

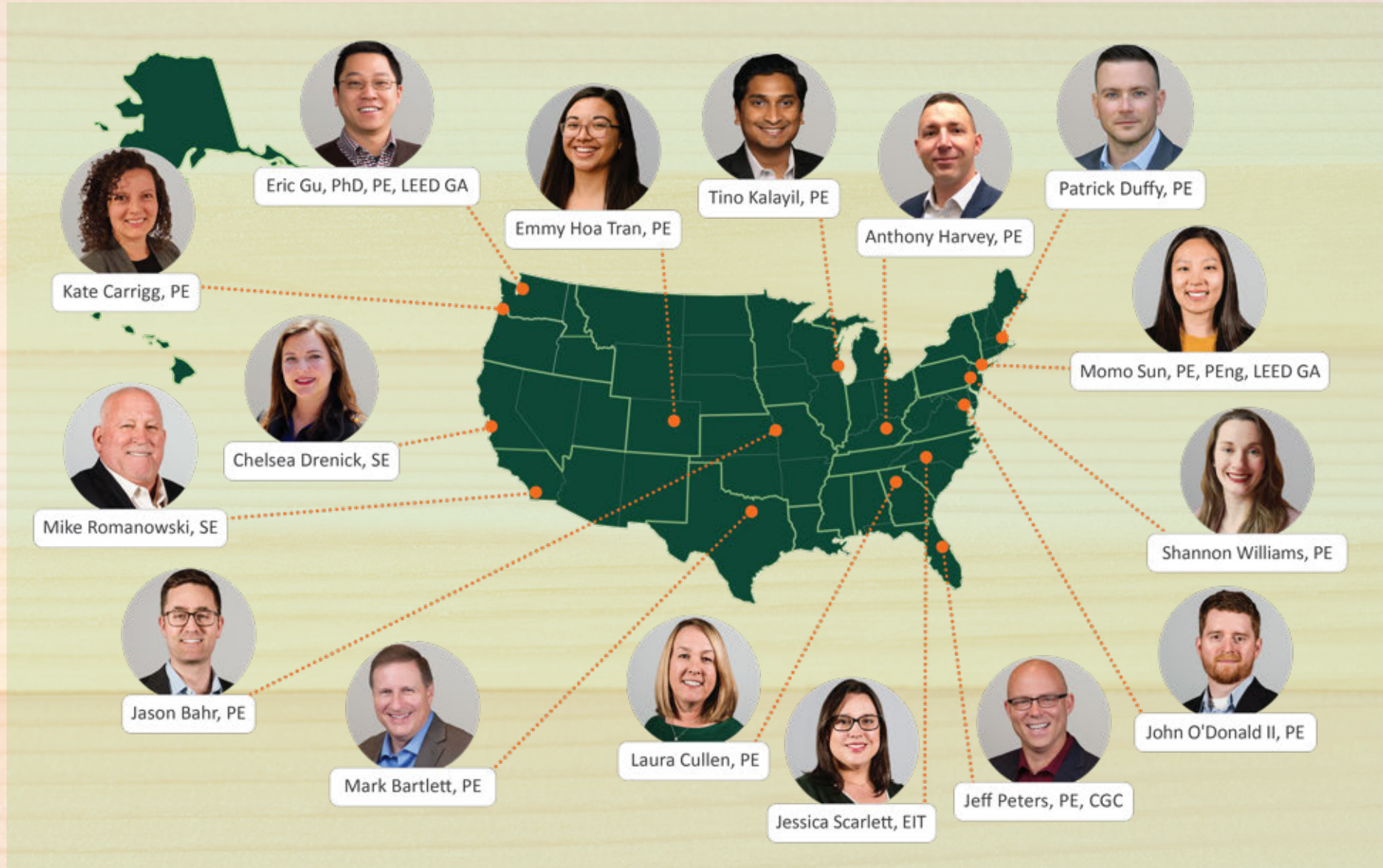


A Comprehensive Introduction to Mass Timber Design

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Course Description

As mass timber transitions from novelty to mainstream, more architects and engineers are finding they need a full systems understanding of the unique design considerations associated with these types of structures. Intended for those new to mass timber design, or those looking to refresh their design knowledge, this workshop will take a step-by-step approach to the practical design and engineering of mass timber buildings. Breakout sessions at the 2024 International Mass Timber Conference will examine specific design and construction topics in depth, and this pre-conference workshop will equip attendees with the baseline experience needed to expand their knowledge in the main track sessions and start their own mass timber designs. Topics will include mass timber products, code compliance, fire resistance, new tall mass timber construction types, structural design and layout, connection detailing, acoustics, MEP integration, and more. Project examples throughout will also highlight and emphasize design solutions implemented on real structures.

Learning Objectives

1. Identify construction types within the International Building Code where a mass timber structure is permitted.
2. Discuss the impacts of construction type on required fire-resistance ratings of structural elements, noting how these ratings impact member spans and grids.
3. Demonstrate structural design steps for members and connections in common mass timber framing systems.
4. Highlight effective methods of integrating MEP services in a mass timber building and discuss their relative impacts on cost, aesthetics, occupant comfort, and future tenant renovations.

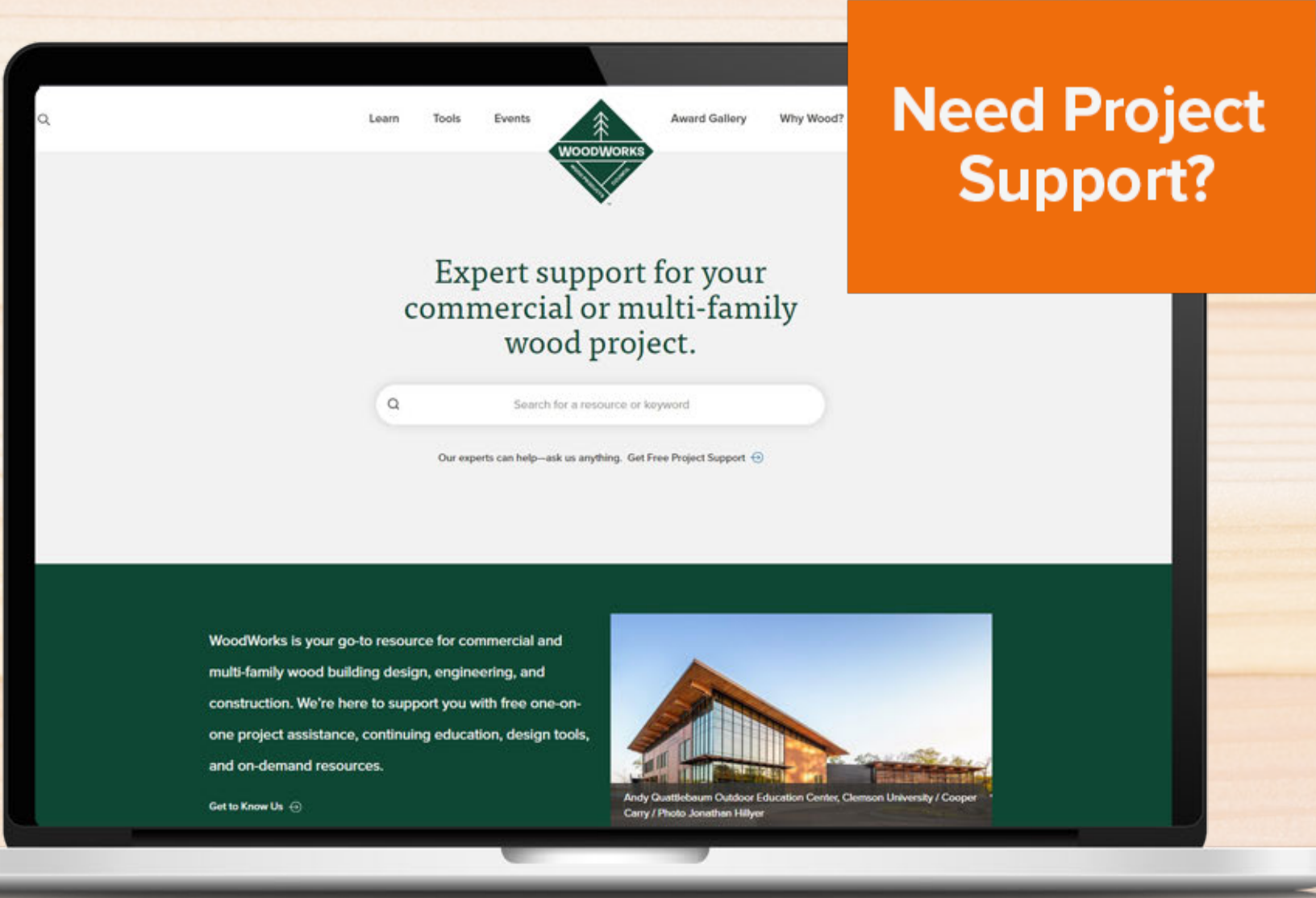
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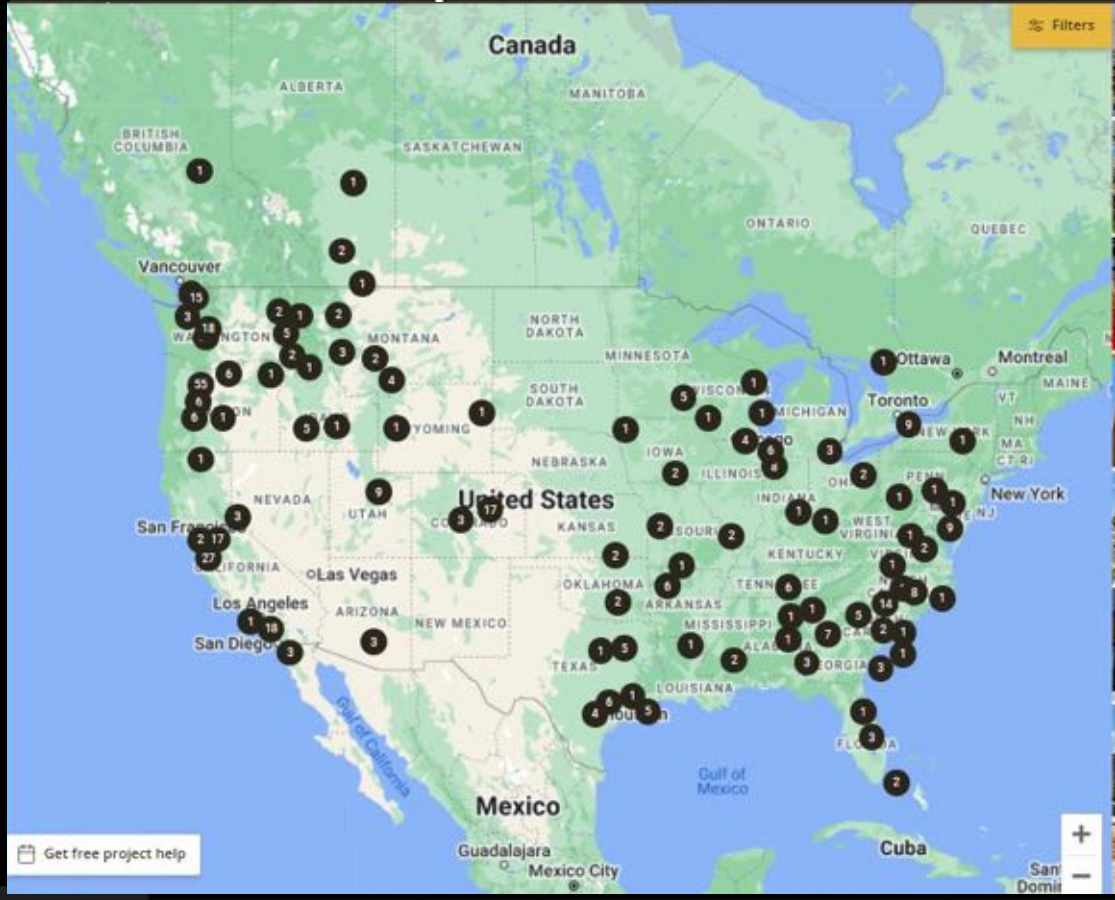
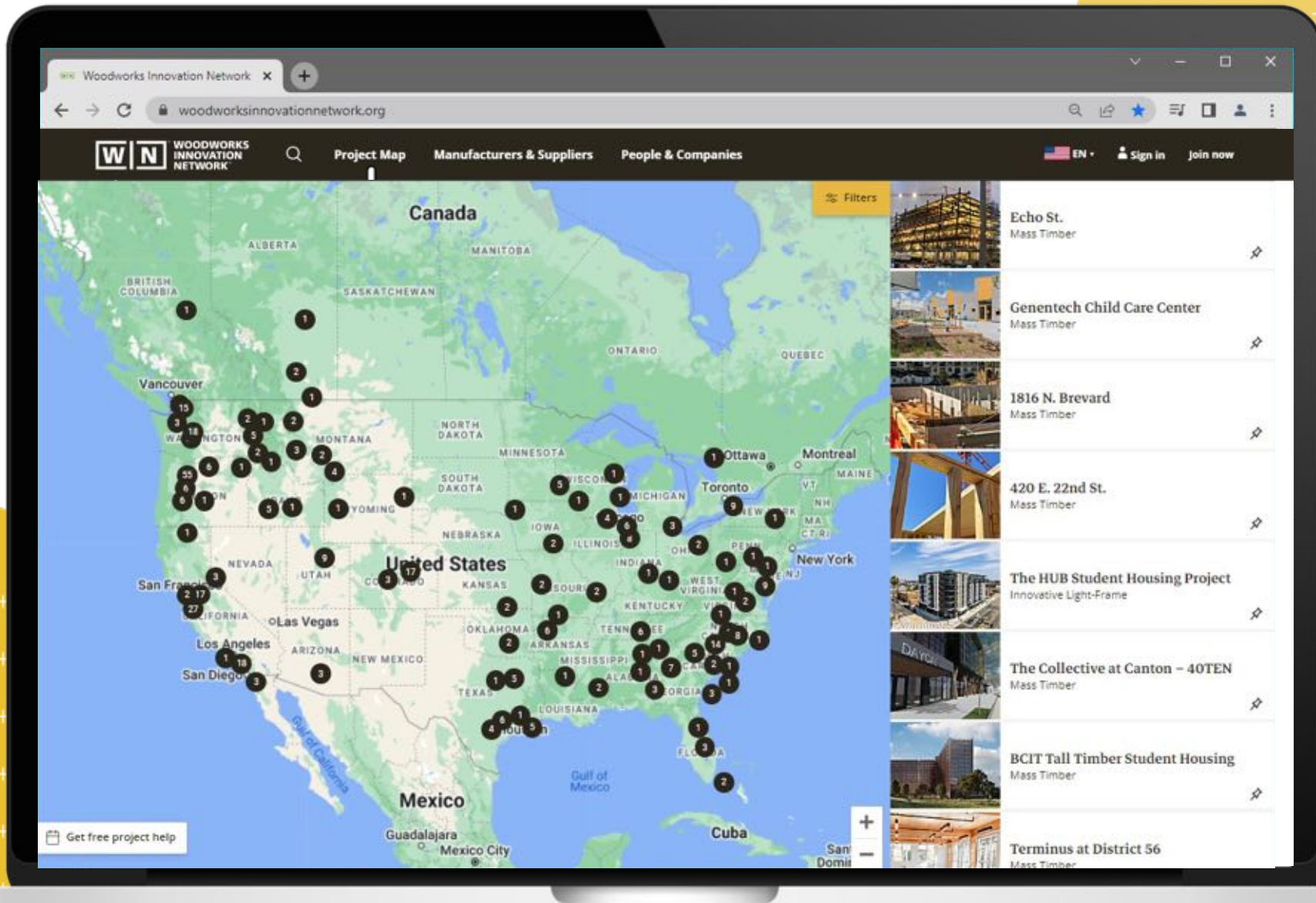
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12:00 – 1:00 pm	<i>Mass Timber Primer: Products, Codes Applications and Fire-Resistance Design</i> , Mark Bartlett, PE and Jeff Peters, PE, CGC, WoodWorks
1:00 – 1:15 pm	Break
1:15 – 2:30 pm	<i>Structural Design: Member Sizing, Optimized Grids, Connections and Lateral Load Resistance</i> , Kate Carrigg PE and Anthony Harvey, PE, WoodWorks
2:30 – 2:45 pm	Break
2:45 – 4:00 pm	<i>Acoustics, Vibration, MEPF Integration, Embodied Carbon and LCA</i> , John O’Donald, PE, Eric Gu, PhD, PE, LEED Green Associate and Chelsea Drenick, SE, WoodWorks

