

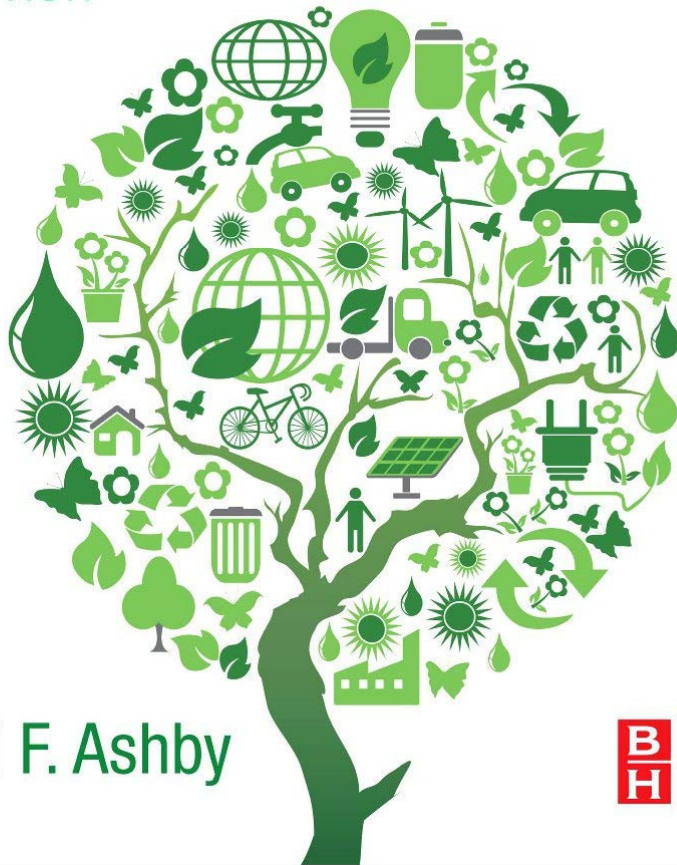


# Sustainable Materials

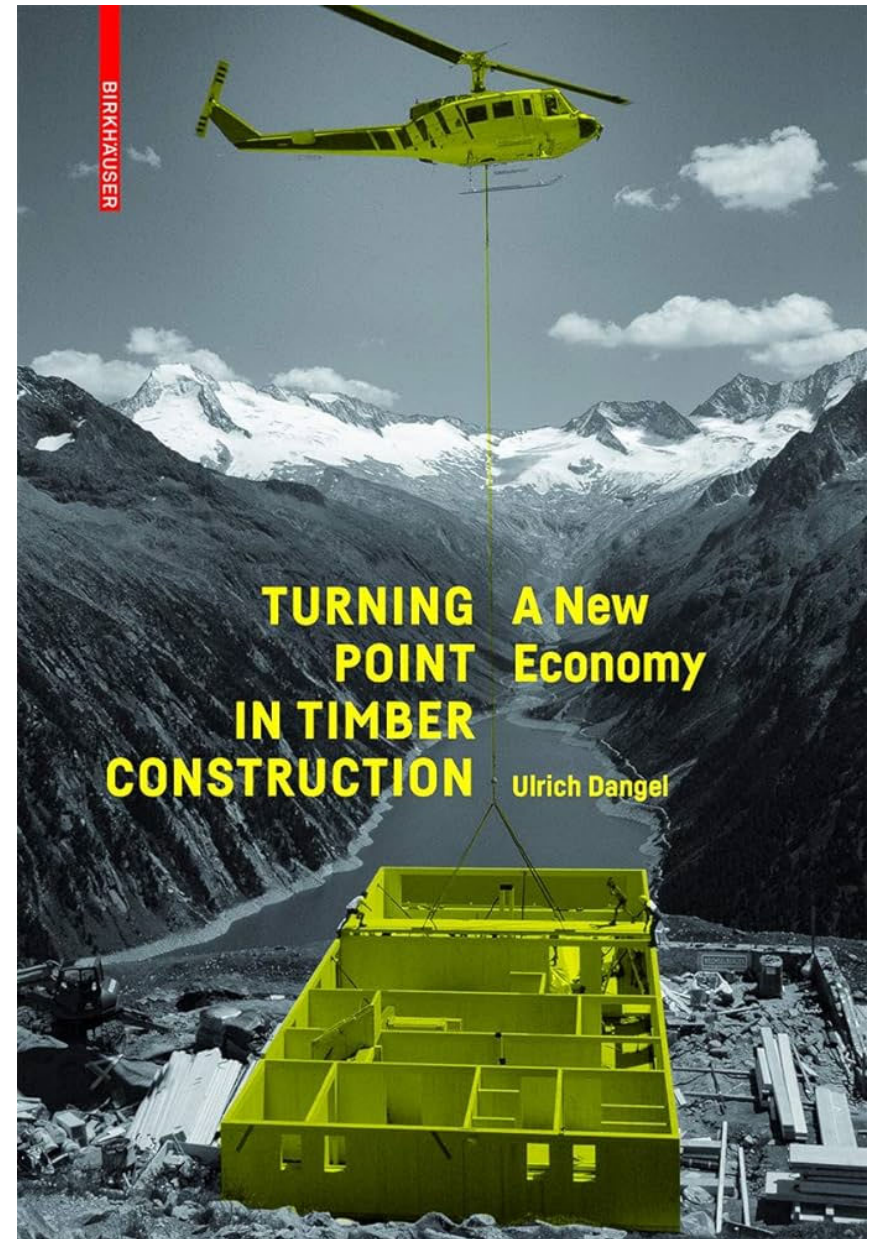
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# Materials AND THE Environment

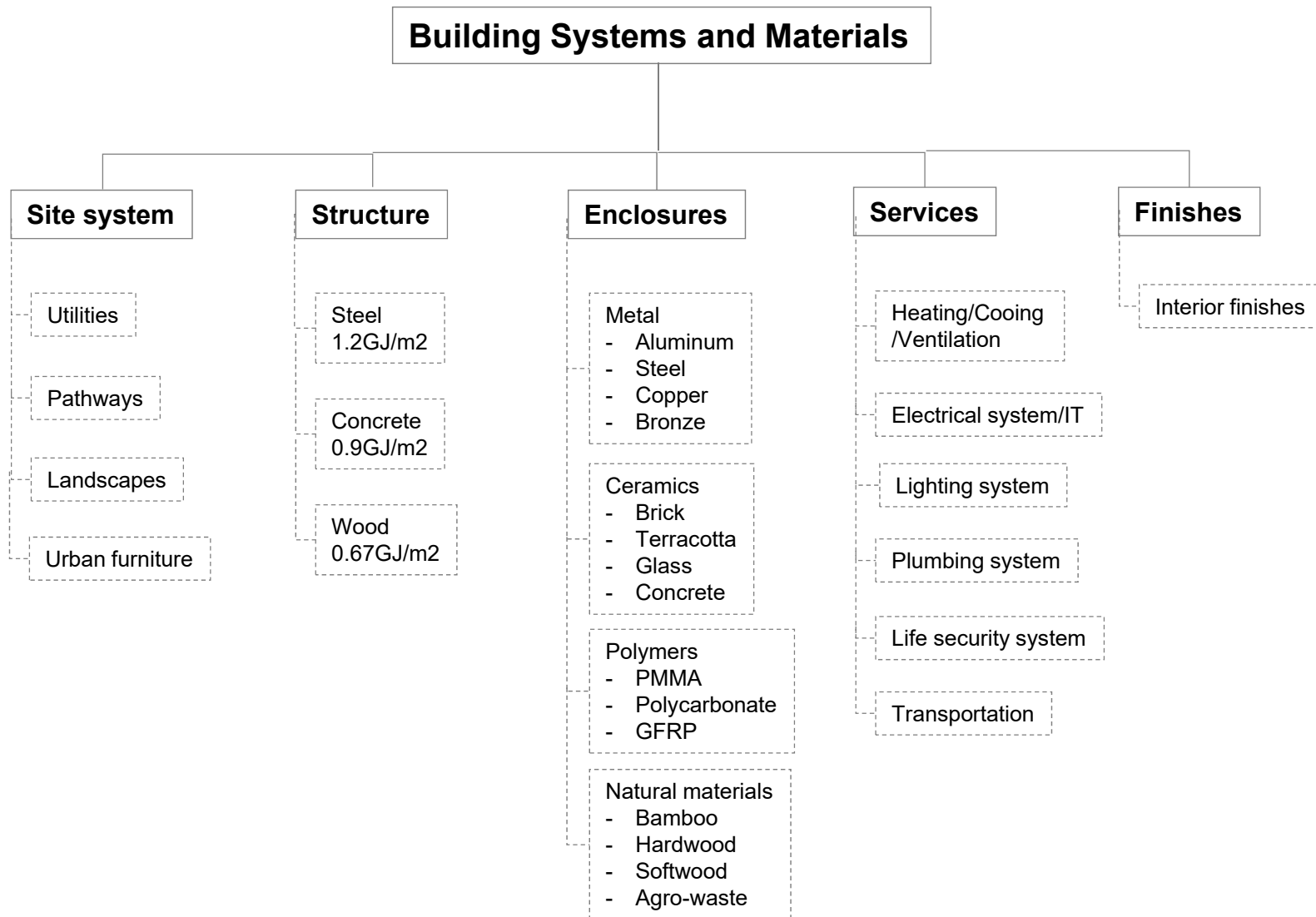
ECO-INFORMED MATERIAL CHOICE  
THIRD EDITION



Michael F. Ashby

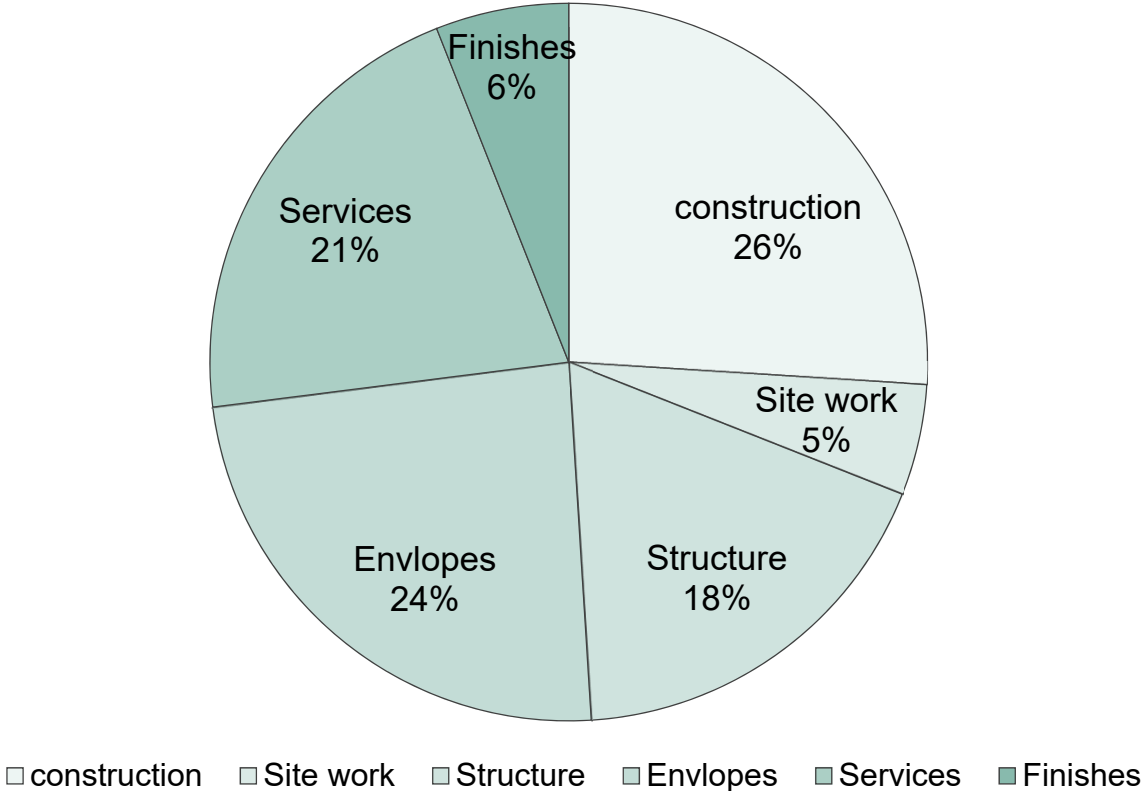


# Building Systems and Materials



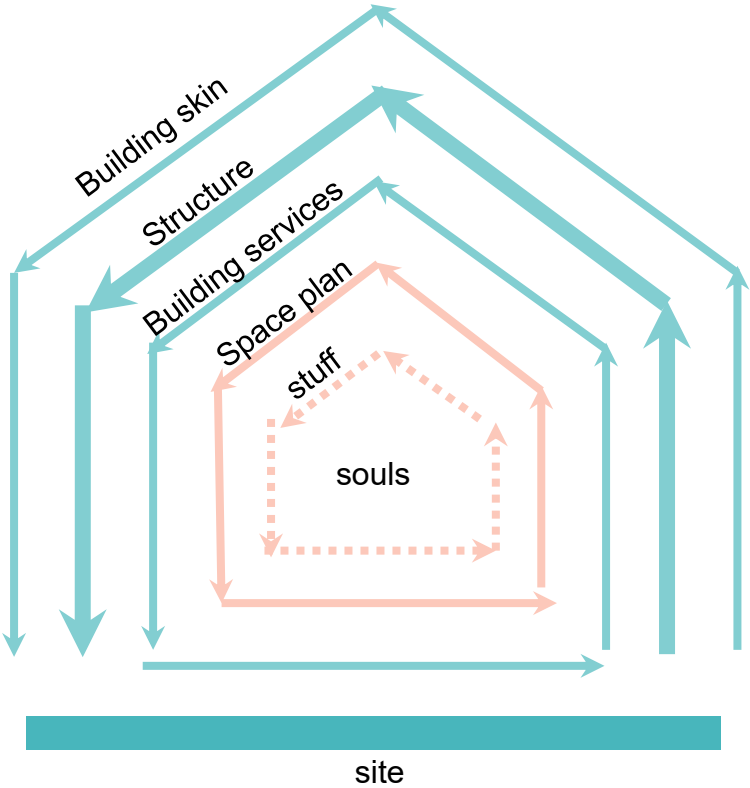
# Embodied Energy Breakdown of Building Systems

## Embodied energy breakdown for an office building



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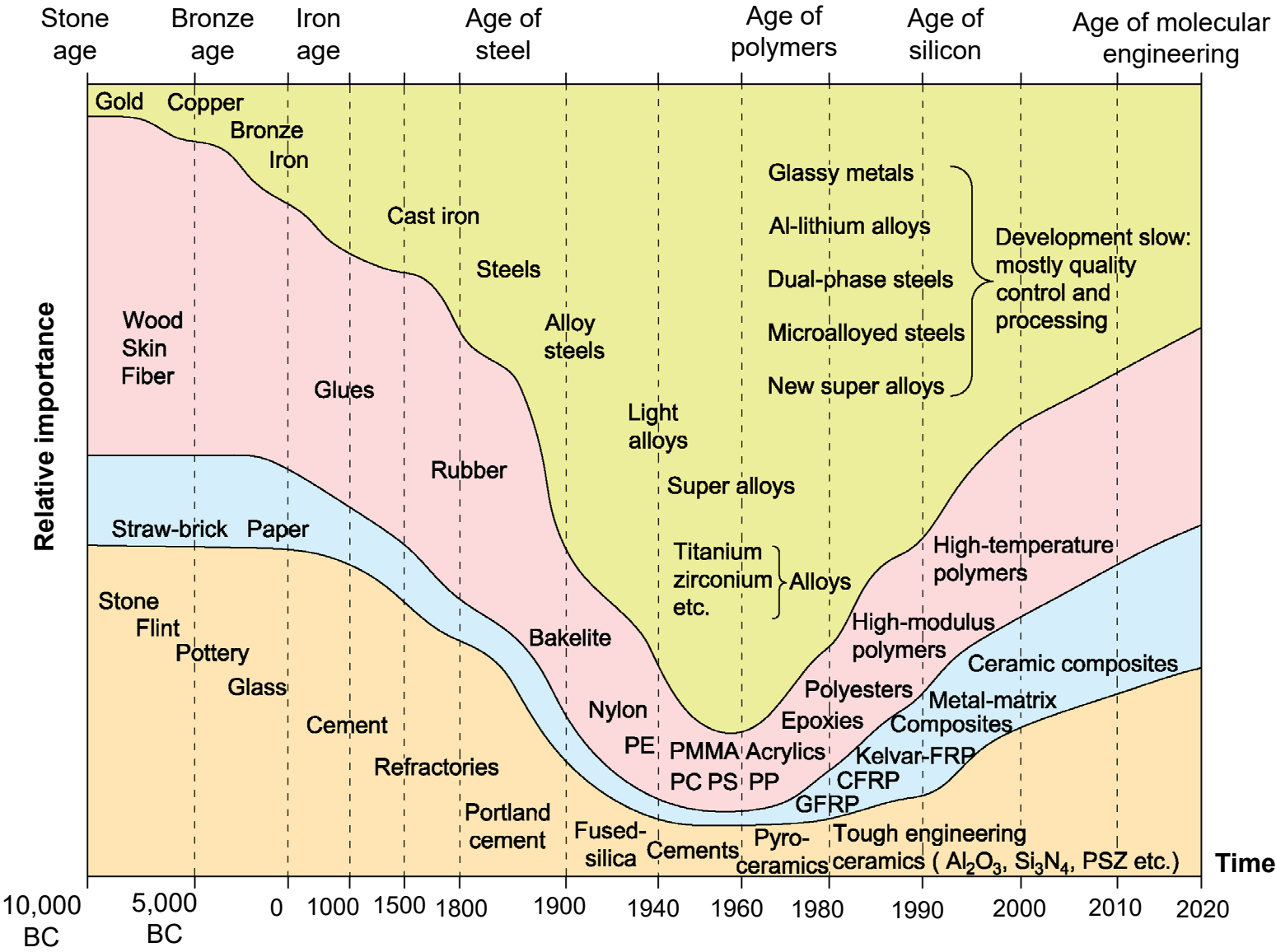
# Building Systems: Sharing Layers of Change



