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- FRCM Flier
- SE Blog Post - New CSS Product Launch — FRCM Strengthening Products
- Online Course: Strengthening with Fabric-Reinforced Cementitious Matrix (FRCM)
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Agenda

Composite Strengthening

What is FRCM?

FRCM Installation Steps

Where can I use FRCM?

FRCM Design and Testing

How Can We Help?

Q&A

Objectives:

- ✓ Describe the process when designing with FRCCM
- ✓ Discuss the benefits of strengthening with FRCCM
- ✓ Identify repair and strengthening applications that may benefit from FRCCM
- ✓ Explain the steps in an FRCCM application
- ✓ Cite the industry standards used in the design and testing of FRCCM
- ✓ Find out more about the engineering services offered by Simpson Strong-Tie



What is FRCM?



Fabric-Reinforced Cementitious Matrix

(cement-like) (mortar)

FRCM is in the same family as FRP, but it differs in its design, installation and application benefits.

Typical Internal Steel Reinforcing

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Typical External Composite Reinforcing

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FRP Components

Composite Strengthening

Fiber Reinforced
Polymer (FRP)
Systems

=

Reinforcing Fibers

+

Polymer Matrix



FRCM Components

Composite Strengthening

Fabric-Reinforced
Cementitious Matrix
(FRCM) Systems

=

Carbon-Fiber Grid

+

Cementitious
Matrix





FRCM Benefits Compared to FRP

- High tensile strength
- Low impact
- Conform to existing shapes
- Fast installation
- Cost-effective solution



Same as FRP.

- Matches substrate
- Heat resistance of matrix
- Provides protective barrier
- Repairs as it adds strength
(minimal surface prep needed)



Unique to FRCM.



FRCM Installation Steps

FRCM Components

Sprayable cementitious matrix



CSS-CM

Carbon-fiber grid



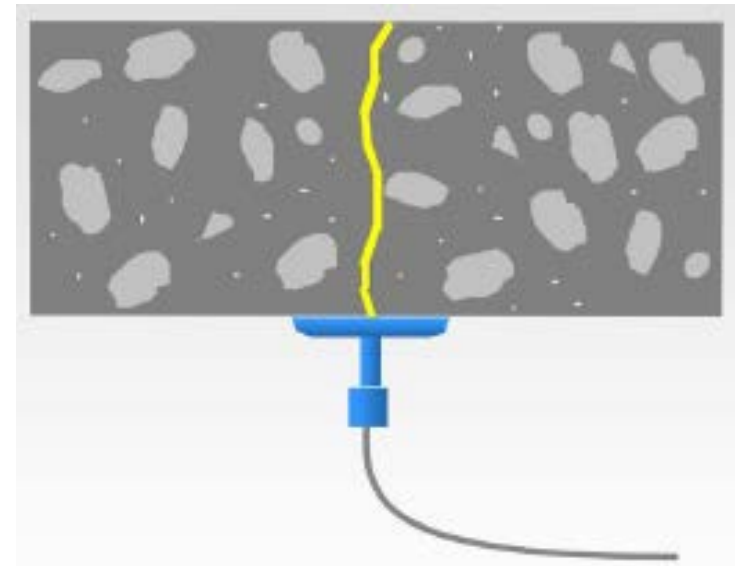
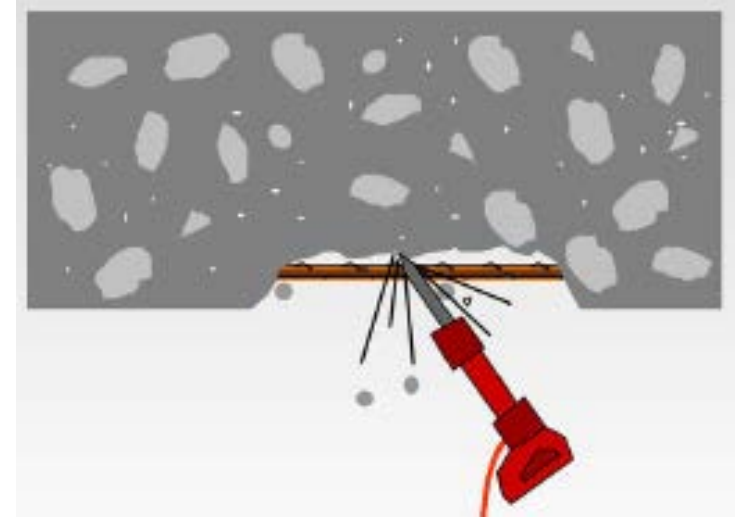
CSS-UCG / CSS-BCG / CSS-HBCG

Single-Layer Grid Installation

Prior to application:

Repair deterioration per ICRI Guideline No. 310.1R

- Remove delaminated concrete
- Clean/coat exposed steel
- Inject/seal cracks



Single-Layer Grid Installation

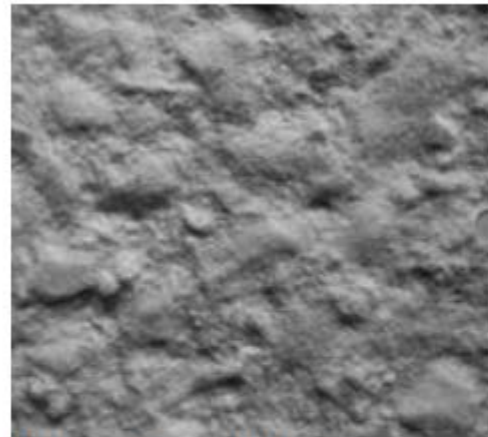
Prior to application:

Concrete surface profile should be between CSP 6-9 (ICRI)

This means you can repair surface inconsistencies as you add strength.



