



STRUCTURAL STRENGTHENING WITH FRP. AVAILABLE SYSTEMS AND CARBODUR SOFTWARE TOOL

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AGENDA

1. Understanding the Need for Structural Strengthening

Explore the reasons behind reinforcing existing structures and the benefits it provides.

2. Designing with FRP: Standards and Guidelines

Review current industry standards and best practices for designing with Fiber-Reinforced Polymer (FRP) systems.

3. Overview of FRP Systems and Applications

Examine the types of FRP systems available and their practical uses in structural engineering.

4. Introducing the Enhanced CarboDur Design Software

Discover the latest features and improvements in the CarboDur software tailored for structural designers.

WHAT WE DO BUILDING TRUST

- Sika is a specialty chemicals company with a leading position in the development and production of systems and products for bonding, sealing, damping, reinforcing and protecting in the building sector and motor vehicle industry.



SIKA AT A GLANCE

25,000	EMPLOYEES
100	COUNTRIES
300+	PLANTS WORLDWIDE
6	NEW & EXPANDED PLANTS IN 2020
83	NEW PATENTS IN 2020
1	ACQUISITION IN 2020
7.88 BN	NET SALES IN 2020 (IN CHF)

WE ARE THERE

Our products might not always be visible but the results they achieve bring clear added value to customers and society.



TARGET MARKETS – FOCUS ON ATTRACTIVE MARKETS SOLUTIONS, LIFE-CYCLE MANAGEMENT, ONE STRONG BRAND

Concrete



Waterproofing



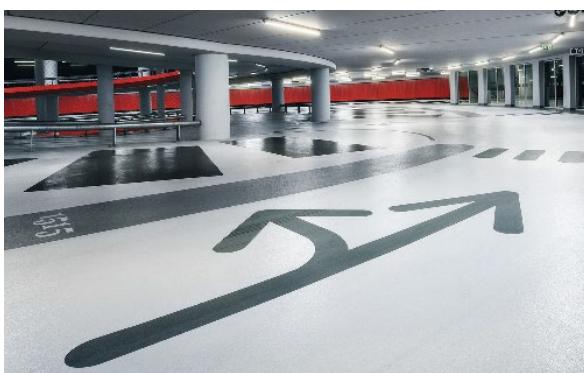
Roofing



Building Finishing



Flooring & Coating



Sealing & Bonding



Engineered Refurbishment



Industry



UNDERSTANDING STRUCTURAL STRENGTHENING

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WHY DO STRUCTURES NEED STRENGTHENING



So that our structures are not zip-tied or strapped together to prevent failure!



WHY DO STRUCTURES NEED STRENGTHENING?

- Insufficient reinforcement
- Corrosion damage
- Change in use
- Structural damage
- Seismic upgrade



HOW ARE STRUCTURES STRENGTHENED

TYPICAL STRENGTHENING METHODS



Externally bonded FRP or Steel

Traditionally done with steel, most bonded strengthening is nowadays done with FRP

Section enlargement

Used frequently, this method is intrusive to the structure, adds a lot of weight, and takes longer to implement



External Post-tensioning

For cases where high-capacity contribution is required, external PT is great solution. Traditionally done with steel, PT strengthening can also be done with FRP



Supplemental Support

Supplemental supports are a great solution, though they take headspace and can be tricky to install.

WHAT ARE FRP SYSTEMS?

FABRIC



Fabrics are made from glass or carbon fiber.

RESIN



Most used resins to saturate the fabrics are epoxy and more recently PU.

REINFORCED CONCRETE



Reinforced concrete is a composite. Bonding FRP to it creates a complex system. Understanding how to design with it properly is critical for successful strengthening.

MOST COMMON FRP MATERIALS

GLASS VS CARBON



Carbon Systems (CFRP)

- Damp/wet conditions
- Stiffness driven
- Extreme alkaline conditions

Stronger, stiffer, more durable
CFRP



Glass Systems (GFRP)

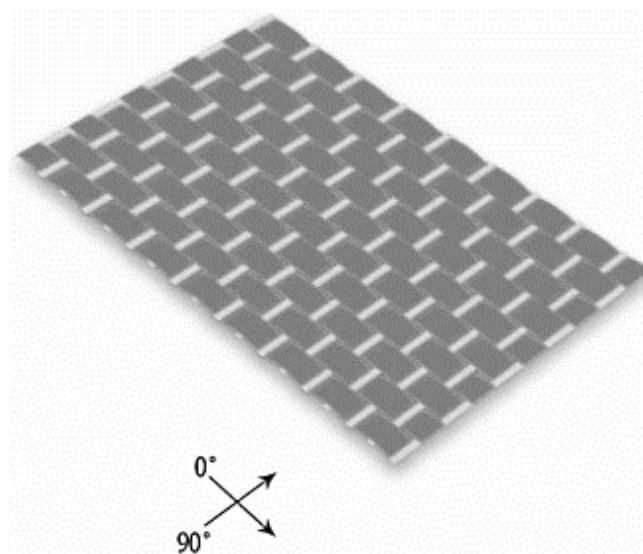
- Seismic strengthening
- Dry conditions
- Extreme acidic conditions
- Economical

Economical, used commonly for
seismic retrofit
GFRP

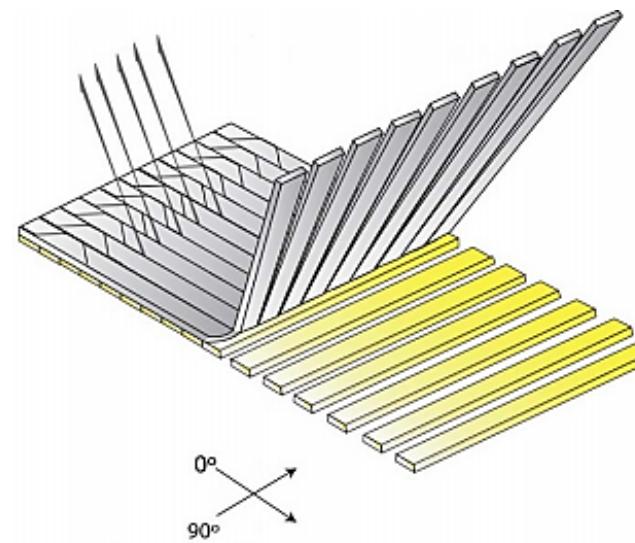
FRP FABRIC TYPES

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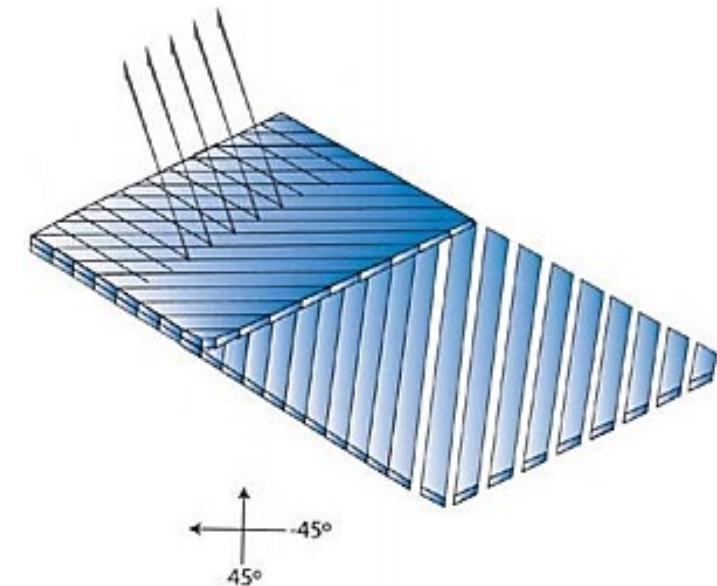
Uniaxial Fabrics



Biaxial Fabrics



+/-45d Fabrics



ADVANTAGES OF FRP REPAIRS

- Cost/scheduling benefits
- Reduced maintenance costs
- Light weight materials puts less strain on the structure
- Non-corrosive, designed for long-term performance
- Great for limited access



TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

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TYPICAL APPLICATIONS PARKING STRUCTURES

- Shear Strengthening
- Corrosion Damage
- Column strengthening



TYPICAL APPLICATIONS BUILDINGS



- Modifications (wall or slab openings)
- Change in use
- Seismic upgrades
- Wall strengthening

TYPICAL APPLICATIONS BRIDGES



INTERNAL

- Girder Strengthening
- Column Wrapping
- Pier Upgrades
- Pier cap strengthening
- Deck Stiffening

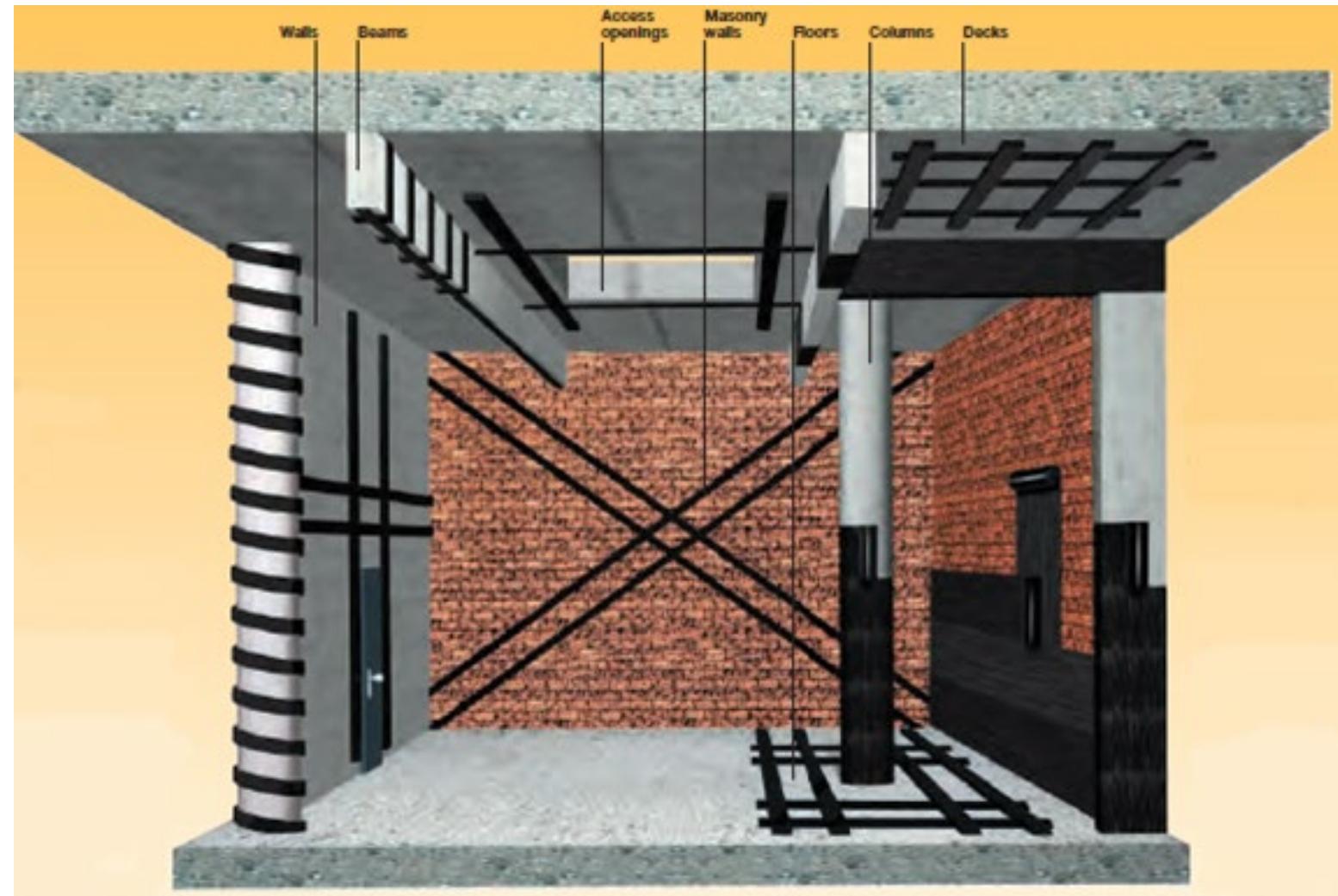
TYPICAL USAGE OF FRP MATERIALS

Flexural

Shear

Confinement

Seismic



TYPICAL USAGE OF FRP MATERIALS

SUMMARY

- Load Increases
- Increased live loads
- Increased traffic volumes on bridges
- Installation of heavy machinery in industrial buildings
- Vibrating structures
- Changes of building utilization
- Seismic Strengthening
- Column wrapping
- Masonry walls
- Damage to Structural Parts
- Aging of construction materials
- Vehicle impact
- Fire
- Blast resistance
- Change in Structural System
- Removal of walls or columns
- Removal of slab sections for openings
- Design or Construction Defects
- Insufficient reinforcements
- Insufficient structural depth

