Design of Beams

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Course Description

This session will review the allowable stress design of masonry beams and lintels, including an examination of whether arching action can be used to reduce the loads on these elements. Deflection calculations will be reviewed, along with code compliance requirements relating to reinforcement and grouting. Partial depth beams, deep beams, shear reinforcement long-span beam criteria, torsion, and other requirements will also be covered.

Learning Objectives

- 1. Introduce the design of masonry beams and lintels for bending moment and shear
- 2. Describe deflection calculations for beams and lintels
- 3. Review partial depth beams and partial grouting
- 4. Examine arching and discuss when it can be used

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Determination of Loads, Shears, and Moments

- Arching
- Beam Depth
- Beam Span

Arching

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Beam Depth

TMS 402-16: 5.2 – Use either 5.2.1 or 5.2.2 2016 Masonry Designers' Guide: 7.5.3.5 and 7.5.3.7

TMS 402 Figure CC-5.2-2

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TMS Strength Design Guide Figure 6.3.1-3

Beam Depth

TMS 402-16: 5.2 – Use either 5.2.1 or 5.2.2 2016 Masonry Designers' Guide: 7.5.3.3

TMS 402 Figure CC-5.2-2

TMS 402 Section 2.2

- Beam: A member designed primarily to resist flexure and shear induced by loads perpendicular to its longitudinal axis.
- Deep Beam: A beam that has an effective span-to-depth ratio, ${}^{l_{eff}}/$ $d_{\boldsymbol{v'}}$ less than 3 for a continuous span and less than 2 for a simple span.
- *Commentary for 5.2.2 Deep beams clarifies that 'depth of the beam need not be taken as the entire height of masonry above the opening.'*
- *Design to control deflection*

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Beam Span: Beams not built integrally with supports

Poll: Who still designs beams as 'not built integrally with supports'?

Beam Span: Beams not built integrally with supports

TMS 402-16: 5.2.1.1.1

2016 Masonry Designers' Guide: 7.5.3.2

Span is minimum of:

- Clear span + depth of beam
- Distance between centers of supports

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Beam Span: Beams not built integrally with supports

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Beam Span: Beams built integrally with supports

TMS 402: is silent 2016-Masonry Designers' Guide: is silent

Reasonable approximation: Clear span

- without significant negative moment reinforcement
- Lee et al (1983) showed end restraint reduced deflection from 20-45% of simply support

Beam Span: Continuous

TMS 402 5.2.1.1.2 Masonry Designers' Guide: 7.5.3.2

Requires negative moment reinforcement (otherwise built integrally with supports)

- Span length distance between centers of support for determining moments
- Reasonable approximation: Design for moment at face of supports

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Beam Span: Continuous

Beam Span: Continuous

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Beam Requirements

- Chapter 5
- Chapter 8

General Beam Design

TMS 402 5.2.1.2 and 5.2.1.3 Masonry Designers' Guide: 7.5.3.2 and 7.5.3.5

- Lateral support (TMS 402 5.2.1.2)
	- Minimum of:
		- \cdot 32b
		- $120b^2/d$
- Bearing length (TMS 402 5.2.1.3)
	- Minimum of 4 in. in direction of span

 $32b = 32(7.625in.) = 244in.$ $120b^2/d = 120(7.625in.)^2/72in = 96.9in$. Brace at every roof joist, which is 5 ft spacing (If 12" CMU, then brace at 225 in.)

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Unlike Strength Design, Allowable Stress Design:

- **DOES NOT** place a limit on the axial stress in beams
- **DOES NOT** place a limit on the variation in longitudinal reinforcing bars in a beam.
- **DOES NOT** require beams to be fully grouted.

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Flexural Design

- Moment Capacity
- Shear Capacity
- Beam Construction

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Flexural Design

Masonry Designers' Guide 11.4.2

- 1. Determine material properties (f_y, f'_m)
- 2. Choose beam dimensions
	- A. Thickness: typically, nominally, 8 in. or 12 in. use actual dimensions
	- B. Depth: if possible, choose so no shear reinforcement is required
- 3. Estimate force couple lever distance, jd , as 90% of d

4. Solve for
$$
A_{s,reqd}
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 using F_s
$$
A_{s,reqd} = \frac{M}{F_sjd} = \frac{M}{F_s(0.9)(d)}
$$