*Fig. 6.6: CSP 6
(medium scarification)*



*Fig. 6.7: CSP 7
(heavy abrasive blast)*



*Fig. 6.8: CSP 8
(scabbled)*



*Fig. 6.9: CSP 9
(heavy scarification—
rotomilled)*

Single-Layer Grid Installation

Prior to application:

Be sure the surface has been wet to ensure a saturated surface-dry (SSD) condition per ICRI guidelines.



Single-Layer Grid Installation

1. Apply first layer of cementitious matrix (CSS-CM), being sure to completely coat area at $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick



Single-Layer Grid Installation

2. Embed grid into wet matrix using a trowel or wood float

Grid Alignment

Why so important?

- Grid is designed to resist load in tension
- 5 degree tolerance (1 inch per foot slope max)
- Avoid kinks, folds, waves



Single-Layer Grid Installation

3. Apply second layer of cementitious matrix at $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick



Single-Layer Grid Installation

4. Screed and trowel to desired finish
5. Allow for full cure by keeping wet for 3-5 days after installation
6. Finish coat as desired



Multiple-Layer Grid Installation

Repeat steps 2 and 3 as specified

2. Place grid into wet matrix and embed using a trowel or float

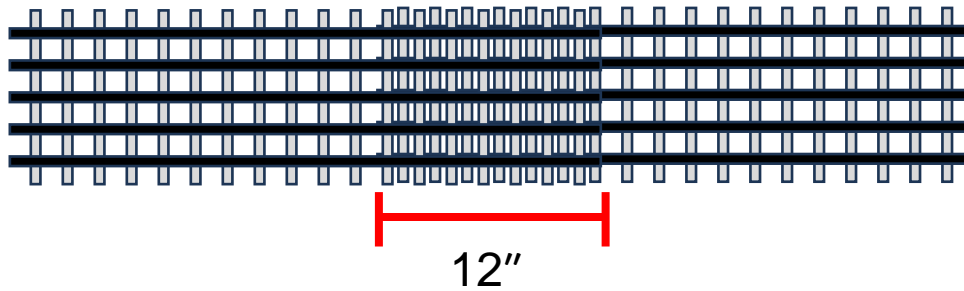


3. Apply additional layer(s) of cementitious matrix at $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick

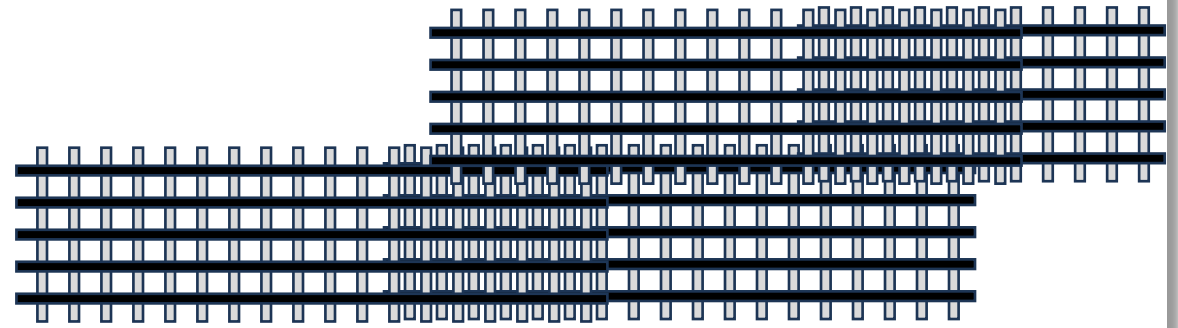


Overlapping and Staggering

Overlapping is determined by drawings and specifications, minimum 12" overlap



Stagger laps





Where can I use FRCM?

