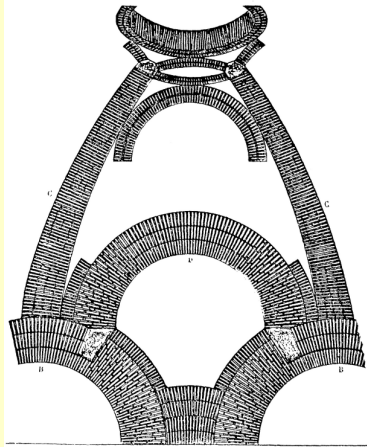


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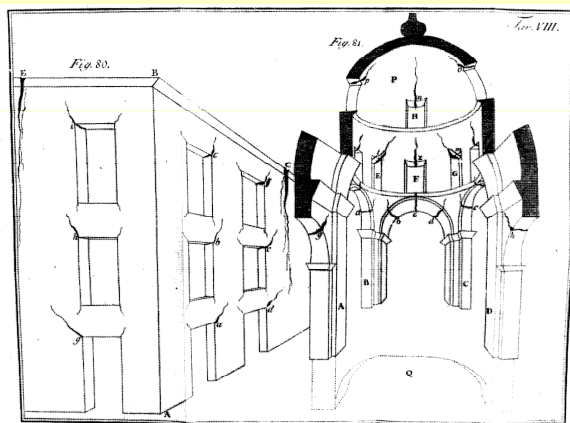
Archi, pareti, volte: quali modelli per le costruzioni in muratura?

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Historic masonry constructions: from damage to safety



V. Lamberti, Statica degli edifici, Napoli, 1781

1. Knowledge about historic constructions:

- Historical investigation
- Construction techniques and materials
- Survey-damage

2. Mechanical modeling:

- Simulation
- interpretation of damage - diagnosis
- Safety evaluation
- Evaluation of strengthening techniques

3. Design

- Retrofitting (if required)
- Monitoring

Arches



Umbria-Marche Earthquake, 1997

Masonry bridges

Prestwood Bridge (Page, 1993)



Road bridge
Arquata S., Alessandria

Masonry walls



Out-of-plane collapse



Umbria-Marche Earthquake, Colfiorito, 1997

Masonry walls



In-plane collapse



Umbria-Marche Earthquake, Colfiorito, 1997

Vaults

South Piedmont Earthquake, 2003

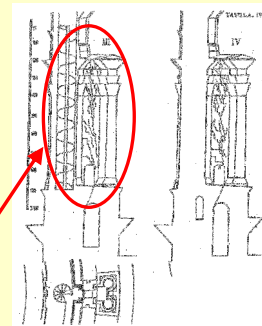
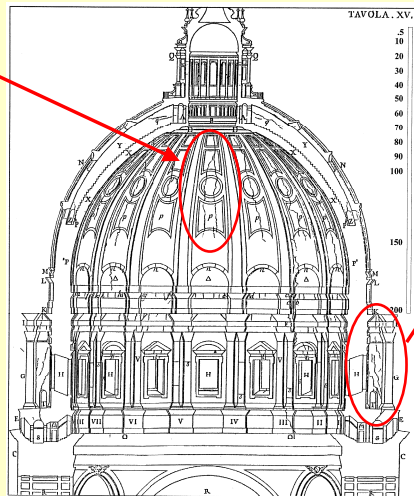
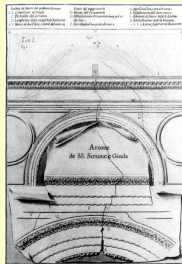
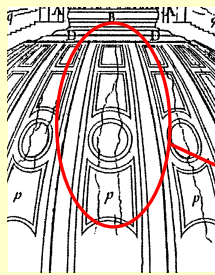


Umbria-Marche Earthquake, 1997



S. Pietro Dome in Roma
Michelangelo - Della Porta e Fontana, 1590

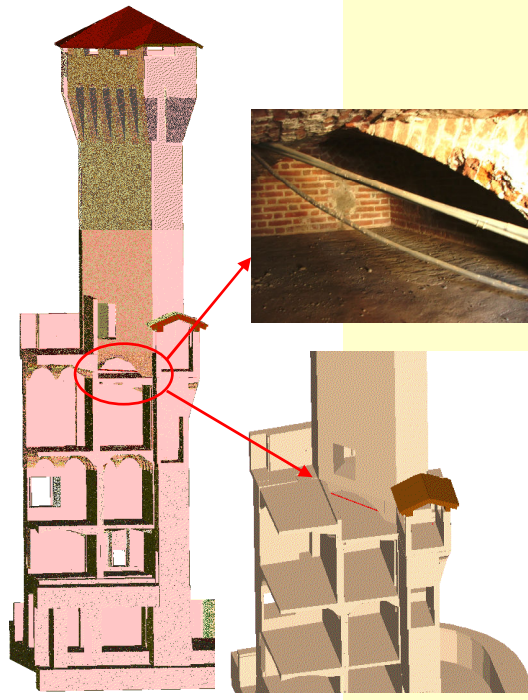
- Boscovich, Le Seur, Jacquier, 1743
- Poleni, 1748 - Vanvitelli
- Burri, Beltrami, Di Stefano, Como



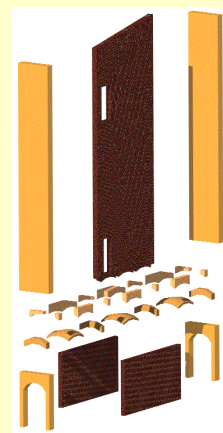
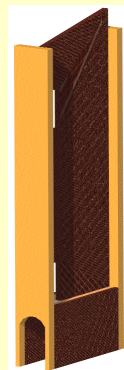
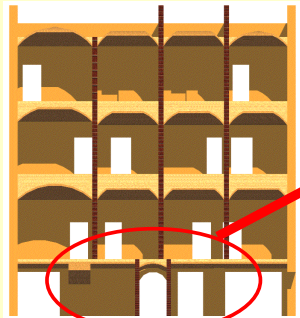
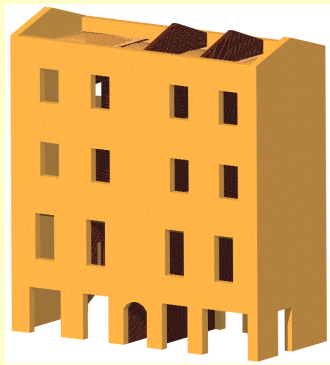
In the absence of rules.....



S. Cristoforo Castle, Piedmont



Irregular distribution of masonry walls.....



Modeling: general aspects

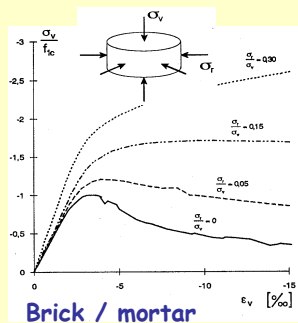
The masonry material

- heterogeneous material (periodic - random bond pattern)
- components: brick unit, stone block, mortar layer
- quasi-brittle behavior
- different types of bond pattern - thick masonry walls
- large variability of mechanical parameters
- to be calibrated by *in situ* & laboratory tests
- constitutive modeling based on the geometry and pattern of the components and their constitutive models

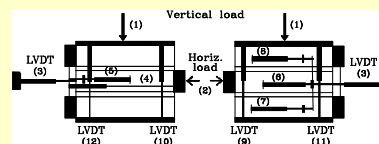
The masonry construction

- Construction vs. Structure
- Interaction among vaults, walls, columns, arches, etc.
- Building - foundation interactions
- Modification and extension of the construction during its life
- Building to building interaction (Historic centers and urban aggregations)

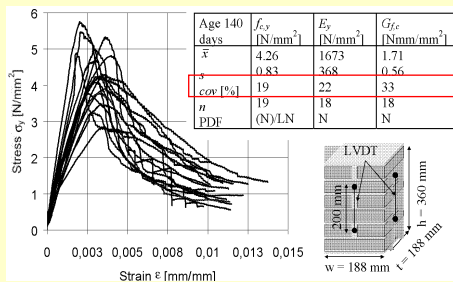
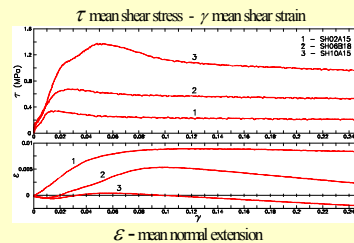
Experimental response of the constituents



Brick-mortar interface



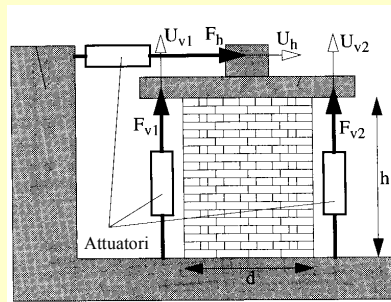
Shear test apparatus - Triplet (Binda et al., 1995).



