

# Circular Façade Systems

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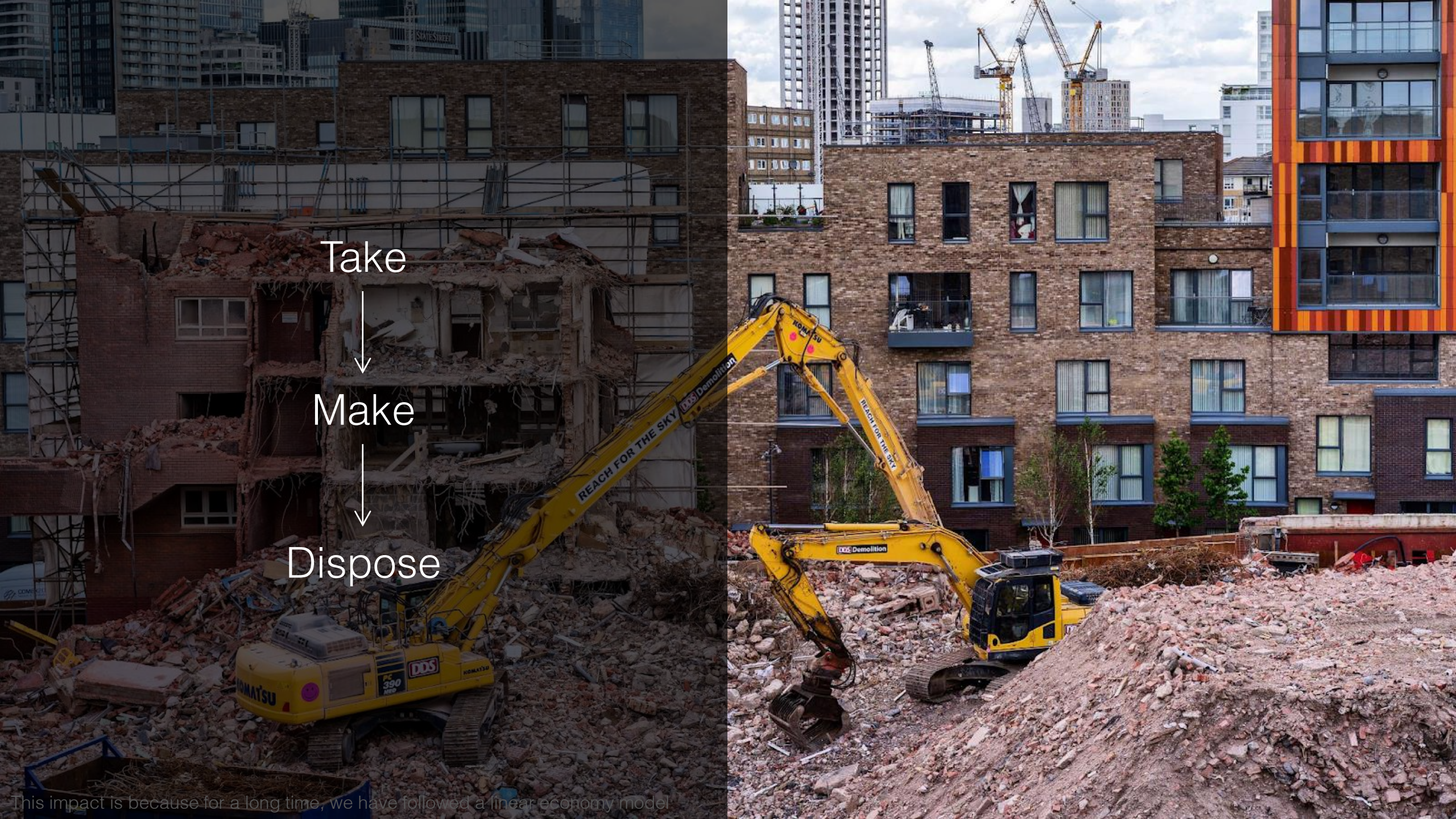
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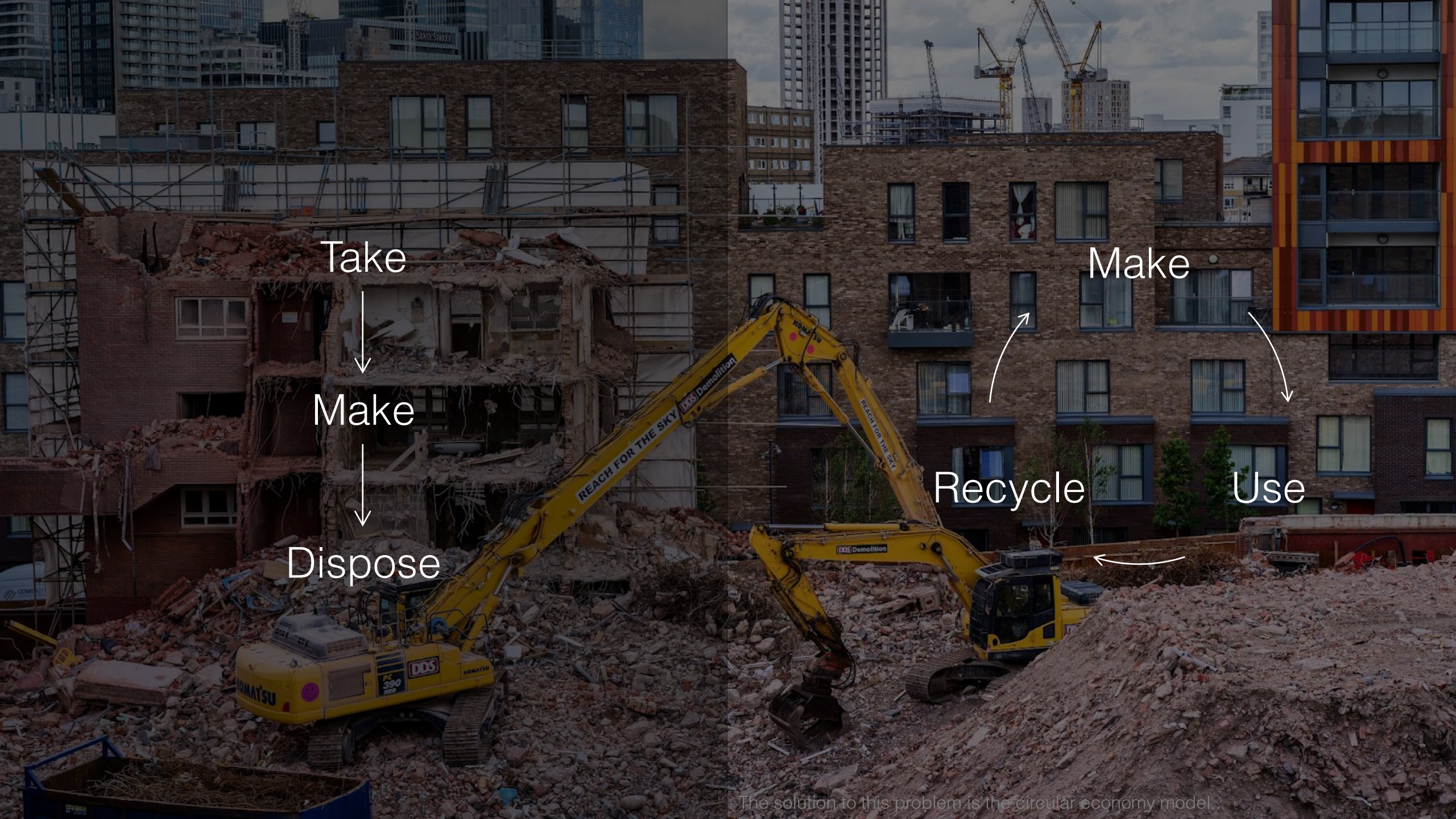


Make



Dispose

This impact is because for a long time, we have followed a linear economy model



Take



Make



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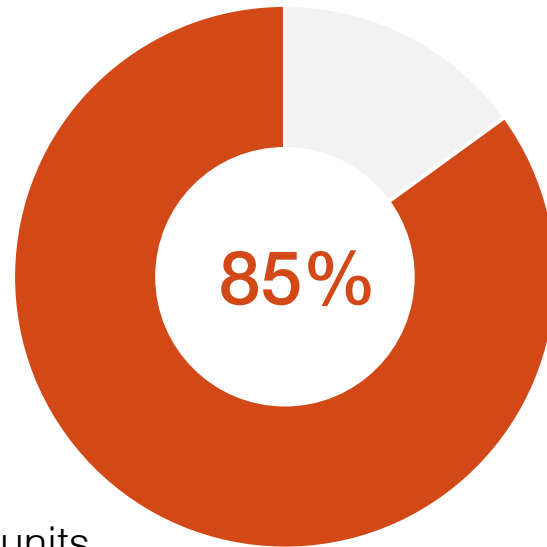


Recycle

Use



The solution to this problem is the circular economy model.



**Built before 2001**  
220 million building units

**85 – 95% of these will still be standing in 2050!**

Need to be upgraded to  
match the current standards



European  
Commission

35 million

buildings expected to be  
renovated by 2030

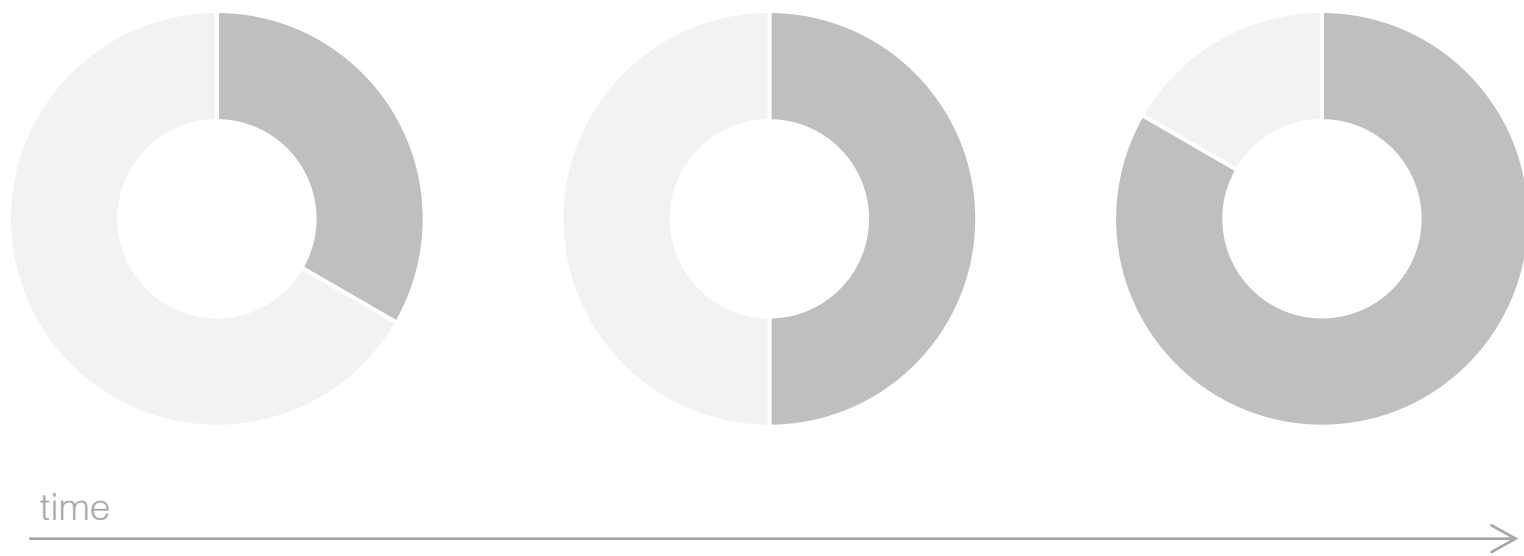
# Renovation Wave

The European  
Green Deal

October 2020

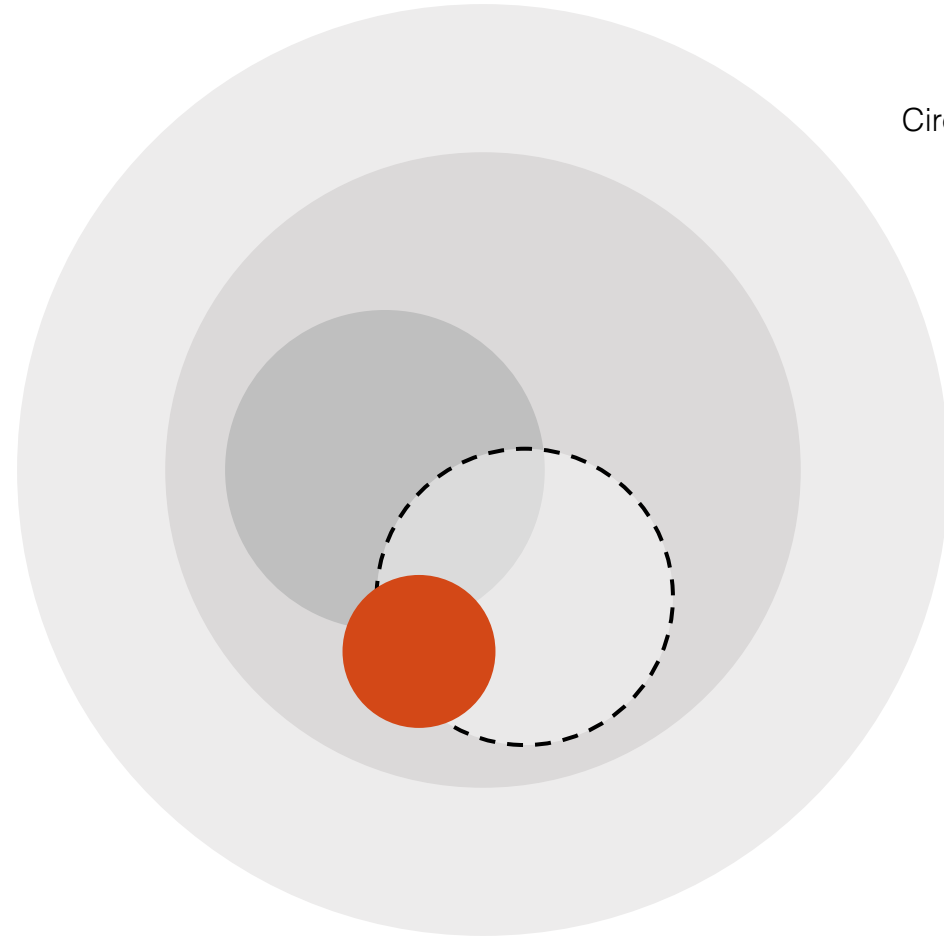
#EUGreenDeal

(EC, 2020)



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*Need to reduce*

- Embodied carbon
- Operational carbon



Circular Economy

Circularity in the Built Environment

New Building Design

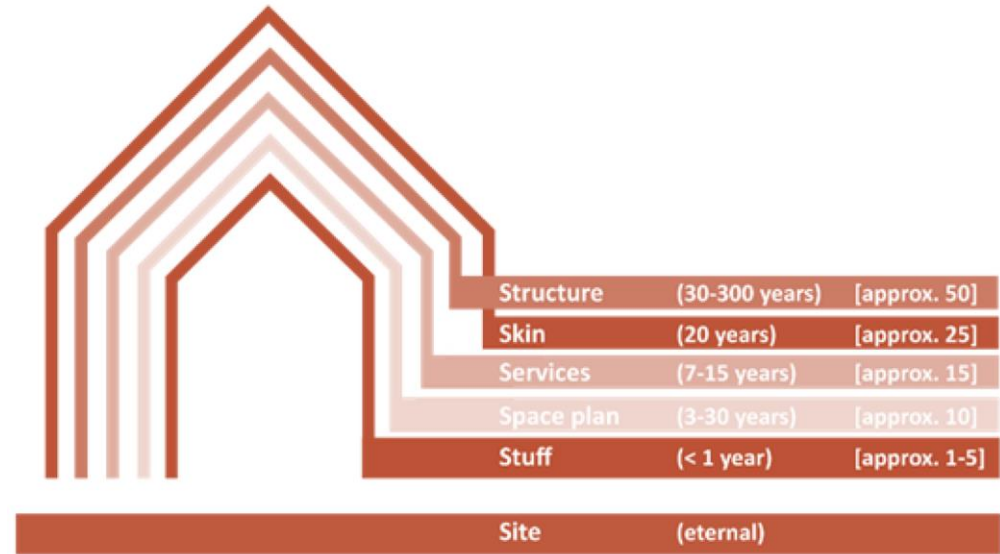
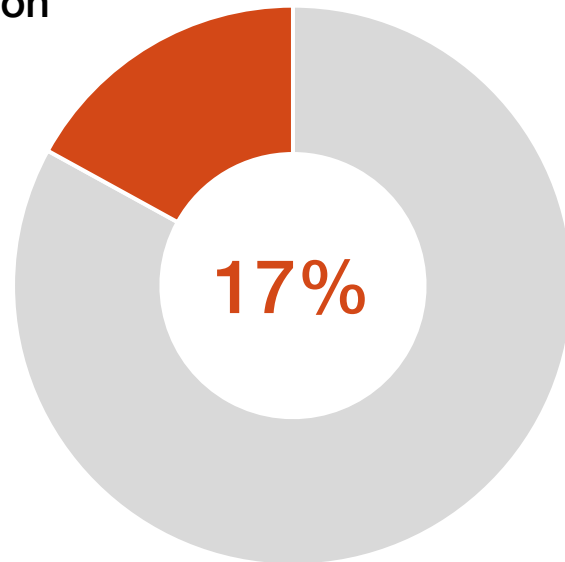
Building Renovations

