# Design of Masonry Shear **Walls**

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# Course Description

The design of reinforced masonry shear walls using both the Allowable Stress Design method and the Strength Design method will be covered in this webinar. The requirements for both the design for overturning and the design for shear are explained. The prescriptive seismic detailing requirements for each of three reinforced masonry shear walls types, ordinary, intermediate, and special, are explained, with particular attention to special reinforced shear walls. The design process is illustrated with examples.

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# Learning Objectives

- **Understand the three different types of reinforced masonry** shear walls and the requirements for each type.
- **Understand seismic design requirements for shear walls.**
- **Understand the design process for shear walls using the** Allowable Stress Design method.
- Understand the design process for shear walls using the Strength Design method.







#### Partially Grouted Shear Wall Factor



#### Calculate net area,  $A_{nv}$ , including grouted cells.



# Table 2, TMS 602, CMU Unit Strength Table



# $m'_{m}$  = 2000 psi vs.  $f'_{m}$  = 1500 psi

- □ Small effect on overturning (flexural reinforcement)
- □ Significant effect on maximum reinforcement
- 13% decrease in development and splice length
- □ 15% increase in masonry shear strength



# Shear Wall Types









- **Allowable Stress Design** 
	- Calculated shear stress increased by 1.5
	- Allowable shear stress due to masonry approximately 1/2
- Strength Design
	- **Design shear strength,**  $\phi V_n$ **, greater than shear corresponding** to 1.25 times nominal flexural strength,  $M_n$
	- Except  $V_n$  need not be greater than 2.5 $V_n$ .
	- Normal design:  $\phi V_n$  has to be greater than  $V_u$ . Thus,  $V_n$  has to be greater than  $V_u/\phi = V_u/0.8 = 1.25V_u$ . This requirement doubles the shear.







### Allowable Stress Design

Shear stress is computed as:

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

■ Allowable shear stress

$$
\bullet \quad F_v = (F_{vm} + F_{vs}) \gamma_g
$$

- $\gamma_g = 0.75$  for partially grouted shear walls, 1.0 otherwise
- **Allowable stress limit** 
	- $M/(Vd_v) \le 0.25$   $F_v = (3\sqrt{f'_m})\gamma_g$
	- $M/(Vd_v) \ge 1.0$  $F_n = \left(2\sqrt{f'_m}\right)\gamma_a$
	- 0.25 <  $M/(Vd_v)$  < 1.0

$$
F_v = \left(\frac{2}{3}\left(5 - 2\frac{M}{Vdv}\right)\right)Y_g
$$

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### Allowable Stress Design

Allowable masonry shear stress

$$
F_{vm} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 4 - 1.75 \left( \frac{M}{V d_v} \right) \right] \sqrt{f'_m} + 0.25 \frac{P}{A_n}
$$

Special reinforced walls:

$$
F_{vm} = \frac{1}{4} \left[ 4 - 1.75 \left( \frac{M}{V d_v} \right) \right] \sqrt{f'_m} + 0.25 \frac{P}{A_n}
$$

Allowable reinforcement shear stress

$$
F_{\nu s} = 0.5 \left( \frac{A_{\nu} F_s d_{\nu}}{A_{\nu} s} \right)
$$

- Shear reinforcement is placed parallel the direction of the applied force at a maximum spacing of  $d/2$  or 48 in.
- One third of  $A_v$  is required perpendicular to the applied force at a spacing of no more than 8 ft.







