



## Integrating Cross-Laminated Timber Panels to Construct Buildings To 20 Levels

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### Summary:

A worldwide interest in timber multi-storey buildings is expected due to the environmental advantages of timber construction when compared to buildings in concrete and steel. Cross-laminated Timber, or CLT, was developed in the early 1990's and glues and clamps timber planks in alternate layers to form large panels. The cross-laminating ensures reliable strength and stability. CLT construction has been used successfully for the nine storey Murray Grove Stadhaus building in London and the ten storey Forte building in Melbourne [1]. The paper proposes a new type of structural system that utilises CLT for buildings to twenty levels.

The floor plan with a central rectangular core and columns at the perimeter is similar to a typical RC commercial building. There are considerably more open spaces than for existing CLT multi-level buildings which rely on multiple shear walls.

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[http://scho.wshosted\\_files/wcte2014/ed/ABS392\\_Chapman\\_web.pdf](http://scho.wshosted_files/wcte2014/ed/ABS392_Chapman_web.pdf)

## Nested Buildings: An Innovative Strategy for the Integrated Seismic and Energy Retrofit of Existing Masonry Buildings with CLT Panels

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Energy Efficiency  
Integrated Intervention  
Built Heritage  
Masonry Buildings  
Panels  
Hybrid Structures  
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Research Status: Complete

Series: Sustainability

**Summary:**

The Italian building heritage is aged and inadequate to the high-performance levels required nowadays in terms of energy efficiency and seismic response. Innovative techniques are generating a strong interest, especially in terms of multi-level approaches and solution optimizations. Among these, Nested Buildings, an integrated intervention approach which preserves the external existing structure and provides a new structural system inside, aim at improving both energy and structural performances. The research presented hereinafter focuses on the strengthening of unreinforced masonry (URM) buildings with cross-laminated timber (CLT) panels, thanks to their lightweight, high stiffness, and good hygrothermal characteristics. The improvement of the hygrothermal performance was investigated through a 2D-model analyzed in the dynamic regime, which showed a general decreasing in the overall thermal transmittance for the retrofitted configurations. Then, to evaluate the seismic behavior of the coupled system, a parametric linear static analysis was implemented for both in-plane and out-of-plane directions, considering various masonry types and connector spacings. Results showed the efficiency of the intervention to improve the in-plane response of walls, thus validating possible applications to existing URM buildings, where local overturning mechanisms are prevented by either sufficient construction details or specific solutions. View Full-Text

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## Integrating CLT Panels for Building Cores: Introduction, Rocking Response, & Foundation Connection Testing

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Application: Wood Building Systems

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Language: English

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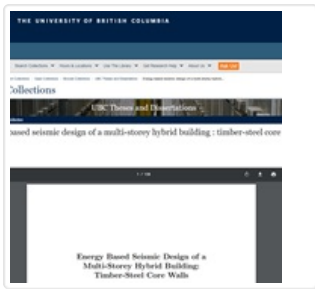
### Summary:

This research involves testing for a new structural system based on CLT (cross-laminated timber) panels to provide taller, economical and more useful timber high-rise buildings. The point of difference of the system compared to recently constructed CLT high-rise buildings is a central core which is comprised of...

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## Energy Based Seismic Design of a Multi-Storey Hybrid Building: Timber-Steel Core Walls

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Format: Thesis  
Material: CLT (Cross-Laminated Timber)  
Application: Hybrid Building Systems  
Topic: Seismic  
Design and Systems  
Keywords: Timber-Steel Hybrid  
Core Walls  
Multi-Storey  
High Seismic Regions  
Steel Plates  
Equivalent Static Force Procedure  
Nonlinear Time History Analysis  
Language: English  
Research Status: Complete

