

Behaviour of Masonry Spandrels

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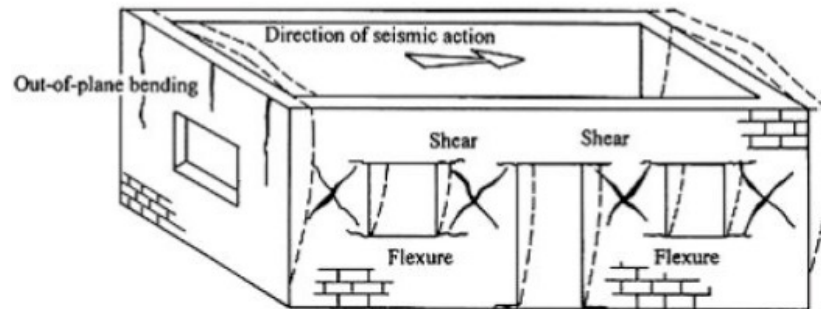
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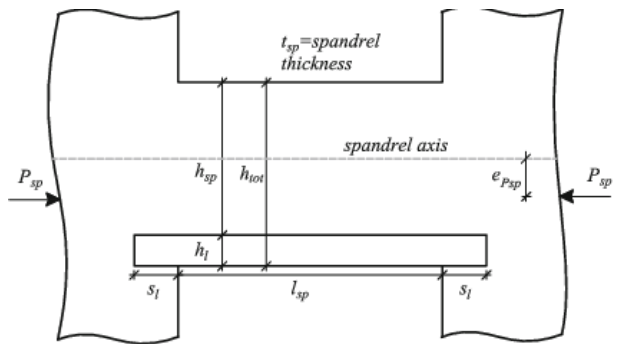
- **Introduction to Masonry Spandrels**
- **Objectives, Scope and Methodology**
- **Failure mechanisms in Masonry Spandrels**
- **Preliminary Study**
 - Review of existing strength models
 - Comparative study: Sensitivity analysis tool
- **Numerical Modelling of Spandrel Behaviour**
 - Element type, material model, input material parameters and validation
 - Overview of parametric study, observations and inferences
- **Machine Learning Approach**
 - Introduction, data samples, data pre-processing
 - Comparison and selection of ML model
 - Predictive equation for spandrel behaviour

Introduction to Masonry Spandrels

- Pier – vertical load resisting element
- Spandrel – structural coupling
- Current models have limited capability in capturing OOP.



Ref.: POLIMI (2010)



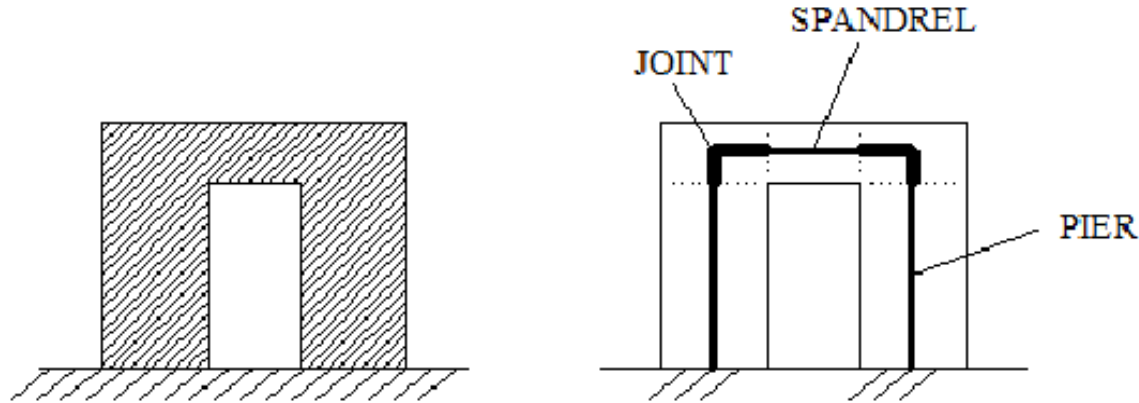
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Introduction to Masonry Spandrels

- **Equivalent Frame Method**
 - Used for in-plane capacity estimation.
 - Spandrel – analogous to beam
 - Pier – analogous to column
 - Joint leads to the coupling effect.



Objectives, Scope and Methodology

■ Objectives

- Review and comparison of existing models
- Parametric analysis on existing models
- Numerical study on DIANA
- Machine learning study

Outcomes:

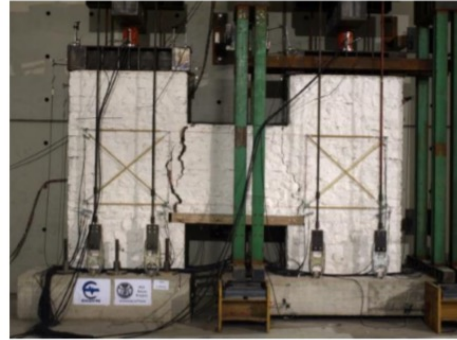
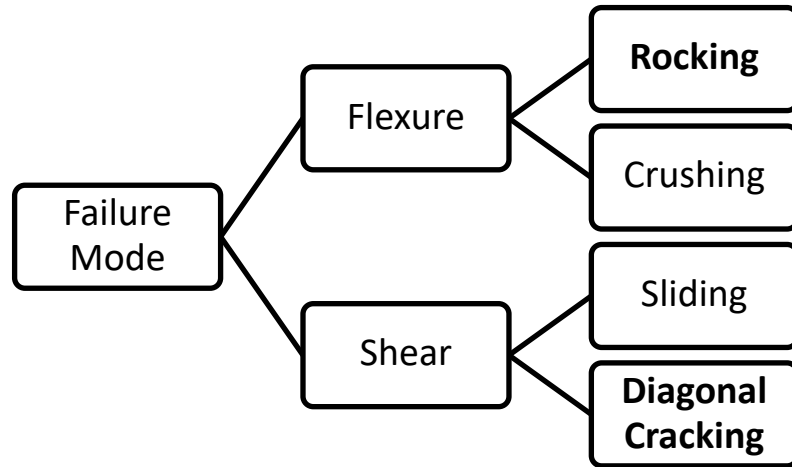
- Sensitivity Analysis tool
- Spandrel capacity database
- Equation to capture OOP displacements

Definition of Problem &
Review of Existing
Spandrel Models

Parametric Analysis to
identify existing models'
shortcomings

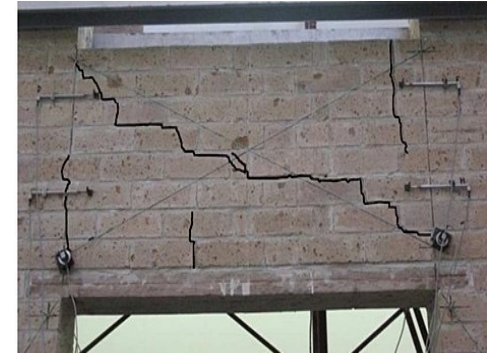
Numerical Analysis of a
specific set of cases &
Machine Learning
algorithms to improve
on current models

