## Development of UHPC Joint Detail for Florida Slab Beam Bridge

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## Outline

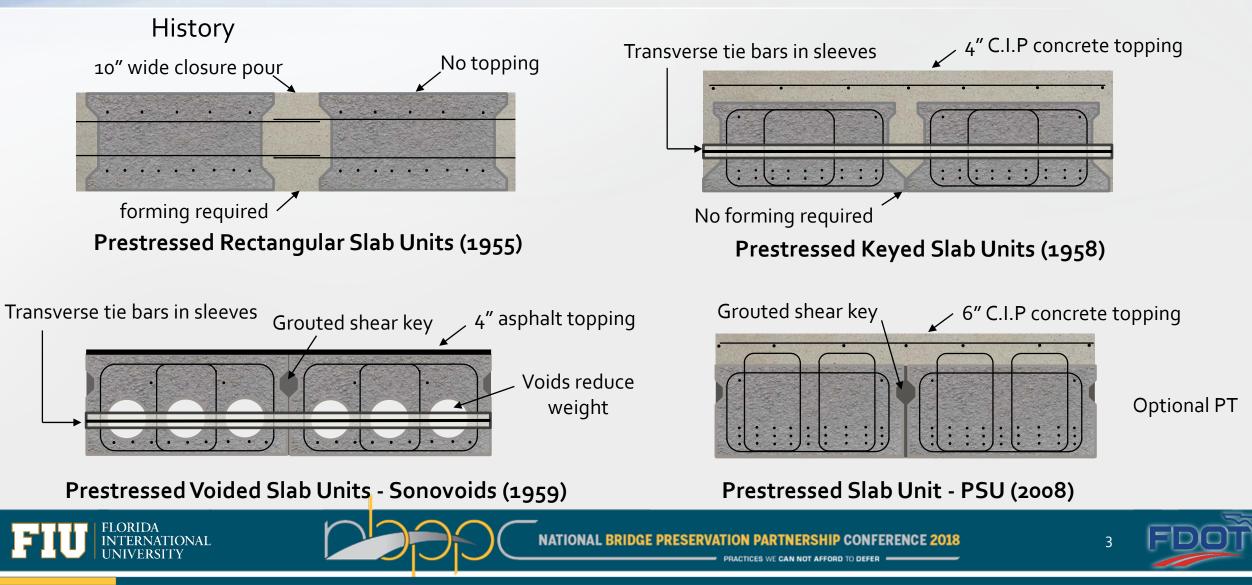
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- Update of Current Research





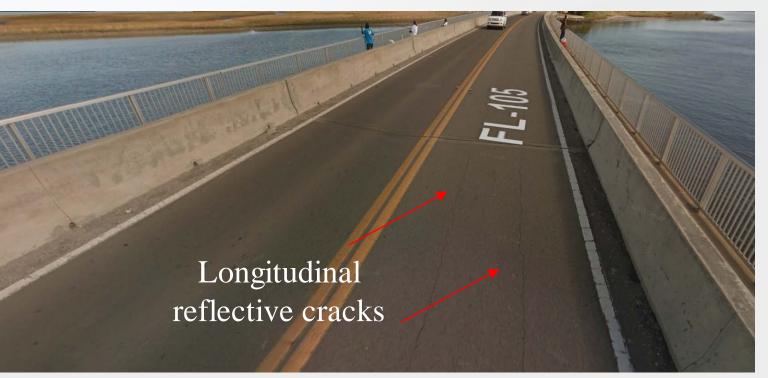


## Background – Florida Slab Beam Superstructures



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#### Performance



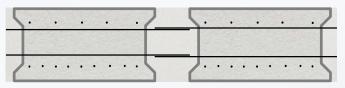
Bridge over Browns Creek (Jan 2017) Jacksonville, FL 32226 30°25'02.9"N 81°31'52.7"W

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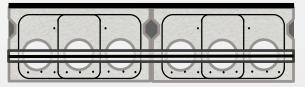




