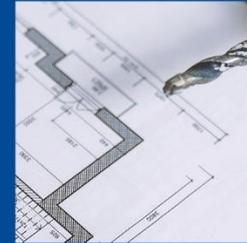
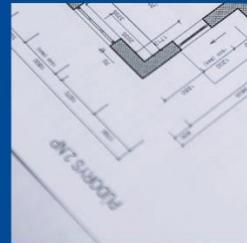


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# Advancements in Heavy Timber Construction: Design & Construction

Presenter: Jessica Scarlett, Regional Director NC | SC | TN

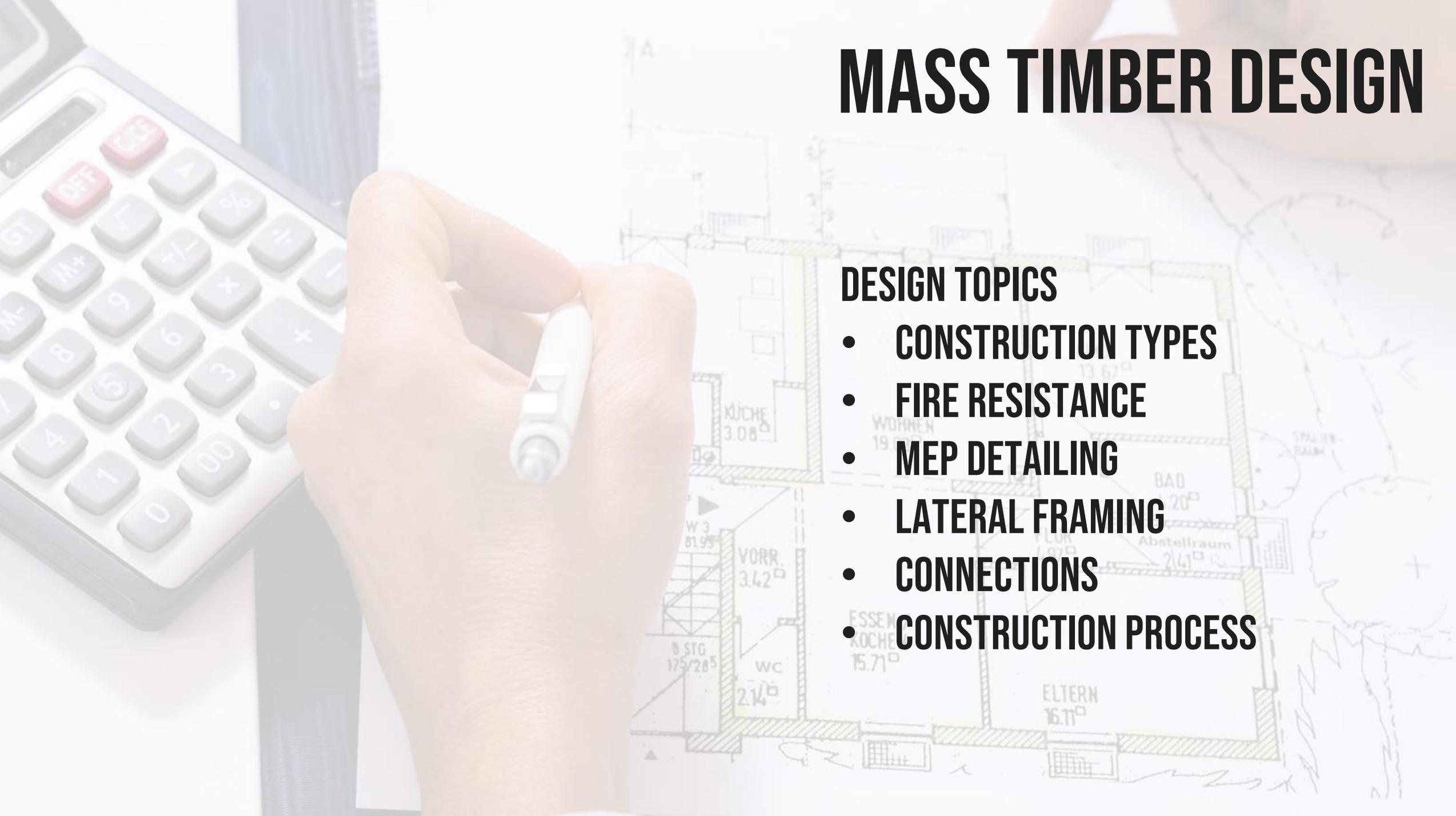
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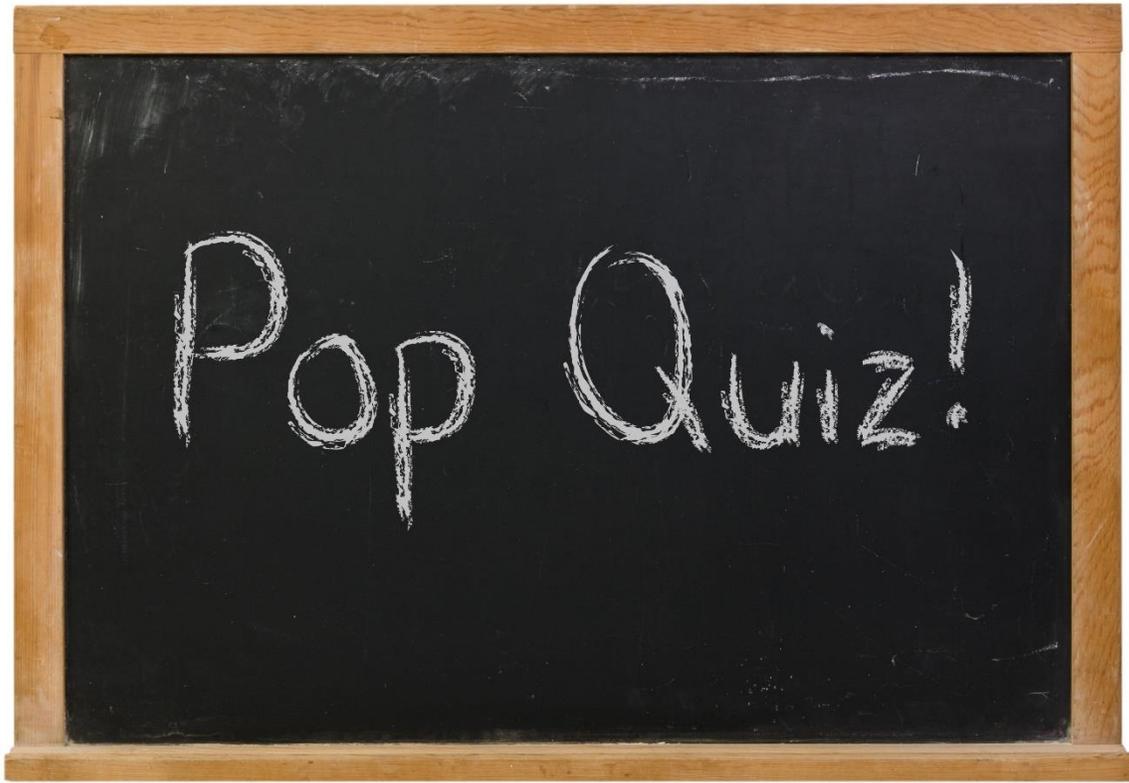
## DESIGN TOPICS

