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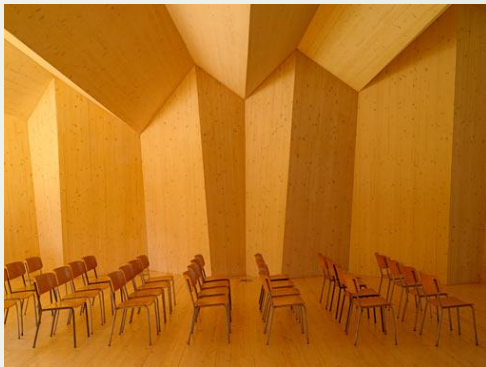
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## Solid Timber Construction (STC) ...

- ... currently leads to **competitions to maximize dimensions**
- aspects like
  - wider in application
  - longer in period of use
  - higher in quality
- should not be forgotten when thinking in **comparatives** and **superlatives**

→ improving the **efficiency** of building with CLT

→ thinking and acting **interdisciplinary**

... to guarantee **high quality** and **durability**

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## general FACTS

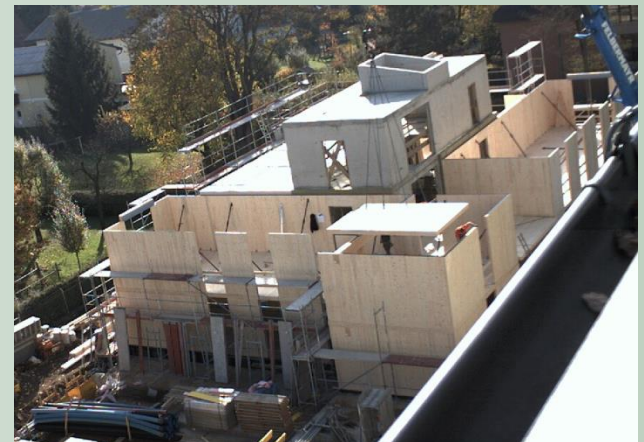
- Housing
  - 2 buildings
  - 3 storeys
  - 22 flats in STC (60 ÷ 90 m<sup>2</sup>)
  
- Dimensions
  - 2,600 m<sup>2</sup> total area
  - 1,600 m<sup>2</sup> living area
  - € 3.3 million (STC ~ 20%)
  - € 2,000 per m<sup>2</sup> living area



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## general FACTS

- 560 m<sup>3</sup> CLT elements used for
  - walls (210 m<sup>3</sup> | 5 layers)
  - floors (280 m<sup>3</sup> | 5 layers)
  - roofs (70 m<sup>3</sup> | 5 layers)
- **0.21 m<sup>3</sup> CLT / m<sup>2</sup> total area**
- **0.35 m<sup>3</sup> CLT / m<sup>2</sup> living area**
- **25.0 m<sup>3</sup> CLT / flat**
- project duration: 20 months
- **STC** assembly: 1 month (5%)



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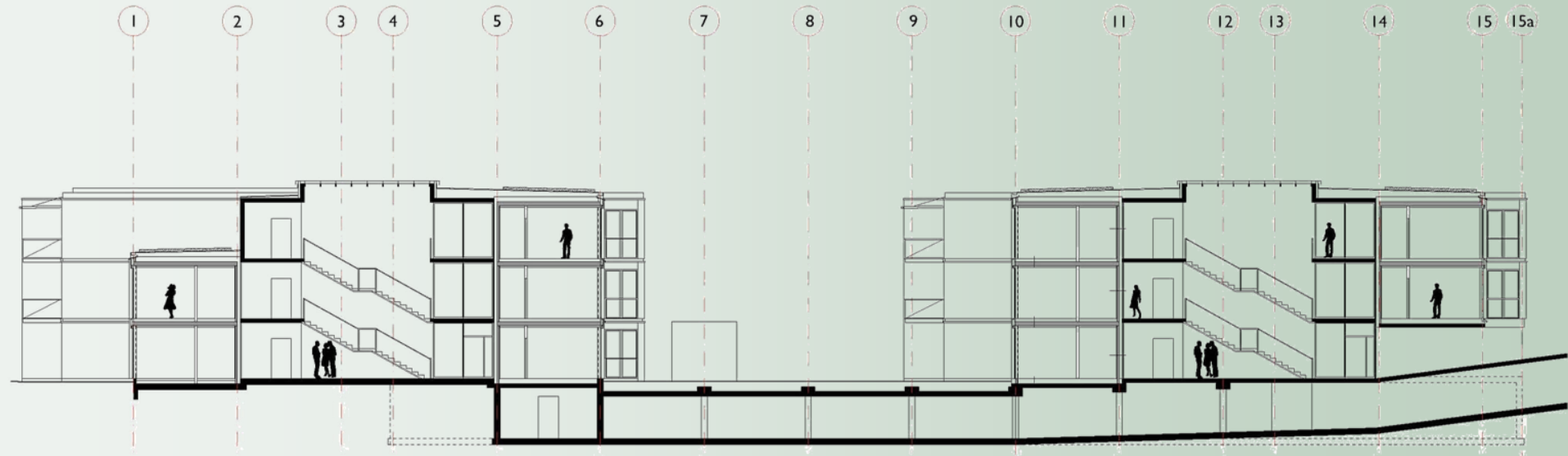
## using hardwood for CLT production

- walls of 1 flat out of **birch-CLT**
- ruled by **“approval on individual basis”**
  - material tests of boards and finished lay-ups
  - delamination tests on spot core samples
  - long-time monitoring



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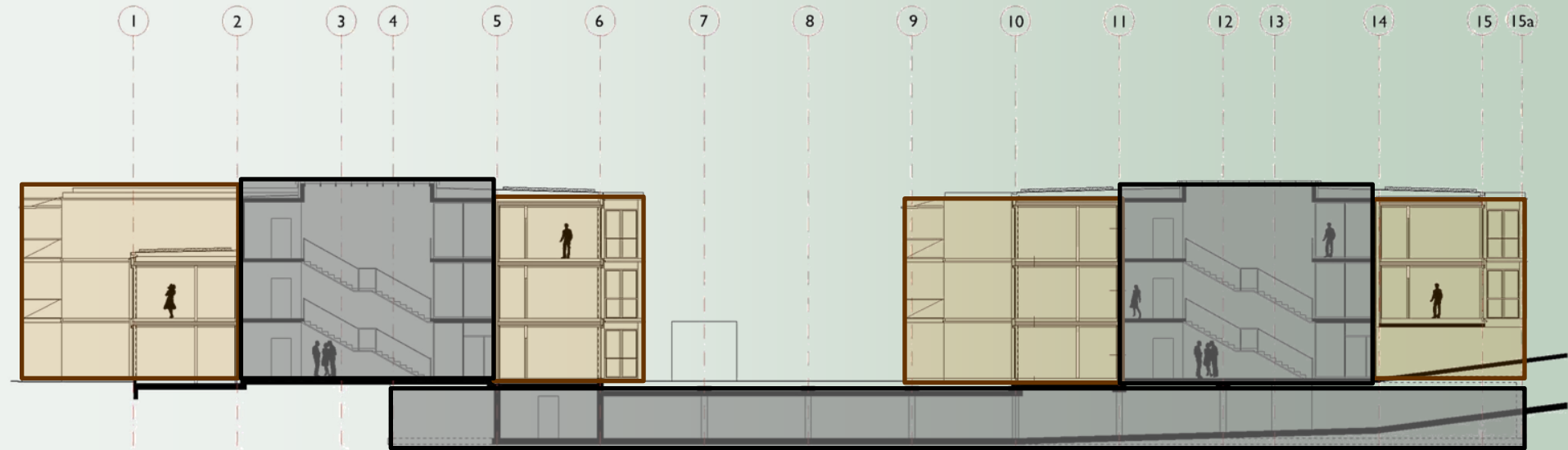


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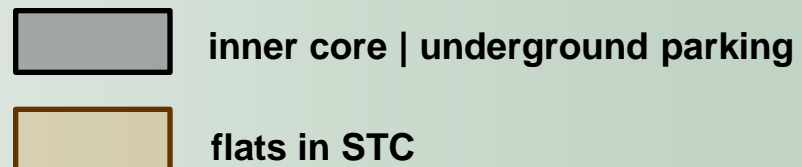
 inner core | underground parking

