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# Shake table tests on a full-scale timber-frame building with gypsum fibre boards

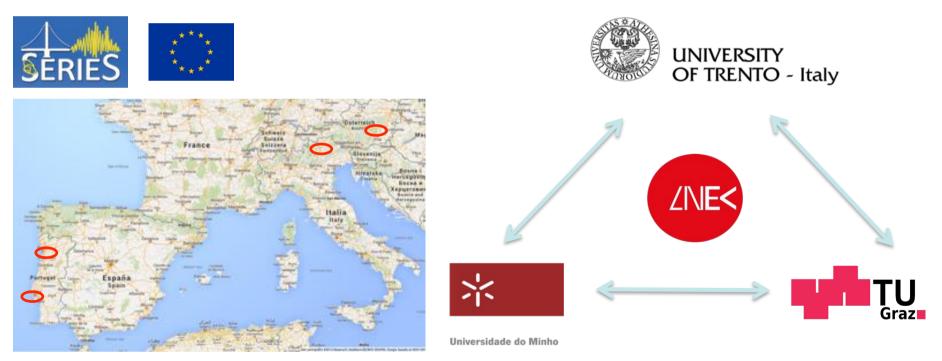
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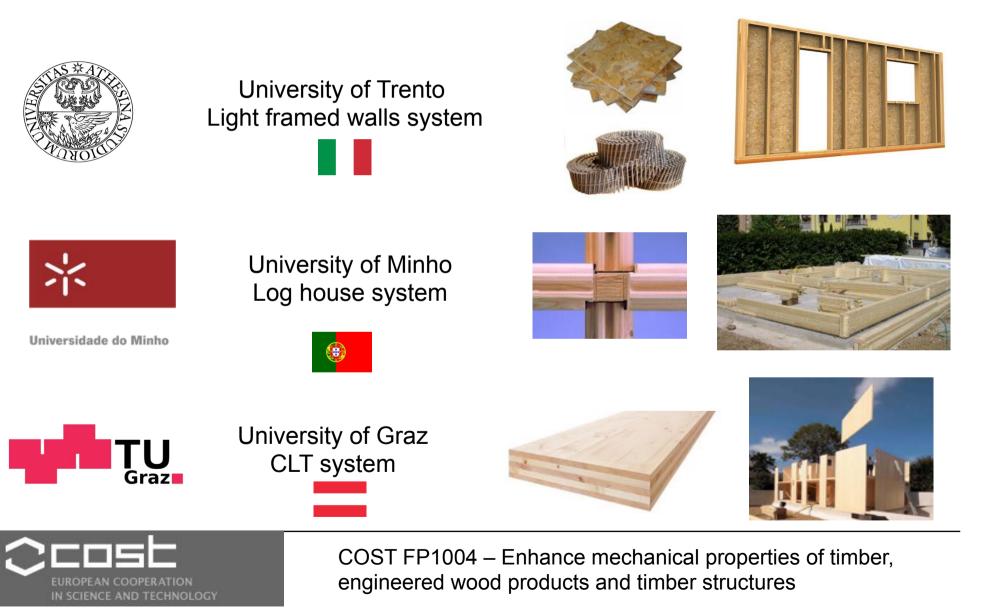
**SERIES PROJECT** (Seismic Engineering Research Infrastructures for European Synergies)

The research on timber buildings involves University of Trento, Italy as the lead institution, University of Minho, Portugal, University of Graz, Austria.









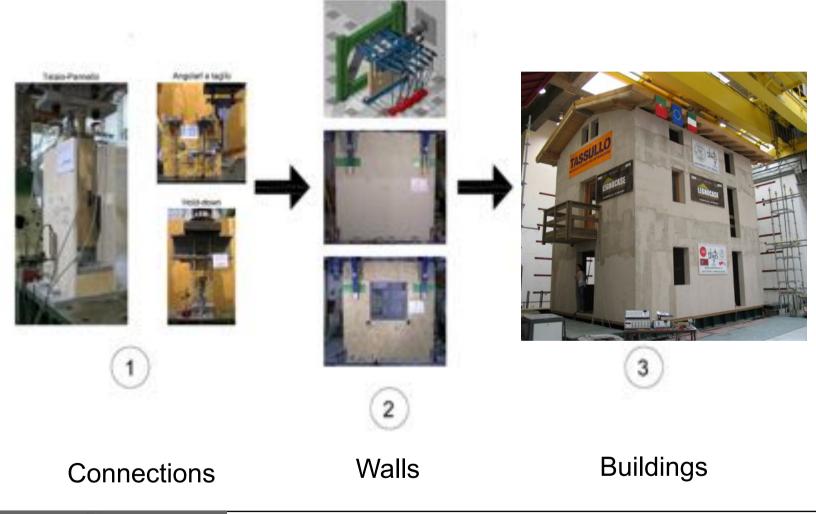


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TA AGREEMENT :	January 2010 - Grant agreement n° 227887
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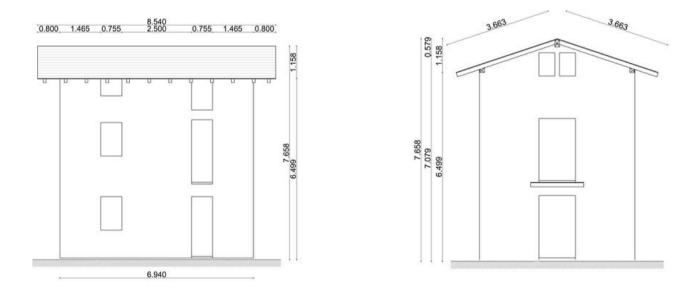
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### Specimens geometry

All specimens had the same geometry (squared 7 m x 5 m) and architectural layout.

