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**Modern Timber Structures**  
**Modernas koka konstrukcijas**

**October 19, 2021, Riga**

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## Agenda

<b>09:00 – 10:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>10:00 – 11:30</b>	Introduction Timber properties + EC5 Modern engineered timber materials
<b>11:30 – 12:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>12:00 – 13:30</b>	Timber construction systems Timber connections Designing with a brittle material
<b>13:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	CLT Floor dynamics – the new EC5 method Specification + common errors (Q&A)

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## Agenda / 10:00 - 11:30

- Introduction
- Timber properties + EC5
- Modern engineered timber materials



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### Timber Properties & EC5 Section No.1/ Sadaļa Nr.1.

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#### Tree Types

##### Softwood trees



- Spruce
- Pine
- Fir

##### Hardwood trees

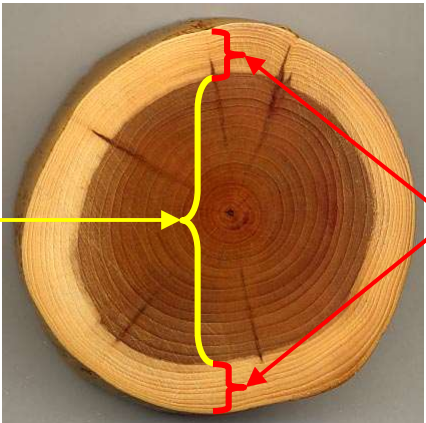


- Ash
- Oak
- Teak

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### Tree Trunk



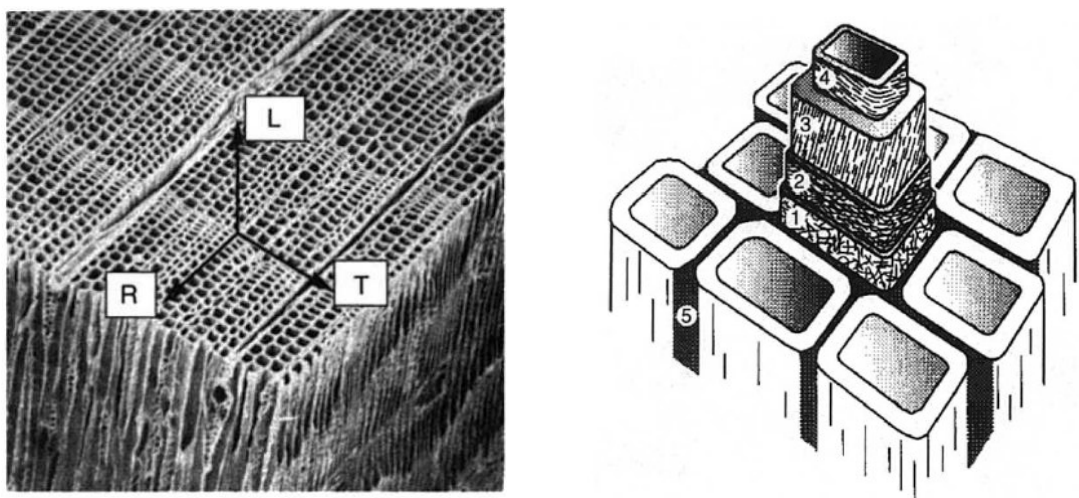
A photograph of a tree trunk cross-section. A yellow bracket on the left side is labeled "Heartwood", and a red bracket on the right side is labeled "Sapwood". The heartwood is the inner, darker part, and the sapwood is the outer, lighter part.

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### Microstructure of Timber



Two images illustrating the microstructure of timber. The left image is a microscopic view showing the cellular structure of wood, with labels L, R, and T. The right image is a 3D diagram showing the arrangement of wood cells, with labels 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

The landersson, S., Larsen, H. J., 2003, Timber Engineering, Wiley, England

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## Designing With a Natural Material

cf. steel

- variable
- anisotropic

thus, different philosophy

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## Knots



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### Knots

Knots have a greater effect on bending strength when they are closer to the edge

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### Glulam Strengths in EN14080

Property	Symbol	GL 24h [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]
Bending strength	$f_{m,g,k}$	24
Tensile strength	$f_{t,0,g,k}$	19.2
	$f_{t,90,g,k}$	0.5
Compression strength	$f_{c,0,g,k}$	24
	$f_{c,90,g,k}$	2.5
Shear strength (shear and torsion)	$f_{v,g,k}$	3.5
Rolling shear strength	$f_{r,g,k}$	1.2
Modulus of elasticity	$E_{0,g,mean}$	11500
	$E_{0,g,05}$	9600
	$E_{90,g,mean}$	300
	$E_{90,g,05}$	250
Shear modulus	$G_{g,mean}$	650
	$G_{g,05}$	540
Rolling shear modulus	$G_{r,g,mean}$	65
	$G_{r,g,05}$	54
Density	$\rho_{g,k}$	385
	$\rho_{g,mean}$	420

BS EN 14080

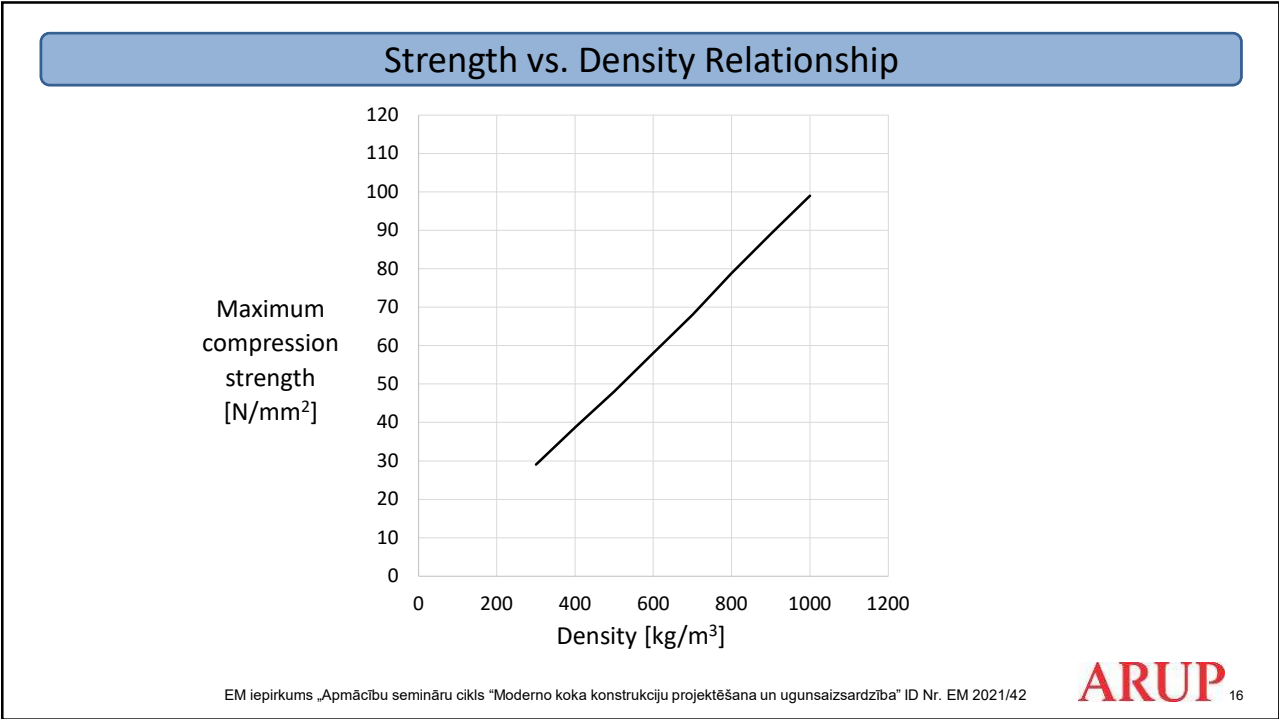
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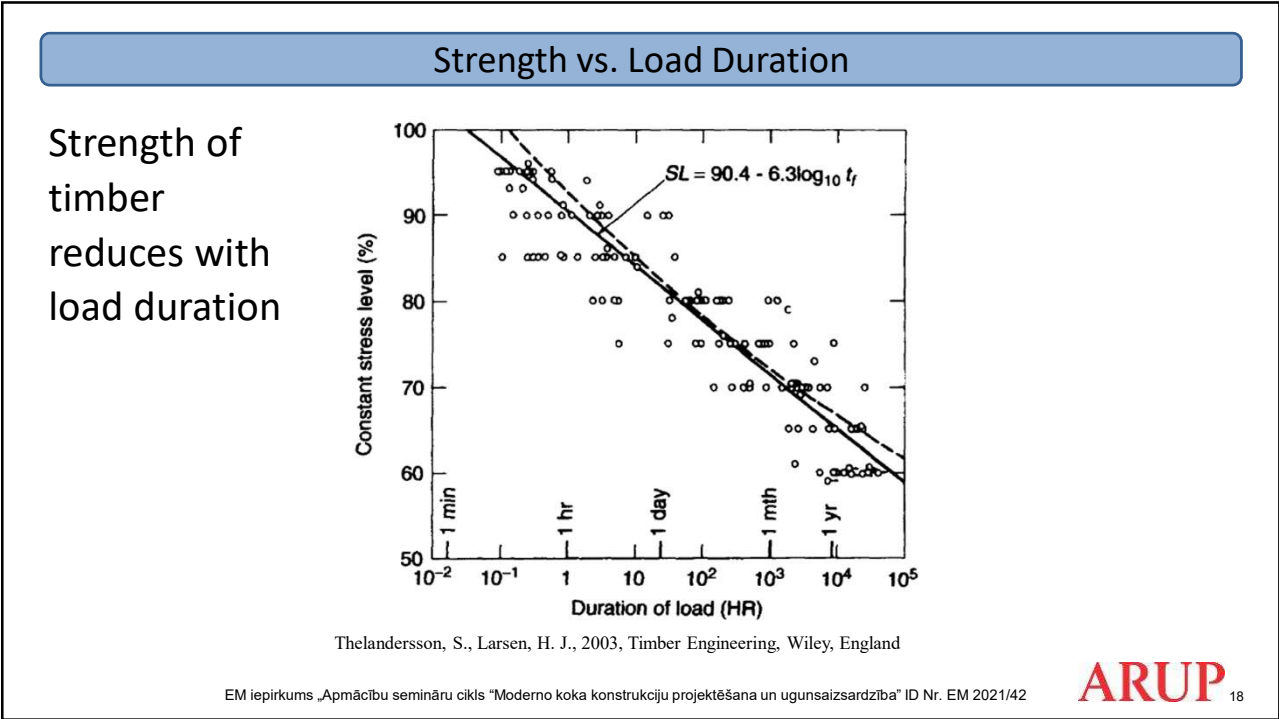
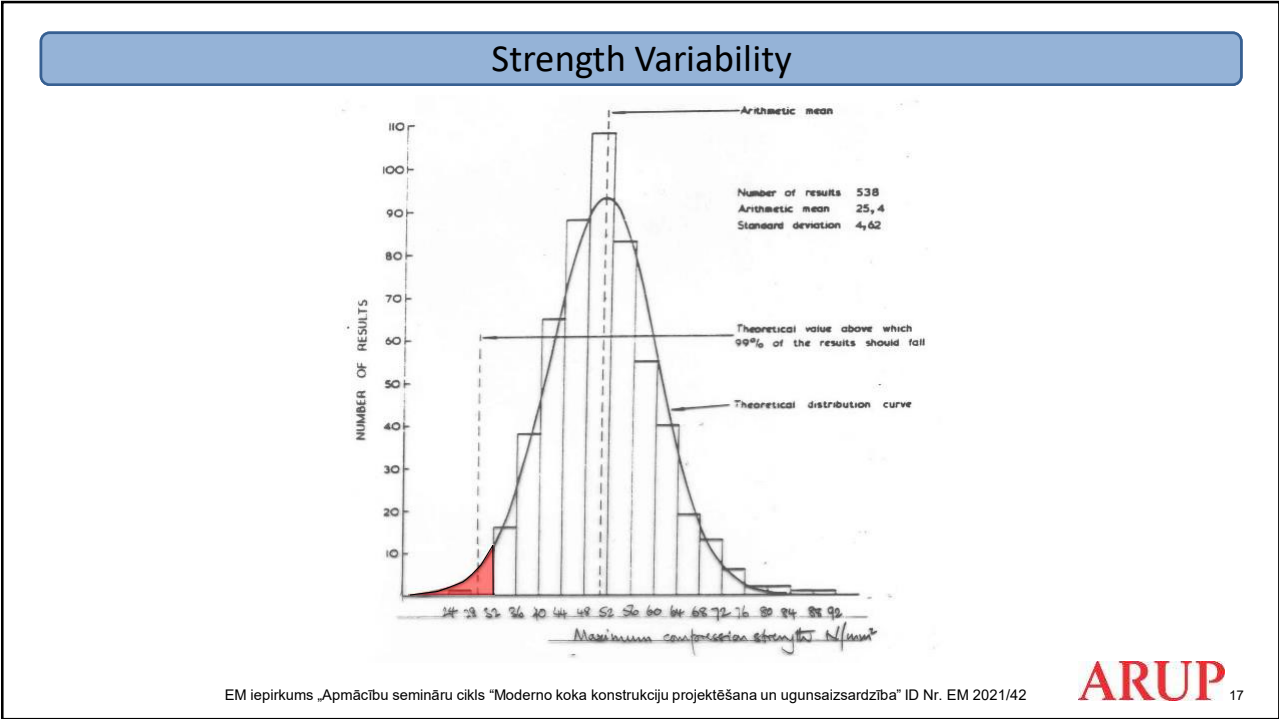
Why is tension strength weaker than bending strength parallel to grain?

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### Strength vs. Load Duration

Long-term behaviour of timber for different stress levels where:  
 $\sigma_1 < \sigma_2 < \sigma_3 < \sigma_4 < \sigma_5$

The graph plots deflection  $u$  on the vertical axis against Time on the horizontal axis. Five curves, labeled  $\sigma_1$  through  $\sigma_5$  from bottom to top, represent different stress levels. All curves start at an initial deflection  $u_{inst}$  at time zero. As time progresses, the deflection increases for all stress levels, with the rate of increase being higher for higher stress levels. The curves are concave up, indicating that the rate of deflection increases over time.

STRUCTURAL TIMBER EDUCATION PROGRAMME. Timber Engineering STEP 1: Basis of design, material properties, structural components and joints. Report A19 Creep.

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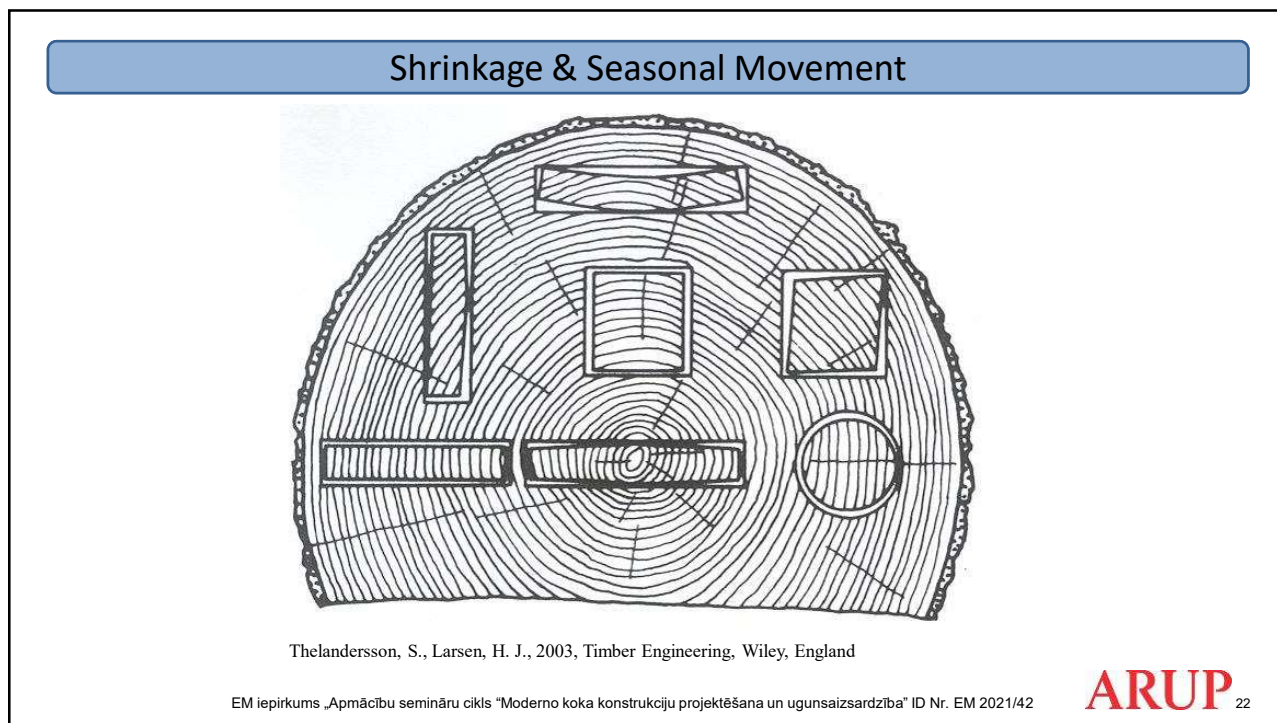
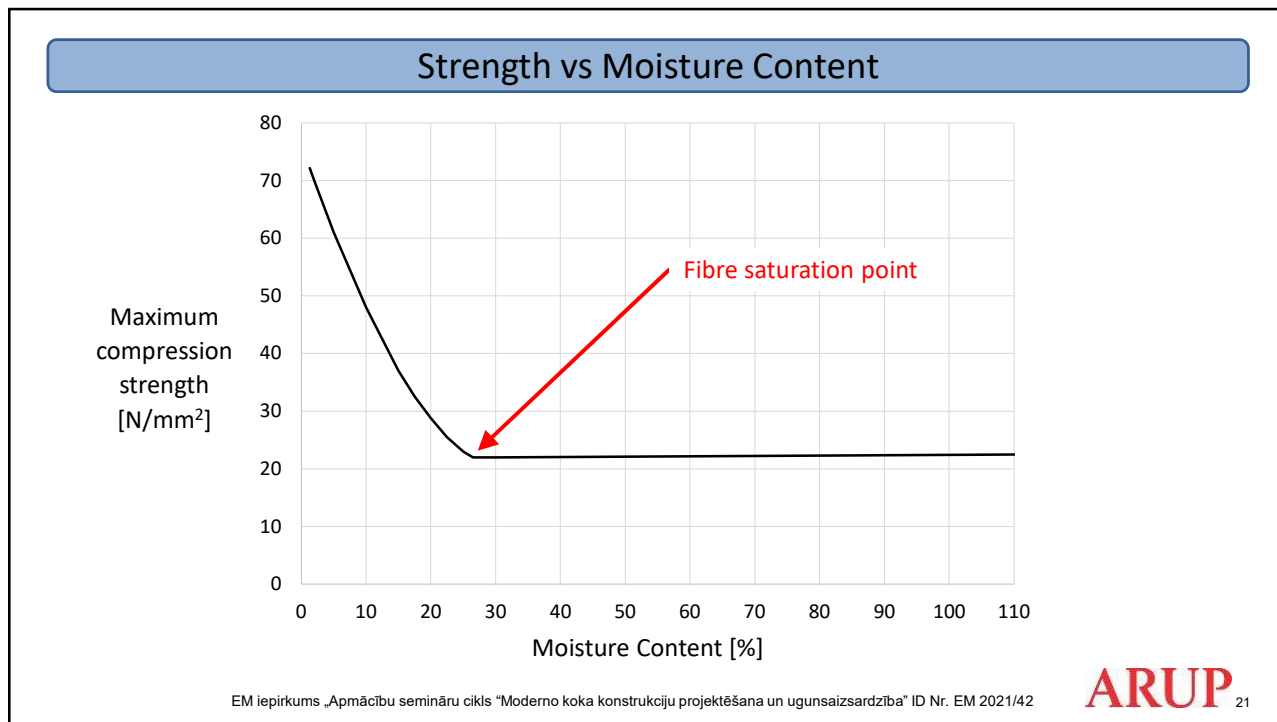
### What's happening to this roof?

The photograph shows a traditional stone building with a steeply pitched roof covered in thick moss. A brick chimney is visible on the roof. The building is surrounded by lush green trees and a stone wall. A black street lamp stands in the foreground. The image illustrates the effects of long-term exposure and potential structural issues related to roof maintenance and material degradation.

