

Creating a Roadmap to Adoption of High Strength Steel in Structural Masonry

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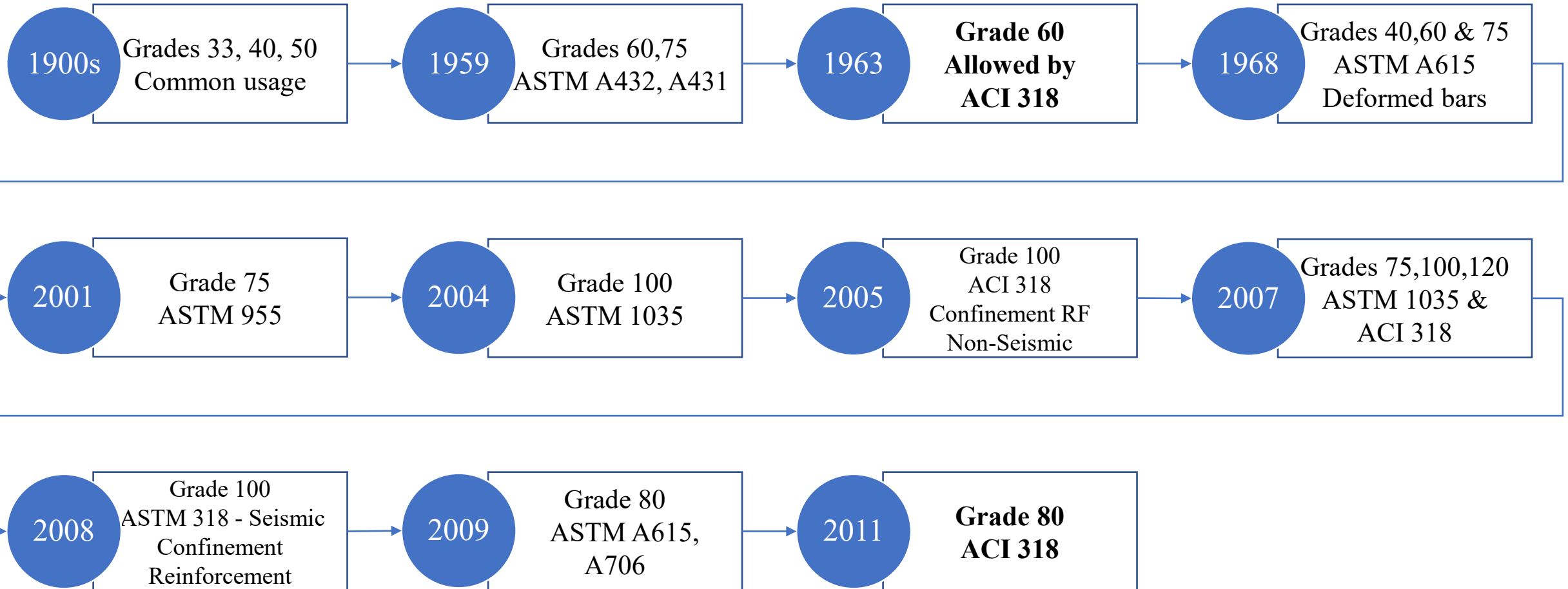
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A Brief History

