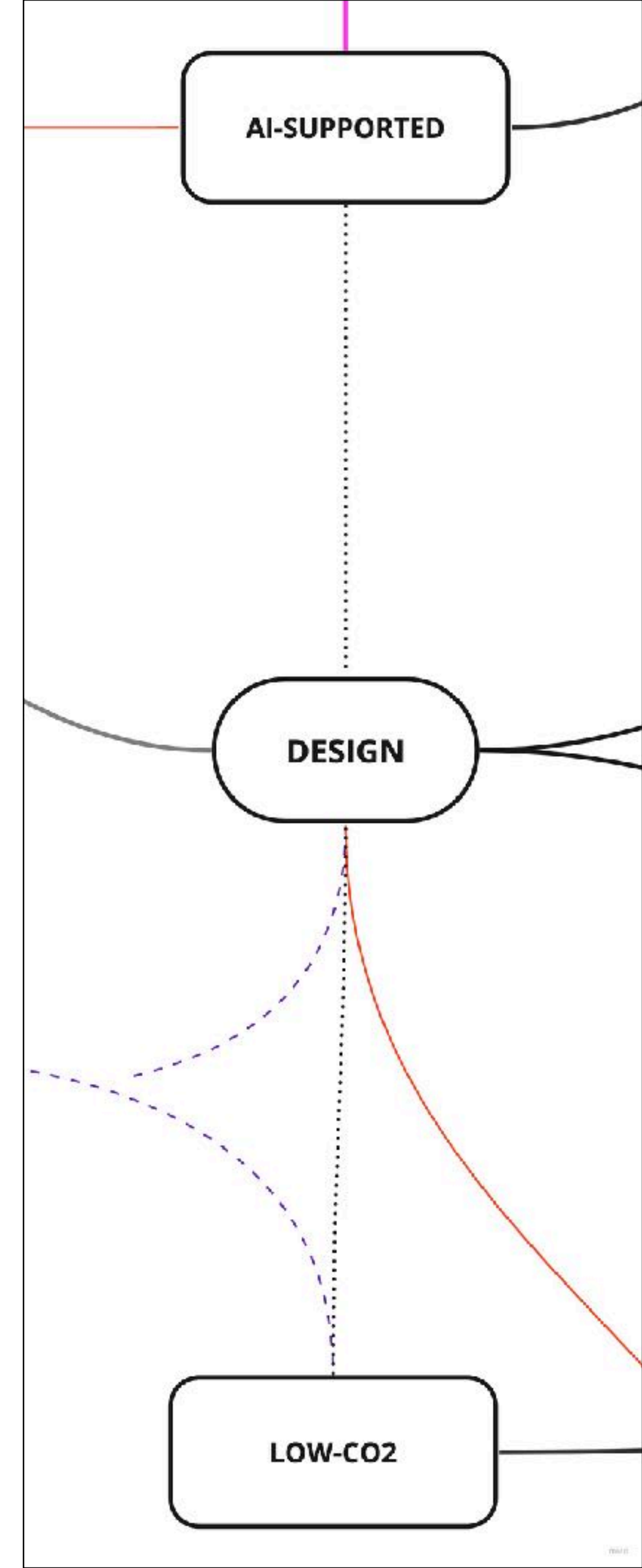


# Ai-supported low CO2 circular design

A material driven approach

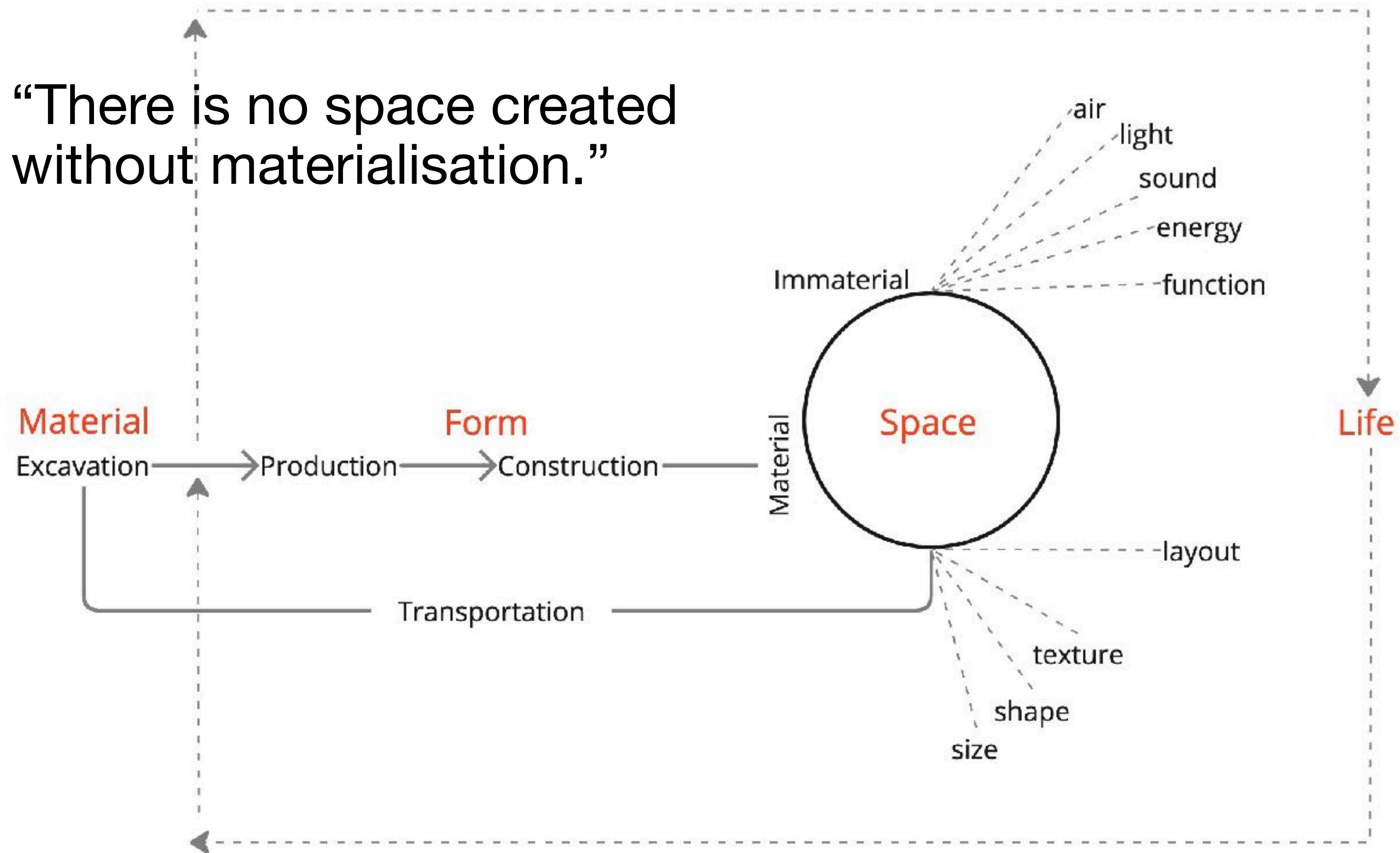
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# Design

## From building life cycle to material scenarios

“There is no space created without materialisation.”



System Boundaries		Cradle-to-Cradle		Cradle-to-Grave	
Cradle-to-Gate	A1	Raw Material Extract / Process / Supply	Product / Manufacture Stage [A1-A3]	Construction Process Stage [A4-A5]	Use [B1-B7]
	A2	Transport			
	A3	Manufacture			
Cradle-to-Grave	A4	Transport to the Site	Building Fabric		
	A5	Assembly / Install in the building			
Cradle-to-Grave	B1	Use / Application of Installed Products	Operation of the Building	End-of-Life Stage [C1-C4]	
	B2	Maintenance			
	B3	Repair			
	B4	Replacement			
	B5	Refurbishment			
	B6	Operational Energy Use			
	B7	Operational Water Use			
Cradle-to-Grave	C1	Deconstruction / Demolition	Reuse-Recovery-Recycle Beyond [D]		
	C2	Transport to Waste Process			
	C3	Reuse-Recovery-Recycle			
	C4	Disposal			
	D	Reuse-Recovery-Recycle Potential			



# Impact

## Low CO2 approach

CONDITION AFTER INTERVENTION

- CONDITION BEFORE INTERVENTION

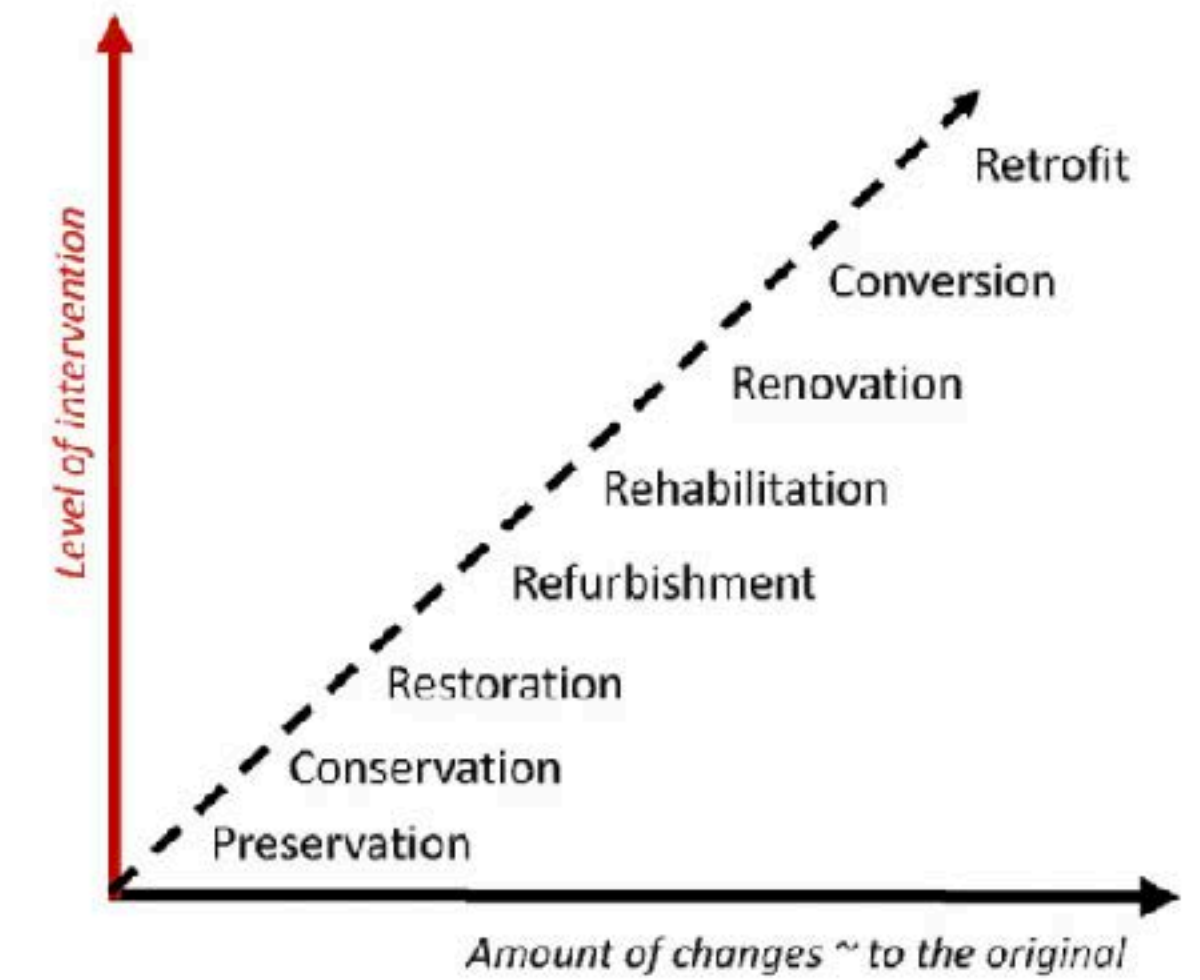
= IMPACT

Energy and emission

Cost

Time

Comfort



Range of intervention. Adapted from Building Adaptation. (John Douglas, 2014)

	Planning work required for building (M) compared to new build <sup>1</sup>					Planning work required in comparison to M (building) <sup>2</sup>			
	Prelim. design	Approval	Detailed drawings	Tenders	Award, site management, cost accounts	XL: Block/complex	S: Part of building/storey	XS: Dwelling/room	
<b>Reconstruction/restoration</b>	++	o	+	+	+	/	/	/	Costly, time-consuming planning because research is necessary
<b>Demolition/deconstruction</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	-	-	-	+	n/a	Often carried out by specialised contractors
<b>Renovation/maintenance</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	-	+	o	o	o	Costly, time-consuming organisation (When can work be carried out?) and accounting (many management services)
<b>Repairs/maintenance</b>	n/a	n/a	--	-	+	o	o	o	Costly, time-consuming organisation/accounts, often no planning services
<b>Partial refurbishment</b>	--	n/a	+	++	++	n/a	n/a	n/a	Costly, time-consuming organisation and accounting, frequently disputes with neighbours
<b>Refurbishment</b>	--	n/a	o	+	++	o	+	+	Great demands placed on site management because of many uncertainties
<b>Total refurbishment</b>	--	n/a	+	+	+	o	+	n/a	In total slightly higher costs/more works reqd. at new/existing interface
<b>Conversion</b>	+	o	++	++	++	o	++	++	High design costs due to adaptation to suit the existing; high construction costs
<b>Gutting/rebuild with part retention</b>	o	+	o	+	+	/	/	/	Extra costs for safety measures only
<b>Extension</b>	+	o	+	o	o	/	/	/	Measures in the existing account for only a small part of the total budget
<b>Fitting-out</b>	+	+	++	++	++	n/a	n/a	n/a	Many parts of existing bldg. continue to be used; partial fit-out; costly, costly, time-consuming organisation/accounts, often disputes w. neighbours
<b>Change of use</b>	n/a	+	n/a	n/a	n/a	o	o	o	Only an approval required, but can be very extensive

++ much more  
 + more  
 o about the same  
 - less  
 -- much less  
 n/a hardly or never required  
 / no comparison, cannot be evaluated (e.g. owing to major fluctuations)

<sup>1</sup> Provides a guide as to how much higher the conversion surcharge must be or where it can be ignored.  
<sup>2</sup> Necessary increase in the conversion surcharge depending on the size of the project.



# Impact

# Embodied energy and carbon emission

## Construction Material pyramid

An interactive web-tool to compare material usages.

(A1-A3)

choose impact category

Global Warming Potential (GWP)

filter by material group

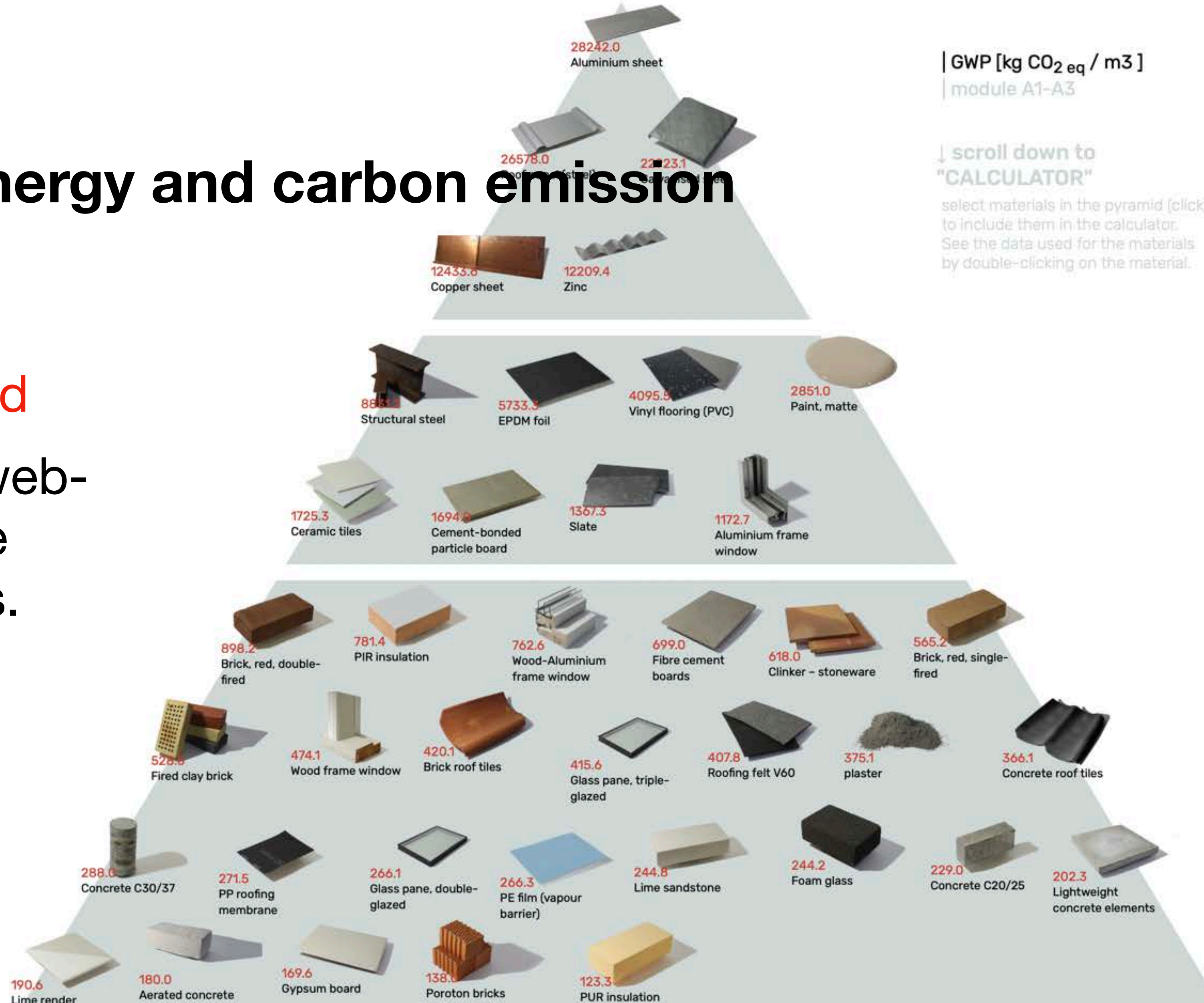
filter and sort by "functional unit"

according to declared unit

| GWP [kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq / m<sup>3</sup>]  
| module A1-A3

↓ scroll down to  
"CALCULATOR"

select materials in the pyramid (click)  
to include them in the calculator.  
See the data used for the materials  
by double-clicking on the material.



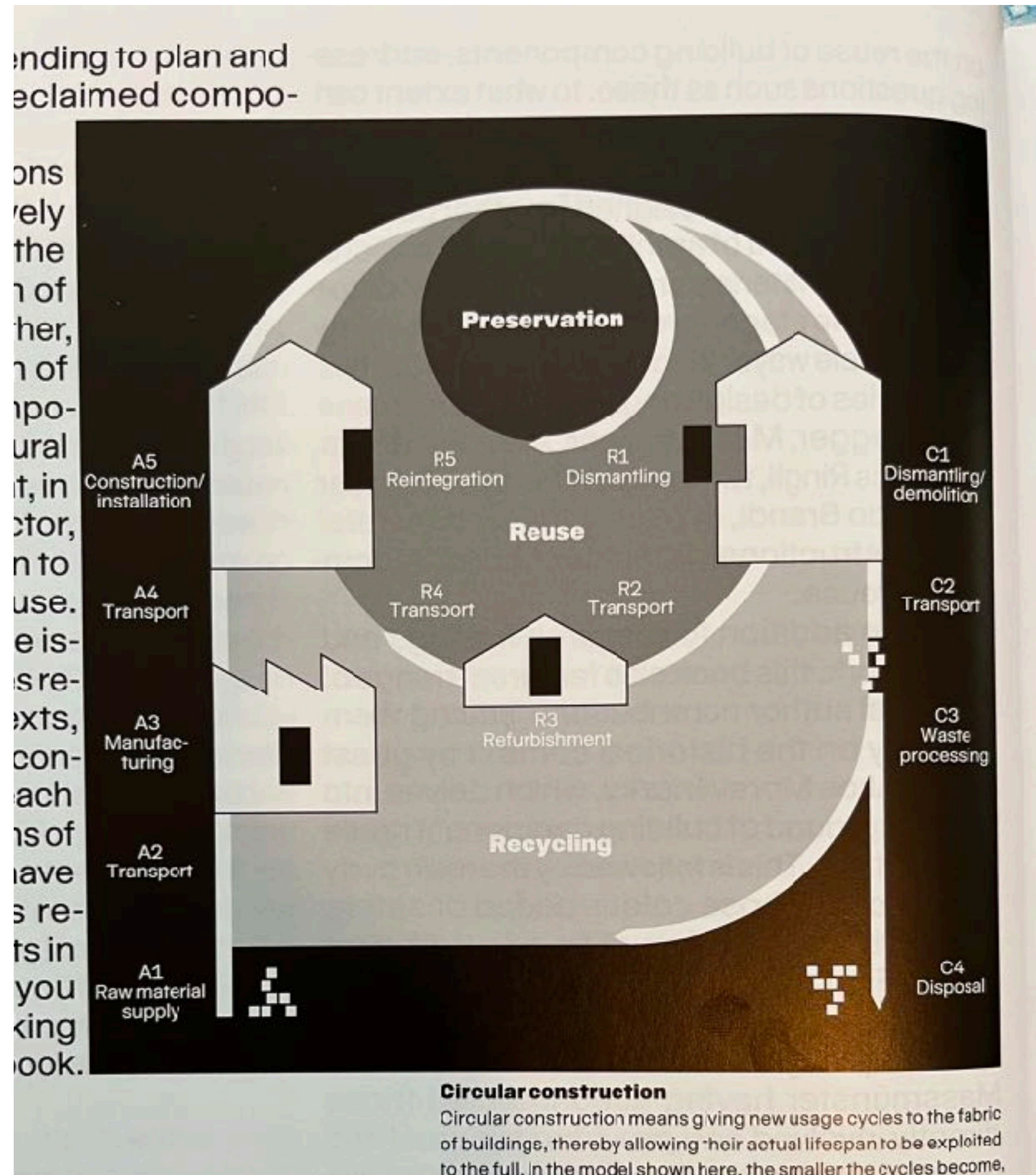
10000kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq/m<sup>3</sup>

