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WEBINAR

# Mass Timber Webinar Series

## Pioneering Mass Timber:

## MSU's STEM Facility



## Future events



**Lansing 2030 District**  
*Incentives, Rebates, and Funding  
for Efficiency*

**Thursday, March 27th**  
10–11am  
Via Zoom



**Mass Timber Webinar Series**  
*Kalamazoo Regional Educational  
Service Agency*  
In collaboration with [MassTimber@MSU](mailto:MassTimber@MSU)

**Thursday, April 24th**  
10–11am  
Via Zoom



**Michigan Energy Summit**

**Thursday, May 8th**  
8:30am – 4:30pm  
JW Marriott, Grand Rapids

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### Mass Timber Webinar Series

*DNR Newberry*

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Thursday, June 26th

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*Adelaide Pointe Condos*

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Thursday, July 24th

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# Agenda

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# TYPES OF MASS TIMBER



Glue-laminated Timber (Glulam)



Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT)



Mass Plywood Panels



Nail-Laminated Timber



Dowel Laminated Timber



Laminated Veneer Lumber



# Fostering a Mass Timber Ecosystem



**STEM Facility as Learning Lab**



**Bringing People Together**



**Michigan Mass Timber**  
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE  
**Technical Assistance  
and Peer Learning**

This quarterly virtual gathering will provide technical assistance and peer learning for those involved in mass timber projects across Michigan in a supportive and confidential environment.



**Research and Teaching**



INTERNATIONAL  
**Mass Timber**  
CONFERENCE

# Mass Timber Projects in Michigan: ~60 Complete or in the Pipeline



K-12 schools, Universities



Training Facilities, Community Centers, Government Buildings



Apartments & Condos  
Affordable Housing  
Single-Family Home



Hotel



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Michigan State University





- Summer 2016 – Madison, WI
- February 2017 – Meet with the Executive VP
- Spring 2017 – Summer 2018 – “The Long and Winding Road”
- August 2018 – Groundbreaking
- Summer 2021 - Opening





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## The Case Back Then

- Innovation: First-of-its-Type
- Campus as a Learning Laboratory
- Public Funding



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## The Case Now

- Innovation on Display – National Recognition
- Building as a Teaching Tool
- Outreach and Engagement Tool: 3,500+ tour participants + technical assistance
- Conversation Changer



INTEGRATED **design** SOLUTIONS  
architecture engineering interiors & technology

**Kevin Marshall**

*AIA, LEED AP BD+C*

**Lead Project Architect**



## Shaw Lane Powerplant

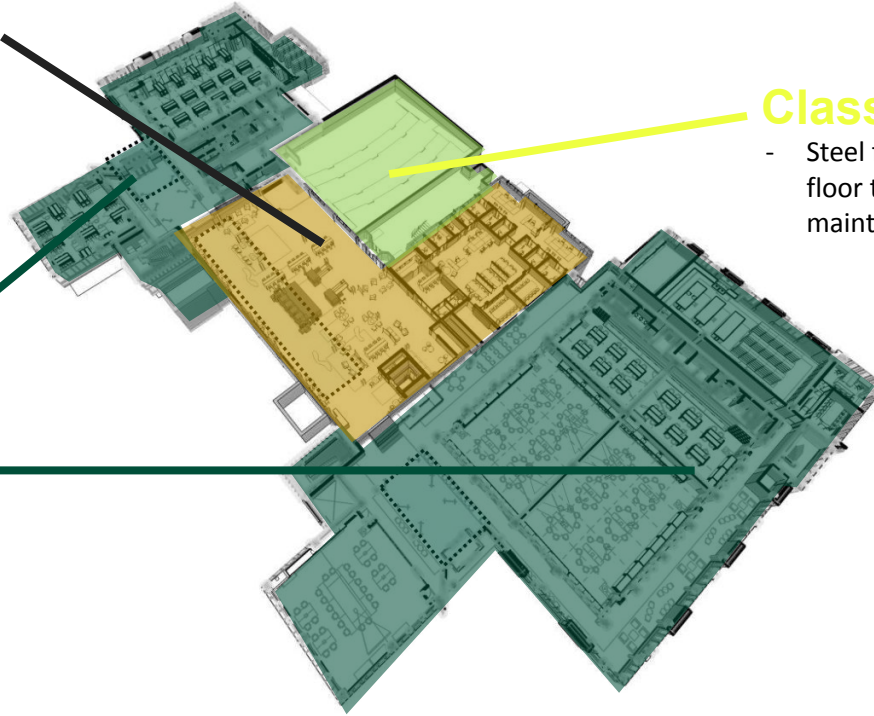
- Existing Steel Building Frame
- Existing concrete Floors
- New Floors constructed of CLT to connect with STEM wings

## Classroom Addition

- Steel frame and composite concrete floor to increase spans while maintaining ceiling heights

## STEM Wings

- Exposed Glu-Lam columns and beams to highlight wood construction and yet be less industrial than Power Plant
- Floors constructed of CLT with polished concrete topping as walking surface



