# **UMass** Design Building

A Firsthand Account from Design through Owner Occupancy

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# A Firsthand Account from Design through Owner Occupancy

#### **Course Description**

Completed in early 2017, the Design Building at the University of Massachusetts Amherst is the first of its kind in the U.S. At four stories and 87,500 sf, this mass timber project features a glued-laminated (glulam) timber column-and-beam frame, mass timber lateral forceresisting system, hybrid cross-laminated timber (CLT)/concrete floor system, and unconventional cantilevered forms.

This presentation will highlight two aspects of the project: the design process will be discussed by the principal architect and the construction and occupancy phases will be reviewed by an associate professor who was close to the process and now works in the building. From code approval through occupancy, this session will address the process and collaboration required to see this groundbreaking structure to fruition in a steel-dominated construction industry.

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Learning Objectives

• Explore the design team's approach to material and construction selection for a mass timber building in lieu of traditional steel systems.

• Review the code approvals and procurement steps taken to achieve compliance for and construction of a first-of-its-kind mass timber building.

• Highlight innovative structural solutions such as composite CLT floor systems, researched at the University and implemented by the design team.

 Demonstrate the benefits realized by tenants of a mass timber building including aesthetics and occupant comfort.

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#### AGENDA/ OUTLINE

Introduction

Background, Context, & Design Concept

#### **Design Process**

- Structure & Architecture
- Central Commons
- Assuring the Client: Budget, Procurement & Code

#### Construction

- Mass Timber compared to Steel Construction
- Post&Beam Construction, Composite Floors, Shaft Walls, & Bracing
- Zipper Truss Mid-air Assembly

Occupancy Phase and Benefits of Mass Timber

- User Experience and Intangibles of Wood and Architecture
- Forestry & Sustainability Benefits

Project Background & Design Concept

## **Regional Context**

View of campus at upper left, from Connecticut River

maker in March

## **Aerial View of Campus**

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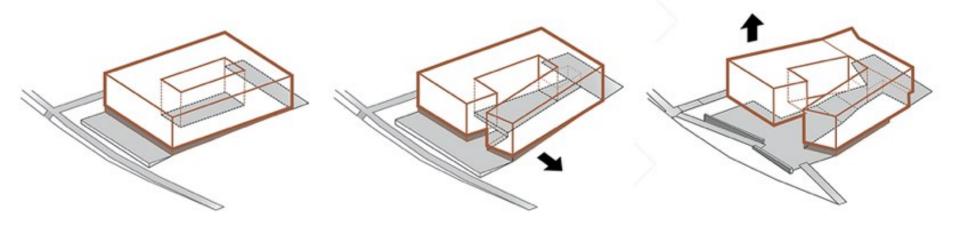
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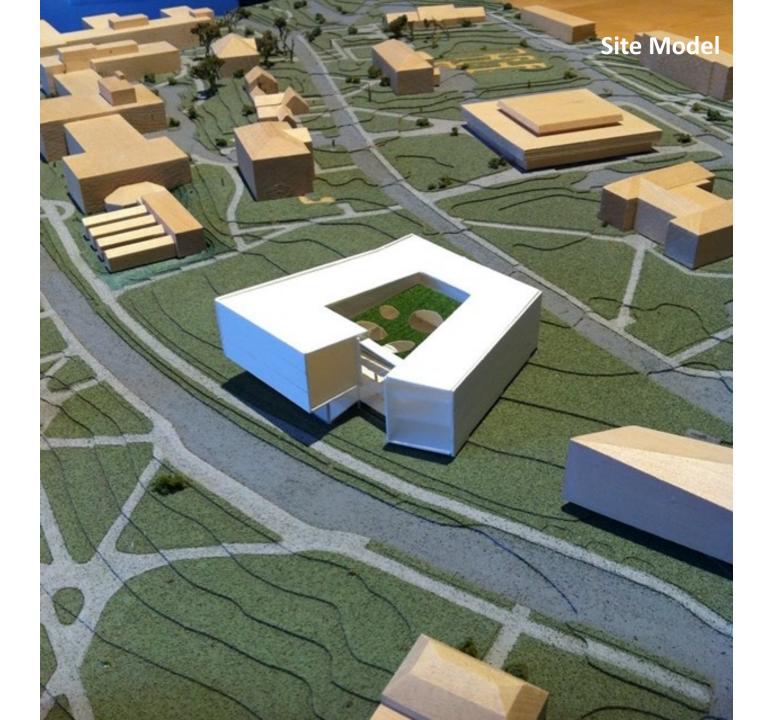
#### **Campus Circulation**



