

Recent Experimental Work on Hybrid Timber Systems



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Overview



- Hybrid systems
- Structural testing
- Experimental examples
 - Walls and diaphragms
 - · Walls on floors
 - CLT
 - SIPs
- New Structures Lab
- Summary



Hybrid Systems Research

- Primarily LTF combinations
 - Vertical hybrids (podiums)
 - Horizontal hybrids (terrace)
 - Steel portals
 - Sheathing material combinations
 - CLT panels
 - Structural Insulated Panels (SIPs)







BRANZ Structural Testing

Let's do Some Testing, but Why?

- System/Product Development
- Strength
- Stiffness
- Ductility
- Failure modes
- Seismic performance
- System performance
- Compliance evaluations
- Bracing ratings
 - P21 for NZS 3604
- Often established standards



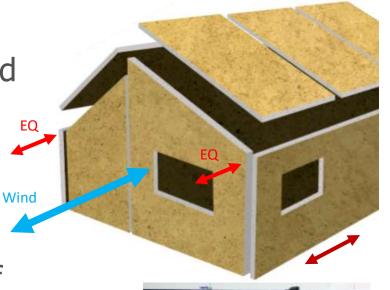




P21 Test Method

Wall bracing in buildings

- Resists lateral loads from wind and earthquakes
- Roofs, walls and floors drive loads
- Bracing walls
 - Resist loads in the plane of wall
 - Carry load to foundations
- Bracing Units (NZS 3604)
 - Indicative measure of capacity
 - P21 Test 2010







Seismic design of low-rise and mid-rise hybrid residential buildings

- Full-scale diaphragm testing
- 3-D test specimen 3.6x7.2x2.7m
- Damage/Displacement assessment
- P21 comparisons

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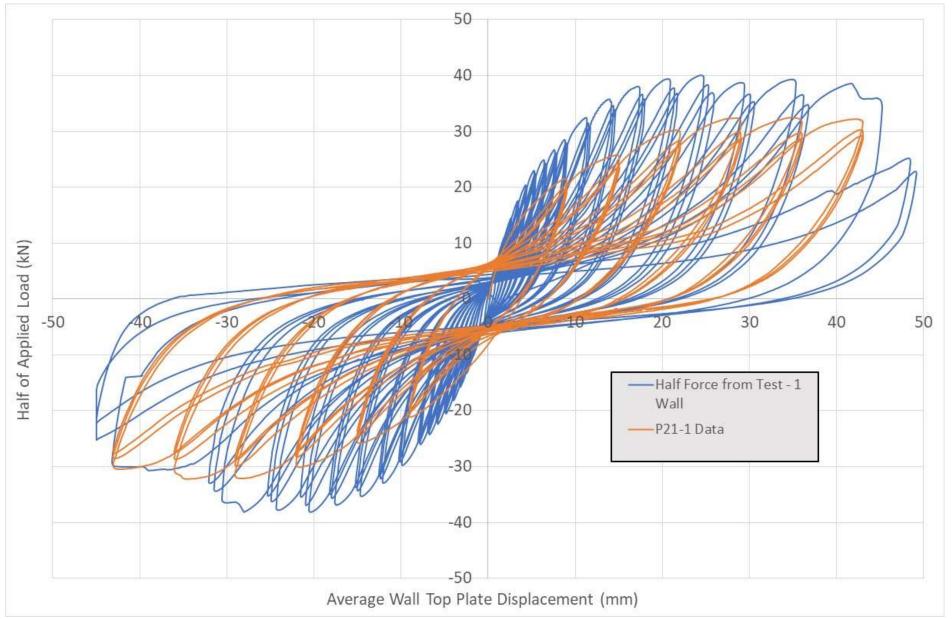