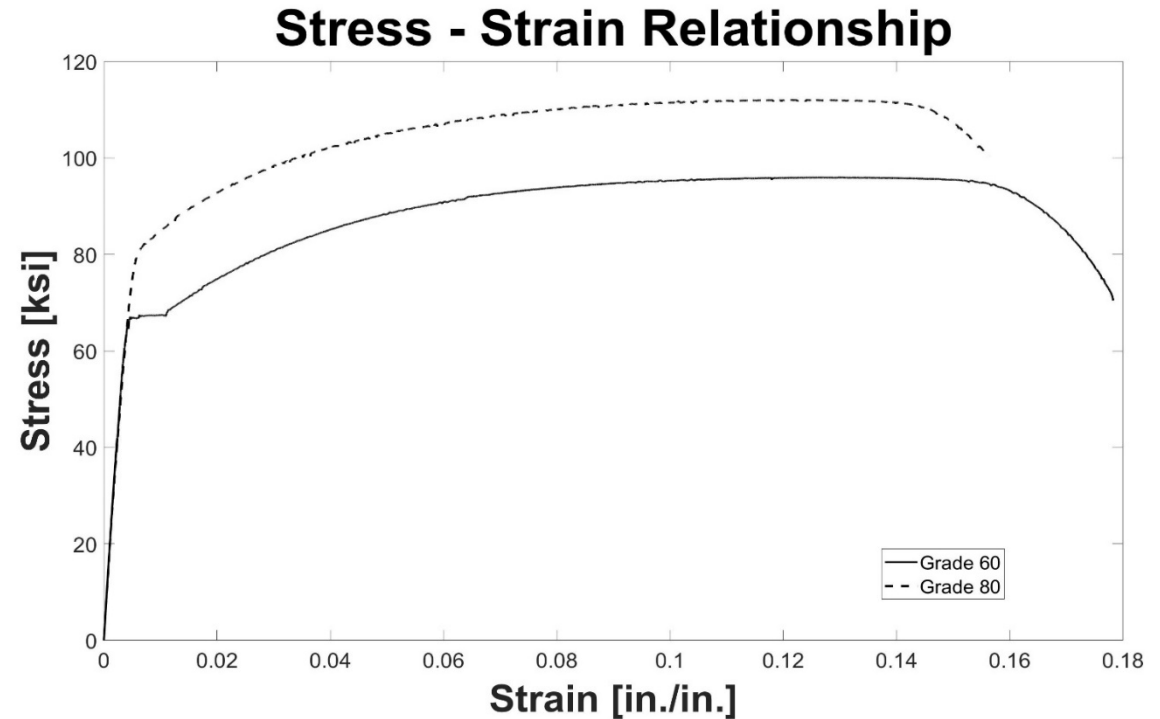


*There is a continuing trend of **increasing** availability of r/f of **higher grades** by the steel industry*

Motivation

□ Why high-strength steel?

- Gain in member strength
- Reduce steel congestion
- Reduce material and construction cost
- Reduce building carbon footprint
- (Some reduction in ductility)



Broaden masonry design options that are available to engineers

Improve competitiveness of structural masonry

Current Usage in ACI 318-19

Usage	Application		Maximum value of f_y permitted for design calculations, psi
Flexure; axial force; and shrinkage and temperature	Special seismic systems	Special moment frames	80,000
		Special structural walls	100,000
	Other		100,000
Lateral support of longitudinal bars; or concrete confinement	Special seismic systems		100,000
	Spirals		100,000
	Other		80,000
Shear	Special seismic systems	Special moment frames	80,000
		Special structural walls	100,000
	Spirals, shear friction, stirrups, ties, hoops		60,000
Torsion	Longitudinal and transverse		60,000

