

NLT | Nail-Laminated Timber

something old, something new



StructureCraft



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Session Description

The session will provide a general overview into mass timber construction, looking at the application of multiple engineered wood products as well as the particular use of NLT in the construction of North America's largest modern wooden structure - T3 Minneapolis, the next generation timber office building.

Also discussed will be North America's newest mass timber product, Dowel Laminated Timber (DLT): the only All-Wood mass timber product which can be used as pre-fabricated floor, wall, and roof elements. Unique to this mass timber product are the numerous possibilities for architectural refinements, acoustic and other machining profiles that are easily integrated directly into exposed surface of the panels.

This session will also cover pushing the limits and possibilities in tall wood construction, building engineering and technologies that are making pre-fabricated timber structures viable in terms of cost, efficiency and jobsite safety. Included will be the process involved in designing Framework, North America's tallest All-Wood CLT building at 12 stories with a special focus on its seismic test performance.

Learning Objectives

By attending this session, participants will learn about:

1. The design and construction of North America's largest modern wooden structure featuring the use of mass timber, and why wood was selected over traditional concrete and steel.
2. The design concepts featuring a variety of prefabricated mass timber products, including NLT, GLT and CLT, as well as Dowel Laminated Timber (DLT) - the latest mass timber product manufactured from all-wood products, without metal fasteners or resins.
3. Learn about the structural and fire performance of heavy timber elements and assemblies.



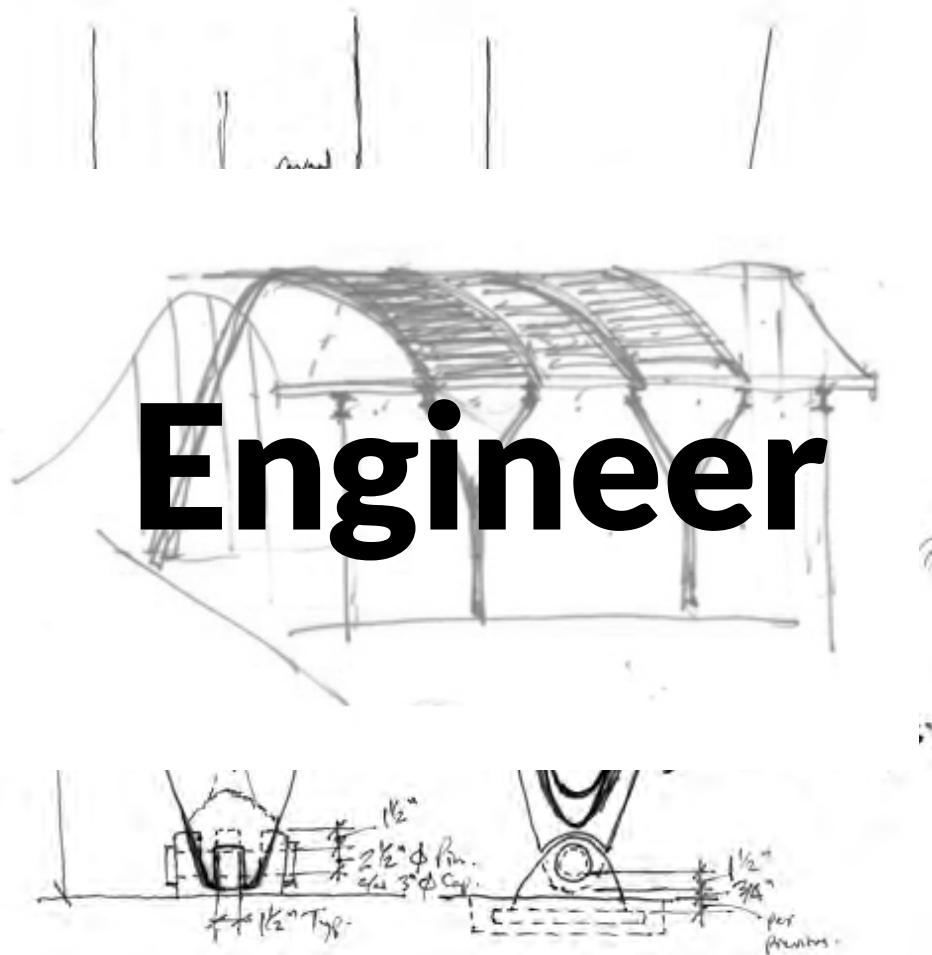
Who is StructureCraft?



StructureCraft:
your project delivery partner for Timber Design and Construction

**Engineering, Fabricating, and Installing
Signature Timber Structures since 1998.**





2010 Olympics – Speed Skating Oval Roof

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Cannon Design



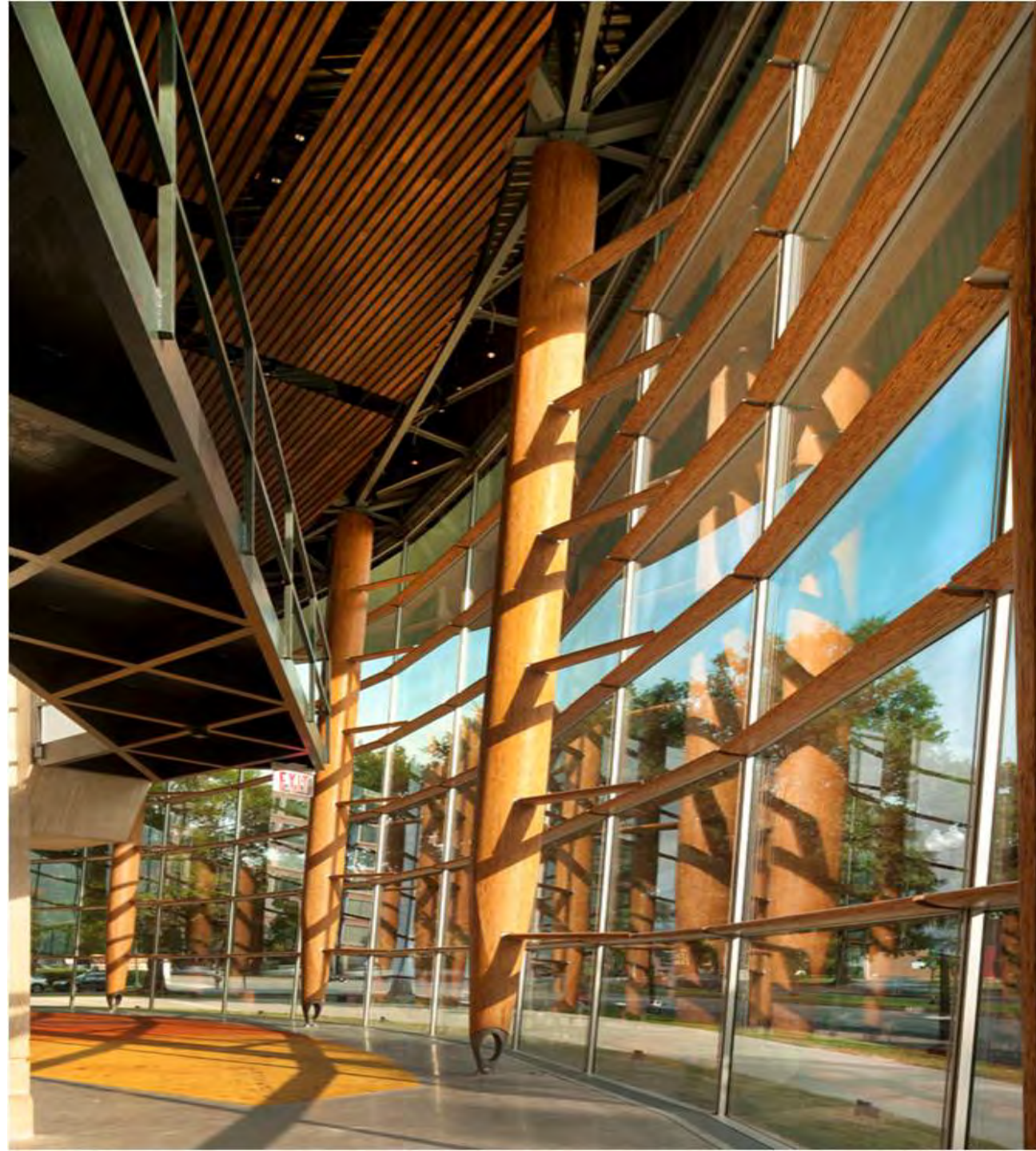


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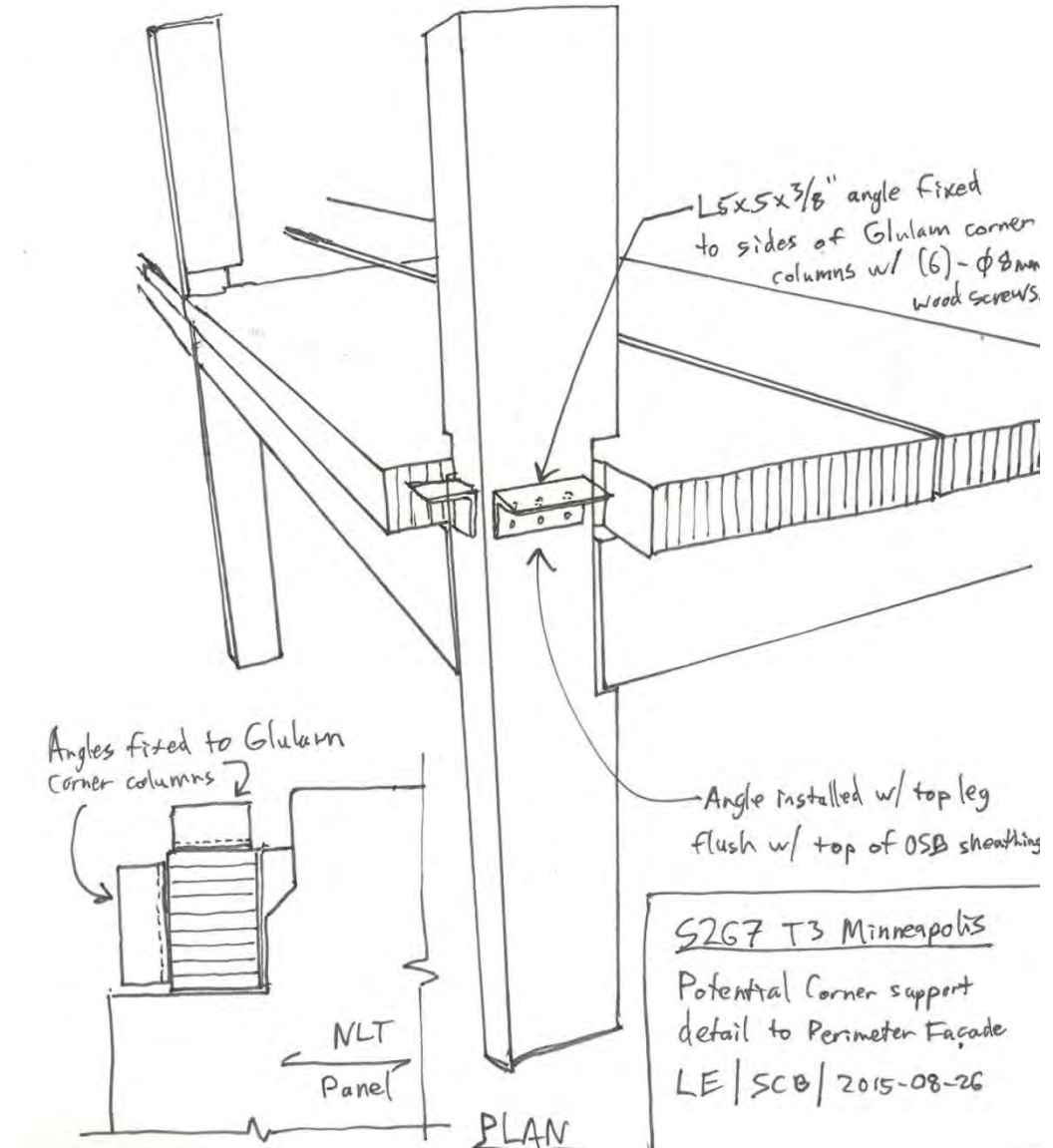
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Our experienced and integrated delivery team

Team of in-house **timber engineers** specialized in designing efficiently with wood

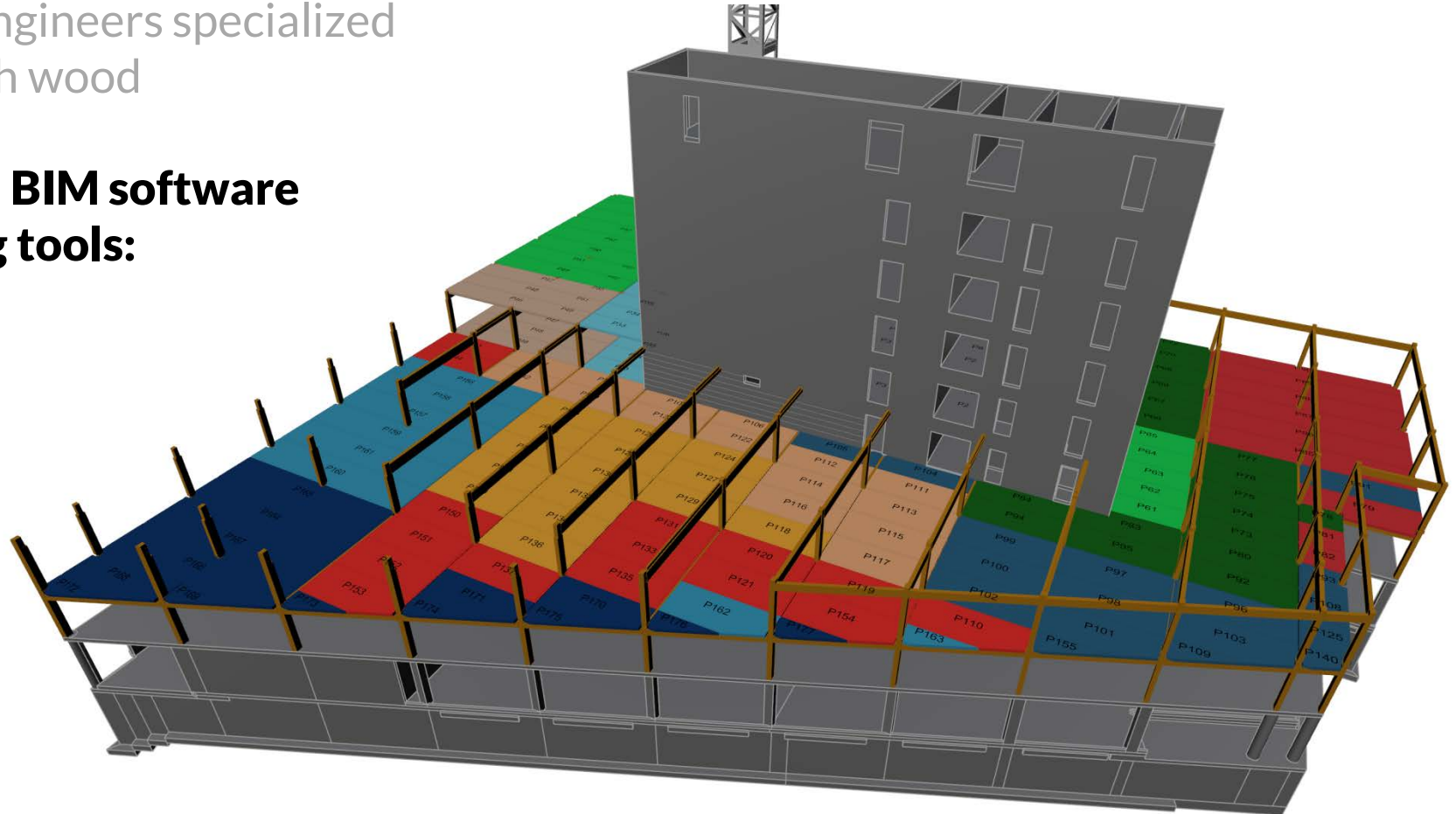


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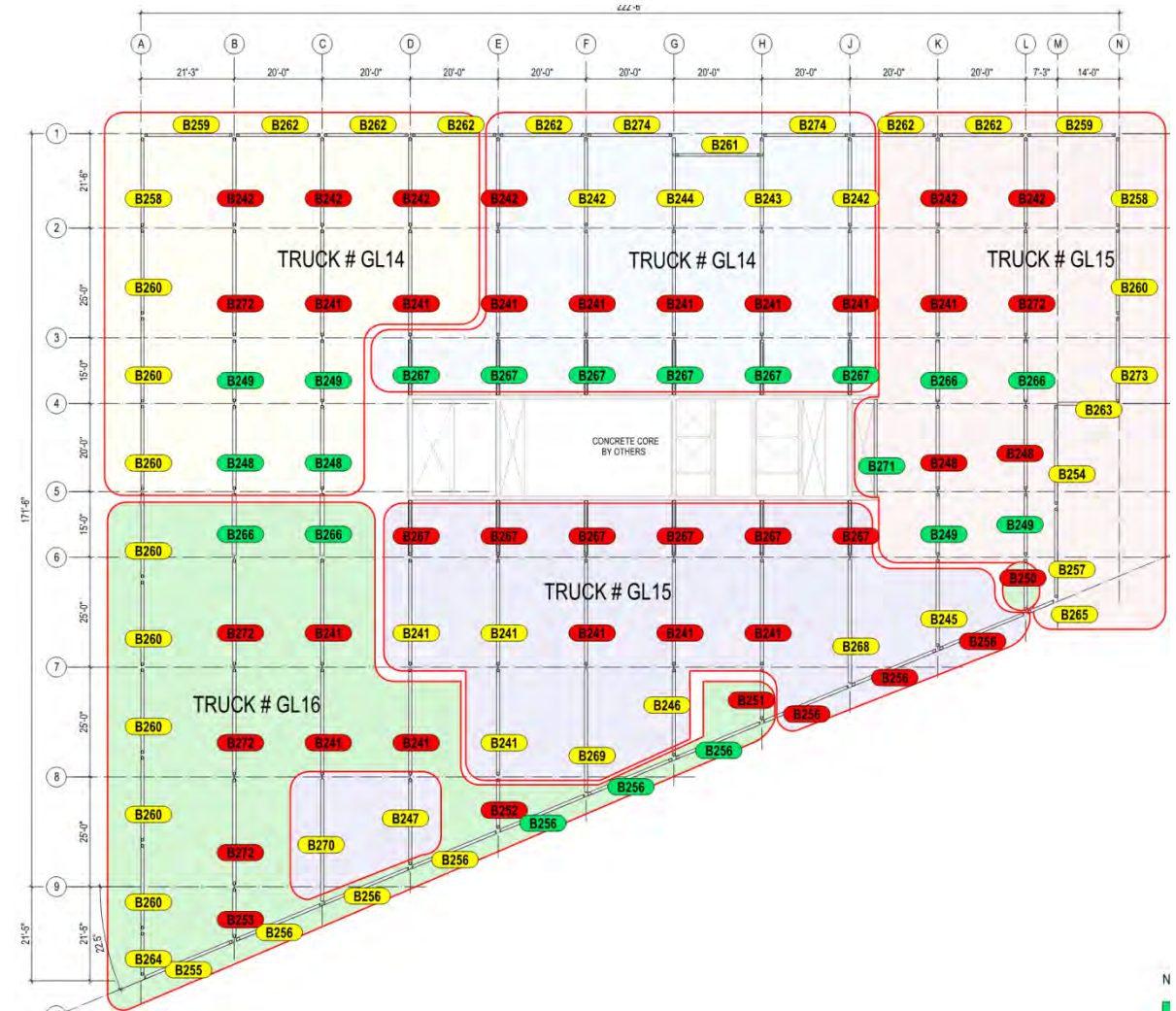
3D modelers proficient in BIM software and parametric modelling tools:

- Cadwork
- HSBCad
- Rhino/Grasshopper
- Revit



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Experienced **timber fabricator-installers** and efficient **site management** team



An experienced and integrated delivery team

Intimate knowledge of **North American** and **European** supply chain of mass timber products

