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# Building Enclosure and Durability Design for Mass Timber Structures

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Eric specializes in the prefabrication of Mass Timber to facilitate the early design and detail development rationale leading to optimized supply and constructability. His experience includes design-assist specialty engineering, supply-installation logistics, and infield review of complex prefabricated Mass Timber projects



# Introduction

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# **1.0 Mass Timber Building Envelope Durability**

## CLT AT THE SLAB EDGE

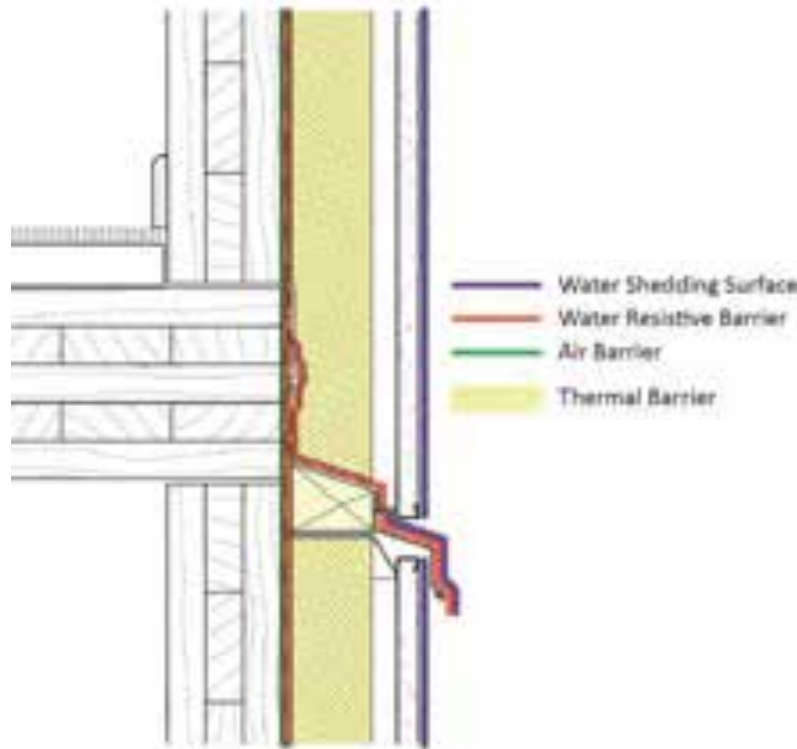
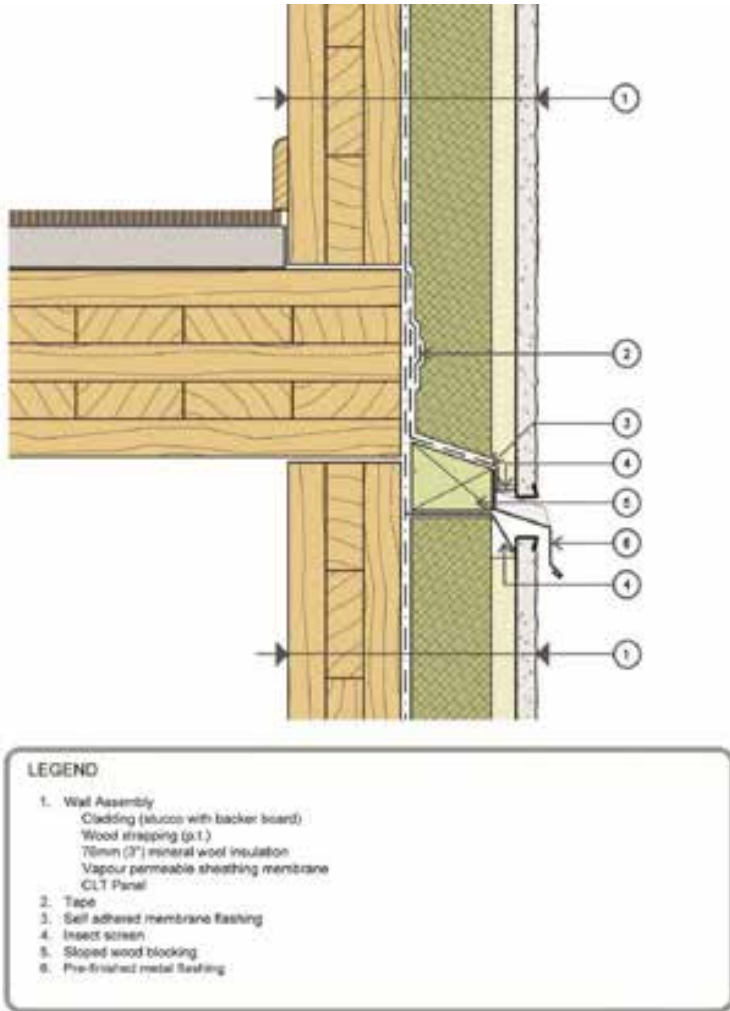


Assemblies are critical for ensuring long-term durability and certainly challenged to increase envelope performance without creating environmental barrier deficiencies

Determine where to use mass timber appropriately for your project. Consider the long-term durability for:

- floor and roof systems
- load-bearing walls
- prefabricated façades

# CLT AT THE SLAB EDGE



Detailing is key to long-term durability of the CLT slab edge:

Exterior Structures and Penetrations can significantly reduce R-value, and provide a path for water ingress and air leakage

CLT is not air-tight and can not be relied upon as part of the air-barrier.