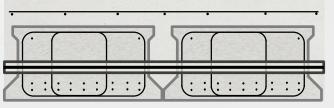
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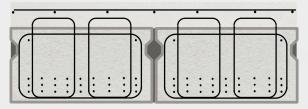
Prestressed Rectangular Slab Units (1955)



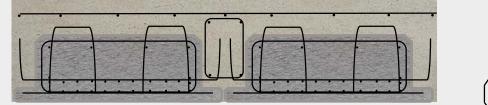
Prestressed Voided Slab Units - Sonovoids (1959)



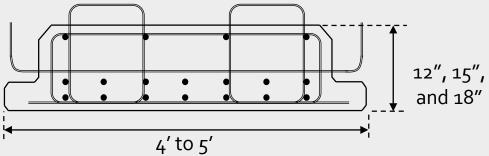
Prestressed Keyed Slab Units (1958)



Prestressed Slab Unit - PSU (2008)



Florida Slab Beam – FSB (2015)

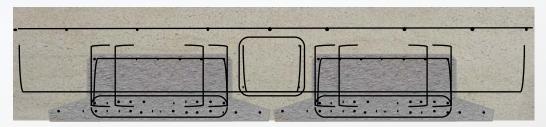






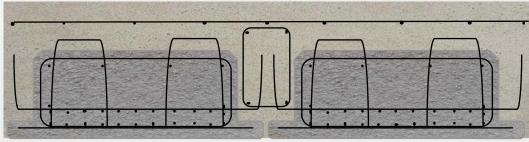


## Background – Current FSB System

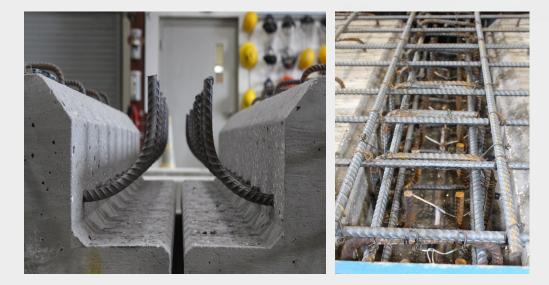


Precast Composite Slab Span System – PCSS (2005)





Florida Slab Beam – FSB (2015)







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## Background – Current FSB Superstructure Construction



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## Background – UHPC

Property	Range		
Compressive Strength	20 to 30 ksi	140 to 200 MPa	
Tensile Cracking Strength	0.9 to 1.5 ksi	6 to 10 MPa	
Modulus of Elasticity	6,000 to 10,000 ksi	40 to 70 GPa	



Source: <a href="https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/research/resources/uhpc/">https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/research/resources/uhpc/</a>





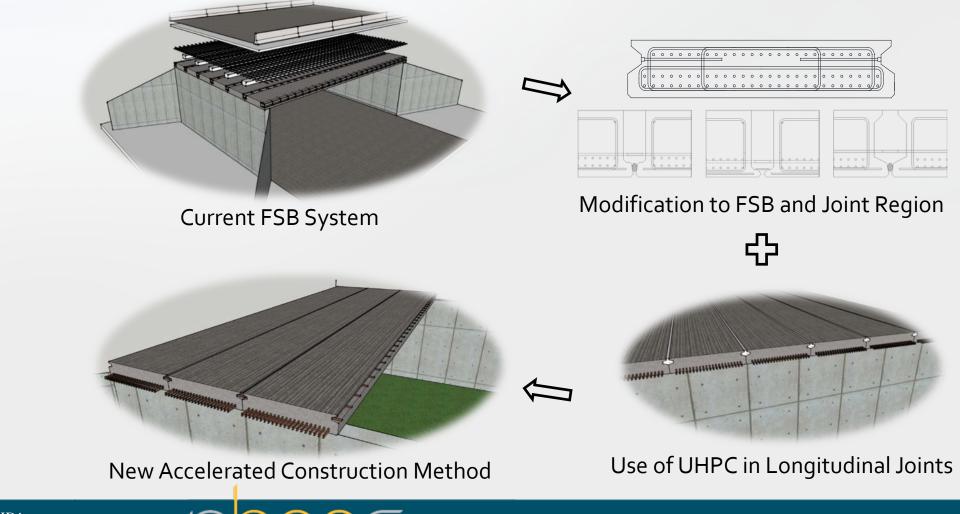
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## Objectives