- TF/CLT three storey to a maximum height to the peak of 7.65m
- LH two storey to a maximum height to the peak of 5.28m

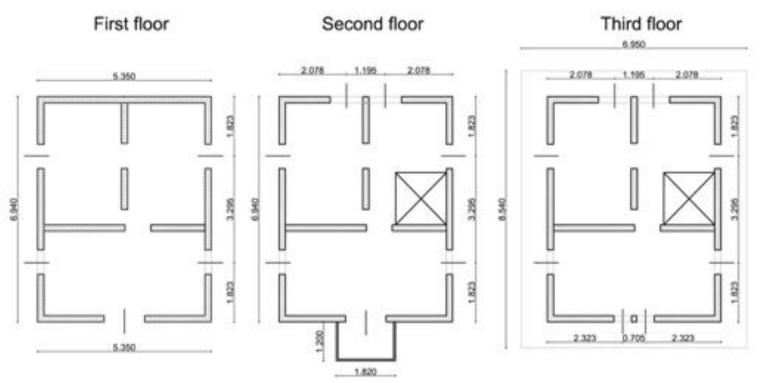
All the four tested building were designed in accordance with EC 5/EC 8.







Plan and the opening distribution were designed to reproduce a real single-family home.



In order to guarantee the comparison between the different systems, permanent loads and variable

loads were the same (permanent: 1.3 kN/m<sup>2</sup> - Variable load: 2 kN/m<sup>2</sup>)





### Log house specimen

The **log house** specimen has been produced by the Portuguese company Rusticasa. According to the present production standard of the company only two storeys have been built, with a maximum height of 5.28 m at the ridge.







Walls	Inner walls logs 80x160 mm Outer walls logs 160x160 mm
Floor	Timber beams 90 x 165 mm + 15 mm OSB sheathing panels, ring nails (2.8 x 60 mm) Connection between walls and floors is obtained by means of dovetail joints
Roof	Solid wood rafters (70 mm x 190 mm), over which OSB panels are nailed The ridge board has a 120 mm x 200 mm cross-section
Connections	The sill logs are connected to the steel plate through M16 bolts, class 8.8





### Light timber framed wall specimen 1

Two different timber frame specimens were tested. The first one, with **OSB structural sheathing panels**, has been produced by the Italian company Legnocase. The structure was completed with external and internal claddings and one room of the 2nd storey was also equipped with laminate floor - drywall and ceilings – doors - windows and furnitures.









Walls	light frame walls (60/100x160 mm studs and 60 mm top/bottom beams) OSB sheathing panels
Floor	600 mm x 140 mm modular Timber box elements (beams 78x31 mm upper and lower boards 31 mm) + 15 mm OSB sheathing panels nailed with ring nails 2.8x60 mm) Connection between walls and floors is obtained by means of screws
Roof	Solid wood beams rafter 100x140 mm/760 mm, ridge beam 160x240 mm, purlins 160x160 mm. Wooden plank (20 mm) reinforced with perforated metal strips
Connections	Shear connections: steel plate (anker nails 4x60 mm) Uplift connections: tie-downs (anker nails 4x60 mm) Base shear connections: screws 8x180 mm Base uplift connections: hold-downs (anker nails 4x60 mm)





### Light timber framed wall specimen 2

The second TF building, produced by Italian company Rubner\_haus, was built with **gypsum fibre structural sheathing panels** connected to the timber frame of the walls by means of steel staples (instead of using the system OSB + ring nails).









Walls	light frame walls (80x120/160 mm studs and 60 mm top/bottom beams) Gypsum fiber sheathing panels
Floor	Timber beams 80x200 mm + 12 mm OSB lower panels and 22 mm OSB upper panels (all panels nailed with ring nails 2.8x60 mm) Connection between walls and floors is obtained by means of screws
Roof	Solid wood beams rafter 120x160 mm/840 mm , ridge beam 160x240 mm, purlins 160x240mm. Wood planks (20 mm) reinforced with perforated metal strips
Connections	Base shear connections: angle brackets (anker nails 4x60 mm) Base uplift connections: hold-downs (anker nails 4x60 mm)
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### **Cross laminated timber specimen**

The last test of Timber Building project within SERIES was carried out on **CLT** three storey building. In this case all the elements (walls, floors, roof) were built with cross laminated timber panels of different thickness.







Walls	3 layers CLT wall panel 100 mm (layup 30-40-30)
Floor	5 layers CLT floor panel 150mm (layup 30-30-30-30-30). Connection between walls and floors is obtained by means of screws
Roof	3 layers CLT floor panel 99mm (layup 33-33-33). Connection between walls and roof panels is obtained by means of screws
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### LNEC Shaking table

To test real scale lightweight timber structures the size of the table (5.6x4.6 m) was enlarged with a structural base frame (5x7m) made of steel beams bolted on the top plate.







Steel plates, anchored to the floor, reproduces the weight according the load combination for seismic load cases (self-weight of flooring and a fraction of variable load ).

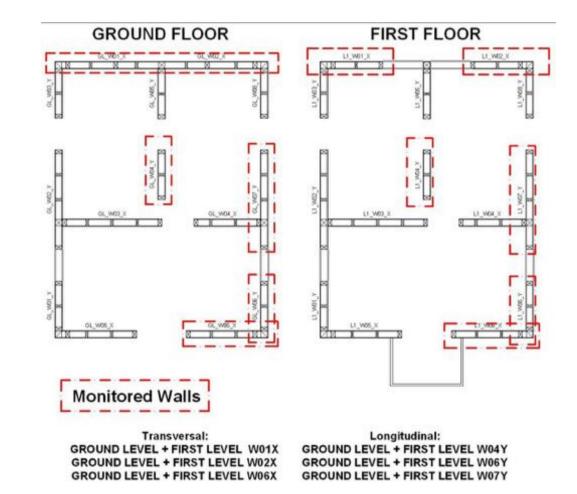






### Instrumentation

Туре	Qty	Measure
LVDT	4	Inter-storey drift
LVDT	8	Wall sliding
LVDT	10	Wall uplift
Accelerometers on structure	39	Accelerations at different levels and
Accelerometers on steel basement	5	Accelerations at the shaking table level positions
Load cell	10	Forces on hold down anchoring elements
Optical displacement measurement system 1	5	Point absolute displacements (5 points x,y component)
Optical displacement measurement system 2	20	Point absolute displacements