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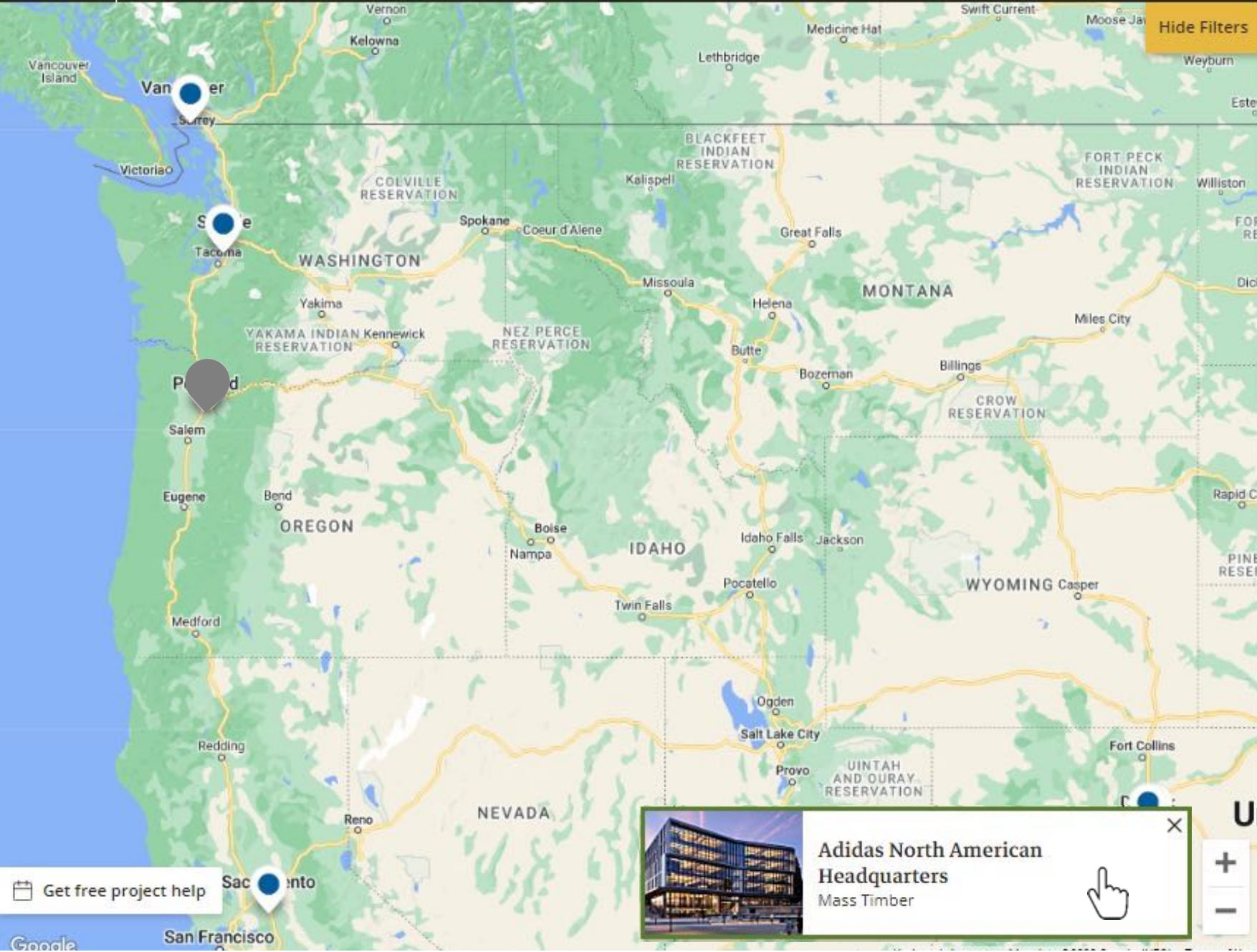


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- The Collective at Canton - 40TEN Mass Timber
- BCIT Tall Timber Student Housing Mass Timber
- Terminus at District 56 Mass Timber

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- Structural Composite Lumber (e.g. LVL and LSL) 0
- Timber-Frame / Post and Beam 2
- Wood structural panels 0
- Wood-Concrete Composite Systems 0

Other Properties

- Wood Design Award Winner 2
- Affordable Housing 1
- Business Case Study Available 0
- Spec Office 1
- Technical Case Study Available 1

Number of Stories

1 — 12

Year Built


Select...

Construction Types

- I-A 0
- I-B 0
- II-A 0
- II-B 0
- III-A 3
- III-B 1
- IV-A 0
- IV-B 1
- IV-C 0
- IV-HT 2
- Unknown 0
- V-A 0
- V-B 1

Square Footage

- < 10,000 18
- 10,000 - 50,000 72
- 50,000 - 200,000 74
- 200,000 + 8



Adidas North American Headquarters
Mass Timber

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Adidas North American Headquarters

Portland, OR



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Innovation, performance, and sustainability were top priorities for Adidas when they expanded their North American headquarters. The new building faced unique design challenges, including tight schedules, budget constraints, and the need for a sustainable, high-quality interior.

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Mass Timber Primer: Products, Codes Applications, Fire-Resistance Design

March 27, 2023

Presented by Mark Bartlett and Jeff Peters

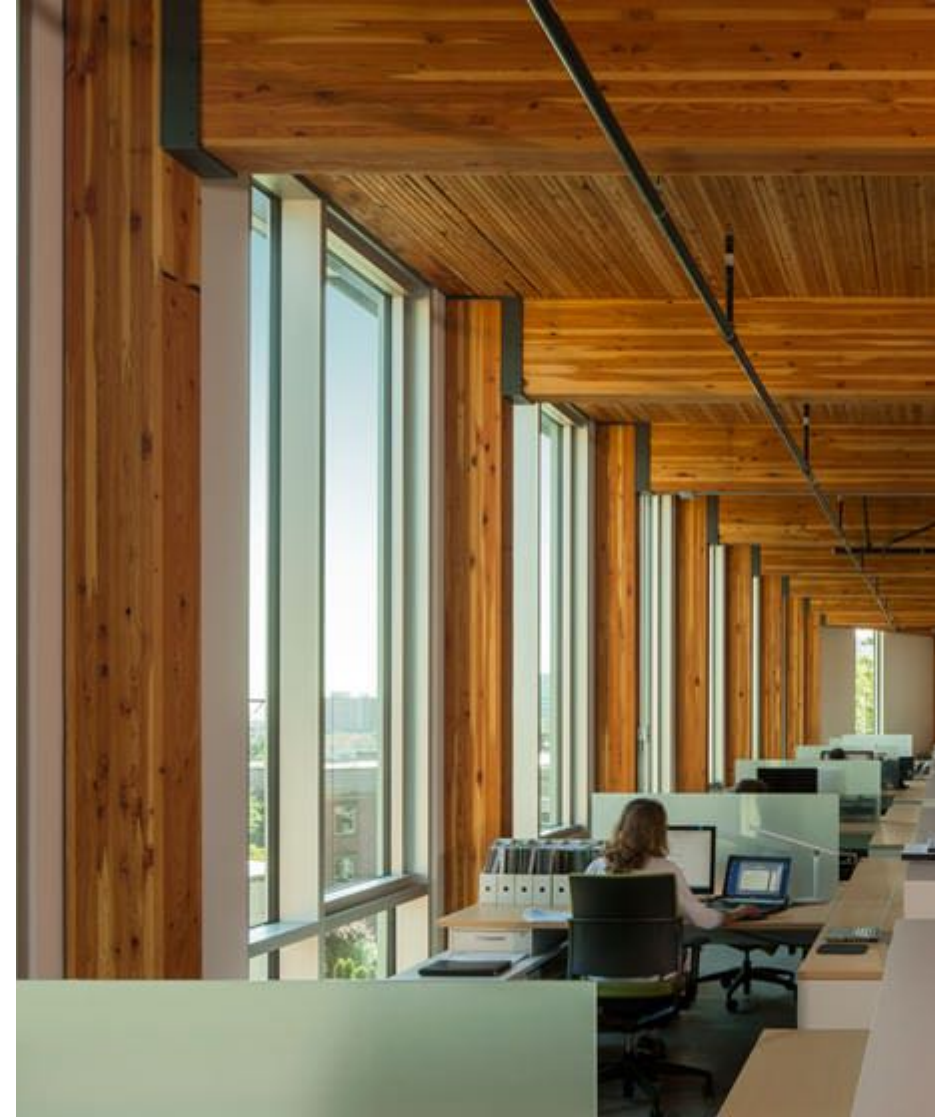
OVERVIEW | TERMINOLOGY



Light-Frame Wood
Photo: WoodWorks



Heavy Timber
Photo: Benjamin Benschneider



Mass Timber
Photo: John Stamets

Mass Timber Building Options



Post and Beam



Flat Plate



Honeycomb

Mass Timber Building Options



Hybrid: Light-frame



Hybrid: Steel framing

The image shows a multi-level interior of a mass timber building. The ceiling is composed of large, light-colored wooden beams with exposed silver ductwork and black piping. A mezzanine level with a dark metal railing is in the foreground. Below it, a large open-plan area features wooden floors, desks, and a lounge area with grey armchairs. Large windows on the right side offer a view of greenery outside. The overall aesthetic is industrial and natural, highlighting the use of wood in modern architecture.

What's in a mass timber building?

Glue Laminated Timber (Glulam)
Beams & columns



Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT)
Solid sawn laminations



Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT)
SCL laminations



Photo: Freres Lumber



Photo: StructureCraft



Photo: LendLease



Photo: LEVER Architecture

Dowel-Laminated Timber (DLT)



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Nail-Laminated Timber (NLT)



Photo: Think Wood

Glue-Laminated Timber (GLT)
Plank orientation



Photo: StructureCraft



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Mass Timber Products

Glulam

Glulam specs:

Typical Widths:

3-1/8", 3-1/2", 5-1/8", 5-1/2", 6-3/4", 8-3/4",
10-3/4", 12-1/4"

Typical Depths:

Increments per # of lams from 6" to 60"+

Western species lams are typically 1-1/2" thick

Southern pine lams are typically 1-3/8" thick

Typical Species:

Douglas-Fir, Southern Pine, Spruce

Also available in cedar & others

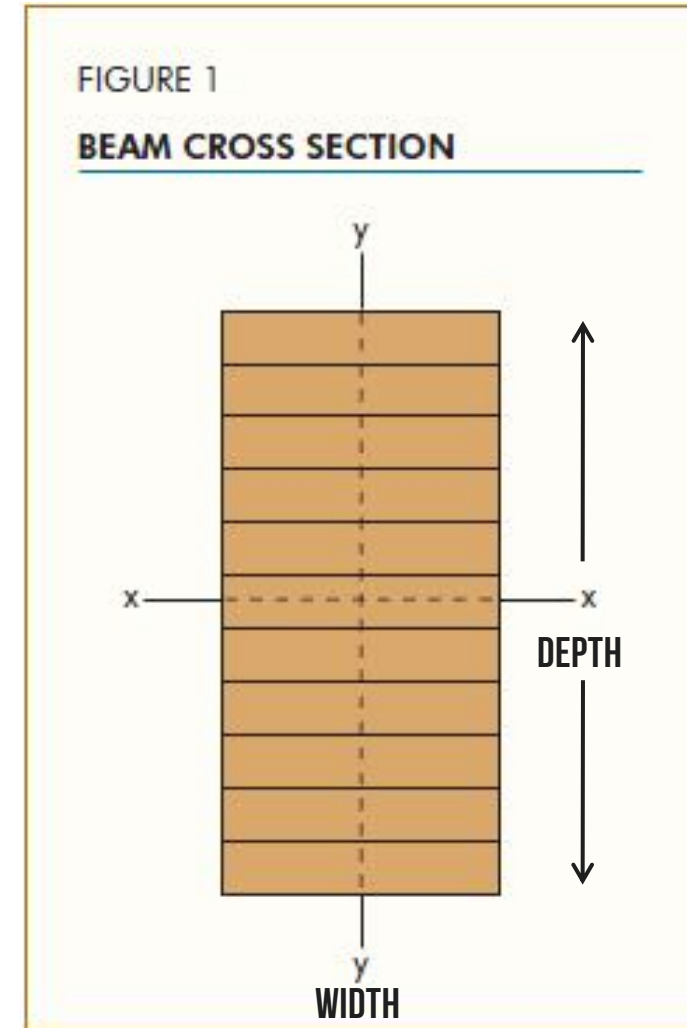


IMAGE: APA GLULAM PRODUCT GUIDE

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Glulam

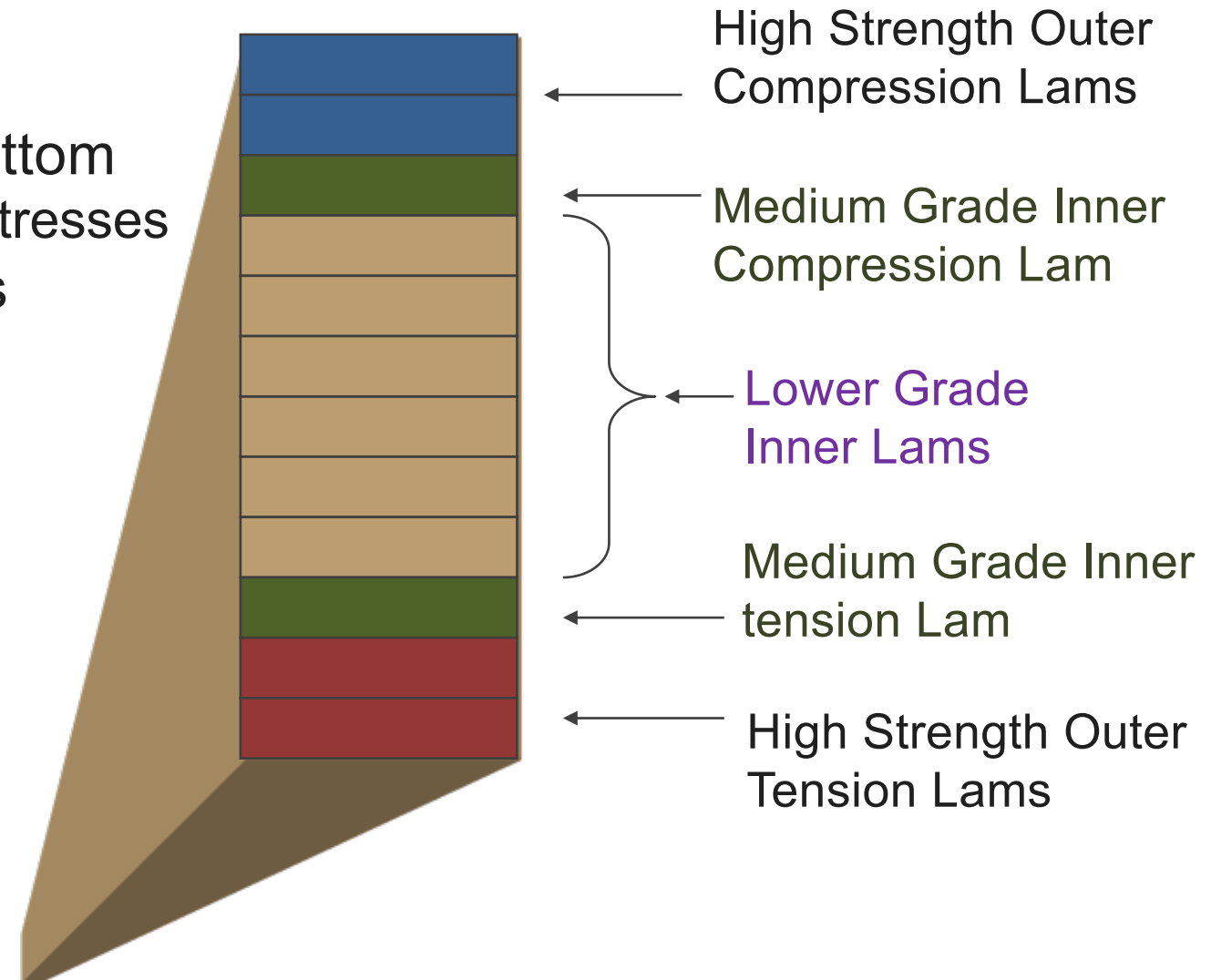
Glulam layup:

Vary strength of laminations

- Higher strength lams at top and bottom
 - Higher Tension and compression stresses
- Lower strength lams in center plies



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Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT)

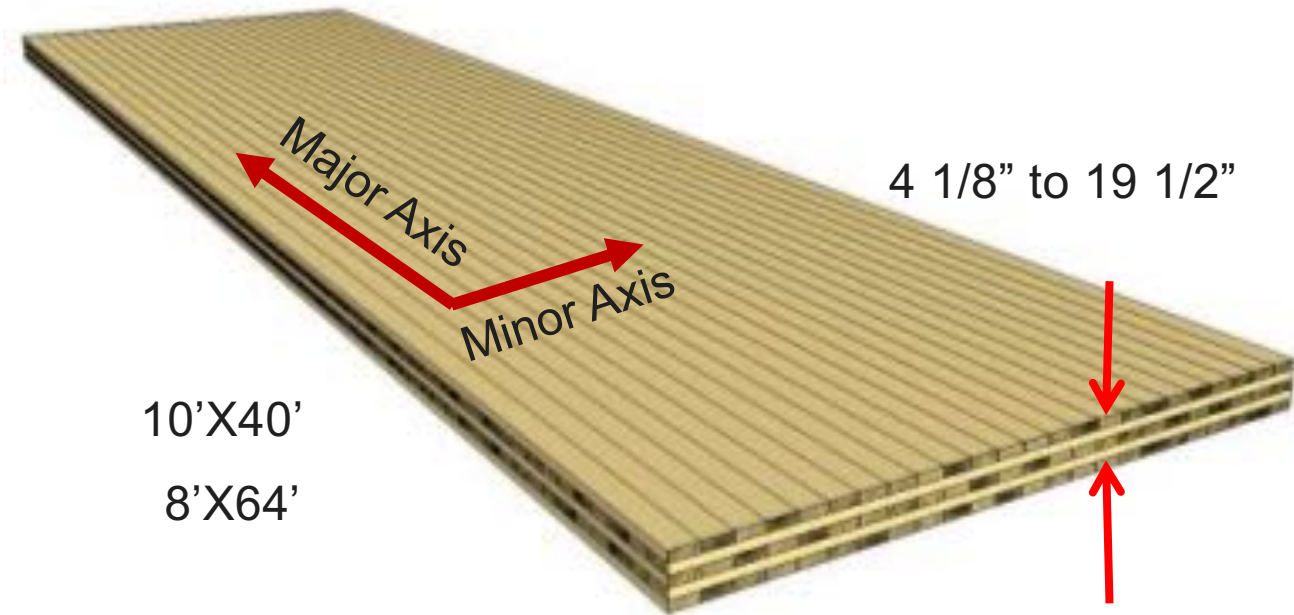
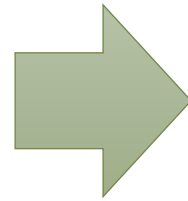
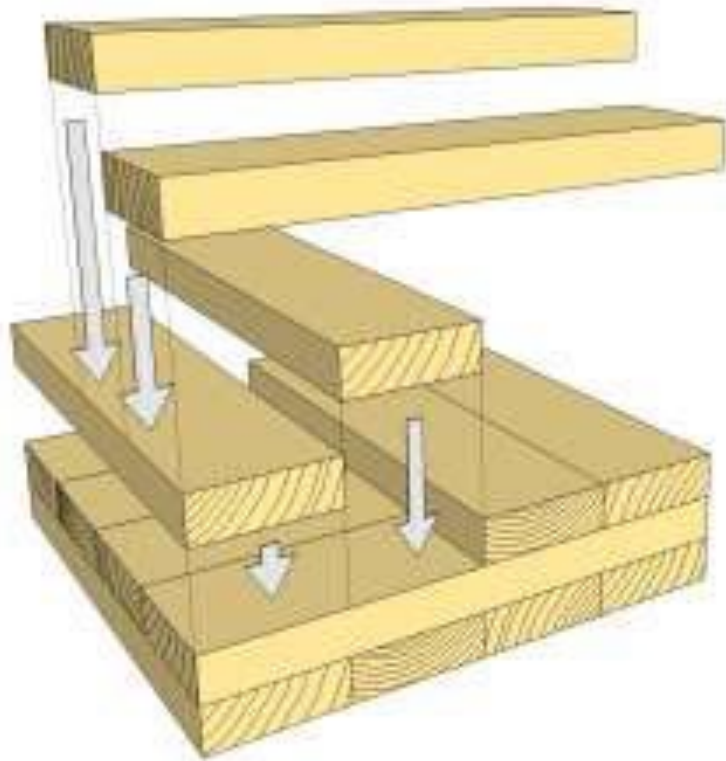


Mass Timber Products

Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT)

What is CLT?

- Solid wood panel
- 3 layers min. of solid sawn lams
- 90 deg. cross-lams
- Similar to plywood sheathing



Common CLT Layups

*Most Designs
Least \$/sf*

3-ply 3-layer



5-ply 5-layer



7-ply 7-layer



9-ply 9-layer



Mass Timber Products

Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT)



CLT Prefabrication

- Finished panels are planed, sanded, cut to size.
- Openings are cut with precise CNC routers.
- Third party inspection at factory
- Custom engineered for material efficiency
- Custom designed for project
- Each panel numbered, delivered & installed in predetermined sequence



Offices at Southstone Yards

Frisco, TX

Building Facts 242,000 sf, 7 stories

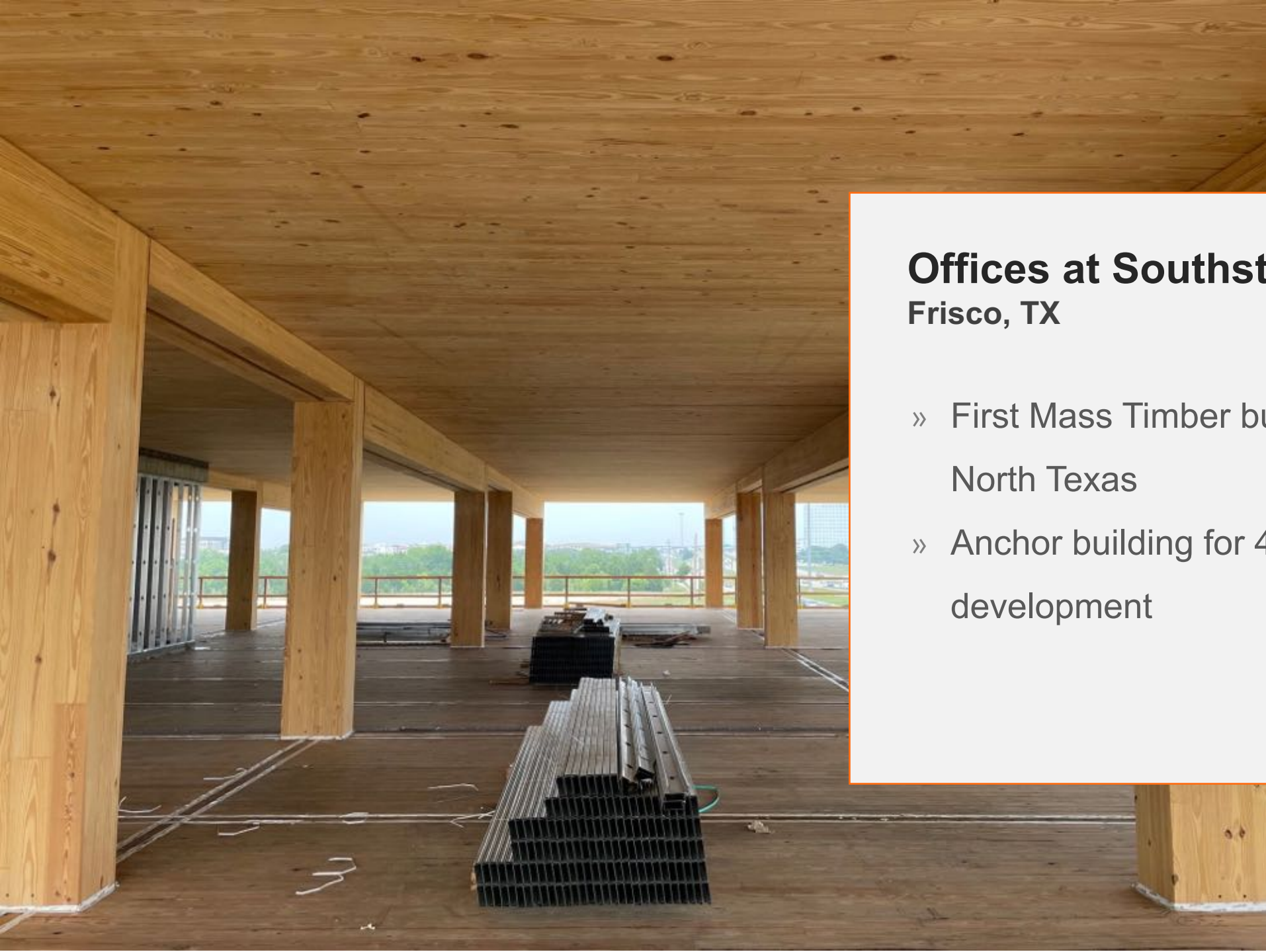
Office

Completed 2023

Developer Crow Holdings Development

Architect Duda|Paine and Gensler

Engineer Thornton Tomasetti



Offices at Southstone Yards Frisco, TX

- » First Mass Timber building in North Texas
- » Anchor building for 45-acre development



INTRO

Cleveland, OH

Building Facts 512,000 sf, 9 stories
8 stories Mass Timber over 1 podium
Type IV-B
Mixed Use
Completed 2022

Developer Harbor Bay Ventures
Architect Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture
Engineer Forefront Structural Engineers
General Contractor Panzica Construction

INTRO

Cleveland, OH

- » One of the first to utilize new IV-B construction type.
- » Worked with the city to expose 50% of MT ceilings.



Photos: Nick Johnson, Tour D Space

Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture
Forefront Structural Engineers



The Beam on Farmer

Tempe, AZ

Building Facts 184,000 sf, 5 stories
Type IV-HT or B
Office
Completed 2022

Developer Mortenson

Architect RSP Architecture

Engineer PK Associates

General Contractor Mortenson

The Beam on Farmer

Tempe, AZ

- » The first CLT office building in Arizona
- » Named for the distinctive glulam beams

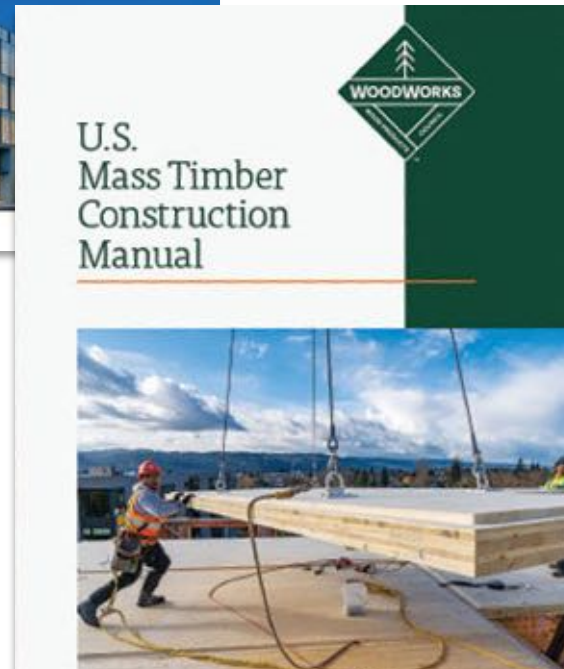
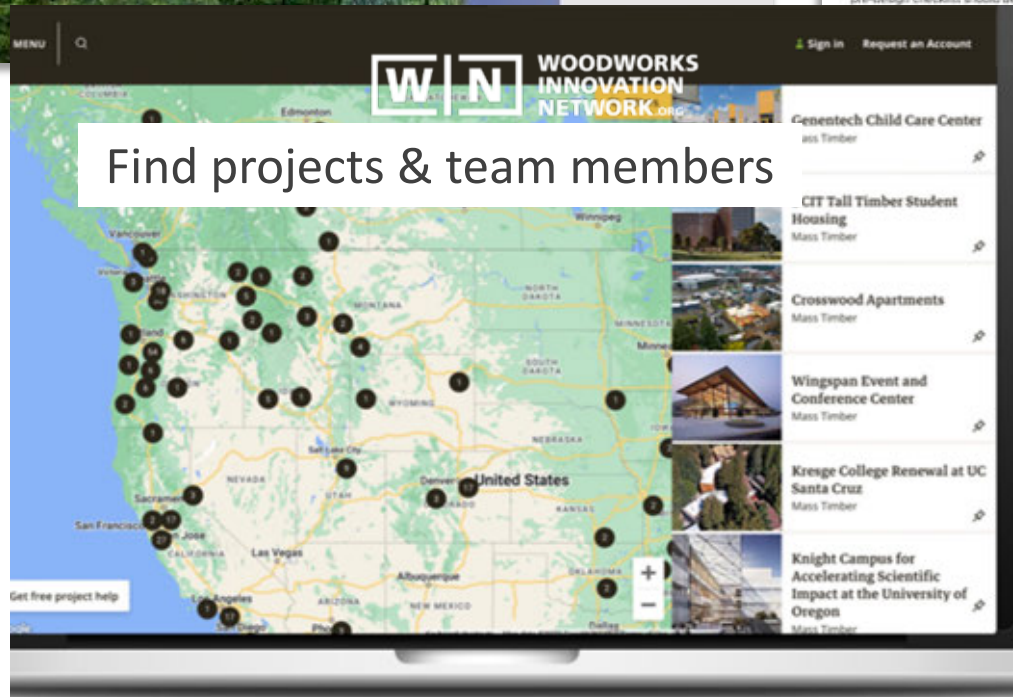
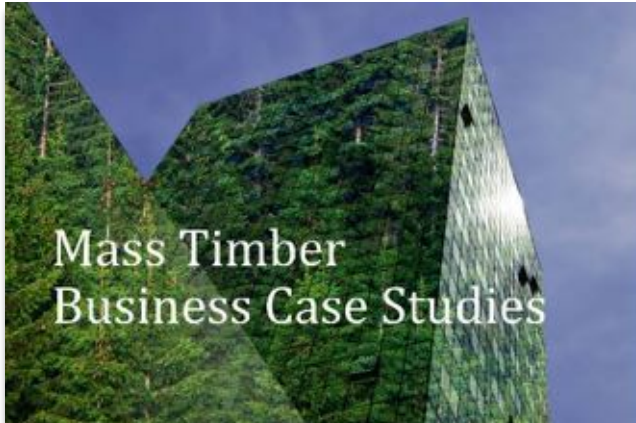