- Capacity
- Pricing
- Quality
- Dependability

What Is **MASS TIMBER?**



Glue Laminated Timber
GLT



Laminated Veneer Lumber
LVL



Parallel Strand Lumber
PSL



Laminated Strand Lumber
LSL

Common Types of **MASS TIMBER**



Cross Laminated Timber

CLT



Nail Laminated Timber

NLT



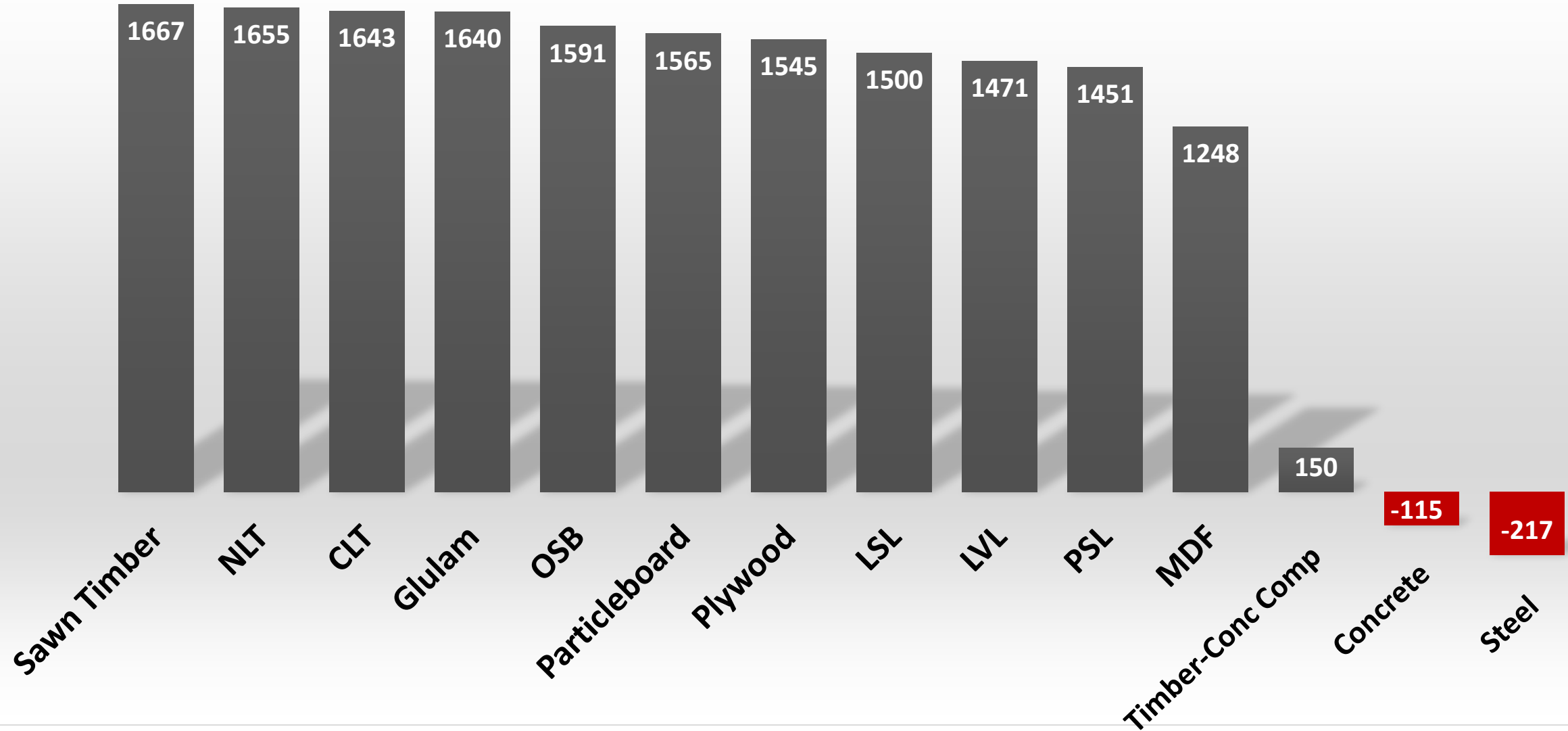
Timber-Concrete Composite

TCC

Dowel Laminated Timber **DLT**



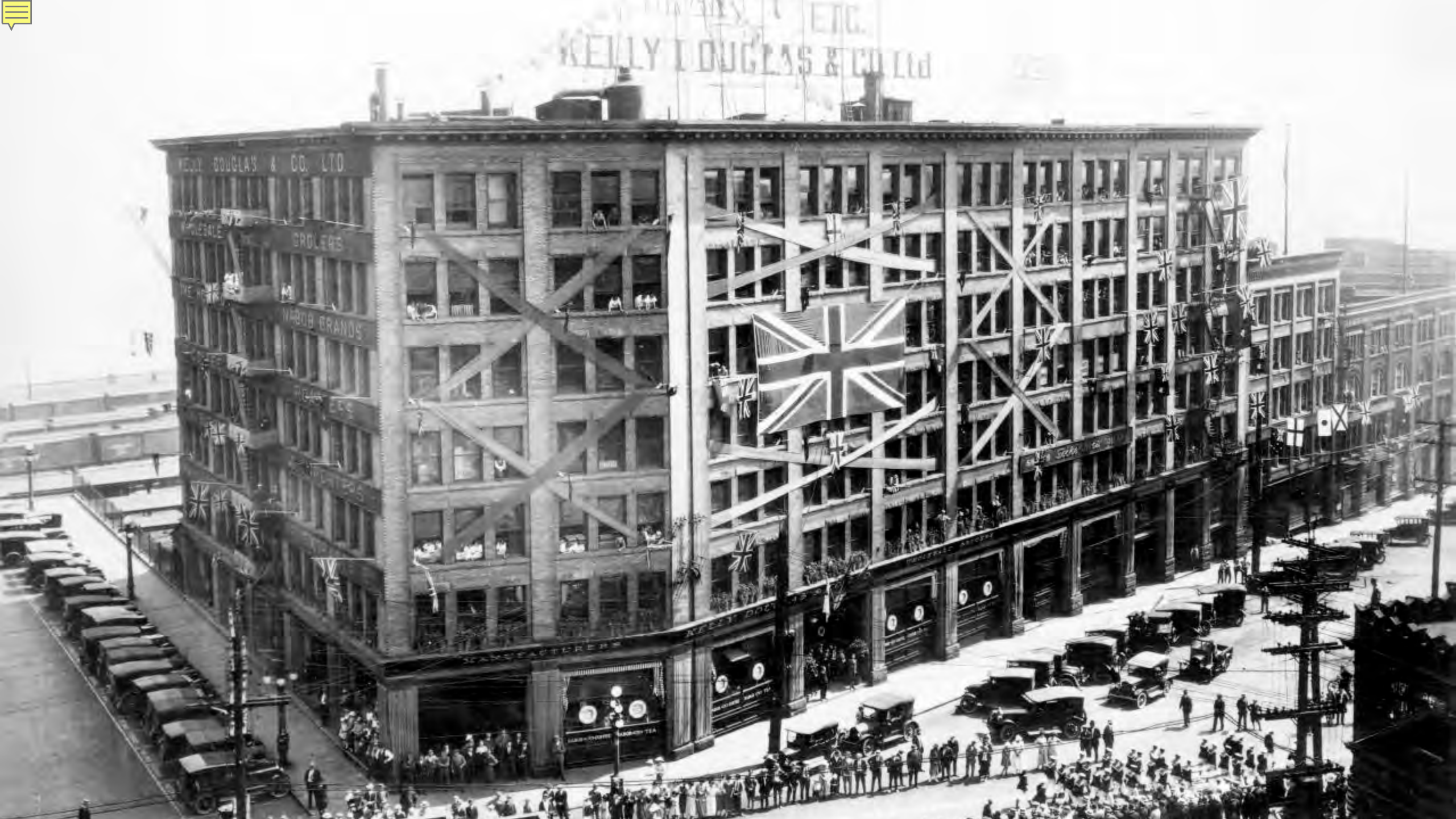
kg Carbon Sequestered / tonne of material



MASS TIMBER | **NLT**



HISTORY













T3 | Minneapolis, Minnesota



T3 – Team

- **Hines** – Developer
- **Michael Green Architecture** – Design Architect
- **DLR Group** – Architect
- **MKA** – Structural Engineer
- **StructureCraft** – Design-Assist-Build delivery partner for the timber structure

T3 – Why wood?

www.t3NorthLoop.com **“Timber – Transit – Technology”**

“We love **old brick & timber warehouses**. We love the feel of them, the **originality**, and the entrepreneurship that lives inside their bones. They are **cool places** to collaborate, create, and innovate.

Unfortunately, these buildings lack good natural light, are drafty, noisy, and have outdated HVAC systems.

So we asked ourselves, why can't we solve these problems by selecting an authentic location, surrounded by heritage buildings, and construct a brand new, vintage building?

All the charm of an old brick & timber building, with none of the downsides.”



















United Rentals

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GLULAM FABRICATION

T3 – Glulam Stats

- **Glulam** – European White Spruce
- **Over 1000 CNC'd pieces**
- All steel connections **pre-installed** into Glulams





MASS TIMBER PANELS

T3 – NLT Panel Stats

- **1100 NLT mass timber panels** - covers over 3 football fields
- Much of the NLT uses lumber from trees killed by the mountain pine beetle
- **1.4 million lineal feet of 2x8** – more than from Earth to the International Space Station
- Panels fabricated in Winnipeg and shipped down to Minneapolis






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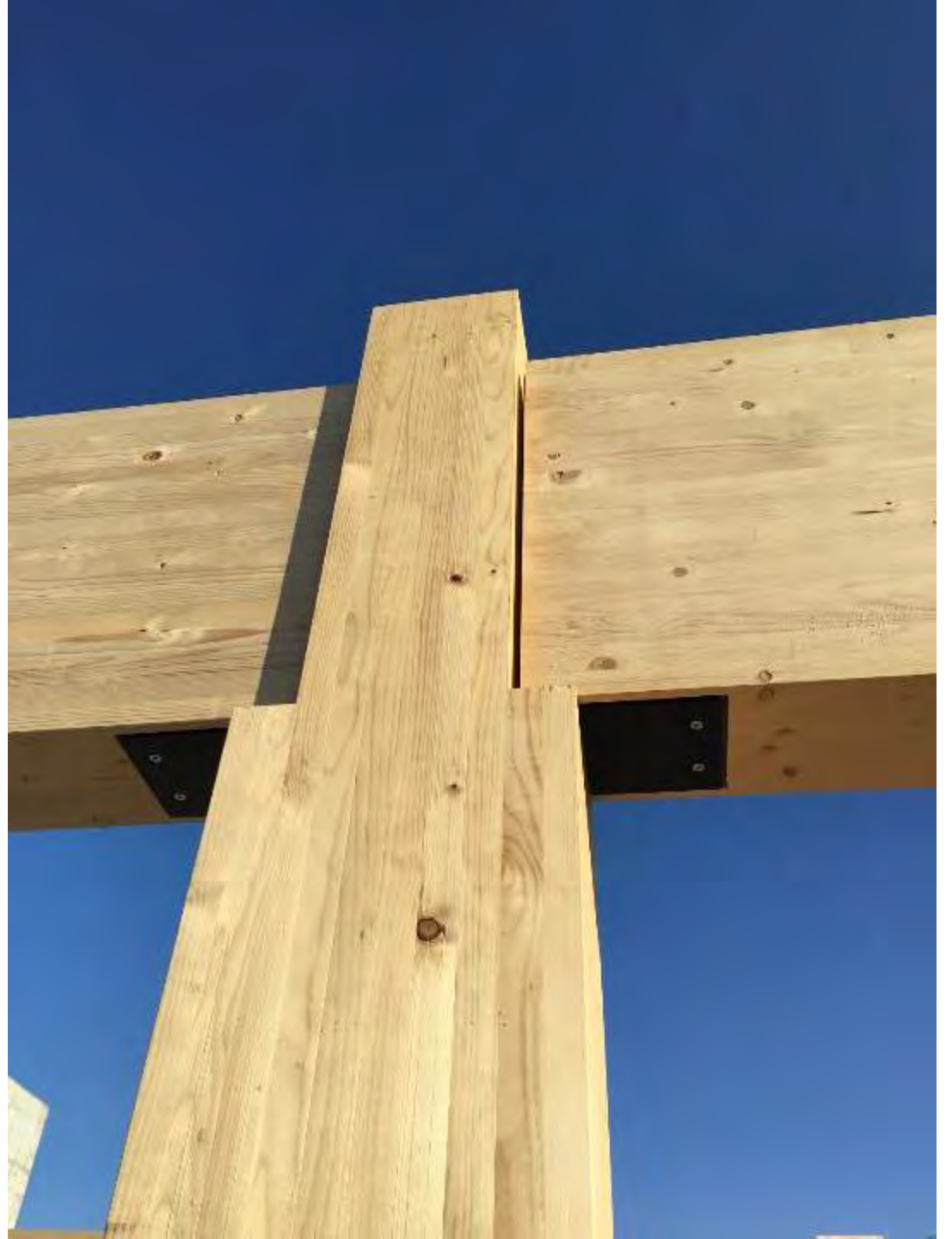
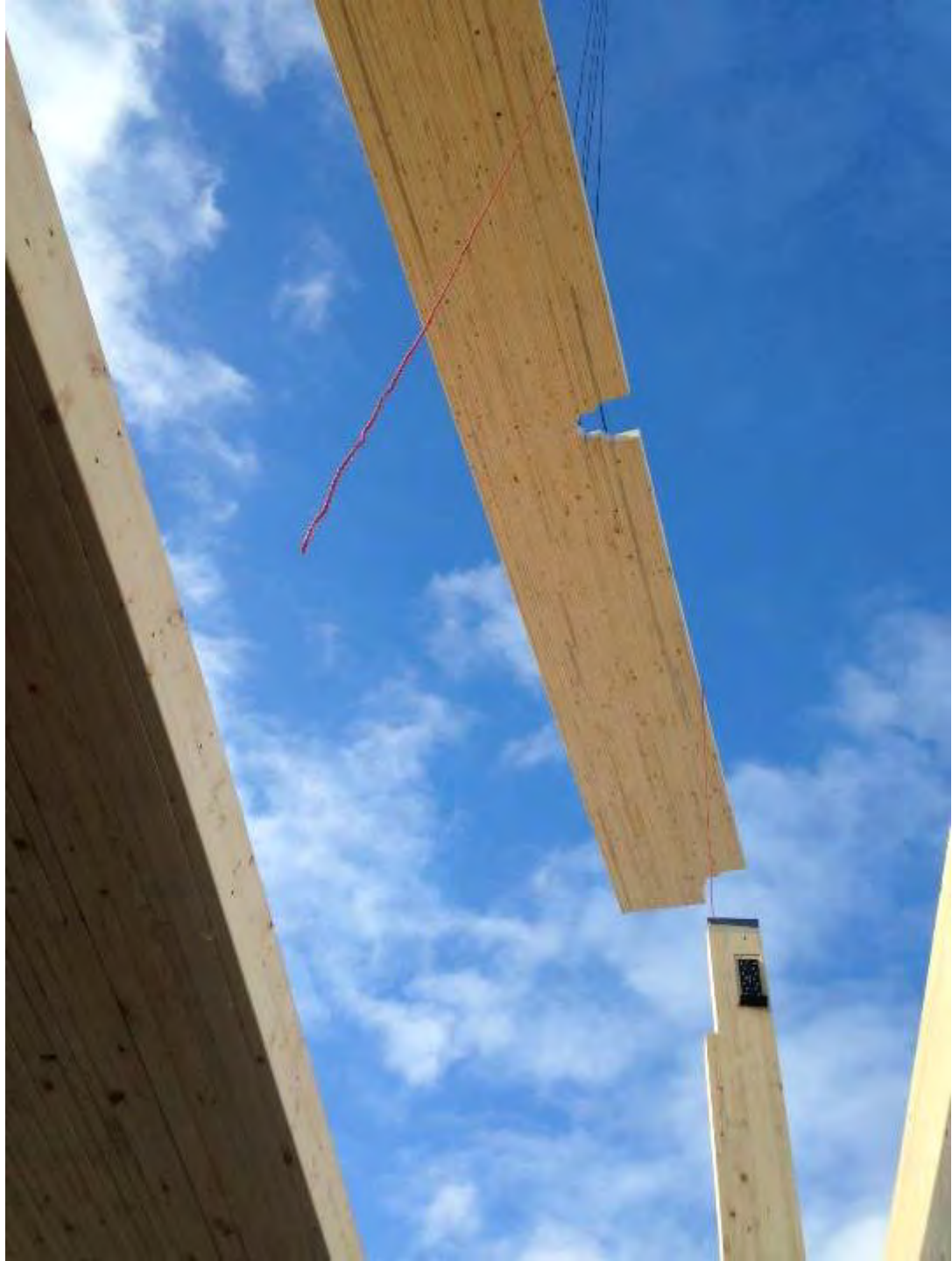


T3 – Install Statistics

- **9.5 weeks** - Install duration (crane time)
- **1.5 weeks** per **30,000 sqft floor**
- **9 man crew** – StructureCraft supervisors alongside local union labor
- Concrete core went up simultaneously with the timber structure

















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Why did the team choose NLT?

1. **Structural efficiency**
2. Fire Performance
3. Cost-effective
4. Local materials
5. Large panels → Fast Erection

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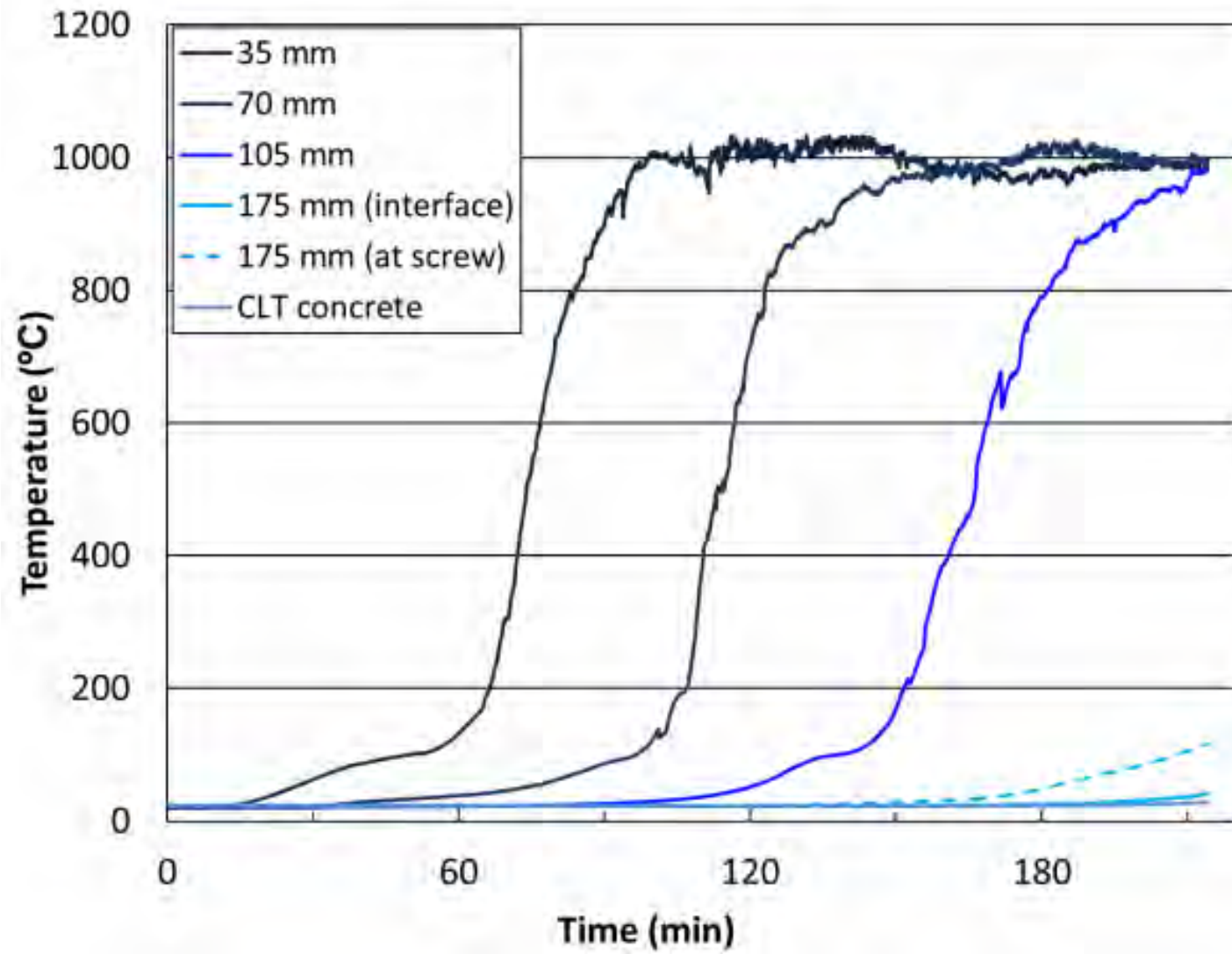
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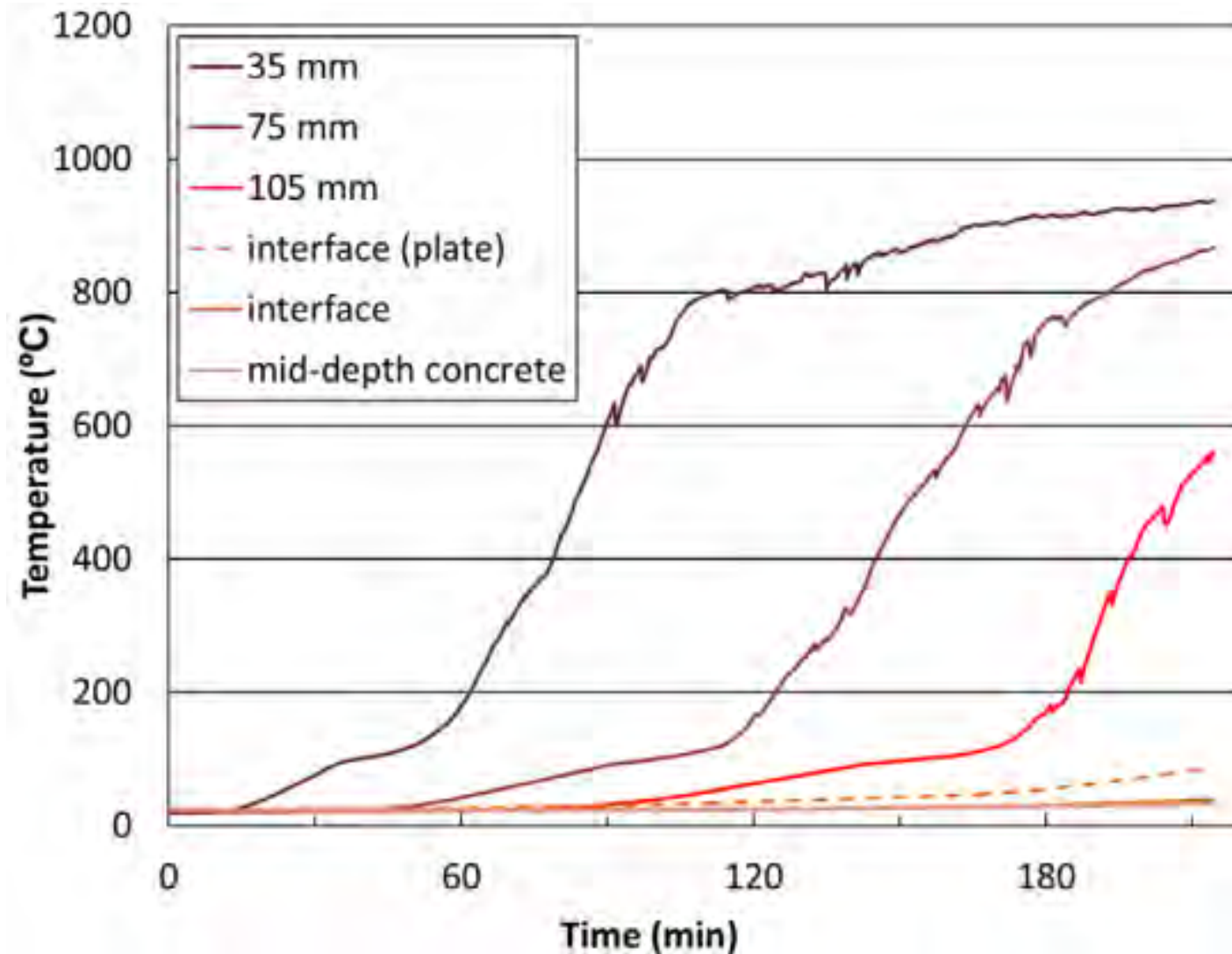
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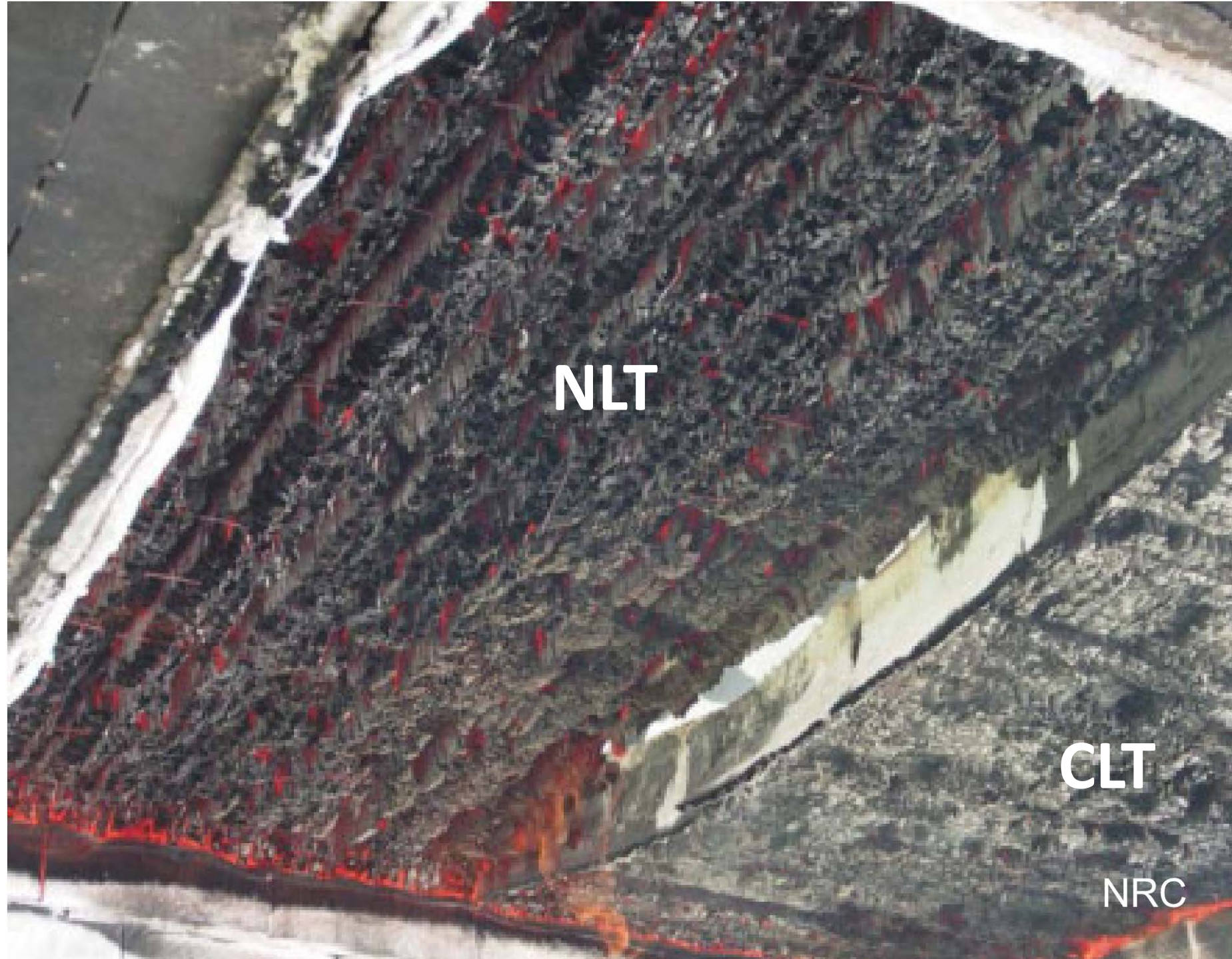
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5-ply CLT (c/w composite concrete topping)



