

# Experimental investigation into the behaviour of injection anchors in stone masonry

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# Seismic behaviour of URM buildings

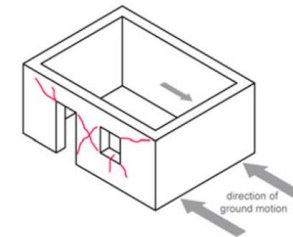
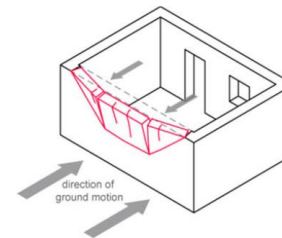
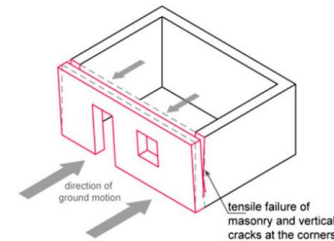
## Local out-of-plane overturning

## Global mechanism

- Interaction between out-of-plane and in-plane walls

## Vulnerabilities

- Low material properties
- Unfavourable geometrical layout
- Inappropriate diaphragm stiffness
- Poor connections



Ortega et al. (2018)

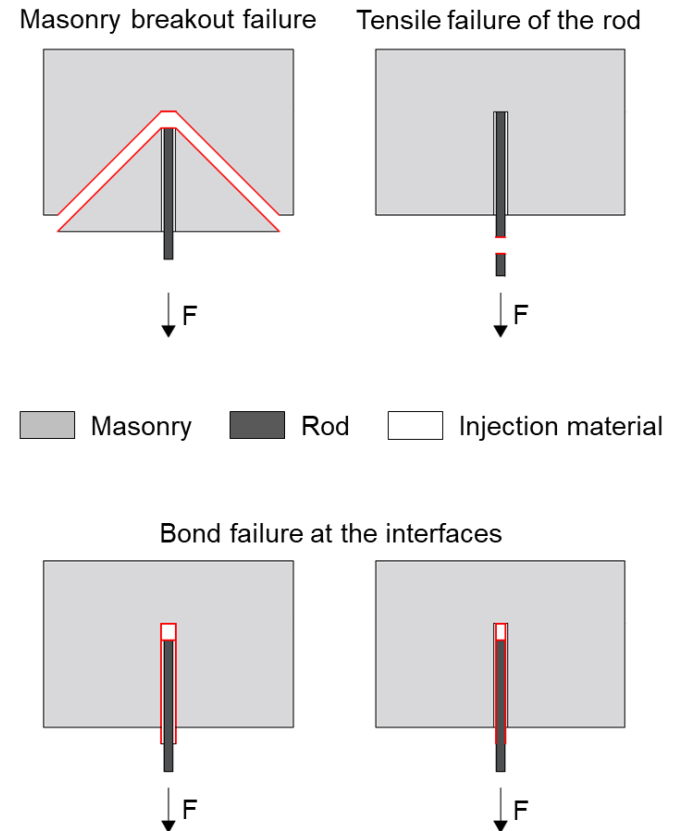
# Injection anchors

Common technique to improve WTD connections

Several possible failure modes

When used in stone masonry:

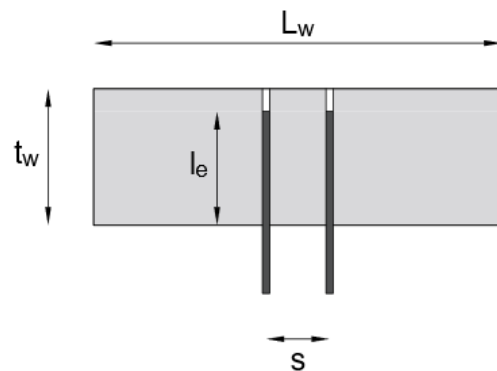
- Little experimental evidence of their structural behaviour
- No specific design formulas in current building codes and guidelines