Traditional Shotcrete vs. FRCM

Composite Strengthening

Traditional Shotcrete Repair



FRCM Repair



Traditional Shotcrete vs. FRCCM

Traditional Shotcrete Repair

- Specialty contractor to tie rebar cage
- Specialty contractor to spray shotcrete

- Rebar installation time-intensive

- Additional 1.5"–3" shotcrete cover over rebar

- Additional weight needs to be calculated into total building loads

- Shotcrete typical psi at 4,000

FRCCM Repair

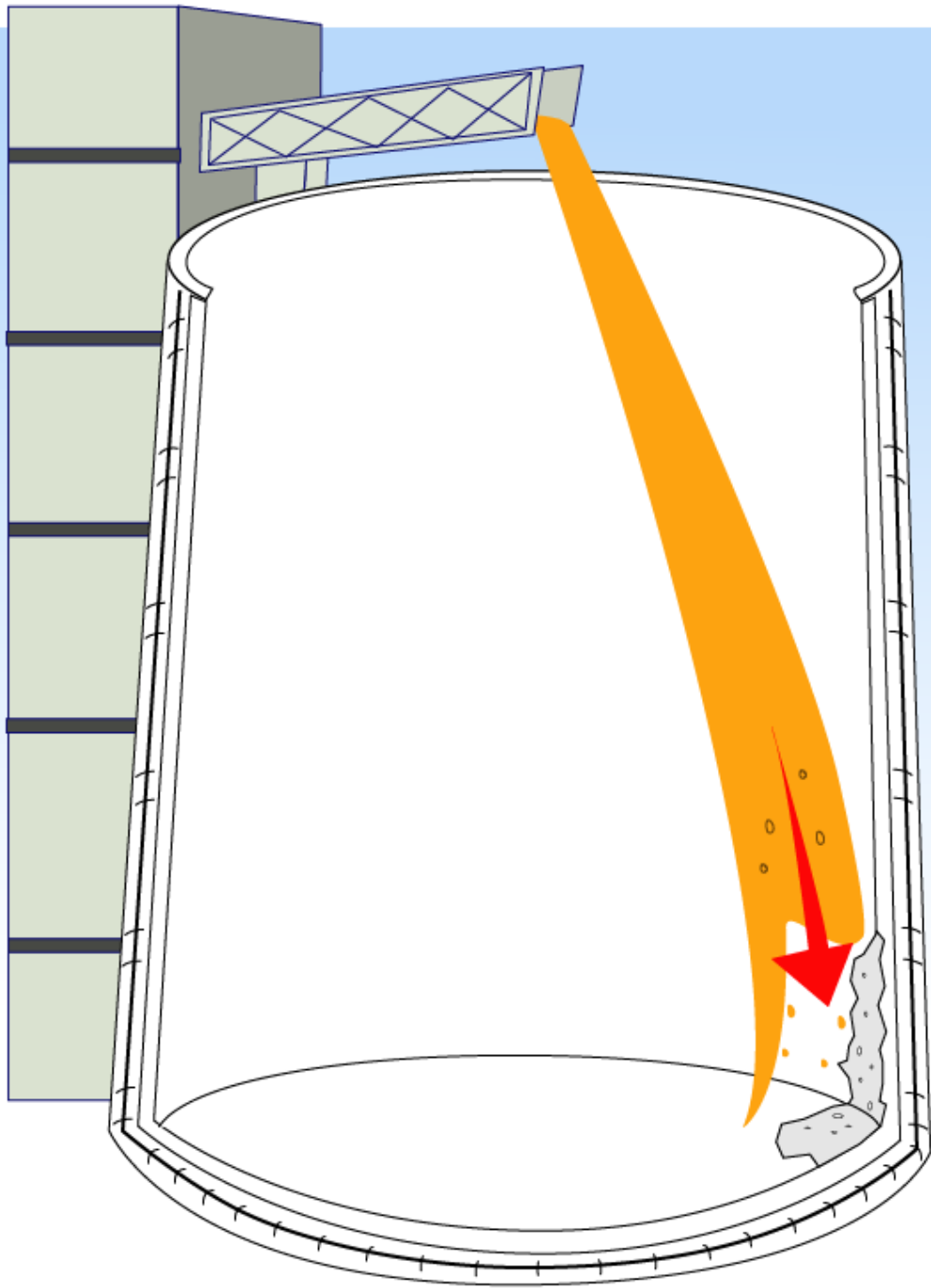
- ✓ Same contractor installs FRCCM system

- ✓ Carbon-fiber grid installs in minutes, saving time and money

- ✓ No steel = no cover requirements. Only ≈ 1 " volume change in total repair.

