

Scaling Offsite and Volumetric Modular: Evolving Systems and Strategies for Success

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Technoeconomics of **resources**

Strategic Intent: Connect natural environment offtakes with built environment offtakes

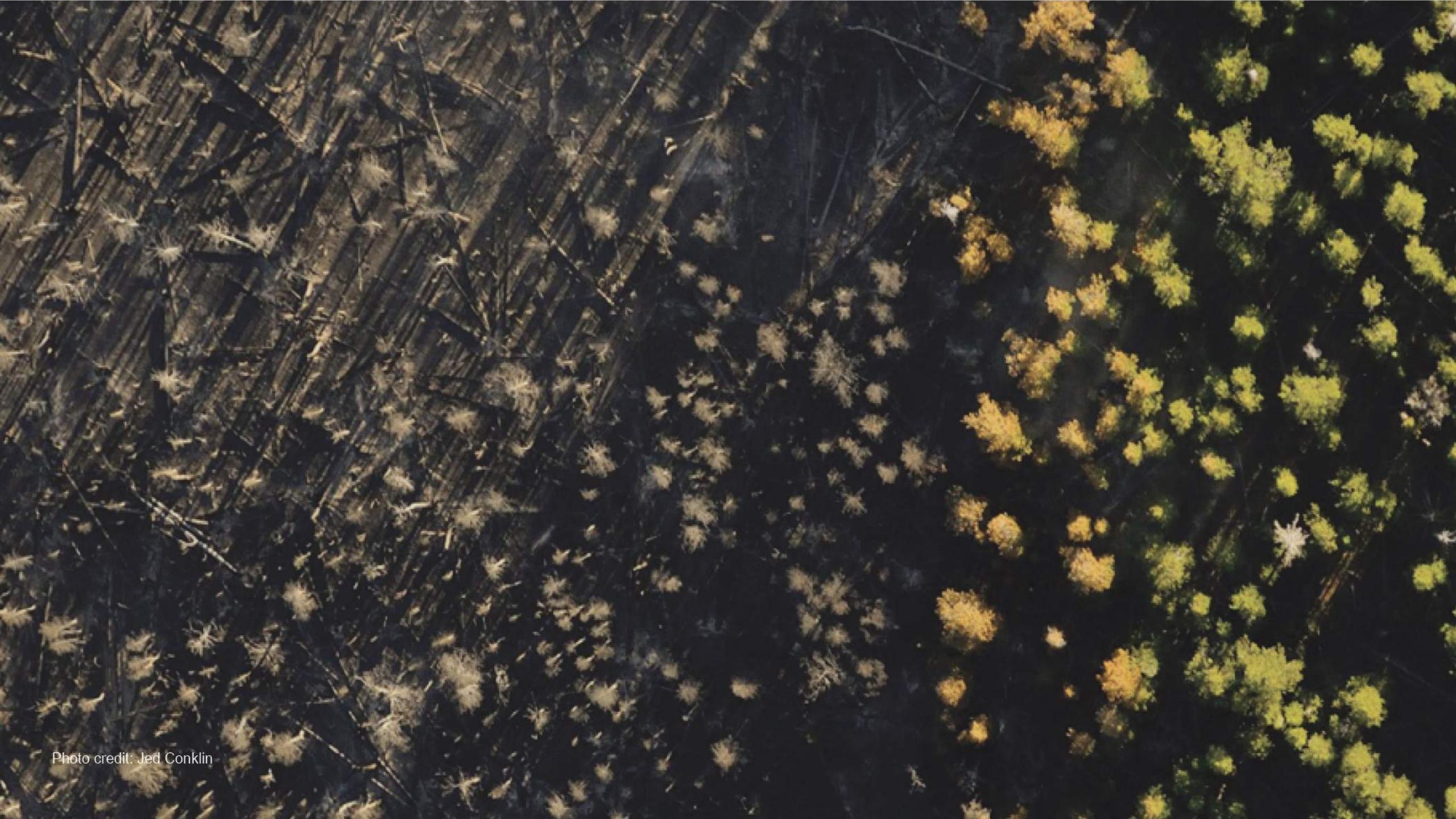
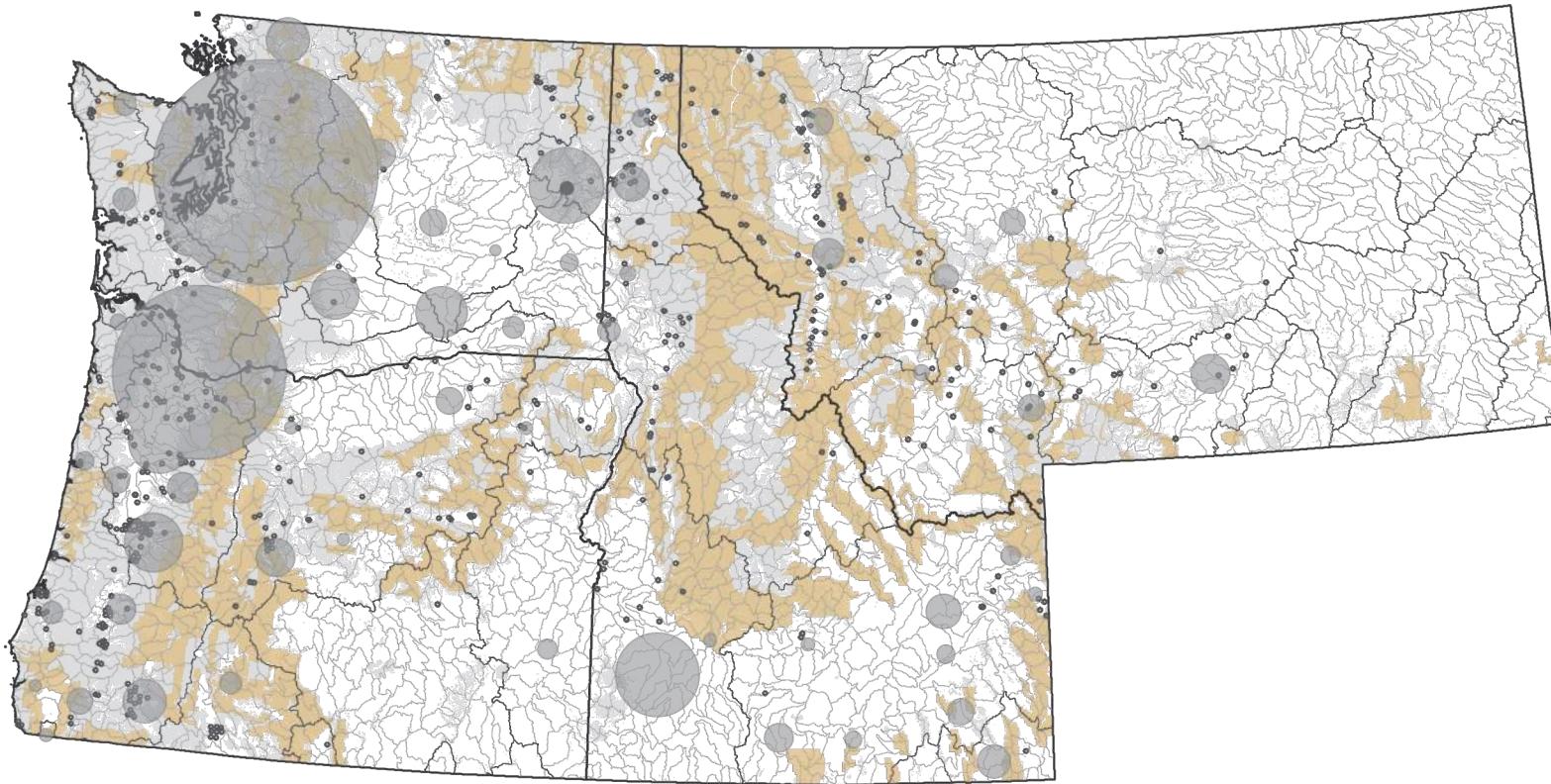
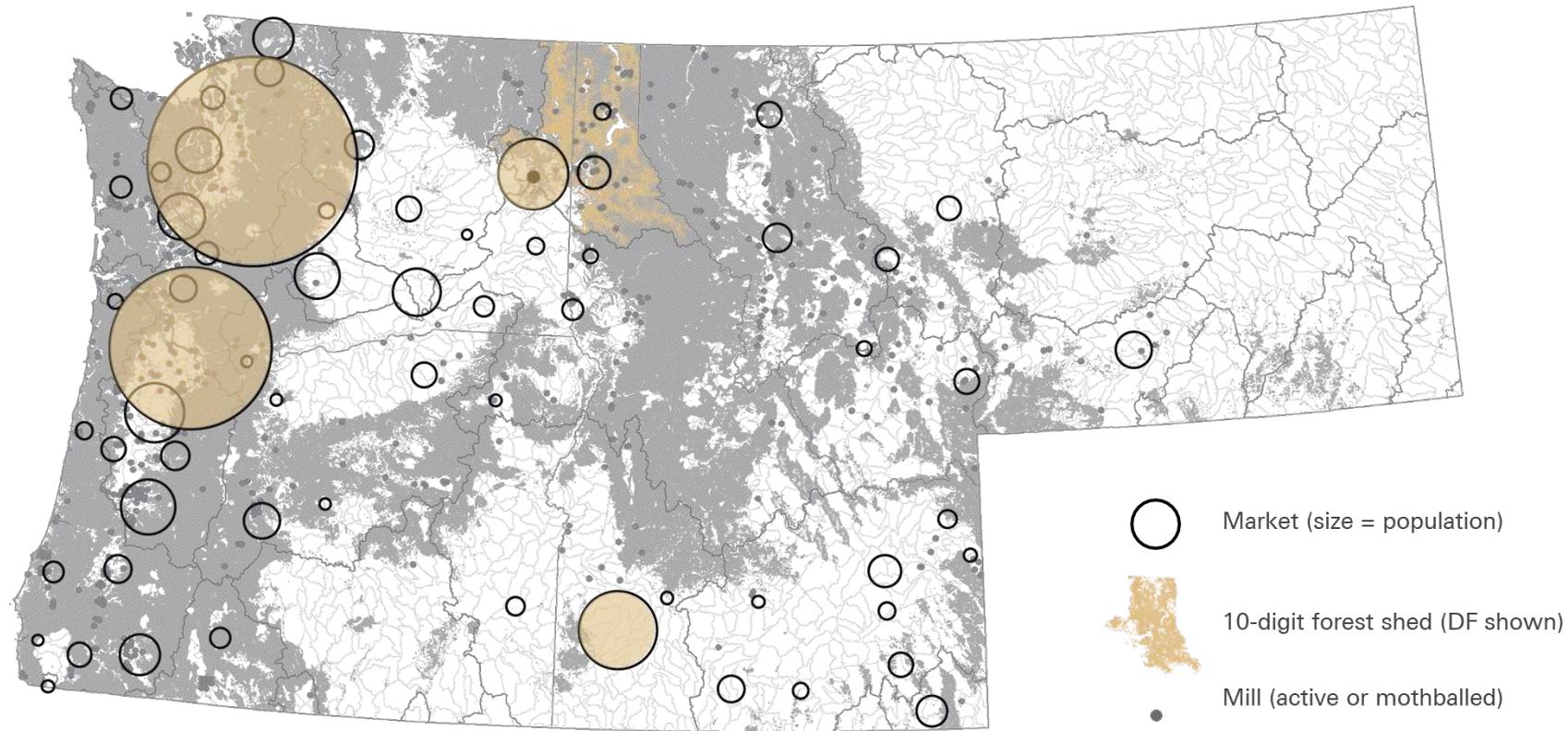


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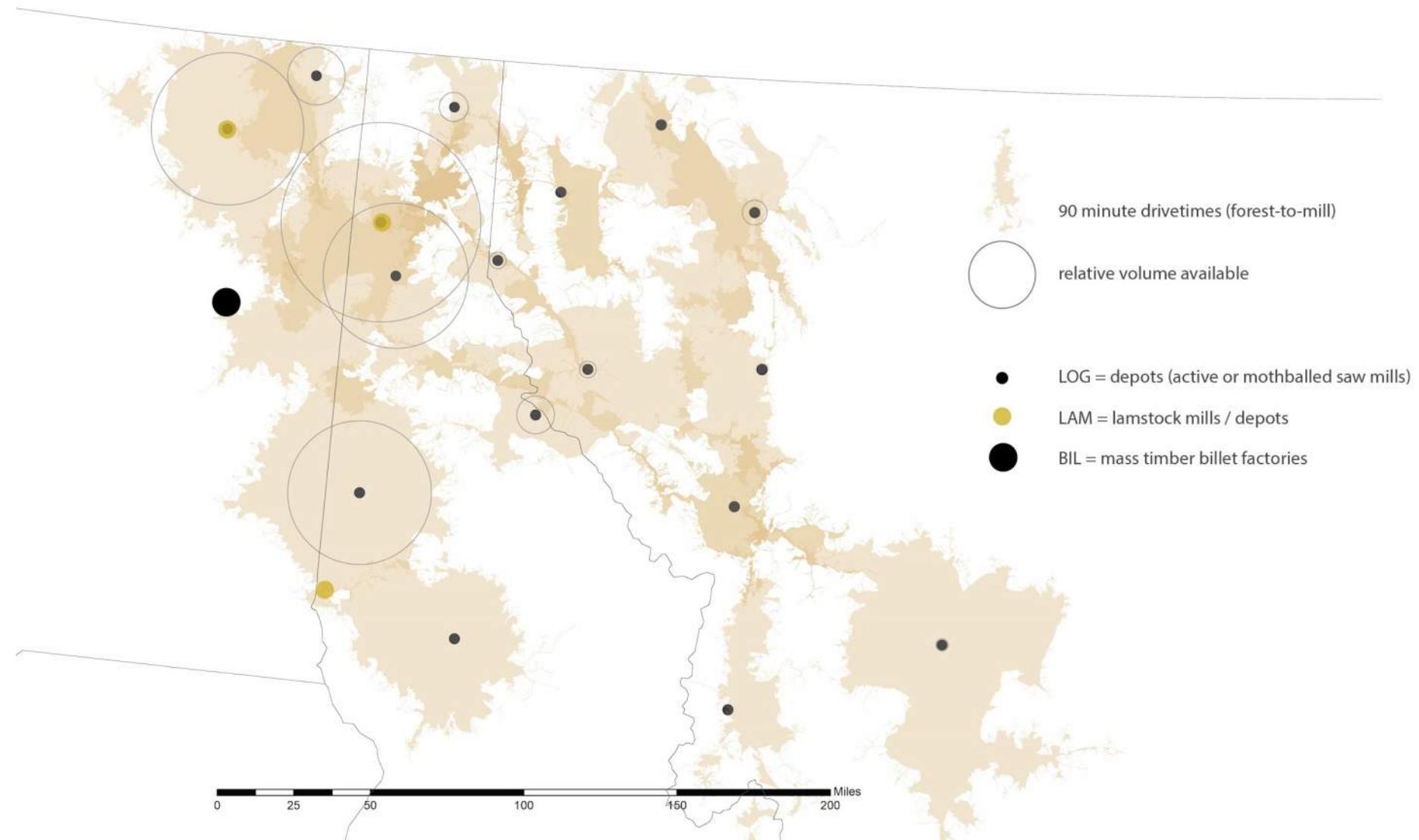
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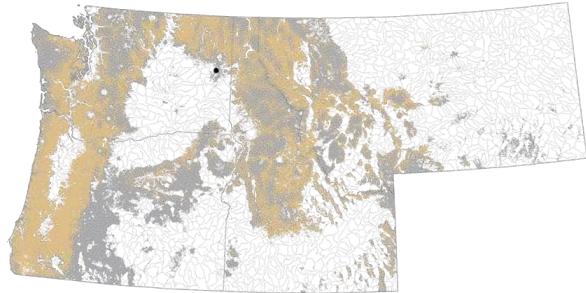
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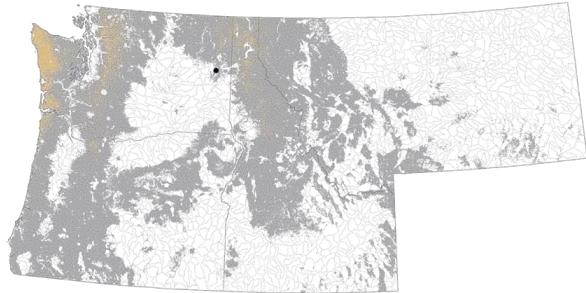


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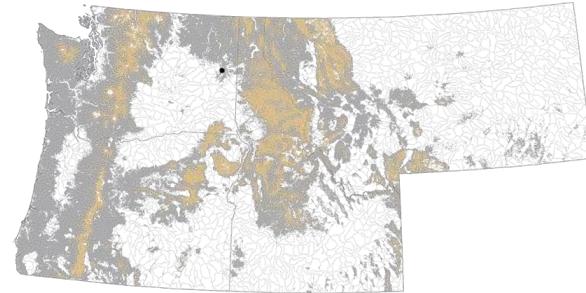
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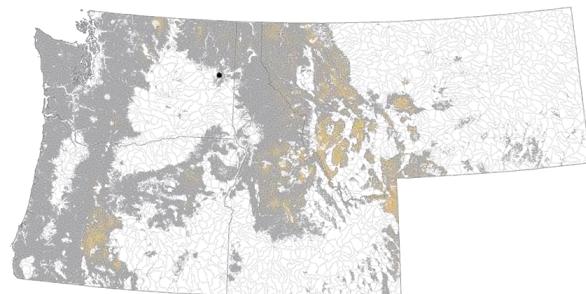
DF = Douglas-fir



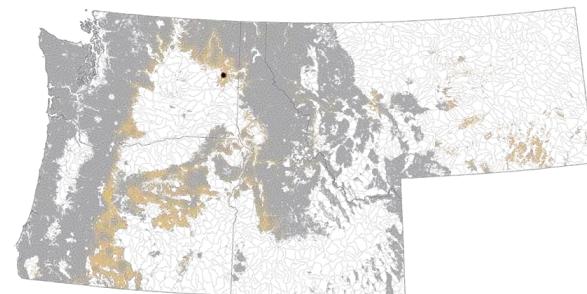
WH = Western Hemlock



GF = Grand Fir



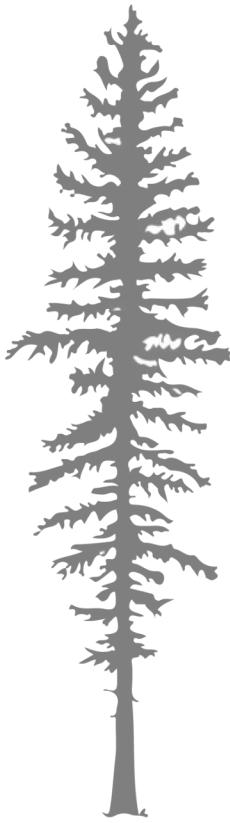
LP = Lodgepole Pine



PP = Ponderosa Pine

Technoeconomics of **species**

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Western larch
Larix occidentalis
230 ft



Douglas-fir
Pseudotsuga menziesii
200 ft



Western hemlock
Tsuga heterophylla
165 ft



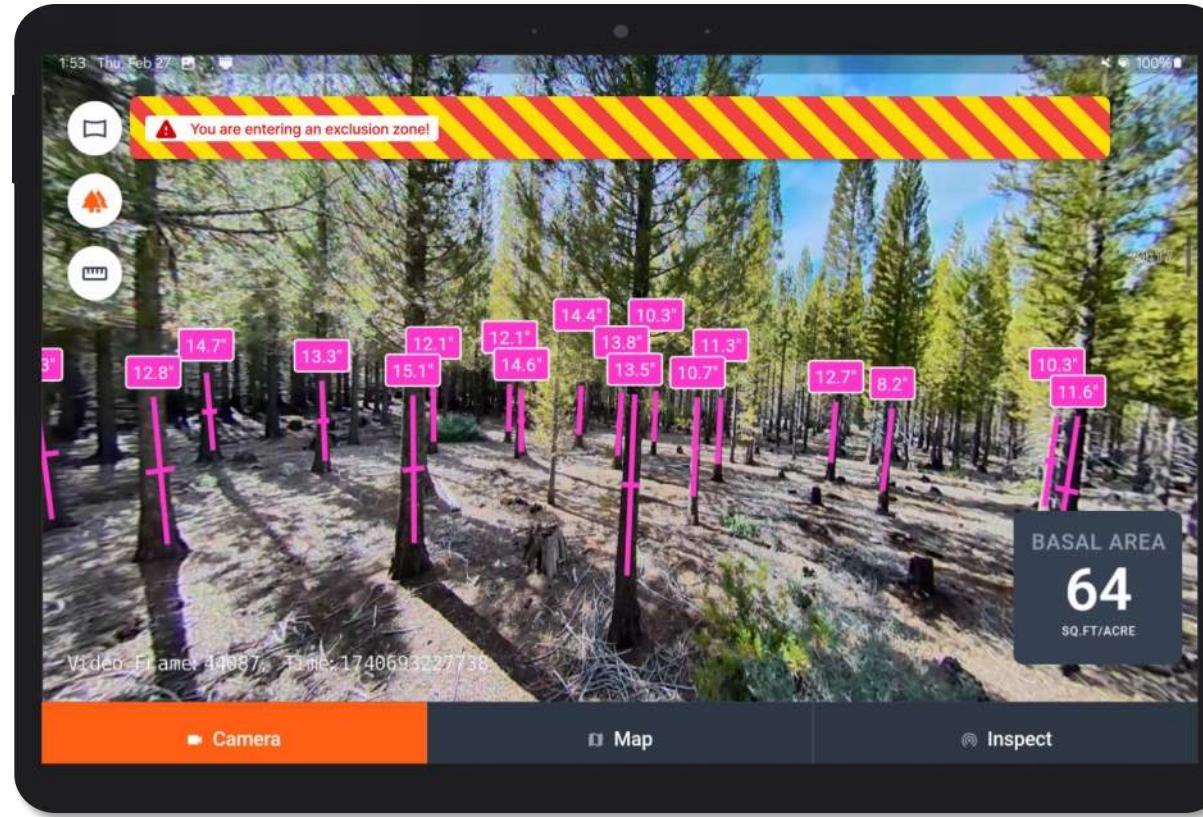
Ponderosa pine
Pinus ponderosa
165 ft



Lodgepole pine
Pinus contorta
100 ft

Technoeconomics of **species**

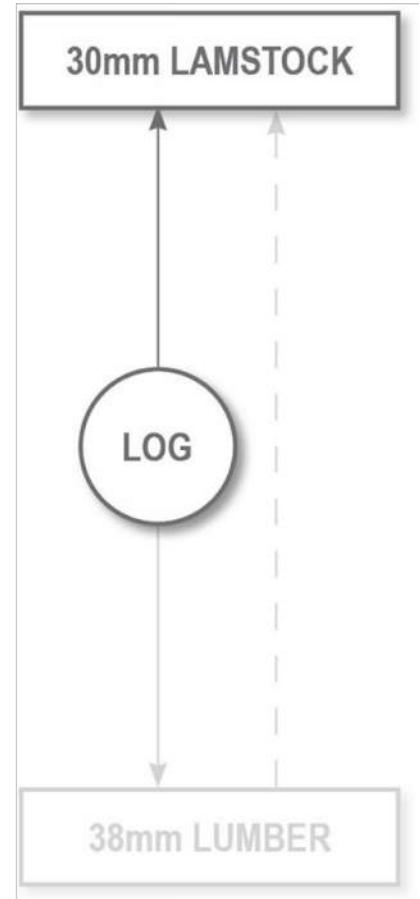
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Technoeconomics of **restoration**

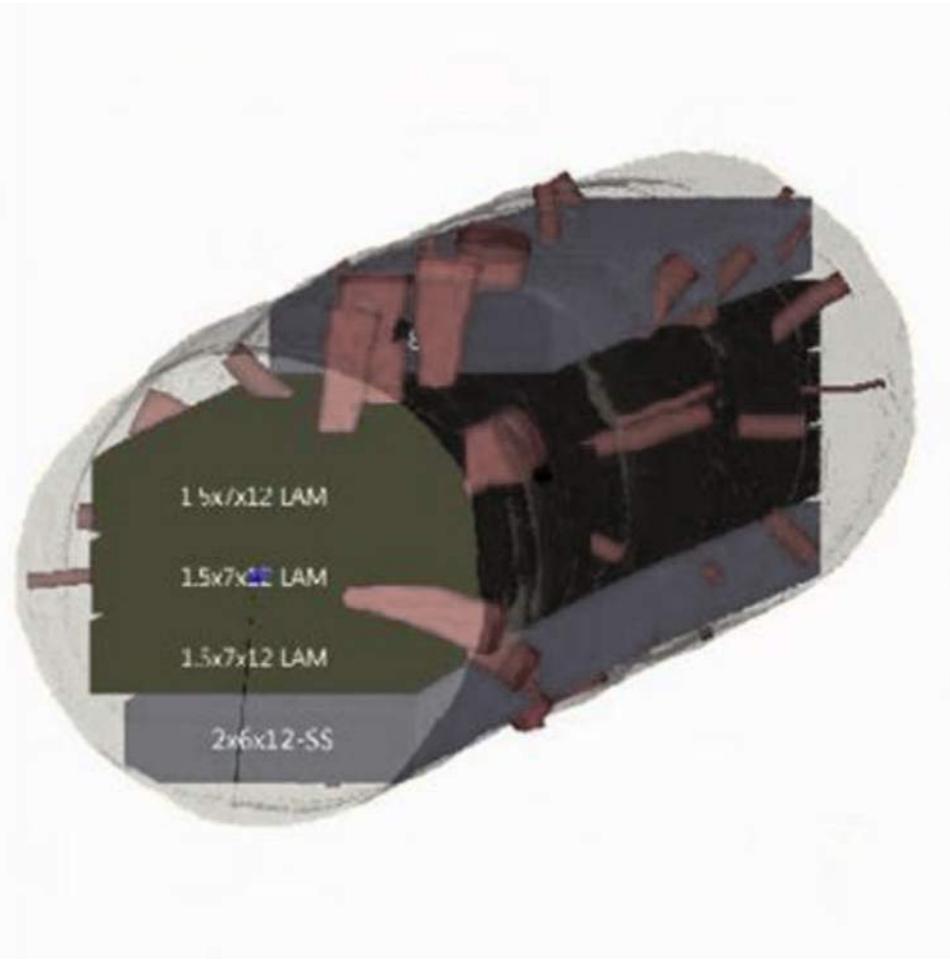
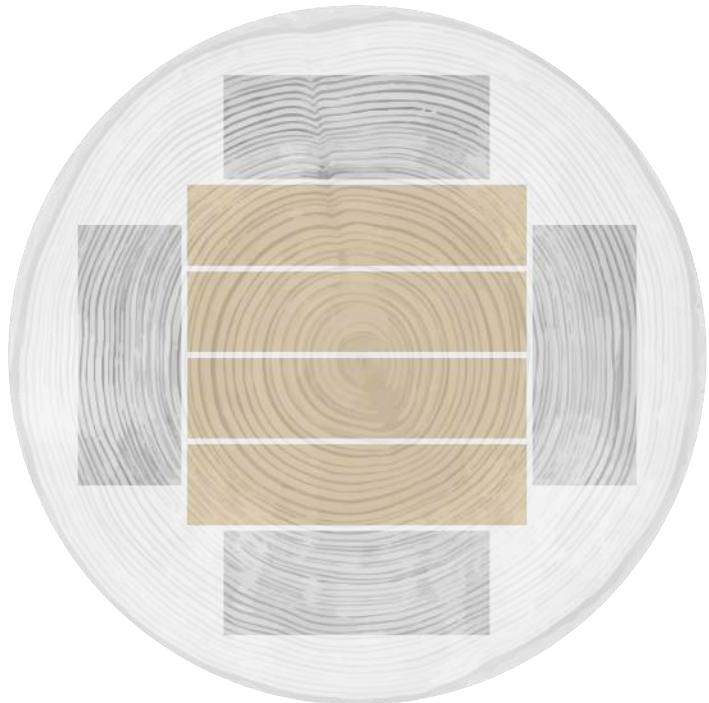
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Technoeconomics of **grading** and **sorting**

Strategic Intent: Connect natural environment offtakes with built environment offtakes



Technoeconomics of **milling**

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DEVELOP 35mm and 30mm ELAM programs

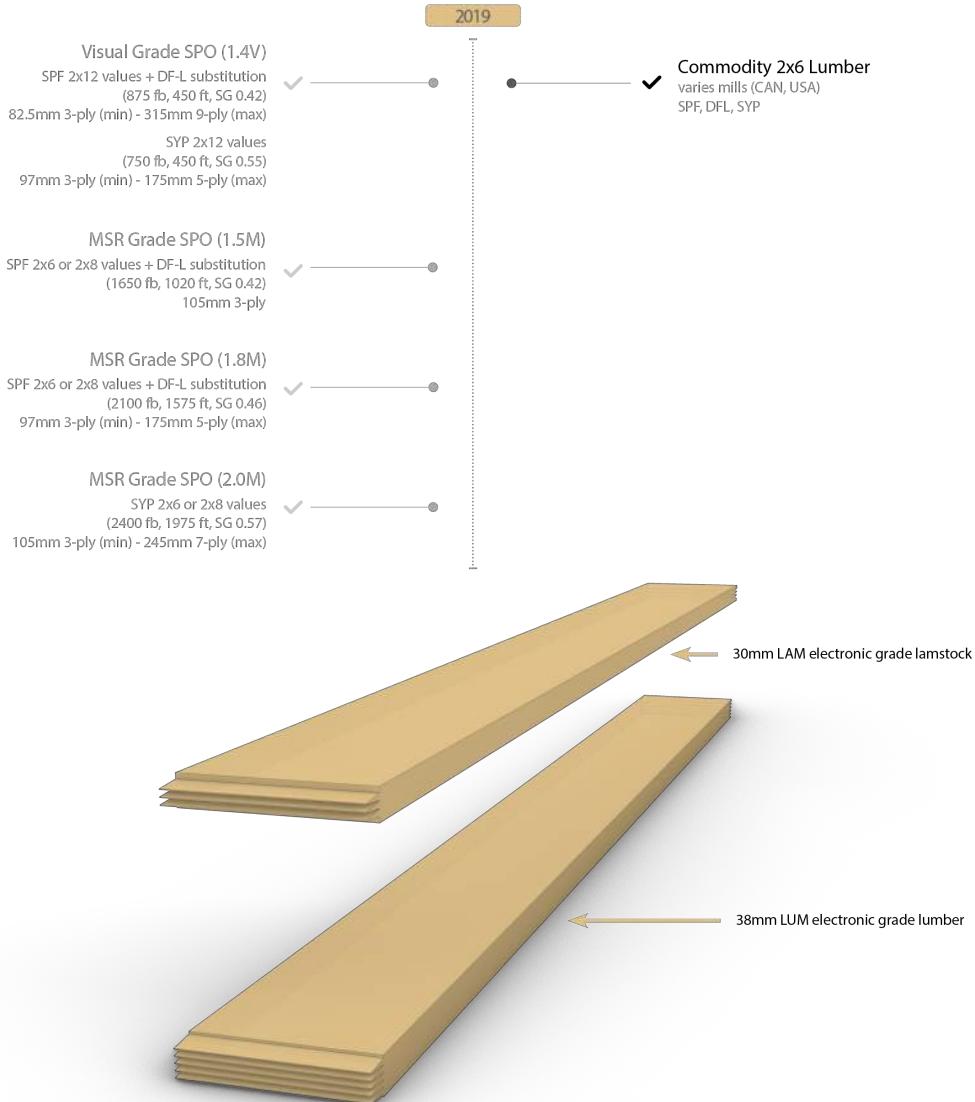
Key Takeaway: BID projects are designed on a 35mm and 17mm basis (external specification).
MOD projects will be designed on a 30mm basis (internal specification).



