Unconfined Concrete Stress-Strain Behavior





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Reinforcing Steel Stress-Strain Behavior







Mid-Point Displacement, Δ



Typical Moment Curvature Diagram



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Influence of Reinforcement Ratio





Influence of Compression Reinforcement







Moment-Curvature with Confined Concrete





Plastic Hinging





Strategies to Improve Ductility

- Use low flexural reinforcement ratio
- Add compression reinforcement
- Add confining reinforcement



Other Functions of Confining Steel

- Acts as shear reinforcement
- Prevents buckling of longitudinal reinforcement
- Prevents bond splitting failures



Structural Behavior Frames



Story Mechanism

Sway Mechanism



Story Mechanism





Structural Behavior - Walls





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Structural Behavior - Columns









Hysteretic Behavior of Joint with Hoops





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Hysteretic Behavior of Joint without Hoops





Joint Failure – No Shear Reinforcing





Summary of Concrete Behavior

Compressive Ductility

- Strong in compression but brittle
- Confinement improves ductility by
 - Maintaining concrete core integrity
 - Preventing longitudinal bar buckling

Flexural Ductility

- Longitudinal steel provides monotonic ductility at low reinforcement ratios
- Transverse steel needed to maintain ductility through reverse cycles and at very high strains (hinge development)



Summary of Concrete Behavior

Damping

- Well cracked: moderately high damping

- Uncracked (e.g. prestressed): low damping

Potential Problems

- Shear failures are brittle and abrupt and must be avoided
- Degrading strength/stiffness with repeat cycles
 - Limit degradation through adequate hinge development