# Mass Timber Considerations



Structural Design



Design Decisions

# Mass Timber Considerations: Structural Design

Construction Type

Fire Resistance/Panel Thickness

Vibration Analysis

Right Sizing Timber





**TABLE 506.2**  
**ALLOWABLE AREA FACTOR ( $A_f$  = NS, S1, S13R, S13D or SM, as applicable) IN SQUARE FEET<sup>a, b</sup>**

OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION	SEE FOOTNOTES	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION											
		Type I		Type II		Type III		Type IV				Type V	
		A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	C	HT	A	B
A-1	NS	UL	UL	15,500	8,500	14,000	8,500	45,000	30,000	18,750	15,000	11,500	5,500
	S1	UL	UL	62,000	34,000	56,000	34,000	180,000	120,000	75,000	60,000	46,000	22,000
	SM	UL	UL	46,500	25,500	42,000	25,500	135,000	90,000	56,250	45,000	34,500	16,500
A-2	NS	UL	UL	15,500	9,500	14,000	9,500	45,000	30,000	18,750	15,000	11,500	6,000
	S1	UL	UL	62,000	38,000	56,000	38,000	180,000	120,000	75,000	60,000	46,000	24,000
	SM	UL	UL	46,500	28,500	42,000	28,500	135,000	90,000	56,250	45,000	34,500	18,000
A-3	NS	UL	UL	15,500	9,500	14,000	9,500	45,000	30,000	18,750	15,000	11,500	6,000
	S1	UL	UL	62,000	38,000	56,000	38,000	180,000	120,000	75,000	60,000	46,000	24,000
	SM	UL	UL	46,500	28,500	42,000	28,500	135,000	90,000	56,250	45,000	34,500	18,000
A-4	NS	UL	UL	15,500	9,500	14,000	9,500	45,000	30,000	18,750	15,000	11,500	6,000
	S1	UL	UL	62,000	38,000	56,000	38,000	180,000	120,000	75,000	60,000	46,000	24,000
	SM	UL	UL	46,500	28,500	42,000	28,500	135,000	90,000	56,250	45,000	34,500	18,000
A-5	NS												
	S1	UL	UL	UL	UL	UL	UL	UL	UL	UL	UL	UL	UL
	SM												
B	NS	UL	UL	37,500	23,000	28,500	19,000	108,000	72,000	45,000	36,000	18,000	9,000
	S1	UL	UL	150,000	92,000	114,000	76,000	432,000	288,000	180,000	144,000	72,000	36,000
	SM	UL	UL	112,500	69,000	85,500	57,000	324,000	216,000	135,000	108,000	54,000	27,000

# Mass Timber Considerations: Structural Design

## Construction Type

Construction Type: IIIB

First Floor Areas:

North STEM: 12,488 sf

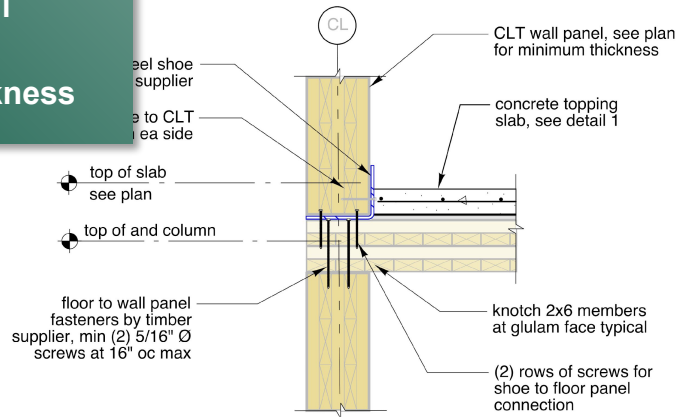
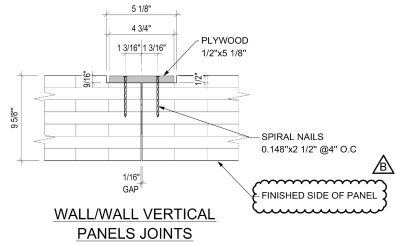
Power Plant: 19,929 sf

South STEM: 24,103 sf

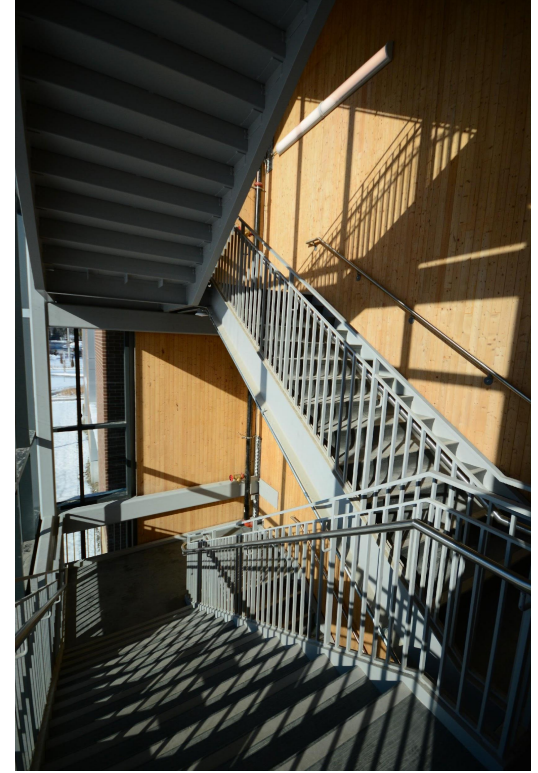


# Mass Timber Considerations: Structural Design

## Fire Resistance/Panel Thickness



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S4.10 typical CLT edge bearing on CLT wall  
3/4" = 1'-0"