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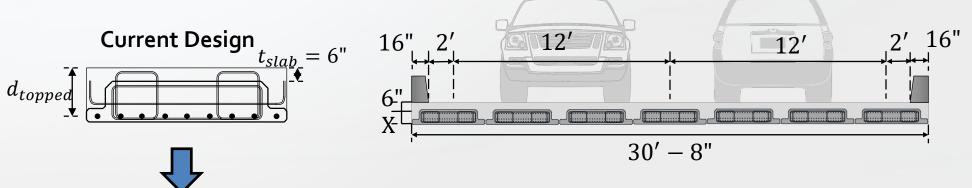
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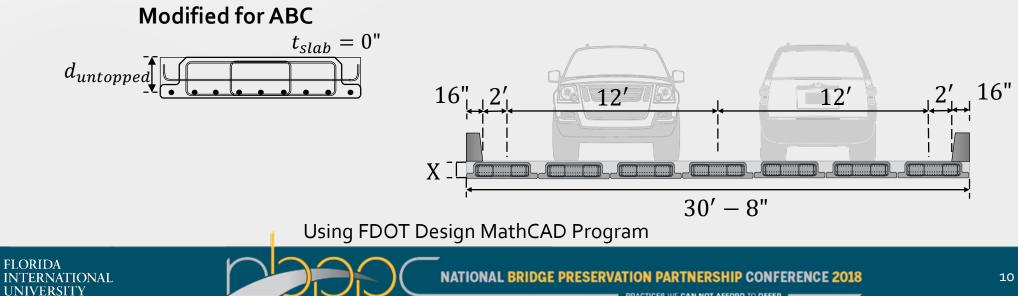
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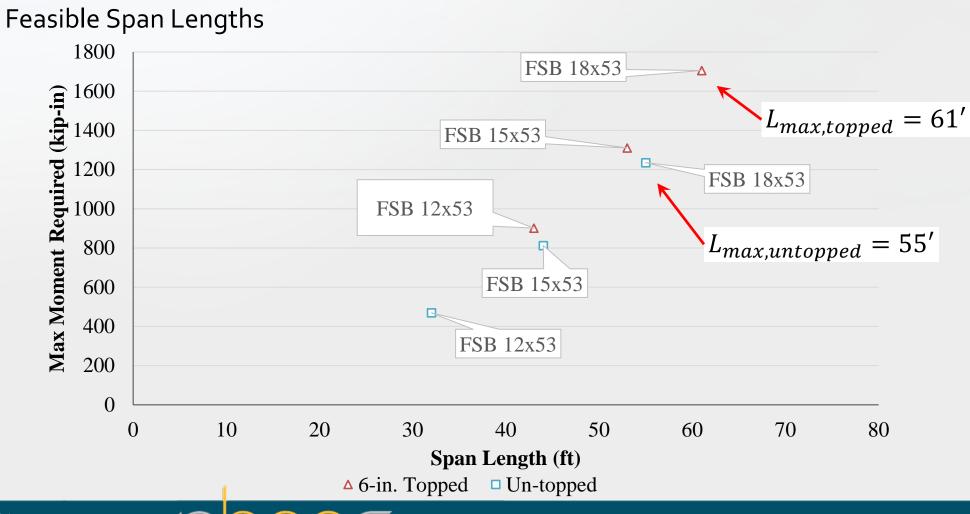