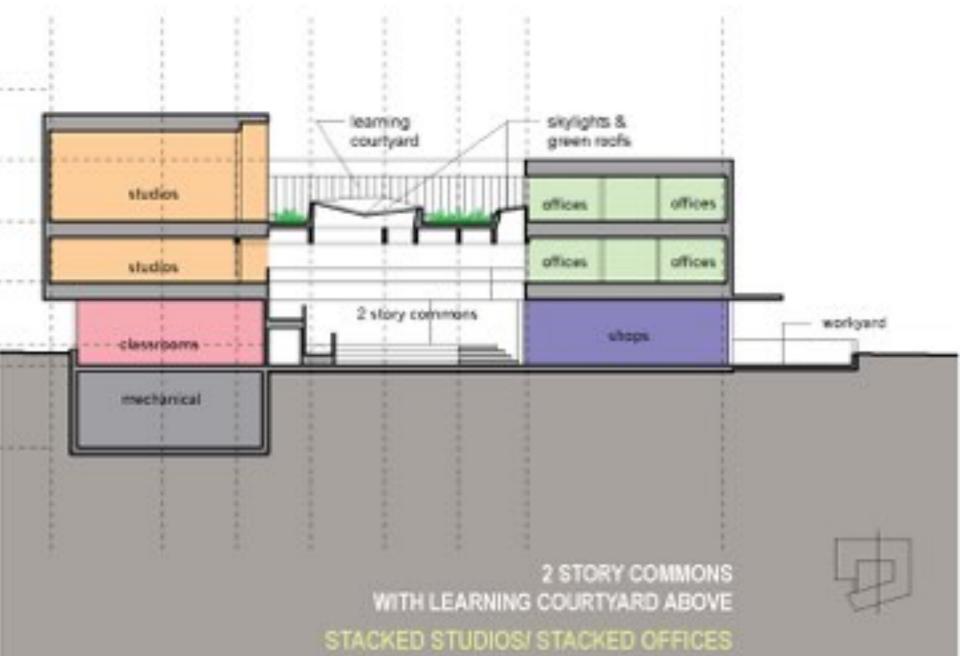


## **Building Concept Diagram**





#### **Program Organization**

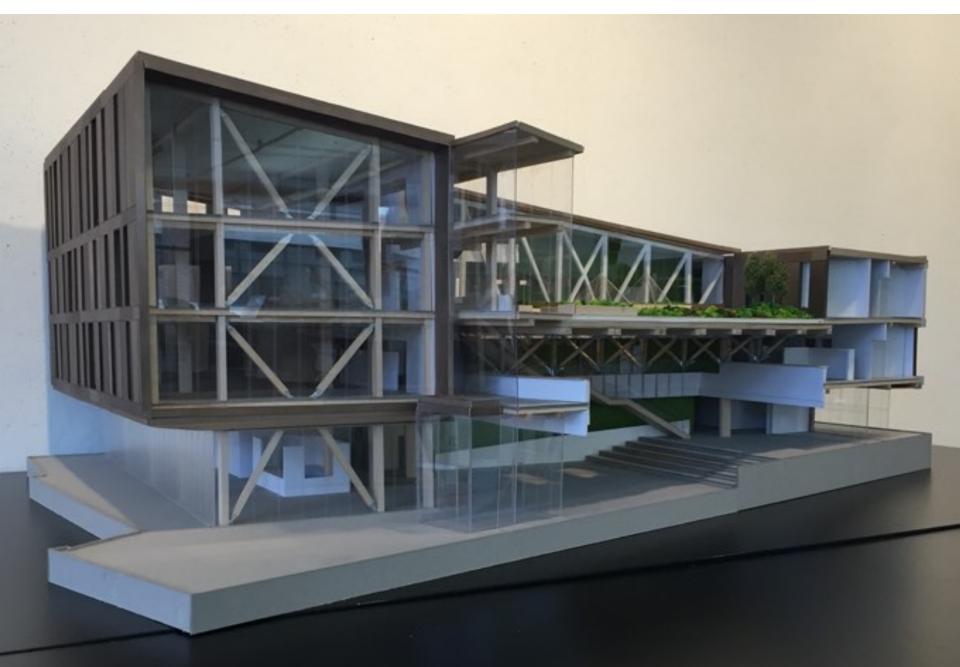


#### Section Through Commons and Learning Courtyard



Section Perspective

#### **Cutaway Model**



#### **Central Commons**



## Learning Courtyard



## **Regional Context**



#### **View from Campus Core**

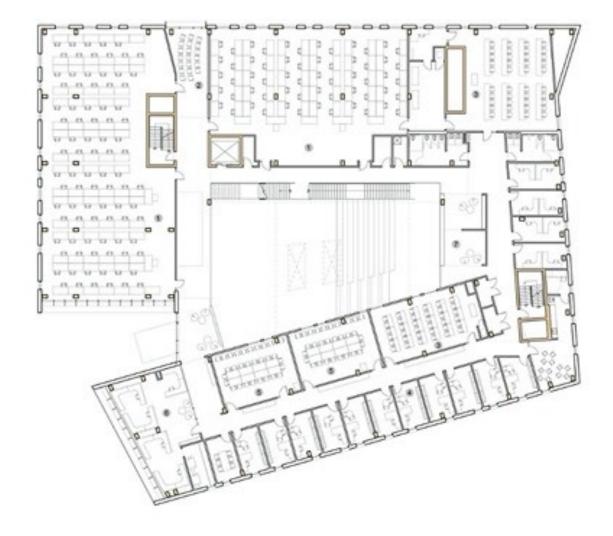


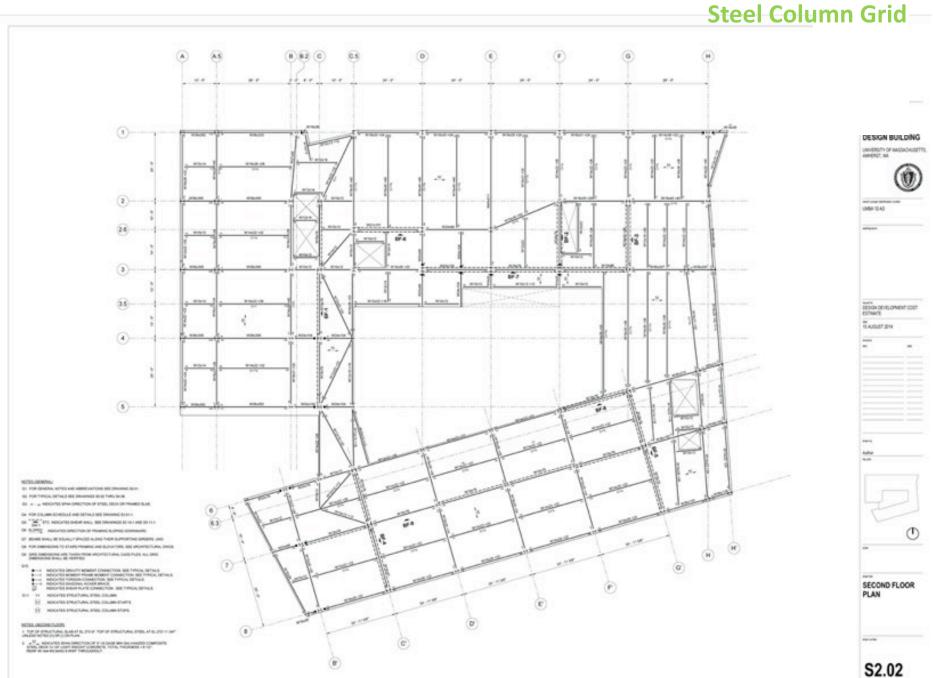
## View from Historic Stockbridge Way



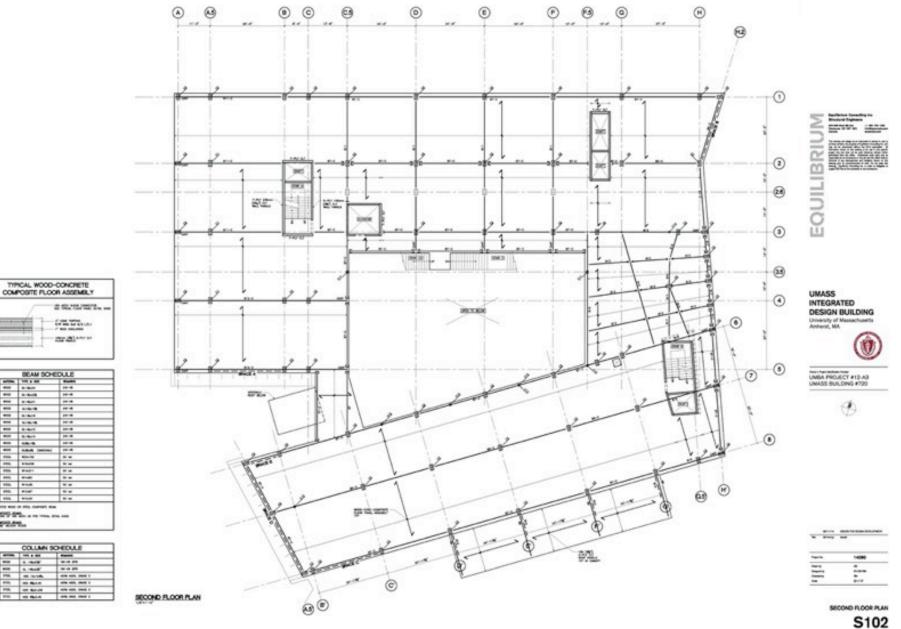
# View from North Approach

**Design Process** 



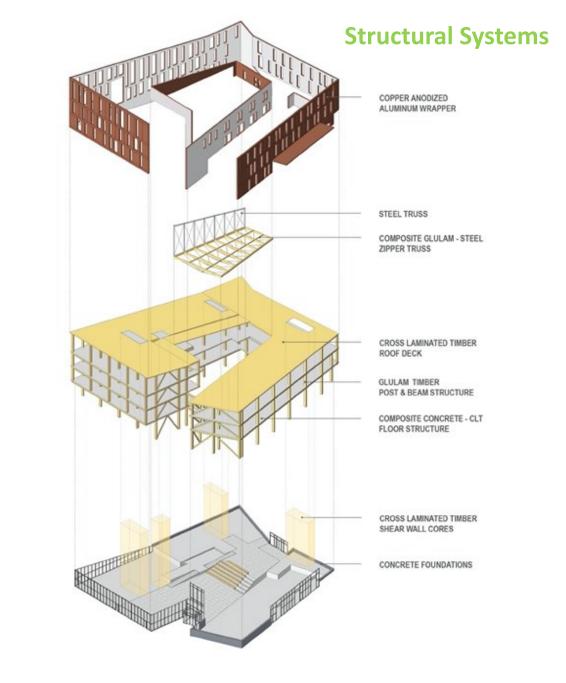


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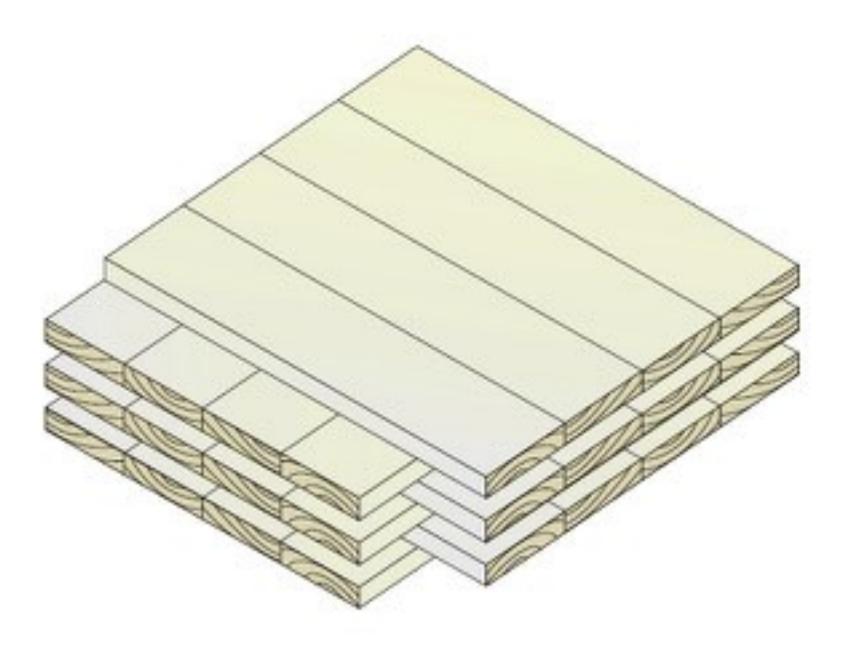


