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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The Multistory Masonry Building Research Program

A multistory masonry building research program was initiated at the Earthquake Engineering Research Center in September 1972, and has continued for the past six years. After an extensive review of literature $[4,5]^*$ dealing with resistance of masonry to earthquakes, it was concluded that shear walls penetrated by numerous window openings (Fig. 1.1) were the components of multistory masonry buildings most frequently damaged in past earthquakes, and it was decided that an experimental study of the seismic behavior of such components was necessary.

Two types of structural components can be identified in the shear wall of Fig. 1.1, the piers and the spandrel beams. In order to study the pier behavior, a testing fixture was designed to subject typical fullscale double pier specimens to combined static vertical (gravity) and cyclic lateral (seismic) loads (Fig. 1.2). The results obtained from seventeen such specimens have been reported by Mayes et al.^[7,8]. These results show significant variations in the pier behavior with the various test parameters including the type of grouting, types of reinforcement and the rate of loading. The results were not conclusive and demonstrated the need for more extensive tests to establish definitive parametric relationships.

The cost of the double pier tests, both in money and time, precluded carrying out extensive parametric variations with the double pier test setup and, consequently, a single pier test system was designed which greatly simplified the investigation (Fig. 1.3). A series of eighty

^{*} References are arranged in alphabetical order of the authors names, and are listed at the end of the text.

single pier tests was planned, which included the following test parameters: type of masonry construction, height to width ratio of the piers, type of grouting, and amount and distribution of both vertical and horizontal steel reinforcement. The present report deals with the experimental results of specimens with a height to width ratio of 1.

1.2 Objectives and Scope of the Single Pier Test Program

In determining the shear strength of masonry piers and panels, the first step is to evaluate the mode of failure. Because most failures in past earthquakes have been characterized by diagonal cracks, many research programs have concentrated on this type of failure mechanism. Test techniques used by Blume^[1], Greenley and Cattaneo^[2], and others induce the diagonal tension or shear mode of failure. Scrivener^[13], Meli^[10]. Williams^[14] and Priestley and Bridgeman^[11] recognized that there are two possible modes of failure for cantilever piers. In addition to the shear or diagonal tension mode, they recognized that for certain piers, a flexural failure could occur. This mechanism is characterized by yielding of the tension steel of the wall, followed by a secondary failure at the compressive toe, with associated buckling of the reinforcement once confinement is lost. Meli^[10] described the flexural failure as similar to that of an under-reinforced concrete beam; i.e., extensive flexural cracking and strength limited by yielding of the reinforcement with failure finally due to crushing of the compressive corner or to rupture of the extreme bars.

Because the double pier tests were the first fixed ended piers to be tested cyclically, the objective of those tests was to determine the effect of various parameters and compare the results with those obtained by others on cantilever piers. Both the shear and flexural modes of failure were included in that investigation.

One of the main objectives of the single pier test program was to investigate thoroughly the effects of different parameters on the behavior shown with the shear mode of failure. It was evident from the double pier test program that the flexural mode of failure in a fixed ended pier has desirable inelastic characteristics, although these are not as desirable as those obtained by Priestley^[12] in cantilever piers. Furthermore, it was recognized that for fixed ended piers, with height to width ratios commonly found in multistory buildings, the amount of horizontal reinforcement required to induce a flexural mode of failure is substantially greater than that required by current codes. Therefore, it was decided to investigate the effects of lesser amounts of horizontal reinforcement on the shear mode of failure to determine if desirable inelastic behavior could be obtained.

The thirty-one tests reported herein are a part of a total program of eighty single pier tests; a matrix characterizing the first sixty-three tests is shown in Table 1.1. The parameters for the remaining seventeen tests will be selected after an evaluation of these sixty-three. The test parameters, other than the type of construction and height to width ratio, include the amount of reinforcement and the effect of partial grouting. Hollow concrete block piers having height to width ratio of 2 were not included in the single pier test program because such piers were investigated in the original double pier tests.

This report presents the results for piers with a height to width ratio of 1 of which eleven tests were performed on hollow concrete block specimens (HCBL), thirteen on hollow clay brick specimens (HCBR) and seven on double wythe grouted core clay brick specimens (CBRC). A previous report^[3] presented the results obtained from piers with height to width

ratio of 2, and a subsequent report will present the results obtained from the single pier specimens with height to width ratio of 0.5. The results from the series of seventeen specimens which will complete the proposed research program also will be presented in a separate report. The organization of the present report is similar to the previous one on piers with height to width ratio of $2^{\begin{bmatrix} 3 \end{bmatrix}}$. The general background of the single pier test program has been included again in order to make this report as self-contained as possible.

TABLE 1.1

SINGLE PIER TEST PROGRAM* (Number of test specimens)

······			
TOTAL NUMBER	14	31	18
HOLLOW CONCRETE BLOCK (HCBL)	o	11	Q
DOUBLE WYTHE GROUTED CORE CLAY BRICK (CBRC)	IJ	7	υ
HOLLOW CLAY BRICK (HCBR)	σ	13 [.]	Q
TYPE OF MASONRY HEIGHT: WIDTH RATIO	2 : 1	1:1	1:2

* Last 17 tests to be decided after this phase is completed







FIG. 1.3 SINGLE PIER TEST SETUP

2. TEST SPECIMENS

2.1 Design and Construction of Specimens

The overall dimensions of the test specimens discussed here are shown in Fig. 2.1. They are the same for all thirty-one piers except for the thickness, which is 7 5/8 inches for the hollow concrete block piers (HCBL), 7 3/8 inches for the hollow clay brick piers (HCBR) and 10 inches for the double wythe grouted core clay brick piers (CBRC).

The HCBL panels were constructed from standard two-core hollow concrete blocks nominally 8 inches wide x 8 inches high x 16 inches long, as shown in Fig. 2.3(a). The cored area of each block is approximately 50.6 square inches and the ratio of net to gross area is 58%.

The HCBR piers were constructed from standard two-core hollow clay bricks nominally 8 inches wide x 4 inches high x 12 inches long, as shown in Fig. 2.3(b). The cored area of each brick is approximately 57.4 square inches and the ratio of net to gross area is 67%.

The CBRC piers were constructed from two wythes of solid clay bricks nominally 4 inches wide x 4 inches high x 12 inches long, as shown in Fig. 2.3(c). The grouted space between the wythes was 3 1/2 inches wide and was filled after the steel reinforcement had been placed in position.

The piers were constructed on 0.75 inch thick steel plates as shown in Fig. 2.2. A similar plate was added on top of the pier after the grout was poured. Both plates had holes to permit anchorage of the vertical steel reinforcement and keys to provide an adequate shear transfer between the masonry pier and the steel plate. The plates also had welded bolts and holes to anchor the pier to the test rig.

Seven of the eleven HCBL piers and nine of the thirteen HCBR piers

were fully grouted. The remaining four piers in each of the HCBL and HCBR series were partially grouted. Partial grouting consisted of grouting the cores containing vertical reinforcement and the bond beams containing horizontal reinforcement. All the CBRC piers had the 3 1/2 inch core between the wythes fully grouted and have been termed "solid grouted".

The series of tests was planned to determine the effect of the quantity of steel reinforcement and of partial grouting on the strength and deformation properties of the piers, considering combinations of steel and grouting as shown in Table 2.1. Details of the reinforcing bar arrangements are shown in Fig. 2.4(a) for the HCBL piers, in Fig. 2.4(b) for the HCBR piers and in Fig. 2.4(c) for the CBRC piers. The actual position of the vertical reinforcement is indicated in Fig. 2.1. When horizontal reinforcement was used, the bars were evenly distributed over the height of the pier.

2.2 Material Properties

Table 2.2 shows the mechanical properties of the materials used in the construction of the test specimens. The specimens used to determine the material properties are shown in Figs. 2.3(a), (b) and (c).

The tests of the single masonry units followed the ASTM C67-73 Specification^[9] and were based on five samples for each test.

The joint mortar was specified as standard ASTM type M (i.e., 1 Cement : 1/4 Lime : 2 1/4 - 3 Sand, by volume), with a minimum compressive strength of 2,500 psi at 28 days. The grout was specified as 1 Cement : 3 Sand : 2 G, where G refers to 10mm maximum size local gravel. Because the specimens were not constructed or grouted at the same time, the mortar and grout strength varied according to normal workmanship. A

minimum of three samples of both mortar and grout was taken from each batch used during construction.

ASTM A615 steel was specified for both the vertical and horizontal steel reinforcement. Yield and ultimate strengths are listed in Table 2.2.