- CONSTRUCTION TYPES
- FIRE RESISTANCE
- MEP DETAILING
- LATERAL FRAMING
- CONNECTIONS
- CONSTRUCTION PROCESS



# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

## CONSTRUCTION TYPES



**Q: OF THE 5 CONSTRUCTION TYPES, WHICH  
ONES CAN MASS TIMBER BE USED IN?**

**A: ALL 5!**

# CONSTRUCTION TYPES

IBC 602

IBC DEFINES 5 CONSTRUCTION TYPES: I, II, III, IV AND 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

IBC 602

## ALL WOOD FRAMED BUILDING OPTIONS:

### TYPE III

EXTERIOR WALLS NON-COMBUSTIBLE (MAY BE FRTW)

INTERIOR ELEMENTS ANY ALLOWED BY CODE, INCLUDING MASS TIMBER

### TYPE V

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

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

### TYPE IV (HEAVY TIMBER)

EXTERIOR WALLS NON-COMBUSTIBLE (MAY BE FRTW OR CLT)

INTERIOR ELEMENTS QUALIFY AS HEAVY TIMBER (MIN. SIZES, NO CONCEALED SPACES)

# CONSTRUCTION TYPES

## Chapter 6: Types of Construction

Where does the code allow MT to be used?

- Type IB & II: Roof Decking





**Construction Type IB  
Exposed Timber Roof Decking  
and Framing**

**Portland International Jetport**

- LEED Gold
- Completed 2012

Design Team: Gensler, Oest Associates  
Photo Credit: DeStafano & Chamberlain, Inc, Robert Benson Photography

# CONSTRUCTION TYPES

## Chapter 6: Types of Construction

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

SACRAMENTO, CA



ICE BLOCK I, RMW ARCHITECTURE & INTERIORS, BUEHLER  
ENGINEERING, BERNARD ANDRÉ PHOTOGRAPHY

# U OF ARKANSAS STUDENT DORMS

FAYETVILLE, AR



**(2) - 5 STORY BUILDINGS  
TOTAL OVER 200,000 SF  
368 RESIDENTIAL ROOMS**



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# CONSTRUCTION TYPES

Where does the code allow mass timber to be used?

- Type IV: Any interior elements & roofs if meets min. size; exterior walls if FRT. No concealed spaces permitted

## Chapter 6: Types of Construction



# T3 MINNEAPOLIS

MINNEAPOLIS, MN



# UMASS DESIGN BUILDING

AMHERST, MA



COMPLETED SPRING 2017

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# CONSTRUCTION TYPES

## Chapter 6: Types of Construction

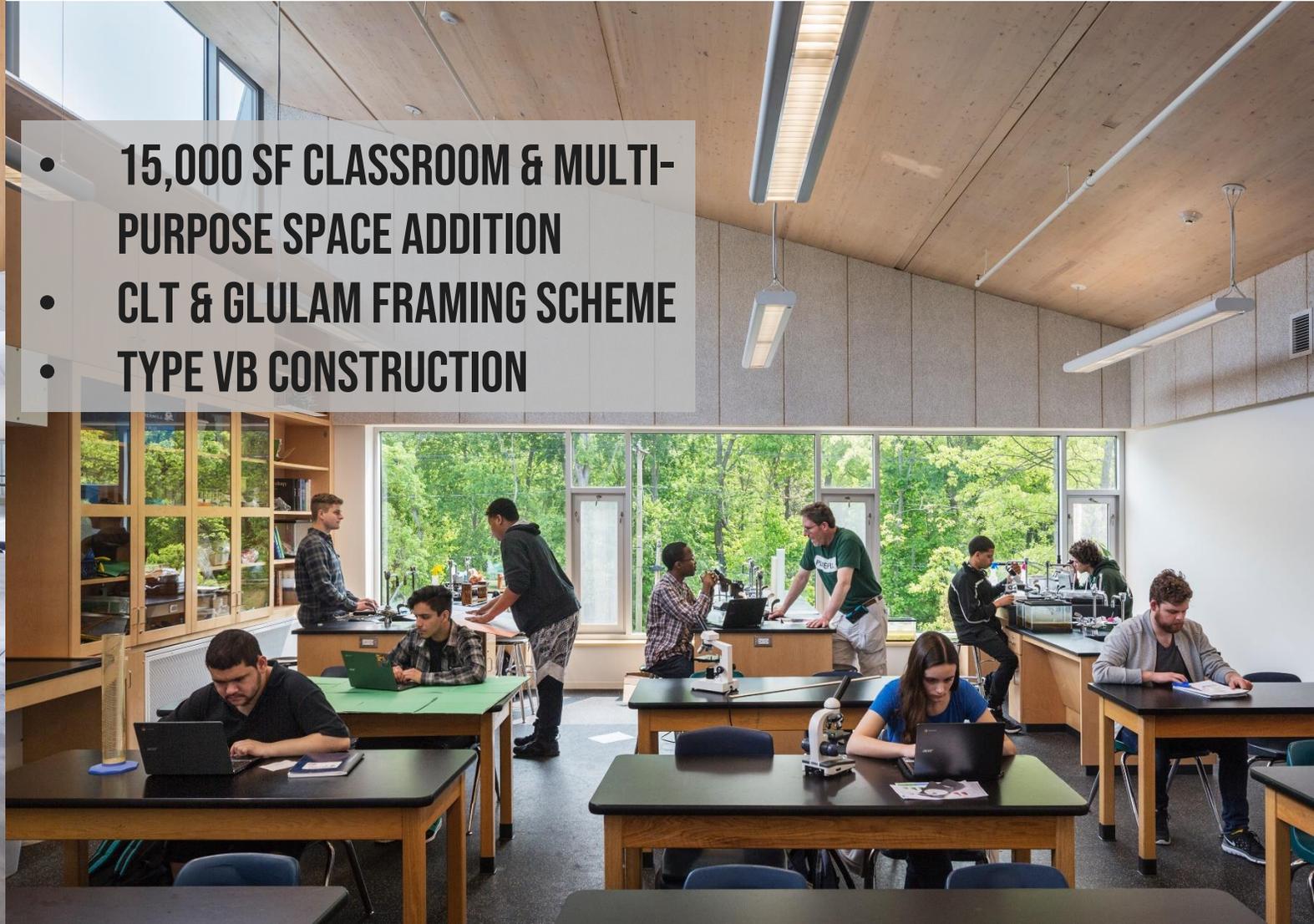


Where does the code allow MT to be used?