Failure mechanisms in Masonry Spandrels



Rocking

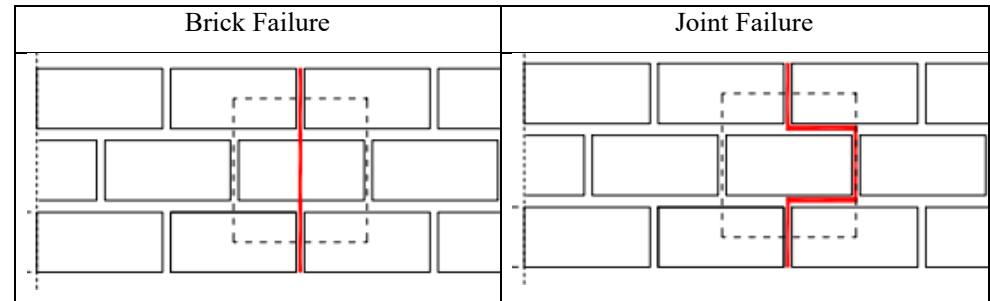
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Diagonal / Stepwise Cracking

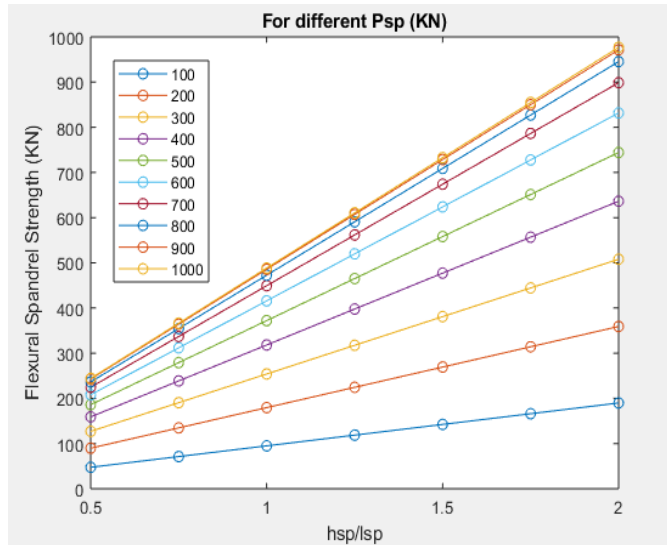
Ref.: Parisi (2014)

- **Rocking and diagonal cracking – predominant in-plane failure mechanisms in masonry spandrels (sliding may occur in some cases).**



Preliminary Study

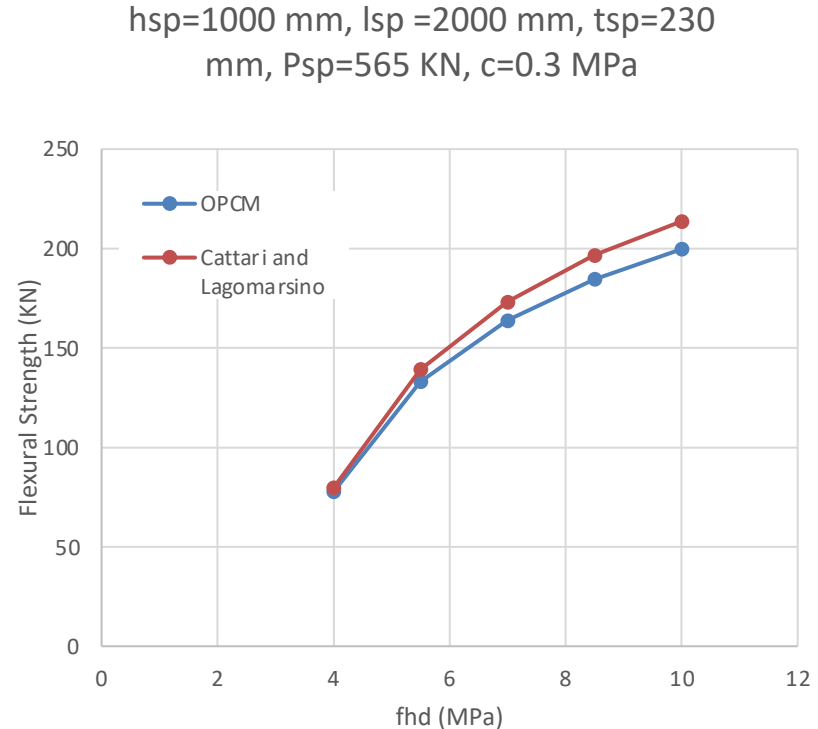
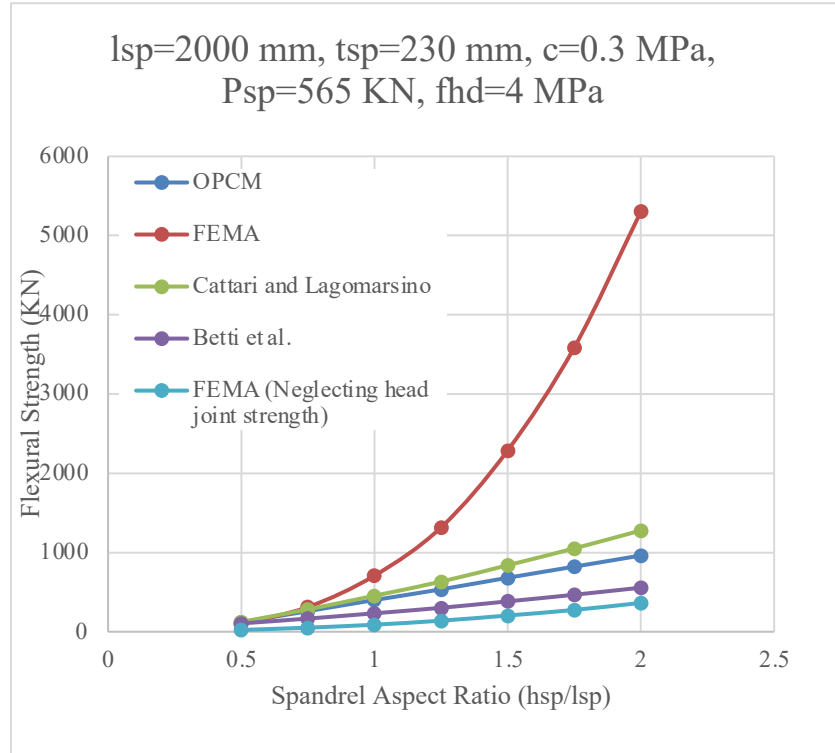
- Review of existing strength models for masonry spandrels
 - Detailed study of OPCM
 - Flexural strength found to vary positively with increasing aspect ratio



