



Structural Design: Member Sizing, Optimized Grids, Connections and Lateral Load Resistance

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Early Design Decisions: Priming Mass Timber Projects for Success



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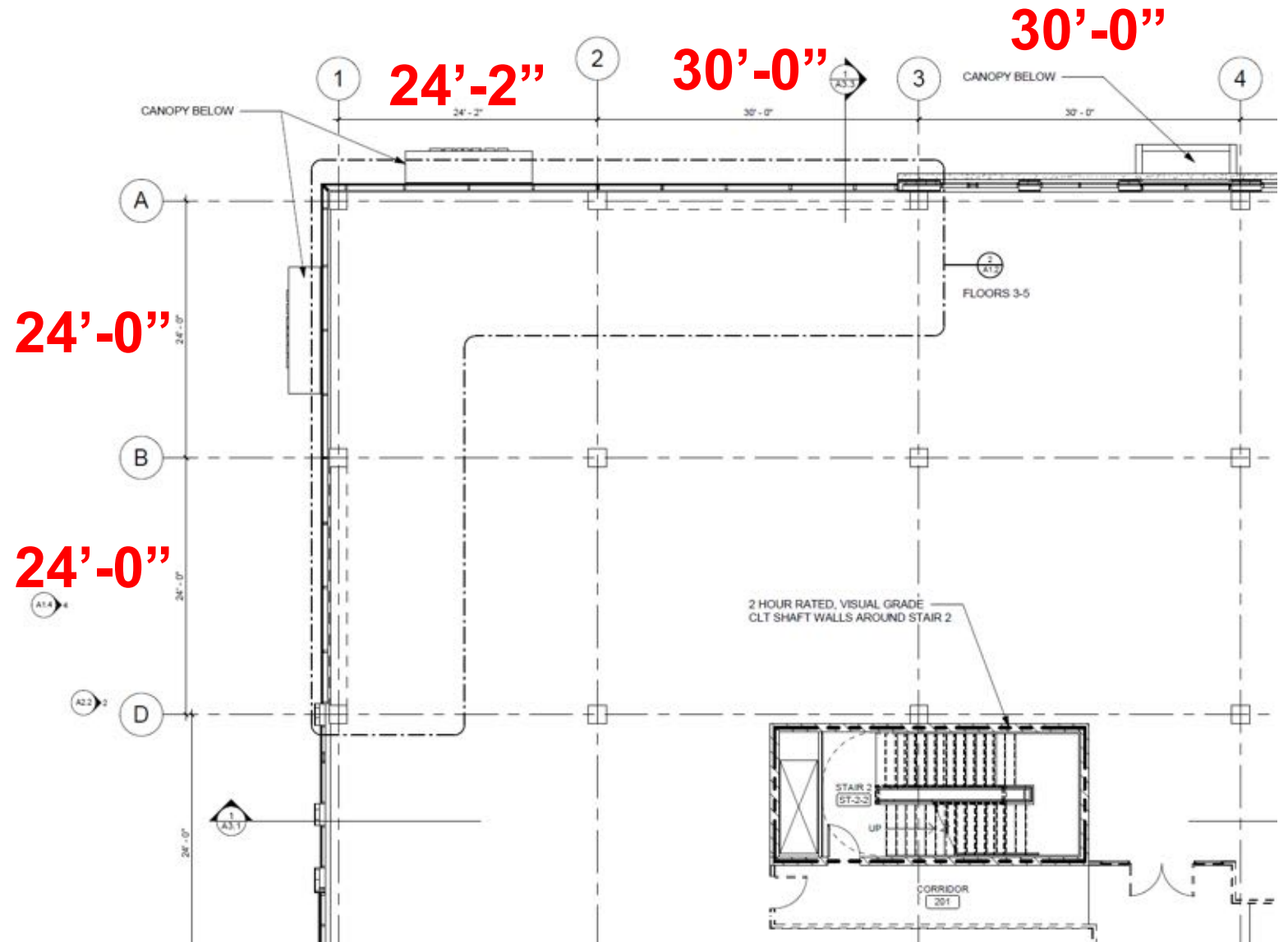
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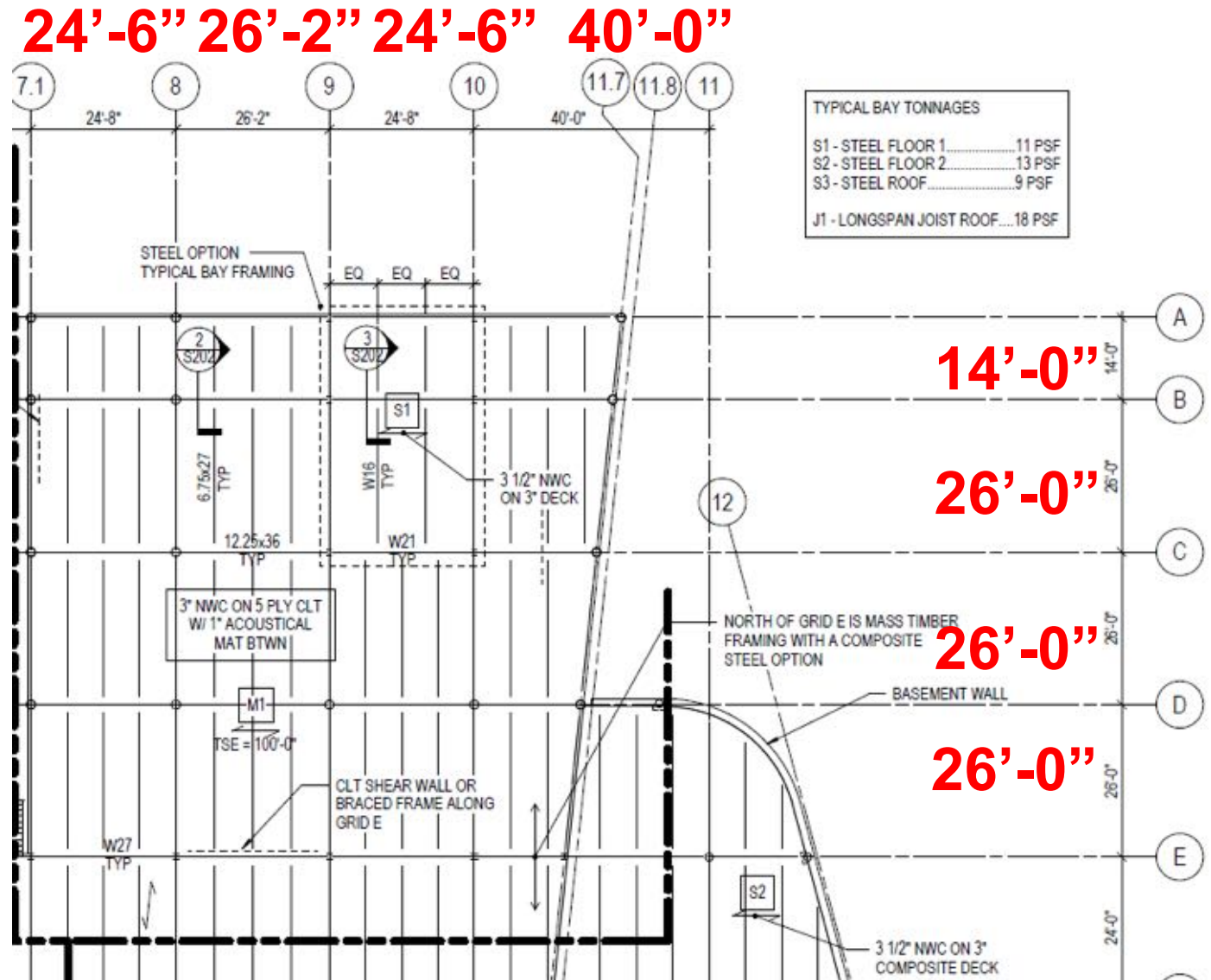
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- Consider connections – can drive member sizing

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- Efficient Spans of 10-12 ft
- Grids of 20x20 (1 purlin) to 30x30 (2 purlins) may be efficient

Albina Yard, Portland, OR
20x20 Grid, 1 purlin per bay
3-ply CLT
Image: Lever Architecture



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Platte Fifteen, Denver, CO
30x30 Grid, 2 purlins per bay
3-ply CLT
Image: JC Buck



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First Tech Credit Union, Hillsboro, OR
12x32 Grid, One-Way Beams
5-ply (5.5") CLT
Image: Swinerton



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Clay Creative, Portland, OR
30x30 Grid, 1 purlin per bay
2x6 NLT
Image: Mackenzie



Key Early Design Decisions

Construction Type Early Decision Example



7-story building on health campus

- Group B occupancy, NFPA 13 sprinklers throughout
- Floor plate = 22,300 SF
- Total Building Area = 156,100 SF

MT Construction Type Options:

- **If Building is < 85 ft**
 - 7 stories of IV-C
 - 6 stories of IIIA or IV-HT over 1 story IA podium
- **If Building is > 85 ft**
 - 7 stories of IV-B

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Implications of construction type choice in this example:

- FRR (2 hr vs 1 hr vs min sizes)
- Efficient spans & grid
- Exposed timber limitations
- Concealed spaces
- Cost
- And more...

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Implications of Type IV-C:

- 2 hr FRR, all exposed floor panels, beams, columns
- Likely will need at least 5-ply CLT / 2x6 NLT/DLT
- Efficient spans in the 14-17 ft range
- Efficient grids of that or multiples of that (i.e. 30x25, etc)
- No podium required

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Implications of Type IIIA or IV-HT:

- 1 hr FRR or min. sizes
- Potential to use 3-ply or thin 5-ply CLT
- Efficient spans in the 10-12 ft range
- Efficient grids of that or multiples of that (i.e. 20x25, etc)
- 1 story Type IA podium required



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Implications of Type IV-B:

- 2 hr FRR, mostly protected floor panels, beams, columns
- Exposed areas: likely 5-ply / 2x6 NLT/DLT
- Protected areas: potential for thinner panels
- Choose 1 system throughout or multiple systems?
- Does grid vary or consistent throughout?
- No podium required



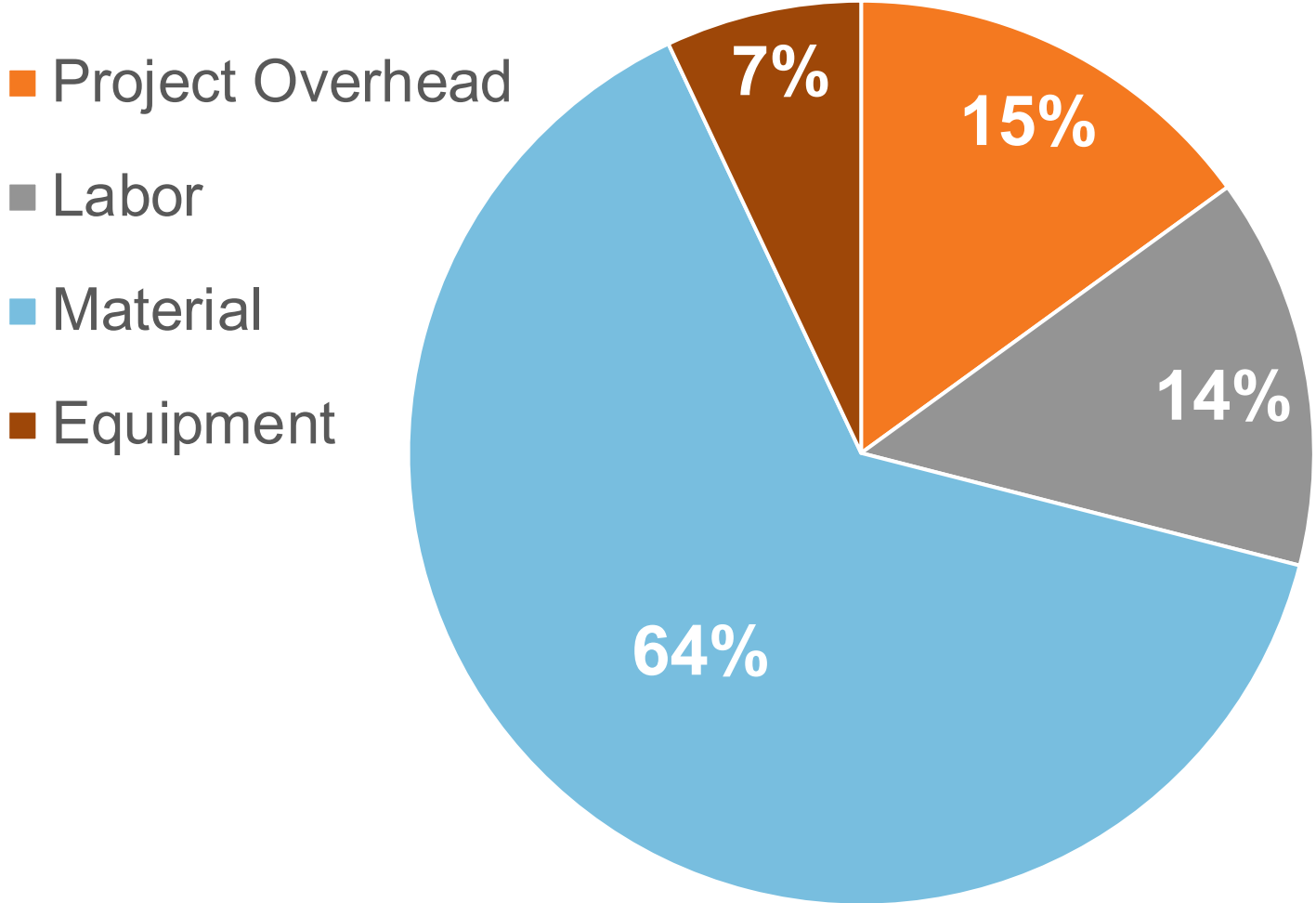
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Why so much focus on panel thickness?

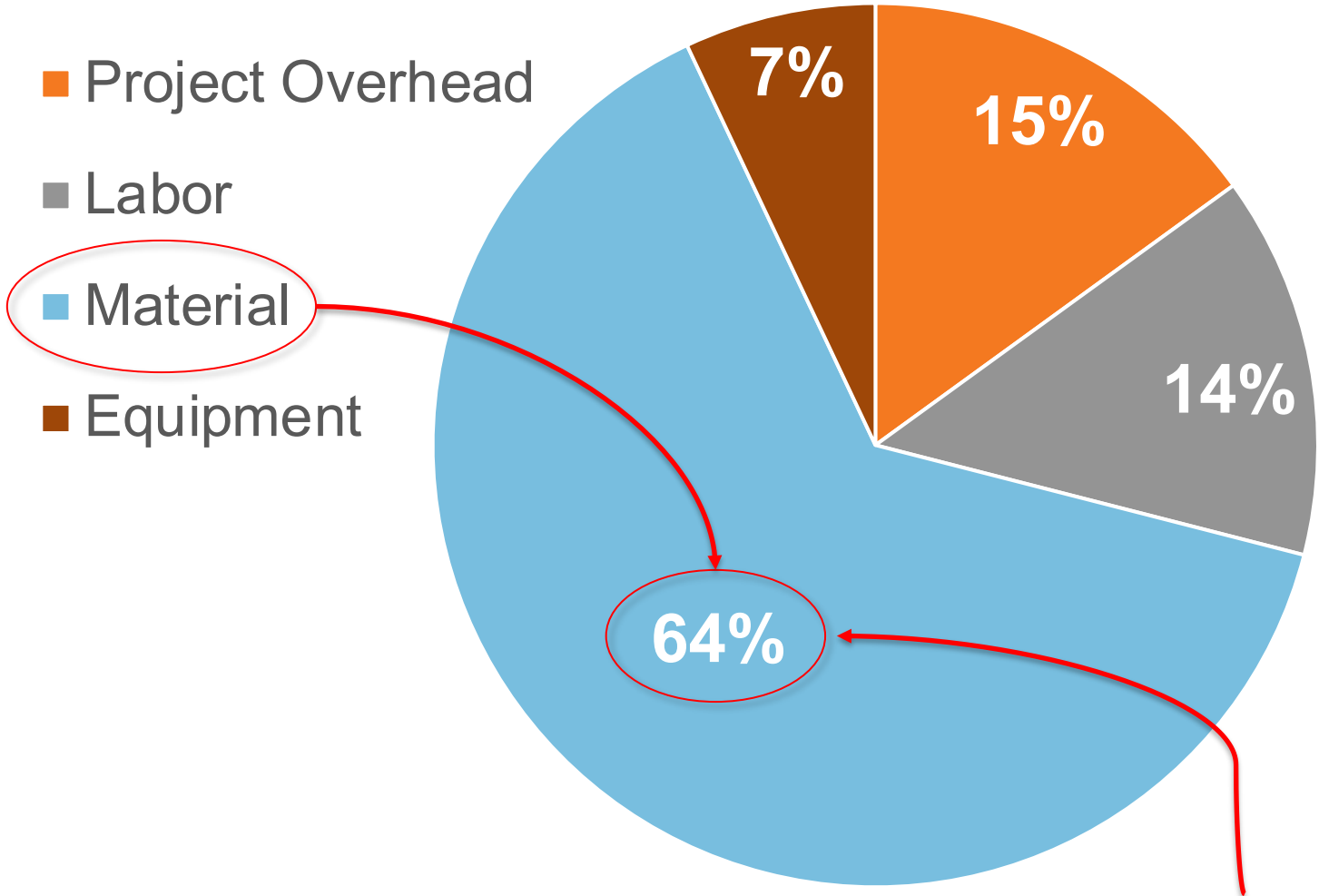


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Typical MT Package Costs



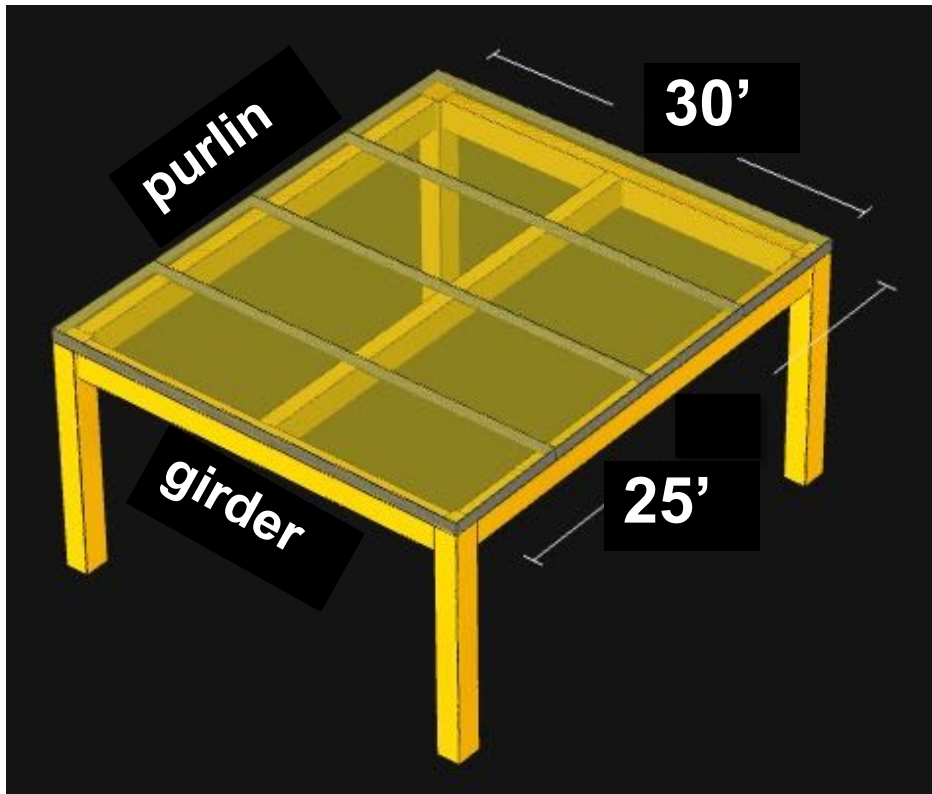
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Panels are the biggest part of the biggest piece of the cost pie

Key Early Design Decisions

Panel volume usually 65-80% of MT package volume



Type IIIA option 1

1-hr FRR

Purlin: 5.5"x28.5"

Girder: 8.75"x33"

Column: 10.5"x10.75"

Floor panel: 5-ply

Glulam volume = 118 CF (22% of MT)

