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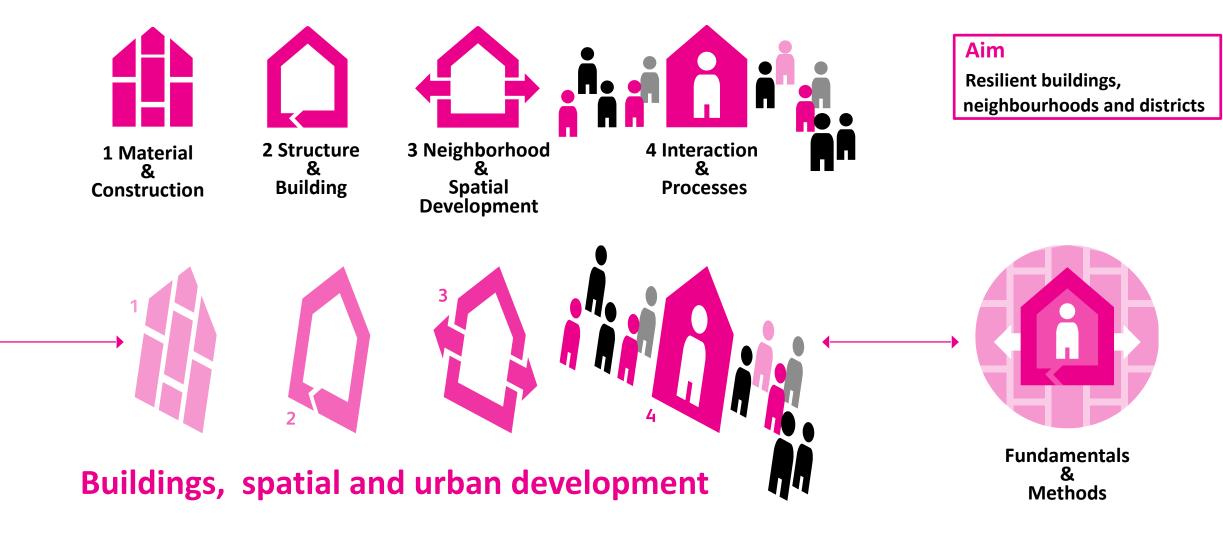
### Criteria catalogue and analysis model

Managing complexity in prefabricated timber construction

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#### **Research topic**

Strategic transformation of the built environment



environment Lucerne University – Competence Center Typology & Planning im Architecture (CCTP)

**1** Interdisciplinary Team (Architecture, Urban-Planning, Real Estate, Design, Buildingtechnology, Informatics, Economy, Philosophy) **23** Employees (no students included)

**13** Years of Experience

**101** Projects in the context of resilient strategies for the built

# **3** Chapters

- Lucerne
- Zürich (NEST)
- Berlin





# «Timber construction has a higher complexity»

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#### WoodWisdomNet-Project leanWOOD 2014-2017

---> International and national project teams (Germany, Switzerland, France, Finland)

