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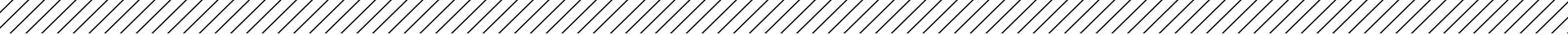
## COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE WITH TIMBER CONSTRUCTION

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# COURSE DESCRIPTION

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With its smaller carbon footprint, timber construction should be considered alongside steel and concrete to build both low and mid-rise projects. This session will introduce innovations in timber technology, and through case studies demonstrate the wide range of benefits including environmental benefits. With buildings in the U. S. accounting for 38% of all carbon emissions and with population growth on the rise, we must reconsider how we construct our buildings. Climate change can be combated in two ways –by reducing carbon emissions and by removing carbon from the atmosphere – and timber is unique in that it is the only building material that can do both. Recent innovations in timber technology is paving the way for timber once again to become integral to the fabric of cities, at this pivotal moment in time.

# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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At the end of the this course, participants will be able to:

1. Advance sustainability by advocating for the use of timber construction.
2. Analyze broad benefits of timber over traditional steel and concrete construction methods.
3. Dispel common misconceptions about timber construction.
4. Discuss how timber construction fits in the construction industry and regulatory context.

# COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE WITH TIMBER CONSTRUCTION











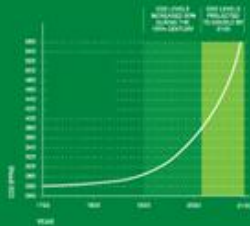
**URBAN TIMBER EXHIBITION**  
**BOSTON SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS**



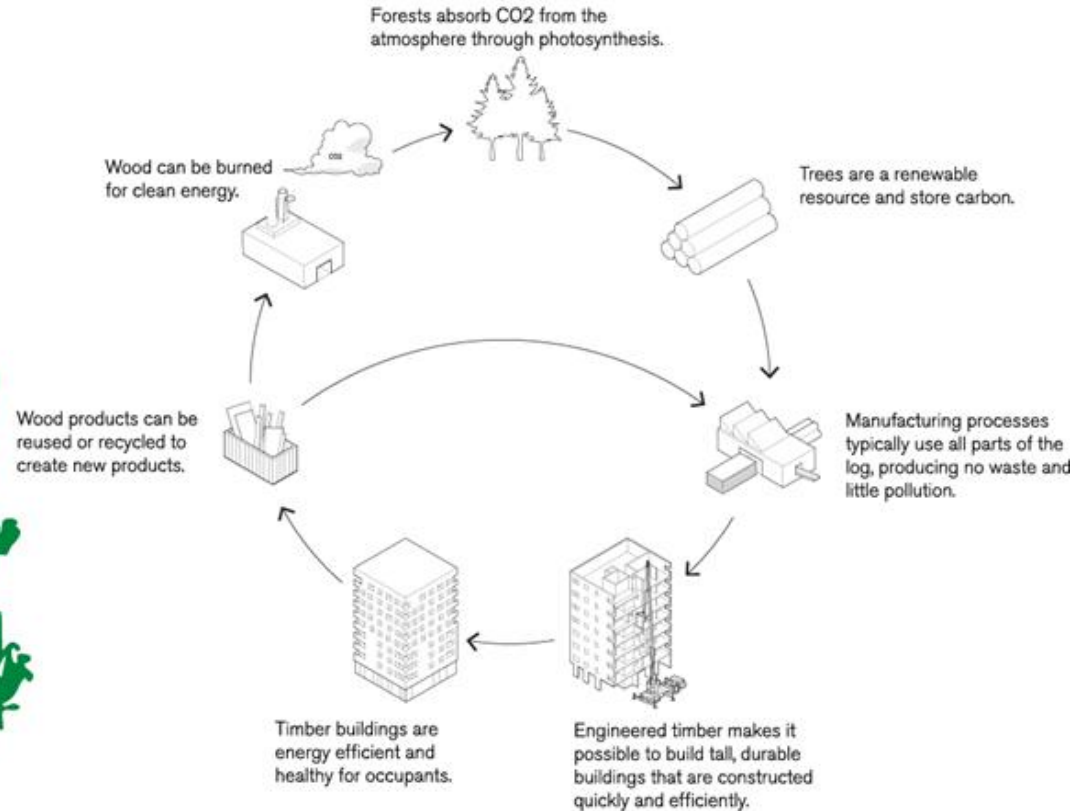
# WHY BUILD WITH TIMBER?

CLIMATE CHANGE  
NEGATIVE CARBON FOOTPRINT

INCREASING CONCENTRATION OF CO2 IN THE ATMOSPHERE



## TIMBER PROVIDES BENEFITS AT EVERY STAGE OF ITS LIFE



# WHY HARVEST WOOD ?

## 1. WOOD STORES CARBON



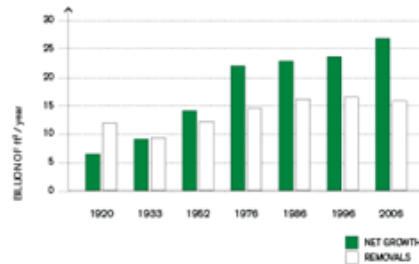
### TREE'S NATURAL CO2 CYCLE

- 1 Young trees absorb carbon rapidly
- 2 Mature trees absorb carbon slowly
- 3 Decaying trees and fires release carbon
- 4 Carbon is reabsorbed into new trees

HARVESTING TREES LOCKS CO2 INTO THE TIMBER

## 2. WOOD IS RENEWABLE

US TIMBER GROWTH AND REMOVALS  
1920-2006



## 3. LOWER IMPACT



**TIMBER**  
RAW INGREDIENTS:  
TREES



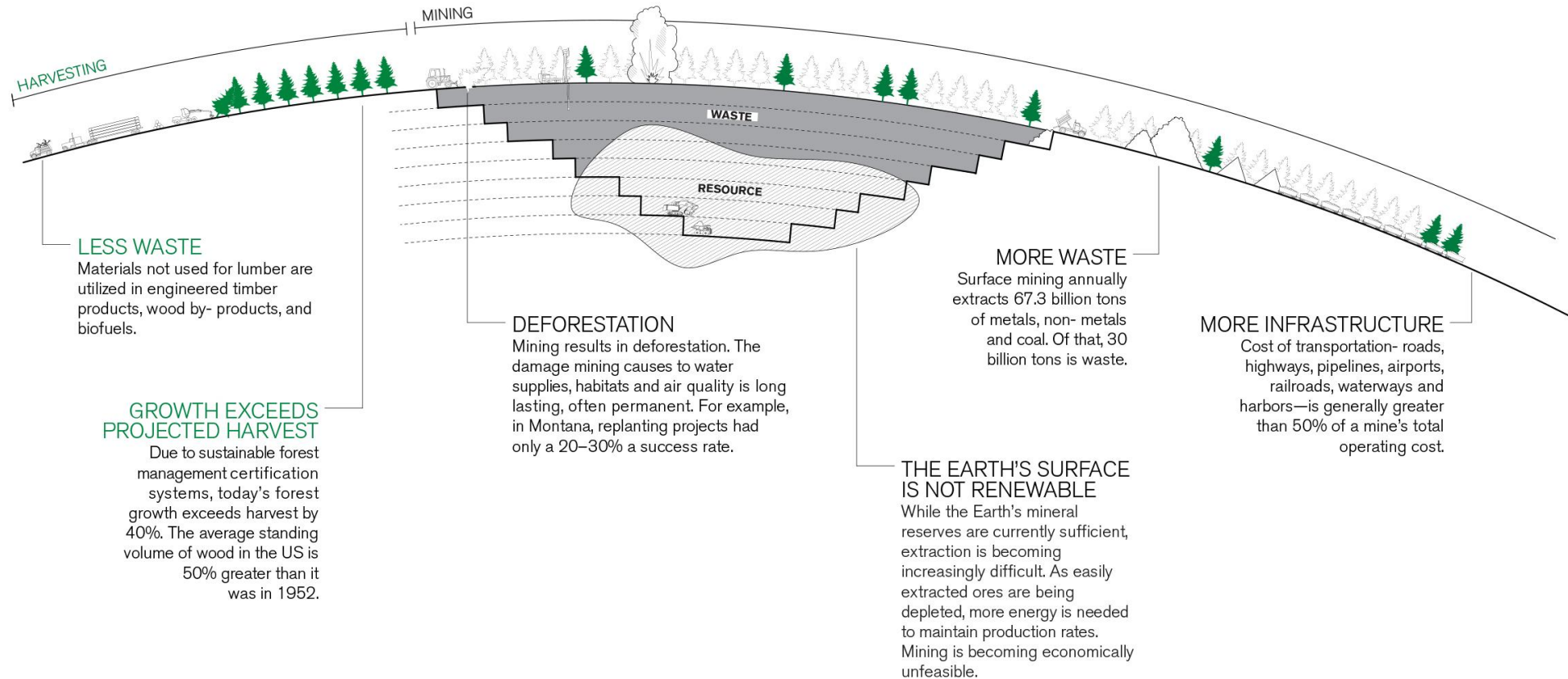
**STEEL**  
RAW INGREDIENTS:  
IRON ORE,  
COAL,  
CARBON,  
MANGANESE,  
CHROME,  
NICKLE,  
TUNGSTEN