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### Softwood shrinkage

- 0.25% for every 1% change in EMC (perpendicular to grain)
- 0.0025% for every 1% change in EMC (Parallel to grain)

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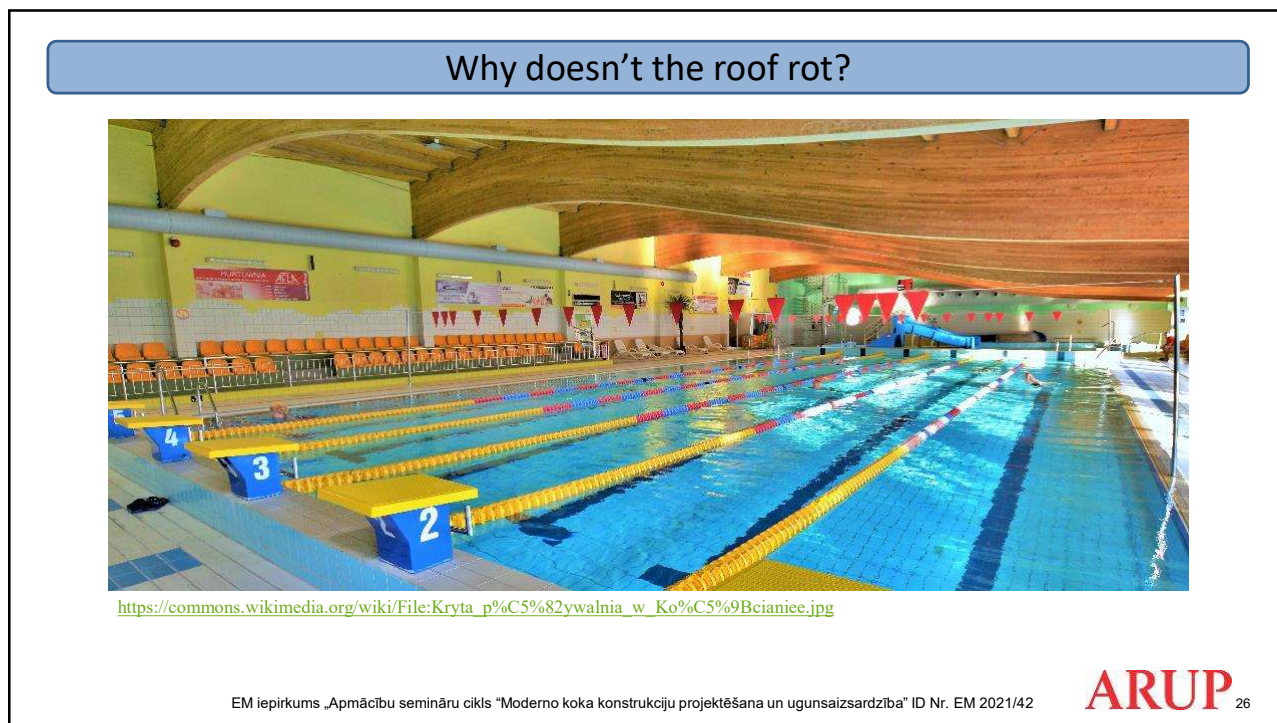
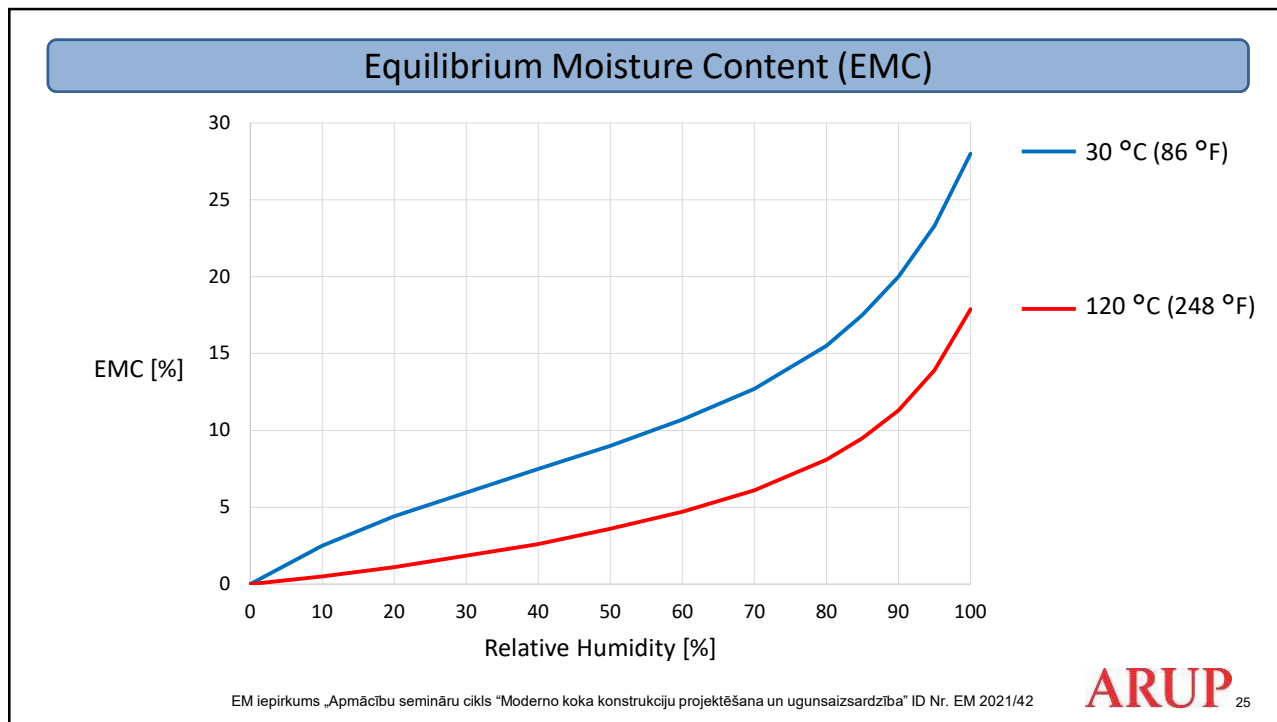
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### Why has the column split?



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## Durability

- Always keep timber dry.
- Keep out of the driving rain.
- Timber inside the building envelope is Class 1 in EN 1995-1-1

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## Timber is Brittle

- Loads will not redistribute .
- So timber is not as forgiving as well designed concrete (where failure is governed with steel yielding) or steel. Both of which are ductile.

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### Member Design to EN 1995

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### Design strength

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$f_{m,d}$   
Design strength

$= \frac{k_{mod} k_h k_{crit} k_{sys}}{\gamma_m}$

$f_{m,k}$   
Characteristic strength

→

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### Material factor

	Partial factor
<b>Fundamental combinations</b>	
Solid timber	1.3
Glued laminated timber	1.25
LVL, plywood, OSB	1.2
Particleboards	1.3
Fibreboards, hard	1.3
Fibreboards, medium	1.3
Fibreboards, MDF	1.3
Fibreboards, soft	1.3
Connections	1.3
Punched metal plate fasteners	1.25
<b>Accidental combinations</b>	
	1.0

BS EN 1995 (NA) – Table 2.3

$$f_{m,d} = \frac{k_{mod} k_h k_{crit} k_{sys} f_{m,k}}{\gamma_m}$$

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### Load duration

Strength varies with load duration, so largest load doesn't necessarily govern

Duration (EC5 NA)	Loadcase (EC0)
Permanent	1.35 DL
Long Term (< 10 yrs)	1.35 DL + 1.5 Storage
Med-term (< 6 mths)	1.35 DL + 1.5 Imposed
Short-term (< 1 week)	1.35 DL + 1.5 Snow
Instantaneous	1.35 DL + 1.5 Wind

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### Load duration

Load-duration class	Order of accumulated duration of characteristic load	Examples of loading
Permanent	More than 10 years	Self-weight
Long-term	6 months – 10 years	Storage
Medium-term	1 week – 6 months	Imposed floor load
Short-term	Less than 1 week	Snow, wind
Instantaneous		Wind, accidental load

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### $k_{mod}$ factor

$$f_{m,d} = \frac{k_{mod} k_h k_{crit} k_{sys} f_{m,k}}{\gamma_m}$$

Material	Service class	Load-duration class				
		Permanent	Long-term	Medium-term	Short-term	Instantaneous
Solid timber	1	0.60	0.70	0.80	0.90	1.10
	2	0.60	0.70	0.80	0.90	1.10
	3	0.50	0.55	0.65	0.70	0.90

↑  
Longer duration & wetter = weaker

Shortest duration load in a given combination decides what the load duration of that combination is and what  $k_{mod}$  value we use.

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### k factors

$$f_{m,d} = \frac{k_{mod} k_h k_{crit} k_{sys} f_{m,k}}{\gamma_m}$$

Factor	
$k_h$	Size (bending or tension)
$k_{crit}$	Lateral Torsional Buckling (LTB)
$k_{c,y}$	Axial buckling (compression)
$k_{sys}$	Load sharing
$k_{cr}$	Allowance for fissures

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### $k_{cr}$ crack factor

67 "CRACK FACTOR". APPLIED TO ALL SHEAR CHECKS. [EUS - SECTION 6.1.7(2)]

SHEAR FORCE DIRECTION: ↑

SHEAR WIDTH OF BEAM =  $2b/3$

CRACK DEPTH ZONE =  $b/6$   
(CRACKS DUE TO DIFFERENTIAL DRYING SHRINKAGE BETWEEN CORE AND SURFACE OF BEAM.)

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### Combined Stresses – Biaxial Bending

$$\frac{\sigma_{m,y,d}}{f_{m,y,d}} + k_m \frac{\sigma_{m,z,d}}{f_{m,z,d}} \leq 1$$

$$k_m \frac{\sigma_{m,y,d}}{f_{m,y,d}} + \frac{\sigma_{m,z,d}}{f_{m,z,d}} \leq 1$$

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### Combined Stresses – Axial Loading and Bending

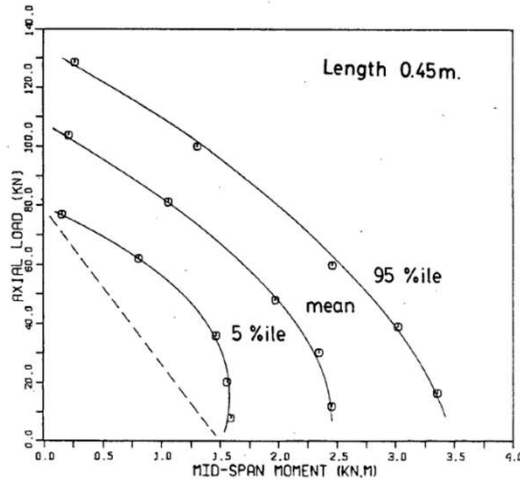
$$\left(\frac{\sigma_{c,0,d}}{f_{c,0,d}}\right)^2 + \frac{\sigma_{m,y,d}}{f_{m,y,d}} + k_m \frac{\sigma_{m,z,d}}{f_{m,z,d}} \leq 1$$

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### Combined Stresses – Axial Loading and Bending



(a) 38 x 89mm

Buchanan, A. H (1984): *Strength Model and Design Methods for Bending and Axial Load Interaction in Timber Members*. Thesis submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree of doctor of philosophy. University of British Columbia.

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### Elastic Modulus

$$W = \frac{bd^2}{6}$$

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Additional checks for curved glulams...



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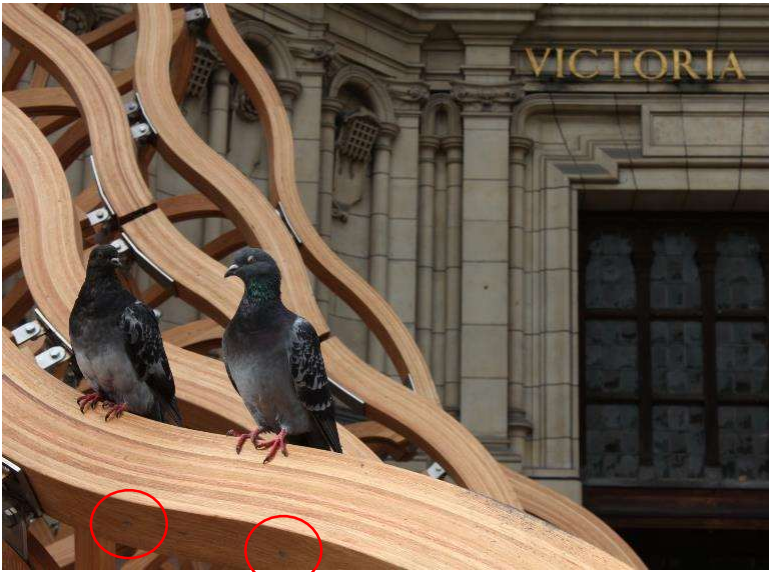
The Timber Wave




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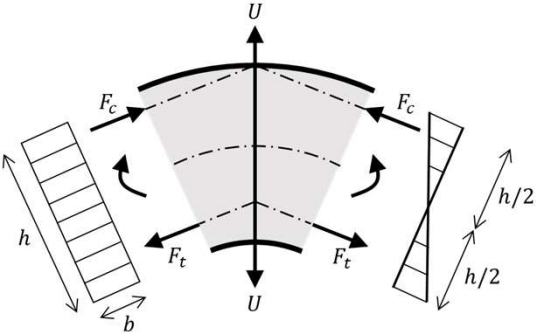
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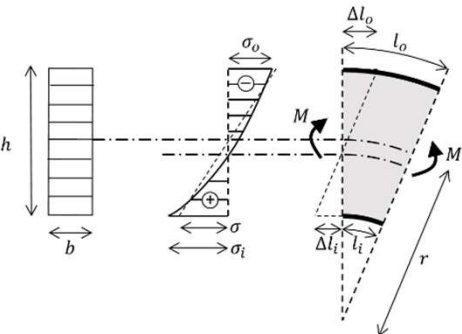
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### Curved glulam




- Tension perpendicular



- Correction for non-linear stress distribution
- Account for residual stress in laminates

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## Instantaneous Deflection

- $E_{mean}$  for serviceability
- Don't forget shear deflection

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## Creep

- Due to self-weight + 'quasi-permanent' variable load ( $\Psi_2$  in EC0)
- For domestic floors  $\Psi_2 = 0.3$ , for roofs  $\Psi_2 = 0$  (check this in the national annex!)
- $w_{creep} = w_{inst} \times k_{def}$

Material	Service class		
	1	2	3
Solid timber	0.60	0.80	2.00
Glue Laminated timber	0.60	0.80	2.00

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## Deflection Limits

- Refer to National Annex for deflection limits
- $w_{fin} = w_{inst} + w_{creep}$

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## Dynamics

But remember that vibration usually governs

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## Softwood



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## Harvesting

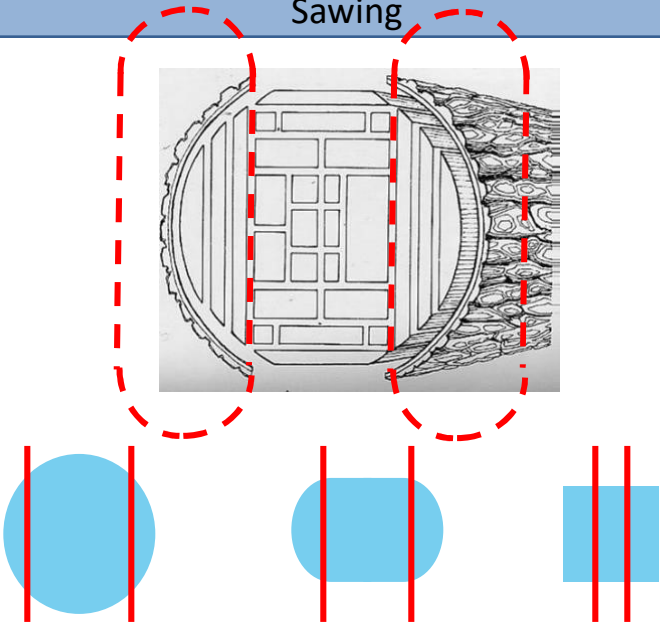


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### Sawing



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### Drying

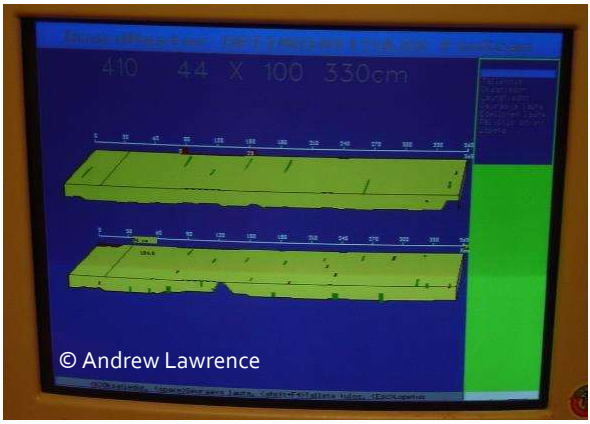


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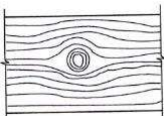
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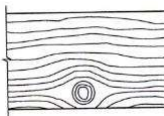
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High grade





Low grade

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### Storage





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### Waterproof glues





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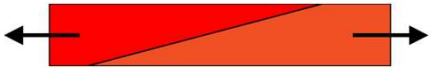
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### Finger joints



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## Gluing



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## Clamp overnight



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## Planing



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## Block gluing



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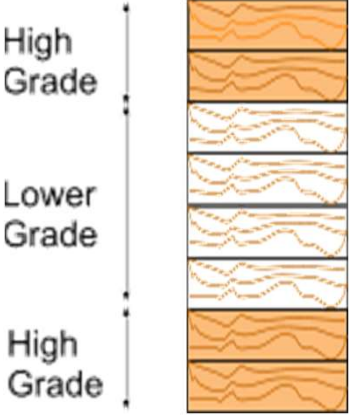


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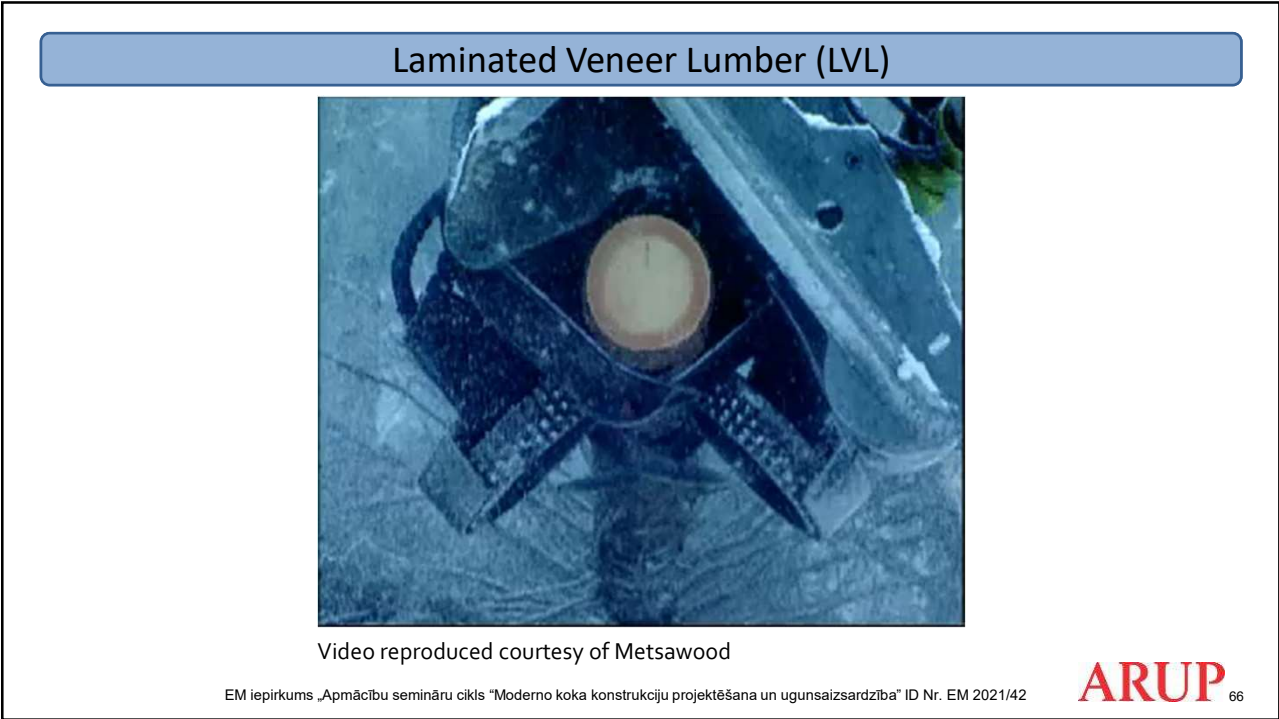
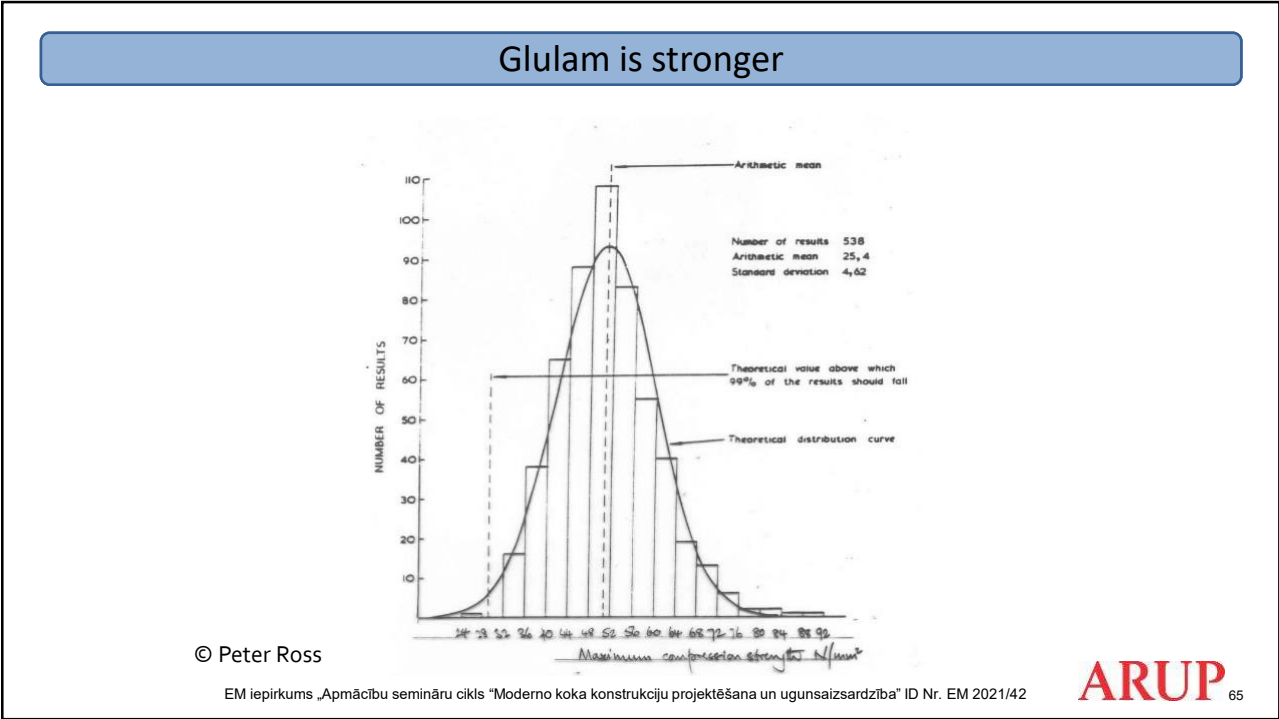
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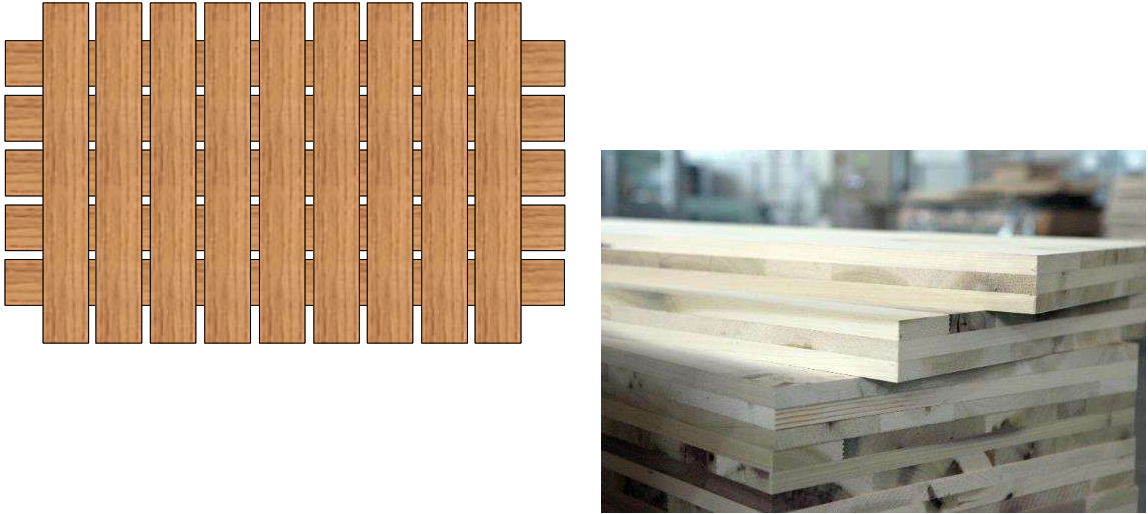
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**Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT)**