# CLT AT THE SLAB EDGE – BELOW WINDOWS AND DOORS



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- Windows and Doors present the most risk for water ingress
- CLT has a much larger storage capacity for moisture.
- If bulk water leaks behind the exterior membrane it is trapped within the CLT structure even when using permeable membranes.

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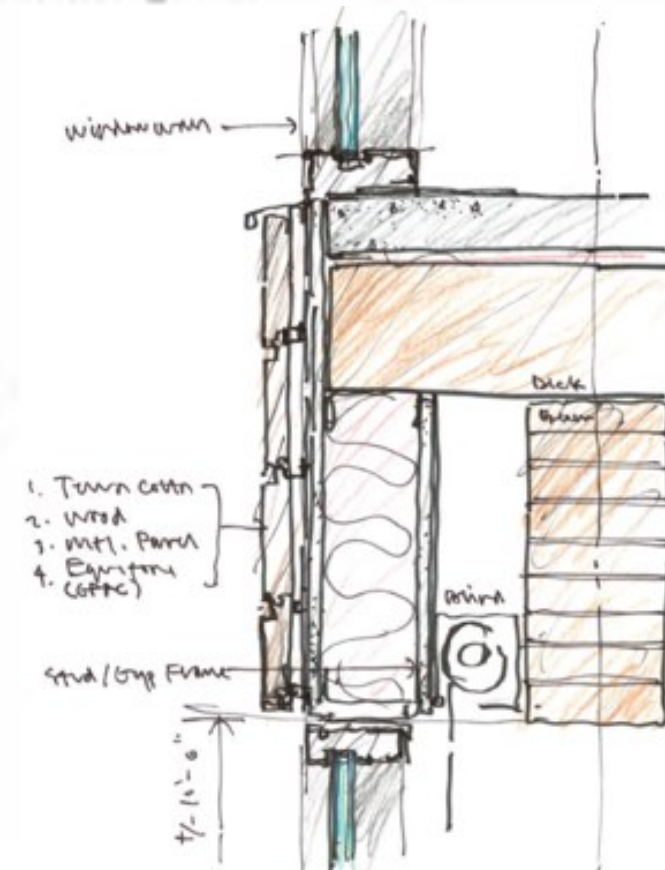
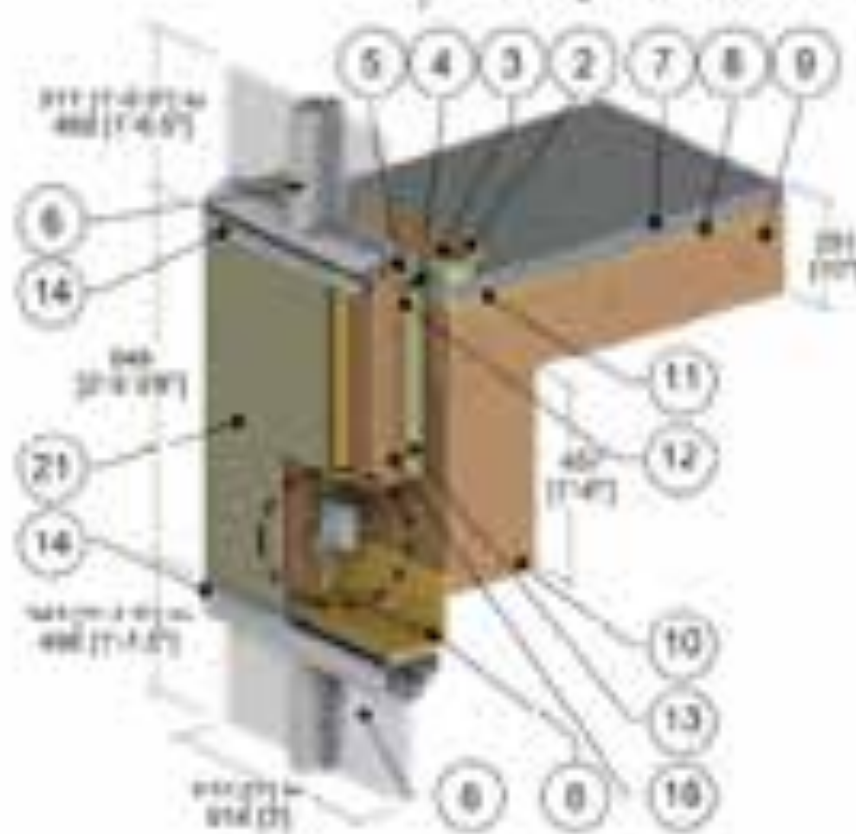
- Structural damage can occur within a short period of time, often unnoticed.
- Can't rely on membranes and detailing alone.
- Avoid designing CLT and Mass Timber at the slab edge where at risk from Window and Door leaks.