#### Glue Laminated (Glu-lam) Beams, Columns, and Diagonal Bracing

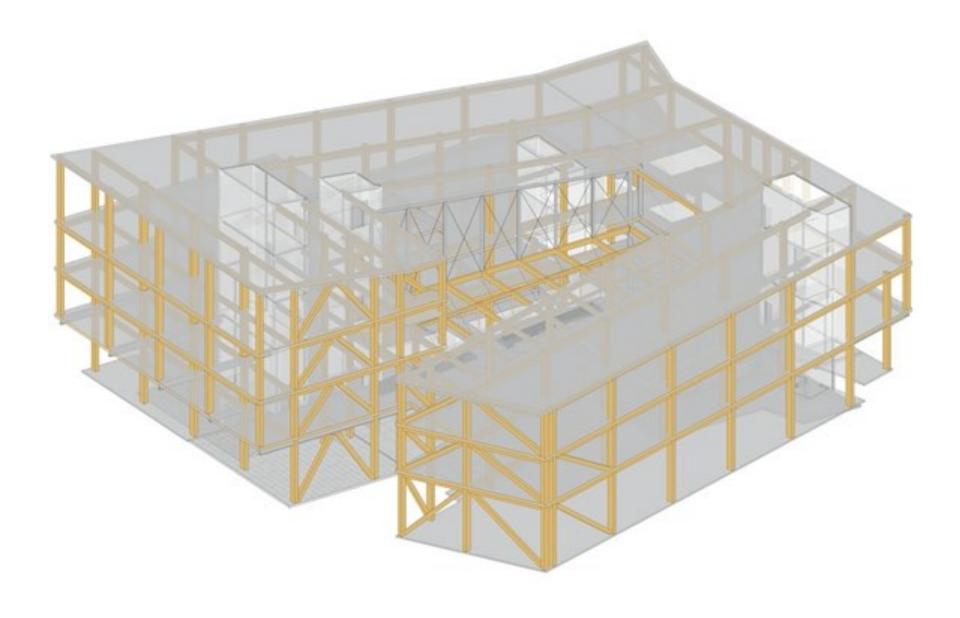


**Cross Laminated Timber (CLT)** Teleor Panels and Shear Walls

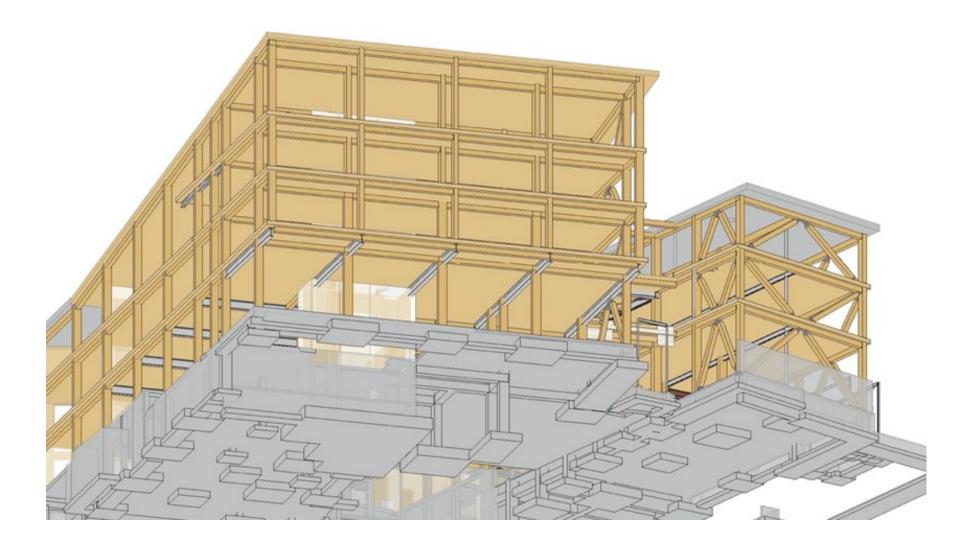




#### Post and Beam Structural Framework



#### **Structural Framework**



**Revit Model** 

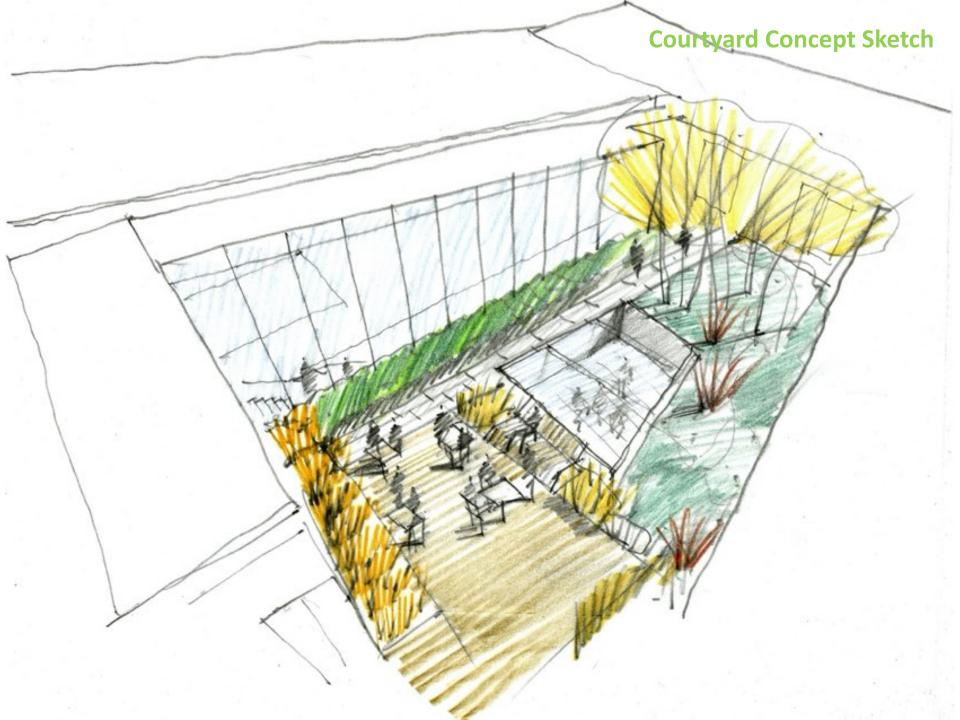


# **Central Commons and Courtyard Design**

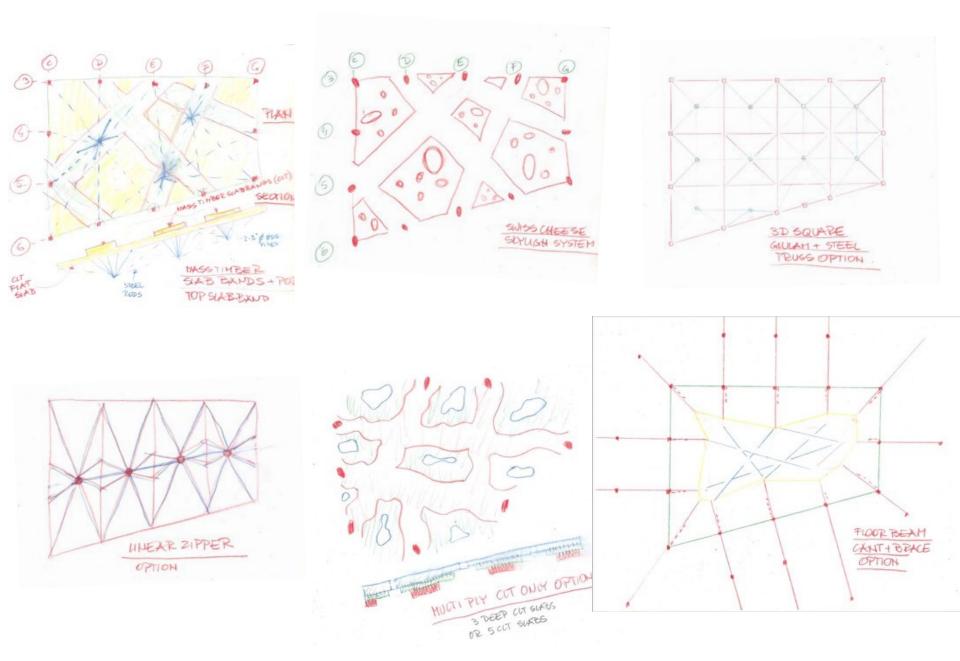
**Structural Challenges:** 

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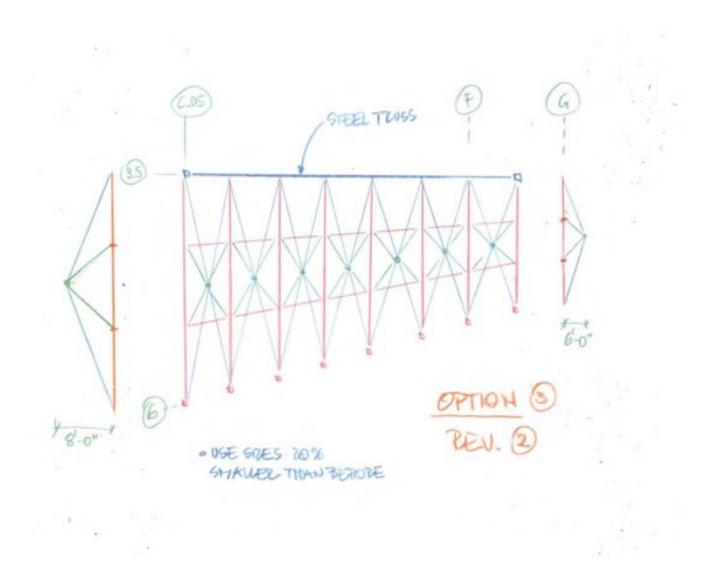
- Longest span with heavy loading above
- Minimize structural depth
- Wet garden on a wood structure



#### **Central Space Structural Concepts**

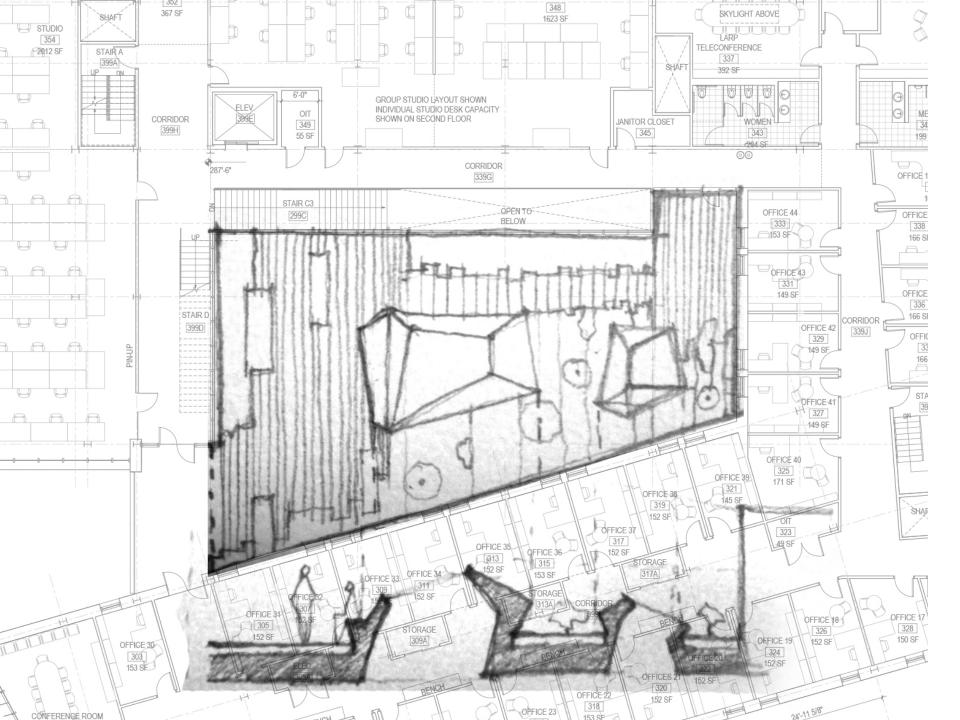


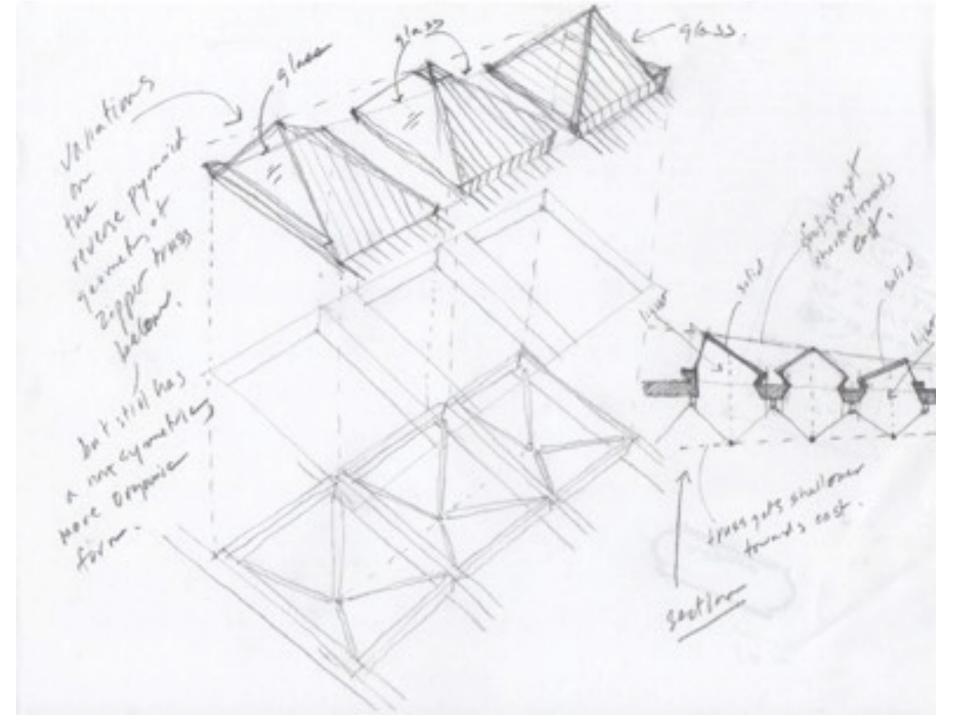
#### **Zipper Truss Final Concept**



## Zipper Truss Model

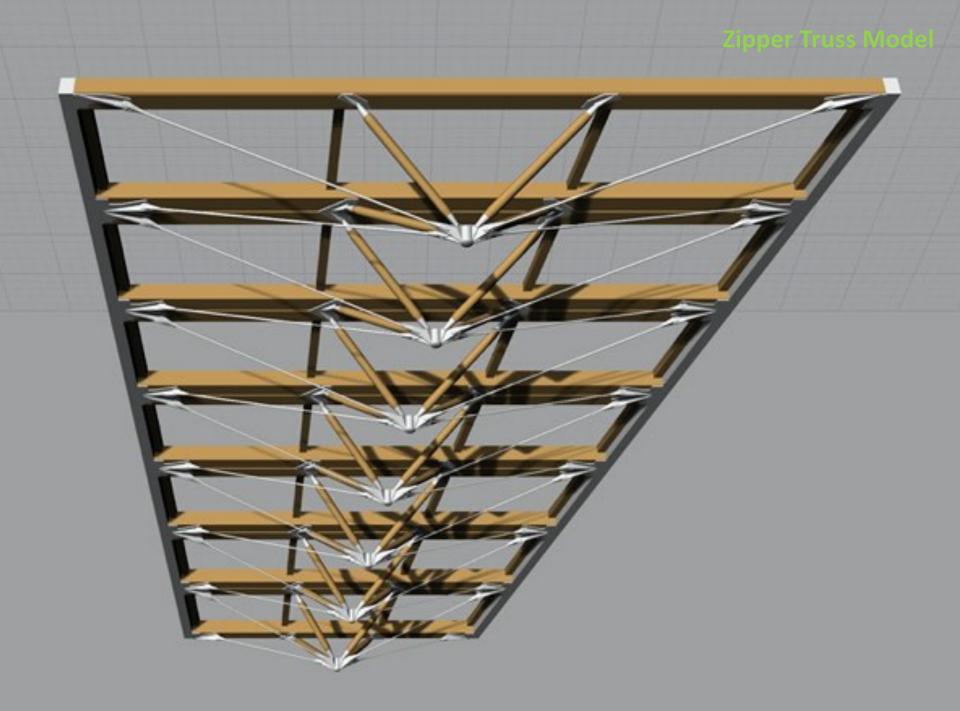




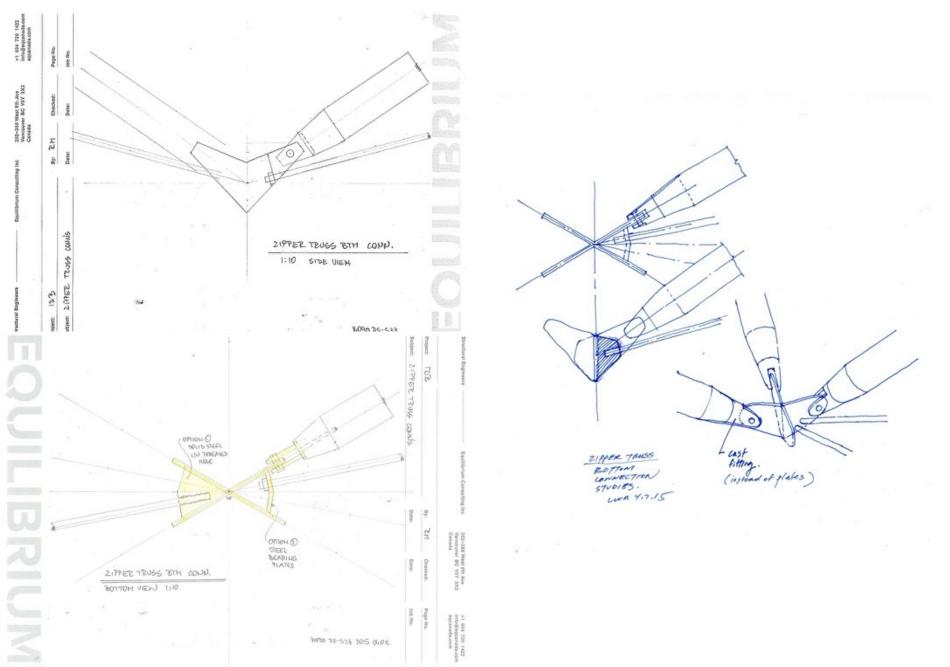


### **Courtyard Model Views**

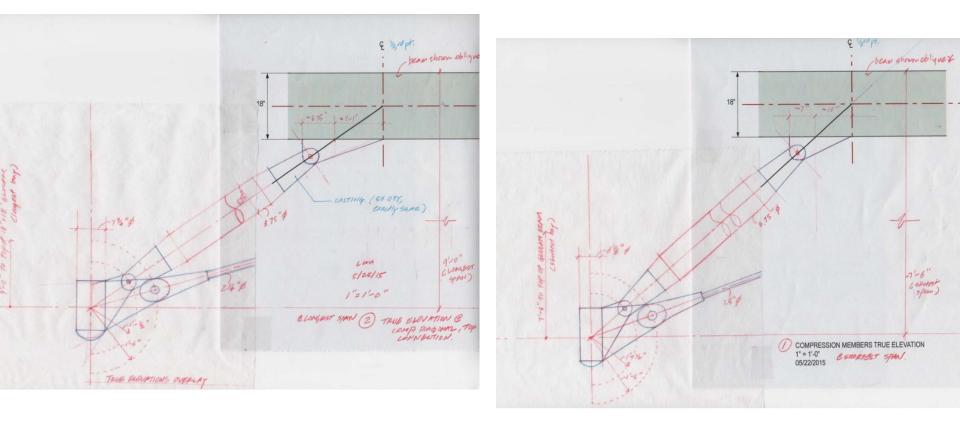




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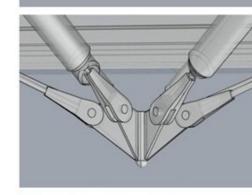


