

# Inelastic modelling of backbone curve and hysteresis rules for low-rise R.C. perforated shear walls

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**ABSTRACT:** A set of semi-empirical equations for backbone curve is formulated for the response behavior of low-rise non-boundary R.C. shear walls with openings subjected to lateral forces. These equations can be used to determine various loading capacities, displacements, and stiffnesses of crack, yield, ultimate, and failure stages. The hysteresis loops are developed with consideration of energy dissipation, opening size, opening location, and shear-span-length ratio. Hysteresis rules are formulated with all possible combinations of large and small amplitude loops. The formulation is based on both the experimental observation and analytical approaches. The comparison of calculated and experimental results is good.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Shear walls without boundary elements are often used as seismic-resisting components in major civil engineering low-rise buildings and nuclear reactor category-I construction. A number of papers have been published on low-rise walls with boundary beams and columns; Cheng (1989) and Sheu (1988) have embarked on joint research of analytically and experimentally studying the walls without boundary elements. This paper presents recent research results of nonboundary low-rise R.C. walls with openings such as doors and windows. Walls having boundary elements and openings were studied by Yamada and Kawamura (1974) and Sato, Higashiura, et al. (1987), among other researchers.

In this paper, the analytical studies are conducted at the University of Missouri-Rolla (UMR) on the basis of the experimental work performed at the National Cheng-Kung University (NCKU), Taiwan. Close collaboration is also undertaken with KAIST in Korea. The formulation has considered size and location of openings, horizontal and vertical steel bars, diagonal reinforcing bars around the openings, and shear-span-length ratio. The aforementioned factors are employed in deriving equations for calculating forces and displacements (load-deflection relationship) at various loading stages of cracking, yielding, ultimate, and failure. The load-deflection relationship (or backbone curve) is not only used to predict the resistance capacities of individual walls but also used in the analysis of hysteretic response of the walls. The hysteresis loops also include the parameters of energy dissipation, opening location, opening height, and shear-span-length ratio.

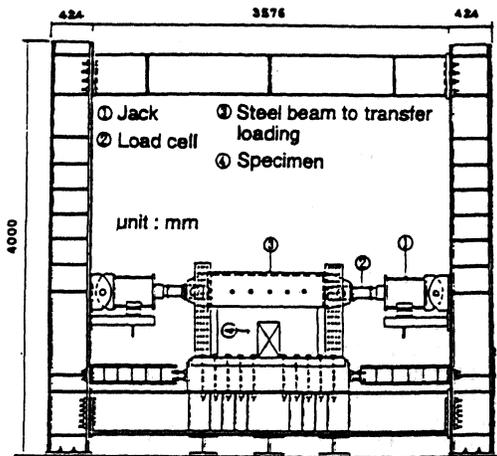


Figure 1. Test apparatus.

## 2 BACKBONE CURVE

### 2.1 Test specimens

There are two groups of wall elements with four types of openings used in the experimental study. Each type of wall element is subjected to two kinds of loading history. One loading history is two-sided cyclic loading for the study of backbone curve. The other one is earthquake-type loading for hysteresis loops. Test apparatus is illustrated in Fig. 1. There is no boundary columns or girders around the wall element. The shear-span-length ratio is either 0.65 for group I wall elements or 0.9 for group II wall elements. The summary of seventeen wall elements and corresponding loading history is shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Specimen schedule and fundamental data.