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# Circular Design

## Material repair, reuse, and recycle

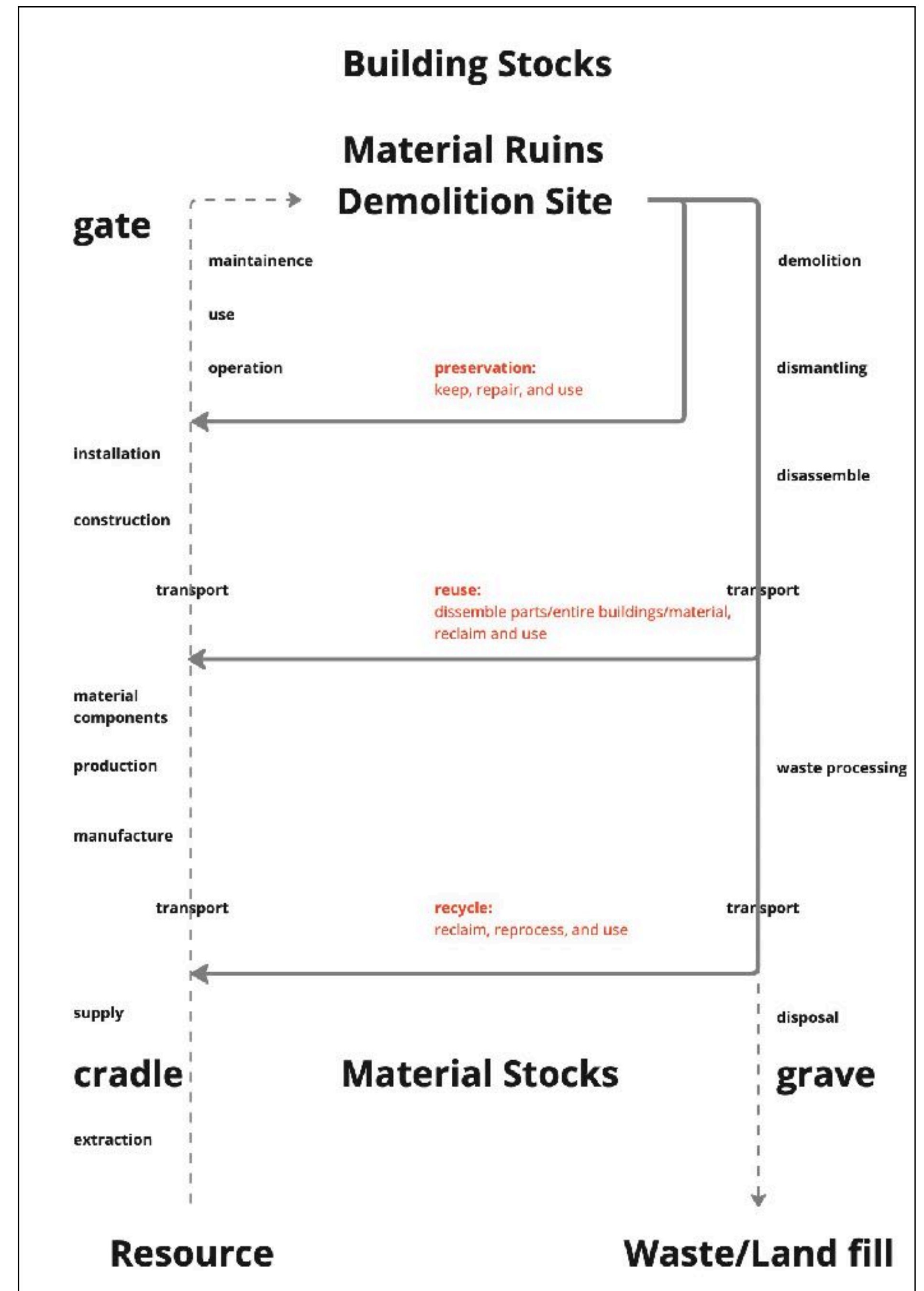


Reuse in Construction. 2022

**Preservation/**  
the in situ retention of the fabric of buildings or parts of buildings in order to extend their usage.

**Reuse/**  
the reutilisation of building components irrespective of any divergence in quality standards between their original and new usage contents. (Cutting or resizing)

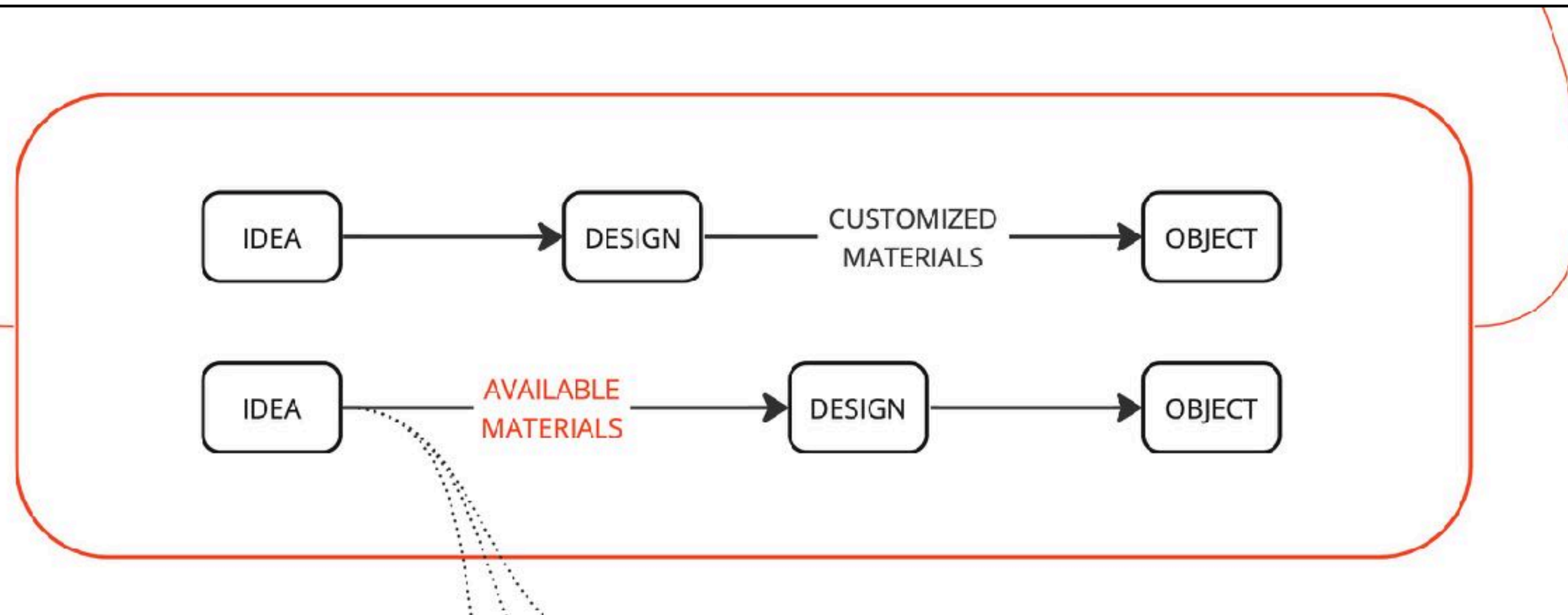
**Recycle/**  
The extensive conversion of building material into new materials or products via processes in which their original form is broken down. (Such as shredding or melting.)





# AI-Supported Circular Design

## An informal/formal material literacy



**INFORMAL / FORMAL  
MATERIAL LITERACY / NETWORK?**

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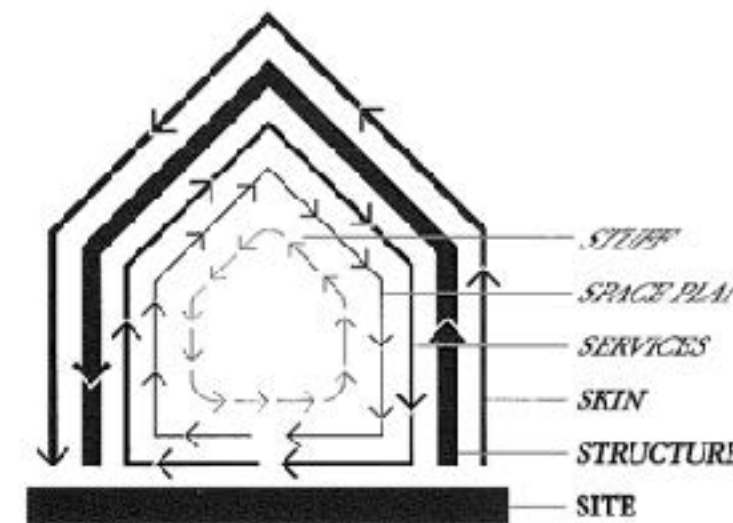
### Research Question:

- What are the available existing materials?
- How do we make the materials available?
- How do we question the process?
- How does Artificial Intelligence support us in the design process?

# Material (Data) Intelligence

- Material What? Ruins Inspection and Material information - material bank
- Material How? Material Type - Building Layer - Scale

Concrete  
Bricks  
Metal  
Timber  
...



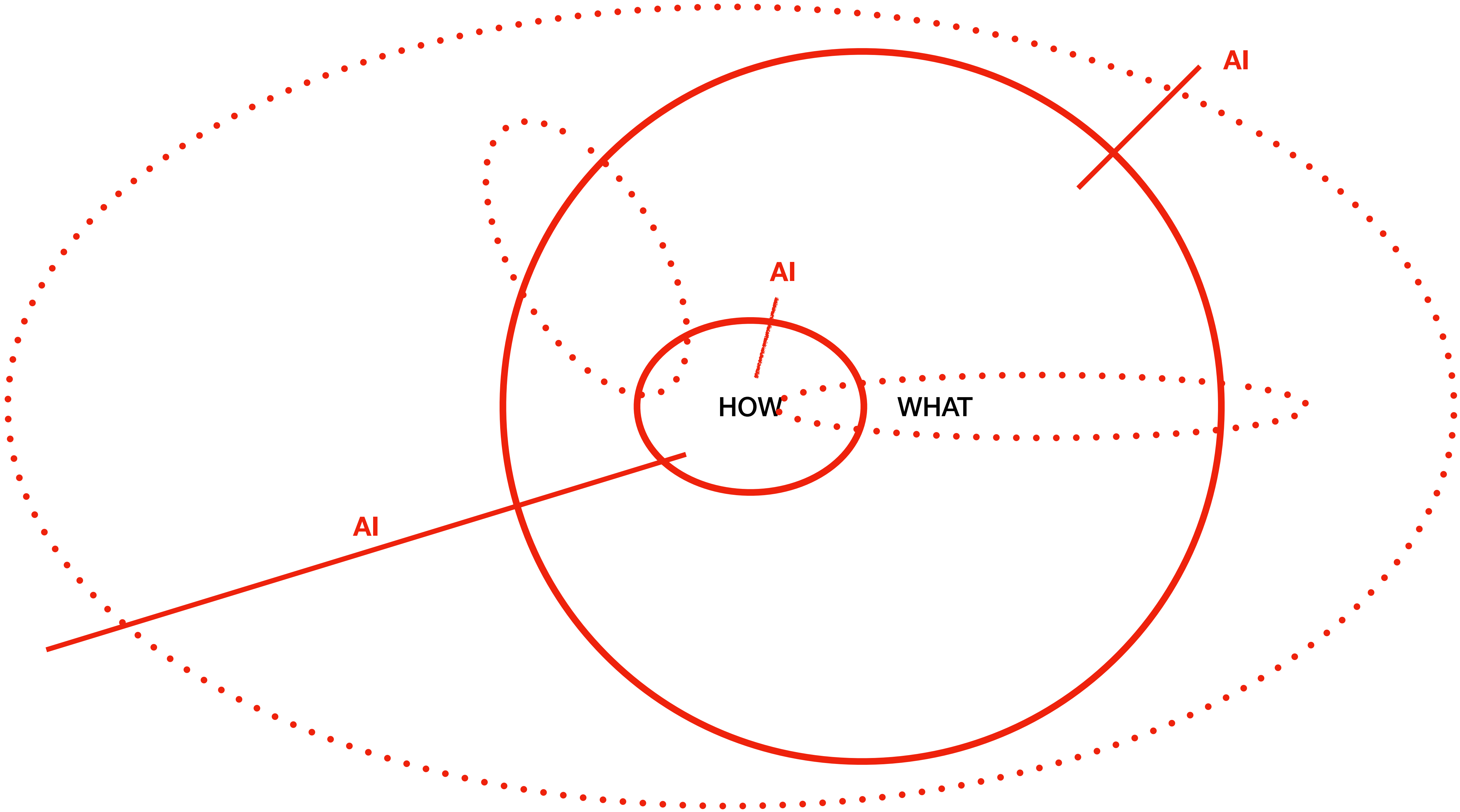
Repair  
Reuse  
Recycle

Brand, 1994

Evaluation Tool

- Material Right?

ENGINEER - MANAGEMENT - ARCHITECT



HOW

WHAT

AI

AI

AI



# AI-Supported Circular Design

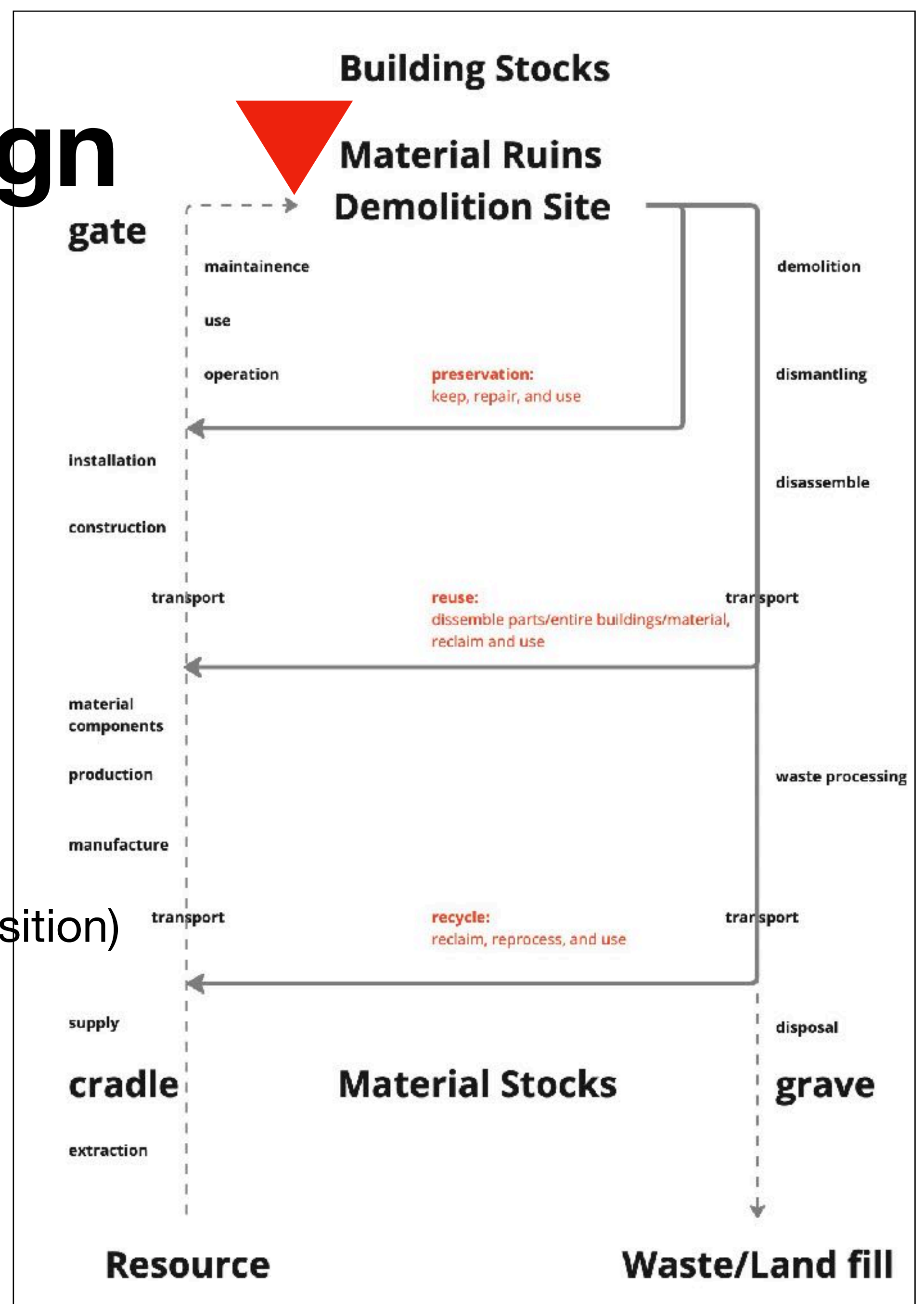
## Material what, where?

### Material Ruins Information

What are the available existing materials?

- Where are the material ruins/demolition sites?(transportation)
- What were/are the sites?(building typology)(function)
- Why are they (demolished) now?(value)(toxic)
- When would they be cleared out?

- What are the existing material components?(function)(composition)
- What quality did they have?(value)(durability)(texture)
- What are the construction?
- What are the amount, size, shape?





# Case studies

## Material what, where?

Concular Home Projekte Alle Produkte Kategorien Ankauf Beschaffung Kontakt

### Aktuelle zirkuläre Projekte im Verkauf

- Landratsamt Karlsruhe →
- Paul-Gerhardt-Haus Münster →
- Kirschareal München →
- München Westendstraße →
- Technische Universität Dortmund →
- Fraunhofer ISE Freiburg →
- Festung Marienberg Würzburg →
- Behrensbau Düsseldorf →
- BIMA Düsseldorf →
- Schwimmbadtechnik →

Demolishing sites. Concular.

OPALIS Dealers Materials Examples Documentation

### Landscaping and paving

- Pavers, kerbs and setts
- Flagstones

### Structure

- Structural timber
- Structural steel
- Bricks
- Hangars, greenhouses and barns

### Shell

Dealers Materials Examples Documentation

124 / 69 results

Country

- Belgium (nl)
- France (fr)
- Luxembourg (it)
- Netherlands (nl)

UK ? Visit sawweb.com

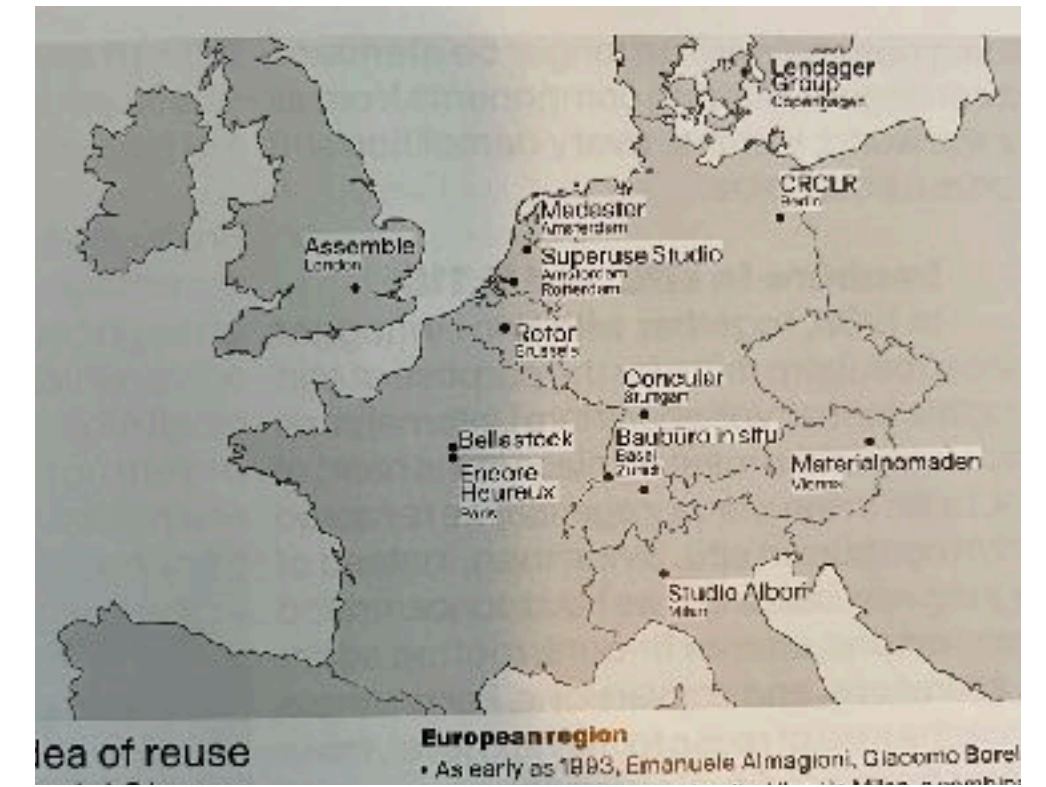
Materials

- Landscaping and paving (nl)
- Structure (nl)
  - Structural timber (nl)
    - Trusses, beams, rafters, etc. (nl)
    - Glued laminated timber (nl)
    - Antique (oak) beams (nl)
  - Structural steel (nl)
    - Steel beams (nl)
  - Bricks (nl)
    - Solid terracotta bricks (nl)
  - Hangars, greenhouses and barns (nl)
    - Hangars with steel structure (nl)
    - Greenhouses (nl)
    - Wood barns (nl)
- Shell (nl)
  - Insulation (nl)
  - Natural stone elements (nl)

Material cards:

- Vieille France: Structural timber. Also offers: Slates, roof tiles and wall copings, Windows, Luminaires, Farrowing as / secureries, Architectural antiques.
- RV Bouw en sloopmaterialen: Structural timber, Windows, Doors, Porals and boards. Also offers: Structural steel, Insulation, Staircases.
- Van Laarhoven: Structural steel, Structural timber, Staircases, Windows, Doors, Radiators. Also offers: Insulation, Panels and boards, Lights, Radiators, sanitary appliances.
- Kiek van de Kamp
- Geoeders de Hollander
- C.D. De Vries

Available material components and material stocks. OPALIS by ROTORDC.

