

## Μάθημα CLT και οι εφαρμογές του

### Multi-storeys Timber Building and Social Housing

### Contemporary Timber Buildings



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Nature has always produced structures subjected to light loads. Wood can be considered as the structural material for excellence in biology..

[...] in the advanced technologies, wood has proved to be an excellent material for construction under dynamic strain.

[...] the problem of wood is to be an excellent material too easily usable

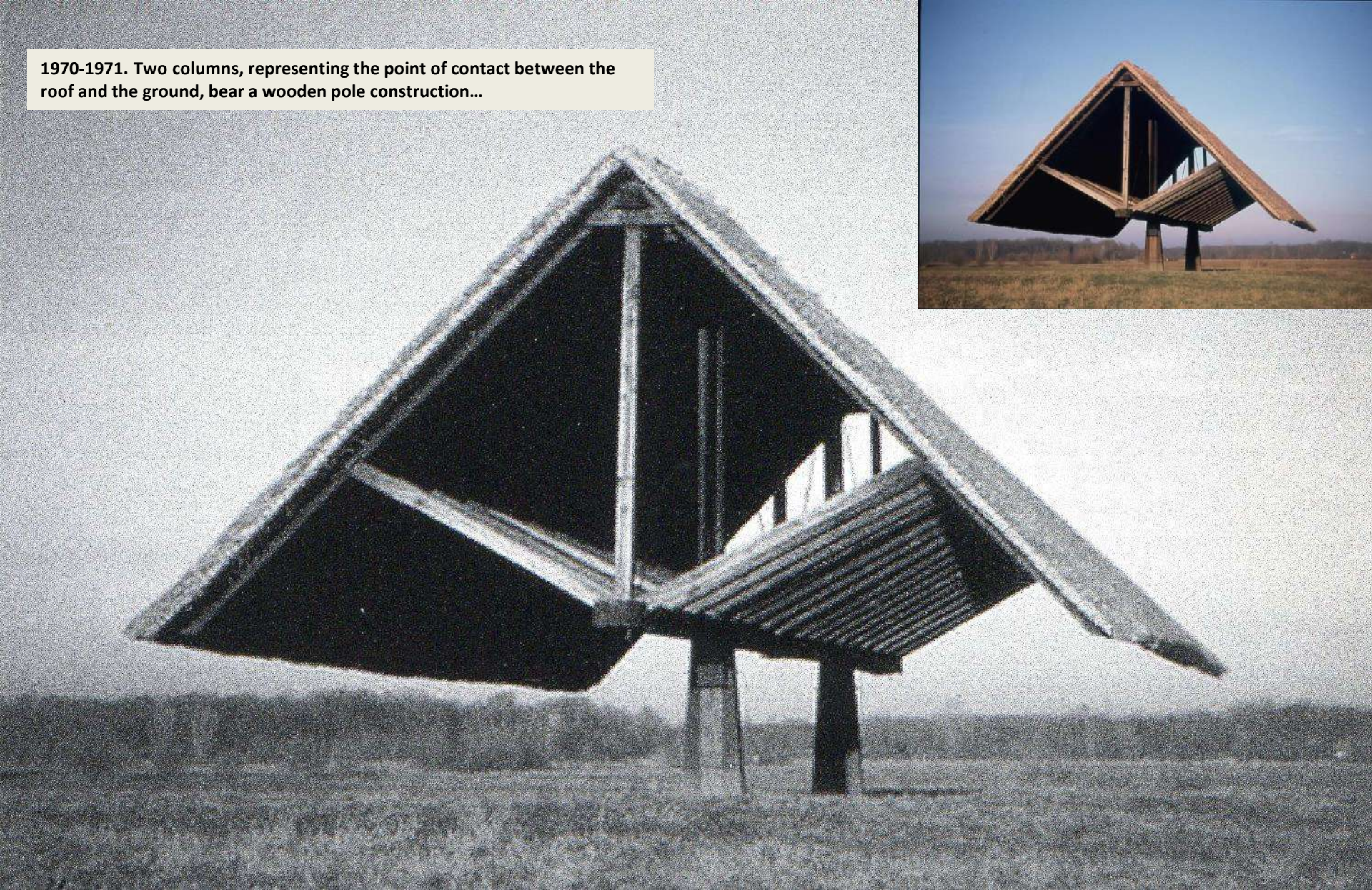
James E. Gordon, The Science of Structures and Materials, 1988 (Translation: A. Alessi)

In “One Week” film (United states, 1920), Buster and his new bride have seven days to build a house from an assemble-it-yourself prefab kit. But even the best-laid plans have to be read right side up.





1970-1971. Two columns, representing the point of contact between the roof and the ground, bear a wooden pole construction...



Oton Jugovec, roof for the protection of archeological excavations, Otok pri Dovravi, Slovenia



# Technologies



1. Timber should be felled between early Autumn and the time when Favonius begins to blow. For in Spring all trees become pregnant, and they are all employing their natural vigour in the production of leaves and of the fruits that return every year.

5. Trees vary and are unlike one another in their qualities. Thus it is with the oak, elm, poplar, cypress, fir, and the others which are most suitable to use in buildings.

Vitruvio, De Architettura, 20 a. C.



Blockhaus  
Log Cabin





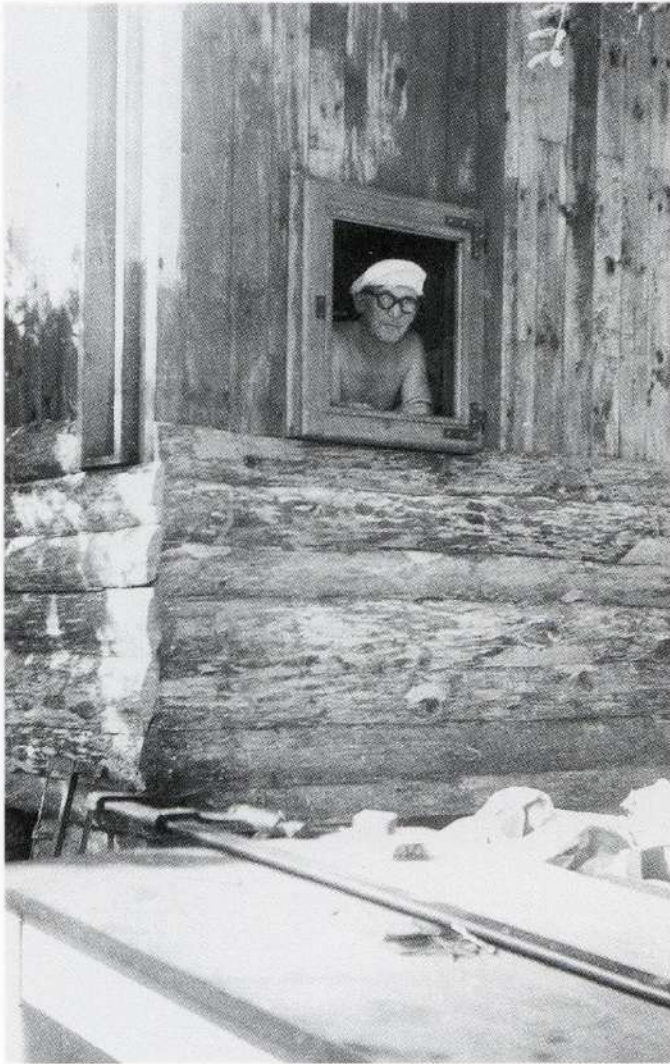


Log cabins at the Norwegian Museum of Cultural History in Bygdøy, Norway

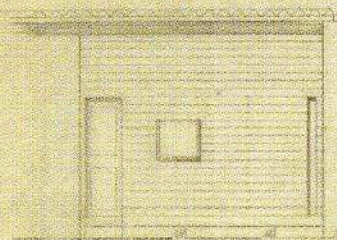
Le Corbusier, Petit Cabanon, Cap Martin, France, 1954



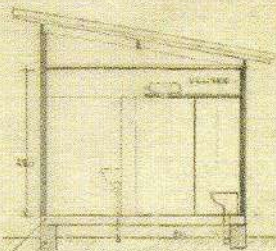
The Cabanon represents the culmination of research into the notion of the minimal cell that is at the heart of the concerns of modern architects of the 20th century and reconnects with the myth of the primitive hut.



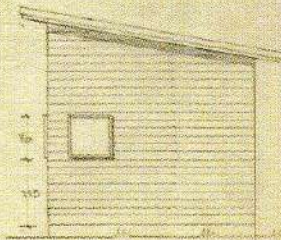




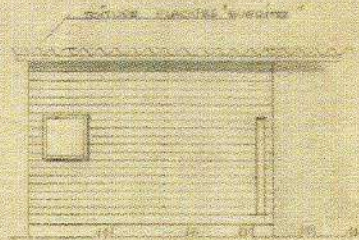
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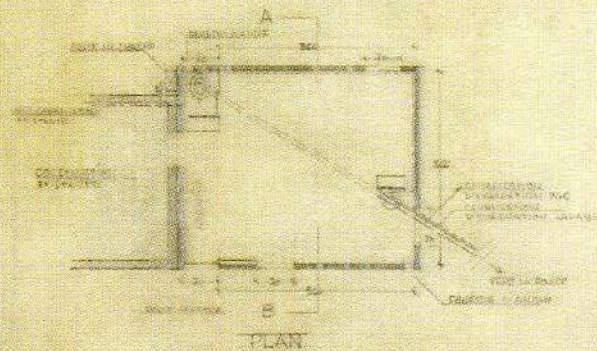
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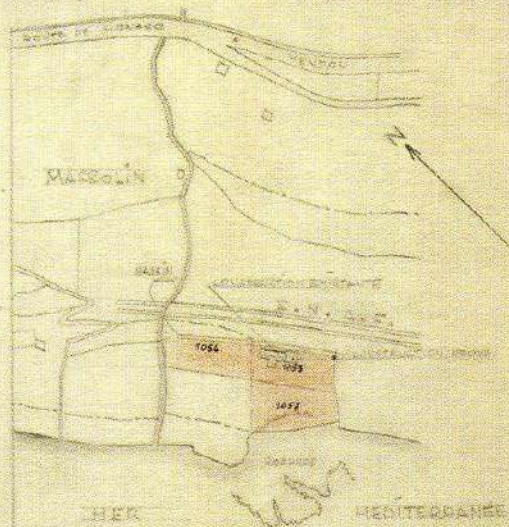
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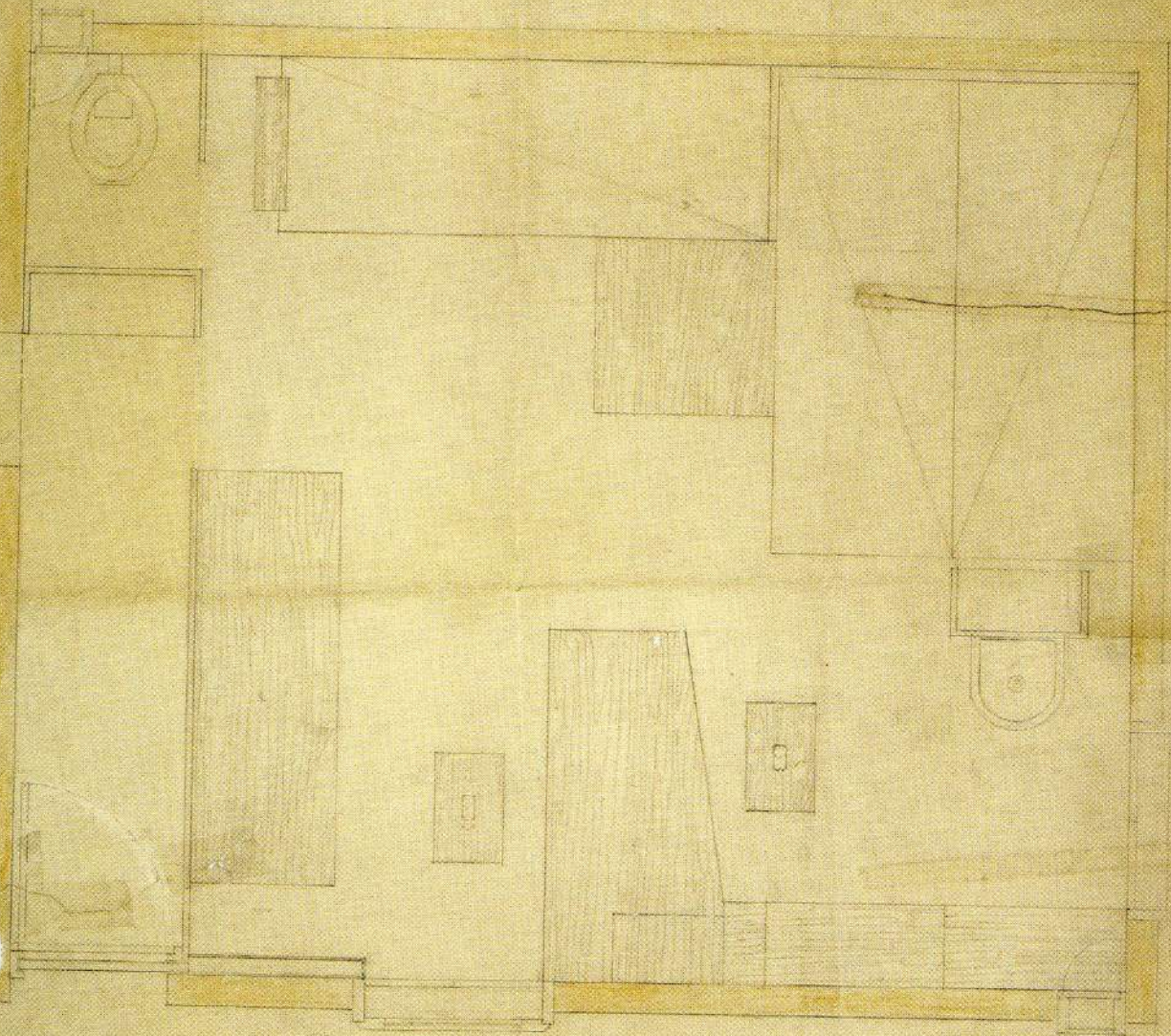
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AU PLAN CADASTRAL DES 1/1000

PROJET DE  
LE:





*un grand traité pour la plan*

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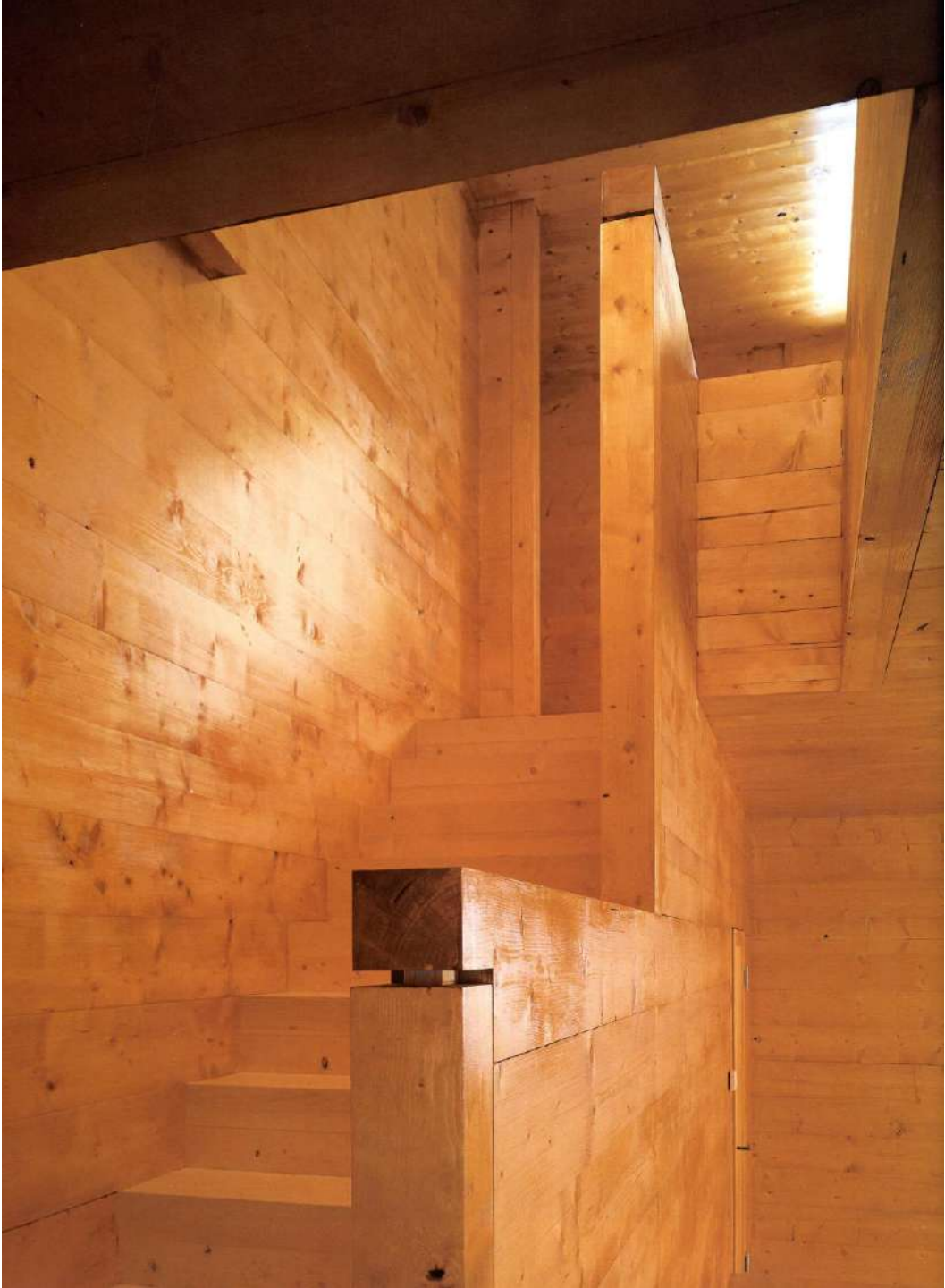
FONDACTION LE CORBUSIER

Gion Caminada, Projects for a village, Vrin, since 1990









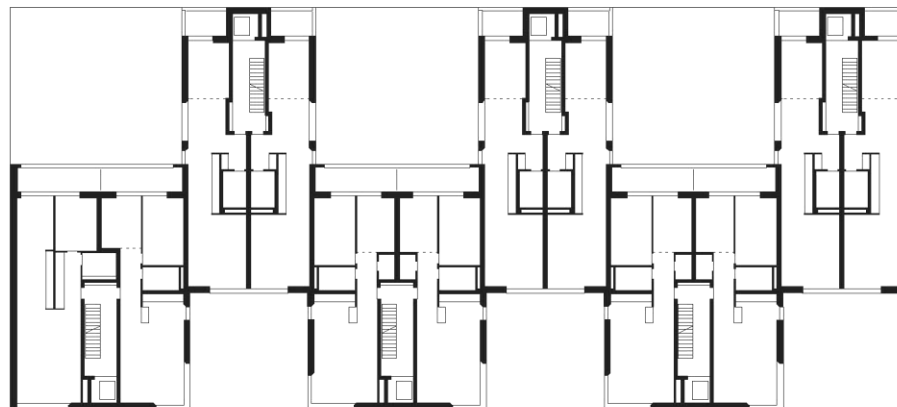
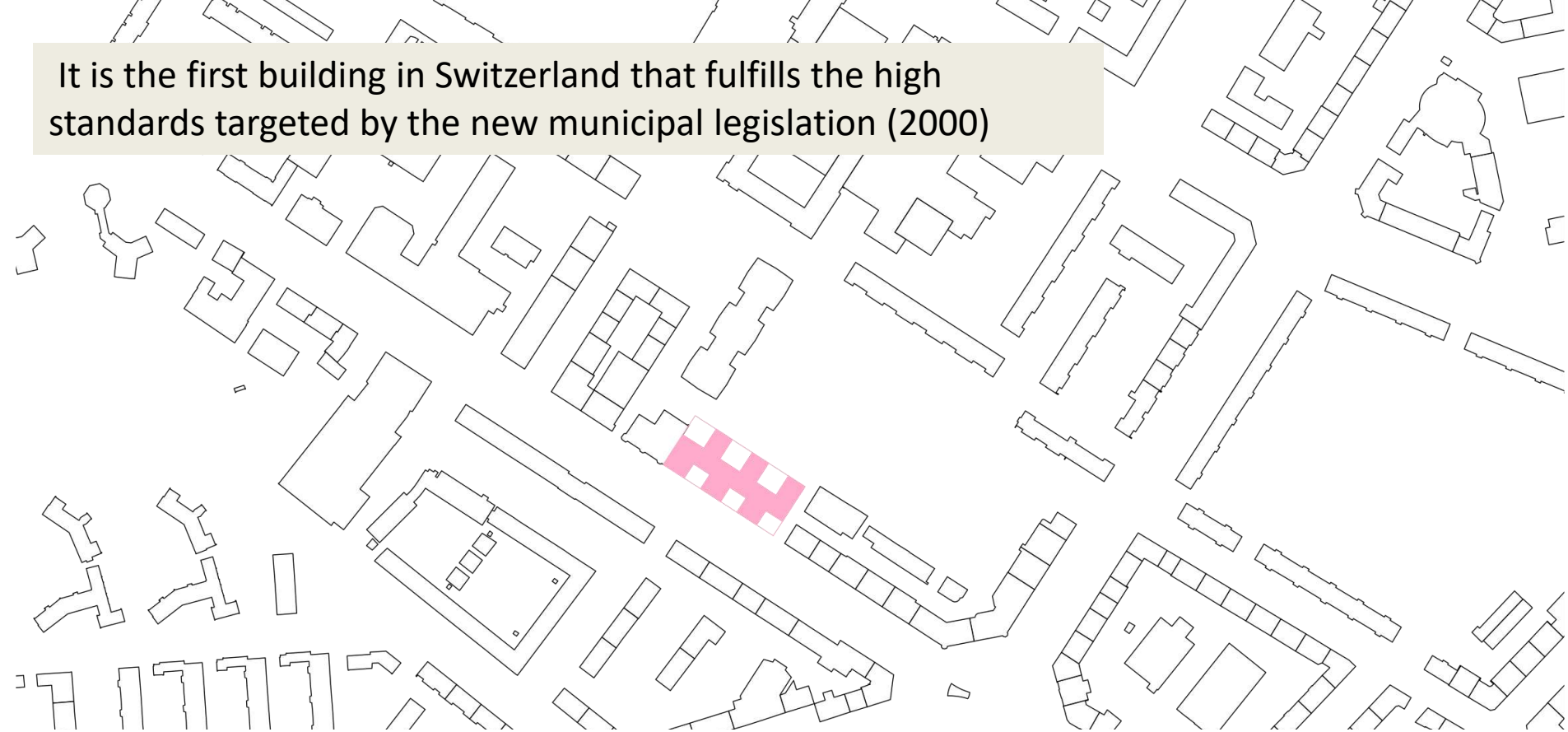


Pool Architekten, Housing Badenerstrasse 380, Zurich, 2009





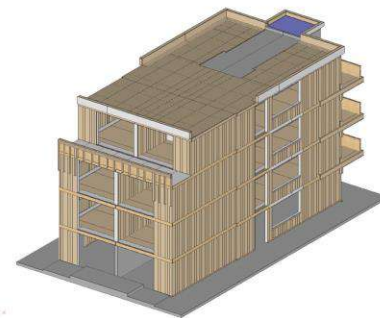
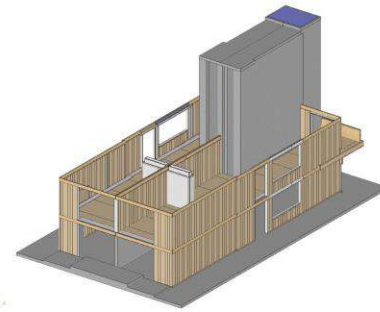
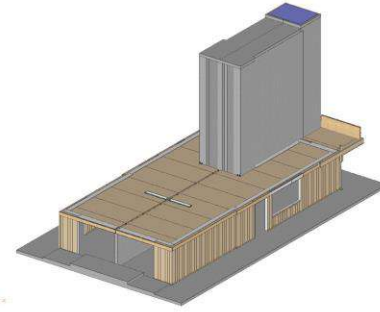
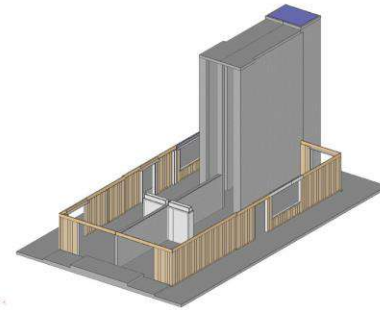
It is the first building in Switzerland that fulfills the high standards targeted by the new municipal legislation (2000)







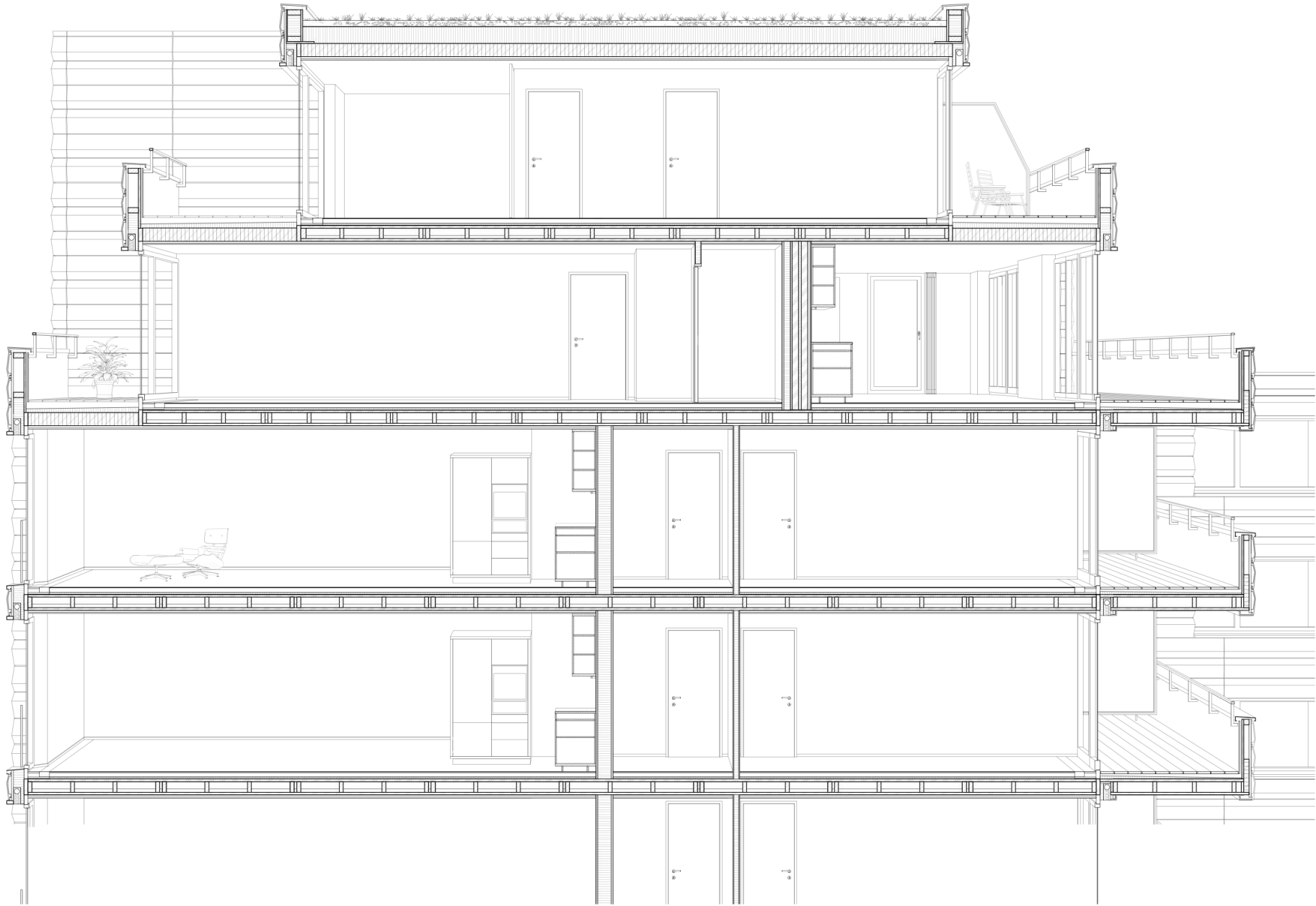
The ground floor level is executed as a retaining basin in site-mixed concrete in order to offer the supermarket a maximally column-free sales area. Constructed on top of this in a prefabricated timber element construction is the six-story residential section



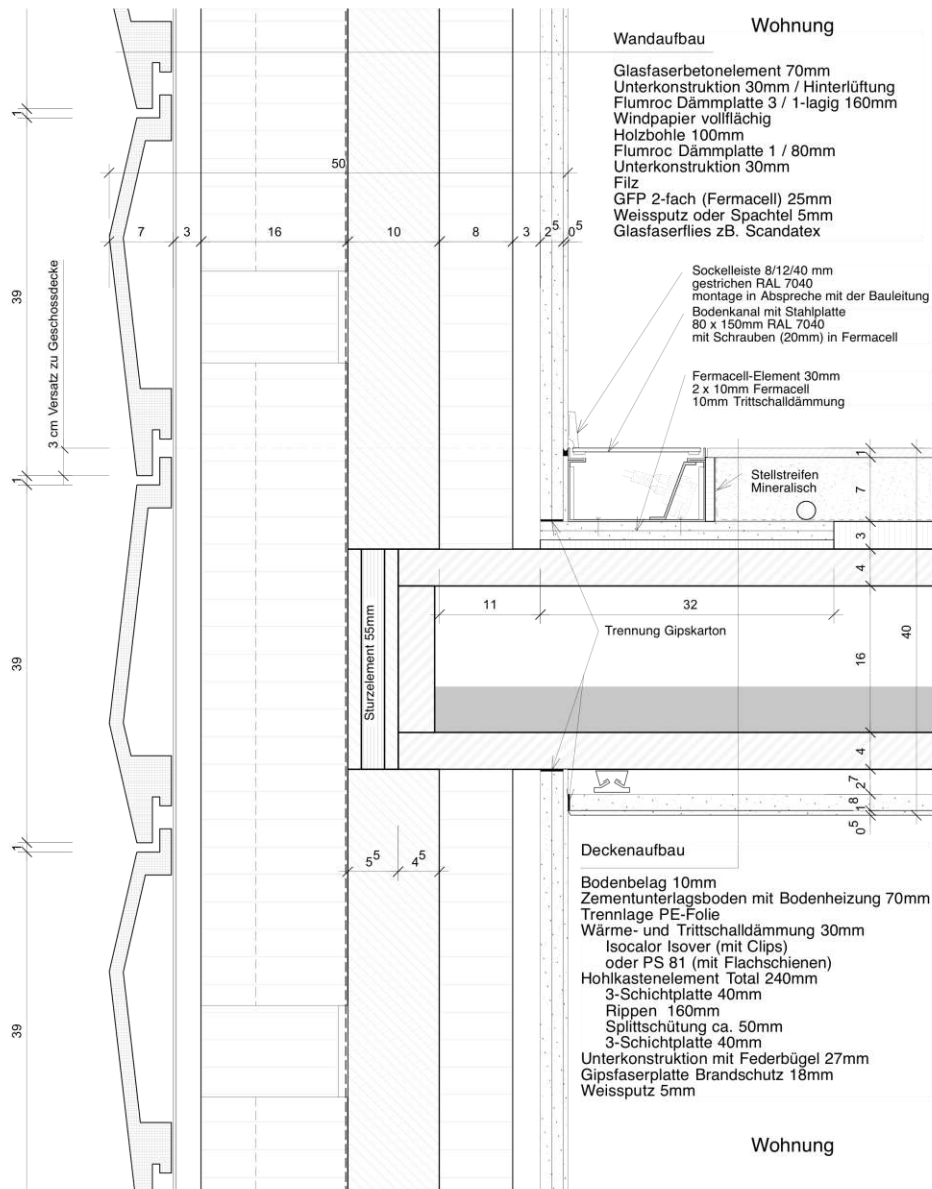


Since the large solid wood transverse sections can be dismantled and be used as raw material for other high-quality products, it is not only a contribution to sustainable building methods, but also a response to the question of a long-term reusability of buildings.





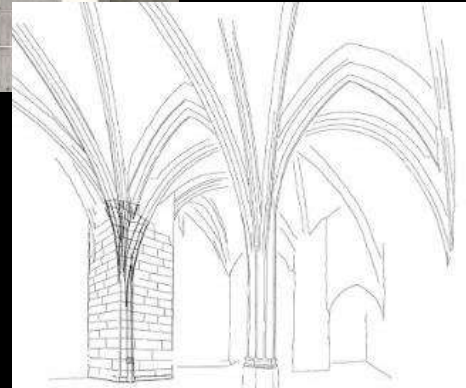
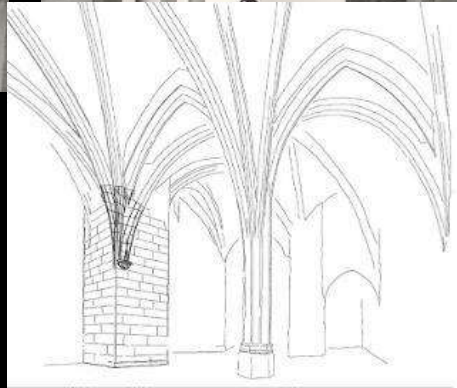




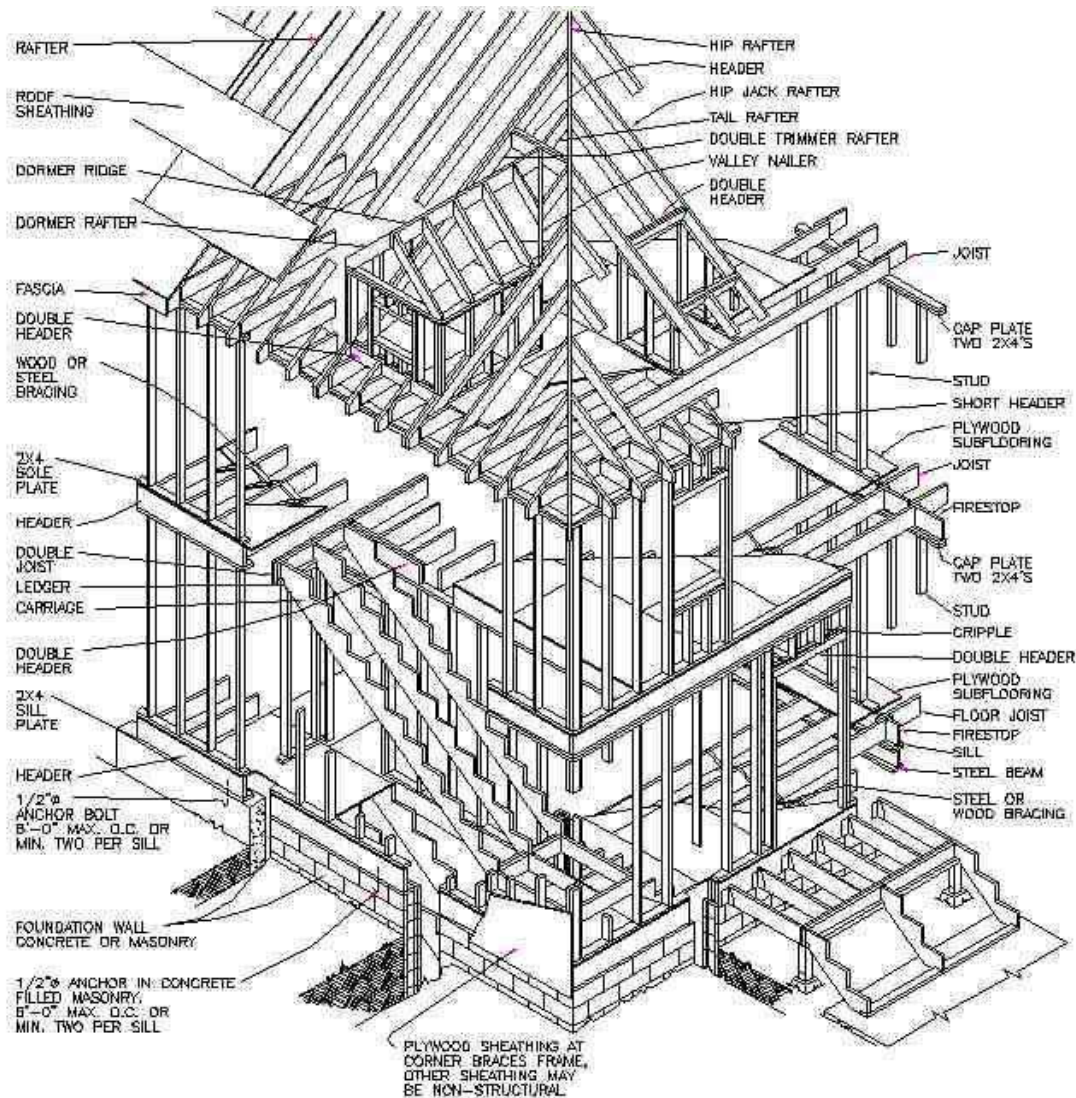
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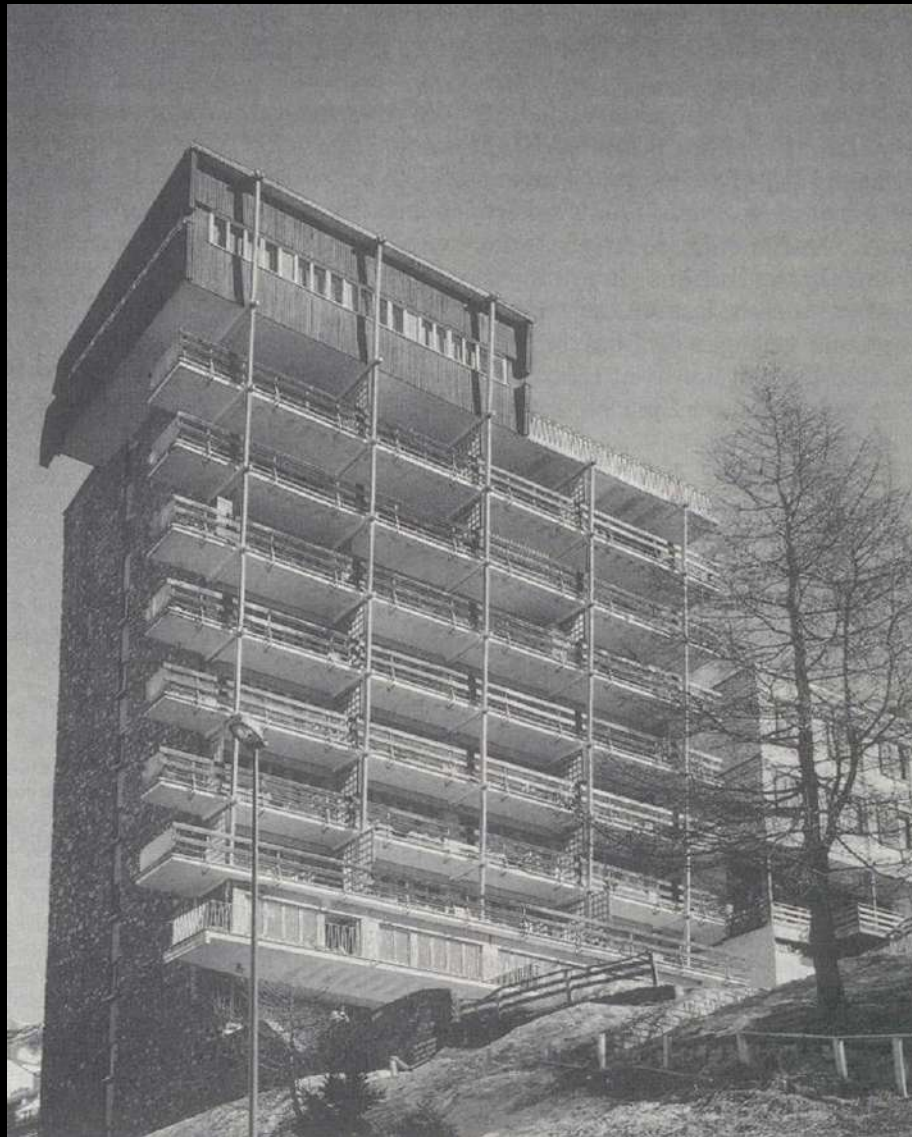


Fraumünster, Zurich, ca. 1400



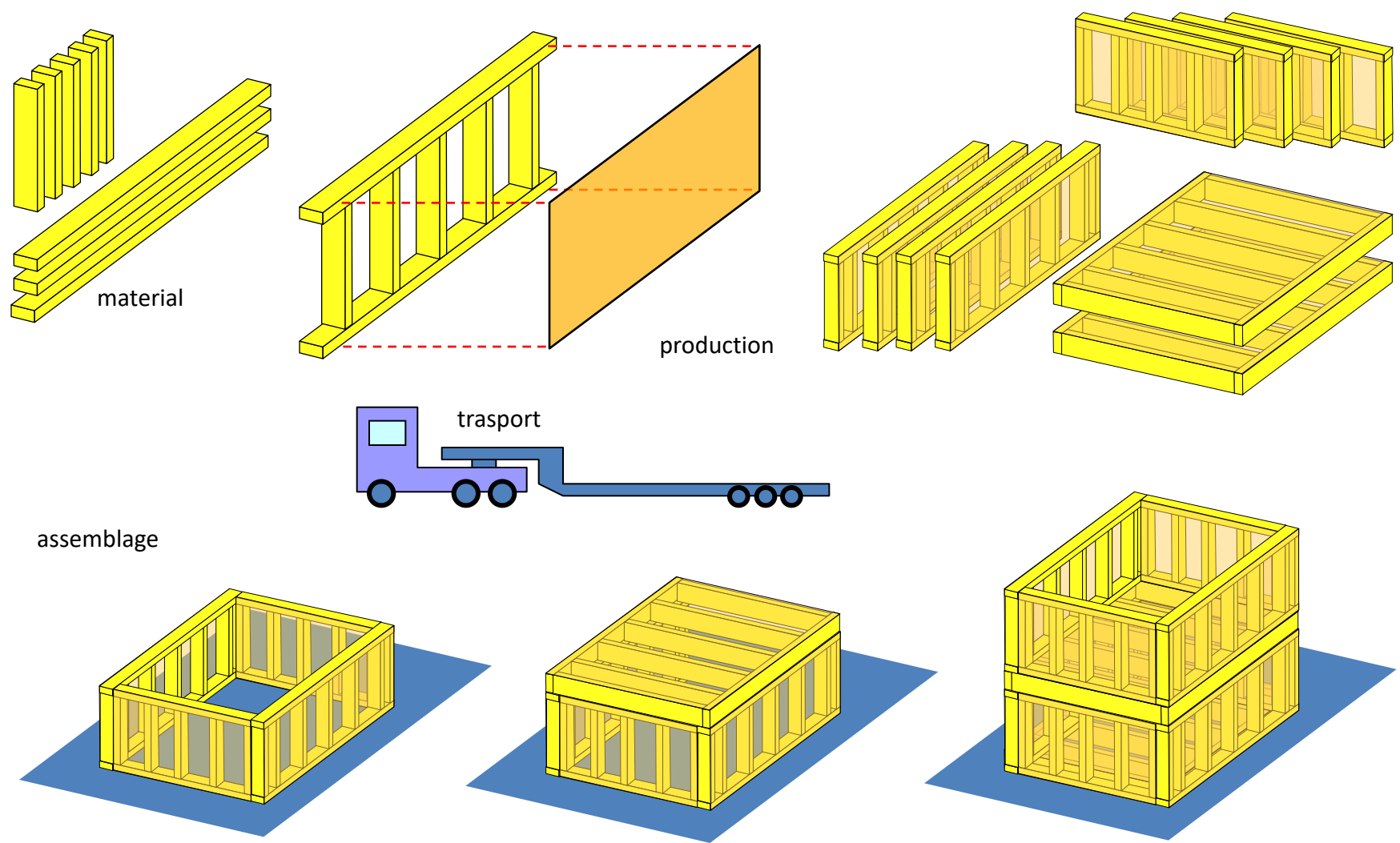








# Production and assemblage of Wooden Buidings





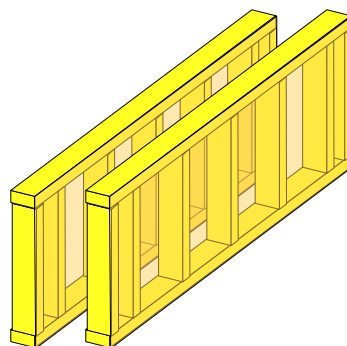
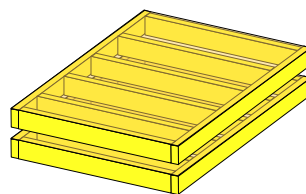
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Special dimensions

- transport
- assemblage

Frame and uprights elements

- GLT

Panels

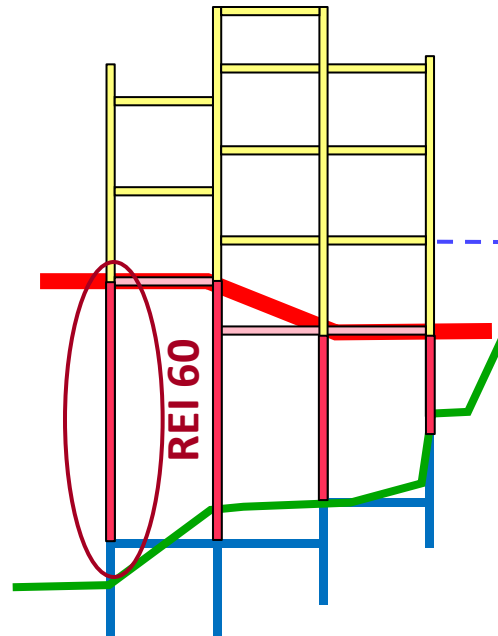
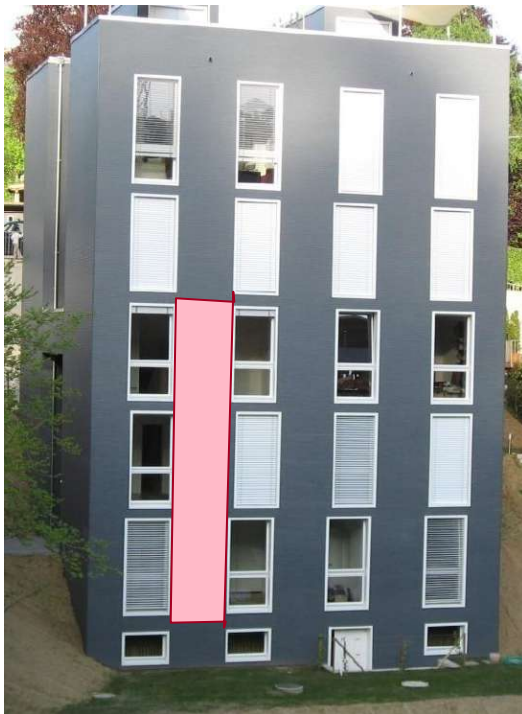
- OSB

# An example of multi-storey building

## Solution for Fire-Protection

- Requirements REI 60 at the middle of the building
- Fire in the lower apartments: structural stability guaranteed for 60' min.