OPCM 3431 (2005)	Flexure	$V_{fl} = P_{sp} \cdot \frac{h_{sp}}{l_{sp}} \left(1 - \frac{P_{sp}}{0.85 f_{hd} h_{sp} t_{sp}} \right)$
	Shear 1	$V_s = h_{sp} t_{sp} c_{red}$ with $c_{red} = c \frac{1}{1+2(h_j+h_b)/(l_b+l_j)}$
	Shear 2	$V_s = h_c t_{sp} \cdot c_{red} + 0.4 \cdot P_{sp}$ with $h_c = \frac{P_{sp}}{0.85 f_{hd} t_{sp}}$ and c_{red} as in Shear 1
FEMA 306 ATC (1998)	Flexure, peak	$V_{p,fl} = \frac{2}{l_{sp}} \cdot \frac{2}{3} h_{sp} \cdot f_{p,tot} \cdot \frac{h_{sp}}{4(h_j+h_b)}$ with $f_{p,tot} = f_{p,bj} \cdot t_b \cdot \frac{l_b}{2} + f_{p,sj} \cdot \frac{l_b}{2} \cdot h_b \cdot (NB - 1)$ and $f_{p,bj} = c + 0.5 \cdot \sigma_{pier}$, $NB = 1$
	Flexure, residual	$V_{r,fl} = \frac{2}{l_{sp}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} h_{sp} \cdot f_{r,bj} \cdot t_{sp} \left(\frac{l_b}{2} - \Delta_s \right) \cdot \frac{h_{sp}}{2(h_j+h_b)}$ with $f_{r,bj} = 0.5 \sigma_{pier}$ and $\Delta_s = 0$
Turnsek and Cacovic (1970)	Shear	$V_{p,s} = f_{dt} \cdot h_{sp} \cdot t_{sp} \cdot \beta \cdot \sqrt{1 + \frac{P_{sp}}{f_{dt}}}$
Cattari and Lagomarsino (2008)	Flexure	$V_{fl} = \frac{2}{l_{sp}} \cdot t_{sp} \cdot \left(0.85 f_{hd} h_c \left(\frac{h_{sp}}{2} - \frac{h_c}{2} \right) + f_{tu} (h_{sp} - h_c) \frac{h_c}{2} \right)$ with $f_{tu} = \min \left(\mu \cdot 0.65 \cdot \sigma_{pier} \frac{l_b}{2(h_j+h_b)}; \frac{f_{ht}}{2} \right)$ $h_c = \frac{P_{sp} + f_{tu}}{0.85 f_{hd} + f_{tu}} h_{sp}$
Betti et al. (2008)	Flexure	$V_{fl} = \frac{2}{l_{sp}} \cdot \frac{h_{sp}^2 t_{sp}}{6} (f_{tm} + P_{sp})$ with $f_{tm} = \frac{c}{2\mu}$

Preliminary Study

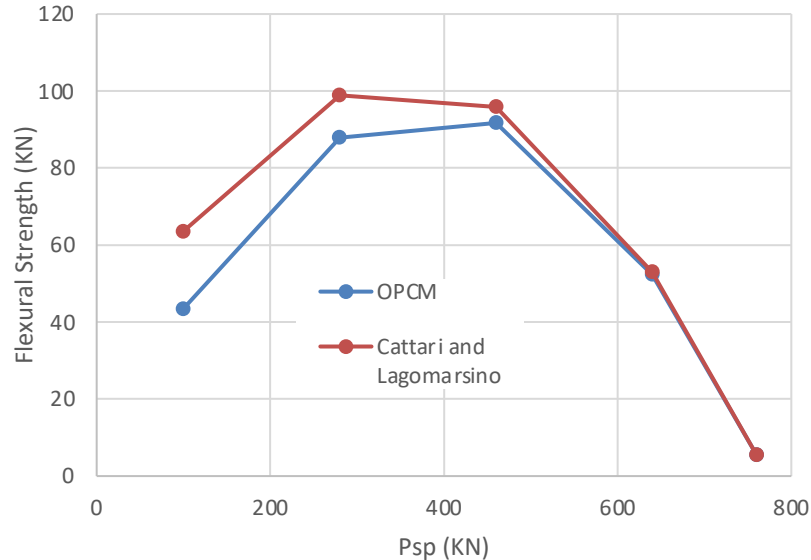
■ Comparison of strength models



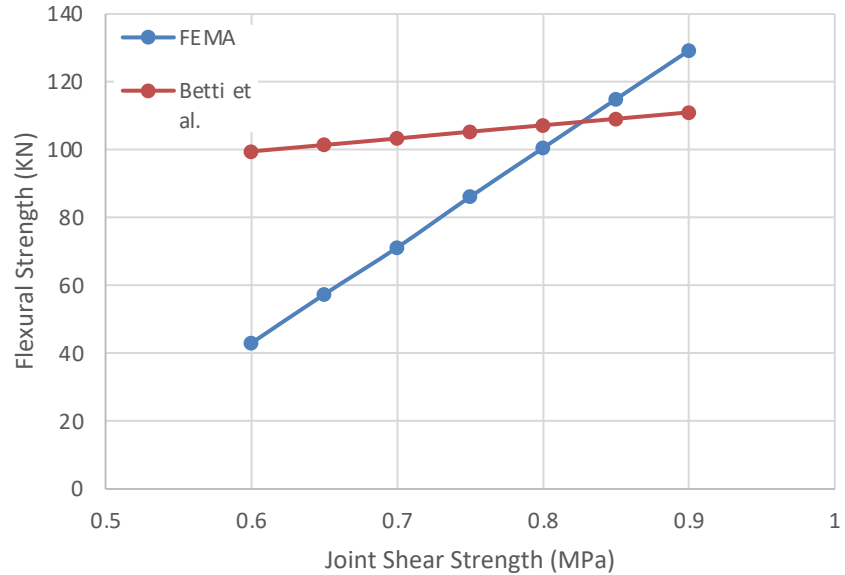
Preliminary Study

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hsp=1000 mm, lsp =2000 mm, tsp=230 mm, fhd= 4 MPa, c=0.3 MPa



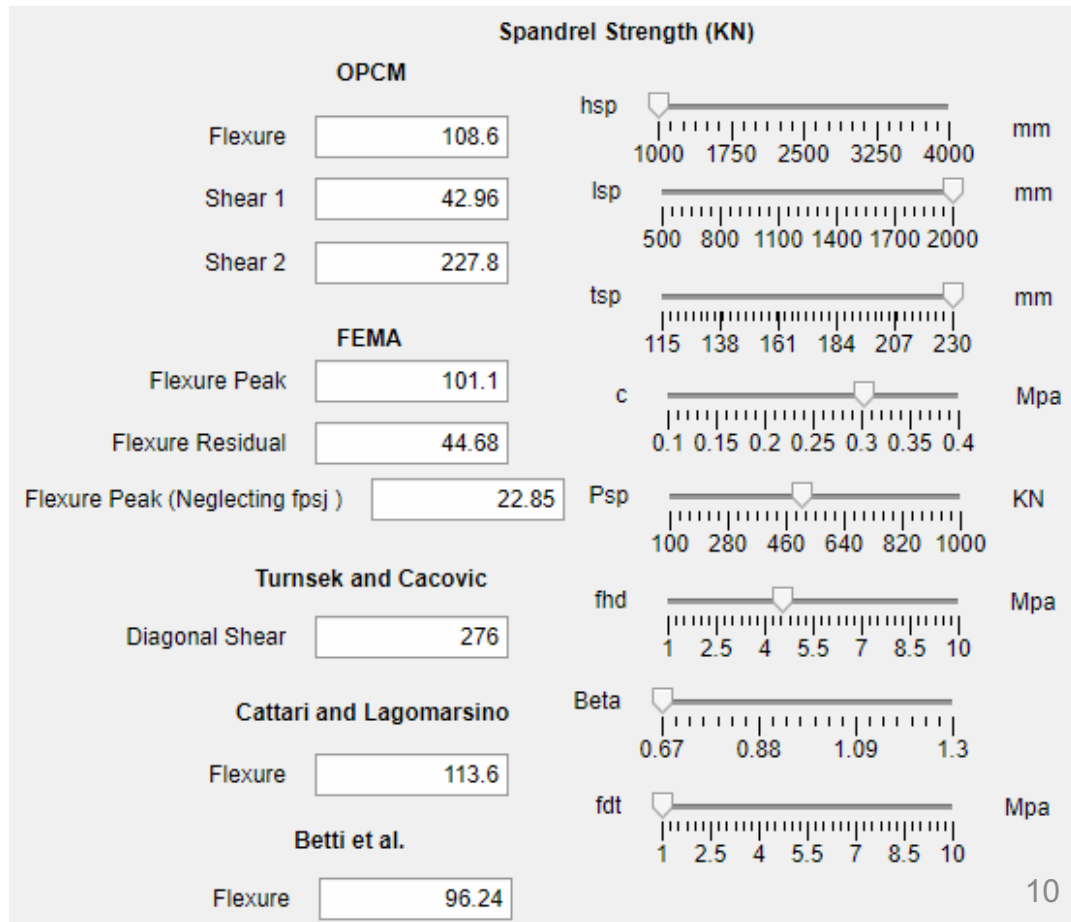
hsp=1000 mm, lsp =2000 mm, tsp=230 mm, fhd= 4 MPa, Psp = 565 kN



$$c + \mu \sigma_{pier}$$

Preliminary Study

- **Sensitivity analysis tool**
 - Easy and quick comparison across models
 - Parametric Analysis
 - Understanding influence of parameters