Masonry pillars: Stress-strain results and statistical summary (Schueremans & van Gemert, 2006)

Hysteretic behavior of shear walls

Imposed horizontal displacement on compressed walls



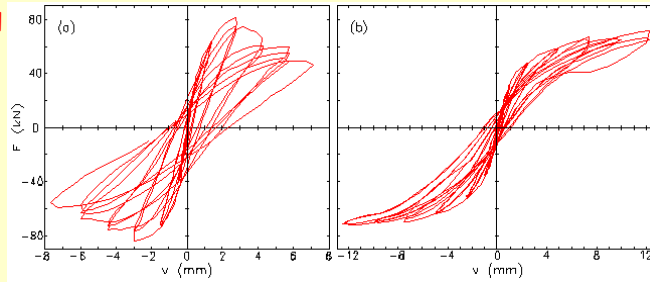
Cyclic shear test set up (Anthoine et al., 1994)

Hysteresis & damage

Dominant NL elastic response NTR

Squat wall

b=100cm
h=135cm

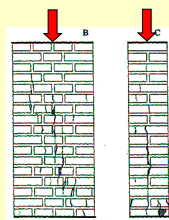
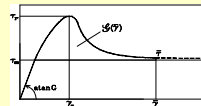
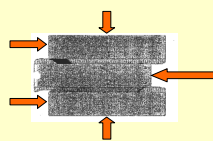


Slender wall

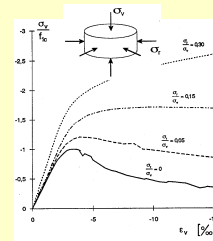
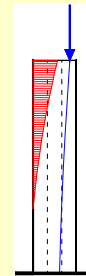
b=100cm
h=200cm

Modeling: introductory aspects

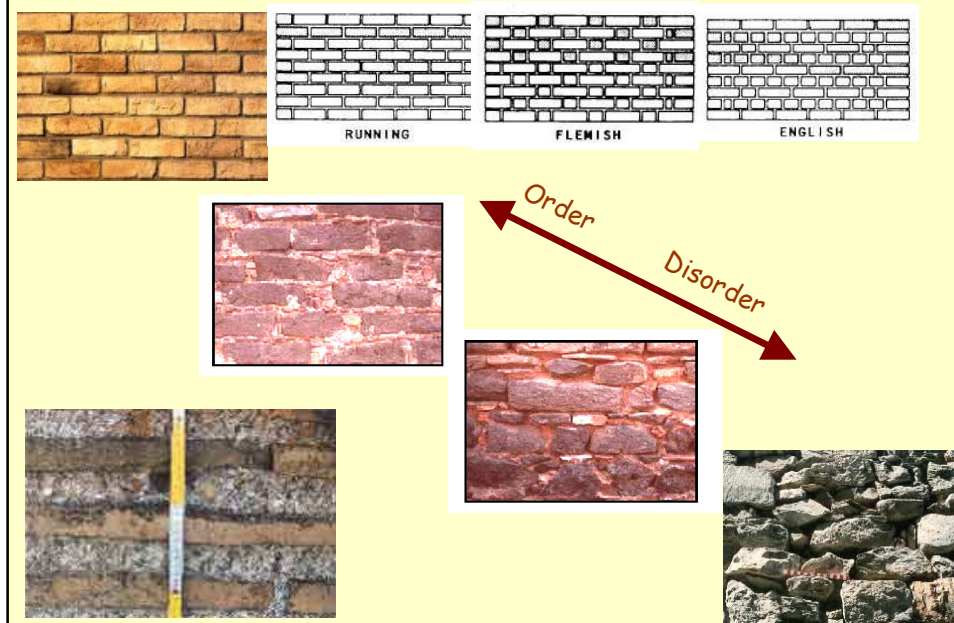
The constitutive ingredients



- Elasticity
- Unilateral contact
- Plasticity
- Friction
- Damage
- Fracture
- Viscoelasticity



Geometry of the components and bond patterns



Masonry heterogeneity - length scales

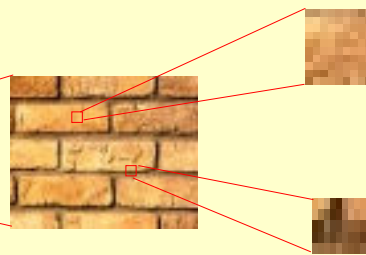
Structural scale

Mesoscopic scale

Microstructural scale



$$l_s \approx 1 - 40m$$



- brick masonry
 $l_M \approx 10 - 25cm$
- stone masonry
 $l_M \approx 15 - 75cm$



brick

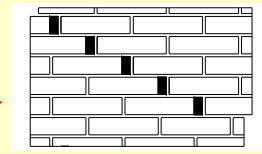
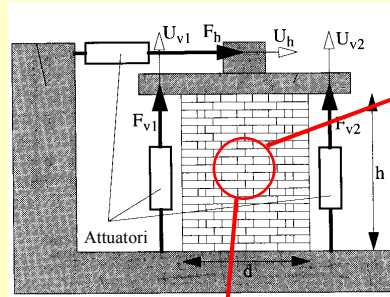


mortar

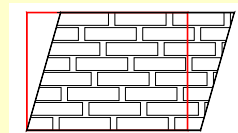
$$l_m \approx 1mm$$

Homogenization

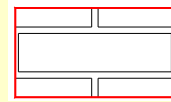
Periodic bond pattern masonry



Strain localization



Homogeneous macro-strain

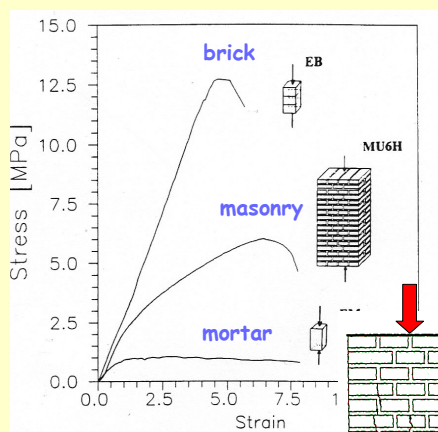


RVE

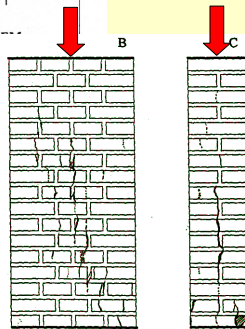
Macro Σ, E
meso σ, ϵ

Alpa & Monetto, JMPS, 1994, Anthoine, JSS, 1995

Compressive strength (solid brick masonry)

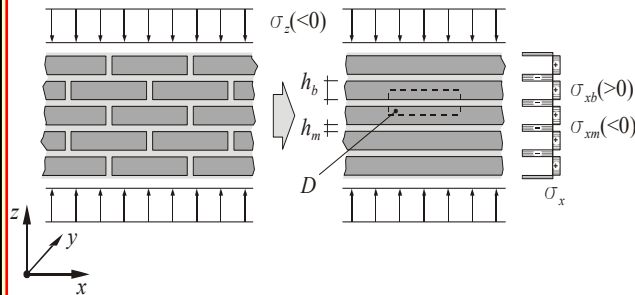


Generalized hinge at a masonry arch



Modeling compressed solid brick masonry

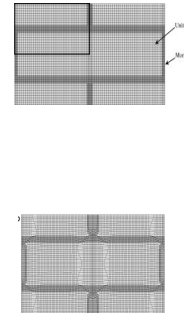
Equivalent layered medium
Hilsdorf, 1969, Francis, 1971...



h_b - brick unit thickness
 h_m - mortar layer thickness

$$\alpha = h_b / h_m$$

$$f_M = \frac{\alpha f_b^t + f_m^t}{\alpha \frac{f_b^t}{f_b^c} + \frac{f_m^t}{f_m^c}}$$

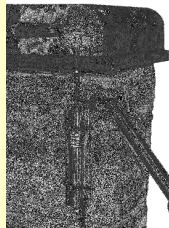
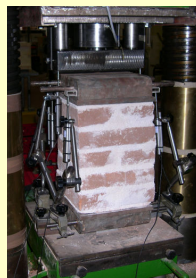
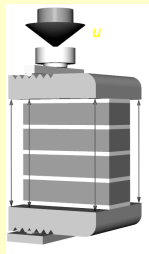


RVE FE Models

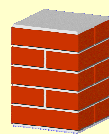
Massart *et al.*, 2004 -
Lourenco *et al.*, 2006...

