



# Mass Timber Structural Design: Engineering Modern Timber Structures

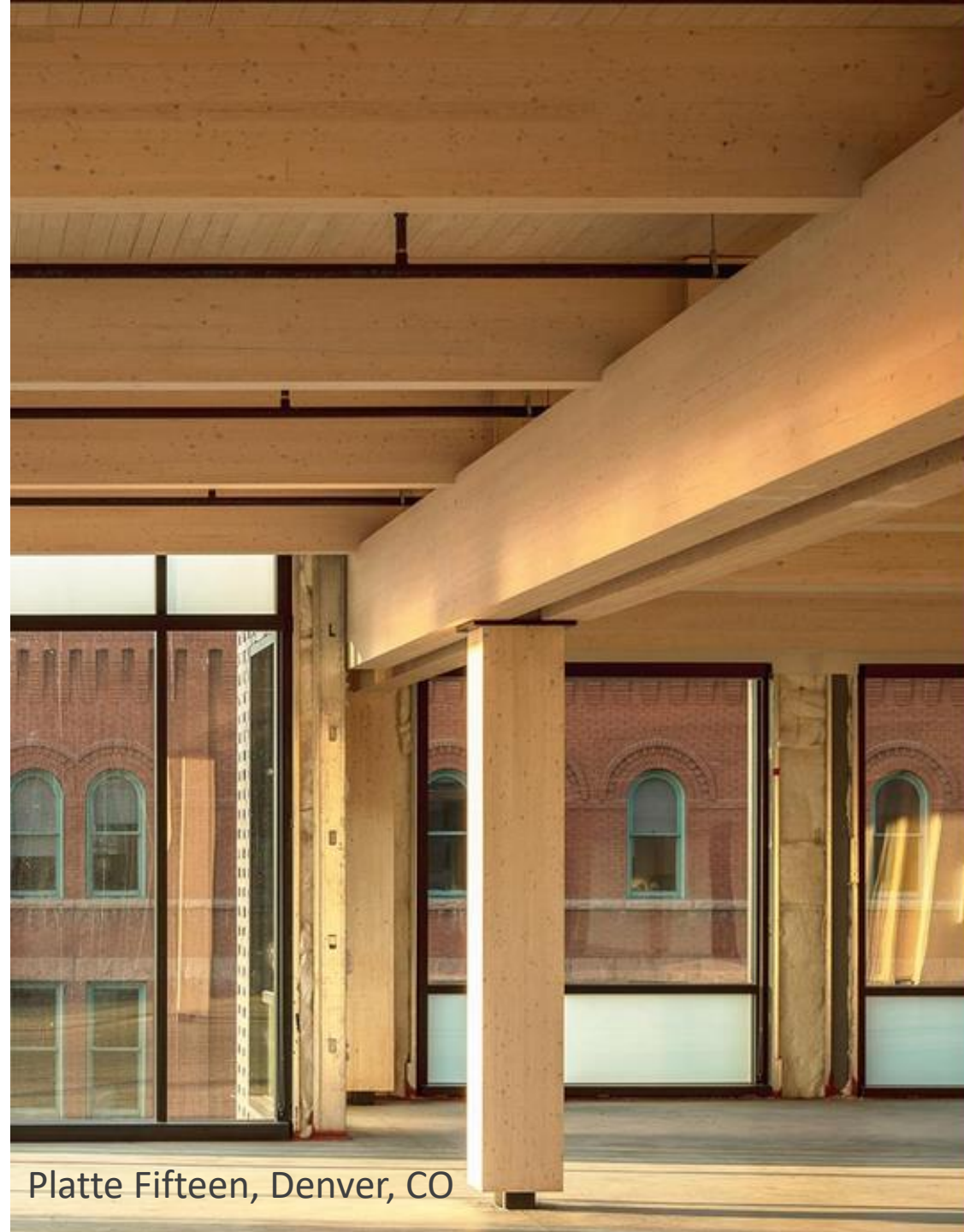
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# Course Description

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This presentation will provide a detailed look at the structural design processes associated with a variety of mass timber products, including glued-laminated timber (glulam), cross-laminated timber (CLT), and nail-laminated timber (NLT). Applications for the use of these products in gravity force-resisting systems under modern building codes will be discussed. Other technical topics will include mass timber floor panel vibration criteria, connection options and design considerations, and an introduction to lateral systems common in mass timber buildings. Mass timber framing components are often left exposed to act as a finish while taking advantage of their aesthetics. As such, they are often required to provide a fire-resistance rating demonstrating their ability to maintain structural integrity in the event of a fire. This session will also discuss structural design of mass timber elements under fire conditions.

# Learning Objectives

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1. Compare structural properties and performance characteristics of mass timber products and review their unique design considerations.
2. Review structural design steps for members and connections in common mass timber framing systems.
3. Highlight common connection systems in modern timber structures and resources for associated design values.
4. Demonstrate design steps for calculated fire resistance of exposed structural timber elements.

# Agenda

- » Mass timber systems and products
- » Acoustics
- » Structural design - gravity
- » Vibration
- » Structural design – lateral
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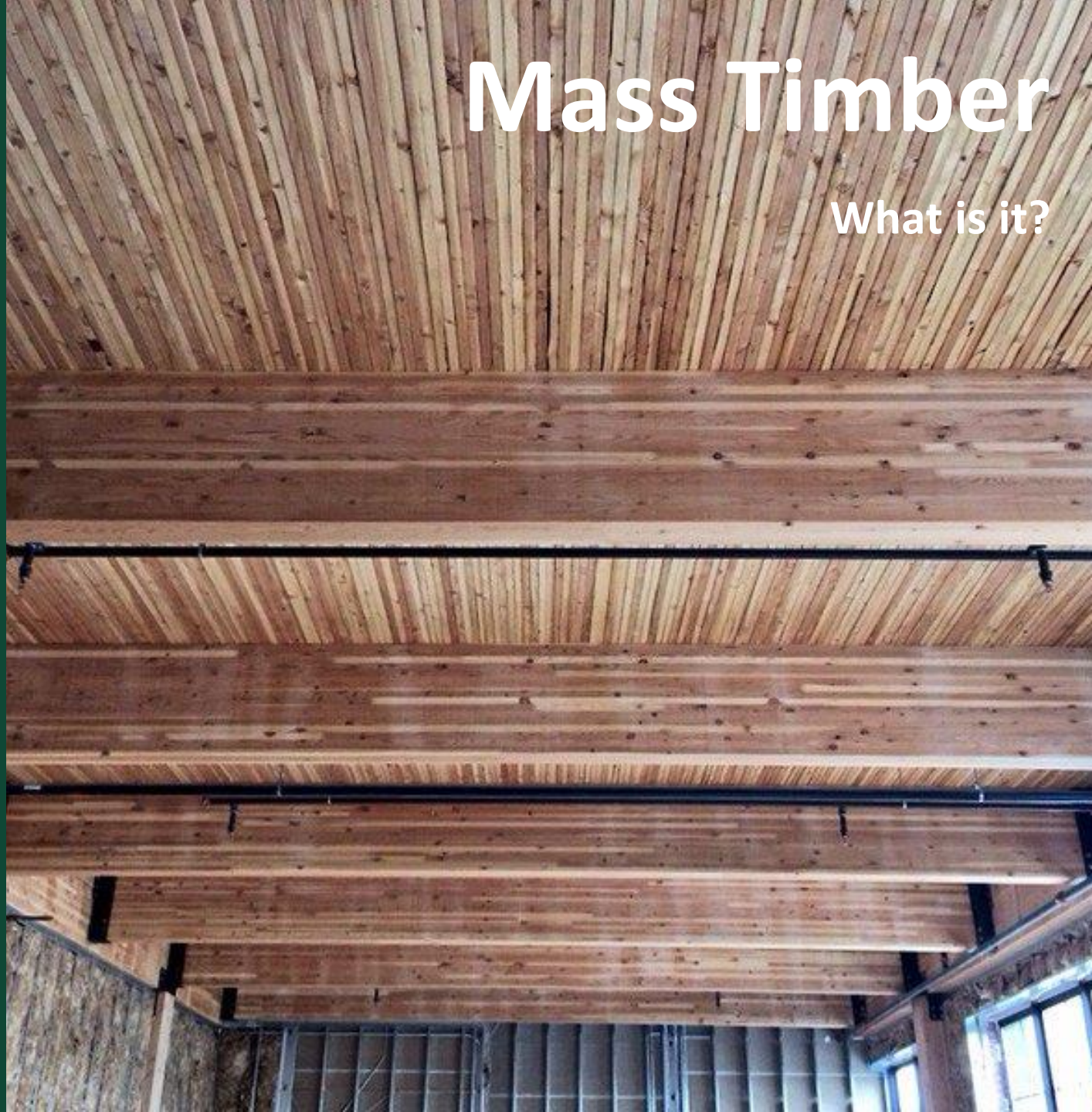


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# Mass Timber

What is it?

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





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)



Photo: StructureCraft

Nail-Laminated Timber (NLT)



Photo: Think Wood

Glue-Laminated Timber (GLT)  
Plank orientation



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Architects/Fast + Epp

# Glulam Structural Design

## 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

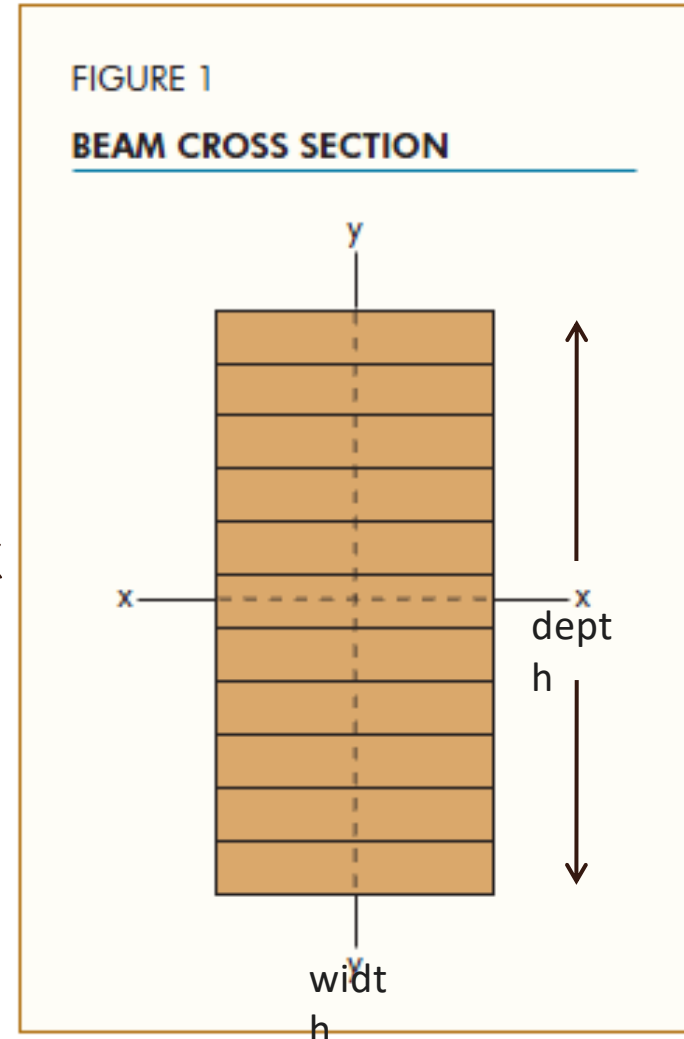
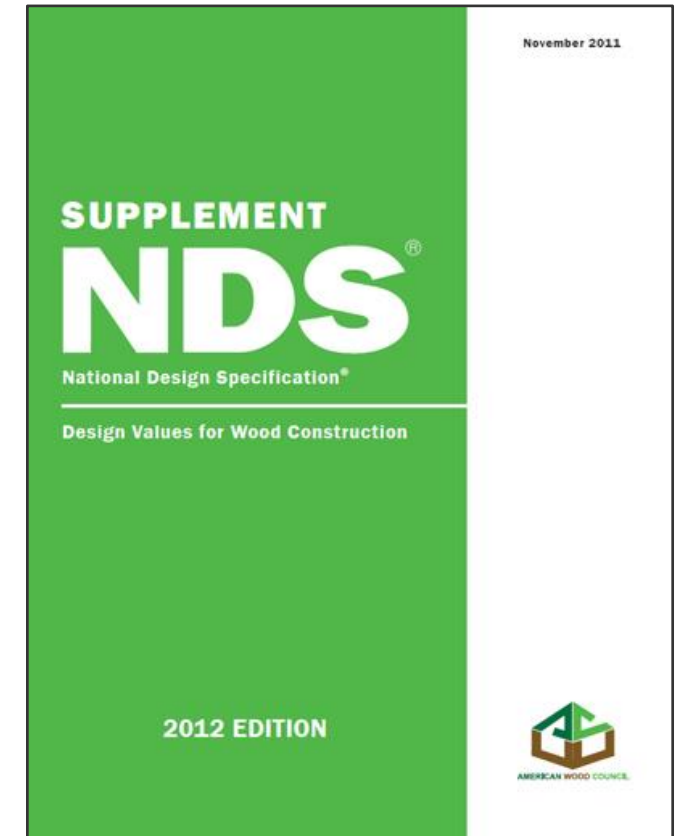


Image: APA Glulam Product Guide

# Glulam Design Values

Combination Symbol	Species Outer/ Core	Bending About X-X Axis (Loaded Perpendicular to Wide Faces of Laminations)						
		Bending		Compression Perpendicular to Grain		Shear Parallel to Grain  $F_{vx}^{(2)}$ (psi)	Modulus of Elasticity	
		Bottom of Beam Stressed in Tension (Positive Bending)	Top of Beam Stressed in Tension (Negative Bending)	Tension Face	Compression Face		For Deflection Calculations	For Stability Calculations
		$F_{bx}^{+}$ (psi)	$F_{bx}^{-}$ (psi)	$F_{c\perp x}$ (psi)			$E_x$ ( $10^6$ psi)	$E_{x\min}$ ( $10^6$ psi)
		24F-1.8E		2400	1450		650	
24F-V4	DF/DF	2400	1850	650	650	265	1.8	0.95
24F-V8	DF/DF	2400	2400	650	650	265	1.8	0.95
24F-E4	DF/DF	2400	1450	650	650	265	1.8	0.95
24F-E13	DF/DF	2400	2400	650	650	265	1.8	0.95
24F-E18	DF/DF	2400	2400	650	650	265	1.8	0.95
24F-V3	SP/SP	2400	2000	740	740	300	1.8	0.95
24F-V8	SP/SP	2400	2400	740	740	300	1.8	0.95
24F-E1	SP/SP	2400	1450	805	650	300	1.8	0.95
24F-E4	SP/SP	2400	2400	805	805	300	1.9	1.00

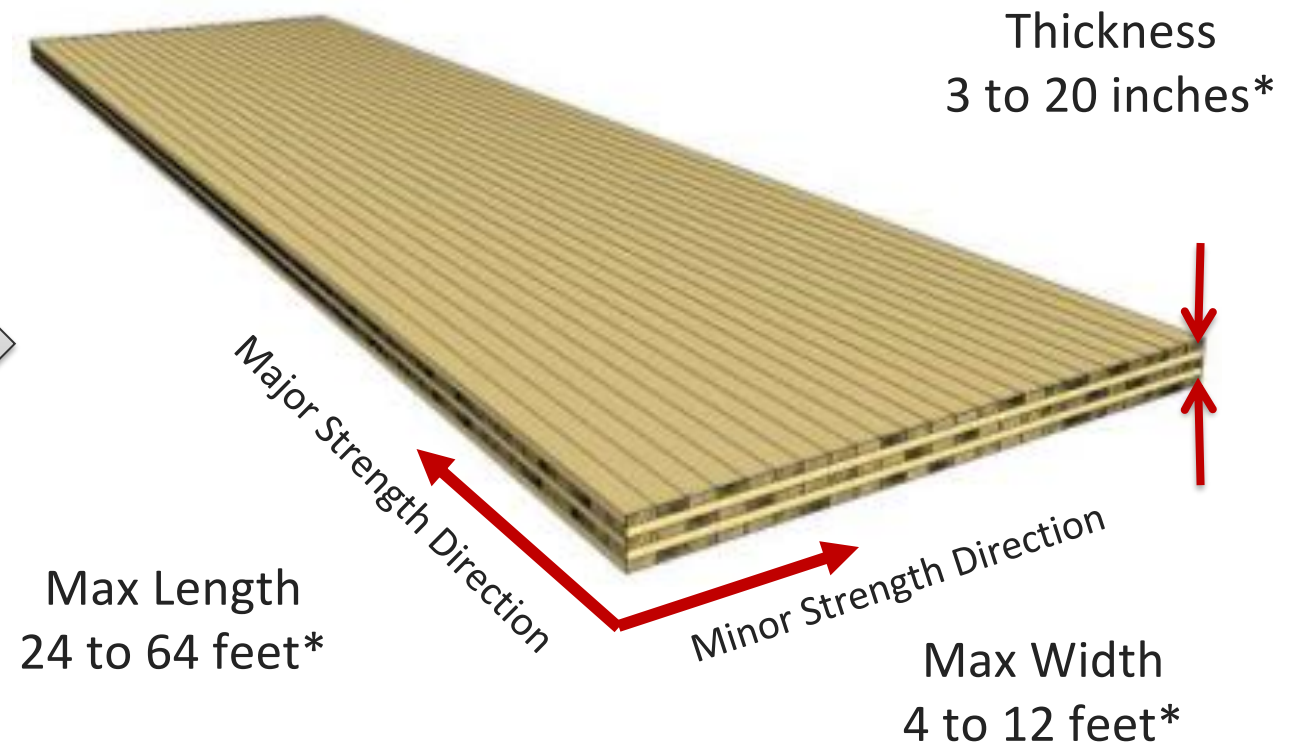
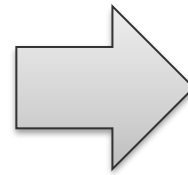
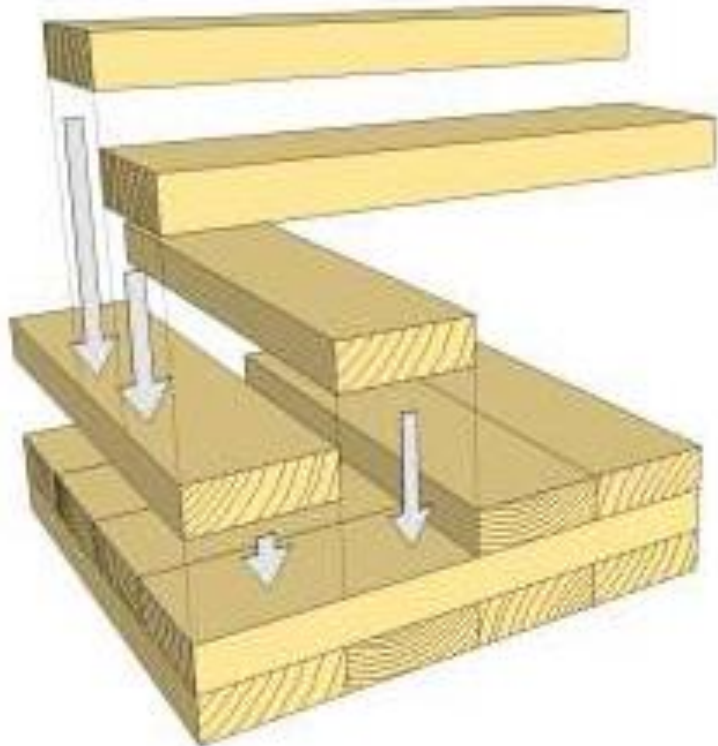


Source: NDS supplement Table 5A



# What is CLT?

3+ layers of laminations  
Typically Solid Sawn Laminations  
Cross-Laminated Layup  
Glued with Structural Adhesives



\*All dimensions are approximate.  
Consult with manufacturers

# Cross Laminated Timber



## Considerations:

- Large light-weight panels
- Dimensionally stable
- Precise CNC machining available
- Recognized by IBC
- Dual Directional span capabilities
- Often architecturally exposed
- Fast on-site construction

# North American CLT Product Standard

AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARD

## **ANSI/APA PRG 320-2025** Standard for Performance-Rated Cross-Laminated Timber



The Standard Covers:

- U.S. and Canada Use
- Panel Dimensions and Tolerances
- Component Requirements
- Structural Performance Requirements
- Panel and Manufacturing Qualification
- Marking (Stamping)
- Quality Assurance

***<https://www.apawood.org/ansi-apa-prg-320>***



# CLT Basic Stress Grades

CLT Grade	Major Strength Direction	Minor Strength Direction
E1	1950f-1.7E MSR SPF	#3 Spruce Pine Fir
E2	1650f-1.5E MSR DFL	#3 Doug Fir Larch
E3	1200f-1.2E MSR Misc	#3 Misc
E4	1950f-1.7E MSR SP	#3 Southern Pine
E5	1650f-1.5E MSR Hem-Fir	#3 Hem-Fir
V1	#2 Doug Fir Larch	#3 Doug Fir Larch
V1(N)	#2 Doug-Fir Larch (North)	#3 Doug-Fir Larch (North)
V2	#1/#2 Spruce Pine Fir	#3 Spruce Pine Fir
V3	#2 Southern Pine	#3 Southern Pine
V4	#2 Spruce Pine Fir (South)	#3 Spruce Pine Fir (South)
V5	#2 Hem-Fir	#3 Hem-Fir

Basic solid sawn CLT stress grade in PRG 320-2019.

Other custom stress grades including structural composite lumber (SCL) permitted

# PRG 320 Defined Layups

CLT Grade  
(basic)

Layup

Panel Properties

TABLE A2

ASD REFERENCE DESIGN VALUES<sup>a</sup> FOR BASIC CLT GRADES AND LAYUPS (FOR USE IN THE U.S.)