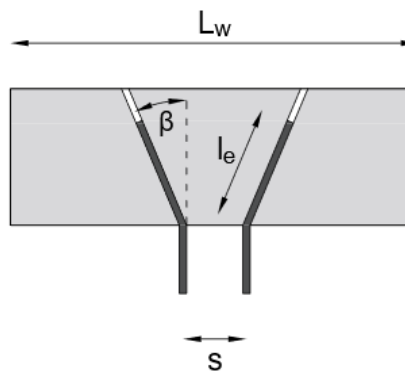
# Pull-out tests

Behaviour of anchors in stone masonry using epoxy resin, when masonry breakout failure occurs

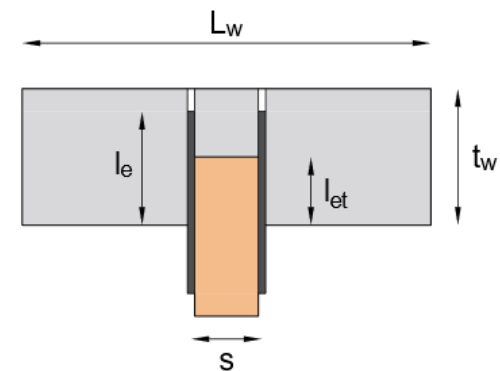
- 3 series - 4 specimens per series
- Anchoring detail - Overburden stress - Presence of a joist pocket



PA specimens



IA specimens



PAT specimens

# Specimens

## Double-leaf rubble stone masonry

- $0.9 \times 0.9 \times 0.3 \text{ m}^3$
- Mortar:  $f_{ft} = 0.91 \text{ MPa}$ ,  $f_c = 4.36 \text{ MPa}$
- Stone:  $f_c = 116.3 \text{ MPa}$

## A pair of steel threaded bars with epoxy resin adhesive

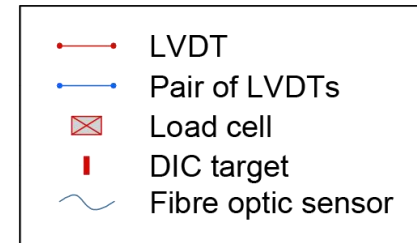
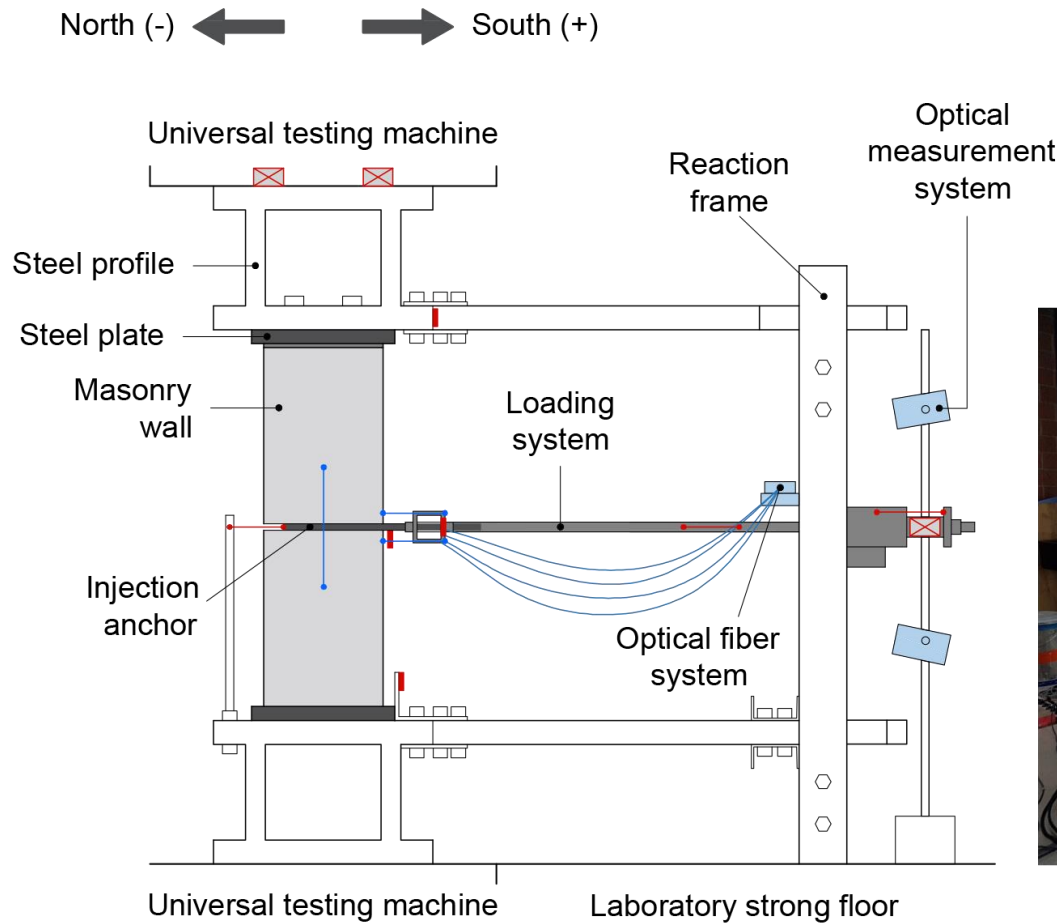
- Hilti HIT-RE 500
- $l_e = 250 \text{ mm}$
- $d = 16 \text{ mm}$
- $s = 140 \text{ mm}$

