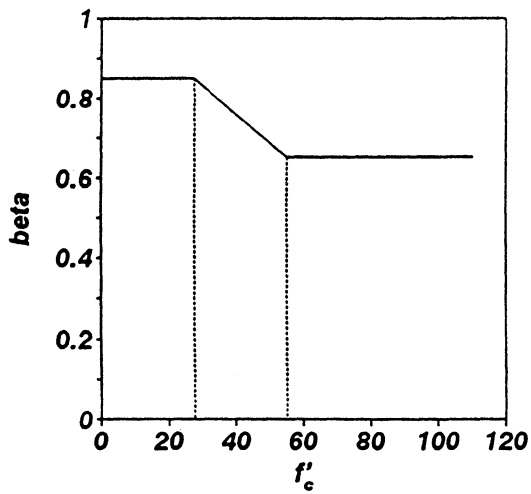
$$0.85 \geq \beta_1 = 0.85 - 0.08 (f'_c - 30) \geq 0.65 \text{ MPa} \quad (4-2)$$

These are plotted in figure 4-1.

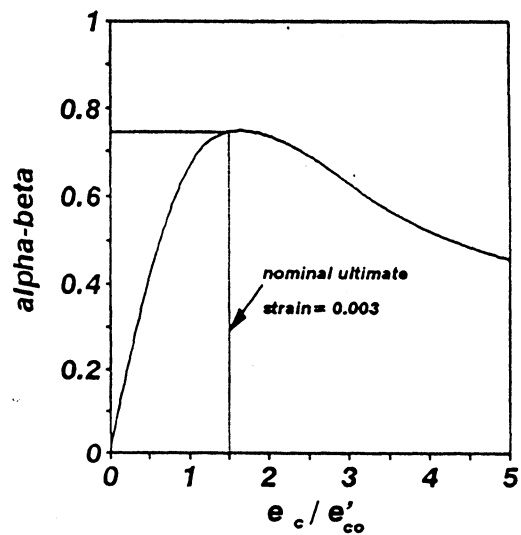
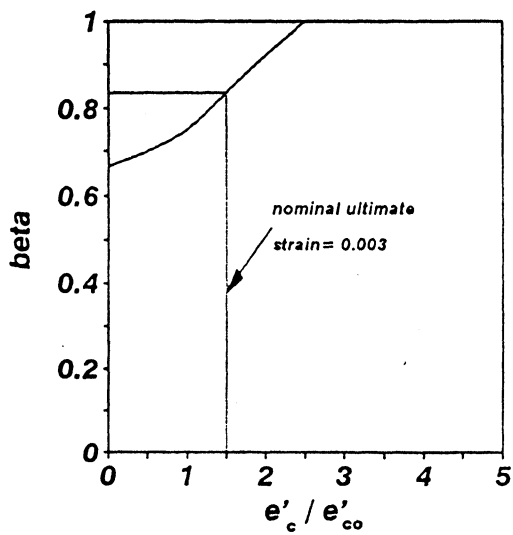
#### 4.2.2 Proposed Maximum Stress Block Parameters

The proposed stress-strain equations (Appendix B) and the explicit stress block parameters are plotted in figure 4-2 for illustrative purposes. It can be observed from these figures that the magnitude of the stress block parameters depend on the level of confinement and strain. It is conceivable that the maximum concrete compressive moment occurs when  $\alpha\beta$  is maximum. The value of strain ( $\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\max}$ ) where  $\alpha\beta$  is maximum is given by

$$x_{\alpha\beta}^{\max} = \frac{\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\max}}{\epsilon'_{cc}} = \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{2}{(n+1)z\epsilon'_{cc}} \right)} \quad (4-3)$$

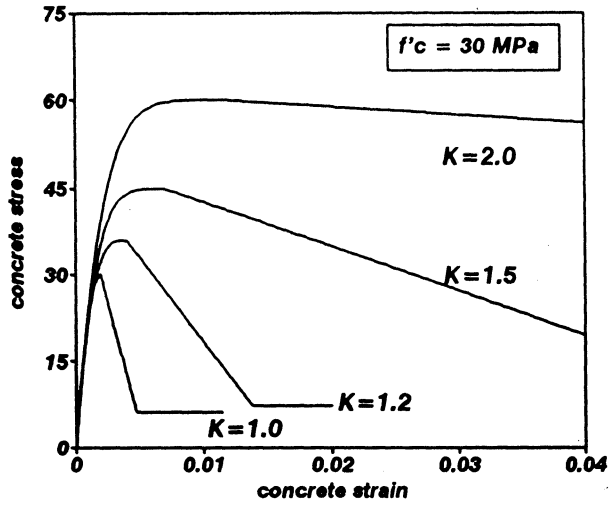


(a) ACI assumed Rectangular Stress Block Parameters for Concrete Compressive Stress Distribution.

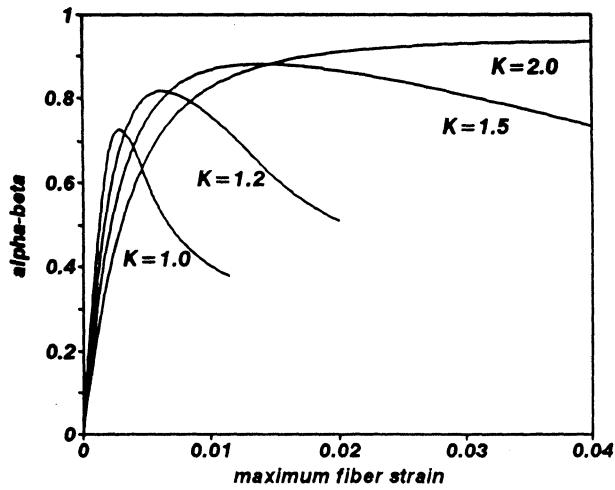


(b) Stress Block Parameters for Unconfined Concrete using Piecewise Equation.

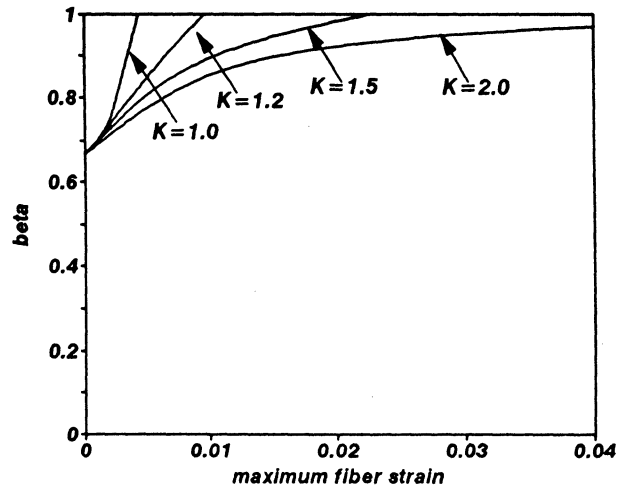
Figure 4-1 Stress Block Parameters for Unconfined Concrete.



(a) Proposed Stress-Strain Curve



(b) alpha-beta parameter



(c) beta parameter

Figure 4-2 Proposed Explicit Stress Block Parameters for Unconfined and Confined Concrete.



It can be observed that the maximum value of  $\alpha\beta$  will occur in the descending branch of the stress-strain model of concrete. Hence, substituting the above equation of strain in equation B-6, the following expression for maximum  $\alpha\beta$  was obtained

$$\alpha\beta^{\max} = \frac{\frac{n}{(n+1)} + (x_{\alpha\beta}^{\max} - 1) \left(1 - \frac{ze'_{cc}}{2} (x_{\alpha\beta}^{\max} - 1)\right)}{x_{\alpha\beta}^{\max}} \quad (4-4)$$

The corresponding value of the stress block depth factor  $\beta$  can be obtained from equation B-11

$$\beta = 2 - \frac{\left[ (x_{\alpha\beta}^{\max 2} - 1) - \frac{ze'_{cc}}{3} (2x_{\alpha\beta}^{\max 3} - 3x_{\alpha\beta}^{\max 2} + 1) + \frac{n(n+3)}{(n+1)(n+2)} \right]}{x_{\alpha\beta}^{\max 2} \alpha\beta^{\max}} \quad (4-5)$$

In the above equations  $n = E_c \varepsilon'_{cc} / f'_{cc}$  and  $z = 6.8 f'_c K^{-6}$ . The peak values of the confined concrete stress and the corresponding strain ( $f'_{cc}$ ,  $\varepsilon'_{cc}$ ) are obtained by the procedure outlined in Appendix A for circular and rectangular sections respectively. The peak values of the stress block parameter  $\alpha\beta^{\max}$  can be divided by the parameter  $\beta$  in equation 4-5 to obtain discrete values of stress block parameters to be used for design. These parameters are plotted in figure 4-3 against the confinement ratio  $K$  along with their simple curve fit approximations given by

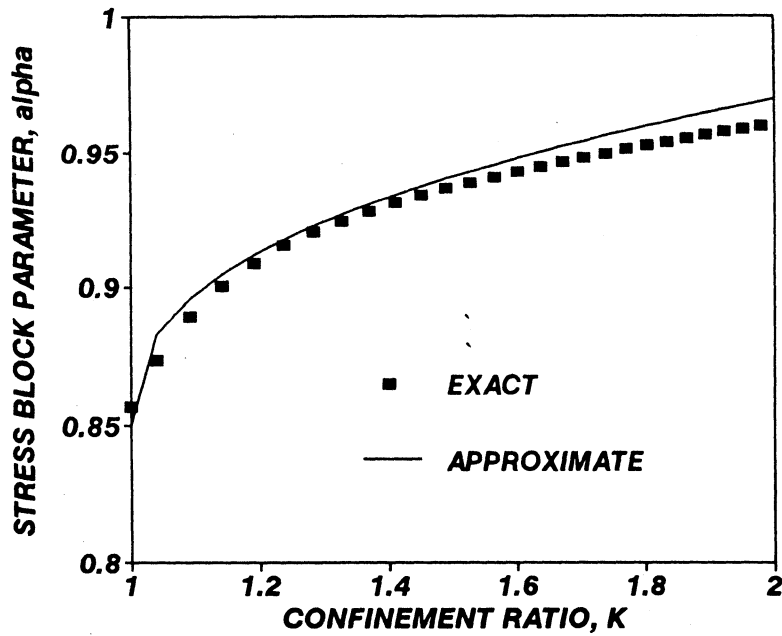
$$\alpha = 0.85 + 0.12 (K - 1)^{0.4} \quad (4-6)$$

and

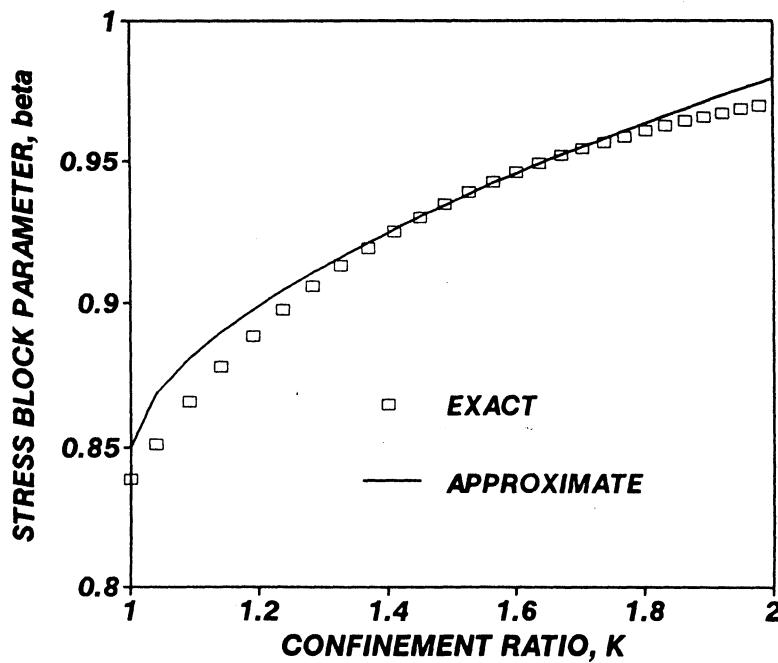
$$\beta = 0.85 + 0.13 (K - 1)^{0.6} \quad (4-7)$$

### 4.3 AXIAL LOAD-MOMENT INTERACTION APPROACH TO OVERSTRENGTH

Axial load-moment interaction curves have been used by engineers for design of columns. The analytical procedure is iterative and hence requires the use of computers. Hence, a theory based on plastic design concepts was devised to draw axial load-moment interaction curves for both maximum overstrength moment capacity and nominal moment capacity. Nominal moment interaction curve is constructed for columns by the procedure outlined by AASHTO/ACI considering



(a) Variation of Parameter alpha with Confinement, K.



(b) Variation of Parameter beta with Confinement, K.

Figure 4-3 Showing Exact and Approximate values of the Stress Block Parameters.

maximum compression strain  $\epsilon_{cm} = 0.003$  and as was discussed in section 2.3. The maximum overstrength moment capacity interaction curve is drawn using maximum stress block parameters of confined sections given by equations 4-6 and 4-7. Hence overstrength factors at an axial load level can be determined by the ratio of maximum overstrength moment to nominal moment determined from the constructed interaction curves. The parabolic approximate interaction curve procedure of moment capacities represents a hand tool for the engineer to determine overstrength factors of columns at various axial loads. The procedure for this is presented below.

(i) Parabolic P-M Interaction Curve of Maximum Overstrength Capacity:

Maximum Moment Point: From the principles of plastic analysis, the maximum moment point ( $M_{bo}, P_{bo}$ ) on the axial load-overstrength moment interaction curve should be obtained when the neutral axis depth from the extreme compression fiber of the section ( $c/D$ ) is 0.5. Axial load capacity is the sum of the contributions from confined core concrete and unconfined cover concrete. Hence using this value of neutral axis depth and the familiar stress block notation, the axial load capacity is determined as

$$\frac{P_{bo}}{f'_c A_g} = \frac{C_c}{f'_c A_g} = 0.5 \alpha_{cc} \beta_{cc}^{\max} K \frac{A_{cc}}{A_g} + 0.5 \alpha_{co} \beta_{co} \left(1 - \frac{A_{cc}}{A_g}\right) \quad (4-8)$$

where the confined and unconfined concrete stress block parameters are determined at the strain corresponding to the maximum stress blocks of confined concrete calculated from equation 4-3 with  $A_{cc}/A_g$  denoting the ratio of the core concrete to the gross area. The maximum overstrength moment is determined as

$$M_{bo} = M_{oc} + M_{os} \quad (4-9)$$

where  $M_{oc}$  = moment contribution of concrete to the ultimate moment and is determined by taking the moment of the concrete cover and cover forces about the middle of the section. Assuming that the neutral axis depth parameter  $\beta_{co}$  for unconfined concrete is equal to 1.0 at the strain at which  $\alpha_{cc} \beta_{cc}^{\max}$  occurs, for circular sections this can be written as

$$\frac{M_{oc}}{f'_c A_g D} = 0.25 \left( 1 - \frac{A_{cc}}{A_g} \right) \alpha_{co} \beta_{co} (1 - \kappa_o) + 0.25 K \alpha_{cc} \beta_{cc}^{\max} \frac{A_{cc}}{A_g} (1 - \kappa_c \beta_{cc}) \left( \frac{D''}{D} \right) \quad (4-10)$$

where  $\kappa_o$  is a factor that locates the position of the centroid of the cover concrete from the topmost fiber of the section. For circular sections  $\kappa_o$  can be taken to be 0.4. For rectangular sections this can be determined by using principles of strength of materials as illustrated in figure 4-4. Similarly  $\kappa_c$  locates the position of the centroid of  $\beta_{cc} A_{cc}$  from the center of the transverse steel (figure 4-4) and can be taken as 0.6 and 0.5 for circular and rectangular sections respectively. The steel moment contribution  $M_{os}$  can be determined as

$$M_{os} = Z_p f_{su} \quad (4-11)$$

in which  $Z_p$  = the plastic section modulus of steel. This is calculated assuming that the longitudinal steel is distributed uniformly over a depth  $D' = D - 2d'$  and width  $b' = b - 2d'$  and is given by

$$\begin{aligned} Z_p &= \left( 1 + \frac{2b'}{D'} \right) \frac{A_{st}}{4(b' + D')} (D')^2 \quad \text{for rectangular columns} \\ &= 0.375 A_{st} D' \quad \text{for square columns} \\ &= 0.32 A_{st} D' \quad \text{for circular columns} \end{aligned} \quad (4-12)$$