#### Design Procedure: Single Layer of Reinforcement 24 If  $k \leq k_{hol}$  tension controls; determine kd from cubic equation.  $\frac{t_{sp}F_s}{6n}[kd]^3 - \frac{t_{sp}dF_s}{2n}[kd]^2 - \left(P\left(d - \frac{d_v}{2}\right)\right)$  $\left(\frac{d_v}{2}\right) + M\right)[kd] + \left(P\left(d - \frac{d_v}{2}\right)]$  $\frac{1}{2}$  + M  $\int$  d = 0  $A_{s, read} = \frac{1}{2}$  $rac{1}{2}(kd)t_{sp}(\frac{1}{n})$  $\boldsymbol{n}$  $\left(\frac{kd}{d - kd}\right) - \frac{P}{F_s}$  $F_{S}$ Determination of  $k_{bal}$ .  $k_{bal} = \frac{F_b}{\sigma}$  $F_b + \frac{F_s}{n}$  $\boldsymbol{n}$  $=\frac{F_b}{\sqrt{2}}$  $F_b + \frac{F_s}{E_s}$  $\frac{E_s}{4}$  $E_m$  $=\frac{0.45 f'_m}{3}$  $0.45f_m' + \frac{32}{129000k}$ 29000ksi 900 $f'_m$  $=$   $\frac{0.45}{0.45}$  $0.45 + \frac{32}{29000}$ 900  $= 0.312$ For clay masonry,  $E_m = 700 f'_m$  ,  $k_{bal} = 0.368$







#### Example: ASD-1 Iterate. Use  $kd = 5.181$ in. as new guess and repeat until convergence.  $M' = P\left(\frac{d_v}{2}\right)$  $rac{d_v}{2} - \frac{kd}{3}$  $\left(\frac{d}{3}\right)$  = 5k  $\left(\frac{24 \text{ in.}}{2}\right)$  $\frac{4.00 \text{ in.}}{2} - \frac{4.00 \text{ in.}}{3}$  $\frac{1}{3}$  = 53.33k · in.  $A_{s,req} = \frac{M - M'}{1 - M}$  $F_s d\left(1-\frac{k}{3}\right)$  $=\frac{216k \cdot in. -53.3k \cdot in.}{6.200}$  $32$ ksi(20in.)  $\left(1 - \frac{0.200}{3}\right)$  $= 0.272$ in.<sup>2</sup>  $\zeta = \frac{(P + A_{s,req}F_s)n}{F t}$  $\frac{A_{s,req}F_s}{B_{s}} = \frac{(5k + 0.272 \text{in.}^2 \text{ (32ksi) } )16.11}{32 \text{ksi} (7.625 \text{in.})} = 0.9055 \text{in.}$  $kd)_2 = \sqrt{\zeta^2 + 2\zeta}d - \zeta = \sqrt{(0.9055)}$ in.)<sup>2</sup> + 2(0.9055in.)20in.– 0.9055in.  $= 5.181$ in.

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#### Example: ASD-1 30 Given: 2 ft long, 8 ft high CMU pier; Type S masonry cement mortar; Grade 60 steel; fully grouted.  $P = 5$  kips; M = 18 k-ft; V = 4.5 kips Required: Check shear Solution: Material properties stay the same 20 in. 24 in.  $f_v = \frac{V}{A}$  $\frac{V}{A_{nv}} = \frac{4.5 \text{K}}{24 \text{in.} (7.625 \text{in.})} = \frac{4.5 \text{K}}{183 \text{in}}$  $\frac{1}{183} = 24.6 \text{psi}$

Determine allowable shear stress due to masonry,  $F_{vm}$ 

 $\frac{M}{V d_{\nu}} = \frac{18 \text{K} \cdot \text{ft}}{4.5 \text{K} (2 \text{ft})} = 2.0$  Use  $M/(V d_{\nu}) = 1.0$  $f_v = 24.6 \text{ psi} < F_{vm} = 57.1 \text{ psi}$  OK  $\frac{M}{V d_v} = \frac{18k \cdot \text{ft}}{4.5k(2\text{ft})} = 2.0$  $F_v = (F_{vm})\gamma = F_{vm} = \frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\bigg(4.0 - 1.75 \bigg( \frac{M}{Vd} \bigg)$  $\left(\frac{M}{V d_v}\right)\left(\sqrt{f'_m}\right] + 0.25 \frac{P}{A_v}$  $A_n$  $=\frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{2}$ [(4.0 – 1.75(1.0)) $\sqrt{2000}$ psi] + 0.25 $\frac{50000b}{183in}$ .<sup>2</sup>  $\frac{1}{183} = 57.1 \text{ psi}$ 

#### Design: Distributed Reinforcement

- Design method similar to single layer of reinforcement
	- $-$  Based on uniformly distributed reinforcement,  $A_{\scriptscriptstyle\mathcal{S}}^*$
	- Tends to overestimate reinforcement by 10-15% for wider spaced reinforcement

