

**New Equations to Estimate Reinforced Concrete Wall Shear Strength
Derived from Machine Learning and Statistical Methods**

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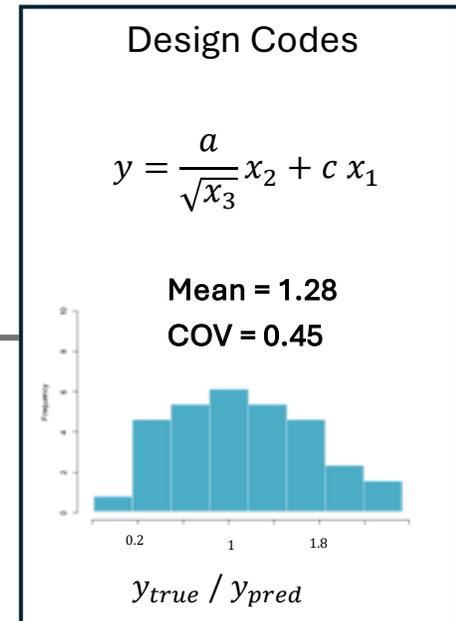
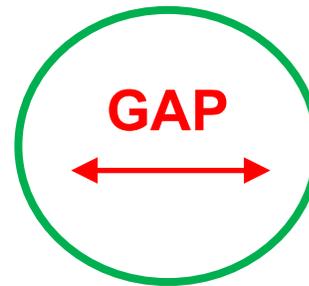
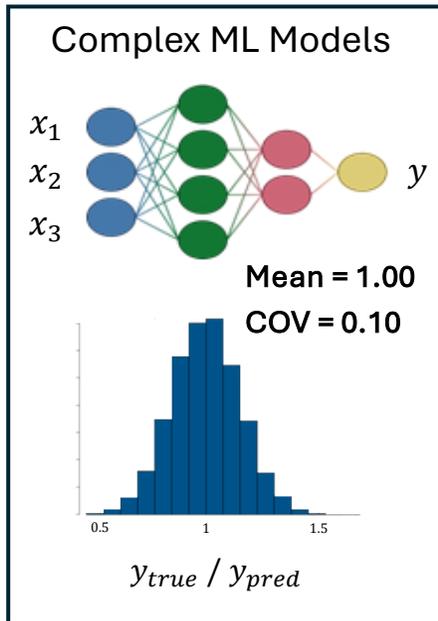


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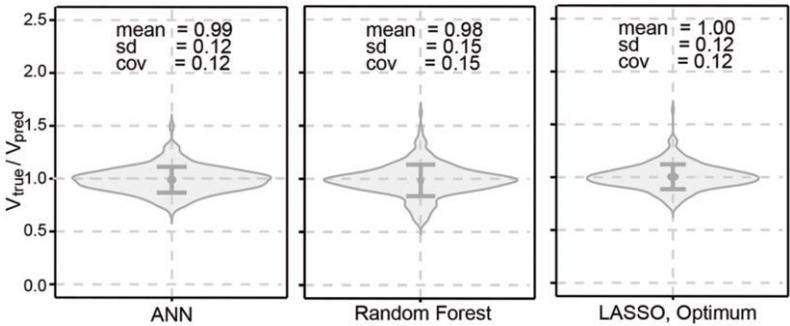
1. Definition of Model Performance Requirements

Framework by Rojas-Leon et al. (2024)

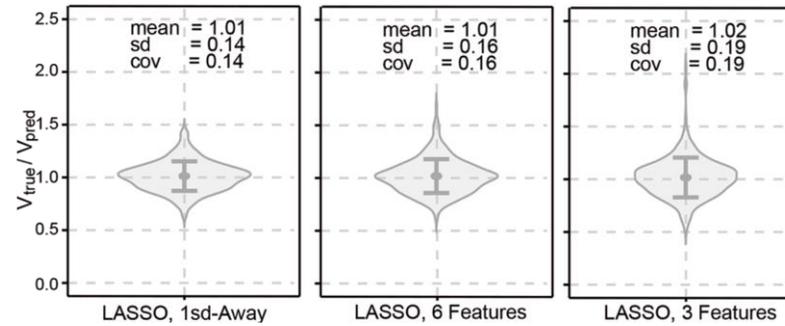


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Complex Models



Simplified Models

Model	Statistics for V_{true}/V_{pred}		
	Mean	Median	COV
ACI 318-19, Chapter 18	1.26	1.17	0.42
ACI 318-11, Chapter 11	1.18	1.12	0.34
ASCE/SEI 43-05	1.26	1.25	0.29
AIJ 1999	0.73	0.74	0.31
NZS 3101:2006 – Simple	1.63	1.46	0.45
NZS 3101:2006 – Detailed	1.26	1.21	0.33

Design Codes

Requirements	Model Complexity Level	
	Complex ML Models	Simplified Models
Number of parameters	-	~ 3 – 6
V_{true}/V_{pred} mean ratio	0.99 – 1.01	0.98 – 1.02
COV	≤ 0.12	0.16 – 0.19
Train. Vs. Test. Error Margin	$\pm 20\%$ of the converging error	$\pm 10\%$ of the converging error

2. Definition of Equation Format

“ $V_n = V_c + V_s$ ” format

$$V_n = \beta_0 V_c + \sum_i^{N_i} \beta_i \left(\prod_j^{N_j} \gamma_{j,i} \right) V_i$$