3. Columns and arches

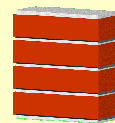
Eccentrically loaded columns & arches



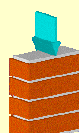
Experimental set up



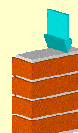
1 unit stack



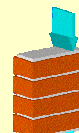
2 unit stack



$e = 0$



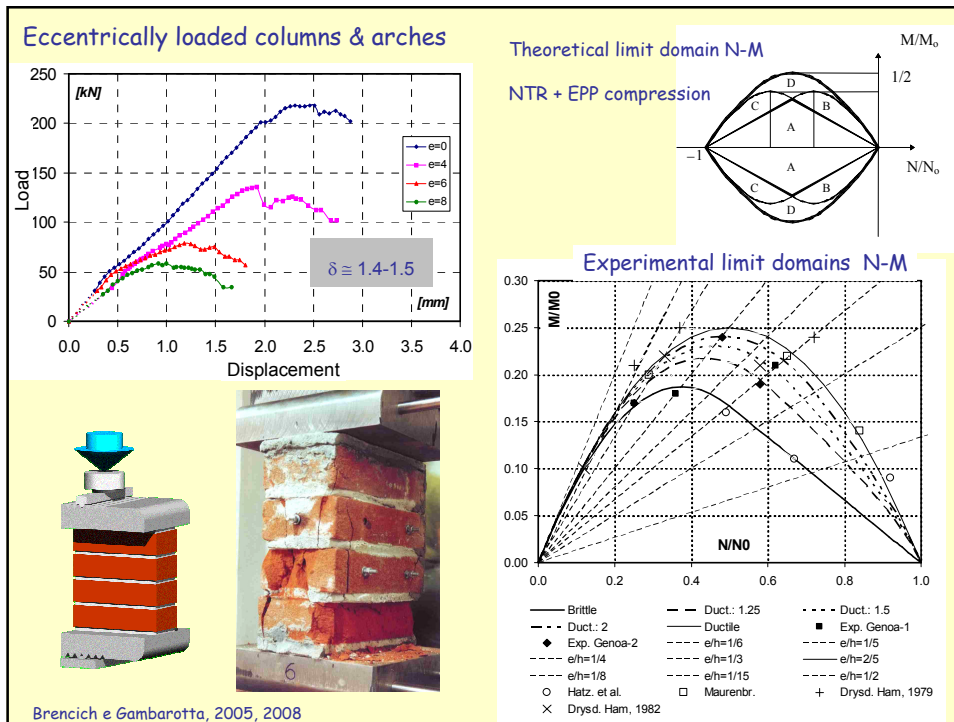
$e = 4\text{cm}$



$e = 6\text{cm}$



$e = 8\text{cm}$



Failure of eccentrically compressed masonry pillars (solid brick masonry)

Main issues

- Influence of the brick bond / geometry of the units
- Influence of the materials: constitutive models of brick-mortar joint - interfaces
- Free edge effects (comparison with layered models)
- Stress concentration/singularity due to mismatch of material parameters
- Validity limits of 2D models

$$\frac{N_l}{f_c^b d} = F \left(\frac{b}{d}, \frac{a}{b}, \frac{t}{b}, \frac{f_t^b}{f_c^b}, \frac{f_c^m}{f_c^b}, \frac{f_t^m}{f_c^b}, \dots, \frac{e}{b} \right)$$

Eccentrically loaded columns & arches

LB strength of stacked bond prisms

Assumed tension field

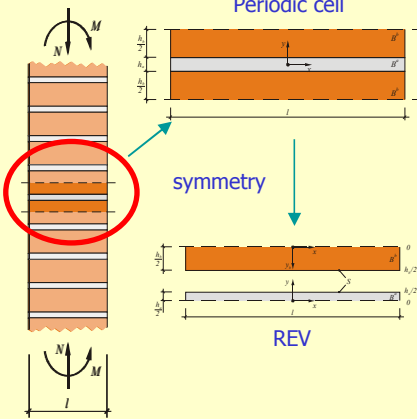
$$\Phi^a(x, y) = a_0^p [f_0^p(x) + r f_0^d(x)] + \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{m=1}^{M_n} a_{nm} f_n(x) g_m^a(y)$$

$$\Phi^b(x, y) = a_0^p [f_0^p(x) + r f_0^d(x)] + \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{m=1}^{M_n} b_{nm} f_n(x) g_m^b(y)$$

+ BC's on $f()$ and $g()$

+ plastic admissibility - Mohr-Coulomb criterion

+ unilateral - frictional brick-layer interface

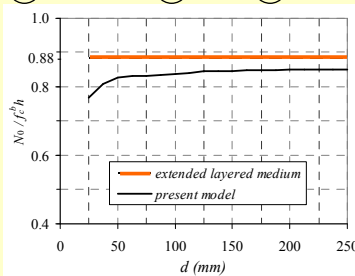
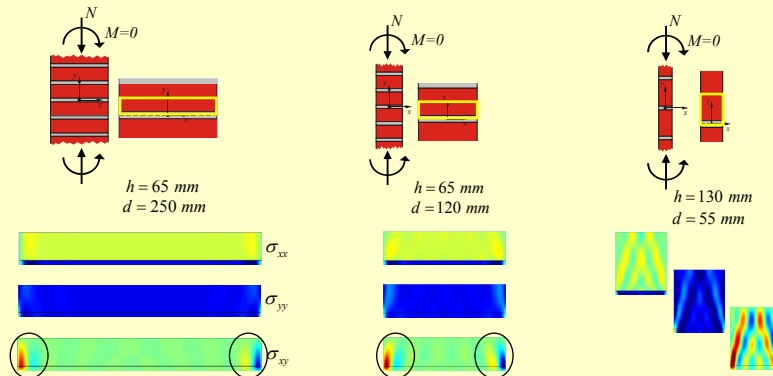


PPLIN

$$\begin{cases} \max N = \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{a} \\ \mathbf{S} \mathbf{a} \leq \tilde{\mathbf{d}} \\ \mathbf{A}_{eq} \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{A}_{att} \mathbf{a} \leq \mathbf{0} \end{cases}$$

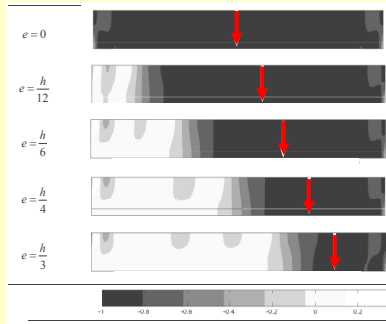
Concentric axial force

Influence of the RVE height/width ratio



Eccentric axial force

Vertical compressive stress at the limit state



• No influence of the friction coefficient in the range $\mu \in [0, 0.6]$

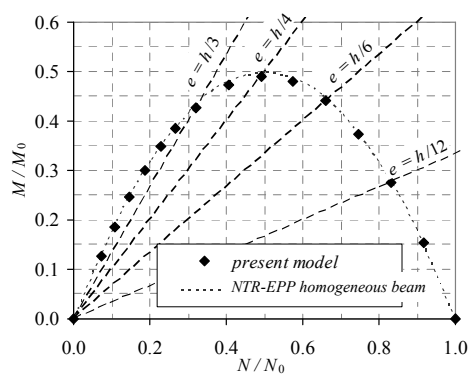
Limit domain of NTR-EPP (No Tensile Resistant - Elastic Perfectly Plastic) homogeneous beam

$$f(N, M) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{|M|}{M_0} + \frac{N}{N_0} + \left(\frac{N}{N_0} \right)^2 = 0$$

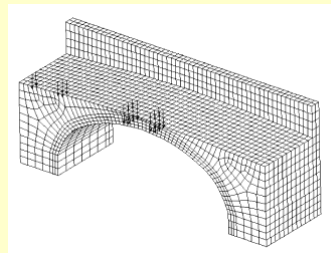
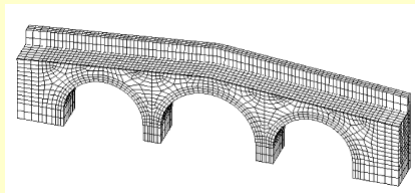
$$N_0 = f_M^c d$$

$$M_0 = N_0 d / 4 = f_M^c d^2 / 4$$

N-M limit domain



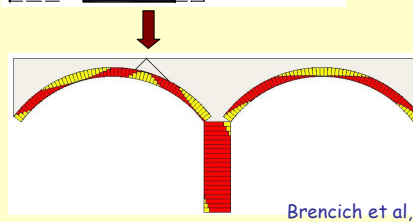
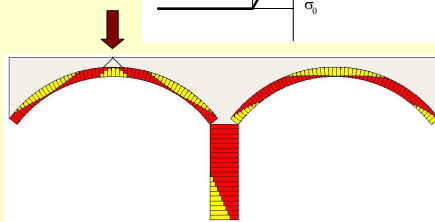
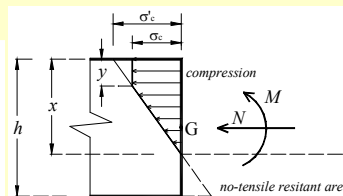
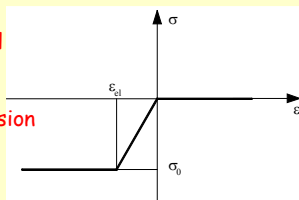
3. Masonry arch bridges



