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# Introduction to Wood: Design Best Practices

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#### **Course Description**

This presentation will provide an introductory review of allowable uses and best design practices associated with wood-frame construction. Design and detailing best practices will be explained to highlight factors that play important roles in the construction process and ultimate building performance. Discussion will also include optimal framing layouts, spacings and spans, truss design considerations, connection detailing and load path continuity.

#### **Learning Objectives**

- 1. Discuss design considerations specific to wood framing such as moisture control and shrinkage accommodation.
- 2. Review design topics associated with wood trusses such as loading conditions and bracing requirements.
- 3. Analyze the impact that holes and notches have on structural wood members such as floor joists and wall studs and determine best locations for minimizing their impact on structural design properties.
- 4. Explore the variety of available wood building products and discuss how to efficiently utilize each.

#### **Outline**

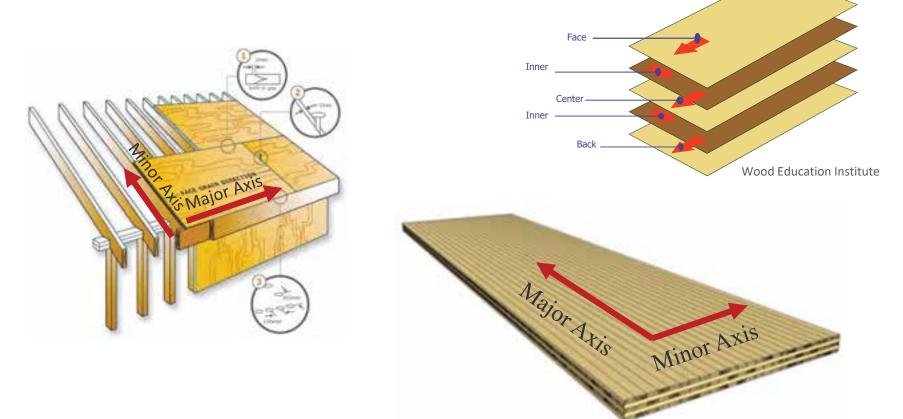
- Framing: Members & Layout
- Load Path Continuity
- Localized Stresses: Notches & Holes
- Blocking & Bracing
- Trusses
- Connections
- Moisture Best Practices

#### **Member Orientation: Panels**

 Due to multi-layer composition, most panel products have a major and minor axis

Direction of grain in face plies/veneers generally determine

direction of major axis



#### **Panel Options**

**Wood Structural Panels** 

Oriented Strand Board (OSB) and Plywood

Solid Sawn Decking

2x, 3x and 4x dimensional lumber

Mechanically Laminated or Tongue & Groove

#### Panel Products:

Mass timber panels (CLT, NLT, DLT, GLT, MPP)

Structural Insulated Panels (SIPS)

## **Wood Structural Panels (WSP)**

- Plywood the original engineered wood panel (>100 years)
- Oriented Strand Board (OSB) a second generation engineered wood panel
- Depending on thickness, loads, generally span 16" 24"



## **Lumber Decking**

- Code Acceptance for 2, 3 and 4 inch thick Tongue & Groove Lumber Decking per IBC 2012 2304.8
- Depending on thickness, loads, can span 8 ft+





3x6 Double T&G Pine Photo Southern Wood Specialties

#### **Mass Timber Panels**

Images Source: Structurecraft

Glue Laminated Timber (GLT) Nail Laminated Timber (NLT) Mass Plywood Panel (MPP) Cross Laminated Timber (CLT)

Dowel Laminated Timber (DLT)

#### **Member Orientation: Framing**

- Most framing members have a major and minor axis
- Most framing members are rectangular; larger dimension generally determines direction of major axis



## **Member Orientation: Framing**



#### **Framing Options**

Solid Sawn Lumber

Lumber (2"-4" thickness) and Timbers (5"x5" & larger)

Glulam

**I Joists** 

Structural Composite Lumber



## **Solid Sawn Framing**

#### **Design Routes:**

IBC 2012 2308 – Conventional Light-Frame Construction

AWC NDS 2012/2015 - Engineered Design

AWC Wood Frame Construction Manual 2012/2015

- Design tools based upon NDS

Single or Multi-ply members can be used for floor, roof joists, beams, purlins, wall studs, plates, blocking, bracing





## **Solid Sawn Roof Framing Spans**

## IBC 2015 Table 2308.7.2(2) Rafter Spans for Common Lumber Species

TABLE 2308.7.2(2)—continued

RAFTER SPANS FOR COMMON LUMBER SPECIES
(Roof Live Load = 20 pst, Ceiling Attached to Rafters,  $L/\Delta = 240$ )

RAFTER SPACING (inches)	SPECIES AND GRADE		DEAD LOAD = 10 psf					DEAD LOAD = 20 psf				
			2×4	2×6	2×8	2 × 10	2×12	2×4	2×6	2×8	2 × 10	2 × 12
			Maximum rafter spans*									
			(ft in.)	(ft in.)	(ft in.)	(ft in.)	(ft in.)	(ft in.)		(ft in.)	(ft in.)	(ft in.
24	Douglas Fir-Larch	SS	8-3	13-0	17-2	21-10	Note b	8-3	13-0	16-7	20-3	23-5
	Douglas Fir-Larch	#1	8-0	12-6	15-10	19-5	22-6	7-5	10-10	13-9	16-9	19-6
	Douglas Fir-Larch	#2	7-10	11-9	14-10	18-2	21-0	6-11	10-2	12-10	15-8	18-3
	Douglas Fir-Larch	#3	6-1	8-10	11-3	13-8	15-11	5-3	7-8	9-9	11-10	13-9
	Hem-Fir	SS	7-10	12-3	16-2	20-8	25-1	7-10	12-3	16-2	19-10	23-0
	Hem-Fir	#1	7-8	12-0	15-6	18-11	21-11	7-3	10-7	13-5	16-4	19-0
	Hem-Fir	#2	7-3	11-5	14-8	17-10	20-9	6-10	10-0	12-8	15-6	17-11
	Hem-Fir	#3	6-1	8-10	11-3	13-8	15-11	5-3	7-8	9.9	11-10	13-9
	Southern Pine	SS	8-1	12-9	16-10	21-6	Note b	8-1	12-9	16-10	20-10	24-8
	Southern Pine	#1	7-10	12-3	16-2	18-11	22-6	7-5	11-1	14-0	16-5	19-6
	Southern Pine	#2	7-4	11-0	13-11	16-6	19-6	6-4	9-6	12-1	14-4	16-10
	Southern Pine	#3	5-8	8-4	10-6	12-9	15-1	4-11	7-3	9-1	11-0	13-1
	Spruce-Pine-Fir	SS	7-8	12-0	15-10	20-2	24-7	7-8	12-0	15-4	18-9	21-9
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Assumes Roof Live Load = 20 psf,  $\Delta = L/240$ 

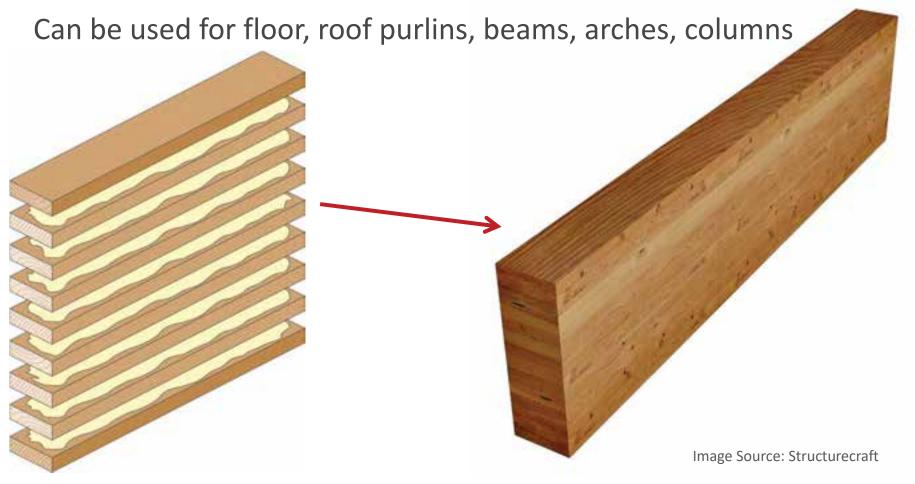
## **Solid Sawn Roof Framing Spans**

Rafter Spacing	Species and Grade	Size	Maximum Rafter Span
		2x8	18'-2"
16"	Douglas-Fir Larch #2	2x10	22'-3"
		2x12	25'-9"
		2x8	14'-10"
24"	Spruce-Pine- Fir #2	2x10	18'-2"
		2x12	21'-0"

Assumes Roof Live Load = 20 psf, Roof Dead Load = 10 psf,  $\Delta$  = L/240

#### Glulam

Glulam = a structural composite of lumber and adhesives Recognized in IBC 2303.1.3 using ANSI/AITC A 190.1 and ASTM D 3737



#### **Glulam Sizes & Options**

#### **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 of 1½" from 6" to 60"+

Note: Some glulam laminations are 1-3/8"

#### **Typical Species**

Douglas-Fir, Southern Pine, Spruce

Can be PT, or FRT, varies by manufacturer & treater

Can be cambered

Different Appearance Grades available

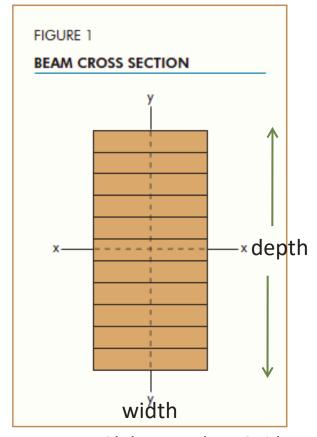


Image: APA Glulam Product Guide

#### Glulam Layup – Balanced & Unbalanced

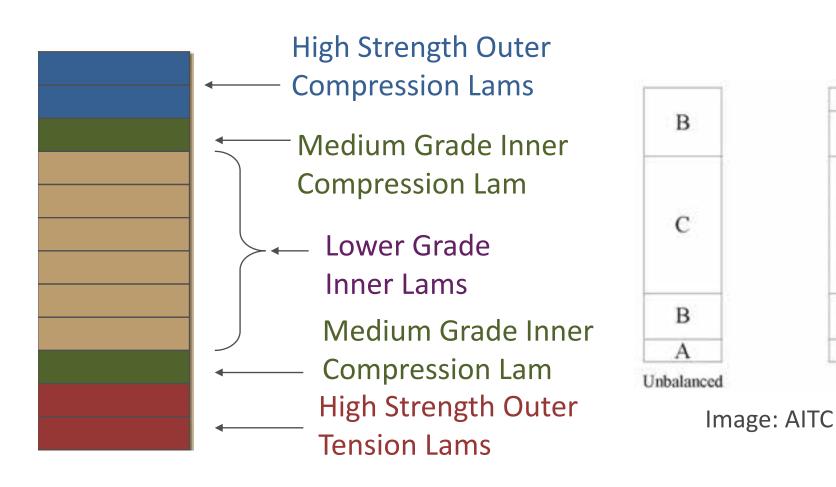
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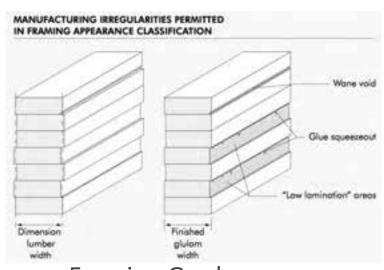
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Balanced



#### **Glulam Appearance Grades – APA EWS Y110**



Framing Grade



Architectural Grade



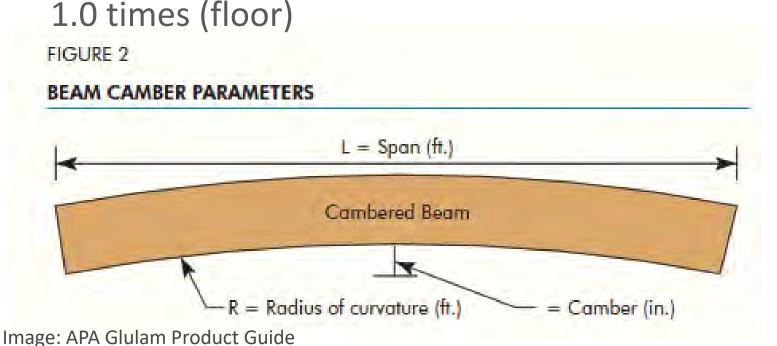
**Industrial Grade** 



Images: American Laminators Premium Grade

## **Specifying Glulam Camber**

- Glulam can be manufactured with camber to offset the anticipated dead load deflection
- Very important for long span members
- Glulam industry recommends camber = 1.5 times calculated dead load deflection (roof beams);

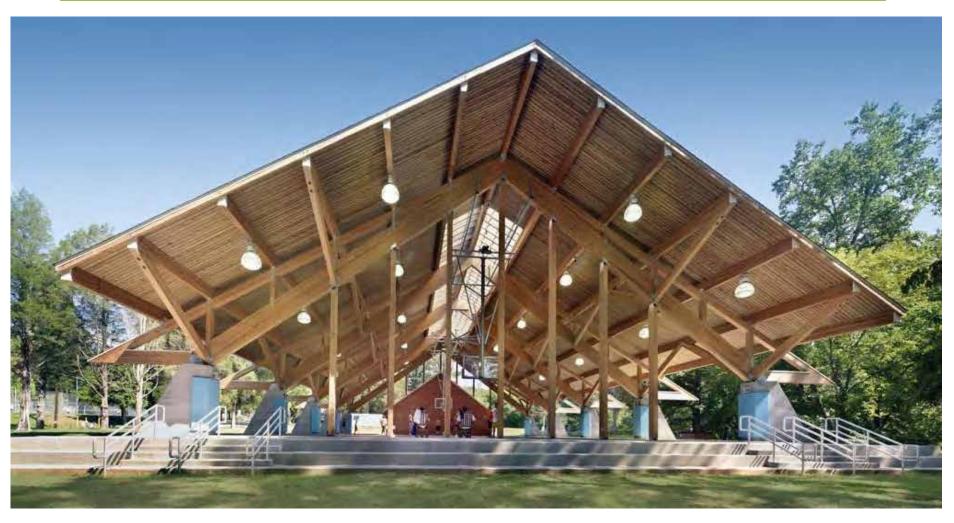


## Spans of 100 feet or greater achievable

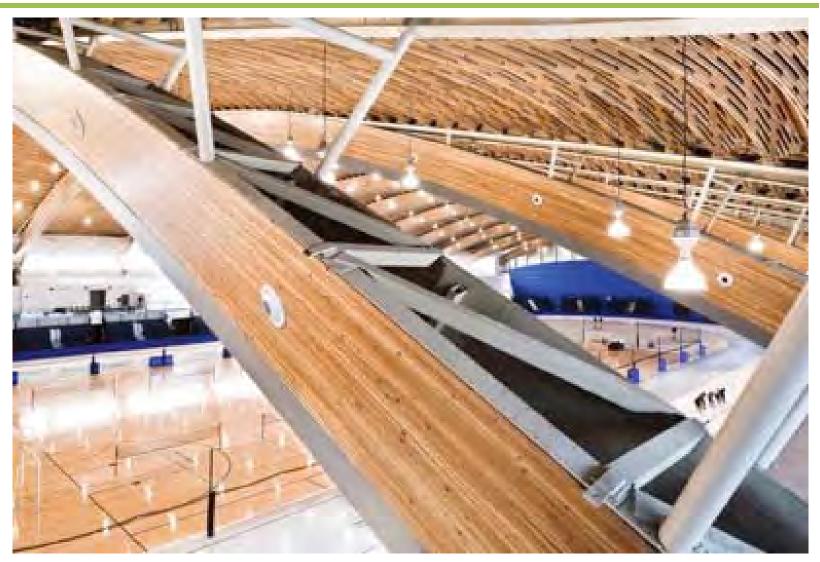








YMCA Camp Thunderbird Duke Energy Pavilion, Lake Wylie, South Carolina Photo: Stanley Capps