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### Instrumentation



### LVDT displacement transducers



Accelerometers













Load Cell















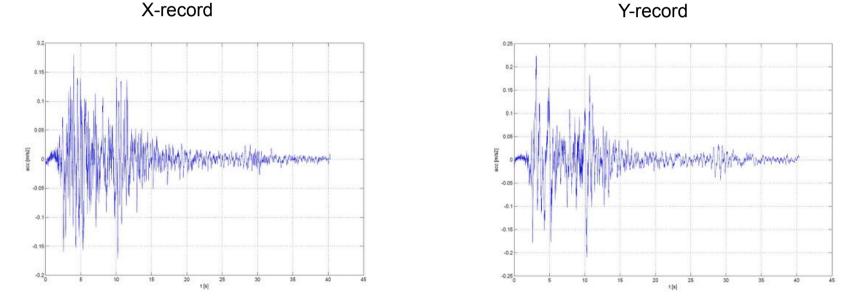




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### Input signal

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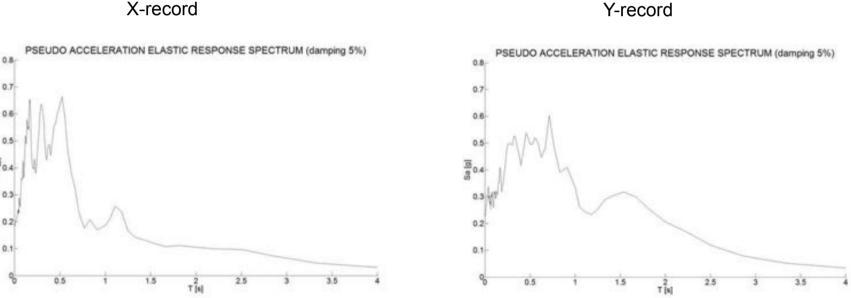
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Analysis of experimental results of the 3<sup>rd</sup> specimen









Investigation of the seismic behaviour of a timber-frame building with gypsum fibre boards





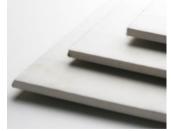


### Gypsum fibre as material for sheathing panels

In the last twenty years gypsum fibreboard (GFB) has been demonstrated as an efficient solution both for **structural** and non-structural finishing of walls in light timber frame (LTF) buildings.

GFB demonstrate high performances in terms of sound insulation, vapour permeability and thermal inertia. Moreover GFB could be used to ensure an adequate fire protection of the walls.

Staples are usually adopted to connected the boards to the wood frame.













### **Gypsum Fibre boards vs Oriented Strand Boards**

Properties		[*]	units	OSB	GFB
Thickness	- St		Sec. Sec. 1	15	15
Density	Ph		[kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	650	1150
Bending strength	Ina	0	[MPa]	16.4	4.0
		90	[MPa]	8.2	
Tensile strength	fea	0	[MPa]	9.4	2.40
		90	[MPa]	7.0	
Compressive strength	fck	0	[MPa]	15.4	8.50
Contraction of the second second		90	[MPa]	12.7	7.30
Shear strength	f <sub>ek</sub>		[MPa]	6.8	3.50
Modulus of elasticity in		0			
bending	En	0	[MPa]	4930	3800
		90	[MPa]	1980	
Modulus of elasticity in	Et	0			
tension/compression	Lt	0	[MPa]	3800	3800
		90	[MPa]	3000	
Shear modulus	G		[MPa]	1080	1600
Thermal conductivity	λ		[W/mK]	0.13	0.32
Specific heat capacity c	Cp.		[kJ/kgK]	1.7	1.1
Density	ρm		[kg/m3]	650	1150
Water vapour resistance			8478. 14		
factor	μ			30/50	13

Mechanical properties of GFB seem lower than OSB.

This does not mean that GFB is not adequate to be used as structural boards to bear lateral loads in LTF bindings during a seismic event!





### Background – Gypsum plaster boards GPB

Since the mid-90s different experimental campaigns have been carried out on LTF with gypsum plaster boards GPB.

### Topics:

- ✓ Influence of GPB, used as finishing material, on the structural behaviour of shear walls sheathed with wood-based panels (OSB, PWD, Hardboard), Van de Lindt (2004).
- ✓ Contribution of GPB in terms of dynamic proprieties changings (stiffening) and nonstructural damages analysed by means of dynamic tests on shake table, Fischer et al. (2001) - Christovasilis et al. (2007).
- ✓ <u>Structural behaviour of shear walls sheathed with GPB</u>, *Mc Mullin and Merrick (2007) Dolan and Toothman (2003)*.





Background – Gypsum fibre boards GFB

On the contrary, the mechanical behaviour of shear walls sheathed with GFB was not deeply studied, especially in the case of seismic loads.

- ✓ Grossi et al. (2014) and Vogt et al. (2014), compared the mechanical behaviour of walls sheathed with GFB, with OSB panels, or GFB-OSB mixed solution.
- ✓ Shake table tests, on wall segments were also carried out by *Finn (2006)* to investigate the load bearing capacity under a seismic dynamic input.



Next Step

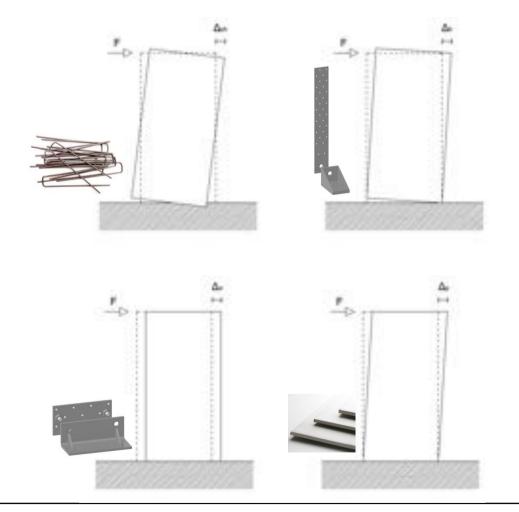
Investigation of a LTF building completely sheathed by GFBs by means of a full-scale shaking table test. *Casagrande, Grossi and Tomasi. (2015)* 