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**Timber concrete composites**



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**Summary**

	Maximum size	Use
Glulam	260 x 2400 x 40m	Beams, columns
CLT	12m x 3m x 300	Slabs, walls
LVL	100 x 2000 x 20m	Roofs, stressed skin floors, beams, columns

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**Coffee break / 11:30 - 12:00**



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## Agenda / 12:00 - 13:30

- Timber Construction Systems
- Connections
- Designing with a brittle material

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### Timber Construction Systems Section No.3/ Sadaļa Nr.3.

**Andrew Lawrence and Ishan Abeysekera (Arup, United Kingdom)**

## Engineered Timber Buildings

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Structural Engineer: Techniker



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## How tall can we build in timber?

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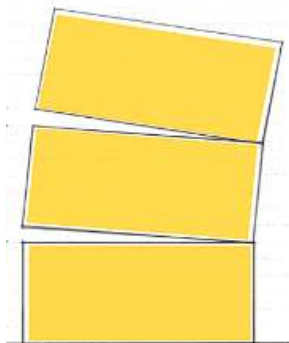
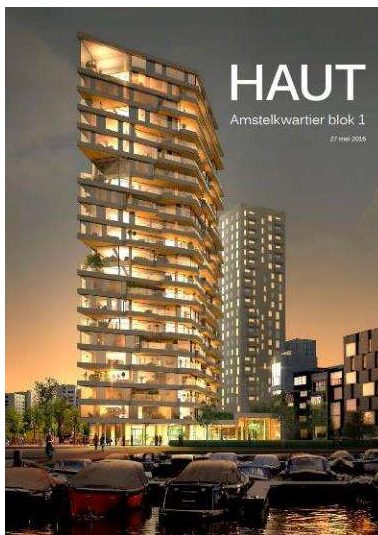


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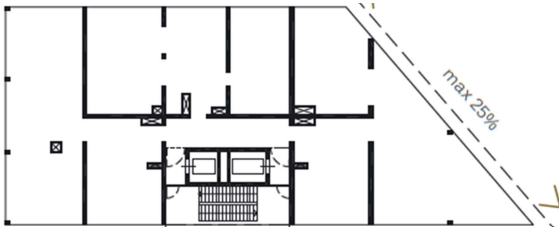


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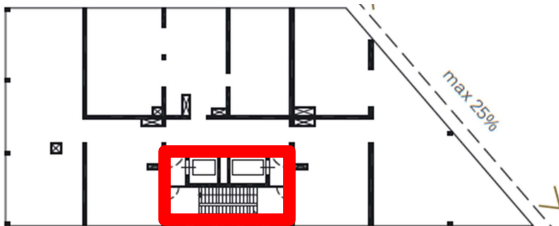
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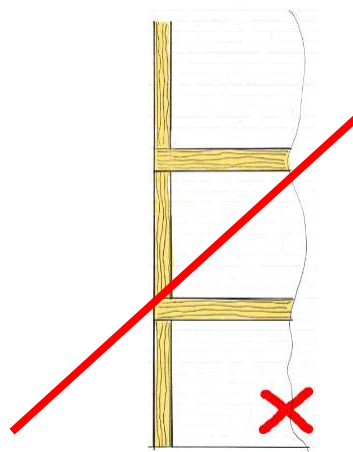
### Concrete Core With Timber Vertical Structure

- Concrete and timber have different stiffnesses and different rates of creep.
- Hence there is a risk that in time under vertical load the timber structure deflects (axially) more than the core.
- This should be checked using staged construction calculation procedure.
- Differential axial shortening most noticeable at the top of the building.

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### Avoid cross grain forces for taller buildings.



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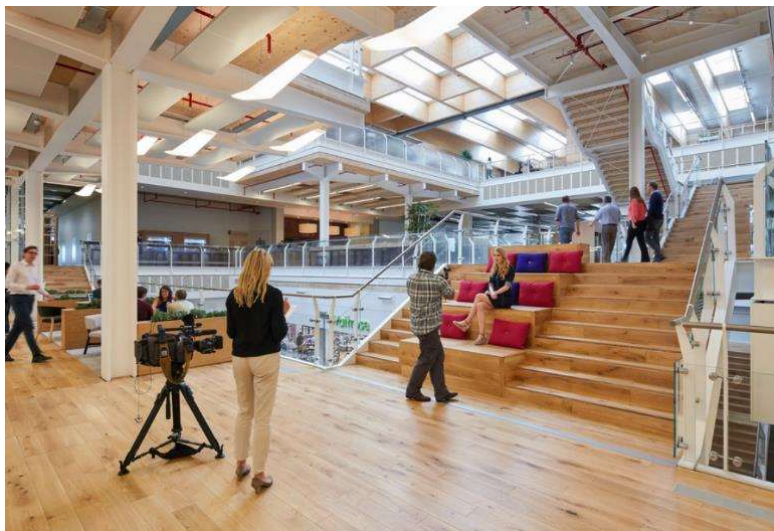


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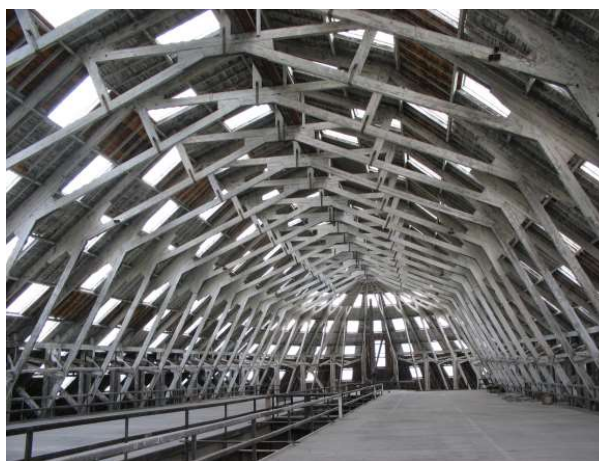
### Timber Connections Section No.4/ Sadaļa Nr.4

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Connections didn't change for 1000 years



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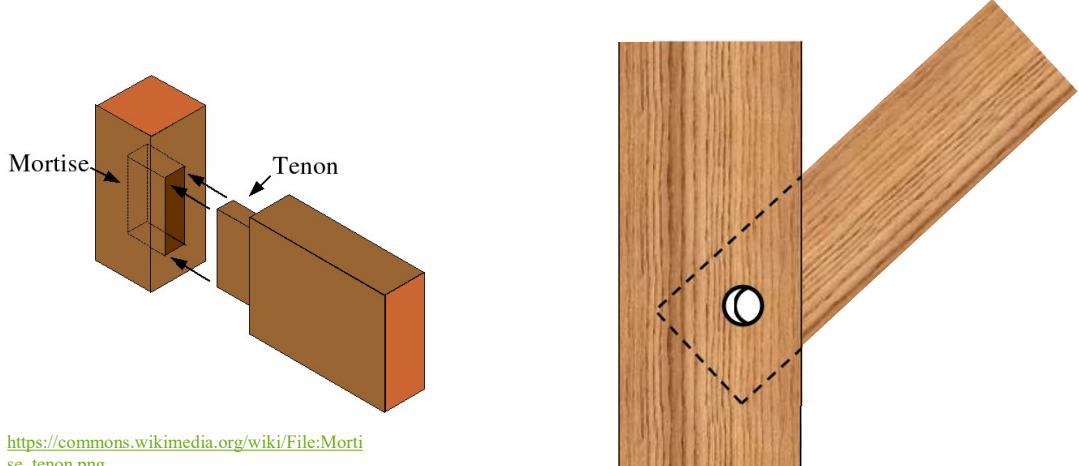


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### Mortise & Tenon

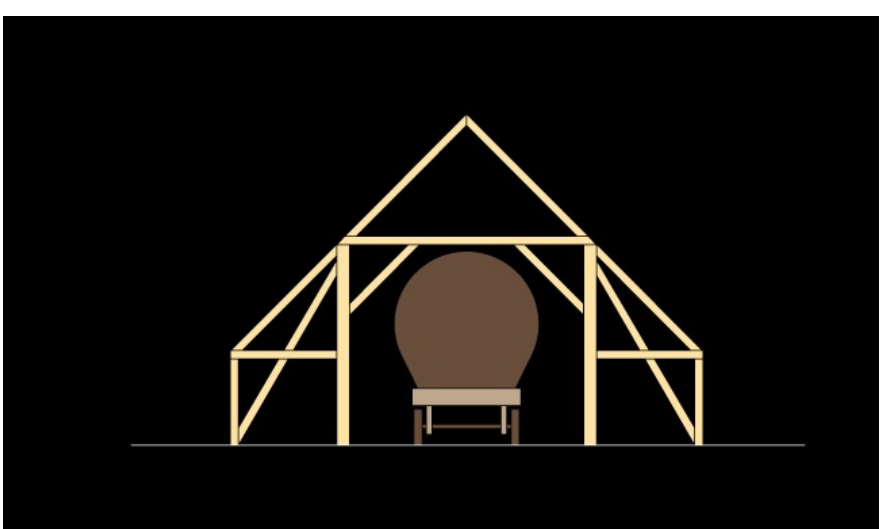


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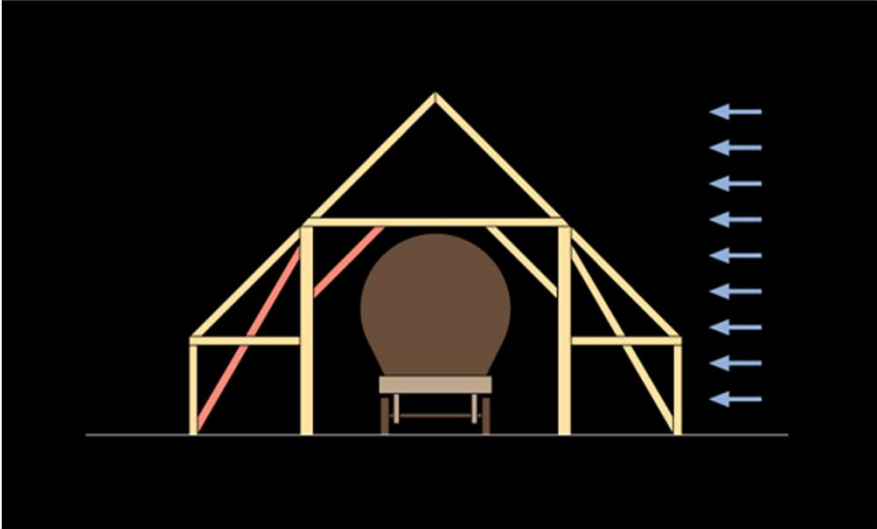


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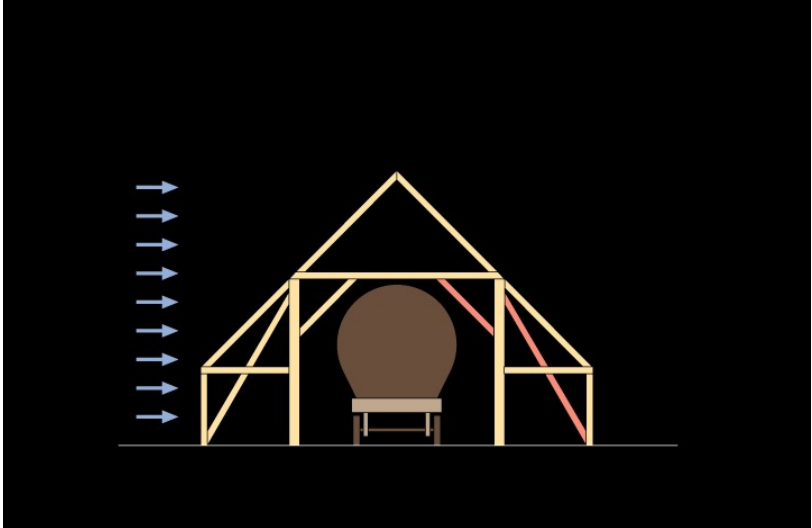


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## Traditional joints

- No tensile strength
- Labour intensive
- Weaken the member



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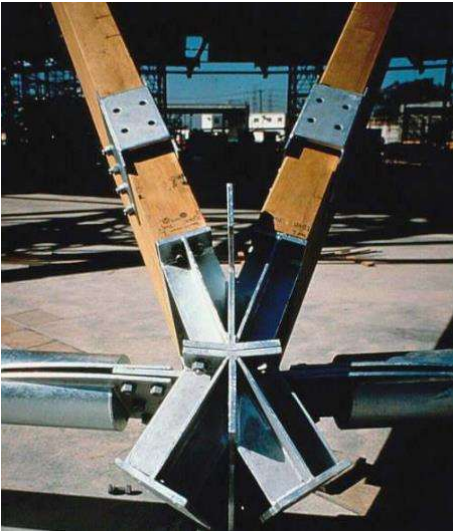
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## Modern timber connections

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**End bearing**

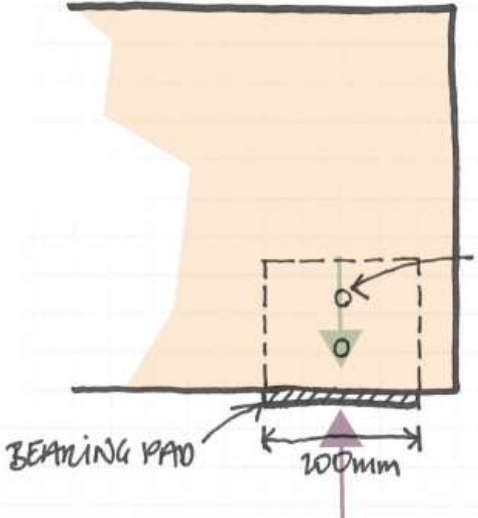


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### Effect of having a notch

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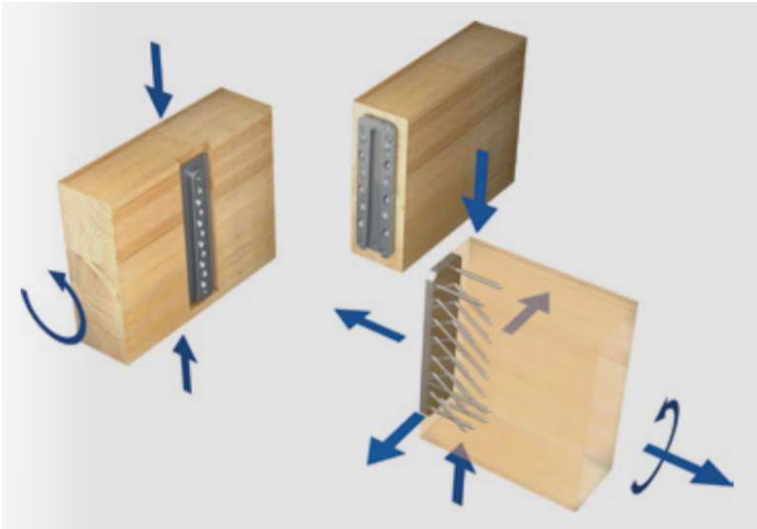
### Screws in tension

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### Screws in tension with steel plate

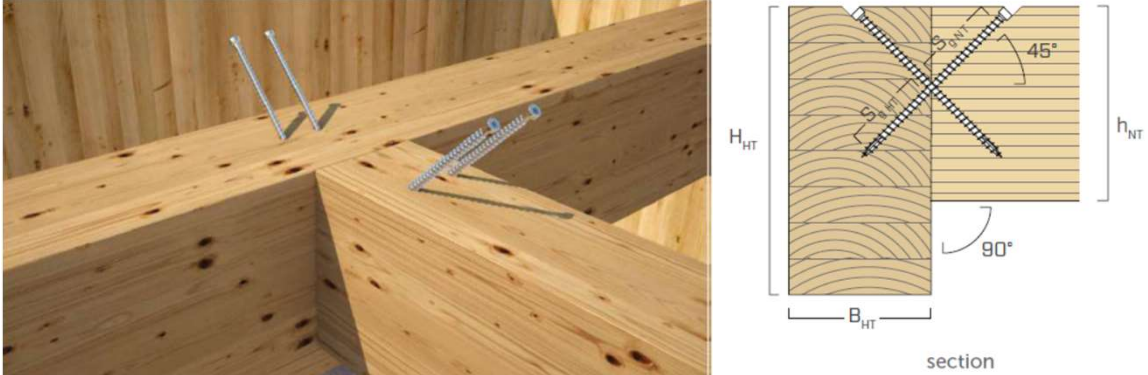


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### Opposing screws in tension



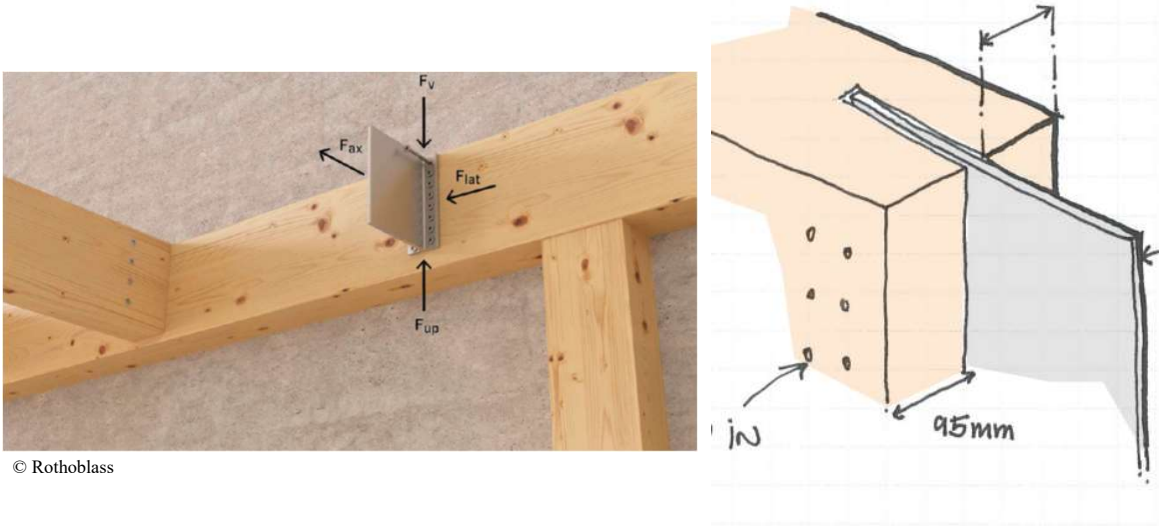
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section



### Fasteners in shear



The photograph on the left shows a metal plate fastener connecting two wooden beams. Forces are labeled:  $F_v$  (vertical shear),  $F_{ax}$  (axial tension),  $F_{lat}$  (lateral force), and  $F_{up}$  (upward force). The technical drawing on the right shows a 3D perspective of the joint with a 95mm dimension and a 12mm dimension.