# Mass Timber Considerations: Design Decisions

Beam Connections

Column Design

Lateral System

Transitions



# Mass Timber Considerations: Design Decisions

## Beam Connections





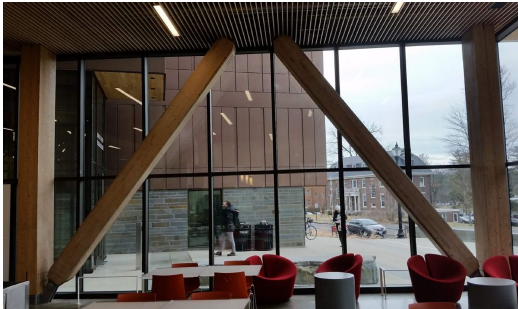
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## Column Design



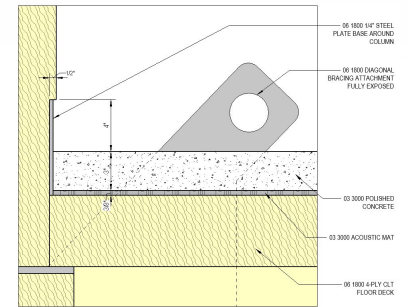
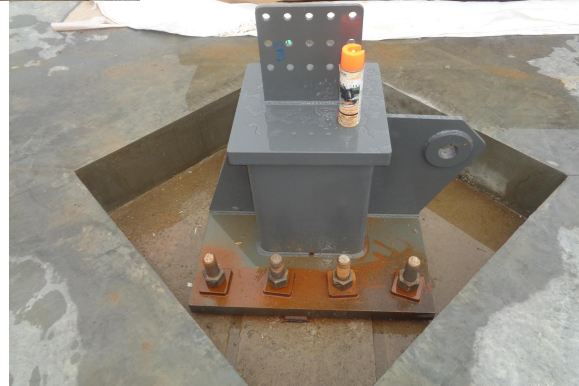
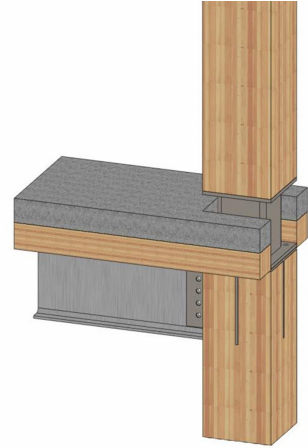
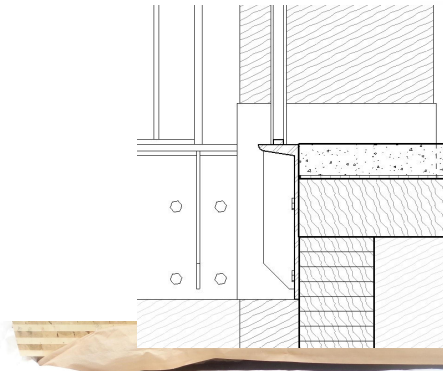
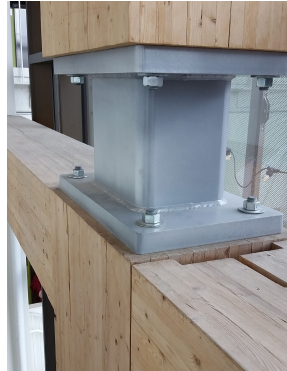
# Mass Timber Considerations: Design Decisions

## Lateral System



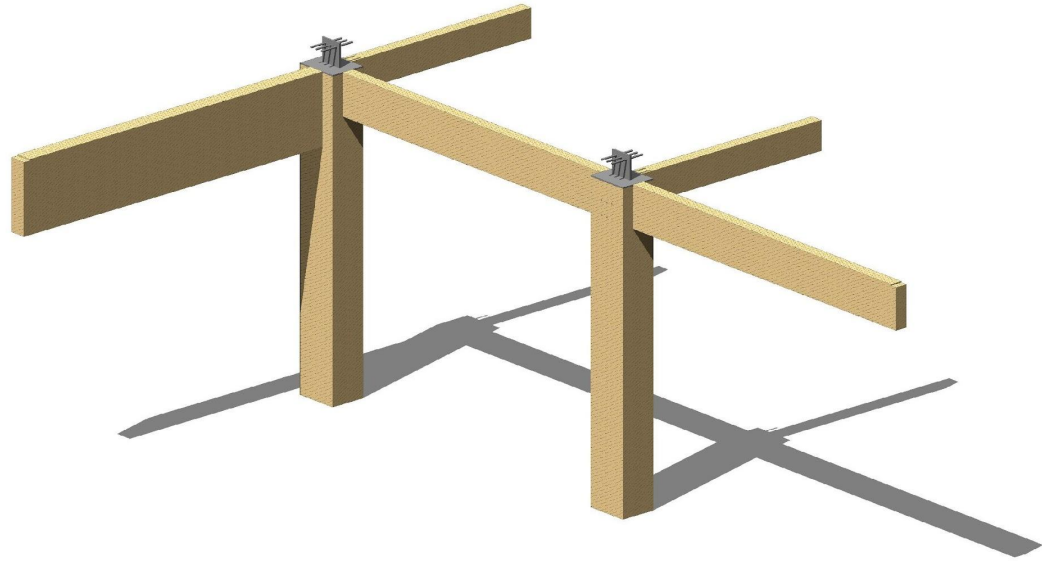
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## Transitions