### **Preliminary tests**

The mechanical behaviour under lateral loads of the walls in LTF buildings can be related to four main contributions, *Casagrande et al. (2015),* namely the sheathing-to-framing connection (SH), the sheathing panel (P), the mechanical devices used to prevent the wall rotation (H) and sliding (A)

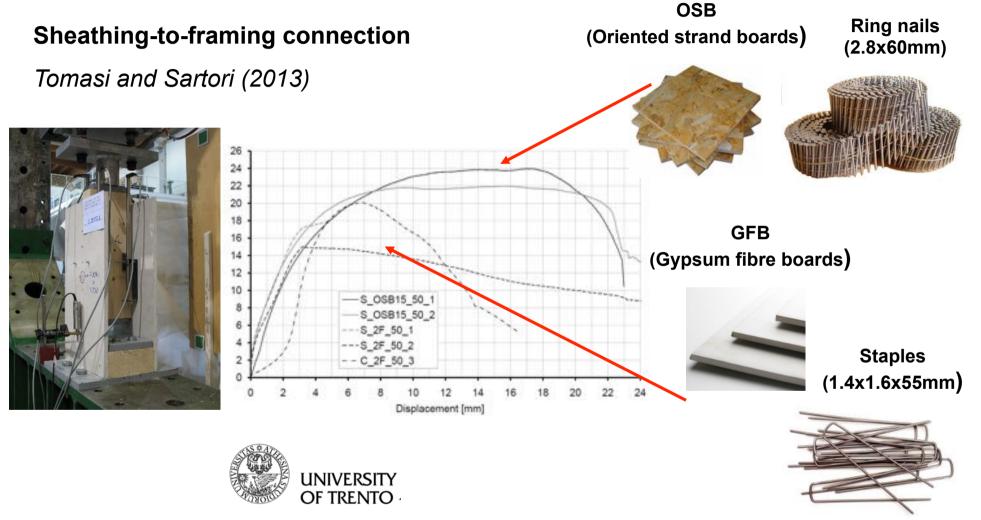
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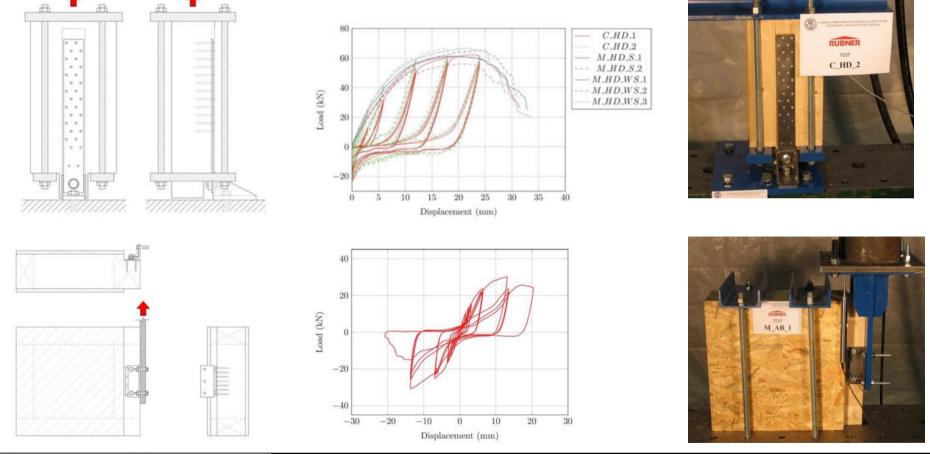








### Hold-down and angle-brackets





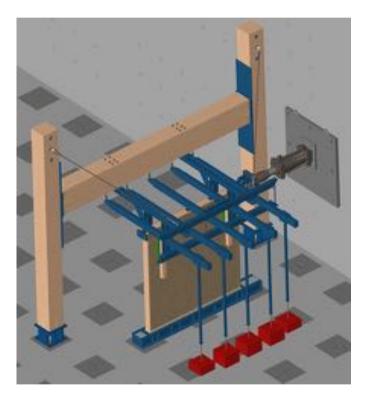


### Preliminary tests on full-scale walls









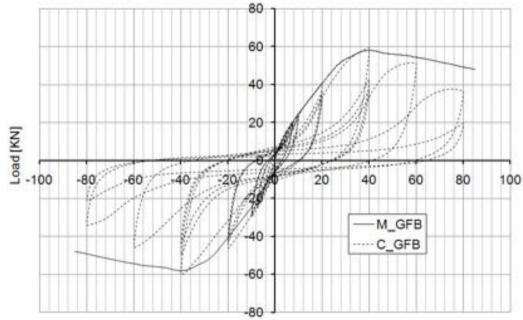






### Preliminary tests on full-scale walls

The mechanism failure of the wall was related to the oligo-cyclic fatigue failure of the staple legs.



Imposed horizontal displacement [mm]

Therefore, in tested wall, the sheathing-to-framing connection represents the weakest component of the structural system.





### Shake table test: two different stages



### **UN-WEAKENED BUILDING**

Labe	Typology	Targ-x	Targ-y
10	Dynamic id.	20	20
D1	Seismic test	2023	0.07g
D2	Seismic test	0.06g	
T1 -	Seismic test		
11	Dynamic id.	- 60 -	- 21
D3	Seismic test		0.15g
D4	Seismic test	0.12g	
T2	Seismic test		
12	Dynamic id.		-
D5	Seismic test	0.00.	0.28g
D6	Seismic test	0.23g	
T3	Seismic test		
13	Dynamic id.	-	12
D7	Seismic test	2 22 2	0.50g
D8	Seismic test	0.40g	
T4	Seismic test		
14	Dynamic id.	- 20	10

The input signals was scaled from 0.07 g to 0.50 g along the longitudinal direction (Y) of the specimen



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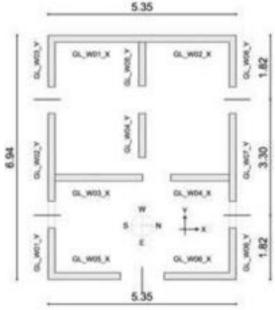
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First floor



This operation leads to a "new structure" where the lateral load bearing system of the ground floor is reduced keeping the same capacity for vertical loading.