CLT Grade	$t_p$ (in.)	Lamination Thickness (in.) in CLT Layup							Major Strength Direction				Minor Strength Direction			
		=	⊥	=	⊥	=	⊥	=	$(F_b S)_{eff,f,0}$ (lb-ft/ft of width)	$(EI)_{eff,f,0}$ (10 <sup>6</sup> lb-ft <sup>2</sup> /ft of width)	$(GA)_{eff,f,0}$ (10 <sup>6</sup> lb-ft/ft of width)	$V_{s,0}$ (lb-ft/ft of width)	$(F_b S)_{eff,f,90}$ (lb-ft/ft of width)	$(EI)_{eff,f,90}$ (10 <sup>6</sup> lb-ft <sup>2</sup> /ft of width)	$(GA)_{eff,f,90}$ (10 <sup>6</sup> lb-ft/ft of width)	$V_{s,90}$ (lb-ft/ft of width)
E1	4 1/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8					4,525	115	0.46	1,490	160	3.1	0.61	495
	6 7/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8			10,400	440	0.92	2,480	1,370	81	1.2	1,490
	9 5/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	18,375	1,089	1.4	3,475	3,150	313	1.8	2,480
E2	4 1/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8					3,825	102	0.53	1,980	165	3.6	0.56	660
	6 7/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8			8,825	389	1.1	3,300	1,440	95	1.1	1,980
	9 5/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	15,600	963	1.6	4,625	3,300	364	1.7	3,300
E3	4 1/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8					2,800	81	0.35	1,160	110	2.3	0.44	385
	6 7/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8			6,400	311	0.69	1,930	955	61	0.87	1,160
	9 5/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	11,325	769	1.0	2,700	2,210	234	1.3	1,930
E4	4 1/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8					4,525	115	0.50	1,820	140	3.4	0.62	605
	6 7/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8			10,400	440	1.0	3,025	1,230	88	1.2	1,820
	9 5/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	18,400	1,089	1.5	4,225	2,850	338	1.9	3,025
	4 1/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8					3,825	101	0.46	1,650	160	3.1	0.55	550

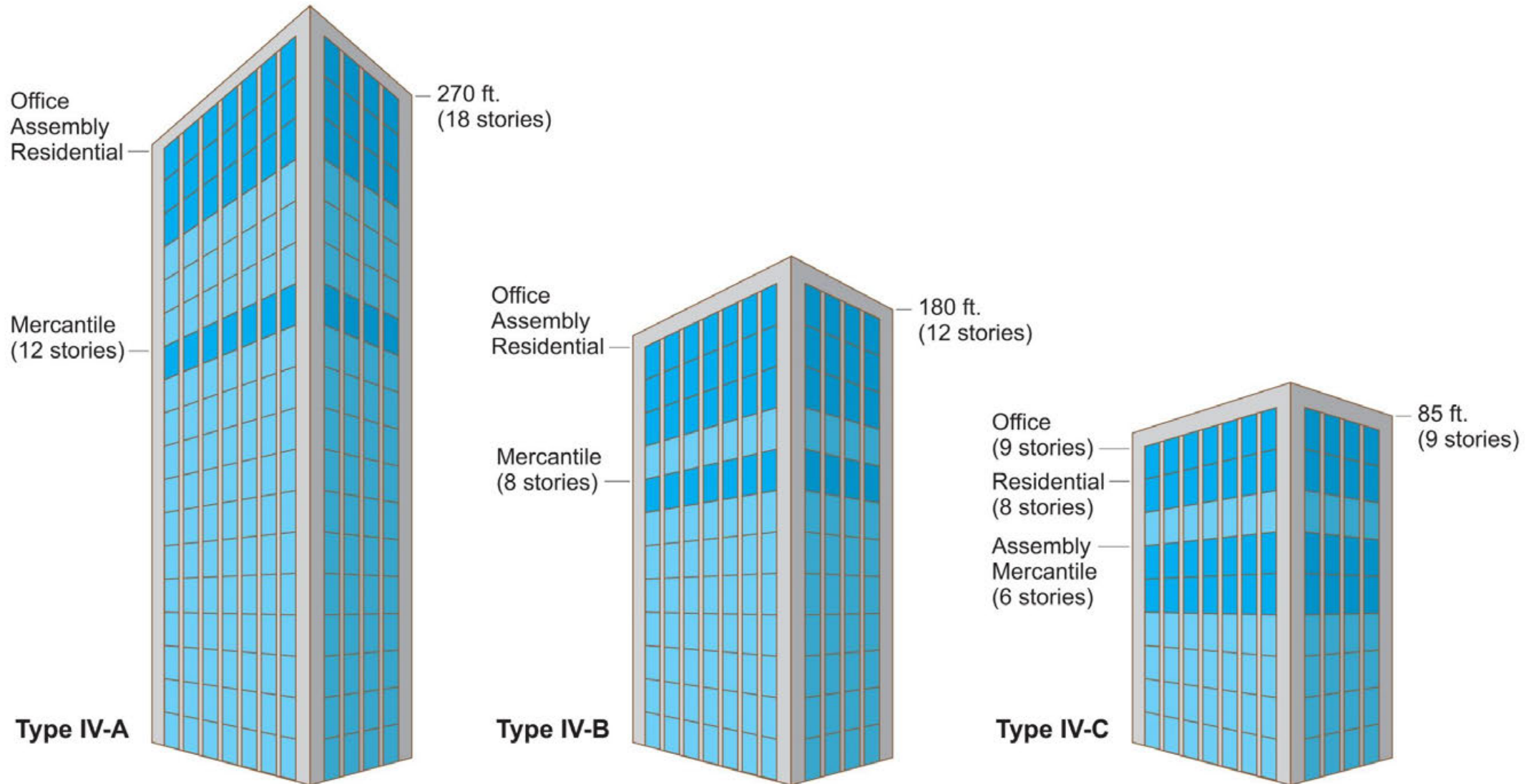
# Model Building Code Acceptance



2015 International Building Code



## Tall Mass Timber: Up to 18 Stories in Construction Types IV-A, IV-B or IV-C



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# Mass timber design

Acoustics – IBC 1207

No acoustical code requirements for many mass timber building types such as offices and assembly. However, many owners require a minimum level of performance

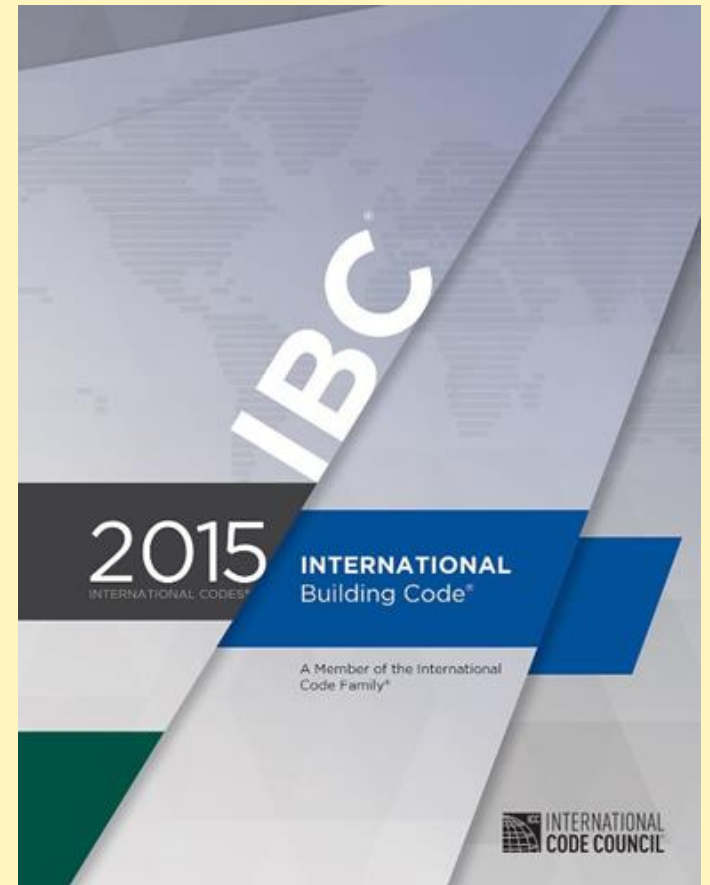
Code requirements for residential occupancies:

**Min. STC of 50:**

- Walls, Partitions, and Floor/Ceiling Assemblies

**Min. IIC of 50 for:**

- Floor/Ceiling Assemblies





# Mass timber design

Acoustics

## Sound Insulation of Bare CLT Floors and Walls

Examples of Acoustically-Tested Mass Timber Panels

Mass Timber Panel	Thickness	STC Rating	IIC Rating
3-ply CLT wall <sup>4</sup>	3.07"	33	N/A
5-ply CLT wall <sup>4</sup>	6.875"	38	N/A
5-ply CLT floor <sup>5</sup>	5.1875"	39	22
5-ply CLT floor <sup>4</sup>	6.875"	41	25
7-ply CLT floor <sup>4</sup>	9.65"	44	30
2x4 NLT wall <sup>6</sup>	3-1/2" bare NLT 4-1/4" with 3/4" plywood	24 bare NLT 29 with 3/4" plywood	N/A
2x6 NLT wall <sup>6</sup>	5-1/2" bare NLT 6-1/4" with 3/4" plywood	22 bare NLT 31 with 3/4" plywood	N/A
2x6 NLT floor + 1/2" plywood <sup>2</sup>	6" with 1/2" plywood	34	33

Source: Inventory of Acoustically-Tested Mass Timber Assemblies, WoodWorks<sup>7</sup>

# 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
- Mass timber floor panels



Image credit: AcoustiTECH

# Mass timber design

## Acoustics

Table 1: CLT Floor Assemblies with Concrete/Gypsum Topping, Ceiling Side Exposed



CLT Panel	Concrete/Gypsum Topping	Acoustical Mat Product Between CLT and Topping	Finish Floor	STC <sup>1</sup>	IIC <sup>1</sup>	Source
CLT 3-ply (3.5")	3" concrete	Maxxon Acousti-Mat® 3/4"	None	53 <sup>2</sup> ASTC	45 <sup>2</sup> FIIC	72
CLT 3-ply (4.125")	2" concrete	Pliteq GenieMat™ FF25	None	54	44	89
			LVT on GenieMat RST05	53	48	90
			Eng Wood on GenieMat RST05	53	46	91
			Carpet Tile	52	50	92
	3" concrete	Kinetics® RIM-33L-2-24 System with ¼" Plywood	None	57	45	103
			LVT	-	58	104
			2 layers of ¼" USG Fiberock® on Kinetics® Soundmatt	55	55	105
			LVT on 2 layers of ¼" USG Fiberock® on Kinetics® Soundmatt	-	59	106
		Kinetics® Ultra Quiet SR with synthetic roofing felt	None	57	46	107
			LVT	-	55	108
			2 layers of ¼" USG Fiberock® on Kinetics® Soundmatt	57	53	109
			LVT on 2 layers of ¼" USG Fiberock® on Kinetics® Soundmatt	-	50	110
	4" concrete	Kinetics® RIM-33L-2-24 System with ¼" Plywood	None	60	53	111



## Acoustics and Mass Timber: Room-to-Room Noise Control

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T3 Minneapolis  
Architect: MGA | Michael Green Architecture, DLR Group  
Structural Engineer: Magnusson Klemencic Associates  
Design Assist + Build: StructureCraft

Photo: Corey Davis courtesy of MGA + DLR

<https://www.woodworks.org/resources/inventory-of-acoustically-tested-mass-timber-assemblies/>



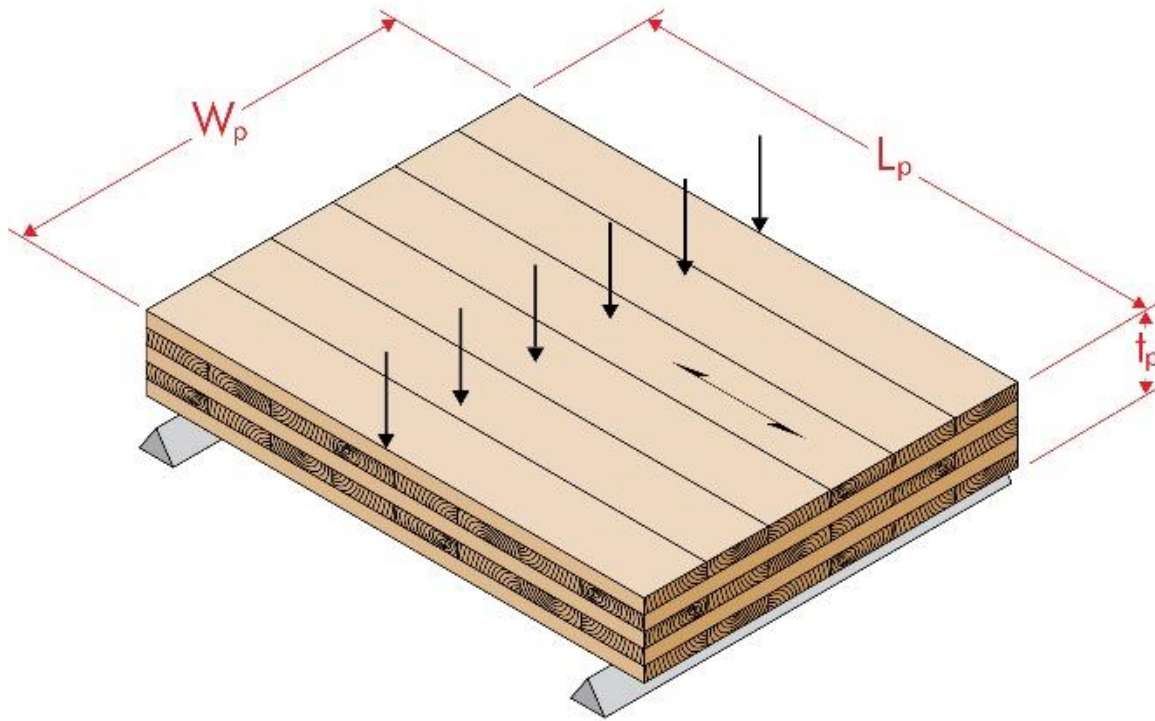
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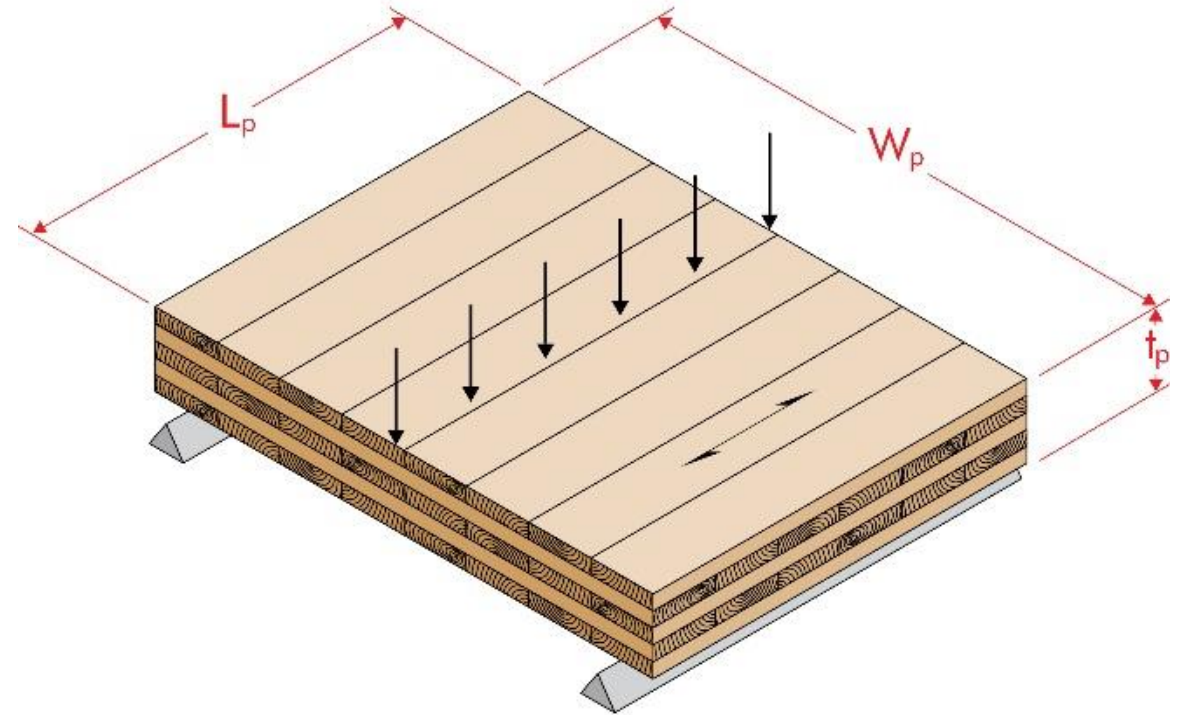


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# FLATWISE Panel Loading

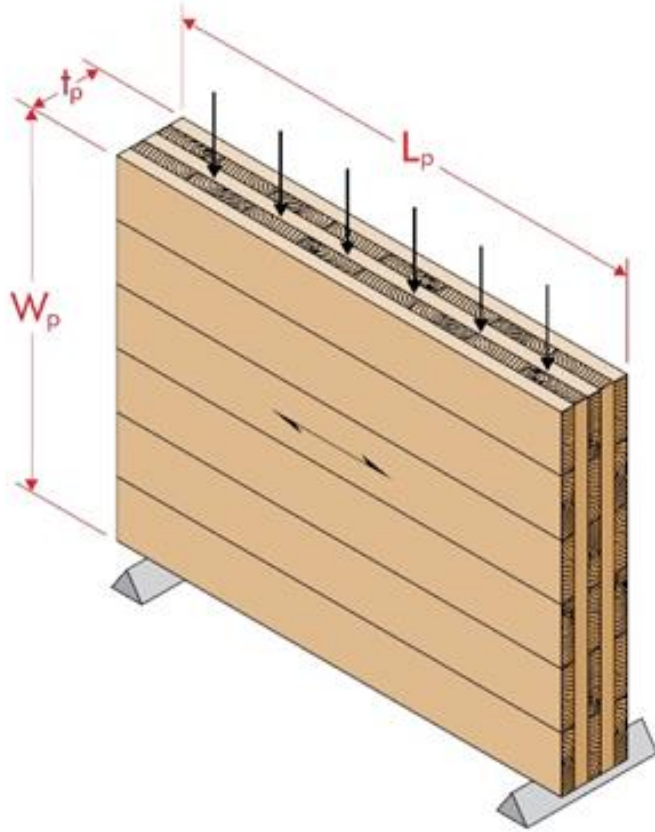


Span in **MAJOR** Strength Direction  
“Parallel” Direction  
*Use subscript ‘0’ or ‘II’ in Notation*

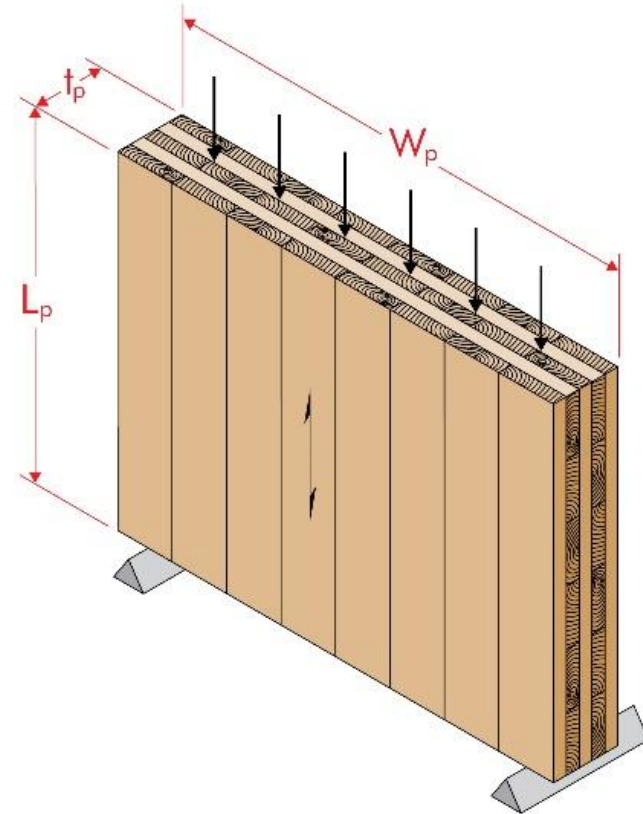


Span in **MINOR** Strength Direction  
“Perpendicular” Direction  
*Use subscript ‘90’ or “⊥” in Notation*

# EDGEWISE Panel Loading



Span in **MAJOR** Strength Direction



Span in **MINOR** Strength Direction

*Reference & Source: ANSI/APA PRG 320*



# Two-Way Panels

5 PLY CLT PANELS,  
2-WAY SPAN  
~9'X13' GRID OF  
COLUMNS

Brock  
Commons  
Vancouver, BC



# Flatwise Flexural Strength

Design properties based on an Extreme Fiber Model:

Flexural Capacity Check:

$$M_b \leq (F_b S_{\text{eff}})'$$

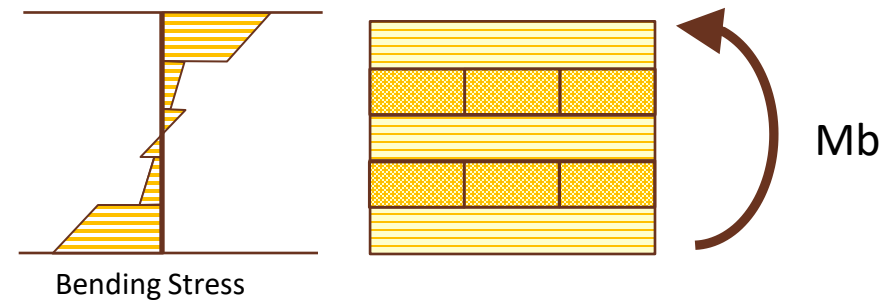
$M_b$  = applied bending moment

$(F_b S_{\text{eff}})'$  = adjusted bending capacity

$S_{\text{eff}}$  = effective section modulus

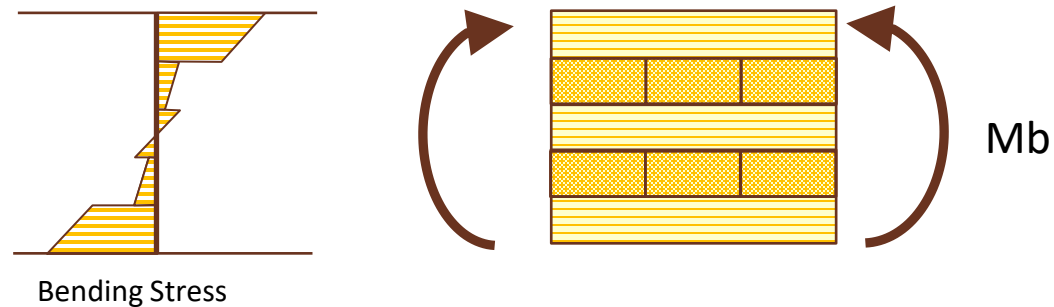
$F_b$  = reference bending design stress of outer lamination

