

# Substituting metal by wood in construction & infrastructures

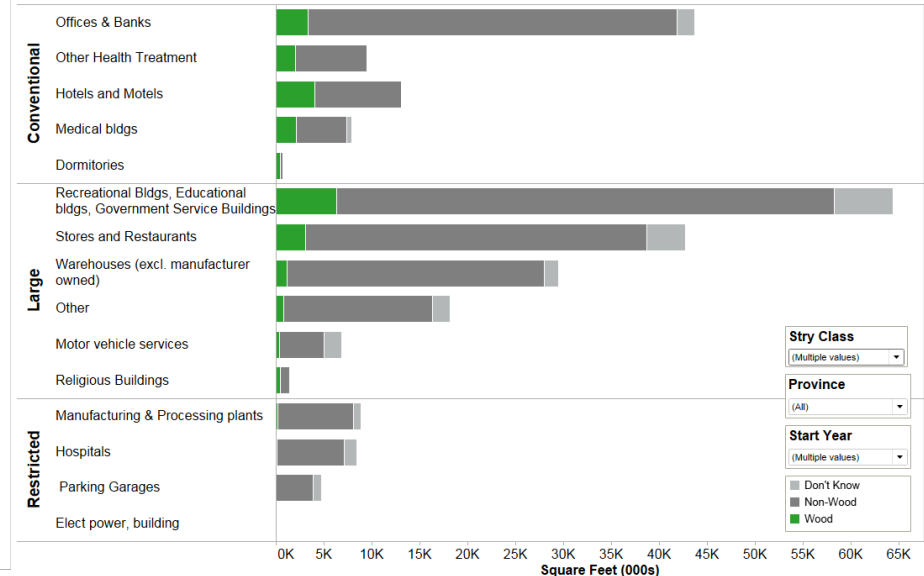
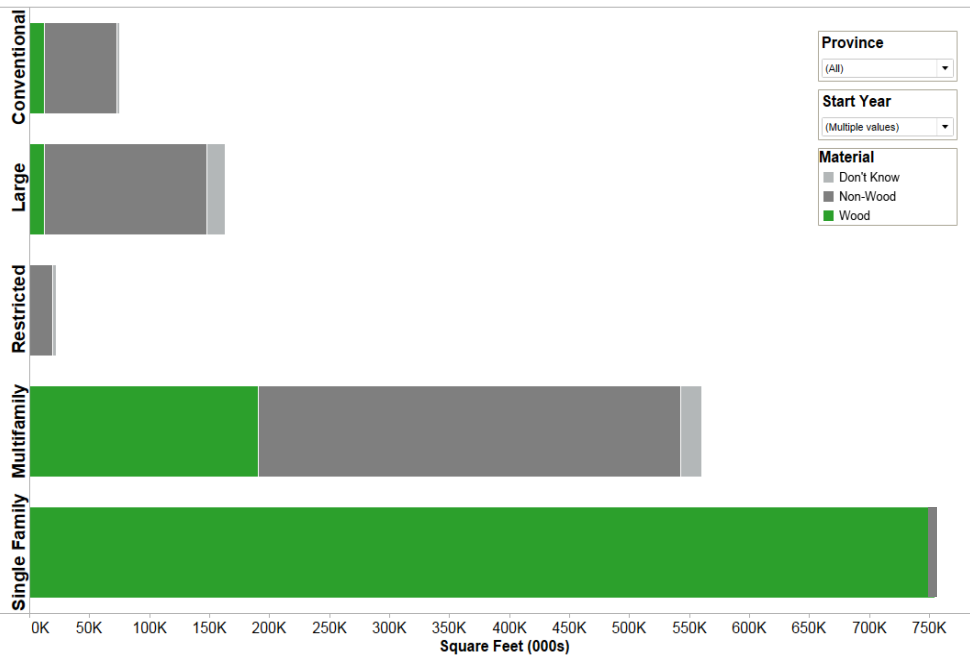
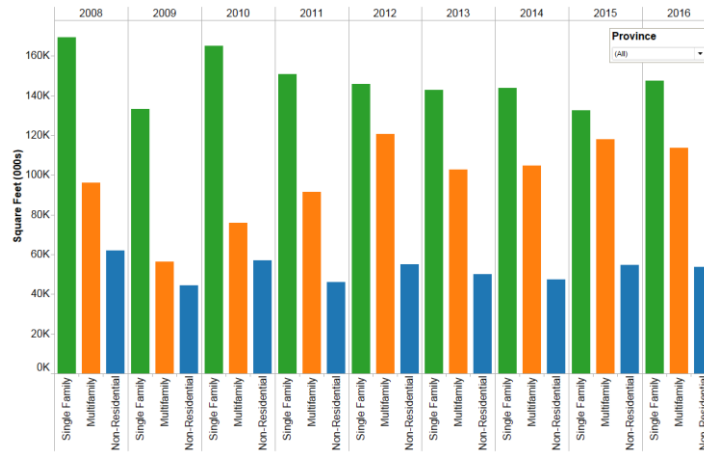
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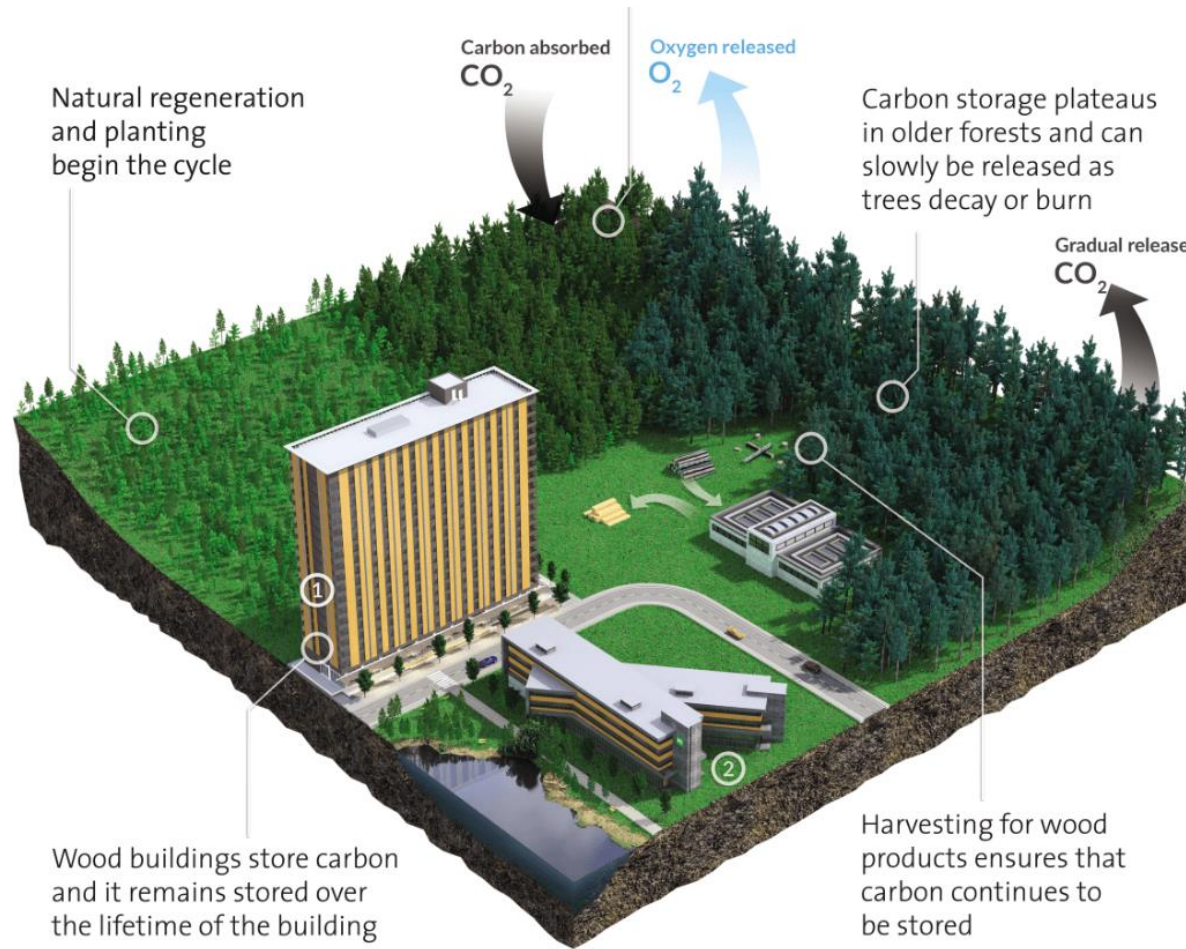
# Construction Area by type : Wood Share