**CONCRETE**  
RAW INGREDIENTS:  
LIMESTONE,  
GYPSUM,  
CLAY / SHALE,  
WATER,  
SILICON,  
PHOSPHORUS,  
SULFUR

# WHY HARVEST WOOD ?

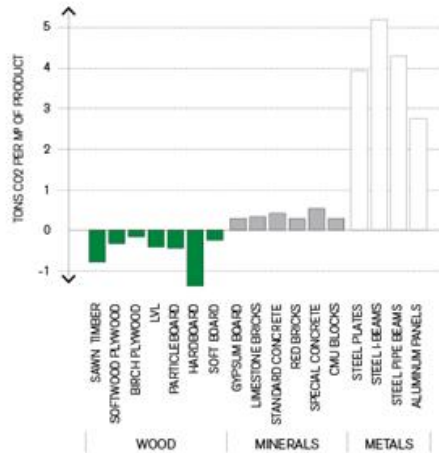
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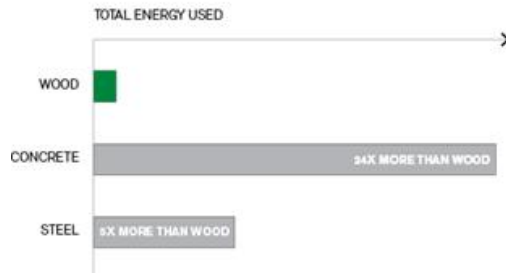
# WHY MANUFACTURE TIMBER PRODUCTS?

## 1. TIMBER PRODUCTION CAUSES LESS POLLUTION

NET CO2 EMISSIONS OF BUILDING MATERIALS

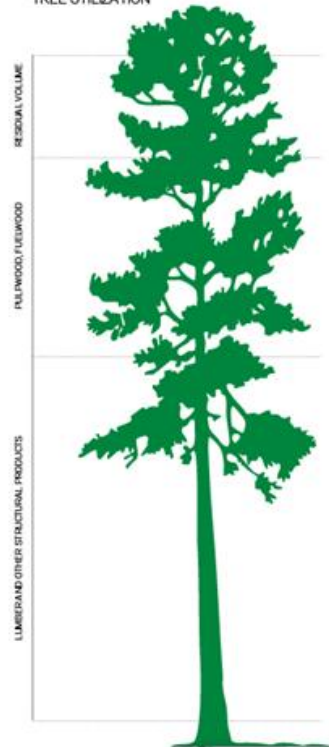


ENERGY USED TO PRODUCE ONE TON OF MATERIAL



## 2. NOTHING GOES TO WASTE

TREE UTILIZATION



## 3. ENGINEERED WOOD MAXIMIZES RESOURCES

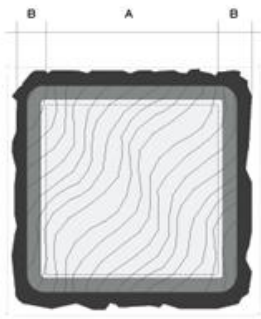




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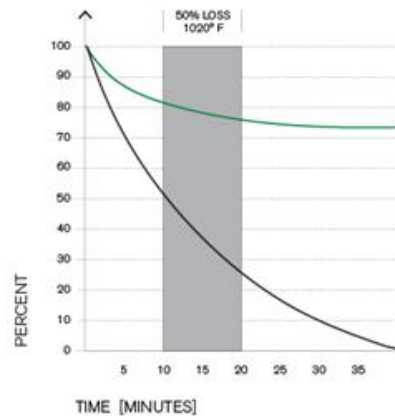
## FIRE RESISTANCE

FIRE RESISTANT TIMBER BEAM:  
CHARRING DIAGRAM

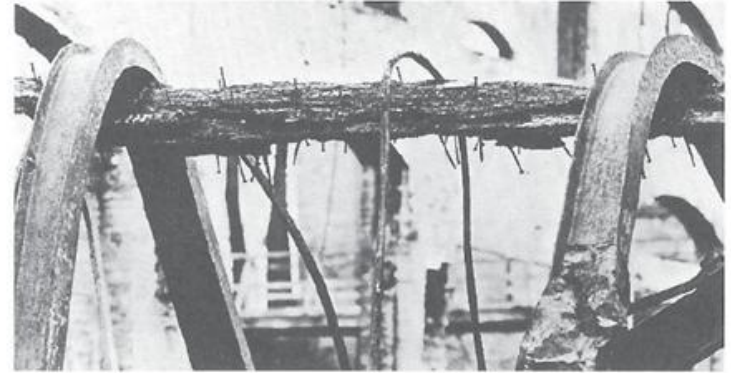


- A RESIDUAL SECTION -  
STRUCTURAL CAPACITY RETAINED
- B SACRIFICIAL (CHAR) LAYER -  
NO STRUCTURAL CAPACITY RETAINED

WOOD VS. STEEL:  
LOSS OF STRENGTH IN FIRE



— WOOD  
— STEEL



AFTER FIRE SCENE  
WOOD BEAM SUPPORT TWISTED STEEL BEAMS



AFTER FOREST FIRE  
LARGE TREES REMAIN

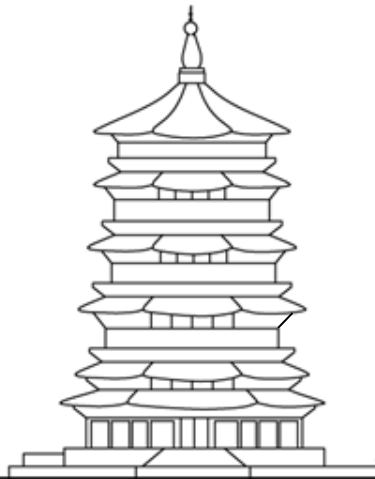
# WHY BUILD WITH TIMBER?

## DURABILITY



HORYUJI TEMPLE PAGODA

Prince Shotoku  
104 feet  
Founded 607  
Heavy timber  
Pagoda  
JAPAN



SAKYAMUNI PAGODA

Emperor Daozong Liao  
220 feet  
Completed 1056  
Heavy timber  
Pagoda  
CHINA



KIZHI POGOST CHURCH

Builder unknown  
121 feet  
Completed 1700's  
Heavy timber logs  
Church  
RUSSIA