Richmond Olympic Oval, Richmond, BC Photo: naturallywood.com



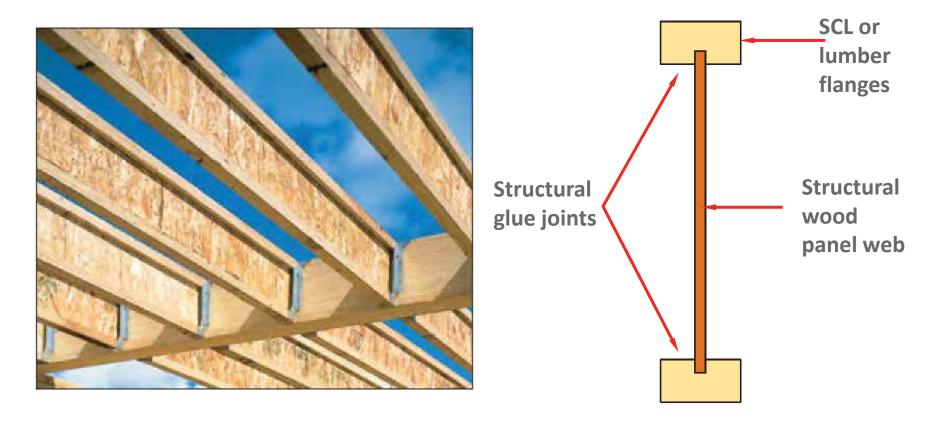
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Lemay Museum, Tacoma, WA Photo: Western Wood Structures

#### **Pre Fabricated Wood I-Joists**

Recognized in IBC 2303.1.2 using ASTM D 5055 Proprietary Products with Evaluation Reports Can be used for floor, roof joists

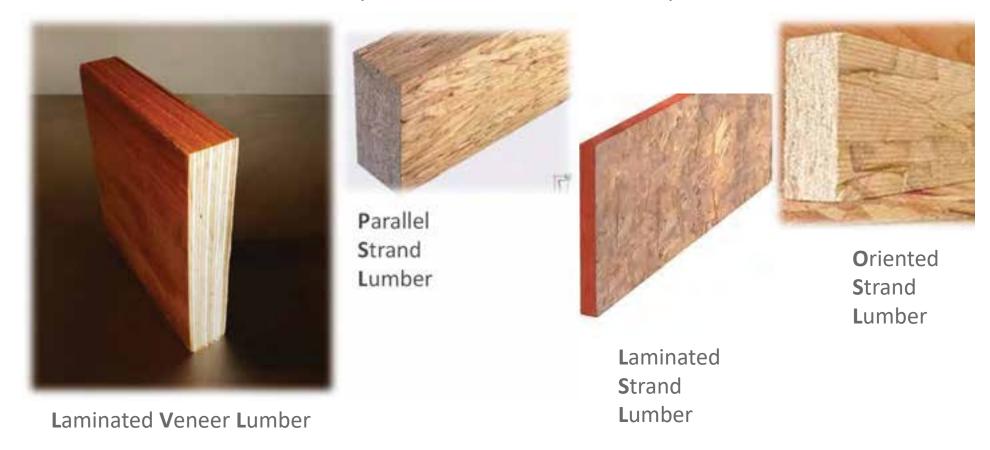


## Structural Composite Lumber (SCL)

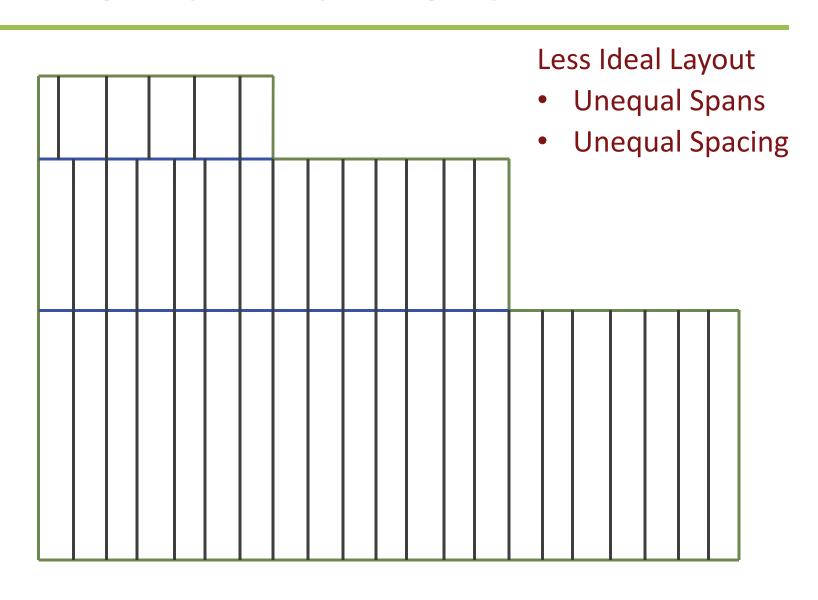
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Proprietary Products with Evaluation Reports

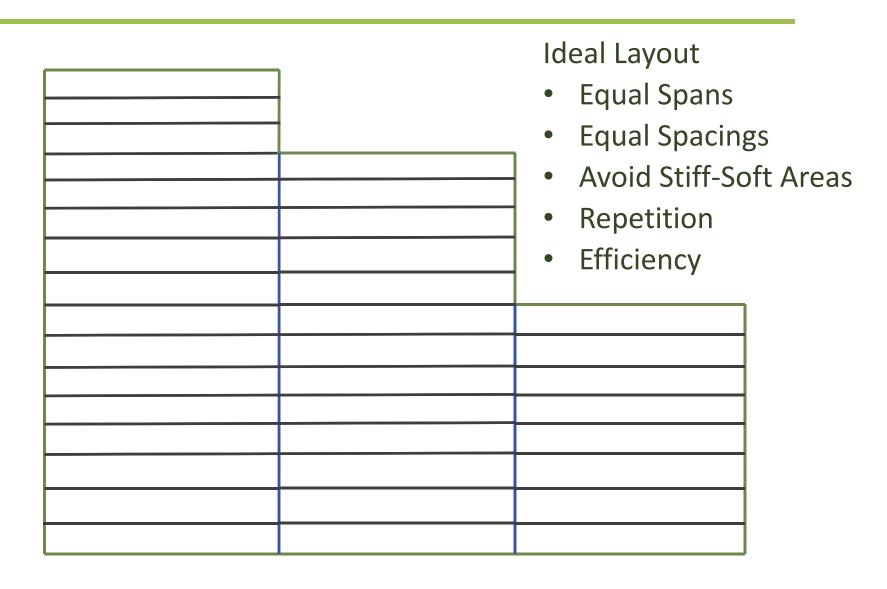
Can be used for floor, roof beams & columns, tall wall studs



#### Framing: Layout, Spacing, Spans



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#### **Load Path Continuity**

- Structural loads (gravity and lateral) must follow a continuous load path from roof to foundation
- In multi-story construction, to work around building features, may require numerous load path "steps" in lieu of a single vertical load path



## **Load Path Continuity: Results & Impacts**

- In many situations, general building layout is complete before structural design begins
- Understanding impacts of wall, column, opening layout on structural system efficiency will aid in providing more cost effective solutions

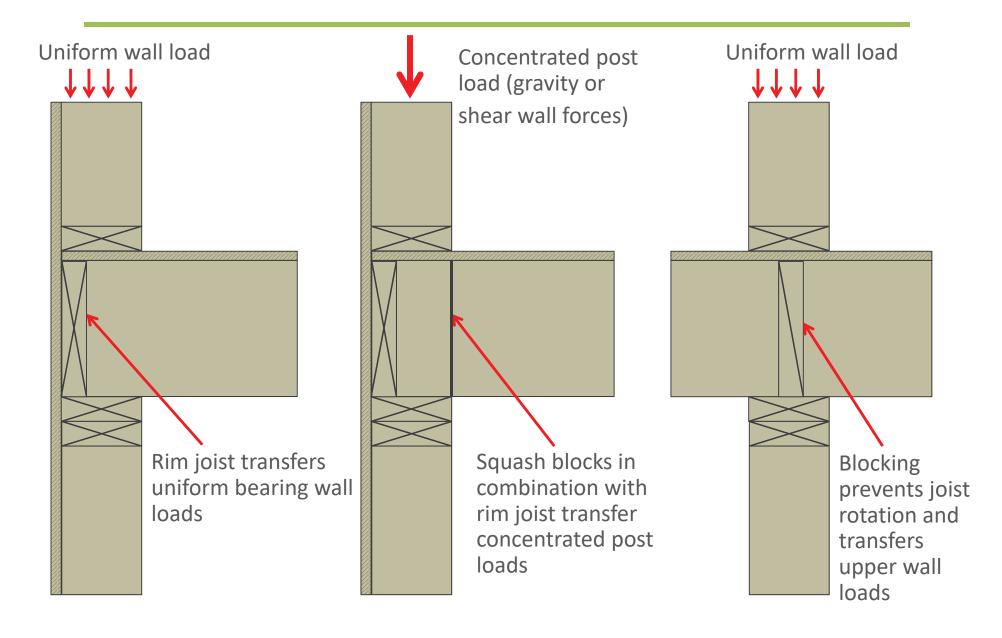




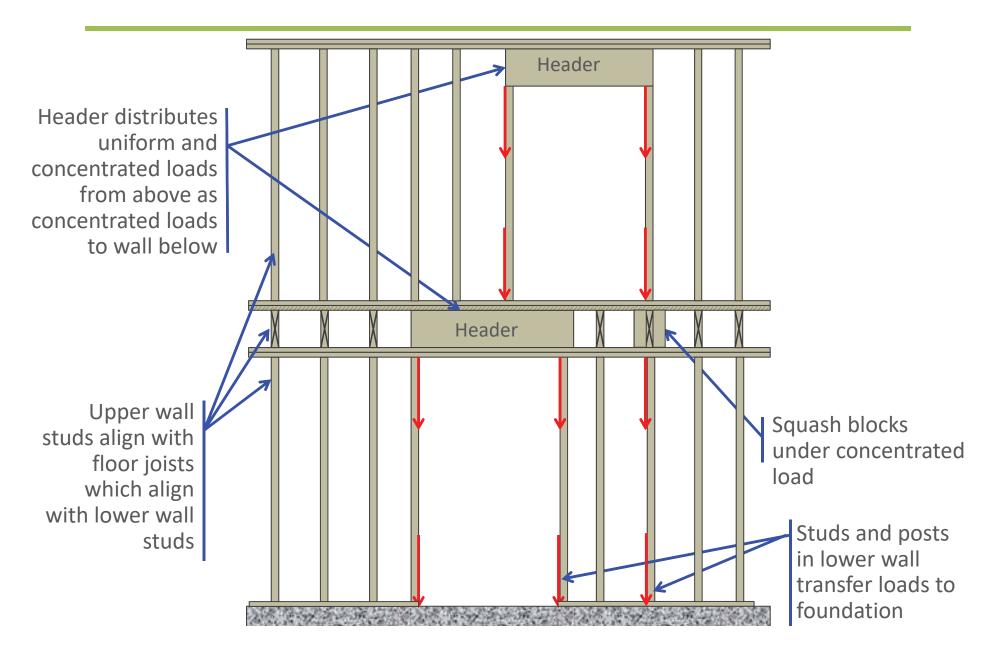


Wood Cube Apartments
Photo: IBA Hamburg

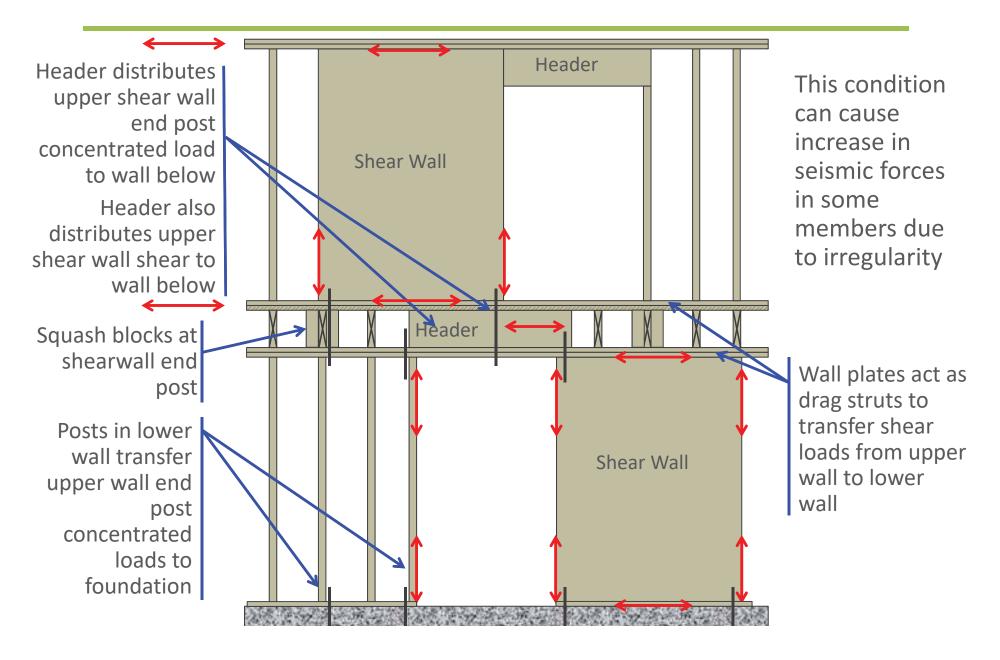
## **Load Path Continuity: Wall Loads**



#### **Gravity Load Path Continuity: Wall Elevation**



#### Lateral Load Path Continuity: Wall Elevation



#### **Spanning Members: Localized Stress**

Under common, simple span, uniform loading conditions:

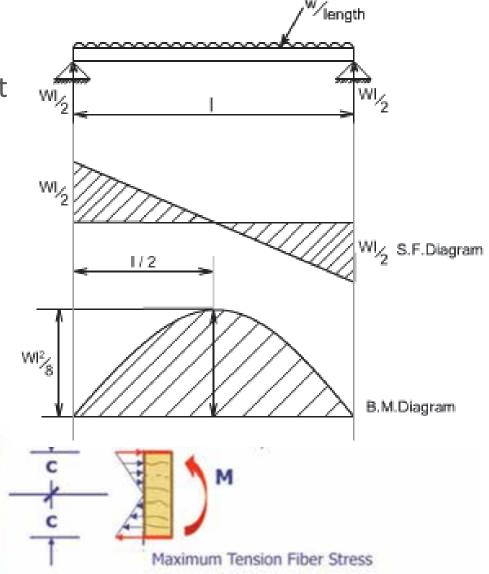
**Moment**: max. in cross section at outer fibers, max. in span at center

 Avoid notches and holes in middle of beam span, top and bottom of beam depth

**Shear**: max. in cross section at center, max. in span at ends

 Avoid large notches and holes in ends of beam span

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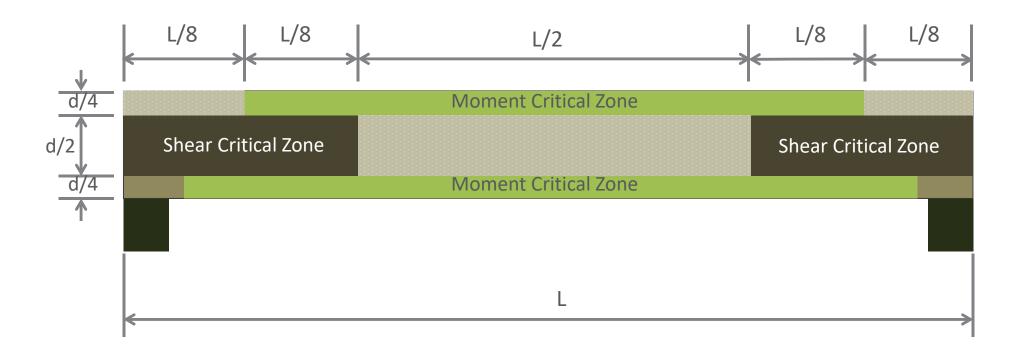


#### **Spanning Members: Localized Stress**

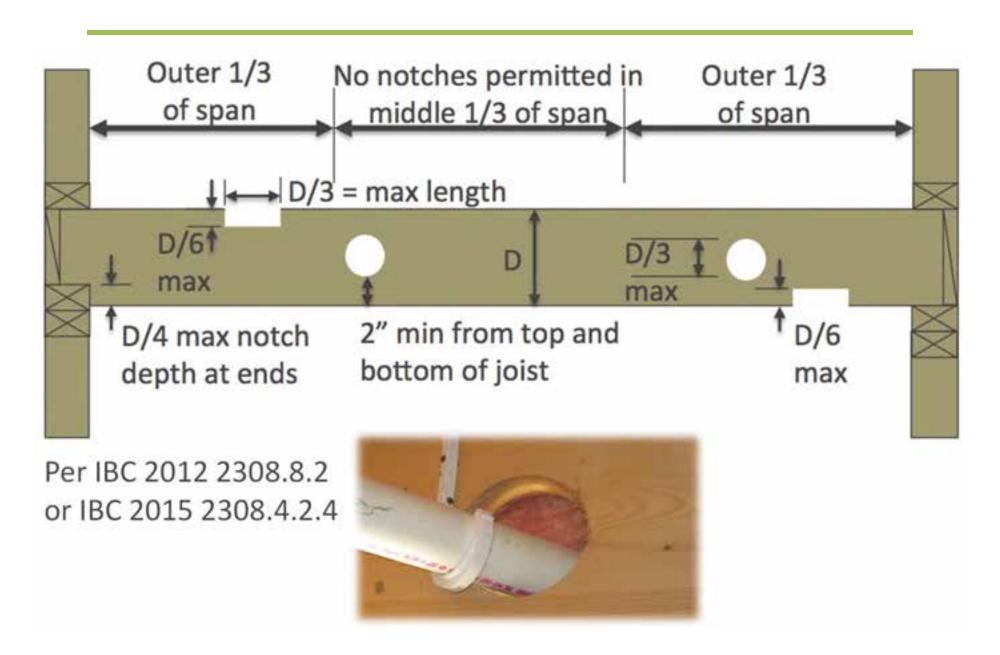
**Moment critical zones**: locations of maximum localized bending stresses which should not be affected with holes and notches

**Shear**: locations of maximum localized shear stresses which should not be affected with holes and notches

Generally acceptable locations of holes/notches



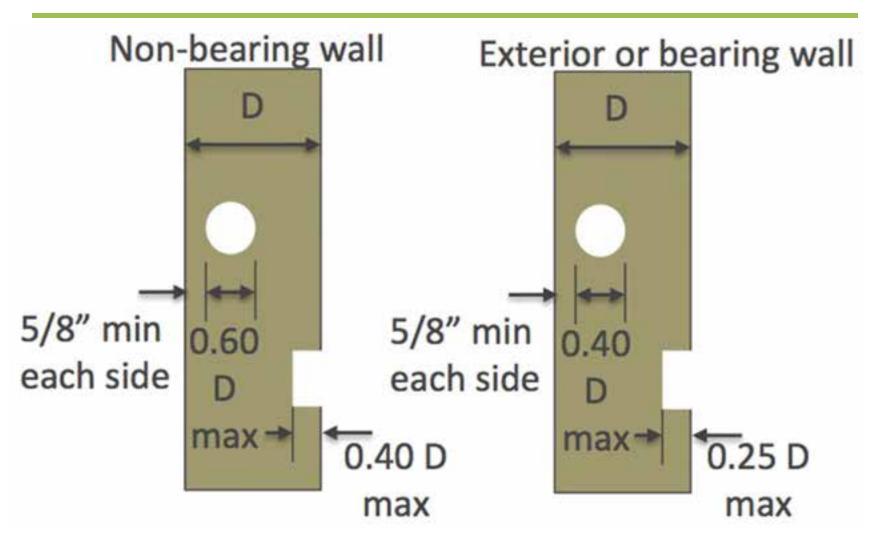
#### Allowable Floor Holes & Notches – IBC 2308



# Allowable Floor Holes & Notches – IBC 2308

Allowable Notches & Holes in Solid Sawn Floo					
Joist Size	Max Hole	Max Notch Depth	Max End Notch		
2x6	1-3/4"	7/8"	1-3/8"		
2x8	2-3/8"	1-1/8"	1-7/8"		
2x10	3"	1-1/2"	2-1/4"		
2x12	3-3/4"	1-7/8"	2-7/8′		

#### Allowable Wall Holes & Notches – IBC 2308



Per IBC 2012 2308.9.10 & 2308.9.11 Per IBC 2015 2308.5.9 & 2308.5.10

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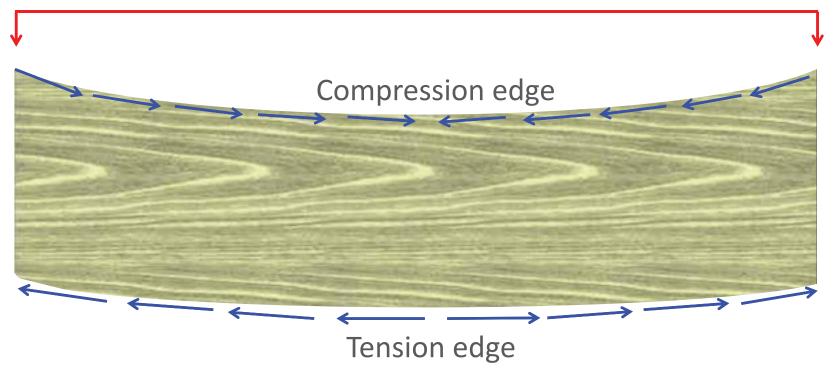
Allowable Notches & Holes in Solid Saw IBC 2012 2308.9.10 & 2308.9.11 / IBC 2015 230

Stud Size	Non-Bearing Wall		Exterior & Bearing Walls	
	Max Hole	Max Notch	Max Hole	Max Notch
2x4	2"	1-3/8"	1-3/8"	7/8"
2x6	3-1/4"	2-1/8"	2-1/8"	1-3/8"
2x8	4-1/4"	2-7/8"	2-7/8"	1-7/8"

## Floor Framing: Compression Edge Bracing

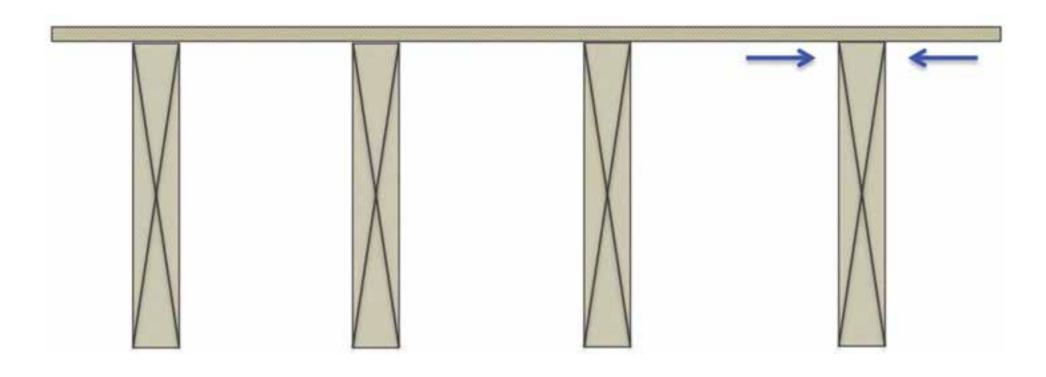
- Bending causes compression in one edge of member
- Compression can cause buckling; compression edge bracing resists buckling

#### Loading direction



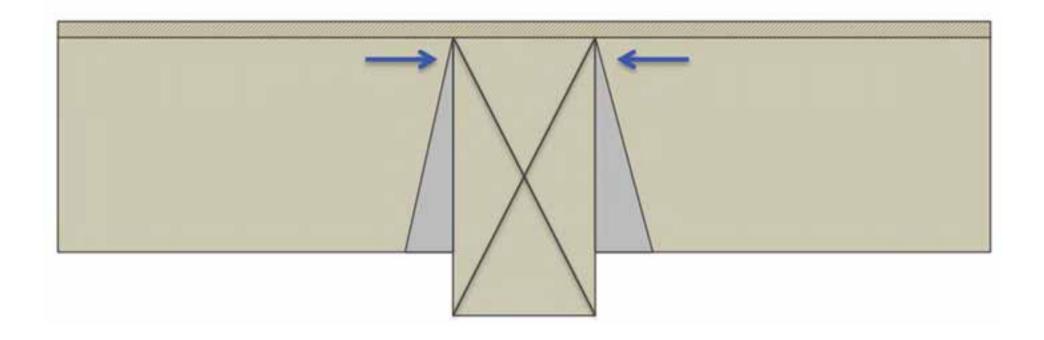
## Floor Framing: Compression Edge Bracing

- Floor sheathing braces compression flange of floor joists
- Specify sheathing to framing fasteners sized to resist compression force



## Floor Framing: Compression Edge Bracing

- Floor joists brace compression flange of floor beam
- Floor joists installed tight to beam resist beam compression force



## Floor Framing: Blocking & Bracing

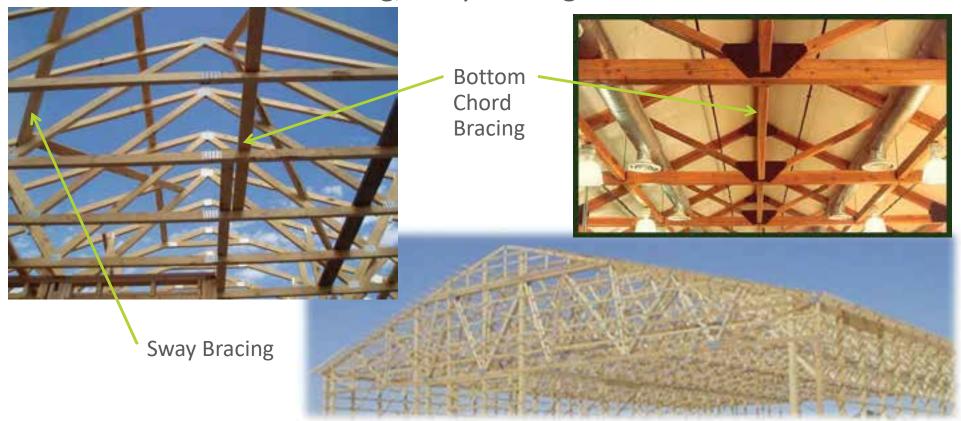


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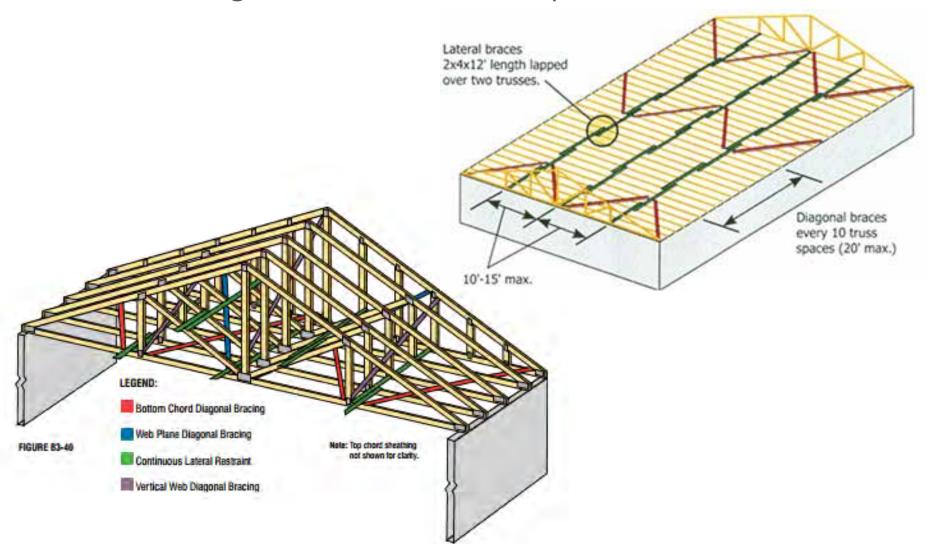
## **Trusses: Blocking & Bracing**