# Timing for Wood is Right – Market Drivers

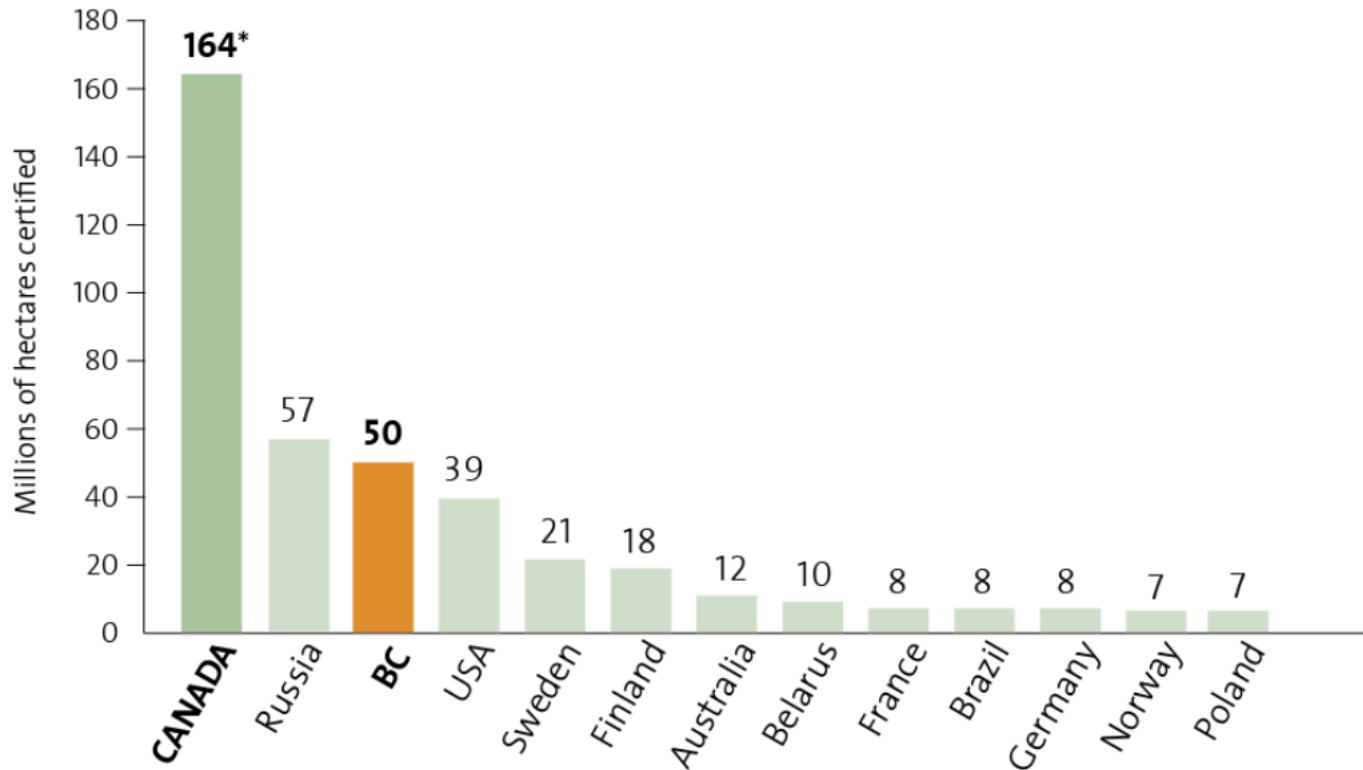
- Affordable housing & buildings
- Urban Densification – Mid-rise & Tall
- Sustainable buildings – thermal efficiency
- Climate change / Carbon sequestration
- Regulatory framework – levels playing field
- Technological advances in wood construction
- Many examples of cutting edge design and engineering
- Competitive edge

