



## 19 **1. Introduction**

20 One of the most challenging global issues is the alarming increase of CO<sub>2</sub> emission from  
21 cement manufacturing due to ever-growing demand for construction. CO<sub>2</sub> emission is also  
22 responsible for global warming which has negative effects on human health and our planetary  
23 ecology [1]. If no actions are taken, the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted from the global cement industry  
24 is warned to reach 2.34 billion tons by 2050 [1, 2]. Therefore, it is urgent to investigate and  
25 introduce new “green” binders which could completely or partially replace the ordinary  
26 portland cement in the nearest future. GPC is so-called a “green” material because it uses  
27 industrial wastes (i.e., calcium fly-ash, slag, silica fume, rice-husk ash) to produce the new  
28 binder replacing ordinary portland cement [3]. Three main components in GPC include fly ash,  
29 slag, and alkaline chemicals. Fly ash is a product found in coal-fired power stations while slag  
30 is a left-over product after a targeted metal has been successfully refined out of its raw ore. If  
31 OPC is replaced by GPC, industrial wastes could be effectively recycled to produce new  
32 binders (i.e., slag and fly ash) in GPC.

33 GPC has been intensively researched for over 20 years. Although many different mixes have  
34 been proposed to achieve different strengths of GPC, the application of GPC in construction is  
35 still limited partially because of a lack of design guide of structures made of GPC. Most of  
36 existing studies focus on seeking the optimal mixture design and mechanical properties of GPC  
37 [4, 5]. Wang et al. [6] and Rafeet et al. [7] reported that increasing the slag/fly ash ratio could  
38 improve the mechanical properties of GPC (e.g., compressive strength, elastic modulus). Xie  
39 et al. [8] suggested that the use of GPC with a combination of 50% slag, 50% fly ash and 0.5  
40 water/binder ratio showed good mechanical behaviours and workability. In addition, 80 °C for  
41 12-24 hour was an optimum curing condition of GPC [6]. Therefore, various studies suggested  
42 that the use of GPC under heat-cured condition offers numerous advantages such as little drying  
43 shrinkage, low creep, high compressive strength and bond strength, and excellent resistance in

44 acid and sulphate environments [9, 10]. Nevertheless, the mechanical properties of GPC also  
45 have some disadvantages. Among these disadvantages of reinforced-GPC structures, two  
46 unfavourable characteristics are low elastic modulus [11] and brittleness [12]. The low elastic  
47 modulus affects the stiffness degradation of structures while the ductility of the structure could  
48 be decreased due to the brittleness of GPC. Therefore, it is necessary to improve the weaknesses  
49 of GPC toward better performances.

50 Despite numerous studies on the mechanical properties of GPC, the behaviours of GPC-based  
51 structures are still understudied with contrary findings reported, which limits the wide  
52 applications of GPC in construction. Several studies presented that the performances of heat-  
53 cured GPC beams and columns were almost similar to those of OPC beams and columns.  
54 Therefore, the use of current standards for OPC to design the GPC beams and columns could  
55 be accepted [13, 14]. However, some recent investigations showed that the strength of ambient  
56 cured and over reinforced GPC beams and columns was overestimated by conventional  
57 sectional analysis procedures [15, 16]. Furthermore, current studies concentrated on heat-cured  
58 GPC, which could only be applied to precast concrete structures, but difficult to cast-in-situ  
59 concrete structures. A previous study has shown that the performances of ambient and heat-  
60 cured GPC are different [9], i.e. shrinkage and brittleness. Therefore, further studies  
61 investigating the structural performances of ambient cured GPC structures are necessary for  
62 possible wide applications of GPC to both precast and monolithic structures.

63 Beam-column joints are a crucial member of a building under earthquake loading because it  
64 relates to the strength development of the adjacent beams and columns [17]. Numerous recent  
65 devastating earthquakes across the world showed that if beam-column joints are destroyed, the  
66 buildings collapse even though the beams and columns are still in good conditions. Beam-  
67 column joints often fail by shear stress due to insufficient transverse rebars in these joint  
68 regions [18-22]. In most cases, the brittle shear failure is abruptly experienced, even without

69 any cautionary evidence about the collapse of the structures [17, 23]. This unexpected failure  
70 is attributed to non-ductile performances of structures [17]. Therefore, it is necessary to  
71 enhance the ductility of the joints under seismic loading.

72 The application of dry joints could resolve many disadvantages of monolithic, wet, and hybrid  
73 joints such as long construction time, high construction cost, and negative effects on the  
74 environment [24, 25]. However, dry joints with steel bolts are vulnerable to corrosion which is  
75 commonly considered as one of the priciest issues and also the critical causes for structural  
76 deterioration. In some circumstances, the costs for maintaining and repairing deteriorated  
77 components can be incredibly greater than constructing the new ones [26, 27]. For instance,  
78 Kitane et al. [28] reported that during the period of 1998 to 2017, it cost the United States of  
79 America an annual average of \$5.8 billion to maintain bridges. This issue could be effectively  
80 resolved by using non-corrosive FRP bolts with excellent corrosion resistance. However, the  
81 application of FRP bolts in the reality of structural engineering is still limited because these  
82 bolts have relatively low shear capacity if compared to conventional steel bolts. The tensile  
83 strength of FRP bolts is higher than that of steel bolts but the shear capacity, elastic modulus,  
84 and torsion resistance of FRP bolts are lower than those of steel bolts. It is noted that FRP bolts  
85 are made of anisotropic materials and behave linear-elastic stress-strain characteristic up to  
86 failure [19]. This feature could cause brittle failure if FRP bolts govern the main failure of the  
87 beam-column joints. Some researchers [29, 30] reported, however, that specimens did not show  
88 brittle failure if FRP material did not govern the main failure of specimens.

89 There have been a few published studies investigating GPC monolithic joints [31-34] while  
90 there has been no research examining the performances of ambient-cured GPC precast joints  
91 under cyclic loading in the open literature. The majority of previous studies related to GPC  
92 joints were based on testing on small size samples. No analytical model or design procedure  
93 has been proposed for GPC joints. According to the above review, ductility of the joint is

94 crucial while GPC reveals very brittle performances at the peak load. Therefore, it is necessary  
95 to investigate joint performances using GPC cured under ambient condition. This paper aims  
96 to investigate the performances of a GPC monolithic joint and a new GPC precast joint type  
97 using CFRP bolts and concrete-end-plate (CEP). Additionally, an empirical model to calculate  
98 the maximum applied loads of the monolithic and precast joints made of GPC is proposed. In  
99 order to evaluate the effects of the GPC utility and the accuracy level of the proposed model,  
100 the behaviours and the results of the model are sequentially compared with those of the OPC  
101 control specimens. It should be noted that the performances of OPC monolithic joints have  
102 been fully investigated in many previous studies and model to design these OPC monolithic  
103 joints have been proposed in various standards [35-38].

## 104 **2. Experimental program and analytical calculations**

### 105 *2.1. Design of the experimental specimens*

106 Two monolithic joints and two precast joints, namely specimens MO1-MG2 and PO3-PG4  
107 were prepared and tested in the study. The letters “O” and “G” denote the use of OPC and GPC  
108 to cast these specimens. The two precast joints used CFRP bolts with a diameter of 20 mm to  
109 connect beams and columns. The CFRP bolts were applied a prestress level of approximately  
110 6 kN. Two 20-ton load cells were used to determine these tensile forces in the bolts (see Fig.  
111 1). All the monolithic joints were designed following ACI 550R-96 [39] and ACI 352R-02  
112 [38]. The use of longitudinal rebars and stirrups was based on the requirements of ACI 318-11  
113 [40]. The two precast joints were designed in reference to the previous studies [17, 29] since  
114 no standards are available for this precast joint type. In addition, the weak beam-strong column  
115 principle is applied to design all the specimens. Therefore, cross-sections of the columns  
116 ( $200 \times 200 \text{ mm}^2$ ) were larger than those of the beams ( $150 \times 150 \text{ mm}^2$ ). These cross-sections  
117 were chosen based on previous studies [29, 41, 42]. The beams of the precast joints consisted

118 of two parts: (1) Beam A and (2) the CEP. Details of specimen dimensions and rebars can be  
119 found in Fig. 2.