Term in building codes	Corresponds to fire resistance class...
Fire retardant	R30
High fire retardant	R60
Fire resistant	R90
Highly fire resistant	R120
Very highly fire resistant	R180

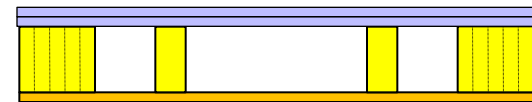


Parete "a freddo":  $h = \text{ca. } 3.0 \text{ m}$



Parete REI 60:  $h = \text{ca. } 9 \text{ m}$

- rivestimento gesso-fibra
- carichi accidentali

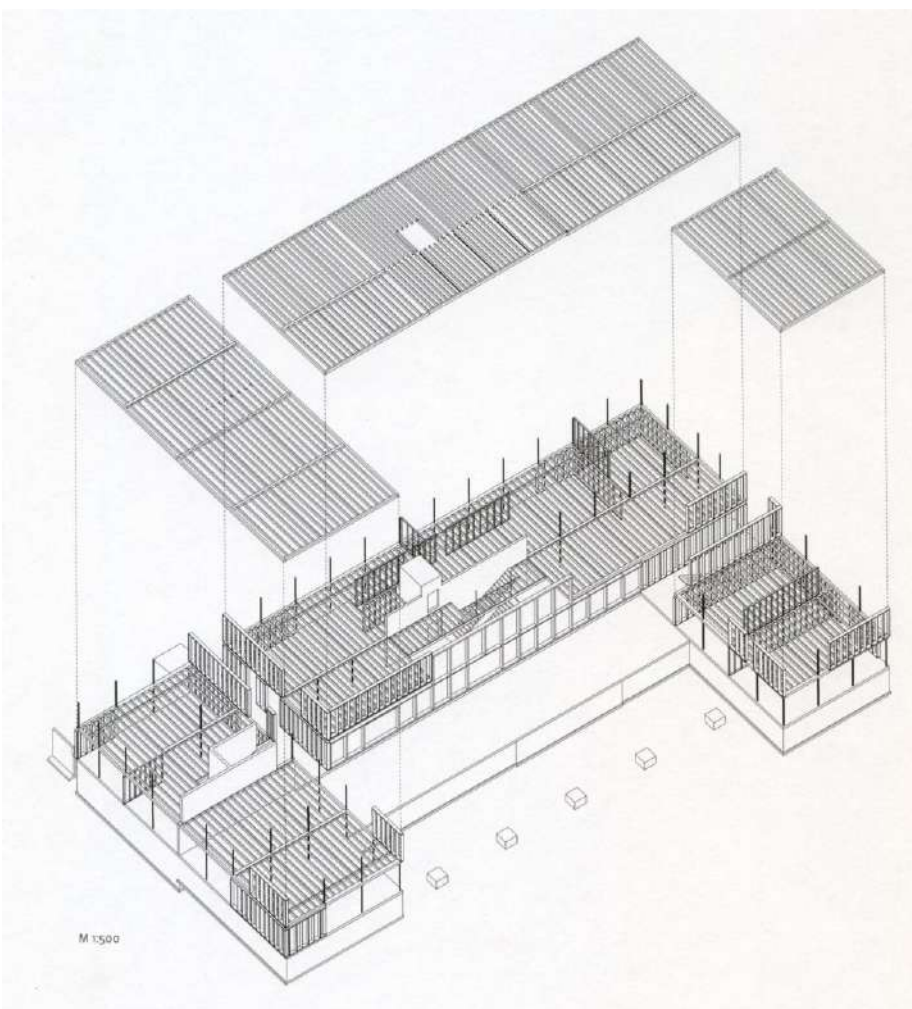




Hermann Kaufmann, Gemeindehaus, Ludesch, Austria, 2005













Blauraum, Vertical Extension Treehouses Babelallee, Hamburg, 2010

# concept

## Energiebedarf

Bewertung des Gebäudes anhand des jährlichen Primärenergiebedarfs.

Nach Sanierung

75.060 kWh  
79 kWh/m²

Einsparung

63 %

Ist-Zustand

203.800 kWh  
215 kWh/m²



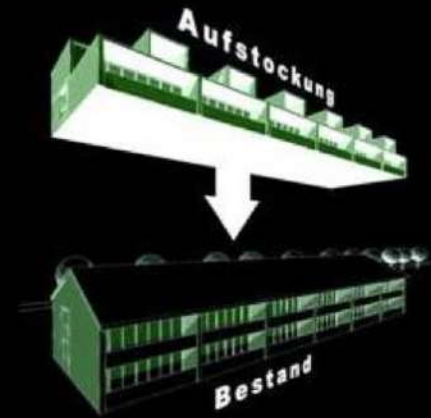
## Maßnahmen

Sanierungs-Empfehlungen zur Senkung des Energiebedarfs.

- Allgemeines:** Die Konstruktionen einiger Bauteile mussten angenommen werden, da nur wenige Bestandsunterlagen zur Verfügung stehen und kein Zugang möglich war.
- Dach:** 16cm Poly 035 auf oGD zwischen Unterkonstr. ohne Abdeckung
- Außenwände:** 12cm MiWo 035 ind. neuer Vormauerschale  
12cm WDVS: MiWo 035, mineralischer Putz, auf Putzbau  
Austausch gegen wärmeschutzverglaste Tür, vorh. isolierverglast
- Grund:** 6cm PS/PUR-Hartschaum 035 unterseitig, Verspachtelung + Malerarbeiten
- Fenster:** Austausch gegen wärmeschutzverglaste Fenster, vorh. isolierverglast



double living space



half CO2 emission









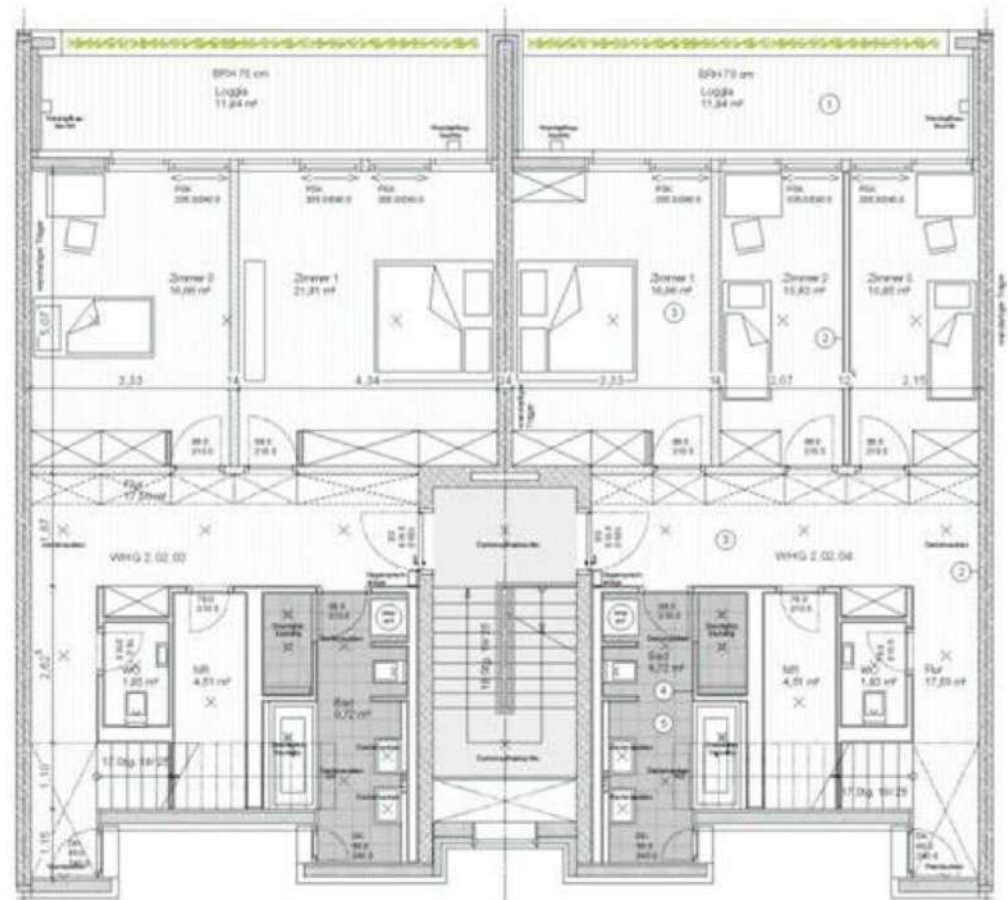








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2. Obergeschoss







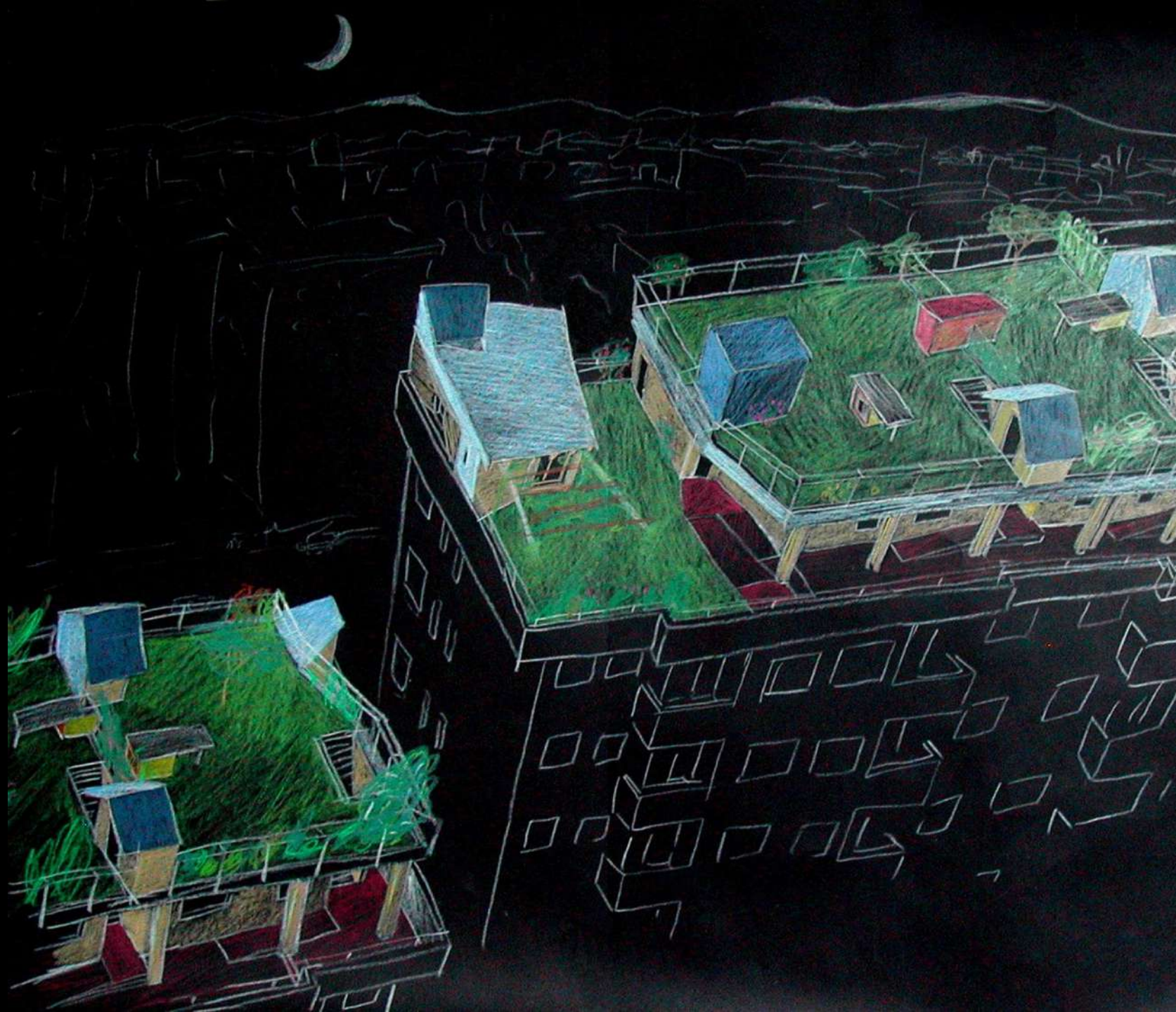






studio Albori, Extension of 2 Social Housing Buildings, Cinisello Balsamo, 2007



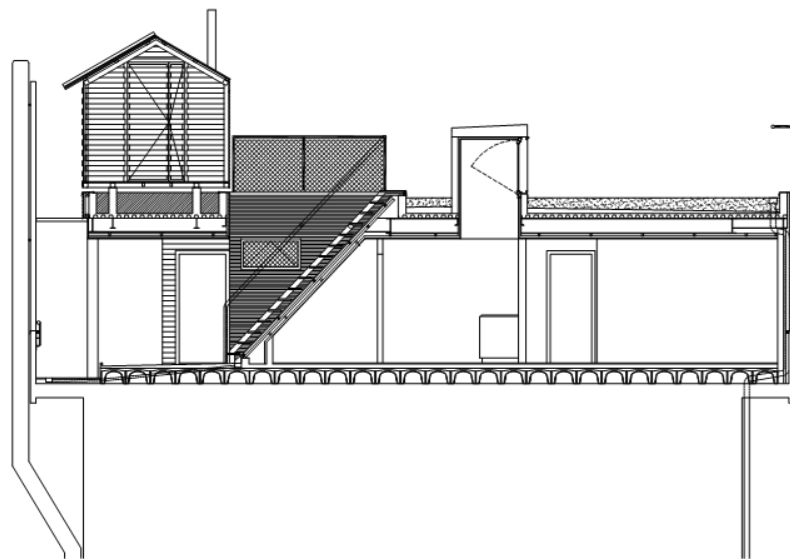
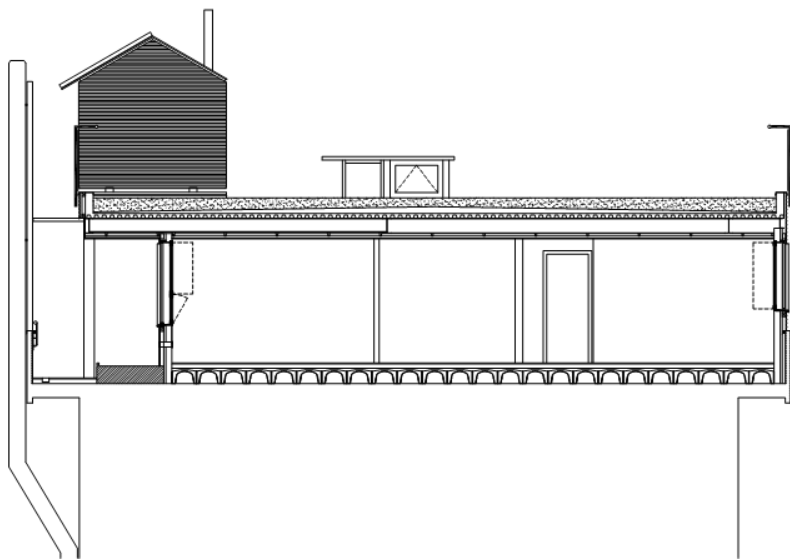




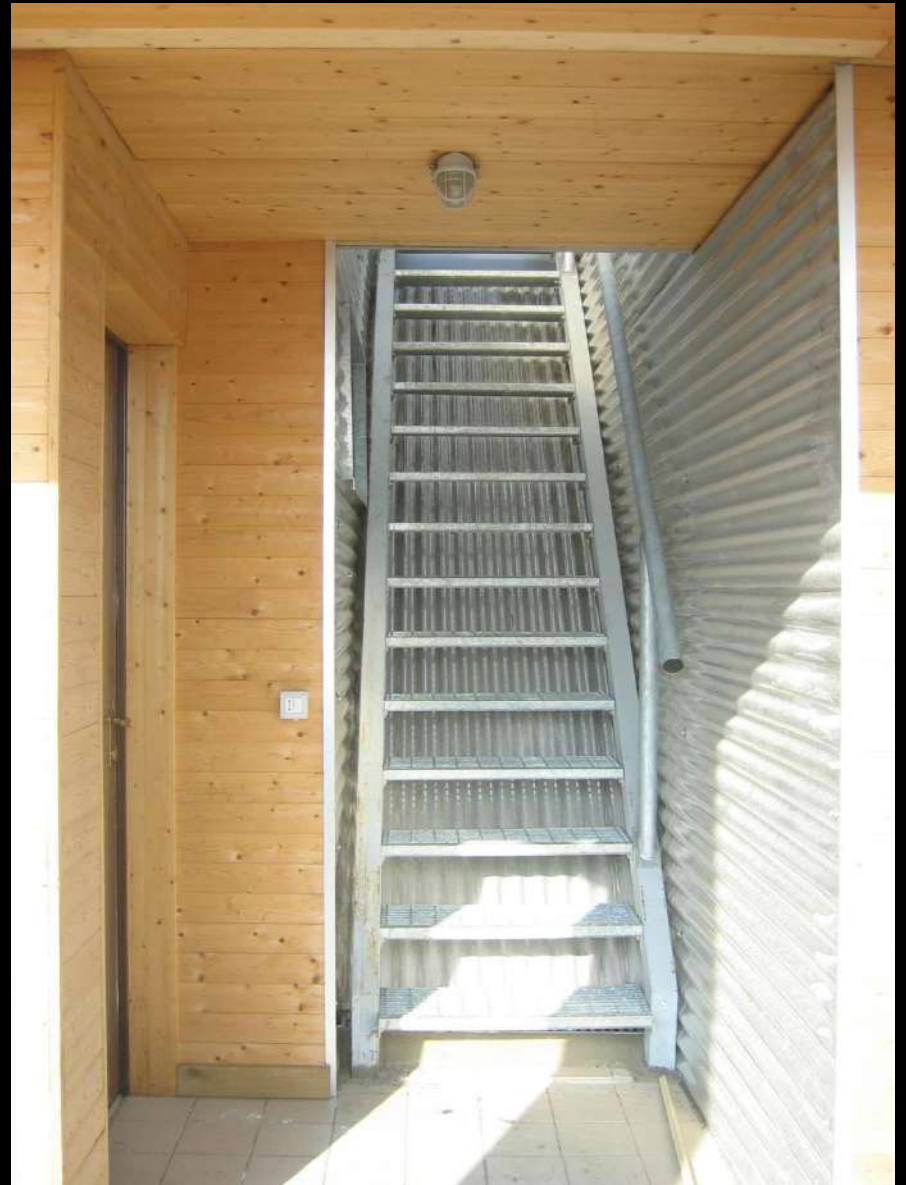














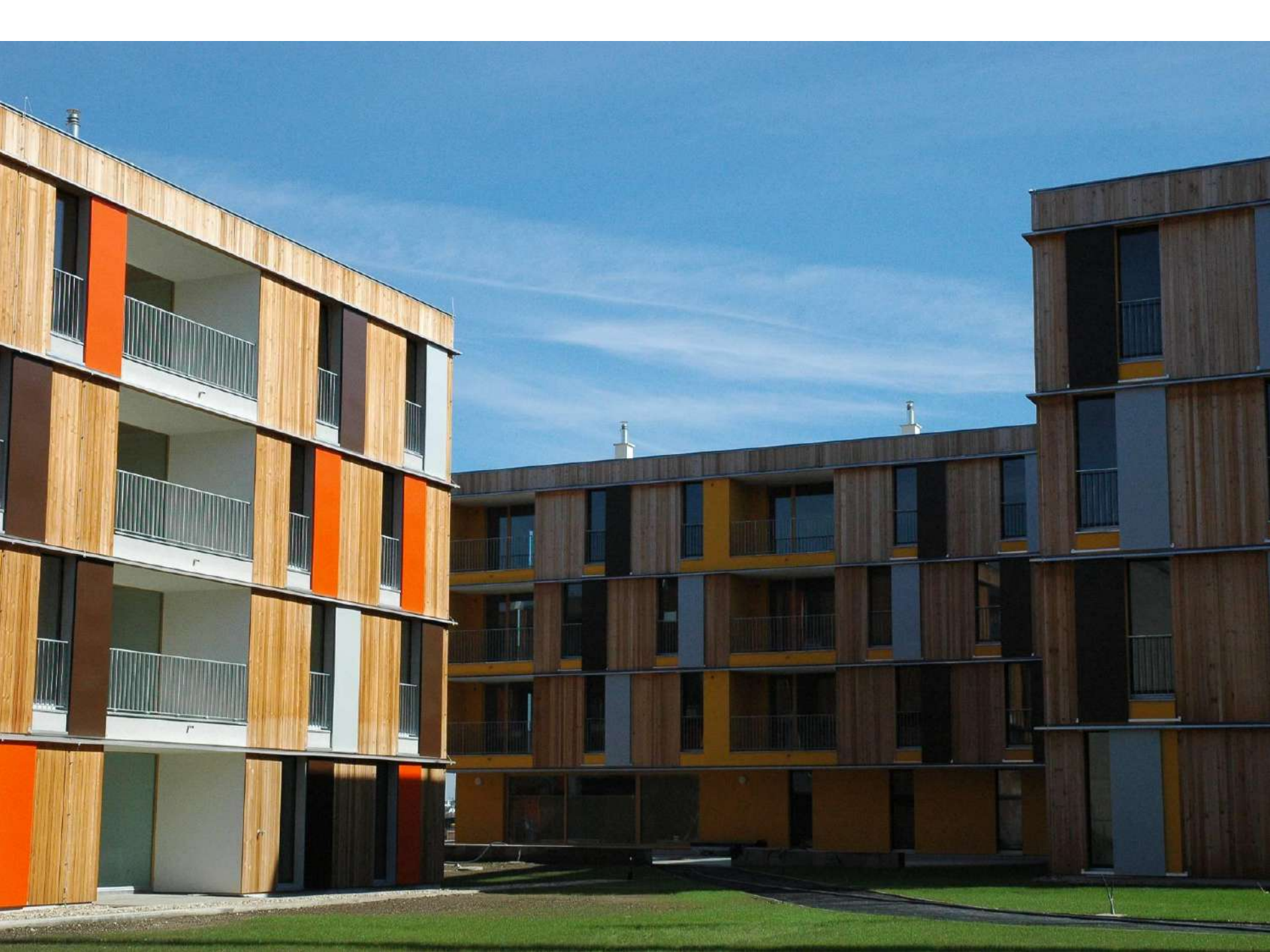






Hermann Kaufmann, Residential Settlement, Müllweg, Vienna, 2006







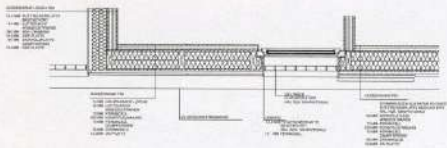
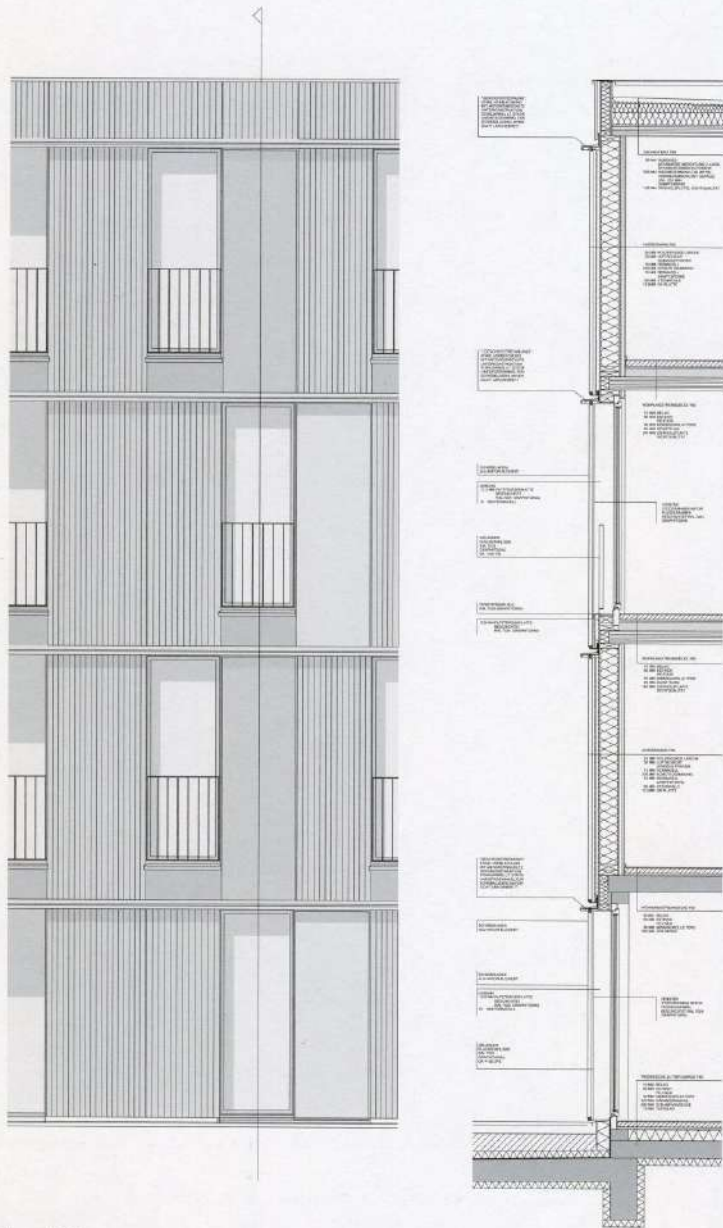
Erdgeschoss



Obergeschoss







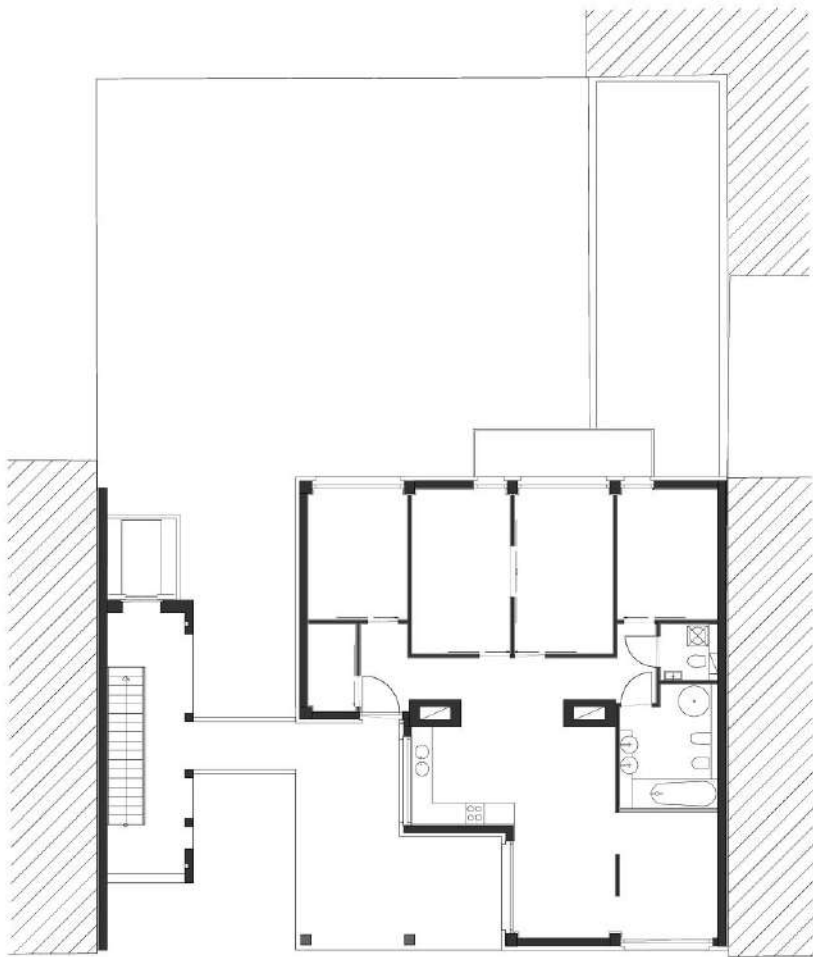




Kaden Klingbeil, Residential 7-Storey Building, Berlin, 2008

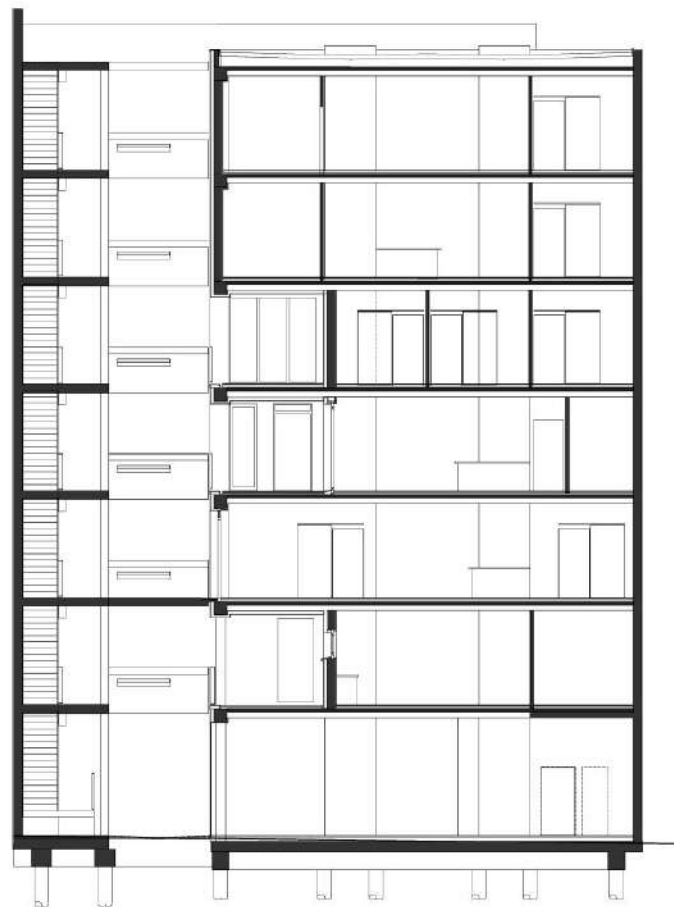






upper-story

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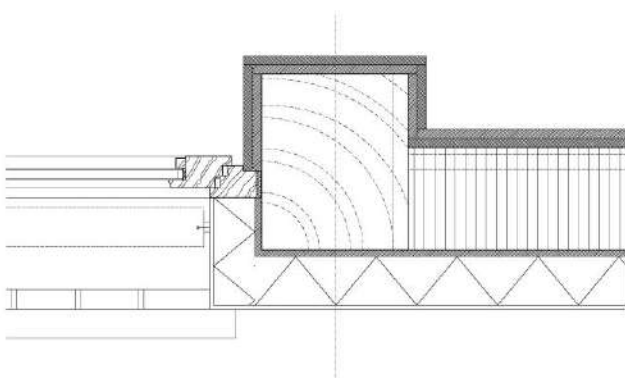
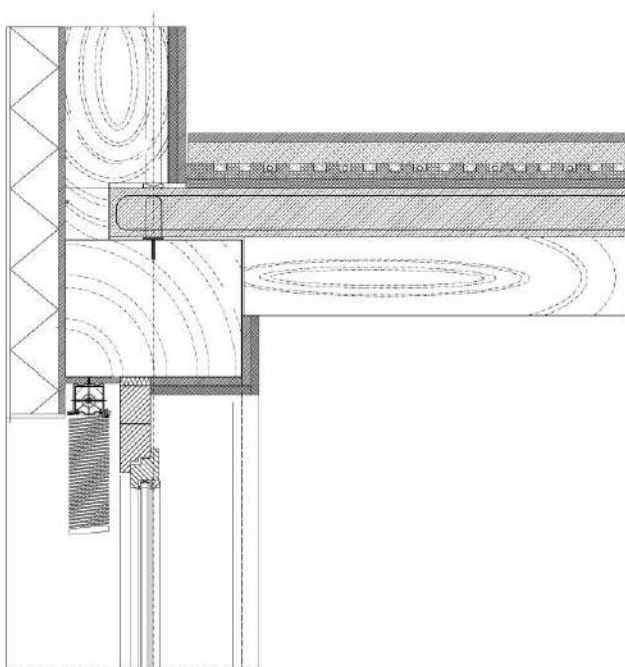


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detail

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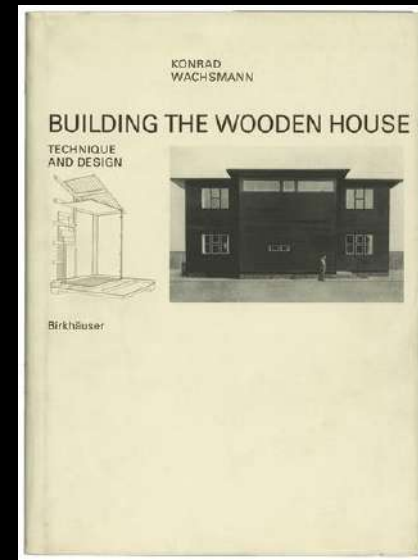




Today the wooden house is produced by **machines in factories**, not by the craftsman in his shop. A traditional, highly developed craft has evolved into a modern machine technology; new applications and new forms are being developed. Here wood finds new opportunities, new forms. Wood as a constructive element in the manner of carpenters no longer responds to the needs of production and structural stability.

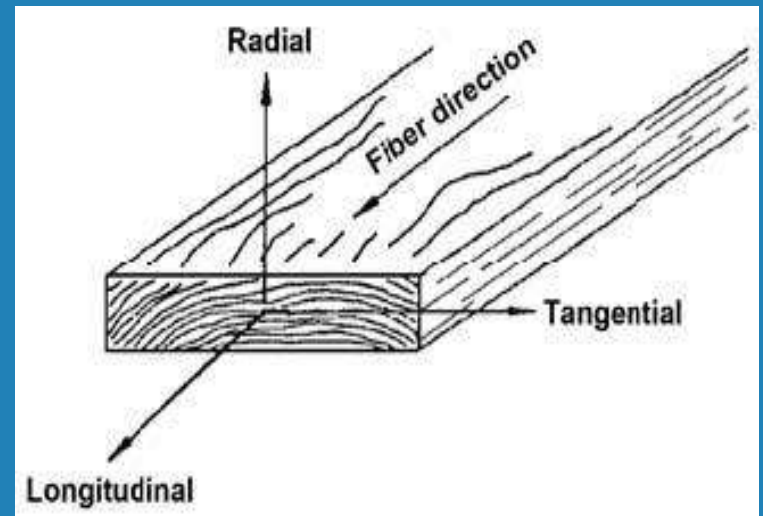
On the contrary, as a **material produced in a factory**, worked by machinery, it becomes important as any other building material in terms of technical and economic. Each building that is technically correct has its own characteristic shape. So the new method of wood processing also changes the appearance of the finished structure. This agrees not so much with the common idea of a "wooden building", but it is in fact the organic development of the art of building in wood.

**Konrad Wachsmann, Building the wooden House, 1930**



# Μηχανικές Ιδιότητες

- Εφελκυσμός
- Θλίψη
- Διάτμηση
- Κάμψη





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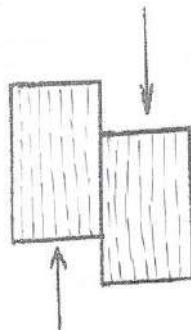
**Μηχανικές ιδιότητες = είναι το μέτρο της μηχανικής αντοχής του ξύλου, δηλ. της αντίστασής του σε εξωτερικές δυνάμεις, που τείνουν να το παραμορφώσουν.**



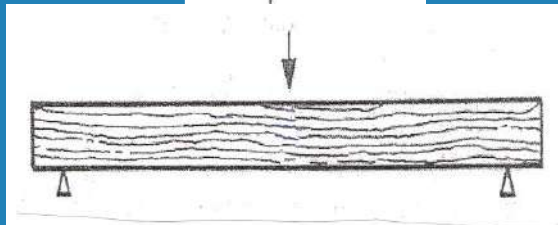
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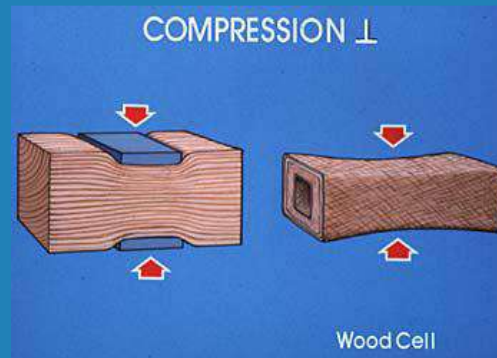
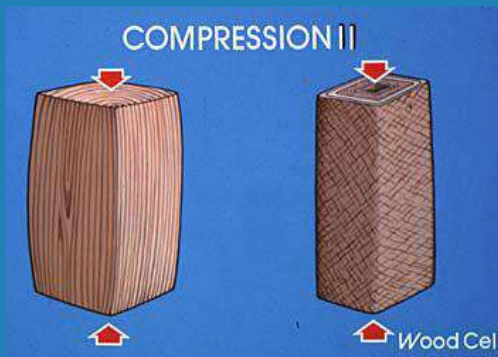
- Αξονικός εφελκυσμός μέχρι 50 φορές περισσότερο από ακτινική και εφαπτομενική φόρτιση.
- Κυμαίνονται από 500 – 1600 Kp/cm<sup>3</sup> αξονικά ενώ εγκάρσια από 10 έως 70 Kp/cm<sup>3</sup> σε τροπικά είδη μπορεί να φτάσει μέχρι 3000 Kp/cm<sup>3</sup>





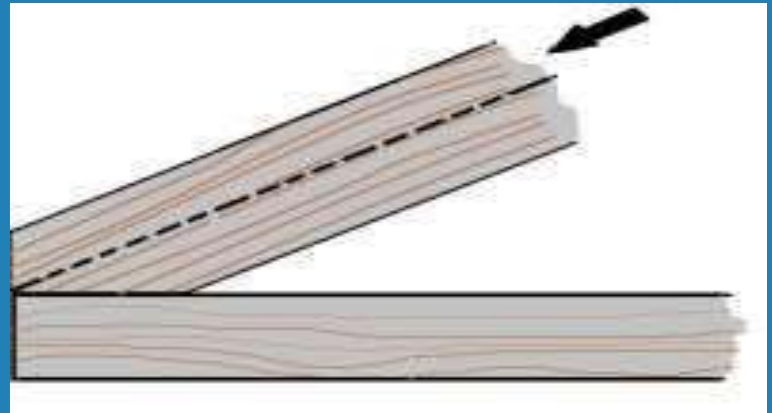
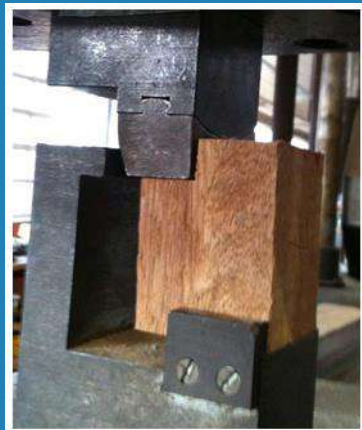
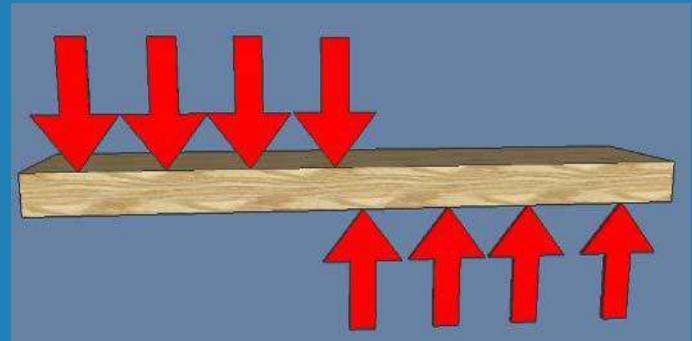
# Αντοχή σε θλίψη

- Αντοχή σε θλίψη αξονικά μέχρι 15 φορές από την εφαπτομενική
- Κυμαίνεται από 250 - 950 Kp/cm<sup>3</sup> ενώ εγκάρσια 10 - 200 Kp/cm<sup>3</sup>



# Αντοχή σε διάτμηση

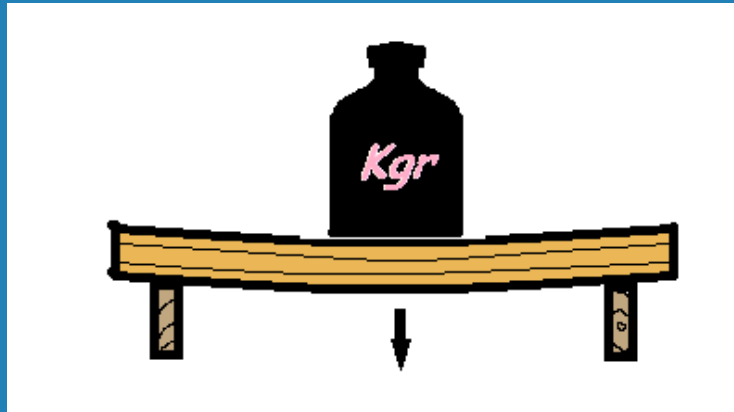
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- Εγκάρσια
- Λοξή
- Κυλιόμενη





# Αντοχή σε κάμψη

- Σπουδαιότερος τρόπος φόρτισης



# ΠΑΡΑΓΟΝΤΕΣ ΠΟΥ ΕΠΗΡΕΑΖΟΥΝ ΤΙΣ ΜΗΧΑΝΙΚΕΣ ΑΝΤΟΧΕΣ ΤΟΥ ΞΥΛΟΥ

## ☐ Υγρασία ξύλου:

Μείωση της υγρασίας του ξύλου, αυξάνει τη μηχανική αντοχή του. Είναι γνωστό ότι όσο πιο ξερό είναι ένα ξύλο, τόσο πιο γερό είναι.

## ☐ Πυκνότητα ξύλου:

Η πυκνότητα αποτελεί τον καλύτερο δείκτη ποιότητας και μηχανικής αντοχής του ξύλου. Ξύλο με μεγάλη πυκνότητα πάντοτε έχει και μεγάλη μηχανική αντοχή.

## ☐ Θερμοκρασία:

Η μηχανική αντοχή ελαττώνεται με την αύξηση της θερμοκρασίας.

## ☐ Σφάλματα δομής:

Η παρουσία σφαλμάτων στο ξύλο (π.χ. ρόζοι, ραγάδες) προκαλεί μείωση της μηχανικής του αντοχής.

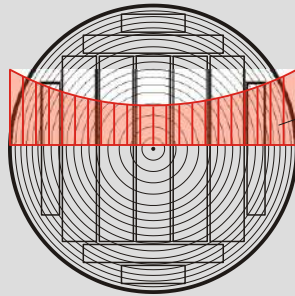
## ☐ Διάρκεια φόρτισης:

Αρνητική επίδραση (επιστήμη Ρεολογίας - παραμόρφωσης και ροής των υλικών)



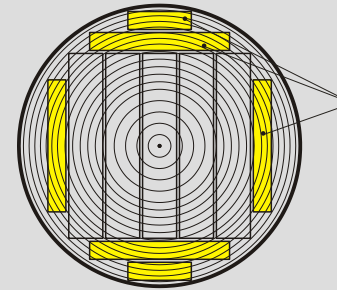
# Cross Laminated Timber – Basic idea and Product

## Distribution of mechanical properties in the log



Tensile strength, tensile MOE and density are increasing in general from the pith to the outer side of the log

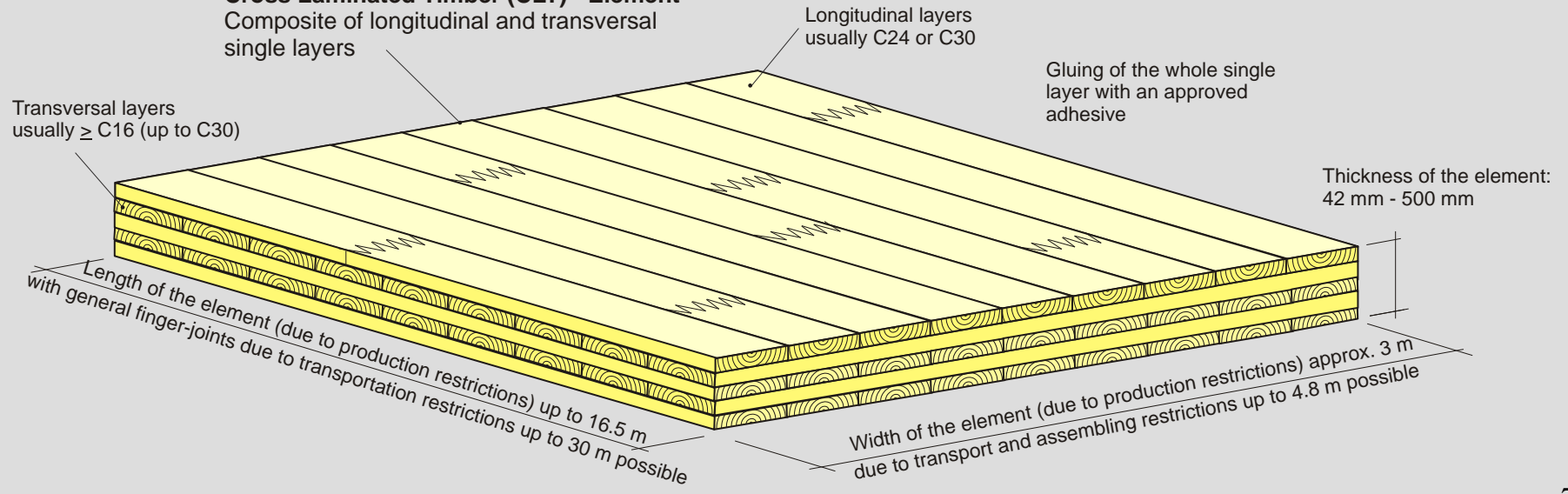
## Utilisation of side-boards



Utilisation of boards from the outer side of the log ('side boards')

## 5-layered CLT-element

**Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) - Element**  
Composite of longitudinal and transversal single layers



Unternehmen/Zentrale	Produktion 2007 in m³	Kapazität-in m³	Besonderheiten
Binder Holzbausysteme, Unternberg	20.000¹	50.000	5-Holzarten mit 3-Oberflächen-Bearbeitungen
HMS Bausysteme, Schondra/DE	10.000	15.000	Individuelle und montagefertige Produkte
Finnforest Merk, Aichach/DE	15.000¹	15.000¹	-
Wigo/Ing. E. Roth, Feldkirchen	-	-	Prod.-Start Frühjahr 2008, primär Eigenversorgung
KLH Massivholz, Katsch/Mur	50.000	150.000	Technische Beratung
Lignotrend, Weilheim-Bannholz/DE	20.000	20.000	Astreine Oberfl. mit integrierter Schall-Absorption
Martinsons, Bygdsiljum/SE	6.000¹	6.000¹	-
Mayr-Melnhof Systemholz, Gaishorn	-	-	Neue Produktion 2008: 20.000 m³, Kap. 70.000 m³
Moelven, Moelv/NO	6.000¹	6.000¹	-
Moser, Taisten-Welsberg /IT	3.000	3.000	Spezialist für Detaillösungen
Pius Schuler, Rothenthurm/CH	k. A.	k. A.	-
Schilliger, Küssnacht/CH	k. A.	k. A.	-
Stephan, Gaildorf/DE	k. A.	k. A.	Produktion seit Oktober, FLEXcross
Stora Enso Timber, Bad St.Leonhard	-	-	Kapazität 2008 61.000 m³, Fugen verleimt

Alle in der Tabelle enthaltenen Angaben wurden von den jeweiligen Unternehmen gemacht. Die Tabelle erhebt keinen Anspruch auf Vollständigkeit.

