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**Abstract:** The purpose of this article is to use a numerical model to match the experimental results in case of steel frames with infilled masonry with or without rubber bricks at the corners (SISBRICK) under cyclic loading. The analysis are performed with opensees software using for preprocessing and postprocessing matlab. In this model the beam and column made of steel are modelled with displacement based elements and using section fiber models at each fiber the Giuffre Menegotto Pinto is used, to model the infill masonry with or without SISBRICK the concrete model based on Thorenfeldt curve is used to model the diagonals with high strength under compression and low under tension.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION NUMERICAL MODEL PARAMETERS

The analytical simplified model based on equivalent diagonal struts is often used to assess the infilled frames response. The nonlinear behavior of the equivalent diagonal strut is usually described by constitutive laws that account for the stiffness, the strength and the hardening or softening behavior of the infill. The present work focuses on the evaluation of parameters needed to define the monotonic and hysteretic response of infill walls modelled by equivalent struts. In order to select a simple and reliable analytical model that suitable for representing the infill wall response, strut formulation have been analysed in detail and used to reproduce several experimental tests available for masonry and SISBRICK. The numerical analyses are performed by means of the OpenSees computer program using matlab interface Agüero [1,2]. Finally suggestions are made to properly model the in-plane non-linear response of infills and SISBRICK.

### 1.1. Constitutive curves:

#### 1.1.1. To Model Steel:

For the Steel frame opensees steel02 model is used to construct a uniaxial material based on Giuffre-Menegotto-Pinto curve.

Material	Fy	E0	b	R0	R1	R2
Steel	275	210000	0.001	20	0.925	0.15

where:

**Fy** yield strength

**E0** initial elastic tangent

**b** strain-hardening ratio (ratio between post-yield tangent and initial elastic tangent)

**R0 R1 R2** parameters to control the transition from elastic to plastic branches.

Recommended values: **R0**=between 10 and 20, **R1**=0.925, **R2**=0.15

### 1.1.2. To model the infill walls masonry and SISBRICK:

The concrete06 of opensees based on Thorenfeldt curve is used to model numerically the infilled walls:

	Fc	E0	n	k	Alpha1	fcr	ecr	b	Alpha2
Masonry	-2	- 0.0025	2	1	0.32	0.2	0.00014	4	0.08
SISBRICK	-2	- 0.0012	2	1	0.32	0.2	0.00014	4	0.08

Where

**fc** concrete compressive strength (compression is negative)

**e0** strain at compressive strength

**n** compressive shape factor

**K** post-peak compressive shape factor

**alpha1** parameter for compressive plastic strain definition

**Fcr** tensile strength

**Ecr** tensile strain at peak stress ( $f_{cr}$ )

**B** exponent of the tension stiffening curve

**alpha2** parameter for tensile plastic strain definition

### 1.2. Area of the equivalent diagonal (Strut):

Masonry  $A=225.4\text{cm}^2$  ; SISBRICK  $A=147.1\text{cm}^2$

## 2. VALIDATION. Plots Comparison between experiments and numerical.

In the following plots the numerical results are compared with experimental results:

Masonry infill wall

- Drift vs Base Shear Figure 1
- Drift vs base shear envelope Figure 2
- Cumulated displacement vs energy dissipated Figure 3
- Equivalent diagonals axial forces Figure 4

Masonry infill wall with rubber bricks at the corners:

- Drift vs Base Shear Figure 5
- Drift vs base shear envelope Figure 6
- Cumulated displacement vs energy dissipated Figure 7
- Equivalent diagonals axial forces Figure 8