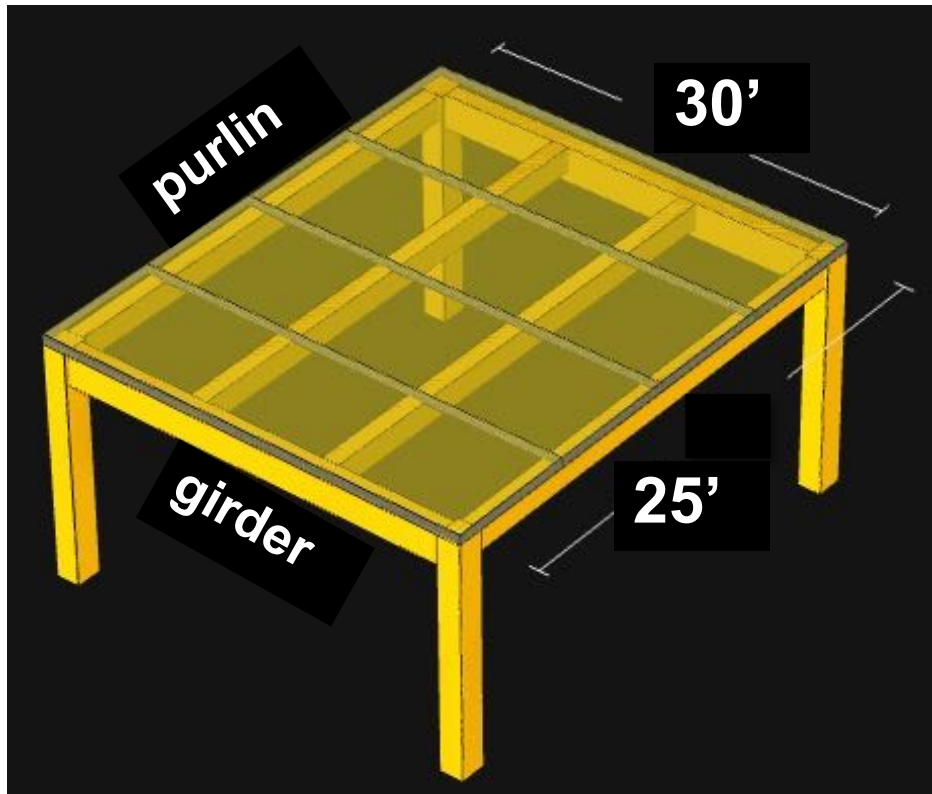
CLT volume = 430 CF (78% of MT)

Total volume = 0.73 CF / SF

Source: Fast + Epp, Timber Bay Design Tool

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Type IIIA option 2

1-hr FRR

Purlin: 5.5"x24"

Girder: 8.75"x33"

Column: 10.5"x10.75"

Floor panel: 5-ply

Glulam volume = 123 CF (22% of MT)

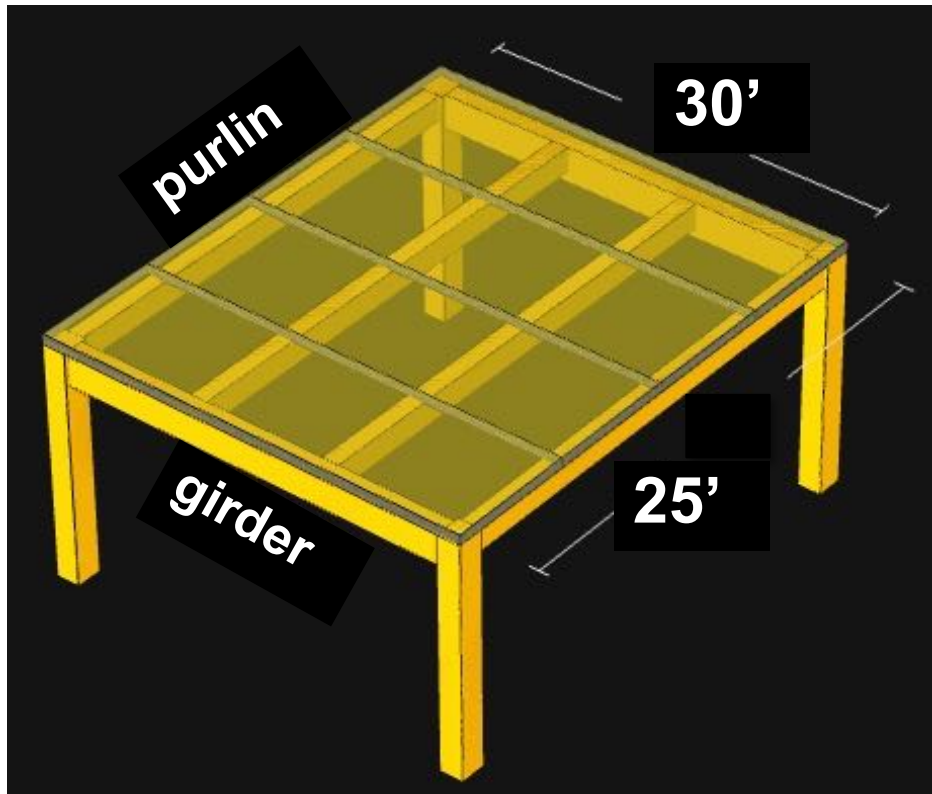
CLT volume = 430 CF (78% of MT)

Total volume = 0.74 CF / SF

Cost considerations: One additional beam (one additional erection pick), 2 more connections

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Type IV-HT

0-hr FRR (min sizes per IBC)

Purlin: 5.5"x24" (IBC min = 5"x10.5")

Girder: 8.75"x33" (IBC min = 5"x10.5")

Column: 10.5"x10.75" (IBC min = 6.75"x8.25")

Floor panel: 3-ply (IBC min = 4" CLT)

Glulam volume = 120 CF (32% of MT)

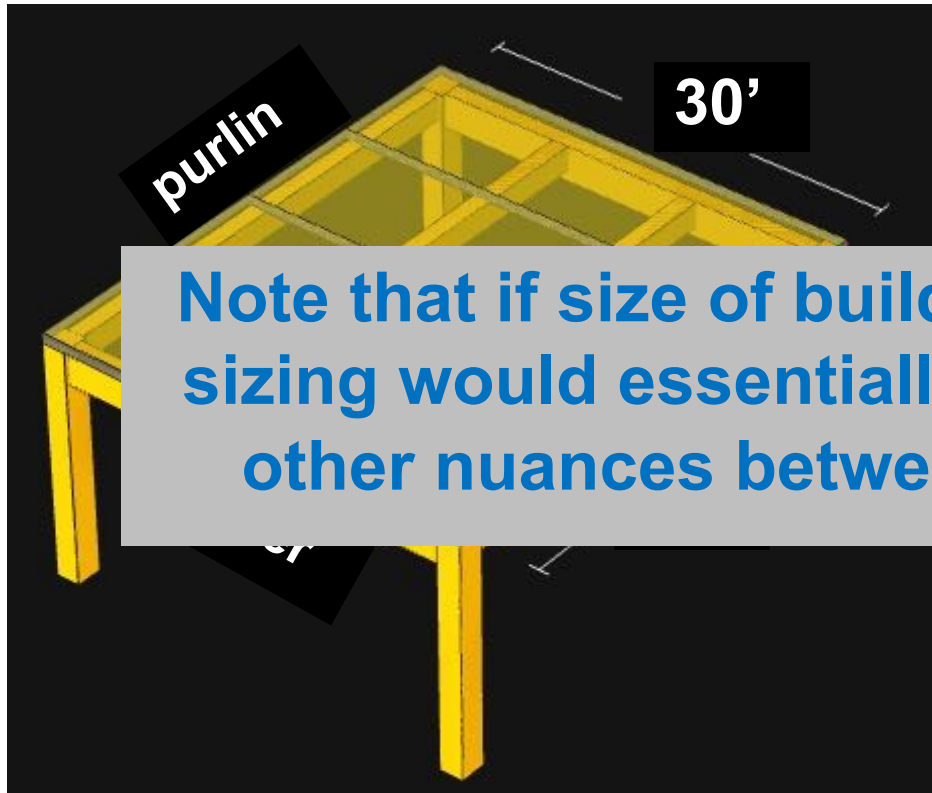
CLT volume = 258 CF (68% of MT)

Total volume = 0.51 CF / SF

Source: Fast + Epp, Timber Bay Design Tool

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Type IV-HT

0-hr FRR (min sizes per IBC)

Purlin: 5.5"x24" (IBC min = 5"x10.5")

Note that if size of building had permitted Type IIIB, member sizing would essentially be the same as IV-HT. But there are other nuances between III and IV, we'll cover that later... (25")

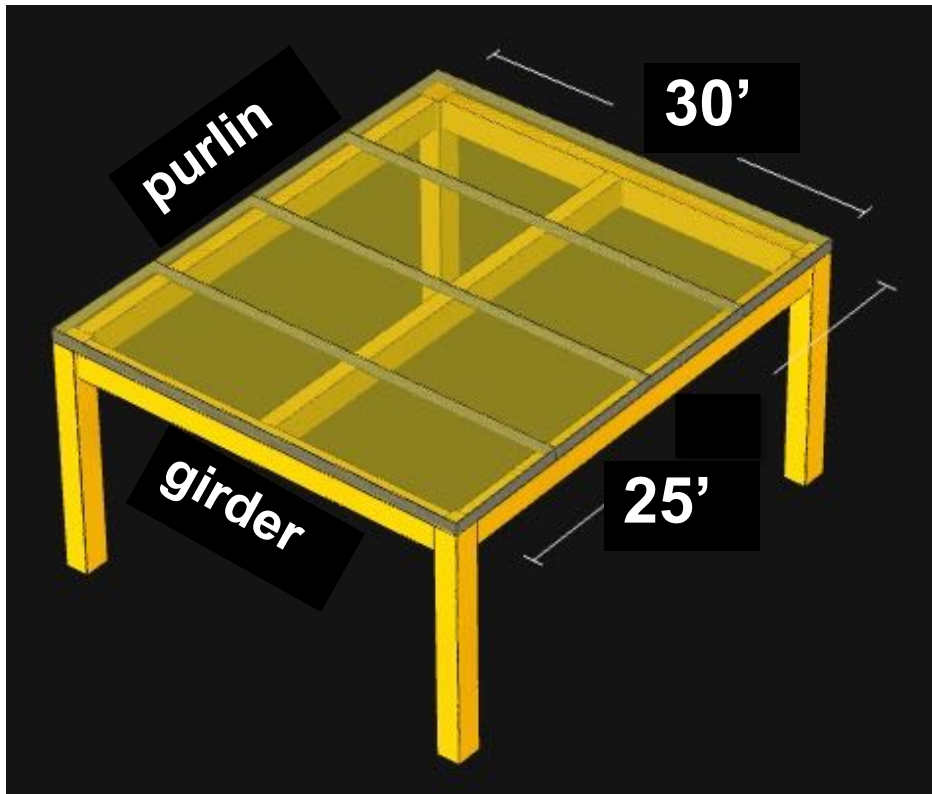
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Type IV-C

2-hr FRR

Purlin: 8.75"x28.5"

Girder: 10.75"x33"

Column: 13.5"x21.5"

Floor panel: 5-ply

Glulam volume = 183 CF (30% of MT)

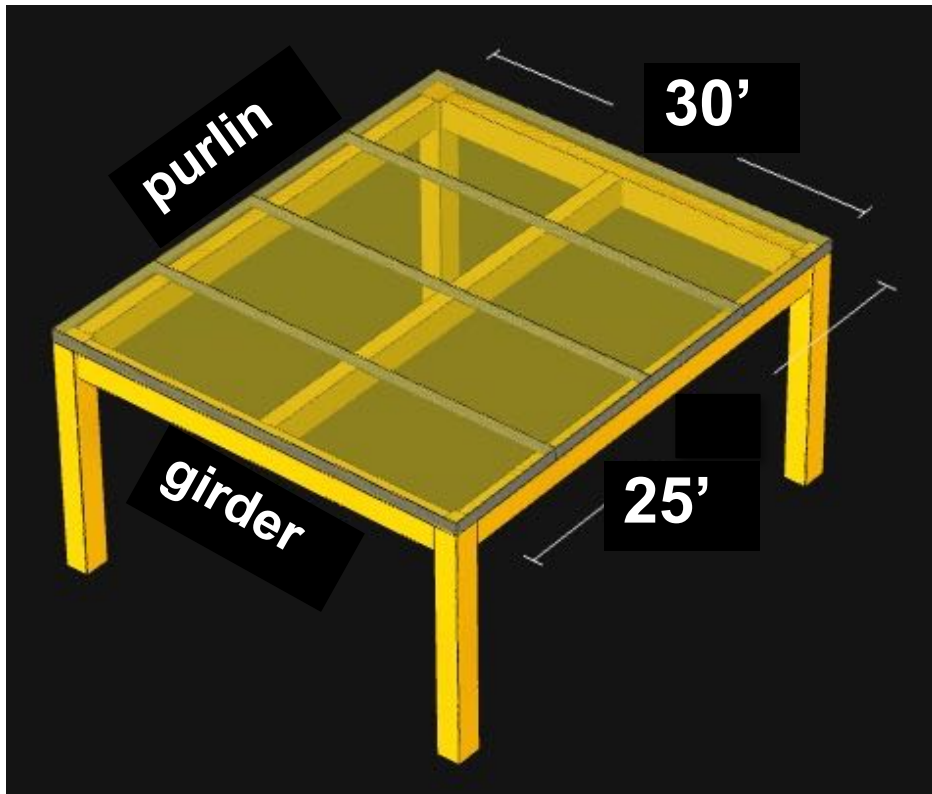
CLT volume = 430 CF (70% of MT)

Total volume = 0.82 CF / SF

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Which is the most efficient option?



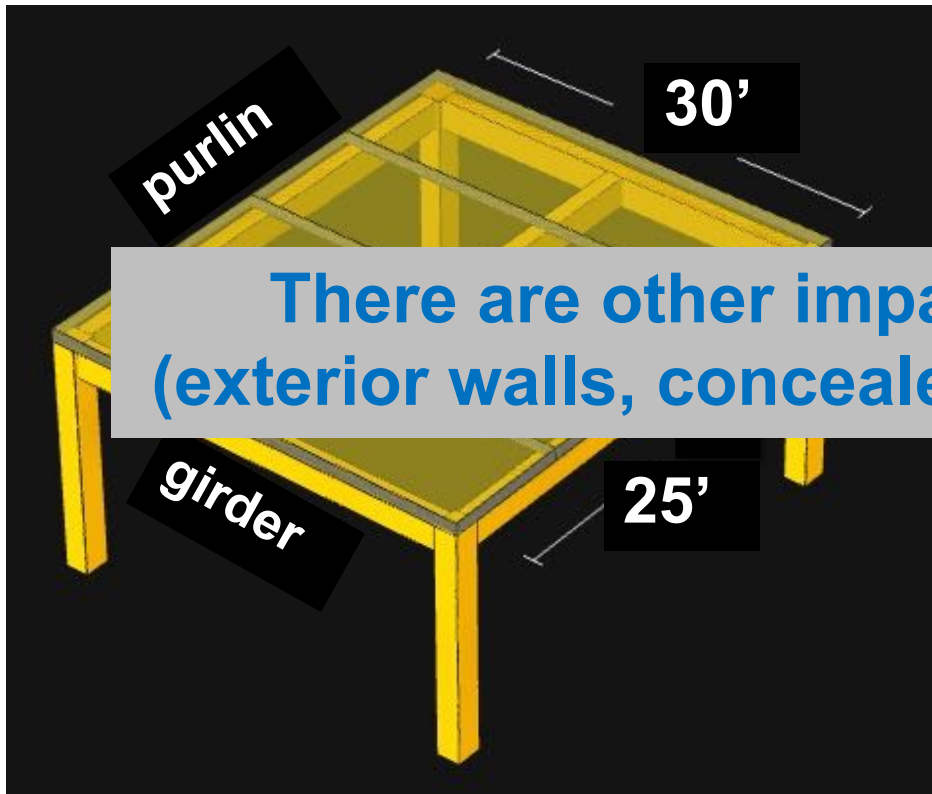
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	Timber Volume Ratio	Podium on 1 st Floor?
IIIA – Option 1	0.73 CF / SF	Yes
IIIA – Option 2	0.74 CF / SF	Yes
IV-HT	0.51 CF / SF	Yes
IV-C	0.82 CF / SF	No

A general rule of thumb for efficient mass timber fiber volume is no higher than 0.75 CF per SF. Ratios in the 0.85 to 1.0 CF / SF range tend to become cost prohibitive

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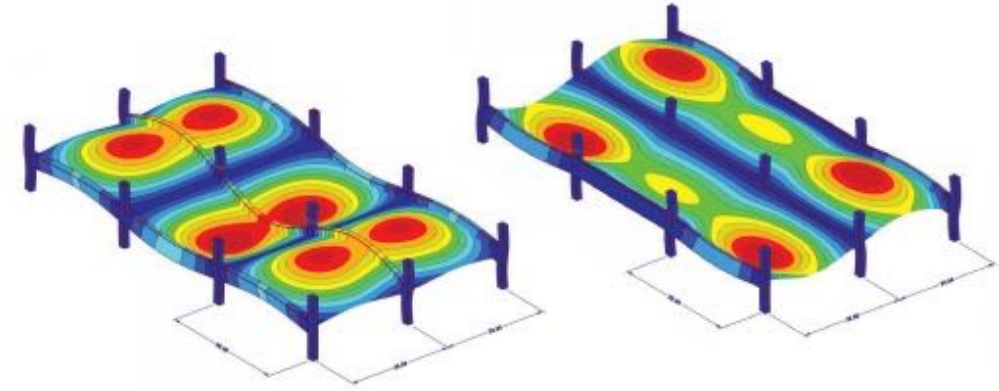
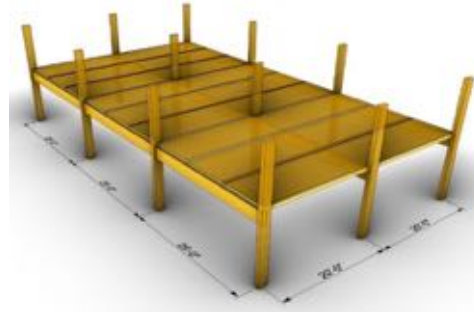
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There are other impacts of constriction type selection (exterior walls, concealed spaces) that should be considered

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NEW MASS TIMBER FLOOR VIBRATION DESIGN GUIDE



U.S. Mass Timber
Floor Vibration

Design Guide



**Worked office, lab
and residential
Examples**

***Covers simple and complex
methods for bearing wall and
frame supported floor systems***

Connections



Key Early Design Decisions

Many ways to demonstrate connection fire protection: calculations, prescriptive NC, test results, others as approved by AHJ