Incremental analysis - Castigliano
2D - Homogeneous beam model

uni-axial model

NRT
+ EPP compression

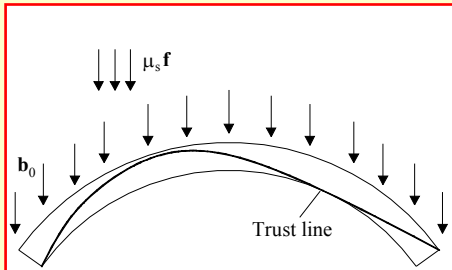


Brencich et al, 2003

Limit analysis - NTR model Kooharian, Heyman,

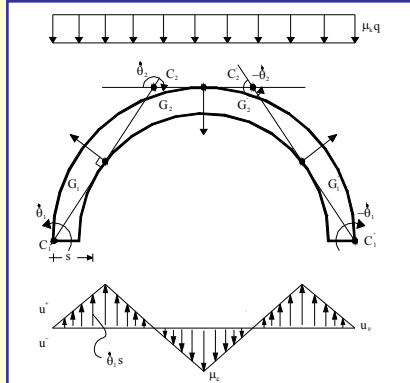
Hypotheses:

1. No tensile resistance NTR
2. Unbounded compressive strength
3. No sliding failure admitted
4. Small displacement and rotations



Statically admissible stress fields

Safe theorem $\mu_c = \max \mu_s$.



$$\mu_k = - \int_{\mathcal{S}} \gamma h b \dot{u}_v(s) ds / \int_{\mathcal{S}} q \dot{u}_v(s) ds$$

Kinematically admissible mechanisms

Kinematic theorem $\mu_c = \min \mu_k$



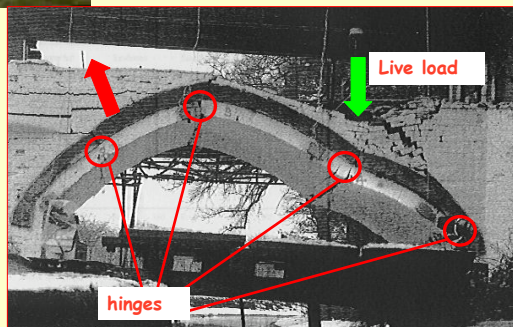
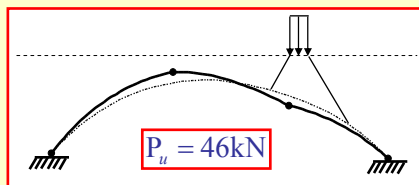
Masonry bridges:
Vault - fill interaction

Tests on full scale masonry bridges: Prestwood Bridge

Page, 1993

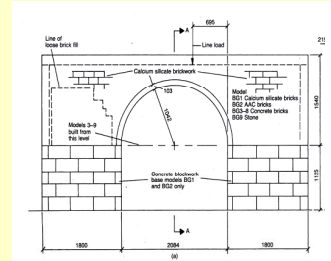
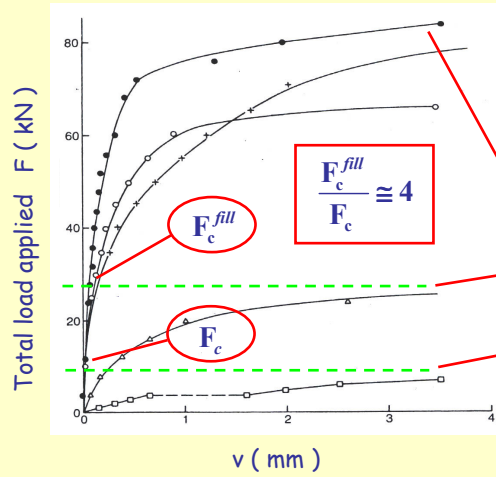
$$P_{exp} = 228kN$$

Heavy not resisting fill



Tests on model scale bridges

(Royles & Hendry, 1991)



Complete bridge

Vault and fill

Vault

Crisfield (1985)
 Choo et al. (1991)
 Owen et al. (1998)
 Bicanic et al. (2003)



Sperimentazione su modelli - Effetto del riempimento - A. Brencich

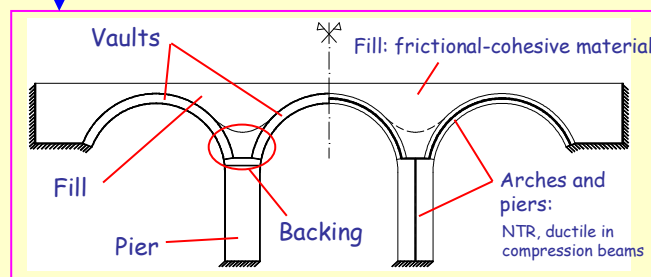
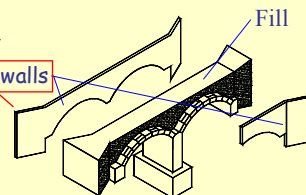


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Two dimensional model of the bridge

The two-dimensional model is obtained by neglecting the in plane resistance of the spandrels

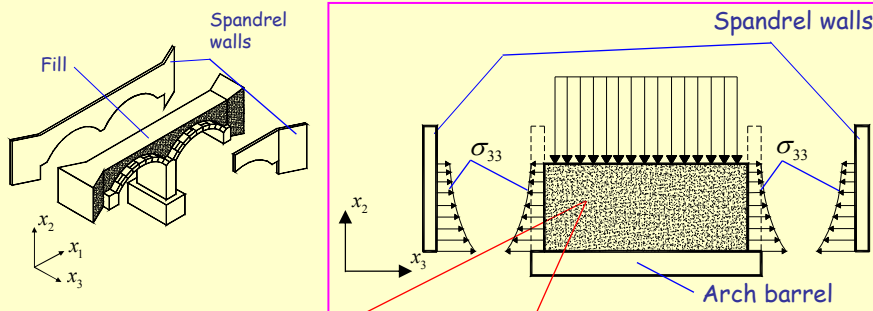
~~Spandrel walls~~



Why a two-dimensional model ? - Focus on longitudinal collapse mechanisms and arch-fill interaction
- Difficulties in describing the 3D behaviour of materials and components

Limits of validity (within the objectives of the research) - Interaction between longitudinal and transverse collapse mechanisms

Effects of spandrel walls on fill resistance



Assumptions about the fill:

$$-\tilde{\sigma}_c \leq \sigma_{33} \leq 0$$

$$\tau_{13} = \tau_{23} = 0$$

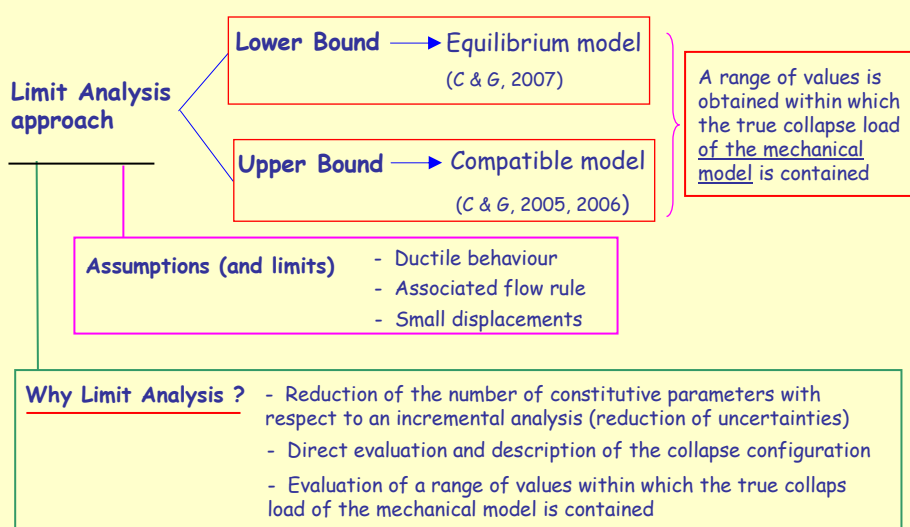
$$\sigma_{ij,3} = 0$$

The resistance of the fill is affected by the containing capacity of the spandrels, which has to be taken into account also in a plane model of the fill

The effects of spandrels and tie-rods on the fill resistance (due to the containing effect) are approximately taken into account by limiting the out-of plane stress σ_{33}

The plane state conditions necessary to obtain a two-dimensional description of the fill imply an **underestimation of its resistance (safe assumptions for the fill resistance)**