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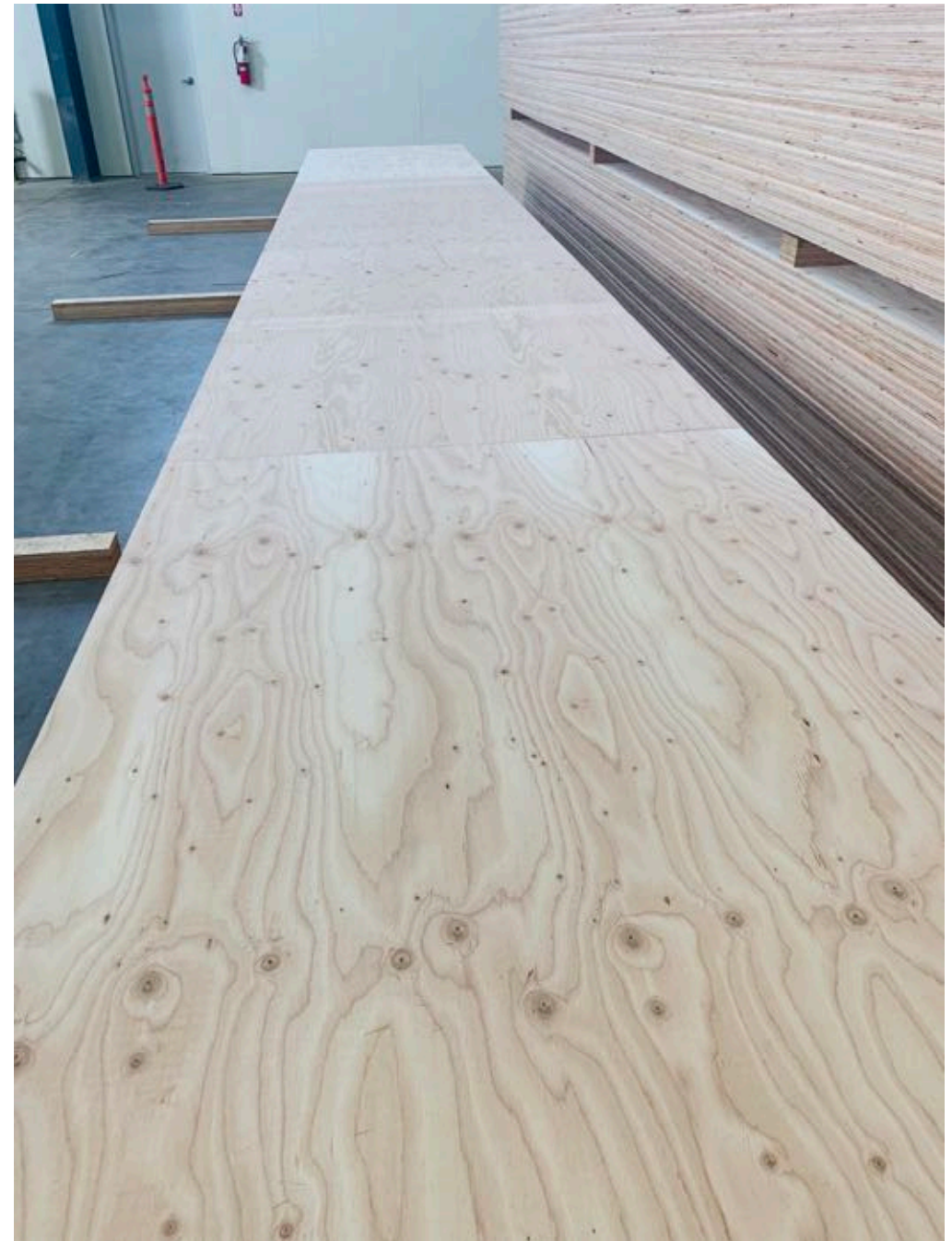
Resources for Developers/Owners

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Mass Timber Products

Cross-Laminated Timber with SCL Laminations





1510 Webster

Oakland, CA

Building Facts 193,290 sf, 18 stories
16 stories Mass Timber
Type IV-A
Mixed Use
Expected Completion 2024

Developer oWow

Architect oWow

Engineer DCI Engineers

General Contractor oWow

1510 Webster

Oakland, CA

- » 18 stories mass timber over one-level concrete
- » Type IV-A Construction
- » Mass Timber with concrete cores and staircases.



Photos: Flor Projects

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DCI Engineers

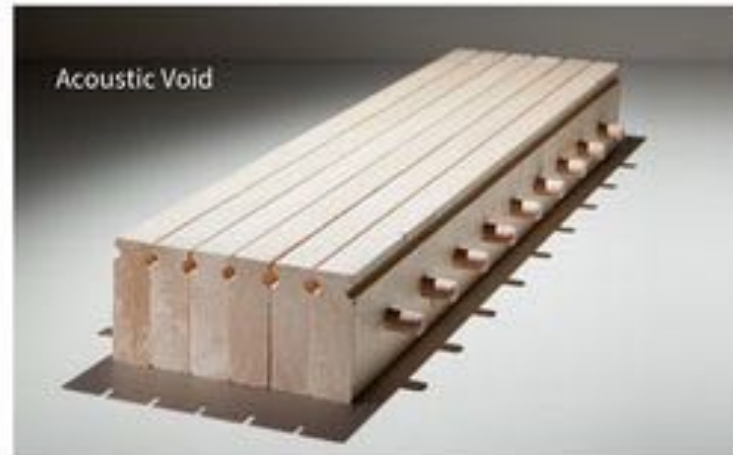
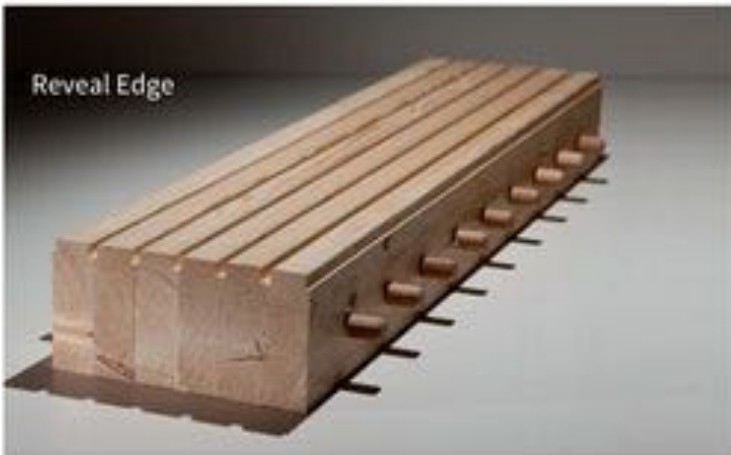
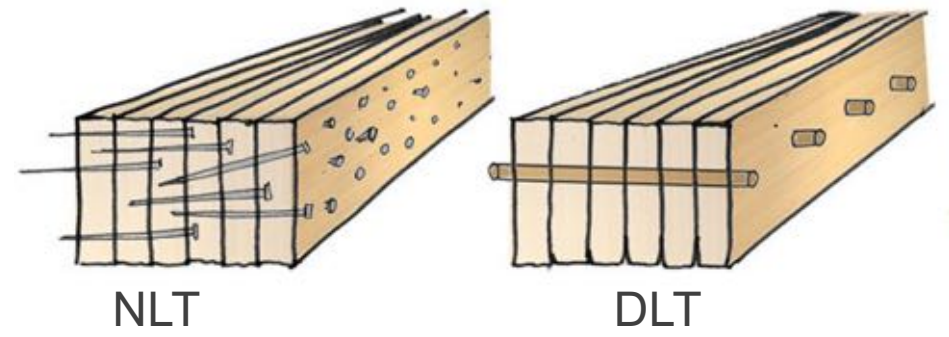
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Dowel-Laminated Timber (DLT)



Photo Credit: StructureCraft

Dowel-Laminated Timber (DLT)



111 East Grand

Des Moines, IA



Credit: StructureCraft

4 story, 66,800 SF Spec office building
DLT panels, glulam frame



Credit: Nuemann Monson Architects
courtesy: Ryan Companies

Mass Timber Products

Nail-Laminated Timber (NLT) panels



Photo: Think Wood

Nail-laminated timber (NLT) is mechanically laminated to create a solid timber panel. NLT is created by placing dimension lumber (nominal 2x, 3x, or 4x) on edge and fastening the individual laminations together with nails.



NLT shrinkage/expansion design

Mass Timber Products

Nail-Laminated Timber (NLT) panels

NLT panels can be built on-site/in-place or pre-fabricated offsite



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Photo: Ema Peter

T3 Minneapolis

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Architects/Fast + Epp

Mass Timber Products

Glue-Laminated Timber (GLT) panels



Glulam decking:

- Similar to deep glulam beams laid on their side
- Same code references and manufacturing standards as glulam beams and columns
- Be careful of design stresses and layups used – spec uniform layup (all lams same species & grade)



Image source: Structurecraft



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Mass Timber Products

Glue-Laminated Timber (GLT) panels

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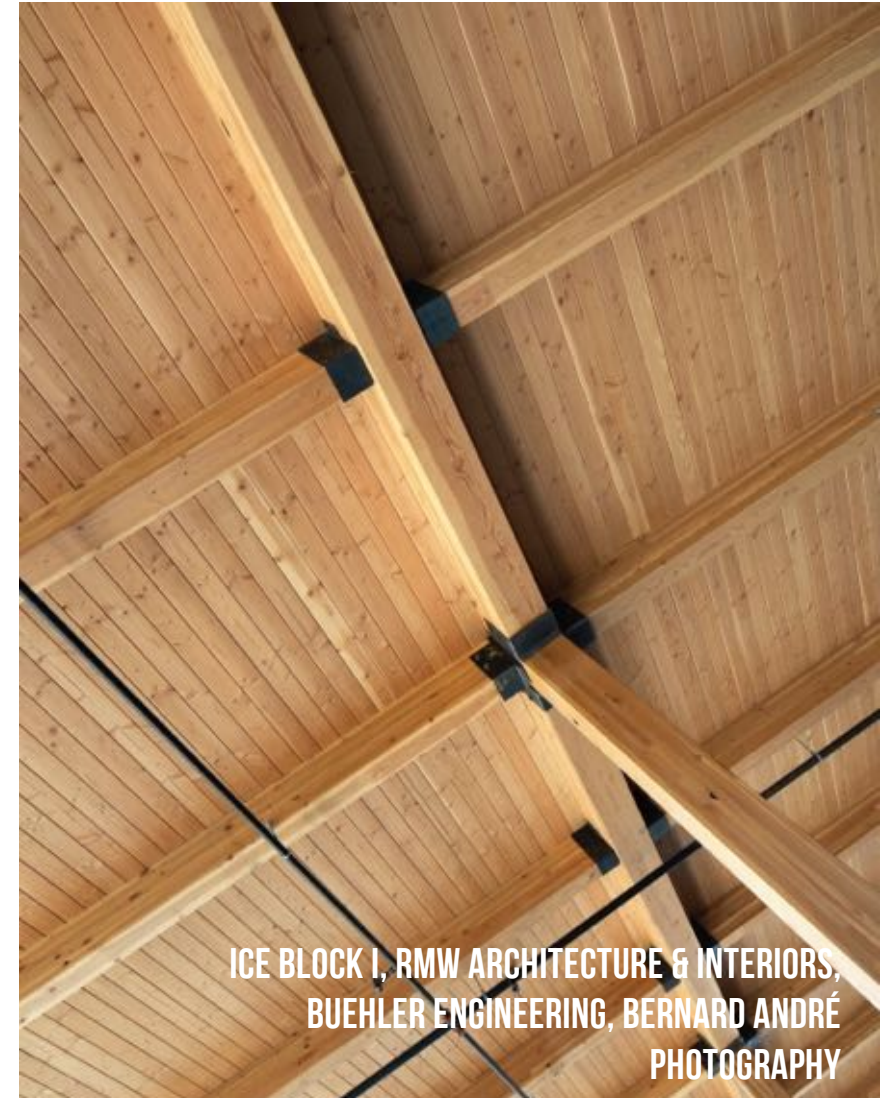
Mass Timber Products

Tongue and Groove Decking

Tongue and Groove Decking:

2x, 3x or 4x solid or laminated wood decking laid flat with interlocking tongue and groove on narrow (side) face

- Recognized in IBC 2304.8 (lumber decking)
- 2x usually has a single T&G; 3x and 4x usually have a double T&G
- 6" and 8" are common widths
- Can be used for floor, roof decking



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Construction Types

IBC defines 5 Construction Types: I, II, III, IV, V
A building must be classified as one of these

Construction Types I & II:

All elements required to be non-combustible materials

However, there are exceptions including several for mass timber

Construction Types

Where does the code allow mass timber to be used?

- Type IB & II: Roof Decking



Portland International Jetport

- LEED Gold
- Completed 2012

Construction Type IB Exposed Timber Roof Decking and Framing

Construction Type – Primarily based on building size & occupancy

	Construction Type (All Sprinklered Values)							
	IV-A	IV-B	IV-C	IV-HT	III-A	III-B	V-A	V-B
Occupancies	Allowable Building Height above Grade Plane, Feet (IBC Table 504.3)							
A, B, R	270	180	85	85	85	85	70	60
	Allowable Number of Stories above Grade Plane (IBC Table 505.4)							
A-2, A-3, A-4	18	12	6	4	4	3	3	2
B	18	12	9	6	6	4	4	3
R-2	18	12	8	5	5	5	4	3
	Allowable Area Factor (At) for SM, Feet² (IBC Table 506.2)							
A-2, A-3, A-4	135,000	90,000	56,250	45,000	42,000	28,500	34,500	18,000
B	324,000	216,000	135,000	108,000	85,500	57,000	54,000	27,000
R-2	184,500	123,000	76,875	61,500	72,000	48,000	36,000	21,000

Construction Types



Type III:
6-stories (B)
5-stories (R)

Allowable mass timber building size for group B & R occupancy with NFPA 13 Sprinkler



Credit: Ema Peter

Type IV-HT: 6-stories (B) | 5-stories (R)



Credit: Christian Columbres Photography

Type V:
4-stories (B)
4-stories (R)