### Summary:

This thesis discusses a novel timber-steel core wall system for use in multi-storey buildings in high seismic regions. This hybrid system combines Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) panels with steel plates and connections to provide the required strength and ductility to core walled buildings. The system is first derived from first principles and validated in SAP2000. In order to assess the feasibility of the system it is implemented in the design of a 7-storey building based off an already built concrete benchmark building. The design is carried out following the equivalent static force procedure (ESFP) outlined by the National Building Code of Canada for Vancouver, BC. To evaluate the design bi-directional nonlinear time history analysis (NLTHA) is carried out on the building using a set of 10 ground motions based on a conditional mean spectrum. To improve the applicability of the hybrid system an energy based design methodology is proposed to design the timber-core walled building. The methodology is proposed as it does not rely on empirical formulas and force modification factors to determine the final design of the structure. NLTHA is carried out on the proposed methodology using 10 ground motions to evaluate the suitability of the method and the results are discussed and compared to the ESFP results.

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## Performance Evaluation of Multi-Storey Cross-Laminated Timber Structures Under Different Earthquake Hazard Levels

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Material: CLT (Cross-Laminated Timber)

Application: Wood Building Systems  
Shear Walls

Topic: Design and Systems

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Multi-Storey  
Seismic Performance  
Lateral Load Resisting System  
Inter-Storey Drift  
Pinching4 Model  
Numerical Model  
Probability of Non-Exceedance  
Empirical Cumulative Distribution Functions

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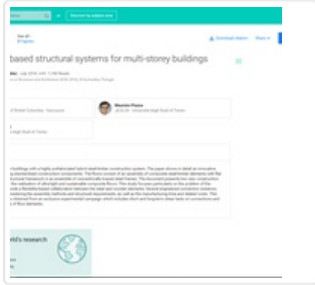
Summary:

The inter-storey drift limitations are meaningful reference values for structural seismic performance evaluation. This paper presents an analytical investigation into the seismic performance of multi-storey cross-laminated timber (CLT) structures to obtain the drift limitations under different earthquake hazard levels reasonably. The Pinching4 model was used to simulate the nonlinear mechanical behavior of three types of connections used in CLT structures, and a numerical model was further developed to capture the lateral load-resisting properties of CLT shear walls. Moreover, three benchmark multi-storey CLT apartment buildings were designed using the Equivalent Static Force Procedure according to National Building Code of Canada (NBCC), and simplified structural models were developed for these buildings. Depending on the results from numerous time-history dynamic analyses, the empirical cumulative distribution functions (CDFs) of the maximum inter-storey drifts were constructed for the three benchmark buildings. The probability of non-exceedance (PNE) of inter-storey drift thresholds under different earthquake hazard levels was proposed and validated. It is recommended that for low-rise CLT buildings within three stories, values of 0.30%, 0.75%, and 1.40% can be considered as the drift limitations for frequent, medium, and rare seismic hazard levels, respectively. For mid-rise or high-rise buildings without three stories, 0.25%, 0.70%, and 1.30% can be considered as drift limitations.

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## Hybrid Wood-Based Structural System for Multi-Storey Buildings

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Format: Conference Paper

Material: CLT (Cross-Laminated Timber)  
Steel-Timber Composite

Application: Floors  
Frames

Topic: Design and Systems

Keywords: Panels  
Prefabricated  
Shear Tests  
Connections  
Bending Tests

Language: English

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Research Status: Complete

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## Performance-Based Design as a Tool to Evaluate Behavior Factors for Multi-Storey Timber Buildings

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Application: Walls

Topic: Design and Systems

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Force-Based Design  
Multi-Storey  
Behaviour Factors

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### Summary:

This paper deals with aspects of force- and displacement-based design of multistorey cross-laminated timber (CLT) structures. A method to determine the behavior factors for timber structures based on nonlinear static analyses will be discussed. Different types of analysis models are considered. Results of experimental investigations on connections and CLT wall elements will be presented as a basis for numerical simulations.