Group ( $\frac{L}{H}$ )	Specimen no.	Specimen sketch	Opening size $N \times W_o \times L_o$	Steel bar Vertical Horizontal Diagonal	$f_c$ ( $\frac{kg}{cm^2}$ )	Loading history
0.5	SW-0E			10-D10	254	
	SW-1E			5-D10	345	
	SW-2E			—	268	
	SWO-3E		1 x 21.8 x — ** 37.5 (16.35%)	10-D10 5-D10 D*-D13	299 316	
	SWO-4E		2 x 21.8 x 18.75 (16.35%)	10-D10 5-D10 D-D13	329 329	
	SWO-5E		1 x 65.4 x 12.5 (16.35%)	10-D10 5-D10 D-D13	328 328	
	SWO-6E			10-D10 5-D10 D-D13	294 312	
	SWO-7E		1 x 21.8 x 75.0 (21.8%)	8-D13 7-D13 D-D13	297 297	
	SWO-8E		2 x 21.8 x 37.5 (21.8%)	10-D13 7-D13 D-D13	321 325	
	SWO-9E		1 x 65.4 x 25.0 (21.8%)	10-D13 7-D13 D-D13	279 283	
0.75	SW-9E			10-D13	294	
	SW-10E			7-D13	312	
	SWO-11E		1 x 21.8 x — ** 37.5 (21.8%)	8-D13 7-D13 D-D13	297 297	
	SWO-12E		2 x 21.8 x 37.5 (21.8%)	10-D13 7-D13 D-D13	321 325	
	SWO-13E		1 x 65.4 x 25.0 (21.8%)	10-D13 7-D13 D-D13	279 283	
	SWO-14E			10-D13 7-D13 D-D13	279 283	

\* Diagonal bars \*\* Opening rate

The yielding stress of steel bars D10 and D13 are 5005 and 4617 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> respectively.

## 2.2 Observation of test results

In general, the wall element has larger displacement after element cracks than that in elastic range when it is subjected to same load increment due to its lower tensile strength of concrete.

Fig. 2(a) shows that when the crack occurs in the wall element, it results in a corresponding relative displacement  $\Delta_1$  of which the associated pseudo rotating center of crack (PRCC) is PRCC1. As the lateral loading increases, the crack extends to further rotating center PRCC2 with the corresponding displacement  $\Delta_2$  (Fig. 2(b)). Since the crack length

$L_{c2}$  is larger than  $L_{c1}$ , the displacement  $\Delta_2$  becomes larger (Fig. 2(c)). These diagonal cracks initiated at the beginning stage will form the main ones which control the behavior of wall element most because of the longest crack length and the associated largest crack

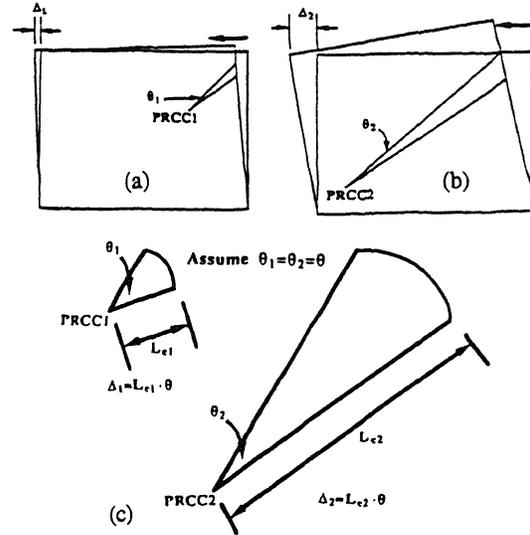


Figure 2. Development of diagonal crack.

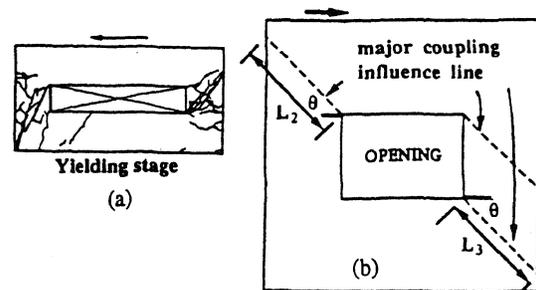


Figure 3. Crack development for SWO-7E.

width. This can be observed from Fig. 3(a). In this figure, diagonal cracks were developed and had larger crack width than that of the other cracks. These diagonal cracks result in large lateral displacement and restrict the lateral load capacity. For simplicity, the angle of main diagonal crack along the horizontal axis is assumed to be 45° to define critical (major) coupling influence line shown in Fig. 3(b). 'Critical' or 'major' here means that these diagonal cracks initiated at the earliest stage have wider crack width and longer crack length when comparing with that of the other cracks; coupling is the effect of combining flexural and shear strength. Most of diagonal cracks occur in the region underneath the major coupling influence line. Furthermore, if more diagonal cracks exist in the wall element, it may cause larger displacement. By knowing this, the effect of the horizontal steel bars is considered only underneath the top of openings. The fact from Fig. 3(a) is that the region just above the opening can be assumed to be elastic range since it does not have any crack, that is due to free end on the bottom side (or at the top of the opening). Therefore, it can be seen in Fig. 4 that this wedge-shaped region (assumed at crack