CAPE COD HOXIE HOUSE

Builder unknown  
20 feet  
Completed 1637  
Dimensional Lumber  
House  
USA

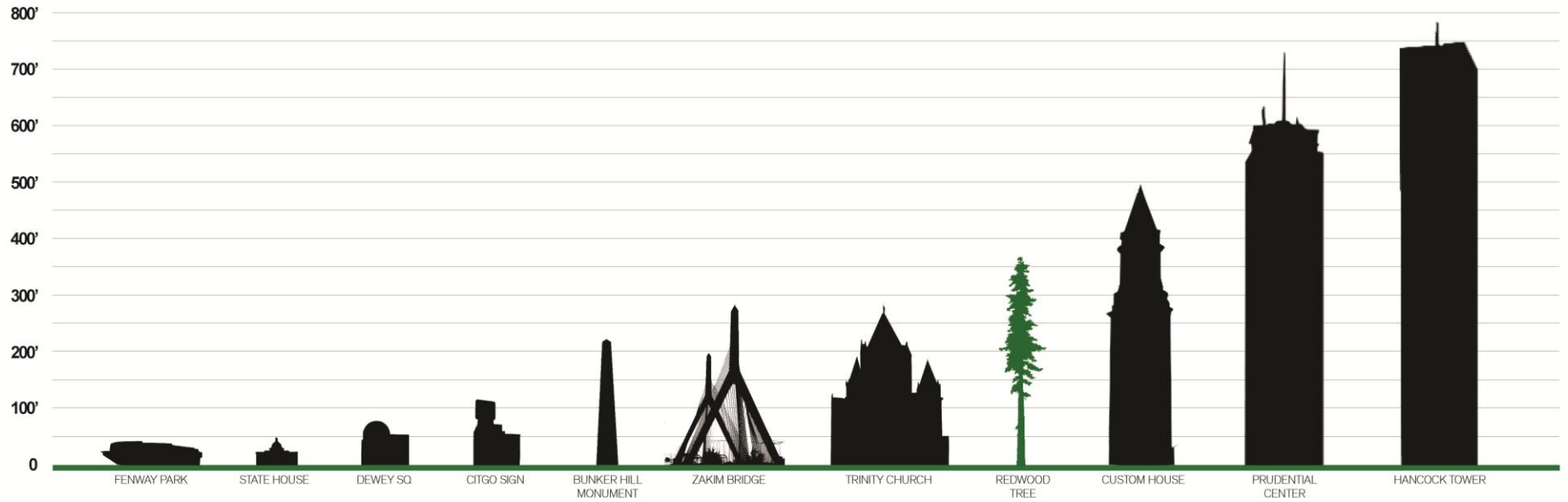


REDWOOD TREE

Sequoia Sempervirens  
379 feet  
600-2,000 years  
Wood  
Mixed Use  
UNITED STATES

# WHY BUILD WITH TIMBER?

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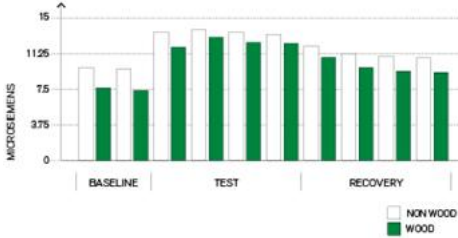


# WHY LIVE WITH TIMBER?

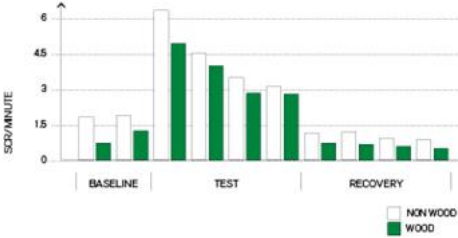
## 1. HAPPINESS

## 2. LOWER STRESS

SKIN CONDUCTANCE LEVEL (SCL)



SKIN CONDUCTANCE RESPONSES PER MINUTE (SCR)





# TIMBER TYPES

## HEAVY TIMBER

320 MILLION  
YEARS AGO



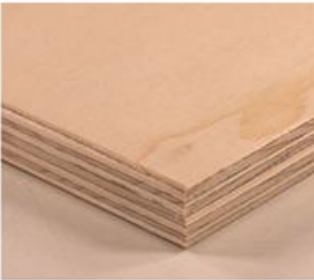
## PARALLEL STRAND TIMBER

1959



## PLYWOOD

1865



## LAMINATED STRAND LUMBER

1959



## GLUE LAMINATED TIMBER

1896



## ORIENTED STRAND BOARD

1978



## LAMINATED VENEER LUMBER

1959



## CROSS LAMINATED TIMBER

1990







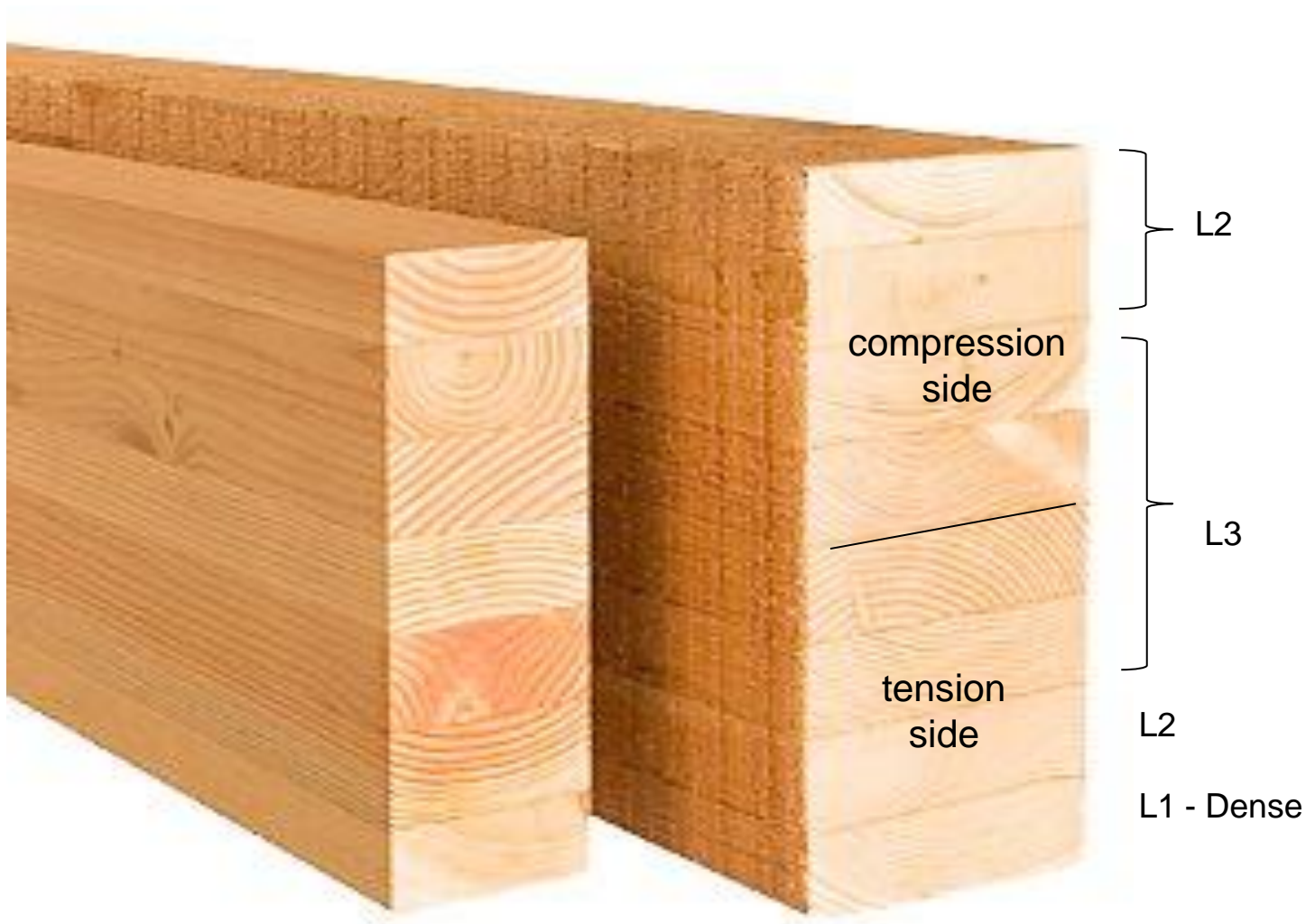
GLULAM

- **Used for over 100 years**
- **Covered in IBC**
- **Manufacturing and design info. by AITC**
- **Minimum X-sections ~6"x8" (columns), ~5"x10" (beams)**
- **Spans up to 60'**

Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto  
Photo credit: Thomas Mayer