- Trusses may require global and local bracing
- Global bracing provides overall roof/floor structure stability (unique to trusses often due to their size)
- Bottom chord bracing, sway bracing



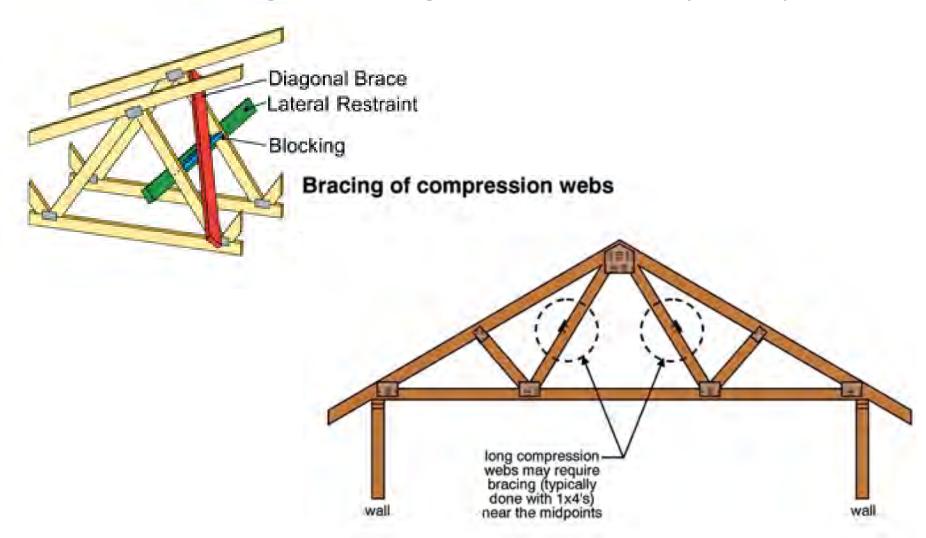
# **Trusses: Blocking & Bracing**

Local bracing addresses webs in compression



## **Trusses: Blocking & Bracing**

Additional diagonal bracing for web braces may be required



## **Trusses: Additional Bracing Considerations**

 Piggyback trusses: typically required for trusses over 10' – 12' tall (transportation limitation)

Gable end diagonal bracing at gable end walls

Parallel chord truss strong backs

Temporary construction bracing

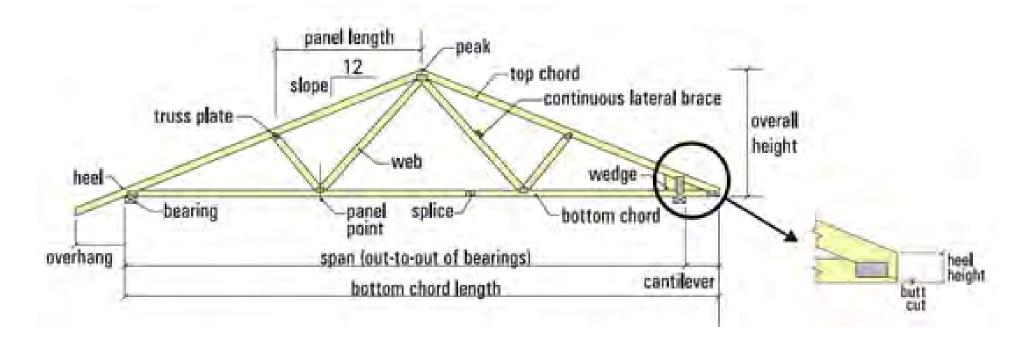






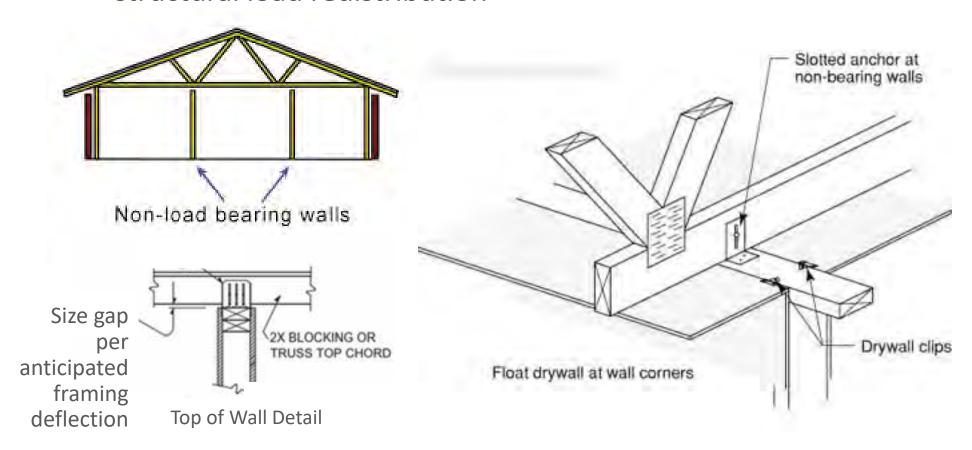
## **Trusses: Diagrams, Components**

- Drawings should indicate truss dimensions (span, overhang, height), spacing, slope, bearing conditions, required web layout, loads, codes
- Three main components: chords, webs, & plates
- Applied components: sheathing, purlins, bracing, uplift connectors



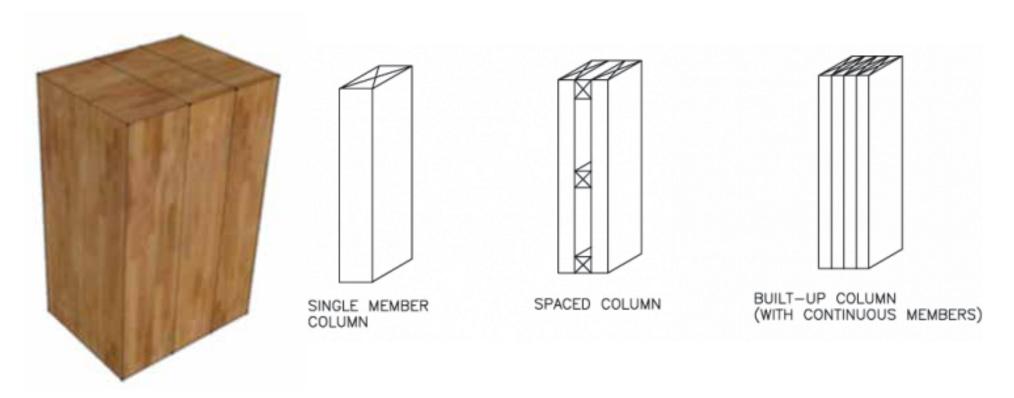
#### **Non-Load Bearing Partitions**

- Important to verify that "idealized" conditions are achieved
- Partitions remain non-load bearing
- Provide slip connections; limit finish damage, undesired structural load redistribution



#### **Built-Up Members**

- Direction of load (perp. or parallel to multi-ply interfaces) determines fastener design
- Bending axis parallel to interface axes requires shear flow analysis
- Many ways to optimize multi-ply members: built-up, t-members, I-shape



#### **Wood in Contact with Other Materials**

• IBC 2012 2304.11 / IBC 2015 2304.12 requires preservative treated or naturally durable wood when in contact with

foundation walls

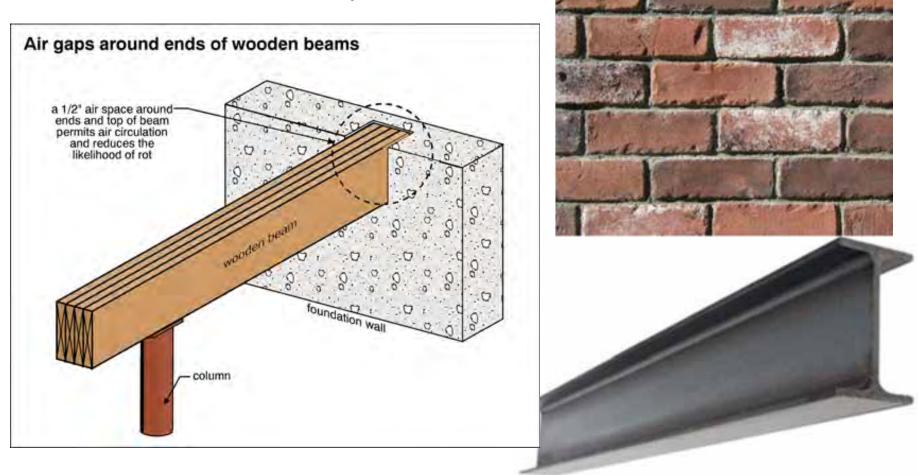




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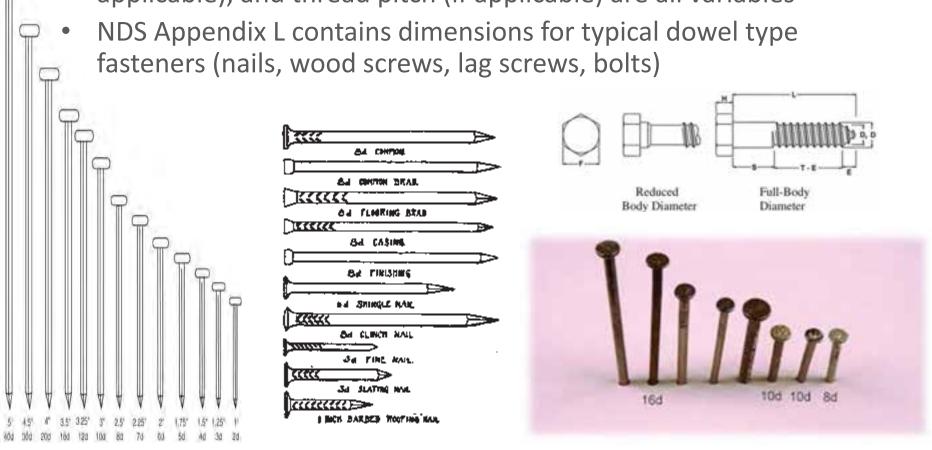
Detail to allow drying, venting, differential movement

Avoid moisture traps



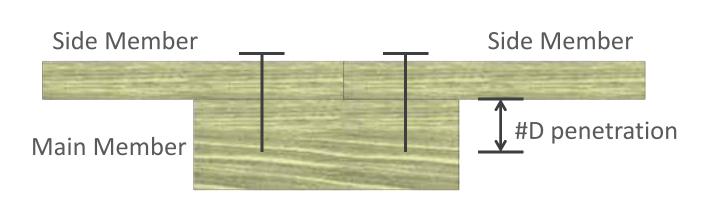
## **Connections: Specification**

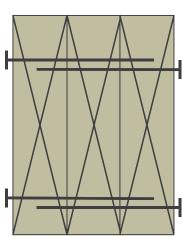
- Fastener specification should include all variables, not just a size (10d) as there can be many different options in a size group
- Fastener length, diameter, finish, material, thread length (if applicable), and thread pitch (if applicable) are all variables



#### **Connections: Length Specification**

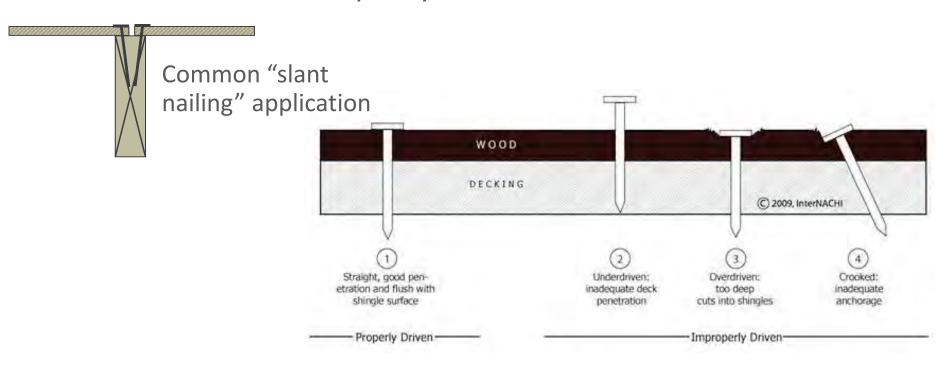
- Penetration measured as distance fastener extends in Main Member
- Minimum penetration generally 4D (lag screws) to 6D (nails, wood screws)
- Minimum penetration for <u>no capacity reduction</u> generally 8D (lag screws) to 10D (nails, wood screws)
- Consider effects of fasteners on both faces of multi-ply members – stagger (vertically, horizontally, or both)





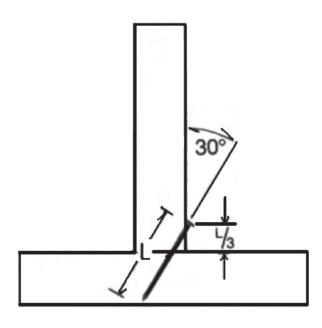
#### **Connections: Proper Installation**

- Fastener alignment and head seating are key to achieving full fastener capacity
- Detail connections to allow adequate edge, end distances, avoid wood splitting
- Per Teco, if 50% of fasteners are overdriven to 1/8", over 8% reduction in shear capacity results