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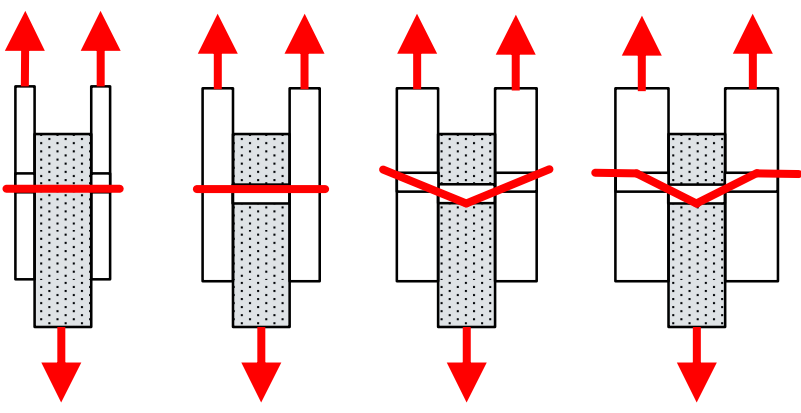
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### Failure modes

- Failure mode depends on relative proportions



The four diagrams show different failure modes of a wood joint under shear. From left to right: 1) Failure of the top wood member. 2) Failure of the bottom wood member. 3) Failure of the metal plate. 4) Failure of the wood fibers in the middle of the joint.

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### Johanssen formulae...

• Weakest mode governs

$$F_{v,Rk} = \text{MIN} \begin{cases} f_{h,1,k} t_1 d & \text{(a)} \\ 0,5 f_{h,2,k} t_2 d & \text{(b)} \\ 1,05 \frac{f_{h,1,k} t_1 d}{2 + \beta} \left[ \sqrt{2\beta(1 + \beta) + \frac{4\beta(2 + \beta) M_{y,Rk}}{f_{h,1,k} d t_1^2}} - \beta \right] & \text{(c)} \\ 1,15 \sqrt{\frac{2\beta}{1 + \beta}} \sqrt{2 M_{y,Rk} f_{h,1,k} d} & \text{(d)} \end{cases}$$

ratio of embedment strengths

crushing/embedment strength

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### Embedment strength... (empirical formulae)

Nails (predrilled)

Bolts

In small fasteners capacity dominated by T-perp, thus independent of load direction

$$f_{h,k} = 0.082 (1 - 0.01d) \rho_k$$

$$f_{h,0,k} = 0.082 (1 - 0.01d) \rho_k$$

$$f_{h,90,k} = \frac{f_{h,0,k}}{1.35 + 0.015d}$$

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**Bolts & screws are stronger due to rope effect...**

$$F_{v,Rk} = \text{MIN} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f_{h,1,k} t_1 d \\ 0,5 f_{h,2,k} t_2 d \\ 1,05 \frac{f_{h,1,k} t_1 d}{2 + \beta} \left[ \sqrt{2\beta(1 + \beta) + \frac{4\beta(2 + \beta)M_{y,Rk}}{f_{h,1,k} d t_1^2}} - \beta \right] + \frac{F_{ax,Rk}}{4} \\ 1,15 \sqrt{\frac{2\beta}{1 + \beta}} \sqrt{2M_{y,Rk} f_{h,1,k} d} + \frac{F_{ax,Rk}}{4} \end{array} \right.$$

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

Contribution limited to limit slip before failure

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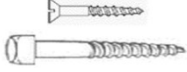

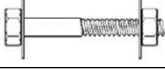
**Other configurations...**

• EC5 includes formulae for each mode


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### 'Dowel type' fasteners in shear compared...

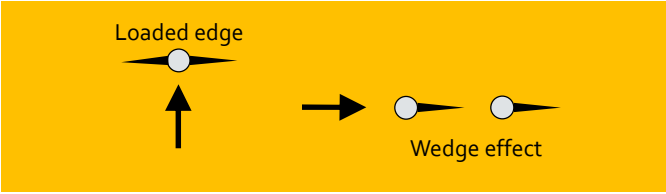
	Typical diameters [mm]	Typical design shear capacities [kN]
	2.5 - 3.5	0.5 - 1
	6 - 12	2 - 10
	10 - 20	8 - 20
		

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### Spacing rules

- edge & spacing rules from testing
- predrilling reduces splitting tendency & allows closer spacings



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### Spacing rules

Bolts with  $d > 6\text{mm}$

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### Group effects 1) Reduction for fixings in line parallel to grain

Hence  $n_{ef}$  factor (10 - 40% reduction)

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2) Tension perpendicular on group of fixings

Also known as splitting

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3) Reduced section in shear

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4) Shrinkage and therefore limitations on connection size; splitting due to restraint by steel plate

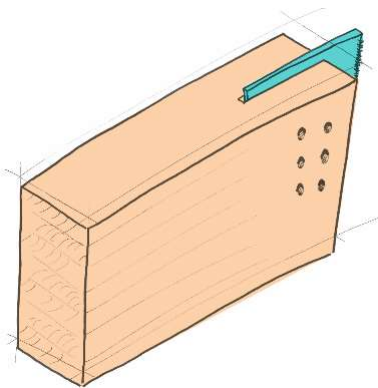


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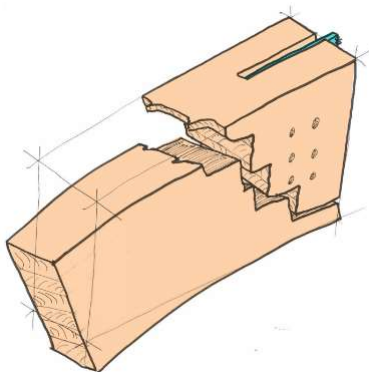
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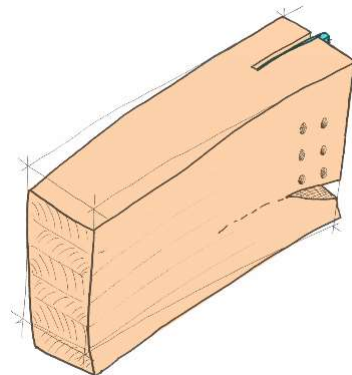
Summary of checks required on any connection



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Sample calc. – dowels in shear with eccentricity

DOWEL CONNECTIONS:

GENERAL ARRANGEMENT:

95mm

95mm

8mm PLATE IN 10mm SLOT

DOWELS LOADED IN DOUBLE SHEAR

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### Sample calc. – dowels in shear with eccentricity

CHARACTERISTIC CAPACITY FOR M12 DOWELS:

PARALLEL TO GRAIN =  $F_{0,k} = 21 \text{ kN}$

PERPENDICULAR TO GRAIN =  $F_{90,k} = 14 \text{ kN}$  ... From IStructE Manual

DESIGN STRENGTHS FOR M12 DOWELS:

PARALLEL TO GRAIN:

$$F_{0,d} = n_{ef} \times k_{mod} \times \frac{F_{0,k}}{\gamma_m} = 0.66 \times 0.8 \times \frac{21}{1.3} = 8 \text{ kN}$$

PERPENDICULAR TO GRAIN:

$$F_{90,d} = n_{ef} \times k_{mod} \times \frac{F_{90,k}}{\gamma_m} = 0.66 \times 0.8 \times \frac{14}{1.3} = 5 \text{ kN}$$

NOTE: THE INCLUSION OF  $n_{ef}$  IS DEEMED TO BE CONSERVATIVE IF THE DOWEL IS LOADED PERPENDICULAR TO THE GRAIN HOWEVER FOR MOST CONNECTIONS THERE WILL BE A COMPONENT OF FORCE NOT PERPENDICULAR TO GRAIN. E.G TO THE PRESENCE OF SECONDARY MOMENTS.

### Sample calc. – shear in section with reduced depth

CHECK DOWEL GROUP CAPACITY IN SHEAR:

$$\text{SHEAR CAPACITY} = F_{90,d} \times \text{NUMBER OF BOLTS} = 5 \text{ kN} \times 8$$

$$= 40 \text{ kN}$$

CONNECTION DOESN'T ATTRACT MOMENT OTHERWISE CHECK FOR EXTRA FORCES ON BOLTS.

CHECK SHEAR STRENGTH OF BEAM SECTION LOCAL TO CONNECTION:

$$\text{SHEAR STRENGTH} = \frac{F_{v,d} \times (b \times h_e)}{1.5} = \frac{0.67 \times (200 \times 350)}{1.5}$$

$$= 31 \text{ kN} \text{ GOVERNS IN THIS CASE}$$

NOTE: DIVIDE BY 1.5 DUE TO PARABOLIC STRESS DISTRIBUTION IN SECTION

MUST ALSO CHECK SPLITTING LOCAL TO CONNECTION (SEE EC5)

### Sample calc. – bearing connection

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### Sample calc. – bearing connection

CHECK BEARING CAPACITY:

$$\text{BEARING CAPACITY} = f_{c,90,d} \times A_{\text{pad}} = 2.5 \times (200 \times 180)$$

$$= 90 \text{ kN}$$

CHECK STRENGTH OF BEAM SECTION:

REDUCTION IN  $f_{v,d}$  DUE TO PRESENCE OF NOTCH. IN THIS EXAMPLE  $h_{ef}/h = 450/500 = 0.9$ . FIND THE REDUCTION FACTOR,  $k_v$ , FROM EC5

$$\text{SHEAR STRENGTH} = \frac{k_v \times f_{v,d} \times (b \times h_e)}{1.5} = \frac{0.7 \times 0.67 \times (200 \times 450)}{1.5}$$

$$= \boxed{28 \text{ kN}} \quad \text{GOVERNS IN THIS CASE}$$

NOTE: DIVIDE BY 1.5 DUE TO PARABOLIC STRESS DISTRIBUTION IN SECTION.

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### Sample calc. – screwed connection

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### Sample calc. – screwed connection

CHARACTERISTIC WIDTHDRAWAL CAPACITY FOR A FULLY THREADED  
7mm DIAMETER, 200mm LONG SCREWS:

From ETA eg Rothoblass

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 \text{ SCREW} &= 11 \text{ N/mm}^2 \times d \times l_{ef} \\
 &= 11 \text{ N/mm}^2 \times 7\text{mm} \times 200\text{mm} \\
 &= 15.4 \text{ kN}
 \end{aligned}$$

NOTE: THIS VALUE IS LIMITED TO 13kN, FOR A 7mm  
DIAMETER SCREW, DUE TO THE TENSILE AND  
HEAD TEAR OFF CAPACITY.

From ETA eg Rothoblass

DESIGN WIDTHDRAWAL CAPACITY:

$$F_{screen} = k_{mod} \times \frac{13 \text{ kN}}{1.3} = \boxed{8 \text{ kN}}$$

$$n \text{ SCREWS} = \boxed{n^{0.9} \times F_{screen}}$$

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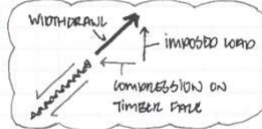
### Sample calc. – screwed connection

CHECK SHEAR CAPACITY OF SCREW GROUP:

$$\text{WITHDRAWAL CAPACITY OF SCREW GROUP} = n^{0.9} \times F_{\text{SCREW}} = 8^{0.9} \times 8 \text{ kN} = 51 \text{ kN}$$

$$\text{SHEAR CAPACITY} = \text{WITHDRAWAL CAPACITY} \times \sin(45) = 51 \times \sin(45)$$

= **36 kN** GOVERNS IN THIS CASE



CHECK SHEAR STRENGTH OF BERM SECTION:  
(LOCAL TO CONNECTION)

$$\text{SHEAR STRENGTH} = \frac{f_{v,d} \times (b \times h_e)}{1.5}$$

$$= \frac{0.67 \times (200 \times 420)}{1.5}$$

$$= 37 \text{ kN}$$

NOTE: DIVIDE BY 1.5 DUE TO PARABOLIC STRESS DISTRIBUTION IN SECTION

MUST ALSO CHECK SPLITTING LOCAL TO CONNECTION (SEE EC5)

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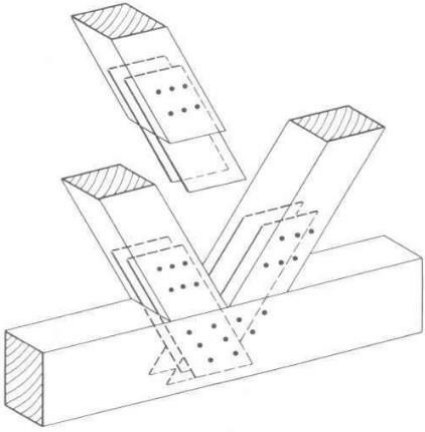
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**Connections are the weak points**



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**Connections are the weak points**



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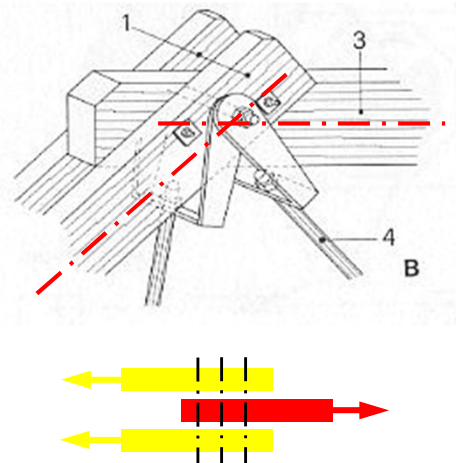
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### Avoid local eccentricities



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### The connections determine the size of the members

- Same Engineer responsible for both members & connections
- Check connections at concept stage
- Avoid secondary forces due to eccentricity

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## Avoid moment connections



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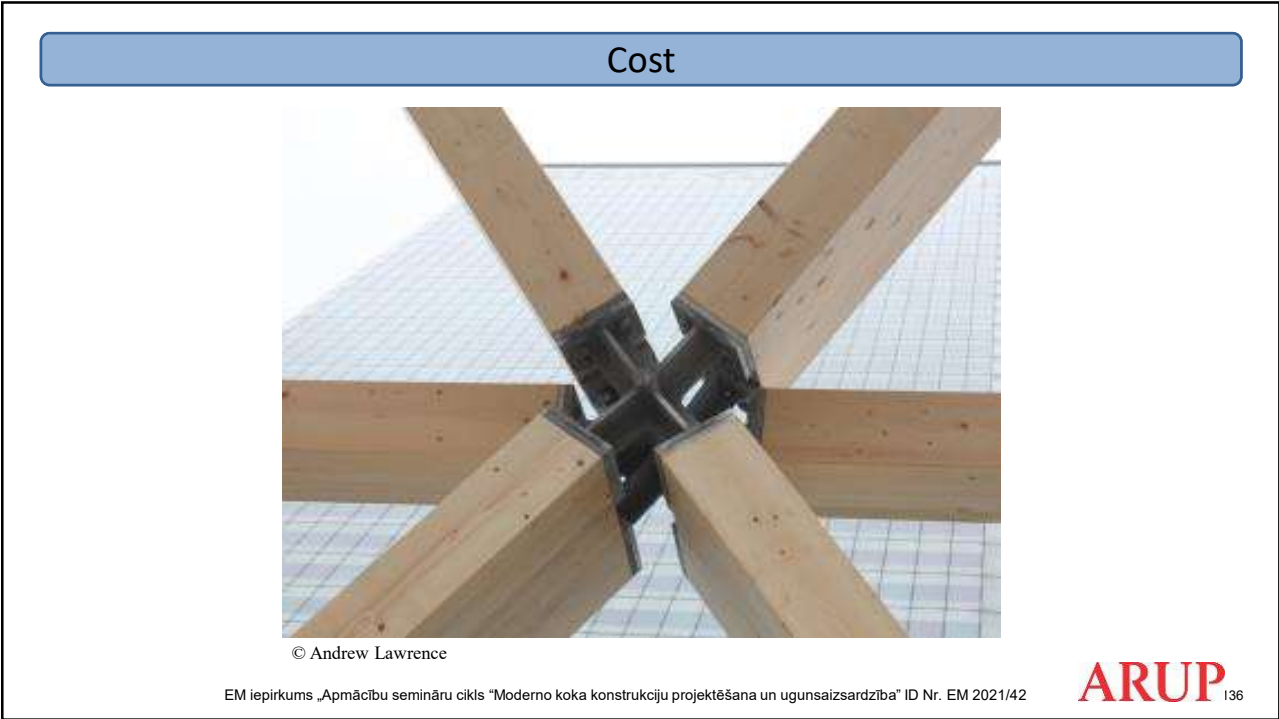
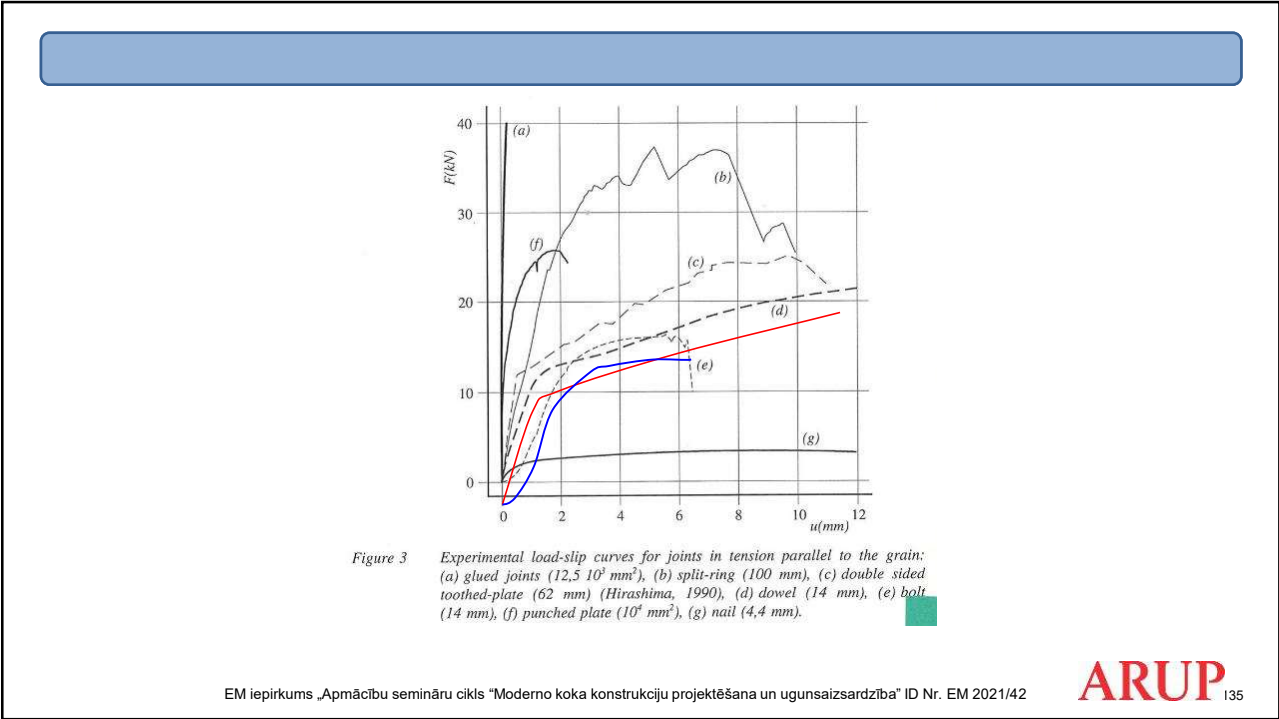
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## Connection stiffness

- Oversized holes for tolerance
- Crushing of timber (see clause in EC5)
- Overall 1-2mm slip means most connections behave as pinned

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## Cost

Minimum cost = Minimise the number of connections & keep them as simple as possible

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## Longer beams



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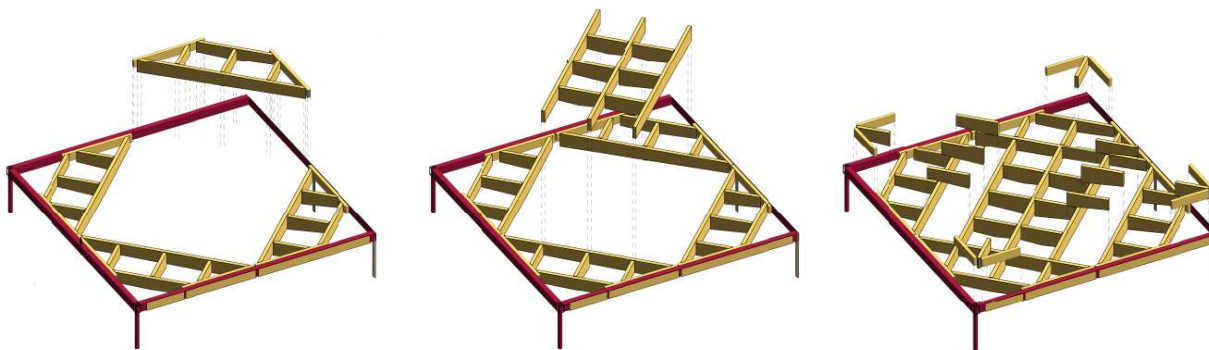


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### 1-way spanning



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### Rules for connections

- Use **end bearing** wherever possible
- **Avoid** secondary forces from **eccentricity**
- Allow for shrinkage
- Avoid **moment** connections
- **Minimise** number of connections
- **Check connections early** in design

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## Training seminar / Apmācību seminārs

### Designing with a Brittle Material Section No.5/ Sadaļa Nr.5

**Andrew Lawrence and Ishan Abeysekera (Arup, United Kingdom)**

## Introduction

- What are the risks when designing in a brittle material?
- Can you suggest one safe way to design using a brittle material?