Preliminary Study

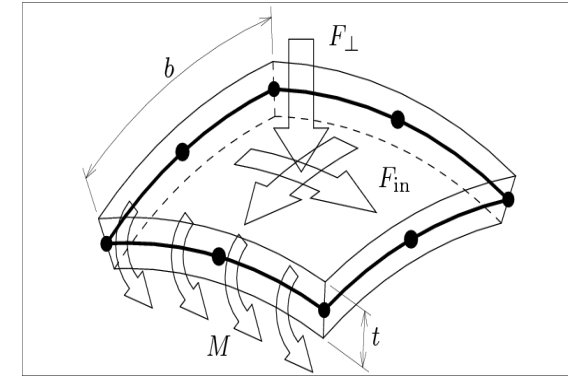
- **Observations from study**

- Spandrel lateral strength, by and large is dependent more on geometry than it is on material properties.
- OPCM, Cattari and Lagomarsino - **force-equilibrium formulation** FEMA and Betti et al. - **mechanics-based formulation**
- Diagonal shear dominant mechanism for squat spandrels.
- Spandrel strength formulations currently estimate just the pure-in-plane capacity.

Numerical Modelling of Spandrel Behaviour

Input parameters

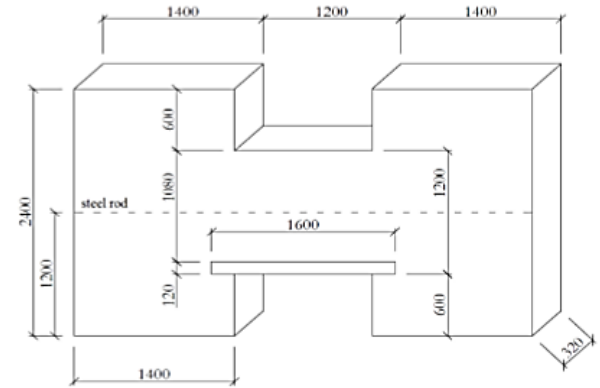
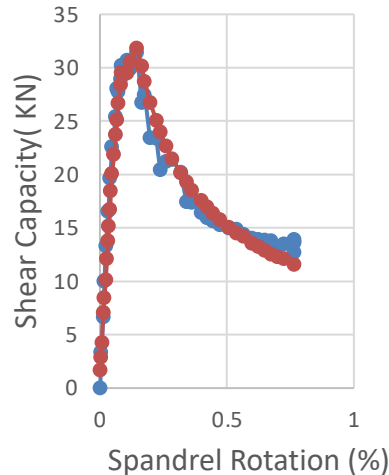
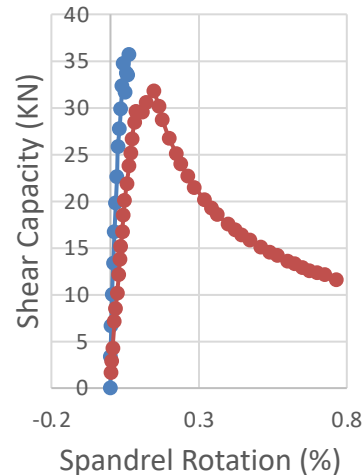
- E_x Young's modulus in x direction
- E_y Young's modulus in y direction
- G Shear modulus
- α Angle between the bed joint and the diagonal stepped cracks
- f_{tx} Tensile strength in x direction
- f_{ty} Tensile strength in y direction
- G_{fty} Tensile fracture energy in y direction
- f_{cy} Compressive strength in y direction
- G_{fcy} Compressive fracture energy in y direction
- Φ Friction angle
- c Cohesion
- G_{fs} Shear fracture energy
- ρ Density



- Element Type
 - Curved Shell Element
- Material model
 - Engineering Masonry Model

Numerical Modelling of Spandrel Behaviour

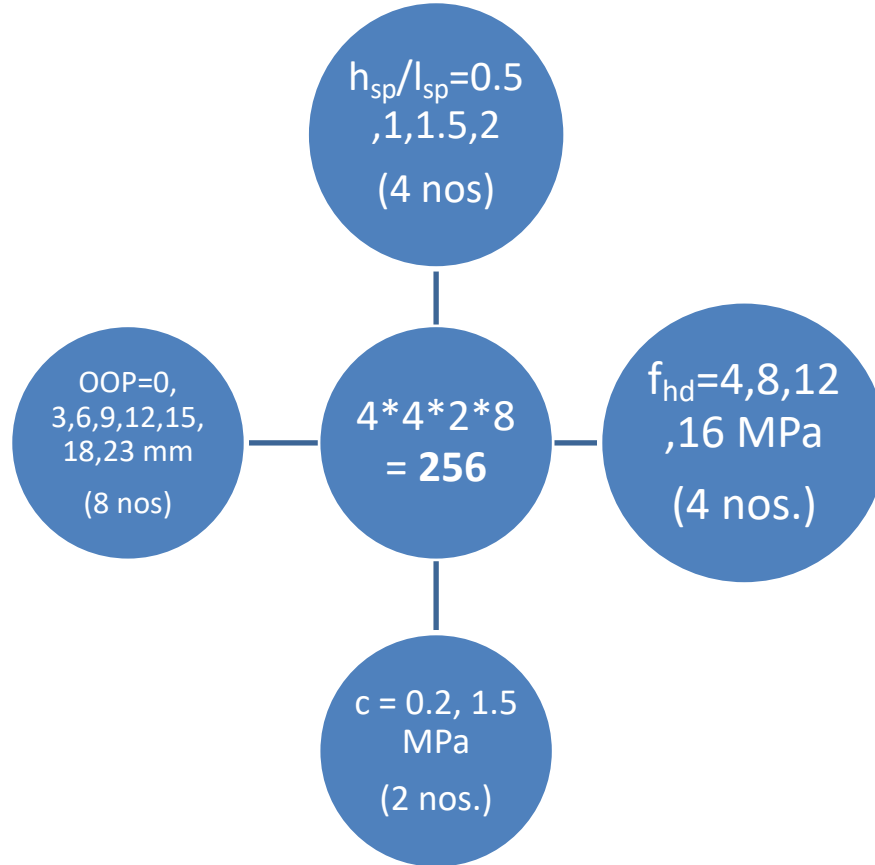
- **Validation of numerical model**
 - Engineered masonry model (EM) vs. Total strain crack model (TSC)
 - EM model was unable to trace post-peak softening, but TSC captured it