# THE SECRET BEHIND GLULAM STRENGTH

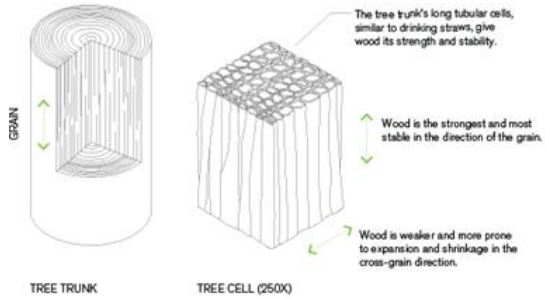
- Defects are dispersed
- Layup is engineered



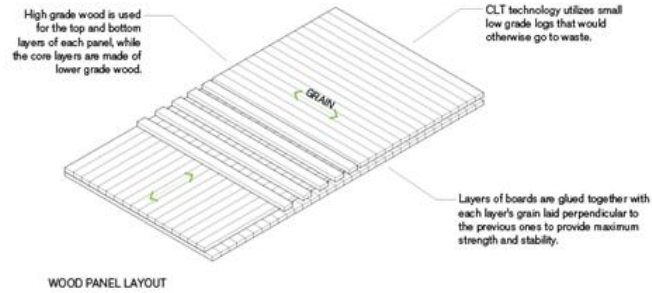


# CROSS LAMINATED TIMBER

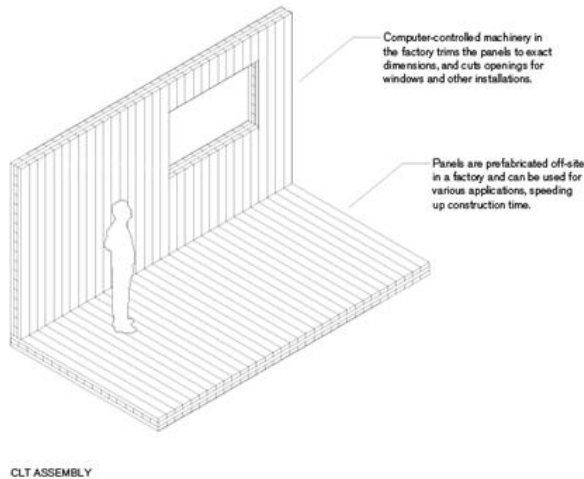
## WOOD STRUCTURE



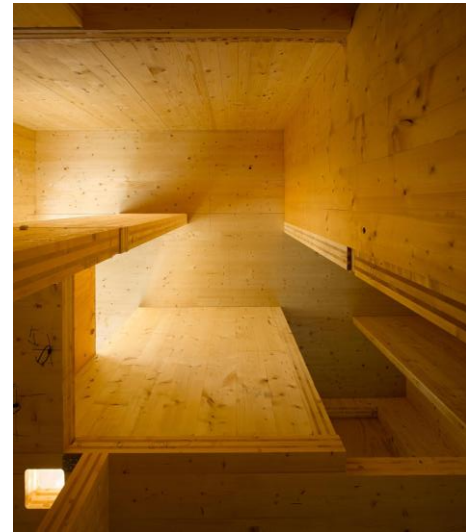
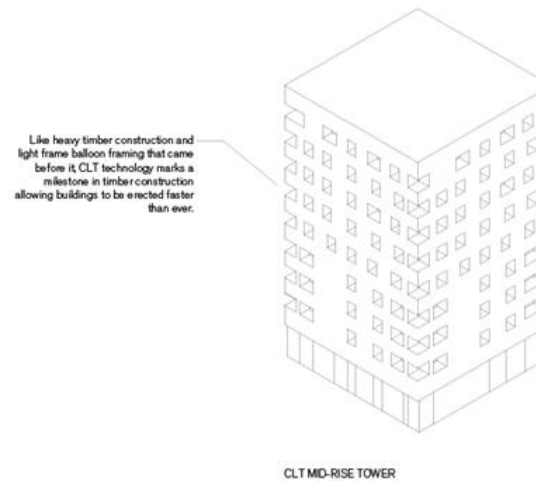
## MAKING CROSS LAMINATED TIMBER



## BUILDING WITH CLT ELEMENTS



## BUILDING WITH CLT





# CROSS LAMINATED TIMBER



- 3/5/7 layers
- $\geq 4$ in thick as floors and  $\geq 3$ in as roofs
- panels up to 12ft by 60ft
- Adhesives in accordance with ANSI/APA PRG 320

# CLT CODES AND STANDARDS



- *ANSI/APA PRG 320-2011: Standard for Performance-Rated Cross Laminated Timber – APA*
- *APA Product Reports® – APA*
- *CLT Handbook (www.masstimber.com)*
- *Case studies and design examples:*  
*(<http://www.woodworks.org/design-with-wood/building-systems-clt/>)*
- *Research:*
  - *10-30 stories: “The Case for Tall Wood Buildings”*  
*(<http://www.woodworks.org/wp-content/uploads/CWC-Tall-Walls2.pdf>)*

# IS TIMBER CONSTRUCTION CODE COMPLIANT?

## TIMBER CODE COMPLIANCE - IBC Height and Areas

- *IBC allows up to 65 ft height, 5 story as Type IV – HT (85 ft, 6 stories sprinklered)*
- *IBC 2015: CLT and SCL included (alongside glulam) as Type IV HT construction*



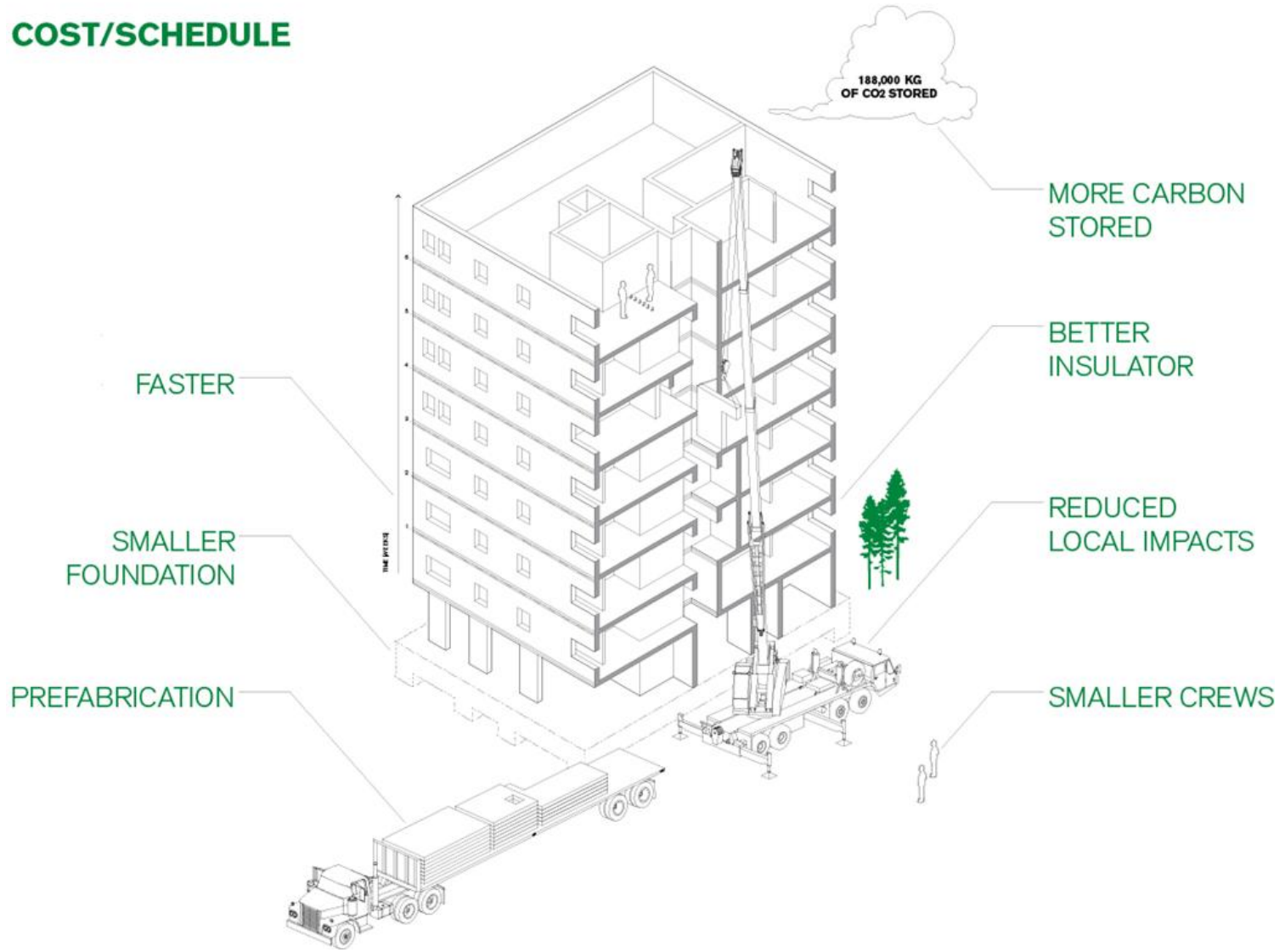
**Appleton Mills c. 1870, Lowell MA**  
Photo credit: CWC Builders

