

# Lecture #6

## – Design of Connections

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# Design of connections I

- Introduction of fasteners/connectors and fastening systems
- Design of connections with light fasteners

# Connections in Timber Structures

- Connections are often the weakest components of a timber structure
- Timber connections capable of transferring large loads are a challenge to designers
- For heavy timber structures, member sizes can be governed by connection size



# Factors for selecting connection design

- **Cost**
- Structural – strength, stiffness and ductility
- Availability of fasteners
- Ease of fabrication
- Aesthetics
- Fire – exposed steel plates
- Durability
- Acoustics





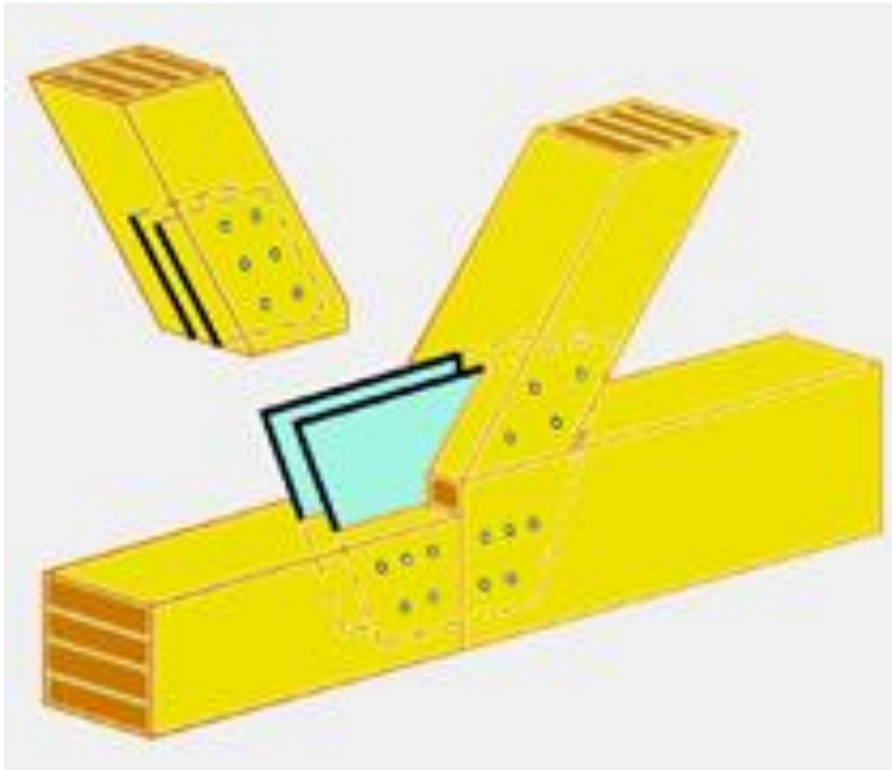
# Fabrication was a challenge for bolted connections!

Fitting problems:

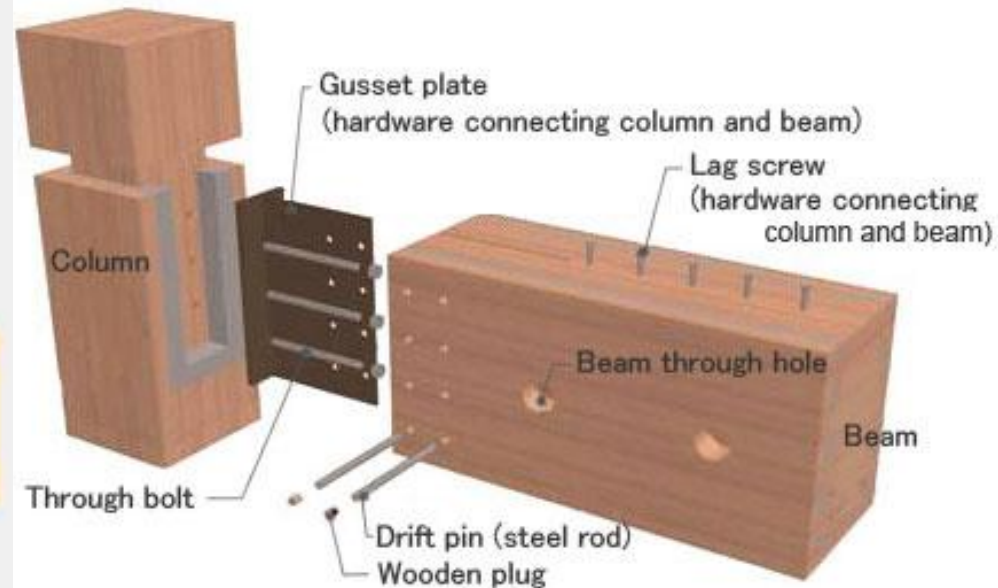
- Wood dimensions vary
- Precision drilling was difficult
- Large hole tolerance (2mm)



# Precision machining is now possible



Precision - fraction of mm



Metal fitting at job site – sliding / slotting connection



# Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Machines

- Machine can saw, drill, rout with mm or lower precision
- Revolutionized heavy timber construction



# Mechanical Connections

- Nails & Spikes
- Bolts & Dowels
- Screws – lag and wood
- Timber connectors
- Timber rivets
- Truss plates
- Joist hangers
- **Proprietary fasteners**





# Nails

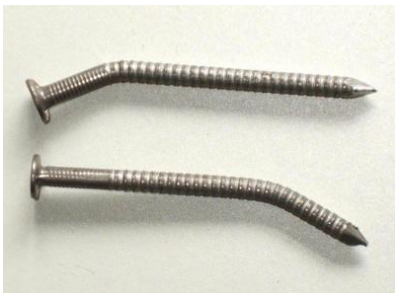
Common fastener in residential construction





# Nails (and spikes)

- Easy to apply on site
- Common diameters up to 4mm
- Transfer roughly 0.5 - 2 kN lateral design load per nail
- Simple tool required
- No need for pre-drilling
- Flexible, leading to ductile structures



Excellent  
seismic  
performance

# Wood screws

- Similar to nails/spikes, and used where withdrawal strength is required
- Slower application than nails
- Common diameters up to 5mm
- Transfer roughly 0.5 - 2 kN lateral design load per screw
- No need for pre-drilling
- Flexible
- Could be brittle due to large tensile stress under cyclic load



The image shows three bolts of different sizes and orientations resting on a light-colored wooden surface. One large bolt is positioned horizontally at the top, with its threaded end on the left and its hexagonal head on the right. Below it, two smaller bolts are positioned diagonally, one on the left and one on the right, both with their hexagonal heads pointing towards the center. The word "BOLTS" is printed in large, bold, black capital letters in the center of the image.

# BOLTS



# Bolts

- Commonly used diameters are 6mm - 25mm, but can be up to 38mm
- Capable of transferring large load, roughly 2 kN – 30 kN per bolt
- Require precision pre-drilling
- Traditionally the only fastener used in heavy timber construction
- Small diameter bolts (6mm) behave in a ductile manner (yielding of fastener), but large bolts (>6mm) generally fail wood in a brittle manner (cracks in wood)





Wood-Wood-Wood connection



# Wood-Steel-Wood & Steel-Wood-Steel Connections



Reasons for  
choice?

# Steel dowels

- Smooth round steel pins with slightly reduced diameter near the ends
- Tight-fit without tolerance
- Designed as bolts



Dowel vs Bolt?



# Wood-Steel-Wood Connection (Dowel)



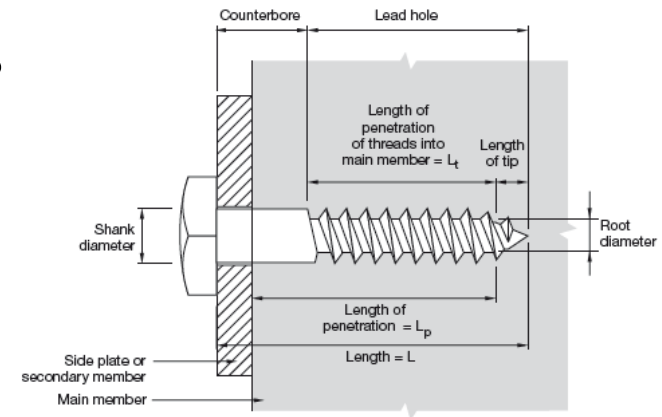
# Lag Screws





# Lag Screws

- Transfer lateral load similar to bolt of similar size
- Installed through one face of a connection (preferred to bolt)
- Diameter ranged from 6mm – 25mm, length 3” – 12”
- Pre-drilling is not required, but lead hole is required especially for large screw and dense wood
- High withdrawal strength





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# TIMBER CONNECTORS



Split ring



Shear plate



# Split ring



A split ring transfers the load but needs a bolt or rod to keep the members together

# Shear plate

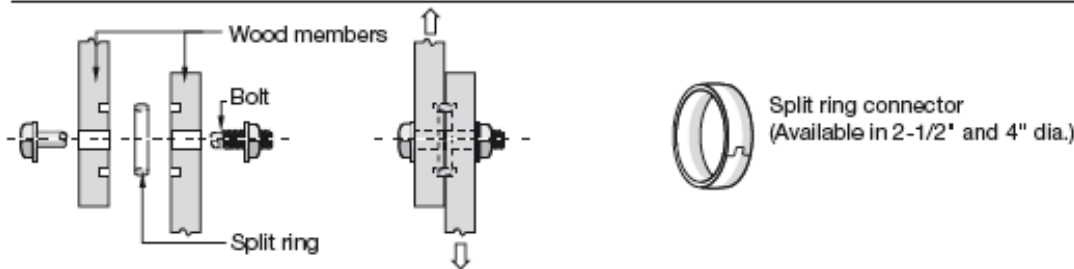


Need bolt or rod to transfer load

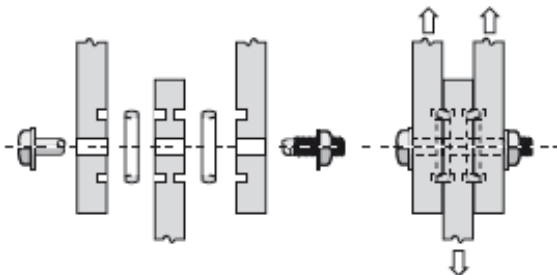
# Split ring

- Round connector ( 2.5" or 4") to provide a large diameter connection on wood surface
- Could transfer 20 kN – 50 kN lateral design load per connector
- Special tool to cut grooves in two jointing members
- A bolt or lag screw is used to draw members together

One split ring in single shear



Two split rings in single shear



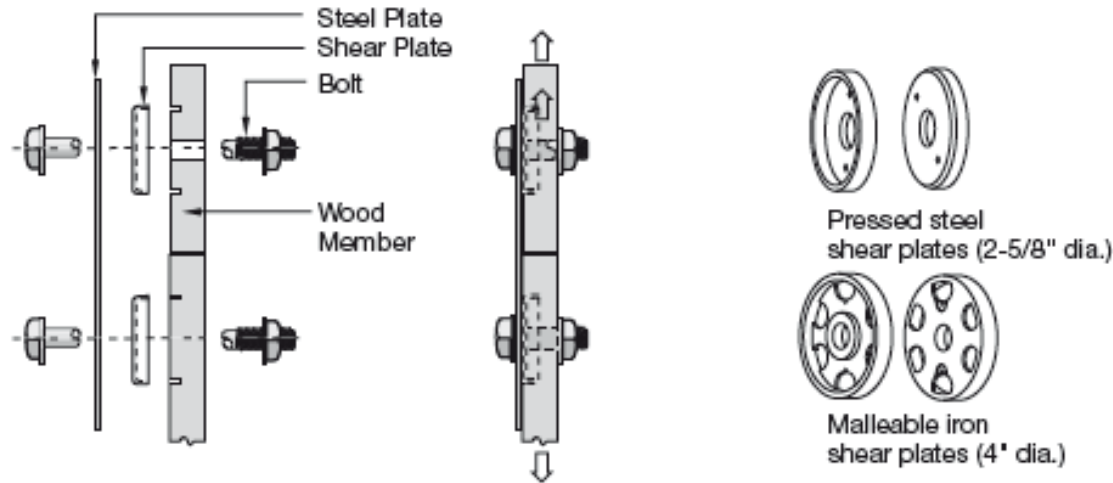
Used in Wood-to-wood connections



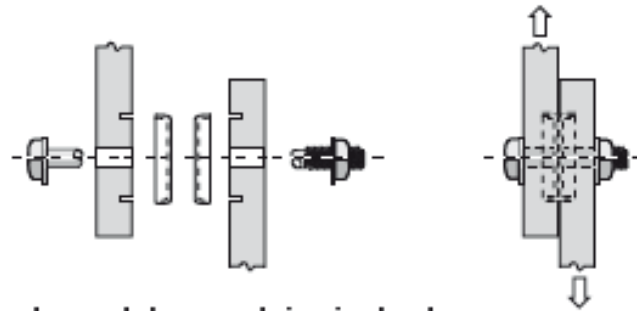
# Shear plate

- Round connector ( 2-5/8" or 4") to provide a large diameter connection on wood surface
- Could transfer 20 kN – 40 kN lateral design load per connector
- Special tool to cut grooves in wood jointing members
- A bolt or lag screw is used to draw members together

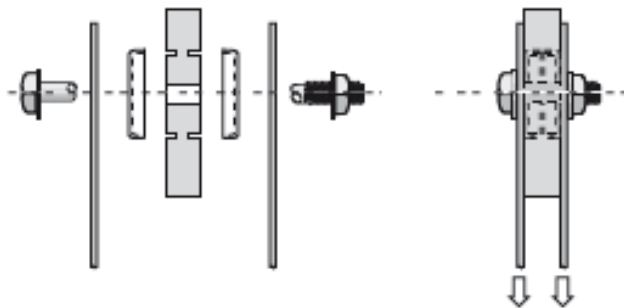
### One shear plate in single shear



### Two shear plates in single shear



### Two shear plates, each in single shear

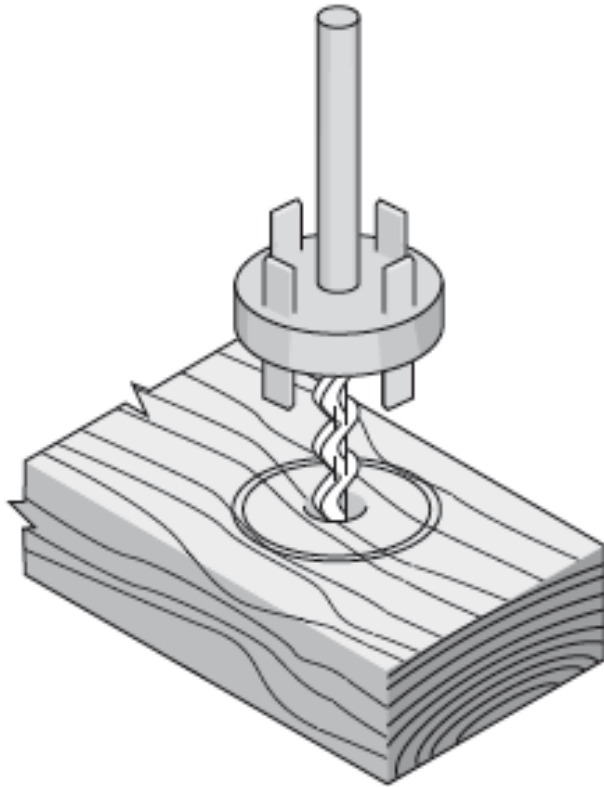


Used in Wood-to-wood or  
Wood-to-Steel connections

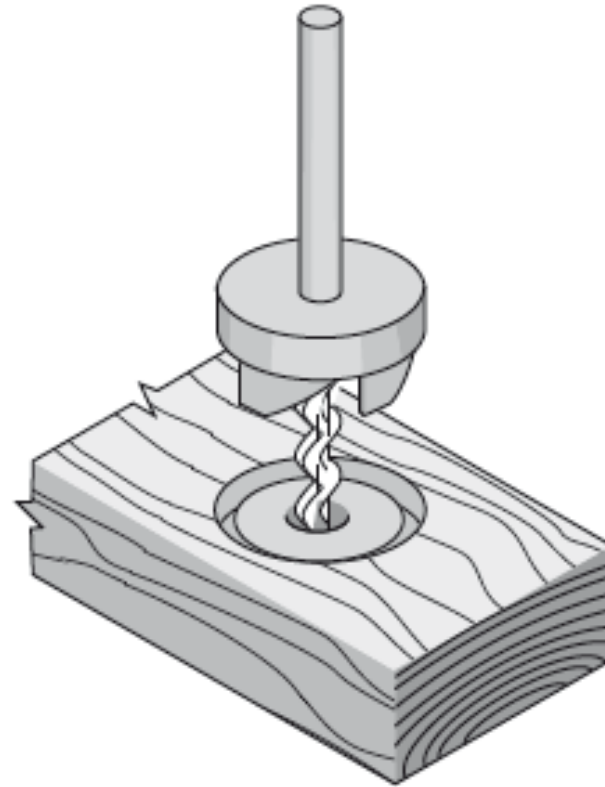
Shear plate is often attached to  
wood members in factory

# Cutting of grooves for split ring and shear plate

Split ring tool



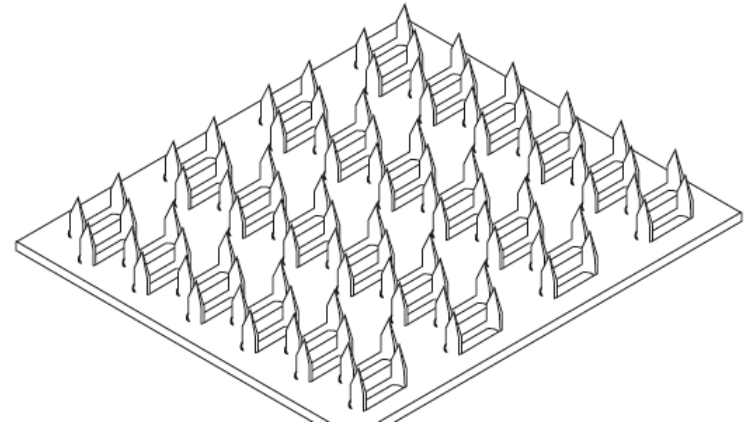
Shear plate tool





# Truss plates

- Light-gauge galvanized steel plate with press-out teeth
- Used in lumber truss fabrication primarily for floor and roof applications
- Strength is proportional to area of embedment
- Proprietary products - design properties are published by manufacturers



# Timber Rivets



Simple tool, no predrilling

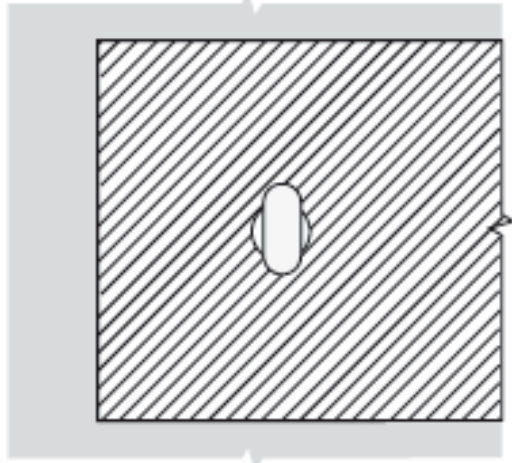


Tight-fitting through wedging action of head into steel

**Strong and stiff connection – high load transfer per connection area**  
**- Canadian invention in 1960's**

# Timber Rivets

Elevation



Section

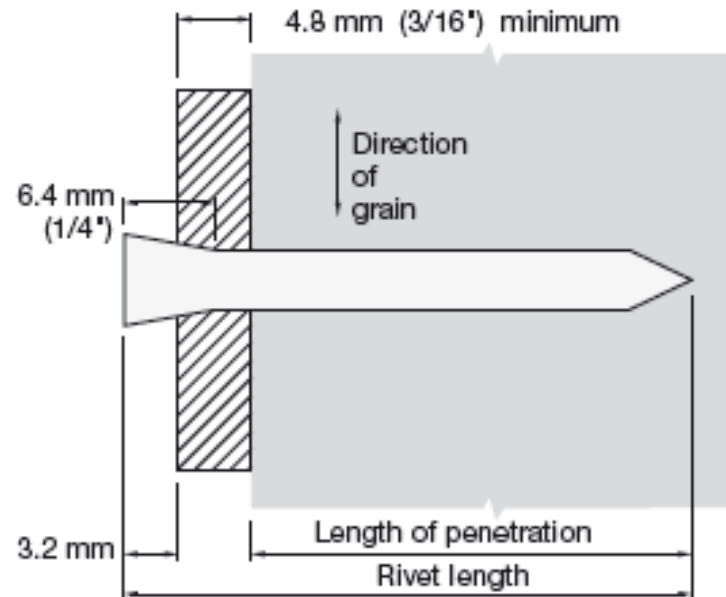
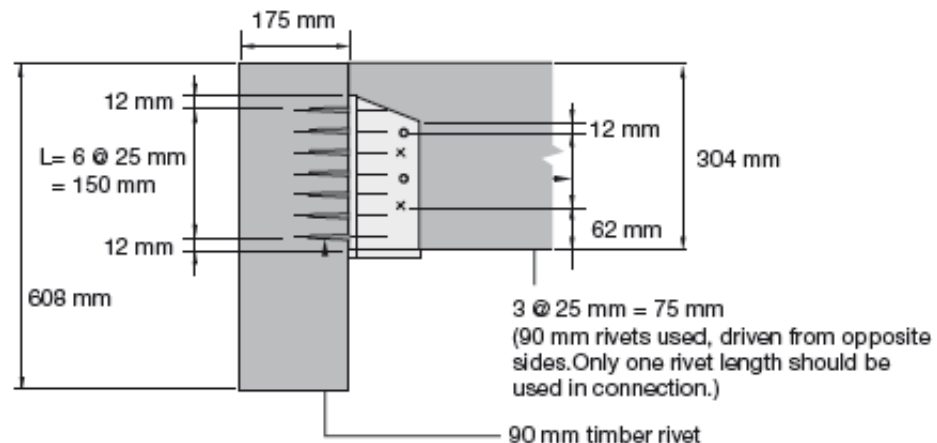


FIGURE 11.24

*Beam hanger connection using timber rivets*







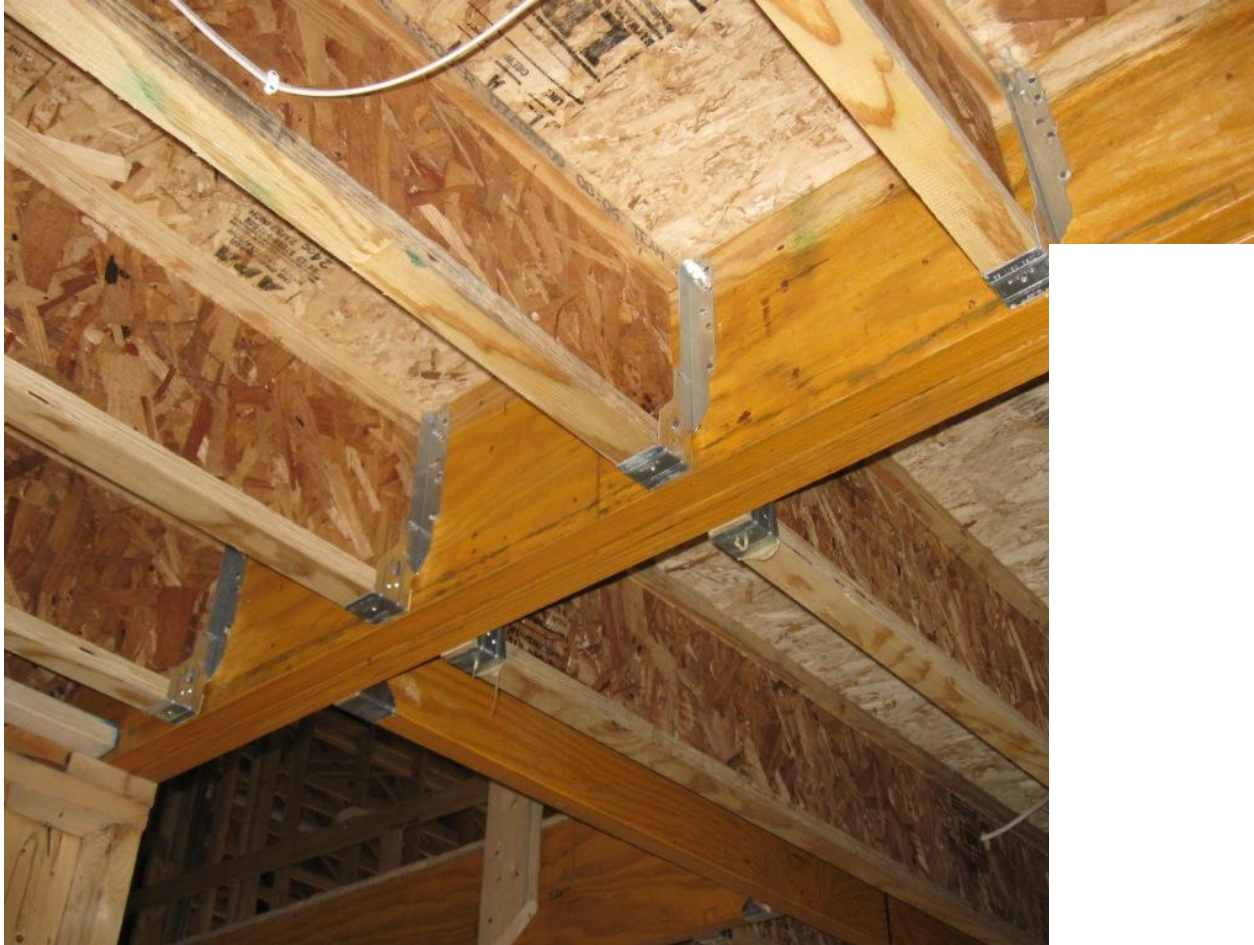
Timber rivets in a steel-wood connection



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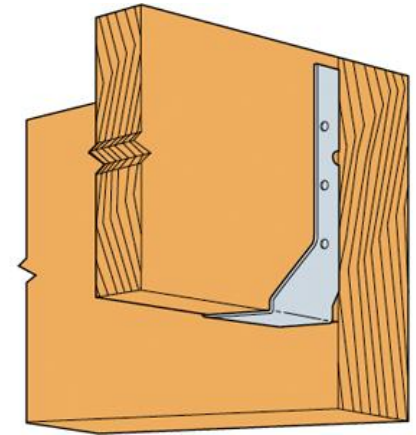
# Joist hangers