Photo: John Stamets



Photo: Josh Partee



Photo: Christian Columbres

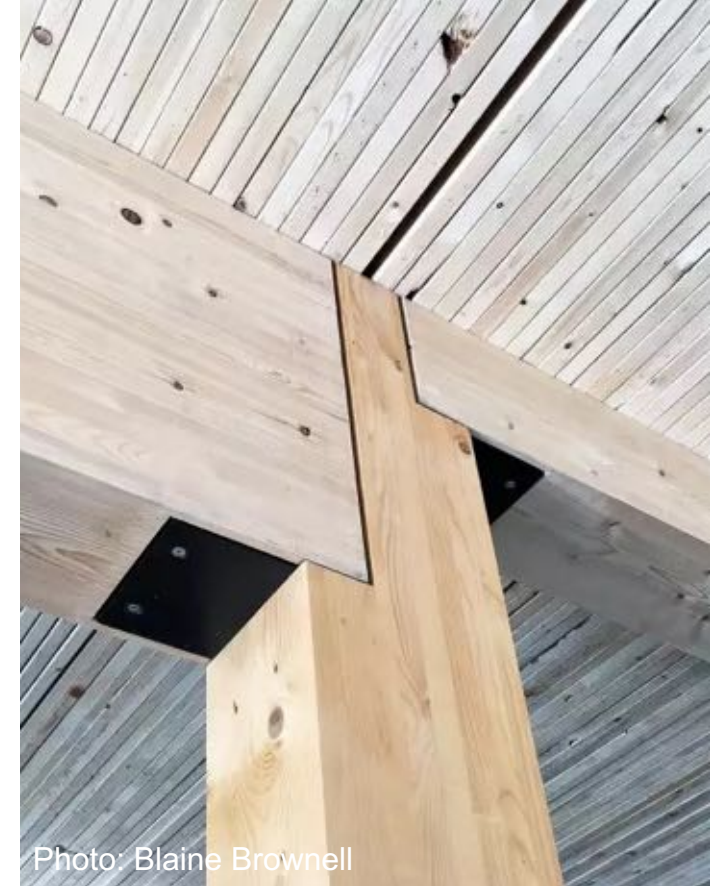
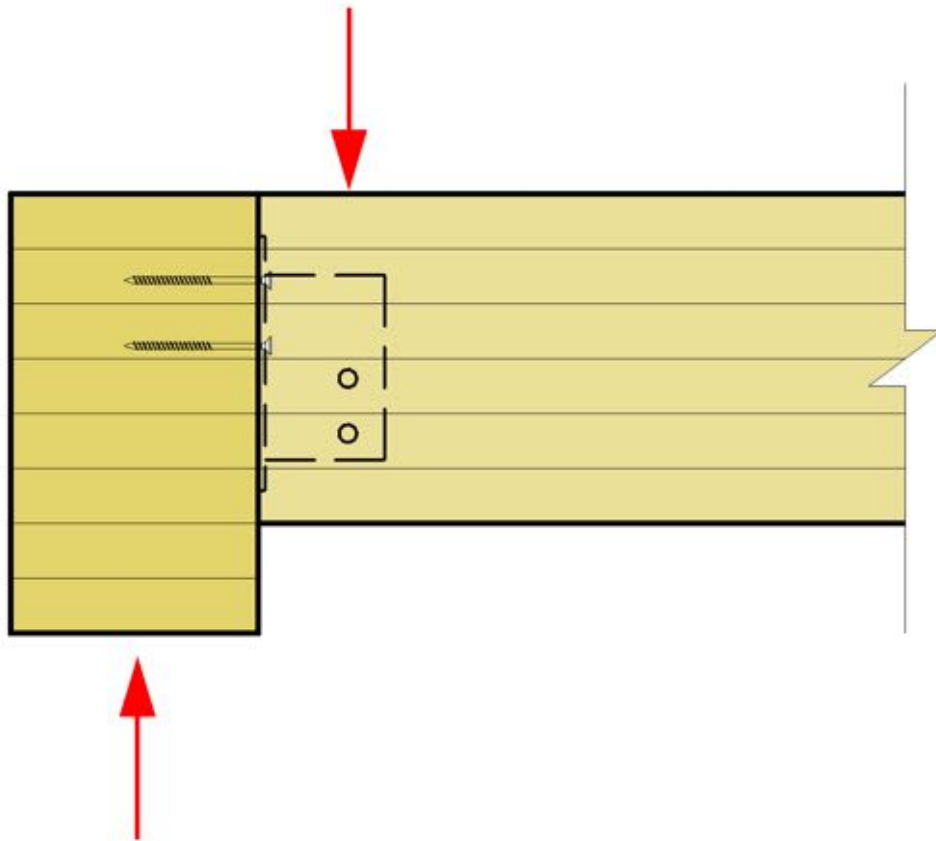


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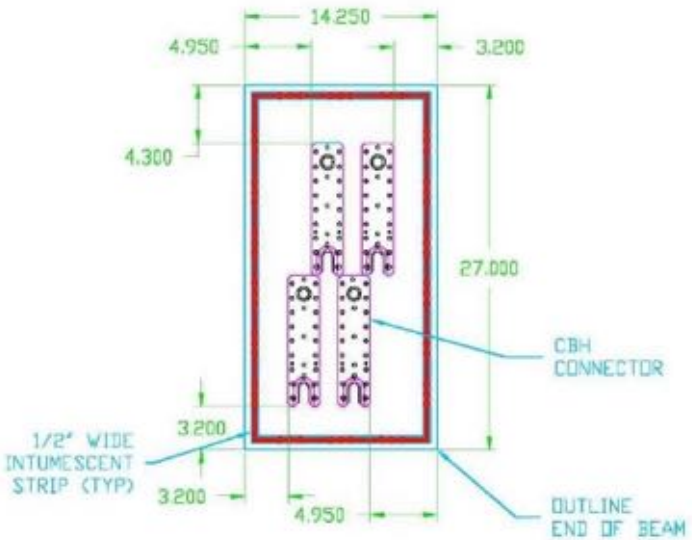
Key Early Design Decisions

Steel hangers/hardware fully concealed within a timber-to-timber connection is a common method of fire protection



Key Early Design Decisions

Connection FRR and beam reactions could impact required beam/column sizes



Photos: Simpson Strong-Tie

Photo: LEVER Architecture

Key Early Design Decisions

2017 Glulam Beam to Column Connection Fire Tests under standard ASTM E119 time-temperature exposure



Photo: ARUP/SLB



Key Early Design Decisions

Fire Test Results

Test	Beam	Connector	Applied Load	FRR
1	8.75" x 18" (222mm x 457mm)	1 x Ricon S VS 290x80	3,905lbs (17.4kN)	1 hr
2	10.75" x 24" (273mm x 610mm)	Staggered double Ricon S VS 200x80	16,620lbs (73.9kN)	1.5hrs
3	10.75" x 24" (273mm x 610mm)	1 x Megant 430	16,620lbs (73.9kN)	1.5hrs

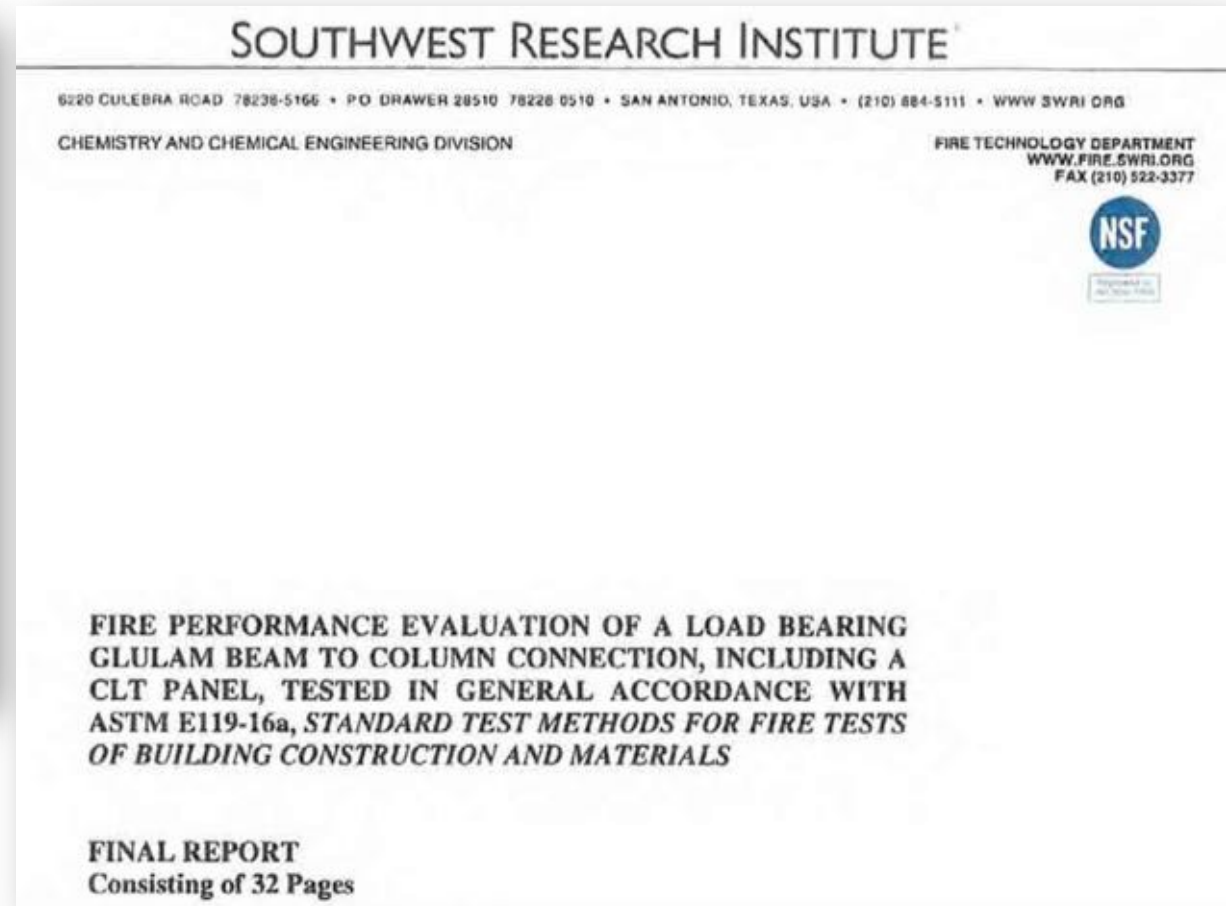
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Softwood Lumber Board Glulam Connection Fire Test Summary Report

Issue | June 5, 2017

Full Report Available at:

<https://www.thinkwood.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/reThink-Wood-Arup-SLB-Connection-Fire-Testing-Summary-web.pdf>



Key Early Design Decisions

Member to member bearing also commonly used, can avoid some/all steel hardware at connection



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Member to member bearing also commonly used, can avoid some/all steel hardware at connection



Style of connection also impacts and is impacted by grid layout and MEP integration



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ARCHITECTURE
URBAN DESIGN
INTERIOR DESIGN

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MASS TIMBER

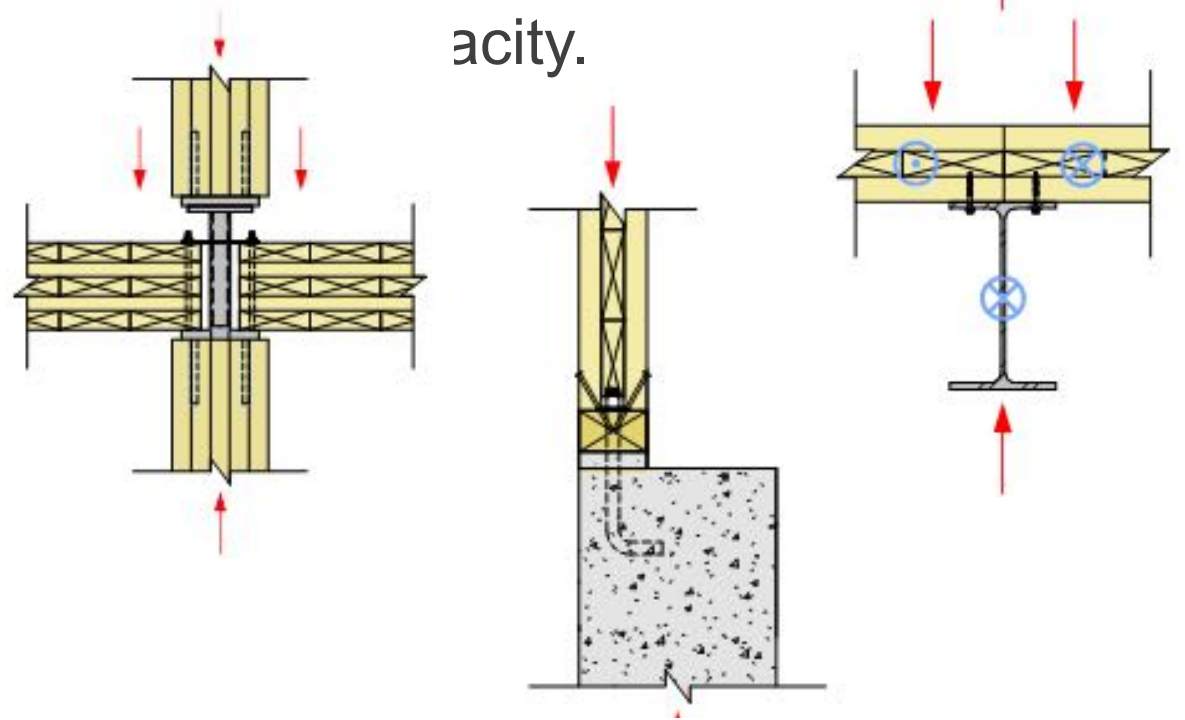


WoodWorks Index of
Mass Timber Connections



MASS TIMBER CONNECTIONS INDEX

A library of commonly used mass timber connections with designer notes and information on fire resistance, relative cost and load capacity.



Connections

Other connection design considerations:

- Structural capacity
- Shrinkage
- Constructability
- Aesthetics
- Cost



Credit: Alex Schreyer



Lateral Systems

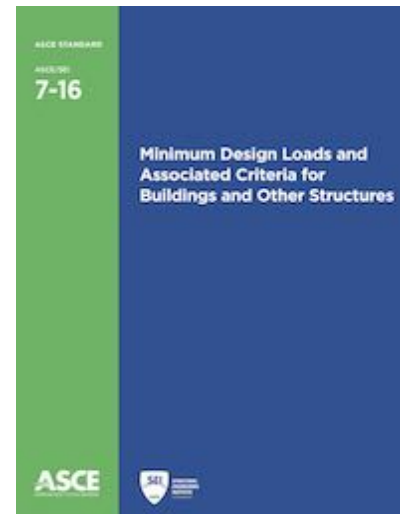
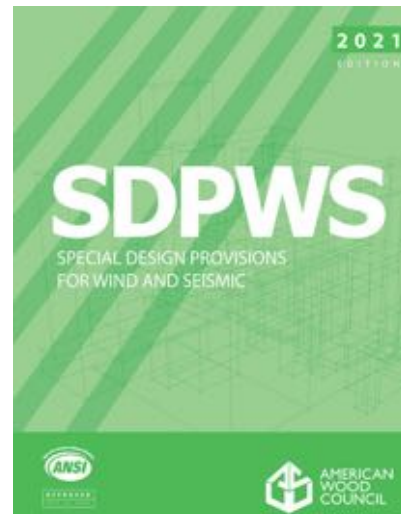
Lateral Systems

Prescriptive Code Compliance:

- ✓ Light Frame Wood Shear Walls (65 ft max)
- ✓ Concrete Shear Walls
- ✓ Steel Braced Frames
- ✓ CLT Shear Walls (65 ft max) – Per 2021 SDPWS/ASCE 7-22
- ✗ CLT Rocking Walls ← Currently in development!



Photo: WoodWorks



Mass Timber Post Tension Rocking Shear Wall Tests

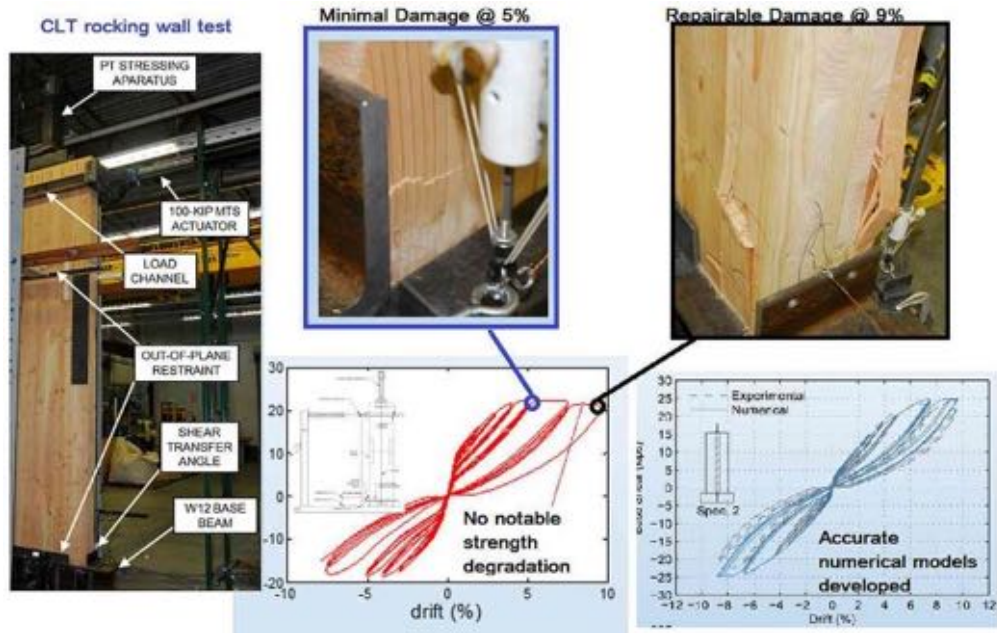




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Virtuoso, Vancouver, BC
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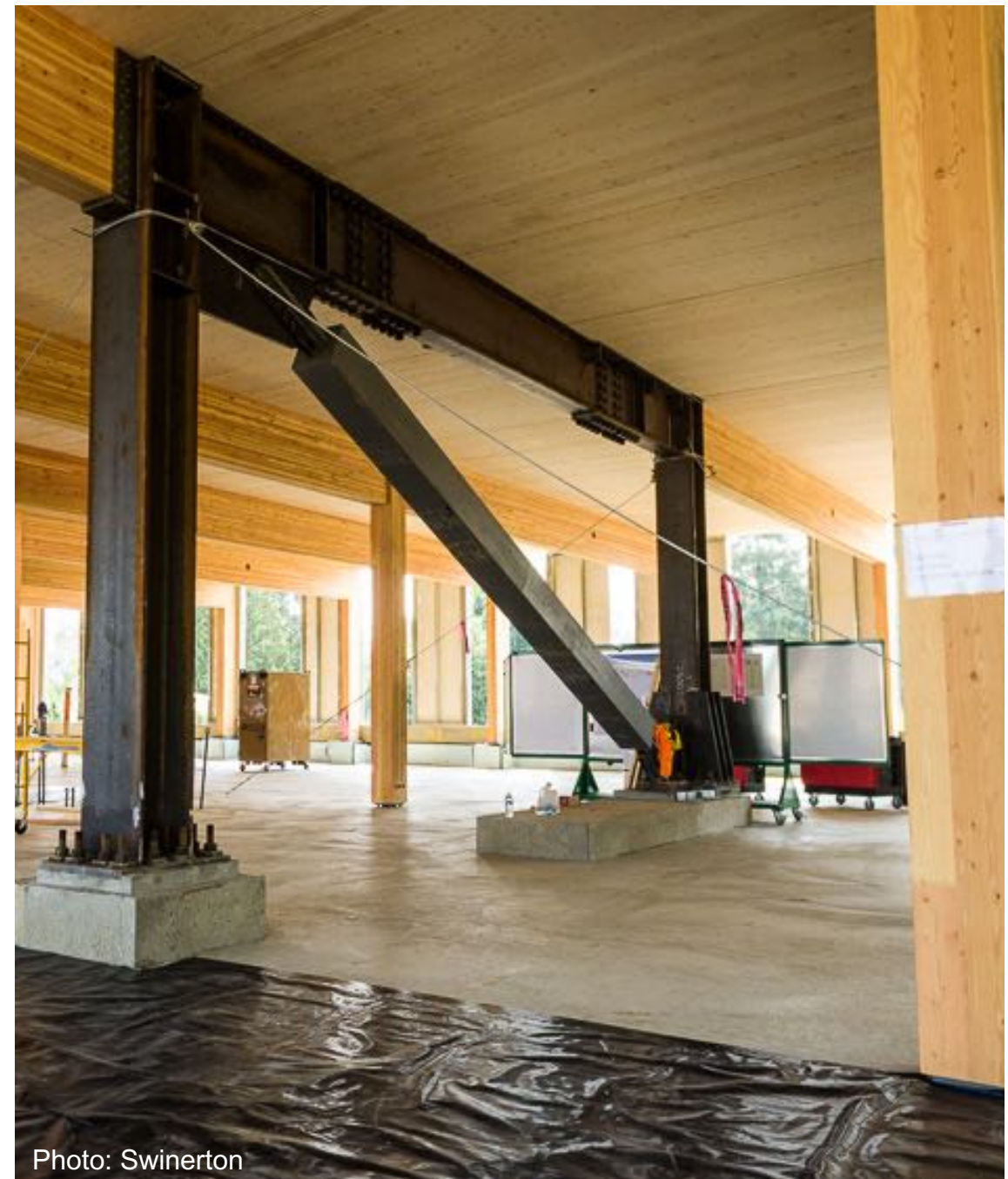


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CLT Shear Wall and Diaphragm Design with SDPWS 2021

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Regional Director (OR, ID-So, HI)



