

Mass Timber in Multi-Family Housing + Tour of 179 North 10th St

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Image: WIN Profile: 179 North 10th St., built, Britt, Peters and Associates, Drawing built

MASS TIMBER OVERVIEW



Photo: PCL Construction

OVERVIEW | TIMBER METHODOLOGIES



Light Wood-Frame
Photo: WoodWorks



Heavy Timber
Photo: Benjamin Benschneider



Mass Timber
Photo: John Stamets

Glue Laminated Timber (Glulam)
Beams & columns



Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT)
Solid sawn laminations



Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT)
SCL laminations



Photo: Freres Lumber



Photo: StructureCraft



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Photo: LEVER Architecture

Dowel-Laminated Timber (DLT)



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Nail-Laminated Timber (NLT)



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Glue-Laminated Timber (GLT)
Plank orientation



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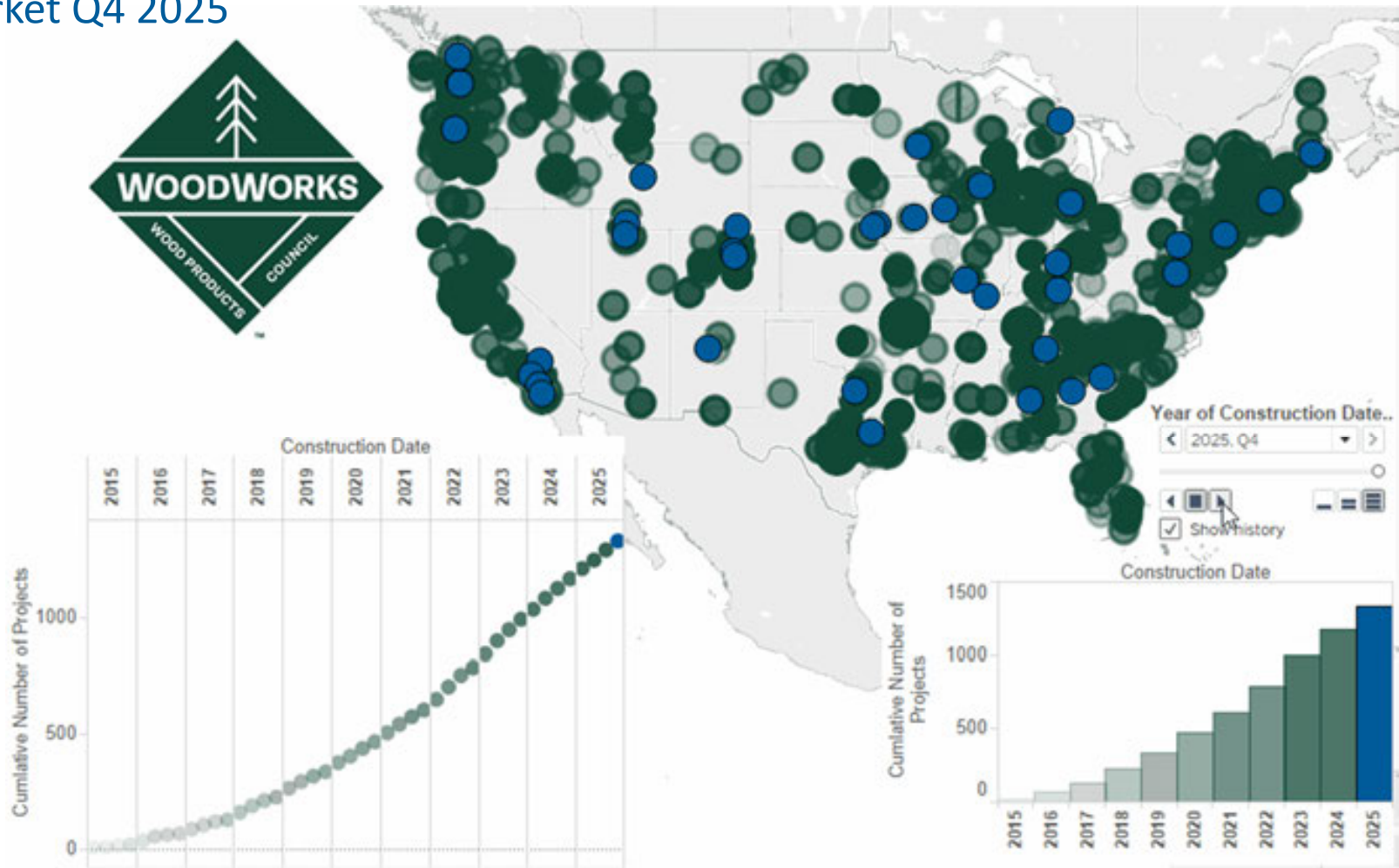
Is Mass Timber a Good Fit for Your Multi-Family Project?



Ascent, Milwaukee, WI
Source: Korb & Associates Architects

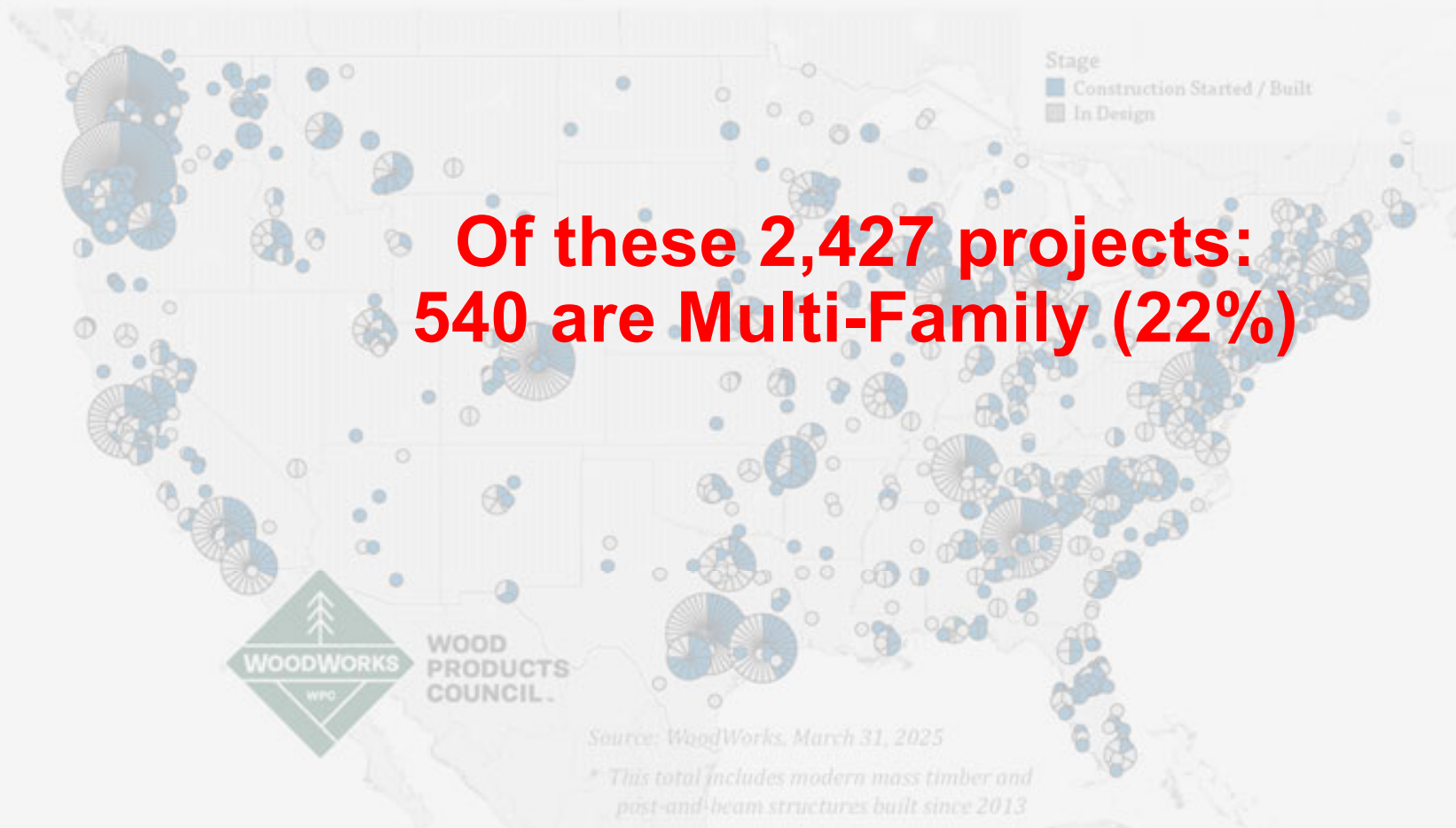
Current State of Mass Timber Projects Over Time

US Market Q4 2025



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It's NOT One Size Fits All:

Of these 540 Mass Timber Multi-Family Projects:

148 are 1-4 Stories (27%)

198 are 5-7 Stories (37%)

170 are 8+ Stories (31%)



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Source: WoodWorks, March 31, 2025

* This total includes modern mass timber and post-and-beam structures built since 2013

* For 4% of the projects, the building height is unknown/too early in design

MASS TIMBER IN MULTI-FAMILY

EVOLUTION

OR

REVOLUTION?

Multi-Housing Typologies



Credit: WGI

Multi-Housing Typologies

MT Floors & Roofs on LWF Bearing Walls



Credit: KL&A Engineers & Builders

MT Floors & Roofs on Post & Beam Framing



Credit: ADX Creative and Engberg Anderson

MT Floors & Roofs on MT Bearing Walls



Credit: Grey Organschi Architecture and Spiritos Properties

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Low- and Mid-Rise Multi-Family