Shearing layers	Description	Typical lifespan/activity
Site	Location and context	Permanent
Structure	Framework	30-300 years
Skin	Enclosures	20+ years
Services	Lifeblood	7-20 years
Space plan	Interior layout	3 years
Stuff	Furniture/equipment	Under 3 years
Souls		Daily

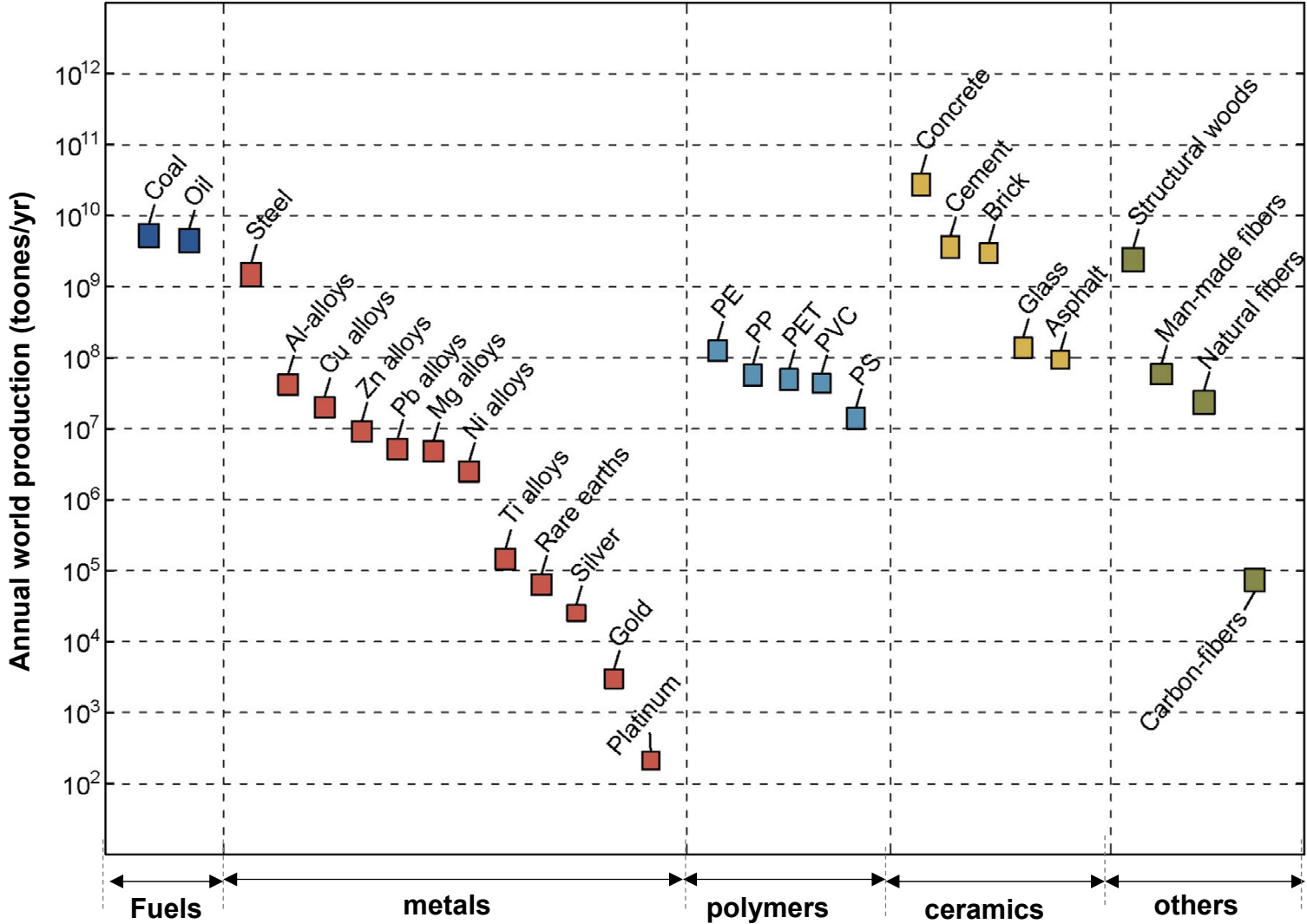
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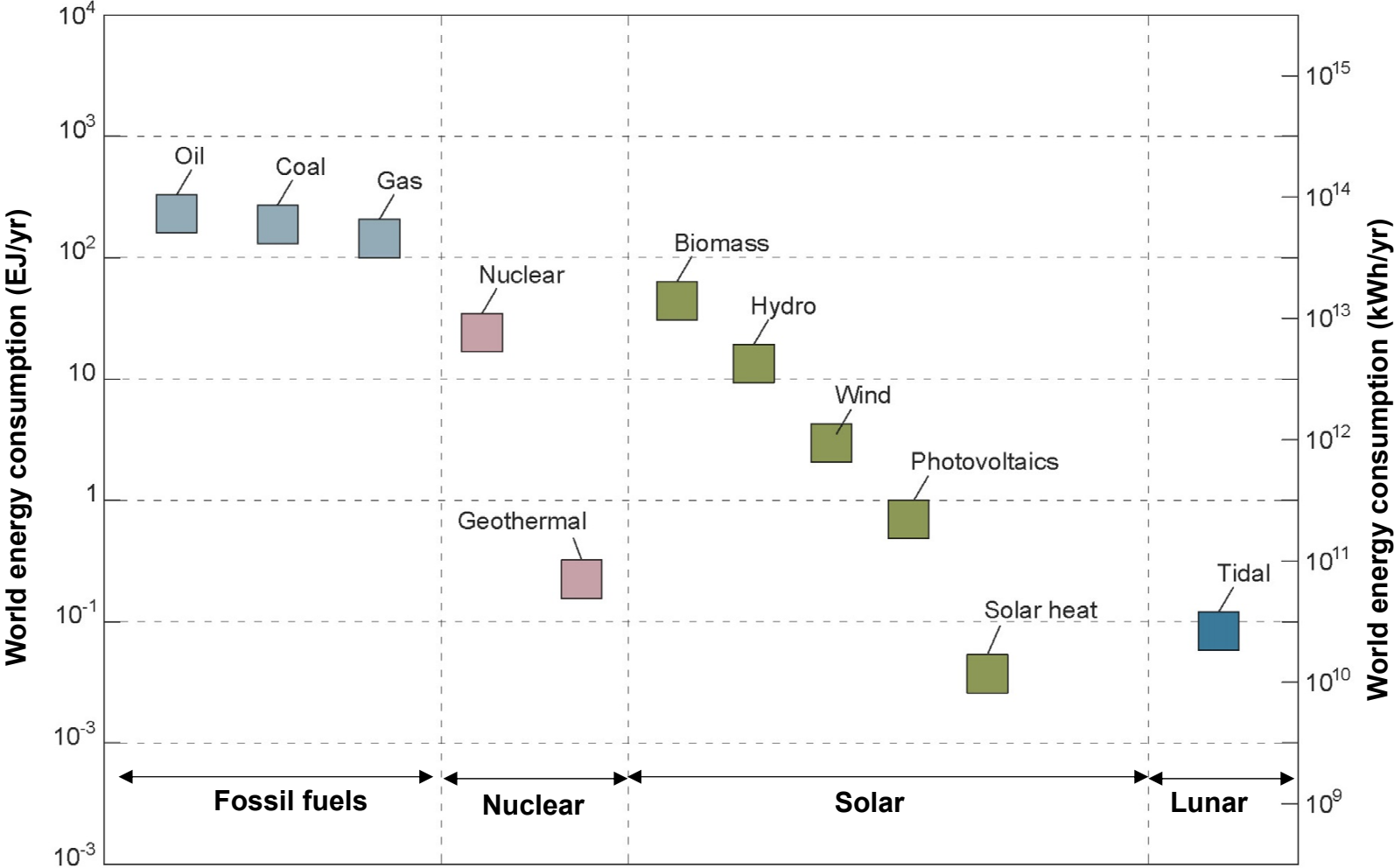
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# Materials: World Production



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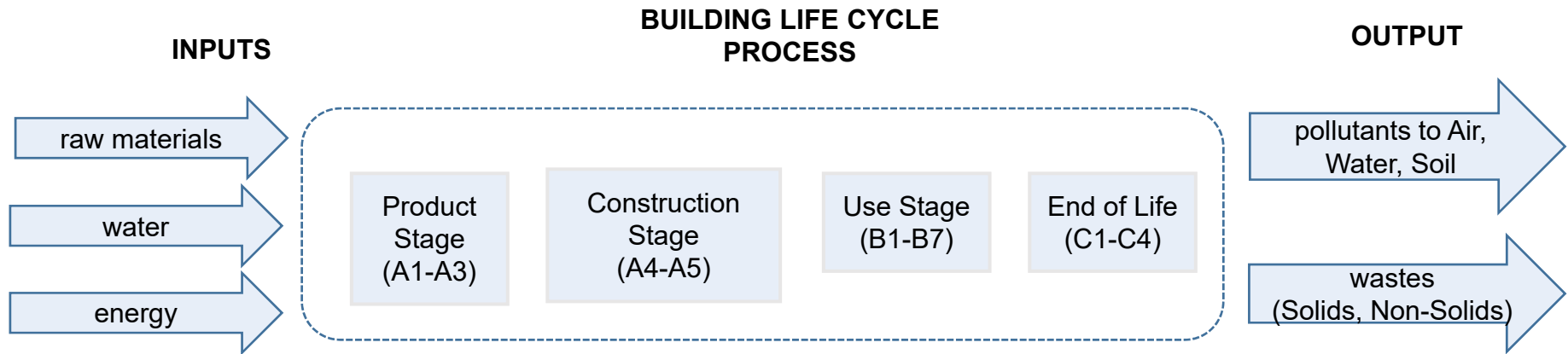


# **Eco-Properties**

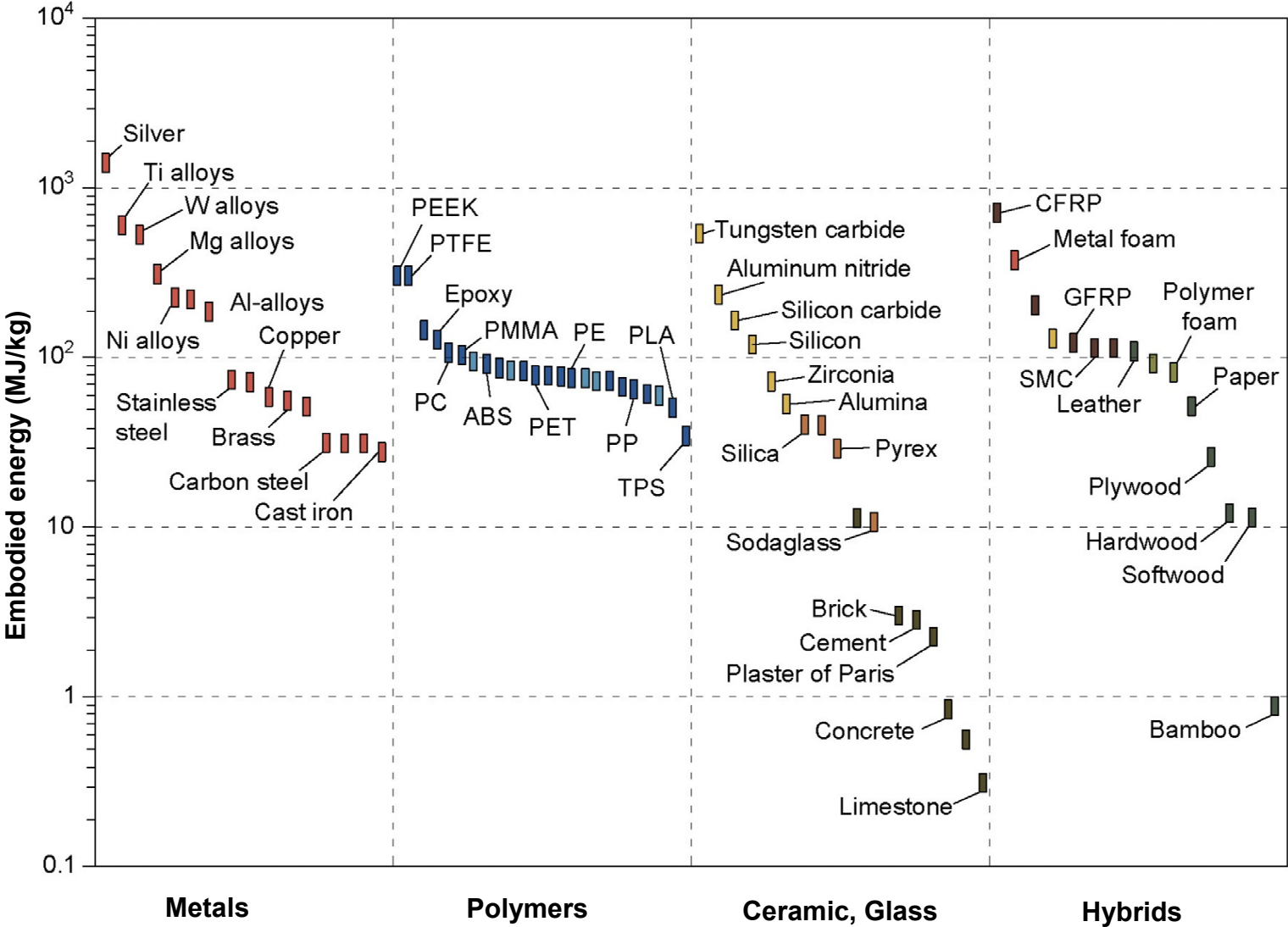
# Eco-Properties from Building Life Cycle Perspective