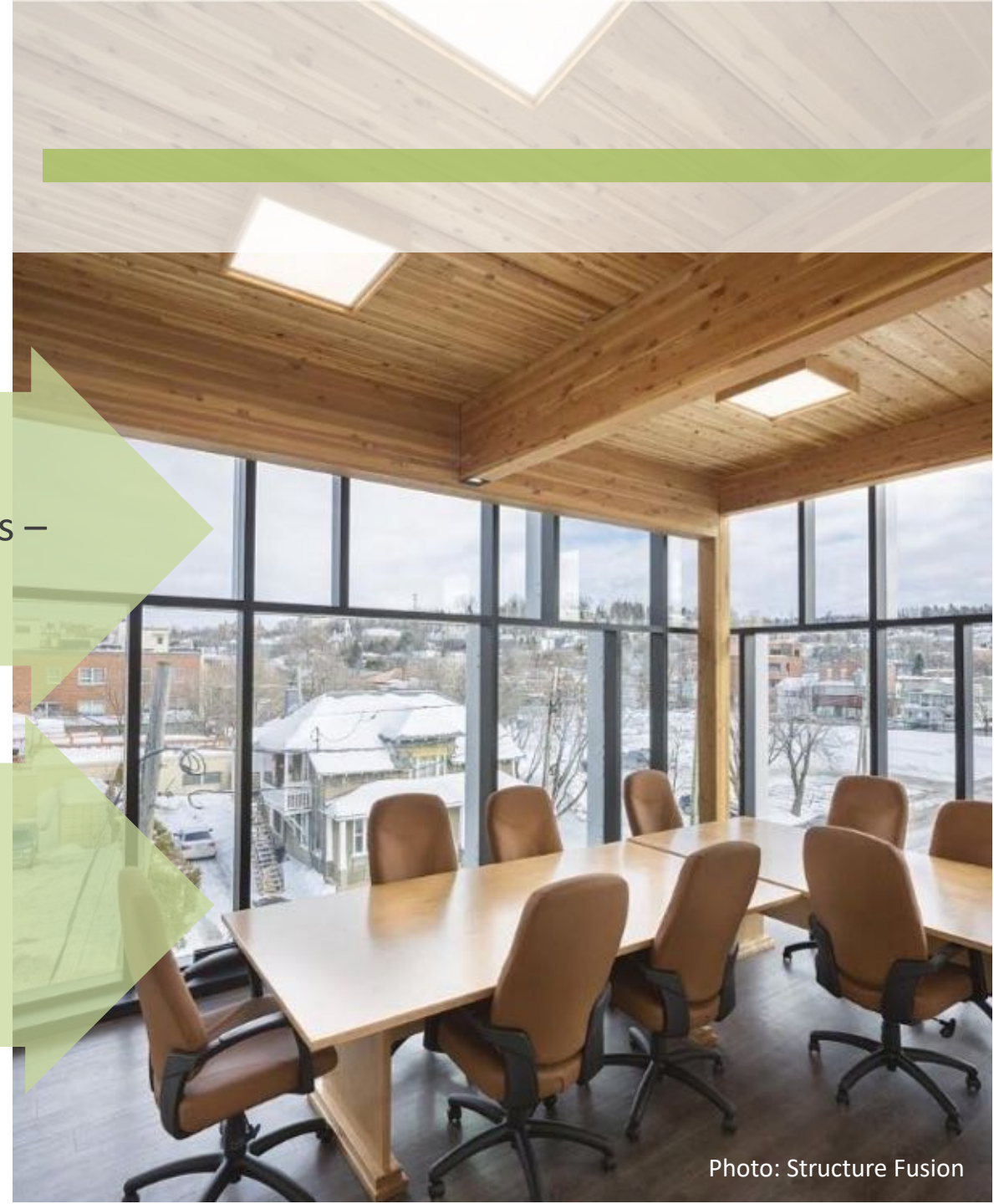
MARKET DRIVERS FOR MASS TIMBER

PRIMARY DRIVERS

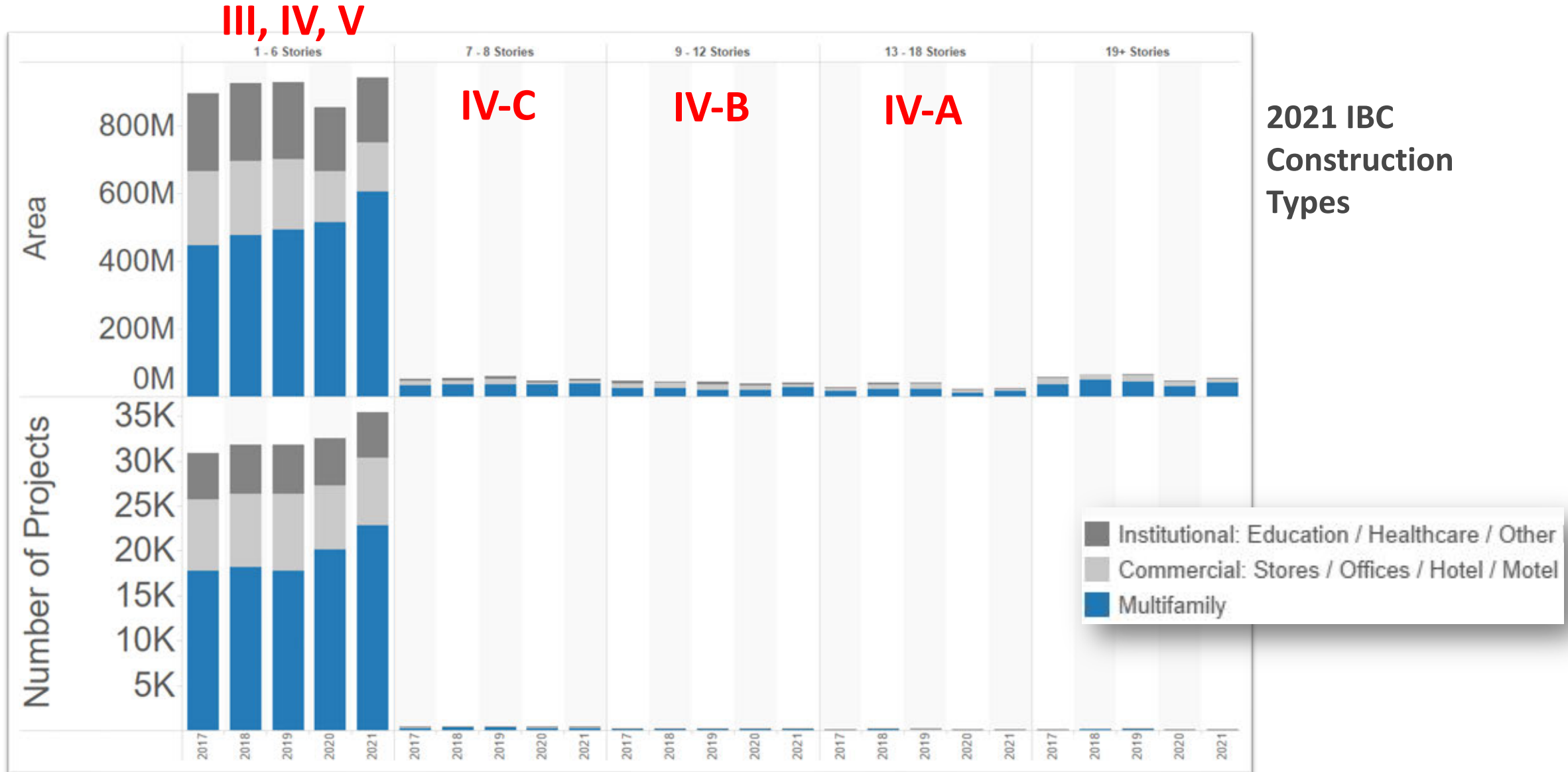
- » Construction Efficiency & Speed
- » Construction site constraints – Urban Infill
- » Innovation/Aesthetic

SECONDARY DRIVERS

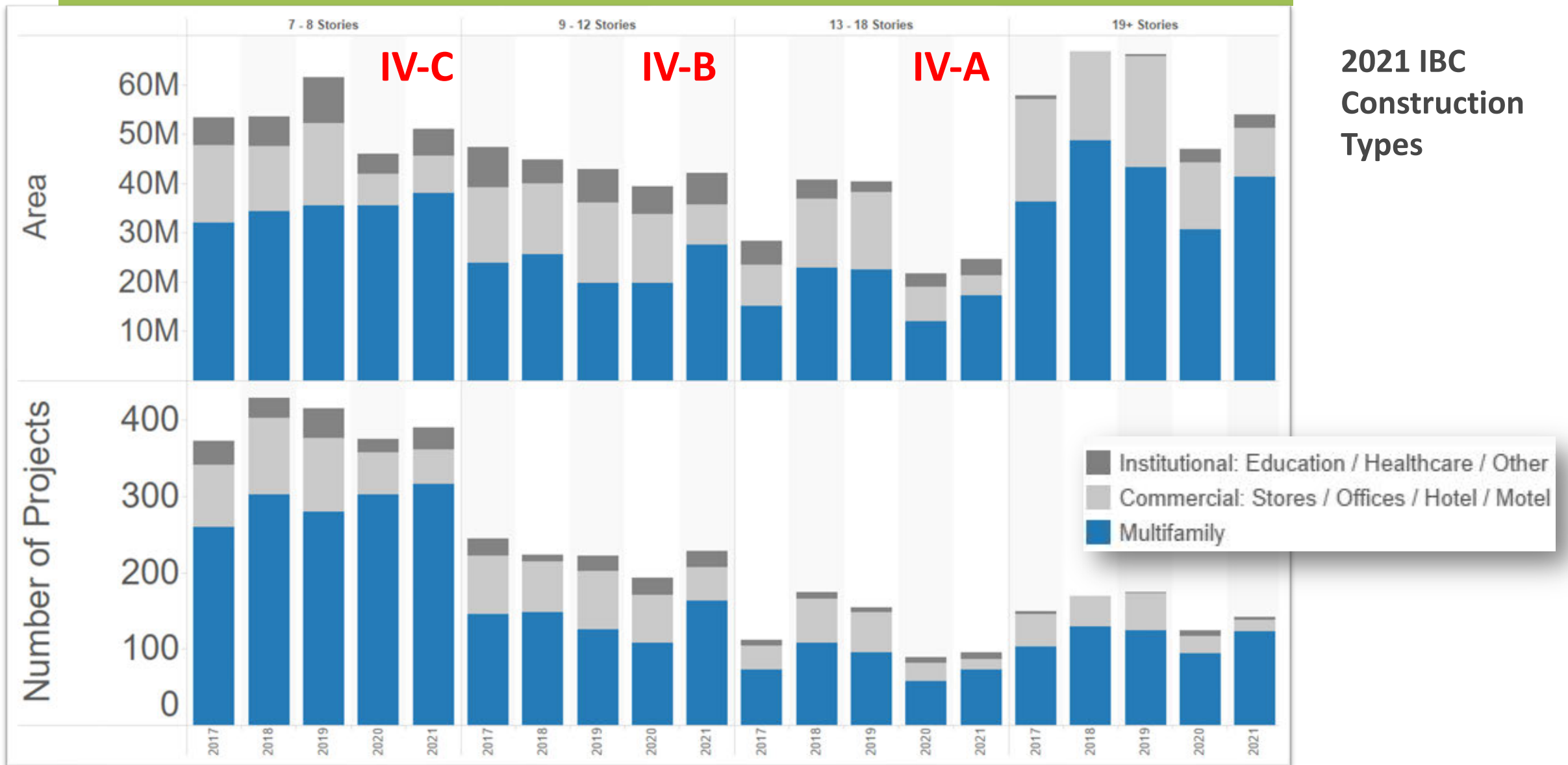
- » Carbon Reductions
- » Structural Performance – lightweight



What Portion of the Construction Market is “Tall”?



In What Height Range are Most “Tall” Projects Happening?



U.S. TALL WOOD DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGES

Interest in tall wood projects in the US was rapidly increasing. Some building officials were reluctant to approved proposed plans, primarily due to lack of code direction and precedent



Empire State Buidng, New York City, New York, 1931



Photo: Seagate Structures

UBC Brock Commons Student Residence, Vancouver, British Columbia, 2016

U.S. TALL WOOD

DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGES



In December 2015, the ICC Board established the ICC Ad Hoc Committee on Tall Wood Buildings. Objectives:

1. Explore the building science of tall wood buildings
2. Investigate the feasibility, and
3. Take action on developing code changes for tall wood buildings.

U.S. BUILDING CODES DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGES



Timeline:

Submission of code changes for the 2018 Group A Cycle (IBC) in January 2018 – changes for 2021 IBC



5 Working Groups Created

- July 2016 – November 2017: 5 in-person meetings, numerous conference calls
- 82 issues addressed, one primary topic was **fire performance and life safety**

Taller wood buildings create new set of challenges to address:

AHC established 6 performance objectives:

1. No collapse under reasonable scenarios of complete burn-out of fuel without automatic sprinkler protection being considered.
2. Highly reliable fire suppression systems to reduce the risk of failure during reasonably expected fire scenarios. The degree of reliability should be proportional to evacuation time (height) and the risk of collapse.



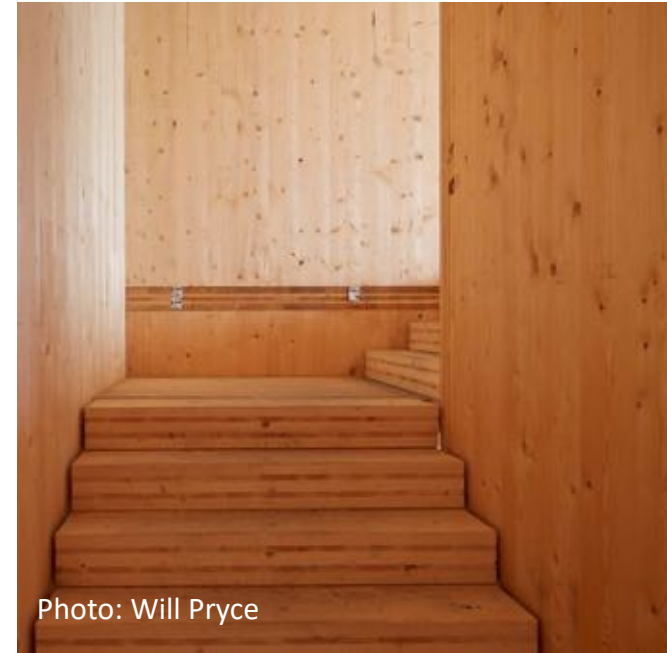
AHC established 6 performance objectives:

3. No unusually high radiation exposure from the subject building to adjoining properties to present a risk of ignition under reasonably severe fire scenarios.
4. No unusual response from typical radiation exposure from adjacent properties to present a risk of ignition of the subject building under reasonably severe fire scenarios.



AHC established 6 performance objectives:

5. No unusual fire department access issues
6. Egress systems designed to protect building occupants during the design escape time, plus a factor of safety.



U.S. BUILDING CODES

Tall Wood Ad Hoc Committee

Commissioned series of 5 full-scale tests on 2-story mass timber structure at ATF lab in MD, May-June 2017

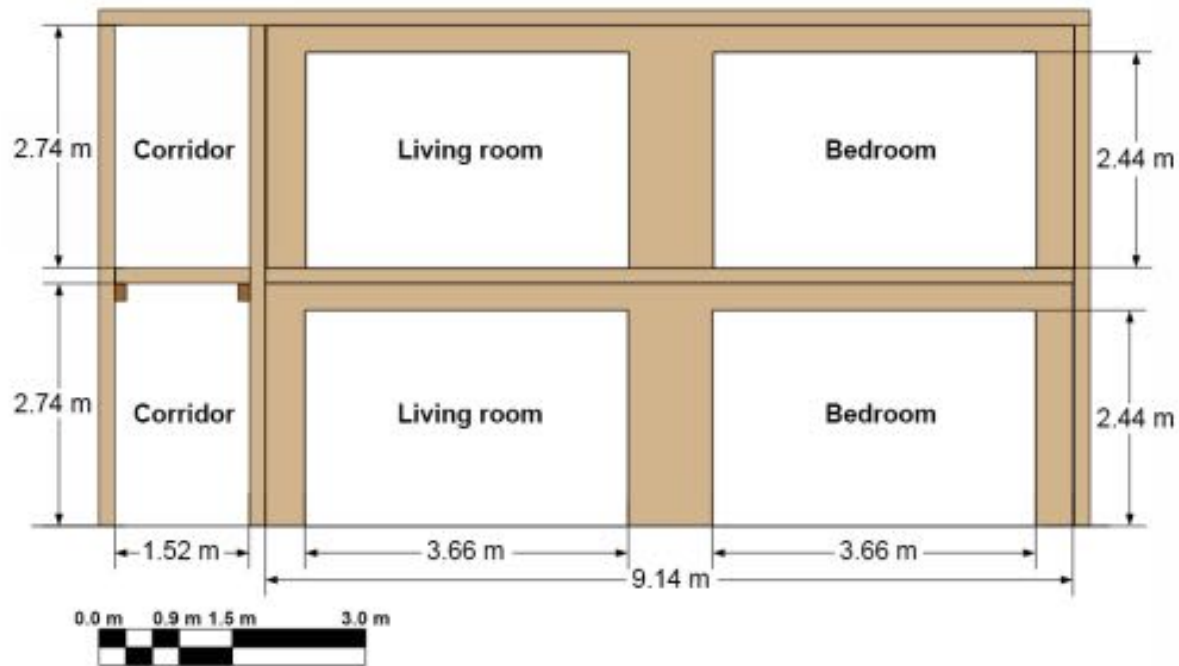


Figure 2. Elevation view of the front of the cross-laminated timber test structure.