- Analysis of realised projects in timber construction
  - 8 + 6 + 4 +1 Projects

54 Interviews (CH)

9 Workshops + discussion panels in the DACH-region





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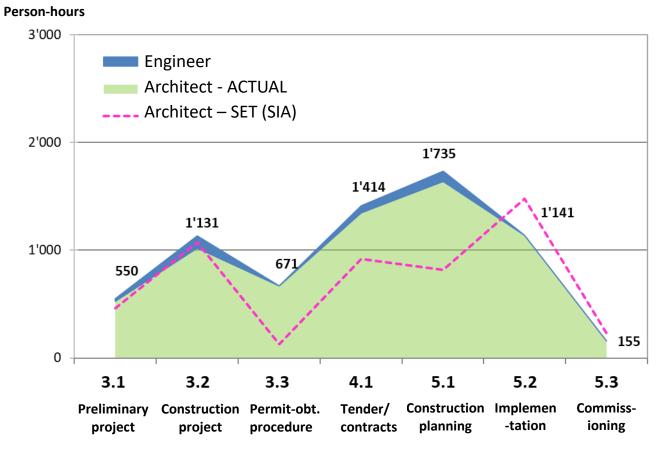
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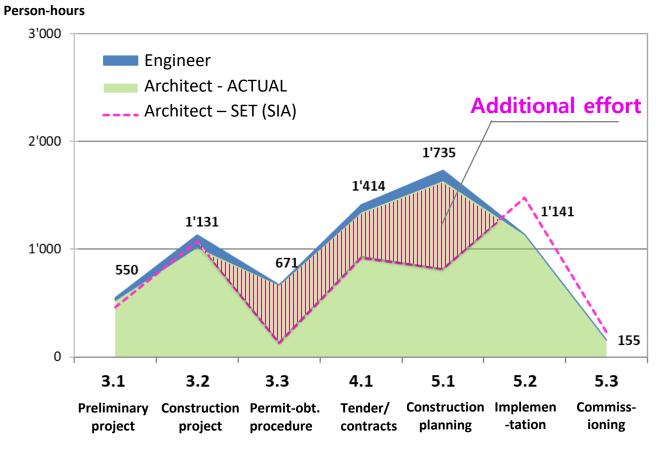