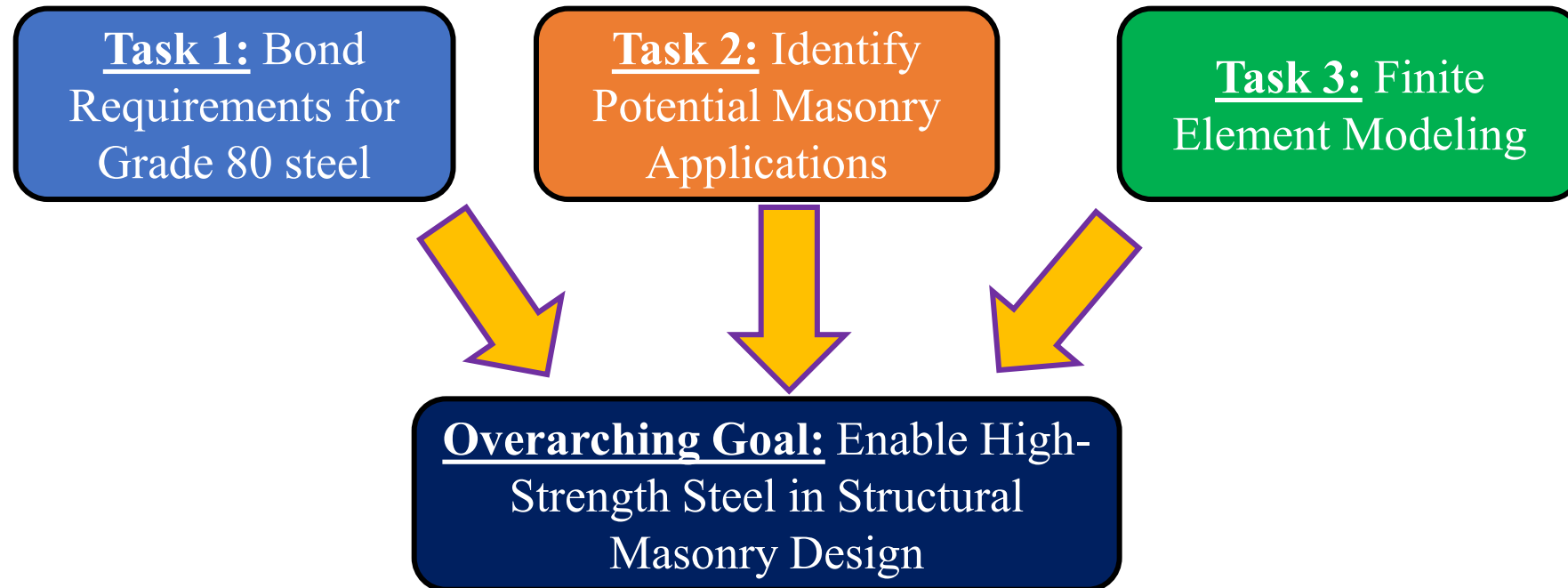


Practically no available research on structural masonry

Research Plan

□ Current Restrictions in TMS 402:

- Maximum allowable stress: 32,000 psi with reference to Grade 60 steel r/f [*TMS 402-16, 8.3.3.1*]
- Maximum strength: 60,000 psi [*TMS 402-16, 9.1.9.3*]
- See also [*TMS 402-16, 11.1.8.6*]



Experimental Program Design

□ What are the development length requirements for **Grade 80** bars in masonry?