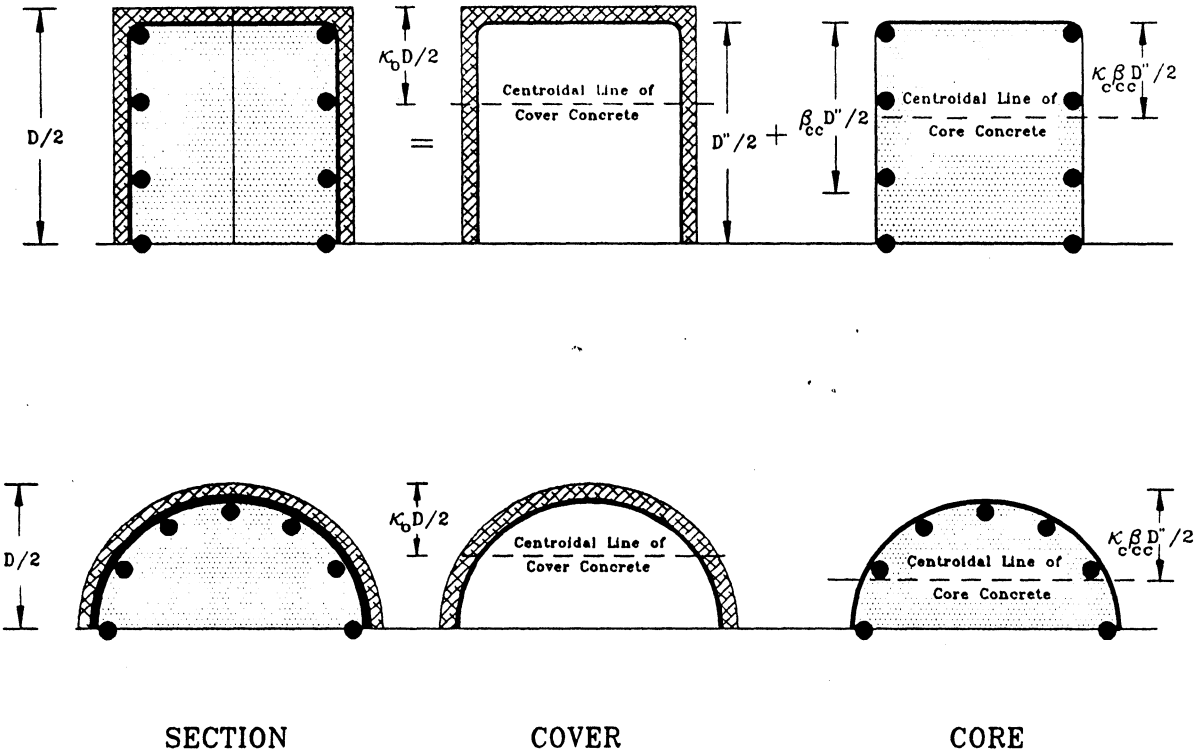
where the parameters are as described before. Hence the maximum point on the interaction curve can be determined.

The Tension Axial Load Capacity Point ( $0, P_{to}$ ): The tension axial load capacity ( $P_{to}$ ) for ultimate moment capacity curve of the section can be determined as

$$\frac{P_{to}}{f'_c A_g} = - \frac{\rho_t f_{su}}{f'_c} \quad (4-13)$$

where all the parameters are as described before.

The two points obtained on the maximum overstrength moment capacity curve can be used to approximate the overstrength interaction curve as a parabolic curve and overstrength



**Figure 4-4 Control Parameters for the Evaluation of the Maximum Moment for the Approximate Method.**

moments at any intermediate axial load ( $P_e$ ) determined as

$$M_{po} = M_{bo} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{P_e - P_{bo}}{P_{to} - P_{bo}} \right)^2 \right) \quad (4-14)$$

Hence the overstrength moment  $M_{po}$  can be determined. The control parameters of the approximate maximum overstrength moment curve is shown in figure 4-5.

(ii) Approximate Interaction Curve of Nominal Capacity Interaction Curve:

Nominal Maximum Moment Point: ( $M_{nb}, P_{nb}$ ) It was observed that the nominal maximum moment is obtained when the neutral axis depth of the section is  $c/D = 0.425 / \beta_1$  for both circular and rectangular sections respectively. Using this value of the neutral axis depth, it is easily possible to determine the strain diagram since the compressive strain at the top fiber is known. Thus the contribution of steel and concrete to the nominal moment can be determined. By adding the contributions of concrete and steel, the maximum point on the nominal moment interaction curve can be established.

The Tension Axial Load Capacity Point: The tension axial load capacity for nominal moment of the section can be determined as

$$\frac{P_{nt}}{f'_c A_g} = - \frac{\rho_t f_y}{f'_c} \quad (4-15)$$

where all the parameters are as described before.

The two points obtained on the nominal moment capacity curve can be used to fit a second degree parabola as

$$M_n = M_{nb} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{P_e - P_{nb}}{P_{nt} - P_{nb}} \right)^2 \right) \quad (4-16)$$

The agreement between the actual nominal moment curve and the curve fit nominal moment

curve is shown in figure 4-5.

(iii) Determination of Overstrength Factor: The ratio of the overstrength moment from equation 4-14 to the nominal moment from equation 4-16 provides the overstrength factor at the value of desired axial load level ( $P_e$ ) as:

$$\lambda_{mo} = \frac{M_{po}}{M_n} = \frac{M_{bo} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{P_e - P_{bo}}{P_{to} - P_{bo}} \right)^2 \right)}{M_{nb} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{P_e - P_{nb}}{P_{nt} - P_{nb}} \right)^2 \right)} \quad (4-17)$$

The values of overstrength obtained from the above curve fit method was determined for typical cases and plotted against those obtained from parametric studies. These are shown in figures 4-6 and 4-7 for circular and rectangular sections respectively.

#### 4.4 PROBABILISTIC MODELING

The moment curvature approach discussed earlier is a deterministic methodology for evaluating the overstrength corresponding to a section. The assumption built in to the method is that both the concrete and steel strengths (and constitutive relations) are known a priori without any associated uncertainty. However, in a real scenario, such an assumption can lead to gross errors because both the above quantities can have significant randomness associated with their strengths that leads to an uncertain outcome. If this is neglected, then the overstrength factor corresponding to a particular set of strengths will be the average amongst the multimode of possibilities. Alternatively, if it is assumed that both the concrete and steel strengths are probabilistically known in the form of some distribution, then the overstrength corresponding to a particular steel and concrete variety will also be known in the form of a probability distribution within certain limits of confidence. The uncertainty associated with the final answer will be as a result of the randomness in both the concrete and steel strengths. As a result it is of utmost importance that these probabilistic characteristics be known (albeit approximately) to enable the final outcome of the overstrength analysis to be represented in a fashion that gives

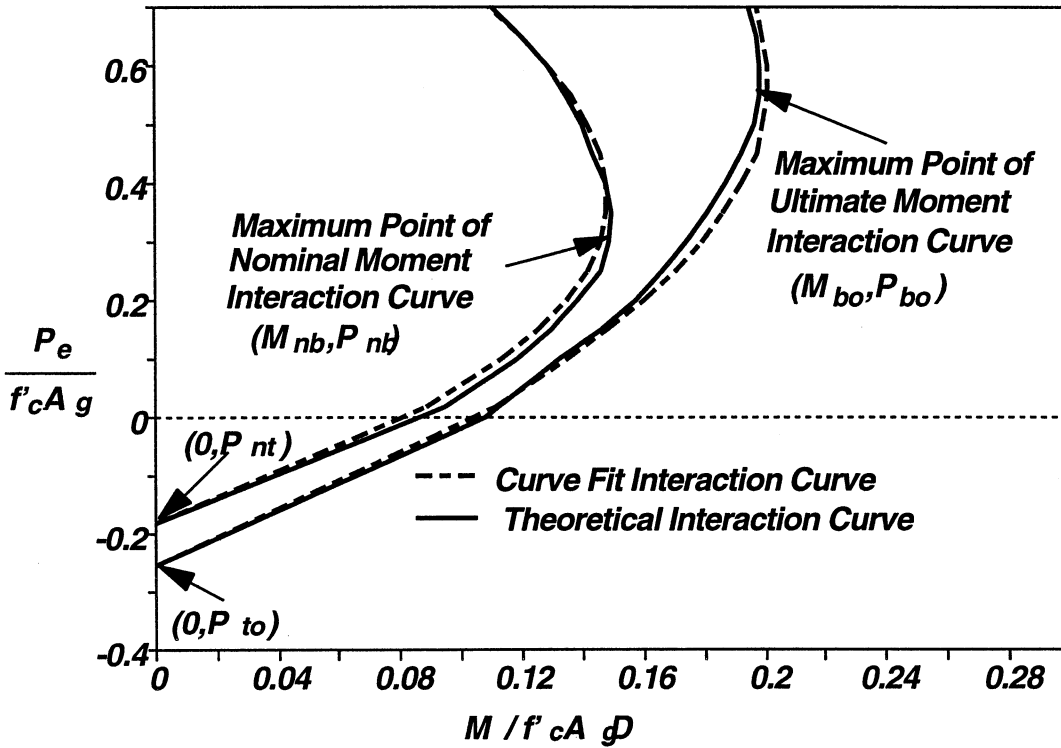


Figure 4-5 Control Parameters for the Approximate Interaction Curve.



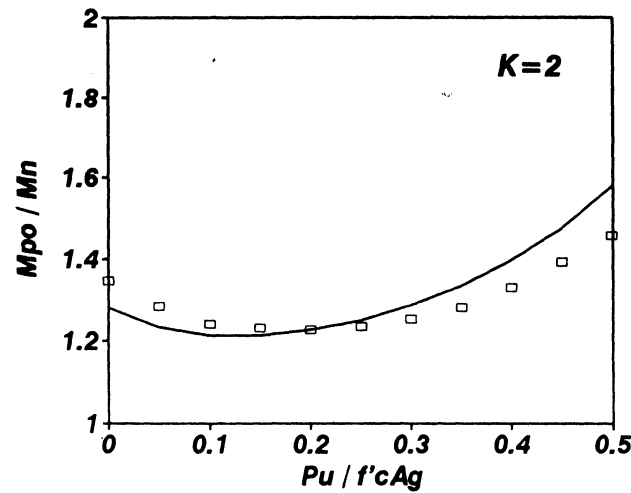
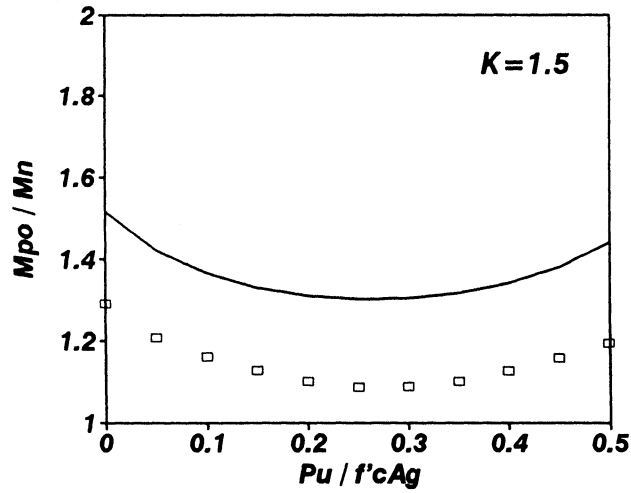
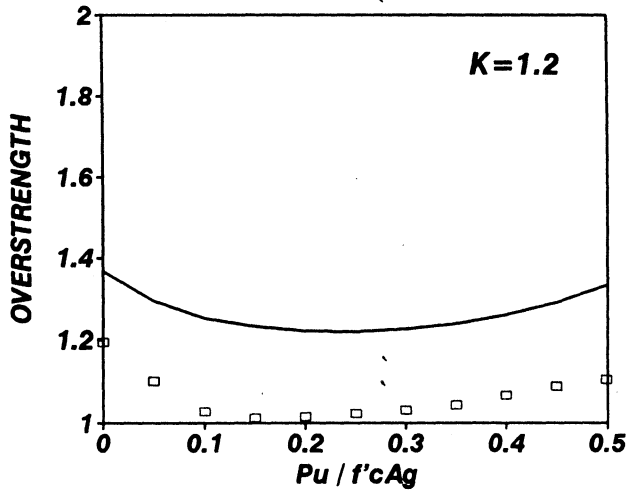


Figure 4-6 Approximate Overstrength for Circular Column Sections.

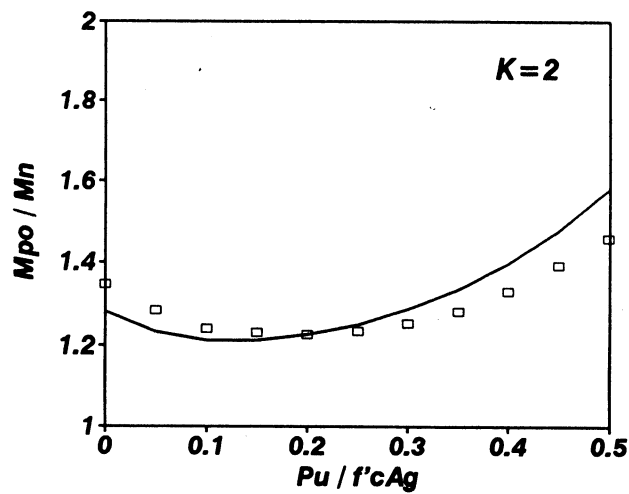
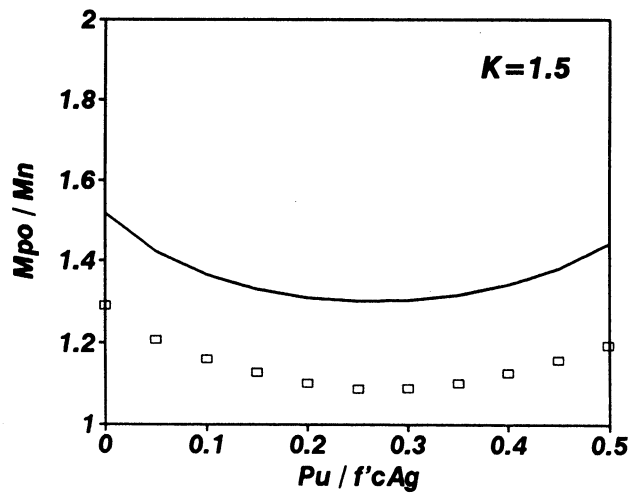
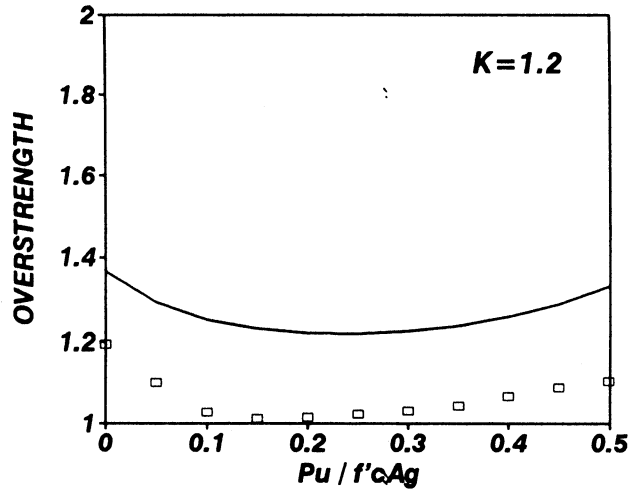


Figure 4-7 Approximate Overstrength for Rectangular Column Sections.

a dependable upper bound estimate of overstrength capacity.

#### **4.4.1 Probability Distributions for Concrete and Steel**

Concrete is a mixture of water, cement, aggregate and air. Variations in the properties or proportions of these constituents, as well as variations in transportation, placement and compaction of concrete lead to variation in the strength of the finished concrete.

The variability of concrete strength depends greatly on the quality control of the concreting operation. An unpublished analysis of concrete cylinders by Allen and Plewes from nearly 300 jobs across Canada showed that the coefficients of variation of cylinder strength were approximately 12%, 15% and 18% for pre-cast, ready-mix in-situ and site-mix in-situ respectively. A review of literature (Julian, 1955; Shalon and Reintz, 1955; Mirza et al. 1979a) indicates that the statistical variation of concrete strength can be adequately represented by a normal distribution. Since majority of the concrete used in bridge substructure is of site-mix in-situ type, a coefficient of variation of 18% can be accepted as a reasonable upper bound for average controls.

If the coefficient of variation is chosen at 18% and the variability in strength represented by a normal distribution, then using the standard normal density function the traditional bell curve (for a normalized distribution) can be obtained as shown in figure 4-8a. The cumulative distribution can be obtained by integrating the area under this curve as shown in figure 4-8b. A reasonable upper bound can be obtained from the cumulative distribution function if the confidence limit is set at 95% (5% probability of being exceeded). This corresponds to a value of 1.3 for the particular set of parameters. Hence the expected mean strength of concrete can be multiplied by the same to obtain a dependable upper bound that will account for the variabilities in strength.