# Carbon cycle . Wood is naturally renewable



Source : <https://www.naturallywood.com/sustainable-forests/carbon-climate>

# Sustainable and certified Forests



\*Double counting of areas certified to more than one standard has been removed from this figure.

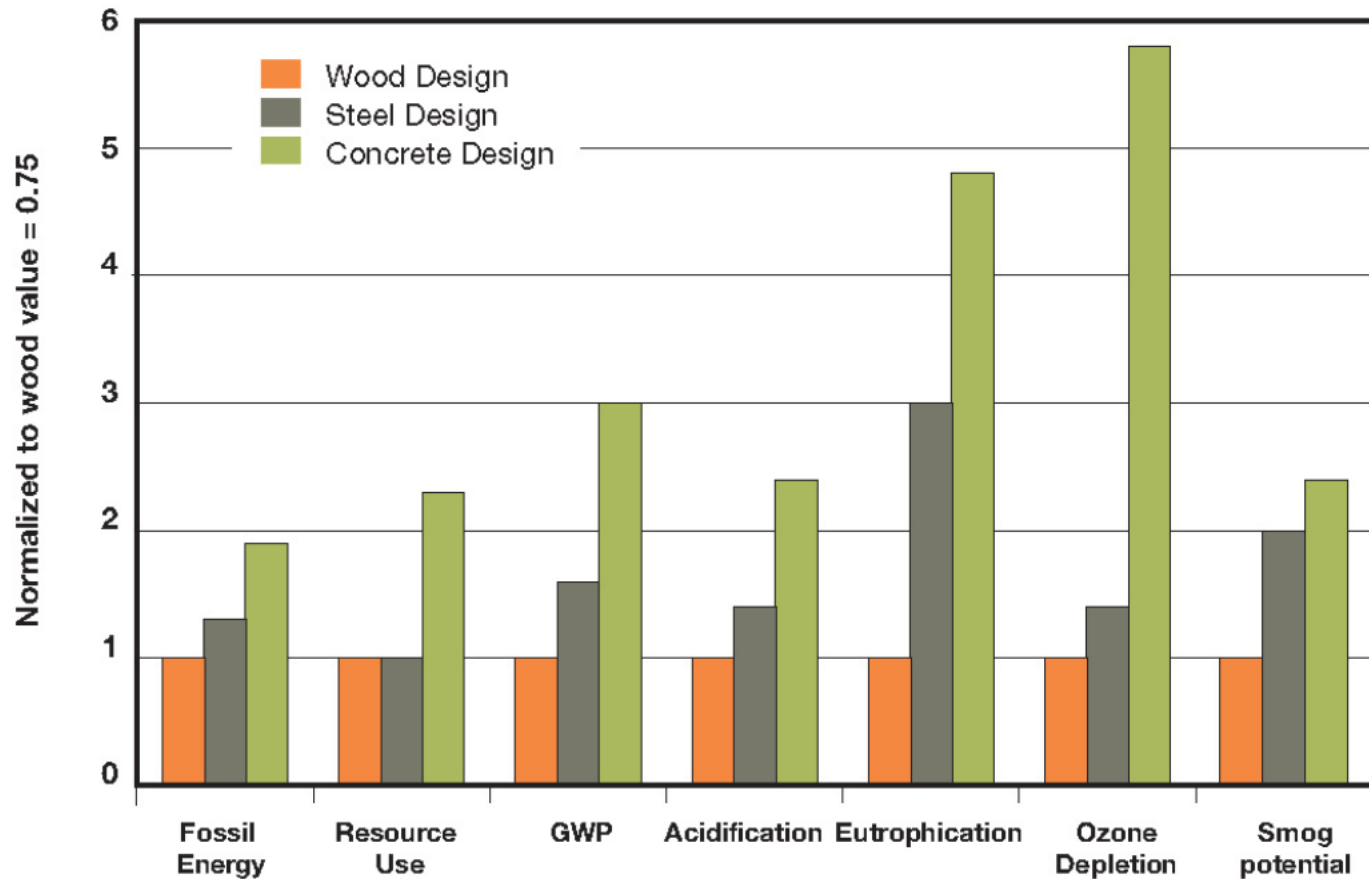
Source: [www.certificationcanada.org](http://www.certificationcanada.org) as of December 31, 2018

