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Mechanics of masonry structures: arches, shear walls and vaults

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Layout:

- Historic and old masonry buildings
- Modelling: general aspects
- Columns, arches and bridges
- Walls
- Domes
- Conclusions

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Piranesi: Pantheon (Choisy)

1. Historic masonry constructions: from damage to safety



V. Lamberti, Statica degli edifici, Napoli, 1781

1. Knowledge about historic constructions: Historical research Historic construction techniques and materials Inspection-damage 2. Mechanical modeling: Interpretation of damages – diagnosis •Simulation Assessment •Evaluation of strengthening techniques

3. Design

- Assessment of structural
- safety
- Design of repairs (if required)

Arches



Temple of Sethi I and Ramses II, XIX Dinasty

Roma, Mercati traianei





Palace at Ctesiphon, A.D. 550

Arches



Umbria-Marche Earthquake, 1997



Masonry bridges

Prestwood Bridge (Page, 1993)

Road bridge Arquata S., Alessandria





Railway bridge (Bologna-Piacenza)

Masonry walls



Out-of-plane collapse



Umbria-Marche Earthquake, Colfiorito, 1997

Masonry walls



In-plane collapse



Umbria-Marche Earthquake, Colfiorito, 1997

South Piemonte Earthquake, 2003

Vaults



Umbria-Marche Earthquake, 1997





Masonry domes

Basilica di S. Maria di Carignano - Genova



Materials and bond patterns







disorder









Old building construction techniques and rules of practice





Old building construction techniques and rules of practice



In the absence of rules.....



Caste in S. Cristoforo, Genova



2. Modeling: general aspects

The aims of mechanical modeling masonry constructions

- interpretation of the damage and (realistic) assessment of the structural safety;
- selection of the most efficient and less invasive repairs and strengthening techniques (if necessary), compatible with the original design concepts of the construction.

Understanding the relevant mechanical behavior of the construction through proper structural models (avoiding dogmatic conventional assessment procedure)

Masonry

- heterogeneous material (periodic random bond pattern)
- components: brick unit, stone block, mortar layer
- quasi-brittle behavior
- different types of bond pattern thick masonry walls
- Randomness of the material parameters
- to be calibrated by in situ set up
- constitutive modeling based on the geometry and assembly of the components and their constitutive models

2. Modeling: general aspects (cont'd)

The masonry construction

- Construction Versus structure
- Mechanical interaction among the construction elements (vaults, walls, columns, arches,)
- Building foundation interactions
- Modification and extension of the construction (superfetations, growth, etc...)
- Building to building interaction (Historic centres and urban aggregates)

Other aspects

- Sensitivity to the applied loads: static (weigth loads) V/s dynamic (seismic, traffic...) loads.
- Sensitivity to the construction sequence
- Influence of initial stresses and strains and quasi-brittle behavior of masonry: how to approach the safety assessment?
- Chemo-physical degradation and residual life

2. Modeling: general aspects

I mposed horizontal displacement on compressed walls





Hysteresis & damage

Dominant NL elastic response NTR



2. Modeling: introductory aspects



Viscoelasticity

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Homogenization



Homogeneous macro-strain

RVE

3. Columns and arches



3. Columns and arches

Eccentrically loaded columns & arches







Experimental set up



1 unit stack



2 unit stack





Brencich e Gambarotta, RI LEM, 2005



Eccentrically loaded columns & arches



3. Masonry bridges

I ncremental analysis – Castigliano I terative updating of the compressed section



Limit analysis - NTR model

Kooharian, Heyman,



Hypotheses:

- 1. No tensile strength masonry NTR
- 2. Infinite compressive strength
- 3. No sliding failure
- 4. Small displacement and rotations



Limit analysis – NRT model



 $\mu_{k} = -\int_{\mathscr{P}} \gamma \ hb \ \dot{u}_{v}(s) ds / \int_{\mathscr{P}} q \ \dot{u}_{v}(s) \ ds$ $\mu_k q$ θ, C_2^{\prime} C_2 $-\dot{\theta}_{2}$ \mathbf{G}_{2} G₂ G $-\dot{\theta}_1$ u^+ $\geq u_{.}$ u $\dot{\theta}_1 s$ μ_{c} Kinematic theorem $\mu_{\rm c} = \min \mu_{\rm k}$

Potential failure mechanism.