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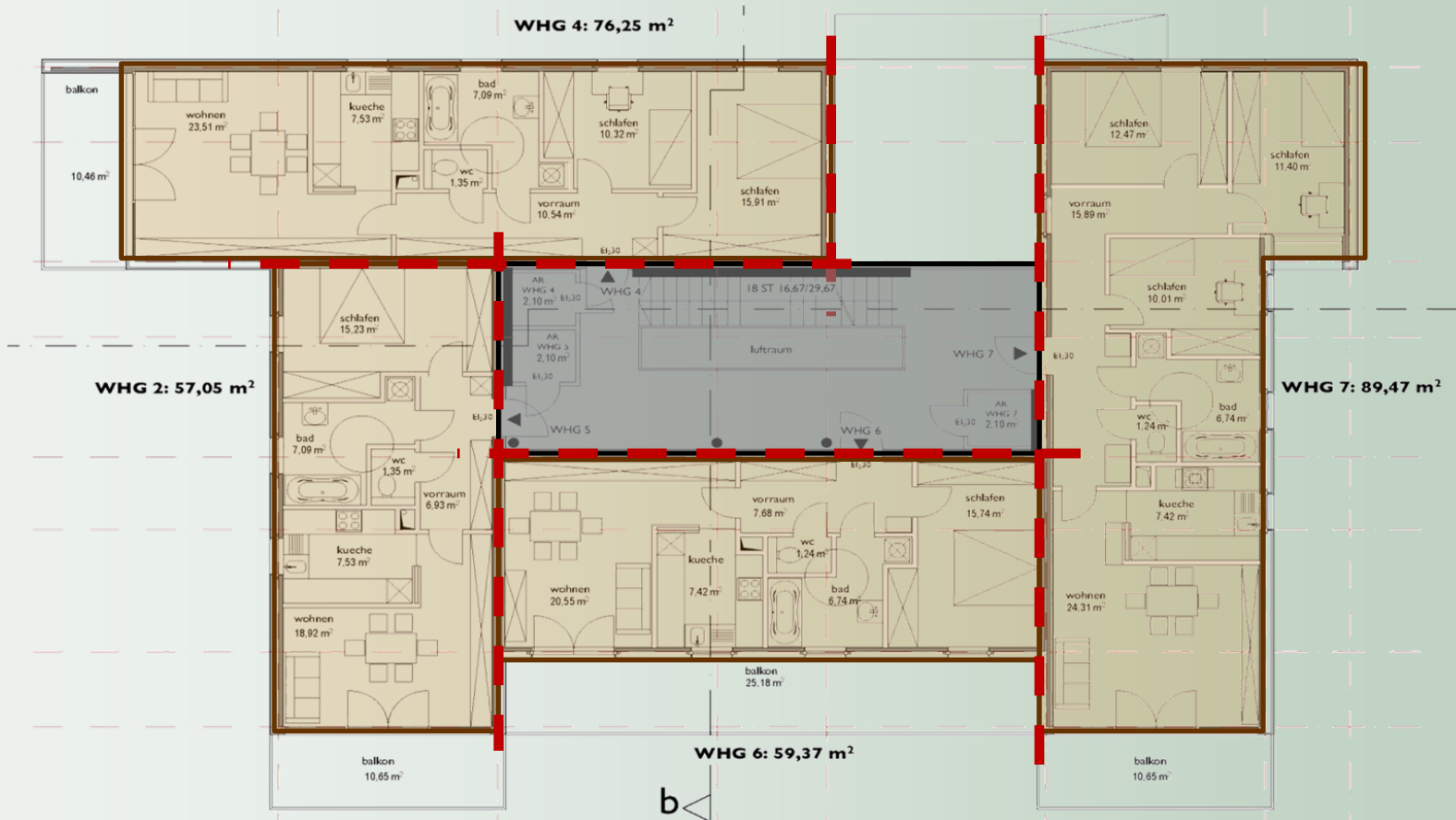
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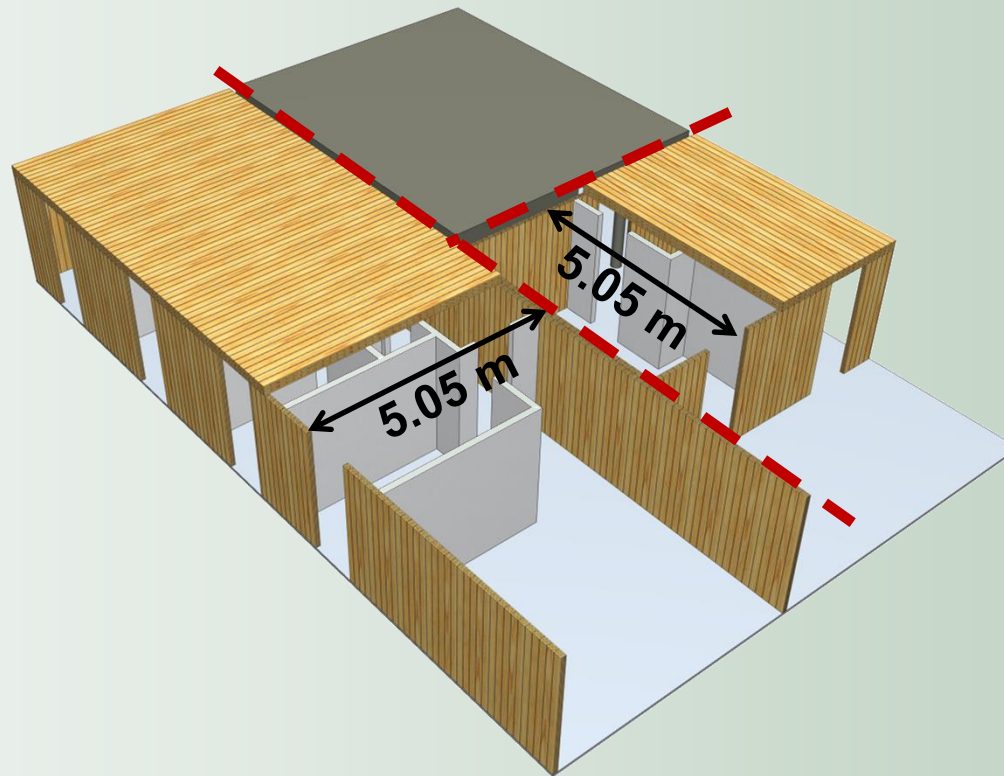
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expansion gaps



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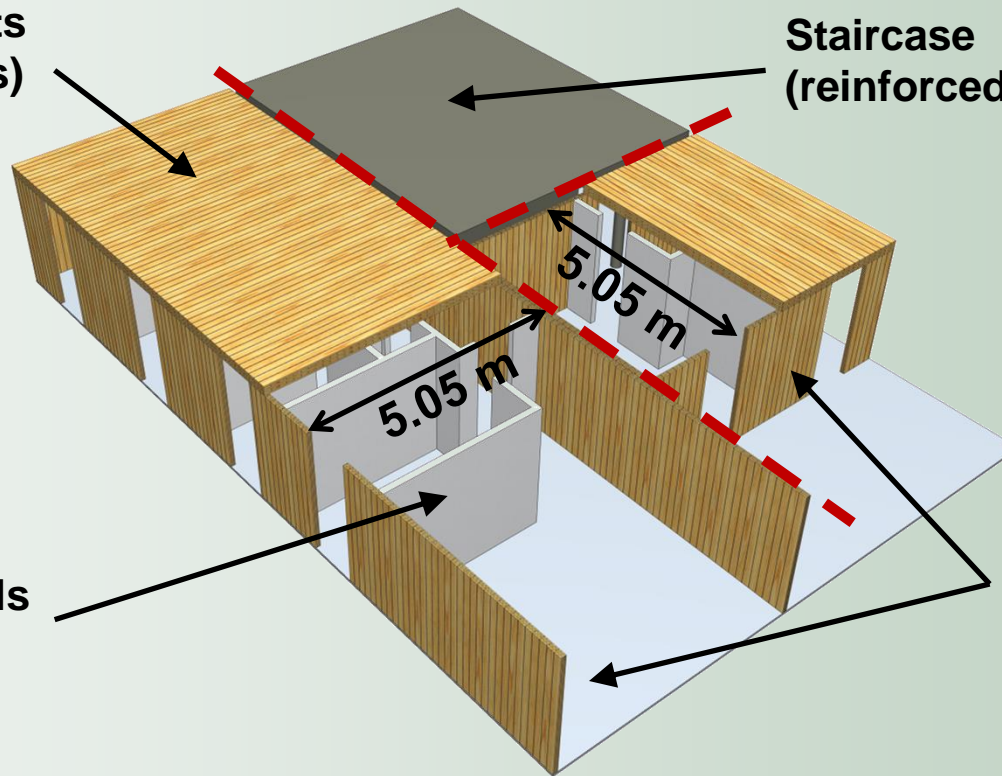