5. Check and iterate if required

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Flexural Design

Masonry Designers' Guide 11.4.2

- 1. Assume that tension in reinforcement steel will control, determine $A_{s, read}$
- 2. Calculate modular ratio, $n: n = \frac{E_S}{E_m}$ $E_{\bm{m}}$
- 3. Calculate the reinforcement ratio, ρ : $\rho = \frac{A_S}{bd}$ bd

4. Solve
$$
k: k = \sqrt{(n\rho)^2 + 2n\rho} - n\rho
$$

- 5. Solve j : $j = (1 \frac{k}{3})$
- 6. Check masonry and steel stresses:

$$
f_b = \frac{2M}{jkbd^2} \le 0.45f'_m \qquad f_s = \frac{M}{A_sjd} \le F_s
$$

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Beam Construction

- *d* = depth to centroid of tension reinforcement
- For one layer of reinforcement, $d \sim (d_v 3in)$.
- ½" clear to reinforcement for course grout
- $\frac{1}{4}$ clear to reinforcement for fine grout

Seismic Requirements (TMS 402 7.3.2.3.1)

Figure courtesy of Wirebond

Support on chairs

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Beam Construction

- The basics:
- Know your depth: 2.25" or 2.75" to bottom of bars?

Beam Construction

Deflections

- When???
- Effective Moment of Inertia
- Deflection Requirements

Deflection Requirements

TMS 402 Section 5.2.1.4 Masonry Designers' Guide 7.5.3.6

- Deflection of beam or lintels supporting unreinforced masonry is limited to $L/600$ for Dead + Live Loads, where L is span length (TMS 402 5.2.1.4.1)
- Deflections of approximately $L/300$ needed to be visible.
- Deflections do not need to be checked when $L \leq 8d$ (TMS 402 5.2.1.4.3).

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Effective Moment of Inertia

TMS 402 Section 5.2.1.4.2 Masonry Designers' Guide 7.5.3.6

$$
I_{eff} = I_n \left(\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a}\right)^3 + I_{cr} \left[1 - \left(\frac{M_{cr}}{M_a}\right)^3\right]
$$

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I_{cr} = \frac{bk^3d^3}{3} + nA_s(d - kd)^2
$$

Ieff = effective moment of inertia

 I_n = net moment of inertia

- *Icr* = cracked moment of inertia
- *Mcr* = cracking moment
- M_a = Moment under allowable stress level loads

Effective Moment of Inertia

TMS 402 Section 5.2.1.4 Masonry Designers' Guide 7.5.3.6

$$
M_{cr} = \frac{f_r I_n}{y_t} = \frac{f_r}{S}
$$

 $f_r = 2.5$ x Allowable Flexural Tensile Stress (TMS 402 Table 8.2.4.2)

$$
k = \sqrt{(n\rho)^2 + 2n\rho} - n\rho
$$

$$
\rho = \frac{A_s}{bd} \qquad n = \frac{E_s}{E_m}
$$

- *Mcr* = cracking moment
- *f ^r* = Modulus of rupture
- n = modular ratio, E_{s}/E_{m}
- $k =$ multiplier for depth to neutral axis under allowable stress assumptions

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Shear

- Shear strength
- Stirrups
- Shear at *d*/2

Shear Strength

TMS 402 Section 8.3.5.1 and 8.3.5.2 Masonry Designers' Guide 11.4.4.2

$$
f_v = \frac{V}{A_{nv}}
$$

Assume $M/(V/d_v)$ = 1.0, Axial force = 0.0

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F_v = (F_{vm} + F_{vs}) \gamma_g
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$$
F_{vm} = \frac{1}{2} (2.25) \sqrt{f'_m}
$$

$$
F_{vs} = 0.5 \left(\frac{A_v F_s d_v}{A_{nv} S} \right)
$$

$$
F_v \le (2 \sqrt{f'_m}) \gamma_g
$$

- d_v = actual depth of masonry
- A_{nv} = net shear area = bd_v
	- Many designers use d instead of d_v for beams; clarified in 2022 TMS 402
- γ_g = 1.0 for fully grouted beams

Stirrups required if the calculated shear stress exceeds the allowable shear stress in the masonry

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Masonry Designers' Guide 11.4.4.2

Maximum spacing is $d/2$ or 48 in.