2x8 NLT (c/w composite concrete topping)





NLT

CLT

NRC

Both assemblies lasted over 3hrs!

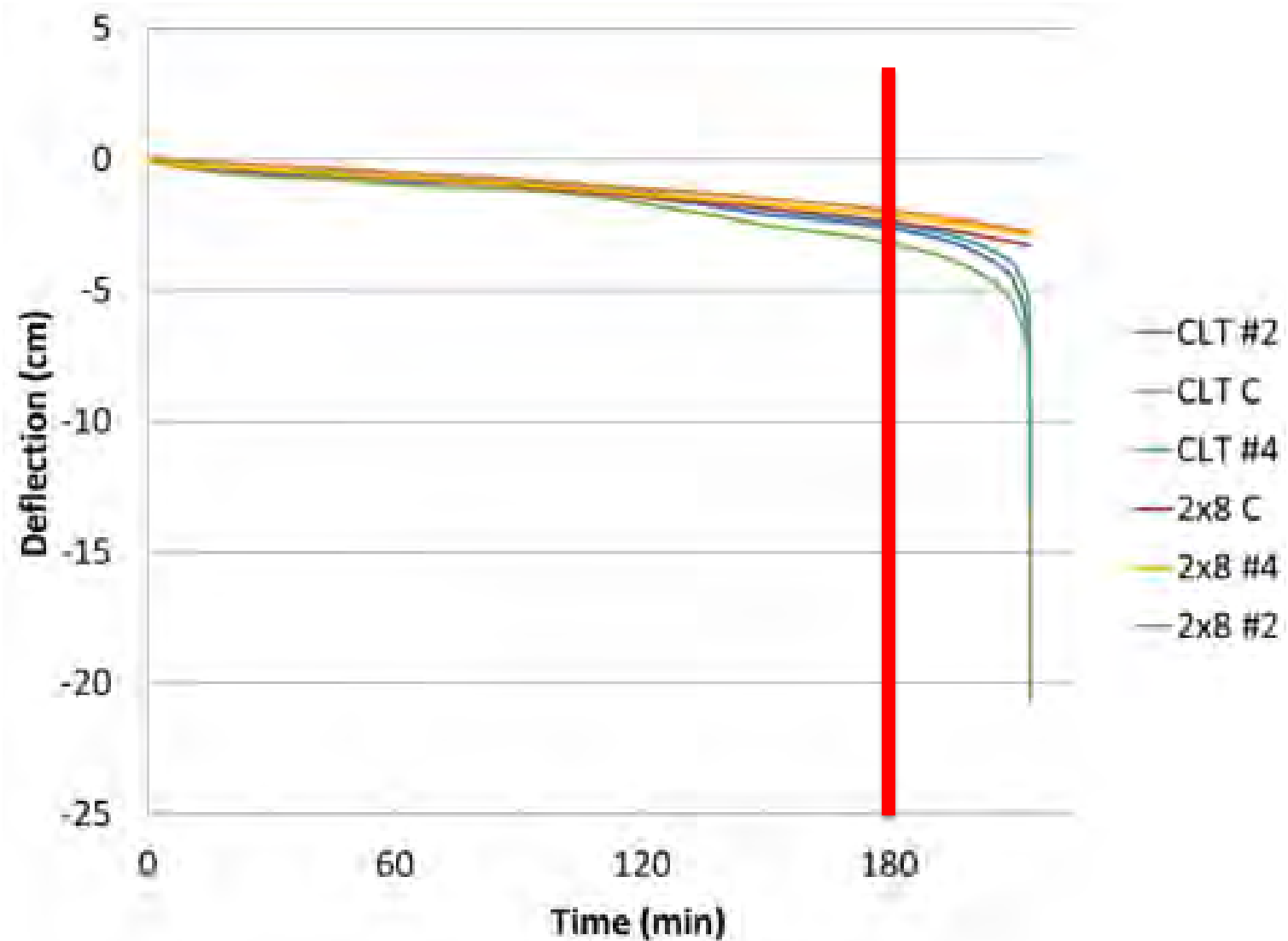


Figure 16 Deflections

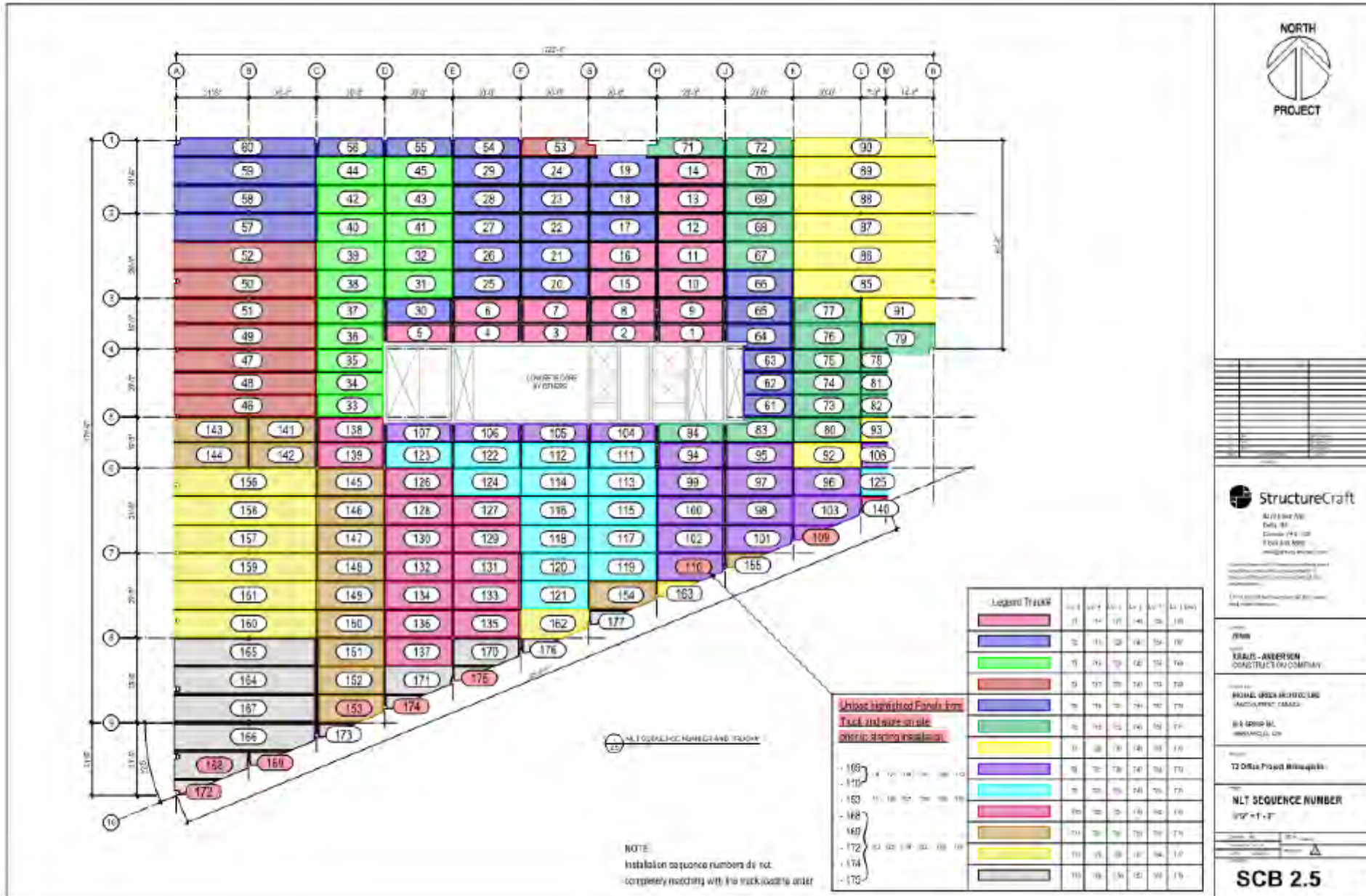
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1. Structural efficiency
2. Fire Performance
3. **Speed of Installation**
4. **Aesthetics**
5. **Cost-effective**
6. **Sustainable**



Speed - kit of parts!

Erection Techniques



TO REMOVING COLUMN BRACING.
CREWS CAN BE INSTALLED BEFORE OR
ALL STRIP IS INSTALLED.
LAYOUT DWG. 5.8 FOR INFIL STRIP
E6.3.0 AND E6.3.1.

INSTALL PRIOR TO UNHOOKING BEAM. WELD MUST BE COMPLETE PRIOR
TO INSTALLING NL7 PANEL.
2. SEE DRAWING E6.3.0.

SECTION:
1. MIX-ICE EPOXY INTO PREDRILLED HOLES IN
SLAB.
2. COLUMN AND REBAR INTO EPOXY HOLES.
3. WAIT SET TIME AND 6 HOUR CURE TIME FOR
EPOXY.
4. COLUMN IS PLUMB TO $\pm 1/8"$ OVER 24FT HIGH
5. AS NECESSARY TO LEVEL COLUMN.
6. LAYOUT DWG. 4.0 FOR REQUIRED
7. NO OF COLUMN BRACING REQUIRED IN
8. DIRECTIONS PRIOR TO UNHOOKING COLUMN AS
9. SEE E6.5.

SAFETY RAIL:
1. SAFETY RAIL INSTALLATION
2. PERMITTED ONCE PANELS ARE
3. INSTALLED BETWEEN TWO PERIMETER
4. COLUMNS ARE INSTALLED.
5. 2. SEE DRAWING E9.0.

- GLULAM BEAM-TO-COLUMN INTERIOR CONNECTION:**
1. ENSURE TBS 6x80mm SCREW IS INSTALLED ON EACH END PRIOR TO UNHOOKING BEAM.
 2. ENSURE THRU-BOLT IS INSTALLED PRIOR TO LANDING SISTER BEAM.
 3. SEE DRAWING E6.3.0.

- 1- THESE DRAWINGS ARE TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH SCB LAYOUT DRAWINGS.
- 2- DO NOT ERECT COLUMNS, BEAMS OR PANELS IF WIND SPEED EXCEEDS 20 MPH.
- 3- FOLLOW ALL GUIDELINES AND DETAILS AS SPECIFIED IN ERECTION DOCUMENTS.
- 4- ERECTION SEQUENCING DRAWINGS ARE ORGANIZED AS PER TRUCK SEQUENCING FOR A TYPICAL FLOOR LEVEL. THE SAME SEQUENCING AND ERECTION NOTES APPLY TO ALL SEQUENTIAL FLOORS.

1. WELDED DRAG STRAP PLATE DOES NOT NEED TO BE INSTALLED PRIOR TO UNHOOKING BEAM. WELD MUST BE COMPLETE PRIOR TO INSTALLING NLT PANEL.
2. SEE DRAWING EB.3.0.



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Duke, NC
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CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

MICHAEL GREEN ARCHITECTURE
VAN DER VEER INC. CAROLINA

DLR GROUP INC.
MEMPHIS, TENN. 38119

PROJECT
TJ Office Project Minneapolis

INSTALL SEQUENCE PERSPECTIVES

Tratado 1993	ADR 84
Directiva 86	
CAVE 1986/11	ADR 75

E7.0.0

1. PLACE HIT-IT-ICE EPOXY INTO PREDRILLED HOLES IN CONCRETE SLAB.
2. LOWER COLUMN AND REBAR INTO EPOXY HOLES.
NOTE 45 MINUTE SET TIME AND 6 HOUR CURE TIME FOR EPOXY.
3. ENSURE COLUMN IS PLUMB TO $\pm 1/8"$ OVER 24FT HIGH COLUMN.
4. PLACE SHIMS AS NECESSARY TO LEVEL COLUMN.
REFER TO SCB LAYOUT DWG. 4.0 FOR REQUIRED SHIMS.
5. INSTALLATION OF COLUMN BRACING REQUIRED IN BOTH DIRECTIONS PRIOR TO UNHOOKING COLUMN AS PER DRAWING E6.5.
6. TAKE CARE NOT TO BUMP COLUMN AFTER PLACEMENT.
UNTIL EPOXY HAS SET, COLUMN CAN BE EASILY PUSHED OUT OF PLUMB WITH A BEAM OR SIMILAR.
7. SEE DRAWING E6.2.

1. ENSURE BEAM IS SET FLUSH TO OUTSIDE OF GLULAM COLUMN ON BOTH ENDS.
2. ENSURE MIN. (1) VGS 8x160mm SCREW IS INSTALLED ON EACH END PRIOR TO UNHOOKING BEAM.
3. SEE DRAWING F6 3.0.

NO COLUMN BRACING TO BE REMOVED UNTIL SCREWS FOR ALL NLT PANELS IN A CLEAR PATH BACK TO THE CORE HAVE BEEN INSTALLED. BEAMS CONNECTED TO THE CORE MUST HAVE DRAG STRAP WELDED TO THE CORE PRIOR TO THE REMOVAL OF ANY BRACING IN A DIRECT LINE TO THE CORE.

Aesthetics







Cost Effective







Sustainable

130,000 ft³ wood = 3200t Carbon

INSPIRATION

The image shows a wide-angle, low-angle shot of a modern school hallway. The ceiling is a prominent feature, constructed from a dense network of light-colored wooden beams and trusses, creating a complex, geometric pattern. The walls are white and curved, with long, horizontal windows integrated into the design. The lighting is soft and even, highlighting the architectural details. The overall atmosphere is clean, bright, and modern.

Chilliwack Secondary School

Chilliwack | BC

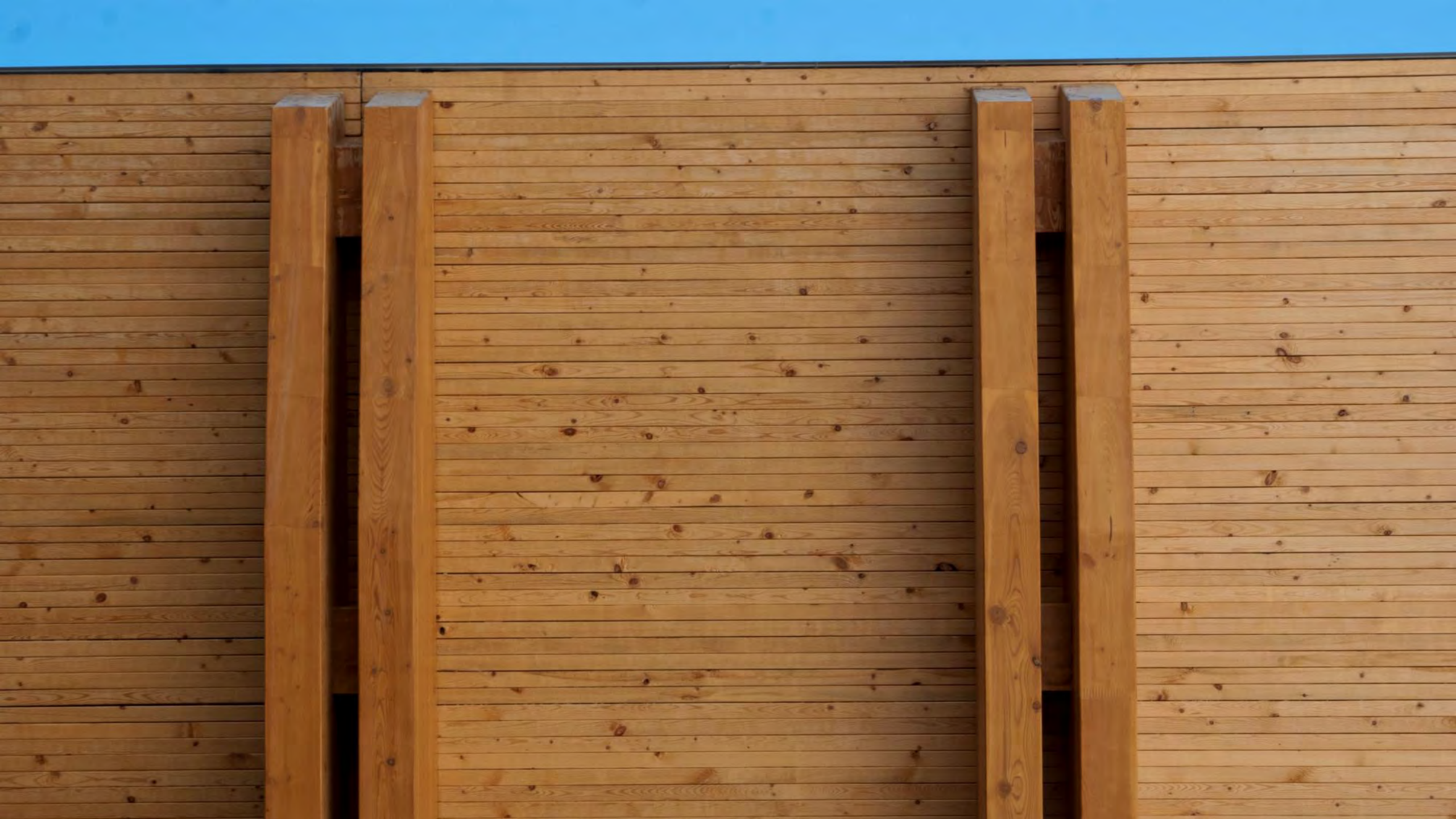
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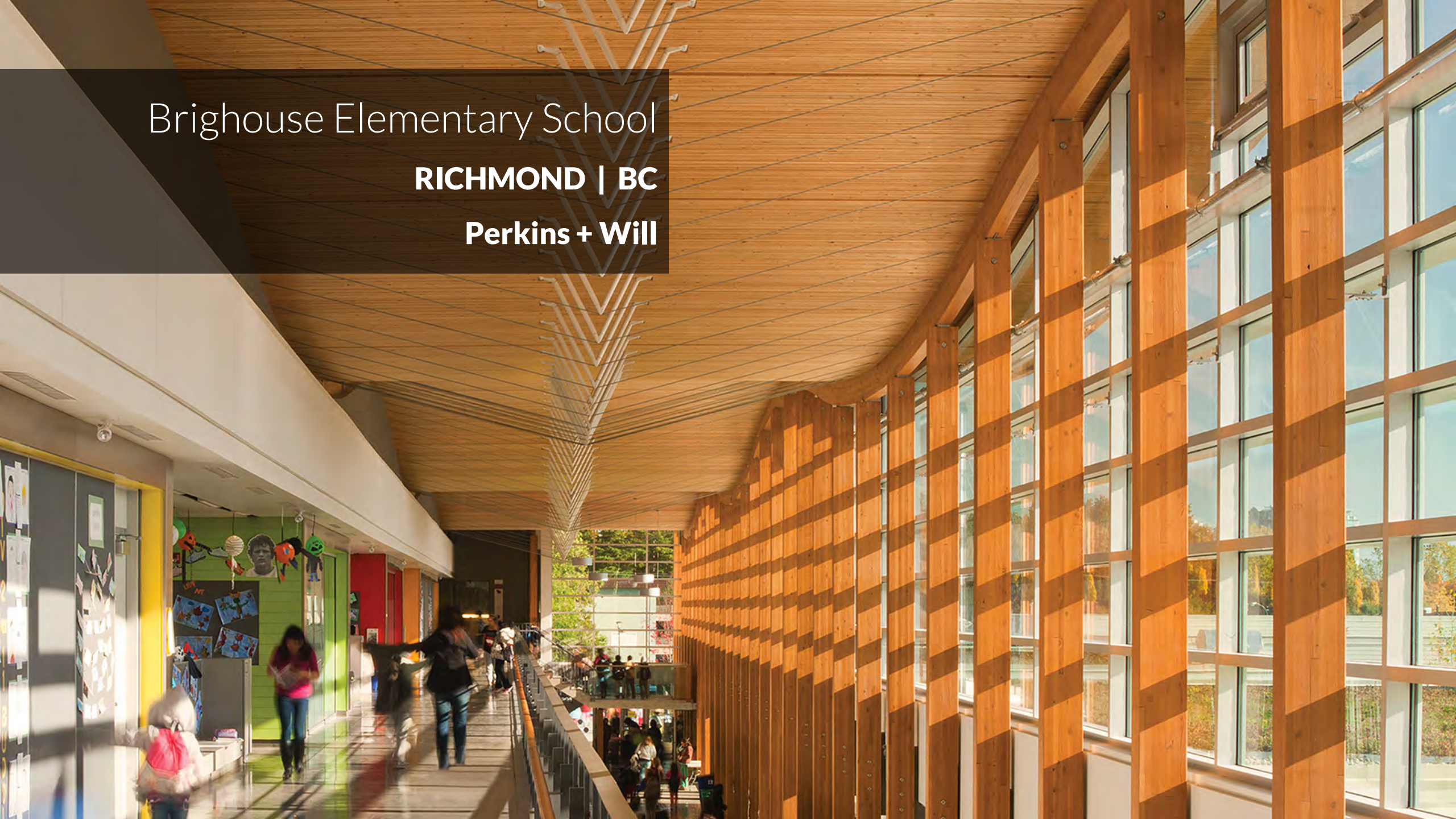