A similar approach can also be adopted for reinforcing steel. Based on the test results of Mirza et al. (1979b) and Andriono and Park (1986), it is observed that the statistical variation of commonly used grades of reinforcement in the United States (Grade 40 and Grade 60) is best

represented by a lognormal distribution with a coefficient of variation of 11% representing a reasonable upper bound. The results are plotted in figure 4-9.

If the coefficient of variation is chosen at 11% and the variability in strength represented by a lognormal distribution, then the probability density and cumulative probability distributions can be obtained for normalized strengths as shown in figure 4-8a and b. Choosing a confidence limit of 95%, it can be deduced that a dependable upper bound can be obtained by multiplying the mean yield and ultimate strengths by 1.2 respectively.

#### 4.4.2 Upper Bound Interaction Diagram

Based on test results it is observed that a dependable upper bound envelope for concrete and steel strengths are obtained by multiplying the expected mean/median concrete and steel strengths by 1.3 and 1.2 respectively. Using these upper bound values, an interaction diagram of the form shown in figure 4-10 can be constructed. Note that the same expression (4-14) can be used with

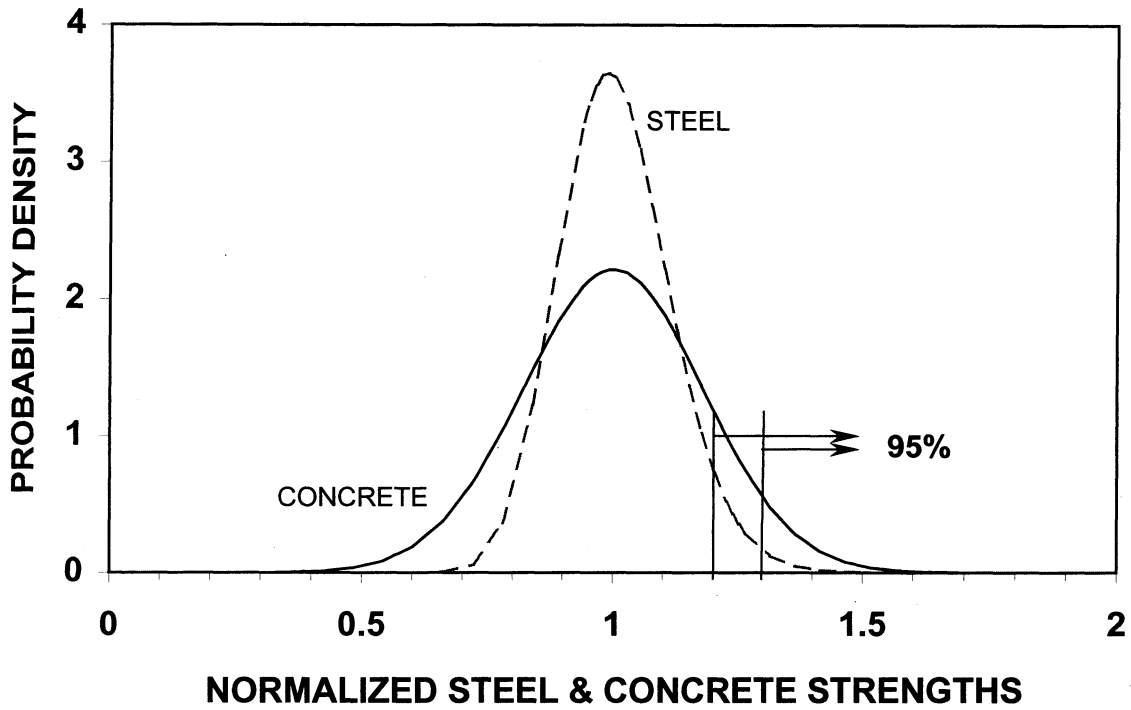
$$\frac{P_{bo}}{f'_c A_g} = \frac{C_c}{f'_c A_g} = 0.65 \alpha_{cc} \beta_{cc}^{\max} K \frac{A_{cc}}{A_g} + 0.65 \alpha_{co} \beta_{co} \left(1 - \frac{A_{cc}}{A_g}\right) \quad (4-18)$$

$$\frac{M_{oc}}{f'_c A_g D} = 0.325 \left(1 - \frac{A_{cc}}{A_g}\right) \alpha_{co} \beta_{co} (1 - \kappa_o) + 0.325 K \alpha_{cc} \beta_{cc}^{\max} \frac{A_{cc}}{A_g} (1 - \kappa_c \beta_{cc}) \left(\frac{D''}{D}\right) \quad (4-19)$$

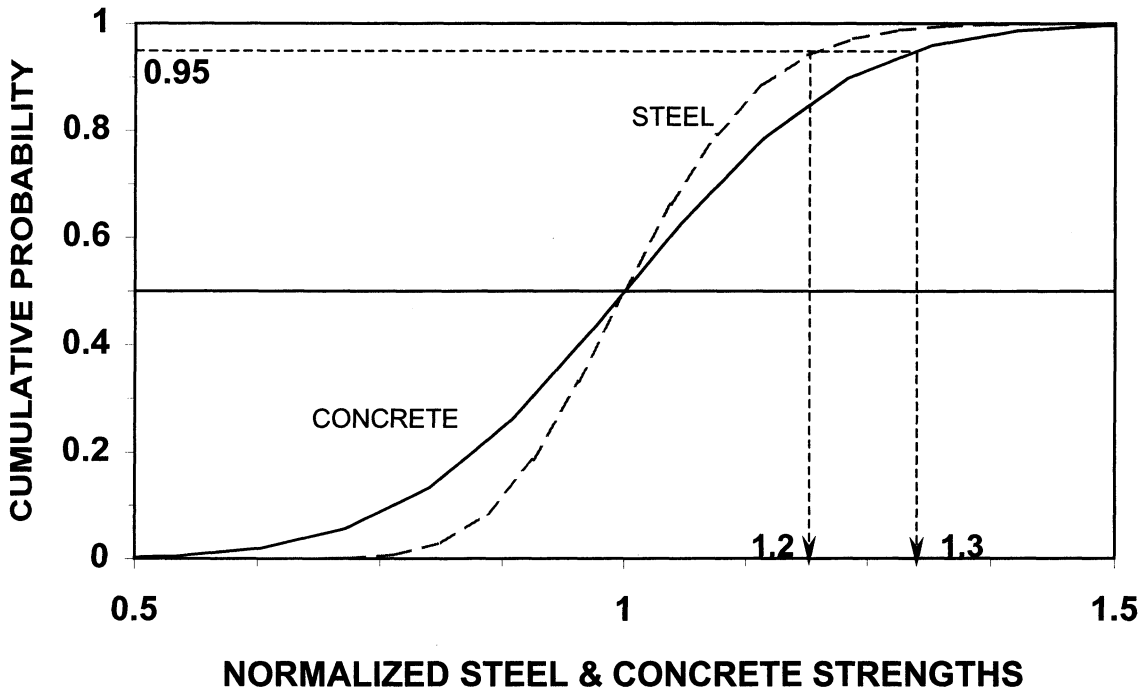
$$M_{os} = 1.2 Z_p f_{su} \quad (4-20)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{P_{to}}{f'_c A_g} = -\frac{1.2 \rho_t f_{su}}{f'_c} \quad (4-21)$$

where all the parameters are as described before. The overstrength factor obtained from such an interaction curve can adequately account for the uncertainties associated with the strengths of concrete and steel and will represent a dependable upper bound.

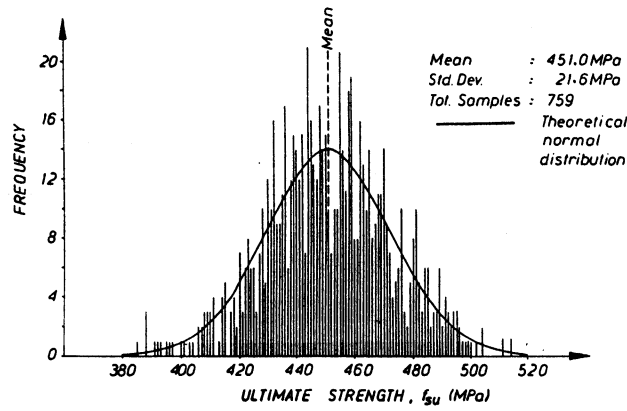
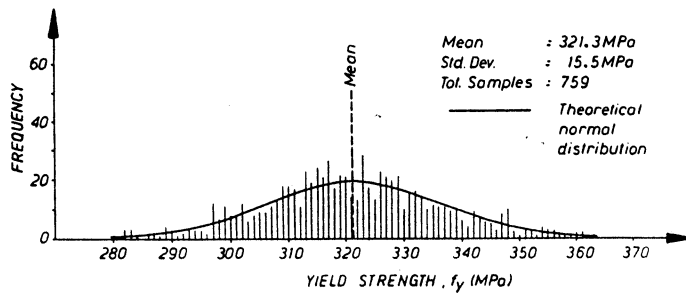


(a) Normalized Probability Density Function for Concrete and Steel

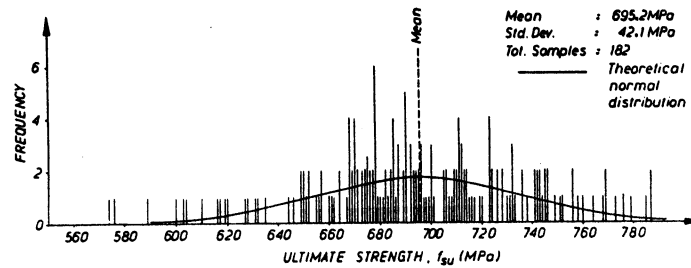
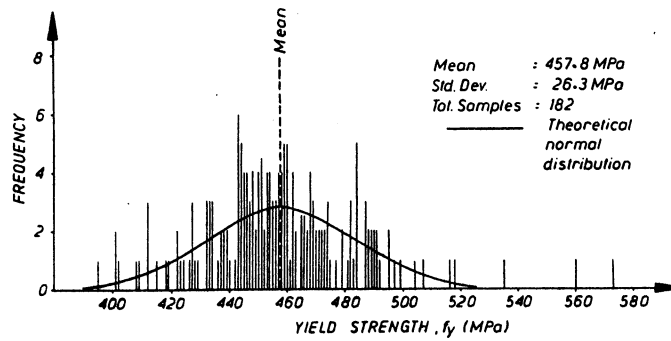


(b) Normalized Cumulative Probability Distribution Function for Concrete and Steel

Figure 4-8 Normalized Probability Distributions for Concrete and Steel.

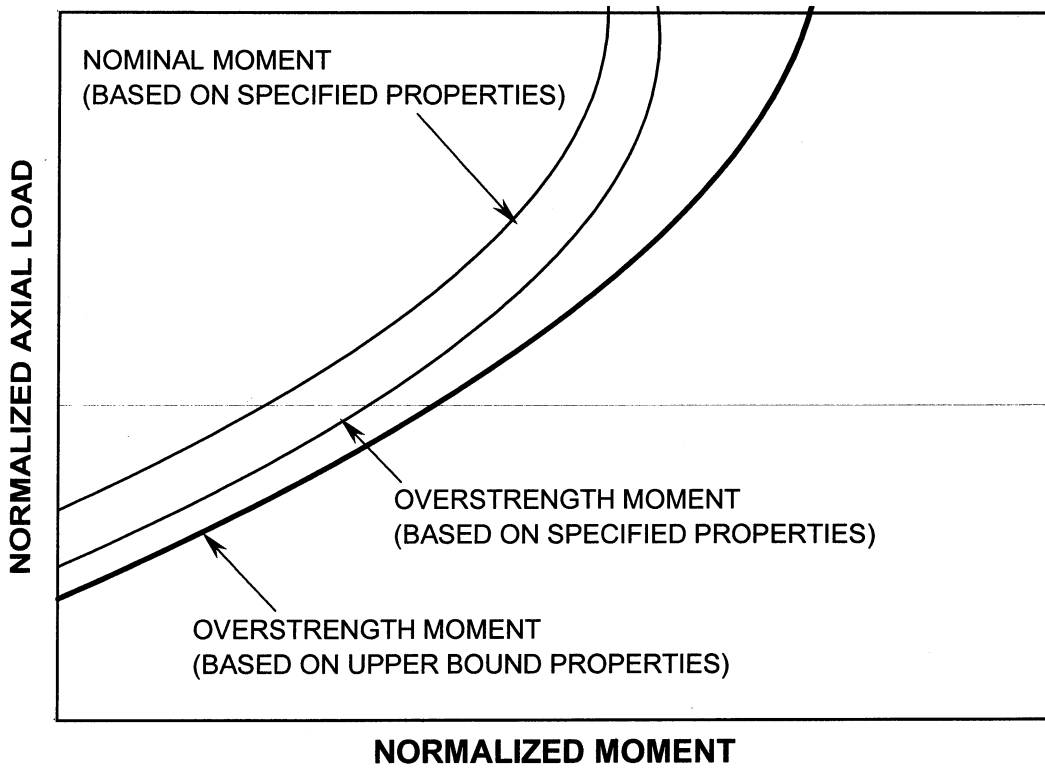


(a) Grade 40 Reinforcing Steel



(b) Grade 60 Reinforcing Steel

Figure 4-9 Histograms of Yield and Ultimate Stress for Grade 40 and Grade 60 Reinforcing Steel after Andriano and Park (1986).



**Figure 4-10 Showing Overstrength Interaction Diagram using Upper Bound Strengths of Concrete and Steel.**

## 4.5 BIAXIAL BENDING AND OVERSTRENGTH

Oftentimes it has been observed that structural concrete columns specially in bridges are subjected to bending about both their axes. Although for circular columns this is never a problem due to symmetry, it becomes an important issue specially for non-circular sections. Traditionally the design for biaxial bending has been done assuming an elliptic interaction equation of the form

$$\left( \frac{M_x}{M_{nx}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{M_y}{M_{ny}} \right)^2 \leq 1 \quad (4-22)$$

where  $M_x, M_y$  = moment demands along the X and Y axes, while  $M_{nx}, M_{ny}$  = nominal moment capacities along the same axes. The same approach can be adopted for overstrength design as well. Realizing that overstrength design is required for capacity protection an expression analogous to equation (4-27) can be written as

$$\left( \frac{\lambda_{mo}^x M_{nw}^x}{M_{np}^x} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\lambda_{mo}^y M_{nw}^y}{M_{np}^y} \right)^2 \leq 1 \quad (4-23)$$

where  $\lambda_{mo}^x, \lambda_{mo}^y$  = overstrength factors along the x and y axes for the capacity weakened element,  $M_{nw}^x, M_{nw}^y$  = nominal moments along the x and y axes for the capacity weakened element and  $M_{np}^x, M_{np}^y$  = nominal moments along the x and y axes for the capacity protected element. Use of the above interaction expression will ensure a ductile mechanism by providing the appropriate level of protection to the structural elements.



## 4.6 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

In this section an approximate interaction curve theory for the determination of overstrength factors was presented. This theory to determine the moment overstrength factor is a hand analysis method that enables the designer to determine the overstrength factors of a plastic hinge zone. These are used in capacity design to determine the maximum moment demands which can be imposed in the brittle regions of the structure. Comparison with the accurate method shows that the predictions from the approximate method are higher, which is desirable in capacity design. However, it should be remembered that the accurate method is a monotonic method of analysis that is unable to capture the cyclic work hardening effects on longitudinal reinforcement. Due to this, the compression reinforcement during tension excursion experiences a higher stress under the same strain amplitude. This in turn creates a higher moment contribution from the steel, thereby raising the total moment capacity and the associated overstrength factor. The predictions from the simplified interaction diagram method are therefore considered to be fairly satisfactory.

The deterministic of overstrength can be extended to account for the probabilistic variation of the concrete and steel strengths. It was shown that this can easily be handled by merely modifying the principal material properties  $f'_c$  and  $f_{su}$  to reflect the upper bound tails of their respective probability distributions. To this end uncertainty in overstrength estimates can be accounted for by enhancing the concrete and steel strengths by 1.3 and 1.2 respectively.

In the following section, this simplified method of overstrength evaluation is demonstrated with a numerical example.



## **SECTION 5**

### **DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS AND EXAMPLE**

#### **5.1 INTRODUCTION**

When using the capacity design philosophy for seismic resistant structures, the designer chooses a hierarchy of failure mechanisms. Inelastic (plastic) modes of deformation which provide ductility are preferred and all undesirable potentially brittle failure mechanisms are inhibited by amplifying their dependable strength in comparison with the designer's chosen desirable mechanisms. Ductile flexure is the generally preferred inelastic mode of deformation. Brittle regions are protected by ensuring that their strength exceeds the demands originating from the maximum flexural overstrength of plastic hinge zones. Hence the determination of the flexural overstrength moment capacity of plastic hinge zones beyond their provided nominal strength is of paramount importance in capacity design. This section summarizes the methodology for determining the overstrength factor for a given reinforced concrete column using a moment-axial load interaction approach as discussed in the previous sections. A design example is then presented to illustrate the step-by-step numerical procedures necessary to determine the overstrength factor for a given longitudinal and transverse steel volume.