Unlike Strength Design, Allowable Stress Design:

- **a) DOES NOT** specify single bar with 180-degree hook at each end
- **b) DOES NOT** require hooking shear reinforcement around longitudinal reinforcement
- **c) DOES NOT** specify a minimum area of shear reinforcement of 0.0007*bd^v*
- **d) DOES NOT** require the first stirrup within $d_v/4$

Shear at *d***/2**

TMS 402 Section 8.3.5.4 Masonry Designers' Guide 11.4.4.2

- If the following conditions are met, sections within $d/2$ from face of support can be designed for shear at $d/2$ (TMS 402 8.3.5.4): (moved to Chapter 5 in 2022 TMS 402)
- A. Noncantilever beam
- B. Reaction introduces compression into end region of member
- C. No concentrated load between $d/2$ and face of support

For cantilever beams, use maximum shear

Design Example

Beam Design

Design Example

Masonry Designers' Guide Example 11.4-2

Given:

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- superimposed dead load = 700 lb/ft
- \cdot live load = 300 lb/ft
- Grade 60 steel
- Type S PCL mortar
- 8 in. CMU
- f'_{m} = 2000 psi

Design Example: Load

Masonry Designers' Guide Example 11.4-2

Span length: Assume not built integrally with support Span length = 16 ft + 2(4 in.) = 16.67 ft

Beam Weight: Assume fully grouted, medium weight units; 81 psf Weight = 81psf(4ft) = 324 lb/ft

Select beam design depth for avoiding stirrups, use 'd' rather than d_v

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Design Example: Beam Depth

Masonry Designers' Guide Example 11.4-2

Maximum Shear, V

$$
V = \frac{1,324 \frac{lb}{ft} (16.67 ft)}{2} = 11,040 lb
$$

(Could reduce shear by designing for shear at $\frac{d}{2}$) **39**

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Allowable Shear Stress, F_n $F_{vm}=\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}(2.25\sqrt{f'_m}) = \frac{1}{2}(2.25\sqrt{2000}) = 50.3 \text{ psi}$

Calculate the minimum depth to avoid shear reinforcement:

$$
d_{min} = \frac{V}{bF_{vm}} = \frac{11,040lb}{(7.625in)(50.3\,\text{psi})} = 28.8in
$$

- 32 in. deep beam, minimum, is needed using 8" nominal module for coursing
- Although not required, use the full 48" depth and grout entire height of beam
- Shear strength OK by inspection

Design Example: Sharpen Pencil

Masonry Designers' Guide Example 11.4-2

Try 24 in. deep beam, *d* = 21 in. Check *V* at *d*/2 from face of support

d/2 from face of support $4in + \frac{21in}{2}$ $\frac{1ft}{12in} = 1.21ft$

 $V = 11,040 lb \frac{8.33 ft - 1.21 ft}{8.33 ft} = 9,435 lb$ Applied shear, \boldsymbol{V}

> $d_{min}=\frac{V}{bF_n}$ $\frac{V}{bF_{vm}} = \frac{9,435lb}{(7.625in)50.3\,\text{psi}} = 24.6\,\text{in}$

- A 24 in. deep beam will not quite work, but a 32" deep beam would use 32" deep beam for efficiency… or minimize steel with full depth
- In this example, most engineers would still fully grout the beam

Design Example: Flexure

Masonry Designers' Guide Example 11.4-2

Using 48" overall depth with $d = 47.6$ in. -2 in. = 45.6 in.

Applied moment, M_{ν} $M = \frac{wL^2}{8} =$ $1,324 \frac{lb}{ft} (16.67 ft)^2$ 8 $\frac{12in}{ft} = 551,200in \cdot lb$

Estimate required steel, *As,reqd*

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A_{s,reqd} = \frac{M}{F_s j d} = \frac{M}{F_s 0.9d} = \frac{551,200 \text{ in } lb}{(32,000 \text{ psi})(0.9)(45.6 \text{ in})} = 0.42 \text{ in}^2
$$

With 48" overall depth: $d = 45.6$ in $-$ use (1) #6 bar

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Design Example: Flexure

Masonry Designers' Guide Example 11.4-2

With 48" overall depth and $d = 45.6$ in. - final checks:

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Design Example: Bracing

Masonry Designers' Guide Example 11.4-2

 $32b = 32(7.625in.) = 20.3ft$ $120b^2/d = 120 (7.625in.)^2/45.6in. = 153in. = 12.7ft$