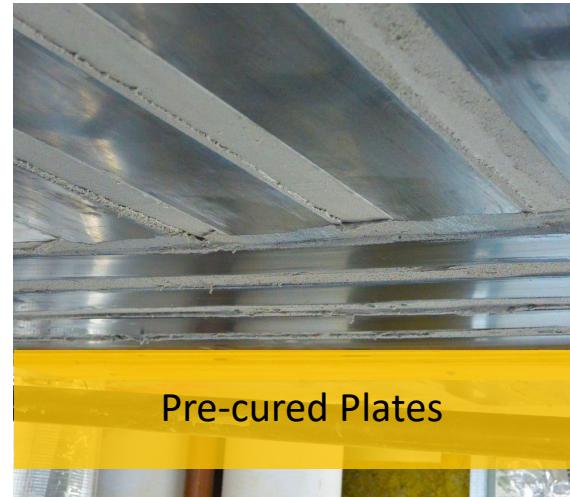
OVERVIEW OF FRP SYSTEMS AND APPLICATIONS

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AVAILABLE FRP SYSTEMS



Epoxy Wet Lay-up Systems



Pre-cured Plates



NSM Rods



FRP Anchorage



FRCM System

PRIMER APPLICATION FOR FRP SYSTEMS

- Mix & Apply Epoxy Primer



FIELD SATURATED FRP SYSTEMS

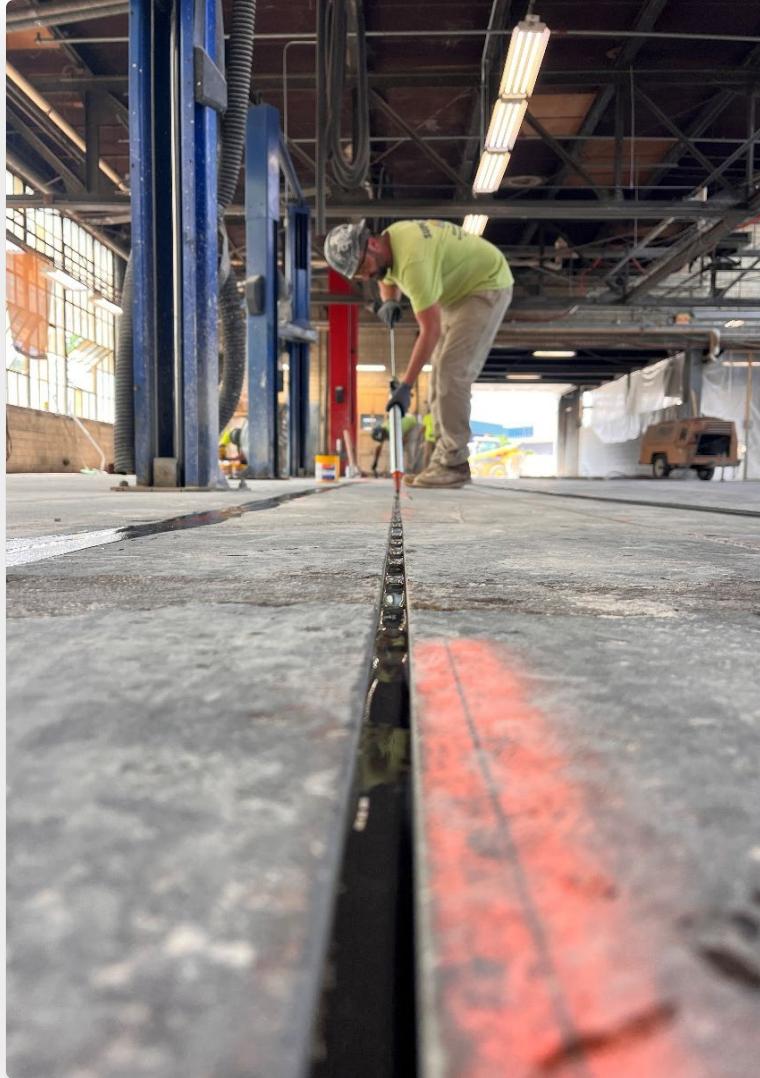
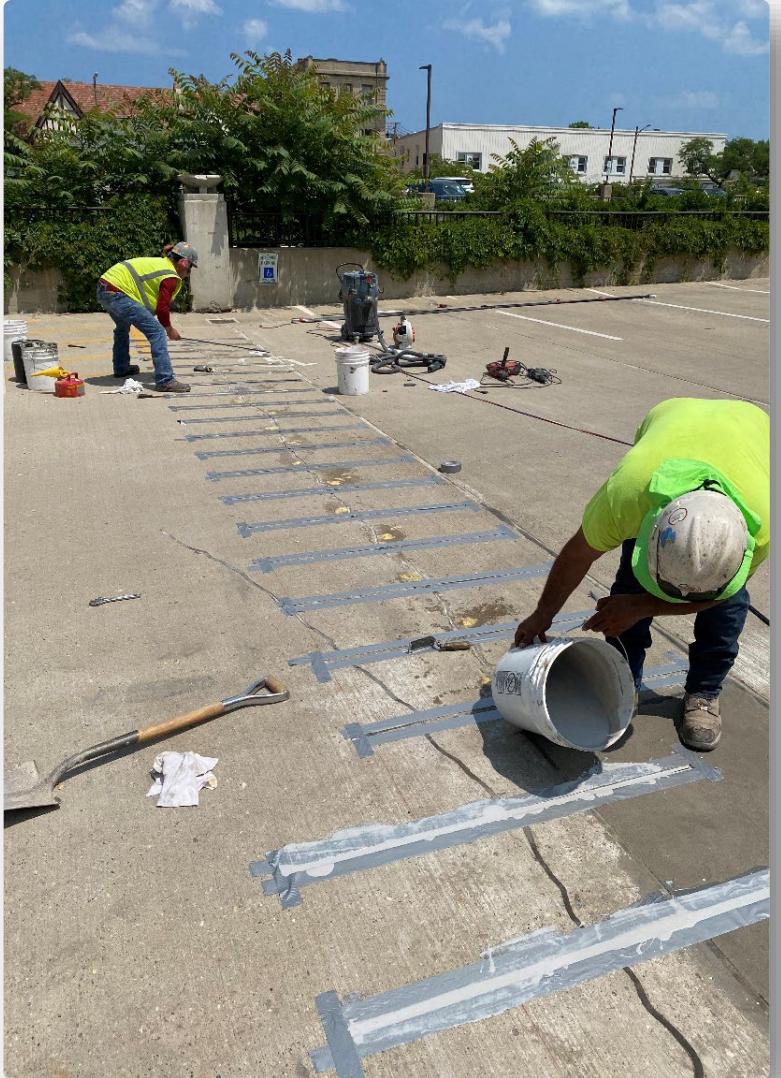
SATURATE FABRIC WITH RESIN – TABLE OR SATURATOR