## **| 2.0 Mass Timber Innovation**

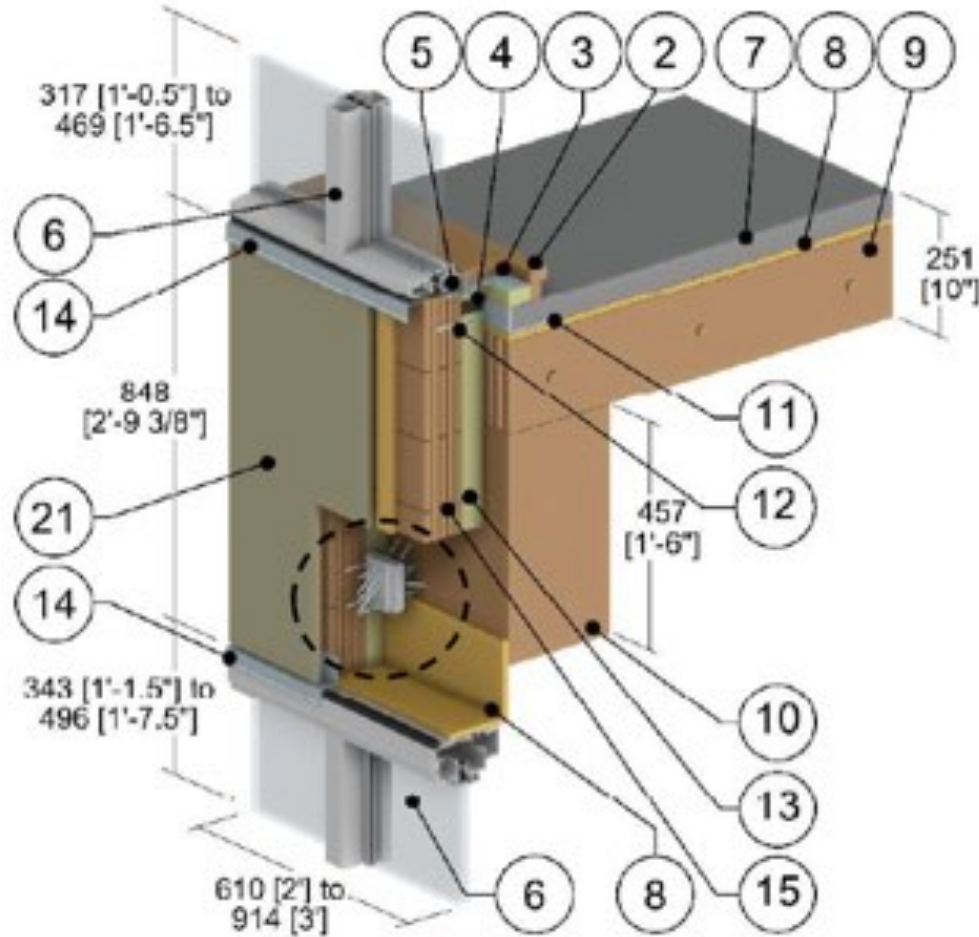
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## Detail 7.3.8

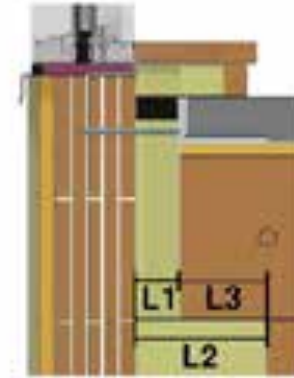
Interior Insulated Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) Spandrel at Window and Dowel Laminated Timber (DLT) – Intermediate Floor Intersection with Edge of Floor and Glulam Beam Aligned



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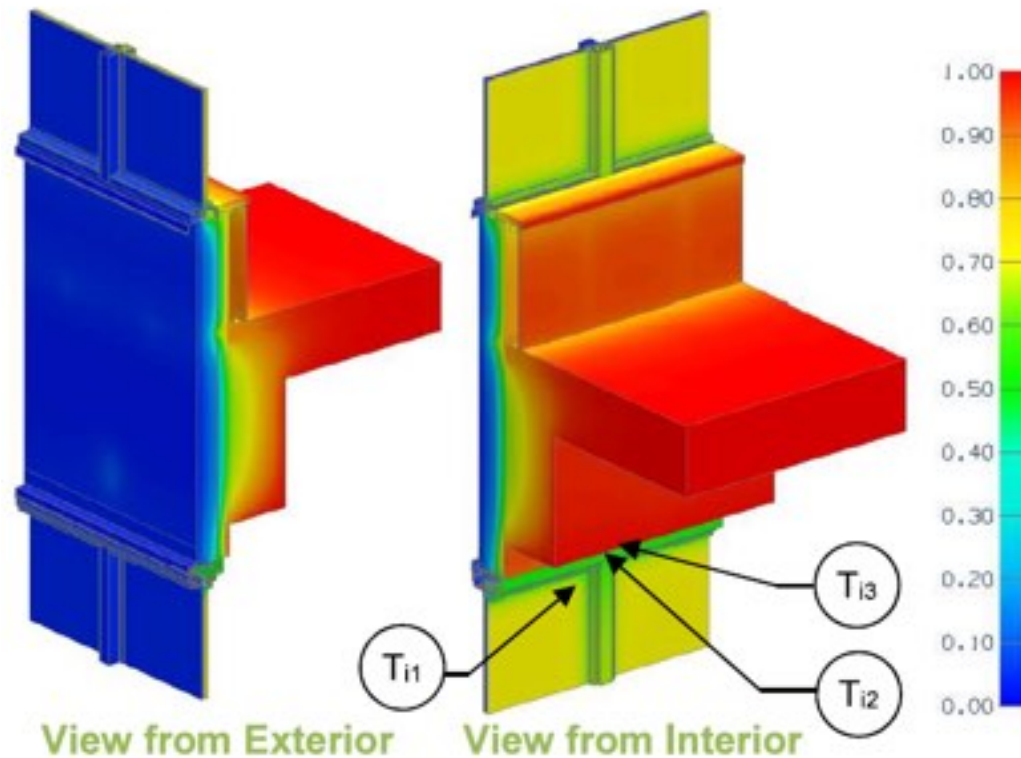
Insulation Level Detail