Masonry infill wall

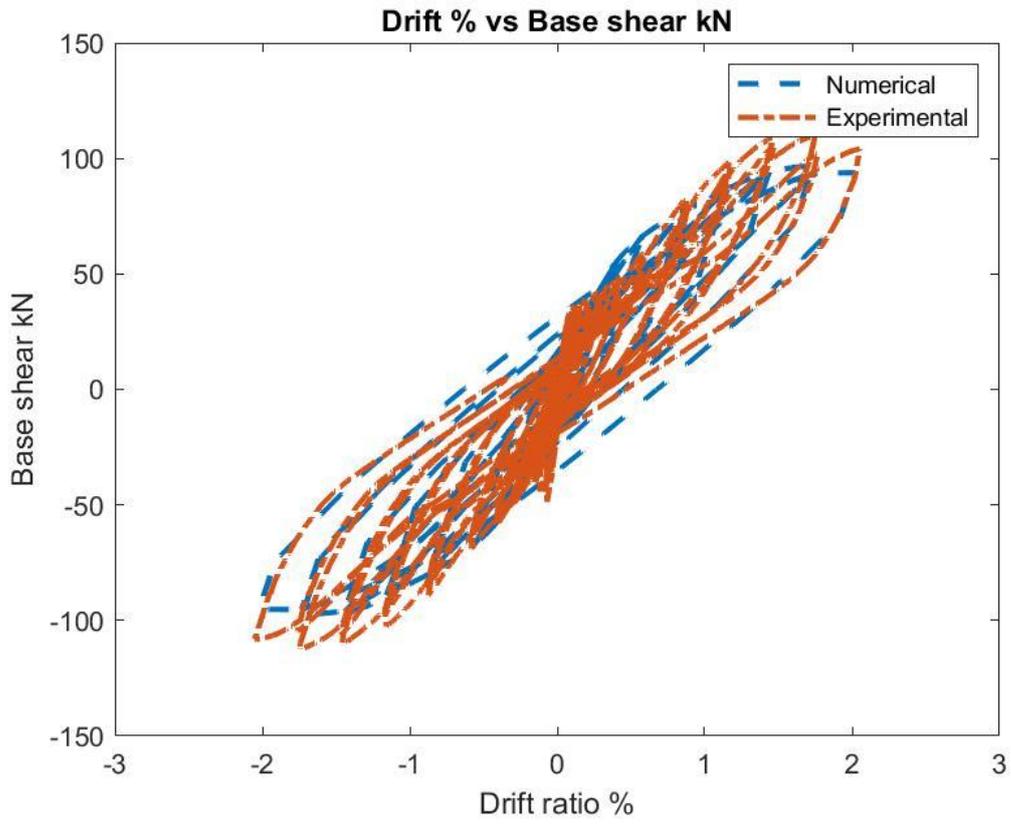


Figure 1. Masonry Base shear vs Drif ratio.

Error Base shear : mean value=-9.77% ; standard deviation=4.58%

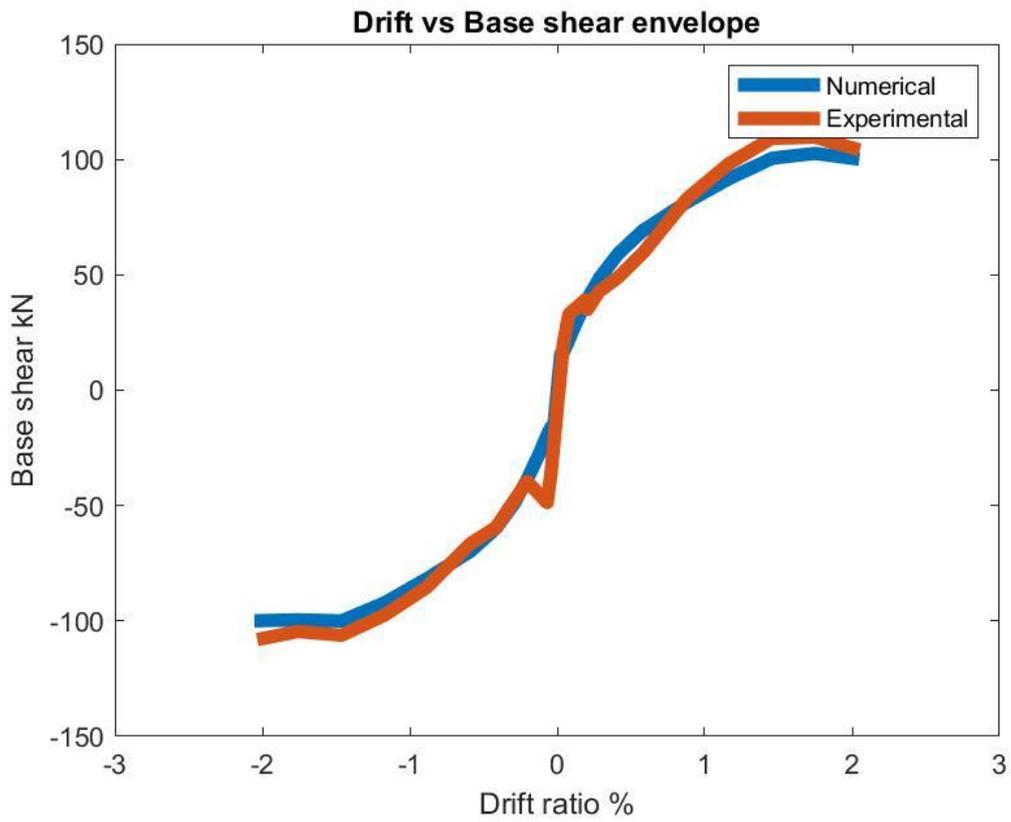


Figure 2. Masonry Base shear vs shear ratio envelope.