} Separate values  
for most  
components



# Flatwise Flexural Strength

## Flexural Capacity Check (**ASD**)



$$(F_b S_{\text{eff}})' = C_D \underbrace{C_M C_t C_L}_{\substack{\text{Commonly} \\ 1.0}} \underbrace{(F_b S_{\text{eff}})}_{\substack{\text{Provided as} \\ \text{combined value}}}$$

per NDS

$$M_b \leq C_D (1.0) (F_b S_{\text{eff}})$$

Here and in the following, items in **RED** are provided CLT properties



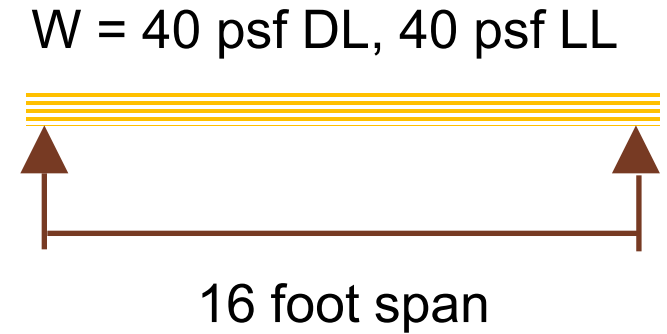
# Flatwise Flexural Strength Design Example

Select acceptable CLT section

**Given:**

16 foot span floor

40 psf live load, 40 psf total dead load



**Assume:**

one-way spanning action in major strength axis of CLT

Analysis of a 1 ft strip of panel as beam

Calculate ASD Applied Moment using load combo 1.0DL + 1.0LL

$$M_b = w L^2 / 8 = (40+40\text{plf}) (16\text{ft})^2 / 8 = 2560 \text{ lb-ft/ft}$$

# Flatwise Flexural Strength Design Example

Look for Acceptable CLT Grade from PRG 320:  $F_b S_{\text{eff},0} > 2560 \text{ lb-ft/ft}$

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		=	⊥	=	⊥	=	⊥	=	⊥	(F <sub>b</sub> S) <sub>eff,f,0</sub> (lb <sub>f</sub> -ft/ ft of width)	(EI) <sub>eff,f,0</sub> (10 <sup>6</sup> lb <sub>f</sub> - in. <sup>2</sup> /ft of width)	(GA) <sub>eff,f,0</sub> (10 <sup>6</sup> lb <sub>f</sub> / ft of width)	V <sub>s,0</sub> (lb <sub>f</sub> /ft of width)	(F <sub>b</sub> S) <sub>eff,f,90</sub> (lb <sub>f</sub> -ft/ ft of width)	(EI) <sub>eff,f,90</sub> (10 <sup>6</sup> lb <sub>f</sub> - in. <sup>2</sup> /ft of width)	(GA) <sub>eff,f,90</sub> (10 <sup>6</sup> lb <sub>f</sub> /ft of width)	V <sub>s,90</sub> (lb <sub>f</sub> /ft of width)
V1	4 1/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8						2,090	108	0.53	1,980	165	3.6	0.59	660
	6 7/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8				4,800	415	1.1	3,300	1,440	95	1.2	1,980
	9 5/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8		8,500	1,027	1.6	4,625	3,300	364	1.8	3,300
V1(N)	4 1/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8						1,980	108	0.53	1,980	150	3.6	0.59	660
	6 7/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8				4,550	415	1.1	3,300	1,300	95	1.2	1,980
	9 5/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8		8,025	1,027	1.6	4,625	3,000	364	1.8	3,300
V2	4 1/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8						2,030	95	0.46	1,490	160	3.1	0.52	495
	6 7/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8				4,675	363	0.91	2,480	1,370	81	1.0	1,490

Select 5-Ply 6 7/8" Thick V1 Panel with  $F_b S_{\text{eff},0} = 4800 \text{ lb-ft/ft}$

Reference: ANSI/APA PRG 320

# Flatwise Flexural Strength Design Example

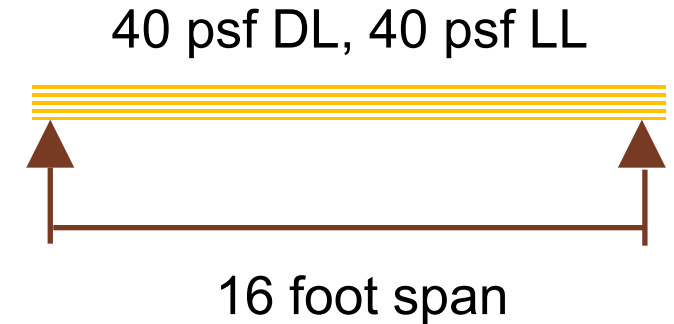
## ASD Flexural Capacity:

Dead + Live load,  $C_D = 1.0$

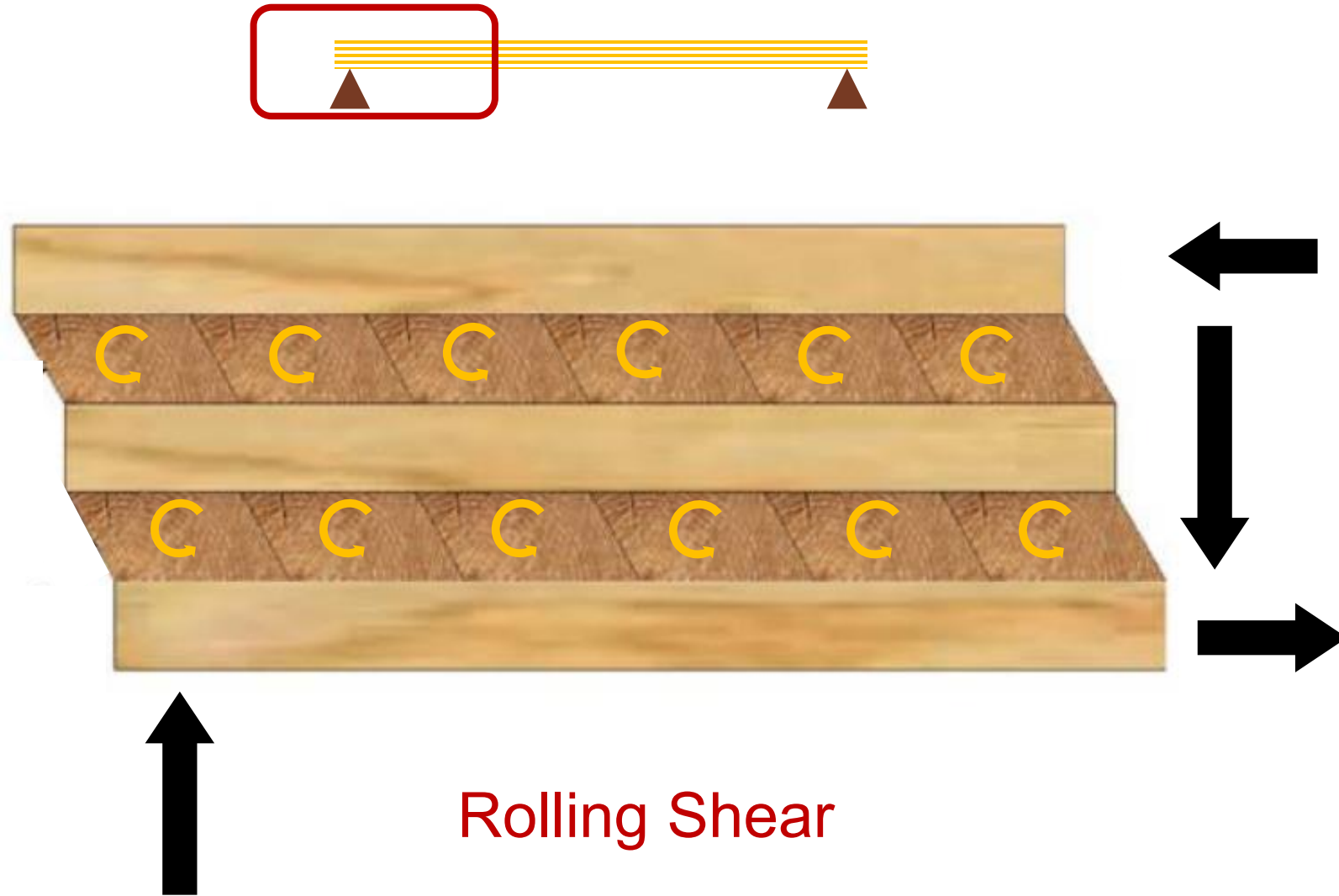
$$\begin{aligned}(F_b S_{eff})' &= C_D (1.0) (F_b S_{eff}) \\ &= 1.0 (1.0) (4800 \text{ lb-ft/ft}) \\ &= 4800 \text{ lb-ft/ft}\end{aligned}$$

$$M_b = 2560 \text{ lb-ft/ft} \leq (F_b S_{eff})' = 4800 \text{ lb-ft/ft}$$

**Flexural Strength OK**



# Flatwise Shear Strength



Source: CSA O86-14, 2016 Supplement



# Flatwise Shear Strength

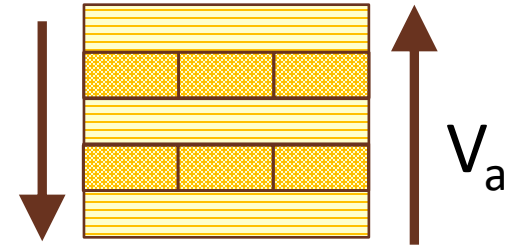
Design Properties based on Extreme Fiber Model:

Shear Capacity Check:

$$V_a \leq F_s(Ib/Q)_{\text{eff}}'$$

$V_a$  = applied shear

$F_s(IbQ)_{\text{eff}}'$  = adjusted shear strength



Jargon Alert! AKA “Planar Shear”, “Out-of-Plane Shear”, or “Rolling Shear” Strength



Wood Structural  
Panel Term



Structural  
Engineering Term

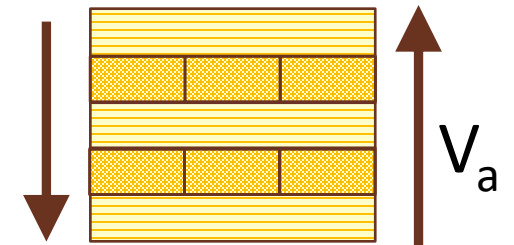


WSP &  
CLT Term

# Flatwise Shear Strength

Design Properties based on Extreme Fiber Model:

Shear Capacity Check (ASD):



$$F_s(IbQ)_{eff}' = \underbrace{C_M C_t}_{\text{Commonly 1.0}} \underbrace{(F_s(IbQ)_{eff})}_{\text{From Manufacturer}} = C_M C_t \underbrace{V_s}$$

$$V_a \leq (1.0) V_s$$

Note: Duration of Load Effects ( $C_d$  and  $\lambda$ ) NOT applicable to Flatwise Shear Strength in the NDS

*Reference: NDS & Product Reports*

# Flatwise Shear Strength

TABLE A2

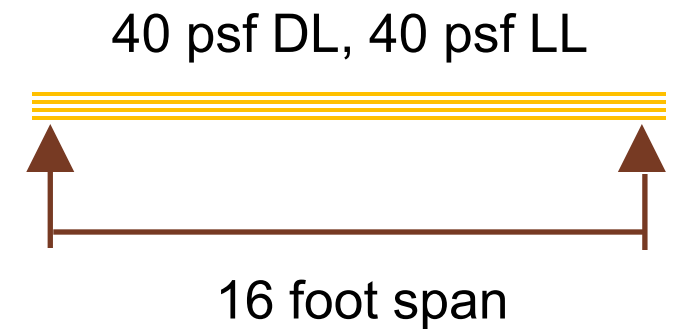
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V2	4 1/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8					2,030	95	0.46	1,490	160	3.1	0.52	495
	6 7/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8			4,675	363	0.91	2,490	1,370	81	1.0	1,490

# Flatwise Shear Strength

Design Properties based on Extreme Fiber Model:

Shear Capacity Check (ASD):



$$V_a = w L / 2 = (40+40\text{psf}) (16\text{ft}) / 2 = 640 \text{ lb/ft}$$

$$F_s(\text{lbQ})_{\text{eff}} = V_s = 3300 \text{ lb/ft}$$

$$F_s(\text{lbQ})_{\text{eff}}' = C_M C_t V_s$$

$$V_a \leq (1.0) V_s$$

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# Deflection Calculations



General Purpose: 1 Way, Beam Action

Needed Stiffness:  $EI_{\text{eff},0}$   $GA_{\text{eff},0}$



Analyze as beam representing a strip (e.g 1. ft) of CLT

Can model multiple spans, cantilevers, etc.

# Flatwise Deflection Example

Uniform loading on one way slab:

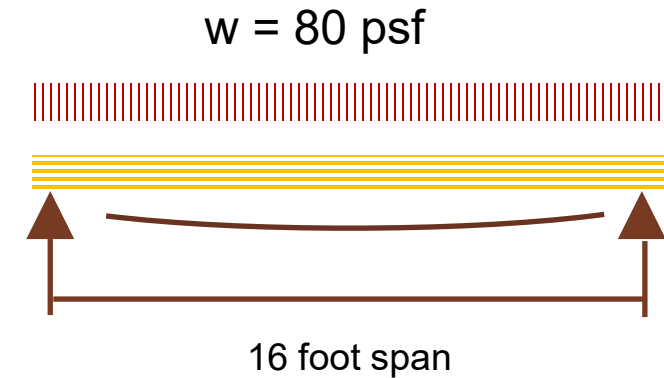
Beam Analysis using

Flexural Stiffness:  $EI_{\text{eff},0}$

Shear Stiffness:  $GA_{\text{eff},0}$

Maximum Deflection @ Mid-Span

$$\Delta_{\text{max}} = \frac{5}{384} * \frac{wL^4}{EI_{\text{eff}}} + \frac{1}{8} * \frac{wL^2}{5/6 GA_{\text{eff}}}$$



Note: 5/6 is shear deformation form factor for rectangular section from mechanics of materials.  
See NDS C10.4.1, FPL "Wood Handbook", etc.

# Flatwise Deflection Example

For selected 6 7/8" 5-Ply V1, lookup major strength stiffness values

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Reference: ANSI/APA PRG 320



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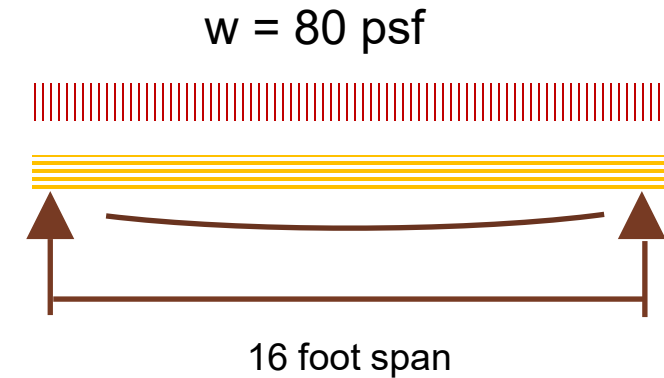
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$$= \frac{5}{384} \cdot \frac{80 \text{ psf} (16 \text{ ft})^4}{415 \times 10^6 \text{ lbf in}^2/\text{ft}} \cdot \left(\frac{12 \text{ in}}{1 \text{ ft}}\right)^3 + \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{80 \text{ psf} (16 \text{ ft})^2}{5/6 \cdot 1.1 \times 10^6 \text{ lbf/ft}} \cdot \frac{12 \text{ in}}{1 \text{ ft}}$$

$$= 0.284 \text{ in} + 0.034 \text{ in} = 0.318 \text{ in}$$

$$= L / 604$$



# Deflection Creep Factor

## Deformation due to Long Term Loads

$$\Delta_T = K_{cr} \Delta_{LT} + \Delta_{ST} \quad \text{NDS Eq 3.5-1}$$

$\Delta_{ST}$  Deflection due to short-term loading

$\Delta_{LT}$  Immediate deflection due to long term loading

$K_{cr}$  2.0 for CLT in dry service conditions

Design Example:

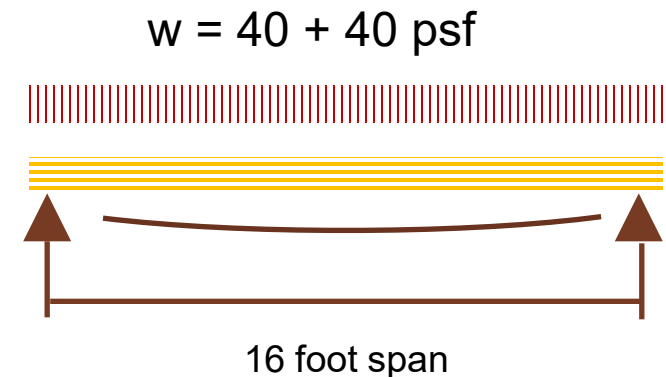
$\Delta_{ST}$  from 40psf = 0.159 in (assuming long term = dead)

$\Delta_{LT}$  from 40psf = 0.159 in

$\Delta_T = 2.0 (0.159) + 0.159 = 0.477$  in

= L / 403

*Reference: NDS 2015*



# Agenda

- » Mass timber systems and products
- » Acoustics
- » Structural design - gravity
- » Vibration
- » Structural design – lateral
- » Connections
- » Fire



Photo: John Stamets



# Floor Vibration Design

“One might almost say that **strength is essential** and **otherwise unimportant**”

- Hardy Cross

# US Building Code Requirements for Vibration

None

Barely discussed in IBC, NDS, etc.

ASCE 7 Commentary Appendix C has some discussion, no requirements

# Floor Vibration Concepts

- The natural frequency of a floor, and harmonics of the fundamental frequency, are the most important parameters in vibration design and evaluation
- Most practical floors have fundamental frequencies in the range of 5 to 15 Hz, although values outside this range are possible
- Generally, the higher the frequency the better the performance

# Walking Frequency $f_w$



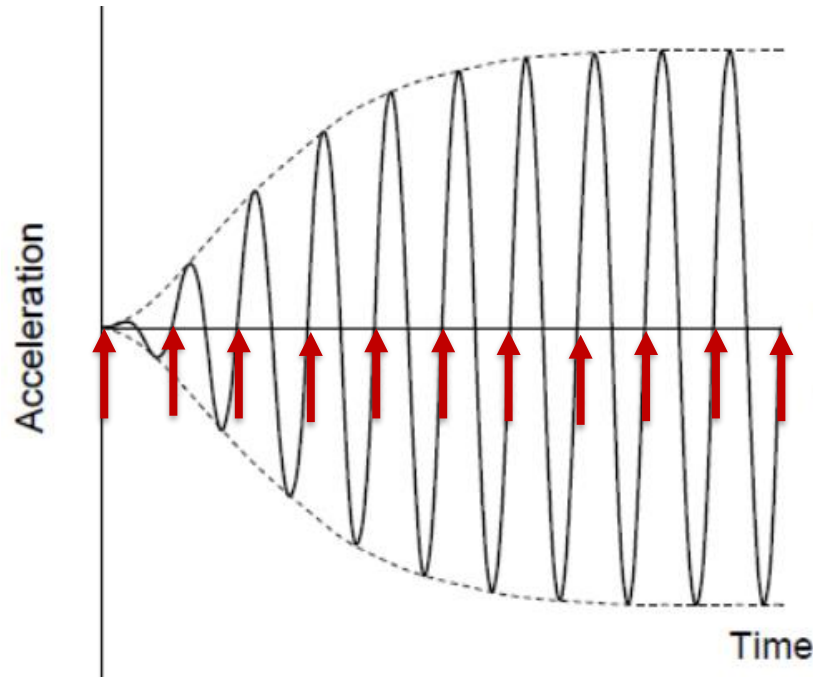
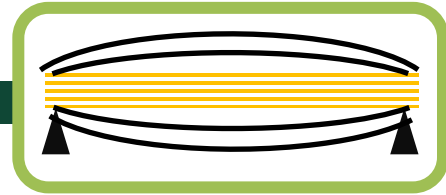
Walking Speed	Walking Frequency	Steps Per Minute
Very Slow	1.25 Hz	75 SPM
Slow	1.6 Hz	95 SPM
Moderate	1.85 Hz	110 SPM
Fast	2.1 Hz	126 SPM
Running	Up to 4.0 Hz	240 SPM
<u>Practical Tip</u> - walk to a metronome too understand the range		



The range of walking frequencies considered is an important consideration of vibration analysis



# Resonant vs Impulsive Response



Excitation Frequency not  $\gg$  Natural Frequency  
Excitation Creates Resonant Build-up of Vibration

## Resonant Response

Resonance occurs when  
walking frequency = natural frequency

$$f_w = f_n$$

Also occurs when a harmonic of the walking  
frequency  $\sim$  natural frequency

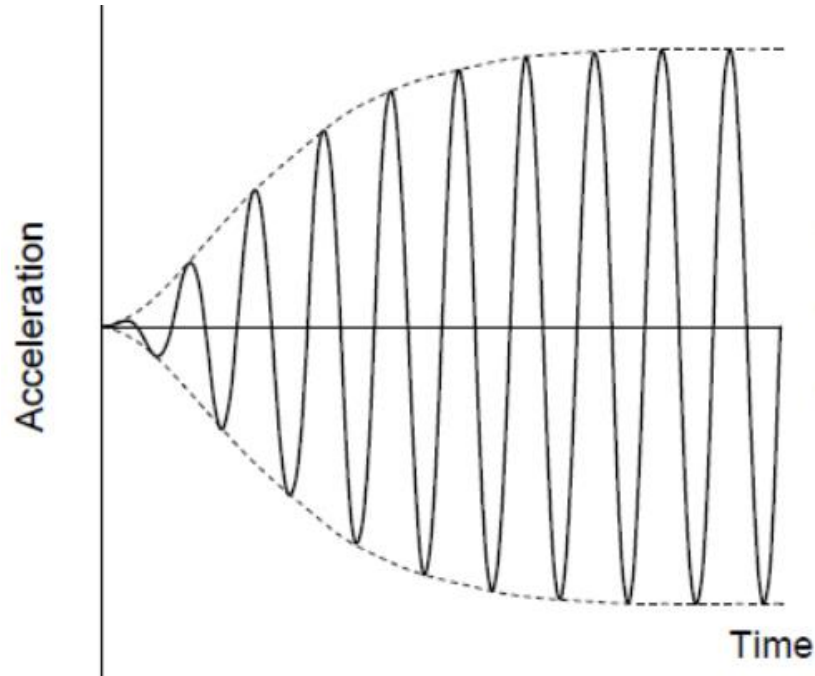
$$n f_w = f_n$$

For 'n' up to around 4

Walking at  $f_w = 2$  Hz creates resonance in  
floor with natural frequency,  $f_n$ , at