Credit: ABX Creative and Engberg Anderson



Photo: John Klein

HYBRID LIGHT-FRAME + MASS TIMBER

CANYONS, PORTLAND, OR



Credit: Jeremy Bittermann & Kaiser + Path



Photo: Ema Peter

POST, BEAM + PLATE

360 WYTHE AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY



Credit: Flank





Photo: Lendlease

MASS TIMBER BEARING WALLS

Model C, Roxbury, MA



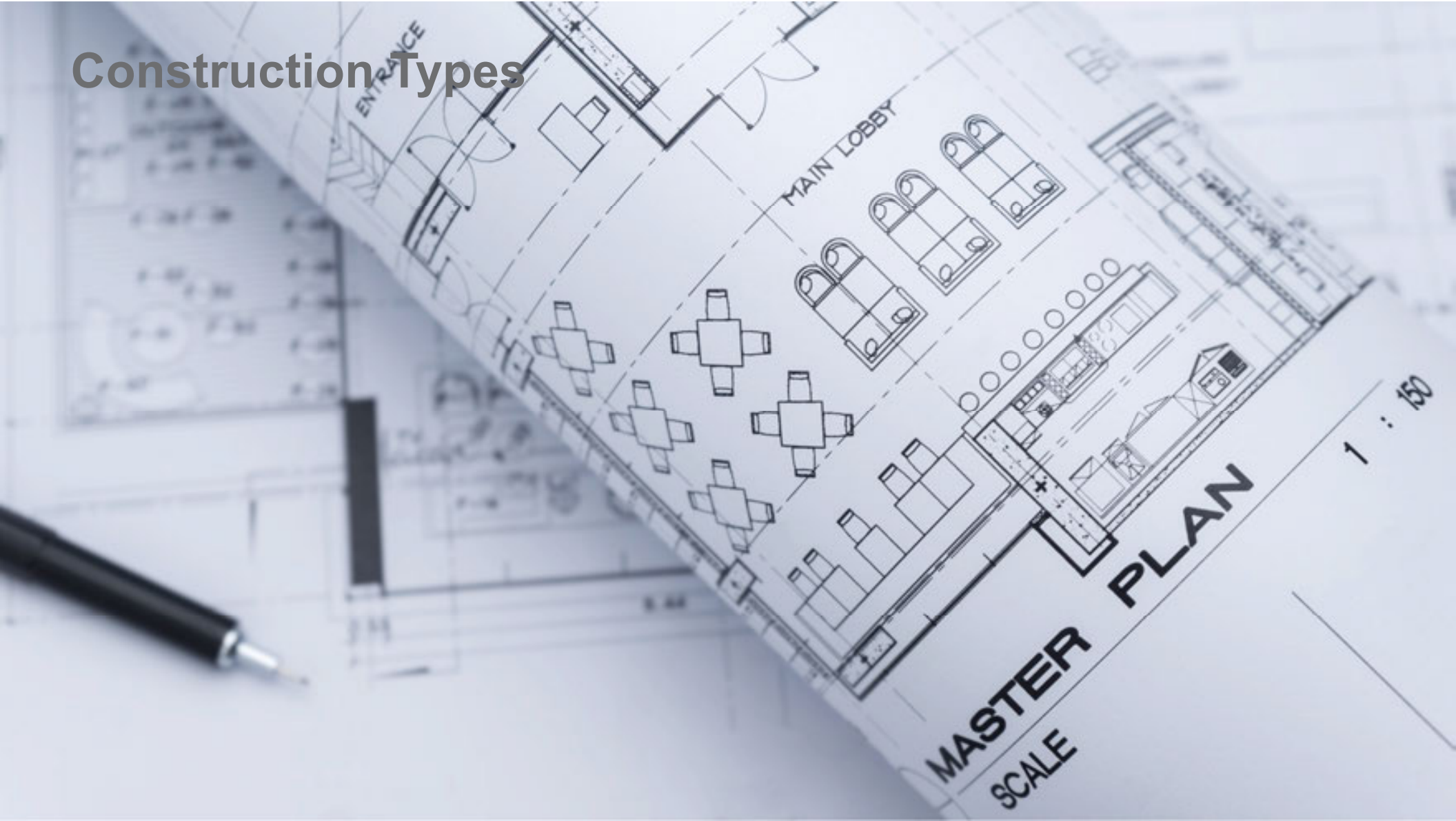
Credit: John Klein, Generate Architecture



Left: 69 A Street, Boston, MA Credit: Greg Folkins
Above: Timber Lofts, Milwaukee, WI
Credit: ADX Creative and Engberg Anderson Architects

VERTICAL ADDITIONS AND ADAPTIVE REUSE

Construction Types



Construction Types

When does the code allow mass timber to be used in low- and mid-rise multi-family projects?

IBC defines mass timber systems in IBC Chapter 2 and notes their acceptance and manufacturing standards in IBC Chapter 23

Permitted anywhere that combustible materials and heavy timber are allowed, plus more



Construction Types

The background image shows the interior of a building with red brick walls and a dark wood ceiling with exposed beams. On the right side, there are three arched windows with wooden frames, looking out onto a city skyline. The floor is made of dark wood planks.

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

Construction Types I & II:

All elements required to be non-combustible materials

However, there are exceptions including several for mass timber

Construction Types

Where does the code allow MT to be used?

Type IB & II: Roof Decking



Image: DeStafano & Chamberlain, Inc, Robert Benson Photography



Image: StructureCraft Builders

Construction Types

All wood framed building options:

Type III

Exterior walls non-combustible (may be FRTW)

Interior elements any allowed by code, including mass timber

Type V

All building elements are any allowed by code, including mass timber

Types III and V are subdivided to A (protected) and B (unprotected)

Type IV (Heavy Timber)

Exterior walls non-combustible (may be FRTW OR CLT)

Interior elements qualify as Heavy Timber (min. sizes, no concealed spaces except in 2021 IBC)

Photo Credit: Hacker Architects, Jeremy Bittermann

Construction Types

Where does the code allow MT to be used?

- Type III: Interior elements (floors, roofs, partitions/shafts) and exterior walls if FRT

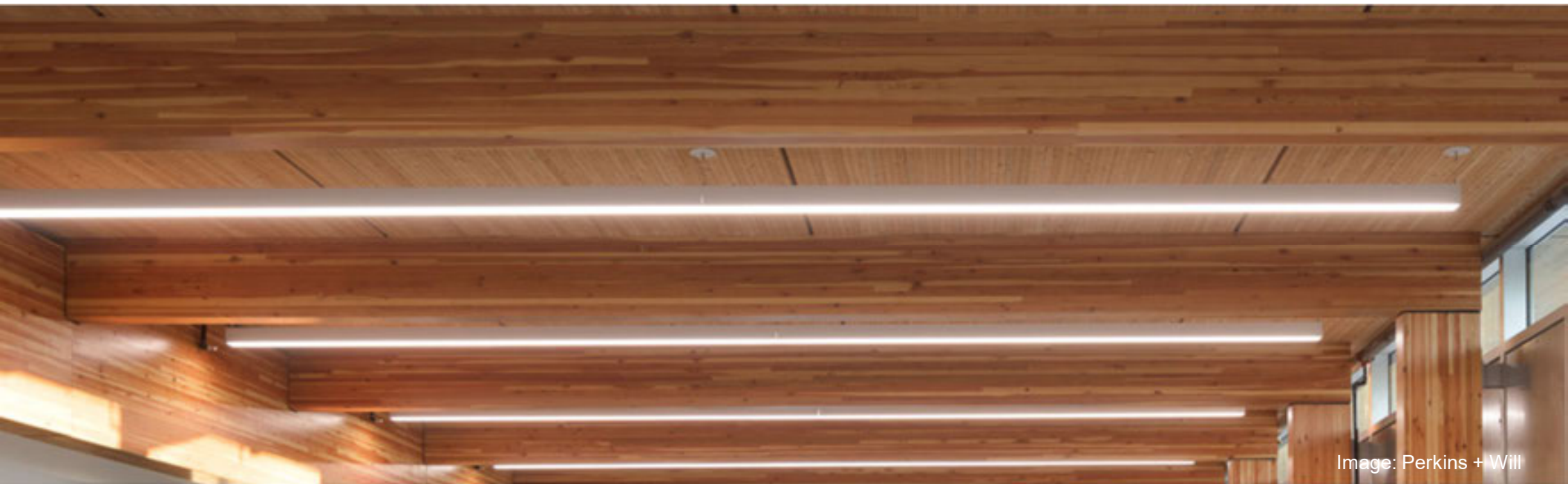


ICE Block I, RMW Architecture & Interiors, Buehler Engineering, Bernard André Photography

Construction Types

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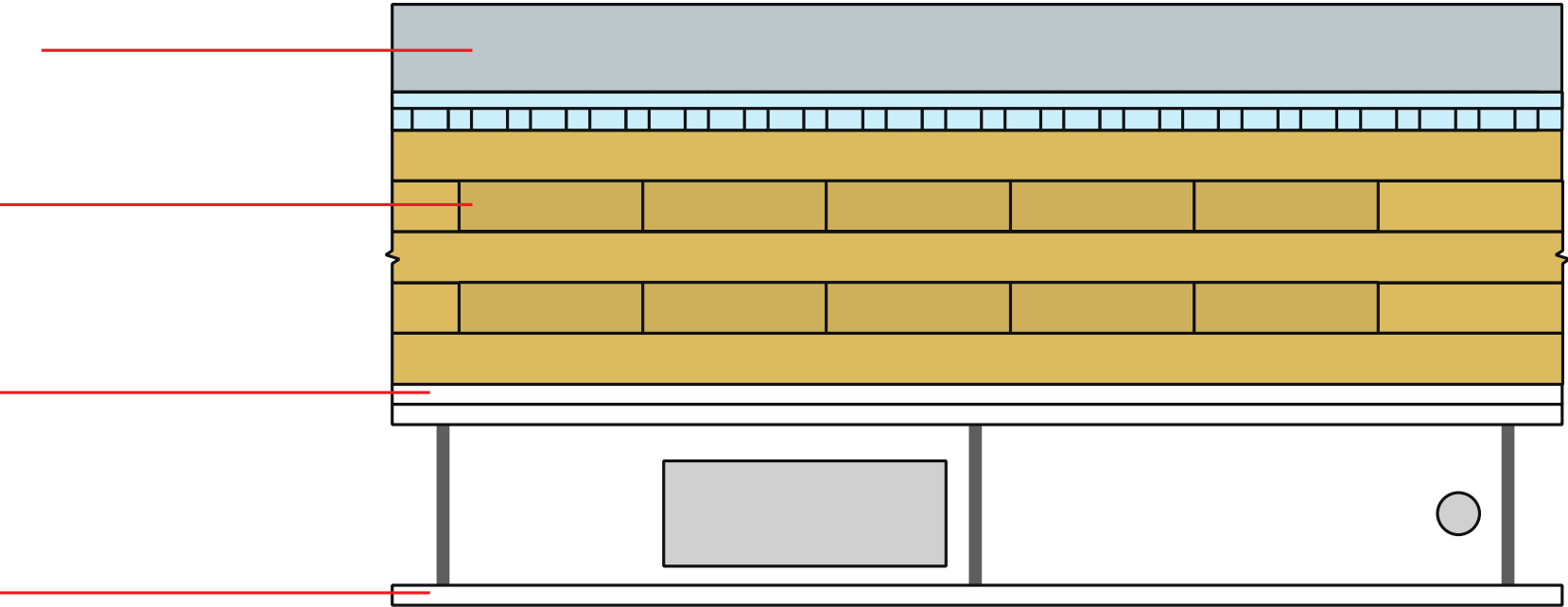
- Type IV: Any exposed interior elements & roofs, must meet min. sizes; exterior walls if CLT or FRT. Concealed space limitations (varies by code version)



Construction Types

Type IV concealed spaces

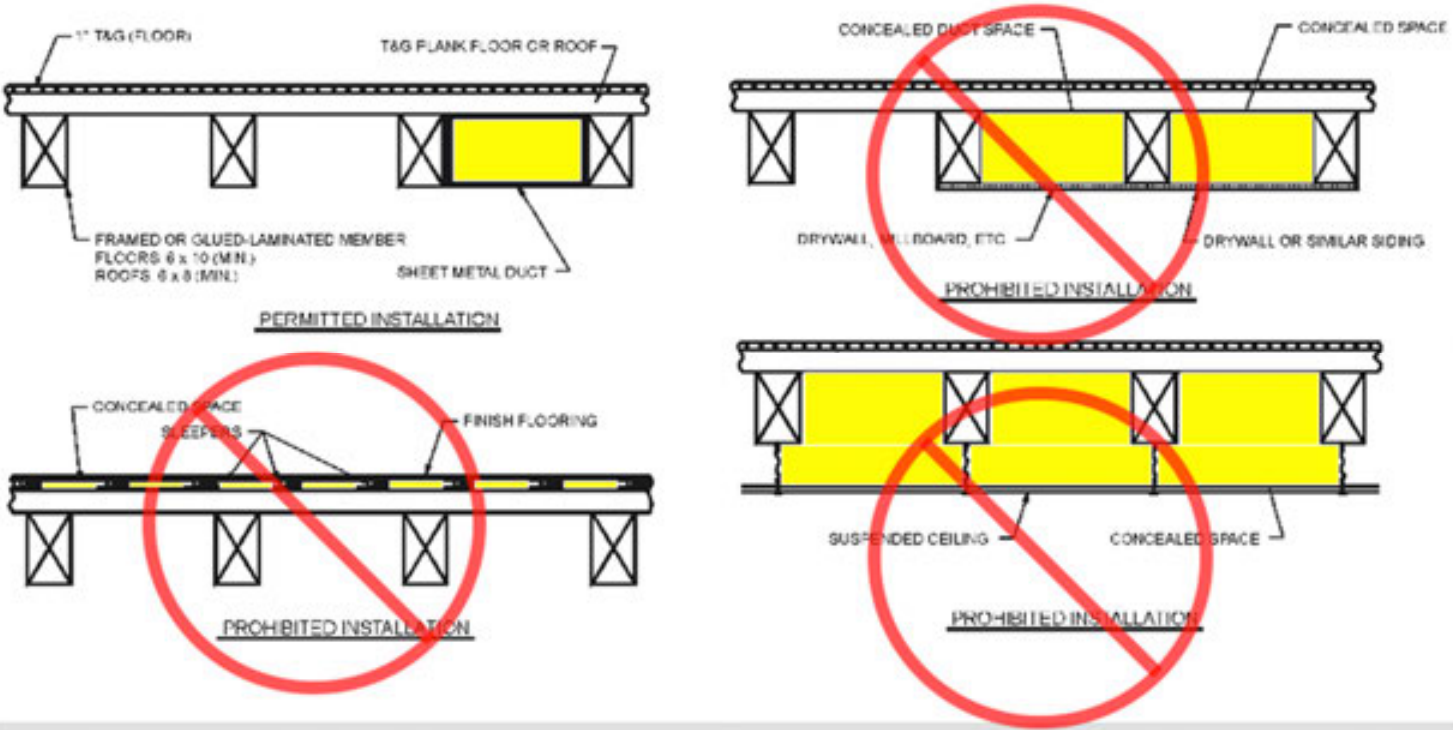
Can I have a dropped ceiling? Raised access floor?



