Effect of monotonic lateral load on the performance of reinforced graded concrete column, an experimental study



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Introduction

- Previous studies show that the height-to-width ratio of concrete elements affects the material's homogeneity because of the presence of segregation.
- The segregation causes the element to create a graded structure.
- The effect of concrete uniformity on columns subjected to monotonic lateral load is investigated experimentally in this study.

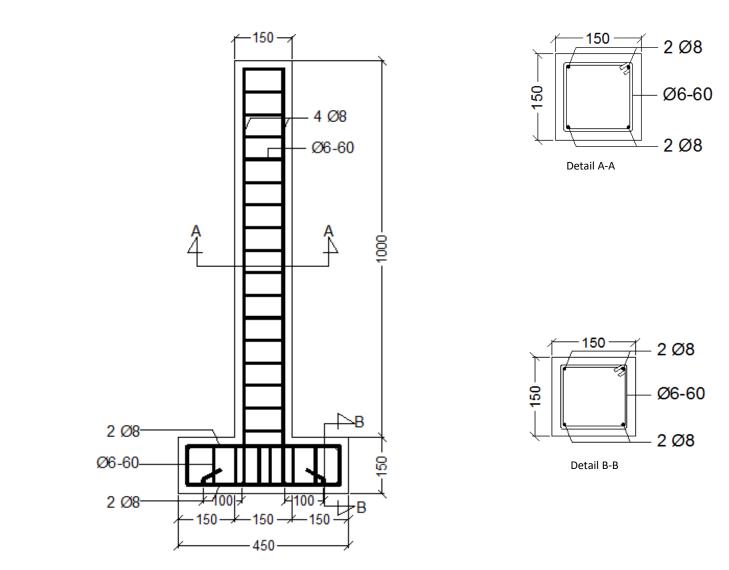


Design of RC column

- Reinforced concrete columns with cross-sectional dimensions of 150 x 150 mm and a height of 1000 mm are prepared as graded concrete column (GCC) specimens and controlling specimens.
- The columns are designed with a reinforcement ratio of 1% and are predicted to undergo an under-reinforced failure mode.
- Two concrete mixes with a strength of 20 MPa and 30 MPa are cast in moulds using the gradual compaction procedure to create a satisfactory strength transition throughout the specimens' height.



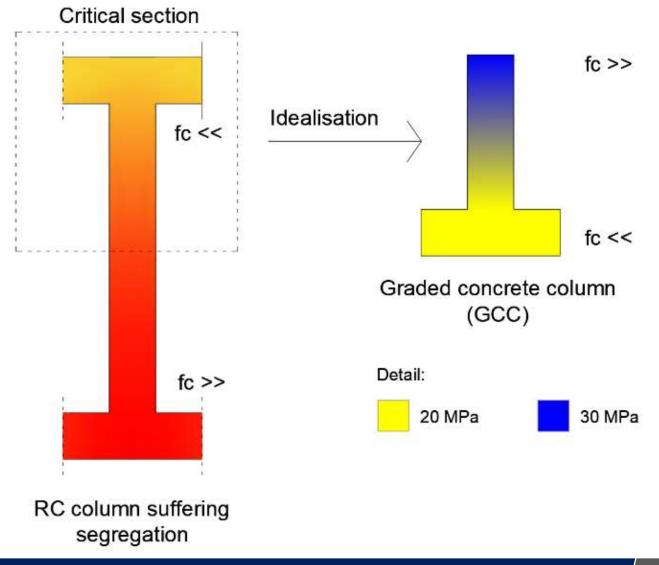
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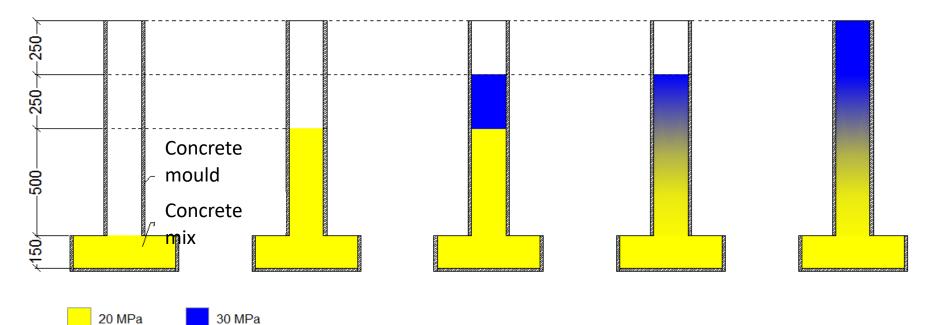


Concrete mix proportion

Concrete	Ratio to cement weight				
strength (MPa)	Cement	Water	Fine agg.	Coarse agg.	Superplasticiser
20	1.00	0.61	2.44	2.00	0.006
30	1.00	0.50	1.94	1.59	0.006