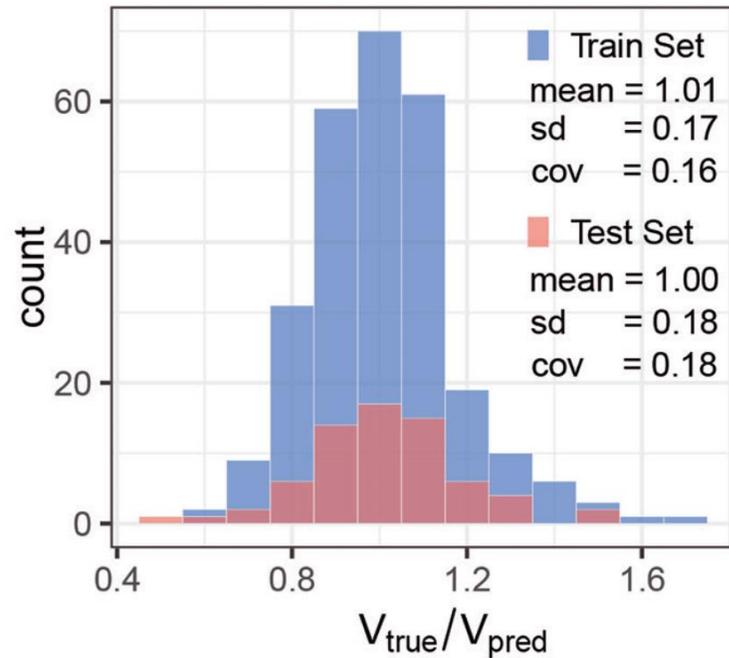
- Identification of main parameters
- Normalization

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_n = & \beta_0 + \beta_1 \left(\frac{M_u}{V_u l_w} \right)^{a_c} \left(1 + \frac{P_u}{A'_g f'_c} \right)^{b_c} \left(\frac{h_w}{l_w} \right)^{c_c} \\
 & + \beta_2 \left(\frac{M_u}{V_u l_w} \right)^{a_{be}} \left(1 + \frac{P_u}{A'_g f'_c} \right)^{b_{be}} \left(\frac{h_w}{l_w} \right)^{c_{be}} \frac{\rho_{be} f_{ybe} A_{be}}{f'_c A'_g} \\
 & + \beta_3 \left(\frac{M_u}{V_u l_w} \right)^{a_{wh}} \left(1 + \frac{P_u}{A'_g f'_c} \right)^{b_{wh}} \left(\frac{h_w}{l_w} \right)^{c_{wh}} \frac{\rho_{wh} f_{ywh} A_{cv}}{f'_c A'_g} \\
 & + \beta_4 \left(\frac{M_u}{V_u l_w} \right)^{a_{wv}} \left(1 + \frac{P_u}{A'_g f'_c} \right)^{b_{wv}} \left(\frac{h_w}{l_w} \right)^{c_{wv}} \frac{\rho_{wv} f_{ywv} A_{cv}}{f'_c A'_g}
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Obtained Equations

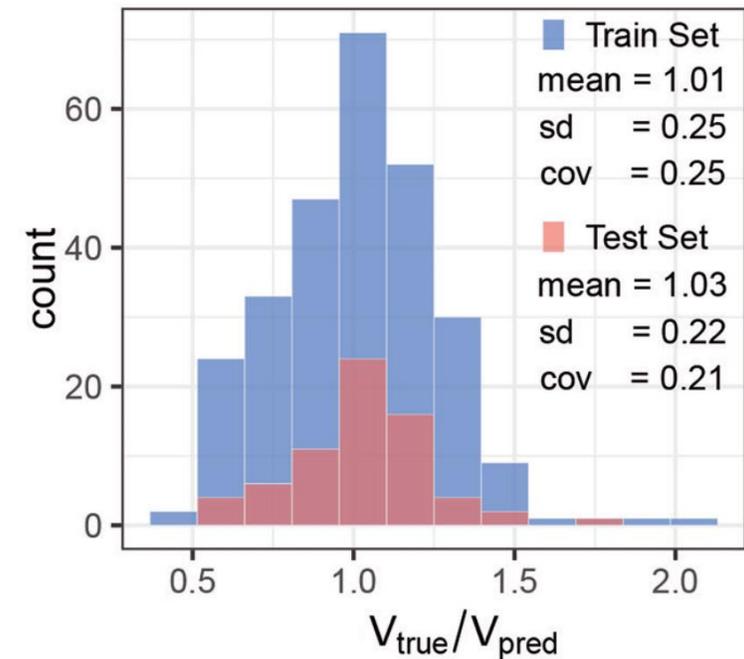
$$V_n = \alpha_c A_g' f_c' + \alpha_s (\rho_{sb} f_{ysb} + \rho_{wh} f_{ywh}) A_{cv}$$

$$\alpha_c = \frac{1}{100} \left(9 \frac{\left(1 + \frac{P_u}{A_g' f_c'} \right)^3}{\left(\frac{M_u}{V_u l_w} \right)^{1/3}} - 6 \right), \quad \alpha_s = \frac{2}{5 \left(\frac{M_u}{V_u l_w} \right)^{1/3}}$$



$$V_n = \alpha_c A_g' f_c' + \alpha_s \rho_{wh} f_{ywh} A_{cv}$$

$$\alpha_c = \frac{\left(\frac{\rho_{sb} f_{ysb}}{f_c'} \right)^{1/4}}{6 \left(\frac{M_u}{V_u l_w} \right)^{1/2}}, \quad \alpha_s = \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{\rho_{sb} f_{ysb}}{f_c'} \right)^{1/3}$$



We have the equation, but...