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## Seismic Design of Core-Walls for Multi-Storey Timber Buildings

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Format: Conference Paper

Material: CLT (Cross-Laminated Timber)

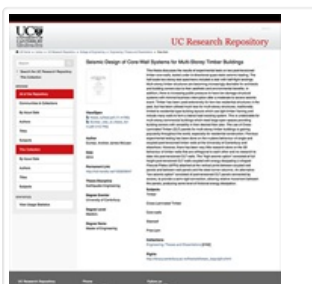
Application: Shafts and Chases  
Topic: Design and Systems  
Seismic  
Keywords: Multi-Storey  
Prefabrication  
Pres-Lam  
Residential  
Quasi-Static Loading  
Energy Dissipation  
U-Shaped Flexural Plates  
Language: English  
Conference: New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering Conference  
Research Status: Complete  
Notes: April 26-28, 2013, Wellington, New Zealand  
Summary:

This paper describes options for seismic design of pre-fabricated timber core-wall systems, used as stairwells and lift shafts for lateral load resistance in multi-storey timber buildings. The use of Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT) panels for multi-storey timber buildings is gaining popularity throughout the world, especially for residential construction. This paper describes the possible use of CLT core-walls for seismic resistance in open-plan commercial office buildings in New Zealand. Previous experimental testing at the University of Canterbury has been done on the in-plane behaviour of single and coupled Pres-Lam post-tensioned timber walls. However there has been very little research done on the behaviour of timber walls that are orthogonal to each other and no research into CLT walls in the post-tensioned Pres-Lam system. This paper describes the proposed test regime and design detailing of two half-scale twostorey CLT stairwells to be tested under a bi-directional quasi-static loading. The test specimens will include a half-flight stair case with landings within the stairwell. The "High seismic option" consists of post-tensioned CLT walls coupled with energy dissipating U-shaped Flexural Plates (UFP) attached between wall panels and square hollow section steel columns at the corner junctions. An alternative "Low seismic option" uses the same post-tensioned CLT panels, with no corner columns or UFPs. The panels will be connected by screws to provide a semi-rigid connection, allowing relative movement between the panels producing some level of energy dissipation.

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[http://www.nzsee.org.nz/db/2013/Poster\\_52.pdf](http://www.nzsee.org.nz/db/2013/Poster_52.pdf)



## Seismic Design of Core-Wall Systems for Multi-Storey Timber Buildings

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Application: Wood Building Systems  
Shafts and Chases  
Topic: Seismic  
Design and Systems  
Keywords: Post-Tensioned  
Core-Walls  
Quasi-Static  
Seismic Loading  
Multi-Storey  
U-Shaped Flexural Plates  
Language: English  
Research Status: Complete

Summary:

This thesis discusses the results of experimental tests on two post-tensioned timber core-walls, tested under bi-directional quasi-static seismic loading. The half-scale two-storey test specimens included a stair with half-flight landings. Multi-storey timber structures are becoming increasingly desirable for architects and building owners due to their aesthetic and environmental benefits. In addition, there is increasing public pressure to have low damage structural systems with minimal business interruption after a moderate to severe seismic event. Timber has been used extensively for low-rise residential structures in the past, but has been utilised much less for multi-storey structures, traditionally limited to residential type building layouts which use light timber framing and include many walls to form a lateral load resisting system. This is undesirable for multi-storey commercial buildings which need large open spaces providing building owners with versatility in their desired floor plan. The use of Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT) panels for multi-storey timber buildings is gaining popularity throughout the world, especially for residential construction. Previous experimental testing has been done on the in-plane behaviour of single and coupled post-tensioned timber walls at the University of Canterbury and elsewhere. However, there has been very little research done on the 3D behaviour of timber walls that are orthogonal to each other and no research to date into post-tensioned CLT walls. The "high seismic option" consisted of full height post-tensioned CLT walls coupled with energy dissipating U-shaped Flexural Plates (UFPs) attached at the vertical joints between coupled wall panels and between wall panels and the steel corner columns. An alternative "low seismic option" consisted of post-tensioned CLT panels connected by screws, to provide a semi-rigid connection, allowing relative movement between the panels, producing some level of frictional energy dissipation.

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## Timber Core-Walls for Lateral Load Resistance of Multi-Storey Timber Buildings

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Post-Tensioned  
Core-Walls  
Multi-Storey  
Panels

Language: English

Research Status: Complete

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