Shake table test: two different stages

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WEAKENED BUILDING





First floor



Shake table test: two different stages



### WEAKENED BUILDING





Label	Typology	Targ-x	Targ-y
15	Dynamic id.		
D9	Seismic test		
D10	Seismic test	0.06g	0.07g
D11	Seismic test	1000000	
T5	Seismic test		
16	Dynamic id.	1.2	
D13	Seismic test	0.40-	0.15g
D12	Seismic test	0.12g	
Τ6	Seismic test		
17	Dynamic id.		
D14	Seismic test		
D15	Seismic test	0.23g	0.28g
D16	Seismic test	0000000000	100000
17	Seismic test		
18	Dynamic id.		
D17	Seismic test	1020200	
D18	Seismic test	0.40g	0.50g
D19	Seismic test		
19	Dynamic id.	2.40	
T8	Seismic test	0.40g	0.50g
110	Dynamic Id.		
T9	Seismic test	0.53g	0.66g
111	Dynamic id.		

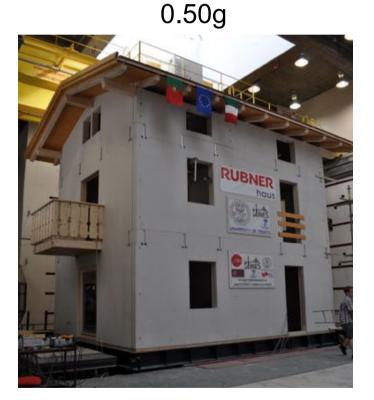
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Shake table test













Shake table test

0.50g









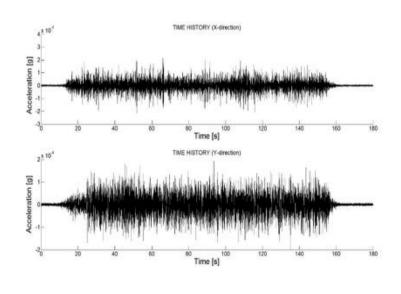
0.66g





#### **Dynamic identification**

After each step of the test a dynamic identification of the model was performed (noise signal with a RMS of 0.05g and a frequency range between 0.1 and 30hz in order to get **natural frequencies and mode shapes**.



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10	Dynamic id.	- 20	20	
D1	Seismic test	0.00-	0.07	
D2	Seismic test	0.06g	0.07g	
T1	Seismic test			
11	Dynamic id,	- 20	- 21	
D3	Seismic test	0.40.	0.45	
D4	Seismic test	0.12g	0.15g	
T2	Seismic test			
12	Dynamic id.	10		
D5	Seismic test	0.00	0.00-	
D6	Seismic test	0.23g	0.28g	
T3	Seismic test			
13	Dynamic id.	81	1	
D7	Seismic test	272205	010201	
D8	Seismic test	0.40g	0.50g	
T4	Seismic test			
14	Dynamic id.	2.1		







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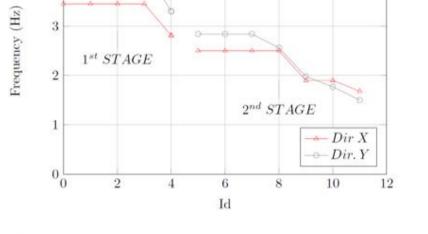
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#### Analysis of results – natural frequencies

With the aim of detecting any damage of the structure a dynamic identification test was carried out after every target T seismic test.

Since a variation of modal properties was observed after the seismic tests of the stage (test I4), we can assume that <u>the dynamic</u> <u>behaviour of the building in the stage 2 had</u> <u>been influenced by the stage 1 seismic tests.</u> For this reason the un-weakened building, despite of no visible damage was detected by visual inspection, cannot be considered as a "new" building



#### frequencies [Hz]

	10	11	12	13	14	15	<b>I</b> 6	17	18	19	110	<mark> 11</mark>
1st x	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	2.81	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	1.90	1.90	1.68
1st y	4.18	4.18	4.18	4.18	3.30	2.84	2.84	2.84	2.56	1.98	1.77	1.50

#### **Un-weakened**

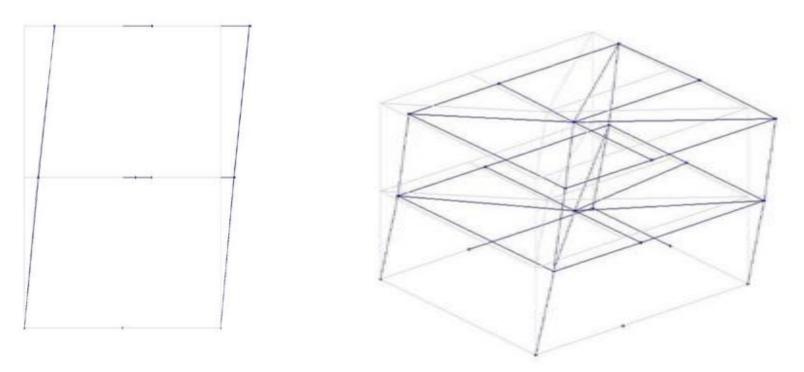
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Analysis of results – mode shapes