CFRP PLATES CLEAN, CUT, AND INSTALL STRIPS

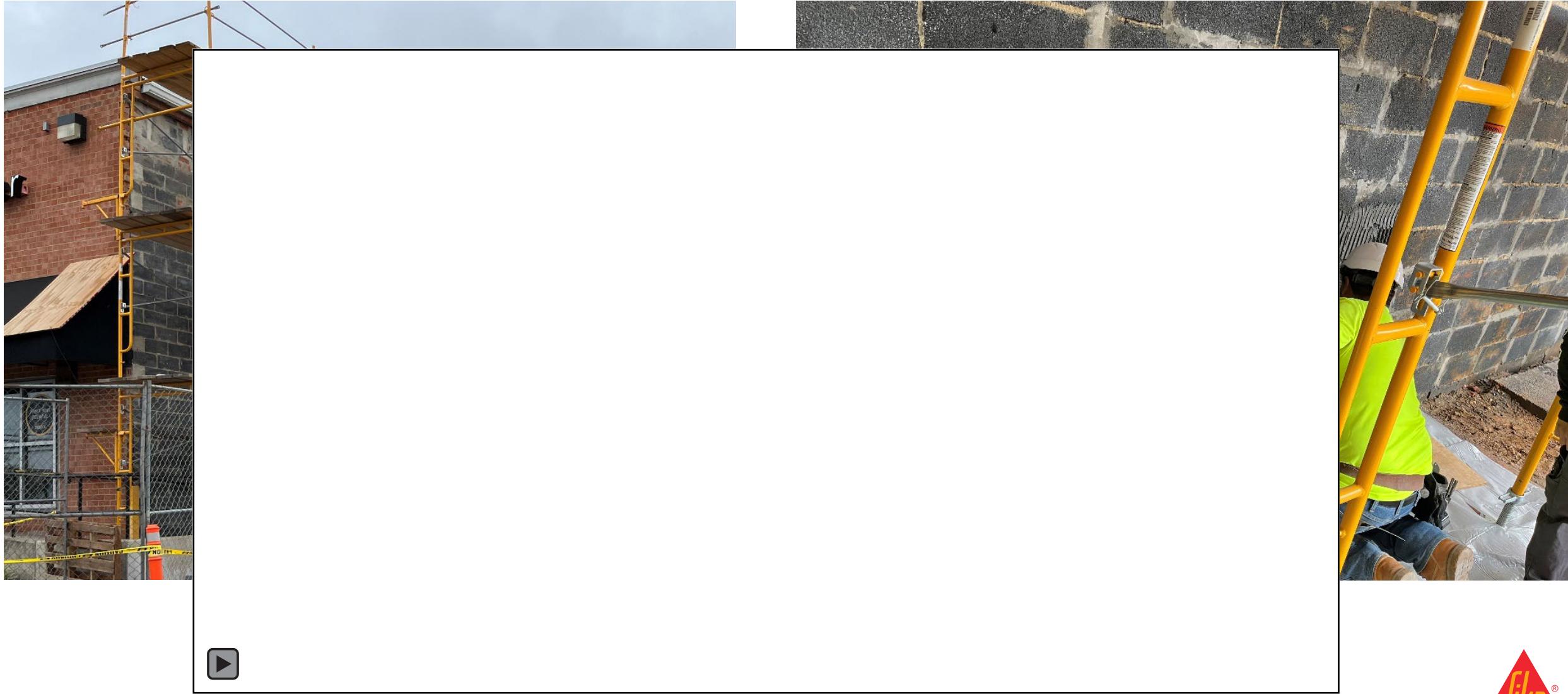


FRP RODS NSM REINFORCEMENT



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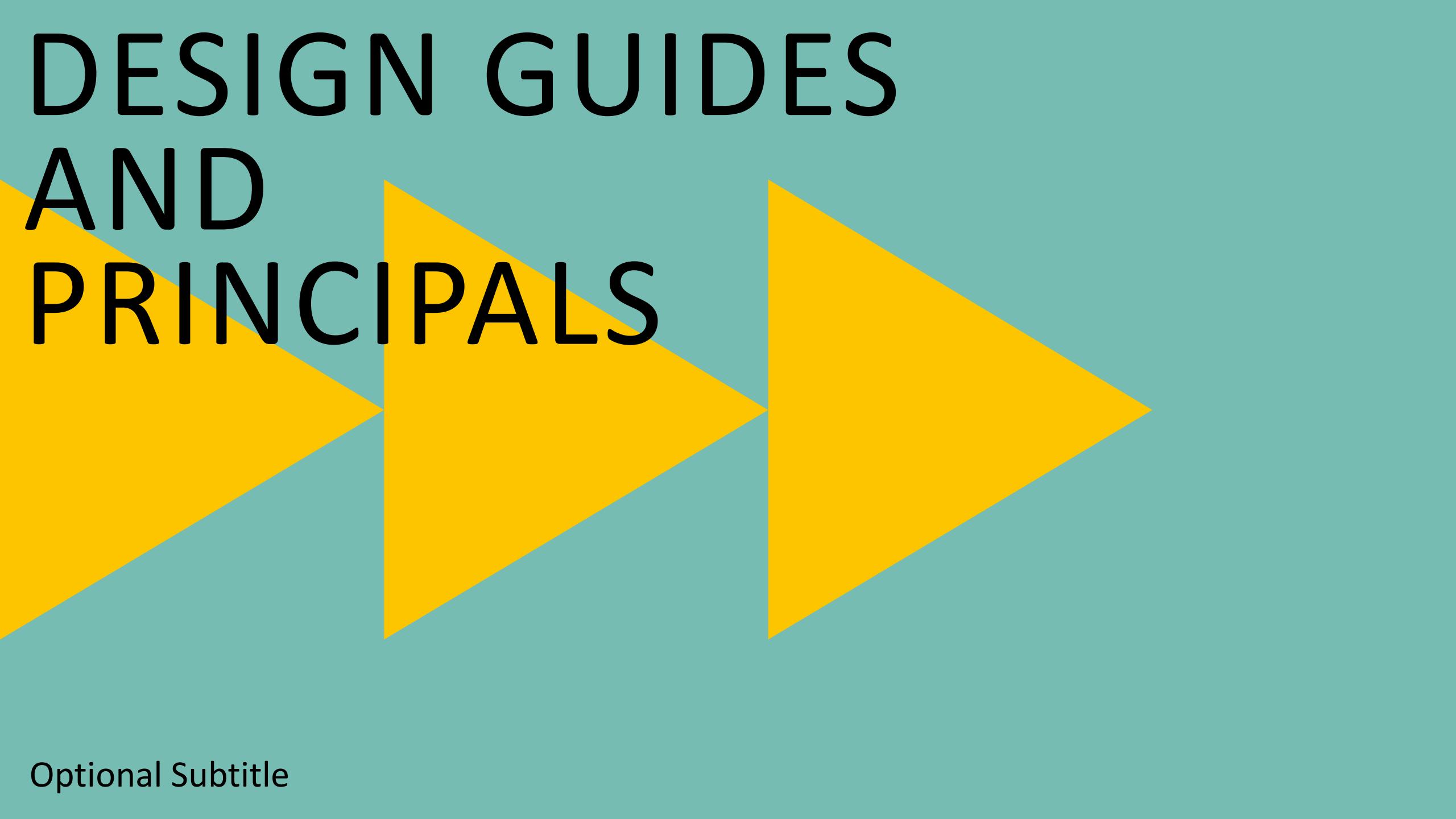
FRCM REINFORCEMENT



INTERNAL



DESIGN GUIDES AND PRINCIPALS



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CODES AND STANDARDS

ACI & AASHTO

- ACI 440.2-23
 - Design and Construction of Externally Bonded FRP Systems for Strengthening Concrete Structures – Guide
- ACI 562-17
 - Code Requirements for Evaluation, Repair, and Rehabilitation of Concrete Buildings
- AASHTO Guide 2nd Ed
- ICC Evaluation Service Report



“SUPPLEMENTAL REINFORCEMENT”

FRP Limitations

$$(\phi R_n)_{existing} \geq (1.1S_{DL} + 0.75S_{LL})_{new}$$

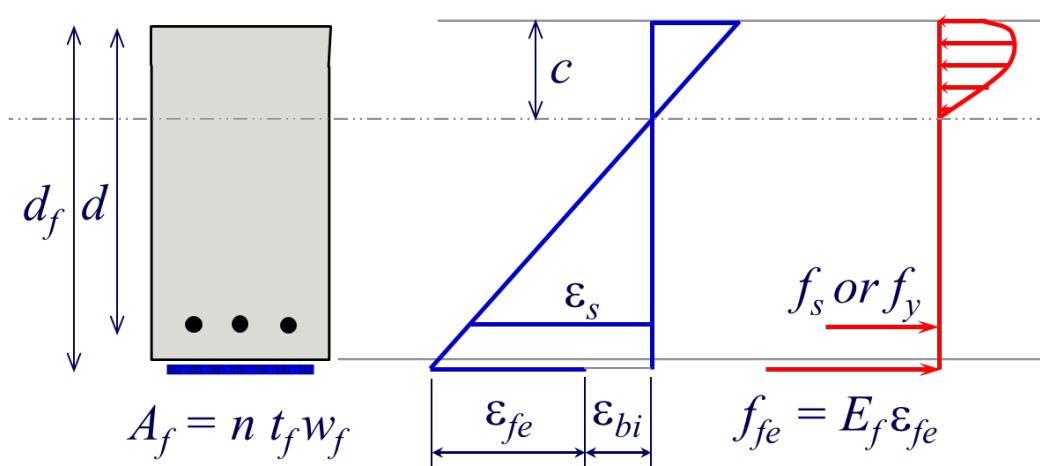
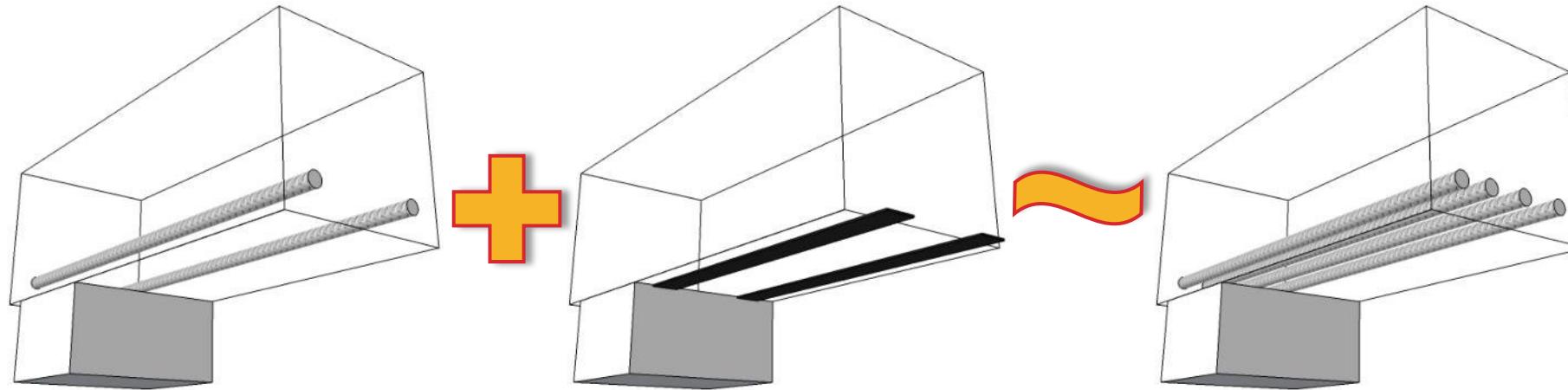
Existing Capacity \geq Load demand:
1.1DL + .75LL



A photograph showing the underside of a concrete bridge. The bridge has a dark, textured underside and a light-colored concrete top. A yellow diagonal band runs from the bottom right towards the top left, covering approximately one-third of the image. In the background, there are trees and a street sign.

FLEXURAL REINFORCEMENT

HOW DOES CFRP AFFECTS A REINFORCED BEAM? FLEXURAL STRENGTHENING



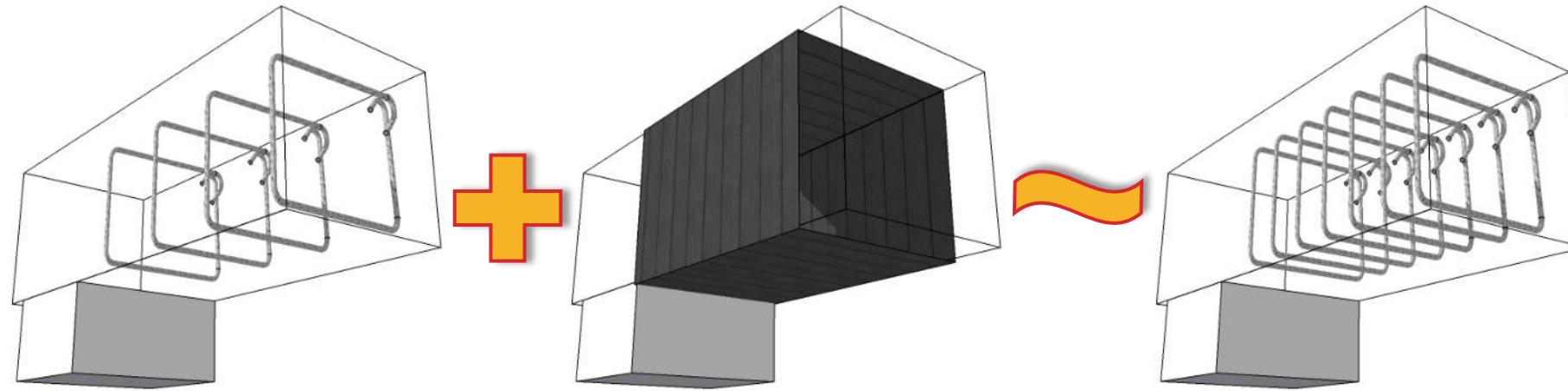
$$M_n = A_s f_s \left(d - \frac{\beta_1 c}{2} \right) + \Psi_f A_f f_{fe} \left(d_f - \frac{\beta_1 c}{2} \right)$$

