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1. Introduction



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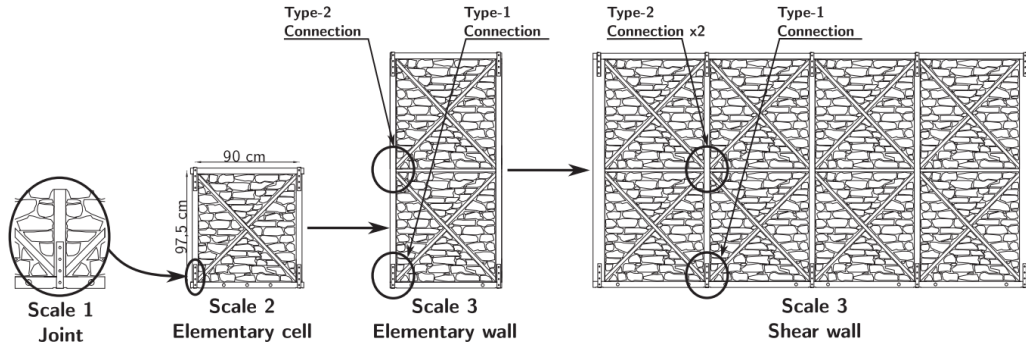
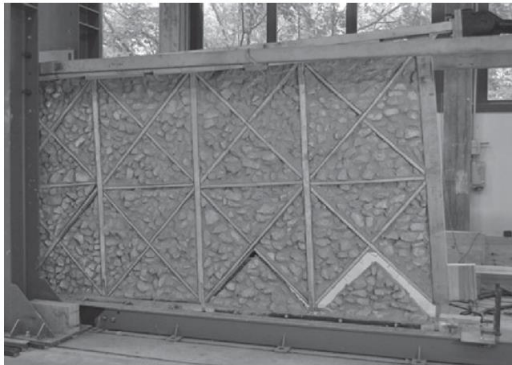
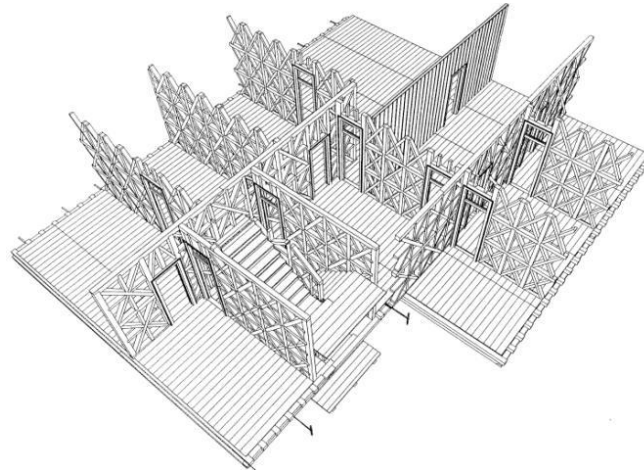
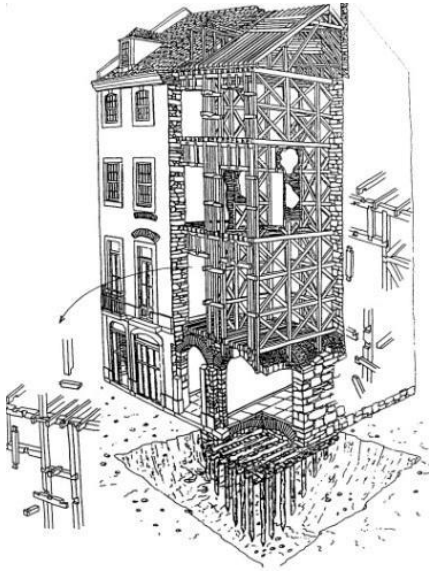


Fig. 3. The three scales of this experimental study.



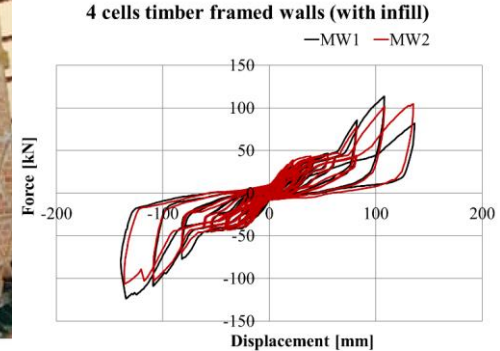
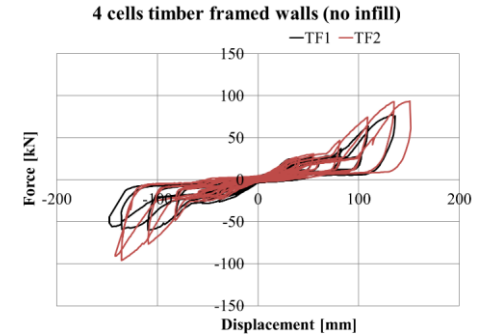
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Lisbon, 1755 (**Portugal** – Pombalino buildings)



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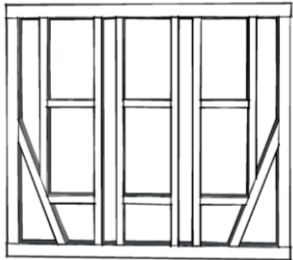
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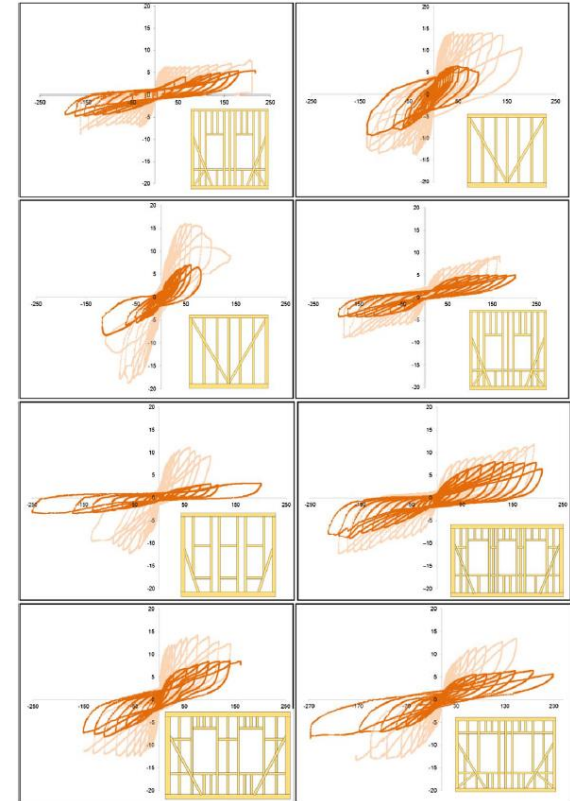
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Lefkada, 2003 (Greece - Ξυλοπηκτη Τοιχοποιια (Χυλοπικτη Τοιχοποια))