**Reduce.**  
Use of renewable  
resources.

**Sequester.**  
**Recycle.**  
**Reuse.**  
**Regenerate.**

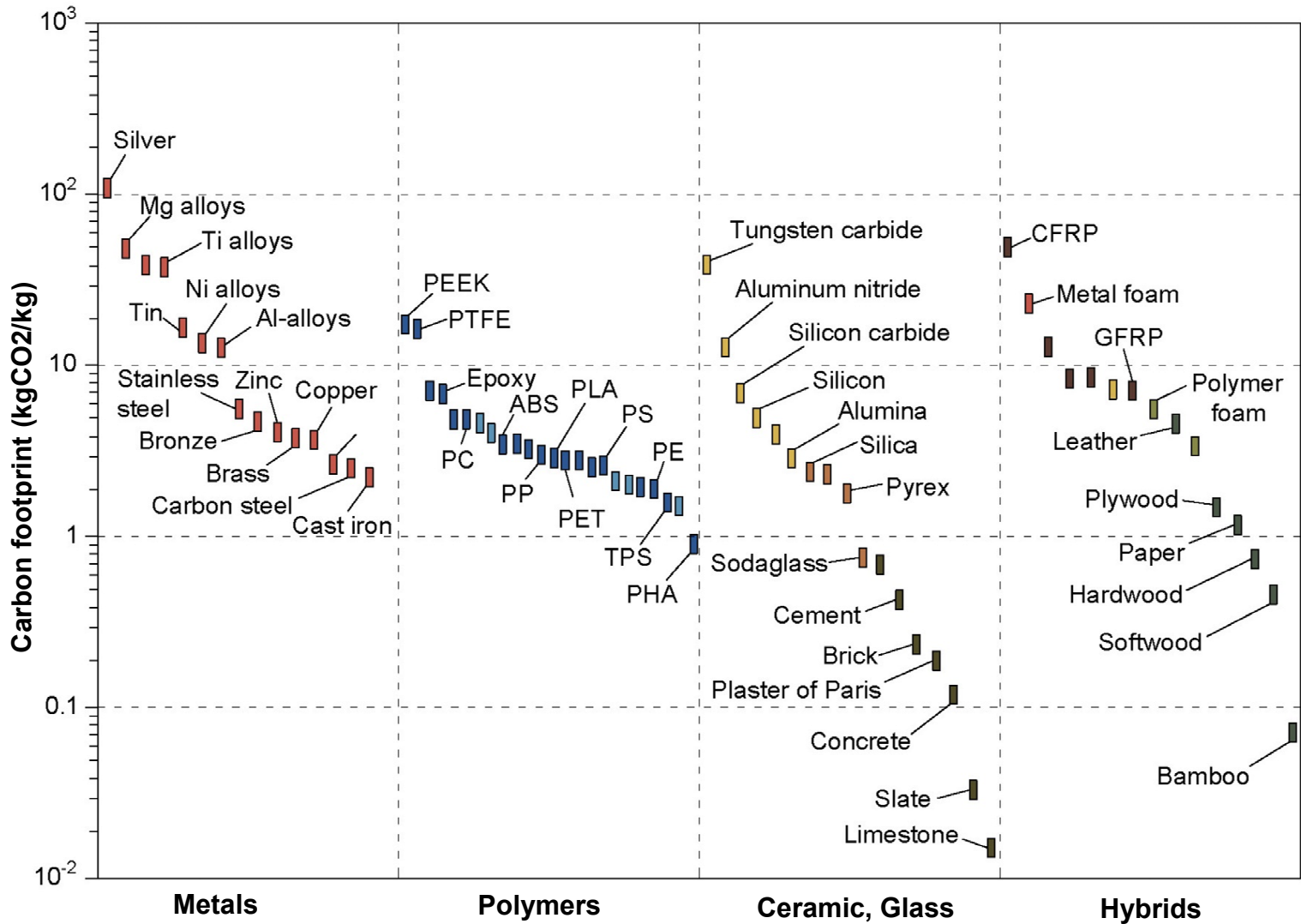


# Embodied Energy per kg



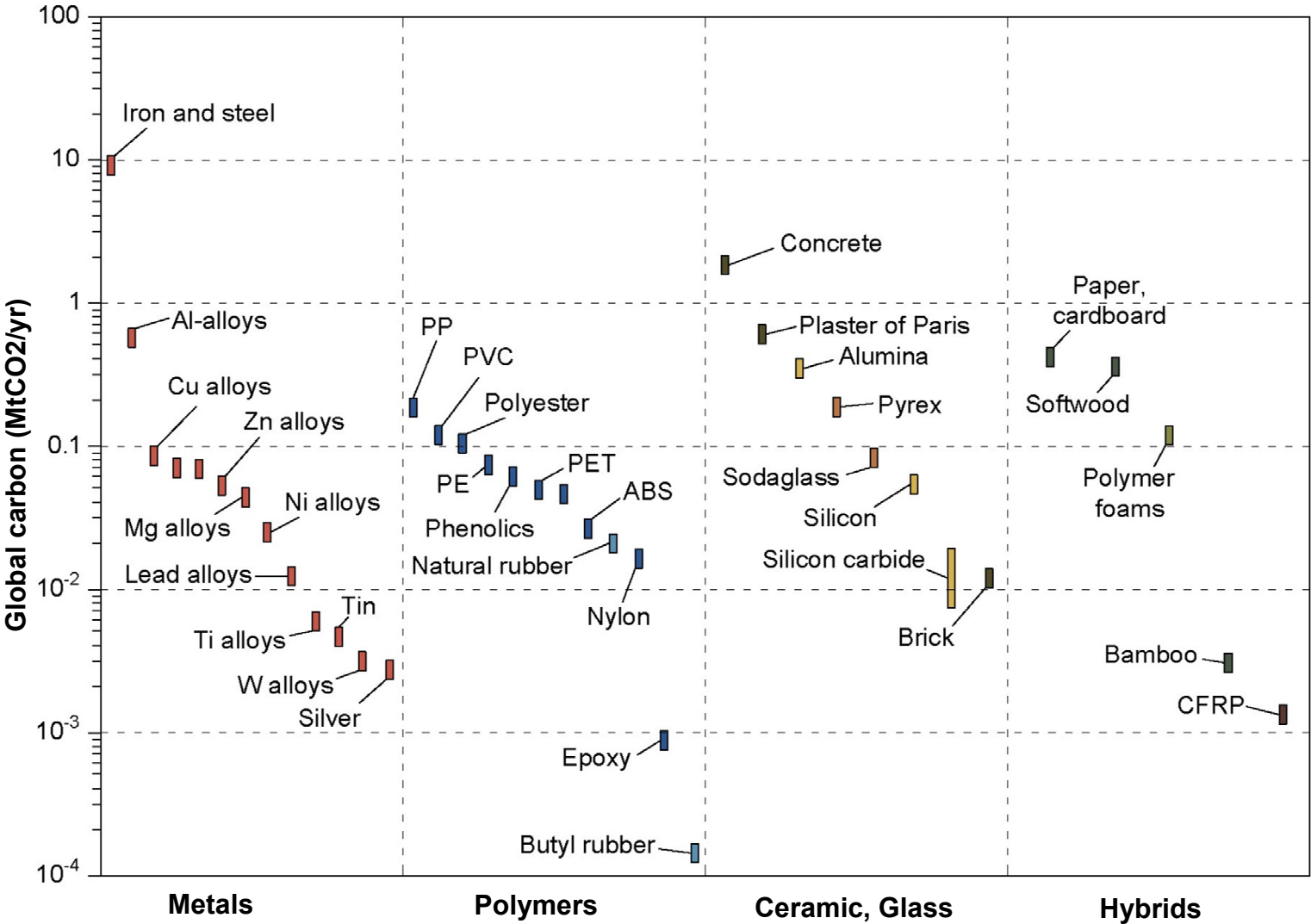
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# Carbon footprint per kg



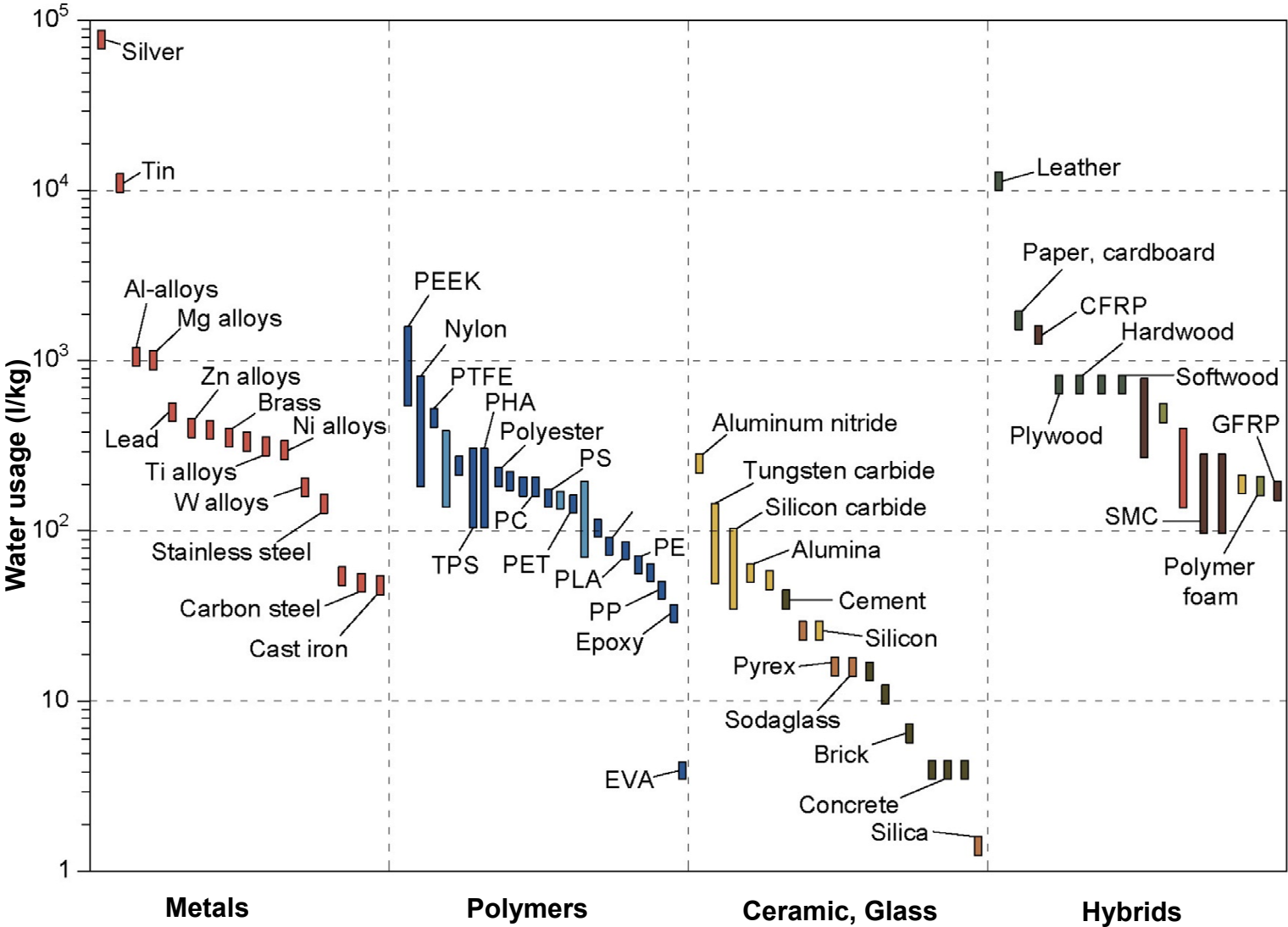
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# Global Carbon Emissions



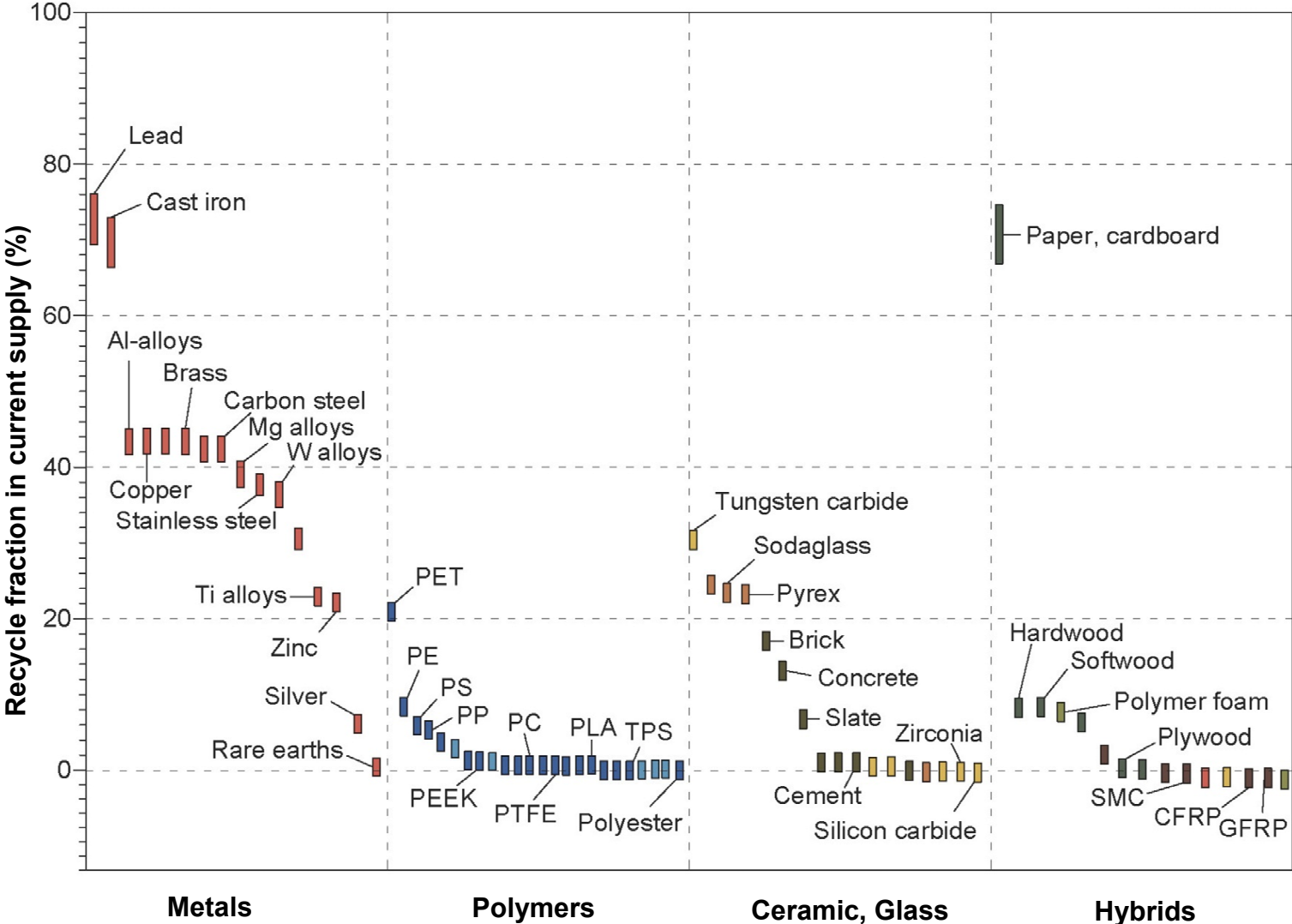
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# Water Usage



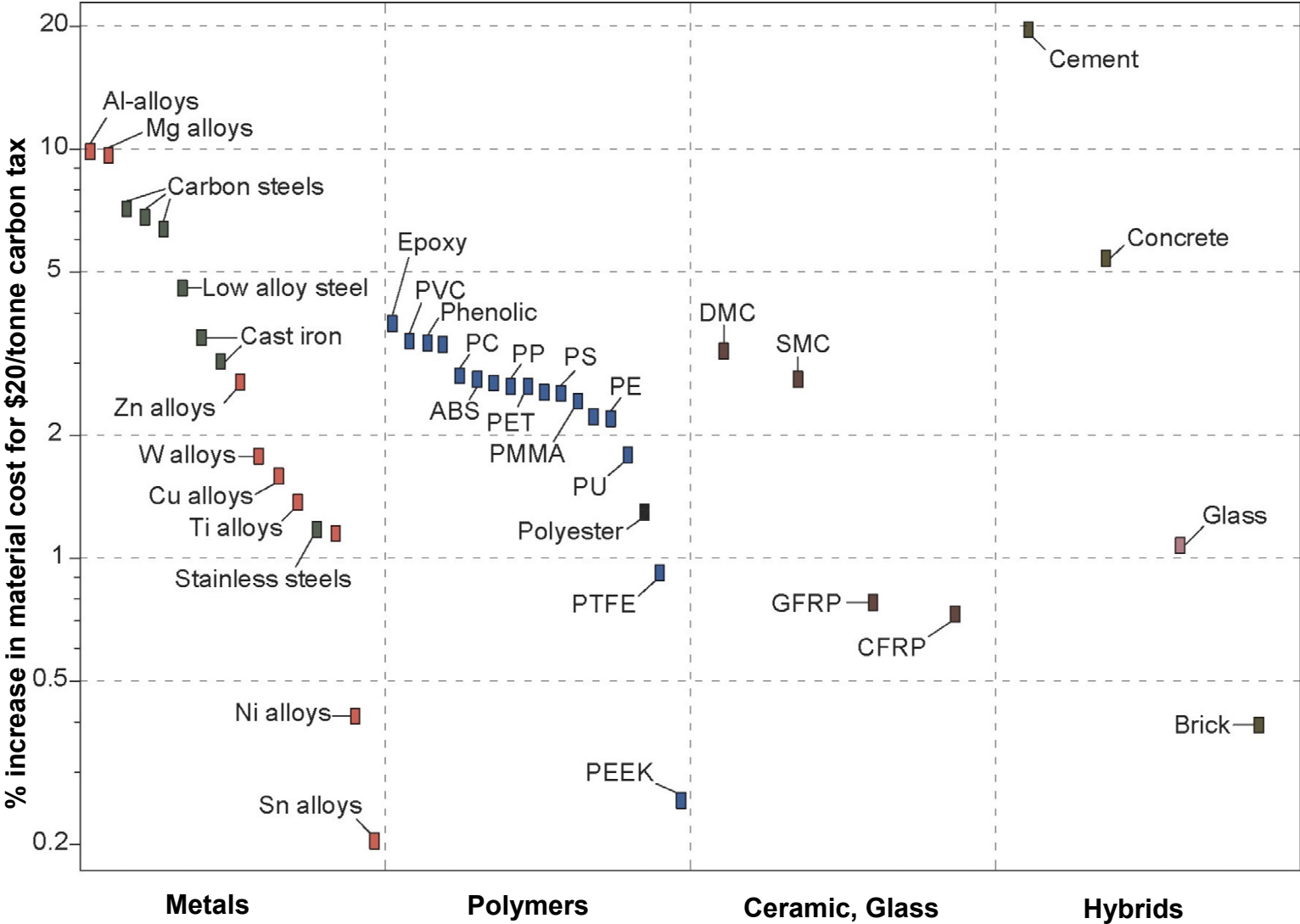
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# Recycle fraction in current supply (%)



