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## Highlights

- In the present work, we studied the effect of multiple perforations in a single row as well as multiple rows on the energy absorption characteristics of circular cylinders through extensive numerical simulations and experiments.
- Provision of holes in relatively thick cylinders (D/h = 14 and 19) acted as triggers by which it could reduce the high initial peak load reached during the progressive collapse of cylinder without altering the mode of collapse.
- Experiments were performed in a modified split-Hokinson pressure bar, whereas simulations are carried out in commercially available finite element package ABAQUS.
- Radial imperfection induced at the hinges after the completion of a buckle has a significant effect on the peak load of the subsequent buckle.
- Devised a novel design of triggering in circular cylinders which improved the energy efficiency without considerably affecting the performance parameters.

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