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#### Feasible Span Lengths



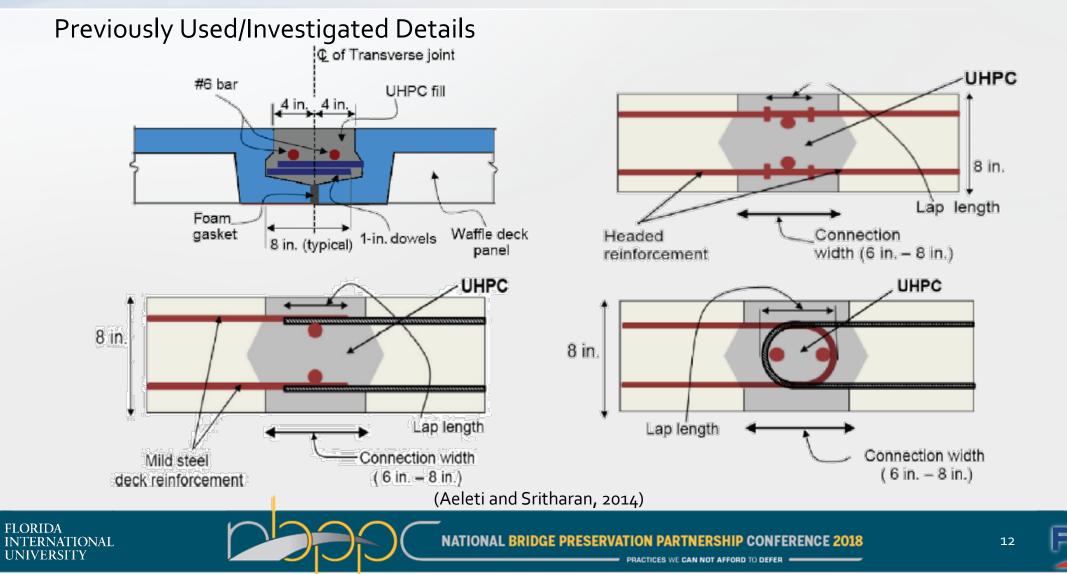




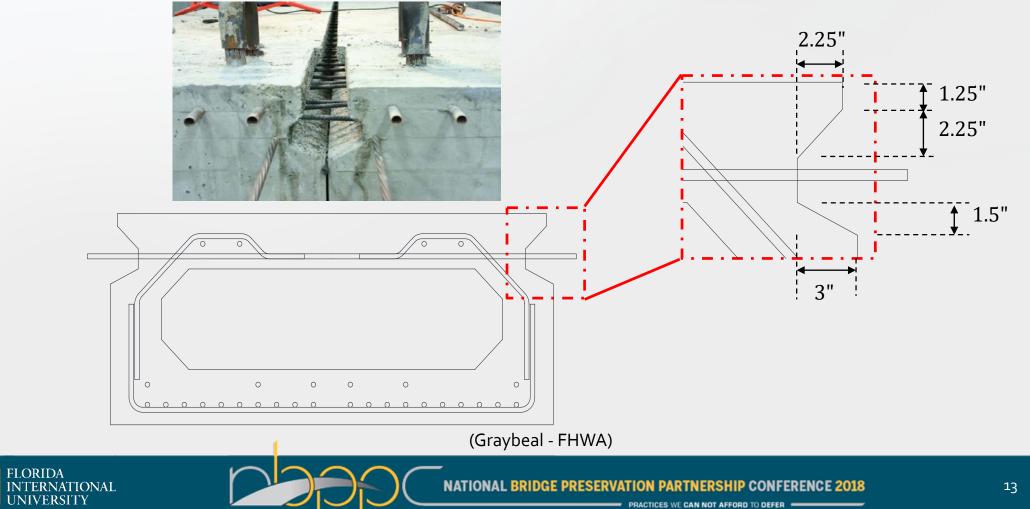
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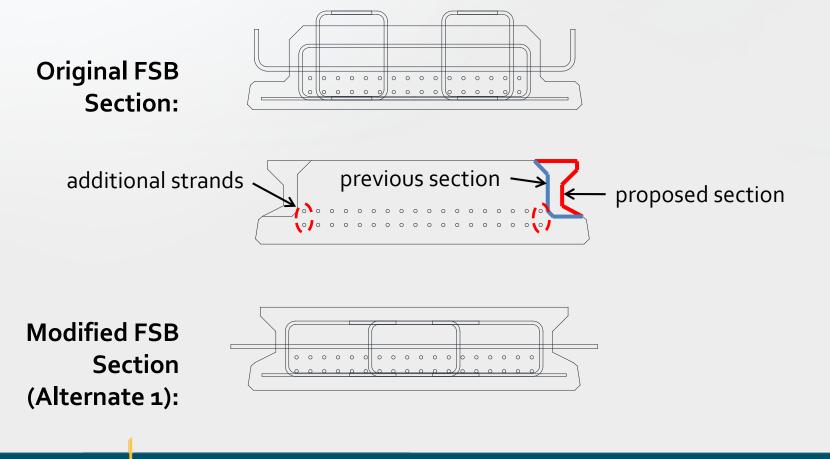