- Does it make sense?
- How to apply it in practice?
 - Use for walls with asymmetrical cross sections?
 - Parameter limitations?
 - Upper limit?
 - Strength reduction factor?
 - Detailed comparison with current equations?
 - Examples of application and its impact?

4. Proposed Model

18.10.4 Shear strength

18.10.4.1 V_n shall be calculated by:

$$V_n = (\alpha_c \lambda \sqrt{f'_c} + \rho_t f_{yt}) A_{cv} \quad (18.10.4.1)$$

where:

$\alpha_c = 3$ for $h_w/\ell_w \leq 1.5$

$\alpha_c = 2$ for $h_w/\ell_w \geq 2.0$

It shall be permitted to linearly interpolate the value of α_c between 3 and 2 for $1.5 < h_w/\ell_w < 2.0$.

18.10.4.5 For horizontal wall segments and coupling beams, V_n shall not be taken greater than $10 \sqrt{f'_c} A_{cv}$, where A_{cv} is the area of concrete section of a horizontal wall segment or coupling beam.

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and

$$0 \leq P_u / (A_g' f'_c) \leq 0.20, \quad A_g' / A_{cv} \leq 1.5, \quad 0.010 \leq \alpha_c \leq 0.100, \quad 0.30 \leq \alpha_s \leq 0.50$$

Upper limit:

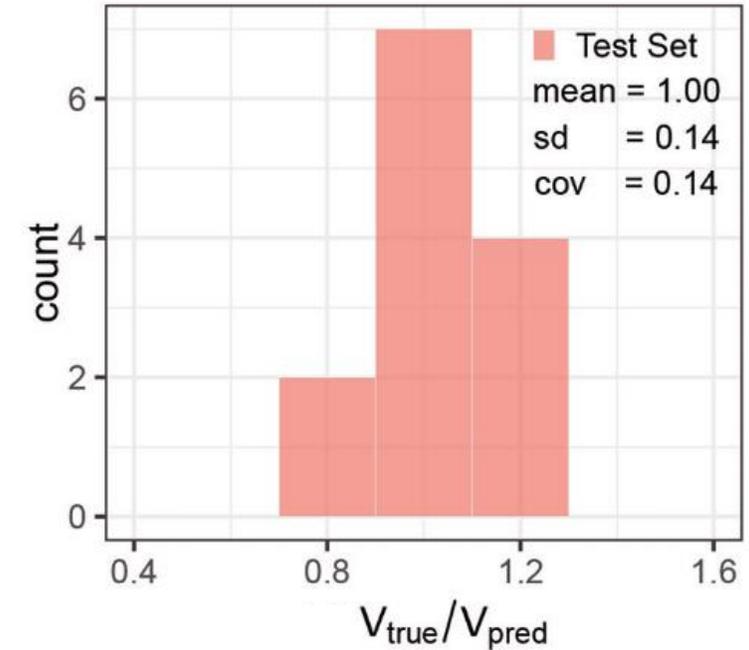
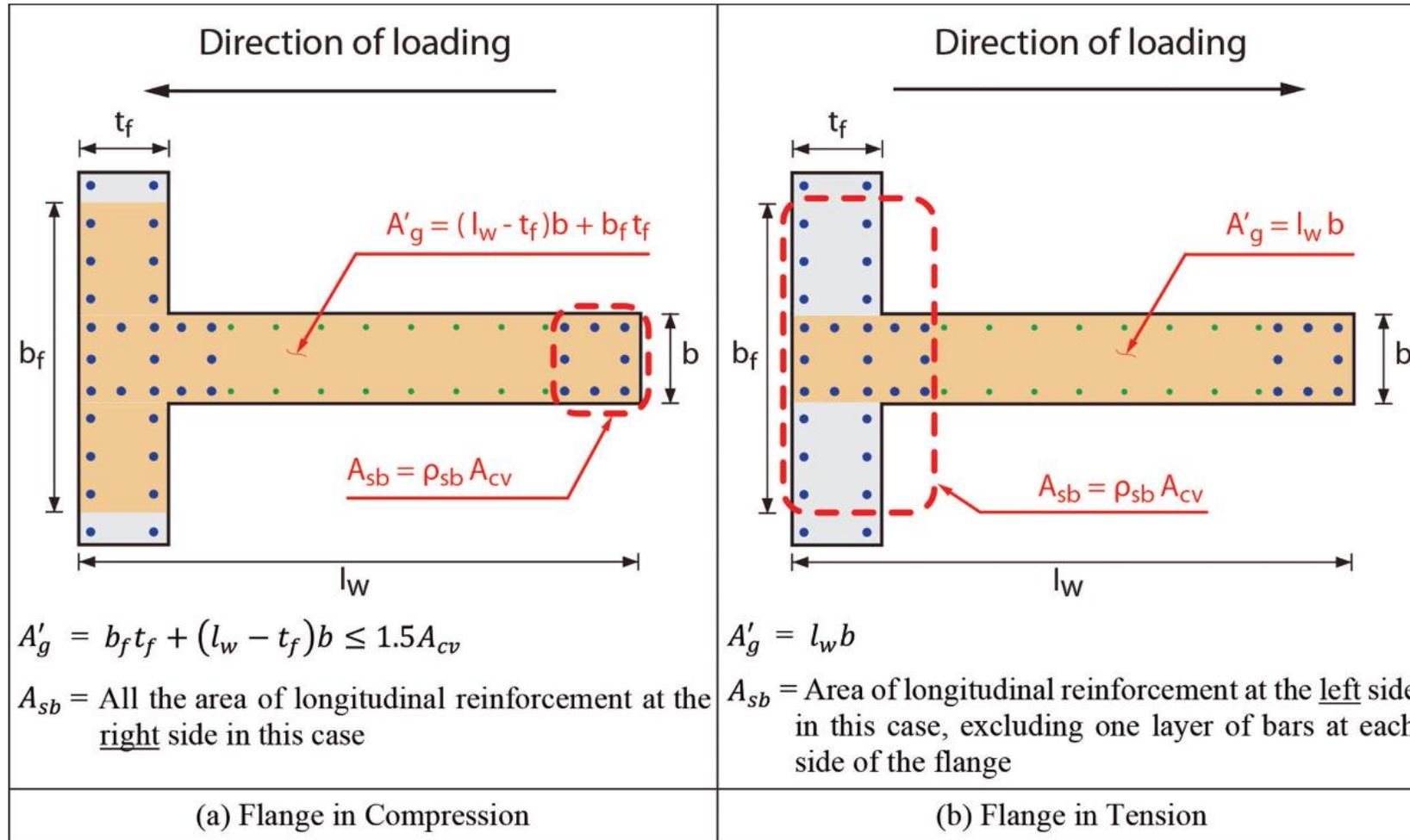
$$v_n = \frac{V_n}{A_{cv}} \leq \alpha_{shape} 10 \sqrt{f'_c}$$