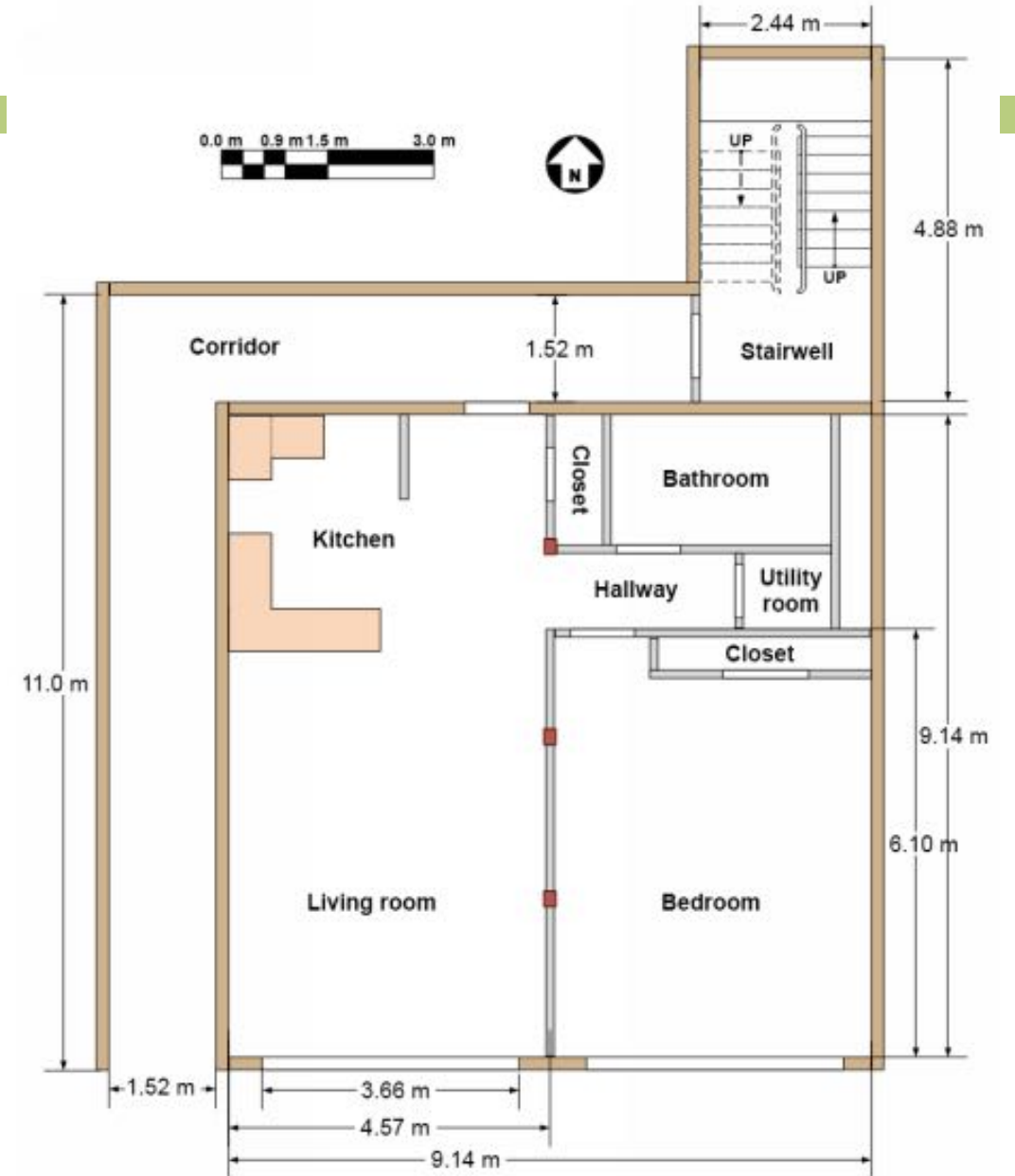


Figure 1. General plan view of cross-laminated timber test structure.



Photo: LendLease



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TALL WOOD APPROVED!

Unofficial results posted Dec 19, 2018

Final votes ratified Jan 31, 2019

AWC: Tall Mass Timber code changes get final approval

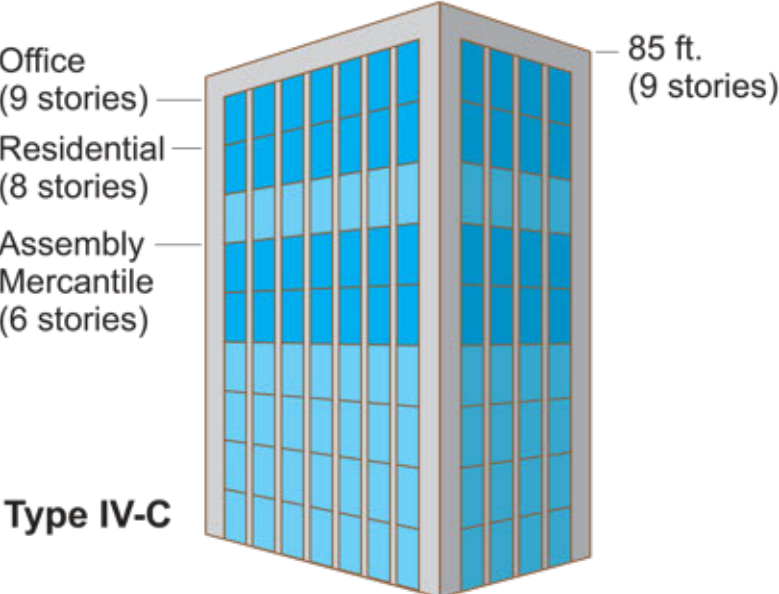
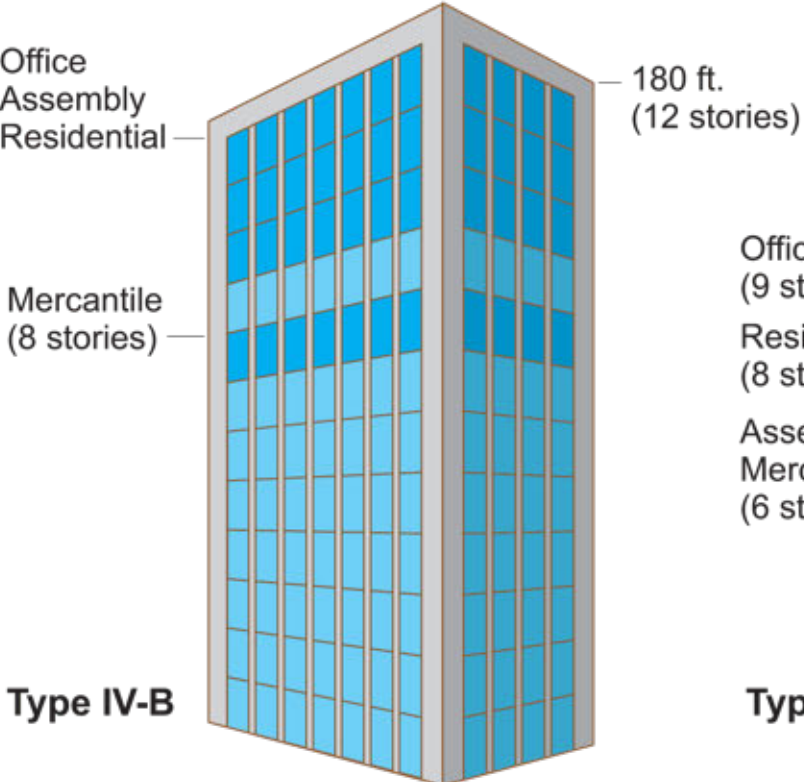
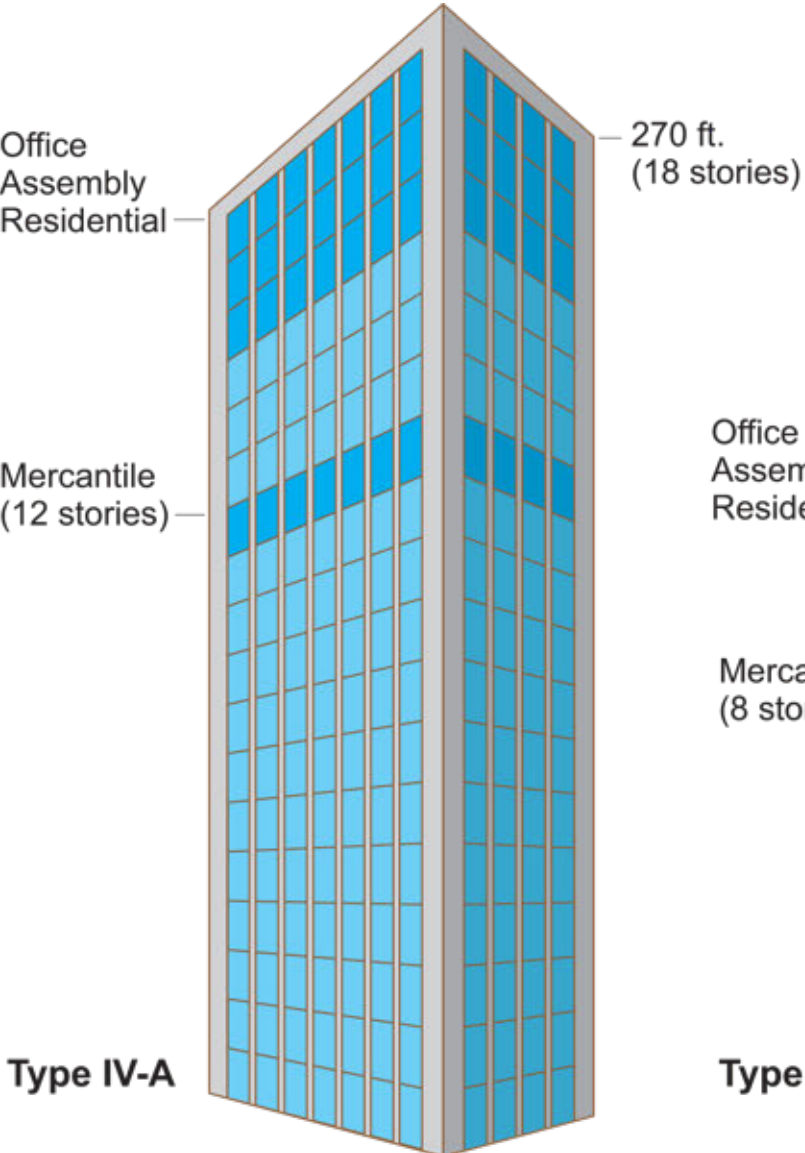
Dec 19, 2018

LEESBURG, VA. – The International Code Council (ICC) has released the unofficial voting results on code change proposals considered in 2018, including passage of the entire package of [14 tall mass timber code change proposals](#). The proposals create three new types of construction (Types IV-A, IV-B and IV-C), which set fire safety requirements, and allowable heights, areas and number of stories for tall mass timber buildings. Official results are expected to be announced during the first quarter of 2019. The new provisions will be included in the 2021 *International Building Code* (IBC).

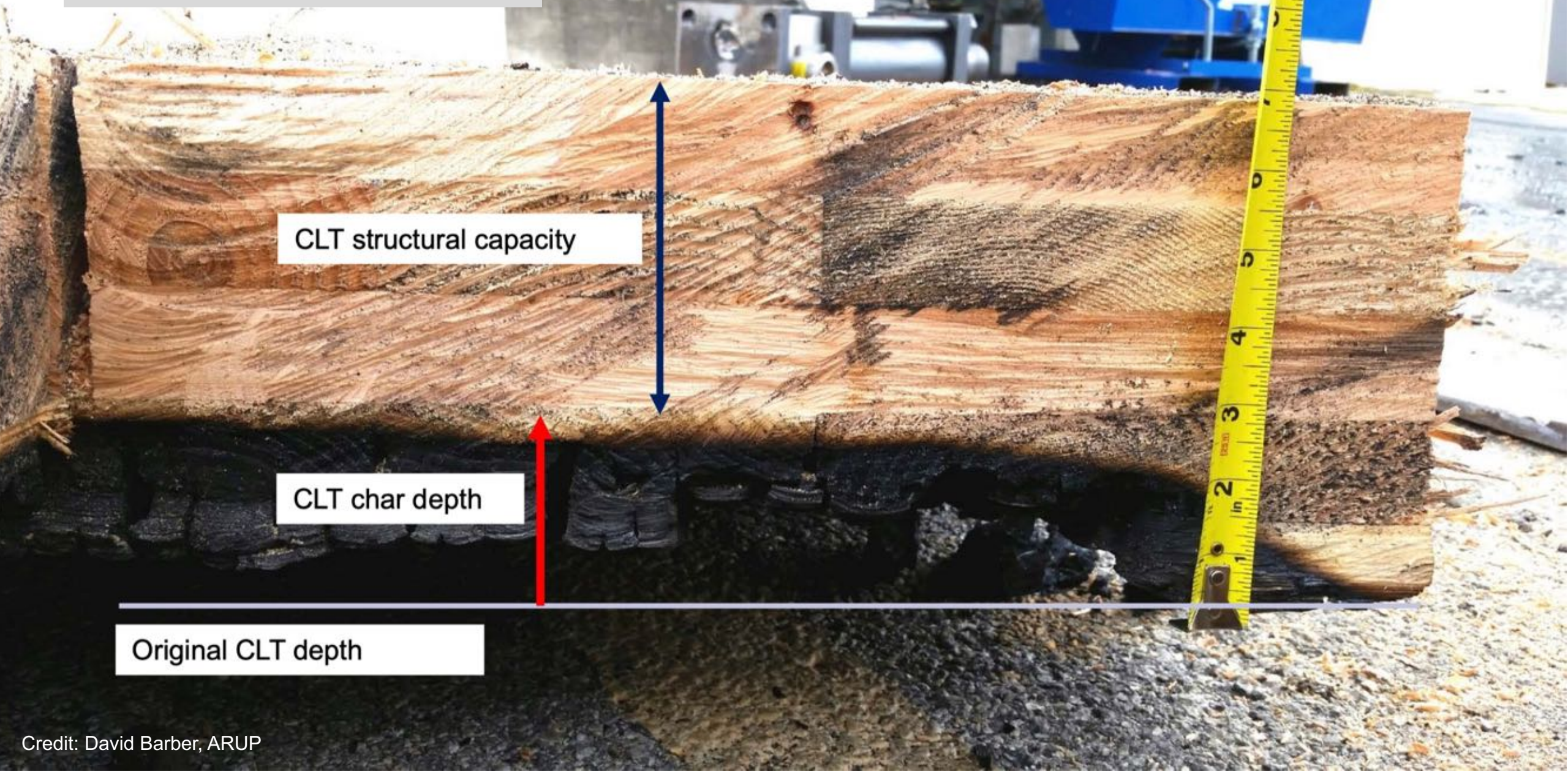
“Mass timber has been capturing the imagination of architects and developers, and the ICC result means they can now turn sketches into reality. ICC’s rigorous study, testing and voting process now

Construction Types

New Options in 2021 IBC
Allowable mass timber building
size for group B occupancy with
NFPA 13 Sprinkler



Fire Design of MT



Key Early Design Decisions

Fire-Resistance Ratings

- Driven primarily by construction type
- Rating achieved:
 - Timber alone or non-combustible protection required?