- Type V: Interior elements, roofs & exterior walls

# COMMON GROUND HIGH SCHOOL

NEW HAVEN, CT



- 15,000 SF CLASSROOM & MULTI-PURPOSE SPACE ADDITION
- CLT & GLULAM FRAMING SCHEME
- TYPE VB CONSTRUCTION

PHOTO CREDIT: DAVID SUNDBERG AND GRAY ORGANSCHI ARCHITECTURE

# CONSTRUCTION TYPES

Type III: 6 stories



Allowable mass timber building size for group B occupancy with NFPA 13 Sprinkler



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Type V: 4 stories



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Type IV: 6 stories

# FIRE RESISTANCE

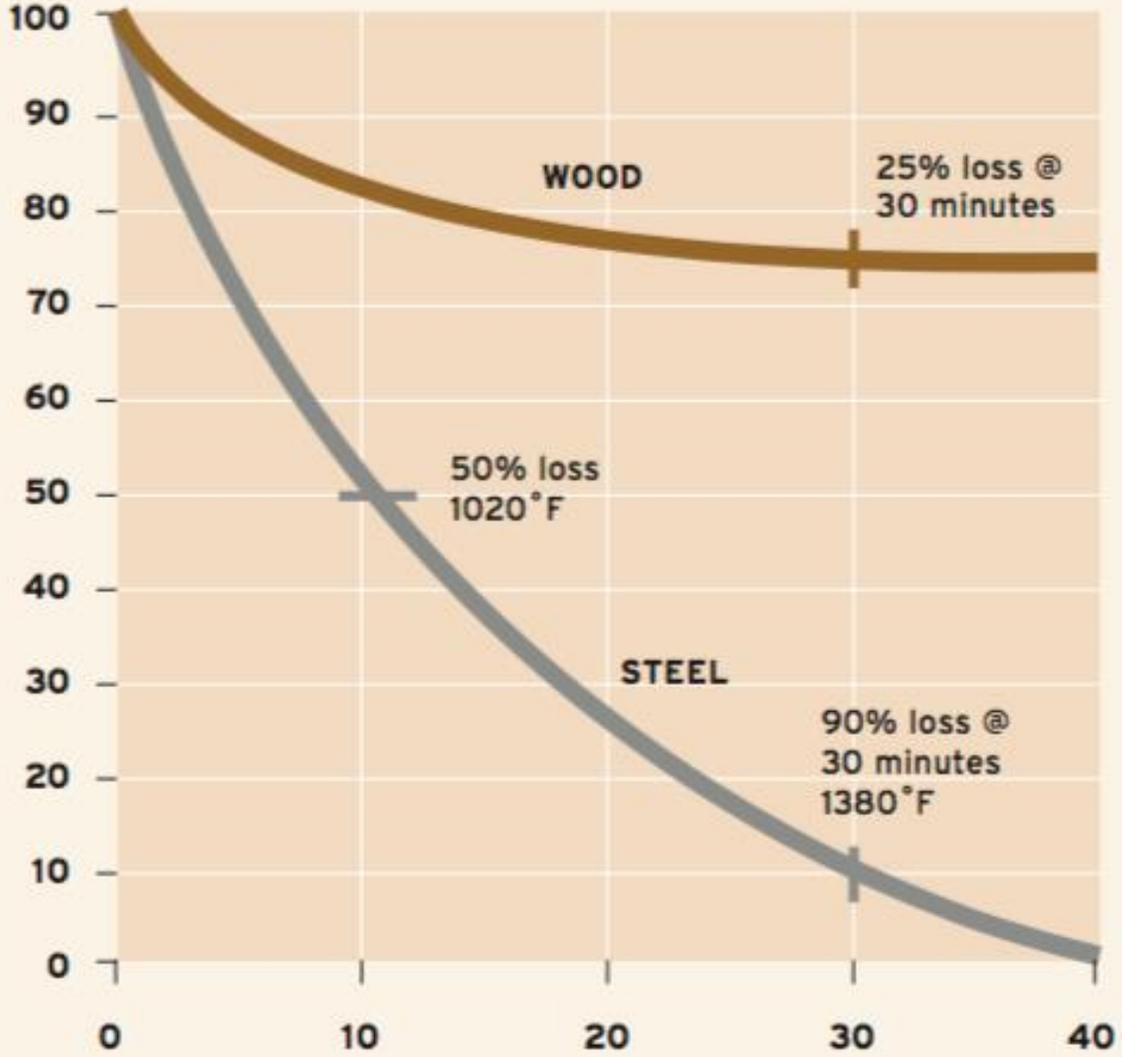


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## FIRE RESISTANCE