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## Determinate 3-pinned arch




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### Indeterminate Spaceframe

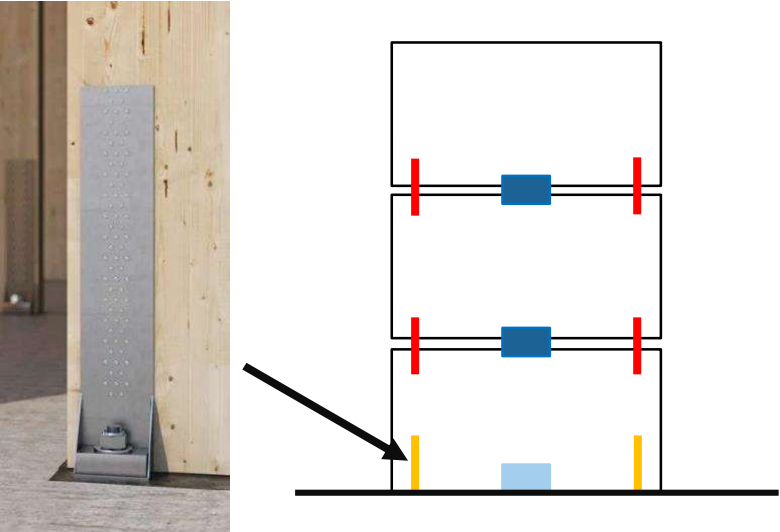


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### Timber Shear Wall Connections

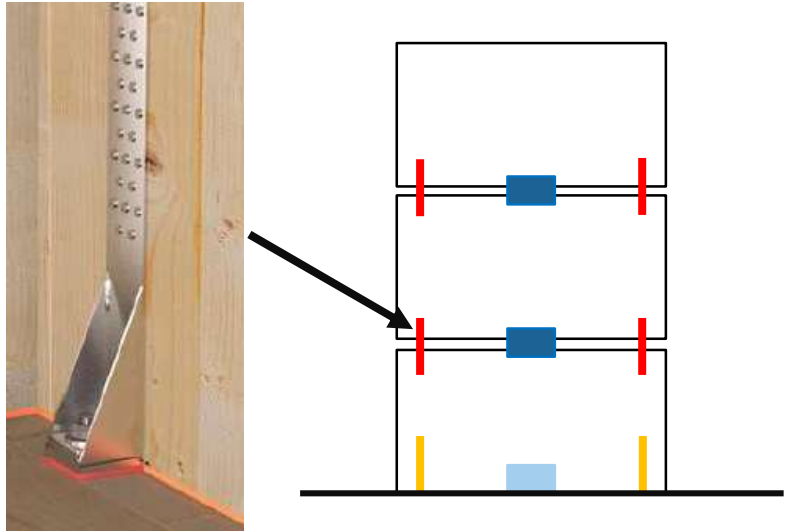


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### Timber Shear Wall Connections



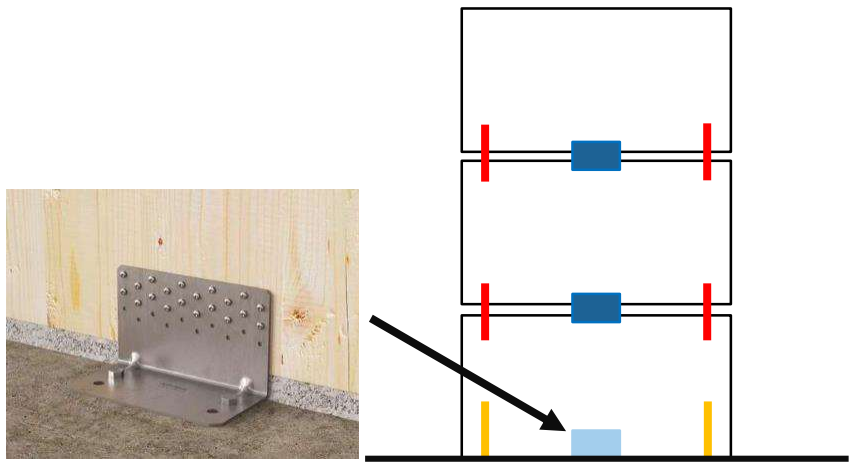
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### Timber Shear Wall Connections



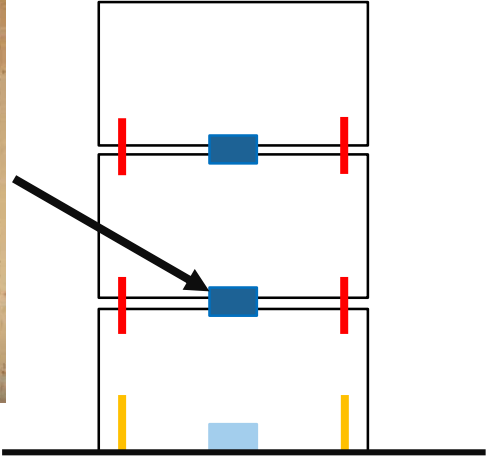

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### Timber Shear Wall Connections

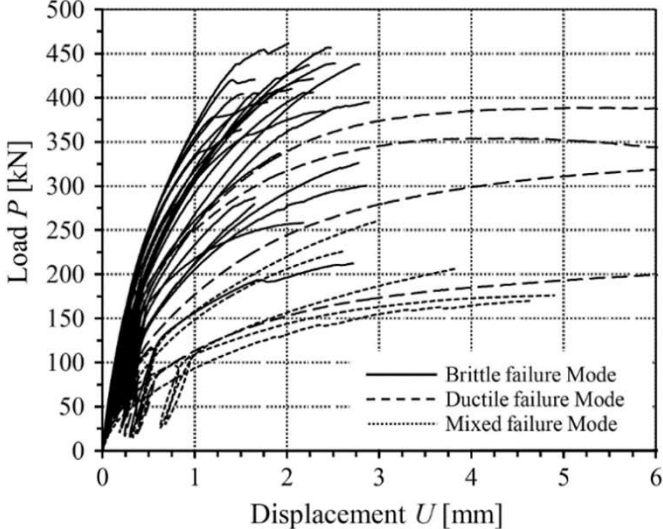


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### Force Displacement Curve for Timber Connections

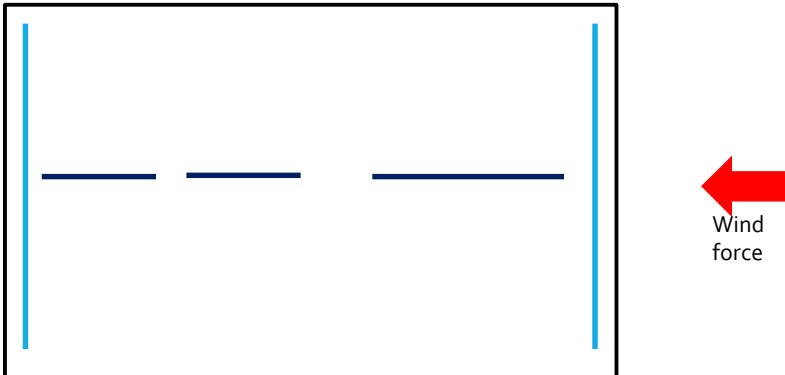


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### CLT Shear Wall System



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### How is load distributed in an indeterminate structure?

- $f_{W,i} = \frac{A_i}{\sum A}$  i.e. Based on shear stiffness?
- $f_{W,i} = \frac{I_i}{\sum I}$  i.e. Based on bending stiffness?
- Actually load distributed based on relative 'total lateral stiffnesses'.

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### Illustrative Example A – 3 walls, 1 storey

- Central N-S shear wall 100mm thick, all others 200mm thick.

*Plan view (3m tall)*

CLT floor  
CLT shear wall

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### Illustrative Example A – 3 walls, 1 storey

- Design wind in N-S direction is 50 kN:

*Plan view (3m tall)*

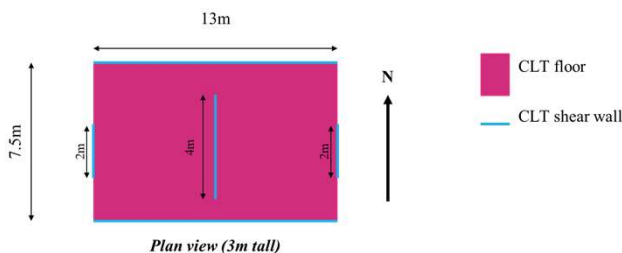
CLT floor  
CLT shear wall

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### Illustrative Example A – 3 walls, 1 storey

- Initially assume forces distributed according to shear areas:
  - All 3 N-S walls have same shear area, so each takes 16.7kN.
- Uplift will occur at the base of the shear walls as there is no axial force, so tie-down connectors need to be added. Design these according to expected moment at base of walls:
  - All 3 N-S walls have the same moment:  $16.7\text{kN} \times 3\text{m} = 50\text{kNm}$ .
  - Assume a tie-down lever arm of  $0.7 \times$  wall length.
  - Tie-downs A & C designed for 35.7kN, B for 17.9kN.



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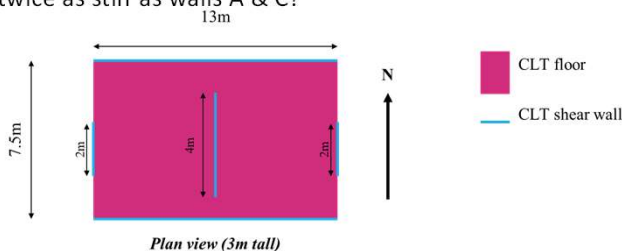
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### Illustrative Example A – 3 walls, 1 storey

- Tie-downs A & C designed for 35.7kN, B for 17.9kN
- Assume tie-down connector stiffness is proportional to strength
  - Tie-down connector B is  $\frac{1}{2}$  as stiff as tie-down connectors A & C.
- Assume that rocking stiffness actually governs, not shear stiffness as previously assumed, with flexibility mostly from the tie-down connectors:

$$K_{rocking} = K_{tie-dow\ connector} \times \left(\frac{L}{h}\right)^2$$

- Wall B is actually twice as stiff as walls A & C!



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### Illustrative Example A – 3 walls, 1 storey

- **Wall B is actually twice as stiff as walls A & C!**

Wall	Assumed Force	Actual Force	% Change
A	16.7kN	12.5kN	-25%
B	16.7kN	25kN	+50%
C	16.7kN	12.5kN	-25%

- This suggests that we have under designed the central wall by **50%**!

Plan view (3m tall)

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### Illustrative Example A – 3 walls, 1 storey

- **This suggests that we have under designed the central wall by 50%!**
- A more in-depth study was carried out including the stiffnesses of shear connectors and the shear stiffness of the wall, showing the central wall was only **28%** under-designed.
- If a possible 15% connection stiffness variability is also included, this increases to **38%** under-designed.

Plan view (3m tall)

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### Total Lateral Stiffness of an Individual Wall

- Bending
- Shear
- Sliding
- Rocking

$$\Delta_{Tot} = \Delta_{EI} + \Delta_{GA} + \Delta_{Rock} + \Delta_{Slide}$$

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### Total Lateral Stiffness of an Individual Wall

$$K_{wall} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{K_{EI}} + \frac{1}{K_{GA}} + \frac{1}{K_{Rock}} + \frac{1}{K_{Slide}}}$$

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## Lateral Stiffness of an Individual Wall

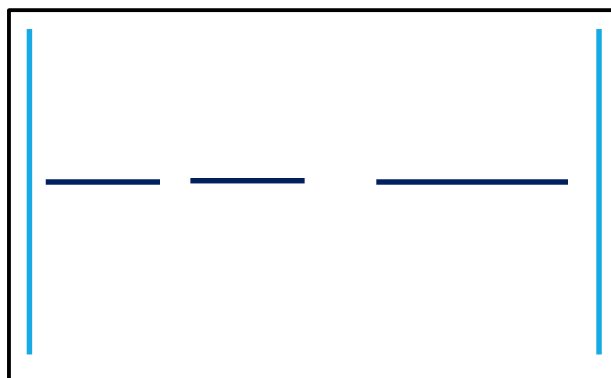
$$K_{wall} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{K_{EI}} + \frac{1}{K_{GA}} + \frac{1}{K_{Connections}}}$$

- No data available for the designer on connection stiffness and also variability of these connection stiffnesses.
- Hence wall stiffness is uncertain.

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## CLT Shear Wall System



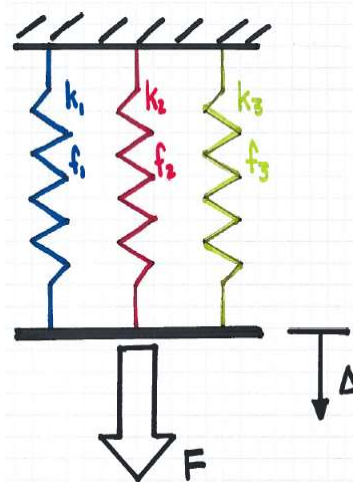
Wind force

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Indeterminate CLT system can be represented as springs

- Forces distributed amongst springs based on relative stiffness.
- Spring stiffnesses are uncertain (due to uncertain connection stiffness).
- Hence individual spring forces are uncertain.

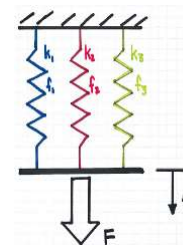
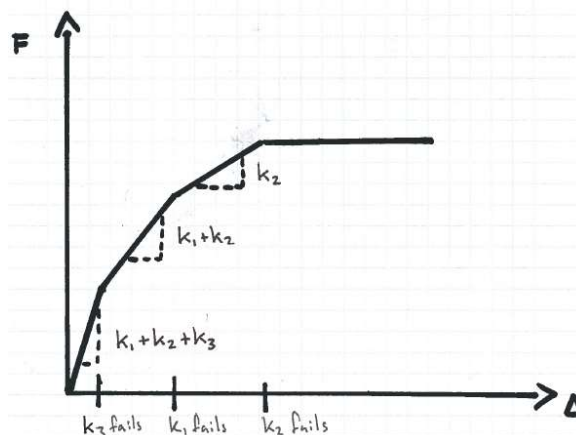


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Let's assume springs behave in a ductile manner

Note: Behaviour the same for both force and displacement control.



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**But what if springs behave in a brittle manner?**

Note: Behaviour different for force control and displacement control !!!

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**Forces on strongest spring in brittle system for force control**  
 (as with real wind load)

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- For a brittle system following first failure no guarantee that new higher force levels in remaining brittle springs will be within their capacity.

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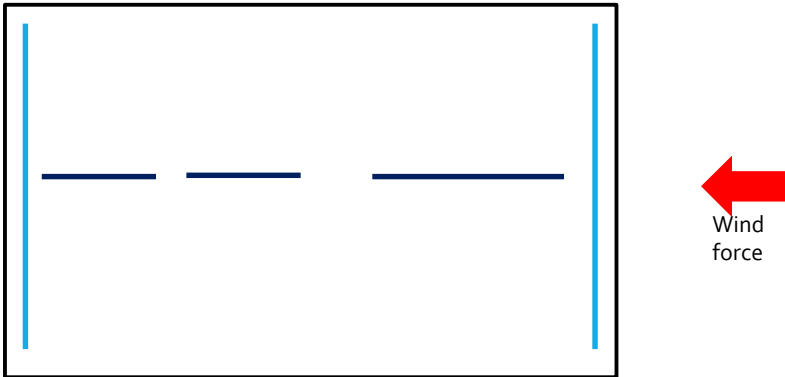
- Hence point of first failure is likely to be point of collapse for brittle system.

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### CLT Shear Wall System

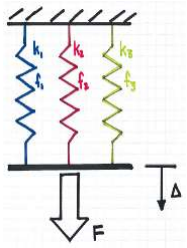
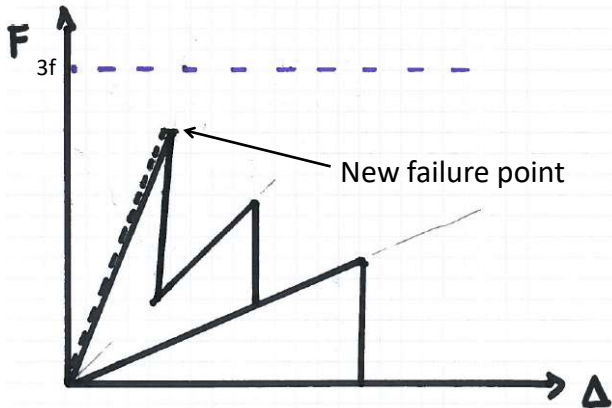
- Assume 3 shear walls of equal strength  $f$  but uncertain slightly different stiffnesses.




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### Global Behaviour of Brittle System



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### Solutions: Sledgehammer?

- Check all possible force cases for each wall: Monte Carlo?
- For each wall upper bound and lower bound stiffness.
  - Several stiffness states in-between.
  - Consider all possible stiffness states of the system.
- Verify each wall for forces that give suitable probability of failure.

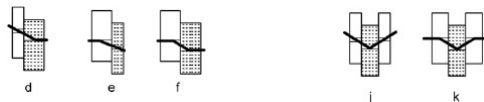
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### Solutions: Ductile Design?

Eg: Design such that failure occurs in a ductile mode:

- Force failure modes that cause plastic hinge.
- Overstrength the timber.
- Cross grain screws.



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### Solutions: Ductile Design

Additional deformation due to early yielding of 2 springs.

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### Solutions: Ductile Design

Issue if structure is sensitive to second order effects.

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### What should be in EC5?

- The code should remind the designer that timber is brittle.
- Given the difficulty of determining the load path in an indeterminate system the code should encourage the use of ductile connections.

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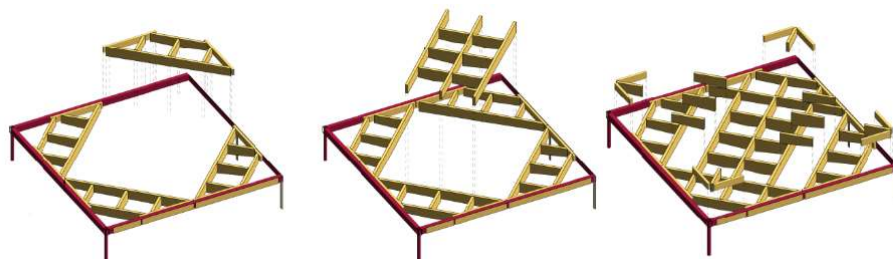
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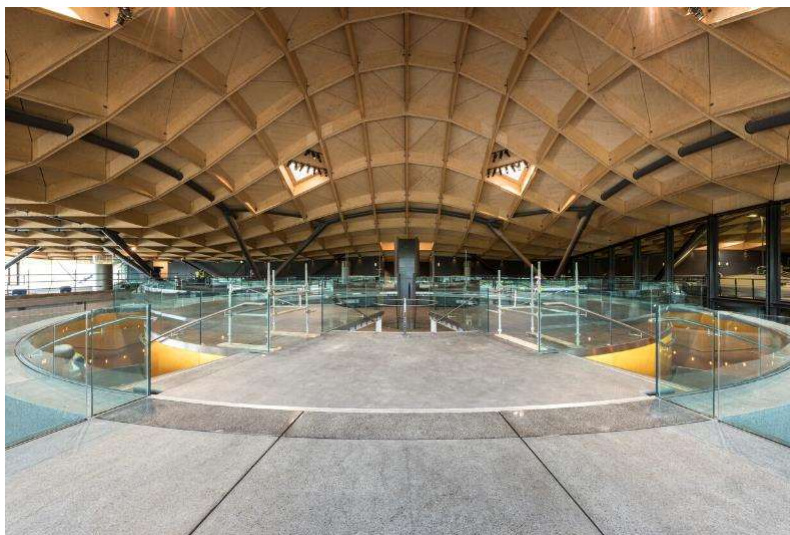
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### Macallan Distillery



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### 1-way spanning

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### Lunch break / 13:30 - 14:00

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## Agenda 14:00-15:30

- CLT
- Floor Dynamics
- Specification + Common errors
- Questions and answers

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## Training seminar / Apmācību seminārs

**CLT**

### Section No.6/ Sadaļa Nr.6

**Andrew Lawrence and Ishan Abeysekera (Arup, United Kingdom)**

## CLT: Cross-Laminated Timber

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## What is it?