## 120 **2.2. Mechanical properties of materials**

121 Table 1 presents the mixture proportions of 1 m<sup>3</sup> GPC and OPC. Two specimens were cast with  
122 GPC concrete based on the mixed design of the previous study [43] as presented in Table 1.  
123 Low calcium fly ash (FA) and ground granulated blast furnace slag (GGBFS) were used as  
124 binder materials. Their chemical compositions are presented in Table 2. A mixture of 12M  
125 sodium hydroxide (NaOH) and D-grade sodium silicate (Na<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>3</sub>) solution was utilized as an  
126 alkaline activator (Aa). It is noted that 480-g solid NaOH was mixed with 1-litre water to create  
127 12M NaOH. The D-grade sodium silicate consisted of 14.7% Na<sub>2</sub>O, 29.4% SiO<sub>2</sub>, and 55.9%  
128 H<sub>2</sub>O. 99% purity of solid NaOH and liquid Na<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>3</sub> were provided by Chem-supply Pty Ltd  
129 [44] and PQ-Australia Pty Ltd [45], respectively. Silica sand was used as fine aggregate. The  
130 mechanical properties of GPC and OPC were determined according to AS 1012.8.1-14 [46]  
131 and AS 1012.9.1-14 [47]. Three cylinders (200-mm height and 100-mm diameter) for  
132 compressive tests and three cylinders (300-mm height and 150-mm diameter) for splitting  
133 tensile tests were prepared for each GPC batch. The GPC mixture had low workability which  
134 needs be improved in future work. After the casting process, plastic sheets were utilized to  
135 cover the top surface of all the specimens. Ambient curing condition was applied for all the  
136 GPC specimens until the testing day. Specimens MO1 and PO3 were respectively tested on the  
137 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> day while two GPC specimens were tested on the 56<sup>th</sup> day after casting. The  
138 testing-day compressive strength ( $f'_c$ ) and tensile strength ( $f_{ct}$ ) of GPC were 66.1 MPa and 5.5  
139 MPa, respectively, while those of OPC were 38.4 MPa and 3.8 MPa, respectively. The  
140 mechanical properties of GPC and OPC were different due to different concrete batches. Two  
141 OPC specimens (MO1 and PO3) were cast with ready-mixed concrete from a local supplier

142 whereas GPC specimens (MG2 and PG4) were mixed manually at a structural laboratory. This  
143 difference of the mechanical properties was also reported in some previous studies [29, 48-50].  
144 As informed by the concrete supplier, the sizes of crushed stone aggregate and slump test  
145 results were 7 mm and 150 mm, respectively. Therefore, 7-mm crushed stone aggregates were  
146 also used in GPC batches to be compatible with OPC batches. The small aggregate was applied  
147 in this study to limit micro-crack width caused by aggregate restrained shrinkage [51]. 10-mm  
148 deformed steel bars were used for stirrups whereas the diameter of longitudinal rebars was 16  
149 mm. The top and bottom longitudinal rebars were similarly chosen because cyclic loading was  
150 applied for these joints. CFRP bolts, nuts, and plates were supplied by a company in China  
151 [52]. As informed by the supplier, GB/T 1447-05 [53] was applied to check the mechanical  
152 properties of CFRP bolts. The number of the samples which were used for the testing was 20-  
153 30 with the length of 800-1000 mm. The properties of all the rebars and CFRP bolts provided  
154 by the manufacturer are summarized in Tables 3 and 4. The geometry and dimensions of the  
155 CFRP bolts and nuts are shown in Fig.3.

### 156 **2.3. Test setup**

157 Fig. 4 shows the typical test setup of all the specimens. As shown in this figure, vertical  
158 displacements of the top and bottom column ends were resisted by a hydraulic jack, hinge, and  
159 a strut system. This hydraulic jack applied an initial axial force of 15 kN to the column. It is  
160 noted that the applied axial force may bring beneficial effects to the joint behaviours [54]  
161 which, however, were not investigated in this study. The load was applied on the beam tip  
162 under manual displacement control by a 500-kN hydraulic jack with the level of 6-9 mm/min  
163 based on ACI 374.1-05 [55]. Fig. 5 shows the incremental cyclic load history. Two fully  
164 reserved cycles were applied at each drift ratio (DR) with an initial ratio of 0.25% to ensure  
165 that all the specimens showed linear elastic responses in this initial stage. For the precast  
166 specimens, the columns were the first to be set up on the reaction frame. Then, the beams were

167 connected to the columns by four CFRP bolts with a diameter of 20 mm. The four holes on the  
168 beams and columns were created by four plastic tubes with the outside diameter of 21 mm.  
169 These plastic tubes were embedded into formworks and steel cages before the concrete casting  
170 and were removed one day after the casting. In order to easily remove these plastic tubes, a  
171 cutting line was created on each tube with an electric hand cutting machine. Outside tubes were  
172 also covered by cling wrap and oil. All CFRP bolts were applied a prestress level of 6.5 kN for  
173 Specimen PO3 and 5.3 kN for Specimen PG4.

#### 174 **2.4. Analytical model to estimate the maximum applied loads and the main failure position**

175 In order to apply these GPC monolithic and GPC precast joints into reality, it is necessary to  
176 propose a model for designers to estimate the load-carrying capacity or the horizontal shear  
177 resistance ( $V_{jh}$ ) in the middle zone of the joints. Based on this model, the main failure mode  
178 and failure position could be also determined. This section adopts the model proposed by Ngo  
179 et al. [29] with some modifications for the GPC specimens. The results of the proposed model  
180 are compared to the experimental results of this current and previous studies. This kind of dry  
181 joints could fail at the fixed-supports and the joint areas. Therefore, the load-carrying capacity  
182 ( $P_{max}$ ) is the minimum of applied load ( $P_{max1}$ ) and ( $P_{max2}$ ) corresponding to the failure  
183 occurrence at these two locations. It is noteworthy that two assumptions were adopted to  
184 determine  $P_{max2}$  of the precast joints: (1) Only the middle stirrup inside CEP mainly resisted  
185 the shear force in the joint area [29], and (2) The middle stirrup and longitudinal rebar yielded  
186 at the maximum applied load.

##### 187 **2.4.1. Failure at the fixed-support**

188  $P_{max1}$  was calculated following the nominal moment strength ( $M_{n1}$ ) of beams. The following  
189 formula was used to calculate  $P_{max1}$ :



190 
$$P_{max1} = \frac{M_{n1}}{L_1} \quad (1)$$

191 where  $L_1$  is the length of cantilever beams ( $L_1$  is 550 and 350 mm for monolithic and precast  
192 specimens, respectively).