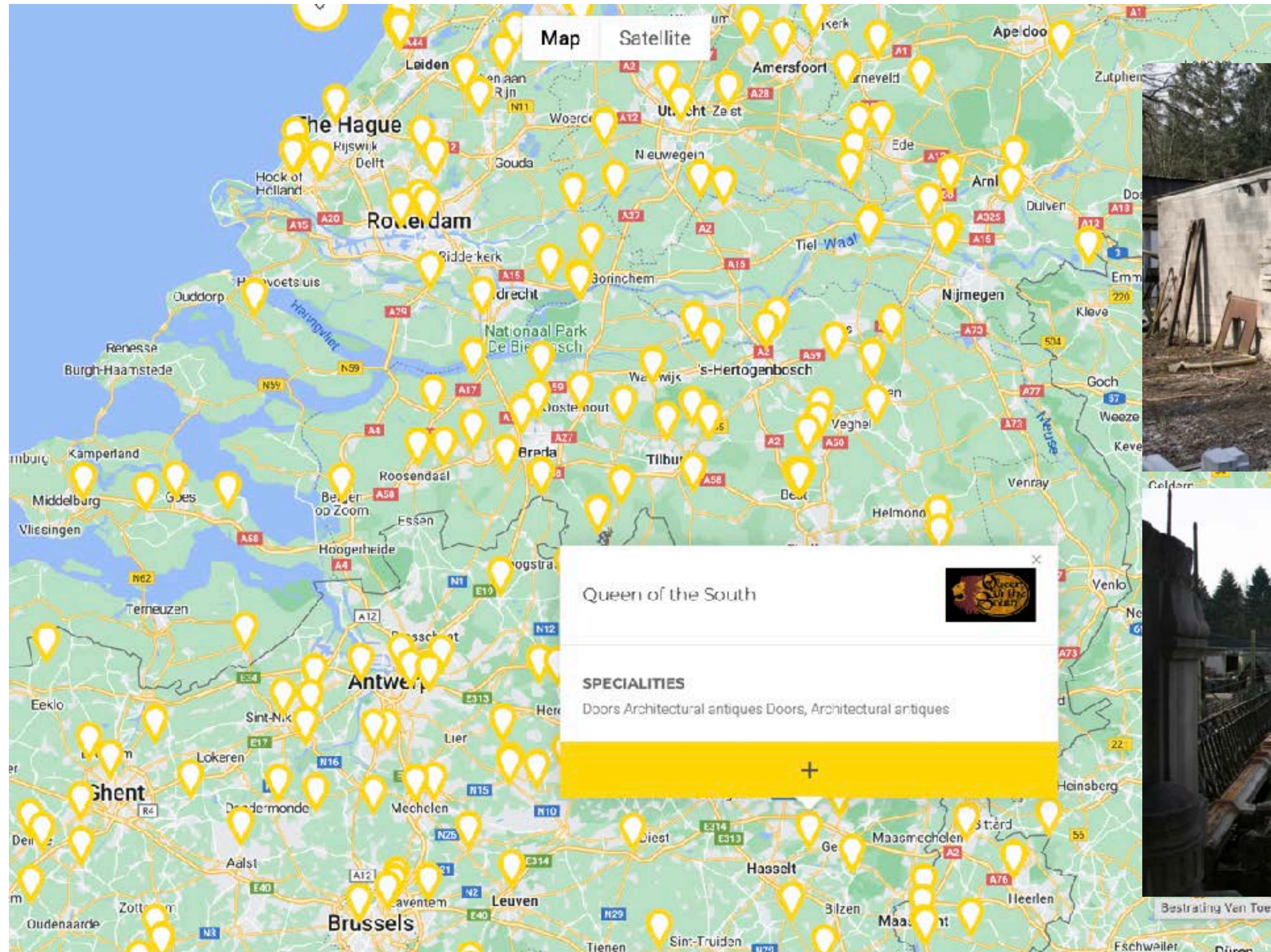


Leading companies with reuse approaches. Reuse in Construction. 2022.



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## (AI-Supported) Material bank, network, literacy



Queen of the south

C,D, De Vries



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## AI-supported material harvesting



Book

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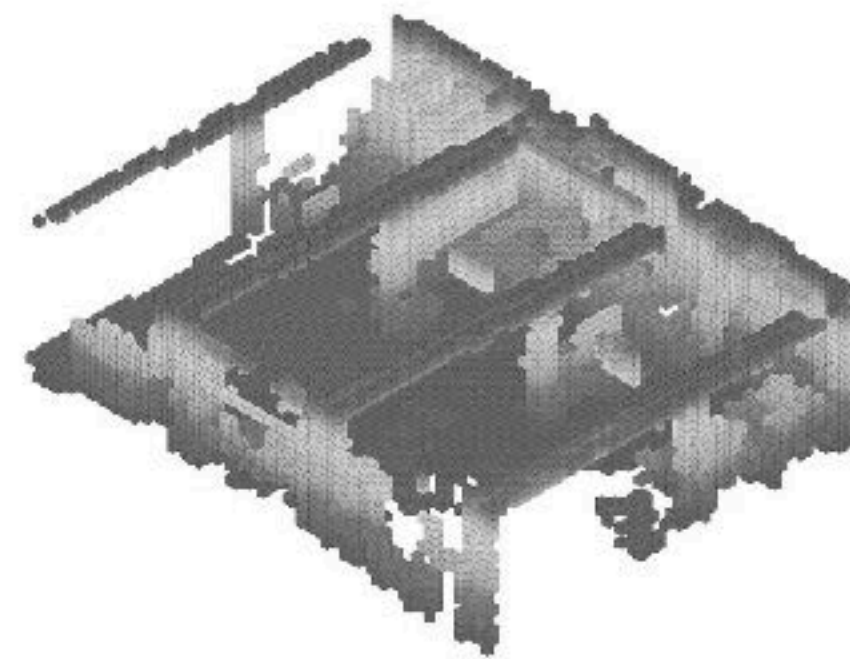


Figure 17.10 Point cloud depth map.

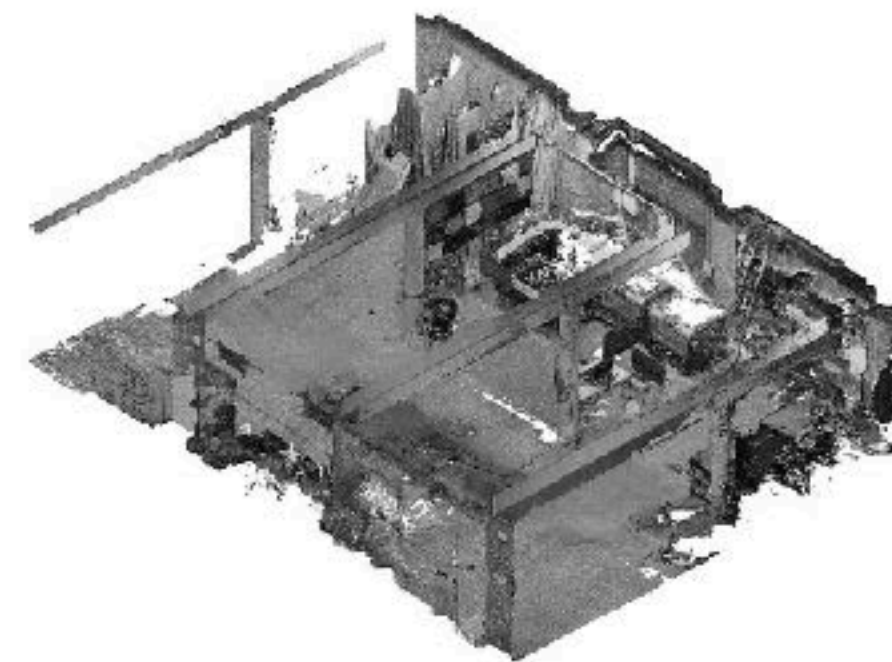


Figure 17.11 Point cloud reconstruction: OctoMap generation modeling arbitrary environments without prior assumptions.

This overall method allows to retrieve material properties from built environments, as well as building shapes and physical morphologies, envisioning a novel automated protocol blending machine perception, image analytics, and machine learning into data infrastructures informing novel solutions for material and waste management (Figure 17.13).

#### Material Localization



Figure 17.12 Image processing: image subdivision to a scalable kernel size, performing heuristics evaluation for material classification.



Figure 17.13 Image processing: image subdivision to a scalable kernel size, performing heuristics evaluation for material classification.

## Digitizing material collation from demolition sites



- 1 Building Inspection
- 2 Material Classification and Localisation
- 3 Geometry Reconstruction

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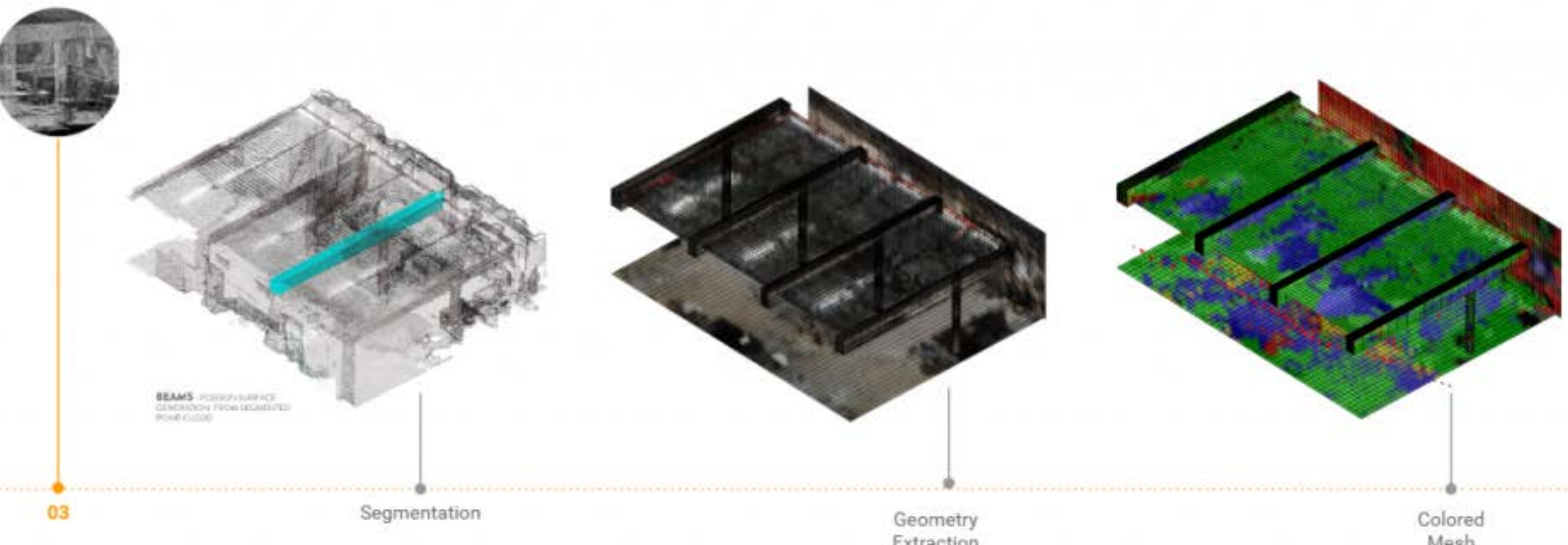
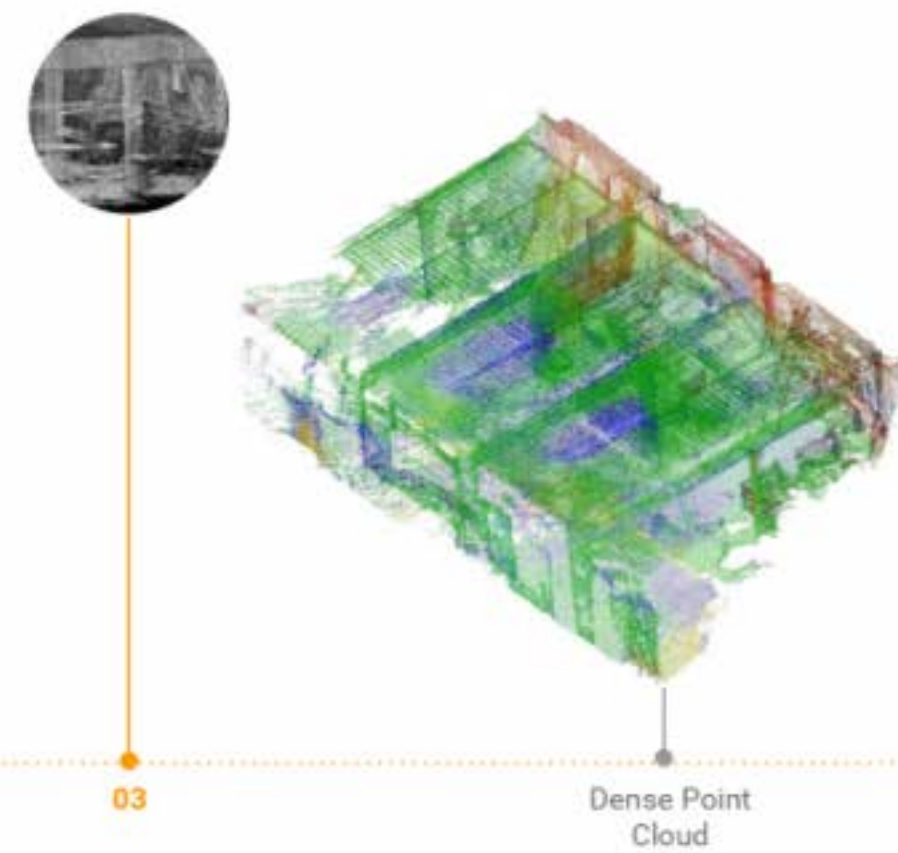
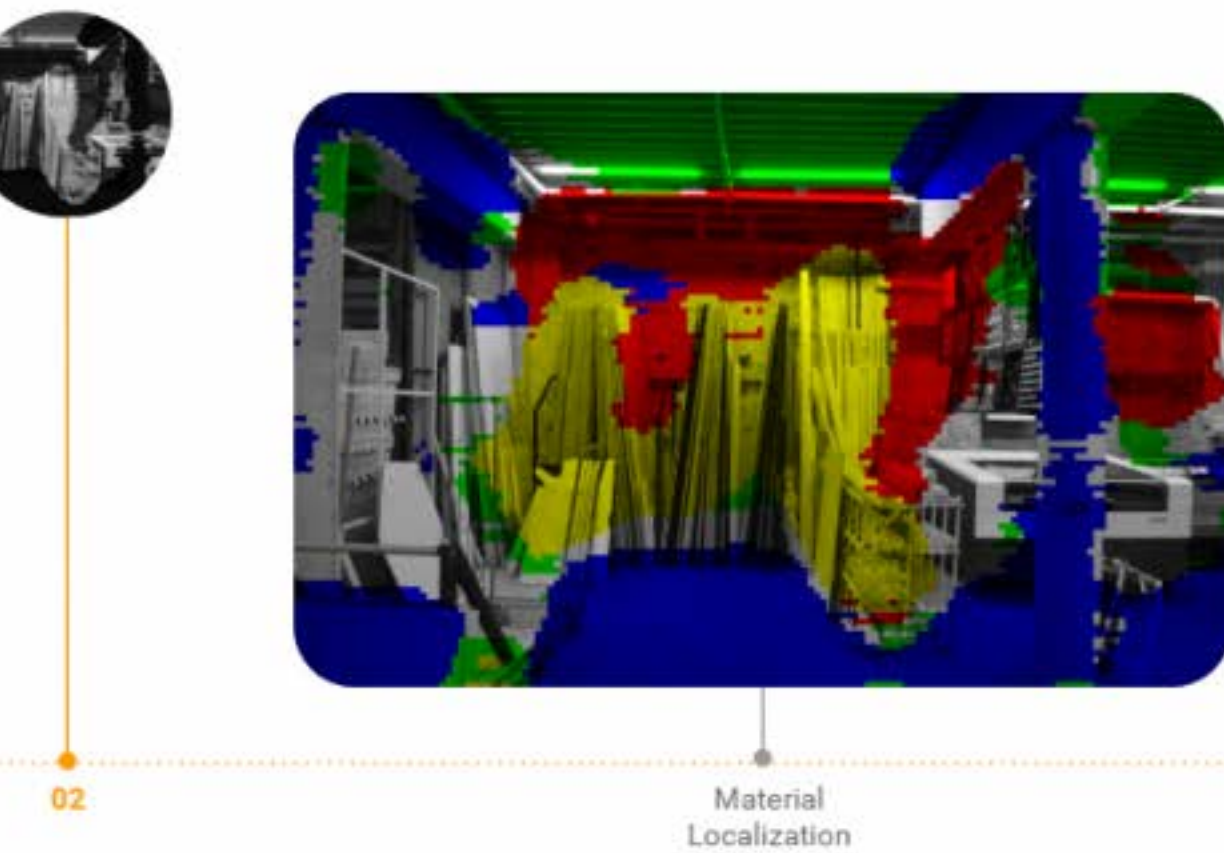
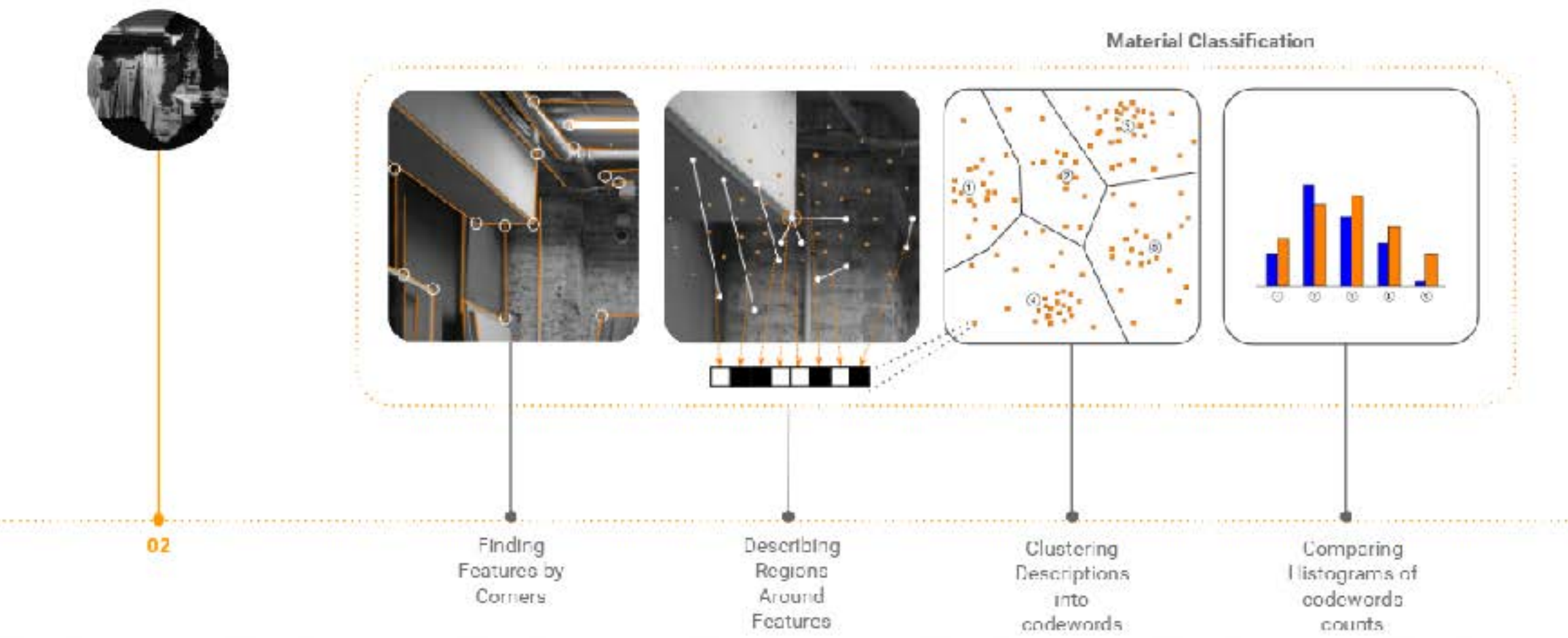
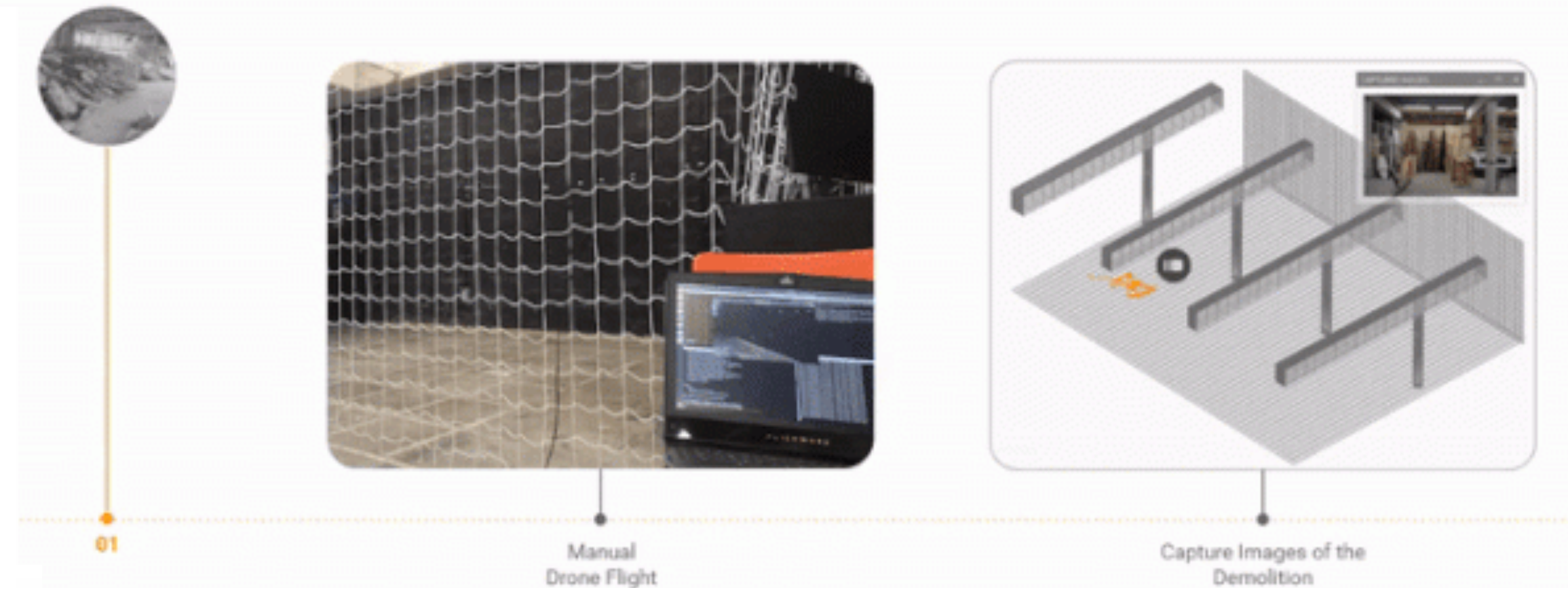
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# Case studies

