## Analytical Study on Reinforcement Effect of High-Strength Bolted Frictional Patch Plate Joints for Steel I-Girders Web Panel Focusing on Cross-Section and Slip Span

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The influence of the girder and angle section geometries, as well as the slip range, on the length of the transition region was clarified.

## BACKGROUND





- Fig.1 Example of reinforcement by bolt
- 1. As show in Fig.1, when angle sections are attached to the web panel, there exists transition span where the neutral axis position and axial stress deviate from theoretical values.
- 2. As show in Fig.2, modeling the bolts with friction revealed that slip occurs at the bolt positions near the ends of the angle sections due to local changes in cross-section between the reinforced and unreinforced span, resulting in an extended transition span.





- As show in Fig.3, half-span model of longitudinally symmetric I-girder was developed.
- As show in Fig.4, four angle sections were installed on both sides of the web at midspan using M22 high-strength.
- parameters include the presence or absence of bolt modeling, three types of girder and angle cross-sections, resulting in a total of 18 cases.

KEYWORDS

□ patch plate □ transition span

cross-section

Compression-side

## RESULTS

- As show in Fig.5, the distance required for the axial stress ratio(analytical / theoretical) in angle section to converge to approximately 1.00, as well as the slip span, was found to be longer on the compression-side angle than on the tension-side one.
- As show in Fig.6, transition span of axial stress ratio in the angle section extended beyond that of the neutral axis shift.
- Effect of slip varied with the crosssectional properties, resulting in the transition span increasing by up to approximately 1.6 times



## SUMMARY

Larger cross-sections of angle sections resulted in a longer slip span and transition span. Additionally, transition span may increase by up to approximately 1.6 times due to slip.



- As shown in Fig. 7, there is a strong correlation between the cross-sectional properties and the neutral axis difference(reinforced – unreinforced) / transition span.
  - $\Delta n$ : Difference in the theoretical neutral axis position between the reinforced and non-reinforced sections
  - *I* : Second moment<sup>\*</sup> of area of the entire reinforced section *I<sub>e</sub>* : Second moment<sup>\*</sup> of area of the angle section
  - $I_a$ : Second moment of area of the angle section  $I_a$ : Second moment of area of the girder section only
  - $I_f$ : Second moment\* of area of the flange

\*Second moment of area about the neutral axis after reinforcement

- It is preferable to define the transition span of the axial stress ratio in angle sections as the transition span of the reinforced crosssection.
- A structural parameter was identified that enables evaluation of the transition span excluding the effect of slip.