COMPARATIVE STRENGTH LOSS OF WOOD VERSUS STEEL



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

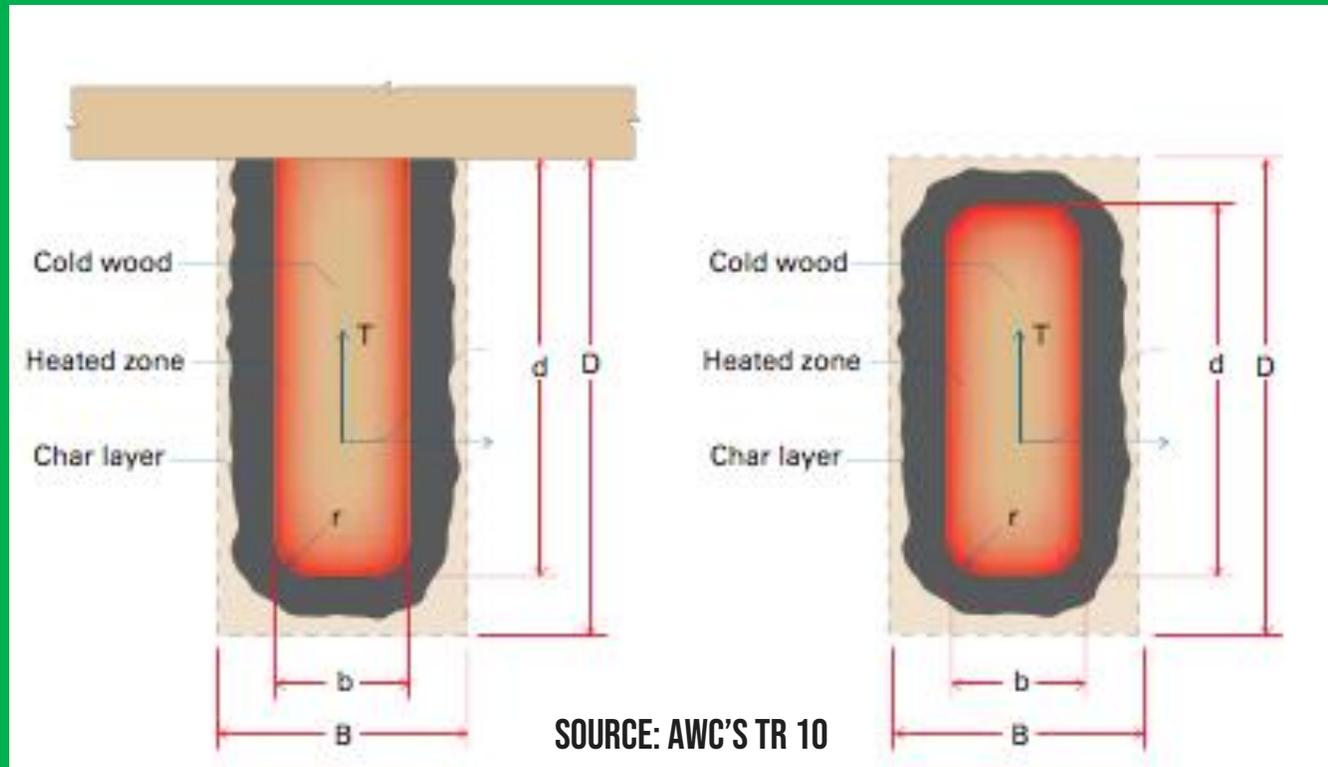
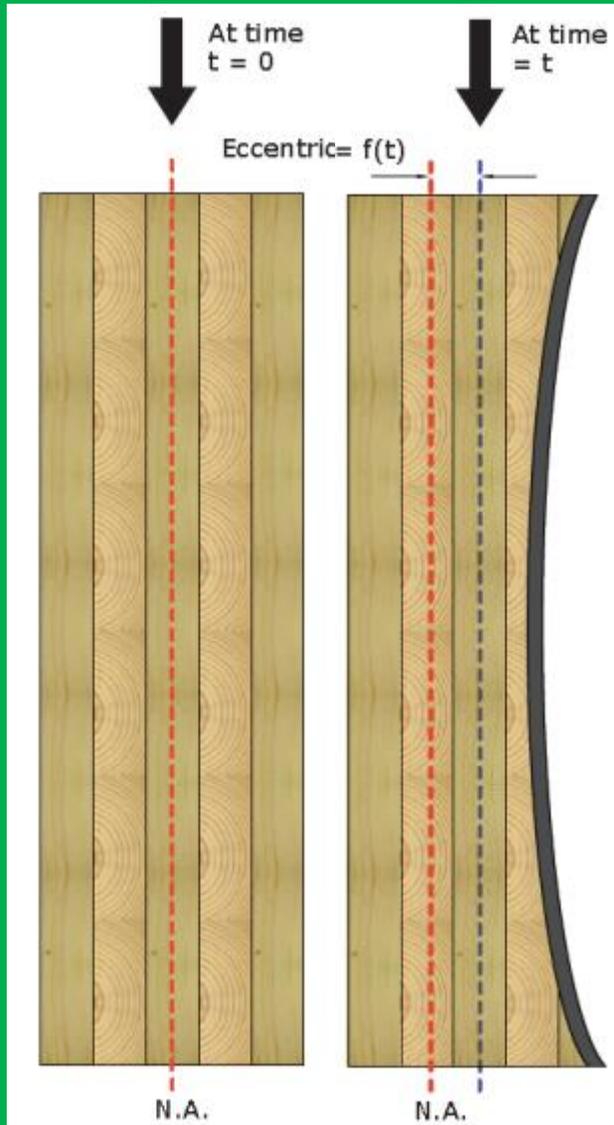
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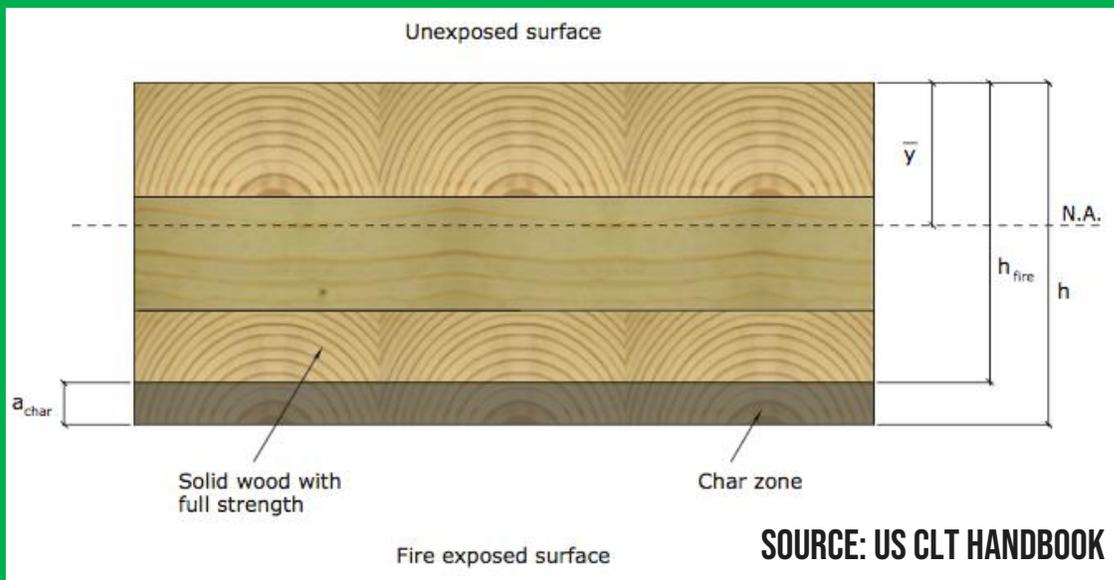
## FIRE RESISTANCE

**SIMILAR TO HEAVY TIMBER, MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS HAVE INHERENT FIRE RESISTANCE PROPERTIES**



# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

## FIRE RESISTANCE



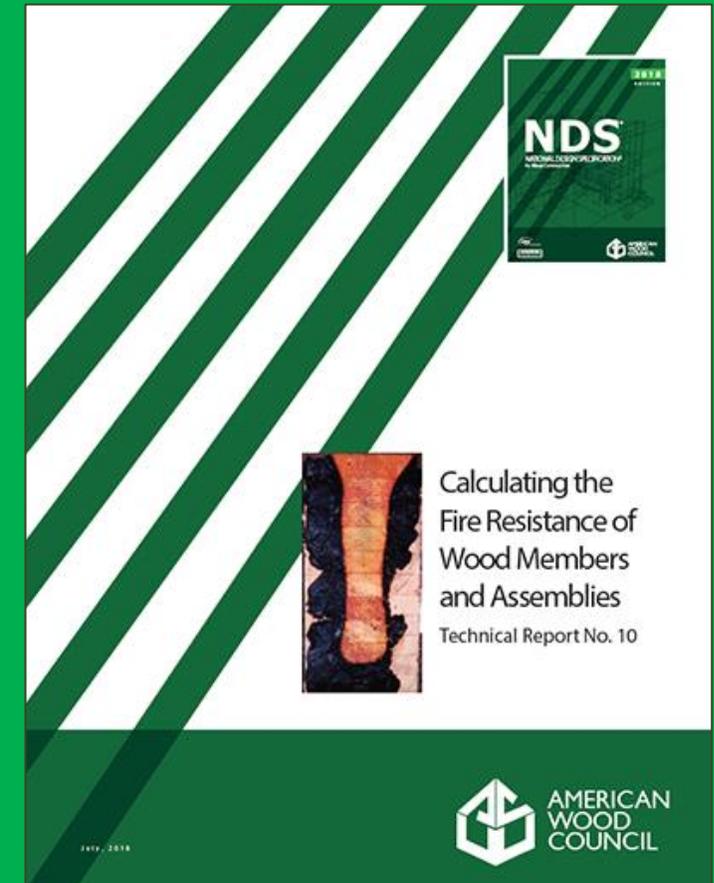
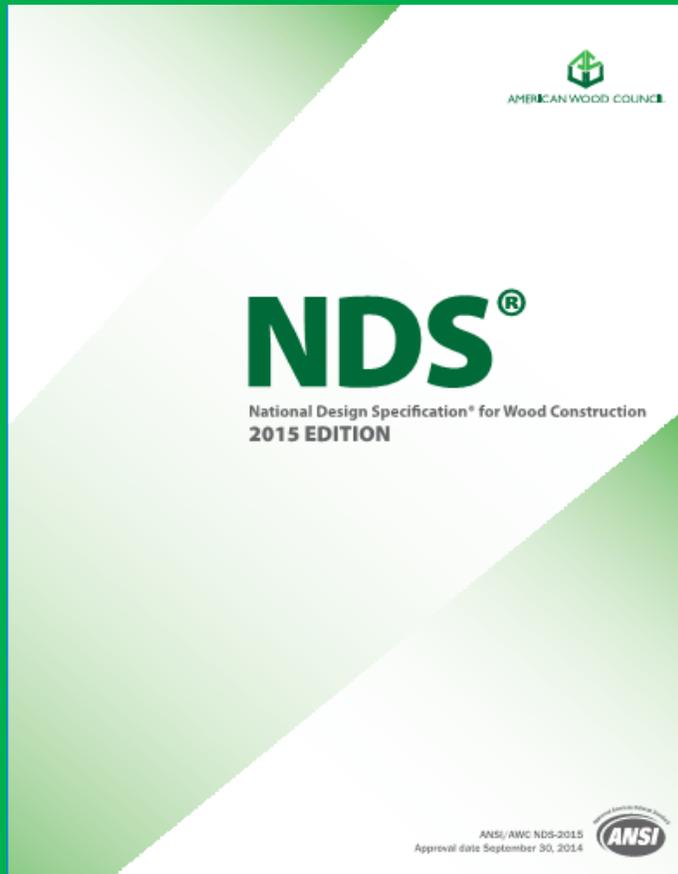
## Construction type selection dictates prescriptive fire resistance requirements:

- Type IV Construction (minimum sizes)
- **Other than type IV:** Demonstrated fire resistance:
  - IBC 703.3 allows several options, including:
    - ASTM E119 assembly test
    - Calculations per IBC 722 → NDS Chapter 16

# 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)



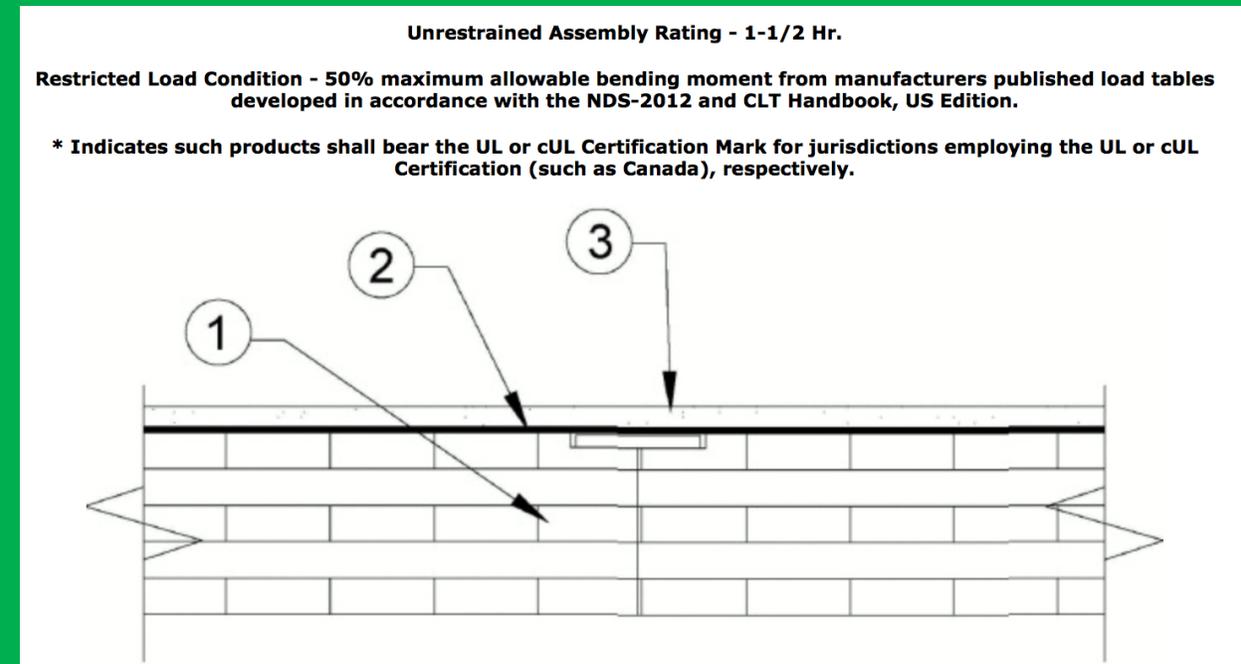
# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

## FIRE RESISTANCE

### MASS TIMBER FIRE DESIGN METHODS:

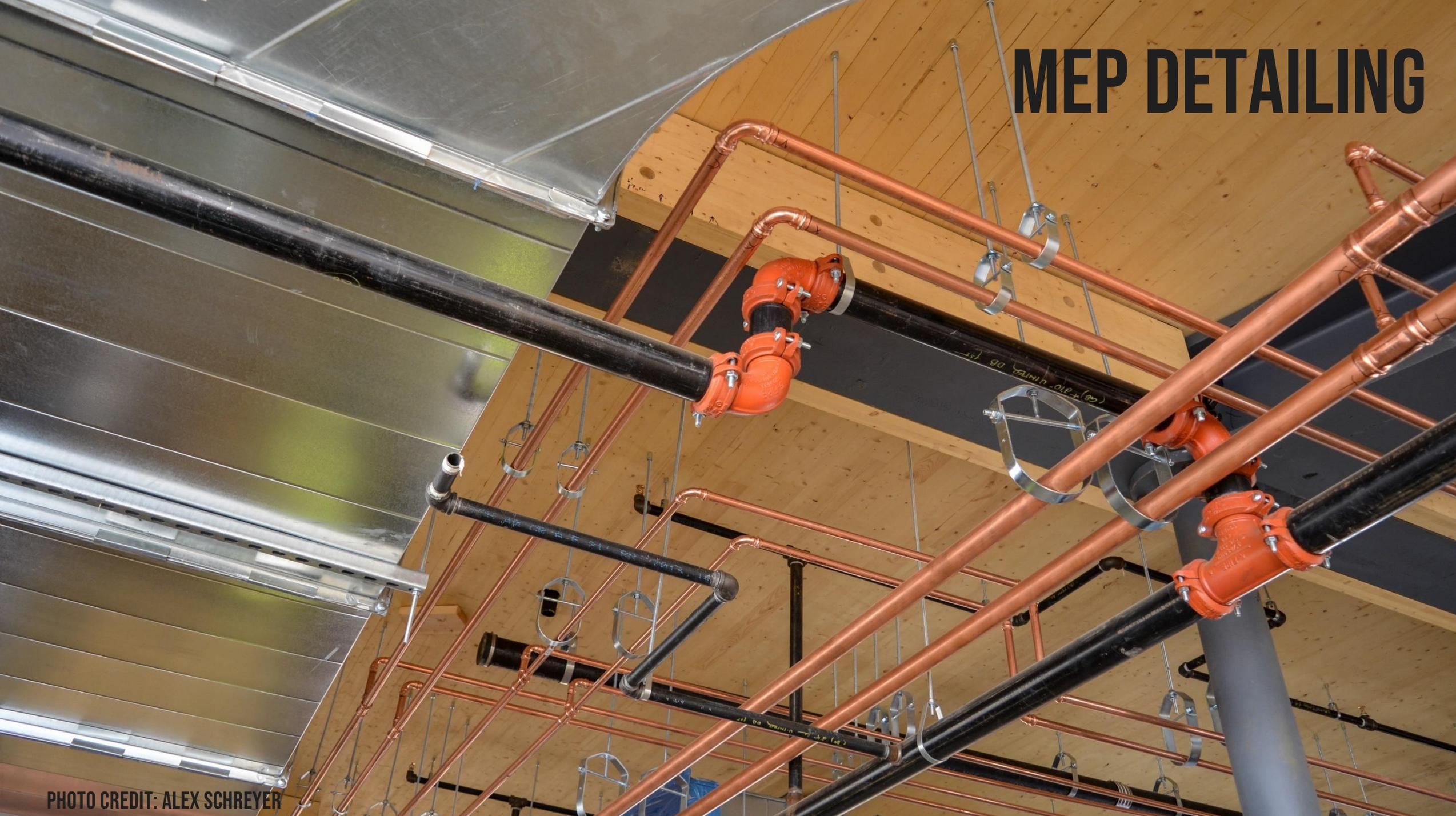
#### NDS Chapter 16 Char Calculations vs. ASTM E119 Tested Assembly