Previously Used/Investigated Details



Option 1 – Box Beam Joint Integration

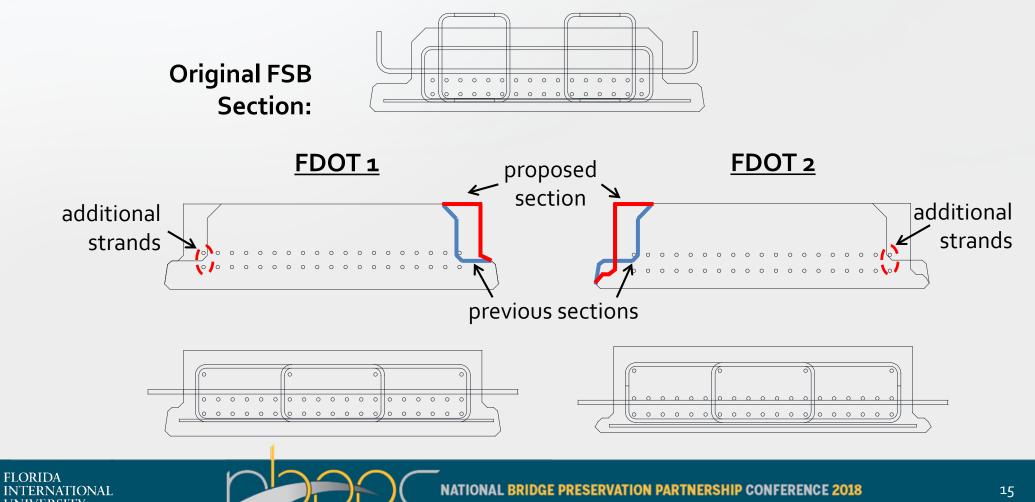


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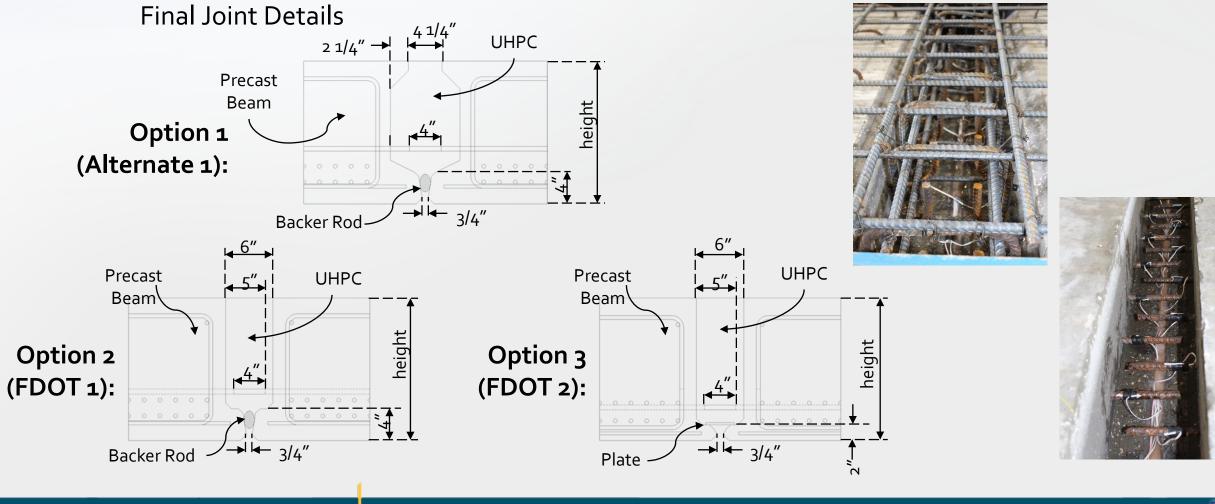