Photo credit: KPFF / Reid Zimmerman

Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT)
Solid sawn laminations



Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT)
SCL laminations



Photo: Freres Lumber

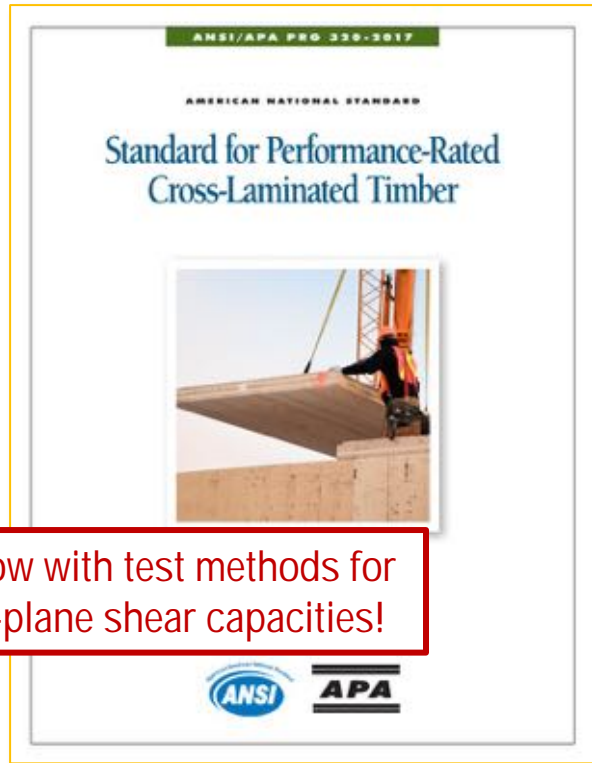


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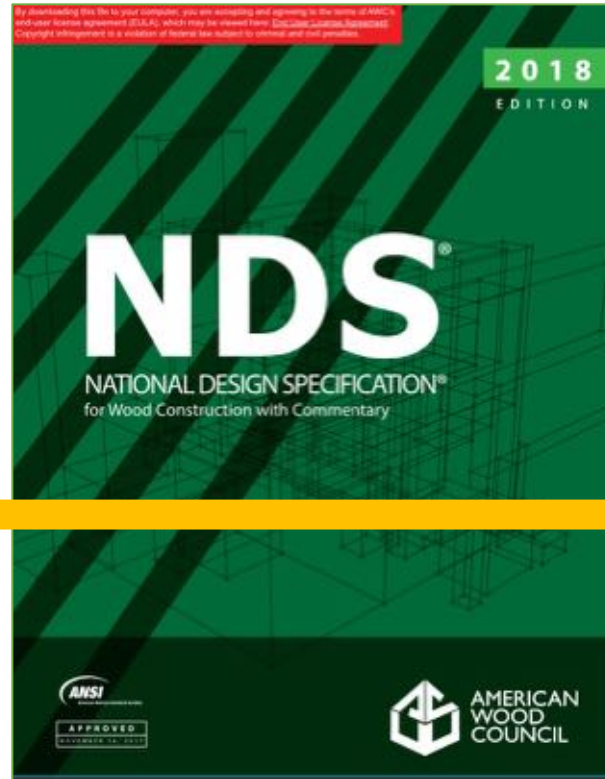
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CLT in the U.S. Building Code – IBC 2018

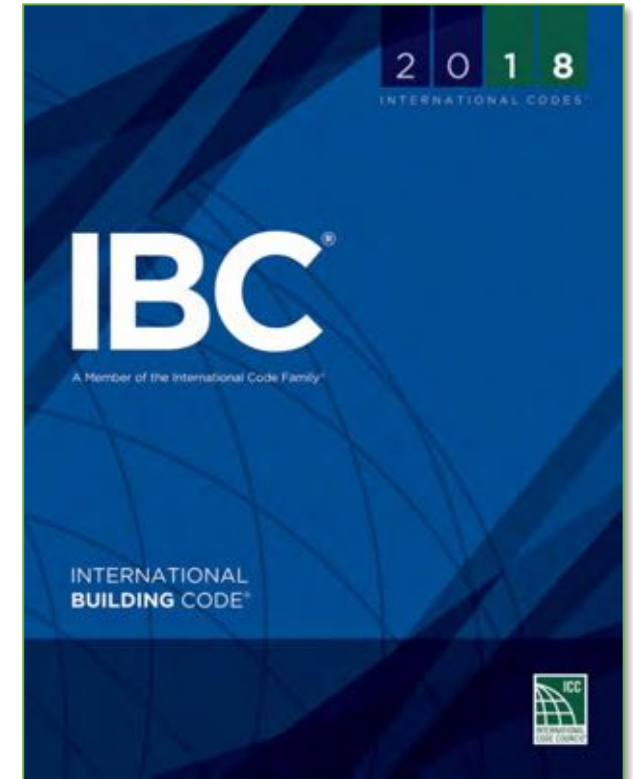


ANSI/APA PRG 320 2017

Now with test methods for in-plane shear capacities!



AWC NDS 2018



2018 International Building Code

General improvements

PRG 320 Defined Layups

CLT Grade
(basic)

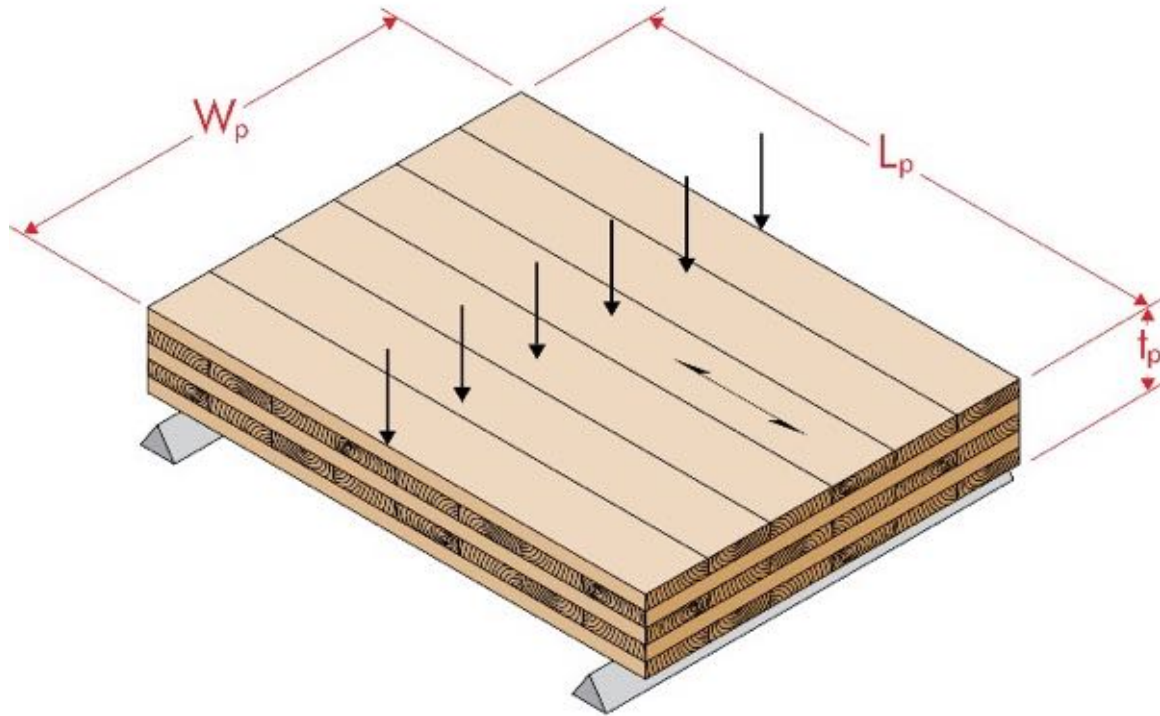
Layup

Panel Properties

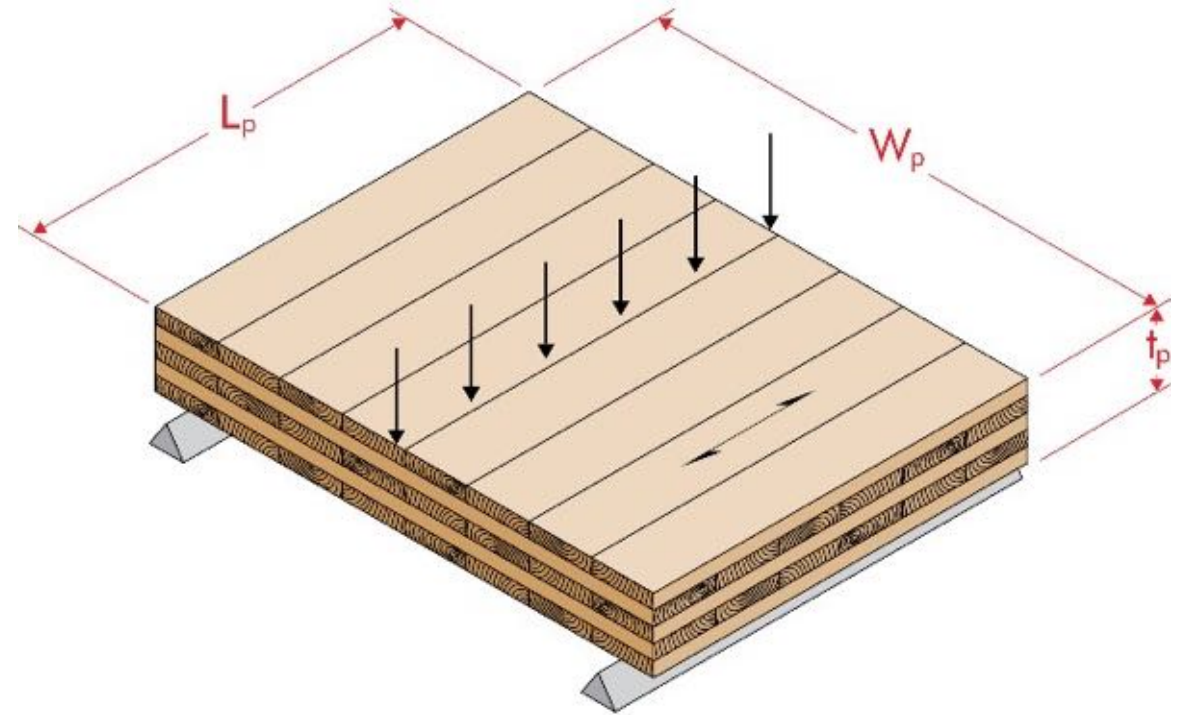
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ASD REFERENCE DESIGN VALUES^a FOR BASIC CLT GRADES AND LAYUPS (FOR USE IN THE U.S.)

CLT Grade	Lamination Thickness (in.) in CLT Layup								Major Strength Direction				Minor Strength Direction			
	t_p (in.)	=	⊥	=	⊥	=	⊥	=	$(F_b S)_{\text{eff},f,0}$ (lb-ft/ft of width)	$(EI)_{\text{eff},f,0}$ (10 ⁶ lb-ft ² /ft of width)	$(GA)_{\text{eff},f,0}$ (10 ⁶ lb-ft/ft of width)	$V_{s,0}$ (lb-ft/ft of width)	$(F_b S)_{\text{eff},f,90}$ (lb-ft/ft of width)	$(EI)_{\text{eff},f,90}$ (10 ⁶ lb-ft ² /ft of width)	$(GA)_{\text{eff},f,90}$ (10 ⁶ lb-ft/ft of width)	$V_{s,90}$ (lb-ft/ft of width)
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	9 5/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	18,375	1,089	1.4	3,475	3,150	313	1.8	2,480
E2	4 1/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8					3,825	102	0.53	1,980	165	3.6	0.56	660
	6 7/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8			8,825	389	1.1	3,300	1,440	95	1.1	1,980
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E3	4 1/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8					2,800	81	0.35	1,160	110	2.3	0.44	385
	6 7/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8			6,400	311	0.69	1,930	955	61	0.87	1,160
	9 5/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	11,325	769	1.0	2,700	2,210	234	1.3	1,930
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FLATWISE Panel Loading

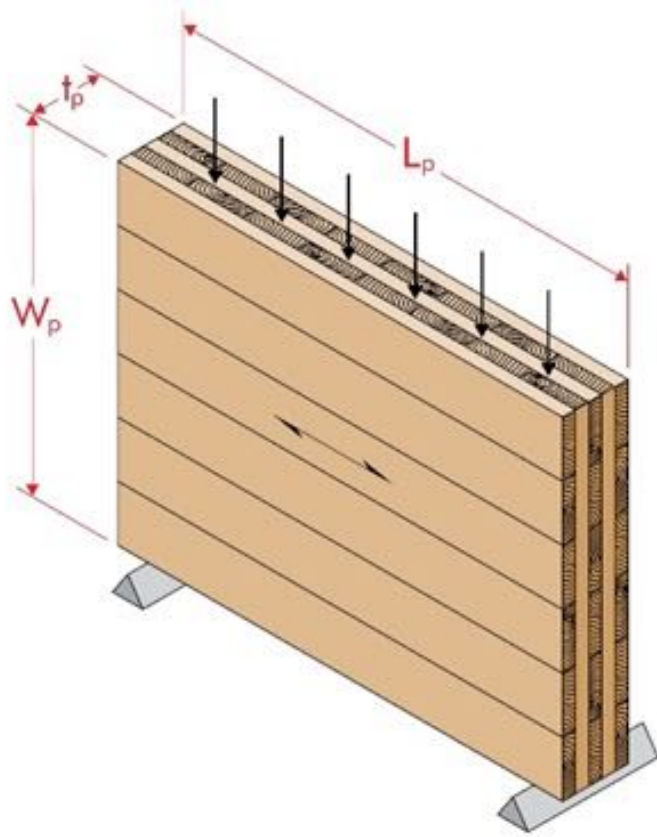


Span in **MAJOR** Strength Direction
“Parallel” Direction
Use subscript ‘0’ in Notation

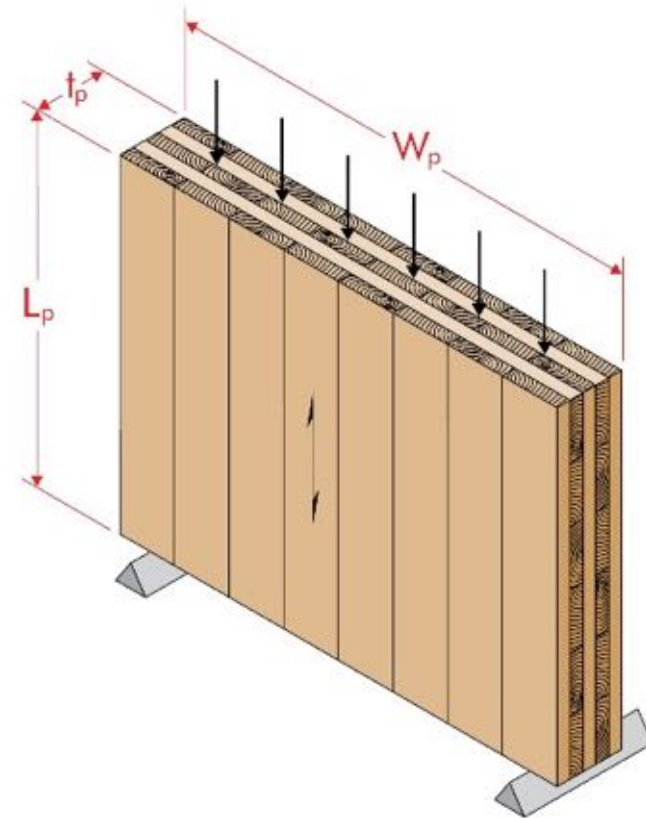


Span in **MINOR** Strength Direction
“Perpendicular” Direction
Use subscript ‘90’ in Notation

EDGEWISE Panel Loading



Span in **MAJOR** Strength Direction



Span in **MINOR** Strength Direction

3rd Party Product Qualification of CLT

APA PRODUCT REPORT

www.apawood.org

DRJ Cross-Laminated Timber
Riddle Laminators, Inc.

PR-L320
Issued January 25, 2017

Products: DRJ Cross-Laminated Timber
Riddle Laminators, Inc.
1991 Pruner Road
P.O. Box 66
Riddle, OR 97468
(541) 874-8267
www.drjlumber.com

1. Basis of the product qualification is based on:
 - 2015 International Laminated Timber Code
 - 2012 and 2009 International Building Code
 - 2015 International Cross-Laminated Timber Code
 - 2012 and 2009 International Building Code
 - ANSI/APA PRG 320 Timber
 - APA Report

2. Product description: DRJ cross-lam CLT in accordance with qualification and Allowable design. 1. DRJ CLT CLT nominal widths 42 feet.
3. Design properties: DRJ CLT shall be used in accordance with the Allowable Design Properties (ADP) of record. The ADP depends on the thickness of the CLT.
4. Product installation: DRJ CLT shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions of record. Per
5. Fire-rated assembly: Fire-rated assembly shall be provided by the 2015 NDS shall

APA PRODUCT REPORT

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Structurlam CrossLam
Structurlam Products LP

PR-L314
Revised May 9, 2016

Products: Structurlam CrossLam Cross-Laminated Timber
Structurlam Products LP
2176 Government Street
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www.structurlam.com

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 - FPInnovations Report other qualification
2. Product description: Structurlam CrossLam (SPF) lumber in accordance with the Allowable Design Properties approved by APA through engineering mechanical design. Structurlam CrossLam is used in floor, roof, and wall applications, thickness up to 120 inches.
3. Design properties: Structurlam CrossLam or with the allowable design properties design adjustment factors, etc., shall be in accordance with the CLT Handbook (www.apawood.org/content/uploads/2015/05/CLT_Handbook), and approved by

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Products: SmartLam Cross-Laminated Timber
SmartLam, LLC
1863 13th Street West
Columbia Falls, MT
(406) 862-0098
www.smartlam.com

1. Basis of the product qualification is based on:
 - 2015 International Laminated Timber Code
 - 2012 and 2009 International Building Code
 - 2015 International Cross-Laminated Timber Code
 - 2012 and 2009 International Building Code
 - ANSI/APA PRG 320 Timber
 - APA Report

2. Product description: SmartLam cross-lam or Hem-fir lumber product qualification. Allowable design properties, Table 1. SmartLam manufactured in lengths up to 42 feet.
3. Design properties: SmartLam CLT shall be used in accordance with the Allowable Design Properties (ADP) of record. The ADP depends on the thickness of the CLT. Note that the applications are not to be installed on the such as load bearing walls. 2015 National Building Code engineer of record diaphragms, design shall be consulted with the engineer of record.
4. Product installation: SmartLam CLT shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions of record. Per
5. Fire-rated assembly: Fire-rated assembly shall be provided by the 2015 NDS shall

APA PRODUCT REPORT

www.apawood.org

Nordic X-Lam
Nordic Structures

PR-L306
Revised March 26, 2016

Products: Nordic X-Lam
Nordic Structures
1100 Avenue des Canadiens-de-Montréal, Suite 504
Montreal, Québec
(514) 871-8526
www.nordic.ca

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 - ANSI/APA PRG 320 Timber
 - FPInnovations Report 14054R,

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LISTING INFORMATION OF KLH Massivholz GmbH – Massivholzplatten (solid wood slabs)
CLT

SPEC ID: 36204

KLH Massivholz GmbH
Katsch an der Mur 202
Teufelbach-Katsch, A-8842
Austria

CLT in In-Plane (Edgewise) Strength

TABLE 3—REFERENCE DESIGN VALUES FOR IN-PLANE SHEAR OF THE STRUCTURLAM CROSSLAM® CLT PANELS¹

CLT LAYUP ⁹	CLT PANEL THICKNESS DESIGNATION	FACE LAMINATION ORIENTATION ² (psi)		FACE LAMINATION ORIENTATION ³ (lbf/ft of width)	
		∥ ⁴	⊥ ⁴	∥ ⁴	⊥ ⁴
V2M1	99 V	175 ^b	235 ^b	8,200 ^b	11,000 ^b
	169 V	175 ^b	235 ^b	14,000 ^b	18,800 ^b
	239 V	175 ^b	235 ^b	19,800 ^b	26,600 ^b
	309 V	175 ^b	235 ^b	25,600 ^b	34,300 ^b
V2M1.1	105V	195	290	9,700	14,400
	175V	270	290 ^b	22,400	24,000 ^b
	245V	270 ^b	290 ^b	31,300 ^b	33,600 ^b
	315V	270 ^b	290 ^b	40,200 ^b	43,200 ^b

Source: ICC-ES/APA Joint Evaluation Report *ESR 3631*

145 to 290 PSI Edgewise Shear Capacity
 = 1.7 to 3.5 kips/ft (ASD)
 per inch of thickness!