L1 in (mm)	L2 in (mm)	L3 in (mm)
2" (51)	6" (152)	4" (102)
3" (76)	6" (152)	3" (76)
4" (102)	6" (152)	2" (51)

- Pros/Cons of technical options to achieve aesthetic goals
- Durability
- Cost + Availability

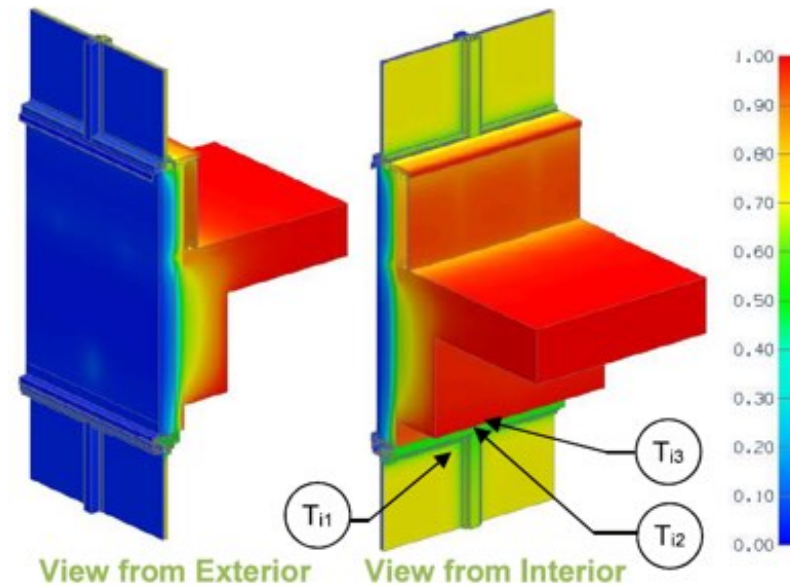
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## Thermal Performance Indicators

Assembly 1D (Nominal) R-Value at Beam	$R_{1D}$	R-15.4 (2.71 RSI) + insulation
Transmittance without Anomaly	$U_{g \text{ top}}$ $U_{g \text{ bottom}}$ $U_g$	U-value for aluminum window including framing g top = sill g bottom = head g = combined sill + head
Transmittance / Resistance	$U_o, R_o$ $U_s, R_s$ $U_t, R_t$	U and R-values for o = spandrel with floor without glazing s = spandrel including window to wall interface t = combined glazing + spandrel
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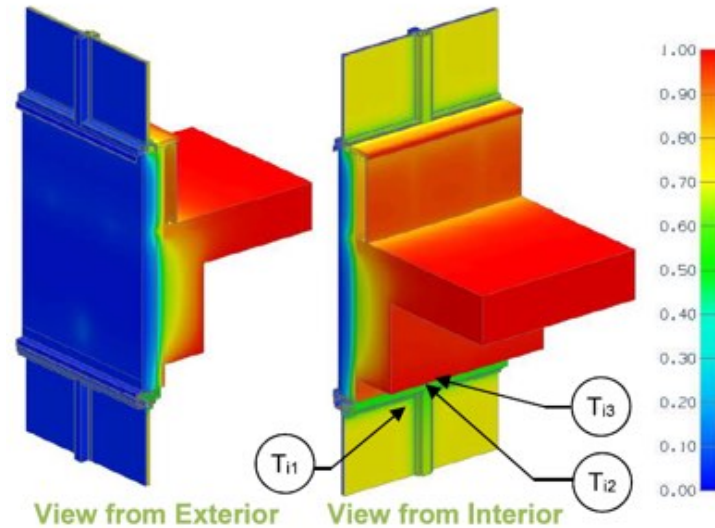
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## Temperature Indices

	R-8.4	R-16.8	R-25.2	R-33.6	
$T_{i1}$	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	Min T on window glass, at top corner of window head
$T_{i2}$	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	Min T on window frame, on vertical mullion at deflection header
$T_{i3}$	0.89	0.92	0.94	0.95	Min T on beam, at plywood closure, along connector

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Window to Wall Linear Transmittance

ISO- CONNECT Spacing	Spandrel Insulation 1D R-Value (RSI)	$R_{1D}$ ft <sup>2</sup> ·hr·°F / Btu (m <sup>2</sup> K / W)	$R_o$ ft <sup>2</sup> ·hr·°F / Btu (m <sup>2</sup> K / W)	$U_o$ Btu/ft <sup>2</sup> ·hr ·°F (W/m <sup>2</sup> K)	$R_s$ ft <sup>2</sup> ·hr·°F / Btu (m <sup>2</sup> K / W)	$U_s$ Btu/ft <sup>2</sup> ·hr ·°F (W/m <sup>2</sup> K)	$R_t$ ft <sup>2</sup> ·hr·°F / Btu (m <sup>2</sup> K / W)	$U_t$ Btu/ft <sup>2</sup> ·hr ·°F (W/m <sup>2</sup> K)	$\psi$ Btu/ft ·hr·°F (W/m K)
36" o.c.	R-8.4 (1.48)	R-23.8 (4.18)	R-13.1 (2.31)	0.076 (0.43)	R-8.5 (1.50)	0.117 (0.67)	R-3.5 (0.61)	0.287 (1.63)	0.008 (0.014)
	R-16.8 (2.96)	R-32.2 (5.66)	R-16.6 (2.93)	0.060 (0.34)	R-10.8 (1.90)	0.093 (0.53)	R-3.6 (0.64)	0.276 (1.57)	0.007 (0.011)
	R-25.2 (4.44)	R-40.6 (7.14)	R-19.2 (3.38)	0.052 (0.30)	R-12.4 (2.19)	0.080 (0.46)	R-3.7 (0.65)	0.270 (1.53)	0.006 (0.010)
	R-33.6 (5.92)	R-49.0 (8.62)	R-21.2 (3.74)	0.047 (0.27)	R-13.7 (2.41)	0.073 (0.42)	R-3.7 (0.66)	0.267 (1.51)	0.006 (0.010)