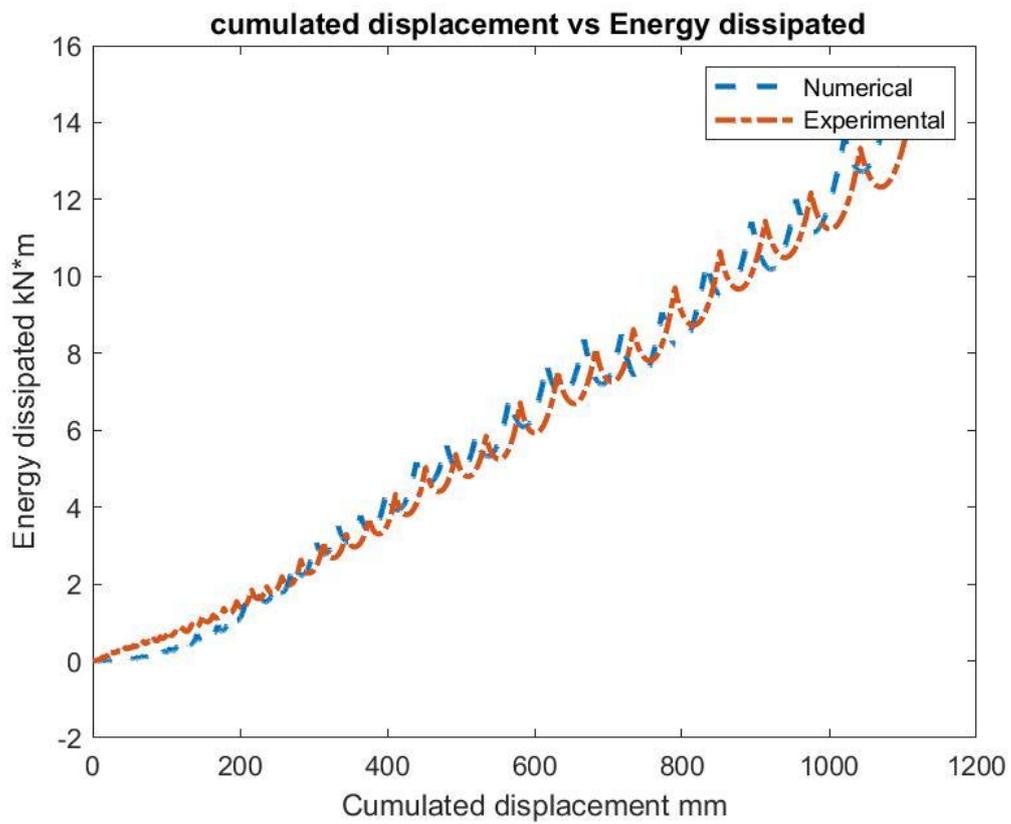


Figure 3. Masonry Energy dissipated vs cumulated displacement.