- Made by gluing timber planks together with direction of grain alternating across layers
- Usually out of C24 softwood

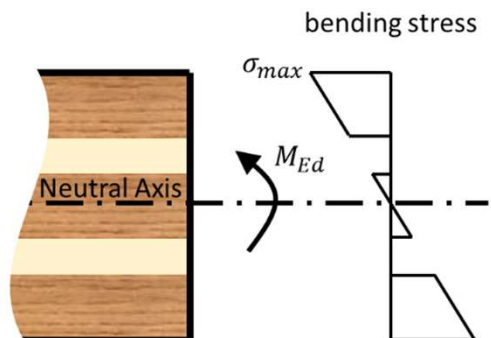


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### Out-of-plane Bending


$$\sigma_{max,d} = \frac{M_{Ed}y}{I}$$
$$\sigma_{max,d} \leq f_{m,d}$$

- $M$ : Moment
- $I$ : Second moment of area
- $\sigma$ : Design stress value at outermost fibre
- $y$ : Distance to neutral axis from edge (depth/2)

- $I$  value can conservatively be calculated neglecting cross layers since  $E_0/E_{90} = 33$

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### Things to think about

Advantages

- Many available manufacturers
- CNC machined to plan dimensions, slots, unusual geometries
- Easy connection. Self-tapping screws
- Long planks can help increase construction speed

Disadvantages:

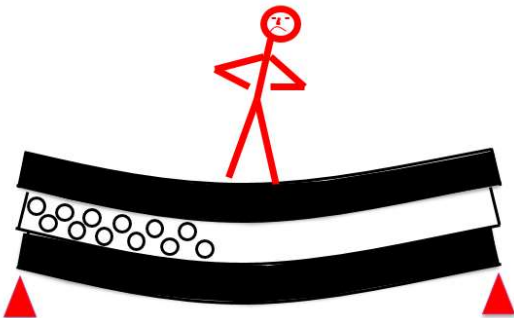
- Cost
- Limited availability of visual-grade panels
- Fire

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### Out-of-plane Shear

- Rolling shear governs



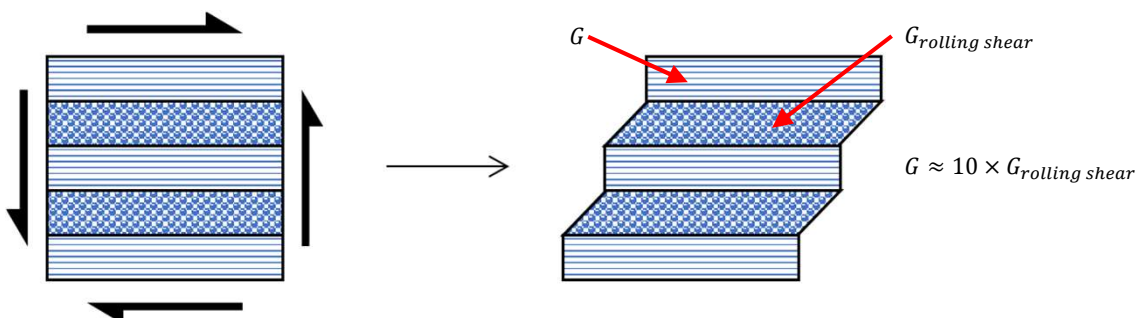
The diagram shows a red stick figure walking on a curved beam. The beam is supported by a roller support on the left and a pin support on the right. The beam is curved downwards, and the stick figure is walking on the top surface. The beam is composed of two black layers with a white core containing several small circles.

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### Out-of-plane Shear

- Rolling shear governs



The diagram illustrates the relationship between total shear force  $G$  and rolling shear force  $G_{rolling\ shear}$ . On the left, a vertical stack of horizontal layers is shown with arrows indicating shear forces. On the right, the same stack is shown with a diagonal shear force  $G$  and a smaller diagonal shear force  $G_{rolling\ shear}$ . The relationship is given by the equation:

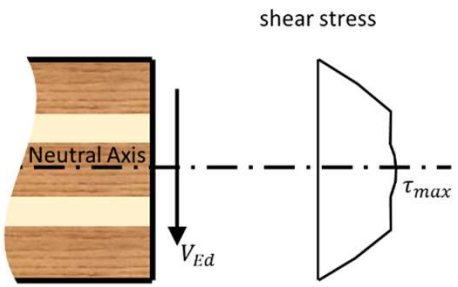
$$G \approx 10 \times G_{rolling\ shear}$$

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### Out-of-plane shear

- Maximum shear tends to  $1.5V/bd$  as number of layers increase as shear stress diagram tends to a parabolic shape. (Because the cross layers have a very low stiffness the shear stress can't increase through these layers).
- But it's the rolling shear stress which governs.




shear stress

$$\tau_{v,Ed} = \frac{1.5V_{Ed}}{bd}$$

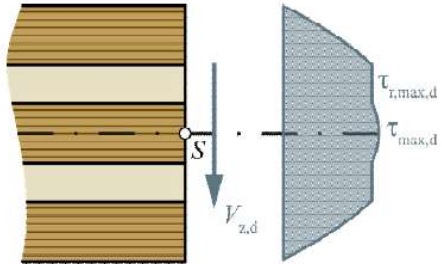
$$\tau_{v,Ed} \leq f_{v,90,d}$$

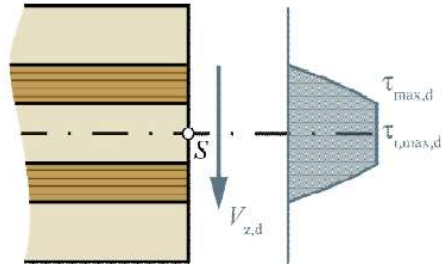
- $V$ : Shear force
- $b$ : Breadth of section
- $d$ : Depth of section
- $\tau$ : Shear stress
- $f_{v,90,d}$ : Design rolling shear strength

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### Out-of-plane shear





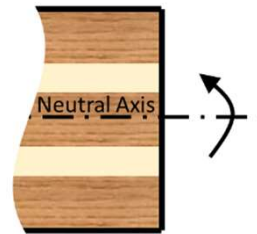
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### Out-of-plane Deflection For Bending in Strong Direction

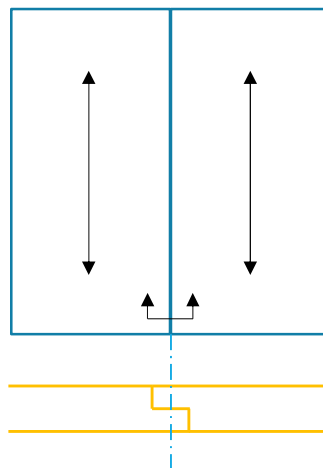
- Rolling shear
- Use  $A$ ,  $I$ , and mean  $E_0$  and  $G_0$  of parallel to span layers only.
- Bending deflection:  $E_0 I$
- Shear deflection:  $\kappa G_0 A$
- $\kappa$  is a correction for the rolling shear of the cross layers and can be conservatively taken as 0.2-0.3



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### CLT only one-way spanning due to connections!

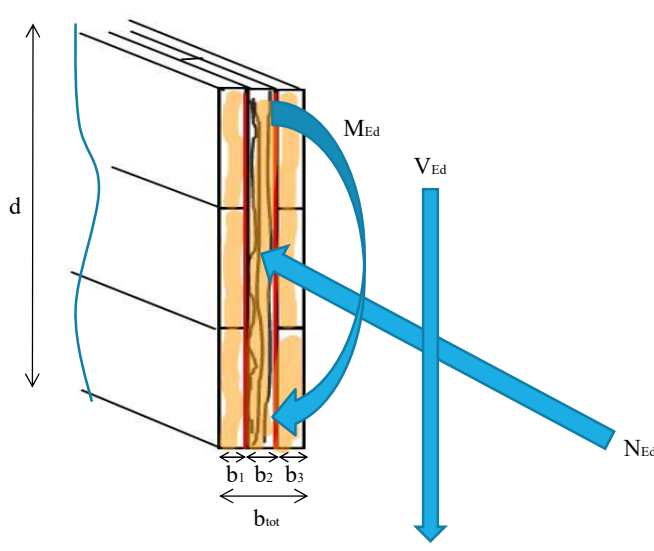


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### In-plane Loading


$$A_{net} = (b_1 + b_3)d$$
$$I_{net} = \frac{(b_1 + b_3)d^3}{12}$$


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### Axial Loading

- For short stocky members axial capacity based on useful layers (parallel to span layers)

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## Axial Loading

Check as if CLT wall is a slender column as per EC5 taking  $b=1$ .

The only difference is that relative slenderness is calculated as follows to include shear flexibility:

Where:

$$\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{A_{net} f_{c,0,k}}{n_{cr}}}$$

$$n_{cr} = \frac{E_{0,0.05} I_{net} \pi^2}{l_{ef}^2 + \frac{E_{0,0.05} I_{net}}{G_{0,0.05} A_{net}}}$$

- $A_{net}$ : Area of CLT with grain parallel to load
- $f_{c,0,k}$ : Characteristic strength of area of CLT with grain parallel to load
- $\lambda$ : Relative slenderness
- $E_{0,0.05}$ : Characteristic young's modulus of CLT layers with grain parallel to load
- $G_{0,0.05}$ : Characteristic shear modulus of CLT layers with grain parallel to load
- $I_{net}$ : Second moment of area of net section
- $A_{net}$ : Area CLT layers with grain parallel to load
- $n_{cr}$ : Ideal elastic buckling load

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## Bending

- Combine with any axial stress due to axial loads

$$\sigma_{max,d} = \frac{M_{Ed} y}{I_{net}}$$

$$\sigma_{max,d} \leq \min \left( \begin{matrix} f_{c,0,d} \\ f_{t,0,d} \end{matrix} \right)$$

- $\sigma_{max,d}$ : Maximum design bending and axial stress
- $M_{Ed}$ : Design moment
- $y$ : Distance from neutral axis to extreme fibre
- $I_{net}$ : Second moment of area of net section
- $f_{t,0,d}$ : Design tensile strength of area of CLT with grain parallel to load
- $f_{c,0,d}$ : Design compressive strength of area of CLT with grain parallel to load

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## In-plane shear

- In-plane shear of CLT is highly complex for simplified verification methods refer manufacturer European technical approval.

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### Floor Dynamics – the New EC5 Method Section No.7/ Sadaļa Nr.7

**Andrew Lawrence and Ishan Abeysekera (Arup, United Kingdom)**

## Why?

- Competition
- Wood is lighter
- Too conservative = too expensive
- Non –conservative will scare people off timber
- **Floor vibration generally governs floor depth for large multi storey buildings.**
- **This lecture will touch on the updates to the next version of EN 1995-1-1**

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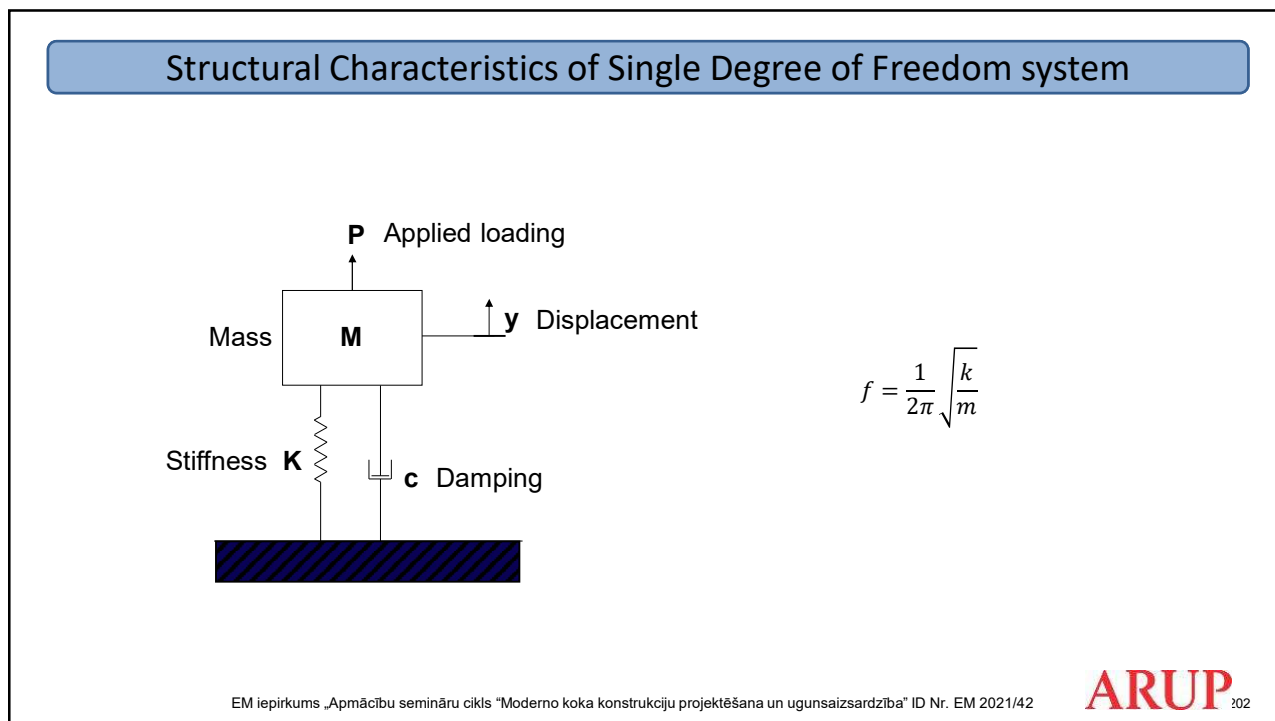
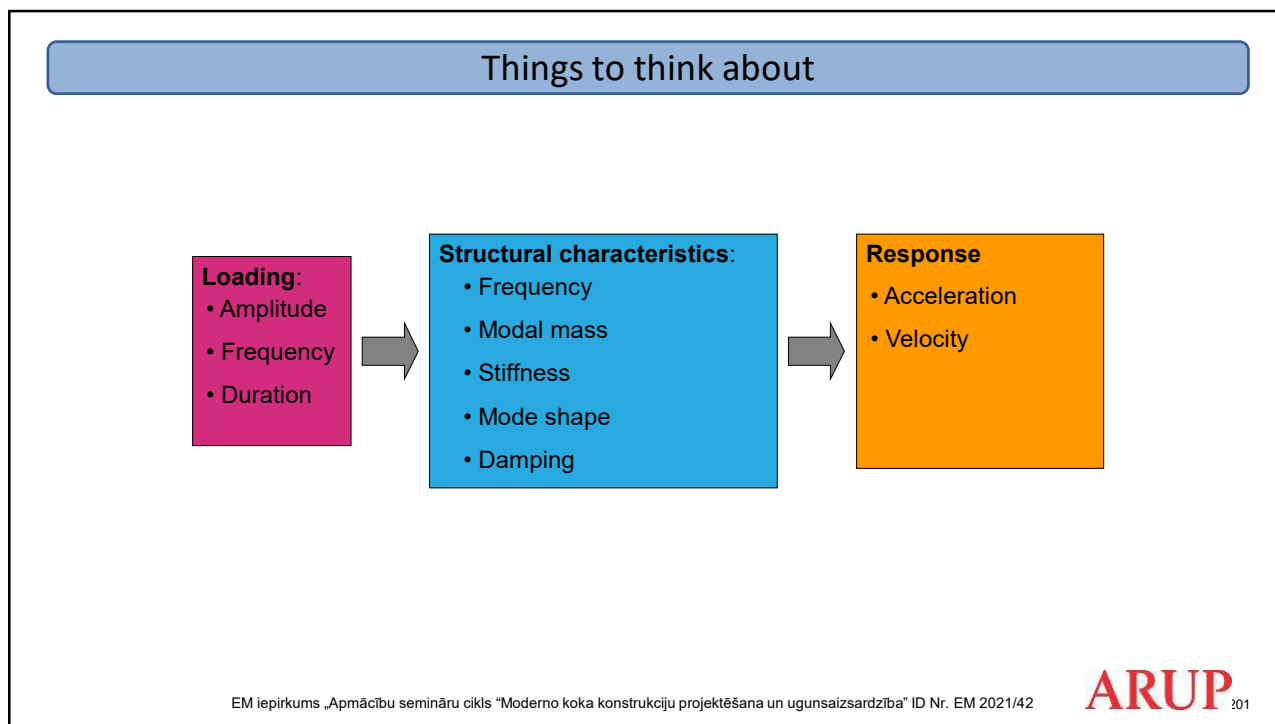
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## Background reading



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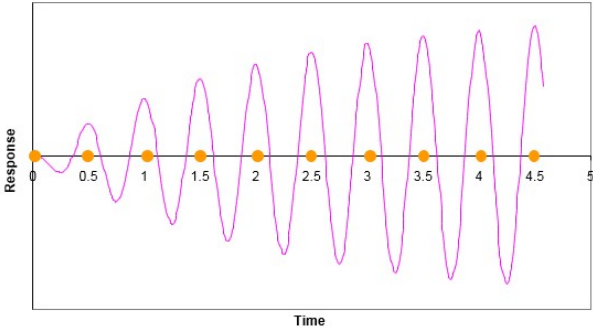
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### Resonant Response

- Resonant build up occurs when the forcing frequency matches natural frequency

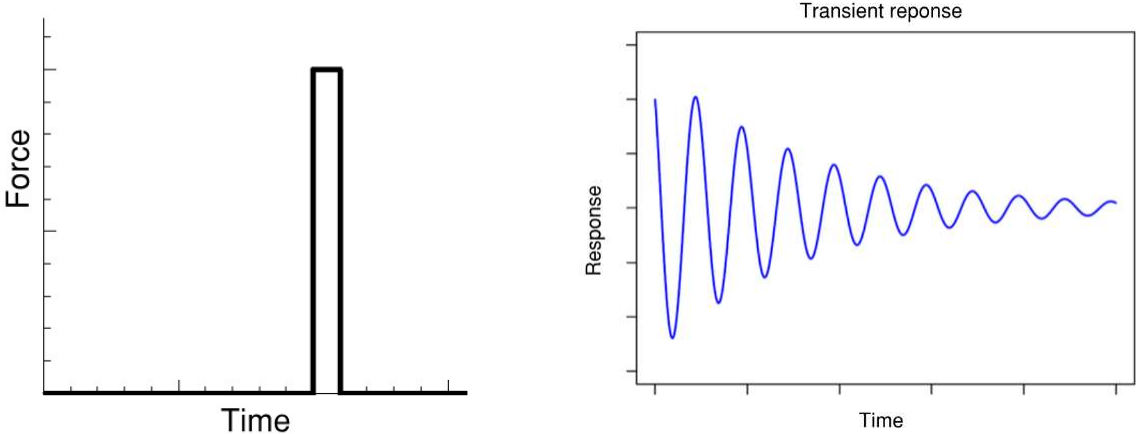
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### Transient Response

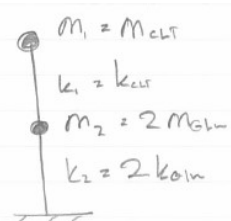
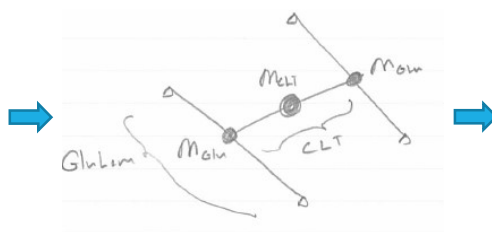
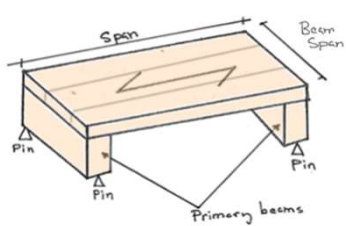


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### Multi Degree of Freedom Systems

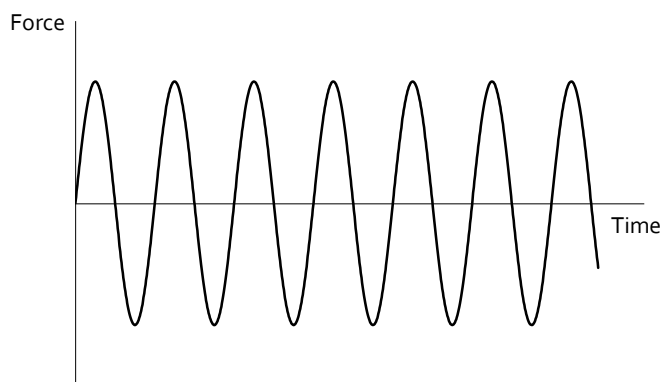
- Floors have more than 1 degree of freedom.