**2Hz, 4 Hz, 6 Hz, and 8Hz**

# Resonant vs Impulsive Response

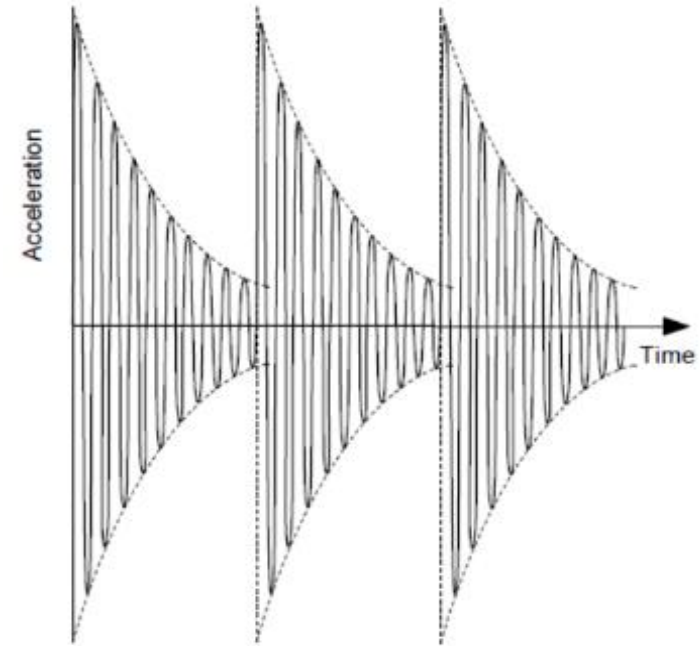


Excitation creates Resonant build-up of vibration

Resonant Response

For walking excitations

$$f_n \sim < 8-10 \text{ Hz}$$



Response decays out between load impulses

Impulsive/Transient Response

$$f_n \sim > 8-10 \text{ Hz}$$

# Vibration Design Methods



$$\Delta < L/480$$

$$f_n > 14 \text{ Hz}$$

Woeste & Dolan

*Wood Frame*

FPI/CLT Handbook

*Mass Timber*

Mass Timber Design Guide

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*Steel*

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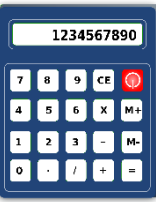
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# Vibration Design Methods



Rules of Thumb

Empirical  
Methods

Simplified  
Analytical

FEM/Modal  
Superposition

FEM/Time  
History

**Mass Timber**

CLT Handbook Method

*U.S. CLT Handbook, 2013*

*Canadian CLT Handbook 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., 2019*

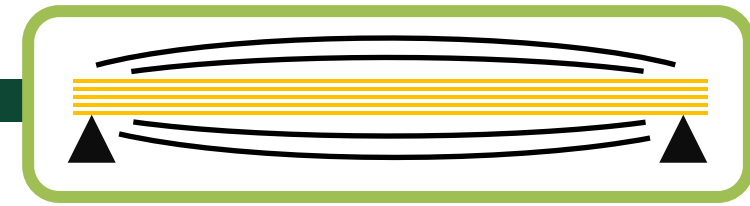
FPIinnovations



<https://web.fpinnovations.ca/clt/>



# Floor Vibration



**One approach: US CLT Handbook, Chapter 7**

Calculated natural frequency of simple span of bare CLT:

$$f = \frac{2.188}{2L^2} \sqrt{\frac{EI_{app}}{\rho A}}$$

Where:

$EI_{app}$  = apparent stiffness for pinned supported, uniformly loaded, simple span ( $K_s = 11.5$ ) (lb-in<sup>2</sup>)

$\rho$  = specific gravity of the CLT

$A$  = the cross section area (thickness x 12 inches) (in<sup>2</sup>)

*Reference: US CLT Handbook, Chapter 7*

## Recommended CLT Floor Span Limit (base value)

$$L_{lim} \leq \frac{1}{12.05} \frac{(EI_{eff})^{0.293}}{(\bar{\rho}A)^{0.122}} \text{ [ft]}$$



Based on:

- Un-topped CLT
- Single, Simple span
- Bearing wall supports.

Does not account for:

- Supporting beam flexibility
- Multi-span conditions
- Additional floor mass (topping slab, etc)

*Reference: US & Canadian CLT Handbooks, Chapter 7*

# CLT Handbook Base Span Limit

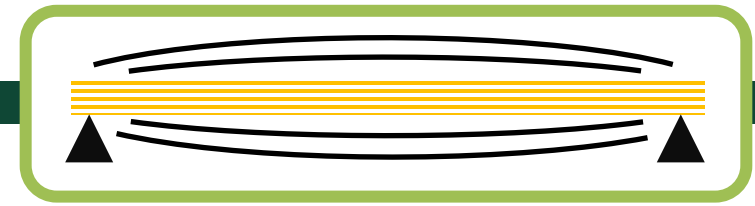
For PRG 320-2019 Basic CLT Grades and Layups from Solid Sawn Lumber

Grade	Layup	Thickness	Base Span Limit
E1	3ply	4 1/8"	13.1
	5ply	6 7/8"	18.2
	7ply	9 5/8"	22.7
E2	3ply	4 1/8"	12.4
	5ply	6 7/8"	17.2
	7ply	9 5/8"	21.6
E3	3ply	4 1/8"	12.0
	5ply	6 7/8"	16.7
	7ply	9 5/8"	20.9
E4	3ply	4 1/8"	12.7
	5ply	6 7/8"	17.6
	7ply	9 5/8"	22.1
E5	3ply	4 1/8"	12.6
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	7ply	9 5/8"	21.0

*Reference: US Mass Timber Floor Vibration Design Guide, assuming 12% M.C.*

# CLT Handbook In Practice



- Experience shown it consistently produces well performing floors
- Does not consider
  - Multi-span panels
  - Flexibility of supports, e.g. beams
  - Impact of topping slabs  
(more mass, but lower frequency)
- Recommend 20% increase in acceptable span length OK for multi-span panels with non-structural elements that are considered to provide an enhanced stiffening effect, including partition walls, finishes and ceilings, etc.

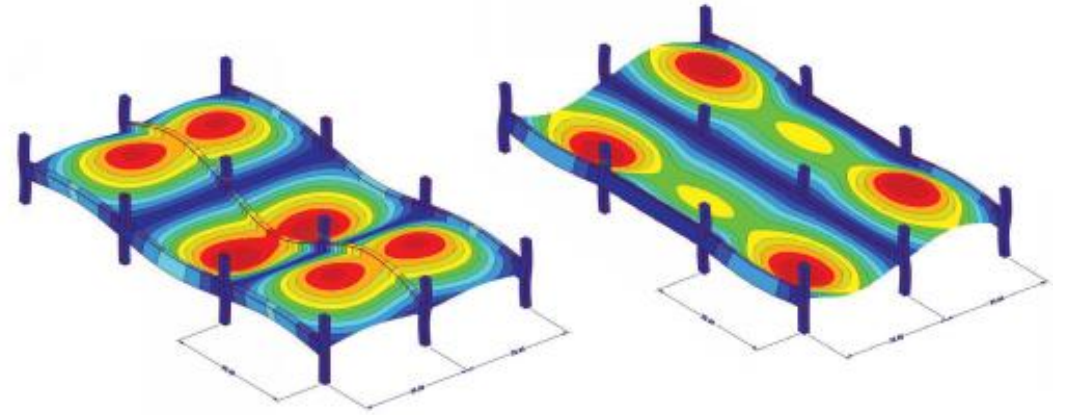
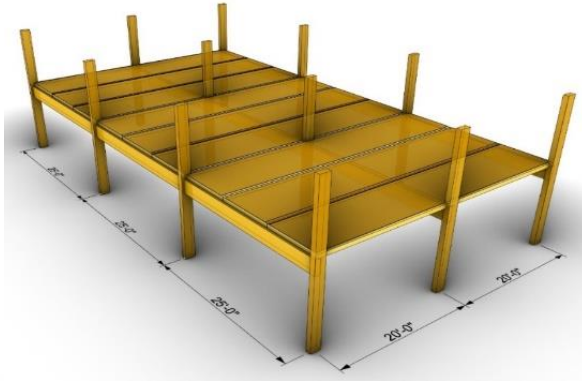
Improves Performance

Lowers Performance

Performance??



# NEW MASS TIMBER FLOOR VIBRATION DESIGN GUIDE



U.S. Mass Timber  
Floor Vibration

Design Guide

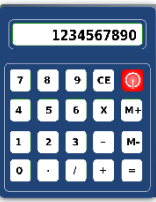


**Worked office, lab and  
residential Examples**

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

Available for free from  
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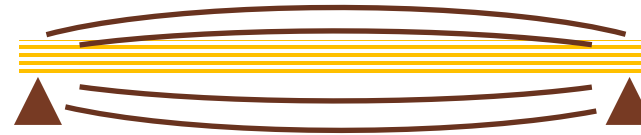
# Parameters of Modal Superposition Methods



Excitation  
Force(s)



Structure



Vibration  
Response



Walking Frequency,  $f_w$

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Walking Location

Walking Path

Stiffness

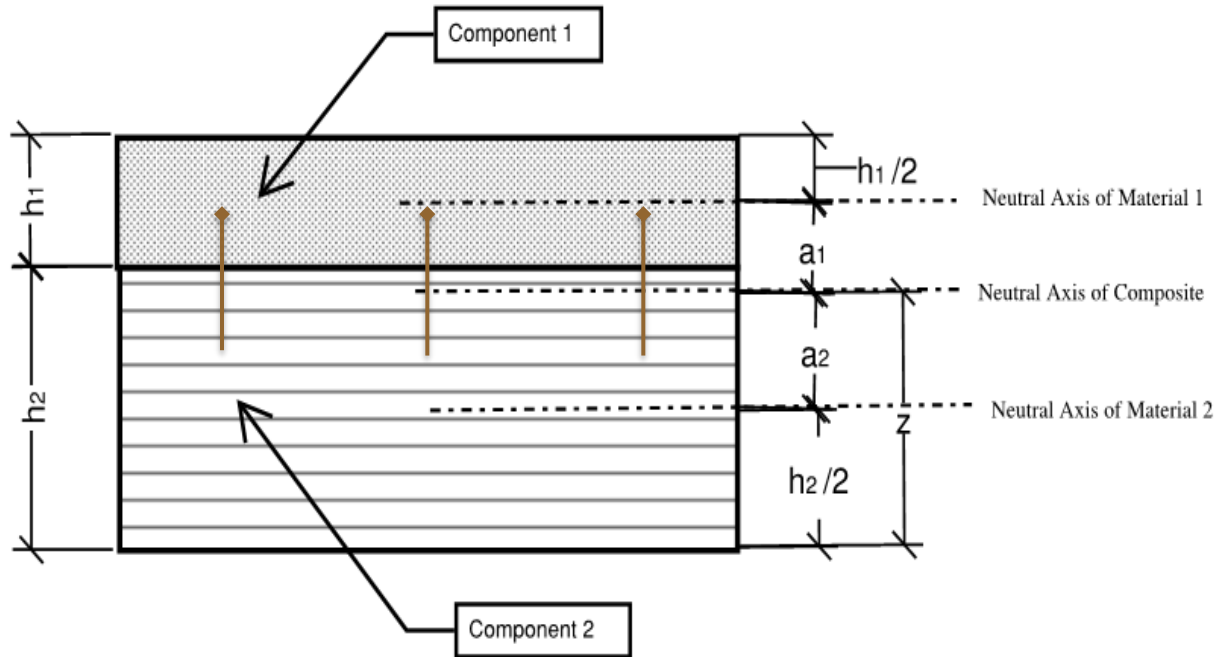
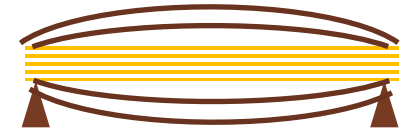
Mass/Weight

Damping

Boundary Conditions

Performance Targets

# Composite Behavior



Even if NOT designed as a composite for code required strength and stiffness, real systems can show *partial composite action* for vibrations

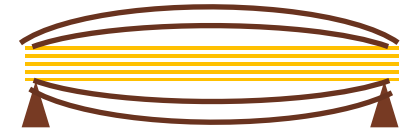
## Incidental Composite Behavior

$$EI_{eff} > EI_1 + EI_2$$

$$GA_{eff} > GA_1 + GA_2$$

	Consider Composite for:		
Composite Behavior	Strength	Deflection	Vibration
Explicit	Yes	Yes	Yes
Incidental	No	No	Yes

# Damping Values

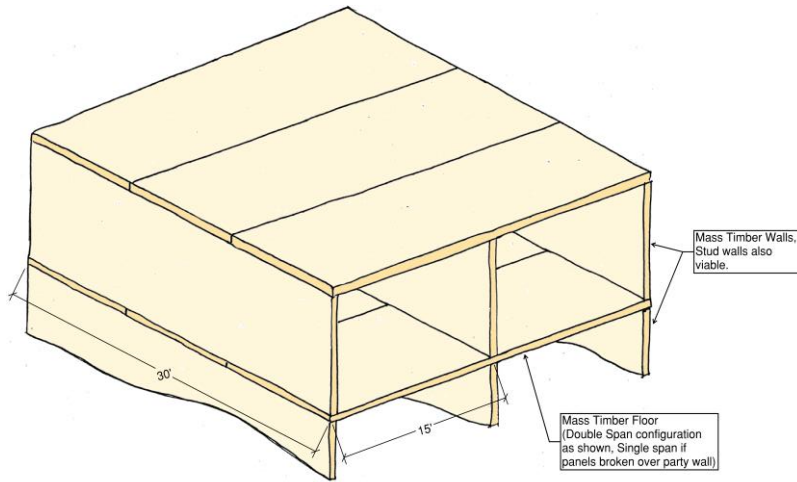


## Selection Based on Judgement and Experience

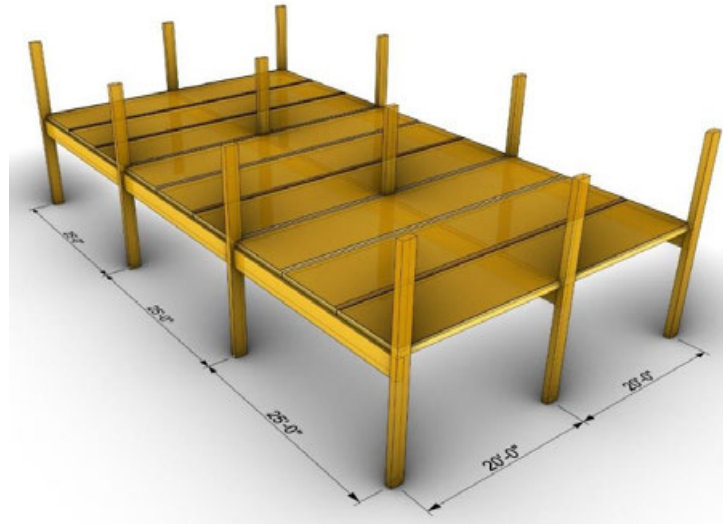
Category	Range of Damping $\zeta$ (% critical)	Discussion
Lightly damped	1-2%	The lower end includes bare floors without topping and with minimal furnishing. The higher end includes floors with concrete topping and furnishings.
Moderately damped	2-4%	Lower values include bare timber-concrete composite floors, or timber floors with a floating concrete layer and full furnishings. The higher values include floors with floating floor layers, raised floors, full furnishings, and mechanical systems. Floors with both furnishings and permanent partitions, not otherwise accounted for, could also be represented on the higher end of this damping range.
Heavily damped	4-5%	Floors in this range represent the upper limit of inherent damping. These floors likely include floating toppings, raised floors, suspended ceilings, furnishings, fixtures, and/or permanent partitions not otherwise accounted for.

# Details of U.S. Mass Timber Floor Vibration Design Guide

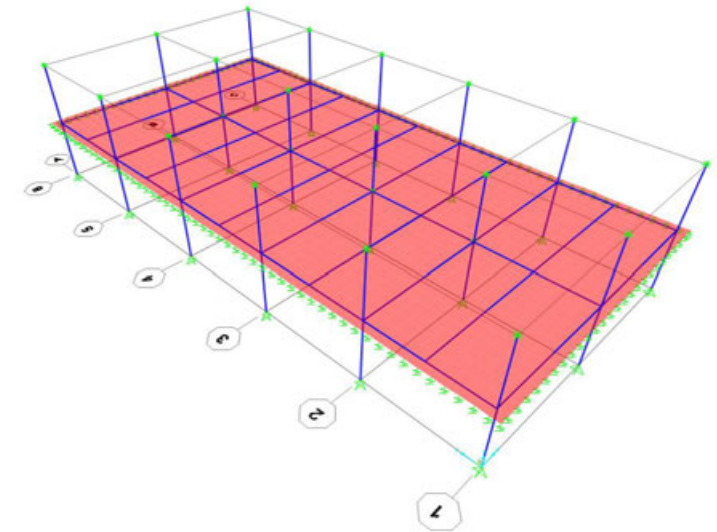
## Vibration Design Examples



**Residential Bearing Wall  
Building with CLT**



**Open Office with NLT on  
Glulam Frame**



**High Performance Lab Space  
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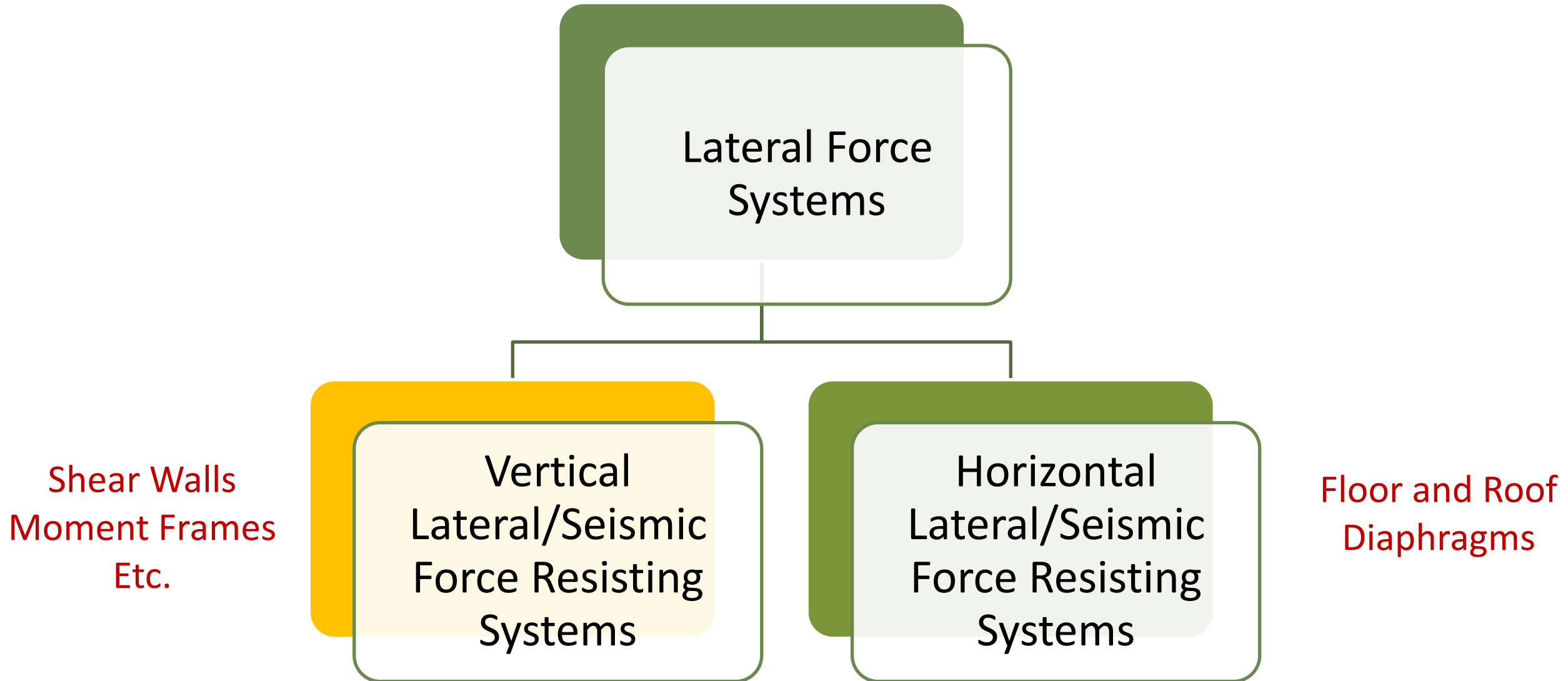
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Photo: John Stamets

# Mass Timber Lateral Systems

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# Code Recognized Vertical Seismic System



*Photos: WoodWorks*



# Mass Timber Design

Lateral framing systems



Central Core – concrete shearwalls

Photo Credit: structurecraft



# Mass Timber Design

Lateral framing systems

Steel Braced Frame

Photo Credit: john stamets





# Mass Timber Design

Lateral framing systems

A close-up photograph of a mass timber wall corner. A vertical black metal plate with several large, conical metal connectors is attached to the wall. A horizontal black metal plate with many small rivets is also attached to the wall, extending from the vertical plate. The wall is made of light-colored wood planks.