## Crack repair for PAT specimens

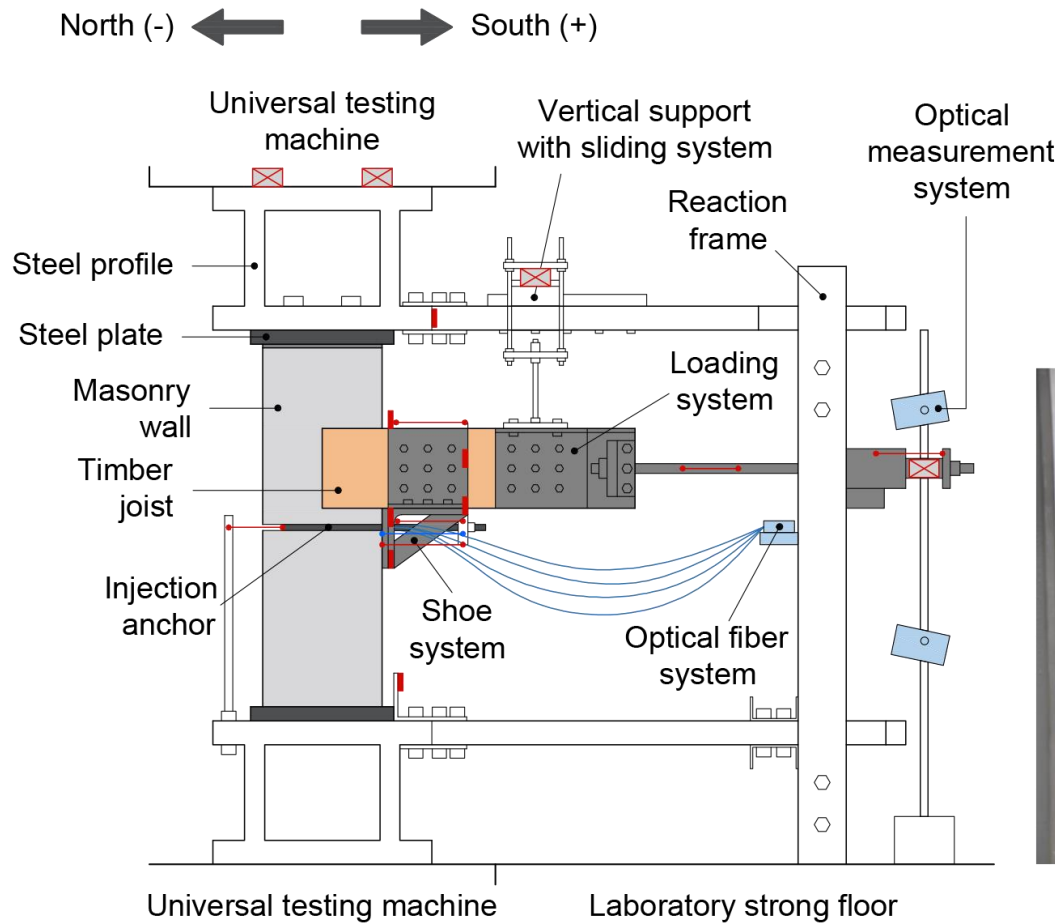




# Test setup – PA & IA specimens

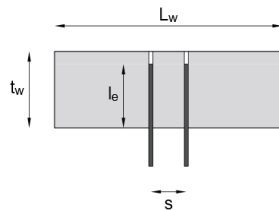


# Test setup – PAT specimens

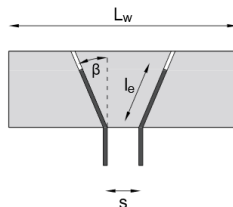


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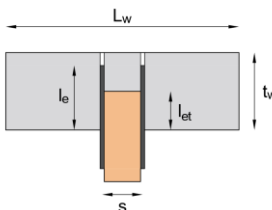
# Pull-out load capacities



Specimen name	$\sigma_v$ [MPa]	$F_{max}$ [kN]	$\Delta F_{max}$ [mm]