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- Use specified thickness, even for partial grout
- Interaction diagram to check capacity
- Spacing of intermediate reinforcing bars often controlled by out-of-plane loading







# Interaction Diagram



### Partial Grout: Equivalent **Thickness**



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# Example: ASD-2

Given: 10 ft high x 16 ft long 8 in. CMU shear wall; Grade 60 steel, Type S mortar;  $f'_m$  = 2000 psi; superimposed dead load of 1 kip/ft. In-plane seismic load of 50 kips.  $S_{DS} = 0.5$ <sup>-</sup> (just less than 0.5)

Required: Design the shear wall; ordinary reinforced shear wall

Solution: Check using 0.6D+0.7E load combination.

- $M = 0.7(50k)(10ft) = 350k \cdot ft = 4200k \cdot ft$
- Axial load,  $P$ 
	- Need to know weight of wall to determine  $P$ .
	- Need to know reinforcement spacing to determine wall weight
	- Based on next page, estimate wall weight as 45 psf
		- Wall weight:  $45 \text{psf}(10\text{ft})(16\text{ft}) = 7.2\text{k}$
	- $D = 1 \text{ k/ft} (16\text{ ft}) + 7.2\text{ k} = 23.2\text{ k}$
	- $P = (0.6 0.7(0.2)S_{DS})D = 0.53D = 0.53(23.2k) = 12.3k$

# CMU Wall Weights



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# Example: ASD-2

Calculate  $k$ ; for design purposes use full thickness of wall

$$
k = \frac{M + P\frac{d_v}{6}}{\frac{1}{3}d_v^2 F_b t_{sp} - P\frac{d_v}{3}} = \frac{4200k \cdot in. + 12.3k \frac{192in.}{6}}{\frac{1}{3}(192in.)^2 (0.90ksi)(7.625in.) - 12.3k \frac{192in.}{3}} = 0.0550
$$

Since  $k < k_{bal}$  tension controls. Solve quadratic equation.

$$
\left[\frac{1}{3}d_v^2F_s\frac{t_{sp}}{n} + P\frac{d_v}{3}\right]k^2 + \left[M - P\frac{d_v}{6}\right]k - \left[M + P\frac{d_v}{6}\right] = 0
$$
\n
$$
\left[\frac{1}{3}(192\text{in.})^2(32\text{ksi})\frac{7.625\text{in.}}{16.11} + 12.3\text{k}\frac{192\text{in.}}{3}\right]k^2 + \left[4200\text{k}\cdot\text{in.} - 12.3\text{k}\frac{192\text{in.}}{6}\right]k - \left[4200\text{k}\cdot\text{in.} + 12.3\text{k}\frac{192\text{in.}}{6}\right] = 0
$$
\n
$$
k = 0.147
$$









Given: 10 ft high x 16 ft long 8 in. CMU shear wall; Grade 60 steel, Type S mortar;  $f'_m = 2000$  psi; superimposed dead load of 1 kip/ft. In-plane seismic load of 50 kips.  $S_{DS} = 0.5$ 

Required: Design the shear wall; special reinforced shear wall Solution:

- Flexural reinforcement remains the same (although ASCE 7 allows a load factor of 0.9 for dead load for special shear walls)
- Design for 1.5V, or  $1.5(0.7)(50 \text{ kips}) = 52.5 \text{ kips}$  (Section 7.3.2.6.1.2)

- $f_v = 52.5 \frac{k}{726}$ in.<sup>2</sup> = 72.3psi
- Maximum  $F_v = 83.8$ psi OK



Due to closely spaced horizontal reinforcement, fully grout wall.  $A_{nv} = 1464$ in.<sup>2</sup>  $f_v = 35.6$ psi  $D = 1$  k/ft (16ft) + 0.081ksf(10ft)(16ft) = 29.0k  $P = 0.53D = 0.53(29.0k) = 15.3k$  $F_{vm} = 35.1$ psi  $\gamma = 1.0$  $F_{vs, read} = 0.5$ psi

Horizontal reinforcement will be controlled by prescriptive reinforcement



If we needed to check maximum reinforcing, do as follows.