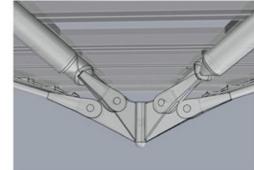
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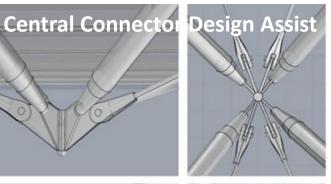
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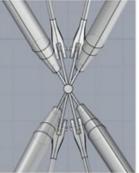
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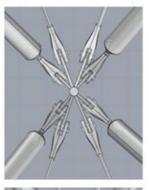
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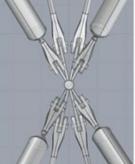




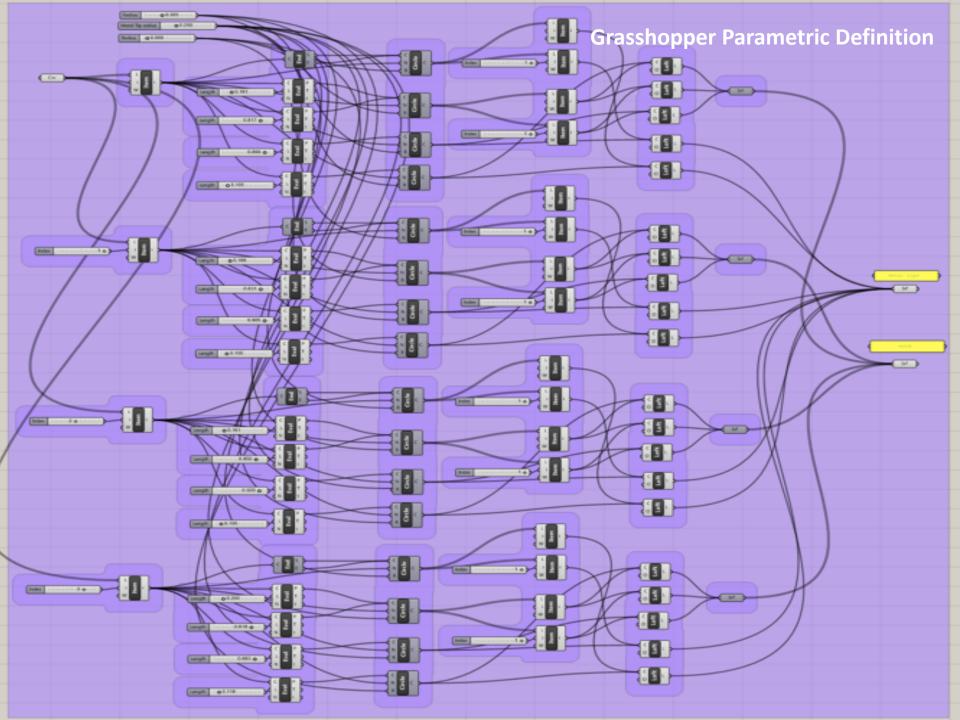




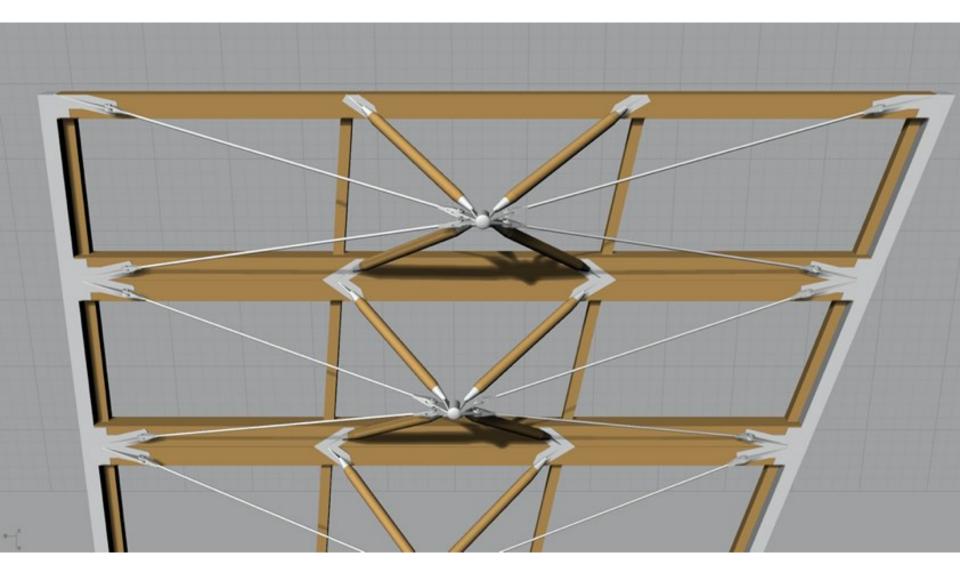




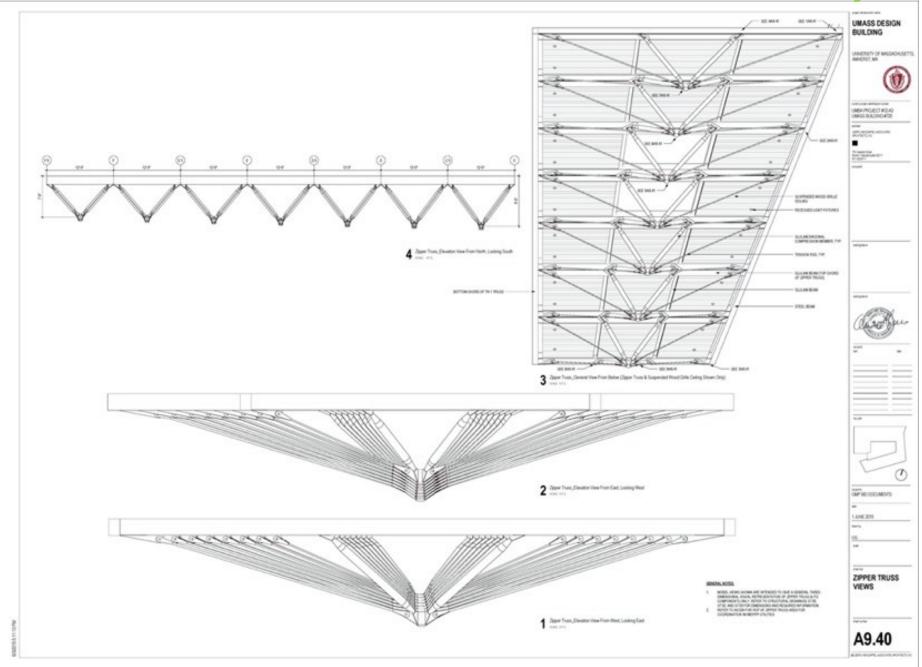
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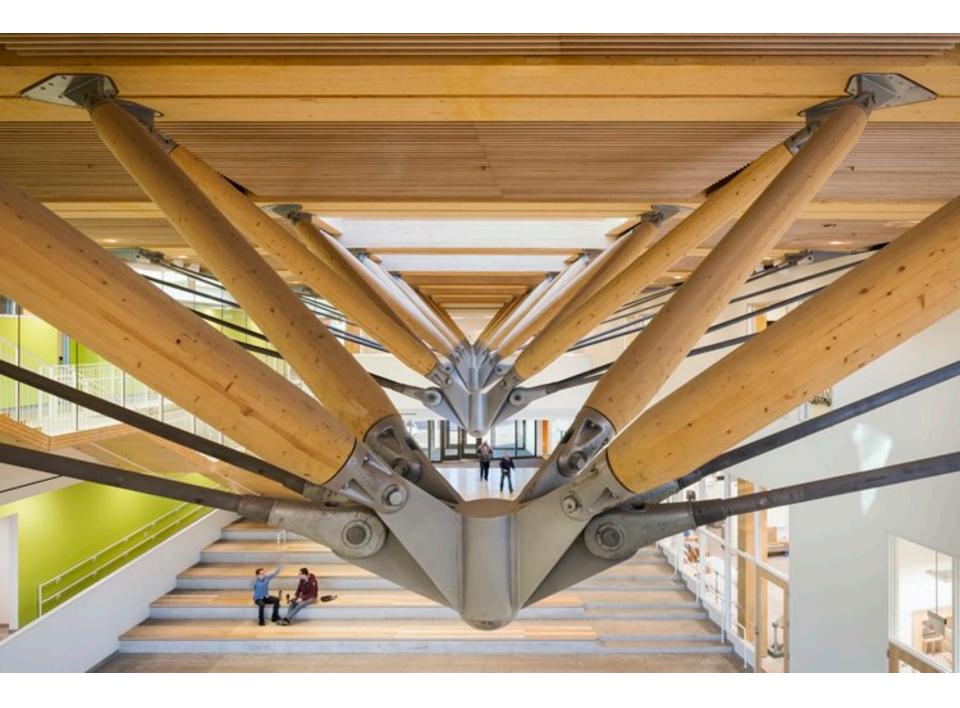