Construction Types

Type IV concealed spaces

Until 2021 IBC, Type IV-HT provisions prohibited concealed spaces



Credit: IBC

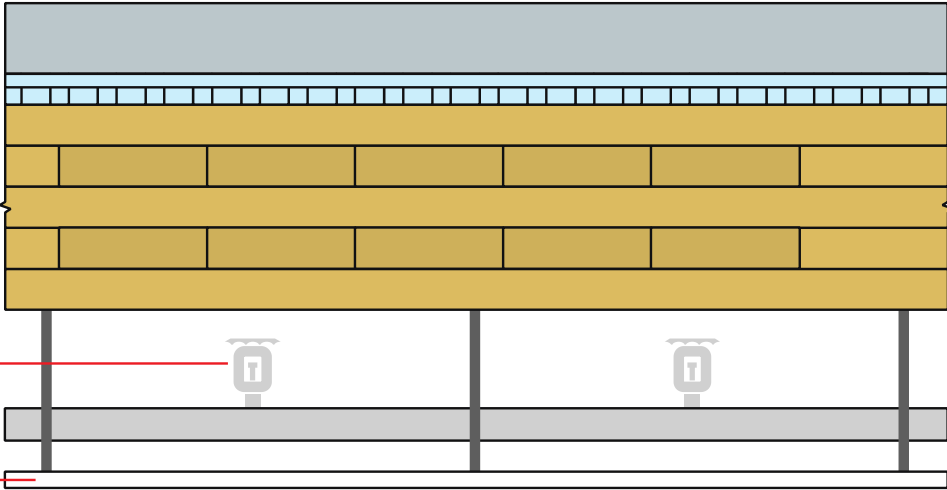
Construction Types

Type IV concealed space options within 2021 IBC

Option 1:

Sprinklers in concealed spaces

Dropped ceiling



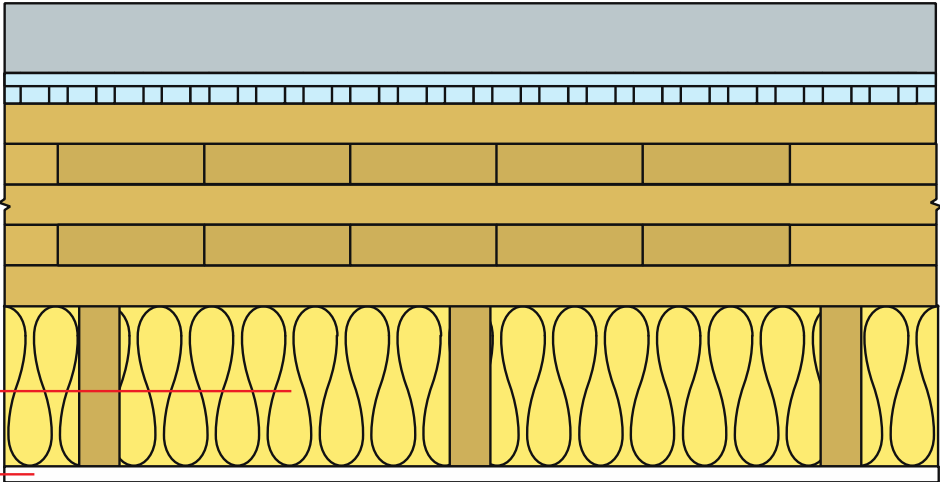
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Option 2:

Noncombustible insulation

Dropped ceiling



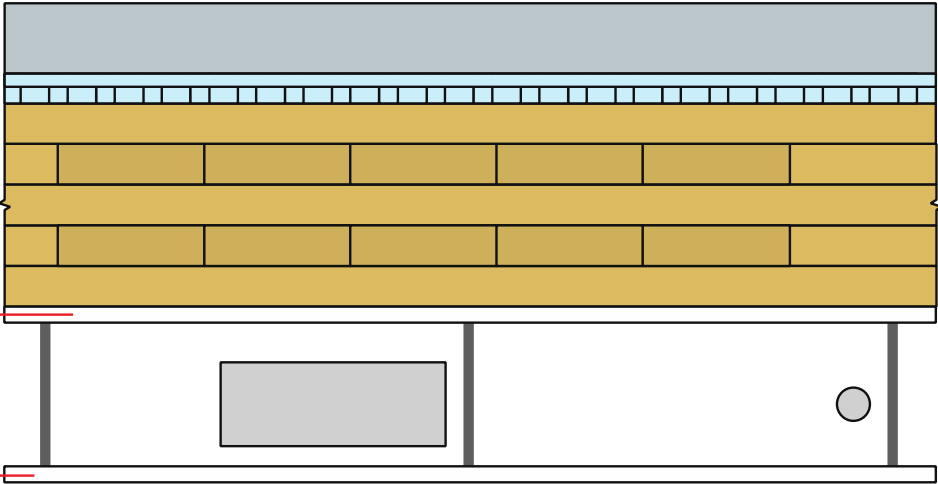
Construction Types

Type IV concealed space options within 2021 IBC

Option 3:

5/8" Type X gypsum on all mass timber surfaces within concealed space

Dropped ceiling



Construction Types

Concealed spaces solutions paper



Concealed Spaces in Mass Timber and Heavy Timber Structures

Concealed spaces, such as those created by a dropped ceiling in a floor/ceiling assembly or by a stud wall assembly, have unique requirements in the International Building Code (IBC) to address the potential of fire spread in non-visible areas of a building. Section 718 of the 2018 IBC includes prescriptive requirements for protection and/or compartmentalization of concealed spaces through the use of draft stopping, fire blocking, sprinklers and other means. For information on these requirements, see the WoodWorks Q&A, *Are sprinklers required in concealed spaces such as floor and roof cavities in multi-family wood-frame buildings?*

For mass timber building elements, the choice of construction type can have a significant impact on concealed space requirements. Because mass timber products such as cross-laminated timber (CLT) are prescriptively recognized for Type IV construction, there is a common misperception that exposed mass timber building elements cannot be used or exposed in other construction types. This is not the case.

In addition to Type IV buildings, structural mass timber elements—including CLT, glue-laminated timber (glulam), nail-laminated timber (NLT), structural composite lumber (SCL), and tongue-and-groove (T&G) decking—can be utilized and exposed in the following construction types, whether or not a fire-resistance rating is required:

- **Type III** – Floors, roofs and interior walls may be any material permitted by code, including mass timber; exterior walls are required to be noncombustible or fire retardant-treated wood.
- **Type V** – Floors, roofs, interior walls and exterior walls (i.e., the entire structure) may be constructed of mass timber.
- **Types I and II** – Mass timber may be used in select circumstances such as roof construction—including the primary frame in the 2021 IBC—in Types I-B, II-A or II-B; exterior columns and arches when 20 feet or more of horizontal separation is provided; and balconies, canopies and similar projections.



https://www.woodworks.org/wp-content/uploads/wood_solution_paper-Concealed_Spaces_Timber_Structures.pdf

Construction Types

Where does the code allow MT to be used?

- Type V: All interior elements, roofs & exterior walls



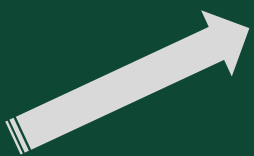
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Tall Mass Timber Multi-Family



Credit: Harbor Bay Real Estate Advisors, Purple Film, INTRO, Cleveland, OH

INTRO, CLEVELAND

9 Stories | 115 ft
8 Timber Over 1 Podium

512,000 SF
297 Apartments, Mixed-Use

Photo: Harbor Bay Real Estate Advisors, Purple Film | Architect: Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture



INTRO, CLEVELAND

Type IV-B

Variance to expose ~50% ceilings

Photo: Harbor Bay Real Estate Advisors, Image Fiction | Architect: Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture

9 Stories | 115 ft
8 Timber Over 1 Podium



ASCENT, MILWAUKEE



Photo: Korb & Associates Architects |
Architect: Korb & Associates Architects



493,000 SF
259 APARTMENTS, MIXED-USE

ASCENT, MILWAUKEE

Tallest Mass Timber Building in the World



Photo: CD Smith Construction |
Architect: Korb & Associates Architects

ASCENT, MILWAUKEE

25 STORIES

19 TIMBER OVER 6 PODIUM, 284 FT

Photo: Korb & Associates Architects | Architect: Korb & Associates Architects



11 E LENOX, BOSTON, MA

7 STORIES

70 FT

**Passive House
Multi-Family**



Credit: H + O Structural Engineering

Credit: Monte-French Design Studio

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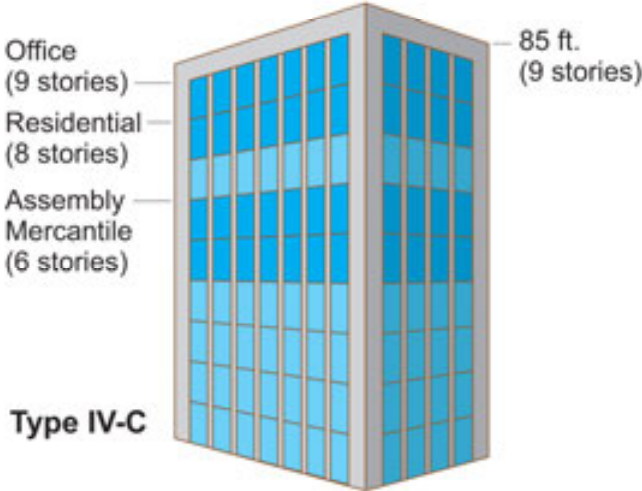
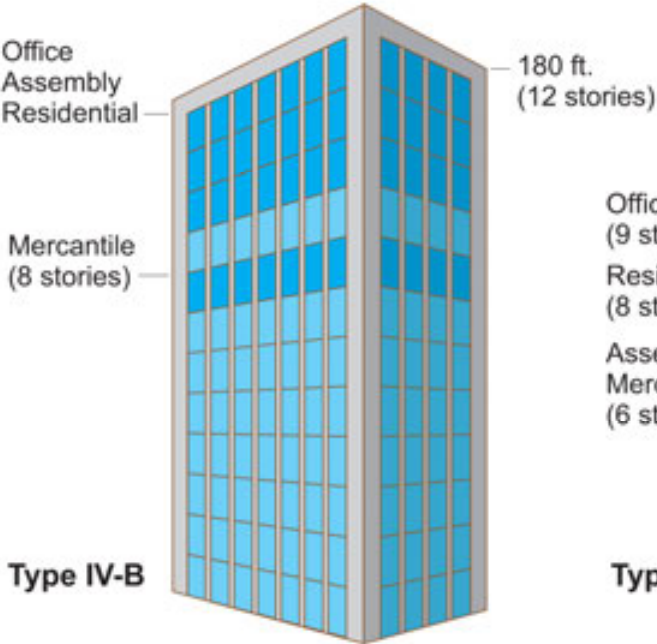
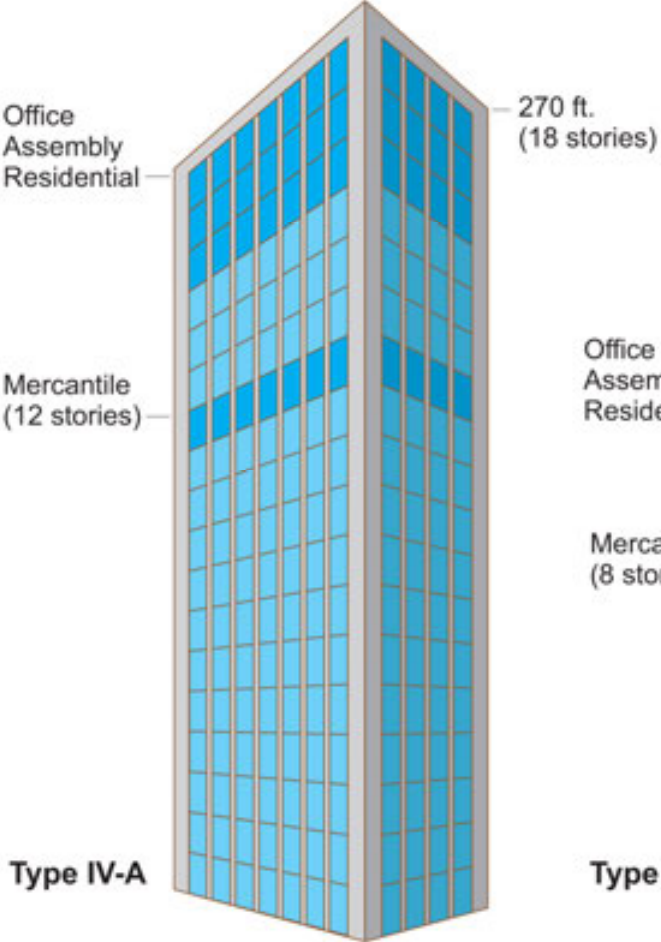


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Tall Mass Timber

2021 IBC: 3 New Tall Mass Timber Construction Types



Tall Mass Timber

2021 IBC Introduces 3 new tall wood construction types:

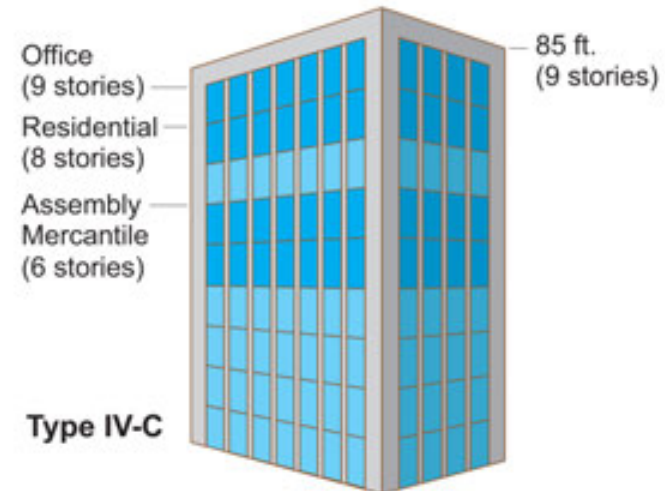
- » IV-A
- » IV-B
- » IV-C
- » Previous type IV renamed type IV-HT

BUILDING	TYPE I		TYPE II		TYPE III		TYPE IV				TYPE V	
ELEMENT	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	C	HT	A	B

Type IV-C



Monte French Design Studio
Photos: Jane Messinger



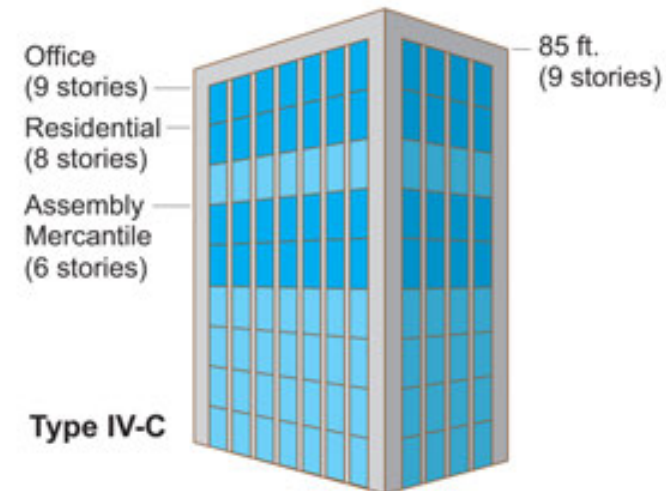
Type IV-C Exposure Limits

All Mass Timber surfaces may be exposed

Exceptions: Shafts, concealed spaces, outside face of exterior walls



Monte French Design Studio
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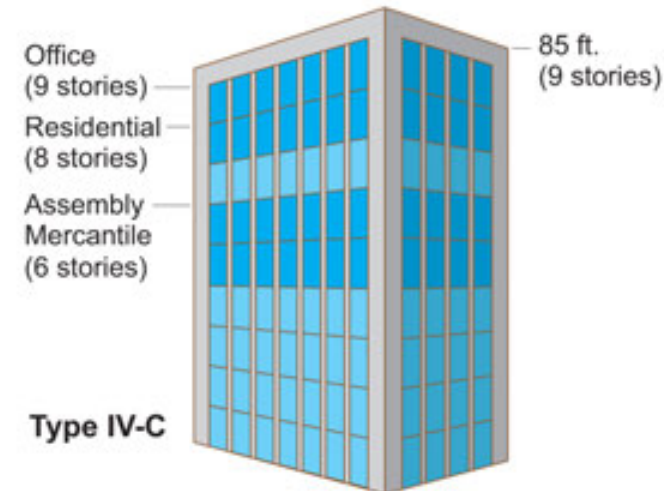
Type IV-C Building Size Limits

In most cases, Type IV-C height allowances = Type IV-HT height allowances, but additional stories permitted due to enhanced FRR

Type IV-C area = 1.25 * Type IV-HT area

Occupancy	# of Stories	Height	Area per Story	Building Area
A-2	6	85 ft	56,250 SF	168,750 SF
B	9	85 ft	135,000 SF	405,000 SF
M	6	85 ft	76,875 SF	230,625 SF
R-2	8	85 ft	76,875 SF	230,625 SF

Areas exclude potential frontage increase



IV-C



IV-C



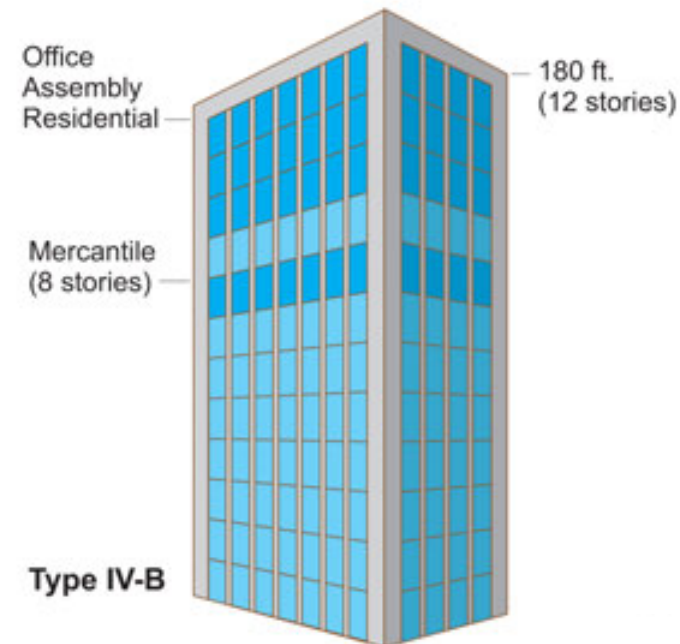
Type IV-B



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Photos: Nick Johnson, Tour D Space



Type IV-B Exposure Limits

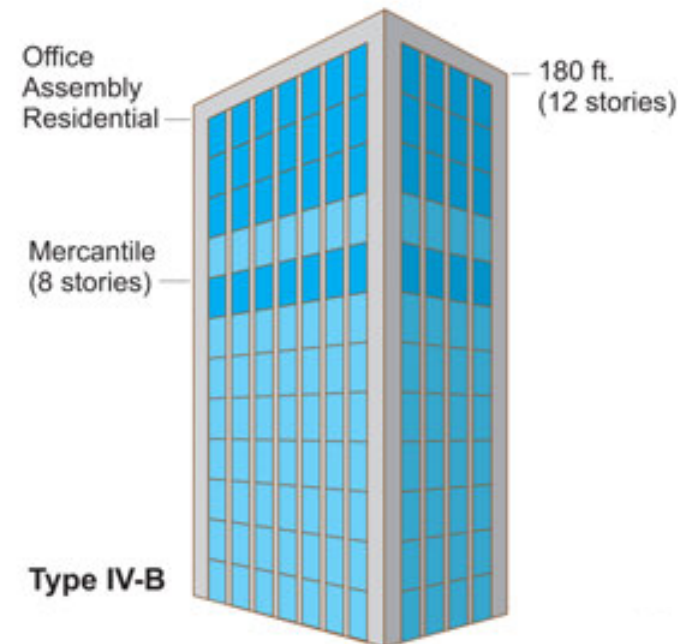
NC protection on some surfaces of Mass Timber

2021 IBC: 20% of ceilings or 40% of walls can be exposed

2024 IBC: 100% of ceilings or 40% of walls can be exposed



Photo: Nick Johnson, Tour D Space



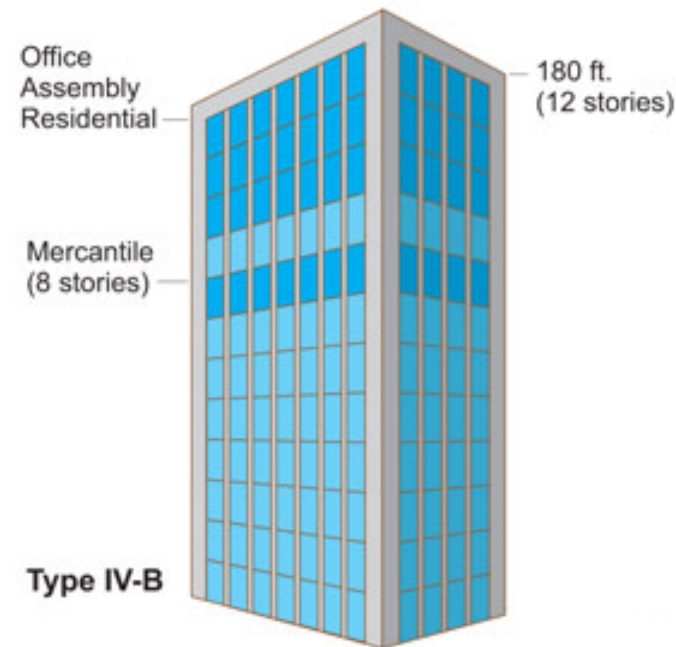
Type IV-B Building Size Limits

In most cases, Type IV-B height & story allowances = Type I-B height & story allowances