## AI-supported material harvesting



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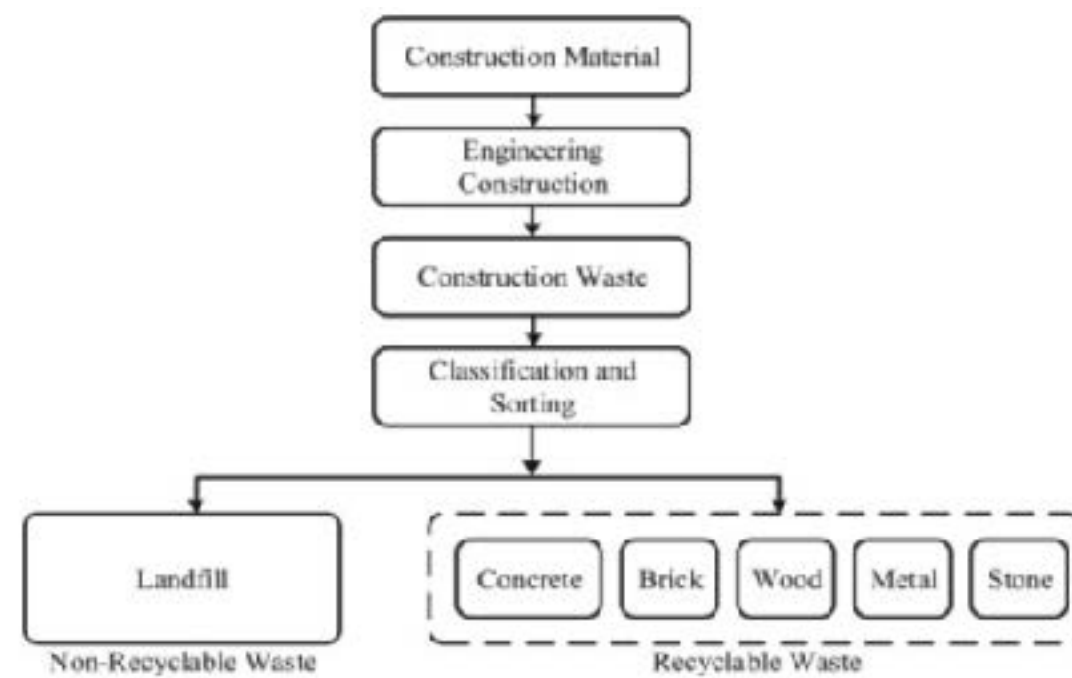
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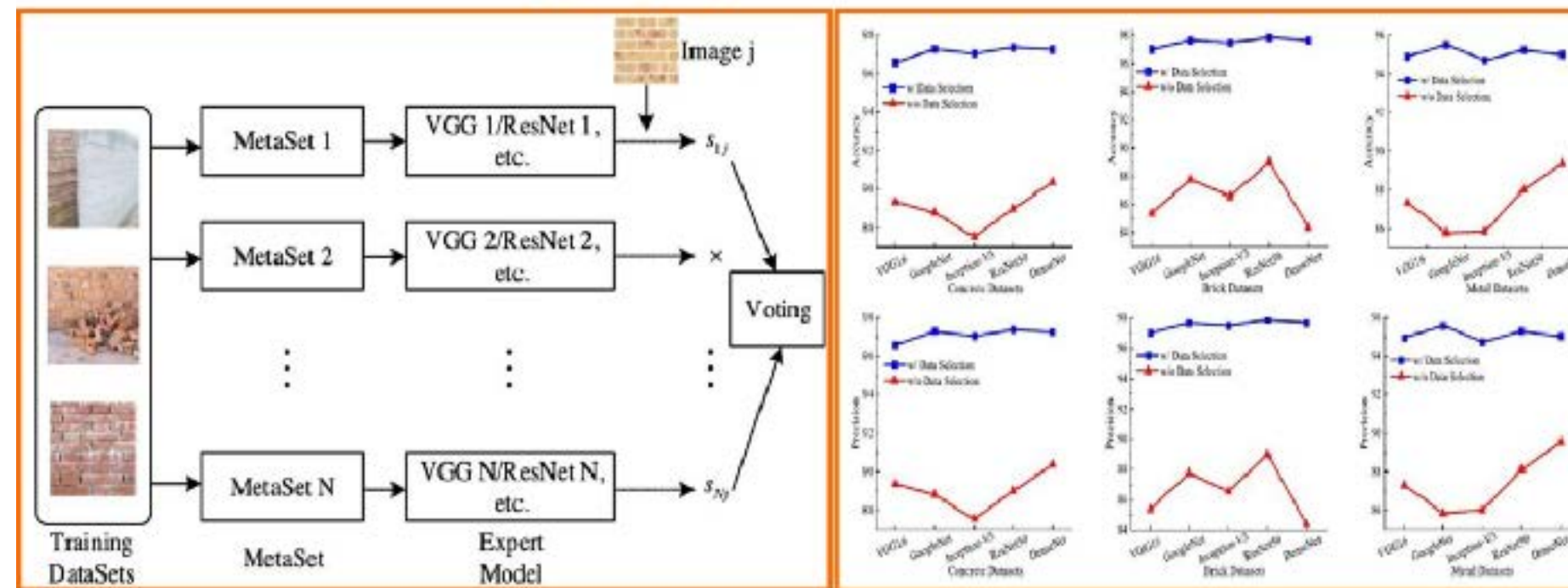
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#### Data-Centric Model for High-quality Construction Material Datasets Selection



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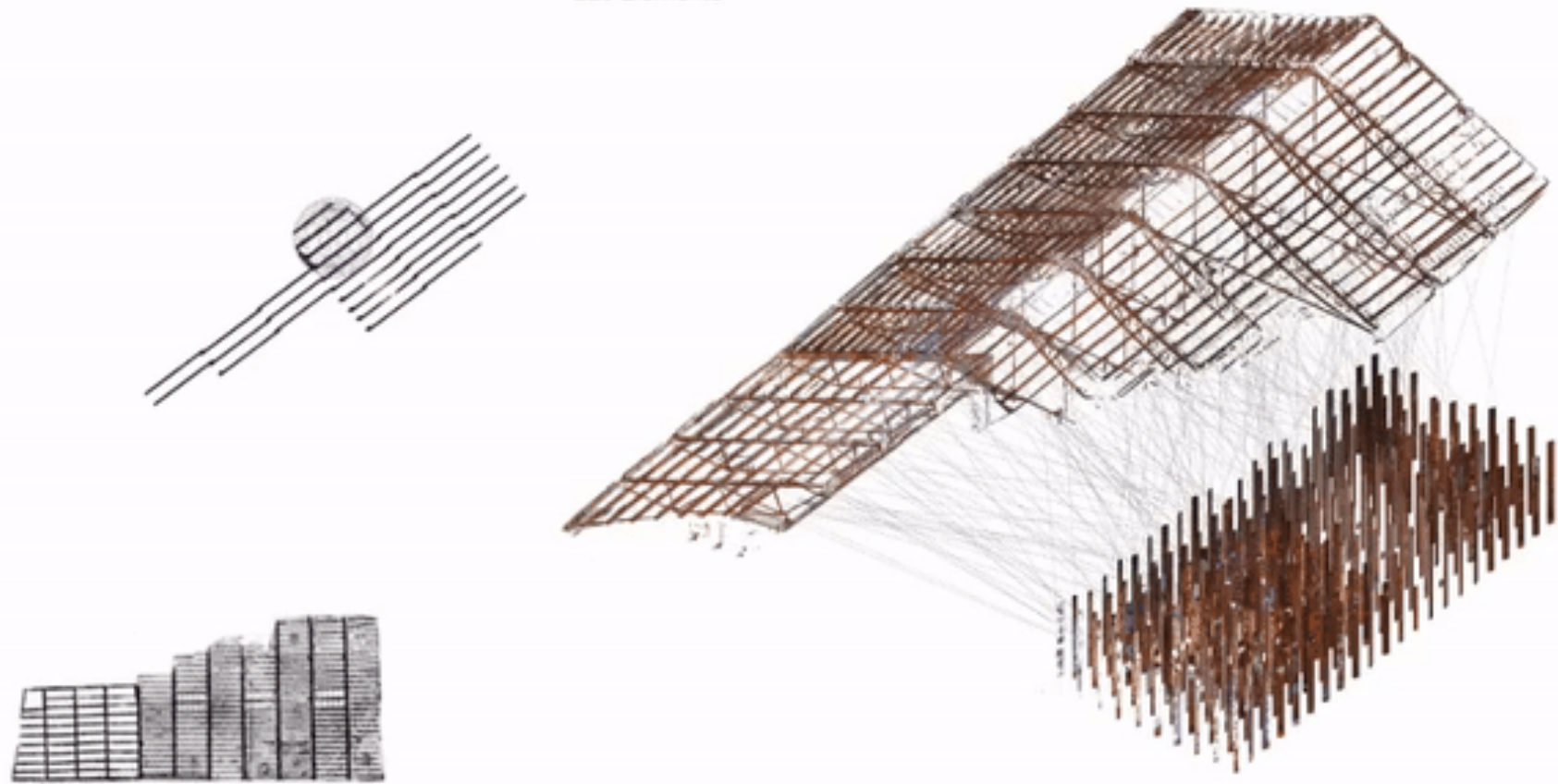




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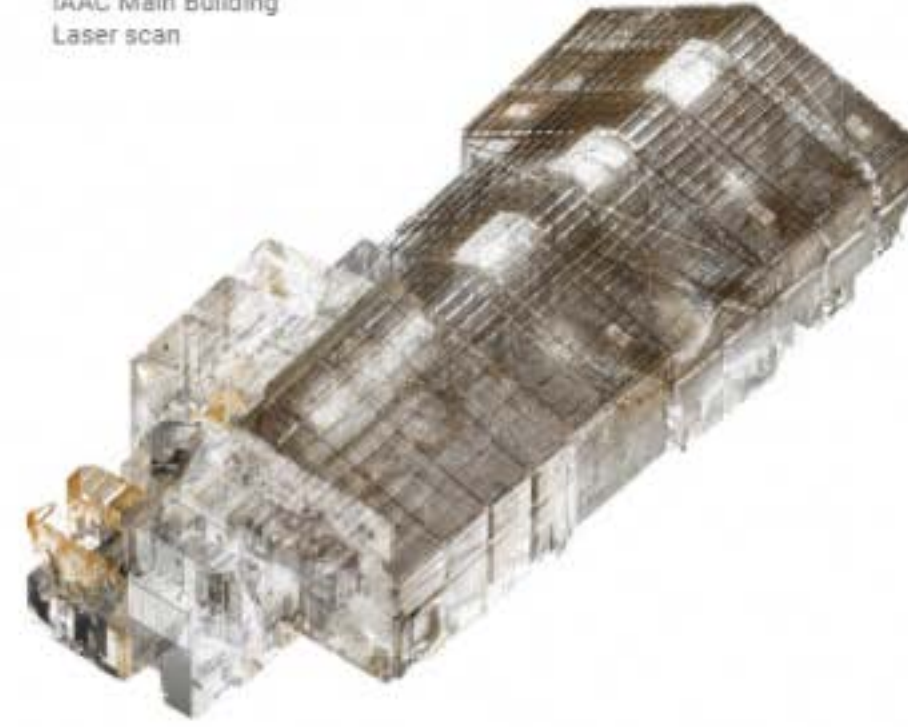
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Visual Assessment

Final Dataset  
220 Elements



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IAAC Main Building  
Laser scan



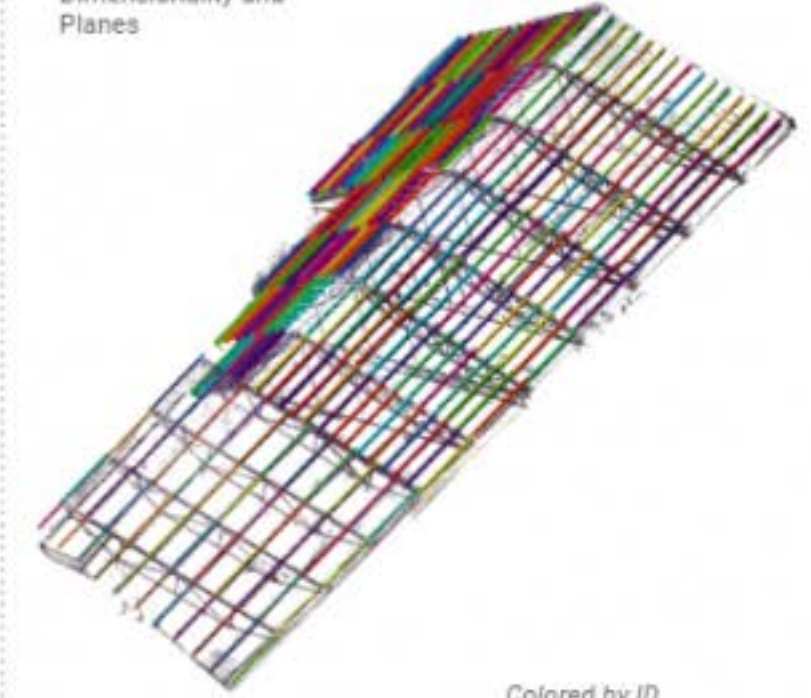
2

Selected Area



3

Selected Area  
Segmentation by  
Dimensionality and  
Planes



Colored by ID



Confidence Threshold: 0.95

Canupo Classifier  
Classification Parameter: Dimensionality



Classifier 1: Roof board



Confidence Threshold: 0.95



Classifier 2: Rafters



Confidence Threshold: 0.6



# AI-Supported Circular Design

## Material How

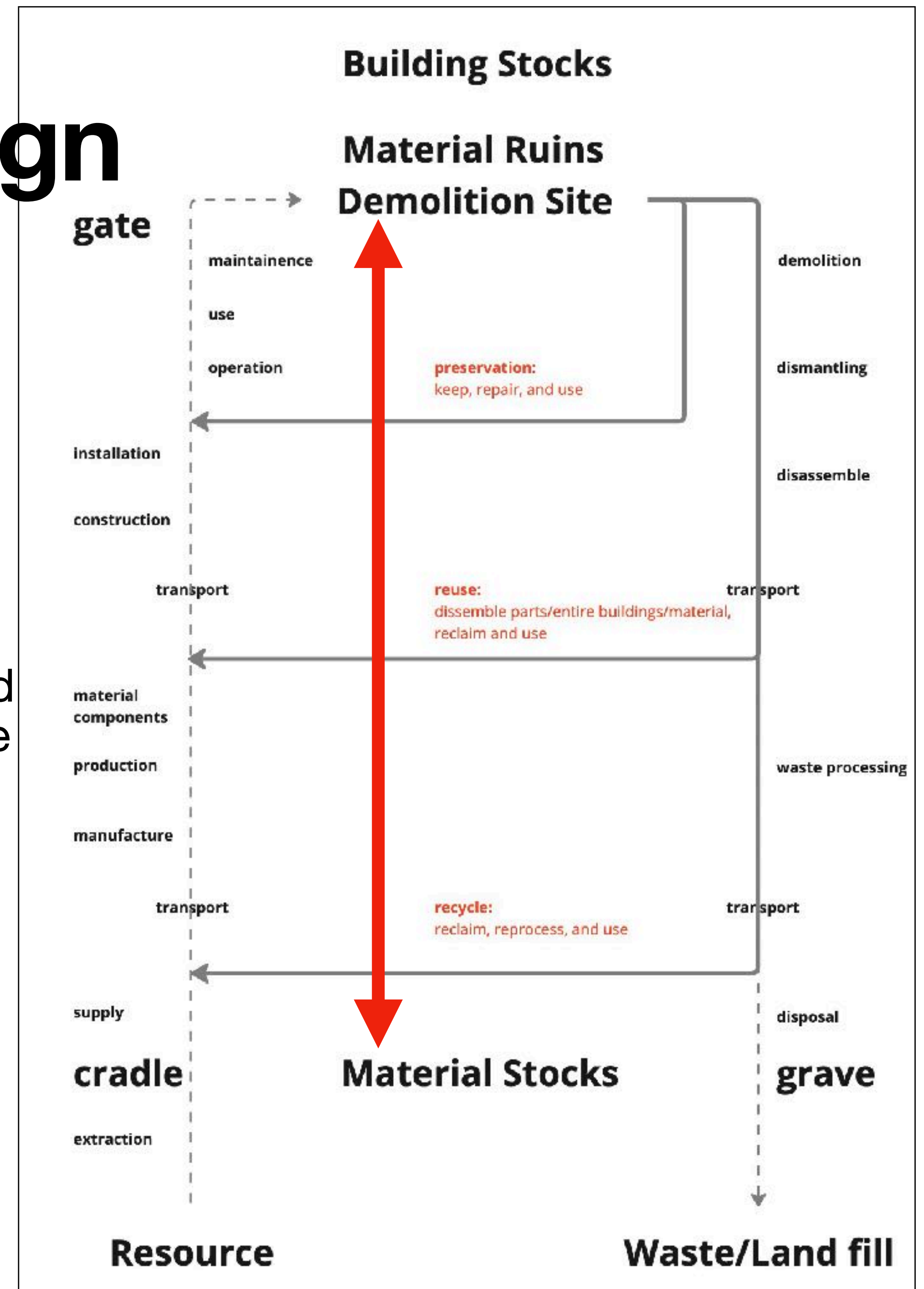
How do we make materials available?

1 How can they be kept, repaired, transformed (adapted reuse) and reutilised to safeguard embodied energy?

2 How can the building parts be disassembled and converted into components fit for reuse elsewhere, with minimal change of material quality from their previous use?

3 How can the recovered materials be processed into new engineered products, with extensive change of material characters from their previous form?

\* How to remove, relocate, and store reclaimed materials?









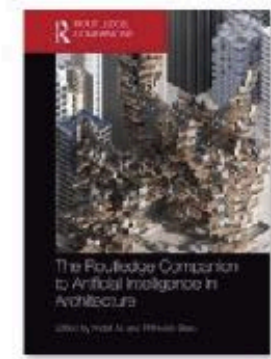
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## Brick Reuse, Lendager,





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a medial axis algorithm is applied to the original geometry. As a result, all three-dimensional elements are reduced to a set of splines from which curvature, torsion, and orientation are extrapolated and stored in a JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) format (Figure 17.7).

The resulting data frame composed of all JSON files is the key component connecting design and manufacturing operations for timber construction and lamination. Storing information on wood curvature directly connected to individual material resources can potentially improve all processes of wood bending. Through robotic fabrication, laminated timber strips are produced optimizing material consumption, thanks to custom sawing paths executed by the robot. This process allows to implement from each given curvature a specific material resource while introducing novel practice for forestry survey and material management (Figure 17.8).

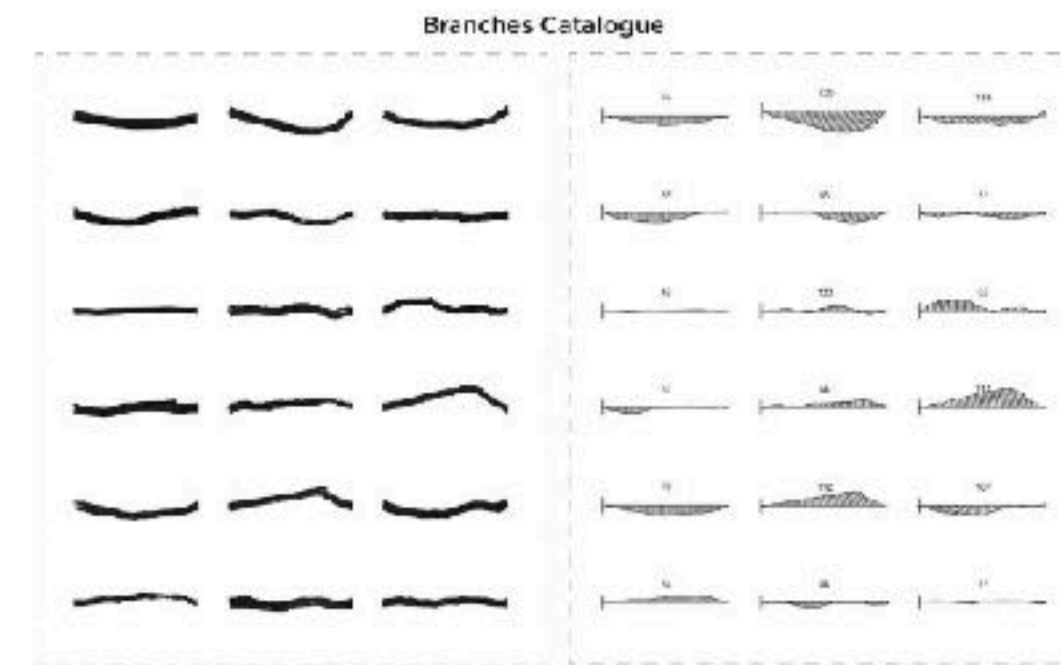


Figure 17.7 Database: storing information on wood curvature connected to individual material resources.



Figure 17.8 Database: storing information on wood curvature connected to individual material resources.