Limit analysis: applications









Masonry bridges: Vault – fill interaction

Tests on full scale masonry bridges: Prestwood Bridge

Page, 1993

 $P_{exp} = 228 kN$





Tests on model scale bridges



Limit analysis of the bridge



Fill: Mohr Coulamb + Cut off

Arch: NTR - EEP in compression



Equilibrium FE model arch – fill interaction



Compatible FE model Arch – fill interaction



Piecewise linearization of the limit domains

Prestwood Bridge collapse: numerical simulation

U. B. - collapse mechanism (plane strain)



Plane strain



U. B. -Collapse mechanism

$$P_{\rm{U}} = 228 \rm{k} \rm{N}$$

L.B. – Principal stress field $P_{\rm L} = 184 \, {\rm kN}$

Lateral pressure

 $P_{\rm U} = 184 \, {\rm kN}$

I nluence of the cohesion and the angle of internal friction on the collapse load



 $(c = 10 k Pa, \phi = 37^{\circ})$





Vertical displacement v

Multi span bridge: Fill – arches – piers interaction




Multi span bridge



Sterpi et al., 2006

Masonry bridges: probabilistic analysis





Masonry railway bridges





Open problems



Non linear analysis including damage and cracking

4. Masonry walls – Simulation of in-plane response to seismic actions

Cyclic horizontal forces, anisotropic damage, damage localization, hysteretic dissipation, inertial vertical forces



4. Shear wall – in-plane response



Experimental results

Phenomenological description

4. Shear wall – in-plane response



Direct cyclic shear test by Atkinson et al., 1989.

Brick-mortar interface model: coupled damage-frictional interface

Gambarotta e Lagomarsino, 1997



Brick-mortar interface model: coupled damage-frictional interface



4. Masonry walls – simulation of the in-plane response



4. Masonry walls – Discrete models



Casciaro et al, 2002 Salerno, Uva, 2006

Coupled damage-frictional interface (Gambarotta e Lagomarsino, 1997)

Mixed FE formulation Arch-length iterative analysis



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4. Large masonry shear walls – seismic actions



Micro fields σ , u, ϵ , ζ

 $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}_{per}$

 $div\sigma = 0$ in \mathscr{E}

σn antiperiodic on $\partial \mathcal{E}$

 $\|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\|\mathbf{n}=\mathbf{0}\quad \mathrm{su}\,\mathcal{F}$

Micro – costitutive equations

Brick units $\sigma_b \leftrightarrow \epsilon_b, \zeta_b$ Mortar $\sigma_m \leftrightarrow \epsilon_m, \zeta_m$ Interface $\sigma_i \leftrightarrow \epsilon_i, \zeta_i$ ζ internal variables



Periodic RVE



Macro fields Σ , E, Z $\Sigma = \frac{1}{A} \int_{\partial \mathcal{S}} \mathbf{x} \otimes \mathbf{t} ds$ $\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{A} \int_{\partial \mathcal{S}} sym(\mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{n}) ds$

Macro – costitutive equations

 $\Sigma \leftrightarrow E, Z$ Z internal variables

4. Continuum damage-friction model

Layered micro-model (Gambarotta e Lagomarsino, 1997)



4. Continuum damage-friction model

 $\sigma_{\rm br}$

Layered micro-model (Gambarotta e Lagomarsino, 1997)