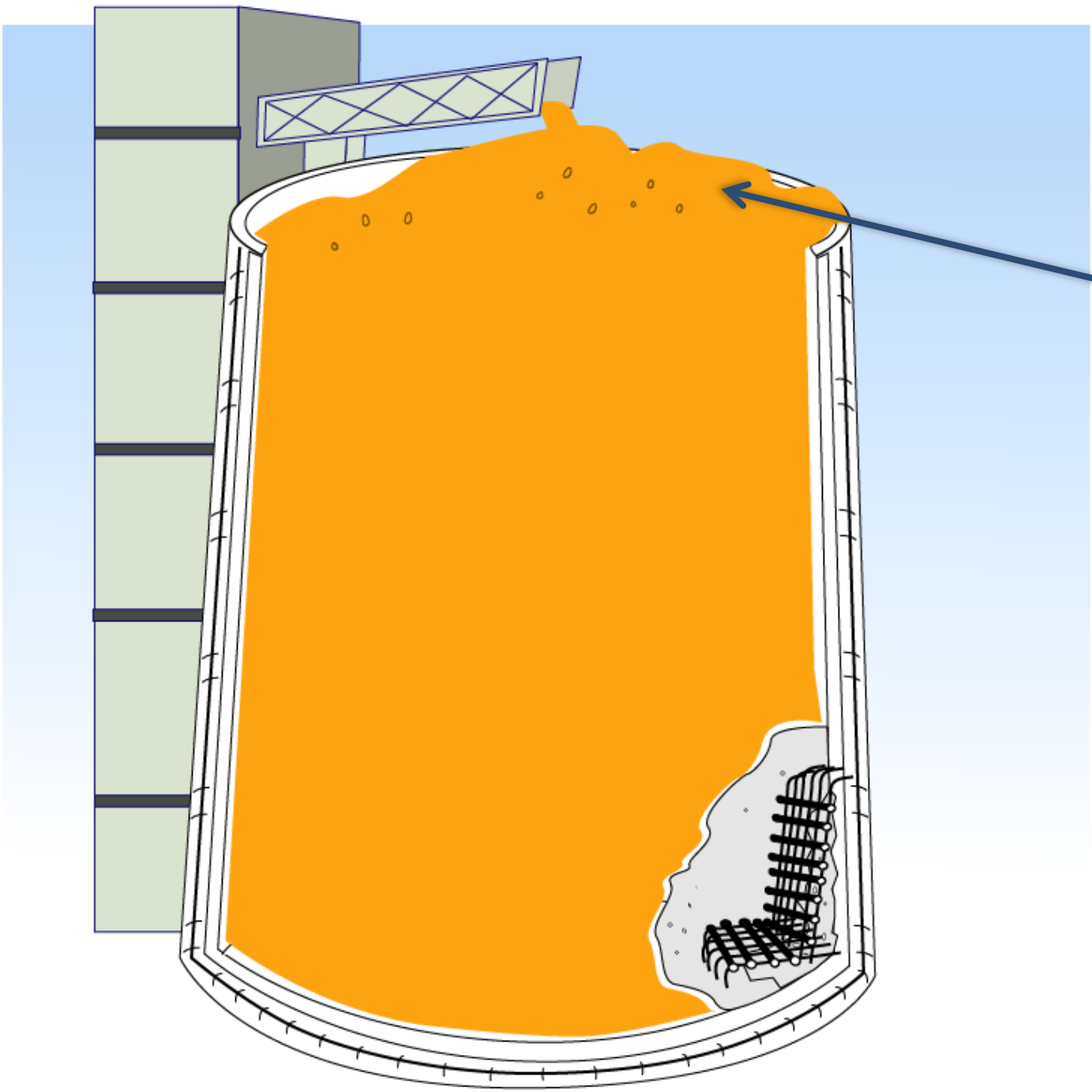
- ✓ Adds negligible weight to structure

- ✓ Cementitious matrix is a high-performance mortar with psi at 7,500



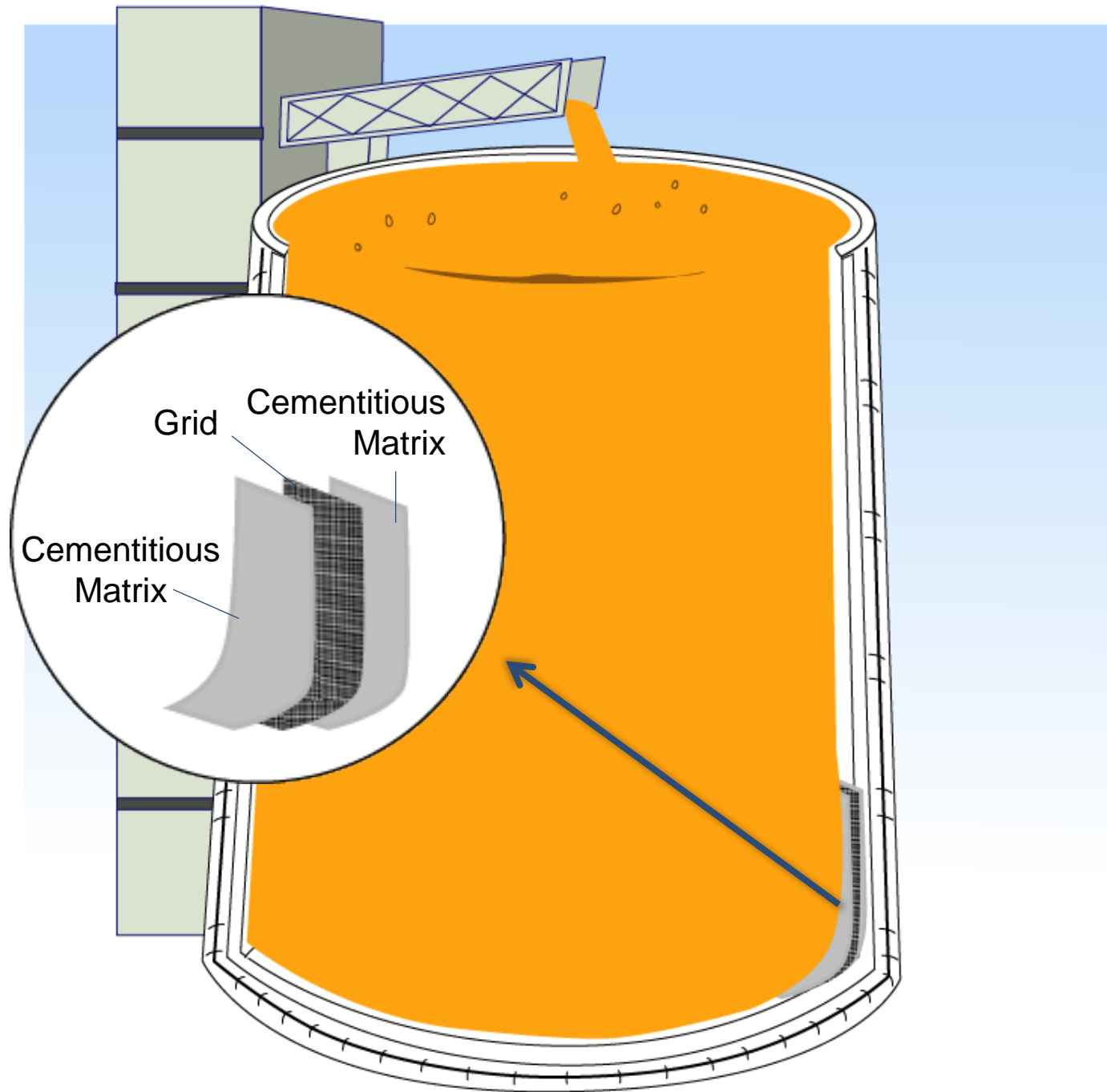
Grain Concrete Silo Needs Repair

- ✓ Concrete on the side of the grain silo has deteriorated
- ✓ Damage was caused by grain abrasion
- ✓ Repair and additional strengthening is needed



Shotcrete Repair Method

- ✓ Considerable volume change results in grain displacement
- ✓ More subcontractors needed
- ✓ Repair takes longer to install (28 days until fully cured)



FRCM Repair Method

- ✓ Low impact = little to no grain displacement
- ✓ Cementitious matrix matches the base material (benefit when compared to FRP)
- ✓ Quick installation time (still 28 days to fully cure)

Application: Large Vertical and Overhead Surfaces

Composite Strengthening

Higher production rates with sprayable material than with form-and-pour or hand-applied



Application: Low Levels of Strengthening Required

Composite Strengthening

More efficient option
than FRP



Application: Surface Repair Plus Strengthening

Composite Strengthening

Repair and add strength at the same time



Application: Heat Resistance or Corrosion Resistance Required

Composite Strengthening

More fire resistant
than FRP

More corrosion
resistant than
shotcrete



Application: Water Transmission

Composite Strengthening

Grid is breathable,
and won't trap
moisture beneath
the surface



Application: Silos, Bridges, Tunnels, Mines