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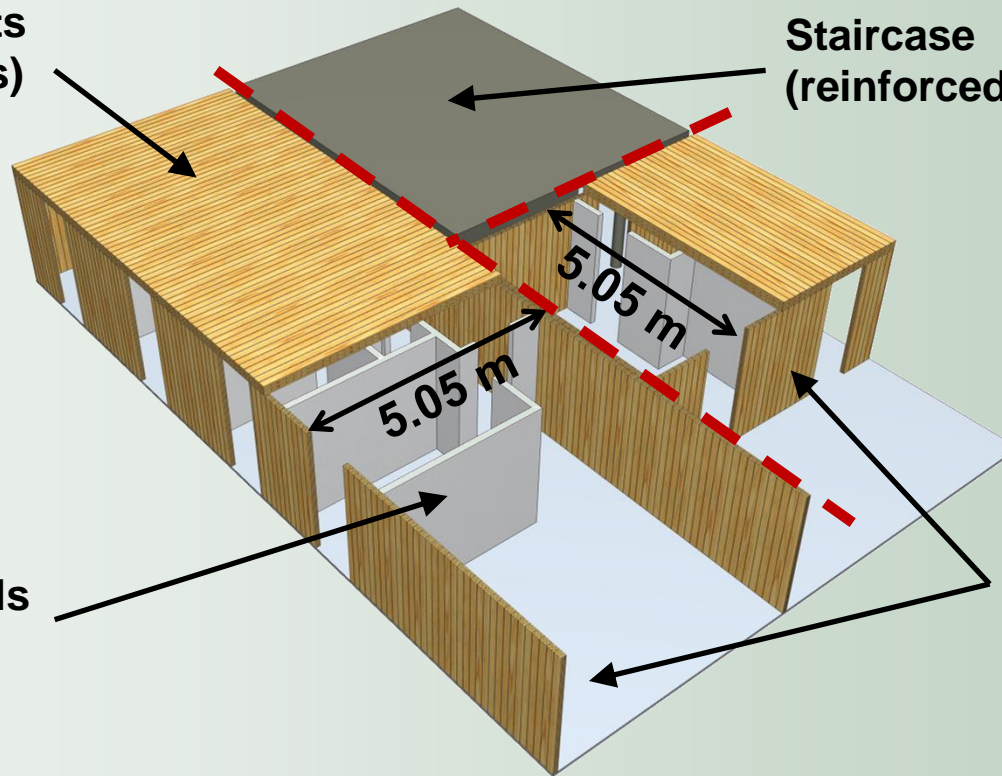
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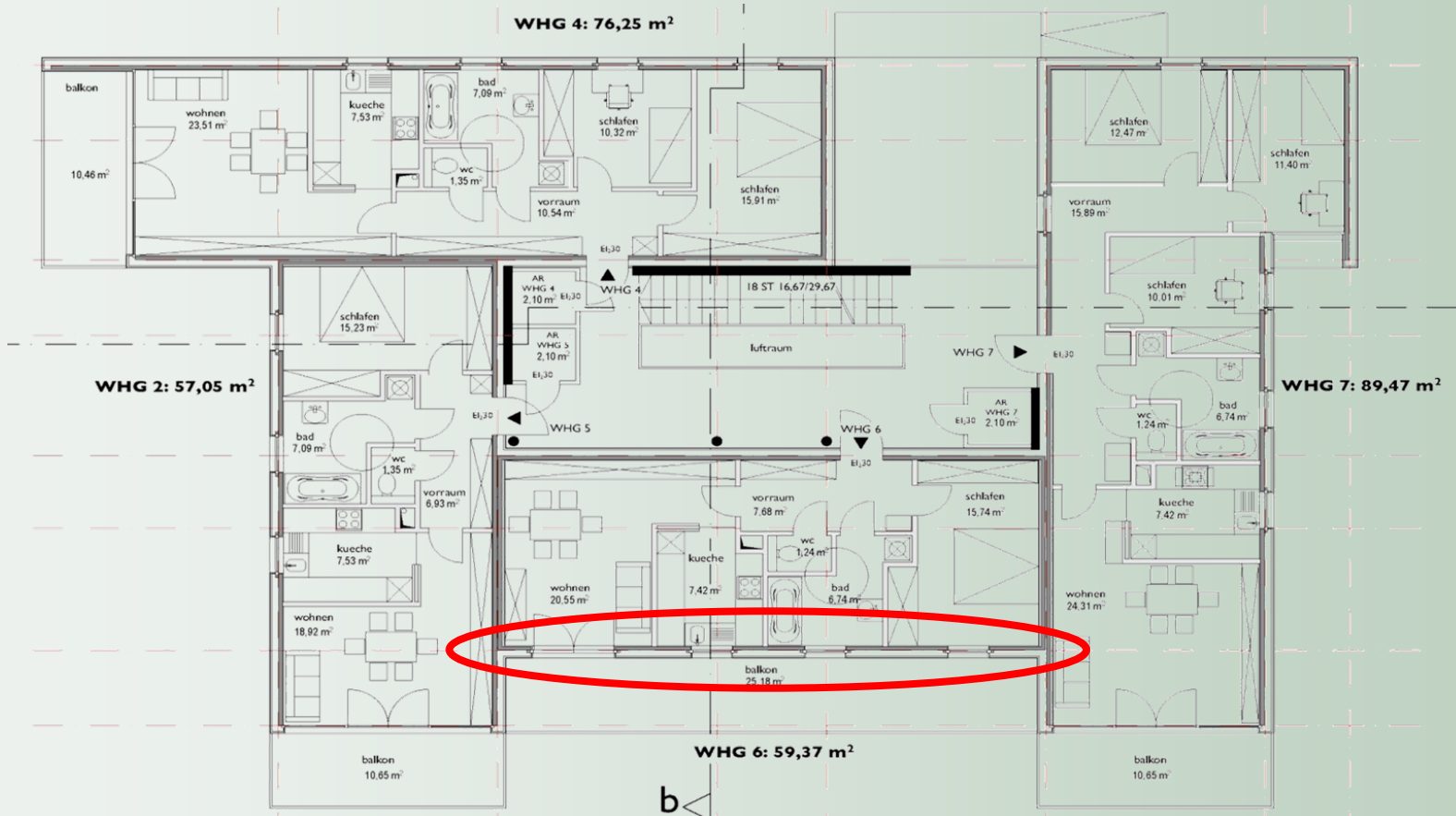
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→ **uniform** and **economical** span widths simplify structural design and assembly