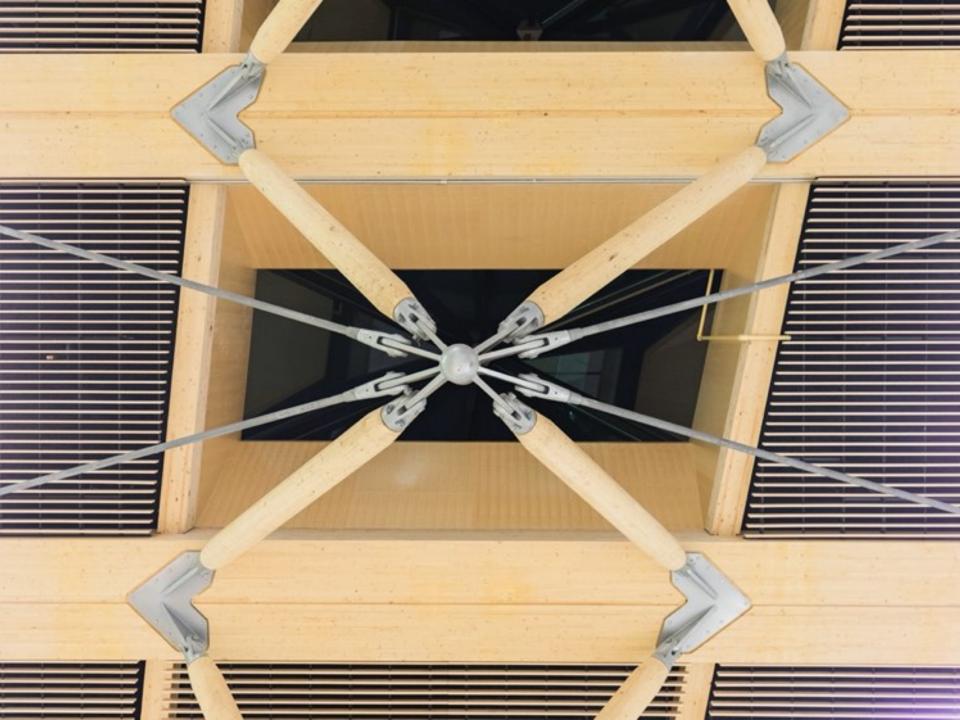
### **Rhino Model Detail**



#### **Profile and Layout**



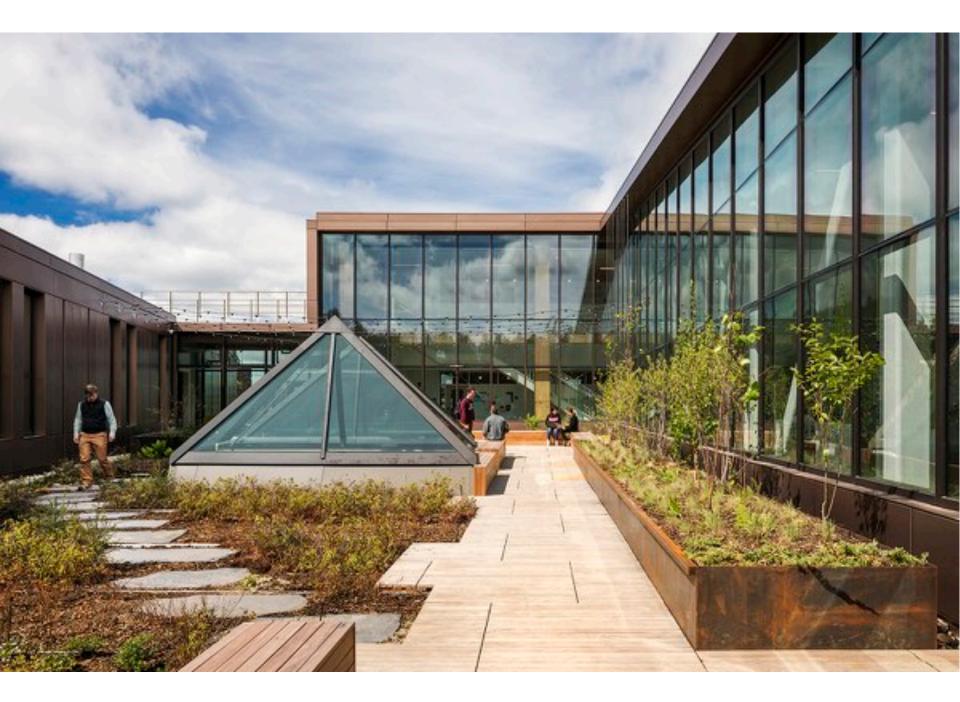












**Project Team** 

- Client: University of Massachusetts Building Authority
- User: University of Massachusetts, Amherst Architecture & Design, LARP, Building Construction & Technology
- Architectural / Structural Design Team: Architect: Leers Weinzapfel Associates Structural Design Engineer: Equilibrium Consulting SER: SGH
- AHJ: MA State Building Inspector MA Board of Appeals
- Construction Team: Construction Manager Timber Fabricator and Installer

## **Key Issues**

• Danger of "Over Estimating Contingency" by Construction Managers or Cost Estimators due to the "Unknown"

Importance of multiple Bidders

Coordination of Fabricator and Installer Team

### **Alternative Structural Systems**

# CLT roof/floor panels and shear walls

CLT floor panels and glulam beams with composite concrete







#### **Proposed Alternate Structural Systems**

Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) roof and floor decks and shear walls

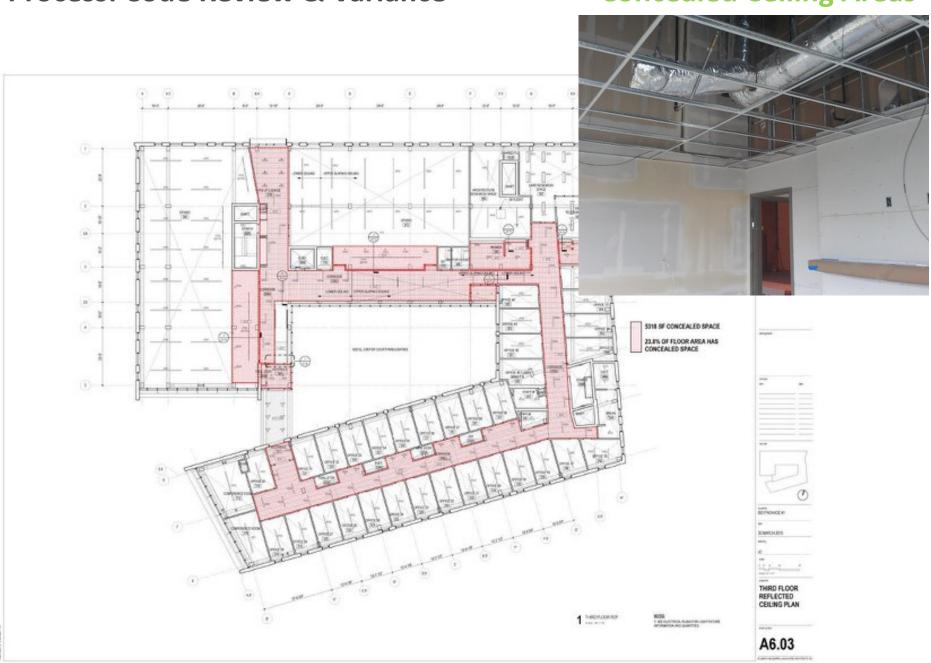
- 20 + years in Europe, recent projects in Canada similar to IDB
- Recognized in 2015 International Building Code and 2015 National Design Specification for Wood
- ANSI/APA PRG -320: current material fabrication requirements and stress grades
- CLT Handbook US Edition : Guidelines for CLT design and construction published by FPI, FPL and APA
- Connections between CLT panels similar to traditional wood frame construction
- Employing high strength, ductile HSK connections as shear wall anchors

#### CLT floor decks and glued laminated timber beams with composite concrete deck

- 20 + years in Europe, extensive research and testing in Germany with HBV connector system
- CLT units provide required strength, concrete decks only counted on for stiffness

#### **Alternative Structural Systems**





## **Concealed Ceiling Areas**

**CONSTRUCTION** 

# How is it Constructed?

# **Very Much like a Steel Building**

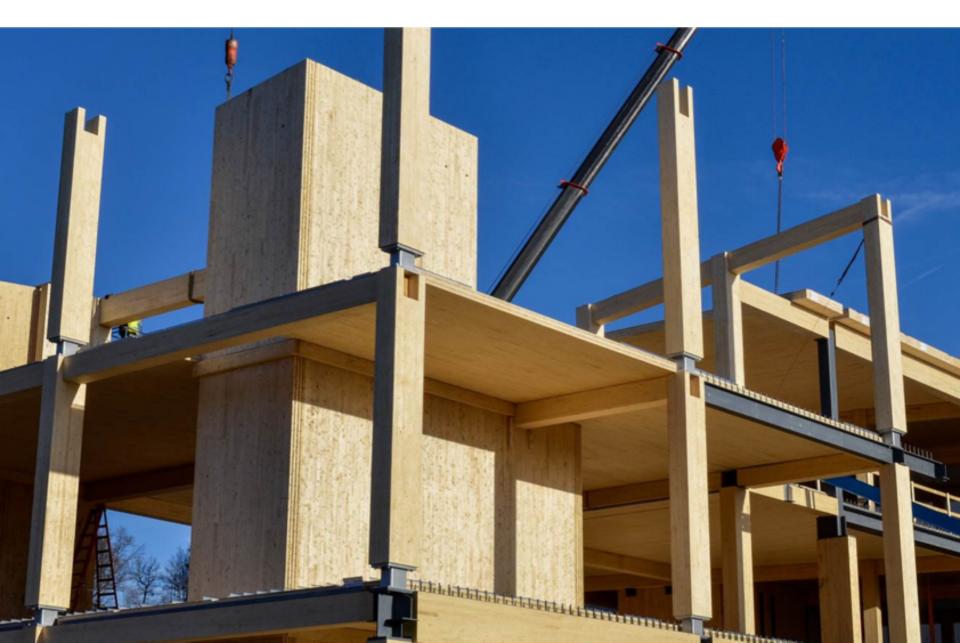
Steel Deck Roof CLT Roof

**Concrete Shafts CLT Shafts** 

#### **Post and Beam Structural Framework**



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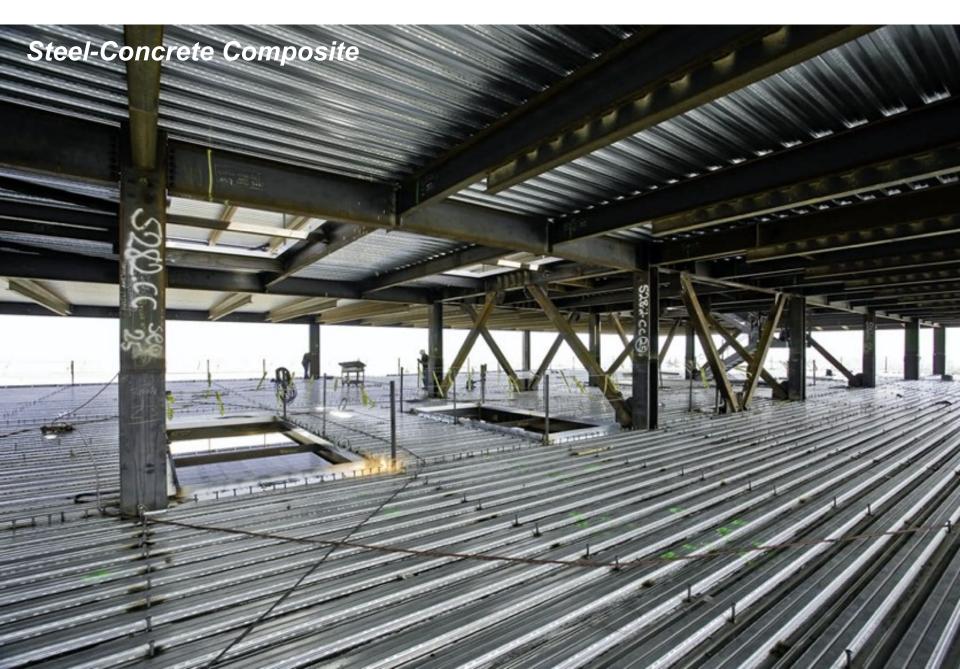


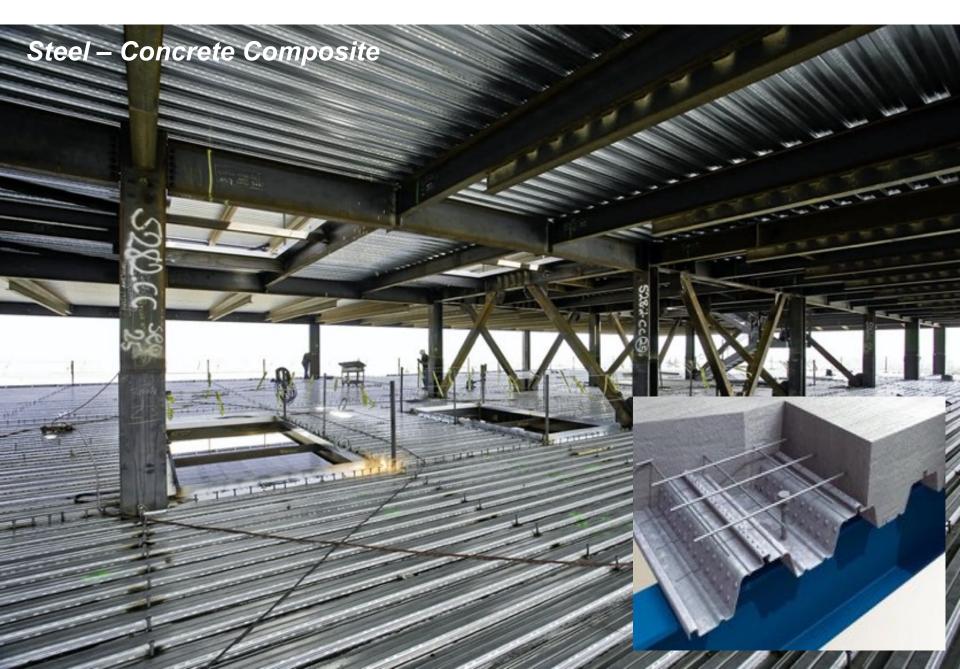


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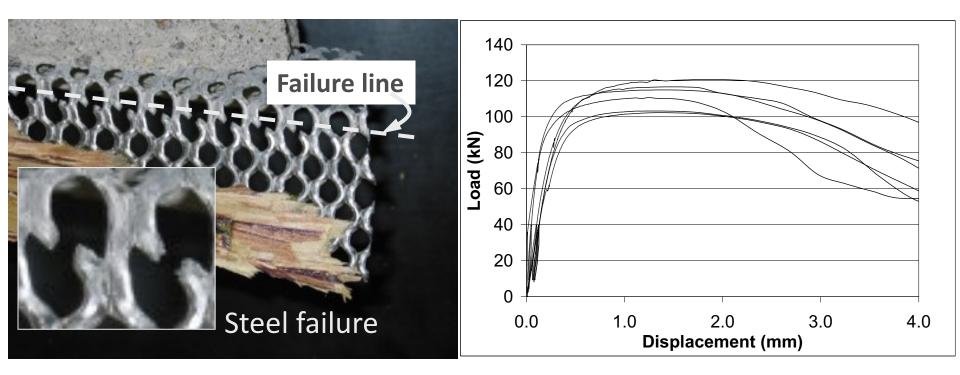