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# Carbon Tax Sensitivity

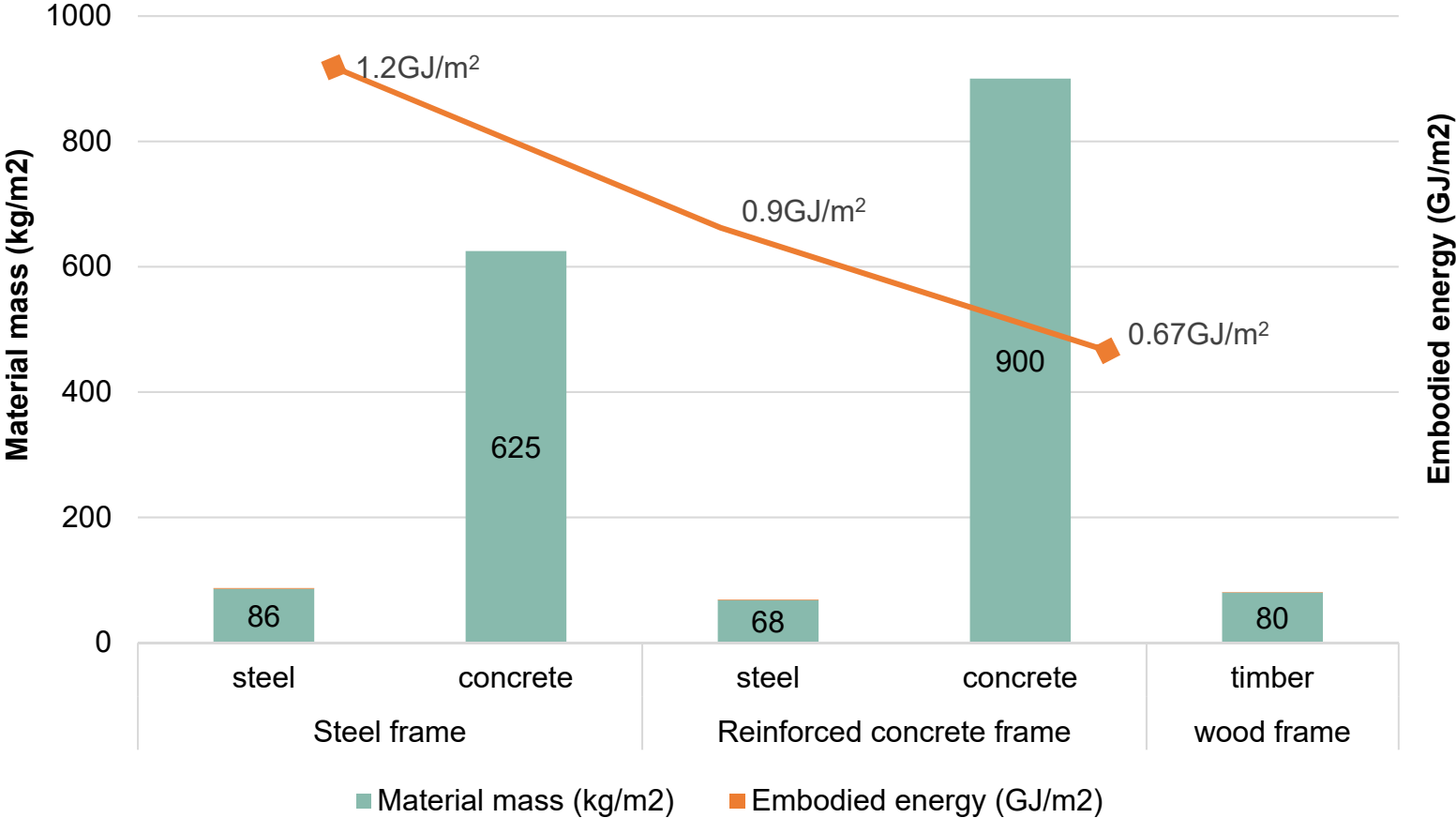


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# **CARBON CAPTURE**

# Embodied Energy/m<sup>2</sup> of Alternative Building Structures



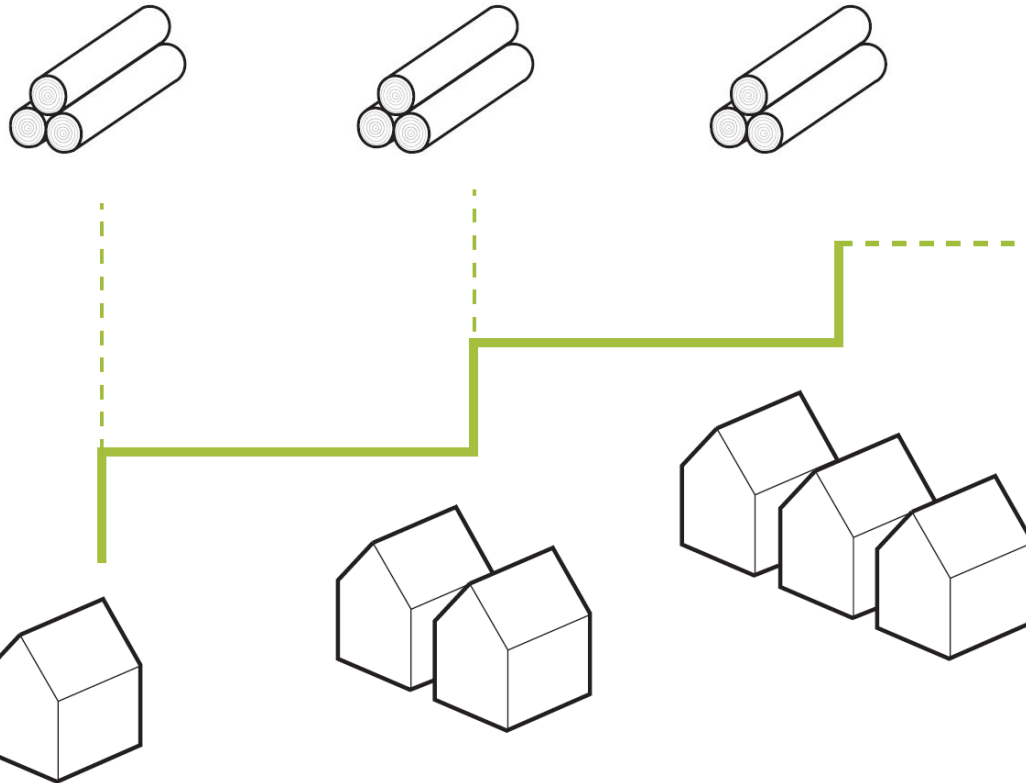
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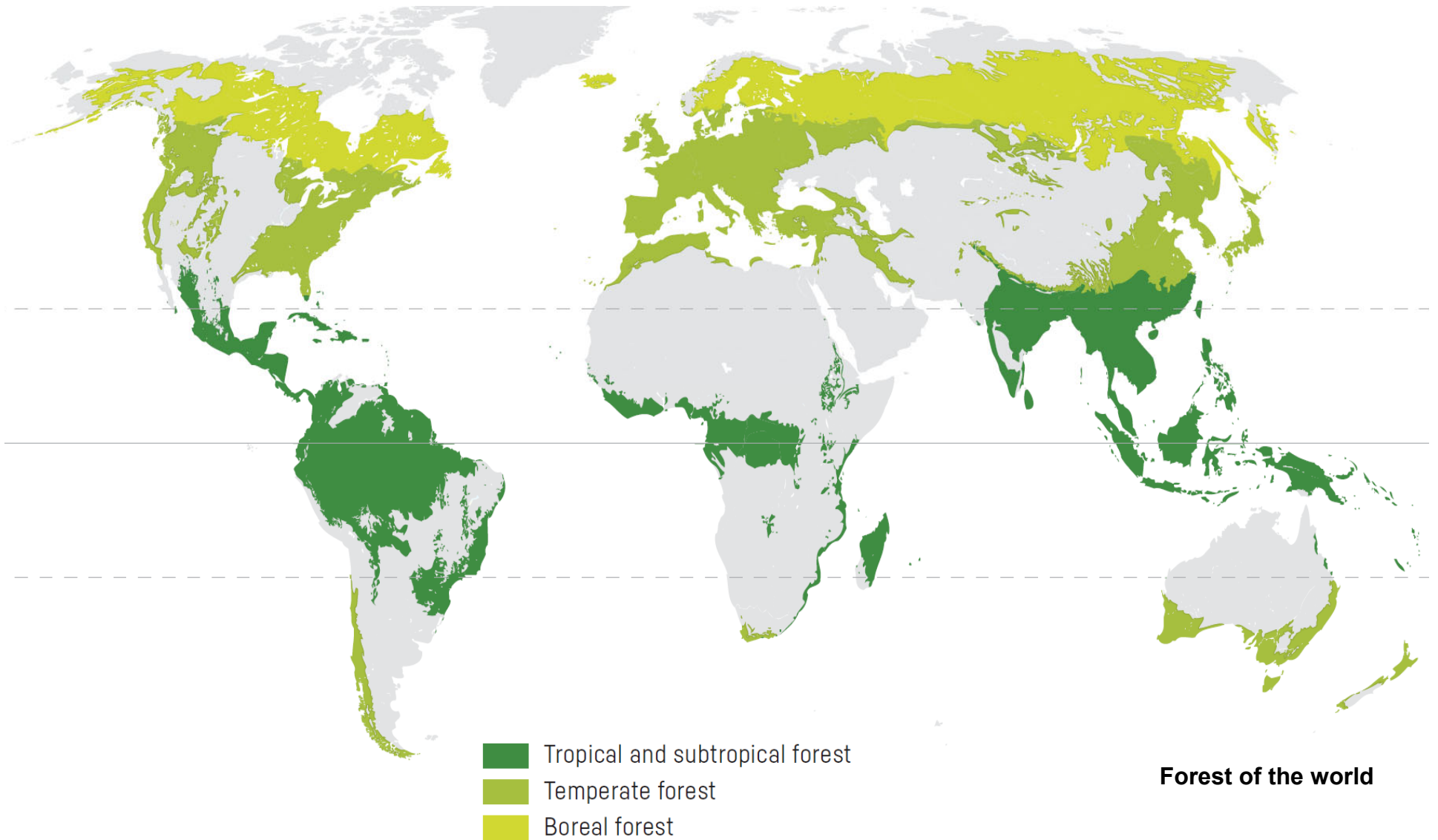


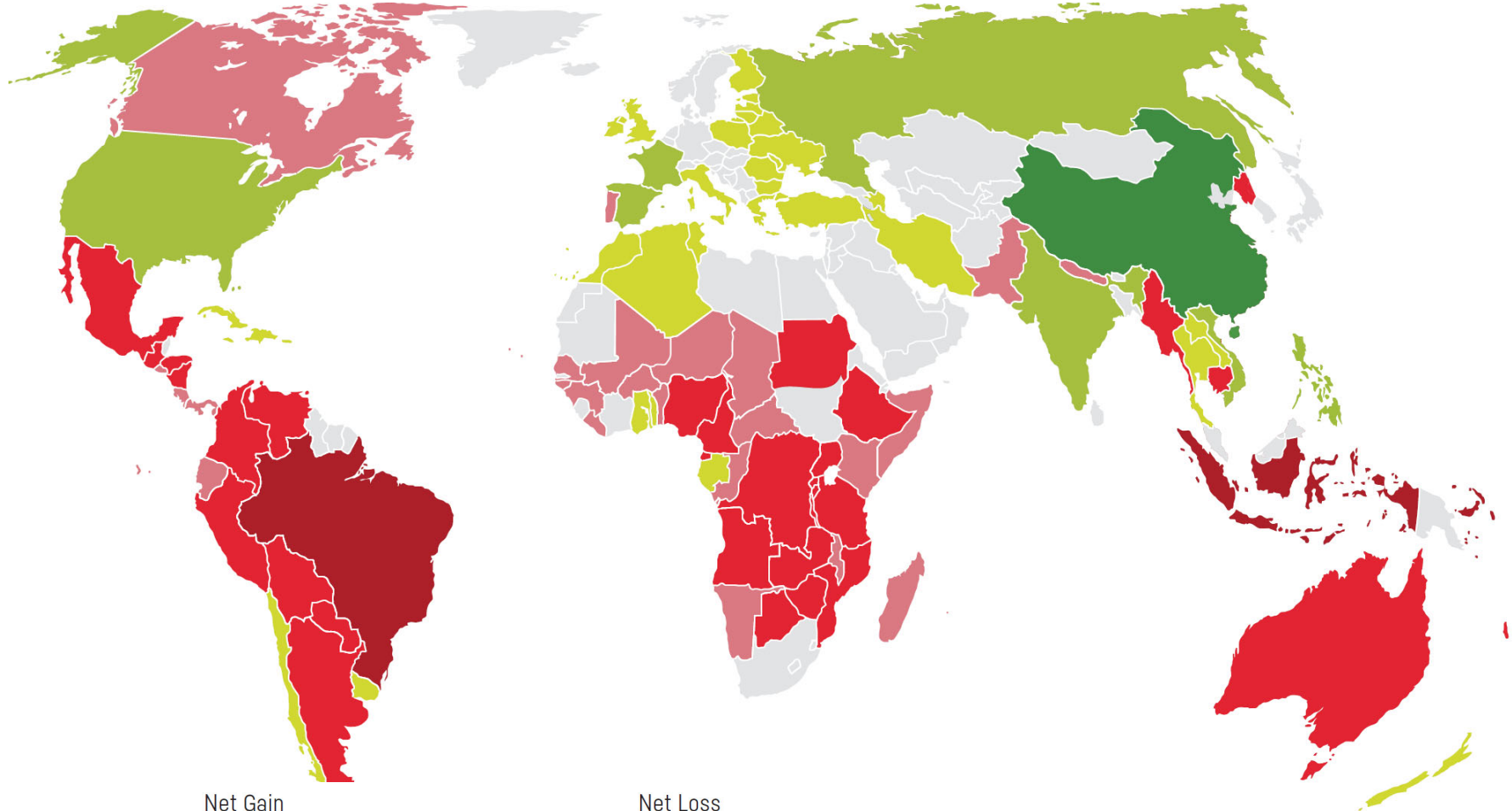
Forests as  
carbon sink  
Growth and harvest  
cycle



