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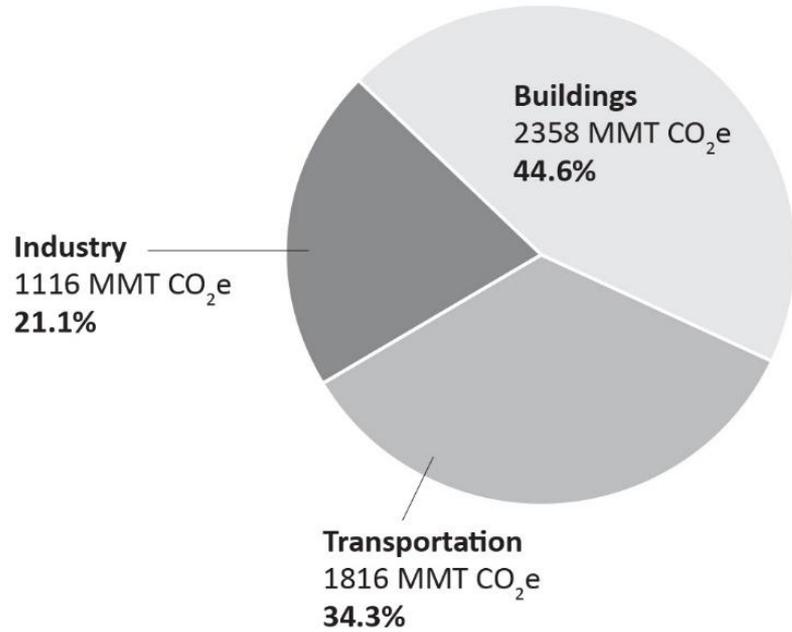


**What environmental impacts will my building cause after its useable life?**

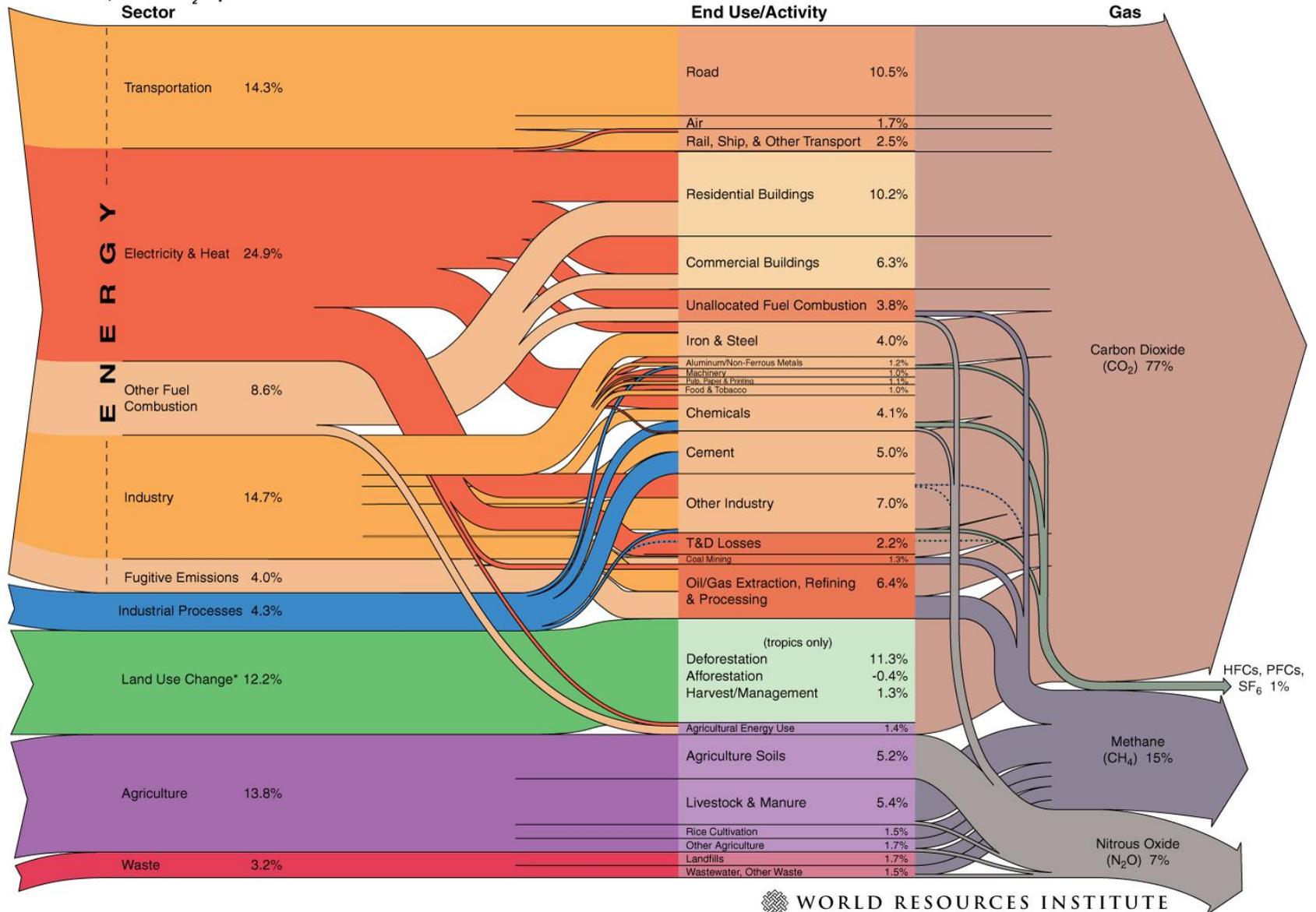


**Can we better articulate (and quantify) the value of building reuse?**

# US CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS



**World Greenhouse Gas Emissions in 2005**  
**Total: 44,153 MtCO<sub>2</sub> eq.**



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Source: J. Henry Fair



Qian'an steelworks in Tangshan  
Source: Xiaolu Chu / Getty Images



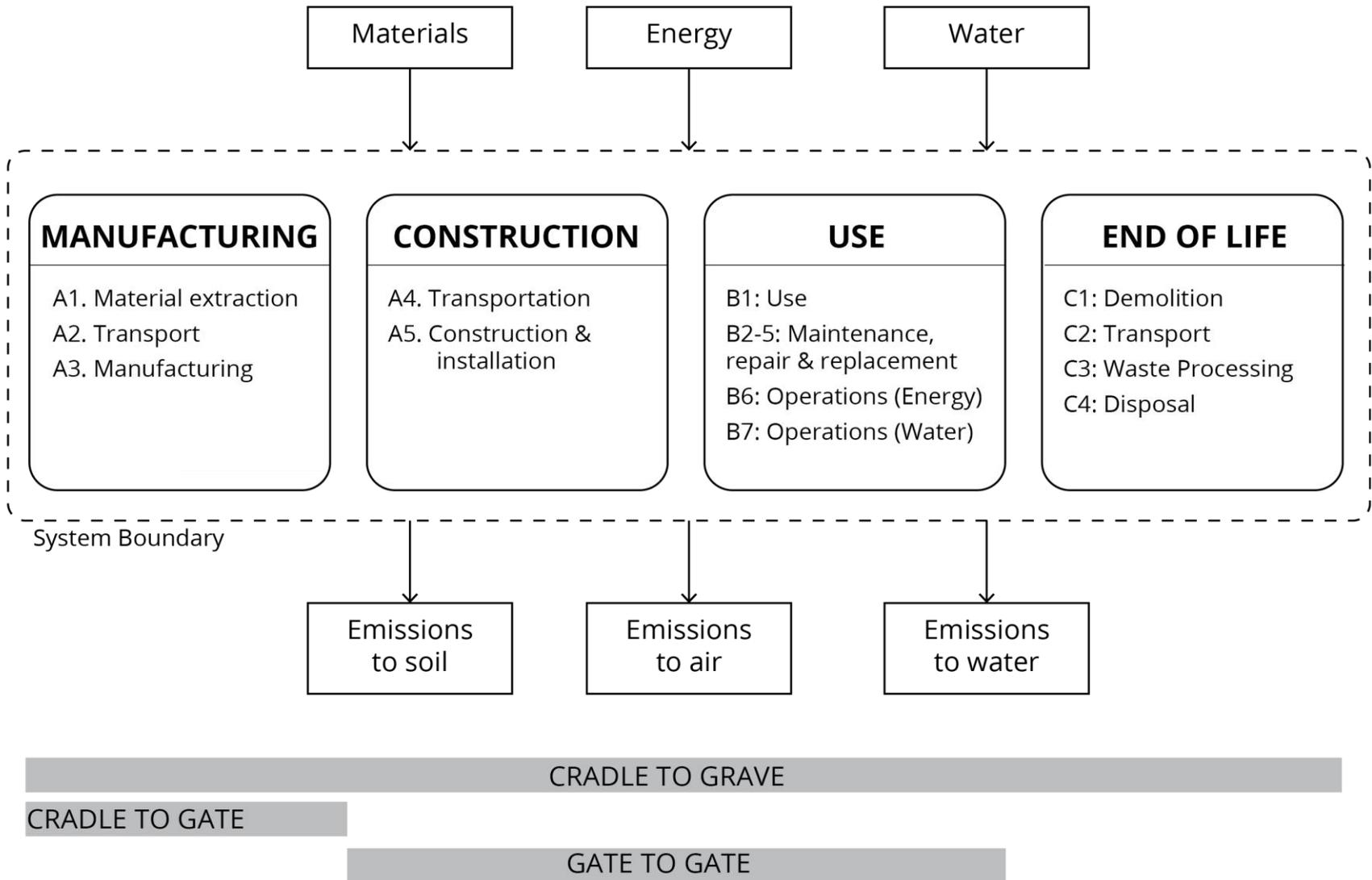
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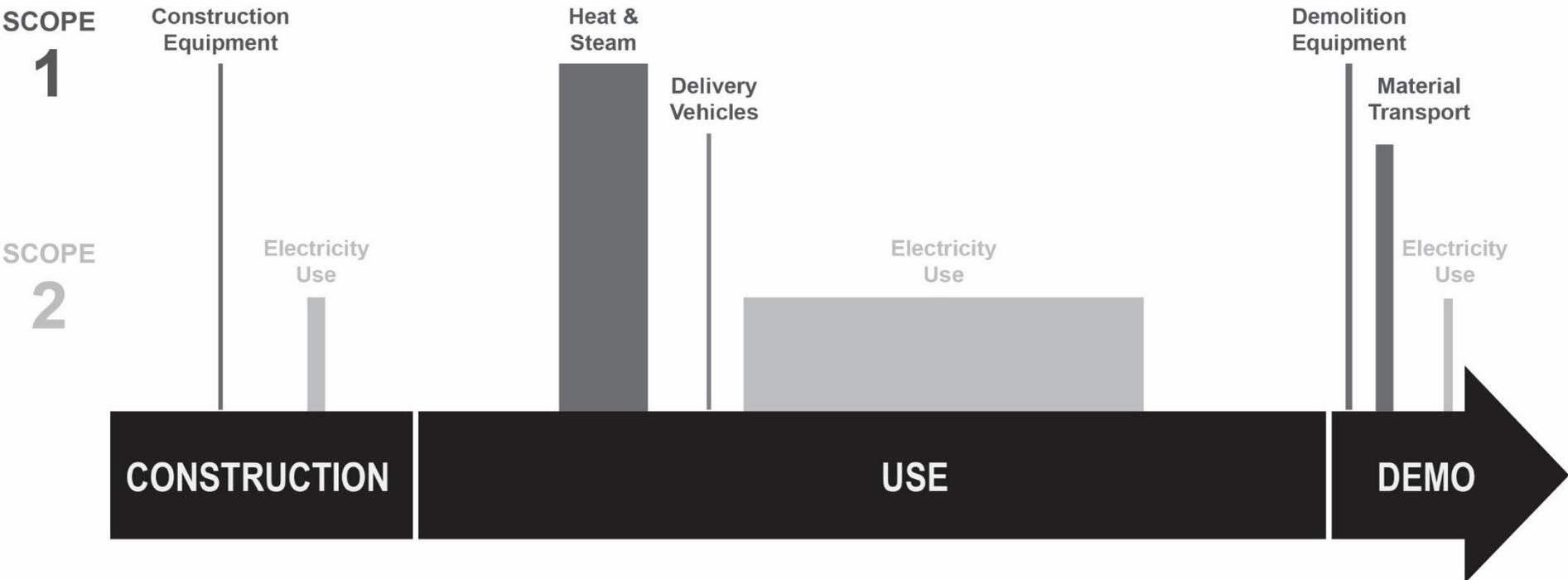
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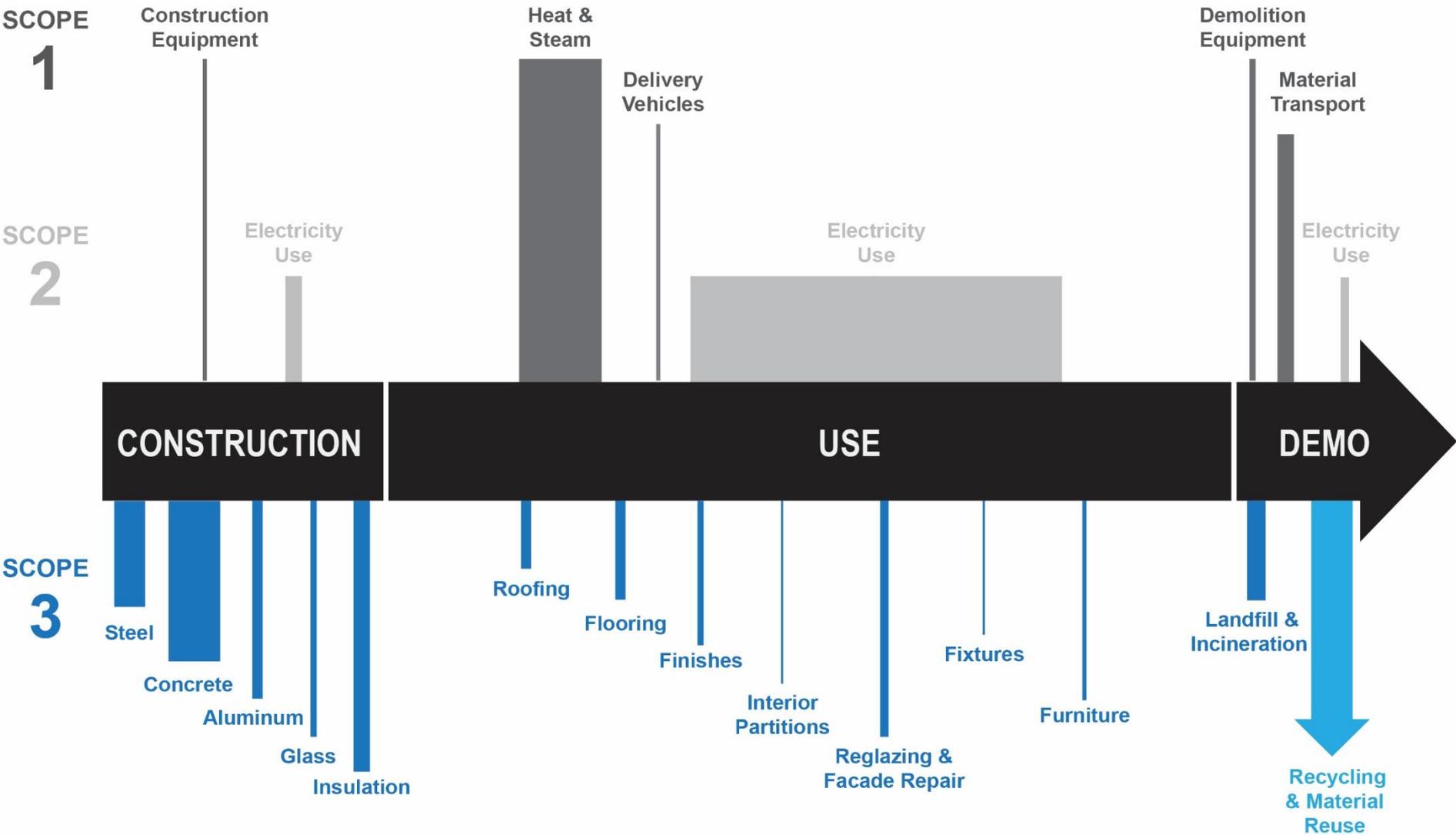
**UNCOVERING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS** REFINING RARE EARTH MINERALS

LIFECYCLE ASSESSMENT FOR BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION

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## Global warming potential (GWP)

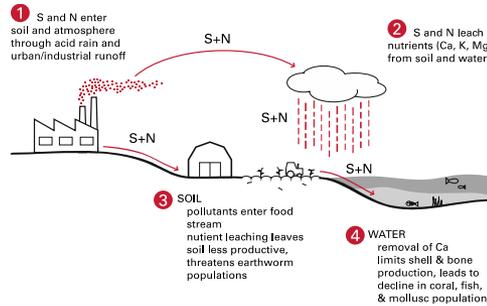
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## Eutrophication potential (EP)

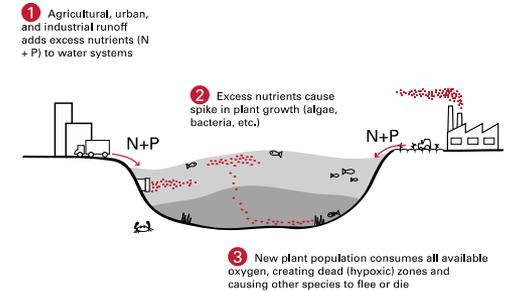
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## Smog potential (SP)

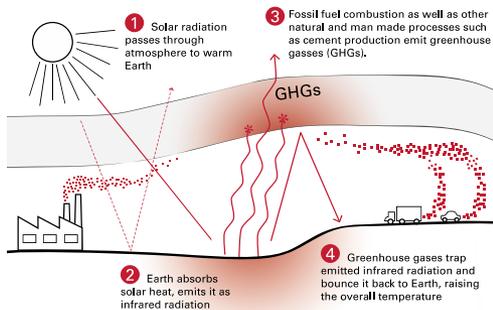
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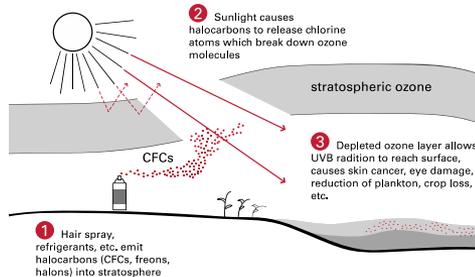
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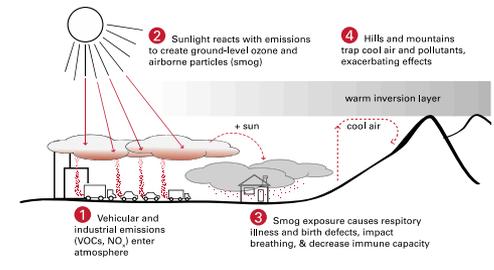
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GLOBAL WARMING



OZONE DEPLETION



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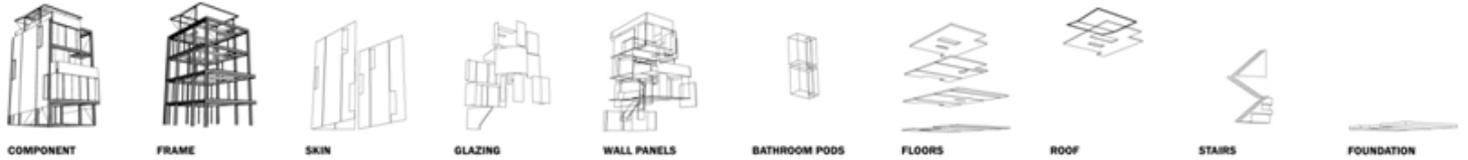
Source: K. Simonen, *Life Cycle Assessment*, Routledge, 2014









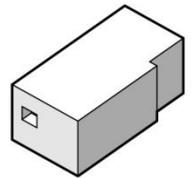


COMPONENT	FRAME	SKIN	GLAZING	WALL PANELS	BATHROOM PODS	FLOORS	ROOF	STAIRS	FOUNDATION		
<b>MATERIAL</b>	Bosch Aluminum Framing Steel Connectors Steel Bolts	NextGen Smart Wrap™ (PET) Aluminum Louvers	Schüco Glass Schüco Aluminum Frame	3-Form Varia (PETG)	Fiberglass	Aluminum Grate 3-Form Stage (PC)	PVC Downspouts Steel Gutters Dangalon (PC)	Acrylic	Concrete Steel Rebar		
<b>TOTAL EMBODIED ENERGY</b>	955,631 kWh	22,224 kWh	71,423 kWh	22,577 kWh	71,448 kWh	146,008 kWh	8,214 kWh	235,001 kWh	15,264 kWh	<b>TOTALS</b> 1,800 sf building	
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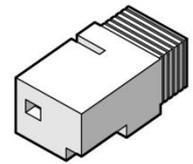
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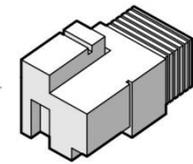
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SCHEMATIC DESIGN



DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

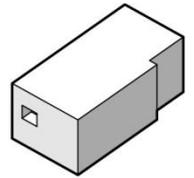


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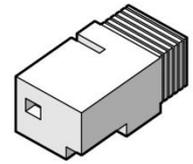
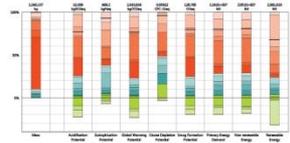


LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT

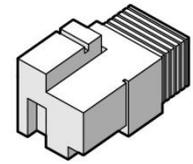
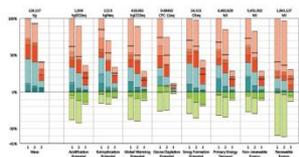
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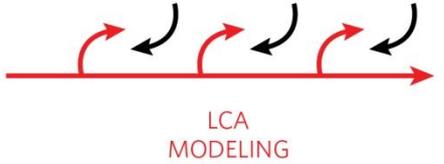
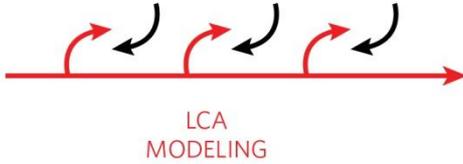
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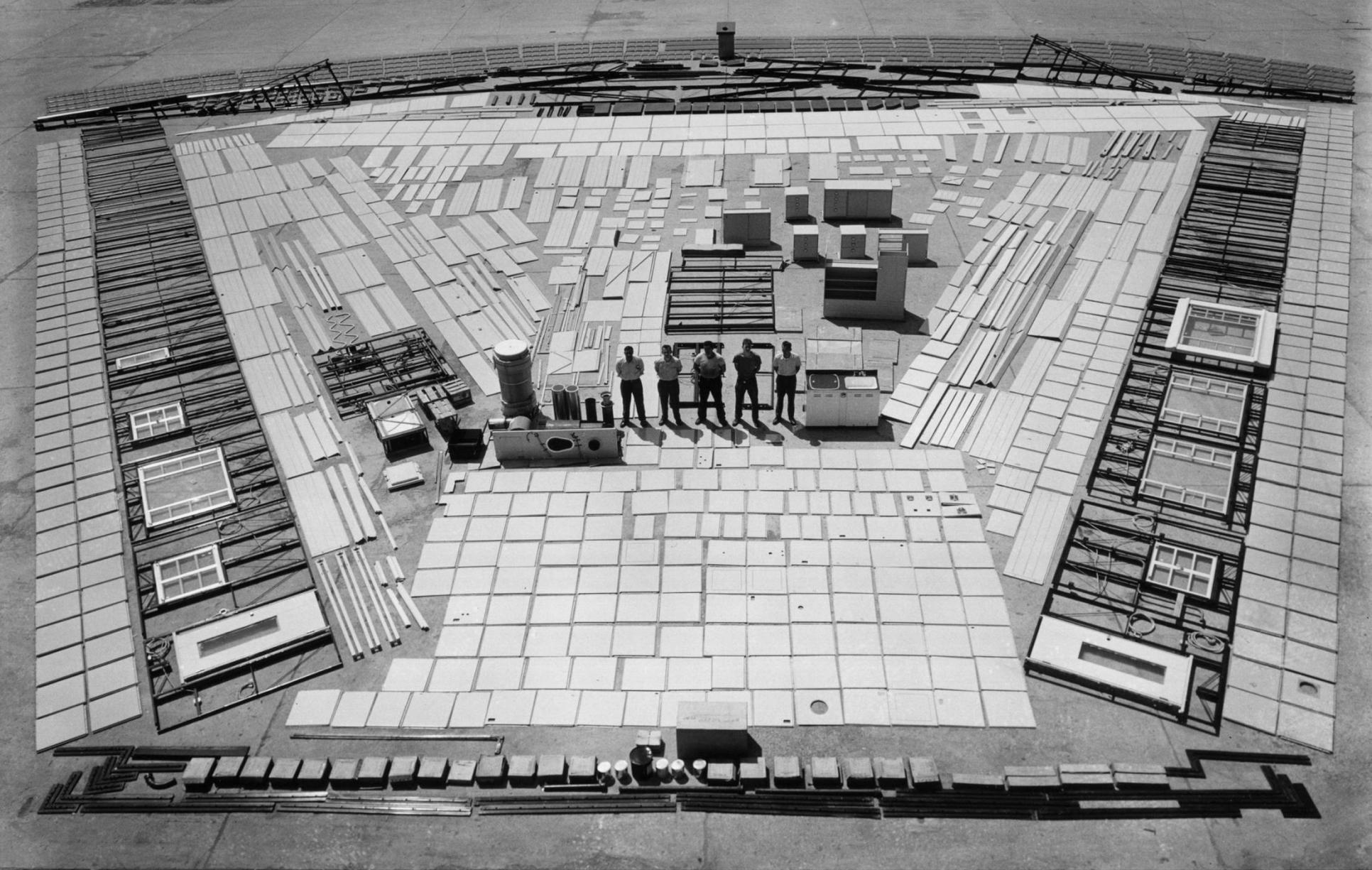


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## TYPICAL VS. ITERATIVE LCA WORKFLOW

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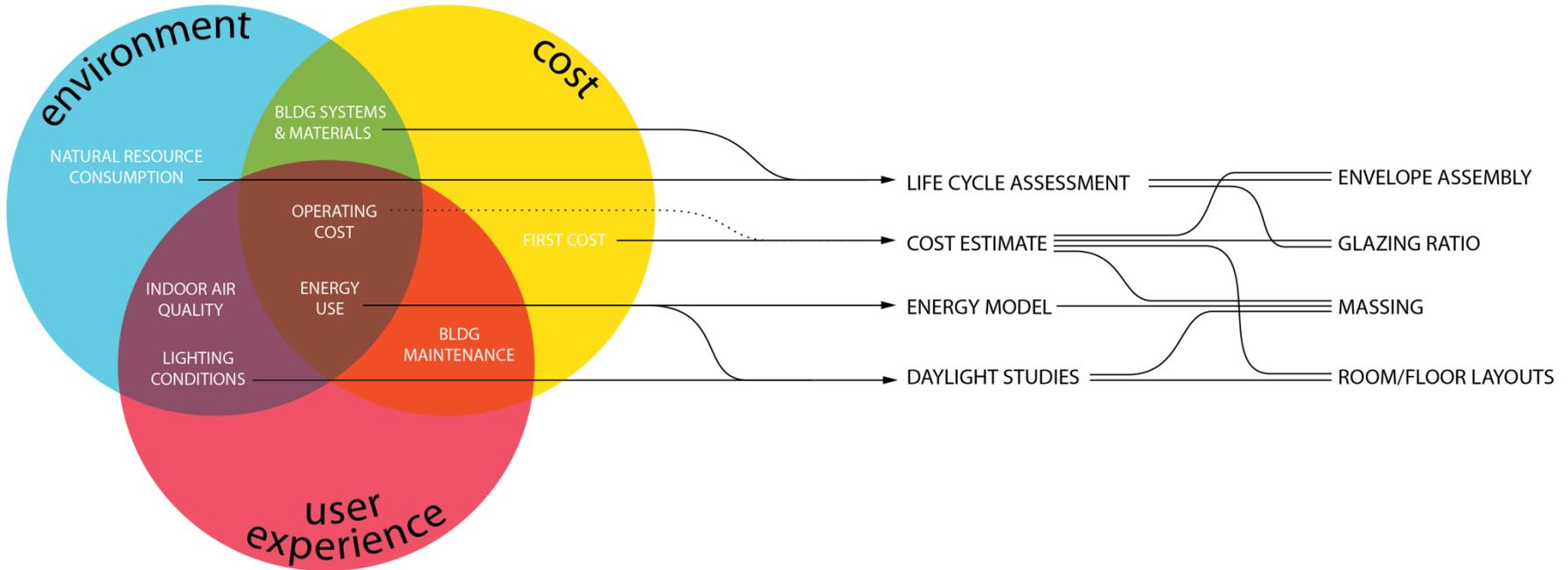


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# Performance Criteria

# Modeling & Simulation

# Design Decisions



# KNOW YOUR IMPACT

## Introducing Tally

The first LCA app that lets you calculate the environmental impacts of your building material selections directly in an Autodesk® Revit® model.

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### WHOLE BUILDING LCA

Assess the embodied environmental impact of your entire building. Benchmark your impact throughout design.

### DESIGN OPTION COMPARISON

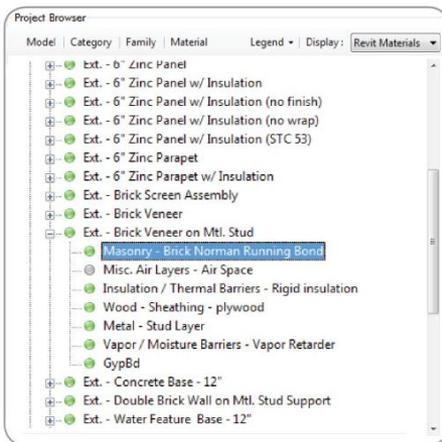
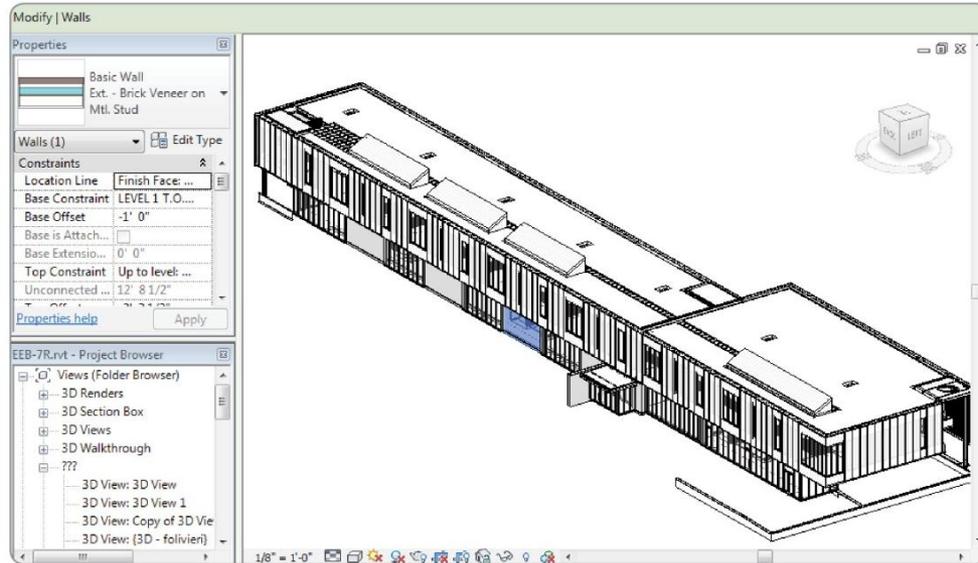
Compare two or more distinct sets of building components side by side.

### MATERIAL SELECTION

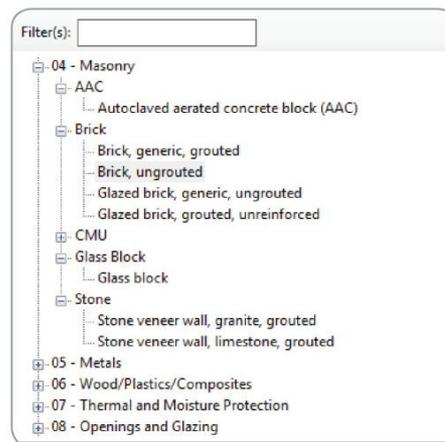
Compare LCA impacts and ingredients of materials and assemblies, including information from manufacturer EPDs.

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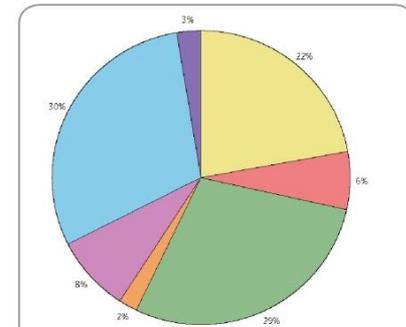
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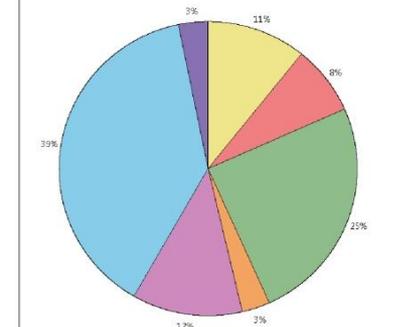
**TALLY™** Material quantities are pulled from the Revit model



**DATABASE** Impacts are captured in an LCA database



Global Warming Potential

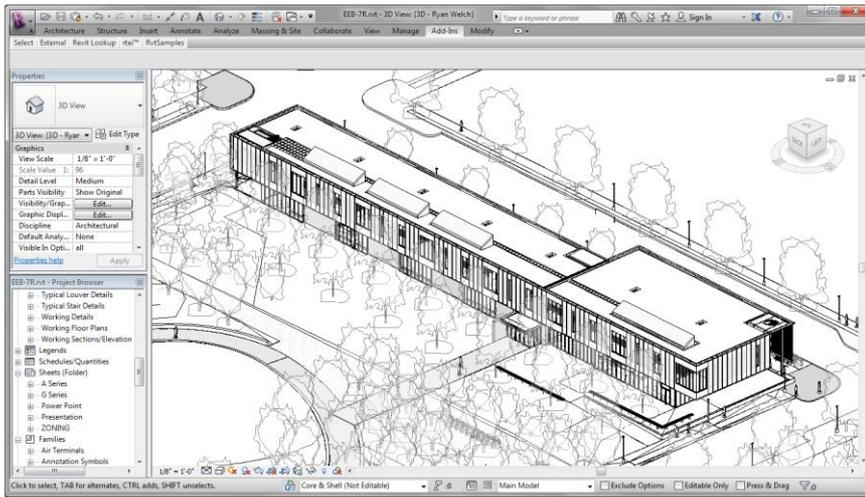


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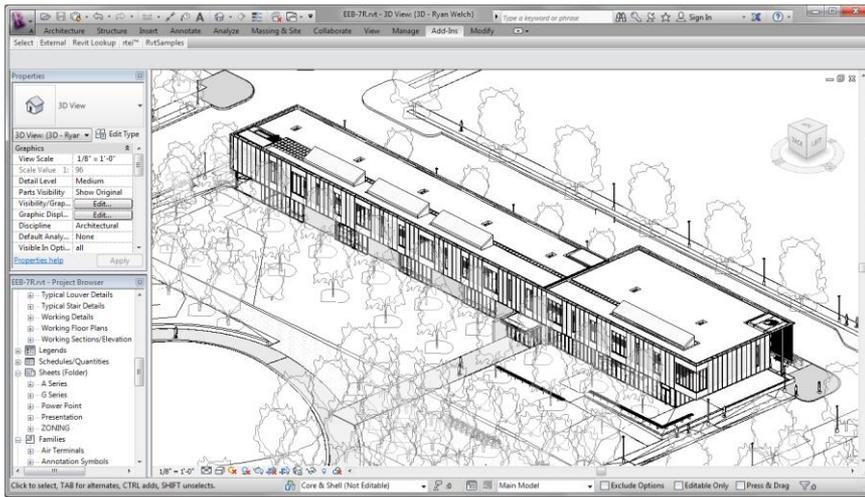
### LEGEND

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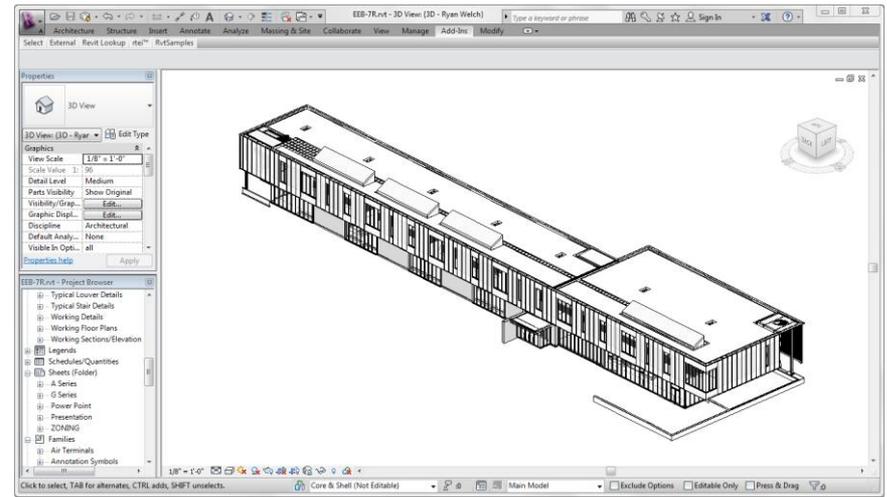
**TALLY™ REPORT** Design and material selection questions are rapidly answered