Building Envelope



## Contribution to Embodied Carbon

- Architectural demands
- Thermal performance
- Indoor comfort
- Actors
- Complex geomtery





A Circular Economy  
in the Netherlands  
by 2050



v/s

**There is a lack of a clear and strategic approach to designing a circular façade. The process is complex due to many interconnected factors involved.**



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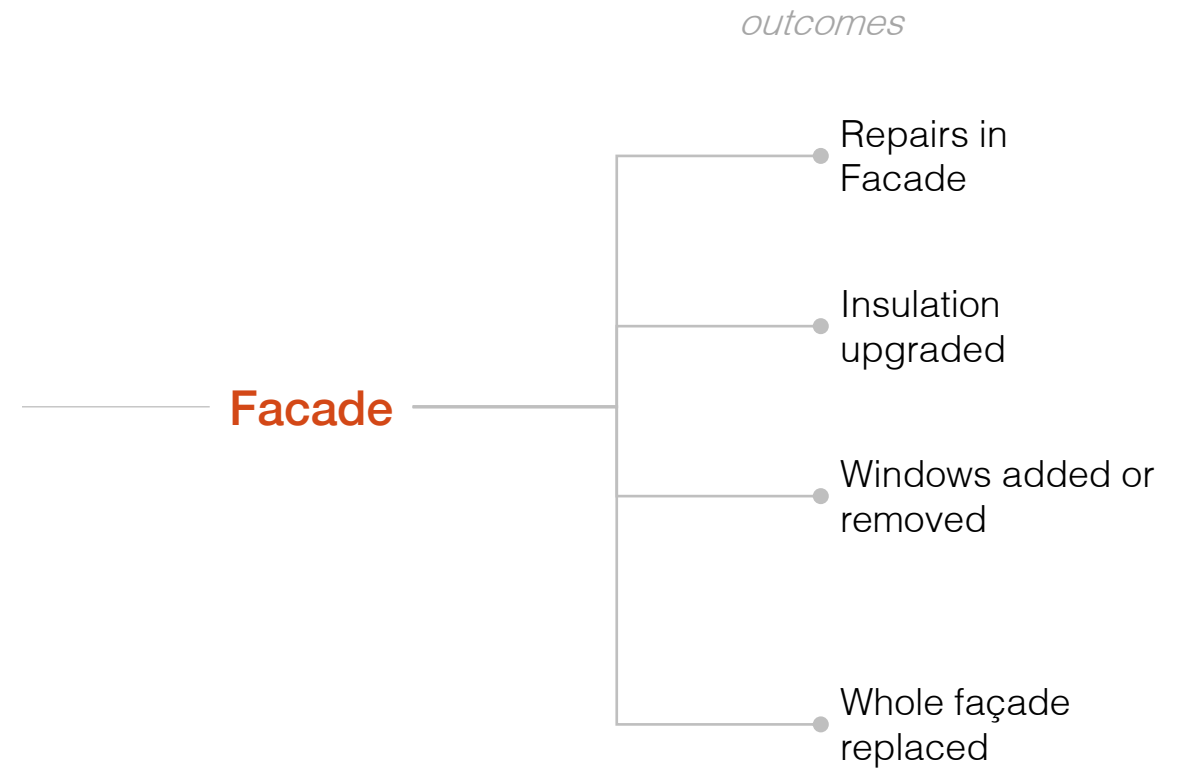
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# Literature

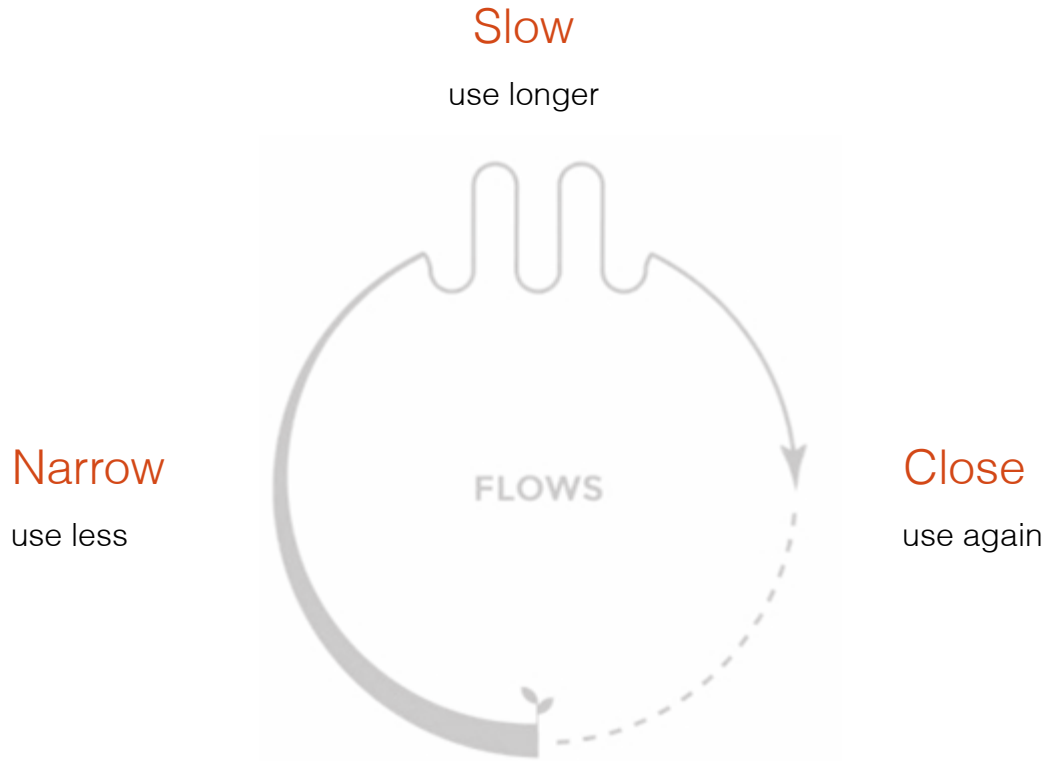
- Building Renovation Goals
- Circular Economy in Built Environment

# Building Renovation Goals

<b>Urban Design</b>	Improvement of the urban and architectural quality, preventing vacancy in a neighborhood to avoid social problems are important factors related to the urban context in which the building is placed.
<b>Architectural Design</b>	Avoid the decay of valuable architectural heritage and construction, update the appearance of the overall building, and change the character to suit the current times.
<b>Function</b>	Transform the building spatially, optimize the spaces as per requirement
<b>User Comfort</b>	Eliminate unpleasant indoor conditions, hygiene, and ventilation problems, avoid sick building syndrome or building related illnesses.
<b>Technical Installations</b>	Reduce the high operational energy demand and maintenance needs
<b>Hazardous Materials</b>	Get rid of hazardous materials if any have been used in the original construction
<b>Building Physics</b>	Eliminate building physics concerns like lack of insulation, wind or water leaks, fire protection deficiencies while planning for climate change and the current climatic conditions.
<b>Fire Regulation</b>	Introduce compulsory fire safety improvements as per current building standards and regulations
<b>Safety</b>	Avoid danger or damage to third party
<b>Energy Consumption</b>	Meet the current energy consumption standards as per building norms.
<b>Operational Costs</b>	Avoid the high maintenance costs and high energy demands of building
<b>Letting ability</b>	Bring and vacant building back into the market
<b>Marketing</b>	Users' representation needs
<b>Financial Market</b>	Investment from institutional investors

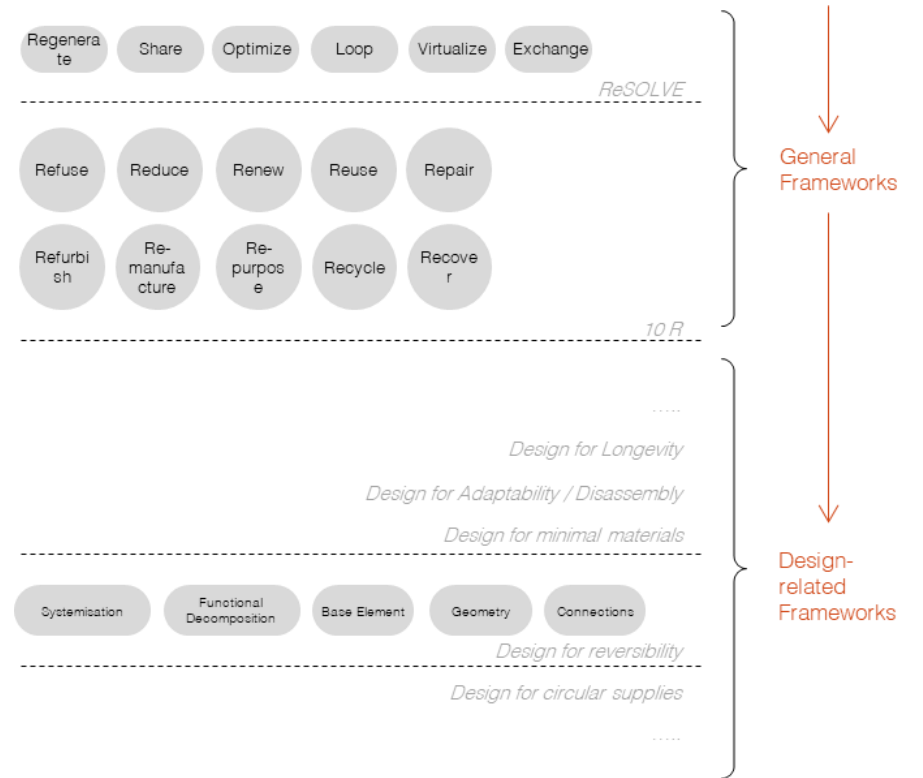
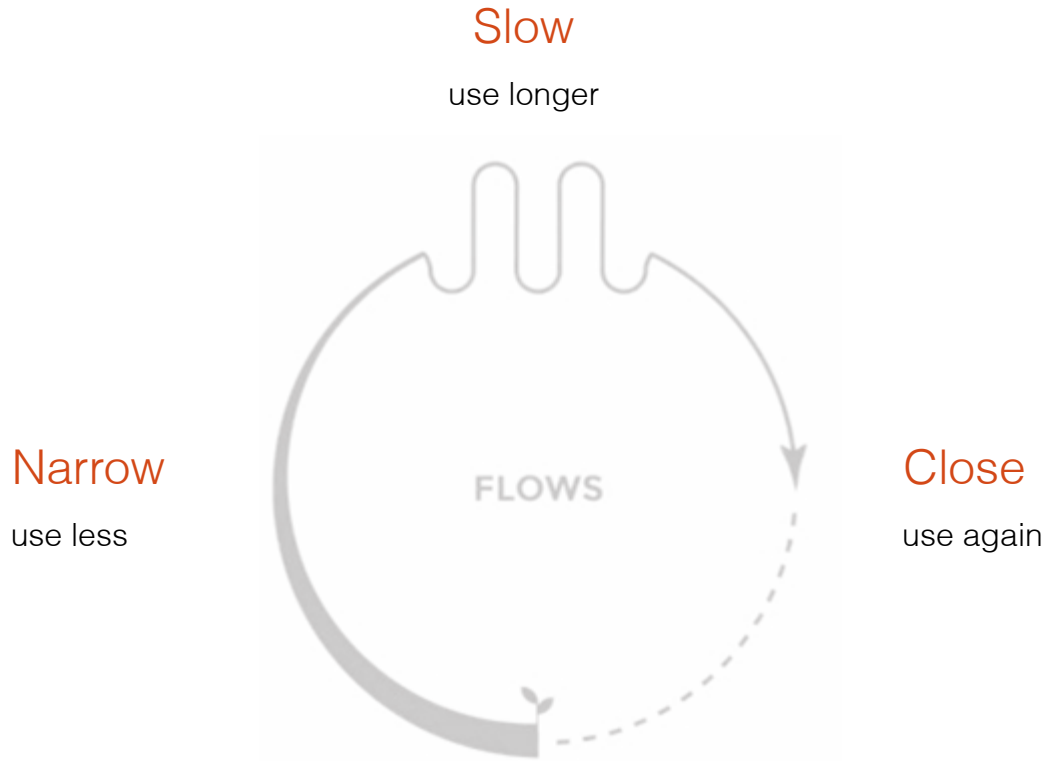


# Circular Economy in the Built Environment



Circular Economy aims to: close and extend the loops of material cycles, in order to preserve value of materials, resulting in decreased virgin material consumption and waste generation in our current society

# Circular Economy in the Built Environment

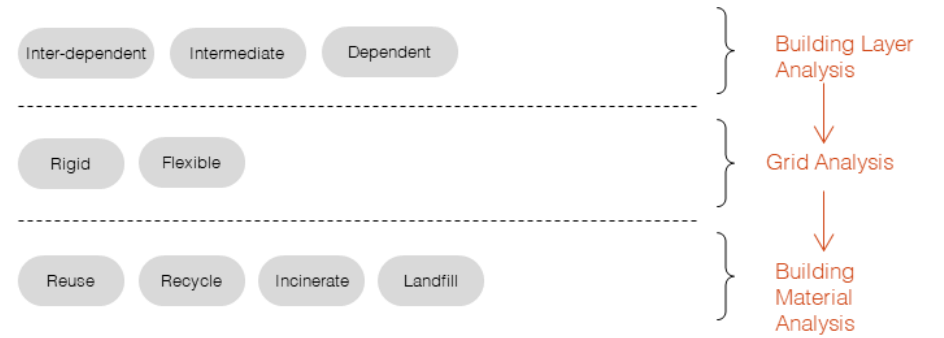




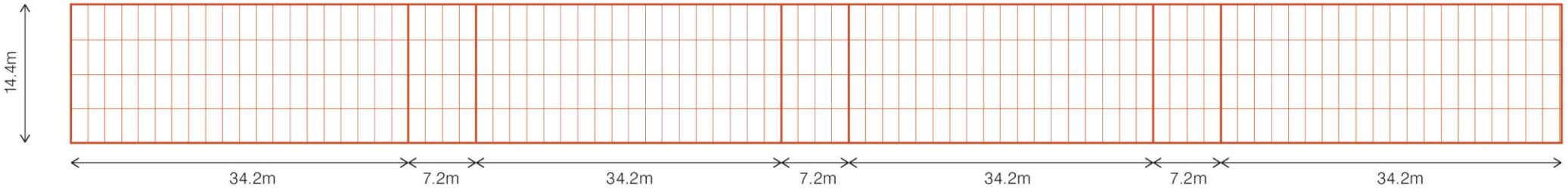
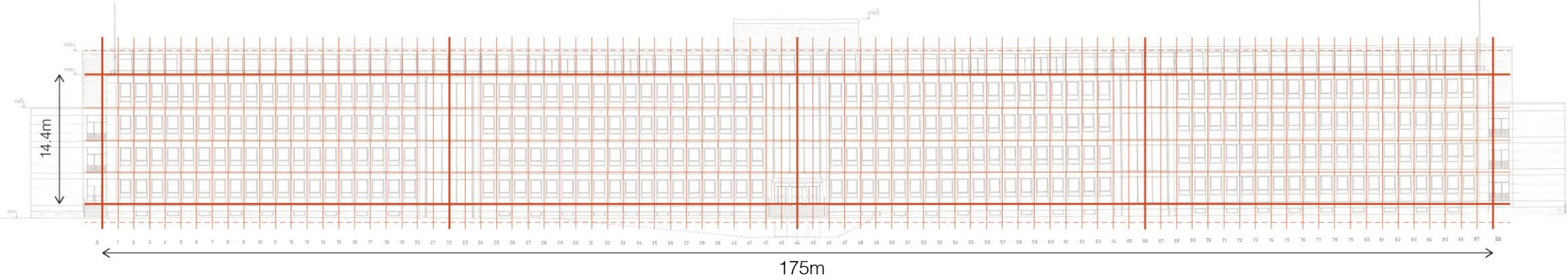
# Case Study Analysis