**TABLE 503 ALLOWABLE BUILDING HEIGHTS AND AREAS<sup>a, b</sup>** Building height limitations shown in feet above grade plane. Story limitations shown as stories above grade plane. Building area in building," per story

GROUP	HEIGHT (feet)	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION								
		TYPE I		TYPE II		TYPE III		TYPE IV	TYPE V	
		A	B	A	B	A	B	HT	A	B
		UL	160	65	55	65	55	65	50	40
		STORIES(S) AREA (A)								
A-1	S A	UL UL	5 UL	3 15,500	2 8,500	3 14,000	2 8,500	3 15,000	2 11,500	1 5,500
A-2	S A	UL UL	11 UL	3 15,500	2 9,500	3 14,000	2 9,500	3 15,000	2 11,500	1 6,000
A-3	S A	UL UL	11 UL	3 15,500	2 9,500	3 14,000	2 9,500	3 15,000	2 11,500	1 6,000
A-4	S A	UL UL	11 UL	3 15,500	2 9,500	3 14,000	2 9,500	3 15,000	2 11,500	1 6,000
A-5	S A	UL UL	UL UL	UL UL	UL UL	UL UL	UL UL	UL UL	UL UL	UL UL
B	S A	UL UL	11 UL	5 37,500	3 23,000	5 28,500	3 19,000	5 36,000	3 18,000	2 9,000
E	S A	UL UL	5 UL	3 26,500	2 14,500	3 23,500	2 14,500	3 25,500	1 18,500	1 9,500
F-1	S A	UL UL	11 UL	4 25,000	2 15,500	3 19,000	2 12,000	4 33,500	2 14,000	1 8,500
F-2	S A	UL UL	11 UL	5 37,500	3 23,000	4 28,500	3 18,000	5 50,500	3 21,000	2 13,000

