

EXPERIMENTAL STUDIES ON RC FRAME WITH URM INFILL

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Background

- The first building code “Bangladesh National Building Code 1993” was enforced as law in 2006.
- Low strength of concrete and smaller cross-sectional area of beams and columns than required.
- Very high axial load ratio in columns.
- 90° hooks in stirrups and ties.
- Straight anchorage in beam-column joints.
- Effect of brick infill walls on seismic performance is not considered in design.
- Proper evaluation of seismic performance is required for future retrofitting.



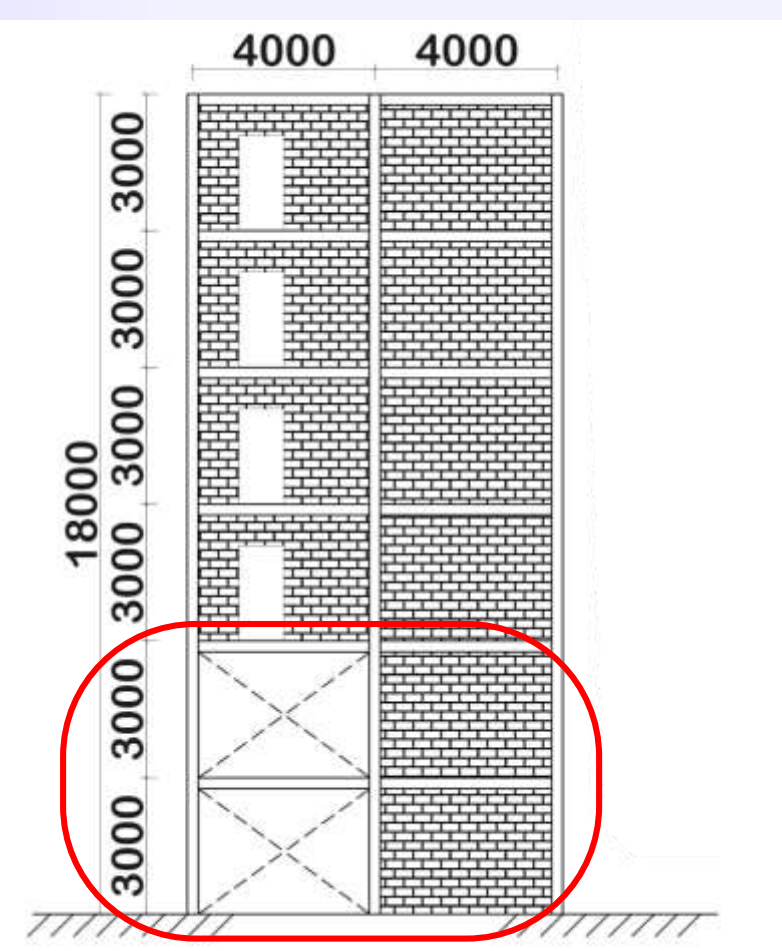
Spectrum Factory (2005)

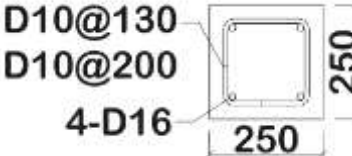
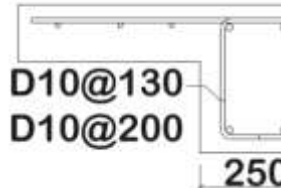