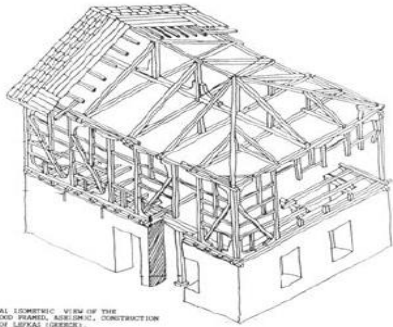
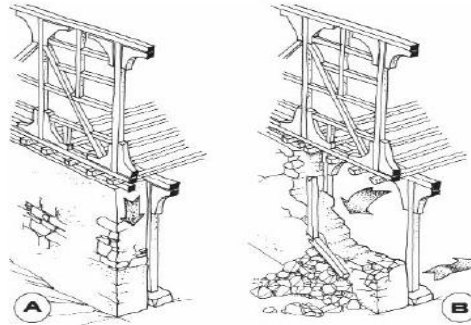


FIG. 13. GENERAL 3-DIMENSIONAL VIEW OF THE TRADITIONAL WOOD FRAME, REGIONAL, CONSTRUCTION OF THE ISLAND OF LEFKADA (GREECE).

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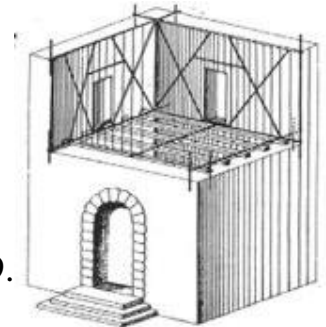
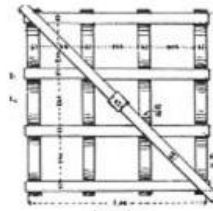
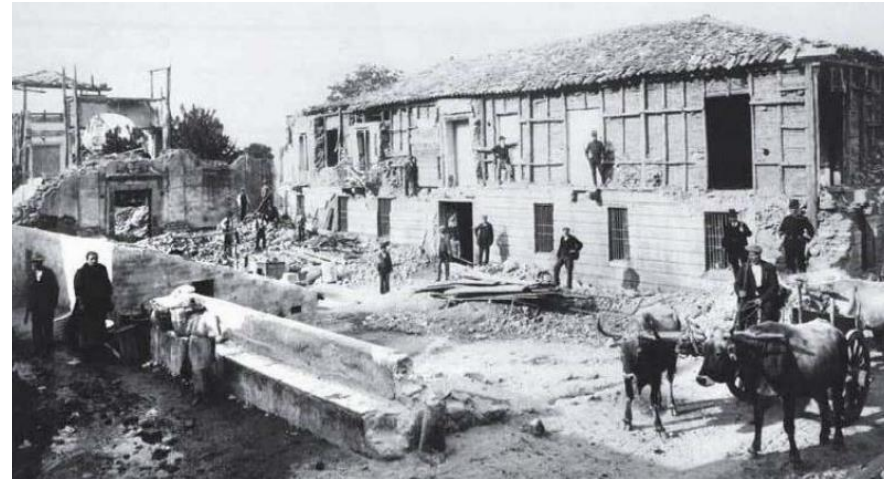
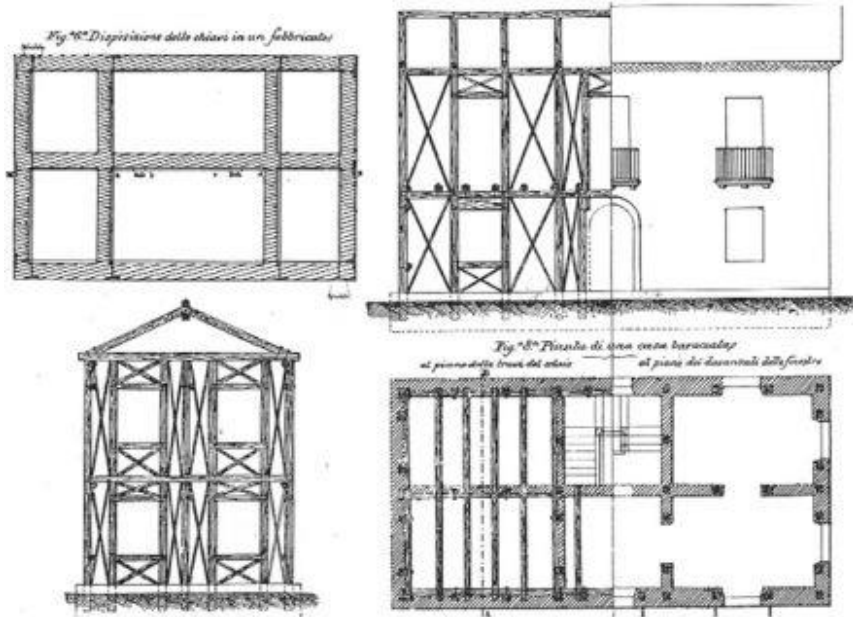
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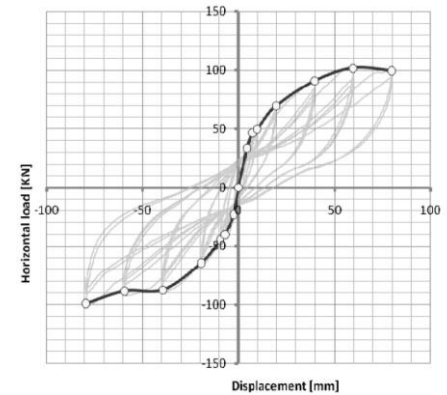
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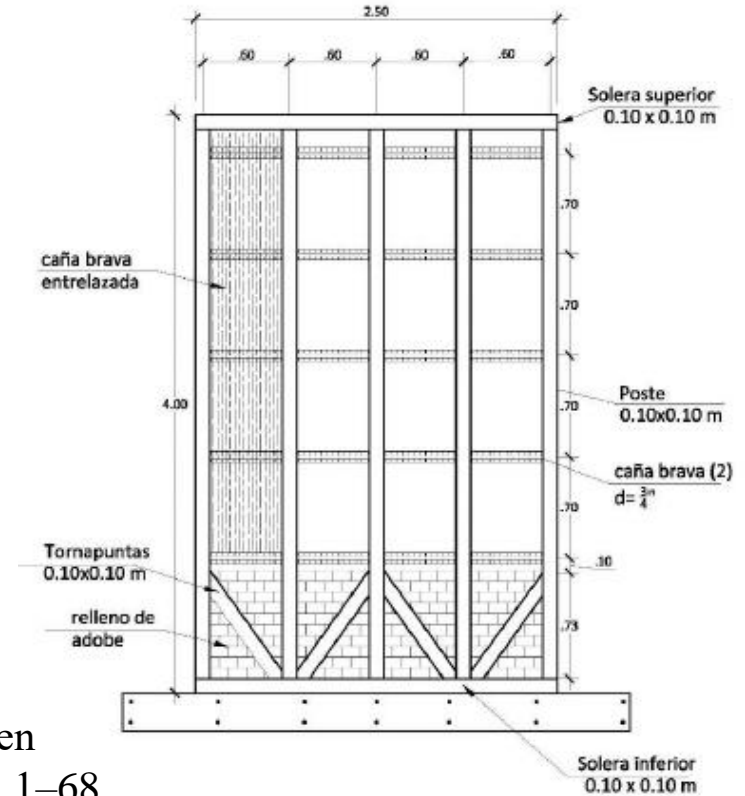
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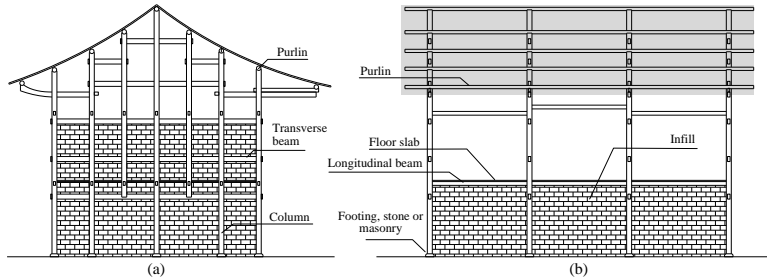
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Pisco, 2007 (**Peru** – Quincha buildings)