# WHY CONSTRUCT WITH TIMBER?

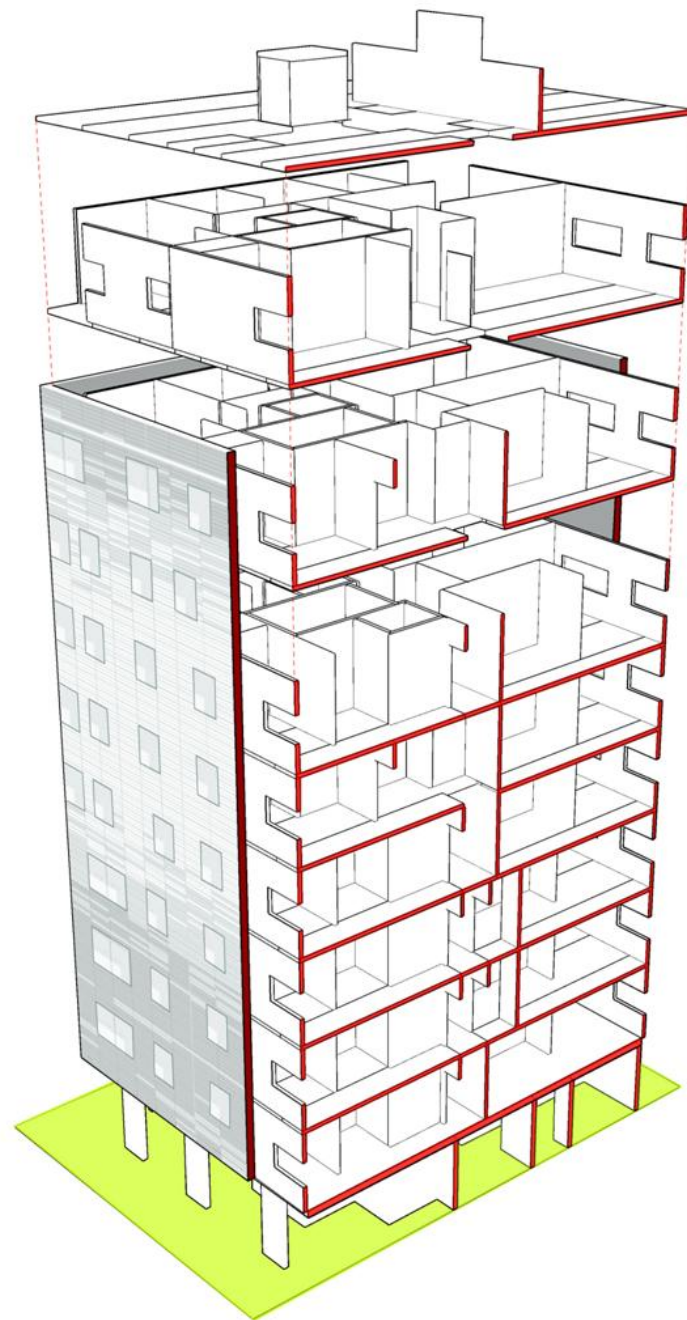
## COST/SCHEDULE







MURRAY GROVE  
LONDON, ENGLAND  
9 STORY RESIDENTIAL TOWER



# WILL INCREASING TIMBER USE LEAD TO DEFORESTATION?



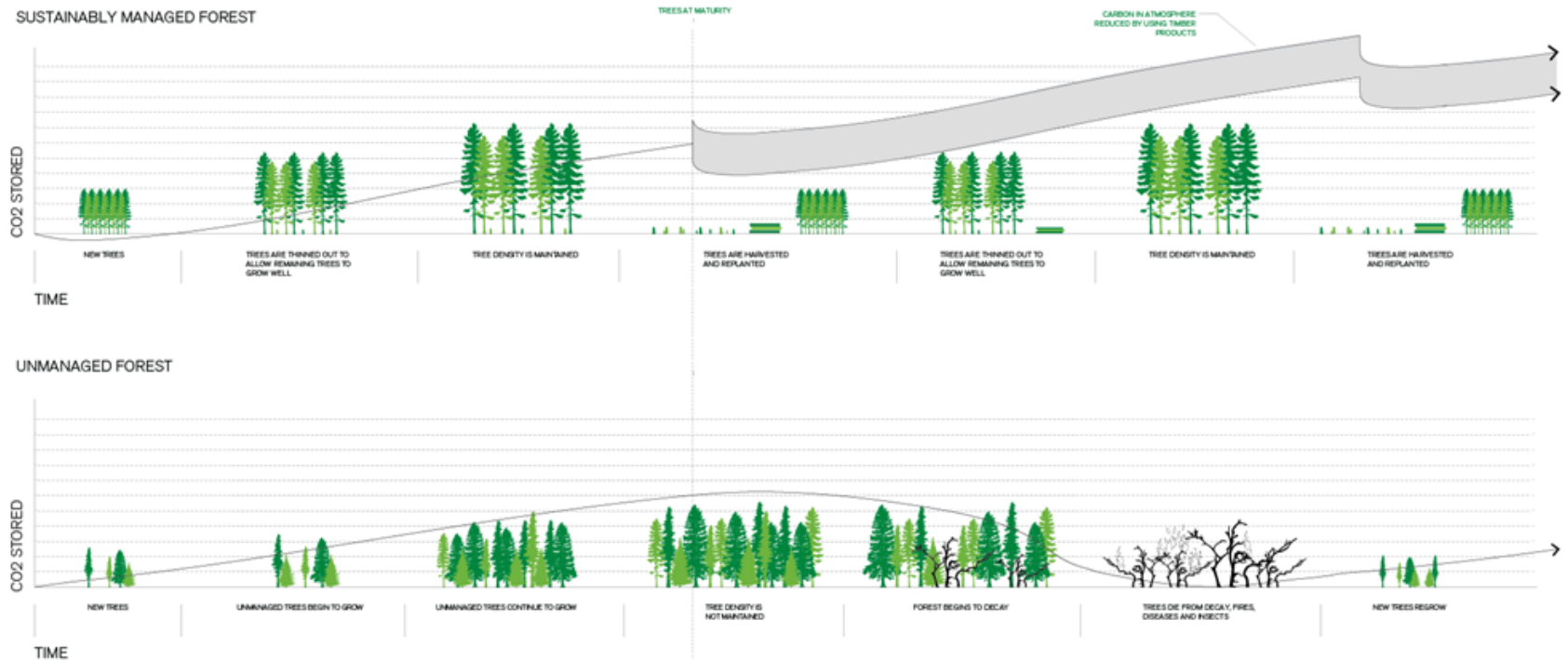


# WILL INCREASING TIMBER USE LEAD TO DEFORESTATION?

1. MANAGED FORESTS ARE HEALTHY FORESTS

2. HIGHER DEMAND FOR TIMBER MEANS MORE TREES

PLANTED FORESTS OCCUPY ONLY 7% OF THE WORLD'S FOREST AREA BUT PROVIDE 41% OF THE WOOD GLOBALLY HARVESTED



# TIMBER STRUCTURE: The Design Building at UMass, Amherst



View from North Pleasant Street  
Image credit : Leers Weinzapfel Associates



# DEMONSTRATION BUILDING



View from North Pleasant Street

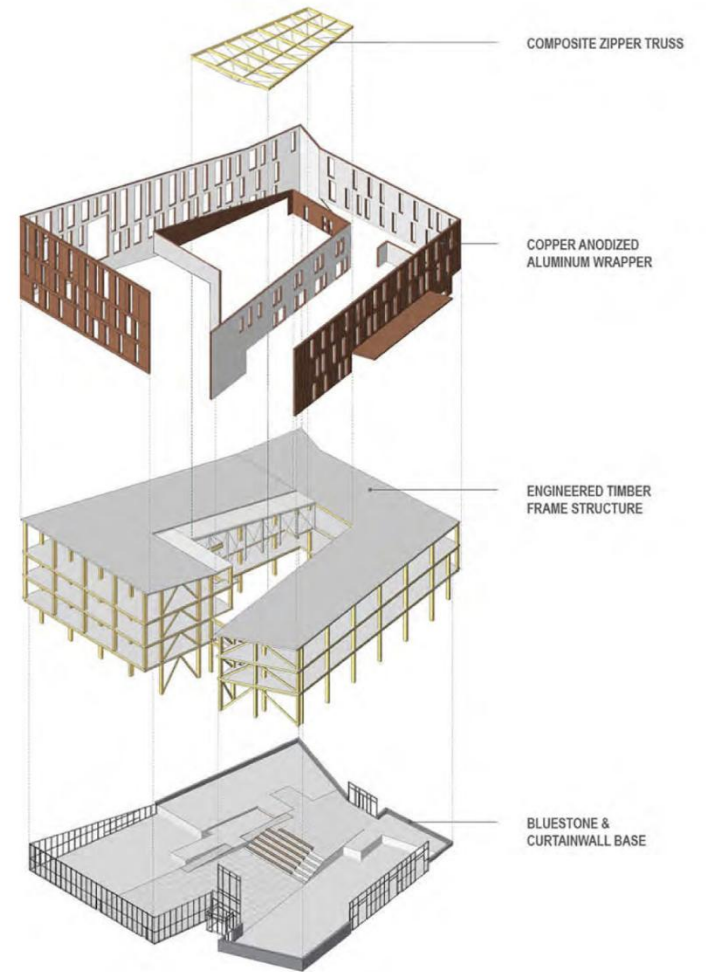
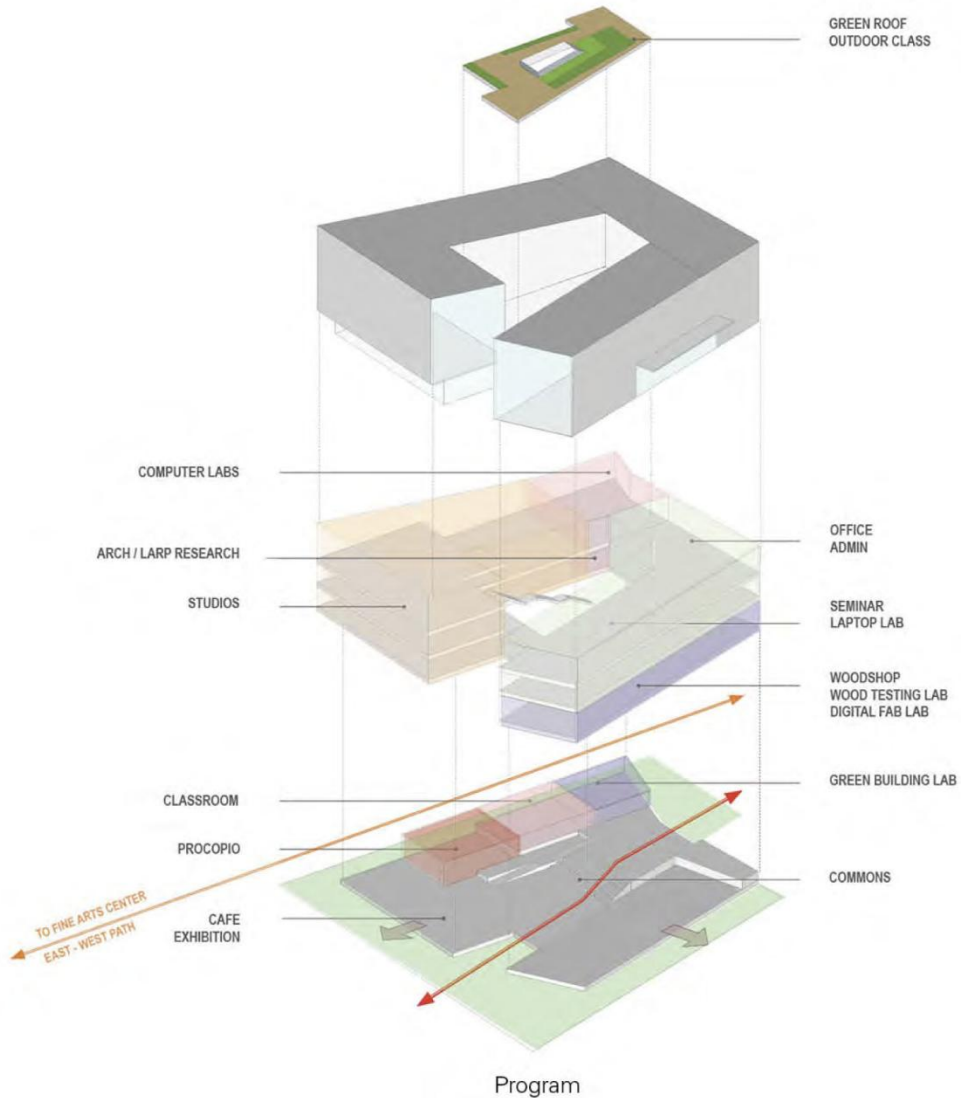
# MAIN ATRIUM AND EXHIBIT SPACE