#### **5.2 SUMMARY OF P-M INTERACTION THEORY FOR DETERMINING OVERSTRENGTH**

Assume that the bridge column has already been designed for flexure and the longitudinal reinforcement has been selected. The concrete and steel strengths are presumed to be known without any uncertainty. Note that the flexural design is based on the design loadings; once the longitudinal steel in the primary column members has been chosen, the design forces are no longer used! Rather, column overstrength is assessed and used for all subsequent facets of design. Based on the chosen longitudinal reinforcement layout, the steps listed below are then followed to assess the provided overstrength capacity.

Step 1 : Determine the unconfined and confined concrete stress block parameters for both nominal and overstrength moment calculations.

- (i) Determine the lateral confinement pressure provided by the transverse steel and from this the confinement ratio  $K = f'_{cc} / f'_c$  for the column using the procedure listed in Appendix A-2
- (ii) Determine the control parameters of both confined and unconfined concrete as per Appendix B
- (iii) Determine the extreme compression fiber strain for maximum  $\alpha\beta$  as per equation (4-3)
- (iv) Determine the stress blocks for confined and unconfined concrete for the above maximum strain using equations 4-6, 4-7 and B-7

Step 2 : Determine the nominal moment capacity ( $M_n$ ) for the design level of axial load.

- (i) Determine the balanced failure point on the nominal interaction curve using  $c/D = 0.425/\beta_1$ .
- (ii) Determine the tension axial load capacity of column using equation (4-15)
- (iii) Calculate the nominal moment capacity for the desired axial load level using equation (4-16)

Step 3 : Determine the plastic overstrength moment ( $M_{po}$ ) for the required axial load.

- (i) Determine the maximum failure point on the overstrength interaction curve using equations (4-23) through (4-26)
- (ii) Determine the tension axial load capacity of column using equation (4-13)
- (iii) Determine the plastic overstrength moment as per equation (4-14)

Step 4 : Determine the overstrength factor

$$\lambda_{mo} = \frac{M_{po}}{M_n} \quad (5-1)$$

Step 5 : Check ductility and confinement requirements according to Dutta and Mander (1997) by which the required amount of transverse confinement reinforcement is given by:

For circular sections:

$$\rho_s = 0.008 \frac{f'_c}{U_{sf}} \left[ 12 \left( \frac{P_e}{f'_c A_g} + \rho_t \frac{f_y}{f'_c} \right)^2 \left( \frac{A_g}{A_{cc}} \right)^2 - 1 \right] \quad (5-2)$$

For rectangular sections:

$$\frac{A_v}{s B''} + \frac{A'_v}{s D''} = 0.008 \frac{f'_c}{U_{sf}} \left[ 15 \left( \frac{P_e}{f'_c A_g} + \rho_t \frac{f_y}{f'_c} \right)^2 \left( \frac{A_g}{A_{cc}} \right)^2 - 1 \right] \quad (5-3)$$

with  $U_{sf} = 110 \text{ MJ/m}^3$ .

Step 6 : Determine the additional seismic design moment at the centerline of the bridge deck and/or pier cap.

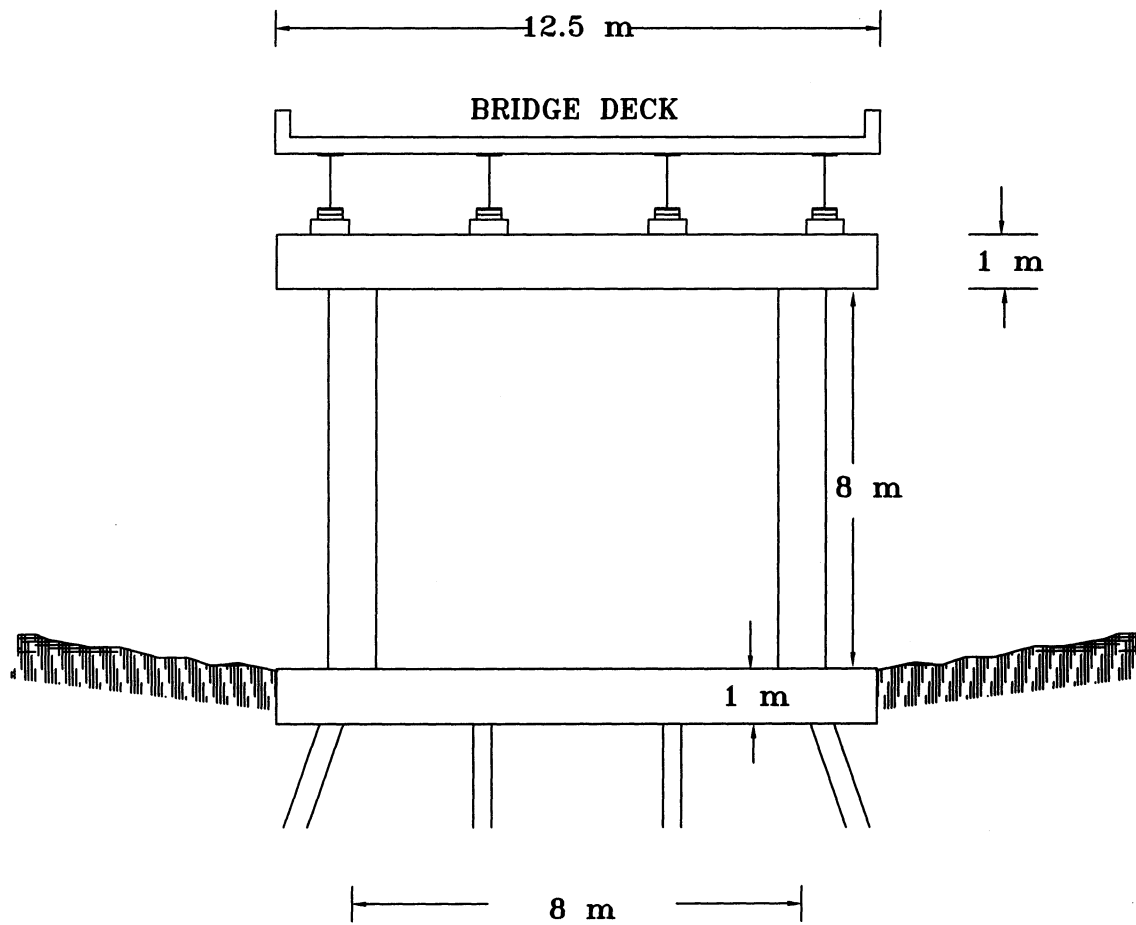
### 5.3 DESIGN EXAMPLE

A numerical example is presented to illustrate the use of the above methodology to determine the overstrength of a the plastic hinge zone of a double pier bridge bent. Although the design procedure listed immediately before illustrates the overstrength aspect of the design, the following example takes the whole issue slightly further starting the whole exercise right from the analysis stage. The example illustrates how the concept of overstrength can be used to design bridge columns that provide satisfactory energy dissipation under strong ground motion. The schematic of the bridge pier is shown in figure 5-1.

Consider a part of a "long" multispan concrete slab on steel girder bridge. Each span is 40m in length and the deck is 12.5m wide. The soffit of the superstructure is to be 8m above ground level. Design a twin column bent to be fixed to a rigid piled foundation. For simplicity assume the effective deck weight (girders + concrete + guard rails) to be 7 kPa.

The following design assumptions are made :

- Bridge is located in SPC D such that the peak ground acceleration coefficient is  $A = 0.6$
- Soil type factor  $S = 1.0$
- Unit weight of reinforced concrete =  $24 \text{ kN} / \text{m}^3$
- Unconfined compression strength of concrete is  $f'_c = 40 \text{ MPa}$
- Longitudinal and horizontal reinforcement is Grade 60 ( $f_y = 414 \text{ MPa}$ )



**Figure 5-1 Illustrative Bridge Pier Bent used in the Design Example.**

## Design Solutions

Tributary gravity weight  $W_T := 40 \cdot 12.5 \cdot 7$ ;  $W_T = 3.5 \cdot 10^3$  kN

Adopting cap beam dimensions (1m high, 2m wide and 12m long), weight of the cap beam:

$$W_c := 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 12 \cdot 24; W_c = 576 \text{ kN}$$

Assume concrete strength  $f_c := 40$  MPa

### (1) STRUCTURAL GEOMETRY

- Assume two columns spaced 8m apart-each column with a clear height of 8m.

$$L := 8 \text{ m and } H := 8 \text{ m}$$

- Assuming each column carries a gravity load of  $0.1f_c A_g$ , the required area for each column is:

$$A_{greqd} := \frac{W_T \cdot 1000}{2 \cdot 0.1 \cdot f_c} \implies A_{greqd} = 4.375 \cdot 10^5 \text{ mm}^2$$

Use a column with a diameter  $D := 900$  mm

Gross cross sectional area of each column:

$$A_g := 0.25 \cdot \pi \cdot D^2 \implies A_g = 6.362 \cdot 10^5 \text{ mm}^2$$

- Weight of columns:

$$W_{col} := H \cdot A_g \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot 24 \implies W_{col} = 122.145 \text{ kN}$$

Let the normalized dead load on each column ( $P_D/P_c A_g$ ) be denoted by  $P_{Drat}$ :

$$P_{Drat} := \frac{0.5 \cdot (W_T + W_c) \cdot 1000}{f_c \cdot A_g} \implies P_{Drat} = 0.08$$



## (2) EVALUATION OF SEISMIC DEMAND

- Participating seismic mass

$$m := \frac{W_T + W_c + W_{col}}{9.81} \implies m = 427.945 \text{ ton}$$

- Lateral stiffness of the pier

Effective moment of inertia  $I_{eff} = 0.5 \cdot I_{gross}$

$$I_{eff} := \frac{0.5 \cdot \pi \cdot D^4}{64} \implies I_{eff} = 1.61 \cdot 10^{10} \text{ mm}^4$$

Modulus of elasticity of concrete

$$E_c := 4700 \cdot \sqrt{f_c} \implies E_c = 2.973 \cdot 10^4 \text{ MPa}$$

Assuming fixed-fixed end conditions, stiffness in the lateral direction

$$K_{lat} := \frac{2 \cdot 12 \cdot E_c \cdot I_{eff}}{(H \cdot 1000)^3} \implies K_{lat} = 2.244 \cdot 10^4 \text{ kN/m}$$

- Natural period of the structure

$$T_n := 2 \cdot \pi \cdot \sqrt{\frac{m}{K_{lat}}} \implies T_n = 0.868 \text{ s}$$

- Based on the idealized elastic design spectra, the elastic demand for

Soil factor  $S := 1$  and acceleration coefficient  $A := 0.6$

$$C_d := \frac{1.2 \cdot S \cdot A}{T_n^{0.667}} \implies C_d = 0.791 \quad (< 2.5A = 2.5 \cdot 0.6 = 1.5 \text{ O.K.})$$

- However assuming that the column will behave inelastically under a strong ground shaking, required strength capacity for a strength reduction factor  $R := 5$  is

$$C_c := \frac{C_d}{R} \implies C_c = 0.158$$

### (3) DESIGN FORCES

- Assuming an admissible collapse mechanism as shown below, with  $H_c=7.5\text{m}$  being the distance between the centers of plastic hinges, the moment at the base of the column is given by

For  $H_c = 7.5 \text{ m}$ ;

$$M_u = \frac{C_c \cdot m \cdot 9.81 \cdot H_c}{4} \implies M_u = 1.246 \cdot 10^3 \text{ kN-m}$$

- Axial reaction due to lateral load is given by

$$F_v = \frac{C_c \cdot m \cdot 9.81 \cdot H_c}{L} - \frac{2 \cdot M_u}{L} \implies F_v = 311.5 \text{ kN}$$

Normalized axial load ratio  $F_{vrat}$

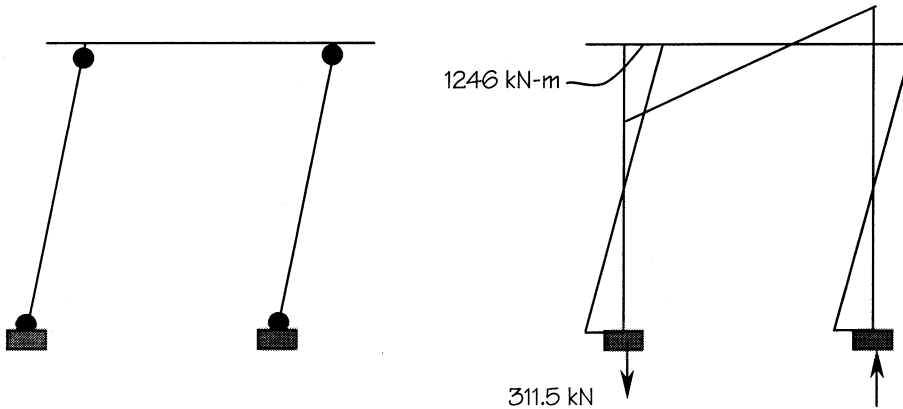
$$F_{vrat} = \frac{F_v \cdot 1000}{P_c \cdot A_g} \implies F_{vrat} = 0.012$$

- Assuming the pier bent is also subjected to a vertical acceleration whose magnitude is  $2/3$  peak horizontal ground acceleration, the maximum axial load ratio on the column is

$$P_{u1rat} = P_{Drat} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{2}{3} \cdot A\right) + F_{vrat} \implies P_{u1rat} = 0.124$$

and the minimum axial load ratio on the column

$$P_{u2rat} = P_{Drat} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{2}{3} \cdot A\right) - F_{vrat} \implies P_{u2rat} = 0.036$$



#### (4) COLUMN DESIGN

- Since the column axial stresses  $P_{u1rat}$  and  $P_{u2rat}$  are less than  $0.2f_c$ , both  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are between 0.9 and 0.5.

$$\phi_1 = 0.9 - \frac{P_{u1rat}}{0.2 \cdot f_c} \cdot (0.9 - 0.5) \implies \phi_1 = 0.894$$

$$\phi_2 = 0.9 - \frac{P_{u2rat}}{0.2 \cdot f_c} \cdot (0.9 - 0.5) \implies \phi_2 = 0.898$$

- Summary of dependable ultimate strength actions required by design

$$P_{u1rat} = 0.124 \quad ; \quad M_{urat} = \frac{M_u \cdot 10^6}{f_c \cdot A_g \cdot D} \implies M_{urat} = 0.054$$

$$\frac{P_{u1rat}}{\phi_1} = 0.139 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{M_{urat}}{\phi_1} = 0.061$$

$$P_{u2rat} = 0.036 \quad ; \quad M_{urat} = 0.054$$

$$\frac{P_{u2rat}}{\phi_2} = 0.04 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{M_{urat}}{\phi_2} = 0.061$$

- Provide 16 - #8 longitudinal bars giving a longitudinal reinforcement ratio of 1.27%.