## **| 3.0 Mass Timber Case Study**



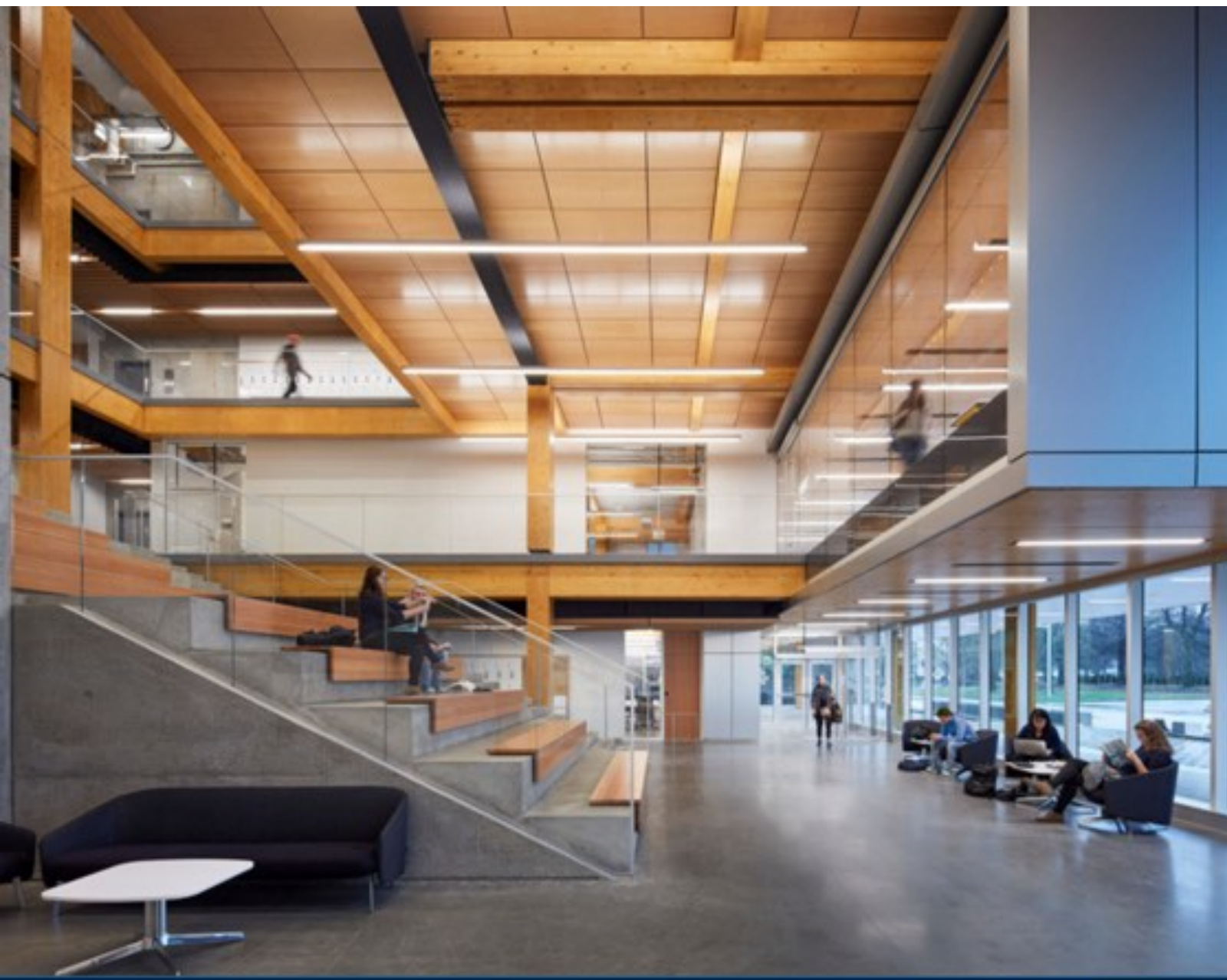
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**Largest Glulam beam:** 2 ply – 600mm  
x 1,320mm deep beam x 9,040mm  
Long @ 7000lbs

**Longest Glulam Beam:** 14,005mm  
Long

**Longest Spliced Beam:** 17,400mm  
Long



1224 pre-fabricated CLT and Glulam pieces, shipped in 23 containers, fully integrated with Mechanical, Electrical, Sprinkler, and Communication rough-in