193 For Specimens MG2 and PG4, previous studies showed that current standards and available  
194 models of OPC beams can be applied to design GPC beams with high accuracy, however, some  
195 modifications are needed if the beam is over reinforced [16]. In reality, the cross-sections of  
196 beams need to be reduced to ensure requirements of architecture so the beams could be  
197 designed with over reinforced. Most of the previous studies have ignored this issue [56, 57]. In  
198 the current study, the specimens were designed over reinforced which ensures the practicality  
199 of the results. Therefore, the use of existing standards to calculate  $M_{n1}$  requires some  
200 modification in  $k_3$  of the rectangular stress-block parameters [16]. In this study,  $M_{n1}$  of OPC  
201 specimens was determined based on ACI 318-11 [40] while  $M_{n1}$  of GPC specimens was  
202 calculated based on the study by Tran et al. [16] in which the value of  $k_3$  was changed from 0.9  
203 to 0.7.  $M_{n1}$  of all the specimens were calculated by using the nominal yield strength of rebars.

#### 204 **2.4.2. Failure in the middle zone**

205 For monolithic specimens,  $P_{max2}$  was determined based on the nominal shear strength ( $V_{ACI}$ )  
206 recommended by ACI 318-11 [40] as follows:

207 
$$V_{ACI} = \gamma \sqrt{f'_c} A_j \quad (2)$$

208 where  $\gamma$  depends on the effects of confinement in a joint,  $\gamma = 1.7$ ,  $\gamma = 1.2$ , and  $\gamma = 1.0$  if beams  
209 are confined at all four faces, two or three faces, and other cases of joint, respectively; the  
210 compressive strength of concrete is denoted as  $f'_c$ ,  $A_j$  is an effective joint area. If  $h_{col}$  and  $b_j$   
211 represent the effective joint depth and width, respectively, and  $b_c$  and  $b_b$  denote the width of  
212 the column and beam (Fig. 6), respectively, it has

213 
$$A_j = b_j h_{col}, b_j = \min\{b_b + 2x, b_b + h_{col}\} \text{ if } b_c \geq b_b, b_j = b_c \text{ if } b_c < b_b \quad (3)$$

214 As shown in Fig. 7,  $P_{max2}$  of the monolithic specimens is determined as follows:

215 
$$V_{c1} = T_3 - V_{ACI} \quad (4)$$

216 
$$P_{max2} = \frac{V_{c1} H_c}{L_b} \quad (5)$$

217 where  $V_{c1}$ ,  $T_3$ ,  $H_c$ , and  $L_b$  are the shear force at column top, the tensile forces of the rebars, the  
 218 height of the column, and the distance from the loading point to the centroid of the column,  
 219 respectively.

220 For the precast specimens, stirrups were assumed to yield for calculating  $P_{max2}$ . Fig. 8(b) shows  
 221 the free body diagram of the tested specimens. The tensile force in the top bolts ( $T_1$ ) is  
 222 expressed as follows:

223 
$$T_1 = T_1^a + T_1^b = V_{hs2} + \gamma_r P_r \quad (6)$$

224 where  $P_r$  and  $\gamma_r$  are the initial prestress forces and the prestress rate lost in the bolts (i.e.  $\gamma_r$  is  
 225 0.25 and 0.84 for CFRP bolts and steel bolts, respectively [29]). It is noticeable that the tensile  
 226 forces ( $T_1$  and  $T_2$ ) in the bolts consist of two components (i.e.,  $T_1$  including  $T_1^a$  and  $T_1^b$ ) caused  
 227 by the applied load and prestress force, respectively. At Section S<sub>2</sub>-S<sub>2</sub>, the horizontal shear  
 228 force ( $V_{hs2}$ ) is determined as follows:

229 
$$V_{s2} = V_s \sin \alpha + V_c \quad (7)$$

230 
$$V_{hs2} = V_{s2} \cos \alpha \quad (8)$$

231 where  $V_s = n A_v f_{yt}$  refers to the shear resistance of the stirrups,  $n$  is the number of legs of  
 232 stirrups, and  $f_{yt}$  and  $A_v$  are respectively the yield strength and cross-sectional area of stirrups.

233 According to the previous study [29], only the middle stirrup inside CEP mainly resisted the

234 shear force. Therefore, the middle stirrup was considered to determine  $V_s$ . For the shear  
 235 resistance of the OPC,  $V_c = \beta h_p b_p \sqrt{f'_c}$ ,  $\beta = \frac{1}{6}$  is adopted [40],  $b_p$  and  $h_p$  denote the width and  
 236 thickness of CEP. For the shear resistance of the GPC,  $\beta = 0.29$  is adopted to determine  $V_c$   
 237 based on the upper value of the shear strength in ACI 318-11 [40].

238 Fig. 8(c) shows the free body diagram of the precast beam.  $P_{max2}$  is calculated as follows:

$$239 \quad P_{max2} = \frac{T_1(H-2a_p)}{(L+0.5h_p)} \quad (9)$$

240 where  $L$  is the distance from the fixed-support to the loading point,  $a_p$  refers to the distance  
 241 between the centroid of the top bolts and the extreme-top fibre of the CEP,  $H$  and  $h_p$  denote the  
 242 height and thickness of the joint area, respectively.

243 The maximum applied load ( $P_{max}$ ) of both joint types (i.e., monolithic and precast joint) is  
 244 determined as follows:

$$245 \quad P_{max} = \min(P_{max1}, P_{max2}) \quad (10)$$

246 For the horizontal shear resistance ( $V_{jh}$ ) in the middle zone of the precast specimens.  $V_{jh}$  of the  
 247 proposed model is determined based on the tensile forces in the bolts ( $T_1$ ) and in the  
 248 longitudinal rebars ( $T_3$ ).  $T_1$  was calculated by Eq. 6 whereas  $T_3$  is calculated from a bending  
 249 moment ( $M$ ) when  $P_{max2}$  was determined by using Eq. 9. Therefore,  $V_{jh}$  can be determined as  
 250 follows:

$$251 \quad V_{jh} = T_1 - T_3 \quad (11)$$

252 This study also adopts the experiment results of Ngo et al. [29] and Saqan [24] to evaluate the  
 253 accuracy of the proposed models. The maximum applied loads ( $P_{exp-max}$ ) of all the tested  
 254 specimens were taken from experimental results. Specimens PO3, P5-S-SP, and DB-TC failed  
 255 in the joint area. Therefore,  $V_{jh}$  of these specimens is determined by Eq. (11), in which  $T_3$  is

256 calculated from the nominal yield strength of the longitudinal rebars. The main parameters are  
257 summarized in Table 5.

258 As can be observed from Table 5, the proposed model predicts that Specimen PO3, P5-S-SP,  
259 and DB-TC experienced the main failure in the joint areas whereas other specimens failed at  
260 the fixed-support. The variations of  $P_{maxl}$  between the proposed model and the experiment  
261 results are from 10% to 32%. Specimen MG2 presents the highest variation of 32%. This high  
262 variation could be attributed to the inaccuracy in estimating the moment capacity of the GPC  
263 beam. It should be noted that no standards have been introduced to accurately estimate the  
264 nominal moment strength of GPC beams yet. Therefore, this study adopted a model proposed  
265 by Tran et al. [16], which modified the stress block parameters for use in GPC beams based on  
266 analytical derivations and limited testing data. The accuracy and the applicability of the  
267 proposed model by Tran et al. [16] need to be studied further since the beam moment strength  
268 depends on many parameters which are most likely nonlinear intercorrelated. The model  
269 proposed based on limited testing data and analytical derivations with an ideal assumption of  
270 beam conditions does not necessarily cover the beam conditions in this study. On the other  
271 hand,  $P_{maxl}$  of Specimens MO1, MG2, PG4, and P4-S-SP-H were lower than the  $P_{exp-max}$ ,  
272 indicating reasonable safety margin for the joints.