Consult with the Manufacturers for Values

Multiply by **Cd = 1.6**
 for short term ASD strength

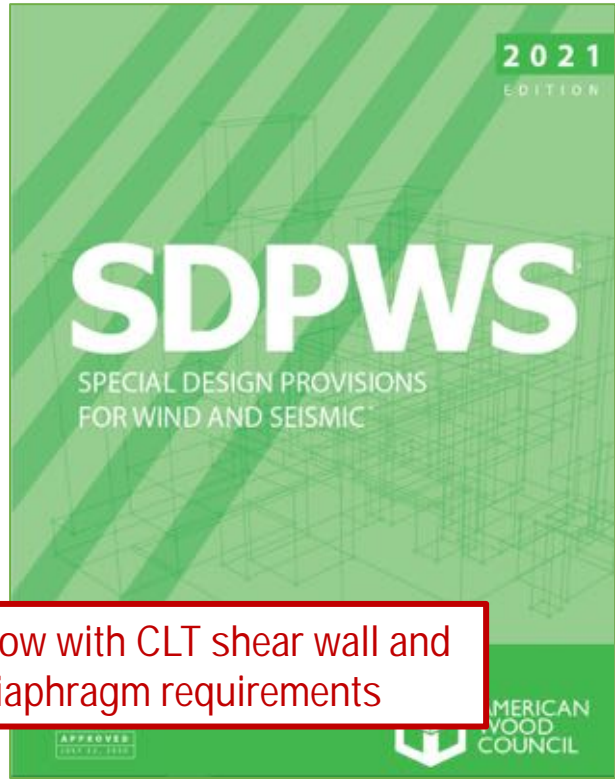
Reference Design Values for Nordic X-Lam Listed in Table 1 (For Use in

Major Strength Direction		Minor Strength Direction	
F _{v,e,0} ^(a) (psi)	G _{e,0} t _p ^(d) (10 ⁶ lbf/ft)	F _{v,e,90} ^(a) (psi)	G _{e,90} t _p ^(d) (10 ⁶ lbf/ft)
155 ^(b)	1.36	190 ^(b)	1.36
155	1.52	190 ^(b)	1.52
155	1.79	190	1.79
185 ^(c)	2.23	215 ^(c)	2.23
145	2.39	190 ^(b)	2.39
185 ^(c)	2.44	215 ^(c)	2.44
185	2.99	215	2.99
155 ^(b)	3.37	215 ^(c)	3.37
185 ^(c)	3.64	215 ^(c)	3.64
185 ^(c)	3.75	215 ^(c)	3.75
185 ^(c)	4.18	215 ^(c)	4.18
185 ^(c)	4.18	215 ^(c)	4.18
155 ^(b)	4.56	215 ^(c)	4.56
185 ^(c)	5.38	215 ^(c)	5.38

Source: APA Product Report *PR-L306*

CLT Panels can have > 9 kips / ft in-plane shear capacity

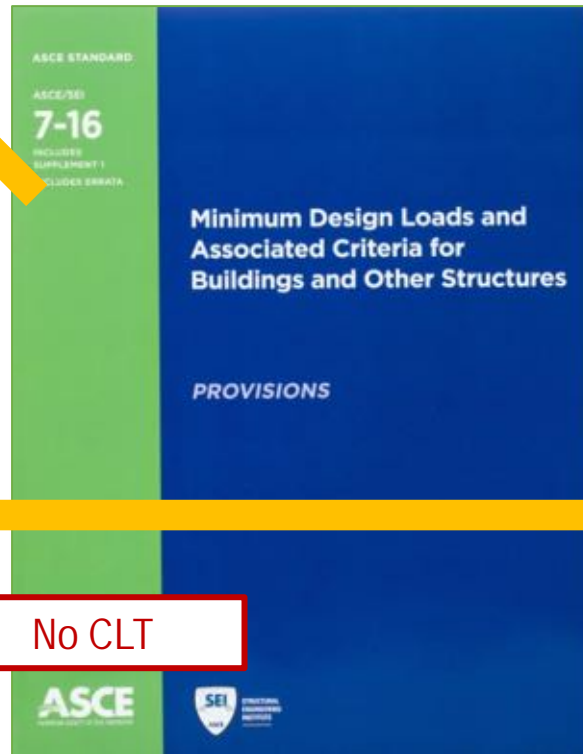
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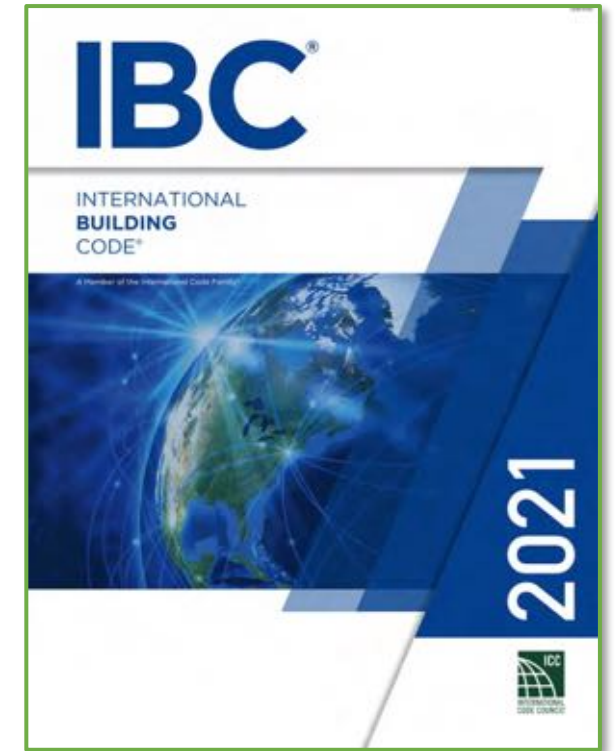
Now with CLT shear wall and diaphragm requirements

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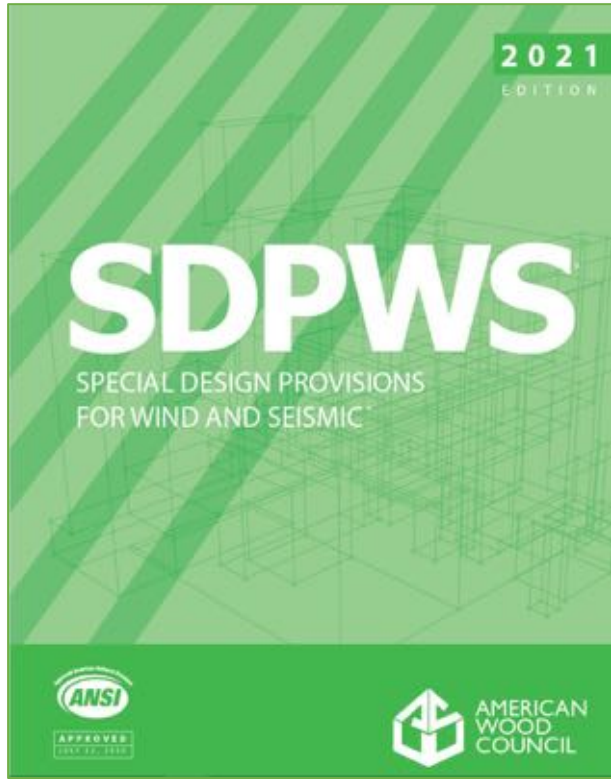


2021 International Building Code

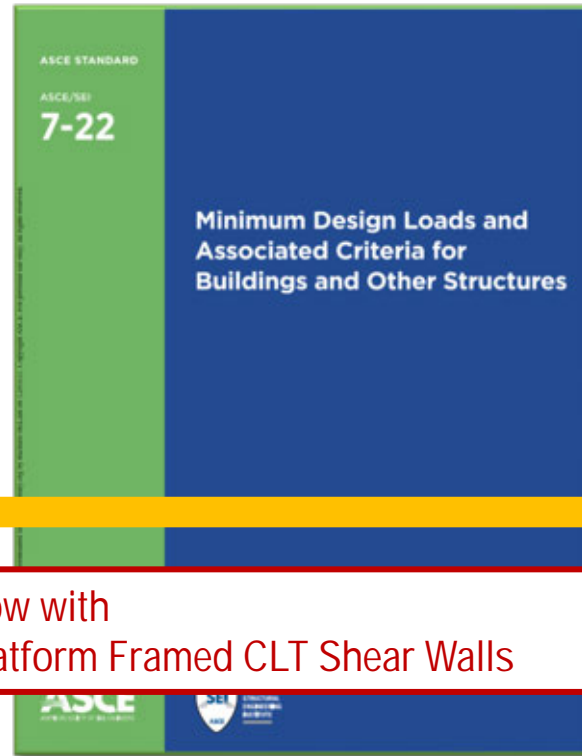
New Requirements for CLT Lateral Systems!

(but R values for CLT Shear Walls are not in ASCE 7-16)

CLT in the U.S. Building Code – Lateral in the IBC 2024?



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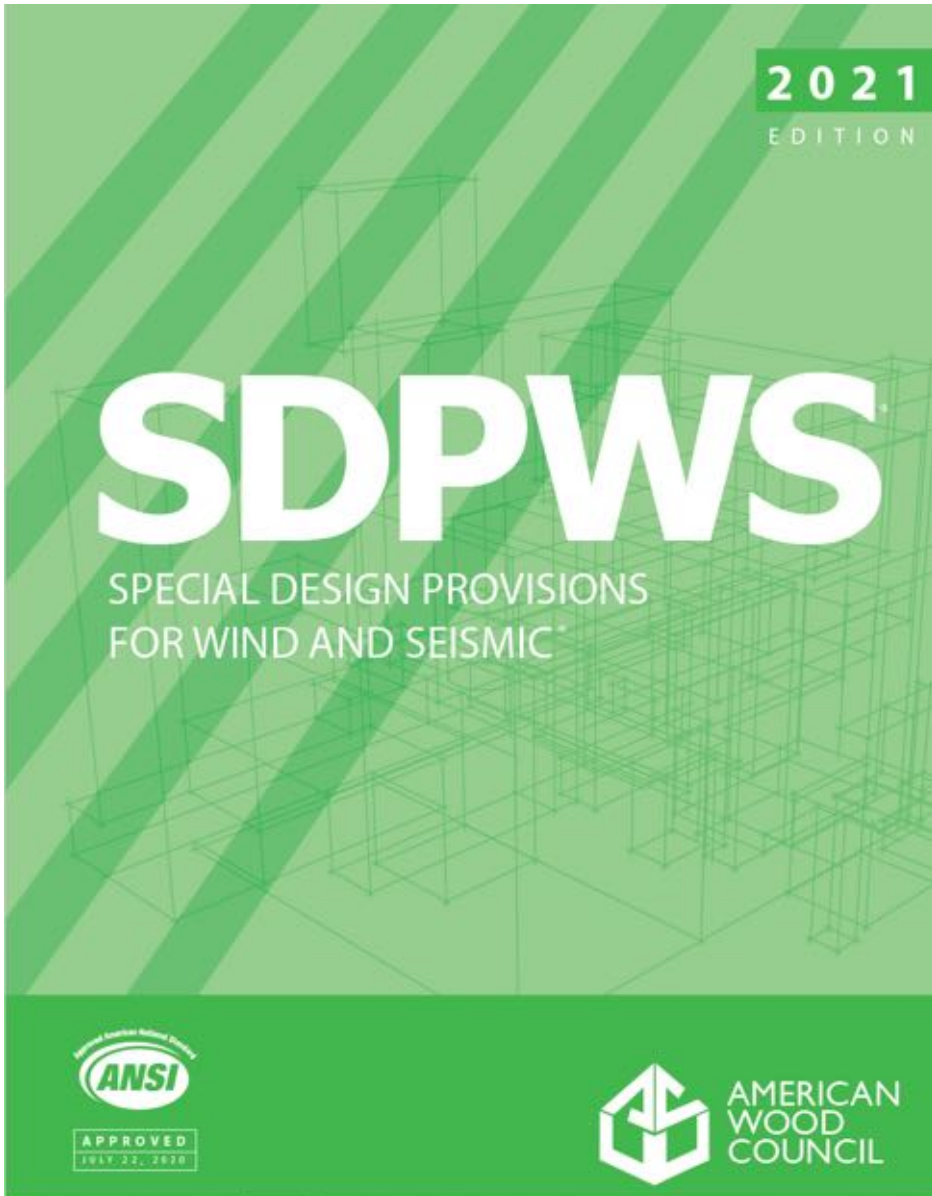
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Now with
Platform Framed CLT Shear Walls

Future Full Recognition of CLT Lateral Systems

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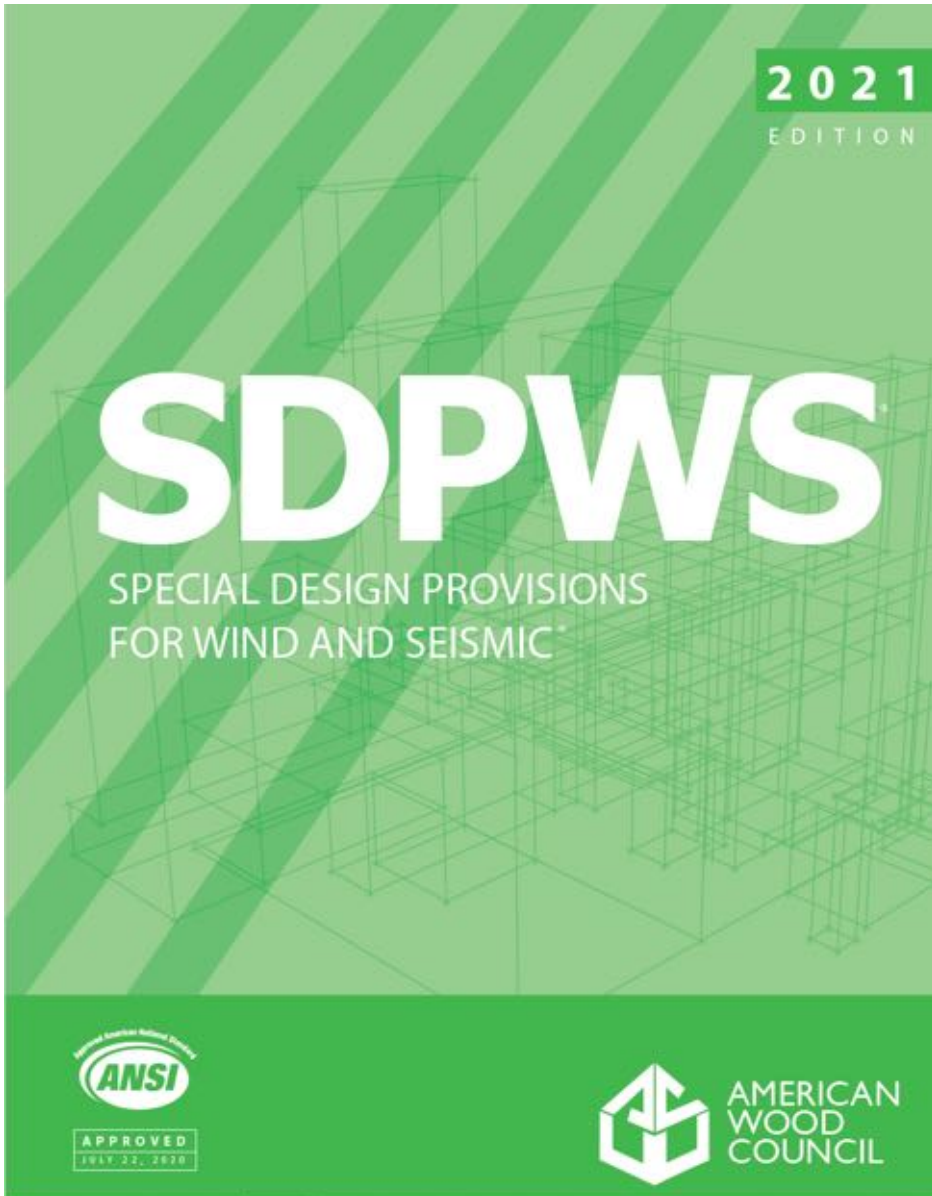
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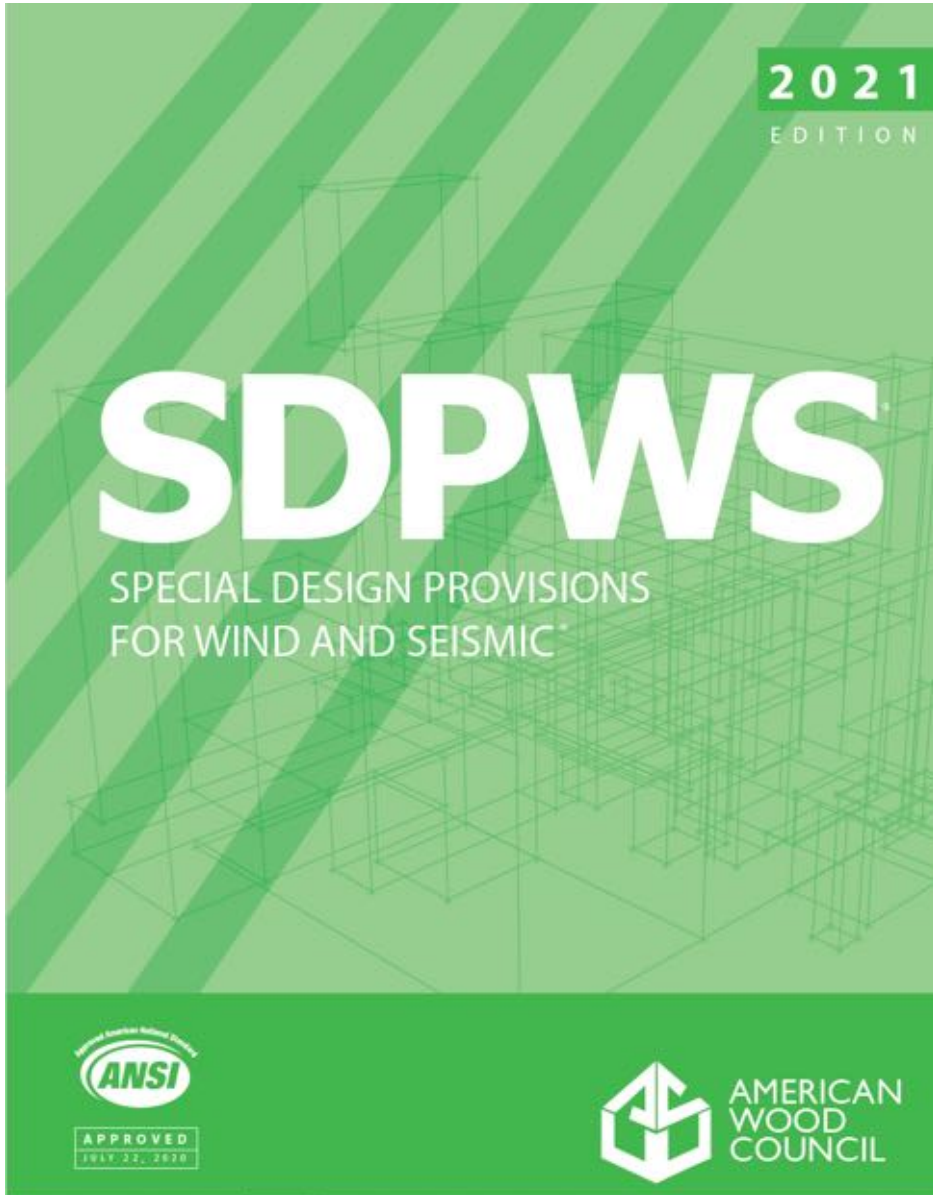
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2021 SDPWS – Unified Nominal Shear Capacity



For sheathed wood frame shear walls and diaphragms, SDPWS 2015 has two nominal shear capacities

