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# **Assessment and Retrofit of Masonry Structures**

Introduction to Ancient and Modern Masonry

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### CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION TO ANCIENT MASONRY



Ribbed masonry vault

## **Examples of Ancient Masonry Structures**

From ancient times to the present, there are spectacular examples of masonry structures that would very difficult and extremely expensive to duplicate today even with our advanced skills, modern machines and modern materials.



### **Masonry Materials for Ancient Masonry - Units**

- Materials have been used for the construction of ancient masonry, with those locally available being most common.
- Where civilizations existed in the vicinity of mountains, stone was used.
- When civilizations developed in river plains, Alluvial deposits were used to create **brick**





# **Ancient Masonry Materials- Stone**

The first masonry was a crude stack of selected natural stone. The mortar, if any, was earth that was packed between the stones.

As tools become available, stones were regularly trimmed , cut, stacked, wedged with smaller stones

and bedded in clay











### Ancient Masonry Material-Brick

- Clay brick has been used for at least 10,000 years. Sun-dried molded brick was widely used.
- Bricks varied greatly in shape from board flat bricks only 1 in. thick to those of roman size bricks

### Ancient Masonry Materials - Mortar

- Early mortars were primarily used to fill cracks and provide uniform bedding for masonry units. Mortar joints also provide weathering resistance and improved durability
- Such mortars might have been
  - Clay
  - Bitumen
  - Clay-straw mixtures
  - Lime mortar



## **Compatibility of Restoration Mortar**

ASTM C1713 provides a series of procedures to evaluate compatibility of restoration mortars and the following recommendations on compatibility limits for various properties.

- Water retention:  $\geq$  75 %
- Air content:  $\leq 12 \%$ 
  - $\leq$  17 % (when using mortar cement)
  - $\leq$  21 % (when using masonry cement)
- Total porosity: between 75% and 125% of the target value
- Water vapor permeability: between 75% and 125% of the target value
- Compressive strength: between 100% and 125% of the target value
- Flexural bond strength (where bond is critical), for mortar containing hydraulic cement binders:  $\geq 29 \text{ psi} (0.2 \text{ MPa})$

### **Fundamental Structural Problems**

There are two fundamental structural problems when building:

- 1- how to achieve height and
- 2- how to span an opening;

in a sense, *how to span vertical and horizontal spaces.* The former is achieved in masonry construction by using columns, towers, and walls and the latter by using lintels, beams, and arches. Some structural forms, such as vaults and domes, span vertically and horizontally at the same time.

# **Building Up**



# **Building Up - Cantilever Uncoupled Walls**



- Case of full bearing: e=M/p= t/6
- Case of uplift at base: e> t/6
- Case of only half base section in contact: e= t/3
- Case of overturning: e=t/2

# **Spanning Across- Beams**



(a) Lion Gate (c. 1250 B.C.)



(b) Sketch of Lion Gate Stone Lintel



(c) Free Body Diagram of Half of the Lintel



- Horizontal space is most easily spanned by placing a horizontal beam across an opening.
- The external couple produced by the weight of the beam is resisted by an equal and opposite internal couple equals

T d = C d

### **Spanning Across-Primitive Arch**

A greater san is possible using two inclined stone slabs resting against each other to form a primitive arch. It is only possible if the horizontal reaction R can be developed.







### **Spanning Across- True Arch**

- A significant structural advance was made with the introduction of the first true arch in about 1400 B.C.
- In a true arch, the stone is hewn away so that only a narrow thickness, centered around the thrust line, remained, then arch is entirely in compression and uniformly stressed over its thickness.
- For a uniformly distributed load (like self weight), parabolic arch is a true arch.
- Under UDL, the thrust line in gothic or circular arch is not in the center. Gothic shape is closer to parabola than the semicircle. Therefore, it is more efficient.



# **Spanning Across- Gothic Arch**



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# **Spanning Across-Corbelled Arch**



Note that the horizontal component of the thrust force is resisted by the end piers.



# **Spanning Across-Corbelling**

- Masonry unit can be corbelled 1/3 to 1/2 of its height.
- At any section, e=M/p should be less than t/6. For a factor of safety of 2, e should not be more than t/12



#### **Enclosing Space : Pyramids, Domes, Vaults and Arches**



# Spanning Across (3-D) : Domes



### Redundancy

- With cracking at base (critical section with maximum moment), structure changes from 3-D (a) statically indeterminate to 1-D (b) statically indeterminate.
- With cracking of crown section (section of maximum positive moment), structure becomes statically determine (d)-3 hinged arch
- With further loading, cracks develop at B and the structure becomes unstable (goes to a mechanism because of the 5 hinges at the five cracked sections)



#### **Effect of Cracking on Structural Response**

Cracking does not mean necessarily that the structure is incapable of carrying the future loads and need to be retrofitted.