Steel Contribution FRP Contribution



SHEAR REINFORCEMENT

HOW DOES CFRP AFFECTS A REINFORCED BEAM? SHEAR STRENGTHENING

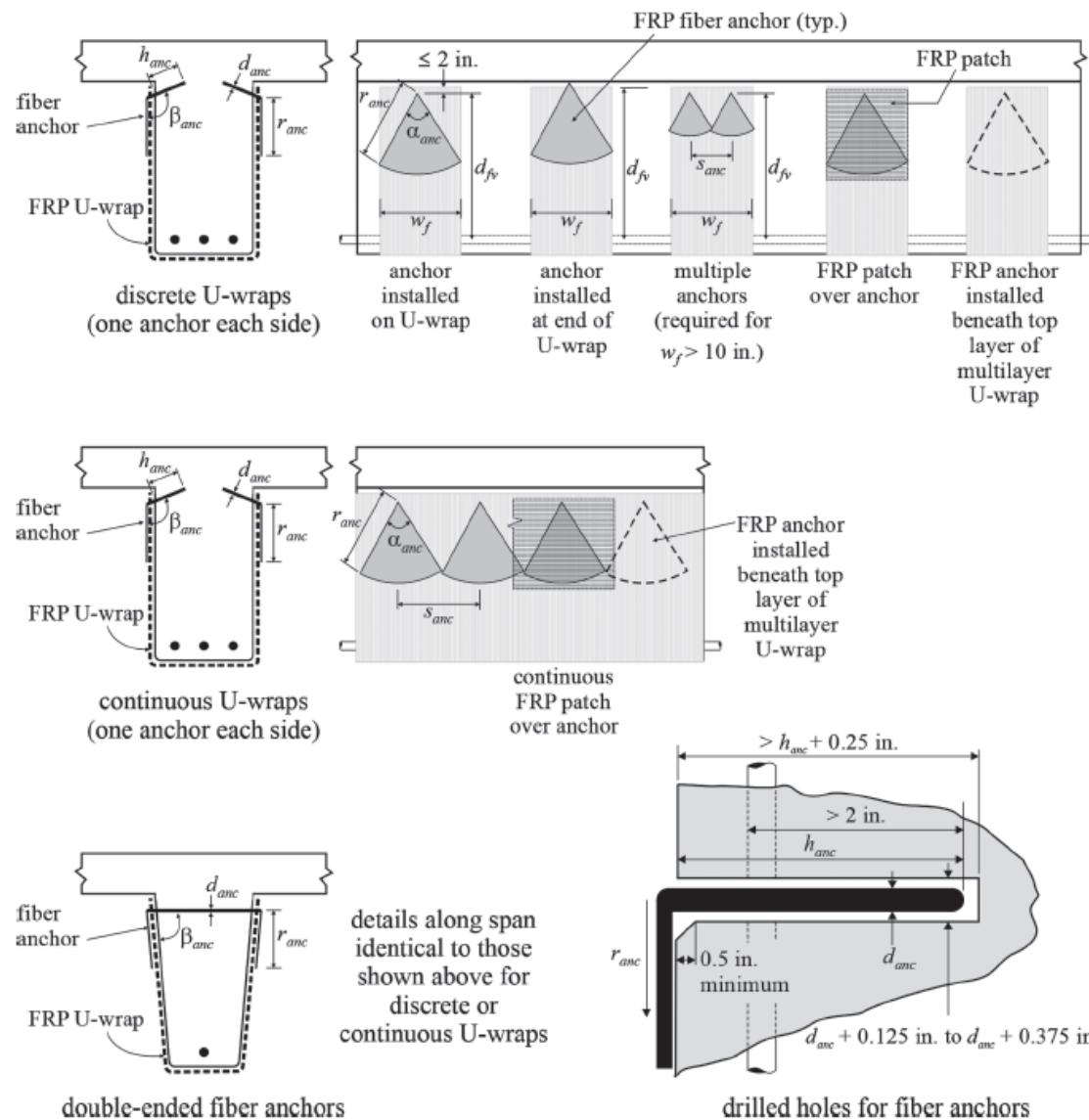


$$\phi V_n = \phi(V_c + V_s + \Psi_f V_f)$$

Steel and concrete contribution

FRP Contribution

U-WRAP ANCHORAGE – FIBER ANCHORS



$$A_{anc} \geq R_A(Nt_f s_{anc})$$

Table 8.7.6.1—Fiber anchor design parameters and detailing requirements, in.-lb

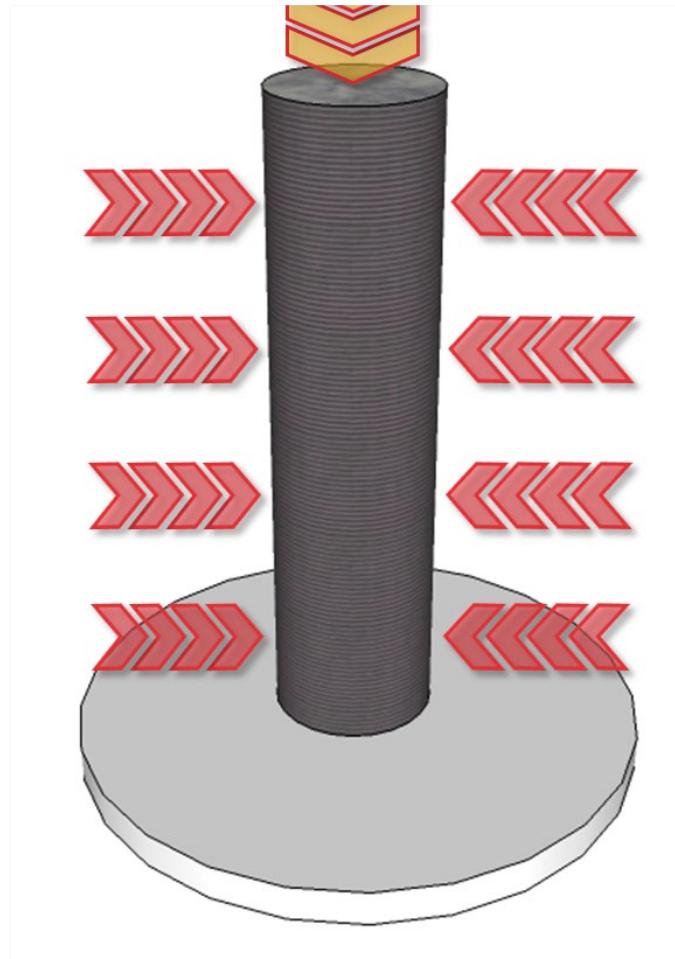
s_{anc} , in.	U-wrap $NE_{ftf\beta}$ kip/in.	R_A		r_{anc} , in.	h_{anc} , in.		
		90 degrees	125 degrees		90 degrees	110 degrees	125 degrees $\leq \beta_{anc} \leq 180$ degrees
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A photograph showing a construction worker in a red shirt and hard hat applying a dark, ribbed mesh wrap to a vertical concrete column. He is using his hands to smooth the mesh onto the surface. The background shows a clear blue sky and some structural elements.

COLUMN CONFINEMENT

COLUMN STRENGTHENING CONFINEMENT



- CFRP strengthening
- Increase in both axial and flexural strength
- Commonly used for seismic retrofitting
- Most efficient reinforcement in circular columns

CONFINEMENT DESIGN

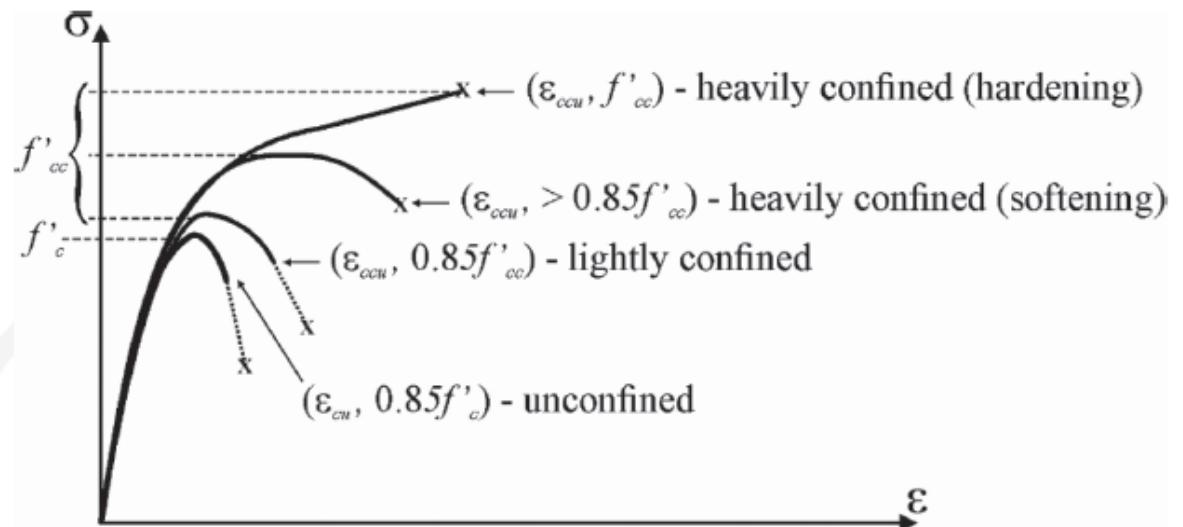


Fig. R9.2.4.1.3—Schematic stress-strain behavior of unconfined and confined reinforced concrete columns (after Rocca et al. [2006]).

Reduction factor for non-circular members

$$f'_{cc} = f'_c + \Psi_f 3.3 \kappa_a f_l$$

$$\varepsilon_{ccu} = \dot{\varepsilon}_c \left(1.5 + 12 \kappa_b \frac{f_l}{f'_c} \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{fe}}{\dot{\varepsilon}_c} \right)^{0.45} \right)$$

$$\phi P_n = 0.85\phi \left[0.85f'_{cc} (A_g - A_{st}) + f_y A_{st} \right]$$

CONFINEMENT DESIGN

- For combined axial compression and bending
- Axial-moment interaction for an FRP confined column is found based on strain compatibility and stress resultants.

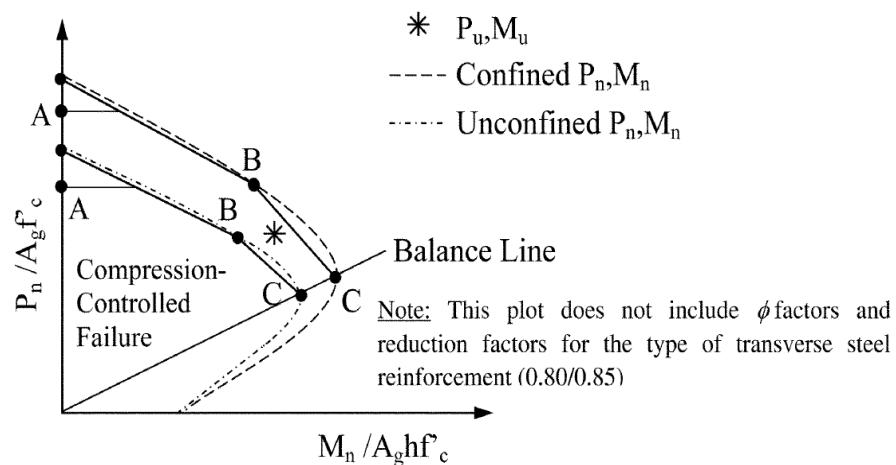
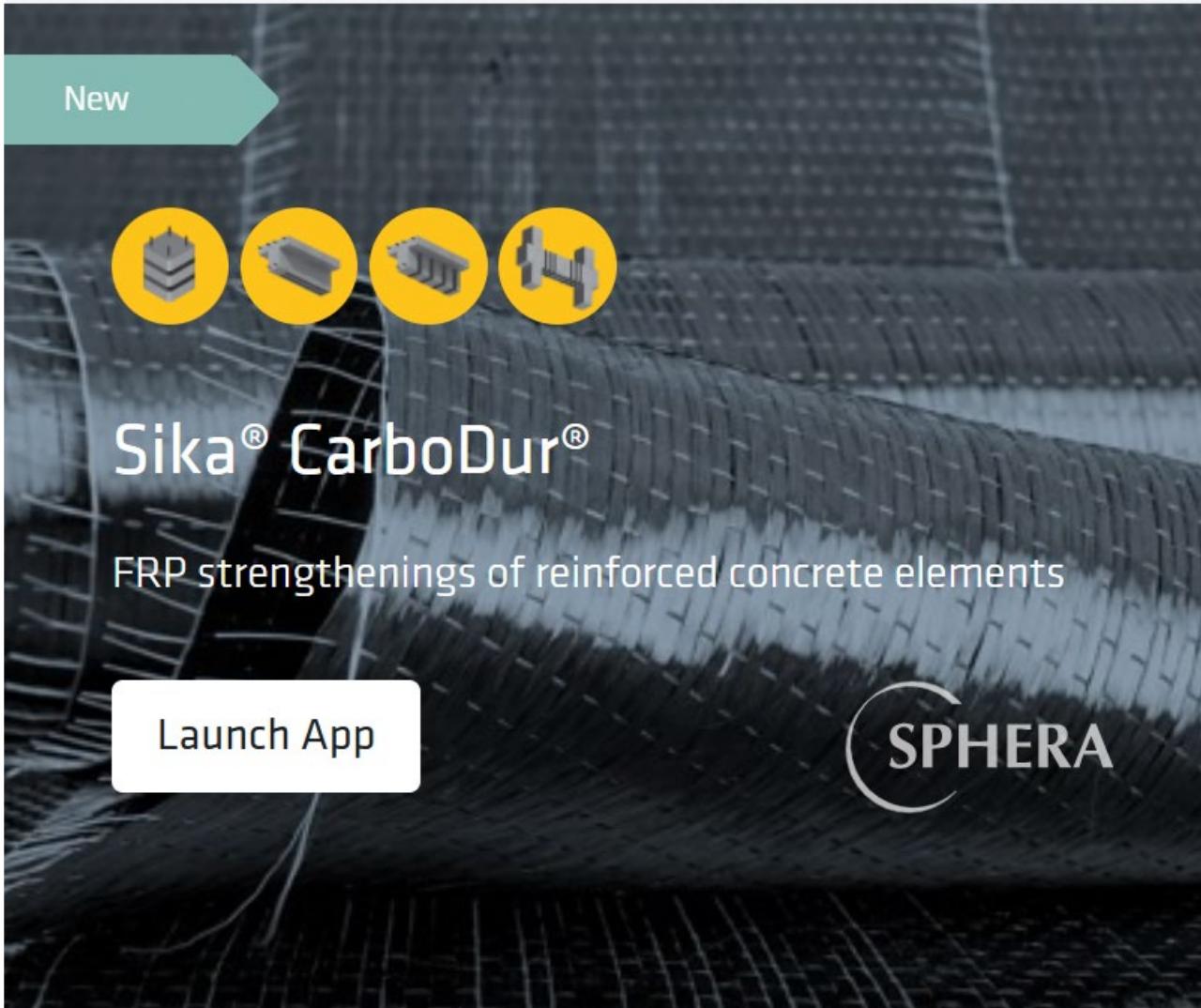


Figure 12.4 in ACI-440.2R

CARBODUR SOFTWARE

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Features of the new Sika® CarboDur® Software