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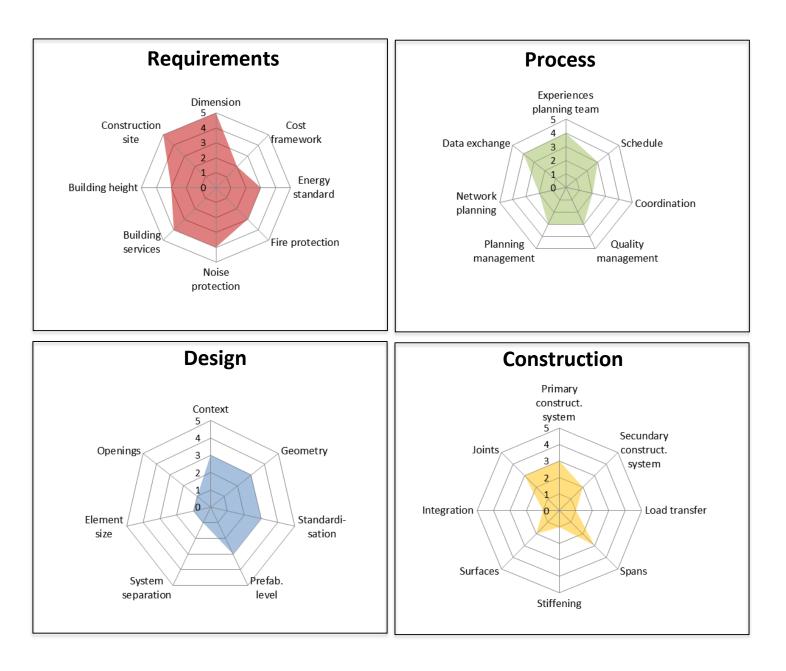
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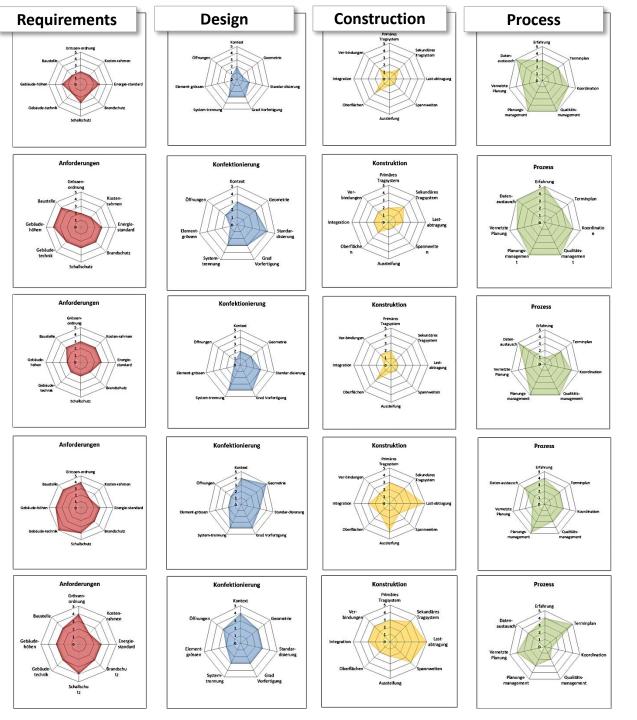
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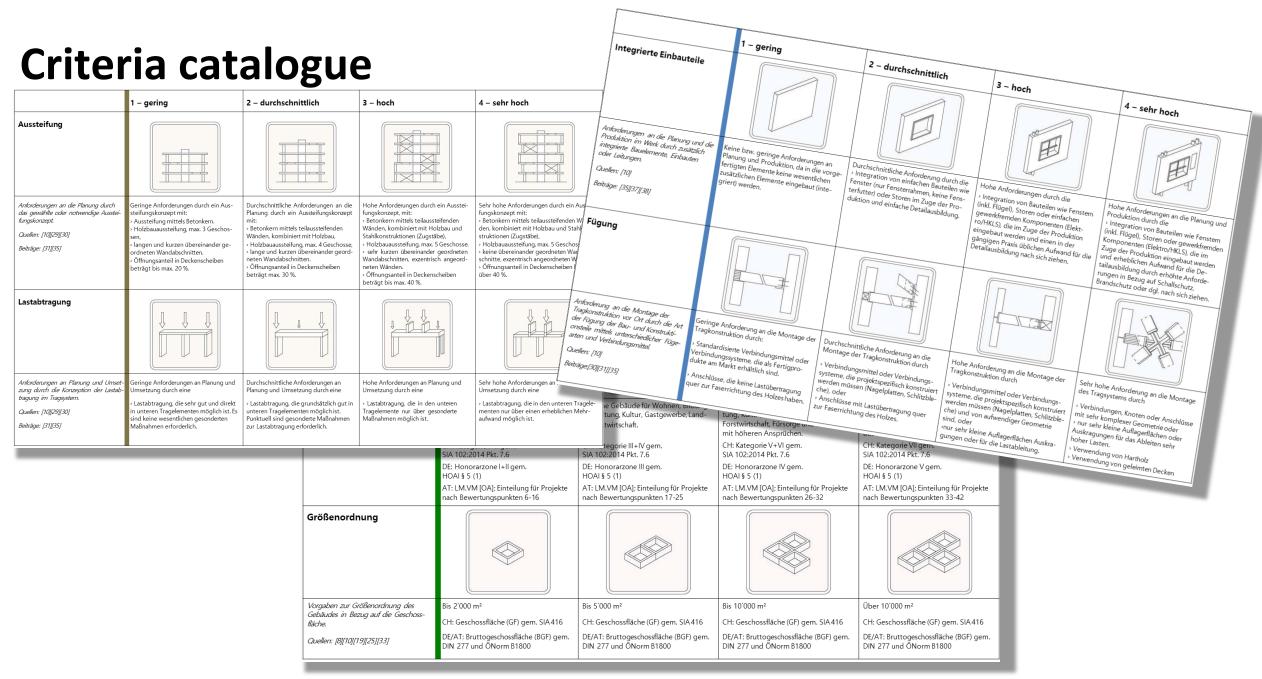