Automating forestry survey  
for timber construction

Image analytics for strategic planning

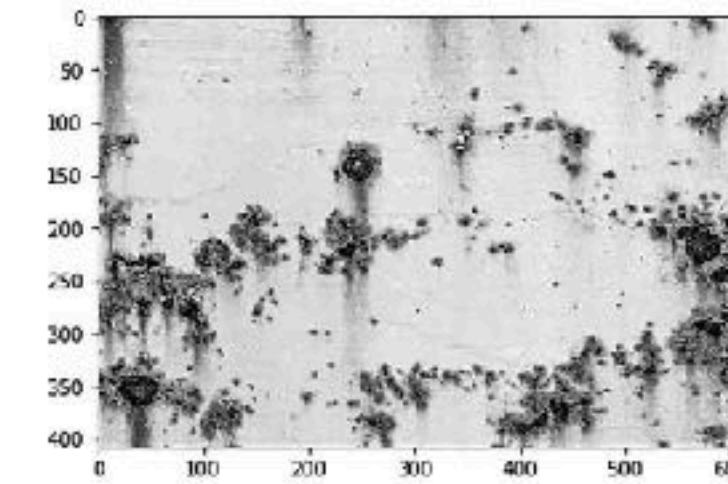


Figure 17.15 Image processing: edge detection segmentation to define area of rust through global thresholding.

The image dataset for this research is split into 600 rust images for training and 150 images for testing. The convolutional neural network is trained over 1,300 epochs, resulting in a de-

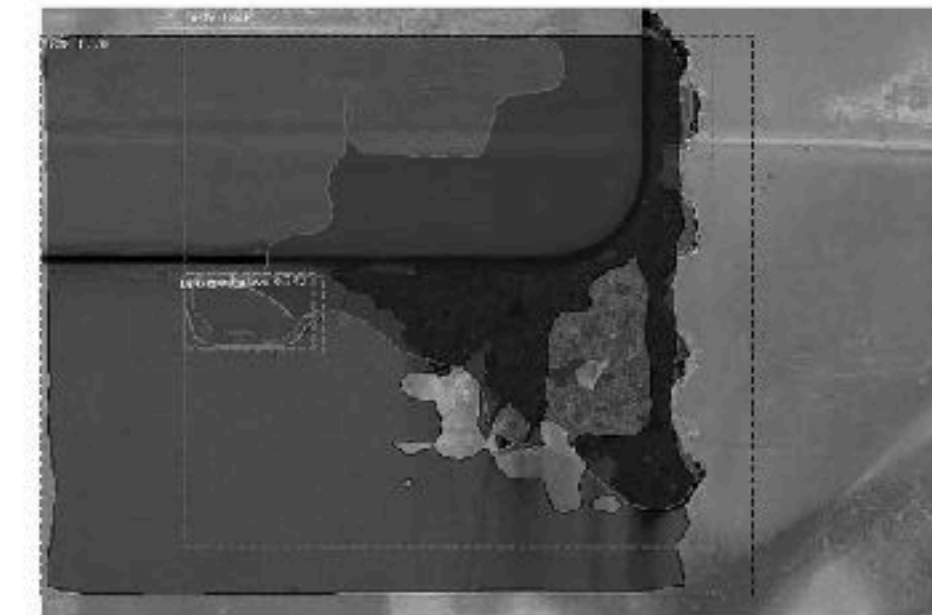


Figure 17.16 Semantic segmentation: applying Mask R-CNN semantic segmentation and rust detection.

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### Conclusions

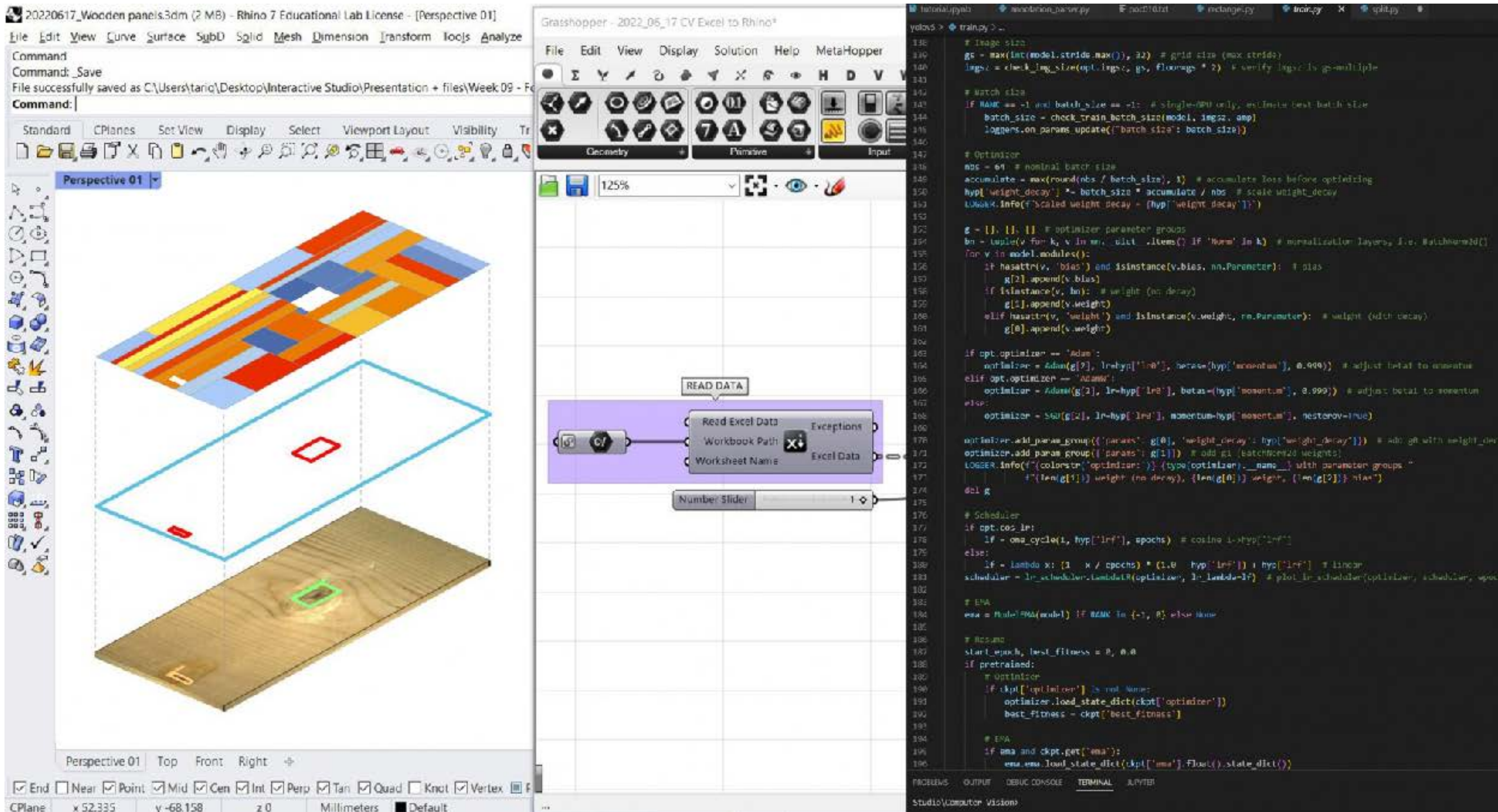
In the increasingly complex AEC industry, data-driven workflows become fundamental to informed decision-making processes. Therefore, sensing emerges as a crucial variable to understand, evaluate, and project operations in our built environments by decoding physical components. In this scenario, the determination of digital methods underpinning strategic planning is

Autonomous inspection system  
for building maintenance



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## Timber defect recognition and resizing



01

### Defect recognition

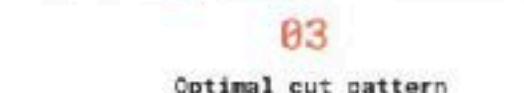
The total length and width are first identified using computer vision after which the defects that hinder structural stability are identified



02

### Bounding boxes

The bounding boxes around the defects would be generated using convolutional neural network models



03

### Optimal cut pattern

The neural network recognises the defects from which the bounding box coordinates are extracted



04

### Fabrication elements

The replica of the wood with the defects are generated in Rhino for size optimisation and maximum usage

### COMPUTER VISION ? TASK AT HAND

process below made for an ideal situation that could benefit from using existing tech and advancements by using computer vision as our design process aid



### Catalogue of pieces

A randomised catalogue (assuming all perpendicular edges) of wooden boards recycled are passed through the CV process



### Scanned boards after CV

The replica of the wood with the defects are generated in Rhino for size optimisation and maximum usage



# AI-Supported Circular Design

## Material Right?

How do we evaluate the process and decisions?

Is reuse or recycle necessarily better, lower-impacted, or more time consuming, inflexible, or costly?

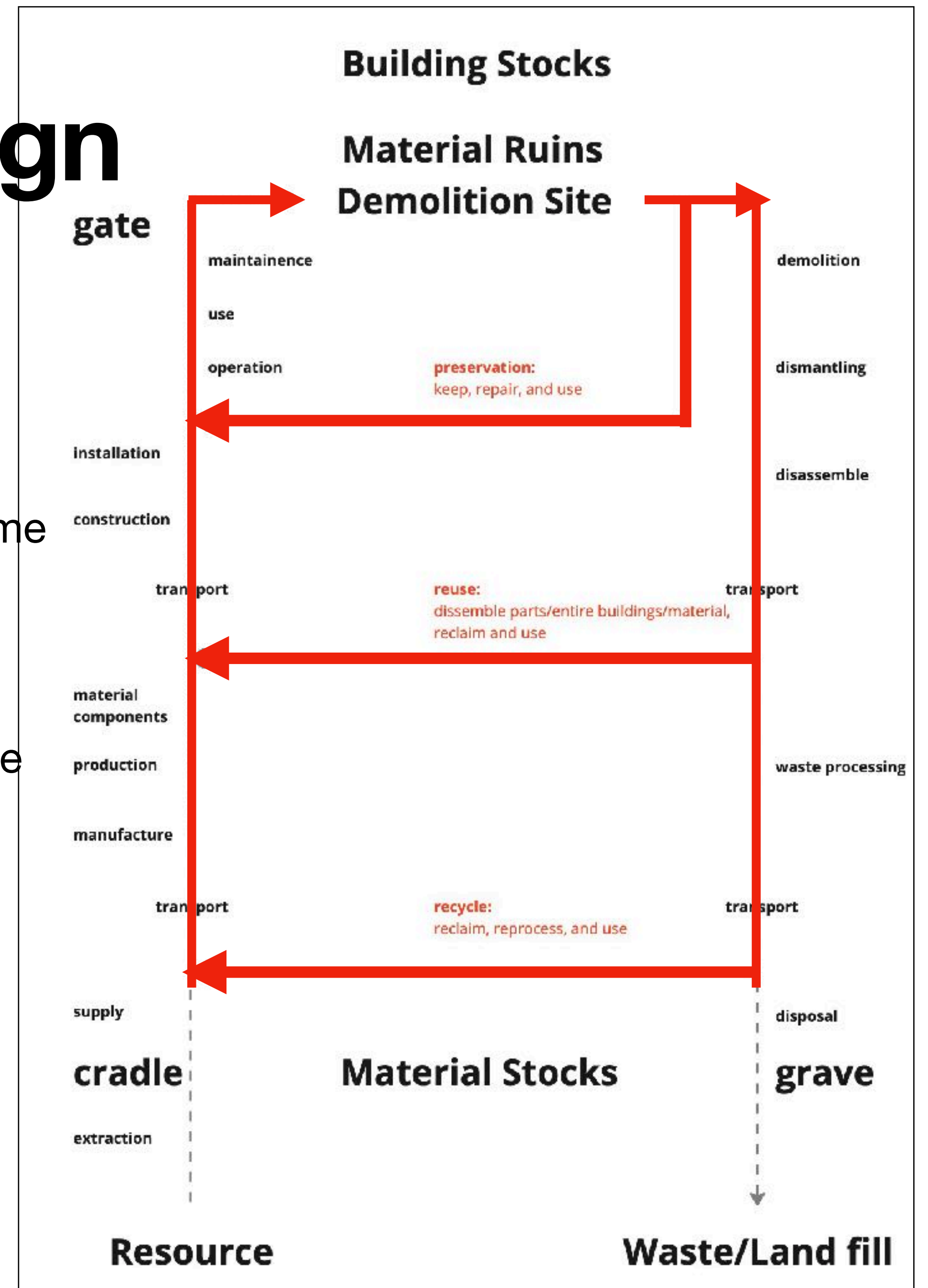
How do we calculate, quantify, visualise the engineering results?

How do we model the material and project construction under the scope of time?

How do we deal with architectural cases and materials that vary from case to case?

How do AI support this, in comparison with what computer can and cannot do?

What are the means, tools? Who needs the information?





# AI-Supported Circular Design

## Material Right?

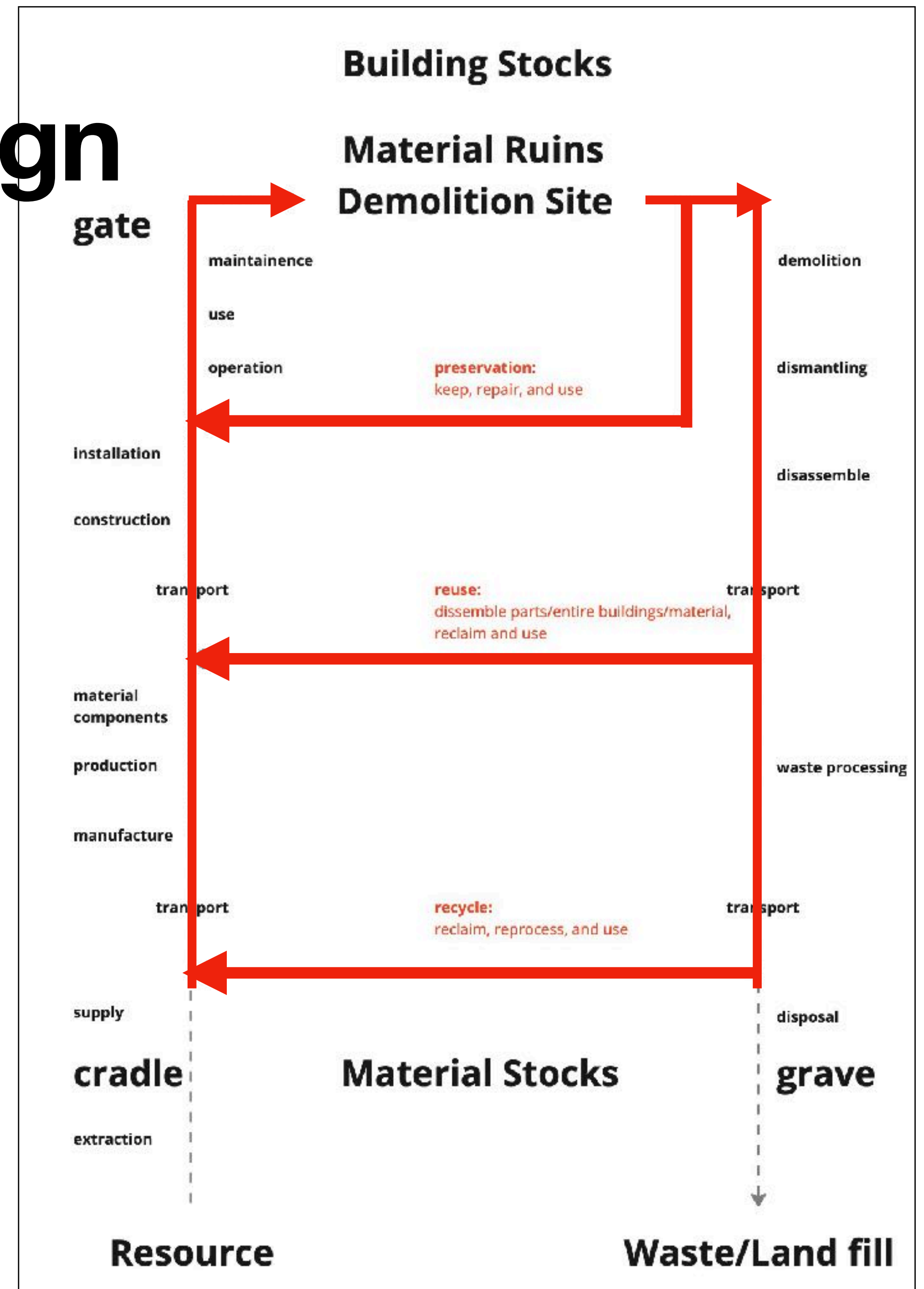
How do we evaluate the design process?

Engineer: CO2 emission, energy consumption, durability...

Management: cost, construction time, material supply/demand, transportation...

Design: architectural language, comfort, material quality, construction type, details...

(Clients, stakeholders, users)





# Design for future reuse

## BIM-based whole-life performance estimator

Salvaging building materials in a circular economy: A BIM-based whole-life performance estimator

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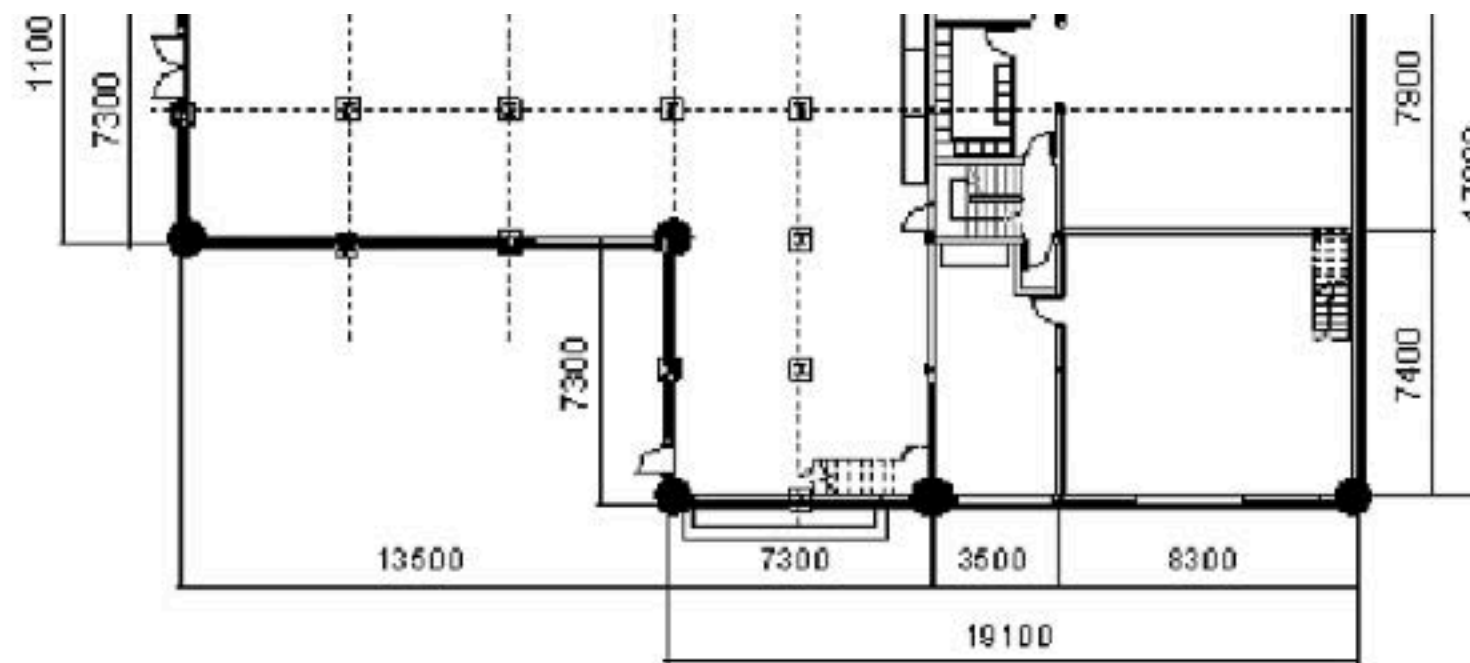
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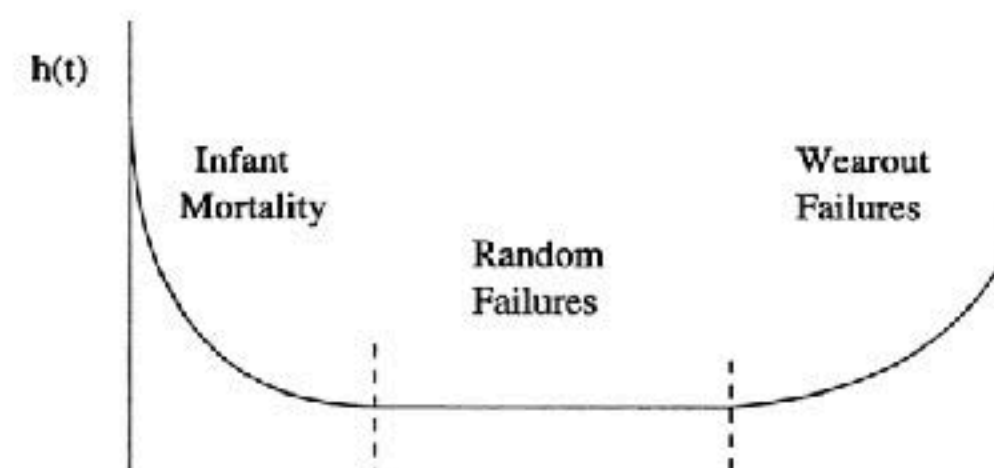
### ABSTRACT

The aim of this study is to develop a BIM-based Whole-life Performance Estimator (BWPE) for a salvage performance of structural components of buildings right from the design stage. A review literature was carried out to identify factors that influence salvage performance of structural components of buildings during their useful life. Thereafter, a mathematical modelling approach was adopted to develop the identified factors and principle/concept of Weibull reliability distribution for manufacturing. The model was implemented in Building Information Modelling (BIM) environment and it was tested on a study design. Accordingly, the whole-life salvage performance profiles of the case study building were generated. The results show that building design with steel structure, demountable connections, and prefabricated assemblies produce recoverable materials that are mostly reusable. The study reveals that BWPE is a means for determining how much of recoverable materials from buildings are reusable and recyclable at the end of its useful life. BWPE will therefore provide a decision support mechanism for the architects and engineers to analyse the implication of design decisions on the salvage performance of buildings over time. It is useful to the demolition engineers and consultants to generate pre-demolition audit when the building reaches the end of its life.