- Free licensed, cloud-based software
- No installation needed
- Compatible with all web browsers
- Modernized interface and easy navigation
- User has full control of complete design process
- Available in multiple languages and design guidelines
- Supported by Sika technical assistance



SIKA® CARBODUR® SOFTWARE – CLOUD BASED



ADVANTAGES

- Powerful tool
- Free license
- Excellent user interface
- Multi language/ Multi design standard
- Cloud based. No installation needed
- Accessible from any internet connected device
- New functionalities

Old version:

- Required installation
- Several issues with firewall and antivirus
- No control on the activities done by users
- Not sure everybody works with latest version
- License valid only on 1 single PC/laptop

CARBODUR SOFTWARE LANDING PAGE

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New project



Section flexural-strengthening

 Flexural



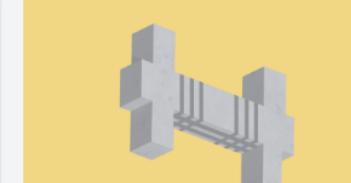
Section shear-strengthening

 Shear



Column confinement

 Confinement



Beam strengthening

COMING SOON

My projects

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NEW SIKA® CARBODUR® SOFTWARE

The screenshot shows the Sika CarboDur Software interface. At the top, there's a yellow header bar with the Sika logo and the text "CarboDur® Software". Below it, a white sidebar on the left displays project details: "GSTM 2024 EXAMPLE", "Last edited 6/5/2024", "Confinement of column", "CNR-DT 200 R1/2013", and "Catalogue: Italy" with an Italian flag icon. A red callout box points to this area with the text "Always displayed the standard and the catalogue used". The main content area has a grey header "Project details" with "Expand all" and "Collapse all" buttons. To the right is a vertical "Lateral bar" with sections: "Project details" (green), "Concrete" (green), "Steel" (red), "Column section" (grey), "Loads" (green), "Strengthening" (grey), and "Fire" (green). A red callout box points to this bar with the text "Lateral bar showing which sections are complete (green), which one contain errors (red), which one are not started yet (grey)". At the bottom of the sidebar, a red box contains the message "There are issues in: • Steel". A blue "Save project" button is at the very bottom.

Always displayed the standard and the catalogue used

Each section can be opened and closed

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Preferences

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Current System:

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Units of measure:

Plan length (e.g. length of beams, distance between uprights)

mm

ft.

Section length (e.g. width of a beam, thickness of a slab)

mm

in.

Plan area (e.g. area of slabs)

m²

ft²

Section area (e.g. cross-section of rebars)

mm²

in²

Torque (e.g. bending moment)

kNm

kip·ft

Force (e.g. point loads)

kN

lbf

Force per unit length (e.g. line loads)

kN/m

kip/ft

Force per unit area (e.g. uniform loads)

kN/m²

kip/ft²

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EXAMPLE
Last edited 6/5/2024

Confinement of column
CNR-DT 200 R1/2013
Catalogue: Italy

Project details

- Concrete
- Steel
- Column section
- Loads
- Strengthening
- Fire

All steps completed [Generate report](#)

[Save project](#)

Column section

Rectangular **Circular**

Dimensions
Column section dimensions.

Width (b)
Height (h)

Left and right (c_x)
Top and bottom (c_y)

Mechanical covering Distance of bars from concrete border.

Number of bars
Bars diameter

Corner bars
Reinforcing bars at the corners.

Horizontal bars
Reinforcing bars along the sides.

Number of bars
Bars diameter

Vertical bars
Reinforcing bars along the sides.

Number of bars
Bars diameter

Reinforcements:
- n. 4 ø 16 mm
- n. 2 ø 16 mm

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Loads

Ultimate limit state (ULS) loads
Combination loads for strength checks.

Axial force (N_{SLU})	Bending moment ($M_{x,SLU}$)	Bending moment ($M_{y,SLU}$)
1500 kN	100 kN·m	110 kN·m

Quasi permanent (QP) loads
Combination loads for accidental damage and fire.

Axial force (N_{QP})	Bending moment ($M_{x,QP}$)	Bending moment ($M_{y,QP}$)
1200 kN	60 kN·m	—

Checks for accidental damage
Set whether structural verifications for accidental damage must be performed.

Perform checks?

Resistance ULS
Check ratio: 89.5%

Resistance Accidental Damage

Graph showing resistance curves for accidental damage. A red dot marks the current load condition at approximately $M_x = 60$ kNm and $M_y = 110$ kNm.

Limit states

	ULS	Accidental damage	Fire (t=0)
Compression	336.3 kN	3382 kN	3382 kN
Tension	349.7 kN	402.1 kN	402.1 kN

NEW - Possibility to work directly with design values

NEW - Graphic real time indicator of the current situation of the column

Real time interaction diagram

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CONCLUSIONS

- FRP's are cost and time effective solutions for reinforcement of infrastructure
- Typical FRP strengthening applications in RC include flexural, shear, confinement, and seismic strengthening
- Proper repair and application is critical to ensure successful and long-lasting reinforcement
- Current FRP code and design guidelines are ACI CODE 440.13 and AASHT 2nd Ed.
- Sika new CarboDur cloud base software is a powerful design tool to help you with the design and specification process

THANK YOU.

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Sika aims for organic growth fueled by innovative drive and entrepreneurial spirit. Growth is further strengthened by carefully targeted acquisitions that add complimentary technologies and increase our access to markets and channels. Sika always strives to ensure a smooth integration – paying close attention to the local corporate culture and needs of our new team members.

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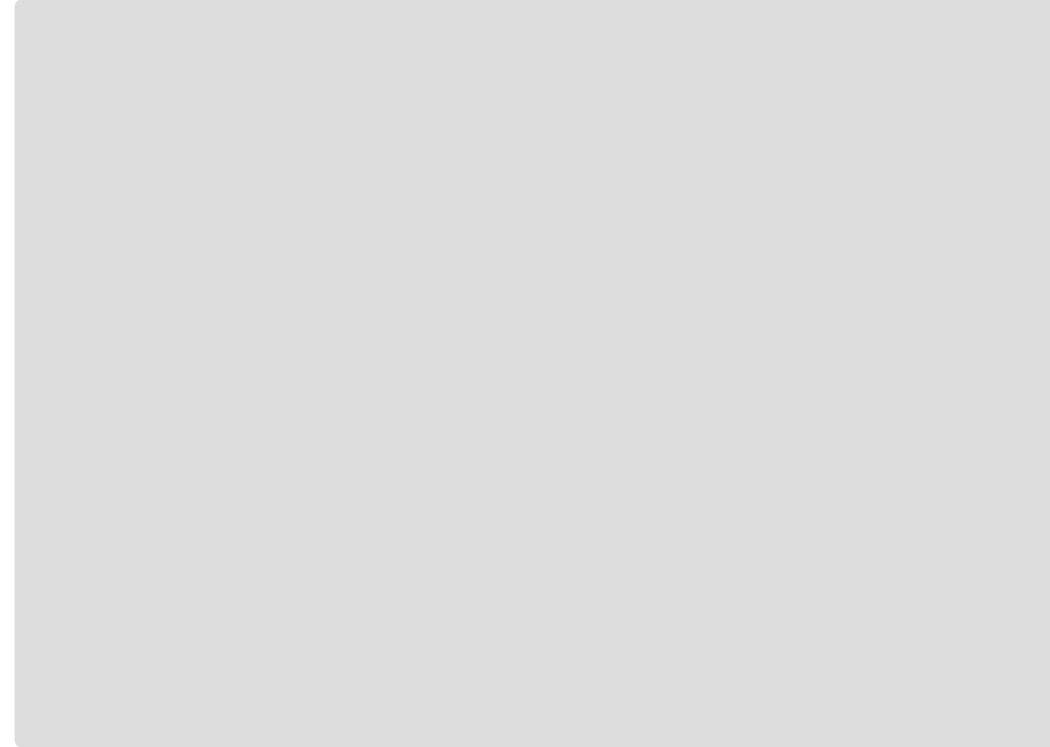


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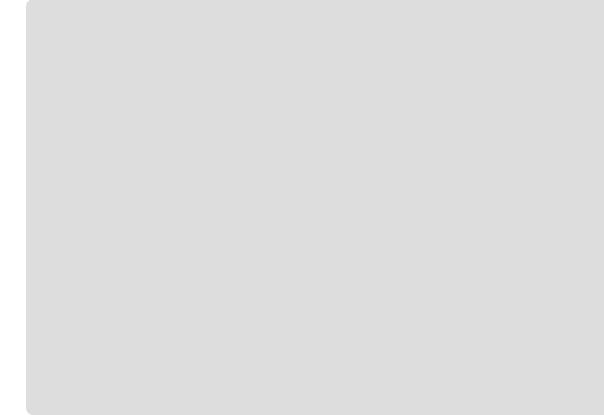
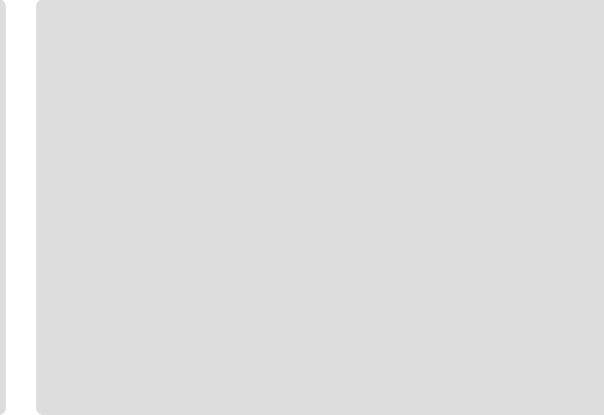
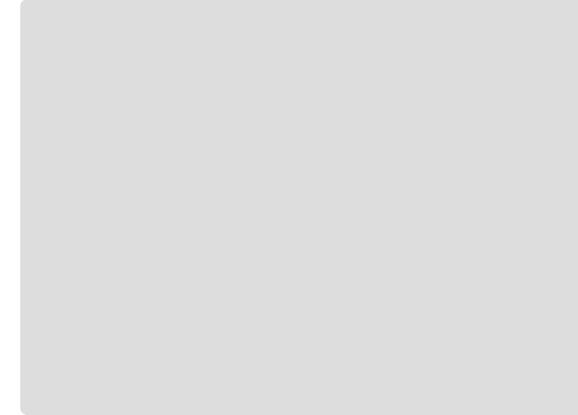
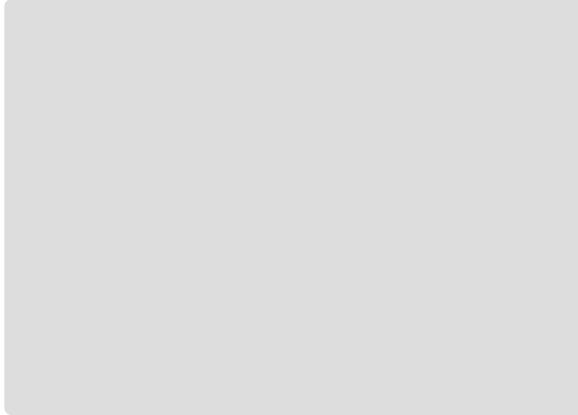