Composite Strengthening

Ideal for projects that can't afford a significant volume change





FRCM Design and Testing

Standards We Design To:

ACI
549.4R-13

Guide for the Design and Construction of Externally Bonded FRCM Systems for Strengthening Concrete and Masonry Structures

- Covers both concrete and masonry
- Contains design equations, examples, limitations, QC/QA recommendations, etc.

Code Requirements for Evaluation, Repair, and Rehabilitation of Concrete Buildings

ACI 562

- Mentions strengthening with externally bonding composites (FRP and FRCM) but also covers general retrofit requirements

Design Considerations

APPENDIX B—DESIGN LIMITATIONS

| Parameter | Concrete | | | Masonry | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--|--|-----------------|
| | Flexure | Shear | Axial | Out-of-plane | In-plane |
| ϵ_{fe} or ϵ_{fd} | Less than 0.012 | Less than 0.004 | Less than 0.012 and ϵ_{ccu} less than 0.01 | Less than 0.012 | Less than 0.004 |
| ϕ | 0.9 to 0.65 based on ϵ_r | 0.75 | 0.9 to 0.65 based on ϵ_r | 0.6 for flexure 0.8 for shear | 0.75 |
| f_{fs}/f_{fd} | 0.2 to 0.55 based on fiber | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Allowable maximum enhancement* | 50 percent | 50 percent | 20 percent | URM: 6000 lbf./ft (87.6 kN/m); Reinforced masonry: 50 percent | 50 percent |

*Allowable maximum enhancement is above existing capacity. ACI 562-13 supersedes when limits are lower than as listed in this table.