Ref.: Graziotti et al. 2012, Experimental cyclic behaviour of stone masonry spandrels, Proc. of 15th WCEE, Lisbon

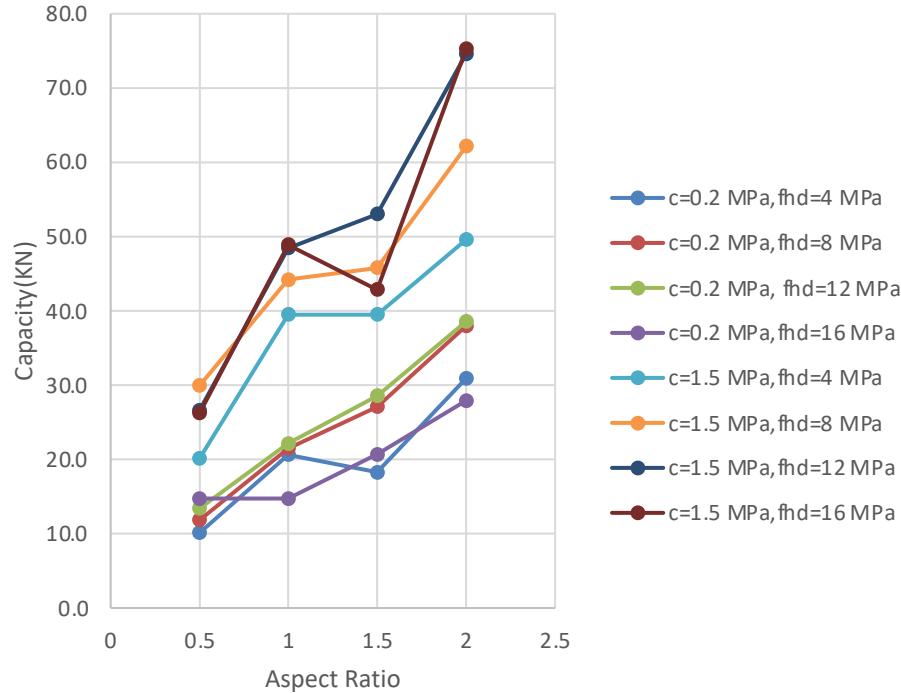
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■ Overview of Batch Processing

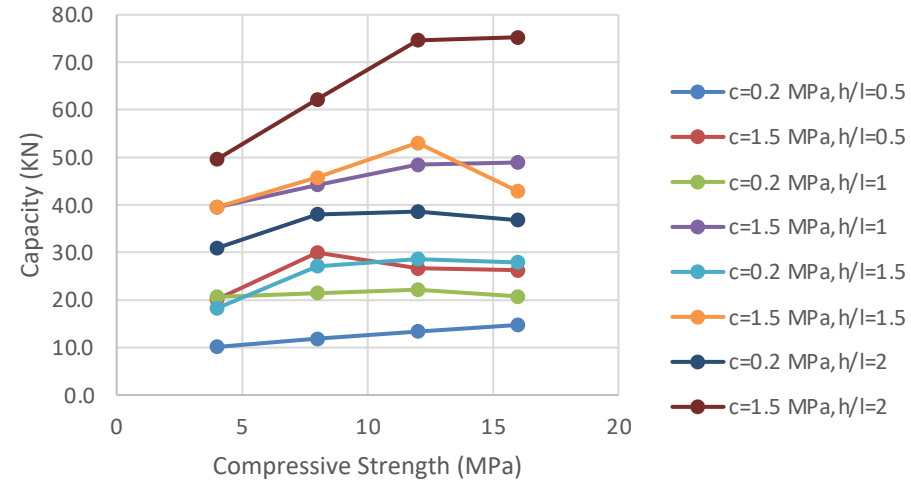


Numerical Modelling of Spandrel Behaviour

■ Observations from in-plane response



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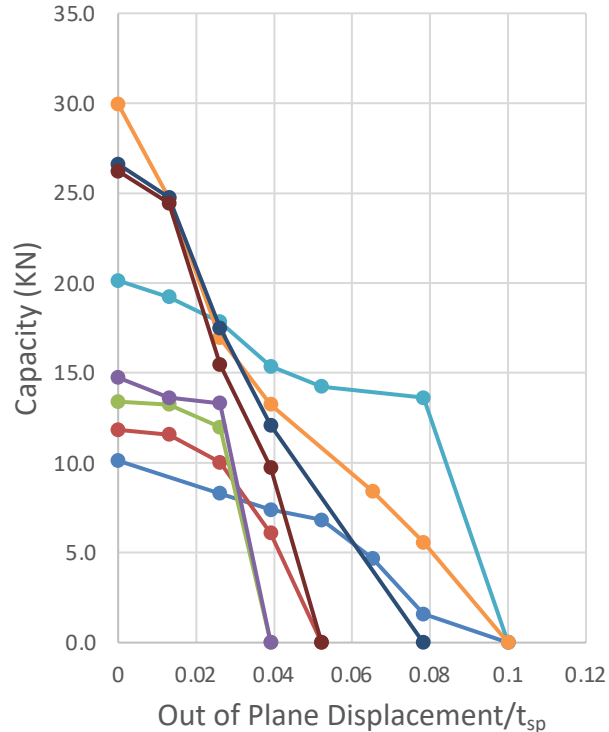


Material
Properties

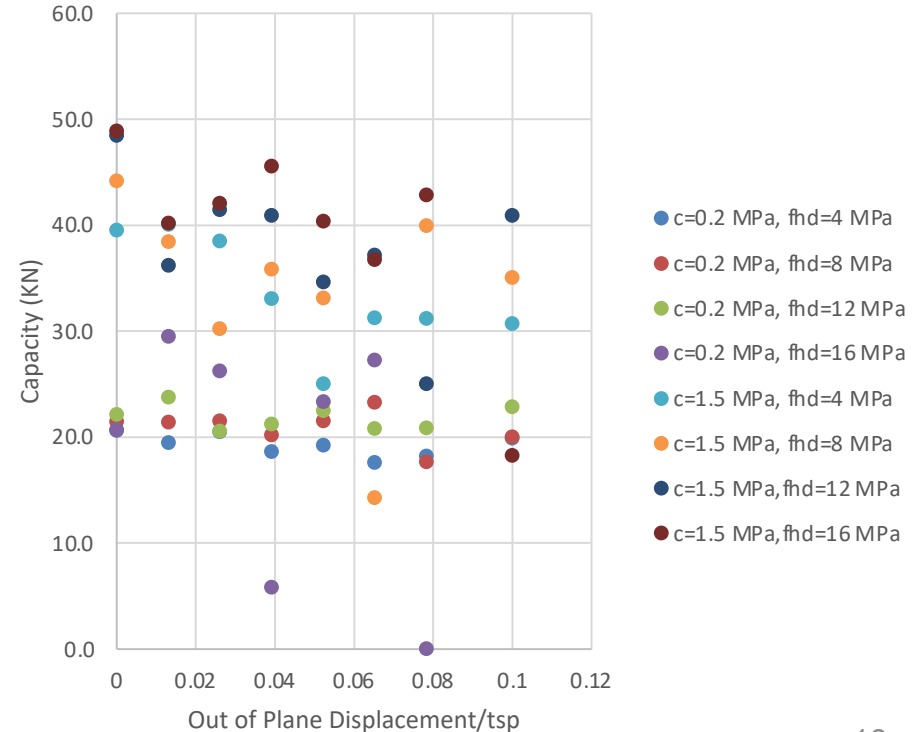
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■ Observations from interaction with out-of-plane response