Brighthouse Elementary School

RICHMOND | BC

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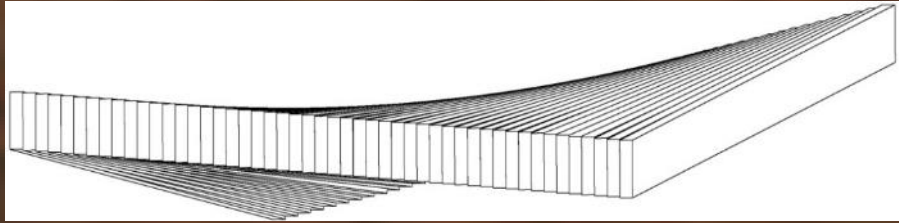
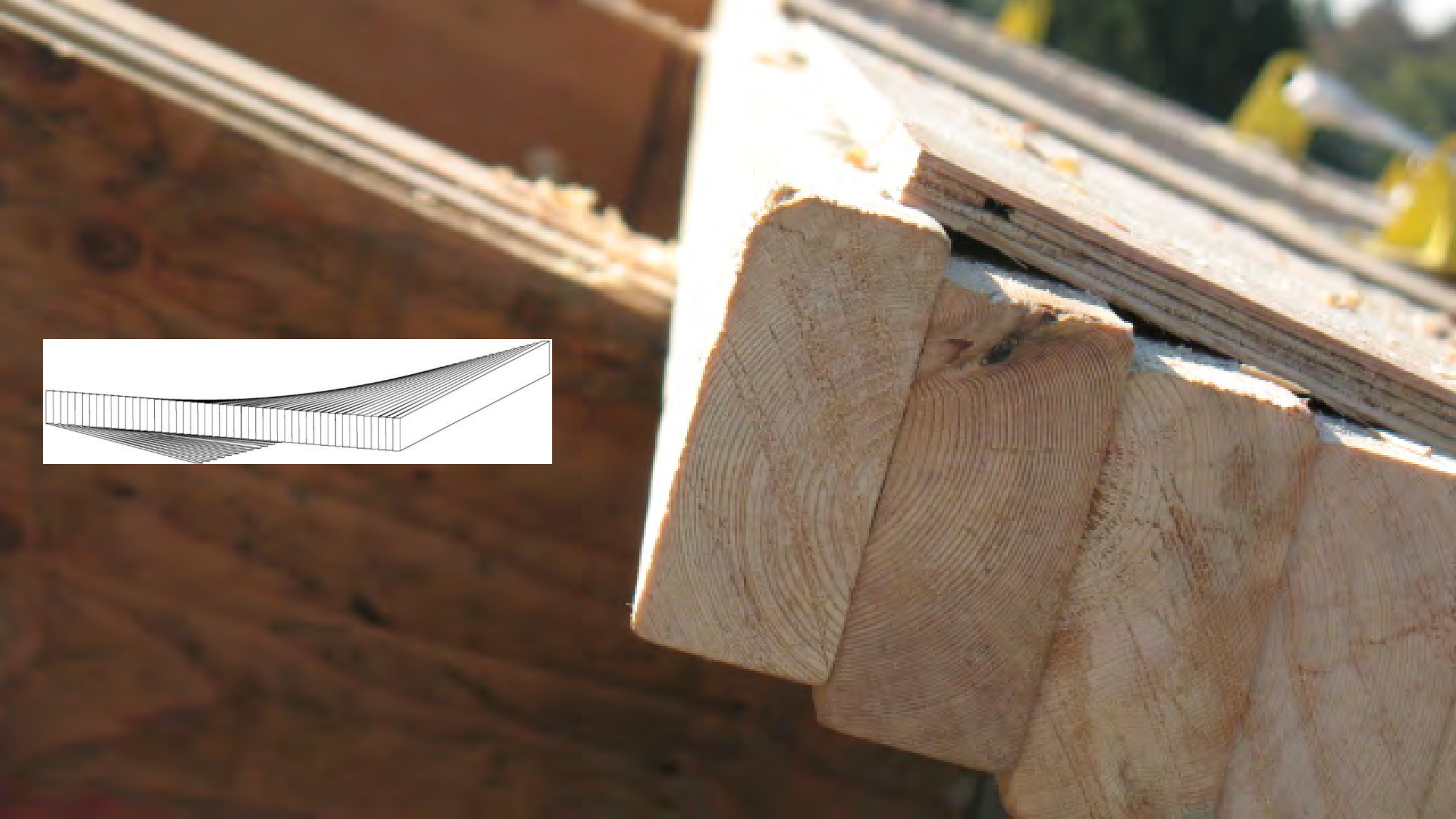




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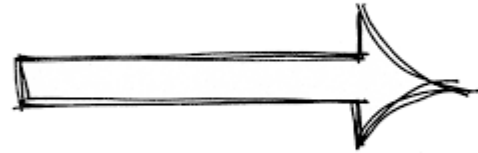
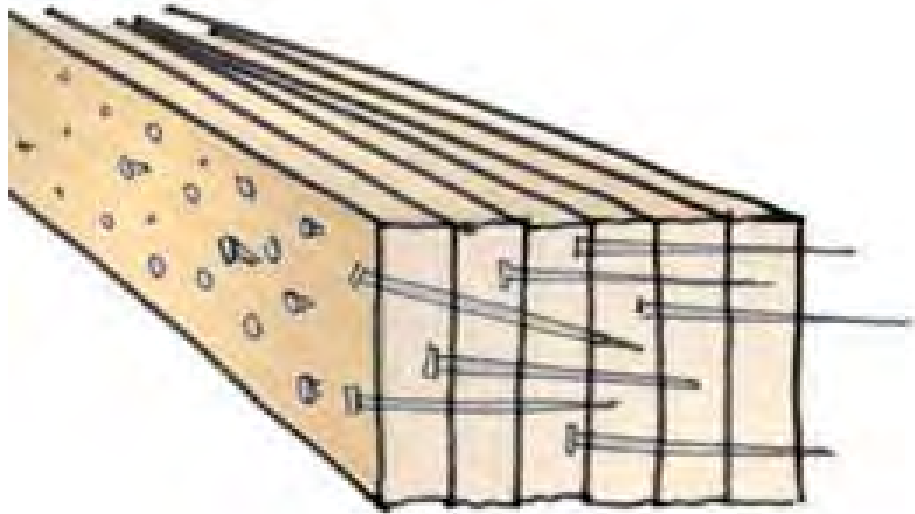




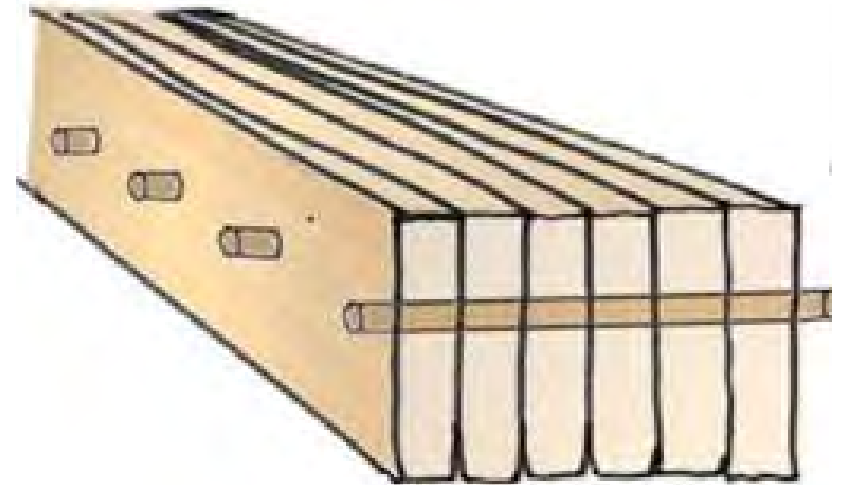
Dowel Laminated Timber | **DLT**

Why a new mass timber product?

NLT



DLT





DLT - History I

ETH zürich



1970s

Brettstapel - “Stacked Elements”

Julius Natterer, ETH Zurich

DLT - History |



1990s

Dübelholz - “Dowelled Timber”

Pirmin Jung, Tschopp Holzbau, Switzerland



Dowel Laminated Timber | **DLT**

Why Automate?





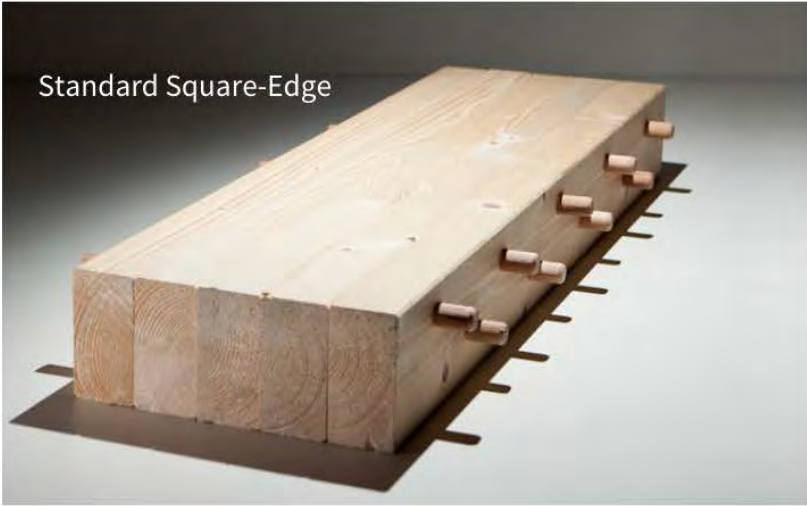


Dowel Laminated Timber | **DLT**

Versatility

DLT Profiles |

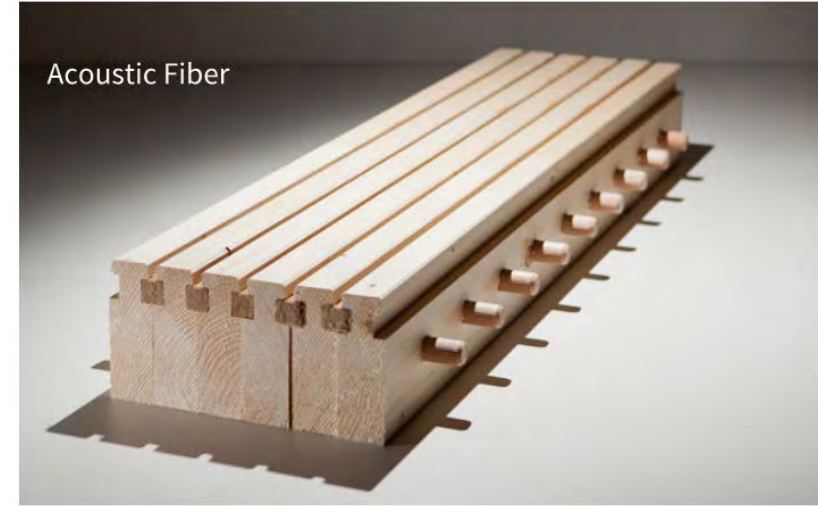
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Chamfered Edge



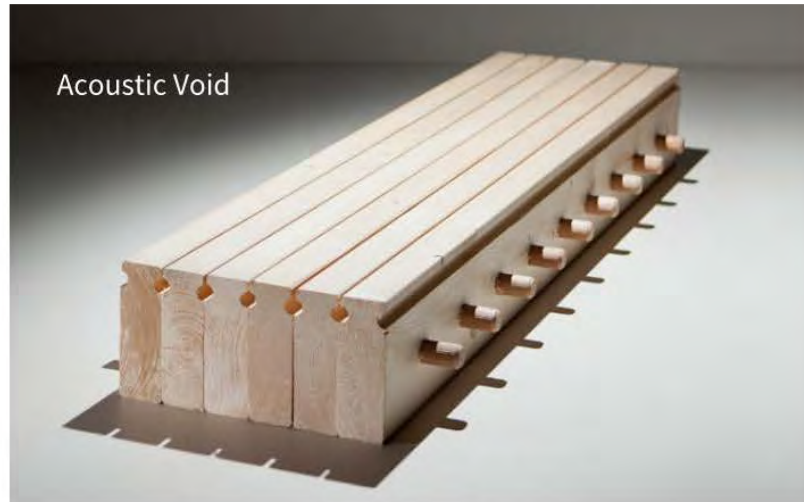
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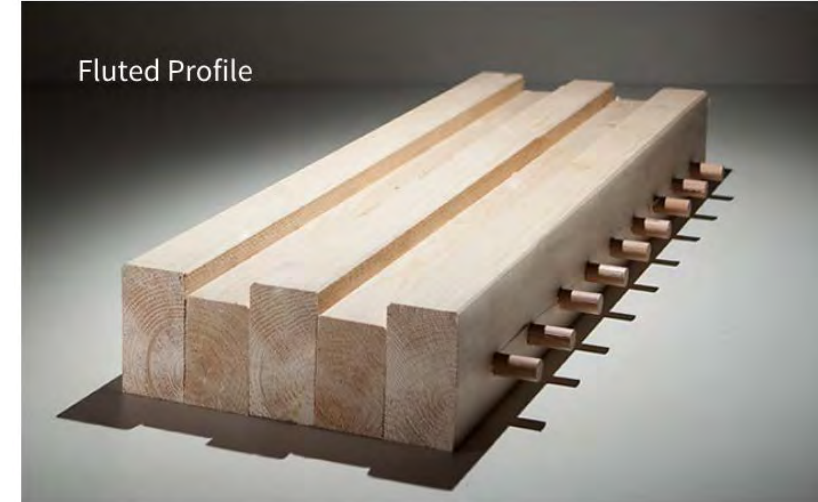
Reveal Edge