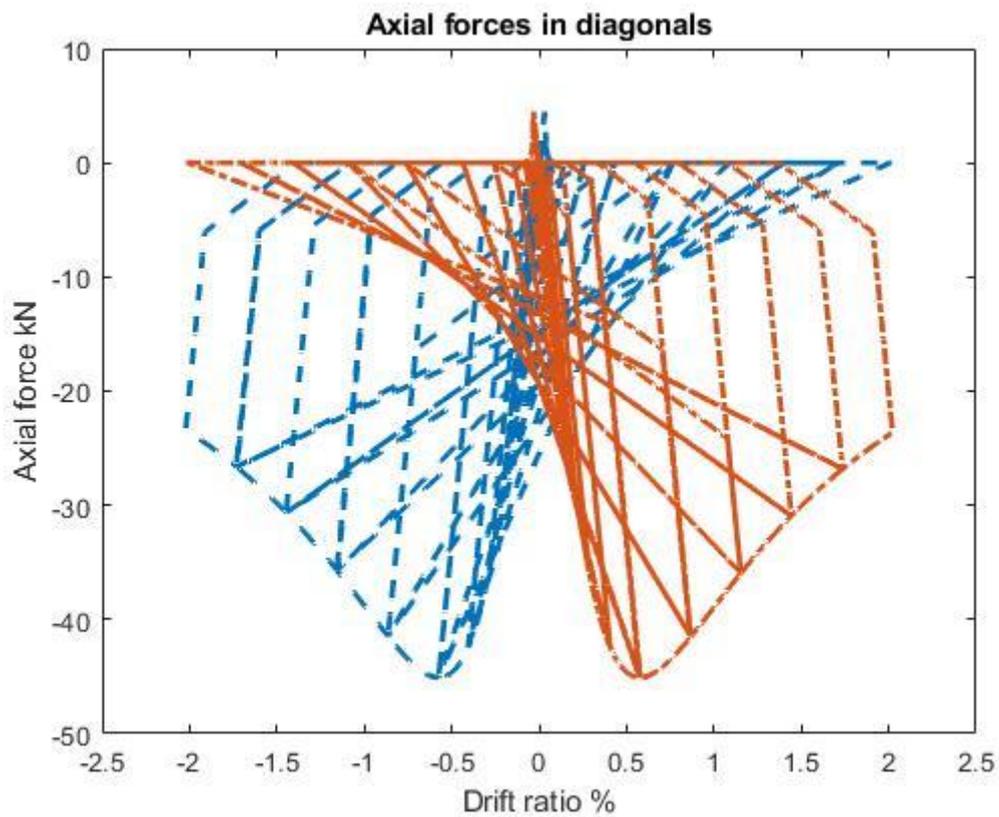


Figure 4. Masonry Axial force vs drift ratio.

Masonry infill wall with rubber bricks at the corners:

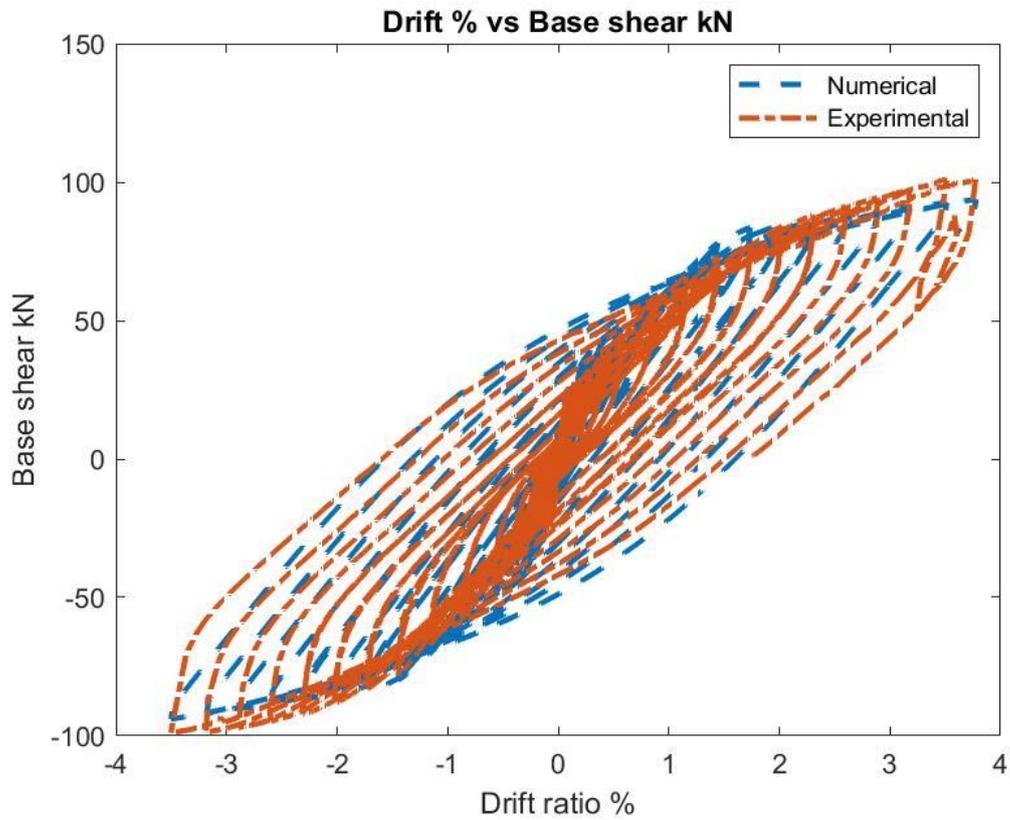


Figure 5. SISBRICK Masonry Base shear vs Drift ratio.