Technoeconomics of **manufacture**

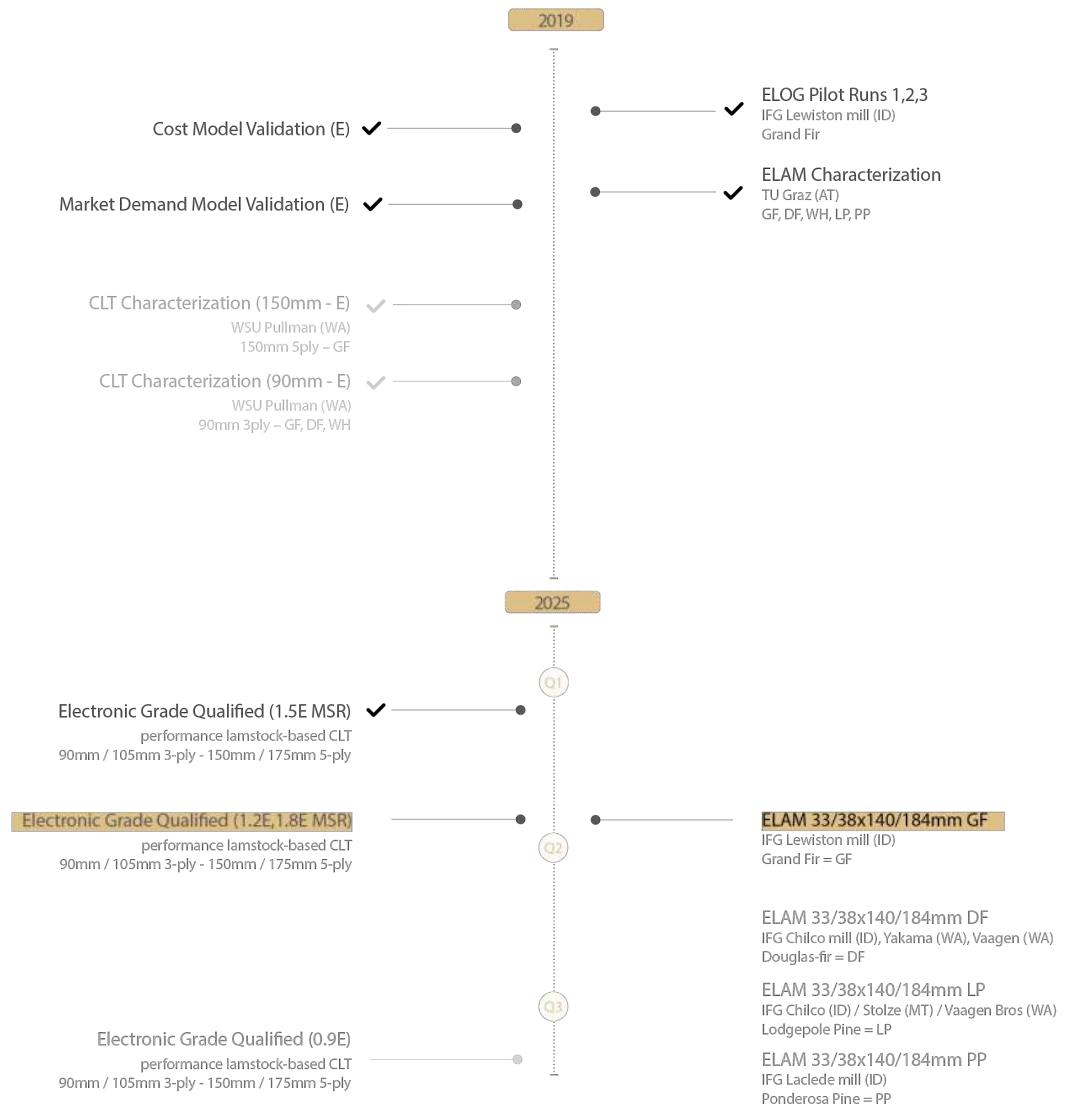
1.1 LUM = lumber development

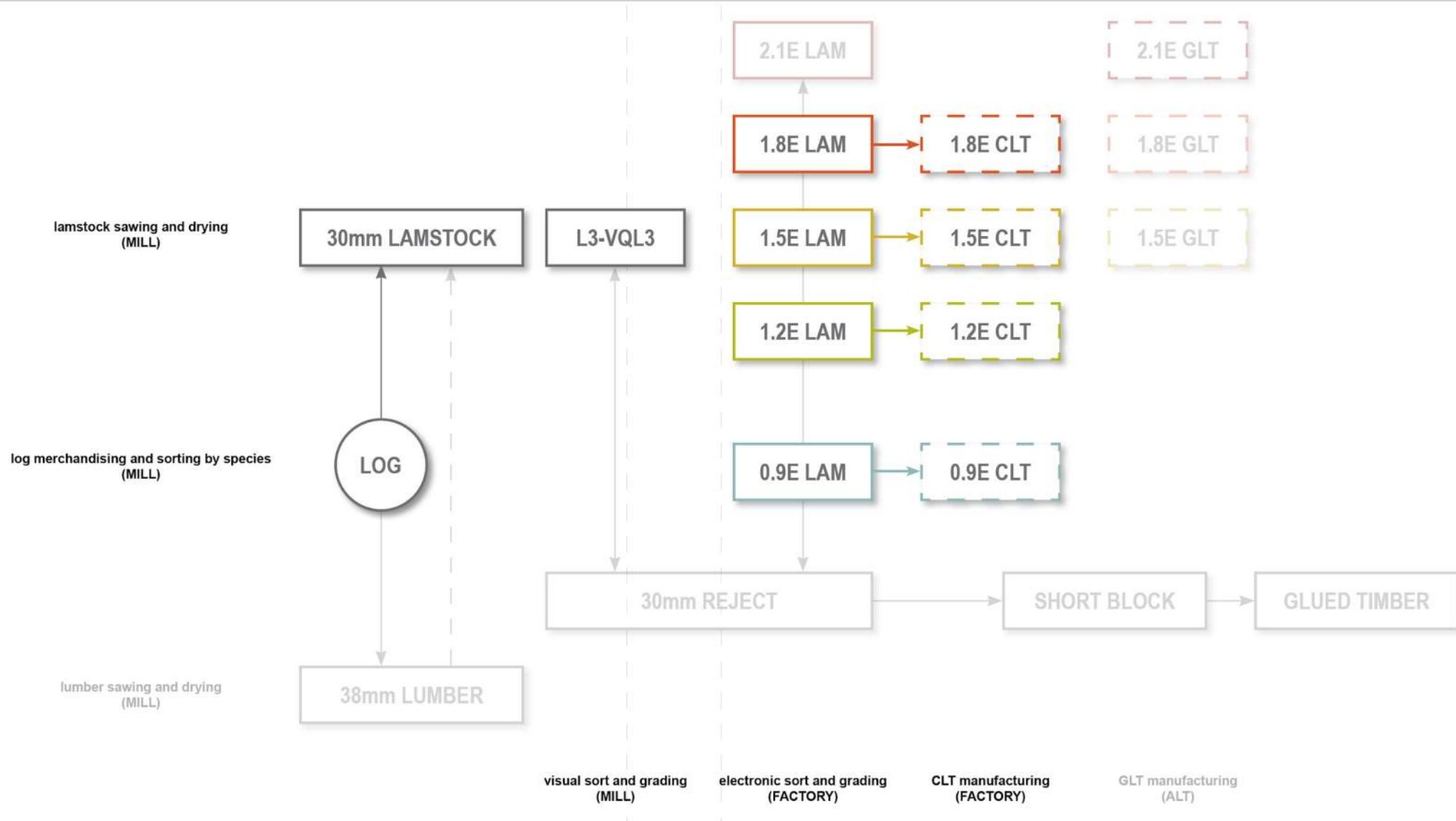
prescriptive CLT from commodity lumber (edgewise properties)



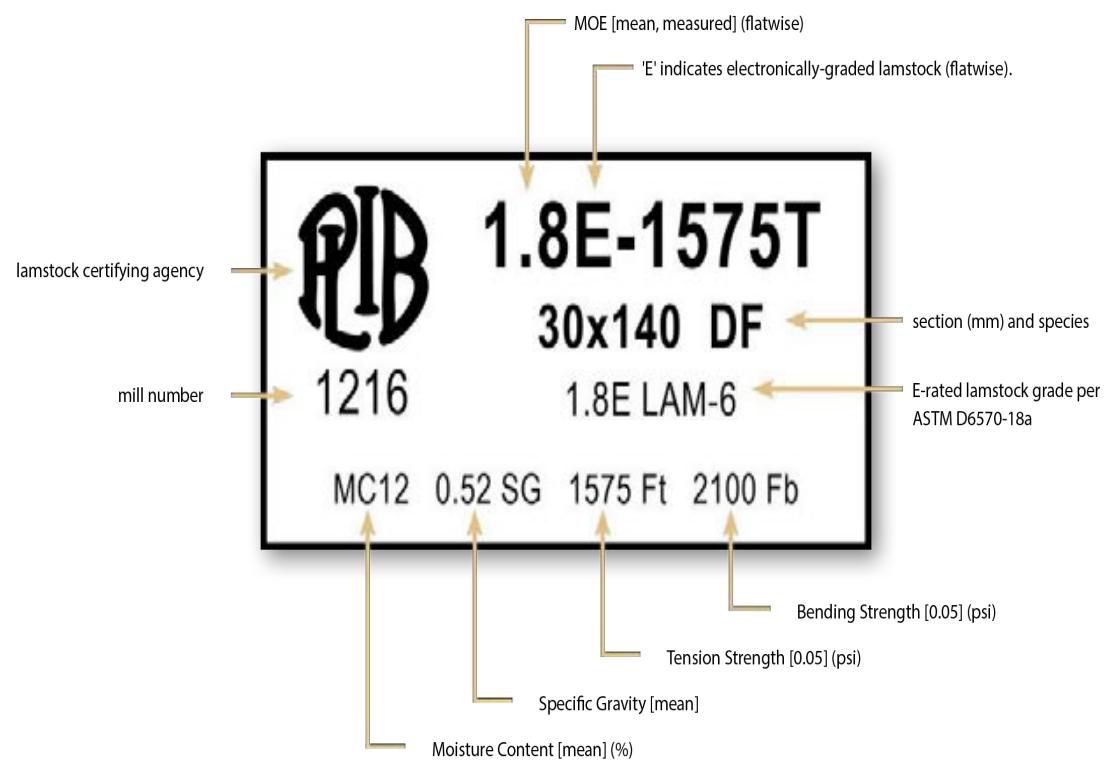
1.2 LAM = lamstock development

performance-based CLT from custom lamstock (flatwise properties)

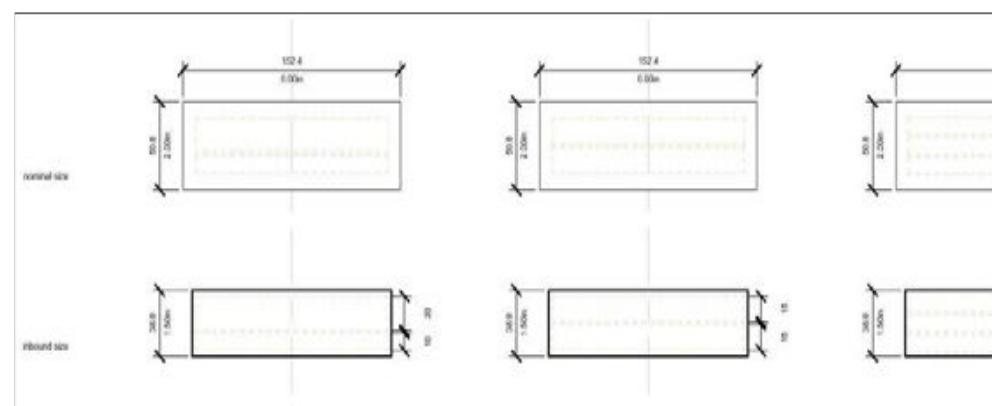
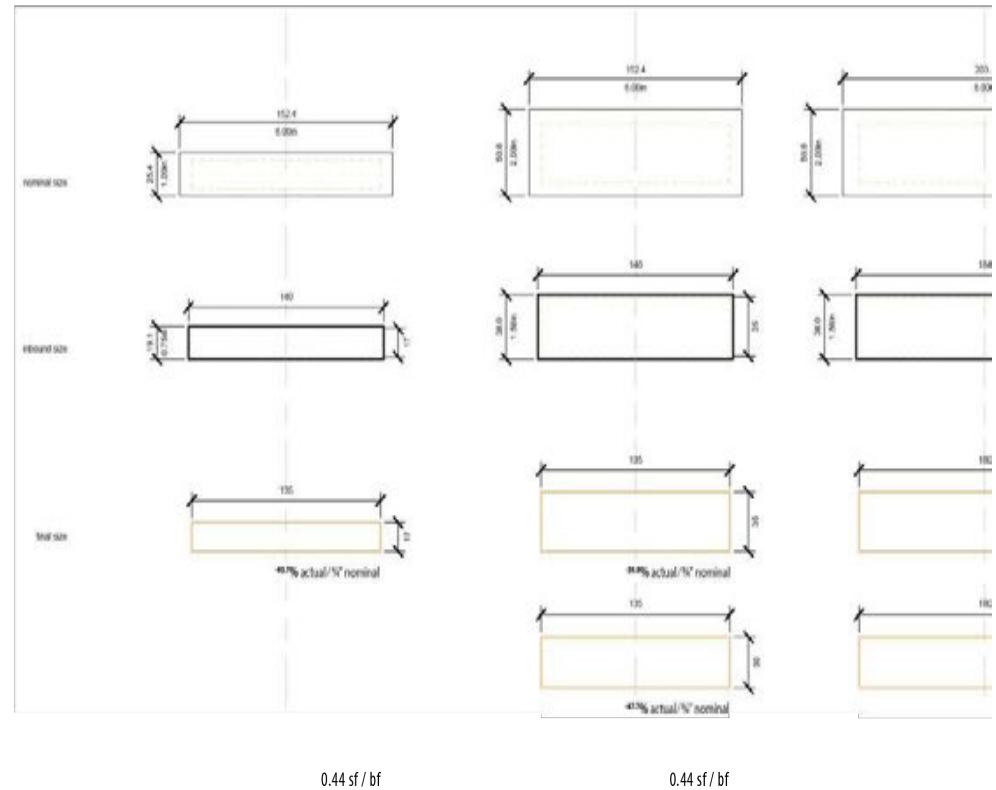




1.3 LAM electronic grades (proprietary)



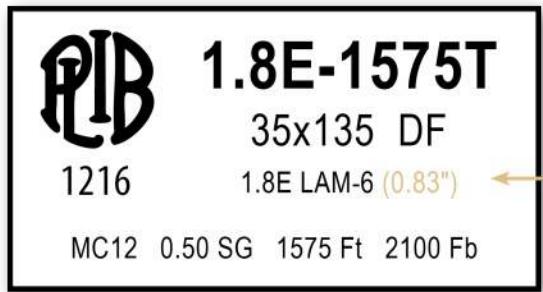
1.4 LAM sections



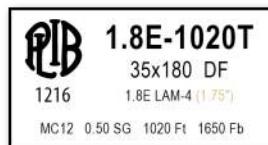
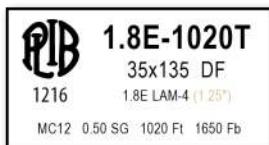
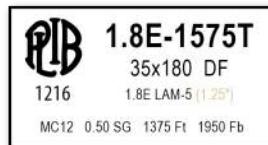
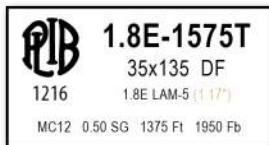
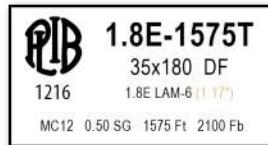
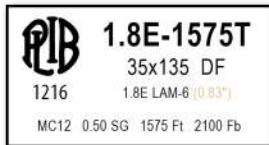
1.5 LAM strength and stiffness certifications

TABLE 1.X

ASD Design Values^(a) for Laminations Used in CLT and GLT



Normalization with external lumber grades to internal lamstock categories is possible after transformation to lamstock in the factories. All incoming lumber is sorted and remediated to lamstock specifications without negating the external strength and stiffness grading.

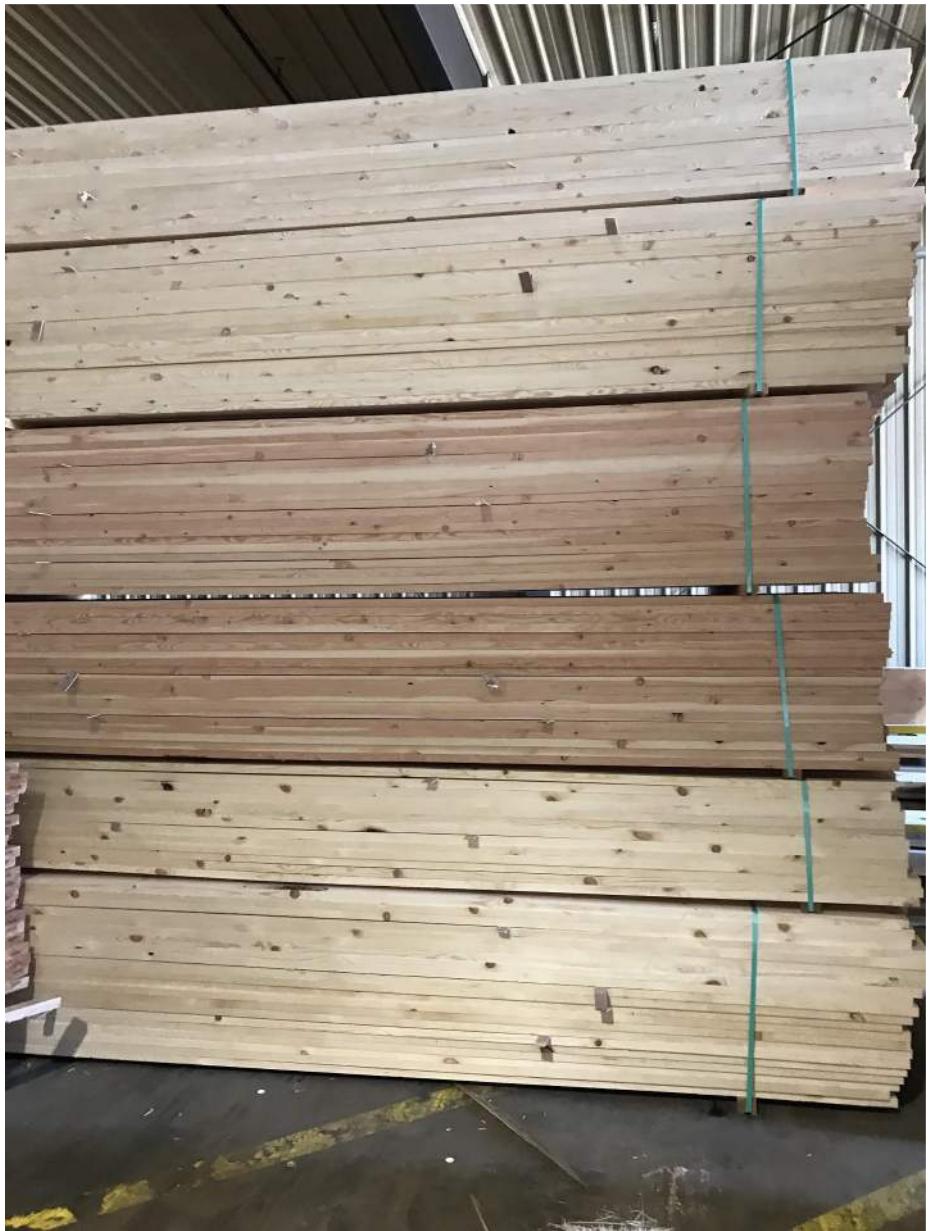
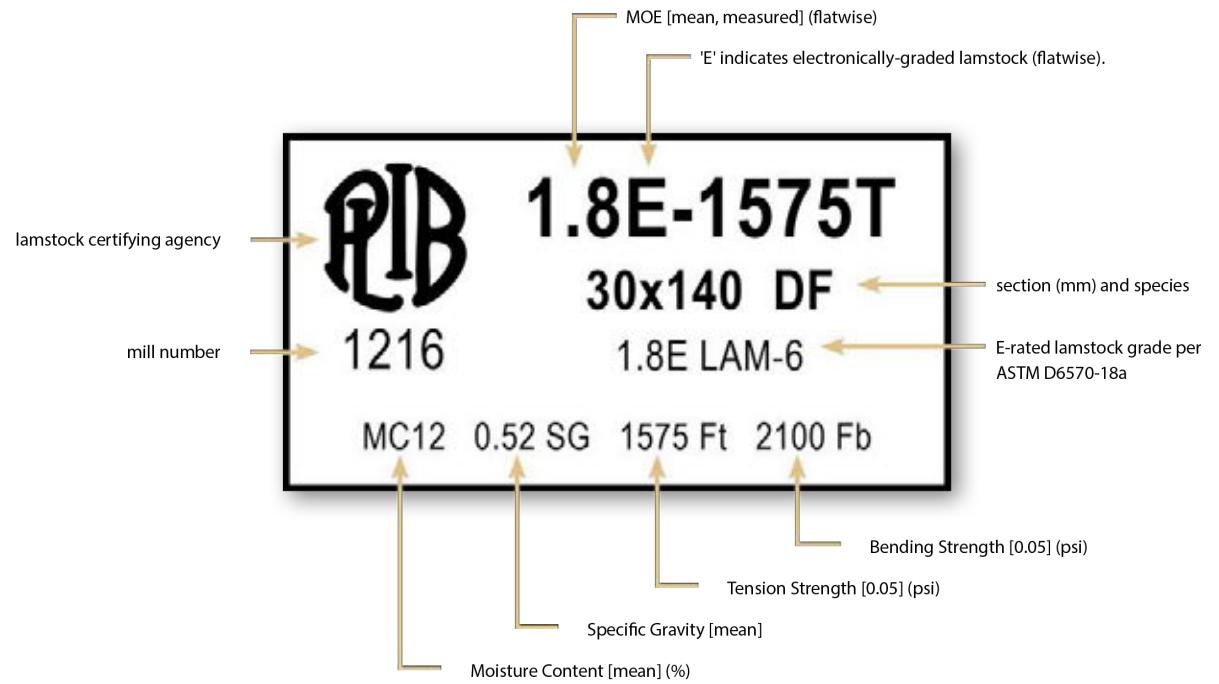


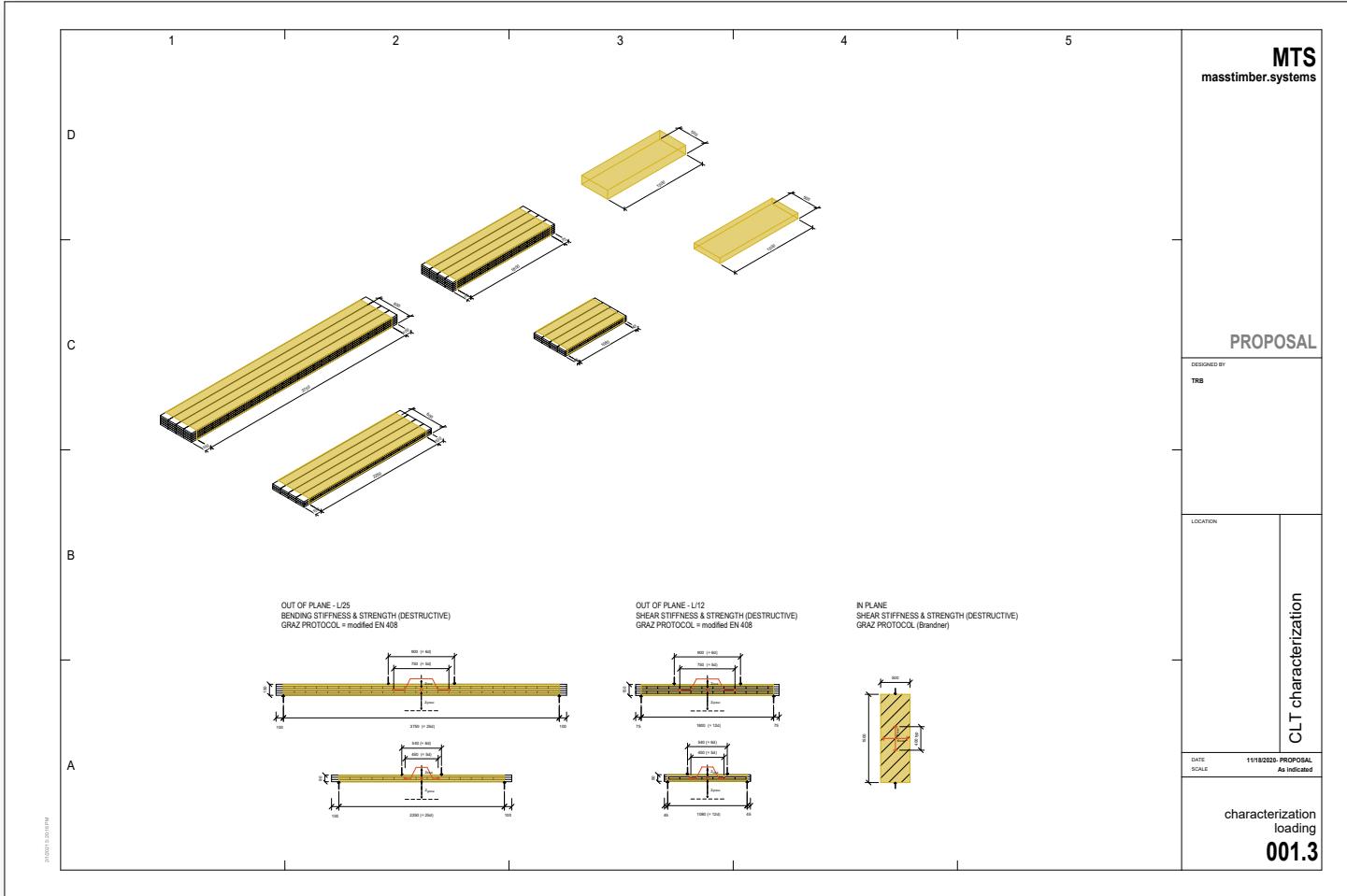
Allowable Design Properties for Laminations Used in CLT						
LAM Grade	Laminations Used in Major and Minor Strength Directions (minimum properties allowed)					
	E (10 ⁶ psi)	f _t (psi)	f _b (psi)	f _c (psi)	SG	f _{v,0.5} (psi)
2.1E-2050T	2.10	2050	2550	2037		
2.1E-1575T	2.10	1575	2100	1869		
2.0E-1925T	2.00	1925	2400	1981		
1.9E-1750T	1.90	1750	2250	1925		
1.8E-1575T	1.80	1575	2100	1869		
1.8E-1375T	1.80	1375	1950	1813		
1.8E-1020T	1.80	1020	1650	1701		
1.5E-1575T	1.50	1575	2100	1869		
1.5E-1375T	1.50	1375	1950	1813		
1.5E-1020T	1.50	1020	1650	1701		
1.5E-0750T	1.50	750	1250	1552		
1.5E-0500T	1.50	500	900	1421		
1.2E-1375T	1.20	1375	1950	1813		
1.2E-1020T	1.20	1020	1650	1701		
1.2E-0750T	1.20	750	1250	1552		
1.2E-0500T	1.20	500	900	1421		
1.2E-0350T	1.20	350	750	1365		
0.9E-0750T	0.90	750	1250	1552		
0.9E-0500T	0.90	500	900	1421		
0.9E-0350T	0.90	350	750	1365		

$f_v = 1.06 \times SG + 40$ $f_c = 1.053 \times SG - 400$

ASTM D6570-18a X^{1,1} ASTM D6570-18a X^{1,2}

0.36 136 331
0.38 141 376
0.40 146 421
0.42 152 466
0.44 157 511
0.46 162 556
0.48 168 601
0.50 173 646
0.52 178 691
0.54 184 736
0.56 189 781
0.58 194 826

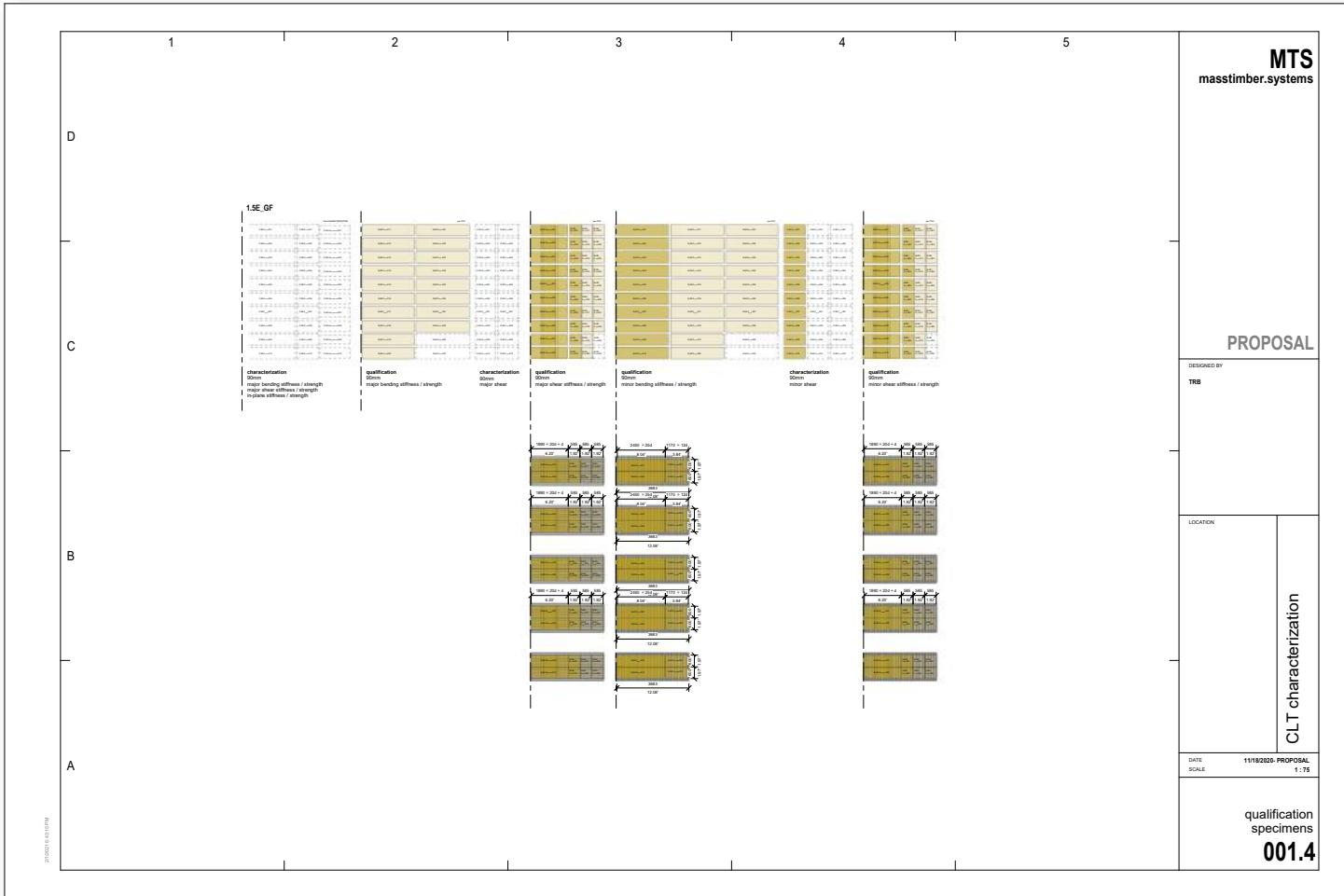




CLT characterization

out-of-plane BENDING strength and stiffness
out-of-plane SHEAR strength and stiffness
in-plane SHEAR strength and stiffness

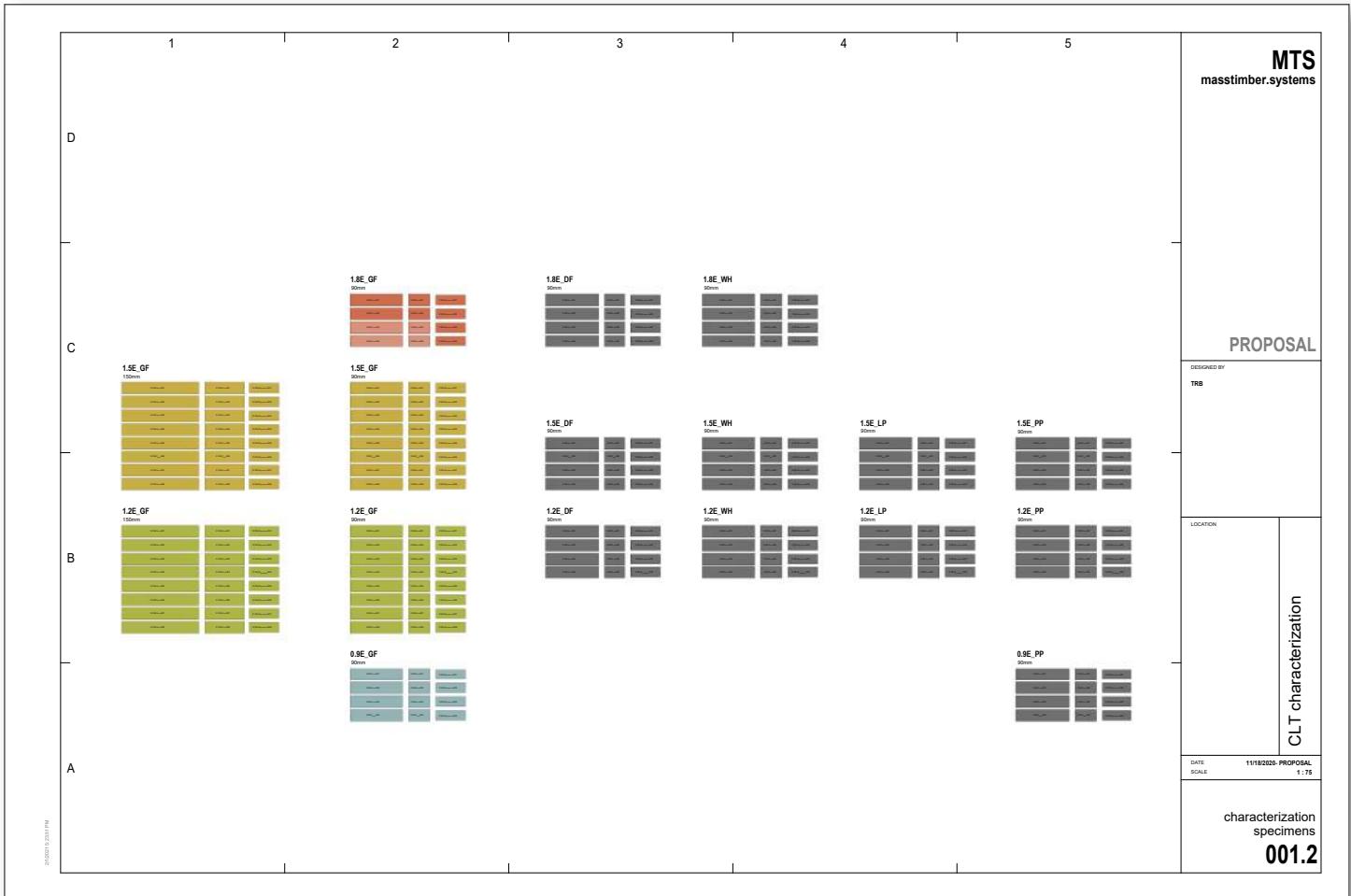




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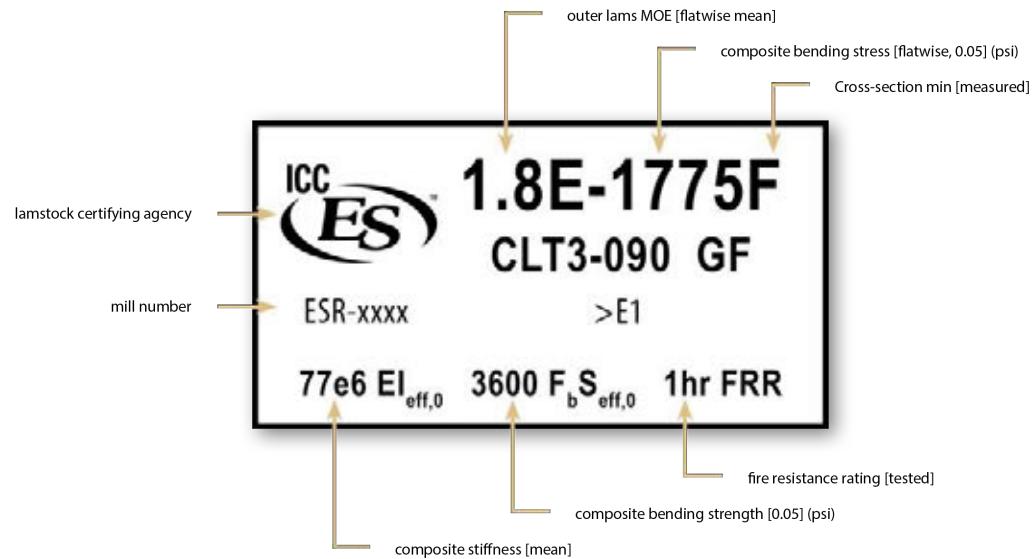


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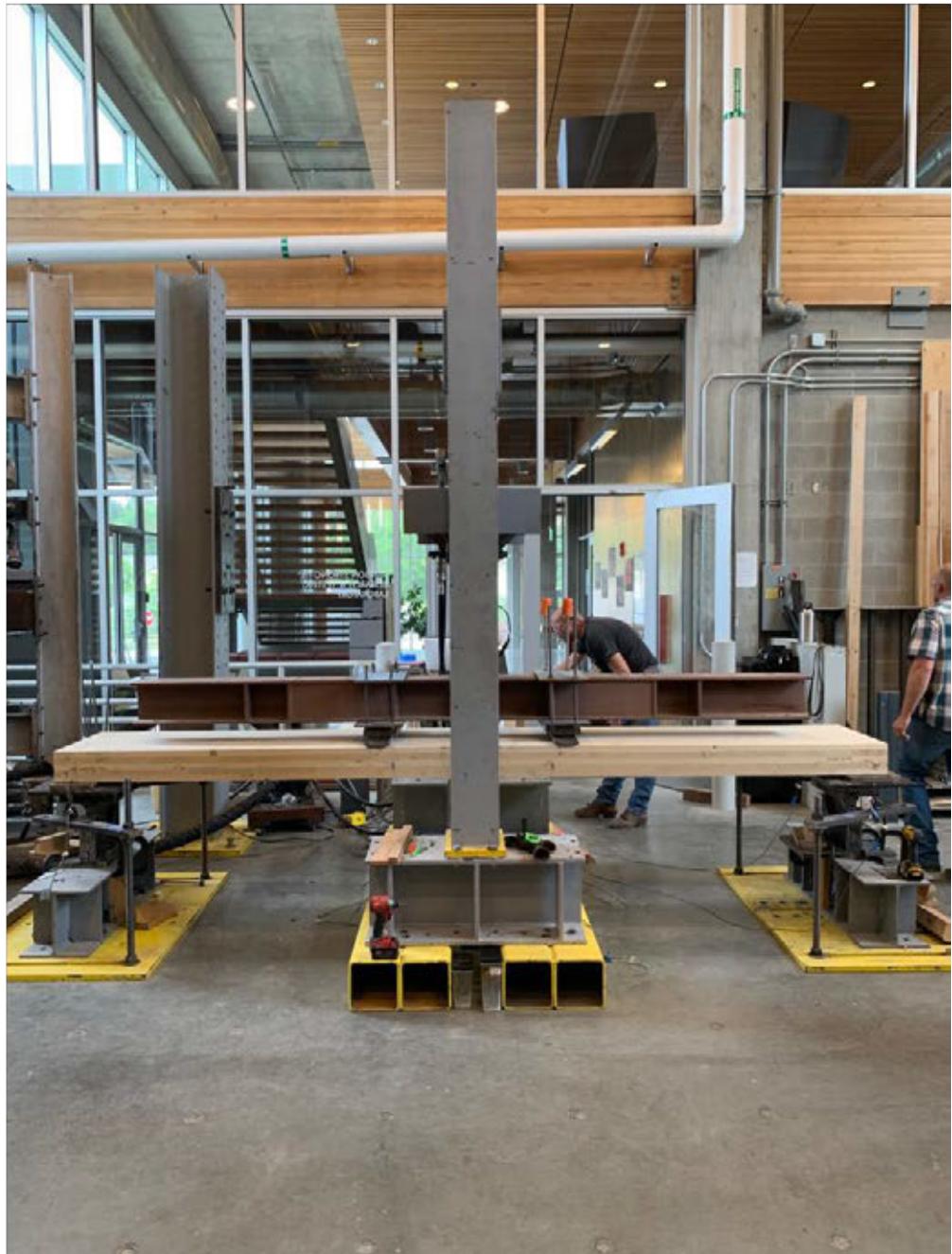
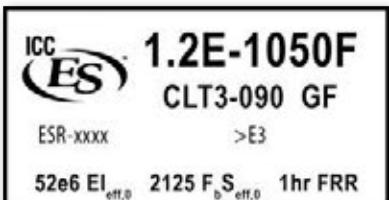
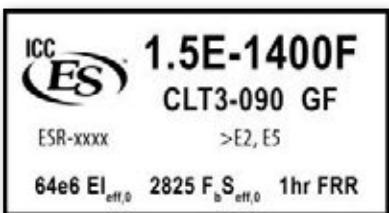
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1.6 CLT strength and stiffness certifications

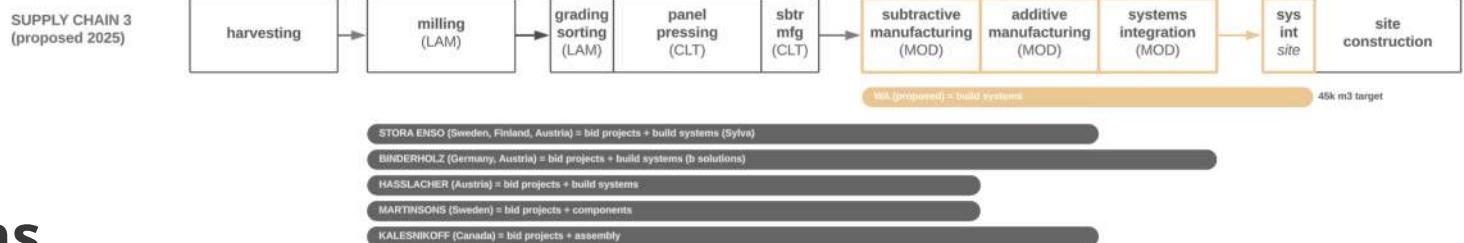
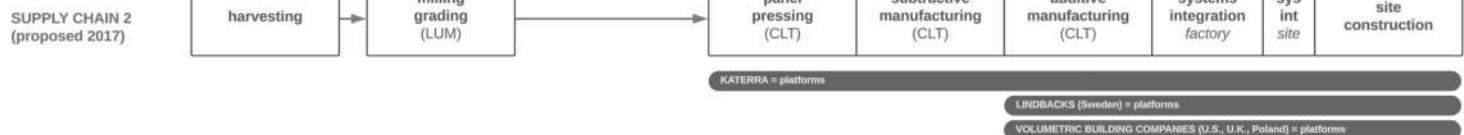
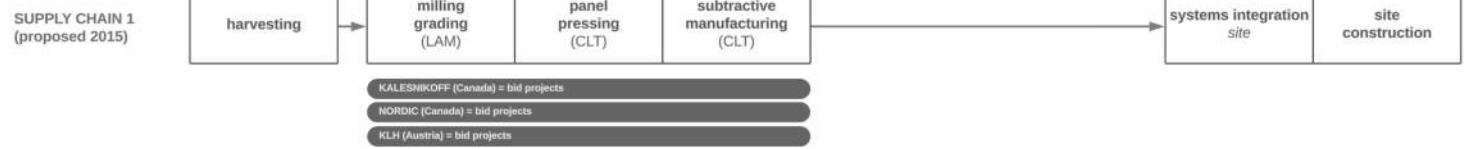
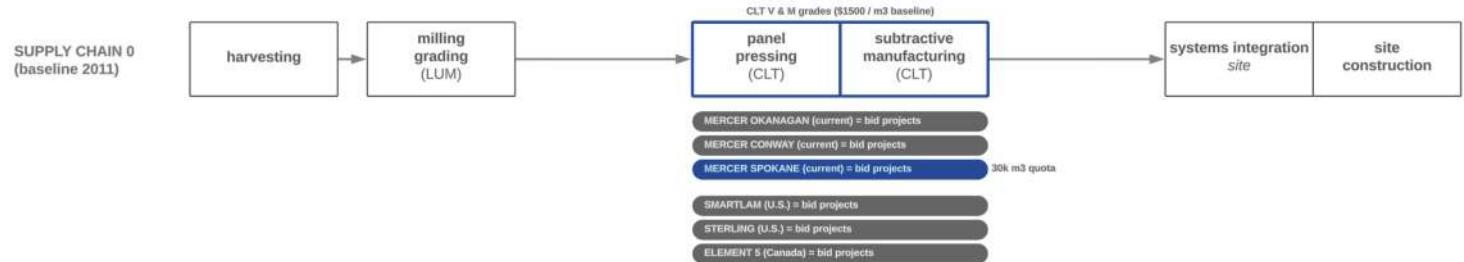


Like lamstock, stiffness and strength classes can be established for composite sections of CLT and GLT. This normalization is similar to prescriptive glulam grades in published standards and allows normalization of material performance parameters. Design values for each section and species combinations are clearly noted at the bottom of the grade stamp. The complexity of the multiple agency and standards pathways is captured in the overarching ICC-ES product report.