- If top of beam were the roof, that would provide continuous lateral support
- It top of beam were a parapet, provide bracing at midspan and ends

Design Example: Deflections

Masonry Designers' Guide Example 11.4-2

- Beam is not supporting unreinforced masonry, so deflections do not need to be checked
- As a quick check: $L/d = 16.67 ft \left(12 \frac{m}{ft} \right) / 45.6 in. = 4.4 \le 8$ **OK**
- Deflection check will be illustrated in next example

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Design Example	Example
Maximum Designers' Guide Example 11.4-2	
Given: Modify load	superimposed dead load = 2,000 lb/ft
live load = 700 lb/ft	EXECVATION
Applied load, w	$w = 1.0D + 1.0L = 1.0(2,000 \frac{lb}{ft} + 324 \frac{lb}{ft}) + 1.0(700 \frac{lb}{ft}) = 3,024 \frac{lb}{ft}$
Hexural reinforcement is 4 – No. 4	

2 bars in each of bottom two courses $d = 40.0in$

Design Example: Shear

Masonry Designers' Guide Example 11.4-2

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Design Example: Shear

Masonry Designers' Guide Example 11.4-2

Required Steel Stress, f_{vs} $f_{vs} = f_v - F_{vm} = 62.8 \text{psi} - 50.3 \text{psi} = 12.5 \text{psi}$

Determine spacing for #3 double-leg stirrups, use required f_{vs} , and use d rather than d_v :

 $F_{\nu s} = 0.5 \left(\frac{A_{\nu} F_s d_{\nu}}{A_{\nu} s} \right) \rightarrow s = 0.5 \left(\frac{0.5 A_{\nu} F_s d}{F_{\nu s} A_{\nu \nu}} \right) = 0.5 \left(\frac{(0.22 \text{ in } W)(32,000 \text{ psi})(40.0 \text{ in})}{12.5 \text{ psi}(305 \text{ in}^2)} \right) = 36.9 \text{ in}$

TMS 402 Section 8.3.5.2.1 requires spacing less than or equal to $\frac{a}{2}$ or 48in

Use $s = \frac{40.0in}{2} = 20in \rightarrow$ Use a spacing of 16" for every other cell, could consider 2 #3 single-leg stirrups at that spacing…. Deformed wire could, also, be used.

Design Example: Shear Details

Masonry Designers' Guide Example 11.4-2

≤ 7.625 in. OK

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Design Example: Deflections

TMS Strength Design Guide Example 6.3.1.9 **Not Required - For Illustration Only**

Design Example: Deflections

Strength Design Guide Example 6.3.1.9 **Not Required - For Illustration Only**

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Design Example: Deflections

Strength Design Guide Example 6.3.1.9 **Not Required - For Illustration Only**

Quick check using cracked moment of inertia, δ = 0.206 in.

Deep Beams

- Internal Lever Arm
- Miscellaneous Requirements
- Example

Internal Lever Arm

TMS 402 Section 5.2.2.1, 5.2.2.2 Masonry Designers' Guide 7.5.3.7

Definition (TMS 402 2.2)

 l_{eff} a_v $\leq \begin{cases} 3 & \text{continuous span} \\ 2 & \text{simple span} \end{cases}$ Effective span length, l_{eff} , smaller of:

• center-to-center distance between supports

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• 1.15 multiplied by the clear span

Miscellaneous Requirements

TMS 402 Section 5.2.2.3, 5.2.2.4, 5.2.2.5 Masonry Designers' Guide 7.5.3.7

- Flexural reinforcement
	- distributed flexural reinforcement for half beam depth
	- maximum spacing of one-fifth d_v or 16 in.
	- joint reinforcement can be used as flexural reinforcement
	- horizontal reinforcement anchored to develop yield strength at face of supports
- Shear reinforcement (when required)
	- minimum area of vertical reinforcement is 0.0007 bd_v
	- horizontal shear reinforcement area ≥ half vertical shear reinforcement
	- maximum spacing of shear reinforcement one-fifth d_v or 16 in.
- Total reinforcement: sum of horizontal and vertical reinforcement at least 0.001 bd_{ν} .