Aspect Ratio=0.5

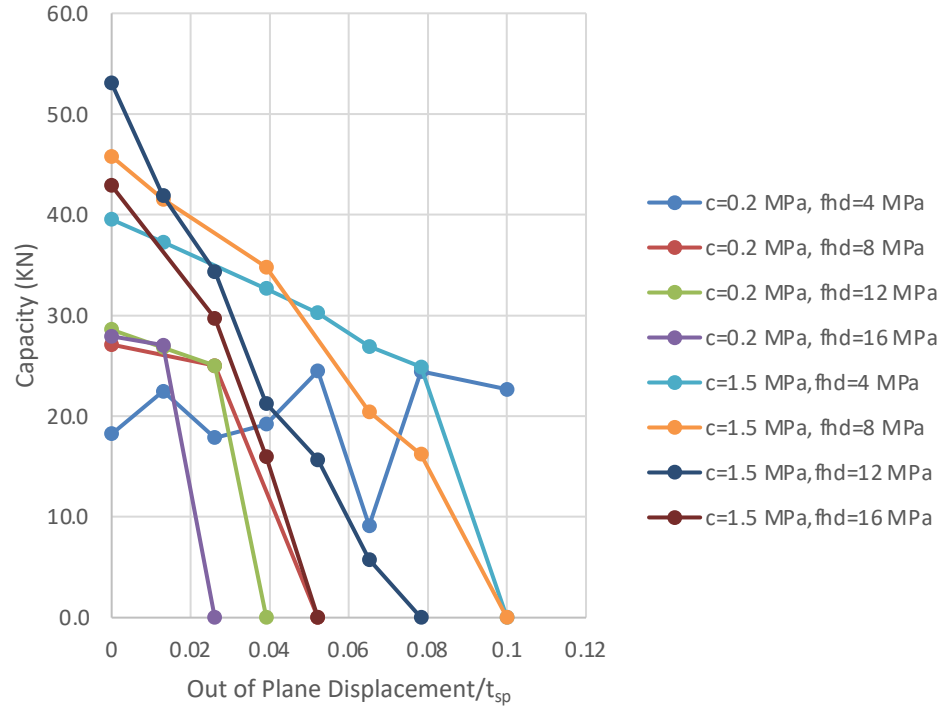


Aspect Ratio=1

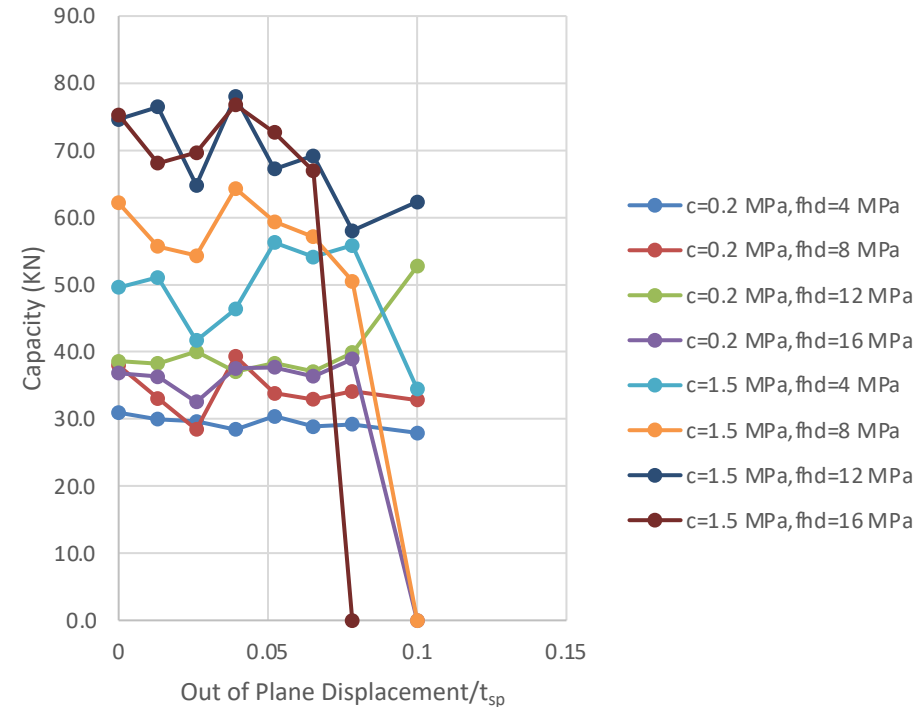


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Aspect Ratio=1.5



Aspect Ratio=2



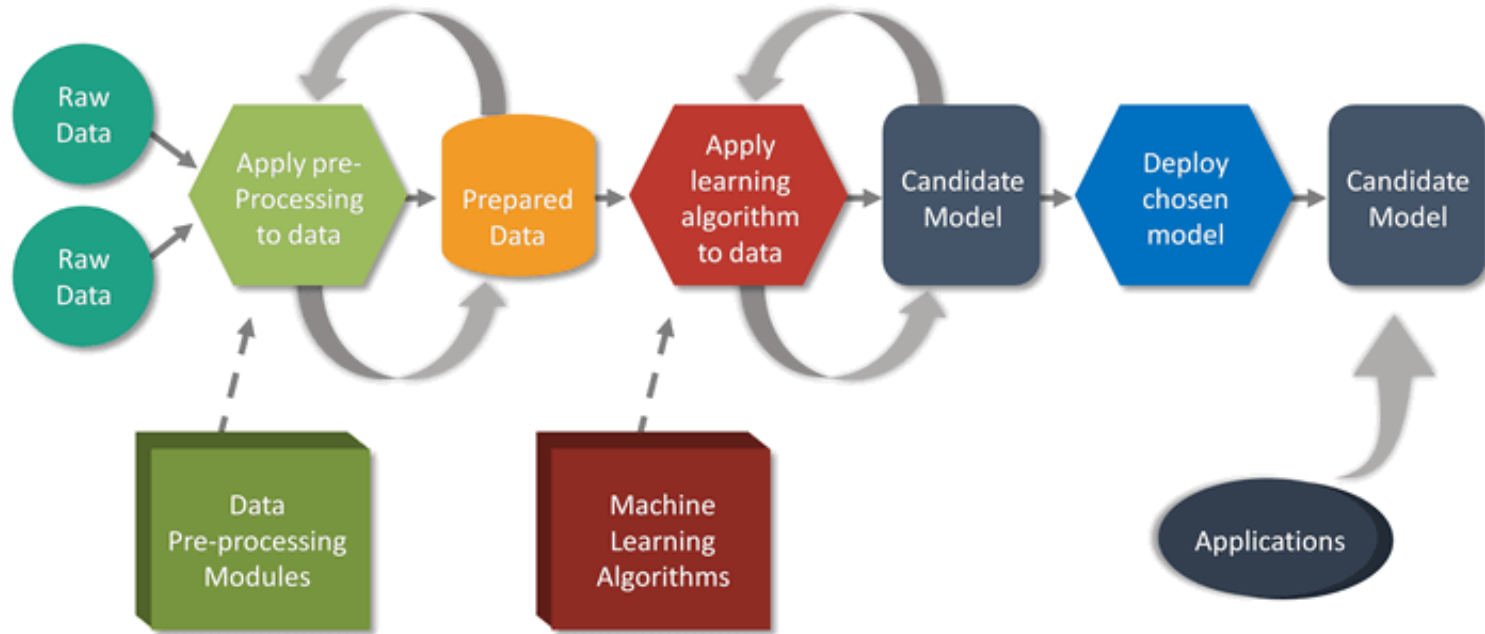
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- The out of plane displacement causes minimum reduction in capacity when aspect ratio ≈ 1 .