**Table 2**  
 Characteristic Feature of the Case Study Building.

Feature	Value
Building type:	Office
Number of floors:	3
Ground floor area (GFA):	491.49 m <sup>2</sup>
First floor GFA:	351 m <sup>2</sup>
Second floor GFA:	351 m <sup>2</sup>
Floor to ceiling height:	2.8 m
Second floor roof area:	402 m <sup>2</sup>
Low level roof:	168 m <sup>2</sup>



**Table 3**  
 BWPE Model Parameters Description.

Notation	Description
$S$	Set of design specification, i.e., $S = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n\}$
$D(t)$	Deterioration function of the building, which is a function of time
$t$	Age of building in year
$ndc$	Number of demountable connections
$nc$	Total number of connections
$d_c$	Ratio of demountable connections to total connections
$f_h$	Ratio of prefabricated assemblies to total number of elements
$nfb$	number of prefabricated assemblies
$ne$	total number of possible building elements
$\bar{S}_f$	Ratio of volume of material without secondary finishes
$v\bar{S}_f$	Volume of materials without secondary finishes
$vm$	Total volume of building materials
$v\bar{h}_i$	Volume of material without hazardous content
$\bar{h}_i$	Ratio of volume of materials without toxic content to the total volume of materials
$SP$	Salvage Performance of building ( $0 \leq SP \leq 1$ )
$SP_r$	Reusable component of building
$SP_c$	Recyclable component of building
$\gamma$	Fraction of building materials that goes to landfill
$\alpha$	Life expectancy of building

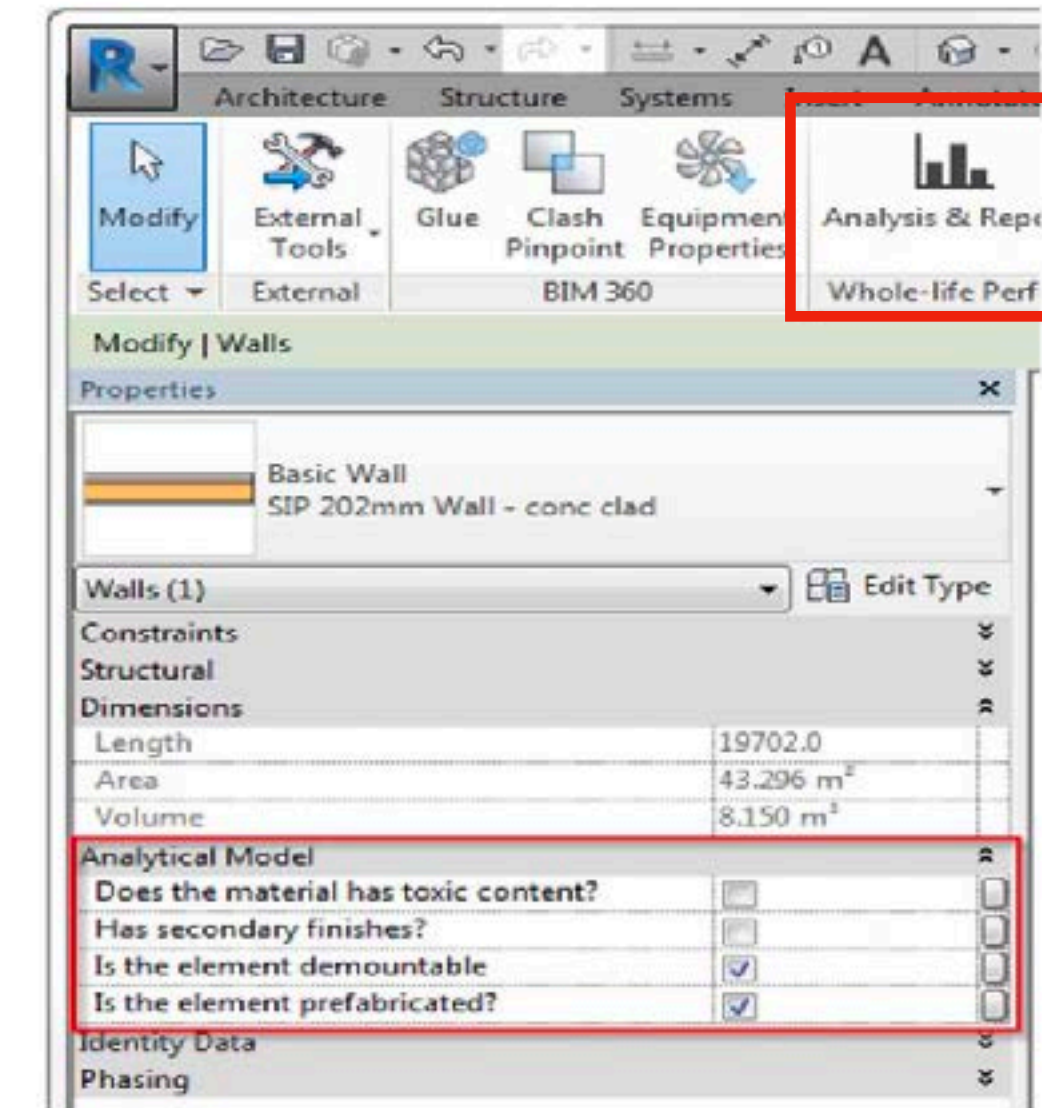


Fig. 7. Custom Parameter Creation interface in Revit.

building. For example, the average life expectancy of buildings in the UK (BSI, 2007) is 110 years, which accounts for initial construction. The value for  $c$  is shown in equation (18). The value of  $\alpha$  has been used to estimate the salvage performance of building structure, this value is the salvage performance of the building that has reached the end of its useful life.

$$\epsilon = \frac{t}{10^{\alpha}}$$

Substituting the expression for  $\epsilon$  in equation (18) gives the expression for the ageing of building materials as shown in Eq. (18).

$$D(t) = 1 - e^{-\alpha} - \frac{t}{10^{\alpha}}$$

From the expression for  $D(t)$ , the salvage performance of building at any time  $t$  can be determined. The expression for deterioration factor  $D(t)$  is presented in equation (18). The expression for the reusable component of building  $SP_r$  is presented in equation (19). The expression for the recyclable component of building  $SP_c$  is presented in equation (20). The expression for the fraction of building materials that goes to landfill  $\gamma$  is presented in equation (21). In a circular economy, the aim is to reduce the amount of materials that go to landfill.



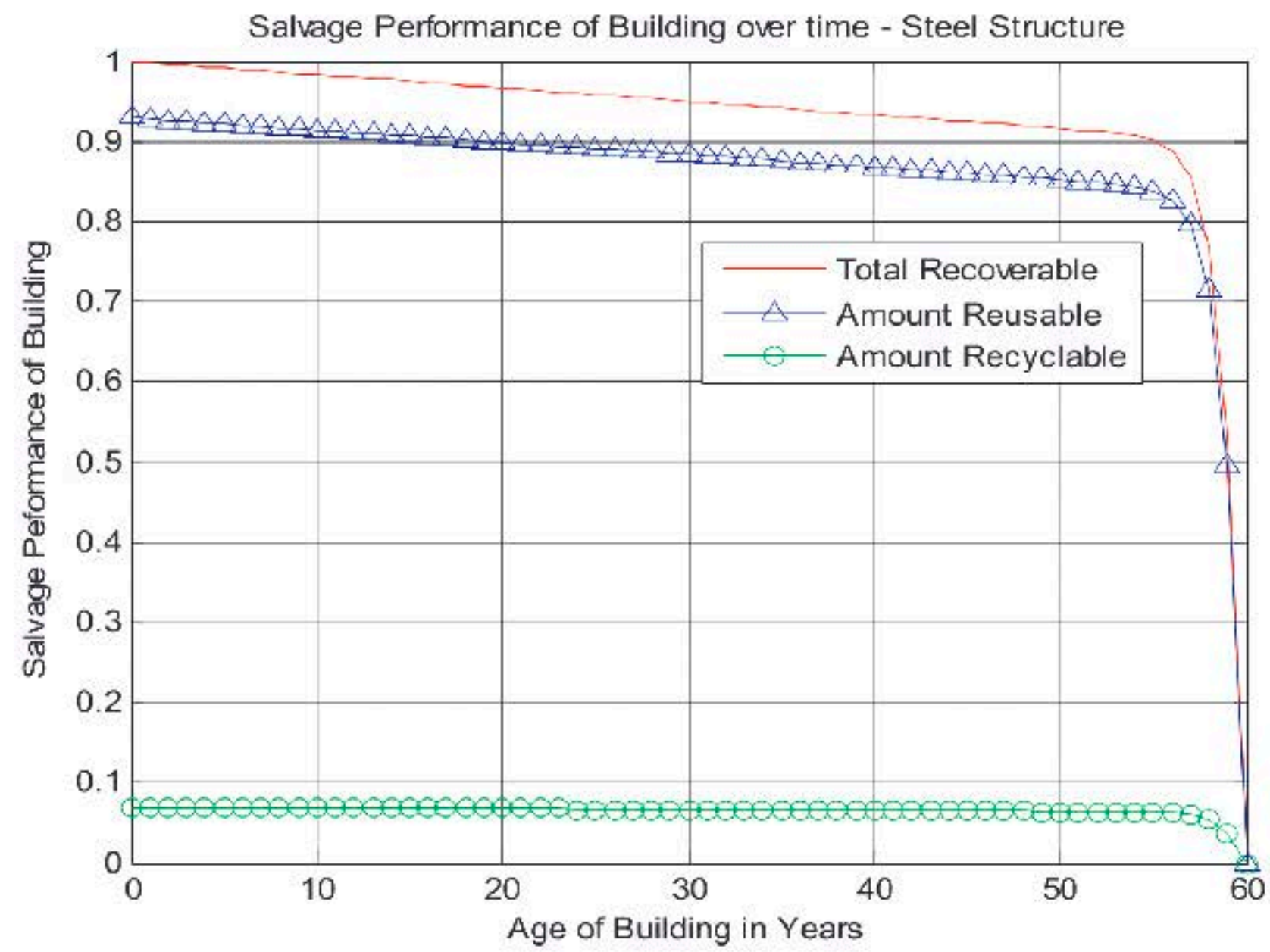


Fig. 9. Salvage Performance of Case Study Building – Steel Structure.

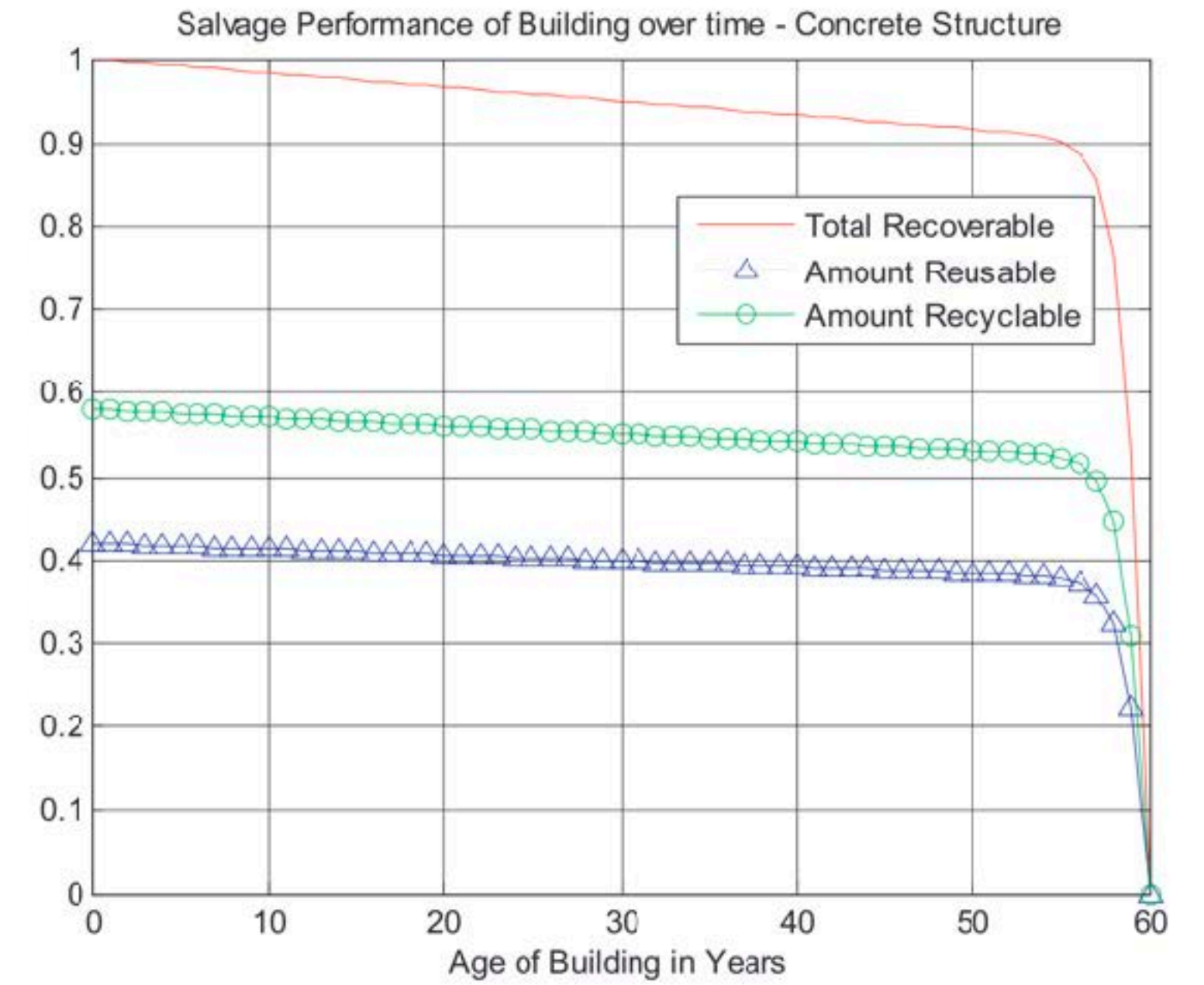
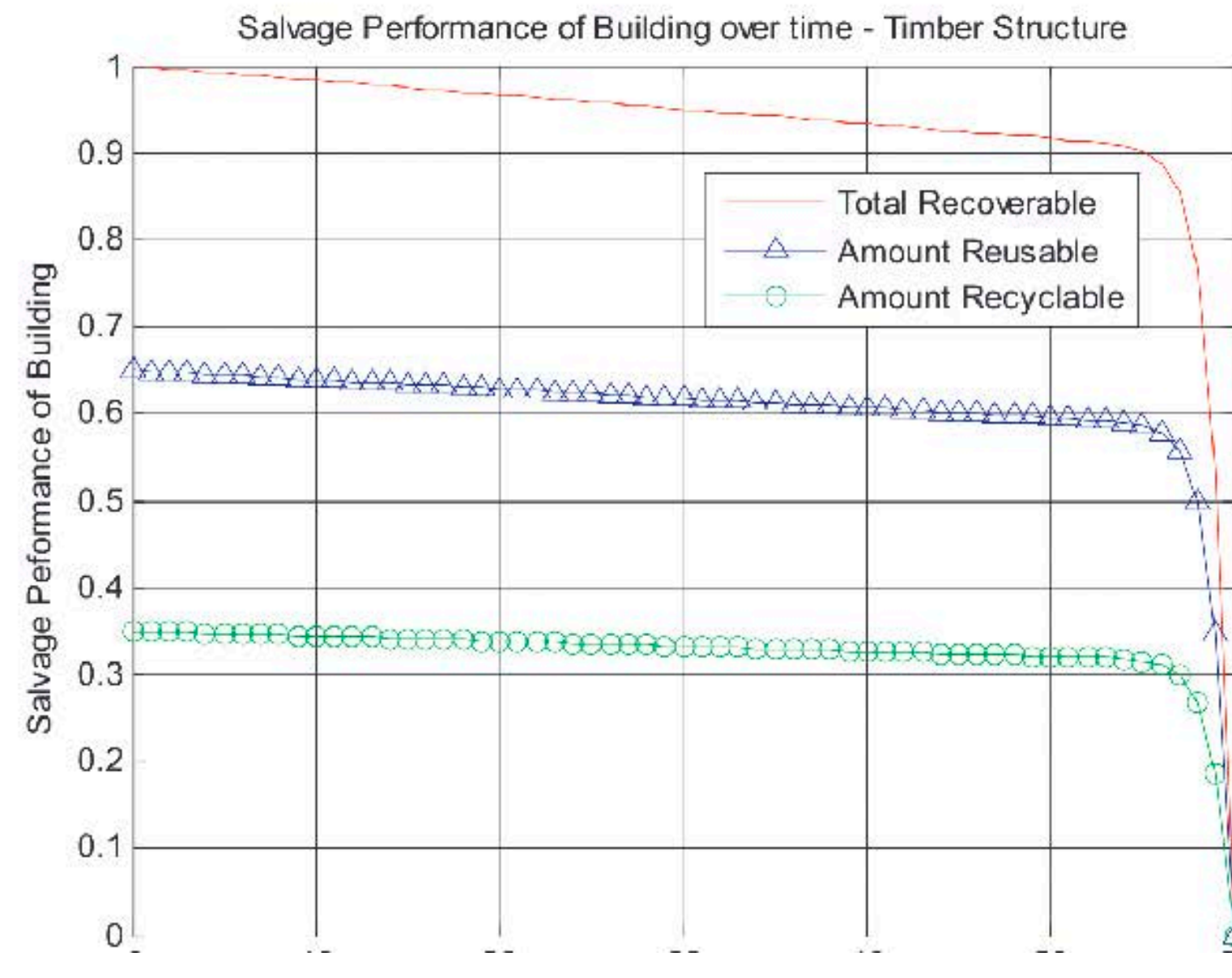


Fig. 11. Salvage Performance of Case Study Building – Concrete Structure.



# Reuse management Disassembly sequence

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“A novel selective disassembly sequence planning method for adaptive reuse of buildings”  
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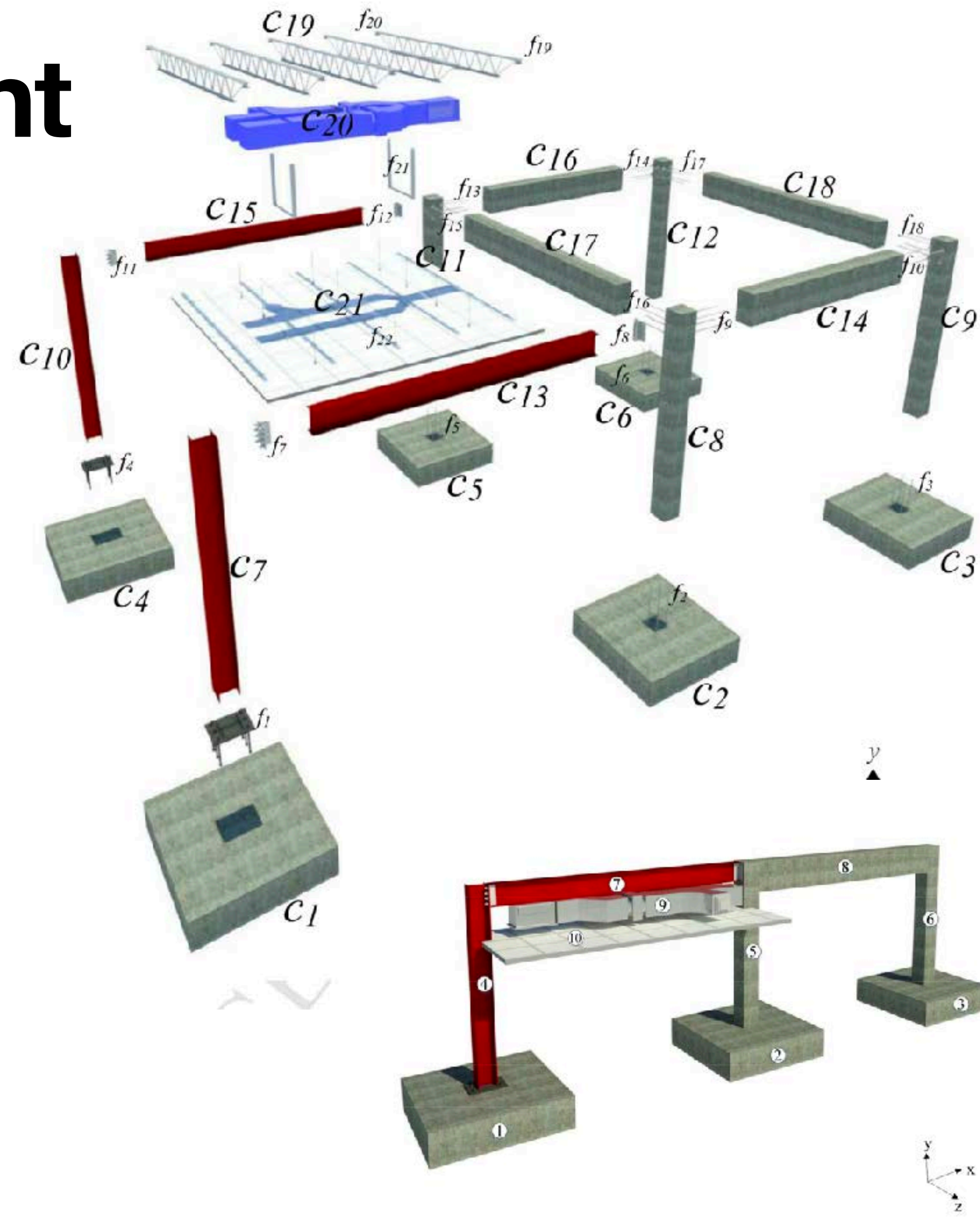
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## Abstract:

Adaptive reuse of buildings can be an attractive alternative to new construction in terms of sustainability and a circular economy. Achieving net benefits with adaptive reuse partly relies on efficiently planning building disassembly. The aim of this paper is to describe a new efficient single-target selective disassembly sequence planning method developed for adaptive reuse of buildings. Finding a global optimum disassembly planning solution for buildings can be time consuming and physically impractical due to the high number of possible solutions. The method developed seeks to minimize environmental impact and removal costs using rule-based recursive analyses for planning recovery of target components from multi-instance building subsystems based upon physical, environmental and economic constraints. Rule-based recursive methods have been demonstrated to be an efficient alternative to find near-optimal



### Assembly components:

1. Concrete isolated foundation 1830x1830x457mm
2. Concrete isolated foundation 1830x1830x457mm
3. Concrete isolated foundation 1830x1830x457mm
4. Steel column W10X49
5. Concrete column 120x120mm
6. Concrete column 120x120mm
7. Steel beam W12X26
8. Concrete column 120x200mm
9. Ventilation ducting system
10. Compound ceiling 2'x4' ACT System

### Attachment elements specifications:

The interface between the steel column (4) and the concrete isolated foundation (1) is compounded by a thick base plate, bolts set in pockets, and anchor plates.  
The interface between the steel beam (7) and the concrete column (5) is compounded by a connection plate on an epoxy bed, expanding anchors, HSPG bolts, and shims.  
The interface between the steel beam (7) and the steel column (4) is compounded by double angles shop-welded to the web of the beam and double angles field-bolted to the web of the column.  
The ventilation ducting system (9) is attached to the steel beam (7) through metal duct straps every 900 mm.  
The piece of compound ceiling ACT system (10) is attached to the steel beam (7) through hanger wire for drop suspended ceiling grids.