Acoustic Void



Fluted Profile



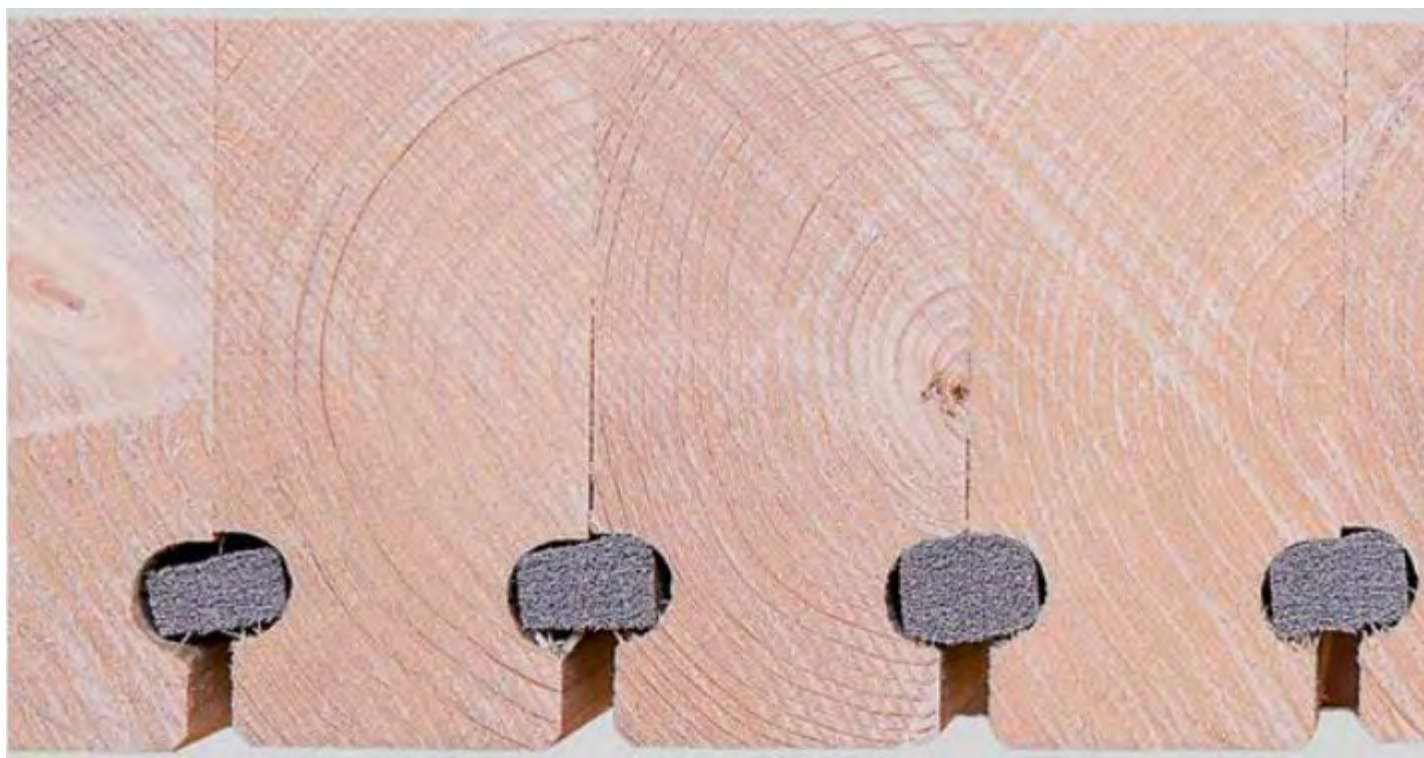


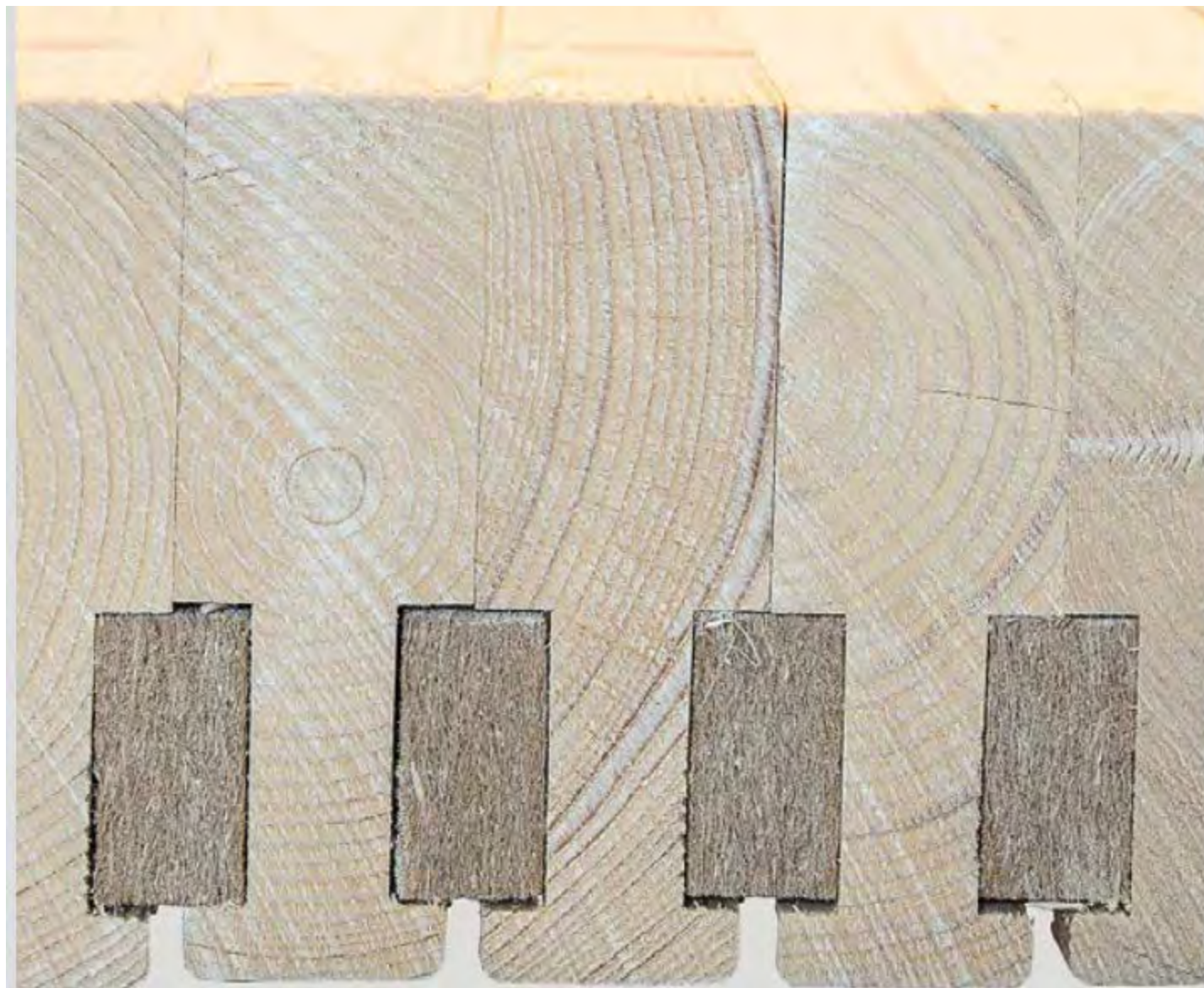


Dowel Laminated Timber | **DLT**

Acoustics

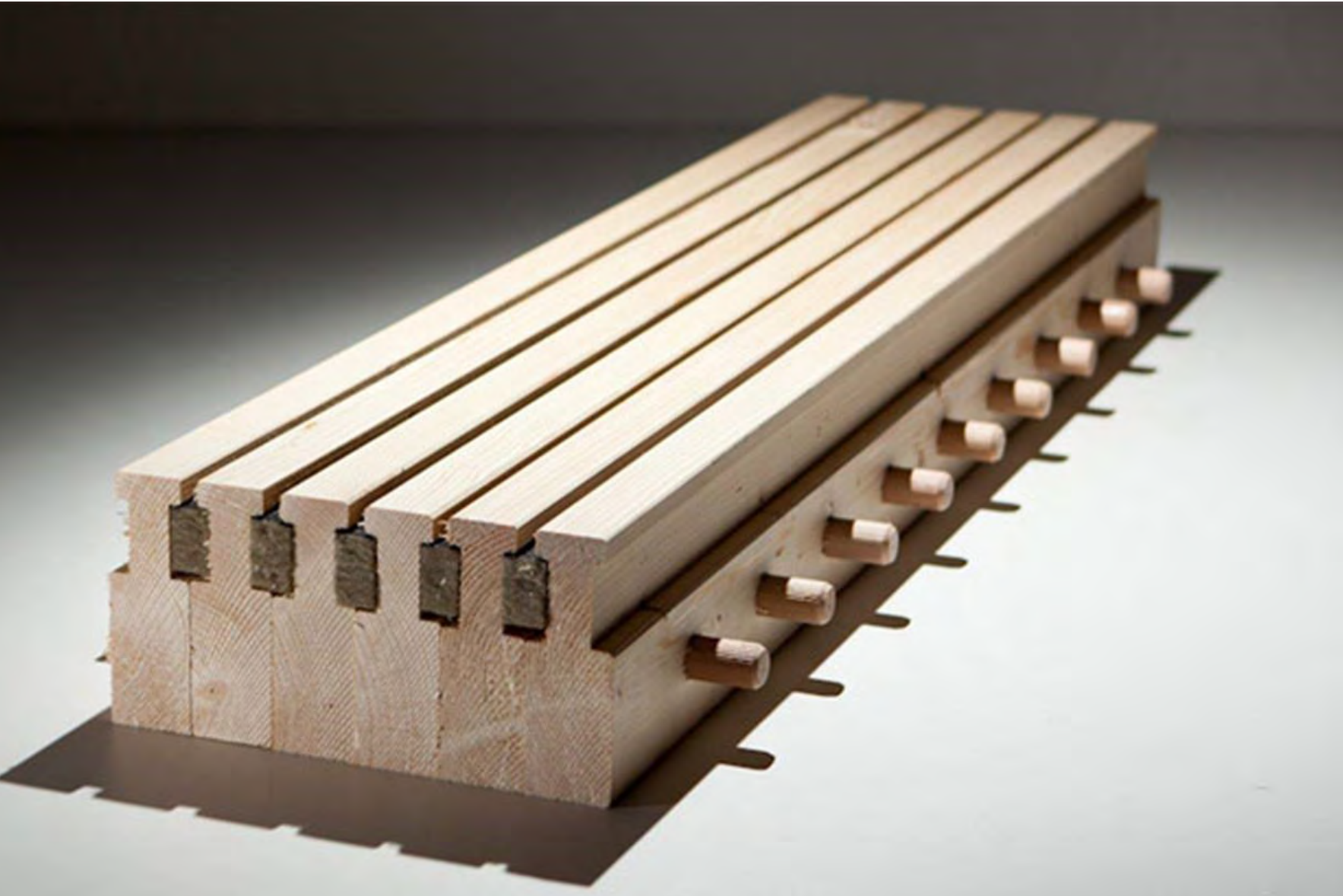








Acoustics | **DLT**



NRC = 0.2 - 0.8







Advantages | **DLT**

- **All Wood Product**
- **No Off-Gassing from Glue**
- **No Nails**
- **Lowest Carbon Footprint**
- **Easily CNC'd**





Roofs | **DLT**









Floors |

DLT |





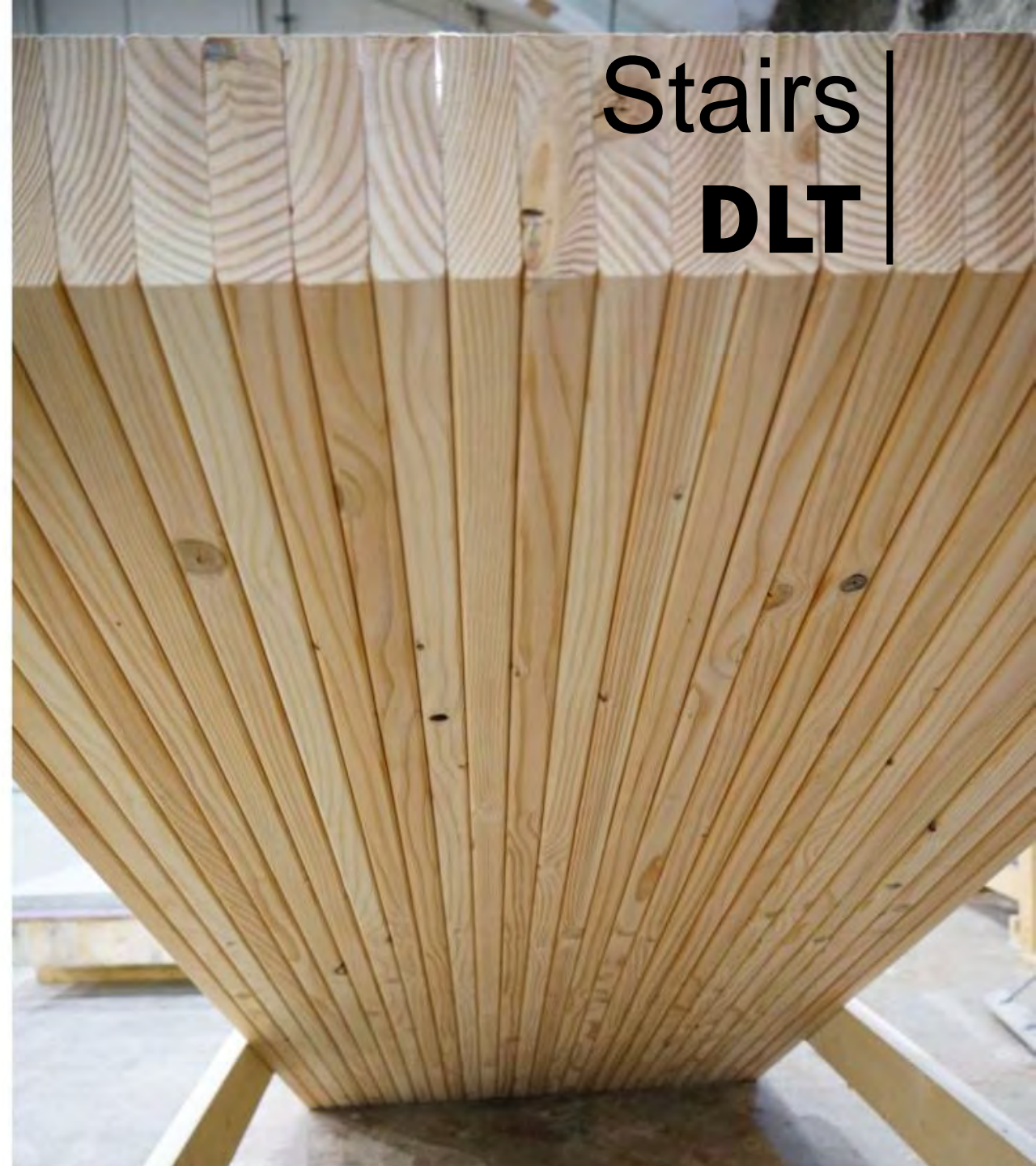


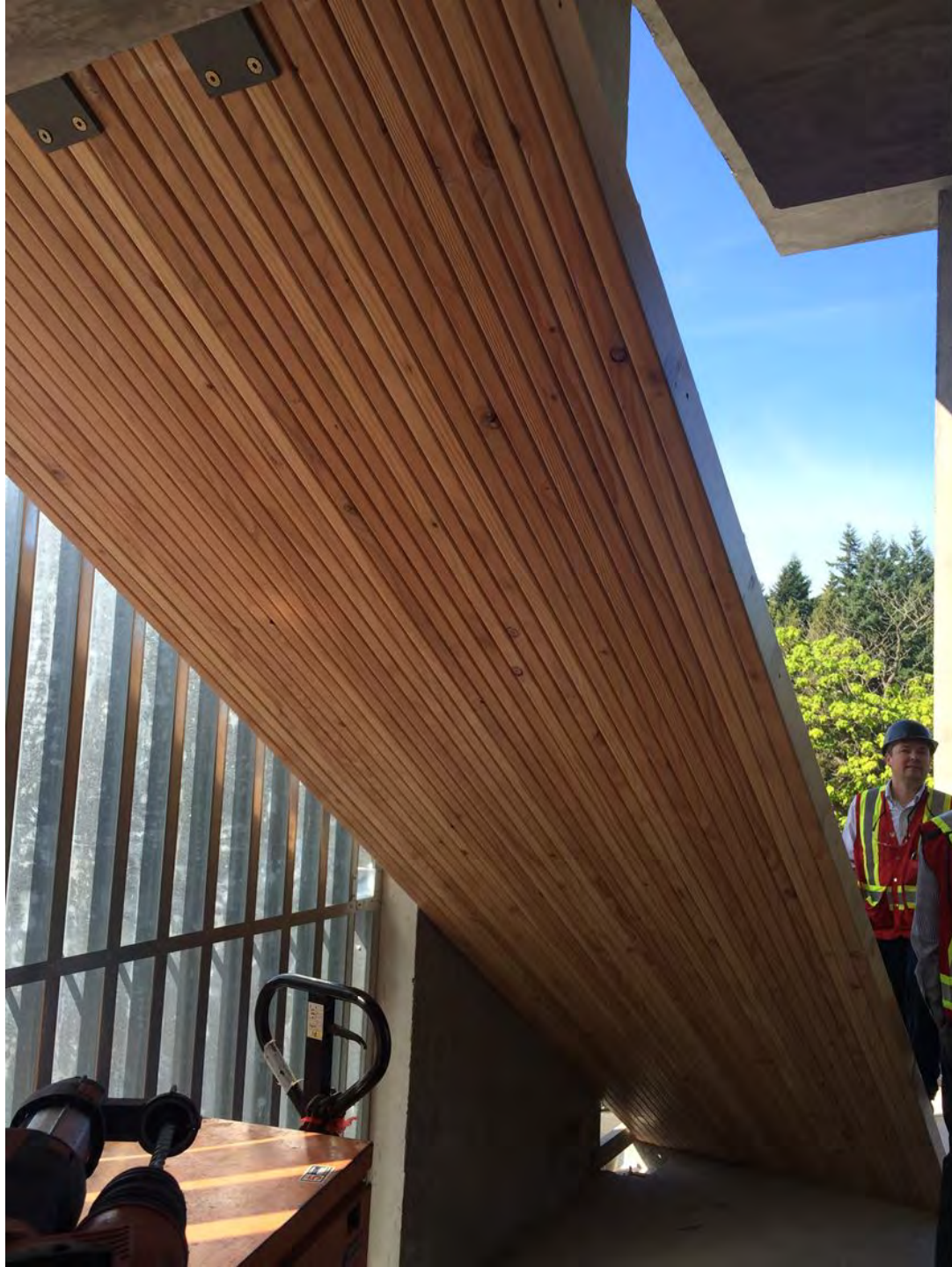
Walls | **DLT**



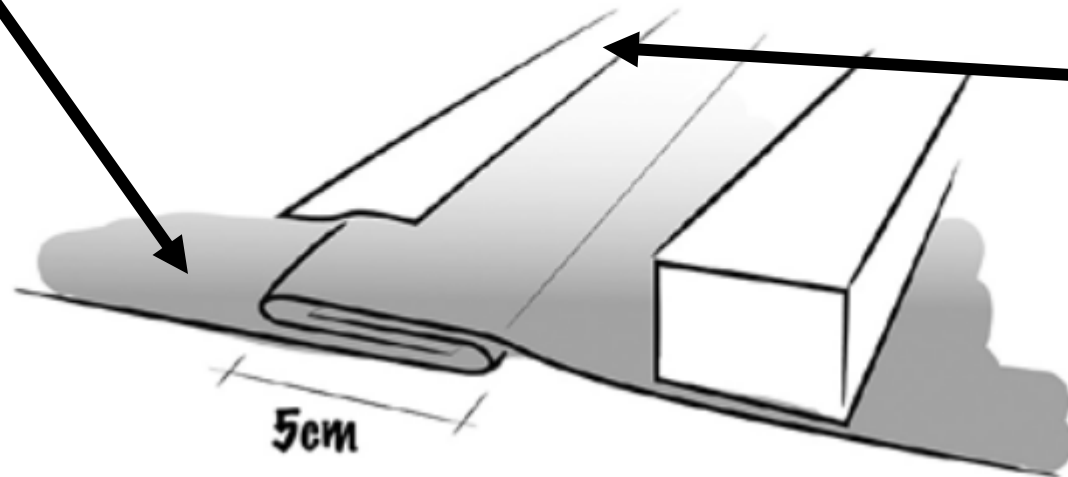
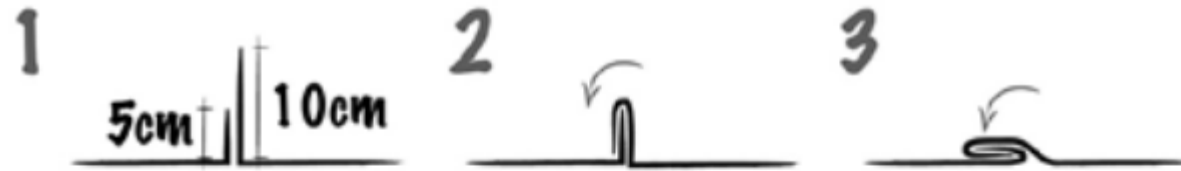








Weather Protection | **DLT**



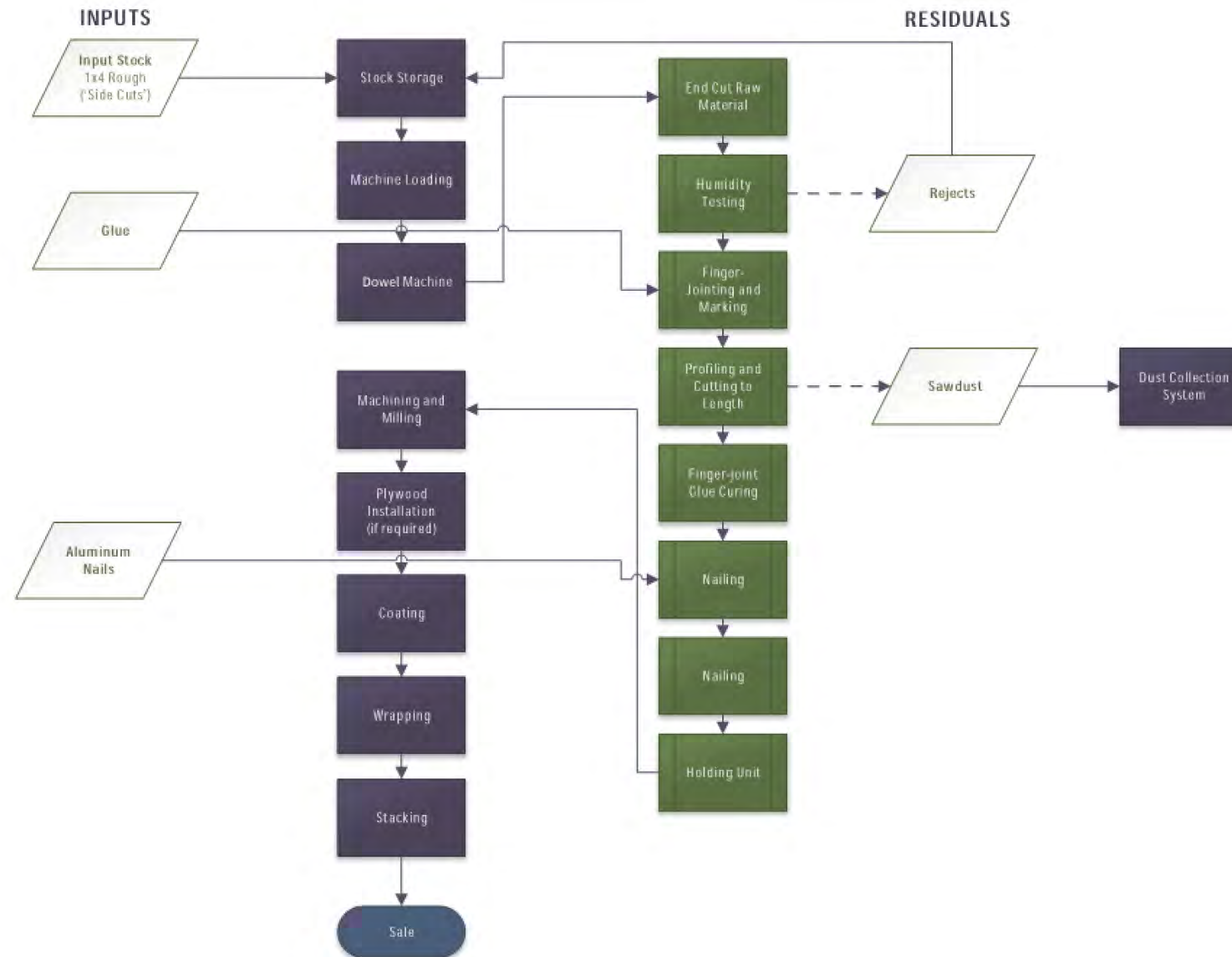






Manufacturing Process

DLT





DLT Machinery Line



Optimizing Saw

cuts out defects of
the lamination stock

Optimising Saw → Fingerjointer → Profile Moulder →
Dowel Machine → Panel Planer → CNC Machine



DLT Machinery Line



Structural Finger Jointer

The only glue used
in the making of the
timber panels

Optimising Saw → **Fingerjointer** → Profile Moulder →
Dowel Machine → Panel Planer → CNC Machine



DLT Machinery Line



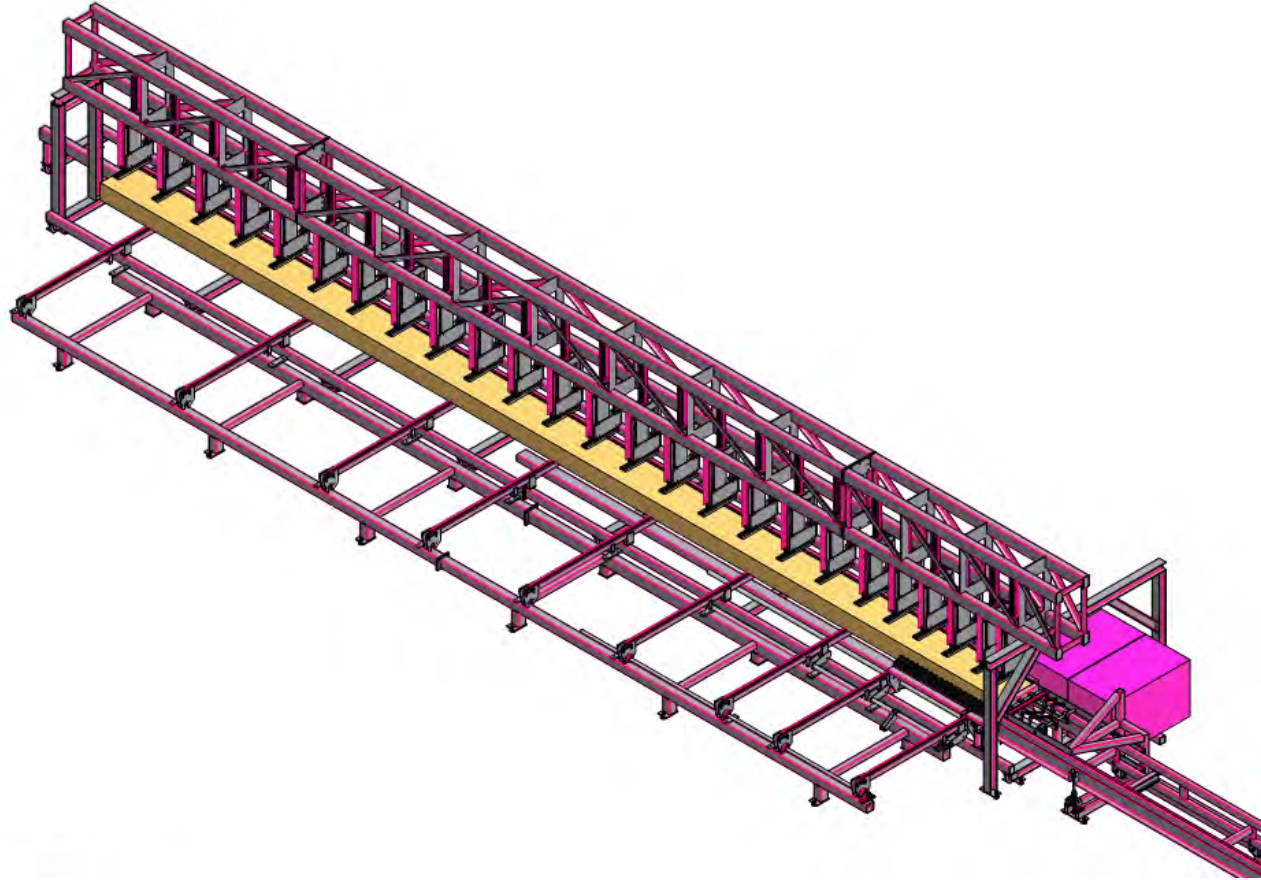
Profile Moulder

Cutter heads 'square up' the board and give any desired profile to the bottom

Optimising Saw → Fingerjointer → **Profile Moulder** →
Dowel Machine → Panel Planer → CNC Machine