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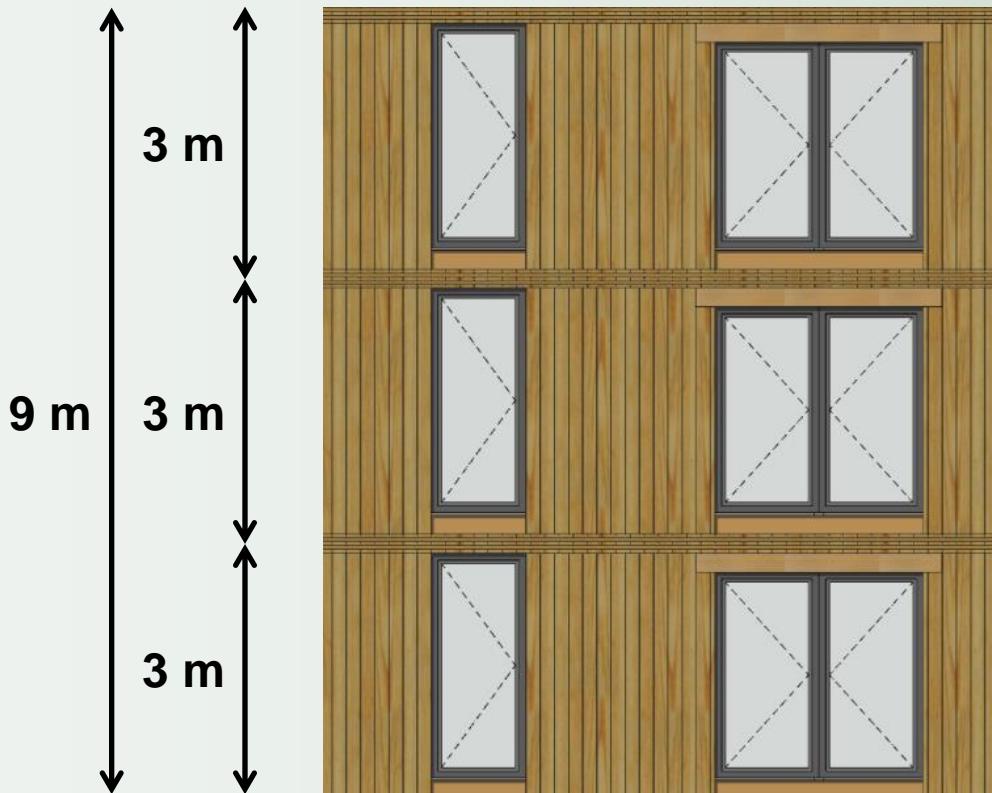
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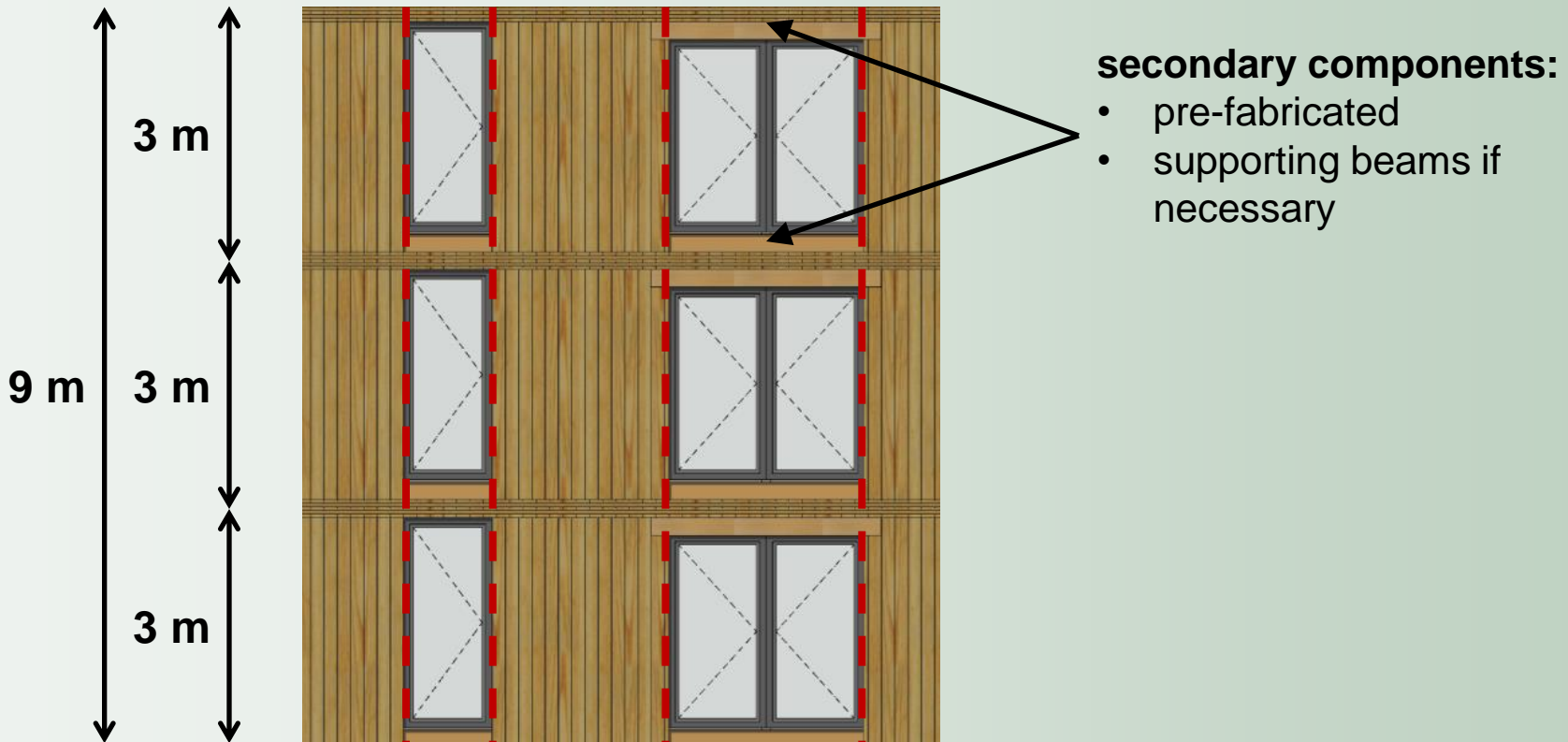
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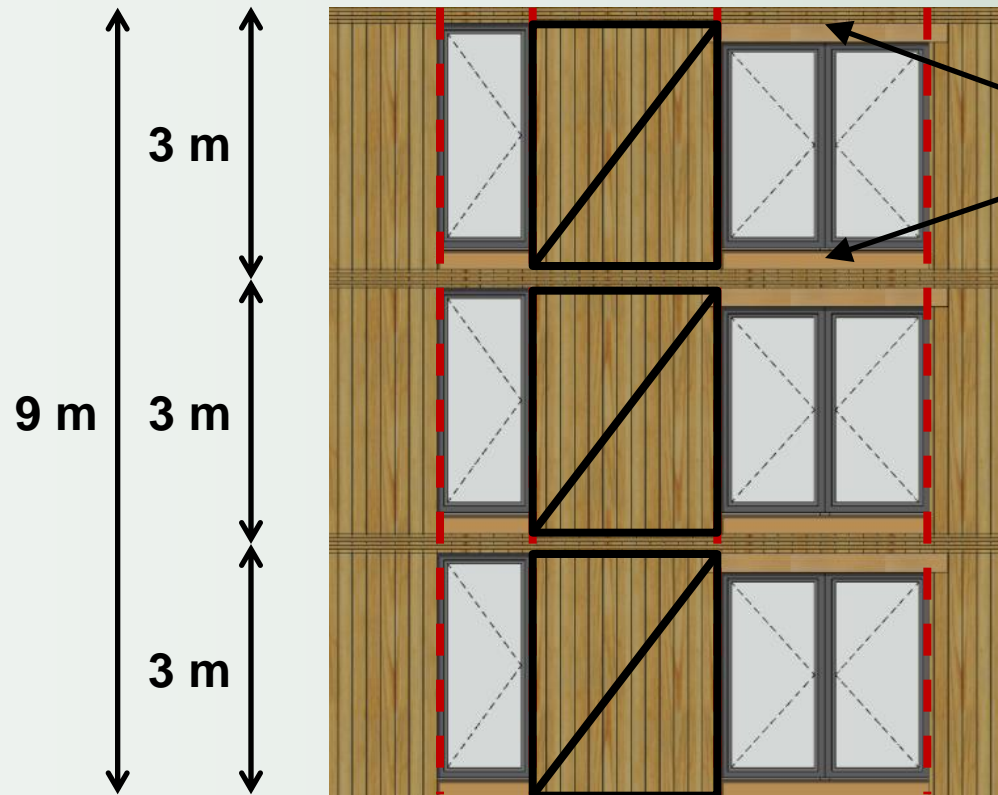
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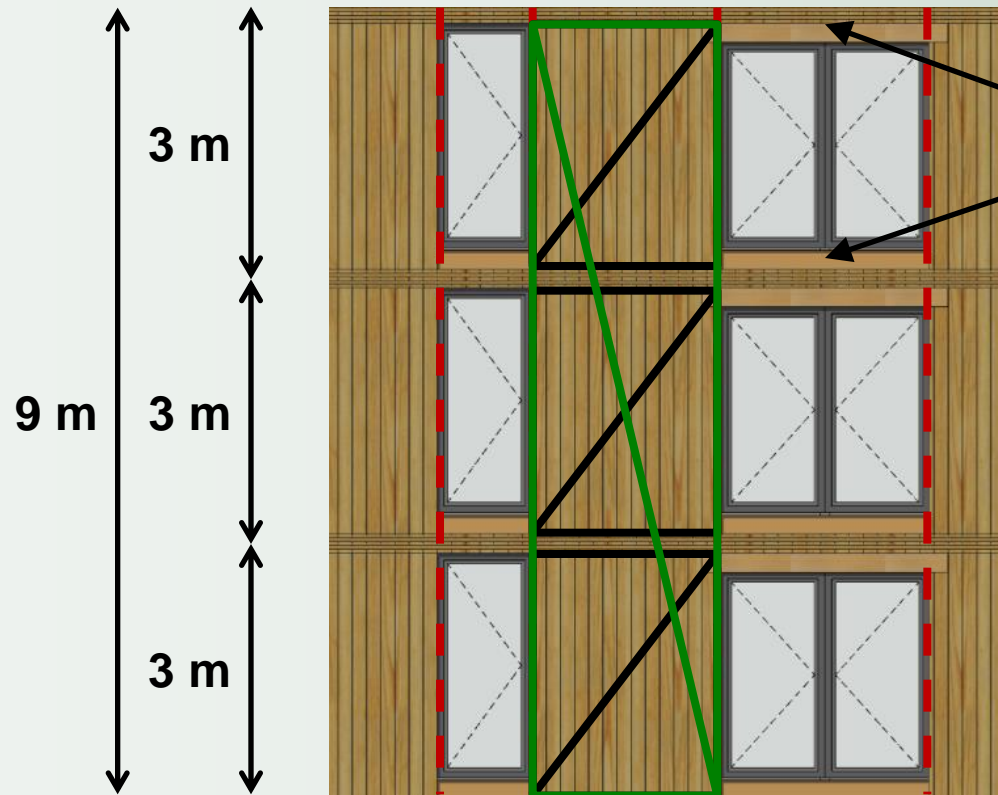
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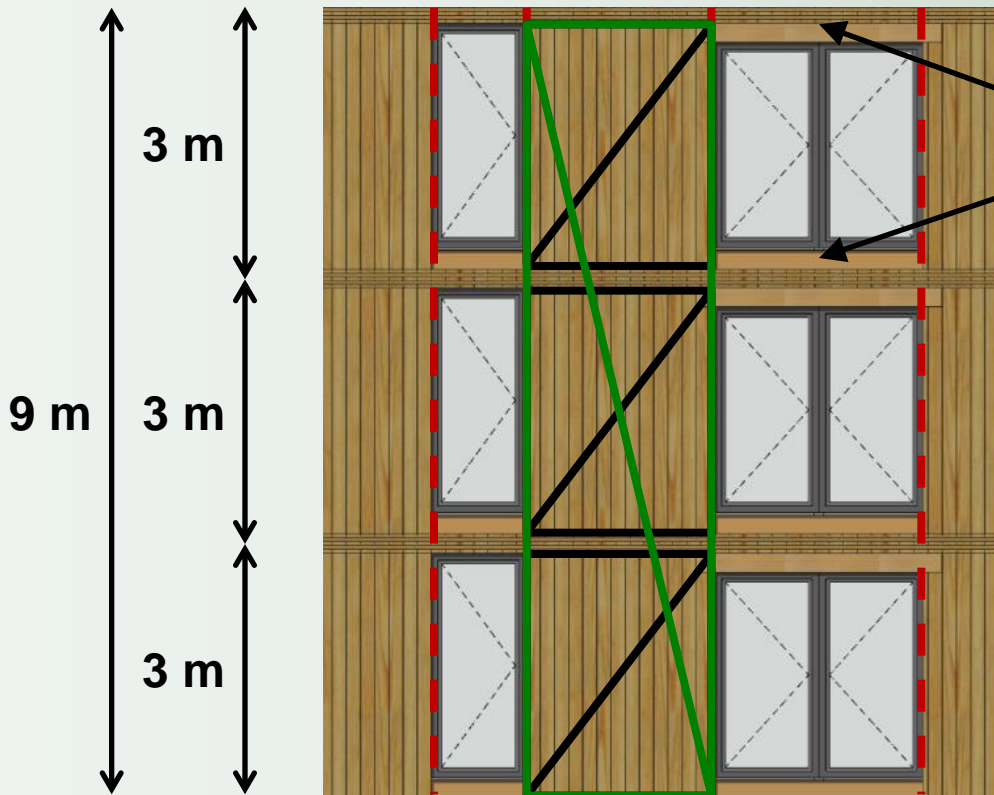
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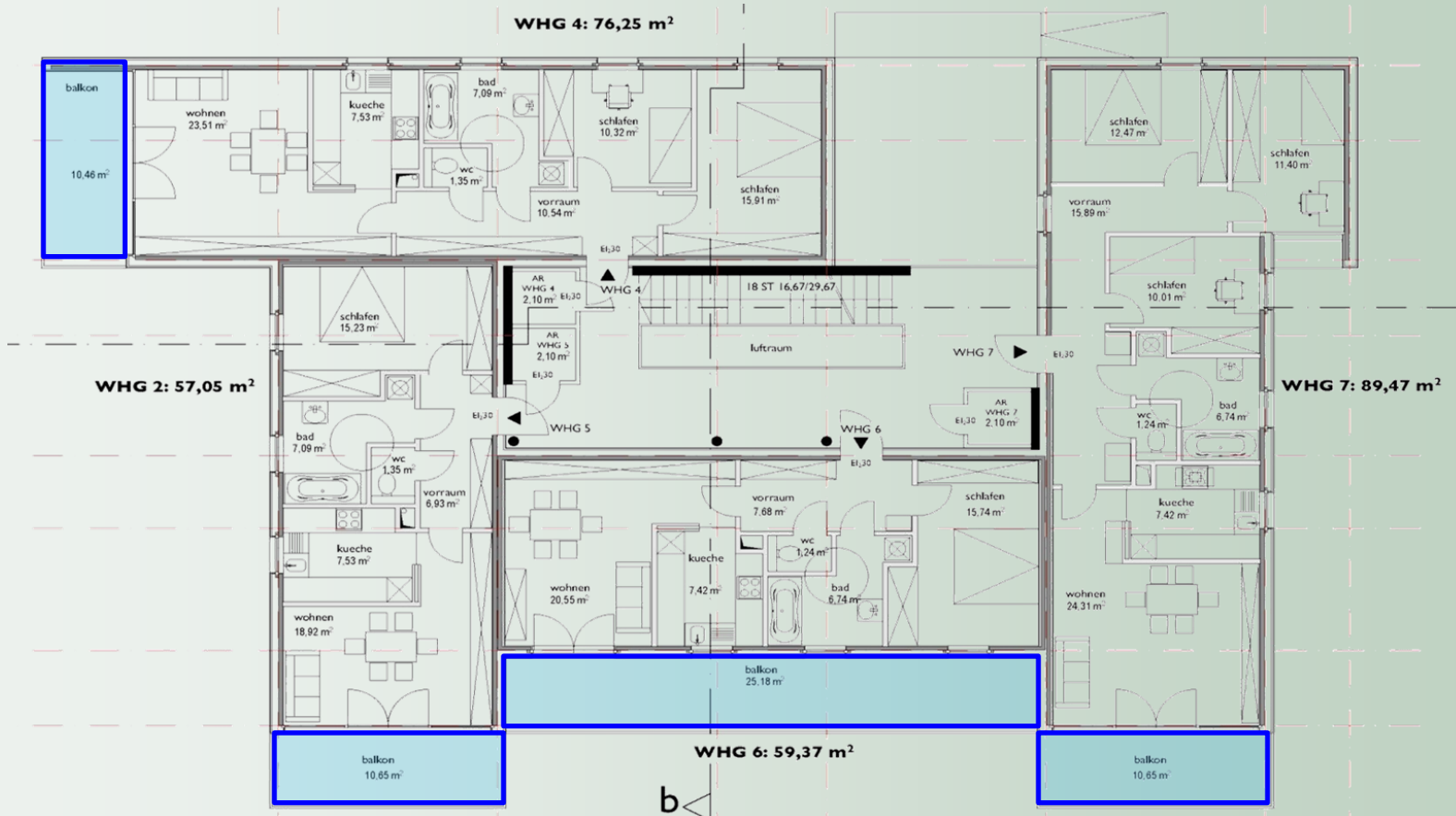
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→ **continuously** situated **full storey walls** avoid **waste of CLT** and simplify **fastener design**