# Insulation material data analysis

## Web-based decision tool for refurbishment



ROTUNDORO. A web-based decision support tool for building refurbishment.

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### Abstract

When refurbishing residential buildings, insulation materials play a crucial role in improving housing quality and energy efficiency. Materials however differ in a wide set of criteria. It reaches beyond the thermal properties and addresses environmental, economic, health and safety characteristics. In collective decision-making, it remains difficult to find trade-offs between these criteria. This thesis introduces a web-based tool ROTUNDORO [Latin: circular] that offers an algorithm to assess refurbishing insulation materials, considering engineering evaluation methods and consumer preferences. The tool employs and expands on Building Information Modelling (BIM) practice on the one side and behavioural economic research on the other side. First, the Linked Building Data (LBD) method is used to link material performance to building components and to evaluate them with Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) and cost analysis. Applied to a Dutch terrace house (Rijwoning) as a use case, the tool shows that bio-based materials perform best in environmental concerns, low embodied

performance criteria. At the final Section, the predicted probability of homeowners accepting the designed alternatives are presented.

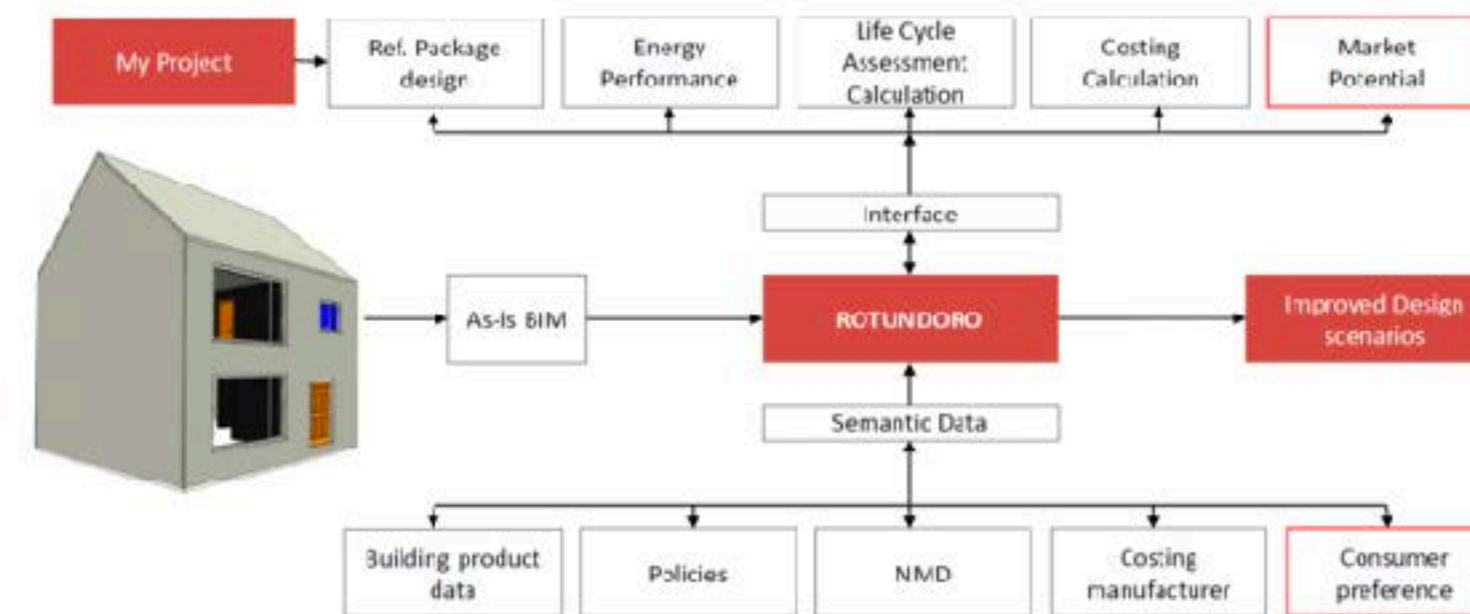


Figure 41 ROTUNDORO Framework

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### 4.2 Comparative Material Analysis

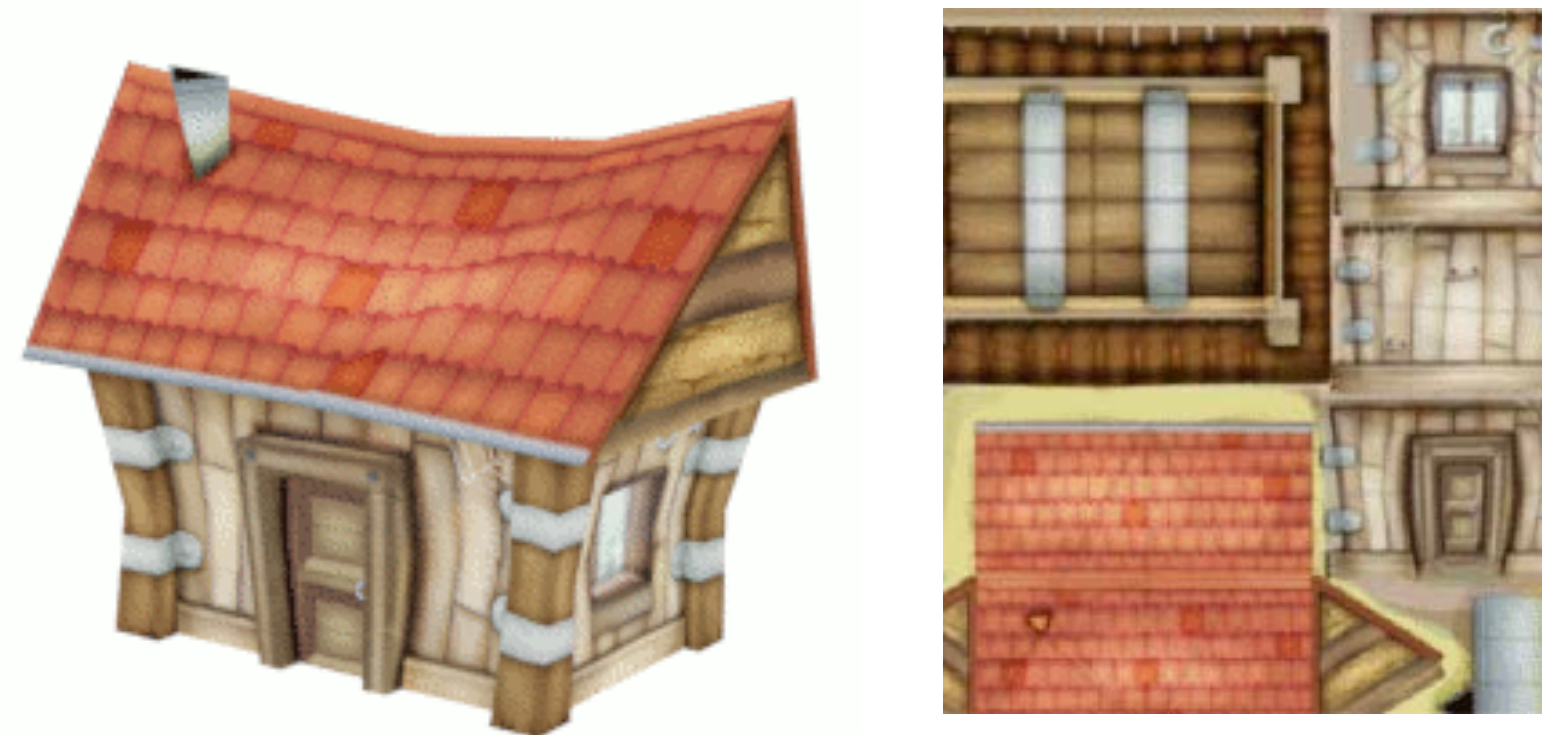
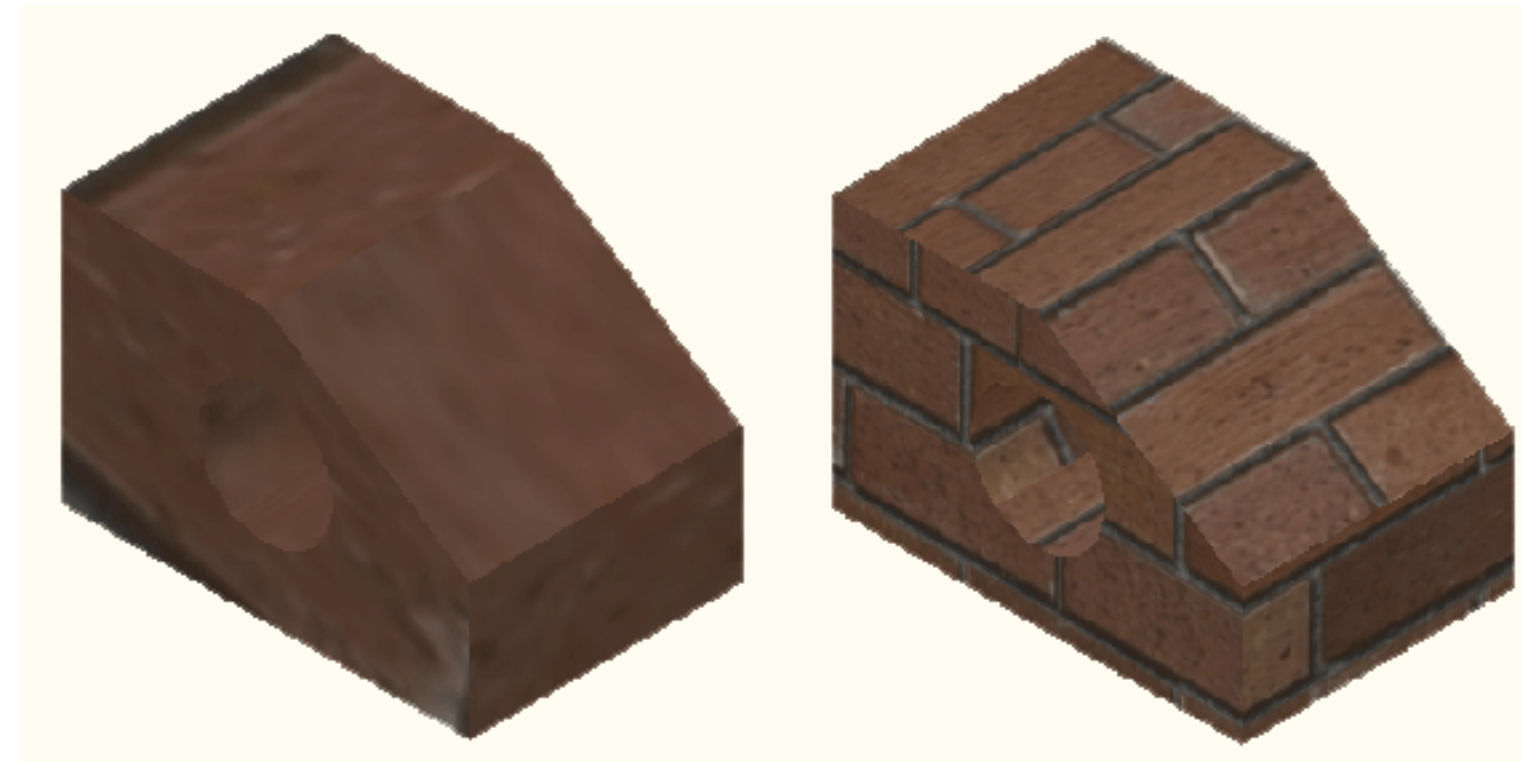
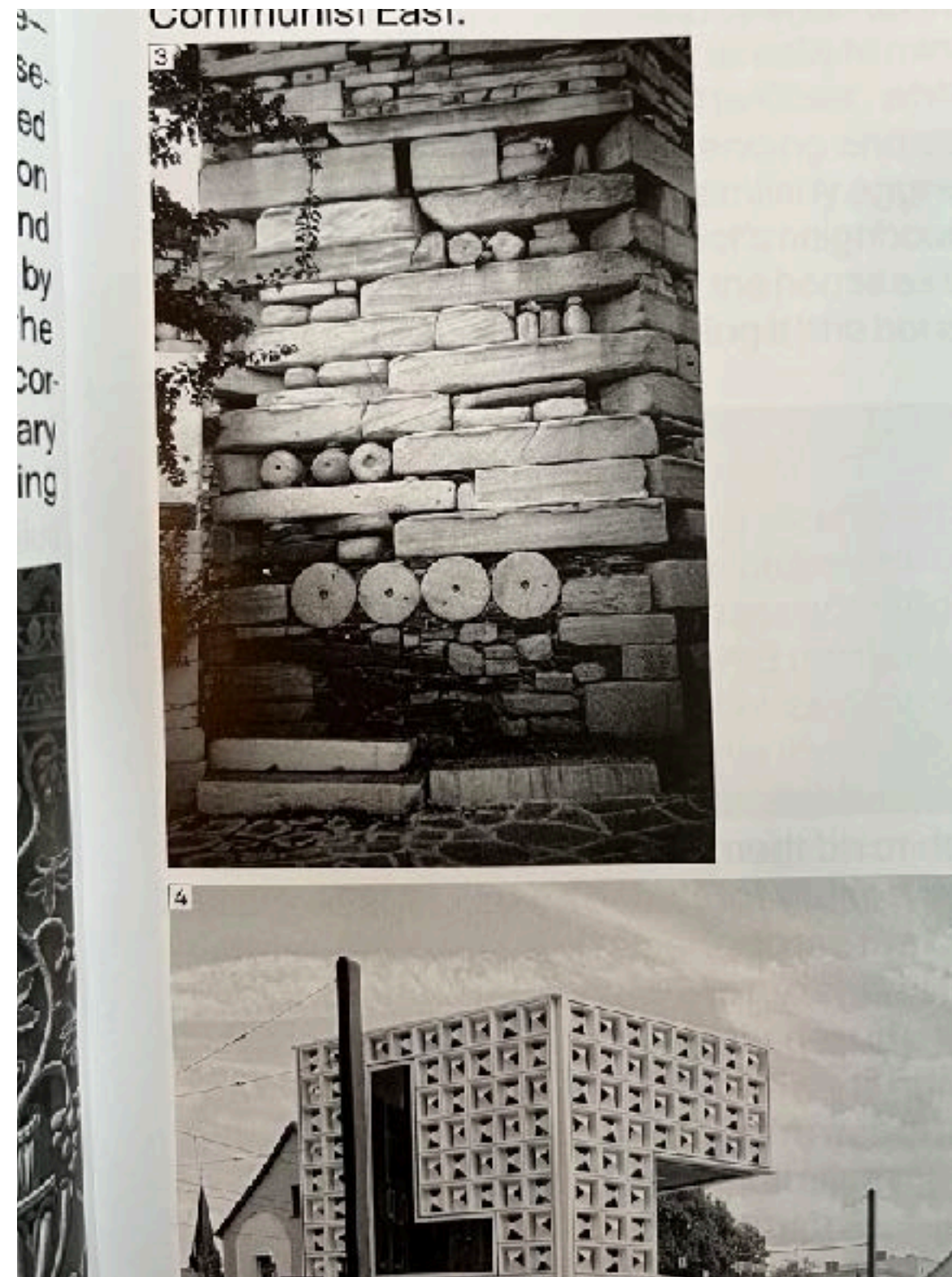
In this Section, decision parameters to evaluate materials are studied. Various insulation materials are analysed to create a comparative study. The material classification was divided according to the sourcing materials. These are non-renewables such as fossil fuel-based materials, mineral-based and bio-based materials, see Table 18. Find the comparative analysis per Rc-Value in the Appendix B.

Name	Lambda (λ) W/mK	Density (ρ) kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Weight kg/m <sup>2</sup>	EE MJ/m <sup>2</sup>	EC (kgCO <sub>2</sub> e/m <sup>2</sup> )	Costing €/m <sup>2</sup>	Lifetime years	Fire rating A-F	Toxic Hazards g/m <sup>3</sup>	dB drop	VDRF μ-value
<b>Mineral-based</b>											
Glass Wool	0.034	18.4	1.06 - 4.07	51.50 - 196.91	1.60 - 6.12	6.80 - 20.00	75	A2	129.5	8.52	0.29 - 1.11
Rock Wool	0.035	45	2.68 - 10.24	48.90 - 186.97	2.90 - 11.09	7.40 - 26.00	75	A1	172.1	7.85	0.36 - 1.37
<b>Fossil-based</b>											
PUR	0.026	33	1.44 - 5.49	179.30 - 680.70	11.60 - 43.90	7.86 - 23.00	75	E	11.4	11.54	22.10 - 84.50
EPS	0.0325	23	1.24 - 4.75	117.50 - 449.26	8.70 - 33.26	5.85 - 21.00	75	E	27.6	2.16	15.19 - 58.09
XPS	0.027	35	1.61 - 6.14	178.20 - 681.35	24.80 - 94.82	8.11 - 39.92	75	E	≤ 27.6	4.81	26.39 - 100.91
<b>Bio-based</b>											
Flax wool	0.041	31	2.16 - 8.26	86.30 - 329.97	2.60 - 9.94	24.08 - 67.25	40	C	≥ 129.5	10.17	0.52 - 2.00
Wood Fibre	0.038	45	21.96 - 83.98	23.50 - 89.40	0.62 - 2.35	6.91 - 30.17	100	C-D	> 129.5	21.00	0.97 - 3.71
Cellulose	0.04	70	4.76 - 18.20	8.80 - 33.30	0.29 - 1.11	55.50 - 90.00	30	C	≥ 129.5	10.90	0.85 - 3.25
Sheep Wool	0.0412	25	1.75 - 6.70	21.54 - 82.35	-2.10 - -8.03	13.48 - 51.55	100	E	≥ 129.5	6.52	0.70 - 2.68
Hemp Lime	0.067	340	38.73 - 148.07	152.63 - 583.57	-8.59 - -32.84	23.92 - 91.46	100	B	≥ 129.5	16.48	1.59 - 6.10

Table 18 Material Comparative Analysis Rc 1.7 - 6.5



# Visualisation 3D/2D design tools



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## Brickit's AI Camera Scans Your LEGO to Suggest Things You Can Build

🕒 JUL 01, 2021 👤 MICHAEL ZHANG



If you have a giant pile of LEGO bricks and are in need of ideas on what to build, [Brickit](#) is an amazing app that was made just for you. It uses a powerful AI camera to rapidly scan your LEGO bricks and then suggest fun little projects you can build with w [Privacy](#)





# Conclusion

## Direction

- Architectural projects vary from case to case, so as materials.
- AI comes in where human does poorly and machine cannot do.
- Material what. Material bank - network - literacy: gleaning/mining/harvesting from building stocks, demolition site. Supply and demand. Count, size, type
- Material how. The realisation of repair, reuse, recycle from one site, to one project. The combination of the three in one project. (Concrete, timber, brick, earth, glass....) (specific moments/compartments)
- Material right. The results examination, visualisation, calculation, and comparison. Material mapping from data base. 3d material information modelling. (Extract image)



# I need to

- Learning programming.....
- Pick one/two material?
- Find on architectural project to study
- One demolition project to study
- Company network to browse through
- Material database to work on



# Notes

- A system to select carefully on the criteria: Scale, material, method:reuse/  
type: such as finish structure.... threads/
- Make a plan
- Find team/ other phd....search managing...know how...
- Terminology cite, literature... be specific
- Research plan

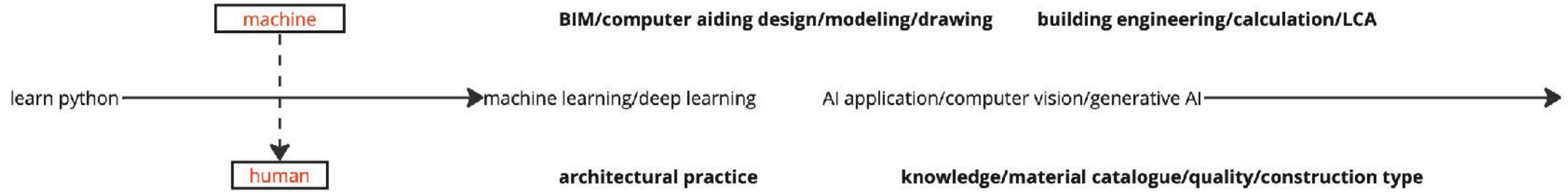


"while architecture field is relatively low tech...."

What can machine do for human in architecture field?

What can't machine do for human in architecture field?

Narrow down to working with existing/renovation/demolition...?



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**European region**  
As early as 1993, Luca Nicola Magagnoli, Giacomo Corbelli, and  
the Ranzano River founded Studio Albo in Milan - a combination  
of architectural practice and workshop that engaged in preservation,  
renovation, and reuse. Pp. 130, 143  
In the German city of Bremen, Berlin, London, Gronau, Gütersloh,  
Merzenich, Augsburg, and Tübingen, the architectural firm  
material exchange based on the Swiss model have been established  
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founded in 2014.  
In Hordaland as early as 2006, Superuser Studio developed  
interior design and their 'Harvest Map' to promote the reuse  
of materials.

learn from companies/firm:  
super-reuse  
Madaster  
Rotor(material bank)  
BC (excavated earth to building materials)  
...