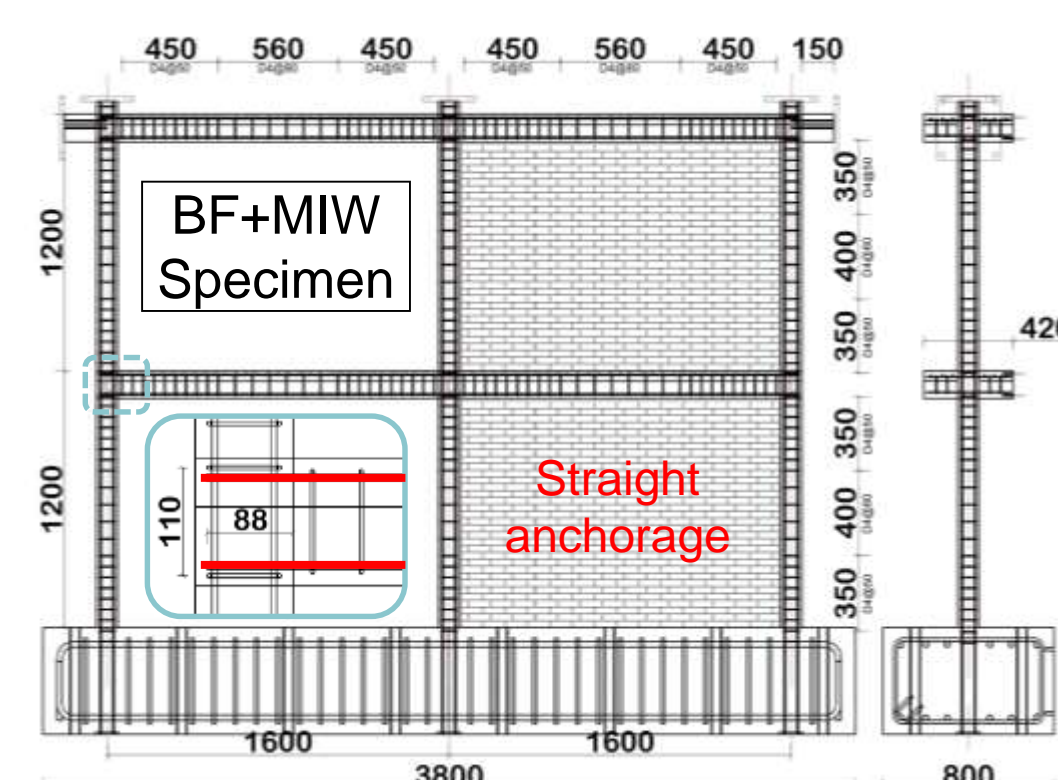
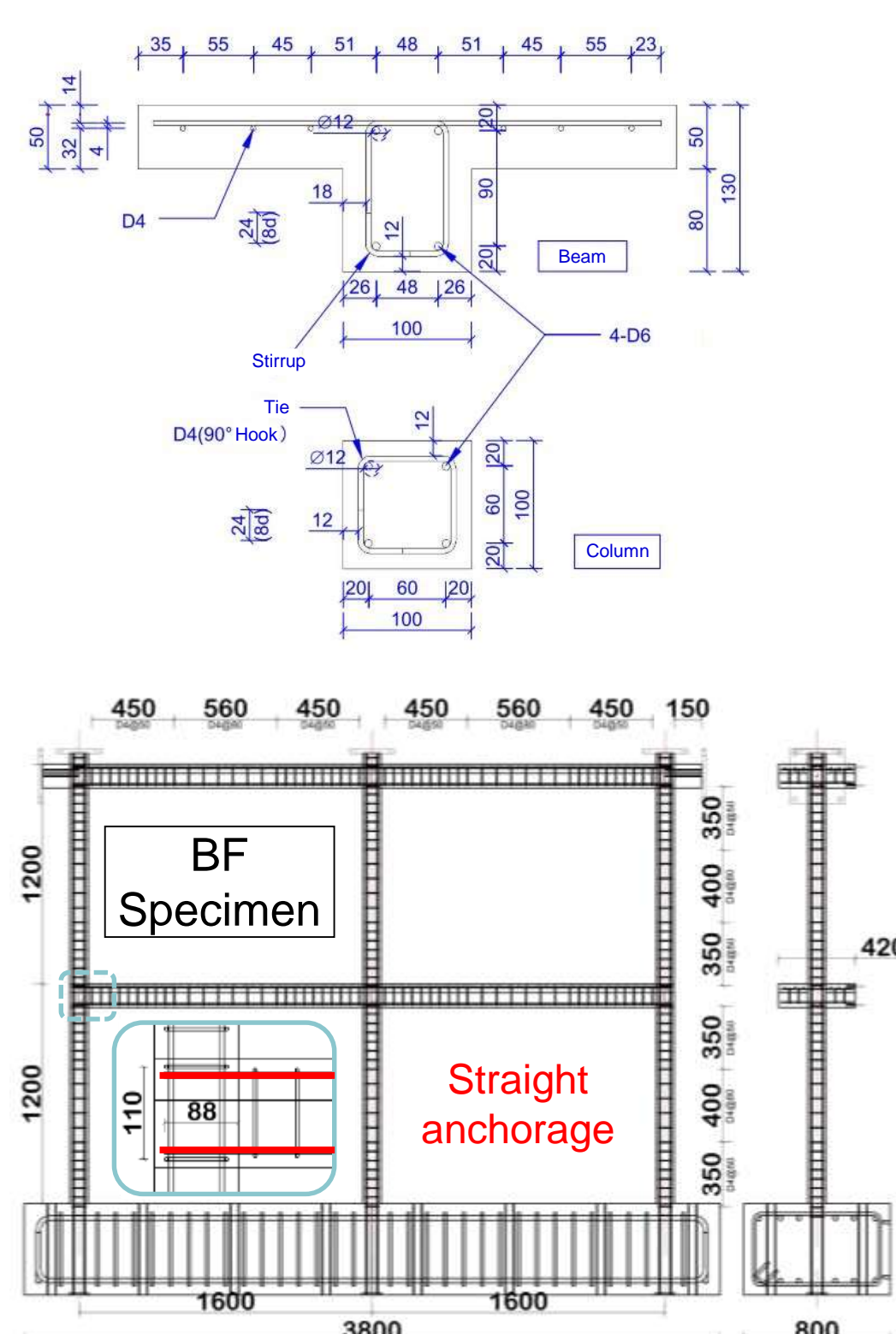
Rana Plaza (2013)