For statically indeterminate structures, cracking of the critical section is not an ultimate limit state; it is a serviceability limit state.



### **Summary- Characteristics of Historic Masonry**

- Thick, multi-wythe walls made of stone or molded clay
- Unreinforced
- Uncoupled-walls act as cantilever because of flexible wood diaphragms
- Gravity walls-rely on the compressive load to counter-balance tension

i.e. eccentricity does not exceed t/6 (kern eccentricity of rectangular sections). Thrust line is in the middle third.

Cracking does not represent an ultimate limit state because of redundancy/indeterminacy





### **Transition from Ancient to Modern Masonry**

Ancient masonry construction relied upon thick, multi-wythe walls to carry structural loads and resist moisture penetration. Massive masonry wall assemblies served the dual role of structure and environmental envelope, protecting interior spaces from external influences by their great mass: moisture penetration was resisted by the absorptive capacity of the multi-wythe masonry barrier, and thermal fluctuations were moderated by its thermal mass.

This type of construction is, from a modern approach, overbuilt, and minor flaws in their design or construction did not have a major effect on long-term performance.

#### ... Transition from Ancient to Modern Masonry- Examples

This form perhaps reached its pinnacle in the 1890s with construction of the 16-story Monadnock Building in Chicago and the Philadelphia City Hall Tower, which (167 m) remains the tallest unreinforced masonry construction in the world. Its walls are 2.4 m thick in the tower and 6.7 m thick at the foundation.



### ... Transition from Ancient to Modern Masonry

Modern building design strives to optimize labor and material costs relative to structural performance and serviceability, while maintaining an attractive aesthetic.

Development of more efficient, rational engineering design procedures have served to optimize the structure itself and reduce the mass of loadbearing walls.

### ....Transition from Ancient to Modern Masonry

Over the last 150 years the traditional usage of masonry has been adapted to meet modern design philosophy encompassing economy, function, and aesthetics. Technological developments led to the use of less expensive forms of stone, such as thin stone slab veneer, and new masonry products developed to simulate stone including terra cotta and textured concrete masonry.

Improved procedures for manufacturing brick led to a transition from laborintensive hand molded units to hydraulic-pressed brick and extruded brick forms. At the same time, advances in brick firing have given us highly durable units that are capable of being used as only a thin skin facing the structure without requiring massive wall systems for performance and durability.

#### ....Transition from Ancient to Modern Masonry

Many different masonry systems were developed to act as fireproofing elements. Traditional load-bearing masonry walls continued to be used for low- to mid-rise construction. Masonry also fulfilled a role in protecting structural steel framing used for high-rise construction.

In its simplest form, brick and mortar was used to infill between flanges of steel beams and columns, with a 100 mm brick thickness considered as giving a 5-hour fire rating to structural steel members. Steel framing was typically surrounded by brick or masonry for fireproofing





### CHAPTER 2

### INTRODUCTION TO MODERN MASONRY



Modern masonry construction

### Contents

- Introduction to contemporary masonry
- Masonry elements
- Masonry Systems
- Codes and Standards
- Sources of information

# Introduction

# Problems with Conventional Infilled RC Frame Construction

There is a significant need of efficient residential and institutional buildings in many parts of the world to meet the rapid growth of population.

Conventional RC infill frame construction is unsustainable and has many problems





### ... Problems with RC Frame construction

Conventional skeleton infill RC frame buildings have problems of durability of the building envelope in form of

- spalling of plaster
- Delamination of face plaster or stone
- corrosion of reinforcing steel
- Cracking of masonry infill due to differential settlement



### Problems with RC Frame construction

Slow construction with many trades on the job.

- RC frame construction goes from the bottom up and the finishing from the top down.
- Cast-in-place concrete requires formwork and waiting period for curing
- Plastering of walls slows construction significantly and requires formwork for exterior walls.
- There is an issue of quality of poured concrete

### ....Problems with RC Frame construction

#### Vulnerability to seismic attack :

B-C joints, punching shear of flat-plate, unconfined columns, cracking of infill masonry walls, torsional effect due to unsymmetrical distribution of infill walls, undesirable strong beam-

weak column mechanism











(c)

# **Proposed Solution**

Use Loadbearing reinforced concrete masonry which consists of small precast units connected together to form a structural system.