#### **Connections: Toe Nails**

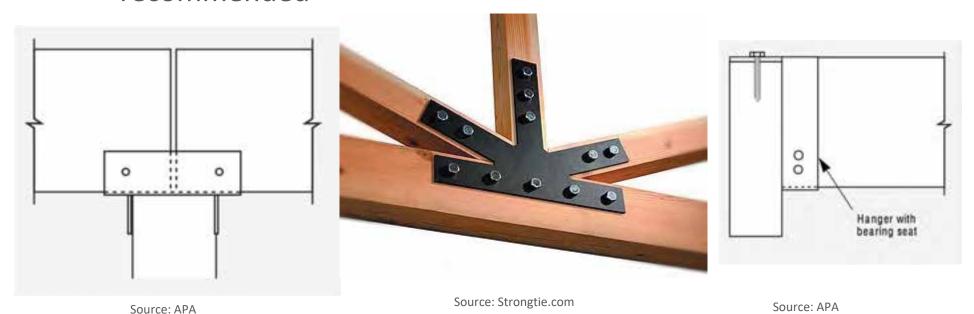
- Recommended install 30° from side member longitudinal direction
- Nail penetrates side member a distance 1/3 its length from the joint
- Toe nail reduction factor,  $C_{tn}$ , = 0.67 for withdrawal, 0.83 for shear (NDS 2012 11.5.4 / NDS 2015 12.5.4)





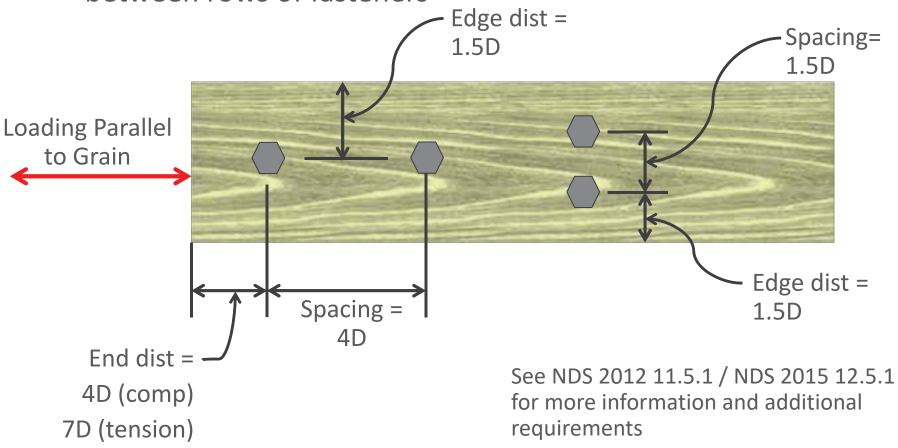
## **Connections: Shrinkage**

- Consider shrinkage in connected members
- Avoid restraining shrinkage in connection place connections on one edge of member rather than on both edges
- Best practice is to connect to lower half of beams, use of slotted holes aids in avoiding shrinkage cracks
- Single row of fasteners (vs. multiple rows) in non-dried lumber recommended



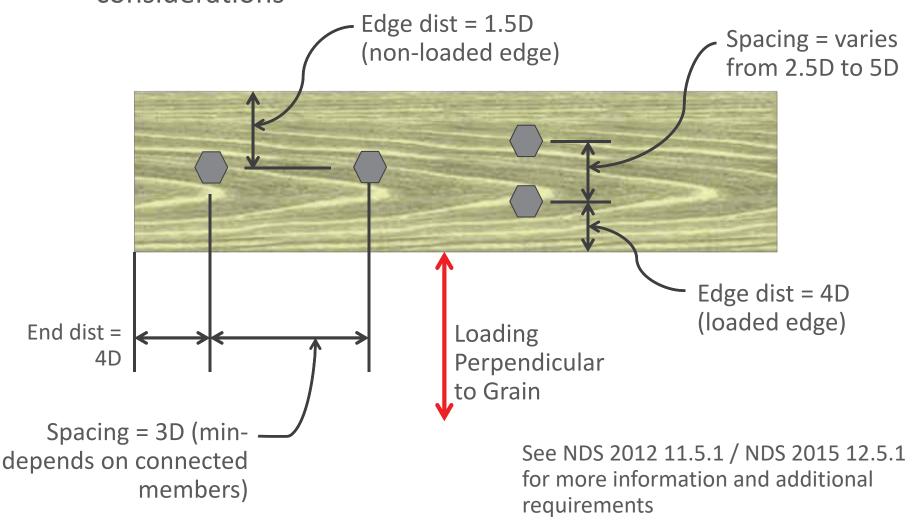
#### **Dowel Type Connections: Location**

- Three main location considerations: spacing, edge distance, end distance
- Spacing considerations between fasteners in a row and between rows of fasteners



#### **Dowel Type Connections: Location**

Loading perpendicular to grain fastener location considerations



#### **Moisture Control Considerations**

- Detail connections to avoid moisture traps
- Avoid end grain exposure to moisture by use of hold off past bases, beam end caps







#### **Moisture Control Considerations**

- Minimize storage of material on site where rain and standing water can increase moisture content
- Keep unused framing material covered

 Immediately remove any standing water from floor framing after rain showers



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Cross laminated timber (CLT) is an engineered wood building system designed to complement light- and heavy-timber framing options. Because of its high strength and dimensional stability, it can be used as an alternative to concrete, masonry and steel in many building types. This presentation will introduce CLT with a series of project examples that demonstrate its use and associated benefits in a range of applications. Information on manufacturing, specification and code-related considerations will also be discussed.

### **Learning Objectives**

- 1. Review completed CLT projects that demonstrate a range of applications and system configurations.
- 2. Discover how CLT can be used under current and future building codes and standards.
- 3. Discuss benefits of using CLT in place of concrete and steel, including structural versatility, prefabrication, lighter carbon footprint and reduced labor costs.
- 4. Discuss the fire characteristics of CLT, including the benefits of charring, current seismic approaches that can be used for CLT buildings, and how the acoustic and moisture performance of CLT assemblies can inform the design of a project.

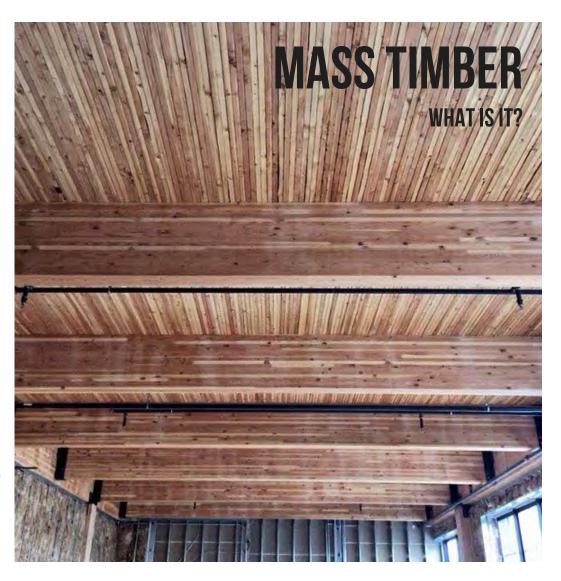
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- What is CLT?
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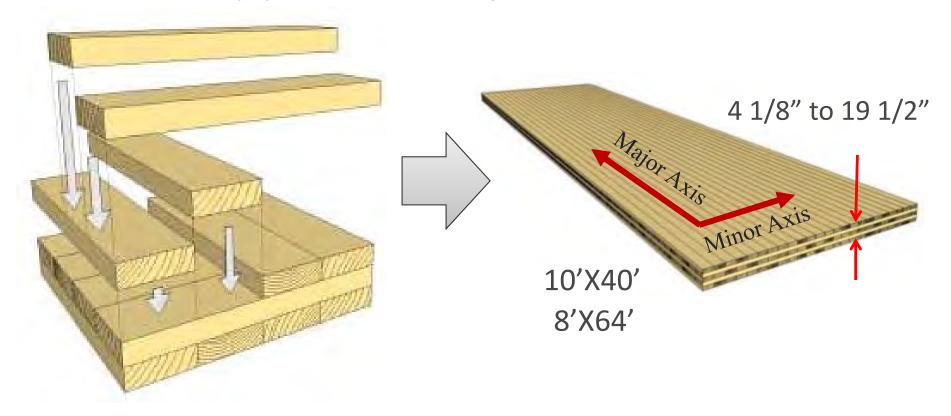
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MASS TIMBER IS A **CATEGORY OF FRAMING** STYLES OFTEN USING SMALL **WOOD MEMBERS FORMED** INTO LARGE PANELIZED **SOLID WOOD CONSTRUCTION INCLUDING CLT, NLT OR GLULAM PANELS FOR FLOOR, ROOF AND WALL FRAMING** 

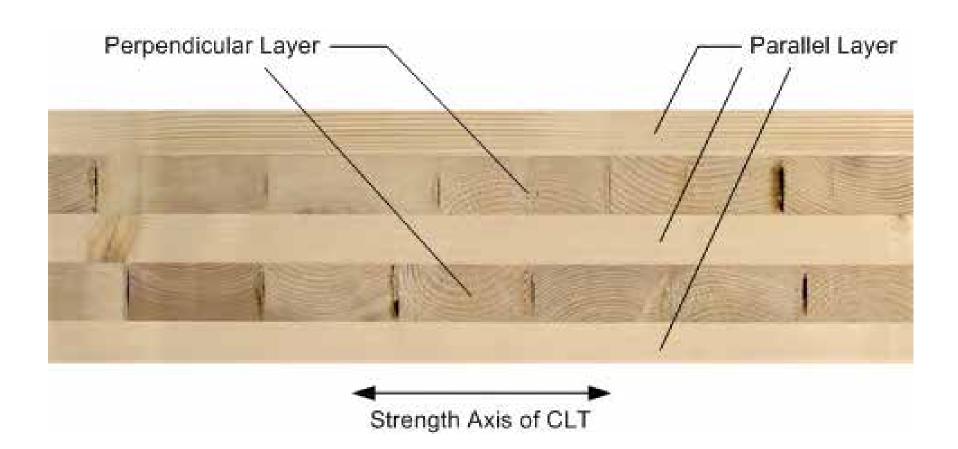


## What is Cross Laminated Timber (CLT)?

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

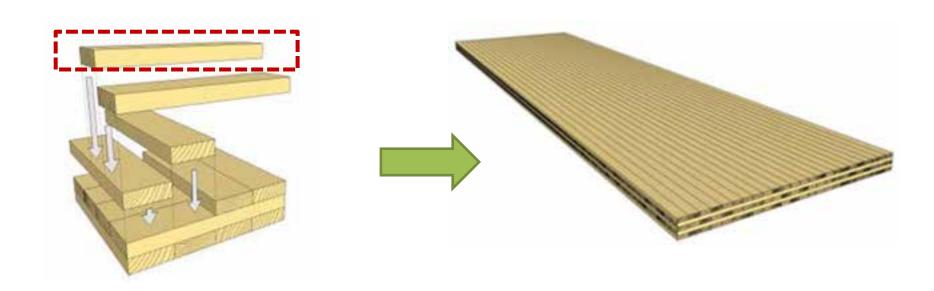


# **CLT Composition**





## **Structural Composition of CLT**



Laminations: (Per PRG 320-2012)

5/8" to 2" thick

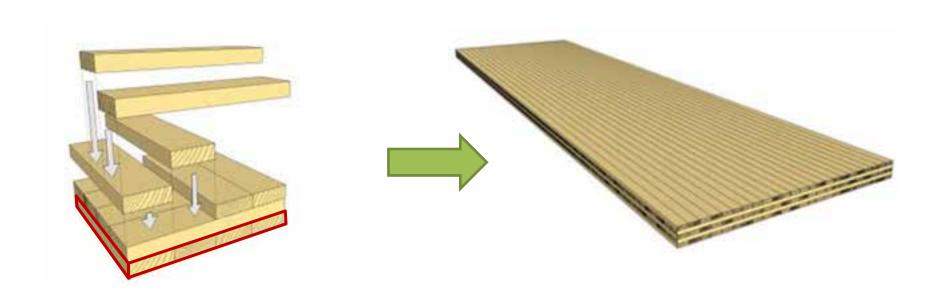
2.4" - 9.5" wide

Machine Stress Rated or Visually Graded Dimensional Lumber or SCL Dried to 12% Moisture Content before layup.

A common NA thickness is 1 3/8" (planed 2x stock)

PRG 320 provides thickness to width requirements of laminations

## **Structural Composition of CLT**



**Layers**: (Per PRG 320-2012)

Oriented in orthogonal arrangement

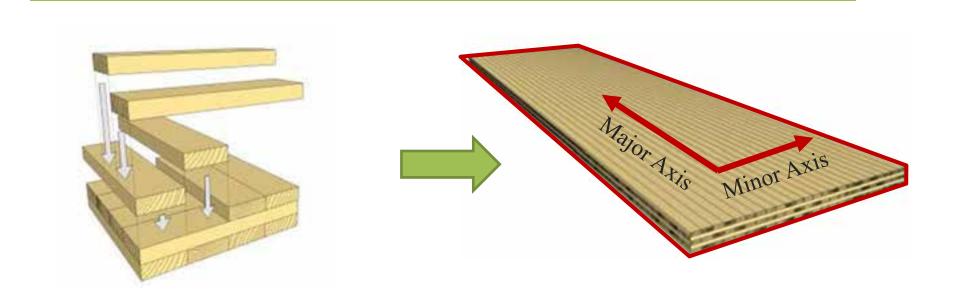
Odd number of symmetric layers most common

Double parallel exterior layers permitted

Unbalanced layup permitted

Reference glu-lam adhesive standard (AITC 405)

## **Structural Composition of CLT**



#### Panels, also known as Billets.

20 inch max thickness in PRG 320

Up to 8 ft or more wide per manufacturer and shipping

Up to 40 ft or more long per manufacturer and shipping

Major axis: stronger, stiffer, usually long direction

Minor axis: less strong and stiff, usually short direction

# **MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS**

CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER (CLT)

