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## **Basalt Fibres for concrete strengthening**

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Research Rationale

• Experimental work

• Findings and Conclusions

#### Strengthening

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• Traditional - Steel



G. Nichols



## Modern - Fibre Reinforced Polymers (FRPs)

Carbon, Glass, Aramid





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#### **FRPs for Strengthening of Concrete**



decks are limited to flexural strengthening. In addition, general guidance is

provided on suitable strengthening techniques.

FRP as reinforcement for concrete has already been validated!



- Cost Issue
- Debonding Issue

#### **FRP Cost Issue**





#### **FRP Debonding Issue**





#### **Relatively new Basalt Fibers**





Volcano



Basalt Rock



**Basalt Plant** 



**Basalt Fibres** 



Furnace



Crushed Basalt Rock





Basalt FRP (BFRP) bars/plates/strips

#### **Relatively new Basalt Fibers**



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Characteristic of fibres	Basalt	E-Glass	S-Glass	Carbon
Tensile Strength (MPa)	3000~4840	3100~3800	4020~4650	3500~6000
Elongation at break (mm)	3.1	4.7	5.3	$1.5 \sim 2.0$
Elastic modulus (GPa)	79.3~93.1	$72.5 \sim 75.5$	83~86	230~600
Temperature of use (°C)	-260~+500	-50~+380	-50~+300	-50~+700

#### **Research Question**



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# Can <u>Basalt FRP</u> represent an economic alternative to the traditional fibres?



4 November

#### **Experimental Program - Overview**





#### **BFRP strips - preparation**









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U – strips (235x90) mm

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#### **Beam tests**



Beam	Pult	Mult	Py	My	Vf	V	Pdeb	Failure mode	Pexp
	(kN)	(kNm)	(kN)	(kNm)	(kN)	(kN)	(kN)		(kN)
PB1-1	224	86	208	80	20	196	119	End debonding	171
PB1-2	209	80	-	-	20	196	119	Crushing	160
CB0	198	76	196	75	-	150	110	Rip-off	134
SB5	207	79	204	78	34	219	112	Crushing	179

Beam	P <sub>ult</sub> (kN)	M <sub>ult</sub> (kNm)	Py (kN)	My (kNm)	V <sub>f</sub> (kN)	V (kN)	P <sub>deb</sub> (kN)	Failure mode	P <sub>exp</sub> (kN)
PB2-1	164	63	120	46	-	398	59	Peel-off	98
PB2-2	216	83	153	59	20	482	97	End debonding	151
PB2-3	206	80	158	60	20	482	62	End debonding	121



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#### Plate end – crack patters



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#### Mid-span displacement (mm)

CBO beam (brittle)

30

- Increase in debonding load (~27%)
- Pseudo-ductility

**Results** 

200

#### PB1-1 beam (distributed cracking)



#### PB1-1 beam (distributed cracking)



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#### Results

- High strain in Basalt FRP strips
- No debonding of BFRP strips











#### **Experimental Program - Overview**

Set <sup>bar</sup>	Tests		No. of bars	Nominal	Actual	Total no.
type			per diameter	diameter (mm)	area	of bars
			5	3	9.6	
11	Tensile test (	TT1)	5	5	23.8	20
			5	8	57.1	
			5	10	86.8	
	Tensile test (	TT2)	5	3	9.4	5
		Water/20°C/1000h		3	9.5	
21	Durability test	Water/60°C/1000h	5			20
	(DT2)	pH13/20°C/1000h				
		pH 13/60°C/1000h				
		Water/60°C/200h	3	3	9.1	3
			9	б	33.3	
	Tensile tests	(TT3)	5	4	15.5	24
			5	5	23.6	
			5	7	44.4	
		pH 9/20°C/100h	5	б	33.2	5
		pH 9/20°C/1000h	5	б	32.9	5
		pH 9/40°C/100h	5	б	33.2	5
32		pH 9/40°C/1000h	5	б	30.1	5
	Durahility test	pH 9/60°C/100h	5	4	15.8	
	(D. m.e.)		5	5	22.9	20
	(DT3)		5	6	32.6	
			5	7	44.4	
		pH 9/60°C/1000h	5	б	32.7	5
		pH 9/20°C/5000h	5	б	32.6	5
		pH 9/40°C/5000h	5	б	33.2	5
		pH 9/60°C/5000h	5	б	32.5	5

132 Basalt FRP bars

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#### - Time:

100h, 200h, 1000h and 5000h

#### - Alkalinity:

pH7, pH9 and pH13

#### - Temperature:

20°C, 40°C and 60°C

Note: the nominal diameters were verified and used for stress calculations for bars without strain



## Conditioning

#### **Basalt FRP bars**



type 1 – 10 mm



#### Conditioning





#### Tensile testing





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Effect of temperature





#### Long-term strength prediction in any environment



R<sub>10</sub> - cst. n<sub>on</sub> - changes

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#### Long-term strength prediction in any environment

- Step 1. Condition specimens
- Step 2. Measure short term-strength
- Step 3. Establish degradation parameters
- Step 4. Determine the reference degradation curve
- Step 5. Estimate the long-term strength

analytically

- environmental strength reduction factor

 $\eta_{env,t} = 1/((100 - R_{10})/100)^n$ 

- percentage of the long-term strength retained  $f_{\it fkt\%} = (1/\eta_{\it env,t}) \cdot 100$ 



1000h, 20°C, 40°C, 60°C, water, pH13

Tensile testing

Use Table

Find  $n_{on}$  and  $R_{10}$ 



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#### Conclusions

**Strengthening Potential** 

- 27 % strength enhancement
- Enabled pseudo-ductile behaviour

Durability

- BFRP ~ GFRP tensile properties
- Temp high effect; pH less effect
- 53% strength retention after 100 yrs in concrete

# Q: Can <u>Basalt FRP</u> represent an economic alternative to the traditional fibres?

## A: BFRP – economic solution for concrete when strengthening demand is moderate



Thank you!



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## Any questions?