Type IV-B area = 2 * Type IV-HT area

Occupancy	# of Stories	Height	Area per Story	Building Area
A-2	12	180 ft	90,000 SF	270,000 SF
B	12	180 ft	216,000 SF	648,000 SF
M	8	180 ft	123,000 SF	369,000 SF
R-2	12	180 ft	123,000 SF	369,000 SF

Areas exclude potential frontage increase



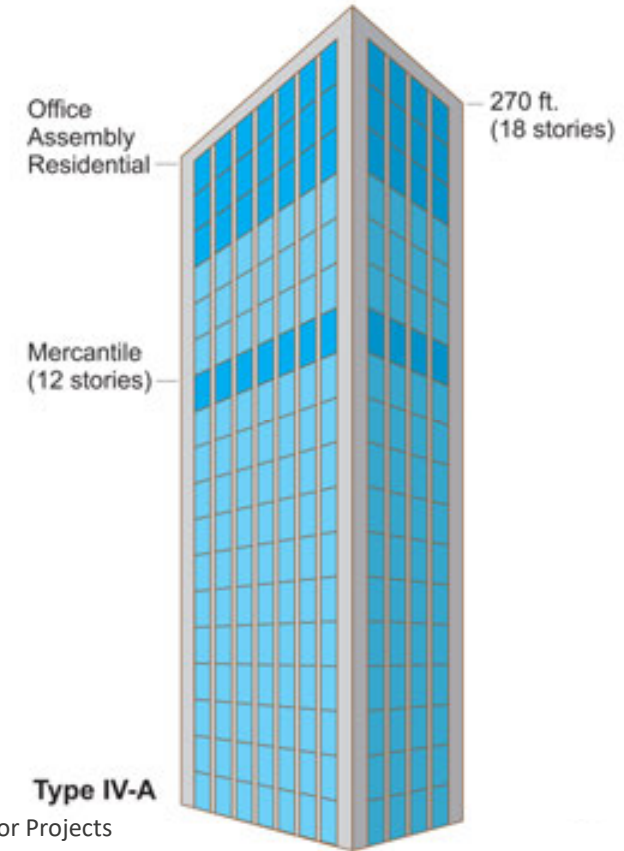
IV-B



IV-B



Type IV-A

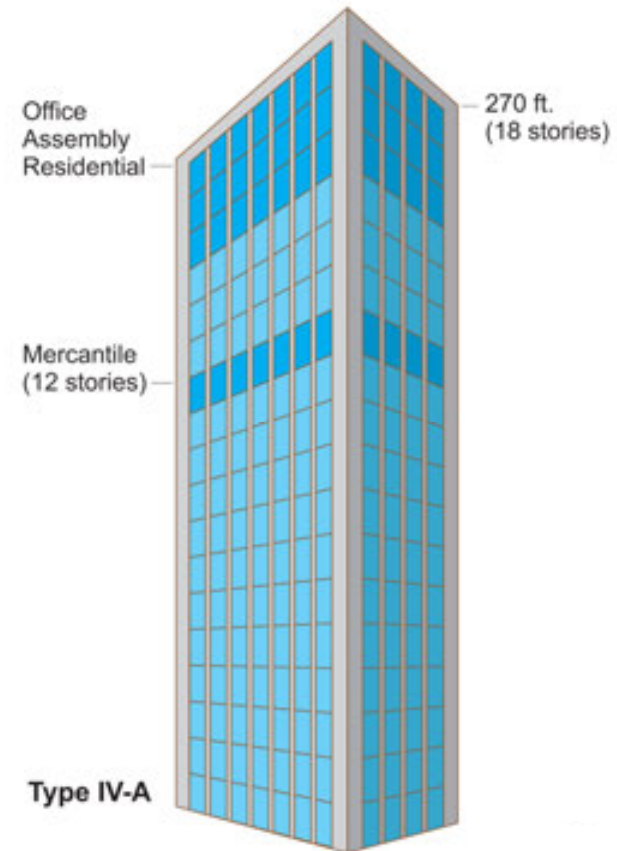


Type IV-A Exposure Limits

100% NC protection on all surfaces of Mass Timber



Photo: Flor Projects



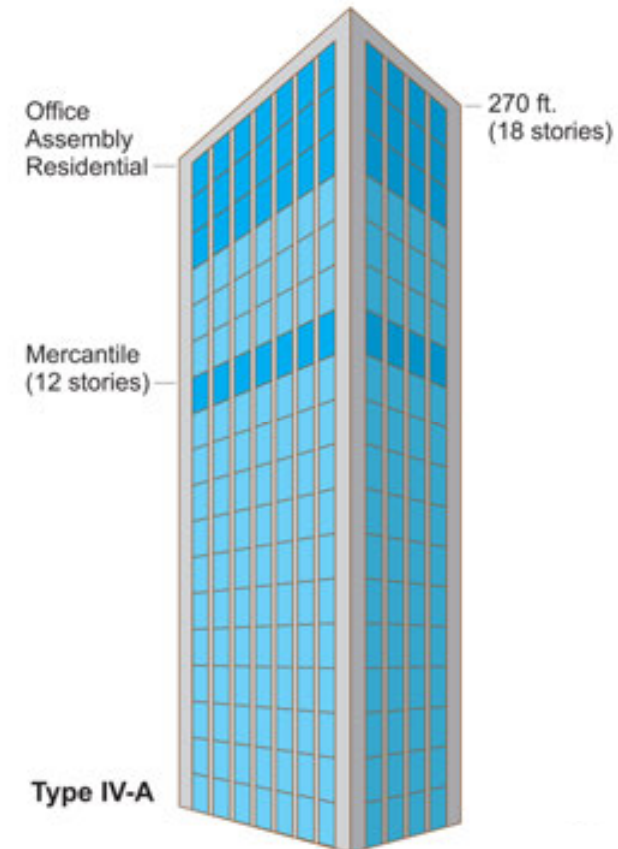
Type IV-A Building Size Limits

In most cases, Type IV-A height & story allowances = 1.5 * Type I-B height & story allowances

Type IV-A area = 3 * Type IV-HT area

Occupancy	# of Stories	Height	Area per Story	Building Area
A-2	18	270 ft	135,000 SF	405,000 SF
B	18	270 ft	324,000 SF	972,000 SF
M	12	270 ft	184,500 SF	553,500 SF
R-2	18	270 ft	184,500 SF	553,500 SF

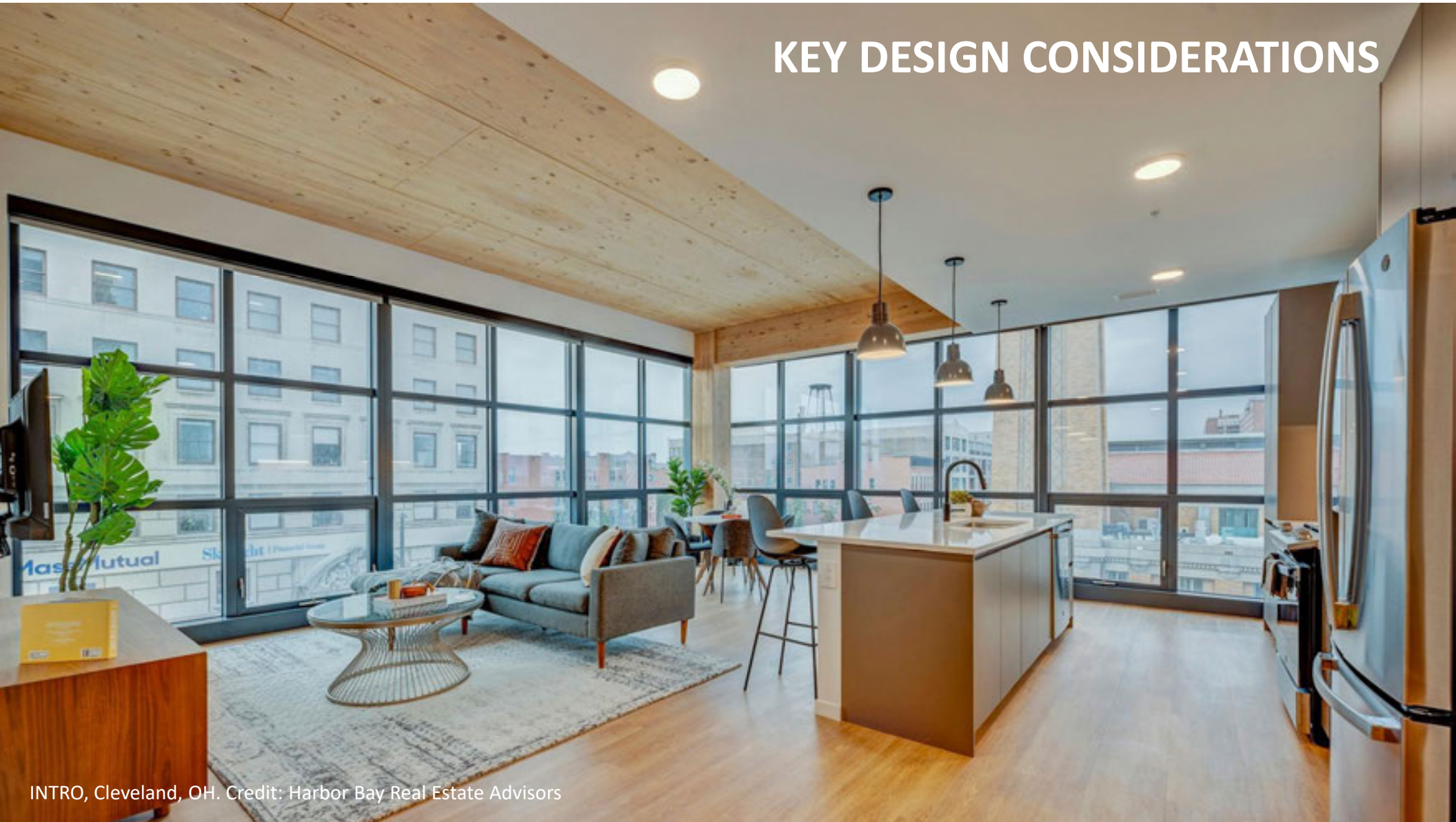
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IV-A