Applications include:

Apartments

Schools

Hotels





### Advantages of Loadbearing Masonry Wall System

Multifunctional Characteristics of loadbearing masonry buildings:

- 1- Structural framework
- 2- Define geometric space
- 3- Variety of architectural finishes
- 4-Waterproof enclosure
- **5**-Thermal insulation
- 6- Acoustical enclosure
- 7- Fire proofing
- 8- Dimensional tolerance
- 9- Simple erection techniques
# **Contemporary Masonry Materials**

# **Characteristics of Contemporary Masonry units**

Manufactured with high quality control.

Variety of materials such as clay, concrete, calcium silicate, stone, glass, AAC

Variety of shapes, colors and textures

# Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU)



# Clay Brick







# Innovative CMU- Thermal Efficiency

Insulated CMU







• AAC Blocks



# **Modern Mortar**



### Basic Ingredients:

PC + Lime + masonry sand

### **Types:**

- 1- PCL mortar
- 2- Masonry cement
- 3- Mortar cement

# Grout

**Basic Ingredients**: PC + Lime + sand + Aggregate

Types- based on ingredients:

■ Fine grout

Coarse grout

#### Types-based on workability

- Conventional grout-requires consolidation
- Self-Consolidating Grout (SCG)



(a) Slump Test of Fluid Grout



(b) Water from the Fluid Grout is Absorbed into the Block and Results in Surface Wetness (Courtesy of Gary T. Suter)

# **Masonry Elements**

# **Types of Masonry Elements**

### Based on **geometry**:

Single wytheMulti-wythe

Based on load-resisting :

■ Loadbearing (LB) and

non-loadbearing (NLB) such as veneer, infill walls and partitions

# ... Types of Masonry Elements

#### Based on how to resist structural loads:

- URM- tensile stresses are resisted by axial compression and also by limited tensile strength of mortar bond. Minimum reinforcement may be specified based on seismic design category (SDC)
- RM- Tensile stresses are resisted by longitudinal (to carry flexure) and transverse (to carry shear) steel reinforcement. Tensile strength of masonry is ignored.
- PM- Tensile stresses is resisted by axial compressive stresses from prestressing.

# Single-Wythe URM Walls



# **Cavity Walls**



# Multi-Wythe Solid URM Walls



# **RM Walls**



(c) Reinforcement in hollow units (fully and partially grouted masonry, L to R)

- Vertical (longitudinal) steel to carry flexure and horizontal (transverse) steel to carry shear.
- Reinforcement types:
  - Steel bars
  - Joint reinforcement





(a) Ladder Type

(b) Truss type

# .....RM Walls

### Extend of grouting

- **Fully grouted ( grouted solid) masonry** (FGM) -Use gross section properties for stress calculation.
- Partially grouted masonry (PGM) use net cross section properties for stress calculations.



concrete masonry

# TMS 402 Code Minimum steel Reinforcement in Masonry walls

Based on Seismic Design category:

Ordinary Reinforced Masonry (ORM)

Intermediate Reinforced Masonry (IRM)

Special Reinforced Masonry (SRM)

# TMS 402 Reinforcement Requirements for ORM Walls



# TMS 402 Reinforcement Requirements for IRM Walls



# **TMS Reinforcement Requirements for SRM Walls**



- Max Horizontal Reinf. Spacing = Smaller of 1.2 m,  $\frac{1}{3}$ H and  $\frac{1}{3}$ L
- Max Vertical Reinf. Spacing = Smaller of 1.2 m,  $\frac{1}{3}$ H and  $\frac{1}{3}$ L Min Reinforcement = 130 mm<sup>2</sup>
- Min area of vertical reinf. shall be  $\frac{1}{3}$  of required shear reinf.

# **Veneered Walls**



# Diaphragm Walls (URM or PM)



# **RM Beams**



# **RM Columns and Pilasters**



Masonry Columns have to be reinforced whereas masonry pilasters do not have to be reinforced.



# **Masonry Elements**

Behavior

### Out-of-Plane Behavior of Walls under Axial Load and Bending

- If eccentricity e is equal to or less than t/3, no need of steel reinforcement.
- If eccentricity e is greater than t/3 wall has to be reinforced.