Three prisms for uniaxial compression tests (Fig. 2.5) and three square panels for diagonal tension tests (Fig. 2.7) were constructed from the same mortar and grout used in each set of wall panels. All the prisms were fully grouted and had a height-to-thickness ratio of 5. Their compression tests were performed at a loading rate of 12,000 lb/min, and the compressive strengths are shown in Table 2.2. In the case of the HCBL prisms, the compression tests were also used to determine the modulus of elasticity as shown in Fig. 2.5. The axial deformations were measured with mechanical gages attached to both sides of the prisms, over a length of 12 inches. The readings were averaged and plotted as indicated in Fig. 2.6. The average modulus of elasticity for six samples was 1,140 ksi.

The square panels were tested as shown in Fig. 2.7 at a loading rate of 8,000 lb/min, and the ultimate load is shown in Table 2.2. A modified diagonal tension test setup was also used to duplicate some of the simplified tests. The modification was intended to provide better boundary conditions for the application of the shear load, and is discussed in detail in reference[8]. However the time and cost spent on the modified diagonal tension tests were not worth the small improvement obtained in the test results when compared with the simplified test setup. Because of this, the use of the modified diagonal tension test in the single pier test program was discontinued.

The mortar, grout, prism and square panel samples were cured under the same normal atmospheric conditions as the piers; also the prism and

piers.

square panel tests were performed during the tests of the corresponding

TABLE 2.1

TEST PROGRAM

		Test	Grouting	Reinforcing Steel		
Pier General Characteristics	Specimen Designation	Frequency (cps)	Pull (F) Partial(P) Solid (S)	Vertical	Horizontal	
Masonry type: Hollow Concrete Block	HCBL-11-1	1.5	F	No	No	
Pier height: H = 56 in	-2	1.5	P	No	No	
Pier width: $D = 48$ in	-3	1.5	F	2#5	No	
Pier thickness: 7.625 in	-4	1.5	F	2#5	1#5	
Gross section area: 366 in^2	-5	1.5	P	2#5	1#5	
Bearing load: 20 kip	-6	1.5	F	2#5	4#5	
Bearing stress: 55 psi	-7	1.5	F	2#8	No	
	-8	1.5	Р	2#8	No	
	-9	1.5	F	2#8	2#5	
	-10	1.5	P	2#8	2#5	
	-11	1.5	F	2#8	4#6	
Masonry type: Hollow Clay Brick	HCBR-11-1	0.02	F	NO	No	
Pier height: H = 56 in	-2	0.02	P	No	No	
Pier width: $D = 48$ in	~3	0.02	F	2#5	No	
Pier thickness: 7.375 in	-4	0.02	F	2#5	1#5	
Gross section area: 354 in ²	-5	0.02	P	2#5	1 # 5	
Bearing load: 20 kip	6	0.02	F	2#5	5#5	
Bearing stress: 56 psi	-7	0.02	F	2#5	5#5	
	-8	0.02	F	2#8	No	
	-9	0.02	Þ	2#8	No	
	-10	0.02	F	2#8	2#5	
	-11	0,02	P	2#8	2#5	
	-12	0.02	F	2#8	5#6	
· 	-1.3	0.02	F	2#8	5#6	
Masonry type: Double Wythe Grouted	CBRC-11-1	0.02	S	No	No	
Core Clay Brick	-2	0.02	s '	2#5	No	
Pier height: H = 56 in	-3	0.02	s	2#5	1#5	
Pier width: D = 48 in	-4	0.02	s	2#5	5#5	
Pier thickness: 10 in	-5	0.02	s	2#8	No	
Gross section area: 480 in ²	-6	0.02	s	2#8	2#5	
Bearing load: 20 kip	-7	0.02	s	2#8	5#6	
Bearing stress: 42 psi						

	TAE	BLE	2	•	2	
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I	Masonry	Unit	·······				Vertical	Reinforcement	Horizontal	Reinforcement
	Gross Compressive Strength	Net Tensile Strength	Mortar Compressive Strength	Grout Compressive Strength	Prism (5:1) Compressive Strength	Ultimate LOad of Sq. Panel	Yield Strength	Oltimate Strength	Yield Strength	Ultimate Strength
Specimen	(psi)	(psi)	(psi)	(psi)	(psi)	(kip)	(ksi)	(ksi)	(ksi)	(ksi)
HCBL-11-1			2754.	3810.	1330.	58.4				
-2	j		2754.	3810.						
-3			2965.	4020.	1833.	64.5	70.81	108.71		
-4]		2965.	4020.	1833.	64.3	70.81	108.71	47.91	75.65
-5			2754.	3810.			70.81	108.71	47.91	75.65
-6			2965.	4020.	1833.	63.4	70.81	108.71	47.91	75.65
-7	1		2322.	6895.	1905.	78.1	69.20	105.91		
-8			2942.	6860,			69.20	105.91		
-9			2942.	6860.	1905.	78.1	69.20	105.91	47.91	75.65
-10			2322.	6895.			69.20	105.91	47.91	75.65
-11			2322.	6895.	1330.	62.7	69,20	105.91	73.85	102.25
Average	1800	293	2728.	5263.	1710.	67.	69.9	107.2	52.2	80.1
HCBR-11-1			3840.	4225.	2535.	144.1				
-2			3840.	4225.						
- 3			3840.	4225.	2535.	144,1	75.00	113.00		
-4			3044.	4327.	2722.	185.8	71.34	108.07	70.00	109.04
-5			3838.	5780.			71.34	108.07	70.00	109.04
-6	}		4316.	4857.	2722.	171.9	71.34	108.07	64.20	100.33
-7			1870.	4225.	2535.	144.1	75.00	113.00	72.60	109.7
-8			3080.	4207.	2866.	149.9	69.20	105,91		1
-9			3838.	5780.			69.20	105.91		
-10		,	3044.	4327.	2722.	185.8	72.87	112.19	68.71	95.32
-11			3044.	4327.			72.87	112.19	68.71	95.32
-12			1870.	4225.	2535.	144.1	76.00	108.20	73.85	102.25
-13			3044.	4327.	2722.	185.8	72.87	112,19	74.66	109.89
Average	5816	466	3270.	4543.	2655.	162.	72.5	109.7	70.3	103.9
CBRC-11-1			2640.	4230.	2507.	142.0				
2			2640.	4230.	2507.	142.0	71.72	110.13		
-3			2640,	4230.	2507.	142.0	71.72	110.11	68.28	102.37
-4			2640,	4230.	2507.	152.5	71.72	110.11	68.28	102.37
-5			2640.	4230.	2507.	142.0	72.87	112,19		(
-6			2640.	4230.	2507.	152.5	72.87	112.19	73.87	106.46
-7			26,40.	4230.	2507.	152.5	72.87	112.19	74.66	109.89
Average	5443	253	2640.	4230.	2507.	147.	72.3	111.2	71.3	105.3

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MATERIAL PROPERTIES



FIG. 2.1 PIER DIMENSIONS

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FIG. 2.2 CONSTRUCTION OF TEST SPECIMENS
FIG. 2.3(a) SPECIMENS TO DETERMINE MATERIAL PROPERTIES (HCBL)





5 @ 8"= 40"



MASONRY SUBASSEMBLAGES

BLOCK

MORTAR

GROUT







BASIC MATERIALS



BRICK

MORTAR

GROUT

MASONRY SUBASSEMBLAGES



FRONT VIEW SIDE VIEW 5:1 PRISM



SQUARE PANEL

FIG. 2.3(b) SPECIMENS TO DETERMINE MATERIAL PROPERTIES (HCBR)





31/2" GROUT

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REINFORCING STEEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOLLOW CLAY BRICK PIERS (HCBR) FIG. 2.4(b)

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CBRC-II-7 SOLID GROUTING

CBRC-II-6 SOLID GROUTING

CBRC-II-5 SOLID GROUTING







FIG. 2.5 PRISM TEST AND MODULUS OF ELASTICITY MEASUREMENT





FIG. 2.7 SQUARE PANEL TEST

3. TEST EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURE

3.1 Test Equipment

The test equipment shown in Figs. 3.1 and 3.2 permits lateral loads to be applied in the plane of the piers in a manner similar to which a floor diaphragm would load the piers during earthquake excitation. It consists of two 20 feet high, heavily-braced reaction frames supporting a pair of horizontally acting hydraulic actuators; a mechanism capable of applying vertical bearing loads similar to the gravity loads experienced by the piers in an actual structure; a bottom beam composed of a concrete base and a wide flange steel beam which provides anchorage to the test floor and suitable connection holes to the bottom plate of the specimen; and a top beam fabricated from two wide flange, steel beams as shown in Fig. 3.1. The top and bottom beams simulate the action of the spandrel beams in actual masonry construction; they are connected by two steel columns located 10 feet 7 inches apart, which prevent rotation of the top beam and thus provide approximate fixed-fixed end conditions during the test.