273 Concerning the failure in the joint areas, the maximum applied loads were well predicted by  
274 the proposed model with a variation between 2 and 26%. Also, the variations of the horizontal  
275 shear strength in Specimens PO3 and P5-S-SP were 26% and 46%, respectively. Specimens  
276 PO3 and P5-S-SP were over reinforced. The nominal yield strength of the rebars was adopted  
277 to calculate  $T_3$ . As a result, the high variation of the horizontal shear strength was attributed to  
278 this assumption. For example, only 1.3% variation of the horizontal shear strength in Specimen  
279 PO3 is observed if the actual strain of the rebars is adopted to calculate  $T_3$ . In addition, the  
280 variation of the horizontal shear strength between ACI 318-11 [40] and the experiment reached

281 approximately 35% in Specimen PO3. This high variation is understandable because ACI 318-  
282 11 [40] model is meant for monolithic joints, not for precast joints with the CEP and bolts as  
283 in the current study.

## 284 **2.5. Experimental results and discussion**

### 285 **2.5.1. General behaviours and failure patterns**

286 All the specimens were tested under cyclic loading. CFRP bolts and the longitudinal rebars  
287 remained in a linear elastic range up to the maximum applied loads. No failure occurred in  
288 either the CFRP bolts or longitudinal rebars. For example, the maximum tensile strength of the  
289 CFRP bolts in Specimens PO3 and PG4 was 32 kN and 45 kN, which accounted for 32% and  
290 45% of their ultimate tensile strength (100 kN), respectively. The main failure of all the tested  
291 specimens was governed by concrete as also reported in the previous studies [17, 29]. This  
292 design ensured that the application of CFRP material did not cause the brittle failure in this  
293 precast joint type. Fig. 9 shows the failure modes of all the specimens. All the columns of the  
294 precast specimens were designed with higher capacity compared to the beams. There was no  
295 failure on the columns of the precast specimens while some minor inclined cracks were  
296 observed on the columns of the monolithic specimens. This design ensured that all the joints  
297 satisfied the requirements of the weak beam-strong columns for the reinforced-concrete  
298 structures under earthquake loading. Fig. 10 shows that strain in longitudinal rebars of the  
299 beams was considerably higher than that of the columns. For instance, in Specimen PO3, the  
300 maximum strain in the longitudinal rebars of the beam was  $2559 \mu\epsilon$  whereas that of the column  
301 was only  $619 \mu\epsilon$ . In addition, slips between the column and CEP were not recorded by LVDT  
302 (linear variable differential transformer) during the test due to high friction between their two  
303 interfaces. Therefore, shear stress did not cause failure in CFRP bolts during the tests.

304 As can be seen in Fig. 9, Specimens MO1 and MG2 exhibited similar failure patterns and trends  
305 of crack development whereas two precast specimens showed different failure modes and  
306 failure positions. Except for the concrete, two monolithic specimens were designed similarly.  
307 Specimen MO1 was cast by OPC while GPC was used to cast Specimen MG2. The vertical  
308 flexural cracks appeared initially at  $\pm 0.5\%$  DR when the tensile strain of concrete at the beam  
309 soffit reached its nominal tensile strain. It is noted that cracks on Specimen MG2 developed  
310 later than those on Specimen MO1 at the same DR (see Fig. 11). For example, the inclined  
311 cracks on Specimen MO1 propagated into the joint at 1% DR whereas there were only flexural  
312 cracks appearing on the beam of Specimen MG2 at the same DR. This phenomenon could be  
313 attributed to the different tensile strengths of concrete. The tensile strength of GPC (5.5 MPa)  
314 was higher than that of OPC (3.8 MPa). Therefore, the tensile cracks and shear cracks  
315 developed in Specimen MG2 slower than those in MO1. After 1% DR, the inclined cracks  
316 rapidly spread into the joint region when the longitudinal rebars mainly contributed to resist  
317 the bending moment of the beam. The inclined cracks on both the monolithic specimens  
318 initially concentrated in the middle joint area and then these inclined cracks propagated to two  
319 corners of the column. In addition, minor concrete crushing appeared at the fixed-support at  
320 2% DR for Specimen MO1 and 2.5% DR for Specimen MG2. Specimen MO1 reached the  
321 maximum applied load at 5% DR while that of Specimen MG2 was 4%. The different results  
322 are attributed to the brittleness of GPC at the peak load. Therefore, although cracks occurred  
323 later, the applied load dropped immediately when Specimen MG2 reached the peak load. Figs.  
324 9(MO1) and 9(MG2) show that both the monolithic specimens failed due to the crushing of  
325 concrete and vertical cracks at the fixed-support of the beams.

326 According to the previous studies [24, 58-60], beam-column joints could fail due to either  
327 diagonal compressive forces or shear forces. However, data of the strain gauges attached on  
328 aluminium bars to measure concrete strain (see Figs. 12 and 13) show that the main failure of

329 these dry joints was a result of the tensile cracks and shear cracks in the joint areas. Therefore,  
330 the use of spirals in the top and bottom zones (see Fig. 13) did not improve the peak loads  
331 compared to Specimen without spirals. Concerning the analysis in Section 2.4.2, increasing the  
332 diameter of the middle stirrups inside the CEP is a promising solution to enhance the  
333 performances of these dry joints. Both precast joints exhibited different failure modes as shown  
334 in Fig.9. Specimen PO3 failed in the middle zone of CEP whereas Specimen PG4 failed at the  
335 fixed-support. Flexural cracks also occurred quite early at 0.5% DR because concrete tensile  
336 strain at the fixed-support exceeded its limit. Following this stage, the longitudinal rebars of  
337 the beam mainly resisted bending moment. Therefore, tensile cracks spread into the middle  
338 area of the CEP. Numerous inclined cracks formed in the CEP from 0.5% to 3% DR as shown  
339 in Fig. 11(PO3). Two yellow cracks with a width of 1.5 mm caused the main failure of this  
340 specimen (see Fig. 9(PO3)). In addition, the appearance of cracks on the precast GPC specimen  
341 (PG4) also took longer than that on the precast OPC specimen (PO3). It indicates the tensile  
342 strength of concrete significantly affected the joint behaviours. Fig. 11(PG4) shows that only  
343 four minor cracks appeared on the CEP of Specimen PG4 at the peak load while various  
344 inclined cracks were distributed over the entire surface of CEP in Specimen PO3. This different  
345 failure mode could be attributed to the higher tensile strength (5.5 MPa) and brittleness of GPC  
346 as compared to OPC (3.8 MPa). High tensile strength of GPC concrete minimized the tensile  
347 crack development in the CEP of Specimens PG4. Therefore, the main failure mode was  
348 changed from the joint to the beam at the fixed-support as shown by the yellow curve in Fig.  
349 9(PG4). After reaching the peak load, the inclined cracks continued to develop on the CEP  
350 surface of specimen PG4 until the end of the test. This performance is attributed to the strength  
351 hardening of longitudinal rebars. Therefore, the tensile stress in the longitudinal rebars still  
352 increased after achieving the maximum applied load. Furthermore, if the precast joints with  
353 OPC and GPC had the same compressive and tensile strength, there would be no significant

354 difference between the failure mode and failure position of the two joints. Both precast joints  
355 might fail at the joint areas because tensile and shear cracks governed the main failure mode of  
356 these specimens. However, more brittle failure with more inclined cracks could be observed  
357 on the CEP of the precast specimen with GPC (PG4), compared to Specimen PO3 due to brittle  
358 characteristic of GPC material [12].