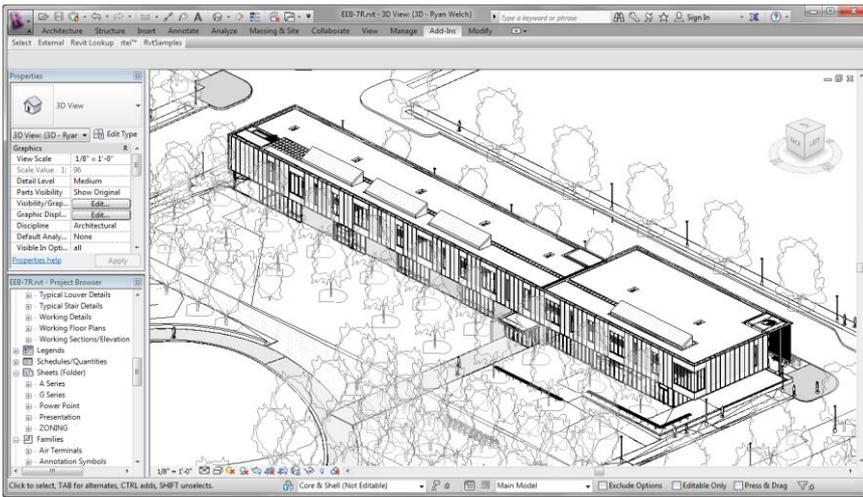
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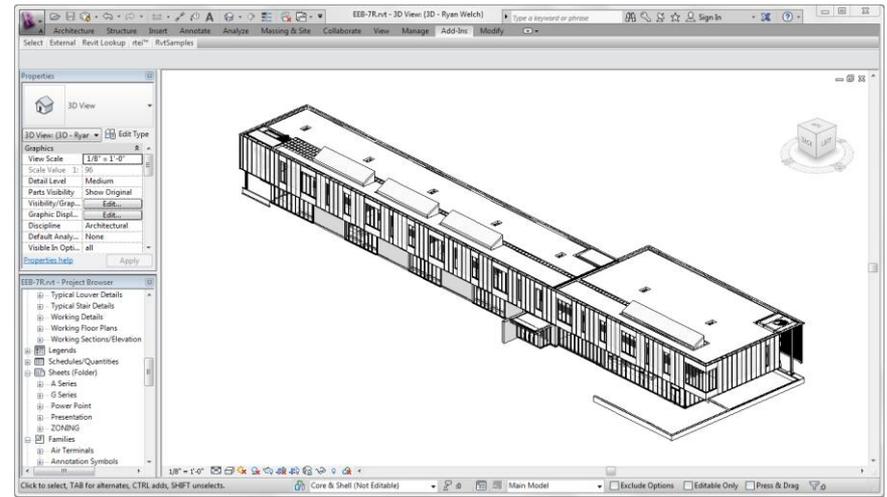
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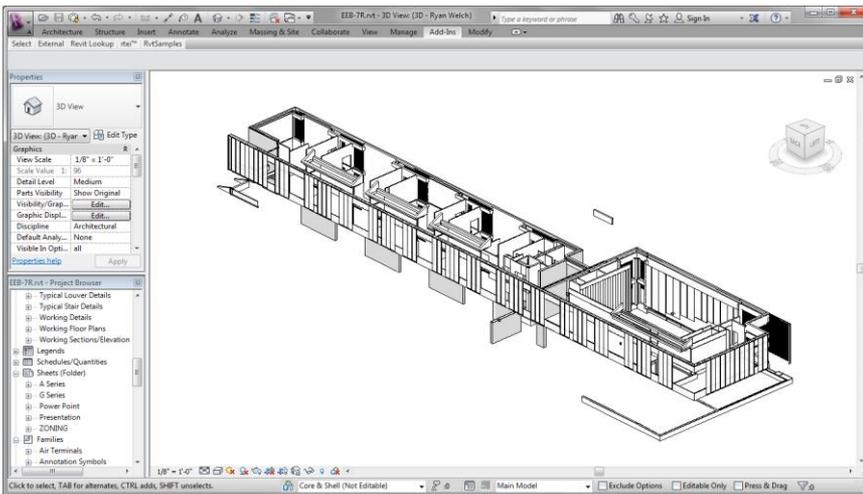
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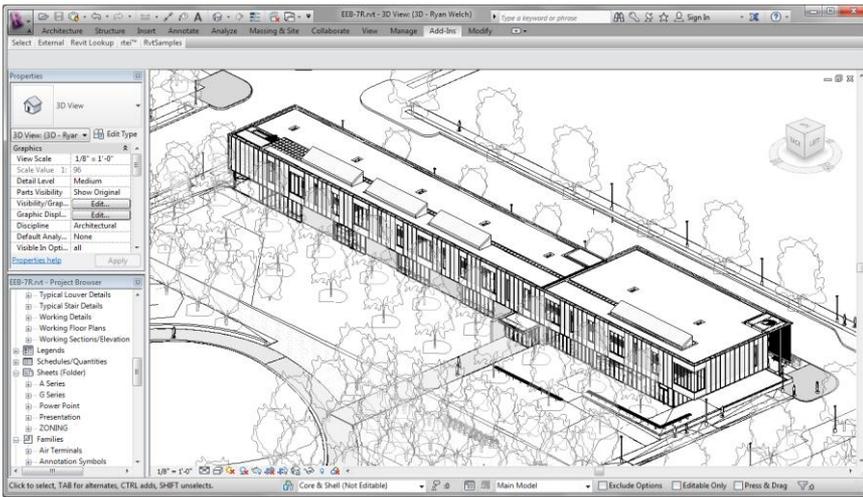
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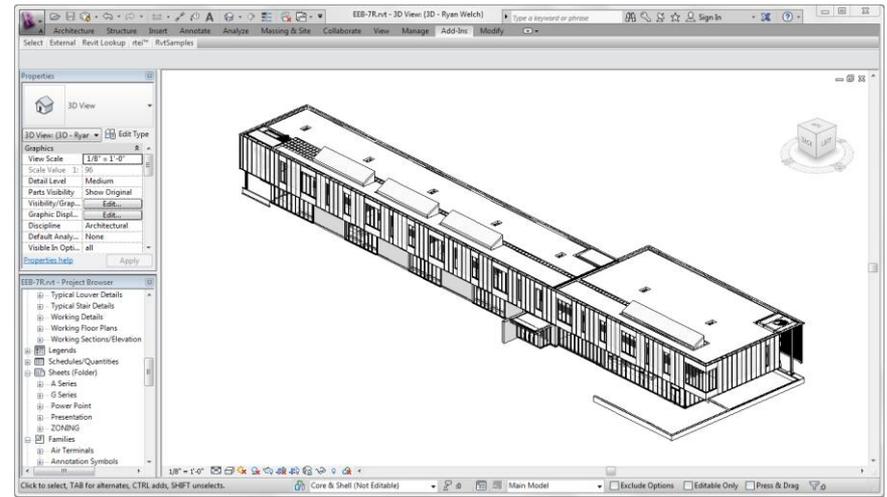
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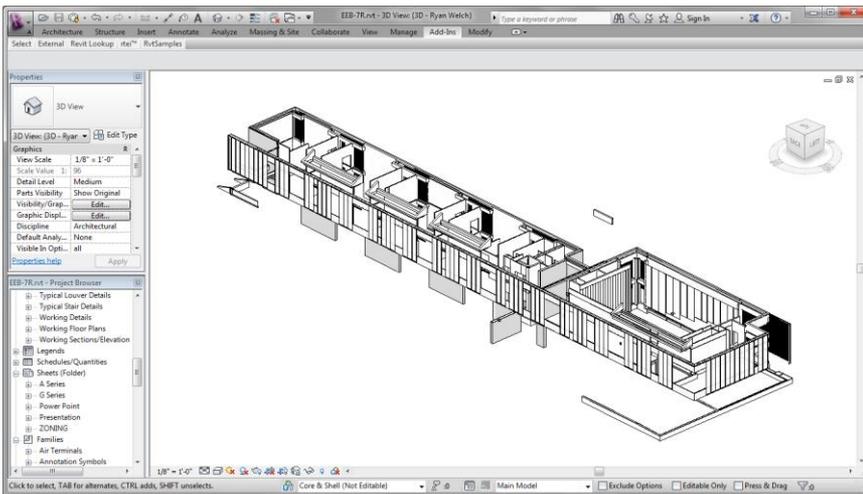
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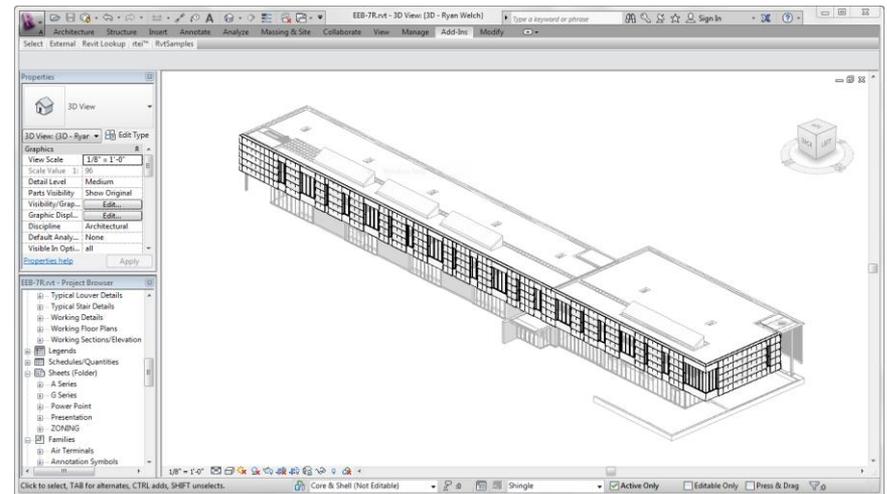
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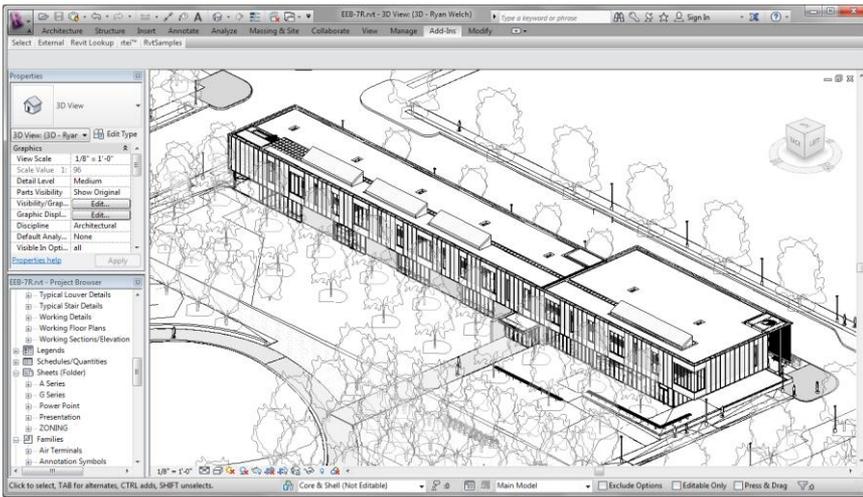
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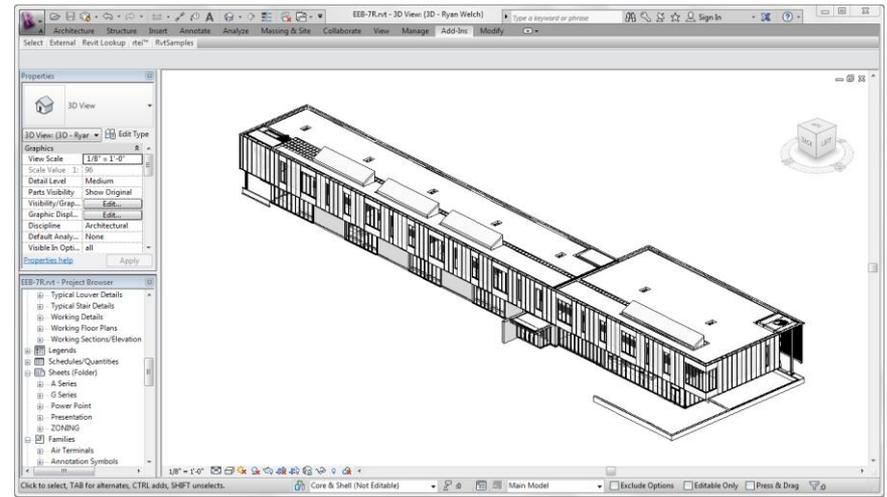
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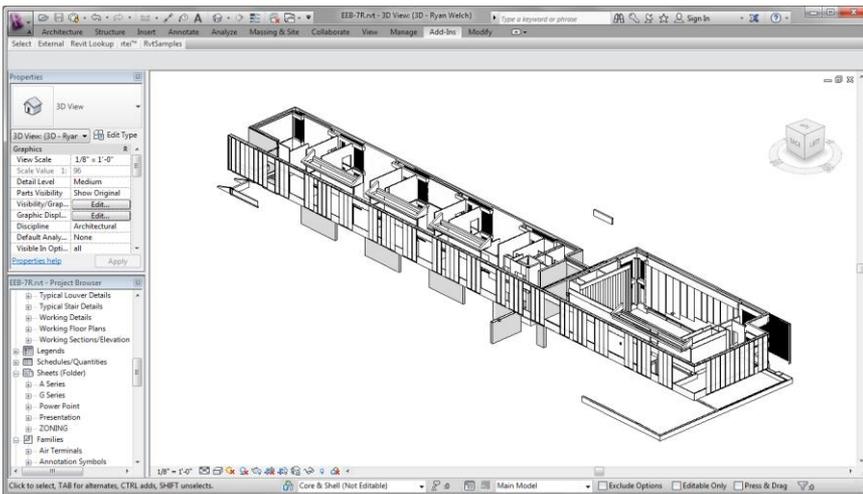
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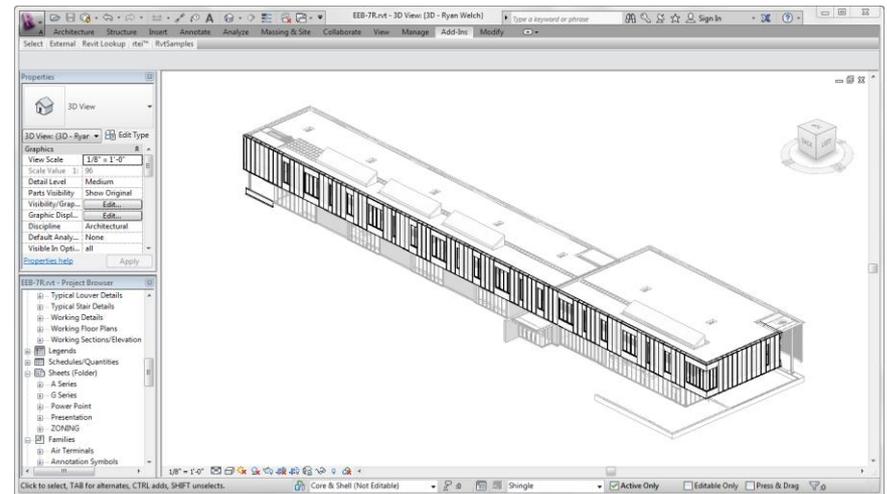
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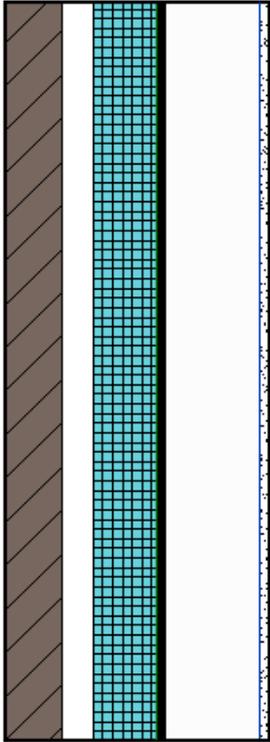
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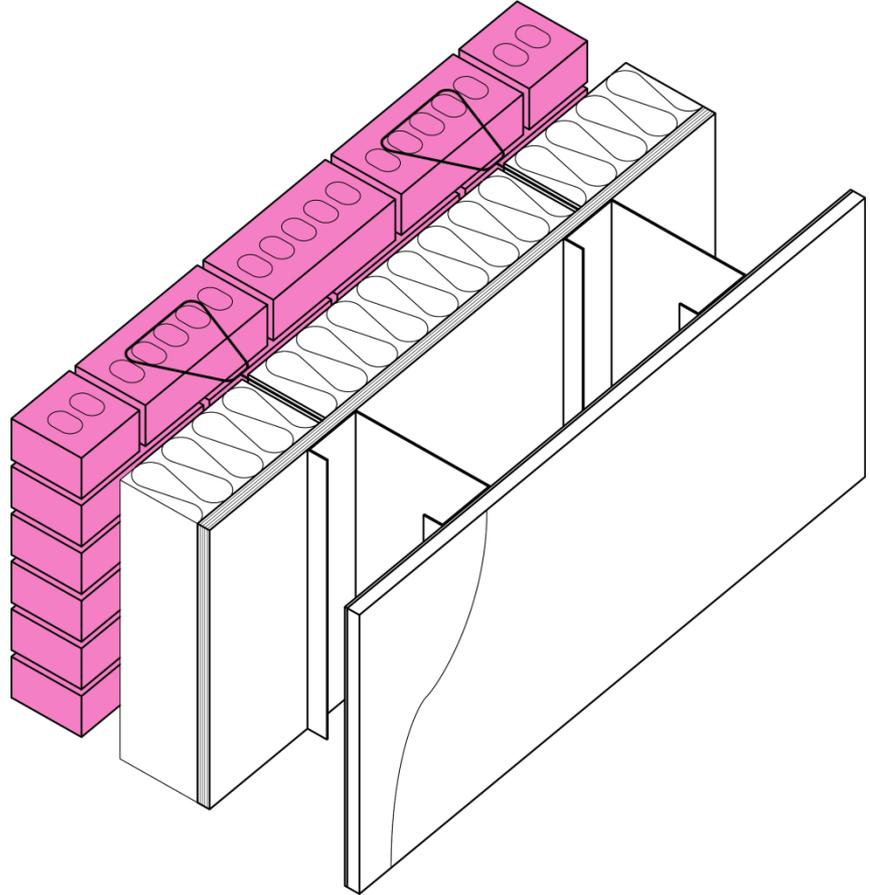
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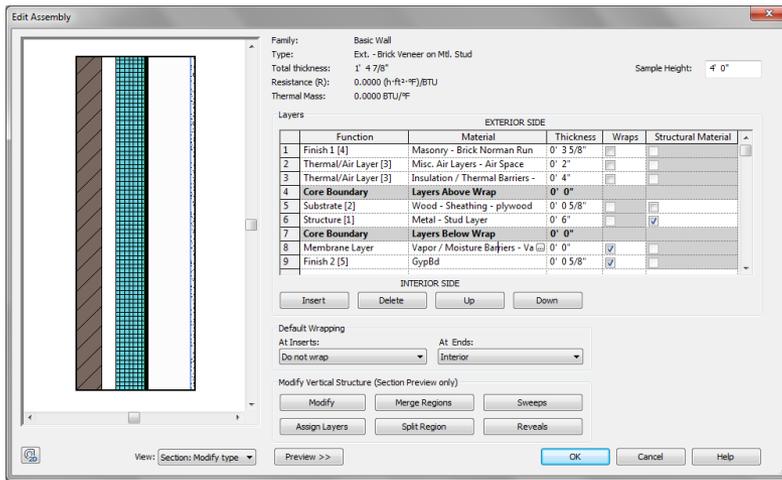


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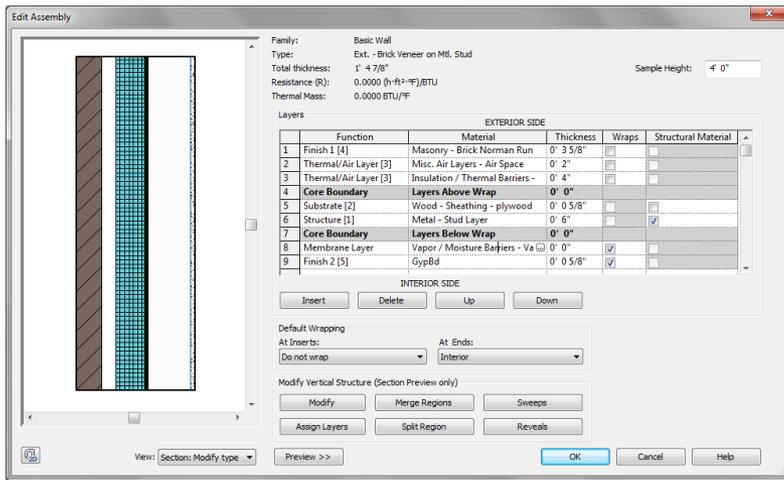


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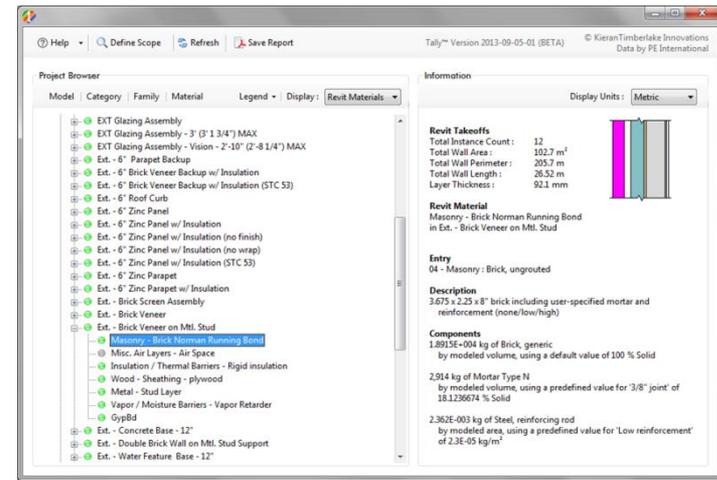