The maximum dynamic load which may be developed by each of the horizontal actuators is 75 kips, using a hydraulic pressure of 3,000 psi. The maximum stroke is ± 6 inches, the maximum piston velocity is 26 in./sec and the flow capacity of the servovalves is 200 gpm. Either displacement or load can be controlled with these actuators. Their operational capabilities are limited by the above mentioned force capacity, and also by a frequency limitation of about 5 Hz. The actuator control consoles are shown in Fig. 3.5.

A vertical load up to 160 kips can be applied to the pier through the springs and rollers shown in Fig. 3.2. The Thomas Dual Roundway

Bearings connecting the springs to the top of the panel allow the panel to move freely with minimal friction force. The coefficient of friction of bearings is purported to be 0.007.

An additional vertical, compressive load results from the characteristics of this test setup. As significant lateral displacements are imposed on the top beam by the hydraulic actuators, the constraint provided by the side columns forces the top beam to move in a circular arc. The vertical component of this motion is opposed by the axial stiffness of the pier, resulting in a compressive load being applied to the pier. The significance of this additional, cyclic varying compressive load on the test results is discussed in Chapter 5.

Each pier was constructed on a 0.75 inch thick steel plate and had a similar plate on top, as discussed in Section 2.1. This allowed the piers to be moved into place before each test and bolted to the bottom and top steel beams. Prior to the bolting process, hydrostone was placed between the surfaces of the plates and beam flanges as well as between the top plate and the top brick course of the pier.

3.2 Loading Sequence

Each pier was subjected to a series of displacement controlled, in-plane shear loads. The full sequence of loading consisted of sets of three sinusoidal cycles of loading at a specified actuator displacement amplitude. The specified amplitude was gradually increased; the full loading sequence is given in Table 3.1. After each stage, (one set of three sinusoidal displacements at the same amplitude), the walls were visually inspected and the crack pattern identified and photographed. The sinusoidal cycles were applied at the frequency of 1.5 cycles per second during the HCBL pier tests and at 0.02 cycles per second for the

remainder of the test program.

The test of each pier had a duration of 2½ to 3 hours. The test was usually terminated when the shear strength of the pier had dropped below one third of the maximum shear strength. At this stage the pier generally was not capable of supporting significant vertical loads. All the tests were carried out under a constant primary bearing stress of 55 psi (HCBL piers), 56 psi (HCBR piers) or 42 psi (CBRC piers). Additional cyclic vertical compressive loads were developed during the test, as described in Section 3.1 and discussed further in the following chapters.

Partially grouted piers were subjected to maximum input displacement amplitudes of 0.20 inch to 0.45 inch. Fully or solid grouted piers failed at input amplitude displacements ranging from 0.30 inch to 0.80 inch.

Because of the flexibility of the reaction frame and other load transferring devices, the lateral displacement actually experienced by the pier was always less than the actuator input displacement, this difference being smaller towards the end of the test when the pier stiffness had attained its lowest values. There was also a slight difference between the maximum loads developed during the push and pull half cycles due to the different type of stress placed on the bolting system and to the different pier stiffness associated with non-symmetric crack patterns.

3.3 Instrumentation

The total horizontal load applied by the hydraulic actuators, as well as the vertical forces developed by the side columns, were measured using pre-calibrated load cells. Each pier was instrumented as indicated in Fig. 3.3.

DCDT's (direct current differential transformers) H_1 and H_2 were attached to an external reference frame in order to measure the lateral deformation of the pier during each sequence of loading. The difference between H_1 and H_2 was used to indicate the relative lateral deflection of each pier. DCDT's D_1 and D_2 measured the changes in distance between points along the diagonals of the pier and were used to indicate the shear distortion of the pier as defined in Fig. 3.4.

3.4 Data Acquisition and Data Processing

Two different data acquisition systems were used during the test program. The main one consisted of a high speed scanner able to handle up to 25 channels of information, and the corresponding tape recording system (Fig. 3.5). Three computer programs were used to read the original tape, input the calibration values and geometrical data of each pier and to reduce the response data to their final presentation in computer plots.

The second data acquisition system was used to monitor the progress of the test and to act as a back-up system in case of any failure in the main system. It consisted of a direct writing oscillograph (visicorder) and was used only to record the most important data; namely, forces at the actuators and side columns, actuator stroke and lateral displacement of the pier. This second data acquisition system proved to be extremely useful in detecting occasional malfunctions of the actuators or the instruments attached to the pier and provided excellent visualization of the behavior of the pier as the test progressed.

TABLE 3.1

LOADING SEQUENCE

STAGE*	INPUT DISPLACEMENT AMPLITUDE (in)	stage [*]	INPUT DISPLACEMENT AMPLITUDE (in)
1	0.02	11	0.35
2	0.04	12	0.40
		13	0.45
3	0.08	14	0.50
4	0.10	15	0.55
5	0.12	16	0.60
6	0.14		
7	0.16	17	0.70
		18	0.80
8	0.20	19	0.90
		20	1.00
9	0.25	21	1.10
10	0.30	22	1.20

*Each stage consists of three sinusoidal cycles at the amplitude shown



SCHEMATIC ILLUSTRATION OF SINGLE PIER TEST 3.1 FIG.



FIG. 3.2 OVERVIEW OF SINGLE PIER TEST



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INSTRUMENTATION ATTACHED TO REFERENCE

FIG. 3.3 PIER INSTRUMENTATION

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b,h,d = AVERAGE PIER DIMENSIONS Δ_i = LENGTH CHANGE IN DIAGONAL D_i γ_i = SHEAR ROTATION $\gamma_{AVG.}$ = AVERAGE SHEAR ROTATION δ_s = AVERAGE SHEAR DISTORTION γ_i = $|\Delta_i| \cdot \frac{d}{b.h}$ i = 1,2 $\gamma_{AVG.} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{2} \gamma_i$

$$\delta_s = \gamma_{AVG} \cdot h$$

FIG. 3.4 MEASUREMENT OF AVERAGE SHEAR DISTORTION



FIG. 3.5 TEST CONTROL CONSOLES AND DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM

4. TEST RESULTS

4.1 Introduction

The experimental results for the thirty-one piers having a height to width ratio of 1 are presented in the form of hysteresis loops, hysteresis envelopes, stiffness degradation properties, energy dissipation characteristics, and relative shear distortion. In addition a sequence of photographs of the successive crack patterns is given for each test. An explanation of how each of the graphs was obtained and the meaning of the terms used above is included in Section 4.3. The complete presentation of the figures and photographs has been arranged by test numbers and is included in Appendix A.

In addition, data on the ultimate strength and hysteresis indicators for each test are listed in Tables 4.1(a), (b) and (c). A discussion of the modes of failure observed follows in Section 4.2 and a discussion of the test results is presented in Chapter 5.

4.2 Modes of Failure

All the thirty-one piers displayed a shear mode of failure (Fig. 4.1). This is characterized by early flexural cracks at the toes of the pier (horizontal cracks) and later augmented with diagonal cracks that extended through a partial zone of the pier. As the horizontal load increases, as a consequence of the increase in the flexural moment capacity of the sections of the pier, the diagonal tensile stress reaches the tensile strength capacity of the masonry with resulting large diagonal cracks characteristic of the shear mode of failure (Fig. 4.1). The diagonal tension or shear failure generally coincided with the ultimate strength of the pier and was followed by a strength degradation characterized by the opening of diagonal cracks and the inability of the walls to

maintain a serviceable condition.

In some of the fully grouted specimens (HCBL-11-6, HCBR-11-3, 4, 6 and 7, and CBRC-11-2, 3, 4, 6 and 7) the shear failure was accompanied by yielding of the vertical steel reinforcement. This is what has previously been called a combined shear and flexural mode of failure^[7]. After the first flexural cracks occurred at the toes of the pier and as the horizontal load increased, the vertical steel began to yield and the corners of the pier developed high compressive stresses. The additional compressive load, induced by the test setup with the increase in lateral deflection, allowed the critical moment sections (top and bottom of the pier) to increase their flexural moment capacities, thus enabling the horizontal load to increase while the vertical reinforcement sustained further yield deformation. This process continued until the shear strength of the pier was attained and full diagonal cracks developed as in the shear mode of failure.