Planning Process

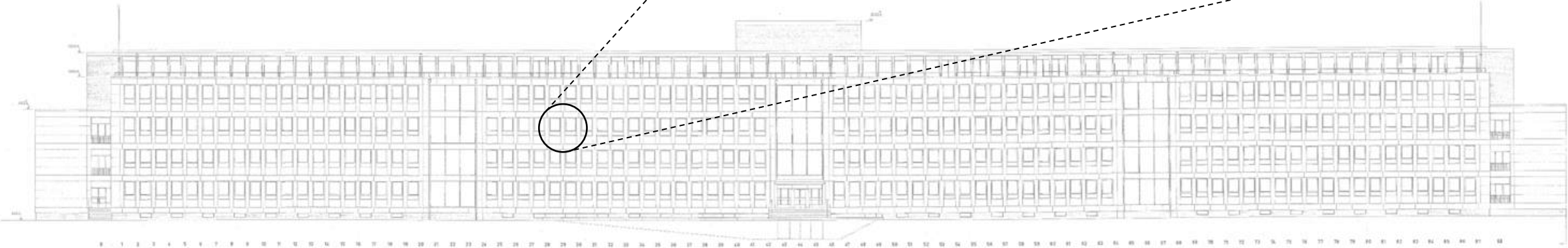
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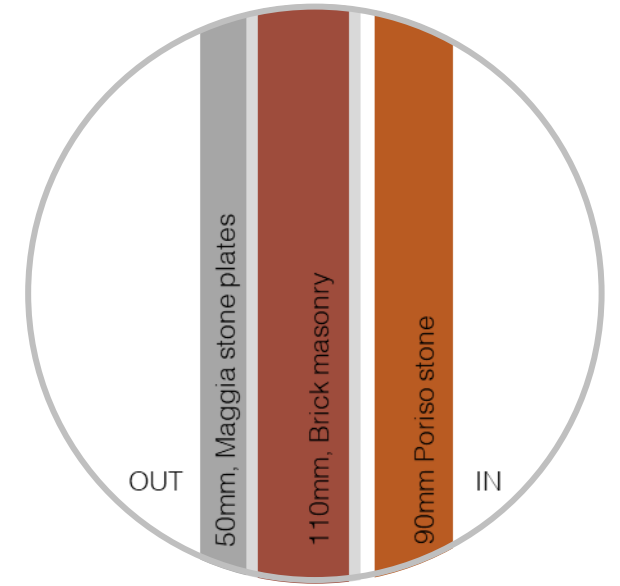
# Building Grid



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# Building Materials



- Maggia stone panels
- Brick Masonry
- Air gap
- Poriso stone
- Precast concrete panels
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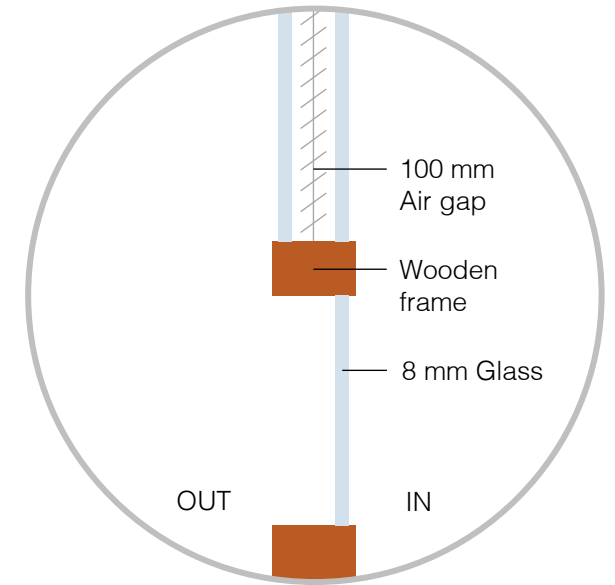
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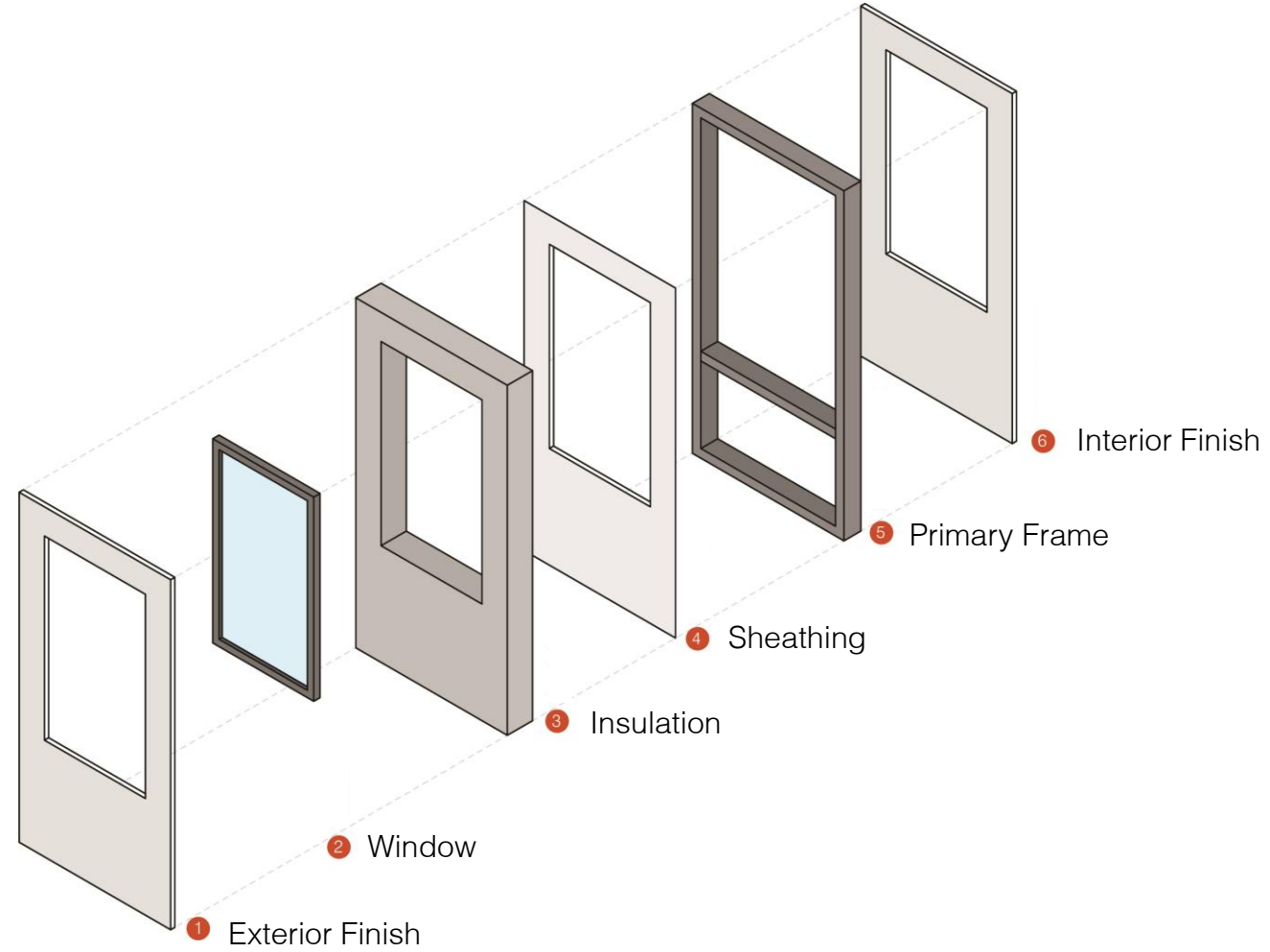
Good watertightness  
Poor airtightness

Single glazed window  
with timber frame  
(partially openable)

Services not  
connected to the Skin



# Building Facade Layers



# Design Process

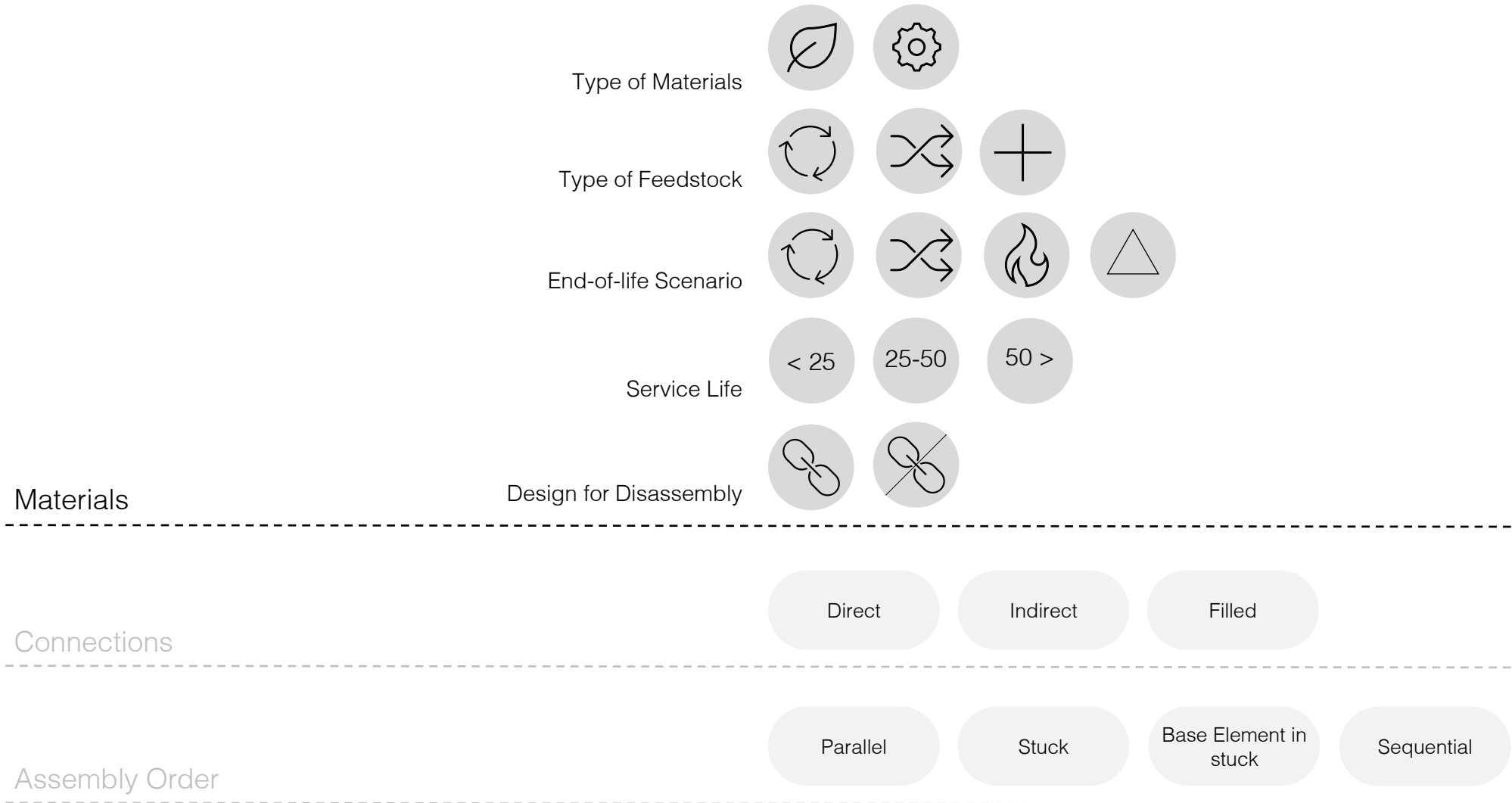
Planning and Design Process



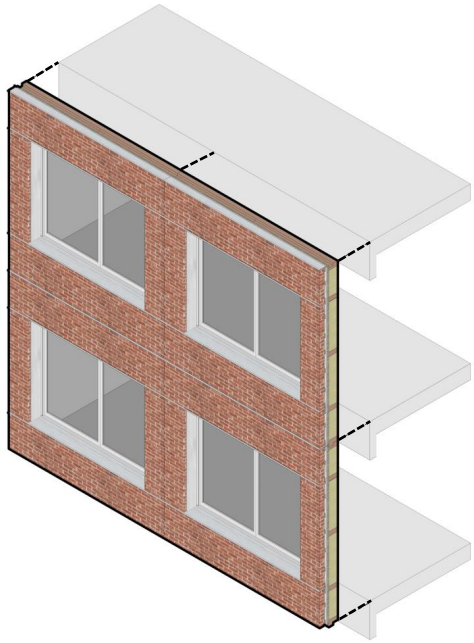
# 10R Framework

	Refuse	prevent raw material use
narrowing loops	Reduce	decrease raw material use
narrowing loops	Renew	redesign product in view of circularity
slowing loops	Reclaim	use product again
	Repair	maintain and repair product
	Refurbish	revive product
	Remanufacture	make new product from second-hand
	Repurpose	reuse product with a different function
closing loops	Recycle	salvage material streams with highest possible value
	Recover	incinerate waste with energy recovery

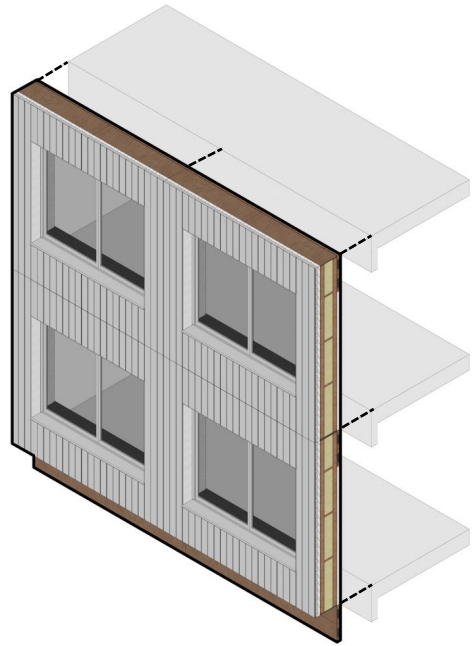
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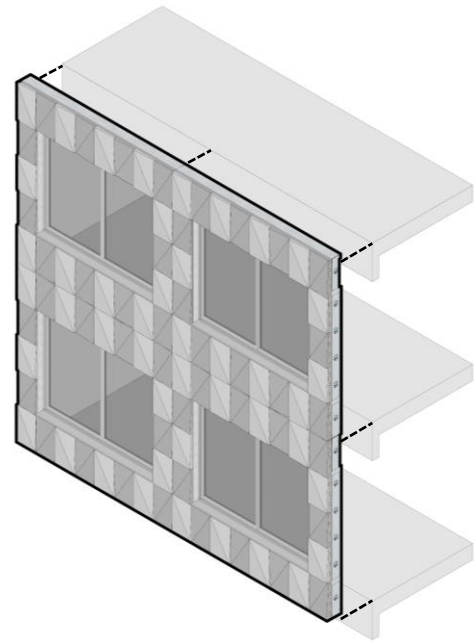
# Design Options



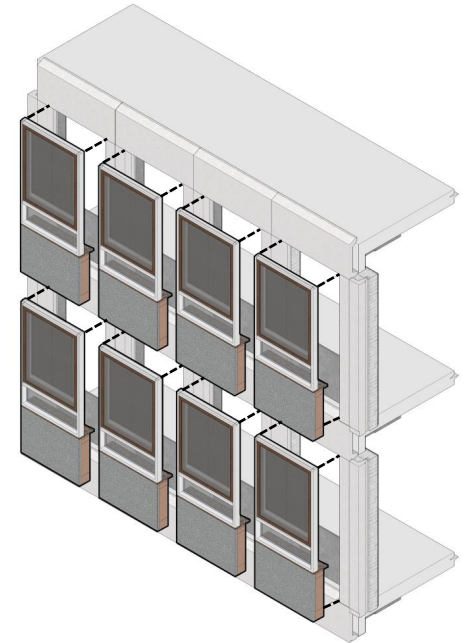
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2 Option 2 : **Renew**