DLT Machinery Line



Dowel Machine

Producing panels up to
5ft wide x 60ft long

Optimising Saw → Fingerjointer → Profile Moulder →
Dowel Machine → Panel Planer → CNC Machine

DLT Machinery Line



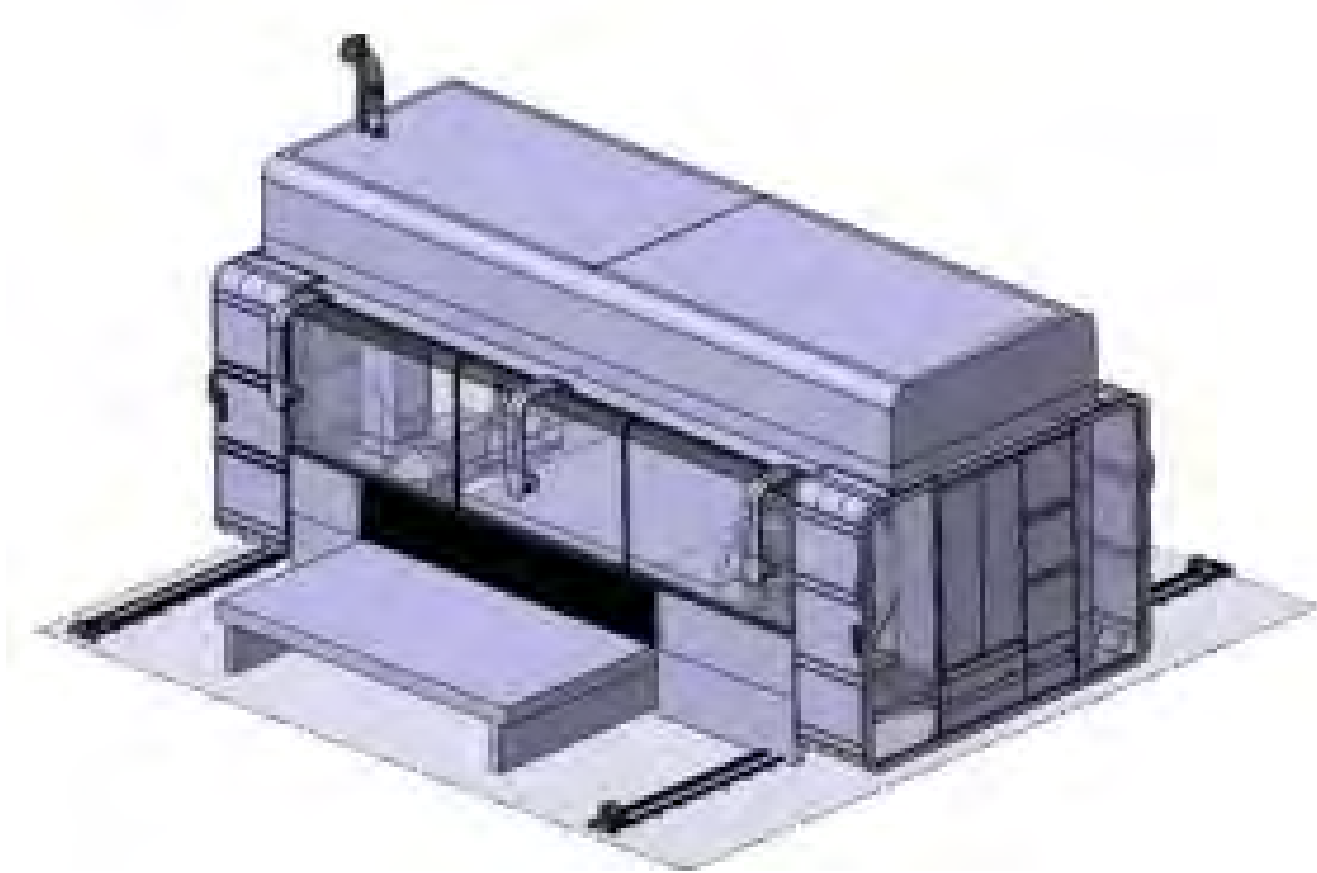
Panel Planer

4-sided planer squares up each panel

Optimising Saw → Fingerjointer → Profile Moulder →
Dowel Machine → **Panel Planer** → CNC Machine



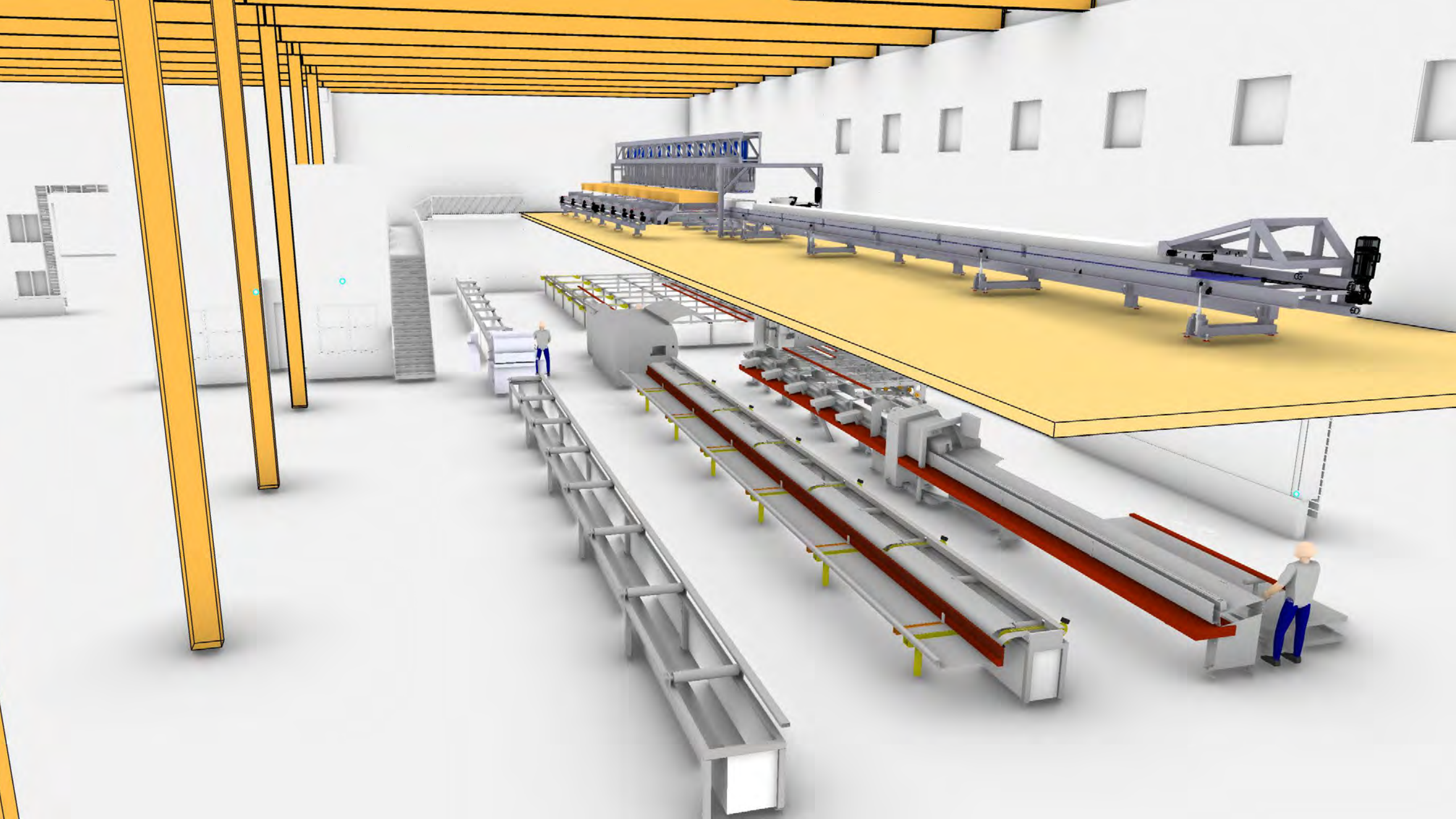
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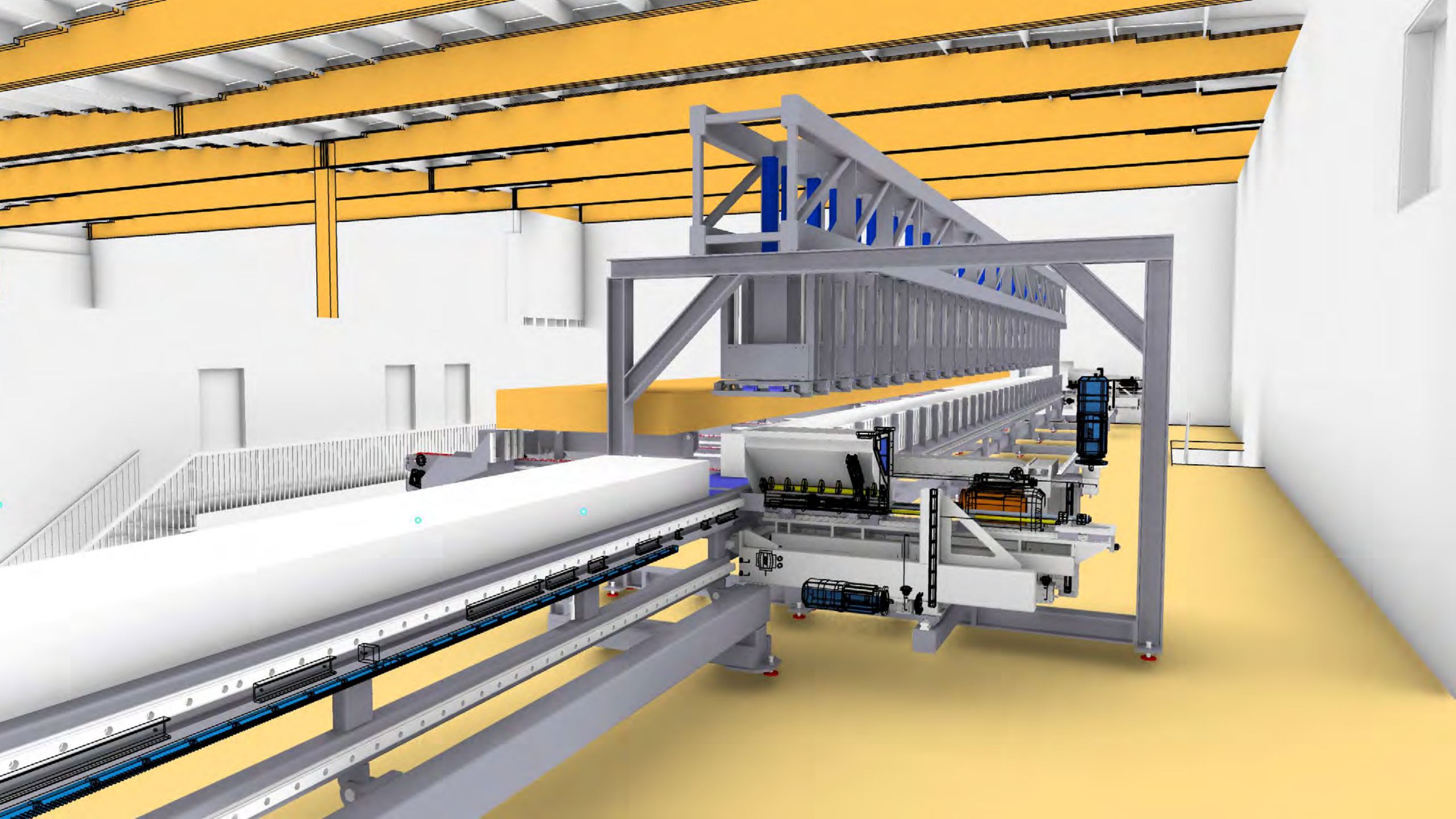


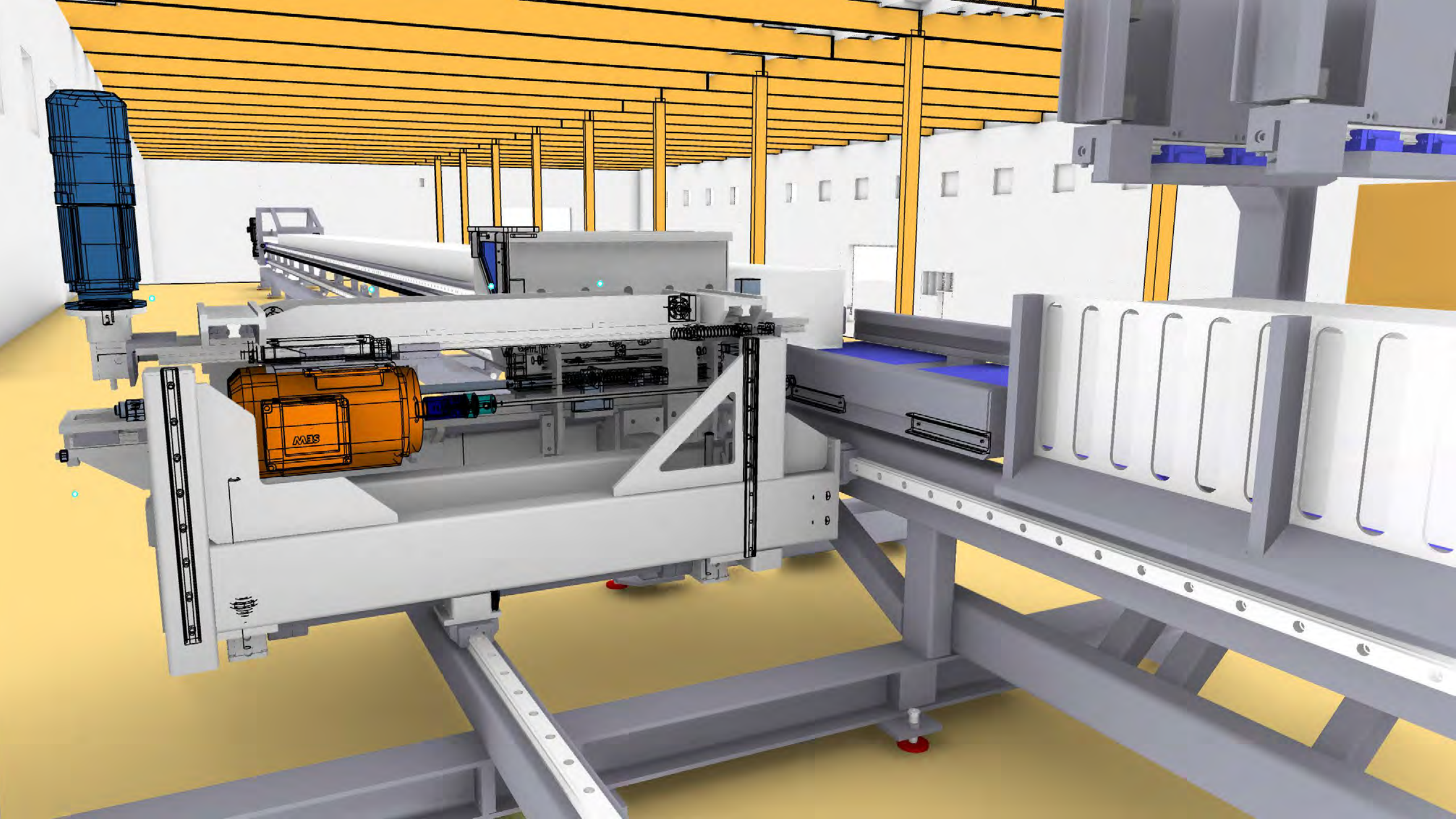
CNC Machine

5-axis gantry machine

Optimising Saw → Fingerjointer → Profile Moulder →
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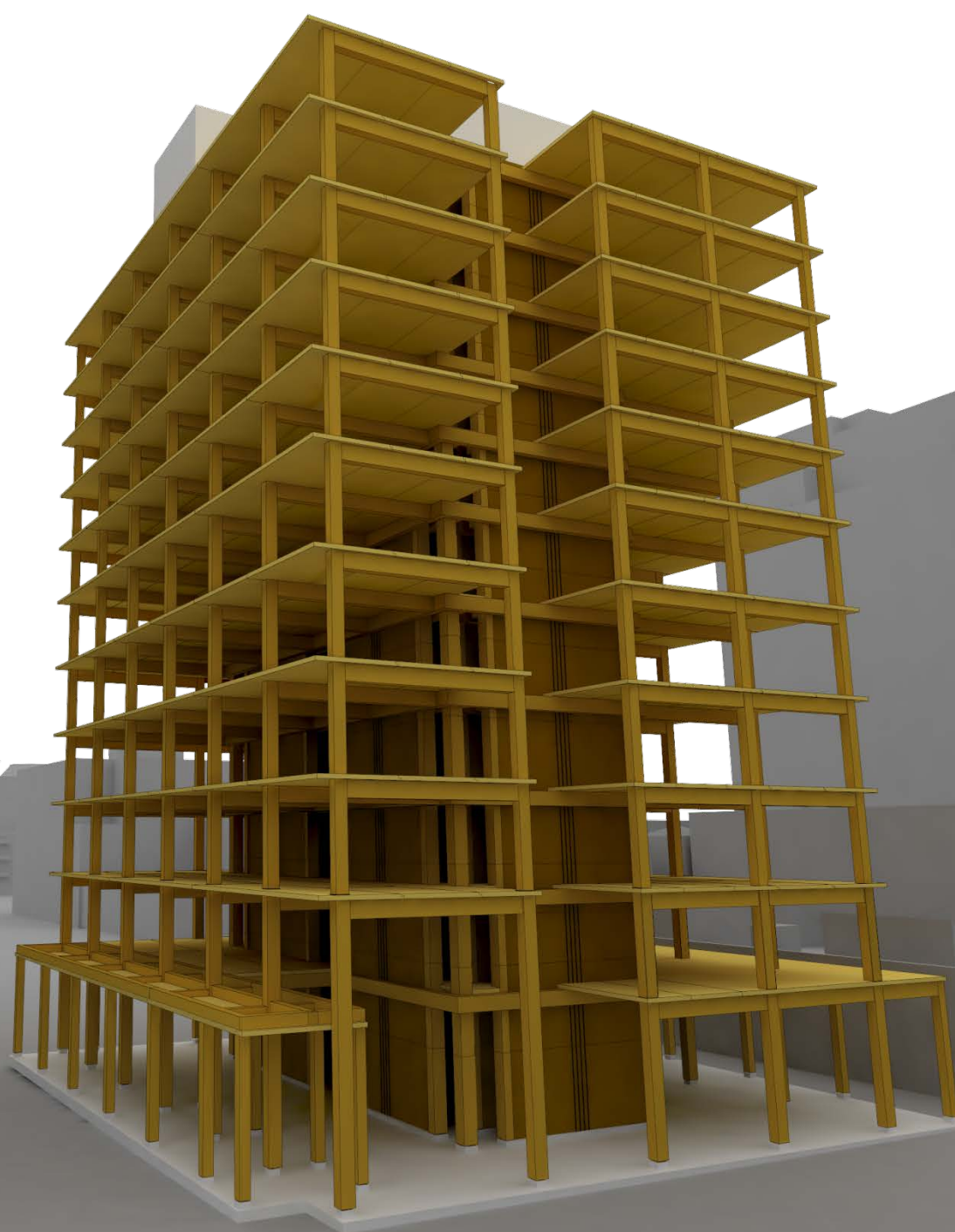
New Facility | Abbotsford, BC |



THE NEAR FUTURE

Framework

Portland, Oregon



Framework – Team

- **Project^** – Developer
- **LEVER Architecture** – Architect
- **KPFF** – Structural Engineer
- **Walsh Construction** – General Contractor
- **StructureCraft** – Design-Assist-Build delivery partner for the timber structure