The partially grouted piers (HCBL-11-2, 5, 8, 10 and HCBR-11-2, 5, 9 and 11) showed a shear mode of failure. These piers required much less horizontal load to develop the ultimate shear strength and as a result no yielding of the vertical reinforcement occurred. Correspondingly the amount of compressive load developed at the ultimate load was generally smaller than that for the tests of the fully grouted piers.

The solid grouted core clay brick piers displayed a shear failure characterized by a split between the grouted core and the brick wythe, as shown in Fig. 4.1.

4.3 Load-Displacement Characteristics

As mentioned before, Tables 4.1 (a), (b) and (c) summarize the strength and hysteresis characteristics of the piers and Appendix A

presents the test results for each of the specimens.

The details of the derivation of each of the figures compiled in Appendix A is discussed in the following sections.

- a) Hysteresis Loops (Shear Force vs. Lateral Deflection Diagram) This graph was obtained by plotting the horizontal load against the relative lateral displacement of the pier for the whole duration of the test. The horizontal shear force was directly obtained from the load cell readings. The relative lateral displacement was computed from the difference between the lateral deflections at the top and bottom of the pier ($H_1 - H_2$ as defined in Fig. 3.3).
- b) Hysteresis Envelopes

This plot was obtained from the hysteresis loops by averaging the absolute values of the three extreme positive and the three extreme negative forces and the corresponding absolute values of the relative lateral displacement, for each stage of the test at a given input displacement. One point on the hysteresis envelope was obtained for each stage of 3 cycles of loading. The average lateral displacement obtained in the hysteresis envelope is always less than the input displacement, as explained in Section 3.2.

The maximum strength obtained from the hysteresis envelope is indicated in Tables 4.1 (a), (b) and (c) under "average ultimate shear force or stress", (the stress values are computed by dividing the horizontal force by the cross section area of the pier). The "peak ultimate shear force or stress" values that appear in Tables 4.1(a), (b) and (c) were obtained from the maximum force (stress) developed in any one cycle of loading. The average value is always less than the peak value, varying from 81% to 98% of the peak value. The compressive load at ultimate indicated in Tables 4.1 (a), (b) and

(c) corresponds to the maximum axial compressive load developed during each of the tests. This maximum value usually occurred at the same time as the peak ultimate shear force, and is computed from the readings of the load cells located in the vertical columns plus the bearing load applied prior to each test (Table 2.1).

The last two columns of Tables 4.1 (a), (b) and (c) correspond to hysteresis indicators obtained from the hysteresis envelopes and defined in Fig. 4.2. The level of 0.70P used to define these indicators, where ${\rm P}_{_{\rm II}}$ is the maximum strength indicated by the hysteresis envelope, was arbitrarily chosen. Indicator h, tells how much the pier has deviated from its initial, theoretical stiffness, and indicator d₂ gives an indication of the deformation capability of the pier. The initial theoretical stiffness of the pier was computed with the assumption that the piers were fixed against rotation at both the top and bottom. The moment of inertia was calculated using the gross, uncracked section, neglecting the effect of steel reinforcement; the modulus of elasticity was taken from the measured values (Fig. 2.6 for the HCBL piers, Tables 2.3 (a) and (b) in reference [3] for the HCBR and CBRC piers, respectively), and the Poisson's ratio was assumed to be 0.15. Further discussion of the correlation of the theoretical stiffness and the measured stiffness is presented in Chapter 5.

c) Stiffness Degradation

A cyclic definition of the stiffness, as indicated in Fig. 4.3, was used to measure the stiffness of the piers throughout each test. The three cyclic stiffness values obtained from each stage of loading were averaged and plotted against the average gross shear stress

and the relative lateral displacement.

d) Energy Dissipation

The energy dissipated per cycle of loading was expressed in terms of an equivalent damping ratio, which can be related to a dimensionless energy dissipation ratio EDT, as shown in Fig. 4.3. EDT is defined as the ratio of the energy dissipated to the total stored strain energy per cycle and is diagrammatically shown in Fig. 4.3. The three damping values obtained for each stage of loading were averaged and plotted against the average lateral displacement.

e) Shear Distortion

The values of the shear distortion, δ_s , were calculated as indicated in Fig. 3.4. The absolute values of δ_s corresponding to the three extreme positive and three extreme negative forces were averaged for each stage of the test, and plotted against the respective average relative lateral displacement, (total deformation of the pier), obtained from the hysteresis envelope. The plot depicts how much of the total deformation of the pier is due to shear distortion as defined in Fig. 3.4. Since the instruments used to measure the diagonal deformations were usually removed three or four stages before the end of the tests, the number of stages used to plot this graph is usually smaller than the number used for the previous graphs.

TABLE 4.1(a)

PIER CHARACTERISTICS AND TEST RESULTS - HCBL

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Indicators	d ₂	(in)	0.38	0,34	0.45	0.39	0.31	0.64	0.35	0.29	0.40	0.30	0.62
Hysteresis	ļ,	C	4.8	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.1	5.6	3.4	4.2	6.1	3.2	4.8
Bearing*	Ultimate	(psí)	120	192 (115)	69	107	137(83)	144	16	133(80)	114	142(85)	139
Compressive Toad at	Ultimate	(kip)	44.0	42.2	25.1	39.1	30.2	52.7	33.3	29.2	41.9	31.2	50.8
Peak*	Shear Stress	(jsi)	135	120(72)	134	171	226(136)	226	180	172(104)	155	228 (137)	240
Peak .	Shear Force	(kip)	49.5	26.3	49.1	62.7	49.6	82.7	65.8	37.9	56.9	50.2	87.7
Average*	Shear Stress	(psi)	123	115(69)	127	165	213(128)	199	146	167(101)	146	222(133)	231
Average	Shear Force	(kip)	45.2	25,2	46.3	60.3	46.8	72.8	53.6	36.8	53,6	48.7	84.5
Ratio of	of Steel to Gross Area	of Wall $P_v + P_h$		1	0.0017	0.0025	0.0025	0.0051	0.0043	0.0043	0,0060	0.0060	0,0091
teel	Ans fhy	(kip)	1	ł	1	14.8	14.8	59.4	1	Ì	29.7	29.7	130.1
nforcing s	$P_{h} = \frac{A_{hs}}{A}$	ויד	1		-	0.0008	0.0008	0.0034		1	0.0017	0.0017	0.0048
ontal rei	Yield Strength	(ksi)	1	-	ļ	47.9	47.9	47.9	Ļ		47.9	47.9	73.9
Horiz	No. of Bars		NO	No	No	1#5	1#5	4#5	No	No	2#5	2#5	4#6
inf. steel	$p_v = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_s}$	יד	1	-	0.0017	0.0017	0.0017	0.0017	0.0043	0.0043	0.0043	0,0043	0.0043
Vert. re	No. of Bars		No	No	2#5	2#5	2#5	2#5	2#8	2#8	2#8	2#8	2#8
Grouting	Partial(P) Solid(S)		Ē14	¢,	<u>p</u> 4	ſ.,	d	£4	ţı,	d,	Ба	Д	£14
Test	Louanhaya	(cps)	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
	specimen		HCBL-11-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	L-	-8	6-	-10	-11

* Partially grouted pier stresses computed using net areas. Values in parentesis indicate gross area stresses.

TABLE 4.1(b)

PIER CHARACTERISTICS AND TEST RESULTS - HCBR

(Gross cross section of wall = 354 in $^2)$. Net cross section area (bedded plus grouted all earea) = 189 in $^2)$.