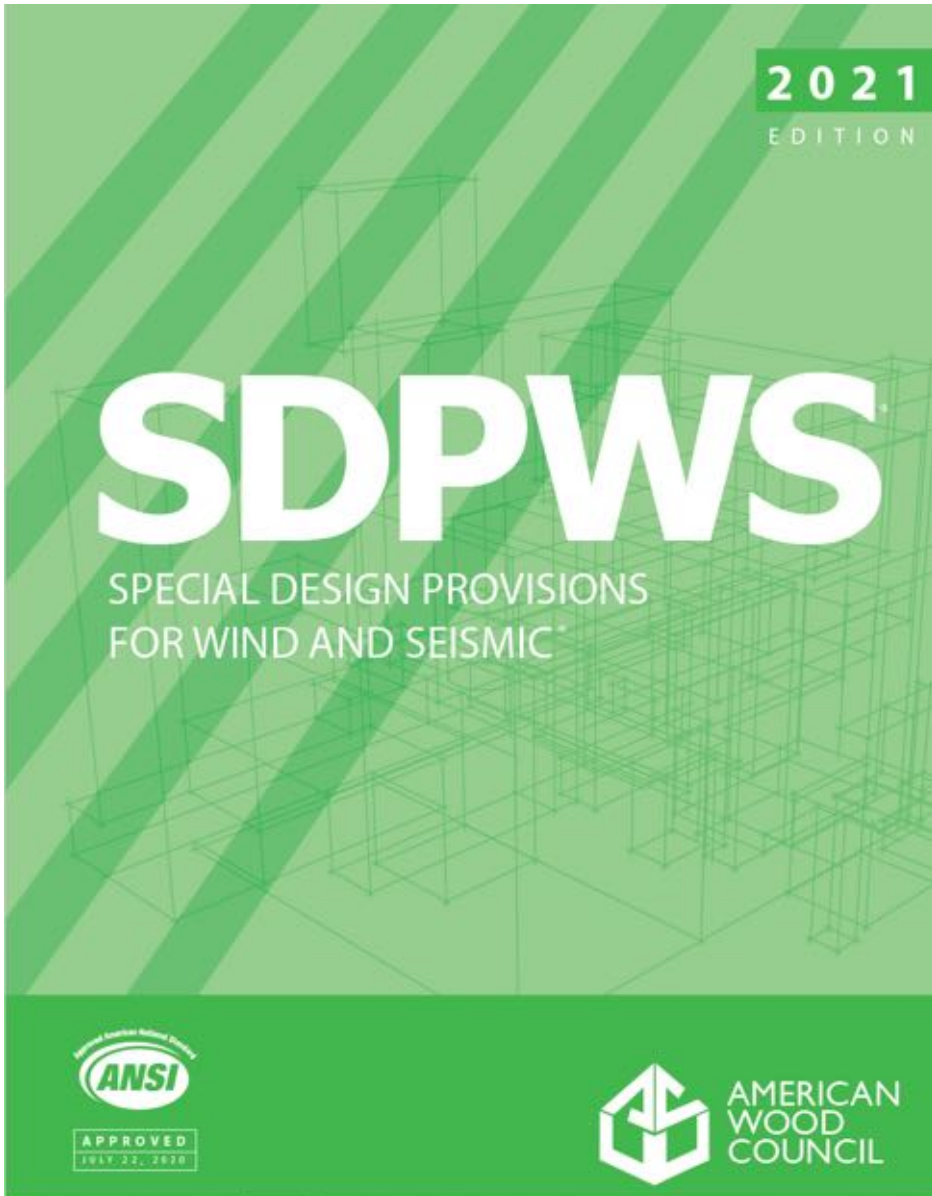
v_s Nominal shear capacity for seismic loads

v_w Nominal shear capacity for wind loads

SDPWS 2021 has one nominal shear capacity for both wind and seismic (for all systems such as WSP and CLT)

v_n Nominal shear capacity

2021 SDPWS – Unified Nominal Shear Capacity

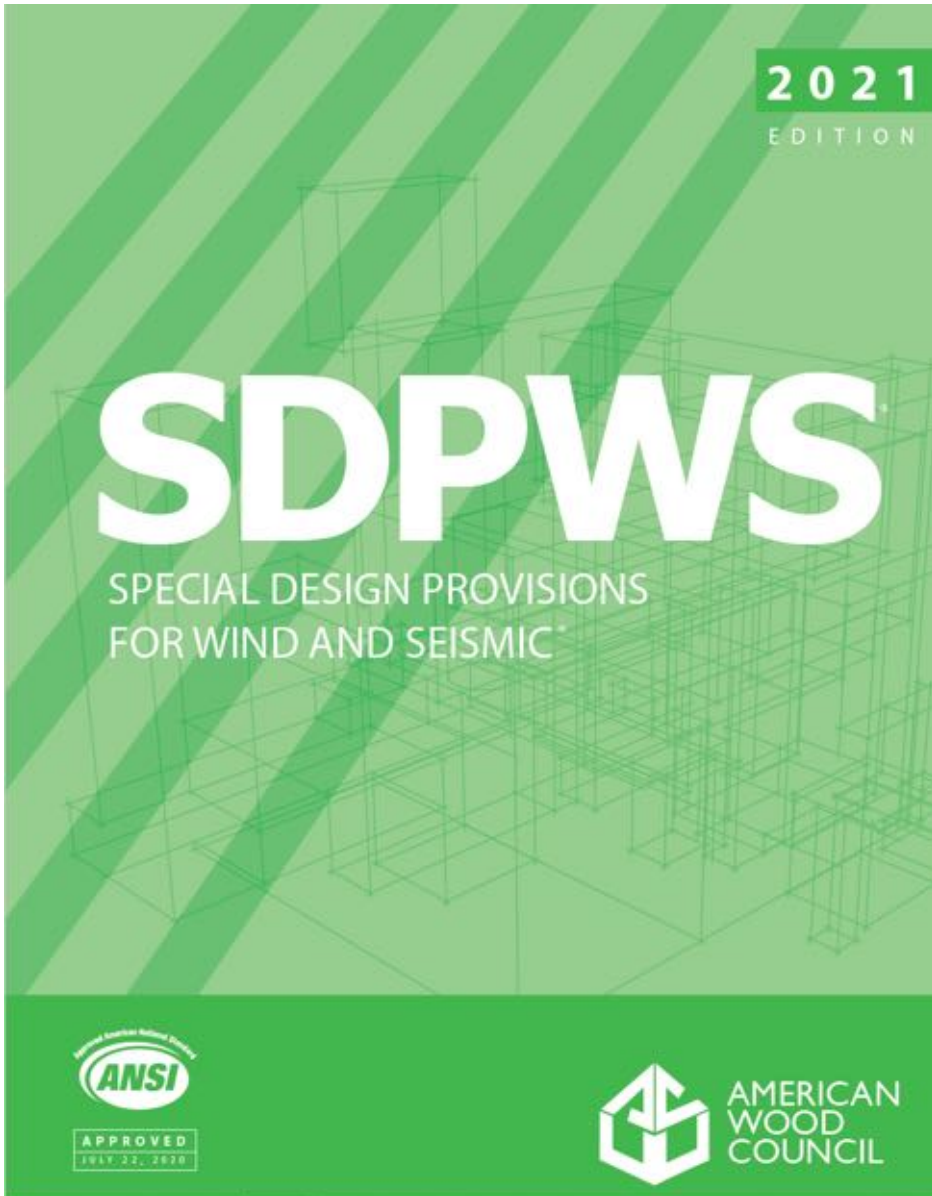


To calculate the ASD or LRFD shear capacity, SDPWS 2021 has different reduction factors for wind and seismic

	Design shear capacity	
	ASD	LRFD
Wind	$v_n/2.0$	$0.8 v_n$
Seismic	$v_n/2.8$	$0.5 v_n$

SDPWS 2021 Section 4.1.4

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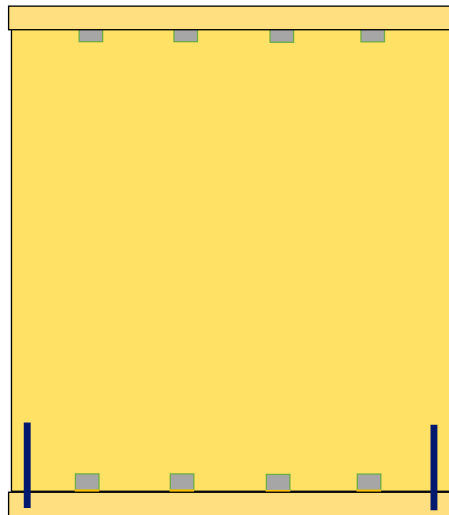
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CLT Shear Walls in SDPWS 2021

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CLT Shear Walls

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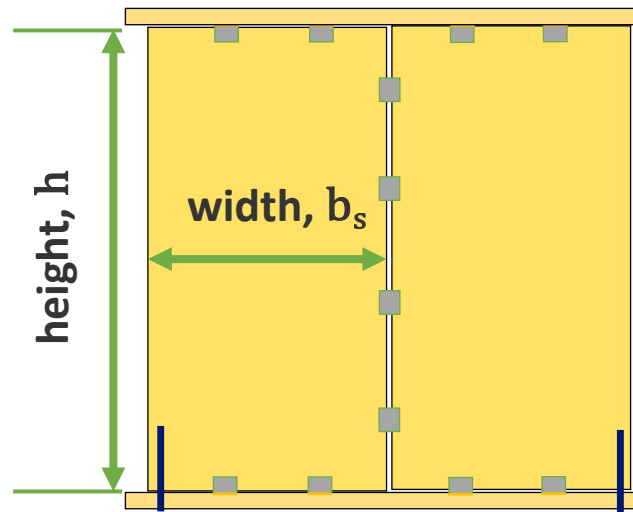
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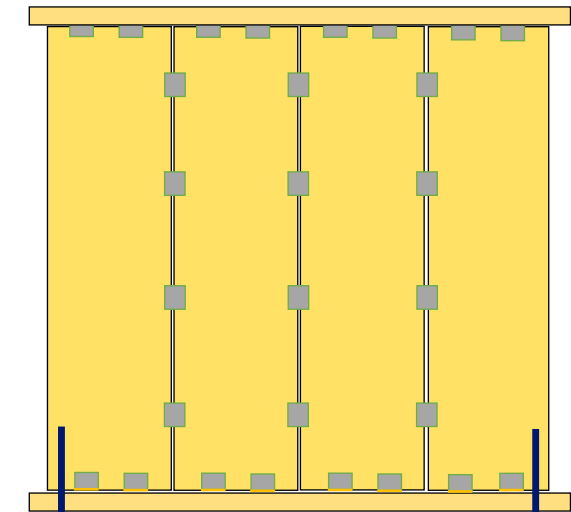
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Panel aspect ratios

$$2 \leq h/b_s \leq 4$$



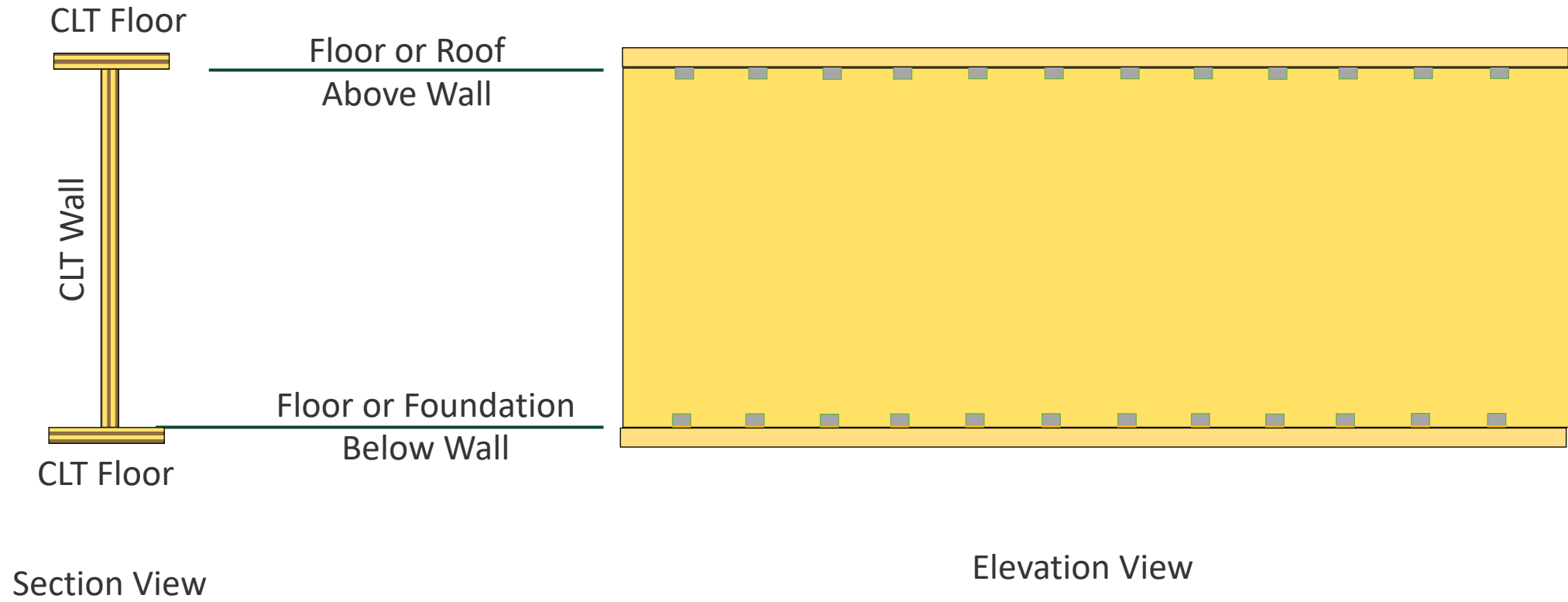
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Panel aspect ratios

$$h/b_s = 4$$

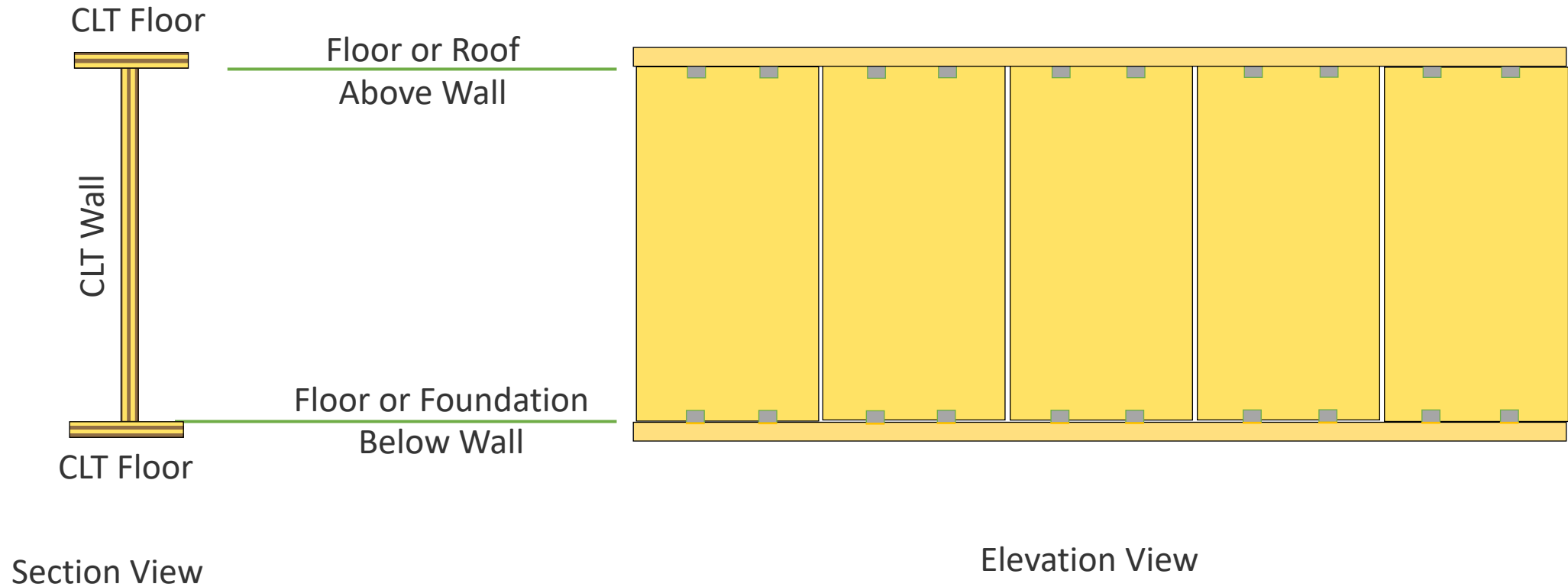
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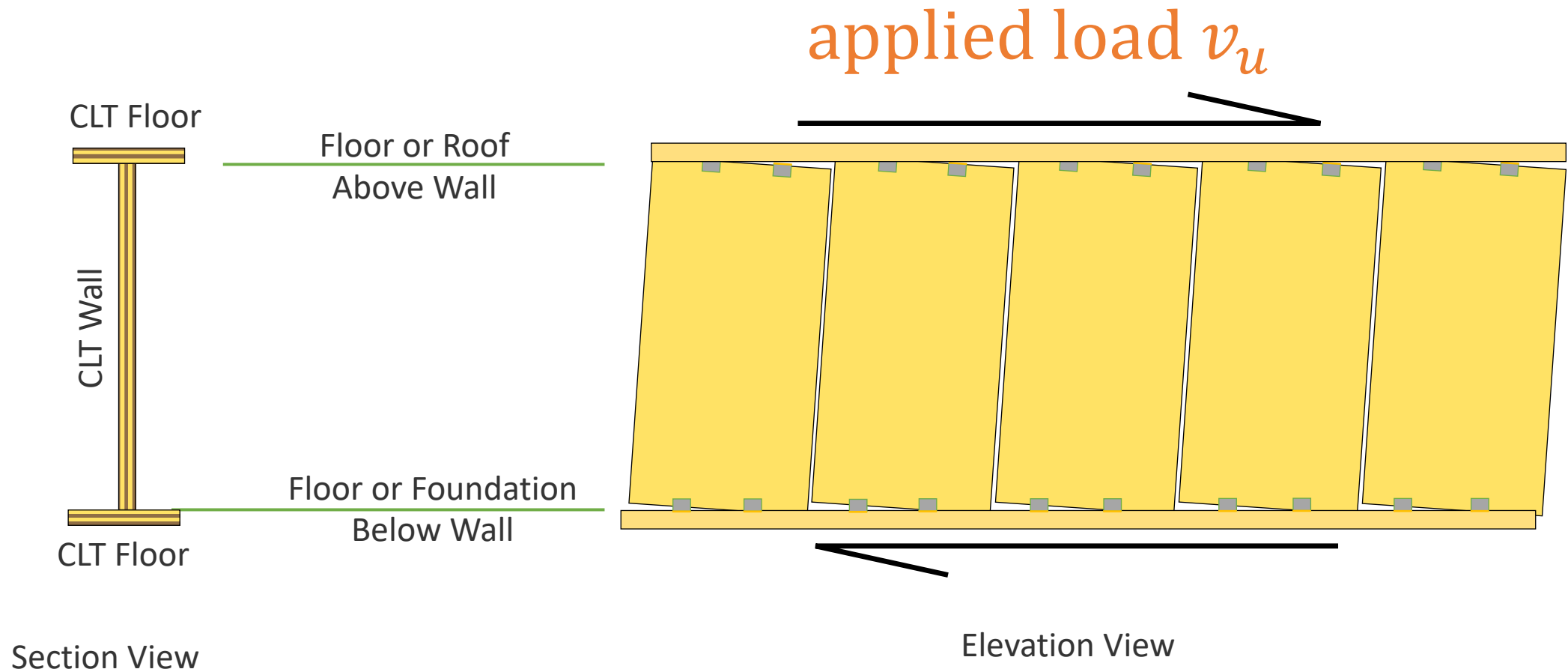
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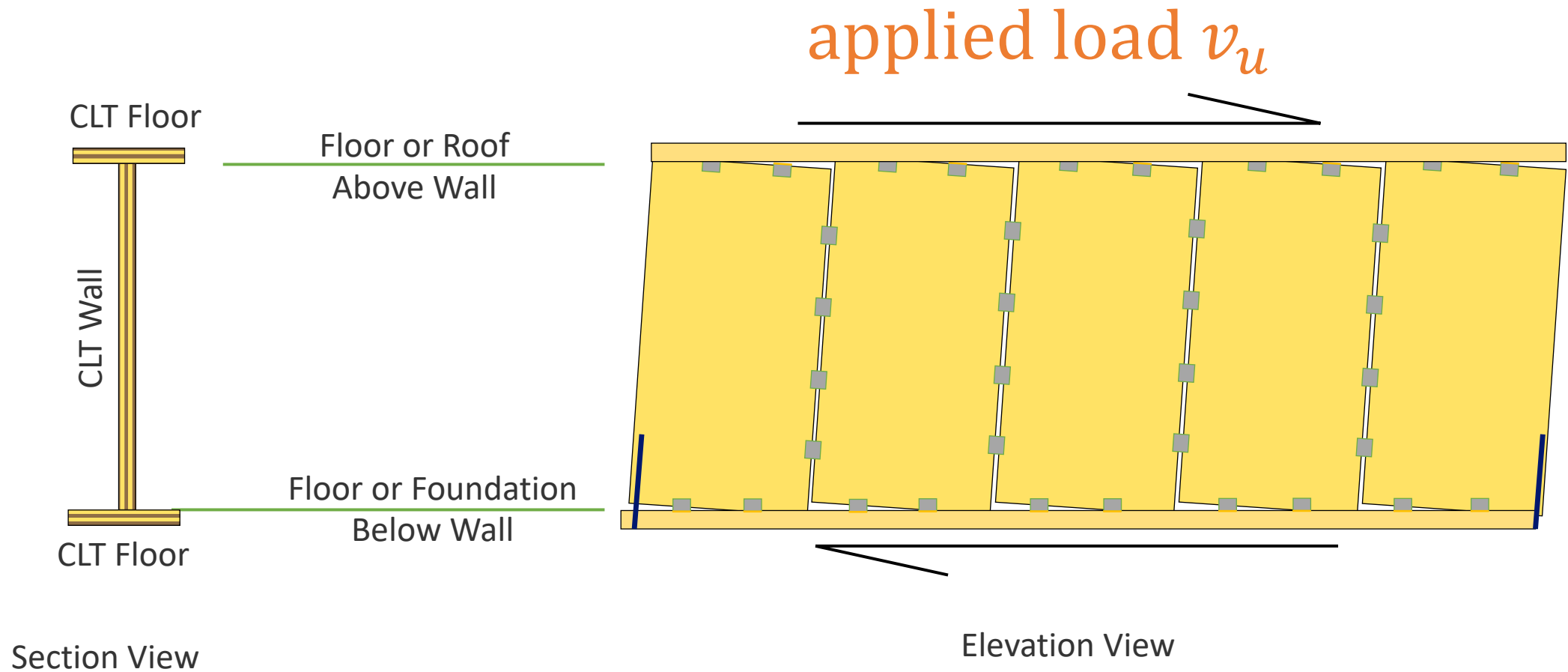
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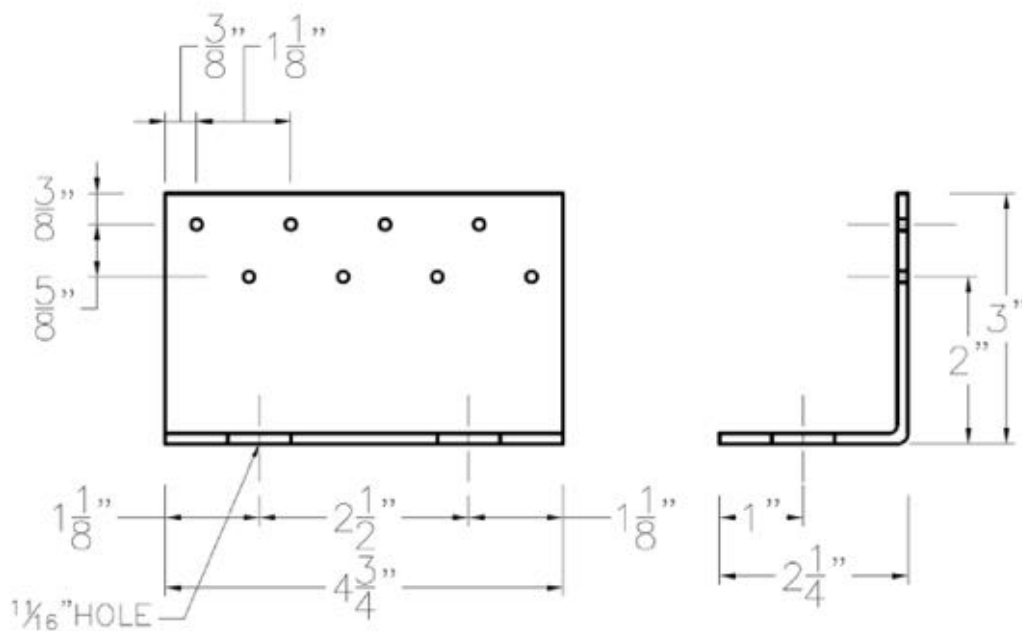
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CLT Shear Walls in SDPWS 2021