Hybrid Testing

- Other tests bracing walls on floors
- CLT at UC
- Data analysis underway

More comprehensive picture of wall performance





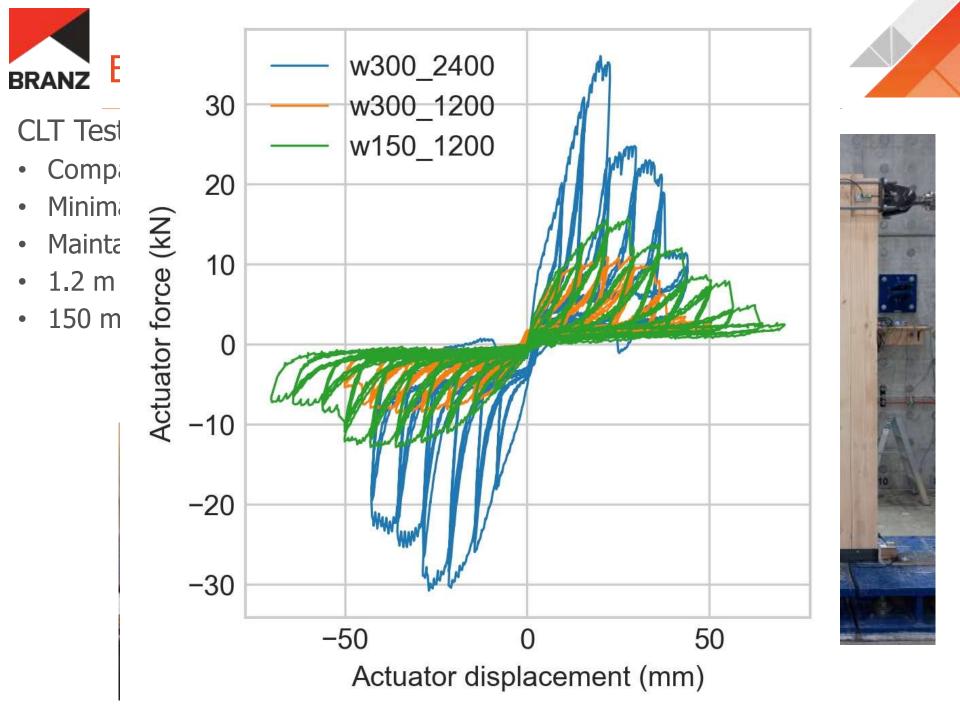


Hybrid Testing

- Bracing walls on floors (4 tests)
 - Approximate P21 with extra cycles
 - 1.2 m parallel and perpendicular to joists
 - 2.4 m parallel and perpendicular to joists
 - Double-sided bracing plasterboard









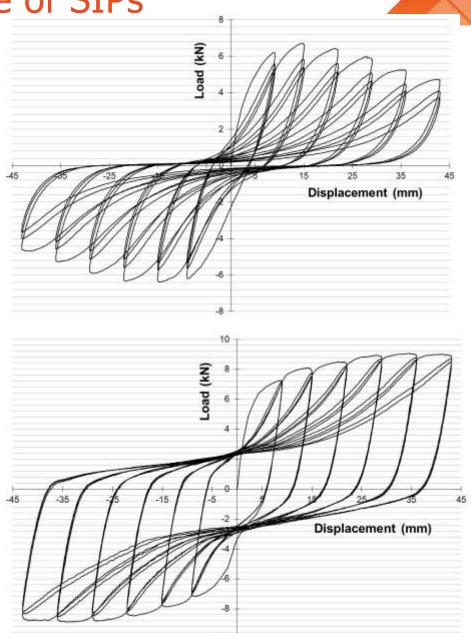
Seismic Performance of SIPs

Range of Bracing Systems

- Plasterboard
- Plywood
- Fibre cement
- Combinations
- Comparisons with SIPs
 - Deformation compatibility
 - Causes of damage
 - Overall performance









Hybrid Performance of SIPs

SIPs and Plasterboard on LTF

- Combination
- Single-Sided standard plasterboard
- SIP dominated behaviour
- Induced more damage to plasterboard







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MTS Silent Flow - Increased force capacity — 500 kN











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BRANZ Summary of Hybrid Building Systems



- The right material in the right place
- Compatibility
 - Deformations
 - Ductility
- Research providing confidence
 - Capacity and performance
 - Compliance
 - Guidance
- Systems thinking
 - Structure
 - Fire
 - Weathertightness
 - Durability
 - Etc.





Thank you





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