## Typical Erection Sequence

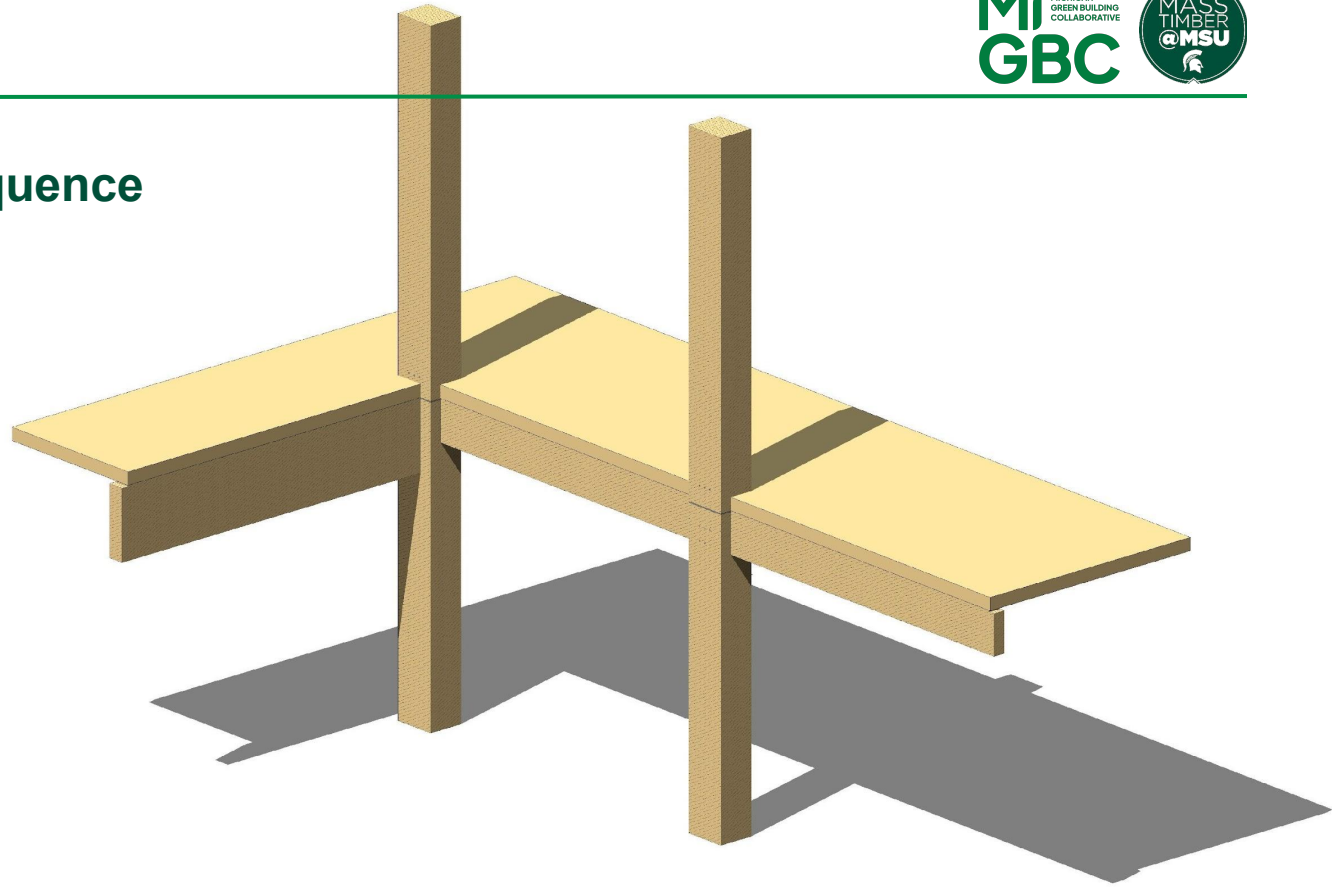




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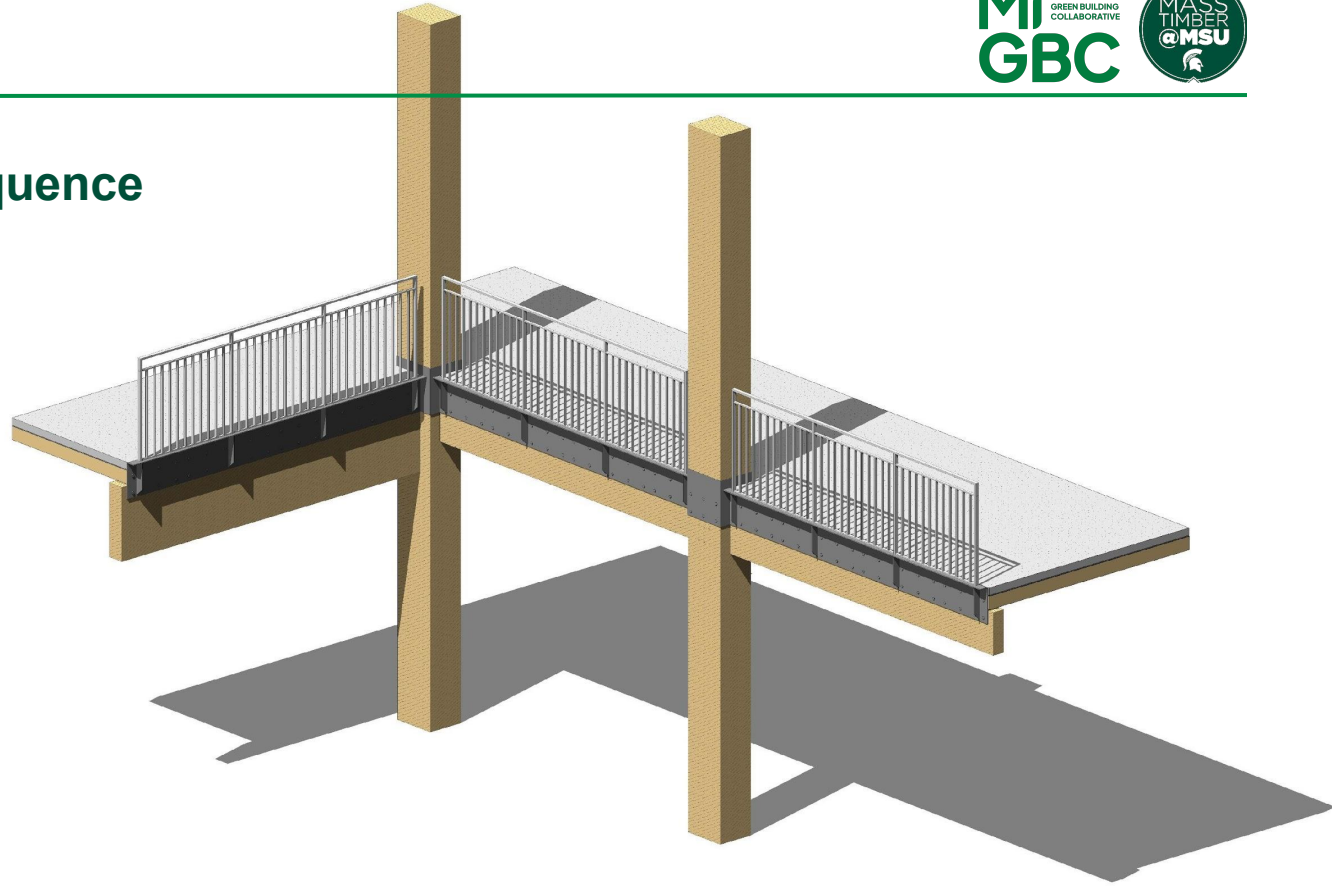
## Typical Erection Sequence



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## Typical Erection Sequence









A large, modern brick and glass building with a wide walkway and a bicycle rack in the foreground. The building features large glass windows and a brick facade. A person with a backpack is walking on the path, and a person is standing near a bicycle rack filled with various bicycles. The sky is blue with scattered clouds.

Entering STEM from  
Southwest

STEM TEACHING AND LEARNING FACILITY

















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Microbiology experiment: Data Collection

1. Based on the data collected, what is the effect of the concentration of the substrate on the rate of the reaction?

2. How does the rate of the reaction change as the concentration of the substrate increases?

3. What is the effect of the concentration of the substrate on the rate of the reaction?

4. How does the rate of the reaction change as the concentration of the substrate increases?

5. How does the rate of the reaction change as the concentration of the substrate increases?











# INTRODUCTION



# GRANGER

ADVANCE THE ART OF BUILDING

**Bill Bofysil**

*Project Director*

# DISCOVERY

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

STEM Teaching & Learning Facility



## BACKGROUND

MSU desired to explore the use of mass timber materials for the STEM Teaching & Learning Facility. The STEM project team (MSU IPF, MSU PFSM, IDS, Granger) engaged a variety of subject matter experts in three workshops from December 2017 through February 2018. The project team evaluated the differences between structural steel construction, a mass timber solution, or some combination of both. Factors considered and discussed covered a wide range of topics including: first & life cycle cost, construction schedule, building systems coordination, code compliance, sustainability, aesthetics, adaptability of design, trade availability, demonstration of innovation, relation to MSU pedagogy, local economic impact, systems reliability, pests, and other. Some topics were explored in detail; others were discussed in a Q & A style forum between the project team and subject matter experts.