Panel to Platform Connection



Nominal shear capacity of connector:

$$v_n = 2605 C_G \text{ [lbs] per angle connector}$$

C_G adjusts for specific gravity, G of CLT

$$C_G = \begin{cases} 1.0 & \text{for } G \geq 0.42 \\ 0.86 & \text{for } G = 0.35 \\ 1.0 - 2(0.42 - G) & \text{for } 0.42 > G > 0.35 \end{cases}$$

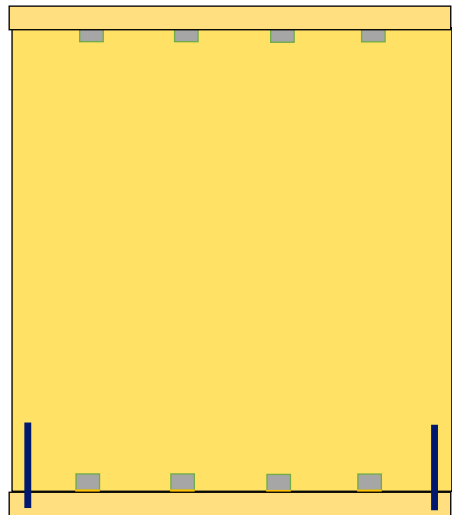
Nominal unit shear capacity:

$$v_n = n (2605 / b_s) C_G \text{ [lbs/ft]}$$

What R-Values can I
use?

R Values for CLT Shear Walls in SDPWS 2021

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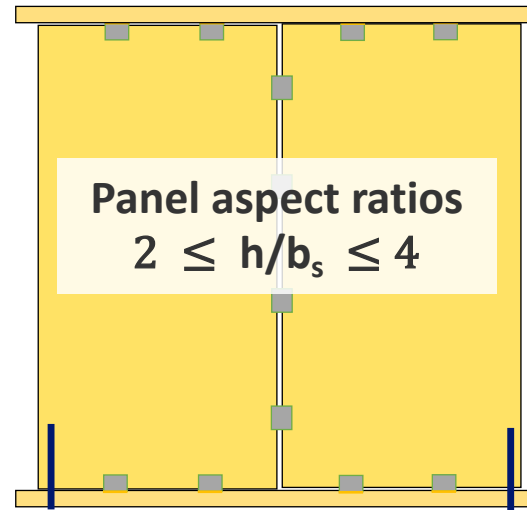


R = 1.5

$$C_d = 1.5 \quad \Omega_o = 2.5$$

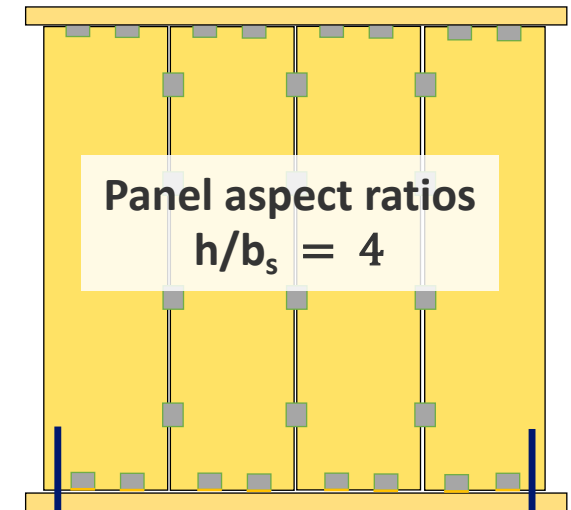
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R = 3.0*

$$C_d = 3.0 \quad \Omega_o = 3.0$$



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$$C_d = 4.0 \quad \Omega_o = 3.0$$

* ASCE 7-22



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State of Oregon Statewide Alternative

Statewide Alternate Method
No. 15-01



Cross-laminated timber Seismic force-resisting systems

Statewide Alternate Methods are approved by the division administrator in consultation with the appropriate advisory board. The advisory board's review includes technical and scientific facts of the proposed alternate method. In addition:

- Building officials shall approve the use of any material, design or method of construction addressed in a statewide alternate method;
- The decision to use a statewide alternate method is at the discretion of the applicant; and
- Statewide alternate methods do not limit the authority of the building official to consider other proposed alternate methods encompassing the same subject matter.

Code/edition/section: 2022 Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC)—Section 1613
American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) 7-2016 or ASCE 7-2022

Date: Issued—Jan. 15, 2015
Updated—Feb. 2, 2023

Subject: Cross-laminated timber (CLT)—Seismic force-resisting system

Background:

Cross-laminated timber (CLT) is a wood product with both residential and nonresidential applications. CLT is defined and recognized as a viable construction material subject to specific construction requirements within Chapters 2, 5, 6, 7, 17 and 23 of the 2022 OSSC. Building Codes Division has prepared this statewide alternate method to recognize CLT shear walls as a seismic force-resisting system (SFRS) for the application of ASCE 7-16 or ASCE 7-22, *Minimum Design Loads and Associated Criteria for Buildings and Other Structures*, Section 12.2, utilizing prescriptive design procedures.

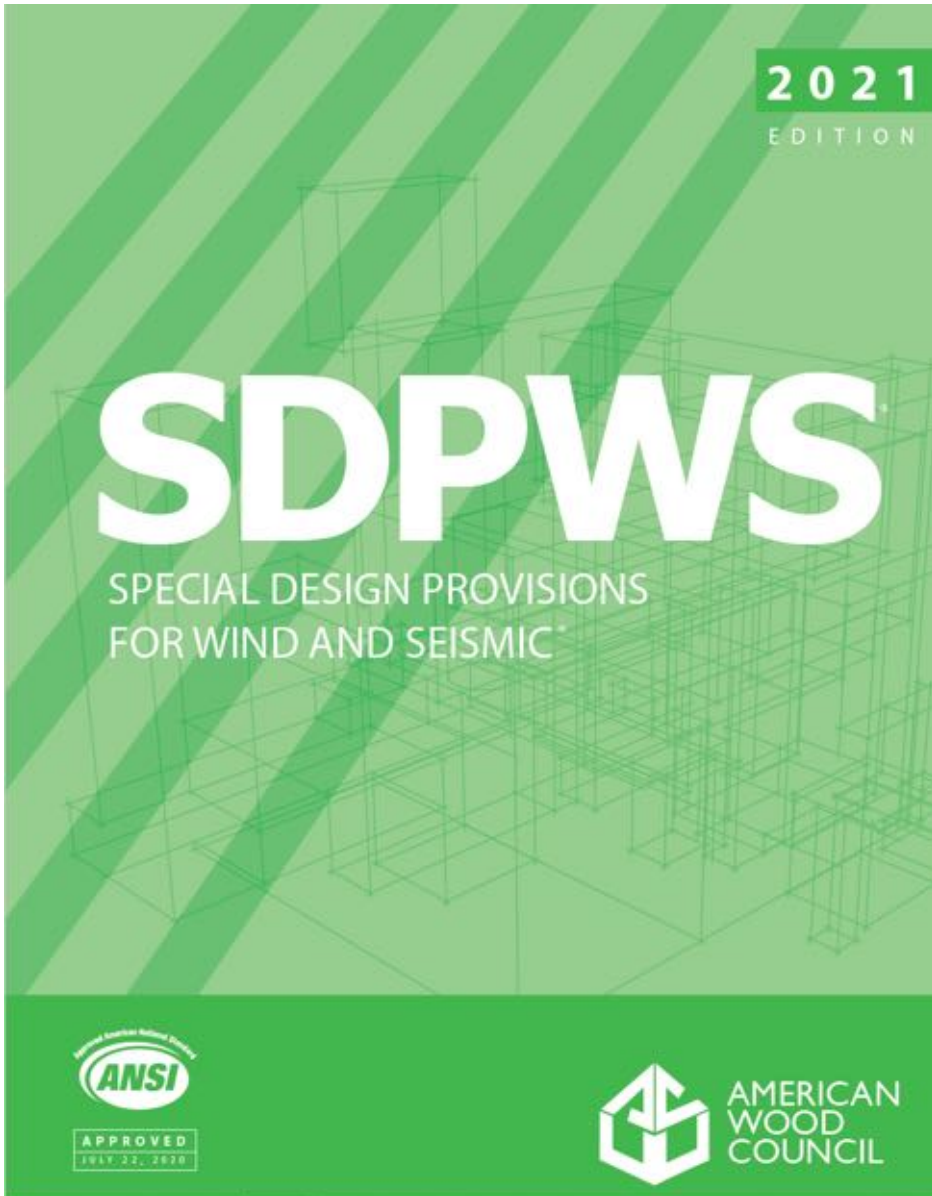
Structures exceeding the prescriptive design procedures contained in this statewide alternate method will need to follow the performance-based procedures as outlined in OSSC Section 104.10 and ASCE 7-16 Section 1.3.1.3.

Discussion:

ASCE 7-16 is the standard referenced in OSSC Section 1613 for the development of seismic design loads and associated criteria for structures. ASCE 7-16 Chapter 12 establishes seismic design coefficients and factors for



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4.5 Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT) Diaphragms

4.5.1 Application Requirements

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CLT diaphragm deflection shall be determined using principles of engineering mechanics.

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Exceptions:

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Diaphragm chord elements and chord splice connections using materials other than wood or steel shall be designed using provisions in NDS 1.4.

Only 1 page of
requirements for CLT
Diaphragms

CLT Diaphragm Design Resource

CLT Diaphragm Design Guide

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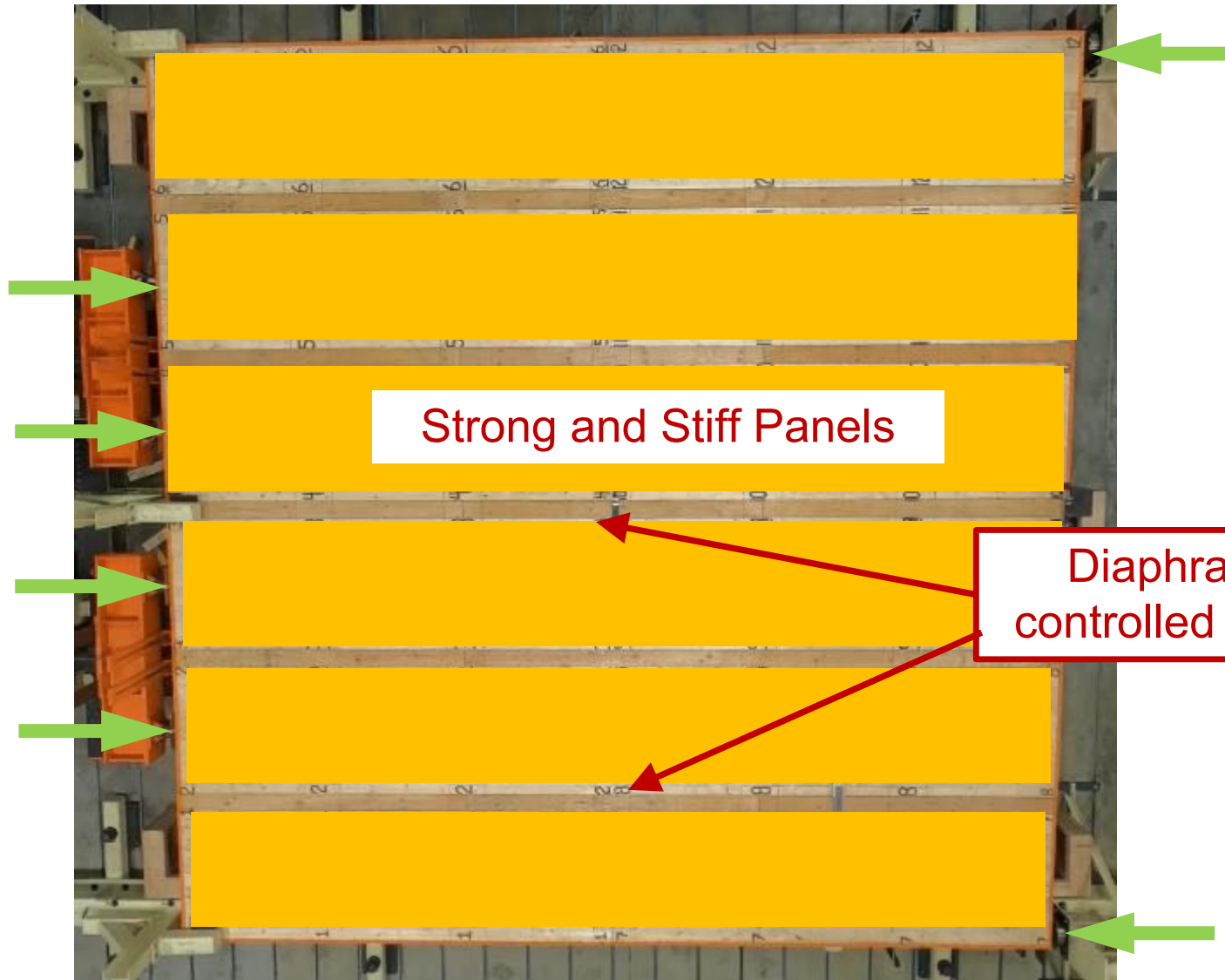


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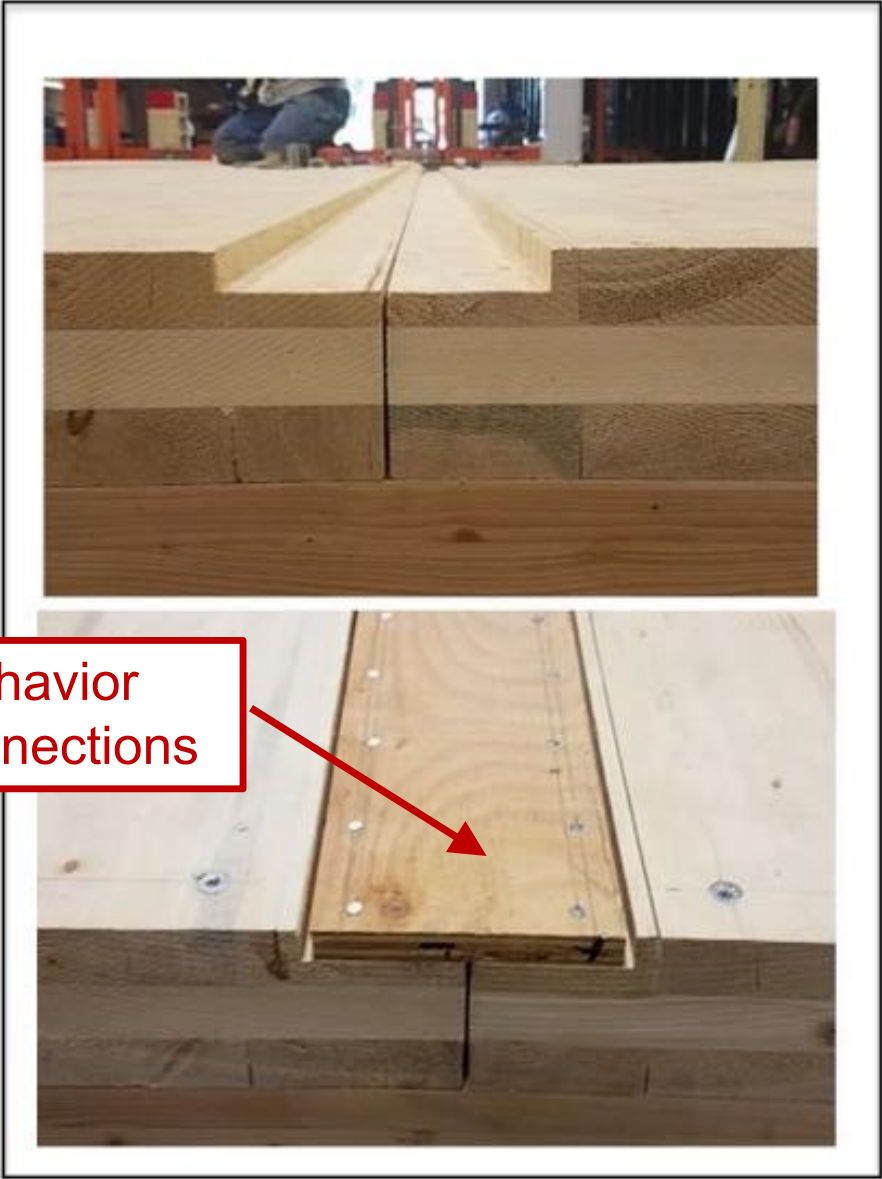
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24' x 24' CLT Diaphragm Test with Plywood Spline by AWC