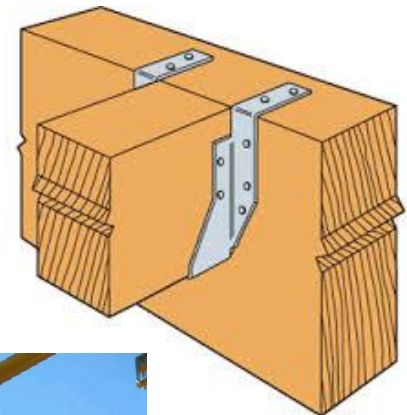


# Joist hangers

- Made from light-gauge galvanized steel
- Support joists in floor and roof
- Could be face-mount or top-mount
- Proprietary products with design properties specific to the manufacturer
- Heavy steel required for higher load transfer



Face-mount

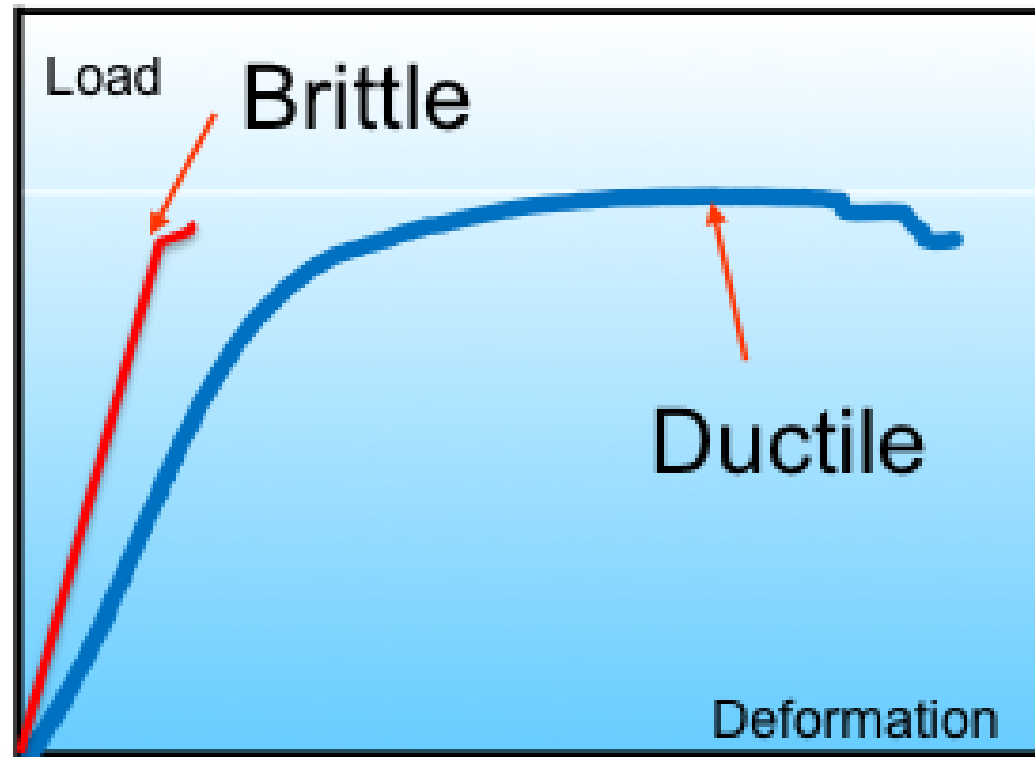


Top-mount





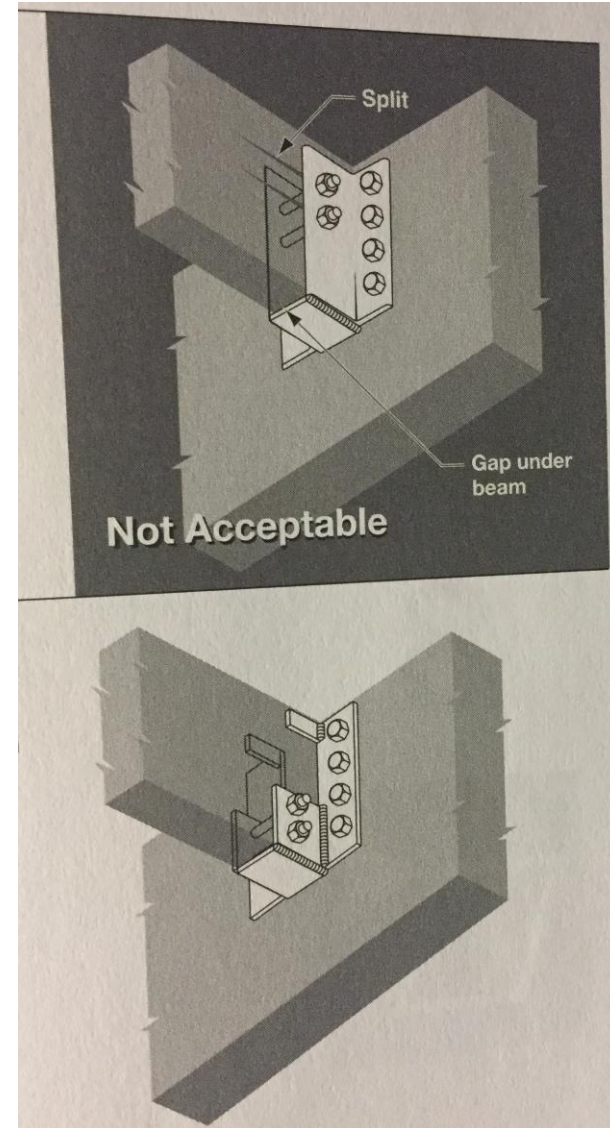
Slender fasteners, such as nails,  
wood screws and timber rivets,  
can lead to ductile connections -  
**Preferred**





The other types of connections are brittle and may cause sudden failures.

Avoid details which would result in tension perpendicular to grain under shrinkage



# Innovative/Proprietary Connection Systems

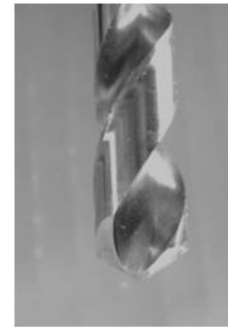


# Self-tapping Screws

- Proprietary fasteners with high yield strength  $> 800$  MPa
- Self-tapping because the shaft is designed to act like a drill bit – no need for pre-drilling and fast installation

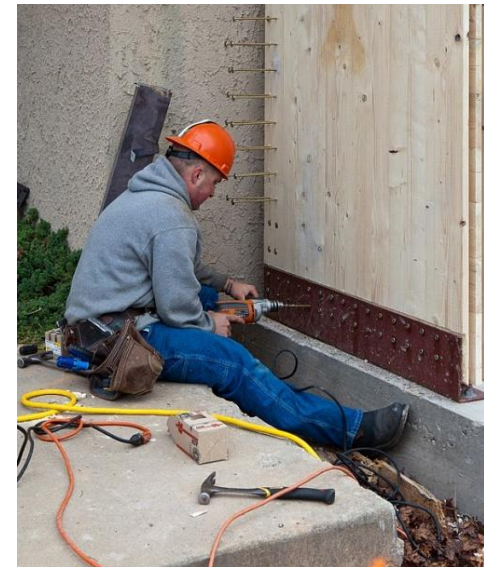


Various shank profiles by manufacturers



Drill bit

- Available in a variety of sizes and features
  - Diameter up to **12mm**
  - Length up to **900mm**
  - Full or partial thread



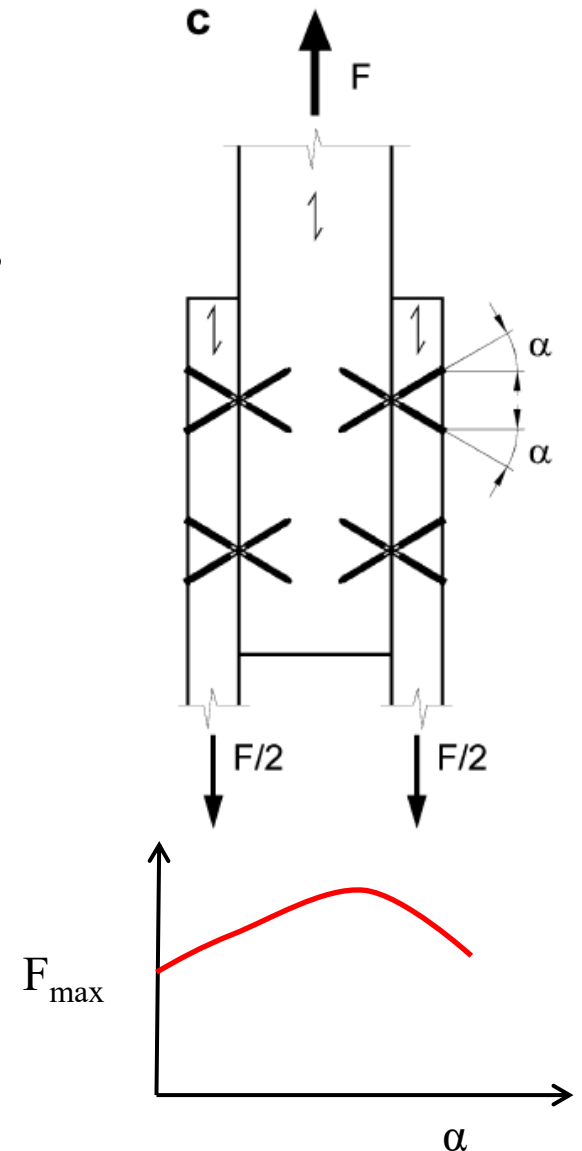
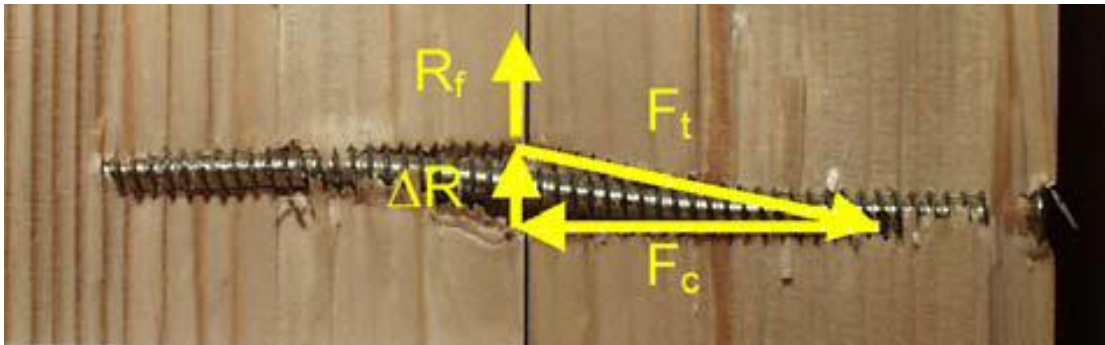
Fastener that has become the  
choice for fabricators and  
designers!!!

Source: Kevin Meechan  
Courtesy: WoodWorks



# Self-tapping Screws

- Lateral resistance can be improved by over 30% and stiffness increased by 3 to 5 times if the fasteners are inclined at  $30^\circ - 45^\circ$ , due to the role played by withdrawal resistance of the thread



# Glued connection systems

- Glued-in rod

Developed strength through withdrawal resistance



- Glued-in plate

HBV or HSK systems



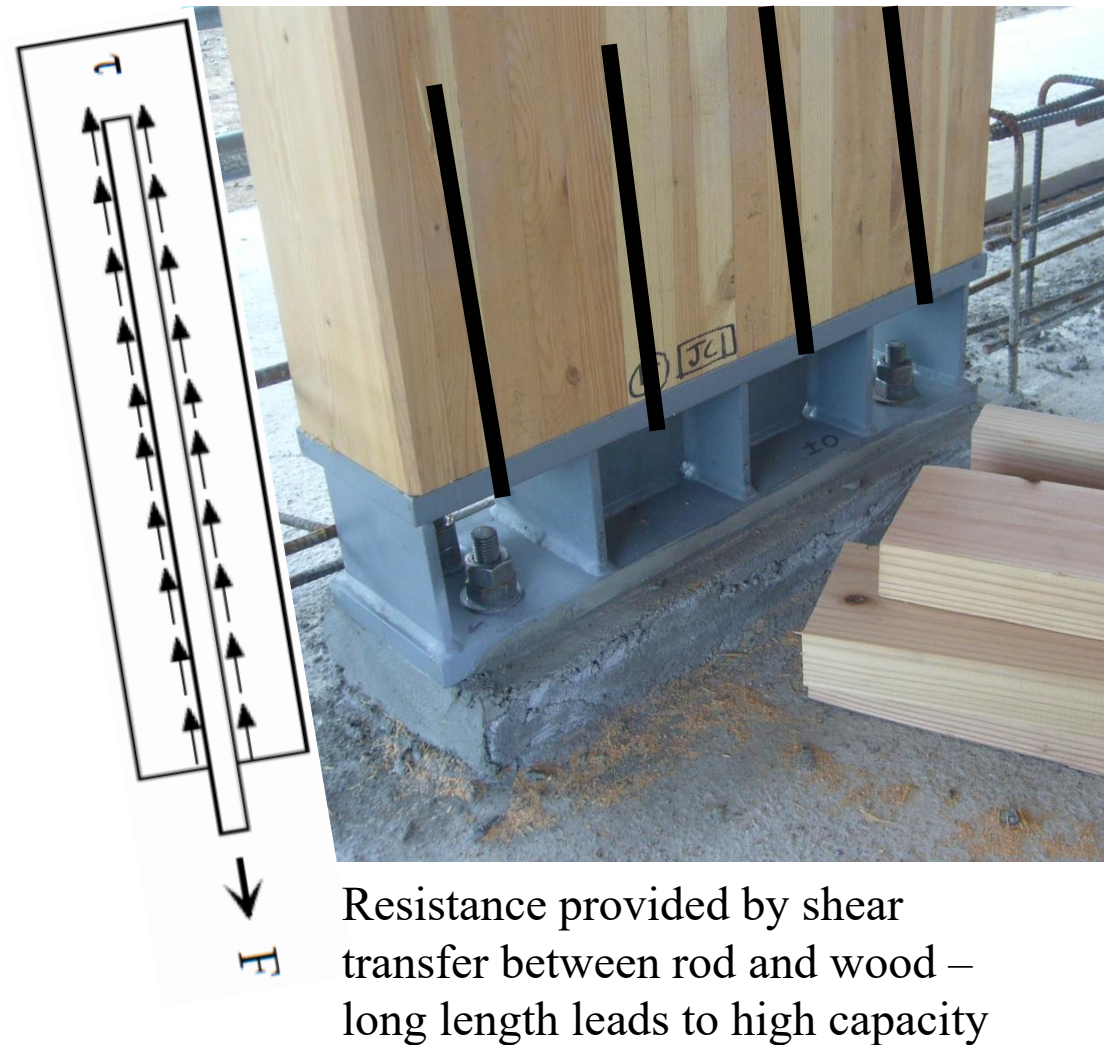
# Moment connections are traditionally avoided by designers

- Bolts are not desirable for moment connections as they have tendency to cause tension perpendicular to grain failure





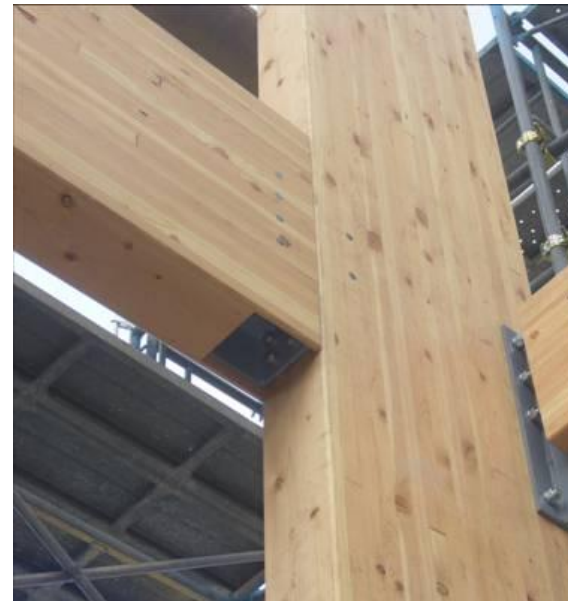
# Glued-in Rod Connection



Conventional bolted connection – limited by thickness of member & removal of wood material

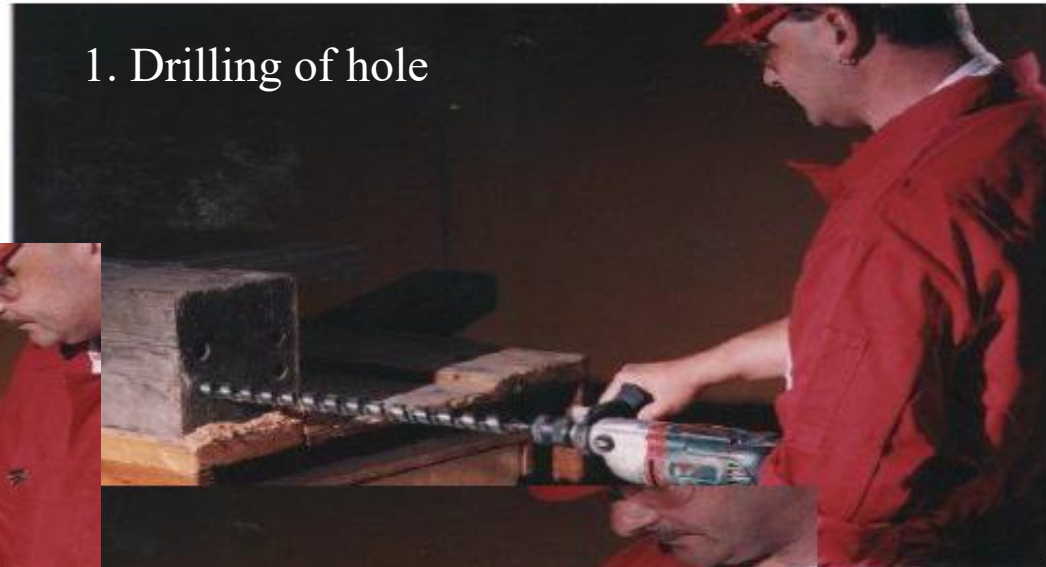
# Glued-in rod connection

- Glued-in rods installed in members in factory, which are then connected on site
- Can achieve strong moment connection and hold-down in heavy timber frames



# Glued-in rod preparation

1. Drilling of hole



3. Injection of resin  
(epoxy glue)



2. Threaded steel rod installation



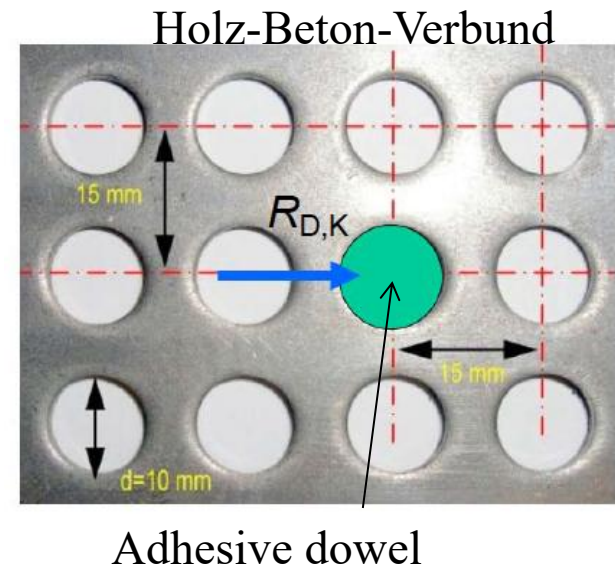


# **Application of glued-in rod connections**

- One of the strongest connection methods around
- Aesthetically pleasing without exposed fasteners
- Not yet included in standardized design procedure
- Quality control procedure is under development
- Strong and stiff connection, but not ductile

# Glued-in plate connections (HBV System)

- Steel plate with round holes is inserted into slot in wood member and then filled with an adhesive
- Simple design as the capacity per adhesive dowel is 1.2 kN
- Strong connections can be achieved by specifying no. of plates and plate size



# Applications of glued plate connections

- Aesthetically pleasing without exposed fasteners
- Not yet included in standardized design procedure
- Can be applied to concrete-wood composite system
- Strict quality control is required and performed by skilled operator
- Strong, stiff and ductile connections



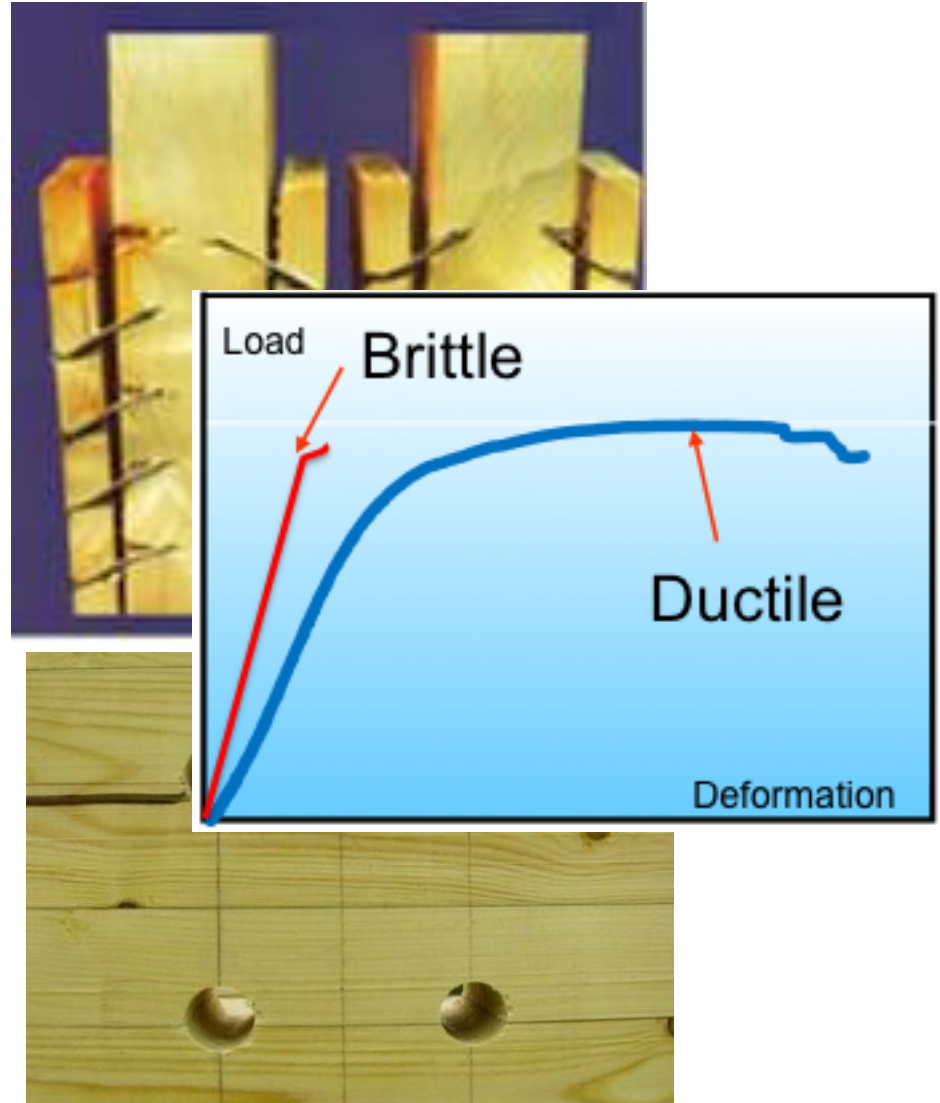


# Connection with light fasteners

- Primary failure modes are ductile with yielding in either the fastener or wood
  - Nails and spikes
  - Lag screws ( $< 1/4''$ )
  - Wood screws
  - Small diameter bolts ( $< 1/4''$ )
  - Timber rivets

# Response of timber connection to **lateral** load

- Ductile failure
  - Fastener bending
  - Wood crushing (embedment)
- Brittle failure
  - Wood splitting



# Factors influencing failure modes

- Fastener
  - Slender ratio (bearing length / dia)
  - Stiffness and yield strength
- Wood
  - Embedment, tension perp, shear and splitting resistance
- Geometry / Orientation
  - Row spacing and end distance
  - Direction of loading



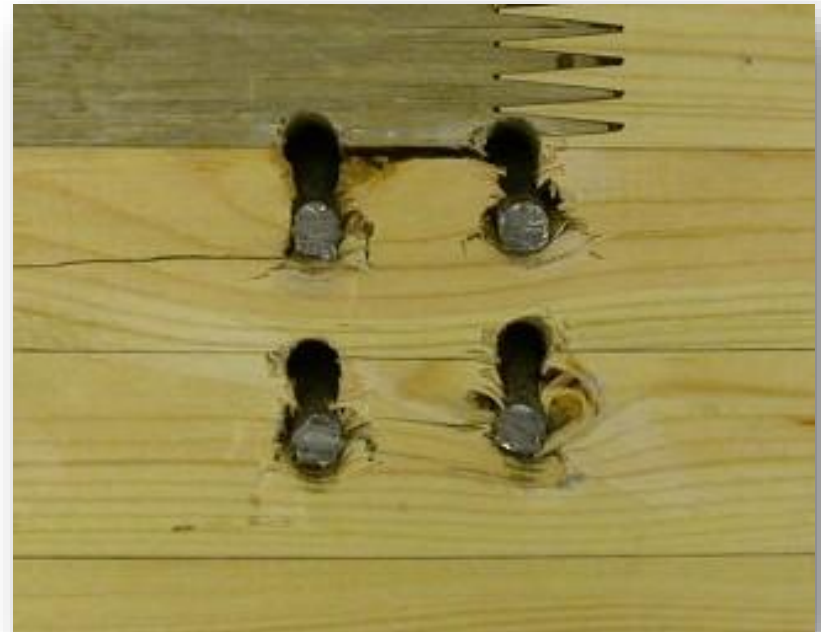
# Ductile failure

Mechanics-based **European Yield Model (EYM)** to check (lower of 2 governs)

Yield of fastener



Crushing of wood fibre



# European Yield Models (EYM)

- First proposed by K. W. Johansen (Theory of timber connections, 1949)
- Basis of all timber design standards in the World for predicting ductile modes of failure of connections containing dowel-type fasteners
- Theoretical basis:
  - Beam on elastic foundation
  - Wood and steel are elasto-plastic materials