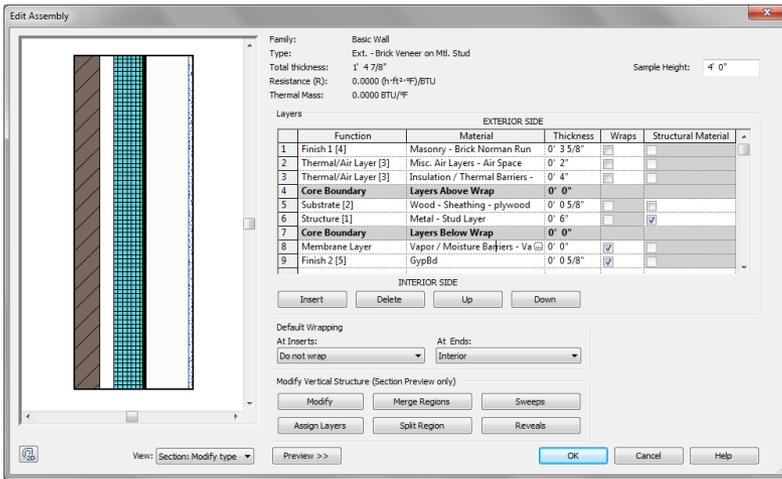
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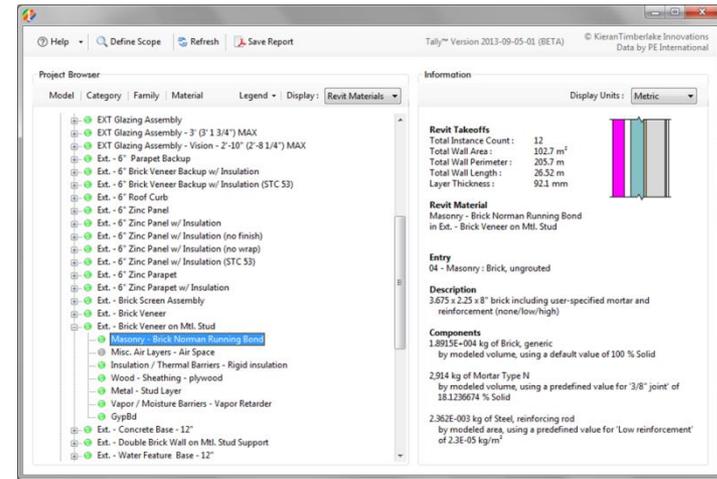
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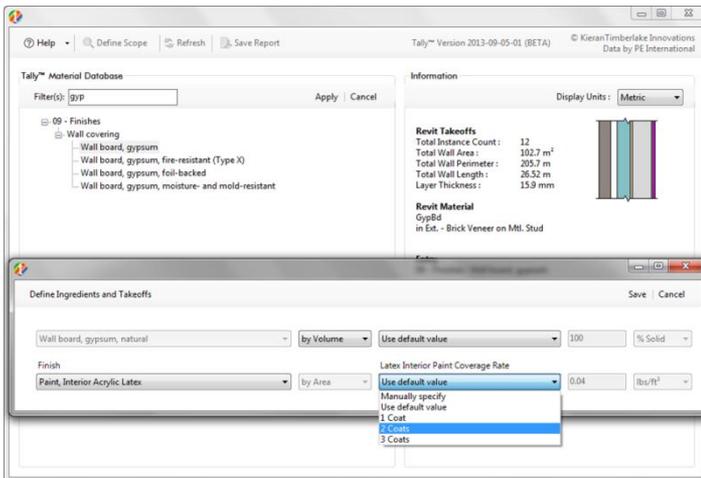
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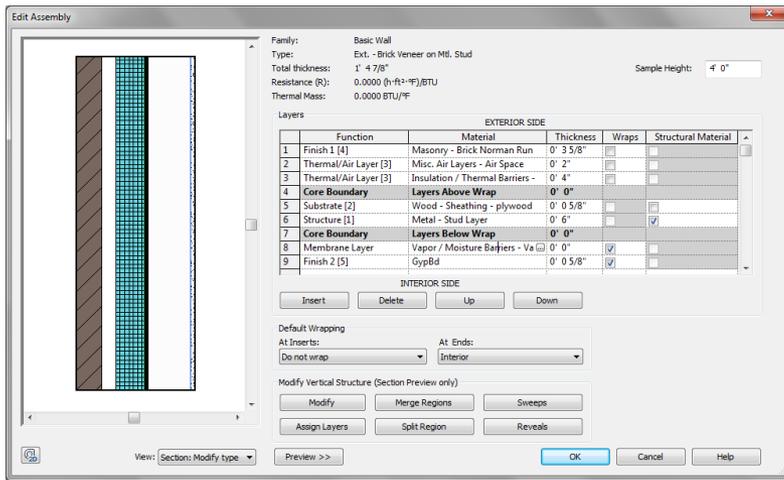
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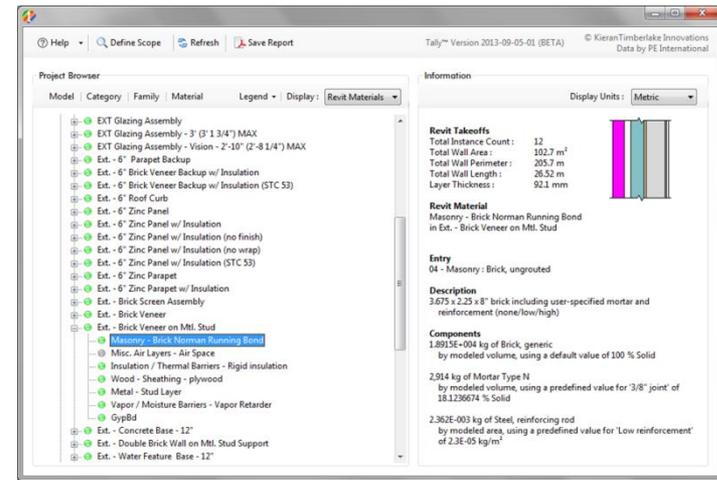
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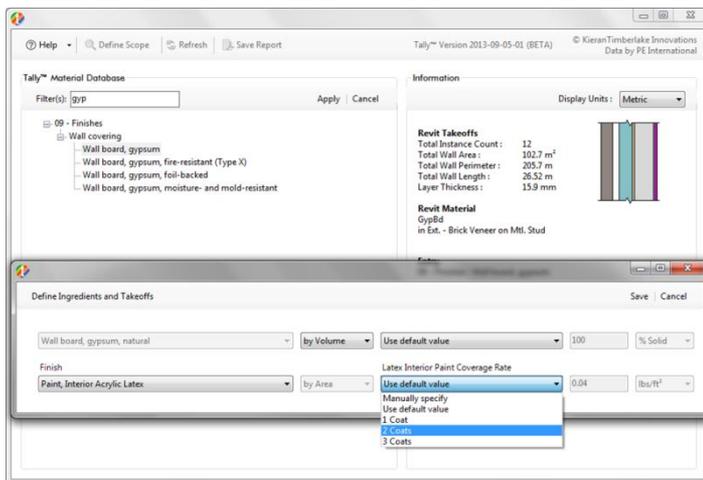
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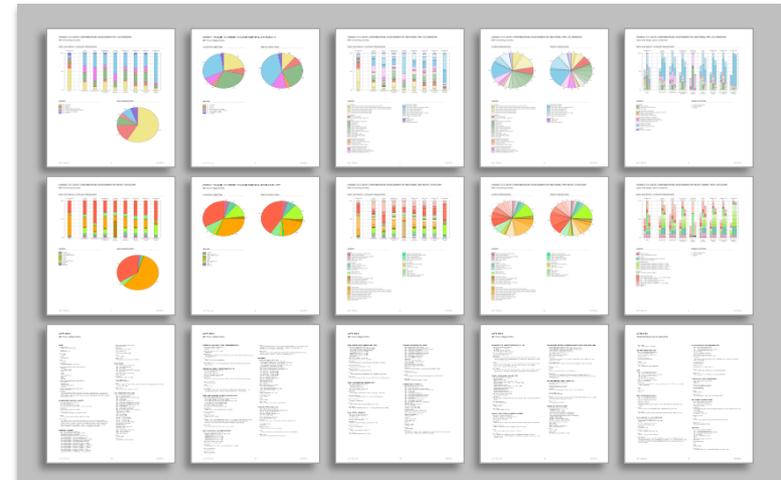
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## 4. Generate reports

**Legend**

— Net value (impacts + credits)

**Manufacturing**

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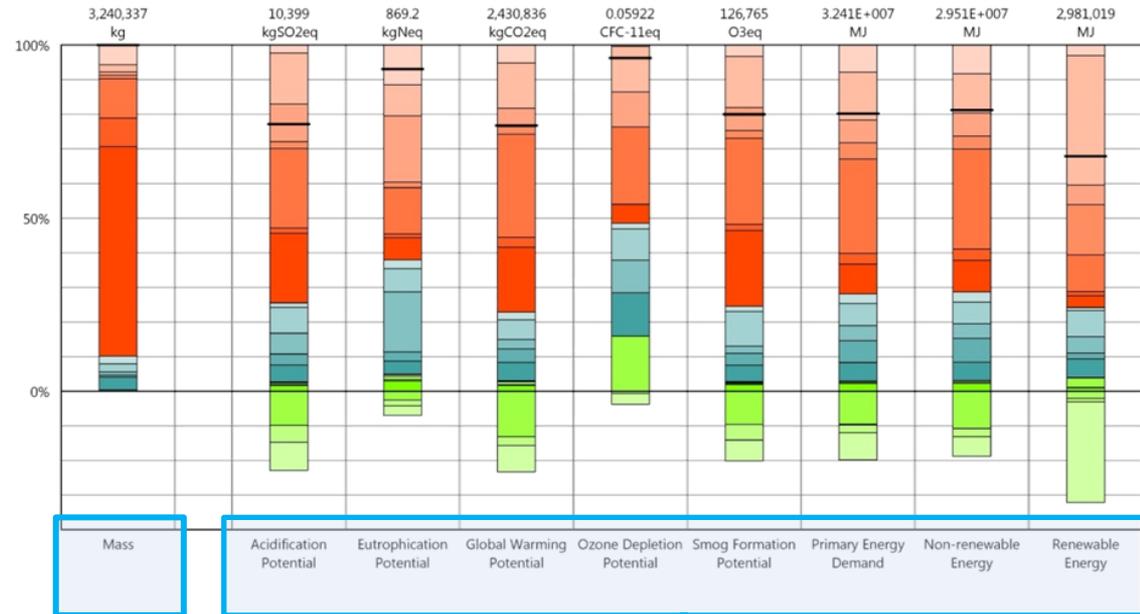
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**End of Life**

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Building materials organized by CSI Division and life cycle stage

Results per Life Cycle Stage, itemized by CSI Division



Mass by Materials

8 Impact Categories

- Primary Energy
  - renewable
  - non-renewable
- Acidification
- Eutrophication
- Global Warming Potential
- Ozone Depletion
- Smog Formation

## Design Options

Option 1 - Corrugated Shingle

Option 2 - Panel (primary)

## Manufacturing

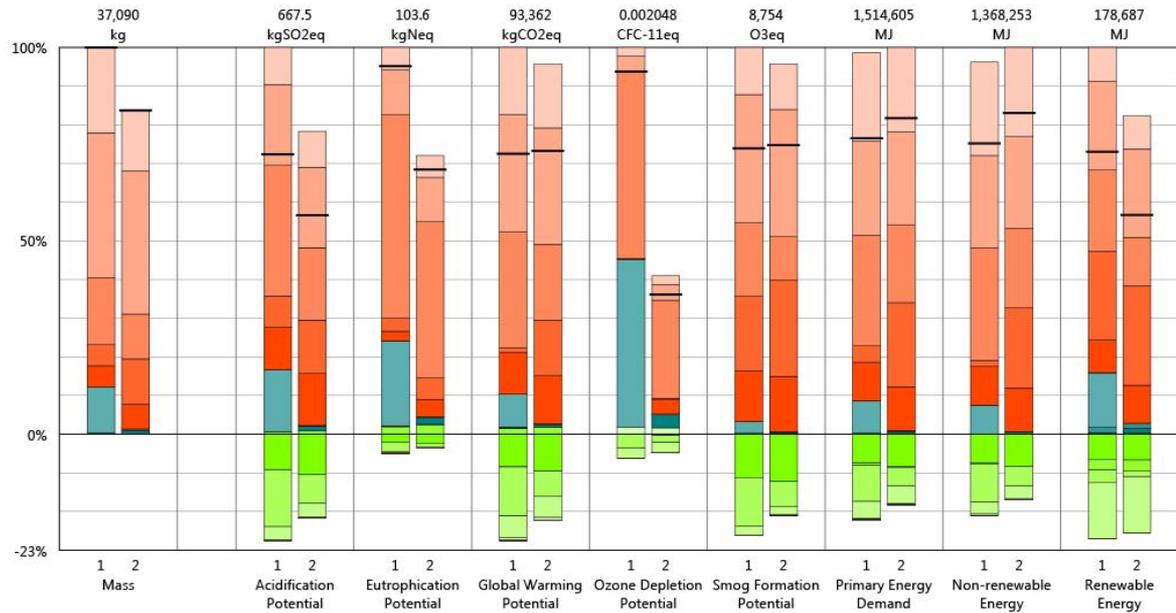
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Option 1 – Corrugated Shingle Cladding

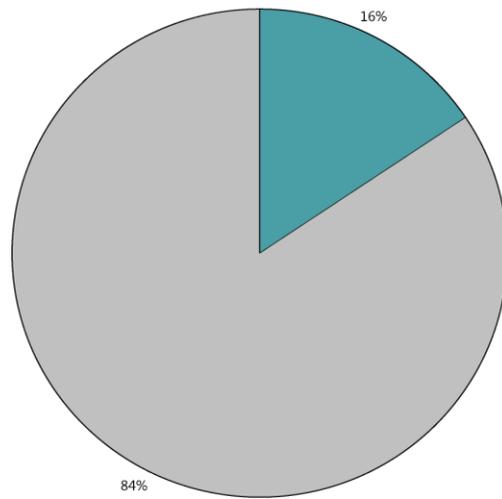


Option 2 – Translucent Panel Cladding





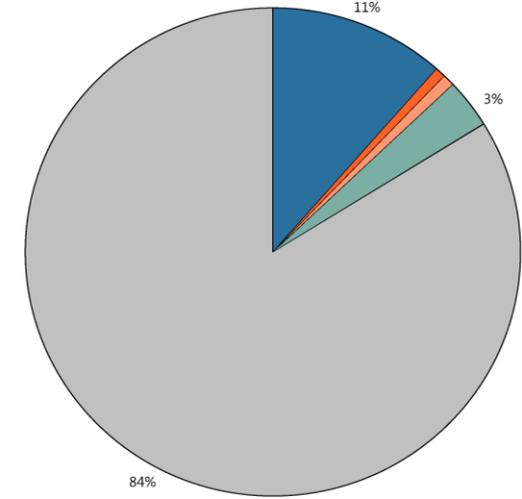
# Which elements of building design have the largest carbon footprint?



Global Warming Potential

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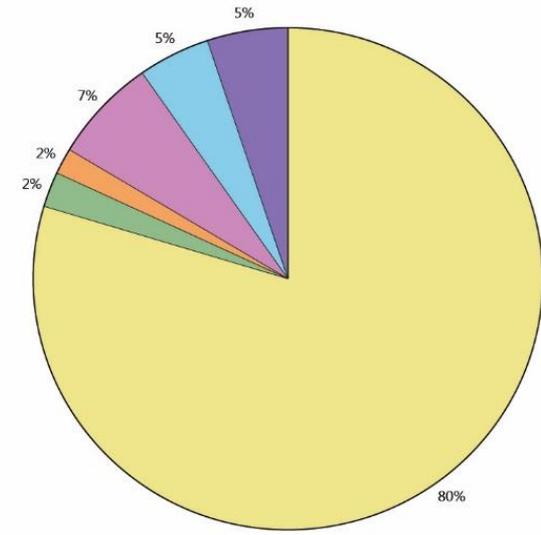
- Net value (impacts + credits)
- Impact Sources**
- Materials
- Operational Energy



Global Warming Potential by Material Location

### Legend

- Net value (impacts + credits)
- Material Location**
- Structure
- Envelope
- Finishes
- Interior Partitions
- Operations**
- Electrical + Thermal

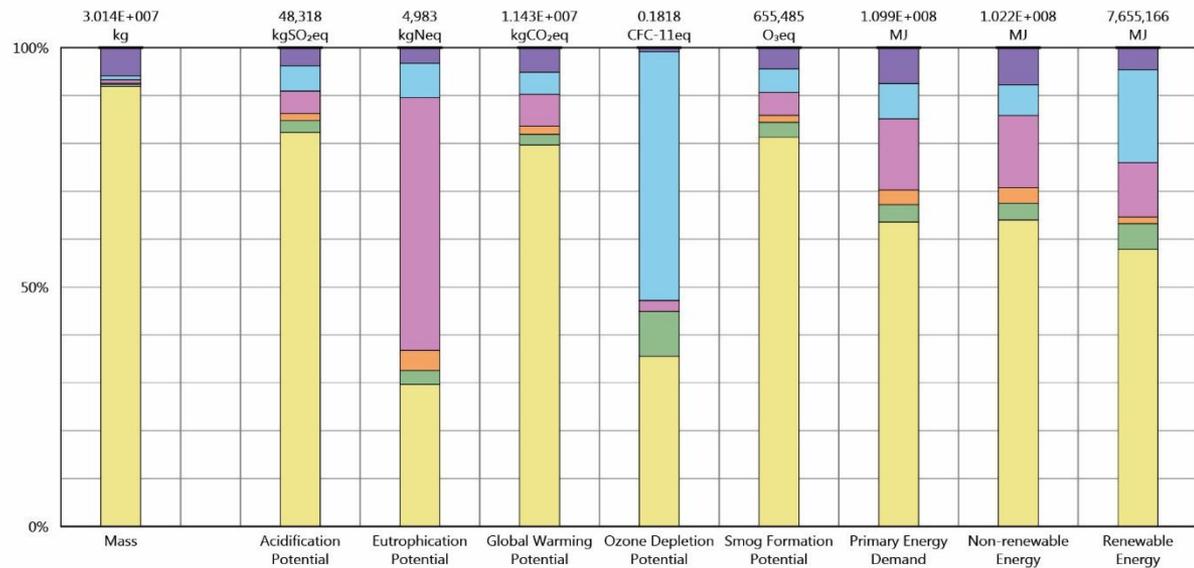


CSI Divisions

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Global Warming Potential

Results per CSI Division





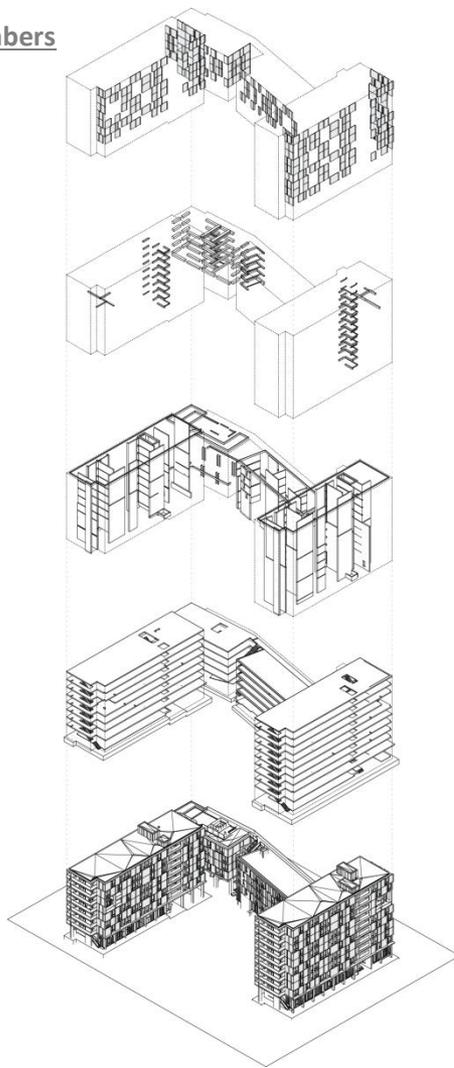
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Rain screen panels

Beams

Walls

Floors & stairs



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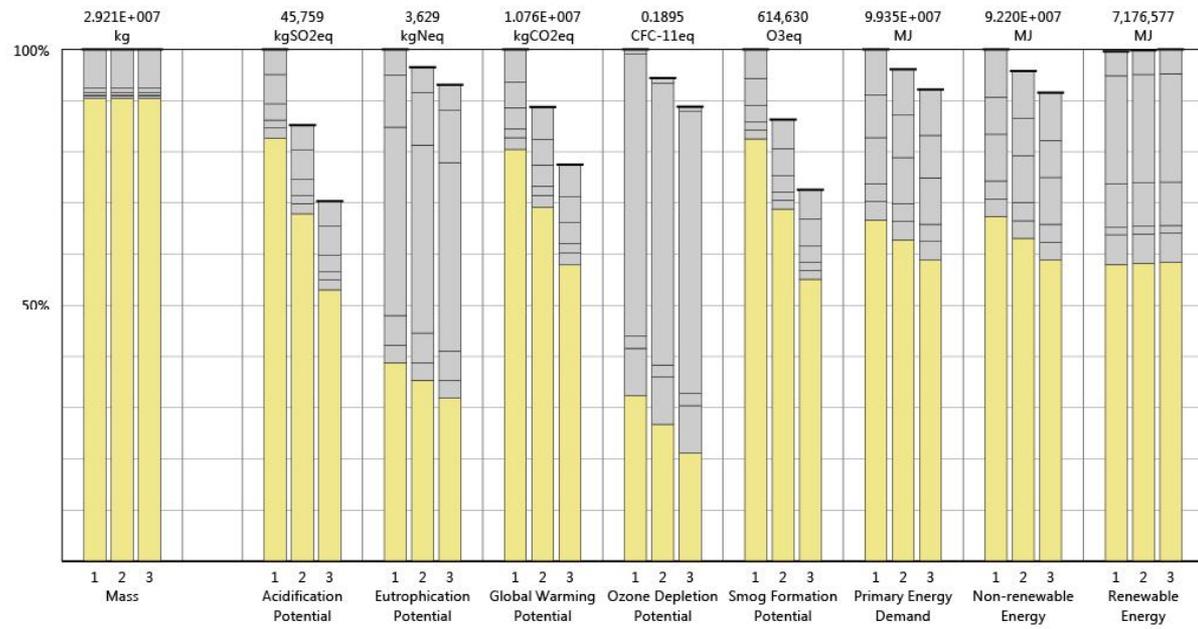
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Can the structural system be optimized to minimize resource use and construction time?