Un-weakened TRANSVERSAL X 3.45 Hz

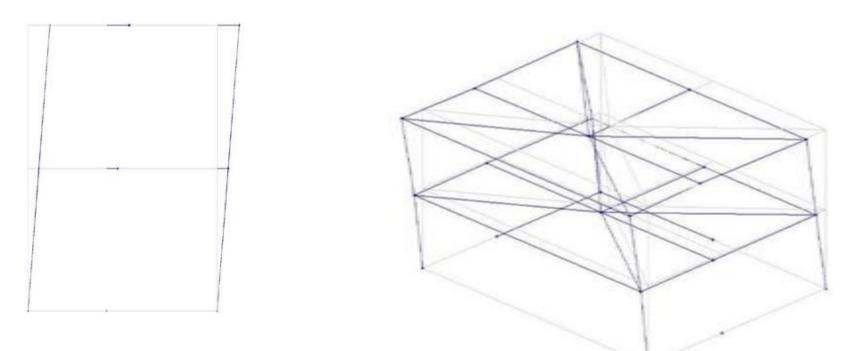






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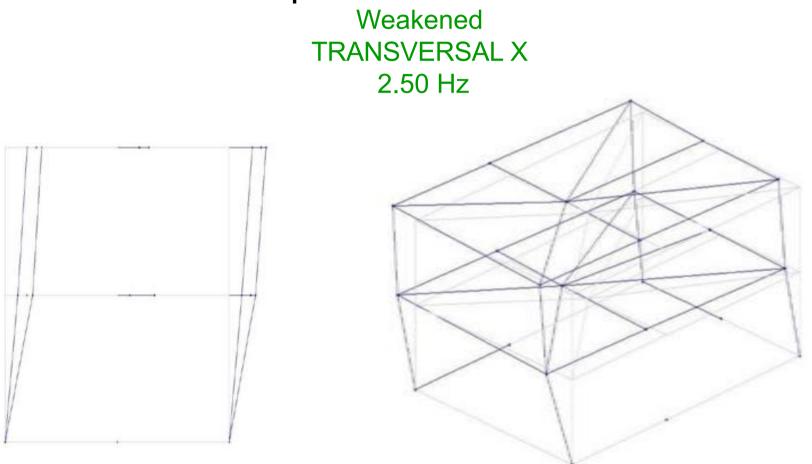
Un-weakened LONGITUDINAL Y 4.18 Hz







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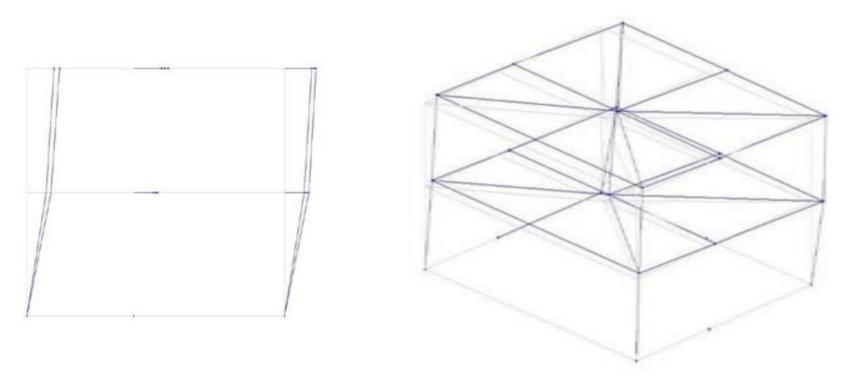






Analysis of results – mode shapes

Weakened LONGITUDINAL Y 2.84 Hz



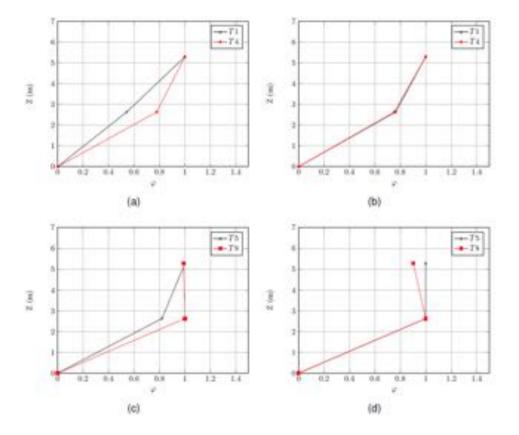




#### Analysis of results – peak accelerations (g)

	Test	Un-weakened (stage 1)							
Dir.	Pos.	T1	T2	T3	T4				
X	Ref.acc. Table 1st floor 2nd floor	0.06 0.1 0.19	0.12 0.17 0.3	0.22 0.35 0.49	0.57 0.69 0.89				
Y	Ref.acc. Table 1st floor 2nd floor	0.07 0.1 0.13	0.13 0.18 0.25	0.28 0.39 0.44	0.51 0.62 0.82				

	Test		W	eakened	d (stage	2)	
Dir.	Pos.	T5	T6	T7	D19	T8	T9
X	Ref.acc.			× 64.500 million	AN C 1740	1000.000	
	Table	0.06	0.1	0.22	0.42	0.43	0.44
	1st floor	0.08	0.2	0.57	1.01	0.97	0.84
	2nd floor	0.1	0.24	0.57	0.99	0.96	0.93
Y	Ref.acc.						
	Table	0.07	0.14	0.29	0.47	0.73	0.73
	1st floor	0.13	0.25	0.52	0.89	1.03	1.1
	2nd floor	0.13	0.23	0.45	0.87	0.93	0.96







#### Analysis of results – inter-storey displacement and drift

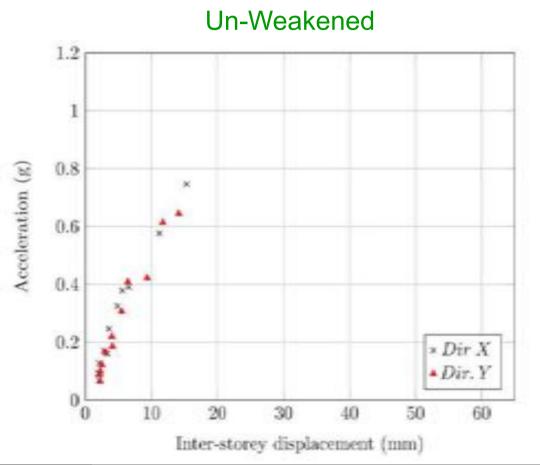
The inter-storey displacement and the **inter-storey drift**, defined as the ratio between and the inter-storey height of the building (in this case equal to 2560 mm), are **key factors for understanding the mechanical behaviour of a structure under a seismic event**. The damage-level and the seismic capacity of the structure are in fact strongly related to these two parameters, *Fischer et al. (2001) - Van de Lindt et al. (2006) – Tomasi et al. (2014)*.