Timber products  
as carbon sink  
Increased storage capacity  
over time

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Net Gain

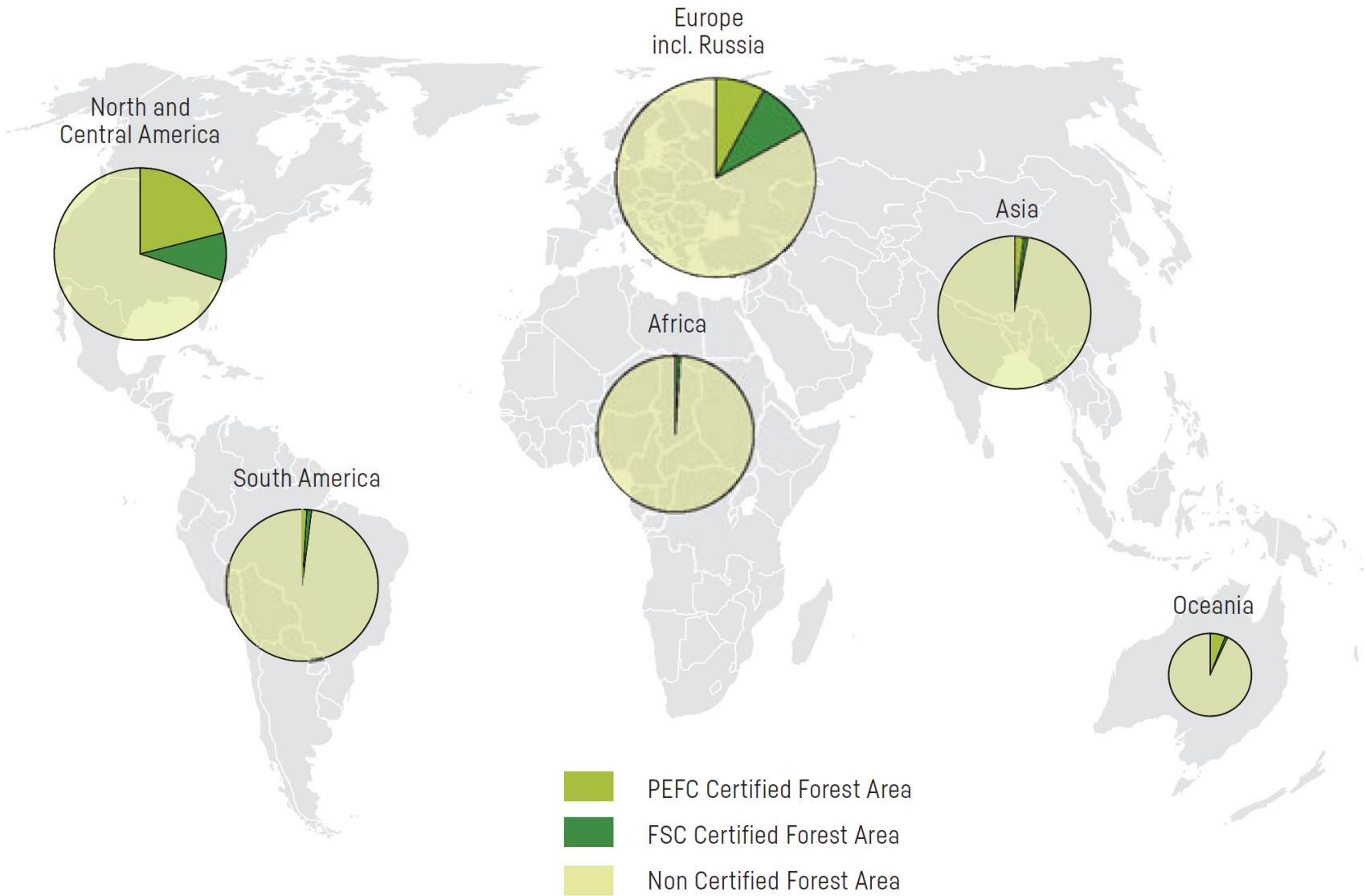
- More than 500.000 ha
- >100.000–500.000 ha
- >10.000–100.000 ha

Net Loss

- More than 500.000 ha
- >100.000–500.000 ha
- >10.000–100.000 ha

- No change

**Annual net forest gain and loss by country (1990-2015)**  
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**Certified forest areas**

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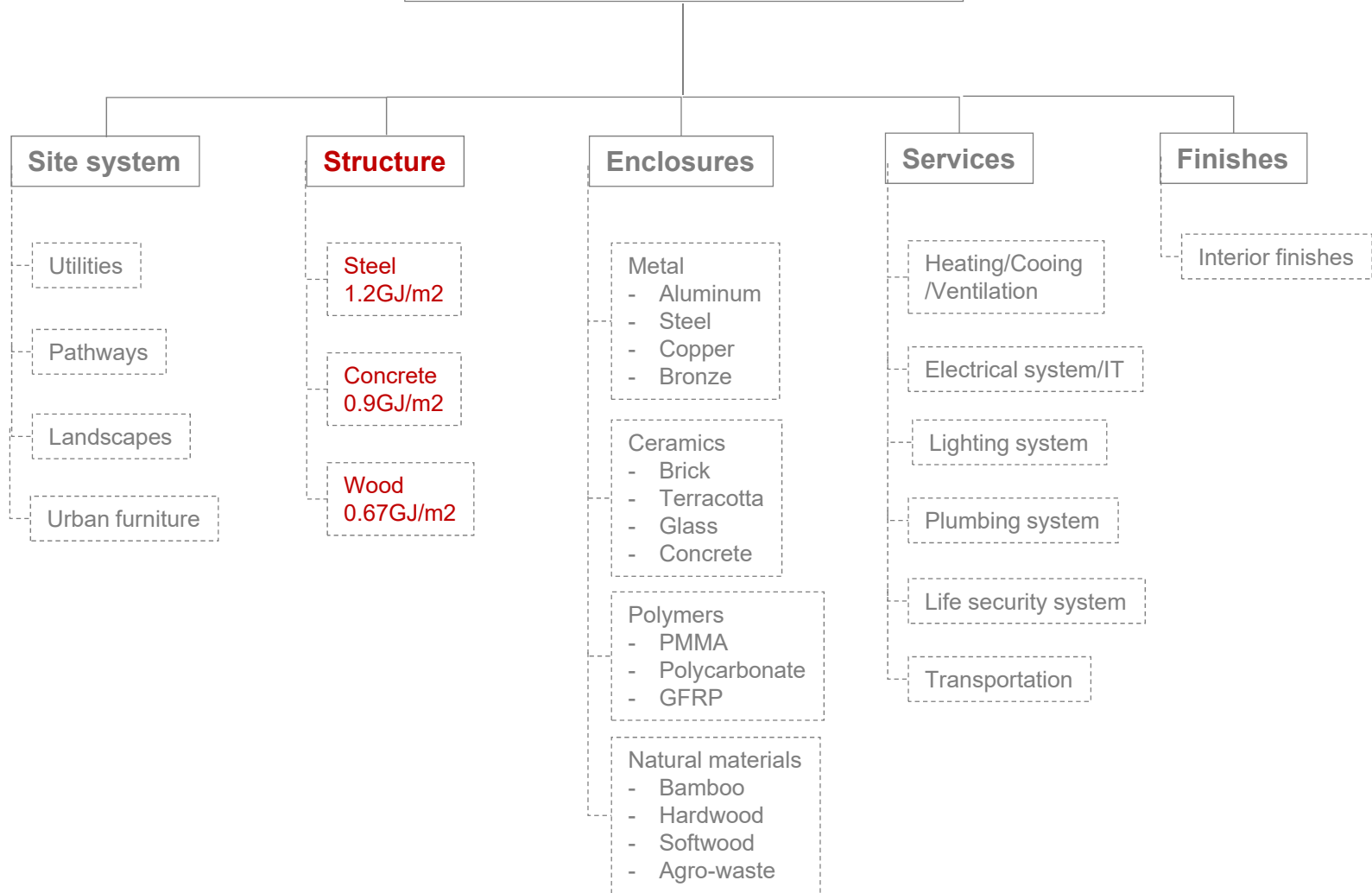
**Canadian Sustainable Forest Management**

*Supporting CSA Z809 – Canada's SFM Standard*



# **Wood Structural System**

# Building Systems and Materials



# Wood Structure

## Primary Frames

Glulam

Solid Sawn Lumber

Structural Composite Lumber

Other Buildup Lumber



Glulam



Solid Sawn Lumber



Composite lumber

## Load bearing walls & floors

Cross Laminated Timber (CLT)

Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL)

Laminated Stranded Lumber (LSL)

Parallel Strand Lumber (PSL)

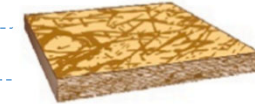
Mass Plywood Panel (MPP)



CLT



LVL



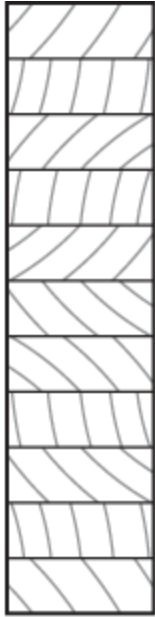
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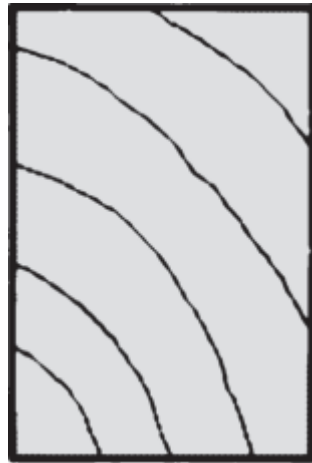
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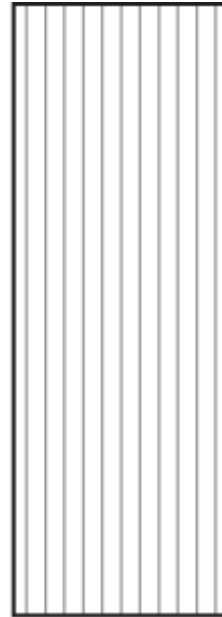
MPP