3 Option 3 : **Recycle**



4 Option 4 : **Reduce**

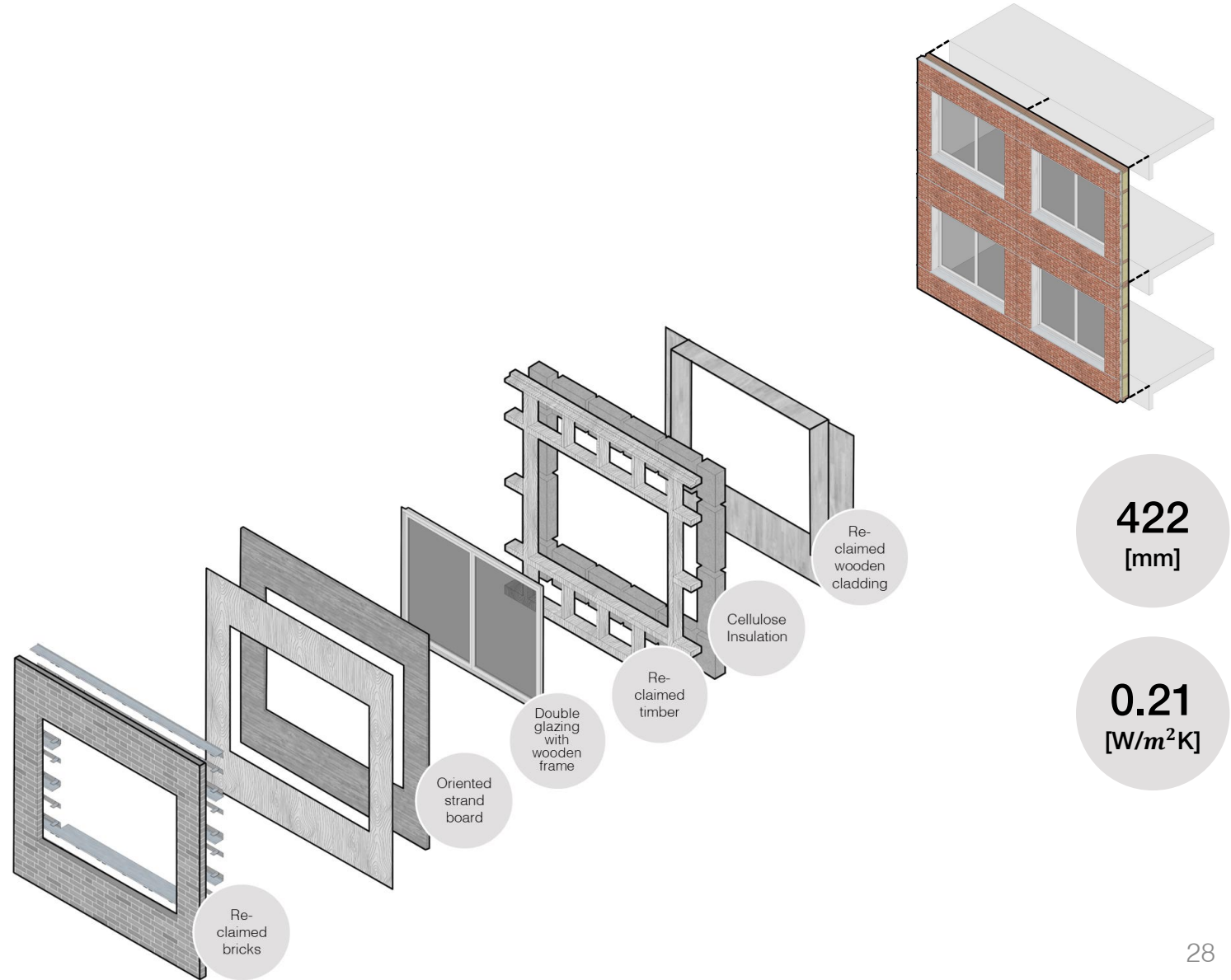
# Reclaim



Reclaimed  
Timber frames



Reclaimed  
Bricks



# Renew



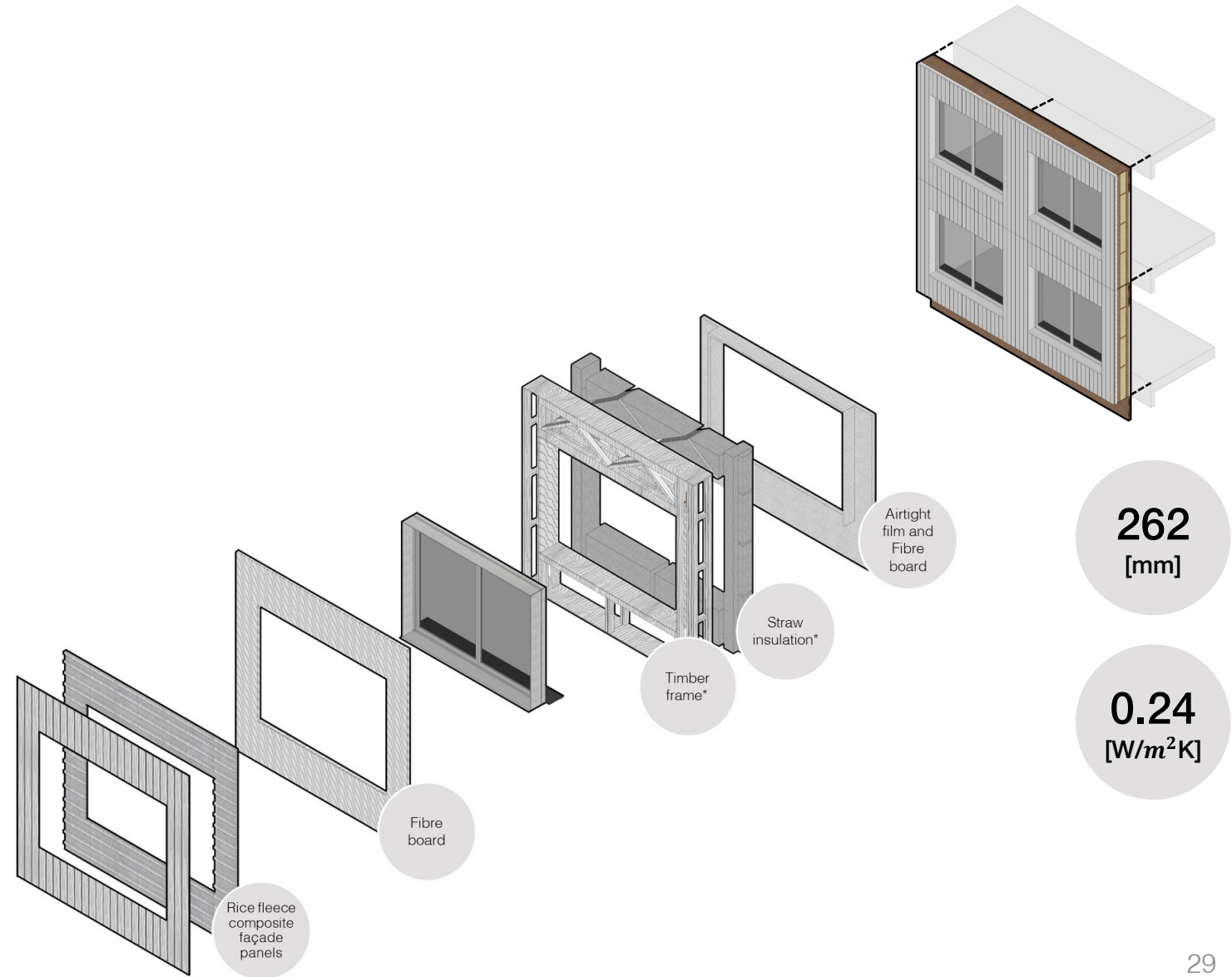
Straw insulation



Rice Fleece Composite Panels



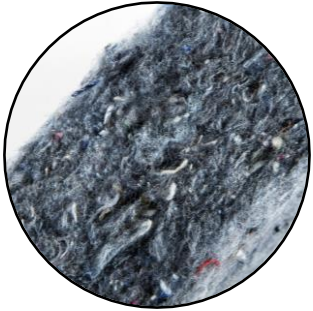
Cross Laminated timber boards



# Recycle



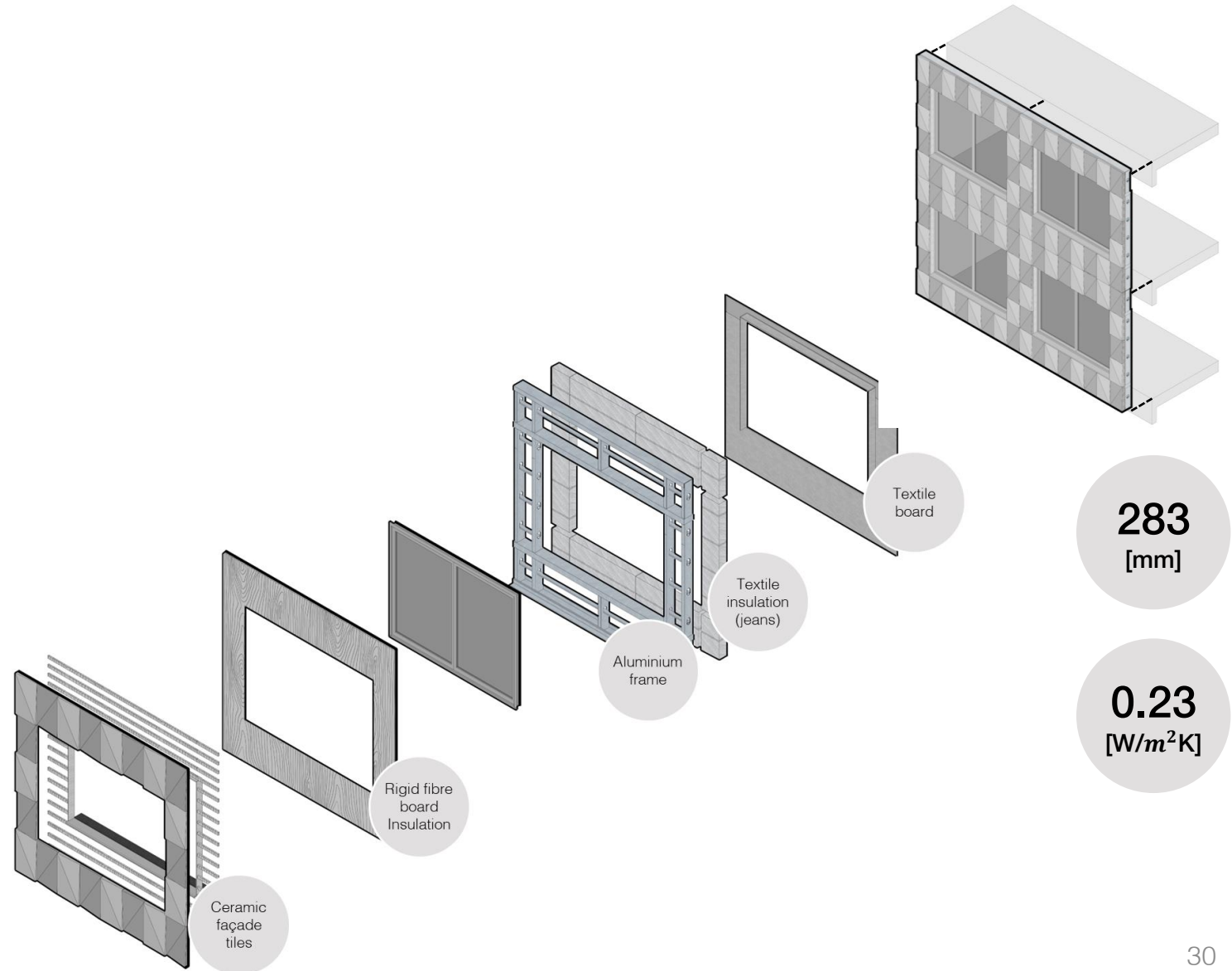
Ceramic  
Façade Tiles



Recycled Textile  
Insulation



Recycled  
Aluminum



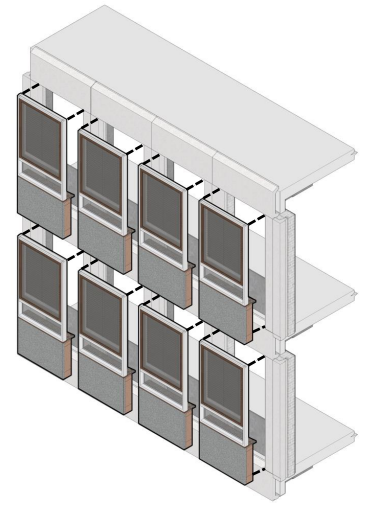
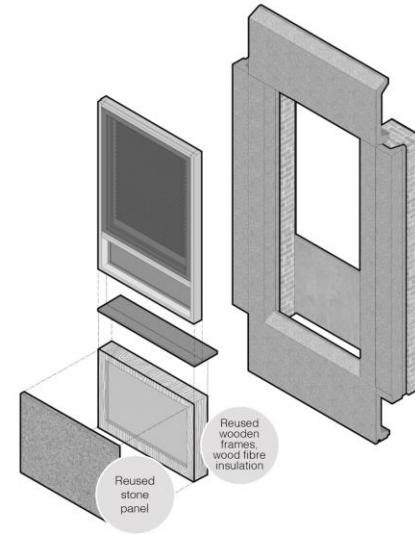
# Reduce



Reused stone panel



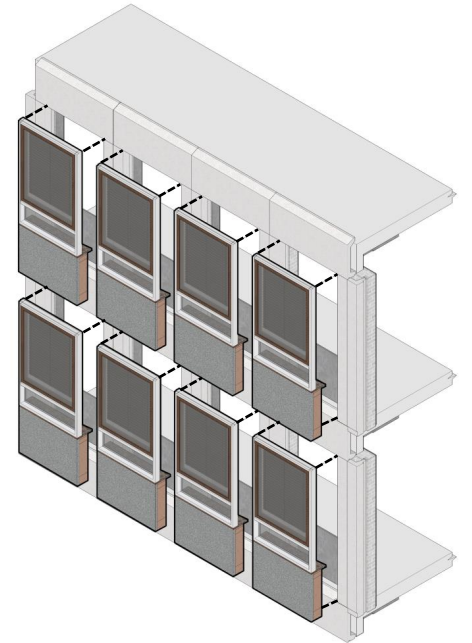
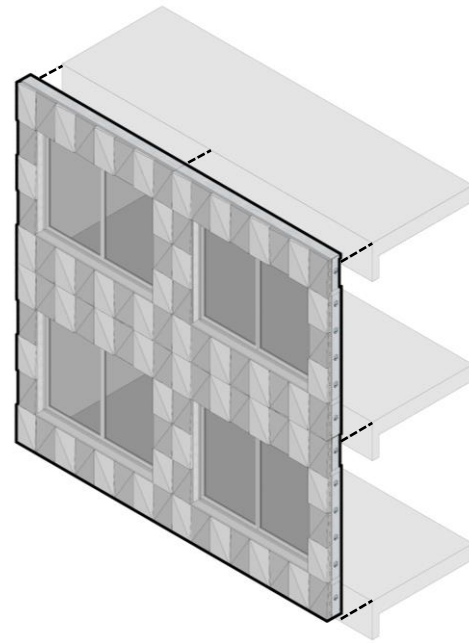
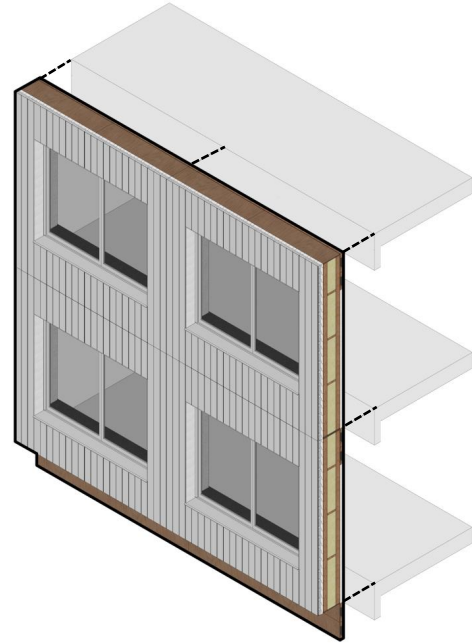
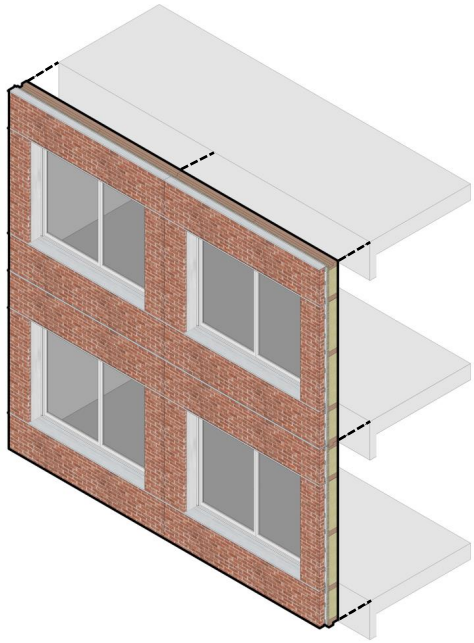
Reused timber frames