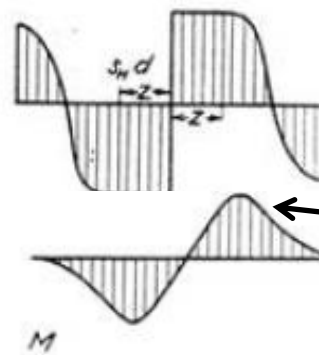
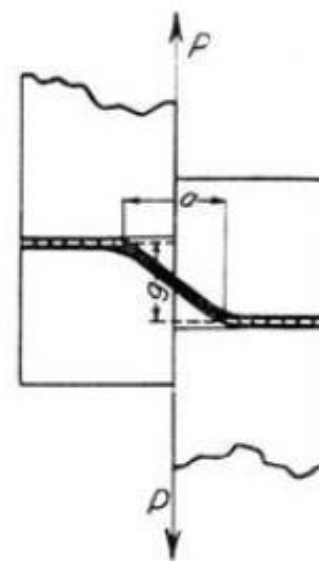
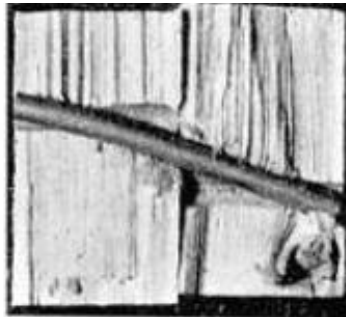
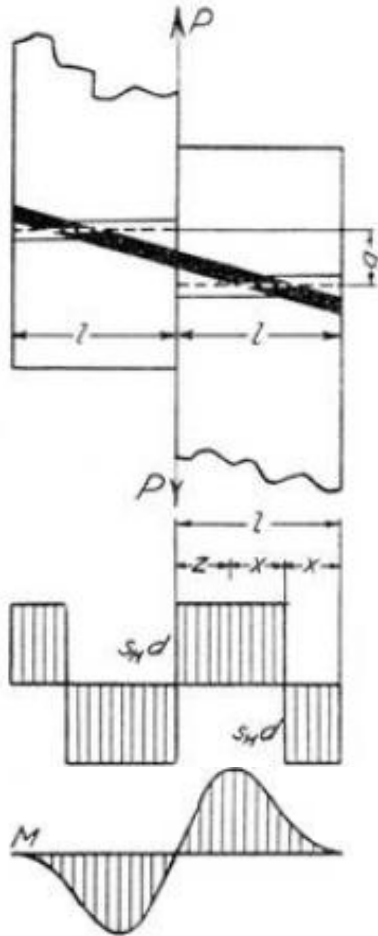
# 2-member joint

Stiff fastener

Flexible fastener

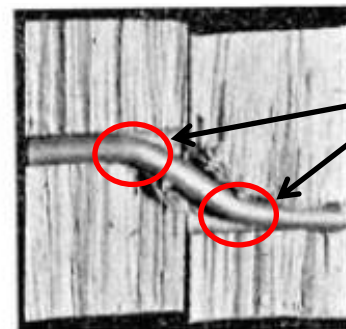
Bearing stress  
on wood

Bending  
moment in  
fastener



Embedment  
strength of  
wood

Yield moment  
of fastener

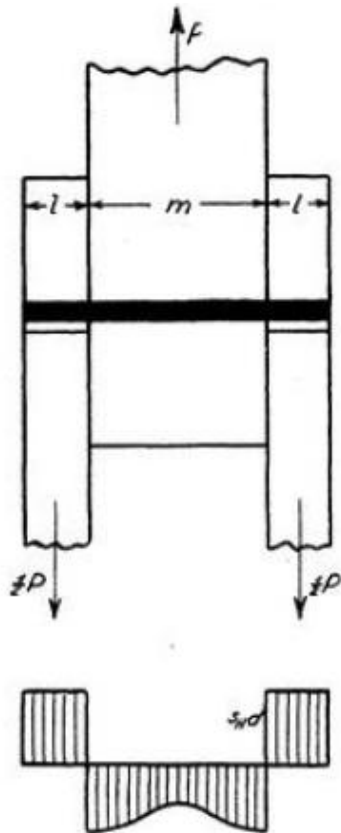


Plastic  
hinges

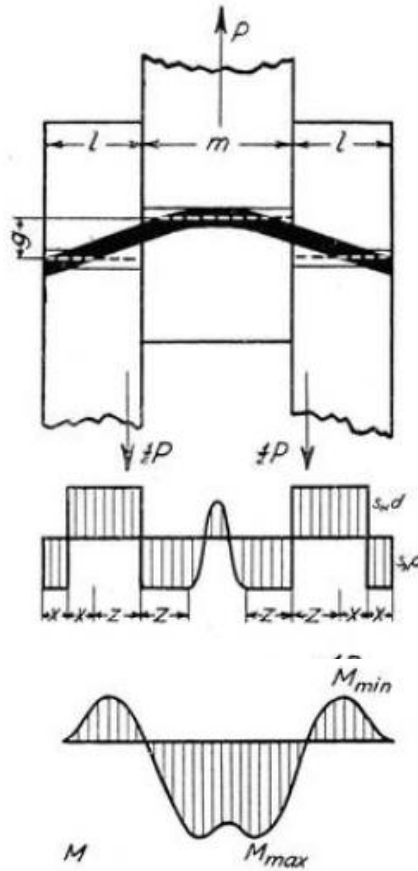


# 3-member joint

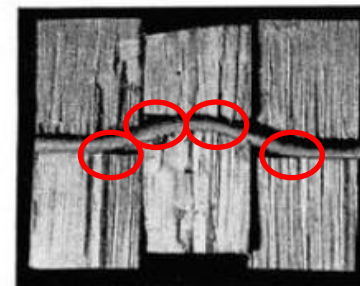
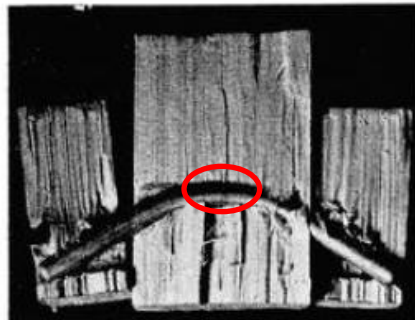
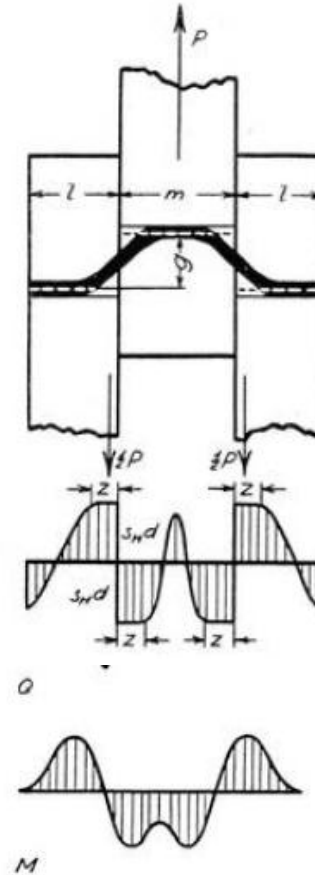
Thin member



Stiff fastener



Flexible fastener



○ Plastic hinges

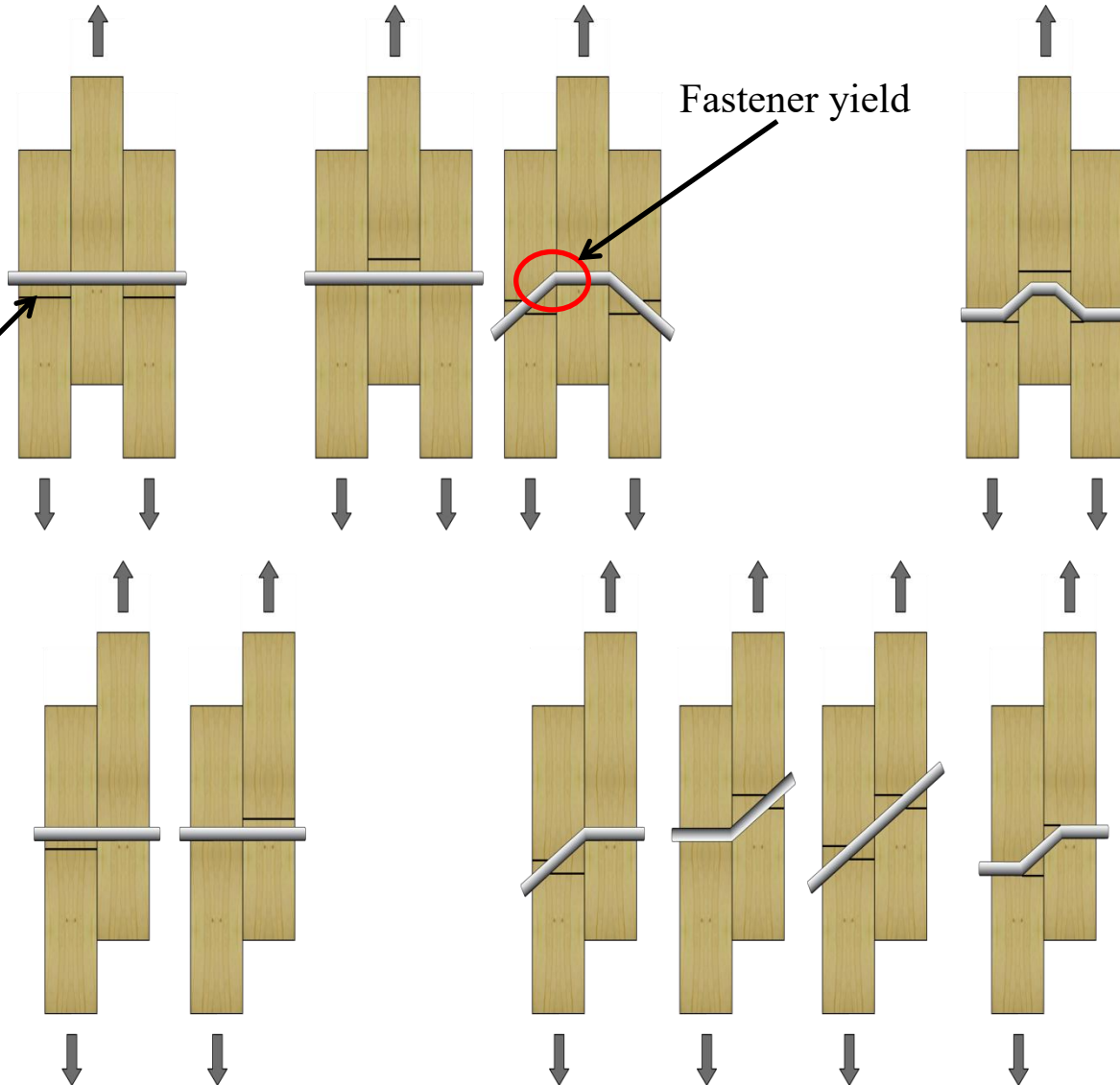
# Possible yield failure modes

3-member

Wood embedment  
(bearing)

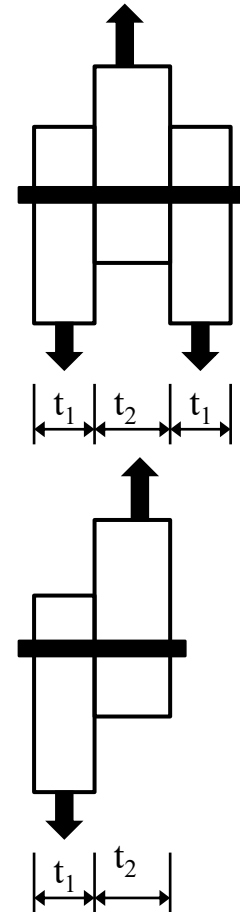
Fastener yield

2-member



# Mechanics-based equations for all possible modes

- Failure mode depends on:
  - Member thicknesses or fastener embedment lengths ( $t_1$ ,  $t_2$ )
  - Embedment strengths of wood members ( $f_1$ ,  $f_2$ )
  - Diameter ( $d_F$ ) and Yield strength ( $f_y$ ) of fastener
- European Yield Models (EYM) apply to connections containing round dowel fastener: nail, wood screw, lag screw, bolt, steel dowel





# CSA O86 Equations

Mode

Single shear

Double shear

(a)  $f_1 d_F t_1$

(b)  $f_2 d_F t_2$

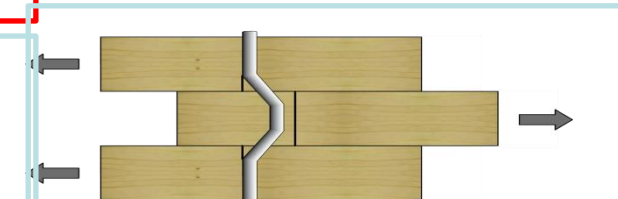
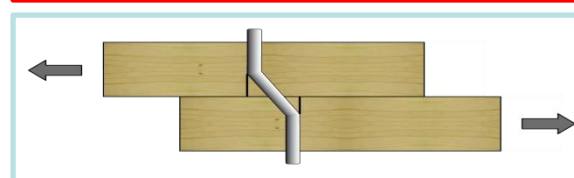
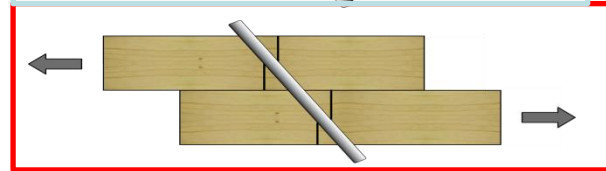
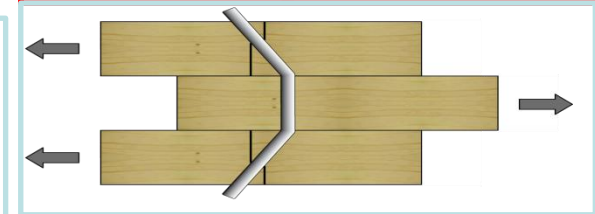
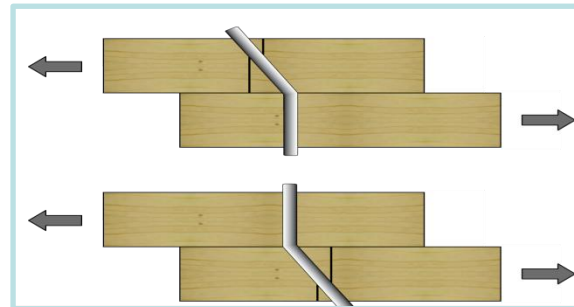
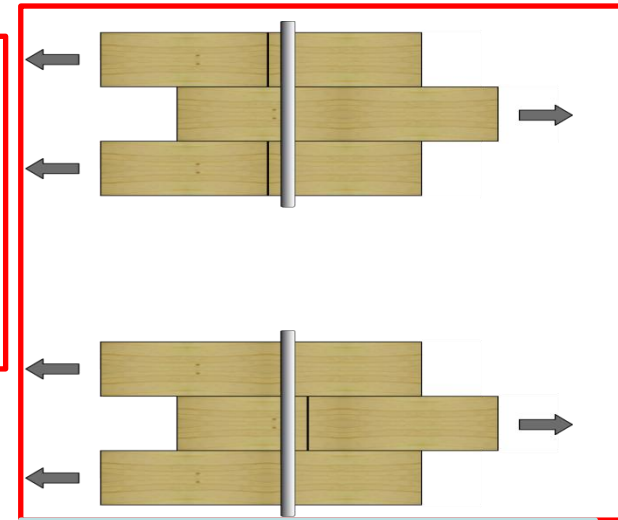
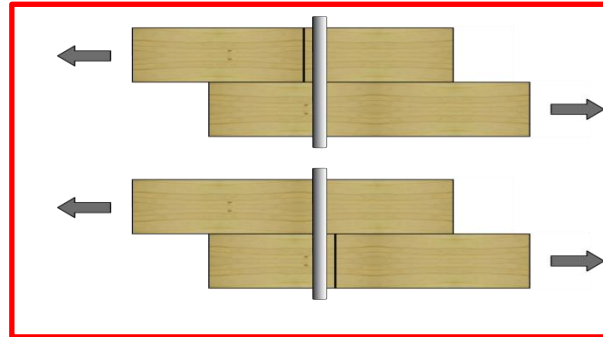
(c)  $\frac{1}{2} f_2 d_F t_2$

(d)  $f_1 d_F^2 \left( \sqrt{\frac{1}{6} \frac{f_2}{(f_1 + f_2)} \frac{f_y}{f_1}} + \frac{1}{5} \frac{t_1}{d_F} \right)$

(e)  $f_1 d_F^2 \left( \sqrt{\frac{1}{6} \frac{f_2}{(f_1 + f_2)} \frac{f_y}{f_1}} + \frac{1}{5} \frac{t_2}{d_F} \right)$

(f)  $f_1 d_F^2 \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{t_1}{d_F} + \frac{f_2}{f_1} \frac{t_2}{d_F} \right)$

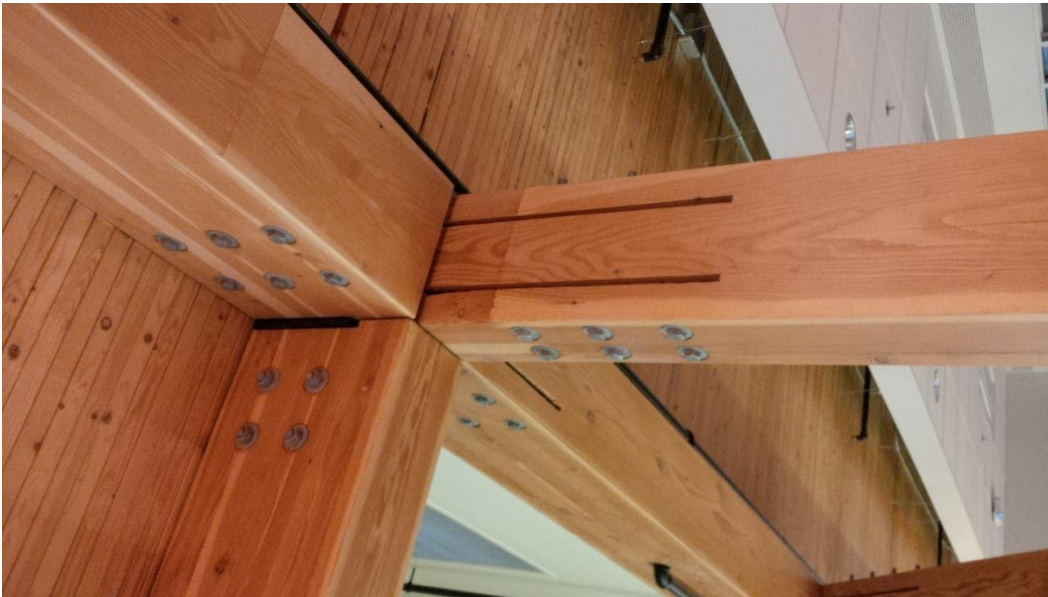
(g)  $f_1 d_F^2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \frac{f_2}{(f_1 + f_2)} \frac{f_y}{f_1}}$



# Bolted connections under lateral load

Check yield and brittle modes

Factored resistance  $\geq$  Factored load effect



# Bolted connections under lateral load (12.4.4.2)

$$N_r \geq N_f \quad (\text{Yield failure})$$

$$P_r \geq P_f$$

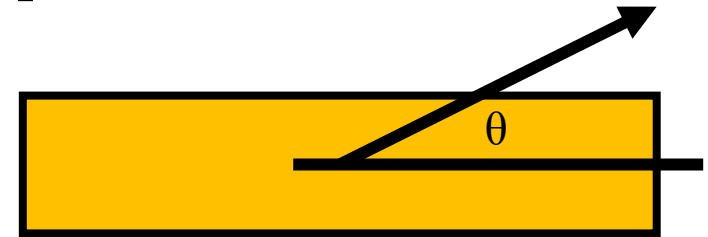
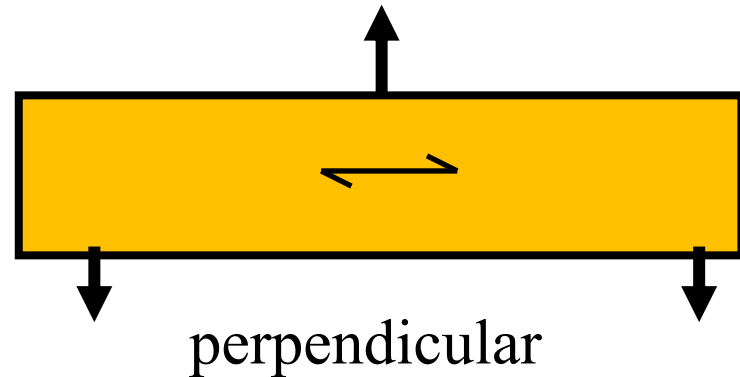
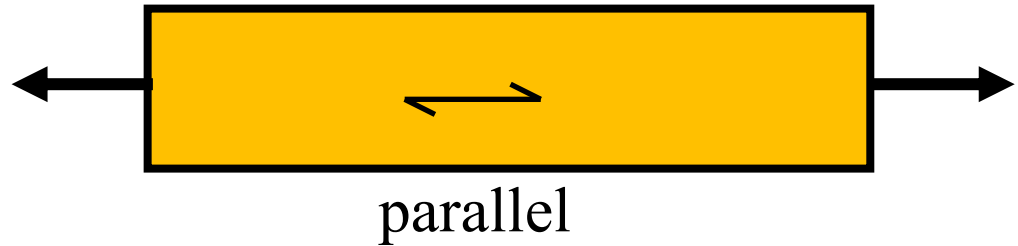
(Brittle)

$$Q_r \geq Q_f$$

(Brittle)

$$N_f \leq \frac{P_r Q_r}{P_r \sin^2 \theta + Q_r \cos^2 \theta}$$

(Brittle)



# Yielding/Bearing Resistance (12.4.4.3)

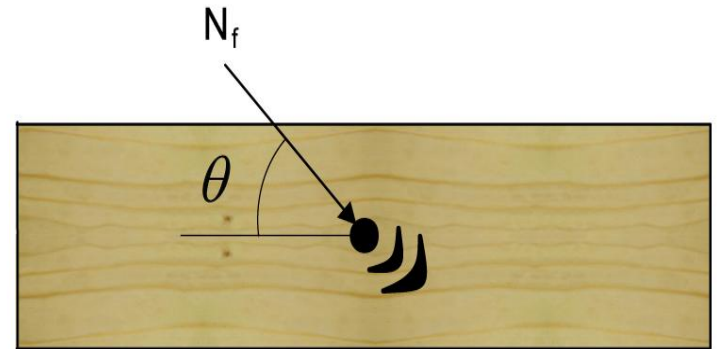
$$N_r = \phi_y n_u n_s n_f$$

$$\phi_y = 0.8$$

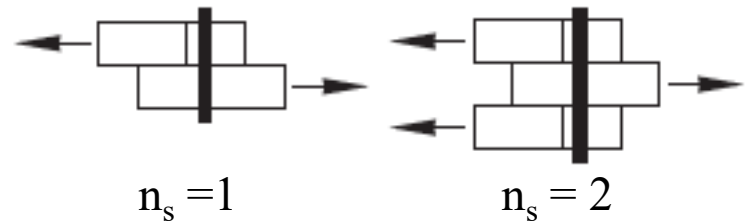
$n_u$  = unit yielding resistance (EYM)

$n_s$  = No. of shear planes

$n_f$  = No. of fasteners



Bearing

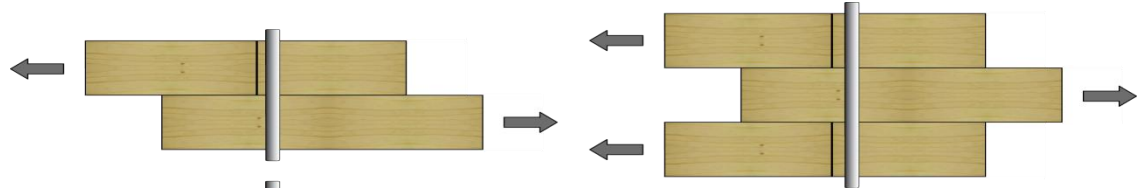




# Unit Lateral Load Resistance ( $n_u$ )

(a)

$$f_1 d_F t_1$$



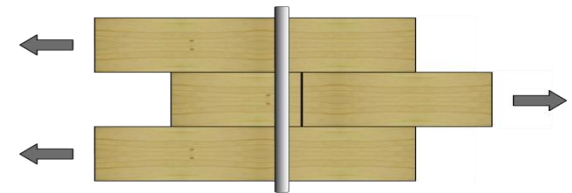
(b)

$$f_2 d_F t_2$$



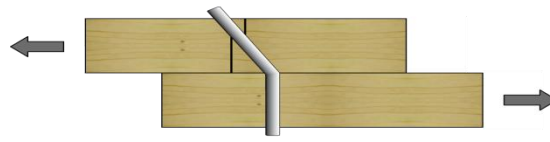
(c)

$$\frac{1}{2} f_2 d_F t_2$$



(d)

$$f_1 d_F^2 \left( \sqrt{\frac{1}{6} \frac{f_2}{(f_1 + f_2)} \frac{f_y}{f_1} + \frac{1}{5} \frac{t_1}{d_F}} \right)$$



(e)

$$f_1 d_F^2 \left( \sqrt{\frac{1}{6} \frac{f_2}{(f_1 + f_2)} \frac{f_y}{f_1} + \frac{1}{5} \frac{t_2}{d_F}} \right)$$



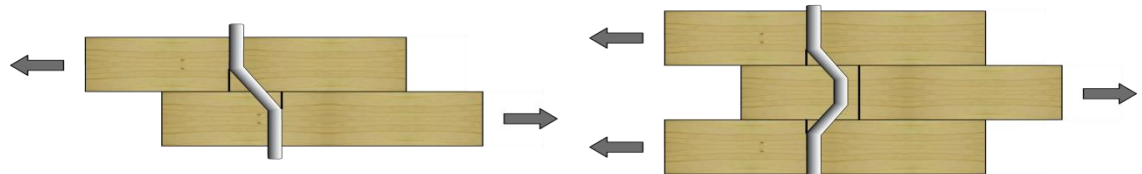
(f)

$$f_1 d_F^2 \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{t_1}{d_F} + \frac{f_2}{f_1} \frac{t_2}{d_F} \right)$$



(g)

$$f_1 d_F^2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \frac{f_2}{(f_1 + f_2)} \frac{f_y}{f_1}}$$



# Embedment strength ( $f_{i,P}$ & $f_{i,Q}$ ) in 12.4.4.3.3.

The embedment strength of member “i” is modified for the loading, service condition and treatment

$f_{i,P}$  and  $f_{i,Q}$  are determined as follows:

- $f_{i,P} = 50 G (1 - 0.01d_F) J_x$  // to grain
- $f_{i,Q} = 22 G (1 - 0.01d_F)$  per. to grain

$G$ : Mean specific gravity of wood member ([Table A.12.1](#))

$d_F$ : Fastener diameter

$J_x$ : 0.9 for CLT, 1.0 for all other cases

If loaded at an angle,

$$f_{i,\theta} = \frac{f_{i,P} f_{i,Q}}{f_{i,P} \sin^2 \theta + f_{i,Q} \cos^2 \theta} K_D K_{SF} K_T$$

**Table A.12.1**  
**Relative density values**

Visually graded lumber	Glued-laminated timber	MSR (or MEL) E Grades of S-P-F*	CLT	Mean oven-dry relative density
		13 800–16 500 MPa		0.50
D Fir-Larch	D Fir-Larch, Hem-Fir†		V1	0.49
		12 400–13 100 MPa		0.47
Hem-Fir	Hem-Fir†			0.46
	Spruce-Pine			0.44
Spruce-Pine-Fir		8 300–11 700 MPa	V2, E1	0.42
Northern Species			E3	0.35

# Why connections in CLT are different to those in sawn timber and glulam?

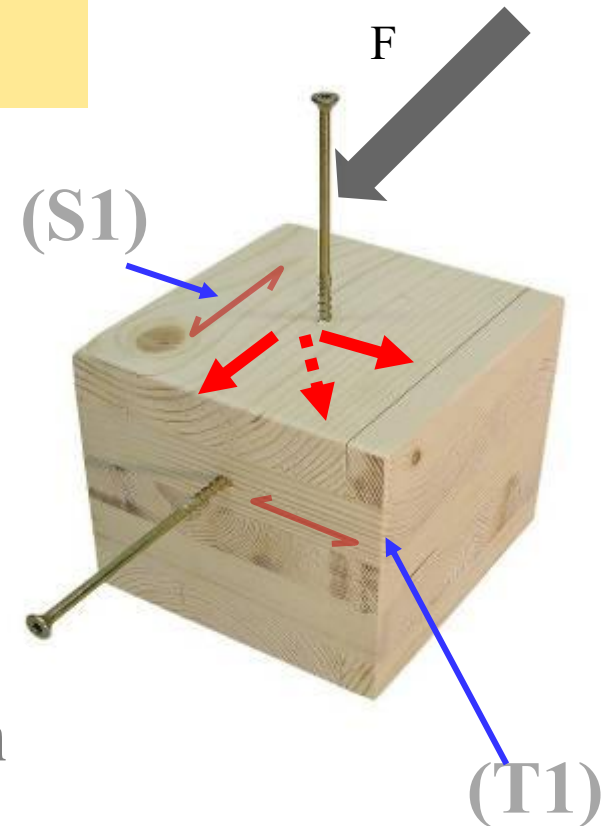
## Cross Lamination Effect

Different layers are loaded @ different angles due to X-lamination

- Critical for fasteners  $\geq \frac{1}{4}$ " diameter

### For Example

- Outer layer (S1) loaded // to Grain
- Transverse layer (T1) perp. to Grain





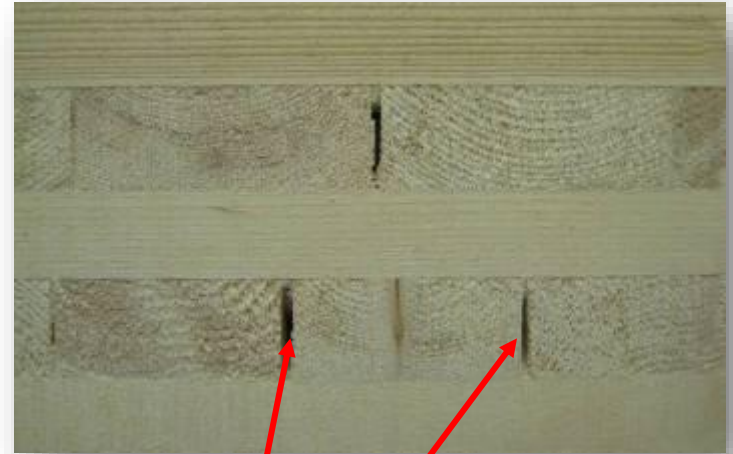
# Why connections in CLT are different to those in sawn timber and glulam?