TABLE 601
FIRE-RESISTANCE RATING REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING ELEMENTS (HOURS)

BUILDING ELEMENT	TYPE I		TYPE II		TYPE III		TYPE IV				TYPE V	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	C	HT	A	B
Primary structural frame ^f (see Section 202)	3 ^{a,b}	2 ^{a,b,c}	1 ^{b,c}	0 ^c	1 ^{b,c}	0	3 ^a	2 ^a	2 ^a	HT	1 ^{b,c}	0
Bearing walls												
Exterior ^{a,f}	3	2	1	0	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	0
Interior	3 ^a	2 ^a	1	0	1	0	3	2	2	1/HT ^g	1	0
Nonbearing walls and partitions Exterior					See Table 705.5							
Nonbearing walls and partitions Interior ^d	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	See Section 2304.11.2	0	0
Floor construction and associated secondary structural members (see Section 202)	2	2	1	0	1	0	2	2	2	HT	1	0
Roof construction and associated secondary structural members (see Section 202)	1 ^{1/2} ^b	1 ^{b,c}	1 ^{b,c}	0 ^c	1 ^{b,c}	0	1 ^{1/2}	1	1	HT	1 ^{b,c}	0

Key Early Design Decisions

Fire-Resistance Ratings (FRR)

- Thinner panels (i.e. 3-ply) generally difficult to achieve a 1+ hour FRR
- 5-ply CLT / 2x6 NLT & DLT panels can usually achieve a 1- or 2-hour FRR
- Construction Type | FRR | Member Size | Grid (or re-arrange that process but follow how one impacts the others)

Panel	Example Floor Span Ranges
3-ply CLT (4-1/8" thick)	Up to 12 ft
5-ply CLT (6-7/8" thick)	14 to 17 ft
7-ply CLT (9-5/8")	17 to 21 ft
2x4 NLT	Up to 12 ft
2x6 NLT	10 to 17 ft
2x8 NLT	14 to 21 ft
5" MPP	10 to 15 ft



Credit: David Barber, ARUP

Key Early Design Decisions

Construction type influences FRR

- Type IV-HT Construction
 - (minimum sizes: Section 2304.11)
- **Other than type IV-HT**: Demonstrated fire resistance

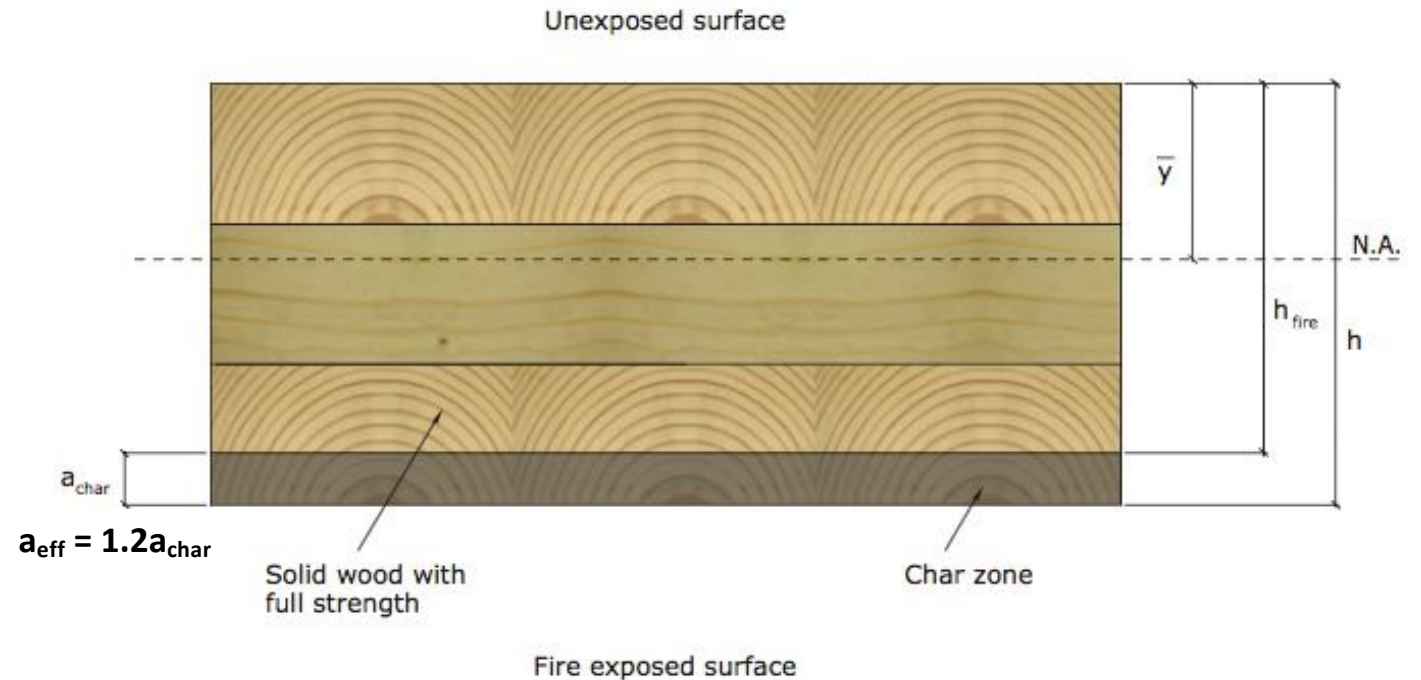
Method of demonstrating FRR (calculations or testing) can impact member sizing



Key Early Design Decisions

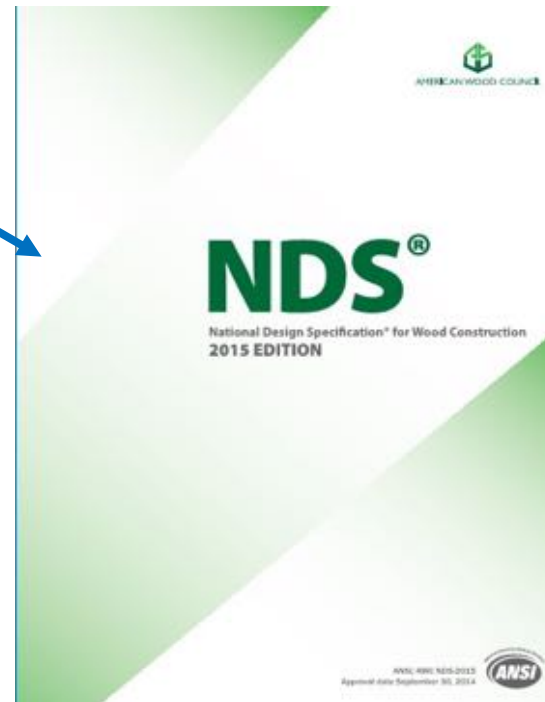
Which Method of Demonstrating FRR of MT is Being Used?

1. Calculations in Accordance with IBC 722 → NDS Chapter 16
2. Tests in Accordance with ASTM E119



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Calculated FRR of Exposed MT: IBC to NDS code compliance path



IBC 703.3

Methods for determining fire resistance

- Prescriptive designs per IBC 721.1
- **Calculations in accordance with IBC 722**
- Fire-resistance designs documented in sources
- Engineering analysis based on a comparison
- Alternate protection methods as allowed by 104.11



IBC 722

Calculated Fire Resistance

"The calculated *fire resistance* of exposed wood members and wood decking shall be permitted in accordance with **Chapter 16 of ANSI/AWC National Design Specification for Wood Construction (NDS)**

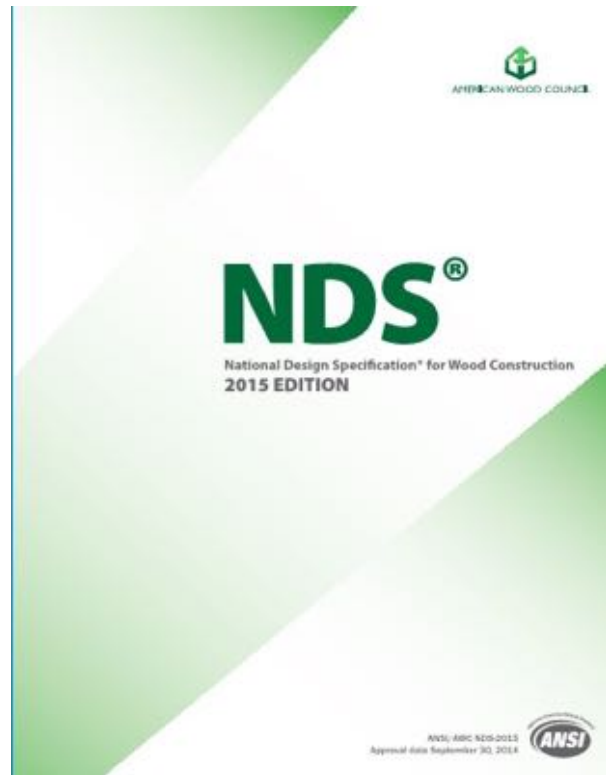


NDS Chapter 16

Fire Design of Wood Members

- Limited to calculating fire resistance up to 2 hours
- Char depth varies based on exposure time (i.e., fire-resistance rating), product type and lamination thickness. Equations and tables are provided.
- TR 10 and NDS commentary are helpful in implementing permitted calculations.

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NDS Chapter 16 includes calculation of fire resistance of NLT, CLT, Glulam, Solid Sawn and SCL wood products

Table 16.2.1B Effective Char Depths (for CLT with $\beta_n=1.5\text{in./hr.}$)

Required Fire Endurance (hr.)	Effective Char Depths, a_{char} (in.)								
	lamination thicknesses, h_{lam} (in.)								
	5/8	3/4	7/8	1	1-1/4	1-3/8	1-1/2	1-3/4	2
1-Hour	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8
1½-Hour	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.6
2-Hour	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.6



Credit: FPInnovations

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WoodWorks Inventory of Fire Tested MT Assemblies



Table 1: North American Fire Resistance Tests of Mass Timber Floor / Roof Assemblies

CLT Panel	Manufacturer	CLT Grade or Major x Minor Grade	Ceiling Protection	Panel Connection in Test	Floor Topping	Load Rating	Fire Resistance Achieved (Hours)	Source	Testing Lab
3-ply CLT (114mm 4.488 in)	Nordic	SPF 1650 Fb 1.5EMSR x SPF #3	2 layers 1/2" Type X gypsum	Half-Lap	None	Reduced 36% Moment Capacity	1	1 (Test 1)	NRC Fire Laboratory
3-ply CLT (105mm 4.133 in)	Structurlam	SPF #1/#2 x SPF #1/#2	1 layer 5/8" Type X gypsum	Half-Lap	None	Reduced 75% Moment Capacity	1	1 (Test 5)	NRC Fire Laboratory
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	Nordic	EI	None	Topside Spline	2 staggered layers of 1/2" cement boards	Loaded, See Manufacturer	2	2	NRC Fire Laboratory March 2016
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	Nordic	EI	1 layer of 5/8" Type X gypsum under Z-channels and furring strips with 3 5/8" fibrous batts	Topside Spline	2 staggered layers of 1/2" cement boards	Loaded, See Manufacturer	2	5	NRC Fire Laboratory Nov 2014
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	Nordic	EI	None	Topside Spline	3/4 in. proprietary gypcrete over Maxxon acoustical mat	Reduced 50% Moment Capacity	1.5	3	UL
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	Nordic	EI	1 layer 5/8" normal gypsum	Topside Spline	3/4 in. proprietary gypcrete over Maxxon acoustical mat or proprietary sound board	Reduced 50% Moment Capacity	2	4	UL
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	Nordic	EI	1 layer 5/8" Type X Gyp under Resilient Channel under 7 7/8" J-Joists with 3 1/2" Mineral Wool between Joists	Half-Lap	None	Loaded, See Manufacturer	2	21	Intertek 8/24/2012
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	Structurlam	EI M5 MSR 2100 x SPF #2	None	Topside Spline	1-1/2" Maxxon Cyp-Grete 2000 over Maxxon Reinforcing Mesh	Loaded, See Manufacturer	2.5	6	Intertek, 2/22/2016
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	DR Johnson	VI	None	Half-Lap & Topside Spline	2" gypsum topping	Loaded, See Manufacturer	2	7	SwRI (May 2016)
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	Nordic	SPF 1950 Fb MSR x SPF #3	None	Half-Lap	None	Reduced 59% Moment Capacity	1.5	1 (Test 3)	NRC Fire Laboratory
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	Structurlam	SPF #1/#2 x SPF #1/#2	1 layer 5/8" Type X gypsum	Half-Lap	None	Unreduced 101% Moment Capacity	2	1 (Test 6)	NRC Fire Laboratory
7-ply CLT (245mm 9.65")	Structurlam	SPF #1/#2 x SPF #1/#2	None	Half-Lap	None	Unreduced 101% Moment Capacity	2.5	1 (Test 7)	NRC Fire Laboratory
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	SmartLam	SL-V4	None	Half-Lap	nominal 1/2" plywood with 8d nails.	Loaded, See Manufacturer	2	12 (Test 4)	Western Fire Center 10/26/2016
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	SmartLam	VI	None	Half-Lap	nominal 1/2" plywood with 8d nails.	Loaded, See Manufacturer	2	12 (Test 5)	Western Fire Center 10/28/2016
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	DR Johnson	VI	None	Half-Lap	nominal 1/2" plywood with 8d nails.	Loaded, See Manufacturer	2	12 (Test 6)	Western Fire Center 11/01/2016
5-ply CLT (175mm 6.875")	KLH	CV3M1	None	Half-Lap & Topside Spline	None	Loaded, See Manufacturer	1	18	SwRI

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Fire-Resistive Design of Mass Timber Members

Code Applications, Construction Types and Fire Ratings

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For many years, exposed heavy timber framing elements have been permitted in U.S. buildings due to their inherent fire-resistance properties. The predictability of wood's char rate has been well-established for decades and has long been recognized in building codes and standards.

Today, one of the exciting trends in building design is the growing use of mass timber—i.e., large solid wood panel products such as cross-laminated timber (CLT) and nail-laminated timber (NLT)—for floor, wall and roof construction. Like heavy timber, mass timber products have inherent fire resistance that allows them to be left exposed and still achieve a fire-resistance rating. Because of their strength and dimensional stability, these products also offer a low-carbon alternative to steel, concrete, and masonry for many applications. It is this combination of exposed structure and strength that developers and designers across the country

are leveraging to create innovative designs with a warm yet modern aesthetic, often for projects that go beyond traditional norms of wood design.

This paper has been written to support architects and engineers exploring the use of mass timber for commercial and multi-family construction. It focuses on how to meet fire-resistance requirements in the International Building Code (IBC), including calculation and testing-based methods. Unless otherwise noted, references refer to the 2018 IBC.

Mass Timber & Construction Type

Before demonstrating fire-resistance ratings of exposed mass timber elements, it's important to understand under what circumstances the code currently allows the use of mass timber in commercial and multi-family construction.

A building's assigned construction type is the main indicator of where and when all wood systems can be used. IBC Section 602 defines five main options (Type I through V) with all but Type IV having subcategories A and B. Types III and V permit the use of wood framing throughout much of the structure and both are used extensively for modern mass timber buildings.

Type III (IBC 602.3) – Timber elements can be used in floors, roofs and interior walls. Fire-retardant-treated wood (FRTW) framing is permitted in exterior walls with a fire-resistance rating of 2 hours or less.

Type V (IBC 602.5) – Timber elements can be used throughout the structure, including floors, roofs and both interior and exterior walls.