Strategic Intent: Add CLT production dedicated to modular.

1. Existing CLT production serves **BID** project growth
2. New CLT production serves **MOD** project growth



Technoeconomics of **value chains**

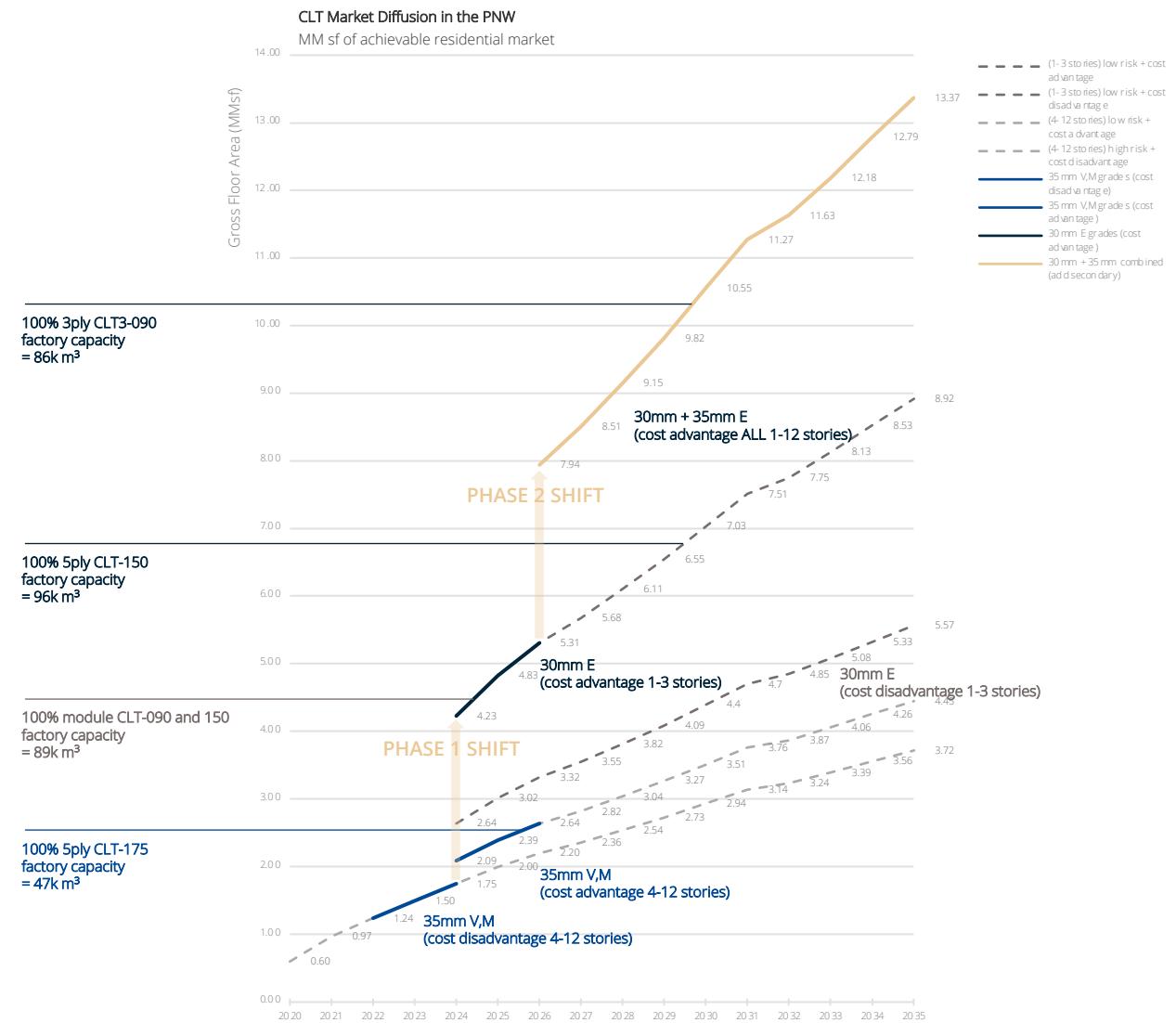
Key Takeaway: Modular (MOD) projects are a market expansion strategy to complement existing design-bid-build (BID) projects.

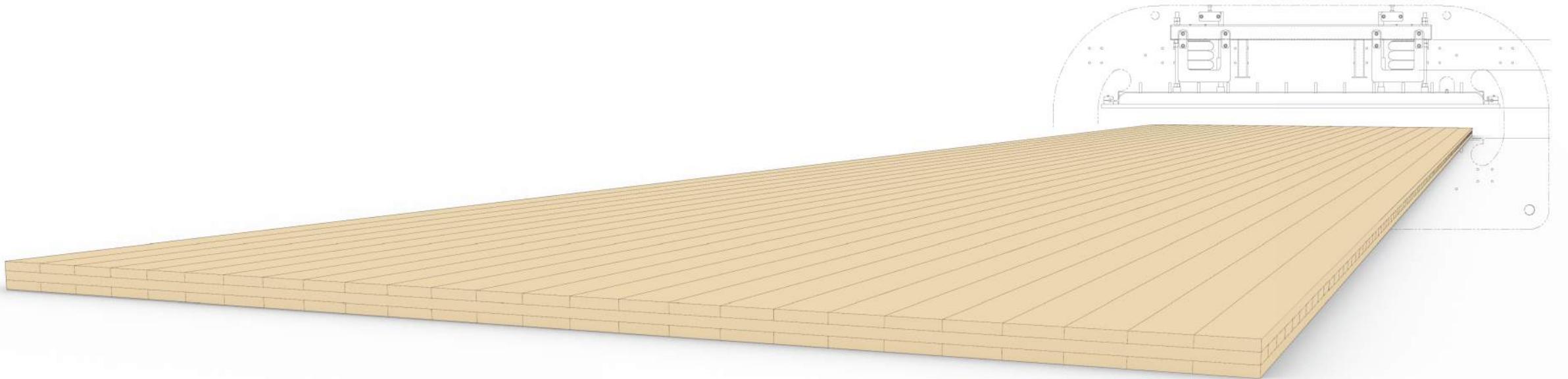
Strategic Intent: Increase CLT production from ~25k m³ to ~75k m³.

1. **PHASE 1 SHIFT** (2025) capitalizes existing primary manufacturing assets
2. **PHASE 2 SHIFT** (2026) capitalizes proposed secondary manufacturing assets
 - PNW market diffusion models by Beyreuther, Ganguly 2016-2020 model

Technoeconomics of **scale**

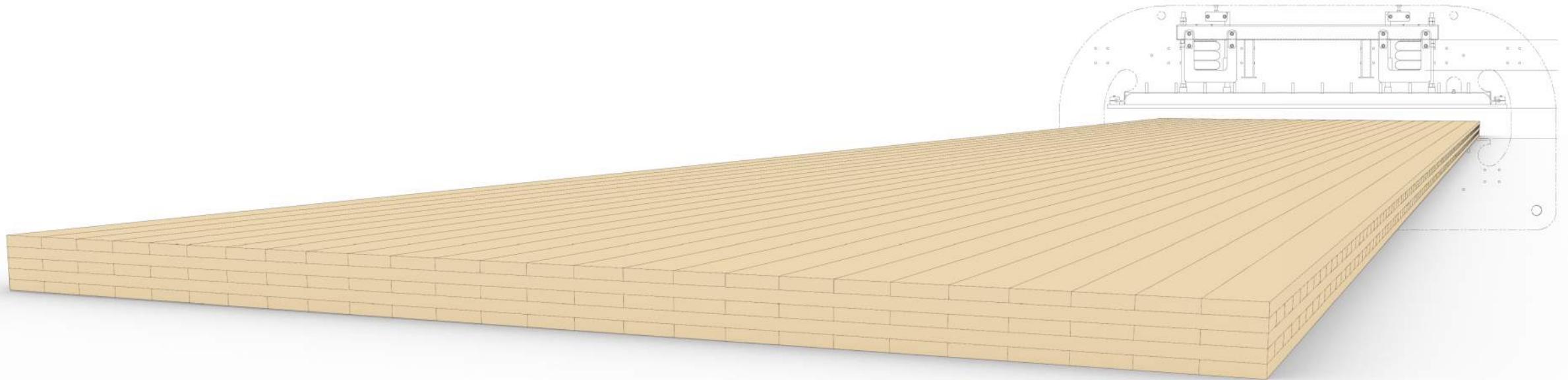
Key Takeaway: MOD projects on 30mm basis complement BID projects on 35mm basis.





Technoeconomics of **manufacture**

Strategic Intent: Increase utilization in CLT production processes



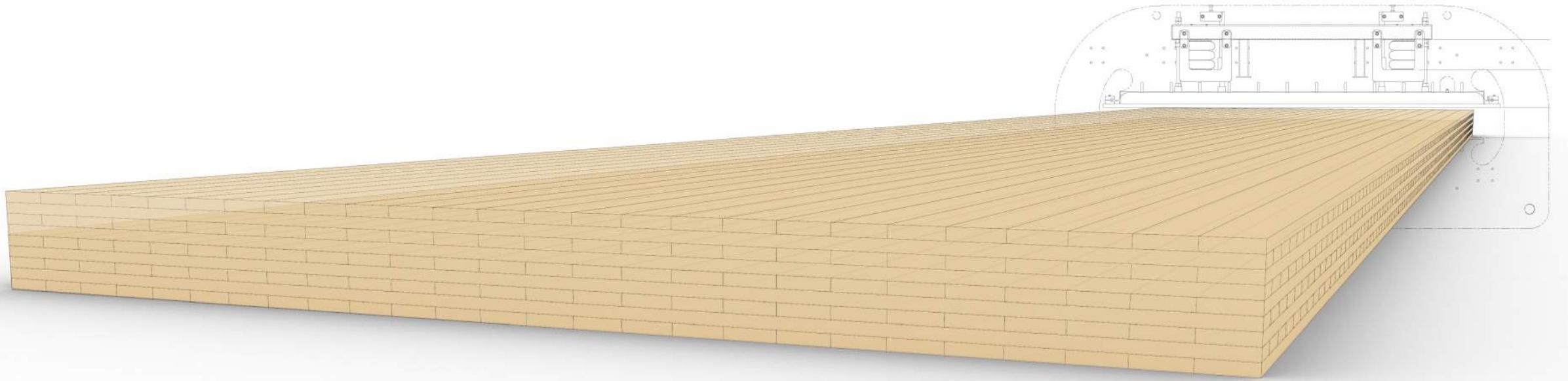
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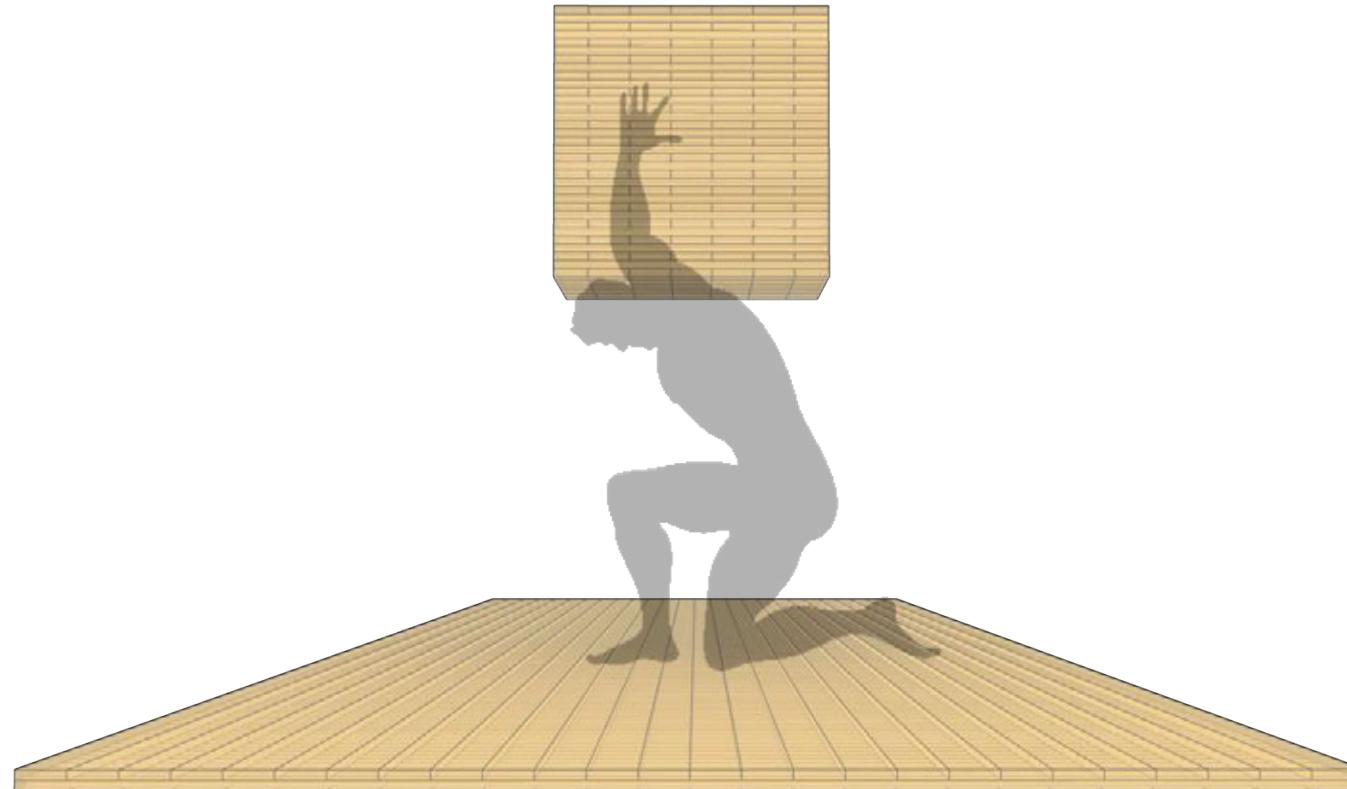
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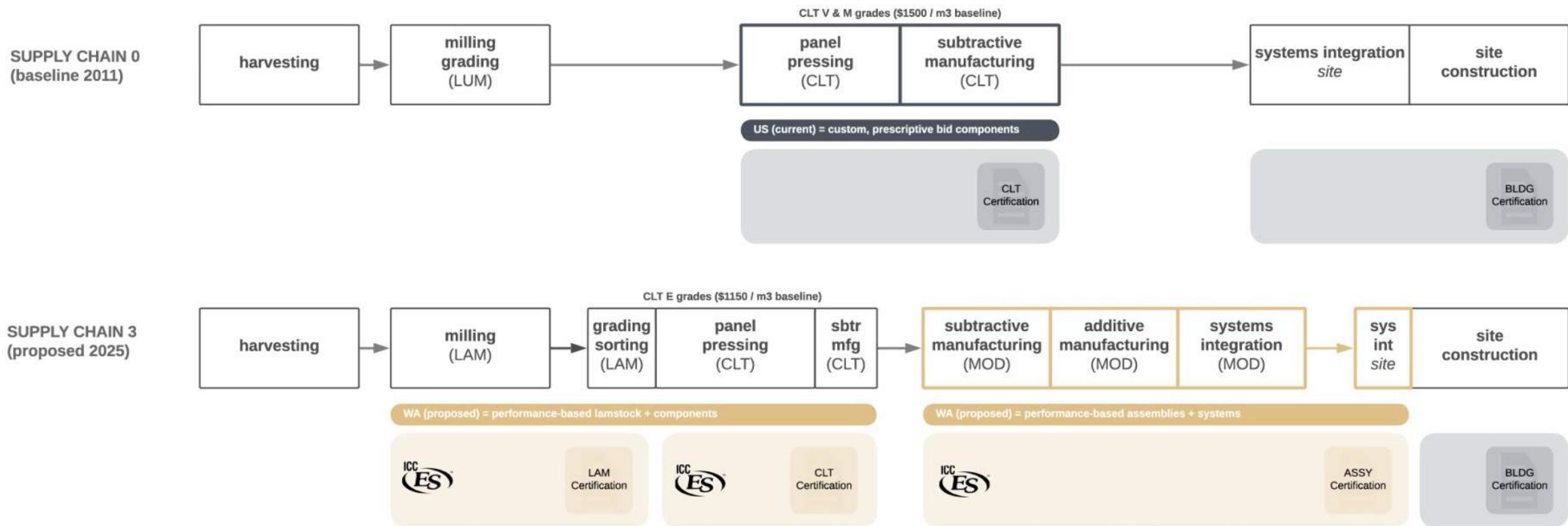
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Strategic Intent: Increase utilization in CLT production processes



Key Takeaway: Modular (MOD) projects are a market expansion strategy to complement existing design-bid-build (BID) projects.



POST and BEAM

GLT columns, beams, purlins

CLT one-way floor plates



POST and BEAM

GLT columns, beams, purlins

CLT one-way floor composite ribbed plates



POST and BEAM

GLT columns, beams, purlins

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BEARING WALL

CLT walls

CLT floor plates



POST and PANEL

GLT columns

CLT floor plates (two-way)

CFS non-structural infill

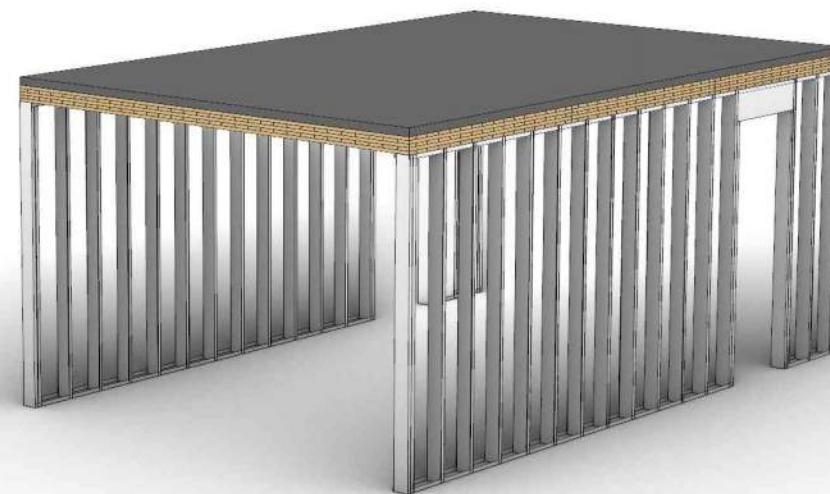


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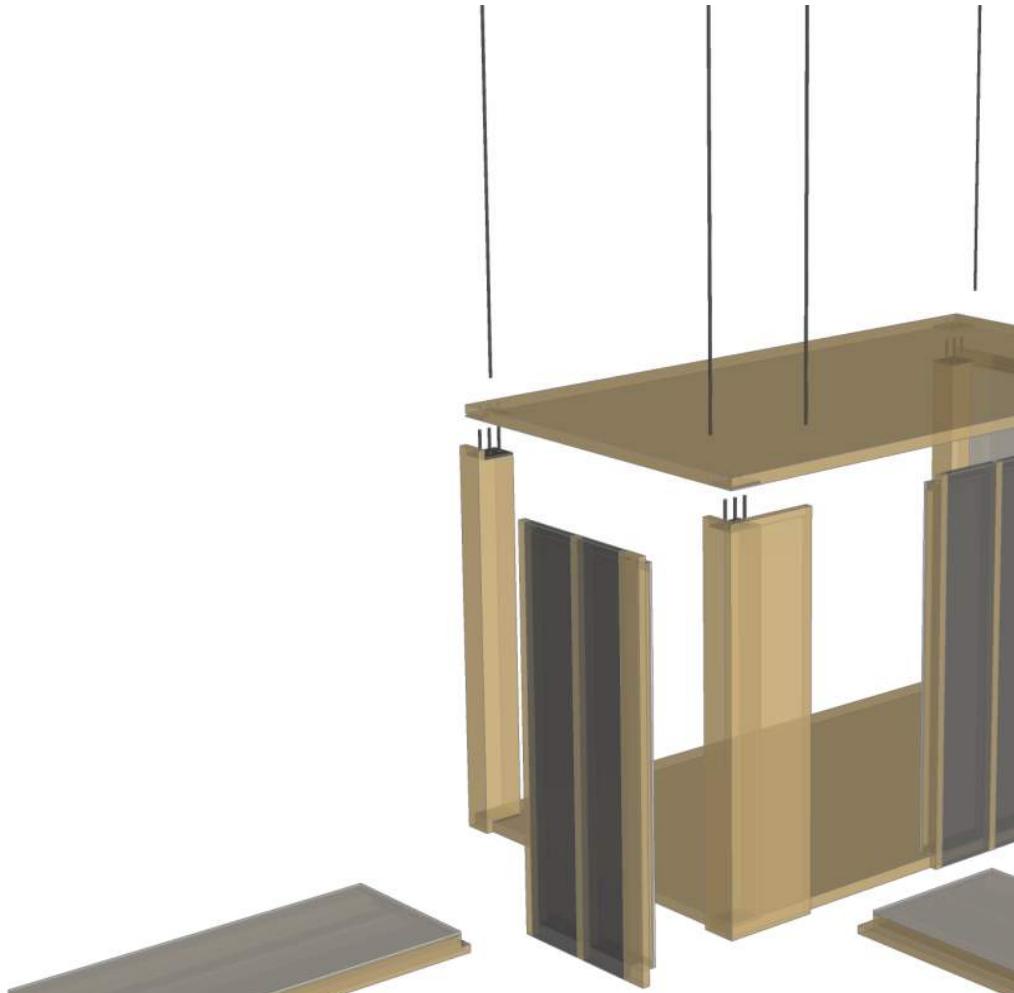
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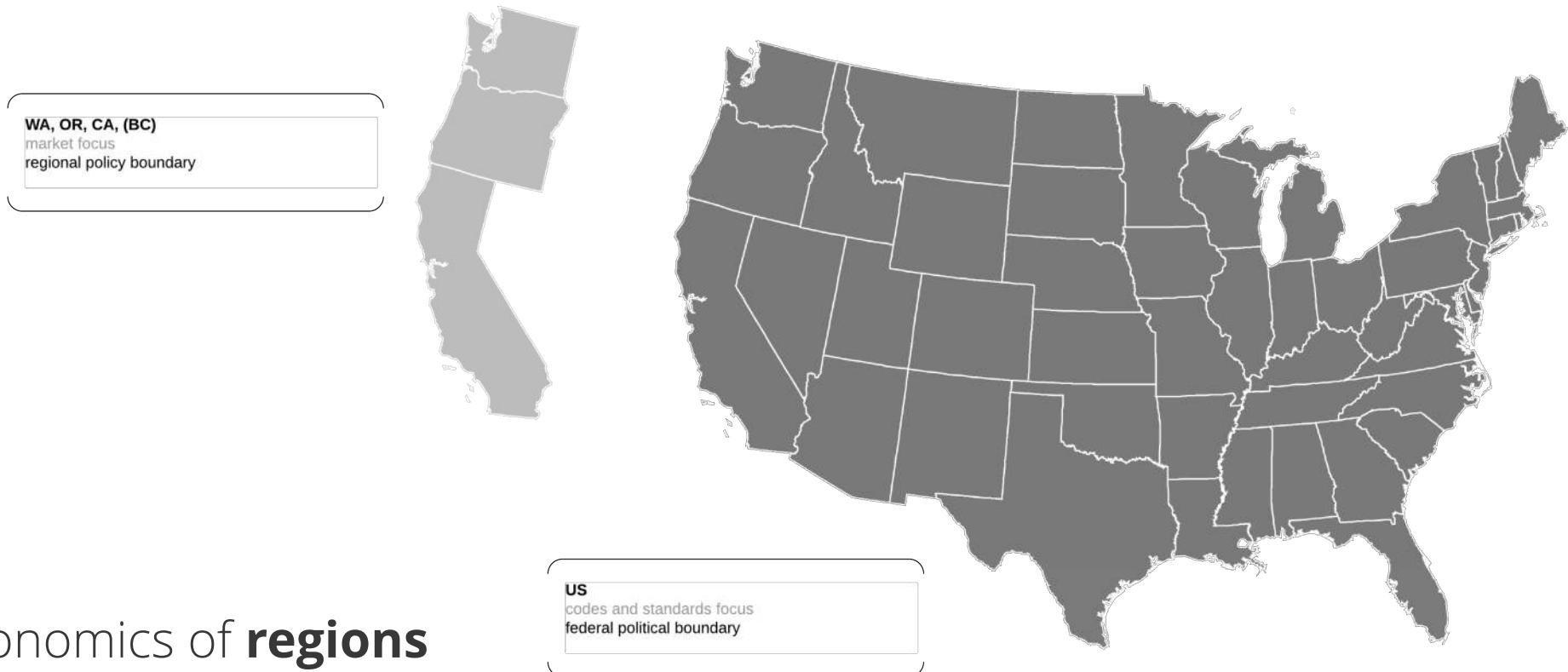
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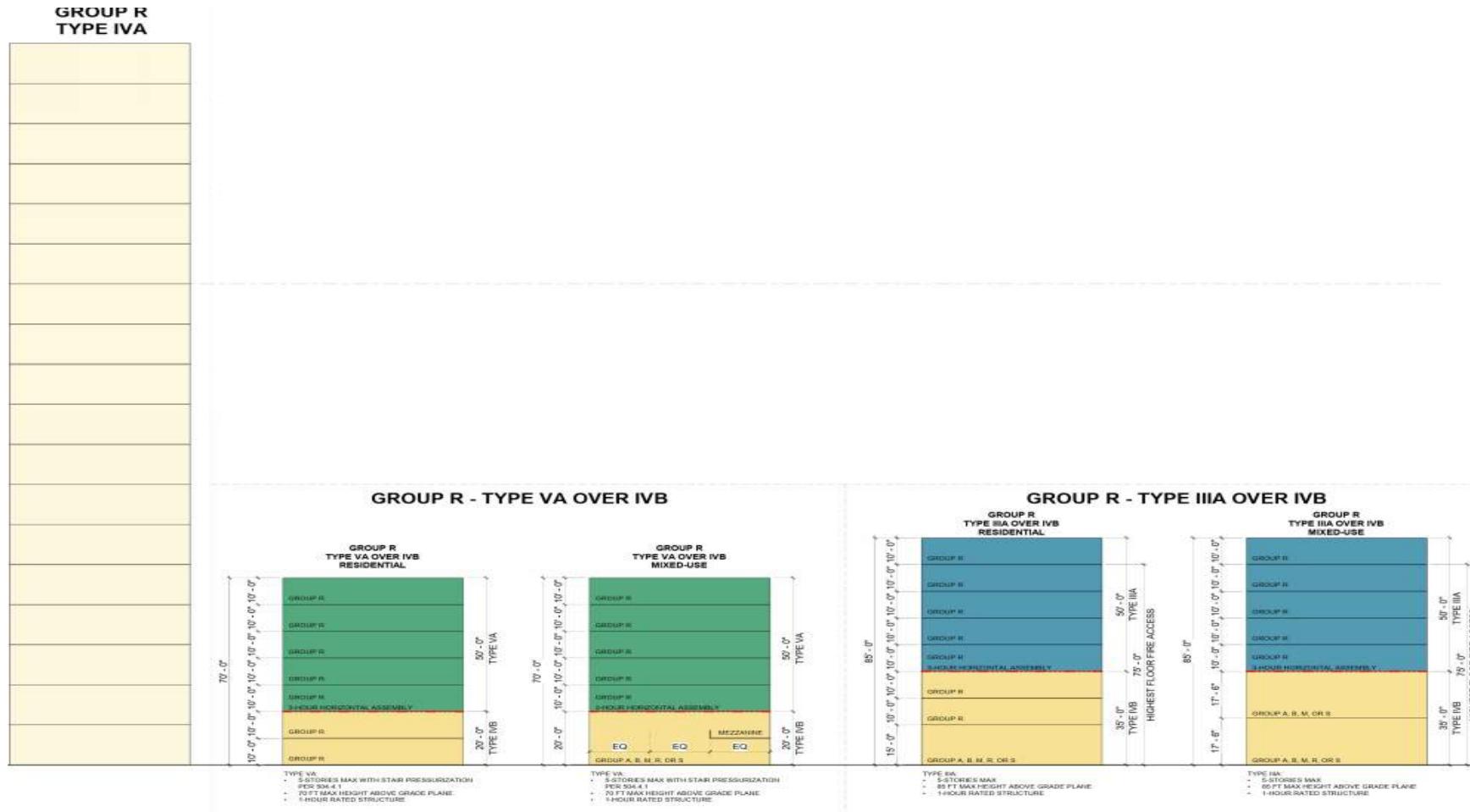


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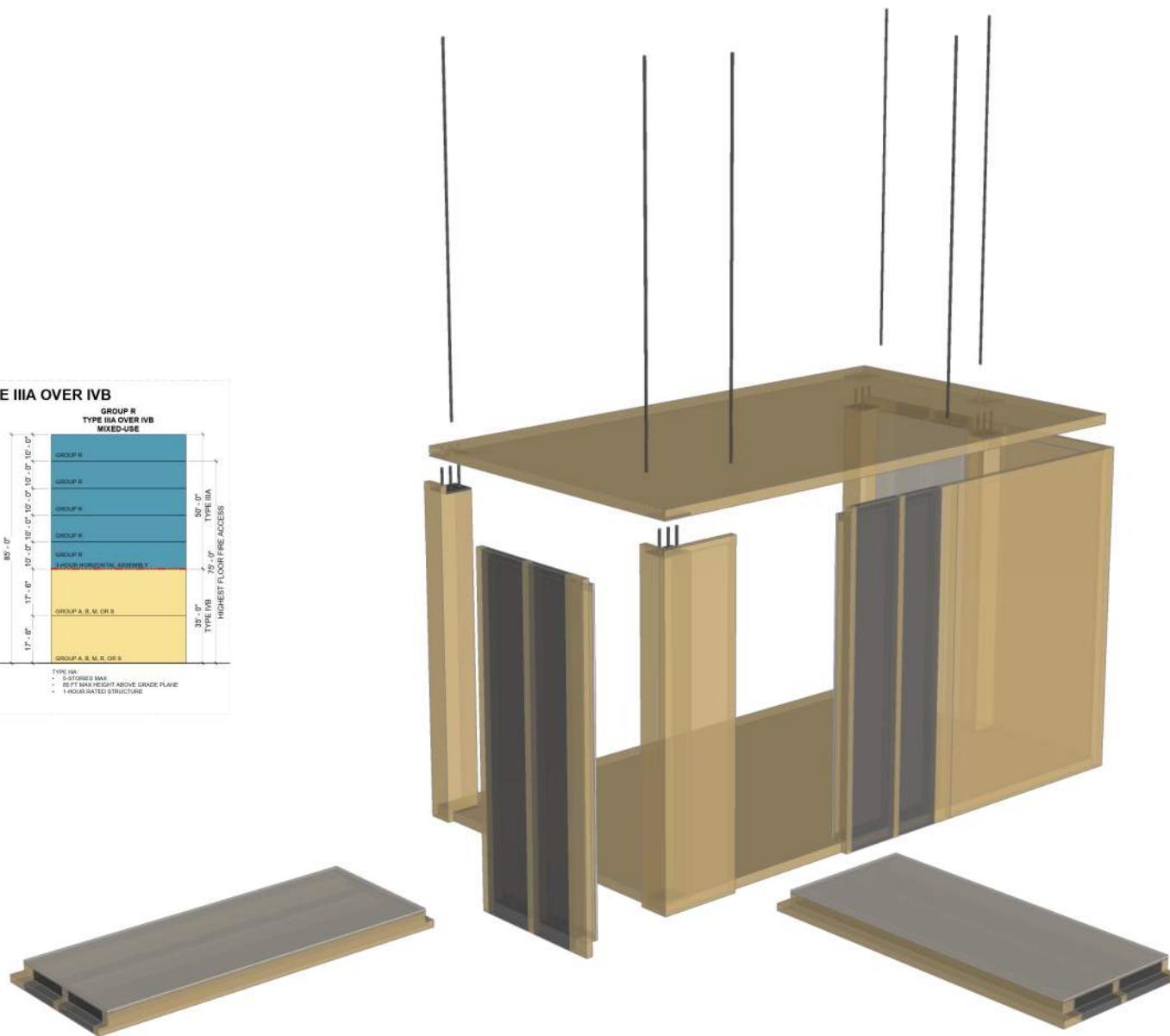
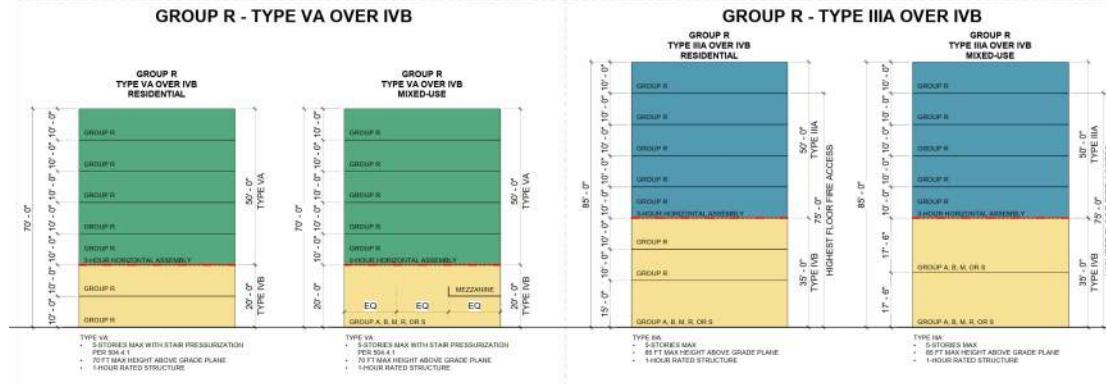
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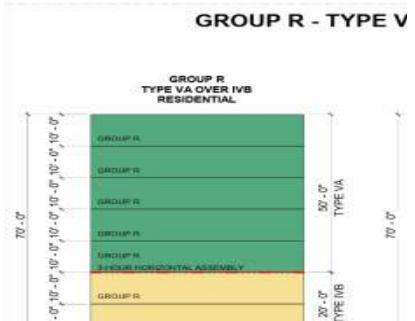
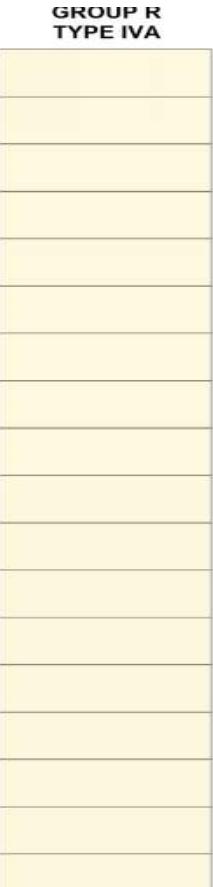