PA1	0.1	-	
PA2	0.1	42.4	0.7
PA3	0.2	50.3	1.1
PA4	0.2	57.1	2.6



Specimen name	$\sigma_v$ [MPa]	$F_{max}$ [kN]	$\Delta F_{max}$ [mm]
IA1	0.2	51.7	0, 89, 0.93
IA2	0.2	55.5	0.66, 1.28
IA3	0.2	55.1	0.93, 1.05
IA4	0.3	64.6	0.86, 0.90

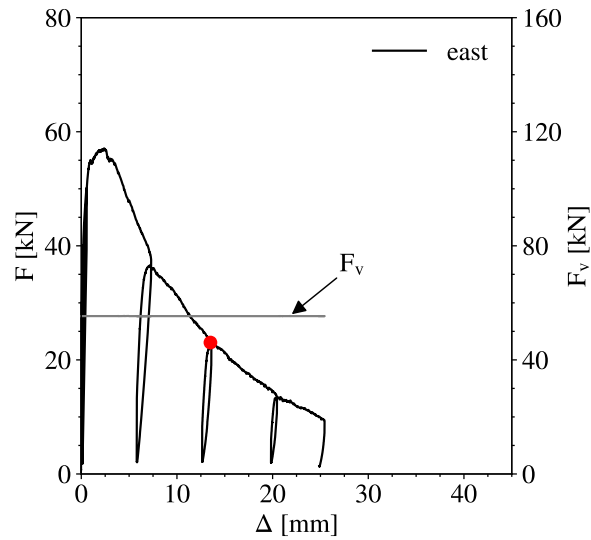


Specimen name	$\sigma_v$ [MPa]	$F_{max}$ [kN]	$\Delta F_{max}$ [mm]
PAT1	0.2	60.9	2.71
PAT2	0.2	75.9	1.72
PAT3	0.1	41.9	1.44
PAT4	0.3	57.4	2.86