Design Considerations

Composite Strengthening

Existing Capacity
Demands

Exposure
Coefficients

Serviceability

ACI 562-16 Equations 5.52a&b:

$$(\varphi R_n)_{\text{existing}} \geq (1.1D + 0.5L + 0.2S)$$

or

$$(\varphi R_n)_{\text{existing}} \geq (1.1D + 0.75L)$$

whichever is greater

This is so a building will still be able to support itself in case the FRP / FRCM system is lost.

Design Considerations

Composite Strengthening

Existing Capacity Demands

Exposure Coefficients

Serviceability

- ✓ Ambient and surface temperatures between 41°F and 86°F
- ✓ Wet-cure completed FRCM application



Design Considerations

Composite Strengthening

Existing Capacity
Demands

Exposure
Coefficients

Serviceability



The service stresses in the steel must be checked for the desired performance.

ICC-ES AC434 Testing for Code Report

ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA FOR MASONRY AND CONCRETE STRENGTHENING USING FIBER-REINFORCED CEMENTITIOUS MATRIX (FRCM) COMPOSITE SYSTEMS (AC434)

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose: The purpose of this acceptance criteria is to establish requirements for recognition of fiber-reinforced cementitious matrix (FRCM) composite systems, used for the strengthening of masonry and concrete structures, in ICC Evaluation Service, LLC (ICC-ES), evaluation reports under the 2012 and 2009 *International Building Code*® (IBC). The basis of recognition is IBC Section 104.11.

The reason for the development of this criteria is to provide guidelines for the evaluation of alternative strengthening methods for masonry and concrete structural elements, where the codes do not provide requirements for testing and determination of structural capacity, reliability and serviceability of these products.

1.2 Scope: This criteria applies to passive fiber-reinforced cementitious matrix (FRCM) composite systems used to strengthen existing masonry and concrete structures. Properties evaluated include FRCM material properties; axial, flexural and shear capacities of the FRCM system; performance of the FRCM system under environmental exposures; performance under exposure to fire conditions; and structural design procedures.

1.3 Referenced Codes and Standards:

1.3.1 2012 and 2009 *International Building Code*® (IBC), International Code Council.

1.3.2 ACI 318-11 (2012 IBC), *Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete and Commentary*, American Concrete Institute.

1.3.3 ACI 318-08 (2009 IBC), *Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete and Commentary*, American Concrete Institute.

1.3.4 ASCE 41-06: *Seismic Rehabilitation of Existing Buildings*, American Society of Civil Engineers.

1.3.5 TMS 402-11/ACI 530-11/ASCE 5-11 (2012 IBC), *Building Code Requirements for Masonry Structures*, American Concrete Institute.

1.3.6 TMS 402-08/ACI 530-08/ASCE 5-08 (2009 IBC), *Building Code Requirements for Masonry Structures*, American Concrete Institute.

1.3.7 ASTM C 138-10b, *Standard Test Method for Density (Unit Weight), Yield, and Air (Gravimetric) of Concrete*, ASTM International.

1.3.8 ASTM C 157-08, *Standard Test Method for Length Change of Hardened Hydraulic Mortar and Concrete*.

1.3.9 ASTM C 387/C 387M-11, *Standard Specification for Packaged, Dry, Combined Materials for Mortar and Concrete*, ASTM International.

1.3.10 ASTM C 947-03 (2009), *Standard Test Method for Flexural Properties of Thin-Section Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Concrete (Using Simple Beam with Third-Point Loading)*, ASTM International.

1.3.11 ASTM C 1583/C 1583M-04¹, *Standard Test Method for Tensile Strength of Concrete Surfaces and the*

Bond Strength or Tensile Strength of Concrete Repair and Overlay Materials by Direct Tension (Pull-off Method), ASTM International.

1.3.12 ASTM D 1141-98 (2009), *Standard Practice for Preparation of Substitute Ocean Water*, ASTM International.

1.3.13 ASTM D 2247-11, *Standard Practice for Testing Water Resistance of Coatings in 100% Relative Humidity*, ASTM International.

1.3.14 ASTM D 2344/D 2344M-00 (2006), *Standard Test Method for Short-Beam Strength of Polymer Matrix Composite Materials and Their Laminates*, ASTM International.

1.3.15 ASTM D 3165-07, *Standard Test Method for Strength Properties of Adhesives in Shear by Tension Loading of Single Lap-Joint Laminated Assemblies*, ASTM International.

1.3.16 ASTM E 4-10, *Standard Practices for Force Verification of Testing Machines*, ASTM International.

1.3.17 ASTM E 83-10a, *Standard Practice for Verification and Classification of Extensometers*, ASTM International.

1.3.18 ASTM E 104-02 (2007), *Standard Practice for Maintaining Constant Relative Humidity by Means of Aqueous Solutions*, ASTM International.

1.4 Definitions:

1.4.1 Design Values: The FRCM composite system's load and deformation design capacities that are based on load and resistance factor design (strength design) method.