Method of analysis: Limit Analysis approach



Admissible domains: arches and beams

NTR, ductile in compression beam

$$f_b(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_b) = \frac{|M|}{M_p} + \frac{2N}{N_p} \left(1 + \frac{N}{N_p} \right) \leq 0$$

$N_p = bh\sigma_c$
 $M_p = \frac{1}{4}bh^2\sigma_c$

Associated flow rule

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{2N}{N_p} \right) \dot{\lambda}; \quad \dot{\lambda} = \frac{\text{Sign}(M)}{h} \dot{\lambda}; \quad \dot{\lambda} \geq 0$$

Admissible domain

Admissible domains: fill (1)

(1) (Mohr-Coulomb criterion in the plane of the model)

$$f_{mc}^1(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \sqrt{(\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{22})^2 + 4\tau_{12}^2} + (\sigma_{11} + \sigma_{22}) \sin \varphi - 2c \cos \varphi \leq 0$$

Mohr-Coulomb criterion, out-of-plane components:

$$f_{mc}^2(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \sqrt{(\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{22})^2 + 4\tau_{12}^2} + (\sigma_{11} + \sigma_{22}) \sin \varphi - \frac{4c \cos \varphi}{1 + \sin \varphi} - \frac{2(1 - \sin \varphi)}{1 + \sin \varphi} \sigma_3 \leq 0$$

$$f_{mc}^3(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \sqrt{(\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{22})^2 + 4\tau_{12}^2} - (\sigma_{11} + \sigma_{22}) \sin \varphi - \frac{4c \cos \varphi}{1 - \sin \varphi} - \frac{2(1 + \sin \varphi)}{1 - \sin \varphi} \sigma_3 \leq 0$$

Maximum allowed containing stress from spandrels

$$\sigma_3^{\max} = \min(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \frac{1 - \sin \varphi}{1 + \sin \varphi} + \frac{2c \cos \varphi}{1 + \sin \varphi} = \left[\frac{1}{2}(\sigma_{11} + \sigma_{22}) - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{22})^2 + 4\tau_{12}^2} \right] \frac{1 - \sin \varphi}{1 + \sin \varphi} + \frac{2c \cos \varphi}{1 + \sin \varphi}$$

Maximum admissible out-of-plane stress σ_3 (Minimum thrust on the spandrels)

(2) (Containing stress delimitation)

$$\tilde{f}_{mc}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) = -(\sigma_{11} + \sigma_{22}) + \sqrt{(\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{22})^2 + 4\tau_{12}^2} - 2\tilde{\sigma}_c \frac{1 + \sin \varphi}{1 - \sin \varphi} - \frac{4c \cos \varphi}{1 - \sin \varphi} \leq 0$$

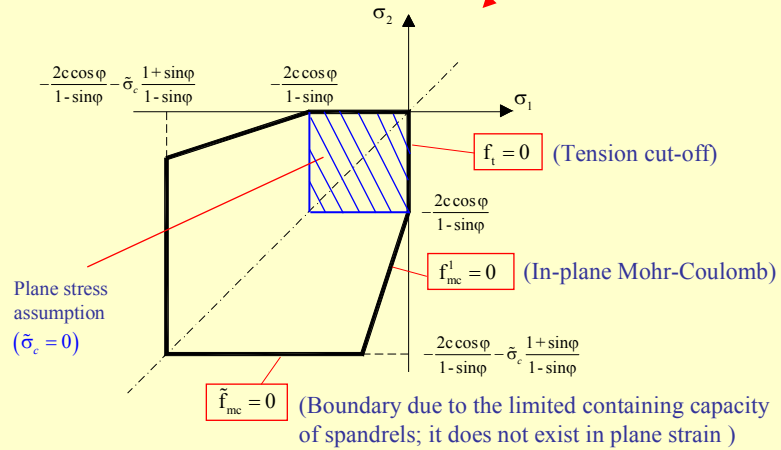
(3) (Tension cut-off) $f_t(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \sqrt{(\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{22})^2 + 4\tau_{12}^2} + (\sigma_{11} + \sigma_{22}) \leq 0$

$\sigma_3 \geq -\tilde{\sigma}_c$

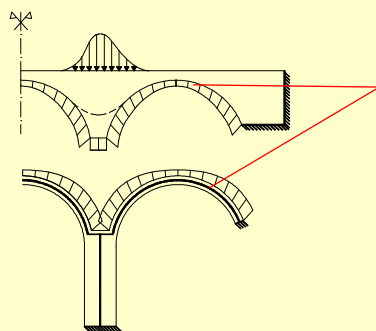
Constitutive parameters:
 φ - angle of internal friction
 c - cohesion
 $\tilde{\sigma}_c$ - Allowed containing stress (from spandrel)

Admissible domains: fill (2)

Resulting admissible domain of the fill in the space of in-plane principal stresses:



Admissible domains: arch-fill interface

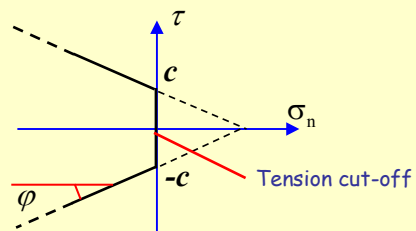


Slidings between arch and fill are allowed and ruled by Coulomb law with tension cut-off:

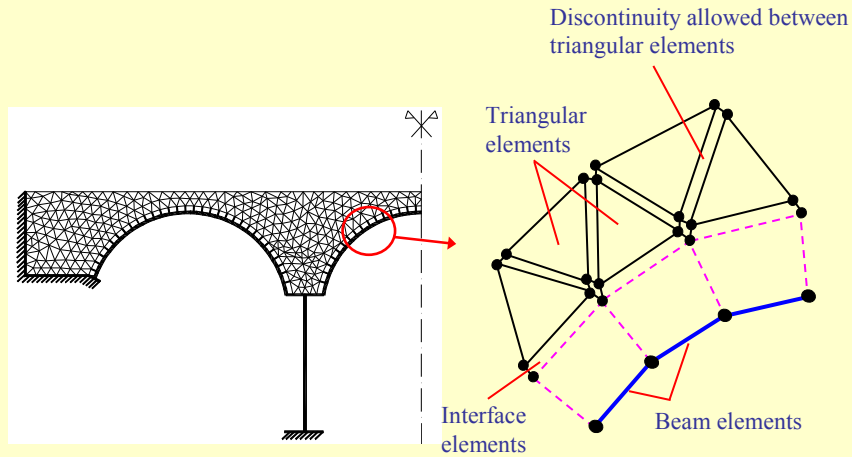
$$\begin{cases} f^c(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \sigma_n \tan \bar{\varphi} + |\tau| - \bar{c} \leq 0 \\ f^t(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \sigma_n \leq 0 \text{ (Tension cut-off)} \end{cases}$$

Constitutive parameters:

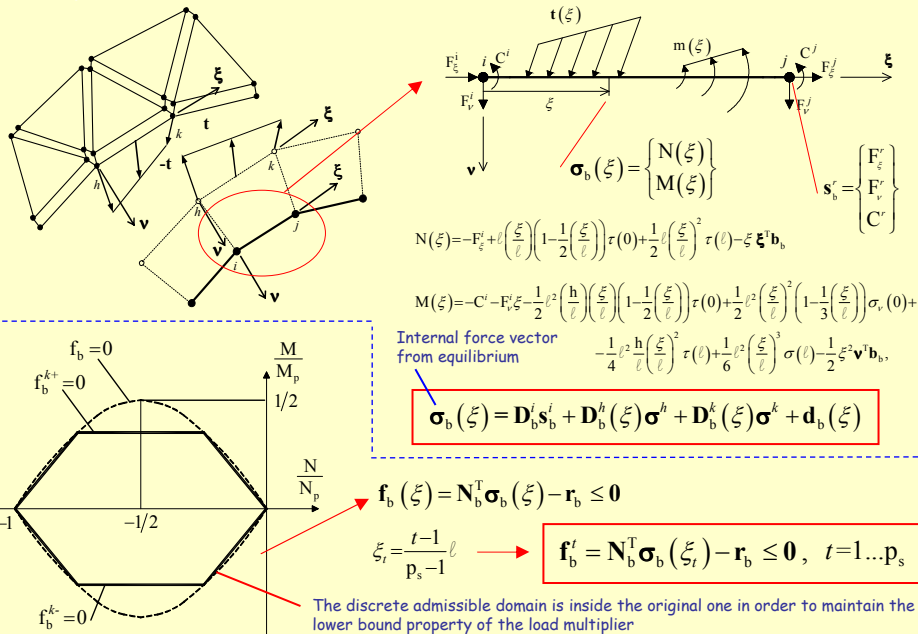
- $\bar{\varphi}$ - angle of friction
- \bar{c} - cohesion (assumed zero)