#### **UMass research on HBV Shear Connector**

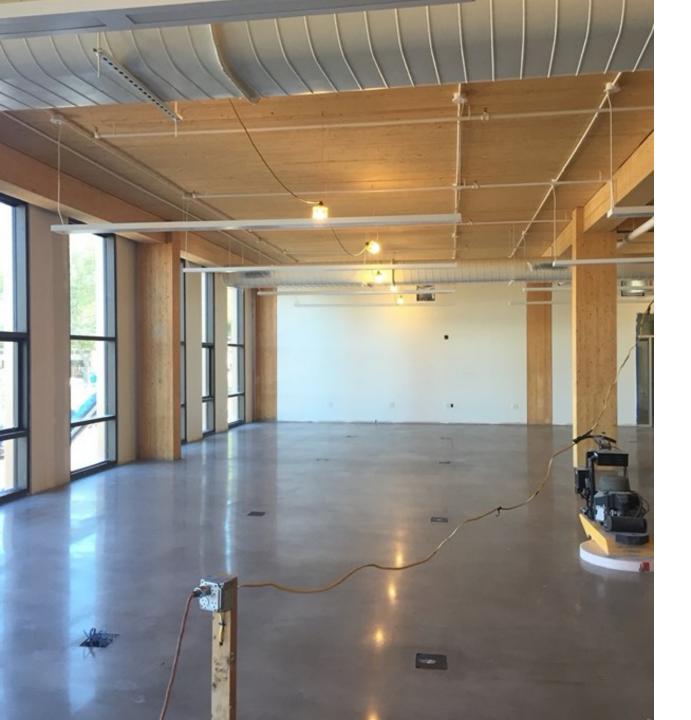


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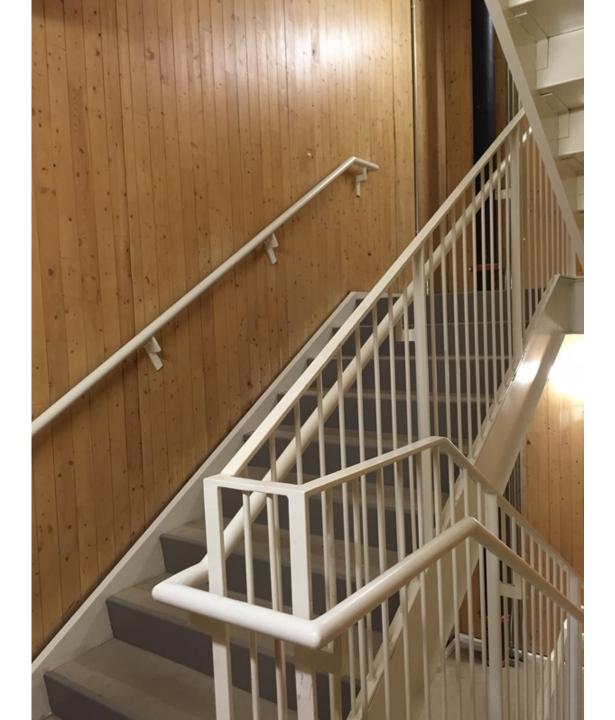


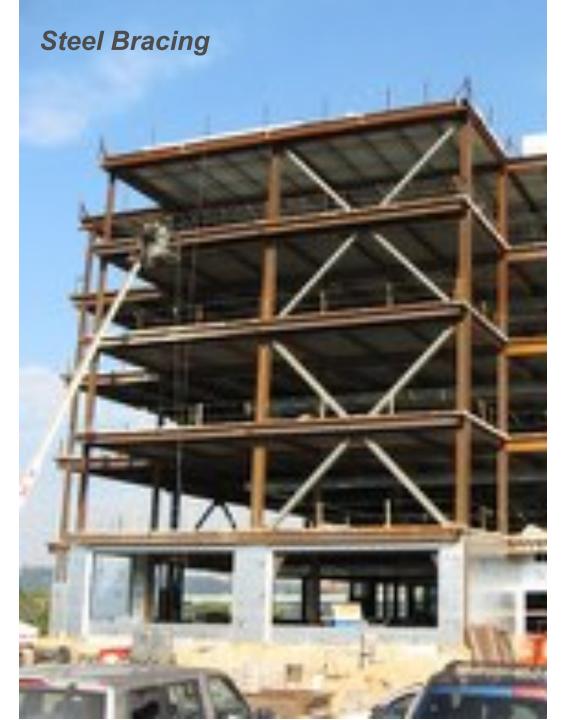
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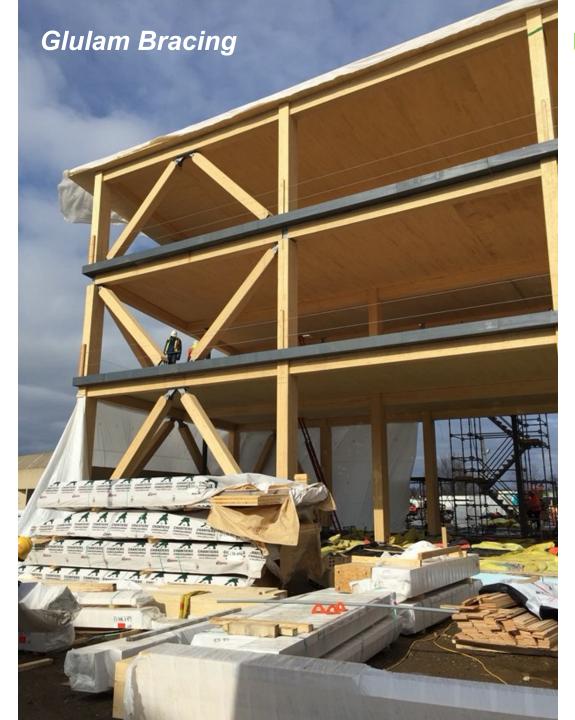