Hence,  $N = 16$  and  $d_b = 25.4 \text{ mm}$   $f_y = 414 \text{ MPa}$

Also assume a cover  $cov = 51 \text{ mm}$

Provided nominal capacities

$P_{n1} = 3537 \text{ kN}$   $\implies M_{n1} = 2113.4 \text{ kN-m.}$

$P_{n2} = 1018 \text{ kN}$   $\implies M_{n2} = 1500 \text{ kN-m.}$

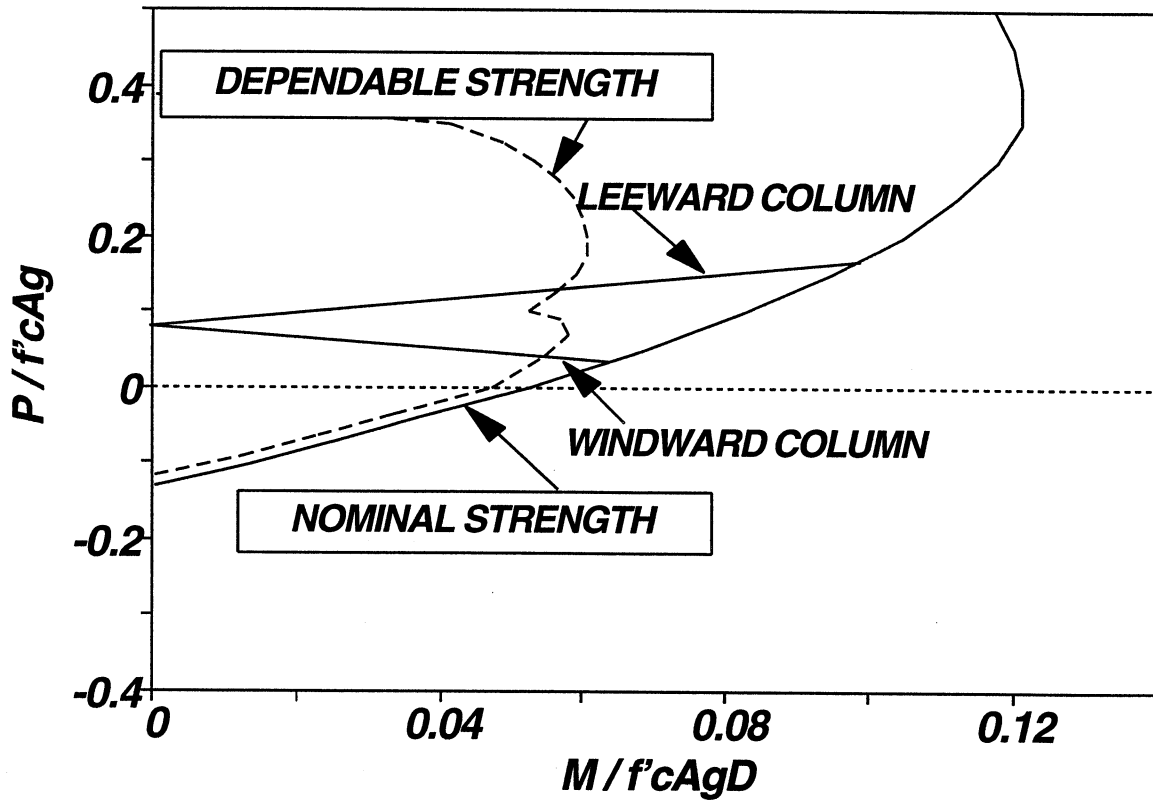


Figure 5-2 Axial Load – Moment Interaction Diagram for the Column Section.

- Design for Shear

\* Initially assume an overstrength factor of  $\lambda_{mo}=1.4$ . Therefore, the maximum overstrength moments and the corresponding shears to be used for design are

(a) For maximum axial load ( $P_{n1} = 3537$  kN) with  $\lambda_{mo} = 1.4$

$$M_{po1} = \lambda_{mo} \cdot M_{n1} \implies M_{po1} = 2.959 \cdot 10^3 \text{ kN-m.}$$

$$V_{o1} = \frac{2 \cdot M_{po1} \cdot 1000}{H_c \cdot 1000 - D} \implies V_{o1} = 896.594 \text{ kN.}$$

(b) For minimum axial load ( $P_{n2} = 1018$  kN)

$$M_{po2} = \lambda_{mo} \cdot M_{n2} \implies M_{po2} = 2.1 \cdot 10^3 \text{ kN-m.}$$

$$V_{o2} = \frac{2 \cdot M_{po2} \cdot 1000}{H_c \cdot 1000 - D} \implies V_{o2} = 636.364 \text{ kN.}$$

\* Assuming that in the plastic hinge zone concrete is fully cracked and offers no resistance, shear is entirely carried by the steel ( $V_s$ ) and the diagonal compression strut ( $V_p$ ). Thus according to Priestley et al. (1996)

$$V_o/\phi = V_s + V_p \text{ where } V_p = 0.85 P_u \tan\alpha \text{ and}$$

$$V_s = V_o/\phi - P_u \tan\alpha = \pi/2 \cdot (A_{sh} \cdot f_{yh}) D''/s \cdot \cot 35$$

Note that  $\alpha$  denotes the angle from the vertical to the straight line joining the center of compression area at the top and bottom of the column and can be conservatively taken as  $\alpha = \tan^{-1}(0.8 \cdot D/H_c)$  while 35 denotes the inclination of the crack.

$$V_{p1} = 0.85 \cdot (P_{n1} \cdot \phi_1) \cdot \frac{0.8 \cdot D}{H_c \cdot 1000} \implies V_{p1} = 257.963 \text{ kN}$$

$$V_{p2} := 0.85 \cdot (P_{n2} \cdot \phi_2) \cdot \frac{0.8 \cdot D}{H_c \cdot 1000} \implies V_{p2} = 74.613 \quad \text{kN}$$

and assuming the undercapacity factor for shear  $\phi = 0.85$

$$V_{s1} := \frac{V_{o1}}{0.85} - V_{p1} \implies V_{s1} = 796.854 \quad \text{kN}$$

$$V_{s2} := \frac{V_{o2}}{0.85} - V_{p2} \implies V_{s2} = 674.05 \quad \text{kN}$$

Hence providing #5 spirals with a specified yield stress of 414 MPa so that

$$d_{bh} := 15.9 \text{ mm and } f_{yh} := 414 \text{ MPa}$$

Thus the confined core dimension

$$D'' := D - 2 \cdot (cov + 0.5 \cdot d_{bh})$$

$$s_1 := \frac{\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot f_{yh} \cdot (\pi \cdot 0.25 \cdot d_{bh}^2) \cdot D'' \cdot \cot\left(35 \cdot \frac{\pi}{180}\right)}{V_{s1} \cdot 1000} \implies s_1 = 180.993 \quad \text{mm}$$

$$s_2 := \frac{\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot f_{yh} \cdot (\pi \cdot 0.25 \cdot d_{bh}^2) \cdot D'' \cdot \cot\left(35 \cdot \frac{\pi}{180}\right)}{V_{s2} \cdot 1000} \implies s_2 = 213.967 \quad \text{mm}$$

Check for antibuckling

$$s := 6 \cdot d_b \implies s = 152.4 \quad \text{mm}$$

Provide #5 bars as hoop reinforcement at a pitch of 100 mm

Therefore,

$$s := 100 \text{ mm}$$

(5) EVALUATION OF ADEQUACY OF HOOP REINFORCEMENT THROUGH ESTIMATION OF OVERSTRENGTH.

Step 1: Concrete stress block parameters

Probabilistic compression strength of concrete:  $f'_{cm} = 1.3 \cdot f'_c$

(i) Confinement ratio K

$$s' = s - d_{bh} \implies s' = 84.1 \text{ mm.}$$

$$\rho_{cc} = \frac{N \cdot d_b^2}{D''^2} \implies \rho_{cc} = 0.017$$

$$k_e = \frac{1 - 0.5 \cdot \frac{s'}{D''}}{(1 - \rho_{cc})} \implies k_e = 0.962$$

Volumetric ratio of transverse reinforcement

$$\rho_s = \frac{\pi \cdot d_{bh}^2}{s \cdot D''} \implies \rho_s = 0.01$$

Effective lateral pressure

$$f_l = 0.5 \cdot k_e \cdot \rho_s \cdot f_{yh} \implies f_l = 2.023 \text{ MPa}$$

$$K = -1.254 + 2.254 \cdot \sqrt{1 + 7.794 \cdot \frac{f_l}{f'_{cm}} - 2 \cdot \frac{f_l}{f'_{cm}}} \implies K = 1.241$$

(ii) Control Parameters for Concrete

- Unconfined concrete parameters are

$$E_c = 8200 \cdot f'_{cm}{}^{0.375} \implies E_c = 3.608 \cdot 10^4 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\varepsilon'_c = \frac{f'_{cm}{}^{0.25}}{1153} \implies \varepsilon'_c = 0.002$$

$$n_u := \frac{E_c \cdot \varepsilon'_c}{f_{cm}} \implies n_u = 1.616$$

$$z_u := 0.3 \cdot \frac{E_c}{f_{cm}} \implies z_u = 208.177$$

$$x_{u20\%} := \frac{0.8}{z_u \cdot \varepsilon'_c} + 1 \implies x_{u20\%} = 2.65$$

• Confined concrete parameters are

$$f_{cc} := K \cdot f_{cm} \implies f_{cc} = 64.55 \text{ MPa}$$

$$\varepsilon'_{cc} := \varepsilon'_c \cdot (1 + 5 \cdot (K - 1)) \implies \varepsilon'_{cc} = 0.005$$

$$n_c := \frac{E_c \cdot \varepsilon'_{cc}}{f_{cc}} \implies n_c = 2.873$$

$$z_c := 0.3 \cdot \frac{E_c}{f_{cm} \cdot K^7} \implies z_c = 45.833$$

$$x_{c20\%} := \frac{0.8}{z_c \cdot \varepsilon'_{cc}} + 1 \implies x_{c20\%} = 4.396$$

$$\varepsilon_{c20\%} := x_{c20\%} \cdot \varepsilon'_{cc} \implies \varepsilon_{c20\%} = 0.023$$

(iv) Extreme compression fiber strain

The strain of extreme confined compression fiber is for maximum  $\alpha_{cc} \beta_{cc}$

$$x_{\alpha\beta \max} := \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{(n_c + 1) \cdot z_c \cdot \varepsilon'_{cc}}} \implies x_{\alpha\beta \max} = 1.787$$

For unconfined cover concrete the strain is the same at the intersection of the unconfined and confined concrete and hence the corresponding value of x is

$$x_{\alpha} := x_{\alpha\beta \max} \cdot \frac{\varepsilon'_{cc}}{\varepsilon'_c} \implies x_{\alpha} = 3.943 \quad (>x_{u20\%})$$

(v) Confined stress block parameters for overstrength moment



$$\alpha_{cc} := 0.85 + 0.12 \cdot (K - 1)^{0.4} \implies \alpha_{cc} = 0.918$$

$$\beta_{cc} := 0.85 + 0.13 \cdot (K - 1)^{0.6} \implies \beta_{cc} = 0.905$$

(vi) Unconfined stress block parameters for overstrength moment

$$\alpha\beta_{co} := \frac{n_u}{(n_u + 1) \cdot \alpha} + \frac{0.48}{z_u \cdot \varepsilon'_c \cdot \alpha} + 0.2 \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{x_{u20\%}}{\alpha} \right)$$

$$\alpha\beta_{co} = 0.473 \quad \text{Also, } \beta_{co} := 1.0 \text{ (assumed)}$$

(vii) AASHTO/ACI Stress Block Parameters for Nominal Moment

$$\alpha_1 := 0.85 \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_1 := 0.76 \quad \text{for } f'_c = 40 \text{ MPa}$$

Step 2 : Nominal Moment Capacity,  $M_n$

(i) Balanced failure point:

Neutral axis depth at balanced failure

$$cD_{rat} := \frac{0.425}{\beta_1} \implies cD_{rat} = 0.559$$

By the usual AASHTO/ACI approach, normalized balanced force and moment capacity

$$P_{nbrat} := 0.5 \quad \text{and} \quad M_{nbrat} := 0.138$$

Tension axial load capacity

$$\rho_t := \frac{N \cdot d_b^2}{D^2} \implies \rho_t = 0.013$$

$$P_{ntrt} := -\rho_t \cdot \frac{f_y}{f'_c} \implies P_{ntrt} = -0.132$$

$$M_{n1rat} := M_{nbrat} \cdot \left[ 1 - \frac{\left[ \frac{P_{n1} \cdot 1000}{f_c \cdot A_g} - P_{nbrat} \right]^2}{(P_{ntrrat} - P_{nbrat})} \right] \implies M_{n1rat} = 0.093$$

Step 3: Overstrength Moment Capacity  $M_{po}$

Neutral Axis Depth Ratio = 0.5

Balanced axial load capacity is determined as

$$P_{borat} := 0.65 \cdot \left[ \alpha_{cc} \cdot \beta_{cc} \cdot K \cdot \left( \frac{D''}{D} \right)^2 + \alpha \beta_{co} \cdot \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{D''}{D} \right)^2 \right] \right]$$

$$P_{borat} = 0.582$$

Moment contribution of concrete  $M_{ocrat}$  to the balanced ultimate moment is

With  $\kappa_c := 0.6$ ;  $\kappa_o := 0.4$

$$M_{ocrat} := 0.325 \cdot \left[ \alpha_{cc} \cdot \beta_{cc} \cdot K \cdot (1 - \kappa_c \cdot \beta_{cc}) \cdot \left( \frac{D''}{D} \right)^3 + \alpha \beta_{co} \cdot \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{D''}{D} \right)^2 \right] \cdot (1 - \kappa_o) \right]$$

$$M_{ocrat} = 0.123$$

Moment contribution of steel  $M_{osrat}$  to the balanced ultimate moment is

With  $d' := cov + d_{bh} + 0.5 \cdot d_b$  and  $f_{su} := 640$  MPa

$$M_{osrat} := 0.384 \cdot \rho_t \cdot \left( 1 - 2 \cdot \frac{d'}{D} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{f_{su}}{f_c} \right) \implies M_{osrat} = 0.064$$

Balance moment ratio:

$$M_{borat} := M_{ocrat} + M_{osrat} \implies M_{borat} = 0.188$$

Tension axial load capacity ( $P_{torat}$ ) is

$$P_{torat} := -1.2 \cdot \rho_t \cdot \frac{f_{su}}{f_c} \implies P_{torat} = -0.245$$

Overstrength moment ratio is

$$M_{porat} := M_{borat} \cdot \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{P_{u1rat} - P_{borat}}{P_{torat} - P_{borat}} \right)^2 \right] \implies M_{porat} = 0.13$$

Step 4: Overstrength factor

$$\lambda_{mo} := \frac{M_{porat}}{M_{n1rat}} \implies \lambda_{mo} = 1.4$$

This is same as the initially assumed value of 1.4. Moreover shear did not govern the design. Hence no change in the calculation is needed.

Step 5: Check Ductility and Confinement requirements

$$U_{sf} := 110 \text{ MJ/m}^3$$

$$\rho_s := 0.008 \cdot \frac{f_c}{U_{sf}} \cdot \left[ 12 \cdot \left( P_{u1rat} + \rho_t \cdot \frac{f_y}{f_c} \right)^2 \cdot \left( \frac{D''}{D} \right)^2 - 1 \right]$$

$$\rho_s = -0.001 \implies \text{Confinement does not govern.}$$

Step 6: Additional seismic design moment at the centerline of the cap beam

Assuming the maximum overstrength moment in the column occurs at a depth  $D/2$  from the face of the cap beam and the point of contraflexure is exactly at half the clear length of the column, seismic design moment for the cap beam is

$$\text{For } D_{cap} := 1000 \text{ mm}$$

$$M_{cap} := M_{porat} \cdot f_c \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot D^3 \cdot \frac{H_c \cdot 1000 + 0.5 \cdot D_{cap}}{H_c \cdot 1000 - 0.5 \cdot D} \cdot 10^{-6}$$

$$M_{cap} = 3.381 \cdot 10^3 \text{ kN-m}$$

and the nominal flexural cap beam requirements

$$M_{ncap} = \frac{M_{cap}}{0.9} \implies M_{ncap} = 3.757 \cdot 10^3 \text{ kN-m}$$

This will ensure an admissible failure mechanism with hinging in the column.

## SECTION 6

### SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CODE DEVELOPMENT

#### 6.1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

When using the capacity design philosophy for designing earthquake resistant structures, the designer chooses a hierarchy of failure mechanisms. Inelastic (plastic) modes of deformation which provide ductility are preferred; this generally means flexural plastic hinging through ductile detailing. All other undesirable brittle failure mechanisms such as shear, bond and anchorage, compression failure (of both bars and concrete) are inhibited. Brittle regions are protected by ensuring their strength exceeds the demands originating from the maximum overstrength that can be generated at potential plastic hinge zones.

This study had been concerned with determination of maximum moment capacity and overstrength factors of reinforced concrete bridge columns by using a Gaussian Quadrature method of numerical integration—an analysis procedure which is easily suited to spreadsheet type computer programming. The proposed analysis procedure was then used to conduct parametric studies on overstrength factors in the plastic hinge zones of concrete columns and to develop design curves of overstrength factors. It was observed that the values of overstrength factors from the analytical studies developed compared well with the experimental results.

In view of the apparent complexity involved in the Gaussian Quadrature approach, an alternative technique based on stress block analysis was also introduced as part of this research report. Explicit expressions for stress block factors obtained by integration of concrete stress-strain relations were derived with due consideration to confining action of the transverse reinforcement. Using these stress block factors, a parabolic interaction curve was traced that represented the overstrength actions due to the strain hardening of the longitudinal reinforcement and the confining action of the transverse reinforcement. A similar approach was also adopted

for the AASHTO/ACI nominal interaction curve. Overstrength factors were thus obtained as ratios of the overstrength and nominal interaction expressions corresponding to a particular axial load level. It was also observed that the overstrength interaction curve can be suitably adjusted by altering the concrete and steel strengths to account for the uncertainties in their respective strengths. A further contrast of the overstrength factors with those obtained from rigorous analysis revealed satisfactory results. The presented parabolic axial load-moment interaction curve procedure for the determination of overstrength factors is a straight-forward design method for the engineer to determine the overstrength factors of plastic hinge regions of concrete columns.