## Also...

presence of specific CLT features such as:

- Unglued laminate edges (gaps)
- Sawn grooves to relieve drying stresses

*Not common to all CLT products*



Gaps and grooves

# Embedment strength of steel plate

## 12.4.4.3.3.2 Non-wood-based materials

The embedment strength of non-wood-based materials, in MPa, shall be taken as follows:

(a) for steel:

$$K_{sp} (\phi_{steel} / \phi_y) f_u$$

where

$K_{sp} = 3.0$  for mild steel referenced in CSA S16

$= 2.25$  for cold-formed light gauge steel referenced in CSA S136

$f_u$  = specified minimum tensile strength of steel, MPa

**Note:** The specified minimum tensile strength of steel,  $f_u$ , is given in the relevant material standards, e.g., for

(a) ASTM A36/A36M steel,  $f_u = 400$  MPa;

(b) CSA G40.21 steel, Grades 300W and 350W,  $f_u = 450$  MPa; and

(c) cold-formed light gauge steel, Grade SS 230,  $f_u = 310$  MPa.

$\phi_{steel}$  = resistance factor for steel plates in connections with bolts and dowels

$= 0.8$  for mild steel referenced in CSA S16

$= 0.5$  for cold-formed light gauge steel referenced in CSA S136

$\phi_y$  = resistance factor for yielding failures in wood members in connections with bolts and dowels

$= 0.8$

(b) for concrete or masonry: 125

# Yield strength of fastener

## 12.4.4.3.3 Dowel or bolt yield strength

The yield strength of a dowel or bolt,  $f_y$ , in MPa, shall be taken as follows:

- (a) ASTM A307, SAE J429 Grade 2 bolts and dowels: 310; or
- (b) other CSA- or ASTM-compliant bolts and dowels:

$$\frac{f_{ym} + f_{um}}{2}$$

where

tensile  $f_{ym}$  (yield strength of bolts and dowels) and  $f_{um}$  (ultimate strength of bolts and dowels) are obtained from applicable material standards

# Modification Factors for Connections

- Service condition factor,  $K_{SF}$  (Cl. 12.2.1.6)
- Load duration factor,  $K_D$  (as for member design)
- Treatment factor,  $K_T$  (No information provided)

## 12.2.1.8 Treatment factor, $K_T$

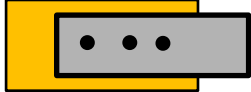
For connections containing wood-based members treated with fire-retardant or other strength-reducing chemicals, the strength capacities of connections shall be based on the documented results of tests that shall take into account the effects of time, temperature, and moisture content in accordance with [Clause 4.3.2](#).

**Note:** *The effects of fire-retardant treatments can vary depending on manufacturing materials and processes. See the CWC Commentary on CSA O86.*



**Table 12.2.1.6**  
**Service condition factor,  $K_{SF}$ , for connections**

SWS



A

Service conditions	Moisture content of wood when connection is fabricated				Connection detail	Angle of load to grain
	Dry (≤ 19%)		Green (> 19%)			
	Dry	Wet	Dry	Wet		
Timber rivets						
Lateral loads	1.00	0.80	0.90	0.80	All	All
Withdrawal loads	1.00	*	0.60	*		
Split rings, shear plate connectors, and truss plates	1.00	0.67	0.80	0.67	All	All
Bolts, dowels, drift pins, and lag screws†	1.00	0.67	1.00	0.67	A	All
	1.00	0.67	1.00	0.67	B	0°
	1.00	0.67	0.40	0.27	B	90°
	1.00	0.67	0.40	0.27	C	All
Nails, spikes, and wood screws						
Lateral loads	1.00	0.67	0.80	0.67	All	All
Withdrawal loads	1.00	0.67	0.40	0.40	All	90°

**Legend:**

A = a single fastener or single row parallel to grain with steel splice plates

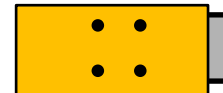
B = a single row parallel to grain with wood splice plates, two rows parallel to grain not more than 127 mm apart with a common wood splice plate, or multiple rows with separate wood or steel splice plates for each row

C = all other arrangements

B



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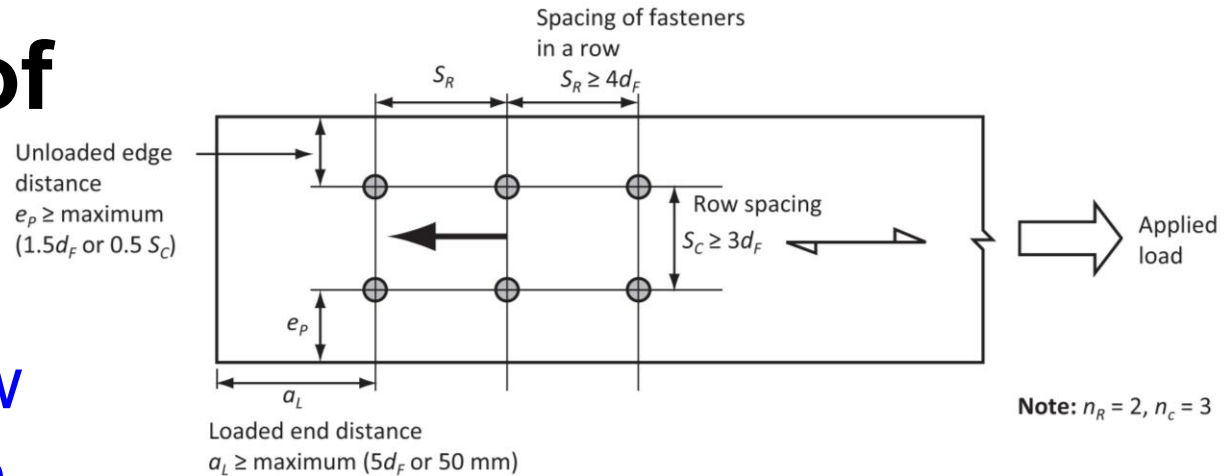
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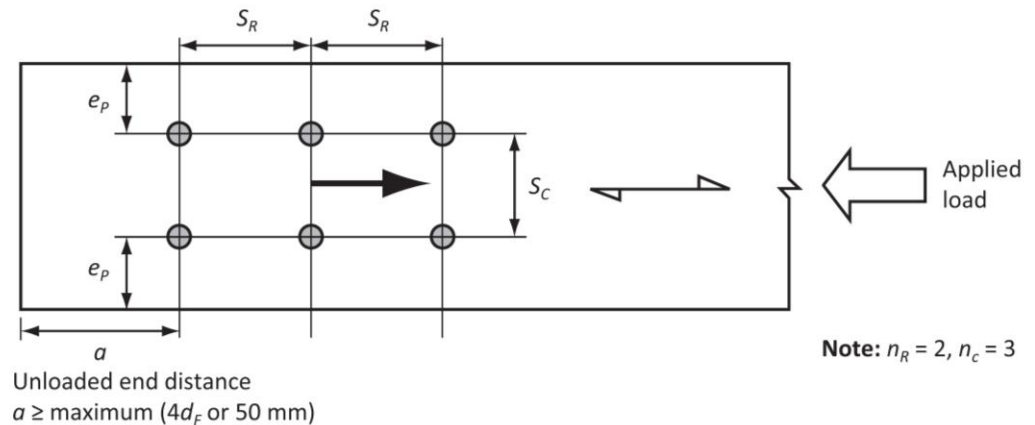
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# Geometry of bolt group:

- Row spacing
- Spacing in row
- Edge distance
- End distance
- etc



a) Member in tension



b) Member in compression

## Legend:

$S_R$  = spacing of fasteners in row  
 $S_C$  = row spacing  
 $a$  = unloaded end distance  
 $a_L$  = loaded edge distance  
 $e_p$  = unloaded edge distance

## Corrections:

$S_R$  = spacing parallel to grain  
 $S_C$  = spacing perpendicular to grain  
 $a_L$  = loaded end distance

Figure 12.4.3.1

Placement of bolts and dowels in a connection loaded parallel to grain

# Spacing requirements for bolts and dowels in CLT

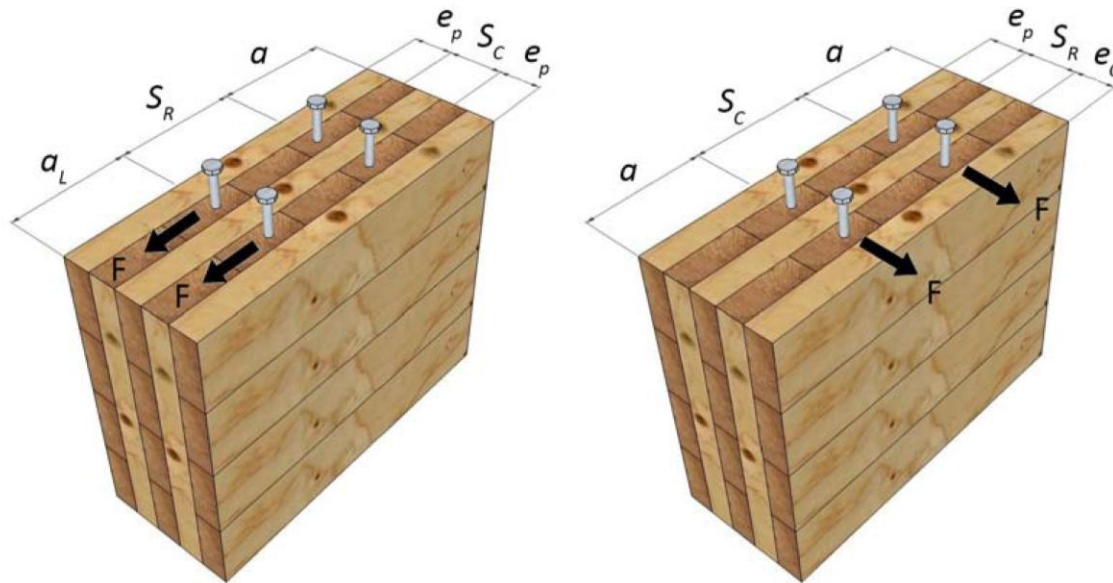
## 12.4.3.4 Placement of fasteners in panel edge of CLT

In a group of fasteners installed in panel edge of CLT, the minimum spacings measured from centres of fasteners shall be as follows (see [Figure 12.4.3.3](#)):

- (a) spacing of fasteners in row,  $S_R$ : four bolt or dowel diameters; Spacing in load direction
- (b) row spacing,  $S_C$ : three bolt or dowel diameters; Spacing perp to load direction
- (c) loaded end distance,  $a_L$ : five bolt or dowel diameters or 50 mm, whichever is greater;
- (d) unloaded end distance,  $a$ : four bolt or dowel diameters or 50 mm, whichever is greater;
- (e) loaded edge distance,  $e_Q$ : five bolt or dowel diameters; and
- (f) unloaded edge distance,  $e_p$ : 1.5 bolt or dowel diameters or half the row spacing, whichever is greater.

} End distance – parallel to grain of face layer

} Edge distance – perp to grain of face layer



Note: fastener can be in any layers

# Lag screws - Lateral strength

## Lag screw

### 12.6.6.1.2

The unit lateral strength resistances,  $p_u$  or  $q_u$ , shall be taken as the smallest value determined as follows:

(a)  $f_1 d_f t_1$

(f) 
$$f_1 d_f^2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \frac{f_2}{(f_1 + f_2)} \frac{f_y}{f_1}}$$

where

$d_f$  = lag screw diameter, mm

$f_2$  = embedment strength of main member, MPa

=  $50G (1 - 0.01 d_f) J_x$  for parallel-to-grain loading

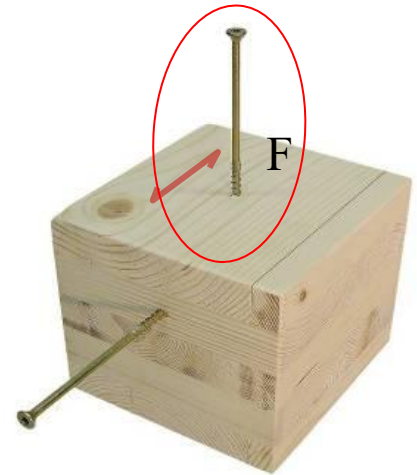
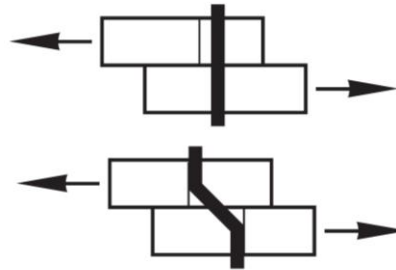
=  $22G (1 - 0.01 d_f)$  for perpendicular-to-grain loading

where

$G$  = mean relative density ([Table A.12.1](#))

$J_x$  = 0.90 for CLT

= 1.0 in all other cases



$J_x$  (0.9) introduced for bolt, dowel, lag screw, nail and wood screw for parallel to grain only



# Lag screws - Lateral strength

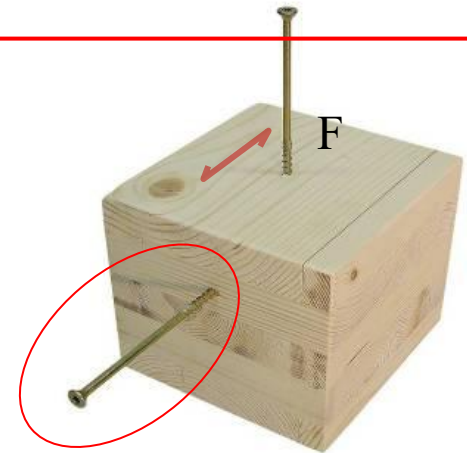
## 12.6.6.2 End grain

The lateral resistance of lag screws inserted parallel to grain in the end grain of the main member shall be not greater than two-thirds of the lateral side grain resistance for perpendicular to grain if wood side plates are used. If steel side plates are used, the lateral resistance shall be not greater than one-half of the lateral side grain resistance for perpendicular-to-grain loading in the main member.

## 12.6.6.3 Panel edge of CLT

The lateral resistance of lag screws inserted in panel edge of CLT shall be not greater than two-thirds of the lateral resistance for perpendicular to grain of laminations in the panel face if wood side plates are used, or one-half if steel side plates are used.

Basically treated as inserted through end grain  
(conservative)



# Other dowel-type fasteners

- Nails, spikes and wood screws
  - No differentiation between parallel and perpendicular to grain loading
  - Embedment property provided for plywood and OSB
  - Geometry requirements differ

# Nail – Lateral Resistance

## 12.9.4 Lateral resistance

### 12.9.4.1

The factored lateral strength resistance of the nail or spike connection,  $N_r$ , shall be taken as follows:

$$N_r = \phi N_u n_F n_S J_F$$

where

$$\phi = 0.8$$

$$N_u = n_u (K_D K_{SF} K_T)$$

where

$n_u$  = unit lateral strength resistance, N ([Clause 12.9.4.2](#))

$n_F$  = number of fasteners in the connection

$n_S$  = number of shear planes per nail or spike

$$J_F = J_E J_A J_B J_D$$

# EYM

Similar to bolt and lag screw but use of  $f_3$  instead of  $f_2$  for modes (d), (f) and (g) to reflect the ‘additional’ resistance provided by formation of plastic hinge in main member

(d) $f_1 d_f^2 \left( \sqrt{\frac{1}{6} \frac{f_3}{(f_1 + f_3)} \frac{f_y}{f_1}} + \frac{1}{5} \frac{t_1}{d_f} \right)$	
(e) $f_1 d_f^2 \left( \sqrt{\frac{1}{6} \frac{f_3}{(f_1 + f_3)} \frac{f_y}{f_1}} + \frac{1}{5} \frac{t_2}{d_f} \right)$	
(f) $f_1 d_f^2 \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{t_1}{d_f} + \frac{f_2}{f_1} \frac{t_2}{d_f} \right)$	
(g) $f_1 d_f^2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \frac{f_3}{(f_1 + f_3)} \frac{f_y}{f_1}}$	



# Embedment Strength

$t_1$  = head-side member thickness for two-member connections, mm  
= minimum side plate thickness for three-member connections, mm ([Clause 12.9.2.2](#))

$d_F$  = nail or spike diameter, mm

$f_2$  = embedment strength of main member, MPa  
=  $50 G (1 - 0.01 d_F) J_x$

where

$G$  = mean relative density

**Note:** Mean relative density values for wood members are provided in [Table A.12.1](#).

$J_x$  = 0.9 for CLT

= 1.0 in all other cases

# Embedment Strength

$t_2$  = length of penetration into point-side member for two-member connections, mm  
= centre member thickness for three-member connections, mm (Clause 12.9.2.2)

$f_3$  = embedment strength of main member where failure is fastener yielding, MPa  
 $= 110 G^{1.8} (1 - 0.01 d_F) J_x$

$f_3 > f_2$  for same  $G$   
and  $d_F$

where

$J_x = 0.9$  for CLT

= 1.0 in all other cases

$f_y$  = nail or spike yield strength, MPa  
 $= 50 (16 - d_F)$

$f_1$  = embedment strength of side member, MPa

For lumber and CLT:

$f_1 = 50 G (1 - 0.01 d_F) J_x$

where

$J_x = 0.9$  for CLT

= 1.0 in all other cases

For structural panels:

$f_1 = 104 G (1 - 0.1 d_F)$

where

$G = 0.49$  for DFP

= 0.42 for CSP and OSB

**Also embedment strength for steel side member**

# Modification factors – $J_E$ , $J_A$ , $J_B$ , $J_D$

$J_E$  = end grain factor

= 0.67 for nailing into end grain

= 1.0 in all other cases

$J_A$  = toe-nailing factor

= 0.83 for toe-nailing, where toe-nails are started at approximately one-third of the nail length from the end of the piece and driven at an angle of about  $30^\circ$  to the grain of the member

= 1.00 for cases other than toe-nailing

$J_B$  = nail clinching factor

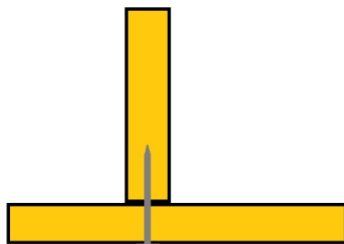
= 1.6 for nail clinching on the far side in a two-member connection

= 1.0 if not clinched or in three-or-more member connections

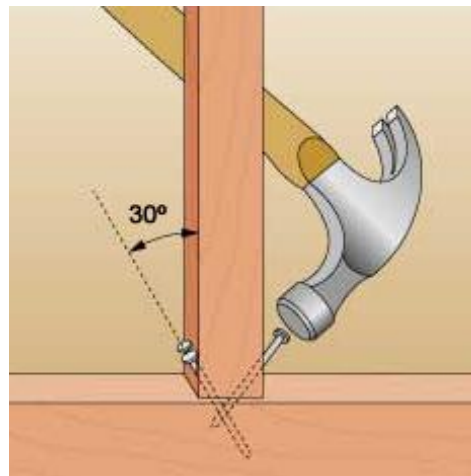
$J_D$  = factor for diaphragm and shearwall construction

= 1.3 for nails and spikes used in diaphragm and shearwall construction

= 1.0 in all other cases



End grain,  $J_E$



Toe nail,  $J_A$



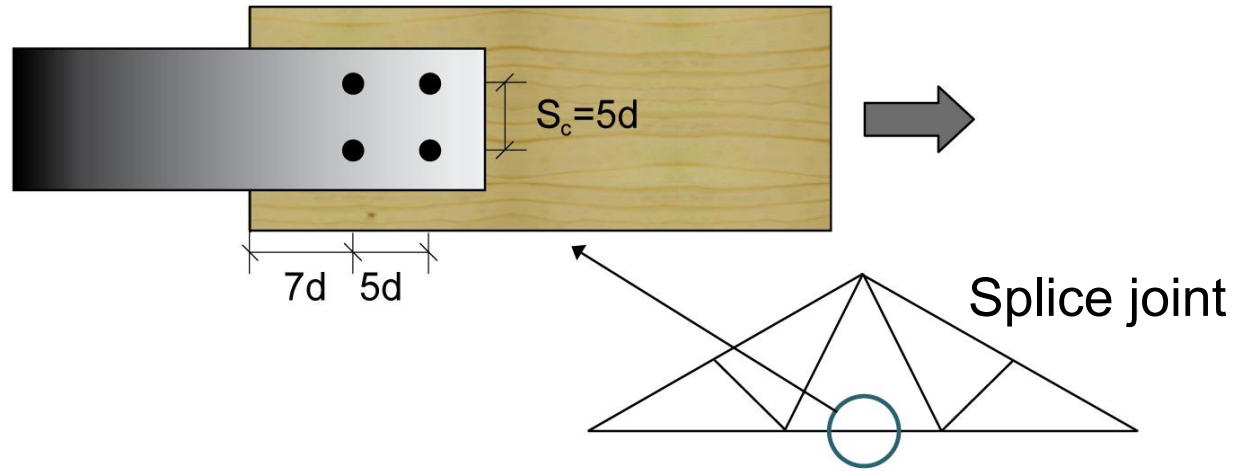
Nail clinching,  $J_B$  80

# **Exercise 1**

## **Steel-to-Wood Bolted Connection**



# Steel-Wood-Steel Connection



- D-fir glulam, 20f-EX, 130x190 mm
- Steel-wood-steel connection, 6.35 mm steel side plates
- $\frac{3}{4}$ " bolts, 7d end distance, 5d bolt spacing, 5d row spacing
- (Assume dry, no treatment and dead and live load combination)

**What is the factored resistance ?**

# Determine the Yielding Capacity

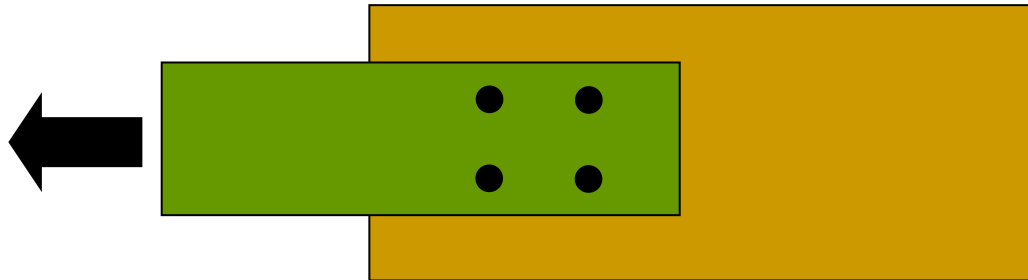
## Evaluate the yielding resistance (Clause 12.4.4.3)

$$f_1 = 3.0 \cdot (0.67/0.8) \cdot 450 \text{ MPa} = \mathbf{1131 \text{ MPa}} \quad (\text{side member})$$