$$
\rho_{max} = \frac{n f'_m}{2 f_y \left( n + \frac{f_y}{f'm} \right)} = \frac{16.1(2 \text{ksi})}{2(60 \text{ksi}) \left( 16.1 + \frac{60 \text{ksi}}{2 \text{ksi}} \right)} = 0.00582
$$

For distributed reinforcement, the reinforcement ratio is obtained as the total area of tension reinforcement divided by bd. Assume 5 out of 6 bars in tension.

$$
\rho = \frac{A_s}{bd} = \frac{5(0.31 \text{ in.}^2)}{7.625 \text{ in.} (188 \text{ in.})} = 0.00108
$$

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Example: ASD-3 50 Prescriptive Reinforcement Requirements (7.3.2.6) •  $\rho \geq 0.0007$  in each direction •  $\rho_v + \rho_h \ge 0.002$ Vertical:  $\rho_v = \frac{6(0.31 \text{ in.}^2)}{1464 \text{ in.}^2}$  $\frac{1}{1464in^2}$  = 0.00127 **OK** Horizontal: Try #5 @ 40 in.  $\rho_h = \frac{3(0.31 \text{ in.}^2)}{120 \text{ in.}(7.625 \text{ in.})} = 0.00102$  OK Total:  $\rho_v + \rho_h = 0.00127 + 0.00102 = 0.00229$  OK Maximum Spacing Requirements (7.3.2.6) maximum spacing smallest of one-third length, one-third height, 48 in.  $s_{max} = \min\left\{\frac{192in}{3}\right\}$  $\frac{2in.}{3}, \frac{120in.}{3}$  $\overline{3}$ , 48tn.  $\}$  = min $\{64n.$ , 40tn., 48tn.  $\}=40tn$ .

Given: 10 ft high x 16 ft long 8 in. CMU shear wall; Grade 60 steel, Type  $\overline{S}$  mortar;  $f'_m = 2000$  psi; superimposed dead load of 1 kip/ft. In-plane seismic load of 50 kips.  $S_{DS} = 0.5$ 

Required: Check shear friction Solution:

- Assume concrete is unfinished  $(\mu = 1.0)$
- Flexural reinforcement was 6 #5 bars;  $A_{sp} = 6(0.31$ in.<sup>2</sup>) = 1.86in.<sup>2</sup>

- $P = 15.3k$
- $M/(Vd_v) = 0.625$
- $A_{nv} = 1464$ in.<sup>2</sup>
- $f_v = 35.6 \text{psi}$









# Strength Design Assumptions

- continuity between reinforcement and grout
- equilibrium
- $\epsilon_{mu} = 0.0035$  for clay masonry,  $\varepsilon_{mu} = 0.0025$  for concrete masonry
- **plane sections remain plane**
- elasto–plastic stress–strain curve for reinforcement
- **Exercise** strength of masonry is neglected
- equivalent rectangular compressive stress block of stress  $0.80 f_m^\prime$  and depth of  $0.80 c$

# Strength Design

- Nominal shear strength
	- $V_n = (V_{nm} + V_{ns}) \gamma_g$
	- $\gamma_g = 0.75$  for partially grouted shear walls, 1.0 otherwise
- **Nominal strength limit**

$$
M_u/(V_u d_v) \le 0.25 \qquad V_n = \left(6A_{nv}\sqrt{f'_m}\right)\gamma_g
$$

 $M_u/(V_u d_v) \ge 1.0$ 

$$
\bullet \quad 0.25 < M_u / (V_u d_v) < 1.0 \qquad \qquad V_n =
$$

$$
V_n = \left(4A_{nv}\sqrt{f'_m}\right)\gamma_g
$$

$$
V_n = \left(\frac{4}{3}\left(5 - 2\frac{M_u}{V_u d_v}\right)A_{nv}\right)\gamma_g
$$

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# Strength Design

**Nominal masonry shear strength** 

$$
V_{nm} = \left[4 - 1.75 \left(\frac{M_u}{V_u d_v}\right)\right] A_{nv} \sqrt{f'_m} + 0.25 P_u
$$

- $M_u/(V_u d_V)$  is positive and need not exceed 1.0.
- **Nominal reinforcement shear strength:**

$$
V_{ns} = 0.5 \left(\frac{A_v}{s}\right) f_y d_v
$$

- shear reinforcement bent around the edge vertical reinforcing bar with a 180° standard hook.
- wall intersections: bent around the edge vertical bar with a 90° standard hook and extend horizontally into intersecting wall at least the development length.