Option 2 – FDOT Proposed Joints



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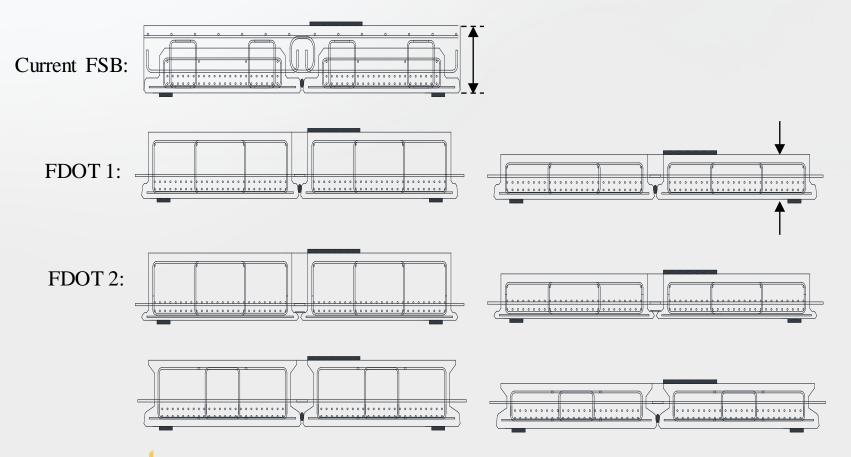
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#### Preliminary Test Specimens



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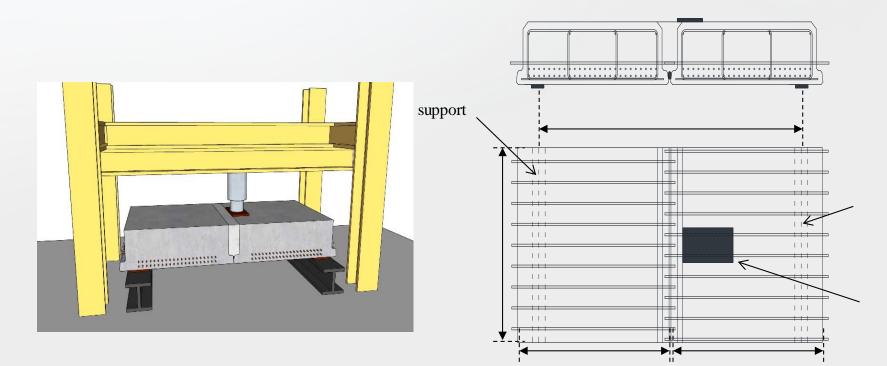


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Test Set-Up



Wheel Path: AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications (Section 3.6.1.4)

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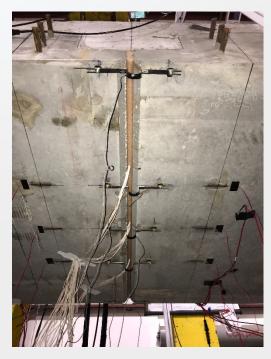
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Experimental Testing – Current FSB