## Mass Timber Shearwalls

Photo Credit: alex schreyer





# CLT in In-Plane (Edgewise) Strength

TABLE 3—REFERENCE DESIGN VALUES FOR IN-PLANE SHEAR OF THE STRUCTURLAM CROSSLAM® CLT PANELS<sup>1</sup>

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

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

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

*Consult with the Manufacturers for Values*

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

E1	140-4s	5 1/2
	143-5s	5 5/8
	175-5s	6 7/8
	197-7s	7 3/4
	213-7l	8 3/8
	220-7s	8 5/8
	244-7s	9 5/8
	244-7l	9 5/8
	267-9l	10 1/2
	314-9l	12 3/8

Source: APA Product Report PR-L306

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

Major Strength Direction		Minor Strength Direction	
F <sub>v,e,0</sub> <sup>(a)</sup> (psi)	G <sub>e,0</sub> t <sub>p</sub> <sup>(d)</sup> (10 <sup>6</sup> lbf/ft)	F <sub>v,e,90</sub> <sup>(a)</sup> (psi)	G <sub>e,90</sub> t <sub>p</sub> <sup>(d)</sup> (10 <sup>6</sup> lbf/ft)
155 <sup>(b)</sup>	1.36	190 <sup>(b)</sup>	1.36
155	1.52	190 <sup>(b)</sup>	1.52
155	1.79	190	1.79
185 <sup>(c)</sup>	2.23	215 <sup>(c)</sup>	2.23
145	2.39	190 <sup>(b)</sup>	2.39
185 <sup>(c)</sup>	2.44	215 <sup>(c)</sup>	2.44
185	2.99	215	2.99
155 <sup>(b)</sup>	3.37	215 <sup>(c)</sup>	3.37
185 <sup>(c)</sup>	3.64	215 <sup>(c)</sup>	3.64
185 <sup>(c)</sup>	3.75	215 <sup>(c)</sup>	3.75
185 <sup>(c)</sup>	4.18	215 <sup>(c)</sup>	4.18
185 <sup>(c)</sup>	4.18	215 <sup>(c)</sup>	4.18
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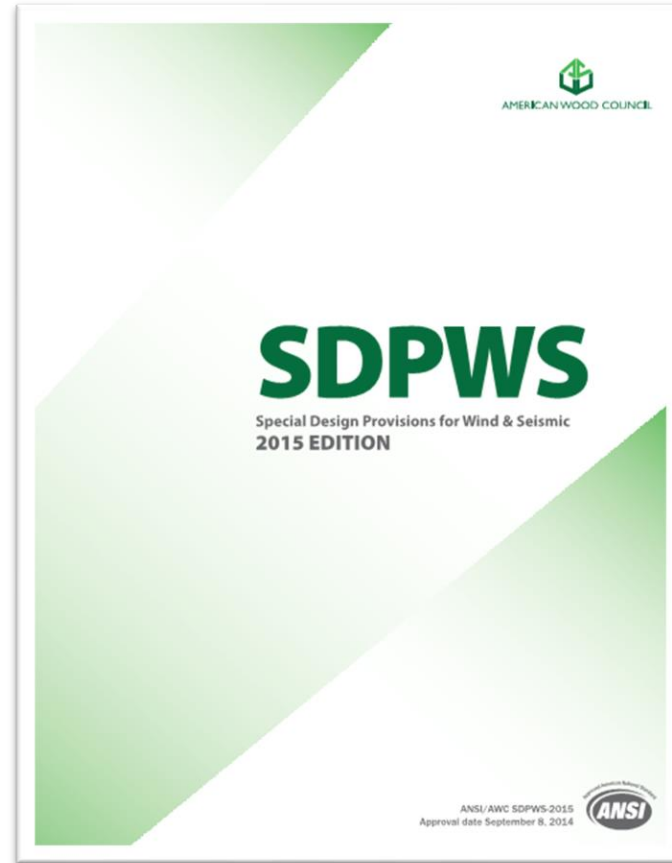
**CLT Panels can have > 9 kips / ft in-plane  
shear capacity**

# CLT Seismic Design

CLT Seismic Force Resisting Systems **Not** addressed In



ASCE/SEI 7-10 or 7-16

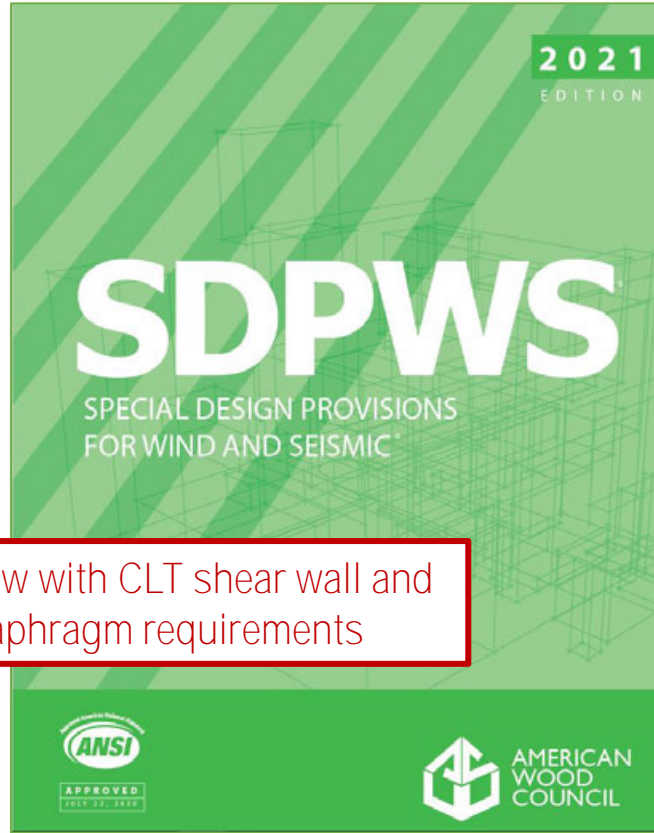


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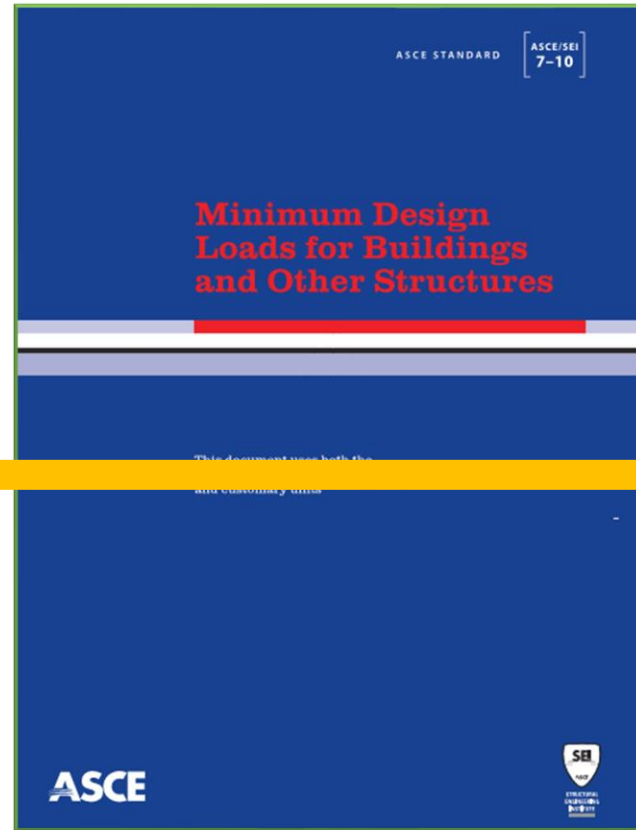
ASCE/SEI 7-10 12.2.1:

*Seismic force-resisting systems not contained in Table 12.2-1 are permitted provided analytical and test data are submitted to the authority having jurisdiction for approval that establish .....*

# CLT in the U.S. Building Code – IBC 2021 (Lateral)



AWC SDPWS 2021



ASCE/SEI 7-16



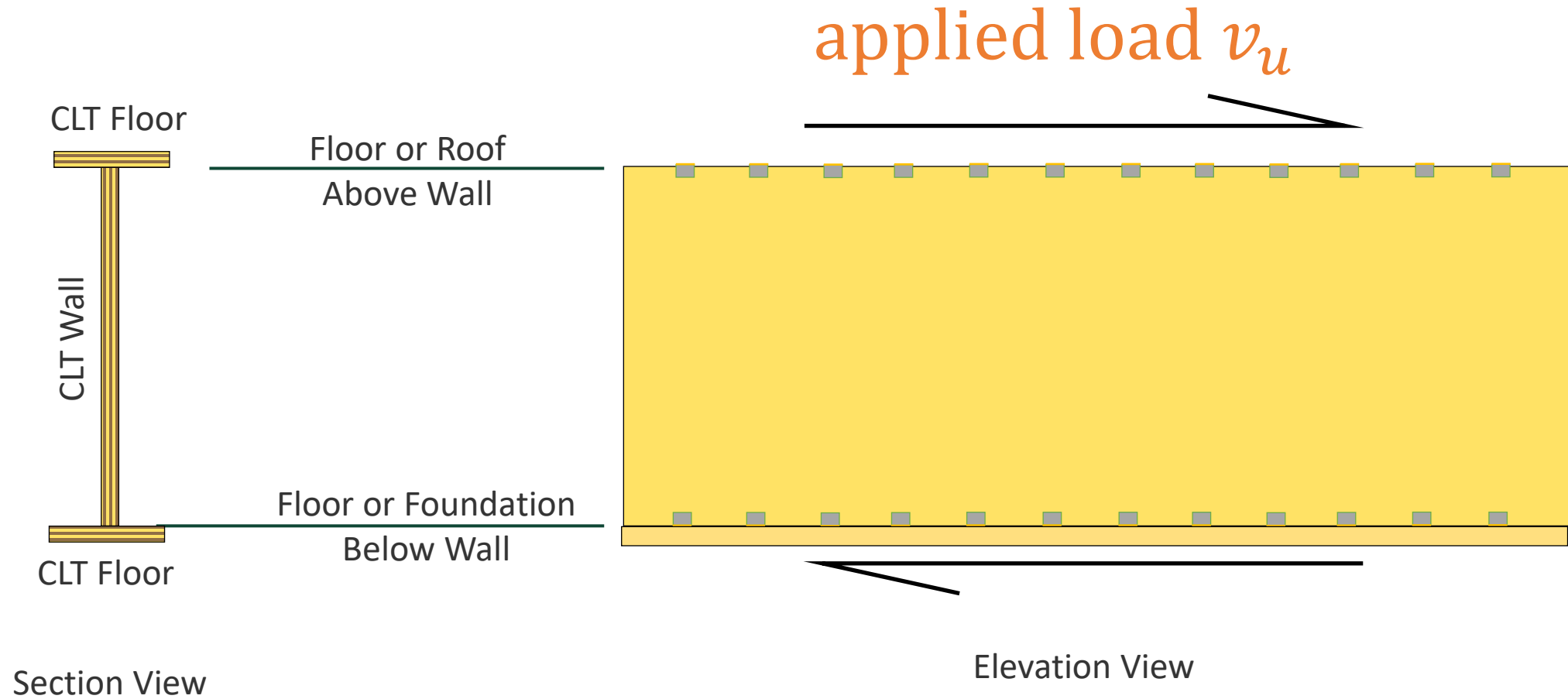
2021 International Building Code

Now with CLT shear wall and diaphragm requirements

**New Requirements for CLT Lateral Systems in SDPWS 2021!**  
**Referenced from IBC 2021**

# CLT Shear Walls in SDPWS 2021

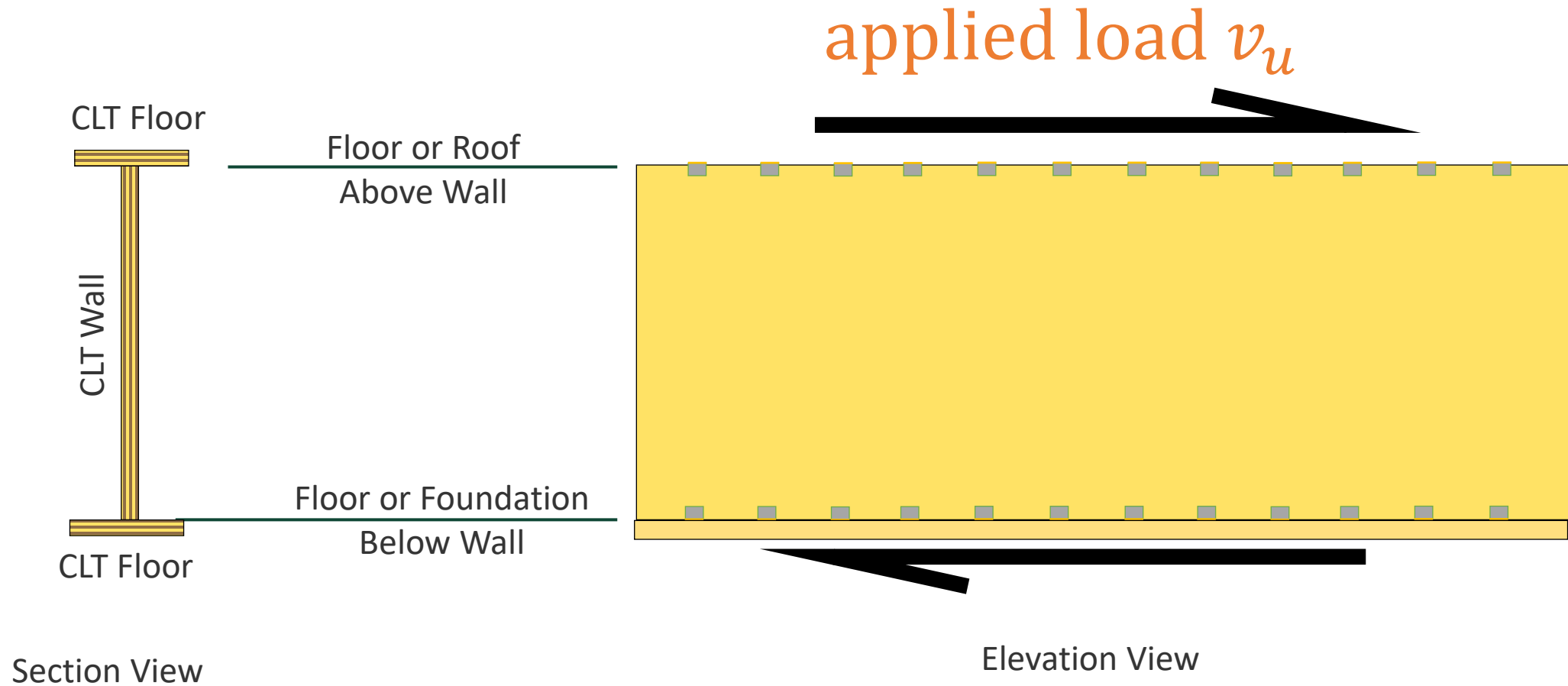
## Platform Framed CLT Construction





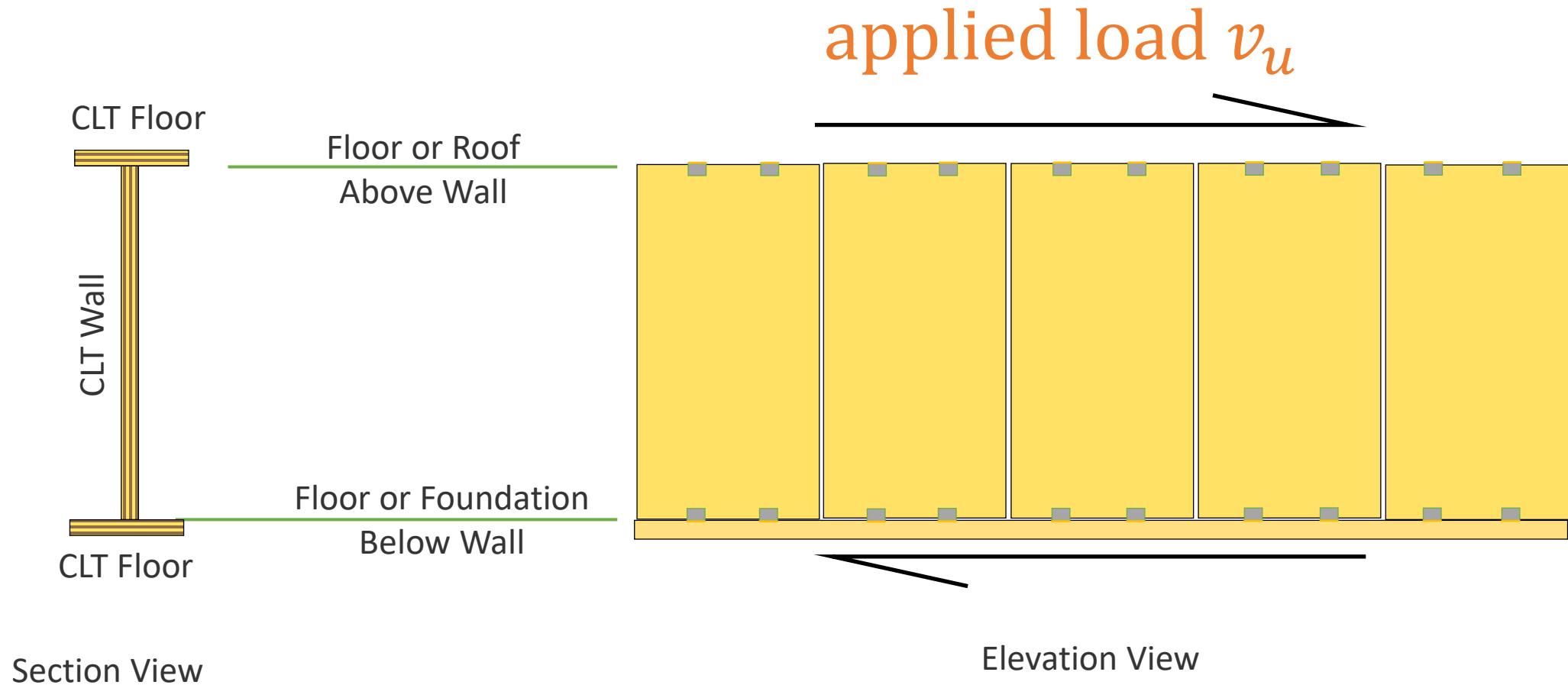
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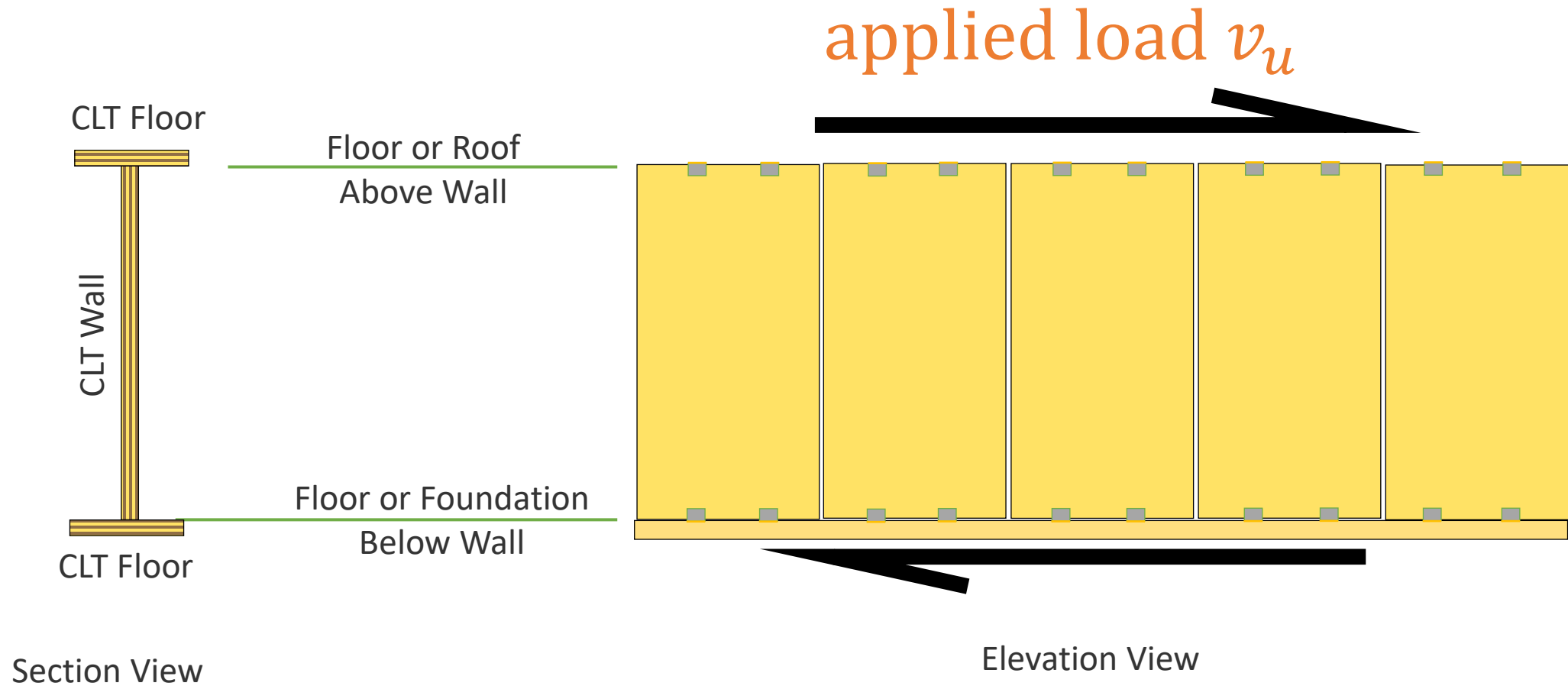
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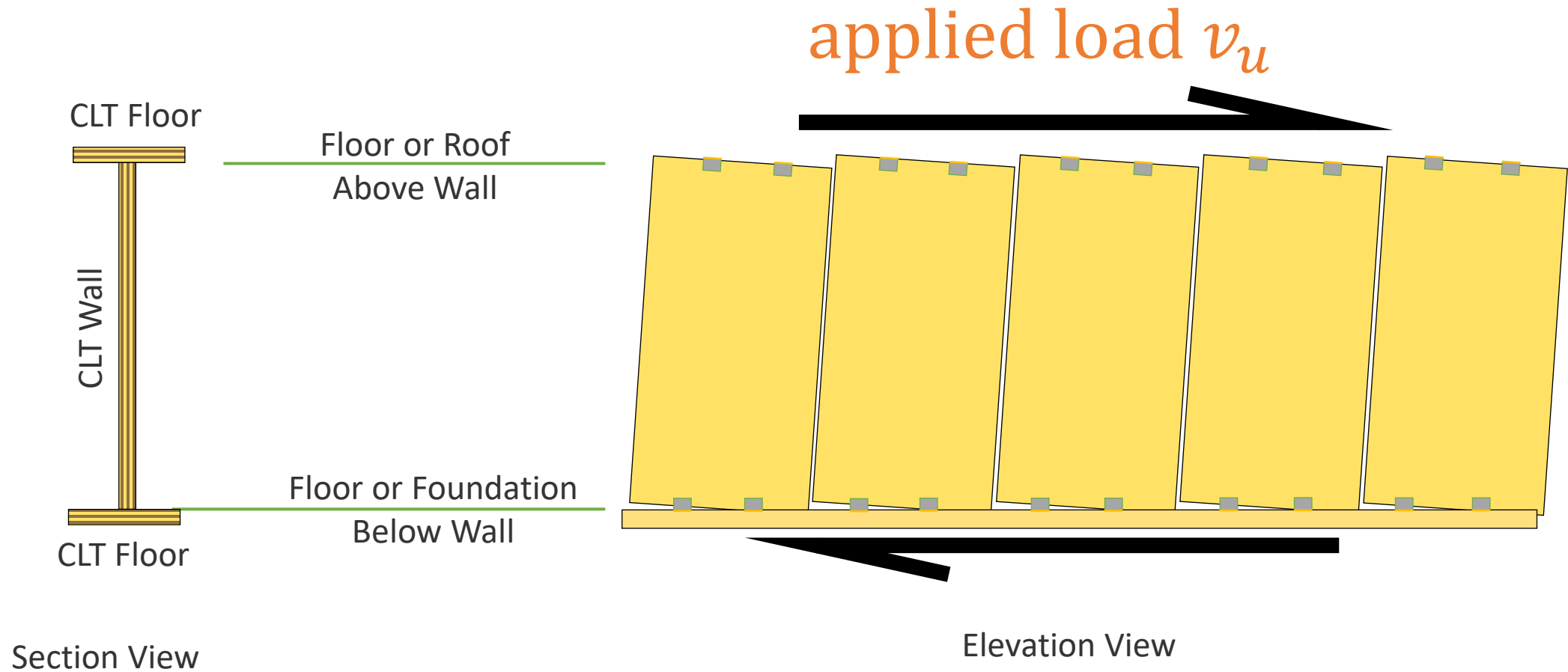
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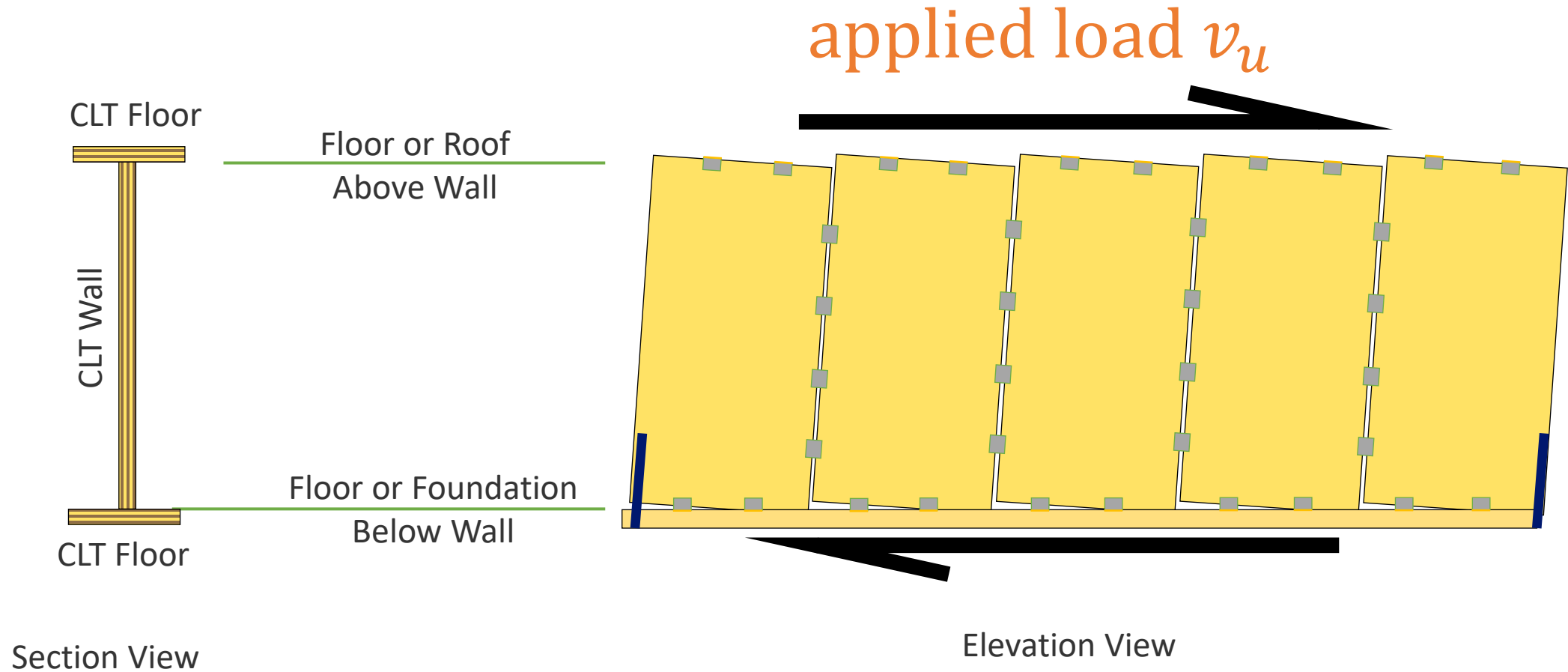
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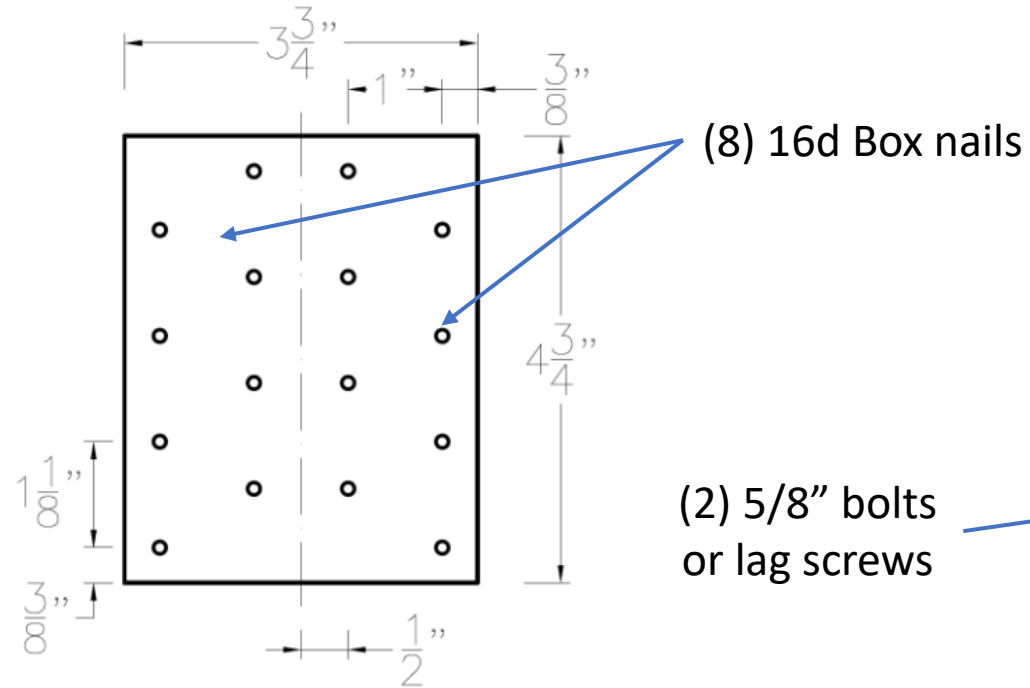
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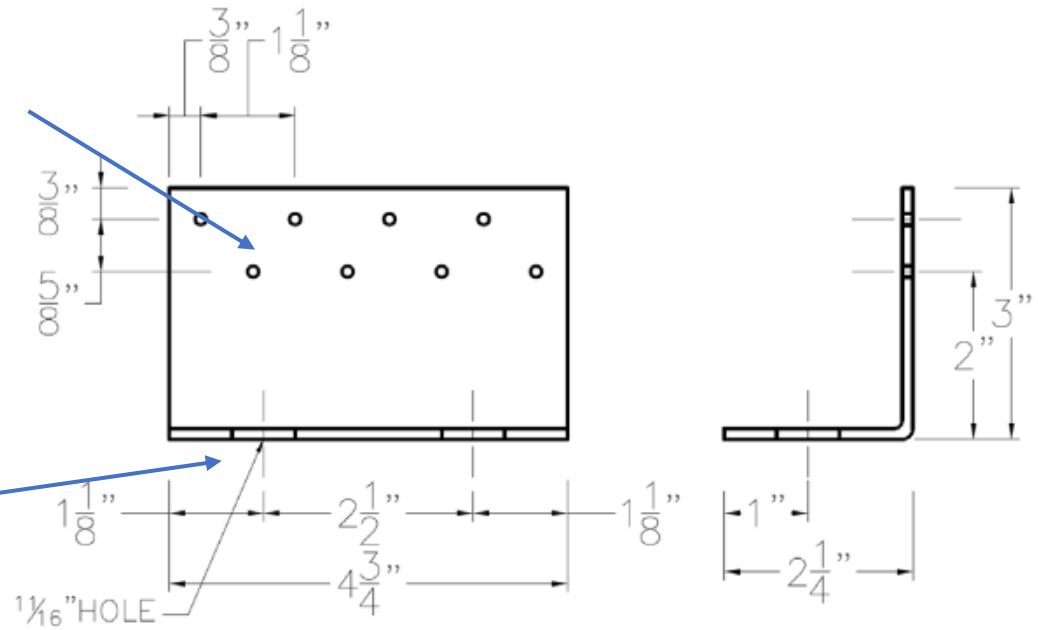