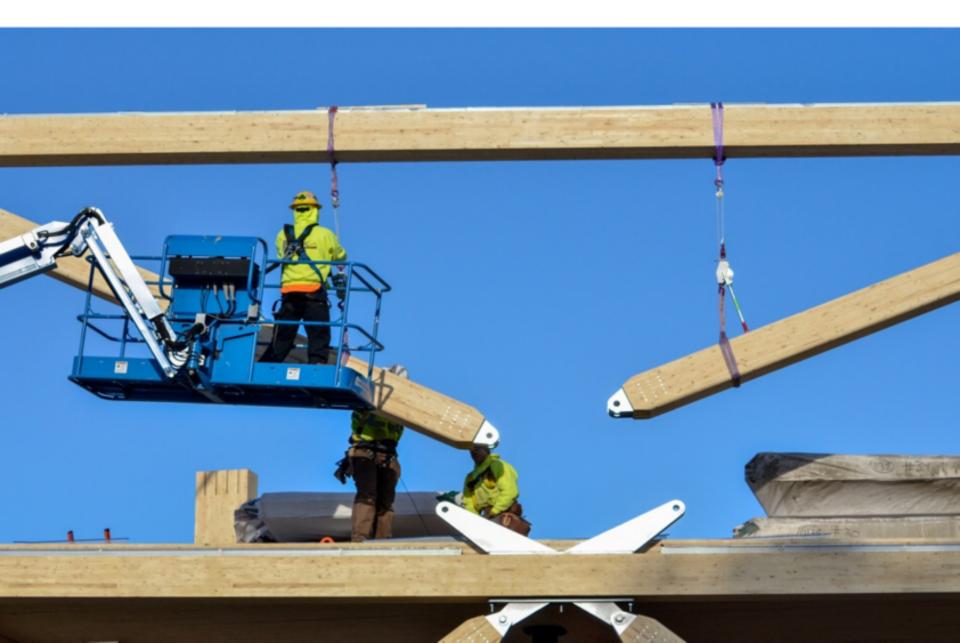






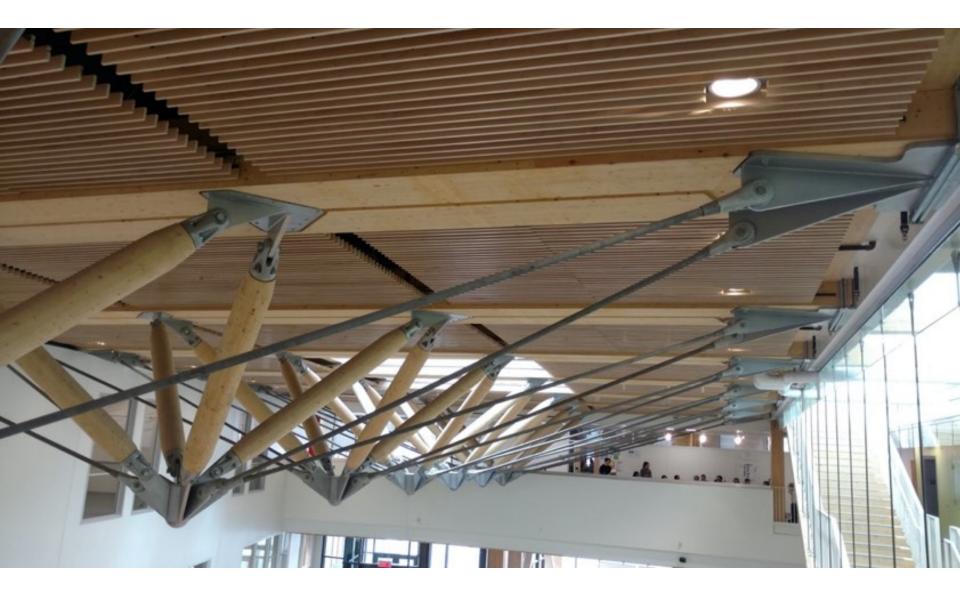




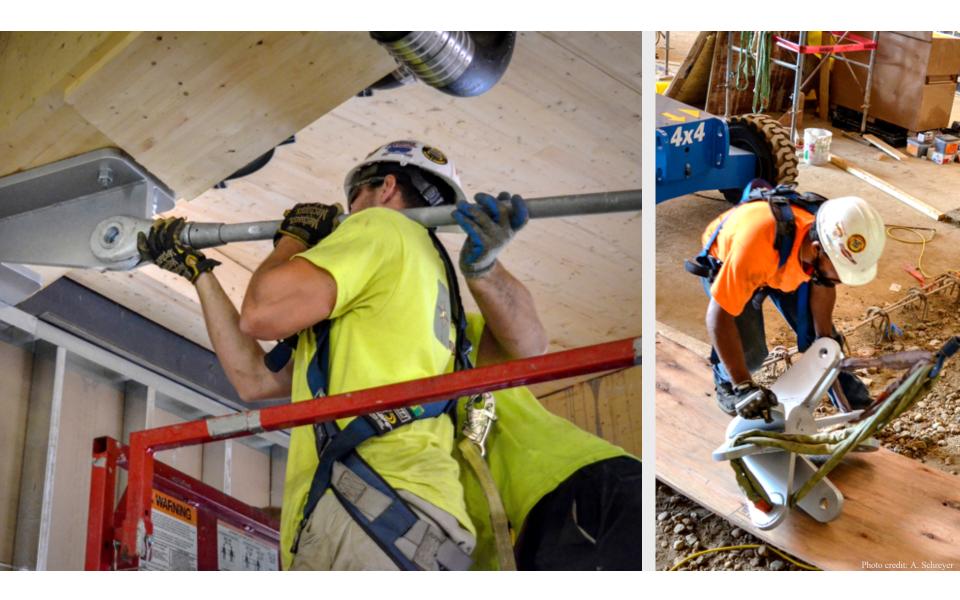




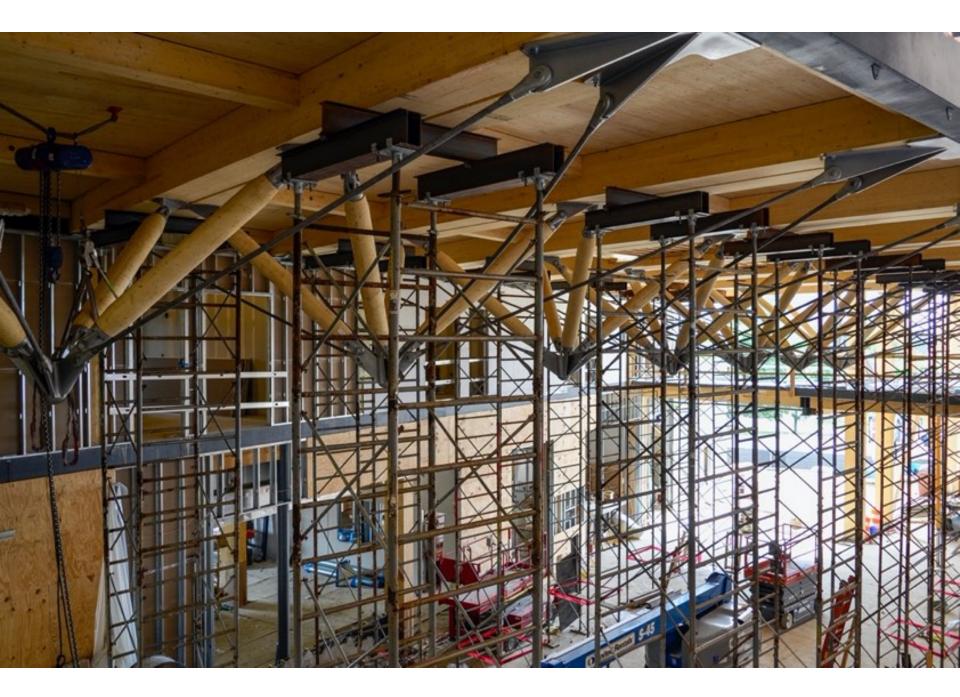
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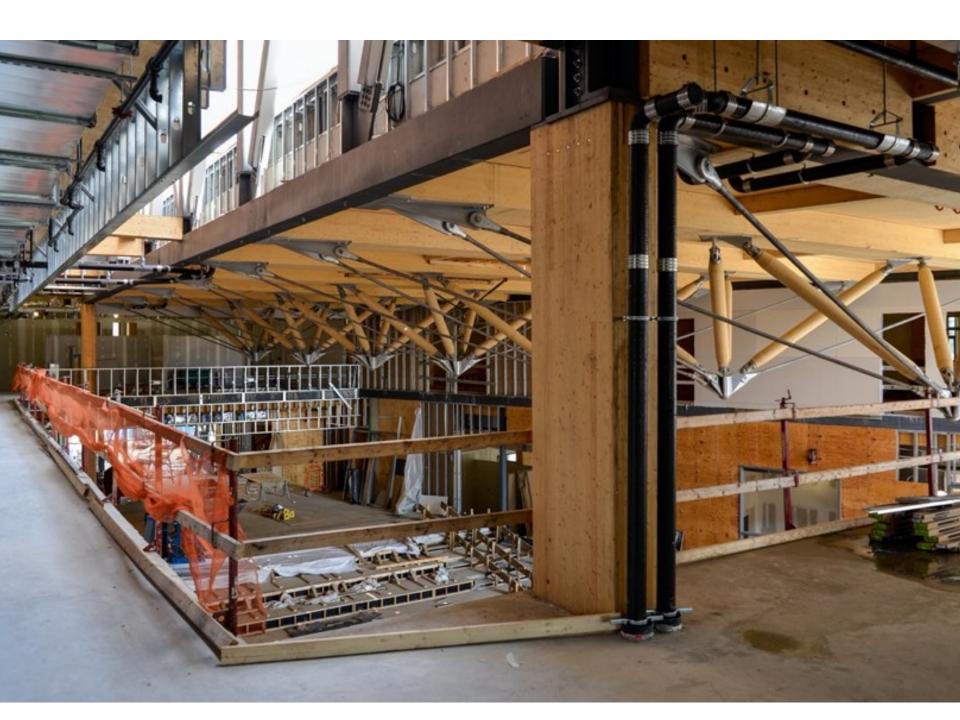