- NDS Chpt 16 calcs check structural integrity
- ASTM E119 checks structural integrity, thermal separation (elevated temp. on unexposed side) and burn through (ignition of cotton waste at gaps)
- Reasonable to assume other assembly components such as concrete topping aid in other 2 criteria



SOURCE: UL L901

# MEP DETAILING



# MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

## ACCOMMODATING MEP

**DUE TO EXPOSED MASS  
TIMBER STRUCTURE AND  
FINISH, UNIQUE MEP  
ACCOMMODATION SOLUTIONS  
ARE REQUIRED**

**IF USING TYPE IV  
CONSTRUCTION, NO  
CONCEALED SPACES ARE  
ALLOWED**



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# MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

ACCOMMODATING MEP

## EXPOSED MEP

MEP ITEMS LEFT EXPOSED, USUALLY ON CEILING SIDE OF FLOOR ASSEMBLY



# MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

ACCOMMODATING MEP



Photo Credit: KK Law, Courtesy: naturally:wood

**RAISED ACCESS FLOOR**  
INSTALLED ON TOP OF FLOOR STRUCTURE  
PROVIDES 2" TO 18" OF PLENUM SPACE  
FOR MEP



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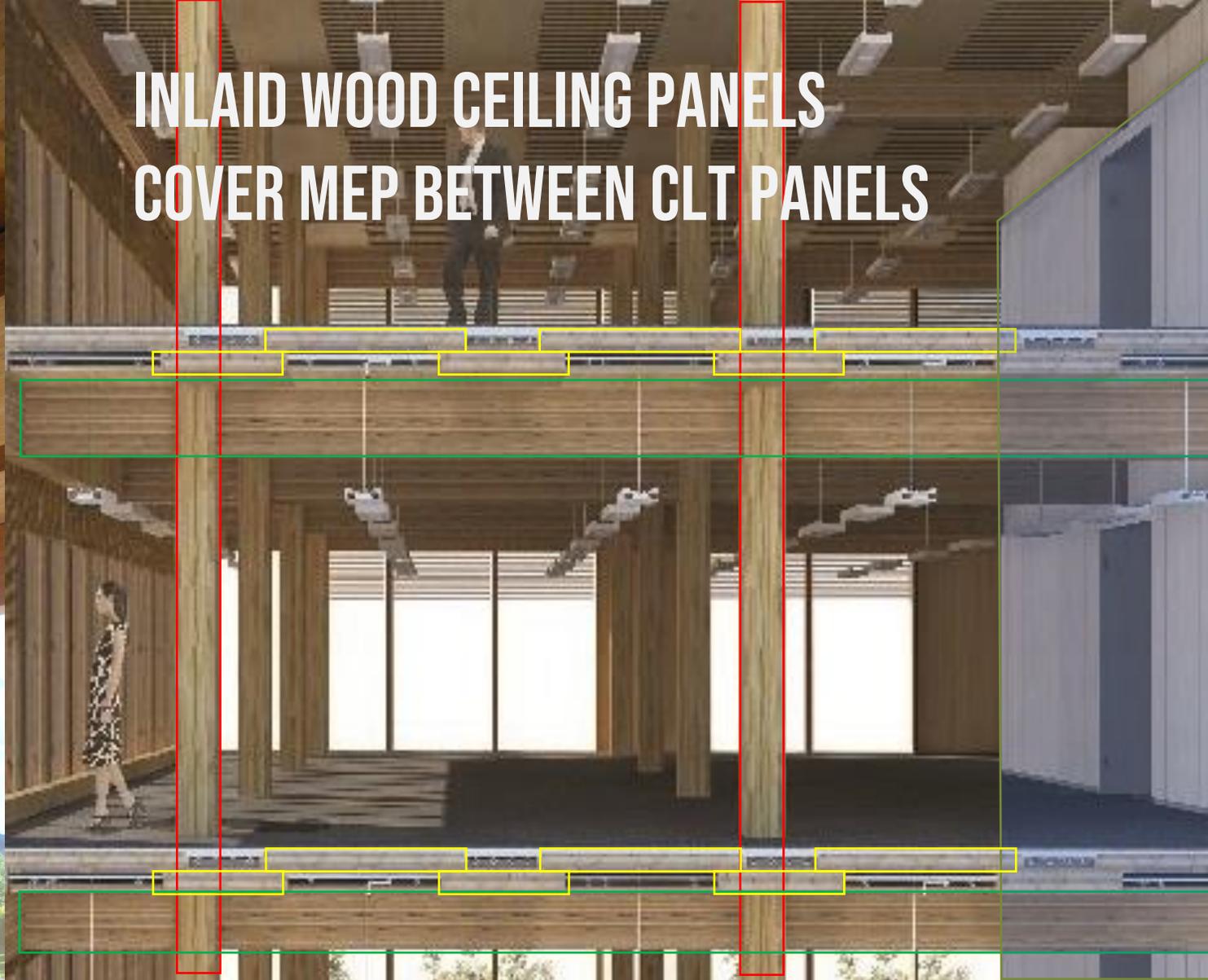
# WOOD INNOVATION DESIGN CENTER

PRINCE GEORGE, BC

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**INLAID WOOD CEILING PANELS  
COVER MEP BETWEEN CLT PANELS**

**WIDC MEP ACCOMMODATION**

# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

## LATERAL FRAMING SYSTEMS



### LATERAL CORE RESISTING SYSTEM:

- COMMONLY USED WITH GLAZING/CURTAIN WALLS
- MAY USE RIGID OR SEMI-RIGID (IF USED WITH FRAMES AT EXTERIOR) ANALYSIS

### LIGHT FRAME SHEARWALLS:

- TYPICAL FOR 1-5 STORIES
- TYPICALLY ASSUME FLEXIBLE DIAPHRAGM
- NEED AMPLE WALL AT PERIMETER

# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

LATERAL FRAMING SYSTEMS

CENTRAL CORE: CONCRETE SHEARWALLS

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**CENTRAL CORE: MASS TIMBER SHEARWALLS**

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# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

LATERAL FRAMING SYSTEMS

# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

## LATERAL FRAMING SYSTEMS

### EXTERIOR STEEL MOMENT FRAME

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# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