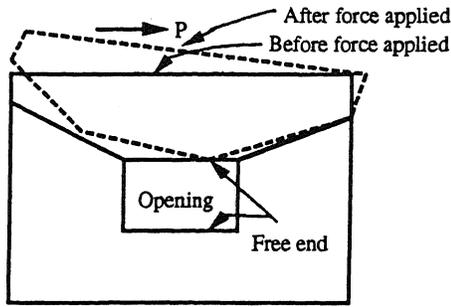


Figure 4. Wedge-shaped region.

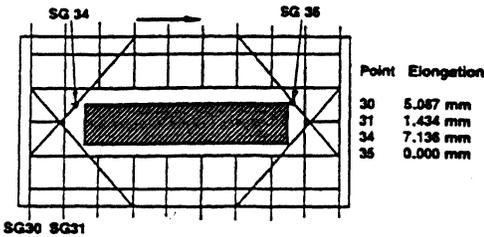


Figure 5. Elongation of diagonal bars for SWO-8E.

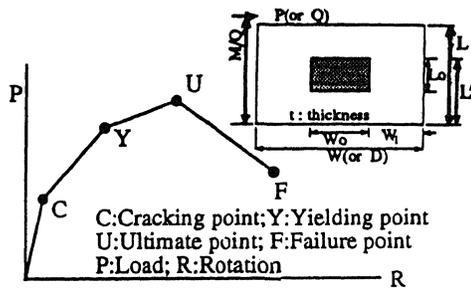


Figure 6. Critical points of backbone curve.

situation) can rotate and the vertical bars could yield along the crack on the both side of the wedge-shaped region. Based on this, the vertical bars are considered on the both side of opening through the overall length of the wall element.

Comparing the displacement from different strain gauges on the vertical bars and the diagonal bars from Fig. 5 (for the wall SWO-8E), it was found that the strain gauge SG34 for diagonal bars has large elongation (7.136 mm), and the strain gauge on the opposite side of loading point is 0.000 mm. That means the diagonal bar on the opposite side of loading point has little compression or tension; this phenomenon is also observed from other tests. Therefore, only the diagonal bars on the same side of loading point are considered. The lower diagonal bars on this side are also considered as they are located in tension. On the contrary, the lower diagonal bars on the opposite side of the loading point are neglected due to compression.

### 2.3 Semi-empirical equations

By using analytical derivation coupling with curve-fitting technique of experimental results, a set of equations has been developed for calculating forces and displacements at different loading stages. The force-displacement relationship or backbone curve is shown in Fig. 6 which includes the cracking (C), yielding (Y), ultimate (U), and failure (F) points. The derivation includes various effects of shear-span-length ratio  $MQD (=M/QD)$ ,  $M$  is the moment at the bottom of the wall), the height ratio of opening  $\alpha_0 (=L_0/L)$ , the width ratio of opening  $\beta_0 (=W_0/W)$ , the horizontal location factor of opening  $\beta_1 (=W_1/W)$ , and vertical location factor of opening  $LWP (=L'/W_1)$  (see Fig. 6). The units used here are cm, kg and  $kg/cm^2$ . The equations of loading capacities and displacements corresponding to cracking, yielding, ultimate and failure stages are respectively listed in (a), (b), (c), and (d) in the following. Let

$$PWH = \left( \sum (\rho_{wh} f_y) \right) (L/W) \quad (1)$$

$$PWH1 = \left( \sum (\rho_{wh} f_y / 5000) \right) (L/W) \quad (2)$$

$$PWV = \left( \sum (\rho_{wv} f_y) \right) (W/L)^{a_1} \quad (3)$$

and

$$PWV1 = \left( \sum (\rho_{wv} f_y / 5000) \right) (W/L)^{a_2} \quad (4)$$

where  $\rho_{wh}, \rho_{wv}$  represent the steel ratios of horizontal and vertical bars, respectively. For the loading capacities of individual walls, the equations are as follows.