Type IV (IBC 602.4) – Commonly referred to as 'Heavy Timber' construction, this option



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Mass Timber Fire Design Resource

- Code compliance options for demonstrating FRR
- Free download at woodworks.org

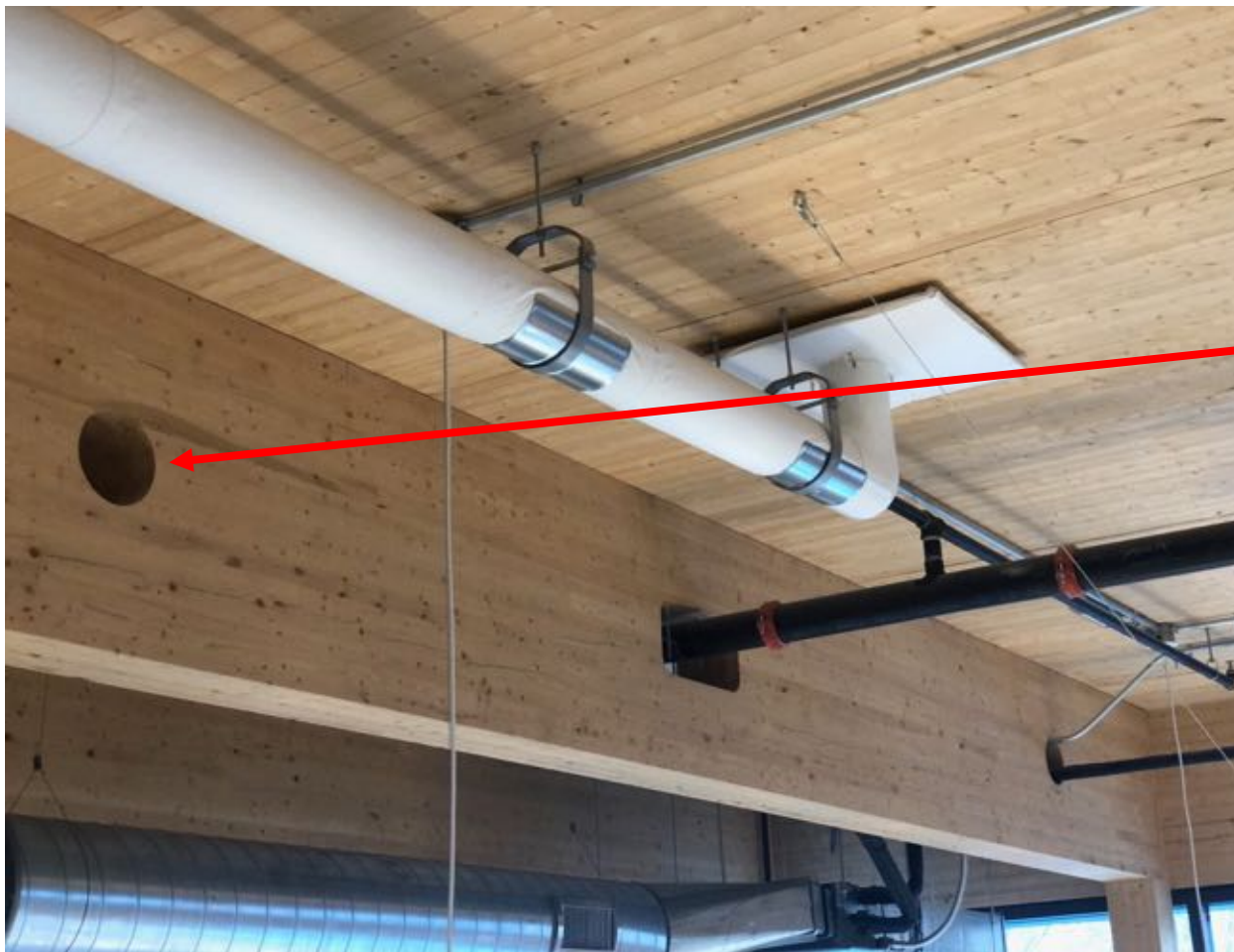
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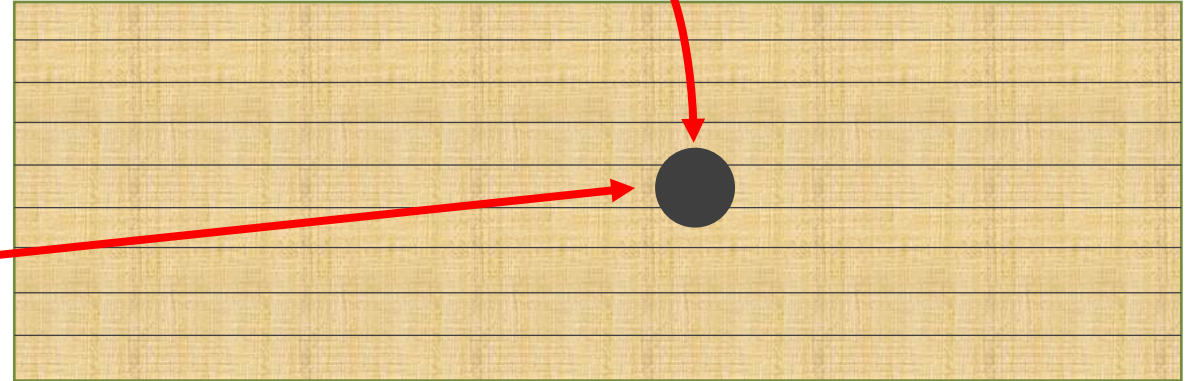
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Beam penetrations:

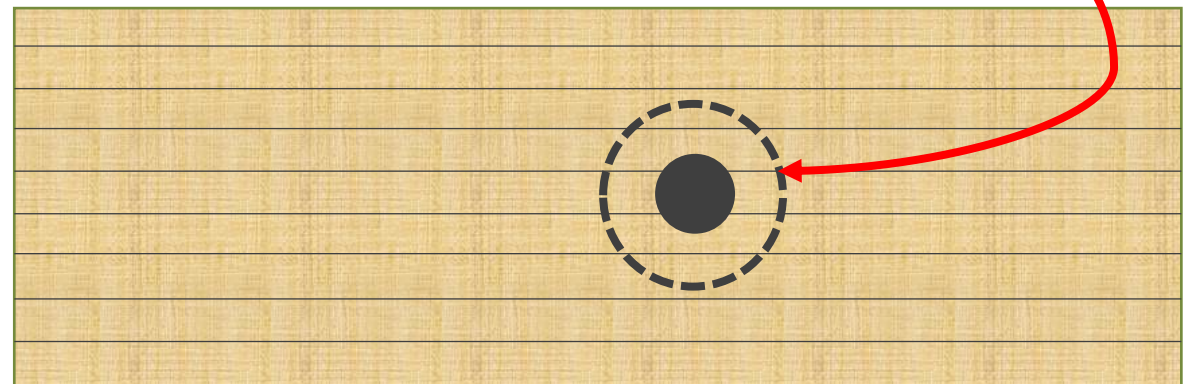
- If FRR = 0-hr, analyze structural impact of hole diameter only
- If FRR > 0-hr, account for charred hole diameter or firestop penetration



Hole diameter



Hole diameter after 1-hr char



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Option 1: MT penetration firestopping via tested products



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Inventory of Fire Tested Penetrations in MT Assemblies

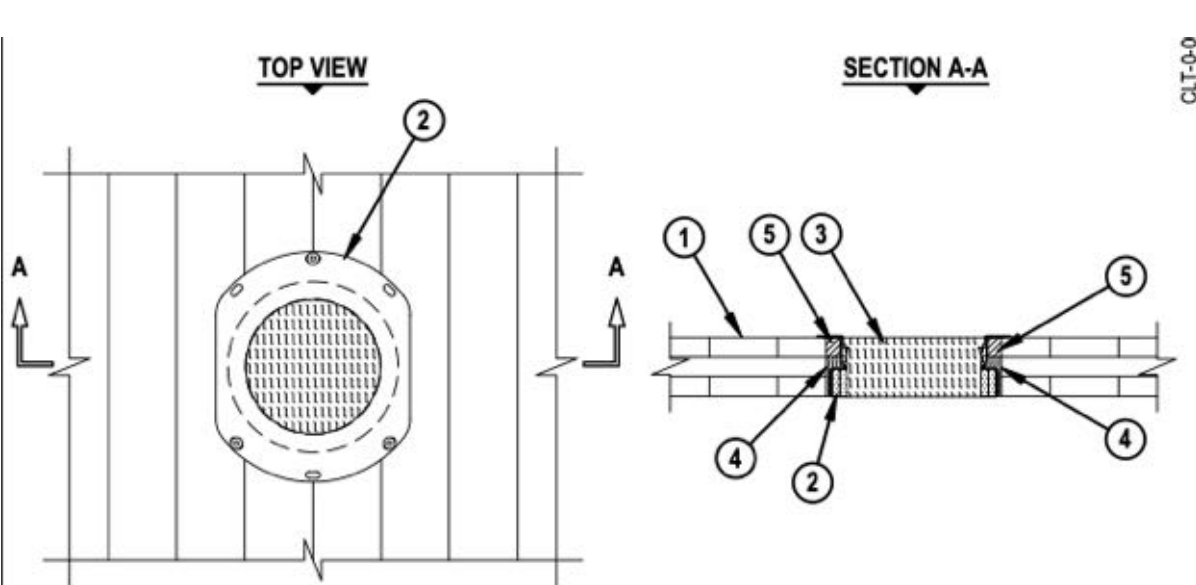


Table 3: North American Fire Tests of Penetrations and Fire Stops in CLT Assemblies

CLT Panel	Exposed Side Protection	Penetrating Item	Penetrant Centered or Offset in Hole	Firestopping System Description	F Rating	T Rating	Stated Test Protocol	Source	Testing Lab
3-ply (78mm 3.07")	None	1.5" diameter data cable bunch	Centered	3.5 in diameter hole. Mineral wool was installed in the 1in. annular space around the data cables to a total depth of approximately 2 – 5/64 in. The remaining 1in. annular space from the top of the mineral wool to the top of the floor assembly was filled with Hilti FS-One Max caulking.	1 hour	0.5 hour	CANULC S115	26	Intertek March 30, 2016
3-ply (78mm 3.07")	None	2" copper pipe	Centered	4.375 in diameter hole. Pipe wrap was installed around the copper pipe to a total depth of approximately 2 – 5/64 in. The remaining 1in. annular space starting at the top of the mineral wool to the top of the floor assembly was filled with Hilti FS-One Max caulking.	1 hour	NA.	CANULC S115	26	Intertek March 30, 2016
3-ply (78mm 3.07")	None	2.5" sched. 40 pipe	Centered	4.92 in diameter hole. Pipe wrap was installed around the schedule 40 pipe to a total depth of approximately 2 – 5/64 in. The remaining 1in. annular space starting at the top of the pipe wrap to the top of the floor assembly was filled with Hilti FS-One Max caulking.	1 hour	NA.	CANULC S115	26	Intertek March 30, 2016
3-ply (78mm 3.07")	None	6" cast iron pipe	Centered	8.35 in diameter hole. Mineral wool was installed in the 1in. annular space around the cast iron pipe to a total depth of approximately 2 – 5/64 in. The remaining 1in. annular space starting at the top of the pipe wrap to the top of the floor assembly was filled with Hilti FS-One Max caulking.	1 hour	NA.	CANULC S115	26	Intertek March 30, 2016
3-ply (78mm 3.07")	None	Hilti 6 in drop in device. System No.: F-B-2049	Centered	9.01" diameter hole. Mineral wool was installed in the 1 – 1/4in. annular space around the drop-in device to a total depth of approximately 1 – 7/64 in and the remaining 1in. annular space from the top of the mineral wool to the top edge of the 9 – 1/64in. hole in the CLT was filled with Hilti FS-One Max caulking.	1 hour	0.75 hour	CANULC S115	26	Intertek March 30, 2016
5-ply CLT (131mm 5.16")	None	1.5" diameter data cable bunch	Centered	3.5" diameter hole. Mineral wool was installed in the 1in. annular space around the data cables to a total depth of approximately 4 – 5/32 in. The remaining 1in. annular space from the top of the mineral wool to the top of the floor assembly was filled with Hilti FS-One Max caulking.	2 hours	1.5 hours	CANULC S115	26	Intertek March 30, 2016
5-ply CLT (131mm 5.16")	None	2" copper pipe	Centered	4.375 in diameter hole. Pipe wrap was installed around the copper pipe to a total depth of approximately 4 – 5/32 in. The remaining 1in. annular space starting at the top of the mineral wool to the top of the floor assembly was filled with Hilti FS-One Max caulking.	2 hours	NA.	CANULC S115	26	Intertek March 30, 2016
5-ply CLT (131mm 5.16")	None	2.5" sched. 40 pipe	Centered	4.92 in diameter hole. Pipe wrap was installed around the schedule 40 pipe to a total depth of approximately 4 – 5/32 in. The remaining 1in. annular space starting at the top of the pipe wrap to the top of the floor assembly was filled with Hilti FS-One Max caulking.	2 hours	0.5 hour	CANULC S115	26	Intertek March 30, 2016
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5-ply CLT (131mm 5.16")	None	Hilti 6 in drop in device. System No.: F-B-2049	Centered	9.01" diameter hole. Mineral wool was installed in the 1 – 1/4in. annular space around the drop-in device to a total depth of approximately 1 – 7/64 in and the remaining 1in. annular space from the top of the mineral wool to the top edge of the 9 – 1/64in. hole in the CLT was filled with Hilti FS-One Max caulking.	2 hours	1.5 hours	CANULC S115	26	Intertek March 30, 2016
5-ply (175mm 6.875")	None	1" nominal PVC pipe	Centered	4.21 in diameter with a 3/4 in plywood reducer flush with the top of the slab reducing the opening to 2.28 in. Two wraps of Hilti CP 648-E W45/1-3/4" Firestop wrap strip at two locations with a 30 gauge steel sleeve which extended from the top of the slab to 1 in below the slab. The first location was with the bottom of the wrap strip flush with the bottom of the steel sleeve and the second was with the bottom of the wrap strip 3 in. from the bottom of the slab. The void between the steel sleeve and the CLT and between the steel sleeve and pipe at the top was filled with Roxul Safe mineral wool leaving a 3/4 in deep void at the top of the assembly. Hilti FS-One Max Intumescent Firestop Sealant was applied to a depth of 3/4 in on the top of the assembly between the plywood and steel sleeve as well as the steel sleeve and pipe.	2 hours	2 hours	ASTM E814	24	QAI Laboratories March 3, 2017

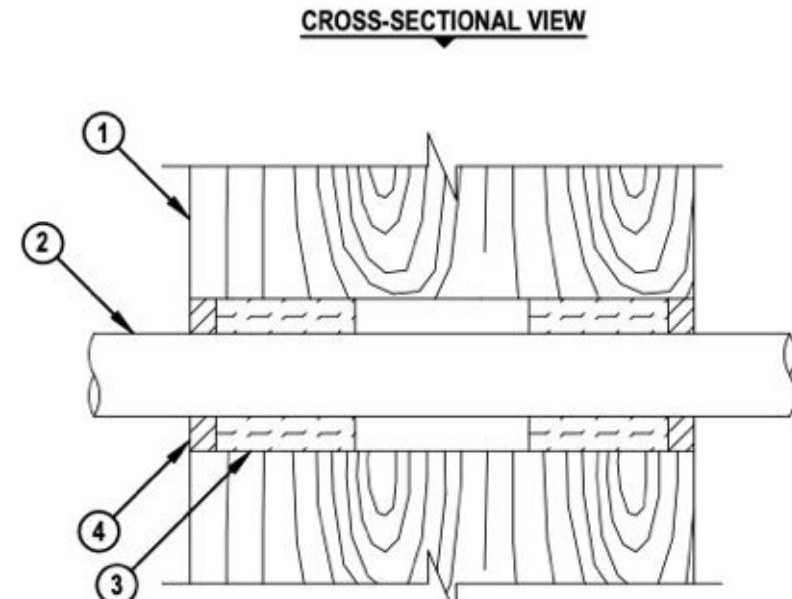
Penetrations & Firestopping

Option 2: MT penetration firestopping of penetrations via engineering judgement details (contact firestop manufacturer)



1. 3-PLY CROSS LAMINATED TIMBER FLOOR ASSEMBLY (MINIMUM 3" THICK) (1-HR. FIRE-RATING).
2. HILTI CFS-DID FIRESTOP DROP-IN DEVICE INSERTED INTO OPENING (SEE TABLE BELOW) AND SECURED TO TOP SURFACE OF CROSS LAMINATED TIMBER FLOOR ASSEMBLY WITH THREE 1/4" x 1" LONG STEEL WOOD SCREWS WITH WASHERS.
3. MINIMUM 3" THICKNESS MINERAL WOOL (MIN. 4 PCF DENSITY) TIGHTLY PACKED, AND FLUSH WITH TOP AND BOTTOM SURFACE OF CFS-DID FIRESTOP DROP-IN DEVICE.
4. MINERAL WOOL (MIN. 4 PCF DENSITY) TIGHTLY PACKED, RECESSED TO ACCOMMODATE SEALANT, AND COMPLETELY FILLING SPACE BETWEEN CFS-DID FIRESTOP DROP-IN DEVICE AND PERIPHERY OF OPENING.
5. MINIMUM 1" DEPTH HILTI FS-ONE MAX INTUMESCENT FIRESTOP SEALANT BETWEEN CFS-DID FIRESTOP DROP IN DEVICE AND PERIPHERY OF OPENING.

F-RATING = 1-HR. OR 2-HR. (SEE NOTE NO. 3 BELOW)



1. MASS TIMBER WALL ASSEMBLY (MINIMUM 12" THICK) (1-HR. OR 2-HR. FIRE-RATING).
2. MAXIMUM 2" NOMINAL DIAMETER PVC PLASTIC PIPE (SCH 40).
3. MINIMUM 4" THICKNESS MINERAL WOOL (MIN. 4 PCF DENSITY) TIGHTLY PACKED AND RECESSED TO ACCOMMODATE SEALANT.
4. MINIMUM 3/4" DEPTH HILTI FS-ONE MAX INTUMESCENT FIRESTOP SEALANT.

Thank you!



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