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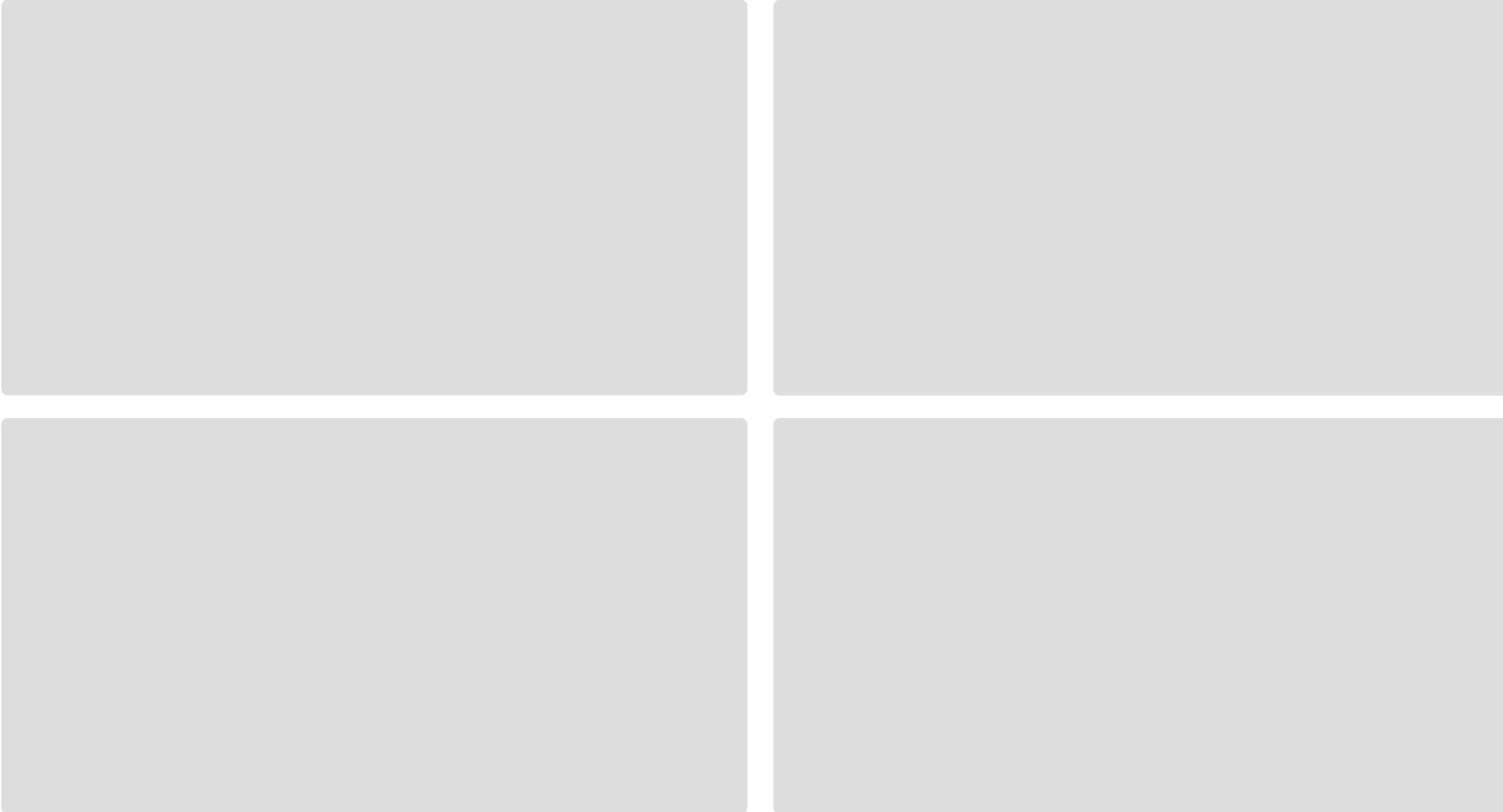
Caption

Acquisitions have proven to be a major growth driver that allows us to increase market penetration through market share, technology as well as channel access.



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An aerial photograph of a construction site. In the upper left, there's a large concrete mixer truck and some green equipment. The middle left shows several large, rectangular steel rebar cages stacked on the ground. In the center, there's a dirt area with some small structures and equipment. The right side of the image has a solid yellow diagonal gradient.

INSERT YOUR VISION
THERE'S A GRADIENT ON THE IMAGE
TO HELP WITH READABILITY.

EXAMPLE

TABLE ON WHITE BACKGROUND

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POTENTIAL CATEGORIES

DEFINITION OF THE CATEGORIES

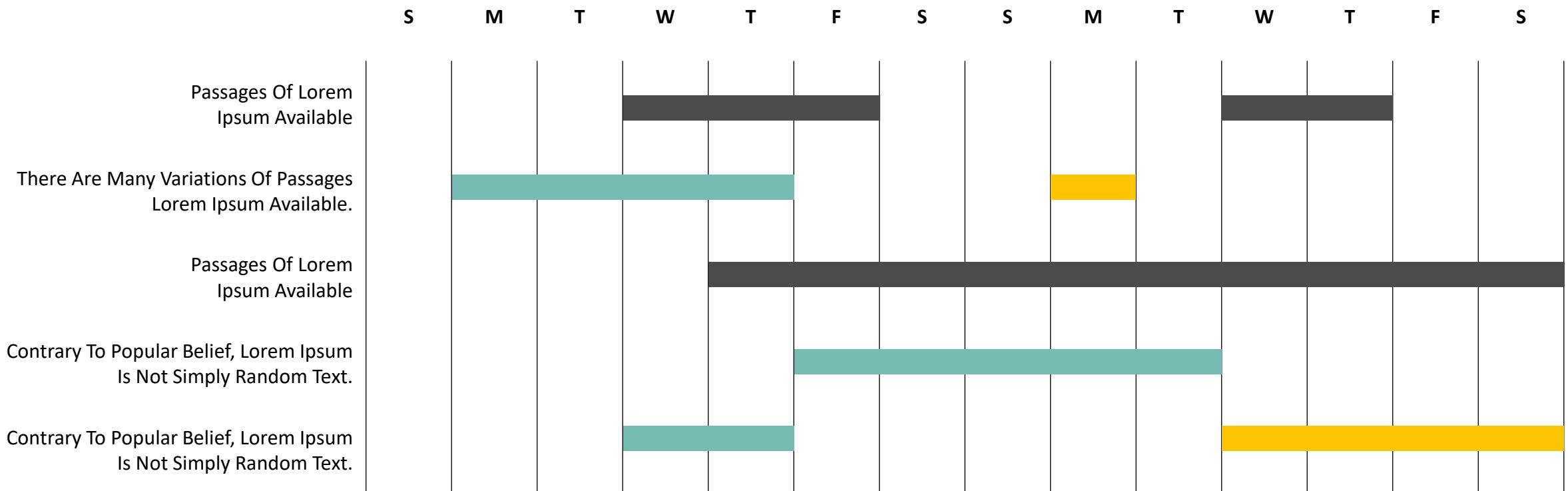
EXAMPLES

COMPARISON OF PRODUCT STRENGTHS

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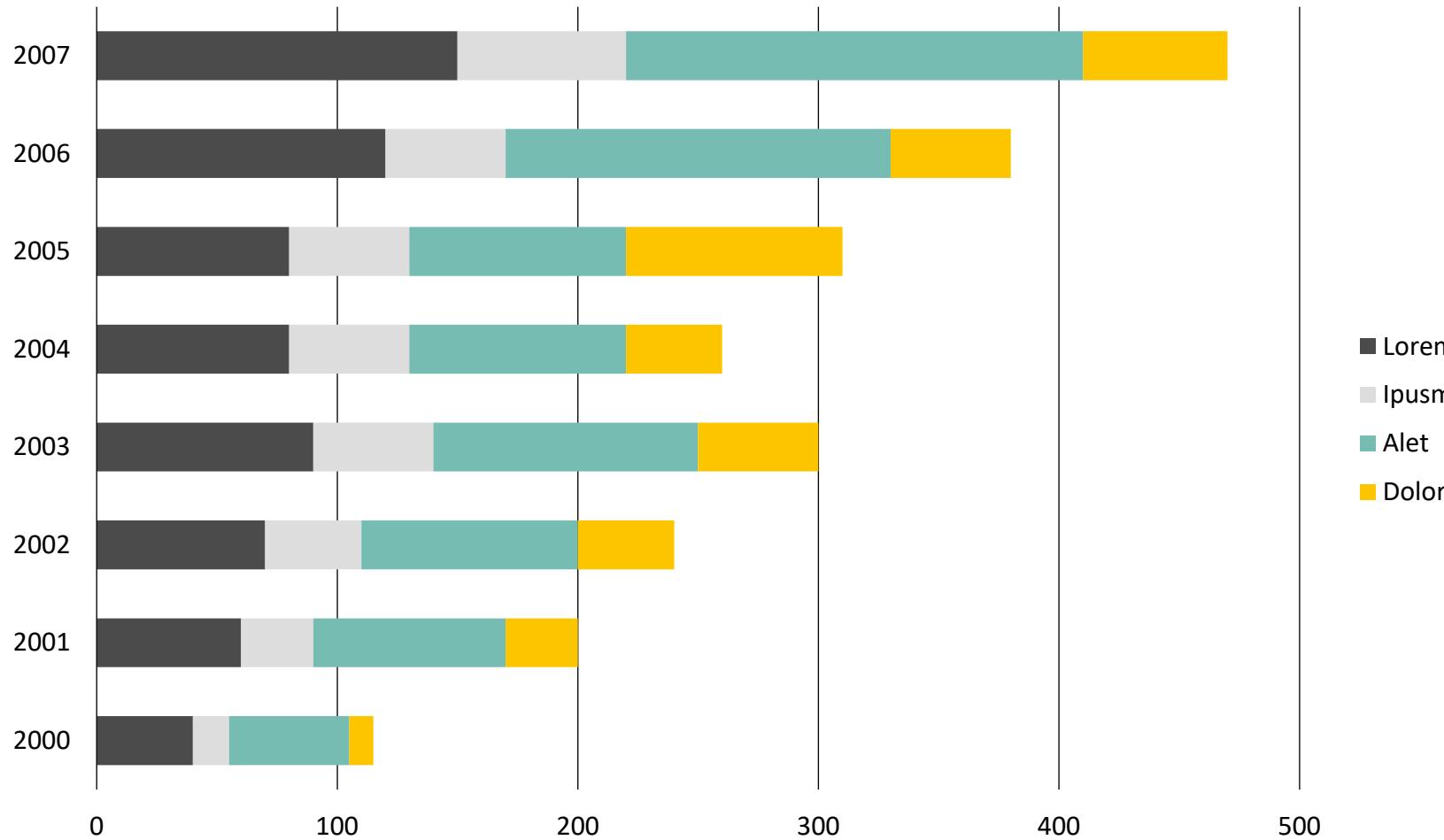
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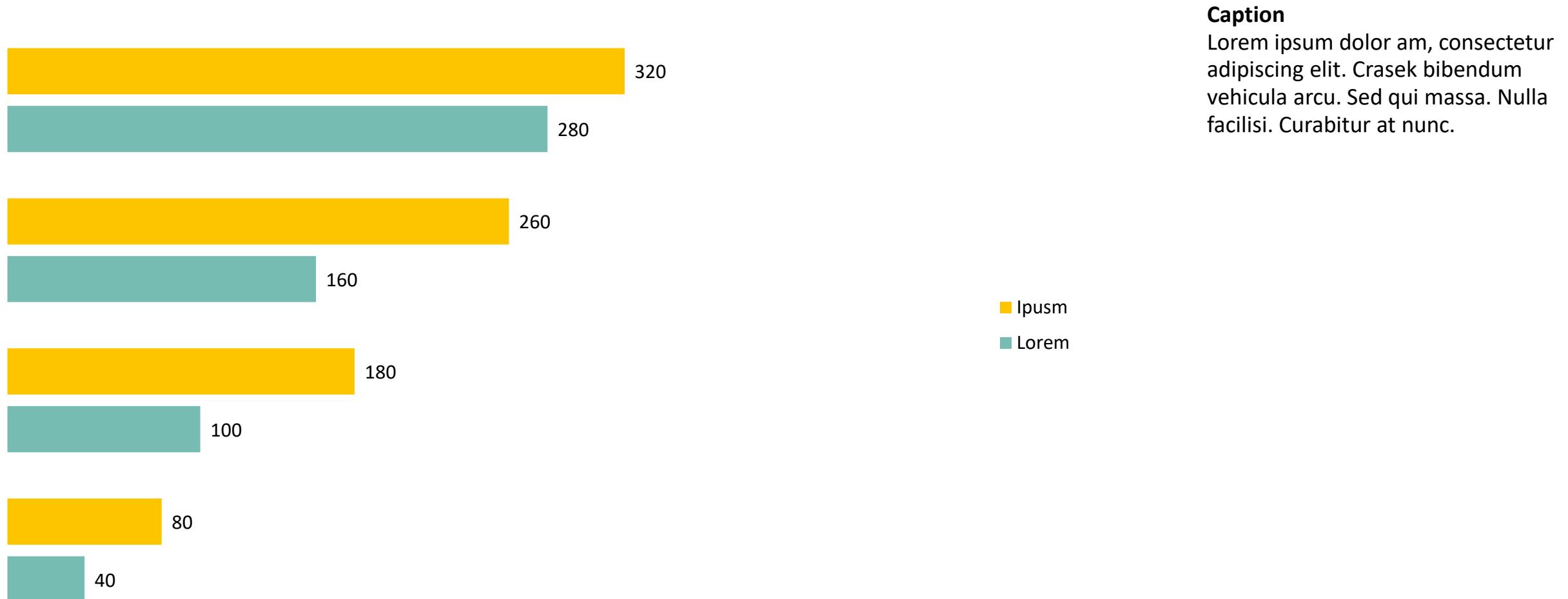