where:

$$\alpha_{shape} = 0.7(1 + b_f t_f / A_{cv})^2, \quad 1.0 \leq \alpha_{shape} \leq 1.5$$

Application on Wall with Asymmetrical Cross Section

Prop. Eq.: $V_n = \alpha_c A'_g f'_c + \alpha_s (\rho_{sb} f_{ysb} + \rho_{wh} f_{ywh}) A_{cv}$

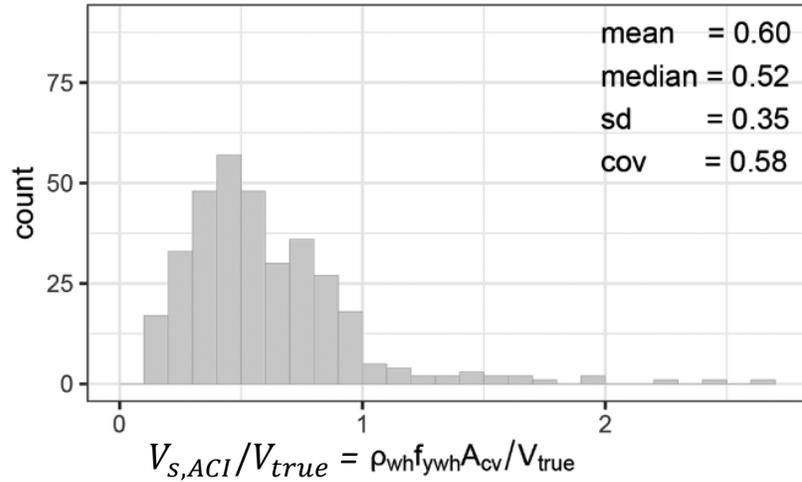


Vs Contribution

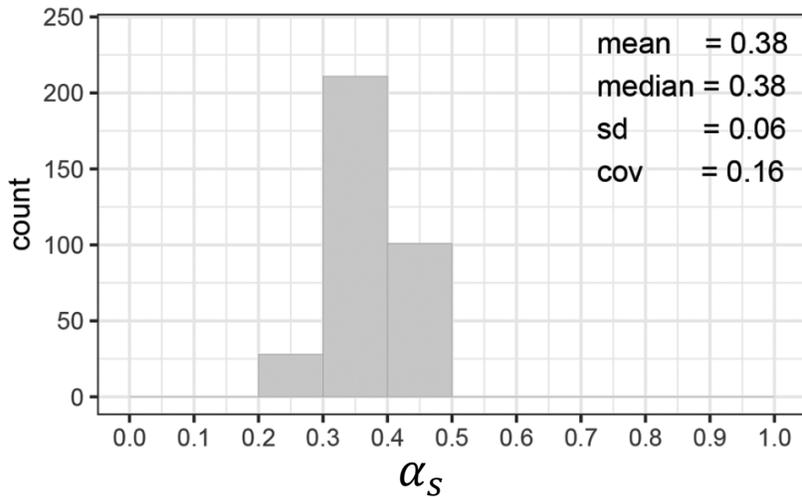
$$ACI: V_n = \alpha_c \lambda \sqrt{f'_c} A_{cv} + \rho_{wh} f_{ywh} A_{cv}$$

$$Prop. Eq.: V_n = \alpha_c A'_g f'_c + \alpha_s (\rho_{sb} f_{ysb} + \rho_{wh} f_{ywh}) A_{cv}$$