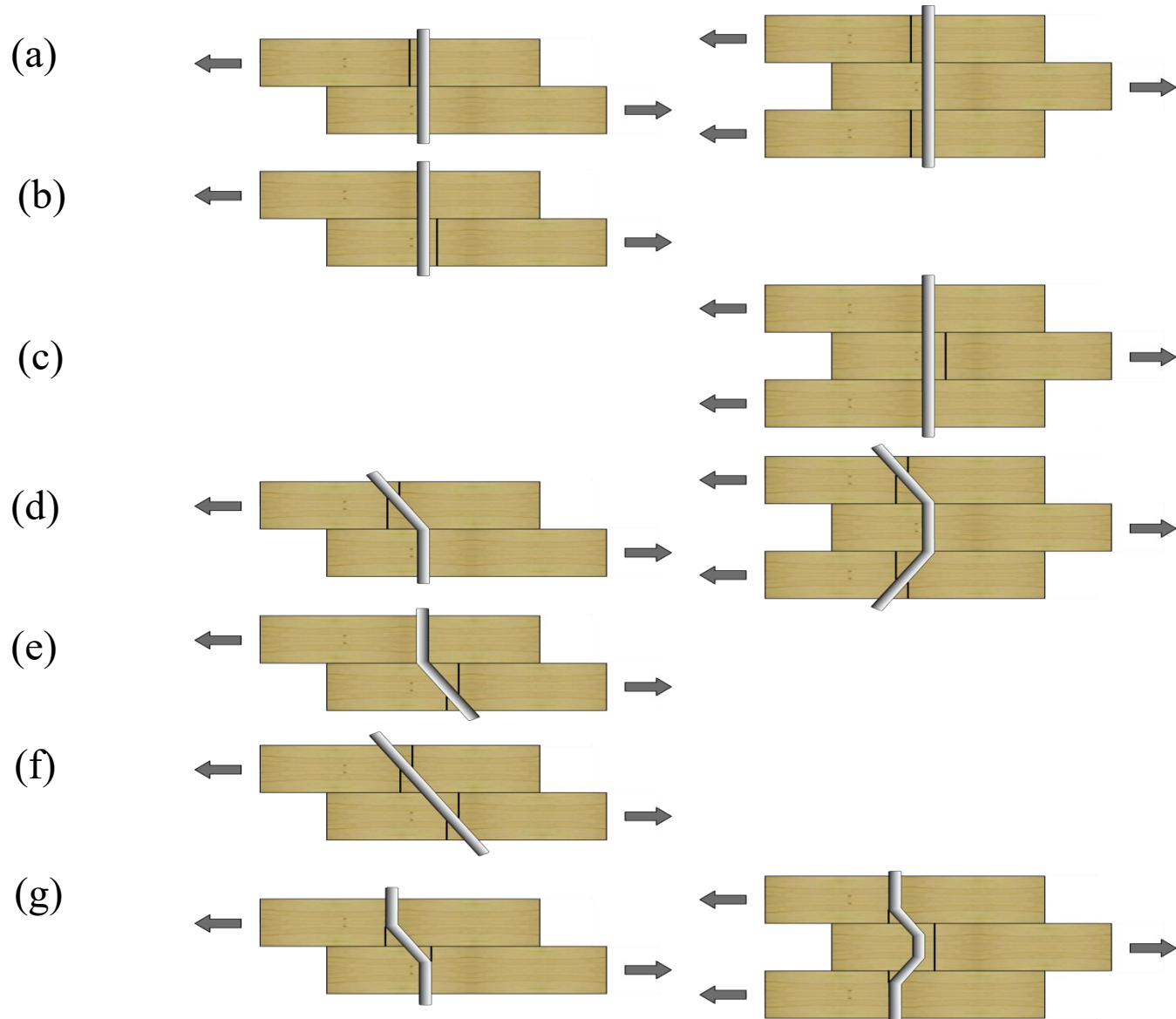
$$t_1 = 6.35 \text{ mm}$$

$$f_2 = 50 \text{ G} (1-0.01d) K_D \cdot K_{SF} \cdot K_T = 50 \cdot 0.49 (1- 0.01 \times 19.1) \times 1 \times 1 \times 1$$
$$= \mathbf{19.8 \text{ MPa}}$$

$$t_2 = 130 \text{ mm} \quad (\text{main member})$$



# Unit Lateral Load Resistance ( $n_u$ )



# Evaluate Yielding Capacity

$$n_u = f_1 d_f t_1$$

$$n_u = \underline{137.1} \text{ kN/shear plane} \quad - (a)$$

$$n_u = 0.5 \cdot f_2 d_f t_2$$

$$n_u = \underline{24.6} \text{ kN/shear plane} \quad - (c) \quad \textbf{GOVERNS}$$

$$n_u \left( \sqrt{\frac{f_1 d_f^2}{6 (f_1 + f_2) f_1}} + \frac{f_2 f_y}{5d} \right)$$

$$n_u = \underline{41.4} \text{ kN/shear plane} \quad - (d)$$

$$n_u \sqrt{\frac{f_1 d_f^2}{3 (f_1 + f_2) f_1}} + 2 f_2 f_y$$

$$n_u = \underline{27.9} \text{ kN/shear plane} \quad - (g)$$



# Evaluate Yielding Capacity

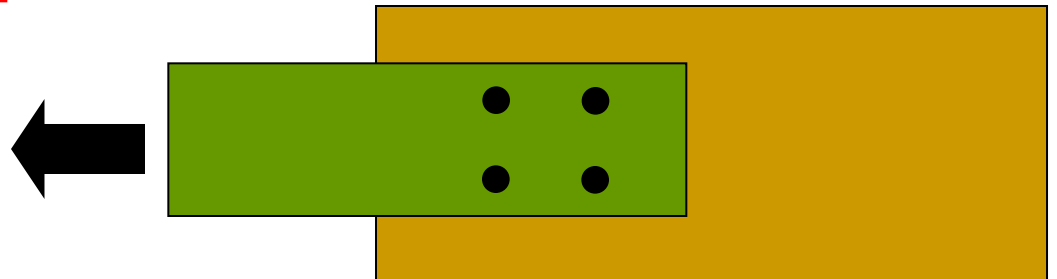
$$n_u = \underline{24.6} \text{ kN/shear plane} - (c)$$

**GOVERNS**

$$\begin{aligned} N_r &= \phi n_u n_s n_f \\ &= 0.8 \cdot 24.6 \text{ kN/n}_s \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \end{aligned}$$

## Yielding Capacity

$$N_r = 157 \text{ kN}$$

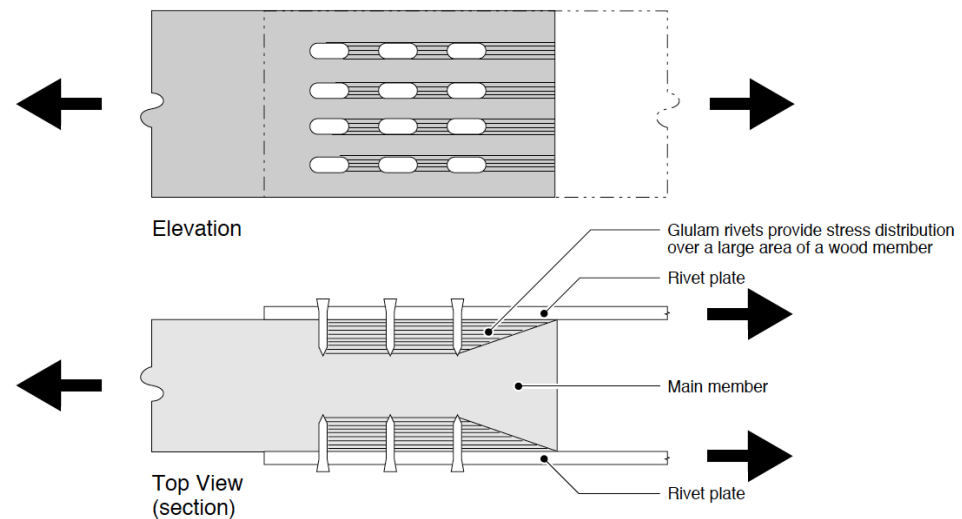


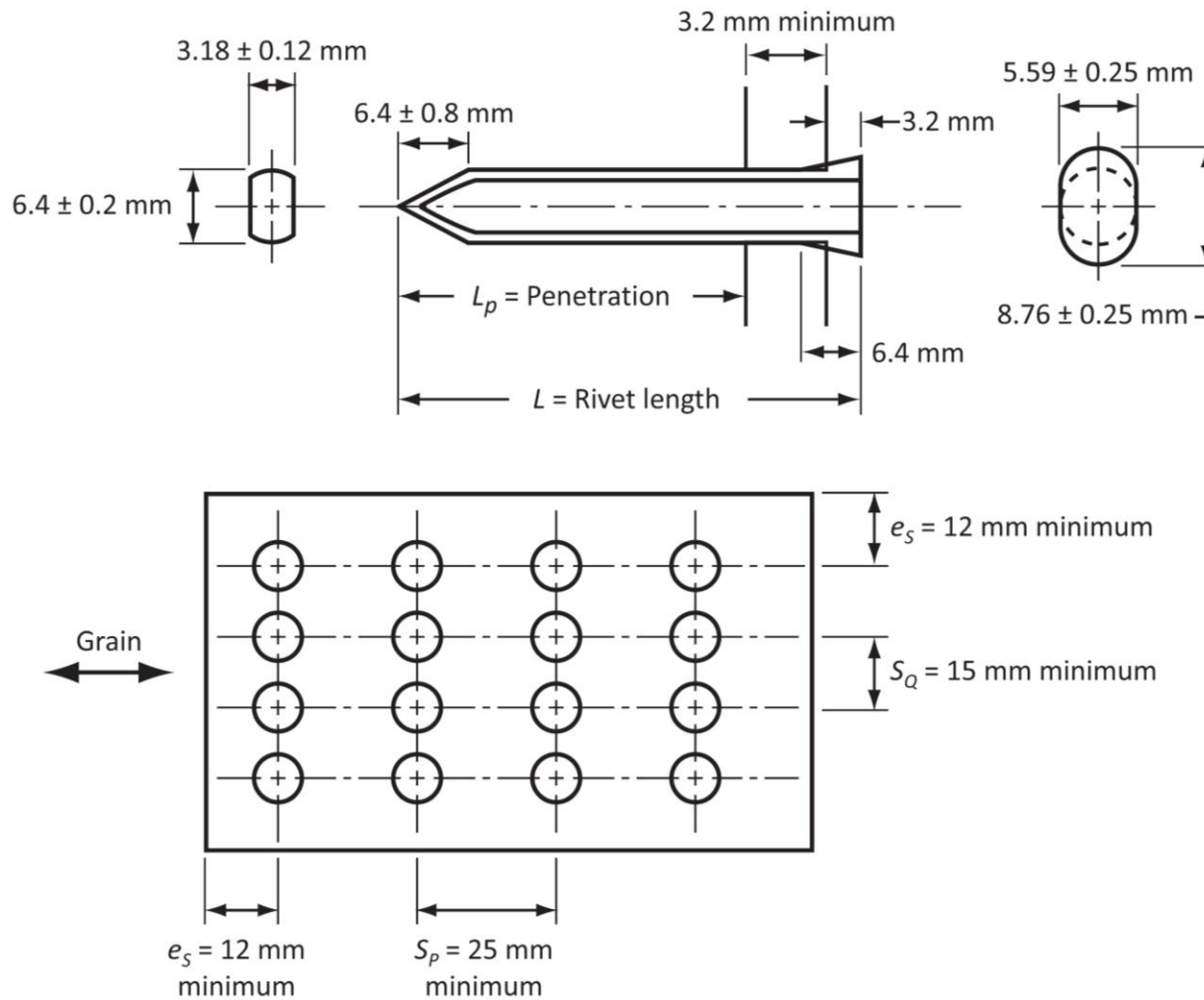
# Timber Rivets

- Developed in Canada in the 1960's – known as glulam rivets at the time
- Advantages over bolts and shear plates:
  - Simple field fabrication
  - Permits greater load transfer per area
  - No member strength reduction due to net area effect



Stress Distribution for Rivet Joint





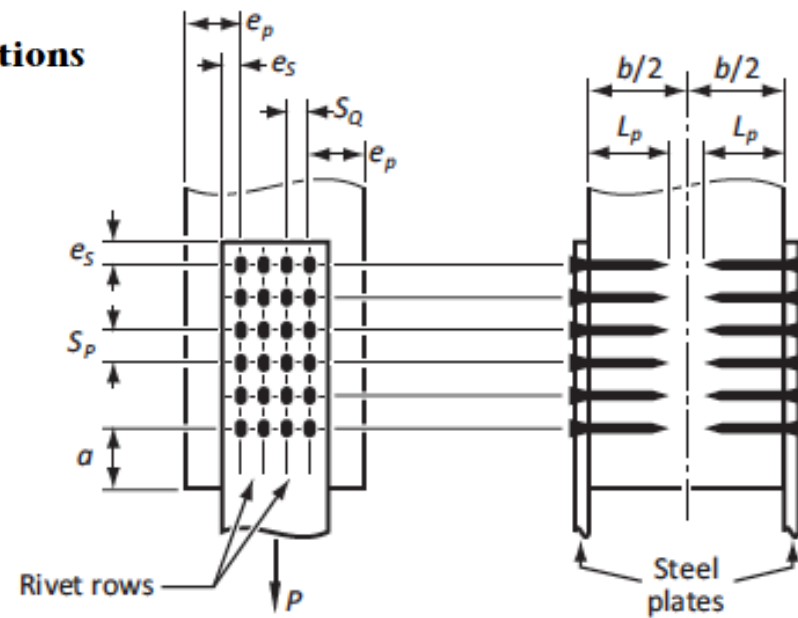
**Notes:**

- (1) Hole diameter: 6.4 mm minimum to 7.0 mm maximum.
- (2) Tolerance in location of holes: 3 mm maximum in any direction.
- (3) Orient wide face of rivets parallel to grain, regardless of plate orientation.

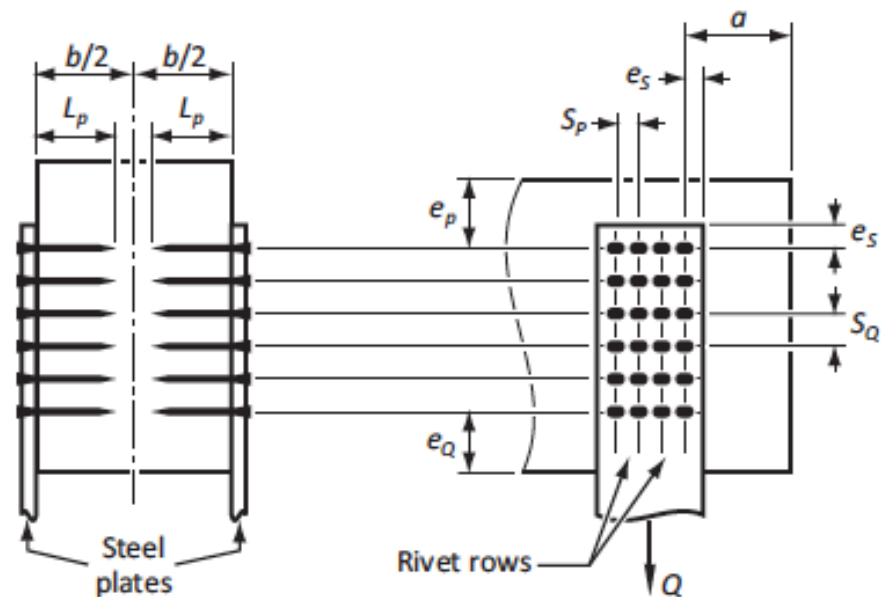
**Figure 12.7.1.7**

**End and edge distances for timber rivet connections**

$a$  = end distance in wood  
 $e_s$  = end distance in steel  
 $e_p$  = unloaded edge distance in wood  
 $e_Q$  = loaded edge distance in wood  
 $S_p$  = fastener spacing parallel to grain  
 $S_Q$  = fastener spacing perp to grain



**Load parallel to grain**



**Load perpendicular to grain**



# Timber Rivet - Lateral resistance

## Factored capacity parallel to grain

### 12.7.2.2

For loading parallel to grain, the factored lateral strength resistance,  $P_r$ , of the joint shall be taken as follows:

$$P_r = \phi P_u H$$

where

$$\phi = 0.6$$

$P_u$  = lateral resistance parallel to grain, kN (Clause 12.7.2.3)

$H$  = material factor

- = 1.00 for Douglas Fir-Larch glulam
- = 0.80 for Spruce-Lodgepole Pine-Jack Pine glulam
- = 0.50 for Douglas Fir-Larch sawn timber
- = 0.45 for Hem-Fir sawn timber
- = 0.40 for Spruce-Pine-Fir sawn timber
- = 0.35 for Northern Species sawn timber

**Note:** failure modes can be either ductile (rivet) or brittle (wood), depending on diameter, spacing and end distance.

# Timber Rivet - Lateral resistance

## Unit strength - Parallel-to-grain

### 12.7.2.3

The unit capacity per rivet joint parallel to grain,  $P_u$ , shall be calculated as the lesser of  $P_y$  or  $P_w$ , as follows:

$$P_y = (1.09 L_p^{0.32} n_R n_C) J_Y (K_{SF} K_T) \text{ for rivet capacity}$$

$$P_w = p_w (K_D K_{SF} K_T) \text{ for wood capacity}$$

where

$L_p$  = length of penetration, mm (Figure 12.7.1.1)

= (overall rivet length) – (plate thickness) – 3.2

$n_R$  = number of rows of rivets parallel to direction of load

$n_C$  = number of rivets per row

$J_Y$  = side plate factor

= 1.00 for a side plate thickness of 6.4 mm and more

= 0.90 for a side plate thickness of 4.7 mm or more but less than 6.4 mm

= 0.80 for a side plate thickness of 3.2 mm or more but less than 4.7 mm

$p_w$  = lateral resistance parallel to grain, kN (Table 12.7.2.3), using wood member thickness for the member dimension in Table 12.7.2.3 for connections with steel plates on opposite sides and using twice the wood member thickness for the member dimension in Table 12.7.2.3 for connections having only one plate

**Note:** As an alternative,  $p_w$  may be calculated in accordance with Clause A.12.7.2.3.1.

# Timber Rivet - Lateral resistance

## Factored capacity perpendicular to grain

### 12.7.2.4

For loading perpendicular to grain, the factored lateral strength resistance,  $Q_r$ , of the joint shall be taken as follows:

$$Q_r = \phi Q_u H$$

$$\phi = 0.6$$

$P_u$  = lateral resistance parallel to grain, kN (Clause 12.7.2.3)

$H$  = material factor (Clause 12.7.2.2)

### 12.7.2.5

The unit capacity per rivet joint perpendicular to grain,  $Q_u$ , shall be calculated as the lesser of  $Q_y$  or  $Q_w$ , as follows:

$$Q_y = (0.62 L_p^{0.32} n_R n_C) J_Y (K_{SF} K_T) \text{ for rivet capacity}$$

$$Q_w = (q_w L_p^{0.8} C_t) (K_D K_{SF} K_T) \text{ for wood capacity}$$

where  $L_p$ ,  $n_R$ ,  $n_C$ ,  $J_Y$  are as specified in Clause 12.7.2.3,  $q_w$ , kN, is determined from Table 12.7.2.5A and  $C_t$  is determined from Table 12.7.2.5B.

**Note:** As an alternative,  $q_w$  and  $C_t$  may be calculated in accordance with Clause A.12.7.2.3.2.

**Table 12.7.2.3**

**Values of  $p_w$ , kN, parallel to grain for timber rivet joints 40 mm rivets —**  
**Spacing:  $S_p = 25$  mm;  $S_Q = 25$  mm**

Member dimension, mm*	Rivets per row, $n_C$	Number of rows, $n_R$									
		2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
80	2	24	56	88	125	160	195	225	260	290	330
	4	35	74	110	155	200	240	270	310	350	390
	6	46	92	135	185	240	280	320	360	410	460
	8	58	108	160	215	270	320	370	410	460	520
	10	68	125	180	245	310	370	410	460	510	580
	12	76	140	205	270	340	400	450	510	570	640
	14	84	155	220	300	370	440	490	560	630	710
	16	88	170	245	320	410	480	530	600	680	770
	18	98	185	270	350	430	510	570	640	730	810
	20	104	205	280	370	460	540	600	680	770	850
130	2	31	62	72	88	112	130	150	180	235	290
	4	44	80	92	108	135	160	180	215	260	310

**Note:** As an alternative,  $p_w$  may be calculated in accordance with [Clause A.12.7.2.3.1](#).

**Table 12.7.2.5B**  
**Values of factor  $C_t$**

$e_p/[(n_c-1)s_Q]$	$C_t$	$e_p/[(n_c-1)s_Q]$	$C_t$
0.1	5.76	3.2	0.79
0.2	3.19	3.6	0.77
0.3	2.36	4.0	0.76
0.4	2.00	5.0	0.72
0.5	1.77	6.0	0.70
0.6	1.61	7.0	0.68
0.7	1.47	8.0	0.66
0.8	1.36	9.0	0.64
0.9	1.28	10.0	0.63
1.0	1.20	12.0	0.61
1.2	1.10	14.0	0.59
1.4	1.02	16.0	0.57
1.6	0.96	18.0	0.56
1.8	0.92	20.0	0.55
2.0	0.89	25.0	0.53
2.4	0.85	30.0	0.51
2.8	0.81		

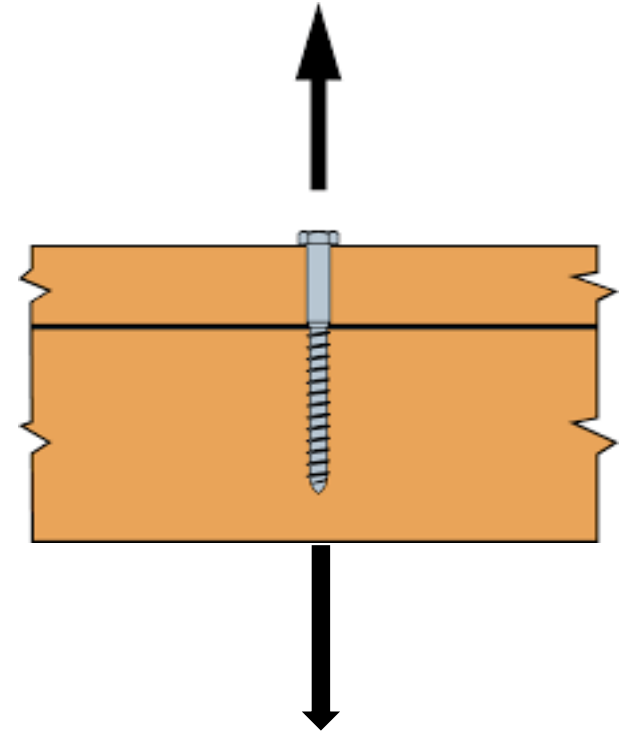


# **General method for lateral resistance of timber rivets.**

- Model is given in A12.7.2.3 as the general design approach.
- Provisions in 12.7.2.2 to 12.7.2.5 are simplified approach.

# Withdrawal resistance design

- Permitted for lag screws and wood screws, timber rivets and nails
- Timber rivets and nails – short-term loading only
- For wood screws, need to check head pull-through and tensile strength of fastener



# Timber rivets

## 12.7.3 Withdrawal resistance

Long-term withdrawal  
loading not permitted

### 12.7.3.1

Timber rivets loaded in withdrawal shall only be permitted for dry service conditions for short-term and standard-term load durations.

### 12.7.3.2

The factored withdrawal resistance from the side grain,  $P_{rw}$ , of a timber rivet joint shall be taken as follows.  $P_{rw}$  shall be greater than or equal to the effect of the factored loads

$$P_{rw} = \phi Y_w L_p n_R n_C$$

where

$$\phi = 0.6$$

$$Y_w = \gamma_w (K_{SF} K_T)$$

where

$\gamma_w$  = withdrawal resistance per millimetre of penetration, N/mm

= 13 for glulam

= 7 for sawn timber

and  $L_p$ ,  $n_R$  and  $n_C$  are as specified in [Clause 12.7.2.3](#).

# Lag screws

## 12.6.5 Withdrawal resistance

### 12.6.5.1

The factored withdrawal resistance,  $P_{rw}$ , of a group of lag screws in a connection shall be equal to the effect of the factored loads, as follows:

$$P_{rw} = \phi Y_w L_t n_F J_E$$

$L_t$  = Threaded length

where

$$\phi = 0.6$$

$$Y_w = y_w (K_D K_{SF} K_T)$$

where

$y_w$  = basic withdrawal resistance per millimetre of threaded shank penetration into main member, N/mm

$$= 59 d_f^{0.82} G^{1.77} J_X$$

Unit withdrawal strength is a function of diameter and SG of wood

where

$d_f$  = nominal lag screw diameter, mm

$G$  = mean relative density of main member (Table A.12.1)

$$J_X = 0.9 \text{ for CLT}$$

$$= 1.0 \text{ in all other cases}$$



$$\begin{aligned} J_E &= \text{end grain factor for lag screws} \\ &= 0.75 \text{ in end grain} \\ &= 0.67 \text{ in panel edge of CLT} \\ &= 1.00 \text{ in all other cases} \end{aligned}$$

$J_X$  introduced for lag screw, nail and wood screw

# Wood screws

## 12.11.5.2 Withdrawal resistance of main member

For a two-member connection connected with wood screws, the factored withdrawal resistance,  $P_{rw}$ , in N, of the main member shall be taken as follows:

$$P_{rw} = \phi Y_w L_{pt} n_F$$

where

$$\phi = 0.6$$

$L_{pt}$  = Threaded length

$$Y_w = y_w (K_D K_T K_{SF})$$

where

$y_w$  = basic withdrawal resistance per millimetre of threaded shank penetration in main member, N/mm

$$= 59 d_F^{0.82} G^{1.77} J_x$$

where

$d_F$  = nominal wood screw diameter, mm (Table 12.11.1)

$G$  = mean relative density of main member (Table A.12.1)

$J_x$  = 0.9 for CLT

= 1.0 in all other cases



# Wood screws

## 12.11.5.3 Head pull-through resistance of side member

For connections with steel side plates, the factored head pull-through resistance,  $P_{pt}$ , in N, shall be taken as follows:

$$P_{pt} = 1.5 \phi t_1 d_w f_u n_F$$

For connections with lumber, glulam, CLT, or structural panel side plates, the factored head pull-through resistance shall be taken as follows:

$$P_{pt} = 65 \phi t_1 n_F K_D$$

where

$$\phi = 0.4$$

$t_1$  = thickness of side plate, mm

$d_w$  = diameter of screw head, mm

$f_u$  = specified minimum tensile strength of steel, MPa

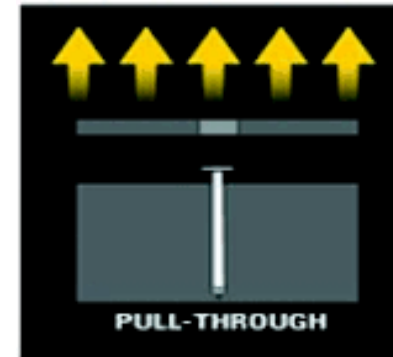
**Note:** The specified minimum tensile strength of steel,  $f_u$ , is given in the relevant material standards, e.g., for

(a) ASTM A36/A36M steel,  $f_u = 400$  MPa;

(b) CSA G40.21 steel, Grades 300W and 350W,  $f_u = 450$  MPa; and

(c) cold-formed light gauge steel, Grade SS 230,  $f_u = 310$  MPa.