# Shear Friction



 $A_{sp}$  = cross-sectional area of reinforcement within the net shear area, perpendicular to and crossing the horizontal shear plane

 $A_{nc}$  = net cross-sectional area between the neutral axis of bending and the fiber of maximum compressive strain calculated at the nominal moment capacity of the section



- $\mu$  = 1.0 for masonry on concrete with unfinished surface, or concrete with a surface that has been intentionally roughened
	- UBC (1997) required concrete abutting structural masonry to be roughened to a full amplitude of 1/16 inch.

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 $\mu$  = 0.70 for all other conditions

Special reinforced shear walls: The shear capacity provisions only apply to the nominal shear strength,  $V_n$ , and not to the nominal shear friction strength,  $V_{nf}$ , or when calculating the  $M_u/(V_u d_v)$  ratio.













### Design: Distributed Reinforcement

Modify design method for single layer of reinforcement

- Use  $d = 0.9d_v$
- Determine distributed reinforcement,  $A_{\rm s}^* = A_{\rm s}/0.65d_v$
- Use specified thickness, even for partial grout
- $\Box$  Interaction diagram to check capacity
- □ Spacing of intermediate reinforcing bars often controlled by out-of-plane loading



#### Interaction Diagram 70 Strain and Stress | Force | Moment Arm  $\varepsilon_{s} = \varepsilon_{mu} \frac{d-c}{c}$  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{C}}$  $\varepsilon_{si} = \varepsilon_s \frac{d_i - c}{d - c}$  $d-c$  $f_{si} = \min\{E_s \varepsilon_{si}, f_y\}$  $C = 0.8 f'_m (0.8c) t_{net}$  $T_i = A_{si} f_{si}$  $x_c = \frac{d_v}{2}$  $\frac{d_v}{2} - \frac{0.8c}{2}$ 2  $x_{T_i} = d_i - \frac{d_v}{2}$ 2

Given: 10 ft high x 16 ft long 8 in. CMU shear wall; Grade 60 steel, Type S mortar;  $f'_m$  = 2000 psi; superimposed dead load of 1 kip/ft. In-plane seismic load of 50 kips.  $S_{DS} = 0.5$ <sup>-</sup> (just less than 0.5)

Required: Design the shear wall; ordinary reinforced shear wall Solution: Check using 0.9D+1.0E load combination.

- $M_u = (50k)(10ft) = 500k \cdot ft$
- Axial load,  $P_u$ 
	- Need to know weight of wall to determine  $P$ .
	- Need to know reinforcement spacing to determine wall weight

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- Based on next page, estimate wall weight as 45 psf
	- Wall weight:  $45\text{psf}(10\text{ft})(16\text{ft}) = 7.2\text{k}$
- $D = 1 \text{ k/ft} (16\text{ ft}) + 7.2\text{ k} = 23.2\text{ k}$
- $P_u = (0.9 0.2S_{DS})D = 0.80D = 0.80(23.2k) = 18.6k$

Example: SD-2 72  $a = d - \left[ d^2 - \frac{2[P_u(d - d_v/2) + M_u]}{4(0.9 f' + 1)} \right]$  $\phi(0.8f_m't_{sp}$  $= 173$ in.  $-\sqrt{(173$ in.  $)^2 - \frac{2[18.6k(173in. - 192in. / 2) + 6000k \cdot in.]}{0.9(0.8)(2000psi)(7.625in.)}} = 3.96$ in.  $A_{s,reqd} = \frac{0.8f_m't_{sp}a - P_u/\phi}{f}$  $f_{\mathcal{Y}}$  $=\frac{0.8(2\text{ksi})(7.625\text{in.})(3.96\text{in.}) - 18.6\text{k}/0.9}{60\text{ksi}} = 0.460\text{in.}^2$  $a$ , depth of stress block  $A_{s, read}, \, \mathsf{area}$ of steel Estimate d  $d = 0.9d_v = 0.9(192 \text{in.}) = 173 \text{in.}$  $A^*_{s,reqd},$  dist.  $_{eqd}$ , dist.  $A^*_{s,reqd} = \frac{A_{s,reqd}}{0.65d_v}$  $\frac{A_{s,reqd}}{0.65d_v} = \frac{0.460 \text{in.}^2}{0.65(192 \text{in.}^2)}$ 0.65 192in.  $\frac{12 \text{ln}}{\text{ft}}$  = 0.044 in.<sup>2</sup>/ft Try #4 @ 48 in. (0.050in.<sup>2</sup> /ft)