### 359 **2.5.2. Hysteretic performance and energy dissipation capacity**

360 Hysteretic response and energy dissipation capacity are the crucial characteristics to evaluate  
361 the performances of beam-column joints under seismic loads. A beam-column joint is  
362 considered having excellent energy dissipation capacity if the joint shows ductile behaviours  
363 without a considerable reduction of the effective stiffness and strength. The energy dissipation  
364 is calculated by the enclosed area ( $E_h$ ) inside the hysteretic loop of each cycle [17]. The  
365 hysteretic responses and the energy dissipation capacities of all the specimens are shown in  
366 Figs. 14 and 15. Up to 1% DR, the energy dissipation capacity of all the specimens showed a  
367 similar trend and values since the response remains primarily in the elastic range. In general,  
368 the shape of the hysteresis loops of Specimens MO1 and MG2 was similar to each other while  
369 the two precast specimens revealed different hysteretic performances with less pinching  
370 observed in Specimen PG4 as compared to Specimen PO3. It should be noted that the pinching  
371 is associated with the considerable variations in the area of hysteresis loops. This observation  
372 could be explained that Specimen PG4 experienced fewer cracks than Specimen PO3 at the  
373 same DRs as shown in Fig. 11. As previously mentioned, the tensile strength of concrete  
374 considerably affects the crack development of these precast joints. Consequently, the use of  
375 high tensile strength concretes in Specimen PG4 limited the appearance and development of  
376 tensile cracks on the CEP. However, overall energy dissipation of Specimen PO3 was lower  
377 than that of Specimen PG4 from 1% to 3 % DR because the applied load per cycle of Specimen  
378 PO3 was lower than that of Specimen PG4. Therefore, the enclosed area ( $E_h$ ) inside the



379 hysteretic loop of each cycle of Specimen PO3 was lower than that of Specimen PG4. After  
380 reaching the maximum applied load at 3% DR, the failure modes of the two precast specimens  
381 were different. Specimen PO3 failed at the joint area whereas Specimen PG4 failed in the beam  
382 at the fixed-support. Wider flexural cracks were observed at the fixed-support of Specimen  
383 PG4, compared to the inclined cracks on CEP of Specimen PO3. Consequently, these wider  
384 flexural cracks combined with higher impact forces causing a sharp increase of energy  
385 dissipation of Specimen PG4 as compared to that of Specimen PG3.

386 Meanwhile, the monolithic joints revealed linear responses from the beginning of the test to  
387 1% DR because most of the materials remained in elastic range in the initial stage. Therefore,  
388 less energy was dissipated in the early stage since only few minor cracks were formed. After  
389 1% DR, the cracks on the beam and in the joint zone gradually developed causing the increase  
390 of the pinching on the hysteretic loop. Up to 3.5% DR, the energy dissipation of Specimens  
391 MO1 and MG2 was quite similar (see Fig. 15). However, when the DR increased from 3.5%  
392 to 6%, the energy dissipation of MO1 had a tendency to overcome that of MG2. This  
393 observation could be explained that the compressive and tensile strengths of GPC were higher  
394 than those of OPC. Therefore, the development of vertical cracks and crushing concrete at the  
395 fixed-support were minimized on Specimen MG2. More cracks on Specimen MO1 means it  
396 absorbed more energy than its counterpart.

397 As shown in Fig. 15, the energy dissipation of the dry joints (PO3 and PG4) was greater than  
398 that of the monolithic joint (MO1 and MG2) from 1% DR till the end of the test. For instance,  
399 the energy dissipation of Specimen PO3 was higher than that of Specimen MO1, approximately  
400 62% at 3% DR. Fatter hysteretic loops of the dry joints, compared to the monolithic joints,  
401 caused the difference of energy dissipation between the two joint types. Above results proved  
402 that the proposed dry joints could be effectively applied in the earthquake-prone regions.

### 403 **2.5.3. Envelope curves and maximum applied loads corresponding to DR**

404 The envelope diagrams of the tested specimens were indicated in Fig. 16. It is noted that the  
405 envelope curve of Specimen PG4 is only up to 3.1% DR in push (+) direction and 3.5% in pull  
406 (-) direction because no data were recorded after achieving the peak load due to malfunction  
407 of the testing system. Overall, all the envelope curves in Fig. 16 were almost symmetrical in  
408 the push and pull directions due to the similar design of the top and bottom longitudinal rebars  
409 of the beams. However, the load-carrying capacity in the first direction of each cycle was  
410 slightly higher than that in the second direction. This phenomenon is attributed to the slight  
411 reduction of the applied load in the second direction due to damages in the specimens induced  
412 by the first cycle.

413 Two OPC Specimens (MO1 and PO3) had the same design with their counterparts GPC  
414 specimens (MG2 and PG4), respectively, except concrete. It is because the performances of  
415 GPC were the main parameter to be investigated in this study. The use of high strength GPC  
416 did not affect the shape of the envelope curve but affect the load-carrying capacity as shown in  
417 Fig. 16. For instance, Specimen PG4 achieved 54.6 kN at the peak load whereas the peak load  
418 of Specimen PO3 was 37.7 kN. This different load-carrying capacity was attributed to the  
419 different tensile and compressive strength of the two kinds of concrete. High tensile and  
420 compressive strengths of the GPC specimens improved the tensile crack resistance in the  
421 middle joint and the crushing of concrete at the fixed-support. Meanwhile, after reaching the  
422 peak load from 4% to 5% DR for Specimens MO1 and MG2, the applied load of these two  
423 specimens reached its plateau. The yielding and strength hardening of the rebars led to this  
424 favourable response which prevented the brittle failure of the beam-column joint and offered  
425 essential warnings before the joint could completely fail [29].

426 Table 6 summarizes the maximum applied loads with the specimens' DRs. In order to evaluate  
427 the ductility of the joint response, the DR is commonly utilized to compare between different  
428 beam-column joint types. The DR ( $R$ ) is determined as follows:

$$429 \quad R = D/l \quad (12)$$

430 where  $D$  and  $l$  are the vertical displacement and the beam length ( $l$  is 550 mm in this study).  
431 DR of the precast specimens is often lower than that of the monolithic specimens due to the  
432 discontinuity of the longitudinal rebars or the concrete between the beams and columns. For  
433 example, the DR of the monolithic joints usually achieves about 3% to 5% [50, 61] while  
434 precast joints only reach between 1.5% to 3% DR [24, 62]. This result explains why precast  
435 joints have not been popularly applied in earthquake-prone regions. In addition, standards  
436 require different DRs to be achieved for ductile moment-resisting frames. For instance, 2% DR  
437 is a requirement of ASCE 41-06 [63] while the requirement of CSA A23.3-07 [64] for  
438 structures built in seismic regions is 2.5% DR. The two precast specimens (PO3 and PG4)  
439 reached 3% DR while DR of the two monolithic specimens, namely MO1 and MG2, were 5%  
440 and 4%, respectively. Therefore, all the specimens using OPC and GPC could be effectively  
441 applied in seismic regions. It is noted that the DR of Specimen MG2 was lower than that of  
442 Specimen MO1, although they had the same design except the different properties of the  
443 concrete. This observation could be explained by two reasons: (1) GPC demonstrated very  
444 brittle failure at the peak load due to the material characteristics. (2) Specimen MG2 was cast  
445 by a high strength GPC (66.1 MPa). The brittle behaviours led to a low DR of Specimen MG2  
446 as compared to Specimen MO1 (38.4 MPa) because concrete governed the main failure of the  
447 specimens.