$n_F$  = number of wood screws in the connection



# Nails

## 12.9.5.1

Nails and spikes loaded in withdrawal may be used only for wind or earthquake loading.

## 12.9.5.2

The factored withdrawal resistance of the nail or spike connection,  $P_{rw}$ , shall be greater than or equal to the effect of the factored loads, as follows:

$$P_{rw} = \phi Y_w L_p n_F J_A J_B$$

where

$$\phi = 0.6$$

$$Y_w = \gamma_w (K_{SF} K_T)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_w &= \text{withdrawal resistance per millimetre of penetration into main member, N/mm} \\ &= 16.4 d_F^{0.82} G^{2.2} J_x \end{aligned}$$

where

$$d_F = \text{nail diameter, mm}$$

$$G = \text{mean relative density (Table A.12.1)}$$

$$J_x = 0.9 \text{ for CLT}$$

$$= 1.0 \text{ in all other cases}$$

$$L_p = \text{length of penetration into main member, mm}$$

$$n_F = \text{number of fasteners in the connection}$$

$$J_A = \text{toe-nailing factor}$$

$$= 0.67 \text{ for toe-nailing}$$

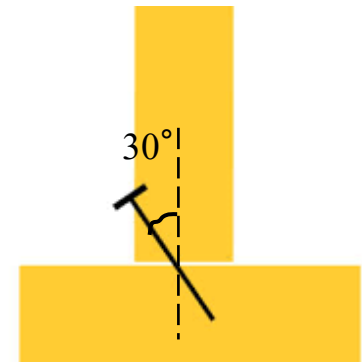
$$= 1.00 \text{ for cases other than toe-nailing}$$

$$J_B = \text{nail-clinching factor}$$

$$= 1.6 \text{ for nail-clinching on the far side of a two-member connection}$$

$$= 1.0 \text{ if not clinched or in three-or-more member connections}$$

$L_p$  = Length in main member



Toe Nailing



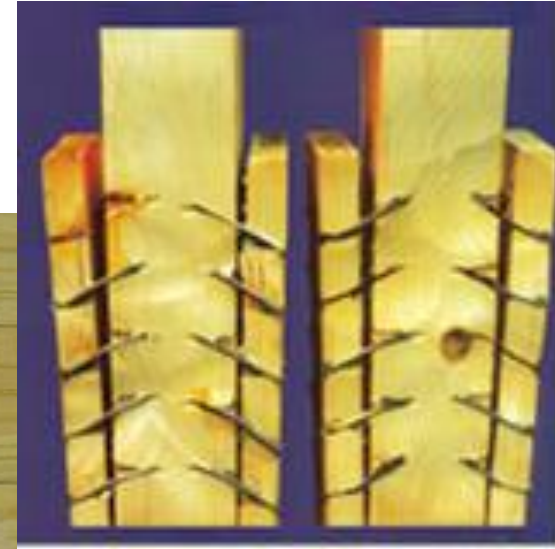
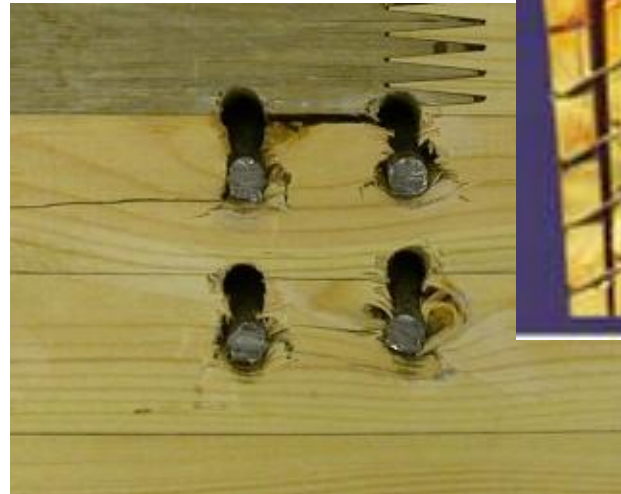
Nail clinching

# Design of connections II

- Design of connections that fail in a brittle manner (bolt and steel dowel)

# Response of timber connection to lateral load

- Ductile failure
  - Fastener bending
  - Wood crushing (embedment)
- Brittle failure
  - Wood splitting



# Factors influencing failure modes

- Fastener
  - Slender ratio (bearing length / diameter)
  - Stiffness and yield strength
- Wood
  - Embedment, tension perp, shear and splitting resistance
- Geometry / Orientation
  - Row spacing and end distance
  - Direction of loading



# Bolted connections under lateral load (12.4.4.2)

$$N_r \geq N_f \quad (\text{Yield failure})$$

$$P_r \geq P_f$$

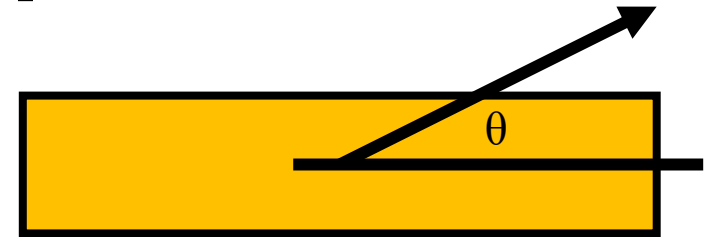
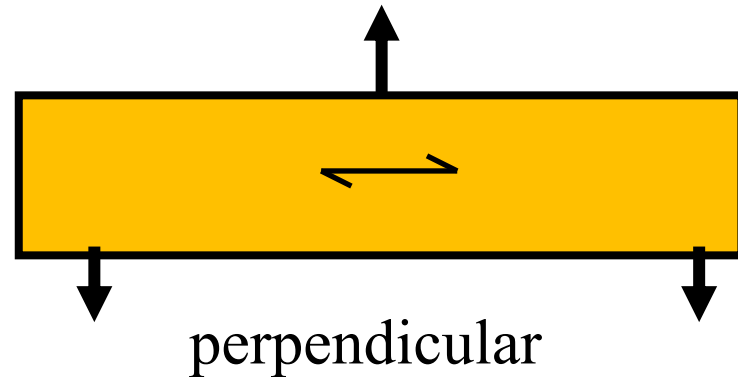
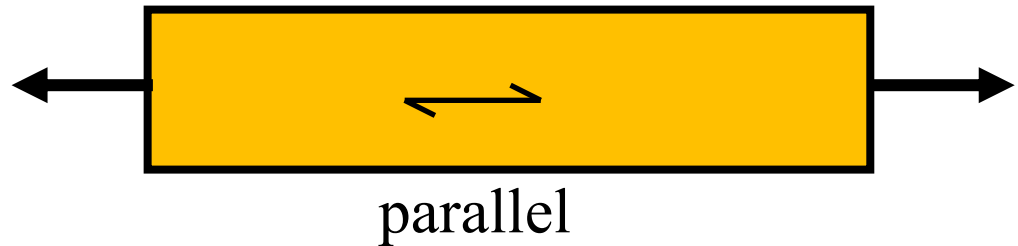
(Brittle)

$$Q_r \geq Q_f$$

(Brittle)

$$N_f \leq \frac{P_r Q_r}{P_r \sin^2 \theta + Q_r \cos^2 \theta}$$

(Brittle)

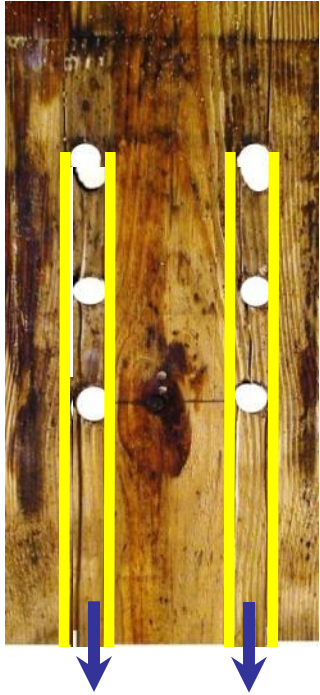


# Bearing – wood embedment

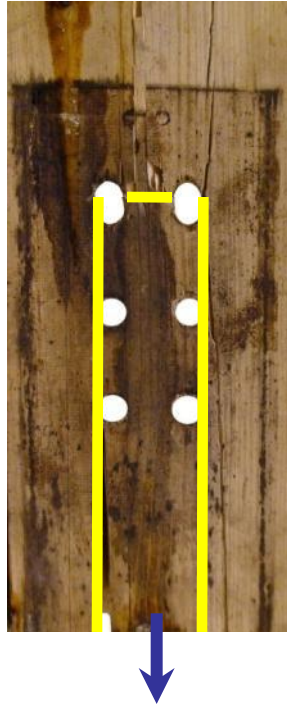


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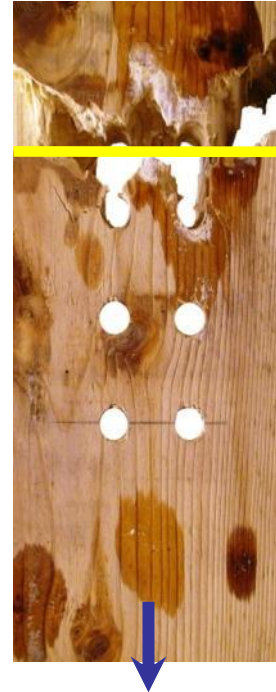
# Brittle failure modes for bolts and steel dowels



**Row shear**



**Group tear out**

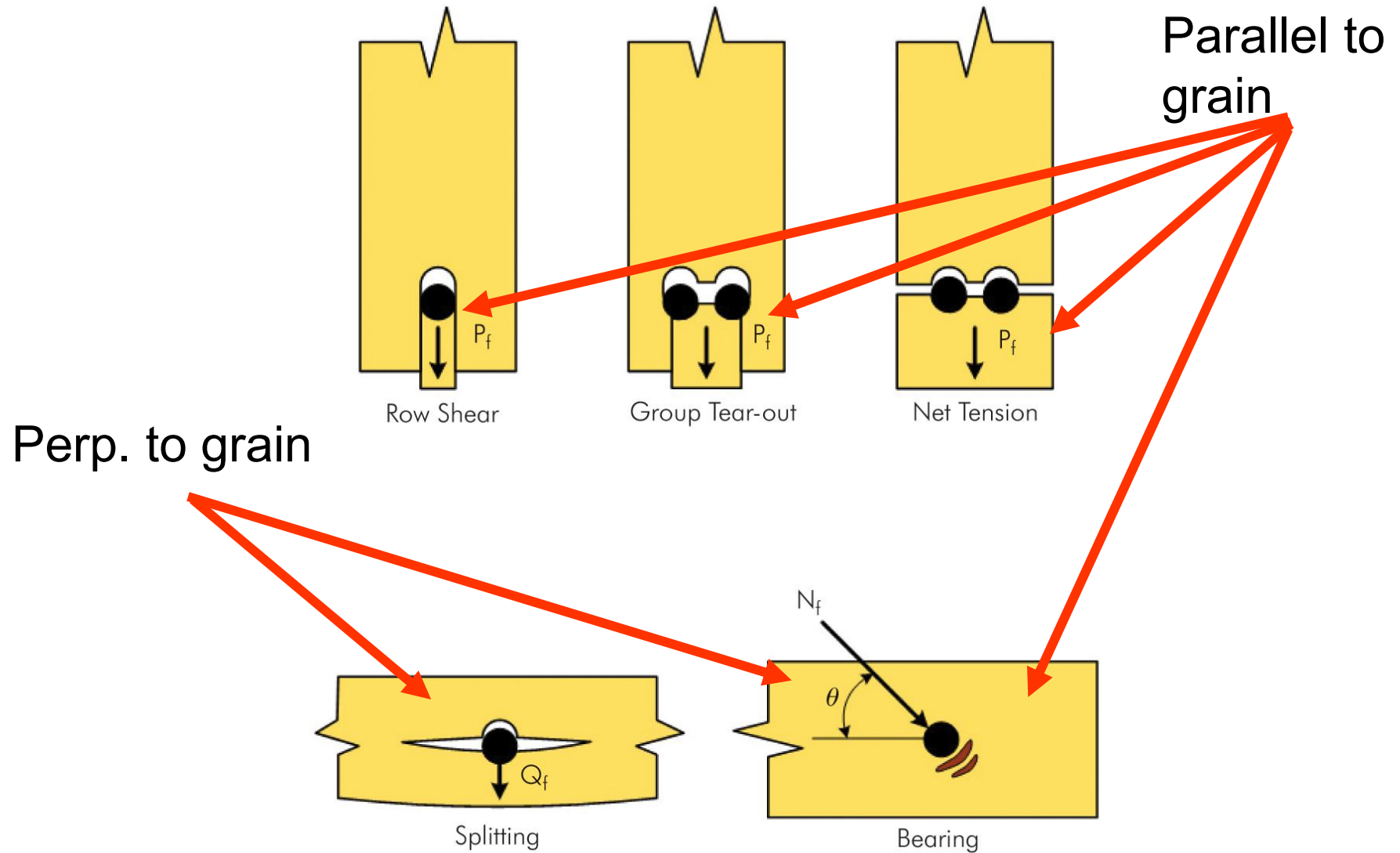


**Net tension**



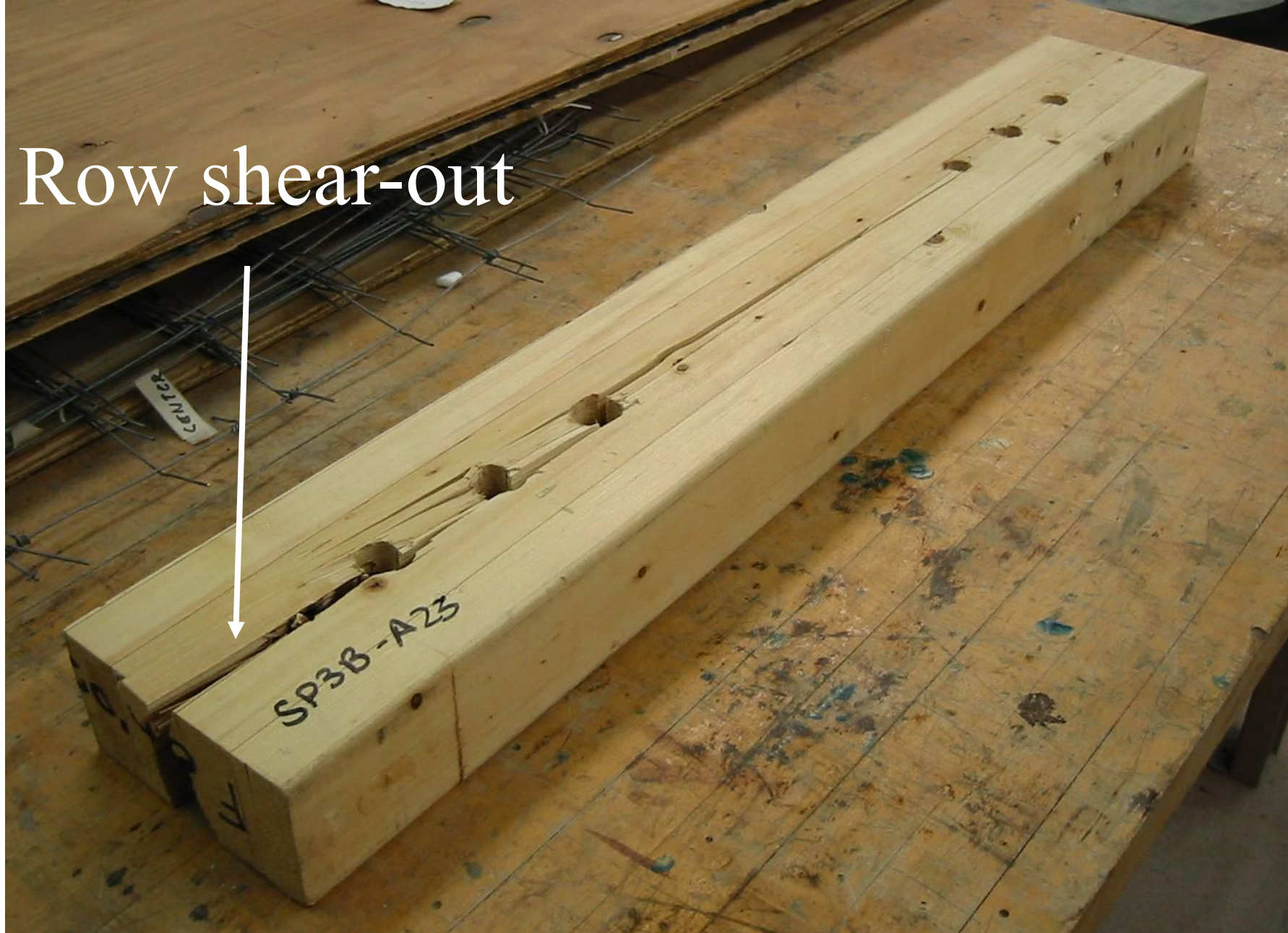
**Splitting**

# Failure modes in bolted connections





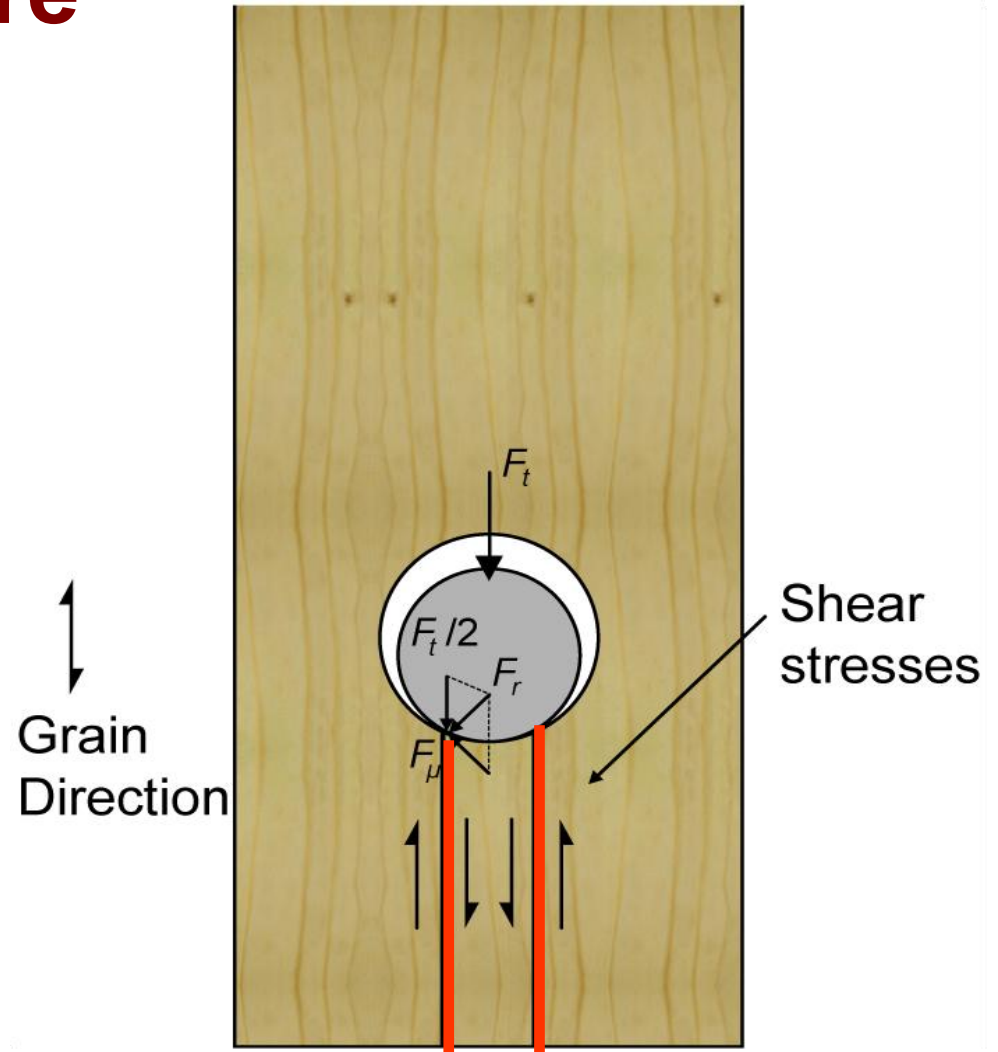
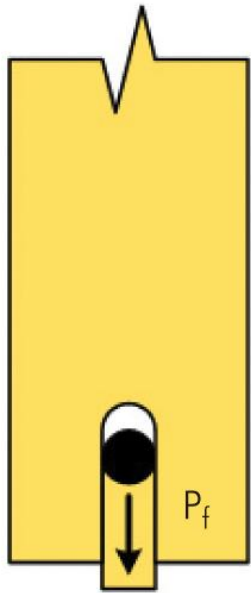
# Row shear-out



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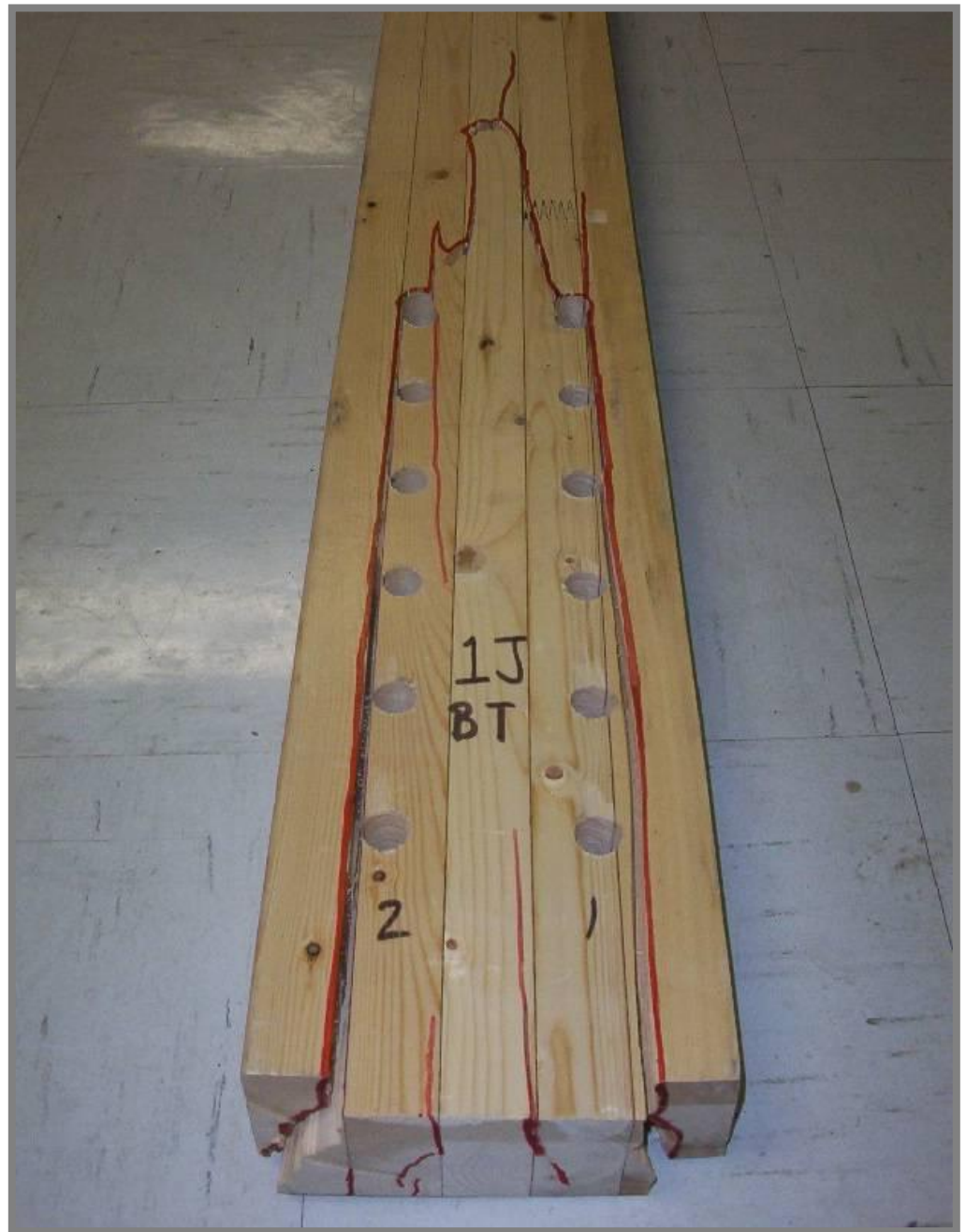


# Row Shear Failure



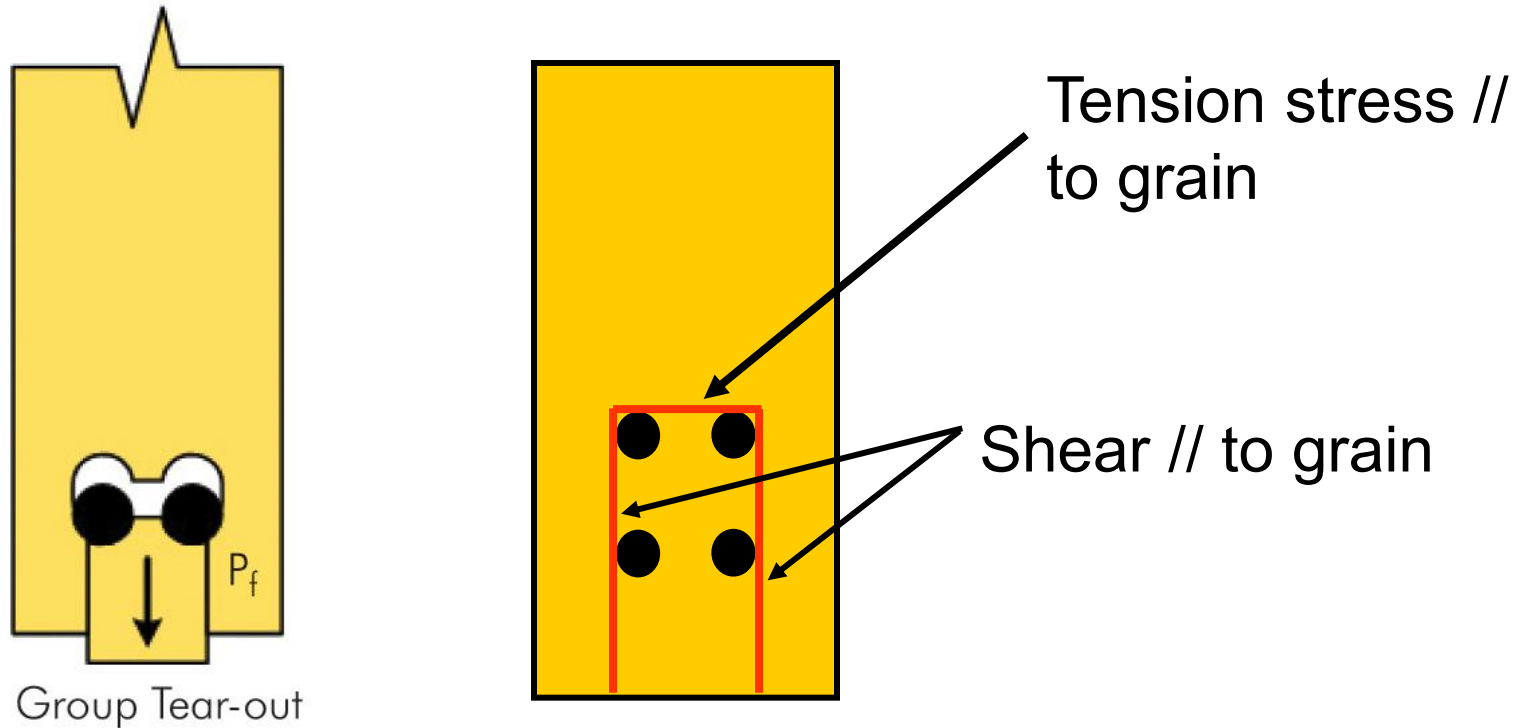
Row shear is dependent on shear strength //