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Overview renovation projects of multi-family houses

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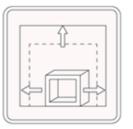




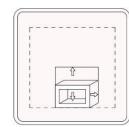
## **Exampel: Height Limitation**



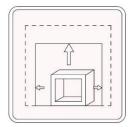
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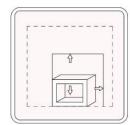
**2** Medium











Massive limitation in horizontal and vertical expansion

No limitations in heights and horizontal expansion

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**Criteria Categories** 

Level of Difficulty

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High

Medium

Very High

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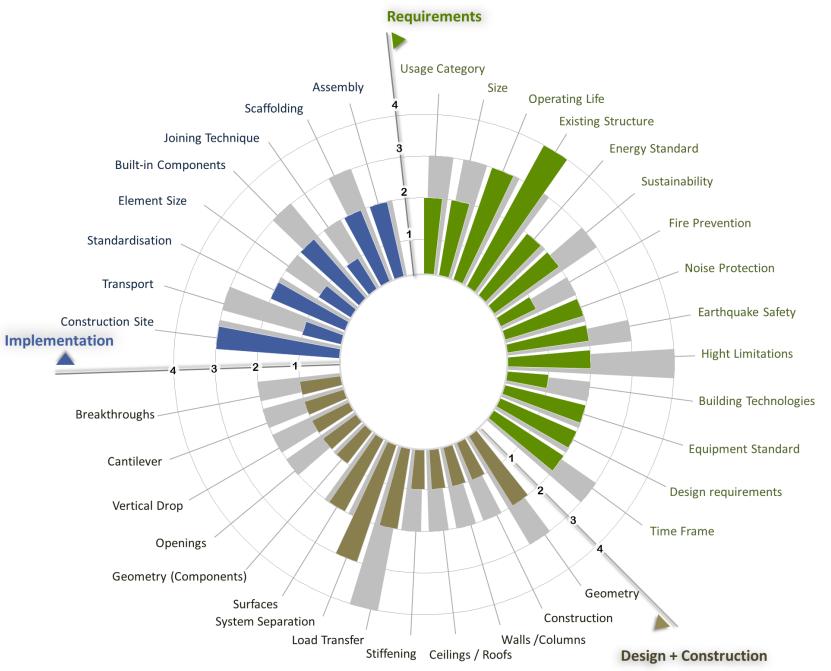
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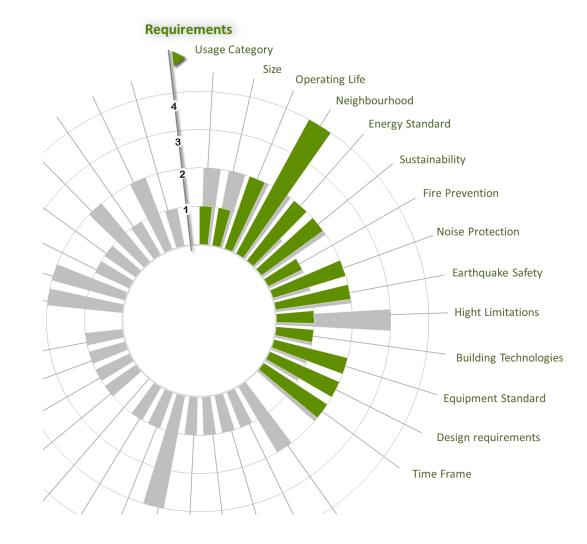
Requirements

**Reference Profile** 

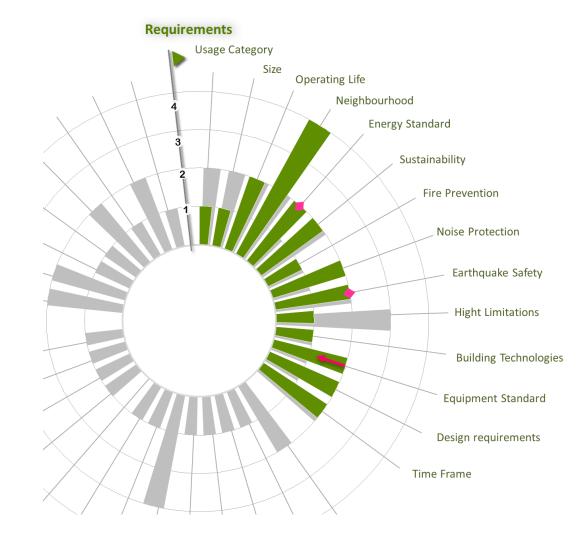
Design + Construction Implementation



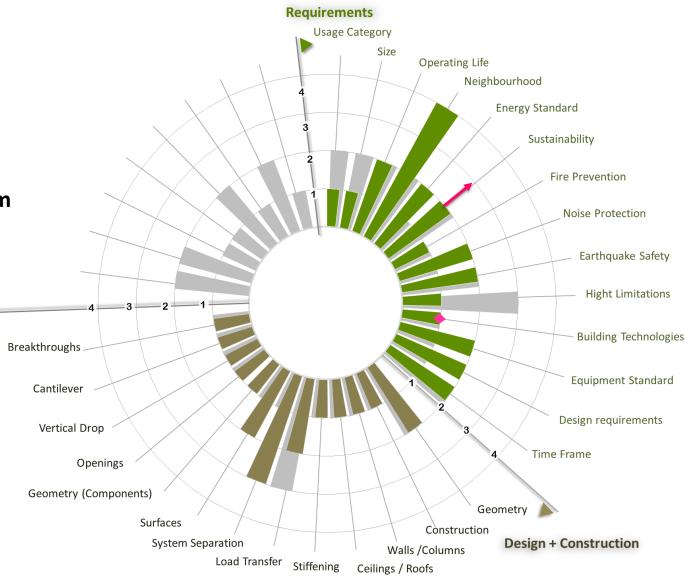
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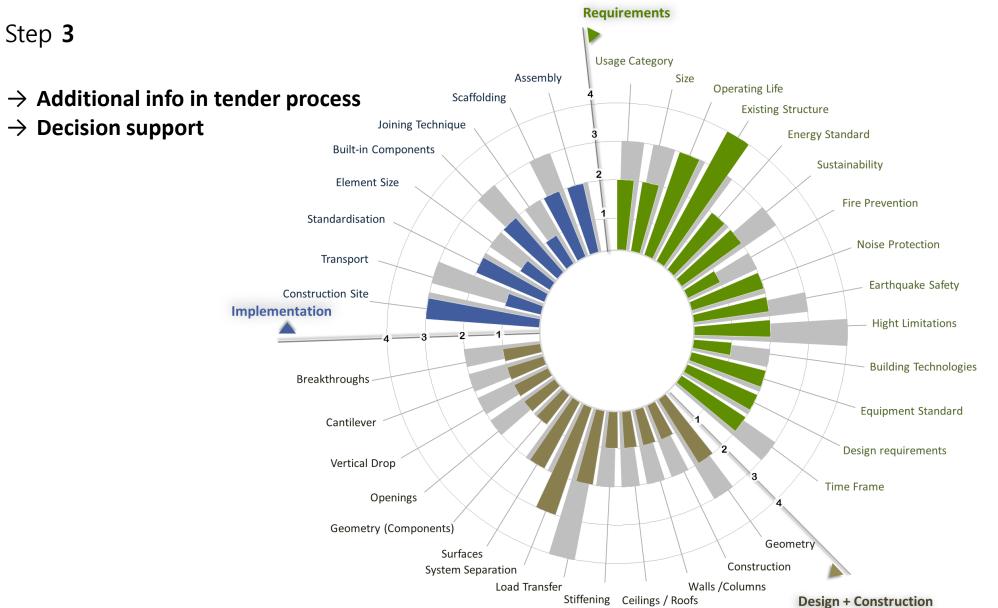