448 Fig. 17 shows the maximum-load comparisons of the specimens. Overall, the proposed precast  
449 joints exhibited promising performances in DR and the maximum applied loads, compared to  
450 those of the existing research [24, 65, 66]. The peak loads of the two precast joints (PO3 and

451 PG4) were higher than both of the monolithic joints (MO1 and MG2), by approximately 26.6%.  
452 This excellent result might be attributed to the effects of the CEP. For failure at the fixed-  
453 support, the 550-mm cantilever beam of monolithic joints was longer than that of the precast  
454 joints (350 mm) whereas these beams had the identical cross-sections. Consequently, when the  
455 same load was applied, the bending moment at the fixed-support of monolithic joints was  
456 greater than that of the precast joints by approximately 57%. Therefore, it suggests that the  
457 utility of the CEP improves the maximum loads of these precast joints. For the failure in the  
458 joint areas, the maximum applied loads of the dry joints were determined by the height and  
459 thickness of the CEP. This study intentionally adjusted the thickness reported in the previous  
460 study [24]. As a result, the maximum applied loads of the precast joints dramatically enhanced  
461 when compared to those of the control monolithic joints. In addition, the peak load comparisons  
462 between the OPC group (MO1 and PO3) and the GPC group (MG2 and PG4) show that the  
463 peak load of the GPC group was 32% higher than that of the OPC group because the  
464 compressive strength (66.1 MPa) and the tensile strength (5.5 MPa) of the GPC group were  
465 higher than the compressive strength (38.4 MPa) and the tensile strength (3.8 MPa) of the OPC  
466 group. Therefore, it can be concluded that GPC could effectively replace OPC and meet  
467 performance requirements.

#### 468 **2.5.4. Ductility of joints**

469 Ductility and drift ratio are two main parameters to evaluate the load-carrying capacity of  
470 structures without any considerable strength reductions. In this study, the ductility of beam-  
471 column joints is determined by the following equation [29, 67]:

$$472 \quad \mu = \frac{\Delta_u}{\Delta_y} \quad (13)$$

473 where  $\Delta_u$  and  $\Delta_y$  denote the ultimate and yield displacements of the joints at the ultimate and  
474 yielding load, respectively. The ultimate displacements of Specimens PO3 and PG4 were

475 monitored at 90% post-maximum load and at the maximum load, respectively because of the  
476 limitation of equipment. Meantime, the ultimate displacements of the two monolithic joints  
477 were determined at 85% of the post-maximum load because the new equipment was used to  
478 replace the old one. For the yield displacement, there are numerous methods to determine this  
479 parameter. Fig. 18 shows the adopted method to define the ultimate and yield displacement of  
480 all the tested specimens.

481 All the specimens were designed so that concrete governs the failure modes such as concrete  
482 crushing, tensile cracks or shear cracks. As a result, the ductility of the specimen was governed  
483 by concrete rather than the CFRP bolts. The ductility comparisons of all the specimens are  
484 presented in Table 7. Specimen MO1 showed the highest ductility ( $\mu = 2.4$ ) among the four  
485 specimens while the ductility of Specimens MG2, PO3, and PG4 was approximately 23%,  
486 12%, and 50% lower than that of Specimen MO1, respectively. The ductility comparisons of  
487 the monolithic group and precast group present that the GPC specimens revealed lower  
488 ductility than the corresponding OPC specimens. For example, Specimens MO1 and MG2 had  
489 the same design. Also, the ultimate displacements of these two specimens were determined at  
490 the same 85% of the post-peak load. Nevertheless, the ductility of Specimen MG2 ( $\mu = 1.8$ )  
491 was lower than that of Specimen MO1 ( $\mu = 2.4$ ). This reduction in the ductility of the GPC  
492 joint is attributed to the brittleness of high strength GPC. Meanwhile, the ductility of Specimen  
493 PO3 ( $\mu = 2.1$ ) was quite close to that of the reference Specimen MO1 ( $\mu = 2.4$ ). It is noted that  
494 the ultimate displacement of Specimens PO3 was determined at 90% of the post-peak loads  
495 while that of Specimen MO1 was 85% of the post-peak load. Therefore, it is expected that if  
496 the ultimate displacements of both specimens were monitored at the same 85% of the post-  
497 maximum loads, the ductility of Specimen PO3 might be similar or even greater than that of  
498 Specimen MO1. From the above analysis, the ductility of the specimens using the high strength  
499 of GPC should be improved in future research even though the current design still satisfies the

500 requirements for the earthquake-prone region. Adding fibres in the mixture of the high strength  
501 GPC might be a potential solution to be considered for further investigations.

#### 502 **2.5.5. Effects of CFRP bolts on joint opening and stiffness**

503 This study used two LVDTs to measure the joint opening of all the precast joints, as shown in  
504 Fig. 1. These LVDTs were set up in the horizontal direction on the top and bottom surfaces of  
505 the CEP. During the serviceability condition, the joint opening in precast beam-column joints  
506 is expected to close. However, when the applied load exceeds the serviceability condition (i.e.,  
507 approximately 60-70% of the ultimate load [68]), the joint might open and then close after the  
508 load decreases. Joint openings of Specimens PO3 and PG4, which were measured by LVDT at  
509 the serviceability loads and maximum load, were around 0 mm and 1.6 mm, respectively. The  
510 marginal joint opening was attributed to the effects of low prestress levels in the bolts. The  
511 CFRP bolts were applied a prestress level of about 6 kN, as shown in Fig. 19. The torsion  
512 resistance of CFRP bolts was quite low so they were not prestressed to a high level. A high  
513 prestress level on CFRP bolts might lead to premature damage of the bolts. It is suggested that  
514 the CFRP bolts need to be prestressed to a higher level to minimize the joint opening. To  
515 resolve this issue, a new FRP bolts type and a new method to apply high prestress levels for  
516 FRP bolts are proposed and will be represented in another study.

517 The application of CFRP bolts in this precast joint type could also lead to lower stiffness during  
518 the initial stages (i.e., approximately 24%) compared to precast specimens with steel bolts [29].  
519 This behaviour was attributed to the effects of elastic modulus than the prestress level on the  
520 bolts [29]. The elastic modulus of CFRP bolts (100 GPa) was lower than that of steel bolts (200  
521 GPa). Therefore, the stiffness of the specimens with CFRP bolts was lower than that of the  
522 specimens with steel bolts. High prestress levels in bolts only result in a minor effect on the  
523 stiffness which was also reported in some other studies [69, 70]. In addition, the use of CFRP

524 bolts to replace steel bolts in the proposed dry joints minimized a residual joint opening after  
525 resisting intensive load due to the linear behaviour of CFRP material.

## 526 ***2.6. Verification of predicted results***

527 The results of the analytical model are verified with the experimental data in this section,  
528 including (1) the failure mode and (2) the maximum applied load. For the failure modes, it can  
529 be seen that there was a good correlation between the experimental observations and  
530 predictions of the proposed analytical model in Section 2.4. For instance, the proposed  
531 analytical model predicted that only Specimen PO3 could fail at the joint area while the other  
532 three specimens (MO1, MG2, and PG4) might fail in the beam at the fixed-support. This  
533 prediction coincided with the failure modes and failure position of all the specimens in the  
534 tests, as shown in Fig. 9 and Table 5.

