**Project 17137 – December update Seismic loss assessment to motivate high performance building solutions** 

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### Part 1: Building design

**Exterior one-way moment resisting** 

frames

## Different floor heights and building locations considered



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Site locations:

- Auckland subsoil class C (Z = 0.13)
- Christchurch subsoil class D (Z = 0.3)
- Wellington subsoil class C (Z = 0.4)

Governing considerations for frame with reduced beam section for Christchurch and Wellington:

- Drifts under seismic ULS governs 4-storey
- P-delta stability factor governs 12-storey
- $\mu$  = 3.0 to reduce demands on panel zone and column

## Part 1: Building design

Governing considerations for frame with friction connections for Christchurch and Wellington:

- Overstrength considerations governs selection of beam sections as  $\phi_o/\phi = 2.0$ , so beams generally larger than for RBS cases
- $\mu$  = 4.0 to reduce demands on beams

Governing considerations for frames in Auckland:

- Drifts under wind serviceability loading governs both
  4-storey and 12-storey buildings
- $\mu$  is around 1.5 or less if considering seismic ULS

## Part 2: Structural analysis

Analysis details:

Ruaumoko2D

2000

1000

-1000

-2000

-0.03

0

Moment (kNm)

Friction

-0.02

-0.01

0

Rotation (rad)

0.01

connections

- Large displacement analysis
- 5% Caughey damping
- Torsion not considered at this stage



## Part 3: PSHA and record selection

- Performed on OpenSHA using New Zealand rupture forecast models and ground motion prediction equations
- Noticeable difference with NZS1170.5
  - McVerry et al (2006) "over-predicts" for  $M_w$ <6
  - Z value determined based on T = 0.5s, and assumed shape is "conservative" for subsoil class C (no comparisons for classD)



### Part 3: PSHA and record selection

- Ground motions selected following the Generalized Conditioning Intensity Measure approach
- Sa(2.0s) selected as the conditioning intensity measure (in-between period of Chch and Well frames)
- Various other Sa(T), PGA, PGV, Ds575, Ds595, CAV selected as other intensity measures
- Records selected at 9 different hazard levels



## Part 4: Seismic Loss Estimation

- Performed on SLAT (uses less computational resources compared to PACT)
- Fragilities obtained from literature, PACT database, or from expert opinion
- Components considered:
  - Structural: beam-column connection, column base connection
  - Non-structural drift: partitions, precast concrete cladding, curtain wall, stairs
  - Non-structural acceleration: ceilings, sprinklers, water and sanitary distribution pipes, HVAC, transformer, elevator
- Note that friction connections were assumed to cost 50% more than moment-end-plate connections

## Part 5: Building response

- Frames with friction connections generally had smaller drifts on most floors due to having larger beams
- Frames with friction connections also generally had smaller accelerations due to being designed to a larger



## Part 6: Seismic losses

- Frame with friction connections generally incurred lower losses
- Biggest difference is on structural-related losses



## Part 7: EAL and Net-present-cost

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 Wellington is the only case where NPC analysis shows a net benefit after 50 years

Years in service

 Christchurch is comparable, while there are almost no benefits for Auckland due to its low seismicity



Years in service

	4-storey building	
ocation	Moment end	Friction
	plate	connections
uckland	\$310	\$270
istchurch	\$5,730	\$5,030
ellington	\$9,910	\$8,510
while	Location	Increase in

Auckland

Christchurch

cost

\$17,000

\$28,000

Years in service

## Conclusions

- Seismic frames with friction connections have lower drifts and accelerations
- Seismic frames with friction connections also generally incurs lower seismic losses and exhibits better seismic performance.
- Net-present-cost analysis shows that frames with friction connections are more economically beneficial within 50 years for low-rise buildings in Wellington
- Auckland and Christchurch do not exhibit the same benefits due to lower seismic hazard