(a) Cracking

$$P_c = [A_1 + A_2 (L'/L) (\alpha_0 \beta_1)] \sqrt{f_c'} W t \quad (5)$$

in which

$$A_1 = 0.0212 + 0.2762 MQD \quad (6)$$

$$A_2 = 1.1531 - 1.2215 MQD \quad (7)$$

(b) Yielding

$$P_y = [A_3 + A_4 \log_{10} \left( \frac{L'}{L} (\alpha_0 \beta_1) \right)] P_u \quad (8)$$

in which

$$A_3 = 1.2657 - 0.3188 MQD \quad (9)$$

$$A_4 = 0.2702 - 0.1362MQD \quad (10)$$

(c) Ultimate

$$P_u = \tau_u Wt \quad (11)$$

$$\tau_u = [U_1 + U_2(L'/L)(\alpha_0\beta_1)]\sqrt{f'_c} + U_3 \cdot PWH + U_4 \cdot PWV \quad (12)$$

where

$$U_1 = 0.932 - 1.169MQD \quad (13)$$

$$U_2 = -1.1741 + 1.5588MQD \quad (14)$$

$$U_3 = 0.3128 - 0.3249MQD \quad (15)$$

$$U_4 = -0.1759 + 0.3079MQD \quad (16)$$

Here  $a_1$  in PWV is 4.7663. The effects of horizontal bars  $\sum (p_{wb}f_y)$  in PWH (or PWH1) and vertical bars  $\sum (p_{wv}f_y)$  in PWV (or PWV1) will be discussed later

(d) Failure

$$P_f = (P_c + P_y)/2 \quad (17)$$

The displacements corresponding to the four loading stages are listed as follows.

(a) Cracking

$$D_c = C_1(F_{c1} + F_{c2} + F_{c3})(P_c L/GA_{og})\sqrt{f'_c}/280 \quad (18)$$

in which

$$C_1 = 5.007 - 3.941MQD \quad (19)$$

$$F_{c1} = 0.1775 - 9.61(L'/L)(W_1/W)(\alpha_0\beta_0) \quad (20)$$

$$F_{c2} = 1903(PWV1) \quad (21)$$

$$F_{c3} = -1092(PWH1) \quad (22)$$

and

$$|F_{c1} + F_{c2}| > |F_{c3}| \quad (23)$$

$$A_{og} = (W - W_o)t + \sum_{i=1}^{NVB} (n_i - 1)(A_{vi}) \quad (24)$$

In Eq. 21, PWV1 is given in Eq. 4 where  $a_2 = -0.8418$

In Eq. (24)  $A_{og}$  is the transformed cross sectional area; NVB is the number of the vertical bars (Fig. 7);

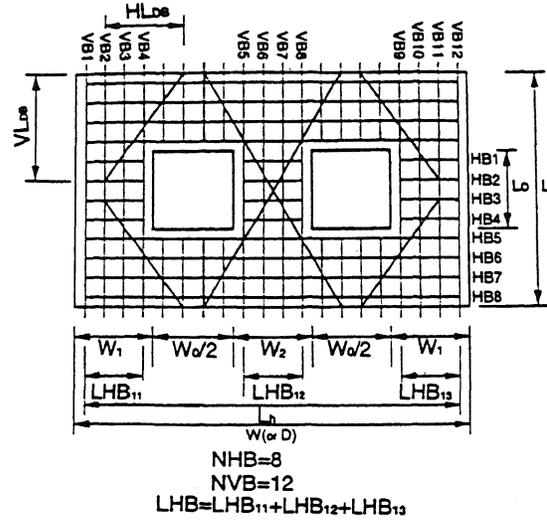


Figure 7. Number of vertical, horizontal bars considered in the calculation.

Table 2. Number of diagonal bars in calculation and  $f_r$  value.