Mass Timber Code and Policy Development

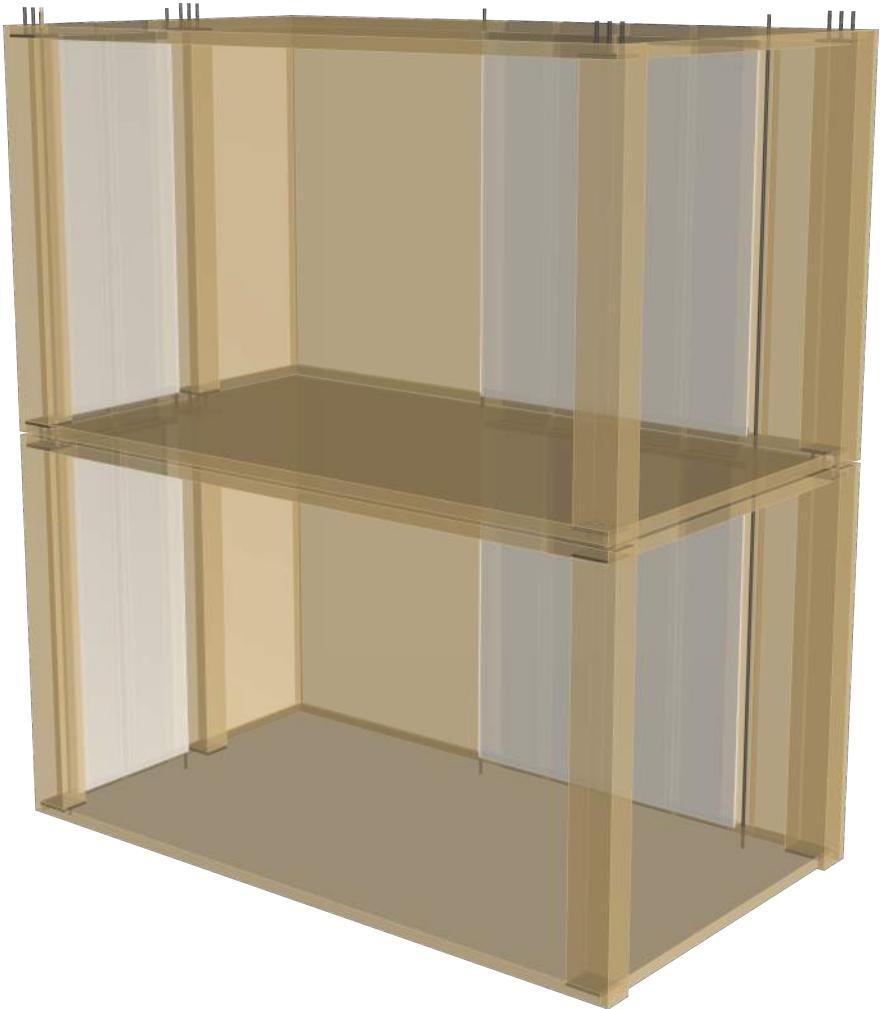


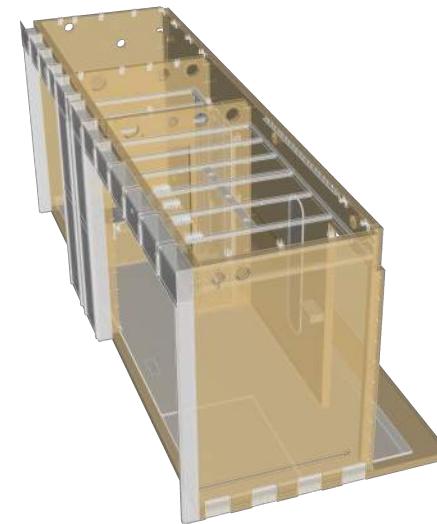
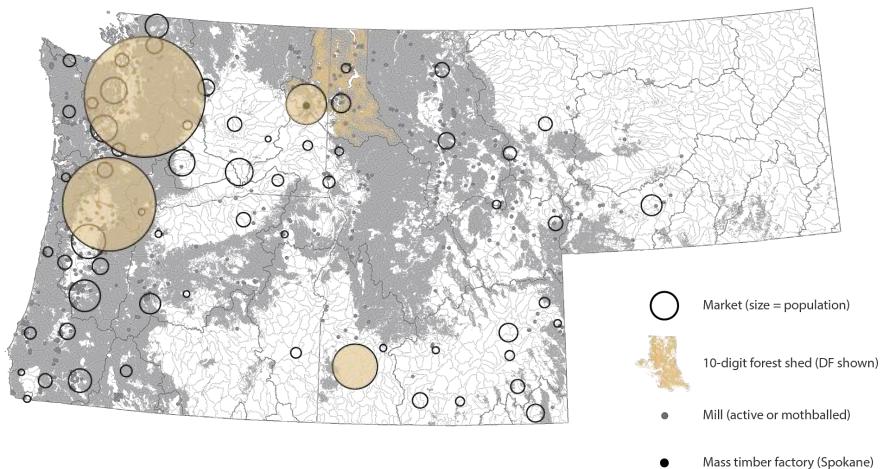
LAM – CLT – MOD





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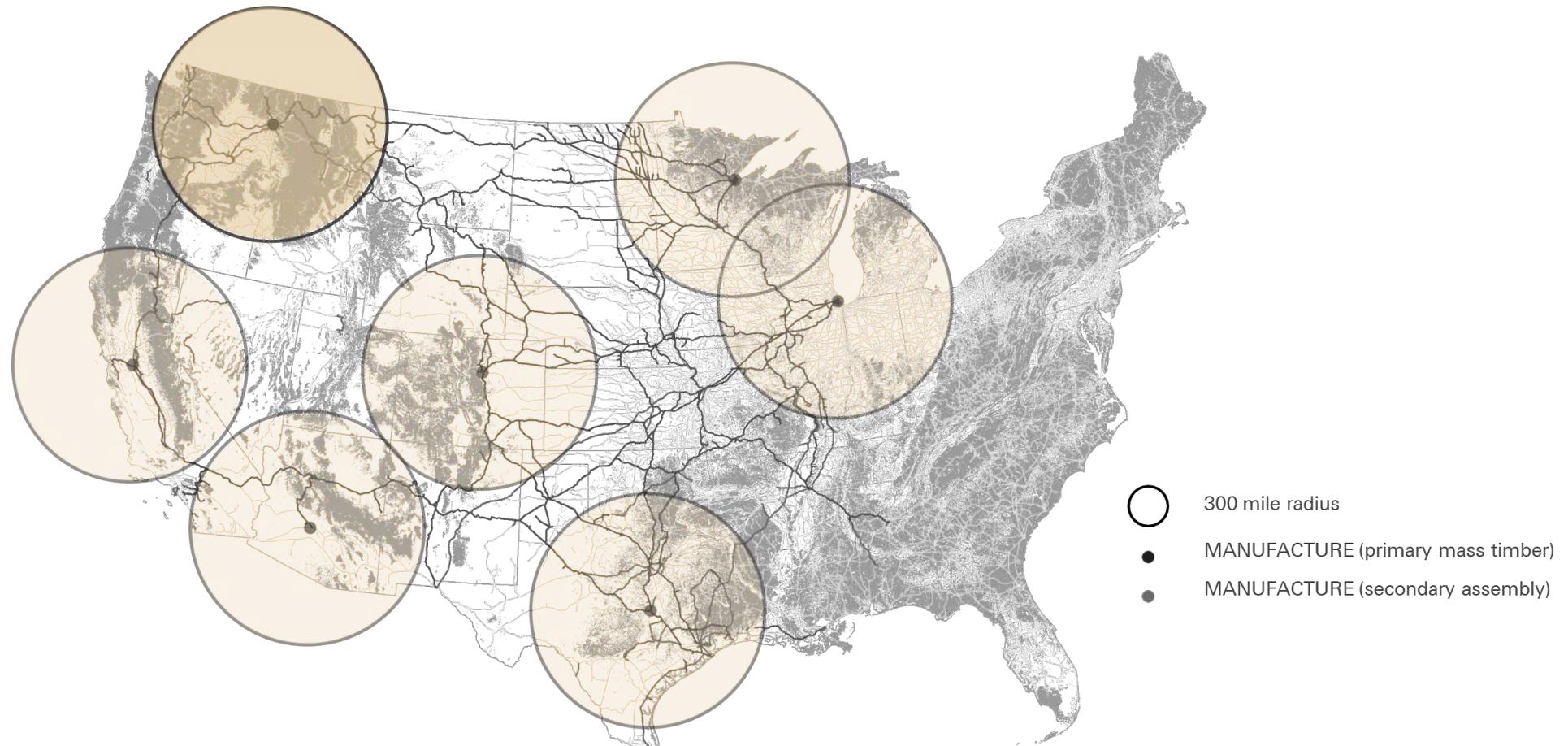
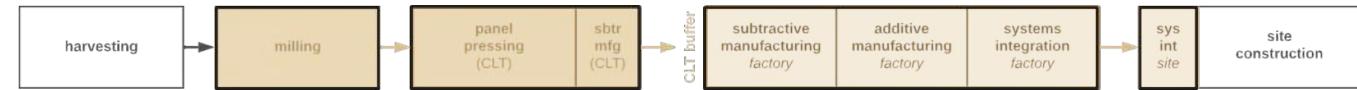






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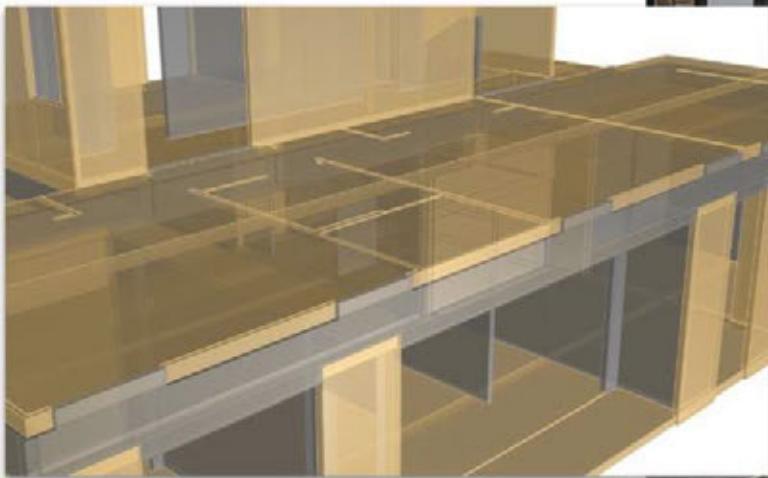


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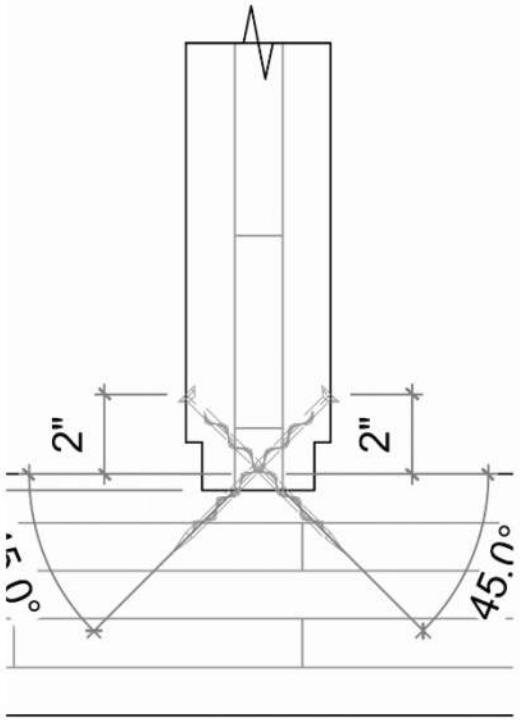


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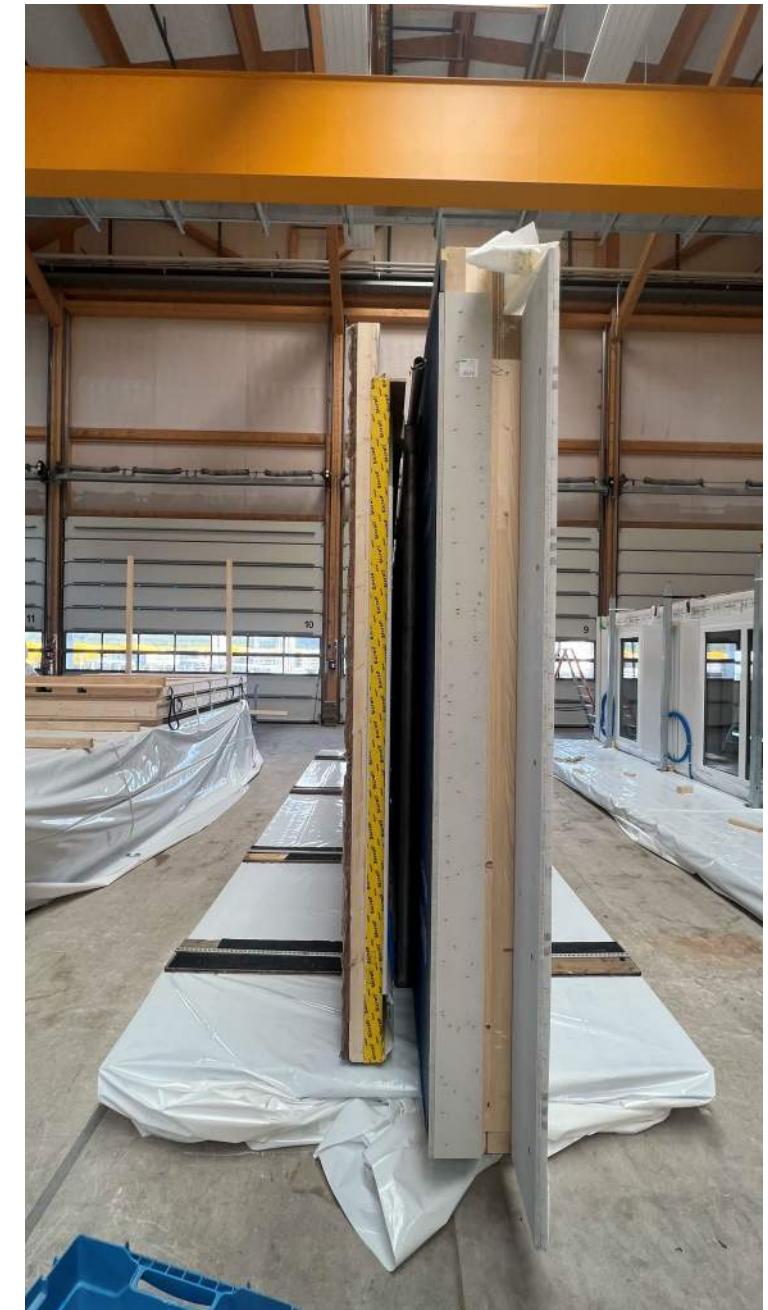
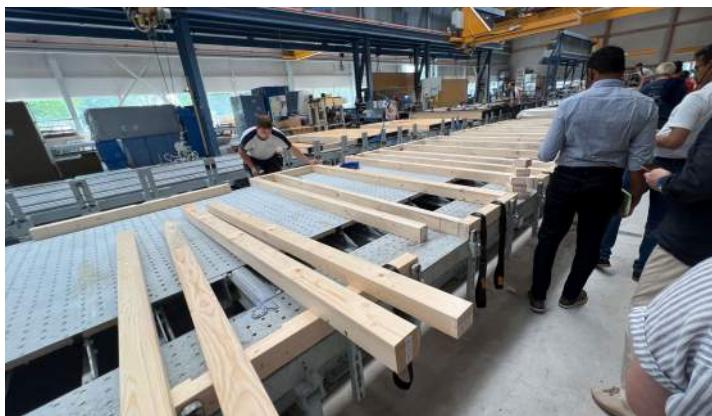
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MOD volumetric assemblies



MOD assemblies

European precedents demonstrate durable assemblies and advanced manufacturing processes integrating 'light' mass timber components (Renggli AG, Schötz, Switzerland)

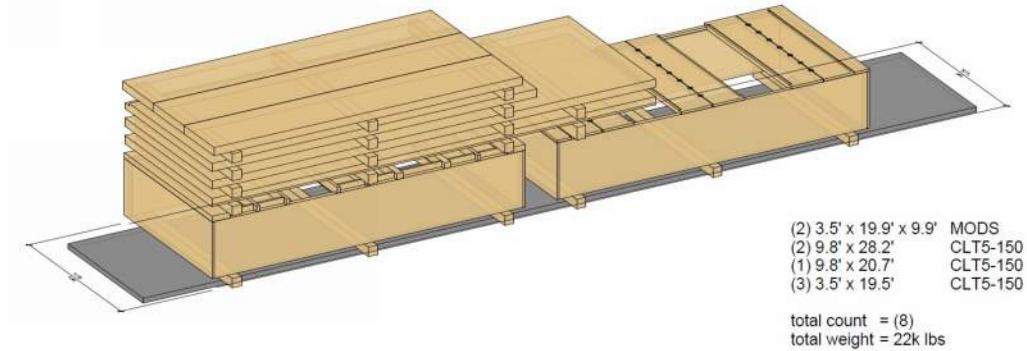




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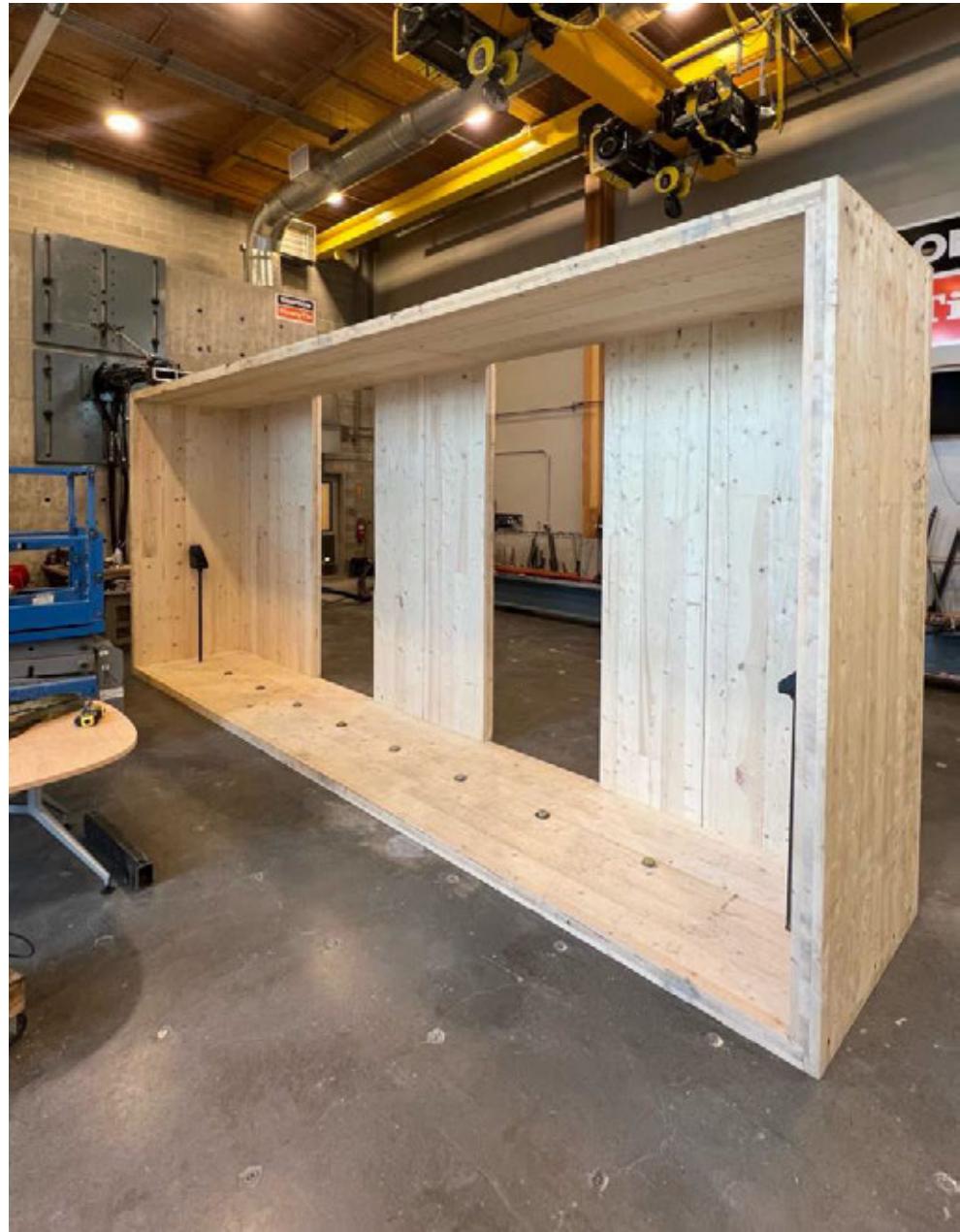
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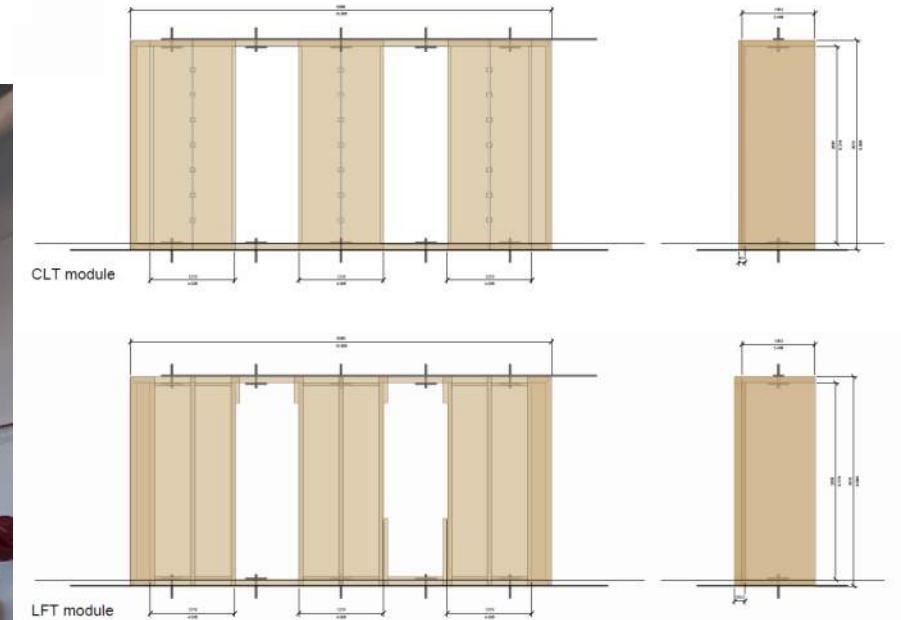
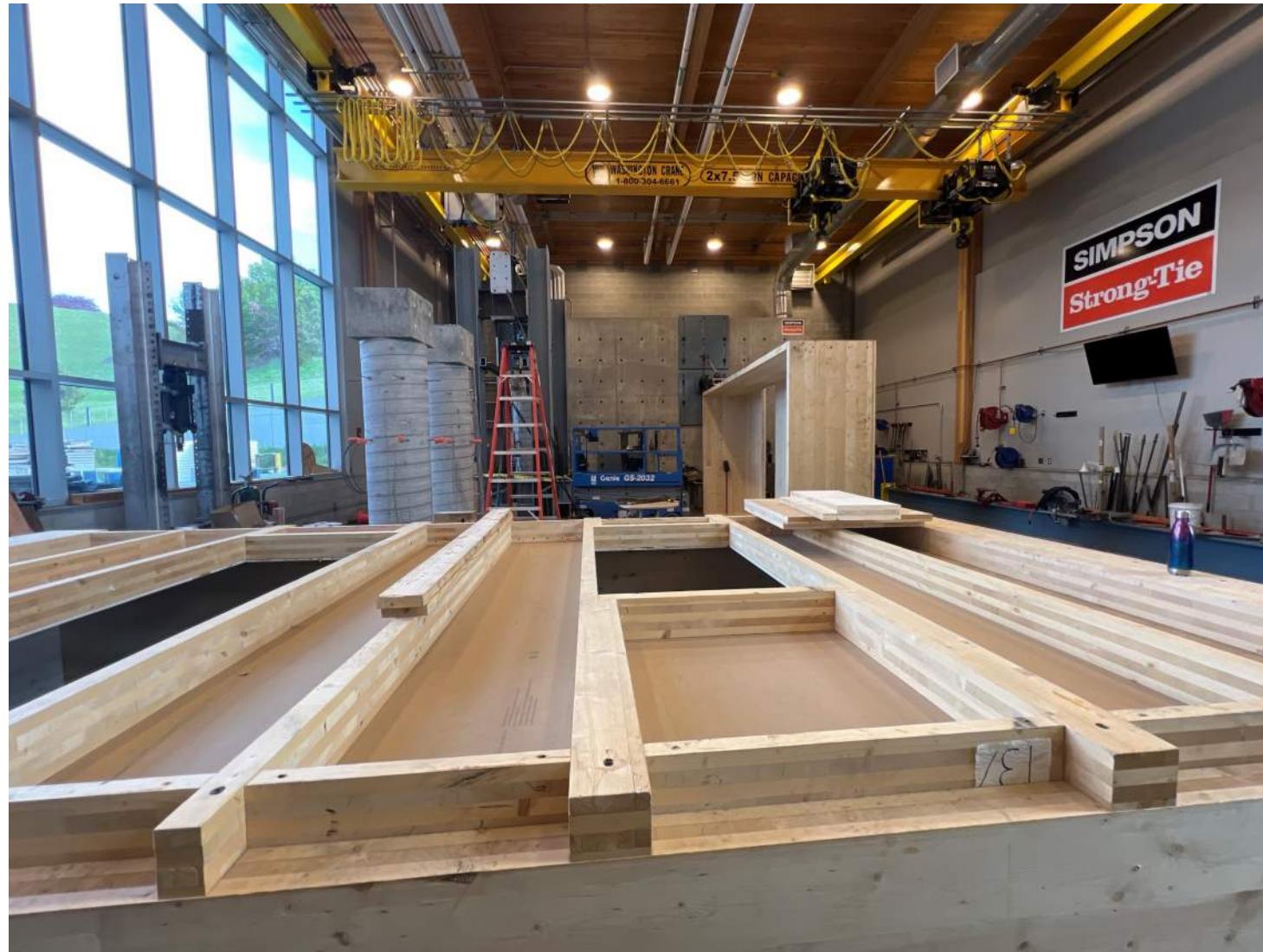
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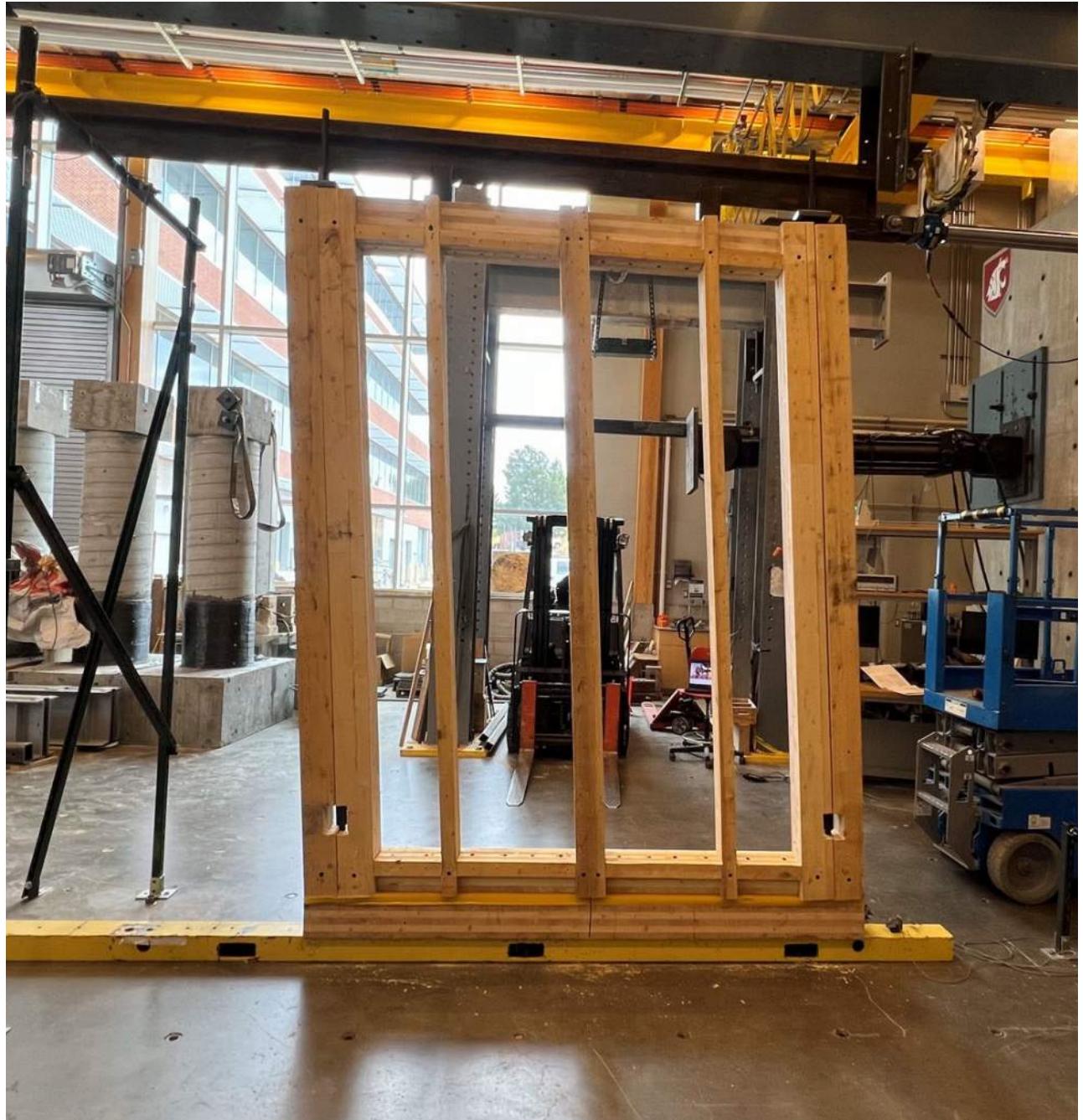
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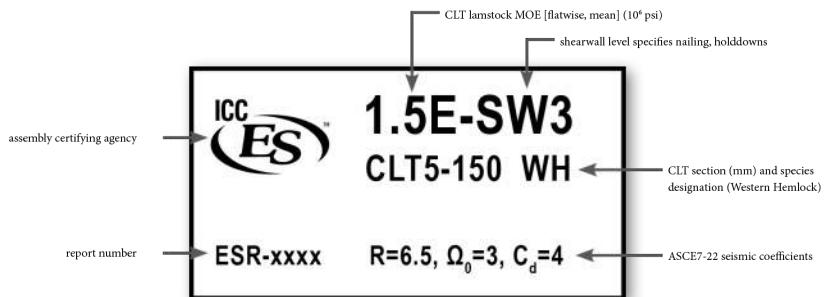
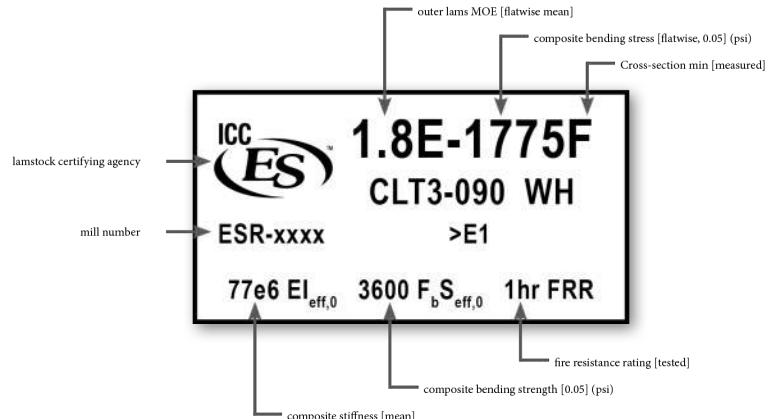
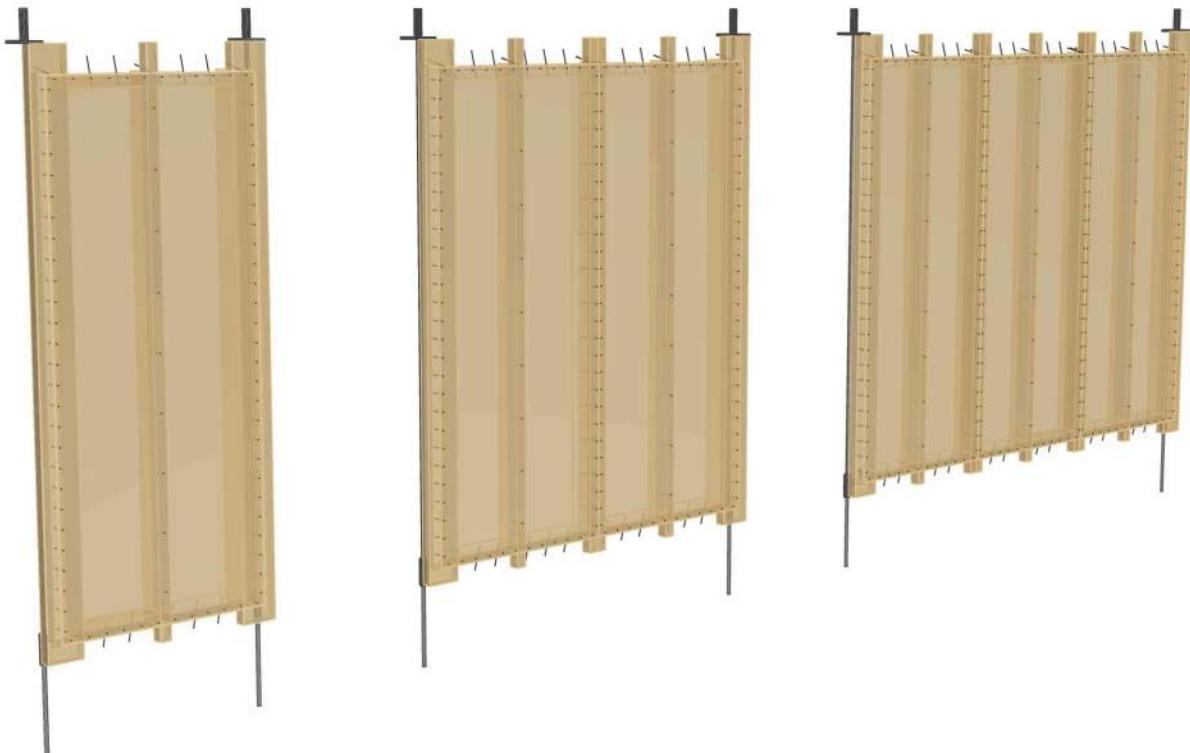
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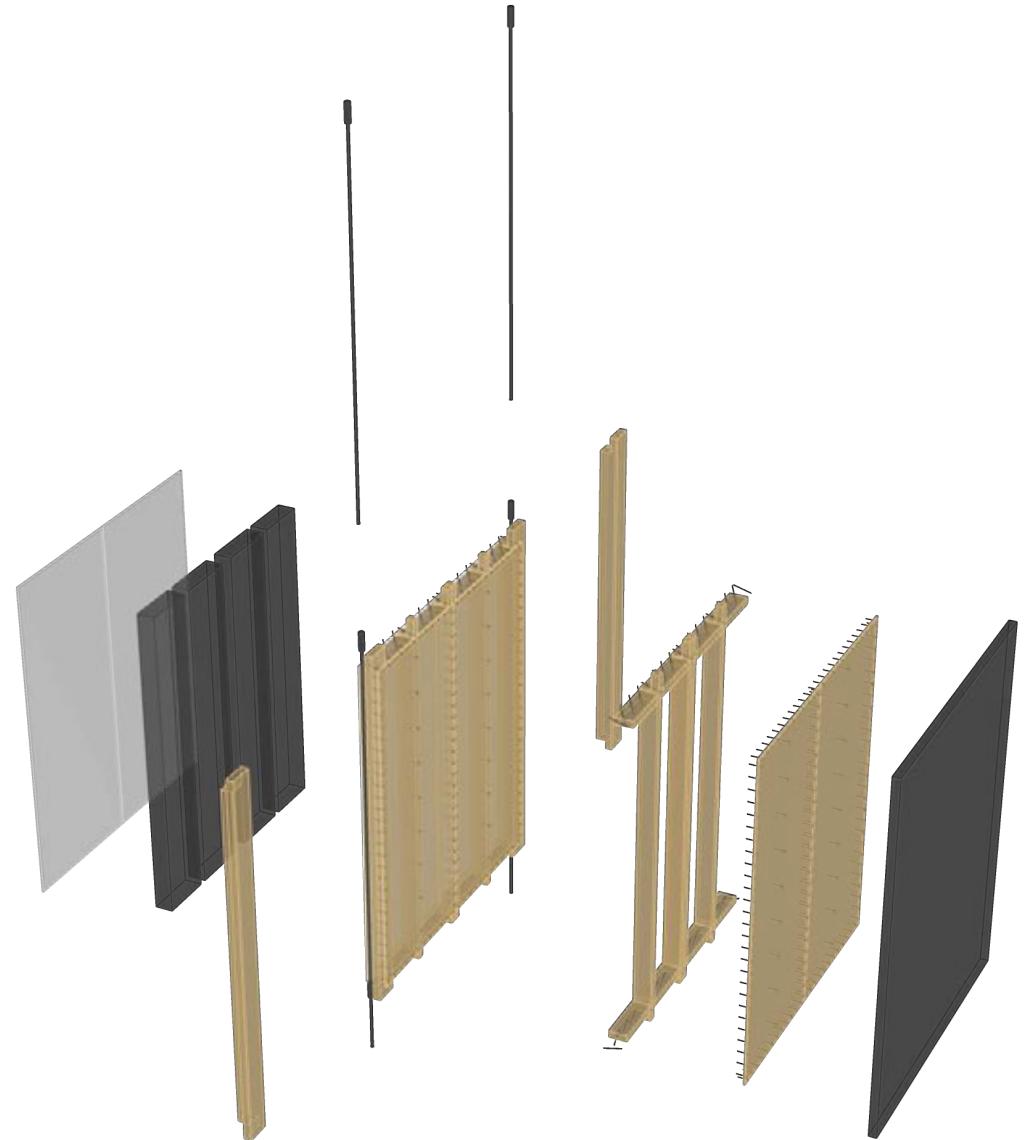
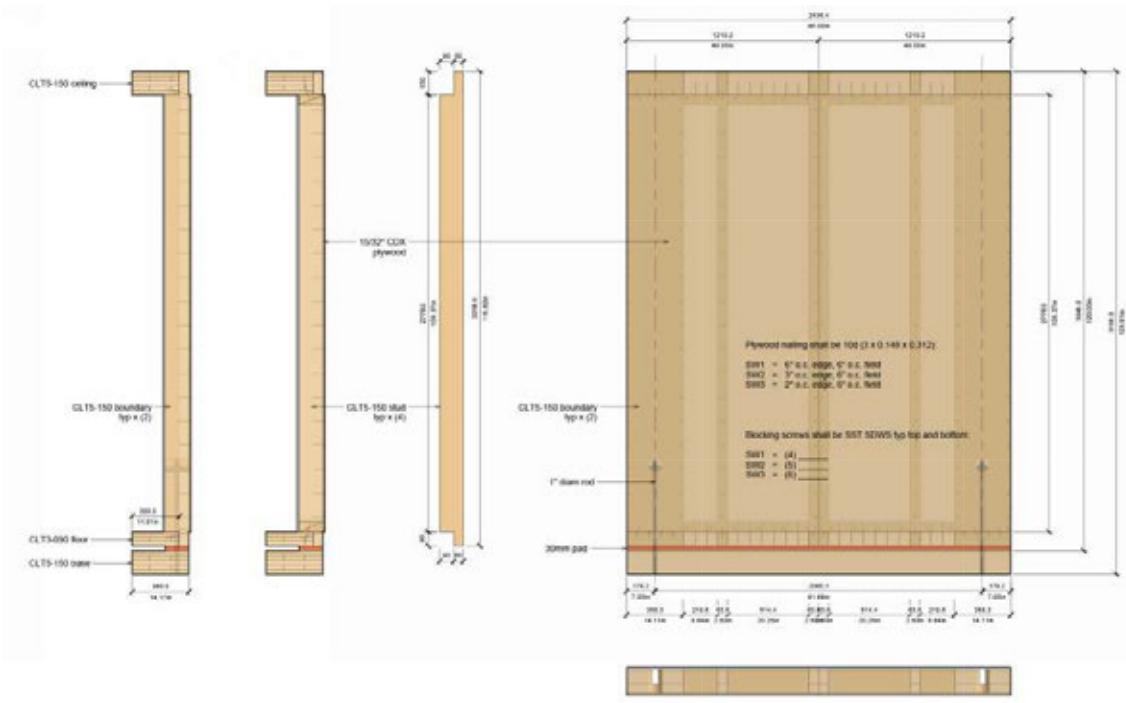
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Oregon Alternative CLT SW	Oregon SAM 15-01	2	2.5	2	Type III, IV, V
STRIATE LFW equivalency CLT SW	ASCE 7-22 ASTM D7989-21	6.5	3	4	Type III, V