# CLT Shear Walls in SDPWS 2021

## Panel to Panel Connections



## Panel to Platform Connection

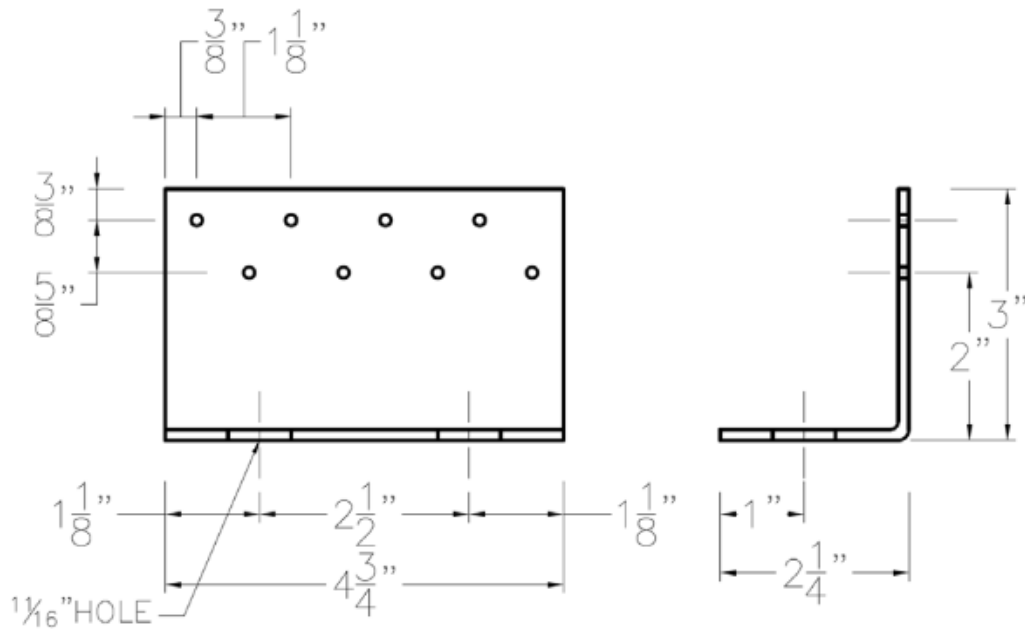


0.105" ASTM A653 Grade 33 Steel  
(8) 16d box nails to each wall panel  
3.5" long x 0.135"  $\varnothing$  shank with 0.344"  $\varnothing$  head

Same steel plate and nails plus  
5/8"  $\varnothing$  bolts or lag screws to roof, floor or foundation

# CLT Shear Walls in SDPWS 2021

## Panel to Platform Connection



Nominal shear capacity of connector:

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

$C_G$  adjusts for specific gravity,  $G$  of CLT

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

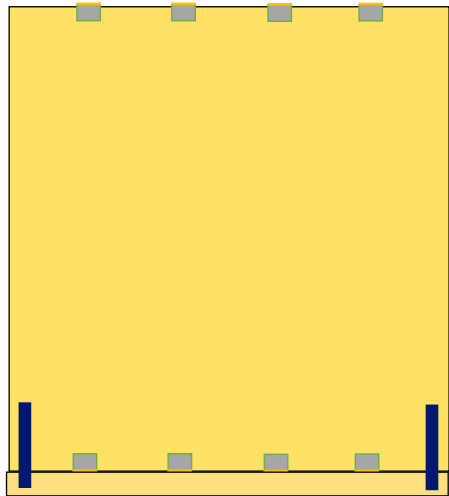
Nominal unit shear capacity:

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

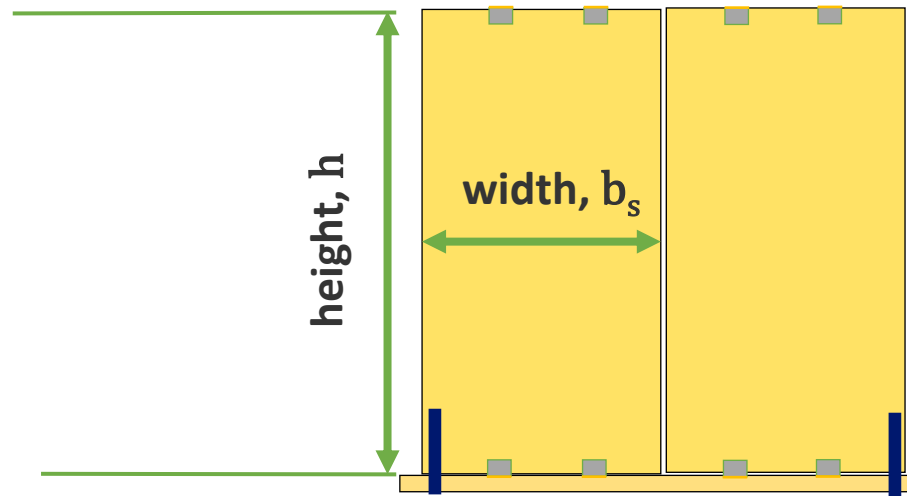
# CLT Shear Walls in SDPWS 2021

(other)  
**CLT Shear Walls**  
not meeting Appendix B

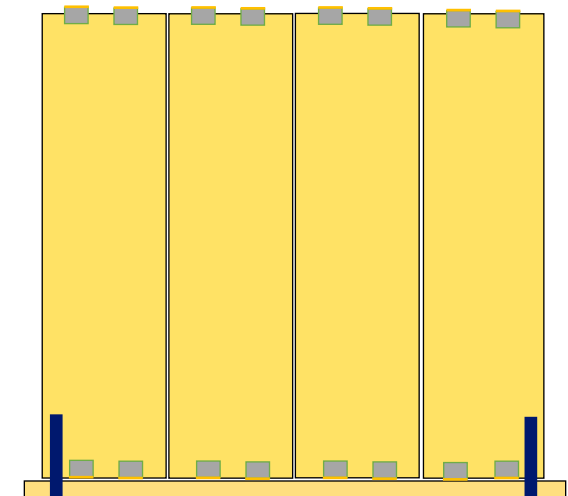
**CLT Shear Walls**  
meeting SDPWS 2021 Appendix B



Seismic Design Category A  
or SDC B and  $\leq 65'$  tall  
in SDPWS 4.6.3 Exception



Panel aspect ratios  
 $2 \leq h/b_s \leq 4$



with shear resistance provided by high  
aspect ratio panels only (SDPWS B.3.7)

Panel aspect ratios  
 $h/b_s = 4$

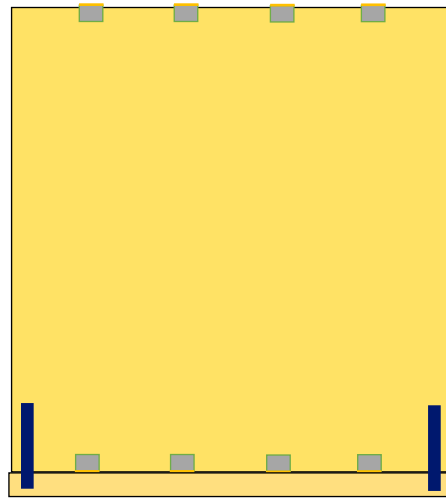
# So what's the R-value?

$$R = 3!$$

or 4 or 1.5?

# R Values for CLT Shear Walls in SDPWS 2021

(other)  
**CLT Shear Walls**  
not meeting Appendix B

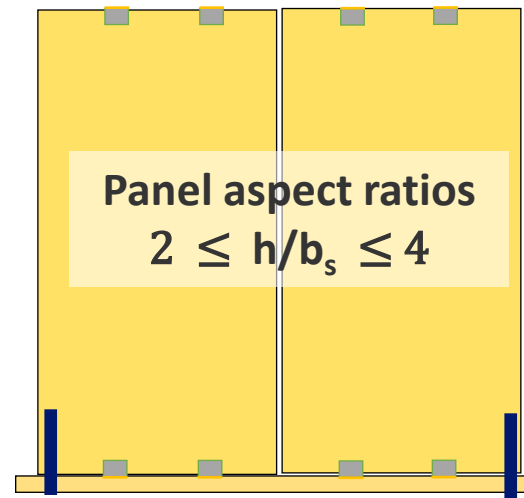


**$R = 1.5$**

$C_d = 1.5$   $\Omega_o = 2.5$

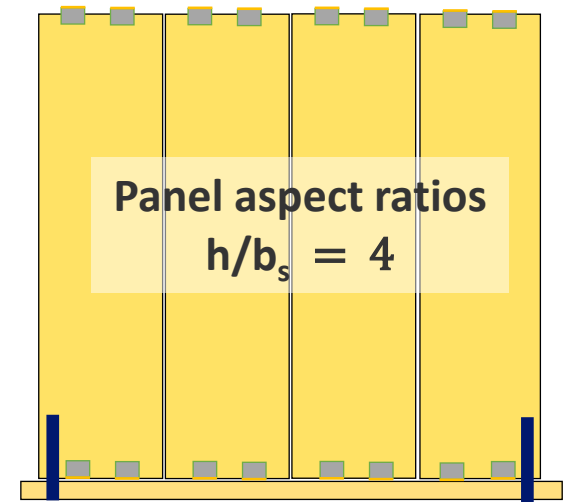
In SDPWS 2021 4.6.3

Platform Framed  
**CLT Shear Walls**  
meeting SDPWS 2021 Appendix B



**$R = 3.0^*$**

$C_d = 3.0$   $\Omega_o = 3.0$



**$R = 4.0^*$**

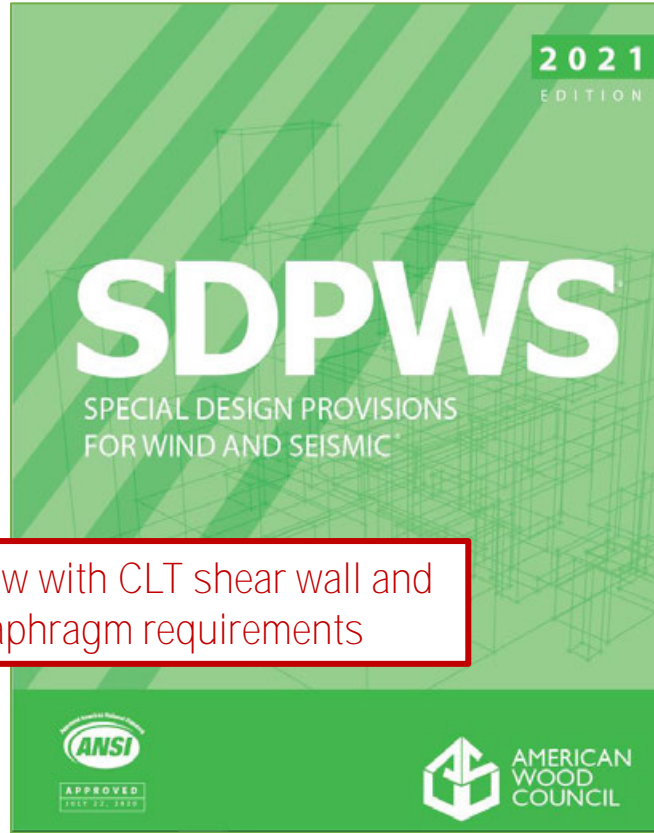
$C_d = 4.0$   $\Omega_o = 3.0$

\* ASCE 7-22



# CLT in the U.S. Building Code – Lateral in IBC 2021

SDPWS 2015



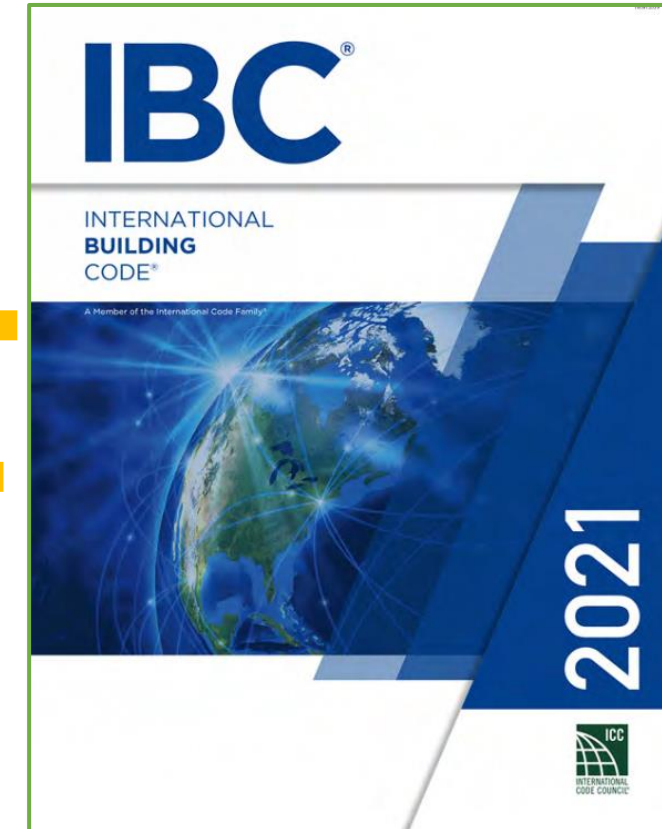
Now with CLT shear wall and diaphragm requirements