Aspect Ratio	Average decrease in capacity at $\Delta_{\text{OOP}} = 23 \text{ mm}$	Key Observations
0.5	92%	Out-of-plane failure (capacity=0) was observed in all models with $\Delta_{\text{OOP}} = 23 \text{ mm}$ except the cases of $c=0.2 \text{ MPa}$, $f_{\text{hd}}=4 \text{ MPa}$ and $c=0.2 \text{ MPa}$, $f_{\text{hd}}=8 \text{ MPa}$ where a 44% and 88% decrease in capacity was observed respectively.
1	29%	For $c=0.2 \text{ MPa}$, $f_{\text{hd}}=16 \text{ MPa}$, it was also observed that failure occurred at $\Delta_{\text{OOP}} = 18 \text{ mm}$ itself.
1.5	82%	For $c=0.2 \text{ MPa}$, $f_{\text{hd}}=16 \text{ MPa}$, the variation of capacity with Δ_{OOP} was haphazard and the expected decreasing trend was not observed.
2	42%	It was observed that capacity reduction was minimal for all values of Δ_{OOP} except 23 mm.

Machine Learning Approach

■ Introduction



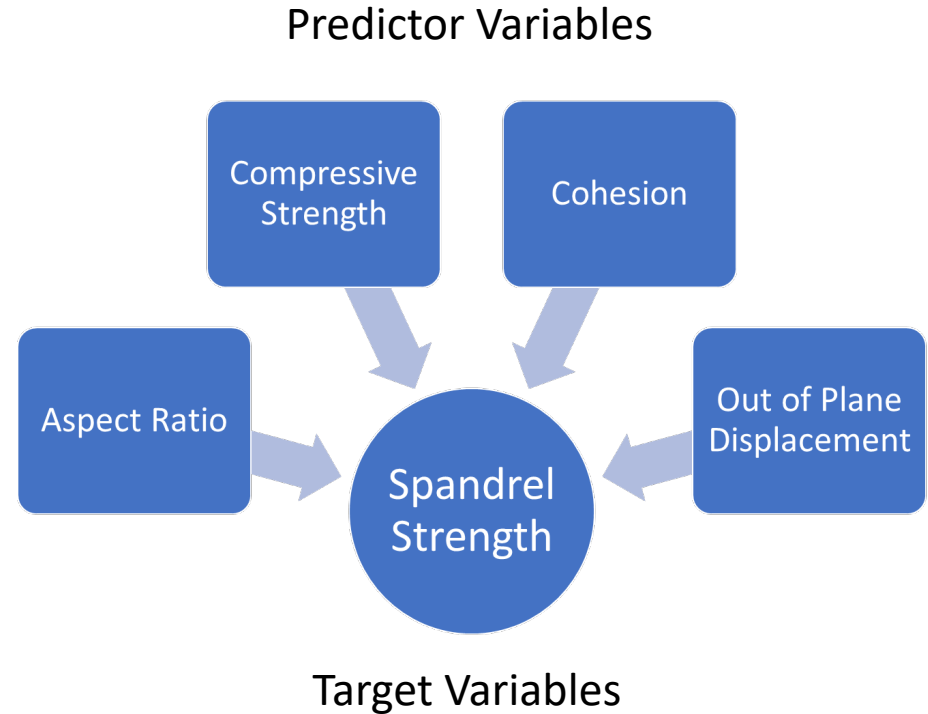
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Machine Learning Approach

■ Data sample

hbyl	fhd (MPa)	c (MPa)	OOP (mm)	Cap (KN)
0.5	4	0.2	0	10.1
0.5	4	1.5	0	20.1
0.5	8	0.2	0	11.8
0.5	8	1.5	0	30
0.5	12	0.2	0	13.4
0.5	12	1.5	0	26.6
0.5	16	0.2	0	14.7
0.5	16	1.5	0	26.2
0.5	4	0.2	3	10.3
0.5	4	1.5	3	19.2
0.5	8	0.2	3	11.6
0.5	8	1.5	3	24.7
0.5	12	0.2	3	13.25
0.5	12	1.5	3	24.8
0.5	16	0.2	3	13.6
0.5	16	1.5	3	24.4
0.5	4	0.2	6	8.3
0.5	4	1.5	6	17.8
0.5	8	0.2	6	10
0.5	8	1.5	6	16.9
0.5	12	0.2	6	11.99



Machine Learning Approach

■ Data pre-processing

- Normalization
- Binarization
- Removal of outliers
- Adding 0 capacity rows initially (found to skew data)
- Removing all rows with 0 capacity

hbyl	fhd	c	OOP	cap
1	0	0	0	30.9
1	0	1	0	49.6
1	0.33	0	0	38
1	0.33	1	0	62.2
1	0.67	0	0	38.6
1	0.67	1	0	74.6
1	1	0	0	36.8

Normalization

hbyl	fhd	c	OOP	cap
0.5	4	0.2	0	10.1
0.5	4	0.2	3.000	10.3
0.5	4	0.2	6.000	8.3
0.5	4	0.2	9.000	7.4
0.5	4	0.2	12.000	6.8
0.5	4	0.2	15.000	4.7
0.5	4	0.2	18.000	1.6
0.5	4	0.2	23.000	0.0
0.5	4	0.2	26.000	0.0
0.5	4	0.2	29.000	0.0
0.5	4	0.2	32.000	0.0
0.5	4	0.2	35.000	0.0
0.5	4	0.2	38.000	0.0

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1.5	8	0.2	0	27.1
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1.5	8	0.2	6.000	25.0
1.5	8	0.2	9.000	25.1
1.5	8	0.2	12.000	0.0
1.5	8	0.2	15.000	0.0
1.5	8	0.2	18.000	0.0
1.5	8	0.2	23.000	6.3