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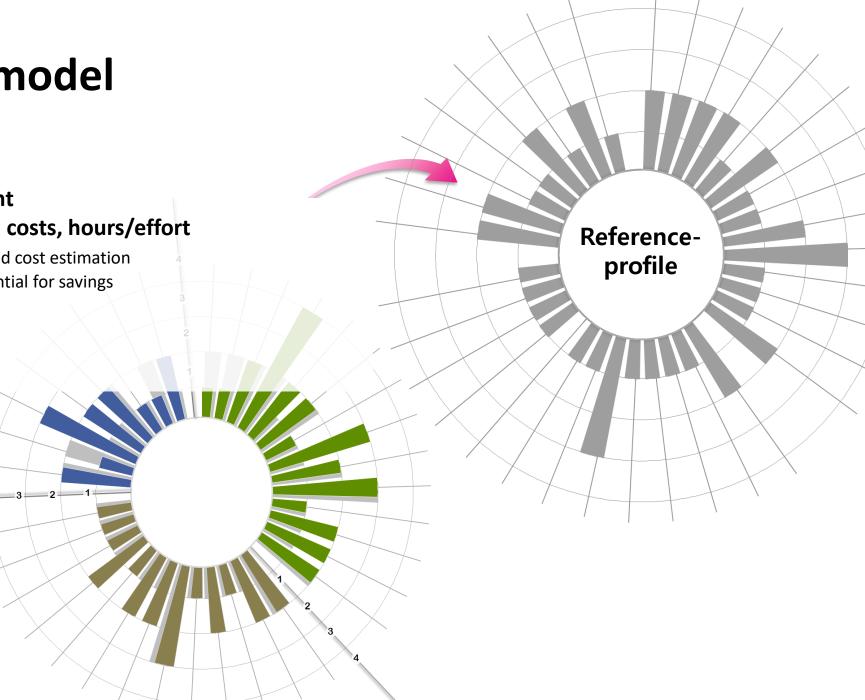


- → Comparison of different design concepts Costs + time
- → Priorities are visible for the entire project team





- $\rightarrow$  Lessons learnt
- $\rightarrow$  Benchmarks: costs, hours/effort
  - Future improved cost estimation
  - Detecting potential for savings



### Conclusions

### What does it offer?

- ✓ Quality-, time- and cost-oriented project management
- ✓ Project profiling as visual management tool
- ✓ Visualisation of priorities and room for action
- ✓ Documentation of qualitative aspects and experiences
- ✓ Support of **decision making** with client/ in juries/ ....

### Where are its limits?

- ✓ Current usability (integration in **BIM**-?)
- ✓ A broader range of **project types** (school buildings, administrative buildings,....)
- ✓ No «absolute truth» only a support of experts

### Potential....?

- ✓ Linkage with costs for **improved early cost estimations**
- ✓ Linkage with person-hours for improved fee calculation
- ✓ Integration in databases to improve usability

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