## 6.2 SPECIFIC CONCLUSIONS

Specific conclusions derived from this study are as follows:

(i) At low levels of axial load overstrength is mainly contributed by strain hardening of the longitudinal reinforcement. Hence reinforcement varieties that have a significantly long strain hardening plateau can result in enhancement of overall ductility of the structural concrete section by prolonging the ultimate curvature at which the overstrength moment occurs.

(ii) At high levels of axial load, concrete is the main contributor to overstrength. Hence concrete sections with high confining reinforcement display a higher value of the overstrength moment.

(iii) A simplified stress block analysis can be used to obtain overstrength factors using principles of plastic analysis. The concrete and steel properties can also be adjusted by multiplying their mean and median values by 1.3 and 1.2 respectively to account for randomness in their strengths.

### 6.3 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CODE DEVELOPMENT

It is recommended that the following language be adopted by code writers for assessing the overstrength factors for flexural hinge zones.

#### 6.3.1 Notation

- $A_{bh}$  = area of cross section of a single transverse reinforcement
- $A_{cc}$  = area of core concrete measured to the centerline of transverse reinforcement
- $A_g$  = gross area of the concrete section
- $A_{st}$  = total area of longitudinal reinforcement
- $A_{sx}$  = total area of cross section of transverse reinforcement in the X direction
- $A_{sy}$  = total area of cross section of transverse reinforcement in the Y direction
- $D$  = overall depth of the section
- $D'$  = depth of the section measured from centers of extreme tension and compression steel
- $D''$  = depth of the section measured from the centers of transverse reinforcement
- $K$  = confinement ratio of concrete
- $M_{bo}$  = maximum overstrength moment in an overstrength moment interaction curve
- $M_n$  = provided nominal moment capacity of the plastic hinge zone
- $M_{nb}$  = maximum nominal moment in a nominal moment interaction curve
- $M_{oc}$  = maximum overstrength concrete moment
- $M_{os}$  = maximum overstrength steel moment
- $M_{po}$  = overstrength moment capacity at the center of the hinge
- $P_{bo}$  = axial load corresponding to  $M_{bo}$  in overstrength moment interaction curve
- $P_e$  = applied axial load on a section
- $P_{nb}$  = axial load corresponding to  $M_{nb}$  nominal moment interaction curve
- $P_{nt}$  = nominal tensile axial load capacity
- $P_{to}$  = overstrength tensile axial load capacity
- $b'$  = lateral dimension of a rectangular section measured from centerline of outermost steel

- $b''$  = breadth of the confined core concrete
- $f'_c$  = unconfined compression strength of concrete
- $f'_{cc}$  = peak value of confined concrete stress
- $f'_{ce}$  = expected mean unconfined compression strength of concrete
- $f'_{co}$  = upper bound unconfined compression strength of concrete
- $f_i$  = confining stress exerted by the transverse reinforcement in circular and square sections
- $f_{ix}$  = confining stress exerted by the transverse reinforcement in the X direction
- $f_{iy}$  = confining stress exerted by the transverse reinforcement in the Y direction
- $f_{su}$  = ultimate stress of the longitudinal reinforcement
- $f_y$  = yield strength of the longitudinal reinforcement
- $f_{ye}$  = expected mean yield strength of the longitudinal reinforcement
- $f_{yo}$  = upper bound yield strength of the longitudinal reinforcement
- $k_e$  = confinement effectiveness coefficient
- $s$  = center to center spacing of transverse reinforcement
- $s'$  = clear spacing of transverse reinforcement
- $w_i$  = width of the parabola forming between two adjacent longitudinal reinforcement
- $\alpha_{co}, \beta_{co}$  = unconfined concrete stress block factors
- $\alpha_{cc}, \beta_{cc}^{\max}$  = maximum product of confined concrete stress block parameters
- $\chi$  = a parameter = 0.5 for spirals and = 1.0 for circular hoops
- $\kappa_c$  = factor that locates the position of the plastic centroid of core cover concrete
- $\kappa_0$  = factor that locates the position of the plastic centroid of core cover concrete
- $\lambda_{mo}$  = moment overstrength factor
- $\rho_{cc}$  = longitudinal steel ratio with respect to the core concrete
- $\rho_s$  = volumetric ratio of transverse reinforcement
- $\rho_t$  = longitudinal steel ratio
- $\rho_x$  = volumetric ratio of transverse reinforcement in the X direction
- $\rho_y$  = volumetric ratio of transverse reinforcement in the Y direction



The flexural overstrength factor for plastic hinge zones shall be determined by one of the following three methods. The methods are given in order of complexity. Higher order methods will give more precise results with less conservatism.

### 6.3.2 Method 1: Empirical Equation Method

The overstrength factor shall be taken as

$$\lambda_{mo} = 1 + \frac{P_u}{f'_c A_g} \quad (6-1)$$

but not less than  $\lambda_{mo} = 1.4$ .

### 6.3.2 Method 2: Interaction Diagram Approach

The overstrength factor shall be calculated as the ratio of strengths given by the flexural overstrength capacity to the nominal flexural strength. The following equation may be used to interpolate at various axial loads:

$$\lambda_{mo} = \frac{M_{po}}{M_n} = \frac{\frac{M_{bo}}{f'_c A_g D} \left( 1 - \frac{(P_o/f'_c A_g - P_{bo}/f'_c A_g)^2}{(P_o/f'_c A_g - P_{bo}/f'_c A_g)} \right)}{\frac{M_{nb}}{f'_c A_g D} \left( 1 - \frac{(P_n/f'_c A_g - P_{nb}/f'_c A_g)^2}{(P_n/f'_c A_g - P_{nb}/f'_c A_g)} \right)} \quad (6-2)$$

where the following expressions shall be adopted for the parameters given in equation (6-2).

$$\frac{M_{bo}}{f'_c A_g D} = \frac{M_{oc}}{f'_c A_g D} + \frac{M_{os}}{f'_c A_g D} \quad (6-3)$$

$$\frac{M_{oc}}{f'_c A_g D} = 0.325 \left( 1 - \frac{A_{cc}}{A_g} \right) \alpha_{co} \beta_{co} (1 - \kappa_o) + 0.325 K \alpha_{cc} \beta_{cc}^{\max} \frac{A_{cc}}{A_g} (1 - \kappa_c \beta_{cc}) \left( \frac{D''}{D} \right) \quad (6-4)$$

$$\frac{M_{os}}{f'_c A_g D} = \Pi \frac{1.2 \rho_t f_{su}}{f'_c} \frac{D'}{D} \quad (6-5)$$

where  $\Pi$  shall be taken as 0.32 and 0.375 for circular and square columns, and for rectangular columns

$$\Pi = \frac{1}{4} \left( 1 + \frac{2b'}{D'} \right) \left( \frac{D'}{b' + D'} \right) \quad (6-6)$$

Also,

$$\frac{P_{bo}}{f'_c A_g} = 0.65 \alpha_{cc} \beta_{cc}^{\max} K \frac{A_{cc}}{A_g} + 0.65 \alpha_{co} \beta_{co} \left( 1 - \frac{A_{cc}}{A_g} \right) \quad (6-7)$$

$$\frac{P_{to}}{f'_c A_g} = -1.2 \rho_t \frac{f_{su}}{f'_c} \quad (6-8)$$

$$\frac{P_{nt}}{f'_c A_g} = -\rho_t \frac{f_y}{f'_c} \quad (6-9)$$

where for circular sections  $\kappa_o = 0.4$ ;  $\kappa_c = 0.6$ . For rectangular sections  $\kappa_c = 0.5$  and  $\kappa_o$  shall be determined by using principles of strength of materials. The nominal interaction parameters  $(M_{nb}, P_{nb})$  shall be determined by the usual AASHTO/ACI procedure.

The stress block parameters for confined and unconfined concrete shall be taken as

$$\alpha_{cc} = 0.85 + 0.12 (K - 1)^{0.4} \quad (6-10)$$

$$\text{and } \beta_{cc}^{\max} = 0.85 + 0.13 (K - 1)^{0.6} \quad (6-11)$$

For unconfined concrete

$$\alpha_{co} = 0.45 \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_{co} = 1.0 \quad (6-12)$$

The enhancement in concrete strength due to confinement ( $K = f'_{cc}/f'_c$ ) shall be obtained for circular and square sections by

$$K = \frac{f'_{cc}}{f'_c} = -1.254 + 2.254 \sqrt{1 + 7.94 \frac{f_l}{f'_c} - 2 \frac{f_l}{f'_c}} \quad (6-13)$$

Following parameters shall be used for circular sections:

$$f_l = \frac{1}{2} k_e \rho_s f_y \quad (6-14)$$

$$\rho_s = \frac{4 A_{bh}}{s D''} \quad (6-15)$$

$$k_e = \frac{(1 - \chi s' / D'')}{(1 - \rho_{cc})} \quad (6-16)$$

$$\rho_{cc} = \frac{4 A_{st}}{\pi D''^2} \quad (6-17)$$

$\chi$  = coefficient having values 0.5 and 1.0 for spirals and hoops respectively. For rectangular sections:

$$f_{l_y} = k_e \rho_y f_{yh} \quad (6-18)$$

$$f_{l_x} = k_e \rho_x f_{yh} \quad (6-19)$$

in which

$$\rho_x = \frac{A_{sx}}{s D''} \quad (6-20)$$

$$\rho_y = \frac{A_{sy}}{s b''}$$

$$k_e = \frac{\left(1 - \frac{1}{6} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i'^2\right) \left(1 - 0.5 \frac{s'}{b''}\right) \left(1 - 0.5 \frac{s'}{D''}\right)}{(1 - \rho_{cc})} \quad (6-21)$$

$$\rho_{cc} = \frac{A_{st}}{b'' D''} \quad (6-22)$$

The confined strength ratio shall be calculated using the minimum of  $f_{lx}$  and  $f_{ly}$  in conjunction with figure 6-1.

#### 6.3.4 Method 3: Moment Curvature Analysis

The overstrength factor shall be calculated as the ratio of the maximum moment achieved in a moment-curvature analysis over the range of curvatures expected in a maximum credible earthquake with respect to the nominal flexural strength. When calculating overstrength capacities, expected upper bound material properties shall be assumed as follows:

$$f'_{co} = 1.3 f'_{ce} \quad (6-23)$$

$$\text{and } f_{yo} = 1.2 f_{ye} \quad (6-24)$$

where  $f'_{ce}$  and  $f_{ye}$  are expected mean strengths of concrete and steel respectively.

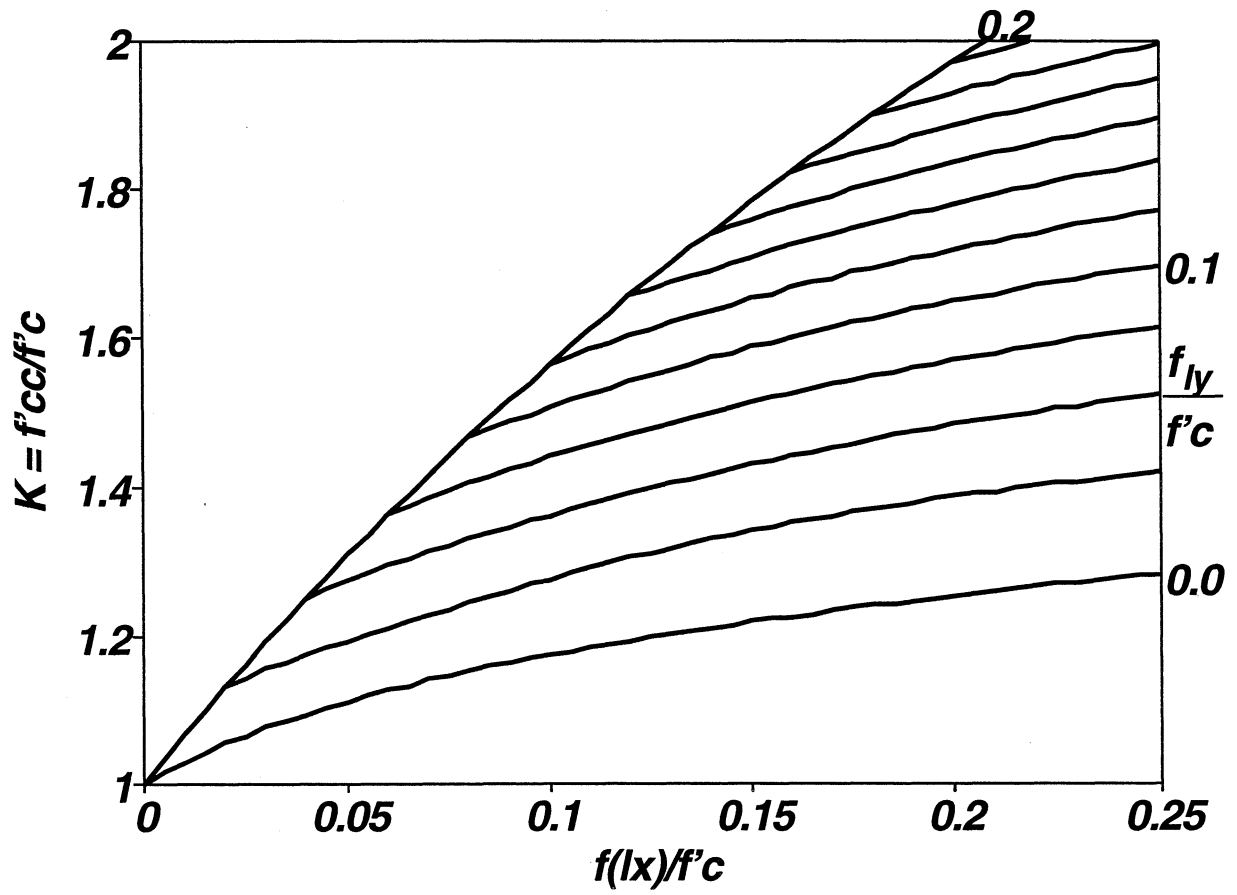


Figure 6-1 Confined Strength Ratio based on Multiaxial Confinement Model.



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**APPENDIX A**  
**STRESS-STRAIN EQUATIONS AND STRESS BLOCK PARAMETERS FOR**  
**UNCONFINED AND CONFINED CONCRETE**

**A-1 EQUATION FOR UNCONFINED CONCRETE**

The equation to describe the monotonic compressive stress-strain curve for unconfined concrete is based on Tsai's equation:

$$y = \frac{nx}{1 + \left(n - \frac{r}{r-1}\right)x + \frac{x^r}{r-1}} \quad (\text{A-1})$$

where  $x = \epsilon_{co}/\epsilon'_c$ ,  $y = f_{co}/f'_c$  with  $f'_c$  and  $\epsilon'_c$  being the peak ordinate and the corresponding abscissae, and  $n, r$  are parameters to control the shape of the curve.

The equation parameter  $n$  is defined by the initial modulus of elasticity, the concrete strength and the corresponding strain. In S.I. units, the initial modulus of elasticity and strain at peak stress are given by

$$\begin{aligned} E_c &= 8200 f_c'^{3/8} \\ \epsilon'_c &= \frac{f_c'^{1/4}}{1153} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A-2})$$

Thus the parameter  $n$  is defined as:

$$n = \frac{E_c \epsilon'_c}{f'_c} = \frac{E_c}{E_{sec}} = \frac{7.2}{f_c'^{3/8}} \quad \text{MPa} \quad (\text{A-3})$$

and the parameter  $r$  as:

$$r = \frac{f'_c}{5.2} - 1.9 \quad \text{MPa} \quad (\text{A-4})$$

However, to adequately reflect the behavior of unconfined cover concrete, a modification as

suggested by Mander et al. (1988a) was adopted. It was decided that the cover concrete beyond a strain of  $2\varepsilon'_c$  would be made to decay to zero linearly up to a strain ratio of  $x_{\max}$  according to

$$y = y_{2\varepsilon'_c} - \frac{x-2}{\tan \alpha} \quad (\text{A-5})$$

where  $y_{2\varepsilon'_c}$  = normalized stress at  $x=2$  and  $\tan \alpha = 1/|dy/dx|_{2\varepsilon'_c}$ , with

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{2\varepsilon'_c} = \frac{n(1-2^r-2)}{\left[1+2\left(n-\frac{r}{r-1}\right)+\frac{2^r}{r-1}\right]^2} \quad (\text{A-6})$$

and

$$x_{\max} = 2 + y_{2\varepsilon'_c} \tan \alpha \quad (\text{A-7})$$

## A-2 EQUATION FOR CONFINED CONCRETE

The same equation A-1 can be used to describe the behavior of confined concrete. The peak strength enhancement due to ductility can be obtained using the procedure suggested by Mander et al. (1984, 1988a) and described in detail in subsections A-2.1 and A-2.2. Thus in equation A-1, the parameters can be redefined for confined concrete as  $x = \varepsilon_{cc}' / \varepsilon'_{cc}$  and  $y = f_{cc}' / f'_{cc}$  where  $f'_{cc}$  and  $\varepsilon'_{cc}$  are the confined concrete peak ordinate ( $=Kf'_c$ ) and the corresponding abscissae given by Richart et al. (1929) as

$$\varepsilon'_{cc} = \varepsilon'_c (1 + 5(K-1)) \quad (\text{A-8})$$

However, in order to have better control on the falling branch of the confined concrete, Mander et al. (1988b) based on experimental observations added a point on the falling branch. The following empirical relationship was proposed

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_f &= 3 \varepsilon'_{cc} \\ f_f &= f'_{cc} - \Delta f_{cc} \\ \Delta f_{cc} &= K \Delta f'_c \left( \frac{0.8}{K^5} + 0.2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A-9})$$

where  $\Delta f_{cc}$  = stress drop of the confined concrete at a strain of  $3 \varepsilon'_{cc}$ , and  $\Delta f'_c$  = stress drop of

the unconfined concrete at a strain of  $3\epsilon'_c$ . Thus using  $n = E_c/E_{sec}$  for confined concrete, the parameter  $r$  can be solved algebraically which will give a more realistic stress decay in the falling branch. Thus a complete stress-strain history of confined concrete can be obtained.