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# Design Options



1 Option 1 : **Reclaim**

2 Option 2 : **Renew**

3 Option 3 : **Recycle**

4 Option 4 : **Reduce**

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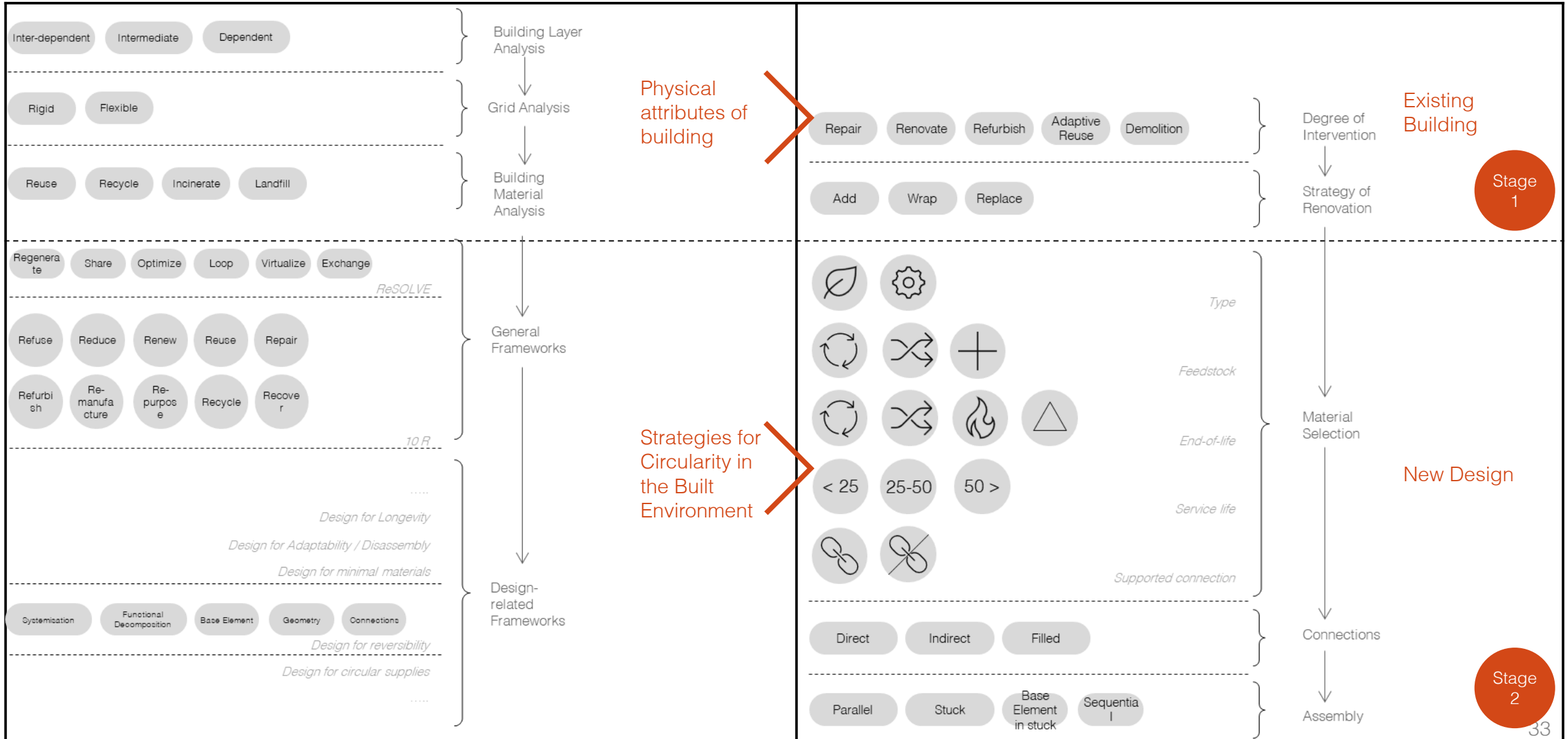
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# Design Framework



# Evaluation and Recommendations

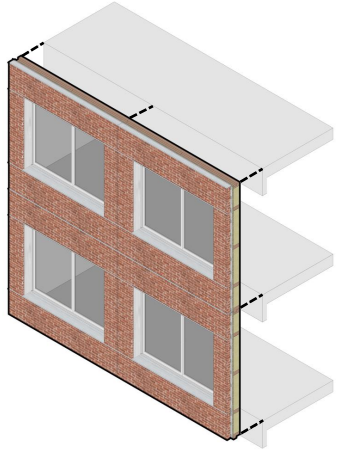
# Life Cycle Approach

Product Stage			Construction Process Stage		Use Stage							End-of-Life Stage				Benefits and Loads beyond the System Boundary		
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport to building site	Installation into building	Use/application	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	Deconstruction/demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse	Recovery	Recycling
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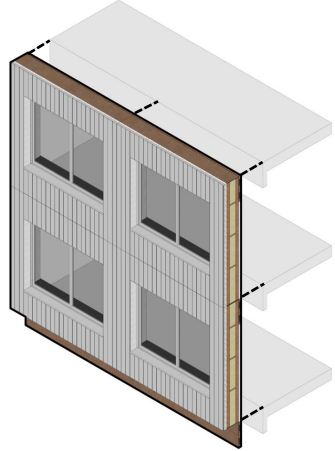
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<p><b>Variable for each Option</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">                     Acidification                      Eutrophication                      Ozone depletion Potential                      Global Warming Potential (Embodied Carbon)                 </p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; opacity: 0.5;">kgCO<sub>2</sub>eq/sqm</p>
<p>Material                      Quantity                      Embodied Carbon (as per EPD)                      Transport Distance (as per EPD)                      Service Life                      Reused</p>	
<p><b>Common for all Options</b></p>	
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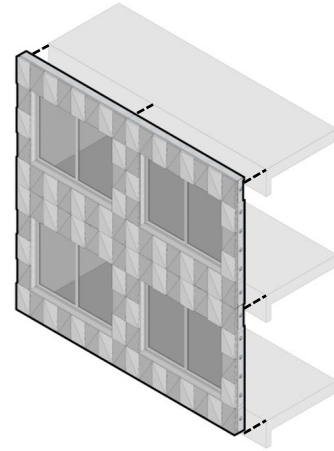
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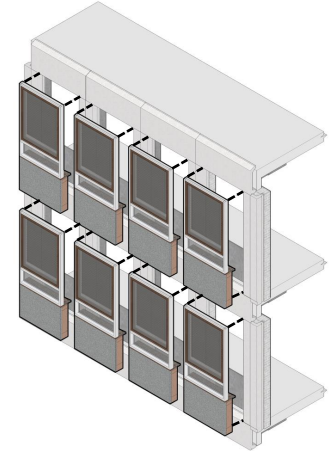
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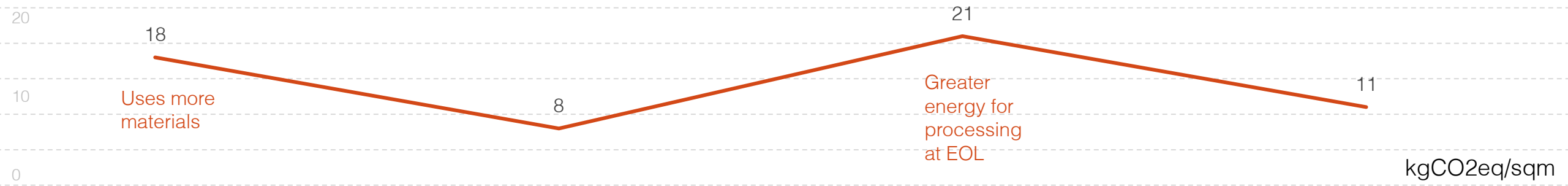
2 Option 2 : Renew



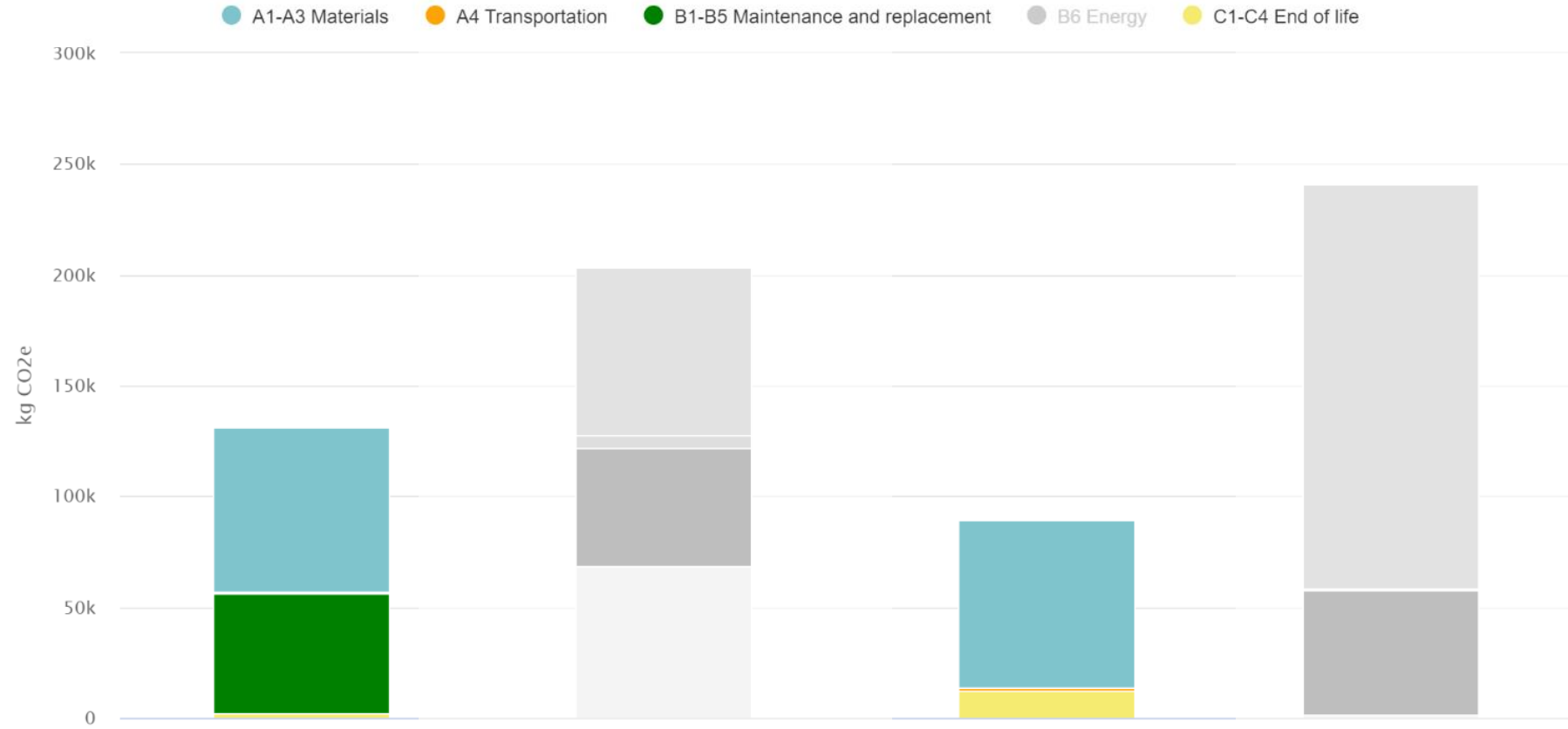
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# Life Cycle Approach



4 Option 4 : **Reduce**

Greater maintenance/  
repair/ refurbishment

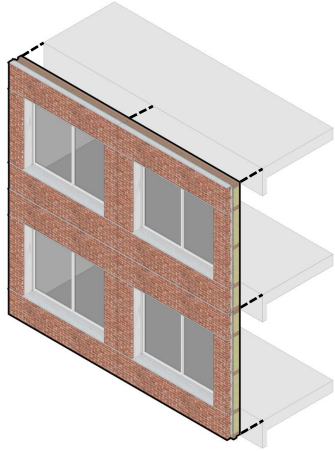
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More waste processing  
due to complex  
disposal

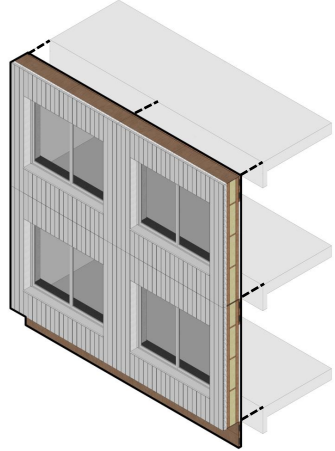
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<p data-bbox="71 339 555 596">Material Quantity Service Life Content (recycled, reused, renewable) Wastage during construction DfD DfA EOL Process</p>	
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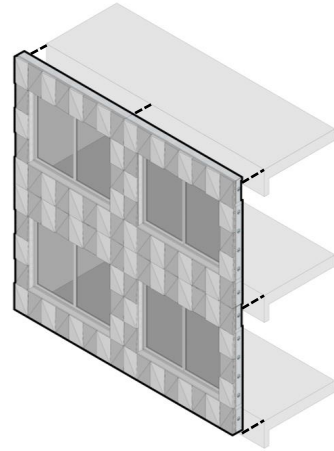
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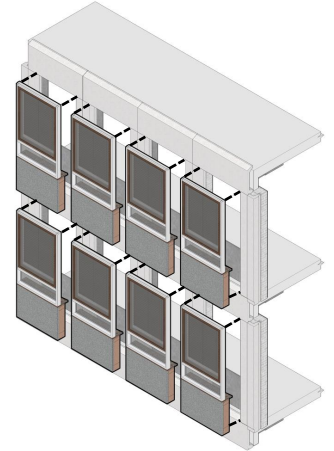
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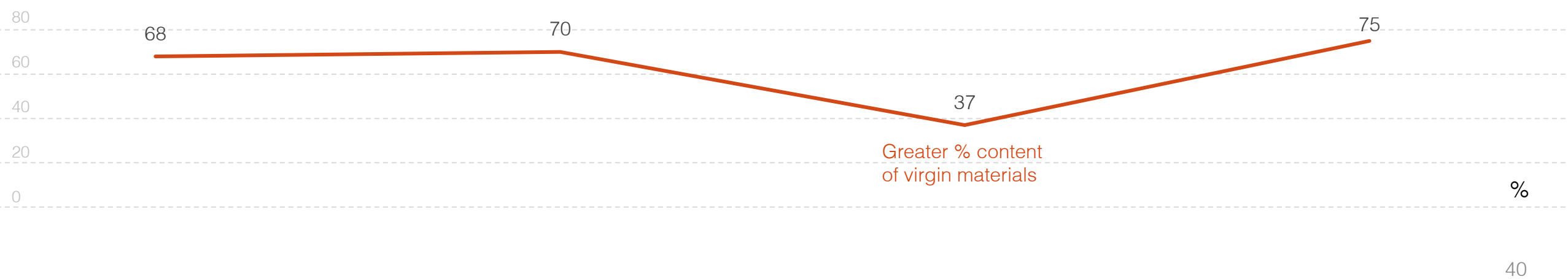
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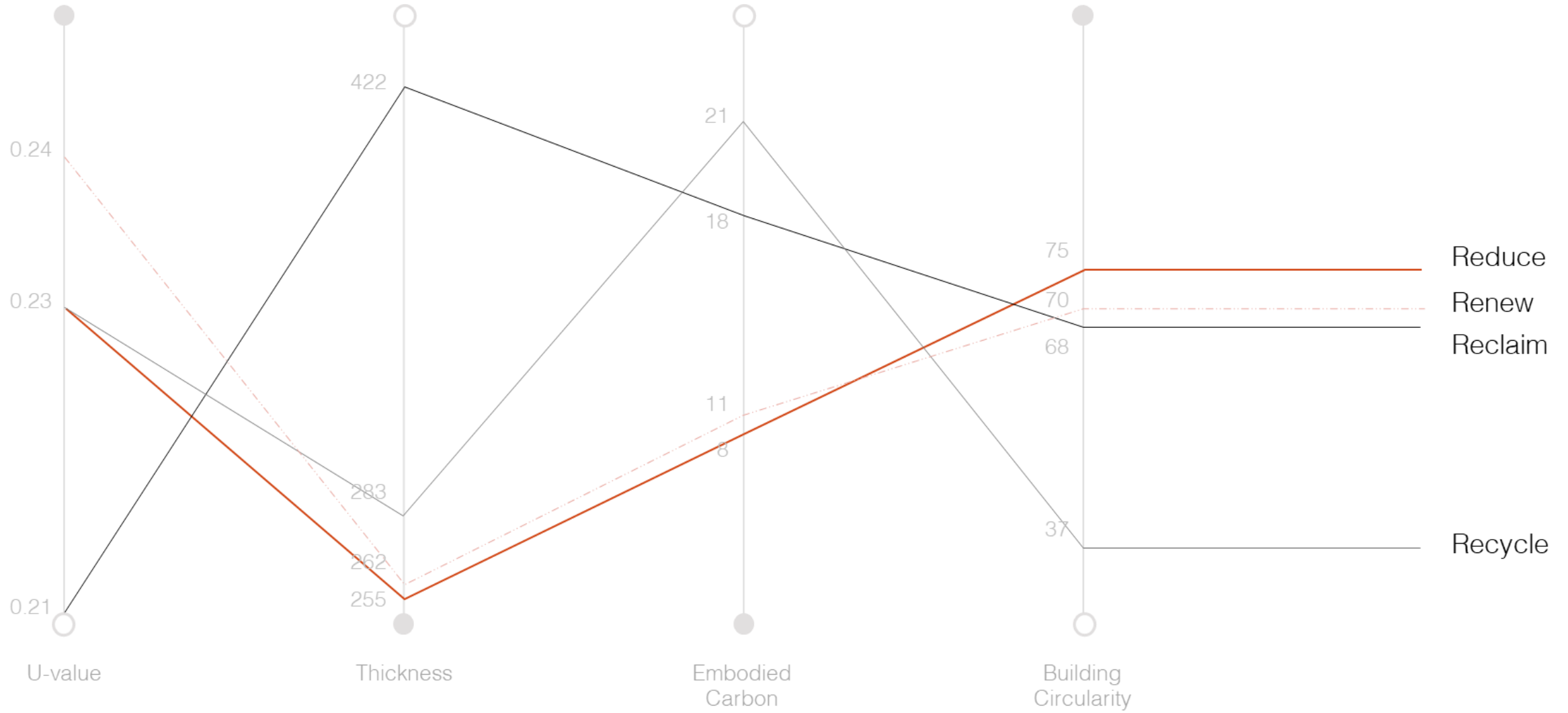