Glue laminated beam



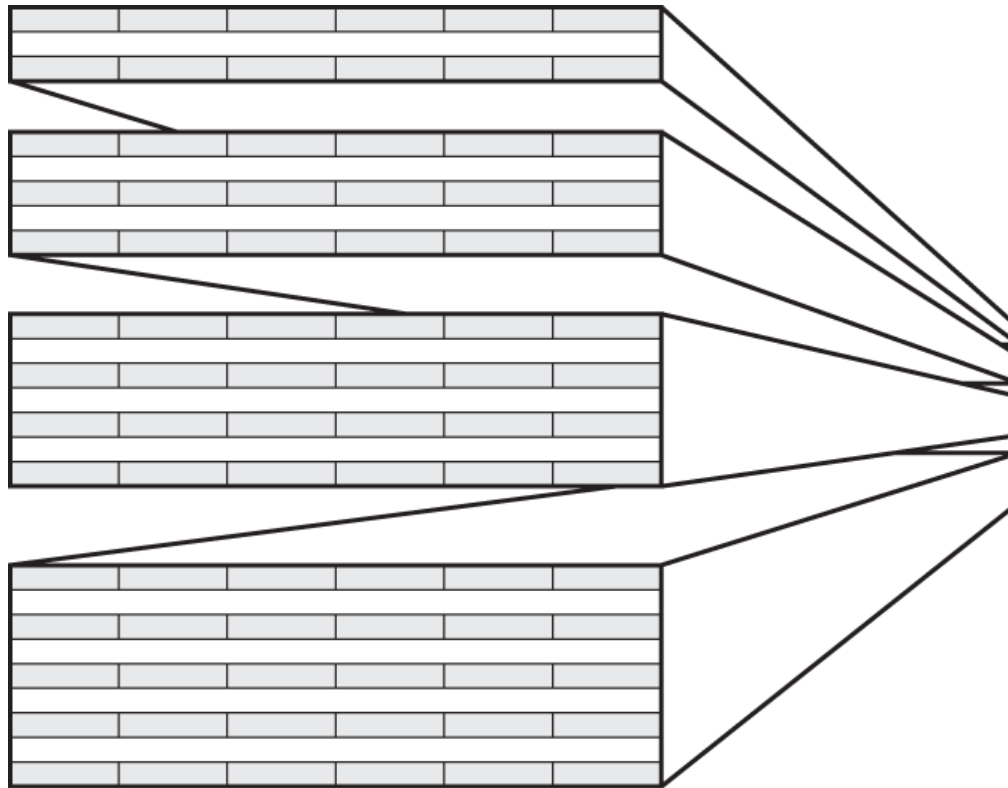
Solid beam



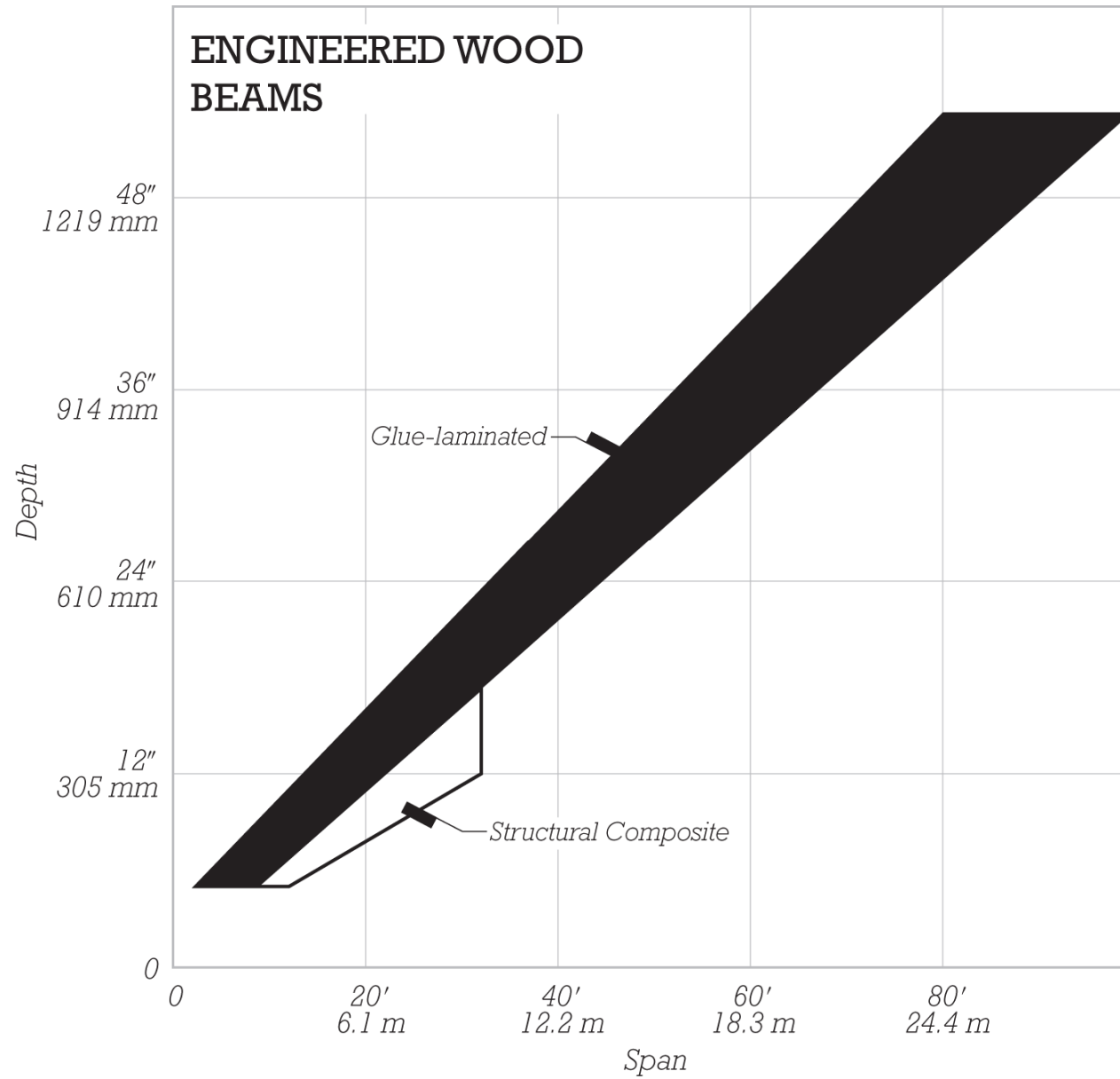
Composite beam

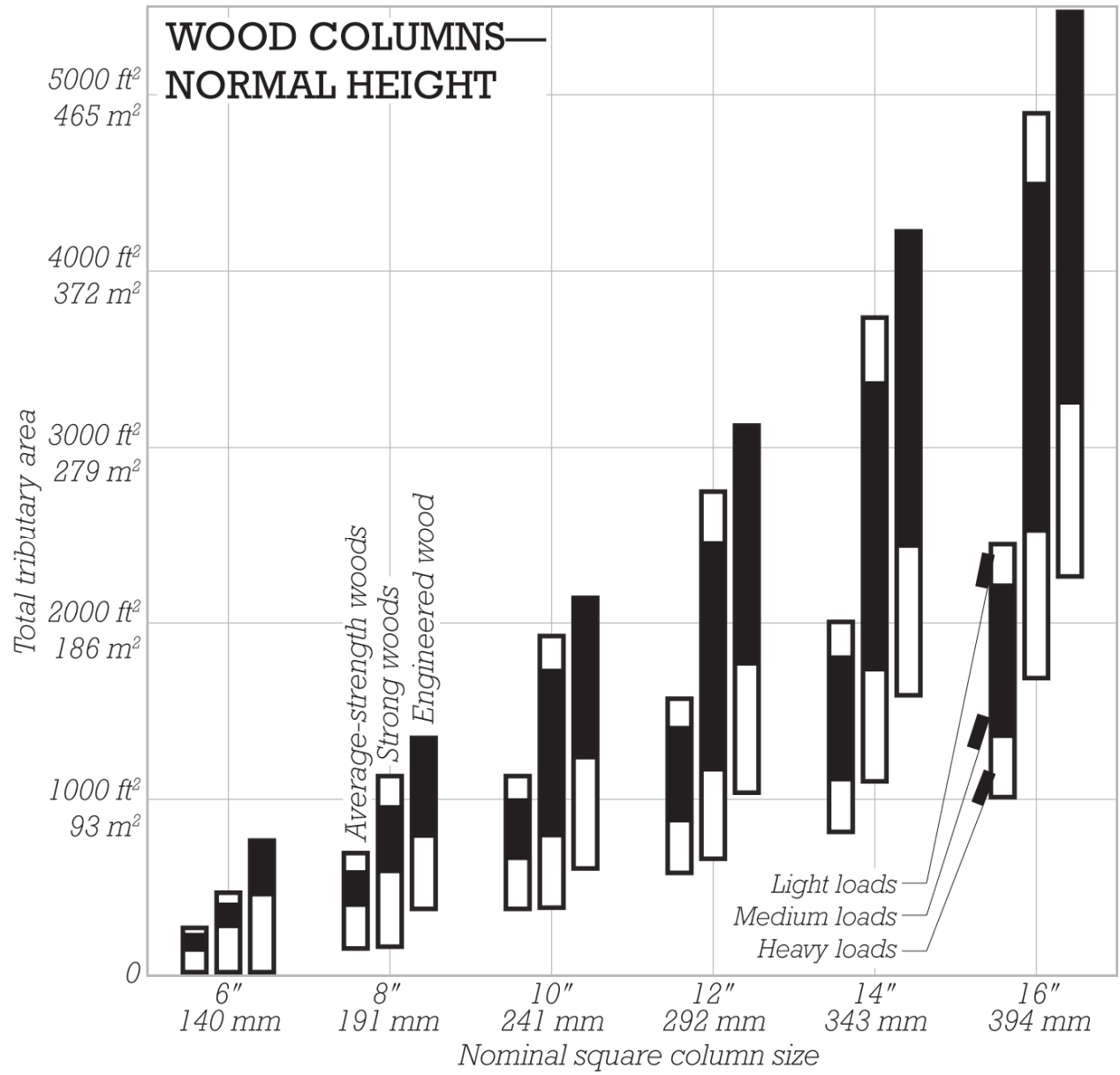


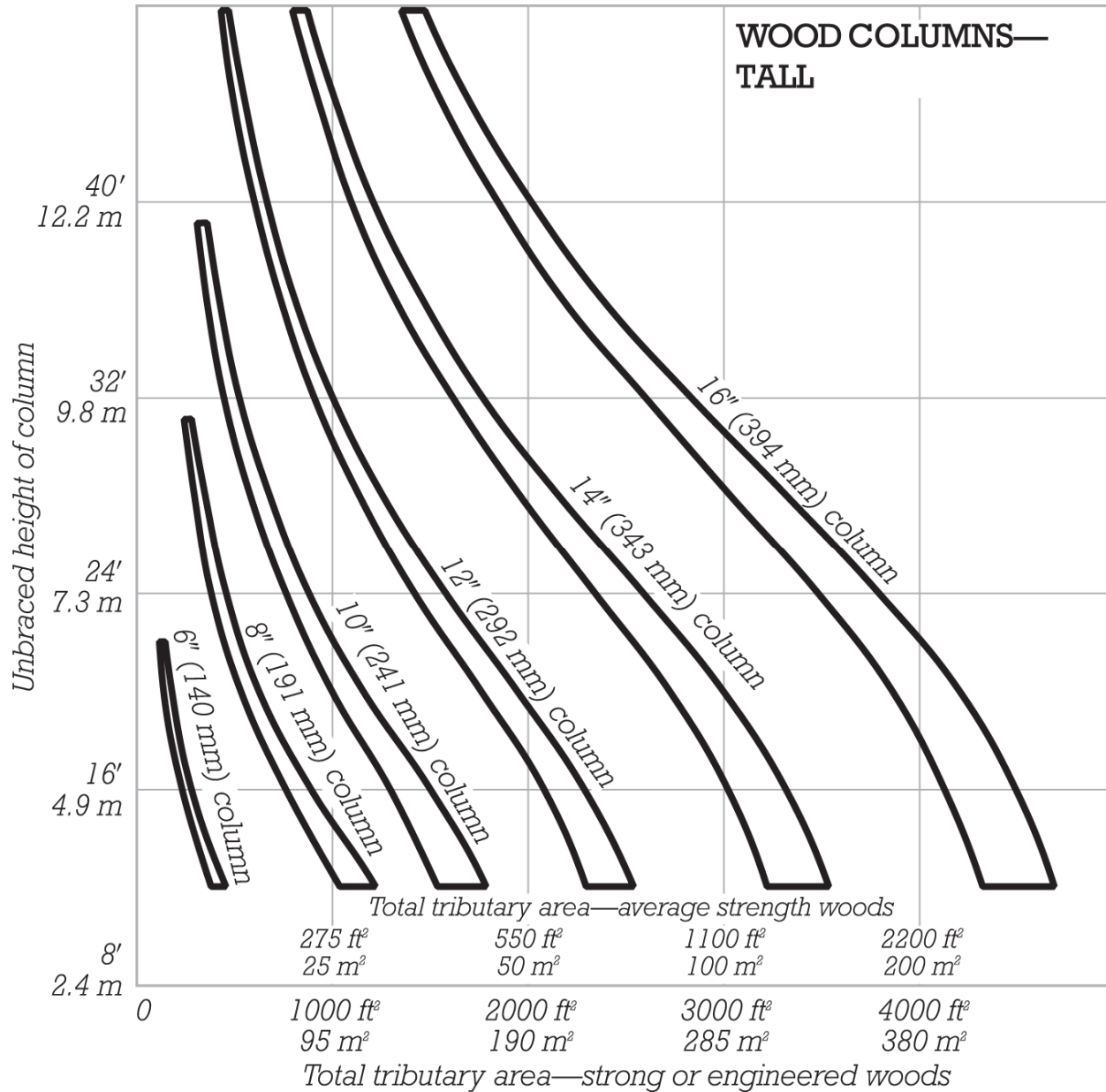
Built-up beam



3-layer 4" thick  
5-layer 7" thick  
7-layer 9" thick  
9-layer 12" thick



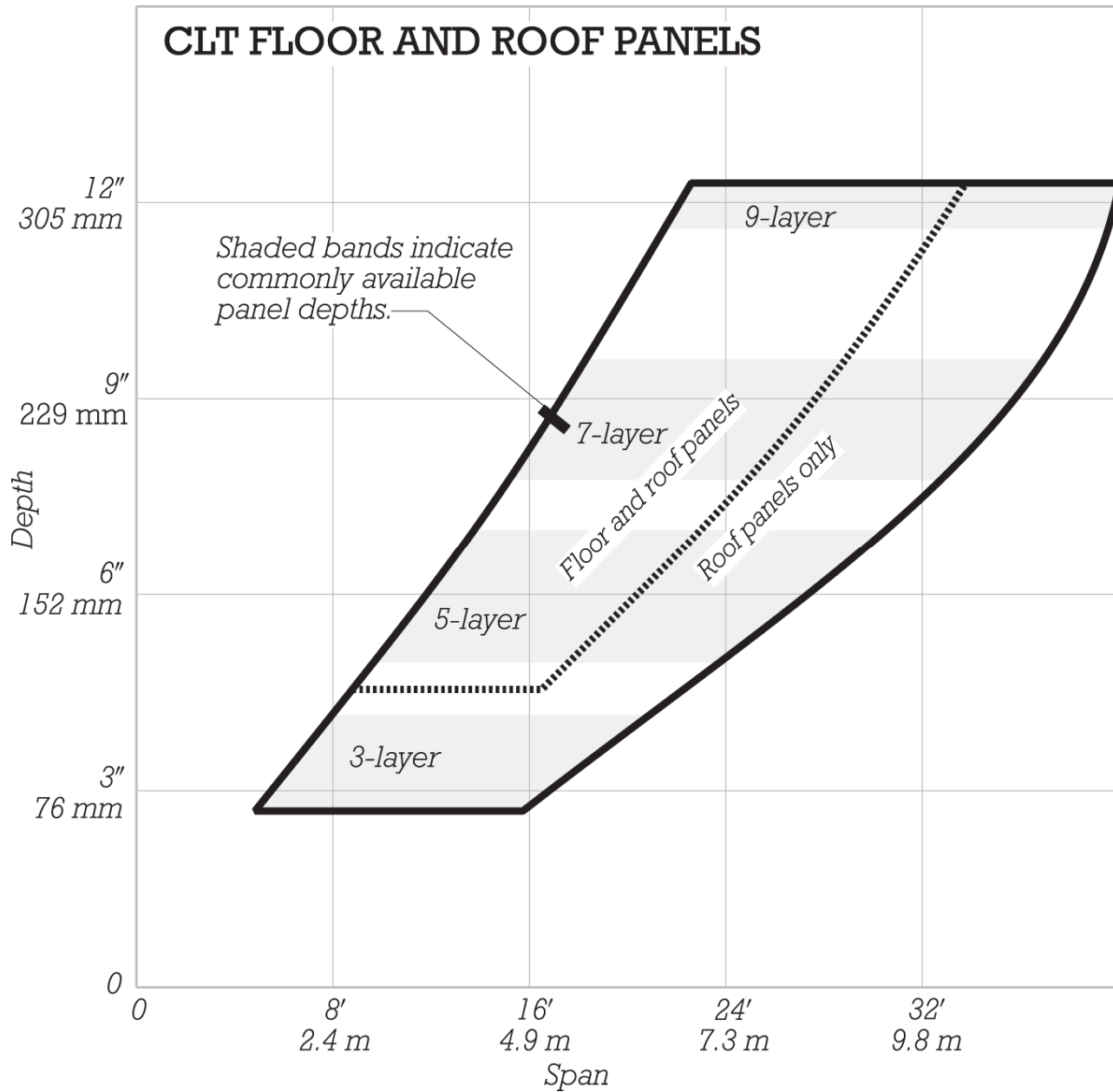




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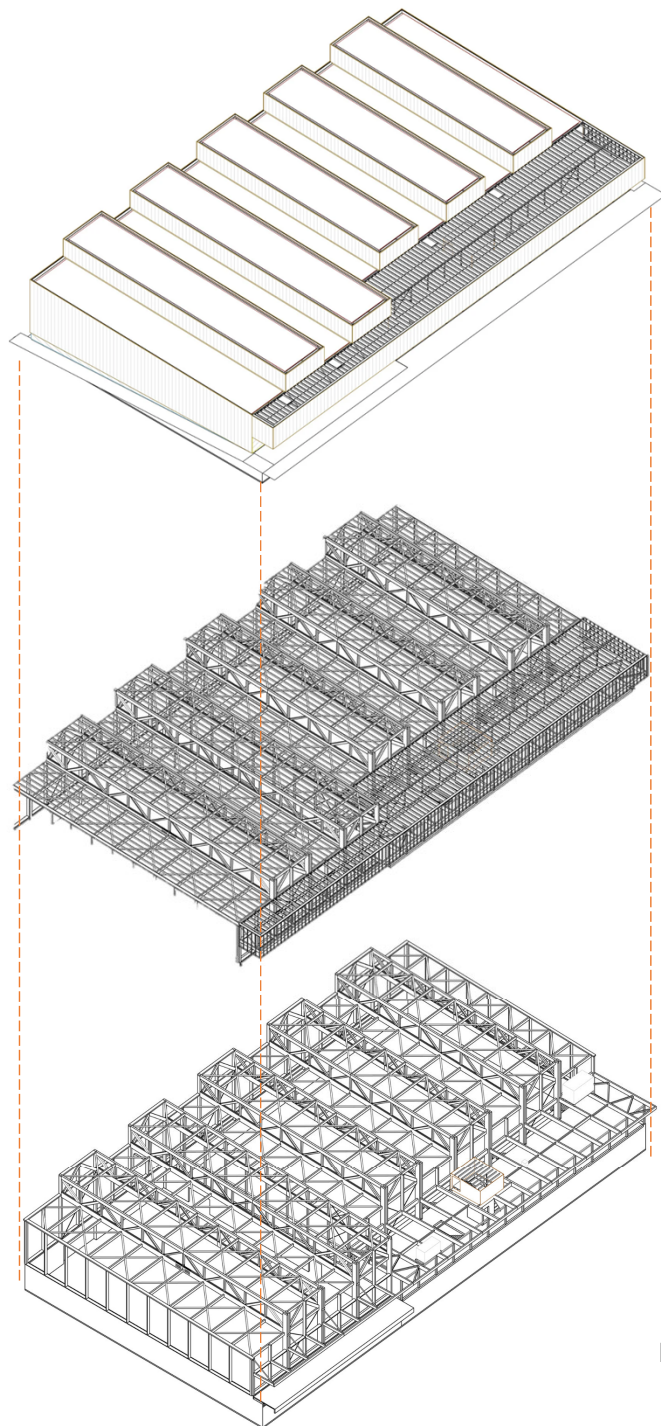
# CLT FLOOR AND ROOF PANELS



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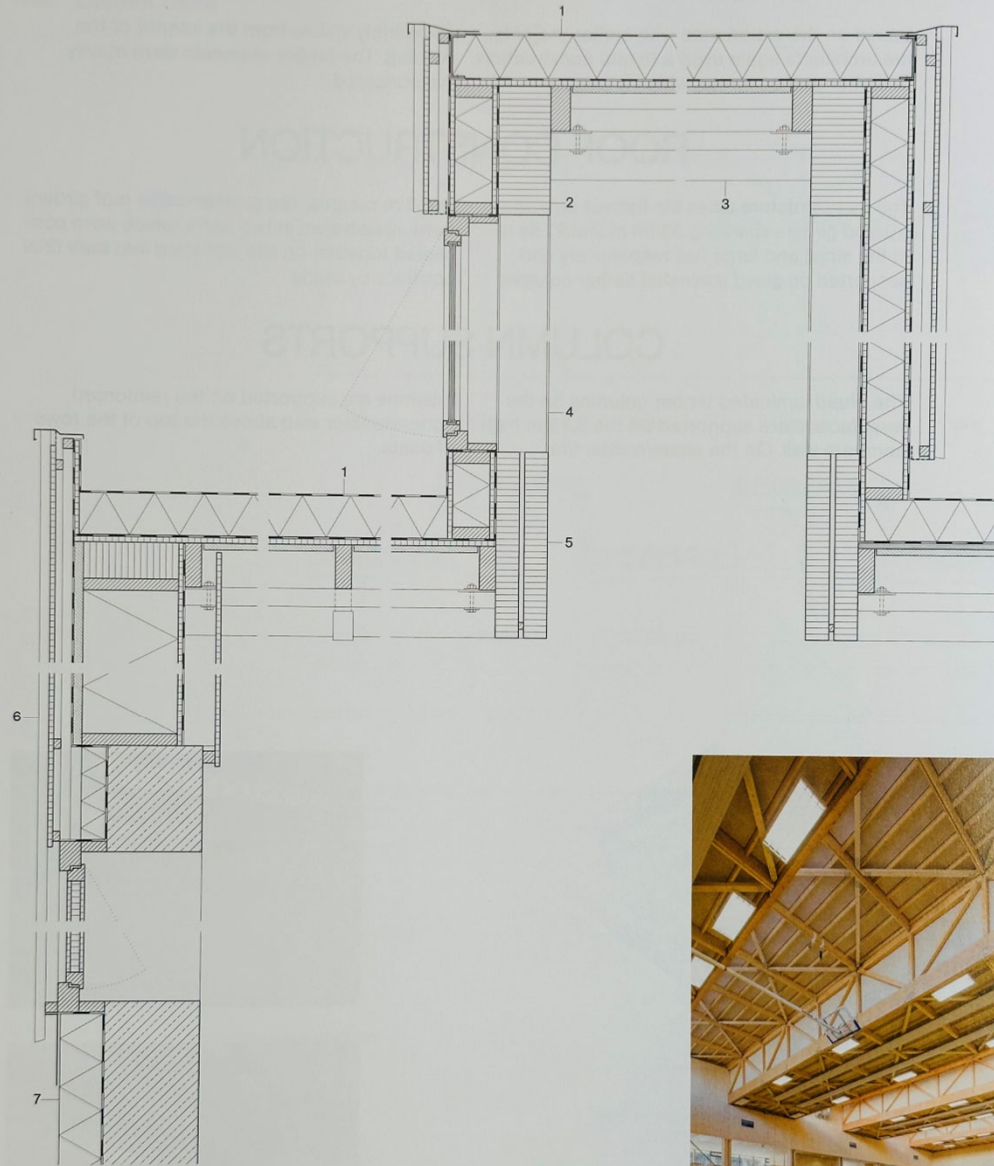
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vertical section through roof and facade scale 1:20

1 roof waterproofing: PVC membrane 160 mm thermal insulation: vapour

barrier 22 mm veneered plywood board 170/70 mm rafters 25 mm wood wool acoustic panel 2 200/450 mm trussed girder top chord

3 170/70 mm transverse timber beam 4 180 mm glulam truss diagonal 5 2x 90/720 mm trussed girder bottom chord

6 63 mm Douglas fir cross beams, between them 360 mm straw bale thermal insulation in timber framing vapour barrier 10 mm OSB

360/140 mm cross beams, between them 360 mm straw bale thermal insulation in timber framing vapour barrier 10 mm OSB

7 120 mm vertical laths 19 mm 3-ply spruce plywood 160 mm PU thermal insulation waterproofing layer; 360 mm