1) Holzkurier-Schätzung  
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## Arguments **PRO** CLT:

- **Massive construction, less layers in the construction, buffer for heat and moisture**
- **High degree of prefabrication possible**
- **Easy assembling and short duration for erection**
- **Flexibility of utilisation**

## Arguments **CONTRA** CLT:

- **High price**

## Production volume:

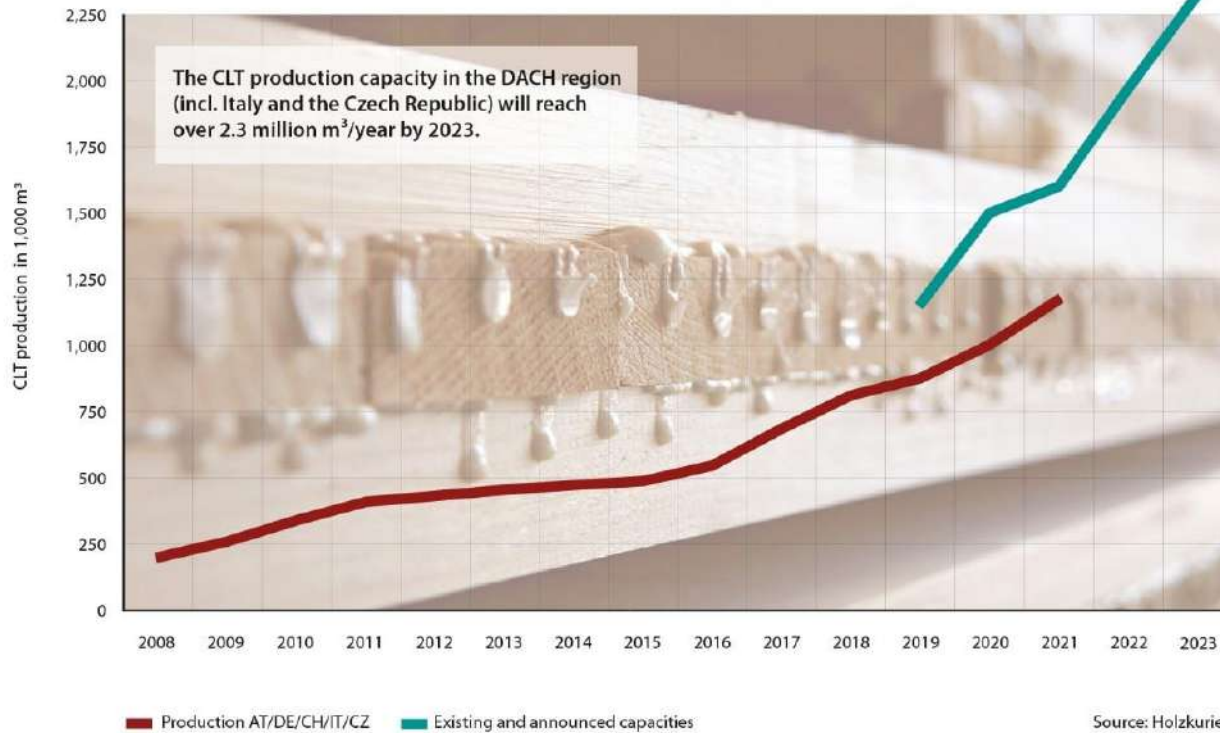
**2008      About 400.000 m³    (+52 %)**

- **To high amount for the market**
- **Price will decrease (about 20 % in the next three years)**

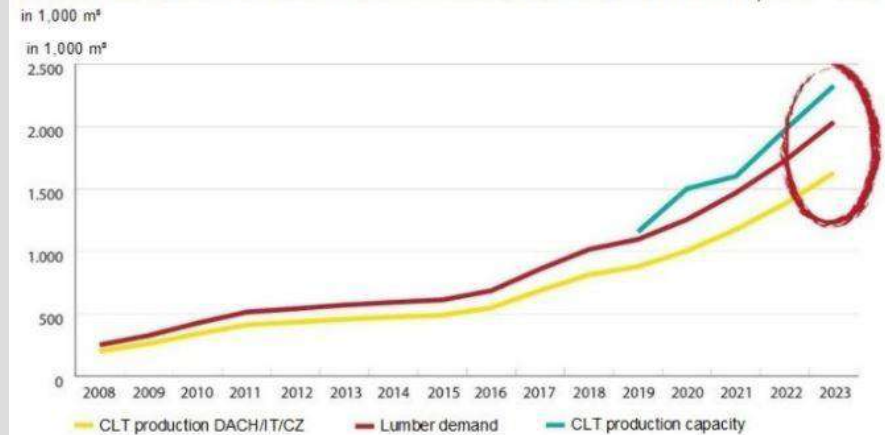
Source: Timber Online / 2007



# CLT – Production volume



## DEVELOPMENT CLT PRODUCTION / DEMAND FOR SOFTWOOD LUMBER | 2008 – 2021



Source: Holzkurier | © Holzkurier 2022

CLT production, CLT capacity and demand for softwood lumber from 2008 to 2023 © holzkurier.com

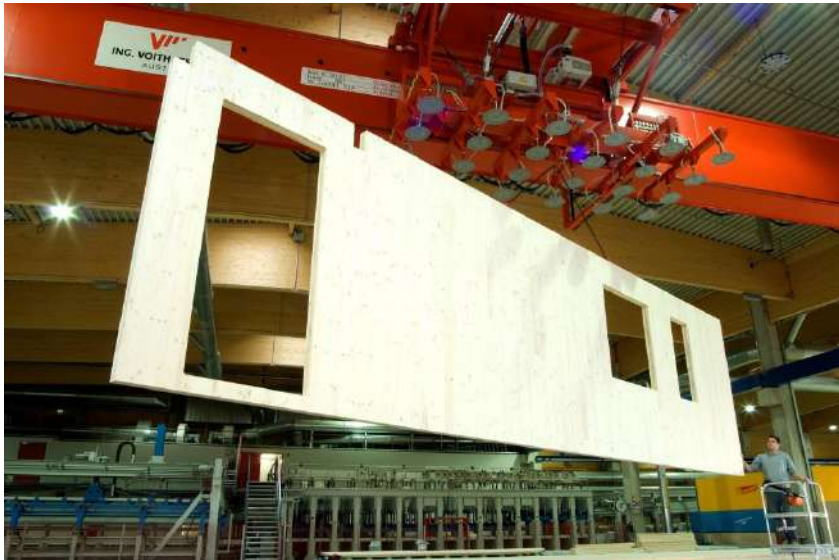
# Cross-Laminated Timber



- Laminations of selected dimensional lumber.
- Each adjacent layer is oriented with grain perpendicular.
- Analagous to plywood made from solid wood rather than veneer.



# Cross-Laminated Timber



# Cross-Laminated Timber

Nine-storey residential building (wooden construction)



(Waugh Thistleton Architects)

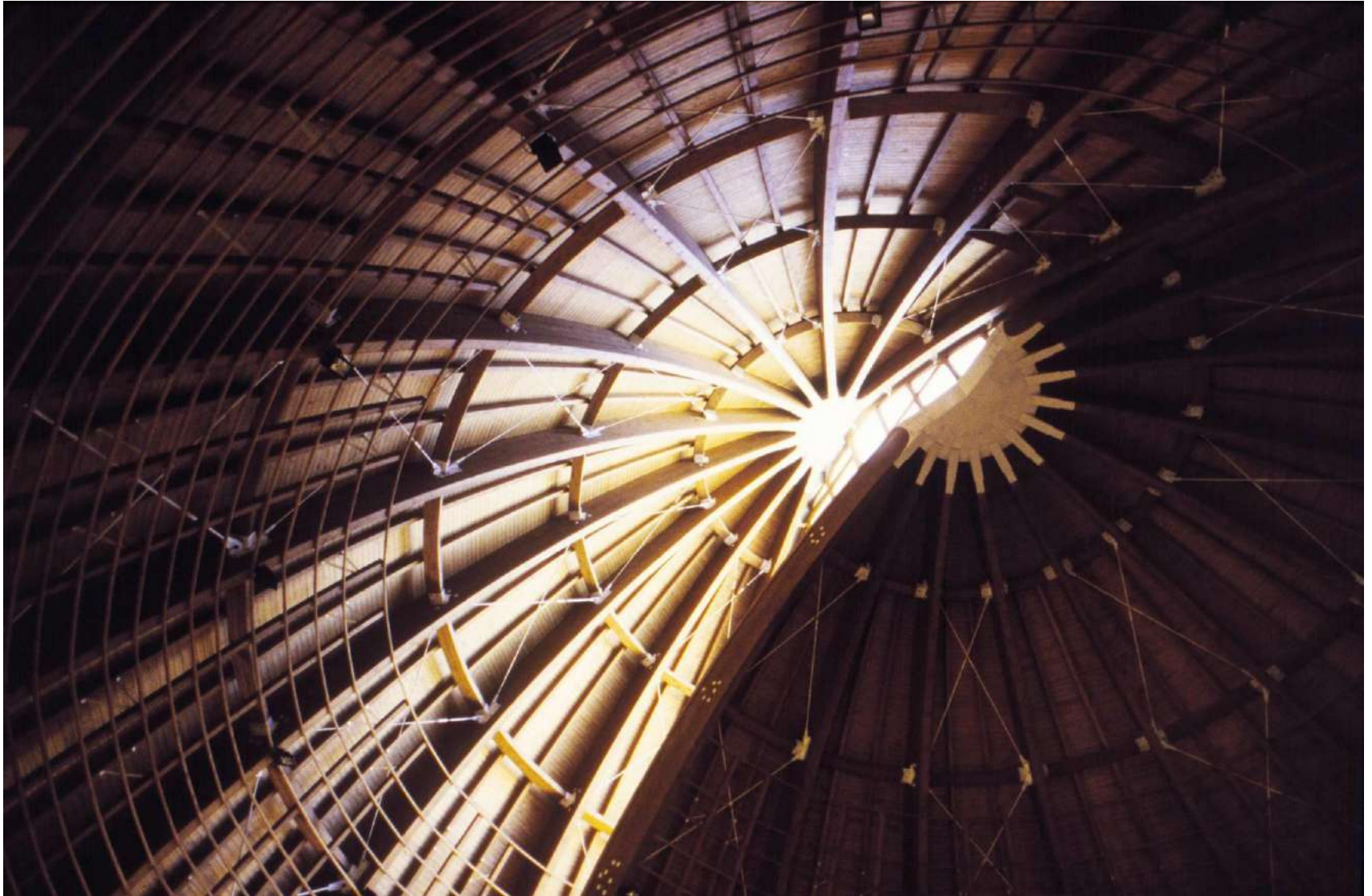


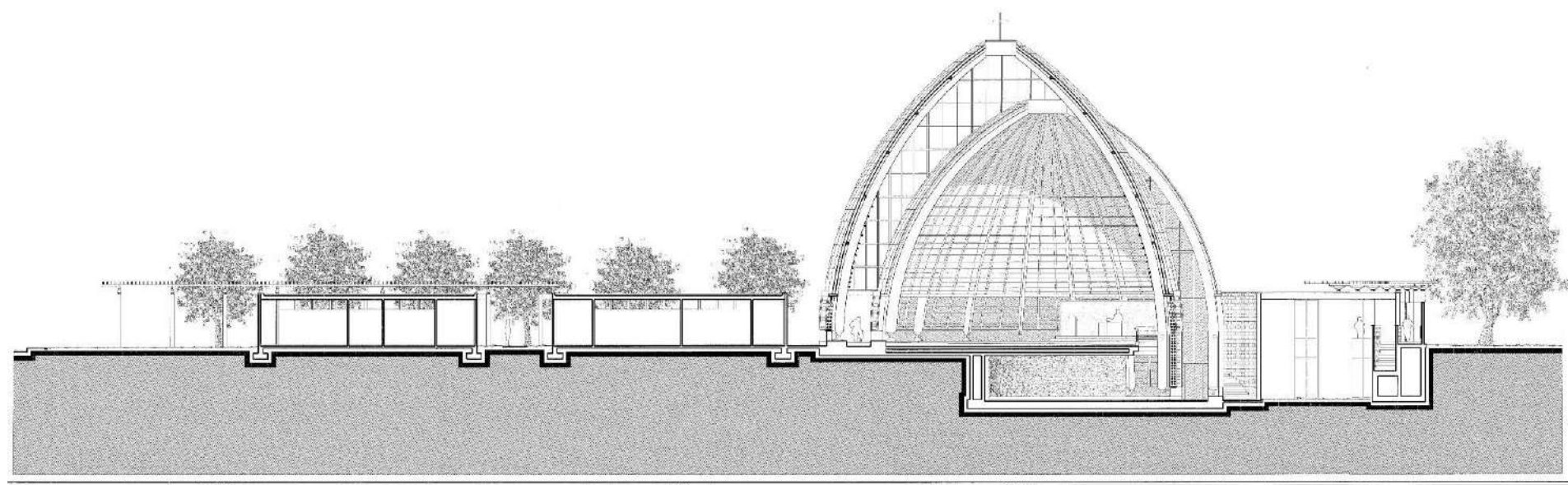
GLT

Glued Laminated Wood

Ottavio Di Blasi, Church of St. Maria del Soccorso, Bari, 2005





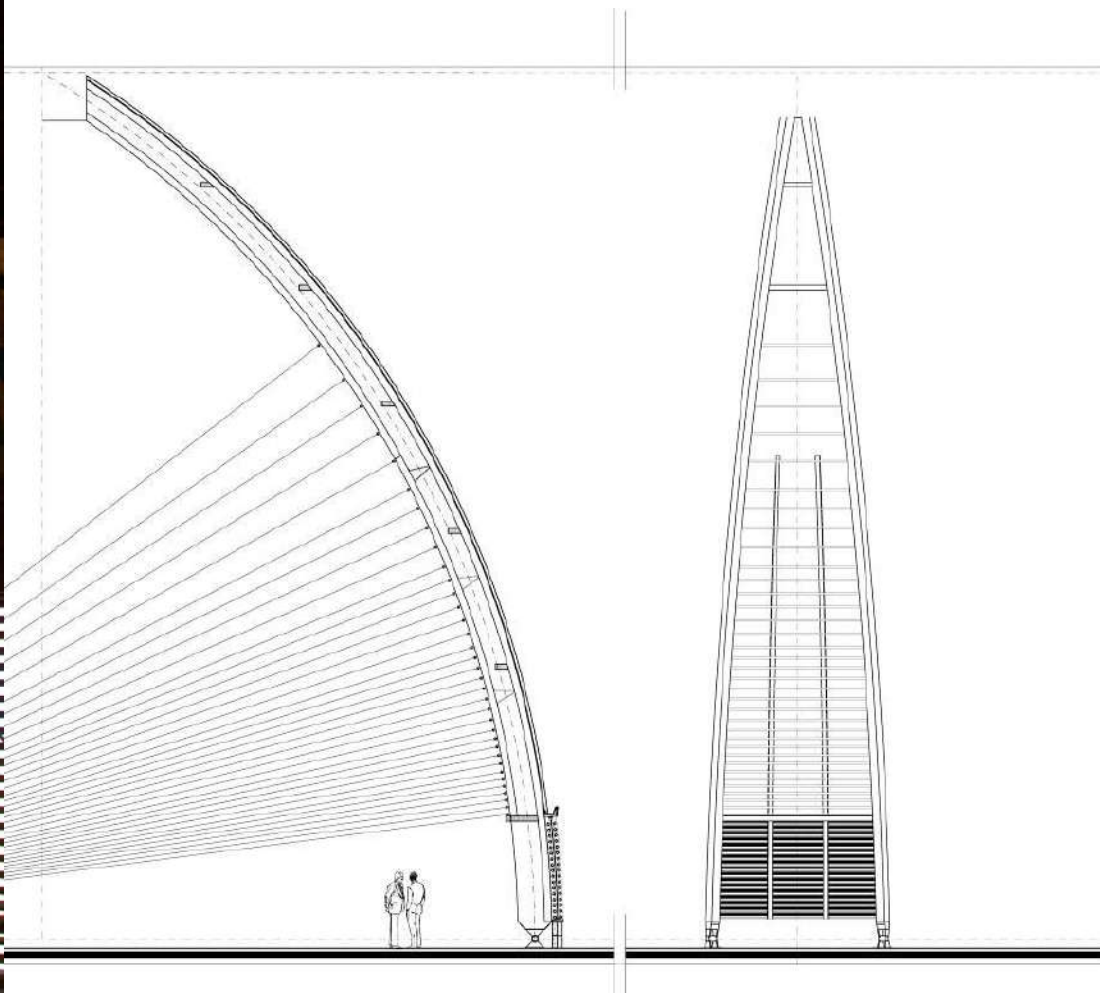
























ATP, G3 Shopping Resort, Gerasdorf (A), 2012





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## Roofing Shopping Mall



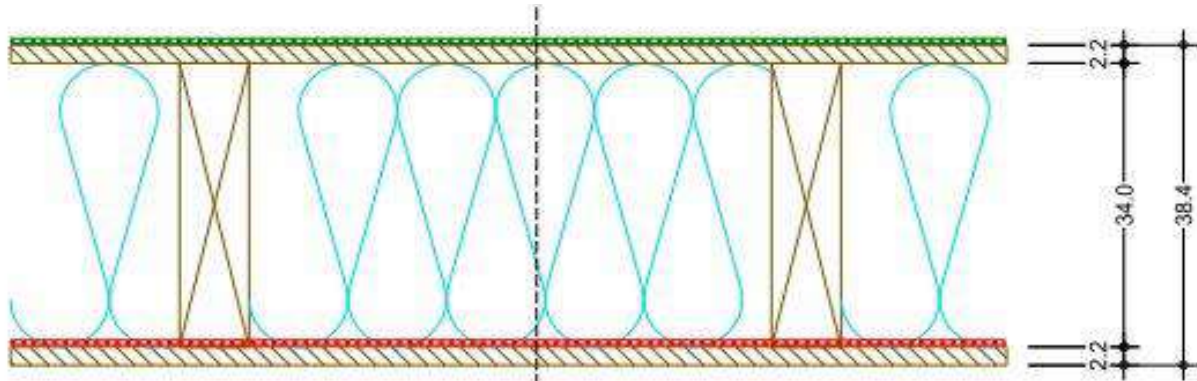
Dimensions Shopping Mall: 550 m x 27- 80 m



# Roof Construction in Frame Work

## Stratigrafia degli elementi pacchetto copertura

- 0,18 cm guaina FPO
- 0,20 cm feltro di separazione (διαχωριστικό)
- 2,20 cm pannello OSB 3 (πάνελ OSB)
- 34,00 cm telaio portante 34 cm (φέρων πλαίσιο)
- coibentazione 34 cm
- freno antivapore
- 2,20 cm pannello OSB 3 (πάνελ OSB)

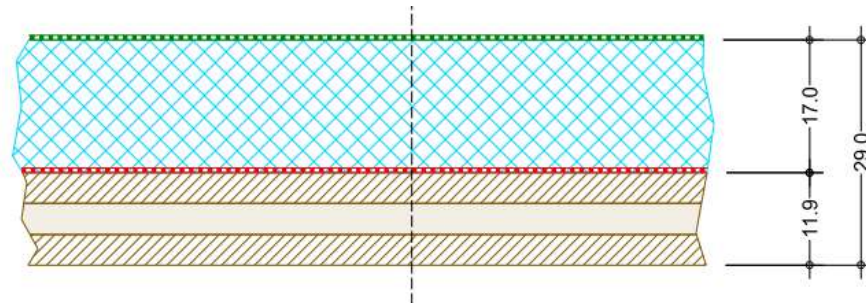


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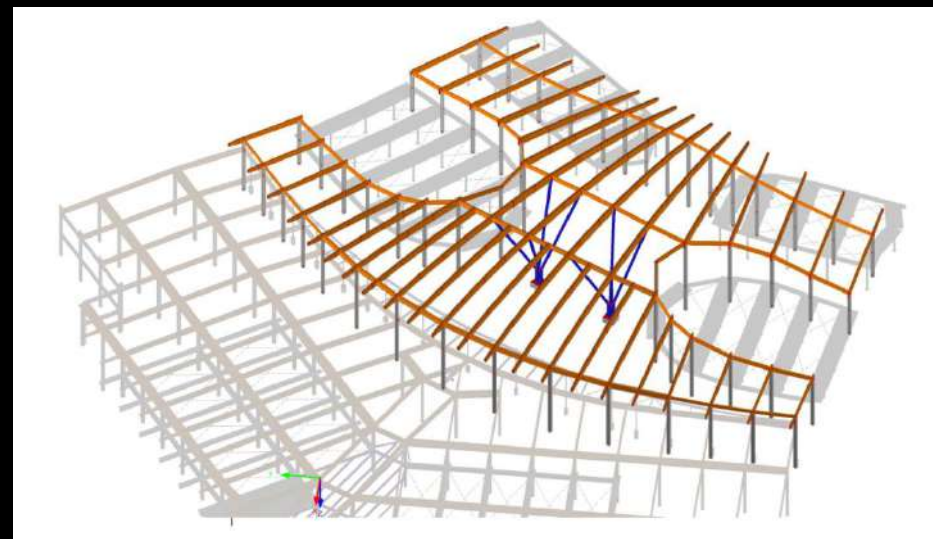
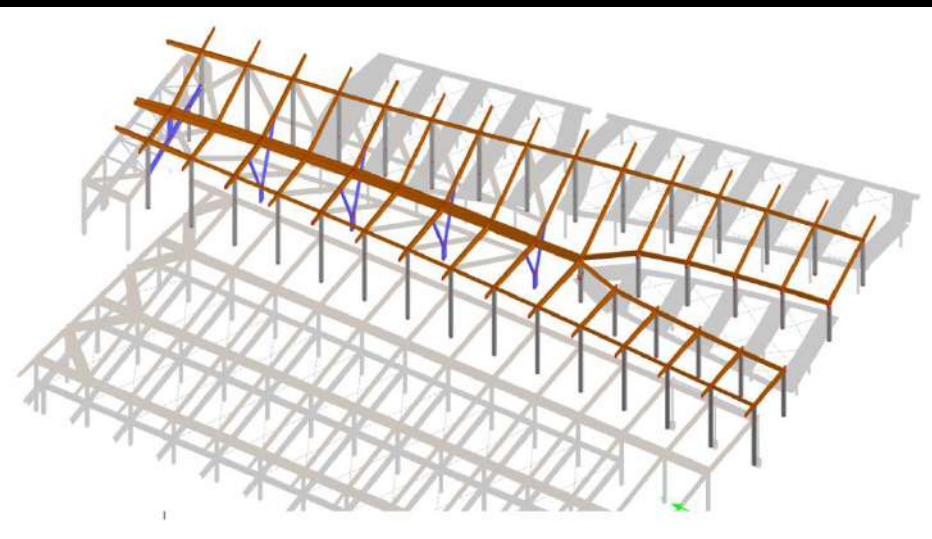
# Roof Construction in XLAM

## Stratigrafia degli elementi in XLAM

- 0,18 cm guaina FPO (Thermoplan T18)
- 17,00 cm coibentazione (polistirolo estruso) 0,037 W/mK  
freno antivapore  $s_d=1.800$  m (μόνωση)
- 11,90 cm pannello XLAM (πάνελ)







Each connection has a different geometry and inclination

Cantilevered Roof up to 8 m

Length of the Beams up to 80 m

## XLAM Panels

Dimensions : up to 16 m x 3 m

Thickness: fino a 40 cm

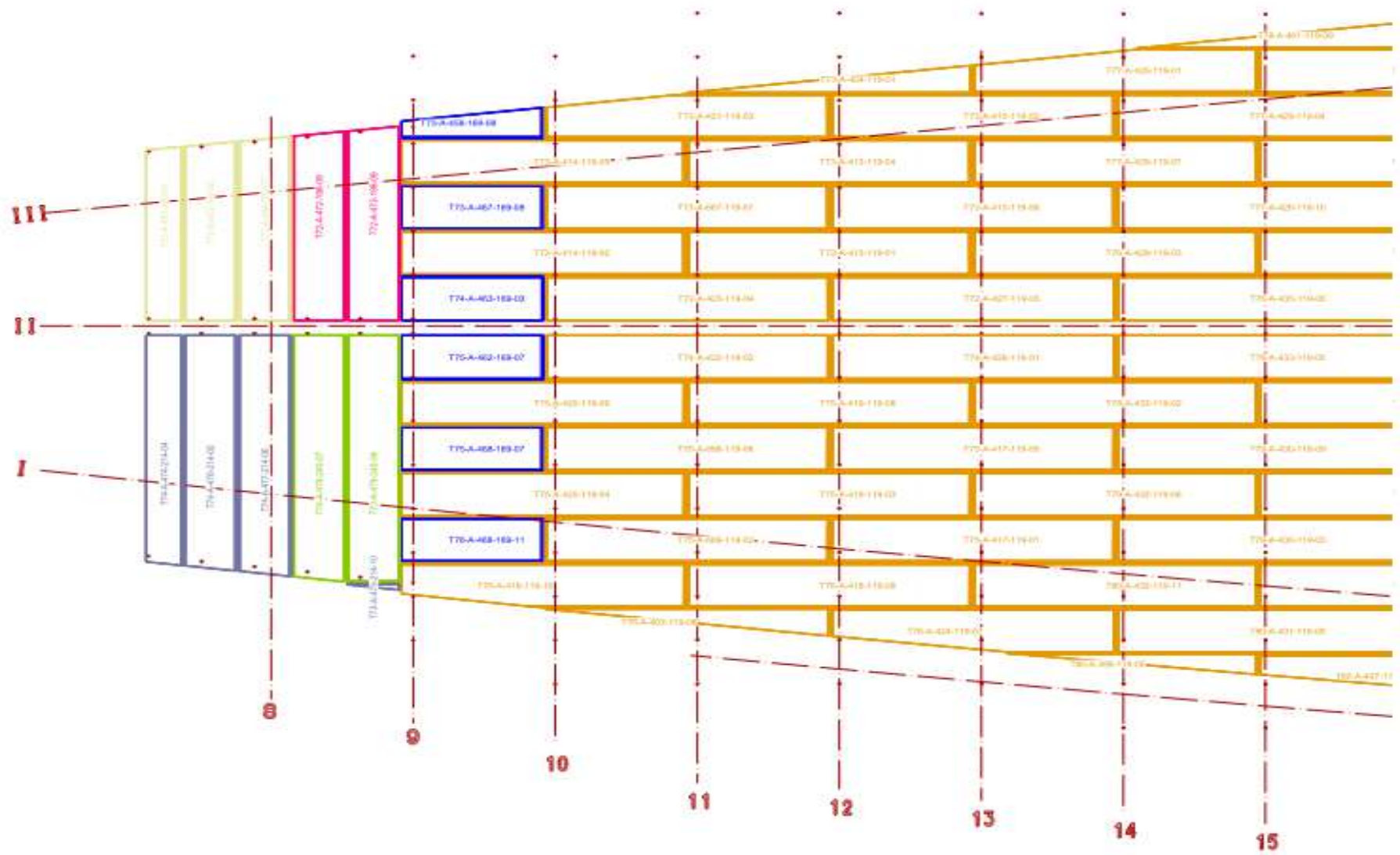
Glue: PU, melaminic resin

Time for gluing: ca. 20 min.

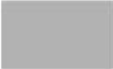




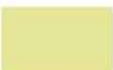

Press: up to 1,2 N/mm<sup>2</sup>







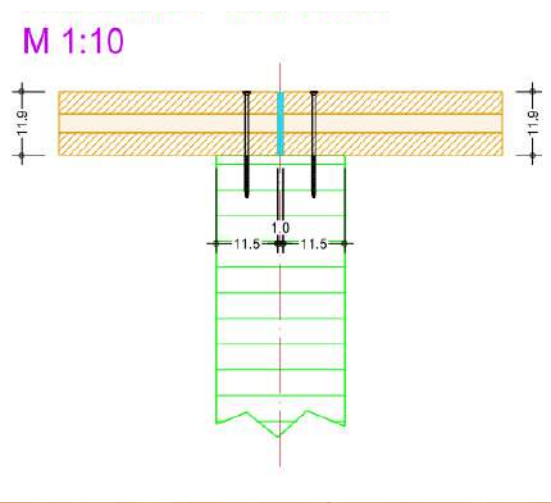
## Thickness XLAM Panels

	Platte 94		Platte 184
	Platte 106		Platte 198
	Platte 112		Platte 214
	Platte 119		Platte 240
	Platte 134		
	Platte 146		
	Platte 160		
	Platte 169		
	Platte 173		





**Montage of 2 XLAM panels on  
a GLT Beam**





## Collegamento dei pannelli

### Viti con testa allargata

119	2x7 Tellerkopfschrauben 8/100
126	2x9 Tellerkopfschrauben 8/100
132	2x7 Tellerkopfschrauben 8/100
150	2x14 Tellerkopfschrauben 8/100
165	2x14 Tellerkopfschrauben 8/100
182	2x9 Tellerkopfschrauben 8/100
196	2x9 Tellerkopfschrauben 8/100
209	2x9 Tellerkopfschrauben 8/100
249	2x14 Tellerkopfschrauben 8/100



Collegamento dei pannelli tramite  
listello di OSB 25 mm, sollecitato  
a taglio, applicato tramite viti  
(Σύνδεση των πάνελ μέσω λωρίδας  
OSB 25 mm)

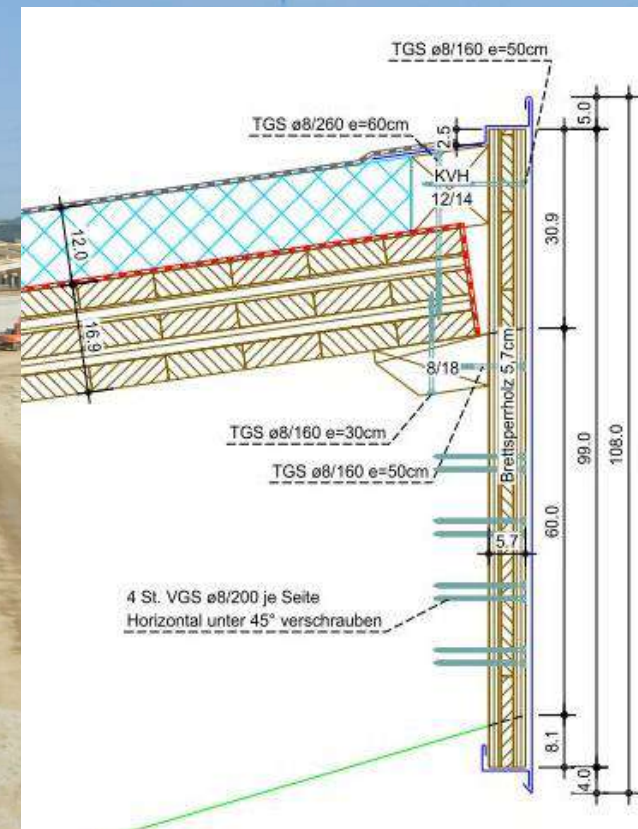








Realizzazione dei bordi della copertura:  
Lastra verticale pannello XLAM 57 mm, collegamento con viti













# New Wood

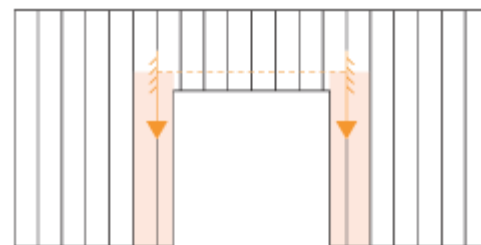
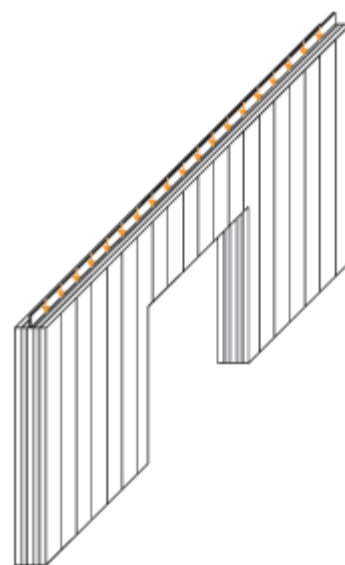
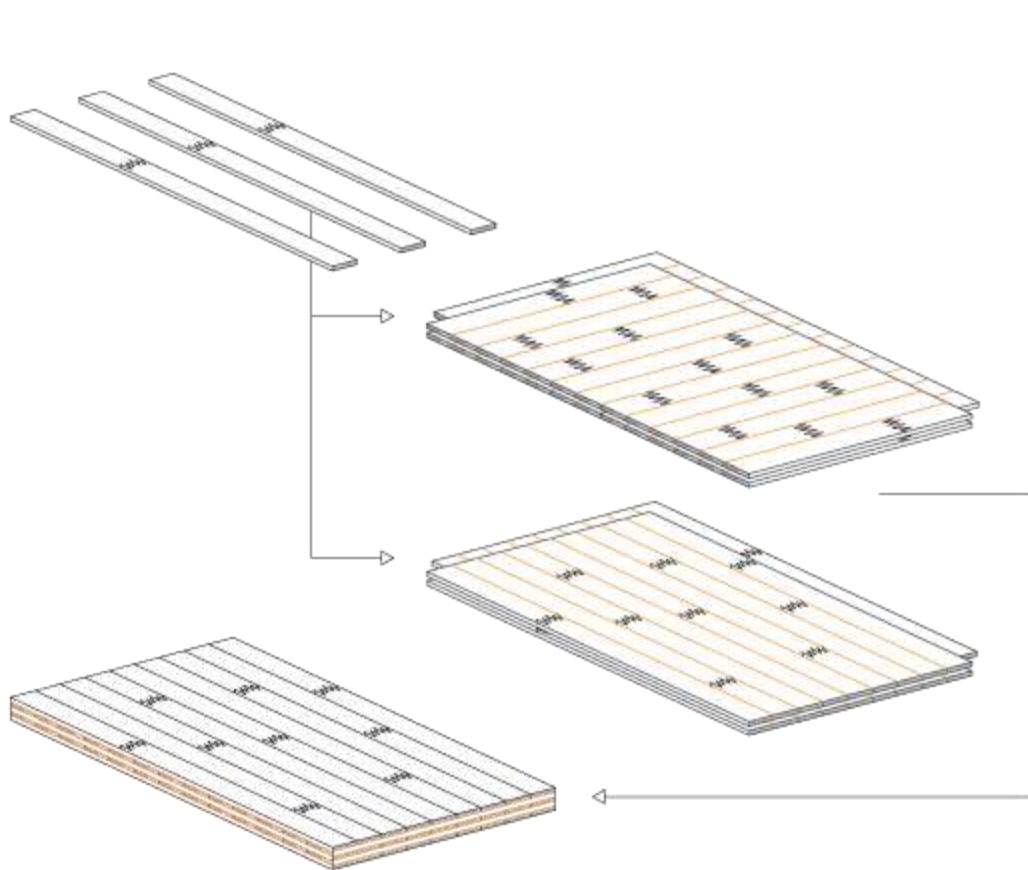
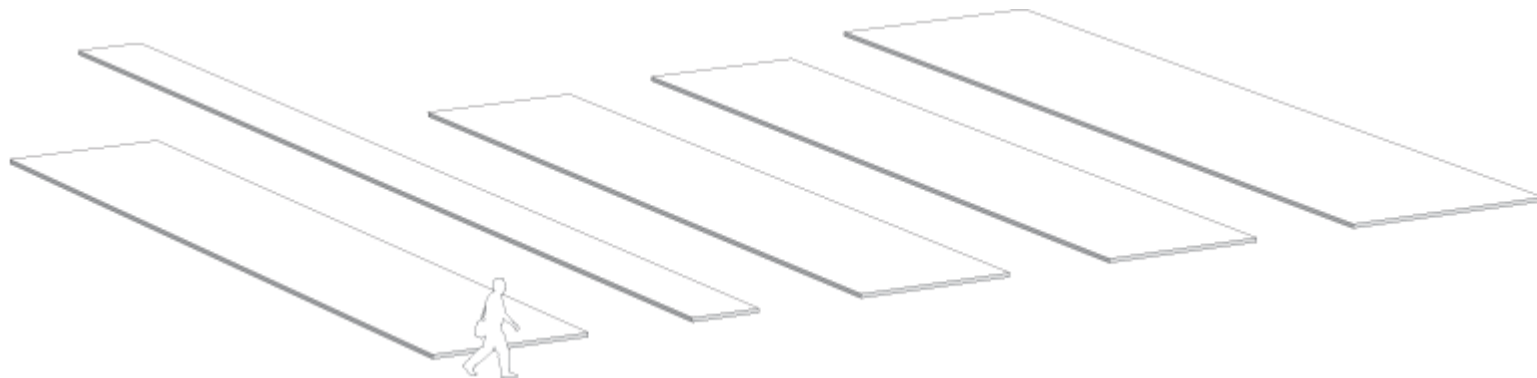
CLT Cross Laminated Wood

BSP Brettsperrholz

XLAM Pannello a Strati Incrociati





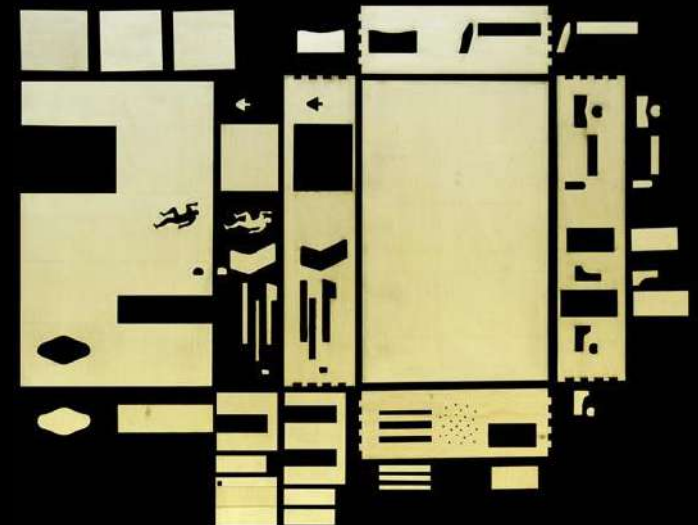




Thanks to the transfer of the main working processes in the factory it's possible, even during the bad seasons (too hot, too cold) to prepare parts of the building and set them aside. The construction time is much smaller than in a traditional brick building, so there are lower costs of construction and at the same time the investment pays for itself quickly. The construction process itself offers great advantages.

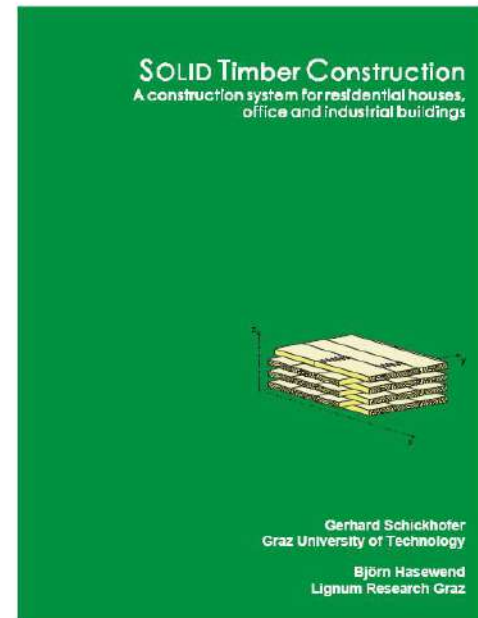
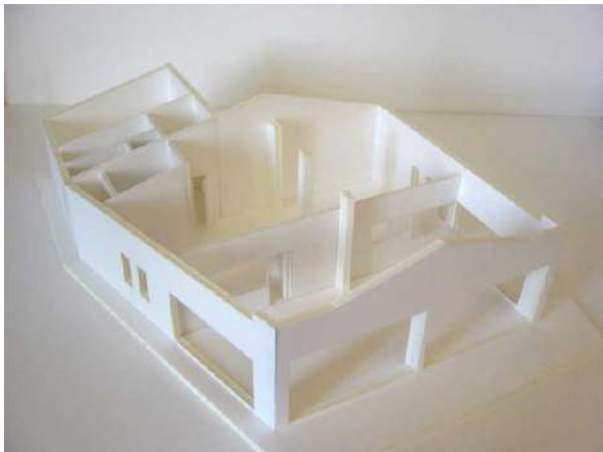
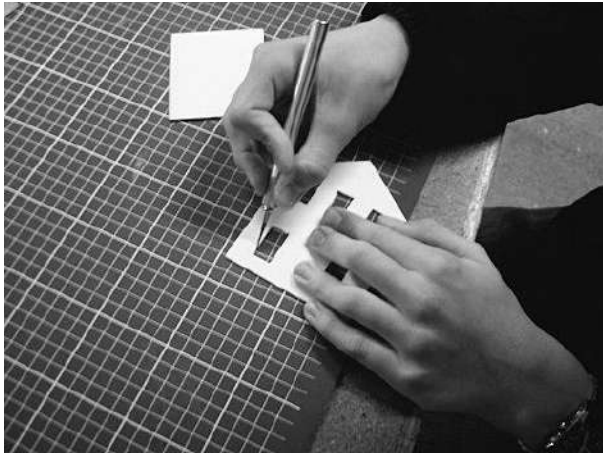
- First of all, it is accomplished in the form of a montage completely dry, only the foundations are made of masonry. So, in general, there is no moisture.
- While parts of the building are predisposed in the factory, the foundations are realized on site. This also means a considerable time saving, since the structure of the house is produced at the factory during the period when the foundation is built. On the construction site will then only be an assemblage of parts already delivered. The house can be built to the most extreme temperatures.
- Since the thickness of the wall of a wooden house, with the same insulation capacity, are significantly lower than those of a brick house, a wooden construction admits, for the same space, less cubic capacity, and is therefore more economic.

Konrad Wachsmann, Building the wooden House, 1930





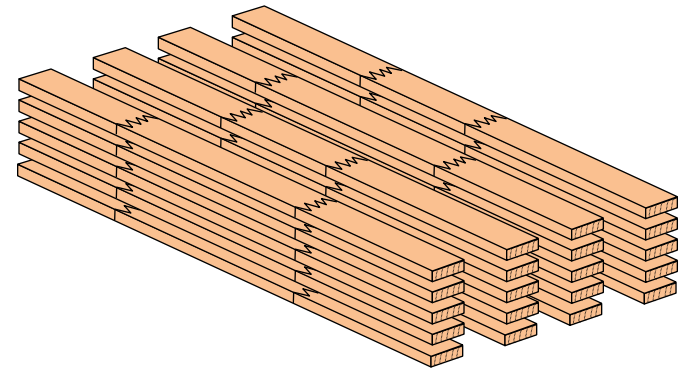
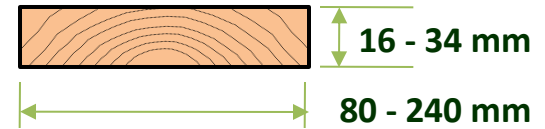
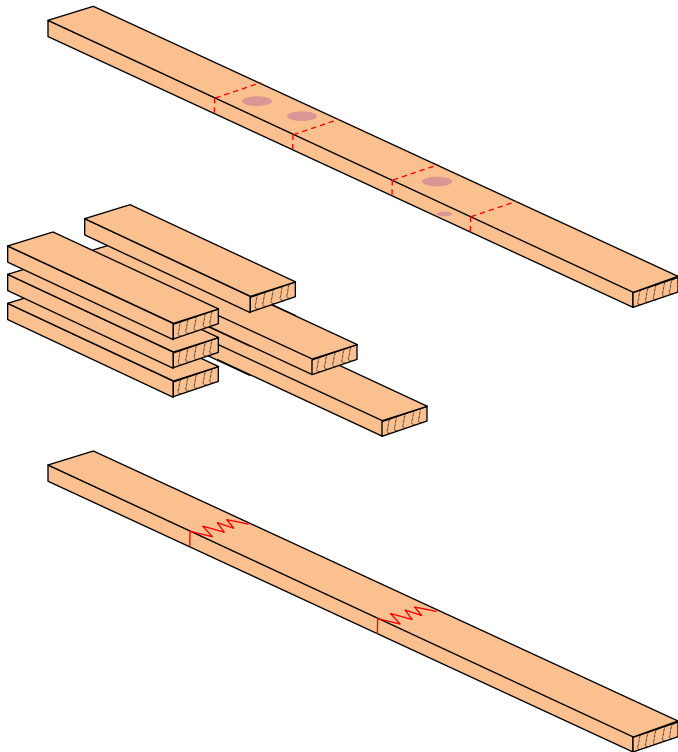
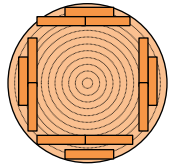
# CLT Cross Laminated Timber



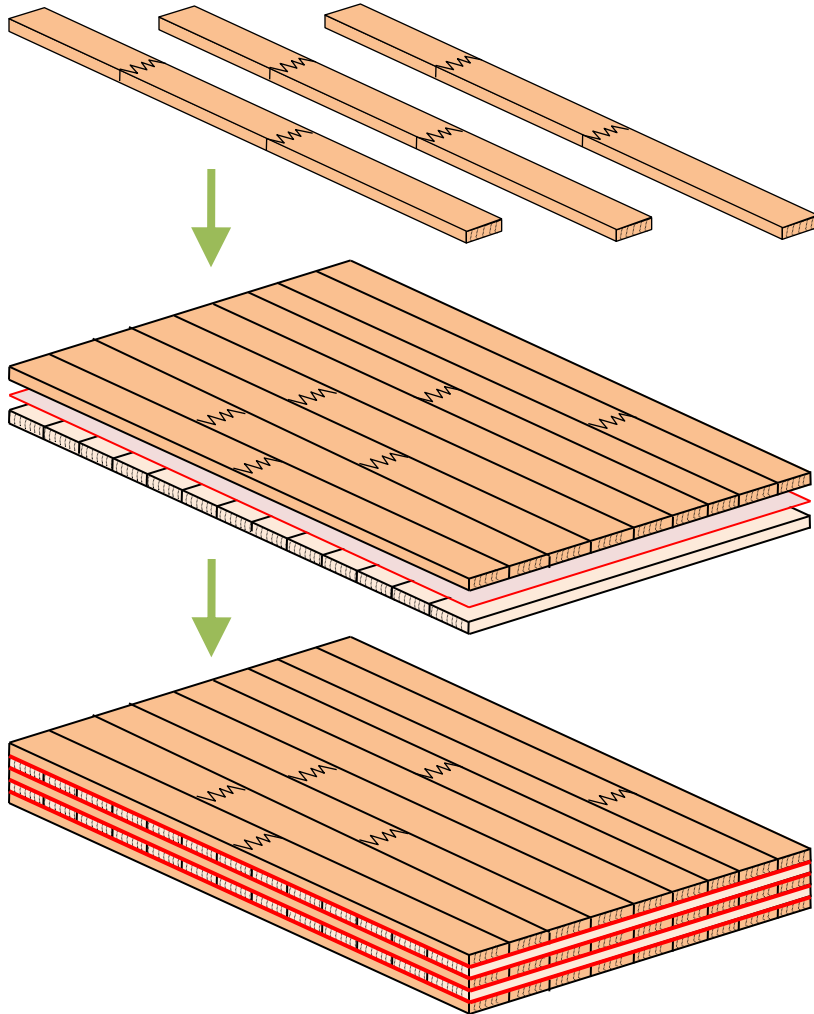
Graz, September 2000

This new material appears in 1998

# Raw material- the lamellae



# CLT Panels. The concept



unidirectional Layers

- Realized by several lamellae
- Glued on on the other

Fiber direction of the layers

- "glued"
- Adjacent Layer rotated by 90°

Structural gluing

- Same adhesive and technic of the e GLT
- Innovative processes



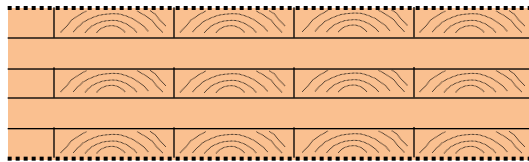


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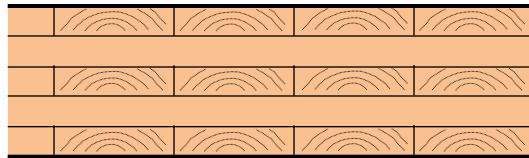


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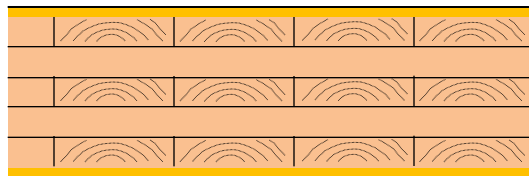
## surface



- Not exposed
- "raw"



- facing
  - shaving
  - smooth
  - ...

