Design Aid 3.12.2.  Design Strength Interaction Curves for Precast, Reinforced Concrete Columns

CRITERIA
1. Concrete $f'_c = 5000$ psi, normalweight
2. Reinforcement $f_y = 60,000$ psi
3. Curves shown for full development of reinforcement
4. Horizontal portion of curve is the maximum for tied columns $= 0.80 \phi P_o$
5. Varies linearly from 0.9 for tension-controlled sections to 0.65 for compression-controlled sections in accordance with ACI 318-05 Section 9.3.2

USE OF CURVES
1. Enter at left with applied factored axial load $P_u$
2. Enter at bottom with applied magnified factored moment $\delta M_u$
3. Intersection point must be to the left of curve indicating required reinforcement.

NOTATION
$\phi P_n$ = design axial strength
$\phi M_n$ = design flexural strength
$\phi P_o$ = design axial strength at zero eccentricity
$A_g$ = gross area of the column
$\delta$ = moment magnifier (ACI 318-05, Section 10.11–10.13)

The interaction curves have been smoothed for plotting purposes. Exact calculated values may be slightly different.
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