### A-2.1 Confinement Coefficient for Circular Sections

Using the model proposed by Mander et al. (1988a), the effective lateral pressure for circular sections is given by

$$f_l = \frac{1}{2} k_e \rho_s f_s \quad (\text{A-10})$$

with  $k_e$  as the confinement effectiveness coefficient given by

$$k_e = \frac{A_e}{A_{cc}} \quad (\text{A-11})$$

The confining bars are assumed to yield by the time the maximum stress in the concrete is reached in which case  $f_s = f_y$ .

The effectively confined area shown in figure A-1a is calculated as

$$A_e = \frac{\pi D''^2}{4} \left( 1 - \chi \frac{s'}{D''} \right)^2 \quad (\text{A-12})$$

where  $D''$  = diameter of the core concrete,  $s'$  = clear longitudinal spacing between spirals/hoops in which arching action of concrete develops, and  $\chi$  = coefficient having values 0.25 and 0.5 for spirals and hoops respectively.

The concrete core area is calculated as

$$A_{cc} = (1 - \rho_{cc}) \frac{\pi D''^2}{4} \quad (\text{A-13})$$

where  $\rho_s$  is the volumetric ratio of the transverse reinforcement to the confining core given by: with  $A_{sh}$  = cross sectional area of the lateral steel and  $\rho_{cc}$  = volumetric ratio of the longitudinal

$$\rho_s = \frac{4 A_{sh}}{s D''} \quad (\text{A-14})$$

steel in the confined core given by:

$$\rho_{cc} = \frac{4 A_{st}}{\pi D''^2} \quad (\text{A-15})$$

where  $A_{st}$  = total area of the longitudinal reinforcement. With the maximum lateral pressure thus obtained, the peak confinement strength ratio can be obtained from

$$K = \frac{f'_{cc}}{f'_c} = -1.254 + 2.254 \sqrt{1 + 7.94 \frac{f_l}{f'_c} - 2 \frac{f_l}{f'_c}} \quad (\text{A-16})$$

## A-2.2 Confinement Coefficient for Rectangular Sections

The effectively confined area for rectangular sections shown in figure A-1b is given by

$$A_e = \left( b'' D'' - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{w_i'^2}{6} \right) \left( 1 - 0.5 \frac{s'}{b''} \right) \left( 1 - 0.5 \frac{s'}{D''} \right) \quad (\text{A-17})$$

The concrete core area is given by

$$A_{cc} = b'' D'' - A_{st} \quad (\text{A-18})$$

The lateral confinement pressure for rectangular sections can have different values in each direction. In this case a general three dimensional state of stress is obtained. The lateral pressure for each direction ( $x$  and  $y$ ) is calculated as:

$$f_{l_y} = k_e \rho_y f_{yh} \quad (\text{A-19})$$

$$f_{l_x} = k_e \rho_x f_{yh} \quad (\text{A-20})$$

in which

$$\rho_x = \frac{A_{sx}}{s D''}$$

$$\rho_y = \frac{A_{sy}}{s b''}$$
(A-21)

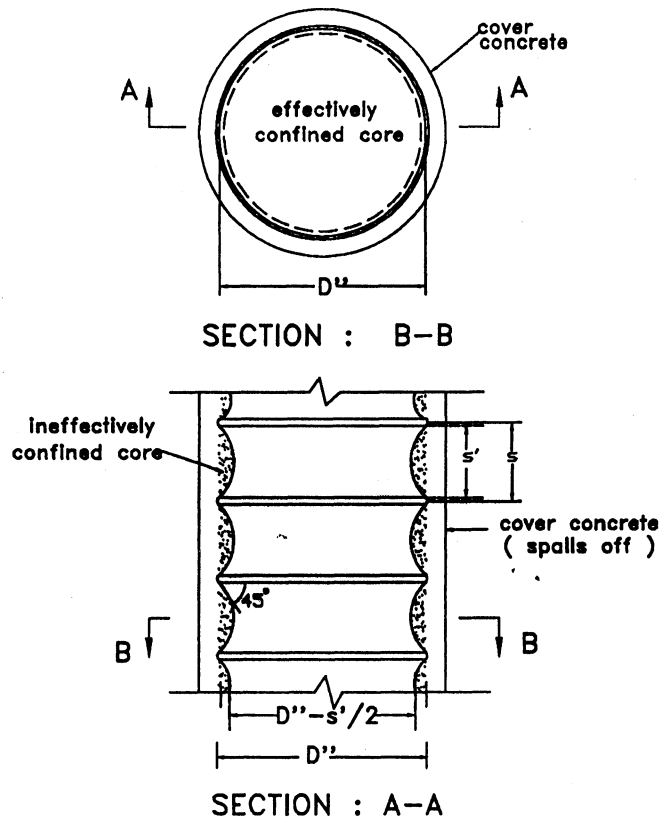
with  $A_{sx}, A_{sy}$  = total area of transverse reinforcement parallel to the  $x$  and  $y$  axis respectively. With the minimum value of  $f_l/f_c'$  (i.e. either  $f_{lx}/f_c'$  or  $f_{ly}/f_c'$ ), the confined strength ratio can be obtained from figure A-2.

### A-3 STRESS BLOCK ANALYSIS FOR CONFINED CONCRETE

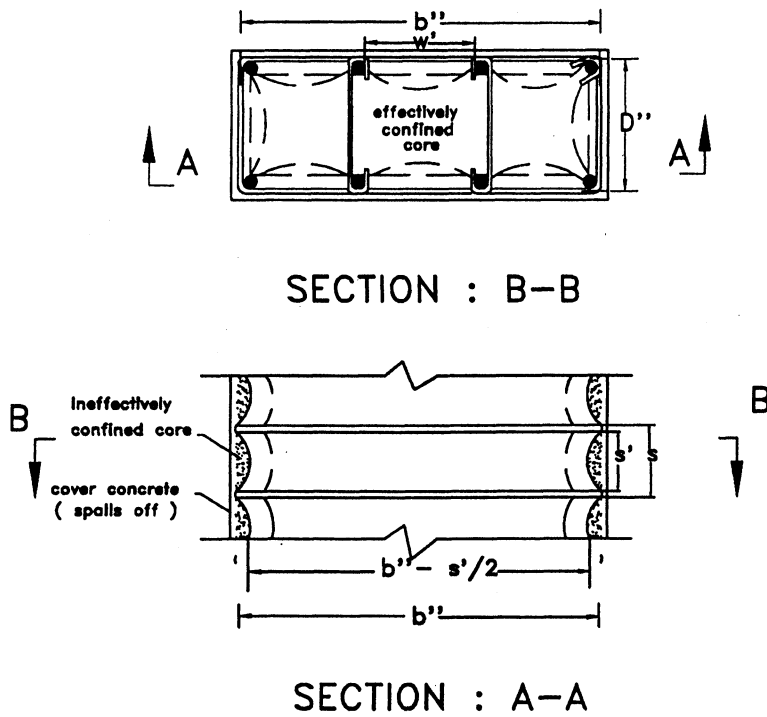
Stress block analysis is a very efficient hand method of analysis by which the distribution of concrete stress over the compressed part of the section can be replaced by a constant stress block having the same magnitude and location as the original variable stress distribution. As was observed from the preceding discussion, the effect of confinement is to increase the ductility level of the concrete by increasing the level of maximum attainable stress and the corresponding strain. Stress block parameters which can capture the effect of confinement is thus necessary to accurately model the behavior of confined concrete. Such stress block parameters can be obtained from first principles as illustrated below.

#### A-3.1 General Stress Block Theory

Stress block parameters that are stress-strain curve dependent can be obtained from stress block theory. The distribution of concrete stress over the compressed part of the section may be found from the strain diagram and the stress-strain curve for concrete. This complex stress distribution can be replaced by an equivalent one of simpler rectangular outline such that it results in the same total compression force  $C_c$  applied at the same location as in the actual member. The average concrete stress ratio  $\alpha$  and the stress block depth factor  $\beta$  of this equivalent rectangular stress block distribution can be determined as:



(a) Circular Section



(b) Rectangular Section

Figure A-1 Showing effectively Confined Core Areas for Circular and Rectangular Sections.



(i) Effective Average Concrete Stress Ratio,  $\alpha$ : The area ( $A_c$ ) under the stress-strain curve is

$$A_c = \int_0^{\epsilon_{cm}} f_c d\epsilon = \alpha \beta f'_c \epsilon_{cm} \quad (\text{A-22})$$

Thus,

$$\alpha \beta = \frac{\int_0^{\epsilon_{cm}} f_c d\epsilon}{f'_c \epsilon_{cm}} \quad (\text{A-23})$$

(ii) Effective Stress Block Depth Factor,  $\beta$ : The first moment of area ( $M_c$ ) about the origin of area under the stress-strain curve is

$$M_c = \int_0^{\epsilon_{cm}} f_c \epsilon_c d\epsilon = \left(1 - \frac{\beta}{2}\right) \epsilon_{cm} \int_0^{\epsilon_{cm}} f_c d\epsilon \quad (\text{A-24})$$

Rearranging,

$$\beta = 2 - 2 \frac{\int_0^{\epsilon_{cm}} f_c \epsilon_c d\epsilon}{\epsilon_{cm} \int_0^{\epsilon_{cm}} f_c d\epsilon} \quad (\text{A-25})$$

For circular sections, studies conducted have shown that the compressive force  $C_c$  can be approximated to act at a distance of  $0.6\beta c$  from the extreme compression fiber. Hence, the expression of  $\alpha \beta$  will remain same as in rectangular sections. For stress block depth factor  $\beta$ , first moment of area under stress-strain can be expressed as:

$$M_c = \int_0^{\epsilon_{cm}} f_c \epsilon_c d\epsilon = (1 - 0.6\beta) \epsilon_{cm} \int_0^{\epsilon_{cm}} f_c d\epsilon \quad (\text{A-26})$$

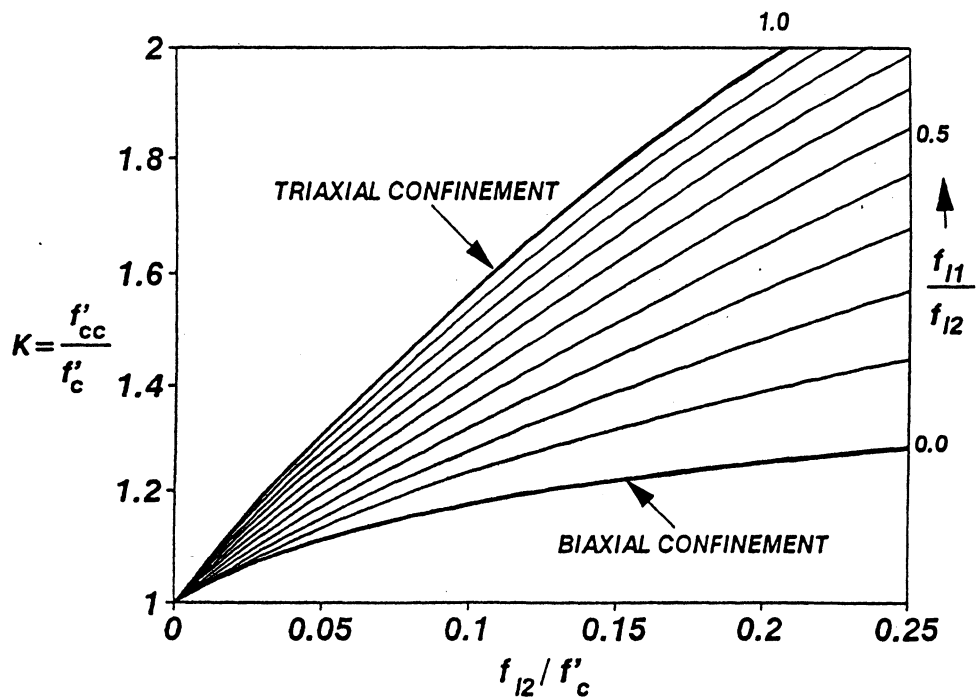
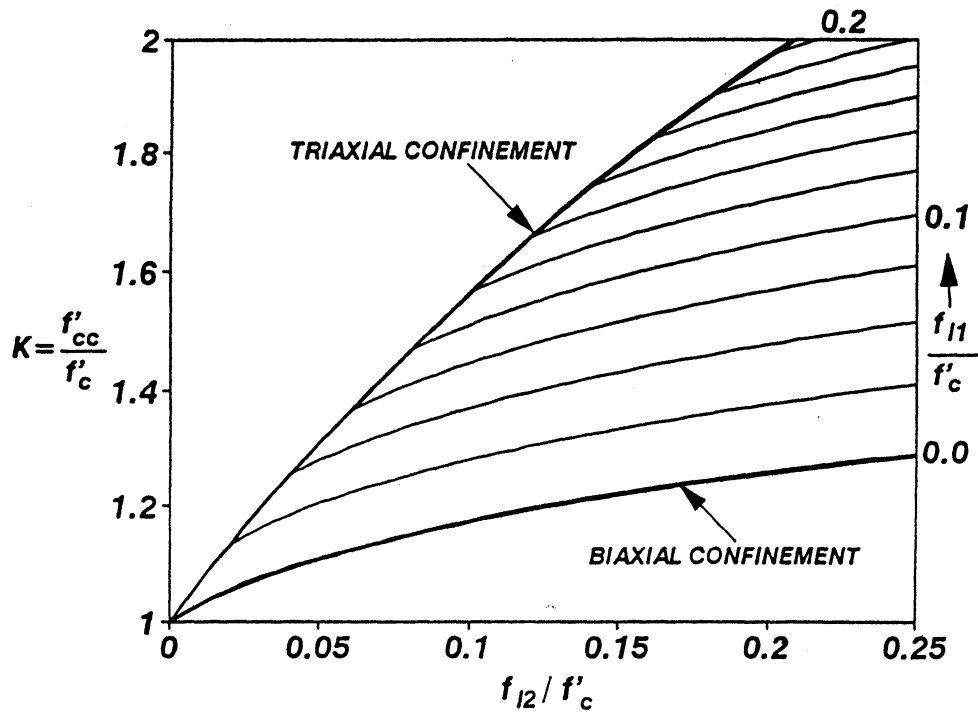


Figure A-2 Confined Concrete Strength Ratio based on the Multiaxial confinement Model of Mander et al. (1988a).