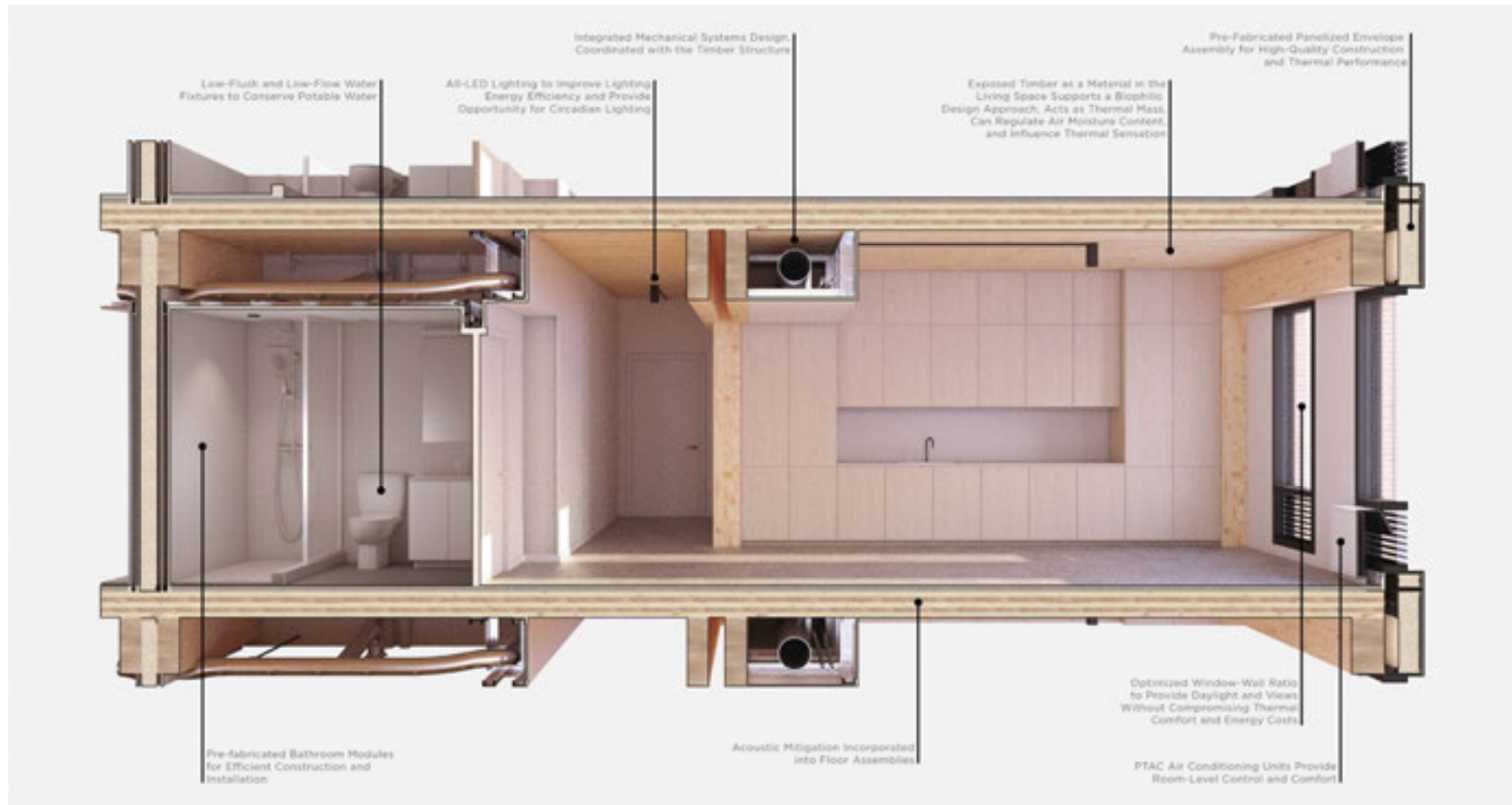


KEY DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS



INTRO, Cleveland, OH. Credit: Harbor Bay Real Estate Advisors

MEP SYSTEMS, ROUTING, INTEGRATION



INTEGRATED SYSTEMS

Credit: John Klein, Generate Architecture

The tallhouse building system prioritizes the integration of design, engineering, and construction. This results in a high performance building finely tuned to meet energy, comfort, acoustic, and design criteria that has been vetted by constructability experts to ensure fast, efficient production.

Utilizing Pre-Fabricated Facade Panels and Bathroom Modules that are manufactured off-site in factories allows for reducing construction time on-site, higher quality control practices, and safer labor conditions for construction workers. Efficient routing of duct-work conserves material, and associated embodied carbon, allowing more exposed timber all while providing the air quality needed for healthy living. Water conserving fixtures reduce potable water use as a precious resource, while maintaining reliable performance.

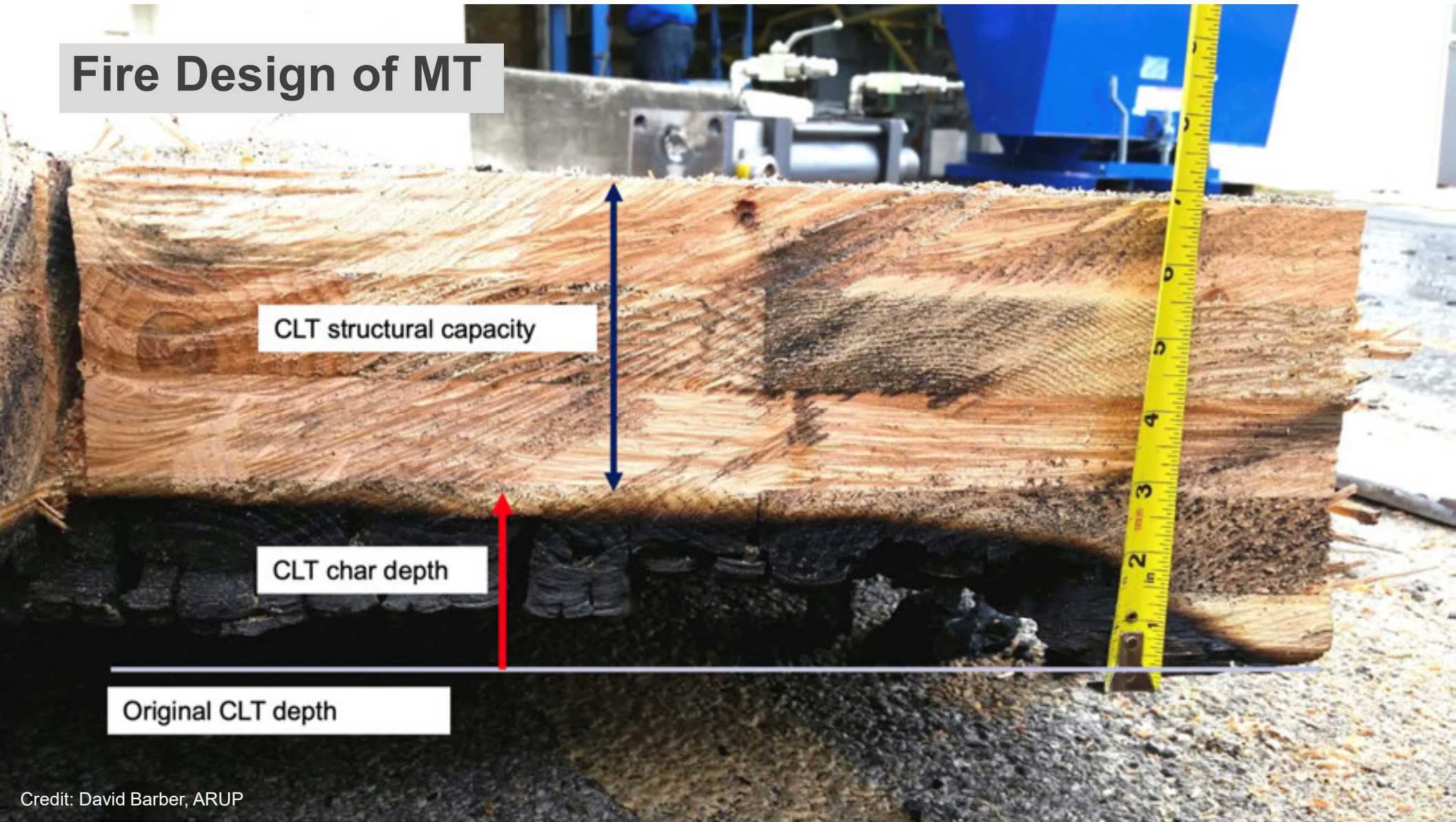
MEP Layout & Integration

Key considerations:

- Level of exposure desired
- Floor to floor, structure depth & desired head height
- Building occupancy and configuration (i.e. central core vs. double loaded corridor)
- Grid layout and beam orientations
- Need for future tenant reconfiguration
- Impact on fire & structural design: concealed spaces, penetrations



Fire Design of MT



Credit: David Barber, ARUP

Key Early Design Decisions

Fire-Resistance Ratings

- Driven primarily by construction type
- Rating achieved through timber alone or non-com protection required?

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

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

Construction Types

Type IV construction permits exposed heavy/mass timber elements of min. sizes.

Minimum Width by Depth in Inches

Framing		Solid Sawn (nominal)	Glulam (actual)	SCL (actual)
Floor	Columns	8 x 8	6 ³ / ₄ x 8 ¹ / ₄	7 x 7 ¹ / ₂
	Beams	6 x 10	5 x 10 ¹ / ₂	5 ¹ / ₄ x 9 ¹ / ₂
Roof	Columns	6 x 8	5 x 8 ¹ / ₄	5 ¹ / ₄ x 7 ¹ / ₂
	Beams*	4 x 6	3 X 6 ⁷ / ₈	3 ¹ / ₂ X 5 ¹ / ₂

*3" nominal width allowed where sprinklered

See IBC 2018 2304.11 or IBC 2015 602.4 for Details



Construction Types

Type IV min. sizes:

Floor Panels/Decking:

- » 4" thick CLT (actual thickness)
- » 4" NLT/DLT/GLT (nominal thickness)
- » 3" thick (nominal) decking covered with: 1" decking or 15/32" WSP or 1/2" particleboard

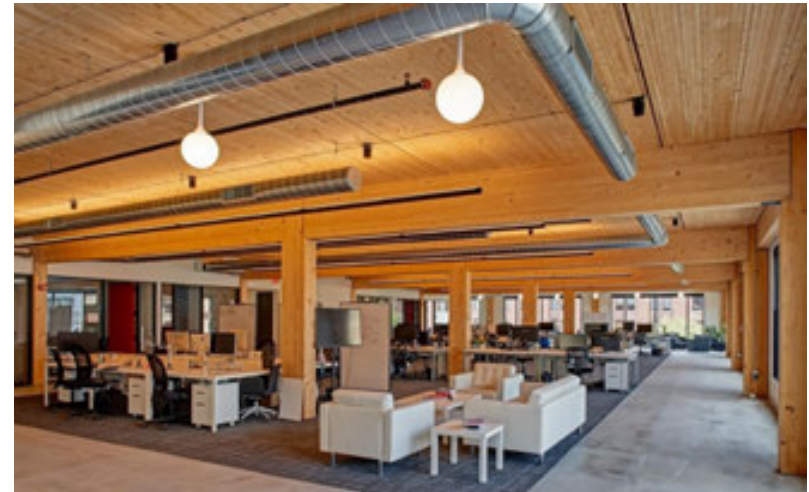


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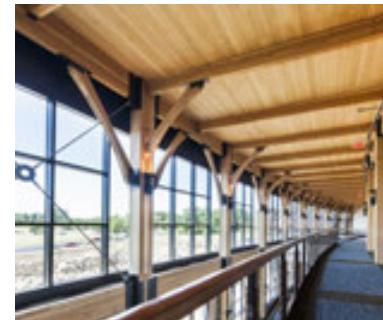