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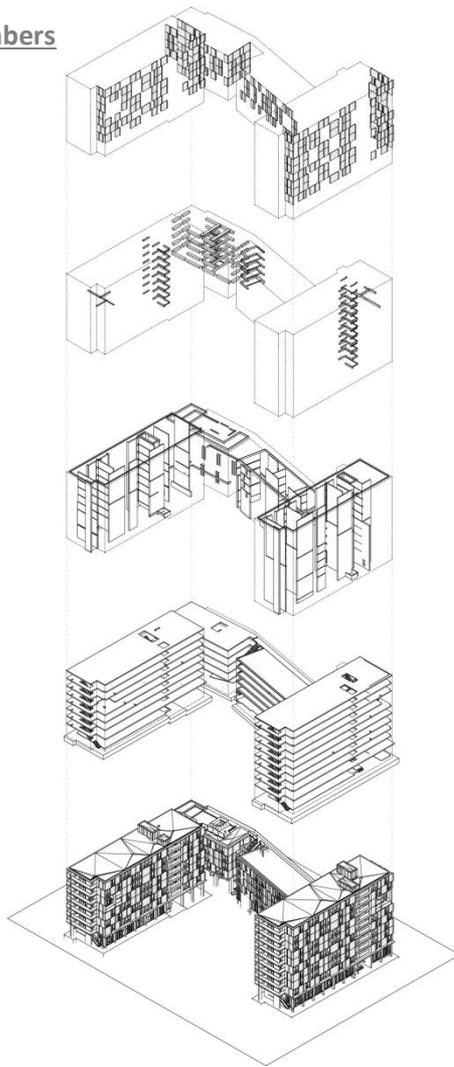
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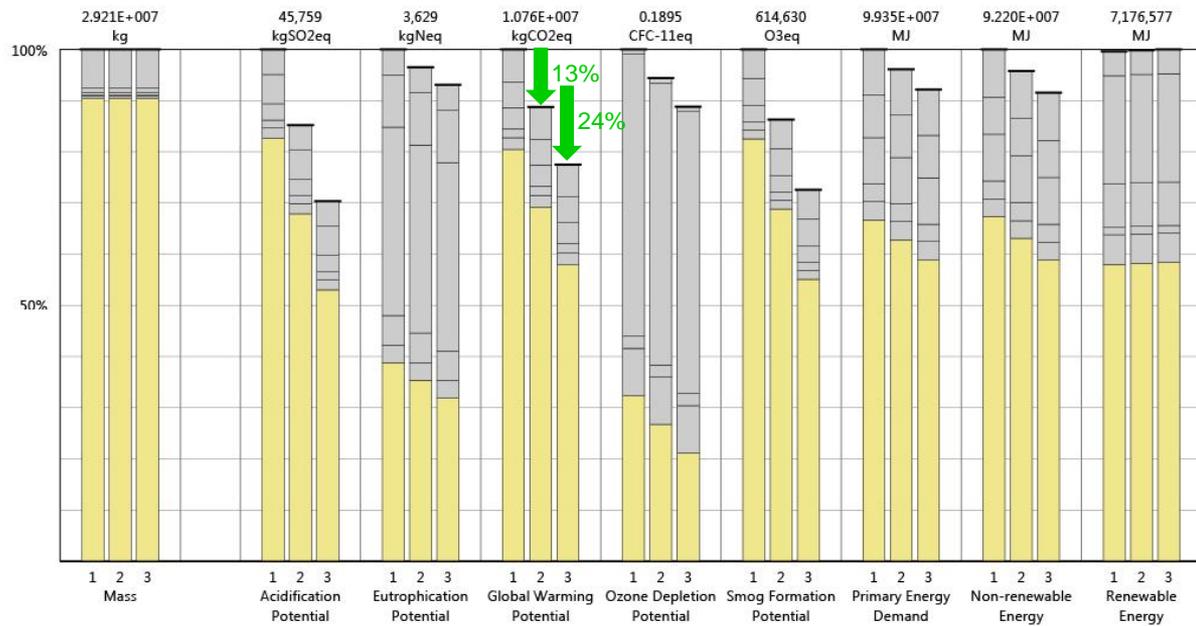
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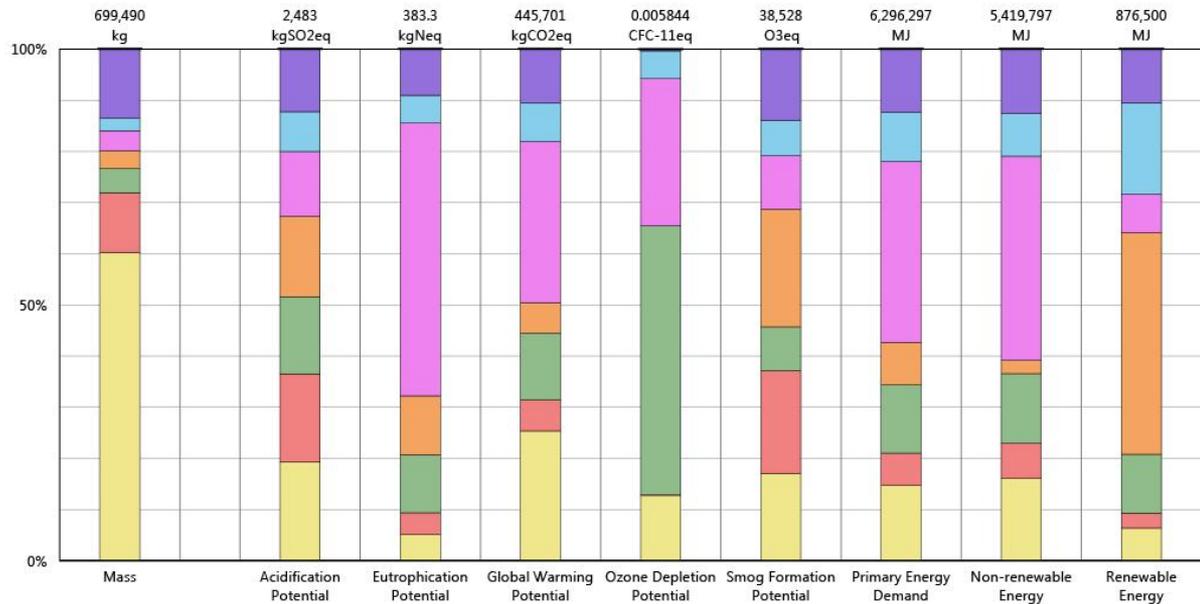
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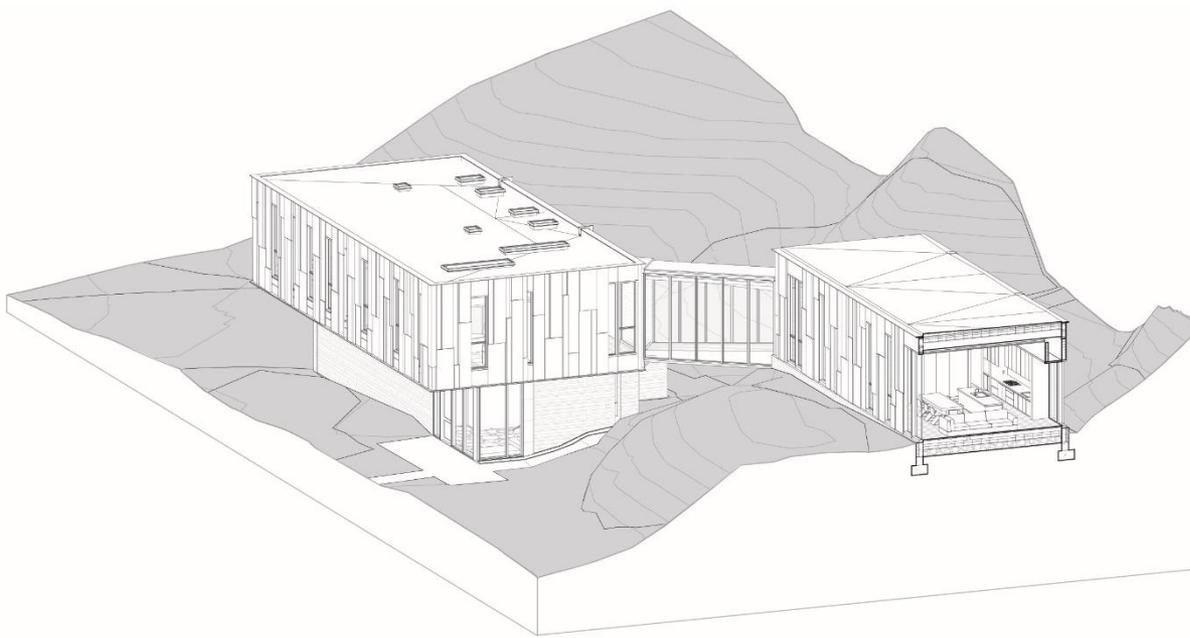
# LCA & Energy Efficient Buildings

What is the relative importance of building elements tied to increased energy efficiency?

How can I evaluate novel assemblies or materials?

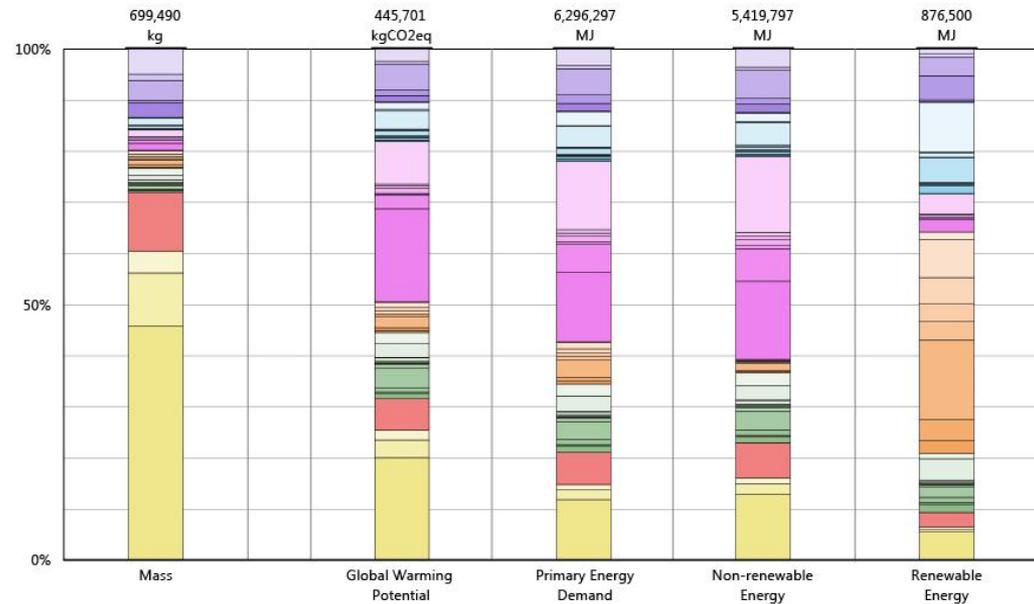
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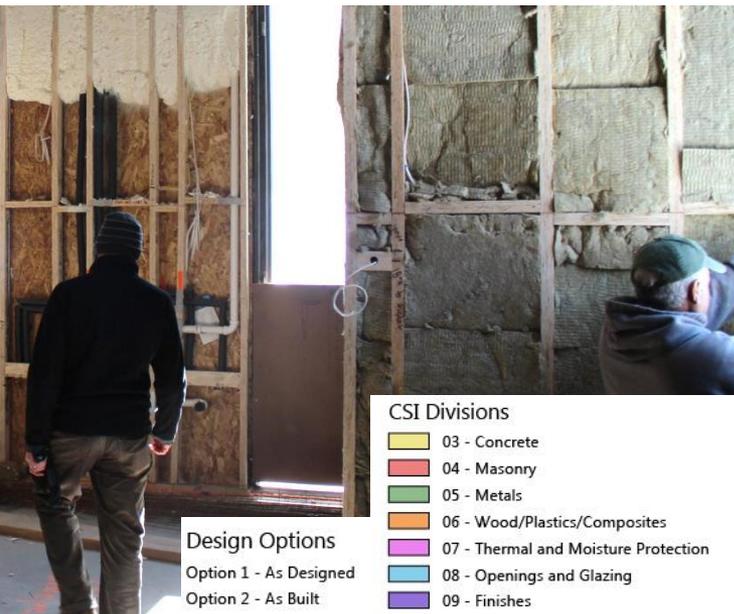




### Results per CSI Division, itemized by material

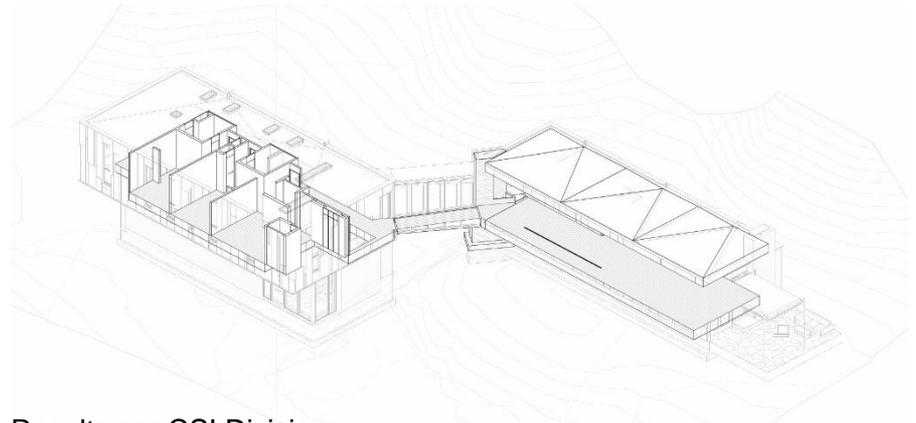
- 03 - Concrete**
  - Cast-in-place concrete, reinforced structural, 4000 psi
  - Reinforced concrete footing
  - Reinforced slab, exclusive of deck
- 04 - Masonry**
  - Limestone veneer wall, grouted
- 05 - Metals**
  - Aluminum, extrusion
  - Aluminum, honeycomb backer / substrate
  - Aluminum, sheet
  - Copper sheet
  - Steel, composite form deck
  - Steel, C-stud metal framing
  - Steel, furring channel
  - Steel, hollow structural section
  - Steel, MC section
  - Steel, plate
  - Steel, round tubing
  - Steel, sheet, stainless
  - Steel, wide flange shape
- 06 - Wood/Plastics/Composites**
  - Composite wood I-joist
  - Domestic hardwood
  - Oriented strandboard (OSB)
  - Paneling, interior
  - Parallel strand lumber (PSL)
  - Plywood, exterior grade
  - Plywood, interior grade
  - Wood framing
- 07 - Thermal and Moisture Protection**
  - Closed cell, polyurethane foam, spray-applied
  - Expanded polystyrene (EPS), board
  - Fluid applied synthetic polymer air barrier
  - Fluoropolymer-coated aluminum flashing
  - Mineral wool, board, generic
  - Open cell, polyurethane foam, spray-applied
  - Polyethelene sheet vapor barrier (HDPE)
  - Polyisocyanurate (PIR), board
  - PVC roofing membrane, sheet
  - Waterproofing, modified bituminous sheet
- 08 - Openings and Glazing**
  - Door frame, steel, galvanized
  - Door frame, wood
  - Door, exterior, steel
  - Door, exterior, wood, solid core
  - Door, interior, glass
  - Door, interior, steel
  - Door, interior, wood, structural composite core
  - Glazing, double pane IGU
  - Glazing, monolithic sheet
  - Glazing, triple pane IGU
  - Window frame, aluminum
  - Window frame, wood
- 09 - Finishes**
  - Acoustic ceiling system, fabric faced fiberglass
  - Ceramic tile, glazed
  - Flooring, solid wood plank
  - Stone tile
  - Tile backer board
  - Wall board, gypsum



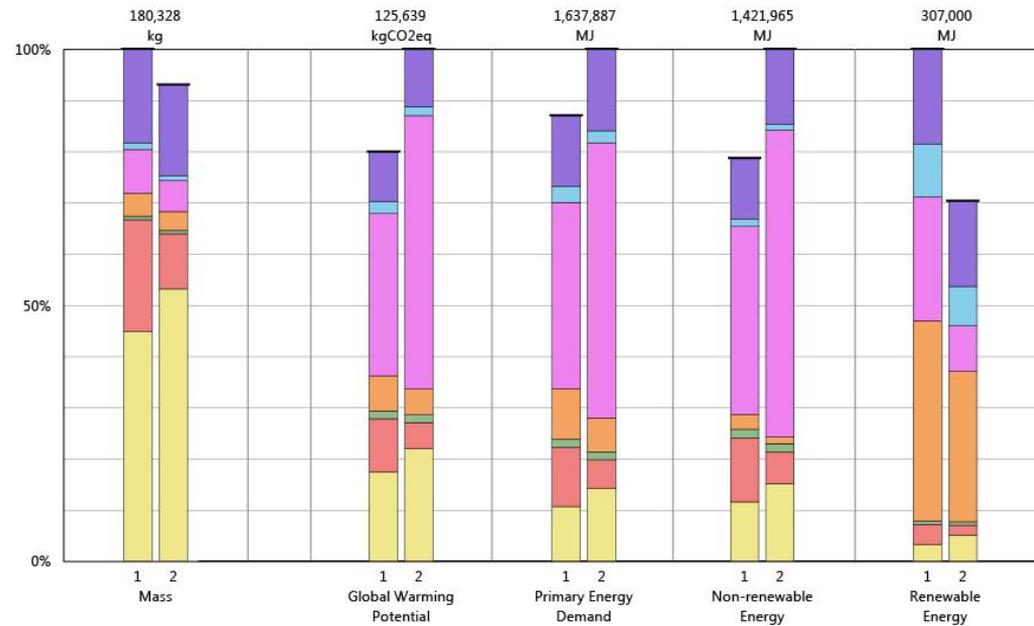


# Changes between project phases

How do changes made during construction affect building performance and embodied impacts?



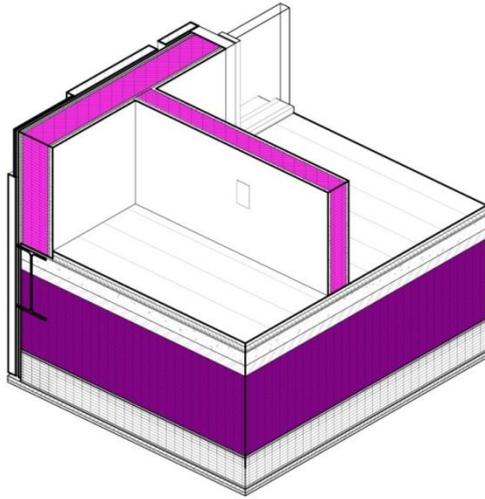
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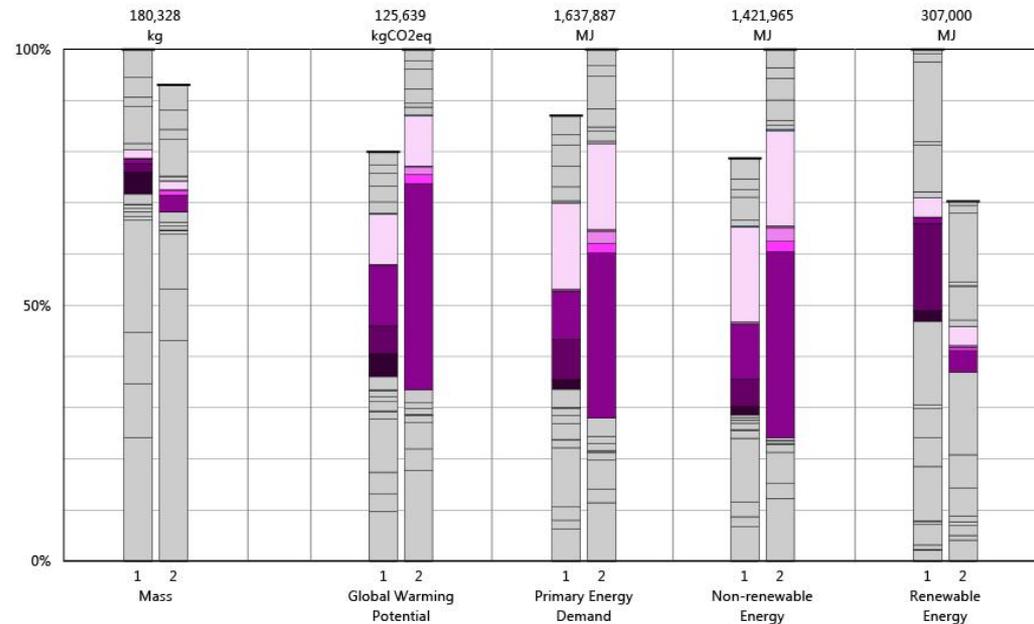
# Changes between project phases

How do changes made during construction affect building performance and embodied impacts?