# Wood substitution has significant carbon benefits

- Wood can reduce CO<sub>2</sub> sources and can increase CO<sub>2</sub> sinks
- On average, every metric ton of wood used instead of something else displaces 3.7 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>.
- In addition, every metric ton of wood in use is sequestering 1.8 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>



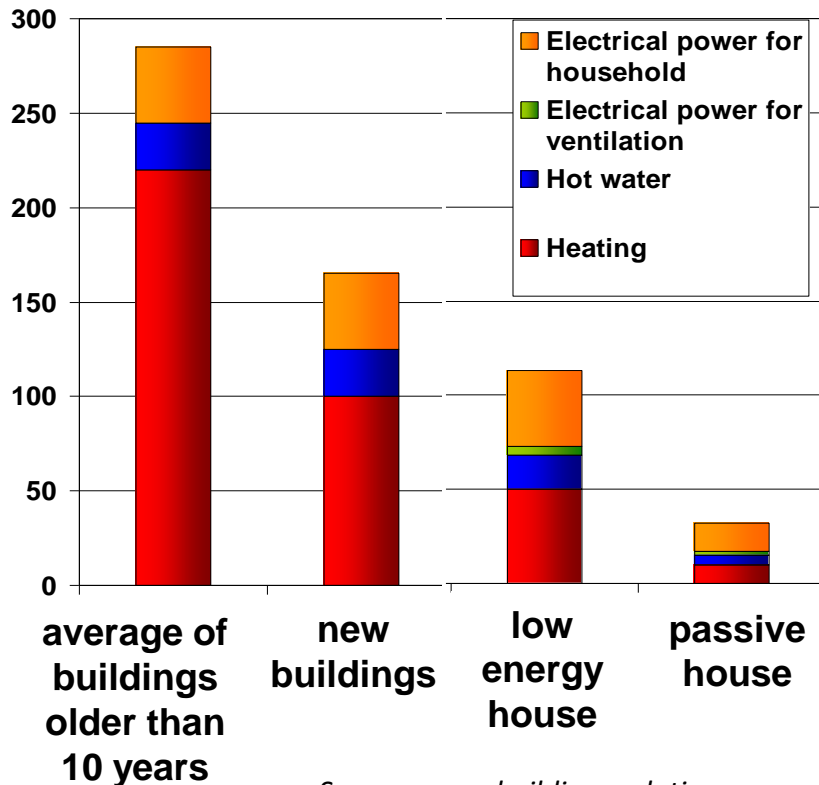
# Wood a responsible choice



Source: Dovetail Partners using the Athena Eco-Calculator (2014)

# Thermal Properties

kWh/m<sup>2</sup>a



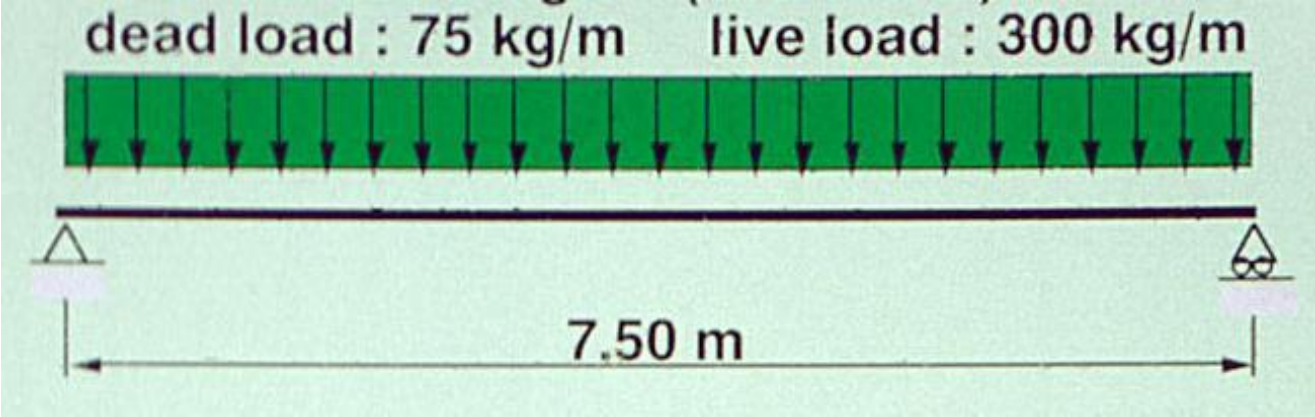
Source: [www.buildingevolution.ca](http://www.buildingevolution.ca)


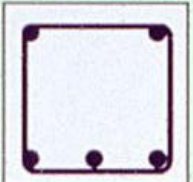

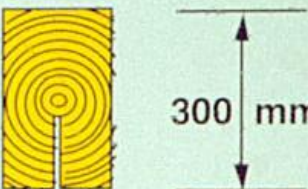
Sheet steel	no significant resistance
Concrete	0.001
Lumber and structural wood panels	0.009
Gypsum board	0.006
Fiberglass insulation	0.022
Mineral fiber insulation	0.024

Source: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation



# Ratio Mechanical Resistance / Weight



	ALUMINIUM	CONCRETE	STEEL	TIMBER
SECTIONS :				
self weight :	5	216	15	29 [kg/m]

Source: [www.nattererbcn.com](http://www.nattererbcn.com)

# Examples



[https://www.cecobois.com/publications\\_documents/EtudeDeCasComplanFinal.pdf](https://www.cecobois.com/publications_documents/EtudeDeCasComplanFinal.pdf)

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# Structural performance

## Stade Odate Jukai (Japan)



Source : Cecobois.