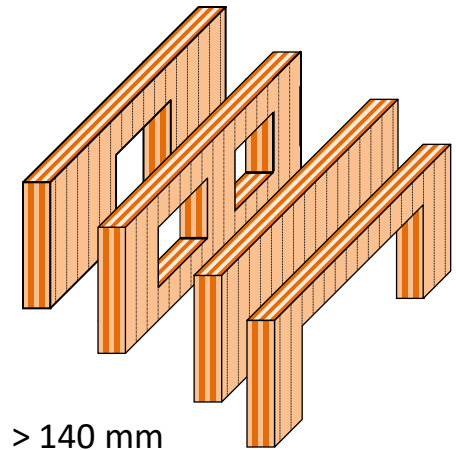
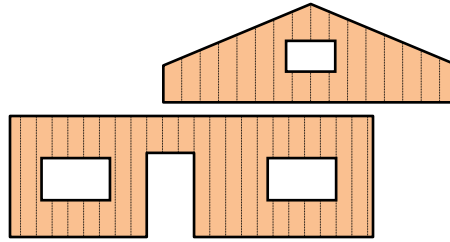
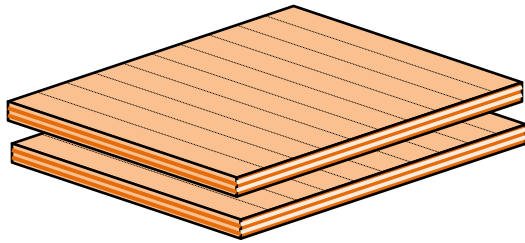


- Additional layer
- Facing slab
- other





# Structural behavior- Resistance and stiffness



- Wall with openings
  - Wall with “incorporated” lintel
  - massive vertical slab

Thickness:

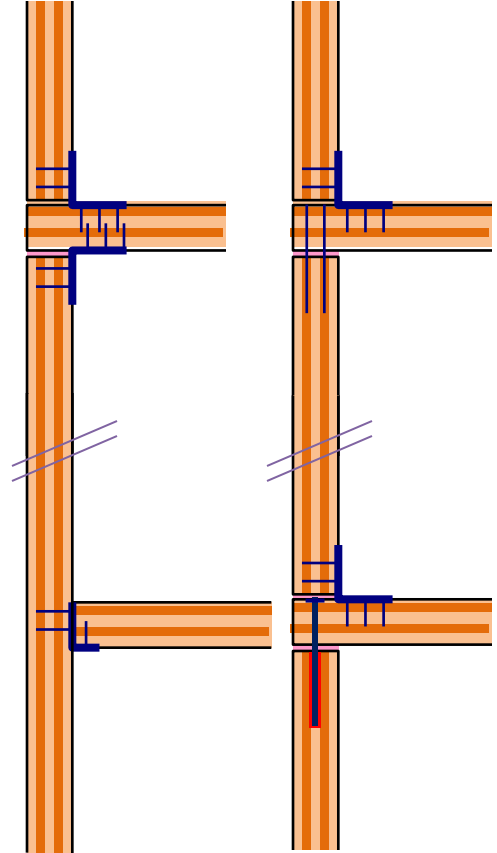
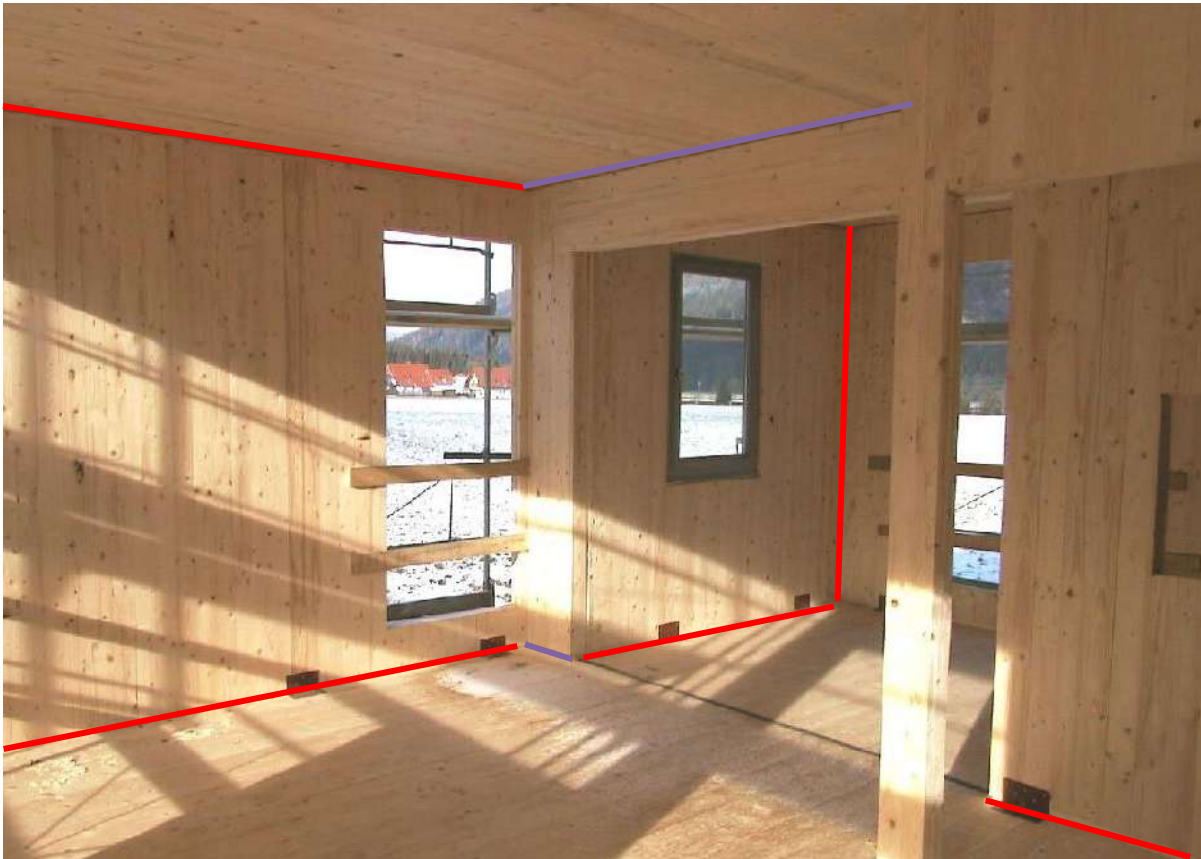
- Floor: > 140 mm
- Wall: > 100 mm



# The wooden construction with CLT Panels

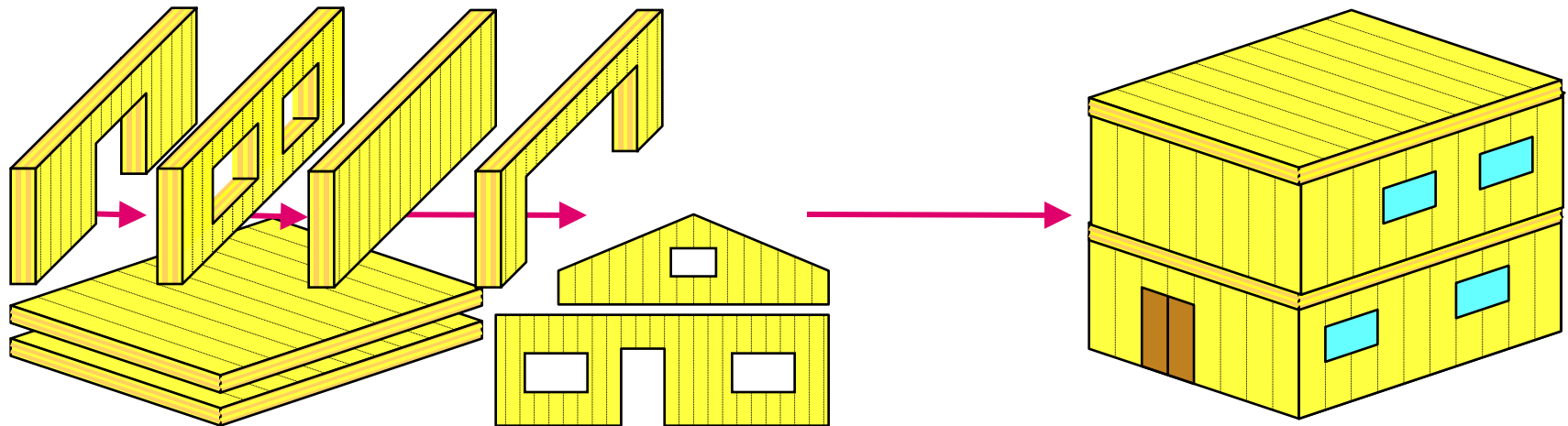
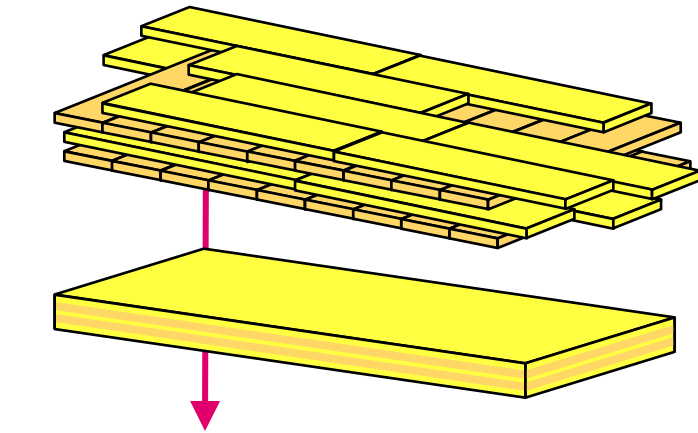
The connection between the panels

- Key elements
- Technically easy and effective



# Structural panel in big dimensions

## CLT Panels as structural typology

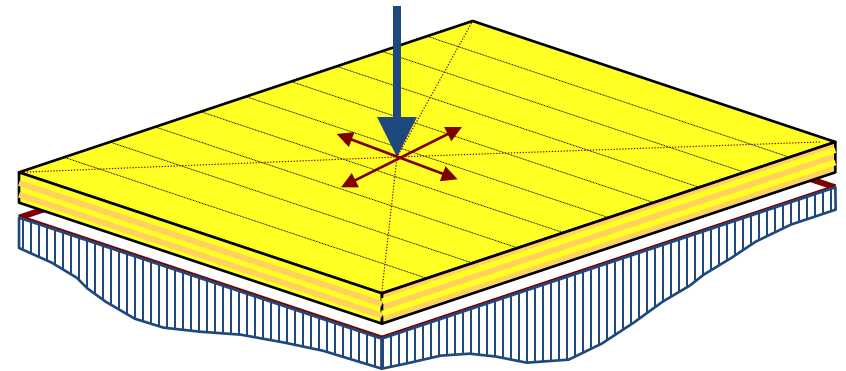




# CLT Structural panel in big dimensions

## Structural behavior of the CLT Panels

- Massive plane element
- Stiffness and resistance in both direction of the plane



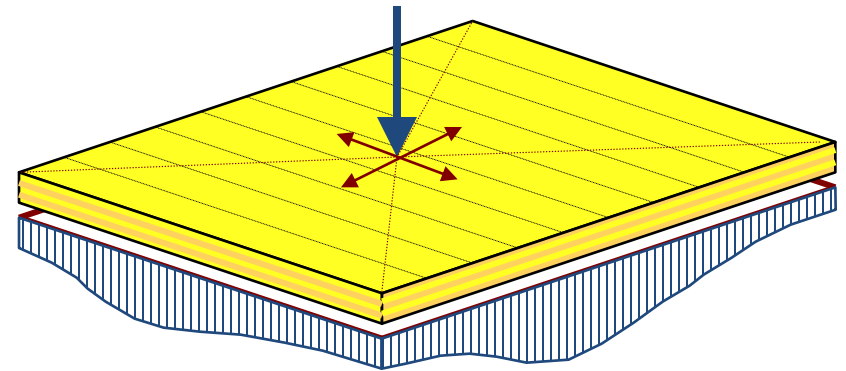
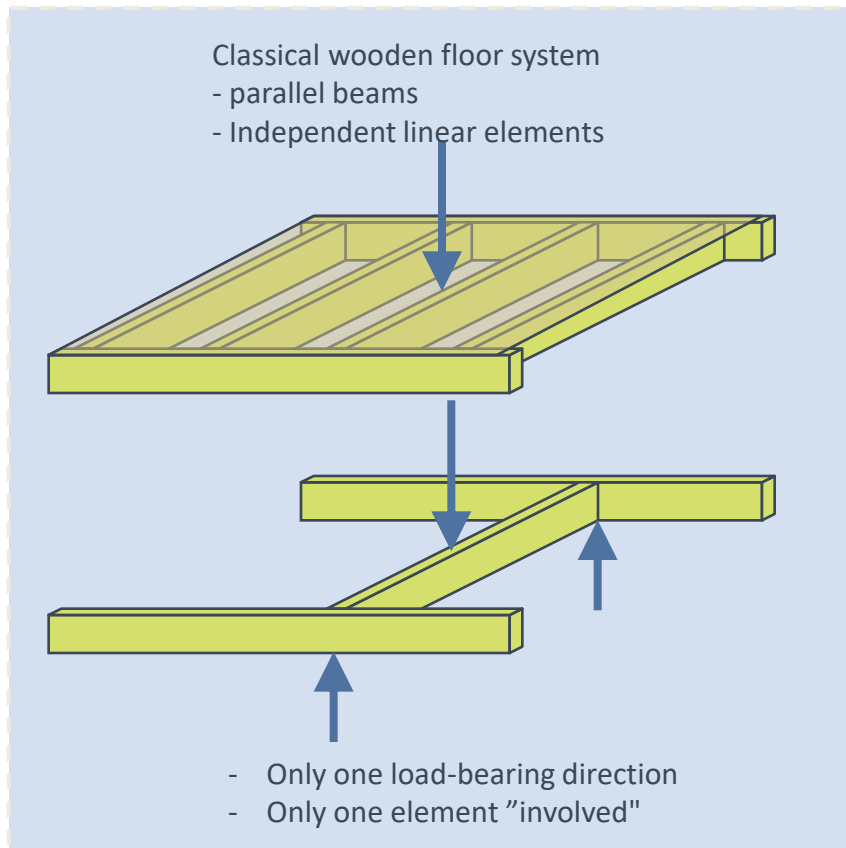
Loads transmission:

- Supported by the entire element
- Distribution on the whole su tutta la substructure
- Reduced stress for each element

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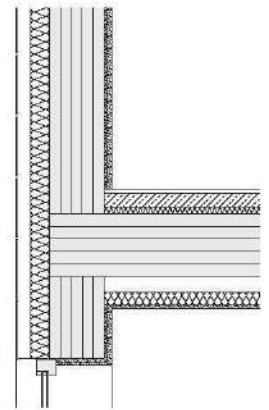
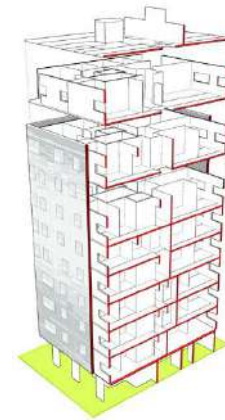
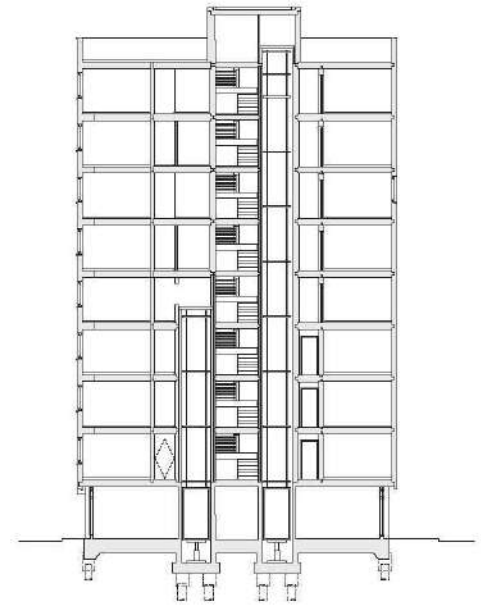
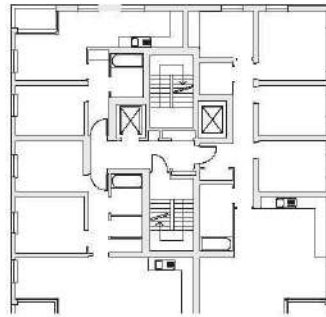
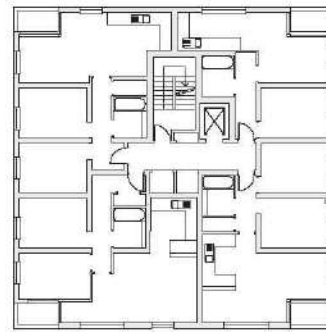
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Waugh Thistleton, Residential Tower, London, 2008















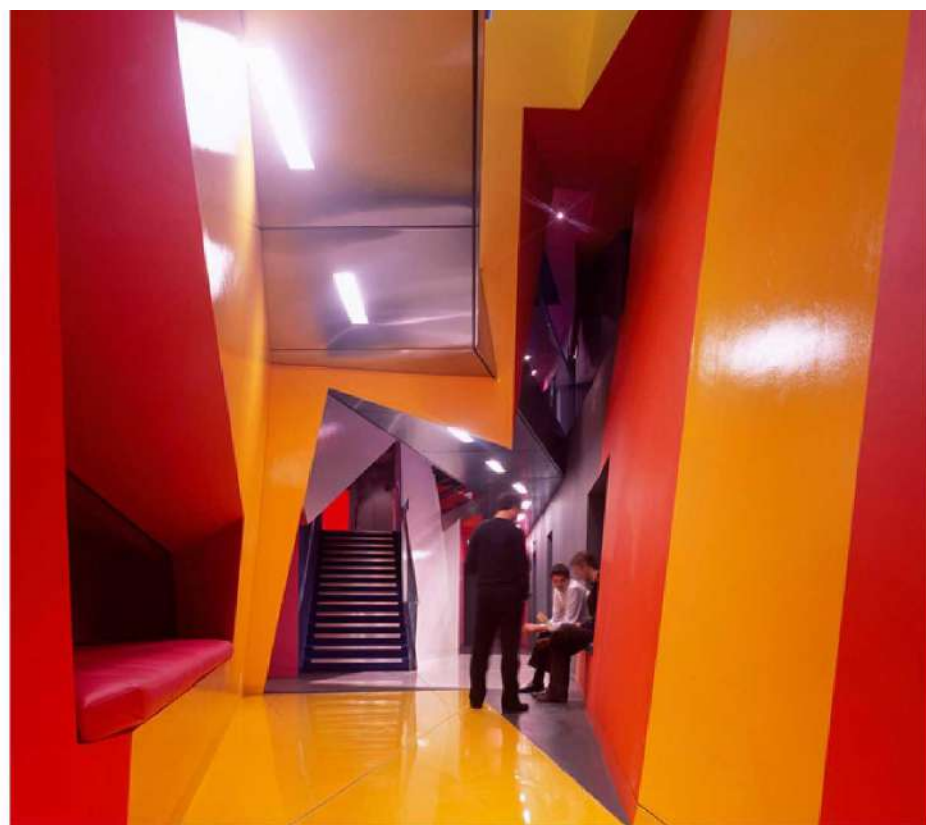
Surface Architects, Birkbeck College, London, 2007













Daniel Fuegenschuh, Renovation of an attic floor, Innsbruck, 2007







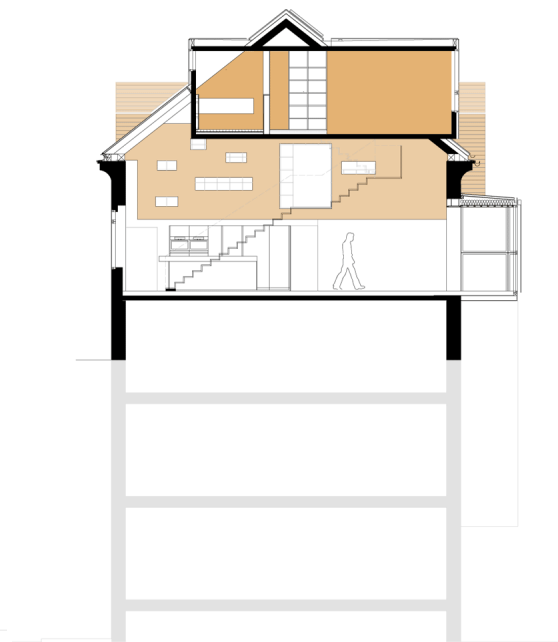
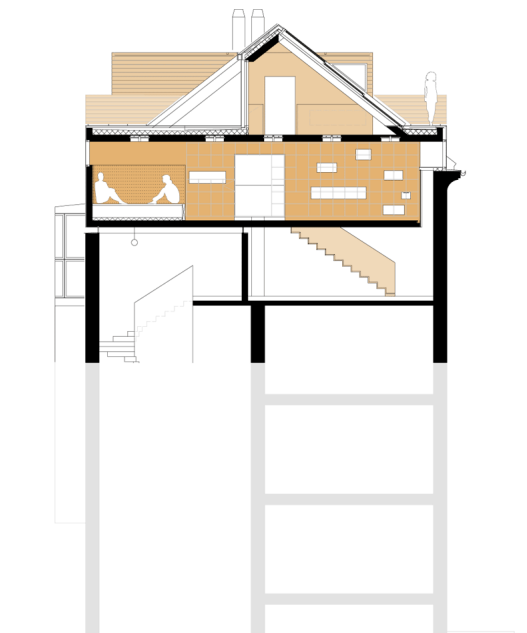












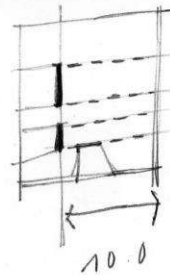
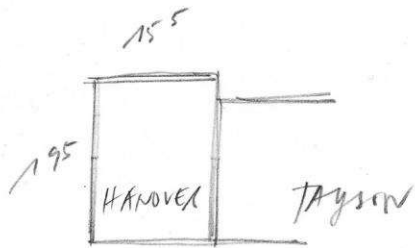




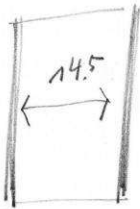
Kraus & Schönberg, Hanover House, Bradford, 2007



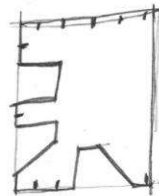




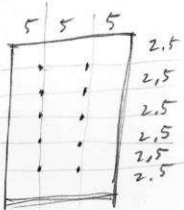
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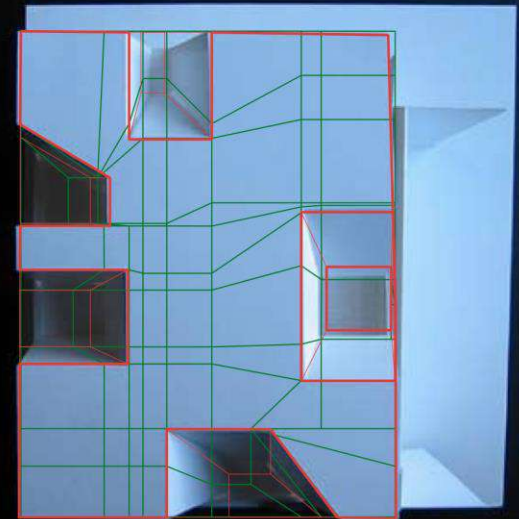
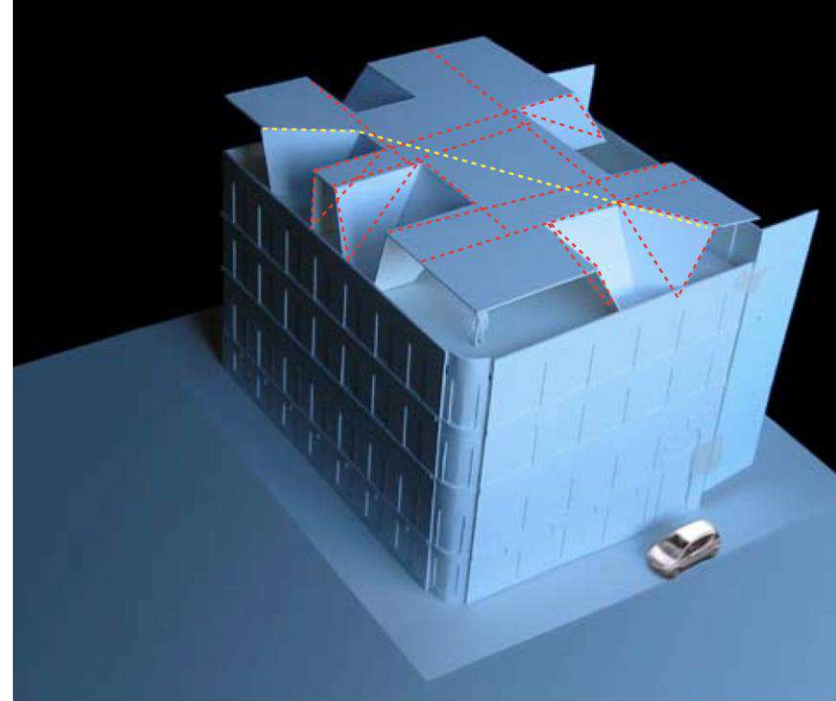
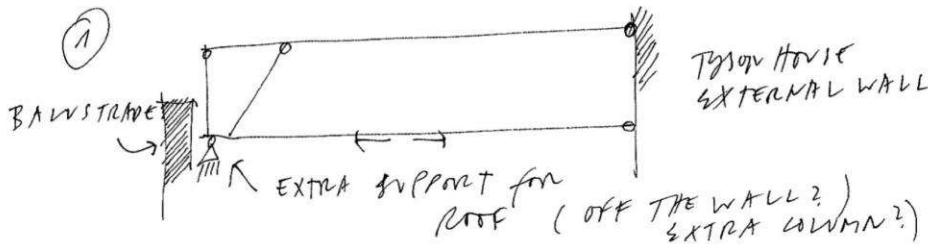


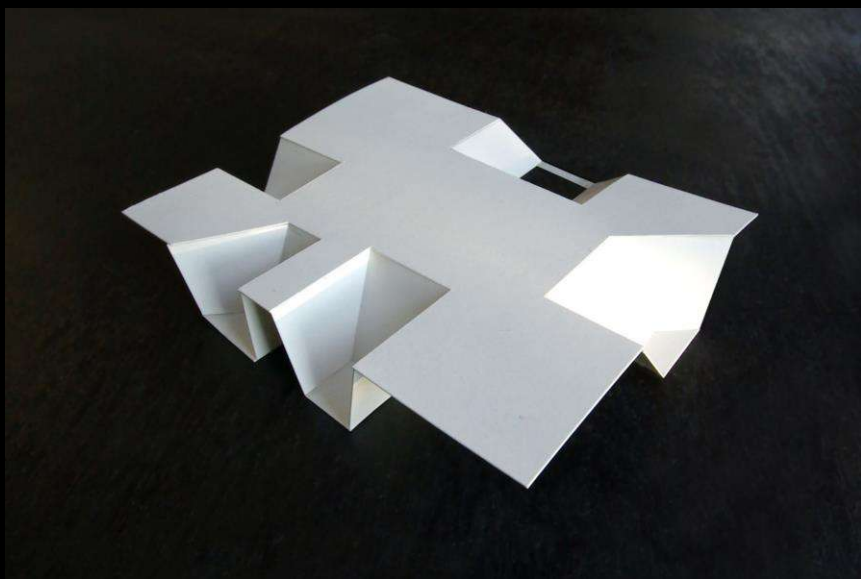
EXISTING  
COLUMN  
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FREE  
PLAN











Fabrizio Rossi Prodi, 4 Towers 9 Storey-Housing, Milan, 2012-13











### Residential units

- 124 residences
- 2 to 4 rooms (1 to 3 sleeping rooms - 100/75/50 m<sup>2</sup> area)

### Surfaces

- 9300 m<sup>2</sup> gross floor area
- 17000 m<sup>2</sup> gross built floor area



### Costs\*

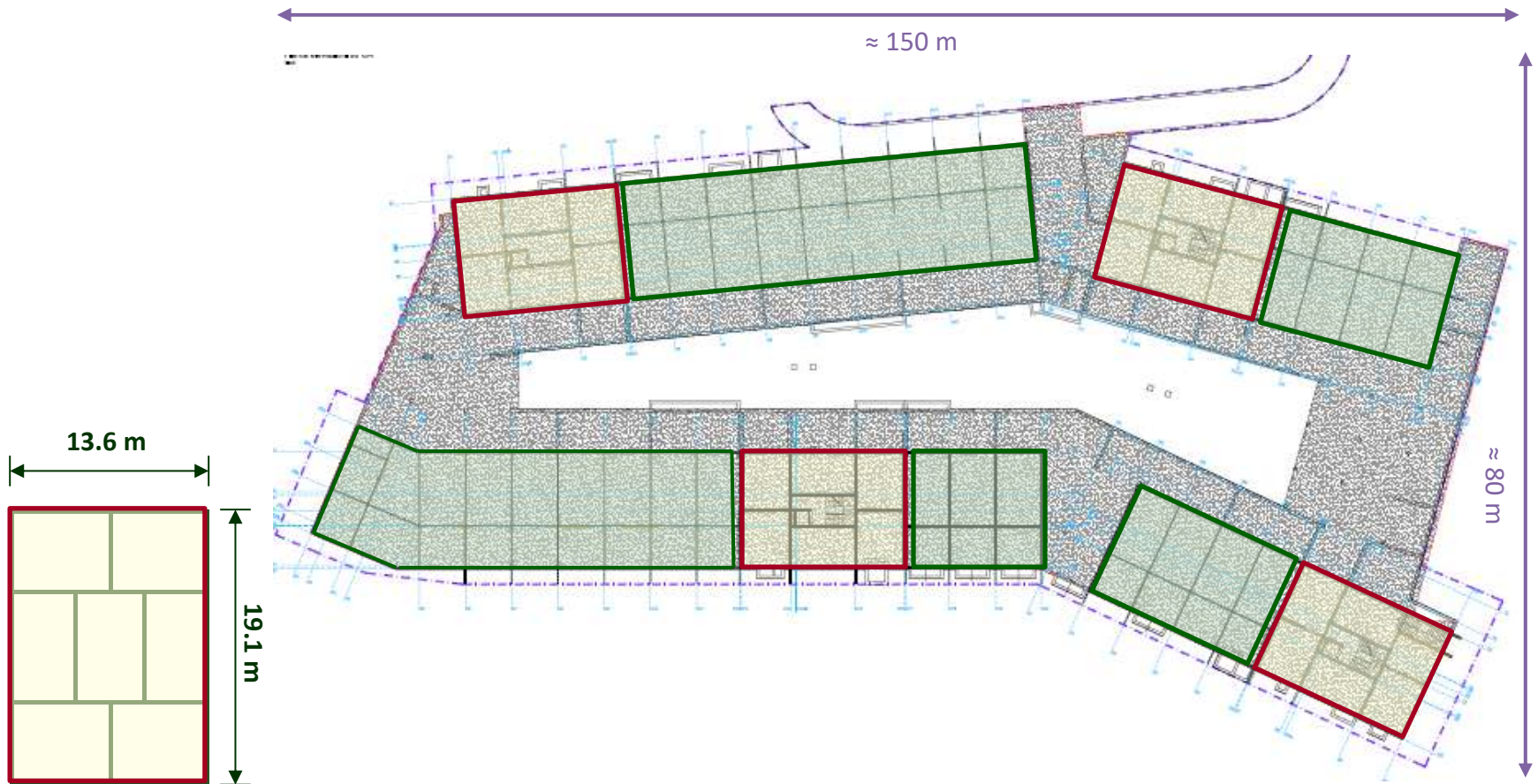
- 17 Mio. € all inclusive
- rent: 500 to 1000 €/month
- sales: 150'000 to 300'000 €

\* approximately

### Building timetable

- begin excavation: January 2012
- begin timber construction: June 2012
- building time all inclusive: 15 months
- completion expected without delay, according program





### 9-storey Towers

- 4 similar buildings
- "full" timber construction

### 2-storey connection buildings

- 4 similar buildings
- timber construction with similar technology to the towers

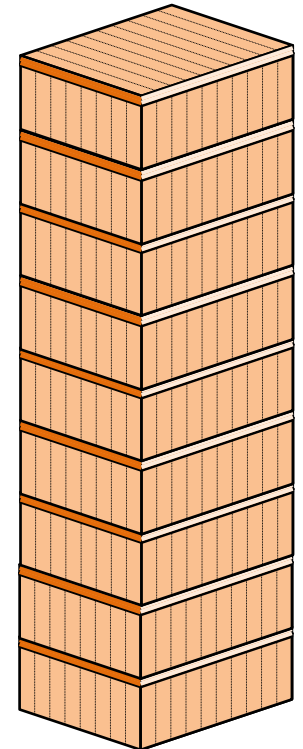
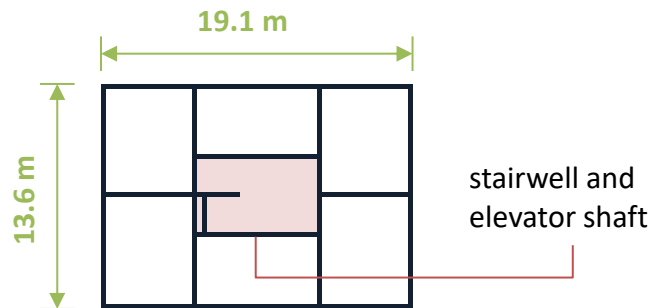
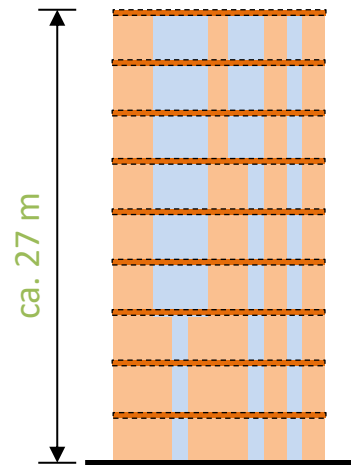


## The load bearing structure on CLT

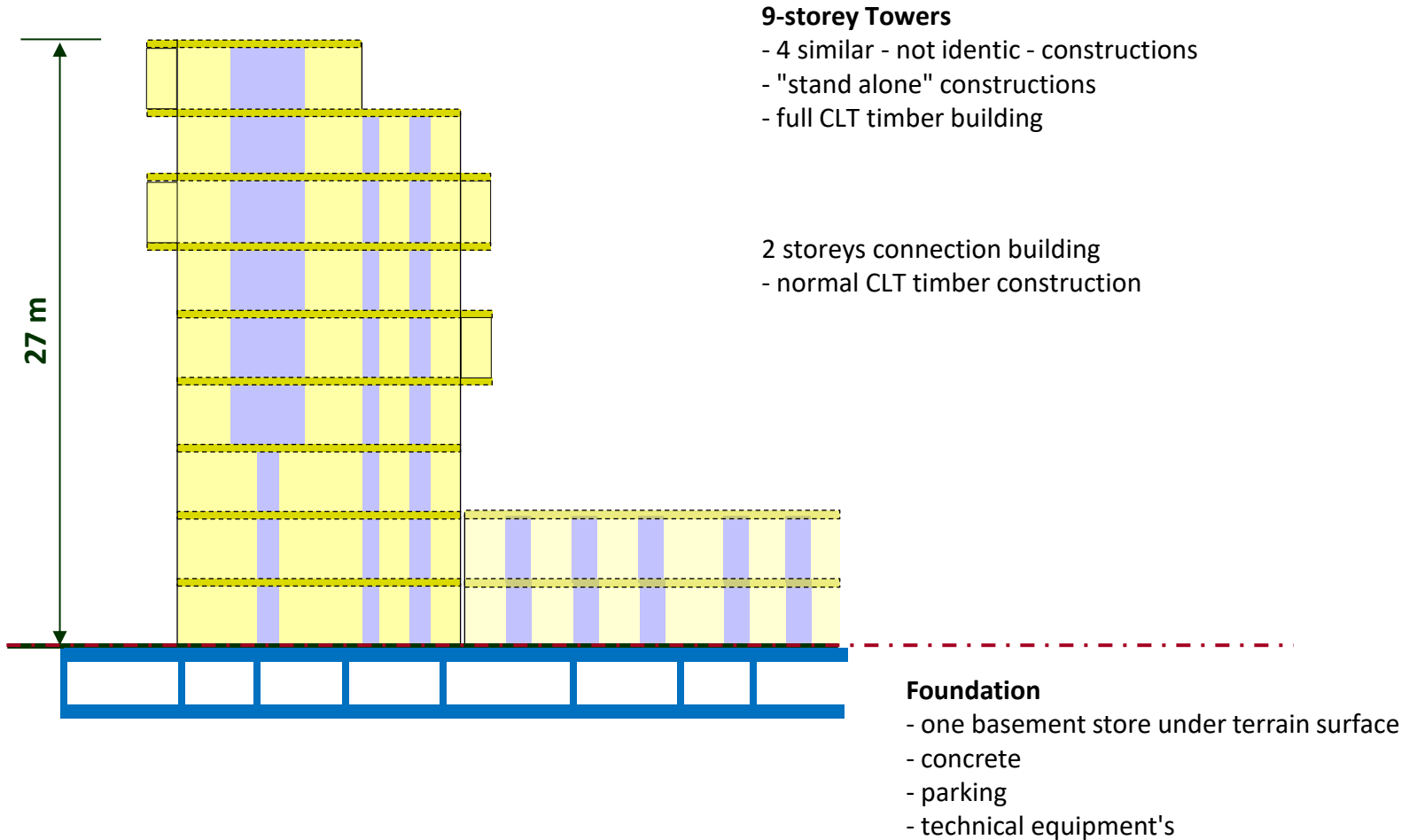


9 storey, spatial, 3-d CLT-structure

- composed of CLT decks and walls
- full timber construction
- included stairwell and elevator shaft



## The bearing structure on CLT



## Conditions - Requirements - and Challenges - for project and design



### Earthquake risk

- not very high, but really existing
- important and with high significance by authority and population
- general earthquake engineering rules have to be strictly respected as principle of the structural project
- CLT-timber appropriate for the requirement

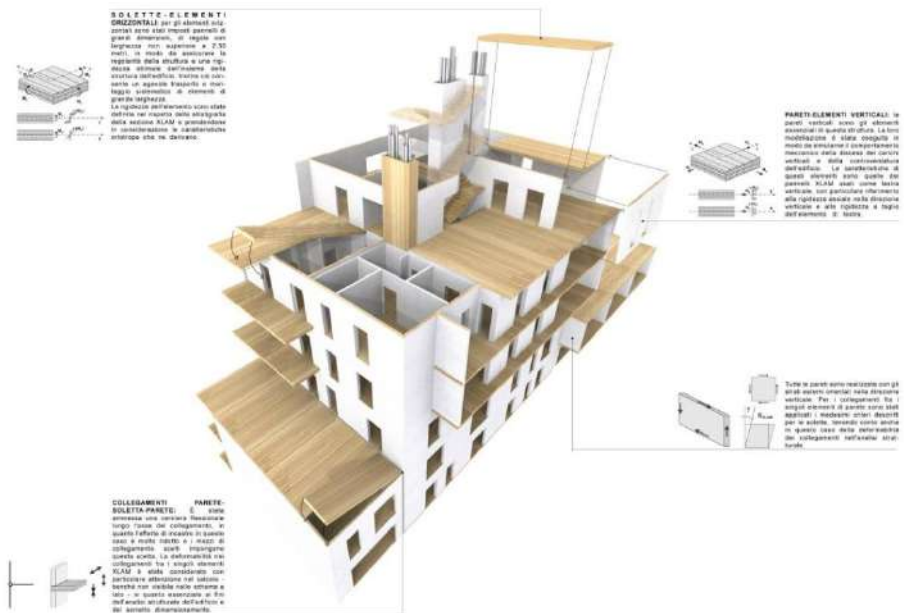
### High number of storeys - height of the building

- relatively new with timber
- absolutely new on earthquake area

### State of the Art

- some experience with similar buildings - but not by earthquake risk and by easier conditions of ratio height/large
- new and innovative, but under applications of actual technology and knowledge
- innovative application of the actual state of the art







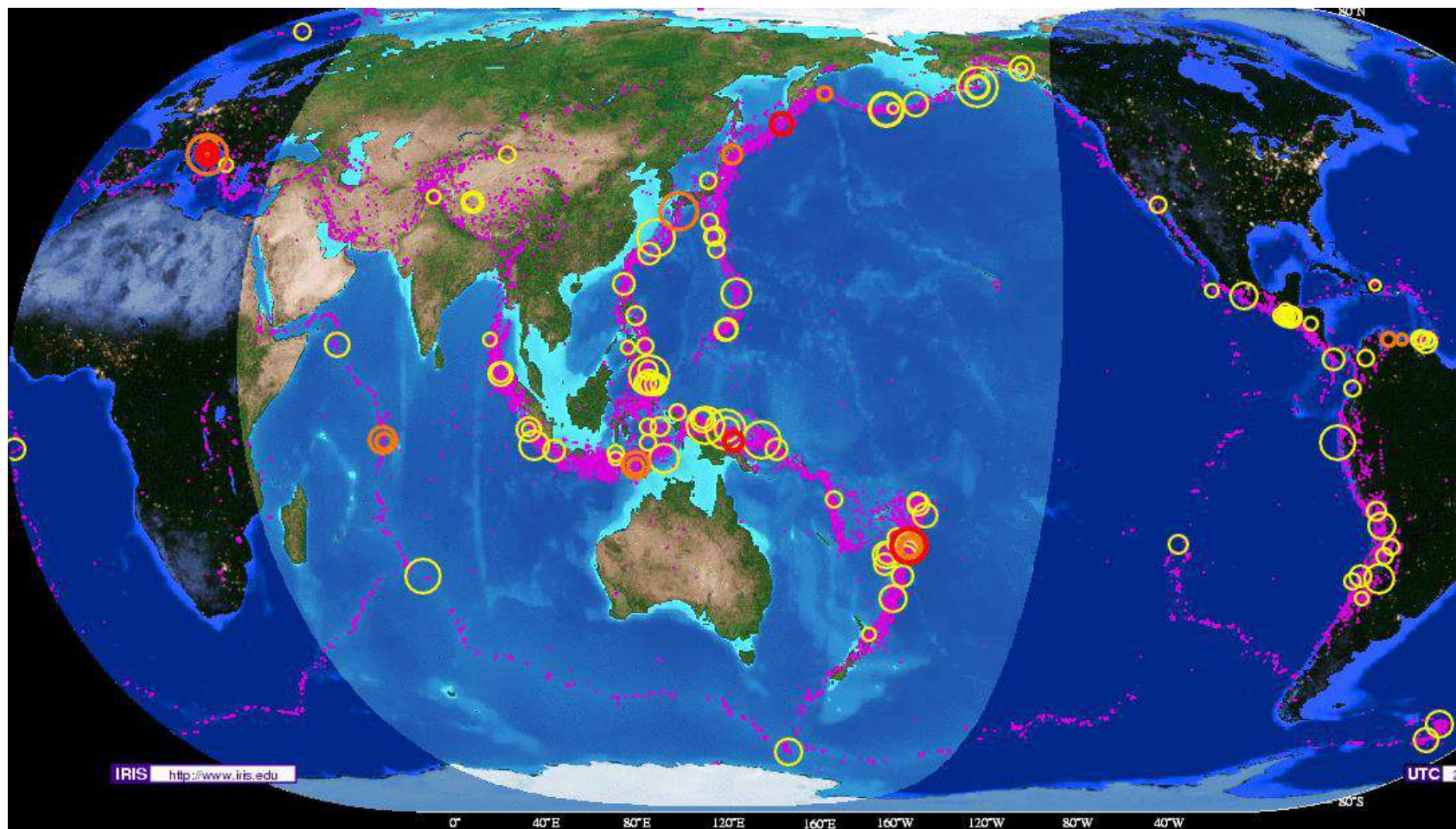








Learning from Emergencies...









# Timber and earthquake - an interesting and successful history

- many interesting remarks can be founded



Three undamaged modern Canadian-style wood-frame buildings in background, collapsed older building in foreground, after Japan's 1995 Kobe earthquake.



# Timber and earthquake - an interesting and successful history

The oldest timber buildings are - for example - in Japan



One of the oldest surviving timber structures in the world is the Horyuji temple, which was built at the start of the 8th century. These buildings have outlasted many earthquakes including the Kobe-earthquake in 1995.



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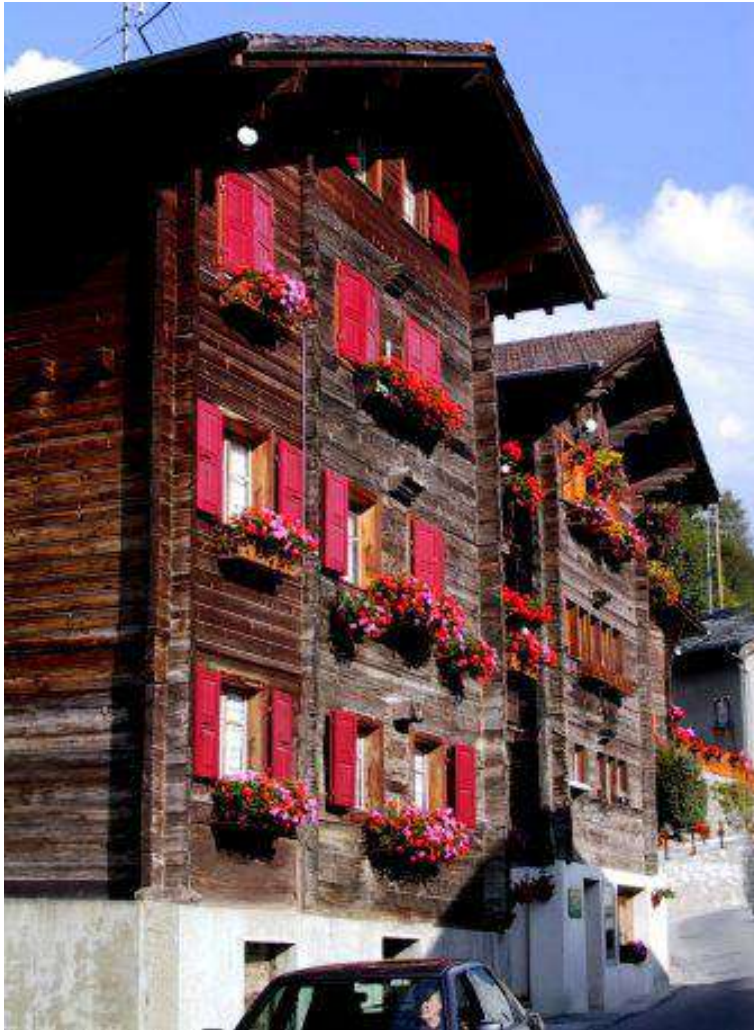


- Sakyamuni Pagoda, Fogong Temple (NW Ying County, Prov. Shanxi)
- $h_{\text{tot}} = 67.31 \text{ m}$ 
  - 9 storeys, 5 identifiable
  - corresponding to a 20-storeys building
  - containing 26 Buddha's statues
- build up under Qing Ning in 1056
  - has at the time the +/- 950<sup>ème</sup> birthday...
- has survived many strong earthquakes
  - it's reported of a "7 day long earthquake"
  - Xingtai (Province Hebei)
  - Tangshan
  - Helinge'erm



# Timber and earthquake - an interesting an successful history

Switzerland is a country of low seismicity - but the oldest timber constructions ...



