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## **Current Issues of Timber Construction**

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**Abstract:** Current research issues of timber construction are discussed. Initial resistance design, durability design and post life design are considered, in a broad sense, as the components of structural design of timber construction. The following main issues are discussed here for each component.

- 1. Initial resistance design
- 1)Appropriate structural modeling; 2)Relative resistance of structural members and joints; 3)Practical simplification of stiffness calculation for semi-rigid structures; 4)Reasonable synthesis of horizontal resistance of structural components; 5)Site-work performance factor; 6)Target resistance based on use and risk; 7)Dynamic behavior of structural components and whole structures; 8)Clear distinction between allowable resistance design and ultimate resistance design.
- 2. Durability design
- 1)Control of wood decay; 2)Structural plan considering risk of decay; 3)Initial design considering maintenance; 4)Estimation of residual resistance.
- 3. Post life design
- 1)Reinforcement design considering degradation of members; 2)Initial design considering reuse/recycling.

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