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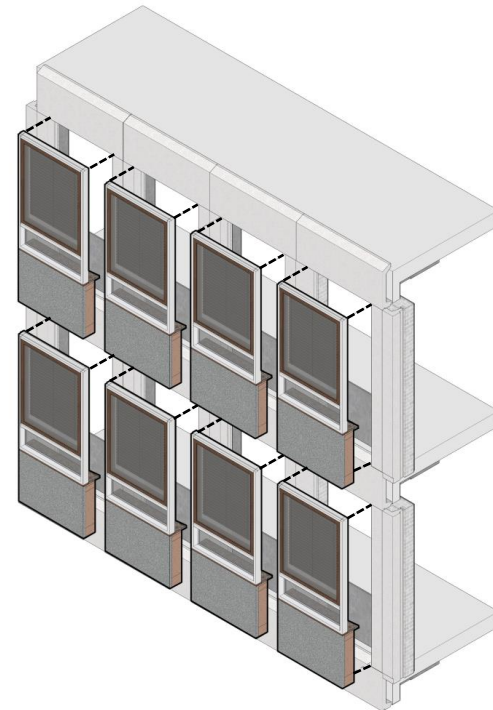
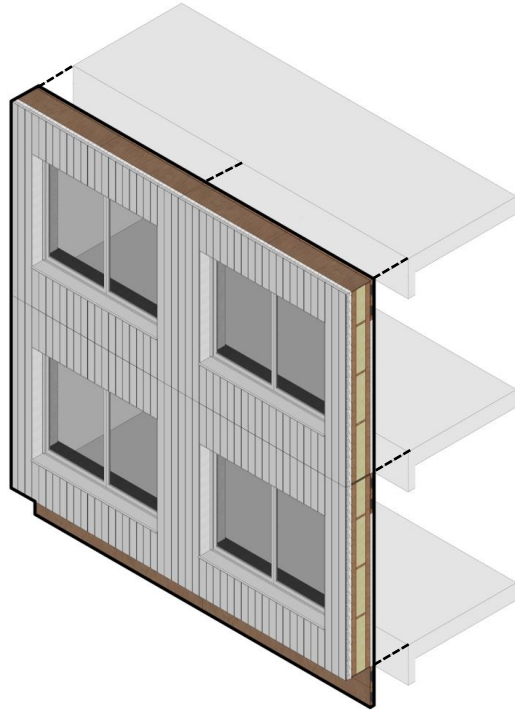




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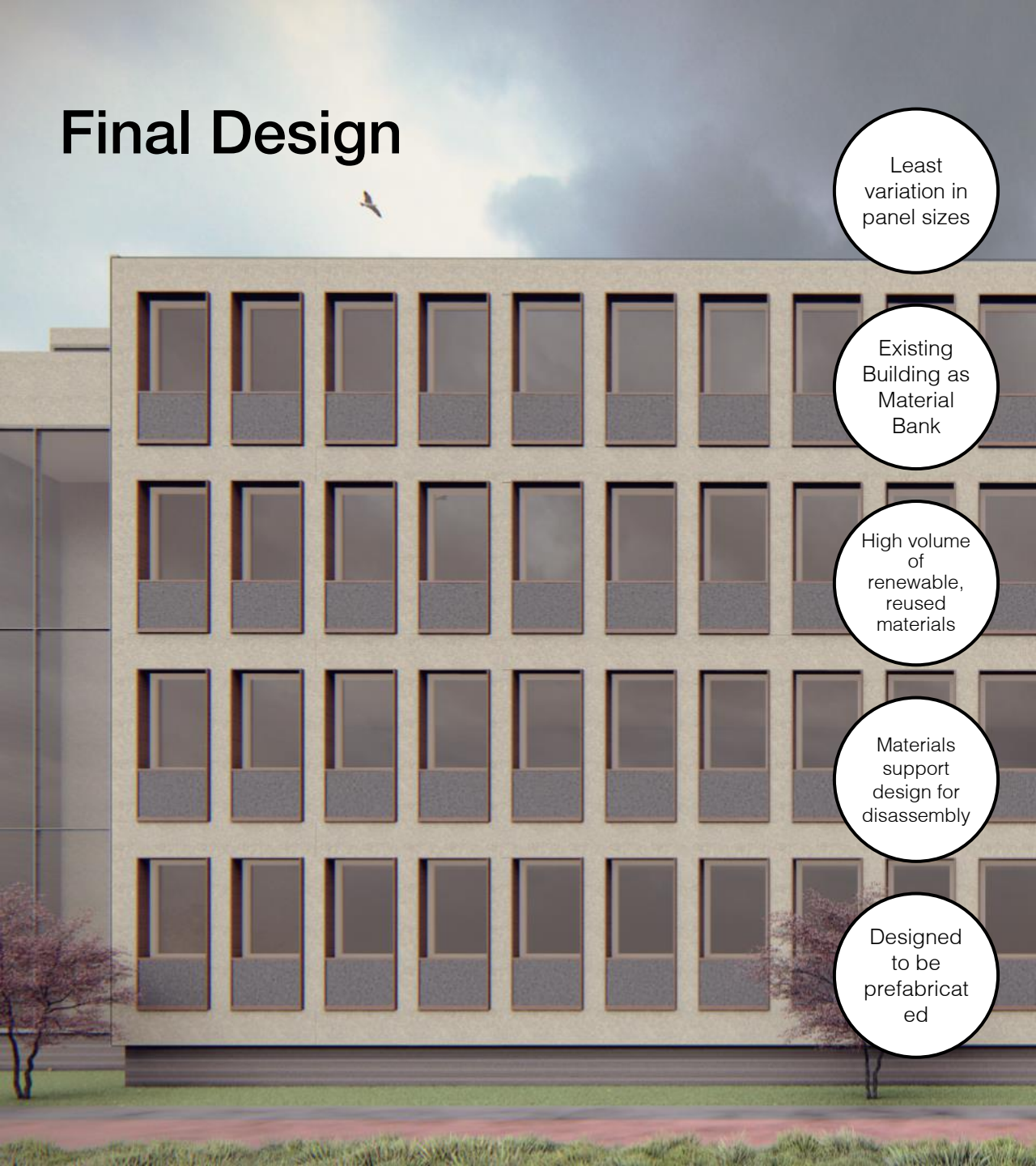
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- Materials used
- Biobased
  - Renewable

- Extent of Intervention
- Window
  - Parapet

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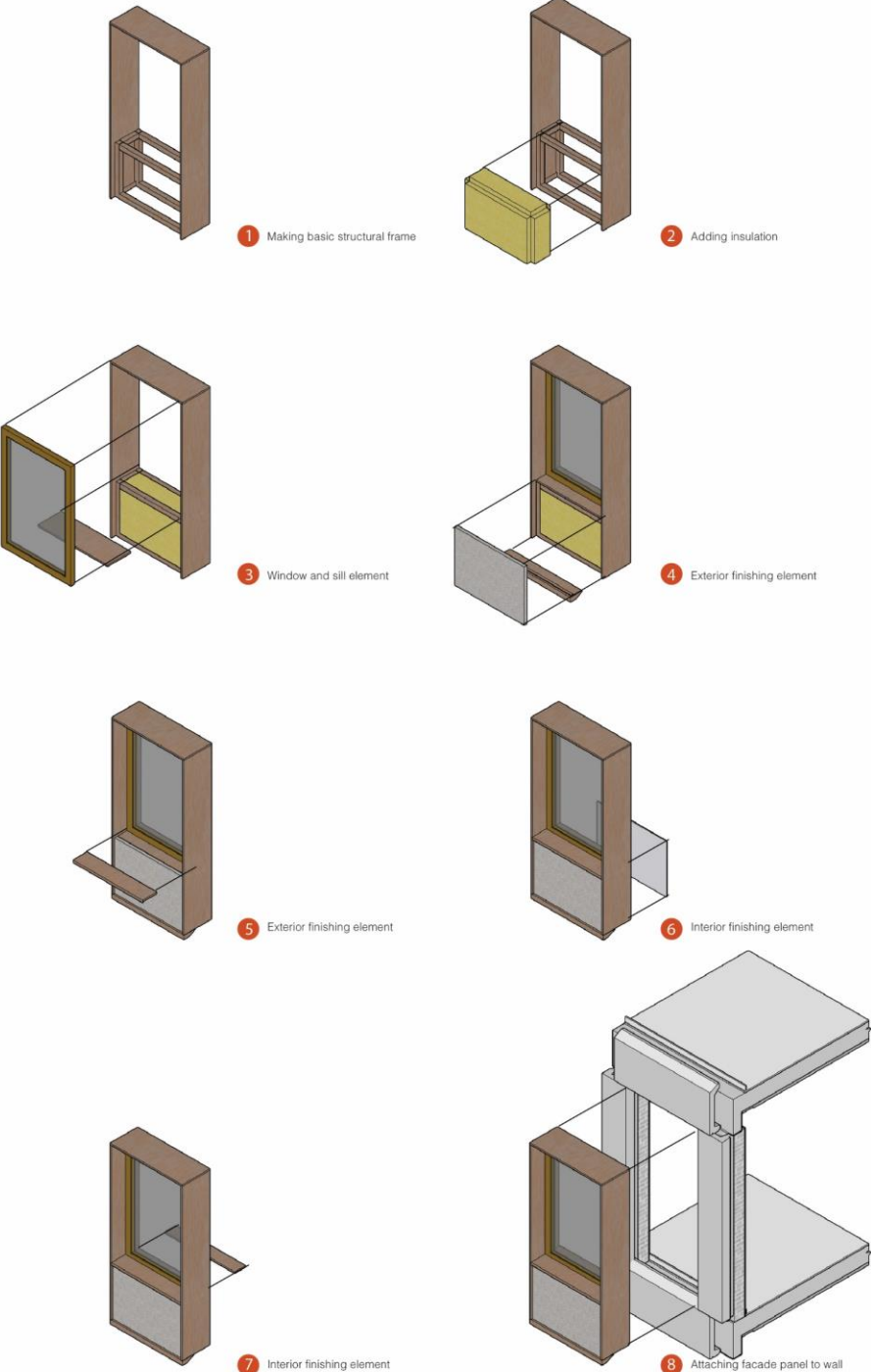
Least variation in panel sizes

Existing Building as Material Bank

High volume of renewable, reused materials

Materials support design for disassembly

Designed to be prefabricated



# Conclusions

# A Circular System

Strategic Definition



Design



Construction



End-of-Life



Demolition audit, information of harvested materials

Research on creative use of materials

Development of circular material databases / detailed information

Efficient prefabrication

Facade disassembly plan

Creative end of life design

Incorporate business models specific for the facade

BIM, Digital twin to monitor performance of facade elements

Renovation & materials passport for facade

Market development of circular materials,

Skilled teams for disassembly of facade

Educate, learn; Policy making and Certifications

# Answering the Research Question

**“How can we implement circularity in façades during the planning and design processes of building renovation projects in the Netherlands?”**

# Answering the Research Question

## Planning

Thorough **analysis** of building conditions

Material specific information flow; **low embodied energy / material composition**