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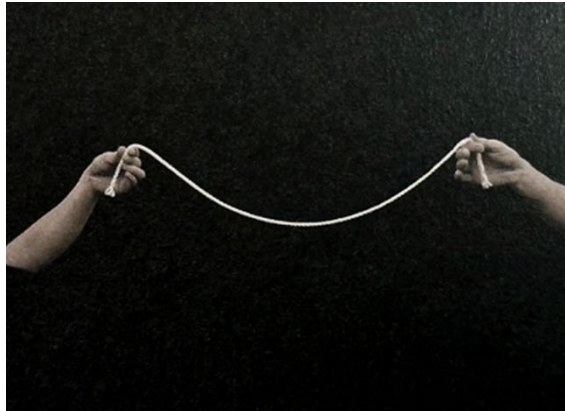
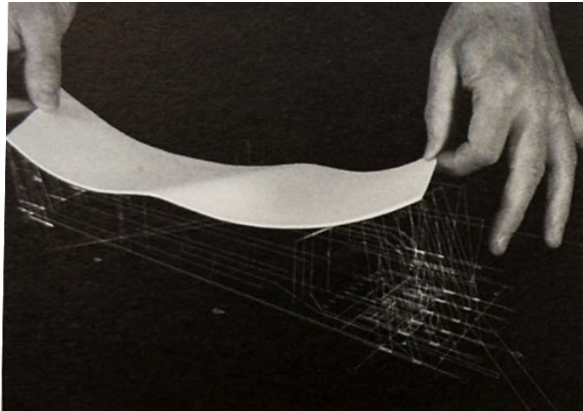


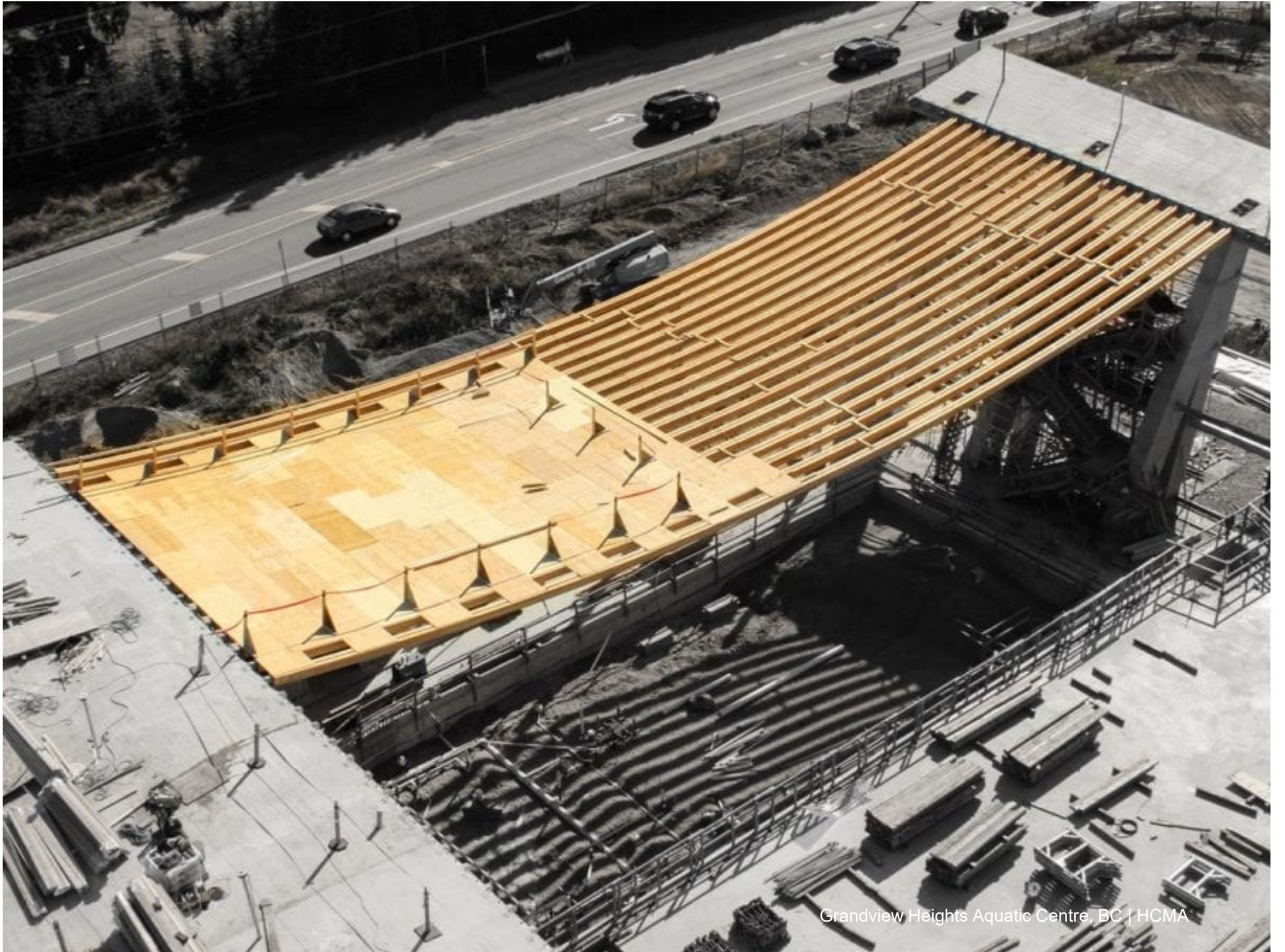
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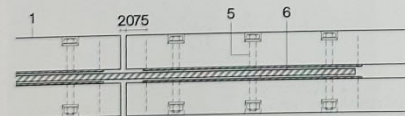
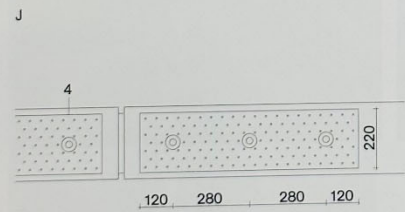
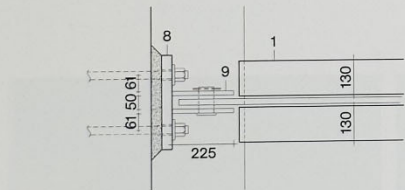
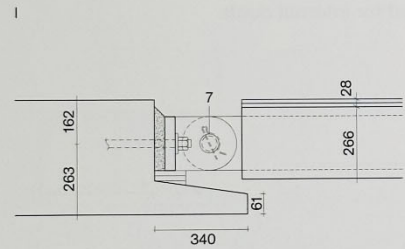
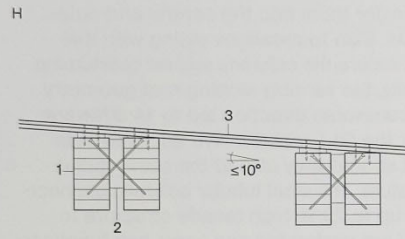
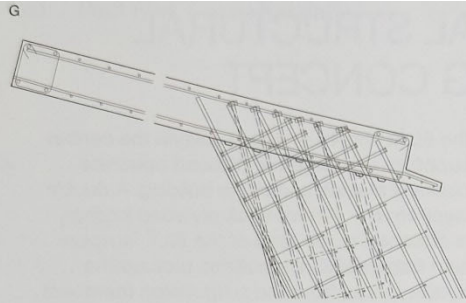




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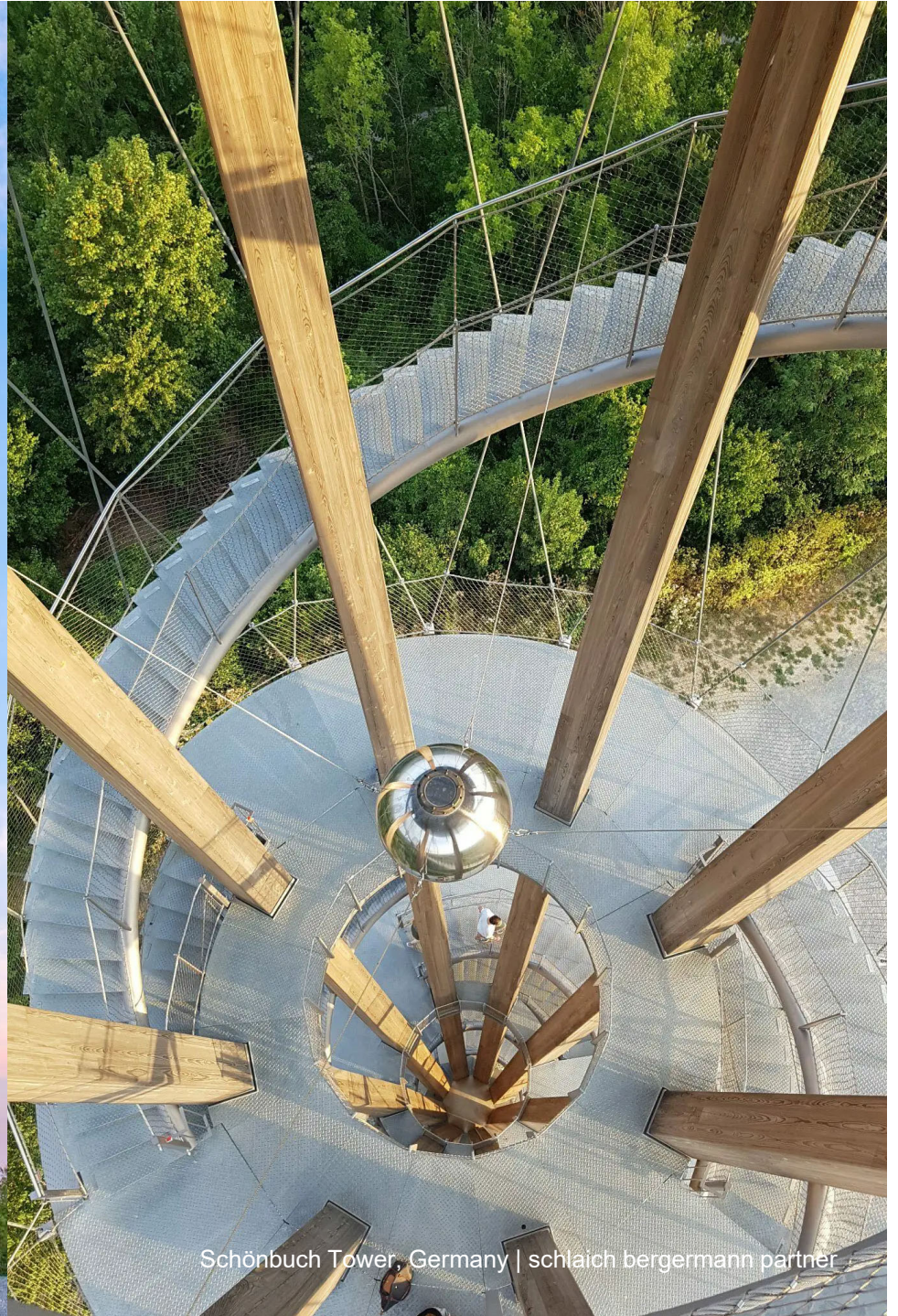
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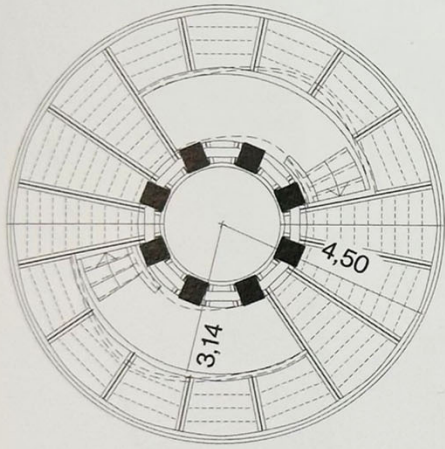
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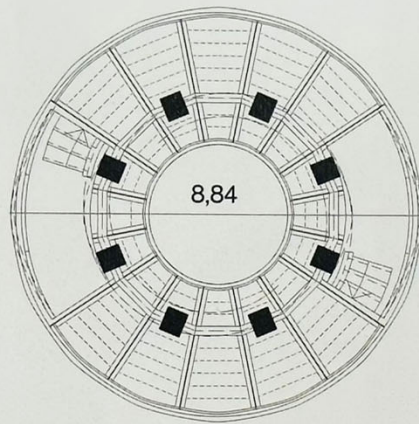
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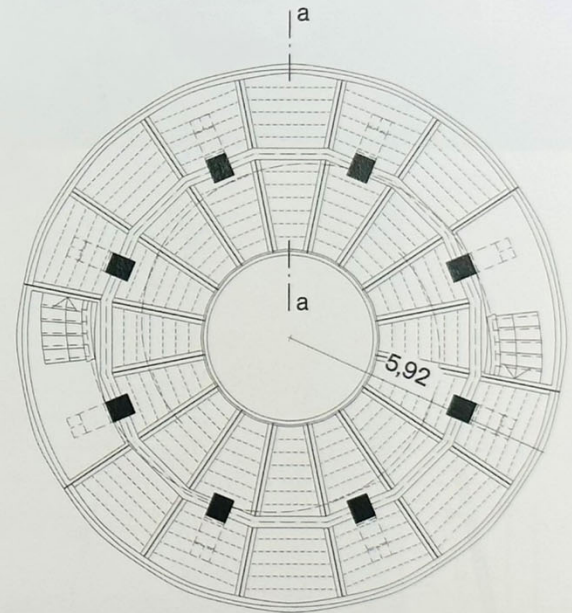
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platform 1



platform 2



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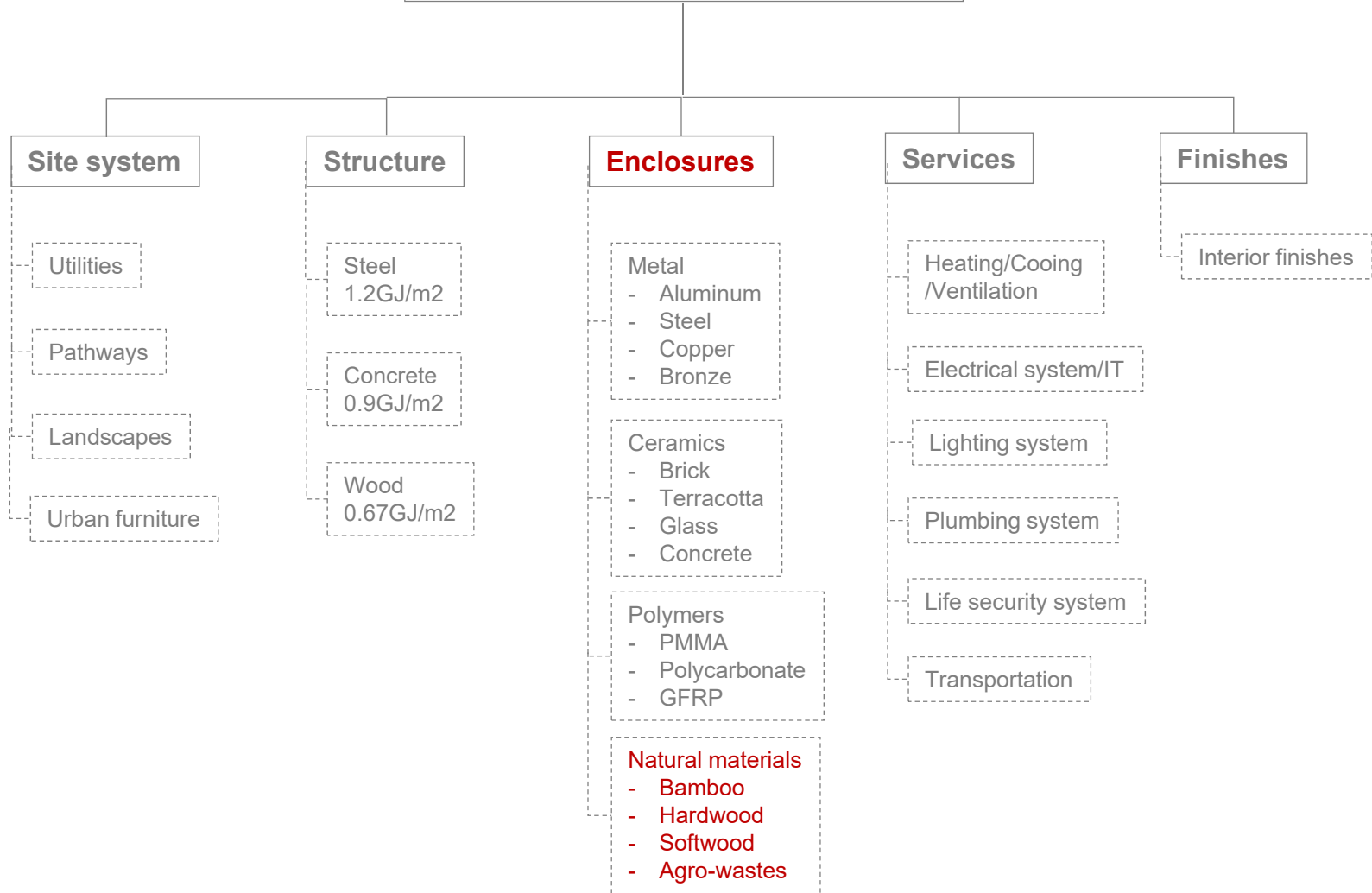