AWC SDPWS 2021



Where Seismic (R values) and Wind Systems are Referenced. No CLT

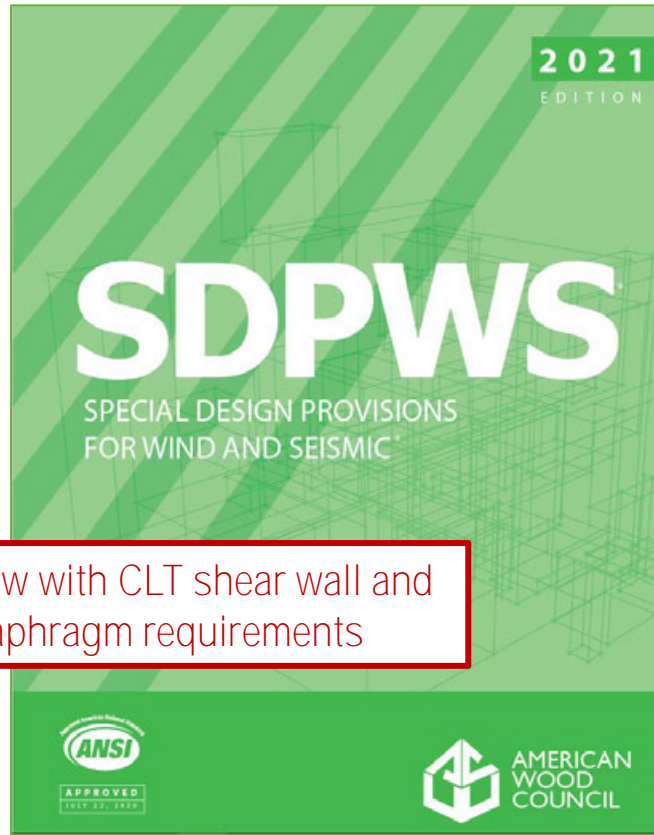
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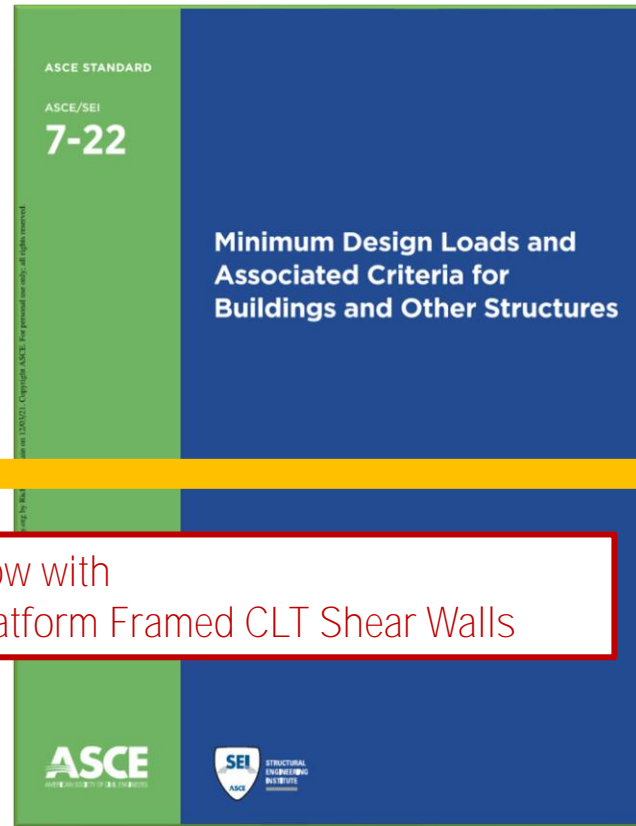
**New Requirements for CLT Lateral Systems!**  
(but R values for CLT Shear Walls not in ASCE 7-16)

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



Now with CLT shear wall and diaphragm requirements

AWC SDPWS 2021



Now with Platform Framed CLT Shear Walls

ASCE/SEI 7-22

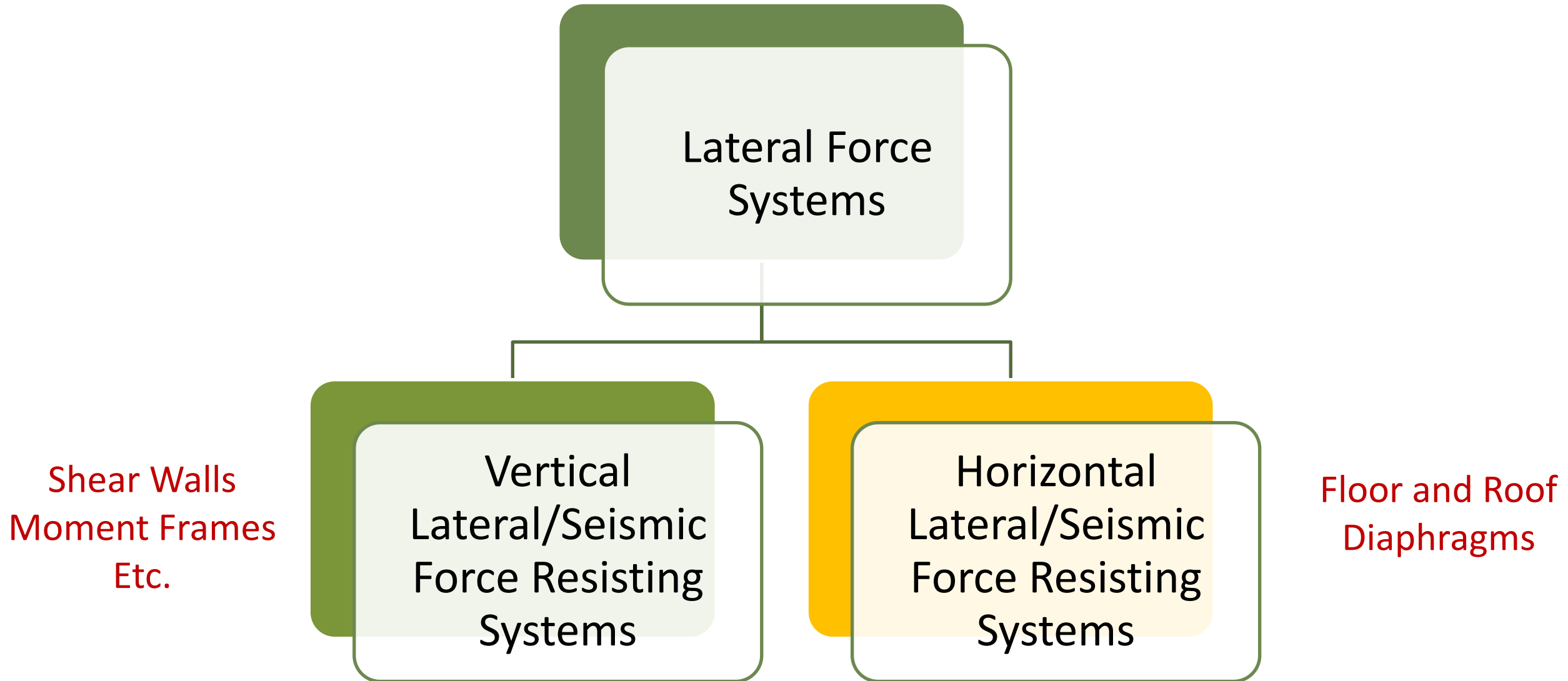


2024 IBC

**Future Full Recognition of CLT Lateral Systems**

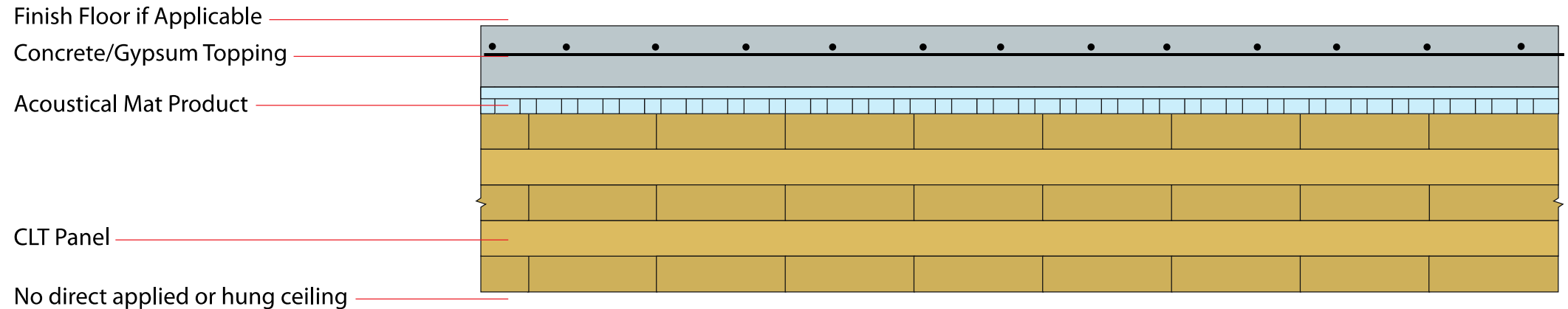
# Mass Timber Lateral Systems

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# Diaphragm Strategies with Horizontal CLT

- Option 1: Structural Topping as Horizontal Diaphragm
- (1A) Structural Concrete Topping



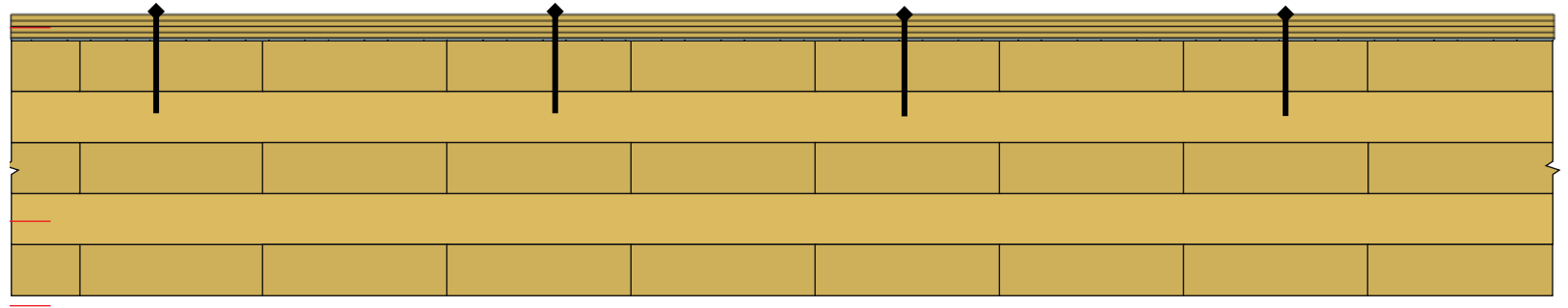
Careful detailing to provide adequate load path, minimum rebar cover, etc.

# Diaphragm Strategies with Horizontal CLT

- Option 1: Structural Topping as Horizontal Diaphragm
- (1B) Wood Structural Panel Topping

WSP as diaphragm

CLT Panel as  
laminated decking



Classify as blocked WSP diaphragm per SDPWS 2015 4.2.7.1?

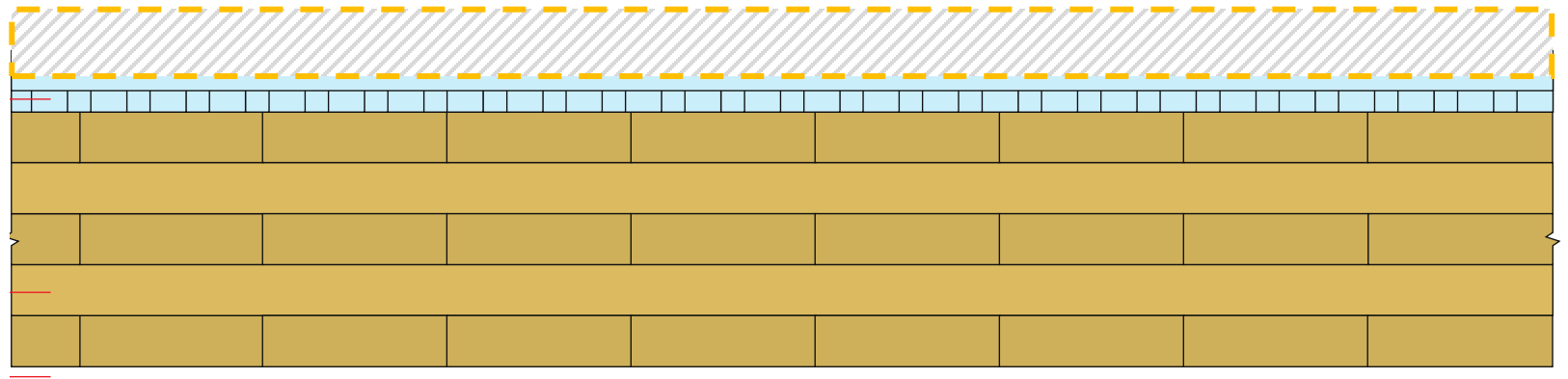
19/32" thick 4ft by 8ft panel vs 4 1/8" thick 8ft by 24 ft panel?

# Diaphragm Strategies with Horizontal CLT

- Option 2: CLT as a Diaphragm via Engineering Principles

Topping and Flooring  
as needed

CLT Panel as  
Diaphragm

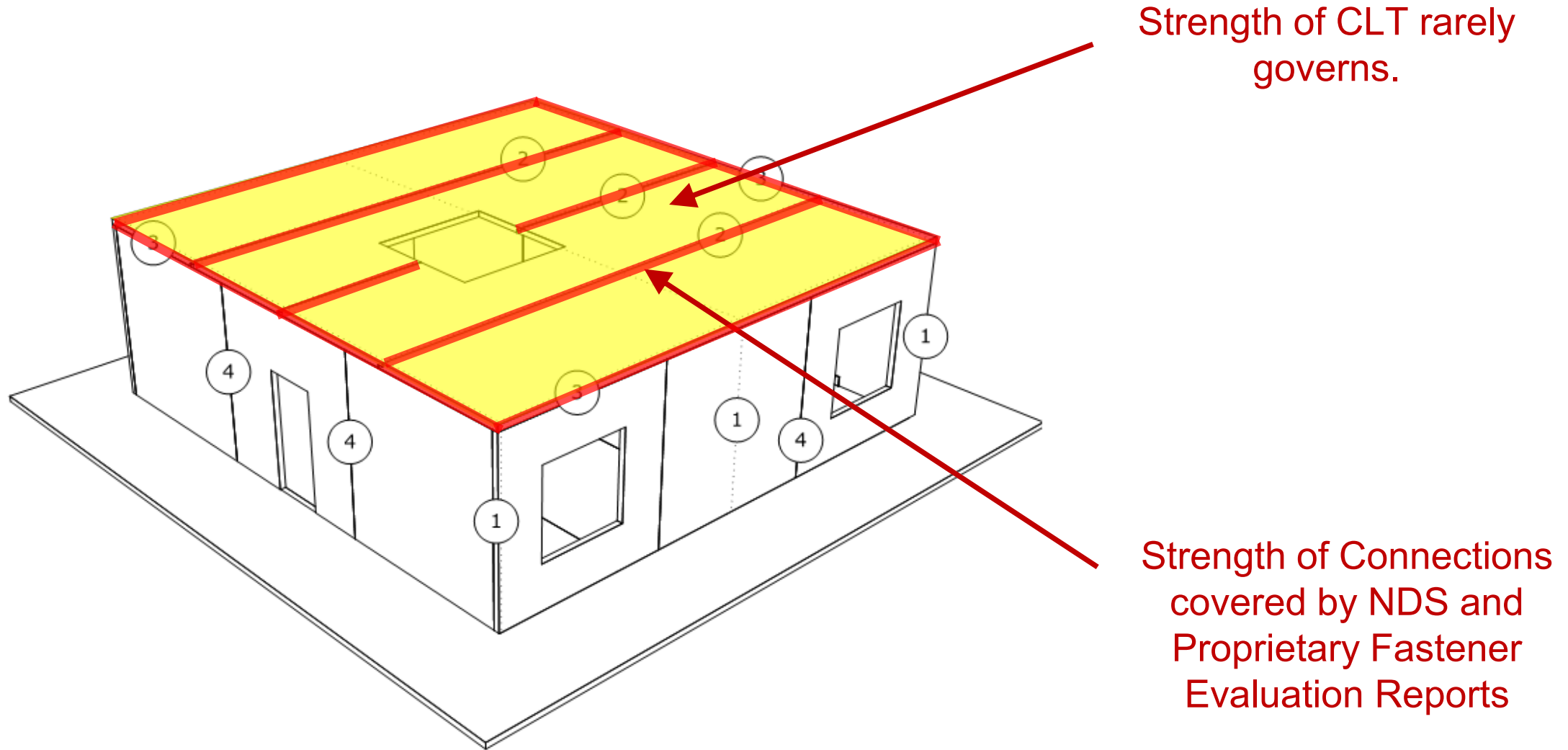


CLT Diaphragms not Recognized in IBC 2018 and  
Reference Standards.



# CLT Diaphragms

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# 2021 Special Design Provisions for Wind and Seismic

## 4.5 Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT) Diaphragms

### 4.5.1 Application Requirements

CLT diaphragms shall be permitted to be used to resist lateral forces provided the deflection in the plane of the diaphragm, as determined by calculations, tests, or analogies drawn therefrom, does not exceed the maximum permissible deflection limit of attached load distributing or resisting elements. Permissible deflection shall be that deflection that will permit the diaphragm and any attached elements to maintain their structural integrity and continue to support their prescribed loads as determined by the applicable building code or standard.

### 4.5.2 Deflection

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

### 4.5.3 Unit Shear Capacity

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

The nominal unit shear capacity,  $v_n$ , of CLT diaphragms shall be based on the nominal shear capacity for dowel-type fastener connections used to transfer diaphragm shear forces, as calculated per 4.5.4, Item 1. ASD allowable shear capacity or LRFD factored shear resistance for the CLT diaphragm and diaphragm shear connections shall be determined in accordance with 4.1.1.1.

### 4.5.4 Additional CLT Diaphragm Design Requirements

CLT diaphragms shall meet the following additional requirements:

1. The nominal shear capacity for dowel-type fastener connections used to transfer diaphragm shear forces between CLT panels and between CLT panels and diaphragm boundary elements (chords and collectors) shall be taken as  $4.5Z^*$ , where  $Z^*$  is  $Z$  multiplied by all applicable NDS adjustment factors except  $C_D$ ,  $K_F$ ,  $\phi$ , and  $\lambda$ ; and  $Z$  shall be controlled by Mode IIIs or Mode IV fastener yielding in accordance with NDS 12.3.1.

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

#### Exceptions:

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

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

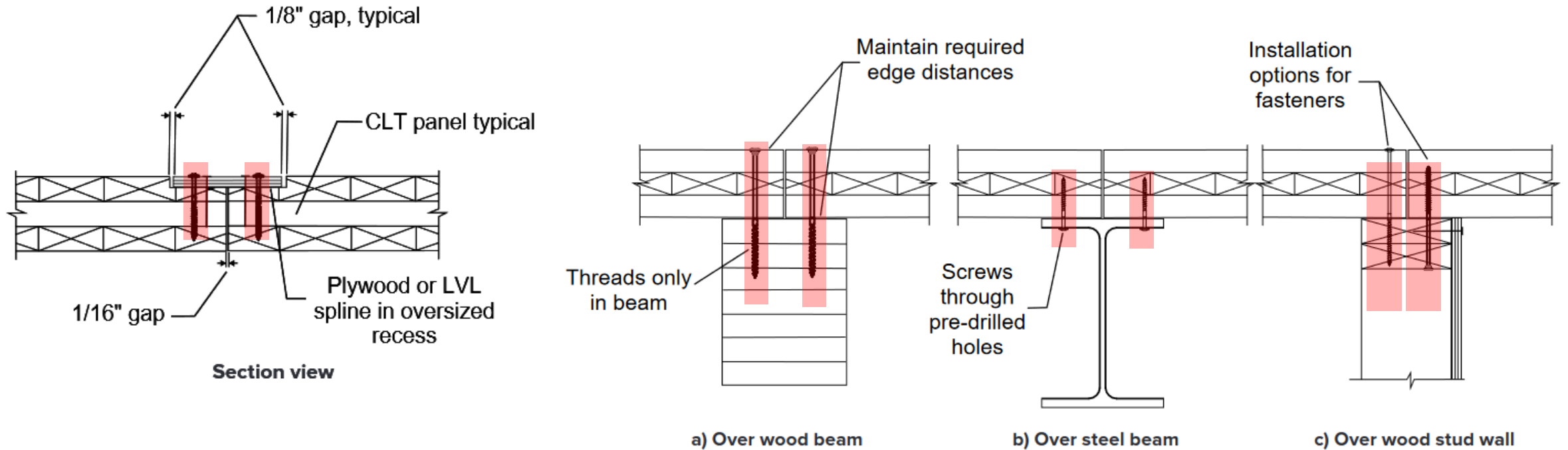
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Requirements for the shear connections

# CLT Diaphragm Shear Connections



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

# Other Diaphragm Components

## 4.5 Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT) Diaphragms

### 4.5.1 Application Requirements

CLT diaphragms shall be permitted to be used to resist lateral forces provided the deflection in the plane of the diaphragm, as determined by calculations, tests, or analogies drawn therefrom, does not exceed the maximum permissible deflection limit of attached load distributing or resisting elements. Permissible deflection shall be that deflection that will permit the diaphragm and any attached elements to maintain their structural integrity and continue to support their prescribed loads as determined by the applicable building code or standard.

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

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### 4.5.4 Additional CLT Diaphragm Design Requirements

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

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

#### Exceptions:

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# Additional Information

Short Paper Available from [woodworks.org](https://www.woodworks.org)

<https://www.woodworks.org/resources/clt-diaphragm-design-for-wind-and-seismic-resistance/>



## CLT Diaphragm Design for Wind and Seismic Resistance

Using SDPWS 2021 and ASCE 7-22

Cross-laminated timber (CLT) has become increasingly prominent in building construction and can be seen in buildings throughout the world. Specifically, the use of CLT floor and roof panels as a primary gravity force-resisting component has become relatively commonplace. Now, with availability of the 2021 *Special Design Provisions for Wind and Seismic* (SDPWS 2021) from the American Wood Council (AWC), U.S. designers have a standardized path to utilize CLT floor and roof panels as a structural diaphragm. Prior to publication of this document, projects typically had to receive approval to use CLT as a structural diaphragm on a case-by-case basis from the local Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).

This paper highlights important provisions of SDPWS 2021 for CLT diaphragm design and recommendations developed by the authors in the more extensive *CLT Diaphragm Design Guide*, based on SDPWS 2021, published by WoodWorks – Wood Products Council.

### AWC SDPWS 2021

SDPWS 2021 is the first edition to provide direct provisions for CLT to be used as an element in a diaphragm or shear wall. To differentiate between CLT and light-frame lateral force-resisting systems, it adopts the terminology *sheathed wood-frame* for light-frame diaphragms (SDPWS §4.2) and shear walls (SDPWS §4.3), and includes new sections for CLT diaphragms (SDPWS §4.5) and shear walls (SDPWS §4.6). SDPWS 2021 is referenced in the 2021 International Building Code (IBC).