Architects : Takenaka Corporation et Ito Toyoo Architectural Design

# Seismic Stability



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T08KRyVhyeo>

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## Earthquake Shake Tests at UC San Diego Toward 20-story Earthquake-safe Buildings Made from Wood



See a full Flickr photo gallery here.  
San Diego, Calif., July 18, 2017-- A two-story wooden structure endured four different earthquake simulations on July 14, 2017 on the world's largest outdoor shake table here in San Diego. And it's still standing before more tests in the coming weeks.

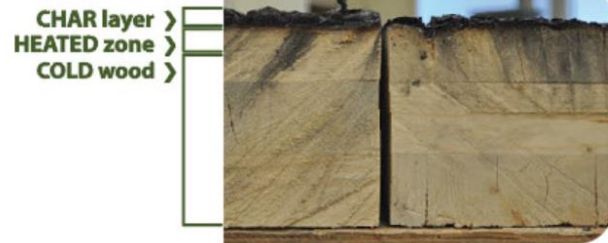
The goal of the tests is to gather enough data to design wood buildings as tall as 20 stories that do not suffer significant damage during large earthquakes. That is, not only can occupants leave the building unharmed, but they can come back and resume living in the building shortly after a temblor.



[http://jacobsschool.ucsd.edu/news/news\\_releases/release.sfe?id=2256](http://jacobsschool.ucsd.edu/news/news_releases/release.sfe?id=2256)

# Fire Safety and protection

## WOOD CHARRING PROTECTS



STEEL BUCKLES



CONCRETE SPALLS



WOOD BURNS

Source : <https://www.thinkwood.com/performance/fire-safety-and-protection>



Source: Cecobois, construire en bois, Spring 2016

# Acoustics



Source Cecobois,  
Palais Montcalm, Québec



Source :<http://placedesarts.com/salles/salles-principales/maison-symphonique-de-montreal.fr.html>  
Maison symphonique, Montréal

# Low electrical conductivity



*Pylône électrique en Pin lamellé-collé,  
Abergement-la-Ronce (France)  
Designer : Martin Szekely.*

# Resistance to saline atmosphere

HRL Alnatura, Lorsch

Baujahr 2013

Anzahl Stellplätze: ca. 31.200

Länge: 135 m

Breite: 67 m

Höhe: 20 m

Last pro Stellplatz: 10 kN



Konrad Merz

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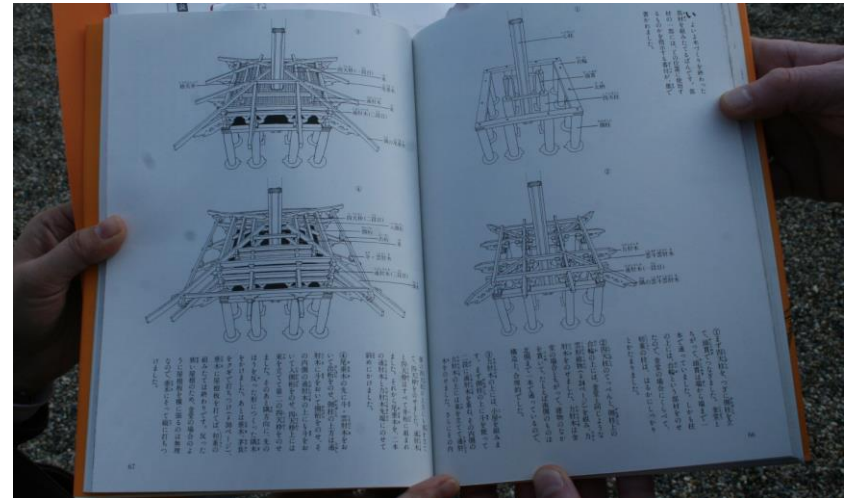
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# Durability

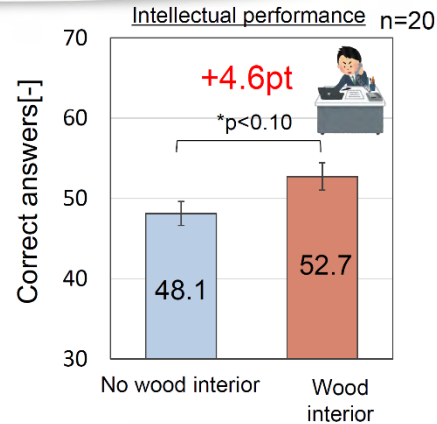
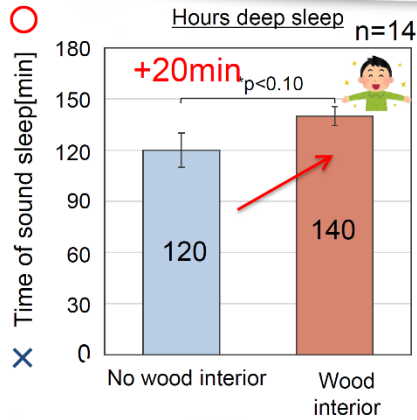


Source : Horyuji Temple How have Japanese people built the building?  
Authors: Tsunekazu Nishioka, Sigetaka Miyakami