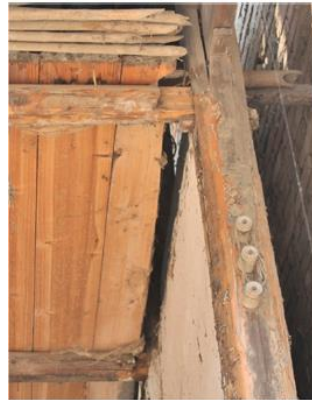


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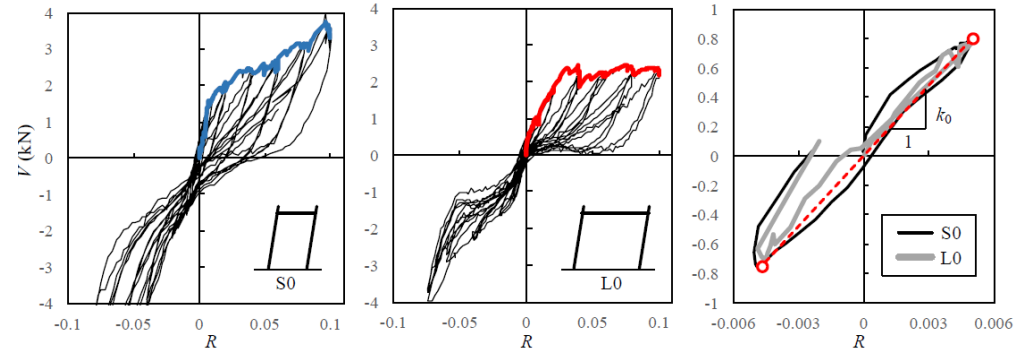
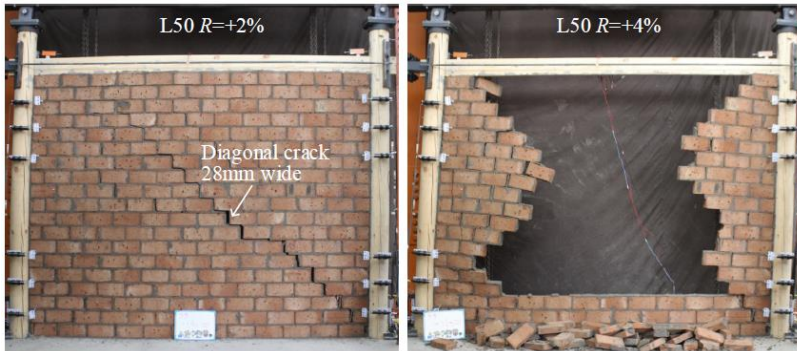
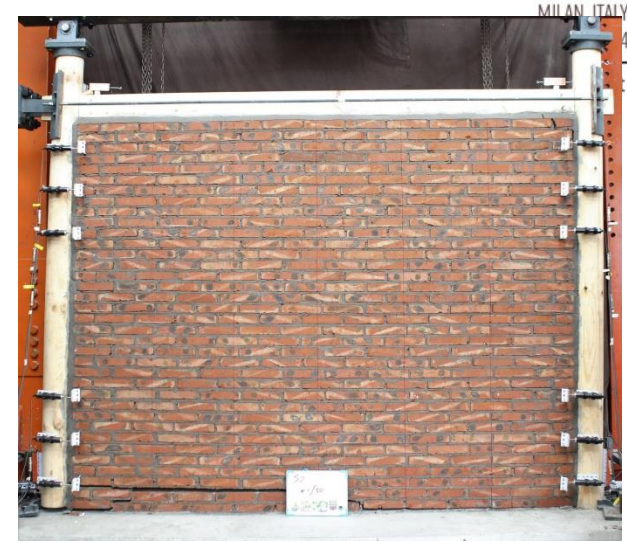
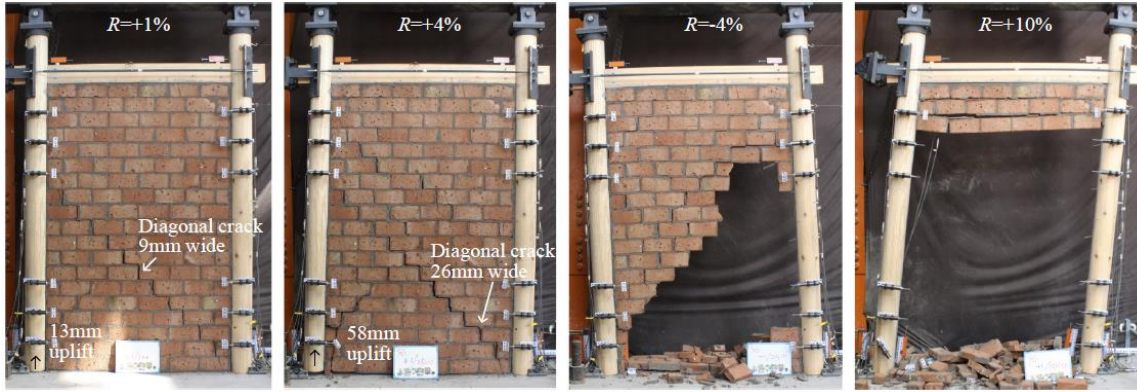
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Paianta house, type 1 – with fired mud brick infill - **Romania**