What are the trade offs between material choices (embodied impacts, cost, performance, constructability)?



Results per CSI Division, itemized by material



## Option 1 - As Designed

### 07 - Thermal and Moisture Protection

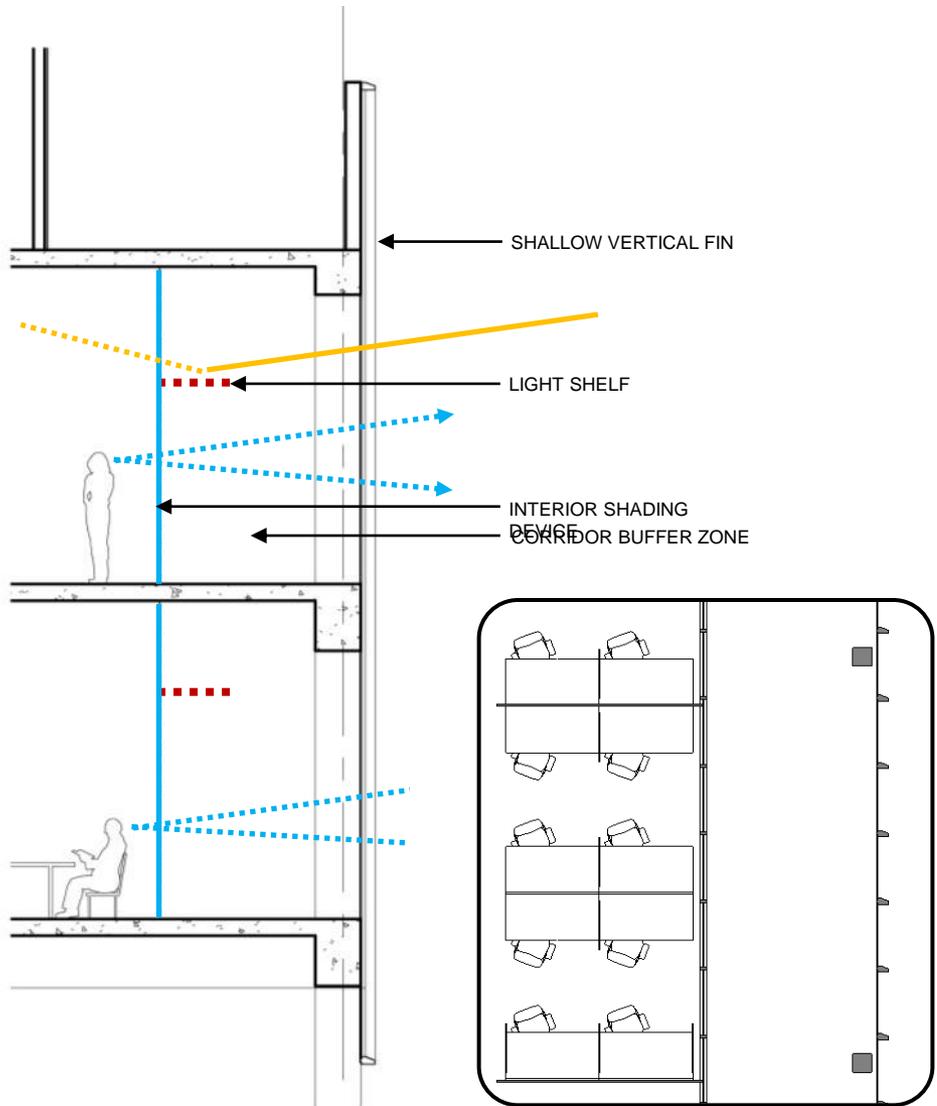
- Cellulose insulation, blown
- Cellulose insulation, board
- Closed cell, polyurethane foam
- Mineral wool, board, generic
- Open cell, polyurethane foam
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- Polyethelene sheet vapor barrier
- PVC roofing membrane, sheet

## Option 2 - As Built

### 07 - Thermal and Moisture Protection

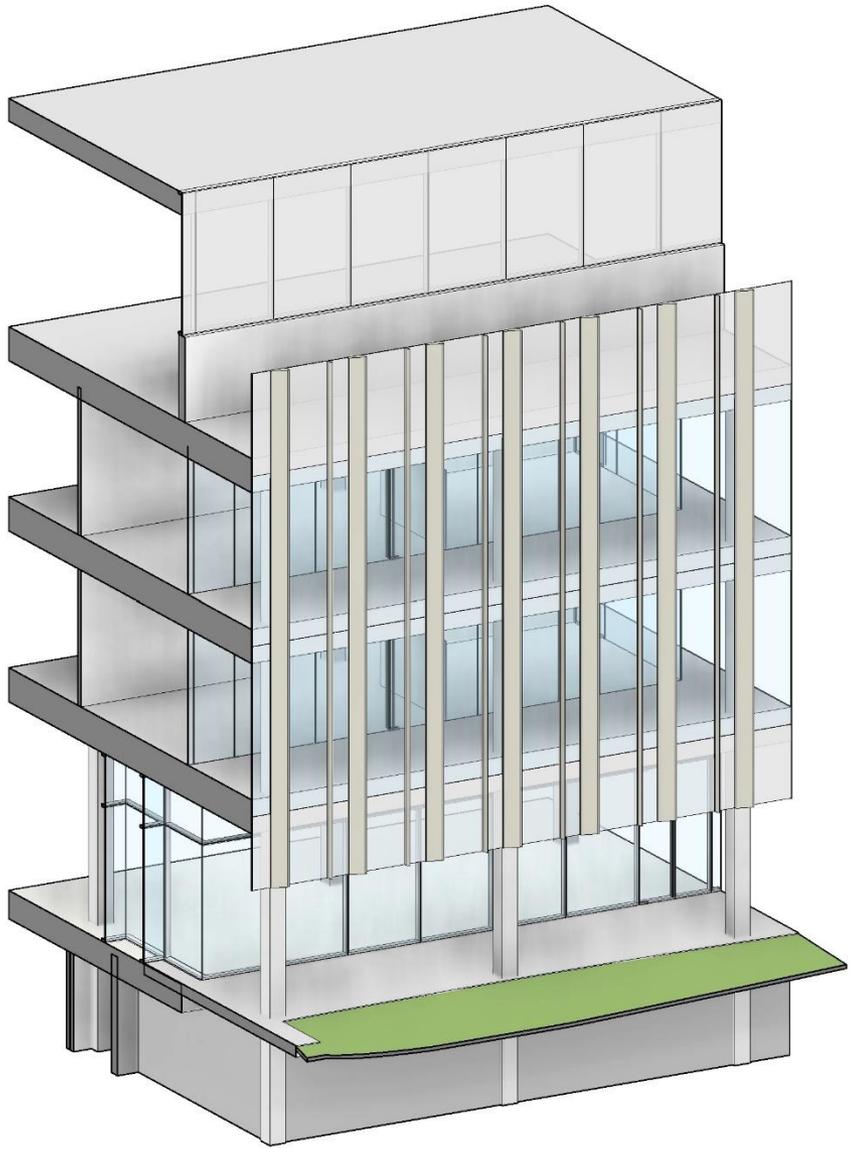
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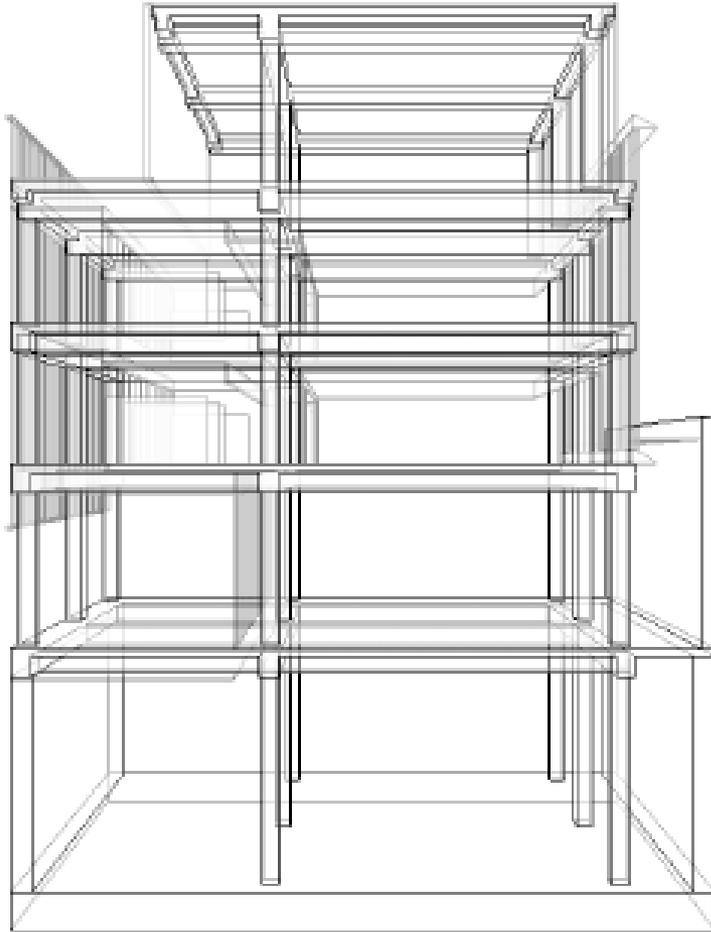




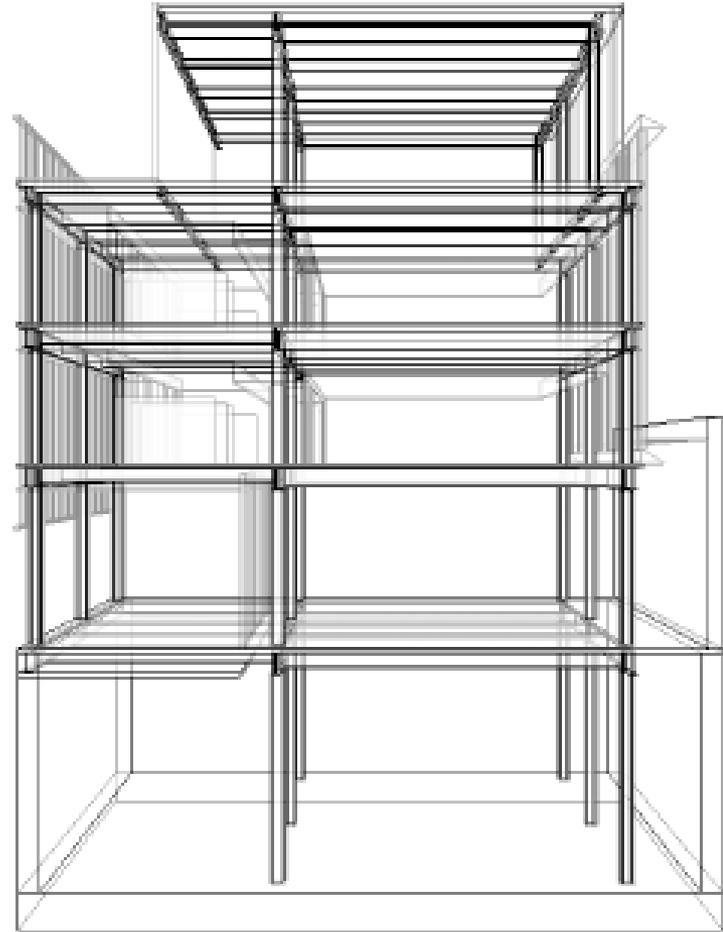
SECTION AT WEST FACADE

PLAN

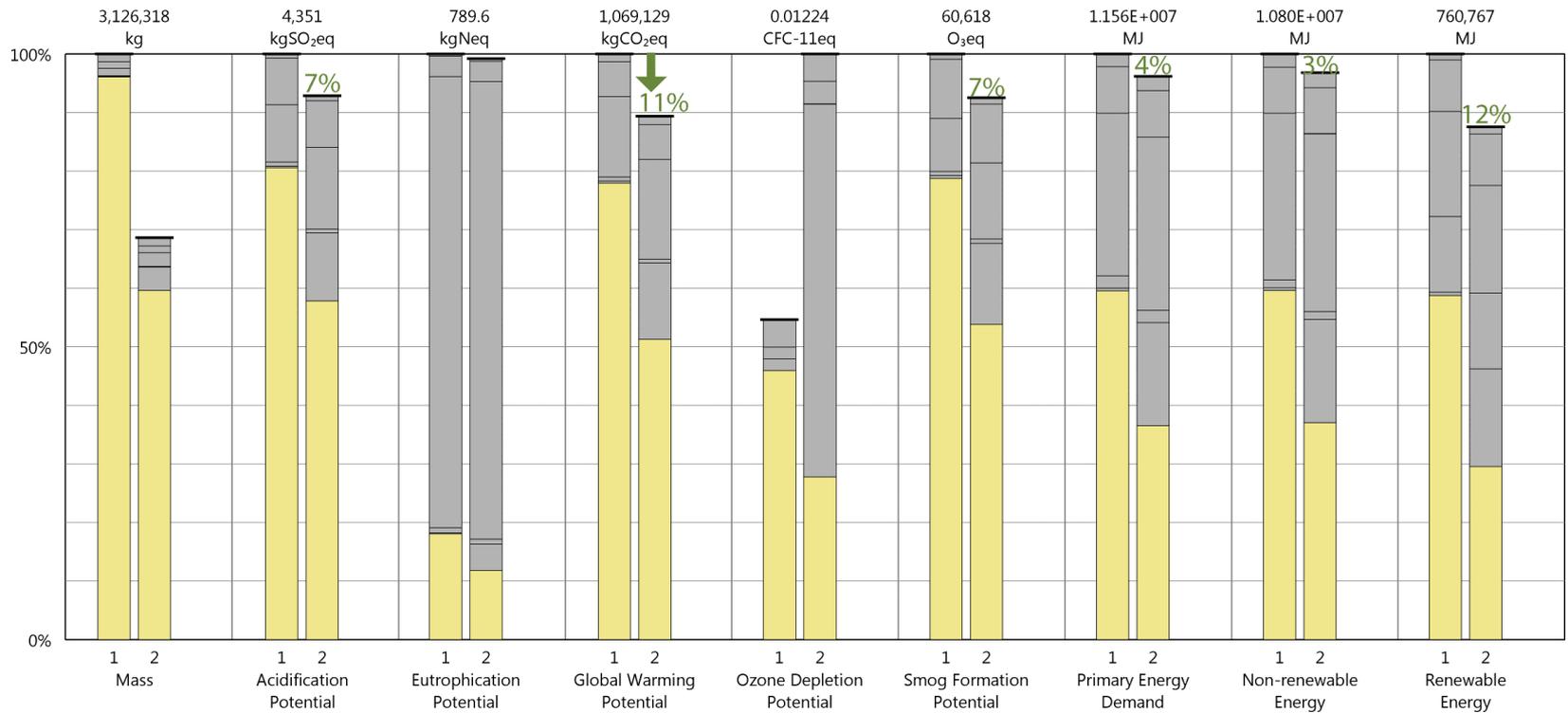
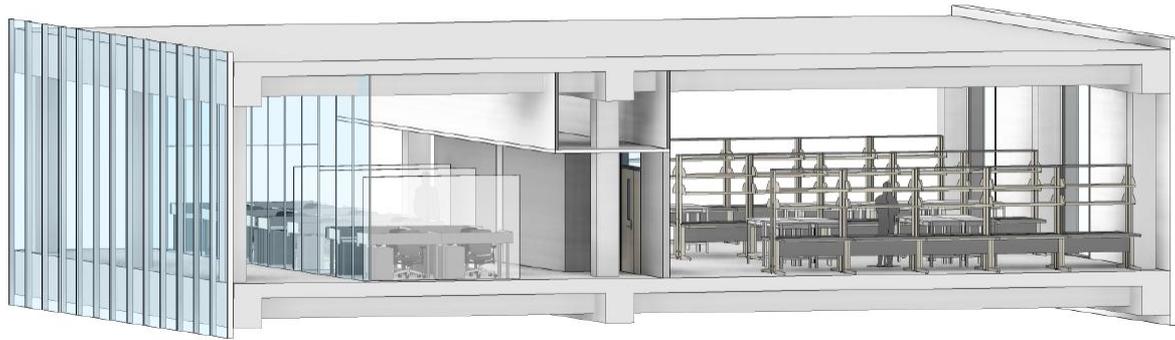




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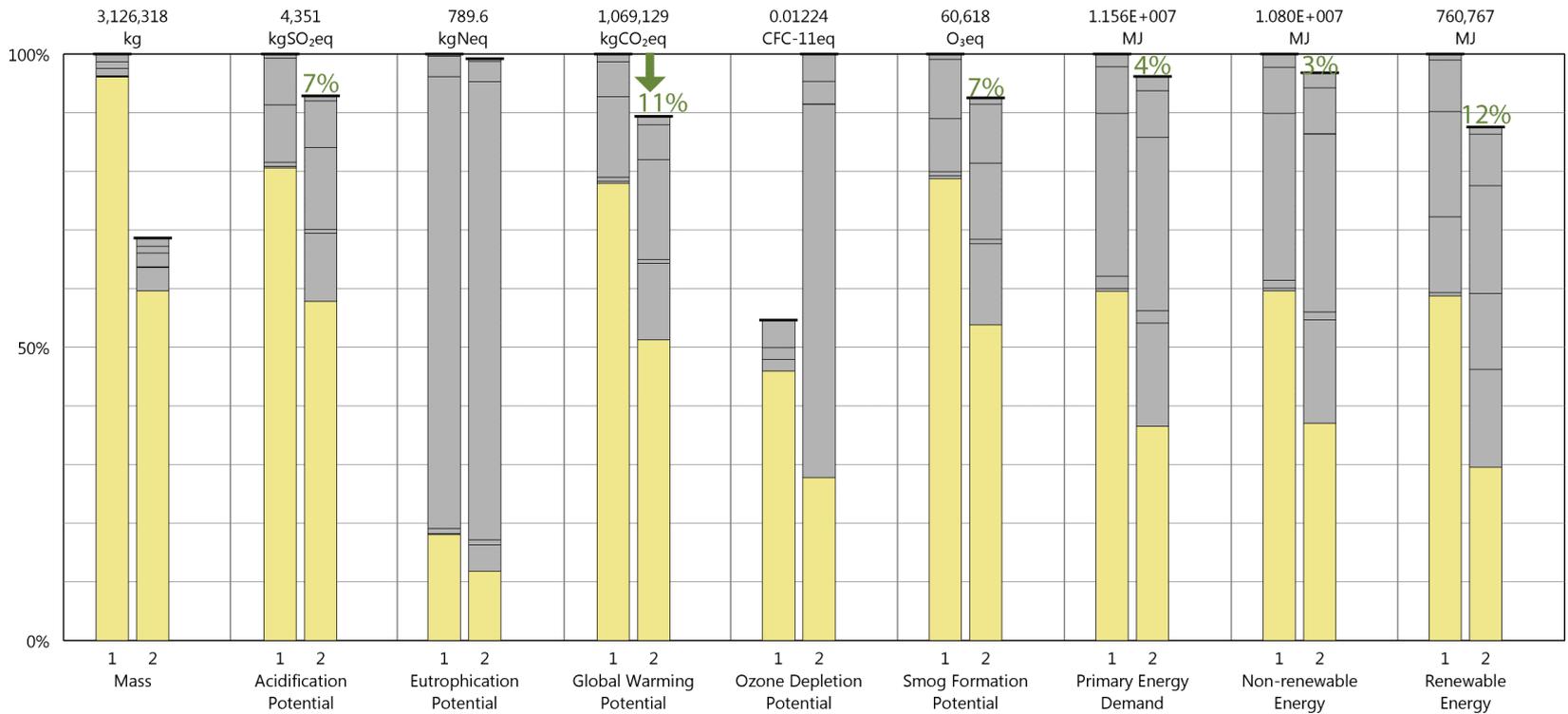
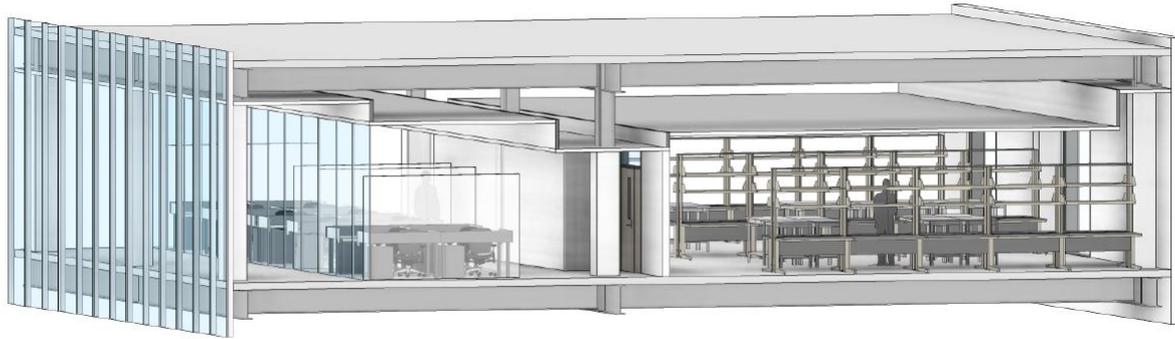