1.4.2 FRCM Composite Material: A fiber-reinforced cementitious matrix (FRCM) is a composite material consisting of a sequence of one or more layers of cement-based matrix reinforced with fibers in the form of open grid (mesh). When adhered to concrete or masonry structural members, they form an FRCM system. Components are:

1.4.2.1 Structural Reinforcement Grid: Open grid (mesh) of strands made of fibers [i.e., aramid, alkali resistant (AR) glass, carbon, and polyparaphenylene benzobisoxazole (PBO)], consisting of primary direction (PD) and secondary direction (SD) strands connected perpendicularly. The typical strand spacing of PD and SD strands is less than one inch (25.4 mm).

1.4.2.2 Cement-based Matrix: A polymer-modified cement-based binder (mortar) that holds in place the structural reinforcement grids in FRCM composite material.

1.4.3 Cracking Load and Displacement: Load and displacement at which the moment-curvature relationship of the masonry or concrete member first changes slope or at which the cracking moment as defined in ACI 318, Section 9.5.2.3, or TMS 402, Section 3.3.5.5, is reached, whichever occurs first.

1.4.4 Yielding Load and Displacement: Load and displacement at which longitudinal steel reinforcement of



Structural Testing: Beams

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Structural Testing: Column Testing Video

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Structural Testing: Column Testing Video Results

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Control
285,000 lb.



1 Layer UCG
485,000 lb.

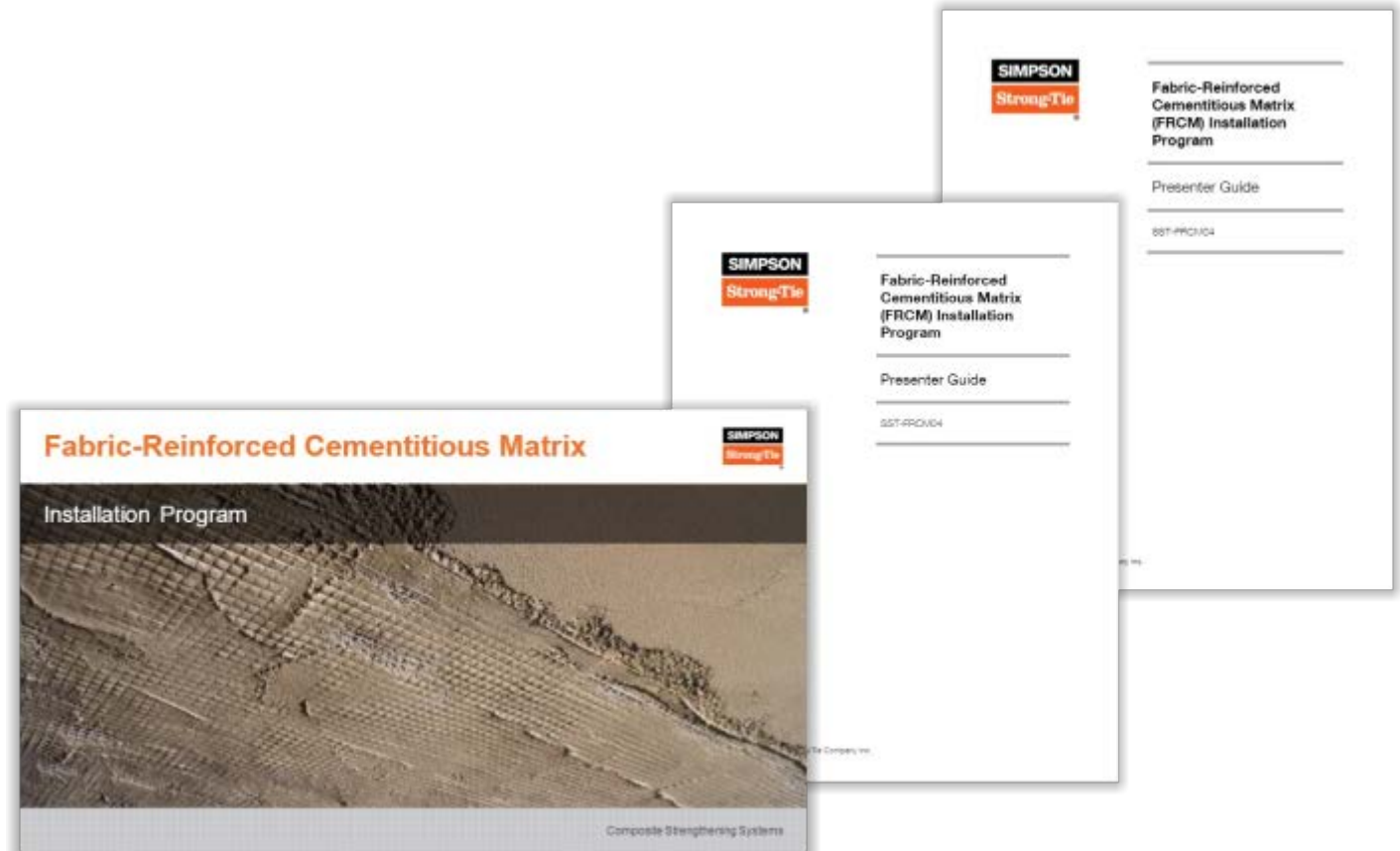


2 Layers UCG
650,000 lb.

Quality Control and Assurance

Daily Inspection

- Date and time of installation
- Ambient temperature, relative humidity, and weather conditions
- Substrate surface temperature
- Surface preparation method and ICRI concrete surface profile
- Surface cleanliness description
- Grid batch numbers
- Matrix batch numbers, mix ratios, and mixing times
- Etc.