Paianta house, type 2 – with wattle and daub infill - **Romania**



Paianta house, type 3 – with mud mixed with straw infill - **Romania**



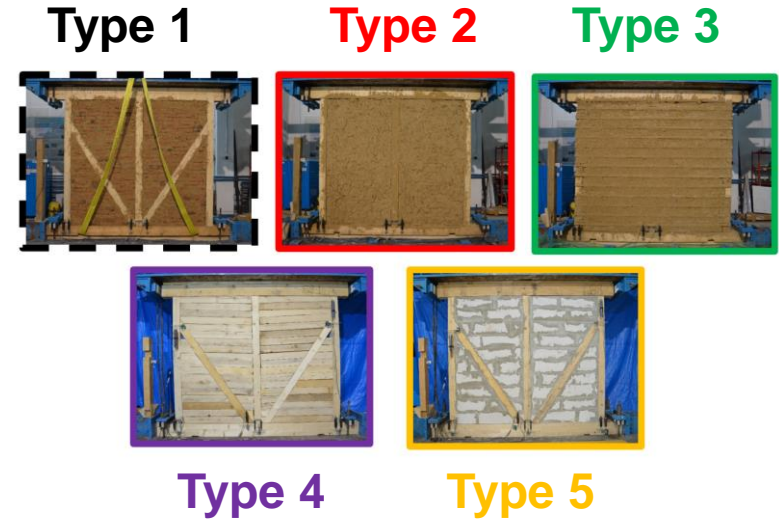
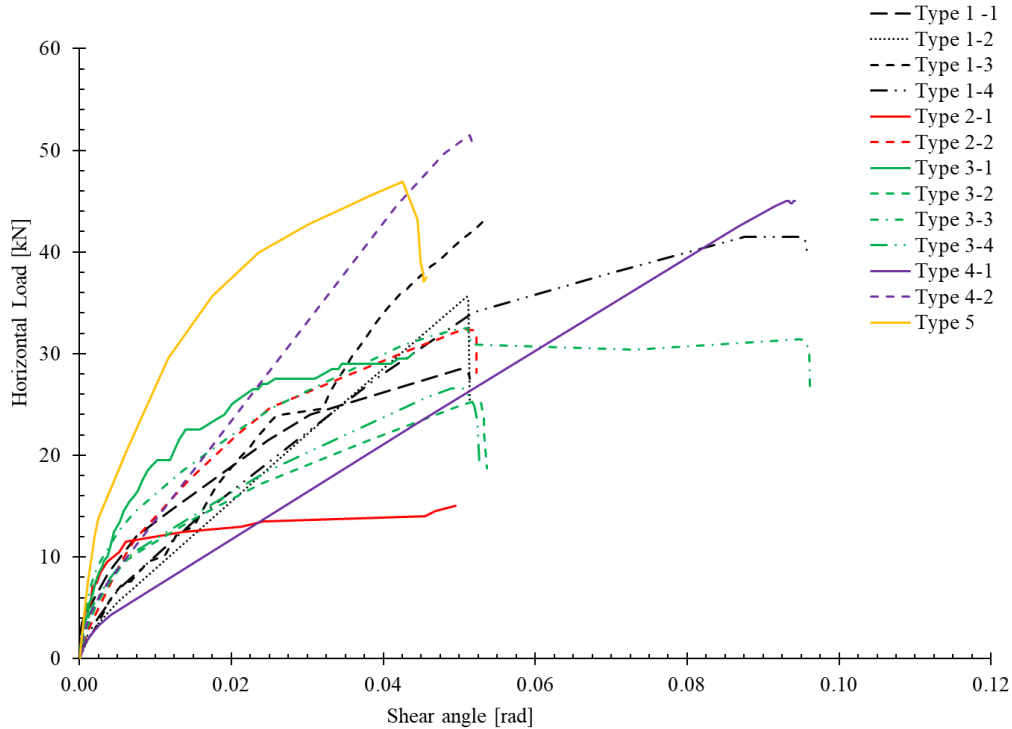
Paianta house, type 4 – with horizontal logs infill - **Romania**