	0	Ground-	first dir. 3	X	0	Ground-first dir. Y					
	Lv	dt	0	pt.	Lv	dt	o	ot.			
	Δ	- v	Δ	θ	Δ	- Ø	Δ	θ			
	[mm]	[%]	[mm]	[%]	[mm]	[%]	[mm]	[%]			
T1	0.5	0.02	1.9	0.08	0.9	0.04	2.2	0.09			
T2	1	0.04	2.8	0.11	2.2	0.09	4.1	0.16			
T3	2.6	0.1	5.6	0.22	7.1	0.28	6.4	0.25			
T4	6.6	0.26	15.3	0.6	19.6	0.77	14.1	0.55			
T5	1.1	0.04	2.6	0.1	3.5	0.14	4.5	0.18			
T6	2.5	0.1	5.5	0.22	7.9	0.31	7.1	0.28			
T7	5.6	0.22	10.8	0.42	16.7	0.65	15.3	0.6			
D19	11	0.43	16.7	0.65	34.1	1.33	30	1.17			
T8	12	0.47	15.3	0.6	40.8	1.6	38.6	1.51			
Т9	12.5	0.49	16	0.62	60	2.35	62.9	2.46			



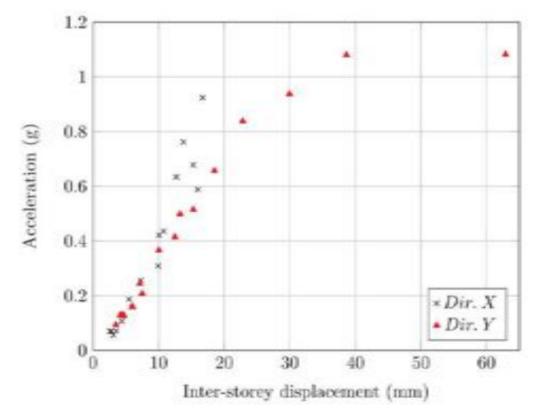
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Analysis of results – peak acceleration vs inter-storey drift





Analysis of results – peak acceleration vs inter-storey drift



#### Weakened

a significant reduction of the curve slope shown for displacement greater than 30 mm, confirming a strong nonlinear behaviour of the structure in the last tests.







#### Analysis of results – visual inspection

D19 0.50 g



list of visual damages for stage 2



T9 0.66g

Test	Detected damage							
D19	Cracking of GFB in the proximity of the hold down anchor (W06_X, north east bottom corner), cracking on gypsum wallboards at corners of openings at the ground level (W01_Y, south east - W02_Y, south - W06_X, north east), cracking on the GFB at the ground level (W_06_X, north), spalling of the bottom edge of the GFB (W07_Y, north) at the ground level.							
T8	Cracking on the GFB at the ground level (W_07_Y, north – W04_X, central), cracking of the bottom comer of the GFB (W07_Y, north) at the ground level.							
Т9	Spalling at the corner of the window (W_06_Y, north), staples pull through (W_07_Y, north), cracking of GFB in the proximity of the hold down anchor (W04_X, north east bottom corner), cracking on the GFB at the ground level (W_07_Y, north)							





#### Analysis of results – Tensile Forces in Hold-downs

Peak values [kN]

	Un-weakened (stage 1)				Weakened (stage 2)					
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6	T7	D19	T8	T9
GLW06X_L	0.2	0.2	0.2	5.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	3.6	4.1	4.9
GLW06X_R	0.1	0.2	0.3	13.4	0.2	1.0	13.5	37.2	39.3	32.0
GLW07Y_L	0.2	0.3	0.6	5.9	0.2	0.5	1.1	6.5	8.4	8.1
GLW07Y_R	0.8	1.3	1.8	19.2	0.6	0.9	13.4	43.4	32.0	16.9
GLW01X_L	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	2.2	4.8	10.7
GLW01X_R	0.1	0.1	0.4	5.6	0.1	0.2	0.3	8.0	7.8	2.2
GLW04Y_L	0.2	0.4	1.1	2.1	0.3	0.6	1.2	5.8	11.9	21.3
GLW04Y_R	1.2	1.0	1.4	6.1	0.5	0.4	1.8	14.3	18.5	24.2
GLW02X_L	0.1	0.2	5.0	25.1	0.2	0.4	8.7	25.6	21.8	10.3
GLW02X_R	0.1	0.2	0.4	3.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.7	0.9	1.0

#### peak tensile force values [kN]

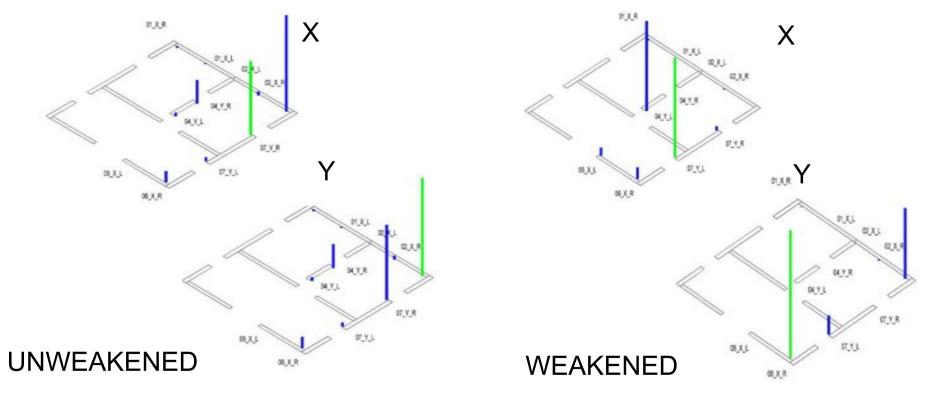
These values are quite lower than the strength obtained from laboratory test (equal to 62 kN), confirming that the structural damage was related to the sheathing-to-framing connections and GFB.