Error Base shear: mean value=0.74% standard deviation=5.97% ;

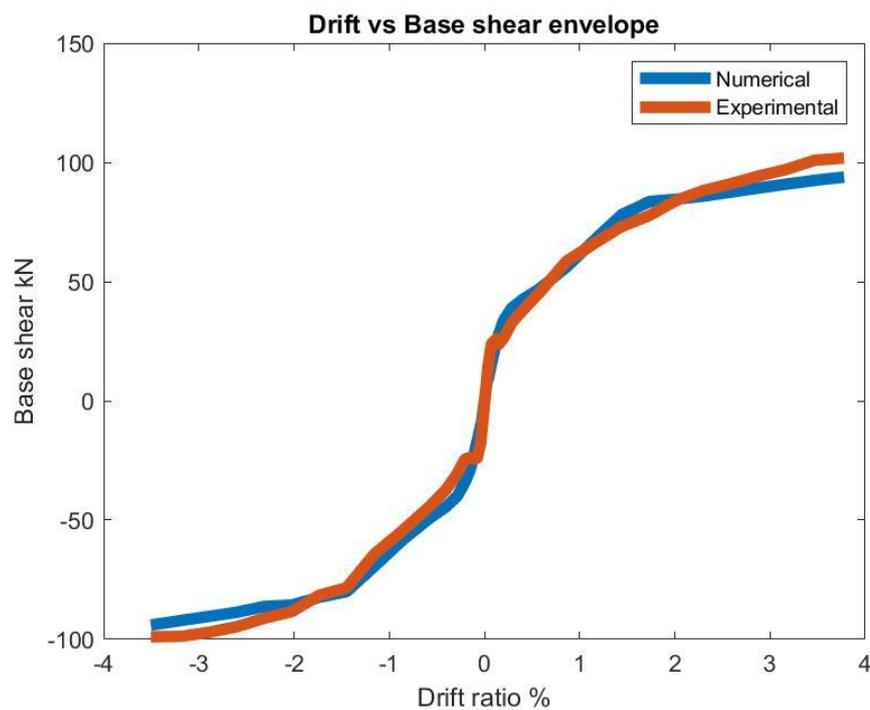


Figure 6. SISBRICK Base shear vs shear ratio envelope.