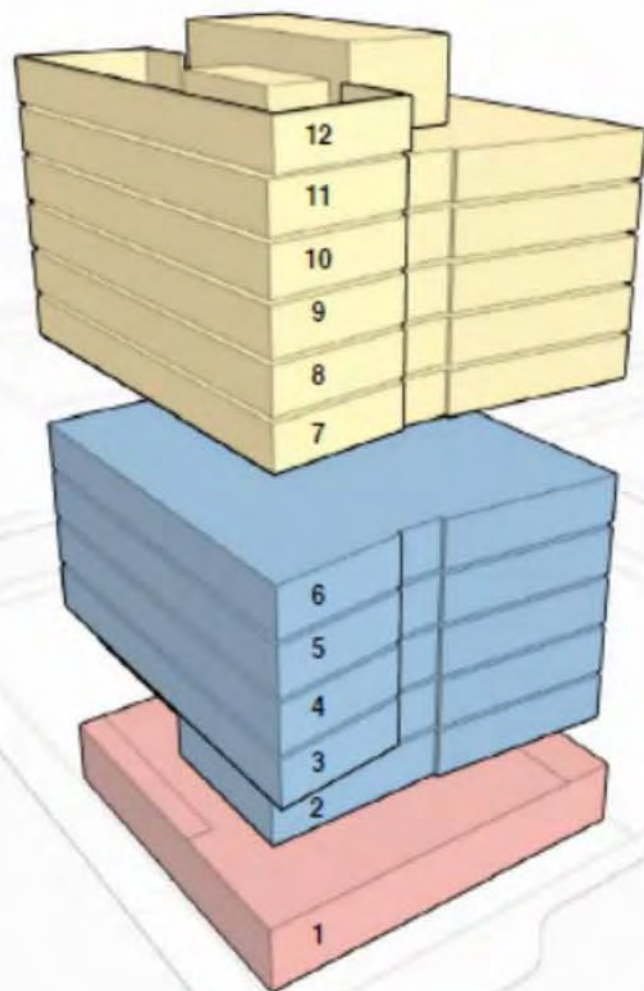


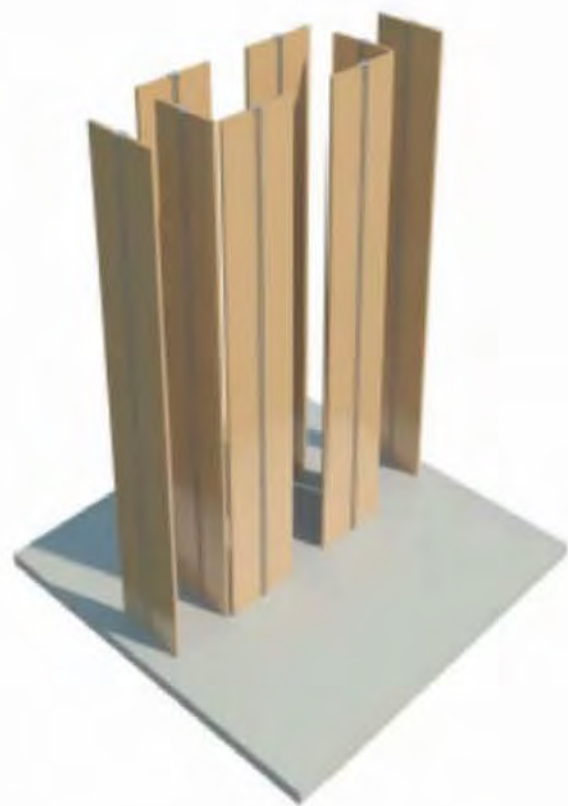
Image 26: Building Program

Level	Use
12	Roof Deck
7-11	Affordable Housing
4-6	Spec Offices
3	Beneficial Bank Offices
2	Albina Bank Offices
2	Community Room
1	Albina Bank Branch
1	Spec Retail Kiosk

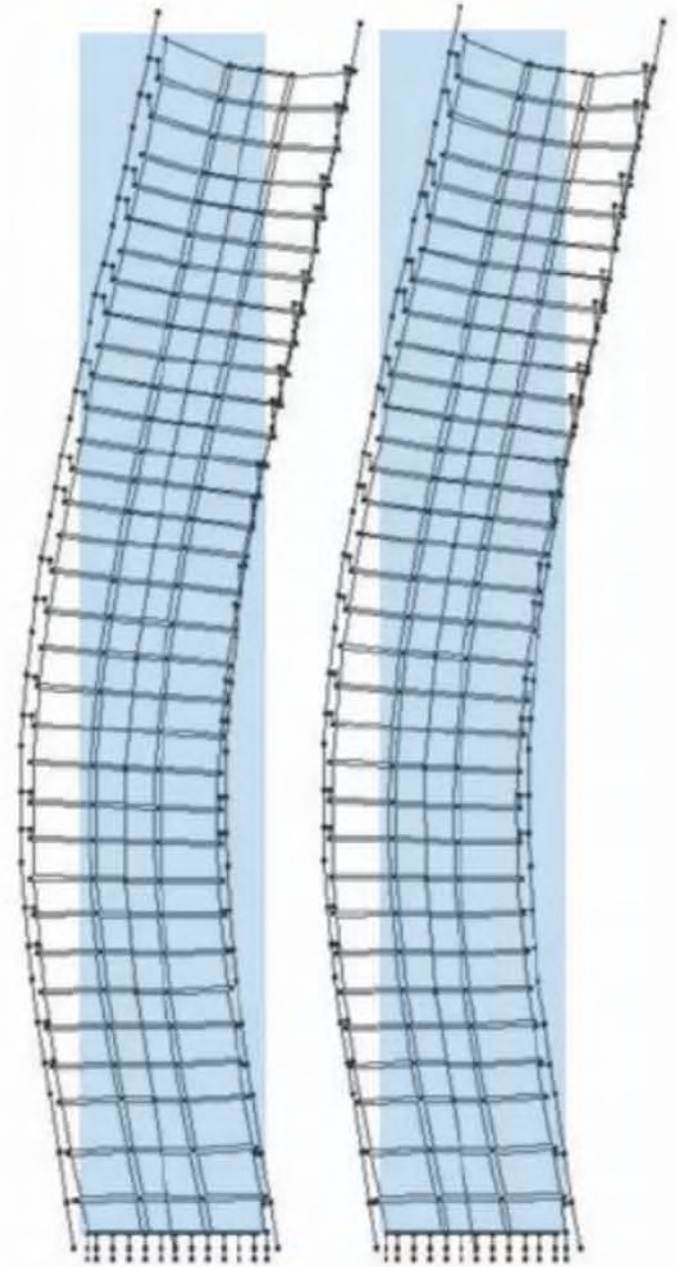


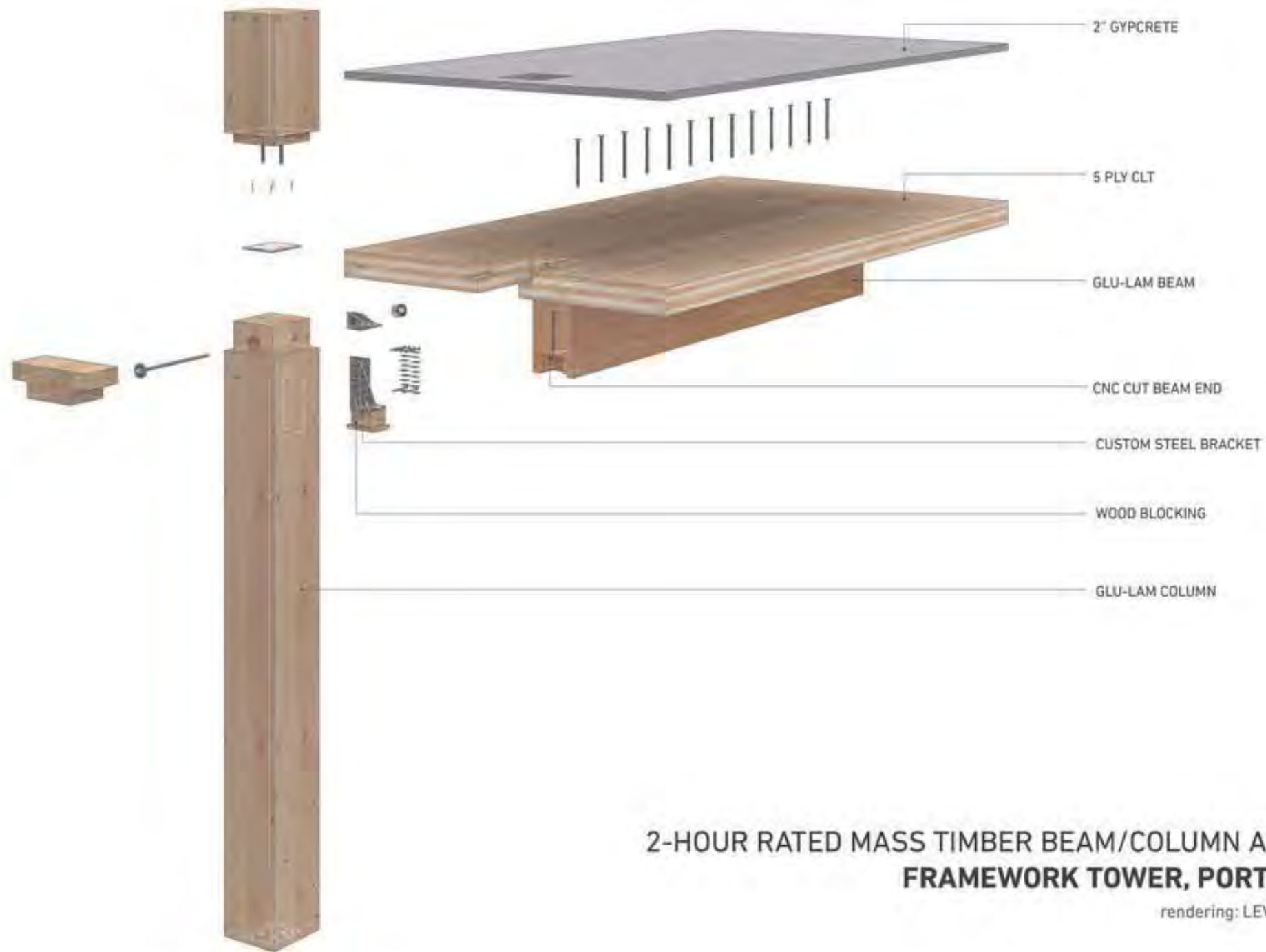
Framework Firsts

- **Tallest** all-mass-timber building in North America
- First high-rise with **exposed wood** in North America
- First **post-tensioned rocking CLT** core system in the world
- First project carrying out **fire tests** on exposed glulam connections, CLT and glulam beam-floor assembly in North America
- First mass timber structure which meets a **2hr fire rating** in NA



RESILIENT / LOW DAMAGE DESIGN:
POST TENSIONED CLT ROCKING WALL



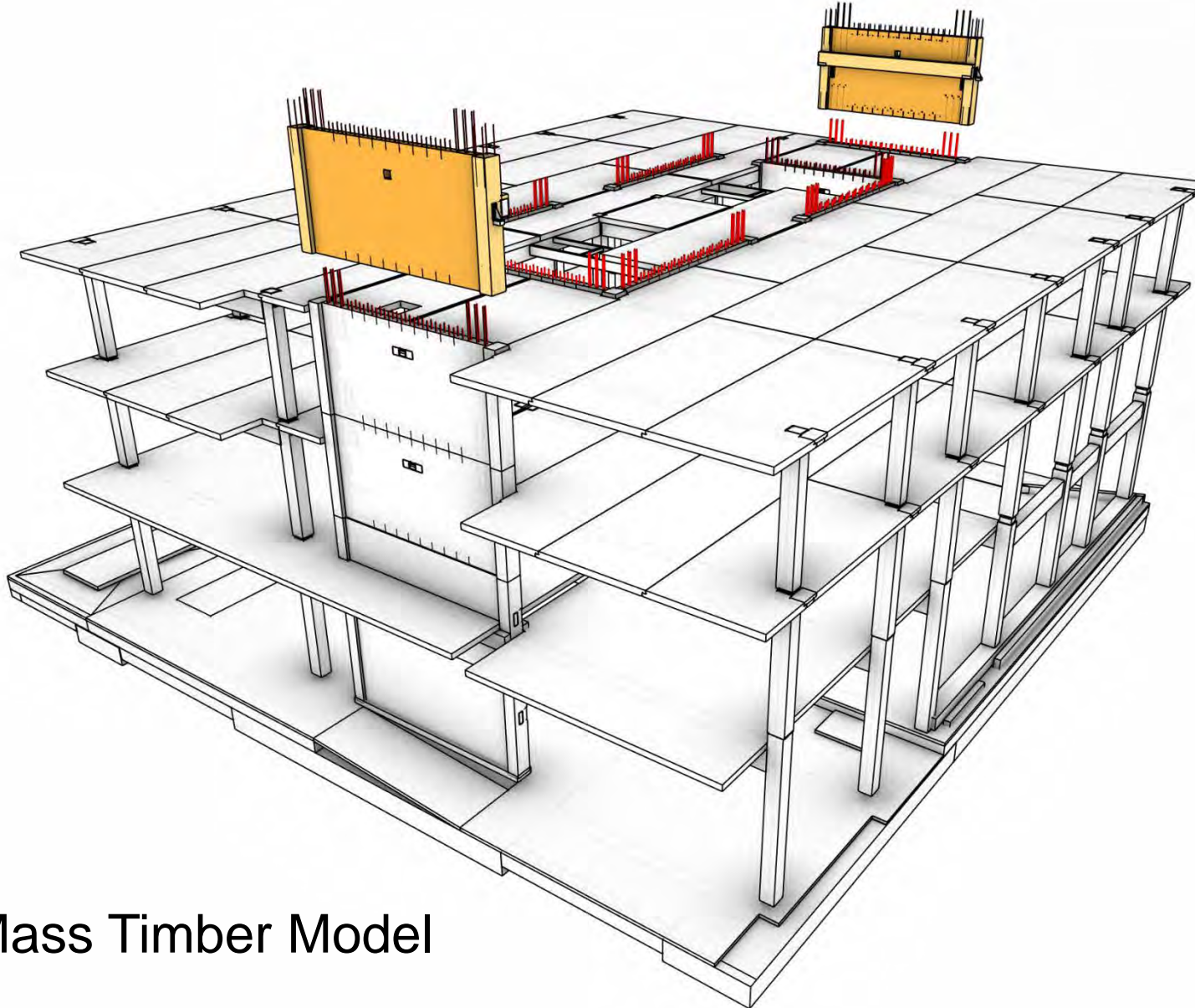


**2-HOUR RATED MASS TIMBER BEAM/COLUMN ASSEMBLY
FRAMEWORK TOWER, PORTLAND OR**

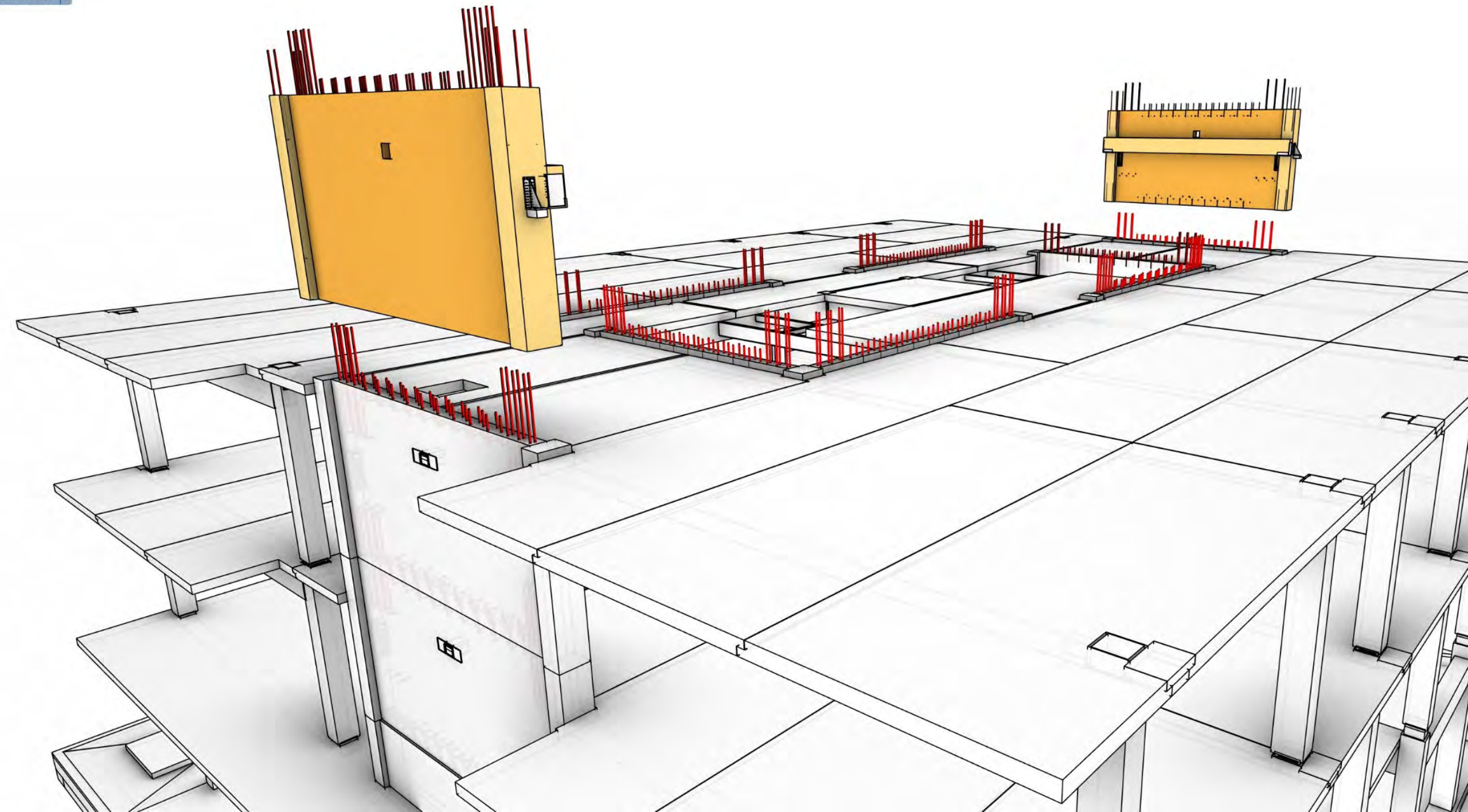
rendering: LEVER Architecture

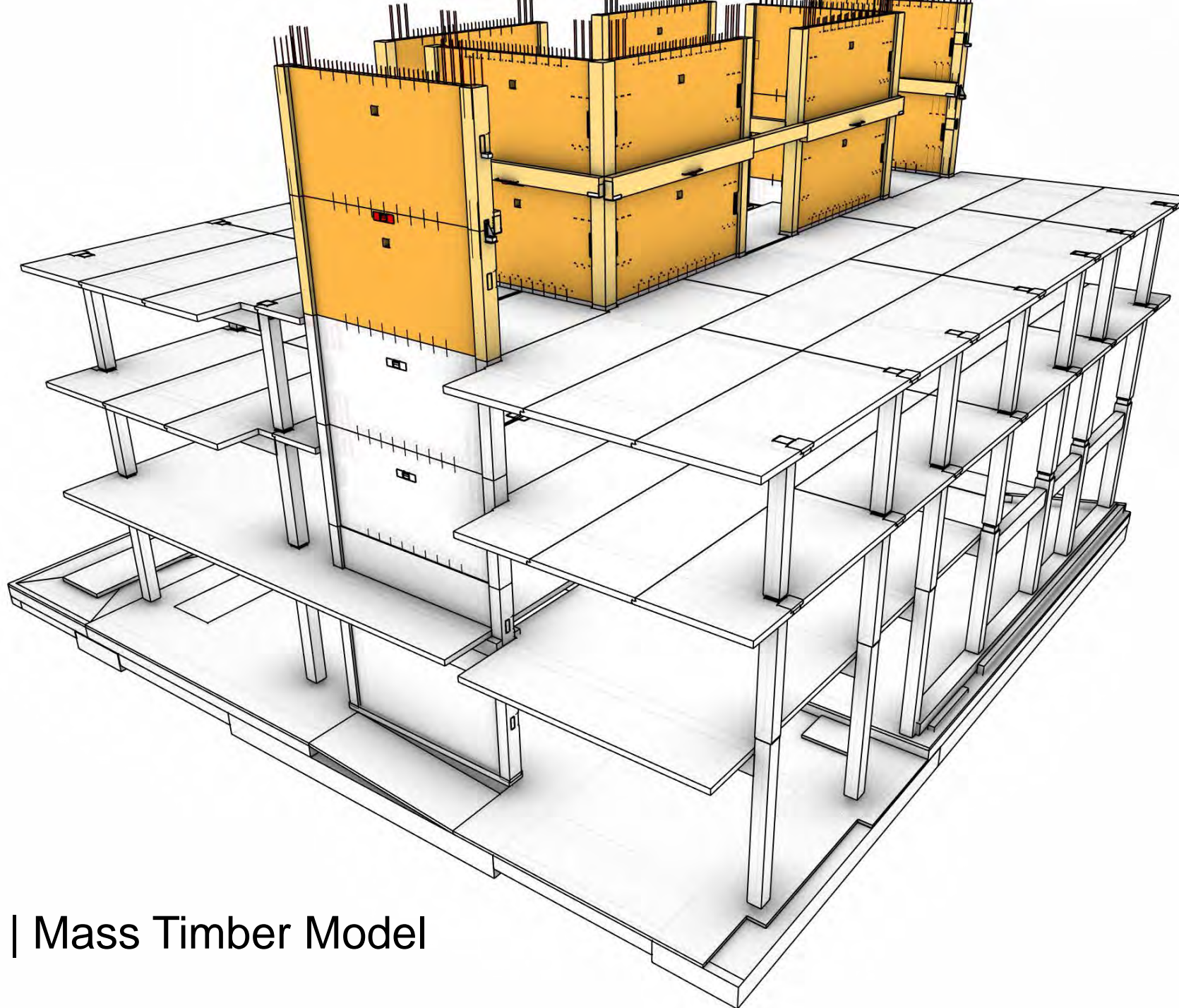
Erection Strategy – single-height core wall panels