## LATERAL FRAMING SYSTEMS

INTERIOR STEEL MOMENT FRAME

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# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

## LATERAL FRAMING SYSTEMS



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## PROPRIETARY RIGID/SEMI-RIGID FRAMES

# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

## CONNECTIONS



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# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

## CONNECTIONS

### CONNECTION DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS:

- STRUCTURAL CAPACITY
- SHRINKAGE
- FIRE
- CONSTRUCTABILITY
- AESTHETICS
- COST



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# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

CONNECTIONS



**LONG SELF TAPPING  
SCREWS USED  
EXTENSIVELY  
THROUGHOUT MASS  
TIMBER CONSTRUCTION**

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PHOTO CREDIT: MYTICON



# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

CONNECTIONS

## BEAM TO BEAM CONNECTIONS

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# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

## CONNECTIONS



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## BEAM TO COLUMN CONNECTIONS



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# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

CONNECTIONS

## COLUMN TO FOUNDATION CONNECTIONS

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PHOTO CREDIT: CHARLES JUDD



# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

## CONNECTIONS

### PANEL TO PANEL CONNECTIONS – SURFACE SPLINE

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# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

## CONNECTIONS



**PANEL TO BEAM CONNECTIONS**

# MASS TIMBER



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## SOURCING, CONSTRUCTION & COST CONSIDERATIONS



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# MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

CONSTRUCTION

## WORKING WITH MASS TIMBER: KNOW YOUR SUPPLY CHAIN

- MANUFACTURERS - DIFFERENT SPECIES, GRADES AND MAXIMUM PANEL/BEAM SIZES
- TRUCKING LOGISTICS AND COST
- MANUFACTURERS HAVE SPECIFIC CNC CAPABILITIES
- 3RD PARTY FABRICATORS CAN HAVE ADDITIONAL CNC CAPABILITIES



Photo: DR Johnson



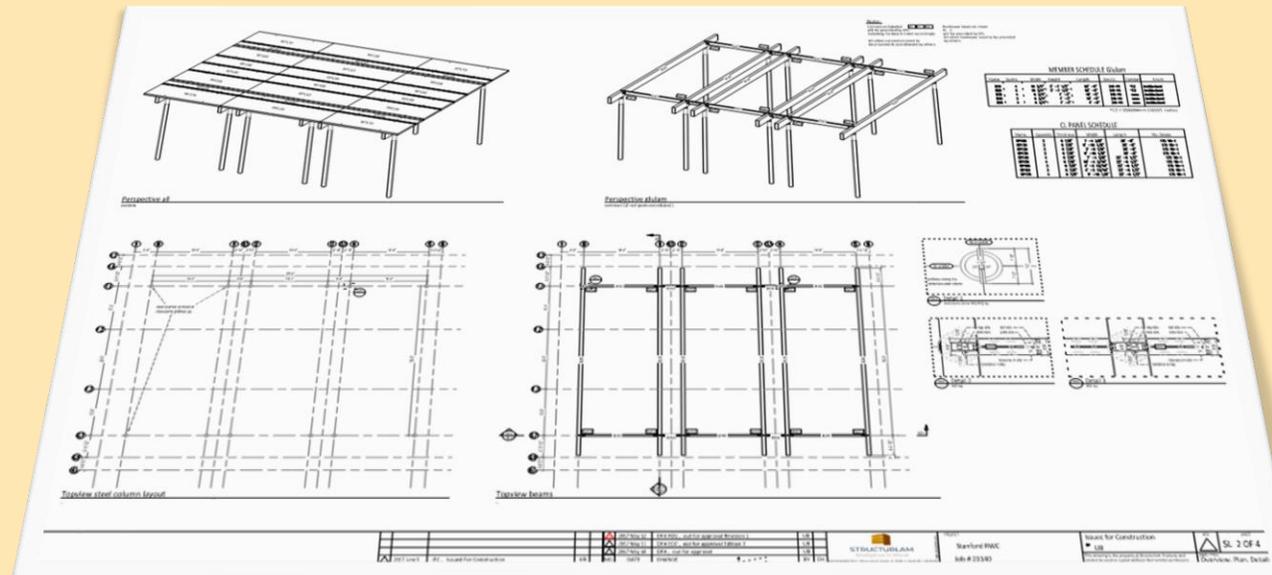
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# MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

CONSTRUCTION

**DEFINE & COMMUNICATE THE DELIVERABLES YOU NEED FROM THE SUPPLIER:**

- **SHOP DRAWINGS**
- **SHOP DRAWINGS WITH ENGINEERING STAMP**
- **ENGINEERED DRAWINGS AND CALCULATIONS (E.G. AS A DEFERRED SUBMITTAL)**



# MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

## CONSTRUCTION

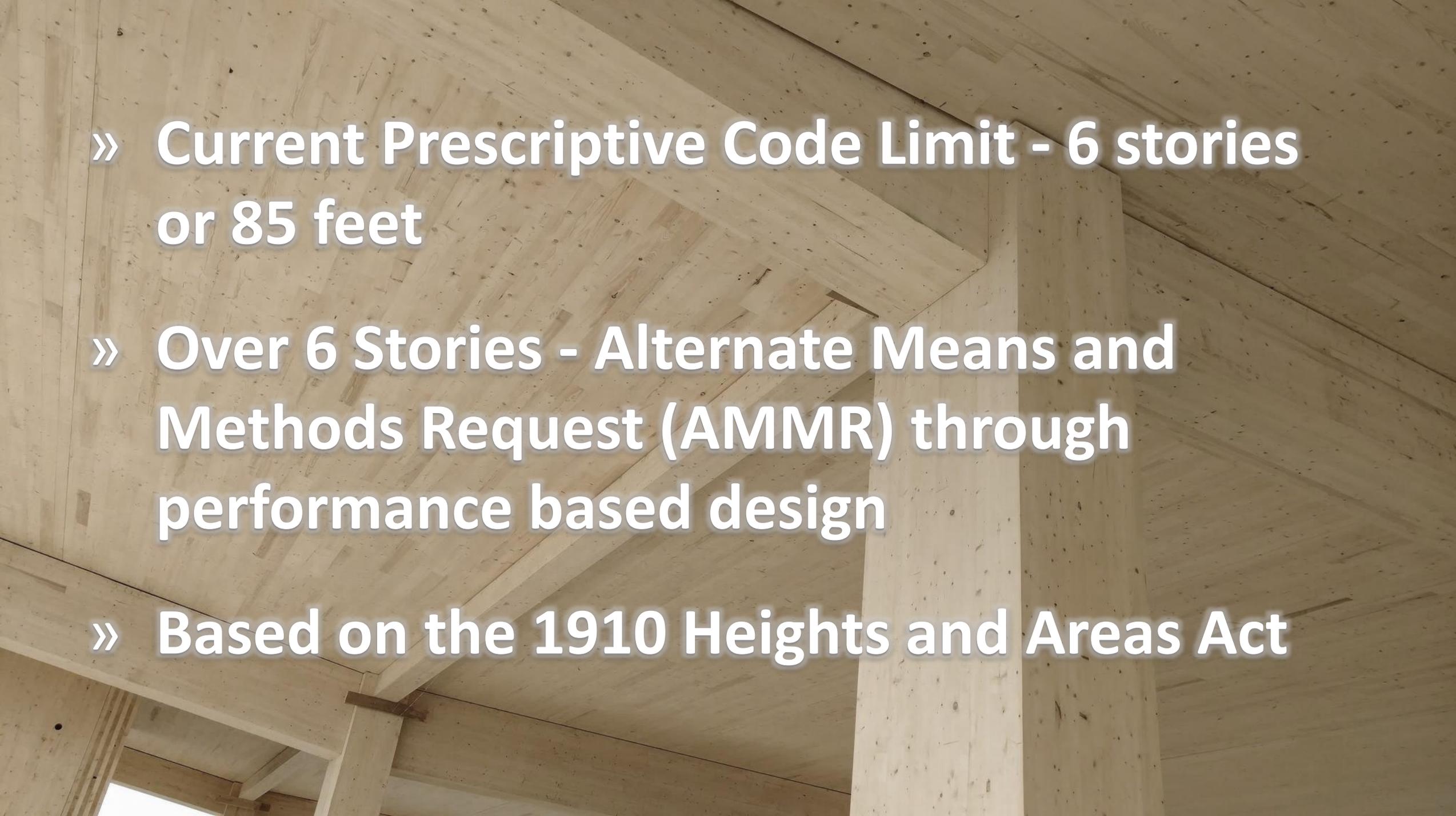
WHAT DOES A MASS TIMBER  
CONSTRUCTION PROCESS LOOK LIKE?