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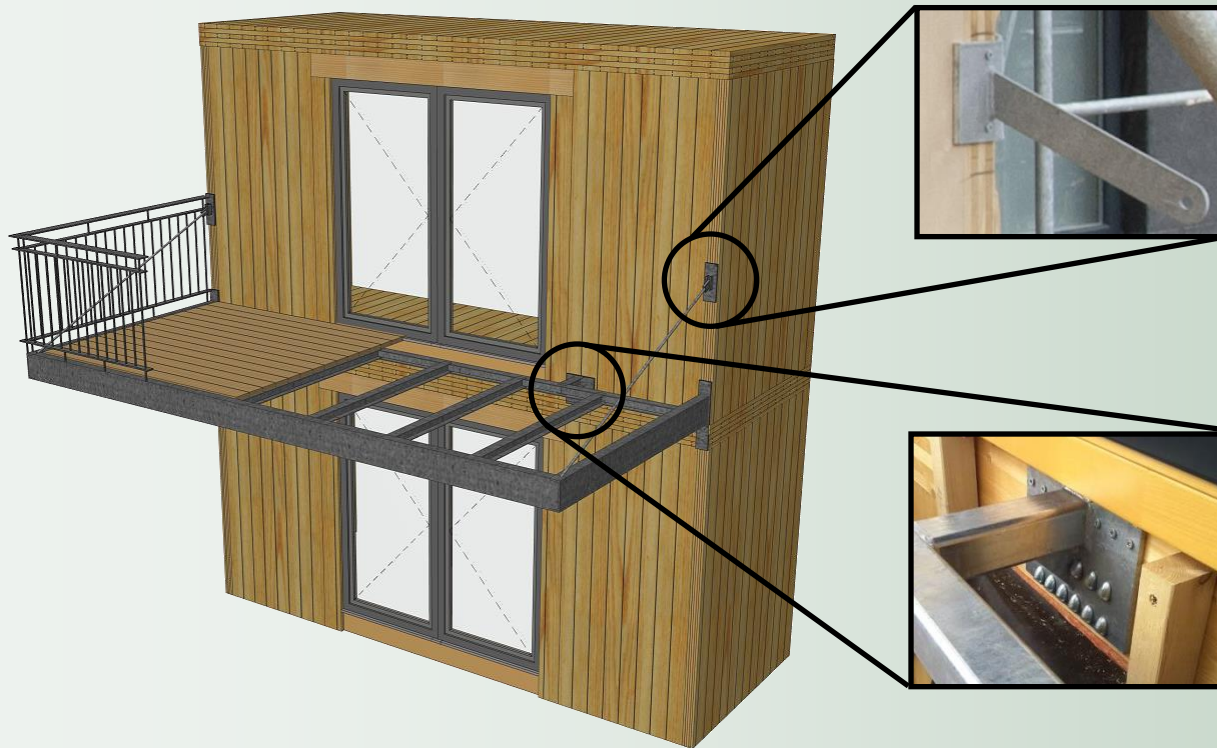
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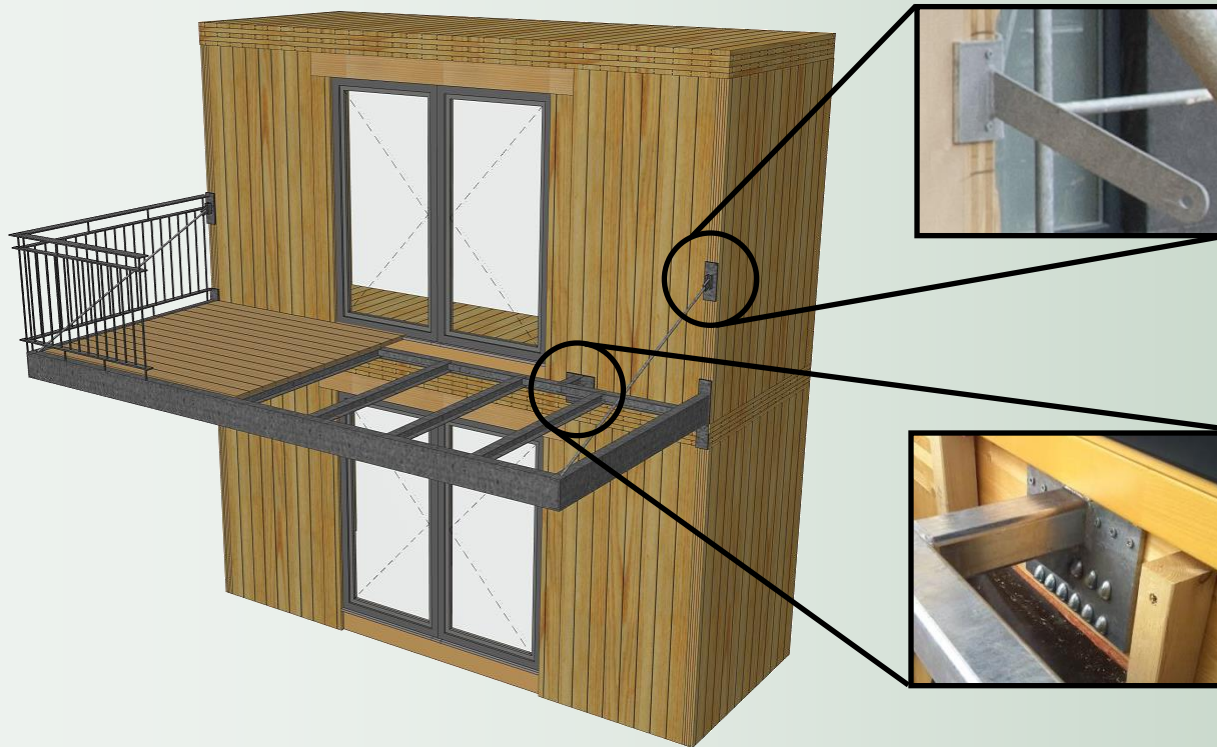
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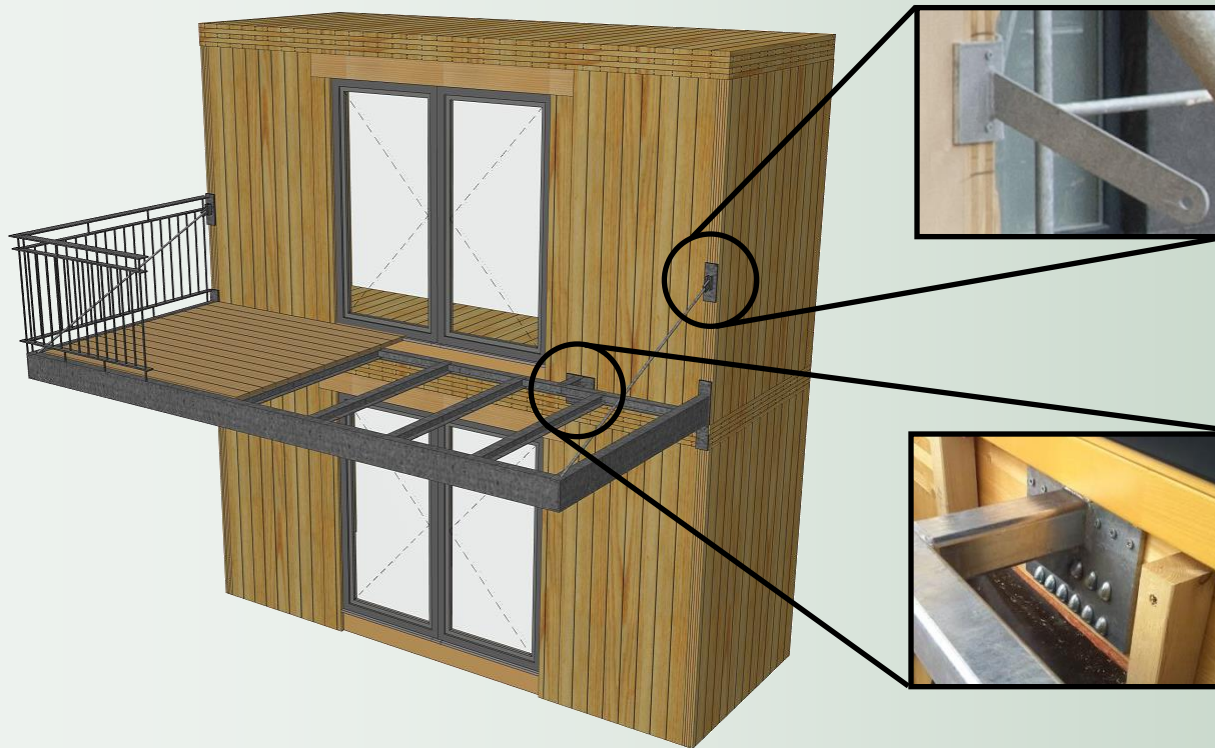