### Shear Capacity

SDPWS 2021 has a single nominal shear capacity for each set of construction details,  $v_n$ , defined in §4.1.4 for use with both wind and seismic design. From this nominal shear capacity, the Allowable Stress Design (ASD) and Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) wind and seismic design capacities are determined by dividing by the ASD reduction factor,  $\Omega_p$ , or multiplying by a resistance factor,  $\phi_p$ , for LRFD design as summarized in Table 1. For sheathed wood-frame diaphragms, the SDPWS

Photo: K&P



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# WoodWorks CLT Diaphragm Design Guide

<https://www.woodworks.org/resources/clt-diaphragm-design-guide/>



## CLT DIAPHRAGM DESIGN GUIDE

BASED ON THE 2021 SDPWS



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- » Acoustics
- » Structural design - gravity
- » Vibration
- » Structural design – lateral
- » Connections
- » Fire



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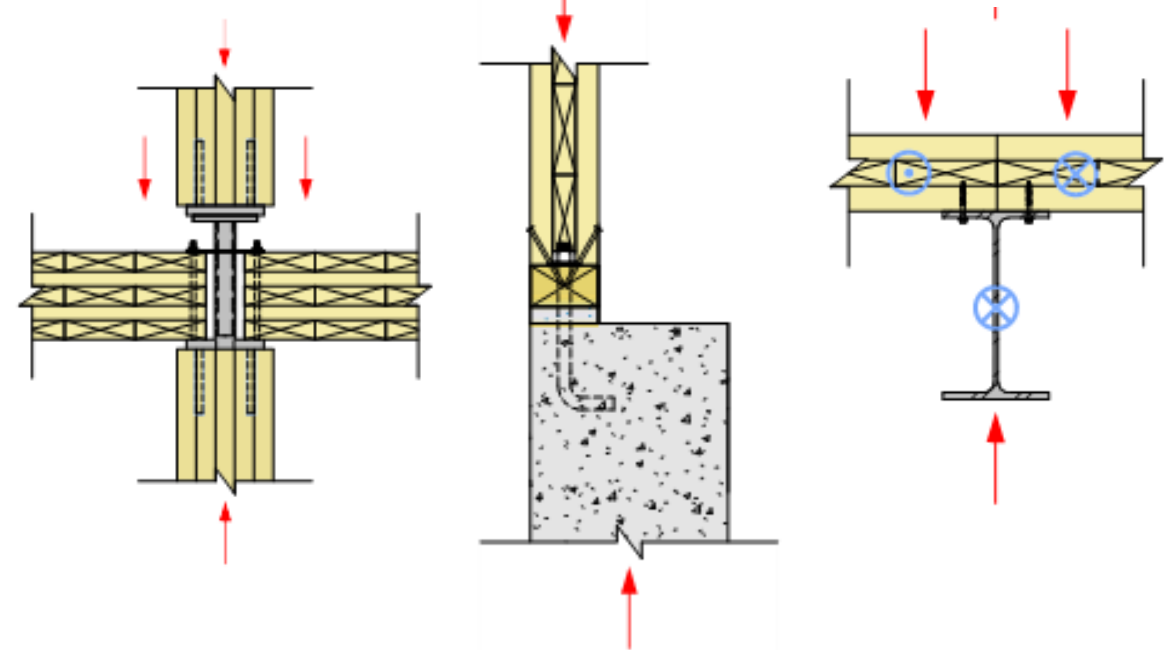
# NEW MASS TIMBER CONNECTIONS INDEX



ARCHITECTURE  
URBAN DESIGN  
INTERIOR DESIGN



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



WoodWorks Index of  
Mass Timber Connections

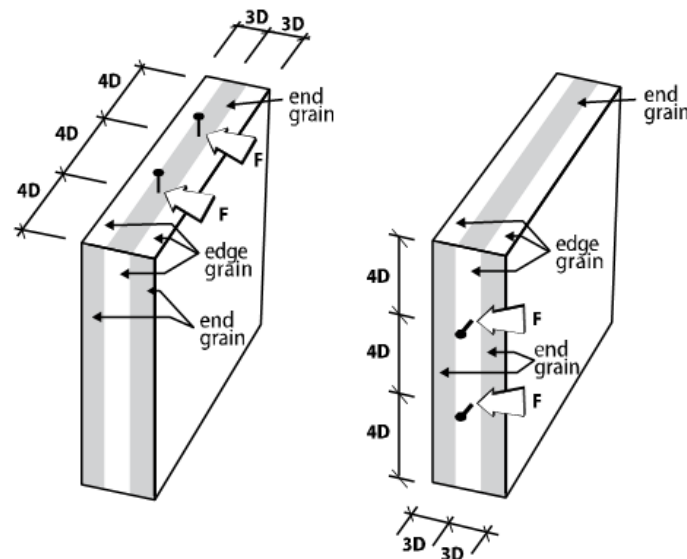


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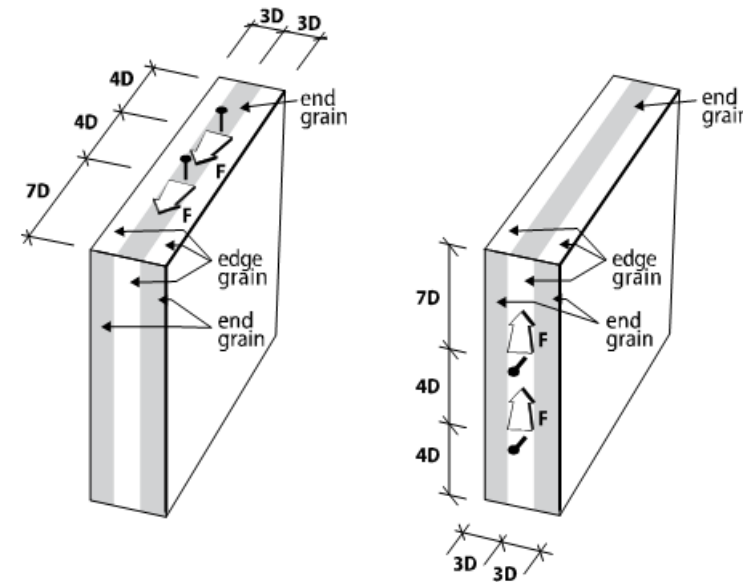
# CLT in NDS 2015 - Connectors

## Connectors for CLT in NDS 2015: Dowel Type Fasteners, e.g. Lag Screws, Bolts and Nails

**Figure 12I** End Distance, Edge Distance and Fastener Spacing Requirements in Narrow Edge of Cross-Laminated Timber



Direction of loading perpendicular to the plane of CLT



Direction of loading parallel to the plane of CLT



# Agenda

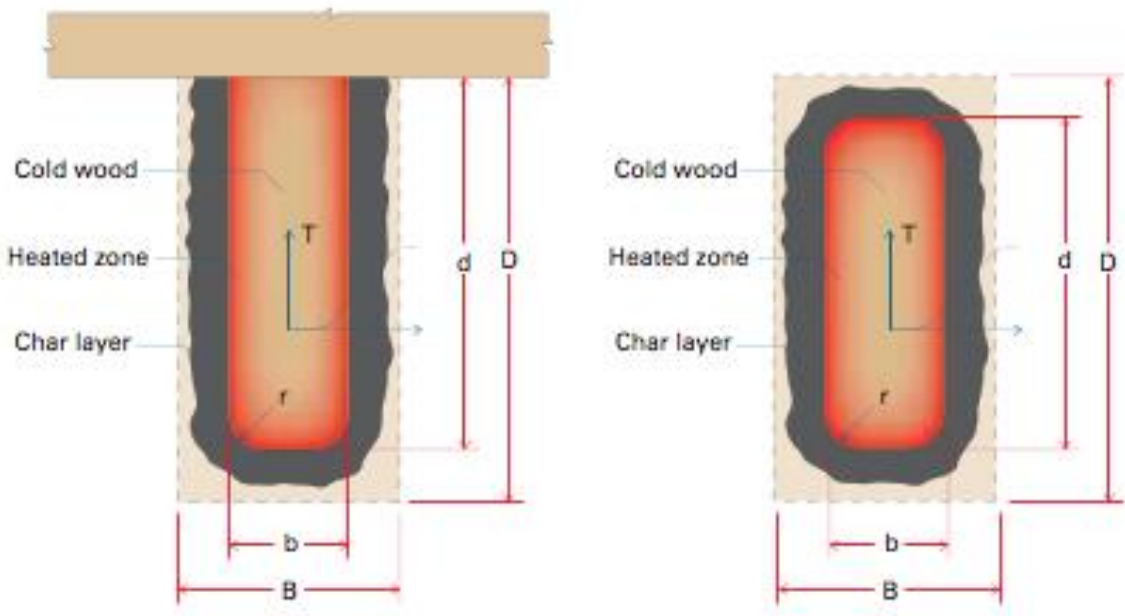
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Mass Timber’s Fire-Resistive Performance is Well-Tested, Documented and Recognized via Code Acceptance



Source: AWC’s TR 10

**Table 16.2.1A Char Depth and Effective Char Depth (for  $\beta_n = 1.5 \text{ in./hr.}$ )**

Required Fire Resistance (hr.)	Char Depth, $a_{char}$ (in.)	Effective Char Depth, $a_{eff}$ (in.)
1-Hour	1.5	1.8
1½-Hour	2.1	2.5
2-Hour	2.6	3.2

Source: AWC’s NDS

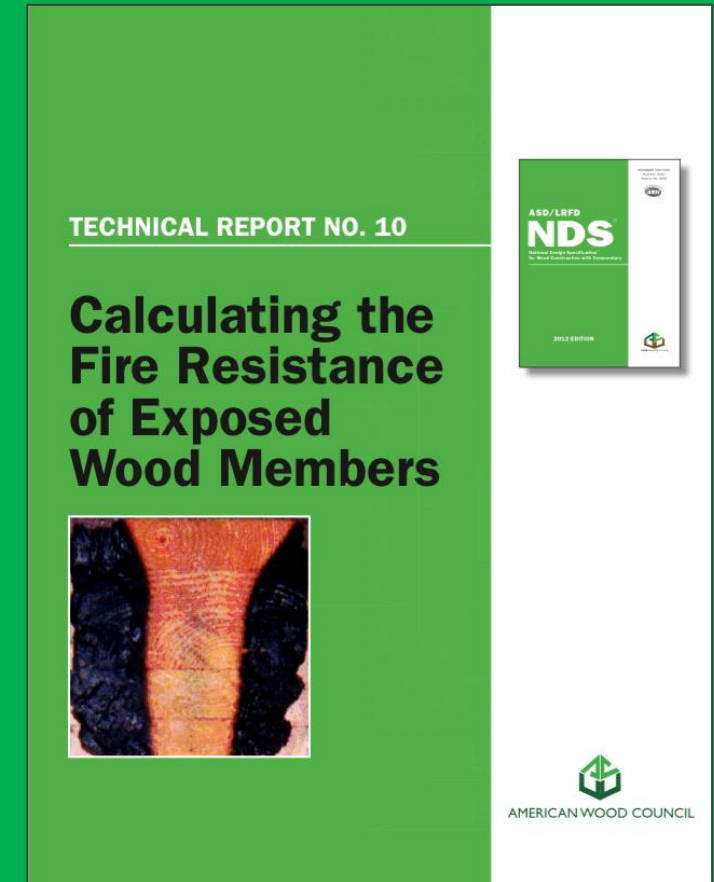
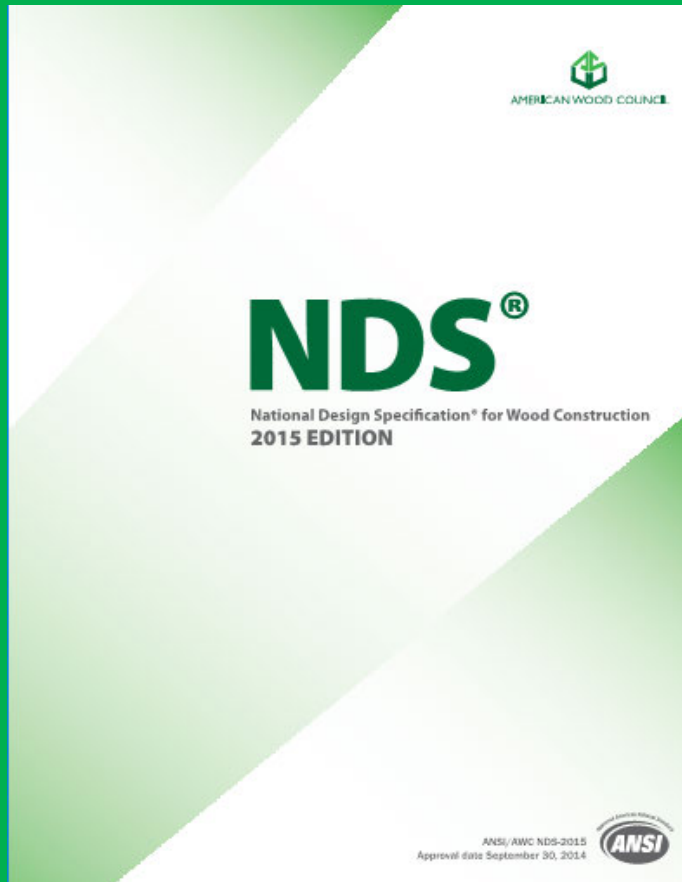


Credit: David Barber, ARUP

# Mass timber design

Fire resistance

For Exposed Wood Members: IBC 722.1 References AWC's NDS  
Chapter 16 (AWC's TR 10 is a design aid to NDS Chapter 16)



# Mass timber design

Fire resistance

NDS Table  
16.2.2 Design  
stress  
adjustment  
factors applied  
to adjust to  
average  
ultimate  
strength

**Table 16.2.2 Adjustment Factors for Fire Design<sup>1</sup>**

			Design Stress to Member Strength Factor	ASD				
				Size Factor <sup>2</sup>	Volume Factor <sup>2</sup>	Flat Use Factor <sup>2</sup>	Beam Stability Factor <sup>3</sup>	Column Stability Factor <sup>3</sup>
Bending Strength	F <sub>b</sub>	x	2.85	C <sub>F</sub>	C <sub>V</sub>	C <sub>fu</sub>	C <sub>L</sub>	-
Beam Buckling Strength	F <sub>bE</sub>	x	2.03	-	-	-	-	-
Tensile Strength	F <sub>t</sub>	x	2.85	C <sub>F</sub>	-	-	-	-
Compressive Strength	F <sub>c</sub>	x	2.58	C <sub>F</sub>	-	-	-	C <sub>P</sub>
Column Buckling Strength	F <sub>cE</sub>	x	2.03	-	-	-	-	-

1. See 4.3, 5.3, 8.3, and 10.3 for applicability of adjustment factors for specific products.

2. Factor shall be based on initial cross-section dimensions.

3. Factor shall be based on reduced cross-section dimensions.

# KEY EARLY DESIGN DECISIONS

## Inventory of Fire Tested MT Assemblies

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



Mass Timber Panel	Manufacturer	CLT Grade or Timber Grade	Ceiling Protection	Panel Connection	Floor Topping	Load Rating	Fire Resistance Achieved (Hours)	Source	Testing Lab
3-ply CLT (114mm 4.488 in)	Nordic	SPF 1650 Fb 1.5E MSR 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" fiberglass 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" I-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	EIM5 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	V1	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	SmartLam	SL-V4	None	Half-Lap	1/2" plywood with 8d nails	Loaded,	2	12	Western Fire Center

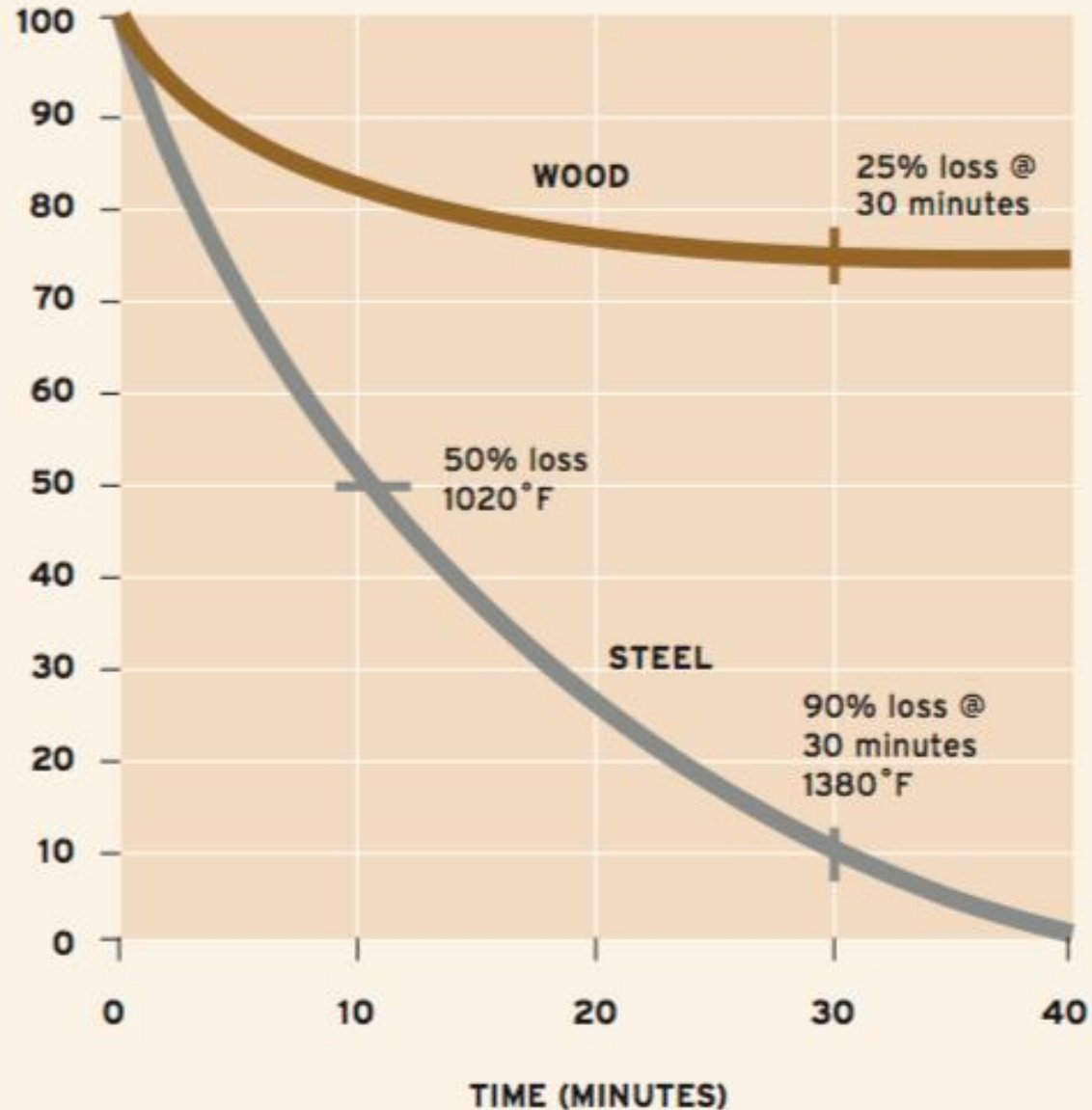
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# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

## FIRE RESISTANCE

COMPARATIVE STRENGTH LOSS OF WOOD VERSUS STEEL



Results from test sponsored by National Forest Products Association at the Southwest Research Institute

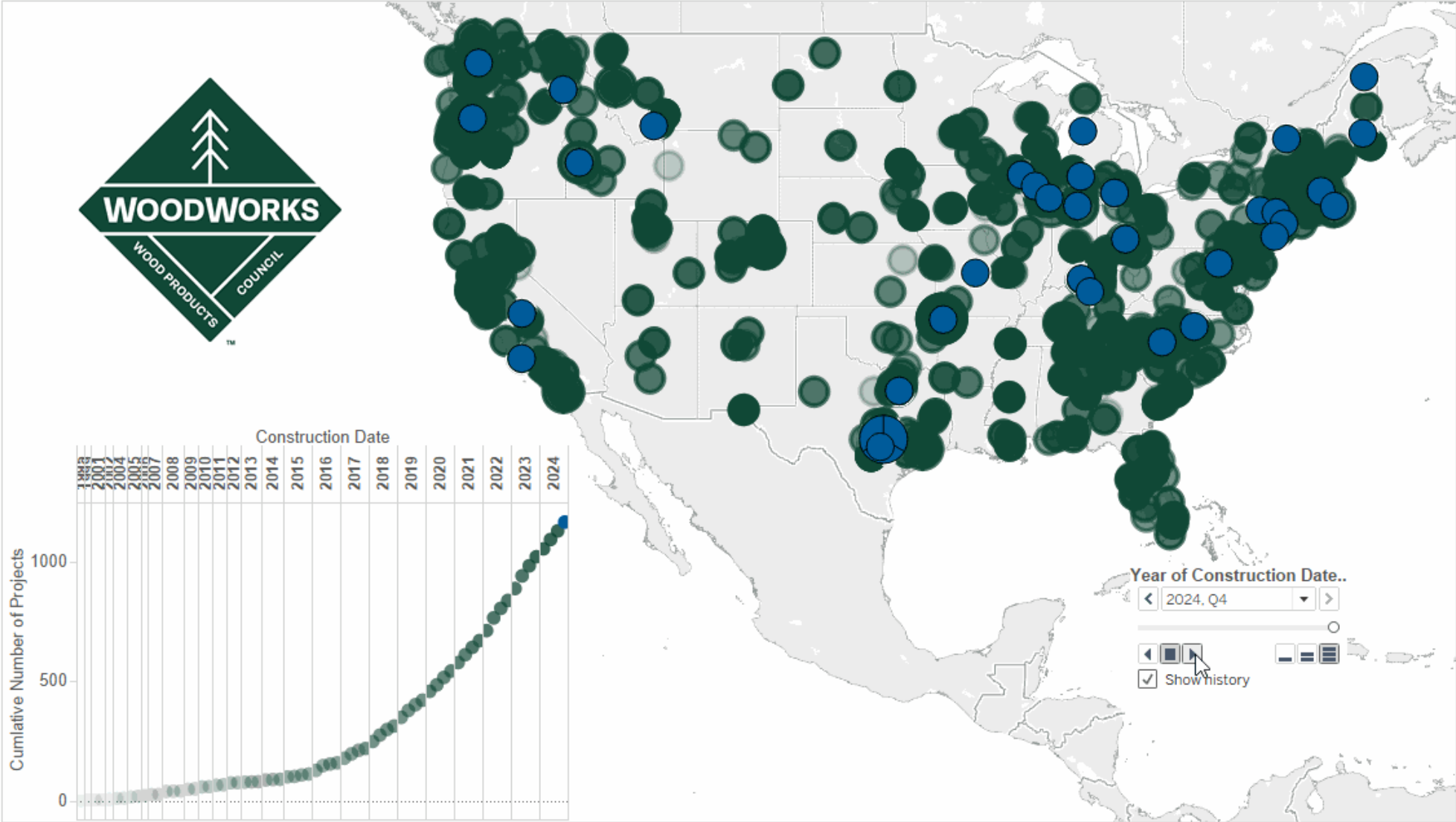
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# Current State of Mass Timber Projects Over Time

US Market Year-End 2024



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