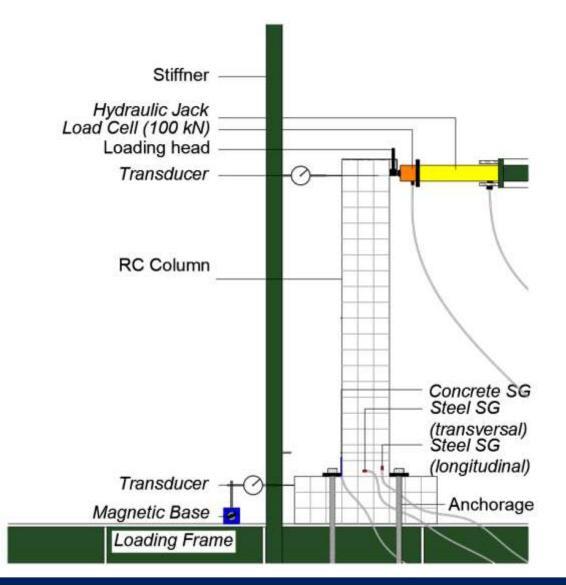


Specimen making and curing





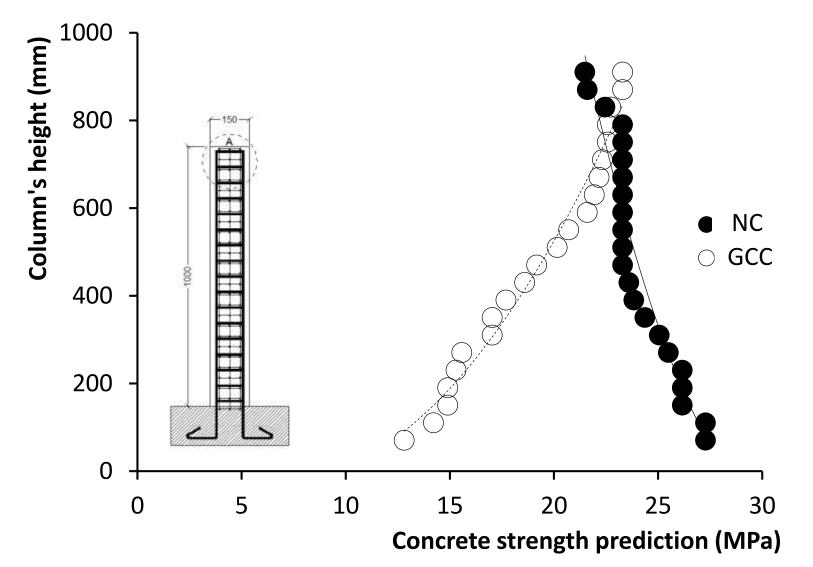
Lateral loading test set-up



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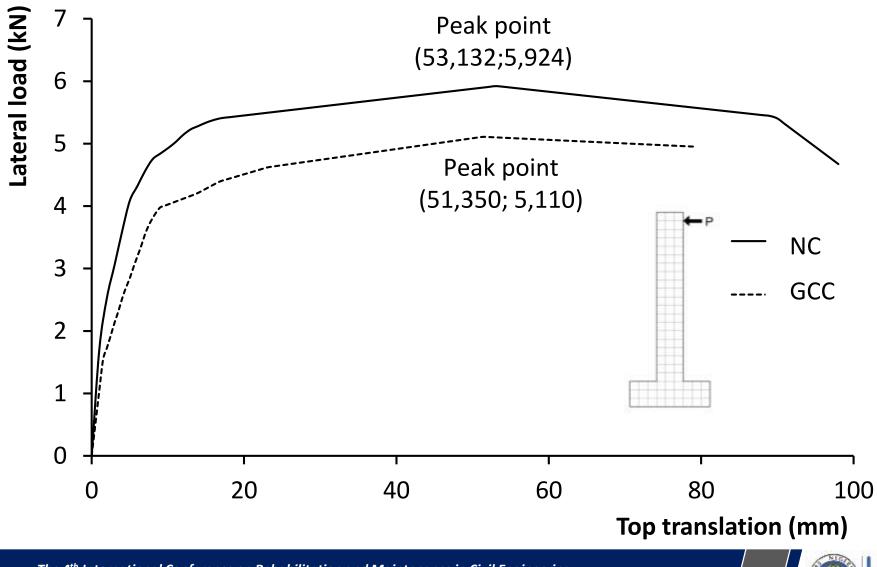
Hammer test result



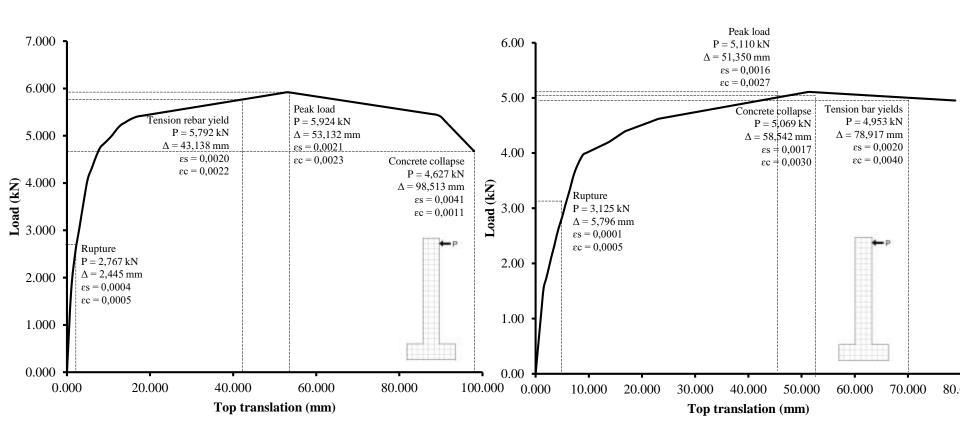
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Load – top translation



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Conclusions

- Static segregation on a high element such as a column is unavoidable due to the effect of dimension ratio and the characteristics of the concrete material.
- Concrete strength gradation in a column decreases the capacity of the lateral load by 15.93% to the normal concrete column and decreases the maximum translation up to 3.47%.
- Concrete segregation can change the failure mode from tension-controlled failure to compression-controlled failure.