$$l_d = \frac{0.13d_b^2 f_y \gamma}{K \sqrt{f'_m}} \quad \text{TMS 402-16}$$

f_y = yield strength

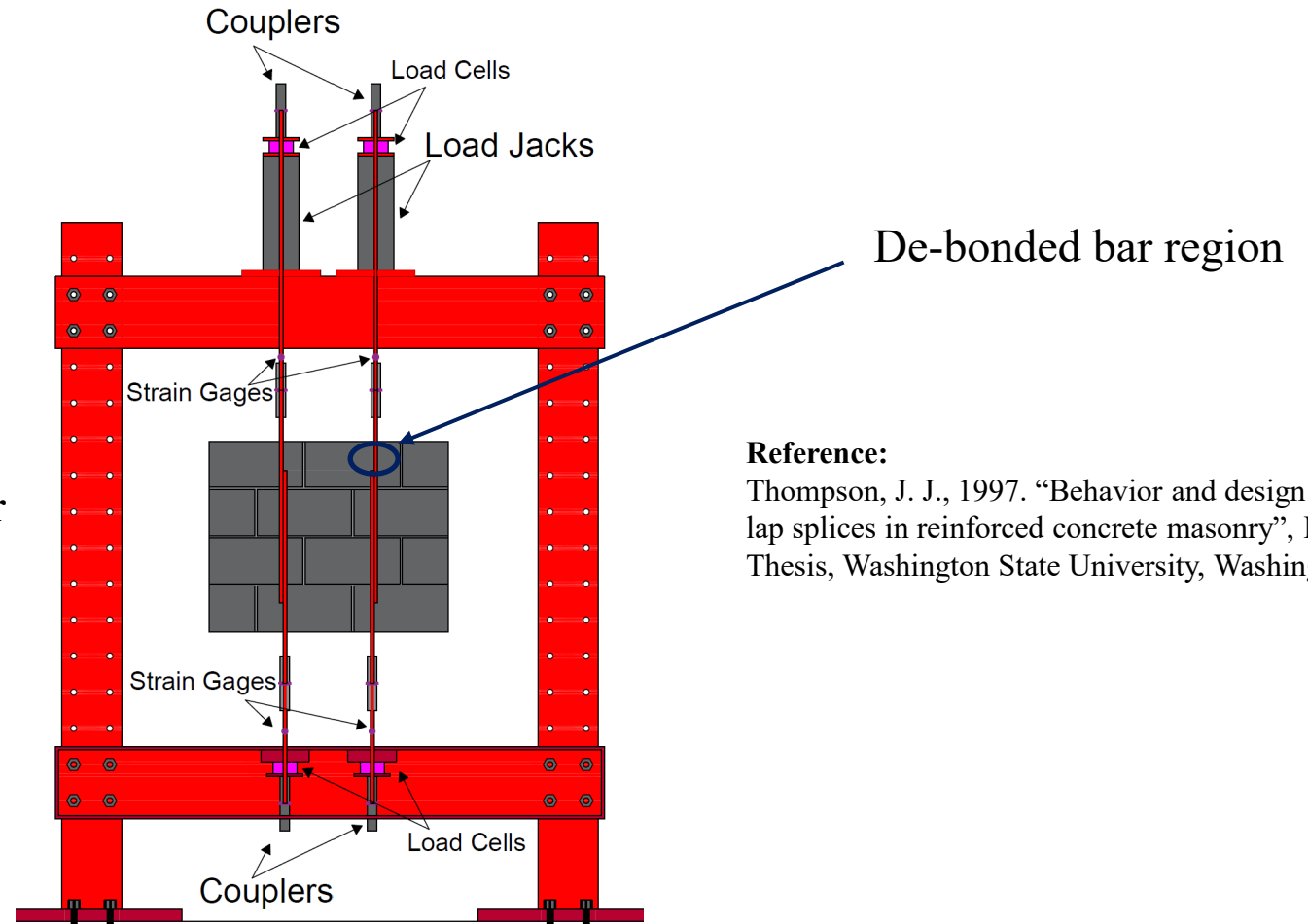
d_b = bar diameter

γ = factor accounting for bar size

K = factor accounting for cover/spacing to bar

+ Consideration to 1.15 (Grade 80) and 1.3 (Grade 100) factors applied to high-strength steel in ACI 318-19

$$e.g., l_{d,Grade\ 80} = 1.15 \times \left[\frac{0.13d_b^2 f_y \gamma}{K \sqrt{f'_m}} \right]$$



Reference:

Thompson, J. J., 1997. "Behavior and design of tension lap splices in reinforced concrete masonry", M. Eng. Thesis, Washington State University, Washington.

Experimental Program Design

□ Test Matrix – Phase I: CMU

Specimen #	Bar Size	Factor	L _d Length (in)
1	5	1	22
2	5	1.15	25
3	5	1.3	28
4	7	1	56
5	7	1.15	65
6	7	1.3	73



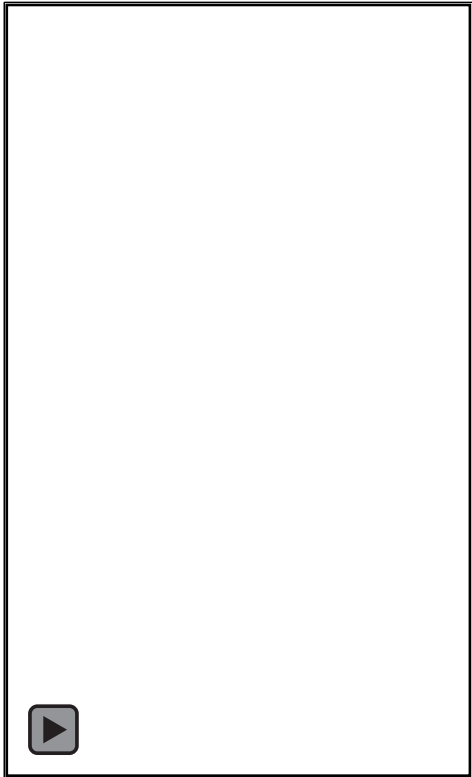
**Phase II:
Additional CMU tests & Clay brick tests**