V_s contribution as per ACI 318



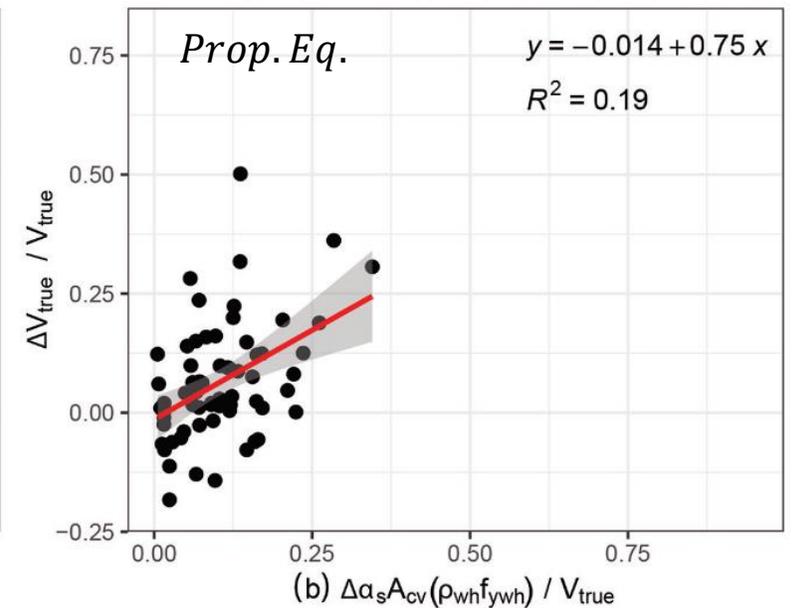
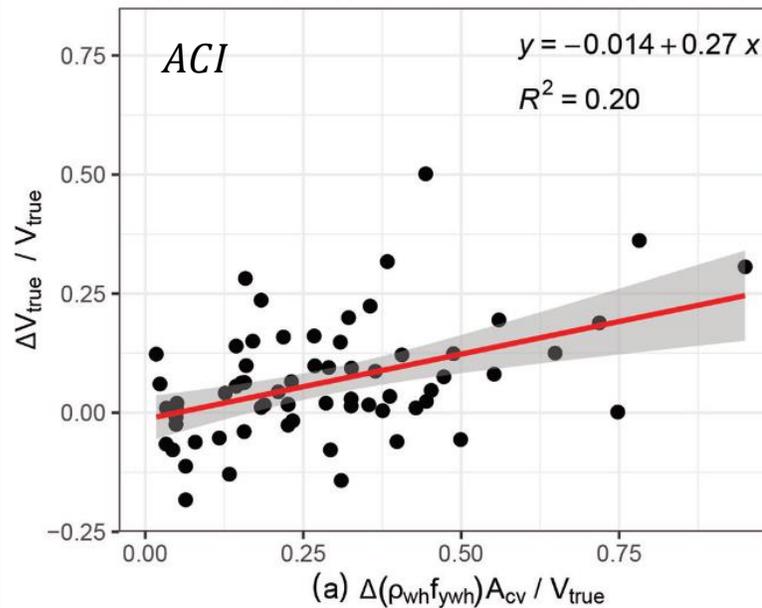
α_s in Proposed Eq.



Companion Group Test 1: Changes **only** in $\rho_{wh} f_{ywh} A_{cv}$

$$ACI \longrightarrow \Delta V_n = \Delta(\rho_{wh} f_{ywh} A_{cv})$$

$$Prop. Eq. \longrightarrow \Delta V_n = \Delta(\alpha_s \rho_{wh} f_{ywh} A_{cv})$$

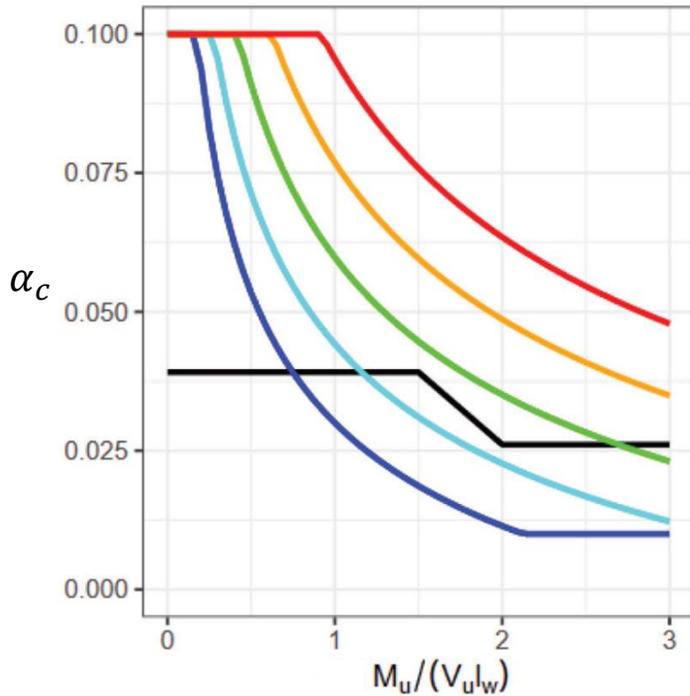


Vc Contribution

$$ACI: V_n = \alpha_c \lambda \sqrt{f'_c} A_{cv} + \rho_{wh} f_{ywh} A_{cv}$$

$$Prop. Eq.: V_n = \alpha_c A'_g f'_c + \alpha_s (\rho_{sb} f_{ysb} + \rho_{wh} f_{ywh}) A_{cv}$$