VERY SIMILAR TO A PRECAST CONCRETE  
OR STRUCTURAL STEEL PROJECT

The image displays a set of architectural drawings for a mass timber project. On the left, there are large-scale drawings showing the structural layout of a building, including a plan view and a section view. The plan view shows a complex arrangement of timber members forming a roof structure. The section view shows the vertical alignment of the timber members, including the roof truss and the supporting columns. On the right, there are smaller-scale drawings showing the timber layout and the erection of the timber members. These drawings include a truss layout, a section view of the roof truss, and a perspective view of the timber structure. The drawings are labeled with 'SHOP DRAWINGS' and 'ERECTION DRAWINGS'. The project is identified as 'PROJECT: Grove City College Student Activities Center, Grove City, PA'. The drawings are dated 'DATE: 4/17/20' and 'SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"'. The drawing number is 'P-1'.



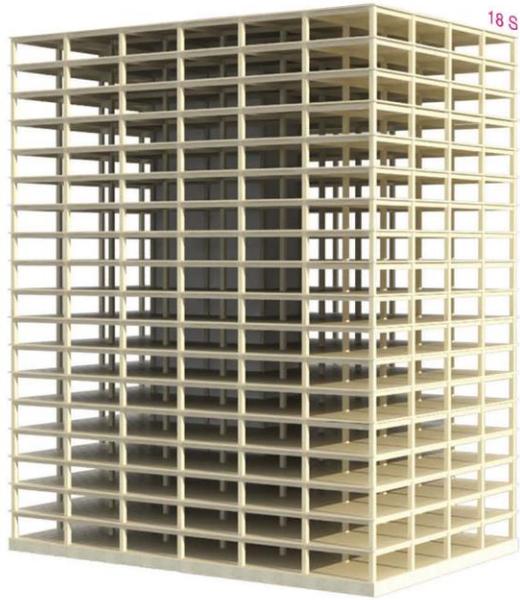
- SHOP DRAWINGS
- ERECTION DRAWINGS
- PREFABRICATED MEMBERS AND CONNECTIONS

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- » **Current Prescriptive Code Limit - 6 stories or 85 feet**
  - » **Over 6 Stories - Alternate Means and Methods Request (AMMR) through performance based design**
  - » **Based on the 1910 Heights and Areas Act**



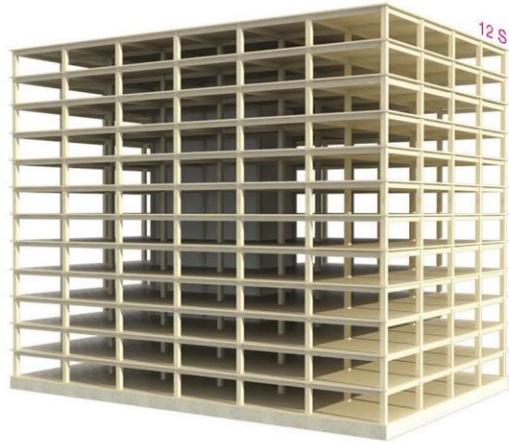
# U.S. BUILDING CODE STATUS

# New Building Types



18 STORIES  
 BUILDING HEIGHT 270'  
 ALLOWABLE BUILDING AREA 972,000 SF  
 AVERAGE AREA PER STORY 54,000SF

**TYPE IV-A**



12 STORIES  
 BUILDING HEIGHT 180 FT  
 ALLOWABLE BUILDING AREA 648,000 SF  
 AVERAGE AREA PER STORY 54,000SF

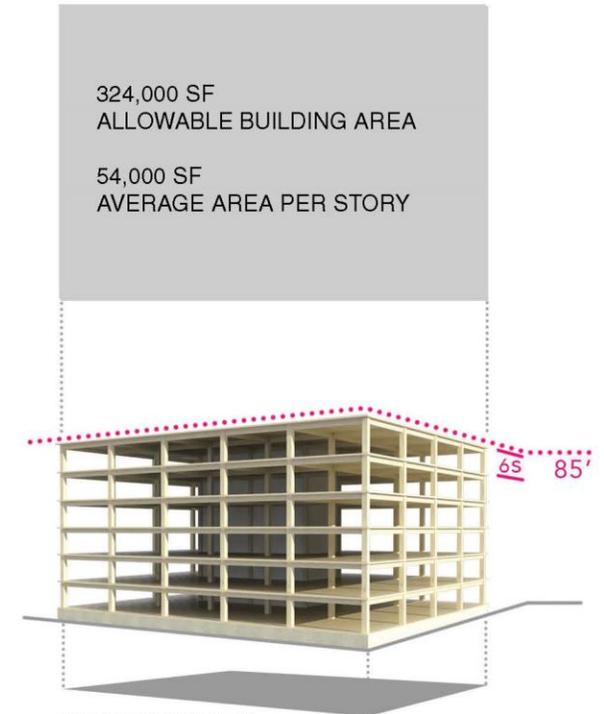
**TYPE IV-B**

**IBC 2021**



9 STORIES  
 BUILDING HEIGHT 85'  
 ALLOWABLE BUILDING AREA 405,000 SF  
 AVERAGE AREA PER STORY 45,000 SF

**TYPE IV-C**



6 STORIES MAXIMUM  
 85' -0" MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT  
 324,00 SF MAXIMUM AREA

**TYPE IV- HT**

**IBC 2015**

## BUSINESS OCCUPANCY [GROUP B]

\*BUILDING FLOOR-TO-FLOOR HEIGHTS ARE SHOWN AT 12'-0" FOR ALL EXAMPLES FOR CLARITY IN COMPARISON BETWEEN 2015 TO 2021 IBC CODES.

# 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

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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**

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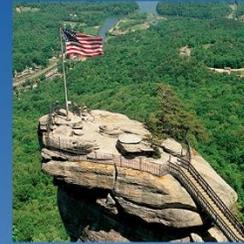




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