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Alpine Housing (1.2+ AMI)

(image: Beyreuther, 2024)
AMI = Area Mean Income



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Scaling Offsite and Volumetric Modular

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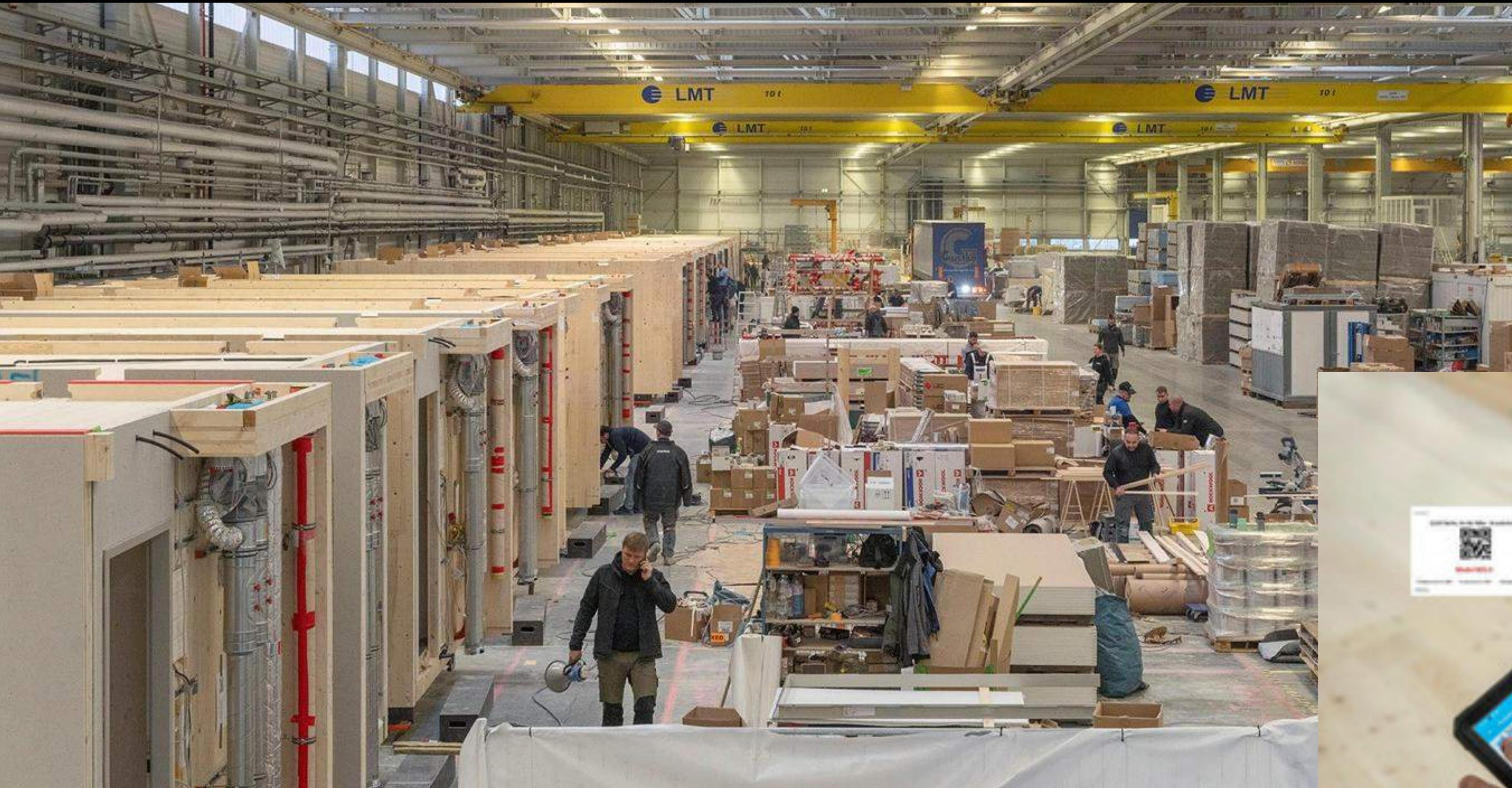


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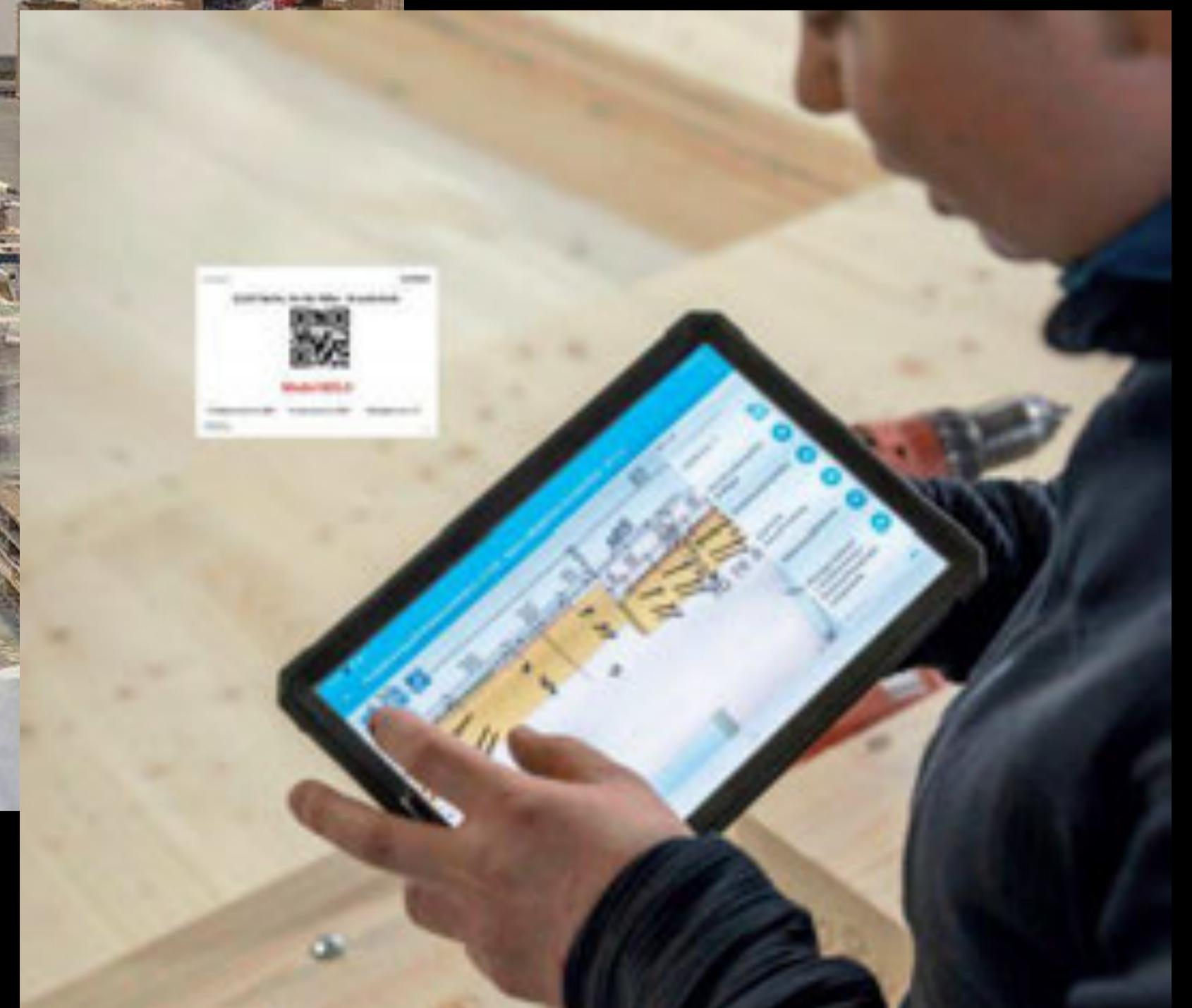
An integrated team of highly skilled architects and fabricators, *in constant communication*, designing and directing every aspect of the process.

MODULAR MASS TIMBER KEY ELEMENTS

Software



Supply chain and local module assembly managed remotely by our software.

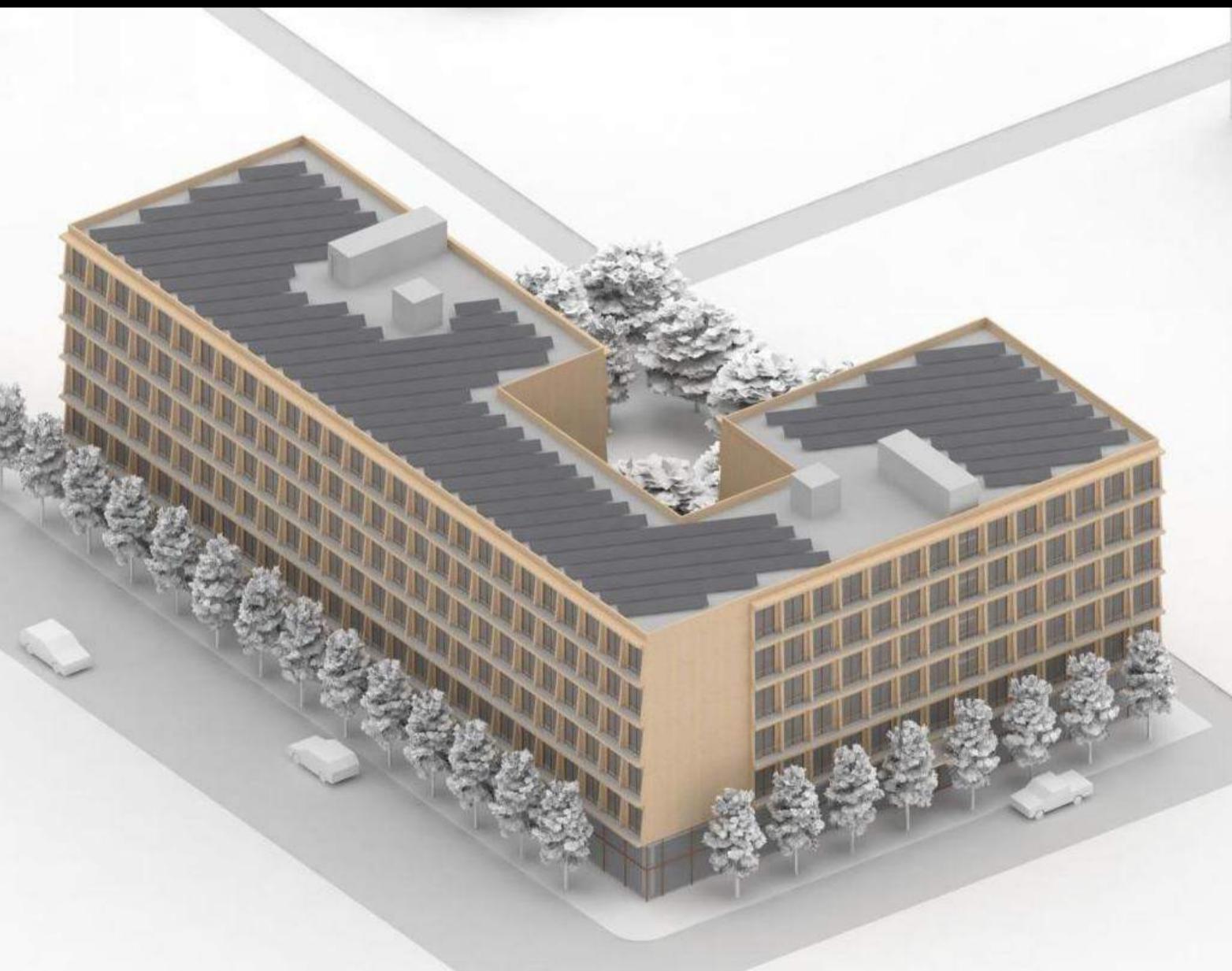
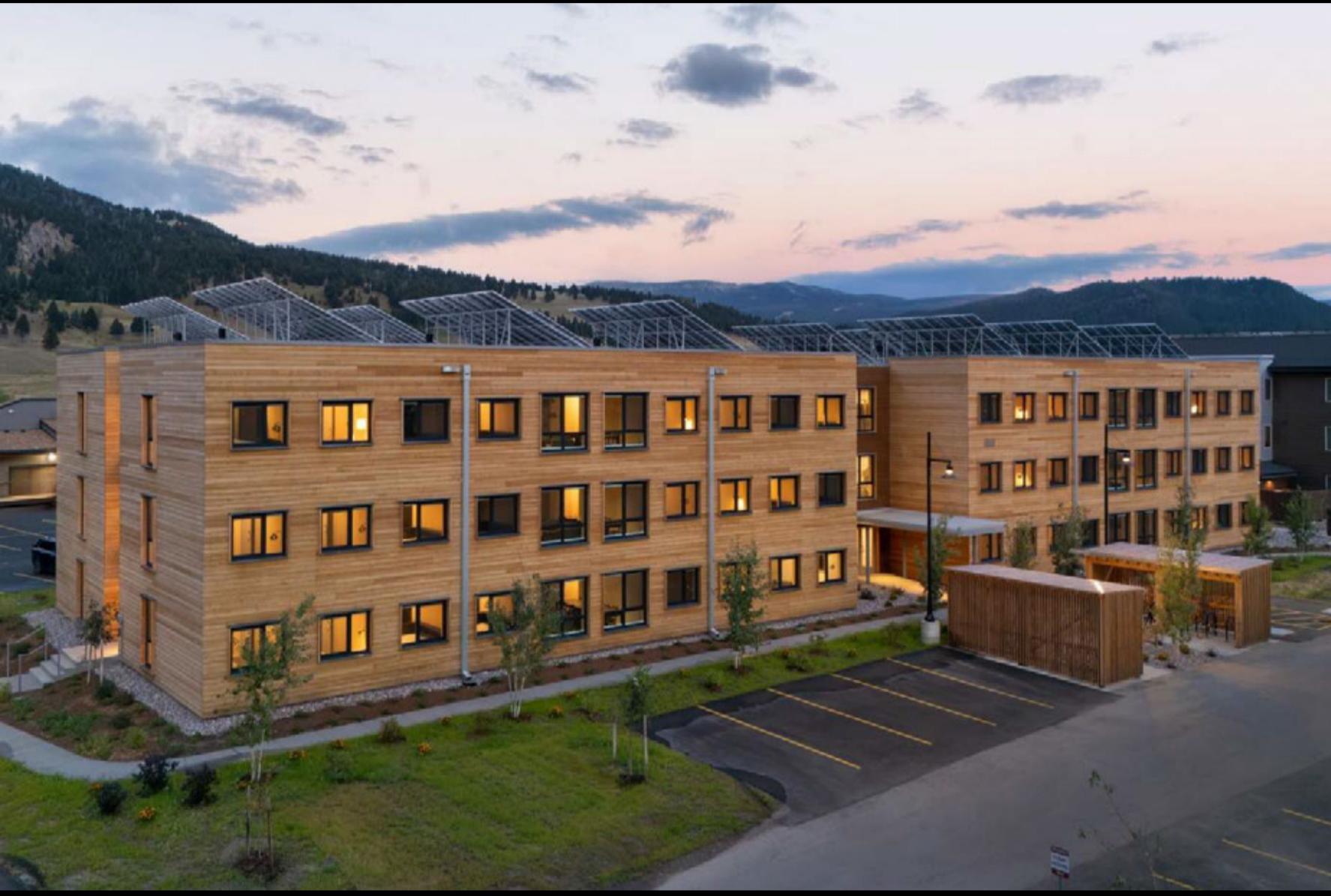


MODULAR MASS TIMBER PROJECTS



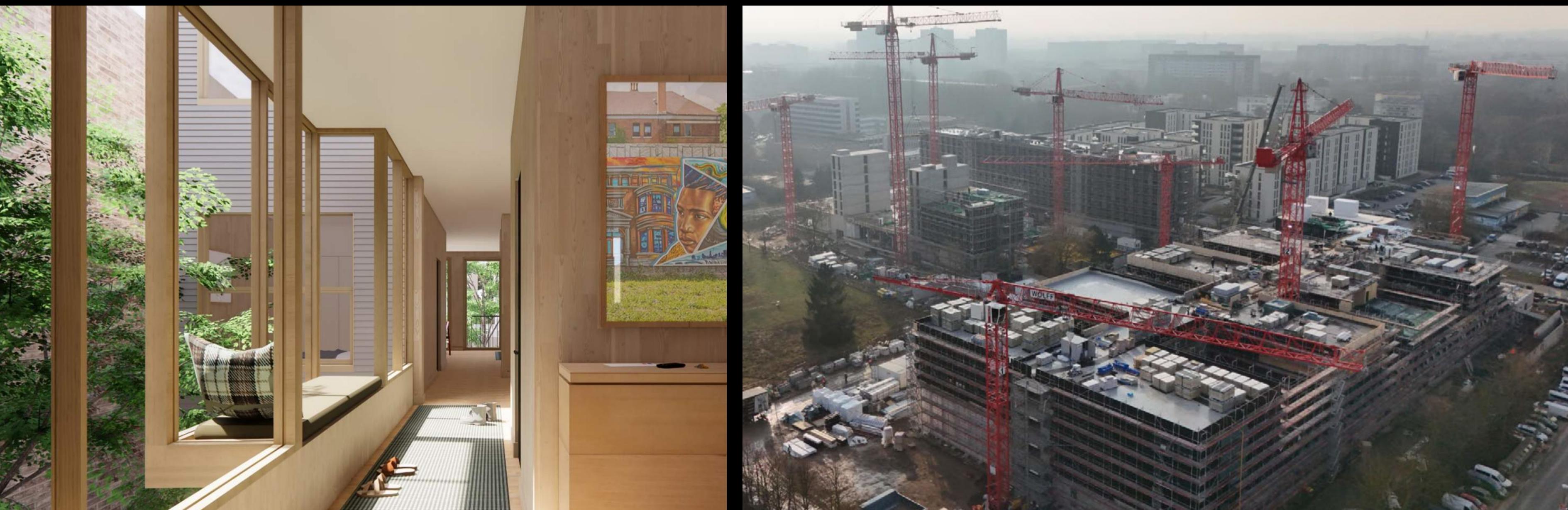
Exceptional buildings
for users and owners.

MODULAR MASS TIMBER PROJECTS



**Every project:
on time, on budget.**

MODULAR MASS TIMBER PROJECTS



**A wide range of programs,
scales, and contexts.**

MODULAR MASS TIMBER PROCESS (3 STAGES)

Stage 1. Integrated Design Of Everything

Buildings

Modules

Timber and Other Components

Supply Chain

Assembly Process

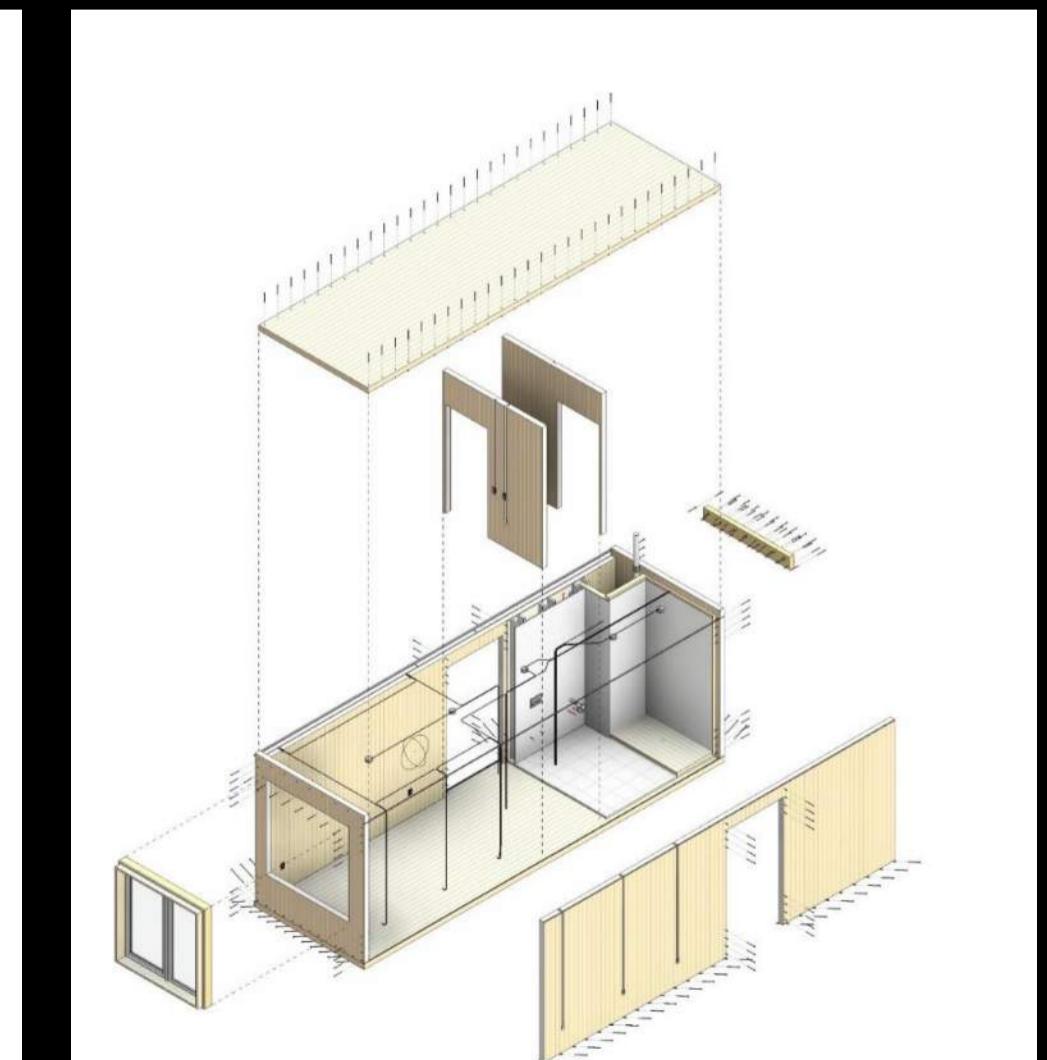
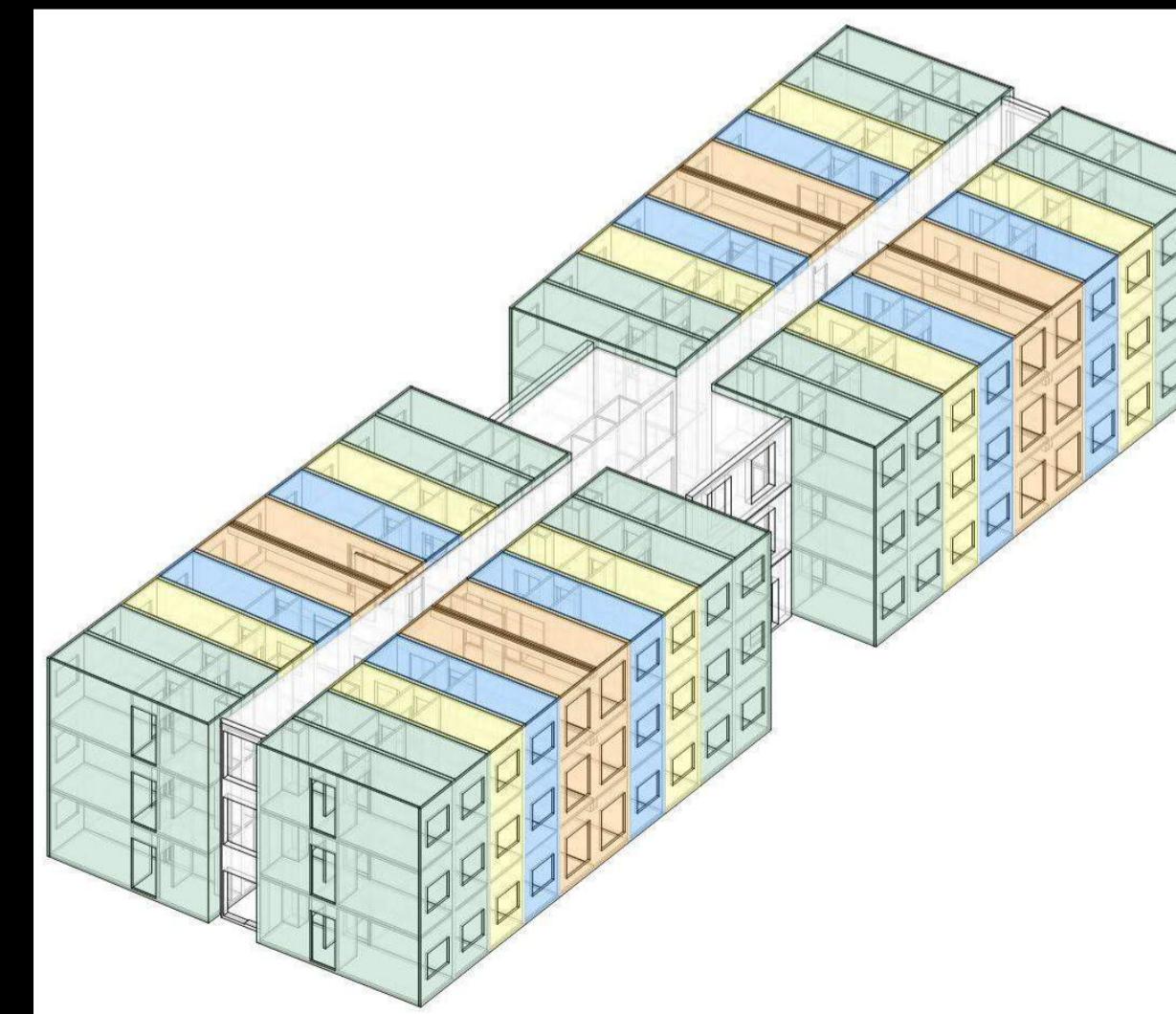
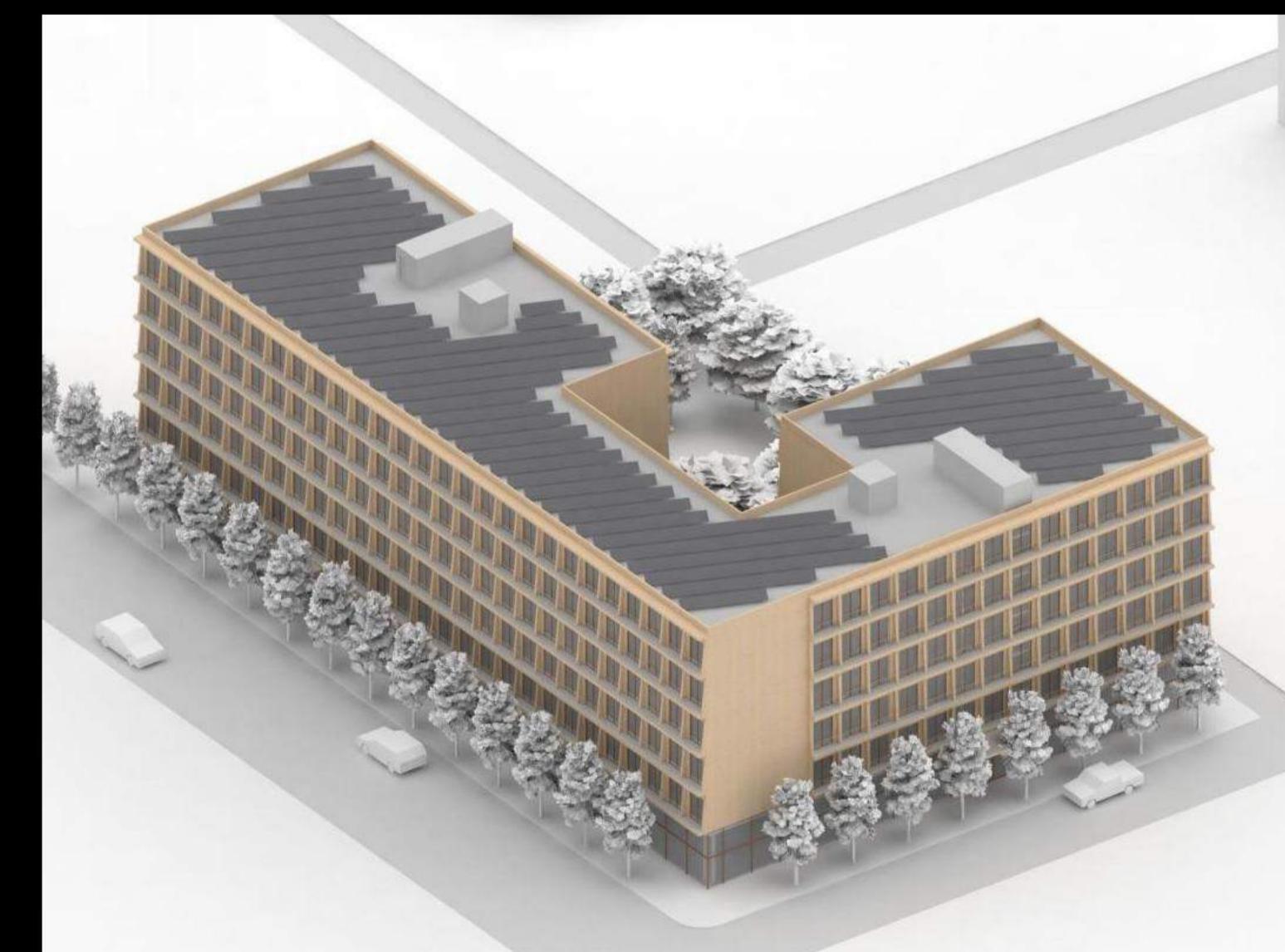
KEY OBJECTIVES:

very good buildings

modules - very easy to assemble

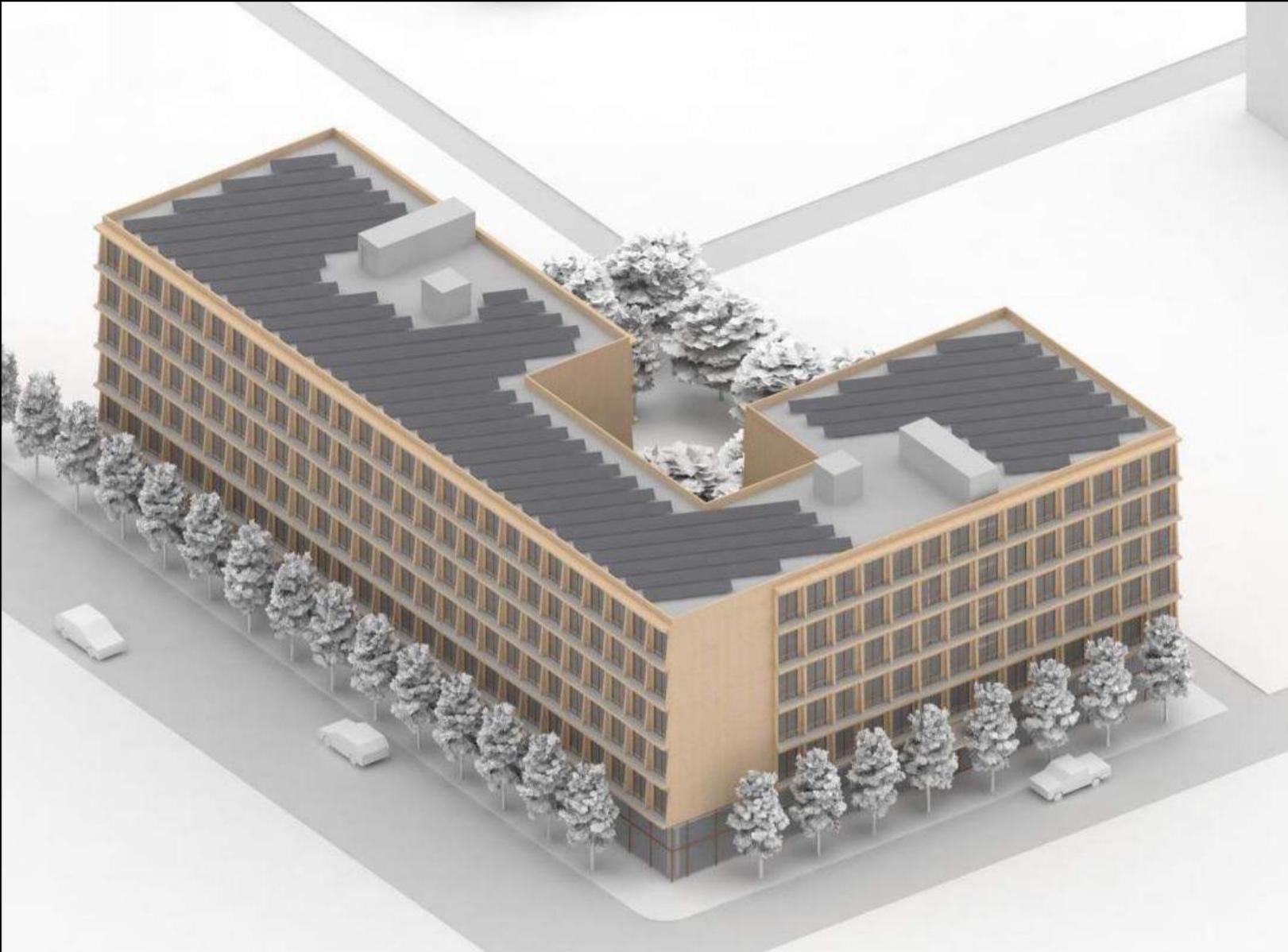
buildings - very easy to assemble

constant improvement



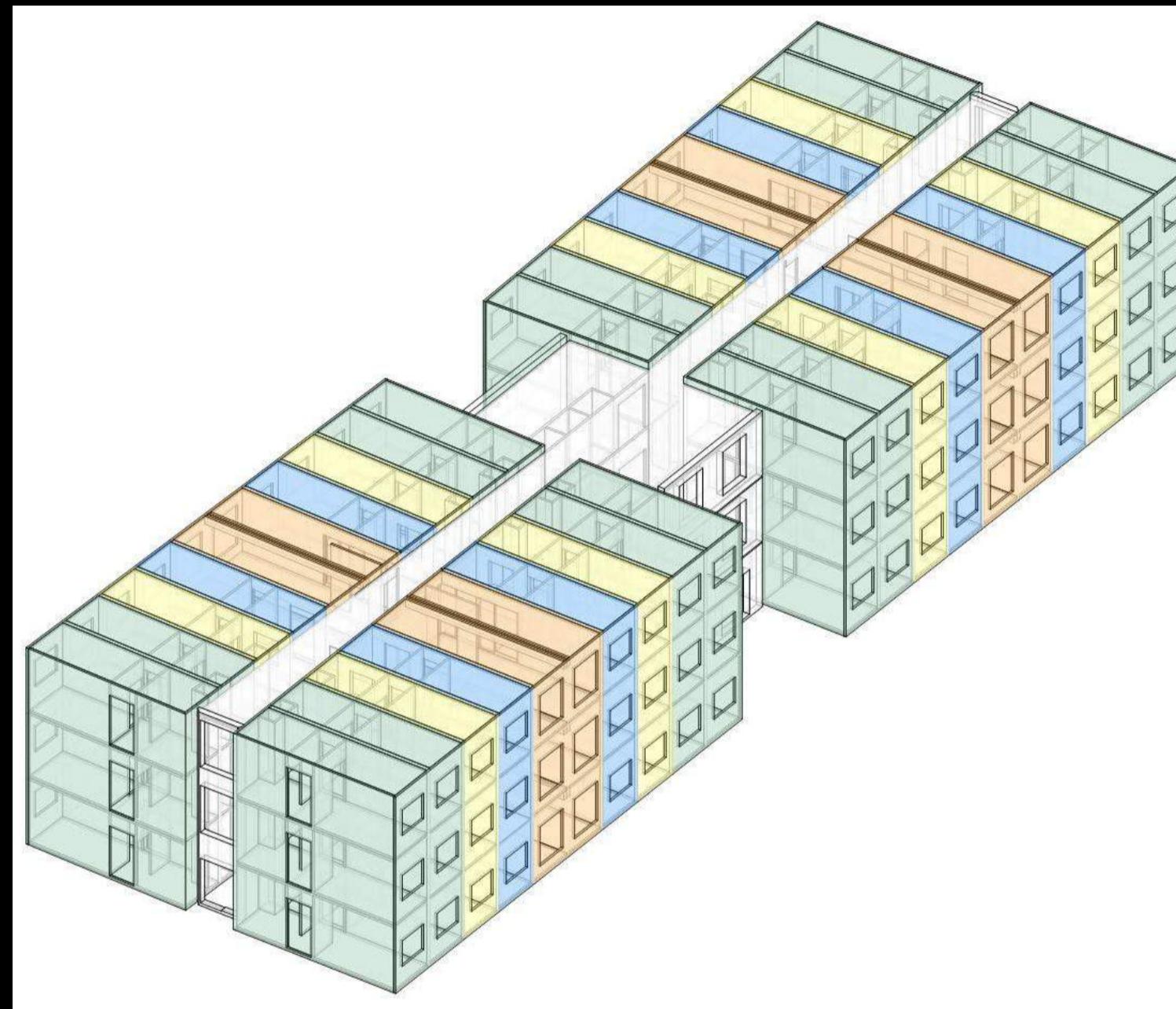
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Stage 1: Integrated Design of Everything - Buildings

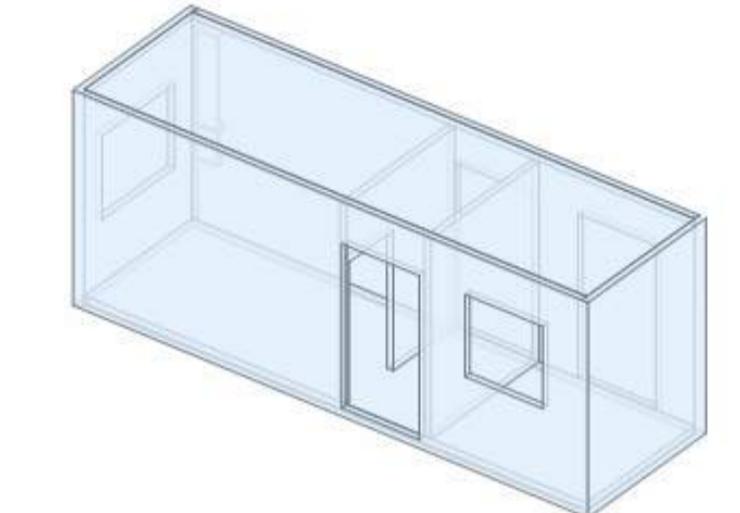


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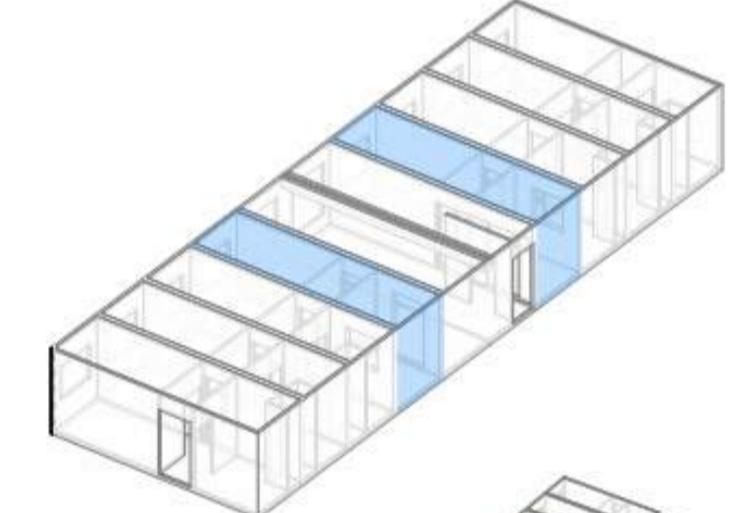
Stage 1: Integrated Design of Everything: Modules



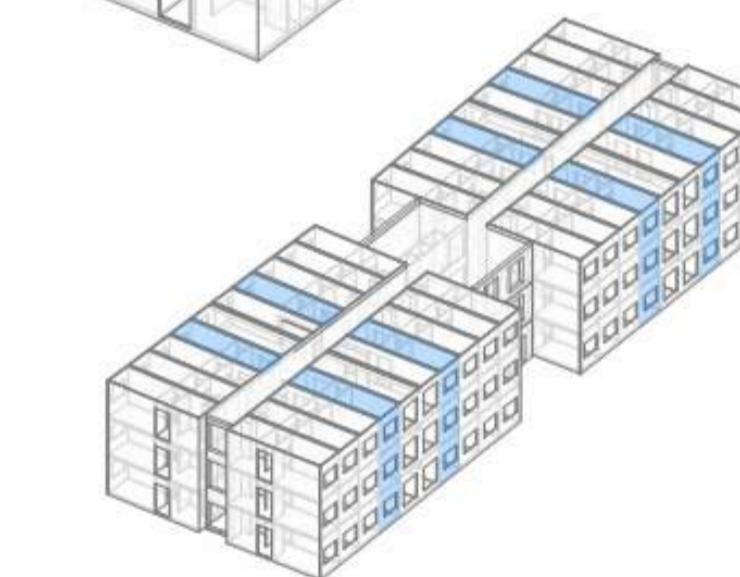
MODULE C : Bedroom + Pantry/Mudroom



FLOOR/
CEILING
3 lam / 0.3' thick

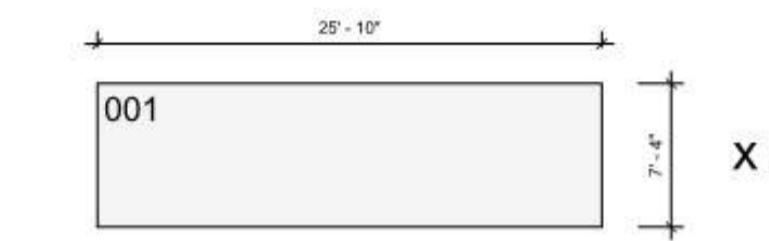


LONG
WALLS
3 lam / 0.3' thick



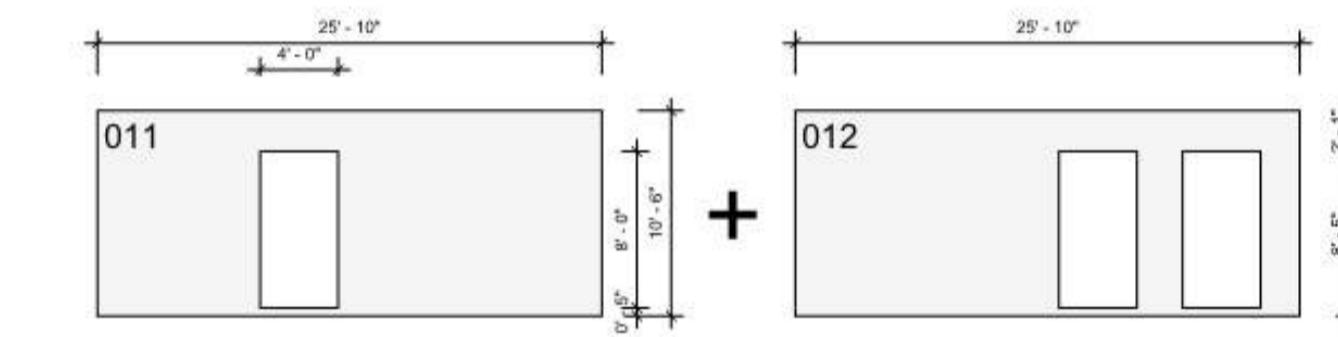
END
WALLS
4 lam / 0.4' thick

INTERIOR
WALLS
3 lam / 0.3' thick

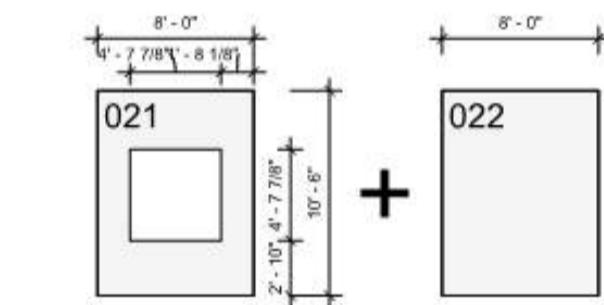


m³

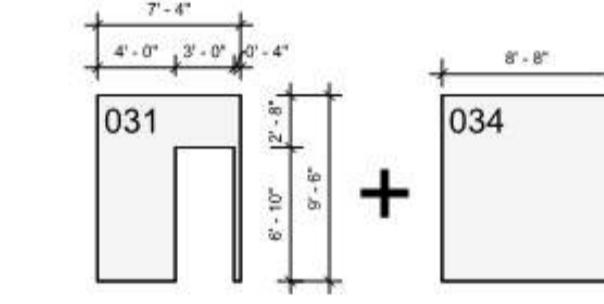
3.2



4.6



1.9



1.29

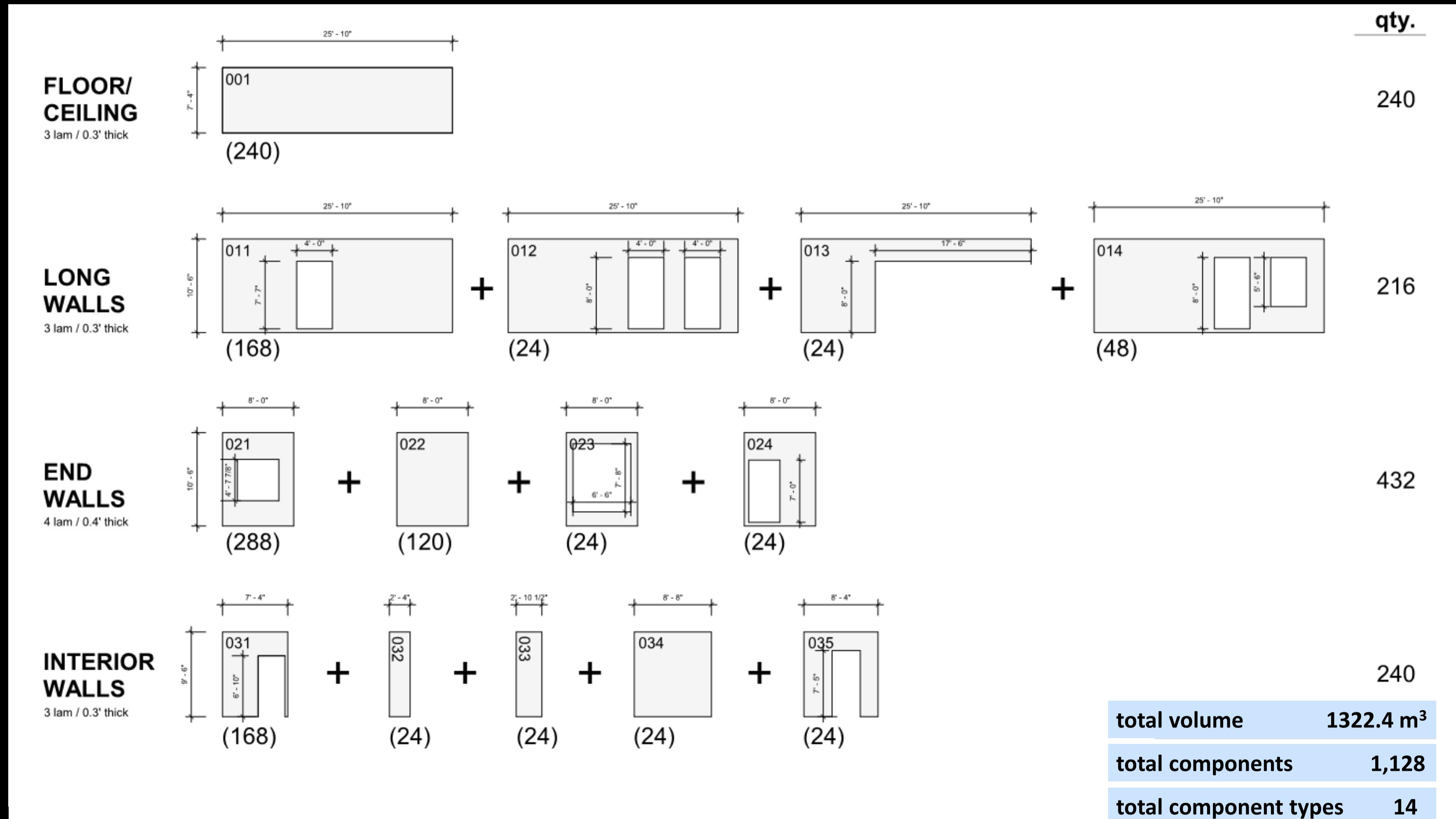
total volume 11.02 m³

total components 7

Modules designed to meet the specific needs of each project. A wide range of sizes, configurations, shapes is possible.

MODULAR MASS TIMBER PROCESS (3 STAGES)

Stage 1: Integrated Design of Everything: Timber Components



Robotically Fabricated

By Multiple Suppliers

MODULAR MASS TIMBER PROCESS (3 STAGES)

Stage 1. INTEGRATED DESIGN OF EVERYTHING

Stage 2. MODULE ASSEMBLY

Directed – on tablets –
by proprietary software.

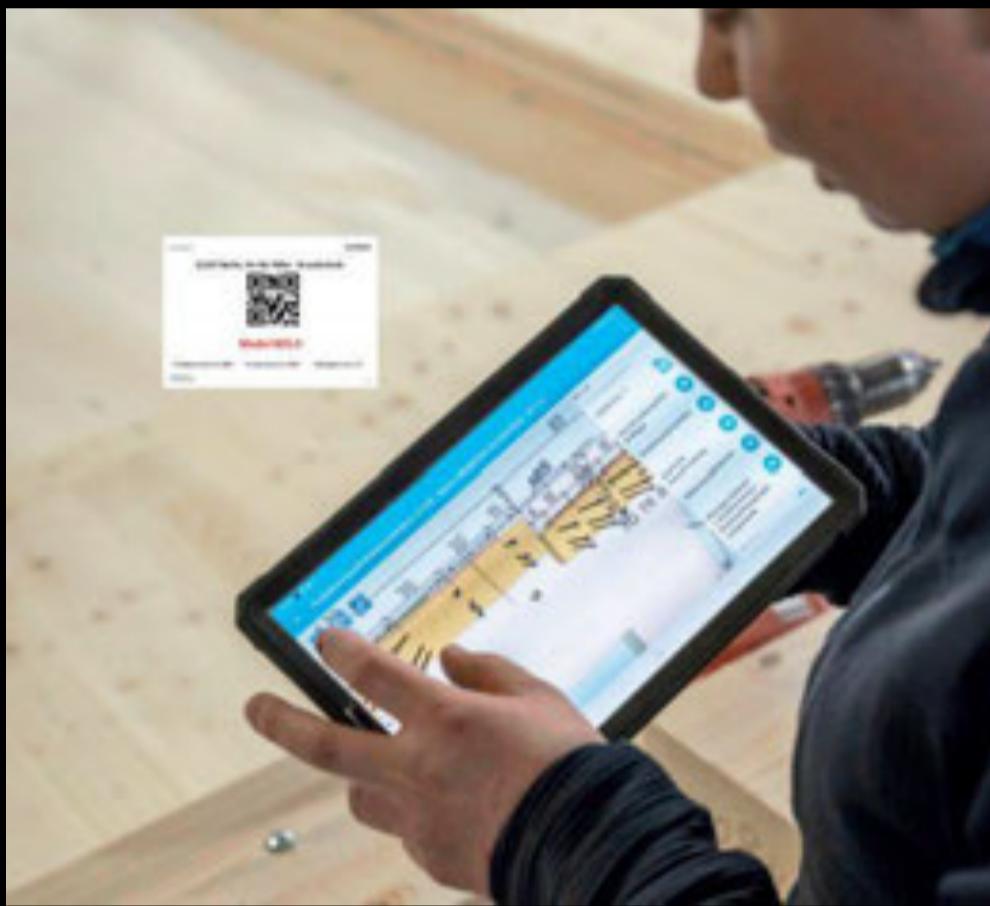
Supply chain also
managed by proprietary
software.

Supply chain and module
assembly are **managed**
remotely.



MODULAR MASS TIMBER PROCESS (3 STAGES)

Stage 2: Module Assembly: Software-directed



Instructions For Every Task

On A Tablet

At Every Module Station

MODULAR MASS TIMBER PROCESS (3 STAGES)

Stage 2: Module Assembly



Assembly Hall, not a Factory

Rented, not Owned

A Crane, no Robots

MODULAR MASS TIMBER PROCESS (3 STAGES)

Stage 2: Module Assembly



Worker Friendly

Builder Friendly

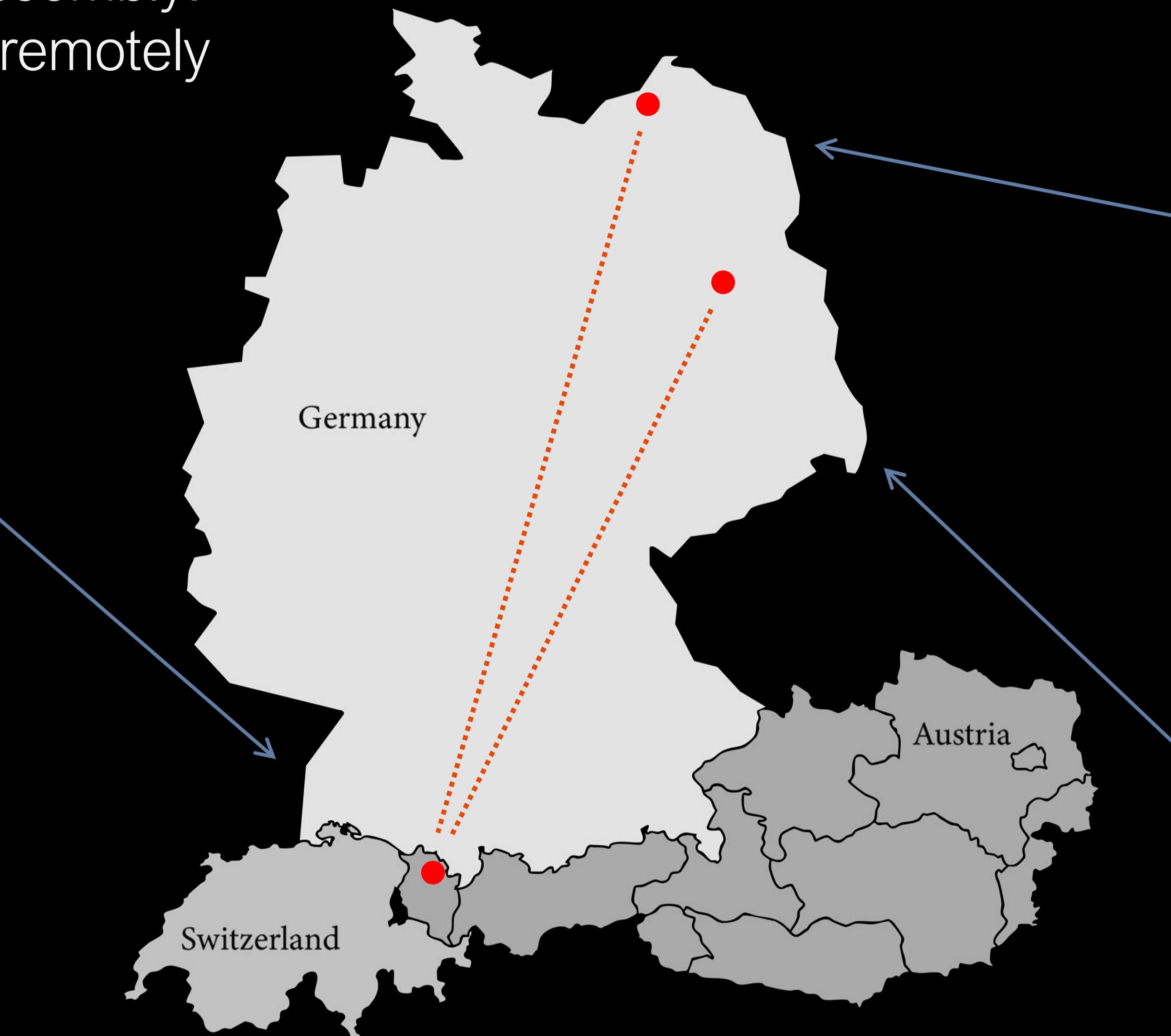
MODULAR MASS TIMBER PROCESS (3 STAGES)

Stage 2: Module Assembly:
Software-directed, remotely

KBS Headquarters
Reutte, Austria

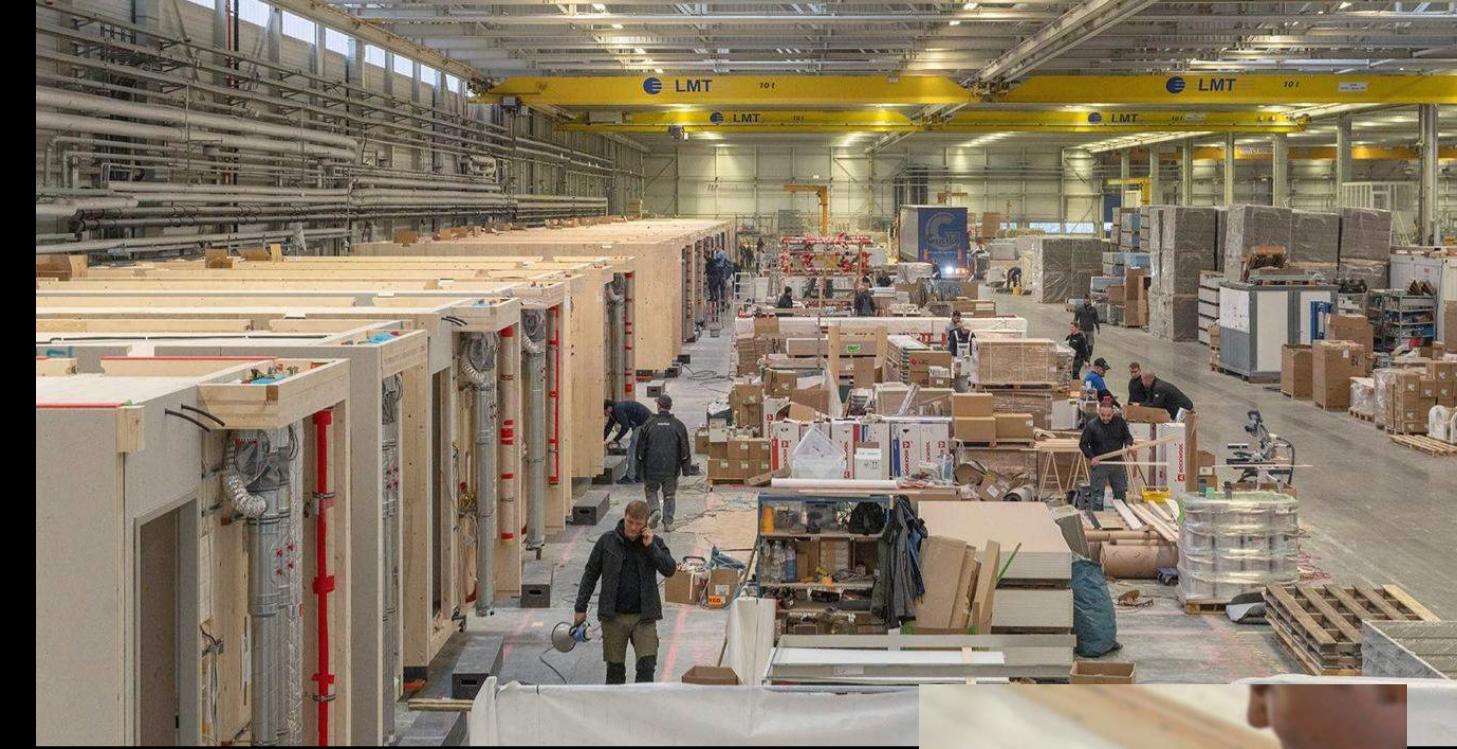


Module Assembly

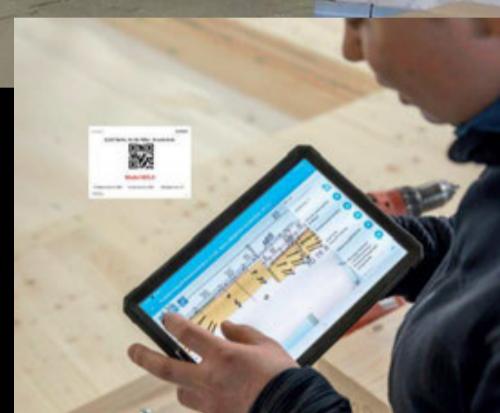


Remotely Managed

Assembly Hall 2
Rostock



Assembly Hall 1
Berlin



From KBS HQ

MODULAR MASS TIMBER PROCESS (3 STAGES)

Stage 2: Module Assembly:
Software-directed, remotely



MODULAR MASS TIMBER PROCESS (3 STAGES)