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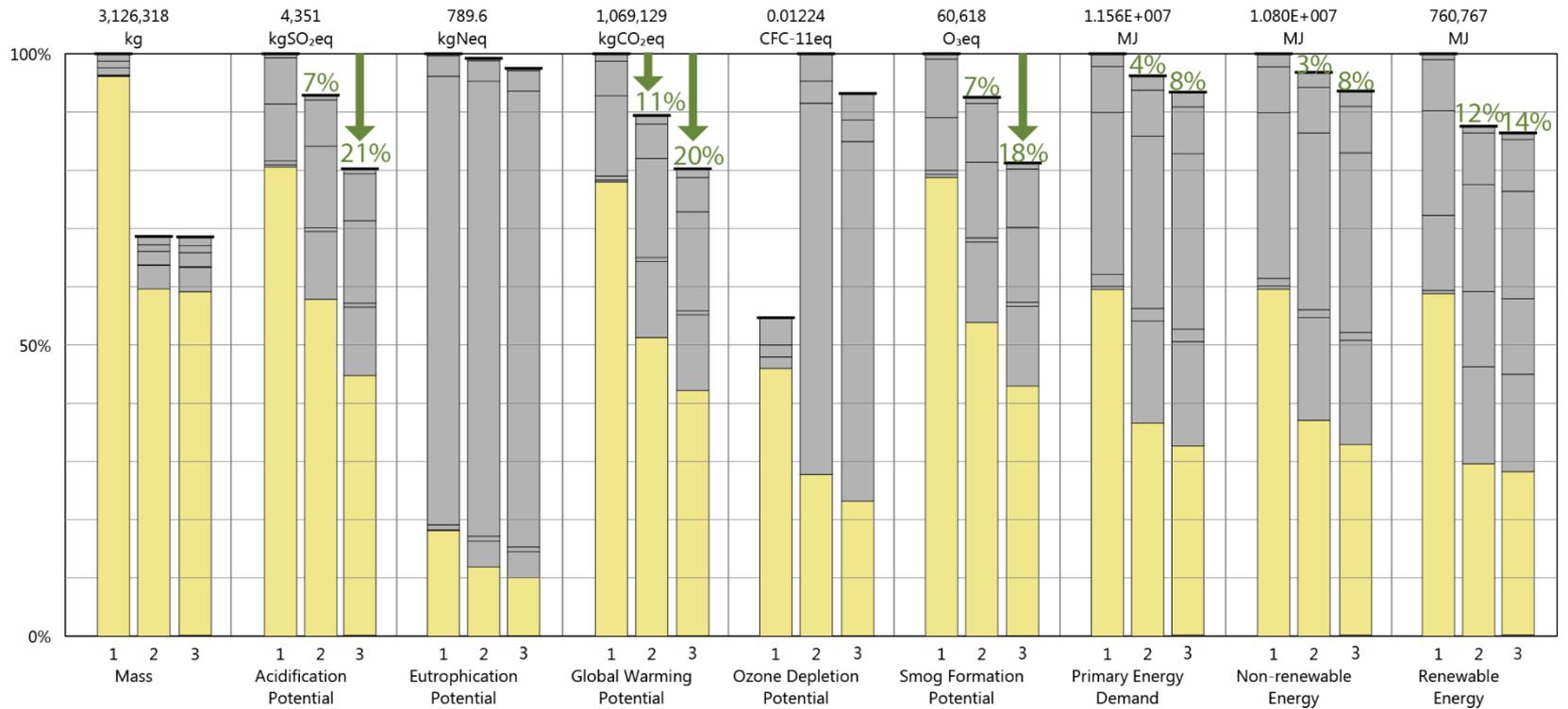
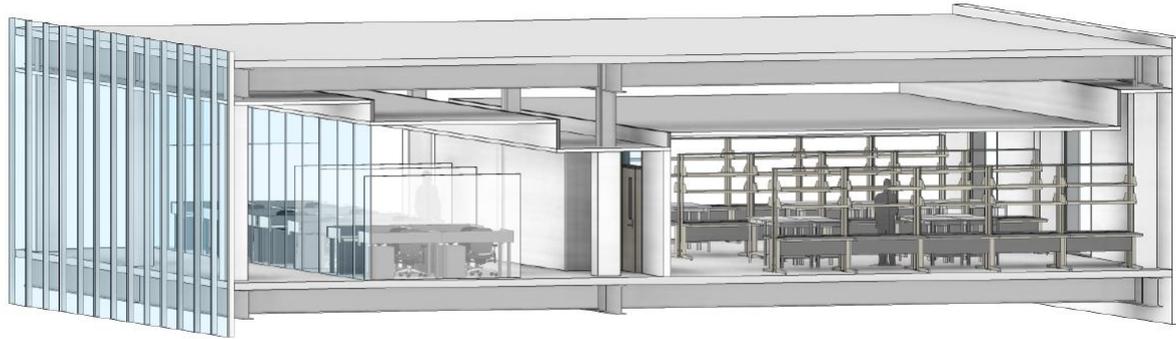


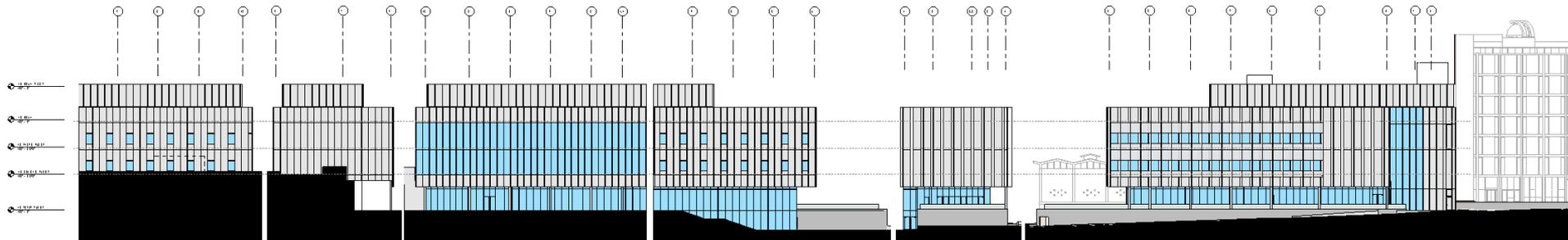
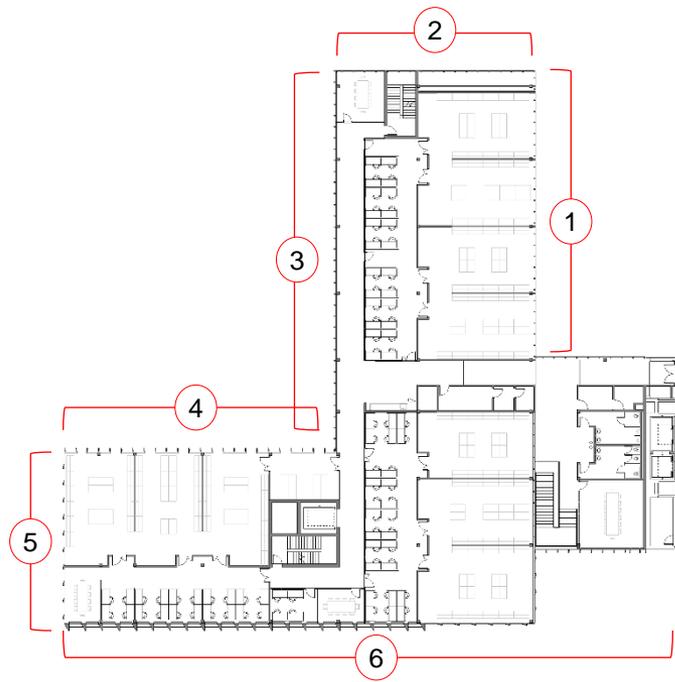
## STRUCTURAL SYSTEM COMPARISON

LIFECYCLE ASSESSMENT FOR BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION



**STRUCTURAL SYSTEM COMPARISON**





EAST  
(LABS)

NORTH  
(LAB END-WALL)

WEST  
(CORRIDOR/COLLABORATION)

NORTH  
(LABS)

WEST  
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SOUTH  
(COLLABORATION, LAB END-WALL, CONFERENCE, CIRCULATION)

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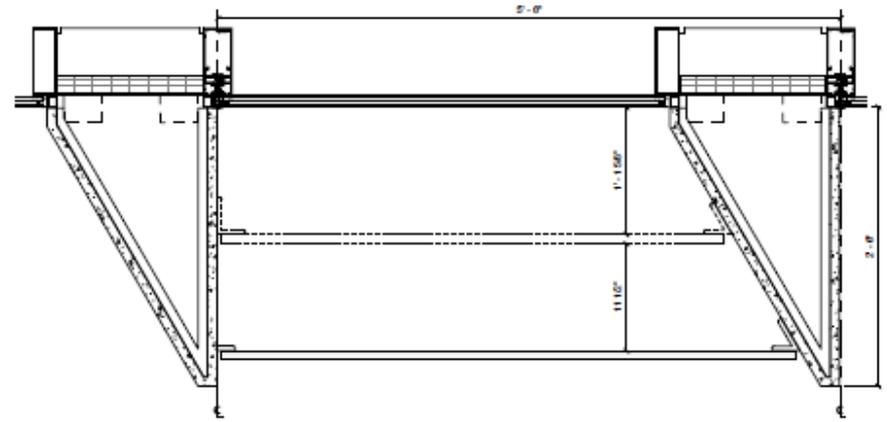
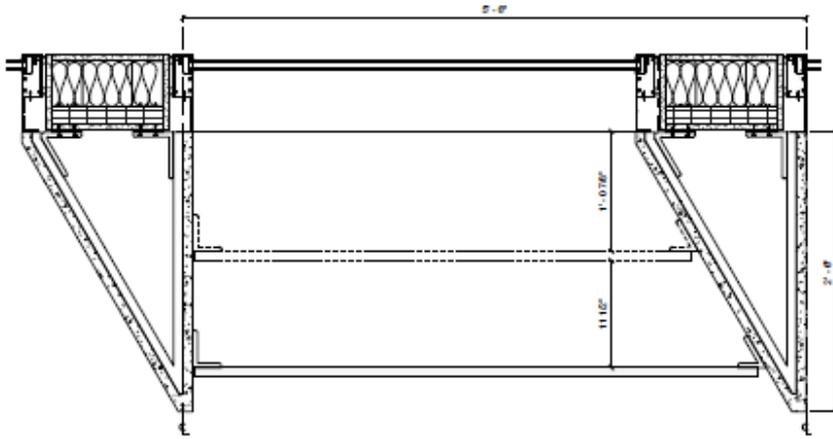
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-  OPAQUE AND TRANSLUCENT PANELS
-  VISION PANELS

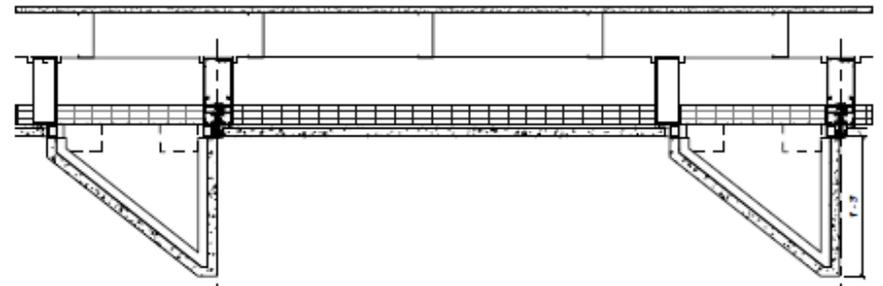
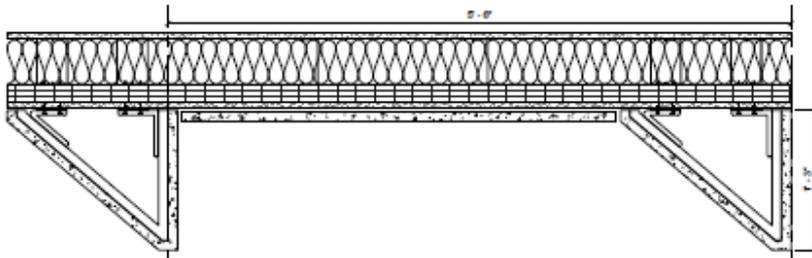
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# South Facade

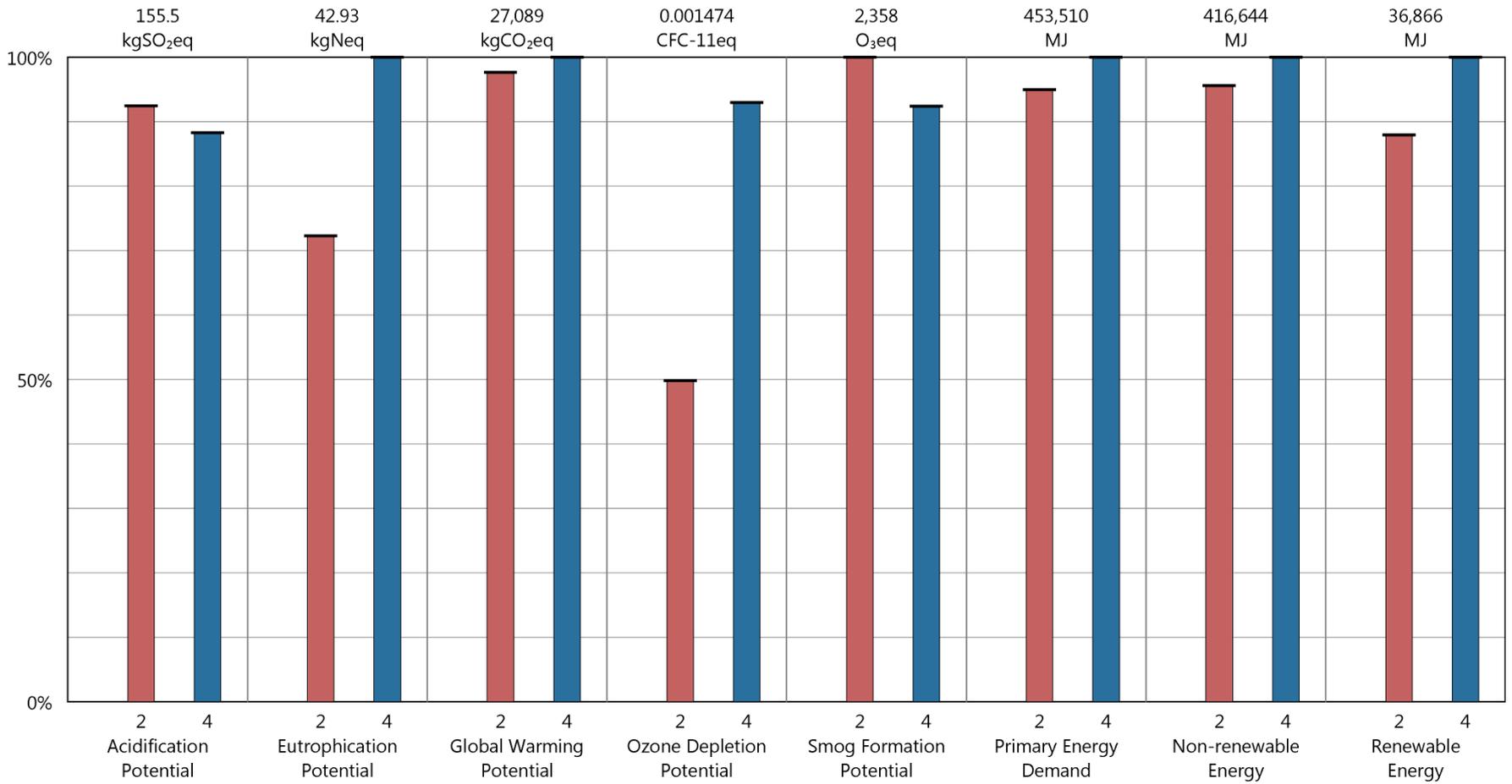


# Opaque Facade



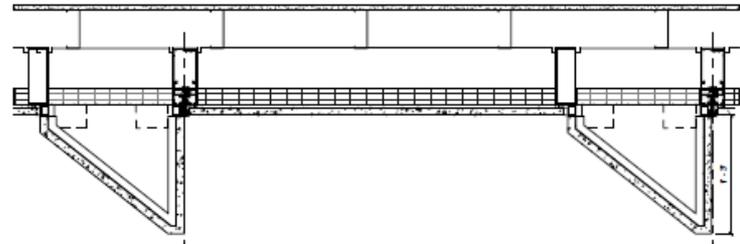
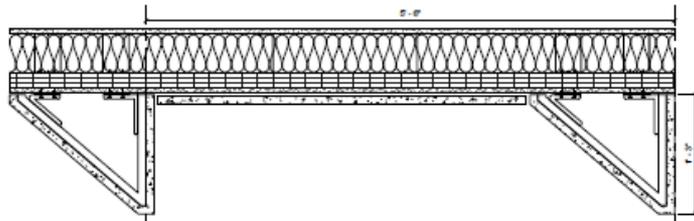
Option 1: Storefront and Frame