Paianta house, type 5 – with AAC brick infill - **Romania**

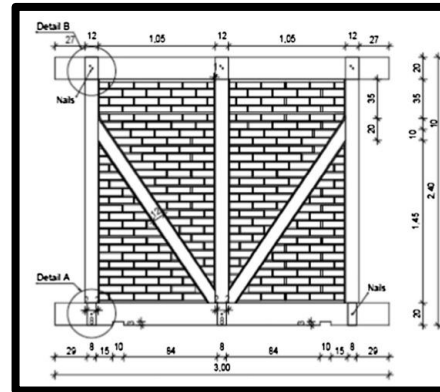
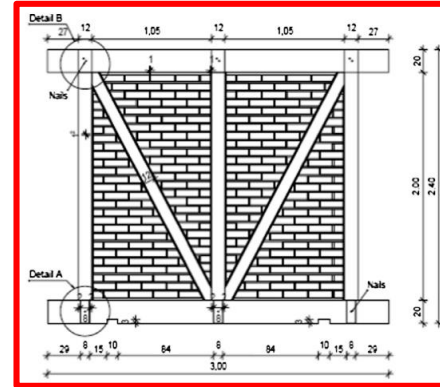
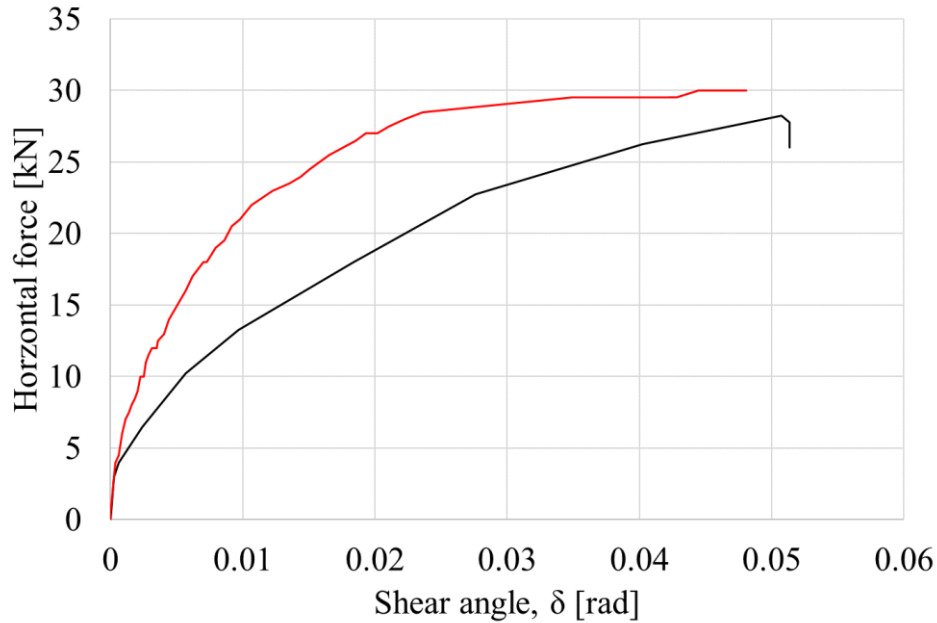