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# **Wood Facades**

# Building Systems and Materials



Five Building Systems

# Functions of Sustainable Building Envelopes\*

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## Protect-Promote-Re/Generate

### Protect

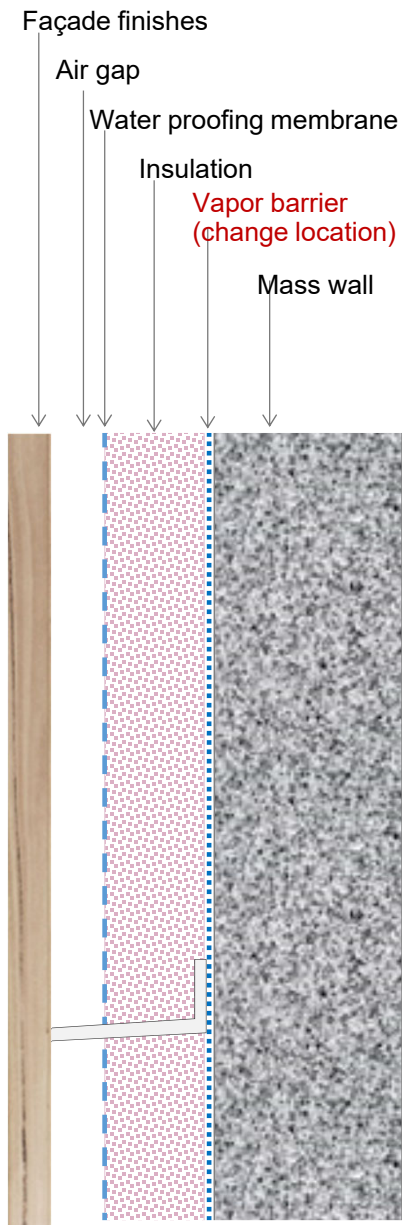
Structural performance  
a. Strength  
b. Serviceability  
Energy requirement  
- Heat Transmission  
- Solar Heat Gain  
- Daylighting illumination  
- Air Infiltration  
Water proofing  
Durability  
Life safety  
Impact resistance  
OSHA requirements  
Condensation resistance  
Acoustic protection (OITC)  
Bird anti-collision  
Sea turtle protection  
Blast resistance

### Promote, Re/Generate

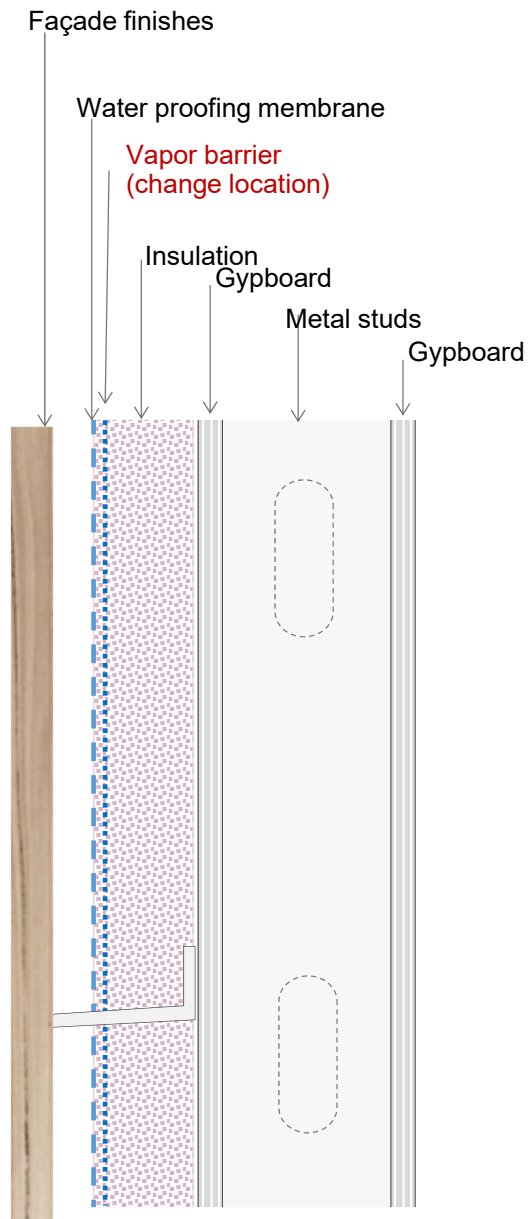
Indoor Environment Quality  
- Glare control  
- View-out/daylight illumination  
- good air quality  
Biophilic quality  
Renewable energy generation  
Carbon Sequestration  
User experience  
Aesthetics



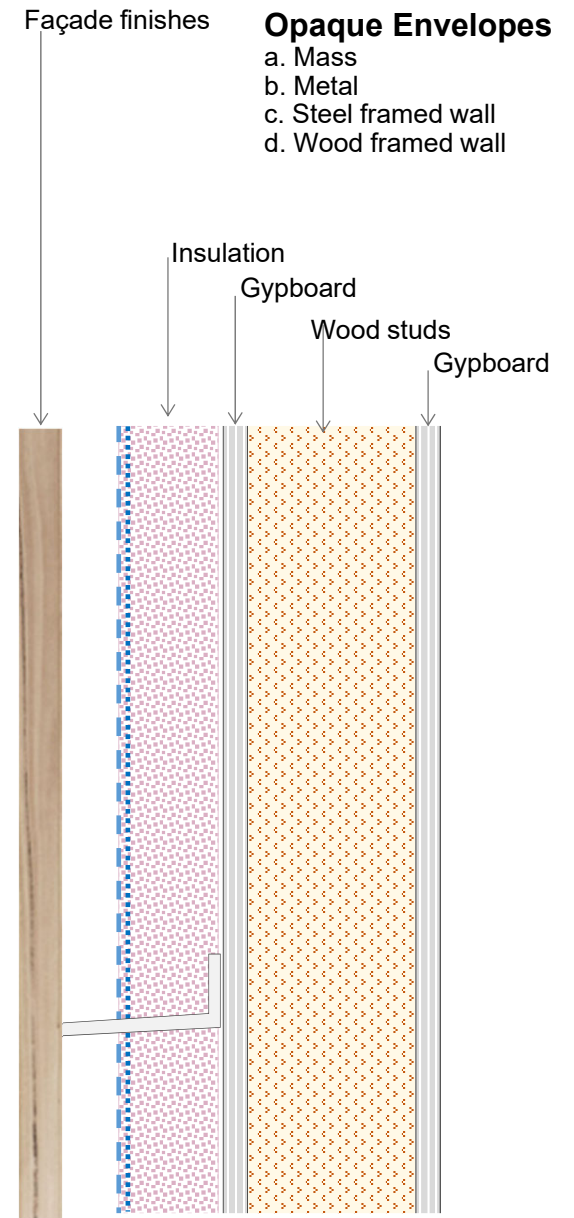
Bath House, Austria



**Mass wall**

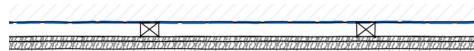


**Steel framed wall**

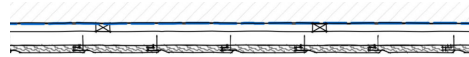


**Wood framed wall**

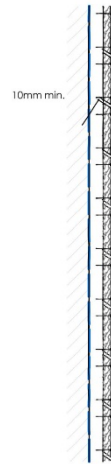
### Feather Edges



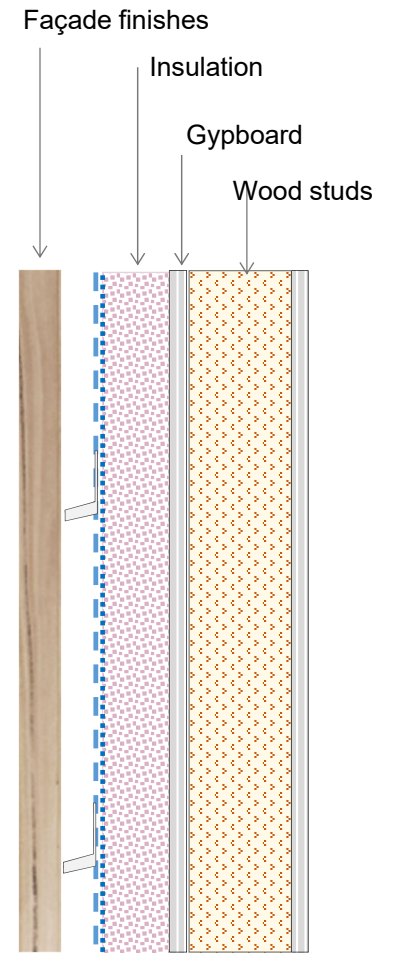
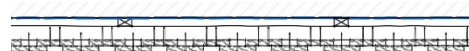
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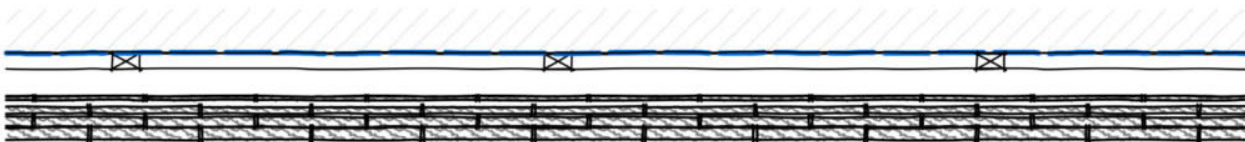
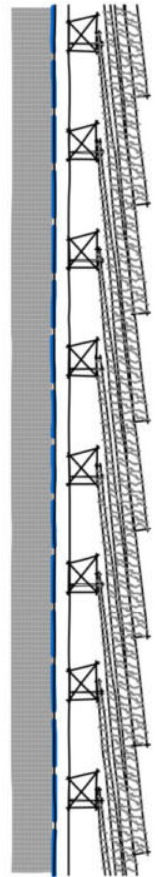
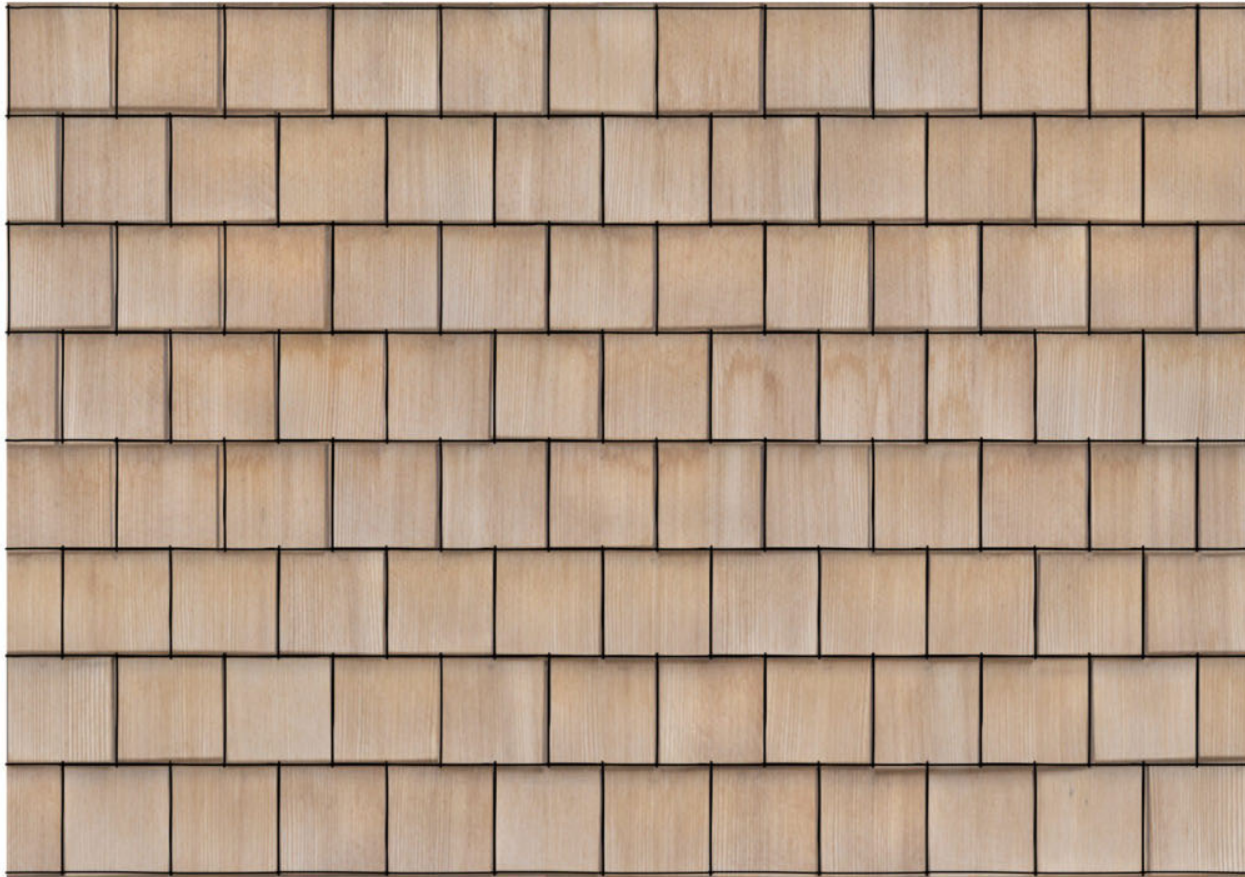
### Shiplap



### Board on Board



Wood framed wall







**GR Green Slate, GR Green Cedar Tiles**

Waterproofing Tiles.  
Discarded milk bottles, plastic bags, limestone waste.  
GR Green Building Products, Canada



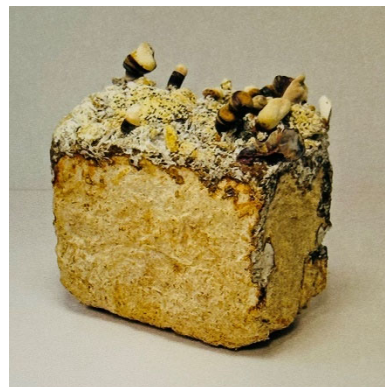
**Bacteria-based Self-healing concrete**

Waterproofing sealing material.  
Microlab, The Netherlands.



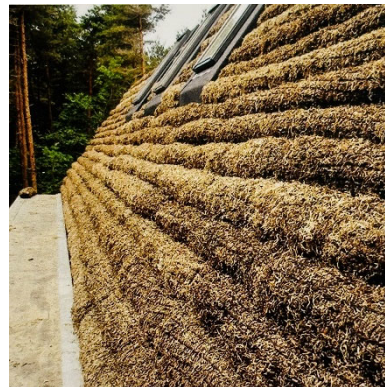
**Agrofiber biocomposites**

Waterproofing tile.  
University of Stuttgart



**Mycotecture**

Insulation Bricks.  
Mycelium, sawdust  
MycoWorks, CA, USA.



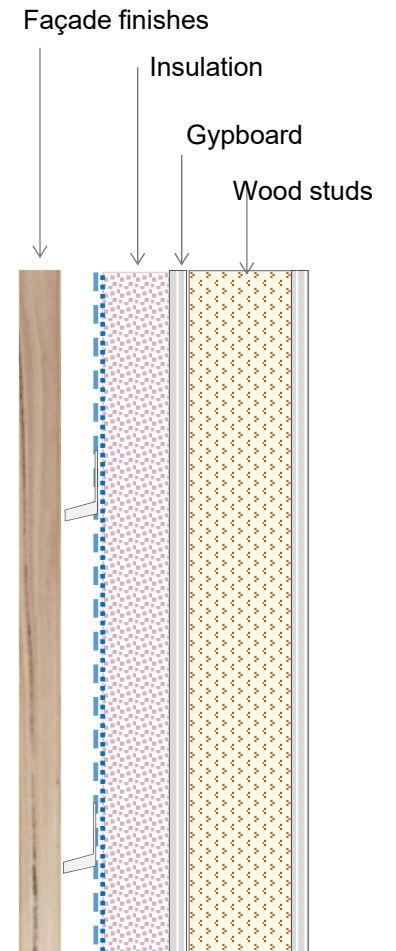
**Seaweed Insulation**

Insulation Infill.  
Eradicated seaweed, ib  
Ungermand, Denmark.



**Ecococon Panels**

Insulating Infill.  
Straw waste.  
Ecococon Ltd., Lithuania.



**Wood framed wall**

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