Side View



**Bottom View** 



Top View

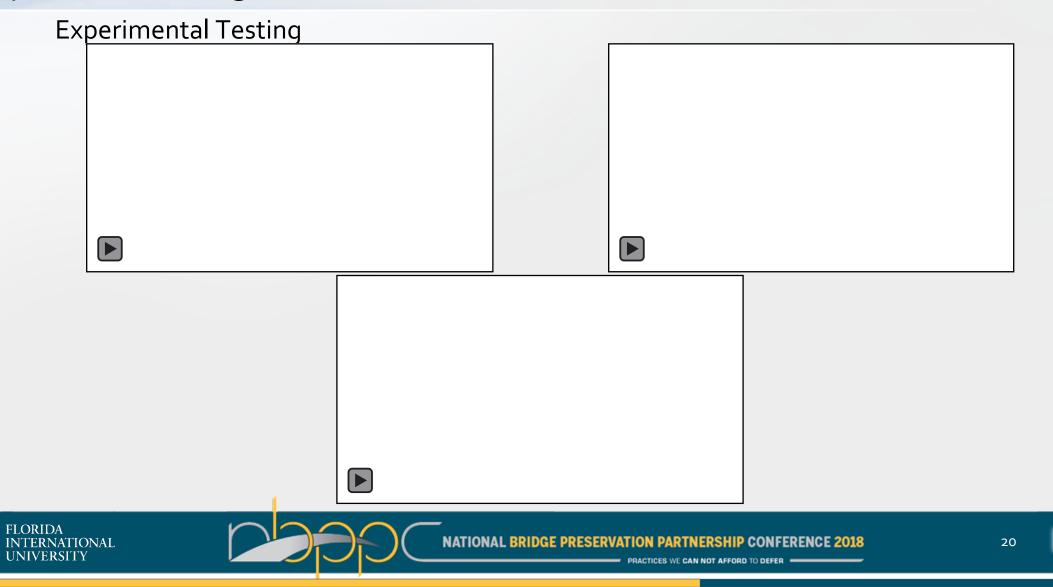


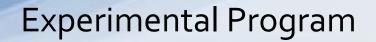


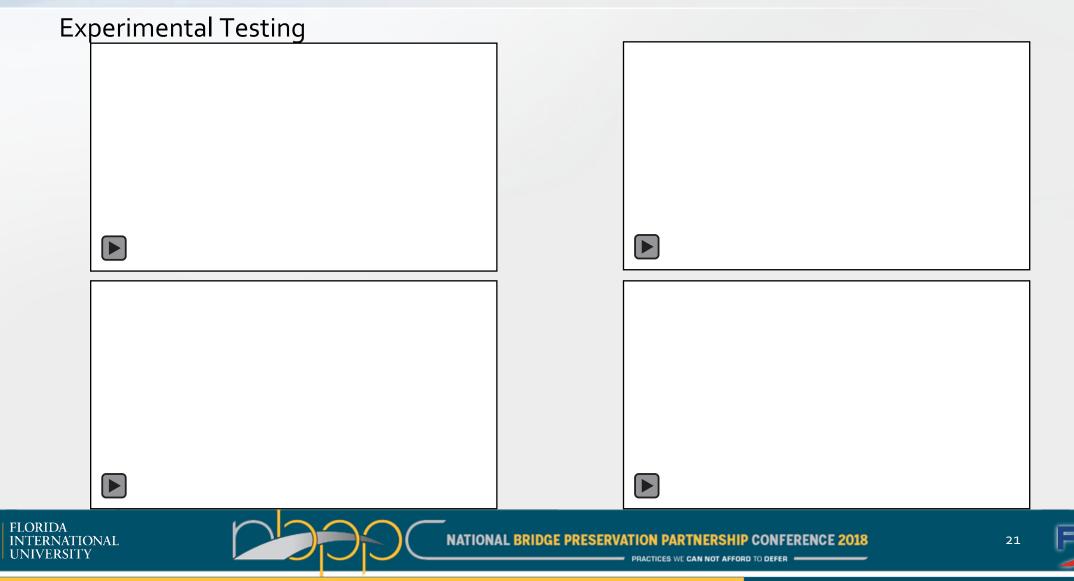
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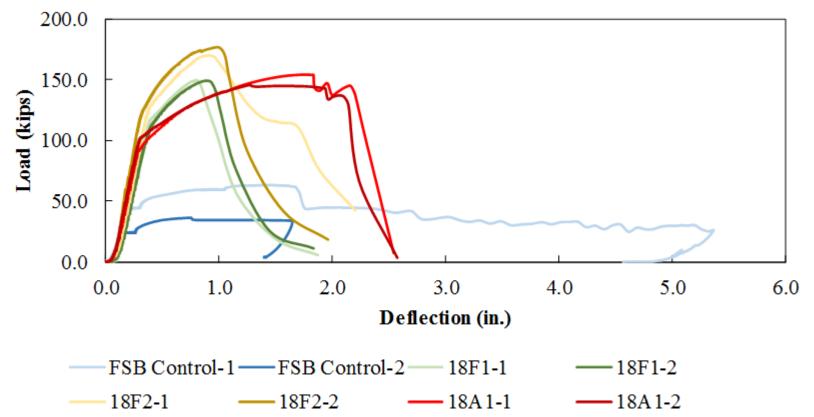
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Experimental Models – 18" Specimens