Static cyclic tests on *paianta* walls

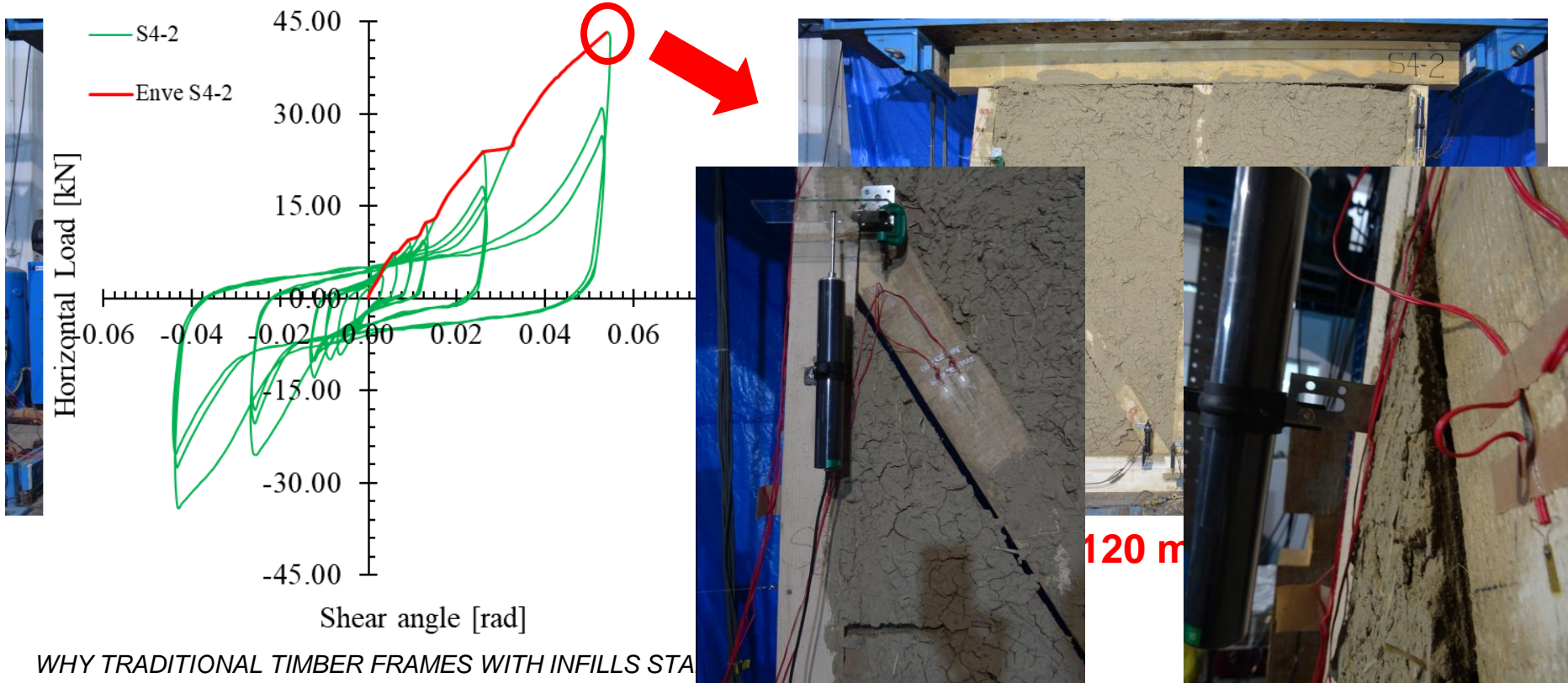


The lower diagonal

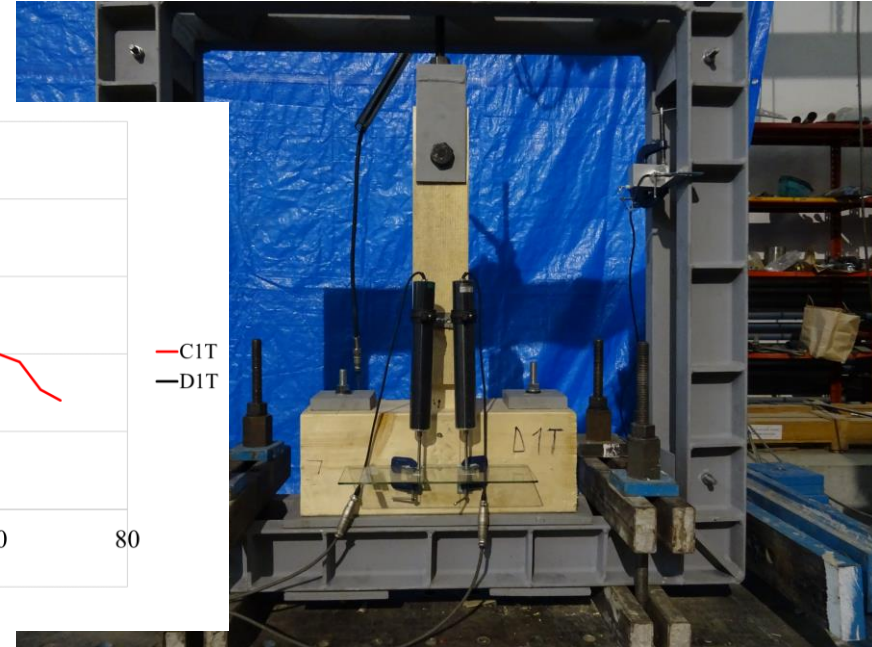
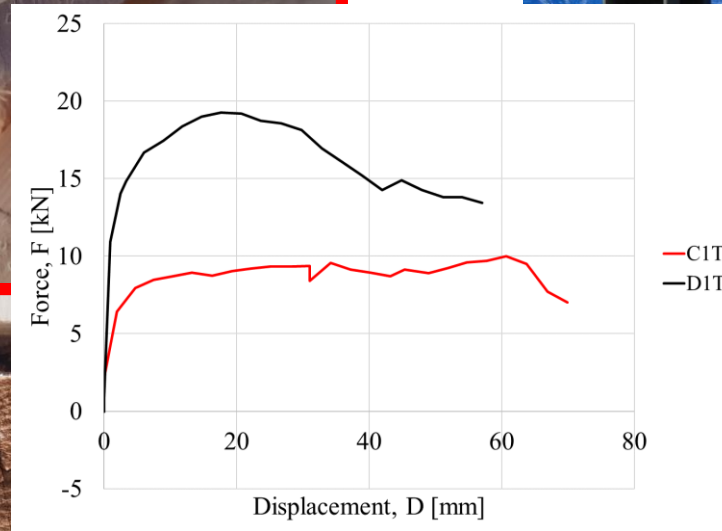
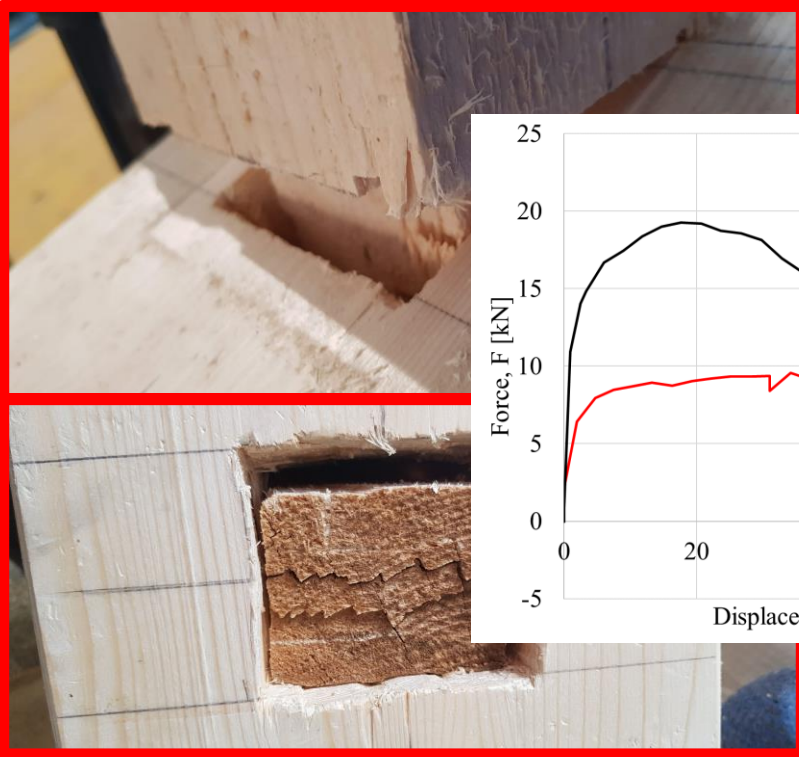
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The poor connection between the timber frame and infill