	Test	Grouting	Vert. re	sinf. steel	Horiz	ontal rei	nforcing	steel	Ratio of	Average	Average*	Peak	Peak*	Compressive	Bearing*		
	Frequency	Full (F)	No. of	Avs	No. of	Yield	A		Total Area	Ultimate	Ultimate (Ultimate (Ultimate	Load at	Stress at	Hysteresi	s Indicators
Specimen		Partial(P) Solid(S)	Bars		Bars	Strength	$p_{h} = \frac{hs}{a_{q}}$	Ans fny	of Steel to Gross Area of Wall	Force	Shear Stress	Force	Shear Stress	Ultimate	Ultimate	р,	d_2
	(cps)					(ksi)		(kip)	p _v + p _h	(kip)	(jsi)	(kip)	(isd)	(kip)	(psi)		(in)
HCBR-11-1	0.02	ŝia	No	1	NO	1	-	-	ł	90.1	255	98.5	278	116.1	328	8.4	0.36
-2	0.02	d,	No	1	No	1	-	1	ł]	1.	26.6	141(75)	76.5	405(216)	1	1
e.	0.02	ja,	2#5	0.0018	No	1	L T T	1	0.0018	94.4	267	98.9	279	52.3	148	6.6	0.23
-4	0.02	54	2#5	0.0018	1#5	70.0	0.0009	21.7	0.0026	119.3	337	124.8	353	114.3	323	5.5	0.55
-2	0.02	D.,	2#5	0.0018	1#5	70.0	6000.0	21.7	0,0026	45.4	240(128)	52.4	278(148)	53.7	284(152)	5.1	0.29
-6	0.02	Ē4	2#5	0.0018	5#5	64.2	0.0044	99.5	0.0061	116.2	328	122.4	346	61.9	175	8.0	0.52
-7	0.02	fa ₊	2#5	0.0018	5#5	72.6	0.0044	112.5	0.0061	94.6	267	99.2	280	85.3	241	5.3	0.38
8-	0.02	4	2#8	0.0045	No	1	1	}	0.0045	80.4	227	85.6	242	43.4	123	7.4	0.34
6-	0.02	¢.	2#8	0.0045	NO	1			0.0045	43.0	228(121)	49.1	260(139)	37.3	198(105)	3.4	0.25
-10	0.02	Ē4	2#8	0.0045	2#5	68.7	0.0018	42.6	0.0062	101.6	287	104.8	296	54.2	153	7.4	0.52
-11	0.02	Q.,	2#8	0.0045	2#5	68.7	0.0018	42.6	0.0062	46.0	244(130)	51.9	275(147)	26.7	141 (75)	5.2	0.30
-12	0.02	24	2#8	0.0045	5#6	73.9	0.0062	162.6	0.0107	94.3	266	97.2	275	85.0	240	4.9	0.45
-13	0.02	ji.	2#8	0.0045	5#6	74.7	0.0062	164.3	0.0107	113.3	320	116.3	329	110.6	312	5.9	0.38

*Partially grouted pier stresses computed using net areas. Values in parenthesis indicate gross area stresses.

TABLE 4.1(C)

PIER CHARACTERISTICS AND TEST RESULTS - CBRC

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Peak Compressive Bearing Hysteresis Indicators	timate Load at Stress at Stear Ultimate Ultimate Ultimate (1) d2 Stress (in) (in)	(psi) (kip) (psi)	247 141.9 296 6.3 0.43	244 92.7 193 4.8 0.28	239 89.5 186 5.4 0.38	268 132.5 276 6.2 0.63	217 76.4 159 4.0 0.26	272 100.3 209 4.1 0.32	257 80.9 169 4.4 0.39
Peak	Ultimate U Shear Force	(psi)	118.6	117.0	114.5	128.6	104.3	130.4	123.3
Average	Ultimate Shear Stress	(jsj)	239	221	222	259	213	267	241
Average	Uttimate Shear Force	(kip)	114.9	106.0	106.7	124.4	102.0	128.3	115.7
Ratio of	Total Area of Steel to Gross Area of Wall	$p_{\mathbf{v}}^{\mathrm{p}} + p_{\mathrm{h}}$	1	0.0013	0.0019	0.0045	0.0033	0.0046	0.0079
steel	Ans fy	(kip)			21.2	105.9		45.8	164.3
nforcing	$p_{h} = \frac{A_{hs}}{A_{g}}$		1	-	9000.0	0.0032	-	0.0013	0.0046
ontal rei	Yield Strength	(ksi)	-	1	68.3	68.3	-	73.9	74.7
Horiz	No. of Bars		NO	No	1#5	5#5	No	2#5	5#6
sinf. steel	$p_v = \frac{A_{vs}}{A_g}$			0.0013	0.0013	0.0013	0.0033	0.0033	0.0033
Vert. re	No. of Bars		NO	2#5	2#5	2#5	2#8	2#8	2#8
Grouting	Full(F) Partial(P) Solids(S)		S	N	S	ŝ	c/	w	w
Test	Frequency	(cps)	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
	Specimen		CBRC-11-1	-2	е 1	4-	5	9-	6-



MODES OF FAILURE FIG. 4.1

CORE SPLIT IN GROUTED CORE BRICK WALLS





COMPUTATION OF INITIAL STIFFNESS K

$$K_{O}^{-1} = \frac{L^{3}}{12EI} + 1.2 \frac{L}{AG}$$

L = height of pier E = modulus of elasticity G = $\frac{E}{2(1+v)}$ shear modulus D = width of pier t = thickness of pier

SPECIMEN	L (in)	D (in)	t (in)	I (in ⁴)	(in ²)	E (Ksi)	ν	K _O (Kip/in)
HCBL-11 Full grouting	56	48	7.625	70272	366.0	1140	0.15	1808
HCBL-11* Partial grouting	56	48	7.625	59303	219.8	1140	0.15	1200
HCBR-11 Full grouting	56	48	7.375	67968	354.0	2450	0.15	3759
HCBR-11* Partial grouting	56	48	7.375	48355	188.8	2450	0.15	2185
CBRC-11 Solid grouting	56	48	10.0	92160	480.0	1720	0.15	3577

* Bedded plus grouted cell area considered

FIG. 4.2 DEFINITION OF HYSTERESIS INDICATORS AND COMPUTATION OF INITIAL STIFFNESS



ENERGY DISSIPATION RATIO:

 $EDT = \frac{DISSIPATED ENERGY}{TOTAL STORED ENERGY} = \frac{A}{A+B}$

EQUIVALENT DAMPING RATIO:

$$\xi_{EQ} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{A}{A+B} = \frac{1}{2\pi} EDT$$

PIER STIFFNESS:

$$K = \frac{|P_1 - P_2|}{|d_1 - d_2|}$$

$$P_1, P_2, d_1, d_2 \text{ MUST BE TAKEN}$$
WITH THEIR OWN SIGN

FIG. 4.3 DEFINITIONS OF ENERGY DISSIPATION AND PIER STIFFNESS

5. DISCUSSION OF TEST RESULTS

5.1 Introduction

The test results presented in Appendix A and Tables 4.1 (a), (b) and (c) are discussed in this chapter with reference to the three parameters that were varied during these thirty-one tests; namely, the amount of vertical reinforcement, the amount of horizontal reinforcement and the type of grouting. Other parameters, such as the initial bearing stress and the test cyclic frequency, which were varied in the first seventeen double pier tests^[7], were held constant during these thirty-one tests. The test frequency was not originally intended to be held constant during these tests. However, after the HCBL pier tests were performed using a test frequency of 1.5 cycles per second, it was observed that the anchorage of the vertical bars, (provided by the top and bottom steel girders), became precarious as soon as the vertical reinforcement began to yield. For this reason the test frequency was changed to 0.02 cycles per second for the HCBR and the CBRC pier tests.

It is also important to note that the results presented herein were obtained from a particular loading sequence. The choice of this loading sequence has been discussed previously^[7]. Other types of load sequences are to be used in some of the additional thirty-five tests that complete the single pier test program.

In considering the results of these thirty-one tests on 1:1 piers it is important to realize that conclusions which appear valid for these tests may not hold for tests on piers with other height to width ratios. The complexity of the problem requires the completion of the test program (eighty tests) before valid conclusions concerning an adequate design of masonry structural elements can be made.

Finally, it is important to recall that all of the thirty-one piers showed a shear mode of failure, sometimes combined with flexural yielding of the vertical reinforcement. The ultimate strength always occurred when diagonal cracks developed over the full height of the pier in both directions of horizontal loading.

5.2 Ultimate Strength

5.2.1 Effect of Vertical Reinforcement

No significant difference was observed in the ultimate strengths of the HCBL, HCBR and CBRC piers as the amount of vertical steel was increased from two No. 5 to two No. 8 steel bars (reinforcement ratios and ultimate strengths are shown in Tables 4.1 (a), (b) and (c)). The reason for this result is that the ultimate strength is determined by the shear strength of the piers which is not influenced by the vertical steel. It was expected before the tests that the piers with two No. 5 steel bars as vertical reinforcement would have their strength controlled by the yielding strength of the vertical bars, (flexural mode of failure), as opposed to the shear mode of failure expected from the piers with two No. 8 steel bars. However, the presence of the additional compressive load, discussed in Sections 3.1 and 4.2, produced an increase in the horizontal load capacity of the piers and suppressed the flexural mode of failure, (see Section 5.6 in reference [3]), thus offsetting the effect of reducing the amount of vertical reinforcement.