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Design Example

TMS Strength Design Guide Example 6.3.1.7 **as a basis, using ASD**

Given:

- 10 ft opening
- 6 ft deep beam
- superimposed dead load = 3.0 kip/ft
- live load = 2.0 kip/ft
- Grade 60 steel
- Type S masonry cement mortar
- 8 in. CMU
- f'_{m} = 2000 psi

C/C between supports = 10 ft + $2(4 \text{ in.}) = 10.67$ ft 1.15(clear span) = $1.15(10 \text{ ft})$ = 11.5 ft Effective span length, l_{eff} = min(10.67, 11.5) = 10.67 ft

Span ratio, l_{eff}/d_v

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\frac{l_{eff}}{d_v} = \frac{10.67 ft}{6 ft} = 1.78 \le 2
$$

Therefore, this is a deep beam

Design Example: Flexure

TMS Strength Design Guide Example 6.3.1.7 **as a basis, using ASD**

Beam Weight: Assume fully grouted, medium weight units; 81 psf Weight = 81psf(6ft) = 0.486 k/ft

Applied $load, w$ $w = 1.0D + 1.0L = 1.0\left(3.0\frac{k}{ft} + 0.486\frac{k}{ft}\right) + 1.0\left(2.0\frac{k}{ft}\right) = 5.486\frac{k}{ft}$

 $M_u =$ $5.49 \frac{k}{ft} (10.67 ft)^2$ $\frac{1}{8}$ = 78.1 $k \cdot ft$ Factored moment, M_u

Internal lever $z = 0.2(l_{eff} + 2d_v) = 0.2(10.67ft + 2(6ft)) = 4.53ft$ arm,

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Design Example: Flexure

TMS Strength Design Guide Example 6.3.1.7 **as a basis, using ASD**

Use z in place of id :

$$
\text{Req'd } A_s \qquad A_{s,req} = \frac{M}{zF_s} = \frac{78.1k \cdot ft}{4.53ft(32ksi)} = 0.539in.^2 \qquad (f_s = \frac{M}{A_sjd} \le F_s)
$$

Using standard beam theory would have *As,reqd* underestimated by 14%. Although 1-#7 could be used, use 2-#5, one in each of bottom two courses

- reduces development length and extension of bars beyond face of support
- helps with requirement of distributed reinforcement

Design Example: Reinforcement

TMS Strength Design Guide Example 6.3.1.7 **as a basis, using ASD**

$$
d = 72in. -8in. = 64in.
$$
 distance to centroid of reinforcement

$$
\rho_{max} \qquad \rho = \frac{A_s}{bd} = \frac{2(0.31in.^2)}{7.625in.(64in.)} = 0.00127 \le 0.00952 \qquad \underline{OK - but not reg'd for ASD}
$$

$$
\rho_{min} \qquad A_s = 0.62in.^2 \ge \frac{4}{3} A_{s,reqd} = \frac{4}{3} (0.43in.^2) = 0.57in.^2 \text{ OK} - \text{but not reg'd for ASD}
$$

Distributed reinforcement: required over bottom half of beam at a spacing of 1/5*d^v* = 1/5(72in.) = 14.4in., but not greater than 16 in.

Use W1.7 (9 gage) joint reinforcement every 8 in. in bottom five bed joints.

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Design Example: Development

TMS Strength Design Guide Example 6.3.1.7 **as a basis, using ASD**

Development $l_{de} = \frac{0.13 d_b^2 f_y \gamma}{V}$ length, l_{de} $\frac{13d_b^2f_y\gamma}{K\sqrt{f'_m}} = \frac{0.13(0.625in.)^2(60,000psi)(1.0)}{\min\{9(0.625in.).3.81in. -0.625in./2\}\sqrt{g'_m}}$ min{9(0.625*in.),* 3.81*in. −* 0.625*in./2}√2,000psi* $= 19.5*in*$

- Extend bars 20 in. beyond face of support
- Details of development length will be covered in Session 6

Design Example: Shear

TMS Strength Design Guide Example 6.3.1.7 **as a basis, using ASD**

Or, repeat the calculation from earlier example with Deep Beam parameters and provide: Vertical shear reinforcement $\geq 0.0007bd_v$ **Horizontal shear reinforcement** ≥ one-half of the vertical shear reinforcement..

Design Example: Total Reinforcement

TMS Strength Design Guide Example 6.3.1.7 **as a basis, using ASD**

Total

Reinforcement $0.001bd_v = 0.001(7.625in.)(72 in.) = 0.55in.^2$

2 - #5 (considering only flexural steel)meets total reinforcement by inspection.

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