# Experimental investigation of vertically reinforced masonry walls

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## History of reinforced masonry

>1825 Marc Isambard Brunel: Blackwall Tunnel under the Thames

#### >1900-1910 flower stands of the Park Güell











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### Common failure of masonry



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### Fourth International PhD Symposium in Engineering October 20-21 2008, Pécs, Hungary Shear mechanism $V_n = V_m + V_s$ $V_n$ : nominal shear strength V<sub>s</sub>: horizontal reinforcement Cracking $V_{\rm m}$ : residual strength of masonry $F_{h3}$ $V_m = V_c + V_a +$ $V_a$ V<sub>c</sub>: shear resistance in the compression toe f<sub>h4</sub> V<sub>a</sub>: aggregate interlock force : dowel forces of flexural reinforcement

Horizontal and vertical reinforcement are needed for the adequate shear capacity!



### Questions in connection with shear:

- EC6 adjudges that the effect of shear deformations on the stiffness can be neglected only if the wall is higher then twice its length
- EC6 deals only with concrete infill
- EC6 applies mostly to horizontal reinforcement
- EC6 doesn't contain: what happens if vertical reinforcement is placed in mortar pockets (not in hollow blocks)
- Shear strength of mortar
- Adhesion between steel-mortar-brick
- Problem of ductility











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# Further plans

- Wall without reinforcement
- Wall with vertical reinforcement
- Wall with horizontal reinforcement
- Wall with horizontal and vertical reinforcement