5.2.2 Effect of Horizontal Reinforcement

The results obtained for the average ultimate shear stresses of fully grouted piers (Tables 4.1 (a), (b) and (c)) indicate no consistent relation between the amount of horizontal reinforcement and the ultimate strength of the piers. In all cases, the piers with horizontal

reinforcement had equal or more strength than the corresponding piers with no horizontal reinforcement. However, this increase does not appear to be a function of the amount of horizontal reinforcement. For instance, for the HCBR piers with two No. 5 bars as vertical reinforcement, specimens with one or five No. 5 horizontal bars (HCBR-11-4 and 6) had the same strength which was 25% more than the specimen with no horizontal reinforcement (HCBR-11-3); nevertheless the other specimen with five No. 5 horizontal bars (HCBR-11-7) had the same strength as the nonreinforced specimen (HCBR-11-3). Similar inconsistencies can be found for the HCBR piers with two No. 8 vertical bars and the CBRC piers with two No. 5 or two No. 8 vertical bars. The only case where some consistent trend is observed is that of the HCBL piers; in this case the specimens with four No. 5 or four No. 6 (HCBL-11-6 and 11) horizontal bars had 58% higher strength than the corresponding piers with no horizontal reinforcement (HCBL-11-3 and 7). However, while the pier with one No. 5 horizontal bar (HCBL-11-4) had 30% higher strength than the corresponding nonreinforced pier (HCBL-11-3), the specimen with two No. 5 horizontal bars (HCBL-11-9) had the same strength as the nonreinforced one (HCBL-11-7).

The average ultimate shear stress values obtained for the fully grouted specimens was 162 psi for the HCBL piers, 284 psi for the HCBR piers and 237 psi for the CBRC piers.

5.2.3 Effect of Partial Grouting

The ultimate shear stress of partially grouted HCBL piers, computed using net areas, was about 22% higher than the stress of comparable fully grouted piers. In the case of the HCBR piers the partially grouted specimens had an average ultimate shear stress about 23% less than the value obtained for comparable fully grouted piers.

5.3 Inelastic Behavior

The hysteresis envelopes (average maximum force-deflection curves) are used as a frame of reference to discuss the inelastic behavior of the piers. The question of what can be considered a desirable hysteresis envelope has been discussed in reference [7] pp. 68-70 in qualitative terms. It is appropriate to recall that the usefulness of the hysteresis envelopes is that they provide visual comparisons of ductility and ultimate strength; however, they give no indication of the energy dissipated per cycle and consideration of this parameter in conjunction with the ultimate strength, the deformation capacity and comparison of crack patterns at equal displacements is necessary to evaluate completely the inelastic characteristics of the pier behavior.

In order to quantify the deformation capabilities of the piers, hysteresis indicators defined in Section 4.3 are listed in the last two columns of Tables 4.1 (a), (b) and (c).

5.3.1 Effect of Vertical Reinforcement

No difference can be observed in the hysteresis envelopes of the HCBL, HCBR and CBRC piers (Figs. 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3, respectively) as the amount of vertical reinforcement increases from two No. 5 to two No. 8 bars. The same can be said for the inelastic behavior as reflected by the hysteresis indicators h_1 and d_2 . It is clear, however, that the ability of the vertical reinforcement to control the inelastic behavior of a masonry pier is not well reflected by these results because of the effect of the additional compressive load developed during the tests, as explained in Section 5.2.1.

5.3.2 Effect of Horizontal Reinforcement

Figures 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 show the changes in the hysteresis envelopes as the amount of horizontal reinforcement varies. The influence of the amount of horizontal reinforcement on the inelastic behavior of the piers is not well defined and although there is a trend indicating a positive correlation between them, this trend is not consistent as some of the specimens with a large amount of horizontal reinforcement, (i.e. HCBR-11-7 and HCBR-11-13), display less desirable inelastic behavior than specimens with considerably less horizontal reinforcement, (i.e. HCBR-11-4 and HCBR-11-10). Hysteresis indicator h_1 has values ranging from 3.4 to 8.0 and d_2 from 0.23 inch to 0.64 inch; piers with the largest amount of horizontal reinforcement, (over four No. 5 steel bars), generally present the largest inelastic deformation capacities, as indicated by d_2 .

The strength degradation characteristics, after the ultimate strength is attained, are more favorable for the HCBL piers than for the HCBR and CBRC piers. However, the amount of horizontal reinforcement appears to have no influence in controlling this strength degradation.

5.3.3 Effect of Partial Grouting

Figure 5.4 shows the comparison of hysteresis envelopes of fully and partially grouted HCBL piers using both gross and net shear stresses. Figure 5.5 does the same for the HCBR piers. For the HCBL series, the inelastic behavior of the partially grouted piers based on net stresses is better (particularly in the piers with horizontal reinforcement) than the fully grouted piers. For the HCBR series, the fully grouted piers have better (particularly with horizontal reinforcement) inelastic behavior than

the partially grouted piers. For both the HCBL and HCBR tests partial grouting reduces the deformation capability of the piers. The hysteresis indicator, d₂, of the partially grouted specimens has an average value only 82% of that of the fully grouted piers in the case of the HCBL piers and 62% in the case of the HCBR piers. As was true of the ultimate strength, the effect of partial grouting is detrimental to the inelastic behavior of HCBR piers but does not significantly affect the inelastic behavior of HCBL piers.

5.4 Stiffness Degradation

All the piers suffered substantial stiffness degradation when subjected to gradually increasing lateral displacements. Table 5.1 summarizes this effect and shows two sets of results. The first is a comparison between the theoretical initial stiffness and the maximum stiffness measured during the early stages of the test. The theoretical initial stiffness has been computed in Fig. 4.2 and the assumptions used are indicated in Section 4.3(b). The measured value is almost always smaller than the theoretical value and it ranges from 38% to 102% for the HCBL partially grouted piers, from 34% to 65% for the HCBL fully grouted piers, from 25% to 115% for the HCBR partially grouted piers, from 23% to 46% for the HCBR fully grouted piers and from 36% to 52% for the CBRC piers. These large differences in the two values are attributed to the flexibility of the boundary conditions at small lateral displacements, as discussed in Section 5.8 of reference [3]. Unlike the double pier test results^[8], the assumed fixed-fixed rotation conditions at the top and bottom of the pier do not appear to be achieved for small lateral displacements and hence the discrepancy between the calculated and measured values.
The second set of results presented in Table 5.1 provides a comparison of the measured stiffnesses of all piers at applied shear stresses of 50 psi and 100 psi, and also shows the percentage decreases in stiffness at these stress levels with respect to the maximum initial measured value. The average percentage decreases at 50 psi were 24%, 16% and 19% for the HCBL, HCBR and CBRC piers, respectively. The corresponding average percentage decreases at 100 psi were 51%, 35% and 33%.

It must be noted that all the stiffness degradation results have been obtained using displacement increments that gradually increase. Later tests will determine if the type of degradation observed is similar under a more random type of loading sequence.

5.4.1 Effect of Reinforcement

Figures 5.6, 5.7 and 5.8 present the stiffness degradation curves for different amounts of vertical and horizontal reinforcement in the HCBL, HCBR and CBRC piers, respectively. It is difficult to identify any consistent relation between the amount of vertical or horizontal reinforcement and the rate at which stiffness degrades.

5.4.2 Effect of Partial Grouting

Figures 5.9 and 5.10 compare the stiffness degradation curves for fully and partially grouted HCBL and HCBR piers, respectively. The trend of these degradation results is similar and appears to be independent of the type of grouting.

5.5 Energy Dissipation

The effect of reinforcement on the equivalent damping or energy dissipation ratio is shown in Figs. 5.11, 5.12 and 5.13 for the HCBL,

HCBR and CBRC piers, respectively. The effect of partial grouting is shown in Figs. 5.14 (HCBL piers) and 5.15 (HCBR piers).

Results show that the energy dissipation capacity of all the piers increases as the lateral displacement increases. This is attributed to the effect of progressive cracking. However, the amount of both vertical and horizontal reinforcement and the type of grouting appear to have little effect on the rate at which the energy is dissipated, except for the partially grouted HCBR piers (Fig. 5.15) which show a sudden increase in the energy dissipation at the 0.10 inch lateral displacement level, relative to the corresponding fully grouted piers.

As with the stiffness degradation property, investigation of the energy dissipation characteristics of the piers under a more random load sequence is necessary before analytical models based on the results are formulated.

5.6 Effect of Compressive Load on Inelastic Behavior

The additional compressive load imposed by the columns during the tests has been briefly mentioned in Sections 3.1 and 4.2 and has been discussed and analyzed in detail in Section 5.6 of reference [3]. Therefore, only the specific results from the thirty-one piers with height to width ratio of 1 will be presented here.