535 Concerning the failure at the fixed-support, the proposed analytical model well predicted the  
536 maximum applied load of OPC Specimen MO1 with a variation of approximately 13% while  
537 the higher variation of 32% was observed on GPC Specimen MG2 due to the inaccuracy in  
538 estimating the moment capacity of the GPC beam (see more details in Section 2.4.2). For the  
539 failure at the joint area, the variation of the maximum applied load among analytical predictions  
540 and experimental tests was around 2-26% whereas only 1.3% variation of the horizontal shear  
541 strength was observed if the actual strain of the longitudinal rebars was adopted to determine  
542 T3. The above results proved that the proposed analytical model can predict the failure modes,  
543 peak load, and horizontal shear strength of the specimens. However, to improve the reliability  
544 of the proposed analytical model, it is necessary to use the numerical simulation to study some  
545 parameters which are too complicated to measure during experimental tests such as shear stress  
546 in CFRP bolts and the validity of the two assumptions in this analytical model. The proposed  
547 analytical model in this study can successfully offer the foundation for further studies.

### 548 3. Conclusions

549 This study conducted an experimental investigation on the structural performances of the  
550 ambient-cured GPC monolithic joints and the newly proposed dry joint using GPC and CFRP  
551 bolts under cyclic loading. A new analytical model to design GPC monolithic and GPC precast  
552 joints was also proposed. The results showed that GPC precast joint offered various advantages  
553 in terms of the load-carrying capacity and energy dissipation, compared to the monolithic joint.  
554 Nevertheless, GPC joints also revealed a reduction in the ductility due to brittle characteristic  
555 of GPC material. The following key points are drawn from the experimental results and  
556 theoretical predictions:

- 557 1. The proposed analytical model could well predict the main failure modes, failure  
558 positions, and failure load of both the monolithic and precast joints made of OPC and  
559 GPC. The analytical model predicted the horizontal shear strength of the precast  
560 specimen with a low variation of 1.3% while this variation of ACI 318-11 [40] model  
561 was 35%.
- 562 2. The crack development and failure mode of both OPC and GPC joints were similar.  
563 The tensile strength of concretes significantly affected several crucial parameters of the  
564 beam-column joints such as failure mode, load-carrying capacity, and energy  
565 dissipation.
- 566 3. The ductility of both GPC monolithic and GPC precast joints was lower than their  
567 counterparts OPC joints by approximately 22.9-42.8%. The GPC specimens showed  
568 brittle failure at the peak load.
- 569 4. Drift ratio of all the specimens was higher than 2.5%, which satisfied the requirements  
570 of ASCE 41-06 [63] and CSA A23.3-07 [64] standards for structures in seismic regions.



- 571 5. Both the GPC monolithic and GPC precast joints showed promising results in the  
572 indices of the peak load and energy dissipation compared to the corresponding OPC  
573 monolithic and OPC precast joints, respectively.
- 574 6. The application of CFRP bolts in the precast joints could minimize the residual joint  
575 opening after resisting intensive load. However, it showed an approximately 24% lower  
576 stiffness during the initial stages in the tests, compared to the precast specimens with  
577 steel bolts due to the lower elastic modulus of CFRP than steel.
- 578 7. CFRP bolts could replace steel bolts in the proposed dry joints to resolve corrosion  
579 problem while they still meet the design requirements of shear resistance and ductility  
580 for the dry joints.

581 In conclusion, this study suggests potential solutions for three main problems in the  
582 construction sector. Firstly, GPC could effectively replace OPC to reduce environmental  
583 pollution owing to reuse of industrial wastes. Secondly, the corrosion of the connecting  
584 elements in the conventional dry joints could be effectively mitigated by the application of  
585 CFRP bolts and plates. Finally, the new proposed dry joint type met the requirements for  
586 application in the earthquake-prone regions.

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785 **Nomenclature**

786 Notations

|               |  |            |   |
|---------------|--|------------|---|
| $\mu$         | ductility of joints  | $P_{max2}$ | applied load at the loading point of the beam with the failure in the middle zone |
| $A_j$         | effective joint area   | $P_r$      | initial prestress forces of bolts   |
| $a_p$         | distance between the centroid of the top bolts and the extreme-top fibre of the concrete-end-plate | $Q_1$      | applied load at 75% peak load   |
| $A_v$         | cross-section area of of stirrup legs  | $q_1$      | compressive stress in concrete on the left of the concrete-end-plate              |
| $b_b$         | width of beam  | $Q_2$      | applied load at 85% peak load   |
| $b_c$         | width of column  | $q_2$      | compressive stress in concrete on the right of the concrete-end-plate             |
| $b_j$         | effective joint width  | $Q_{max}$  | peak load   |
| $b_p$         | width of the concrete-end-plate  | $R$        | drift ratio   |
| $D$           | vertical displacement at the loading point   | $T_1$      | tensile force in top bolts  |
| $E_h$         | enclosed area inside the hysteretic loop of each cycle   | $T_{1a}$   | tensile force is caused by the applied load                                       |
| $f'_c$        | compressive strength of concrete   | $T_{1b}$   | tensile force is caused by the prestressing force                                 |
| $f_{ct}$      | tensile strength of concrete   | $T_2$      | tensile force in the bottom bolts   |
| $f_{yt}$      | yield strength of the stirrups   | $T_3$      | tensile force of the longitudinal rebars  |
| $H$           | height of the concrete-end-plate   | $T_4$      | compressive force of the rebars   |
| $H_c$         | height of the column   | $V_{ACI}$  | nominal shear strength of monolithic joint  |
| $h_{col}$     | effective joint depth  | $V_c$      | shear resistance of the concrete  |
| $h_p$         | thickness of the CEP   | $V_{c1}$   | shear force at column top   |
| $k_3$         | ratio that mentions the difference of cylinder and in-place strengths                              | $V_{hs2}$  | horizontal shear force at Section S2-S2   |
| $l$           | beam length  | $V_{jh}$   | horizontal shear resistance in the middle zone of precast specimens               |
| $L_1$         | distance between the fixed-support and the loading point   | $V_s$      | shear resistance of the joint stirrups  |
| $L_b$         | distance between the loading point and the centroid of the column                                  | $V_{s2}$   | inclined shear force at Section S2-S2   |
| $M_{nl}$      | nominal moment strength of beams   | $\beta$    | an empirically derived function   |
| $n$           | number of stirrup legs   | $\gamma$   | effects of confinement in a joint   |
| $P_{exp-max}$ | load-carrying capacity from the experiment   | $\gamma_r$ | prestress level lost in bolts   |

|            |   |            |                       |
|------------|---|------------|-----------------------|
| $P_{max}$  | load-carrying capacity  | $\Delta_u$ | ultimate displacement |
| $P_{maxl}$ | applied load at the loading point of the beam with the failure at the fixed-support | $\Delta_y$ | yield displacement    |

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788 **Table 1**

789 Mixture proportions of 1 m<sup>3</sup> GPC and OPC.

| Materials                                    | Unit                 | GPC  | OPC  |
|--|----------------------|------|------|
| Sand   | (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | 630  | 534  |
| 7-mm coarse aggregate                        | (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | 1100 | 1100 |
| GGBFS  | (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | 160  | -    |
| FA   | (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | 240  | -    |
| Aa/binder ratio                              | -                    | 0.6  | -    |
| Na <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>3</sub> solution    | (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | 172  | -    |
| 12 M NaOH solution                           | (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | 69   | -    |
| Na <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>3</sub> /NaOH ratio | -                    | 2.5  | -    |
| Coarse sand Gin Gin                          | (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | -    | 225  |
| Cement                                       | (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | -    | 400  |
| Water  | (L/m <sup>3</sup> )  | -    | 175  |
| Plastiment BV35                              | (mL/m <sup>3</sup> ) | -    | 1600 |
| Viscocrete 10                                | (mL/m <sup>3</sup> ) | -    | 1200 |
| Viscoflow 15                                 | (mL/m <sup>3</sup> ) | -    | 1200 |