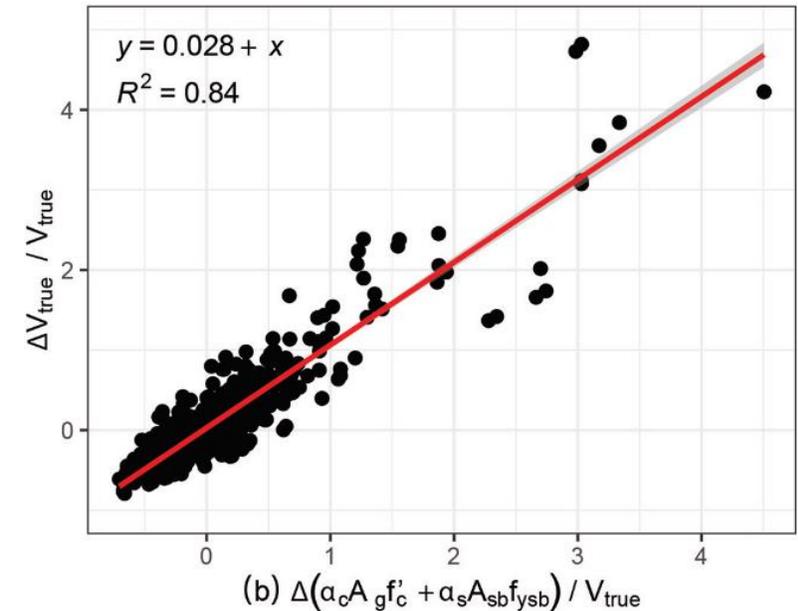
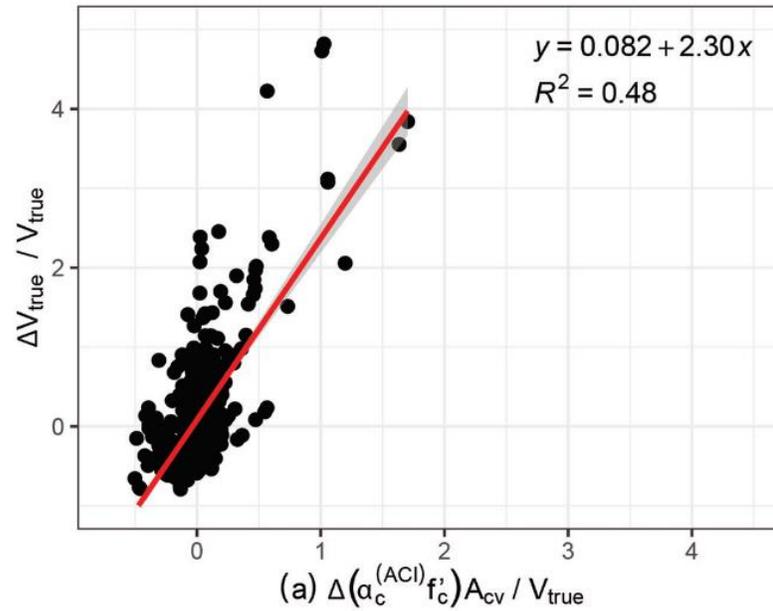
Comparison of α_c coefficients



Companion Group Test 2: **No changes** in $\rho_{wh} f_{ywh} A_{cv}$

$$ACI \longrightarrow \Delta V_n = \Delta (\alpha_c \lambda \sqrt{f'_c} A_{cv})$$

$$Prop. Eq. \longrightarrow \Delta V_n = \Delta (\alpha_c A'_g f'_c + \alpha_s \rho_{sb} f_{ysb} A_{cv})$$