Extra 0s

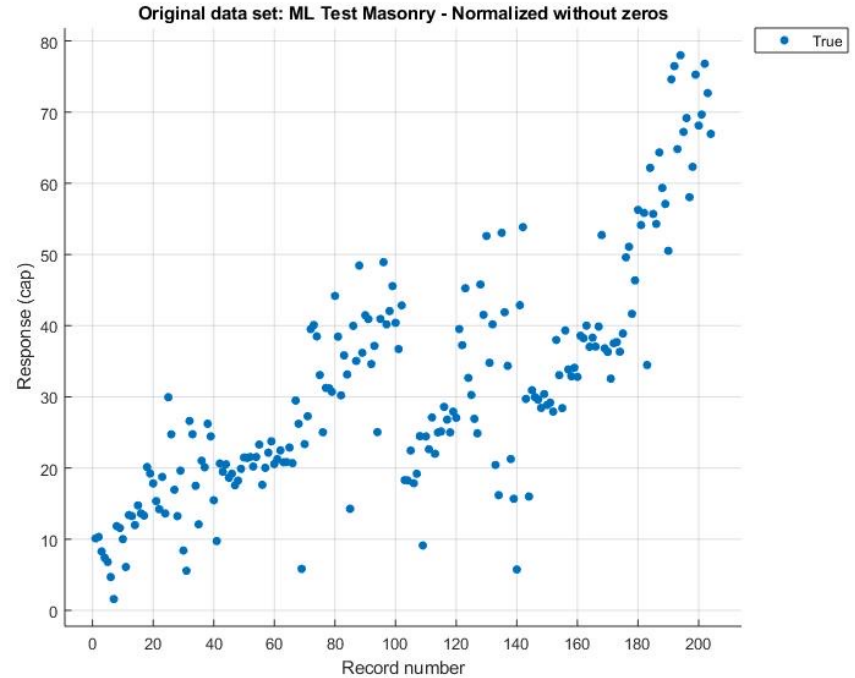
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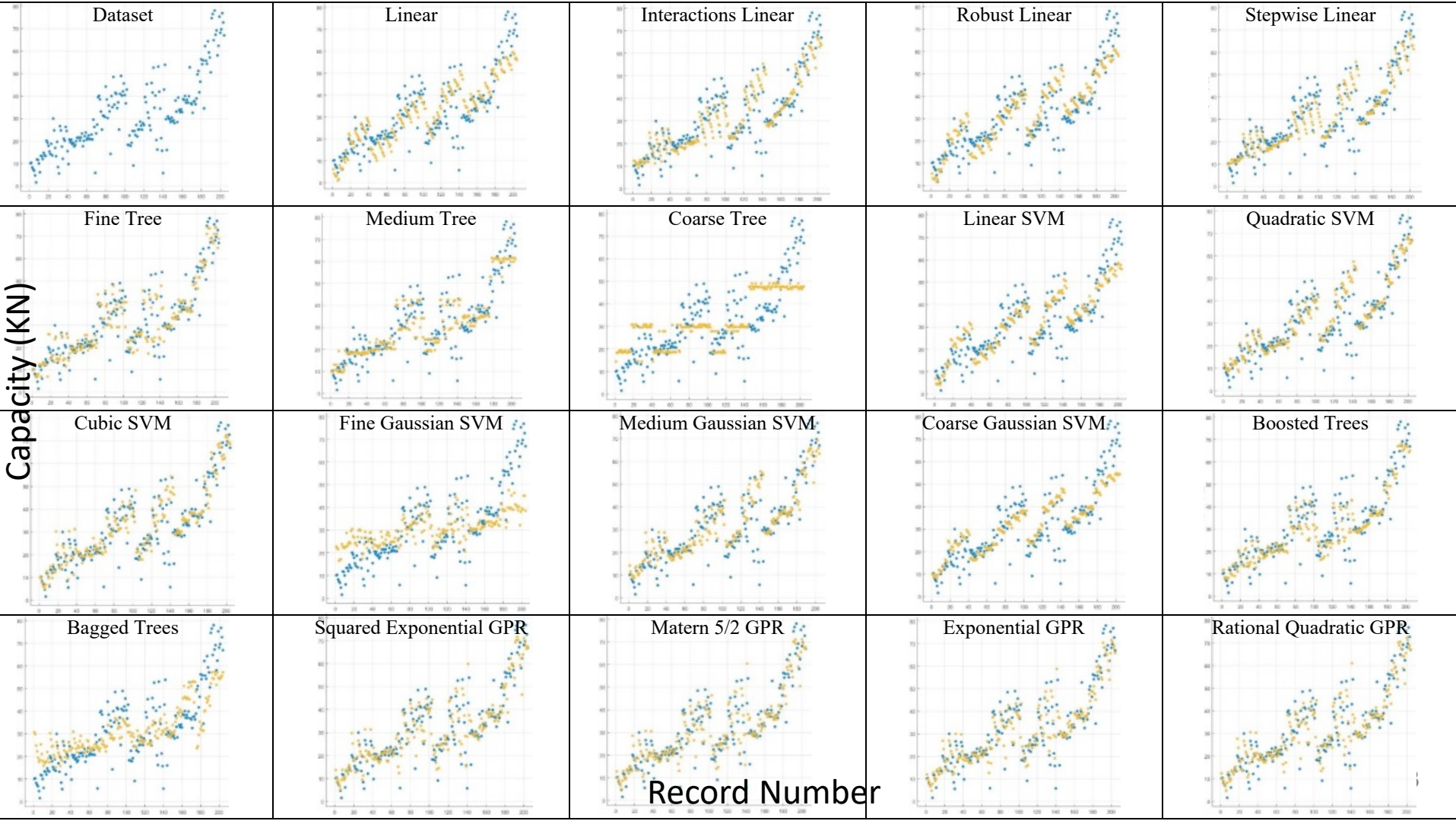
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Raw Data

Machine Learning Approach

- **Comparison of ML models**
 - Selection of the final algorithm with the best fit was made from an initial set of 19 different ML algorithms
 - Relatively small size of the data set permitted such an approach.





Machine Learning Approach

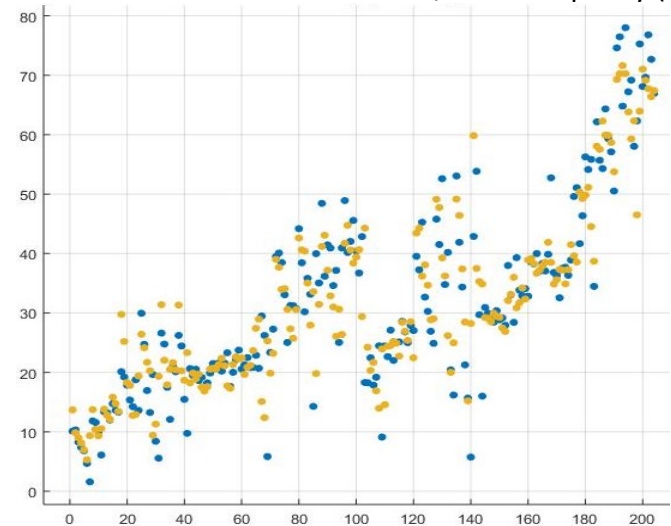
- **Predictive equation**

- Proposed form of equation (approximate):

$$\text{Spandrel Shear Capacity } (V_{sp}) = \alpha \sqrt{\frac{h}{l} \frac{c}{\Delta_{OOP}}} f_{hd}^{0.1}$$

- Rows in the dataset with 0 out-of-plane displacement were removed, and 0 capacity were removed.
 - Logarithms were taken on all the predictor variables and the target variable.
 - Predictor variables were normalized as before, and the dataset was trained on all the ML models.

Note: Logarithm was applied on the dataset.
X axis: Record number, Y axis: Capacity (KN)



Summary

■ Conclusions

- Spandrel capacity does not have a linear variation with dependent variables.
- Capacity varies as the inverse square root of OOP displacement.
- Capacity reduction is minimal when aspect ratio is close to unity.

■ Limitations

- Thickness of spandrel has not been varied ($t_{sp}=230$ mm)
- Only two extreme values of cohesion (0.2 MPa and 1.5 MPa) have been used.
- The final dataset (without the zero capacity and zero OOP rows) had just 173 data points.
- The proposed equation cannot be used to find the in-plane capacity.

Summary

▪ Scope for Future Research

- A comprehensive database is to be developed with variation in
 - Spandrel thickness (t_{sp})
 - Spandrel and pier axial load
 - Boundary conditions
- Classification Learner - predict failure mechanism.
- Database - compared with practically tested models.
- A study can be conducted on the different masonry models to identify the most suitable model depending upon the loading scenario, detail of failure profile required, post-peak requirements etc.