WALL TYPE & COREY.	1		2		3			4			
	DB1	DB2	DB1	DB2	DB1	DB2	DB3	DB1	DB2	DB3	DB4
NDB	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$f_r$	0.5	0.5	1.00	0.5	1.00	1.00	0.5	1.00	0.5	1.00	1.00

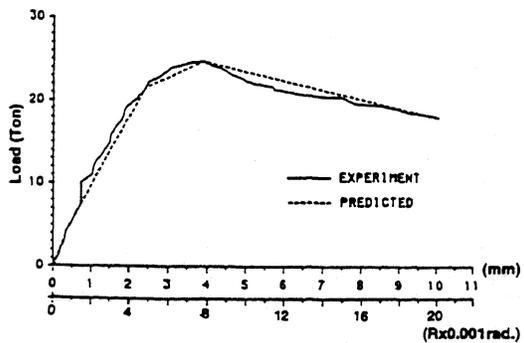


Figure 8. Comparison of experimental and calculated backbone curves for SWO-8E.

$A_v$  is the cross sectional area of the vertical steel bar; and

$$n_i = \frac{E_s}{E_c} = \frac{\sigma_y/\epsilon_{sy}}{15000\sqrt{f'_c}} = \frac{\sigma_y}{37.5\sqrt{f'_c}} \quad (25)$$

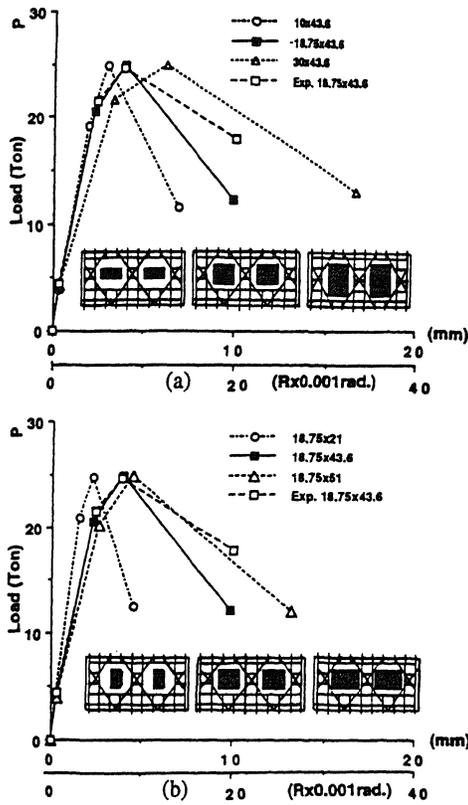


Figure 9. Comparison of backbone curves of different shear walls with openings.

where  $\varepsilon_{sy}$  is assumed to be 0.0025.

(b) Yielding

$$D_y = Y_1(F_{y1} + F_{y2} + F_{y3}) (P_y L / GA_{og}) \sqrt{f_c' / 280} \quad (26)$$

in which

$$Y_1 = -1.878 + 3.773MQD \quad (27)$$

$$F_{y1} = 7.697 + 229.2(L'/L)(W_1/W)(\alpha_0\beta_0) \quad (28)$$

$$F_{y2} = 2622(PWV1) \quad (29)$$

$$F_{y3} = -6691(PWH1) \quad (30)$$

and

$$|F_{y1} + F_{y2}| > |F_{y3}| \quad (31)$$

Here  $a_2$  in PWV1 is 0.6751.

(c) Ultimate

$$D_u = U_1(F_{u1} + F_{u2} + F_{u3}) (P_u L / GA_{og}) \sqrt{f_c' / 280} \quad (32)$$

in which

$$U_1 = -0.7435 + 2.4MQD \quad (33)$$

$$F_{u1} = 13.05 + 488.6(L'/L)(W_1/W)(\alpha_0\beta_0) \quad (34)$$

$$F_{u2} = 2214(PWV1) \quad (35)$$

$$F_{u3} = -7685(PWH1) \quad (36)$$

and

$$|F_{u1} + F_{u2}| > |F_{u3}| \quad (37)$$

Here  $a_2$  in PWV1 is 0.2997.