Stage 1. INTEGRATED DESIGN OF EVERYTHING

Stage 2. MODULE ASSEMBLY

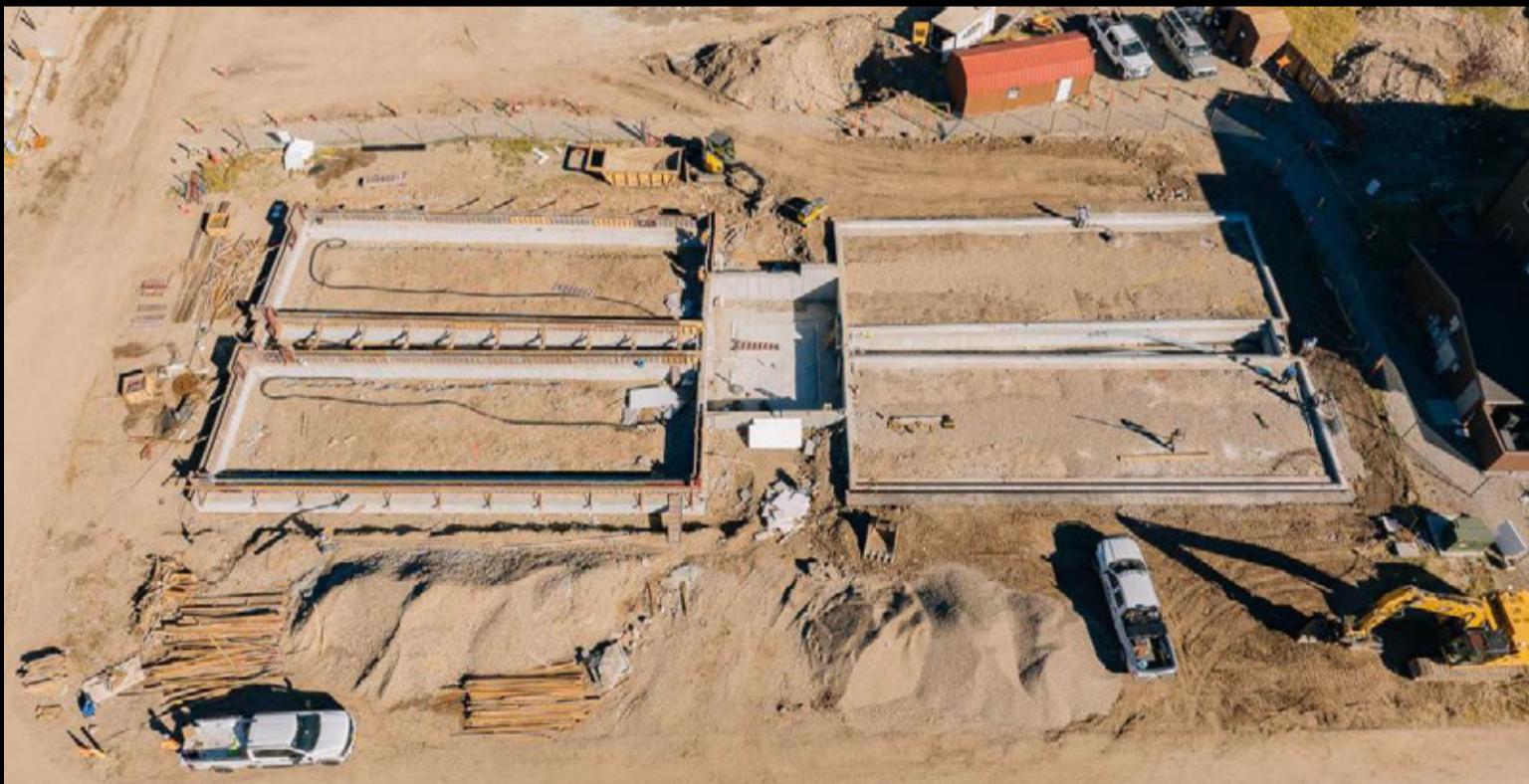
Stage 3. BUILDING ASSEMBLY

Sitework

Setting of modules

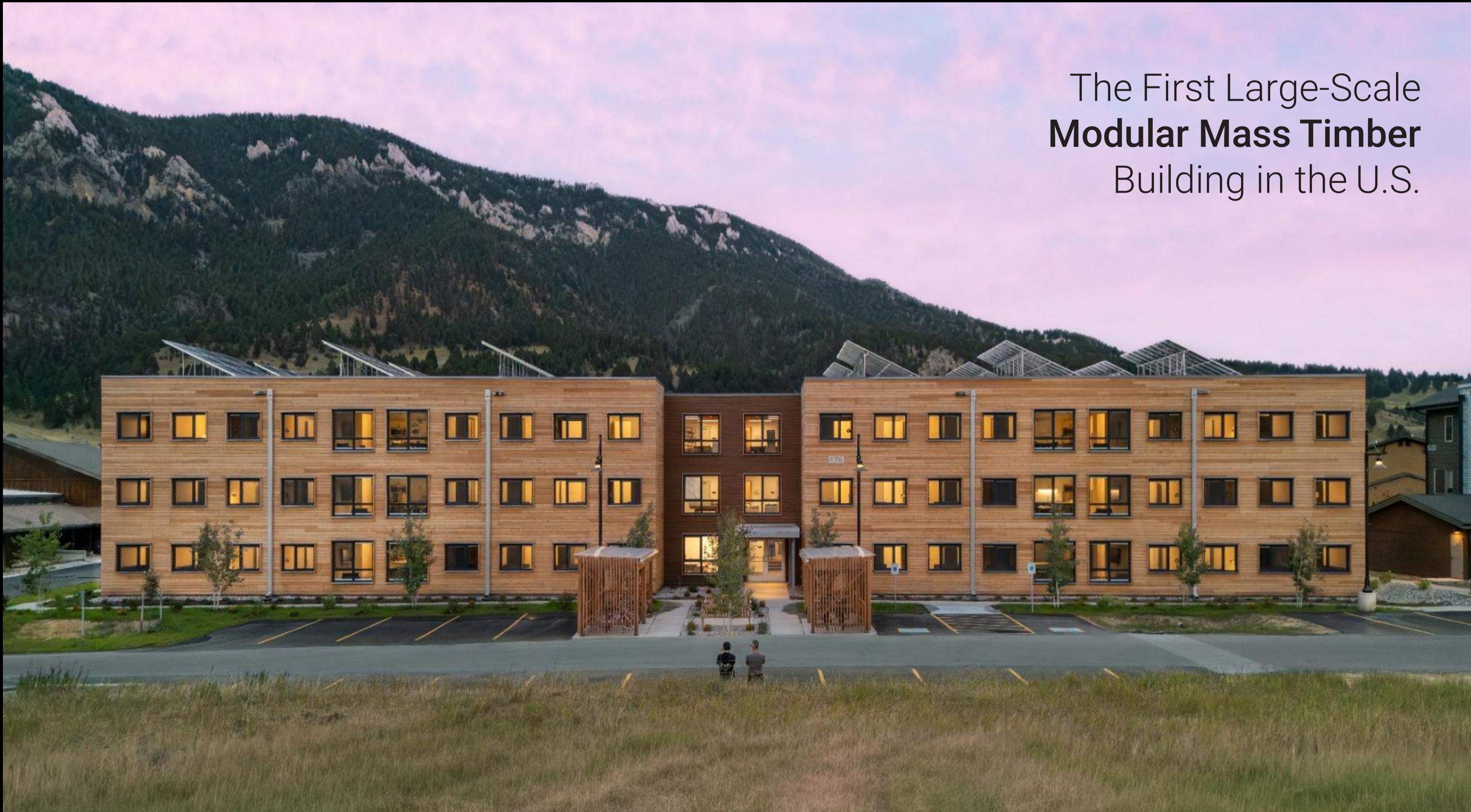
Facade / Roof

Hook-ups



MODULAR MASS TIMBER IN NORTH AMERICA

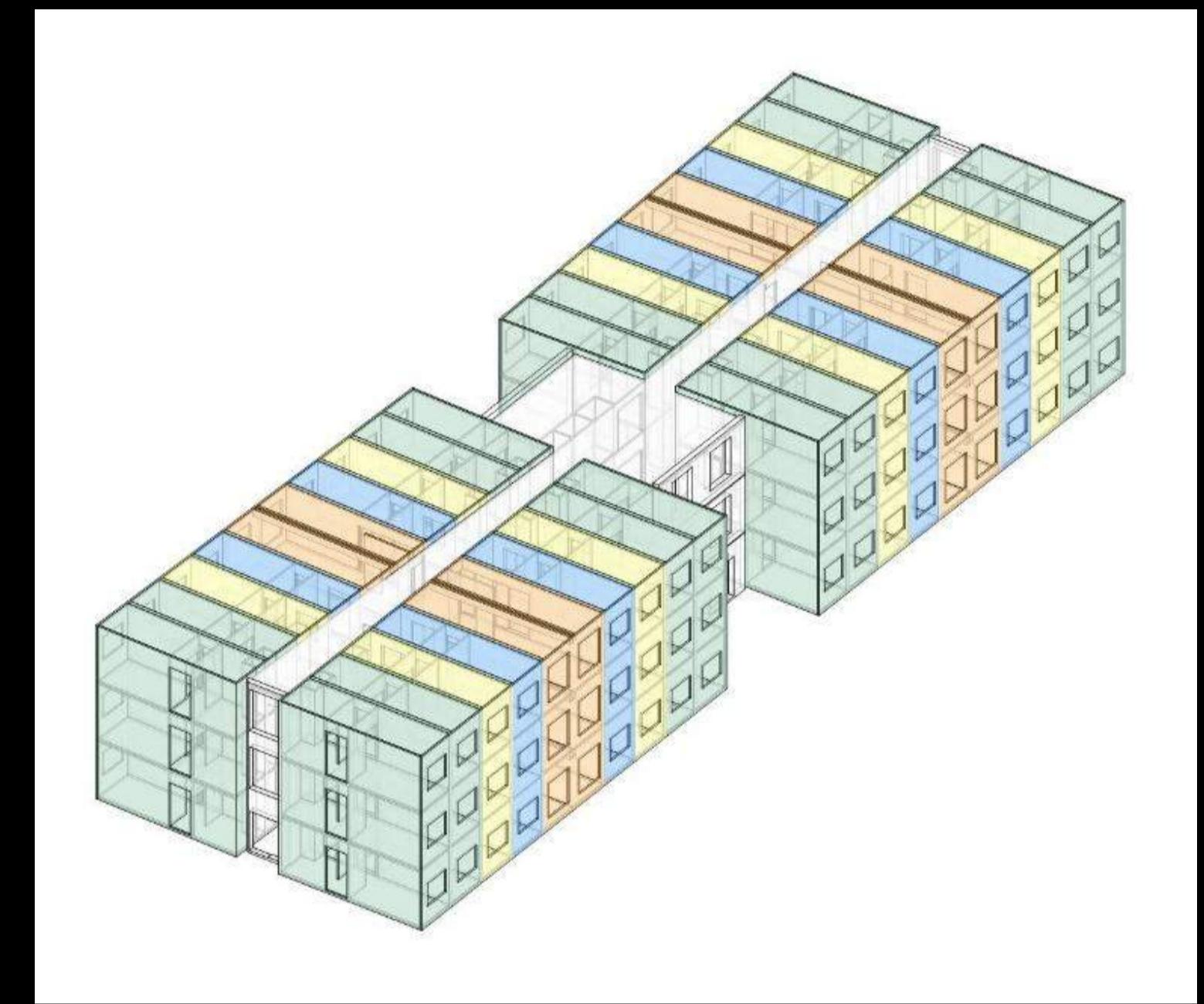
Knight Building, Big Sky, MT



The First Large-Scale
Modular Mass Timber
Building in the U.S.

MODULAR MASS TIMBER IN NORTH AMERICA

Knight Building, Big Sky, MT



120 modules

Set at a max rate of 20 per day

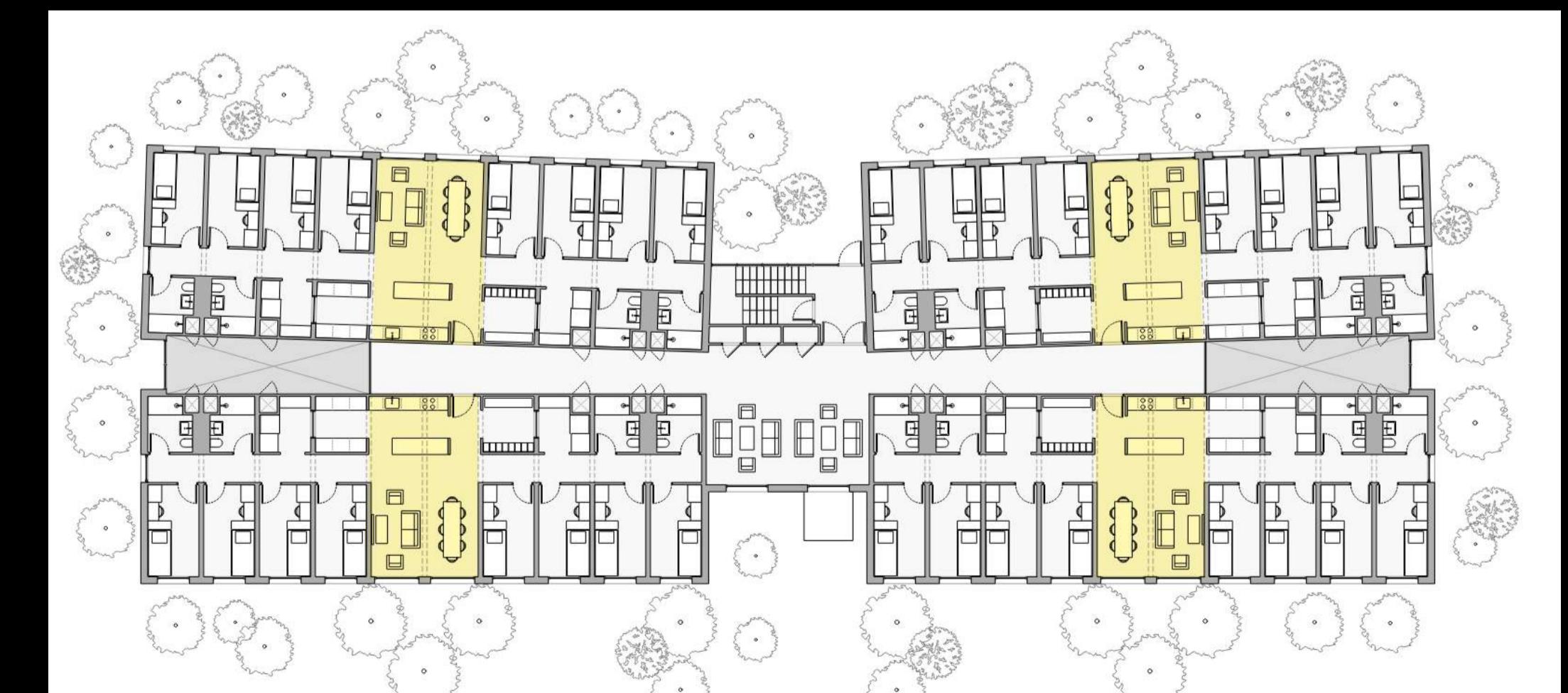
96 occupants

12 suites

8 bedrooms per suite

MODULAR MASS TIMBER IN NORTH AMERICA

Knight Building, Big Sky, MT



MODULAR MASS TIMBER IN NORTH AMERICA

Knight Building, Big Sky, MT



Workforce housing for 95 employees

31,000 GSF

11 months on-site construction

On time

Under budget

Sustainable, all electric, solar array

Stores 1,200 tons of carbon

MODULAR MASS TIMBER KEY ELEMENTS

Mass Timber



A game-changing innovative material.

Precise, strong, beautiful.

CLT panels available in very large sizes.

(up to 12' x 60' x 11")

MODULAR MASS TIMBER KEY ELEMENTS

Mass Timber Components



**Components fabricated
robotically with extreme
precision to our specifications by
others.**

Available **from a wide range of
mass timber suppliers** in North
America and Europe.

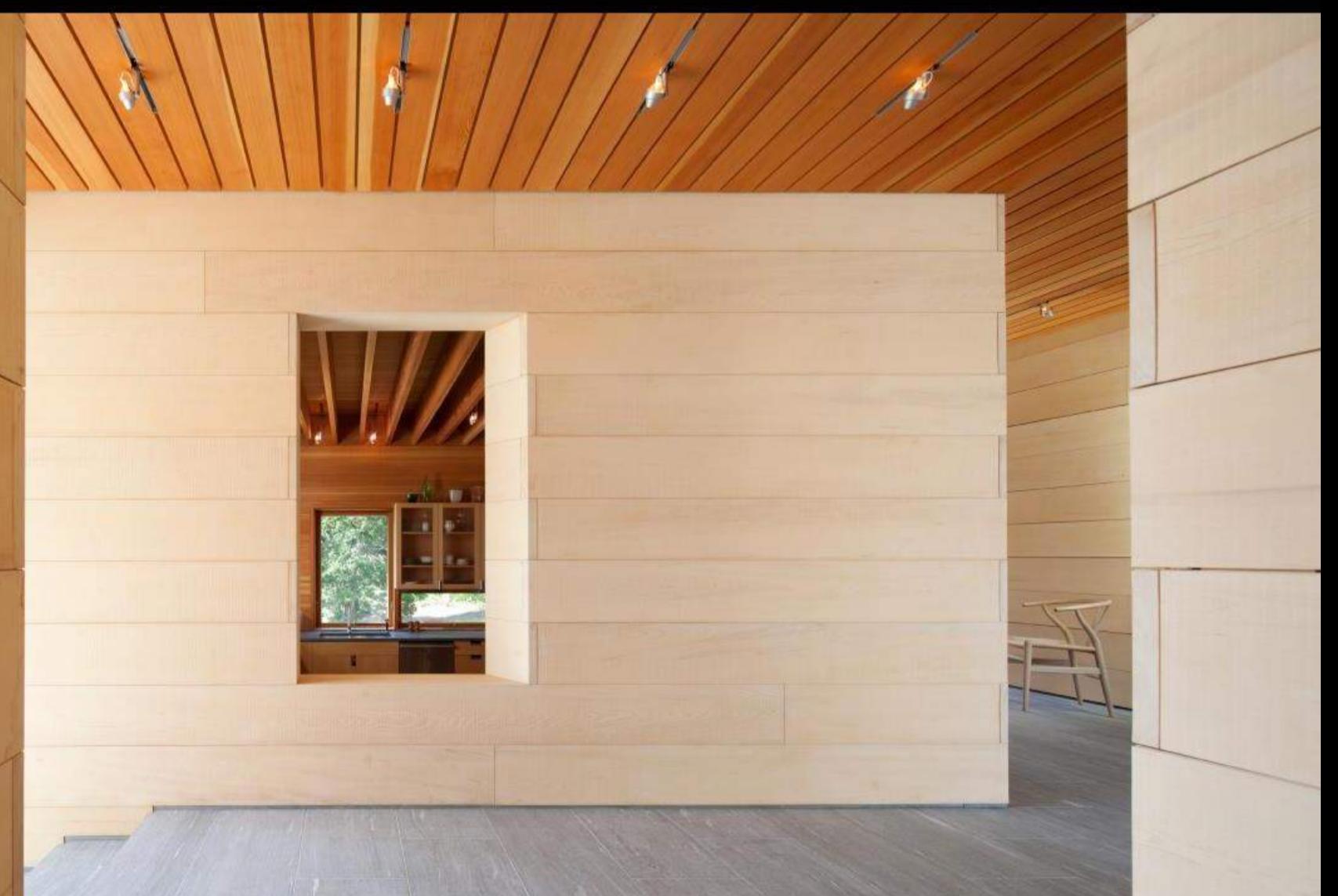
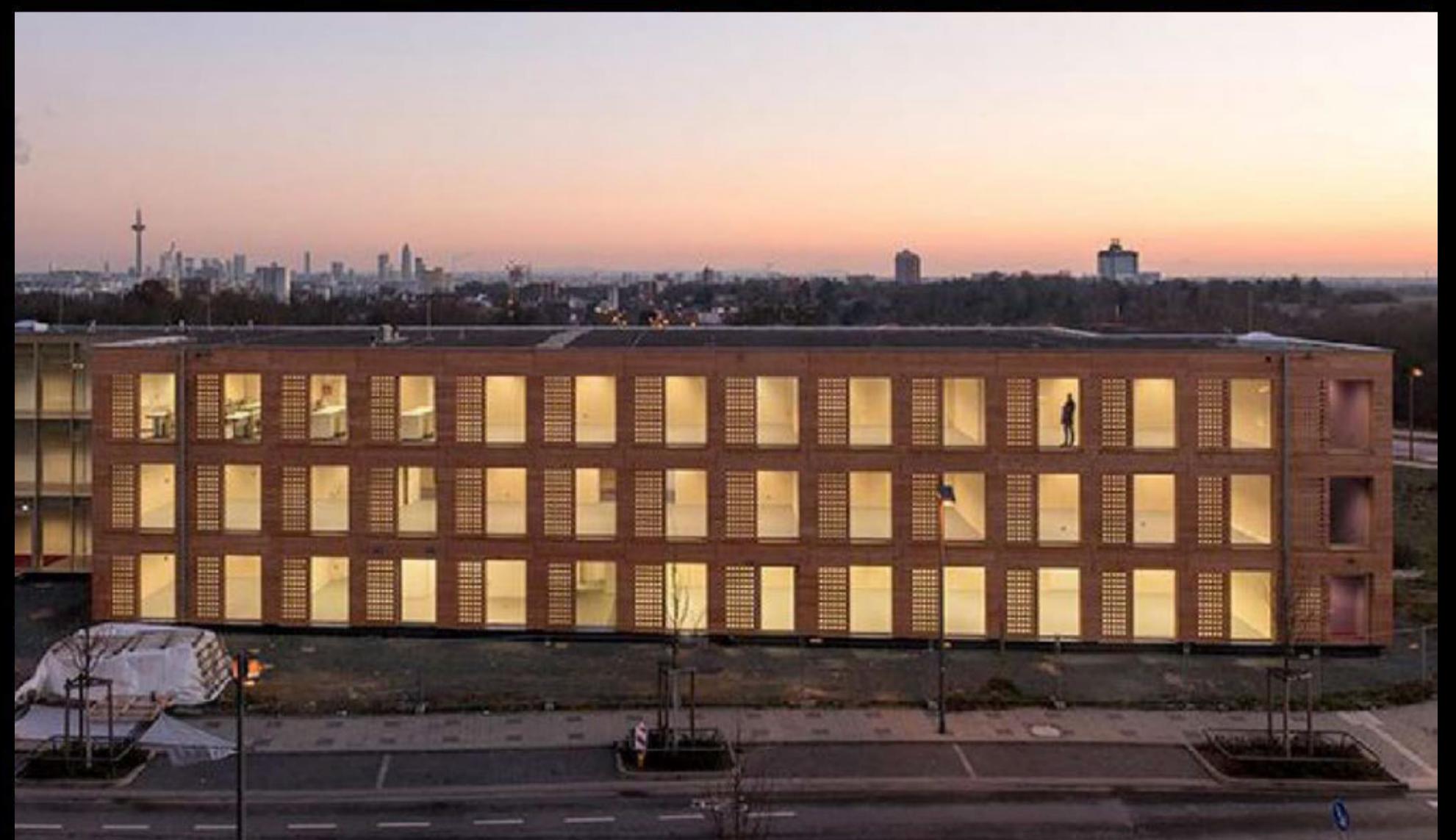
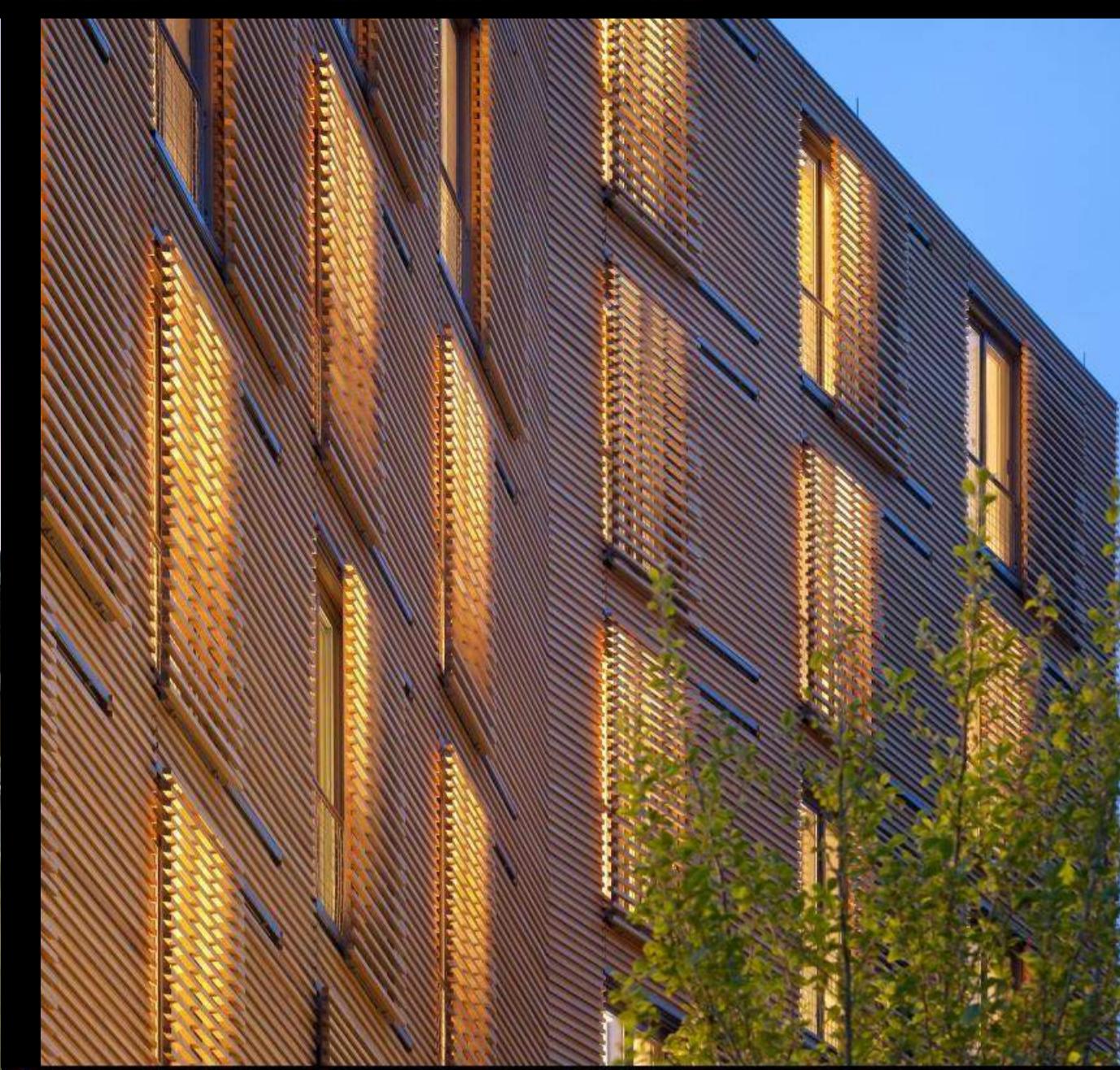
MODULAR MASS TIMBER KEY ELEMENTS

Mass Timber Modules



Modules designed strategically with the goals of:

1. **Easy and quick assembly** by small teams of relatively low-skilled laborers in local assembly halls.
2. **Easy and quick setting** on site
3. **Exceptional buildings**



**INTEGRATED
DESIGN CUBED**
MODULAR MASS TIMBER



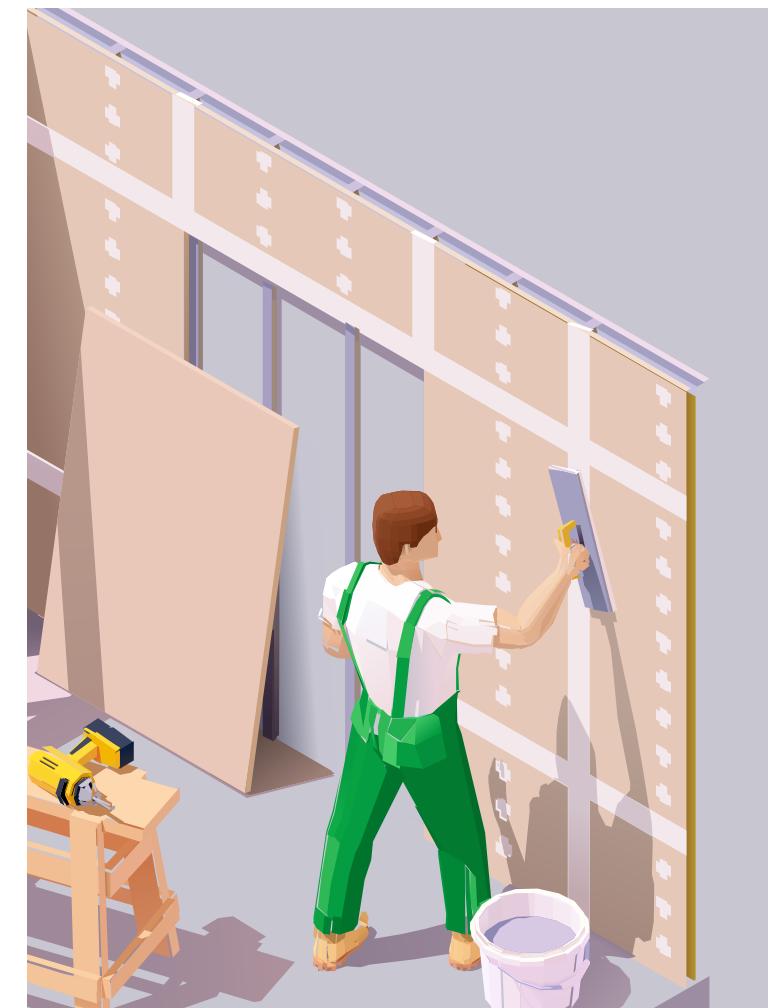
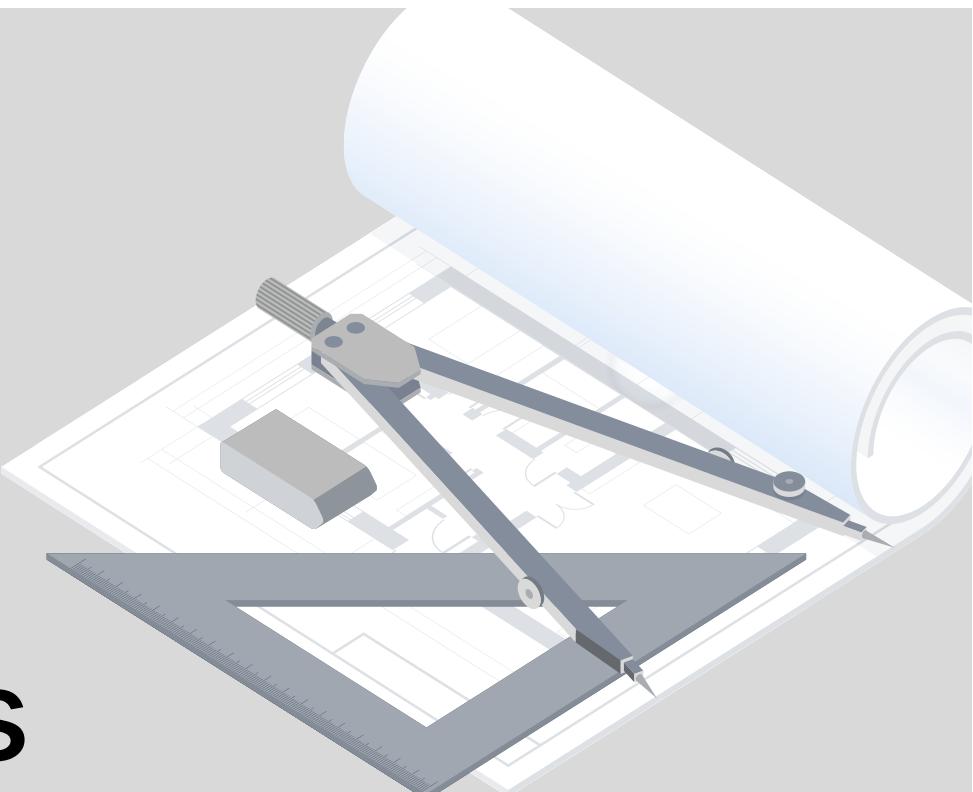
Reframe
SYSTEMS

Resilient Homes

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WoodWorks or the Softwood Lumber Board*

Manual Design

Paper Processes

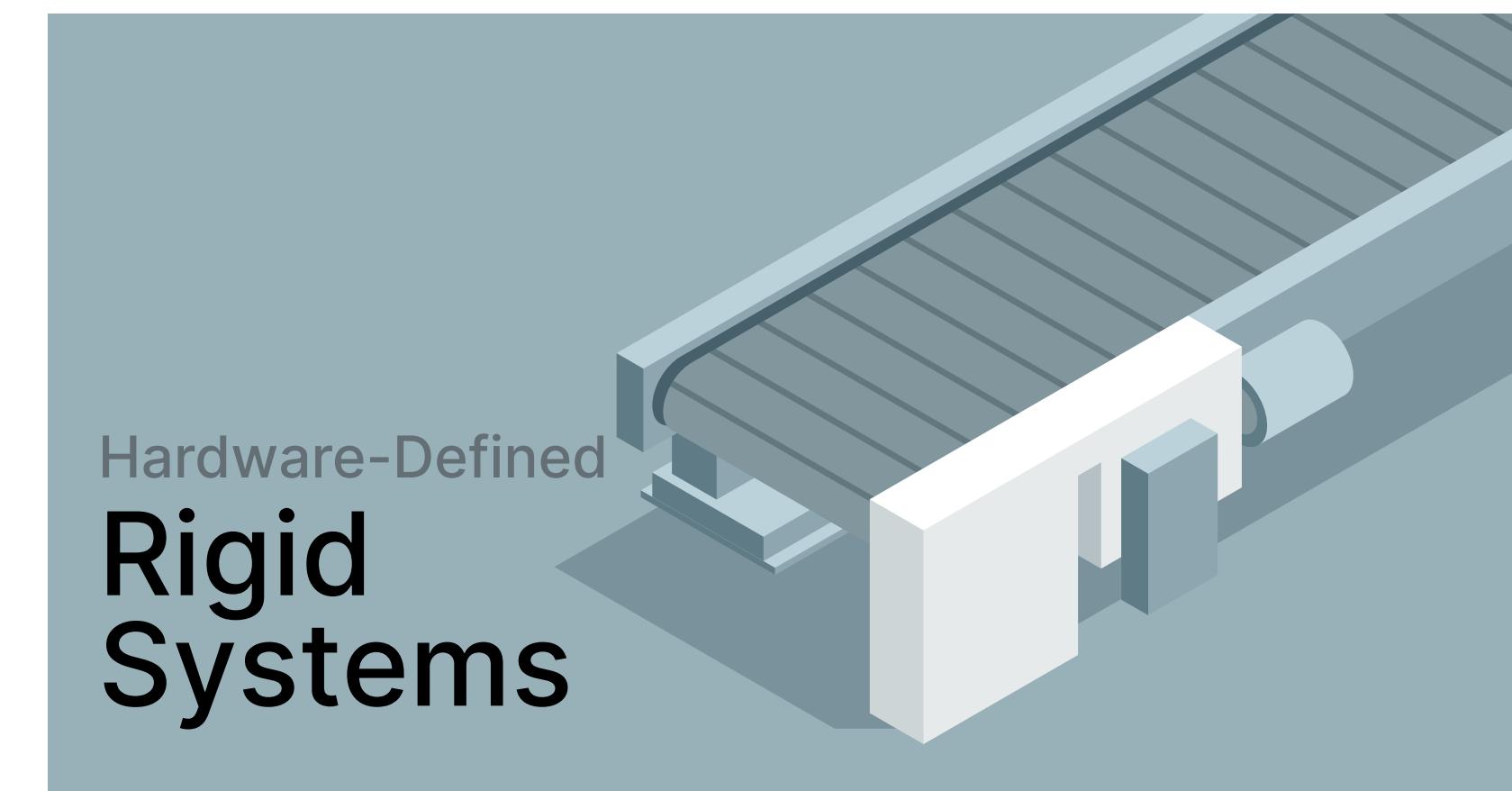


550,000+ Skilled Worker Shortage

Construction needs a paradigm shift



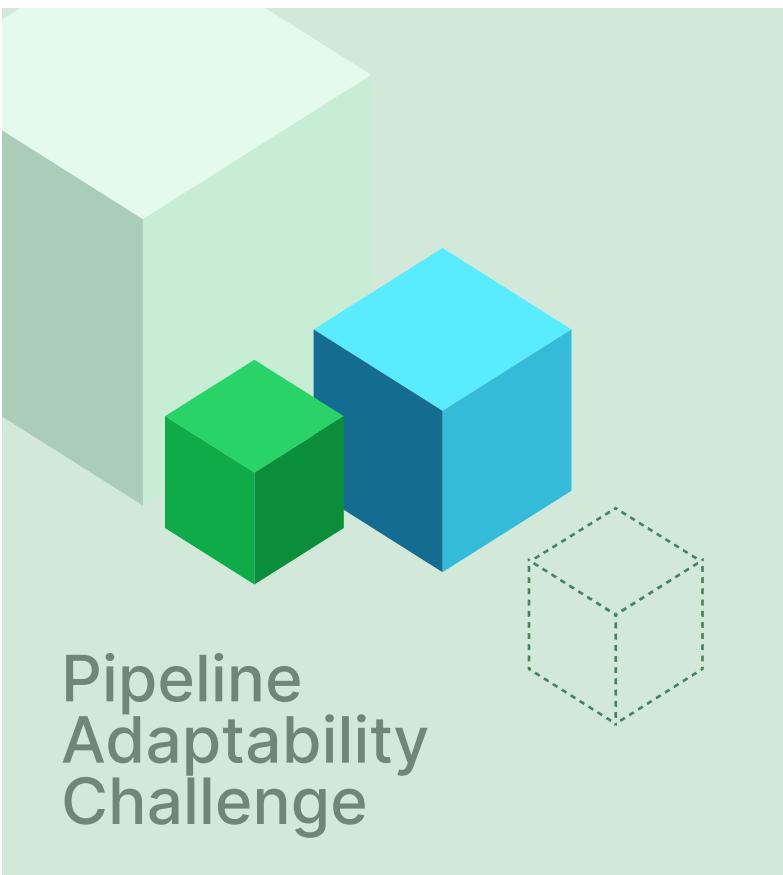
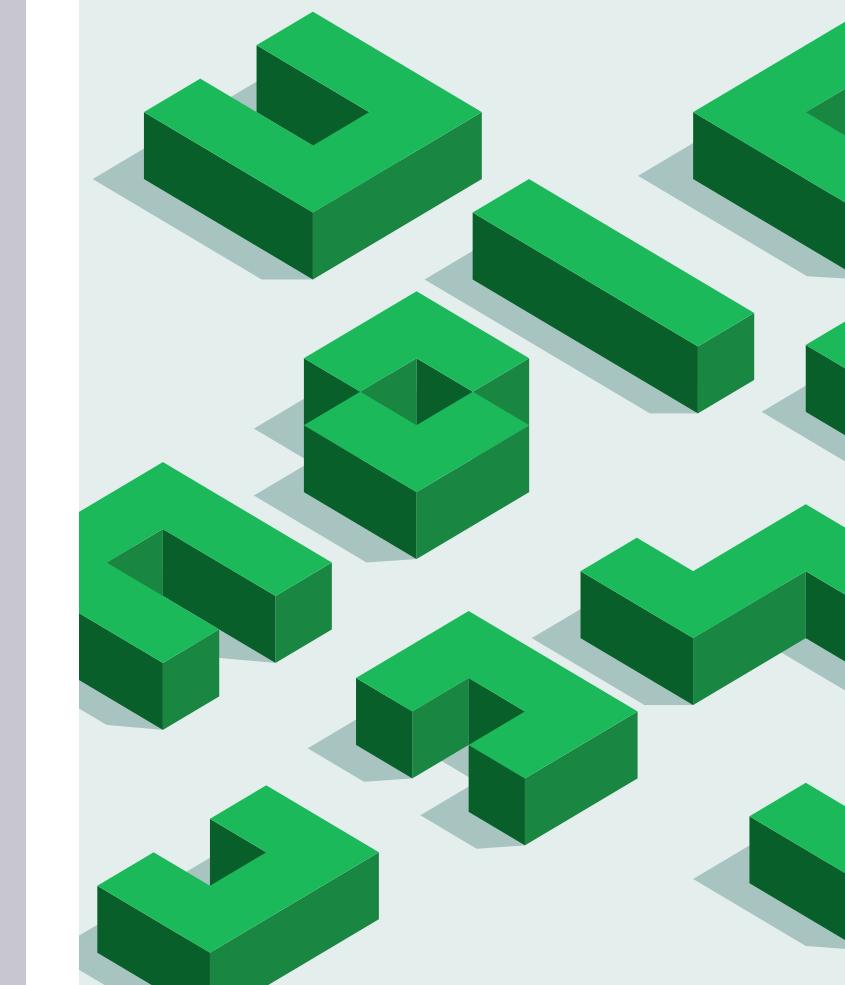
No Volumetric Approach



Hardware-Defined Rigid Systems

Long Tail Problem

7 Climate Zones
50 States
~30k Zoning Jurisdictions



Pipeline Adaptability Challenge



Production Uncertainty

Reframe Systems

3 years old, founding team from Kiva Systems and Amazon Robotics.