## STUDY TEAM

### STEM Project Team

MSU IPF  
MSU PFSM  
IDS Design  
(Elenzweig)  
Granger  
SDI (structural engineer)

Ken Gottschalk, Jeff Kasdorf  
Nevan DuChango  
Jeff Johnson, Christa Azar, Kevin Marshall  
Peter Herman  
Tim VanAntwerp, Matt Bort, John Bort, Ian Clutten  
Paul Daniels

### Subject Matter Experts

Structural steel trade  
Mass timber supplier  
Mass Timber industry

Sean Sage – Kirby Steel  
Crawford Dewar – Guardian Industries  
Archie Landreman – Woodworks

### Additional Planning Partners

MSU IPF

Shawn Kelly, Brandon Bassell  
Dean Geisenbauer, Eric Doollittle



## PROCESS SUMMARY

Workshop #1 – December 15, 2017

**Objectives:** Develop and co-draft (with SME's) a preliminary Choosing by Advantages (CBA) worksheet evaluating preliminary advantages of either steel and mass timber solutions or some combination of both.

**Attendees:** MSU IPF, PFSM, IDS, SDI, Granger, Kirby, Guardian

**Conclusions:** Little to no difference in most factors considered. Some differences exist with anticipated construction schedule (mass timber should take less time to erect), availability of local, qualified trade partners (more local steel partners), demonstrating innovation (mass timber is perceived to be more innovative), and supporting MSU pedagogy (some partnerships exist with mass timber industry and MSU College of Agriculture).

**Follow Ups:** Engage additional MSU planning partners. Complete more in-depth technical review.

Workshop #2 – February 7, 2018

**Objectives:** Introduce mass timber systems to MSU IPF planning partners to identify early concerns and answer preliminary questions.

**Attendees:** MSU IPF, IPF Planning Partners listed above, PFSM, IDS, Elenzweig, SDI, Granger, Guardian, Woodworks

**Conclusions:** In addition to the project team and invited subject matter experts, four IPF planning partners attended. No significant technical concerns were identified, however, the possible requirement for humidity control needed further research. The question remained whether MSU would consider trying a new/unfamiliar system for an entire structure, or begin with a smaller element or building component.

**Follow Ups:** Research humidity control question. MSU IPF continuing to discuss internally. Complete more in-depth structural technical review.

Workshop #3 – February 13, 2018

**Objectives:** Structural engineers to conduct a technical discussion and initial review of mass timber design, members, connections, etc. to identify any technical or engineering concerns.

**Attendees:** MSU IPF, IDS, Elenzweig, SDI, Granger, Guardian, Guardian's structural consultant

**Conclusions:** No technical or engineering concern was identified which would preclude the use of mass timber. A mass timber system was conceptualized as a mass timber frame, cross laminated (CLT) floor and roof deck, 3" concrete topping slab, pipe & bracing, steel stairs, and a steel frame penthouse. No "special" humidity control is required just for mass timber.

**Follow Ups:** Further investigate steel framing required for curtainwall and envelope systems. Further investigate use of mass timber or steel at Penthouses.

## SUMMARY CBA MATRIX

Factor	Steel	Mass Timber	Advantage
Construction Schedule	3-4 months design & fab 16-18 weeks install	3-4 months design & fab 6-8 weeks install	Mass timber is expected to take less time to install
Code Compliance / AHI	Type 2 construction. 2HR separation to Power Plant. Special inspections known.	Type 3 construction. 3HR separation to Power Plant. Special inspections less known.	Steel has small beneficial difference in code compliance / AHI approval.
Sustainability	Calculated recycled value 75% Regional materials > 50%	Perception that wood products are more sustainable	Very small difference in sustainable attributes
Aesthetics	Steel could be exposed or concealed. Painted acoustical metal deck.	Mass timber could be exposed or concealed. Exposed, sealed CLT wood deck.	Neutral (subjective).
Structure & Building Systems Coordination	6 1/2" total floor section anticipated, 27" deep beams expected	10 1/2" total floor slab anticipated, beams are deeper than 27"	Steel has small beneficial difference in systems coordination
Trade Availability	Michigan based qualified firms with trained workforce	National fabricators expected, rely primarily on local labor to install.	Steel has some beneficial difference in availability of available trades
Innovation	Unique design possible. Steel is commonly used material.	No known mass timber structures currently exist on MSU campus.	Mass timber has some beneficial difference in demonstrating innovation.
MSU Pedagogy	Teaching moments/internships for MSU students	Partnerships exist with the College of Agriculture and industry	Mass timber has some beneficial difference in support of MSU pedagogy
Local economic impact	Fabricators and installers are expected to be Michigan owned. Steel materials regional, but not expected to come from Michigan.	Wood materials could be sourced from Michigan. Majority of installers expected to be Michigan residents. Fabricators likely to be non-Michigan based.	Neutral (detailed economic impact was not completed).
Reliability	Materials are familiar to the project team.	Materials are unfamiliar to the project team. Shrinkages is not a concern on a building of this size.	Neutral

## INITIAL CONCLUSIONS

**FIRST COST:** First Cost is anticipated to be neutral between steel or mass timber (\$4.3 - \$4.75 millions, construction cost).

