ITB Contributions for Collaborative Research in Feasible and Affordable Seismic Construction

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Expected ITB Contributions

- 2007: study of characteristics of brick and mortar joint material (Southeast Asian region)
- 2008: detailed analysis, simplified evaluation method (model wall structure, test specimen)



Typical Housing in Indonesia

- "Confined masonry" type of structure
- RC columns and beams
- Un-reinforced brick walls



Types of Mechanism and Failure Modes of Walls



- Sliding shear failure
 - Low vertical load and poor quality of mortar
 - Shearing wall in two parts and sliding of the upper part on mortar joint
- Shear failure:
 - Combination of vertical and lateral loads exceeds strength of bricks
 - Diagonal cracks on walls

Damage on Wall Elements



- No connection of walls to the structural frame
- Inadequate capacity of frame elements
- Inadequate capacity of wall elements





Damage on Wall Elements











Confined Masonry

- Seismic resistance verification:
 - Shear resistance
 - Flexural resistance
 - Out-of-plane behavior
- Quality of masonry walls depend on:
 - Quality of materials (bricks and mortar)
 - Spacing and brick laying





Codes vs Common Practice

- Quality of brick material:
 - Code: good quality (Minimum Class III)
 - Common practice: lower strength (sometimes poor, identified from cracked and melt prior to construction)
- Quality of mortar:
 - Code: Minimum 1 PC : 4 sand (volume ratio)
 - Common practice: 1 PC : 6 sand (volume ratio)
- Spacing:
 - Code: 8 -15 mm
 - Common practice: 15 30 mm
- Anchorage
 - Code: frame-wall connection
 - Common practice: no frame-wall connection



Common Practice for Brick Walls









Confined Masonry

- No specific guidelines on modeling the "confined masonry"
- Results for numerical analysis may vary depending on the model
- Experimental approach is necessary to verify numerical analysis





Experimental Simulation



- Full scale tests on brick walls
- Variation of material quality and spacing
- Monotonic and cyclic loading (displacement control)
- Obtained results:
 - Envelope of seismic resistance
 - Hysteretic loop and cyclic behavior
 - Ultimate strength and displacement
 - Damage state (cracks and failures)

Experimental Simulation

- Proposed tests:
 - 2 types of brick quality (good and poor)
 - 2 types of mortar quality (1:4 and 1:6 of PC:sand volume ratio)
 - 4 types of mortar spacing (10 mm, 15 mm, 20 mm, 30 mm)
- Benchmark model:
 - good brick quality
 - 1:4 PC:sand volume ratio
 - 15 mm of mortar spacing
- Total number of specimen: 7



Experimental Simulation

- Geometry of specimen:
 - 1m x 1m unconfined masonry (brick wall)
 - Top and bottom cap for support and gravity load application
- Mechanical quantities to be determined:
 - Compressive strength
 - Shear or tensile strength
 - Modulus of Elasticity
 - Shear modulus
 - Ductility factor



Numerical Analysis

- Setting of basic requirements
 - Performance Based Design Concept
 - Damage limitation
 - Collapse prevention
- Development of wall structural models
- Verification of experimental results
- Assembly of complete structural models
- Calculation of structural response



Expected Research Accomplishment

- Seismic resistance verification for typical Indonesian housing
 - Seismic load
 - Lateral resistance
 - Effect of walls on structural stiffness and rigidity
- Development of retrofitting/strengthening strategy for existing structure



2007 Tentative Schedule



Activity	2007				2008		
	9	10	11	12	1	2	3
Study on Materials (Material and Structural Element Test)							
Detailed Analysis (Prediction and Correlation)							
Simplified Evaluation							
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Assist on Shake Table Test (Data Organization)							

Other Important Issues



- "Codes vs Common Practice" type of problems
 - Insufficient development length for joint (beam-column connection)
 - Plain rebars used for longitudinal reinforcement
- Numerical analysis may exclude the effects of these problems
- Experimental works are necessary to verify the structural adequacy



Thank you