FE discretization of the bridge



Equilibrium model: beam element



Compatible model: beam element

Two hinges at ends

Compatibility

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^e = \mathbf{B}^e \mathbf{u}^e$$

$$\mathbf{B}^e \mathbf{u}^e - \mathbf{N}_b \boldsymbol{\lambda}^e = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^e = \begin{Bmatrix} \Delta u_\alpha^1 \\ \Delta g_\alpha^1 \\ \Delta u_\alpha^2 \\ \Delta g_\alpha^2 \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}^e = \begin{Bmatrix} u_\alpha^i \\ u_\beta^i \\ u_\alpha^j \\ u_\beta^j \\ u_\alpha^m \\ u_\beta^m \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{f}^e = \mathbf{N}^{eT} \boldsymbol{\sigma}^e - \mathbf{r}^e \leq \mathbf{0}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}^e = \begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_b(0) \\ \sigma_b(l) \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^e = \mathbf{N}^e \boldsymbol{\lambda}^e \quad \text{Associated flow rule}$$

$$\mathbf{D}_p^e = \mathbf{r}_b^T \boldsymbol{\lambda}^e \quad \text{Dissipated power}$$

The discrete admissible domain is outside the original one in order to maintain the upper bound property of the load multiplier

Equilibrium model: triangular element

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}^i = \{\sigma_{11}^i, \sigma_{22}^i, \tau_{12}^i\}^T$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}^j = \{\sigma_{11}^j, \sigma_{22}^j, \tau_{12}^j\}^T$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}^h = \{\sigma_{11}^h, \sigma_{22}^h, \tau_{12}^h\}^T$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_{11} \\ \sigma_{22} \\ \tau_{12} \end{Bmatrix} = \mathbf{N}^i(\mathbf{x}) \boldsymbol{\sigma}^i + \mathbf{N}^j(\mathbf{x}) \boldsymbol{\sigma}^j + \mathbf{N}^h(\mathbf{x}) \boldsymbol{\sigma}^h$$

$$\mathbf{N}^i(\mathbf{x}) = a^i x_1 + b^i x_2 + c^i$$

$$\mathbf{N}^p(\mathbf{x}^q) = \delta_{pq}$$

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_{11,1} + \tau_{12,2} + b_1 = 0 \\ \tau_{12,1} + \sigma_{22,2} + b_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Equilibrium

$$\mathbf{D}_i^i \boldsymbol{\sigma}^i + \mathbf{D}_i^j \boldsymbol{\sigma}^j + \mathbf{D}_i^h \boldsymbol{\sigma}^h + \mathbf{d}_i = \mathbf{0}$$

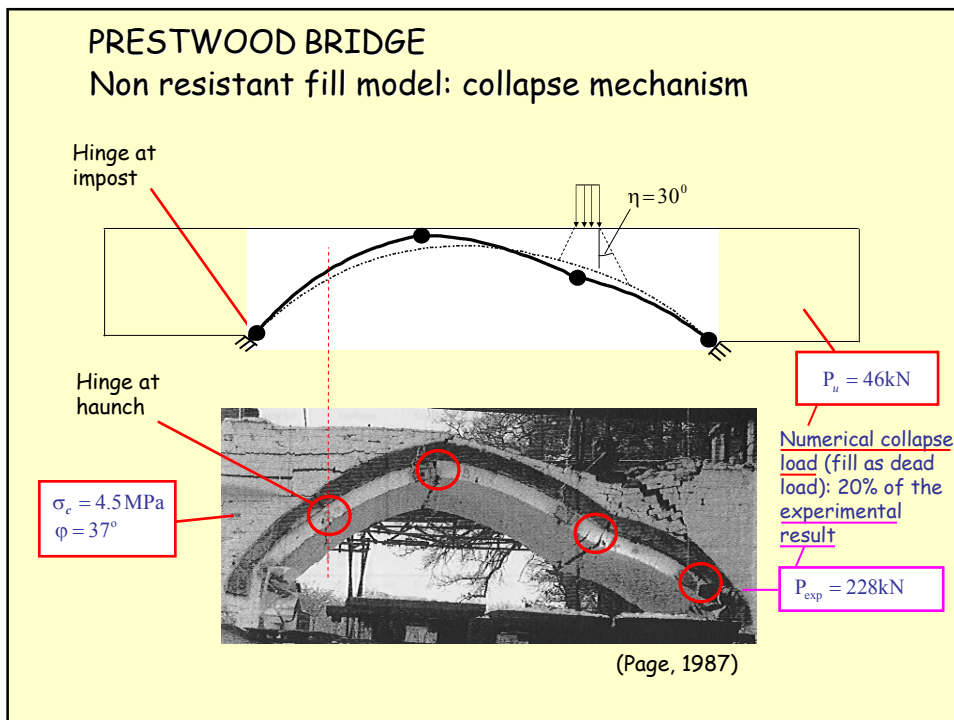
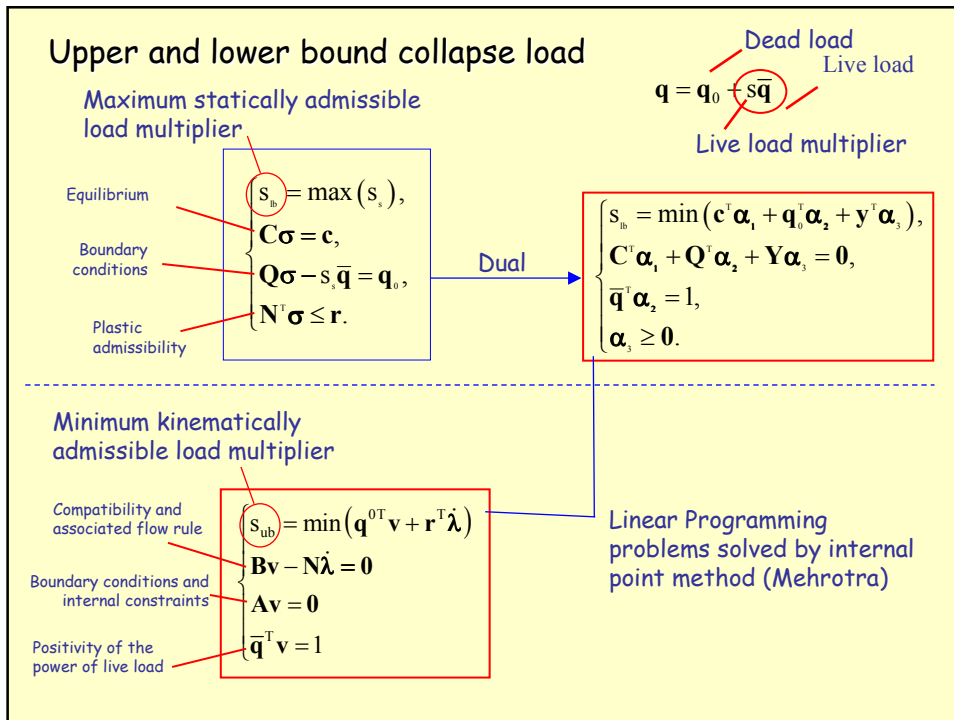
$$\mathbf{f}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x})) = \mathbf{N}^T \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{r} \leq \mathbf{0}$$

$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x})$ linearly interpolated

$$\mathbf{f}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^k) = \mathbf{N}^T \boldsymbol{\sigma}^k - \mathbf{r} \leq \mathbf{0}, \quad k=i, j, h$$

Plastic admissibility

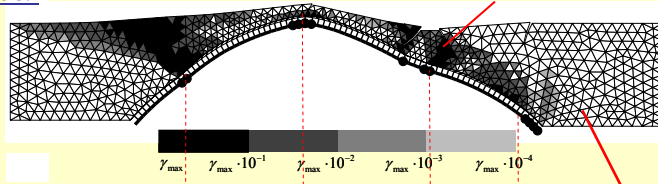
Discretized limit domain



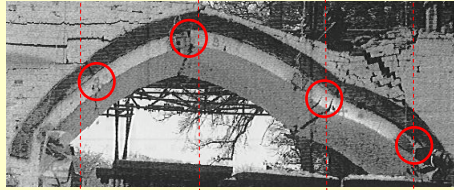
PRESTWOOD BRIDGE: Plane strain fill

Compatible model:

$P_{ub} = 254\text{kN}$



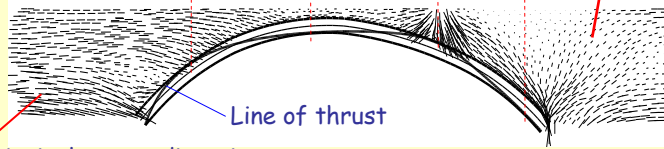
$P_{exp} = 228\text{kN}$



$\sigma_c = 4.5\text{MPa}$
 $\phi = 37^\circ$

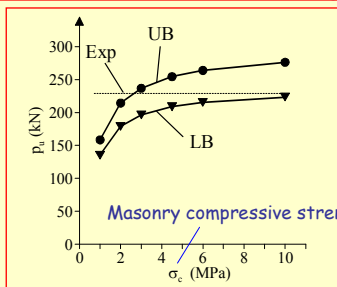
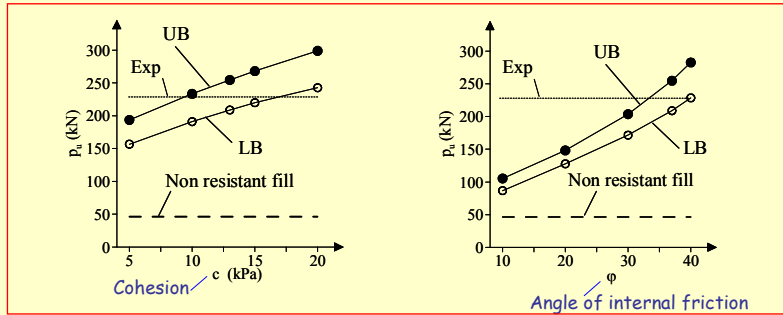
Equilibrium model:

$P_{lb} = 209\text{kN}$



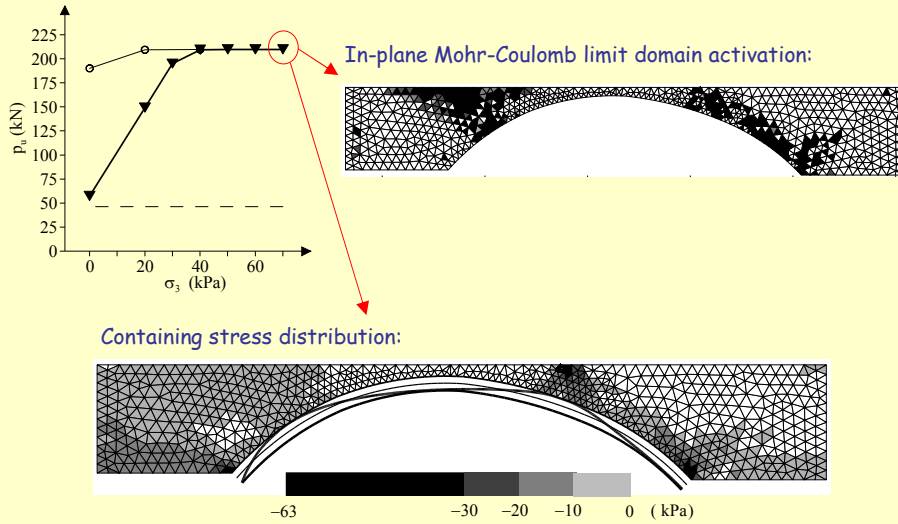
PRESTWOOD BRIDGE: Plane strain fill

Sensitivity of the collapse load P_u to the constitutive parameters



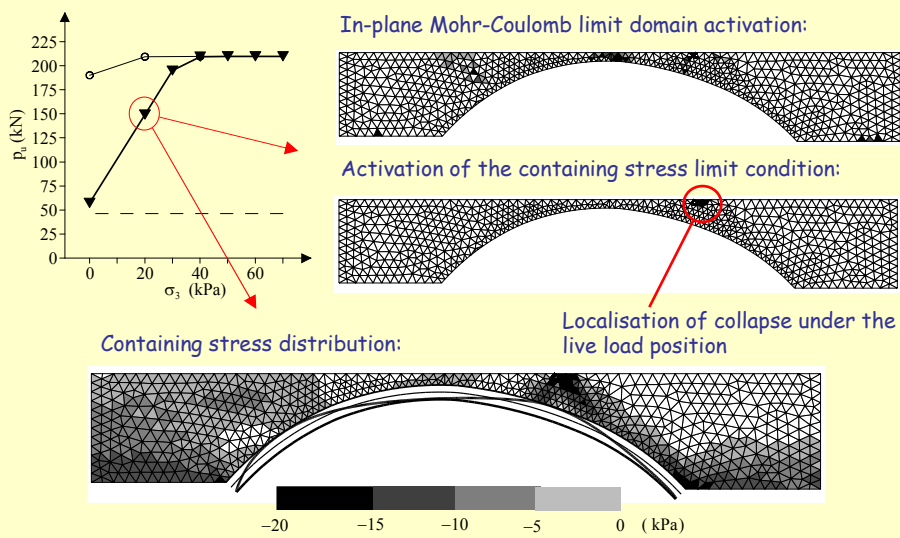
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Effects of the containing stress of the spandrels



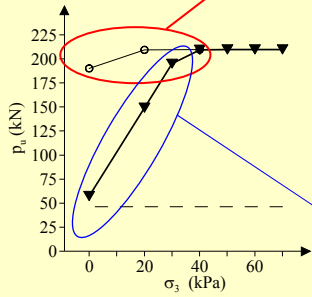
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Effects of the containing stress



PRESTWOOD BRIDGE

Effects of the containing stress



Results obtained by avoiding plastic strains in the fill below the position of the applied live load: in this case the reduction of the collapse load is very small

This result shows that a diffused deep reduction of the fill resistance due to a limited containing stress from spandrels does not affect the result, once localised effects under the load are avoided

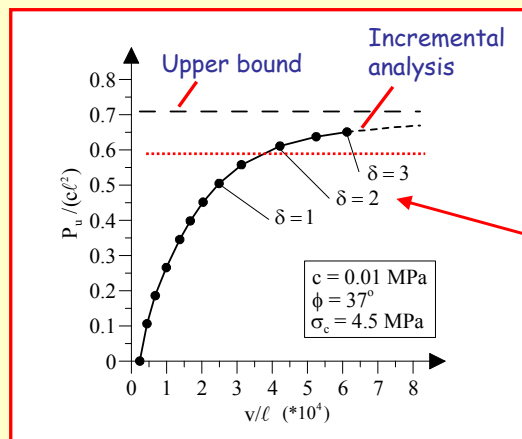
Activation of the containing stress limit condition:



Localisation of collapse under the live load position

Prestwood Bridge

Load\deflection curve and ductility demand



Masonry ductility:

$$\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_c}$$

Vertical displacement v

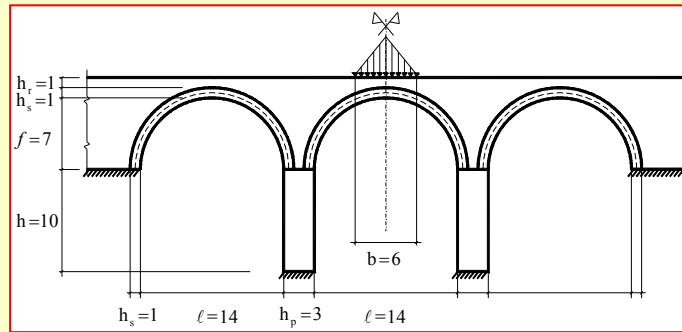
Multi span bridge: Fill - arches - piers interaction

Fill model properties:

Fill density $\rho = 18 \text{ kN/m}^3$
 Discrete domain planes $p = 36$

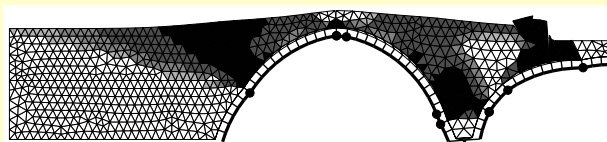
Arch model properties:

Masonry density $\rho = 18 \text{ kN/m}^3$
 Discrete domain planes $p = 48$



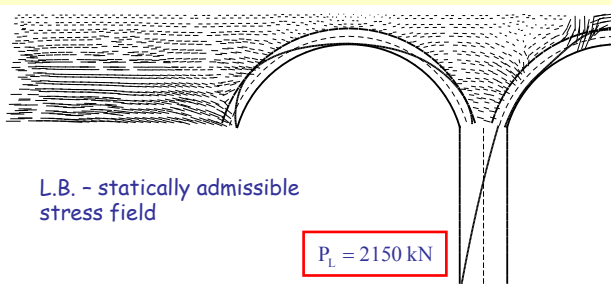
$\sigma_c = 12 \text{ MPa}$
 $\varphi = 30^\circ$
 $c = 20 \text{ kPa}$