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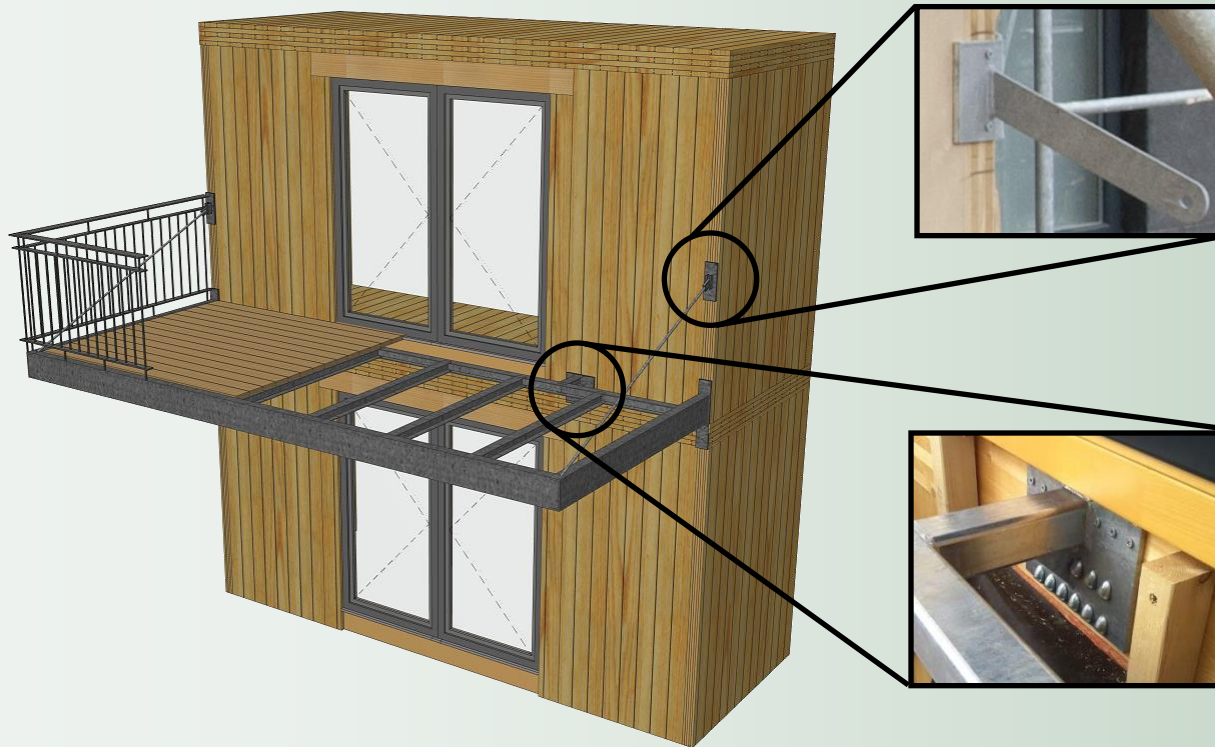
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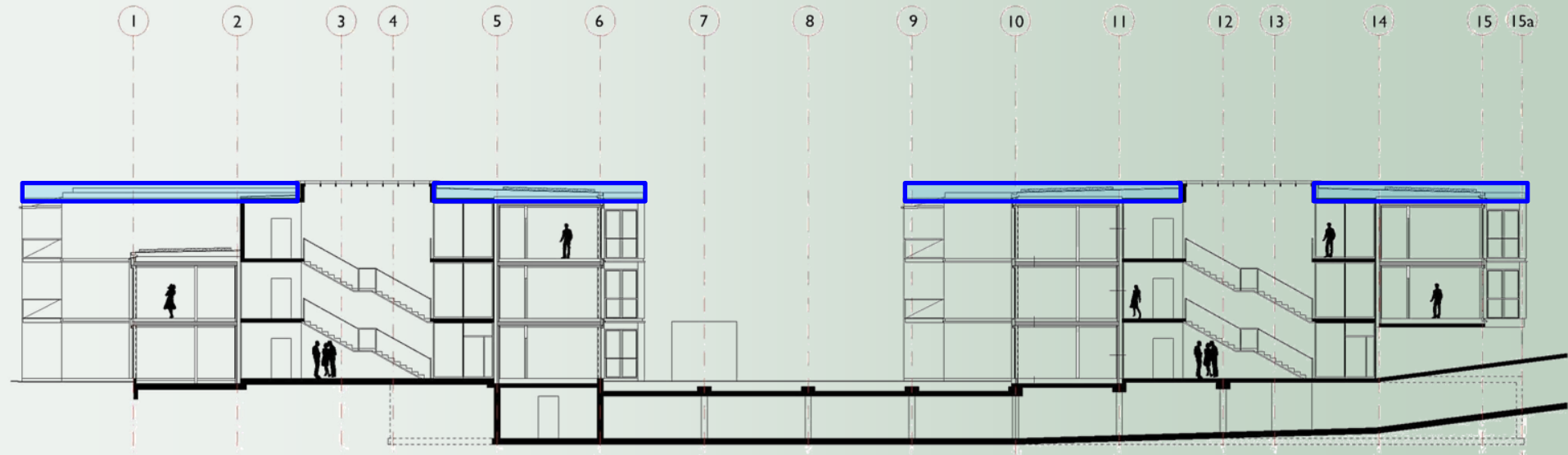
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→ components with **different life cycles** should be structurally disconnected