Evolution of the internal variables

$$\sigma_{2} \geq 0$$

$$\phi_{dm} = \frac{1}{2}c_{mn}\sigma_{2}^{2} + \frac{1}{2}c_{mt}\tau^{2} - R_{m}(\alpha_{m}) \leq 0$$

$$\phi_{db} = \frac{1}{2}c_{bt}\tau^{2} - R_{b}(\alpha_{b}) \leq 0$$

$$\left\{\dot{\phi}_{dm}\right\} = -\begin{bmatrix} R_{m}^{'} & 0\\ 0 & R_{b}^{'} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}\dot{\alpha}_{m}\\\dot{\alpha}_{b}\end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c_{mn}\sigma_{2}\dot{\sigma}_{2} + c_{mt}\tau\dot{\tau}\\c_{bt}\tau\dot{\tau}\end{bmatrix} \leq 0$$

$$\left\{\dot{\phi}_{dm} & \dot{\phi}_{db}\right\} \{\dot{\alpha}_{m} & \dot{\alpha}_{b}\}^{t} = 0$$

$$\left\{\dot{\phi}_{dm} & \dot{\phi}_{db}\right\} t^{t} = 0$$



 $\operatorname{atan}\mu$

 $\sigma_{\rm mr}$

 σ_2

4. Large shear walls – simulation of experimental results





αm

100.0/198.0

10.0/100.0

1.0/10.0

0.0/1.0



Cyclic response of the *door wall*: a) experimental; b) numerical simulation.

Crack pattern (Magenes *et al*)



DRIFT 0.1%

DRIFT 0.3%



4. Large shear walls – dynamic response to ground motion



(b) Displacement time history on the second floor.





 (a) Acceleration response spectrum of the input base motion. Amplification function with respect to the base of the wall: (b) first floor displacement, (c) second floor displacement.



4. Large shear walls – response to horizontal forces

0.4

0.8 1.2 1.6 2.0

2.4 2.8

3.2 3.6 4.0 4.4 4.8 5.2 5.6 6.0 6.4 6.8

7.2

7.6 8.0

8.4

8.8 9.2 9.6 10.0 10.4 10.8

Masonry building in Catania **GNDT** s=57 cm Horizontal forces 320 0.00 superimposed on Via L. Capuana 340 PARETE vertical dead loads 980 586 310 PARETE 2 656 828 Oberc 25 G Cortile interno
 11
 130
 168
 205
 189
 130

 211
 341
 509
 714
 903
 1033
 MAR 2 1999 16:26:56 PCOT NO. 9 NOOAL SOLUTION STEP*61 STUP=61 HLEPEO (AVG) DMX =1.376 SMM =.100E-14 SMM =1.788 ______00E-14 -1007 -25 -5 -75 1 1.75 .35 .38 .33 120 e angolare globa Simplified collapse mechanism 110 100 (Como e Grimaldi) Ŧ 90 .46 Peso vertic 80 GB2-FLO7 BODS STEL SUB TIM BLEI DMX SMX .40 70 PUNTO .34 60 | PUNTO alla base .28 50 .23 40 Tagl 1.17 30 PUNTO 3 20 .11 10 .06 Spostamento in sommita' (cm) 0

Brencich etal, 2001

4. Large shear walls – simplified approaches









4. Shear walls – influence of the unit shape and bond pattern



4. Shear walls - continuum models

homogenization of elastic brick and damaging interfaces



4. Shear walls - Multiscale limit analysis - influence of the bond pattern



4. Shear walls – Multiscale limit analysis – influence of the bond pattern





Homogenized failure surface



Milani et al., 2005

Collapse mechanism (U.B.) Catania Building

Brencich et al, 2000

4. Shear walls

• In-plane model

non-local continuum model able to take into account the scale effect unit size/structure/size, high gradients of the micro-stress field, regolarization of damage model

Besdo, Műhlhaus, Rizzi, Trovalusci, Masiani, Salerno..... Trovalusci e Masiani, IJSS, 2005

- Out-of-plane models
 - Elastic models Cecchi e Sab, 2002, 2004,
 - Limit analysis: Discrete models: Orduna e Lourenco, 2005