# Group Tear Out



Source: Quenneville

# Group Tear-Out Resistance



$$\text{Group Tear-out} = \text{Tension //} + \text{Shear //}$$

# Splitting



Source: Quenneville



## 12.4.4.2 Requirements

Connections shall be designed in accordance with the following requirements:

(a)  $N_f \leq N_r$

where

$N_f$  = factored load on the connection

$N_r$  = factored lateral yielding resistance ([Clause 12.4.4.3](#))

(b)  $P_f \leq P_r$

where

$P_f$  = factored load parallel to grain

$P_r$  = factored resistance parallel to grain

= the lesser of  $PR_{rT}$ ,  $PG_{rT}$ , or  $TN_{rT}$

where

$PR_{rT}$  = factored row shear resistance ([Clause 12.4.4.4](#))

$PG_{rT}$  = factored group tear-out resistance ([Clause 12.4.4.5](#))

$TN_{rT}$  = factored net tension resistance ([Clause 12.4.4.6](#))



(c)  $Q_f \leq Q_r$

where

$Q_f$  = factored load perpendicular to grain

$$Q_r = Q S_{rT}$$

where

$Q S_{rT}$  = factored splitting resistance ([Clause 12.4.4.7](#))

(d) for loading at an angle to grain,  $\theta$ :

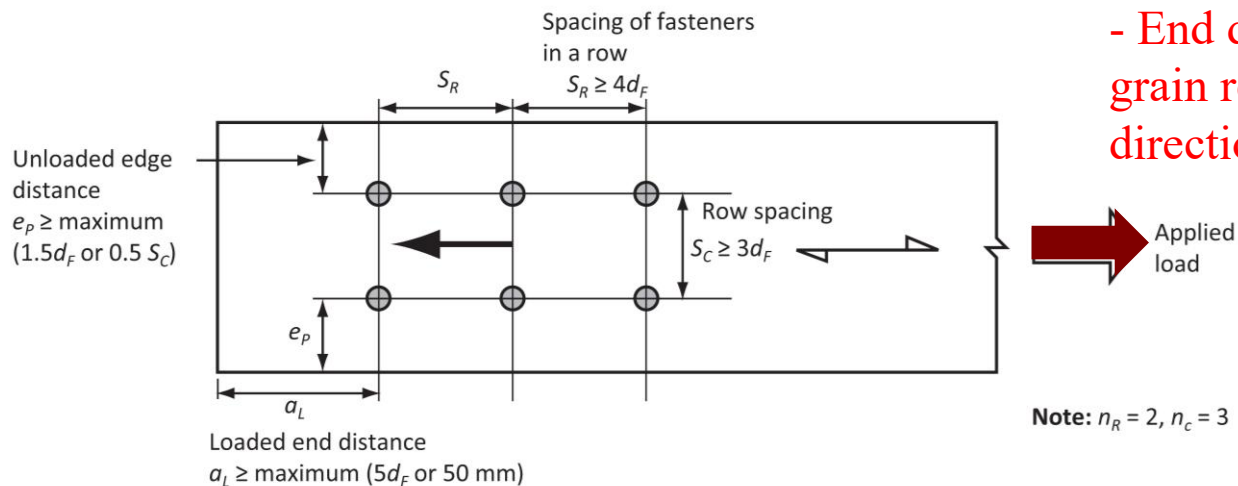
$$N_f \leq \frac{P_r Q_r}{P_r \sin^2 \theta + Q_r \cos^2 \theta}$$

where

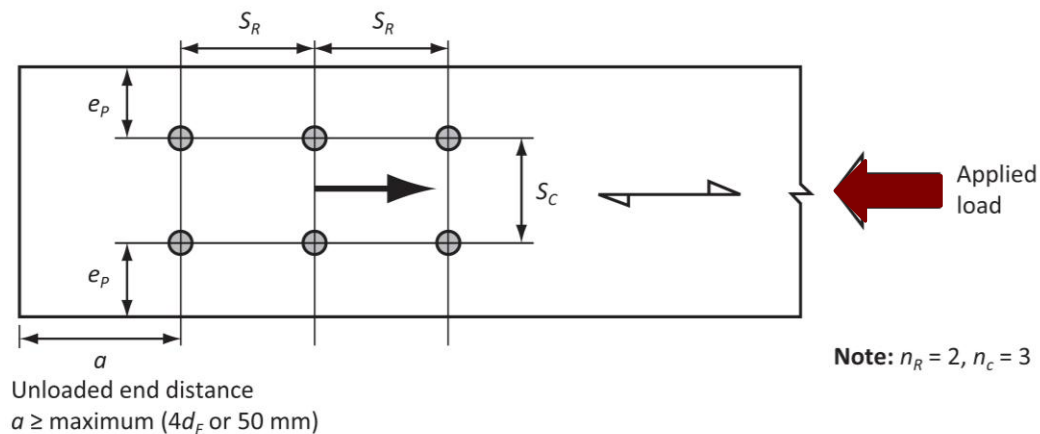
$\theta$  = angle between the applied load and the grain

# Figure 12.4.3.1

## Placement of bolts and dowels in a connection loaded parallel to grain



a) Member in tension



b) Member in compression

- Row is in direction of loading
- End distance is in direction of grain regardless of loading direction

Load applied by wood

### Legend:

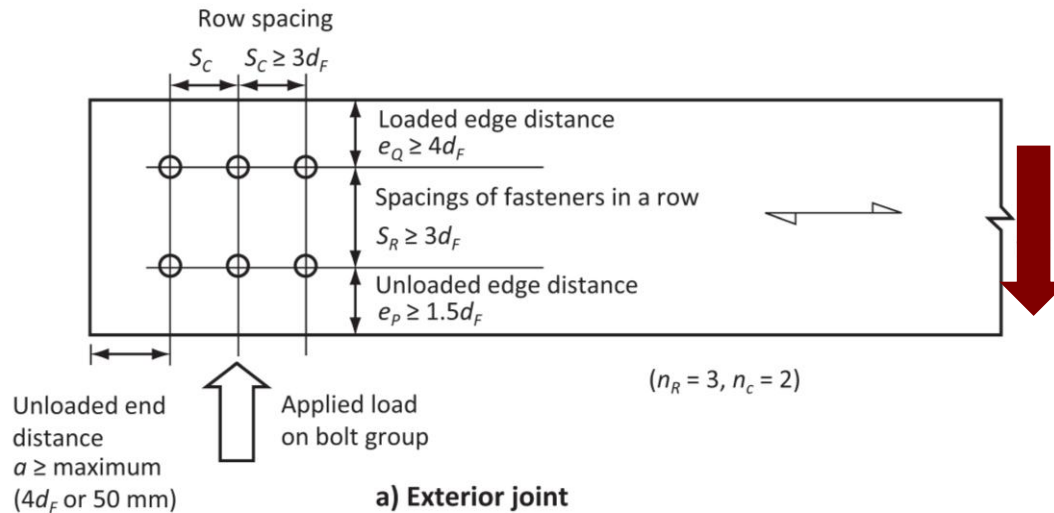
- $S_R$  = spacing of fasteners in row
- $S_C$  = row spacing
- $a$  = unloaded end distance
- $a_L$  = loaded edge distance
- $e_p$  = unloaded edge distance

### Corrections:

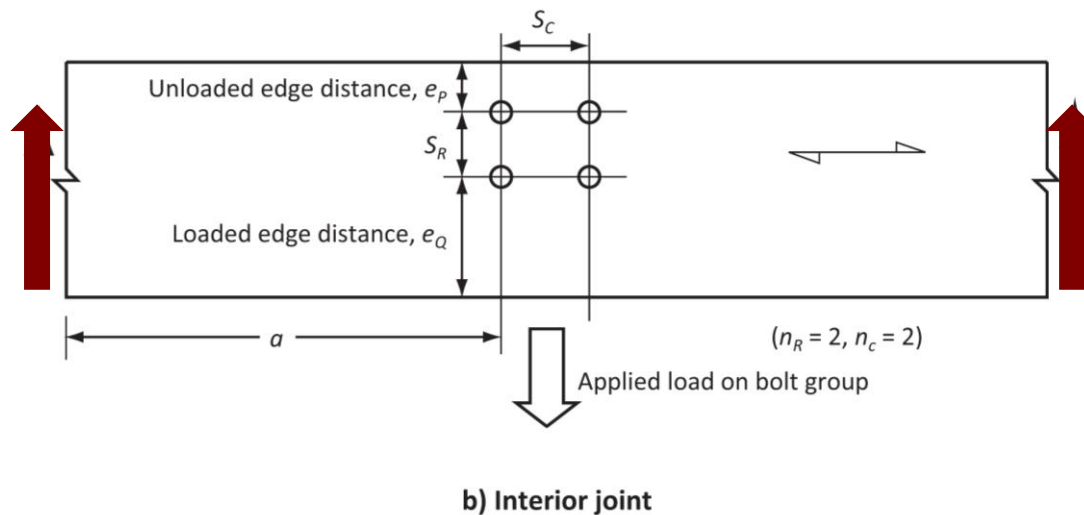
- $S_R$  = spacing parallel to grain
- $S_C$  = spacing perpendicular to grain
- $a_L$  = loaded end distance

## Figure 12.4.3.2

### Placement of bolts and dowels in a connection loaded perpendicular to grain



Load  
applied by  
wood



#### Legend:

- $S_R$  = spacing of fasteners in row
- $S_C$  = row spacing
- $a$  = unloaded end distance
- $e_Q$  = loaded edge distance
- $e_p$  = unloaded edge distance

#### Corrections:

- $S_C$  = spacing parallel to grain
- $S_R$  = spacing perpendicular to grain

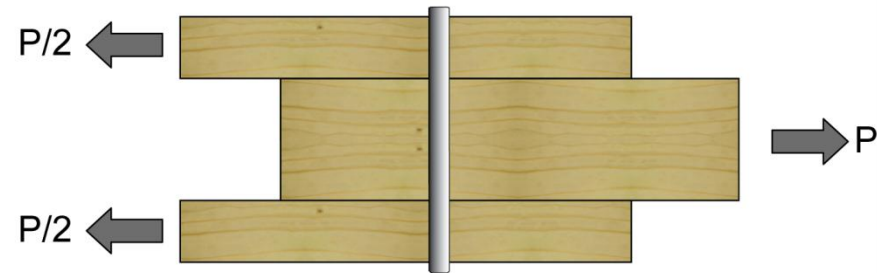
# Row Shear Resistance (12.4.4.4)

Total RS resistance for **All Members** resisting the load

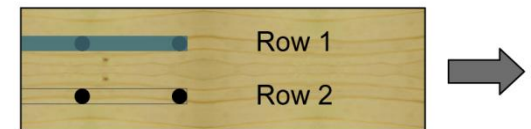
$$PR_{rT} = \sum (PR_{ri})$$

RS of All members

= No. of members X RS/member



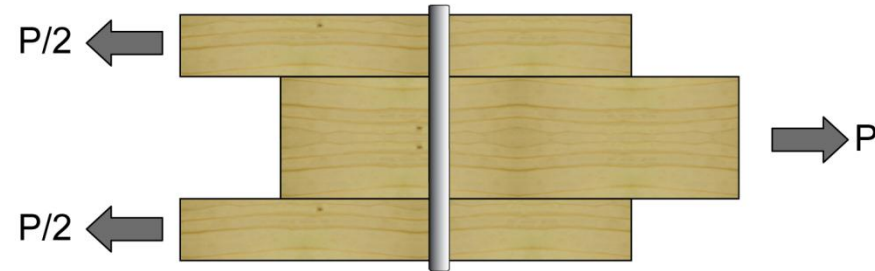
RS/member = RS/row x No. of rows



# Row Shear Resistance (12.4.4.4)

Total RS resistance for **All Members** resisting the load

$$PR_{rT} = \Sigma (PR_{ri})$$

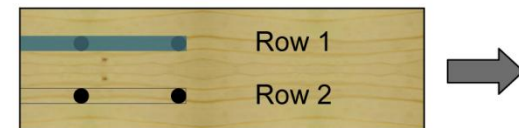


## RS Per Member

$$PR_{ri} = \phi_w PR_{ij \min} n_R (K_D K_{SF} K_T)$$

Per row

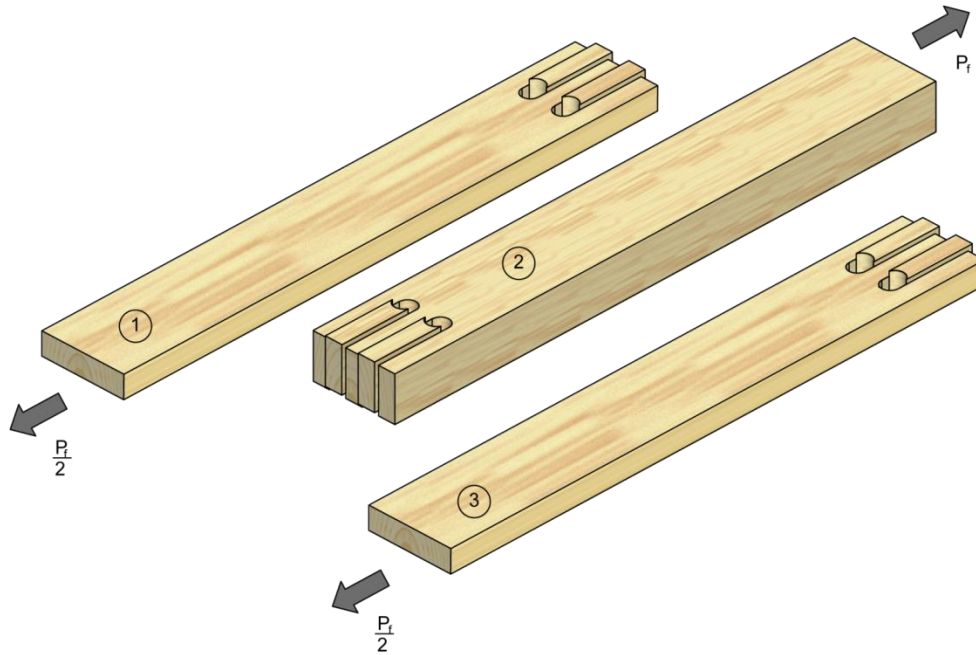
No. of rows





# Row Shear Resistance: $(PR_{ij})/\text{Member}$

$$PR_{ij \min} = \min(PR_{i1}, PR_{i2}, \dots, PR_{in_R})$$



# Row Shear Resistance

- Row shear resistance/row (j) per Member (i)

$$PR_{r\ i} = 1.2 f_v K_{Is} t n_C a_{Cri}$$

$f_v$  = shear strength

$t$  = thickness

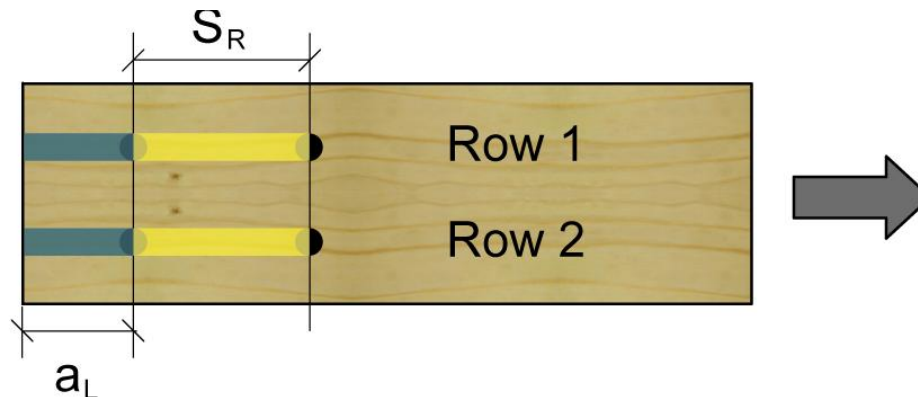
$n_C$  = no. of fasteners

$K_{Is}$  = factor for member loaded surfaces

= 0.65 for side member

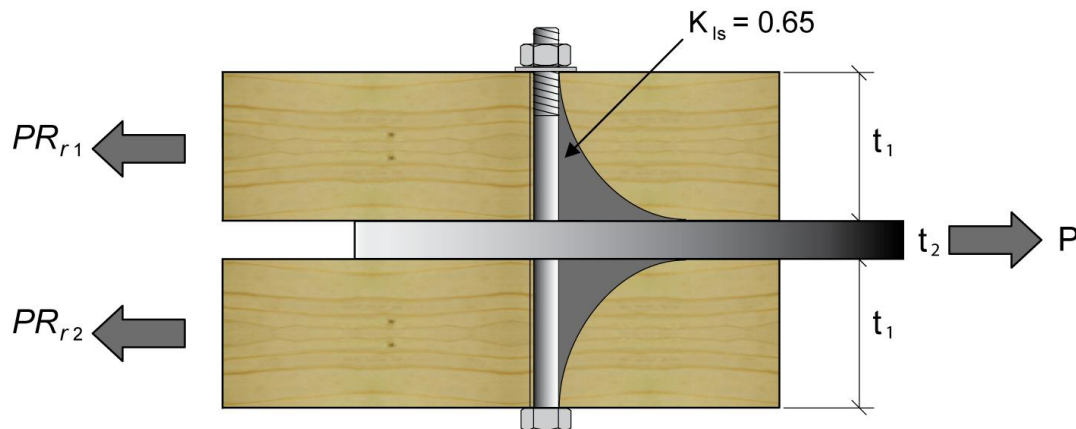
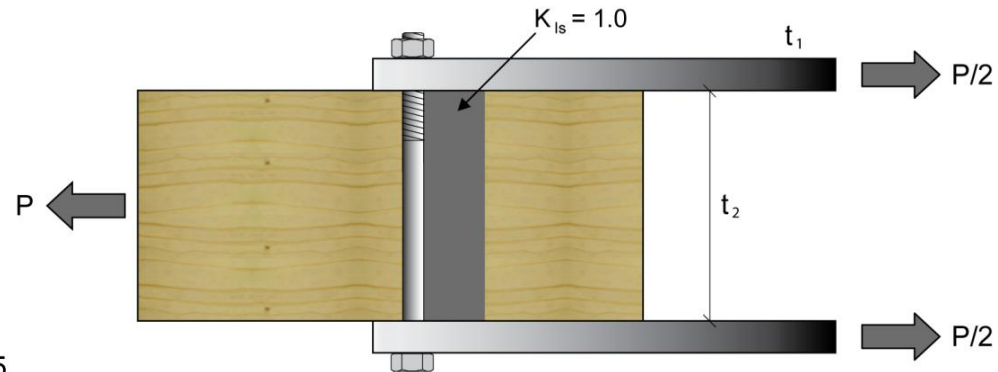
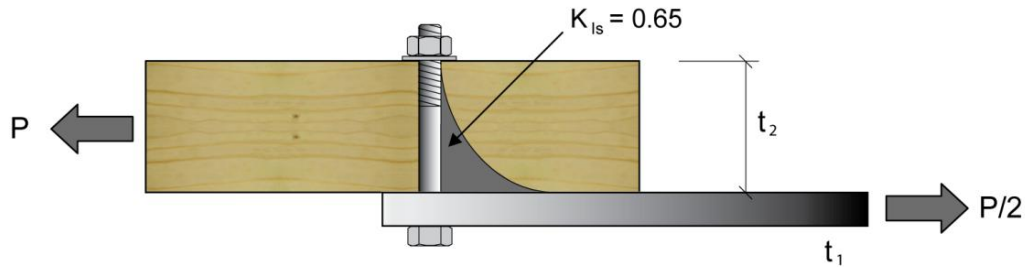
= 1 for internal member

$a_{cri}$  = minimum of  $a_L$  and  $S_R$  for row  $j$  of member  $i$ , mm



# What is $K_{ls}$ ?

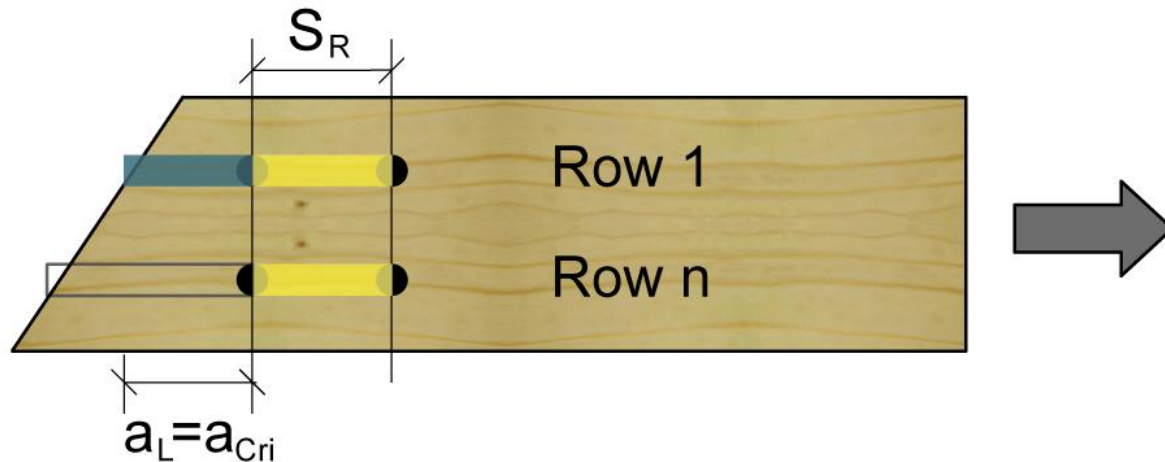
## Effective thickness factor



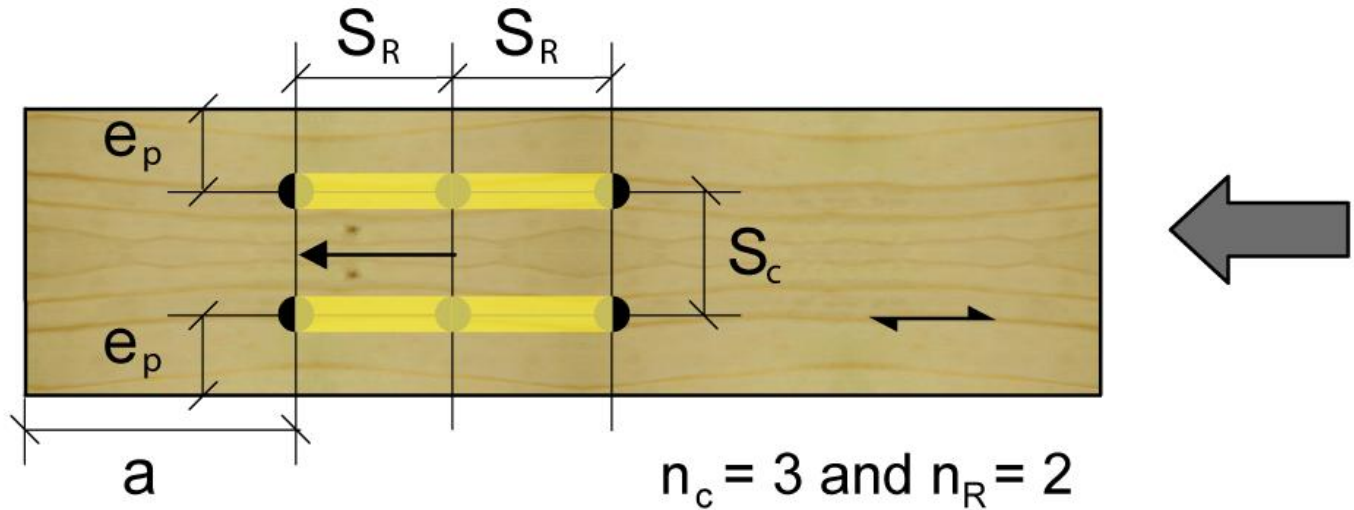
# Row Shear Resistance

- Row shear resistance/row (j) per Member (i)

$$PR_{r\ i} = 1.2 f_v K_{Is} t n_C a_{Cri}$$



# Row Shear Resistance



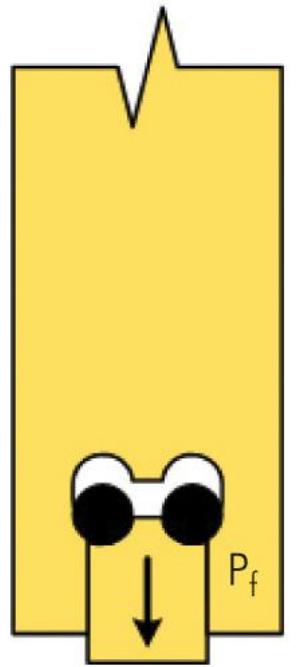
unloaded end distance  
 $a \geq \text{maximum } (4 d_F \text{ or } 50 \text{ mm})$

(b) Member in compression

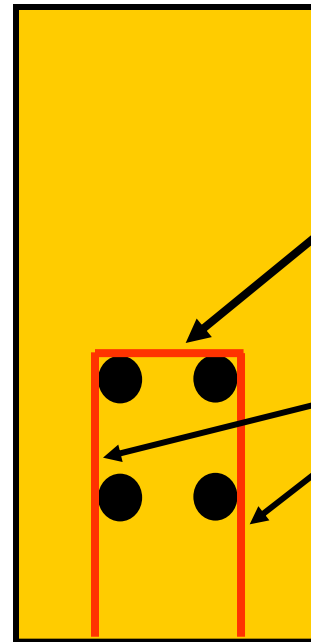
Row shear could also occur in cases where the member is loaded in compression –  $a_{cr i} = S_R$