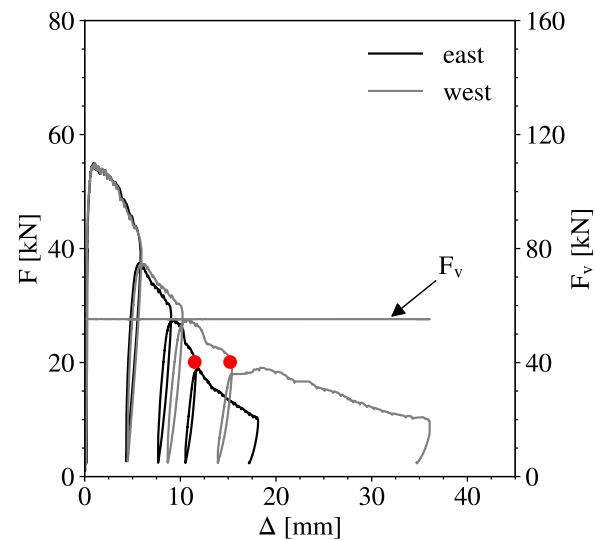


# Force-displacement curve and failure mode

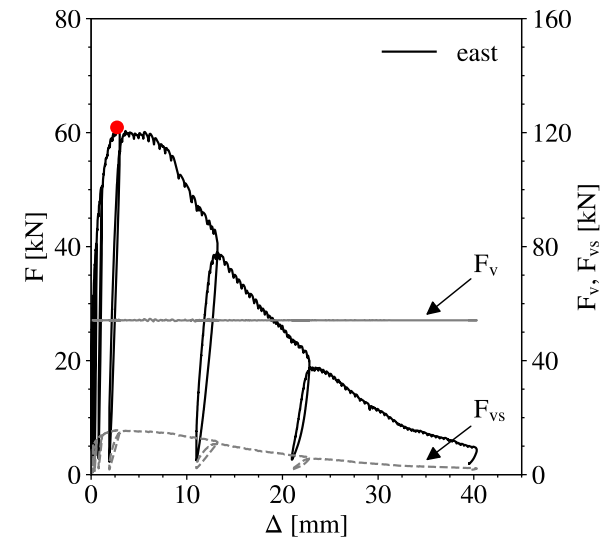
PA4



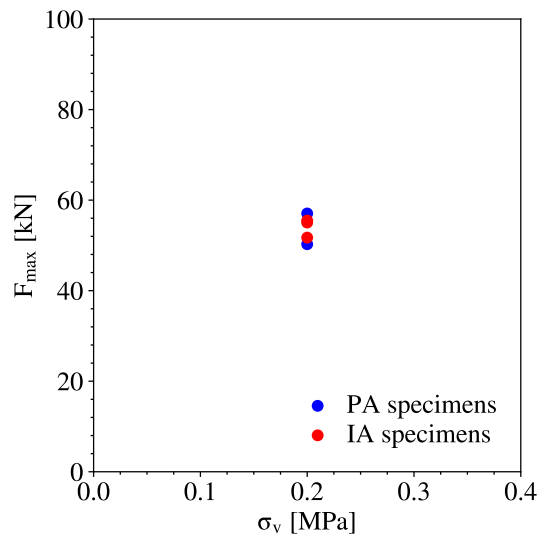
IA3



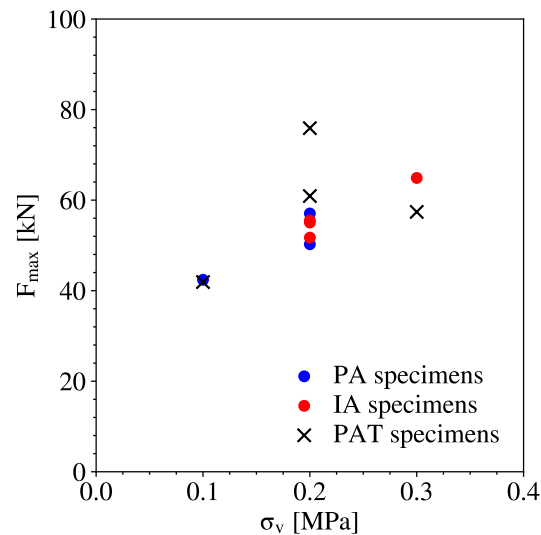
PAT1



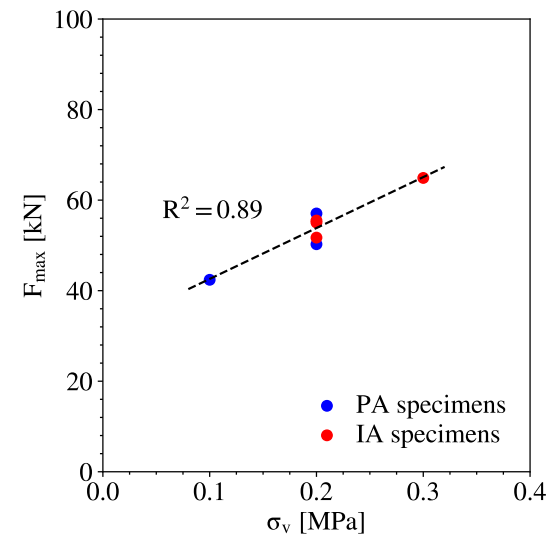
# Investigated parameters on $F_{\max}$



When  $\sigma_v = 0.20$  MPa,  
 $F_{\max} = 54.0$  kN (CoV = 5%)



Influence of grouting