(d) Failure

$$D_f = (C_{f1} + C_{f2}(LWP))D_u \quad (38)$$

in which

$$C_{f1} = 2.2349 - 3.4173MQD \quad (39)$$

$$C_{f2} = 1.5608 - 0.4736MQD \quad (40)$$

In Eqs. (1) to (4),  $\sum (\rho_{wh}f_y)$  and  $\sum (\rho_{wv}f_y)$  are defined as

$$\sum (\rho_{wh}\sigma_y) = \frac{1}{L_t}(EHB) + \frac{1}{L_t}(EDBH) \quad (41)$$

$$\sum (\rho_{wv}f_y) = \frac{1}{W_t}(EVB) + \frac{1}{W_t}(EDBV) \quad (42)$$

where

$$EHB = \sum_{i=1}^{NHB} ((A_{hi})(f_{yh})(f_{ihh})) \quad (43)$$

$$EDBH = \sum_{i=1}^{NDB} ((A_{di})(f_{yh})(f_{adh})(f_{idh})(f_{rh})) \quad (44)$$

$$EVB = \sum_{i=1}^{NVB} ((A_{vi})(f_{yh})) \quad (45)$$

$$EDBV = \sum_{i=1}^{NDB} ((A_{di})(f_{yh})(f_{adv})(f_{idv})(f_{rh})) \quad (46)$$

$$(f_{ihh}) = (LHB)/L_h \quad (47)$$

$$(f_{adh}) = (HB_{DB})/\sqrt{(HL_{DB})^2 + (VL_{DB})^2} \quad (48)$$

$$(f_{idh}) = (HL_{DB})/L_h \quad (49)$$

$$(f_{idv}) = (VL_{DB})/L_h \quad (50)$$

Table 3. Summary of hysteresis rules.

	$ D_{max}  < D_c$	$D_c <  D_{max}  < D_y$	$D_y <  D_{max} $
(a)	* $K=O_{SOC}$ , (11*)	* $K=O_{SCY}$ ** or $SCY$ , (211)	* If $D_c <  DP  < D_y$ , $K=SCY$ , (3121) * If $D_y <  DP  < D_u$ , $K=O_{STU}$ or $STU$ , (3111) * If $D_u <  DP $ , $K=SUF$ , (3112)
(b)	* $K=O_{SOC}$ , (112)	1. $Keyfs < 0.7F_y$ * If $F_c/3 <  FP  < 0.7F_y$ , $K=SOC$ , (2211) * If $ FP  < F_c/3$ , $K=STC'$ , (2212) (If $K > SOC$ , $K=Ka$ ) 2. $Keyfs > 0.7F_y$ * $K=Kd$ , (2221) * $K=\max(SMC', SOB)$ , (2222) * $K=SNY'$ , (2223) (If $SNY' < SNO$ , $K=1.5SNO$ )	* $K=Kd$ , (321) * $K=SOB$ , (3221) * If $D_{max} < 1.6D_{uo}$ , $K=SNY'$ , (3231) * If $D_{max} > 1.6D_{uo}$ , $K=SRC'$ , (3232)
(c)	* If $X_o=0$ , $K=O_{SOC}$ , (11) * If $X_o=0$ , $K=S_{XoC}'$ , (131) (above for $Keyds > D_c$ ) * If $Keyds < D_c$ , $K=Ka$ , (1313)	* If $DN < 0.75D_{uo}$ , $K=S_{XoC}'$ , (2312) (If $Keyds < D_c$ , $K=Ka$ , (2313)) * If $DN > 0.75D_{uo}$ , $K=SR$ , (231)	* If $DN < 0.75D_{uo}$ , $K=S_{XoC}'$ , (3412) (If $Keyds < D_c$ , $K=Ka$ , (3413)) * If $DN > 0.75D_{uo}$ , $K=SR$ , (341)
(d)		* $K=Kb$ , (251) * $K=0.5Kb$ , (252)	* $K=Kb$ , (331) * $K=0.2Kb$ , (332)