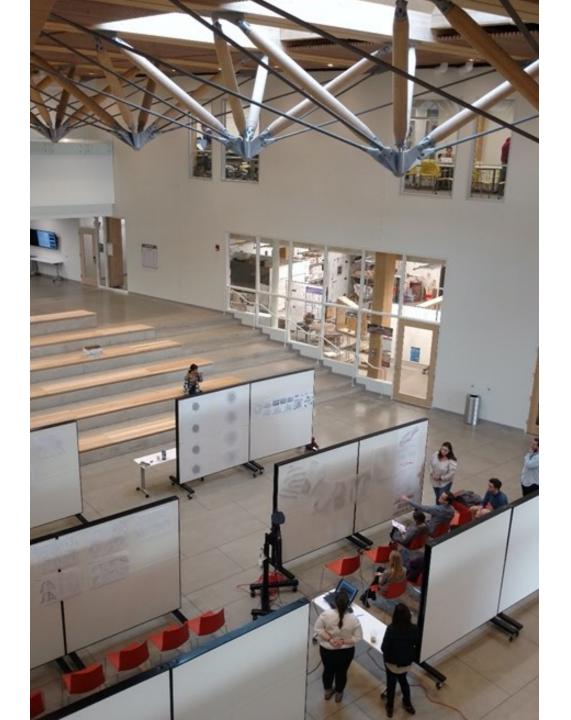


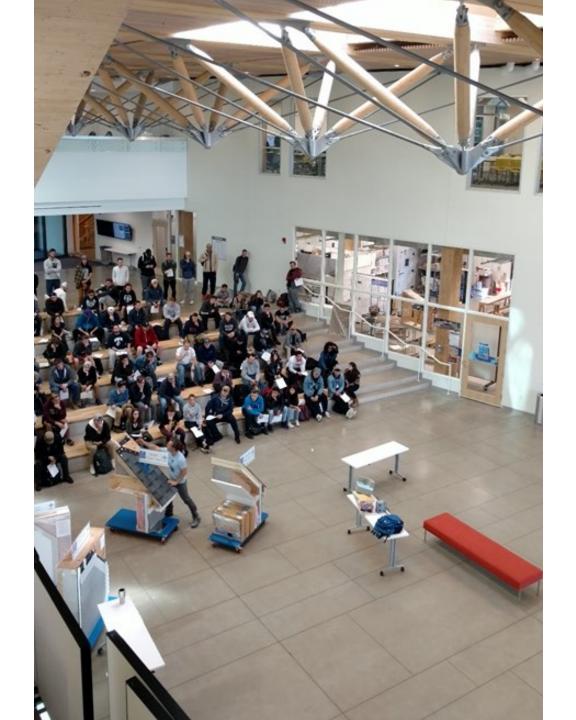


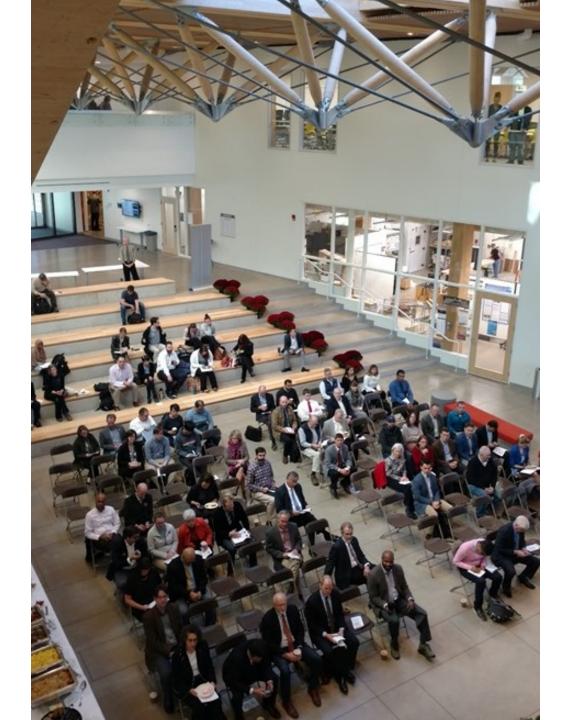


# OCCUPANCY PHASE & BENEFITS



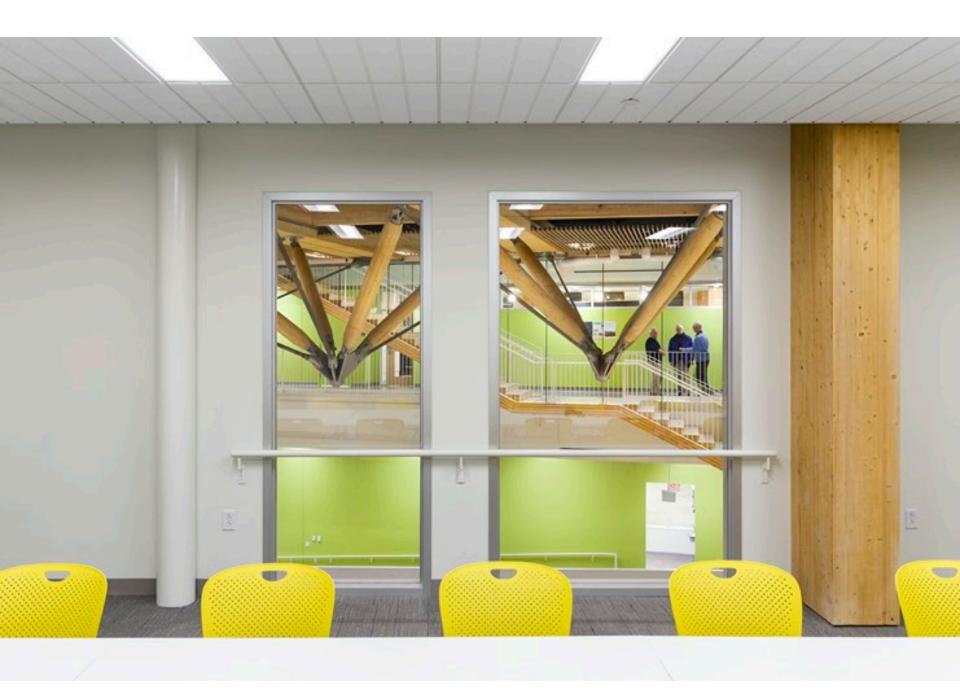


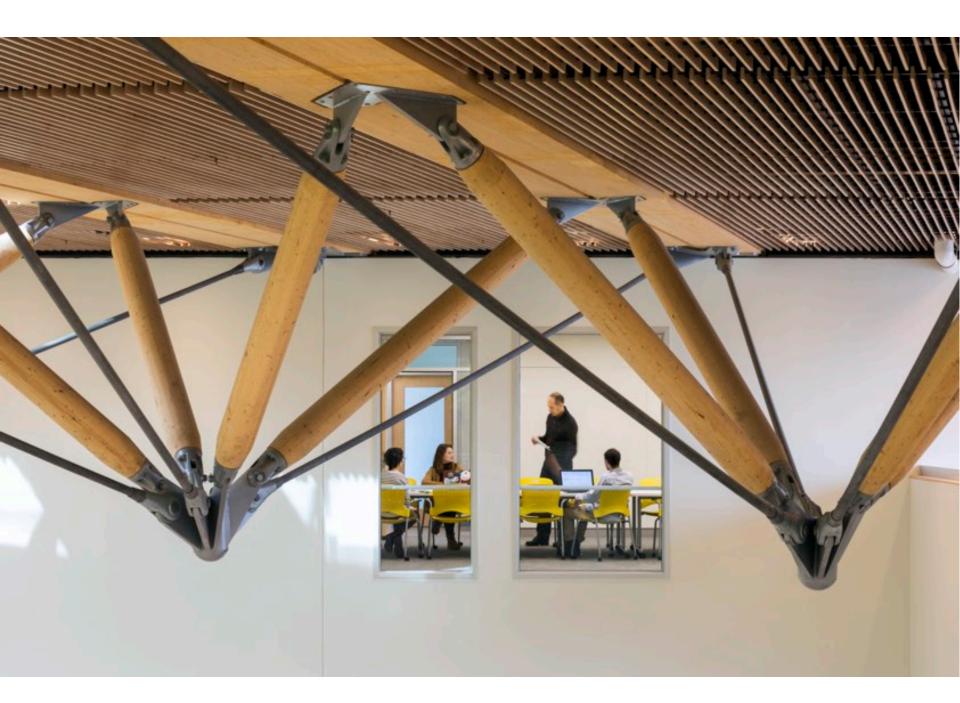








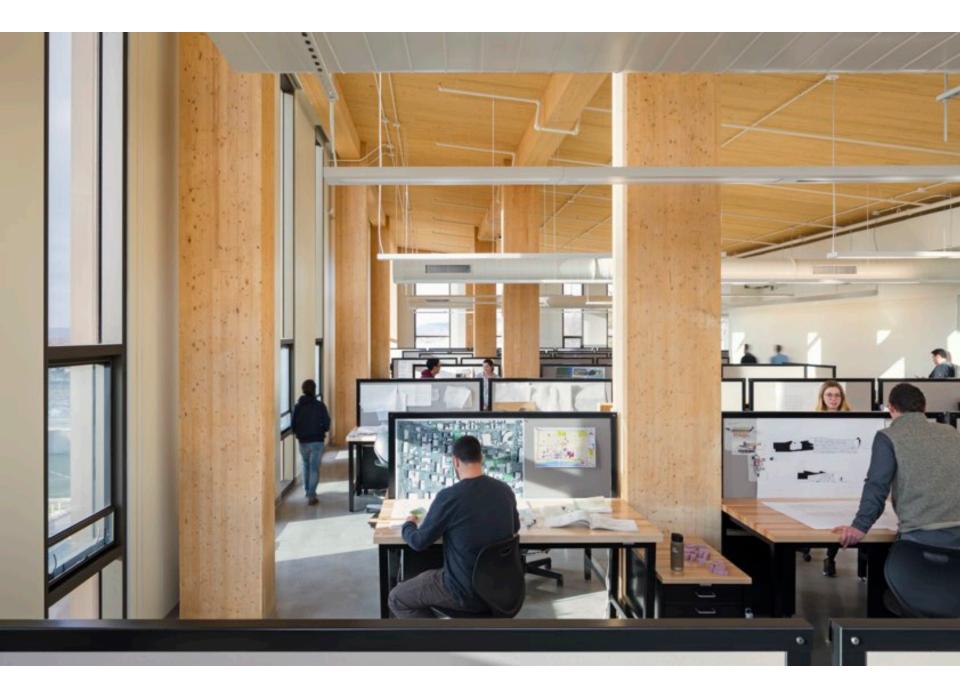


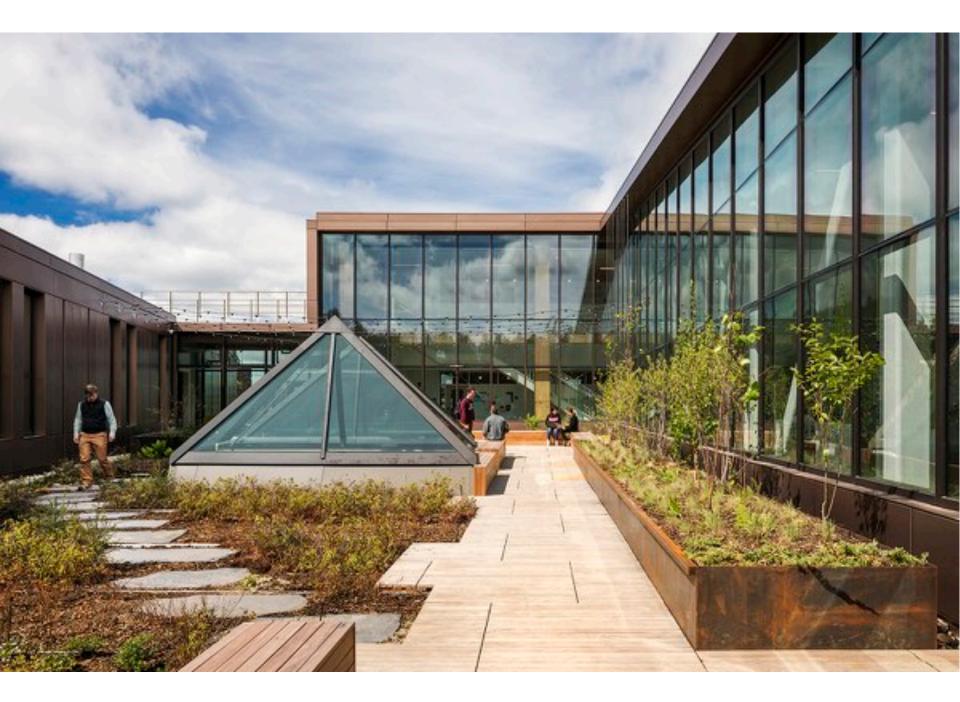


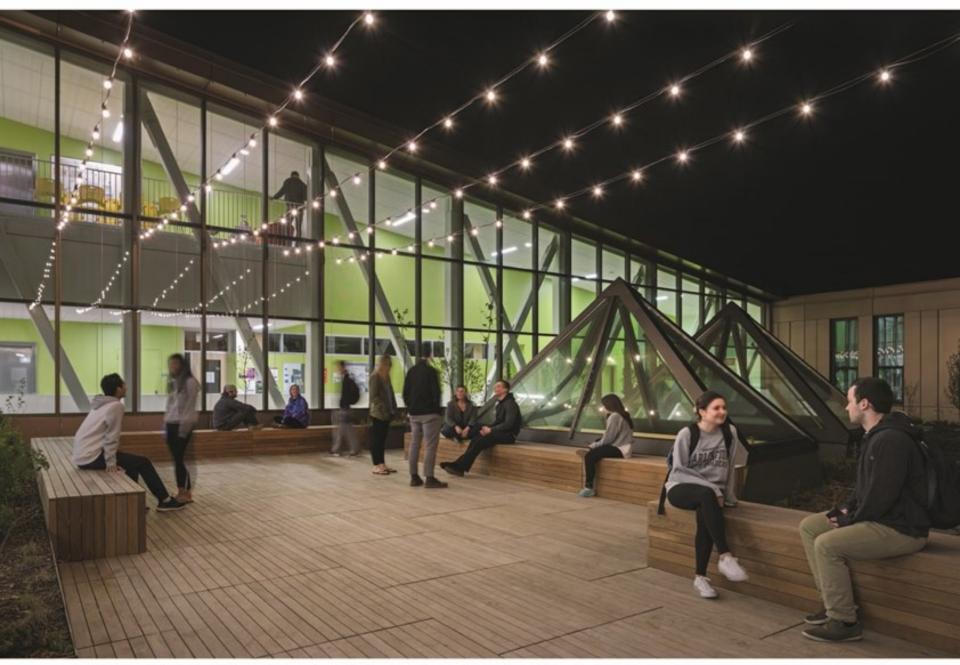
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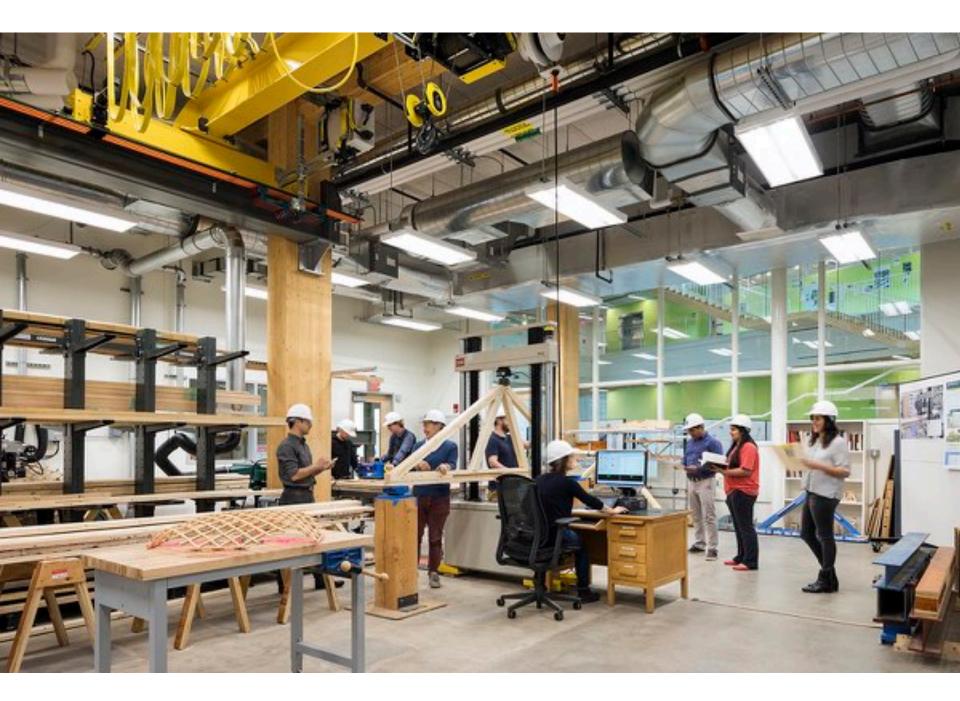
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# Panel Manufacture







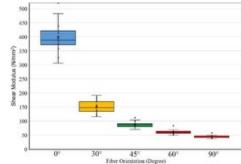
# **Experimental Testing and Evaluation**





#### Table 8 4-point bending test results and analytical predictions

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EH-CLT-2	13,705	5.62	84.79	18,897	5,139	13,587	5.64	99.86
EH-CLT-3	13,247	4.11	91.73	17,652	4,996	13,514	5.62	99.07
Mean			90.52	17,872	4,926			98.20
COV (%)			5.78	5.23	5.19			2.26
Characteristic Value			90.52	17,126	4,677			98.20
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# **Carbon Summary**

CASE STUDY

#### UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS OLVER DESIGN BUILDING

#### Inspiration through Innovation

At UMass Amherst, an Exposed Mass Timber Structure is a Teaching Tool







Volume of wood products used (m<sup>3</sup>): **2081** m<sup>3</sup> (73482 ft<sup>3</sup>) of lumber and sheathing



U.S. and Canadians forests grow this much wood in: 6 minutes



Carbon stored in the wood: **1463** metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>



Avoided greenhouse gas emissions:

**1218** metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>

2681 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>



Total potential carbon benefit:

### Equivalent to:



512 cars off the road for a year 🕕



Energy to operate a home for **228** years 🕕





# Awards

- 2018 Wood Design Awards Jury's Choice for Wood Innovation, WoodWorks
- 2017 Building of the Year, world-architects
- 2017 Most Innovative Project Award (less than \$100 million), Architectural Engineering Institute
- 2017 Excellence in Structural Engineering Award (New Buildings \$20 to \$100 Million), National Council of Structural Engineering Associations
- 2017 Awards of Merit for Structural Systems Design and Architectural Engineering Integration, Architectural Engineering Institute
- 2017 Award of Merit, Higher Education/Research Category, ENR New England
- + 6 more!

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