For PA and IA specimens,  
 $R^2 = 0.89$

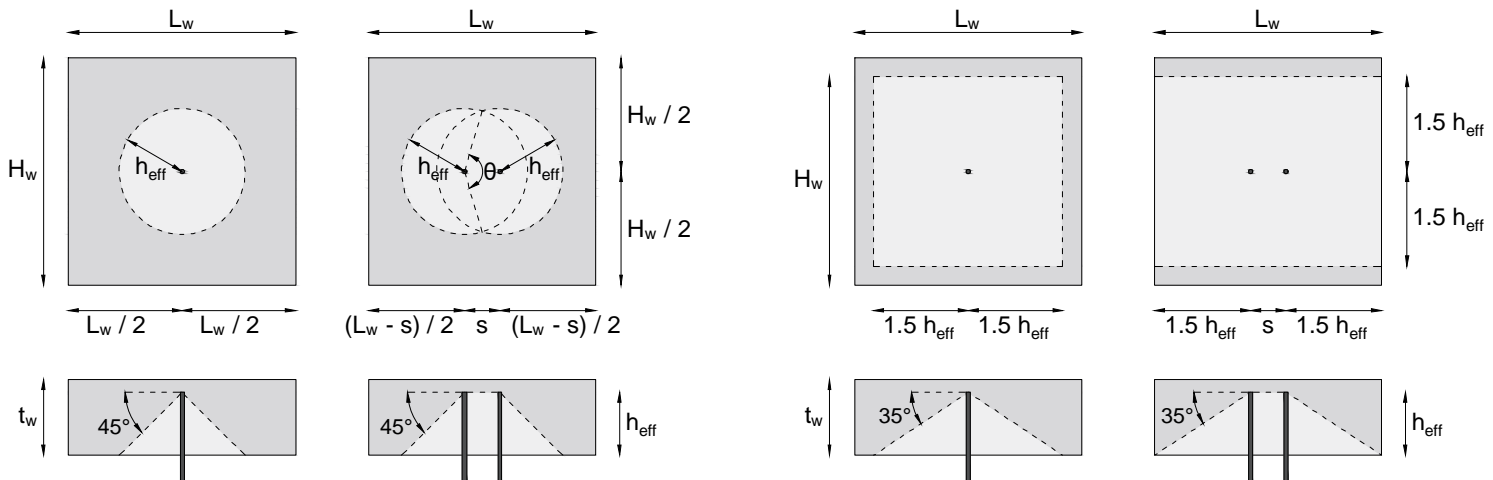
# Prediction of pull-out load capacity

## Semi-empirical formulas

$$F_{\max}^p = (A/A^0) \kappa \sqrt{f_c} h_{\text{eff}}^\alpha,$$

with:  $\kappa = \kappa_1 \kappa_2$  and  $\alpha = 2.0$ , (plasticity-based models)

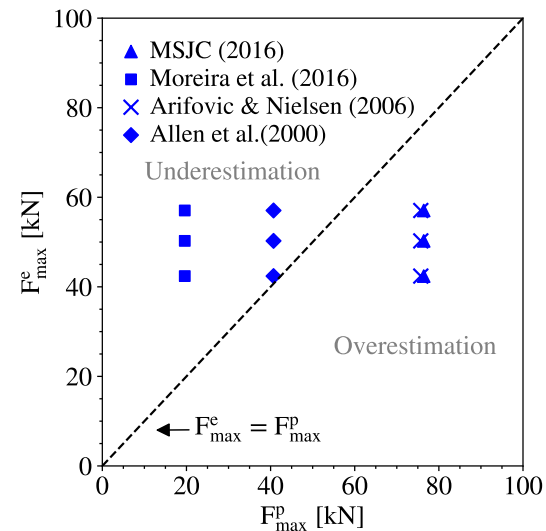
$\kappa = \kappa_1 \kappa_2 \kappa_3$  and  $\alpha = 1.5$ . (CCD method)



