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ANSWERS TO THE COMMENTS:

First of all, we would like to thank the editor and reviewers for their helpful comments and contributions to our study. We have tried to answer the number of points that the editor and reviewers have outlined. These points are discussed below following the editor and reviewers' comments. We hope that the points amended in the paper comprehensively would be satisfactory enough to correspond the comments of the editor and reviewers.

Comments:

Editor: Dear authors, thanks for your revisions. Your manuscript is now fine in principle - BUT: You need to include another paragraph in which you acknowledge further international literature on that topic. This section is far too weak ... As soon as you have finalized that, I will perform a final check and if everything is fine, the paper will be published.

<u>Answer:</u> According to the editor suggestions, a paragraph is added to the revised paper related to international literature on topic as:

"There are many studies in the literature about historical masonry structures. Almost every aspect of the subject has been examined experimentally and numerically. Historical masonry arch bridges (Milani and Lourenço, 2012; Altunisik et al., 2015), towers (Peña et al., 2010), minarets and mosques (Seker et al., 2014), churches (Brandonisio et al., 2013), buildings and walls (Shariq et al., 2008; Lin et al., 2012; Parisi et al., 2013), chimneys (Minghini et al., 2014) etc. have all been investigated by different authors. Very rigid structures such as castles, fortresses and bastions have been investigated in terms of static and dynamic structural behavior (Betti et al., 2011; Tiberti et al., 2016)."

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