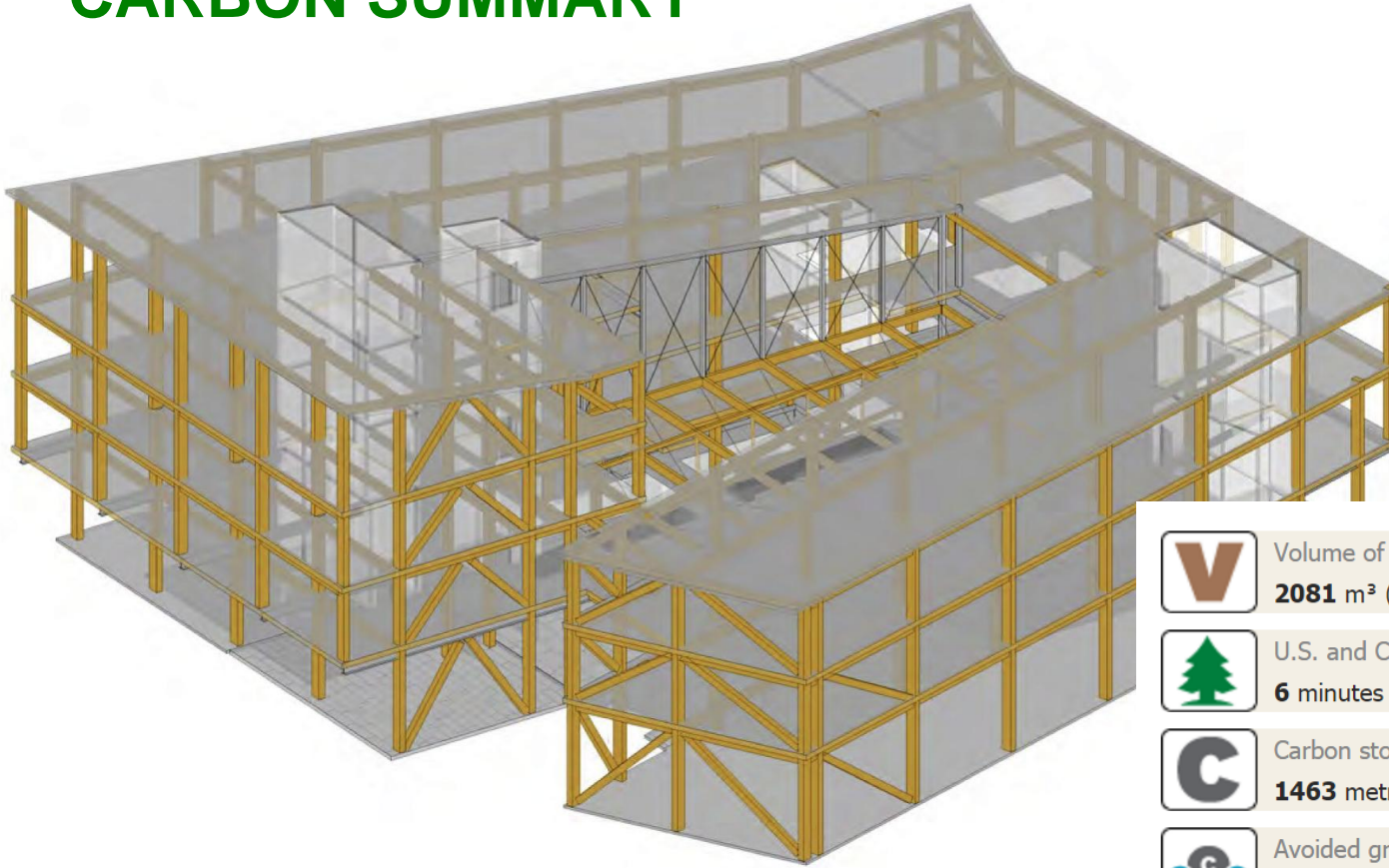
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# BUILDING LAYOUT



# CARBON SUMMARY



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



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



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



Avoided greenhouse gas emissions:  
**1218** metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>



Total potential carbon benefit:  
**2681** metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>