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Key Early Design Decisions

Construction type influences FRR

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

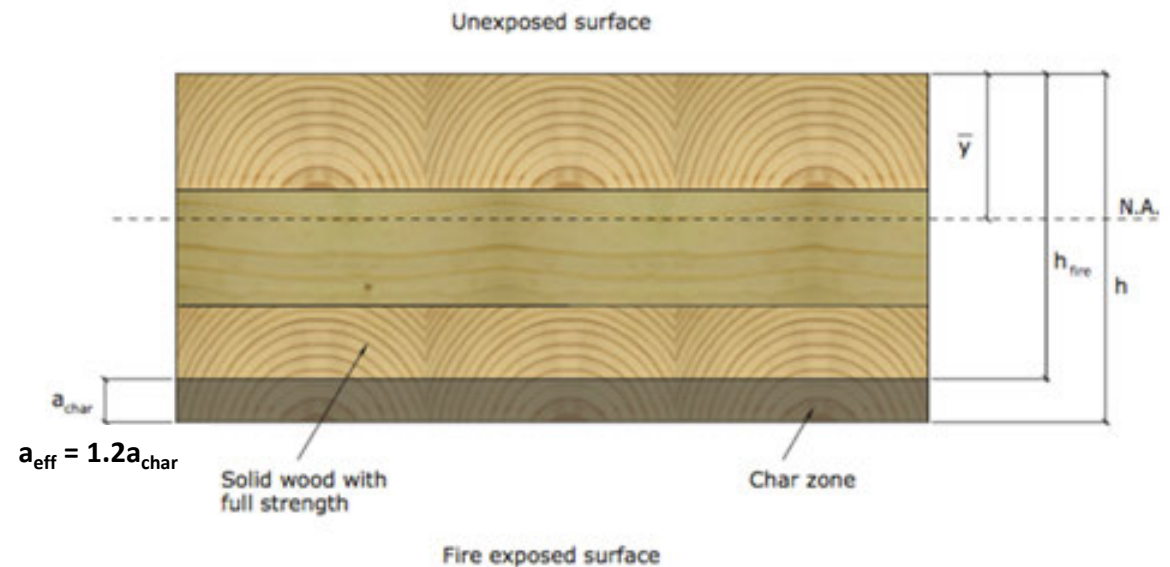
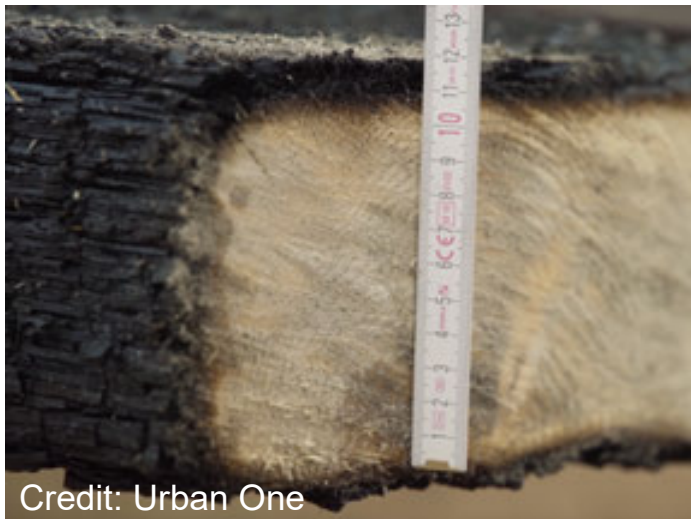
Method of demonstrating FRR (calculations or testing) can impact member sizing



Key Early Design Decisions

Which Method of Demonstrating FRR of MT is Being Used?

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



FRR Design of MT

Nominal char rate of 1.5"/HR is recognized in NDS. Effective char depth calculated to account for duration, structural reduction in heat-affected zone



Credit: ARUP

Table 16.2.1A Char Depth and Effective Char Depth (for $\beta_n = 1.5$ 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

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

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

Mass Timber Fire & Acoustic Database

Search tested and approved assemblies

<https://www.woodworks.org/mass-timber-fire-acoustic-database/>

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Assembly Type

- Floor/Roof 532
- Wall 147

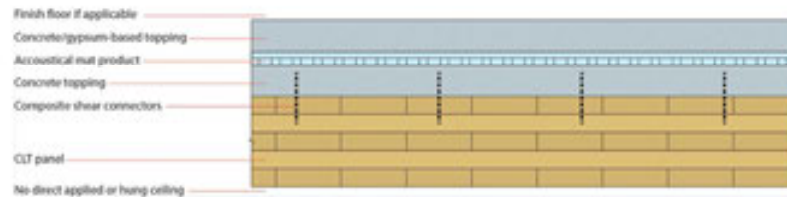
Application Type

- CLT/Concrete Composite 7
- Concealed Ceiling 201
- Concrete/Gypsum Topping 138
- Other 108
- Raised Access Floor or Wood Sleepers 78

Mass Timber Panel

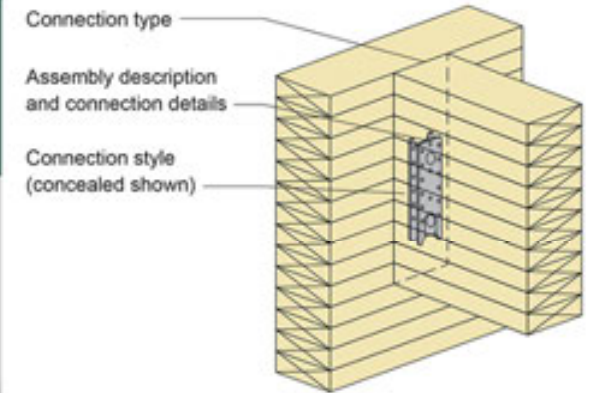
- CLT 507
- CLT (SCL) 56
- NLT 72
- DLT 22

CLT-Concrete Composite Floor Assemblies, Ceiling Side Exposed



This illustration is for specific construction details.

Mass Timber Panel	Topping	Acoustical Mat Products Between Concrete Composite and Upper Topping	Upper Topping	Finish Floor	Sound Rating	Impact Rating	Method of Compliance
5-layer 5.40" CLT	2.25" Concrete	Maxxon Acousti-Mat® 3/8	1" Gyp-Crete®	52	STC ●	50 IIC ●	Maxxon / Intertek Report # K3094.97-113-11-RO Contact Product Manufacturer for More Information
5-layer 5.40" CLT	2.25" Concrete	Maxxon Acousti-Mat® 3/8	1" Gyp-Crete®	53	STC ●	52 IIC ●	Maxxon / Intertek Report # K3094.69-113-11-RO Contact Product Manufacturer for More Information
5-layer 5.40" CLT	2.25" Concrete	Maxxon Acousti-Mat® SBR over Maxxon Acousti-Mat® 3/4 Premium	1.5" Gyp-Crete®	56	STC ●	57 IIC ●	Maxxon / Intertek Report # K3094.98-113-11-RO Contact Product Manufacturer for More Information
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Consider Impacts of:

- Timber & Topping Thickness
- Panel Layout
- Gapped Panels
- Connections & Penetrations
- MEP Layout & Type



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Common mass timber floor assembly:

- Finish floor (if applicable)
- Underlayment (if finish floor)
- 1.5" to 4" thick concrete/gypcrete topping
- Acoustical mat
- WSP (if applicable)
- Mass timber floor panels



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

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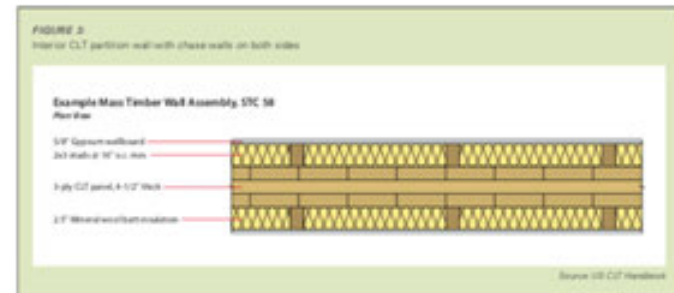


T3 Minneapolis
Architect: MGA | Michael Green Architecture, CLT Group
Structural Engineer: Magnusson Engineers Associates
Design Assist: Bulli Structural

The growing availability and code acceptance of mass timber—i.e., large solid wood panel products such as cross-laminated timber (CLT) and nail-laminated timber (NLT)—for floor, wall and roof construction has given designers a low-carbon alternative to steel, concrete, and masonry for many applications. However, the use of mass timber in multi-family and commercial buildings presents unique acoustic challenges.

While laboratory measurements of the impact and airborne sound isolation of traditional building assemblies such as light wood-frame, steel and concrete are widely available, fewer resources exist that quantify the acoustic performance of mass timber assemblies. Additionally, one of the most desired aspects of mass timber construction is the ability to leave a building's structure exposed as finish, which creates the need for asymmetric assemblies. With careful design and detailing, mass timber buildings can meet the acoustic performance expectations of most building types.

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Mass Timber Assembly Options: Walls

Mass timber panels can also be used for interior and exterior walls—both bearing and non-bearing. For interior walls, the need to conceal services such as electrical and plumbing is an added consideration. Common approaches include building a chase wall in front of the mass timber wall or installing gypsum wallboard on resilient channels that are attached to the mass timber wall. As with bare mass timber floor panels, bare mass timber walls don't typically provide adequate noise control, and these walls also function as acoustical improvements. For example, a 3-ply CLT wall panel with a thickness of 3-3/4" has an STC rating of 33* in contrast, Figure 3 shows an interior CLT partition wall with chase walls on both sides. This assembly achieves an STC rating of 58, exceeding the IBC's acoustical requirements for multi-family construction. Other examples are included in the inventory of tested assemblies noted above.

Acoustical Differences between Mass Timber Panel Options

The majority of acoustically-tested mass timber assemblies include CLT. However, tests have also been done on other mass timber panel options such as NLT and dowel-laminated timber (DLT), as well as traditional heavy timber options such as tongue and groove decking. Most tests have concluded that CLT acoustical performance is slightly better than that of other mass timber options, largely because the cross-orientation of laminations in a CLT panel limits sound flanking.

For those interested in comparing similar assemblies and mass timber panel types and thicknesses, the inventory noted above contains tested assemblies using CLT, NLT, glued-laminated timber panels (GLT), and tongue and groove decking.

Improving Performance by Minimizing Flanking

Even when the assemblies in a building are carefully designed and installed for high acoustical performance, consideration of flanking paths—in areas such as assembly interactions, beam-to-column/wall connections, and MEP penetrations—is necessary for a building to meet overall acoustical performance objectives.

One way to minimize flanking paths at these connections and interfaces is to use resilient connection isolation and sealant strips. These products are capable of resisting structural loads in compression between structural members and connections while providing isolation and breaking hard, direct connections between members. In the context of the three methods for improving acoustical performance noted above, these strips act as decouplers. With airtight connections, interfaces and penetrations, there is a much greater chance that the acoustic performance of a mass timber building will meet expectations.



Mass Timber Fire & Acoustic Database

Search tested and approved assemblies

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Assembly Type

- Floor/Roof 532
- Wall 147

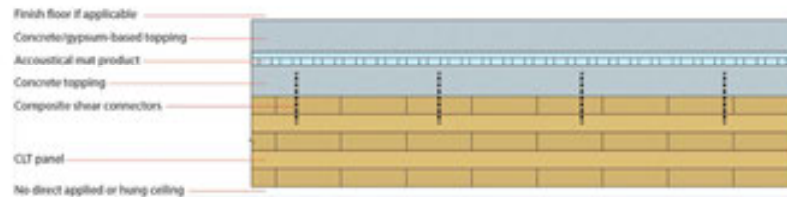
Application Type

- CLT/Concrete Composite 7
- Concealed Ceiling 201
- Concrete/Gypsum Topping 138
- Other 108
- Raised Access Floor or Wood Sleepers 78

Mass Timber Panel

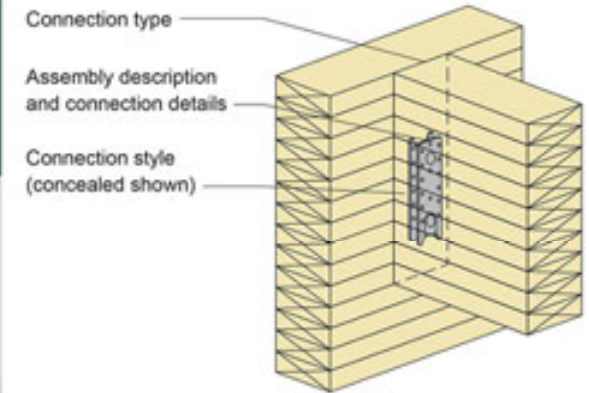
- CLT 507
- CLT (SCL) 56
- NLT 72
- DLT 22

CLT-Concrete Composite Floor Assemblies, Ceiling Side Exposed



This illustration is for specific construction details.