... are in the Switzerland part with the highest risk of earthquake

... and they have survived certainly to a lot of small earthquakes

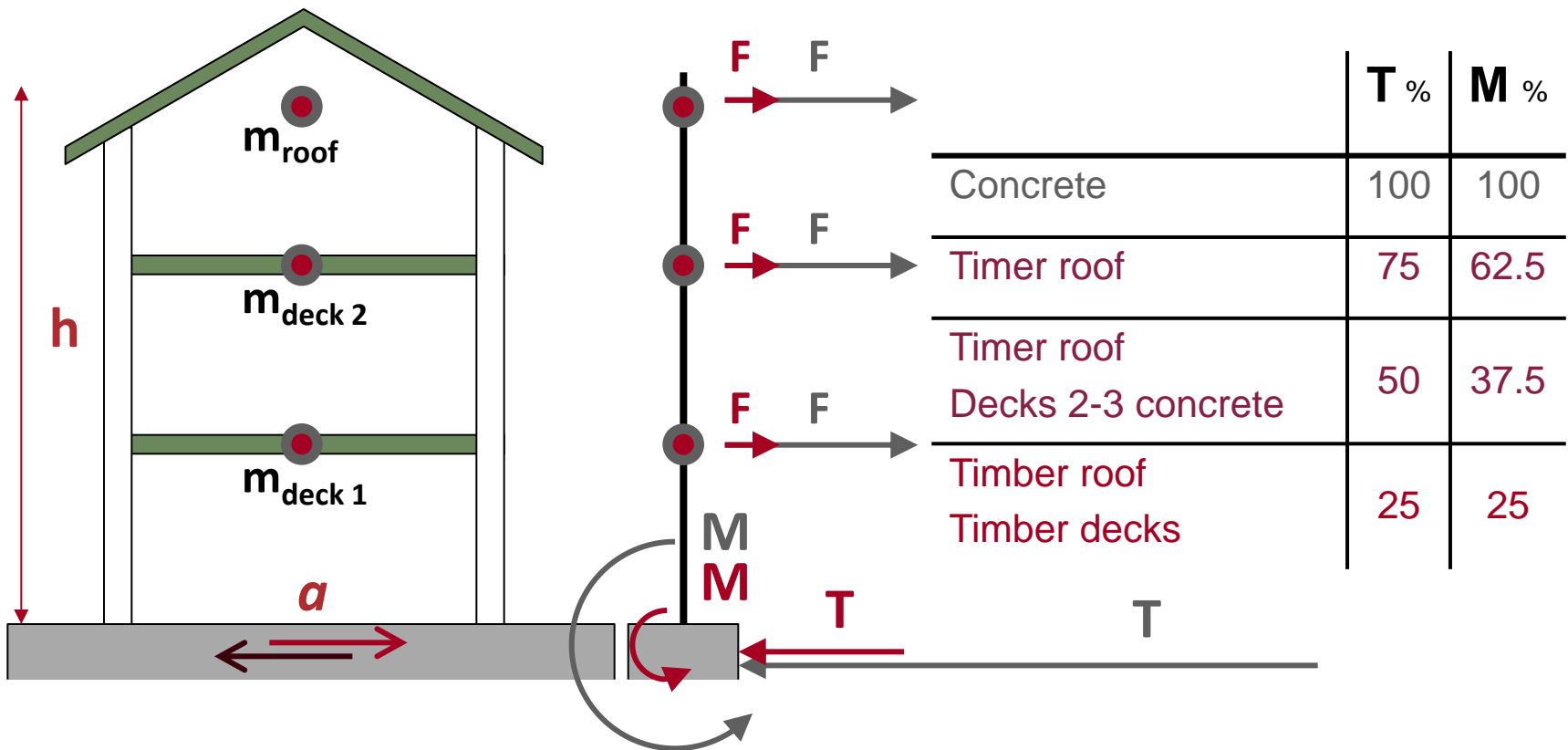
# Timber and earthquake - today

## The advantages of timber

- the reduce weight:  $\rho_{\text{mean}} \approx 500 \text{ kg/m}^3 \dots$

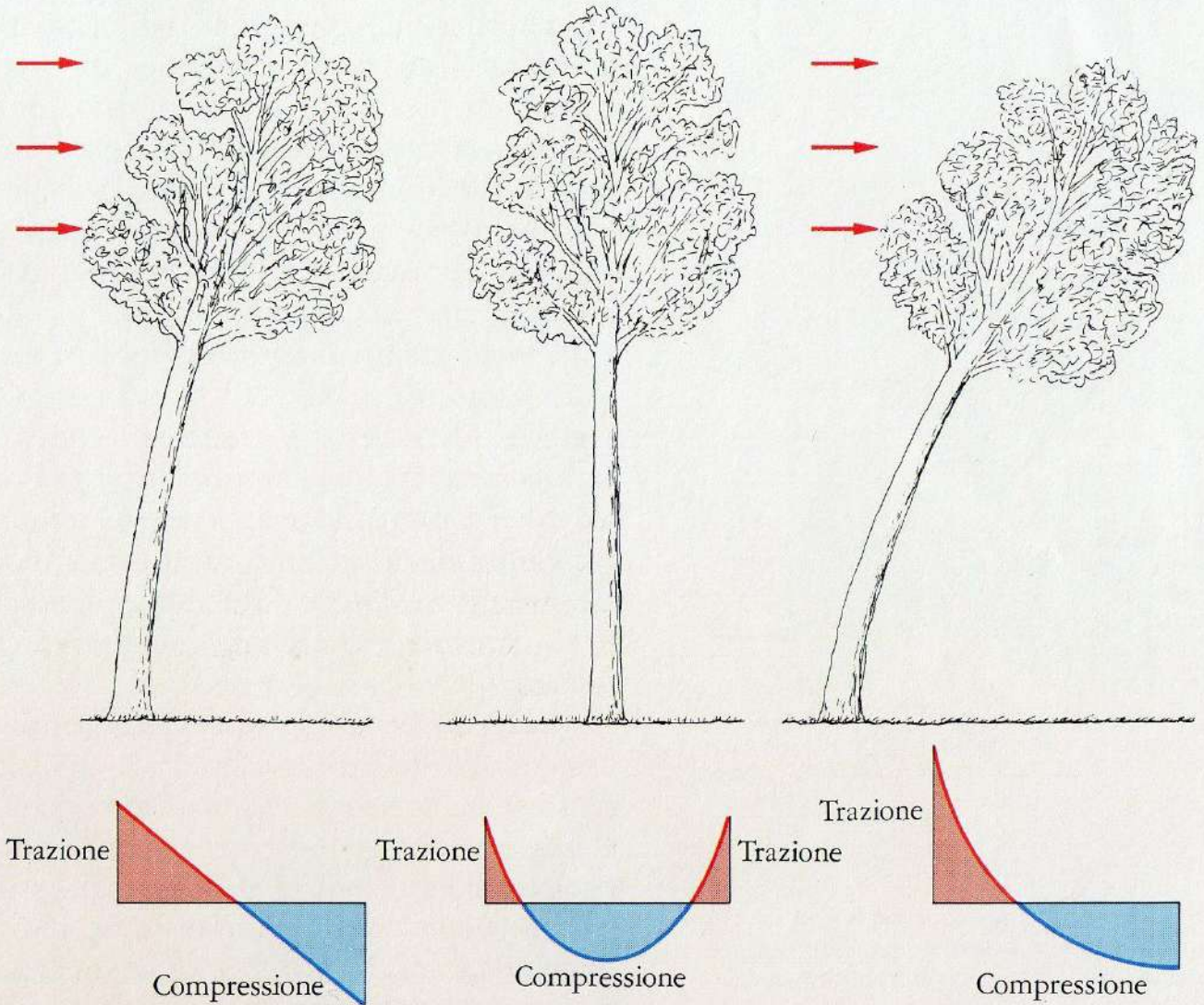
... reduce the forces in case of earthquake

- ground seismic acceleration  $a$ : given by the earthquake
- mass relationship mineral to timber construction :  $m_{\text{concrete}} : m_{\text{timber}} = 4:1$





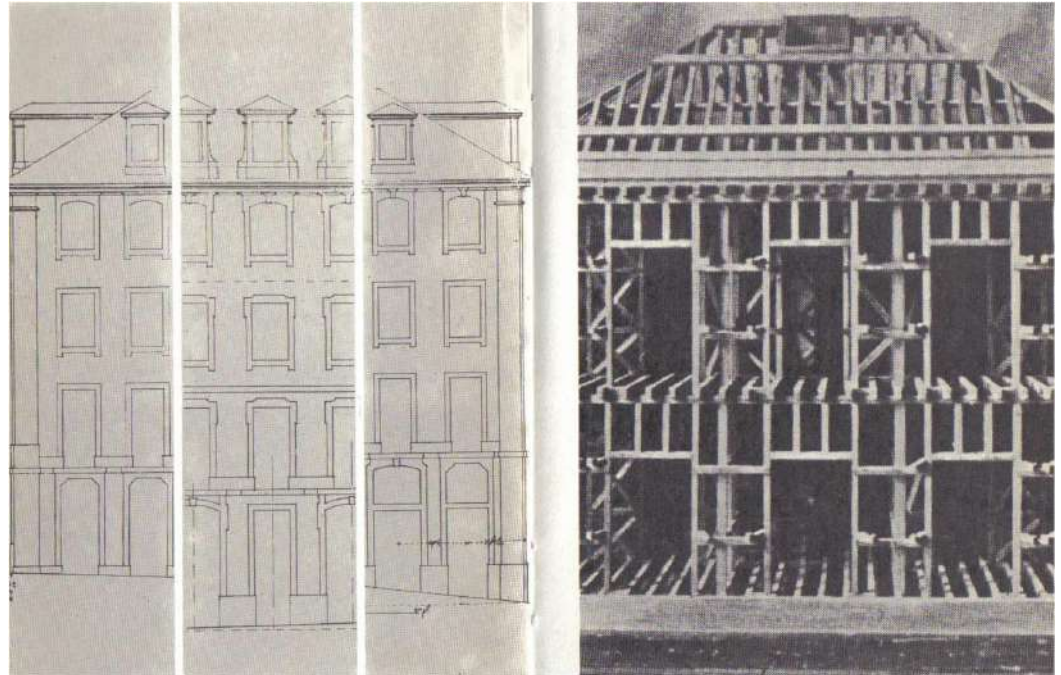
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Traction / compression







Gaiola Bombalina, Lisbon, after the Earthquake of 1755





















Seismic Test In Miki of a CLT System Building





before the Earthquake



after 7 destructive Earthquakes





# Timber and earthquake - today

A lot of investigation on full scale specimen shows interesting results



Example: 3 storeys building with ground surface 7 x 7 m

Results:

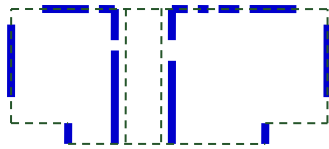
- good behaviour in case of the Kyoto earthquake
- the "weakest point" is given by the connections: they have to be correctly designed
- by small building the effect of the friction between the elements is probably very favourable

# Timber and earthquake - today

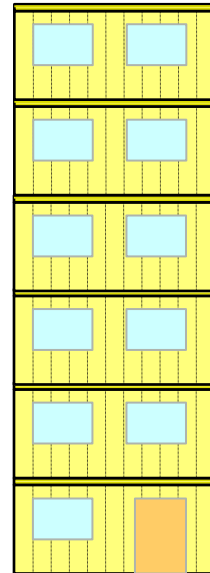
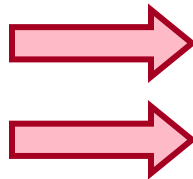
## Seismic effect on timber buildings

### A case study based on a real example of a building

Study M. Turri 2008  
A. Bernasconi, heig-vd  
M. Piazza, Uni TN



Ground schema and position of the vertical walls



**Aim of the study: the behaviour of different timber construction systems (framework, CLT, with timber or concrete decks, ... )**

- Design for static load (wind)



- Check for need of reinforcements in case of seismic risk at different levels

- Analysis for 3, 4 and 5 storeys for the same configuration



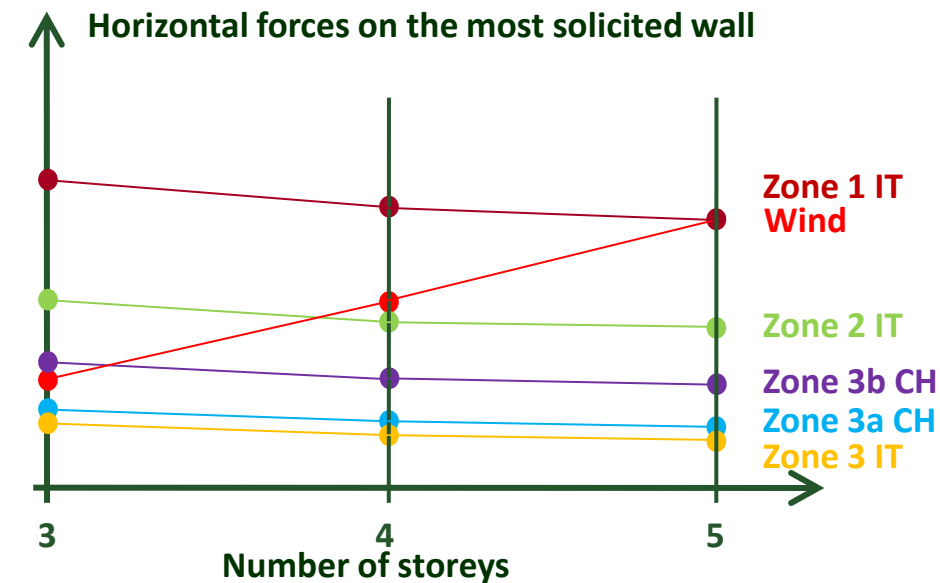


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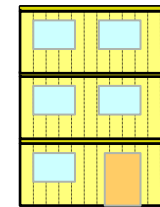


Construction system:

CLT-walls

Concrete-Timber decks

- green zones: reinforcement for the earthquake risk is not necessary
- red zones: reinforcement for the earthquake risk is necessary



3 storeys:  
reinforcement  
for risk zones 1  
and 2



5 storeys:  
nowhere reinforcement required



















Particolare tavoletta di  
giunzione









**Applicazione  
colla**



**Fissaggio  
tavolette/pannelli  
con viti  $\phi$  8/10**



**Fissaggio solaio con  
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## An example of very modern timber building





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## An example of very modern timber building

After one working day on the timber constructor





## An example of very modern timber building

After two working days on the timber constructor



**An example of very modern timber building**

**After three working days on the timber constructor**





## An example of very modern timber building

After five working days on the timber constructor



## An example of very modern timber building

After six working days on the timber constructor





# An example of very modern timber building

## Very large use of prefabrication

- need of accurate planning
- need of accurate timing



## An example of very modern timber building

### Stairs on CLT





# An example of very modern timber building

## Equipment and installation

- prefabricated
- cable bundles delivered the correct in length and form



## An example of very modern timber building

### Insulation of the stair shaft

- inside because stair shaft not heated
- clothing with gypsum boards





# An example of very modern timber building

## Floor construction

- dry construction
- insulation
- solution with mortar plates (dry by the installation)



# Modernster Holzbau - Ein Beispiel

## Thermic insulation over the upper deck

- principle of the cold roof
- roof surface to have an inclined surface





# An example of very modern timber building

## Outside construction of the walls

- cork panel for insulation
- air ventilation of the facade elements
- external part with cement fibres boards



## An example of very modern timber building





# An example of very modern timber building

## Costs ... and numbers

### Requirements in the announcement

- about 30 apartments
- place for about 80 people

### Reference price for the offers

- 2'200'000 €
- 11 millions € because offer for at least 5 building (identical)

### This object

- 27 apartment
- about 80 people

### Reference price for the offers 2'200'000 €

- 3,09 per cent reduction (criteria for adjudication): 2'132'020 €
- 2100 m<sup>2</sup> surface
- 1015,25 €/m<sup>2</sup>



# An example of very modern timber building

Some view of the apartment "ready for living"





# A second example of very modern timber building

From this object

- 24 apartments
- place for 81 people



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## A second example of very modern timber building



Walls on CLT

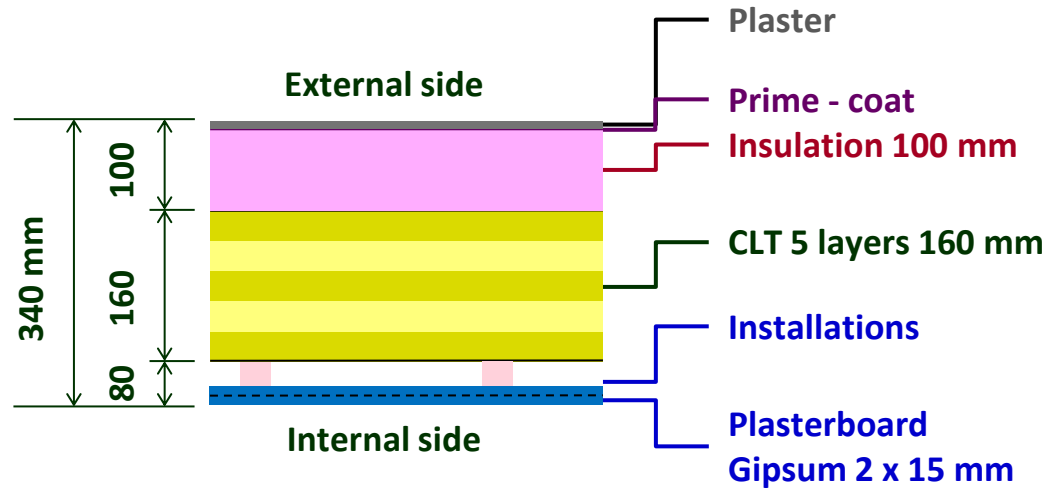


## A second example of very modern timber building



### Vertical external walls on CLT

- composition of the construction layers



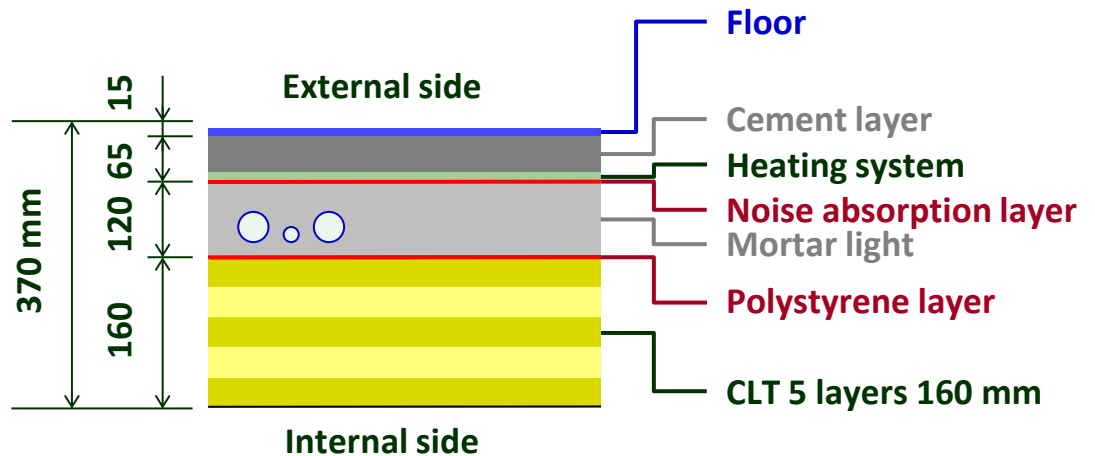


## A second example of very modern timber building



### Horizontal decks on CLT

- composition of the construction layers



## A second example of very modern timber building

Erection of the timber construction within 73 day - in one case the effective building time was **55 days**

### Costs

- 2'051'400 €,
- 1801 m<sup>2</sup> surface
- 1140 €/m<sup>2</sup>





## A second example of very modern timber building

Some view of the apartment "ready for living"



# Conclusions

## Two cases of modern timber constructions

- two examples from a lot of realized timber projects



### Construction on "safety platforms"

- design based on reduced horizontal forces
- condition of maximum weight of the construction
- project with timber structure relatively easy (reduced weight - high earthquake safety)



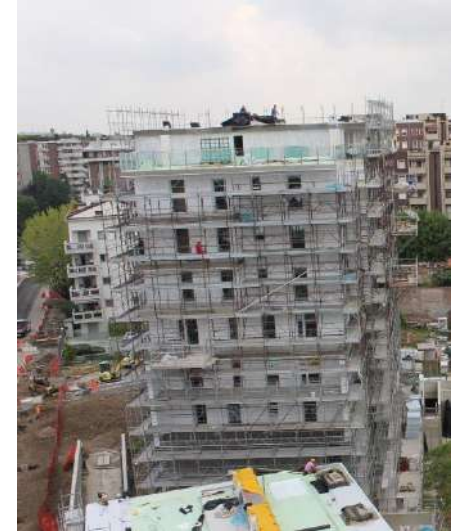
### Timber building without platforms

- higher earthquake design forces
- stronger structural details, i.e. all kind of connections
- ... but of course possible



# The project of the Via Cenni, Milan

End of June 2013



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## Interesting example of the State of the art

- CLT for ambitious engineering constructions
- a new way for urban and multi storey buildings
- timber engineering for modern architecture
- CLT engineering for urban architecture



Via Cenni, Milano - Arch. Rossi Prodi - 28.09.2013





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# Two examples of timber building after earthquake

## Building program CASE

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- examples for "speedy building"
- examples for "modern timber building"









## Facts

For instance  
Italy 2010, new buildings

Total all buildings	40.000
Total wood buildings	7.500
(3.000 in Abruzzo)	

Total apartments	220.000
Total wooden ones	8.500
(3.500 in Abruzzo)	

## Wood Buildings realized in Italy

2006 100%  
2010 500%  
2015 900% (ca.)

The buildings realized with other  
materials and technologies are  
actually decreasing and in recession



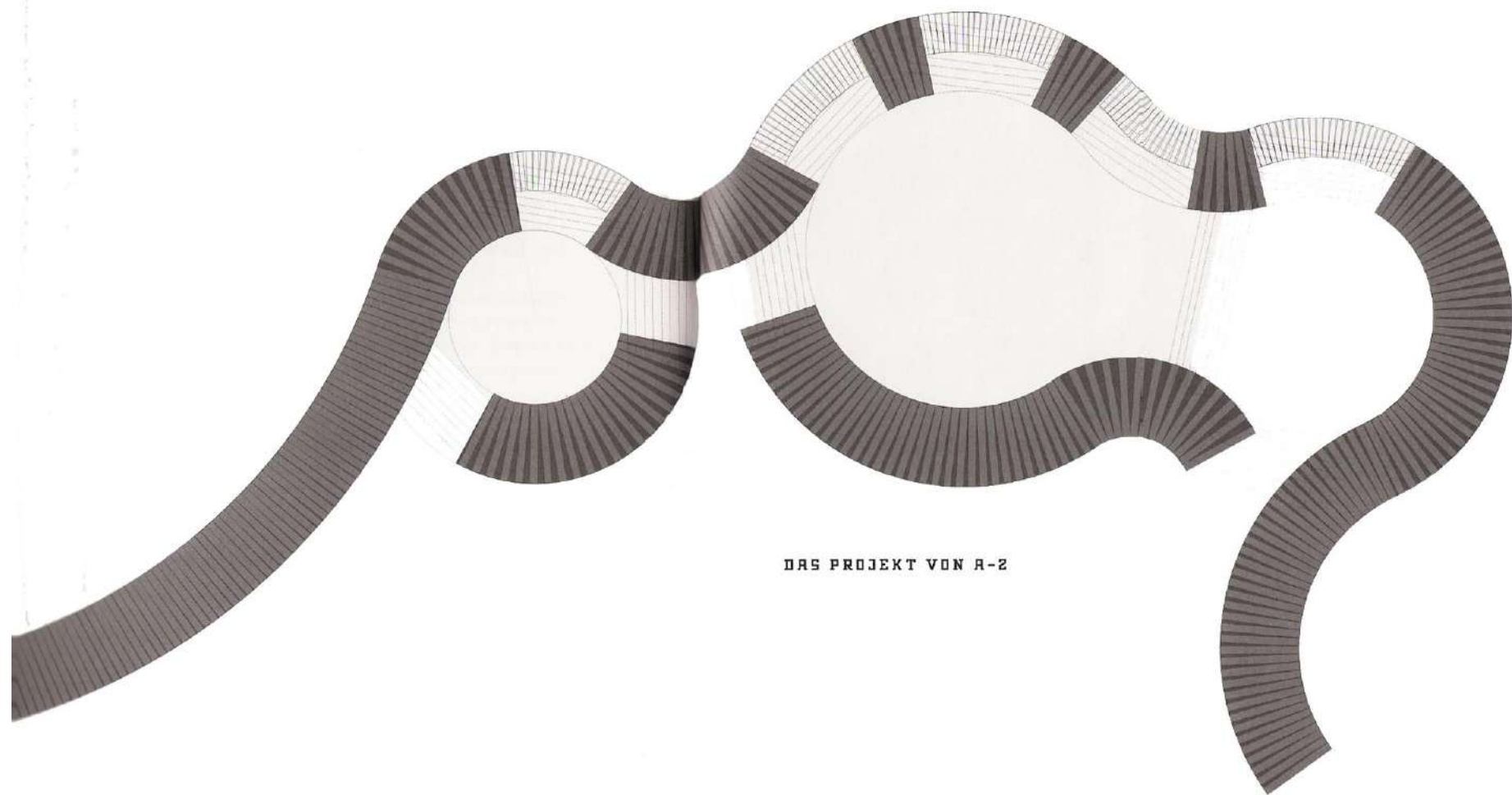
[...] the problem of wood is to be an excellent material too easily usable

James E. Gordon

Students of the ETH Zurich, Birdwatching Station, Lake Balaton, 2003







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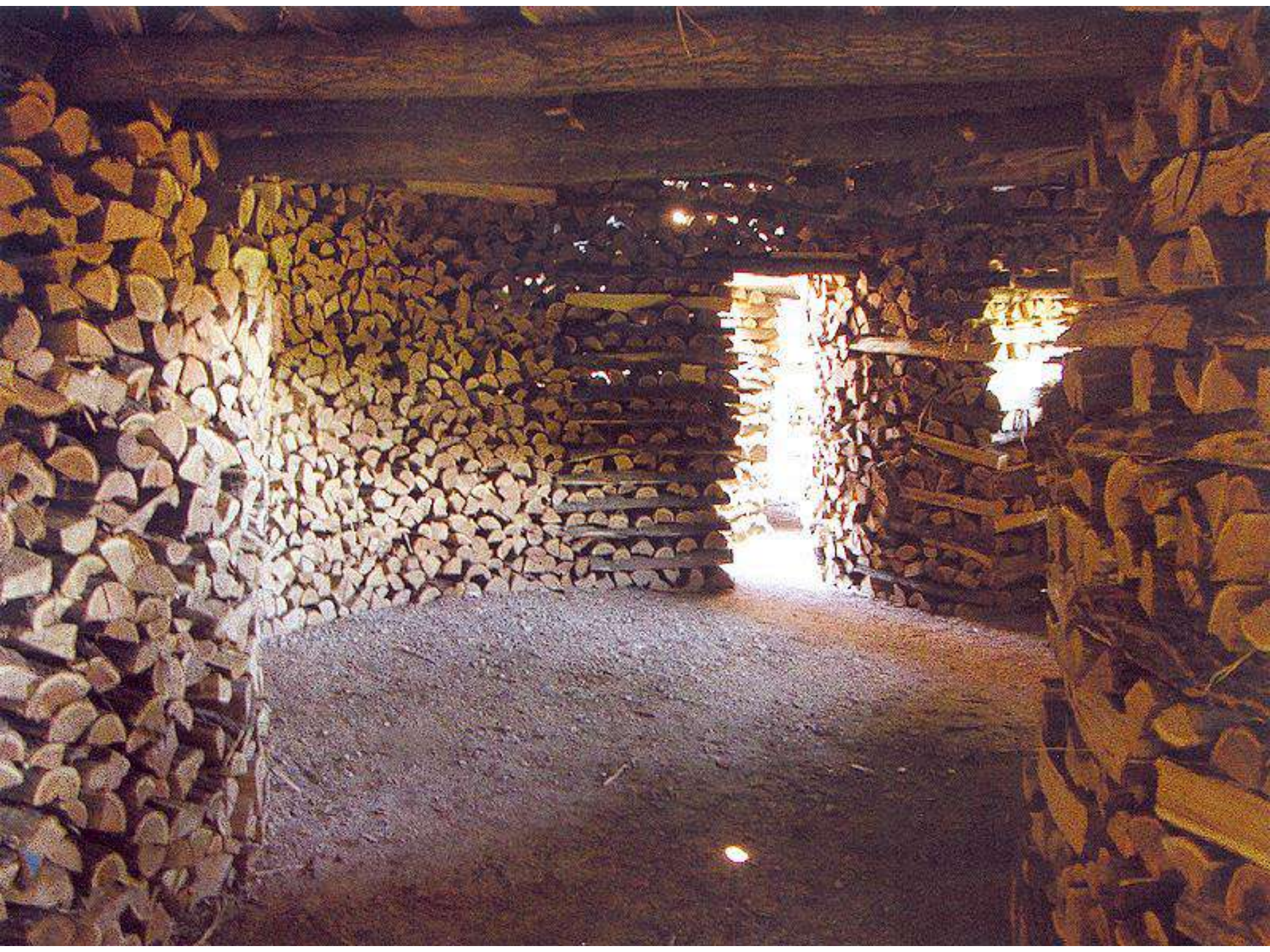


























# At the begin it was the timber home

Home building was in the past on timber ...



... and the homes exist always and show

- a long live capacity
- a good conservation
- an economic interesting investment

... but they are today

- not very modern
- but interesting and fascinating





## ... then the timber becomes multi-storeys

Timber multi-storeys is an old history too ...



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Yesterday and today

- timber construction is visible from outside





## ... then the timber becomes multi-storeys

### Yesterday and today

- timber construction is visible from outside



- timber construction behind a façade



## ... then the timber becomes multi-storeys

Yesterday the same situation as today? **No, because a lot of reasons**

- technical requirement are stronger
- architectural requirements are different
- requirement for ecology
- higher performances needed

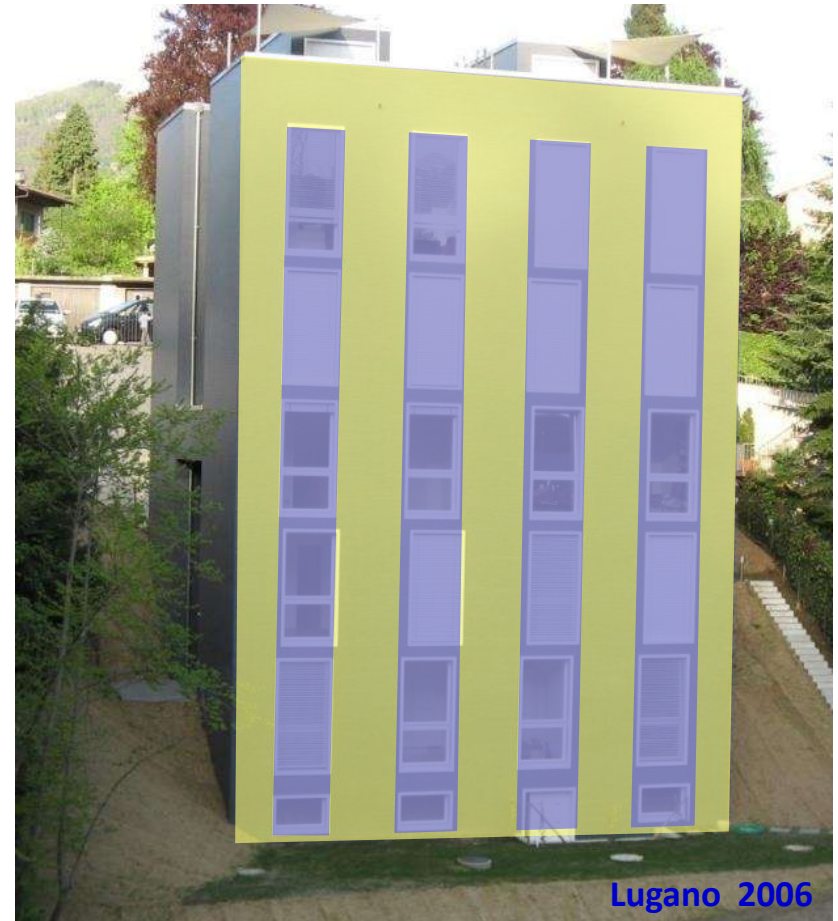




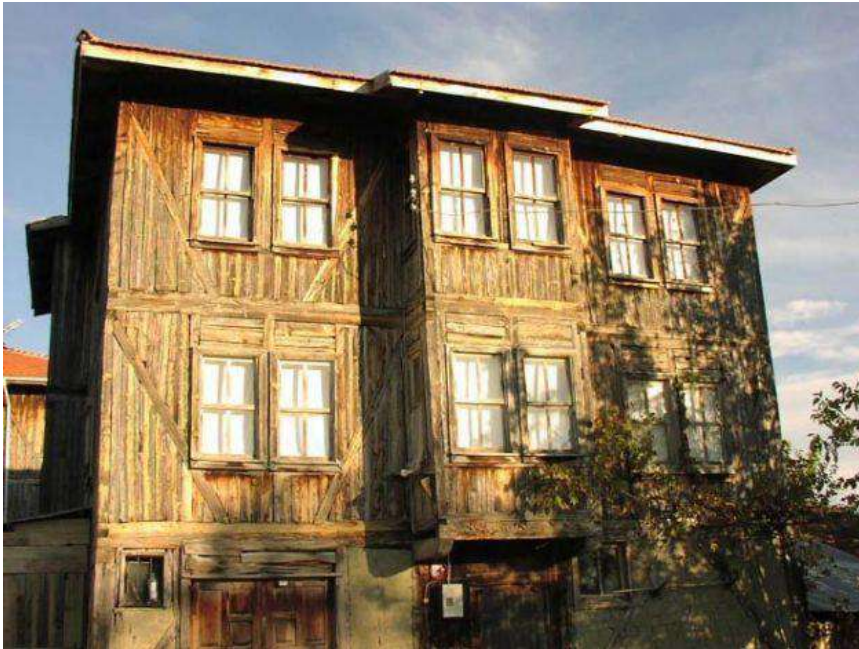
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- compact and "closed" structure
- walls with very small opening
- a lot of big openings
- slender, small walls elements



# Timber and earthquake - an interesting and successful history



- many interesting remarks can be founded
- ...

## Turkey earthquakes and damages of buildings

### Earthquake

12.11.99 Duzce  
17.08.99 Kocaeli



### Behaviour of traditional wooden buildings

Wooden buildings have been discussed most after these earthquakes. Many traditional timber framed buildings were performed better than the other buildings with different material



# Modern timber building

## Appartements house Sirio - Lugano



Arch. Maurizio Marzi Lugano - 2011

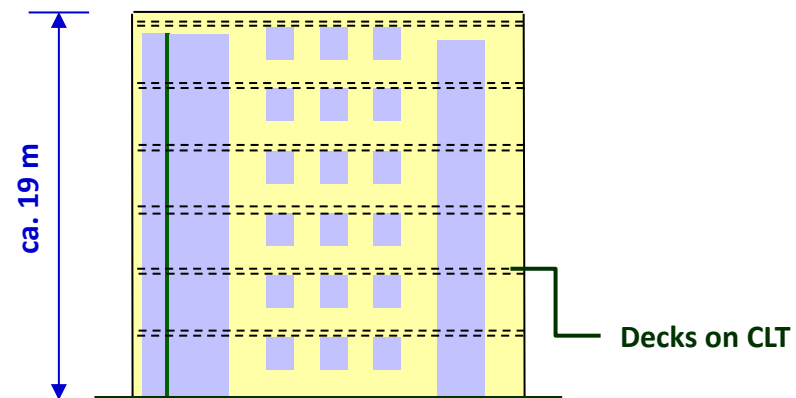
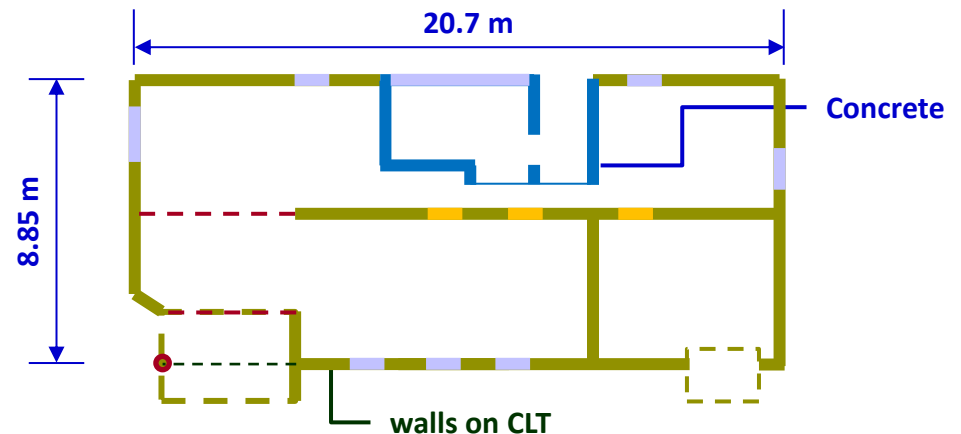
# Modern timber building

## Apartment building **Sirio** - Lugano



### 6 - storey building with CLT structure

- stairwell and elevator shaft partially on concrete
- 3D structure on CLT



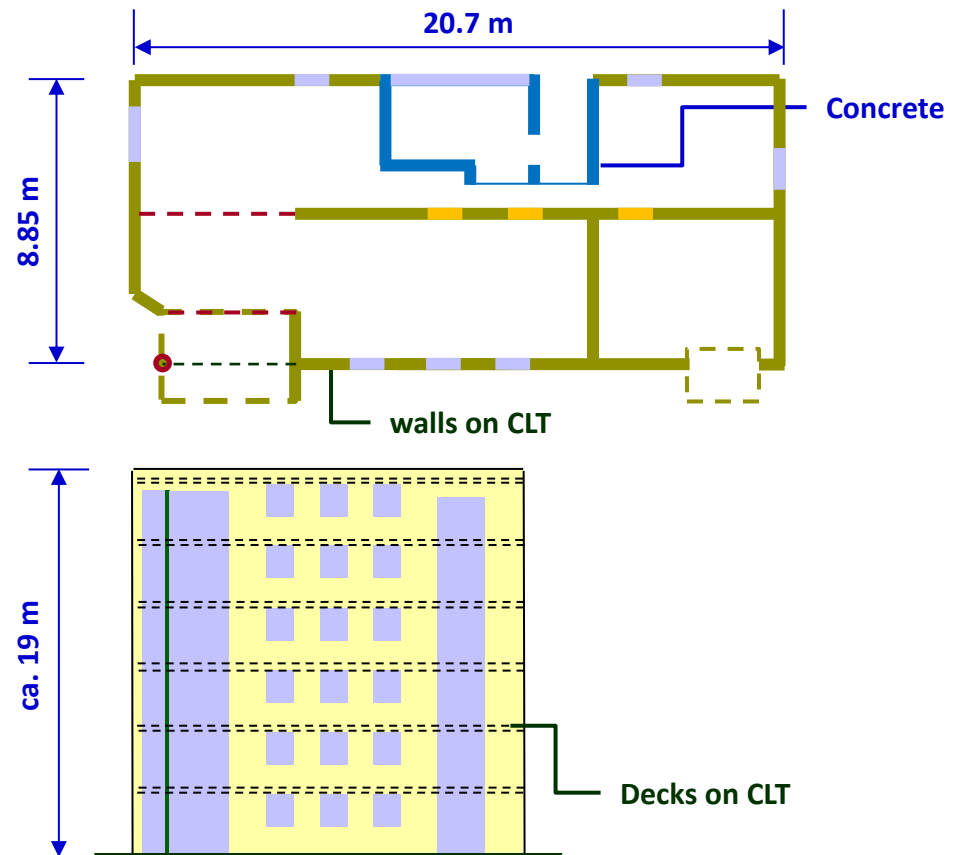


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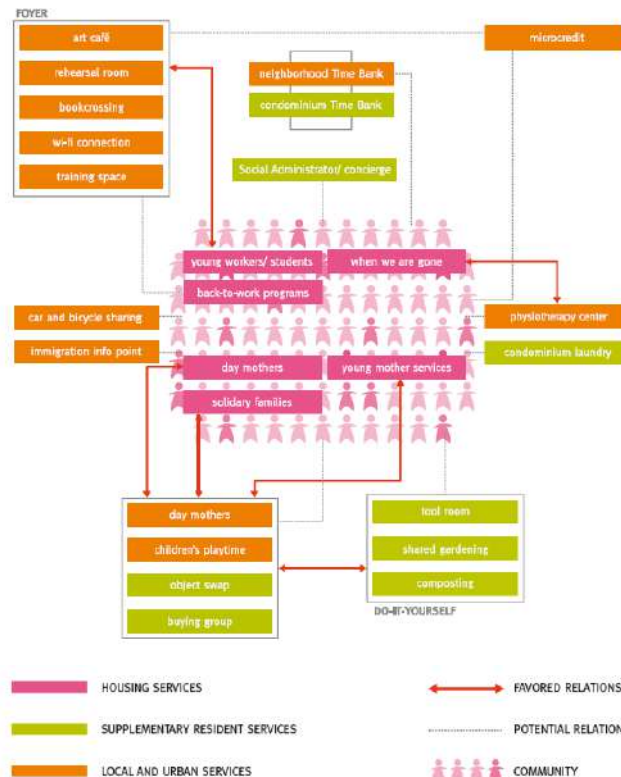
**4 towers with 9 storeys - 4 connection buildings with 2 storeys**



# The project of the Via Cenni, Milan

## The begin of the project: a design competition in 2009

- promoted by Polaris Investments SRI
- with the goal of promoting ongoing experimentation in innovative approaches to social housing management
- calls for the preliminary design of a social housing project supplemented by resident, local and urban services



Winner Arch Fabrizio Rossi Prodi

- innovative technical solution: timber construction - CLT
- CLT construction:
- high safety of the structure
- high comfort of the residence
- high flexibility by the organization of the space



# The project of the Via Cenni, Milan



Image Arch. Riccardo Ronchi - 2013

## Residential units

- 123 residences
- 2 to 4 rooms (1 to 3 sleeping rooms - 100/75/50 m<sup>2</sup> area)

## Others

- some space for urban services
- concierge and administration
- social spaces
- public area and garden

## Surfaces

- 9300 m<sup>2</sup> gross floor area
- 17000 m<sup>2</sup> gross built floor area

## Costs\*

- 17 Mio. € all inclusive
- rent: 500 to 1000 €/month
- sales: 150'000 to 300'000 €

\* approximately

# The project of the Via Cenni, Milan



## Construction

- 4 buildings with 9 storeys
- 4 connection buildings 2-storeys

## Architectural project

Rossi Prodi e Associati S.r.l., Firenze

## Timber structures project

Borlini & Zanini SA, Lugano

## Project management

Tekne SpA, Milano

## Timber construction

Servicelegno Srl, Treviso

## Owner - Promoter

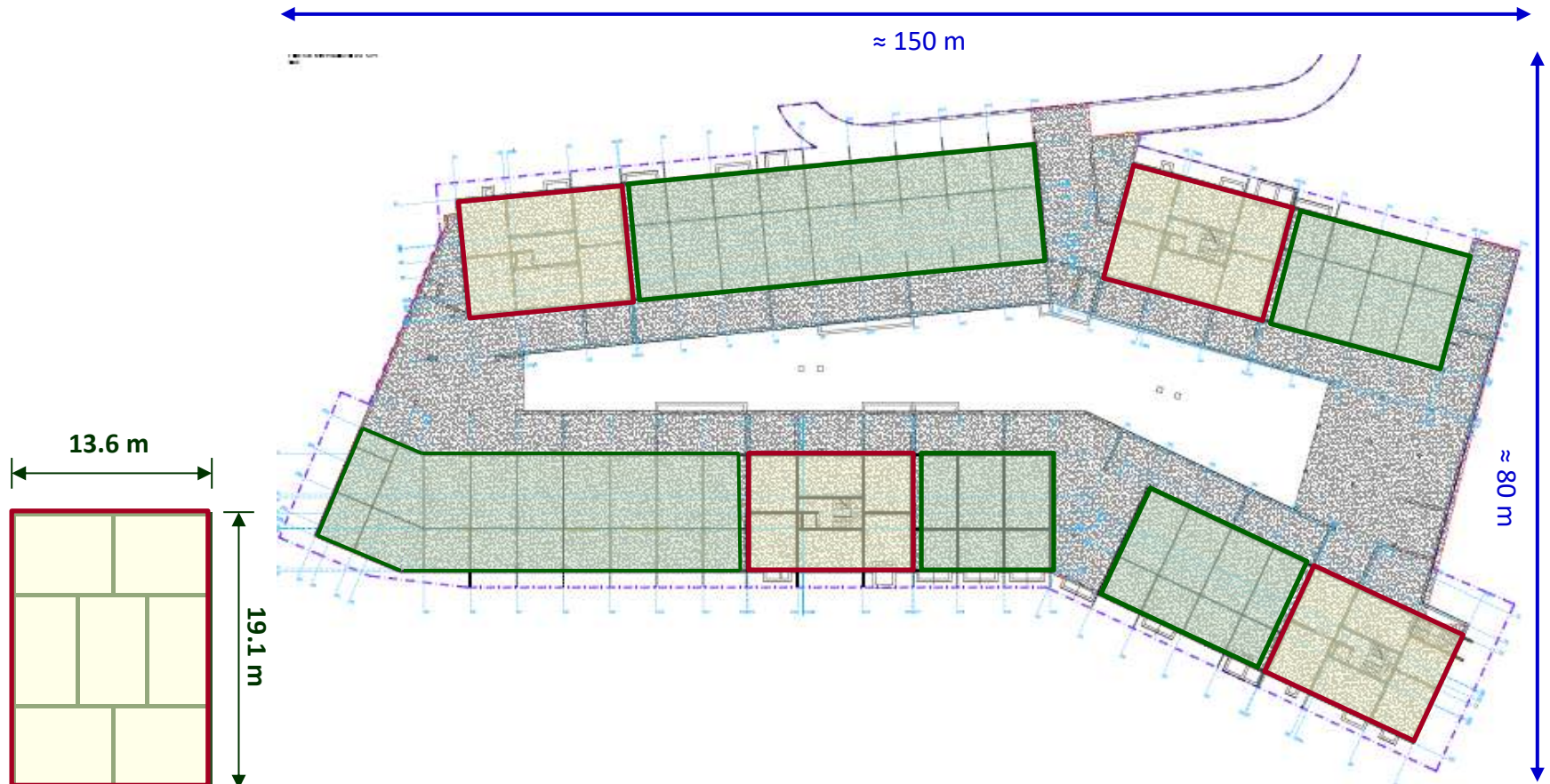
Polaris Investments Italia SGR Spa  
with

- Fondazione Housing Sociale
- Fondo Federale di Lombardia



# The project of the Via Cenni, Milan

## The project



### 9-storey Towers

- 4 similar buildings
- "full" timber construction

### 2-storey connection buildings

- 4 similar buildings
- timber construction with similar technology to the towers

# CLT - solid timber decks and walls

Spatial structural timber construction for high engineer performance

The "revolution" on the timber construction - may be on the construction



plane, solid timber surfaces for structural elements





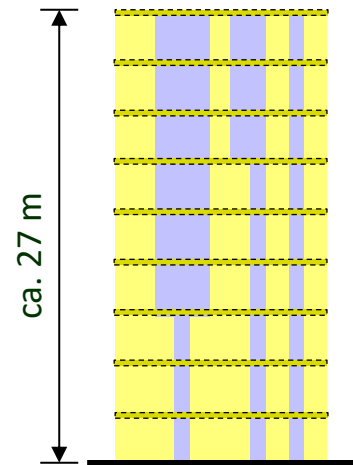
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## The load bearing structure on CLT