#### **COMMON CLT LAYUPS**

**3-PLY 3-LAYER** 

**5-PLY 5-LAYER** 



7-PLY 7-LAYER

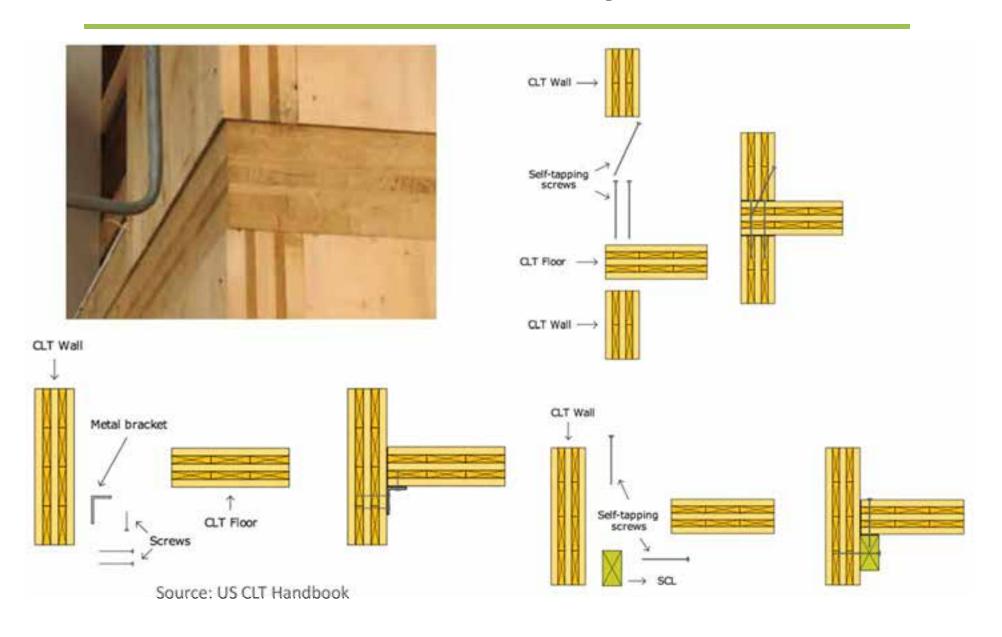


9-PLY 9-LAYER





# How to use CLT - Assembly



# What is the appeal of CLT?

Sustainability

• Embodied Carbon

Performance

Construction Efficiency

#### **Reduced Embodied Carbon**

Volume of wood used	950 m <sup>3</sup>
Carbon sequestered and stored (CO <sub>2</sub> e)	760 metric tons
Avoided greenhouse gases (CO <sub>2</sub> e)	320 metric tons
Total potential carbon benefit (CO <sub>2</sub> e)	1,080 metric tons

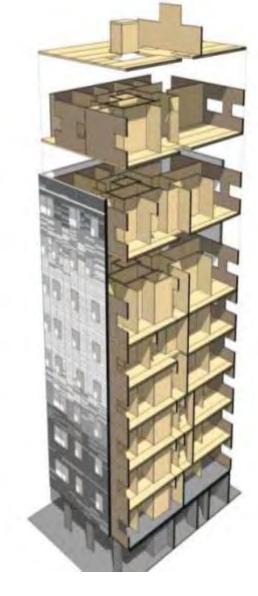
Carbon savings from the choice of wood in this one building are equivalent to:



1,615 passenger vehicles off the road for a year



Enough energy to operate a home for 803 years



Stadhaus, London, UK

Architect: Waugh Thistleton Architects
Photo credit: Waugh Thistleton Architects





4 STORIES MASS TIMBER OVER 2 STORIES CONCRETE
52,000 SF
NET ZERO
LIVING BUILDING CHALLENGE CERTIFIED
TYPE IV CONSTRUCTION
250 YR DESIGN LIFE
COMPLETED 2013

# **BULLITT CENTER**

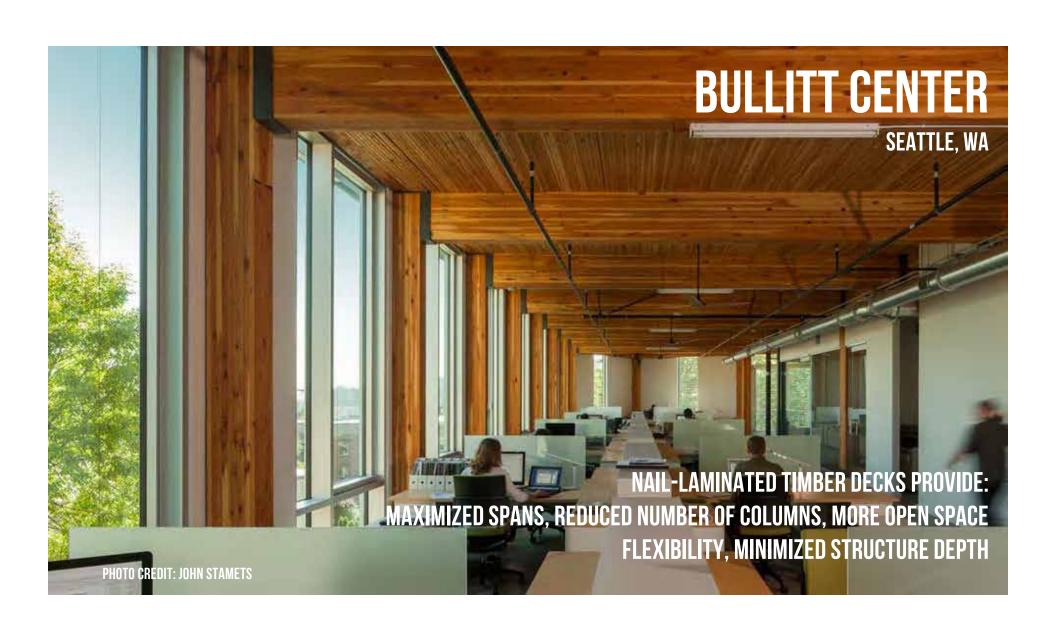
**SEATTLE, WA** 



#### **250 YEAR STRUCTURE**

HEAVY TIMBER, CONCRETE & STEEL

PHOTO CREDIT: MILLER HULL PARTNERSHIP



## What is the appeal of CLT?

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Performance

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# **Minimal Waste**







## Why are designers drawn to CLT?

Sustainability

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Performance

Construction Efficiency

#### $\rightarrow$

# **Energy Efficient**



Table 2

Thermal resistance of typical softwood at various thicknesses and 12% moisture content

Thickness	1 in. (25 mm)	4 in. (100 mm)	6 in. (150 mm)	8 in. (200 mm)
R-value (h·ft.²-°F-Btu-1)	1.25	5.00	7.50	10.00
RSI (m <sup>2</sup> ·K·W <sup>-1</sup> )	0.22	0.88	1.30	1.80

CLT has an R-value of approximately 1.25 per inch of thickness.

Source: US CLT Handbook

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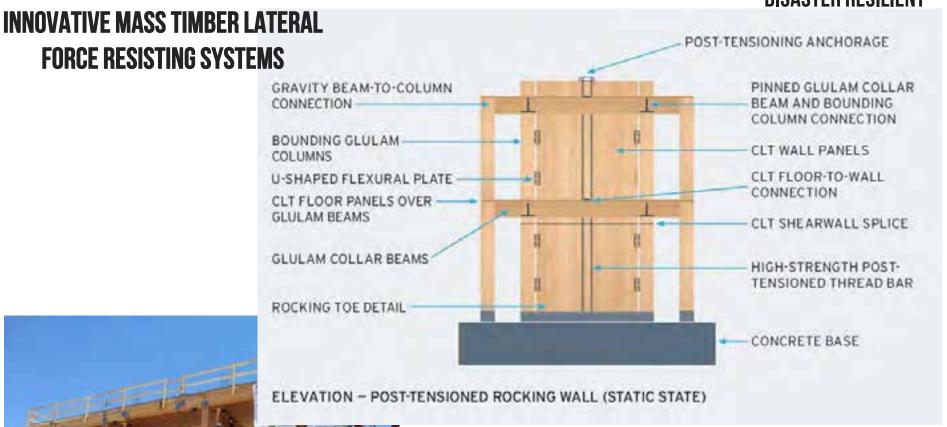
Performance

Disaster Resilient

Construction Efficiency

## MASS TIMBER APPEAL

**DISASTER RESILIENT** 





**SOURCE: KPFF** 

MASS TIMBER SHAKE TABLE TEST AT UCSD



# **CANDLEWOOD SUITES**



IMAGE CREDIT: IHG® Army Hotels, Lendlease

# **CANDLEWOOD SUITES**

REDSTONE ARSENAL, AL





- 62,600 SF, 4 STORY HOTEL, 92 PRIVATE ROOMS
- CLT UTILIZED FOR WALLS, ROOF PANELS, AND FLOOR PANELS
- 1,557 CLT PANELS; TYPICAL FLOOR PANEL IS 8'X50' & WEIGHS 8,000 LBS
- COMPLETED LATE 2015

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**REDSTONE ARSENAL, AL** 



**IMAGE CREDIT: LEND LEASE & SCHAEFER** 

## What is the appeal of CLT?

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Performance

- Disaster Resilient
- Fire Resistant

Construction Efficiency

#### **Fire Test Results**

- ASTM E119 Fire Endurance Test
  - 5-Ply CLT (6-7/8" thick)
  - 5/8" Type X GWB each side
  - 2 hour target
  - Actual 3 hours 6 minutes

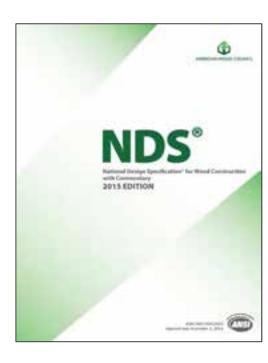
 2015 NDS Chapter 16 includes char rates for CLT to achieve up to 2 hour fire rating



#### **Highly Successful CLT Fire Test**

As part of a project to produce a U.S. design manual for cross-laminated timber (CLT), AWC conducted a very successful ASTM E119 fire endurance test on a CLT wall at NGC Testing Services in Buffalo, NY. The wall, consisting of a 5-ply CLT (approximately 7-inches thick), was covered on each side with a single layer of 5/8" Type X gypsum wallboard. The wall was loaded to the maximum attainable by the test equipment, although it remained significantly below the full design strength of the CLT specimen. It was then exposed to a standard fire that reaches over 1800 degrees. Fahrenheit in the first 90 minutes of exposure. While only seeking a 2hour rating, as required by the targeted building code provisions, the test specimen lasted 3 hours 6 minutes. This may open up additional possibilities in a few specialized locations where a 3-hour fire resistance rating might be required. The test culminated nearly a month of intense planning and cooperation by the North American wood products industry to get the test run in advance of the recent ICC hearings where an AWC proposed code change to specifically recognize CLT was approved.





#### CLT is Defined – 2015 IBC

#### SECTION 202 DEFINITIONS

CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER. A prefabricated engineered wood product consisting of at least three layers of solid-sawn lumber or structural composite lumber where the adjacent layers are cross-oriented and bonded with structural adhesive to form a solid wood element.

Add new text as follows:

2303.1.4 Structural glued cross-laminated timber. Cross-laminated timbers shall be manufactured and identified as required in ANSI/APA PRG 320-2011.

Add new standard to Chapter 35 as follows:

ANSI

ANSI/APA PRG 320-2011 Standard for Performance-Rated Cross-Laminated Timber

#### COMPARATIVE STRENGTH LOSS OF WOOD VERSUS STEEL 100 90 25% loss @ WOOD 80 30 minutes 70 -50% loss 1020°F STEEL 30 90% loss @ 30 minutes 20 1380°F 10 10 20 30 TIME (MINUTES) Results from test sponsored by National Forest Products Association at the Southwest Research Institute **SOURCE: AITC**

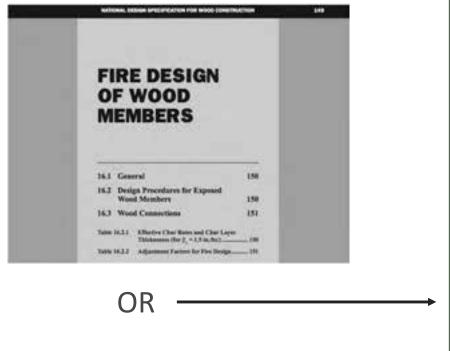
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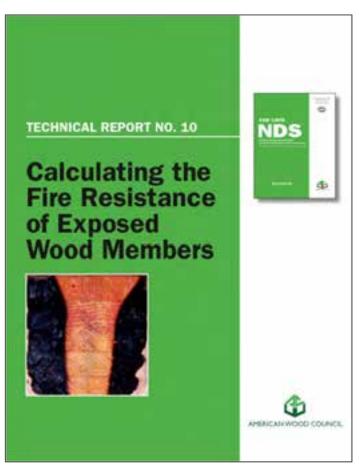
FIRE RESISTANCE



# Achieving One Hour Equivalency for Protected Construction

NDS Chapter 16
Fire Design of Wood Members





TR 10

Available from AWC website

## **CONSTRUCTION TYPES**

**IBC 602** 

#### **ALL WOOD FRAMED BUILDING OPTIONS:**

#### **TYPE III**

EXTERIOR WALLS NON-COMBUSTIBLE (MAY BE FRTW)
INTERIOR ELEMENTS ANY ALLOWED BY CODE, INCLUDING MASS TIMBER

#### TYPE V

ALL BUILDING ELEMENTS ARE ANY ALLOWED BY CODE, INCLUDING MASS TIMBER

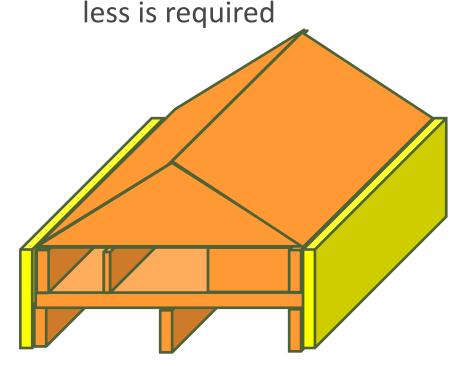
TYPES III AND V ARE SUBDIVIDED TO A (PROTECTED) AND B (UNPROTECTED)

#### **TYPE IV (HEAVY TIMBER)**

EXTERIOR WALLS NON-COMBUSTIBLE (MAY BE FRTW OR CLT)
INTERIOR ELEMENTS QUALIFY AS HEAVY TIMBER (MIN. SIZES, NO CONCEALED SPACES)

### **Type IV Construction – IBC 602.4**

Exterior walls are of noncombustible materials and interior building elements are of solid or laminated wood without concealed spaces. FRT wood or Cross Laminated Timber\*-2015IBC is permitted in exterior walls, where 2hr fire rating or



\*Exterior surface of CLT is protected by FRT sheathing, ½" gypsum, or other non-combustible materials

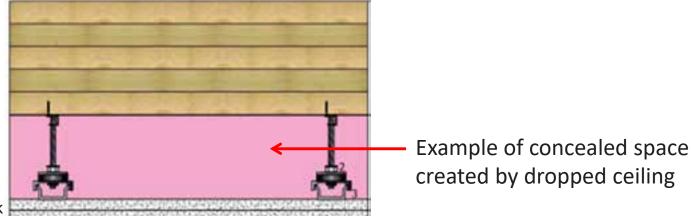
- Non combustible Exterior walls
- Interior walls-solid without concealed spaces
- Fire Retardant Treated exterior walls or Cross laminated Timber (CLT)-2015 IBC are allowed if fire rating is 2hr or less
- Heavy Timber