# Prediction of pull-out load capacity

## Semi-empirical formulas

- Calibrated for brick masonry
- Scattered results
- Do not account for the effect of overburden stress

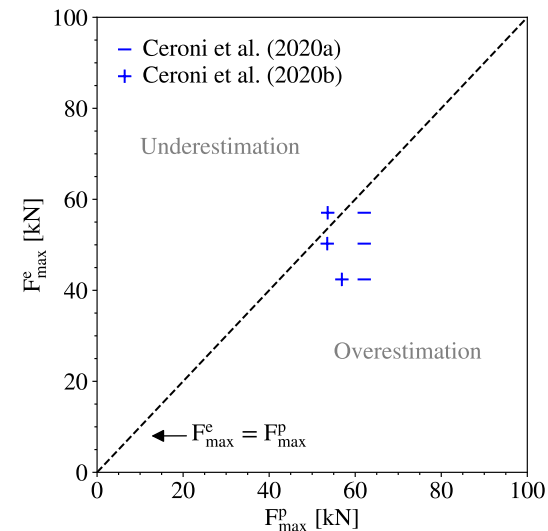


Author	Formula	MAE [kN]	MAPE [-]
MSJC (2016)	$F_{\max}^p = (A_{pt}/A_{pt}^0) 0.33 \pi \sqrt{f_m} h_{eff}^2$	26.4	0.55
Moreira et al. (2016)	$F_{\max}^p = (A_{pt}/A_{pt}^0) \kappa_1 \pi \sqrt{f_m} h_{eff}^2$ with $0.08 \leq \kappa_1 \leq 0.33$	30.3	0.60
Arifovic & Nielsen (2006)	$F_{\max}^p = (A_{pt}/A_{pt}^0) 0.96 \sqrt{f_m} h_{eff}^2 (1 + d/h_{eff})$	25.7	0.54
Allen et al. (2000)	$F_{\max}^p = 1.4 [(A_{cN}/A_{cN}^0) 7.11 \sqrt{f_m} h_{eff}^{1.5}]$	9.3	0.17

# Prediction of pull-out load capacity

## Empirical formulas

- Pull-out tests database
- Effect of overburden stress
- Failed in predicting the  $F_{\max} - \sigma_v$  relationship observed in this study



Author	Formula	MAE [kN]	MAPE [-]
Ceroni et al. (2020a)	$F_{\max}^p = k \alpha \left( \frac{d}{d_0} \right)^\beta l_e^\gamma d_0^\delta 0.25 f_{cg}^\varepsilon$	12.1	0.26
Ceroni et al. (2020b)	$F_{\max}^p = k \left[ \alpha \frac{(0.67 f_t + 0.4 \sigma_v)^\beta}{f_m^\theta} + \gamma d_0^\delta l_e^\varepsilon (0.67 f_t + 0.4 \sigma_v)^\eta \right]$	7.1	0.11



## Final remarks & Work in progress

- Pull-out tests to investigate anchoring detail, presence of joist pocket and vertical loading ( $\sigma_v$ )
- For all specimens:
  - $F \leq F_{\max} \rightarrow$  near-linear branch & no visible damage on the wall surface
  - After  $F_{\max} \rightarrow$  significant decrease in force & rapid cracking propagation
  - $F_{\max} = 41.9 \text{ kN} - 75.9 \text{ kN}$
  - Masonry breakout failure
- Significant influence of  $\sigma_v$  on  $F_{\max}$
- Need for an analytical formulation which includes  $\sigma_v$  as a governing parameter when estimating  $F_{\max}$

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