Design of Specimens

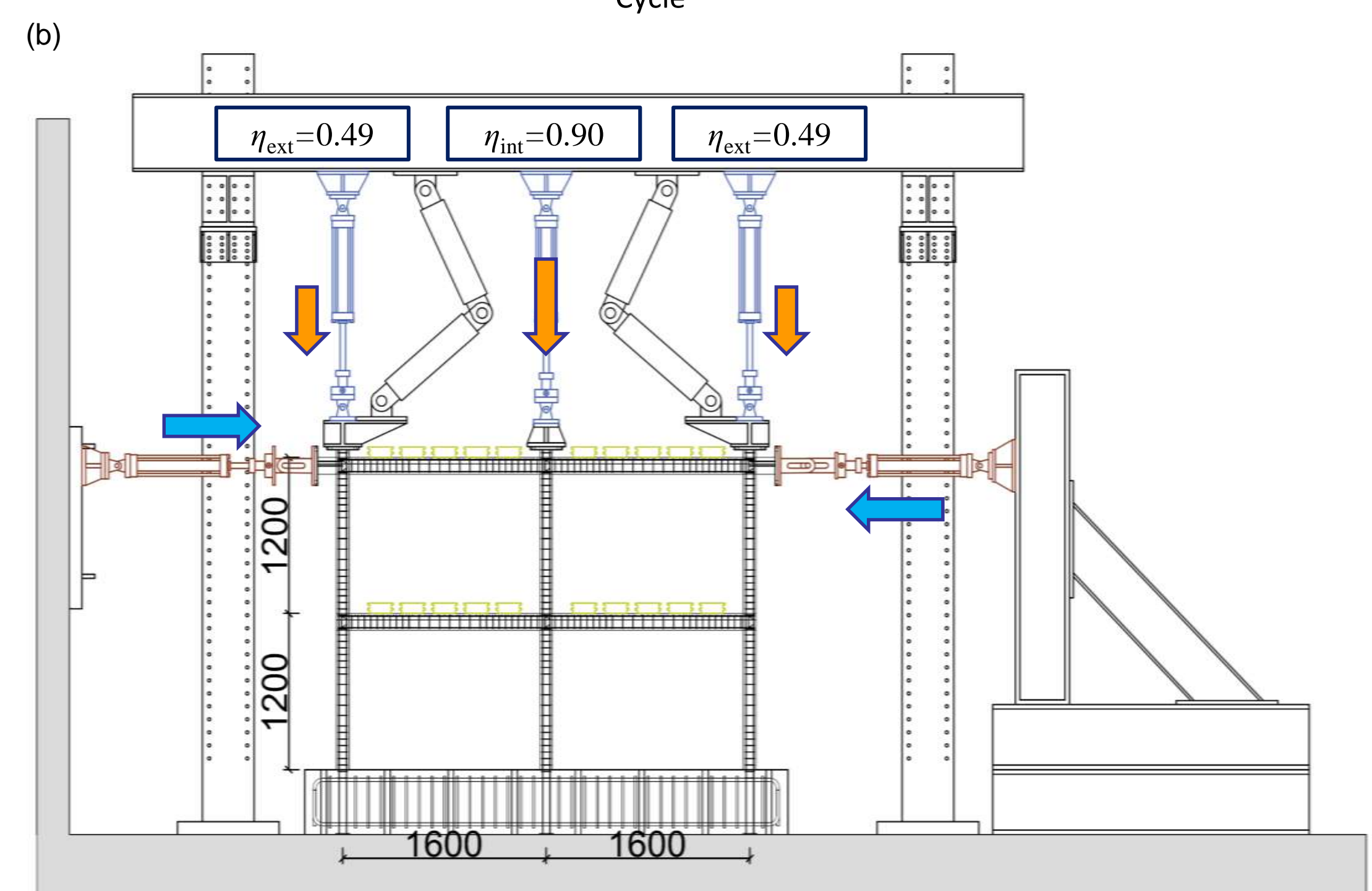
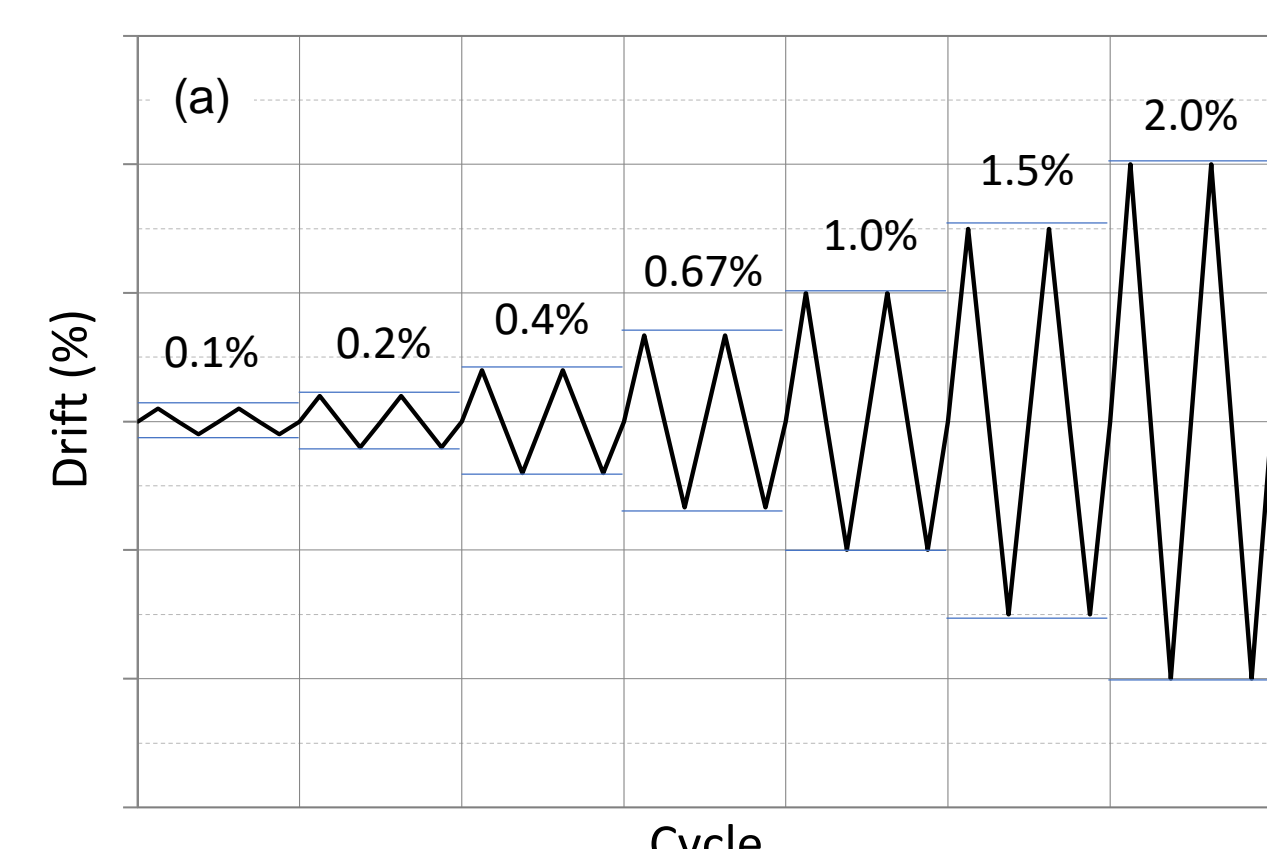
- A prototype building is assumed based on survey and interviews of experts and local engineers in Bangladesh.
- The model building is scaled to 1/2.5
- Type of specimens
 - Bare Frame (BF)
 - Bare Frame with URM infill wall (BF+MIW)