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### Harmonic Loading



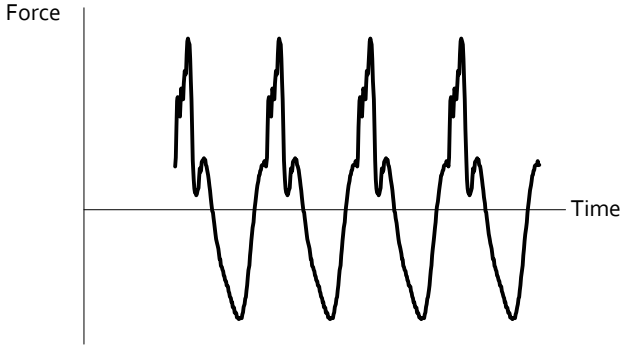
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### Periodic Loading From a Real Footfall

- Several frequencies
- Can be broken down in to harmonic components

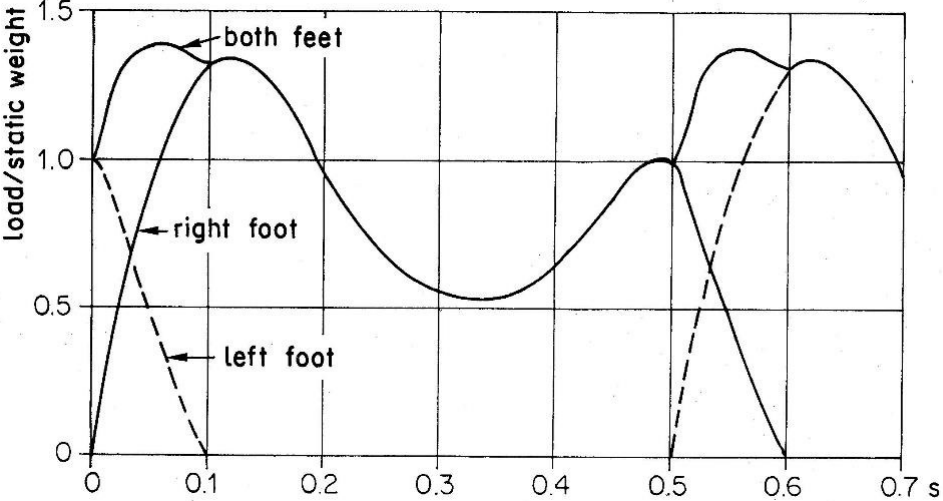


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### People walk between 1.5 – 2.5 Hz



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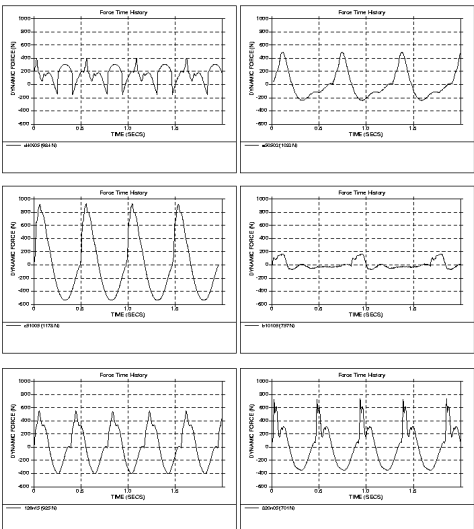
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**Force varies with:**

- Individual
- Footwear
- Speed

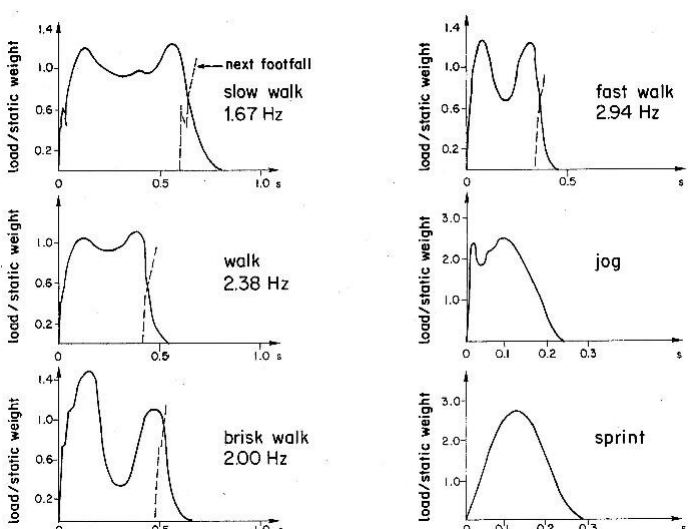


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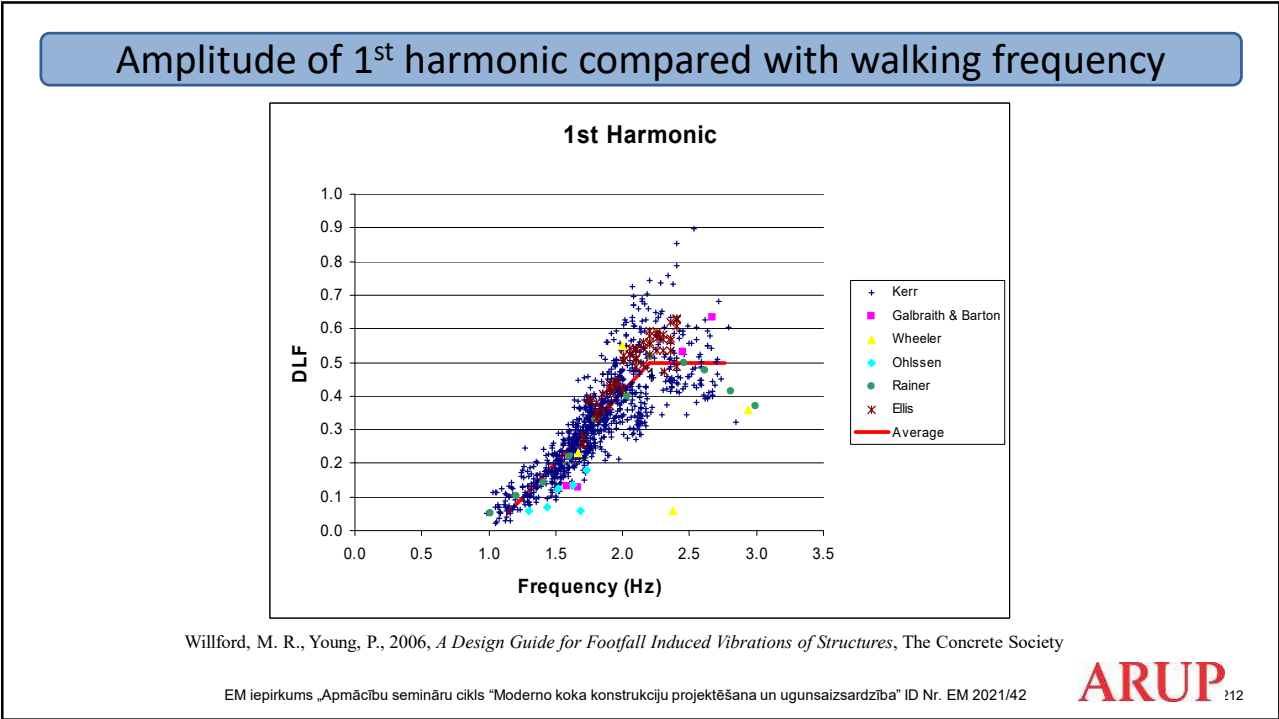
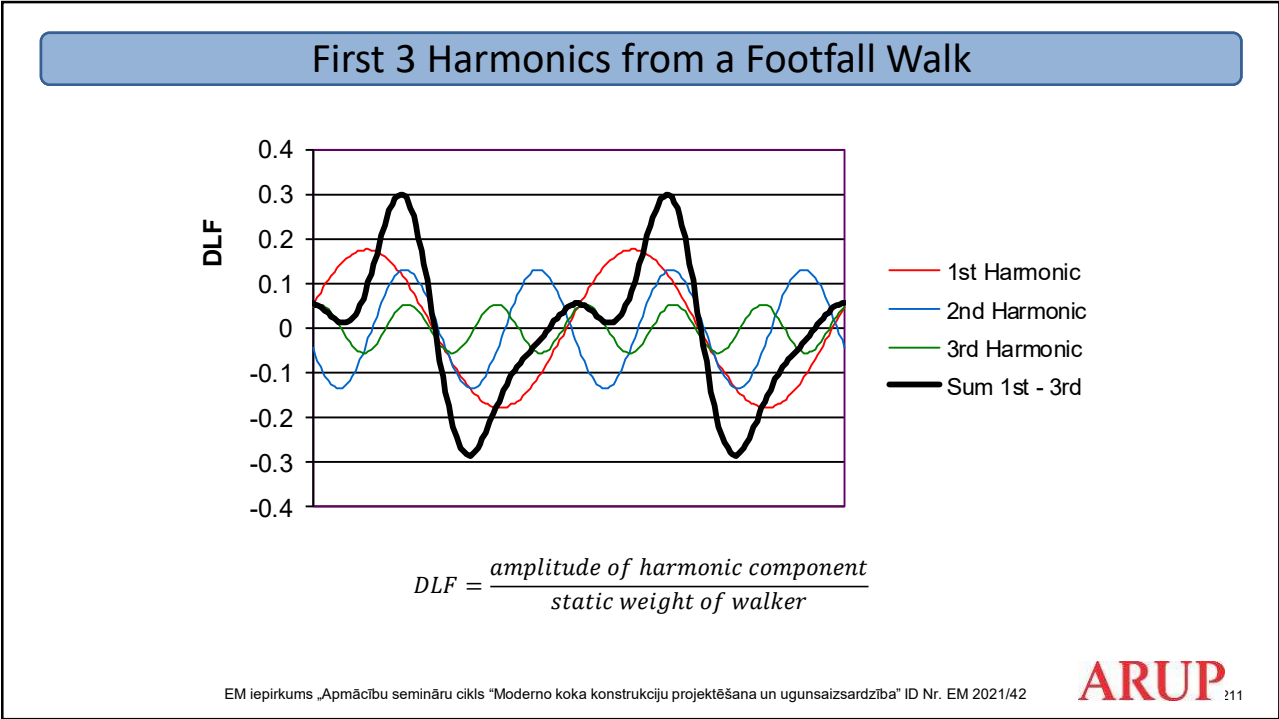
**Force varies with:**

- Speed

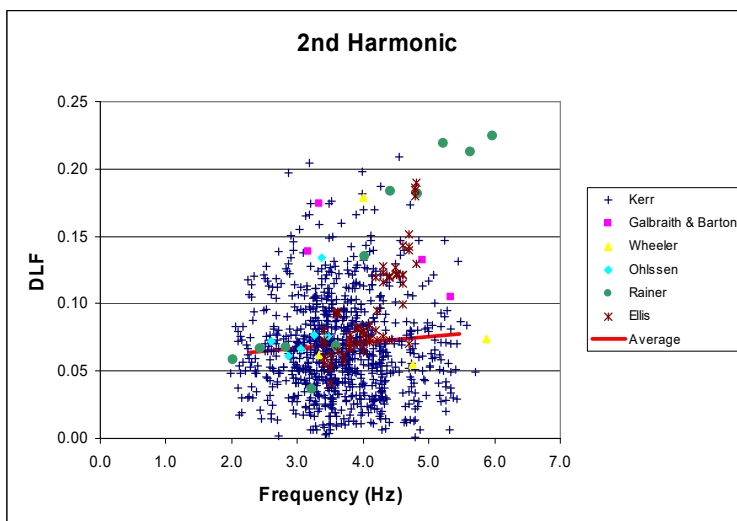


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### Amplitude of 2<sup>nd</sup> harmonic compared with double the walking frequency

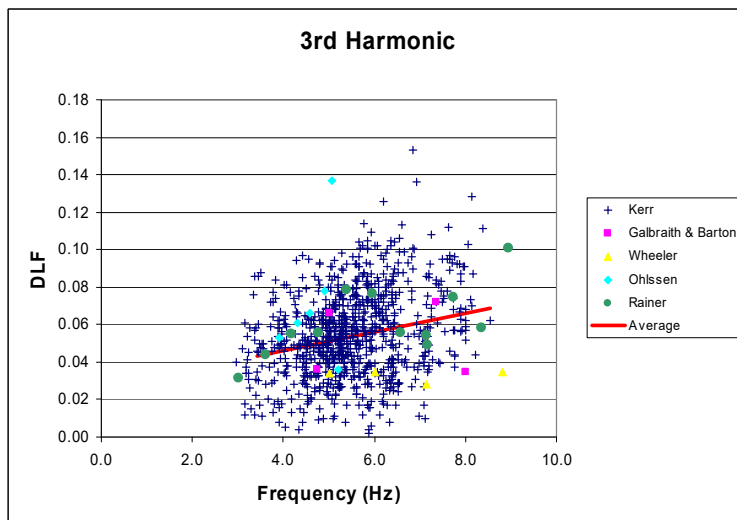


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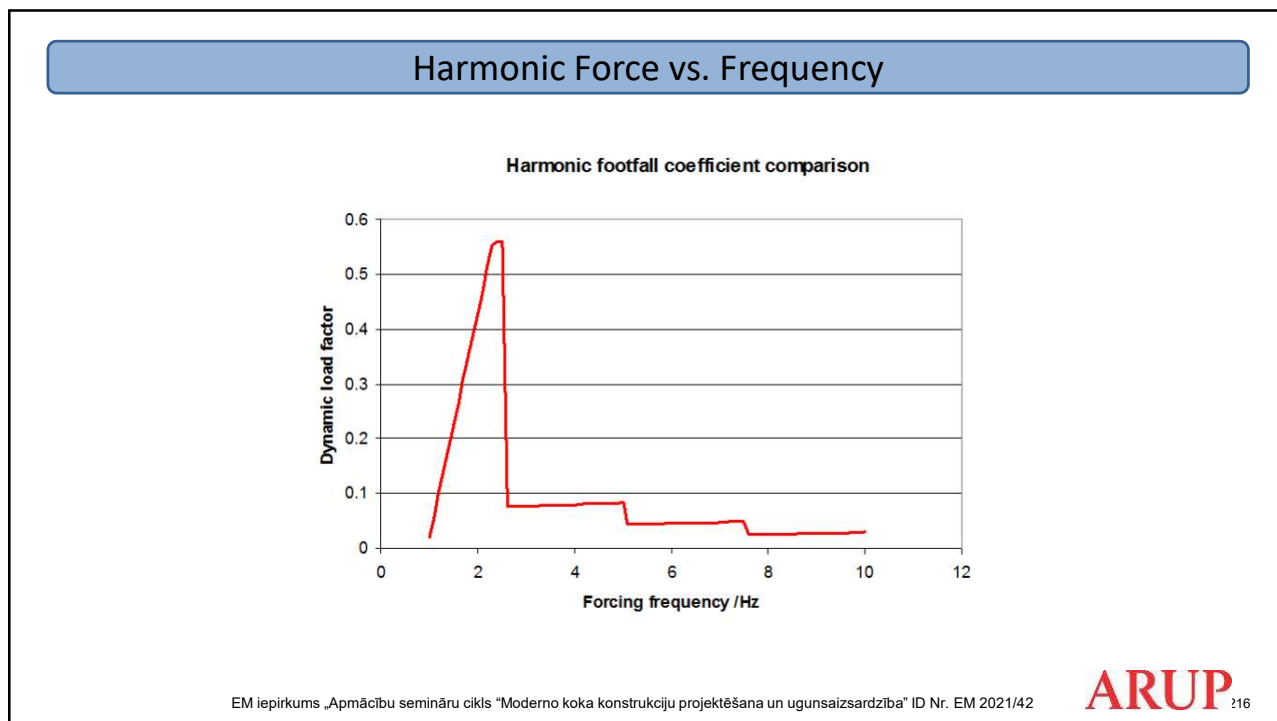
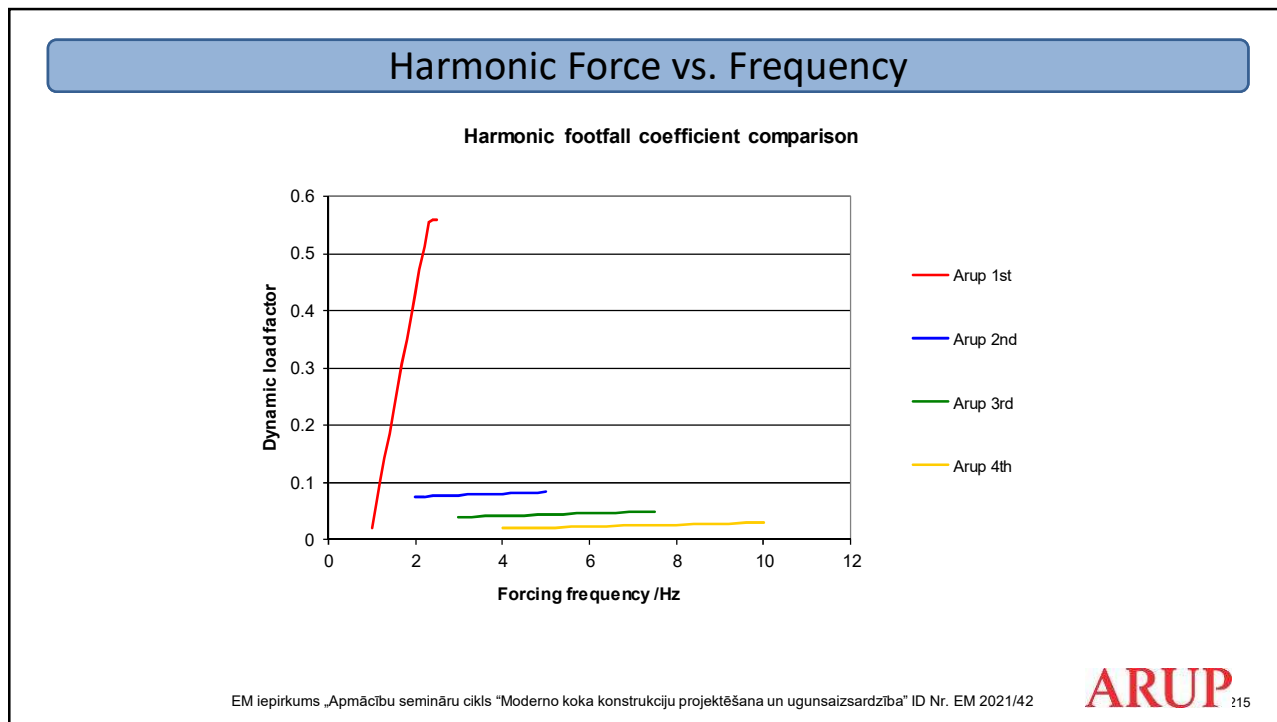
### Amplitude of 3<sup>rd</sup> harmonic compared with triple the walking frequency



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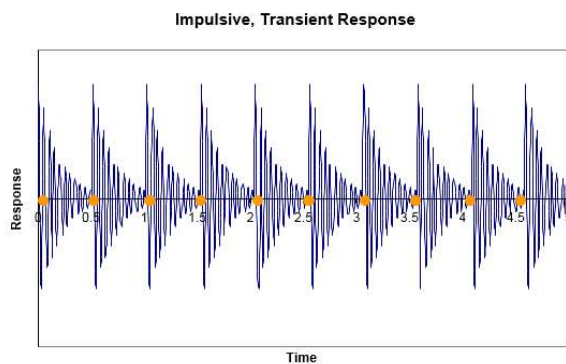
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## Impulsive Loading

- When floor frequency is higher than the 4<sup>th</sup> harmonic of walk.
- The floor sees a chain of impulsive loading between which response dies off.
- Majority of domestic timber floors



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## Acceptable Response

- What we feel is acceleration.
- Response factor,  $R = \frac{\text{Response}}{\text{Minimum perceivable response}}$

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### Acceptable Response

- BS 6472 – perceptible levels of acceleration

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### Acceptable Response

- BS 6472 – perceptible levels of acceleration (also CCIP)
- For  $4 \text{ Hz} \leq f_n \leq 8 \text{ Hz}$ :
  - $R = \frac{a_{rms}}{5m/s^2}$
- For  $f_n > 8 \text{ Hz}$ :
  - $R = \frac{V_{rms}}{0.1mm/s}$

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### Acceptable Response

- Perception is subjective.