Analysis of results – Tensile Forces in Hold-downs

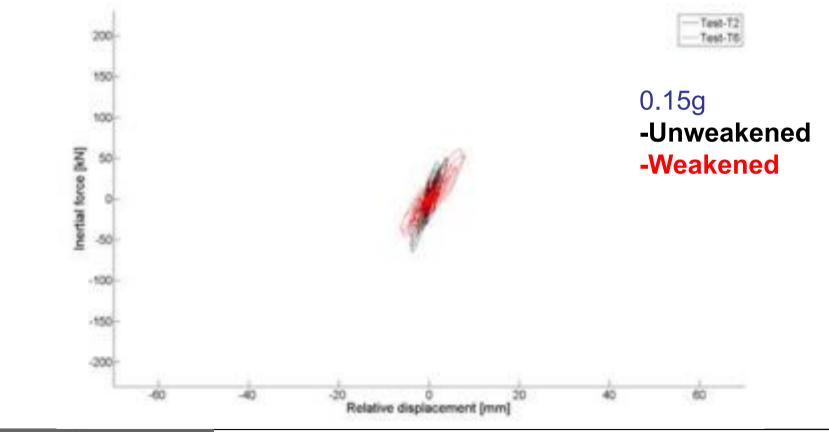
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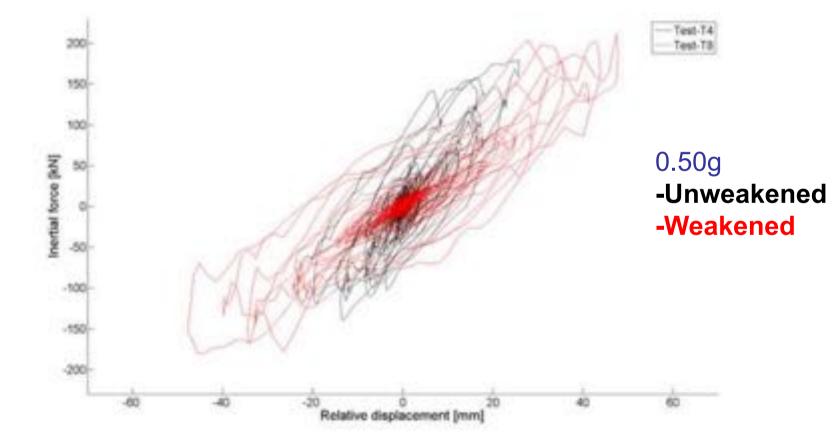
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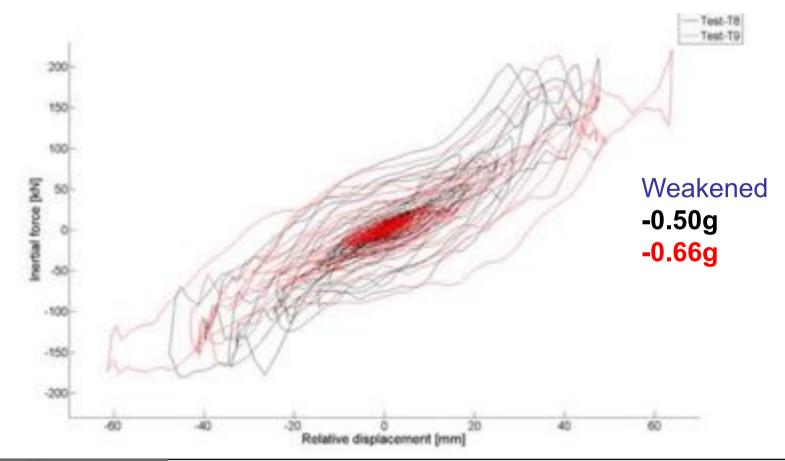
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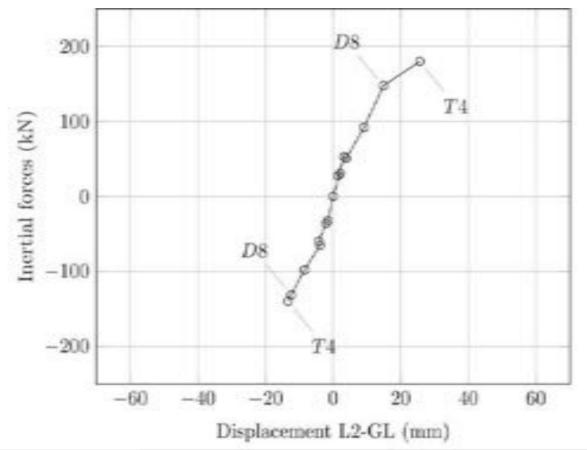
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Analysis of results – Capacity spectra

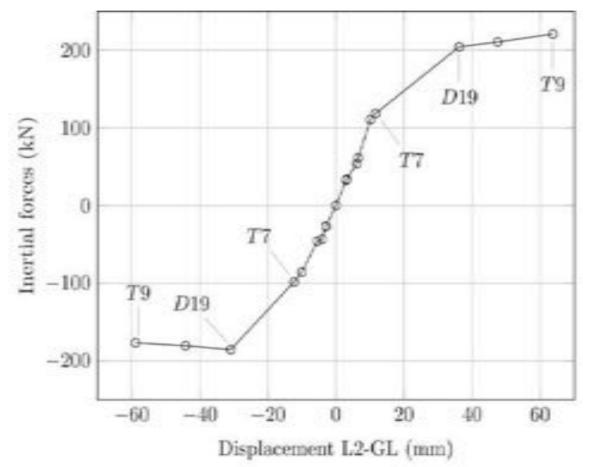


#### Unweakened





Analysis of results – Capacity spectra



#### Weakened



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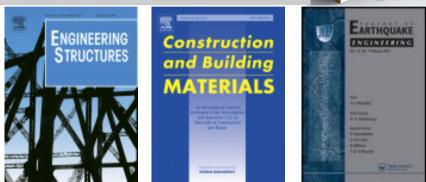
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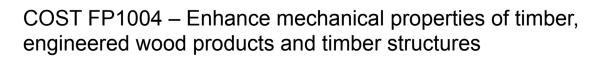
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