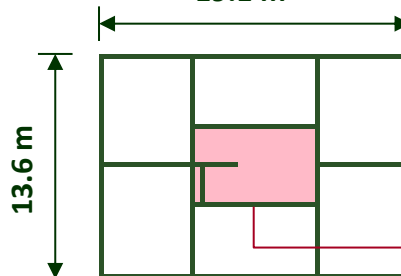


9 storey, spatial, 3-d CLT-structure

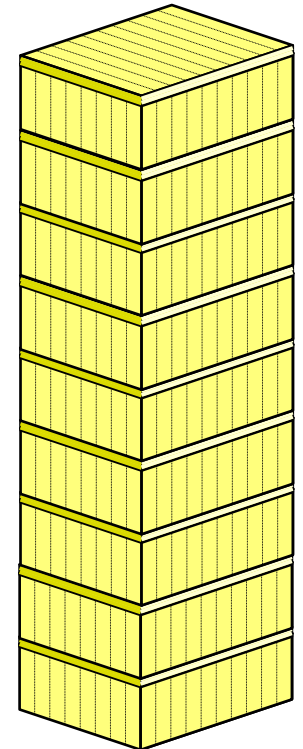
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19.1 m



stairwell and  
elevator shaft



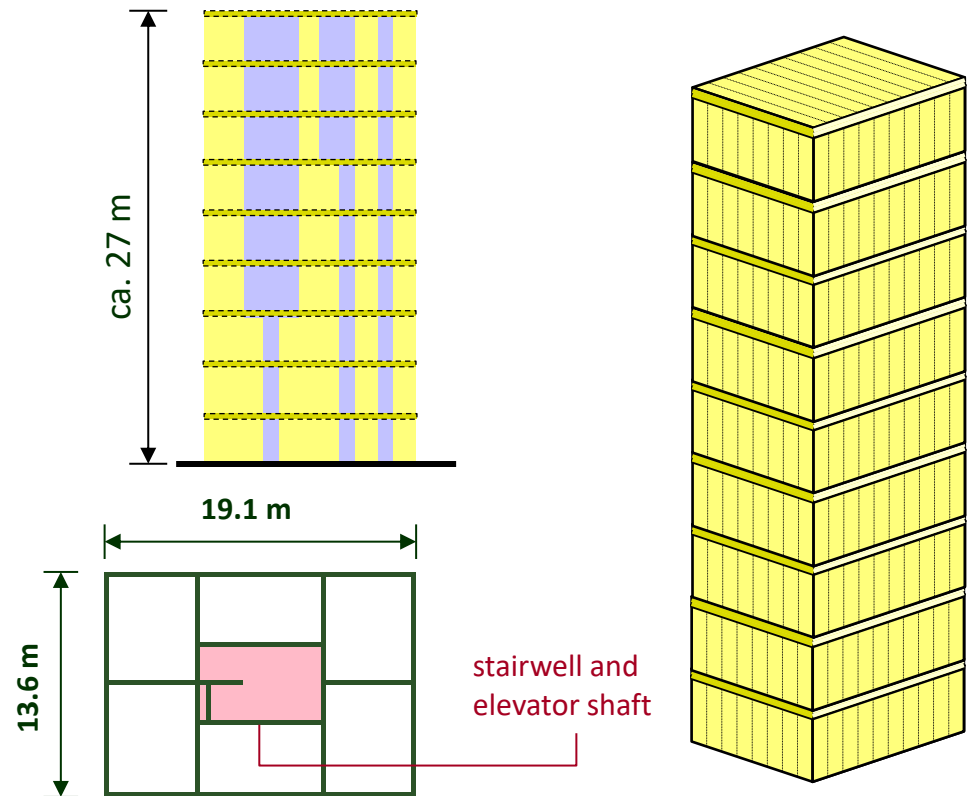
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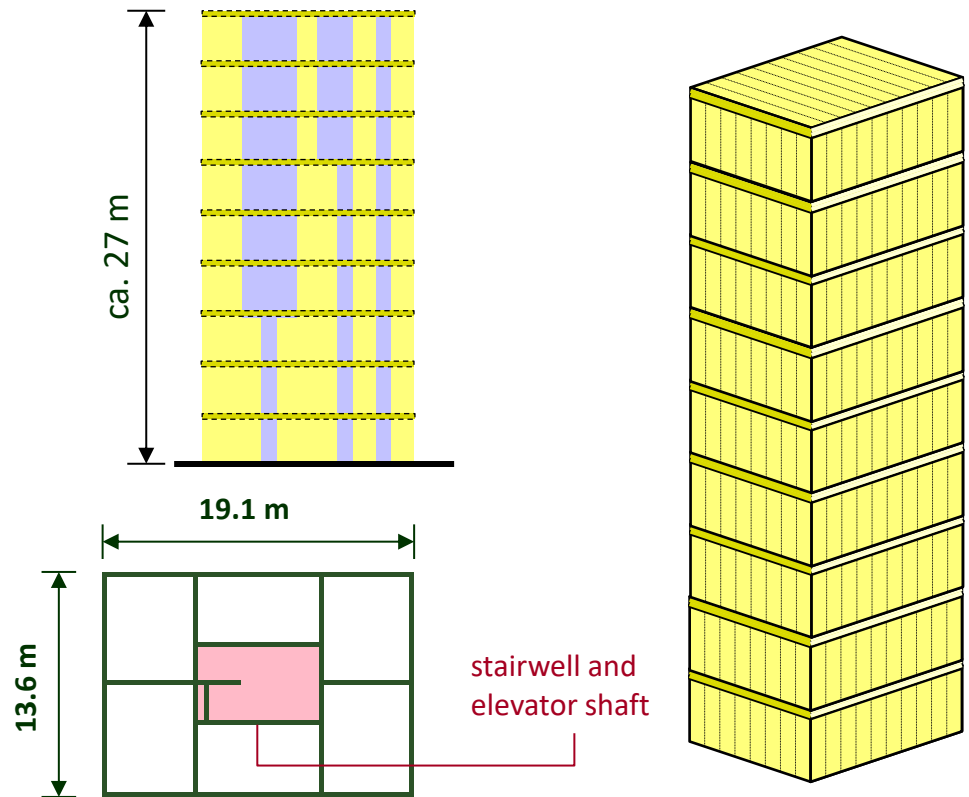
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# The project of the Via Cenni, Milan

## Conditions - Requirements - and Challenges - for project and design



### Form and dimensions

- high and slim building - tower
- fascinating und interesting

### Earthquake risk

- not very high, **but really existing**
- important and with high significance by authority and population
- general earthquake engineering rules have to be strictly respected - principle of the structural project
- CLT-timber appropriate for the requirement

### High number of storeys - height of the building

- relatively new with timber
- absolutely new on earthquake area

### State of the Art

- some experience with similar buildings - but not by earthquake risk and by easier conditions of ratio height/large
- new and innovative, but under applications of actual technology and knowledge
- **innovative application of the actual state of the art**



# The project of the Via Cenni, Milan

## Formal requirements



### Special authority validation

- examination and approval of the engineering project by a **special investigation commission of the national authority**
- to assure that timber technology are capable to assure a correct safety level, according the buildings codes and the requirements for building with other material
- the project was evaluated from specialists on building engineers, on earthquake constructions and on high buildings

### Timber solutions for engineering constructions

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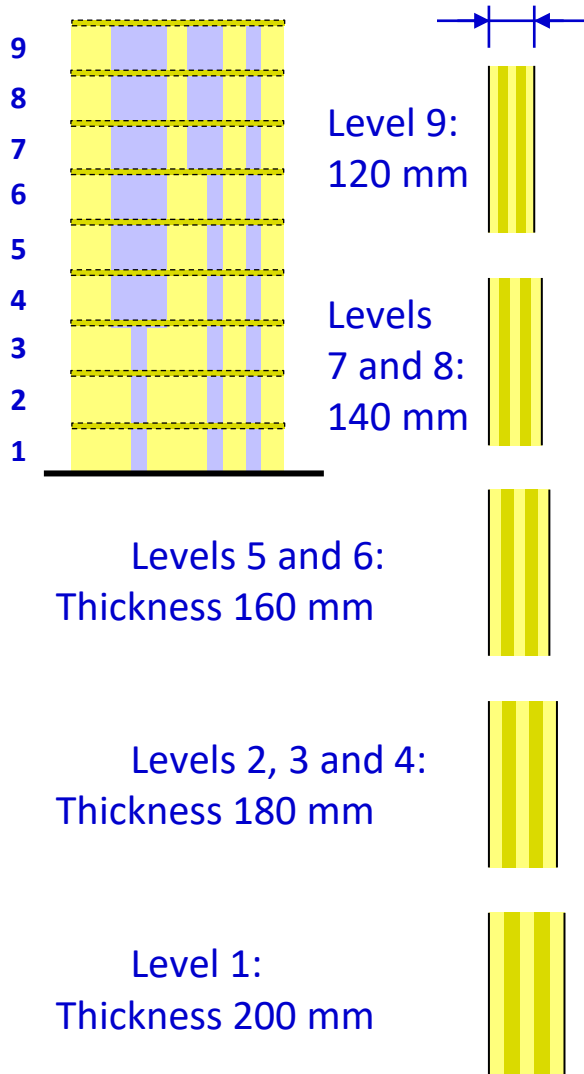
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Since 2012  
Special approval not  
required



# The project of the Via Cenni, Milan

## CLT-wall elements

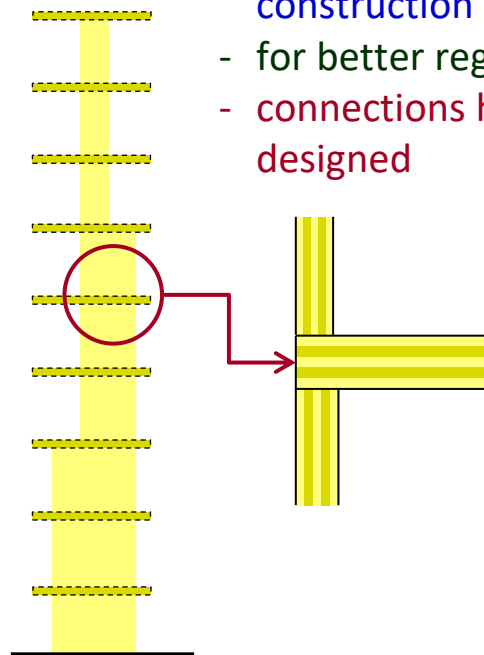


## Characteristics

- more thickness in the lower storeys
- CLT with not less than 5 layers for better horizontal bracing

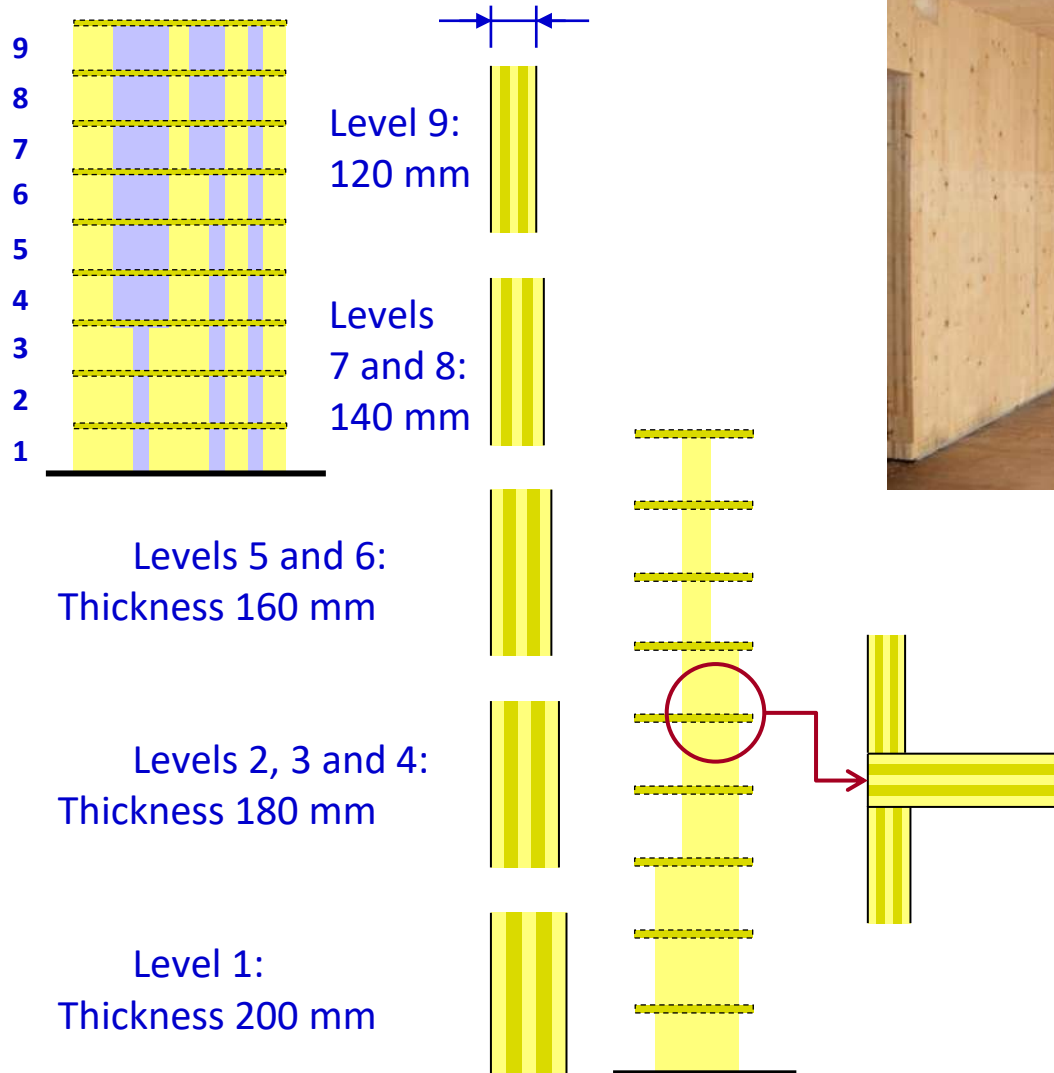
## Wall panels interrupted at decks level

- because production, transportation and construction
- for better regularity of the structure
- connections have to be accurately designed



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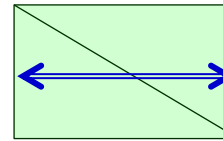
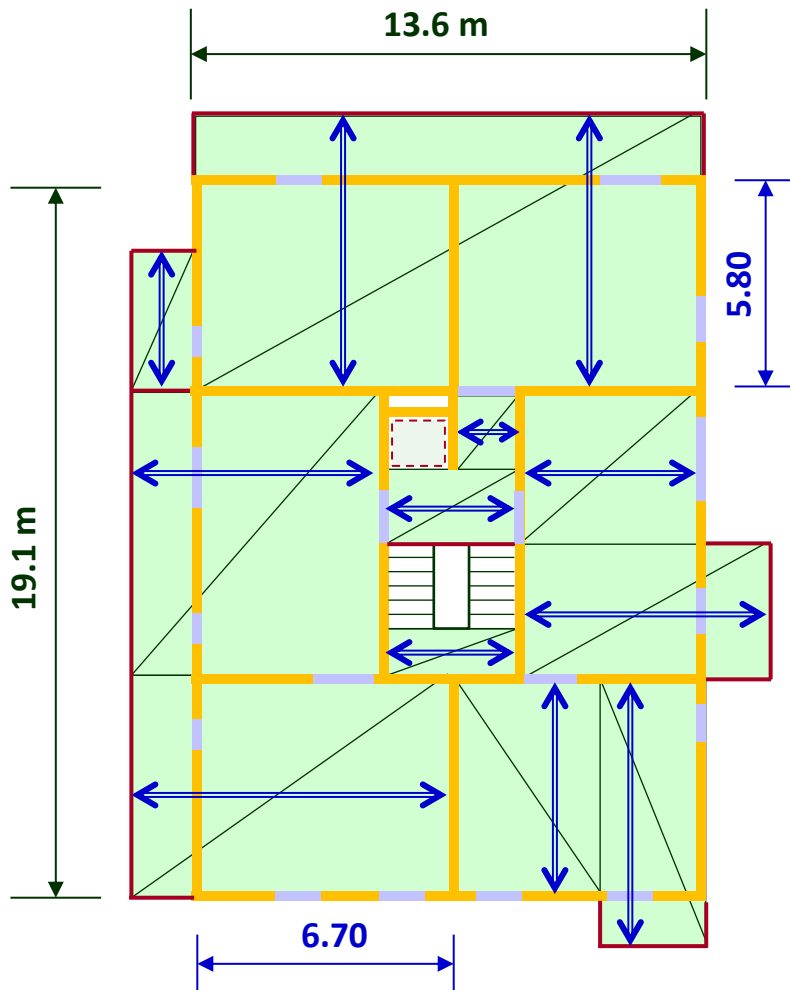
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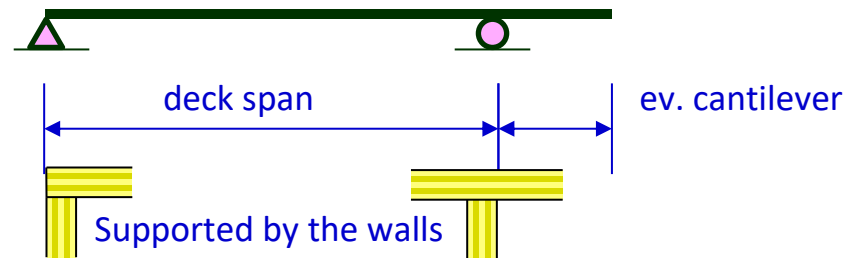


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## CLT-decks elements



Main direction (outside layers) of the deck

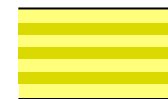


span < 5.80 m



200 mm - 5 layers

span < 6.70 m



230 mm - 7 layers

# The project of the Via Cenni, Milan

3-d structure is given by CLT-panels **and** connections between the panels

## The structure

- three-dimensional (3D)
- structural surfaces on CLT (2D)
- connections - as "connection lines" (1D) - are essential

3D Structure

3 D

$$3D = 2D + 1D$$

Structural surfaces

2 D

Connection  
lines

1 D

The dimensions of the panels and the entire composition are relevant for the load bearing



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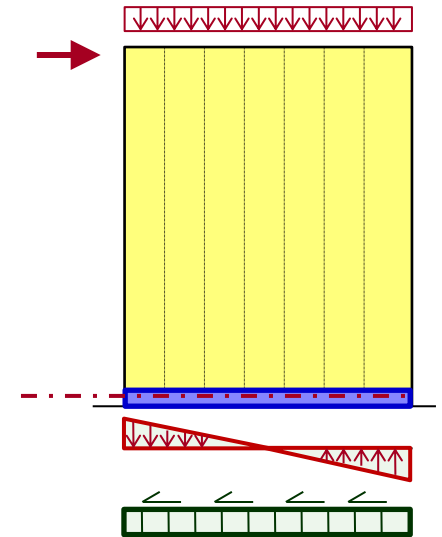
Connections are the **essential** structural component

Design and construction of "**connections lines**":

- not just connection points - but a "continuous stitching" to assure high performance in the load transfer
- high performance of connections needed  
not "just" on resistance but  
on stiffness

1 D

Continuity of the connection - structural continuity

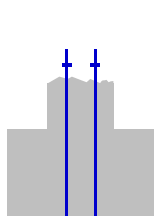


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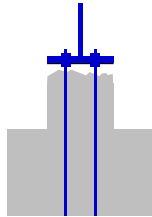
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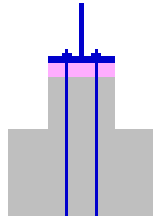
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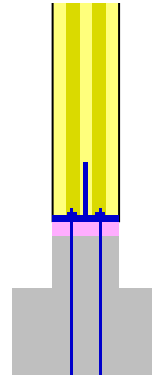
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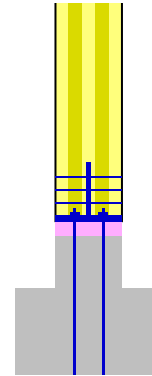
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Phase 3



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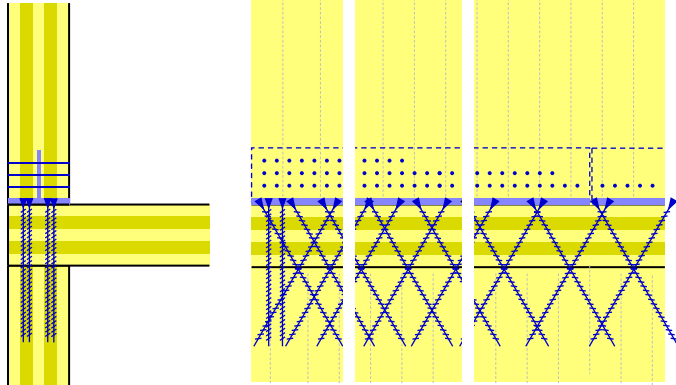
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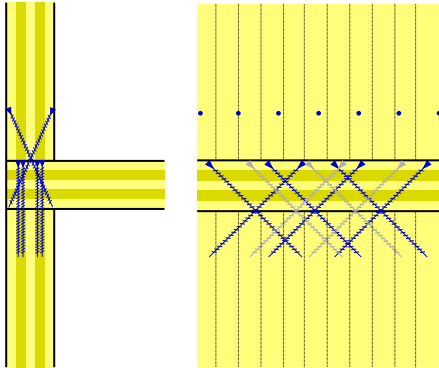
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Connection line for continuously connection with high performances

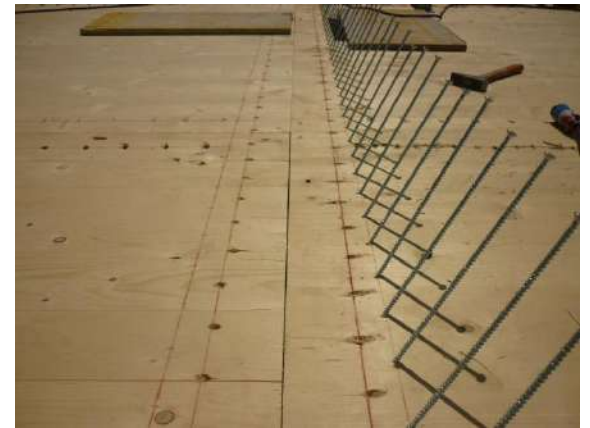
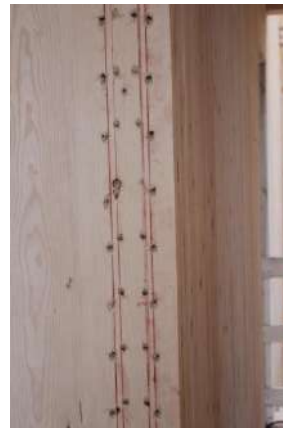




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## Connection systems for continuously CLT connections

Connection line for continuously connection with high performances

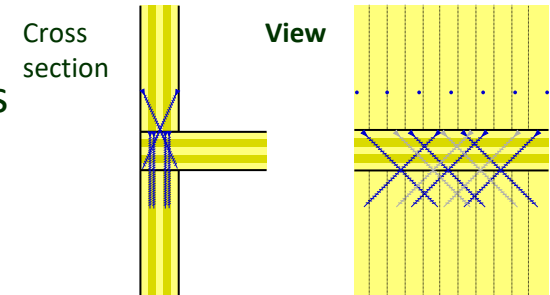


# Connections for high performance CLT structures

## Example of the connection's mechanical values - long screws

### Typical connection's values

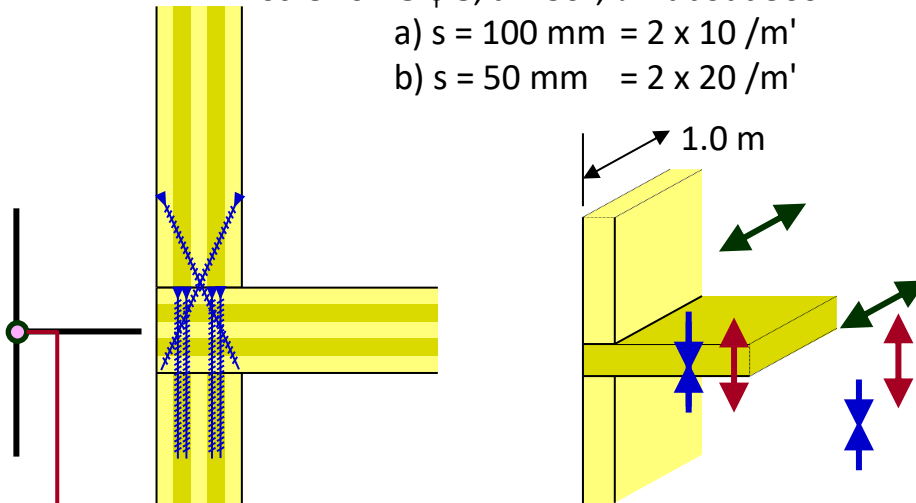
- tension-, compression, and shear resistance values
- tension-, compression, and shear stiffness values



screws VG  $\phi$  8;  $\alpha = 30^\circ$ ;  $\ell = \text{about } 300 \text{ mm}$

a)  $s = 100 \text{ mm} = 2 \times 10 / \text{m}'$

b)  $s = 50 \text{ mm} = 2 \times 20 / \text{m}'$



screws VG  $\phi$  8;  $\alpha = 45^\circ$ ;  $\ell = \text{ca. } 450 \text{ mm}$

a)  $s = 100 \text{ mm} = 2 \times 10 / \text{m}'$

b)  $s = 50 \text{ mm} = 2 \times 20 / \text{m}'$

$R_d \text{ [kN]}$		$K_{ser} \text{ [kN/mm]}$	
a	b	a	b
40	80	24.0	48.0
112	224	47.0	93.0
446		585	

compression: contact

tension: mechanical connection

shear: mechanical connection

connection axis: articulation



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## Structural elements

### Walls

Level 9:  
120 mm

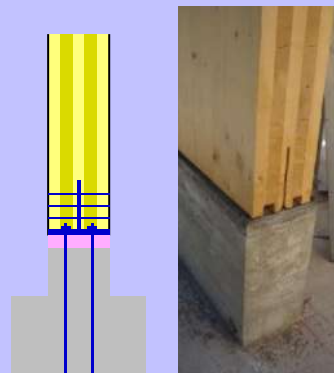
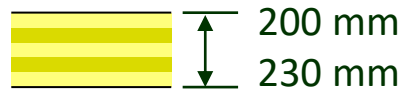
Levels 7 and 8:  
140 mm

Levels 5 and 6:  
160 mm

Levels 2, 3 and 4:  
180 mm

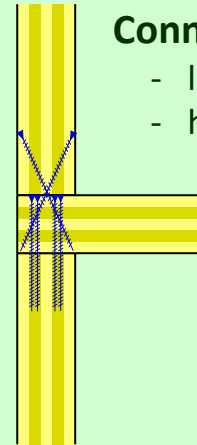
Level 1:  
200 mm

### Decks



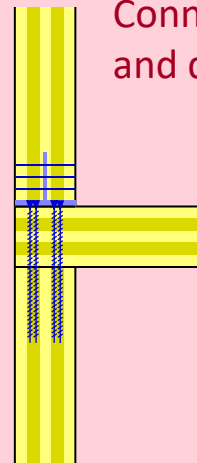
### Connections with screws

- level 4 - 9 roof deck
- high stiffness



### Connections steel plates, screw and dowels

- Level 1 - 3
- high stiffness
- high resistance



### Anchorage with steel plates

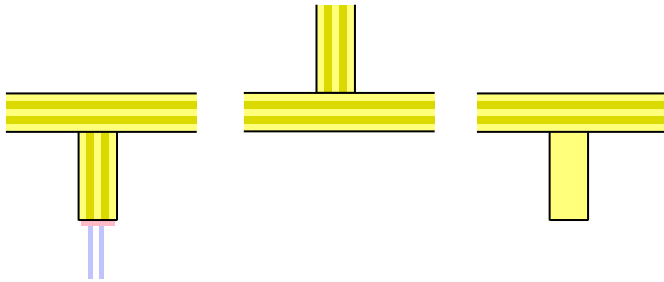
- high stiffness
- high resistance

# The project of the Via Cenni, Milan

## Timber structure - local reinforcements

### Special solutions for singular points

- due to the requirement of the project
- global resistance and robustness to be assured



### Opening of walls - interruption of decks support

- bending beam integrated in the upper or lower wall (CLT wall)
- in some local cases, bending beam (CLT, GL, LWL or steel) was added to the structure to local reinforcement



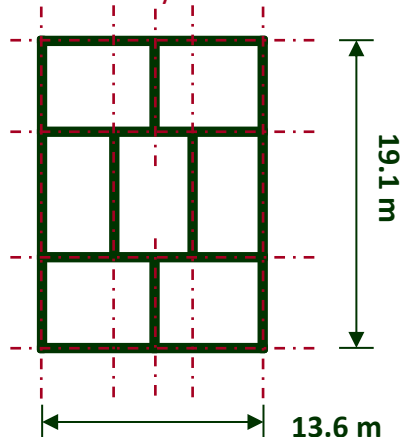


# The project of the Via Cenni, Milan

## Structure composed of CLT-decks and walls



Position - axis - of the walls  
over 9 storeys

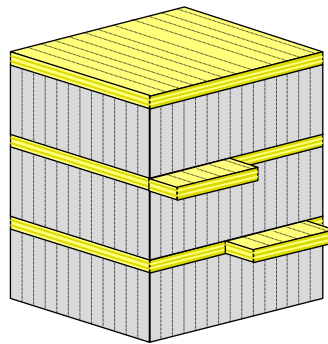


### Balcony

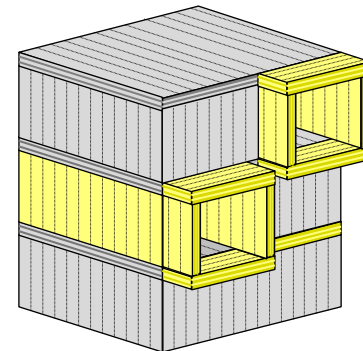
- fundamental architecture elements
- variability and flexibility needed

### Balcony

- added elements on the spatial structure
- without influence on the regularity of the main structure
- allows to respect and fulfil the requirements of the architecture
- can be open or closed (lateral wall, deck, windows, ...)



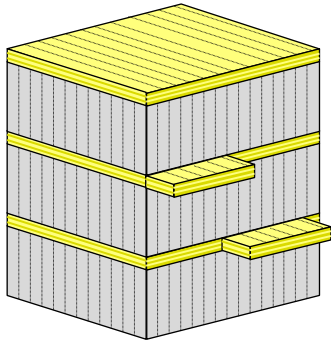
Cantilever decks



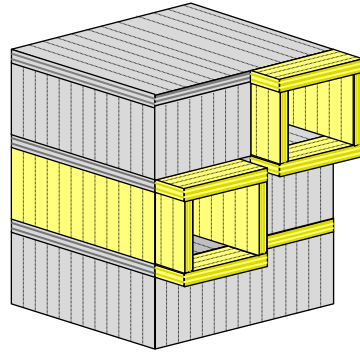
Cantilever walls

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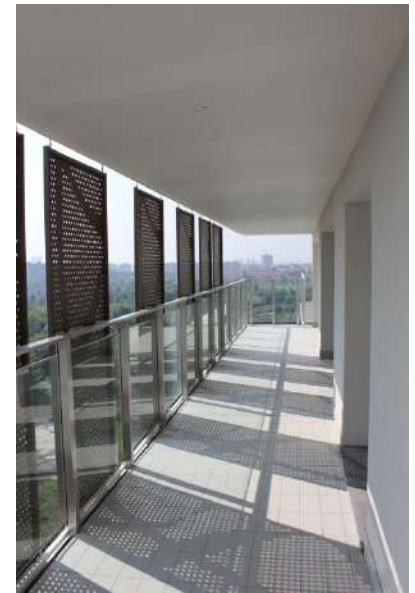
## Timber structure for the balcony



Cantilevered deck



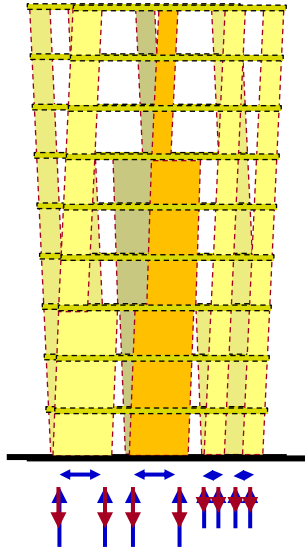
Cantilevered walls





# The project of the Via Cenni, Milan

## Earthquake behaviour



### Design principle

- generally: timber structure are adequate and interesting
- spatial wall and decks structure are adequate
- CLT-structure are very good qualified

### Essential conditions

- right concept for the structure
- application of the basic of earthquake engineering
- correctly designed

# The project of the Via Cenni, Milan

## Fundamental requirements from the earthquake engineering



### Basic requirements for design

- **Simplicity**
- **Regularity**
- **Redundancy**

### Simplicity

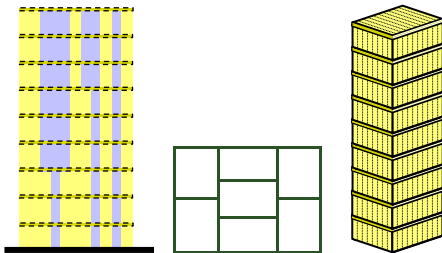
- stairwell is central and not interrupted
- load bearing walls are not interrupted - from level 0 to 0
- balconies are just a prolongation of the structure

### Regularity

- in the horizontal and in the vertical planes
- architecture consistent with engineering
- continuous load transfer from the upper to the lower level
- **spatial, three dimensional structure**

### Redundancy

- spatial, three dimensional structure
- **continuity of the structure - and of the connections**



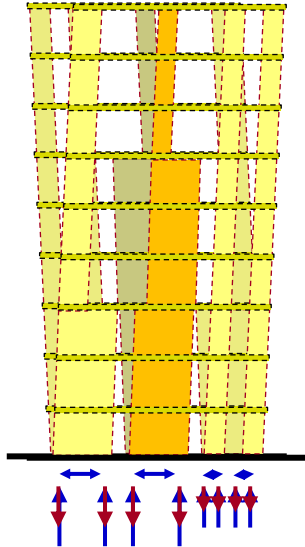
Requirements strong fulfilled





# The project of the Via Cenni, Milan

## Earthquake behaviour



### Design principle: elastic behaviour of the structure

- dissipation of energy and ductility not applied for design
- effective value of  $q$  not needed, because  $q = 1.0$
- verification and demonstration of  $q > 1.0$  not needed
- demonstration of the compatibility of the not elastic deformations of the structure components not needed
- over dimensions of some structural components

### Design conditions

- elastic behaviour in case of earthquake
- value of  $q = 1.0$
- "no damage" in case of design-earthquake

Practical. practicable, appropriate and convenient procedure

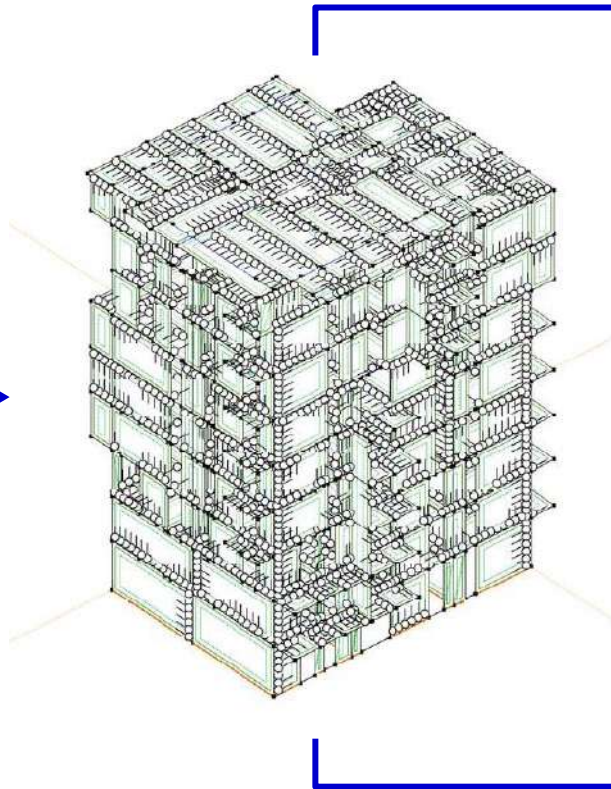
- for low to middle earthquake risk: consequences acceptable
- first experience with big building in earthquake area

### In case of higher seismic risk

- the concept (design of structure and connection) can be applied for higher performance or for higher seismic risk - and seismic load conditions

# The project of the Via Cenni, Milan

## Numerical modelling and calculation



### Static structural analysis

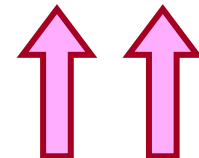
- confirmation internal forces  $M_x, M_y, V_x, V_y, N_x, N_y, N_{xy}$
- forces on connections

### Dynamic analysis

- resonance frequencies
- earthquake analysis

### Parametric numerical analysis

- stiffness of connections  $K_{ser}$  have to be considered
- sensibility of the modelling



### Modelling

- high performance software required
- user interfaces not optimized for this kind of systems

# The project of the Via Cenni, Milan

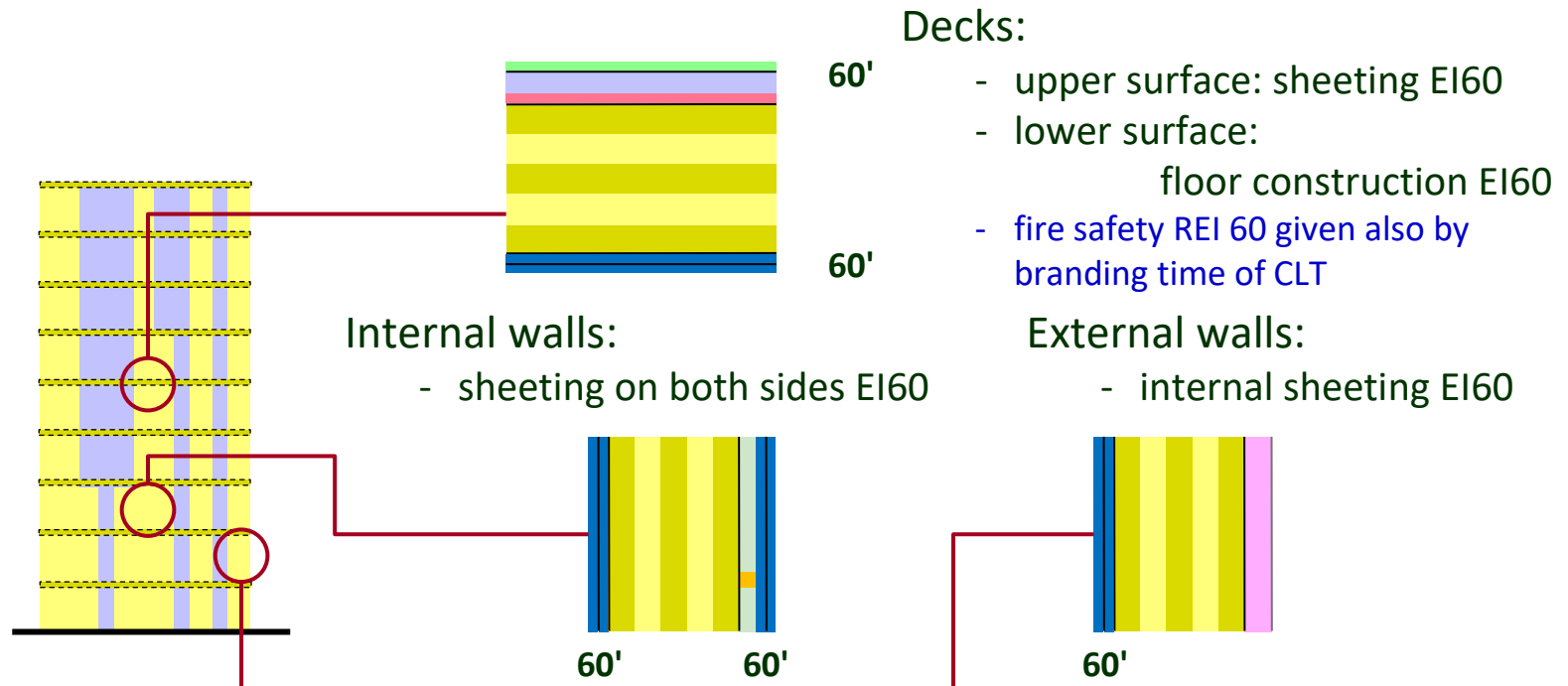
## Principle of the fire protection

### Requirement

- Fire compartments: REI60
- Other structural elements: R60

### Realisation: full protection of the timber by fire resistant sheeting

- sheeting EI60 of all structural timber elements
- some other singular prescription





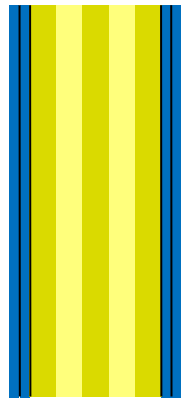
# The project of the Via Cenni, Milan

## Remarks about fire protection - possible discussion points

**Principle of fire protection:** fire resistant sheeting to obtain EI60

- sheeting should be so near as possible to the protected element (CLT wall)
- space between protected element and protection = risks and problems ...

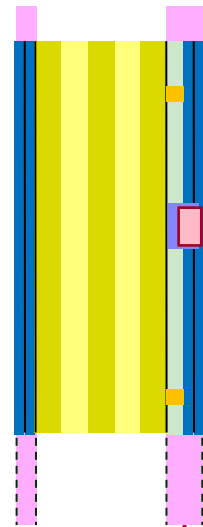
### Principle



60'

60'

### Installations inside of fire-protected space



60'

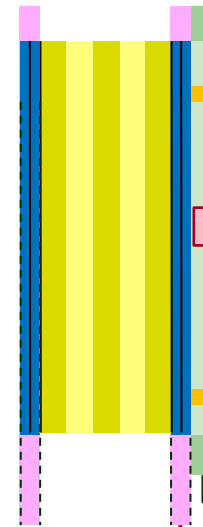
60'

protected area

### Special solution required

- protection of sheeting perforations
- later interventions by residents not under control

### Installations outside of fire-protected space



60'

60'

protected area

### Safer solution

- timber directly protected
- installations not relevant for fire protection

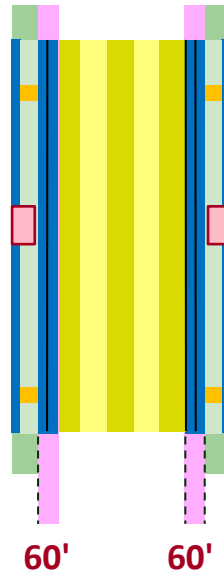
"free" area

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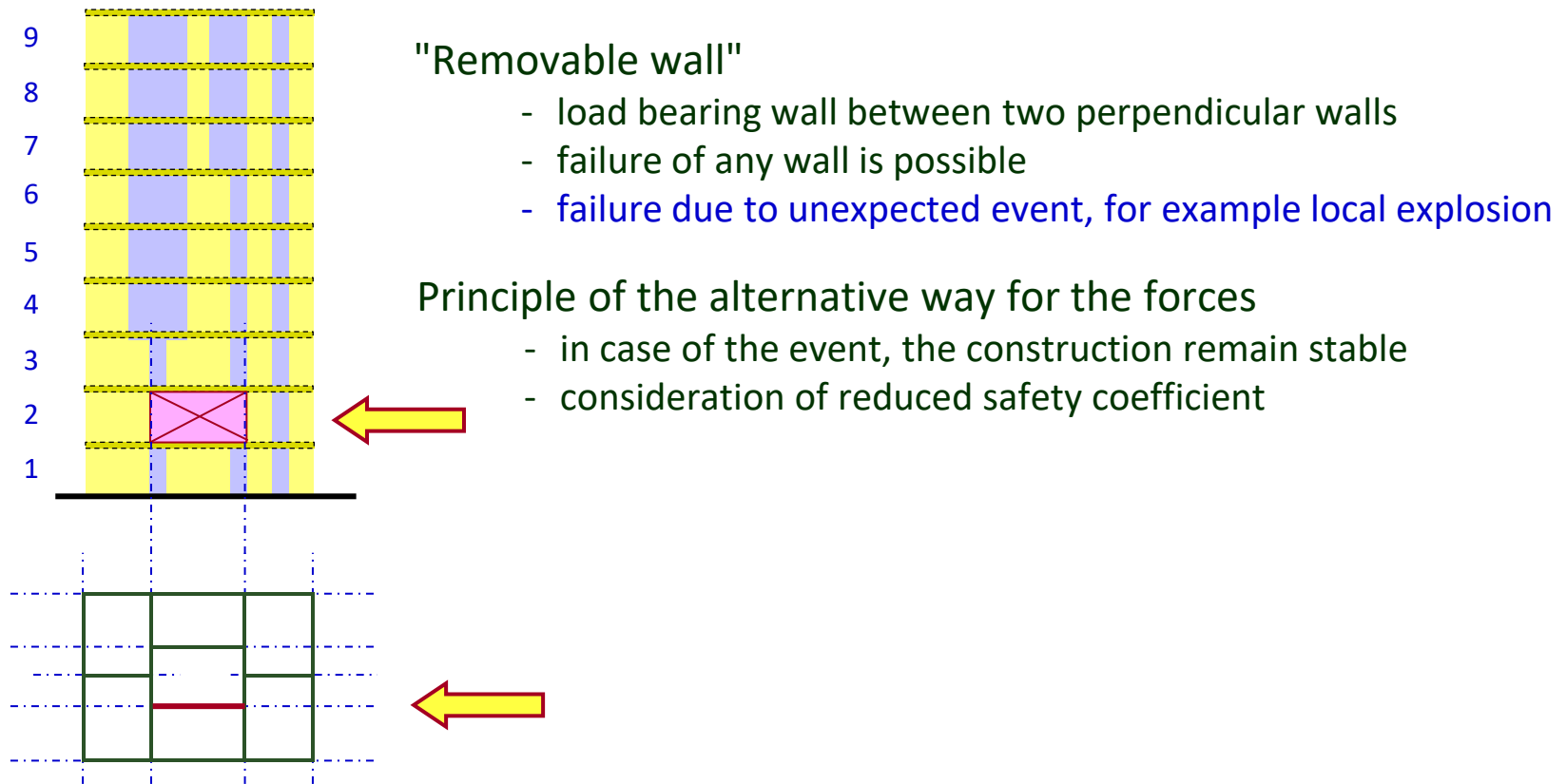


# The robustness of the 9 storey towers - via Cenni, Milan

## A progressive collapse have to be avoided in case of local accidental event

Alternative load transfer possibilities have to be assured

- assumption of "local" accidental event: failure or remove of one wall
- requirement: the structure have to remain stable



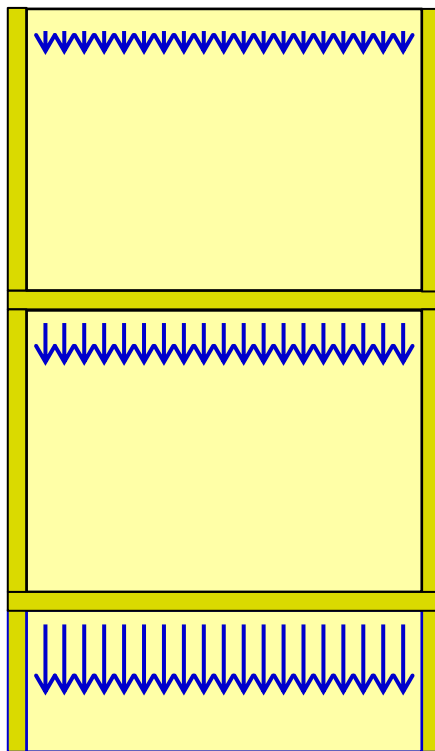


# The robustness of the 9 storey towers - via Cenni, Milan

## Principle of the alternative flow of the forces

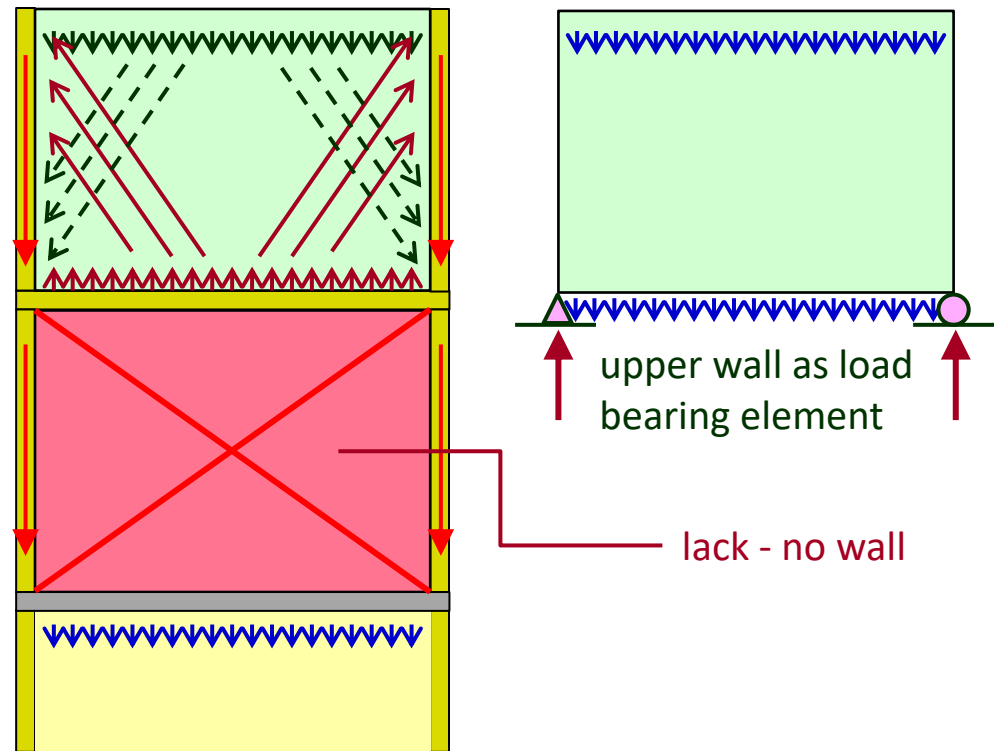
Normal situation:

- continuous walls
- direct load transfer



Accidental situation:

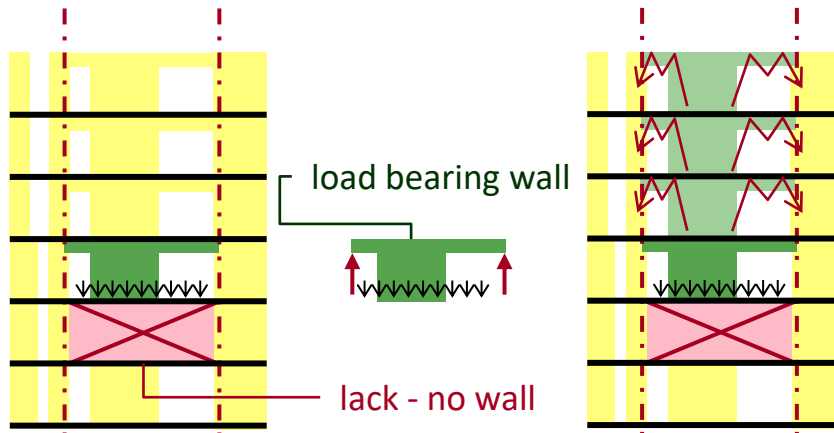
- lack of the wall
- upper wall element as "local load bearing element"



# The robustness of the 9 storey towers - via Cenni, Milan

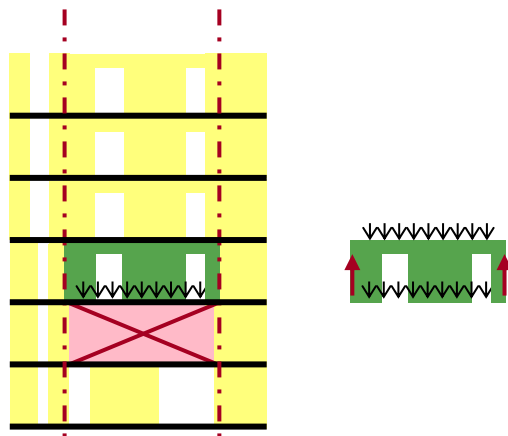
## Effectively and really conditions of the accidental situation

More, different situations are possible in the towers - some **examples**:



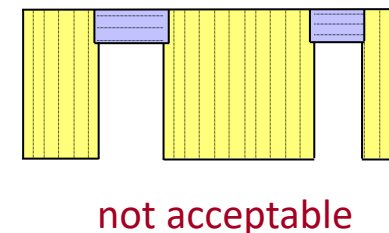
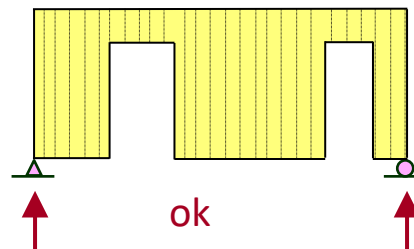
Principle of the alternative flow of forces

- distribution in more elements
- reduced forces
- connections have to be checked for this case



Consequences for the design

- monolithic, high dimension of the CLT panels
- walls as one CLT panel



# The robustness of the 9 storey towers - via Cenni, Milan

Effectively and really conditions of the accidental situation

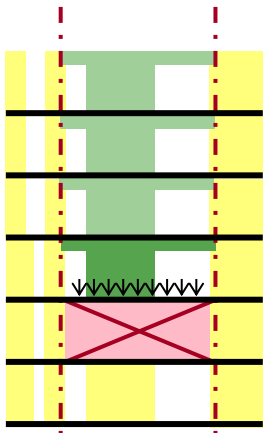


Check of the failure of each wall element needed

- in this case requirement from the authority
- needed for the validation of the project

Consequences of the robustness requirement

- careful check of the dimension of the CLT panels
- check of the connections
- reinforcement of connection in some case (rarely) necessary
- some local reinforcement by the openings in the walls needed



Conclusions and statement about robustness

- the principle of the 3D CLT structure is confirmed as "good solution"
- in some cases local reinforcements of structure an connection are necessary
- robustness - on this way - is a very efficient way to check the goodness of the entire structure



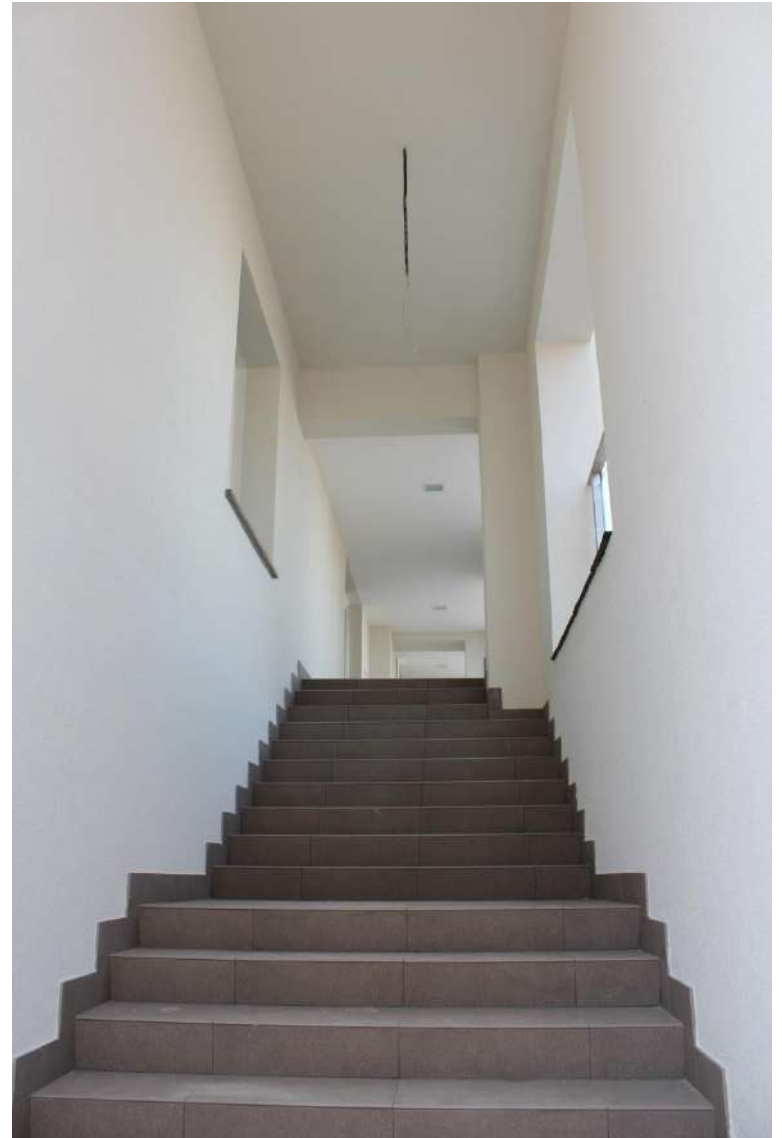
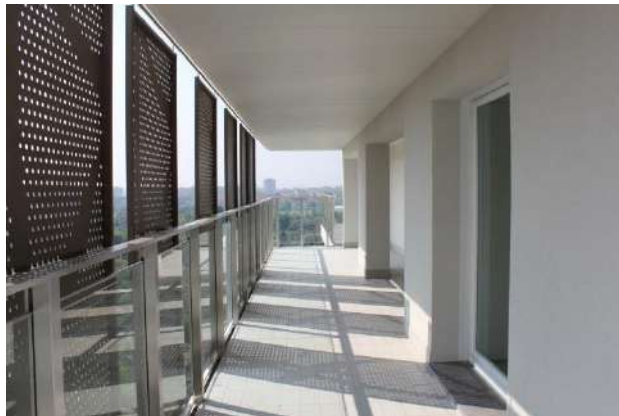
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## Equipement and installations



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## Internal

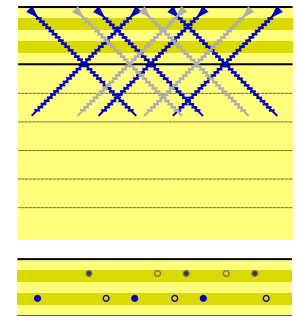
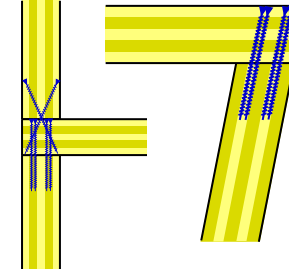


# Applied solutions for the building via Cenni, Milan

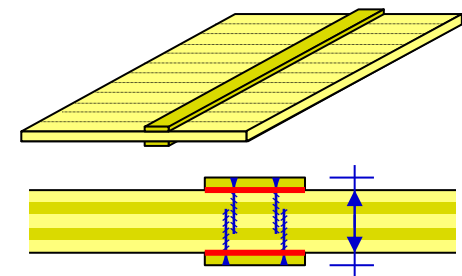
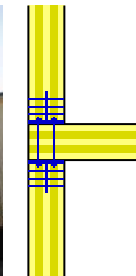
Modern and innovative engineering solutions -

but already applied in recent buildings

Bellinzona - CH - 2010 - Arch. D. Caramma



Lugano - CH - 2011 - Arch. M. Marzi





# The project of the Via Cenni, Milan

## Progress on the building site



### Timetable

- begin: January 2012
- begin timber: July 2012
- end timber: February 2013
- end: September 2013



### Timber quantity

- CLT: 6100 m<sup>3</sup>
- GL - LWL: very low

# The project of the Via Cenni, Milan

## Progress on the building site





# The project of the Via Cenni, Milan

End of November 2012





# The project of the Via Cenni, Milan

March 2013





# The project of the Via Cenni, Milan

May 2013



## The "activator"



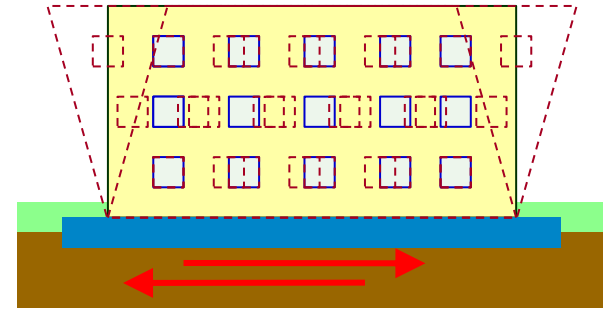
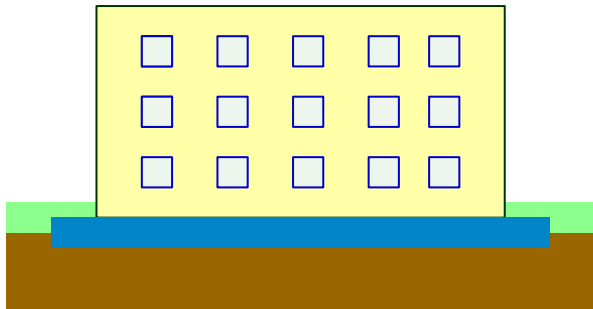
- the 6. April 2009, 3.32'
- 5.8 on the Richter Scale
- 300 dead persons
- 1500 injured persons
- 17'000 (?) homeless persons



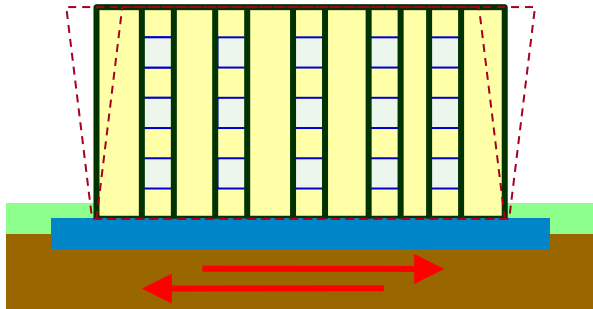
# The solution

## Proposal for a solution for earthquake safety before building

- fast in the implementation and "independent" from the building project
- preparation of the foundation during planning of the buildings

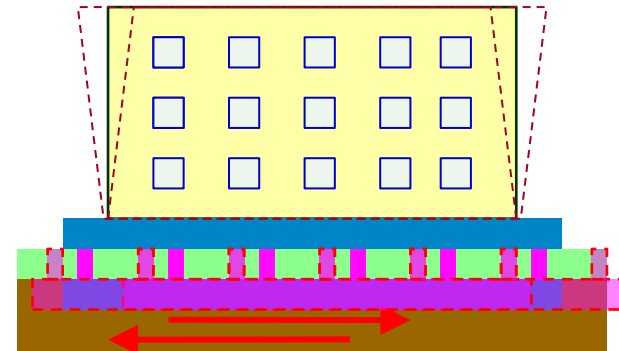


Big earthquake: to high damages



Earthquake design:

- small/ no damages



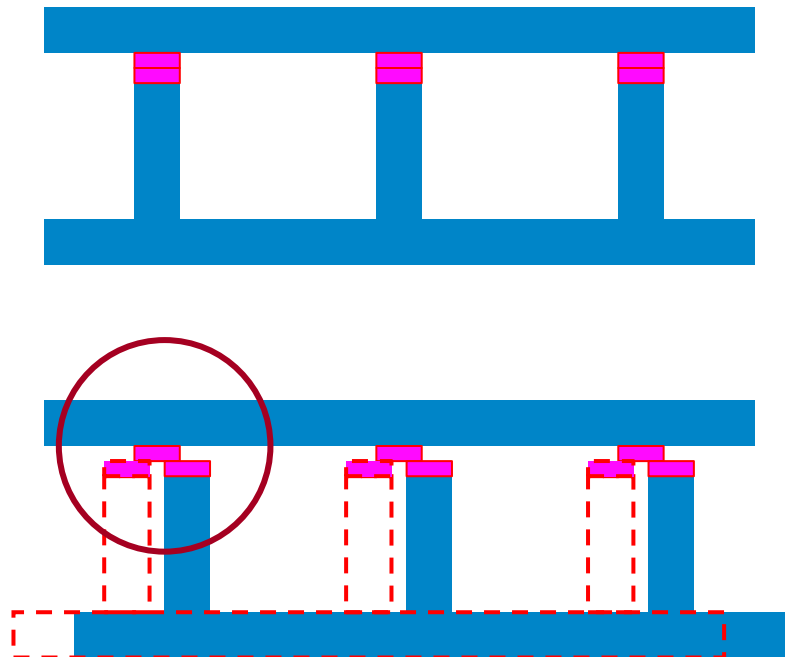
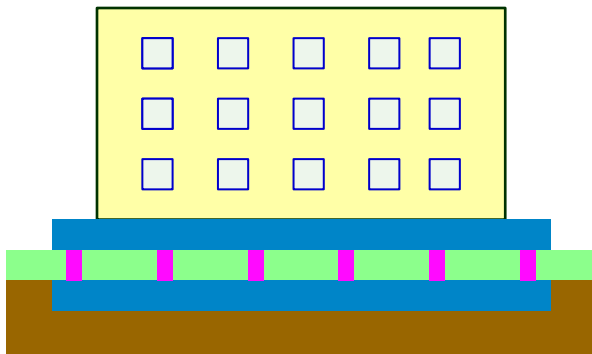
Earthquake separation :

- small or no damages

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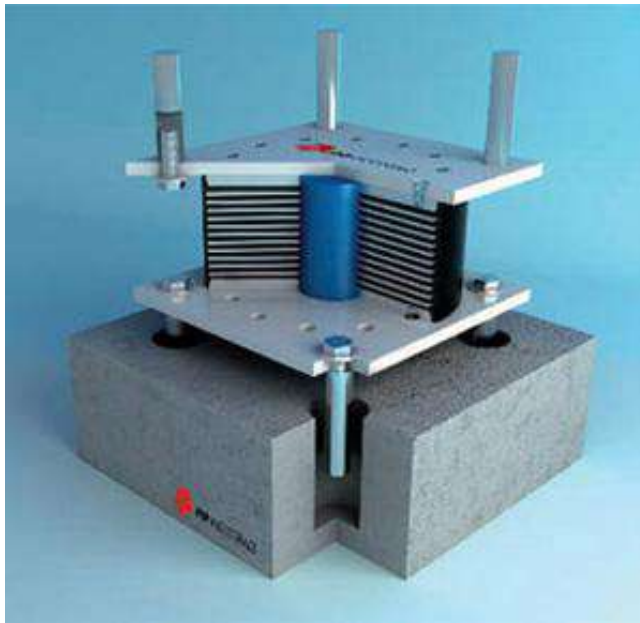
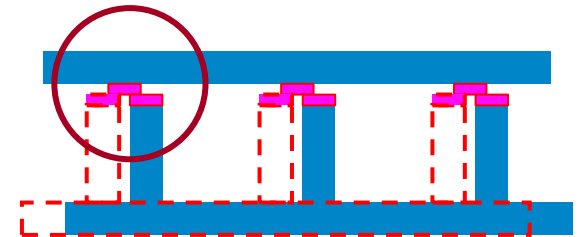
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# The solution

## The principle of the solution

- Separation between ground and building
- some horizontal displacement are possible
- strong stiffness in the vertical direction





# The solution

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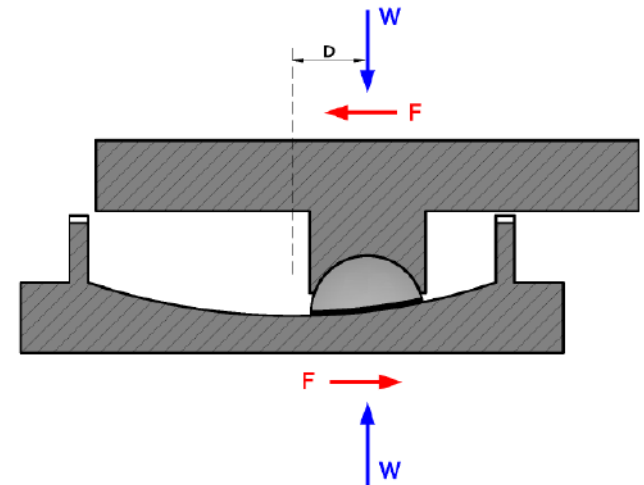
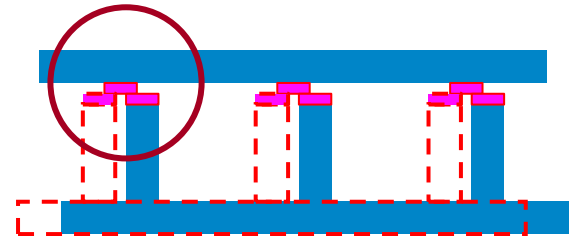
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## Bearing on curved surfaces

- principle of the pendulum

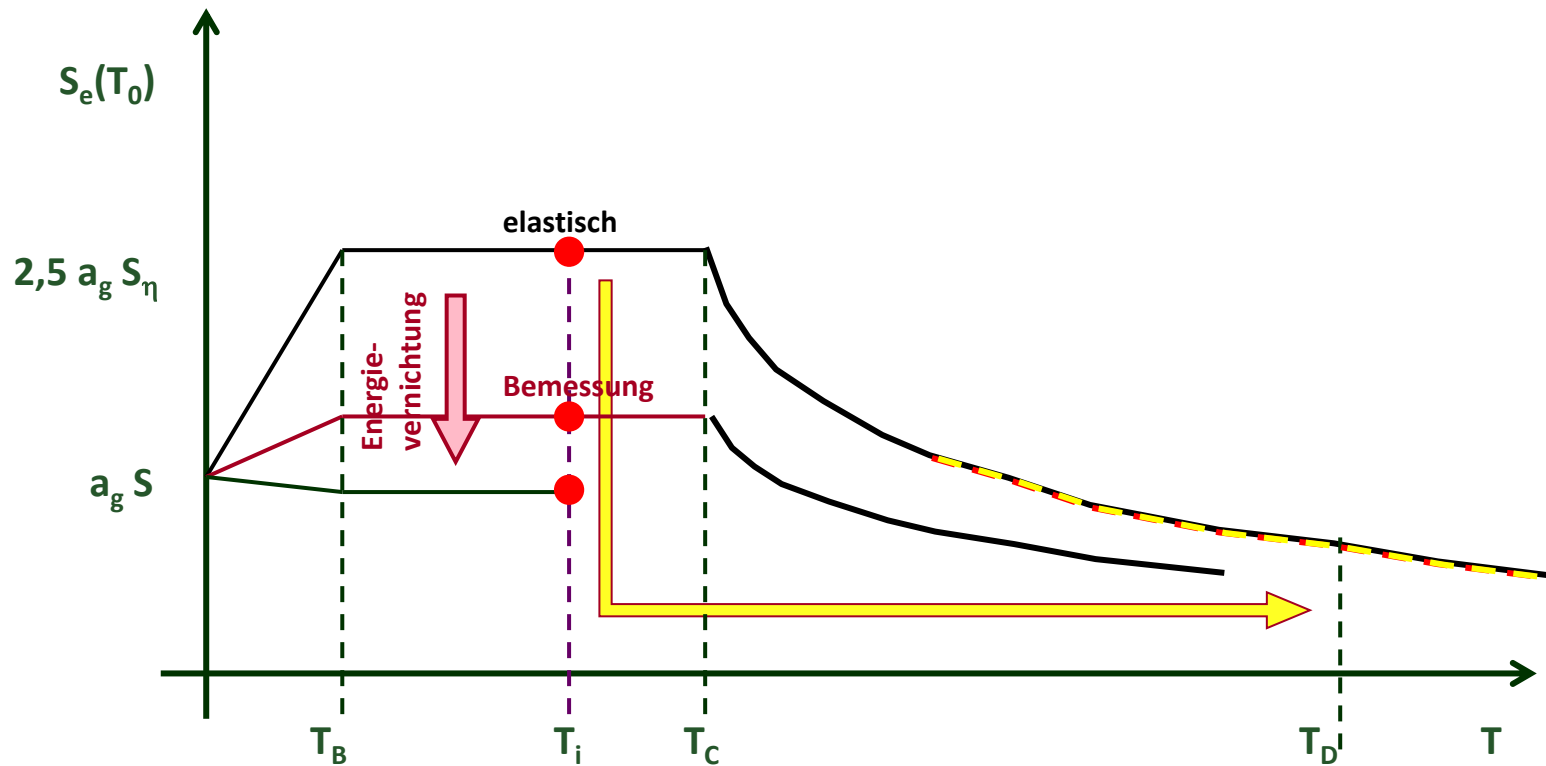
## Alternative

- bearing on synthetic materials



## The effect of the solution

- lower effect of the earthquake on the building



CLT –  
Examples of erected buildings



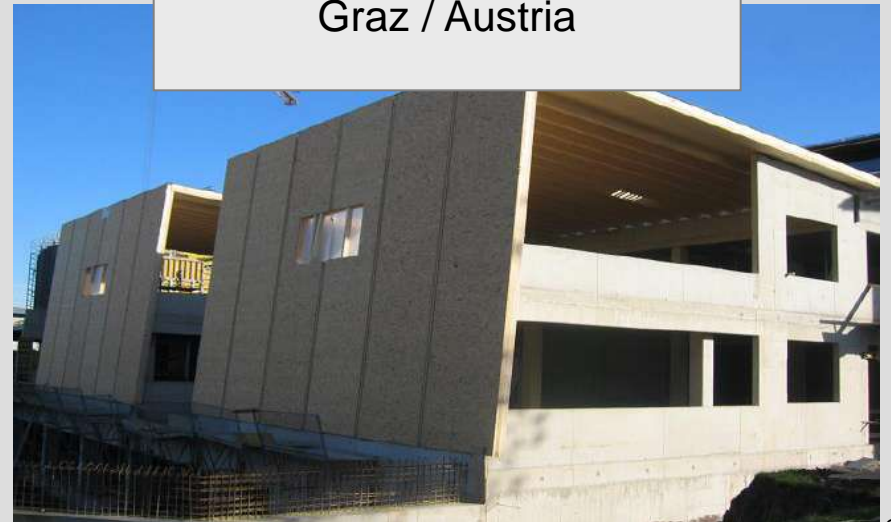
**“Austria-House” (2006)**

  
Turin / Italy



**Building Research Centre**

Step 2 (2007)  
Graz / Austria

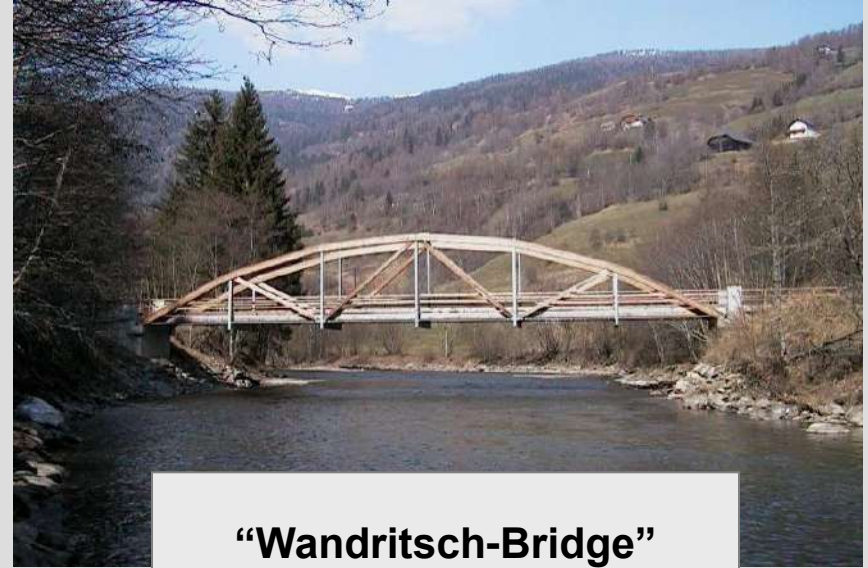




# CLT – Examples of erected buildings



**Multi-storey building**  
(2001)  
Vienna / Austria



**“Wandritsch-Bridge”**  
(1998)  
St. Lorenzen / Austria



## AREA 1\_SSTC

# Shell and Spatial Timber Constructions (SSTC)

TMC using CLT

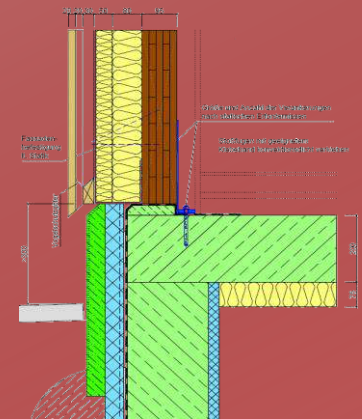
### MODULE 1

Mechanical Aspects  
Structural Analysis  
Verification Procedure



### MODULE 3

Guidelines  
Building Physics  
Leading Details



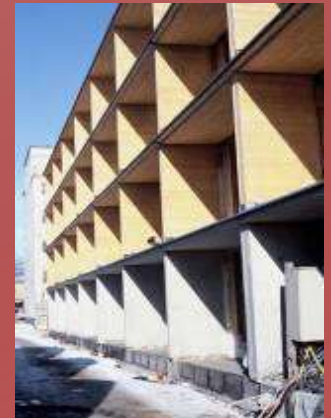
### MODULE 2

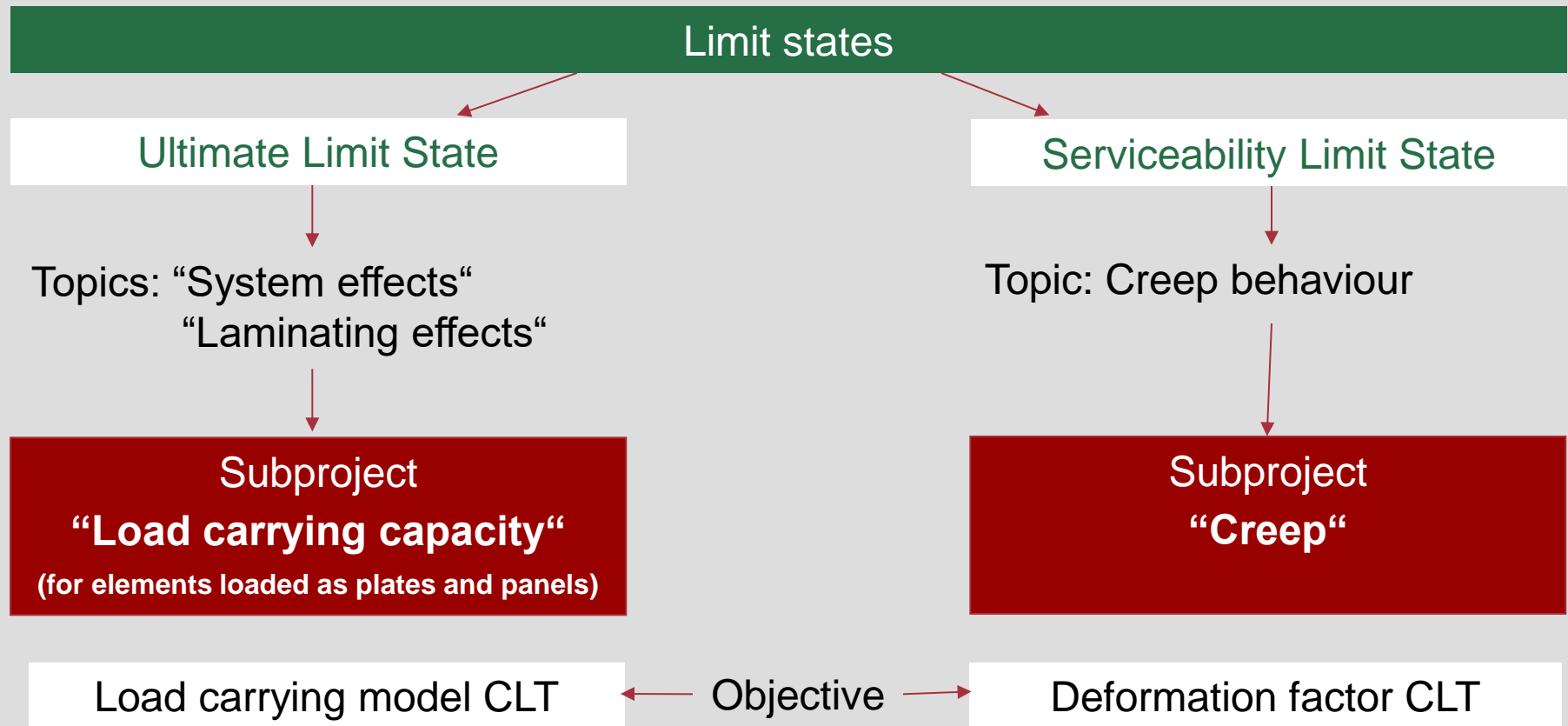
Connection Technique



### MODULE 4

Development of Systems  
Architectural Potential  
Case Studies





Further tests:

Properties perpendicular to grain

Vibration properties of CLT-floors



## Eurocode 1995-1-1

### Currently no proposals for the verification of CLT-elements

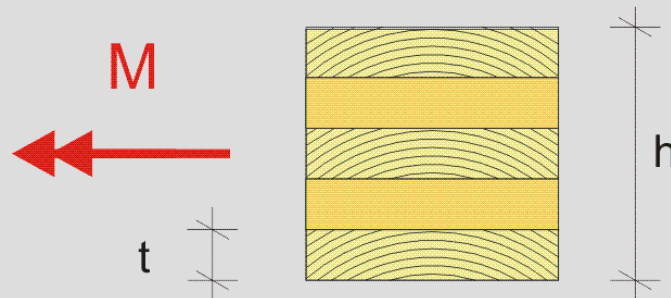
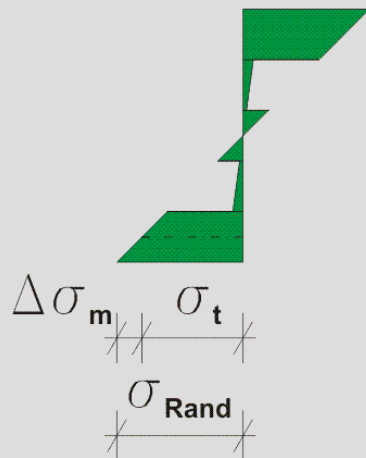
→ The development of an European standard is initiated by the Austrian Standardisation Organisation (ON).

## DIN 1052-2004.08

A verification procedure is given in this standard

Verification of stresses on each single layer:

$$\frac{\sigma_t}{f_{t,d}} + \frac{\Delta\sigma_m}{f_{m,d}} \leq 1$$

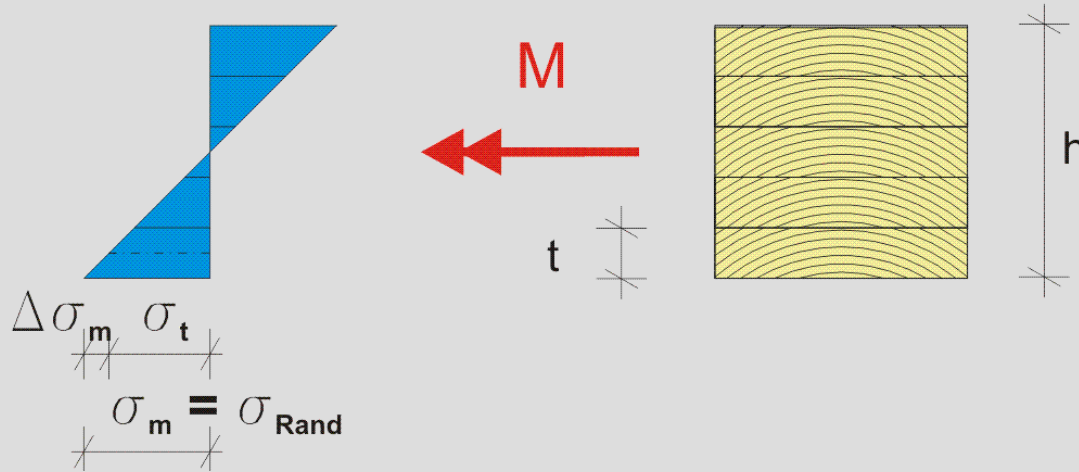


$$f_{t,0,k} = 0,6 \cdot f_{m,k}$$

in accord. with EN 338D

→ This procedure leads to conservative results  
because no “homogenisation effects” are considered !

## Applied to layered products: e.g. Glulam



$$\Delta\sigma_m = \sigma_m \cdot \frac{t}{h}$$

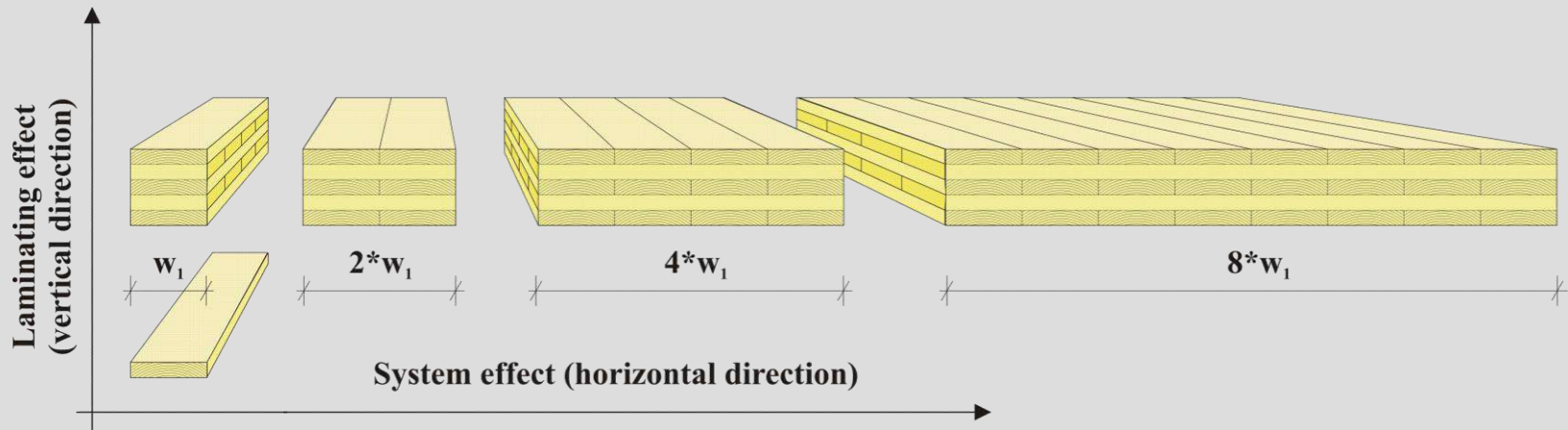
$$\sigma_t = \sigma_m \cdot \frac{h-t}{h}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_t}{\frac{3}{5} \cdot f_{m,d}} + \frac{\Delta\sigma_m}{f_{m,d}} = \frac{\frac{5}{3} \cdot \sigma_t + \Delta\sigma_m}{f_{m,d}} = \frac{\frac{5}{3} \cdot \frac{h-t}{h} \cdot \sigma_m + \frac{t}{h} \cdot \sigma_m}{f_{m,d}} = \frac{\left(\frac{5}{3} - \frac{2t}{3h}\right) \cdot \sigma_m}{f_{m,d}} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{\left(\frac{5}{3} - \frac{2t}{3h}\right) \cdot \sigma_m}{f_{m,d}} = \frac{23}{15} \cdot \frac{\sigma_m}{f_{m,d}} \approx \frac{\sigma_m}{0,65 \cdot f_{m,d}} \leq 1$$

-35%

## Objective of the research work

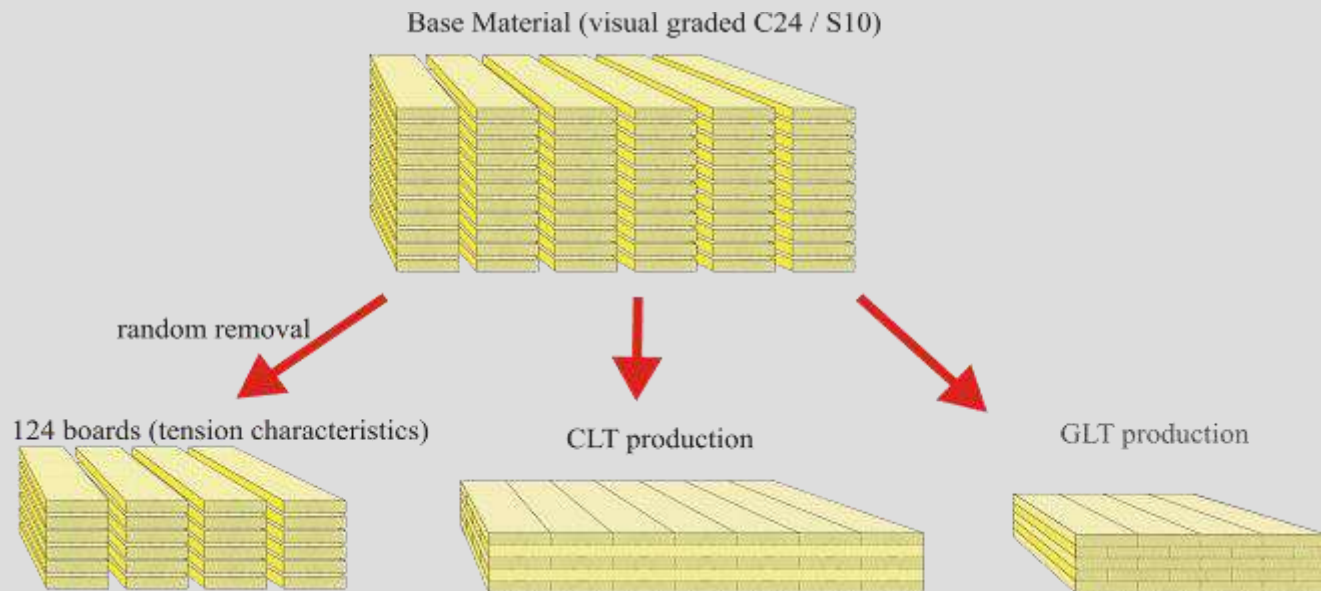


## Method

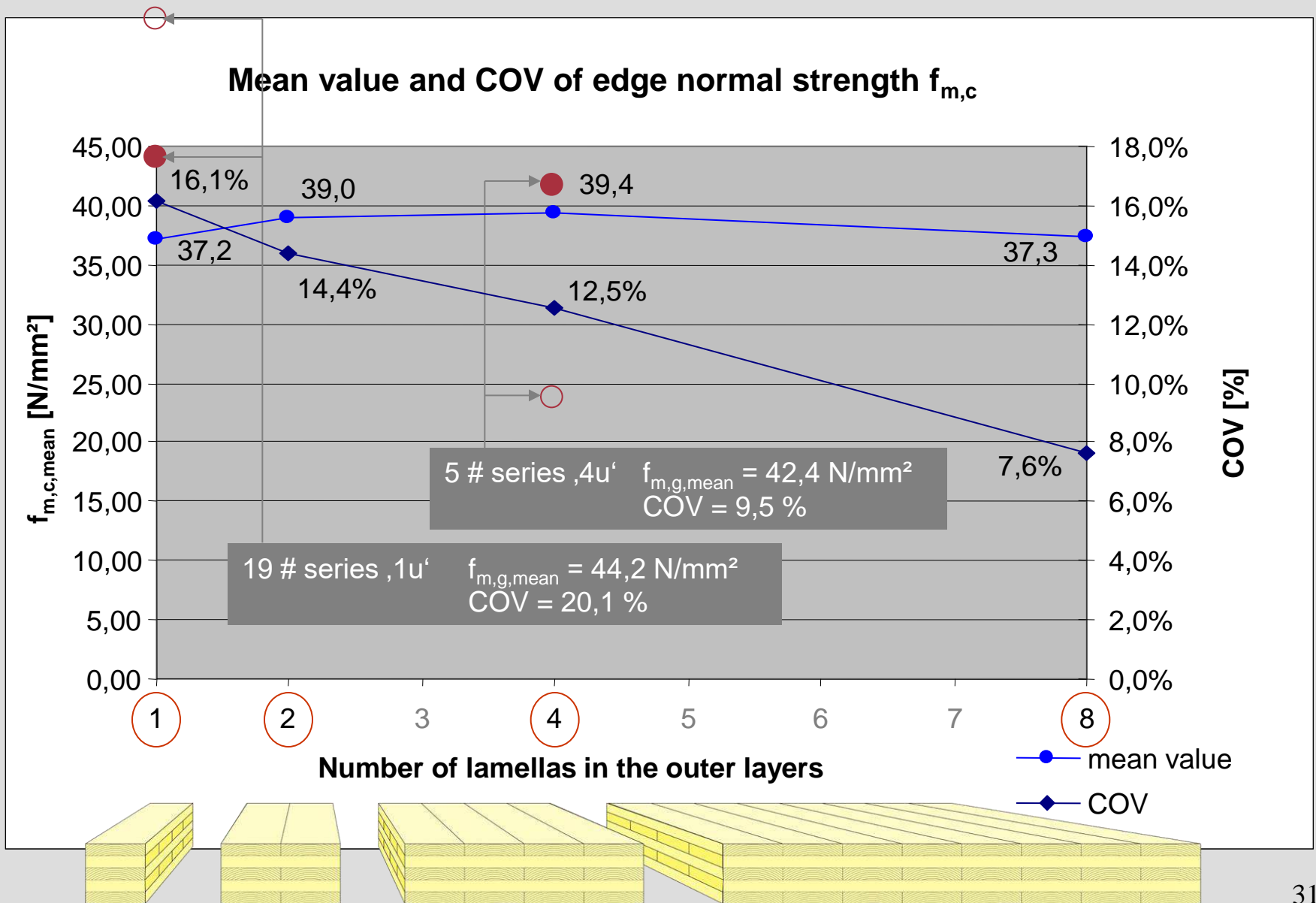
### Results of tension tests:

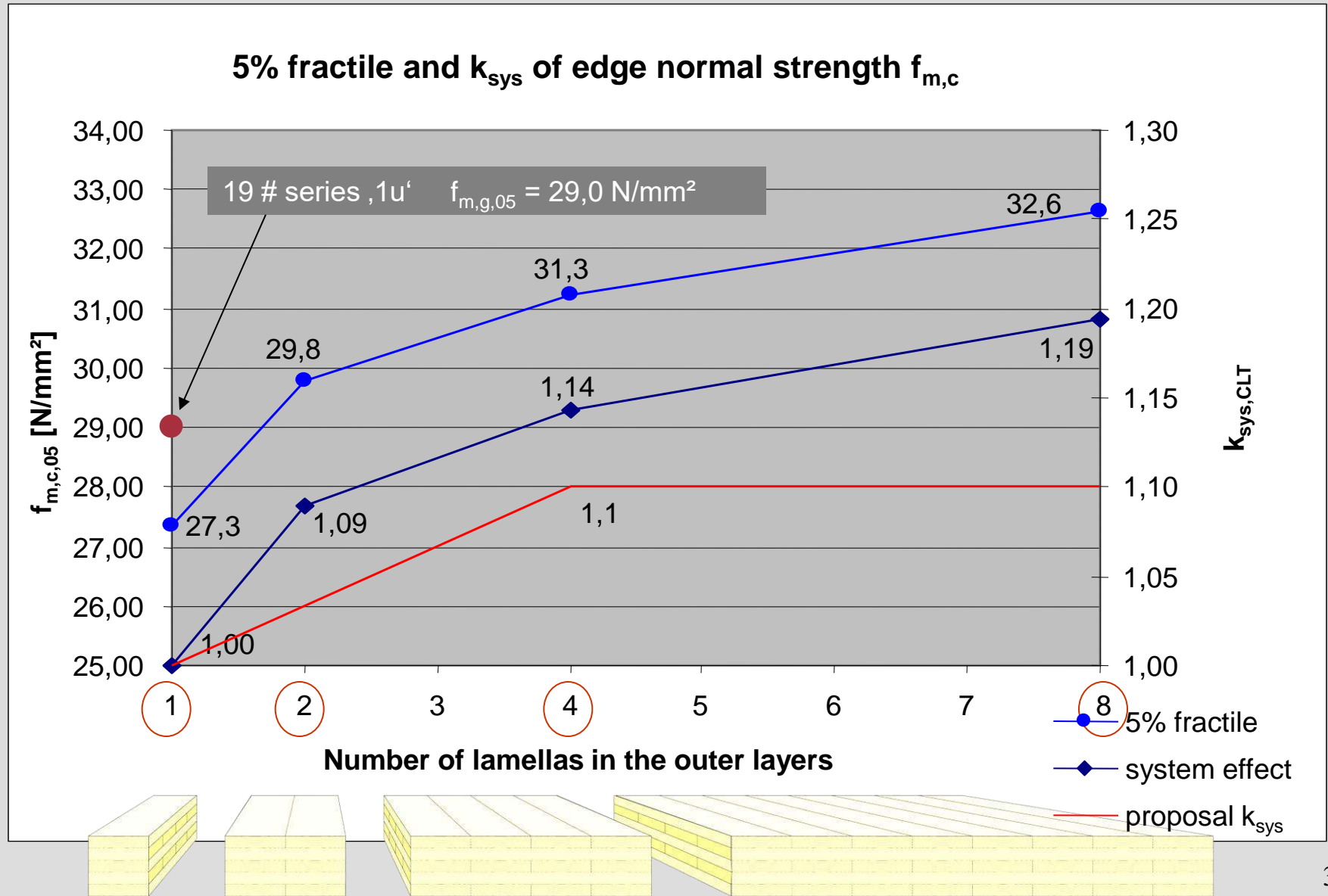
$$f_{t,0,l,05} = 12,5 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$\text{COV}_t = 39,4 \%$$