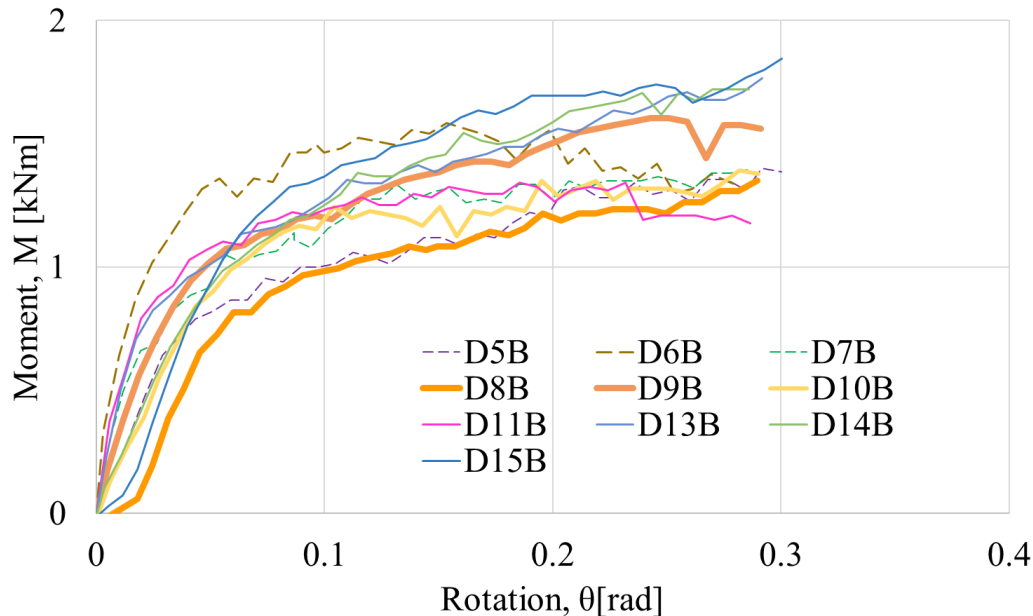


The gaps and different metal fasteners in the timber connections



Black line = good workmanship skills
Red line = poor workmanship skills

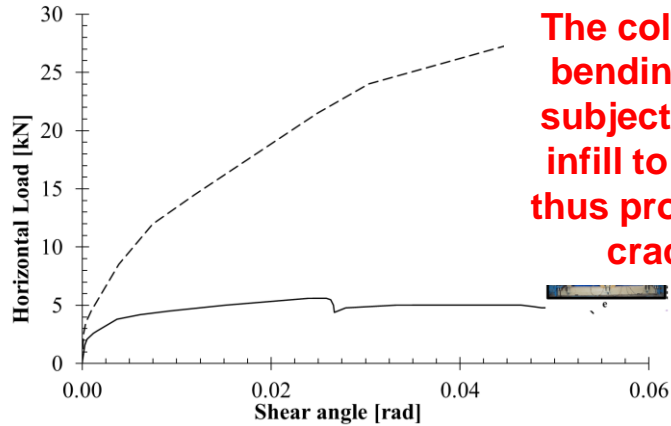
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Orange thick line = gaps in the cross-halved connections



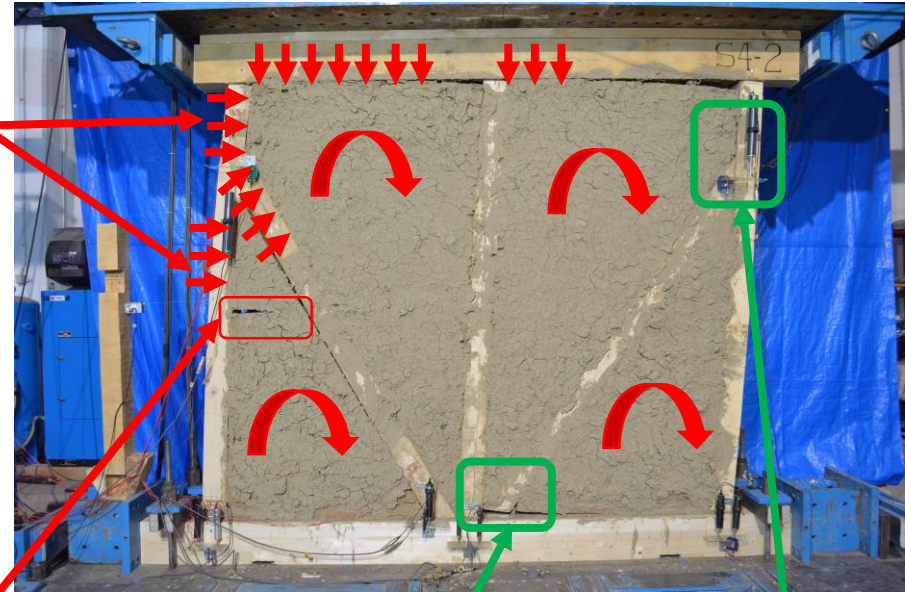
The mechanism of timber frames with infills