# Health and Well-being (Woodrise 2017)

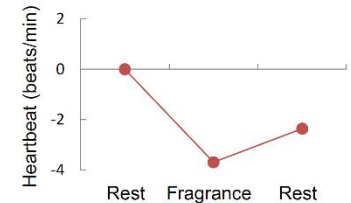
## Wood lignifications improve sleep and cognitive productivity



## Smell of wood helps you relax

### Reduction of baby's heart rate by the fragrance of wood

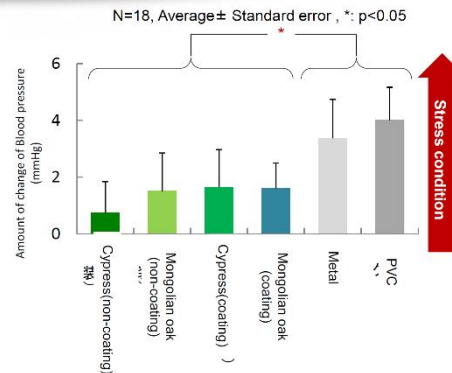
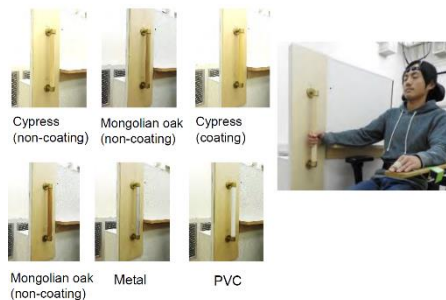
Subjects : 23 male and female babies (1 month -3month old)  
 Method: 2minutes quiet → 2minutes αPinene  
 →2minutes Limonene  
 →2minutes air→2minutes rest time



Tsunetsugu Y., Yamashita Y.: Japanese Journal of Physiological Anthropology, 18 Supplement (1), 118-119 (2013)

## Stress reduction effect by touching wood

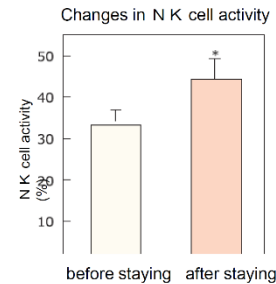
Different results of autonomic nervous activities for various tactile stimulation



Tsunetsugu Y., et al.: Abstracts of the 66th Annual Meeting of the Japan Wood Research Society, G27-05-1645 (2016)

## Improving immune cell activity

### essential oil of Japanese cypress activates NK cell, one of immune cells



Subjects : 12 business men in Tokyo (age30-60)  
 Method : staying in the hotel for 3 days, start at 19:00, sleep from 23:00 until 7:00  
 Spread (volatilisation) essential oil of Japanese cypress through humidifiers in the rooms.  
 Check the NK activity before staying the hotel and after staying the hotel.

Li Q, et al. International Journal of Immunopathology and Pharmacology 22(4), pp.951-959(2009)

# Project Savings

- **Supply Chain Improvements**
- **Foundation Cost Savings**
- **Improving Installation Speed and Timelines**
- **Labor Availability**
- **Environmental Savings**

# Building Systems

**Building  
Systems**

**Light Wood  
Frame**

**Mass Timber  
Frames**

**Mass Timber  
Plates**

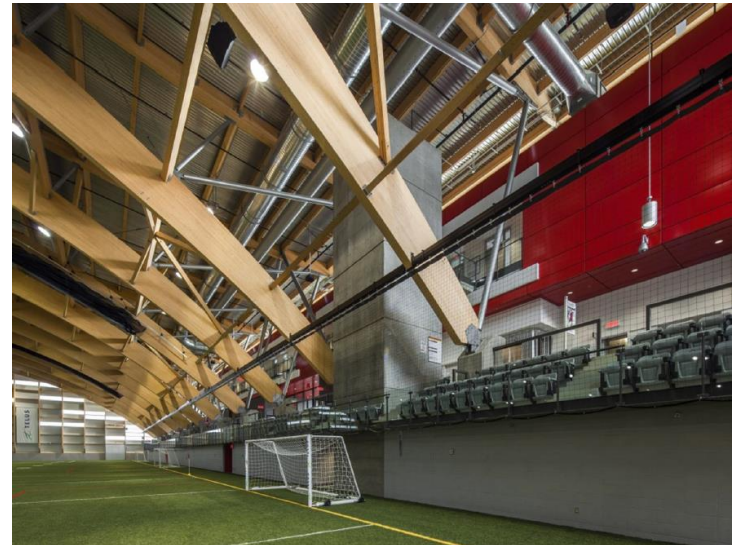
**Hybrid**



# Arches



Soccer stadium Telus, Université Laval  
Source : SNCLasvalin, Nordic



# Combinaison Post and beam, light frame, engineered wood products

## Mazda, Saint-Félicien, Québec



Source : Cecobois

Photos: Stéphane Groleau



Architecte : Gosselin et Fortin architectes

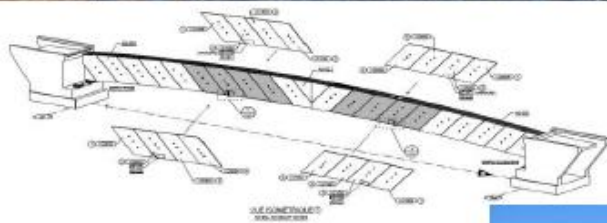
Ingénieur : Structure Fusion

Entrepreneur : Construction Bon-Air

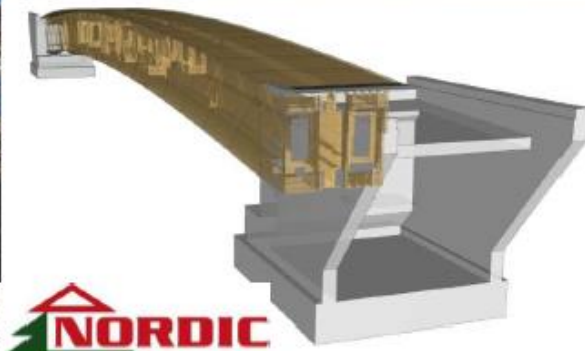
Murs préfabriqués : La Charpenterie

Fournisseurs de produits du bois : Produits forestiers Lamco, Art massif Structure de bois, La Charpenterie