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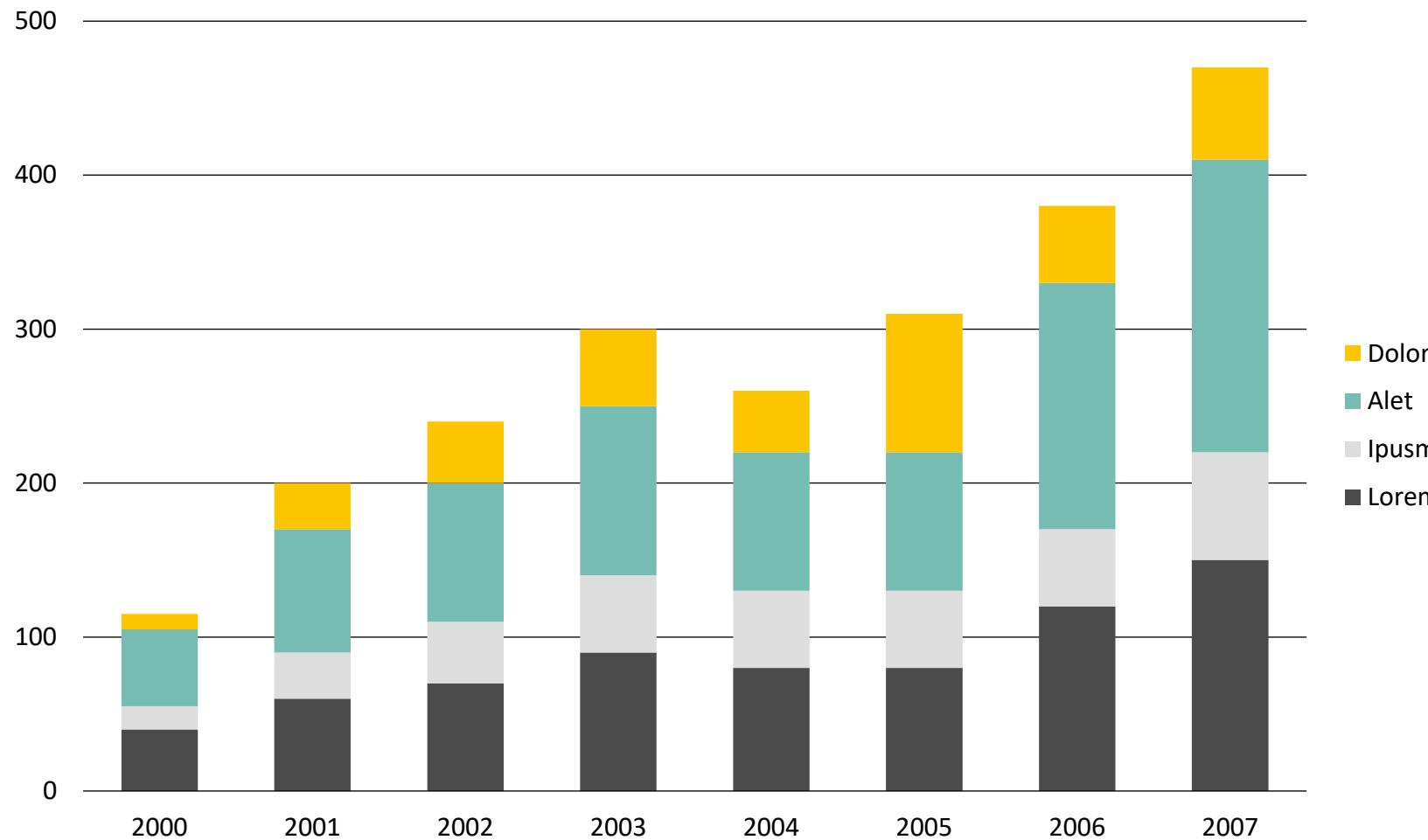
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EXAMPLE BAR DIAGRAM (GROUPED)



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COLUMN DIAGRAM (STACKED)



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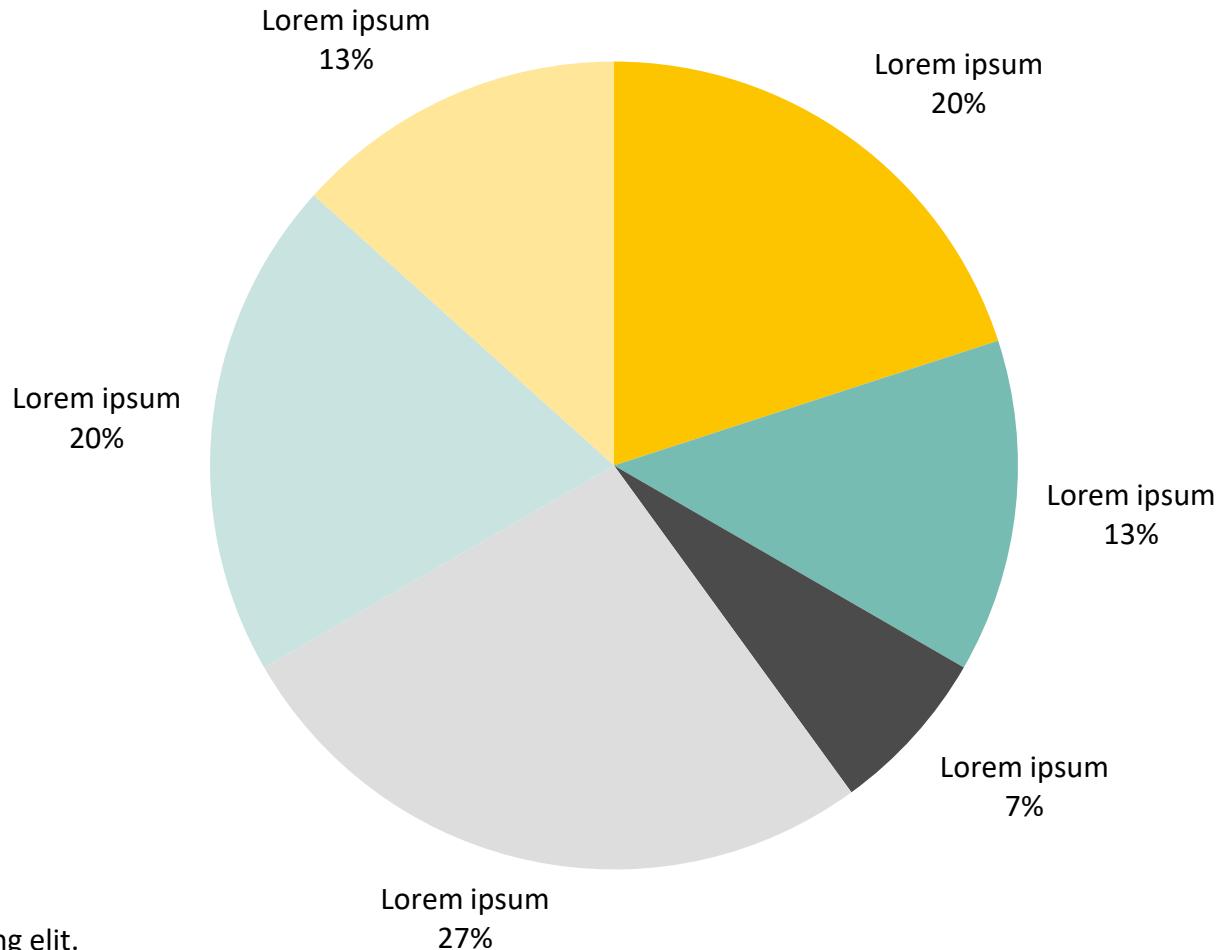
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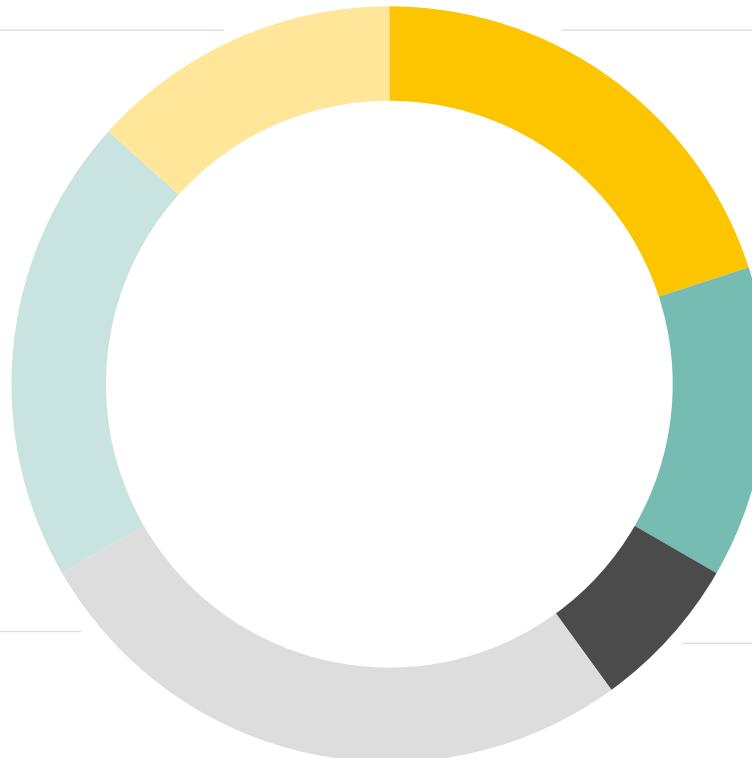


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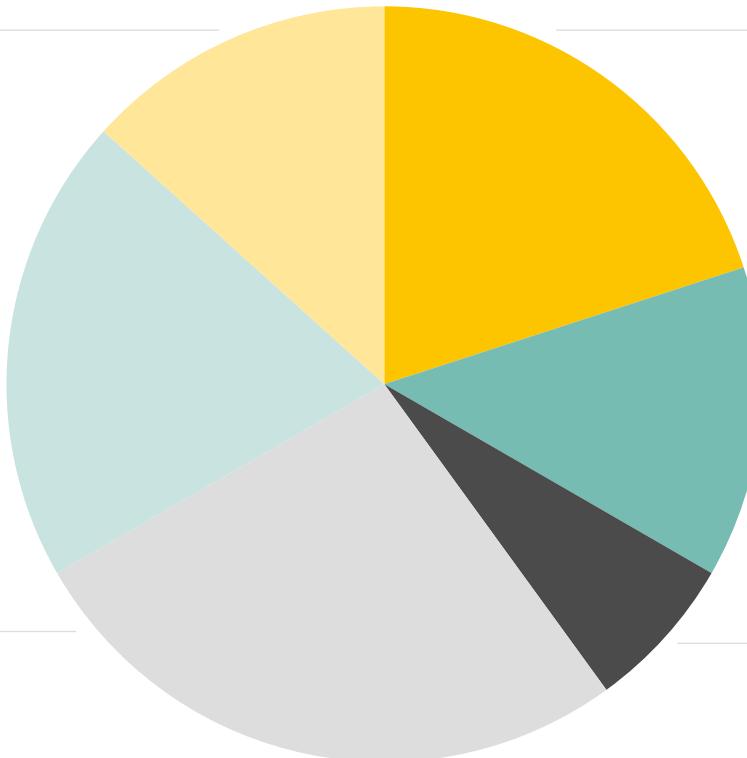