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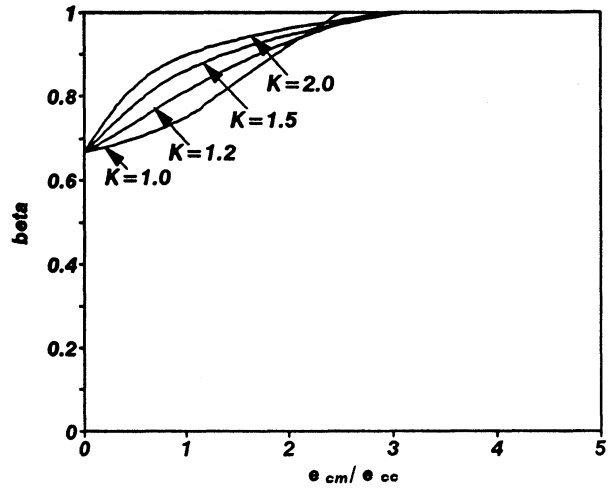
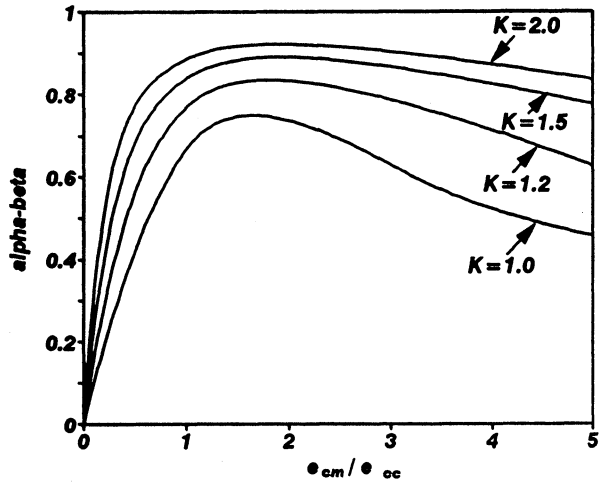
$$\beta = \frac{1}{0.6} \left( 1 - \frac{\int_0^{\epsilon_{cm}} f_c \epsilon_c d\epsilon}{\epsilon_{cm} \int_0^{\epsilon_{cm}} f_c d\epsilon} \right) \quad (4-8)$$

### A-3.2 Mander's Stress Block Parameters

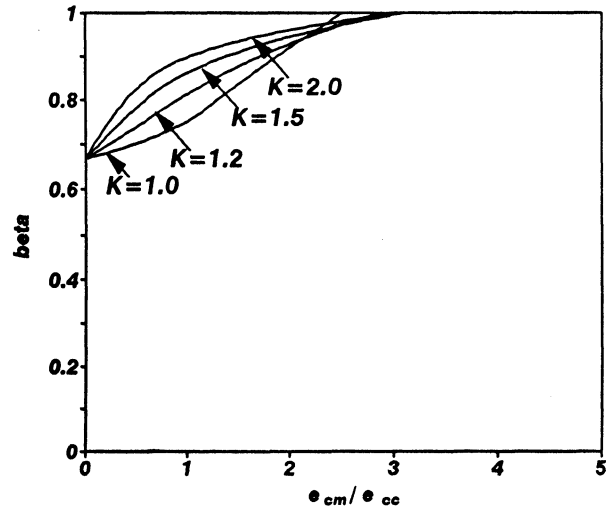
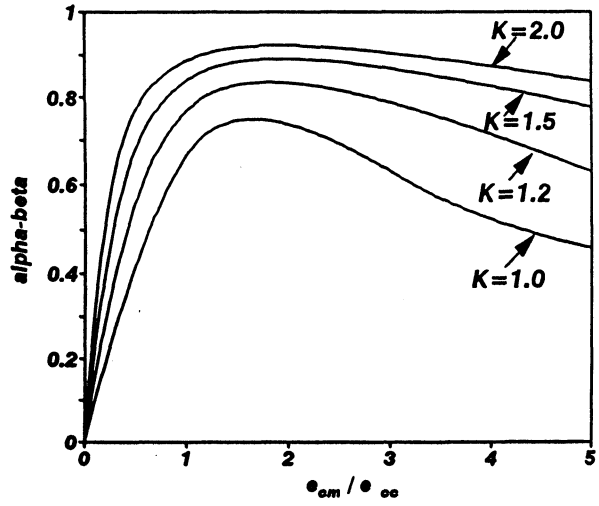
Mander et al. (1984) used the stress-strain equation suggested by Popovics (1973) to obtain the equivalent stress block parameters for confined concrete by numerically integrating Popovics equation to give values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . These are shown in figure A-3 which provide stress block parameters for confined concrete when  $K$  varies from 1.0 for unconfined concrete, to 2.0, an upper limit for members with transverse reinforcing steel. However they cannot be used in computational moment-curvature analysis because of their graphical form.

### A-3.3 Stress Block Parameters suggested by Chang and Mander

Using the modified version of the Tsai equation, Chang and Mander (1994a), obtained the stress block parameters for confined and unconfined concrete by a numerical integration procedure. These are illustrated in figure A-3. Similar to the stress block parameters of Mander et al. (1984), these also suffer from the shortcoming of being graphical in nature, thus unsuitable for automation. Hence, a stress strain equation for describing the behavior of both confined and unconfined concrete is proposed (Appendix B) which can be easily integrated to obtain explicit stress block parameters.



(a) Stress Block Parameters by Mander et al. (1984)



(b) Stress Block Parameters by Chang & Mander (1994a)

Figure A-3 Stress Block Parameters for  $f'_c = 30 \text{ MPa}$ .

**APPENDIX B**  
**EXPLICIT STRESS BLOCK PARAMETERS USING A**  
**PROPOSED STRESS-STRAIN EQUATION**

**B-1 PROPOSED EQUATION**

In the present study attributes from the original models of Chang and Mander (1994), Mander et al. (1988a) and Kent and Park (1971) have been combined to propose a series of piece-wise stress-strain relationships applicable to both confined and unconfined concrete that can be easily integrated to give explicit closed form solutions for the stress block parameters. Equations for the proposed stress-strain model are as follows:

(i) Ascending Branch: A power curve (figure B-1) is assumed to describe the ascending branch of the stress-strain relation:

$$f_c = f'_c \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{\epsilon_c}{\epsilon'_c} - 1 \right)^n \right] \quad (\text{B-1})$$

in which

$$n = \frac{E_c \epsilon'_c}{f'_c} \quad (\text{B-2})$$

where  $\epsilon_c$  = the strain at any stress of concrete  $f_c$ , and  $E_c$  = modulus of elasticity of concrete =  $8200 f_c^{3/8}$ .

(ii) Descending Branch: The curve for the descending branch is assumed as a straight line:

$$f_c = f'_c (1 - E_f (\epsilon_c - \epsilon'_c)) \quad (\text{B-3})$$

where  $E_f$  = modulus of the falling branch. Based on series of experiments performed by Mander

et al. (1988b), the following empirical relationship for the modulus of the falling branch is proposed:

$$E_f = 0.3 E_c K^{-6} \quad (\text{B-4})$$

where  $K$  = confinement ratio of confined concrete. For equation B-3  $f_c$  should not be less than  $0.2f'_c$  as shown in figure B-1.

## B-2 EXPLICIT STRESS BLOCK PARAMETERS

The proposed piece-wise equations were integrated as in equations A-23 and A-25 to obtain explicit closed form analytical expressions for the stress block parameters that are function of the concrete strength, level of confinement and maximum strain. Since piecewise stress-strain model consists of three parts (figure B-1), three expressions were derived for the concrete stress ratio,  $\alpha\beta$  and for stress block depth factor,  $\beta$  corresponding to the maximum strain of concrete and are presented below. In the following equations the normalized slope of the stress-strain curve is given by  $z = E_f / Kf'_c$  and  $x_{20\%} = 0.8 / z \epsilon'_{cc} + 1$ .

(i) Equations for concrete stress ratio,  $\alpha\beta$ : The following equations were obtained for concrete stress ratio,  $\alpha\beta$ :

(a) For  $\epsilon_c < \epsilon'_c$ , i.e.  $x < 1$

$$\alpha\beta = \left[ 1 - \frac{(1-x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)x} - \frac{1}{(n+1)x} \right] \quad (\text{B-5})$$

(b) For  $\epsilon'_c \leq \epsilon_c \leq \left( \epsilon'_c + \frac{0.8}{z} \right)$ , i.e.  $1 \leq x \leq \left( 1 + \frac{0.8}{z\epsilon'_c} \right)$

$$\alpha\beta = \left( \frac{n}{(n+1)x} \right) + \left( 1 - \frac{1}{x} \right) (1 - 0.5z\epsilon_{cc}(x-1)) \quad (\text{B-6})$$

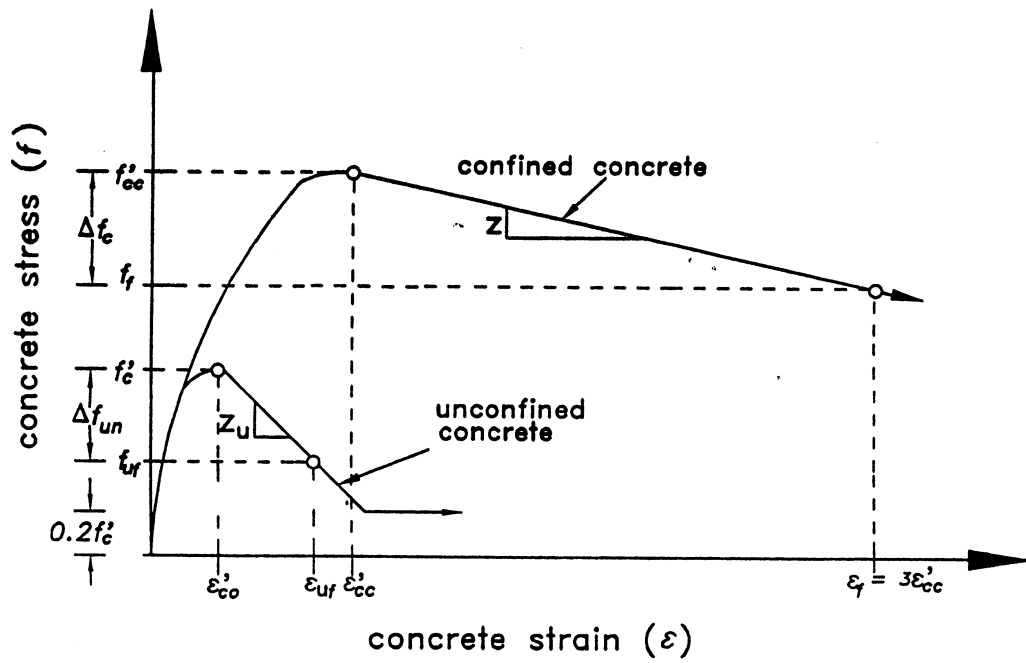


Figure B-1 Proposed Stress Strain Equation for Unconfined and Confined Concrete.

(c) For  $\epsilon \geq \left(\frac{0.8}{z} + \epsilon'_c\right)$ , i.e.  $x \geq x_{20\%}$

$$\alpha\beta = \left(\frac{n}{(n+1)x}\right) + \frac{0.48}{z\epsilon_{cc}x} + 0.2\left(1 - \frac{x_{20\%}}{x}\right) \quad (\text{B-7})$$

(ii) Equations for stress block depth factor,  $\beta$ : The following equations were obtained for stress block depth factor,  $\beta$ :

(a) For  $\epsilon'_c < \epsilon'_c$ , i.e.  $x < 1$

$$\beta = 2 \left\{ 1 - \frac{\left(\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{(1-x)^{n+2}}{n+2} + \frac{(1-x)^{n+1}}{n+1} - \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)}\right)}{x^2 \alpha \beta} \right\} \quad (\text{B-8})$$

(b) For  $\epsilon'_c \leq \epsilon_c \leq \left(\epsilon'_c + \frac{0.8}{z}\right)$  i.e.  $1 \leq x \leq \left(1 + \frac{0.8}{z\epsilon'_c}\right)$

$$\beta = 2 - \frac{\left[(x^2 - 1) - \frac{z\epsilon_{cc}}{3}(2x^3 - 3x^2 + 1) + \frac{n(n+3)}{(n+1)(n+2)}\right]}{x^2 \alpha \beta} \quad (\text{B-9})$$

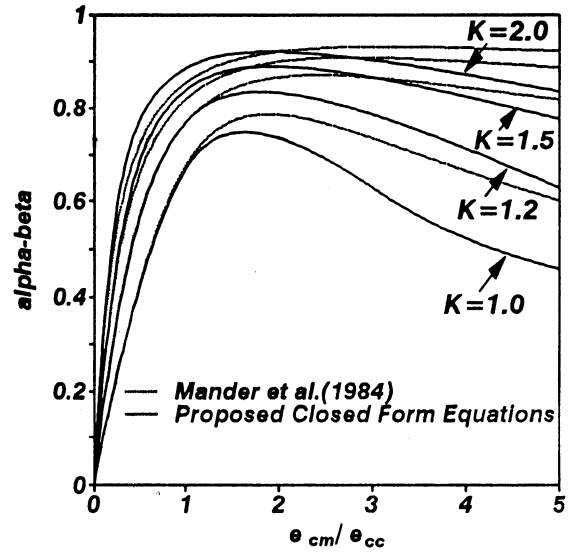
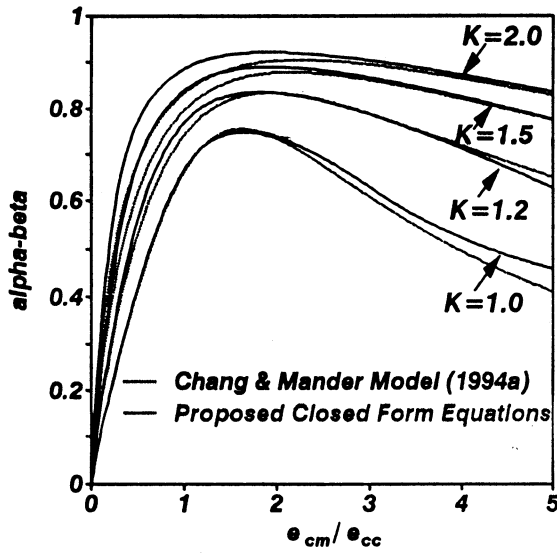
(c) For  $\epsilon \geq \left(\frac{0.8}{z} + \epsilon'_{cc}\right)$  i.e.  $x \geq x_{20\%}$

$$\beta = 2 - \left[ \frac{\left(\left(x_{20\%}^2 - 1\right) - \frac{z\epsilon_{cc}}{3}\left(2x_{20\%}^3 - 3x_{20\%}^2 + 1\right) + \frac{n(n+3)}{(n+1)(n+2)} + 0.2\left(x^2 - x_{20\%}^2\right)\right)}{x^2 \alpha \beta} \right] \quad (\text{B-10})$$

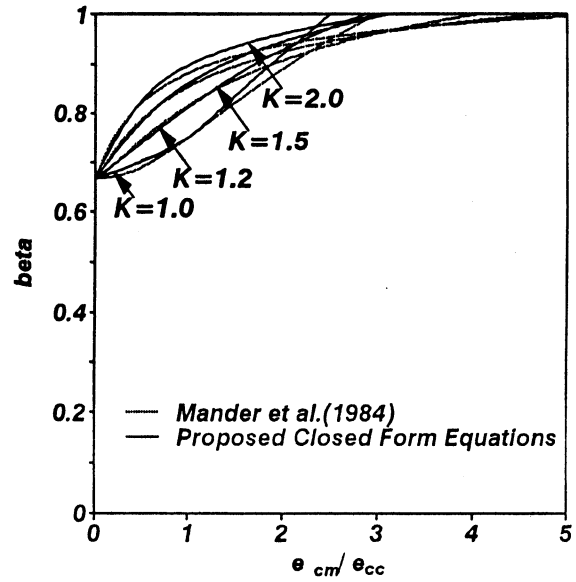
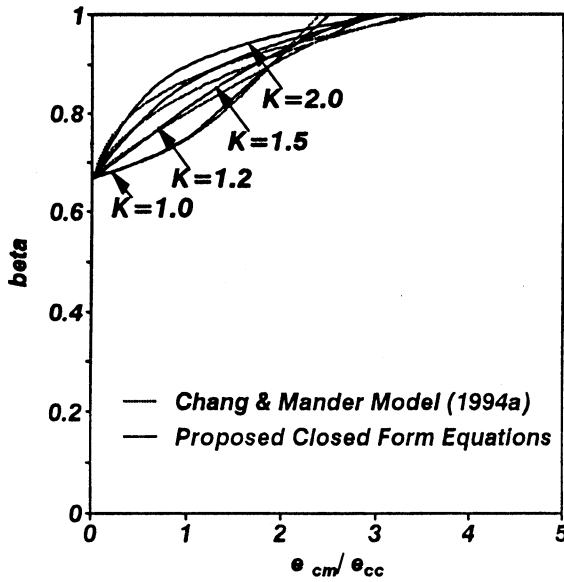
The stress block parameters for confined concrete can easily be derived using equivalent notations. Figure B-2 shows the plot of equivalent rectangular stress-block parameters calculated using the proposed closed form analytical expressions of stress block parameters. It may be observed that at nominal ultimate strain of 0.003 the value of the stress block parameters



proposed by ACI and those obtained from the analytical expressions have approximately the same value. In the same figure the explicit stress block parameters are also compared with the stress block parameters of Mander et al.(1984) and Chang and Mander (1994a). These exact rectangular stress block parameters may be derived by numerical integration of their expressions using the various models of stress-strain curve studied before. It can be seen that the stress block parameters from the closed form equations compare well with those from other stress-strain relations.



(a) alpha-beta parameter



(b) beta parameter

Figure B-2 Proposed Stress Block Parameters for  $f'_c=30\text{MPa}$ .





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