Depends on:

- Person
- Use of floor
- Look of floor
- How often floor is excited

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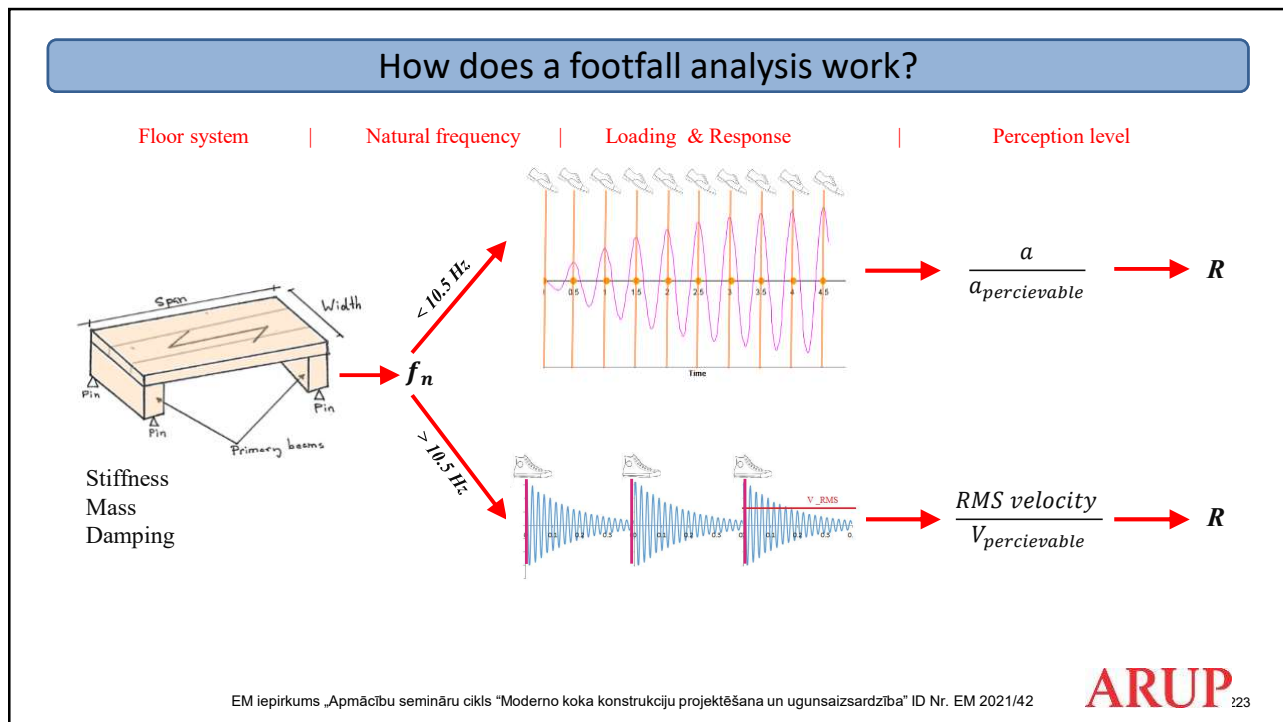
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### Recommended Limits Based on Testing

- Standard offices:  $R \leq 8$
- High end office:  $R \leq 4$

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- ### How does this all apply to a simple floor?
- Stiffness ( $EI$ ,  $Length$ , etc)
    - $EI$ : Material and floor thickness
    - Span: One way vs two way (stiffness)
    - Span: length
    - End condition: Pinned vs fixed
  - Mass
    - Dead Load + (0.1 \* Live Load)
  - Damping: Connection detail, false floor, partitions etc.
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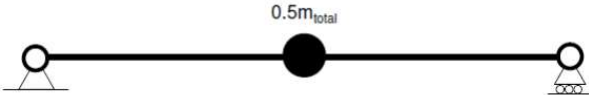
### How do we model a CLT floor?

How do we go from this.....




Reality

.....to this?

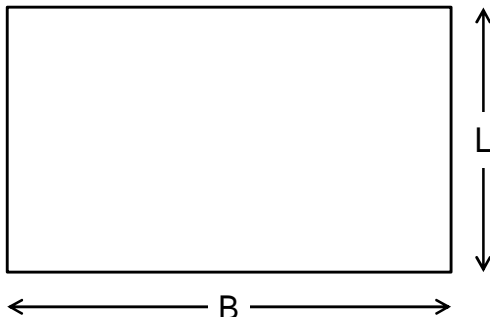


Accurate idealisation

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### Analysis of a simple floor – Pin supported at edges



$$f_1 = k_{e,2} \frac{\pi}{2L^2} \sqrt{\frac{(EI)_L}{m}}$$

$$k_{e,2} = \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{L}{B}\right)^4 \frac{(EI)_T}{(EI)_L}}$$

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## Analysis of a simple floor – Resonant calculation

(If frequency less than 4 x walking frequency)

$$a_{rms} = \frac{k_{res} \mu F_h}{\sqrt{2} 2 \zeta M^*}$$

$$R = \frac{a_{rms}}{5 \text{ mm/s}^2}$$

$k_{res}$	is a factor to account for higher modes of vibration, as calculated with.
$\mu$	is the resonant build up factor, which may be conservatively taken as $\mu = 1$
$F_h$	is the vertical dynamic force caused by the assumed weight of a walking person and should be taken as $F_h = 50 \text{ N}$ .
$\zeta$	is the modal damping ratio.
$M^*$	is the modal mass as given in in kg.

$$k_{res} = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0,192 \left( \frac{B}{L} \right) \left( \frac{(EI)_L}{(EI)_T} \right)^{0,25} \\ 1,0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$M^* = \frac{m L B}{4}$$

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## Analysis of a simple floor – Transient calculation

(should be checked for floors of all frequencies)

$$1. I_m = \frac{42 f_w^{1,43}}{f_1^{1,3}} \text{ Ns}$$

$$2. v_{1,peak} = 0,7 \frac{I_m}{(M^* + 70)} \text{ m/s}$$

$$3. v_{tot,peak} = k_{imp} v_{1,peak} \text{ m/s}$$

$$4. k_{imp} = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0,48 \left( \frac{B}{L} \right) \left( \frac{(EI)_L}{(EI)_T} \right)^{0,25} \\ 1,0 \left( \frac{EI}{EI} \right)^T \end{array} \right.$$

$$5. v_{rms} = v_{tot,peak} (0,65 - 0,01 f_1) (1,22 - 11,0 \zeta) \eta$$

$$\eta = 1,35 - 0,4 k_{imp}, \text{ when } 1,0 \leq k_{imp} \leq 1,9 \text{ else } \eta = 0,59 \text{ (for joisted floors)}$$

$$\eta = 1,35 - 0,4 k_{imp}, \text{ when } 1,0 \leq k_{imp} \leq 1,7 \text{ else } \eta = 0,67 \text{ (for all other floors)}$$

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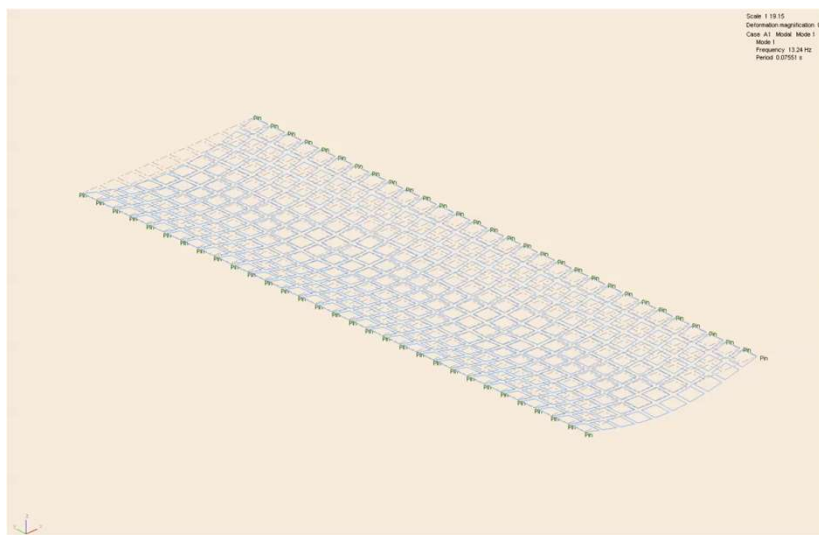
- Will have hand methods for simple floors.
- Will have an Annex explaining how to use modal results from FE to carry out a multi modal analysis for more complex floors.

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## CLT on Pinned Supports

- 3m span
- $f = 13.24 \text{ Hz}$

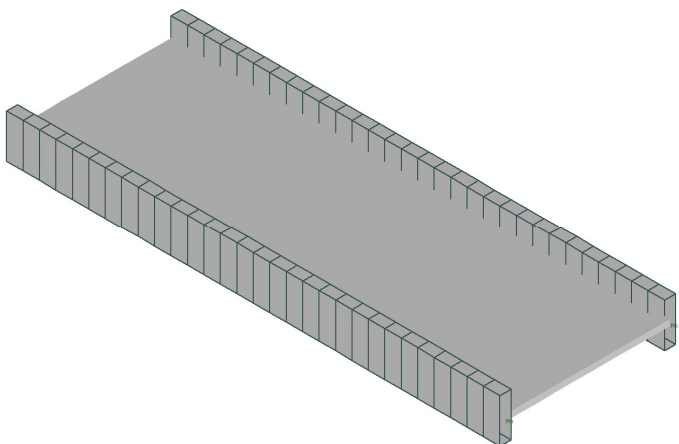


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### CLT on Beams

- 3m CLT span
- 9m beam span



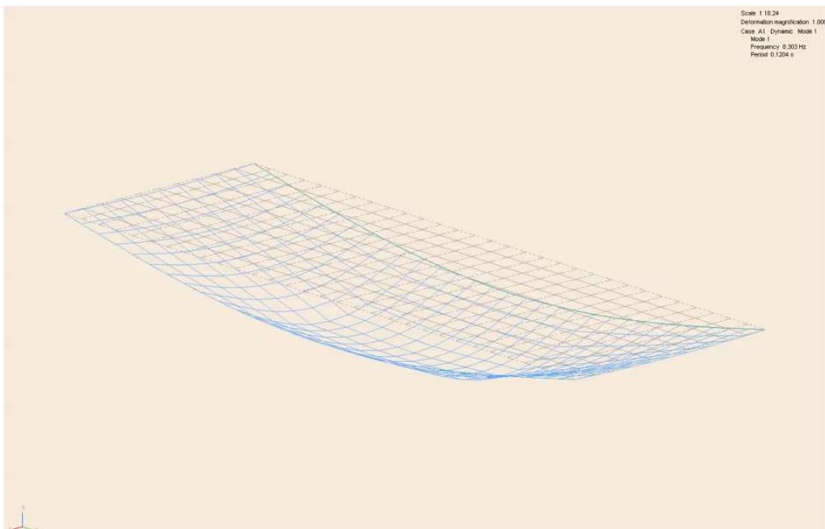
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### CLT on Beams

- 3m CLT span
- 9m beam span
- $f = 8.5 \text{ Hz}$




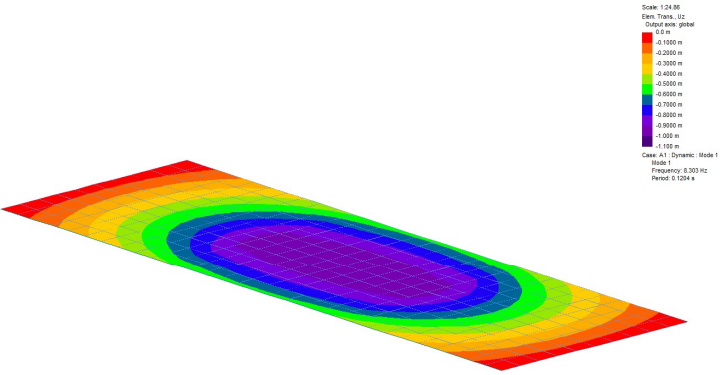
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### CLT on Beams

- 3m CLT span
- 9m beam span
- $f = 8.3 \text{ Hz}$

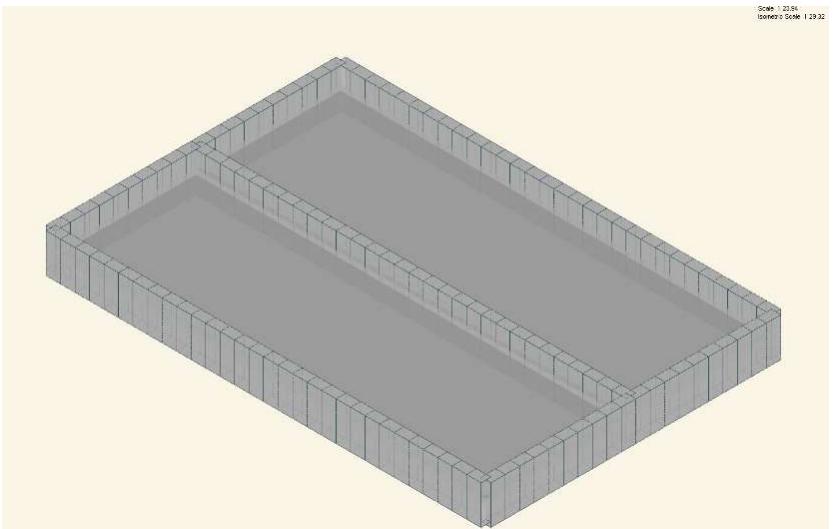


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### CLT on Beams Double Span

- 3m CLT span
- 200x800 beams
- 9m beam span



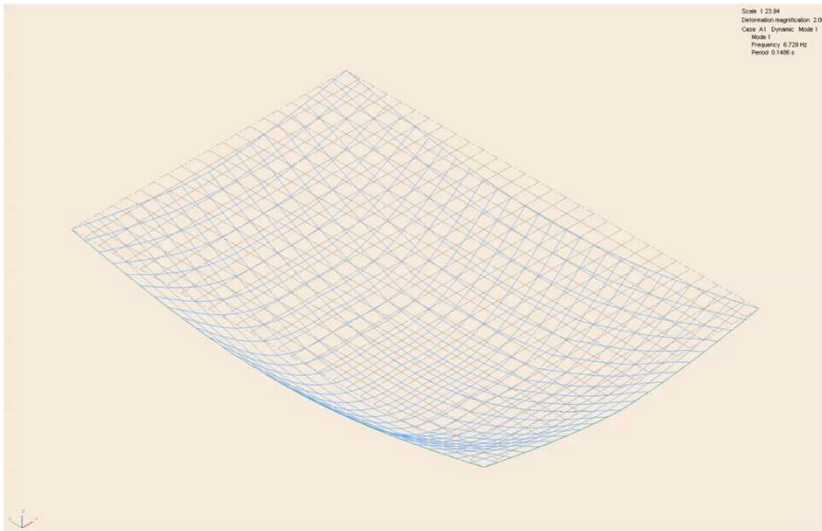
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### CLT on Beams Double Span

- 3m CLT span
- 200x800 beams
- 9m beam span
- $f = 6.7$  Hz



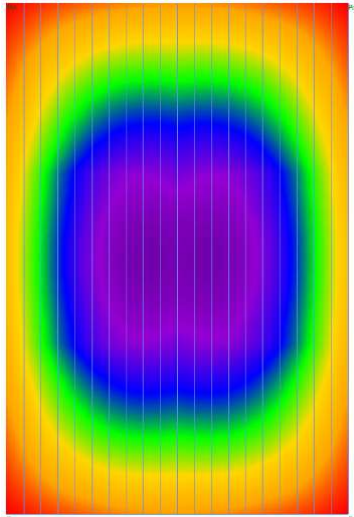
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### CLT on Beams Double Span

- 3m CLT span
- 9m beam span
- $f = 6.7$  Hz

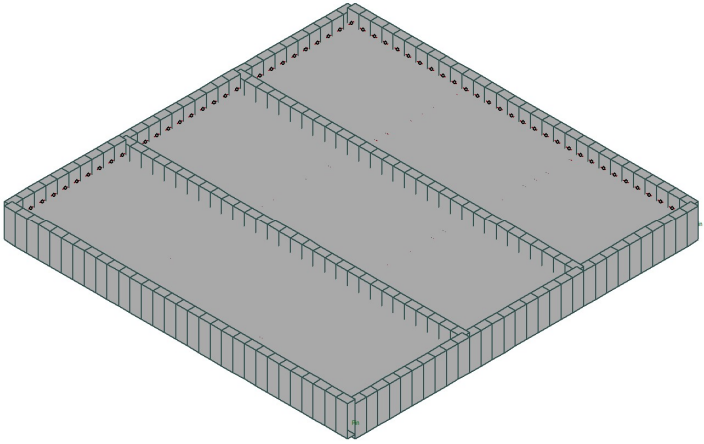


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### CLT on Beams Multiple Span

- 3m CLT span
- 200x800 beams
- 9m beam span



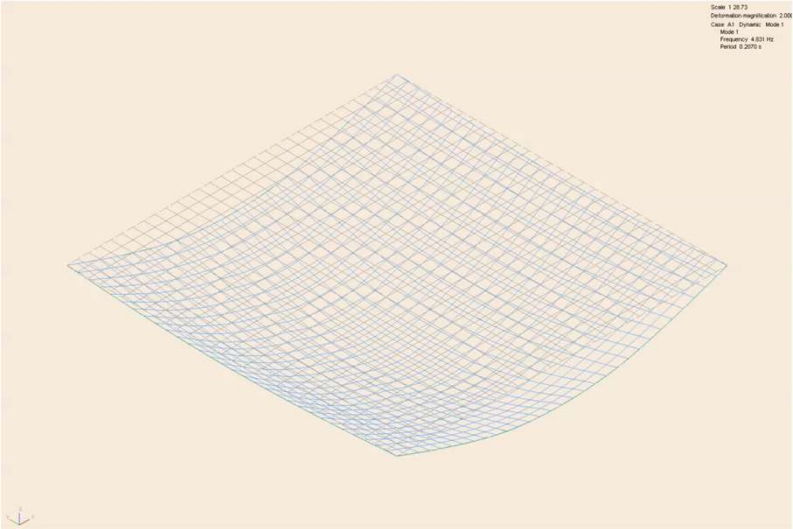
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### CLT on Beams Multiple Span

- 3m CLT span
- 200x800 beams
- 9m beam span
- $f = 4.8$  Hz



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Case: All Dynamic Mode 1  
Shape:  
Frequency: 4.831 Hz  
Period: 0.20714

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### CLT on Beams Multiple Span

- 3m CLT span
- 200x800 beams
- 9m beam span
- $f = 4.8 \text{ Hz}$

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### Beam flexibility has a considerable effect on dynamic behaviour of floors

- 13 Hz → 5 Hz
- Codes should explicitly state that effect of beams should be taken into account.

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## Footfall Measurement



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## Concept Stage

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## Durability – protect structure from rain + always provide 2 lines of defence



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Fire – determines how much wood can be left exposed



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Dynamics – governs floor design

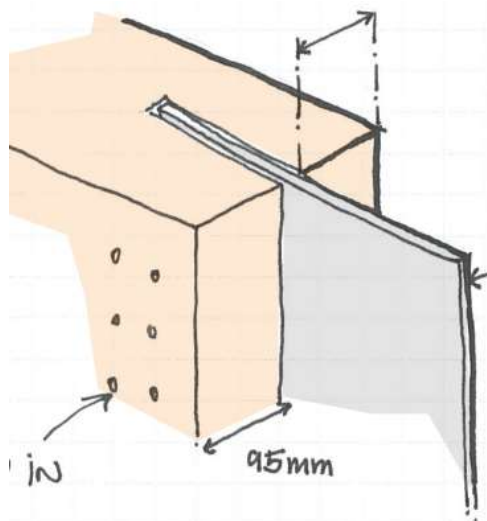


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### Connections – govern size of members

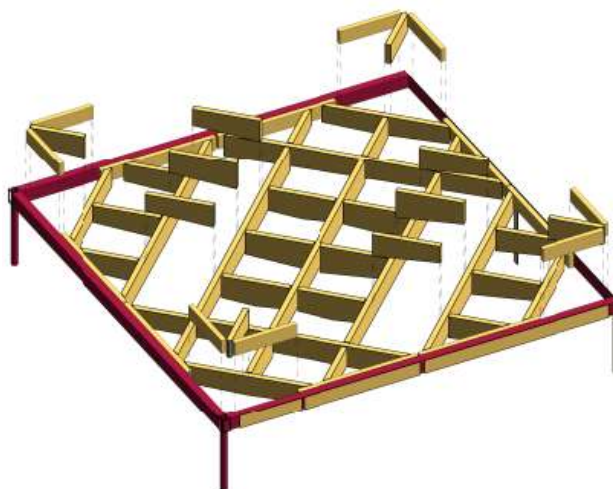


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### Brittle material – make structures determinate



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## Species – use spruce for economy



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**Use standard grades & standard sizes**

**GL 24h**

**GL 28c**

**GL 32c**

**GL 36c**

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**Load duration – check all governing loadcases**

**Strength**

**Time**

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### Design connections to accommodate shrinkage



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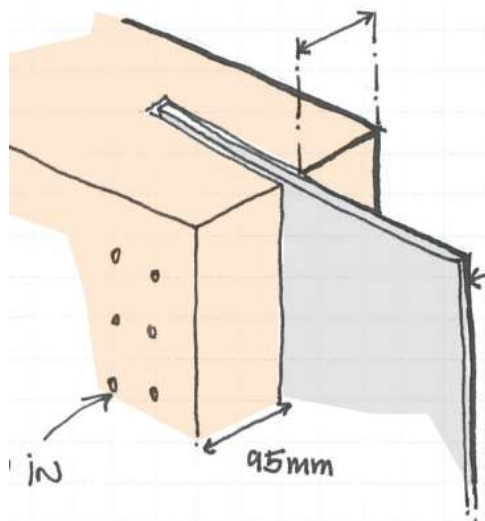


### Construction Stage

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Same Engineer must be responsible for member & connection design



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Source sustainably



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Gluing is highly workmanship dependent – avoid site gluing & use reliable suppliers



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Don't overspecify the appearance



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### Avoid structural damage during construction

- Ensure builder has a moisture control plan
- Provide falls to flat roofs
- Seal end grain at connections
- Where possible ensure the wood can breathe in the finished building to allow construction moisture to escape

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### Avoid appearance damage during construction



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## Specify key tolerances

- Supports
- Surfaces requiring contact in bearing?
- Exposed architectural work

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Question and answer session

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