					
Material properties	Concrete	BF	1F	4.74 MPa	
			2F	8.20 MPa	
		BF+MIW	1F	5.22 MPa	
			2F	8.65 MPa	
	Longitudinal bars (yield)			375 MPa (SD 295)	
	Brick			30.3 MPa	
	Joint mortar			9.04 MPa	



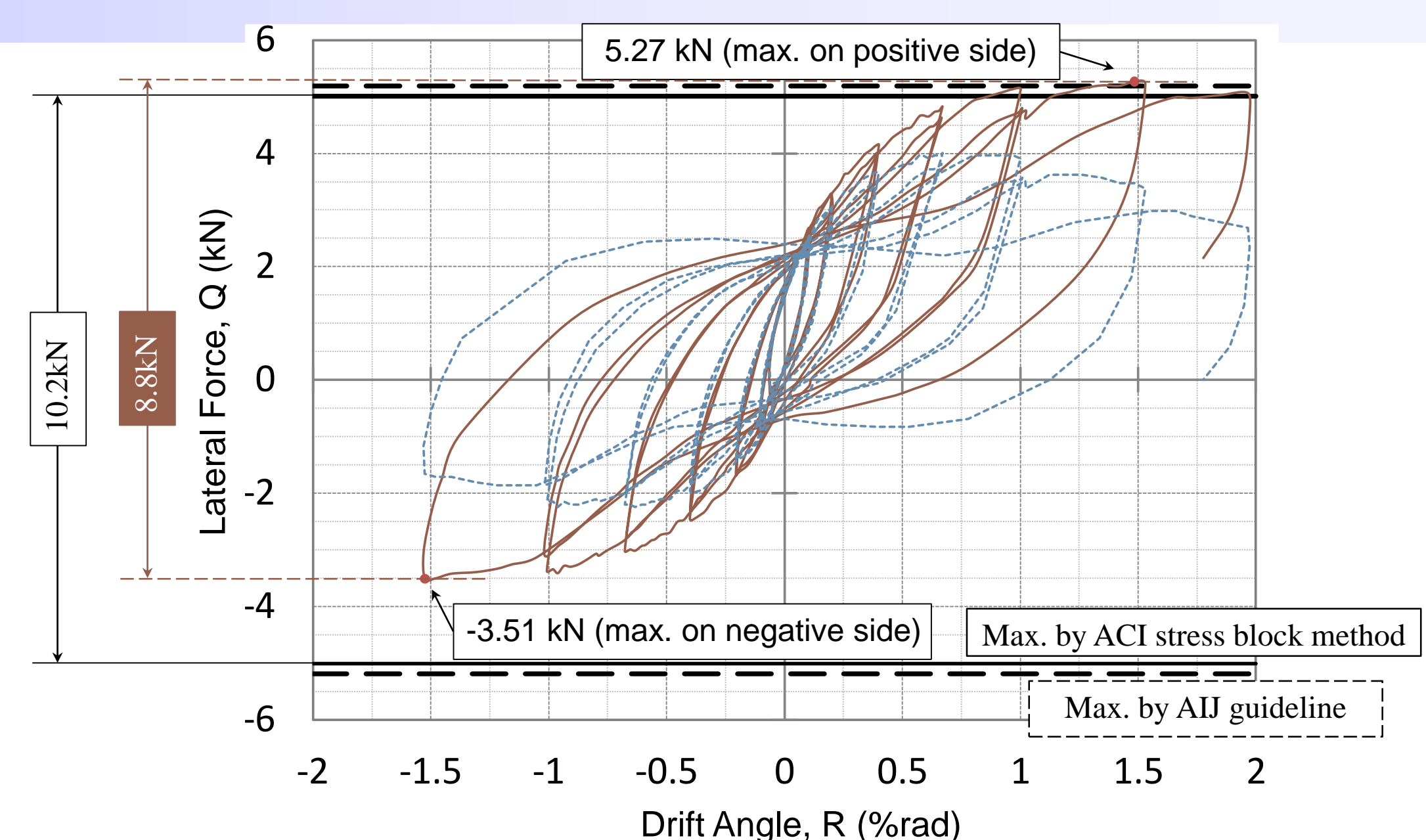
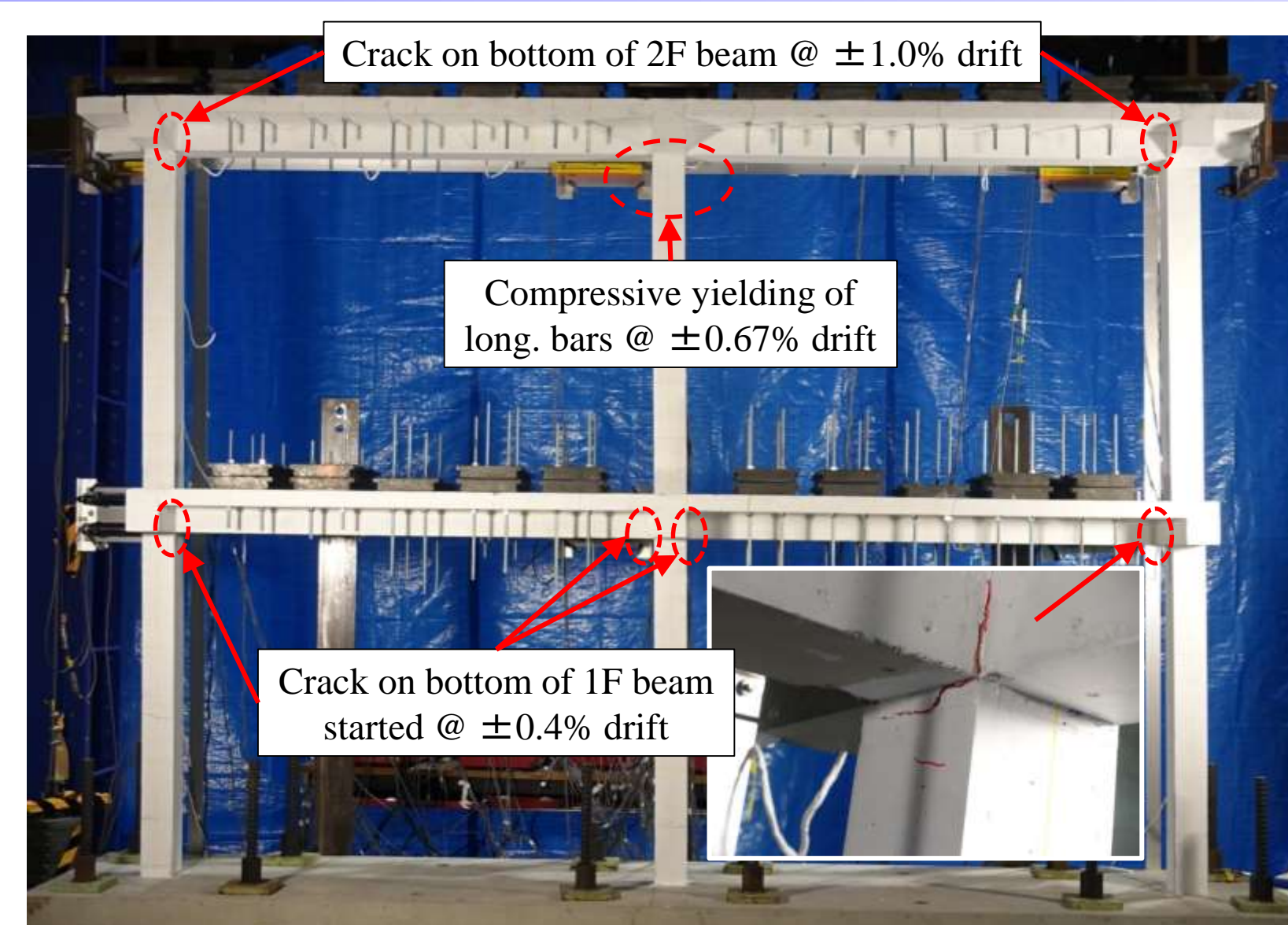
Test Setup and Loading History



(a) Lateral loading cycle; (b) Experimental setup

BF Specimen

- Due to straight anchorage of beam longitudinal bars to beam-column joint, pullout occurred and no resisting moment at the part was observed.



BF+MIW Specimen

- Wall rotation and column yielding in tension was observed, and finally column punching shear failure and wall sliding failure occurred simultaneously.