Source : Cecobois



**Pont Maicasagi**  
Baie James  
Portée Libre 70 mètres  
Charge :180 tonnes  
Localisation: 76 04' 54" O 49 59' 12" N



# Bridge Mistissini





# Composite Steel Concrete vs Wood Solution

## + Cost of the preliminary study:

- 8.8 M\$ for composite steel concrete solution
- 8.7 M\$ for wood solution

## + Positives aspects for wood solution:

- Architectural appearance of wood
- Glulam factory is located 90 km from the site
- Carbon footprint is negative for this solution
- Black spruce comes from the region

## Émissions CO<sub>2</sub>

- Steel/Concrete : 969t
- Wood : -497t
- Difference : 1466t



# Hybrid Structure

## Coaticook Pedestrian Bridge



Source : Cecobois

Architect : Teknika HBA, Design team Goodfellow  
Engineer : Gaétan Couture ing. M. Sc. A., Teknika HBA

# Hybrid Structure



Bus Stop, Whisler Village, BC

Conception: Marie-Hélène Nollet, architecte, Les Architectes Goulet et Lebel  
Ingénierie: Tetra-Tech  
Gestion de projet: Construction Marcel Charest  
Réalisation de la structure bois: Art Massif  
Photo : Philippe Charest

# Mid-Rise is gaining acceptance across Canada



St Alberta - Alberta



Vancouver – British Columbia



Hamilton - Ontario



Cambridge- Ontario



# NRCan's Tall Wood Demo Buildings



## Demo Fire at NRC:

- Demonstrate fire performance of mass timber shafts in TWBs
- Support design teams & provide relevant technical information to AHJs (i.e., 13 storeys Origine TWB bldg in Quebec City)



Demo Fire funded by Québec (MFFP)

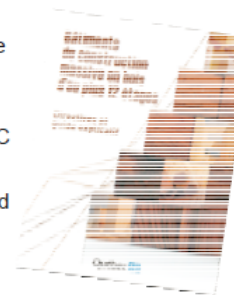
Source : Mohammad Mohammad ing., Ph.D., FPIinnovations

## CLT Shaft Demonstration Fire

- Test conducted for 2 hours
  - Per NBCC for noncombustible construction
  - No fire penetration through walls/floor/ceiling
  - Very little charring on exposed CLT shaft wall
  - No charring/smoke inside CLT shaft
- Reports (French/English) and video (French) available at:
  - <http://www.mffp.gouv.qc.ca/forets/entreprises/entreprises-transformation-resistance-feu.jsp>

## Quebec's Guide for Mass Timber Construction up to 12 Storeys

- Released by Québec Primer on August 17th, 2015
- Quebec: 1<sup>st</sup> jurisdiction in NA to officially support the construction of tall mass timber bldgs
- "Pre-approved" Alternative Solution to facilitate the design & approval process (i.e., similar to APEG BC for mid-rise)
- Quebec engaged FPI in the development & is based on FPI's TWB Guide
- Inspired by R&D activities developed in support of Nordic's Origine bldg (13 storeys); one of NRCan's TWBs demo projects
- Great interest in the Guide by other jurisdictions in Canada and overseas. Plans to translate to English



[Bâtiments de construction massive en bois d'au plus 12 étages](#)

# 18 storeys, UBC, Vancouver

Comm./  
Promotion/  
Education

## Brock Commons Carbon Impact

ARCHITECTURE

### PROPOSED 18-STORY UBC WOODEN TOWER TO BE TALLEST OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD

BY KENNETH CHAN | 3:14 PM PST, TUE SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 | [SPEAK UP](#)

2.8K



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G22kYhaT-h4>

**V** **Volume of wood:**  
2,233 cubic meters of CLT and Glulam

**T** **U.S. and Canadian forests grow this much wood in:**  
6 minutes

**C** **Carbon stored in the wood:**  
1,753 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>

**CO** **Avoided greenhouse gas emissions:**  
679 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>

**✓** **TOTAL POTENTIAL CARBON BENEFIT:**  
2,432 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>

#### EQUIVALENT TO:

Source: US EPA

**Car** 511 cars off the road for a year

**House** Energy to operate a home for 222 years



# 3 Buildings, 8 storeys, Arbora, Montréal

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## ARBORA prend racine dans Griffintown - Un complexe résidentiel et commercial construit en bois massif CLT visant une certification LEED Platine



Arbora est un nouveau complexe résidentiel et commercial situé dans Griffintown, le plus important projet d'h  
(Groupe CNW/LSR GesDev)