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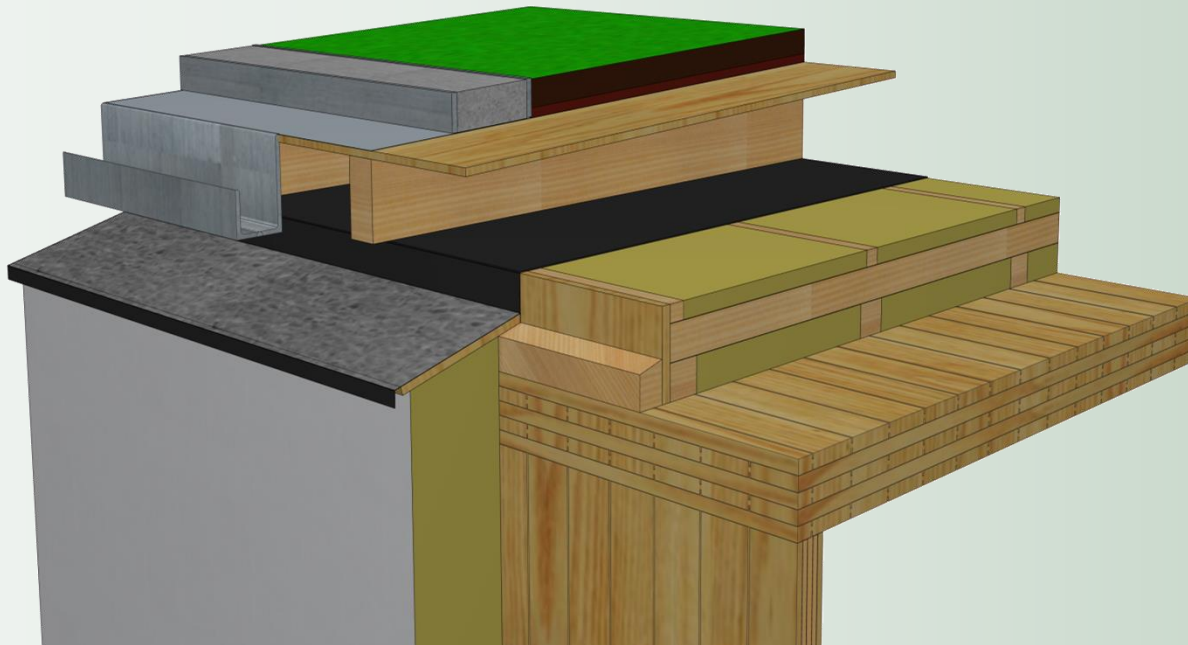
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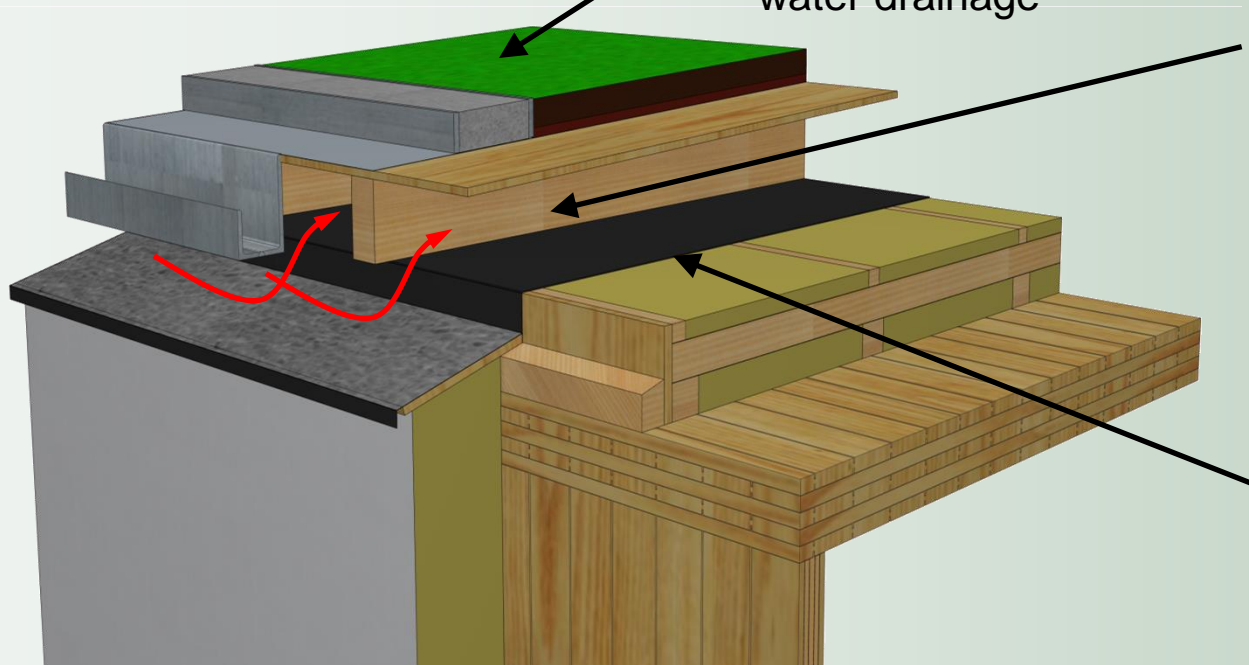
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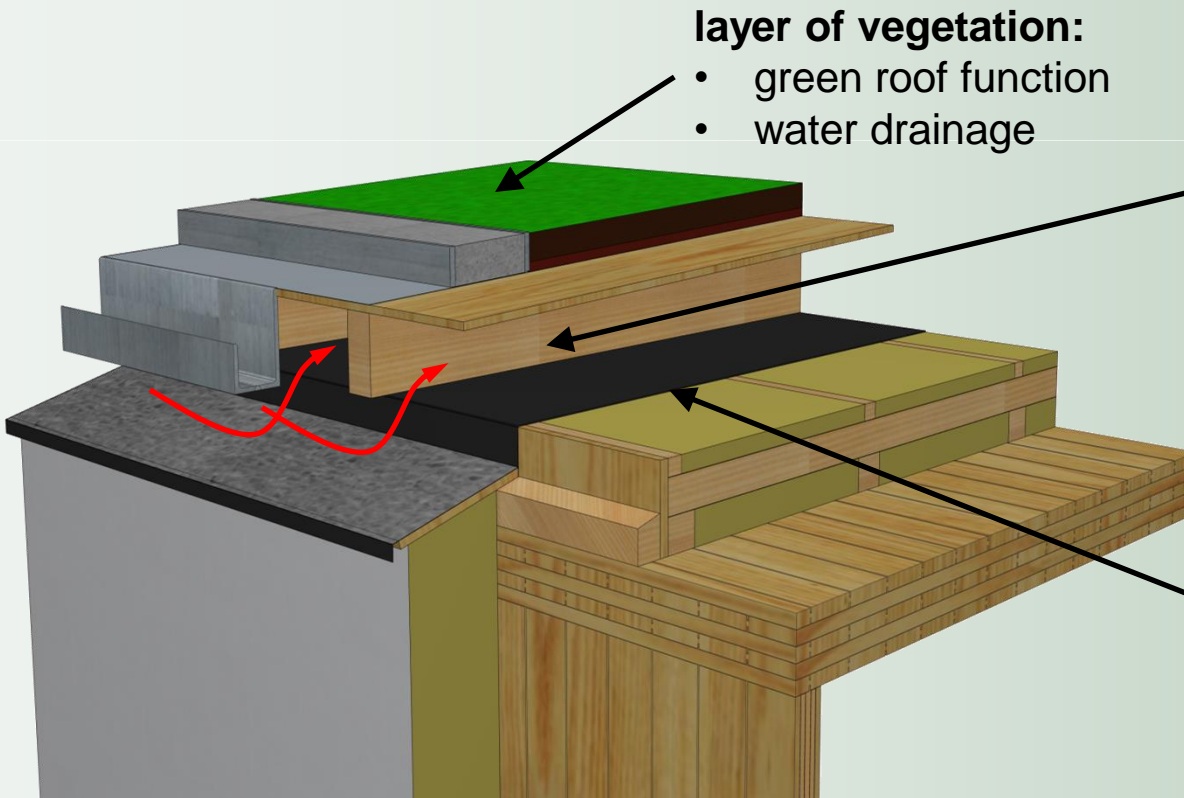