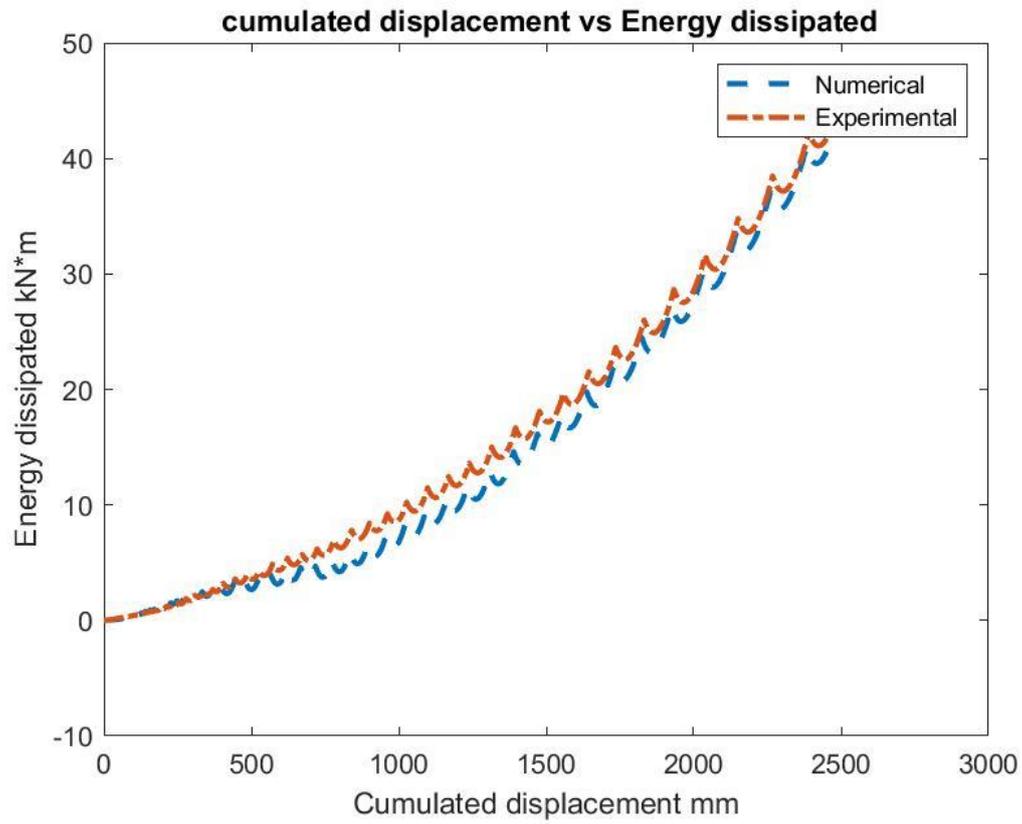


Figure 7. SISBRICK Energy dissipated vs cumulated displacement.

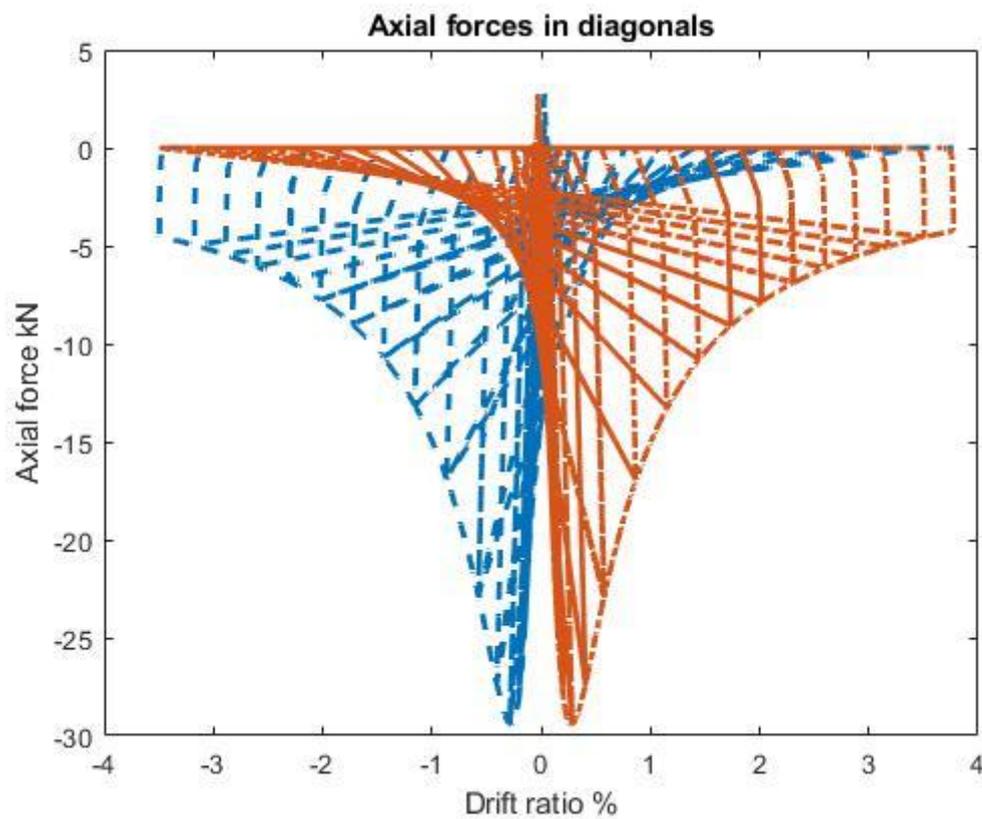


Figure 8. SISBRICK Axial force vs drift ratio.



Thorenfeldt curve is used to model the diagonals with high strength under compression and low under tension.

Concluding it can be checked perfect agreement between numerical analysis and test results.

Further research has been done also on reinforced concrete frames with infilled masonry with or without rubber bricks at the corners Agüero [4,5].

## Nomenclature

according to Eurocode.

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