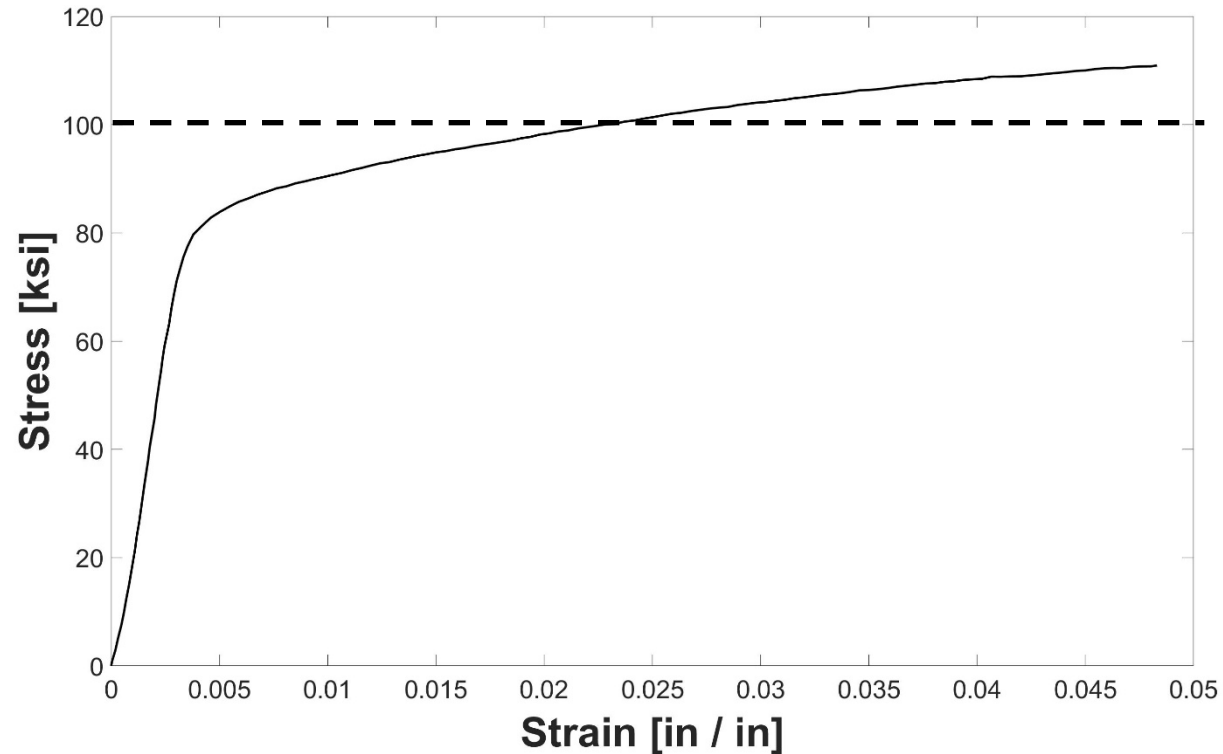
Preliminary Test Results

□ Grade 80 #5 Reinforcing Bars

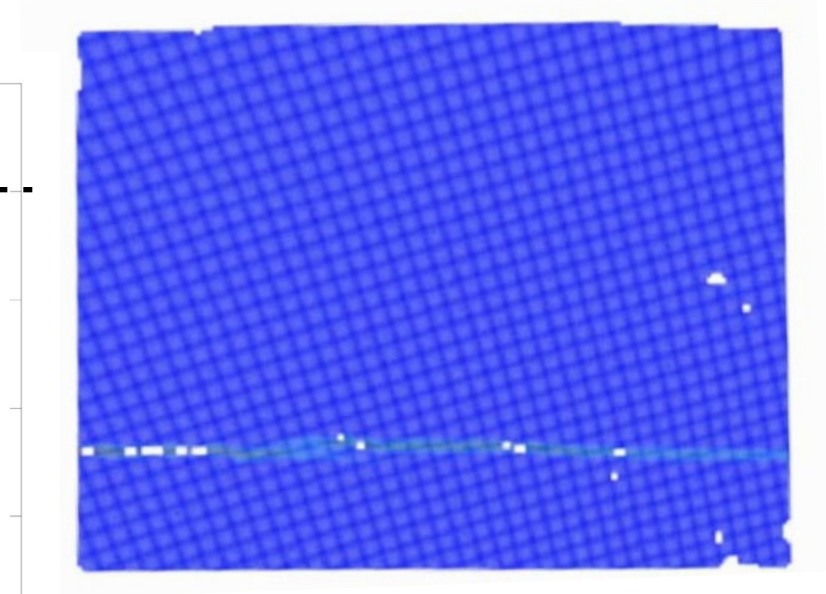
Video



Stress-Strain Response



Aramis



Material Tests

CMU



Grouted Prism



Grout



Reinforcing Steel Un-grouted Prism



Mortar



Summary of Test Results

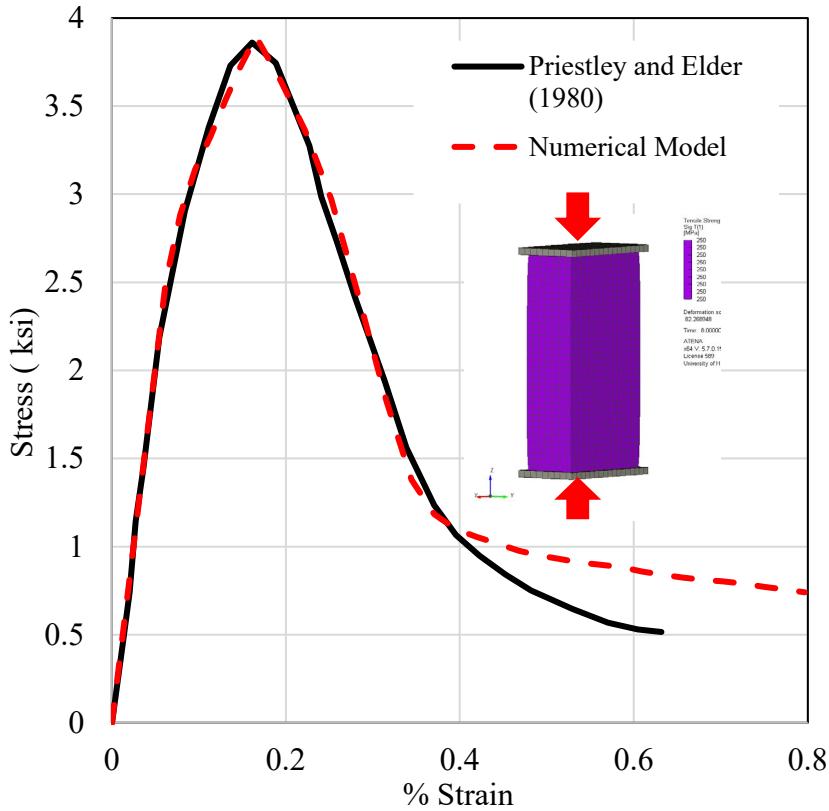
Specimen #	Reinforcement Grade	Splice Length	General mode of Failure	Failure Load (Stress)	corresponding f'm (ksi)	corresponding f'g (ksi)
1	60	# 5 @ 35 db 22 in	Longitudinal Split	25.8 kips 83.2 ksi	2.6	4.7
2	80	# 5 @ 35 db 22 in	Longitudinal Split	35.5 kips 114.6 ksi	3.0	3.4
3	80	# 5 @ 40 db 25 in	Coupler Failure	32.5 kips 104.8 ksi	3.0	3.4
4	80	# 5 @ 45 db 28 in			3.0	3.4
5	80	# 7 @ 64 db 56 in			3.0	3.4
6	80	# 7 @ 75 db 65 in	Longitudinal Split	63.8 kips 106.3 ksi	3.0	3.4
7	80	# 7 @ 84 db 73 in	Longitudinal Split	59 kips 98.3 ksi	3.0	3.4