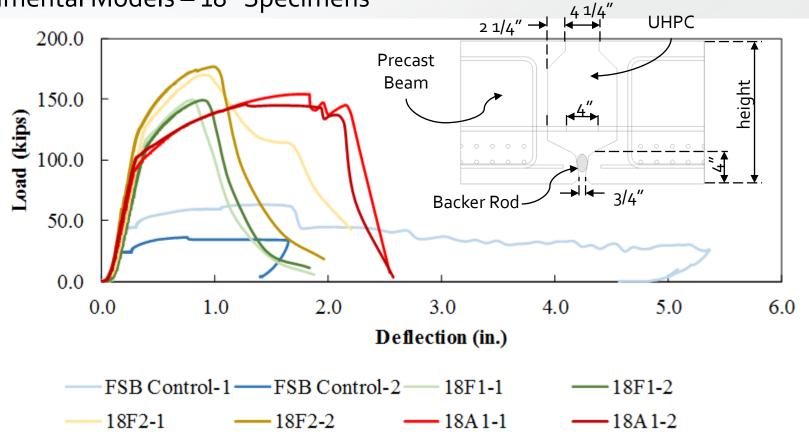


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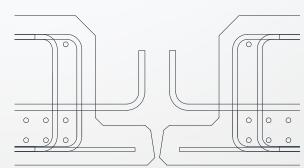


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## **Preliminary Recommendations**

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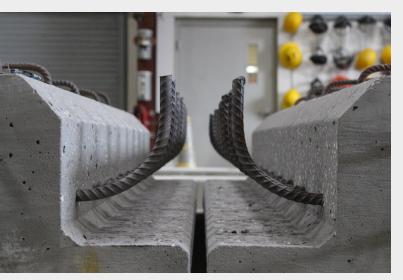
Experimental Testing – Current FSB



Original Joint Design



Observed faulty bar bend in FSB Control joint



Original FSB joint delivered

Ensure proper bend detail during construction







## **Preliminary Recommendations**

Experimental Testing – Joint Surface Exposure

#### Exposed Aggregate Finish

VS

Set-Retarding Agent



(Graybeal - FHWA)

Sand-Blasted



(Current Research)

#### Debonding between UHPC and precast concrete



#### Ensure ¼" roughened surface

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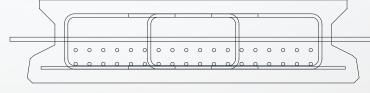


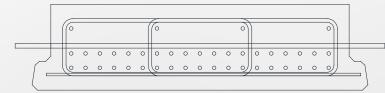
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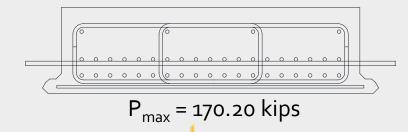


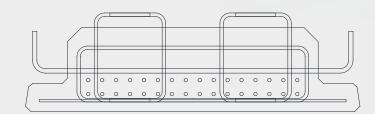
## **Preliminary Conclusions**

#### Joint Strength









P<sub>max</sub> = 153.25 kips\* (P<sub>max</sub> = 63.42 kips\*\*)

\*from numerical model \*\*from experimental testing

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