### **Concealed Space Limitations on HT**

## Type IV Construction requires that interior elements be without concealed spaces:

 Concealed spaces include dropped ceilings, attics, chases, others

Concealed space requirement does not apply to any other construction type. If using heavy timber elements in non type IV construction, concealed spaces are permitted but may be required to be sprinklered



Source: US CLT Handbook

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Construction Efficiency

#### **CLT Acoustics**

#### Sound Insulation of Bare CLT Floors and Walls

Number of layers	Thickness (in. )	Assembly type	STC	IIC
3	3-3/4 to 4-1/2	Wall	32-34	N.A.
5	5-1/3	Floor	39	23
5	5-3/4	Floor	39	24
Measured on field bare CLT wall and floor				
Number of layers	Thickness in.	Assembly type	FSTC	FIIC
3	4-1/8	Wall	28	N.A.
7	8-1/5	Floor	N.A	25-30

Source: US CLT Handbook

## MASS TIMBER DESIGN

**ACOUSTICS** 

## Common mass timber floor assembly:

- Finish floor (if applicable)
- Underlayment (if finish floor)
- 1.5" to 3" thick concrete/gypcrete topping
- Acoustical mat
- WSP (if applicable)
- Mass timber floor panels



Image credit: AcoustiTECH

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## 75% Lighter Weight Than Concrete



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#### **Reduced Construction Time**



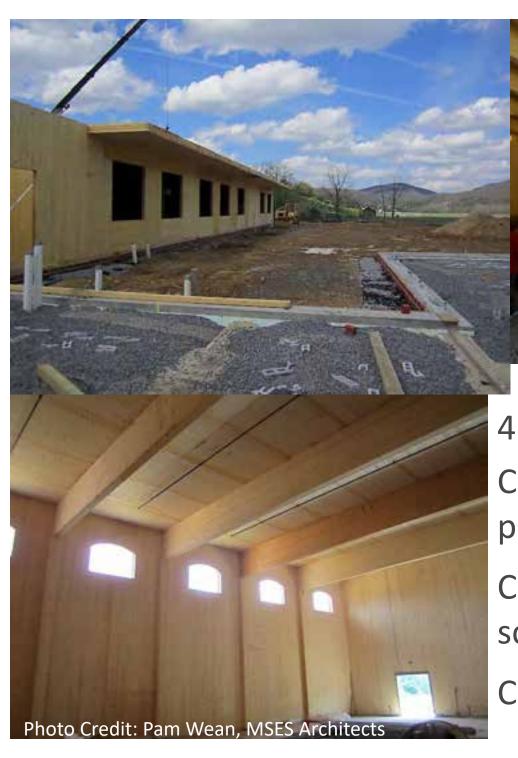
#### Murray Grove, London UK

- 8 stories of CLT over 1 story concrete podium
- 8 stories built in 27 days (~1/2 the time of precast concrete)

## Franklin Elementary School, Franklin, WV

- 45,200 ft<sup>2</sup> 2 story elementary school
- 8 weeks to construct







45,200 sf, 2 story school CLT utilized for walls, roof panels, and floor panels

CLT chosen for its construction schedule benefits

Completed January 2015

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- Reduced construction time
- Pre-fabricated and Precise

#### **CLT: A Prefabricated Material**



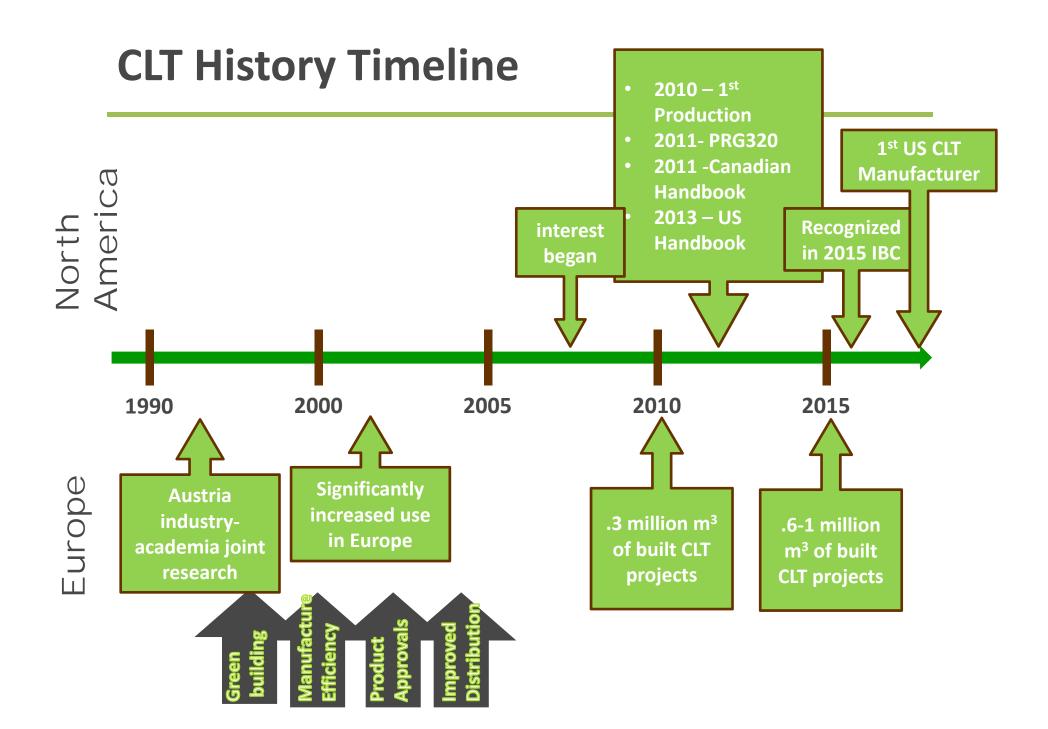
Custom engineered for material efficiency.

Custom designed for project.

 Each panel numbered, delivered & installed in predetermined sequence  Finished panels are planed, sanded, cut to size. Then openings are cut with precise CNC routers.

Third party inspection at factory.





## **Product Availability**

### **Outline**

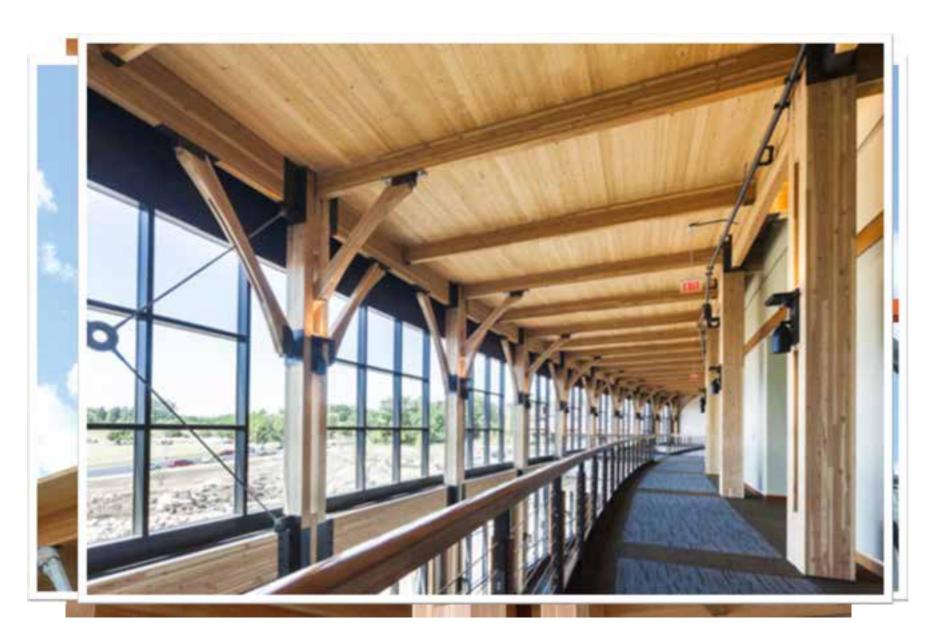
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## **Mass Timber Building Options**









Promega Feynman Center, The Crossroads, Madison, Wisconsin Photos: Aitor Sanchez/EwingCole

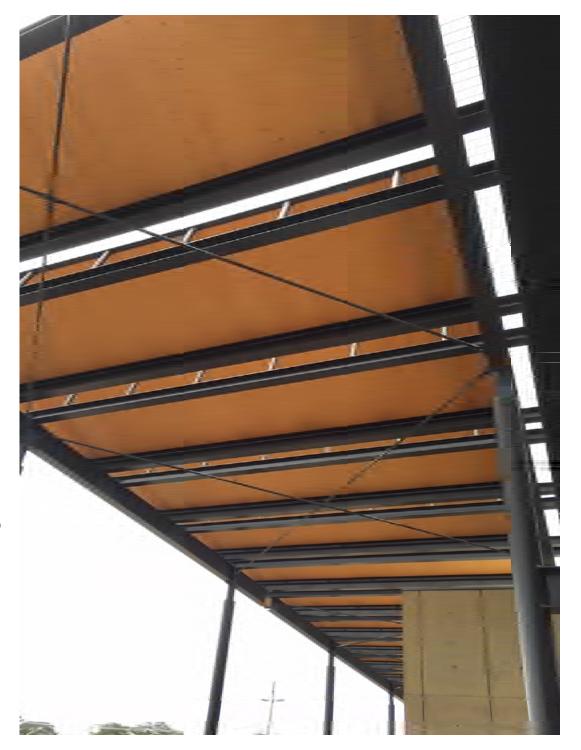
# New Stanford Heat Recovery Center Stanford, CA



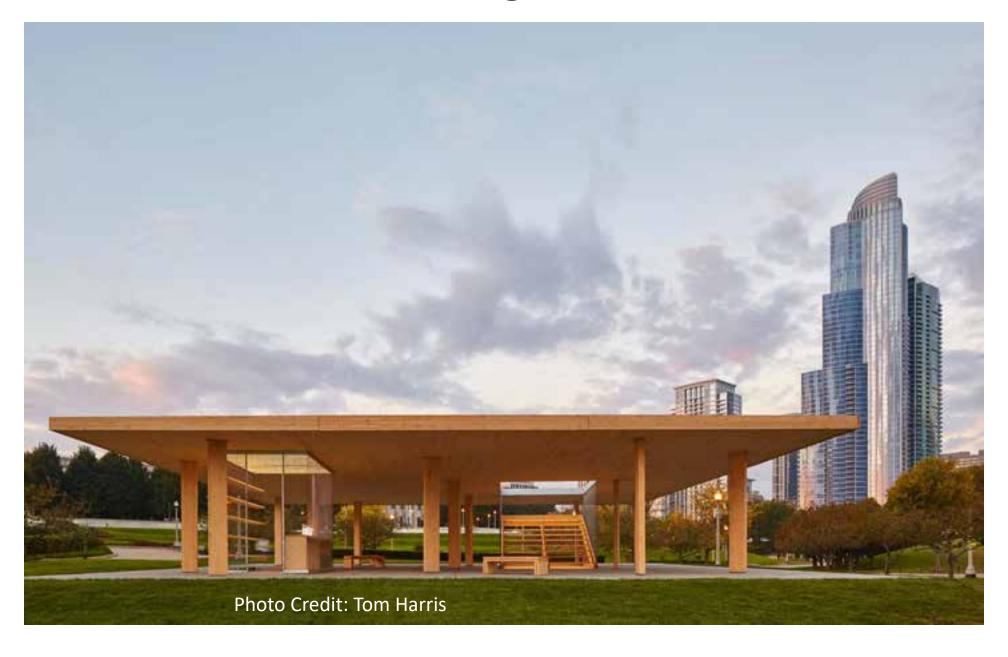
Stanford Heat Recovery Center Photo: Structurlam

CLT Roof Panels used over entrance/walkway

Part of 125,000 sf building that is expected to reduce campus carbon emissions by 50% and save an estimated \$300M over the next 35 years



# Chicago Horizon Pavilion Chicago, IL



#### 56' square kiosk

2 Layers of 3-ply, 4-1/8" CLT roof panels in opposite directions, each panel 8' x 56', creating 2 way spanning plate





Chicago Horizon Pavilion Photos: Tom Harris



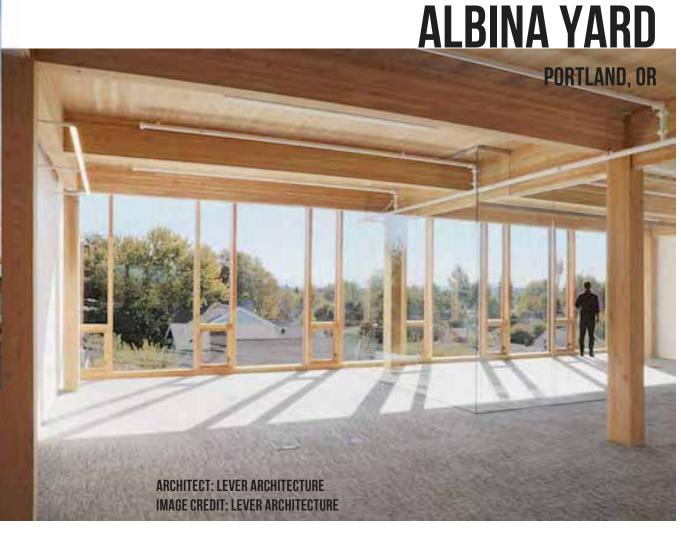
Chicago Horizon Pavilion Photos: Aaron Forrest

Total roof structure thickness 8-1/4"

Spans up to 30 feet between columns at points

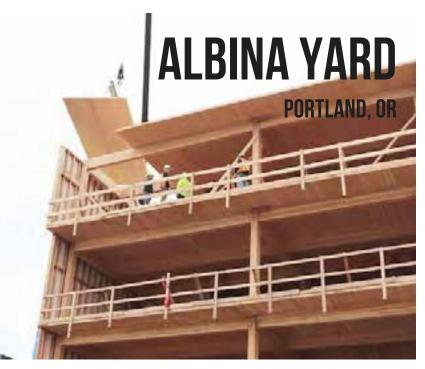


4 STORIES 16,000 SF GREEN ROOF



- 20'X20' GRID, 12' FLOOR TO FLOOR
- 3-PLY CLT FLOOR PANELS WITH ELECTRICAL CONDUIT POURED INTO 1" LIGHT WEIGH GYPSUM TOPPING
- WOOD SHEARWALL CORE WITH OPEN FRONT DESIGN FOR GLAZING WALL