Strong and Stiff Panels

Diaphragm behavior controlled by connections



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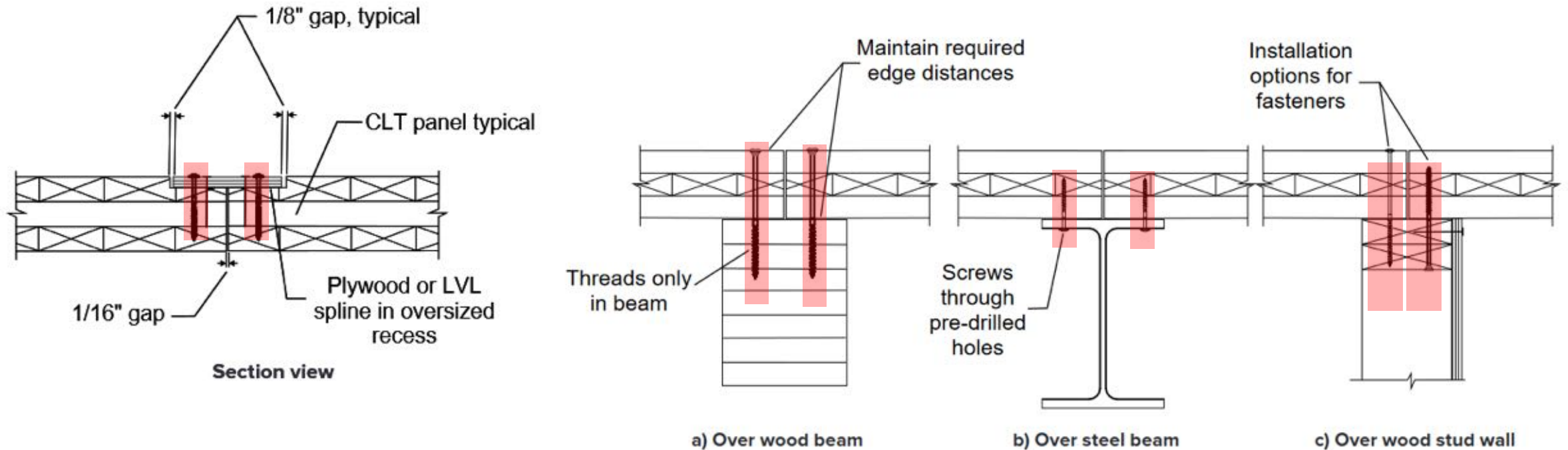
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Requirements for the shear connections

CLT Diaphragm Shear Connections

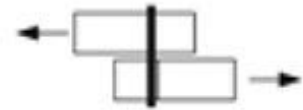


- Diaphragm **shear connections** at CLT panel edges:
 - Use dowel-type fasteners in shear (nails, screws, bolts)
 - Yield **Mode IIIs or Mode IV** per NDS 12.3.1 controls capacity

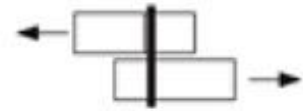
Connection Yield Modes Per the NDS

Single Shear Connections

Double Shear Connections



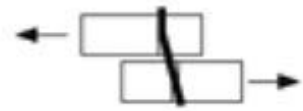
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Mode I_s



Mode II



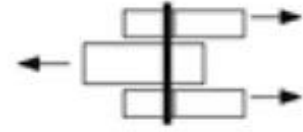
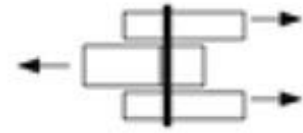
Mode III_m



Mode III_s



Mode IV



“m” denotes main member, “s” denotes side member

CLT Diaphragm Shear Connection Design

Nominal capacity of CLT diaphragm shear connection fastener:

$$Z_n = 4.5 Z^*$$

Where Z^* is reference lateral capacity Z of NDS

multiplied by all applicable factors *except* C_D , K_F , ϕ , $\lambda = 1.0$

Table 11.3.1 Applicability of Adjustment Factors for Connections

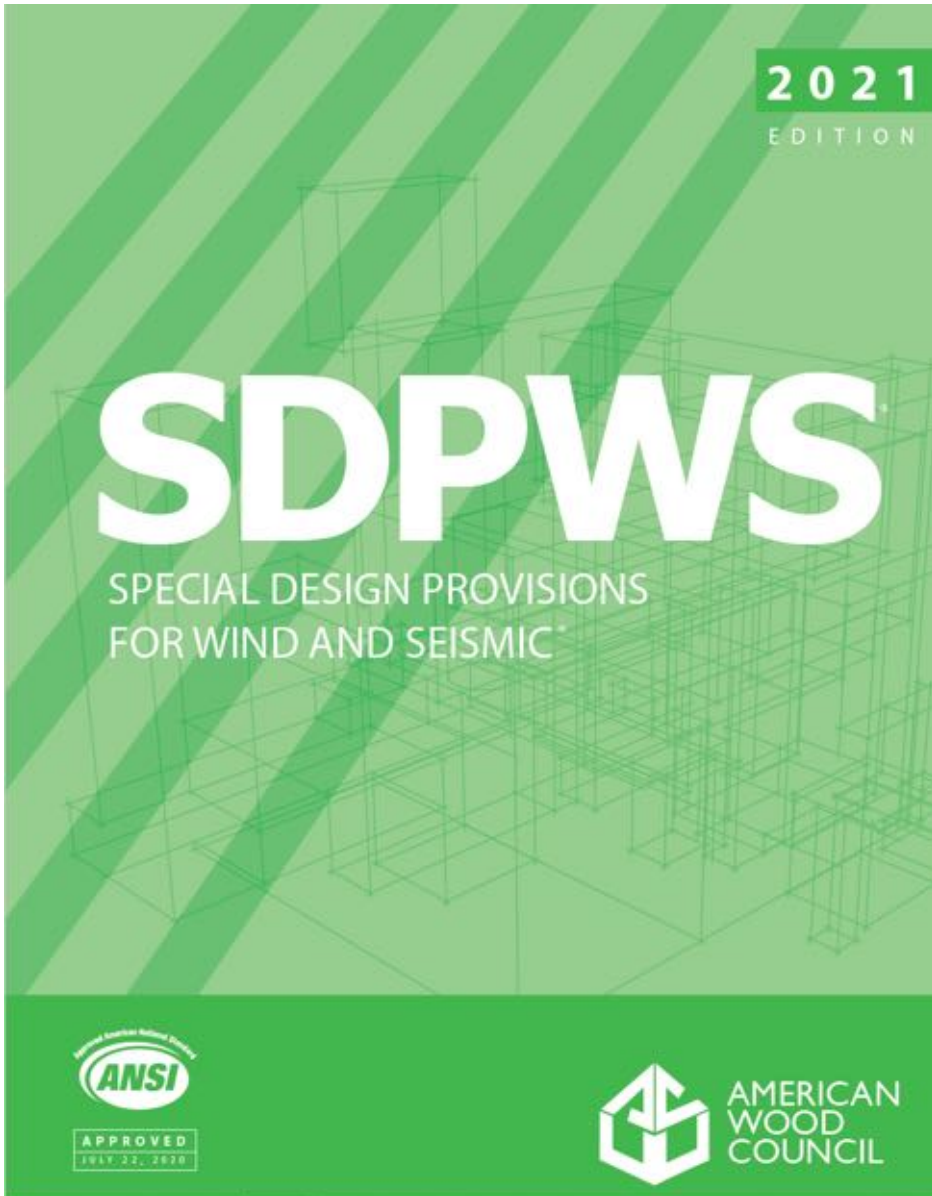
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											K_F	ϕ	

Lateral Loads

Dowel-type Fasteners (e.g. bolts, lag screws, wood screws, nails, spikes, drift bolts, & drift pins)	$Z^* = Z \times$	1.0	C_M	C_t	C_{sg}	C_{Δ}	-	C_{eg}	-	1.0	C_{tn}	1.0	1.0	1.0

Also 1.0 for CLT Diaphragm Shear Connections

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	Design shear capacity	
	ASD	LRFD
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ASD seismic design capacity:

$$4.5 Z^* / 2.8 = 1.61 Z^* \approx C_D Z = 1.6 Z$$

Other Diaphragm Components

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4.5.2 Deflection

CLT diaphragm deflection shall be determined using principles of engineering mechanics.

4.5.3 Unit Shear Capacity

CLT diaphragms shall be designed in accordance with principles of engineering mechanics using design values for wood members and connections in accordance with NDS provisions.

The nominal unit shear capacity, v_n , of CLT diaphragms shall be based on the nominal shear capacity for dowel-type fastener connections used to transfer diaphragm shear forces, as calculated per 4.5.4, Item 1. ASD allowable shear capacity or LRFD factored shear resistance for the CLT diaphragm and diaphragm shear connections shall be determined in accordance with 4.1.1.

4.5.4 Additional CLT Diaphragm Design Requirements

CLT diaphragms shall meet the following additional requirements:

1. The nominal shear capacity for dowel-type fastener connections used to transfer diaphragm shear forces between CLT panels and between CLT panels and diaphragm boundary elements (chords and collectors) shall be taken as $4.5Z^*$, where Z^* is Z multiplied by all applicable NDS

tener yielding in accordance with NDS 12.3.1.

2. Connections used to transfer diaphragm shear forces shall not be used to resist diaphragm tension forces.
3. Wood elements, steel parts, and wood or steel chord splice connections shall be designed for 2.0 times the diaphragm forces associated with the shear forces induced from the design loads.

Exceptions:

1. Wood elements and wood splice connections shall be permitted to be designed for 1.5 times the diaphragm forces associated with the shear forces induced by the wind design loads.
2. Where dowel-type fasteners are used in chord splice connections and the connection is controlled by Mode III, or Mode IV fastener yielding in accordance with NDS 12.3.1, fasteners in the connection shall be permitted to be designed for 1.5 and 1.0 times the diaphragm forces associated with the shear forces induced by the prescribed seismic and wind design loads, respectively.

Diaphragm chord elements and chord splice connections using materials other than wood or steel shall be designed using provisions in NDS 1.4.

3. Wood elements, steel parts, and wood or steel chord splice connections shall be designed for 2.0 times the diaphragm forces associated with the shear forces induced from the design loads.

Exceptions:

1. Wood elements and wood splice connections shall be permitted to be designed for 1.5 times the diaphragm forces associated with the shear forces induced by the wind design loads.
2. Where dowel-type fasteners are used in chord splice connections and the connection is controlled by Mode III, or Mode IV fastener yielding in accordance with NDS 12.3.1, fasteners in the connection shall be permitted to be designed for 1.5 and 1.0 times the diaphragm forces associated with the shear forces induced by the prescribed seismic and wind design loads, respectively.

Other CLT Diaphragm Components

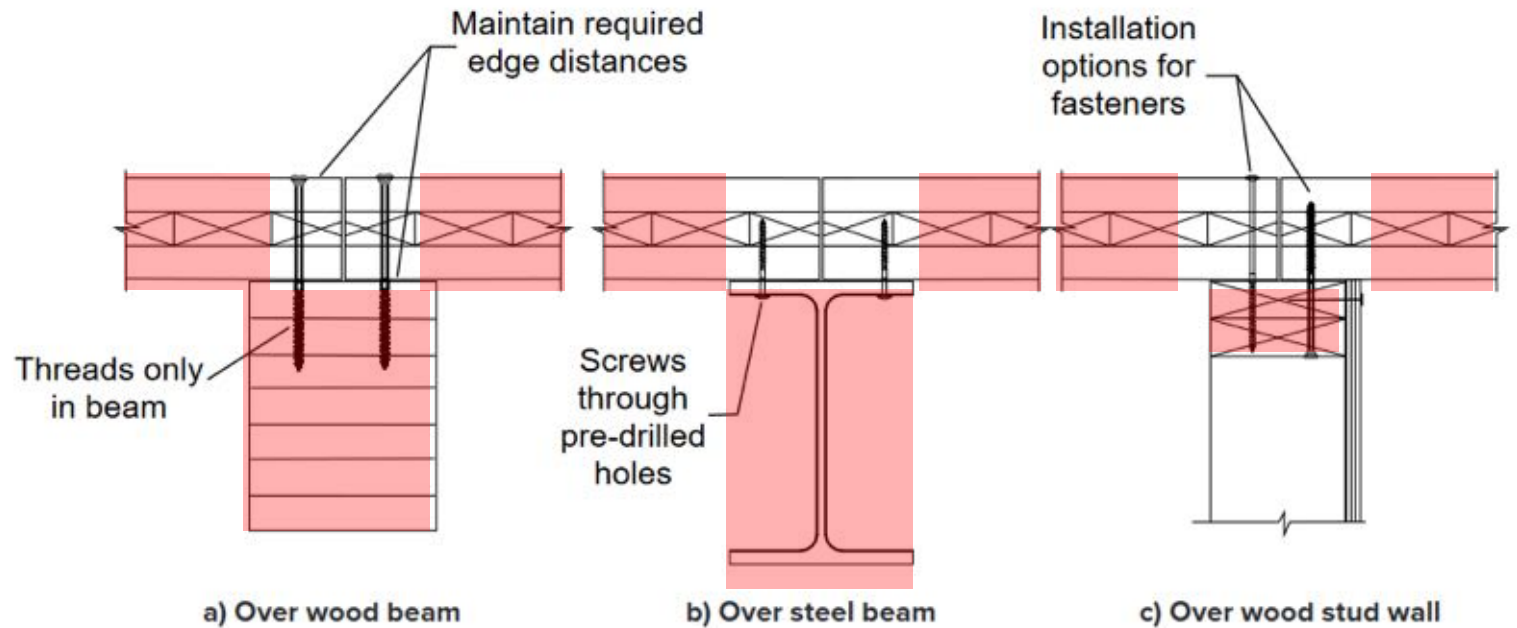
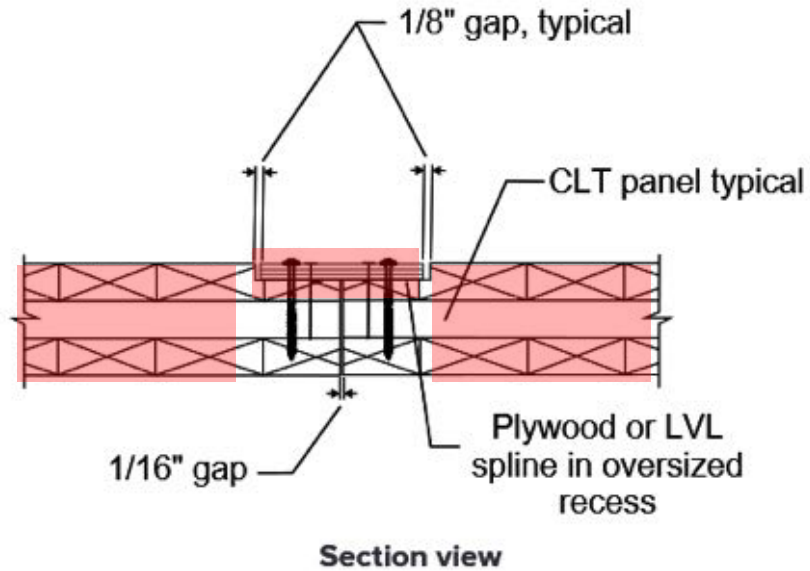




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Other CLT Diaphragm Components

Increased Diaphragm Design Forces \leq Design Capacity

$$\gamma_D \cdot v \leq v'$$

v = wind or seismic force demand

v' = Adjusted capacity
calculated per the NDS

$\gamma_D =$

- 2.0 for wood and steel components, except:**
- 1.5 wood members resisting wind loads
- 1.5 chord splice connections controlled by Mode IIIs or IV (seismic)
- 1.0 chord splice connections controlled by Mode IIIs or IV (wind)

See SDPWS 2021 Section 4.5.4 for the full information

CLT Diaphragm Design Resource

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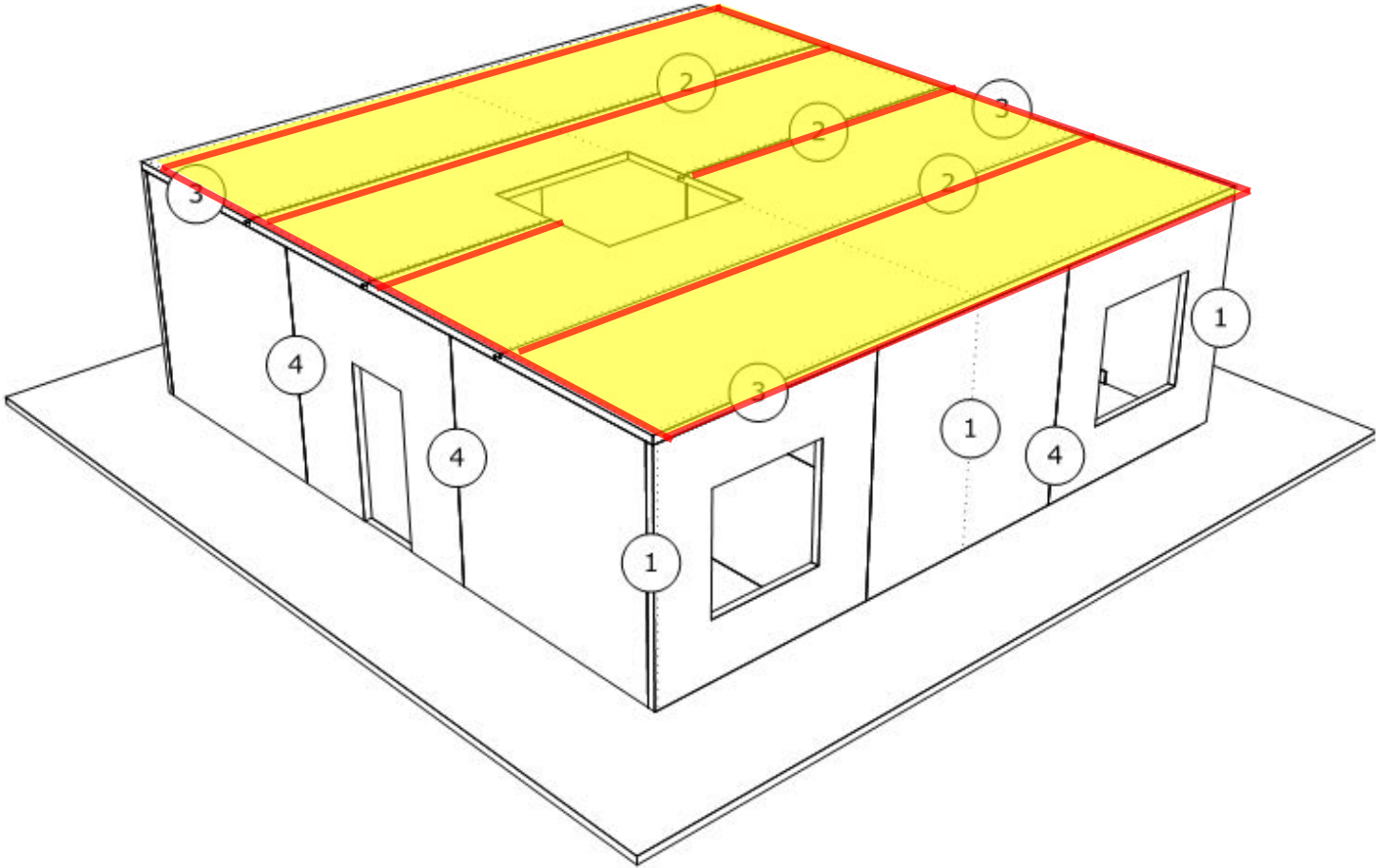
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