Field Testing

Pull-Off Test

(ASTM C1583)

- Test should exceed 200 psi
- When failure at grid, strength should be at 400 psi



Mortar Cubes Test

(ASTM C109)

- Brass cubes filled with CM
- Test at 7 and 28 days
- Compressive strength of 7,500 psi at 28 days



Tension Test with Witness Panels

(AC 434 Annex A)

- *Only required in strengthening applications*
- 2 per day, twice a day
- Panels sent to third-party lab for testing



Specifying FRCM is very similar to specifying FRP

FRCM is another option to specify when:

- Low levels of strengthening required
- Higher heat resistance is required
- Concrete repair is also required in addition to adding strength

Why Simpson Strong-Tie FRCM?

Composite Strengthening

Our product:

- ≠ Matrix can be sprayed
- ≠ Grid is rigid
- ≠ Part of a full CSS line

Our services:

- ≠ Free technical and engineering support
- ≠ Feasibility studies
- ≠ FRCM Installation Training Program
- ≠ Budget estimates



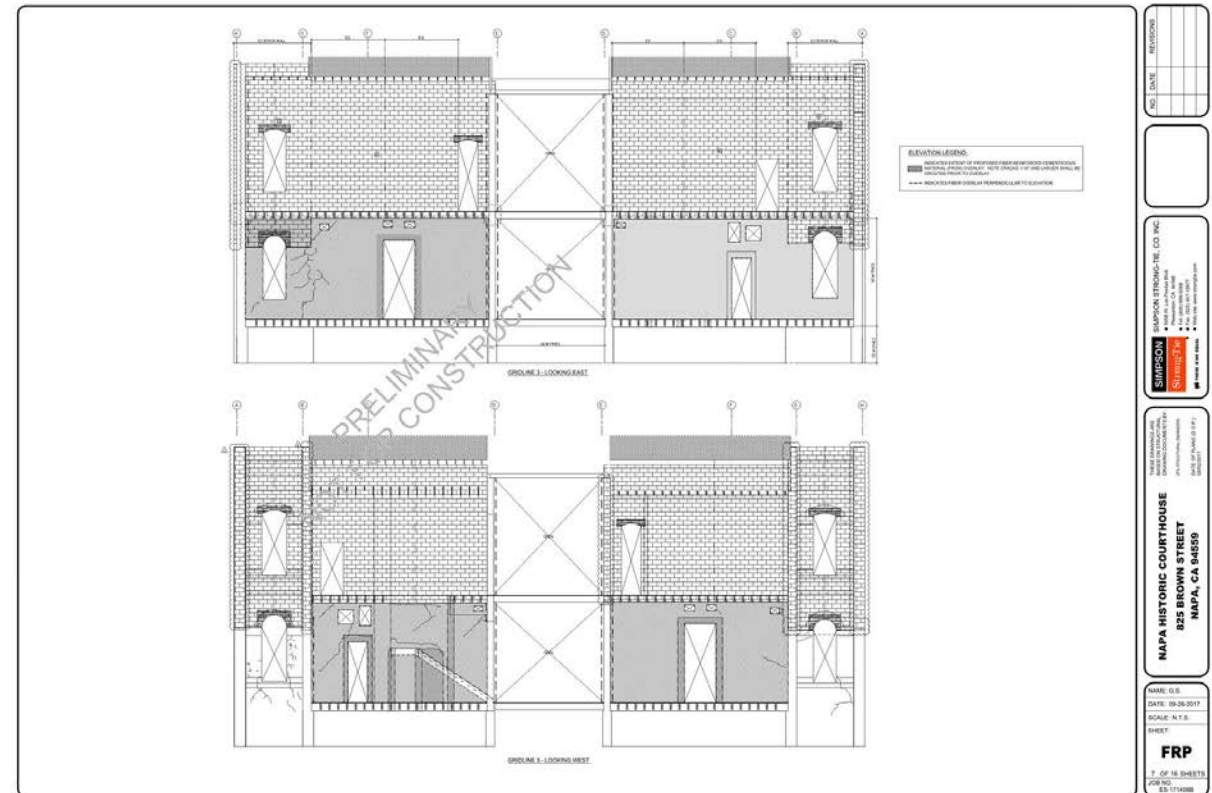
What do we need in order to help?

Existing Design Drawings

- Section dimensions and span lengths
- Steel reinforcing layout
- Material properties

Loads and Capacities

- Existing factored capacity
- New ultimate demand
- Service dead load and live load demands



Sample FRCM design from Simpson Strong-Tie Engineering Services

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