**Example: SD-2**  
\nShear Span: 
$$
\frac{M_u}{V_u d_v} = \frac{V_u h}{V_u d_v} = \frac{h}{d} = \frac{120 \text{in.}}{192 \text{in.}} = 0.625
$$
  
\n $\phi V_{n,max} = \phi \left[ \frac{4}{3} \left( 5 - 2 \frac{M_u}{V_u d_v} \right) A_{nv} \sqrt{f'_m} \right] Y_g$   
\n $= 0.8 \left[ \frac{4}{3} (5 - 2(0.625))(685 \text{in.}^2) \sqrt{2000 \text{psi}} \right] 0.75 = 91.9 \text{kip}$   
\n $\phi V_{nm} = \phi \left[ \left( 4 - 1.75 \left( \frac{M}{V d_v} \right) \right) A_{nv} \sqrt{f'_m} + 0.25 P_u \right] Y_g$   
\nMasonry Shear:  $= 0.8 [(4 - 1.75(0.625))(685 \text{in.}^2) \sqrt{2000 \text{psi}} + 0.25(18600 \text{lb})] 0.75$   
\n $= 56.2 \text{kip}$   
\nOK

Section 9.3.3.2 Maximum Reinforcement Since  $M_u/(V_u d_v) < 1$ , strain gradient is based on 1.5 $\varepsilon_y$ .



 $c = 0.446(188$ in.) = 83.8 in.

- Calculate axial force based on  $c = 83.8$  in.
- Include compression reinforcement
- $\phi P_n$  = 323 kips
- Assume a live load of 1 k/ft
- $D + 0.75L + 0.525Q_E = (1k/ft + 0.75(1k/ft))16ft = 28$  kips

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**OK** 



Given: 10 ft high x 16 ft long 8 in. CMU shear wall; Grade 60 steel, Type S mortar;  $f'_m$  = 2000 psi; superimposed dead load of 1 kip/ft. In-plane seismic load of 50 kips.  $S_{DS} = 0.5$ 

Required: Design the shear wall; special reinforced shear wall Solution:

- Flexural reinforcement remains the same  $(#4 \text{ @ } 48 \text{ in.})$
- Design for  $2.0V_u$ , or  $2(50 \text{ kips}) = 100 \text{ kips}$  (Section  $7.3.2.6.1.2$ )
- Maximum  $V_{u}$  = 91.9 kips
- Spacing of reinforcement for special walls  $\leq$  (1/3)height = 40 in.
- By trial and error, decrease spacing of reinforcement to 32 in.
	- $A_{nv} = 767$  in.<sup>2</sup>
	- $V_{u,max} = 102.9 \text{ kip}$







Given: 10 ft high x 16 ft long 8 in. CMU shear wall; Grade 60 steel, Type S mortar;  $f'_m = 2000$  psi; superimposed dead load of 1 kip/ft. In-plane seismic load of 50 kips.  $S_{DS} = 0.5$ Required: Check shear friction

Solution:

- Assume concrete is unfinished  $(\mu = 1.0)$
- Flexural reinforcement was 7 #4 bars;  $A_{sp} = 7(0.20 \text{in.}^2) = 1.40 \text{in.}^2$
- $P_u = 18.6k$
- $M_u/(V_u d_v) = 0.625$
- $A_{nv} = 767$ in.<sup>2</sup>
- $t_{eq} = 3.83$ in.