Option 2: Unitized Curtainwall

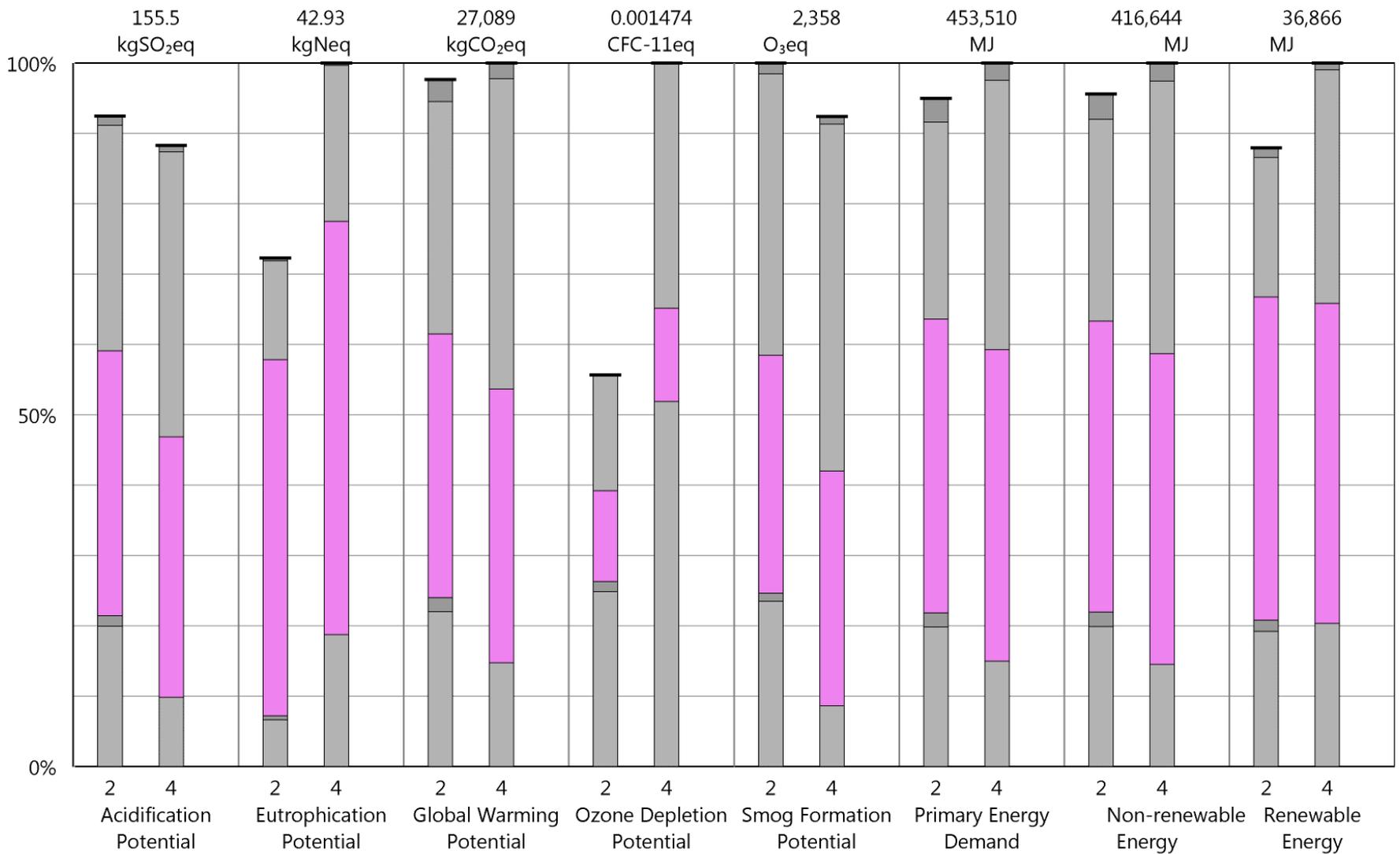


Stud with PIR

Unitized with PIR



## FAÇADE SYSTEM COMPARISONS



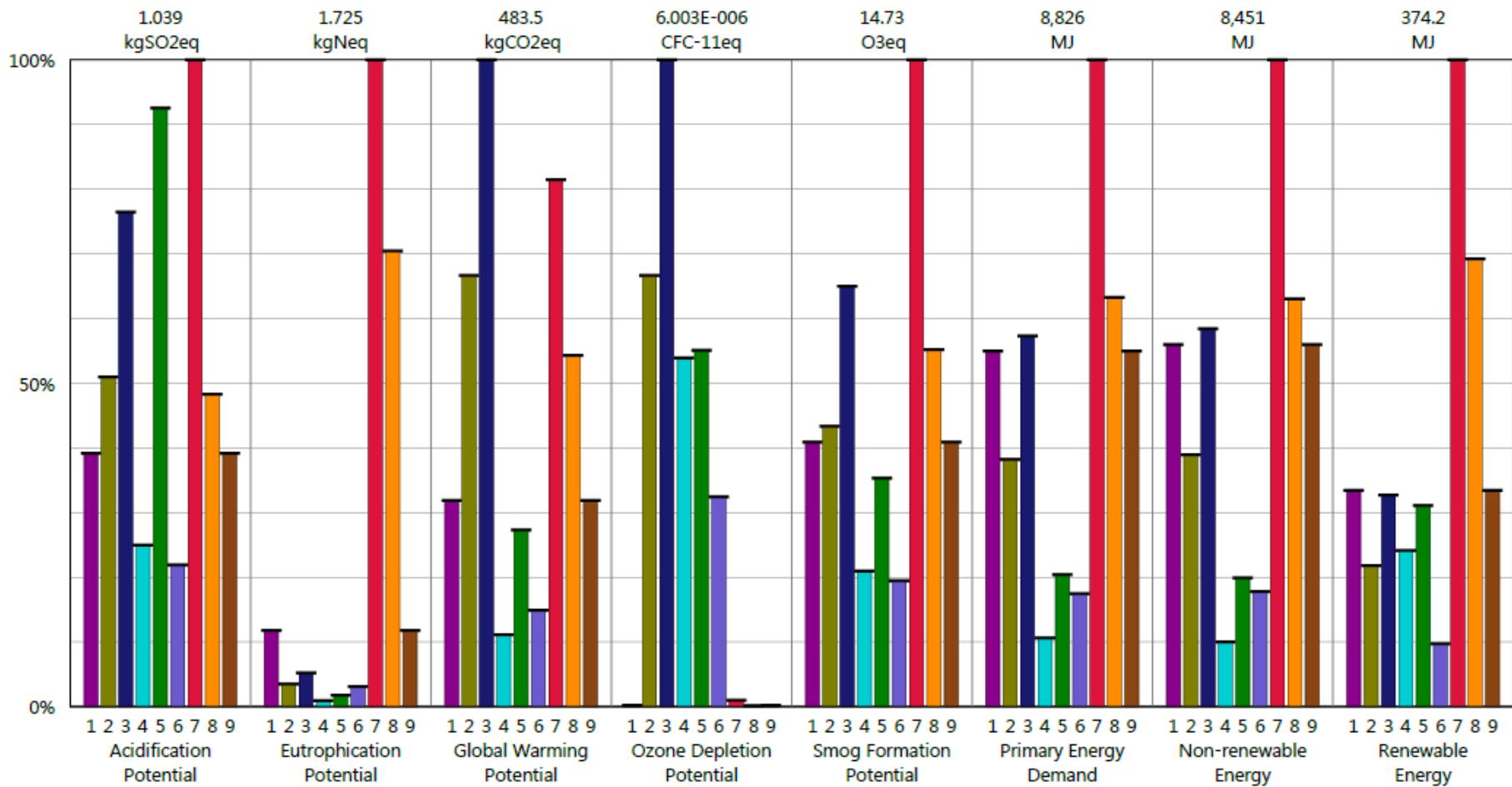
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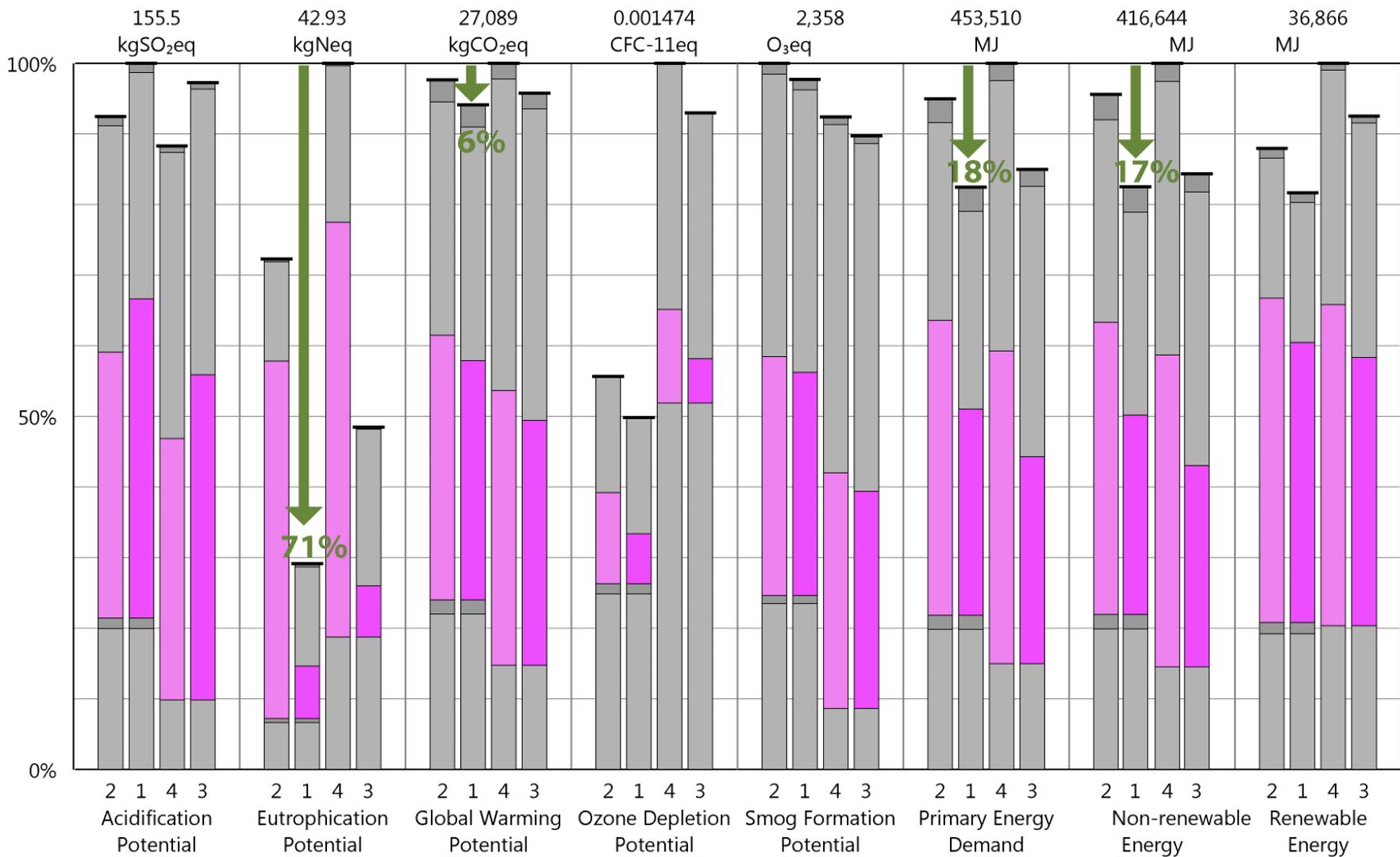
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- Option 4 - Unitized with PIR

**FAÇADE SYSTEM COMPARISONS MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS**



### Design Options

- Cellulose blown (primary)
- Open cell PUR foam
- Closed cell PUR foam
- PIR board
- EPS board
- PUR board
- Glass fiber blanket
- XPS board
- Mineral wool board



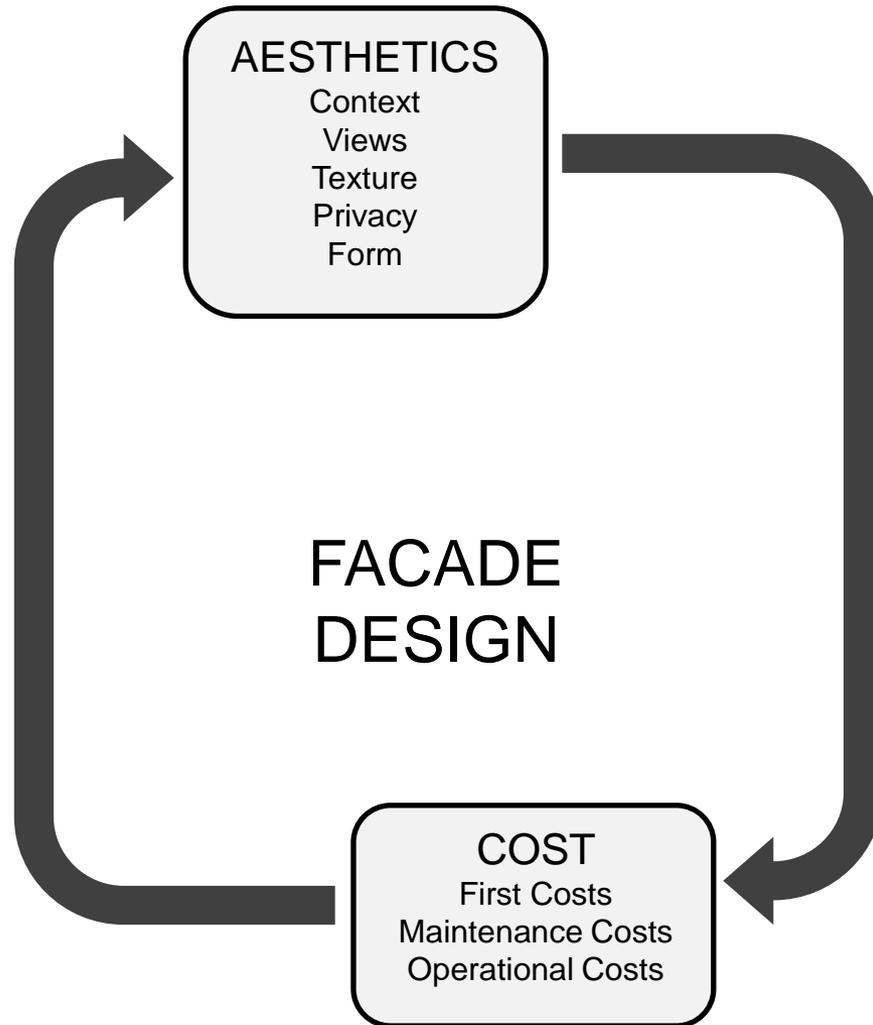
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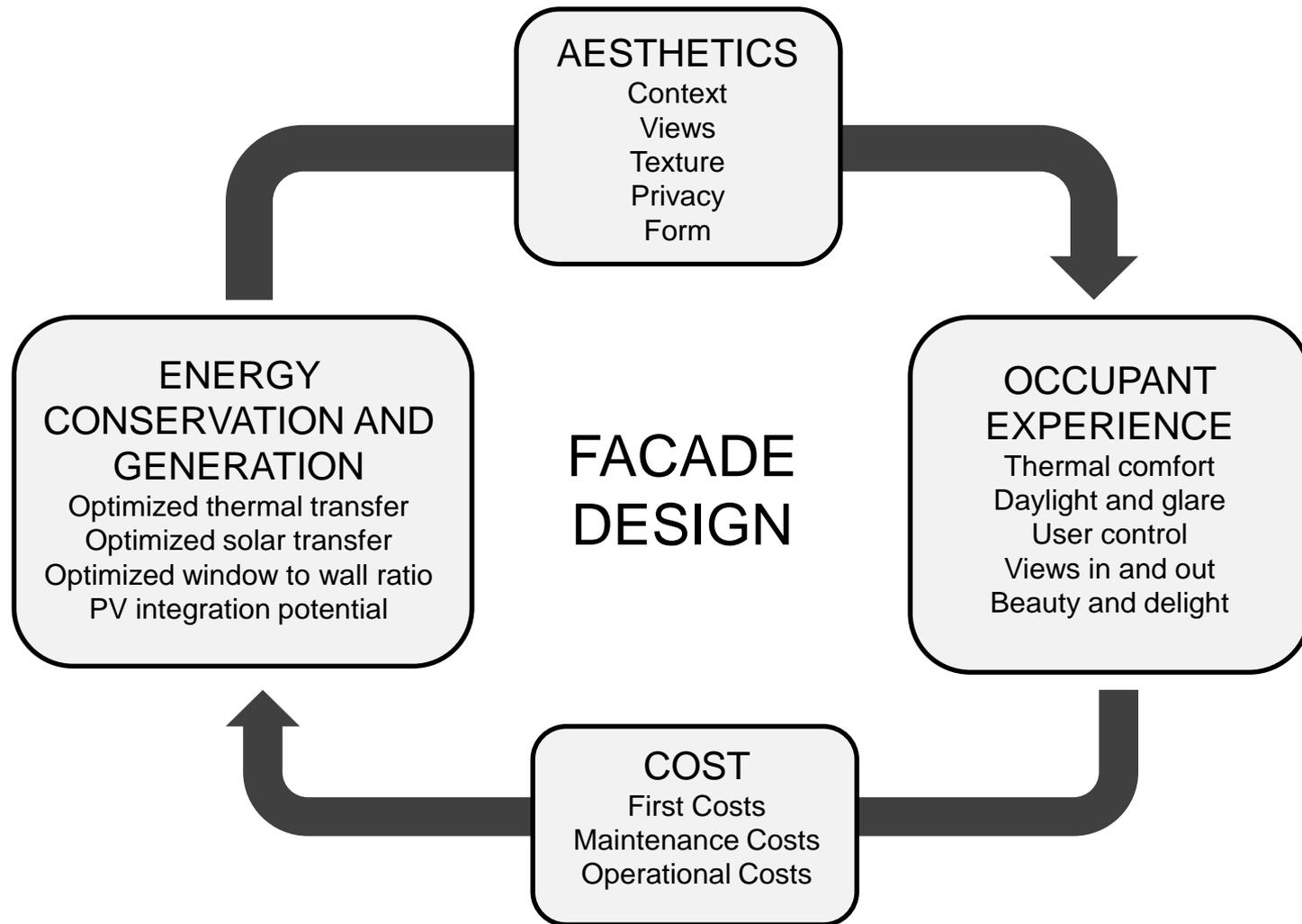
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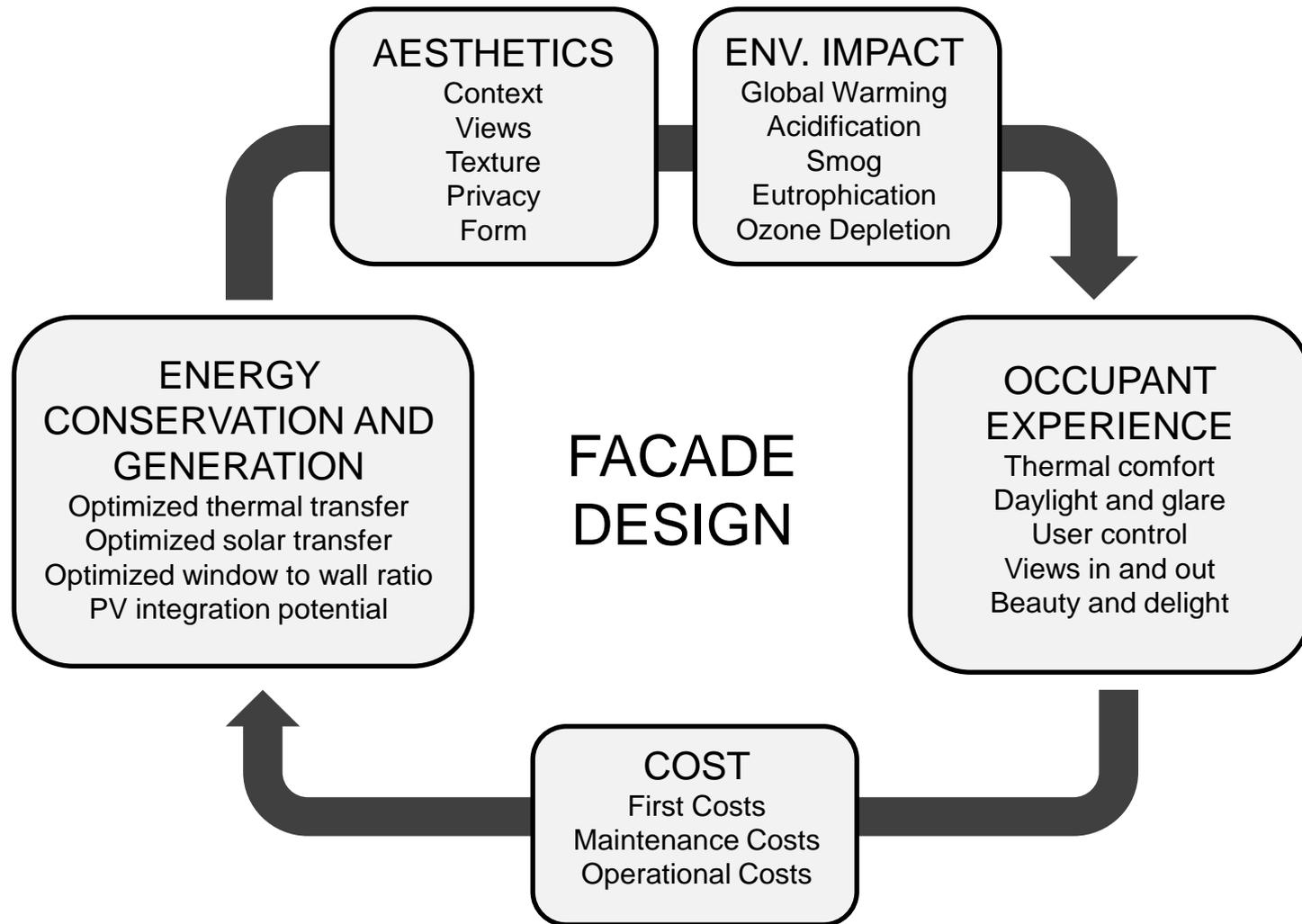
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**COMPARING INSULATION TYPES**









## Opportunities

- Designers should be taking a leadership position on understanding environmental impacts of their designs
- **Every impact** associated with a building **is the result of a design decision**
- New tools and workflows are making LCA more efficient and assessable to designers.

## Challenges

- **Interpretation** of results is still difficult
- LCA will always be **data intensive**.
- Low availability of high-quality data on products and assemblies
- Benchmarking is a huge challenge!
- LCA community is small, poorly funded
- LCA isn't a perfect methodology (doesn't cover all of our concerns)

# KNOW YOUR IMPACT

## Introducing Tally

The first LCA app that lets you calculate the environmental impacts of your building material selections directly in an Autodesk® Revit® model.

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### WHOLE BUILDING LCA

Assess the embodied environmental impact of your entire building. Benchmark your impact throughout design.

### DESIGN OPTION COMPARISON

Compare two or more distinct sets of building components side by side.

### MATERIAL SELECTION

Compare LCA impacts and ingredients of materials and assemblies, including information from manufacturer EPDs.