Even though the initial bearing stress for all the tests was set at 50 psi, the additional compressive load resulting from the test fixture caused this bearing stress to increase to 150 psi for the HCBL piers, to 325 psi for the HCBR piers and to 275 psi for the CBRC piers. As expected, these maximum values are lower than the maximum bearing stresses obtained for the piers with height to width ratio of 2, because of the smaller value of lateral displacement at which these maximum bearing

stresses were recorded. As was observed before, (piers with height to width ratio of 2), the piers with no reinforcement at all developed larger maximum bearing stresses than the values obtained for the rest of the piers, which are indicated above.

Figure 5.16 shows a free-body diagram at the bottom section of the pier and the necessary equations to determine the amount of horizontal load that can be associated with the additional compressive load. This analysis, which is subject to the limitations established in Section 5.6 of reference [3], permits prediction of the pier behavior if this additional vertical load were not present. The results for specimens HCBL-11-6 and HCBR-11-6 are indicated in Fig. 5.17. The procedure followed to obtain the hysteresis envelopes shown in Fig. 5.17 is explained in detail in reference [3], the only difference being in the determination of the commencement of yielding in the tension vertical reinforcement; static equilibrium equations and experimental yield stresses for the vertical reinforcement were used instead of strain gage readings and experimental yield strains.

The onset of yield in the vertical reinforcement from Fig. 5.17 shows that the lateral force required to produce yield was 70 kip for specimen HCBL-11-6 and 81 kip for HCBR-11-6. If only the initial compressive load were considered, the theoretical yielding lateral force for HCBL-11-6 and HCBR-11-6 would be 52.5 kip. Future tests, with a modified test setup to remove this axial force effect, will be performed to validate these theoretical estimates.

5.7 Correlation Between Critical Tensile Strengths of Square Panels and Piers

This correlation is presented in Table 5.2 and is discussed in more detail in reference [8]. The purpose of this investigation was to evaluate an alternative and more rational test procedure for establishing the code allowable shear strength of masonry walls. Currently, the code allowable strength is based on the compressive strength of a masonry prism.

The square panel measure of critical tensile strength was determined from a study made by $Blume^{[1]}$, who proposed the expression shown in Table 5.2. The ultimate load P was taken from the experimental values indicated in Table 2.2.

The critical tensile strength indicated by the pier tests was computed at the neutral axis of the pier sections, following the simple beam theory for a section under combined flexure, shear and axial force. A parabolic distribution of shear stresses over the cross section was assumed. The piers developed shear cracks at the same time the ultimate shear strength was attained; therefore, the peak shear force and the corresponding compressive load from Tables 4.1 (a), (b) and (c) were used to evaluate the pier critical tensile strength.

The square panels were all fully grouted; for this reason the correlation only considers fully grouted HCBL and HCBR piers and all the CBRC piers. The correlation is considered to be reasonable. This type of analysis will continue to be performed throughout the pier test program. The consideration of the whole set of results will permit a better assessment of this test method in predicting the shear strength of masonry walls.

5.8 Other Test Results

The last graph in the test results (Appendix A) shows a comparison between the lateral displacement of the piers and the percentage of this displacement that can be attributed to shear distortion as defined in Fig. 3.4. These results reflect the amount of diagonal cracking present at each stage of the test. It is interesting to note that in the initial stiffness computed in Fig. 4.2, the flexural and shear components of the deformation are in the ratio of 1:2 for fully or solid grouted piers while the ratio is 1:2.8 for the partially grouted HCBL and HCBR piers.

	Grouting	Vertical Steel Reinforcement	Horizontal Steel Reinforcement	Theoretical Initial Stiffness (kip/in)	Measured	Stiffness	at 50 psi	Stiffness at 100 psi	
Specimen	Pull(F) Partial(P) Solid(S)				Maximum Initial Stiffness (kip/in)	Measured (kip/in)	Percentage Decrease (%)	Measured (kip/in)	Percentage Decrease (%)
HCBL-11-1	F	No	No	1808	916	534	42	324	65
-2	Р	No	No	1200	455	124	73	-	-
-3	F	2#5	No	1808	646	620	4	466	28
-4	F	2#5	1#5	1808	1071	952	11	540	50
-5	Р	2#5	1#5	1200	905	630	29	470	48
-6	F	2#5	4#5	1808	927	840	9	564	39
-7	P	2#8	No	1808	610	472	23	290	53
-8	Р	2#8	No	1200	1066	770	28	274	74
-9	F	2#8	2#5	1808	637	514	19	298	53
-10	р	2#8	2#5	1200	1227	1102	10	486	60
-11	F	2#8	4#6	1808	1176	1050	11	606	42
HCBR-11-1	F	No	No	3759	1046	1015	3	595	43
-2	Р	No	No	2185	2523	204	92	-	-
- 3	F	2#5	No	3759	1240	1070	14	714	42
-4	F	2#5	1#5	3759	1717	1530	11	1008	41
-5	Р	2#5	1#5	2185	554	543	2	474	14
-6	F	2#5	5#5	3759	855	828	3	612	28
-7	F	2#5	5#5	3759	1611	1448	10	807	50
-8	F	2#8	No	3759	1156	1140	1	636	45
- 9	Р	2#8	No	2185	807	780	3	630	22
-10	F	2#8	2#5	3759	1170	924	21	618	47
-11	Р	2#8	2#5	2185	7.06	•		654	7
-12	F	2#8	5#6	3759	1494	1377	8	1004	33
-13	F	2#8	5#6	3759	1262	900	29	600	53
CBRC-11-1	s	No	No	3577	1798	1208	33	778	57
-2	S	2#5	No	3577	1554	1353	13	1027	34
-3	S	2#5	1#5	3577	1802	1143	37	912	49
-4	S	2#5	5#5	3577	1354	1140	16	963	29
- 5	S	2#8	No	3577	1281	1224	4	1140	11
-6	S	2#8	2#5	3577	1861	1515	19	1236	34
-7	S	2#8	5#6	3577	1406	1287	8	1143	19

TABLE 5.1 EFFECT OF SHEAR STRESS, STEEL REINFORCEMENT AND TYPE OF GROUTING ON STIFFNESS DEGRADATION (Net areas used for partially grouted piers)

*Maximum initial stiffness obtained after 50 psi.

Specimen	SQUARE PANEL (1)				PIER ⁽²⁾						
	Ultimate Load P(kip)	Side Area A(in ²)	$\tau = \frac{p}{\sqrt{2}A}$ (psi)	Blume's Formula d ⁰ tcr=0.734T (psi)	Ultimate Shear Force P(kip)	Compressive Load at Ultimate N(kip)	Cross Section A(in ²)	Ultimate Shear Stress $\frac{P}{A}$ (psi)	Bearing Stress at Ultimate $\frac{N}{A}$ (psi)	Critical Strength ⁰ tcr (psi)	o ter
HCBL-11-1	58.4	244	169,2	124.2	49.5	44.0	366	135.2	120.2	151.4	0.82
-3	64.5		186.9	137.2	49.1	25.1		134.2	68.6	169.9	0.81
-4	64.3		186.3	136.8	62.7	39.1		171.3	106.8	209.0	0.65
-6	63,4		183.7	134,9	82.7	52.7		226.0	144.0	274.6	0.49
-7	78.1		226.3	166.1	65.8	33.3		179.8	91.0	228.0	0.73
-9	78.1		226.3	166.1	56.9	41.9		155.5	114.5	182.9	0.91
-11	62,7		181.7	133.4	87.7	50.8		239.6	138.8	296.6	0.45
CBR-11-1	144.1	265.5	383.8	281.7	98.5	116.1	354	278.2	328.0	284.4	0.99
-3	144.1		383,8	281.7	98.9	52.3		279.4	147.7	351.7	0.80
-4	185.8		494.8	363.2	124.8	114.3		352.5	322.9	391.4	0.93
~6	171.9		457.8	336.0	122.4	61.9		345.8	174.9	438.1	0.77
+7	144.1		383.8	281.7	99.2	85.3		280.2	241.0	316.7	0.89
-8	149,9		399.2	293.0	85.6	43,4		241.8	122.6	306.5	0.96
-10	185.8		494.8	363.2	104.8	54.2		296.0	153.1	374.0	0.97
12	144.1		383.8	281.7	97.2	85.0		274.6	240.1	309.0	0.91
-13	185.8		494.8	363.2	116.3	110.6		328.5	312.4	360.7	1.01
3BRC-11-1	142.0	360	278.9	204.7	118.6	141.9	480	247.1	295.6	251.2	0.81
-2	142.0		278.9	204.7	117,0	92,7		243.8	193.1	281.7	0.73
-3	142.0		278.9	204.7	114.5	89.5		238.5	186.5	276.5	0.74
-4	152.5		299.5	219.9	128.6	132.5		267.9	276.0	286.9	0.77
-5	142.0		278.9	204.7	104.3	76.4		217.3	159.2	255.9	0.80
-б	152.5		299.5	219,9	130.4	100.3		271.7	209.0	316.2	0.70
-7	152.5		299.5	219.9	123.3	80.9		256,9	168.5	310.2	0.71