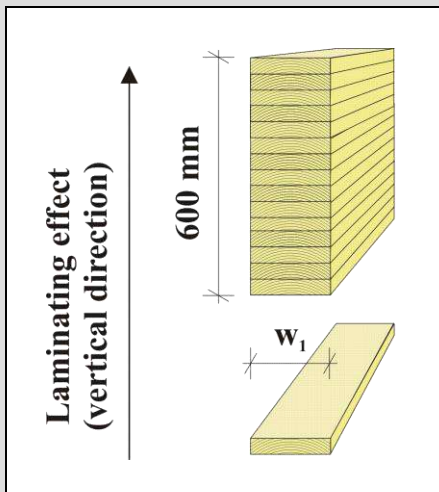








## Beam Model for GLT



$$f_{m,g,k} = 7,0 + 1,15 \cdot f_{t,0,l,k} \quad \text{according to EN 1194:1999}$$

including the variation of the base material

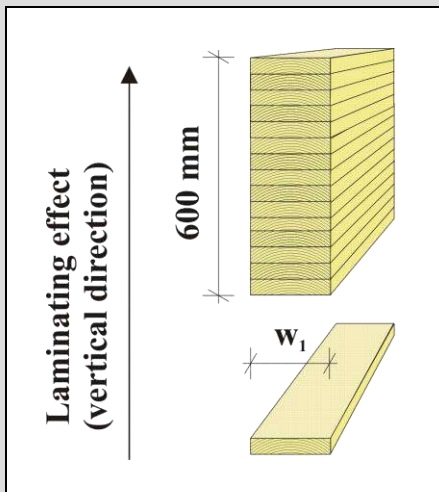
$$f_{m,g,k} = a_{GLT} \cdot f_{t,0,l,k}^{0,82} \quad \text{e.g.: } a_{GLT} = \begin{cases} 2,422 & COV_t = 0,25 \\ 2,811 & COV_t = 0,35 \end{cases}$$

$$f_{m,g,k} = \underbrace{1,06 \cdot (1,4 + 4,0 \cdot COV_t)}_a \cdot f_{t,0,l,k}^{0,8}$$

$$f_{m,c,k,\geq 4} = a \cdot f_{t,0,l,k}^{0,8}$$



## Beam Model for GLT



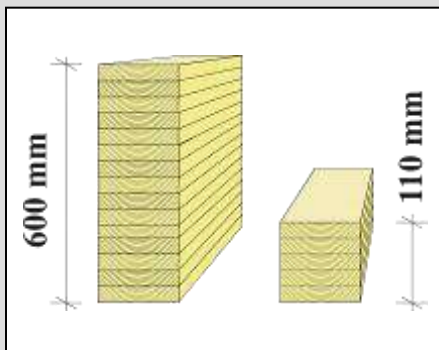
$$f_{m,g,k} = 7,0 + 1,15 \cdot f_{t,0,l,k}$$

including the variation of the base material

$$f_{m,g,k} = a_1 \cdot f_{t,0,l,k}^{0,82}$$

$$a_1 = \begin{cases} 2,422 & COV_t = 0,25 \\ 2,811 & COV_t = 0,35 \end{cases}$$

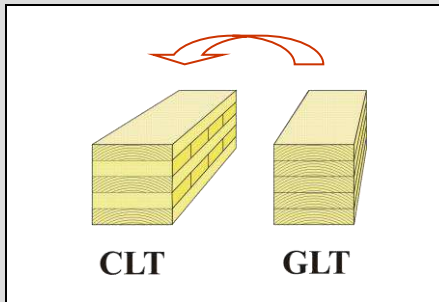
$$f_{m,g,k} = 1,06 \cdot (1,4 + 4,0 \cdot COV_t) \cdot f_{t,0,l,k}^{0,8}$$



$$k_h = \left( \frac{600}{h} \right)^{0,1} = \left( \frac{600}{110} \right)^{0,1} = 1,18$$

$$f_{m,c,k,\geq 4} = k_h \cdot a \cdot f_{t,0,l,k}^{0,8}$$

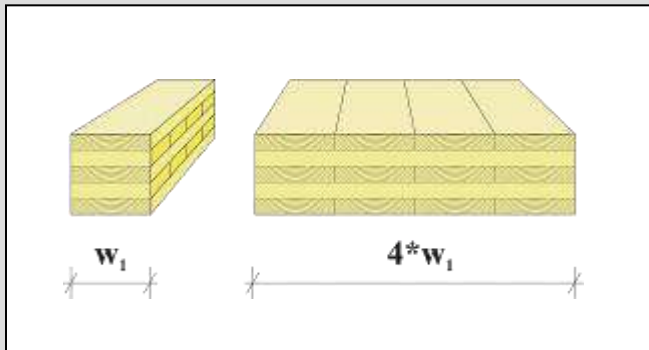
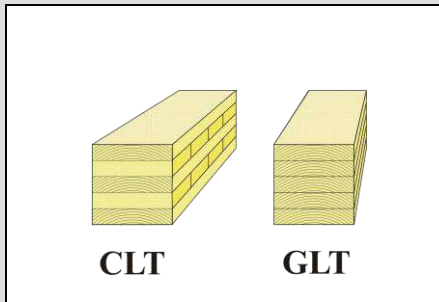
## Model for CLT



$$k_{CLT/GLT} = \frac{f_{Edge,CLT,05}}{f_{m,GLT,05}} = \frac{27,3}{29,0} \approx 0,94$$

$$f_{m,c,k,\geq 4} = k_{CLT/GLT} \cdot k_h \cdot a \cdot f_{t,0,l,k}^{0,8}$$

## Model for CLT



$$k_{CLT/GLT} = \frac{f_{Edge,CLT,05}}{f_{m,GLT,05}} = \frac{27,3}{29,0} \approx 0,94$$

$$k_{sys,\geq 4} = 1,1$$

$$f_{m,c,k,\geq 4} = k_{sys} \cdot k_{CLT/GLT} \cdot k_h \cdot a \cdot f_{t,0,l,k}^{0,8}$$



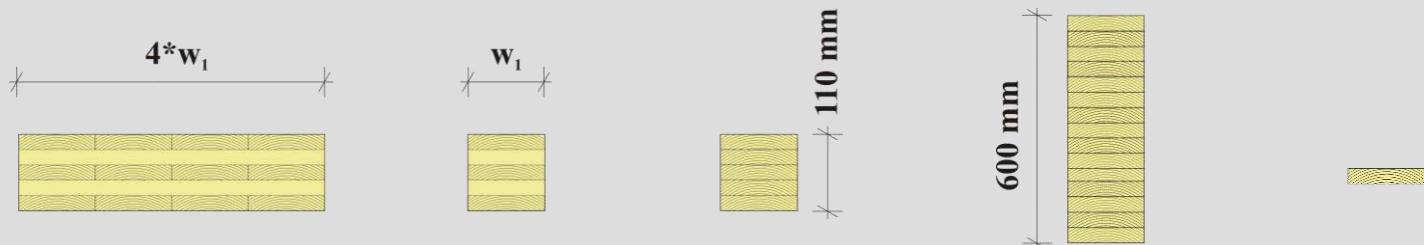
## Load carrying model for CLT in bending - based on test results

$$f_{m,c,k,\geq 4} = k_{sys} \cdot k_{CLT/GLT} \cdot k_h \cdot a \cdot f_{t,0,l,k}^{0,8}$$

$$k_h = \left(\frac{600}{h}\right)^{0,1} \cdot \left(\frac{150}{b}\right)^{0,05} = \left(\frac{600}{110}\right)^{0,1} \cdot \left(\frac{150}{110}\right)^{0,05} = 1,20$$

$$a = 1,06 \cdot (1,4 + 4,0 \cdot COV_t) = 1,06 \cdot (1,4 + 4,0 \cdot 0,394) = 3,15$$

	$k_{sys}$	$k_{CLT/GLT}$	$k_h$ ( $h = 110 \text{ mm}$ , $b = 110 \text{ mm}$ )	$a$ ( $COV_t = 39,4 \%$ )	$f_{t,0,l,05}$
Factor	1,1	0,94	1,20	3,15	
Analy. results	<b>29,6</b>	<b>26,9</b>	<b>28,6</b>	23,8	<b>12,5</b>
Test results	<b>31,3</b>	<b>27,3</b>	<b>29,0</b>	-	<b>12,5</b>



## Proposed Model for CLT

$$f_{m,c,k,\geq 4} = k_{sys} \cdot k_{CLT/GLT} \cdot k_h \cdot a \cdot f_{t,0,l,k}^{0,8}$$

for reference high  $h = 150 \text{ mm}$  (without considering of width)

$$k_{sys} \cdot k_{CLT/GLT} \cdot k_h \cdot a = 1,1 \cdot 0,94 \cdot 1,15 \cdot 1,06 \cdot (1,4 + 4,0 \cdot COV_t)$$

$$k_{sys} \cdot k_{CLT/GLT} \cdot k_h \cdot a = 1,76 + 5,0 \cdot COV_t$$

$$f_{m,c,k,\geq 4} = (1,76 + 5,0 \cdot COV_t) \cdot f_{t,0,l,k}^{0,8}$$

$$f_{m,c,k,\geq 4} = a_{CLT} \cdot f_{t,0,l,k}^{0,8} \quad a_{CLT} = \begin{cases} 3,0 & COV_t = 0,25 \\ 3,5 & COV_t = 0,35 \end{cases}$$

## Proposal of a Beam Model for CLT – Comparison with older data

$$f_{m,c,k,>4} = (1,76 + 5,0 \cdot COV_t) \cdot f_{t,0,l,k}^{0,8}$$

	$f_{t,0,l,05}$	$COV_t$	$f_{m,c,05,=4}$ test results	$f_{m,c,05,\geq 4}$ calculated	
	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	[%]	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	[N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	
presented	<b>12,5</b>	<b>39,4 %</b>	<b>31,3</b>	<b>28,1</b>	✓
New results <sup>1)</sup>	<b>26,8</b> (n = 50)	<b>30,4 %</b>	<b>47,8</b>	<b>45,5</b>	✓
old results (1998)	<b>19,3</b> (n = 80)	<b>~ 35 %</b>	<b>39,1</b> <sup>2)</sup> <b>42,9</b> <sup>2)</sup> <b>39,4</b> <sup>3)</sup>	<b>37,5</b>	✓
<sup>1)</sup> 5 layer CLT made of solid edge glued panels (spruce);					
<sup>2)</sup> Single result of one 7 layer CLT element (width 2000 mm);					
<sup>3)</sup> Single result of one 9 layer CLT element (width 2000 mm);					



## Specifications in technical approvals

$$\frac{\sigma_{m,d}}{k_l \cdot f_{m,d}} \leq 1$$

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### 3.2 Bemessung

#### 3.2.1 Beanspruchung rechtwinklig zur Bauteilebene

3.2.1.1 Der Nachweis der Spannungsverteilung und der Schnittgrößen eines "HMS-Elementes" rechtwinklig zur Bauteilebene ist nach der Verbundtheorie unter Berücksichtigung von Schubverformungen<sup>2</sup> zu führen.

Beim Biegespannungsnachweis ist nur die Normalspannung der Bretter am Querschnittsrand nachzuweisen, der Nachweis der Schwerpunktspannung im Brett darf unberücksichtigt bleiben.

Beim Biegespannungsnachweis darf die zulässige Biegespannung bzw. der Bemessungswert der Biegefestigkeit mit einem Systembeiwert  $k_\ell$  multipliziert werden:

$$k_\ell = \min \begin{matrix} 1 + 0,025 \cdot n \\ 1,1 \end{matrix}$$

mit  $n$  = Anzahl der nebeneinander liegenden Bretter.

## Comparison of verification proposals

DIN 1052

$$\frac{\sigma_{t,d}}{f_{t,d}} + \frac{\Delta\sigma_{m,d}}{f_{m,d}} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{m,d}}{0,65 \cdot f_{m,d}} = \frac{\sigma_{m,d}}{\frac{k_{\text{mod}}}{\gamma_M} \cdot 0,65 \cdot f_{m,k}} \leq 1$$

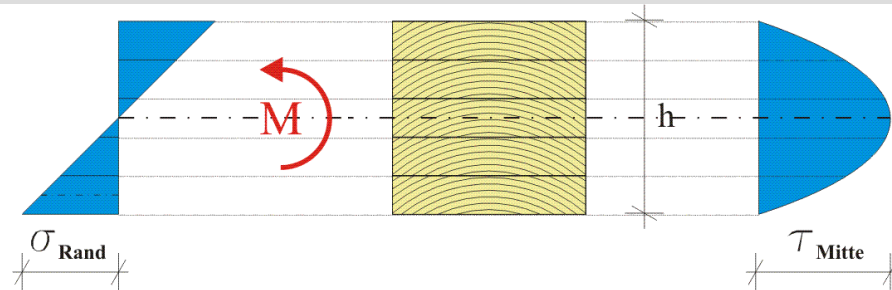
$$\frac{\sigma_{m,d}}{f_{m,c,d}} = \frac{\sigma_{m,d}}{\frac{k_{\text{mod}}}{\gamma_M} \cdot (a_{CLT} \cdot f_{t,0,l,k}^{0,8})} \leq 1$$

Proposal TUG

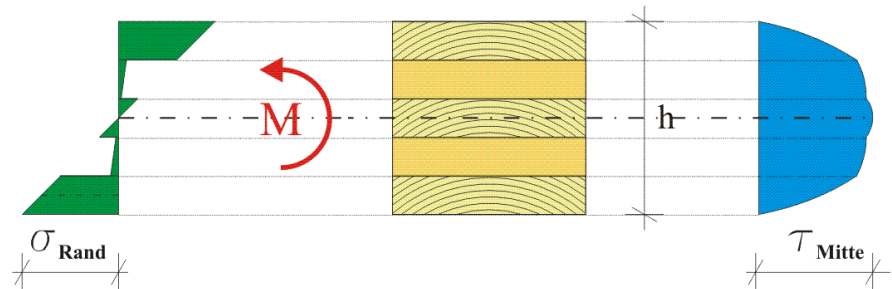
<b>C 24</b> $f_{t,0,l,k} = 14,0$ COV = 35 %	<b>C 40</b> $f_{t,0,l,k} = 24,0$ COV = 25 %
15,6 $0,65 \cdot f_{m,k}$	26,0 $0,65 \cdot f_{m,k}$
29,0 $1,21 \cdot f_{m,k}$	38,3 $0,96 \cdot f_{m,k}$

## Determination of stresses for CLT

Normal stresses



Shear stresses



$$\sigma(z) = \frac{M}{I_{eff}} \cdot z \cdot \frac{E_i}{E}$$

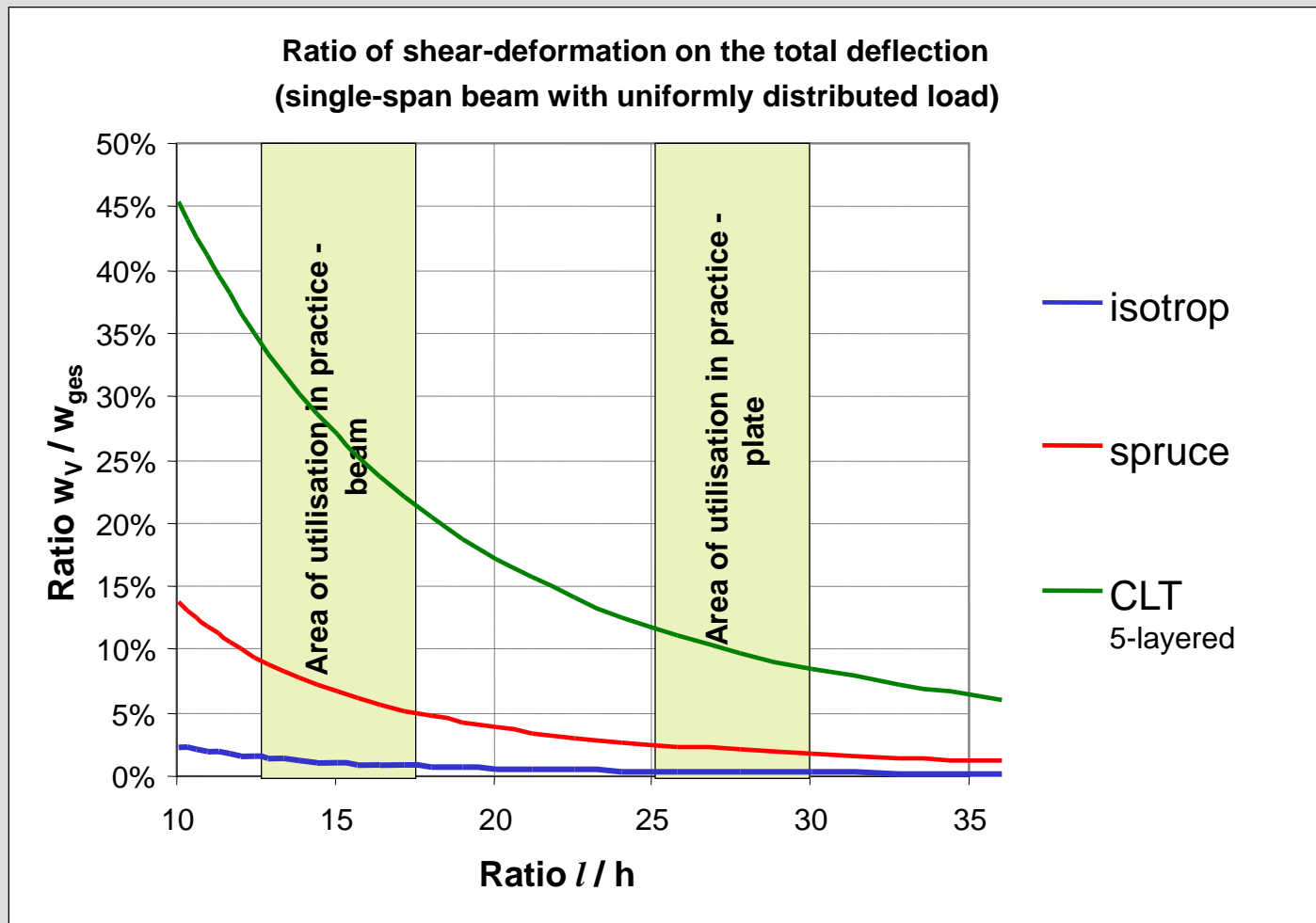
$$\tau(z) = \frac{V \cdot S_{eff}}{I_{eff} \cdot b}$$

$I_{eff}$	$S_{eff}$		
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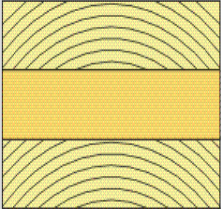
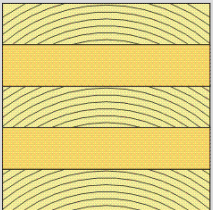
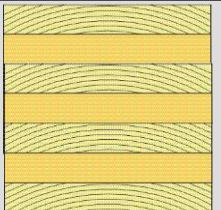
## Determination of deformations for CLT

$$w_{ges} = \frac{1}{E \cdot I_{eff}} \int M \bar{M} ds + \frac{1}{G \cdot \frac{A_{eff,G}}{K}} \int V \bar{V} ds$$



## Effective second moment of area of the cross section

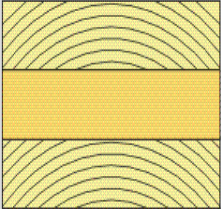
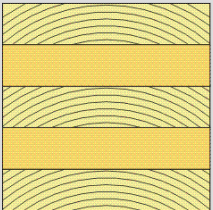
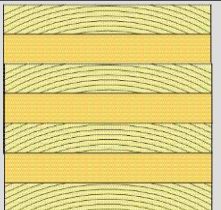
$$I_{eff} = \sum \frac{E_i}{E} \cdot I_i + \sum \frac{E_i}{E} \cdot A_i \cdot e_i^2$$

Number of layers	$E_{90} \neq 0$	$E_{90} = 0$
 <b>3</b>	$\frac{b \cdot h^3}{12} \cdot \frac{1}{27} \left( 26 + 1 \cdot \frac{E_{90}}{E_0} \right)$	$\frac{b \cdot h^3}{12} \cdot \frac{26}{27}$
 <b>5</b>	$\frac{b \cdot h^3}{12} \cdot \frac{1}{125} \left( 99 + 26 \cdot \frac{E_{90}}{E_0} \right)$	$\frac{b \cdot h^3}{12} \cdot \frac{99}{125}$
 <b>7</b>	$\frac{b \cdot h^3}{12} \cdot \frac{1}{343} \left( 244 + 99 \cdot \frac{E_{90}}{E_0} \right)$	$\frac{b \cdot h^3}{12} \cdot \frac{244}{343}$

$I_{eff}$	$S_{eff}$	$A_{G,eff}$	$k$
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## Effective statical moment of the cross section

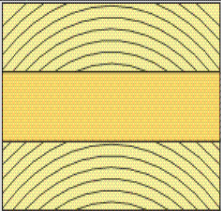
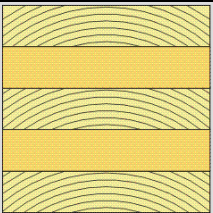
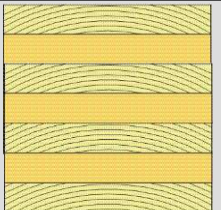
$$S_{eff} = \sum \frac{E_i}{E} \cdot A_i \cdot e_{s,i}$$

Number of layers	$E_{90} \neq 0$	$E_{90} = 0$
 <b>3</b>	$\frac{b \cdot h^2}{8} \cdot \frac{1}{9} \left( 8 + 1 \cdot \frac{E_{90}}{E_0} \right)$	$\frac{b \cdot h^2}{8} \cdot \frac{8}{9}$
 <b>5</b>	$\frac{b \cdot h^2}{8} \cdot \frac{1}{25} \left( 17 + 8 \cdot \frac{E_{90}}{E_0} \right)$	$\frac{b \cdot h^2}{8} \cdot \frac{17}{25}$
 <b>7</b>	$\frac{b \cdot h^2}{8} \cdot \frac{1}{49} \left( 32 + 17 \cdot \frac{E_{90}}{E_0} \right)$	$\frac{b \cdot h^2}{8} \cdot \frac{32}{49}$

$I_{eff}$	$S_{eff}$	$A_{G,eff}$	$k$
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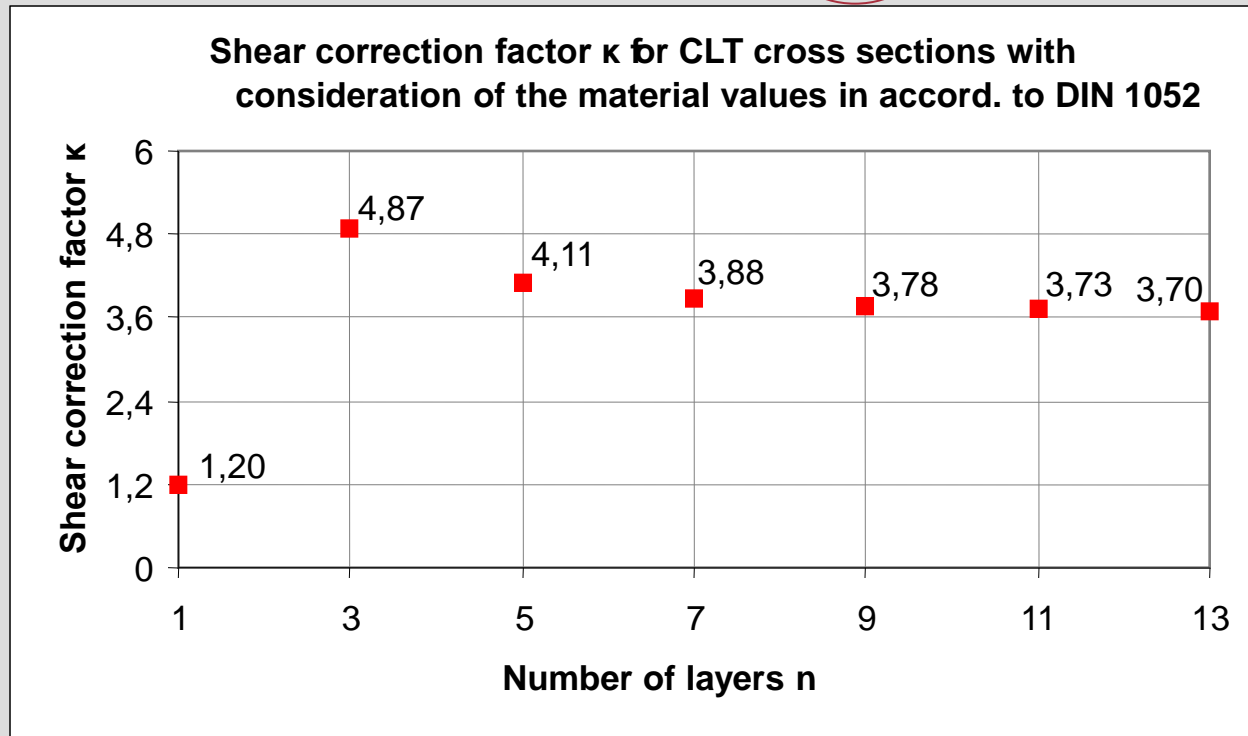


## Effective area of the cross section

Number of layers		$A_{eff,G} = \sum \frac{G_i}{G} \cdot A_i$	$\frac{G_{090}}{G_{9090}} = 10$
 <b>3</b>		$b \cdot h \cdot \frac{1}{3} \left( 2 + 1 \cdot \frac{G_{9090}}{G_{090}} \right)$	$b \cdot h \cdot \frac{2,1}{3}$
<b>5</b> 		$b \cdot h \cdot \frac{1}{5} \left( 3 + 2 \cdot \frac{G_{9090}}{G_{090}} \right)$	$b \cdot h \cdot \frac{3,2}{5}$
 <b>7</b>		$b \cdot h \cdot \frac{1}{7} \left( 4 + 3 \cdot \frac{G_{9090}}{G_{090}} \right)$	$b \cdot h \cdot \frac{4,3}{7}$

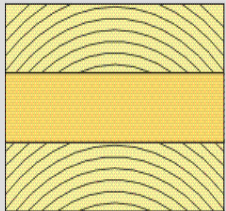
## Shear correction factor

$$w_{ges} = \frac{1}{E \cdot I_{eff}} \int M \bar{M} ds + \frac{1}{G \cdot \frac{A_{eff,G}}{\kappa}} \int V \bar{V} ds$$



## Shear correction factor for a three layered-element

$$K_{z,3S} = \frac{12^2 \cdot \left( 2 + \frac{G_{9090}}{G_{090}} \right)}{\left( 26 + \frac{E_{90}}{E_0} \right)^2} \cdot \left[ \frac{G_{090}}{120 \cdot G_{9090}} \cdot \left( \left( \frac{E_{90}}{E_0} \right)^2 + 20 \cdot \frac{E_{90}}{E_0} + 120 \right) + \frac{17}{20} \right]$$

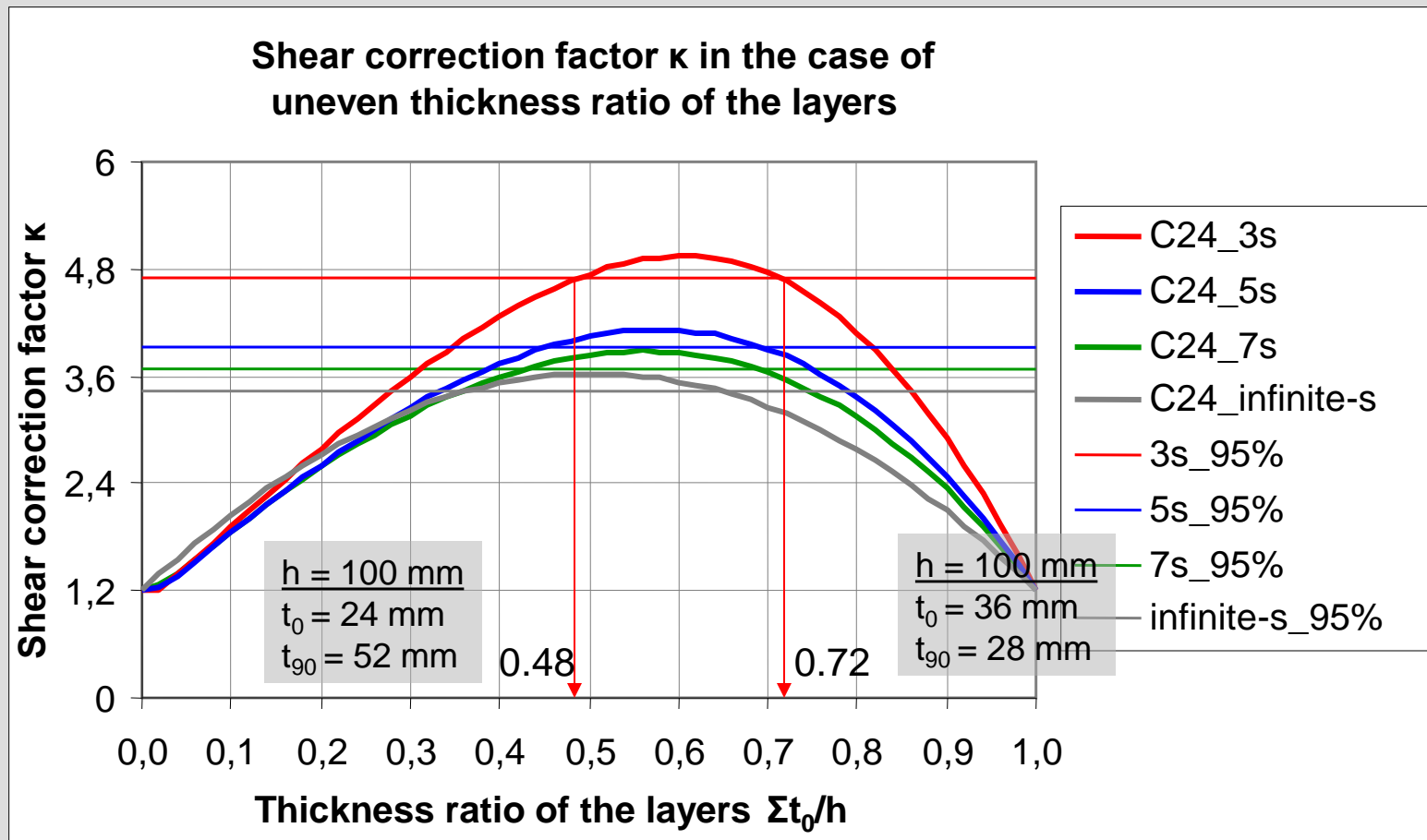


$$K_{z,3S} = \frac{6}{5} \cdot \frac{\left( 2 + \frac{G_{9090}}{G_{090}} \right)}{26^2} \cdot \left[ 120 \cdot \frac{G_{090}}{G_{9090}} + 102 \right]$$

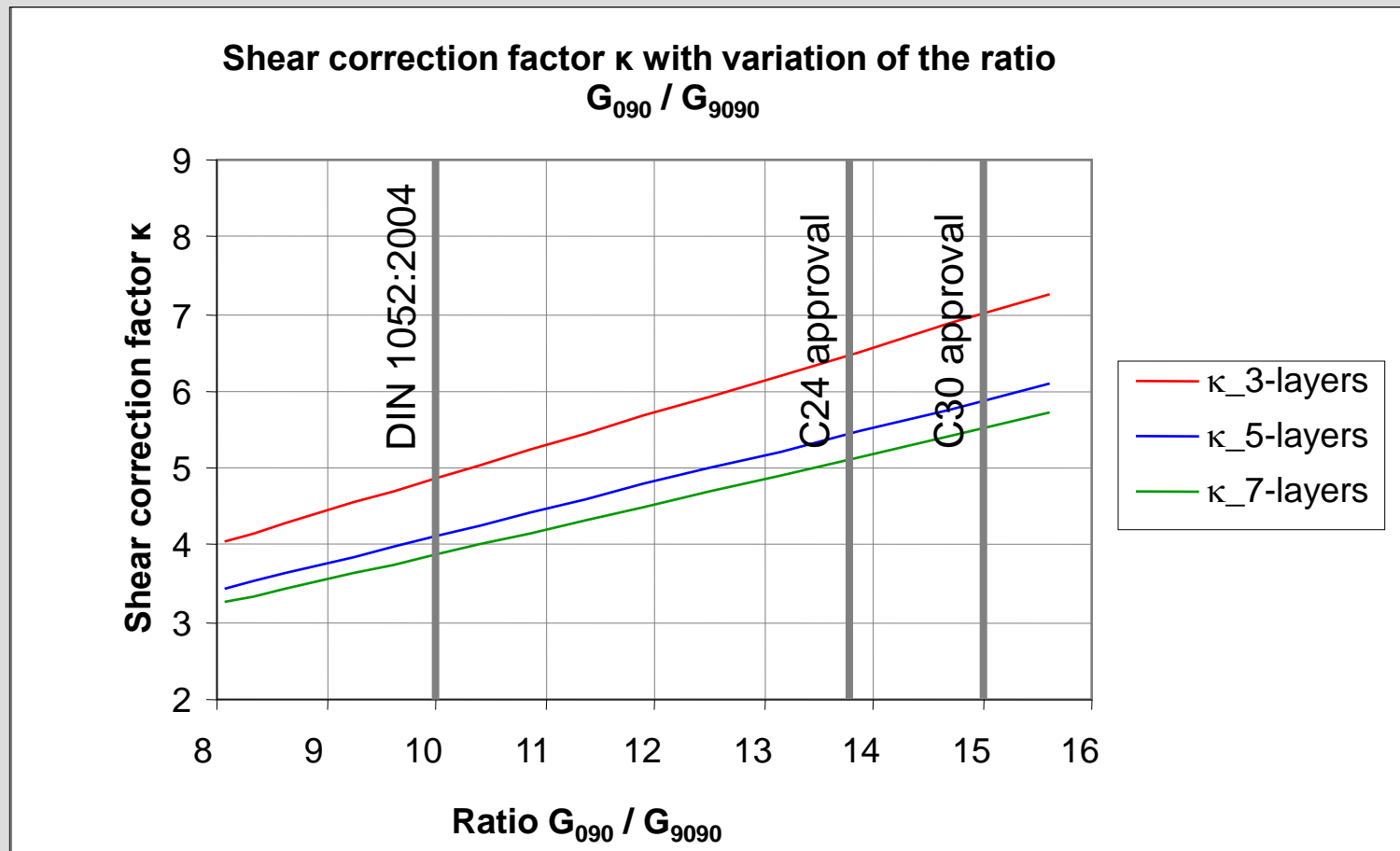
$I_{\text{eff}}$	$S_{\text{eff}}$	$A_{G,\text{eff}}$	$k$
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## Shear correction factor for CLT built up with uneven layers thickness



## Shear correction factor with variation of the ratio $G_{090} / G_{9090}$



## Shear correction factor with values from standards

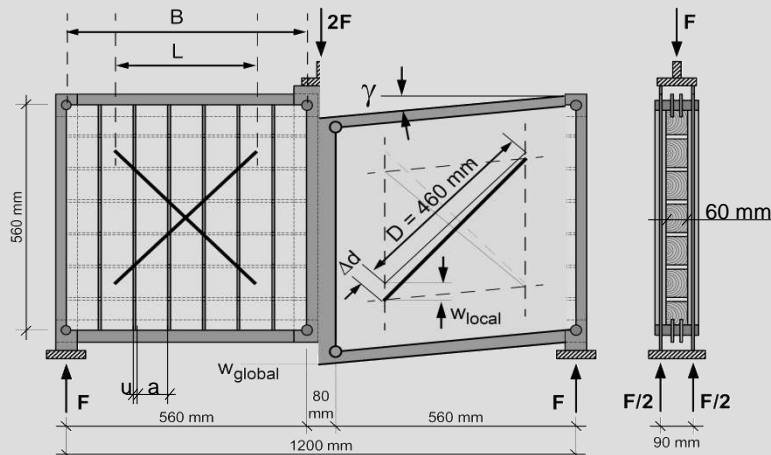
Material properties	EN 338 (all strength-classes) <sup>1)</sup>	C 24 (in accord. with the approvals) <sup>2)</sup>	C 30 (in accord. with the approvals) <sup>2)</sup>
	$G_{9090} = G_{090}/10$	$G_{9090} = 50 \text{ [N/mm}^2\text{]}$	$G_{9090} = 50 \text{ [N/mm}^2\text{]}$
3-layered	<b>4,9</b>	<b>6,5</b>	<b>7,0</b>
5-layered	<b>4,1</b>	<b>5,4</b>	<b>5,9</b>
7-layered	<b>3,9</b>	<b>5,1</b>	<b>5,5</b>
1) $E_0/E_{90} = 30$ ; $E_0/G_{090} = 16$ ; $G_{090}/G_{9090} = 10$			
2) Für C24: $E_0/E_{90} = 30$ ; $E_0/G_{090} = 16$ Für C30: $E_0/E_{90} = 30$ ; $E_0/G_{090} = 16$			



# Determination of stresses in CLT-elements loaded as panel

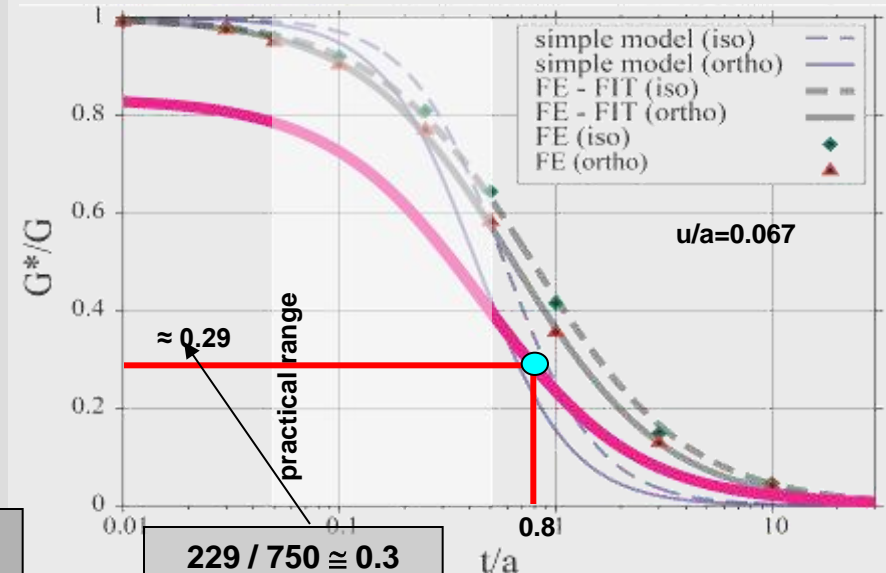
## CLT wall elements under homogeneous shear (shear stiffness) experimental and theoretical solution (doctoral thesis in process: Th. Moosbrugger)

### - without openings

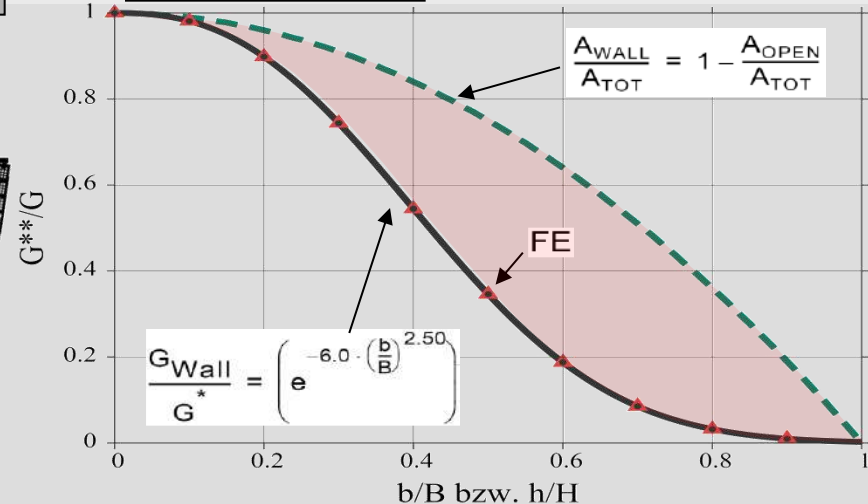
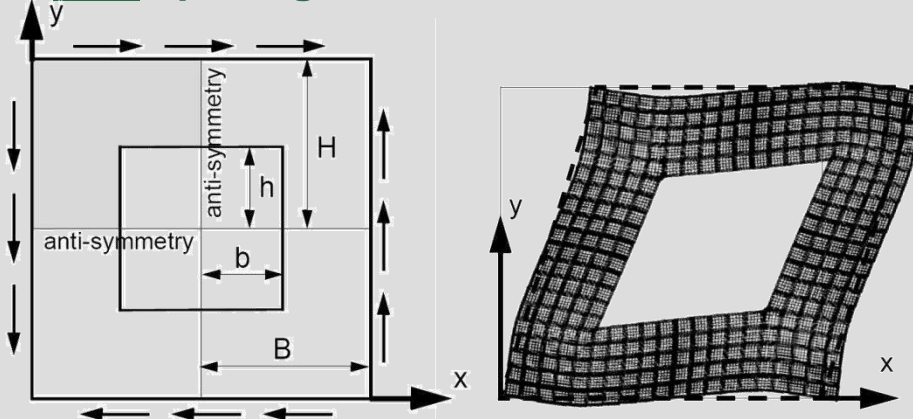


board spacing:  $u = 5 \text{ mm}$   
board width:  $a = 75 \text{ mm} \rightarrow u/a = 0.067$

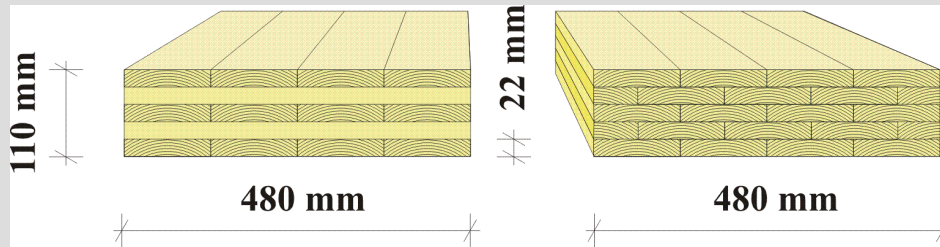
$G_{\text{plate, mean}} = 229 \text{ N/mm}^2$   
(5 tests, COV = 0.16)



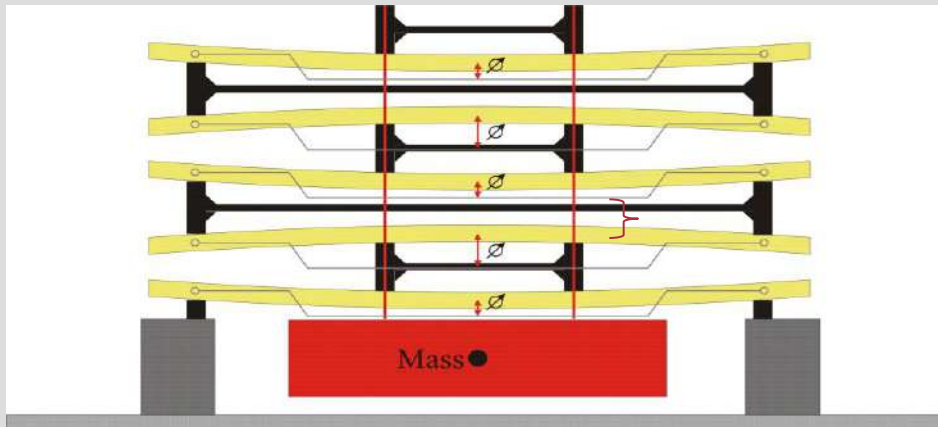
### - with openings



## Specimens with two cross sections: GLT and CLT



Test setup: 4 – point – bending test according to EN 408



Futher details tests:

Tests with two climates (55%/20°C; 78%/20°C) and two stress levels (about 3 N/mm<sup>2</sup> and 8 N/mm<sup>2</sup>)

## Results

Climate	Stress - level	GLT $\Rightarrow$ CLT
<b>Climate 2</b>	<b>Sl.2 - high</b>	<b>+ 38,5 %</b>
	<b>Sl.1 - low</b>	<b>+ 46,5 %</b>
<b>Climate 1</b>	<b>Sl.2 - high</b>	<b>+ 19,3 %</b>
	<b>Sl.1 - low</b>	<b>+41,9 %</b>

## Proposals for standardisation

	<b>k<sub>def,CLT,5-layer</sub></b>
<b>SC 1</b>	<b>0,85</b>
<b>SC 2</b>	<b>1,10</b>

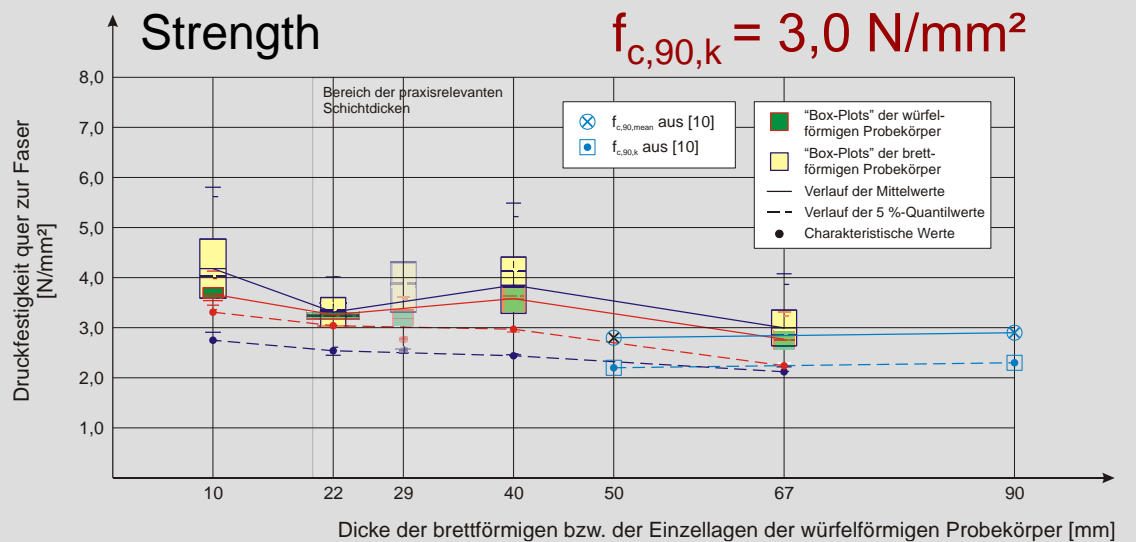
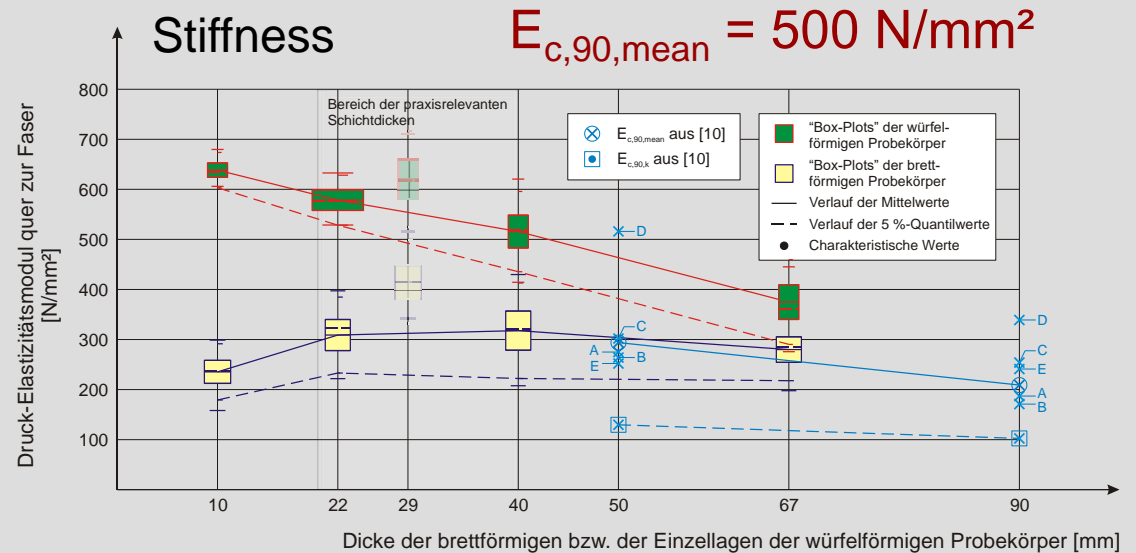
**Approximatly values for Plywood**

# Compression perpendicular to grain of CLT-cubic specimens



Test setup:

Tests on specimens with different number of layers, position of the board in the log, built-up factor and loading situations





# Conclusions

## Timber buildings are a modern and interesting solution

- for urban buildings
- for structural application of timber



## Timber technology offers

- modern material for high performance
- safety for building - including earthquake

**An interesting development is just beginning ...**

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