Assembly_Floor5

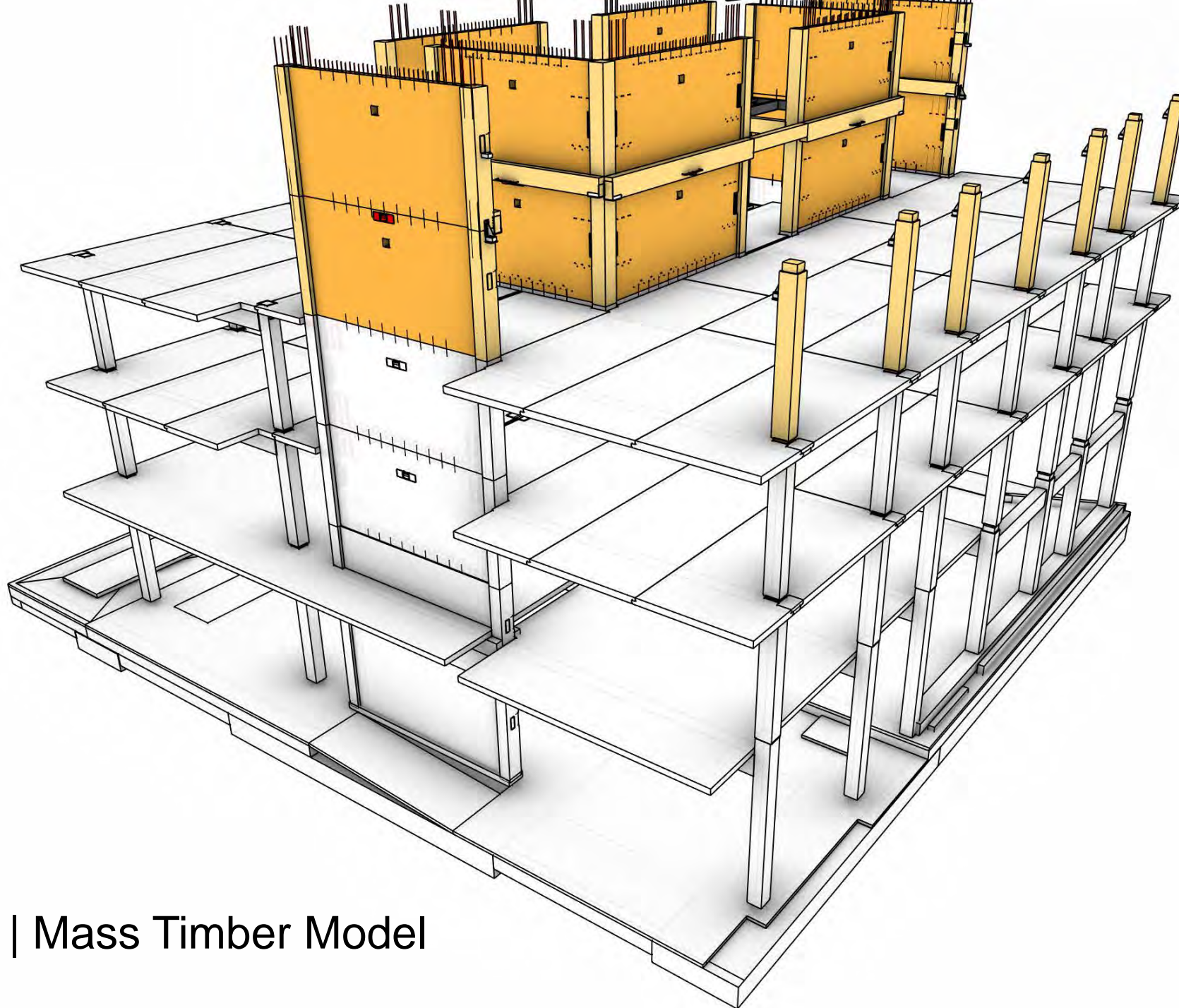


Framework | Mass Timber Model

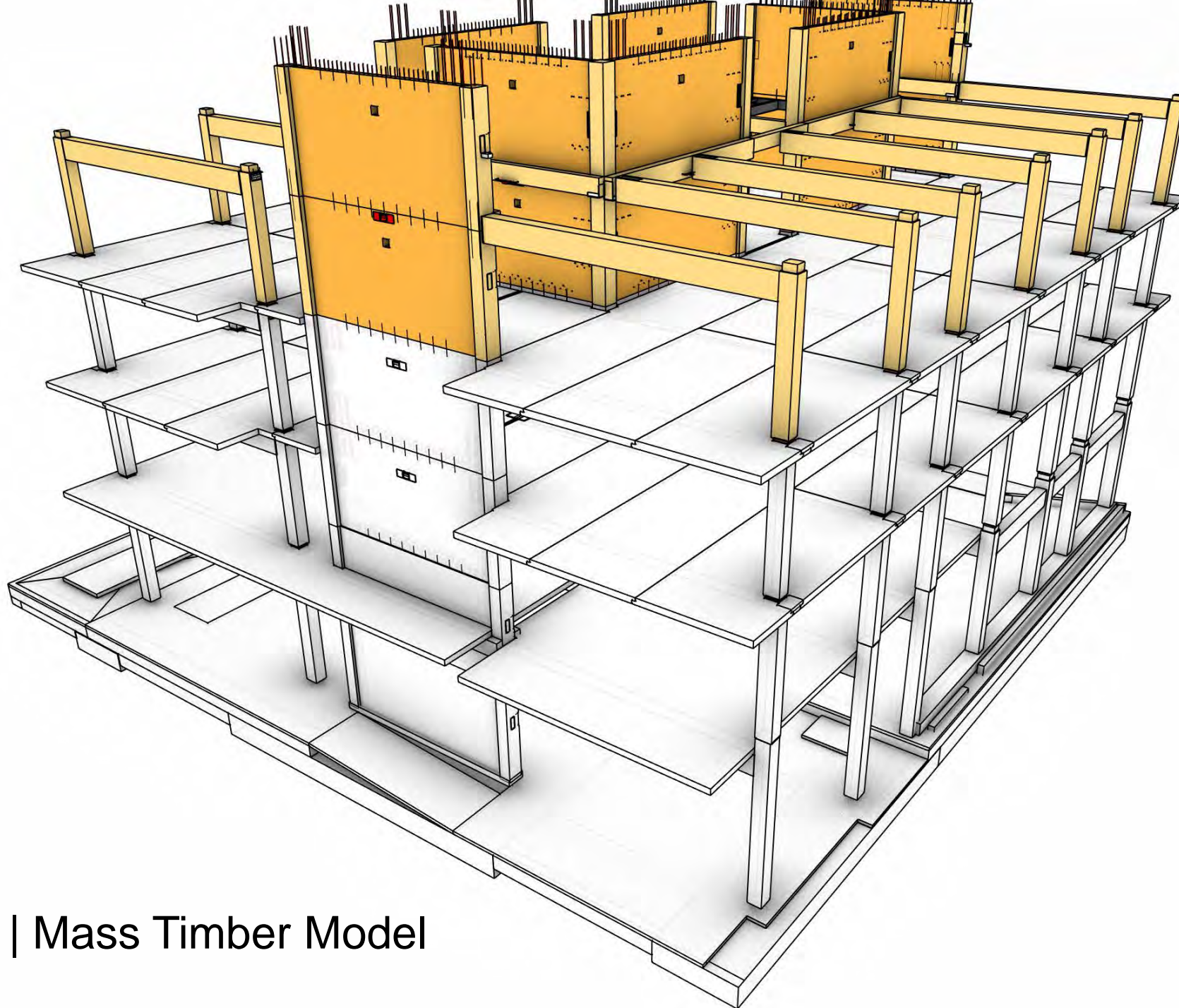




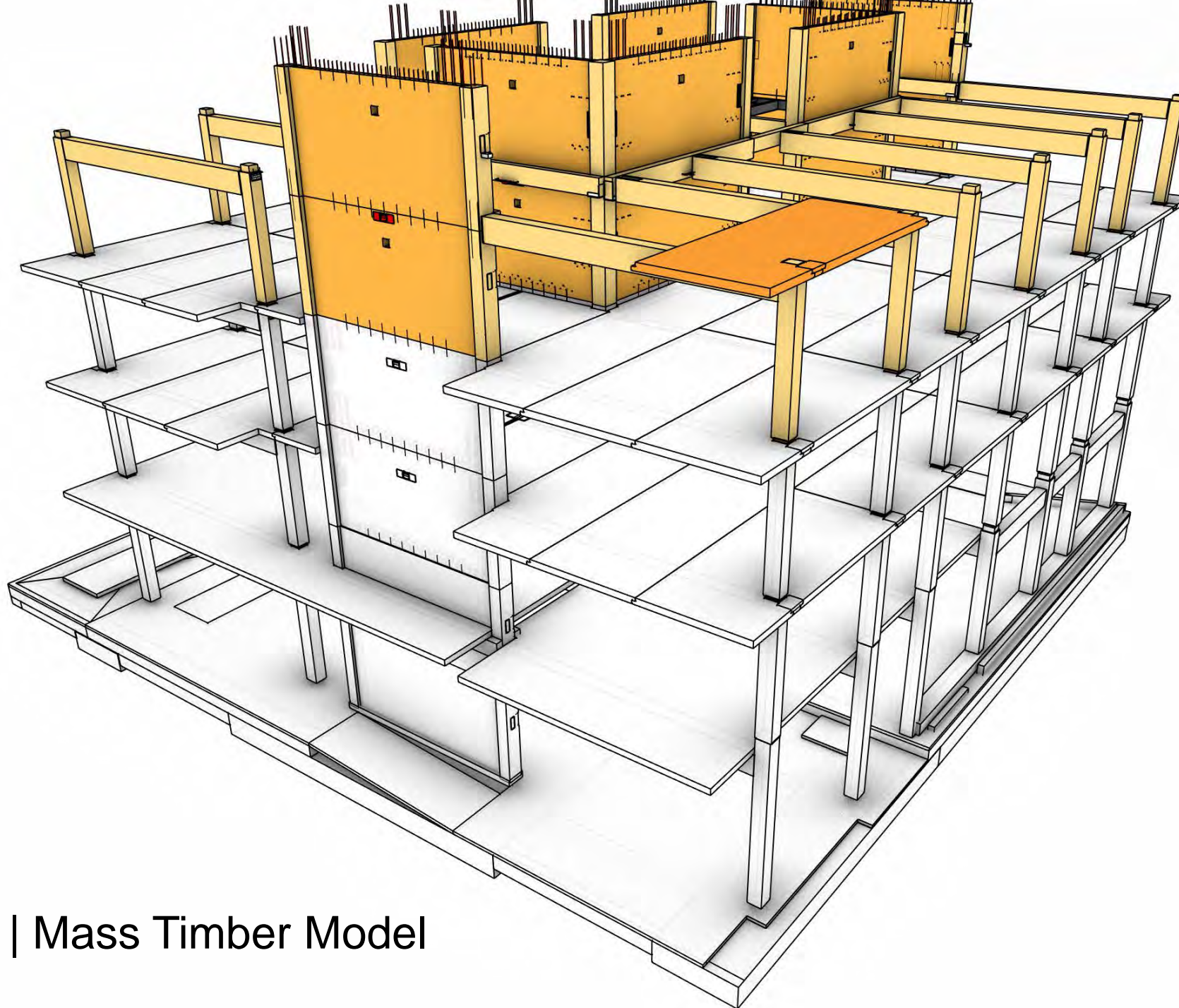
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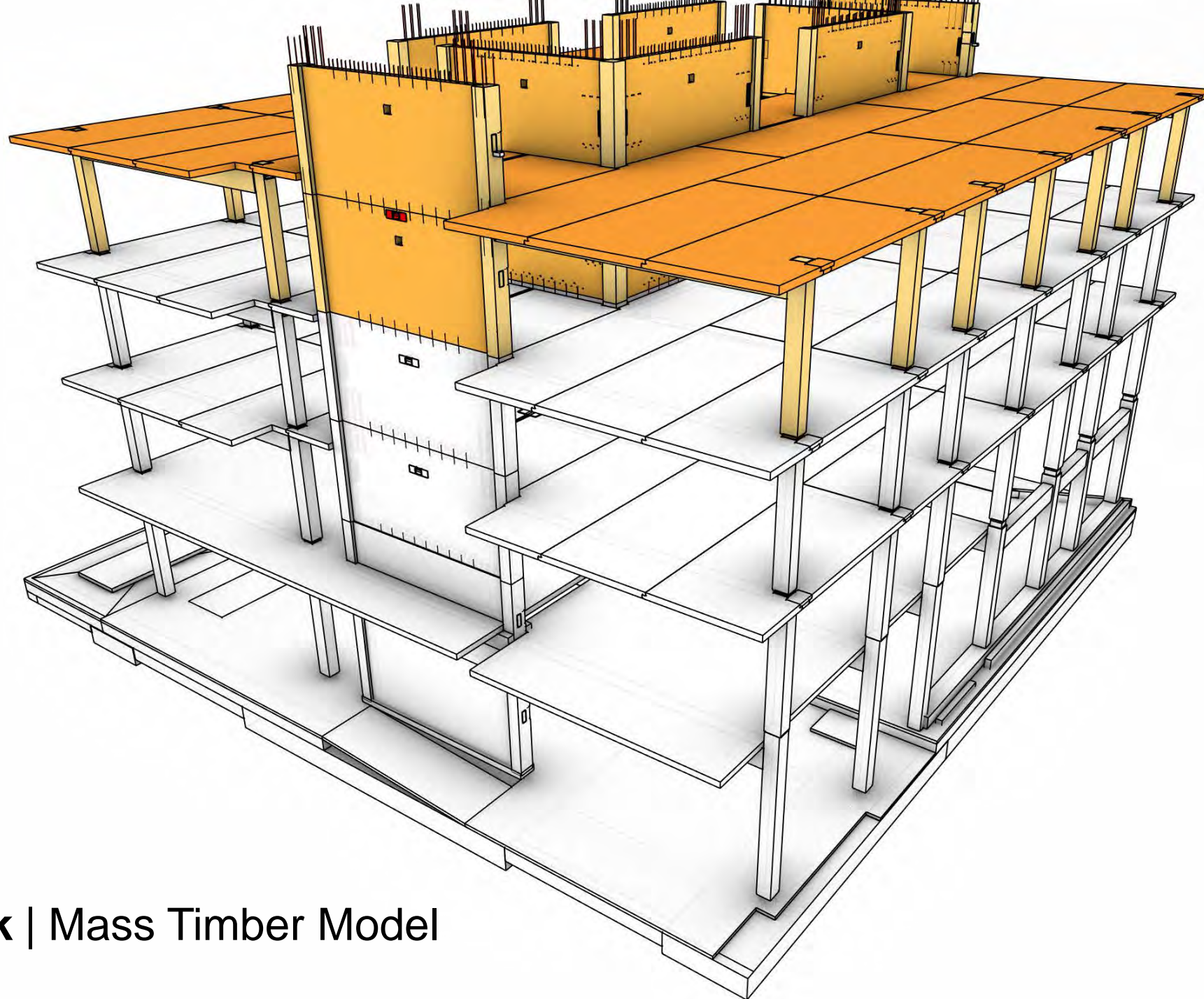
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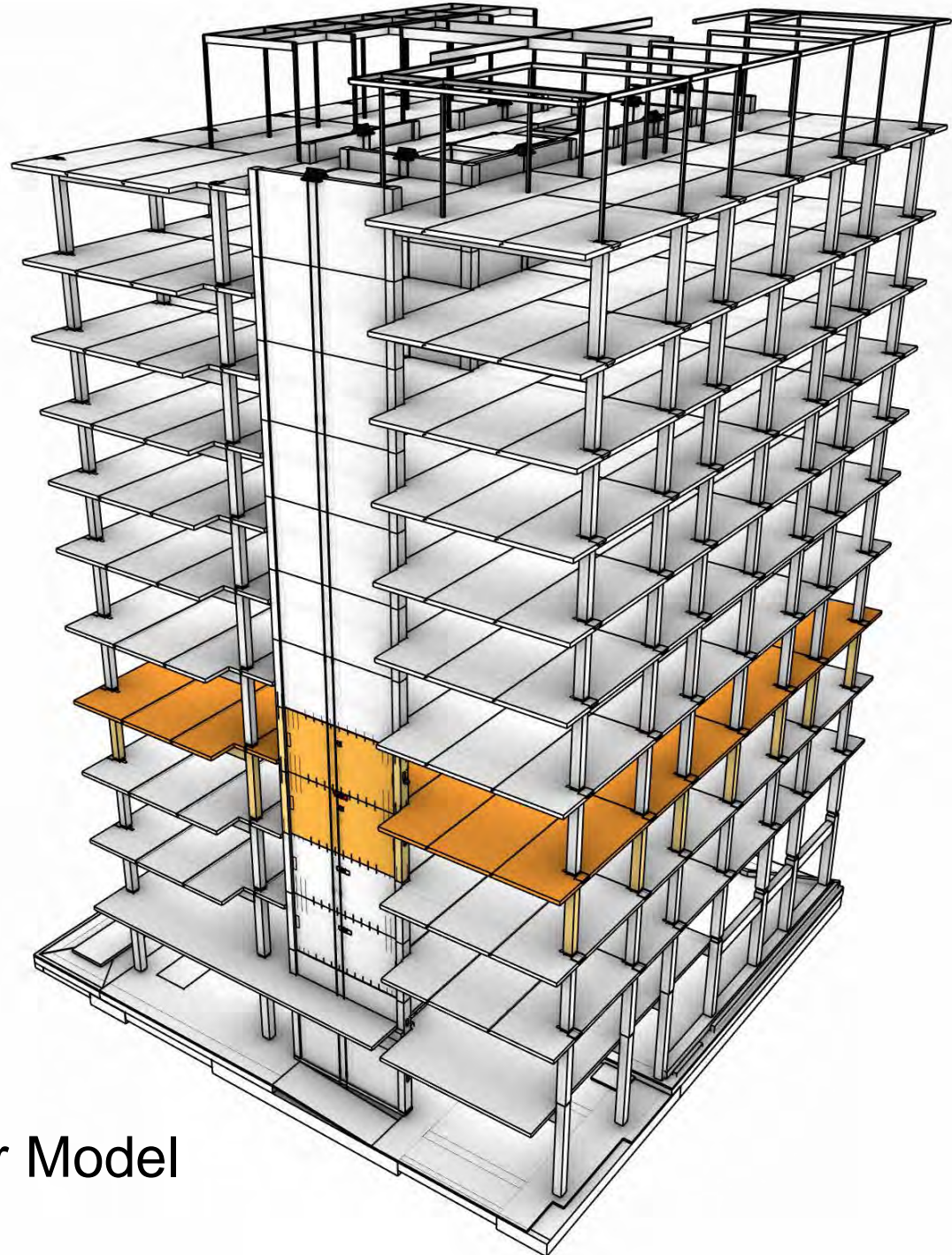
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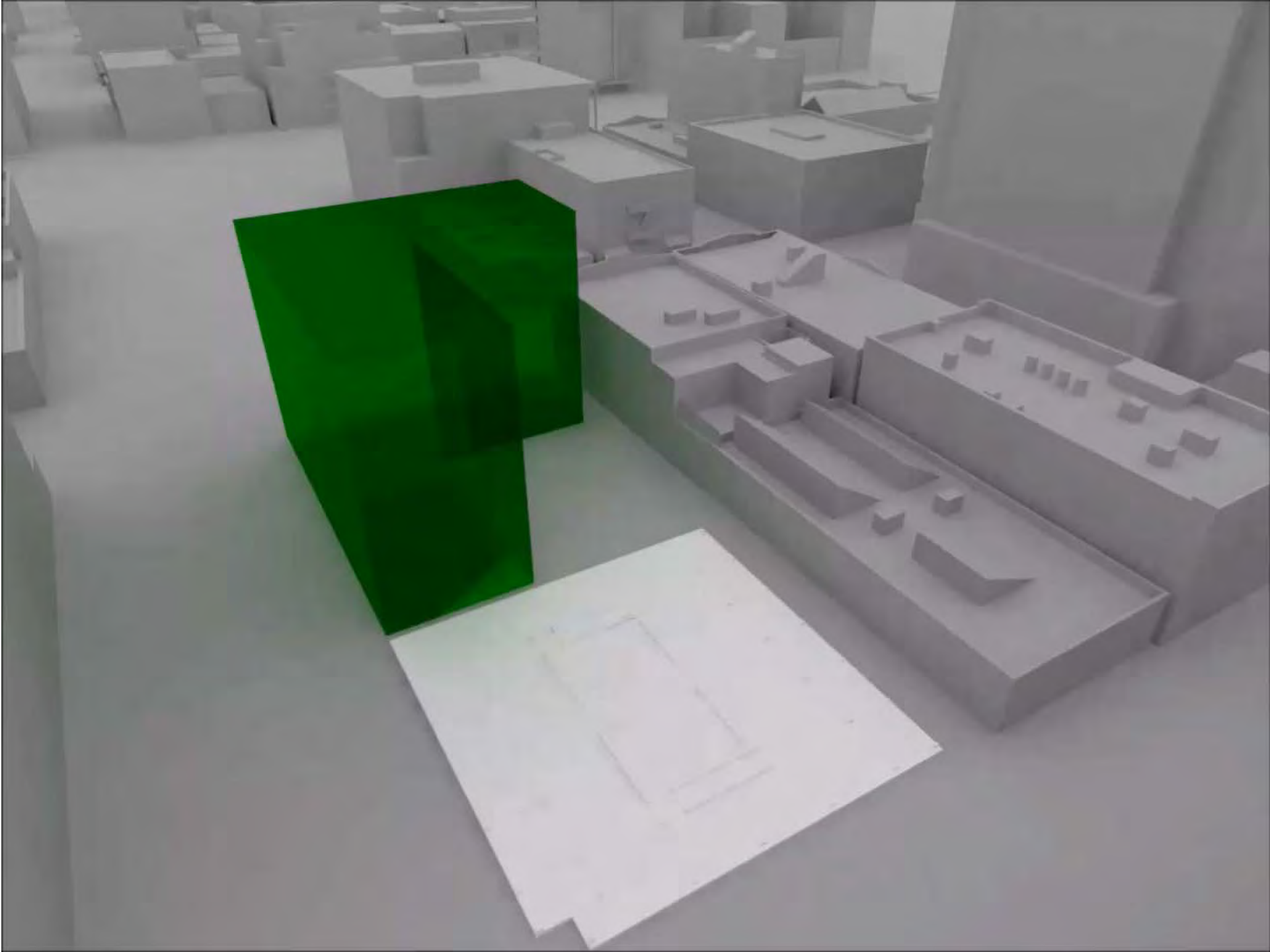
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