NOTE: For small amplitude] \* rule number | DP : current displ.  
loop | \*\* if no energy dissipation | Original backbone curve  
\*  $K=Kc$ , (241) | C', Y': cracking pt., and yielding | uses  $O_{SOC}$ ,  $O_{SCY}$ , etc.  
\*  $K=Kf$ , (242) | pt. in the opposite side | Reference curve uses  
\*  $K=Kg=0.4KE$ , (242) (if |  $DN$  : max. displ. before current |  $SOC$ ,  $SCY$ , etc.  
 $DN < 0.75D_{uo}$ ,  $K=Kg=SCY$ ) | cycle |  $Kd, Ka$  : verticle line  
(a) Loading (b) Unloading (c) Reversal loading (d) Reloading after unloading

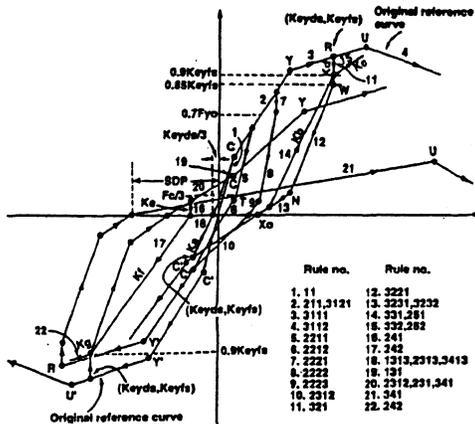


Figure 10. Hysteresis loops.

$$(f_{adv})_i = (V_{LDB})_i / \sqrt{(H_{LDB})_i^2 + (V_{LDB})_i^2} \quad (51)$$

Determination of  $f_r$  is shown in Table 2.

### 2.4 Comparison of results and discussions

Fig. 8 shows the comparison between experimental data and calculated results of wall SWO-6E, the difference is very small. The comparisons of load-displacement curves for various opening sizes are shown in Fig. 9. In Fig. 9(a), the width of each opening of the three walls is 43.6 cm but opening height varies. It shows that the wall with larger opening height has larger deflection at failure stage but not much difference at crack and yield. In Fig. 9(b), the opening height in each wall is 18.75 cm, but the

opening width varies. The wall having larger opening width suffers more deflection, but negligible difference at crack, slight difference at yield. All these curves are compared with the experimental results of wall SWO-6E.

### 3 HYSTERESIS MODEL

The hysteresis rules are controlled by displacement in this model. From Table 3,  $D_{max}$  is defined as the maximum displacement in current cycle. The cycle means the force must undergo positive and negative phases with displacement at the same side, and then go back to zero force. The general hysteresis rules shown in Fig. 10 represent the behavior of a shear wall with opening and are highly related to the shear-span-length ratio ( $MQD$ ), opening location factor ( $LWP$ ), opening height ratio ( $\alpha_0$ ), and energy dissipation factor

$(\sum E_d / (F_{uo} D_{uo}))$ , where  $\sum E_d$  is the summation of the energy dissipation;  $F_{uo}$  and  $D_{uo}$  are the ultimate load and ultimate displacement of the original backbone curve, respectively. The comparison between test results and predicted responses is shown in Fig. 11; the curve predicted is very close to the experimental response of wall SWO-8E.

### 4 CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, the equations of the backbone curve and the hysteresis rules of low-rise non-boundary shear walls with openings are established. The comparisons of predicted response and experimental results at various loading stages of cracking, yielding, ultimate, and failure are good. The load capacity and deflection

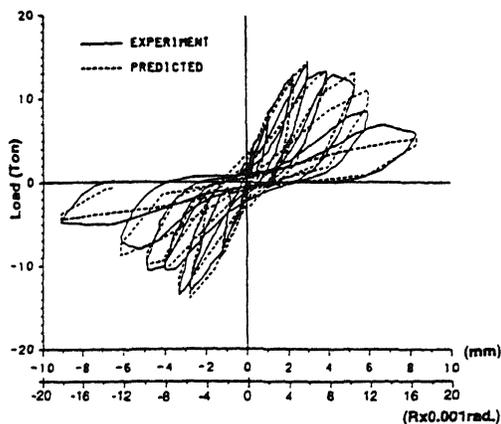


Figure 11. Comparison of experimental and calculated hysteretic responses for SWO-8E.

equations as well as the hysteresis model proposed here can accurately predict the response behavior of structural systems with perforated shear walls.

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