Continuum models: Sab, 2003, Milani e Tralli, 2005





4. Shear walls

Cecchi et al., 2006

• Out-of-plane collapse - multiscale models

Dissipation Power $\pi = \overline{N} \cdot \operatorname{sym}(\operatorname{grad} \overline{w}) + T \cdot (\operatorname{grad} w_3 + \Omega e_3) + M \cdot \operatorname{sym}(\operatorname{grad} \Omega e_3).$

Internal forces

$$\overline{\mathbf{N}} = \frac{1}{2A} \sum_{n} \operatorname{sym} \overline{\mathbf{t}}_{p} \otimes (\mathbf{g}^{b} - \mathbf{g}^{a})$$

$$\mathbf{T} = \frac{1}{2A} \sum_{n} \mathbf{t}_{3p} (\mathbf{g}^{b} - \mathbf{g}^{a})$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \frac{1}{2A} \left[\sum_{n} \mathbf{t}_{3p} \operatorname{sym}[(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{g}^{a}) \otimes (\mathbf{g}^{a} - \mathbf{x}) - (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{g}^{b}) \otimes (\mathbf{g}^{b} - \mathbf{x})] + \sum_{n} \int_{I} \operatorname{sym}[d_{3p}\overline{\mathbf{t}}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) - t_{3}(\boldsymbol{\xi})\overline{\mathbf{d}}_{p}] \otimes (\mathbf{g}^{b} - \mathbf{g}^{a}) \right]$$





Shearing Mechanisms

Elementary deformations of the Representative Volume Element

Flexural & Torsional Mechanisms

4. Shear walls

• Out-of-plane collapse - multiscale models



Fig. 8. Meaning of n_{Σ} in the special 3D case $\Sigma = (M_{11}, M_{12}, M_{22})$.





Dome-drum interaction: Basilica di Carignano in Genova (G. Alessi, 1540-1600)

0

vest



nord



sud



Crack pattern in the inner dome (from below)

Basilica di Carignano: Safe theorem Statically admiddible states



- NTR material
- Infinite compressive strength
- No sliding failures admitted

Equilibrium of a slice

Loads:

- masonry weight γ=17 kN/m³
- lantern weight P=1200 kN/16

Search for thrust surfaces lying within the masonry

Lantern weight distribution for the safe equilibrium state: 85% inner shell 15% outer shell



Gambarotta et al., 2002

Upper Bound Theorem



(Romano e Romano, Romano e Sacco, Como)

b - unit volume weigth

- \mathbf{u}^{+} upward velocity
- \mathbf{u}^- downward velocity

Local mechanism
 Inner and outer domes

$$\eta_1 = \frac{\dot{W}_{res}}{\dot{W}_a} \approx 2 > 1 \implies \dot{W} < 0$$





10 m

I nfluence of the column compressive strength on the location of the centre of rotation of the drum slice

FE Model -1/8 slice

















Example: Triumphal arch

Normal stresses at springing
7. Problems & prospects

• Discrete & Continuum models:

regular versus random masonry pattern (thickness??, real masonry); homogenization: size effect -> unit - RVE - wall size; interface model: brick unit - mortar layer interaction; cohesion: strain localization, non-unique incremental solution

- •Damage-frictional models seem to be necessary to understand the masonry wall response to orizontal varying forces. What is the role of perturbations to the reference state due to settlement, construction sequence etc?
- NTR based model are simple and efficient when static loads inducing moderate axial forces are considered. Can comparable simple models be found for high compressive axial forces and time varying loads?
- •The fill and spandrel walls notably increase the load carrying capacity of arches and masonry bridges: how this effect can be simply included in assessment procedures?
- Incremental analysis (the reference state often is not well described) or Limit analysis (masonry is far from to be ductile)?
- What simplified procedures for the seismic assessment of buildings and bridges?
- Mechanical decay in the long term.
- etc. etc.