790 Note: - = not applicable

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792 **Table 2**

793 Chemical compositions of FA and GGBFS.

| Composition<br>(wt. %)         | FA   | GGBFS |
|--------------------------------|------|-------|
| Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 12.5 | 0.9   |
| SiO <sub>2</sub>               | 51.1 | 32.5  |
| Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 25.6 | 13.6  |
| K <sub>2</sub> O               | 0.7  | 0.35  |
| CaO                            | 4.3  | 41.2  |
| MgO                            | 1.5  | 5.1   |
| MnO                            | 0.15 | 0.25  |
| Na <sub>2</sub> O              | 0.8  | 0.3   |
| P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>  | 0.9  | 0.03  |
| TiO <sub>2</sub>               | 1.3  | 0.5   |
| SO <sub>3</sub>                | 0.24 | 3.2   |
| Others                         | 0.46 | 1.12  |
| LOI <sup>a</sup>               | 0.6  | 1.1   |

**Note:** <sup>a</sup> Loss on ignition

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795 **Table 3**

796 Rebar properties.

| Diameters<br>(mm) | $f_y$<br>(MPa) | $E_s$<br>(GPa) | Area<br>(mm <sup>2</sup> ) | Notes               |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 8                 | 377            | 200            | 50                         | Spirals             |
| 10                | 560            | 200            | 78                         | Stirrups            |
| 16                | 597            | 200            | 201                        | Longitudinal rebars |

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798 **Table 4**

799 Details of CFRP bolts and nuts [52].

| Names | Size<br>(mm) | Tensile<br>strength<br>(MPa) | Shear<br>strength<br>(MPa) | Bending<br>strength<br>(MPa) | Compressive<br>strength<br>(MPa) | Ultimate<br>load<br>(kN) | Elastic<br>modulus<br>(GPa) |
|-------|--------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bolts | φ20          | ≥ 850                        | ≥ 160                      | 480                          | 760                              | ≥ 267                    | 100                         |
| Nuts  | φ20          | -                            | -                          | -                            | -                                | 100                      | 100                         |

800 Note: - = not given

801 **Table 5**

802 The comparisons between the experimental and theoretical results of  $P_{max}$  and  $V_{jh}$ .

| Names           | Experimental results |            | Theoretical results (fixed-support) |            |       |           | Theoretical results (middle zone) |           |            |     |          |     |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|------------|-------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----|----------|-----|
|                 | $P_{exp-max}$        | $V_{jmax}$ | $M_{n1}$                            | $P_{max1}$ | (%)   | $V_{ACI}$ | $V_{c1}; T_1$                     | $V_{hs2}$ | $P_{max2}$ | (%) | $V_{jh}$ | (%) |
|                 | (kN)                 | (kN)       | (kN.m)                              | (kN)       |       | (kN)      | (kN)                              | (kN)      | (kN)       |     | (kN)     |     |
| MO1             | 32.3                 | -          | 15.4                                | 28.0       | -13.3 | 216.9     | 23.2 <sup>a</sup>                 | -         | 38.2       | -   | -        | -   |
| MG2             | 46.2                 | -          | 17.2                                | 31.3       | -32.3 | 284.6     | 44.4 <sup>a</sup>                 | -         | 73.2       | -   | -        | -   |
| PO3             | 37.7                 | 137.6      | 15.4                                | 44.0       | -     | 185.9     | 66.5 <sup>b</sup>                 | 64.9      | 37.0       | -2  | 173.6    | 26  |
| PG4             | 54.6                 | -          | 17.2                                | 49.1       | -10.0 | -         | 100.7 <sup>b</sup>                | 99.3      | 55.9       | -   | -        | -   |
| Ngo et al. [29] |                      |            |                                     |            |       |           |                                   |           |            |     |          |     |
| P4-S-SP-H       | 50.3                 | -          | 17.3                                | 49.4       | -1.7  | 185.9     | 107.7 <sup>b</sup>                | 64.9      | 59.9       | -   | -        |     |
| P5-S-Sp         | 41.8                 | 114.1      | 14.9                                | 42.6       | -     | 185.9     | 73.76 <sup>b</sup>                | 64.9      | 41.0       | -2  | 166.4    | 46  |
| Saqan [24]      |                      |            |                                     |            |       |           |                                   |           |            |     |          |     |
| DB-TC           | 499                  | *          | 337.8                               | 422.3      | -     | -         | 708.3                             | 271.5     | 367.1      | 26  | *        | *   |

803 Note: - = not applicable

804 \* = lack of data

805 <sup>a</sup>Value of  $V_{c1}$

806 <sup>b</sup>Value of  $T_1$

807 **Table 6**

808 Maximum applied loads with corresponding DRs.

| Names | Peak load<br>(kN) |          | Increase<br>(%) |          | Average<br>(kN) | Increase<br>(%) | DR at peak load<br>(%) |          |
|-------|-------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------|
|       | Positive          | Negative | Positive        | Negative |                 |                 | Positive               | Negative |
|       | MO1               | 25.8     | 32.3            | -        |                 |                 | -                      | 29.1     |
| MG2   | 30.7              | 46.2     | 18.7            | 43.3     | 38.4            | 32.3            | 4.0                    | 4.0      |
| PO3   | 35.8              | 37.7     | 38.6            | 16.9     | 36.8            | 26.6            | 3.0                    | 3.0      |
| PG4   | 54.6              | 42.7     | 111.2           | 32.2     | 48.6            | 67.3            | 3.1                    | 3.6      |

809 Note: - = not applicable

810 **Table 7**

811 Ductility of tested specimens.

| Names | Force    | $Q_{max}$ | $Q_1$ | $\Delta y$ | $Q_2$             | $\frac{\Delta u}{(85\%)}$ | $\mu = \Delta u / \Delta y$ | Average<br>( $\mu$ ) | Decrease<br>(%) |
|-------|----------|-----------|-------|------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
|       | Units    | (kN)      | (kN)  | (mm)       | (kN)              | (mm)                      |                             |                      |                 |
| MO1   | Positive | 25.8      | 19.4  | 15.6       | 22.0              | 35.8                      | 2.3                         | 2.4                  | -               |
|       | Negative | 32.3      | 24.2  | 14.5       | 27.4              | 35.6                      | 2.5                         |                      |                 |
| MG2   | Positive | 30.7      | 23.0  | 16.7       | 26.1              | 31.9                      | 1.9                         | 1.8                  | -22.9           |
|       | Negative | 46.2      | 34.7  | 17.8       | 39.3              | 31.3                      | 1.8                         |                      |                 |
| PO3   | Positive | 35.8      | 26.9  | 12.2       | 32.2 <sup>c</sup> | 27.5 <sup>c</sup>         | 2.3                         | 2.1                  | -11.6           |
|       | Negative | 37.7      | 28.3  | 11.1       | 34.0 <sup>c</sup> | 21.5 <sup>c</sup>         | 1.9                         |                      |                 |
| PG4   | Positive | 54.6      | 41.0  | 14.6       | 54.6 <sup>d</sup> | 17.3 <sup>d</sup>         | 1.2                         | 1.2                  | -50.0           |
|       | Negative | 42.7      | 32.0  | 16.3       | 42.7 <sup>d</sup> | 19.6 <sup>d</sup>         | 1.2                         |                      |                 |

812 Note:

813 <sup>c</sup>At 90% of the post-maximum applied load814 <sup>d</sup>At the maximum applied load

815 - = not applicable