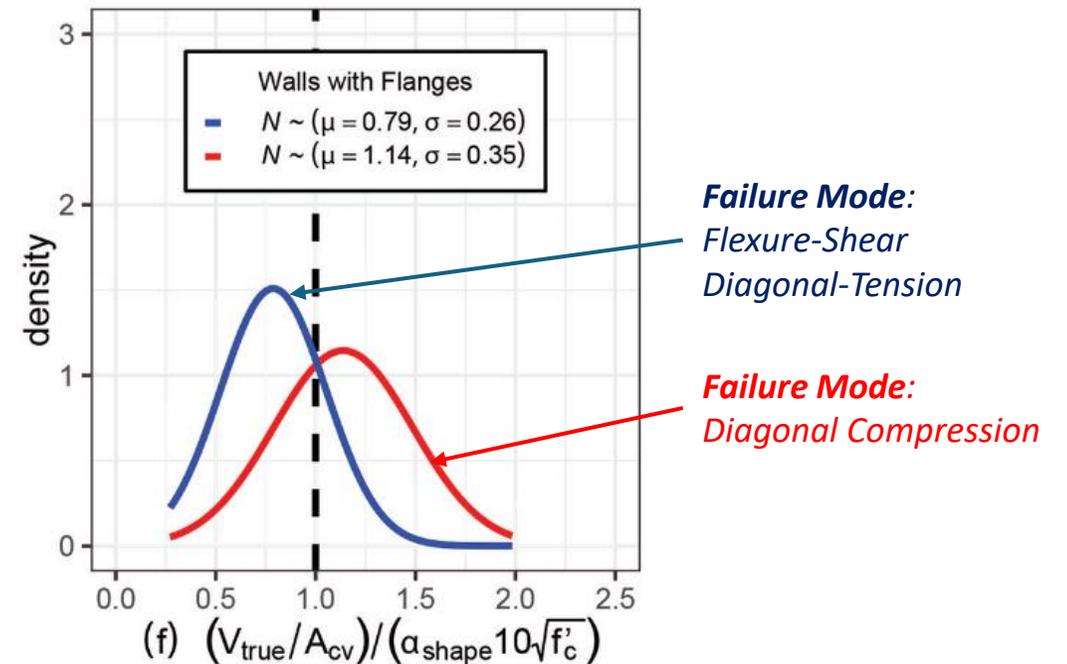
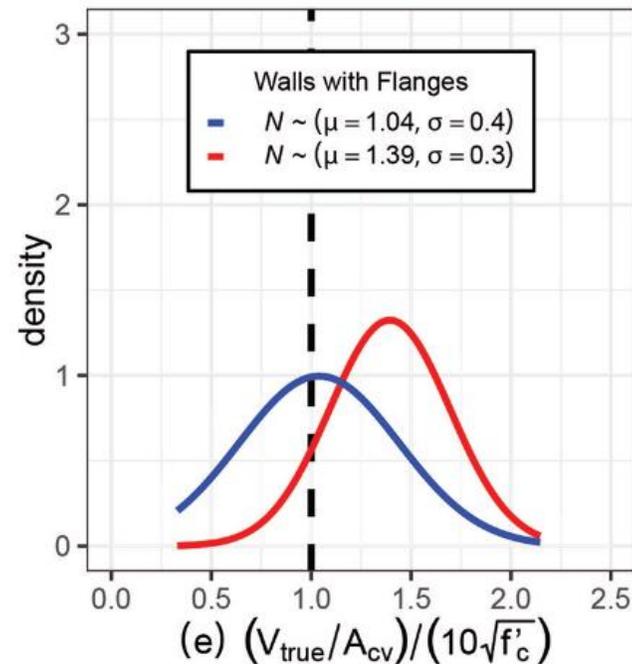
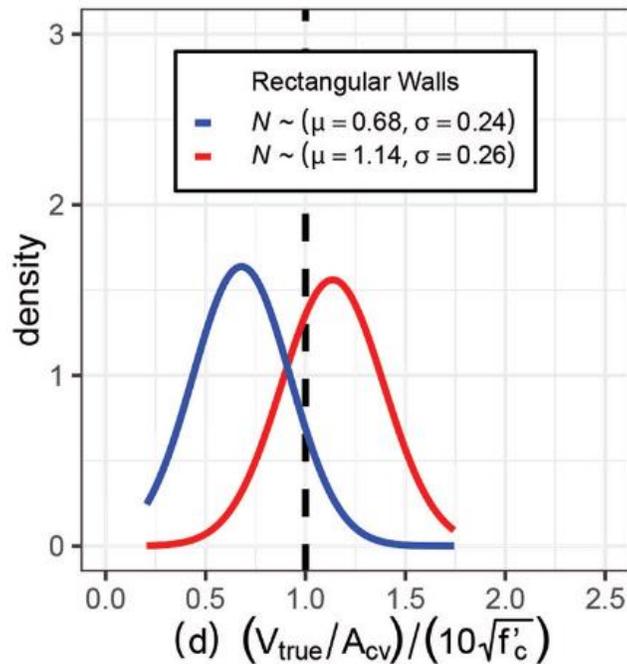
Upper Limit for Shear Strength

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$$v_n = \frac{V_n}{A_{cv}} \leq \alpha_{shape} 10\sqrt{f'_c}$$

where:

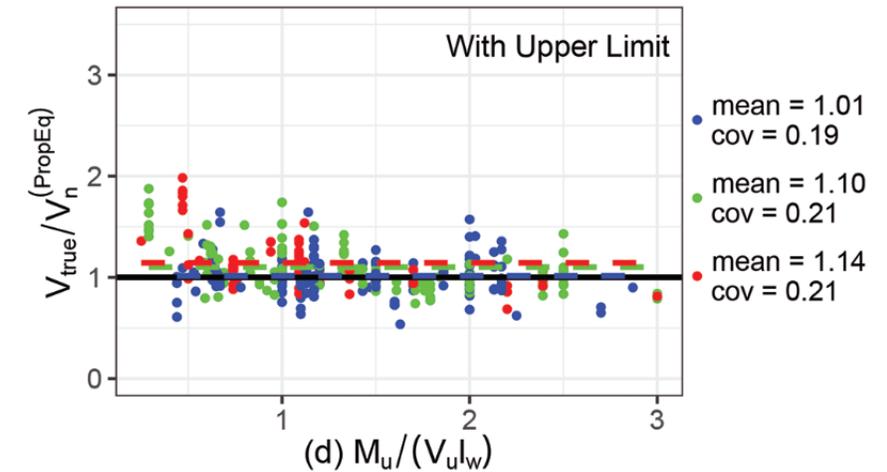
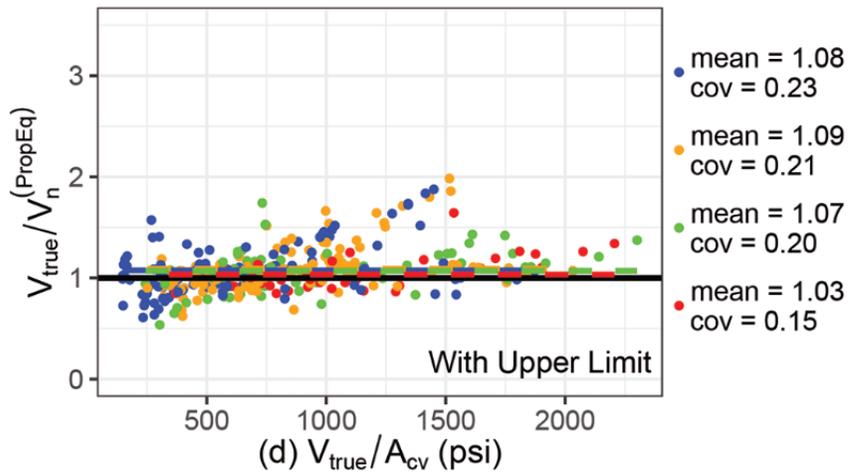
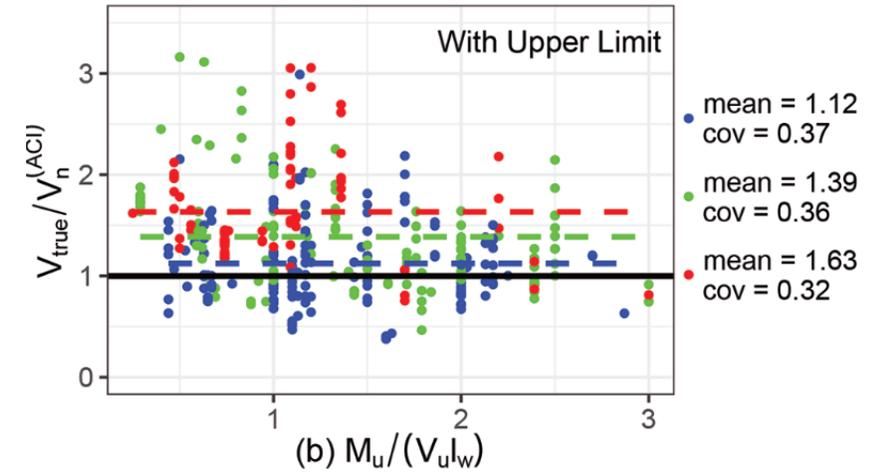
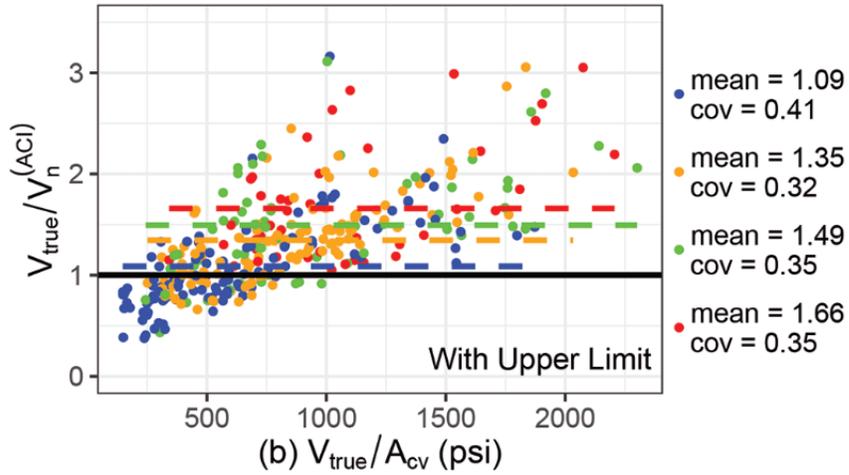
$$\alpha_{shape} = 0.7(1 + b_{tf}/A_{cv})^2 \quad 1.0 \leq \alpha_{shape} \leq 1.5$$



More Comparisons

- $0 \leq P_u / (A'_g f'_c) \leq 0.05$
- $0.05 \leq P_u / (A'_g f'_c) \leq 0.10$
- $0.10 \leq P_u / (A'_g f'_c) \leq 0.15$
- $0.15 \leq P_u / (A'_g f'_c) \leq 0.20$

- Rectangular
- Barbell
- Flanged



Implementation in Codes / Standards

Bias factor (B) modification

Where calculated concrete compressive strains $\bar{\varepsilon}_c \leq 0.005$ and calculated longitudinal reinforcement tensile strains $\bar{\varepsilon}_s \leq 0.01$ at all points along a cross section of a wall, the B-value for shear can be determined as:

$B = 1.35$ for rectangular walls

$B = 1.35$ for flanged walls with $b_{cf}t_{cf} \leq 0.05A_{cv}$

$B = 1.60$ for flanged walls with $b_{cf}t_{cf} \geq 0.20A_{cv}$

Linear Interpolation can be used for $0.05 < b_{cf}t_{cf} < 0.20$.

} (A-1a)

Shear strength upper limit modification

For all vertical wall segments sharing a common lateral force, V_n shall not be taken greater than the sum of $\alpha_{sh} 8\sqrt{f'_c}A_{cv}$ for these wall segments, where α_{sh} for each vertical wall segment is determined as:

$$\alpha_{sh} = 0.7 \left(1 + \frac{b_{fct}f_c}{A_{cv}} \right)^2 \leq 1.2 \quad \text{Eq. (D1)}$$

Where b_{fc} is the effective compression flange width determined according to 18.10.5.2 (intended to be taken as the web width plus overhanging flange). The value of α_{sh} in Eq. (D1) need not be taken less than 1.0. It is noted that use of $\alpha_{sh} = 1.0$ for all wall segments is acceptable (conservative).