TABLE 5.2 CORRELATION BETWEEN SQUARE PANEL AND PIER CRITICAL TENSILE STRENGTH

(1) Square Panel Critical Tensile Strength

Blume's formula: $\sigma_{\text{tcr}}^0 = -0.582 \frac{\text{p}}{\text{A}} - \frac{\sigma_{\text{c}}}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{4.849 \left(\frac{\text{p}}{\text{A}}\right)^2 + \sigma_{\text{c}}^2}$ If edge pressure $\sigma_{\text{c}}^- = 0$, $\tau = 0.734 \frac{\text{p}}{\sqrt{2}\text{A}}$ (2) Pier Critical Tensile Strength

Assuming a parabolic distribution of shear stresses

$$\sigma_{\text{ter}} = -\frac{\sigma_{c}}{2} + \sqrt{(1.5\tau)^{2} + (\frac{\sigma_{c}}{2})^{2}}$$

 $\sigma_{_{\rm C}} = \frac{N}{A}$: applied compressive stress

 $\tau = \frac{P}{A}$: average shear stress









FIG. 5.4 EFFECT OF PARTIAL GROUTING ON HYSTERESIS ENVELOPE (HCBL)









FIG. 5.7 EFFECT OF HORIZONTAL REINFORCEMENT ON STIFFNESS DEGRADATION (HCBR)





EFFECT OF PARTIAL GROUTING ON STIFFNESS DEGRADATION (HCBR)





DISSIPATION (HCBR)













AXIAL COMPRESSIVE FORCE = $N_{O} + V_{D} + V_{F}$ General moment

EQUATION ABOUT 0 : $P \times 73 - (N_{O} + V_{D} + V_{F}) \times 24 - (V_{D} - V_{F}) \times 63.5 = A_{S}f_{S} \times 45$ (center of compressive force) AT INITIATION OF YIELDING : $P_{Y} \times 73 - (N_{O} + V_{DY} + V_{FY}) \times 24 - (V_{DY} - V_{FY}) \times 63.5 = A_{S}f_{S} \times 45$ FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT STAGE WHERE THE STEEL CONTINUES : $(P-P_{Y}) \times 73 - (V_{D} + V_{F} - V_{DY} - V_{FY}) \times 24 - (V_{D} - V_{F} - V_{DY} + V_{FY}) \times 63.5 = 0$ YIELDING $(f_{S}=f_{Y})$

$$\Delta P = \Delta N \frac{24}{73} + \Delta M \frac{1}{73}$$

$$(\Delta P)_{N} = (\Delta P)_{M}$$

FIG. 5.16 INFLUENCE OF AXIAL FORCE ON PIER LATERAL STRENGTH



FIG. 5.17 INFLUENCE OF AXIAL FORCE ON PIER BEHAVIOR

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APPENDIX A

CATALOG OF TEST RESULTS

The experimental results are arranged in three pages for each test, containing six photographs of the successive crack patterns and six graphs obtained from the data collected during the test. These graphs include the hysteresis loops, the hysteresis envelope, stiffness degradation, equivalent damping ratio and amount of shear distortion as compared with total deformation.

In order to show the relation between the photographs of the crack patterns and the diagrams showing the results, a black dot has been drawn on the graphs and next to the corresponding picture of the crack pattern.

The details on how each of the diagrams was obtained are presented in Chapter 4.



FIG. A.1 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST HCBL-11-1



FIG. A.1 CONTINUE HCBL-11-1



FIG. A.1 CONTINUE HCBL-11-1



FIG. A.2 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST HCBL-11-2



FIG. A.2 CONTINUE HCBL-11-2







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FIG. A.3 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST HCBL-11-3



FIG. A.3 CONTINUE HCBL-11-3



FIG. A.3 CONTINUE HCBL-11-3



FIG. A.4 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST HCBL-11-4



FIG. A.4 CONTINUE HCBL-11-4


FIG. A.4 CONTINUE HCBL-11-4



FIG. A.5 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST HCBL-11-5



FIG. A.5 CONTINUE HCBL-11-5

FIG. A.5 CONTINUE HCBL-11-5



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FIG. A.6 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST HCBL-11-6



FIG. A.6 CONTINUE HCBL-11-6



FIG. A.6 CONTINUE HCBL-11-6

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FIG. A.7 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST HCBL-11-7



FIG. A.7 CONTINUE HCBL-11-7



FIG. A.7 CONTINUE HCBL-11-7



FIG. A.8 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST HCBL-11-8

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FIG. A.8 CONTINUE HCBL-11-8



FIG. A.8 CONTINUE HCBL-11-8



FIG. A.9 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST HCBL-11-9









FIG. A.9 CONTINUE HCBL-11-9



FIG. A.9 CONTINUE HCBL-11-9



FIG. A.10 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST HCBL-11-10



FIG. A.10 CONTINUE HCBL-11-10



FIG. A.10 CONTINUE HCBL-11-10



FIG. A.11 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST HCBL-11-11



FIG. A.11 CONTINUE HCBL-11-11

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FIG. A.11 CONTINUE HCBL-11-11









FIG. A.12 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST HCBR-11-1









FIG. A.12 CONTINUE HCBR-11-1



FIG. A.12 CONTINUE HCBR-11-1

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FIG. A.13 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST HCBR-11-2



FIG. A.13 CONTINUE HCBR-11-2



FIG. A.13 CONTINUE HCBR-11-2









FIG. A.14 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST HCBR-11-3









FIG. A.14 CONTINUE HCBR-11-3



FIG. A.14 CONTINUE HCBR-11-3

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FIG. A.15 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST HCBR-11-4



FIG. A.15 CONTINUE HCBR-11-4



FIG. A.15 CONTINUE HCBR-11-4



FIG. A.16 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST HCBR-11-5







FIG. A.16 CONTINUE HCBR-11-5


FIG. A.16 CONTINUE HCBR-11-5



FIG. A.17 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST HCBR-11-6



FIG. A.17 CONTINUE HCBR-11-6



FIG. A.17 CONTINUE HCBR-11-6









FIG. A.18 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST HCBR-11-7







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FIG. A.18 CONTINUE HCBR-11-7



FIG. A.19 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST HCBR-11-8



FIG. A.19 CONTINUE HCBR-11-8

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FIG. A.19 CONTINUE HCBR-11-8



FIG. A.20 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST HCBR-11-9



FIG. A.20 CONTINUE HCBR-11-9

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FIG. A.21 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST HCBR-11-10









FIG. A.21 CONTINUE HCBR-11-10



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FIG. A.22 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST HCBR-11-11









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FIG. A.23 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST HCBR-11-12



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FIG. A.24 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST HCBR-11-13









FIG. A.24 CONTINUE HCBR-11-13



FIG. A.24 CONTINUE HCBR-11-13









FIG. A.25 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST CBRC-11-1









FIG. A.25 CONTINUE CBRC-11-1



FIG. A.25 CONTINUE CBRC-11-1









FIG. A.26 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST CBRC-11-2







FIG. A.26 CONTINUE CBRC-11-2



FIG. A.26 CONTINUE CBRC-11-2









FIG. A.27 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST CBRC-11-3



FIG. A.27 CONTINUE CBRC-11-3



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FIG. A.27 CONTINUE CBRC-11-3

FIG. A.28 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST CBRC-11-4





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FIG. A.28 CONTINUE CBRC-11-4


FIG. A.28 CONTINUE CBRC-11-4





FIG. A.29 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST CBRC-11-5

FIG. A.29 CONTINUE CBRC-11-5











FIG. A.29 CONTINUE CBRC-11-5







FIG. A.30 SUCCESSIVE CRACK FORMATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST CBRC-11-6

FIG. A.30 CONTINUE CBRC-11-6









FIG. A.30 CONTINUE CBRC-11-6





FIG. A.31 EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS TEST CBRC-11-7



FIG. A.31 CONTINUE CBRC-11-7

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