Mass Timber Panel	Topping	Acoustical Mat Products Between Concrete Composite and Upper Topping	Upper Topping	Finish Floor	Sound Rating	Impact Rating	Method of Compliance
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Inventory of Tested Assemblies

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 ¹	IIC ²	Source
	1-1/2" Gyp-Crete*	Maxxon Acousti-Mat* 3/4	None	47 ² ASTC	47 ² AIIC	1
			LVT	-	49 ² AIIC	
			Carpet + Pad	-	75 ² AIIC	
			LVT on Acousti-Top*	-	52 ² AIIC	
		Maxxon Acousti-Mat* 3/4 Premium	Eng Wood on Acousti-Top*	-	51 ² AIIC	
			None	49 ² ASTC	45 ² AIIC	
			LVT	-	47 ² AIIC	
			LVT on Acousti-Top*	-	49 ² AIIC	
CLT 5-ply (6.875")	1-1/2" Levelrock*	USG SAM N25 Ultra	None	45 ⁵	39 ⁵	15
			LVT	48 ⁵	47 ⁵	16
			LVT Plus	48 ⁵	49 ⁵	58
			Eng Wood	47 ⁵	47 ⁵	59
			Carpet + Pad	45 ⁵	67 ⁵	60
			Ceramic Tile	50 ⁵	46 ⁵	61
			None	45 ⁵	42 ⁵	15
			LVT	48 ⁵	44 ⁵	16

Speed of Construction

Market Distinction

KNOW

Sustainability

YOUR

Lightweight

WHY

Leasing Velocity

Cost

Urban Density

Seattle Mass Timber Tower: Detailed Cost Comparison

Fast Construction



- Textbook example done by industry experts
- Mass timber vs. PT conc
- Detailed cost, material takeoff & schedule comparisons

“The initial advantage of Mass Timber office projects in Seattle will come through the

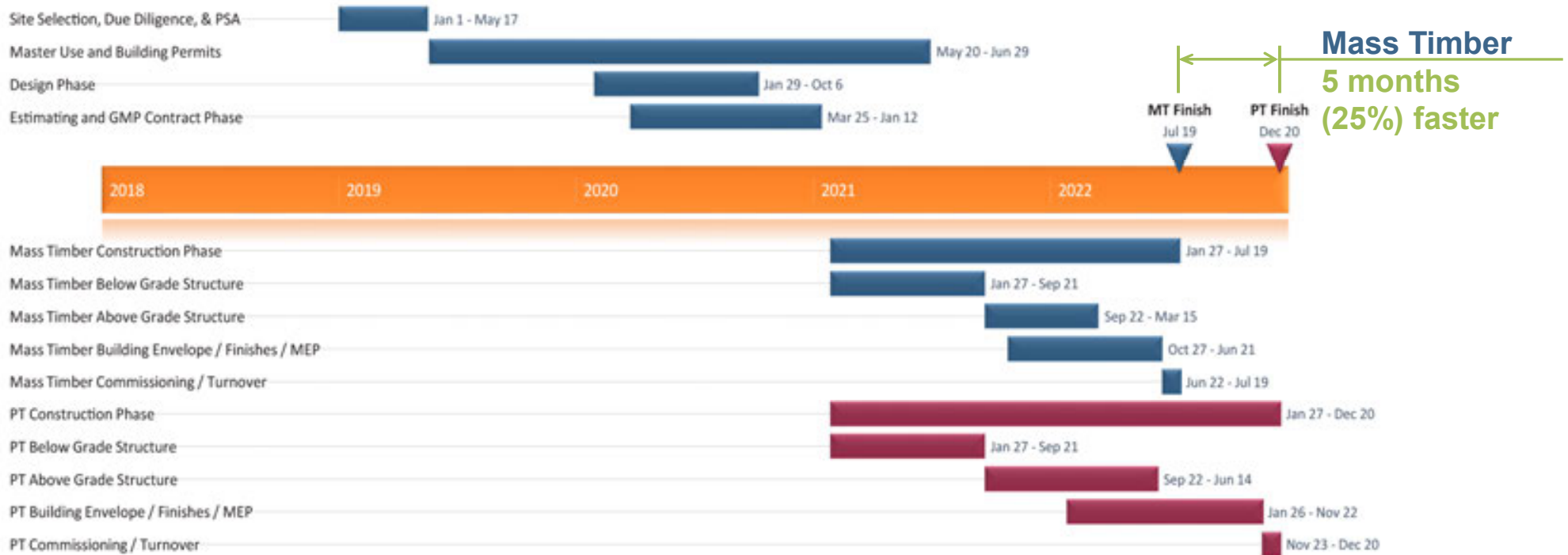
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that developers will experience.”

- Connor Mclain, Colliers

Seattle Mass Timber Tower Fast Construction

Construction Schedule:



Source: Tall With Timber
A Seattle Mass Timber Tower Case Study by DLR Group¹

Seattle Mass Timber Tower

Faster Construction + Higher Material Costs = Cost Competitive

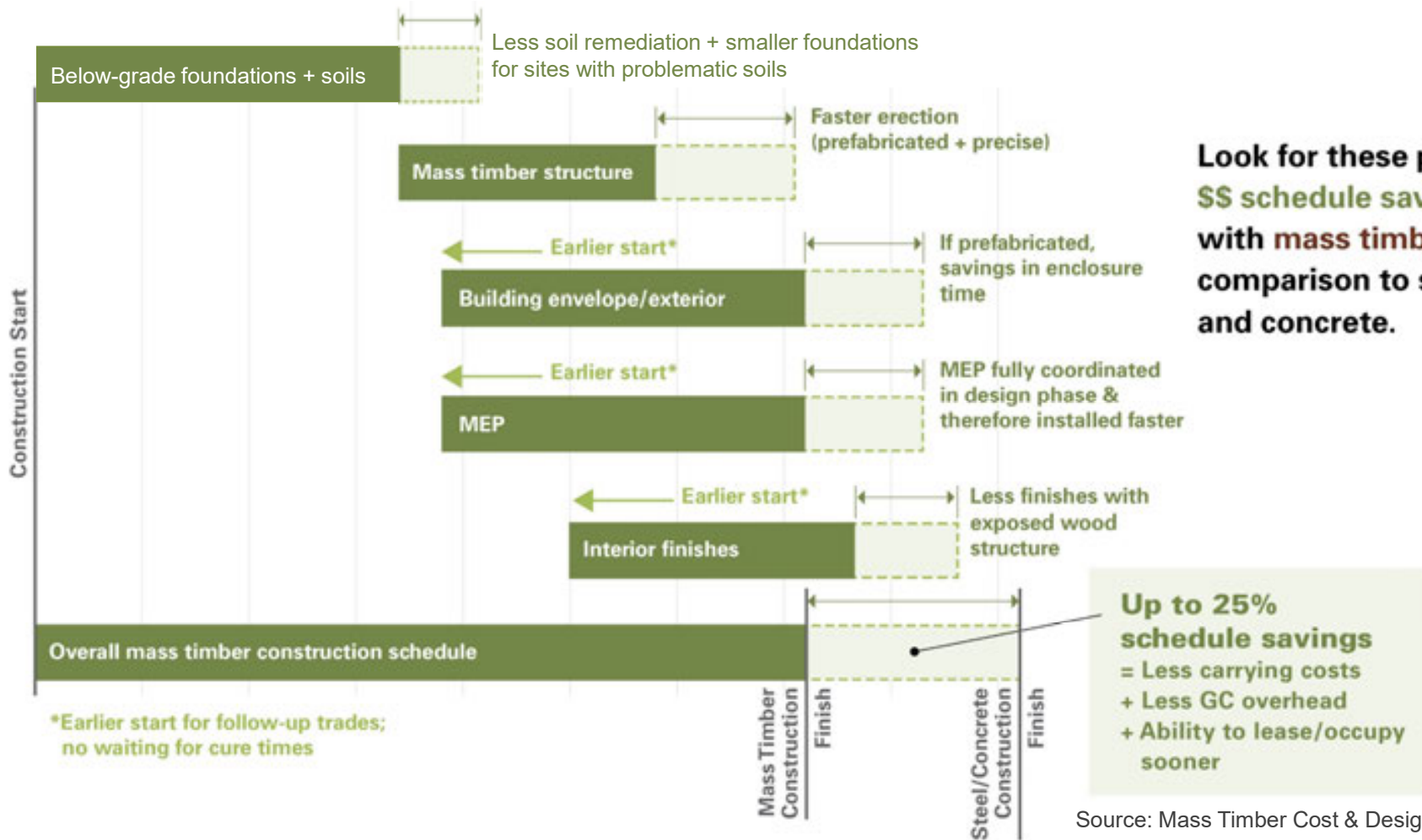
System	Mass Timber Design	PT Concrete Design	Mass Timber Savings
Direct Cost of Work	\$86,997,136	\$85,105,091	2.2%
Project Overhead	\$ 9,393,750	\$11,768,750	-20.2%
Add-Ons	\$ 8,387,345	\$ 8,429,368	-0.5%
Total	\$104,778,231	\$105,303,209	-0.5%



Source: DLR Group | Fast + Epp | Swinerton Builders

Compressing the Typical Schedule

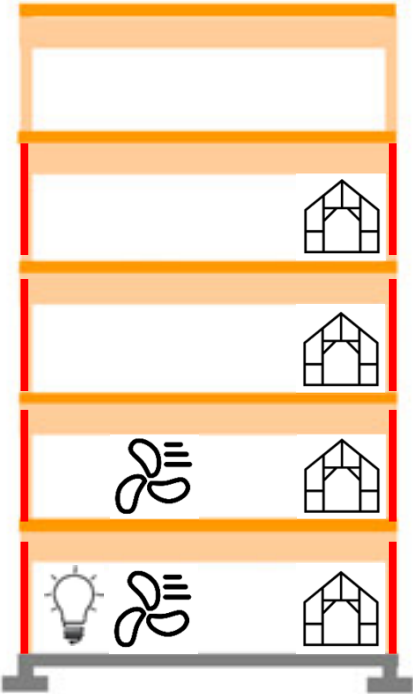
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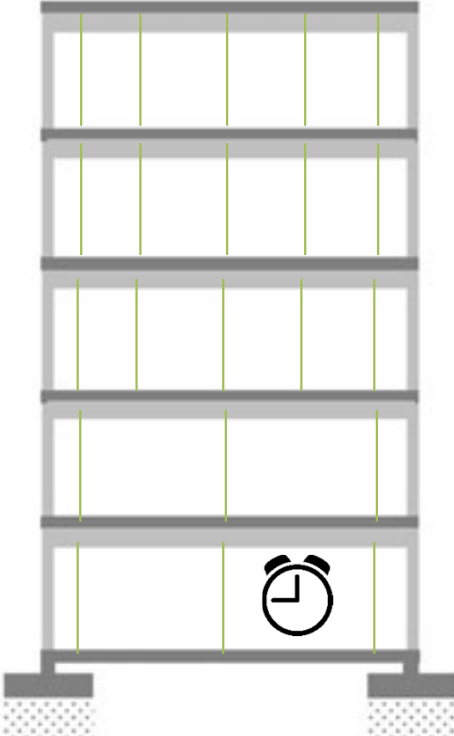
Look for these potential **\$\$** schedule savings with **mass timber** in comparison to steel and concrete.

Schedule Savings for Rough-In Trades

Fast Construction



NO curing
(mass timber)



Curing & maze of
shores (concrete)



Photo: WoodWorks

Reduce Risk

Optimize Costs

- For the entire project team, not just builders
- Lots of reference documents



Mass Timber Cost and Design Optimization Checklists

WoodWorks has developed the following checklists to assist in the design and cost optimization of mass timber projects.

The design optimization checklists are intended for building designers (architects and engineers), but many of the topics should also be discussed with the fabricators and builders. The cost optimization checklists will help guide coordination between designers and builders (general contractors, construction managers, estimators, fabricators, installers, etc.) as they are estimating and making cost-related decisions on a mass timber project.

Most resources listed in this paper can be found on the WoodWorks website. Please see the end notes for URLs.

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There's a good chance it is...Let's talk about it!

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