# Behavior of Walls under Axial Load and Bending- Location of Thrust Line



- If e is equal to or less than t/6, all section is under compression and no cracking
- If e exceeds t/6 cracking occurs ( assume no tension capacity)
- For e=t/3 have the section is cracked
- For e greater than t/2, the thrust line is outside the section and the wall has to be reinforced

# Relative Flexural Strength and Stiffness of Cavity and Diaphragm Walls

Cavity wall strength (moment-carrying capacity) and stiffness are based on simple addition of individual wythes (uncoupled), each bend about its own axis.



In diaphragm wall, the two wythes are coupled by the cross rigid links that are capable of transferring shear. Therefore, the strength and stiffness are calculated based on net combined flanged cross section (with common centroidal axis).



# **Behavior of Reinforced Masonry Shear Walls**





(a) Wall under combined axial

and lateral loads.



ultimate.

(b) Normal Stress distributions.

# **Prestressed Masonry Walls**



(a) Prestress Wall

(b) Normal Stress Distribution at Midspan Section

- PM walls are typically designed to be free of tension (crack free) under service loads. This contrast with RM, which must crack for the reinforcement to become effective.
- If minor cracks do occur under service loads, the prestressed steel closes them again when the load is removed.
- The initial prestress has to be modified to account for long term deformation such as creep, shrinkage (for CMU).

# **Post-tensioning**









# **Masonry Systems**

# **Multi-Story Reinforced Masonry Buildings**



- Rigid diaphragms-loads are distributed to the lateral load resisting system (shear walls) based on relative stiffness.
- Accumulated In-plane action of shear walls under seismic loads controls the wall design
- Shear walls have to have adequate ductility capacity to reduce seismic demand (R factor)

# **Examples : Multi-Story Reinforced Masonry Buildings**

- The 21 story Liberty Park East Towers in Pittsburgh were constructed using reinforced concrete masonry shear walls.
- The top 18 stories of the Excalibur Hotel I Las Vegas was Constructed using 12 in reinforced concrete masonry shear walls





# Codes, Specifications and Materials Standards

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# **Loading Standard**



Covers load determination, serviceability requirements and ductility requirements for seismic design.

Gravity Loads: D, L, S, R

Lateral Loads: W, E

Load combinations

# **Design Standards**

- Masonry Materials and assemblages- ASTM Specifications
- Design: TMS 402 Code-2016
- Construction: TMS 602 Specifications-2016



CODE

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tion of projected area overlapping an open cell, head joint, or that lies outside the masonry deducted from the value of  $A_{\rm pc}$  calculated using to -1. Where the projected areas of anchor bolts the value of  $A_{\rm pc}$  celculated using Equation 6-1 adjusted so that no portion of masonry is Imore than once.

(Equation 6-1)

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## Sources of Information for Design and Construction of Modern Masonry Buildings

See Appendix A of the Masonry textbook by A. Hamid

A.1 Organizations

A.2 Books

A.3 Special technical publications

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# **The Masonry Society**

## The Masonry Society: <u>www.themasonrysociety.org</u>





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Figure 1—Typical Control Joint Locations

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## Water Penetration Resistance – Design and Detailing

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### SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

#### Wall System Selection - Drainage wells provide maximum protection against water penetration by use of a drainage cavity - Barrier walls provide good water penetration resistance by holding moistave within their mass until evaporation

 Single wythe masonry walls provide adequate water penetration resistance when carefully detailed and constructed

Install flashing at wall bases, tops of walls and rock, parapets, above projections (such as bay windows, blaconies, decks), changes in grade, and transitions with other cladding materials For drainage walls, also install flashing at any other

#### iscontinuities in the cavity

 Extending flashing to exterior wall face is required Lap continuous flashing pieces at least 6 in. (152 mm) and seal with compatible sealant or adhesive "Turn up the ends of discontinuous flashing at least 1 in (25.4 mm) to form end dams "Support flexible flashing across gaps and openings "Support flexible flashing across gaps and openings

For UV-sensitive flashing, use a drip edge

Through-Wall Flashing Termination
 End flashing on vertical surface of backing
 Integrate flashing with weather resistive here

Protect edge of flashing from moisture:
 Apply cap bead of sealant on edge of self-adhered flashing

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rier Weeps • Open head joint weeps spaced at no more than 24 in (610 mm) o.c. preferred

(610 mm) o.c. preferred 4 Most building codes permit weeps no less than ¼, in. (4.8 mm) in diameter and spaced no more than 33 in. (838 mm) o.c. (838 mm) o.c. is recommended (406 mm) o.c. is recommended

# The End



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