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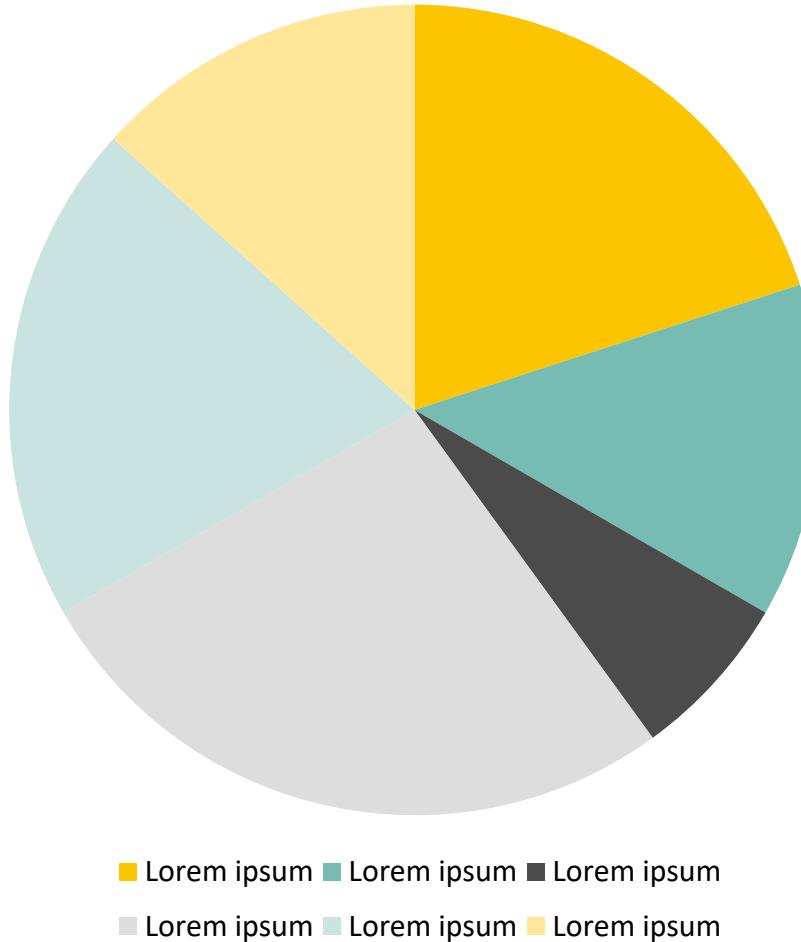


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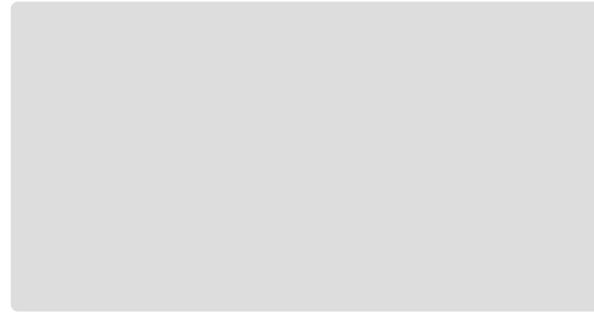


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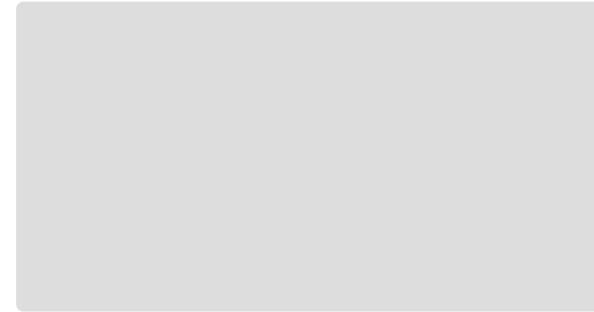
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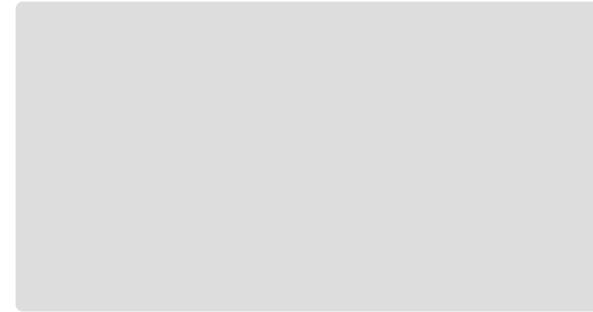
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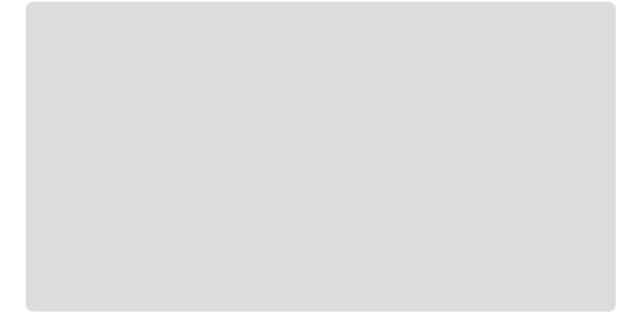
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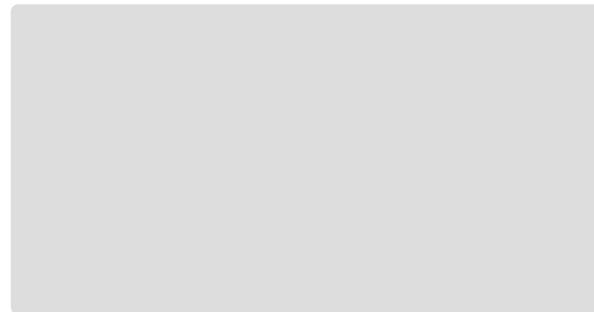
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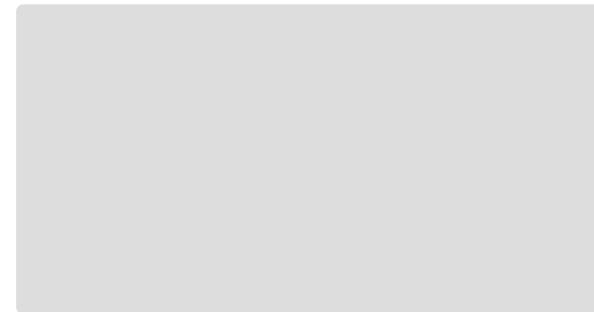
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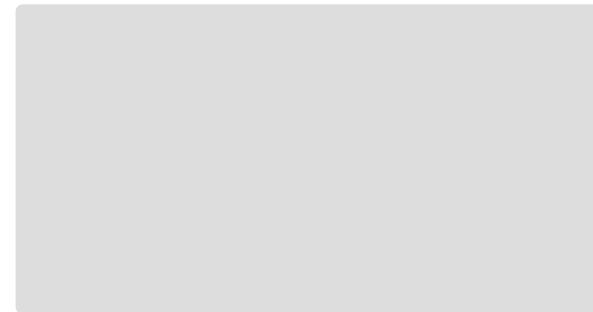
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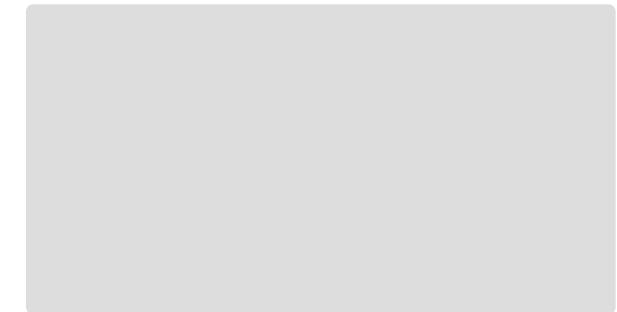
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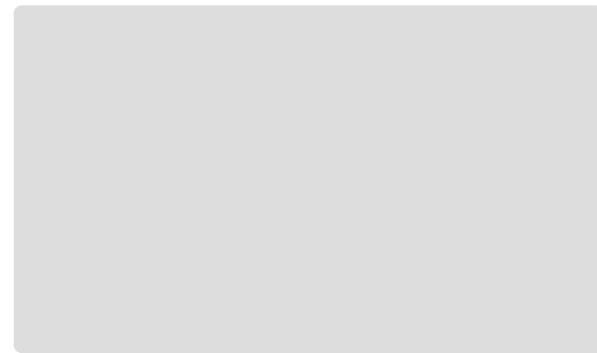


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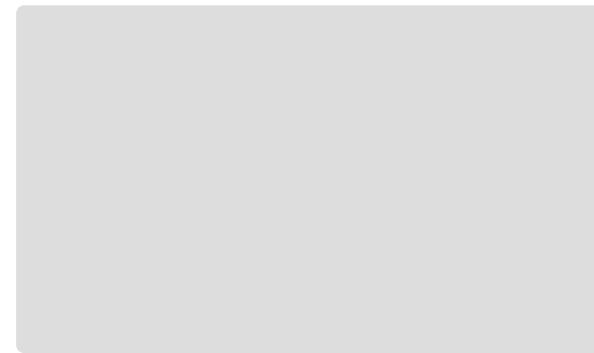


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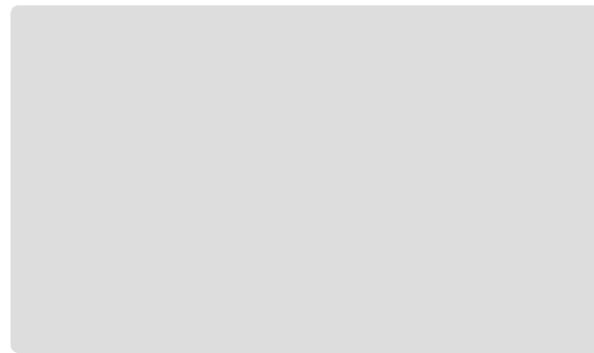


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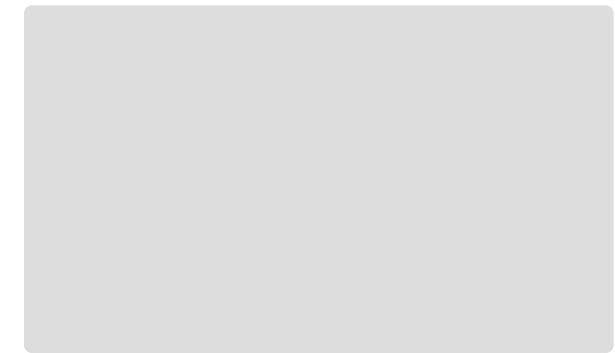


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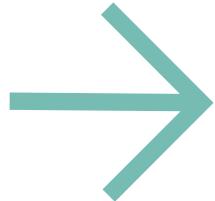
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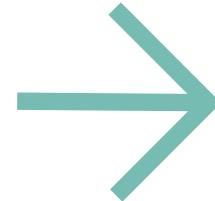
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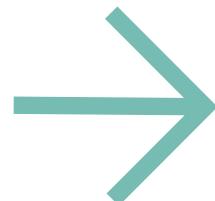
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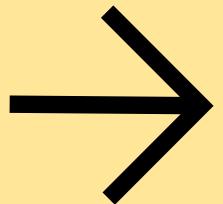
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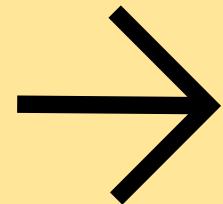
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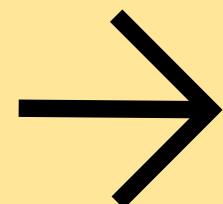
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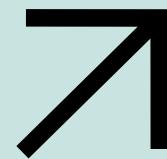
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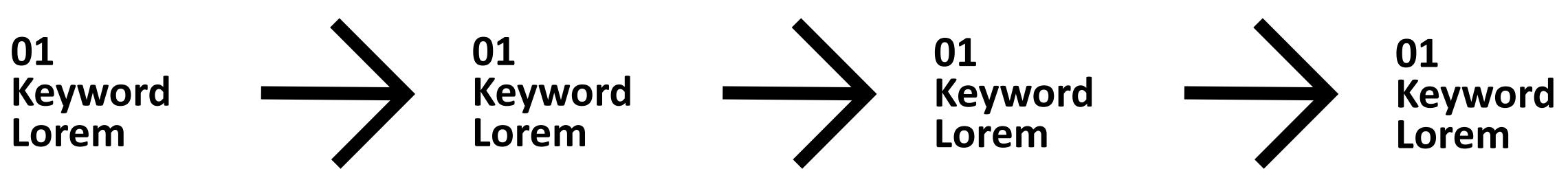


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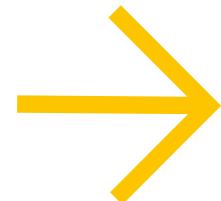
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