**LIFE CYCLE COST:** Life cycle / maintenance costs are anticipated to be negligible for either steel or mass timber.

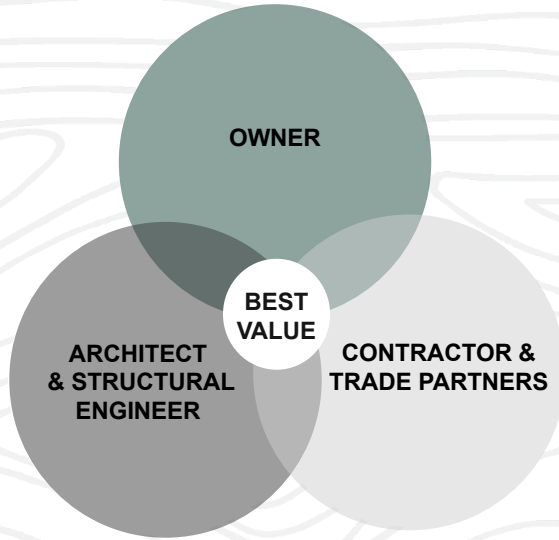
**TECHNICAL:** No technical or operational reason has yet been identified which precludes the use of either steel or mass timber for the entire STEM structure or an element within.

### ADDITIONAL LEARNING:

- Engage additional mass timber partner to validate conceptual estimates (mass timber budget based on estimate of early schema, and trade SME anticipates current design to be cost neutral to steel).
- Make site visit to completed project in Amherst, MA or Minneapolis, MN.



# PROJECT DELIVERY



## PROGRAMMING

- Mass Timber Option
- Site Feasibility
- Identify Project Team



## SCHEMATIC DESIGN

TIMBER PARTNER

- Owner Mass Timber Project Goals
- Construction Type
- Timber Optimization
- Connection Design



## DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

- Wood Sourcing Requirements
- European v North American
- Manufacturer Timber 'Right Sizing'
- Delegated Design Analysis



## CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

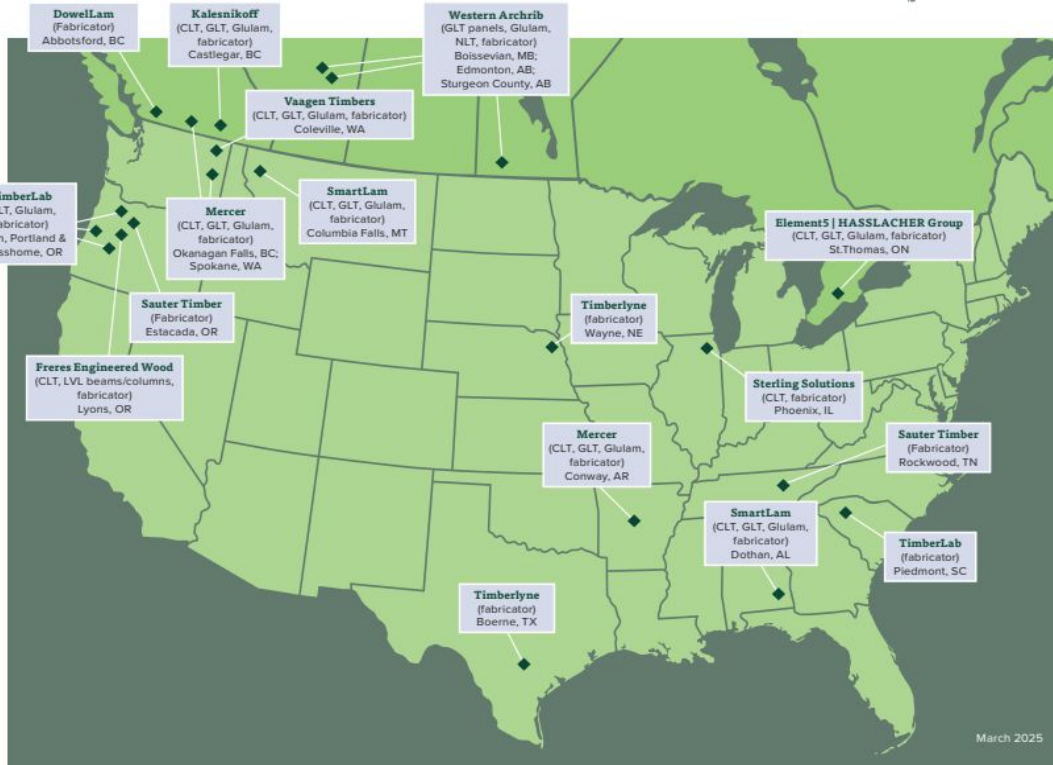
- Shop Drawings
- BIM Coordination – Sequencing of Erection
- Transit / Storage and Handling
- Moisture Mitigation Plan