Develop **design framework**

## Design

**Systematic** approach, layer wise breakdown of components

**Reduced virgin resource** use and reduced waste generation

Higher volume of **reused** and **bio-based** materials

Support **disassembly**

# Discussion

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kgCO<sub>2</sub>eq/sqm

%



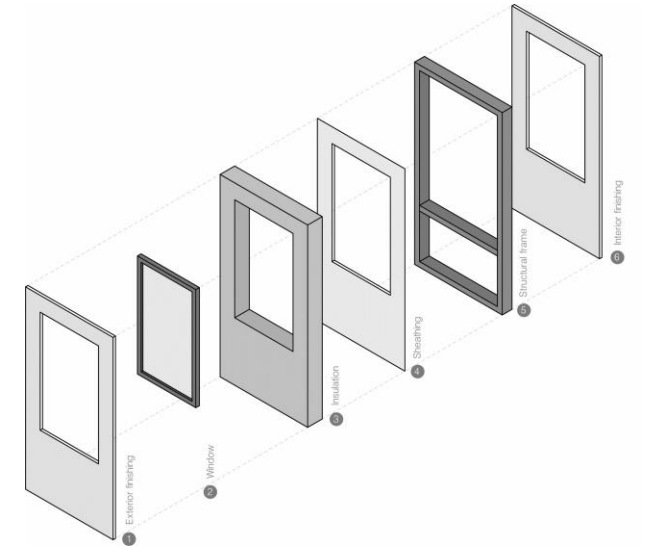
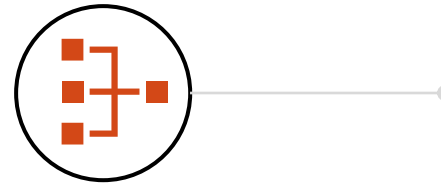
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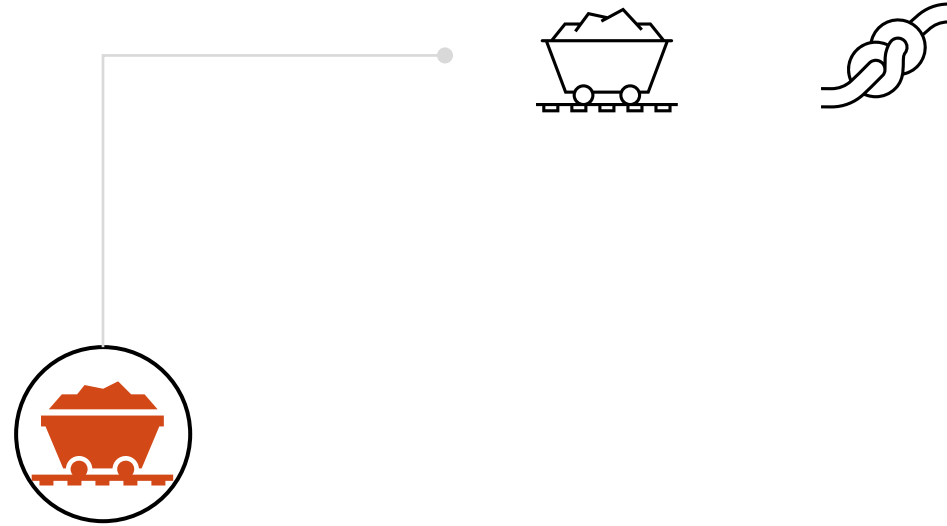
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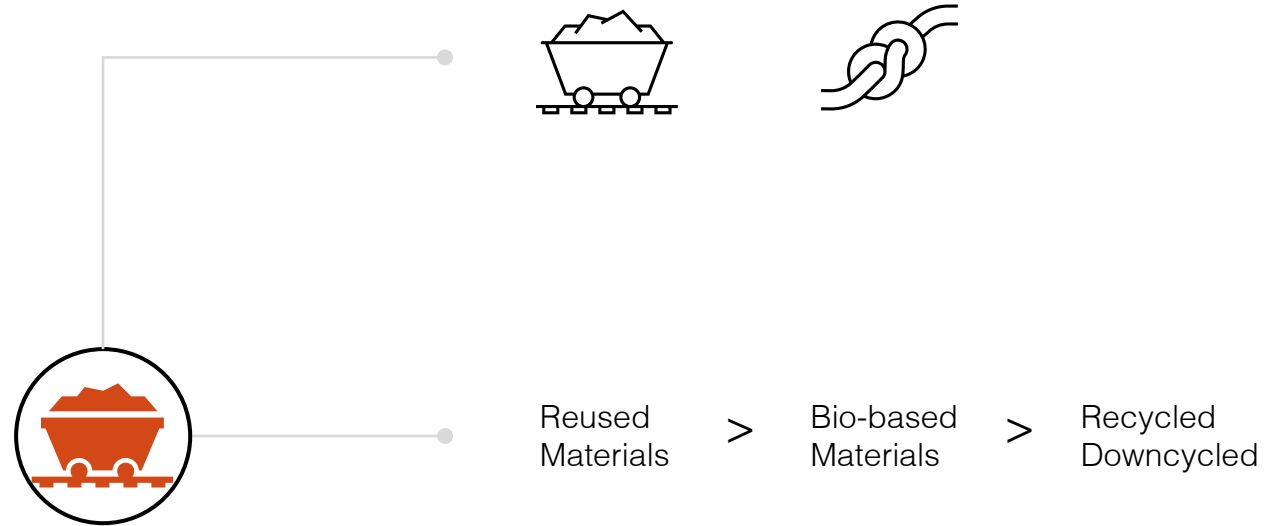
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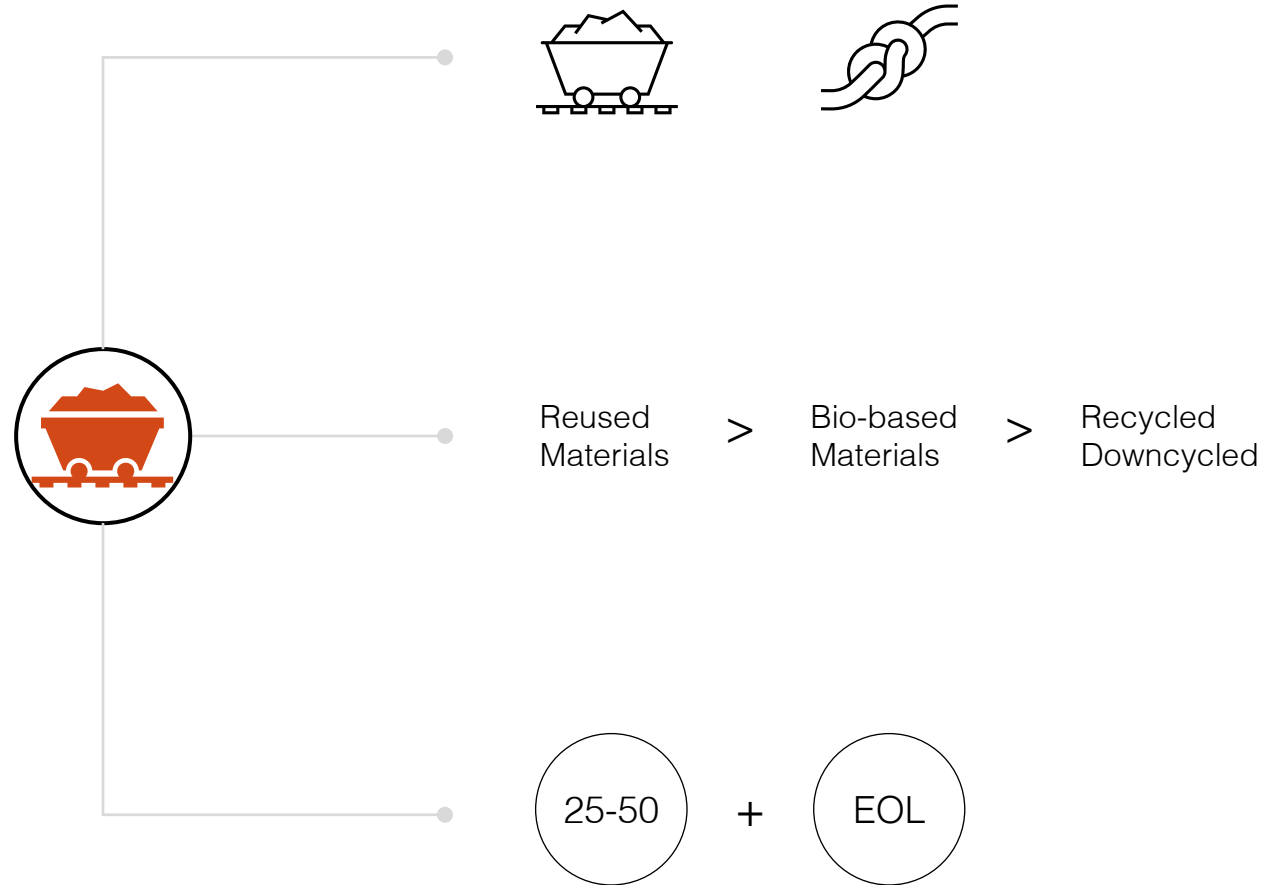
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3. The compatibility of materials within layers is dependent on the service life, and end-of-life scenarios.



# Limitations

## Design Oriented (Impacting the measurable results)

1. **Exact information not available**  
For reused materials, even some circular materials.
2. In some cases, to receive a **comparable thermal performance value**, the thickness of material marginally modified (manufacturer data)

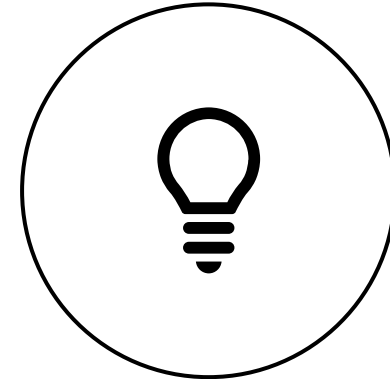
## Research Oriented (Challenge in answering RQ)

1. There is **no ideal design framework!**  
Can vary from building to building, especially in renovations.
2. **All strategies not explored**  
Add / Wrap it interventions might have different functions of layers, therefore different materials.

# Future Work

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In reused material applications and end-of-life solutions.  
Through research and experimentation.



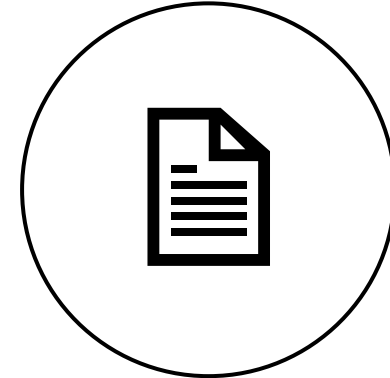
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All circular materials – biobased and reused, need more technical information which can be used in databases – development of EPD's.  
Though testing of products.



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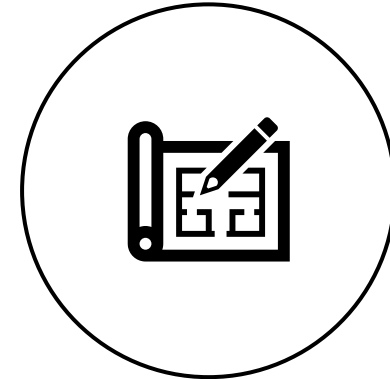
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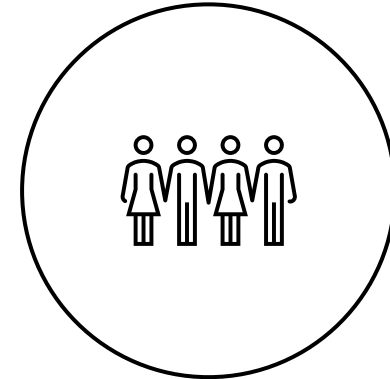
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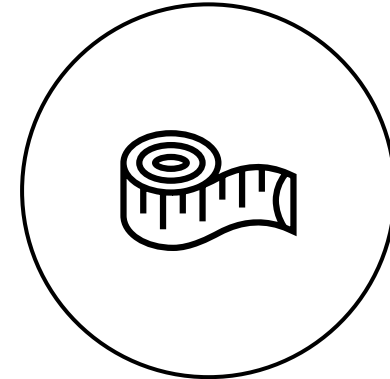
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## Standard Evaluation

Developing benchmarks, scorecards to evaluate circularity in design of building components  
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Thank you.

**Questions?**

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3. What is the design process to implement circularity during façade renovation projects?

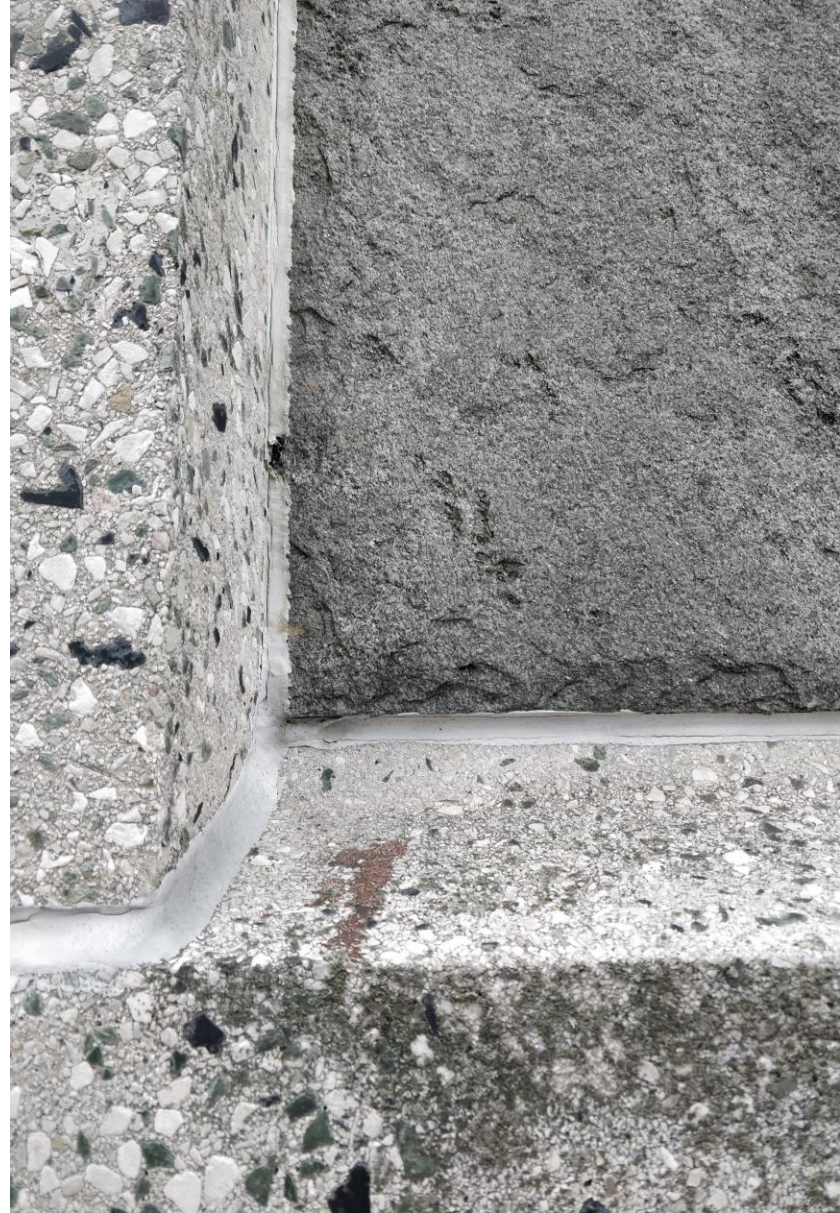
2. What are the design strategies applicable for circular facade design?

“How can we implement **circularity** in façades during the planning and design processes of building **renovation** projects in the Netherlands?”

4. What steps undertaken in the pre-design and post-design stages of the building renovation process influence the circularity of the façade

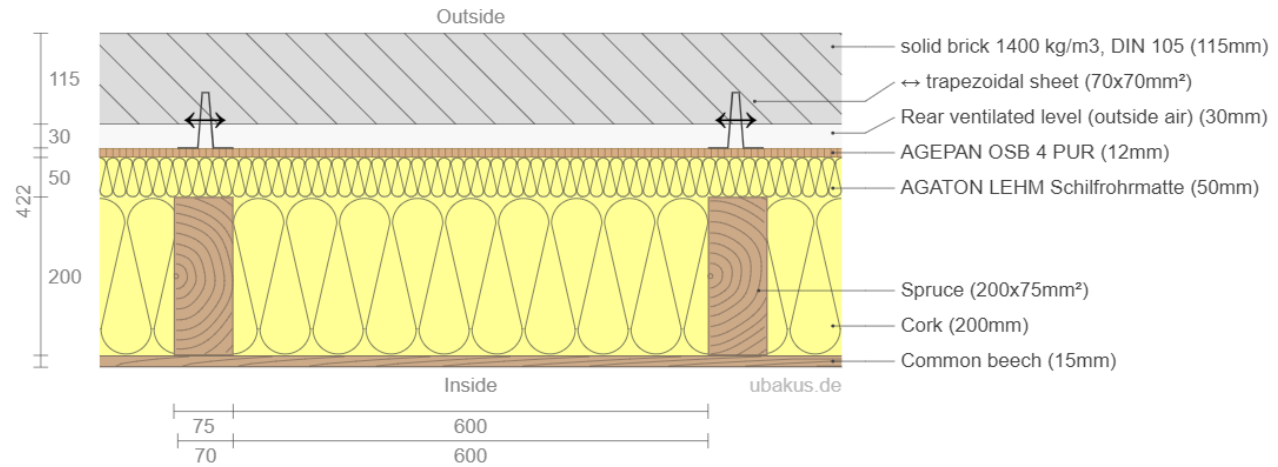
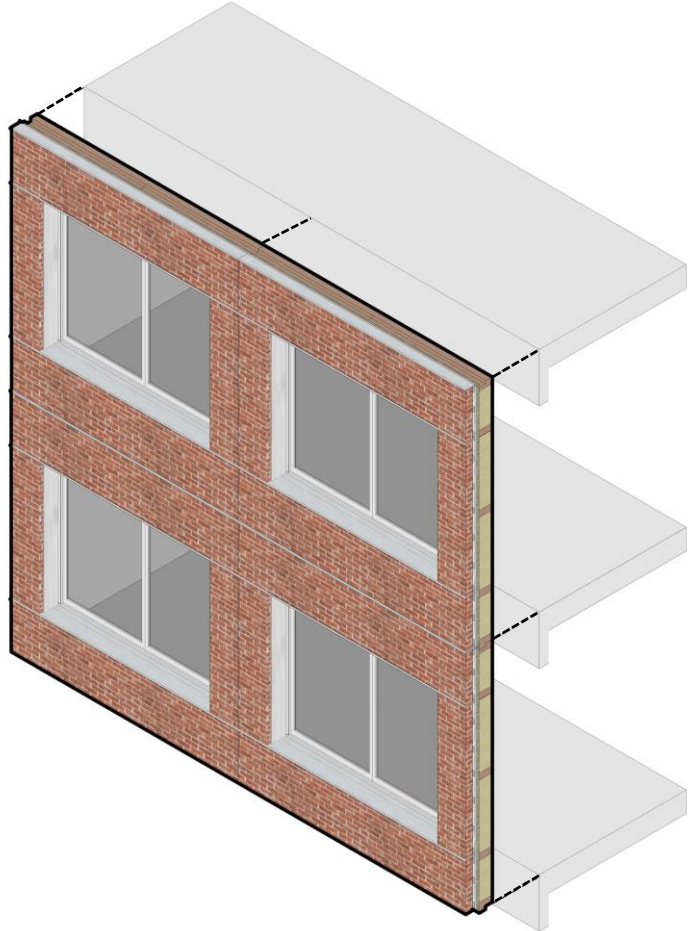
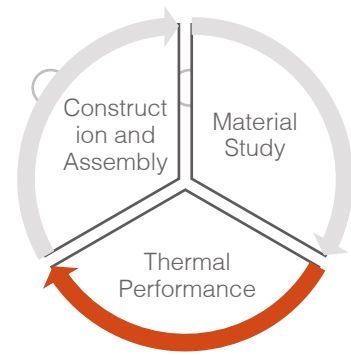
1. What is the state of the art of non-residential building renovations especially for the building facade, in cold countries like the Netherlands?







