

# FROM TREE TO MODERN CROSS-LAMINATED WOOD HOUSES

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# LTU

- CT-Scanning
- Wood welding
- Densification of wood











#### **Common Wood Species**



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# No. of species in the World:

• At least 64 000!!

#### Uses of Wood













#### **Microscopic View of Wood Species**

# Softwood

## Hardwood



#### Macroscopic View of wood



#### **Reaction Wood**



#### How Wood Is Cut



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## Dry wood sorting:

- Knots (number, size, type, shape, location)
- Fissures (drying checks, ring shakes, splits)
- Wane
- Resin pockets, scars, slope of grain, top rupture, compression wood
- Warp (bow, cup, twist)

|                                   | C14  | C18  | C24   | C30   | C35   |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Bending parallel                  | 14   | 18   | 24    | 30    | 35    |
| Tension parallel                  | 7,2  | 10   | 14,5  | 19    | 22,5  |
| Tension perpendicular             | 0,4  | 0,4  | 0,4   | 0,4   | 0,4   |
| Compression parallel              | 16   | 18   | 21    | 24    | 25    |
| Compression perpendicular         | 2,0  | 2,2  | 2,5   | 2,7   | 2,7   |
| Shear                             | 3,0  | 3,4  | 4,0   | 4,0   | 4,0   |
| 5 percentile MOE parallel bending | 4700 | 6000 | 7400  | 8000  | 8700  |
| Mean MOE parallel bending         | 7000 | 9000 | 11000 | 12000 | 13000 |
| Mean MOE perpendicular            | 230  | 300  | 370   | 400   | 430   |
| Mean shear modulus                | 440  | 560  | 690   | 750   | 810   |
| 5 percentile density              | 290  | 320  | 350   | 380   | 390   |
| Mean density                      | 350  | 380  | 420   | 460   | 470   |





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- <u>Different materials</u>



#### **Construction of CLT**

# Main species in the market:

- Softwood
  - Spruce
  - Larch
  - Fir
  - Douglas fir
  - Pine
- Hardwood
  - Birch
  - Less common due to machining difficulties
  - More expensive
- (Bamboo)

# Grading of boards used for CLT

- C24 grade boards
- Increasing use of lower graded boards (C14)







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# • Mindlin–Reissner plate theory







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#### History

# History of wooden buildings:

- 1874
- (1888)
- 1994



• 1355 - 1356

#### History

# History of CLT:

- 1994 Founded
- 2000s Wider usage in Europe
- 2003 Martinsons in Bygdsiljum
- 2019 Stora Enso and Södra
- 2020 Setra
- 2022 Common method of construction in Sweden, Norway, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, UK and North America.

# Advantages of CLT:

- Sustainable
- Easier on site (pre-fabricated)
- Faster installation
- Cleaner construction site
- Lighter weight, cheaper foundation
- Thermal properties, good insulator
- Fire resistant

# **Disadvantages of CLT:**

- More expensive than steel and concrete
- (building code restrictions)
- Increasing the cost of electrical, plumbing etc. (lack of cavety)
- Less flexibility during renovations

Some disadvantages may disappear due to an increased market of CLT.

## Fire and CLT:

- Industrial flame retardant treatment
- Add protection on the wood
- Charring rate = 0,6 0,7 mm/min
- A layer of char protects and maintains the strength of the wood inside

# Sustainability of CLT:

- Eco-friendly
- Renewable wood
- Can reduce carbon emissions up to 80% (compared to concrete)

# **CLT producers in Sweden:**

- Holmen (earlier Martinsons) 22 000 m<sup>3</sup>
- Setra 100 000 m<sup>3</sup>
- Stora Enso (largest in Europe) 100 000 m<sup>3</sup> (270 000 m<sup>3</sup> in Europe)
- Södra 14 000 m<sup>3</sup> (140 000 m<sup>3</sup>)

# T2, Skellefteå, 2018

- 9 m
- 2 storeys
- Concrete, glulam and CLT







## The Tree, Bergen, 2015

- 49 m
- 14 storeys
- Glulam truss work + concrete on top floor



# The University of British Columbia, 2017 (Brock Commons)

- 53 m
- 18 storeys
- 70 days to complete the structure
- Steel, concrete and wood





# Sara Kulturhus, Skellefteå, 2021

- 75 m
- 20 storeys
- Sweden's tallest wooden building
- 13 500 flights Stockholm New York
- Concrete, glulam and CLT







# HoHo, Vienna, 2019

- 84 m
- 24 storeys
- 75% wood



# Mjøstårne, Brumunddal, 2019

- 85,4 m
- 18 storeys
- World tallest wooden building
- Gluelam structure, CLT for stiffening





# The Rocket&Tigerli Tower, Winterthur (Zurich)

- 100 m
- Will be completed in 2026
- ≈25 storeys





# W350 Tower, Tokyo, 2041

- 350 m
- 2026 planned to start
- 70 storeys





# **Future of CLT:**

- Is promising
- It is called "the concrete of the future"
- Durable and possible to compare with reinforced concrete
  - Lightweight
  - As durable as concrete
  - Good insulator (compared to concrete and steel)

# Nock Massiva Trähus:

- Fast-growing wooden house manufacturer
- One of few industrilised apartment buildings producers in CLT
- High prefabrication degree

## Nock Factory, Älvängen



#### **On Site**



## **Mounting of Modules**



#### Godisfabriken, Gävle



#### Fiolen, Norrköping

- 4 storeys
- 40 apartments



#### Näsbyholm, Härad

- 16 buildings
- 2 storeys
- 144 apartments





#### Biljetten, Malmö

- 12 Terraced houses (Radhus)
- 4 storeys













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