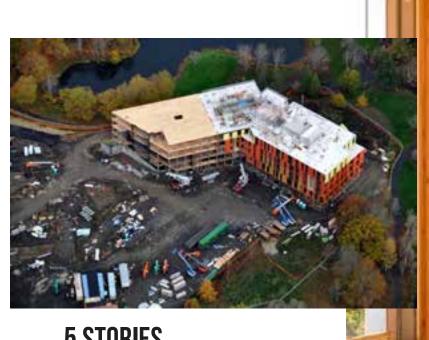




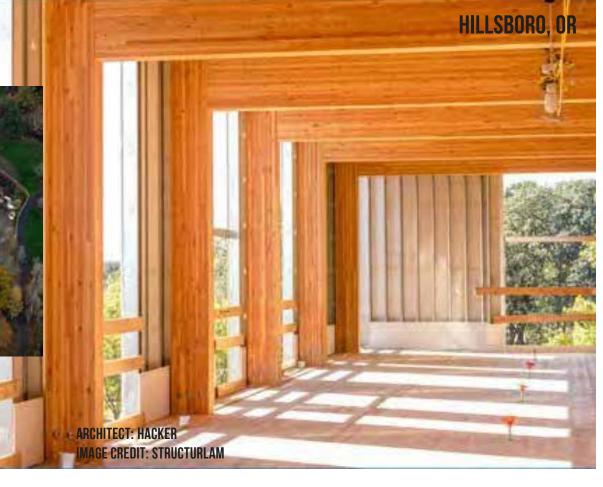
CLT PANELS FOR AN ENTIRE FLOOR INSTALLED IN LESS THAN 4 HOURS

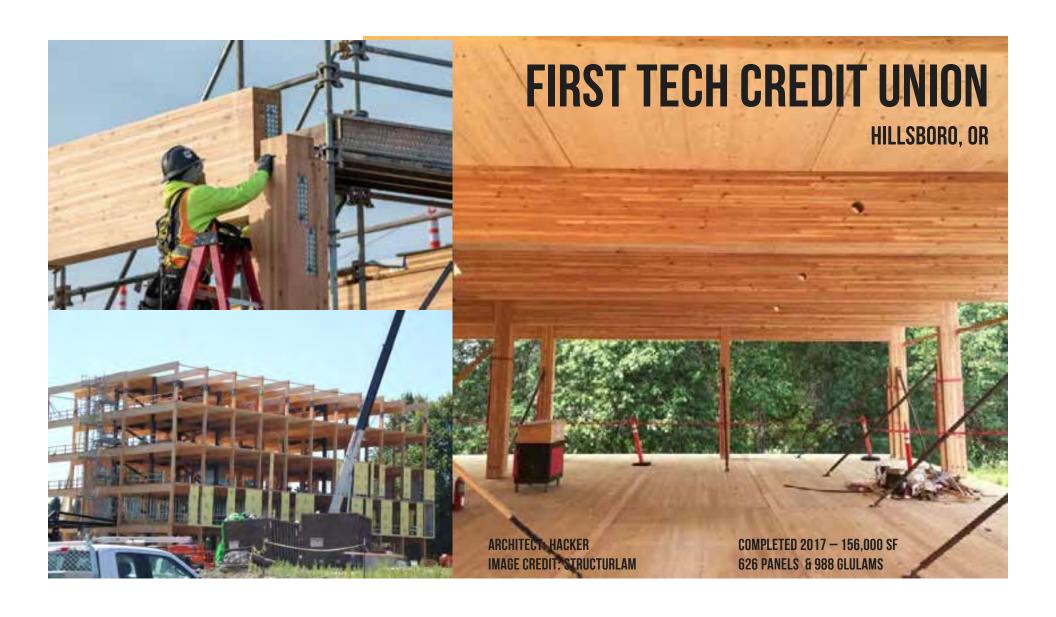
**SOURCE: LEVER ARCHITECTURE**<sup>1</sup>

FIRST TECH CREDIT UNION



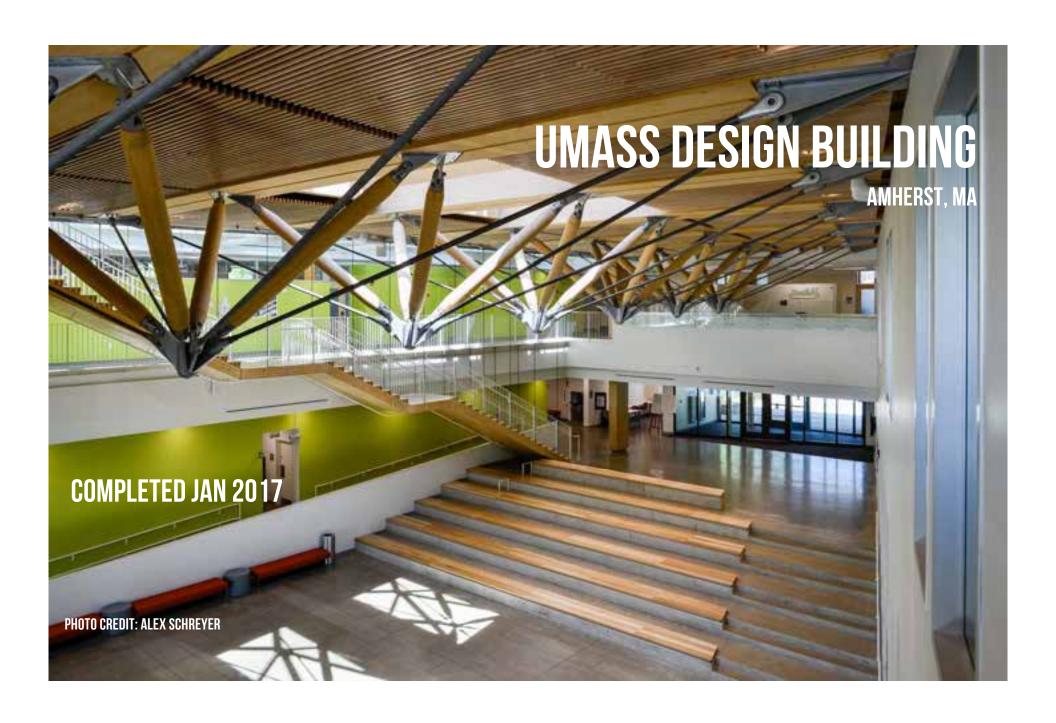
5 STORIES 156,000 SF

























- Completed in 2012
- 10 stories
- ~ 105 ft. tall, > 18.6 K sqft.
- 3 million in R&D
- Poor soils required a much lighter building

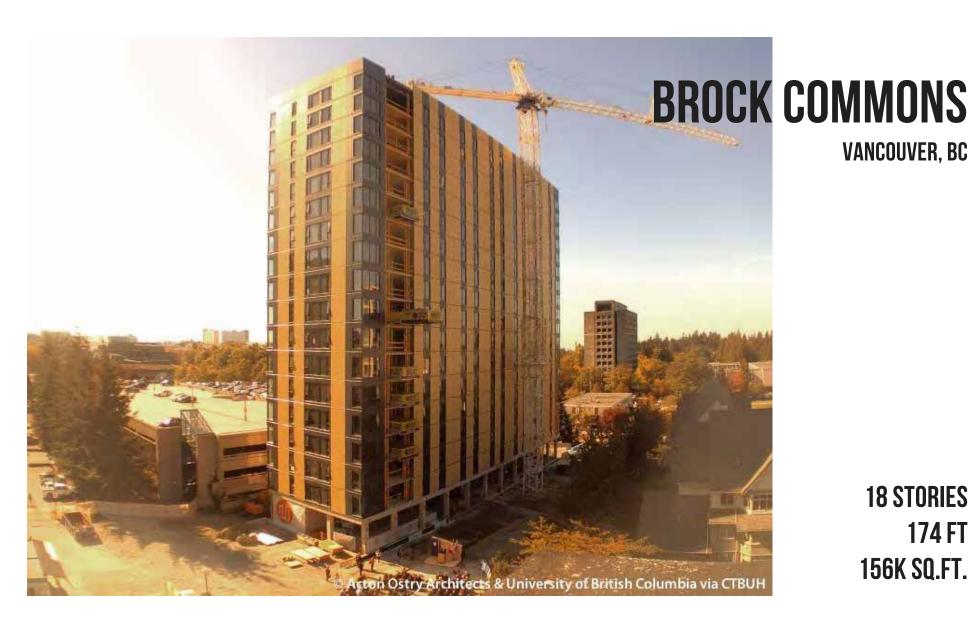
Forte', Victoria Harbor, Melbourne, Australia

Architect: Lend Lease



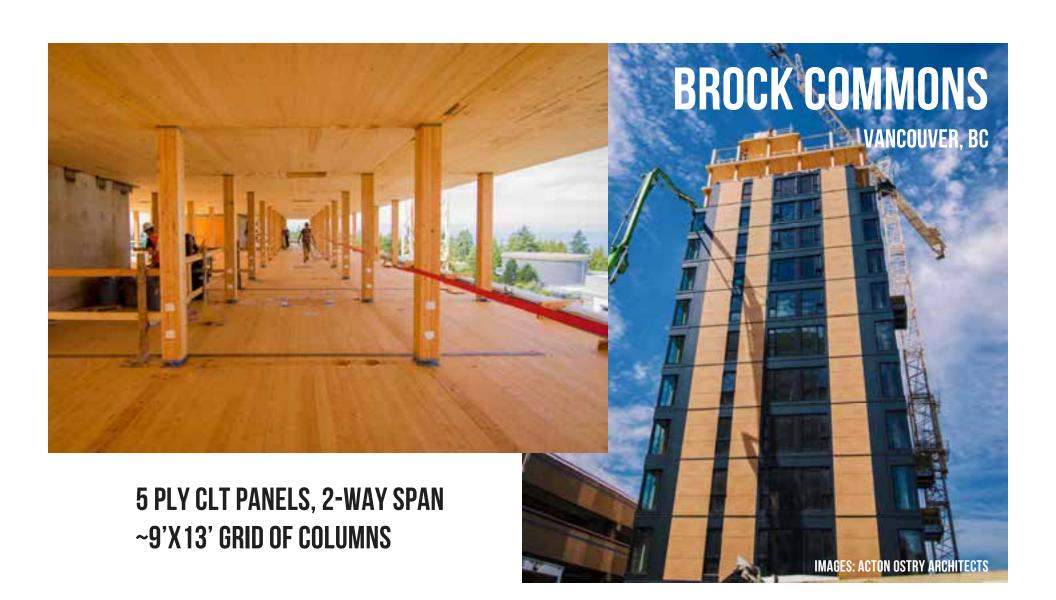
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**VANCOUVER, BC** 

**18 STORIES** 174 FT 156K SQ.FT.







# **BROCK COMMONS**

VANCOUVER, BC



## **CLT** as an alternate to Concrete/Masonry







### U.S. BUILDING CODES

### Tall Wood Ad Hoc Committee

Balanced Committee: 2016-2018

Development of code change proposals for prescriptive code allowances of tall wood buildings.



Mass Timber Fire Testing at ATF Lab



Mass Timber Shake Table Test at UCSD





IBC 2021

S24,000 SF
ALLOWABLE BUILDING AREA
S4,000 SF
AVERAGE AREA PER STORY

E STOREN MAXIMUM PER PANCIONAL PROPERTY

TYPE IV- HT

IBC 2015

BUSINESS OCCUPANCY [GROUP B]

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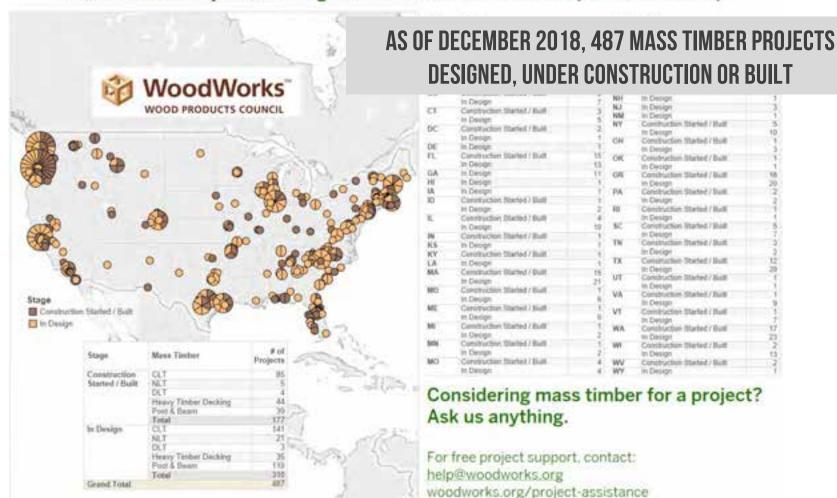
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#### Mass Timber Projects In Design and Constructed in the US (December 2018)



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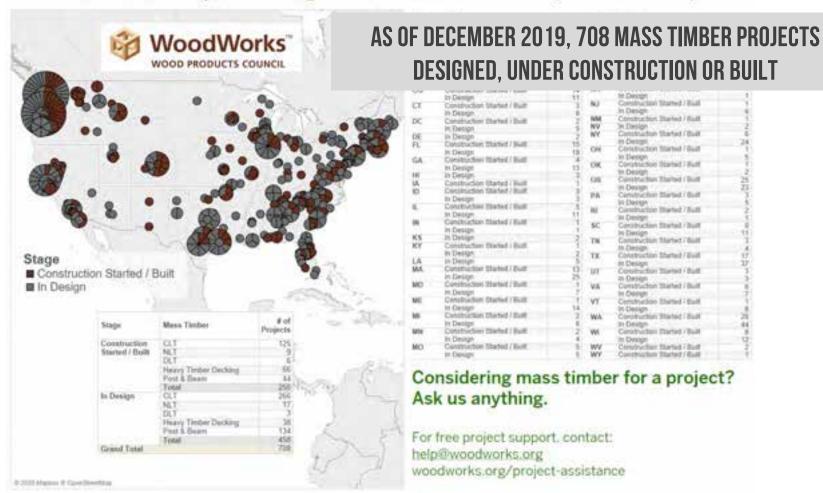


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Considering mass timber for a project? Ask us anything.

For free project support, contact: help@woodworks.org woodworks.org/project-assistance

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# Questions?

This concludes The American Institute of Architects Continuing Education Systems Course

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