# Reclaim



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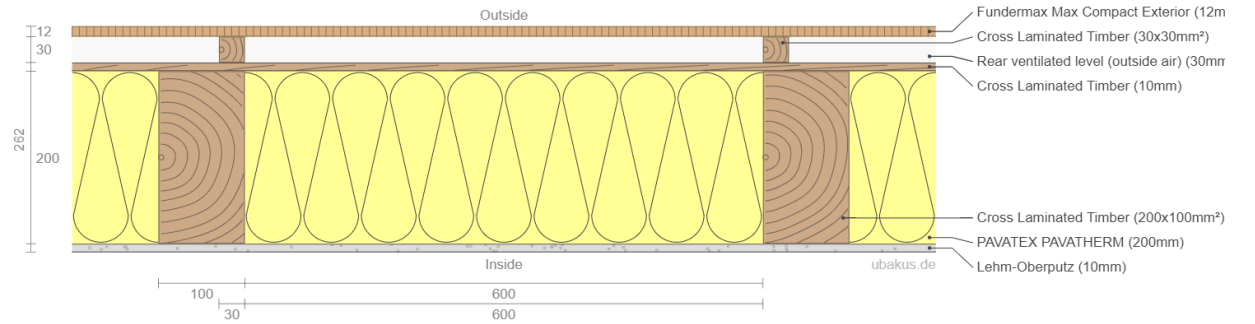
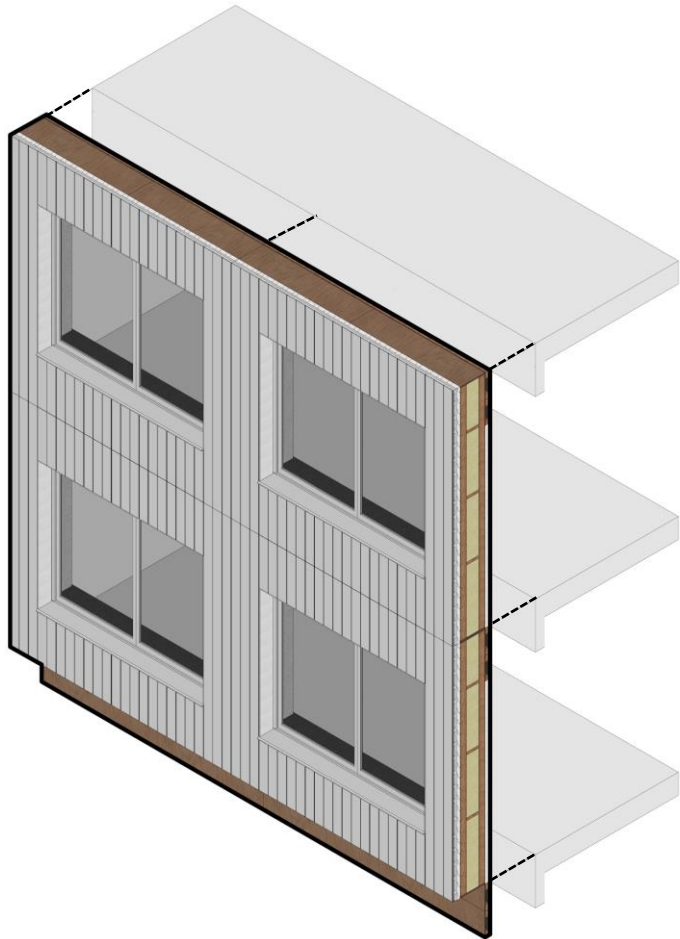
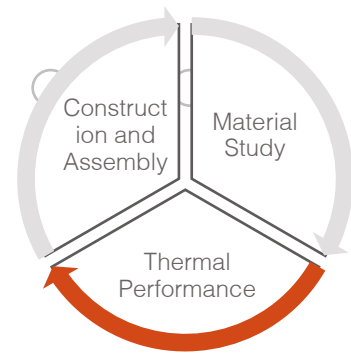
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DGW	Double glazing windows with wooden frame, 30.7 kg/m <sup>2</sup> , 1.4 W/m <sup>2</sup> K, biogenic CO <sub>2</sub> not subtracted (for CML), FDES collective utilisable par toute entreprise qui produit en France des fenêtres et portes fenêtres, double vitrage acoustique ou standard, en bois tropicaux. (INSTITUT TECHNOLOGIQUE FCBA)	Windows	839 sqm	320	40	No
PST	Planed and strength-graded timber, pine or spruce, 460 kg/m <sup>3</sup> , planed timber: thickness 15-89 mm, moisture 8-15 ± 2%, strength-graded timber: thickness 34-89 mm, moisture 15-18 ± 2% (Stora Enso)	Structural Frame	75 cum	220	120	Yes
WCD	Wooden cladding and decking, pine or spruce, 445 kg/m <sup>3</sup> , 7-29 mm, 8-18%, moisture content (Stora Enso)	Interior Finish	1078 sqm	220	120	Yes
OSB	Oriented Strand Board (OSB), 6 - 40 x 590 - 1250 x 1840 - 6250 mm, 600 kg/m <sup>3</sup> , AGEPAN (Sonae Indústria)	Insulation	1078 sqm	340	120	No
LCI	Loose fill cellulose insulation, for wall application, L = 0.045 W/mK, R= 1.11 m <sup>2</sup> K/W, 50 mm, 3.25 kg/m <sup>2</sup> , 65 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Insulation	1078 sqm	350	120	No
BCW	Bricks from construction waste, 210mm x 100mm x 50mm, 215mm x 102.5mm x 65mm, 228mm x 108mm x 55mm, 490/390/290mm x 90mm x 40mm, Caramel (StoneCycling)	Exterior Finish	215600 kg	60	120	Yes

# Renew



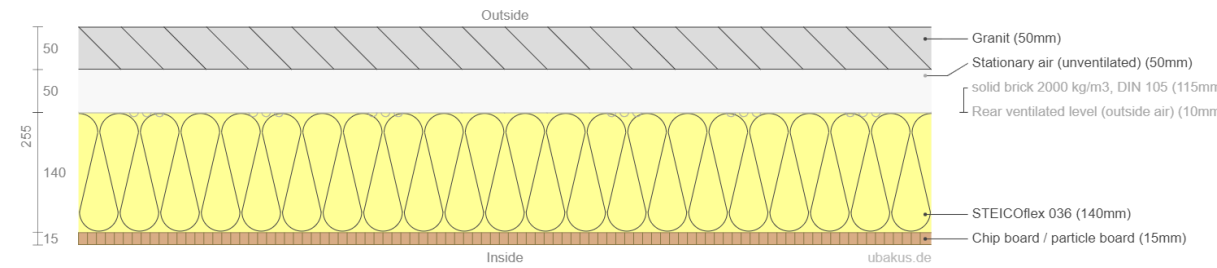
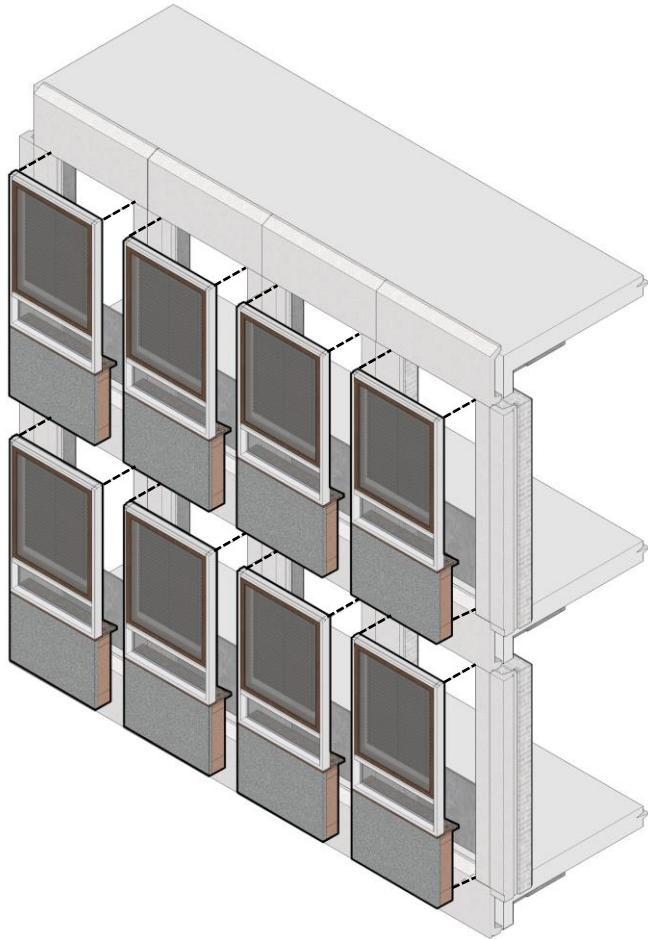
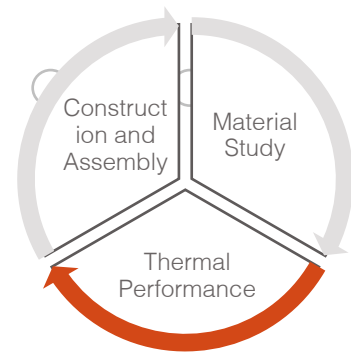
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SIP	Straw insulation panels for exterior walls, L = 0.0493 W/mK, R=8.1 m <sup>2</sup> k/W, 400 mm, 66.19 kg/m <sup>2</sup> , Lambda=0.0493 W/(m.K) (EcoCocon)	1078 sqm	Interior Finish, Insulation	350	60	No
DGW	Double glazing windows with wooden frame, 30.7 kg/m <sup>2</sup> , 1.4 W/m <sup>2</sup> K, biogenic CO <sub>2</sub> not subtracted (for CML), FDES collective utilisable par toute entreprise qui produit en France des fenêtres et portes fenêtres, double vitrage acoustique ou standard, en bois tropicaux. (INSTITUT TECHNOLOGIQUE FCBA)	839 sqm	Windows	380	60	No
WCD	Wooden decking, cladding and planed timber for joinery applications, 755kg/m <sup>3</sup> , Moistr. 3-5%, Accoya Beech (Accsys Technologies PLC)	1078 sqm	Exterior Finish	220	60	No

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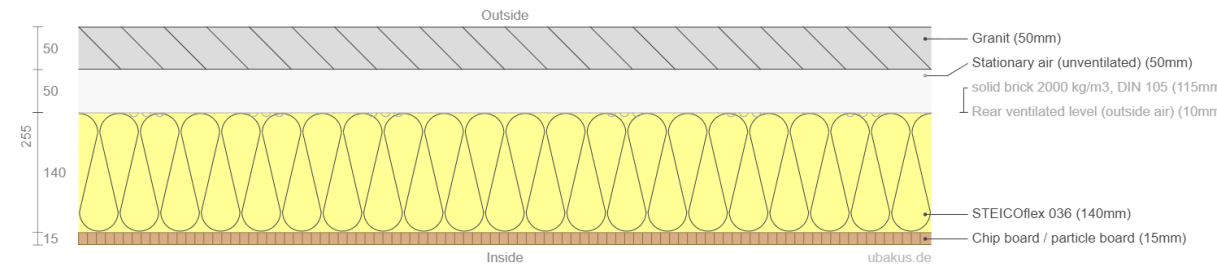
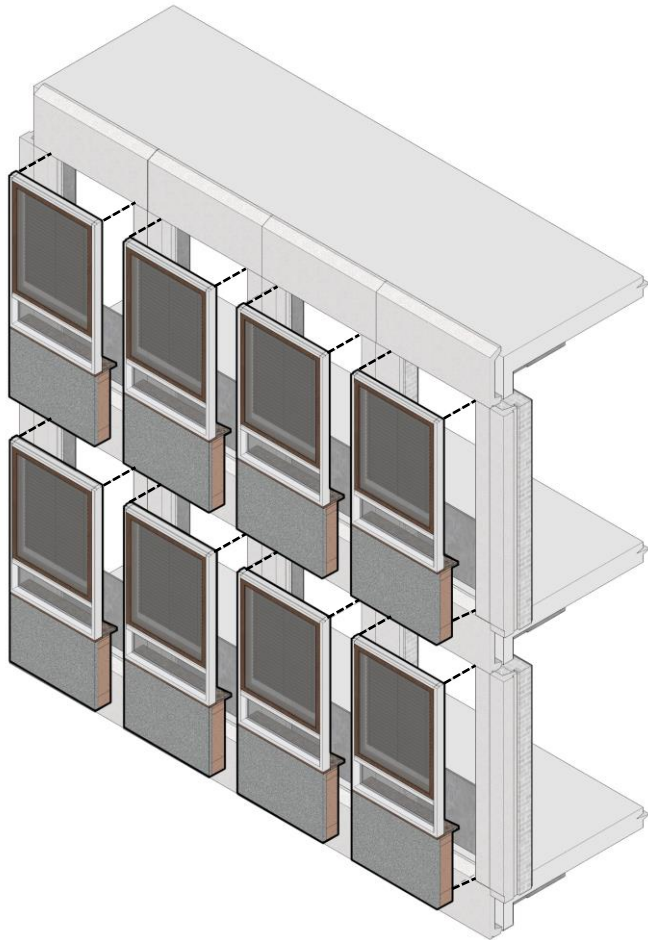
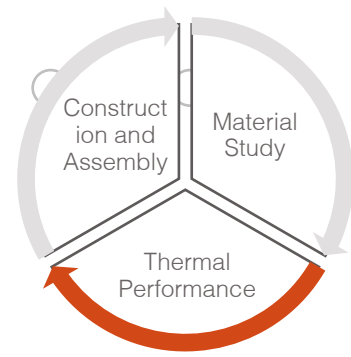
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ACT	Acoustic cladding from textile and cotton wool, 1.19 kg/m <sup>2</sup> , Vibrasto 15 (TEXAA)	Interior finish	1078 sqm	60	60	No
GSP	Galvanised steel profiles (studs) for internal wall framing, 0.7 mm, 0.9 kg/m, 37 mmx73.5 mm	Structural Frame	4484 m	370	60	No
RTF	Recycled textile and fabric insulation, blown, R=3.25 m <sup>2</sup> K/W, L= 0.046 W/mK, 150 mm, 2 kg/m <sup>2</sup> , 13.3 kg/m <sup>3</sup> , Lambda=0.046 W/(m.K), COTON-FRP DOMOSANIX NITA-COTON-FRP NITA-COTTON ISOTEXTIL INNOCOTON COTON SOLIDAIRE (RMT Isolation SL)	Insulation 1	1078 sqm	60	60	No
WFI	Wood fibre insulation boards, biogenic CO <sub>2</sub> not subtracted, L = 0.044 W/mK, 173 kg/m <sup>3</sup> , EPD coverage: 0.037-0.05 W/mK, 20-240 mm, 80-250 kg/m <sup>3</sup> (Gutex)	Insulation 2	1078 sqm	350	60	No
AFW	Aluminum frame window, size: 1.23 x 1.48m, 27.69 kg/m <sup>2</sup> , double glazing, SUPREME S77 (Alumil)	Window	839 sqm	380	60	No
CGC	Ceramic façade cladding, 24 - 30 mm, 31 - 42 kg/m <sup>2</sup> , 2000 - 2200 kg/m <sup>3</sup> (Argeton)	Exterior finish	1078 sqm	320	50	No

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NSS	Natural stone massive slabs (EUROROC)	Exterior Finish	299 sqm	200 km	60 years	Yes
WFI	Wood fibre insulation boards, R= 3.26 m <sup>2</sup> K/W, 140 mm, 15.4 kg/m <sup>2</sup> , 110 kg/m <sup>3</sup> , STEICOtherm dry (Steico)	Insulation	42 cum	350 km	60 years	No
MDF	Medium density fiberboard (MDF), sound absorbing, 16 mm, 13.9 kg/m <sup>2</sup> , 866 kg/m <sup>3</sup> , $\alpha_w = 0.75$ (class C)	Interior Finish	299 sqm	340 km	60 years	No
DGW	Double glazing windows with wooden frame, 30.7 kg/m <sup>2</sup> , 1.4 W/m <sup>2</sup> K, biogenic CO <sub>2</sub> not subtracted (for CML), FDES collective utilisable par toute entreprise qui produit en France des fenêtres et portes fenêtres, double vitrage acoustique ou standard, en bois tropicaux. (INSTITUT TECHNOLOGIQUE FCBA)	Windows	839 sqm	380 km	40 years	No
CLT	Cross Laminated Timber (CLT), Thickness: up to 400 mm, 470 kg/m <sup>3</sup> , 12% moisture content (Derix GmbH & Co)	Structural Frame	9 cum	220 km	60 years	No