# 85m, Norway and Austria

<https://www.moelven.com/mjostarnet>



Image : Voll Arkitekter

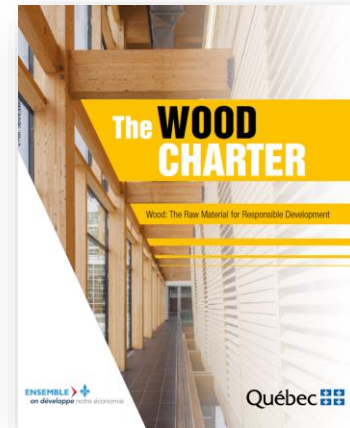


Source : <http://www.wukali.com/+Une-tour-en-bois-de-pres-de-100m-de-haut-a-Vienne-895+>



# Key Canadian Initiatives

- *Wood First Act – BC*
- *Wood Charter - Quebec*
- *Tall Wood Guide – Quebec*
- *Tall Wood Guide – Ontario*
- *Wood Charter – Alberta – development*
- *2015 Model National Building Code of Canada makes mid-rise wood construction an option for Canadian*



## Sustainable Building Materials – Wood is the Natural Choice

Sustainable Buildings and Green Buildings are gaining interest of designers looking to conserve energy and minimize the environmental impact of buildings using four generally accepted objectives to reduce the global impact of a particular product or system:

- Reduced energy and resource use in extraction and processing
- Reduced energy consumption in processing and end use
- Minimized external pollution and environmental damage throughout the life cycle
- Minimized internal pollution in the built environment.

Wood is the best environmental choice to meet these four principles based on the following:

- Wood is the only renewable major construction material
- Wood is energy efficient in manufacture and use
- Wood is easily recycled or re-used
- Wood minimizes environmental impact
- Canadian wood products are produced from well managed forests that are regulated by sustainable forestry policy.

### Life-Cycle Assessment

Life Cycle Assessment is a performance-based approach to assessing the impacts that building products or systems have on the environment over their lifetime. This includes all activities from material extraction or harvesting through manufacturing, transportation, installation, use, maintenance, and final disposal or re-use. LCA is the best available tool to compare sustainability of building materials.

When considering environmental impact using Life Cycle Assessment, wood outperforms other major building materials in the following ways:

- Requires less embodied energy in production
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions
- Releases fewer pollutants into the air
- Discharges less water pollutants
- Generates fewer solid wastes.



## Sustainable Forest Management

Canada is a world leader in forest conservation, protection and sustainable use. 93% of Canada's forests are on crown land and provincial governments enforce strict guidelines on harvesting, regenerating and sustaining these publicly owned forests.

For example:

- Canada has the largest area of legally protected forests in the world
- Canada has the largest area of original forest cover in the world (90%)
- Only one-quarter of Canada's forests are managed for commercial use
- Annually, Canada harvests less than one-half of 1% of its forest
- Canada has the largest area of independently certified forests in the world

Canada's history of caring for our resource base and our desire to continually improve has made these facts a reality. Canadian law, as it now stands, has some of the most progressive legislation for forest management in the world.

Public concerns focus on the highly visible effects of wood resource extraction. To address these concerns, Canadian wood product manufacturers are using certification by qualified, 3<sup>rd</sup> party, independent bodies to attest that they meet the requirements of a rigorous and independent forest management standard. Canadian companies have achieved third-party certification on over 140 million hectares (250 million acres) of forests, the largest area of certified forests in the world.

19<sup>th</sup> Century

「Age of Steel」



「Age of Chemistry」

20<sup>th</sup> Century



21<sup>st</sup> Century

「New age of Wood」

2020 Tokyo Olympics National Stadium



Design Works and Construction Works of Taisei Corporation, Azusa Sekkei Co., Ltd. and Kengo Kuma and Associates JV / Courtesy of JSC

Nice Holdings, Inc.  
President and CEO  
Koichiro HIRATA

# Multi-Disciplinary approach

Healthy  
Cost Efficient  
Adaptable  
Sustainable  
Deconstructable,  
recyclable  
Durable



Aesthetically Pleasing  
Fire Safe  
Energy Efficient  
Structurally Safe  
Resilient: Seismic and wind  
Acoustics Controlled

<https://www.nordic.ca/fr/projets/realisations/origine>

# A NOVEL APPROACH TO WOOD ENGINEERING EDUCATION

## EDUCATION AND FUTURE TRENDS



### UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

- Wood part of :**
- ▶ Sustainable Materials to Engineers
  - ▶ The Design Bases of Wood Structures
  - ▶ Structural Analysis I and II
  - ▶ Engineering Methods I and II
  - ▶ Synthesis Projects in Engineering I and II
  - ▶ Modelling in Civil Engineering
  - ▶ Rehabilitation and Servicing in Structures
  - ▶ Internship in Engineering



### GRADUATE PROGRAM

**Professional master's degree in engineering**

- ▶ Wood Material, Engineered Wood Products, Structural Wood systems
- ▶ Conception of wood structures

**Short on-line, graduate, continuing-education program : Use of wood in construction to architects and engineers**

- ▶ Wood products and properties
- ▶ Building envelope
- ▶ Eco-design
- ▶ Fire safety
- ▶ Architectural Design, structural design
- ▶ Integrated Design

<http://www.uqac.ca/espace-bois/>

### INTERDISCIPLINARITY



**Healthy building**  
 Operation and maintenance  
 Simple and easy to implement  
 Regulations, codes and standards  
 Construction cost  
 Logistics, BIM



**Structural performance**  
 Fire safety  
 Energy efficiency  
 Architecture  
 Acoustic quality  
 Durability



# Tackle climate change, use Wood

## Arena UQAC, Chicoutimi, Quebec



Architect : Lemay architecte et les architectes associés

Structural Engineer : Cégertec