## Equivalent to:



**512** cars off the road for a year <sup>i</sup>



Energy to operate a home for **228** years <sup>i</sup>



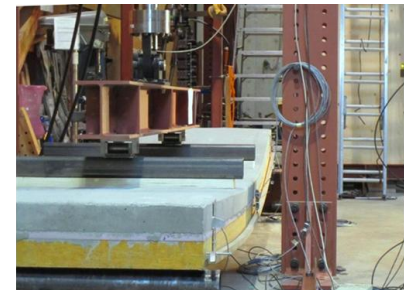
# LEADING-EDGE TIMBER TECHNOLOGY



Cross Laminated Timber



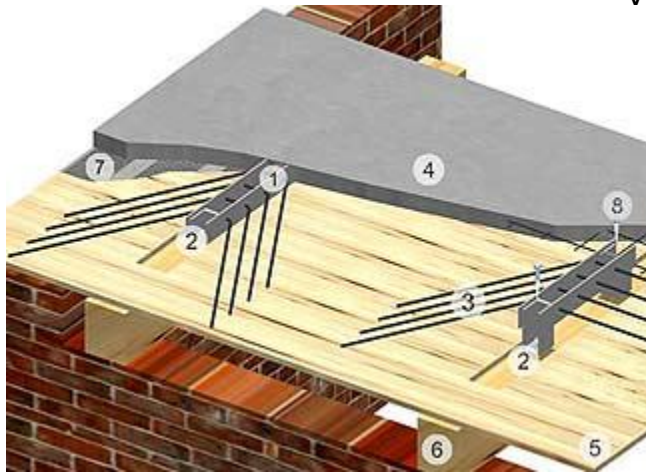
Glulam



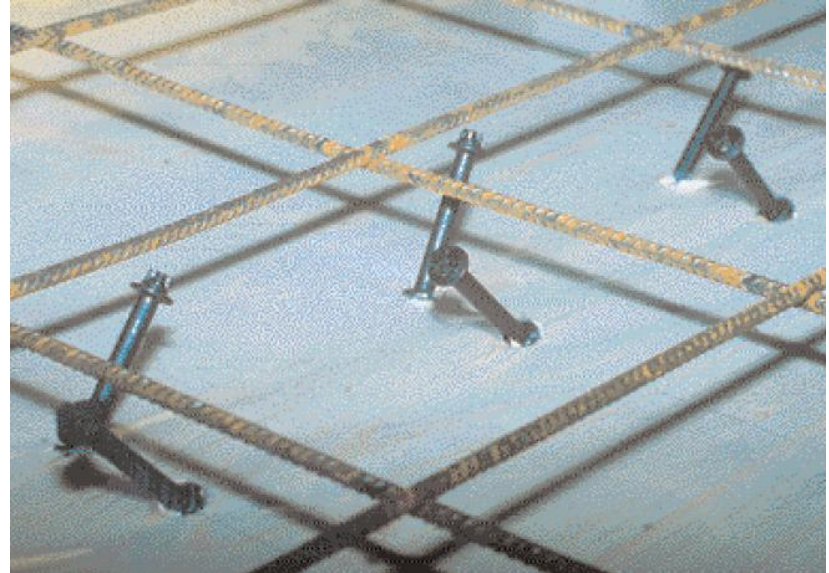
Wood Concrete Composites

# WOOD CONCRETE COMPOSITE TECHNOLOGY

Bertsche connector



SFS Intec  
VB Screws

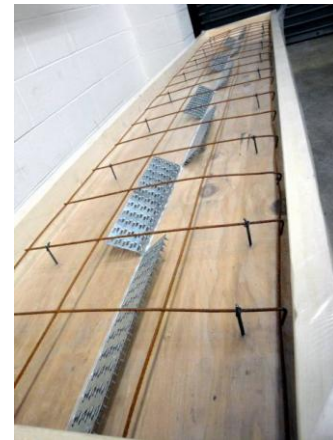
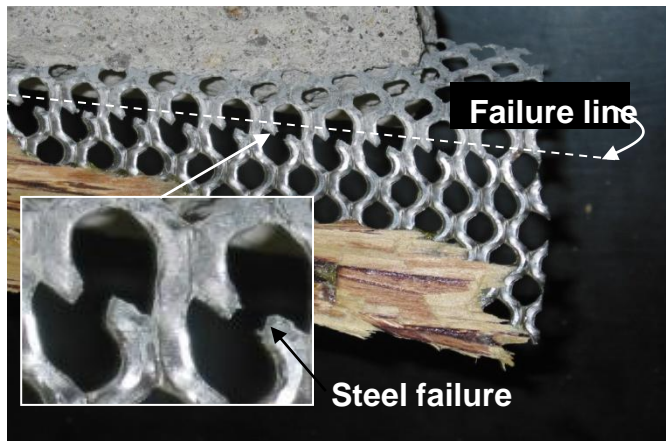
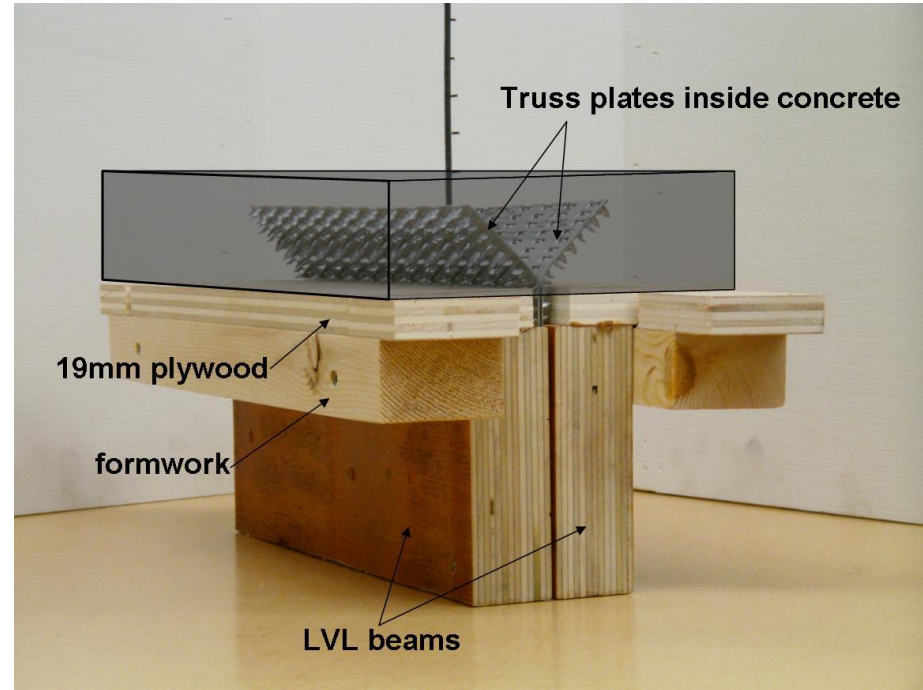


HBV system






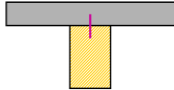
# WOOD CONCRETE COMPOSITES: UMASS RESEARCH





# WOOD CONCRETE COMPOSITES: BENEFITS



Wood	Wood-concrete composite	
		
→	Strength	Stiffness
	Increase up to <b>2</b> times	Increase up to <b>4</b> times

## Publications

- ❖ **Clouston P**, Schreyer A. 2012. "Experimental Evaluation of Connector Systems for Wood Concrete Composite Floor systems in Mill Building Renovations." *International Journal of the Constructed Environment*, Volume 2, Issue 1, pp.131-144.
- ❖ **Clouston P**, Schreyer A. 2008. "Design and Use of Wood-Concrete Composites". *ASCE Practice Periodical on Structural Design and Construction*, 13(4), pp. 167-175
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# WOOD CONCRETE COMPOSITES: IMPLEMENTATION







**TIGHT TOLERANCES:  
GLULAM COLUMN  
INSTALLATION**



# CONNECTIONS



# DESIGN BUILDING IN CONSTRUCTION: 24 HOURS







FSC COMMERCIAL BUILDING OF THE YEAR, 2010



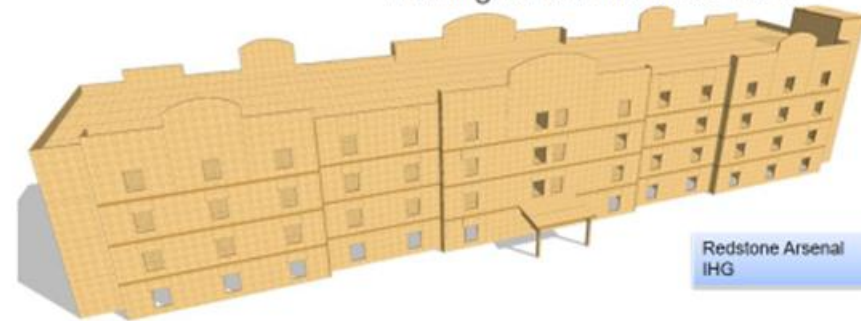
FONDACTION OFFICE BUILDING  
QUEBEC, CANADA





Client: PAL-US Army  
Contractor: Lendlease  
Project Cost: \$17 M  
Timber Cost: \$2 M

- 75% faster production rate
  - 43% fewer framing man hours
  - 44% fewer framing workers
  - 27% more energy efficient
- Compared to conventional framing for similar sized hotel



## IHG ARMY HOTEL ALABAMA





100 METER LONG SPAN STRUCTURE  
OF PINE BEETLE KILL WOOD

RICHMOND OLYMPIC OVAL  
Richmond, BC, Canada





WINNER; PALME D'OR  
ARCHITECTURE AWARD



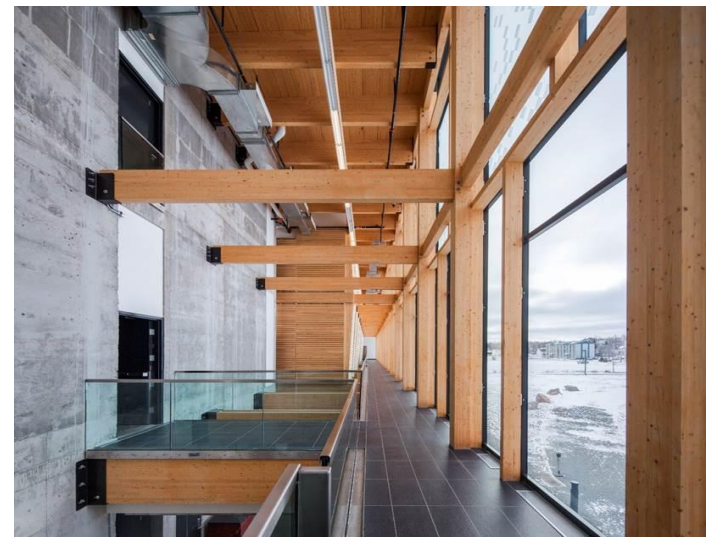
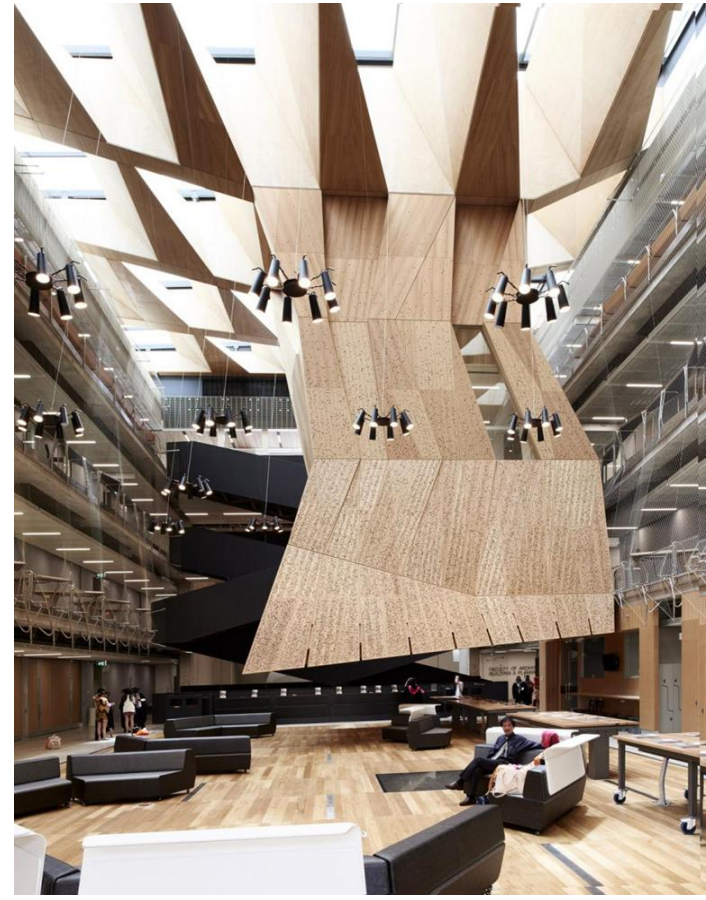
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING OF GSK  
QUEBEC, CANADA



WOOD INNOVATION AND DESIGN CENTRE (WIDC)  
Prince George, BC, Canada







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