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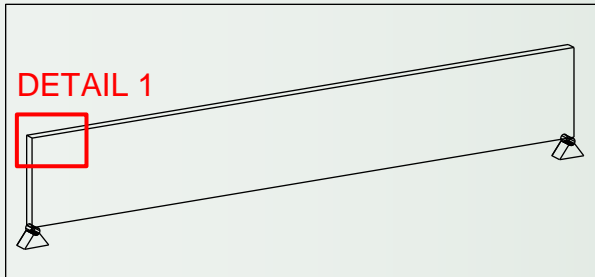
→ vulnerable building zones should be easy to **maintain, control and repair**



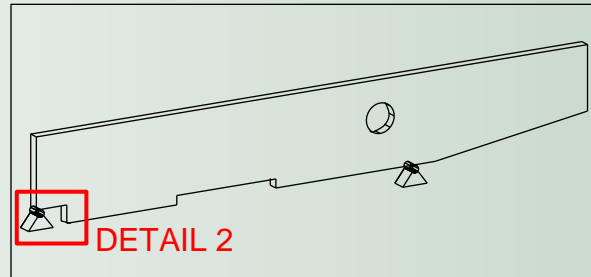
# Use of CLT as 2D Elements

	line supported	cantilever	with openings	point supported
walls				
ceilings   plates				
roofs   folded elements				
roofs   curved elements				

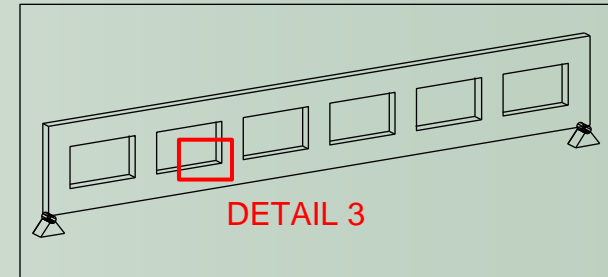
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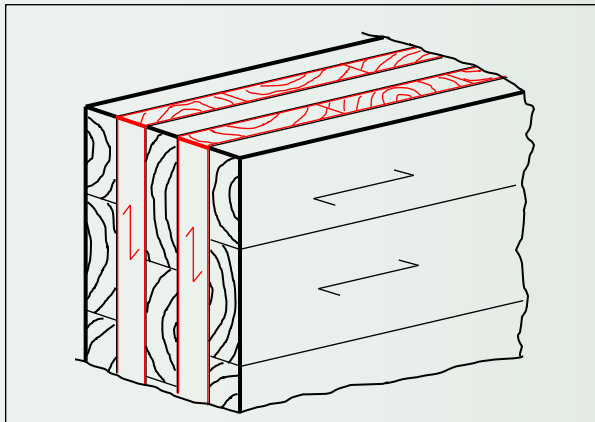
beam  
without openings



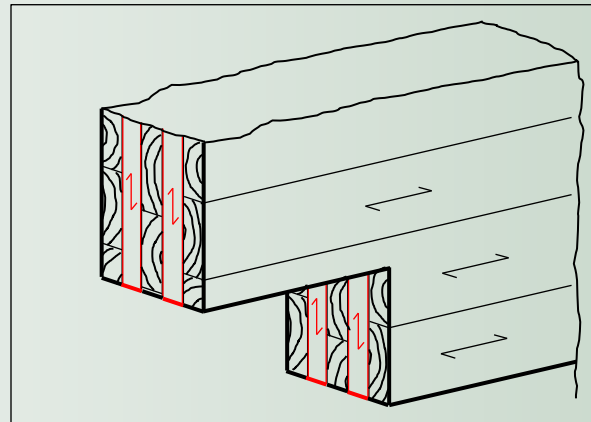
tapered beam with notched support  
and openings



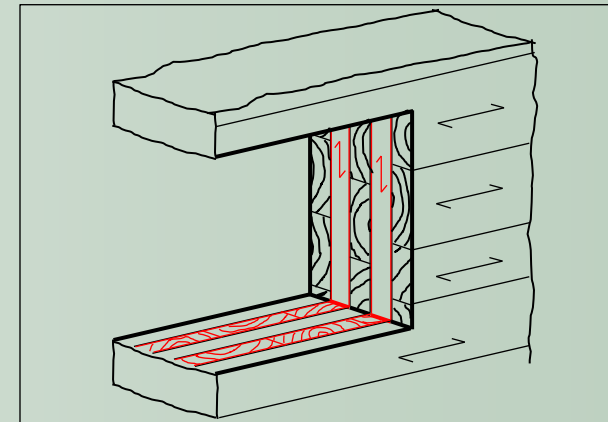
beam as 'Vierendeel system'



detail 1:  
built up of a 5-layered  
beam element



detail 2:  
notched support



detail 3:  
opening

vertical (cross) layers as 'reinforcement' of CLT  
(high capacity in shear and tension perp. to grain)

→ **Research activities are needed!**

# Residential Buildings



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**Graz (AUT) | 2007**  
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**Eichgraben (AUT) | 2008**  
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# Multi-Storey Buildings



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**3-storey building  
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**4-storey building  
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**5-storey building  
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**5-storey building**  
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**8-storey building**  
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**10-storey building**  
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# Kindergarten



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**Headquarter Mayr-Melnhof  
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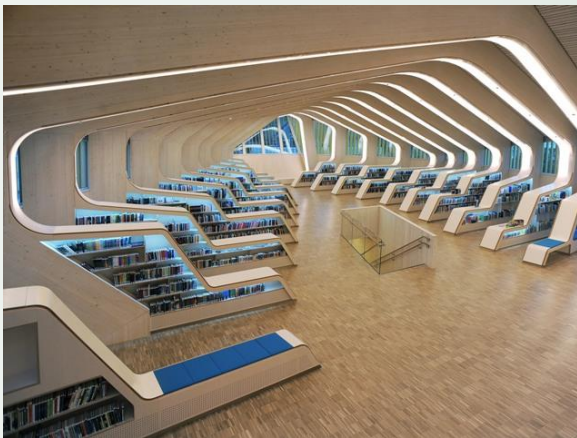
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Vennesla (NOR) | 2011  
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**Footbridge over the river Raab**  
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Valais (CH) | 2010  
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London (GBR) | 2013  
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