# Group Tear-out Resistance (12.4.4.5)



Group Tear-out



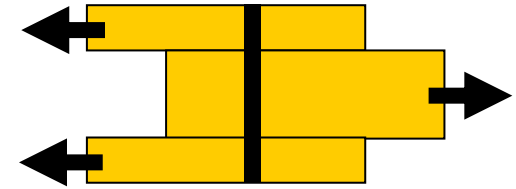
Tension stresses  
// to grain

Shear // to grain

Tension Stress // + Shear = Group Tear-out

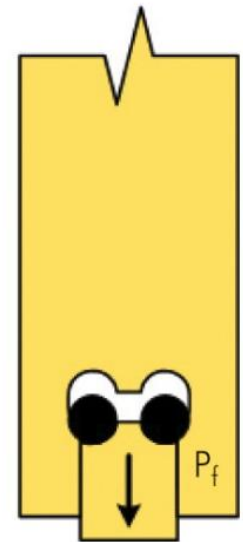
# Group Tear-out Resistance

$$PG_{rT} = \Sigma (PG_{ri})$$



Group Tear out per Member (i): 2 components:

$$PG_{ri} = \phi_w \left[ \overbrace{(0.5 (PR_{i1} + PR_{inR}))}^{\text{Row Shear}} + \underbrace{(f_t \cdot A_{PGi} (K_D K_{SF} K_T))}_{\text{Net Tension}} \right]$$



# Group Tear-out Equation

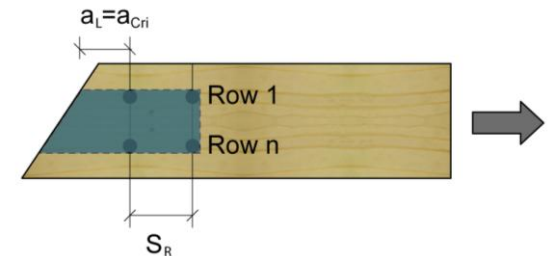
Shear component in Member (i):

$$PR_{i1} = 1.2 f_v (K_D K_{Sv} K_T) K_{Is} t n_C a_{cr1}$$

$$PR_{inR} = 1.2 f_v (K_D K_{Sv} K_T) K_{Is} t n_C a_{cr nR}$$

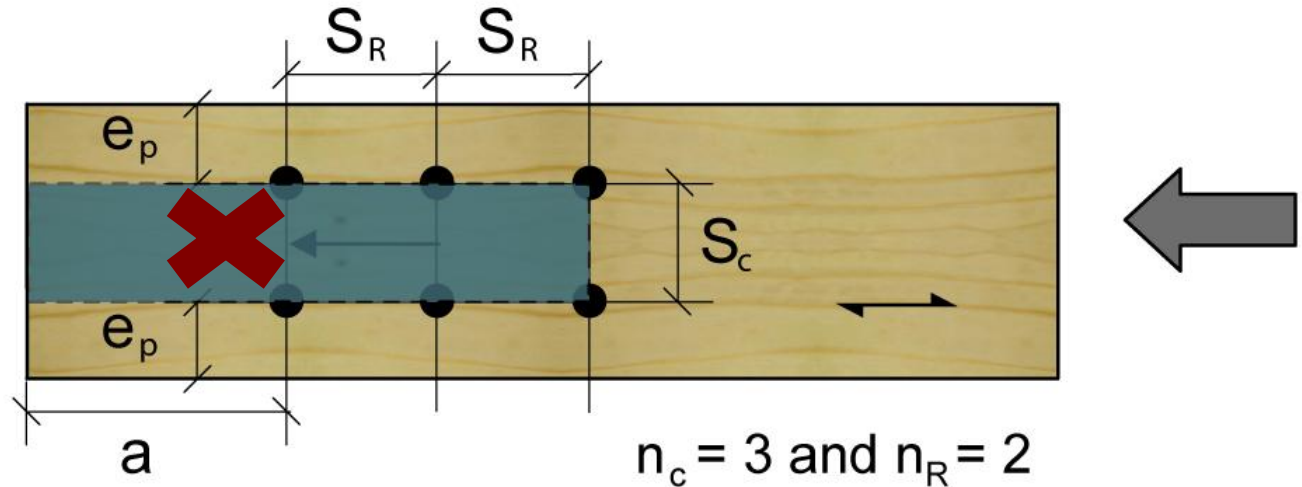
Tension component in Member (i):

$$f_t (K_D K_{St} K_T) A_{PGi}$$



$A_{PGi}$  = critical perpendicular net area between rows 1 and  $n_R$  of member  $i$ ,  $\text{mm}^2$   
 i.e. the area between the outer 2 rows excluding all bolt holes

# Group Tear-out Equation



unloaded end distance  
 $a \geq \text{maximum } (4 d_F \text{ or } 50\text{mm})$

$n_c = 3$  and  $n_R = 2$   
(b) Member in compression

GT failure mode **is not possible** if the member is in compression!

# Net Tension Resistance (12.4.4.6)

$$T_{Nr\ T} = \Sigma T_{Nr\ i}$$

Net Tension per Member (i):

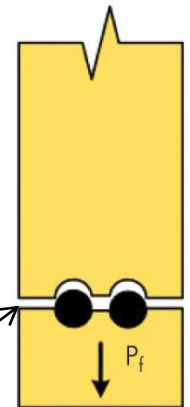
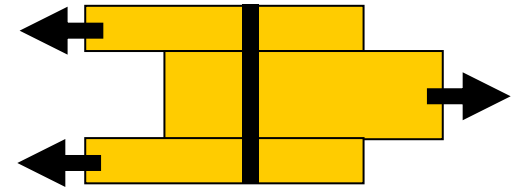
$$T_{Nr\ i} = \phi f_t A_n (K_D K_{SF} K_T)$$

Tension  
member design

where

$f_t$  = specified tensile strength of wood member

$A_n$  = net cross sectional area (not less than 75% of gross area)



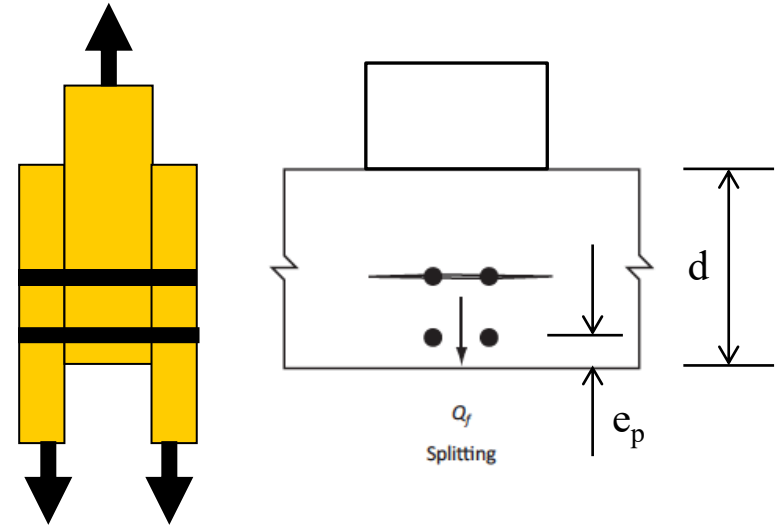


# Perp to Grain Splitting Resistance (12.4.4.7)

$$QS_{rT} = \Sigma QS_{ri}$$

For member i,

$$QS_{ri} = \phi_w QS_i (K_D K_{SF} K_T)$$



$$QS_i = 14 t \sqrt{\frac{d_e}{1 - \frac{d_e}{d}}}$$

where

$t$  = thickness of member, mm

$d_e$  = effective depth of member, mm

$= d - e_p$

where

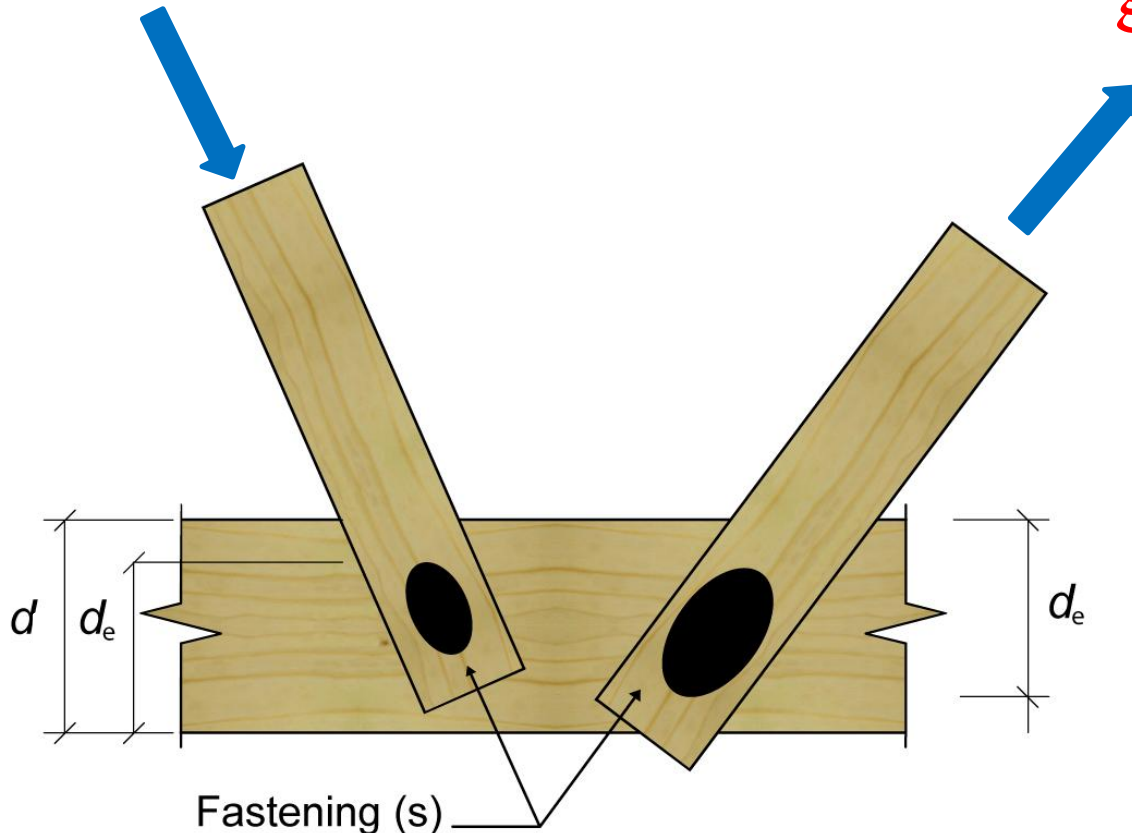
$d$  = depth of member, mm

$e_p$  = unloaded edge distance, mm

# Member shear check based on effective depth (12.2.1.5)

$$V_{r \text{ neti}} = \phi \frac{2}{3} f_v d_e t$$

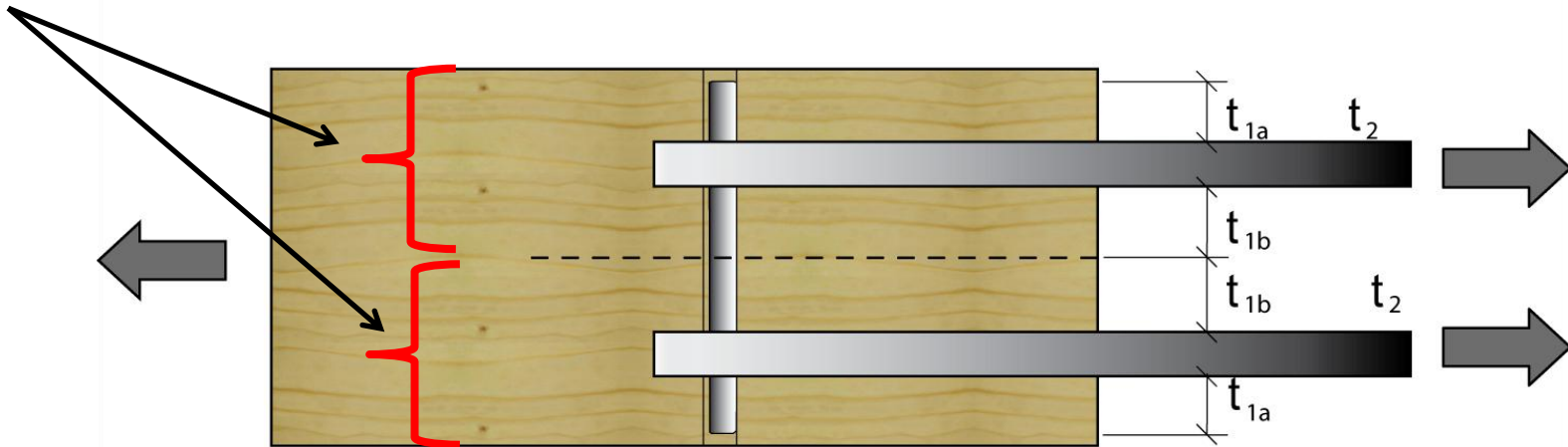
Minimum of  
 $Q_{s_r T}$  or  $V_{r \text{ neti}}$   
governs



$d_e$  = effective depth (distance measured perp to axis of member from extremity of fastener group to loaded edge of member)

# Multiple Members (12.4.1.3)

2 @ 3 members joint

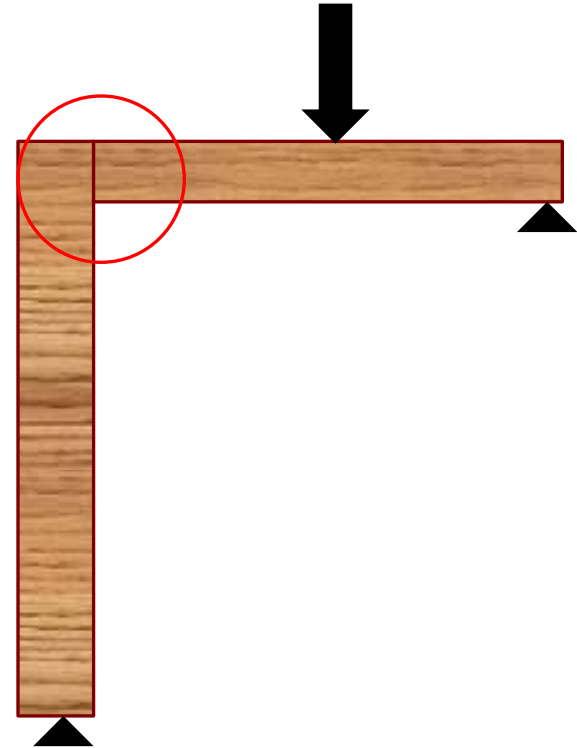


$$t = \min (t_{1a} , t_{1b})$$

For a joint with 4 or more members, the resistance shall be determined assuming that each member is a part of a series of 3-member joint

# Design: Available Information

- Member sizes
- Species and grade
- Force to be transferred
- Condition factors (i.e.,  $K_{SF}$ ,  $K_D$  &  $K_T$ )



# General design procedure for bolt and dowel connections

1. Choose bolt size and grade
2. Calculate the embedment resistance ( $f_1$  and  $f_2$ )
3. Choose no. of bolts per row & no. of rows ( $n_c$ ) & specify spacings & end distances
4. Calculate the yield resistance for the possible failure modes – minimum governs – adjust if necessary



# General design procedure for bolt and dowel connections

5. Check brittle resistances (e.g. row shear, group tear-out, net tension resistances, and if appropriate, splitting)
6. Modify bolt spacings if governing resistance is inadequate ( $a_L = S_R$  for optimum spacing)

# Jointing members in one connection could be loaded at different grain angle



# General design procedure for bolt and dowel connections

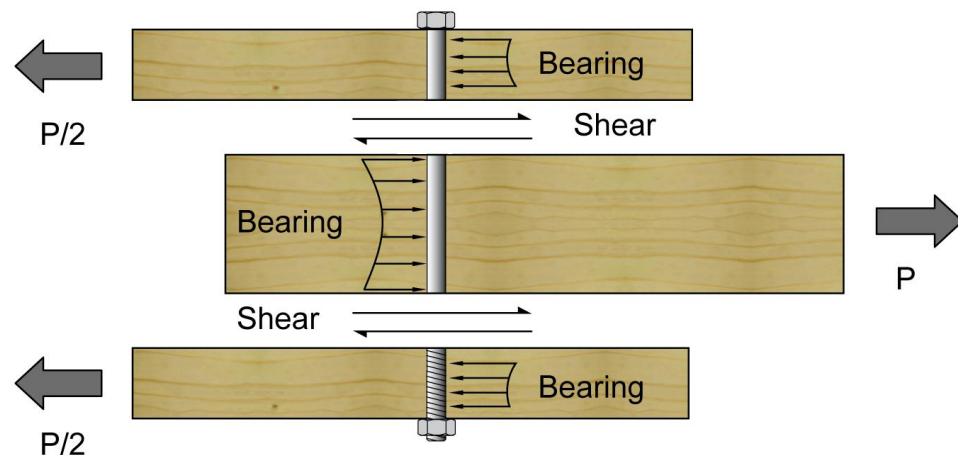
*If still inadequate;*

- Change bolt size (bigger is not necessarily better as volume of wood required increases)
- Try adding a shear plane
- Change member size to allow for more bolts
- Change member grade

# Structural Efficiency: Load Carrying Capacity of Timber Connections

Generally, nails or dowels into pre-drilled holes through steel plates, are the most efficient connectors

End-grain connectors, where the load transfer is through direct compression, are the most efficient connectors



Note:

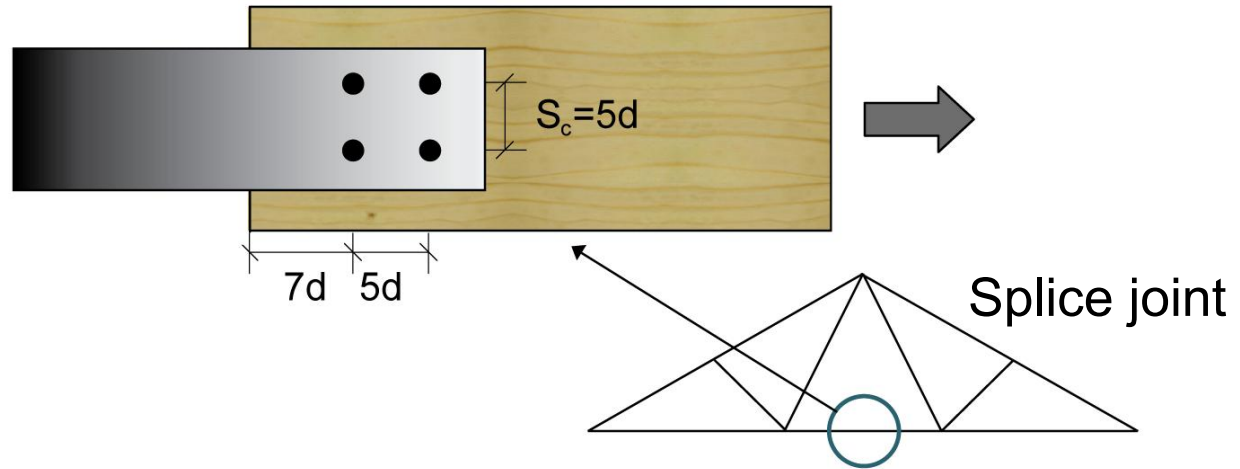
The choice of fastener will depend on the available space for the connection, aesthetics and other factors

# **Exercise 1**

## **Steel-to-Wood Bolted Connection**



# Steel-Wood-Steel Connection



- D-fir glulam, 20f-EX, 130x190 mm
- Steel-wood-steel connection, 6.35 mm steel side plates
- $\frac{3}{4}$ " bolts, 7d end distance, 5d bolt spacing, 5d row spacing
- (Assume dry, no treatment and dead and live load combination)

**What is the factored resistance ?**

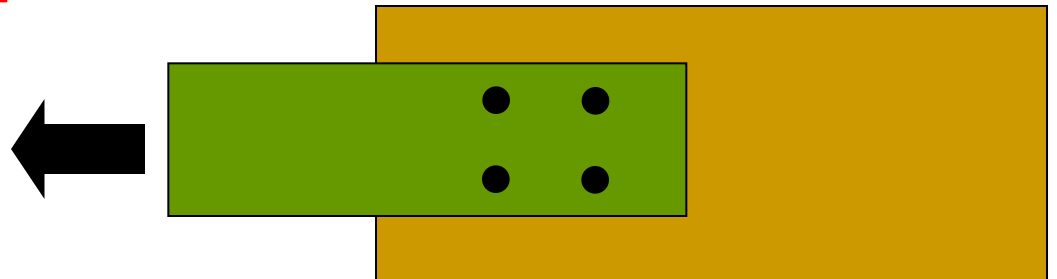
# Yielding Capacity

$n_u = \underline{24.6}$  kN/shear plane - (c) **GOVERNS**

$$\begin{aligned} N_r &= \phi n_u n_s n_f \\ &= 0.8 \cdot 24.6 \text{ kN/n}_s \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \end{aligned}$$

## Yielding Capacity

$$N_r = 157 \text{ kN}$$



# Brittle Resistance

## Evaluate the ROW SHEAR resistance

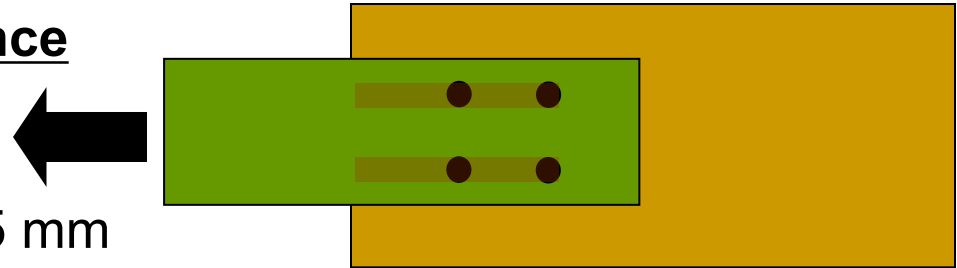
$$f_v = 2.0 \text{ MPa (Table 7.3)}$$

$$a_{cr i} = \min(a_L, S_R) = \min(134, 95) = 95 \text{ mm}$$

$$K_{ls} = 1$$

$$n_c = 2$$

$$1.2 f_v K_{ls} t n_c a_{cr i} = 1.2 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 130 \cdot 2 \cdot 95 = \mathbf{59.3 \text{ kN/row}}$$



$$PR_{r i} = 0.7 \cdot 59.3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = \mathbf{83.0 \text{ kN}}$$

Res. per Wood Member

Since there is one wood member,

$$\mathbf{PR_{r T} = 83.0 \text{ kN}}$$

# Brittle Resistance

## Evaluate the GROUP TEAR-OUT resistance

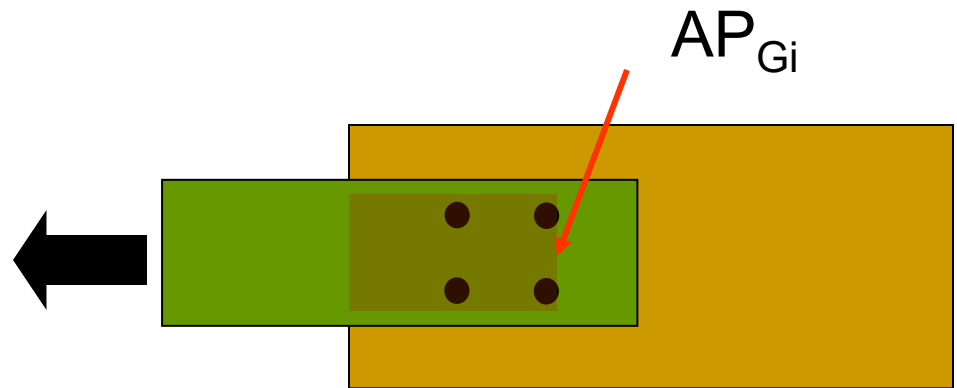
$f_t = 20.4 \text{ MPa}$  Specified net tension – Table 7.3

$$A_{PGi} = (S_c - d_f) \cdot t = 76.4 \cdot 130 = 9932 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$PG_{ri} = 0.7 \cdot [(59.3 + 59.3)/2 + [(20.4 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1) \cdot 9932]]$$
$$= \underline{\underline{183.3 \text{ kN}}}$$

With one wood member,

$$PG_{rT} = 183.3 \text{ kN}$$



# Brittle Resistance

Evaluate the NET TENSION resistance (CI 7.5.11)

$$\begin{aligned} T_r &= \phi F_{tn} A_n = \phi (f_{tn} K_D K_H K_{SF} K_T) A_n \\ &= 0.9 \cdot (20.4 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1) \cdot (130 \cdot (190 - 2 \cdot (19.1 + 2))) \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{T_r = 359.7 \text{ kN}}$$



# Connection Capacity

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Yielding Resistance

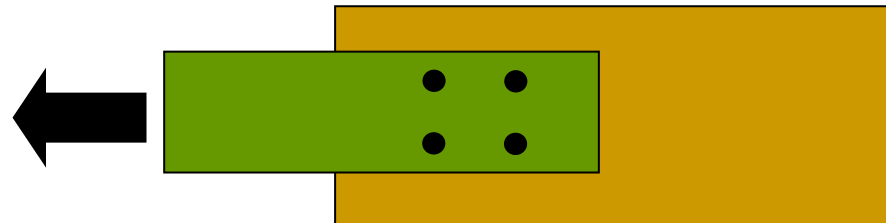
**$PR_{rT} = 83.0 \text{ kN}$**

**ROW SHEAR GOVERNS**

$PG_{rT} = 183.3 \text{ kN}$

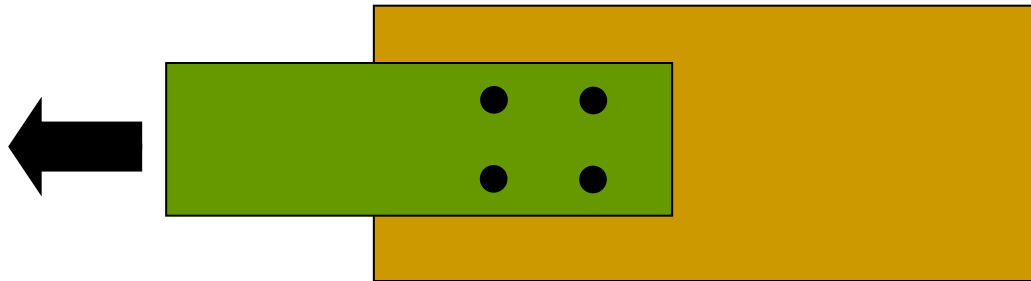
Group tear-out

$T_r = 359.7 \text{ kN}$



# Changing Connection Design

- The maximum ductile resistance using 4 bolts is  $N_r = 157 \text{ kN}$
- To force ductile behaviour, it is necessary to increase the bolt spacing in the row ( $a_L$  and  $S_R$ ) and row spacing ( $S_C$ )
- By doing so, the row shear and group tear out resistances will increase, ultimately reaching yielding resistance (remains constant)



# End

## Lecture #6

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