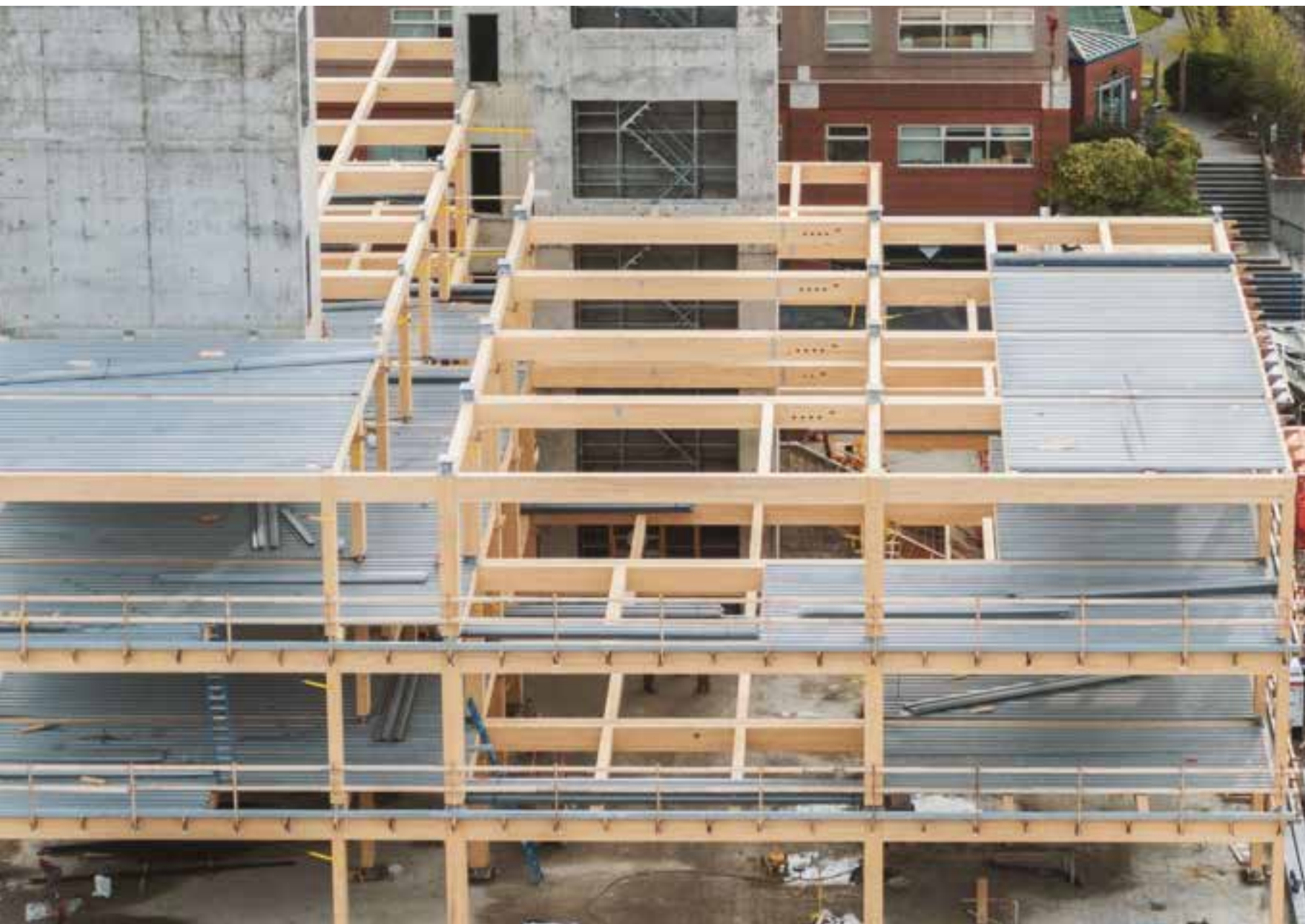




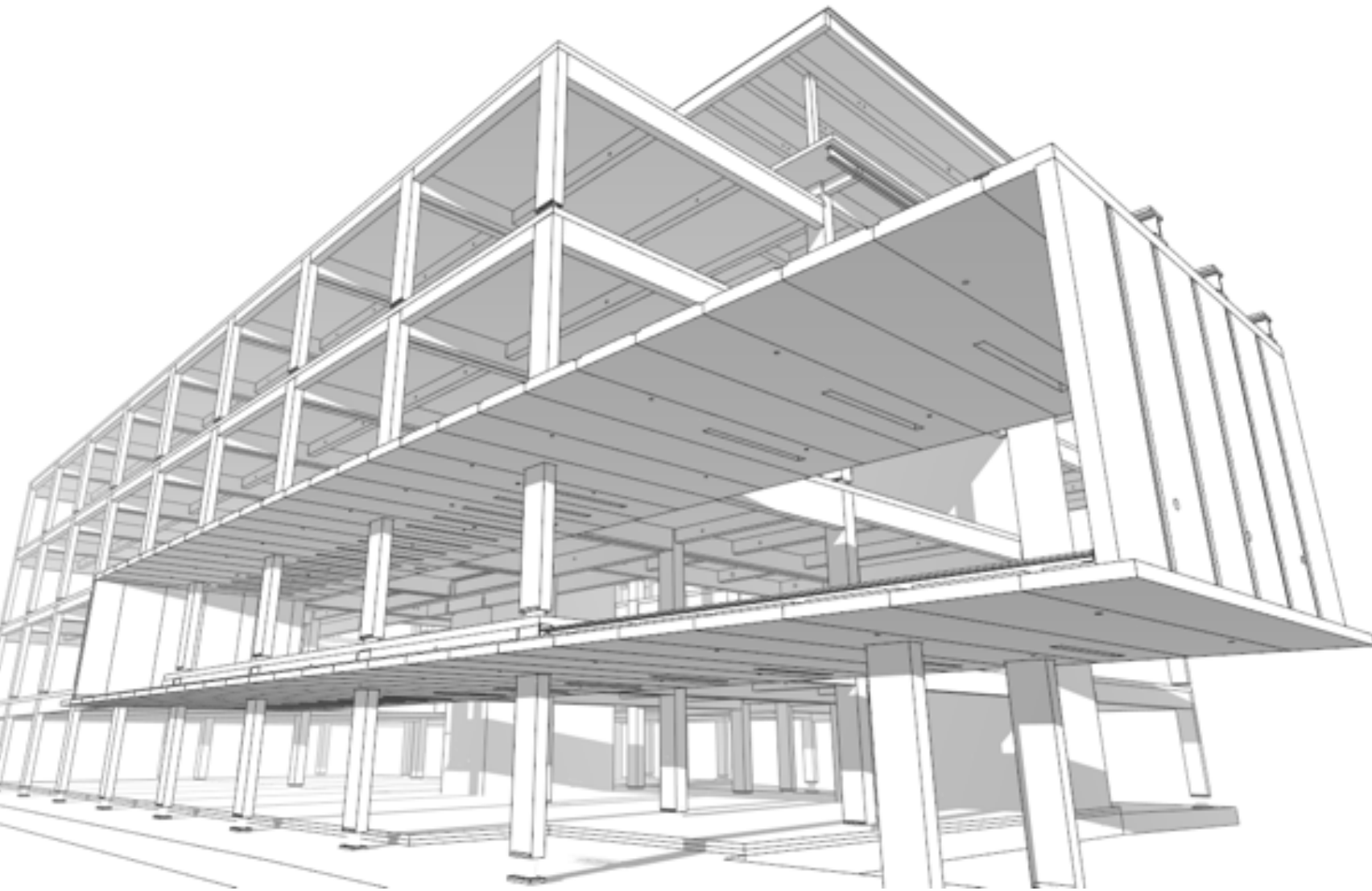
Number of Pitzl pieces installed: 1069

Number of Structural screws installed: 66,725

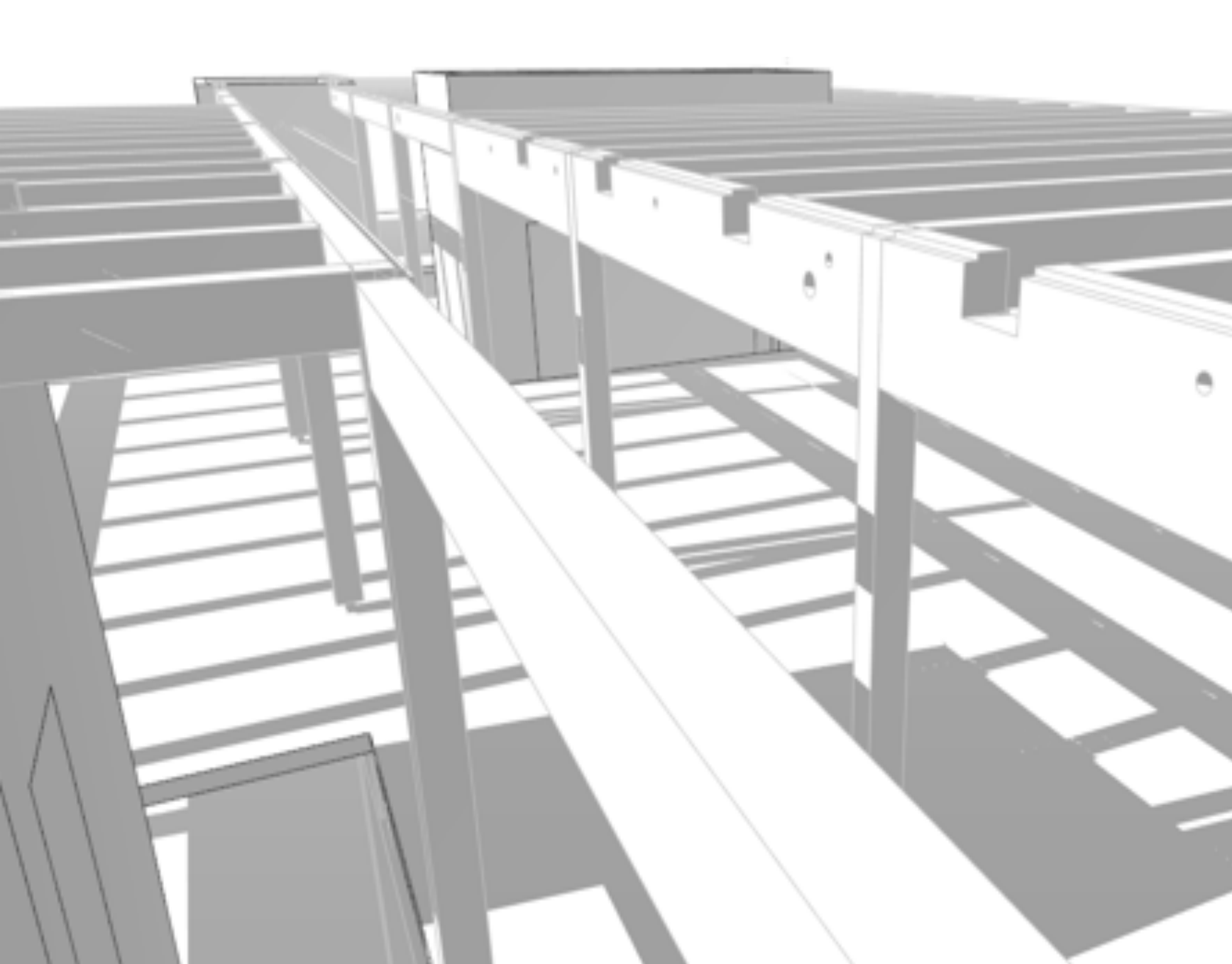




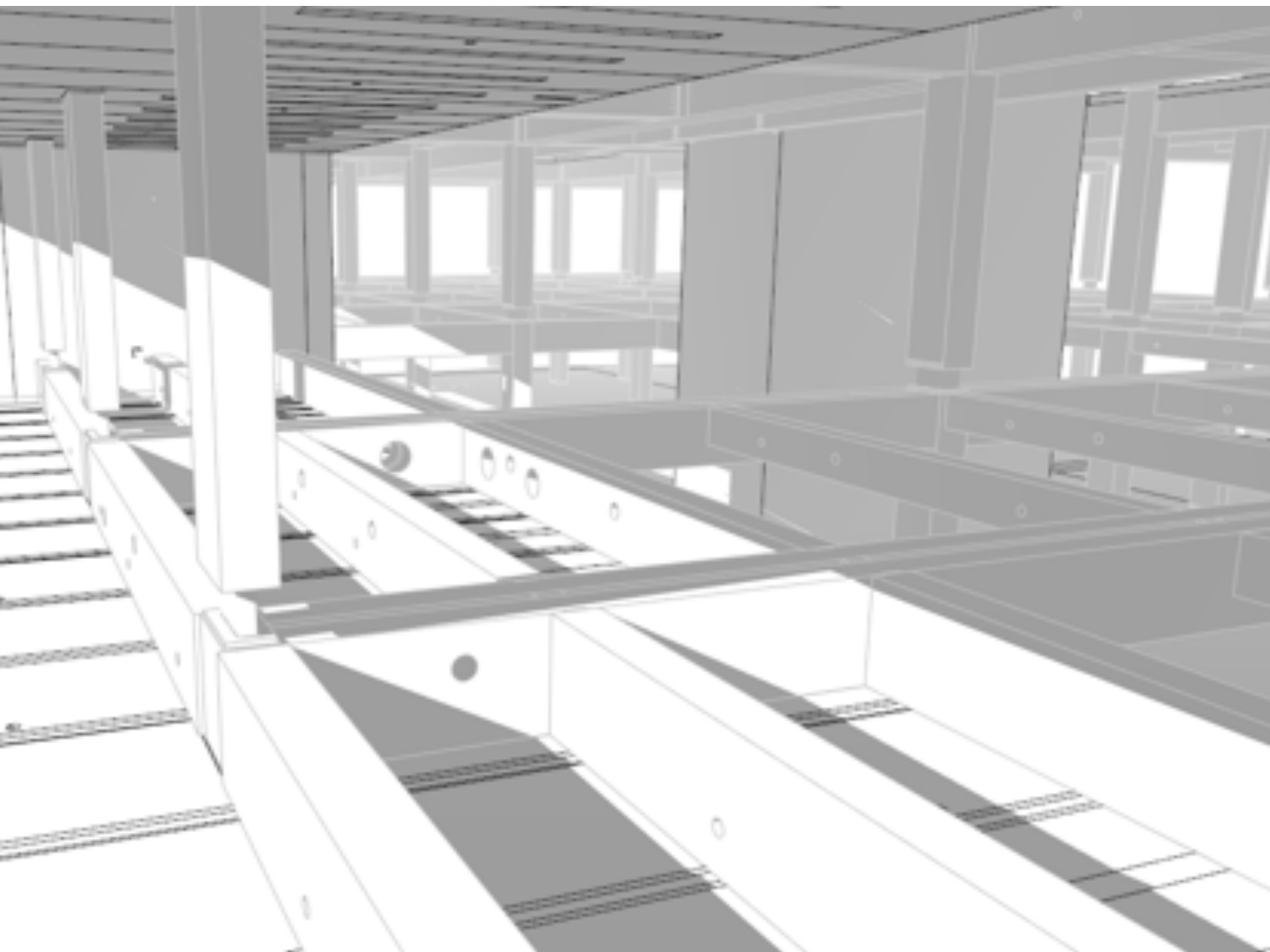
Glulam was installed up to three levels prior to concrete and Q-deck diaphragms installed



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Mass Timber digital design is the solution for Visualizing building envelope interfaces and developing integrated solutions for thermal, moisture, and air barrier systems





From Digital Design... to Supply and install. Maximizing the amount of fabrication completed prior to Sansin KP12w Factory Sealer



Interior and Exterior zones were developed to house the Mechanical systems integrated within the Timber

CLT completed, photo in December



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CLT completed, photo in May



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Wet and Dry Sprinkler system installed June



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Storefront Glazing and thermal insulation installed November



Façade is a mixture of thermally broken Curtainwall and Steel stud panel with exterior insulation hung from the slab edge.

Interior view of the Façade Showing exposed Timber frame within



Façade is a mixture of thermally broken Curtainwall and Prefab steel stud panel with exterior insulation at the the slab edge.

Mockup developed at the transition

**Thank You!**

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