Numerical Simulations

Material Models

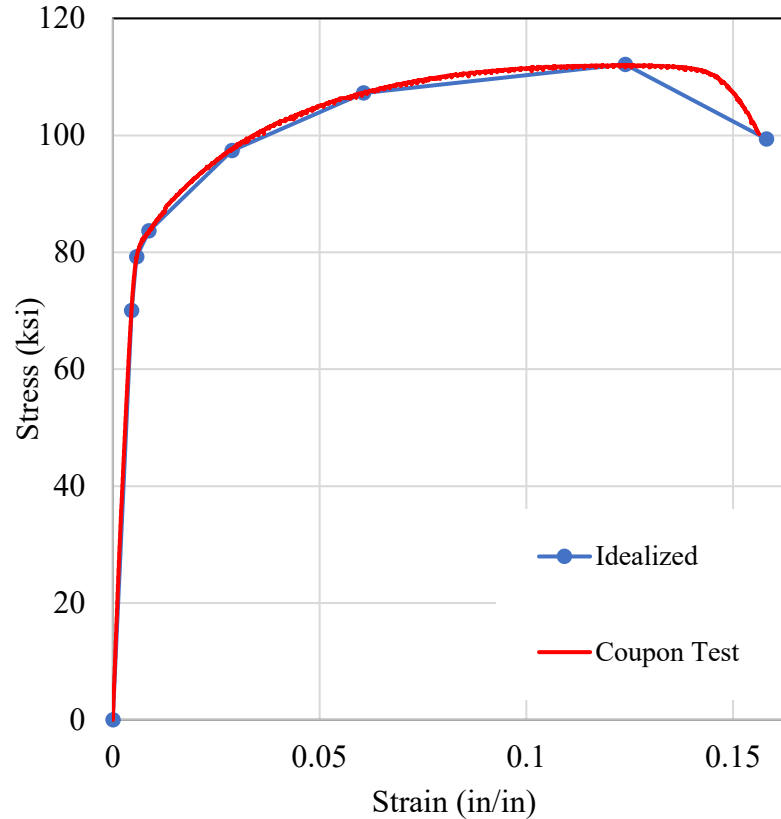
Masonry

Compressive Stress Strain Relation



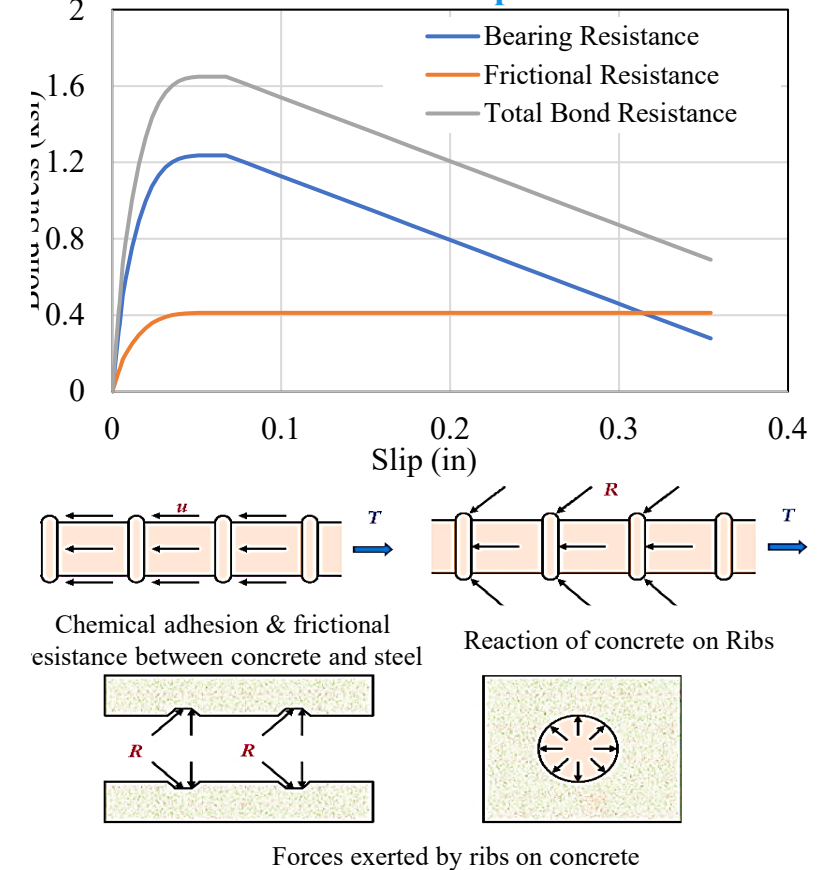
Reinforcing Steel

Grade 80 - Stress Strain Relation



Bond-Slip

Bond Stress vs Slip Model



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Numerical Simulations

☐ Verification with past tests

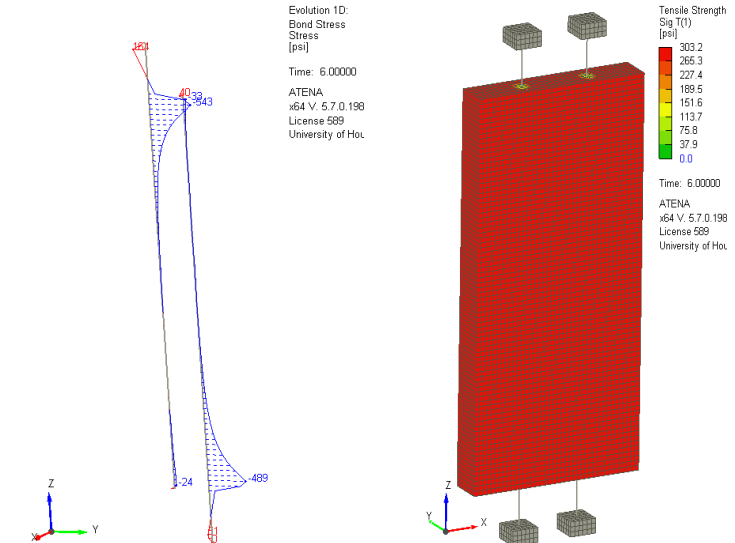
Specimen	Failure Load	Range of Experimental values from Thompson (1997)
#5@35db	31.53 kips (101.709 ksi)	26.4 – 31.2 kips
#5@48db	31.25 kips (100.806 ksi)	31.2- 32.4 kips
#7@35db	43.82 kips (72.911 ksi)	39.6 – 42 kips

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Numerical Simulations

☐ Comparisons with Grade 80 bar tests

Specimen	Panel Dimension (in)	Rebar	Splice Length (in)	Failure Load Predicted (kips)	Experimental Failure Load (kips)
1	31.625x39.625x7.625	#5	22	33.5	35.5
2	31.625x39.625x7.626	#5	25	31.9	32.5
3	31.625x39.625x7.627	#5	28		
4	63.625x39.625x7.629	#7	56		
5	71.625x39.625x7.630	#7	65	67.3	63.8
6	79.625x39.625x7.631	#7	73	67.4	59



Usage of Grade 80 Steel – Case Studies

□ Case Studies

- **Design of a seven-story masonry load-bearing wall.**
- **Design of ten one-story in-plane reinforced masonry walls.**
- **Design a reinforced masonry pilaster.**
- **Design of Lintel.**
- **Design of four-story reinforced shear wall.**
- **Out of Plane wall.**

Summary and Ongoing Work

- ❑ Experimental work will continue to better understand the bond behavior of Grade 80 bars in masonry. **Selected tests** will be repeated. The effect of using **fiber-reinforced grout** will be studied with the intent to reduce the required development length.
- ❑ Verified numerical models will be used to study structural **masonry member** responses with Grade 80 bars.
- ❑ Case studies will identify **benefits in the use of Grade 80** bars and questions that need to be answered by **additional experimental studies**.

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