Multi span bridge



U.B. - collapse mechanism

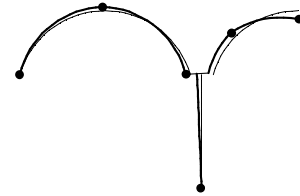
$P_U = 2468 \text{ kN}$



L.B. - statically admissible stress field

$P_L = 2150 \text{ kN}$

Non resistant fill



$P_u = 625 \text{ kN}$

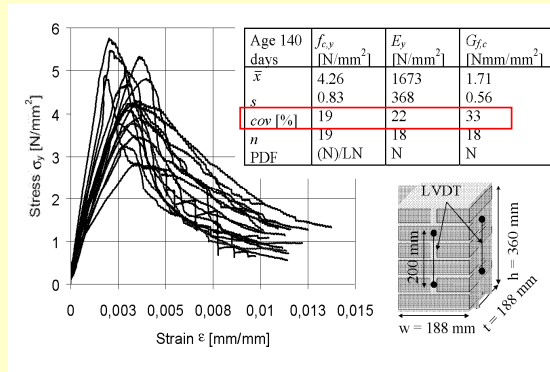
Probabilistic models of masonry arches (including non-linear material response)

- Monte Carlo simulation + Limit Analysis (Ng and Fairfield, 2002)
- Fuzzy non linear analysis (Biondini *et al.*, 2002)
- **Probabilistic Limit Analysis** -Historical Buildings (Augusti *et al.*, 2001, 2002)

Uniaxial compression

Masonry pillars:
Stress-strain results
and statistical summary

(Schueremans & van Gemert, 2006)

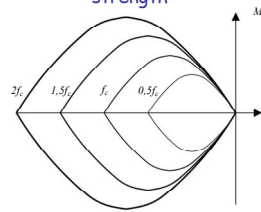


Probabilistic limit domain of the generalized hinge

Hypotheses:

- the compressive strength \tilde{f}_c is a random variable
- which is correlated in the section
- the tensile strength is deterministically vanishing

Effect of the compressive strength



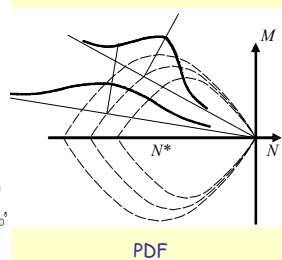
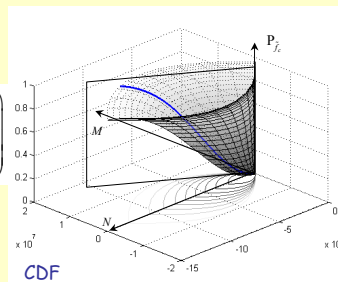
Probabilistic limit domain of the GH

$$\phi(N, M, \tilde{f}_c) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{N}{bh\tilde{f}_c} \right) \left[1 + \left(\frac{N}{bh\tilde{f}_c} \right) \right] + \frac{|M|}{bh^2\tilde{f}_c} = 0$$

depending on the random variable \tilde{f}_c

Probability of failure of the masonry section

$$P_F = P \left(\tilde{f}_c \leq - \frac{N}{bh \left(\frac{2|M|}{N} + 1 \right)} \right)$$



Piecewise linearization of the limit domain - $2q$ limit lines

Probability of failure of i -th sectional mechanism

$$P_{r_i} = P\left(\frac{(i-1)^2}{(q-1)^2} \tilde{f}_c \leq \mathbf{n}_i^T \mathbf{s}\right) = P(\tilde{r}_i \leq r_i)$$

$$r_i = \mathbf{n}_i^T \mathbf{s}$$

Projection of the internal force on i -th mechanism

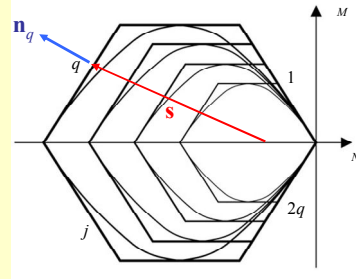
$$\tilde{r}_i = \frac{(i-1)^2}{(q-1)^2} \tilde{f}_c$$

Strength of i -th mechanism random variable

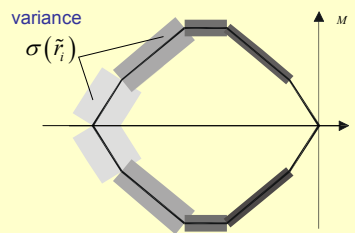
for $i=1$ the limit domain is deterministic

$$\phi_i^+(s) = \mathbf{n}_i^T s \leq 0$$

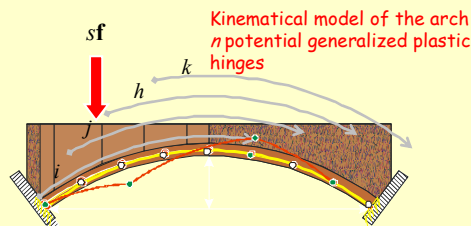
$$\begin{cases} \tilde{D}_{\text{int},i} = \tilde{r}_i \lambda_i = \lambda_i \left(\frac{i-1}{q-1}\right)^2 \tilde{f}_c \\ \bar{D}_{\text{int},i} = \bar{r}_i \lambda_i = \lambda_i \left(\frac{i-1}{q-1}\right)^2 \bar{f}_c \\ \sigma(\tilde{D}_{\text{int},i}) = \lambda_i \sigma(\tilde{r}_i) = \lambda_i \left(\frac{i-1}{q-1}\right)^2 \sigma(\tilde{f}_c) \end{cases}$$



$$D_{\text{int},i} = \mathbf{s}^T \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i = r_i \lambda_i$$



Arch discretization + Selection of the set of all possible mechanisms



$$N_m = C_n^4 R_q^4 = \frac{n!}{4!(n-4)!} (2q)^4$$

Mechanism enumeration

Rate of dissipation (random variable)

$$\tilde{D}_j = \tilde{\mathbf{r}}^T \boldsymbol{\lambda}_j = \sum_{p=1}^4 \tilde{r}_p \lambda_p = \sum_{p=1}^4 \psi_p \tilde{f}_c \lambda_p$$

External Power (deterministic)

$$W_j = W_{0,j} + s_j W_{a,j} \geq 0$$

Kinematically admissible multiplier (random variable)

$$\tilde{s}_j = \frac{\tilde{D}_j - W_{0,j}}{W_{a,j}}$$

$$N_{\text{KA}} \text{ No. admissible mechanisms}$$

Hypotheses on the compressive strengths at the n hinges:

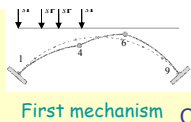
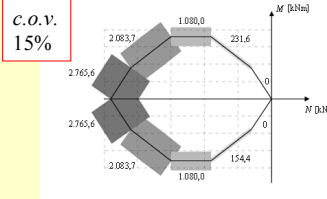
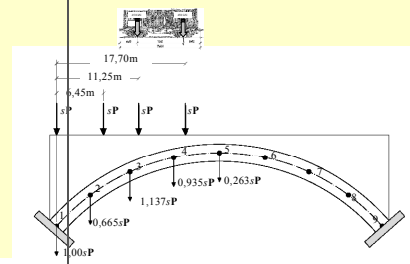
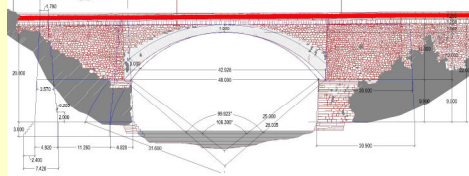
- stochastically independent
- Gaussian-distributed (stable) with the same expected strength and variance

j -th mechanism

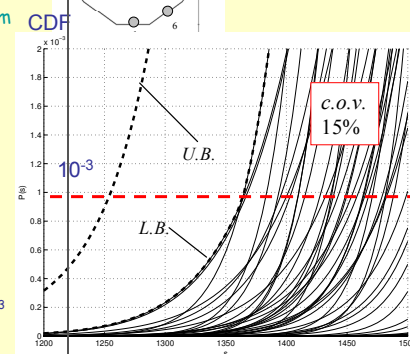
$$P_c[E_j] = P_c[\tilde{s}_j < s]$$

Masonry bridges: probabilistic analysis

Prarolo Bridge, Genoa, 40m span



First mechanism



- Collapse of the arch (realization of at least one event) $[E] = \bigcup_j [E_j]$

- CORNELL bounds

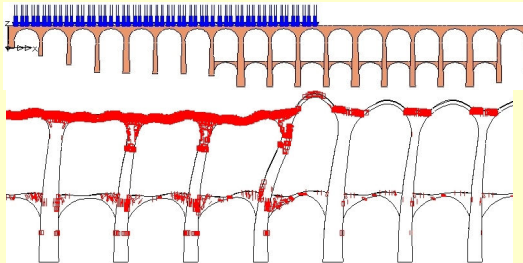
$$\max P_c(E_j) \leq P_c[E] \leq \sum_j P_c(E_j) \leq 1$$

good approximations for small probabilities $\ll 10^{-3}$

Masonry railway bridges

Open problems

- 2D vs. 3D modeling
- Interactions among structural elements (spandrel walls.....)
- Uncertainty of material properties
- Non linear analysis including damage and cracking
- Dynamic response to time-varying loadings
- Foundation settlements
- Material degradation



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