Field Tests on RC Buildings of Hsin-Tseng Junior High School in Taiwan for Seismic Resistance



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Outline

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Introduction

921 Chi-Chi Earthquake



Typical Plan of School Buildings

←Brick Wall



Corridor

Weak Direction

Collapse in the Weak Direction



Typical Elevation of School Buildings



Window Sills and Captive Columns

Column Failures but No Collapse



Field Investigation



Testing Plan

Hsin-Tseng Junior High School Hualien County, Taiwan



Material Properties and Column Reinforcement

 $f_c' = 26MPa \qquad f_y = 320MPa$



Testing Objectives



Lateral Load Test Seismic resistance along corridor direction Vertical Load Test Vertical load carrying mechanism after column failures

Lateral Load Test



Test Setup





Braces and Jacks



Instrumentation

Free End

Loaded End





Displacement Gauge: -----

Lateral Displacement





Loaded End

Free End

Loading Process

Roof Displacement = 30cm Drift= 4%



Test Results



Failure Mode 1 Flexural



Failure Mode 2 Flexural Shear





Discussion



Contributions of Brick Walls



Frame 3 Brick Wall

Frame 2 Brick Wall



Tri-linear Stiffness Model (adapted from Doherty, 2000)

Retrofitting of Brick Walls



Vertical Load Test



Test Objective



Typical Column Failures of School Buildings

Test Setup



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Displacement Gauge



Loading - Water Tanks



Weight of Water

Weight of Building $\cong 0.7$

Total Load of Water = 1040kN

Test Results



Crack Pattern – Flexural Cracks

Max. residual width of crack = 0.2mm

Loading

Removed

Discussion

Vertical Load Carrying Mechanism Exists



Future Study

Out-of-Plane Resistance of Brick Walls

More Field Tests of School Buildings

Test of Brick Walls

Out-of-Plane Behavior



Field Tests – Kouhu Elementary School (Summer, 2005)



Static Pushover Tests

1. More Axial Loads

2. Effect of Retrofitting Using RC Wing Walls

3. In-Plane Seismic Resistance of Brick Walls

Testing Plan

Lateral Load Test



Seismic Resistance of Brick Walls

Pure Frame

Retrofitting Using RC Wing Walls

Thank you for your attention