Delivering homes to paying customers. Vertically integrated. 40X production growth in 2025



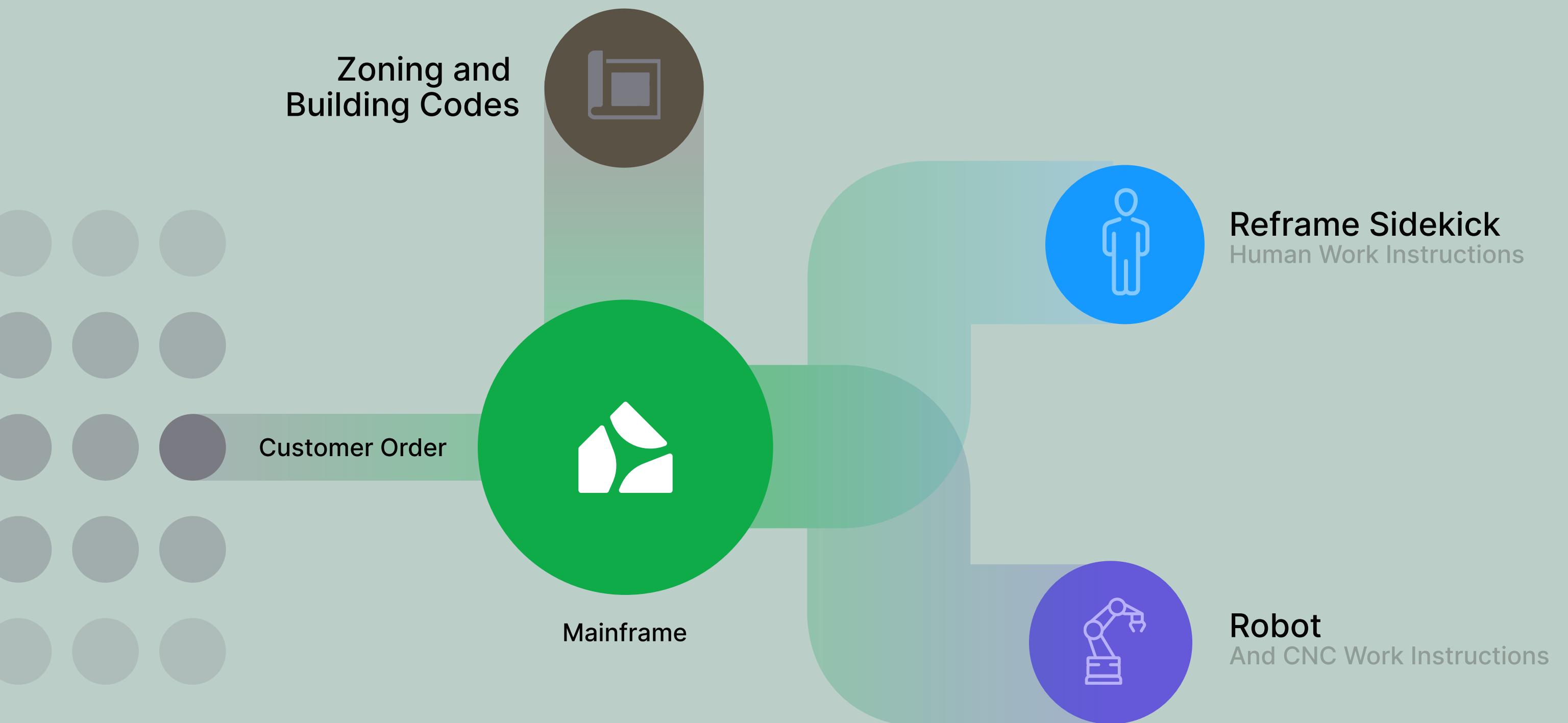
Microfactory #1 operational in Andover, MA

Microfactory #2 in Los Angeles EOY 2026

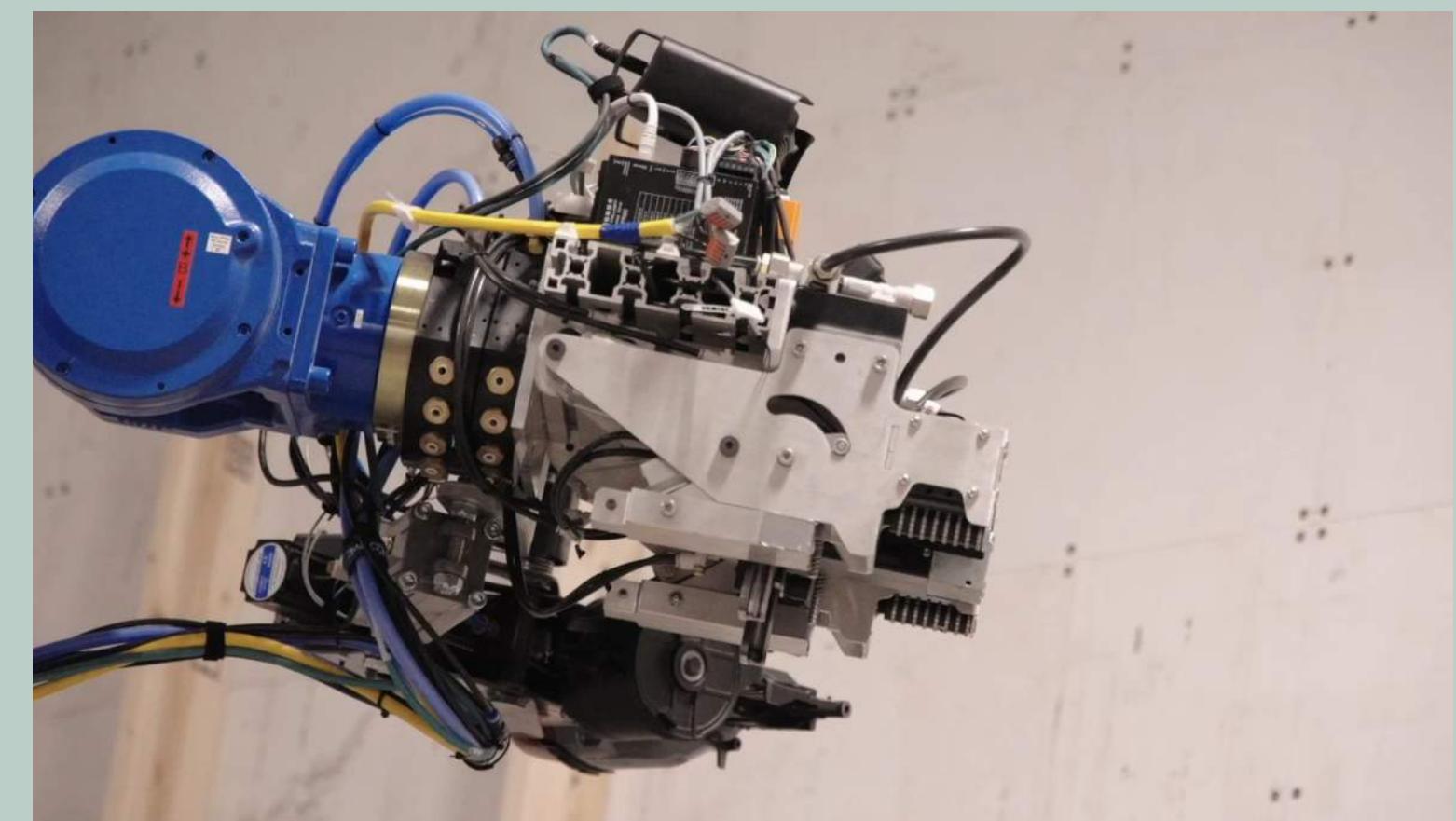
Reframe is building climate-resilient homes using robotics, algorithms, and a microfactory network. We're turning construction into computation to unlock housing abundance.



We're reframing construction into a software and AI problem

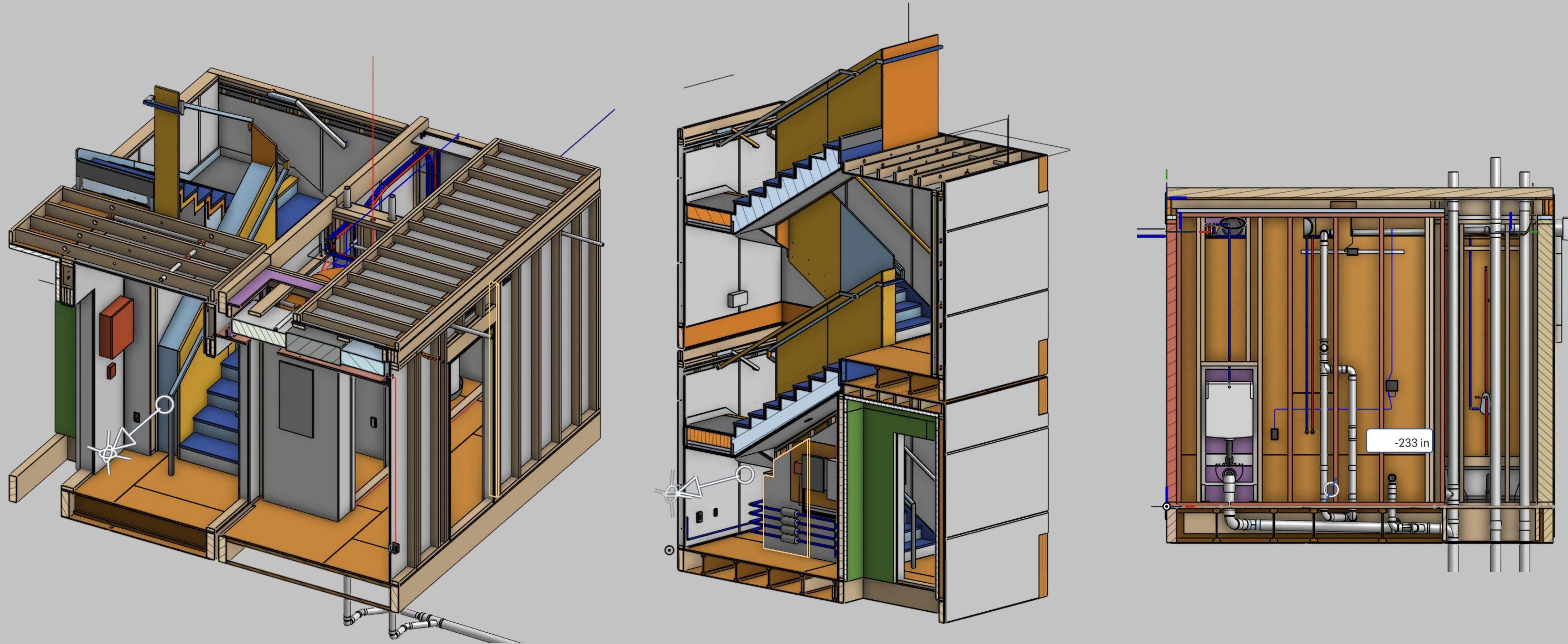


Augmented Workcells
Supercharges Apprentice Builders

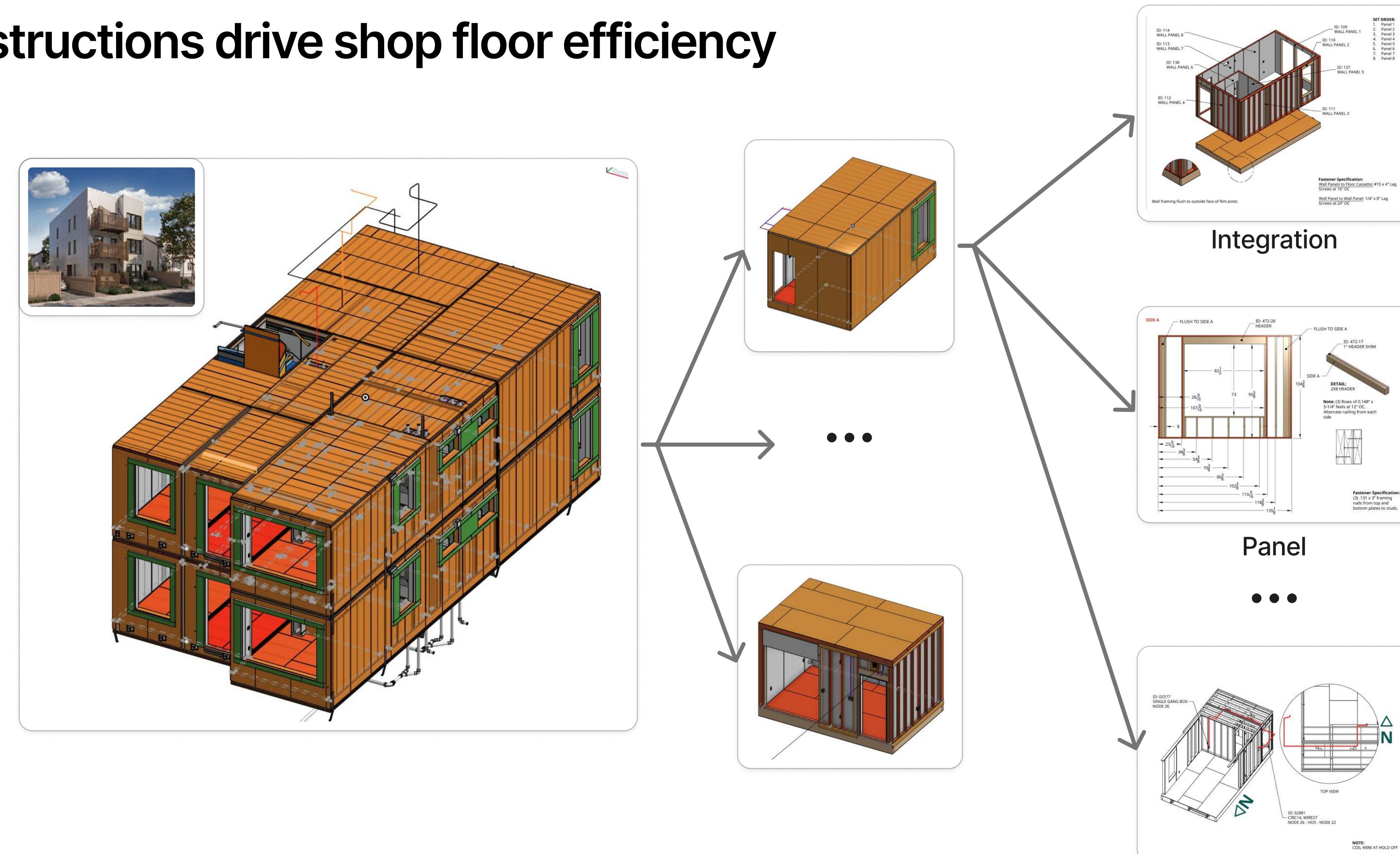


Low-Cost Flexible Robots
Physical World API

Highly detailed parametric CAD



Work instructions drive shop floor efficiency



1 Triple Decker

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24 Modules +
6 Roof Cassettes X

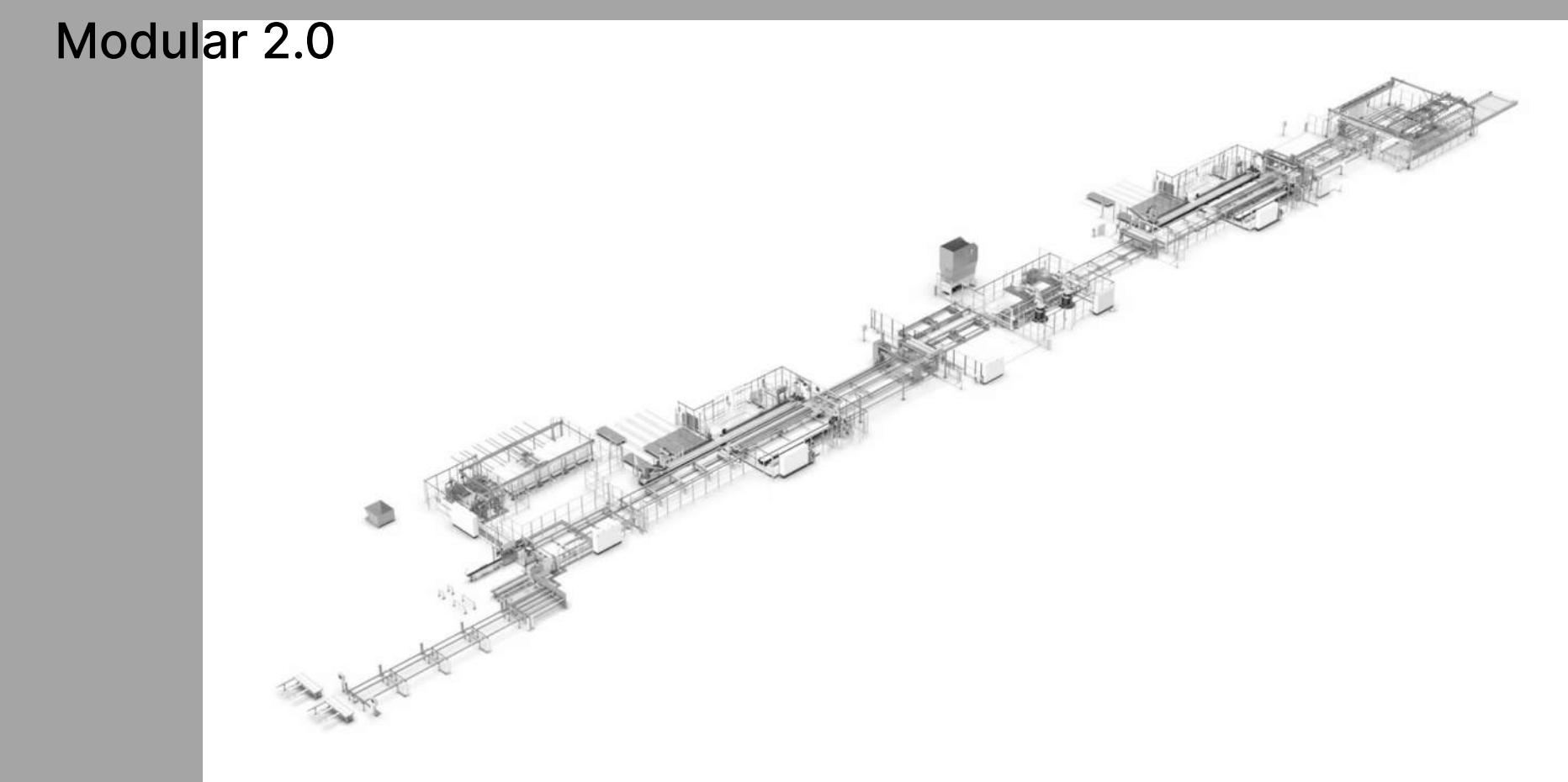
~200 Work Instructions/Module
(100 Annotated Views/Module)

= ~3500 Work Instructions (800 unique annotated views) per project

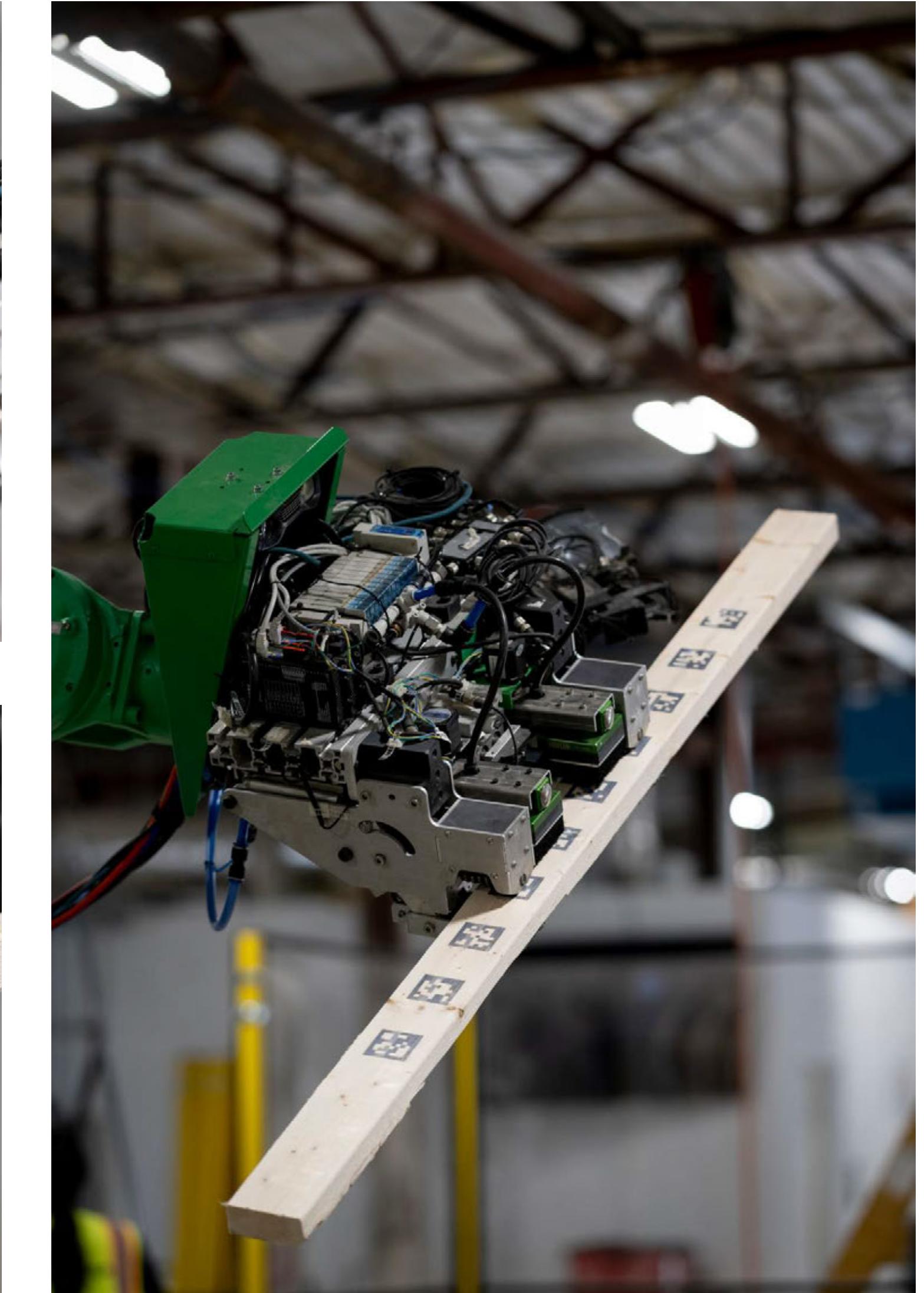
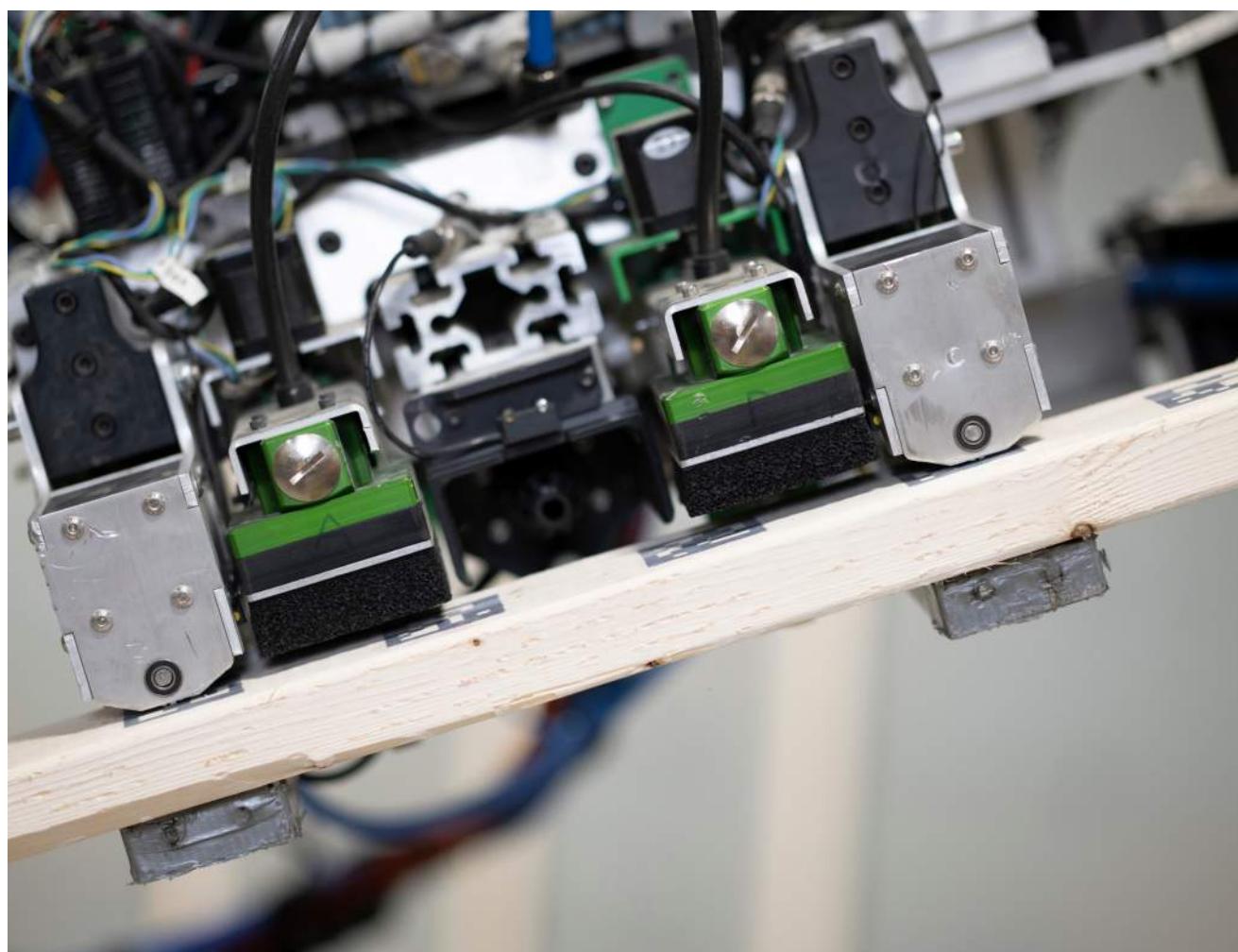
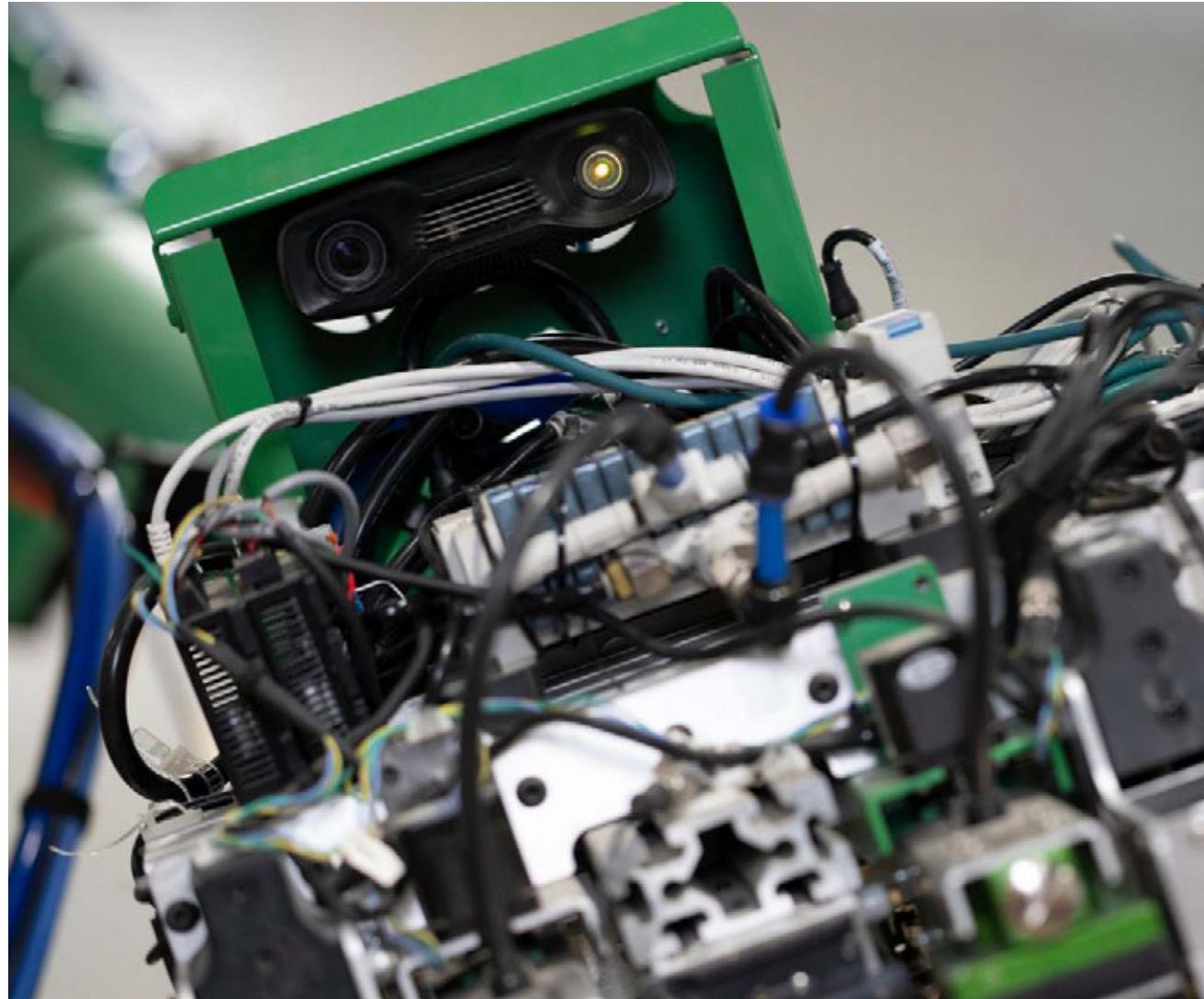
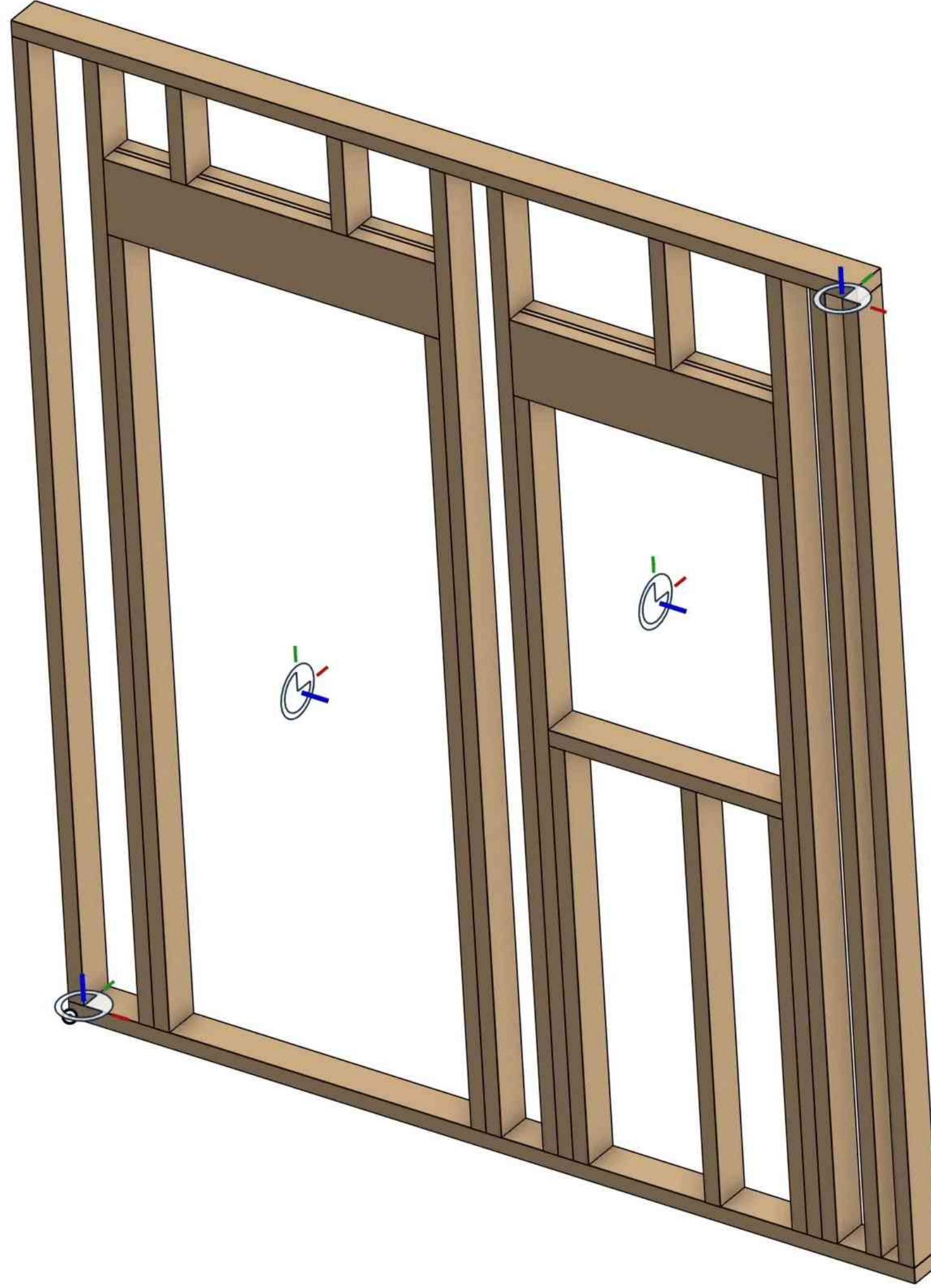
Reframe Robotic Paneling

50x smaller, 25x cheaper

	Modular 2.0	Modular 3.0 (Reframe Systems)
CAPEX	High (>\$5M)	Low (\$200k)
Installation Time	800 days	100 days
Flexibility	Very Low	Very High
Scaling/Utilization	None/Low	Yes/High
Throughput	150 linear ft/hr	36 linear ft/hr
Footprint	26,000 sqft	500 sqft
Min Factory Footprint	200k sqft	20k sqft



From #2 Lumber - High performance buildings



Software is material agnostic

Delivered our first climate-resilient home in 48 days



2.5X Faster

48 days vs. 120 days
Foundation to Substantial
Completion

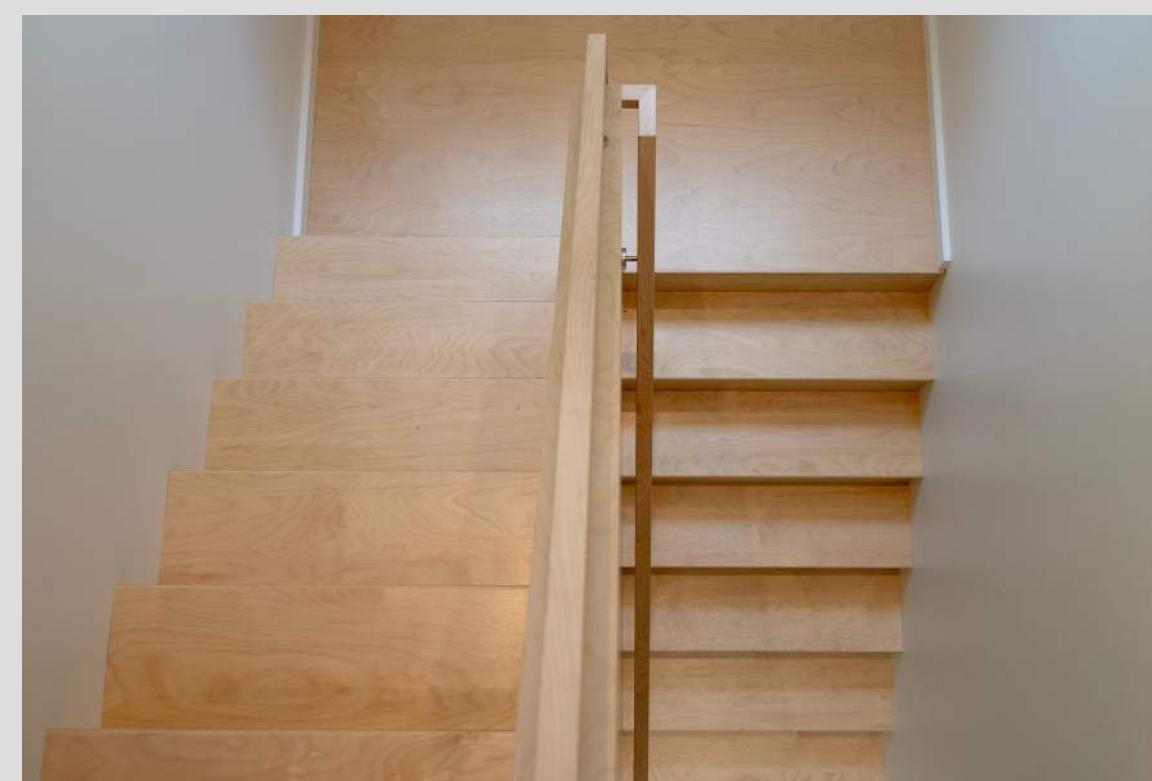
20% Tighter

0.47ACH50 vs.
0.6ACH50



85% Less Carbon

Compared to non-Passive
two-story home



Reframe Living

PORTFOLIO





Reframe

S Y S T E M S

This concludes The American Institute of Architects
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