# SOURCING



- DowelLam**  
(Manufacturer)  
Abbotsford, BC
- Element5 | HASSLACHER Group**  
(CLT, GLT, Glulam, fabricator)  
St.Thomas, ON
- Freres Engineered Wood**  
(CLT, LVL beams/columns, fabricator)  
Lyons, OR
- Kalesnikoff**  
(CLT, GLT, Glulam, fabricator)  
Castlegar, BC
- Mercer**  
(CLT, GLT, Glulam, fabricator)  
Conway, AR; Okanagan Falls, BC; Spokane, WA
- Sauter Timber**  
(Fabricator)  
Rockwood, TN; Estacada, OR
- SmartLam**  
(CLT, GLT, Glulam, fabricator)  
Dothan, AL; Columbia Falls, MT
- Sterling Solutions**  
(CLT, fabricator)  
Phoenix, IL
- TimberLab**  
(GLT, Glulam, fabricator)  
Drain, Portland & Swisshome, OR; Piedmont, SC
- Timberlyne**  
(fabricator)  
Wayne, NE; Boerne, TX
- Vaagen Timbers**  
(CLT, GLT, Glulam, fabricator)  
Coleville, WA
- Western Archrib**  
(GLT panels, Glulam, NLT, fabricator)  
Boissevian, MB; Edmonton, AB; Sturgeon County, AB



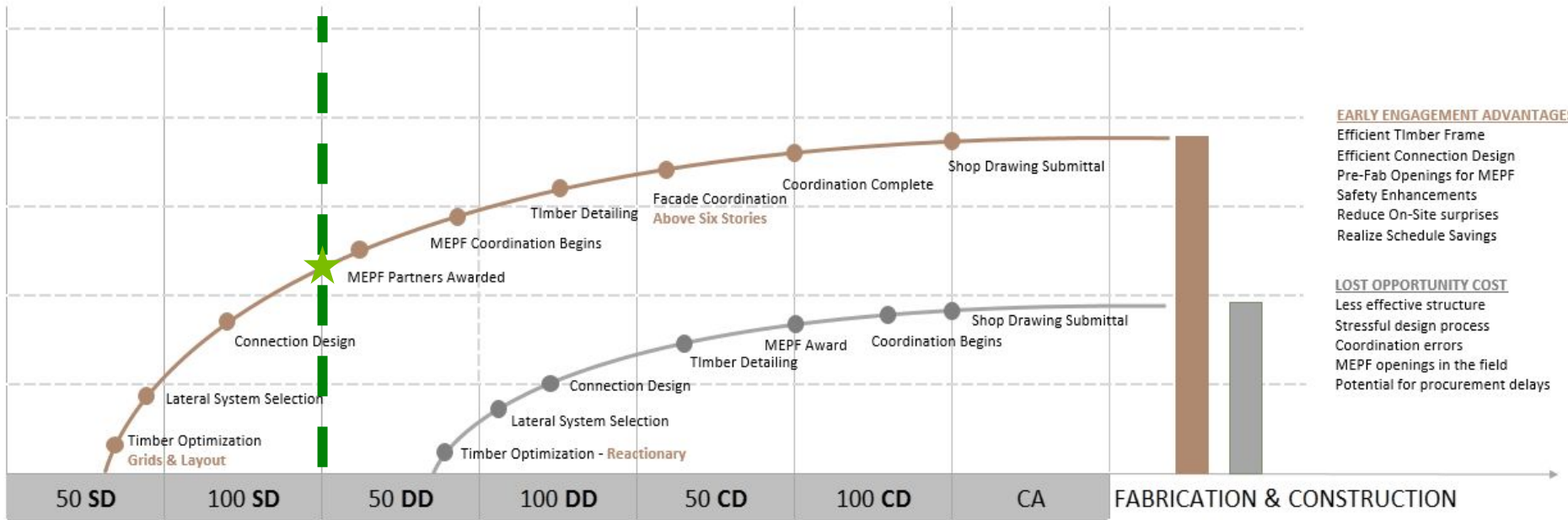
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## EUROPEAN SUPPLIERS

- Binderholz (Austria)
- Hasslacher Norica Timber (Austria)
- KLH (Austria)
- Wiehag Timber Construction (Austria)

# COLLABORATION



# LESSONS LEARNED



## ■ MASS TIMBER CHALLENGES

- » Longer preconstruction process
- » Non-traditional procurement
- » National/international availability
- » Tolerances
- » Protecting finished installed work
- » Education

## ■ MASS TIMBER ADVANTAGES

- » Total team collaboration – IPD/ Design-Assist
- » Prefabrication
- » Smaller crew sizes
- » Minimal laydown area is required
- » Quicker installation
- » Releases interfacing trades sooner
- » Biophilic design





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Director of  
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## A Change in Construction



# How is it Done?





# Project Planning





# Dealing with the Structure





# Thank You!



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