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Advancing fundamental understanding of bonding processes in advanced wood composites. – Quantification of the processing-structure-property relationships of reconstituted wood composites. – Application of fracture mechanics to the bonding of wood composites. – Developing realistic, mechanism based models that describe blending processes for OSB and MDF. – Development of new classes of advanced composite wood products.

Projects

Development of Bamboo Composites for structural lumber applications. Examination of the properties and resin contents of commercial MDF and PB

Modelling the rotary drum blending process in the manufacturing of OSB and OSL using discrete element modelling

Professional Affiliations

Forest Products Society FPS

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Current Graduate Students

Shayesteh Haghdan, PhD

Solace Sam-Brew, PhD

Ying-Li (Ingrid) Tsai, PhD

Diyan Xian, MASc

Jörn Dettmer, MASc

Current Courses

Winter 2013

WOOD244 Quantitative Methods in the Wood Industry [Sections](#)

Solving practical problems in the wood industry using computer-based mathematical tools including spreadsheets, visual basic programming and relational database systems.

Winter 2013

WOOD341 Problem Solving [Sections](#)

Practical computer and problem solving skills; problem cases taken from industrial applications.

Winter 2013

WOOD487 Glued Wood Products [Sections](#)

Physical, chemical and mechanical variables involved in cold, hot and non-conventional adhesive bonding of wood; preparation and characteristics of adhesives; plywood, composite wood panels, hardboard, medium density fibreboard and laminated wood manufacturing processes; important physical and chemical properties of products; methods of prefinishing.

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