Infills' influence

The column is bending, and subjecting the infill to shear, thus producing cracks

The crack does not propagate to the upper infill panel

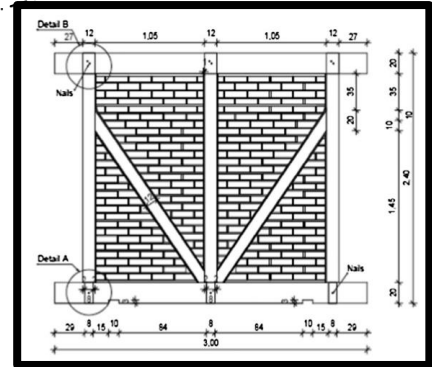
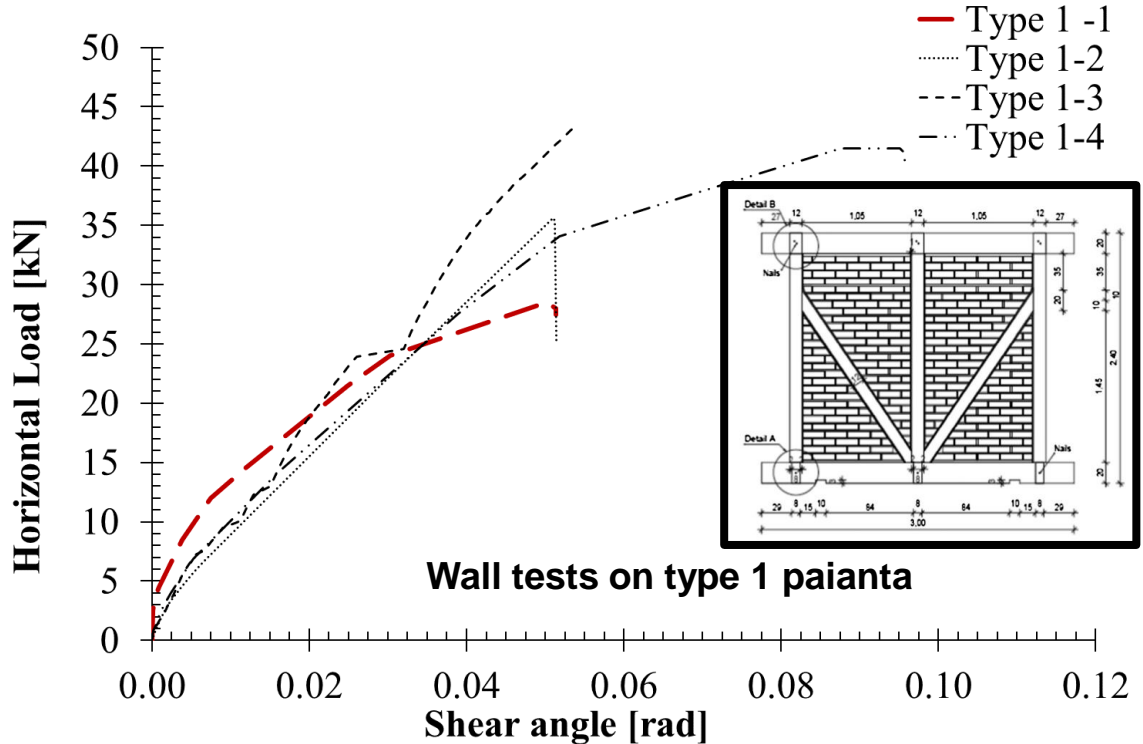


The brace detaches, but due to the infill, it goes back in the same place

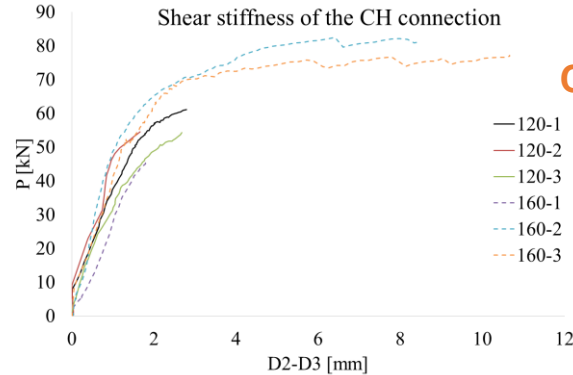
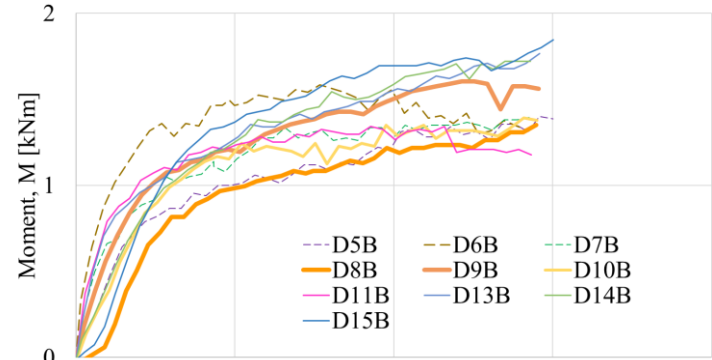
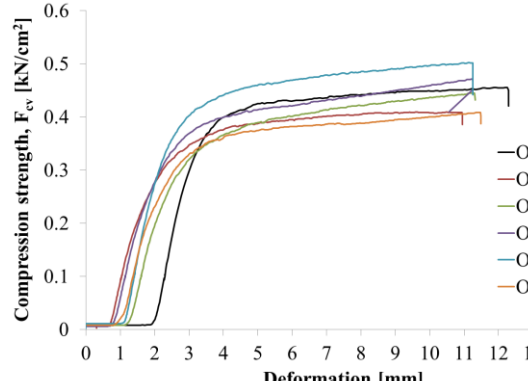
The brace slides, but the infill is resisting it, being compressed

Fired earth brick behavior in compression

No.	Dimensions [mm]	F (crack)
1	115x150x50	20.5
2	115x150x50	20.5
3	115x145x50	6.8
4	115x150x55	18
Average		



Timber behavior in compression perpendicular to the grain



- Traditional timber frames with infills are a category of houses which proved to be resilient both in real earthquakes and also in experimental tests.
- In some cases, even though the workmanship is not done by highly skilled workers, the system is “forgiving” and due to its layout and working principles, overcomes the execution mistakes and gives the inhabitants a resilient home.
- Key properties such as compression strength of earth, compression perpendicular to the grain of timber, bending of connections, are all contributing to the performance of the structure in earthquakes.

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