What are the available materials?  
how do you make materials available? make information available?  
how do we assess those materials?

bridge the gap, what's missing in field?



- Architectural project varies case by case.....
- Material usage also varies case by case.....
- If you want to reuse based on existing materials, it's a very specific approach.

What and Where are the demolition sites?

Why were/are there?

Can they become

Top (material network)

Demolition site to material stocks (how)

Material bank

What materials were/are there?

Down (material literacy)

Material and material availability



# Conclusion

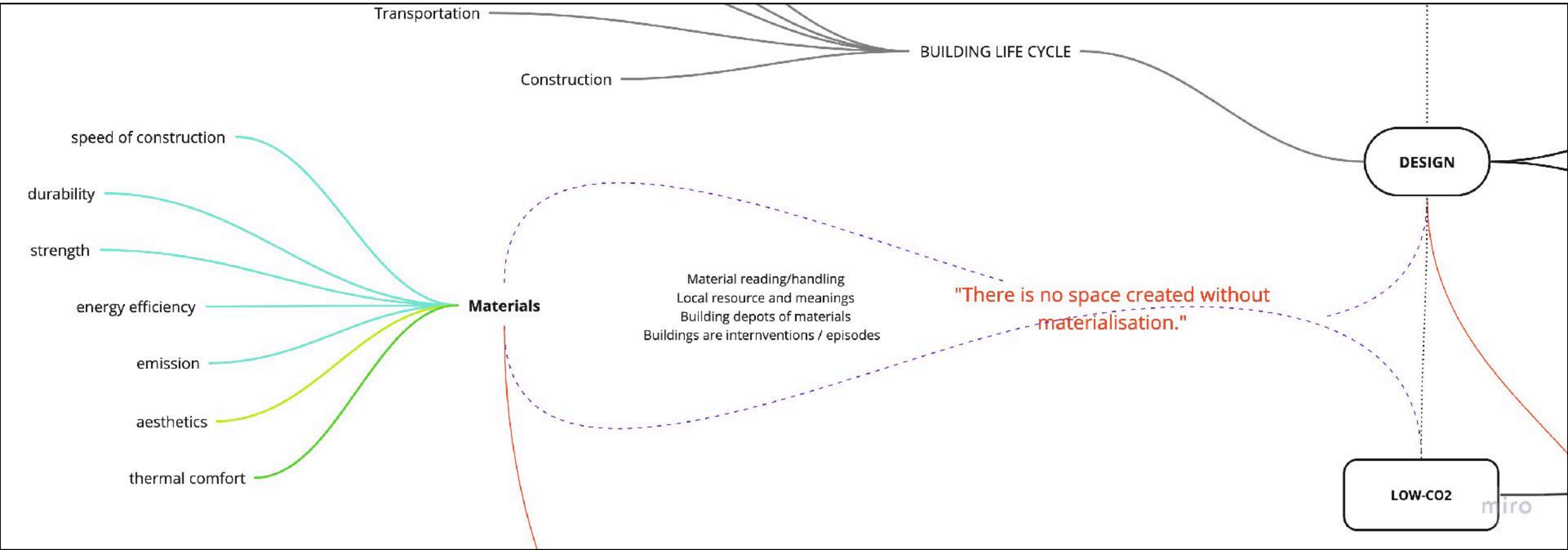
- Other materials: Concrete, Glass, Brick, Steel, Timber.....
- Vary from buildings to buildings...how do we approach to this very customised process with AI.
- Direction 1 AI and material recognition in a site. Classification. Information. Modelling
- 2 Material mappings. Material modelling based on existing, realtime, available material properties
- Material mappings — combination of materials by AI? Ai supported render/ar/modelling...?
- 3 Material bank/network, calculate count, style, combination of sources from different dealers/storage
- 4 Material literacy. Focused on AI application different materials and their reuse/recycle possibility and application
- AI application on Building/Material modelling...BIM
- Focus on material-driven design starting excavation>>design>>change material to reuse>>CO2 analysis...
- Existing case studies(architectural project) reuse.
- Focus on AI-supported disassemble....



# AI-supported Circular Design

- What were the demolition sites?(function)
- Where were they?(transportation)(network)
- Why were they there?(evaluation of left-overs)(hazardous)(value)
- What's the relations and preferences(same typologies, function)(reasons to reuse)?
- How to reclaim the materials, disassemble, transport?
- How to evaluate/calculation materials from different sources?
- How to store?or real time?(disassemble only while reserved)
  
- What are the materials there?(classify)
- What quality/construction/value are in those material.(carbon footprint)
- What are the construction?
- What are the counts, sizes, shape...?
- How can they be detached?
- What happened after removed?
- Where does AI come in? Material bank, construction, design, make available? Making material









**INFORMAL / FORMAL  
MATERIAL LITERACY / NETWORK?**



# Paper reviews

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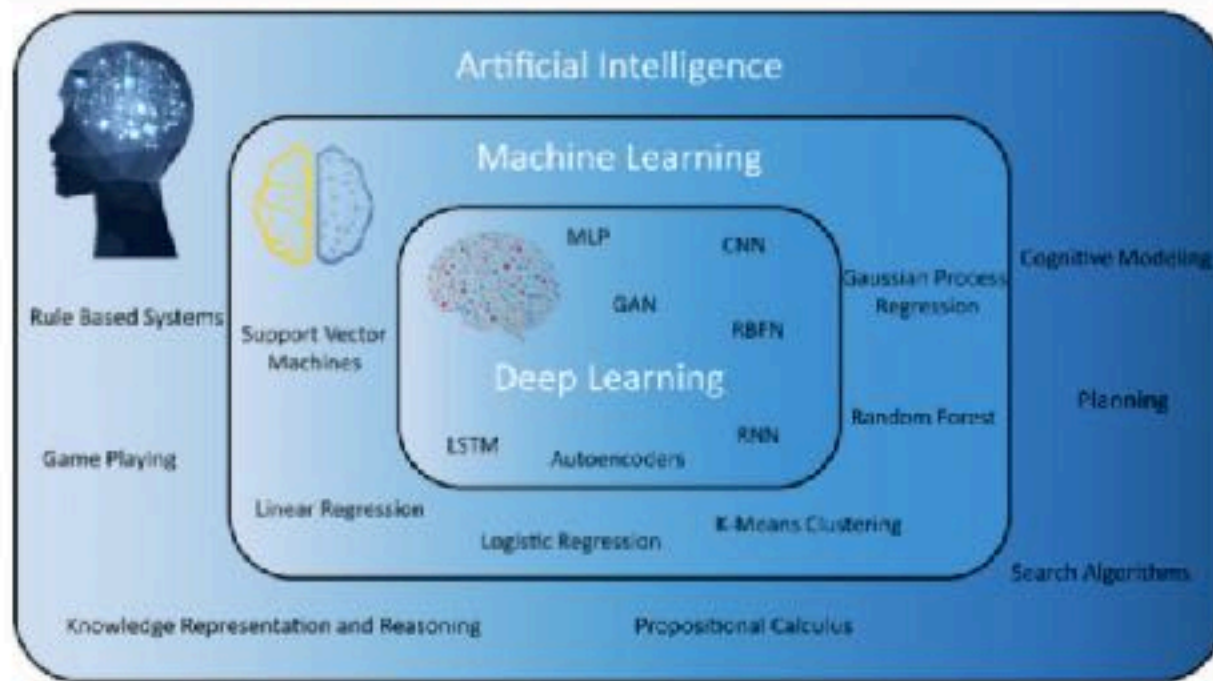
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Review  
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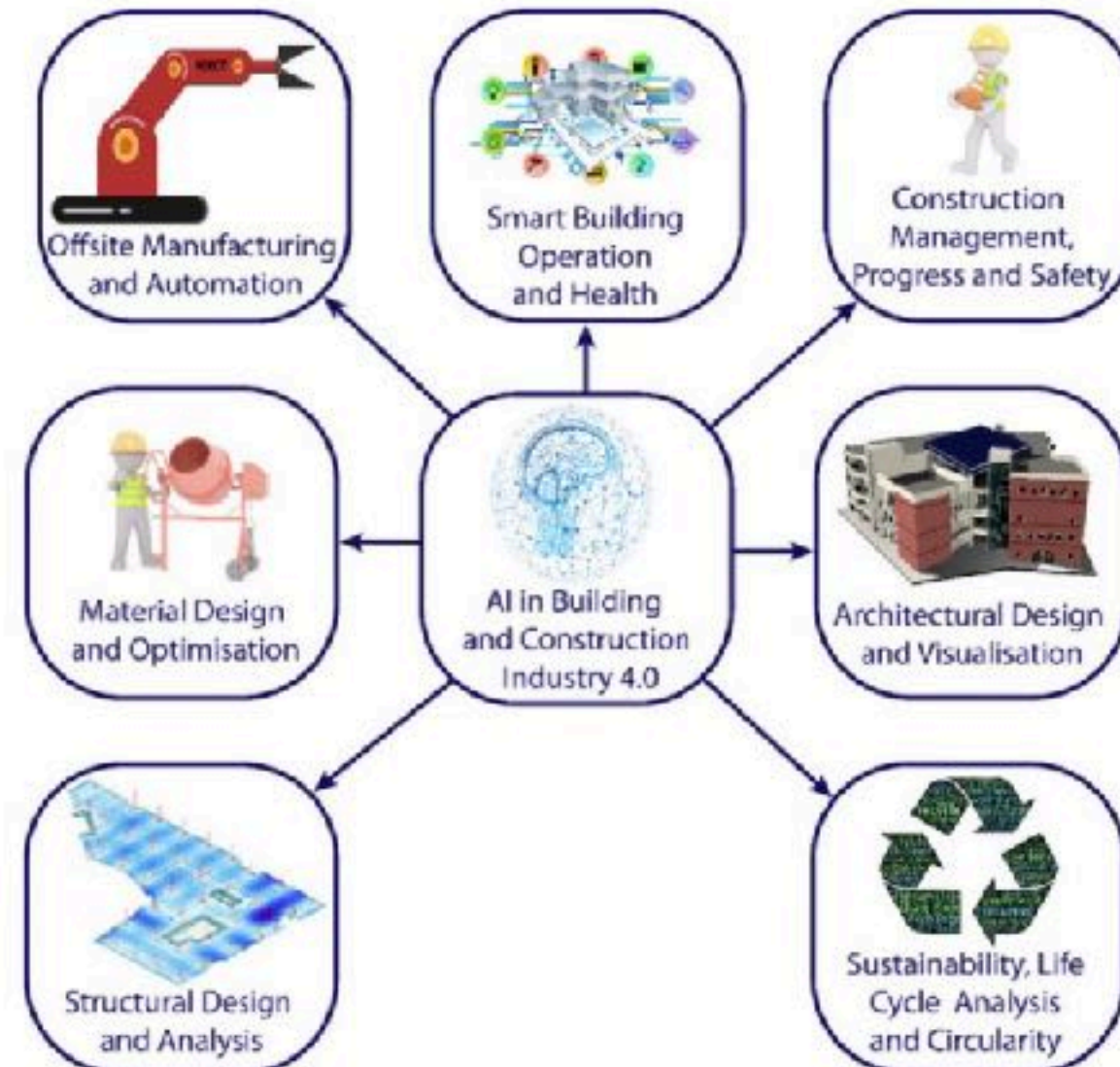
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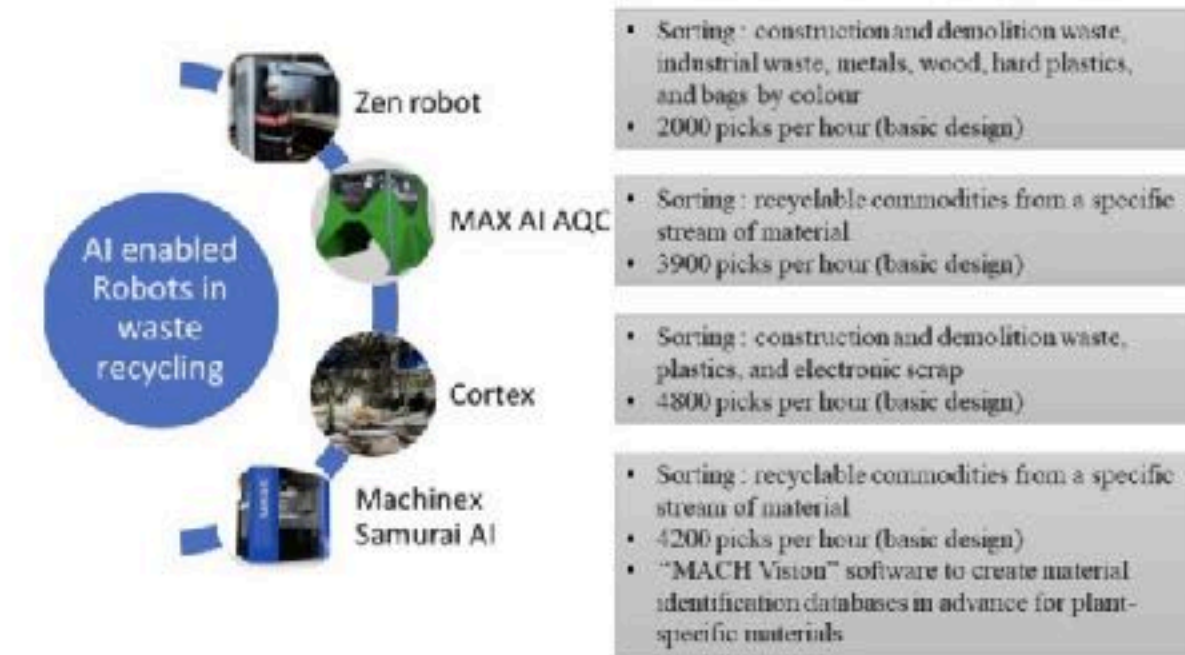
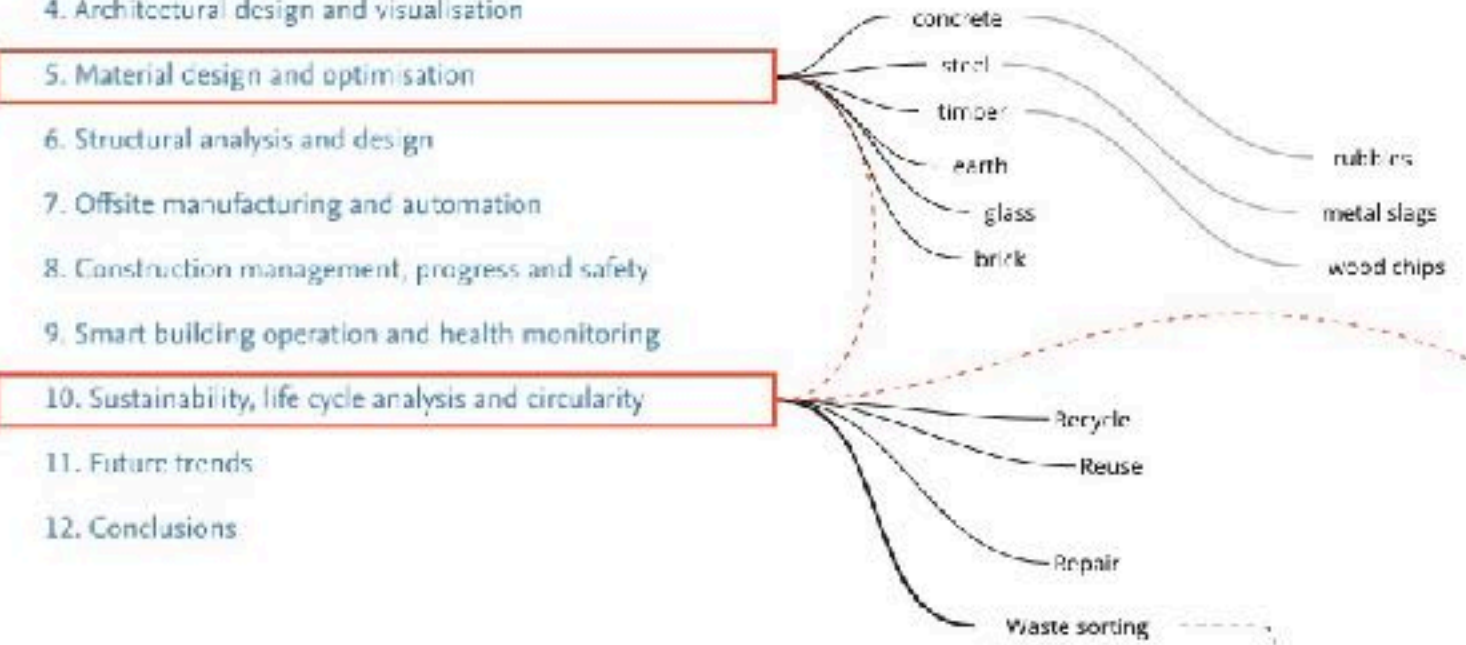
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Fig. 20. Commercial solutions for automated waste sorting.



# GAN

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## Generative Adversarial Networks in the built environment: A comprehensive review of the application of GANs across data types and scales

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### Abstract

Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) are a type of deep neural network that have achieved many state-of-the-art results for generative tasks. GANs can be useful in the built environment, from processing large-scale urban mobility data and remote sensing images at the regional level, to performance analysis and design generation at the building level. We analyzed 100 articles to provide a comprehensive state-of-the-art review on how GANs are currently applied to solve challenging tasks in the built

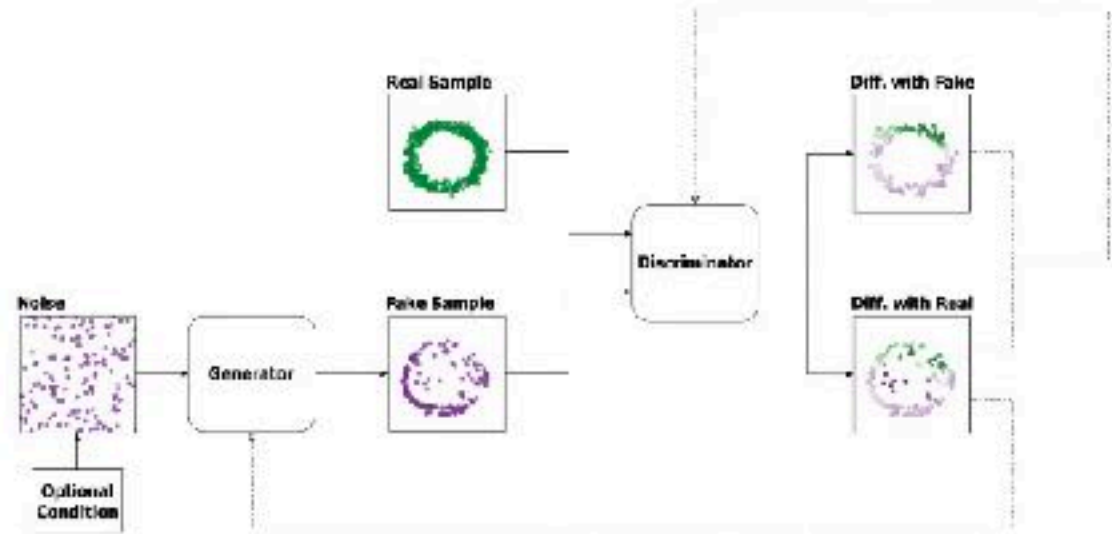


Figure 1: General architecture of a GAN. During forward propagation, random noise is passed into the generator to generate a fake sample (if a conditional vector is used, the GAN becomes a conditional GAN and the user can influence the outcome of the generator). The discriminator takes in both the real and fake samples to determine which is real. Then a loss gradient is calculated using a loss function, and the respective losses are back-propagated to the Generator and Discriminator. There is no restriction on the format of the real and fake samples, as long as the neural network architecture of the Generator and Discriminator adapts to the data formats.

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# Digital Surface Model

## DSM BUILDING SHAPE REFINEMENT FROM COMBINED REMOTE SENSING IMAGES BASED ON WNET-CGANs

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### ABSTRACT

We describe the workflow of a digital surface model (DSM) refinement algorithm using a hybrid conditional generative adversarial network (CGAN) where the generative part consists of two parallel networks merged at the last stage forming a WNET and a net. The input is a so-called WNET-CGAN are stereo DSMs and pansharpened (AS) half-meter resolution satellite images. Training data helps to propagate fine detailed information from a spectral image and complete the missing 3D knowledge from a stereo DSM about building shapes. Besides, it refines the building outlines and edges making them more rectangular and sharp.

**Index Terms**— Conditional generative adversarial networks, digital surface model, 3D scene reconstruction, 3D building shape, data fusion, satellite images

### 1. INTRODUCTION

A digital surface model (DSM) is an important and valuable data source for many remote sensing applications. Like building detection and recognition, autonomous analysis, urban planning, environmental investigation and disaster assessment tasks. The use of DSM for those remote sensing applications is motivated by the fact that it already provides geometric descriptions about the topography surface. With recent advances in sensor technologies, it became possible to generate DSMs with a ground sampling distance (GSD) smaller than 1 m not only from land surveying, aerial images, laser scanning data, or interferometry, but also from satellite imagery.

While in a DSM, noise removal filter are the ones commonly used for DSM quality improvements. Moreover, some methodologies propose to fuse DSMs obtained from different data sources to compensate the limitations and gaps which each of them has individually.

With recent developments devoted to deep learning, it became possible to achieve top scores on many tasks including image processing. As a result, several works have already investigated their applicability for remote sensing applications, like land use classification, building and road extraction, or traffic monitoring. Recently, a class of neural networks called generative adversarial networks (GANs) was applied to three-dimensional remote sensing data and proved to be suitable. Mostly, the generation of a realistic 3D surface models with reference building shape to the level of details (LoD) 2 from stereo satellite DSMs was studied using conditional generative adversarial networks (CGANs) [2, 3]. In this paper, we follow those areas and propose a hybrid CGAN architecture which couples half-meter resolution satellite pansharpened (PS) images and DSMs to produce 3D surface models not only with refined 3D building shapes, but also with their complex structures, more accurate outlines and sharper edges.

### 2. METHODOLOGY

The hybrid CGAN-based domain adaptation neural networks introduced by Goodfellow et al. [4] yielded great achievements in generating realistic images. The idea behind the ad-

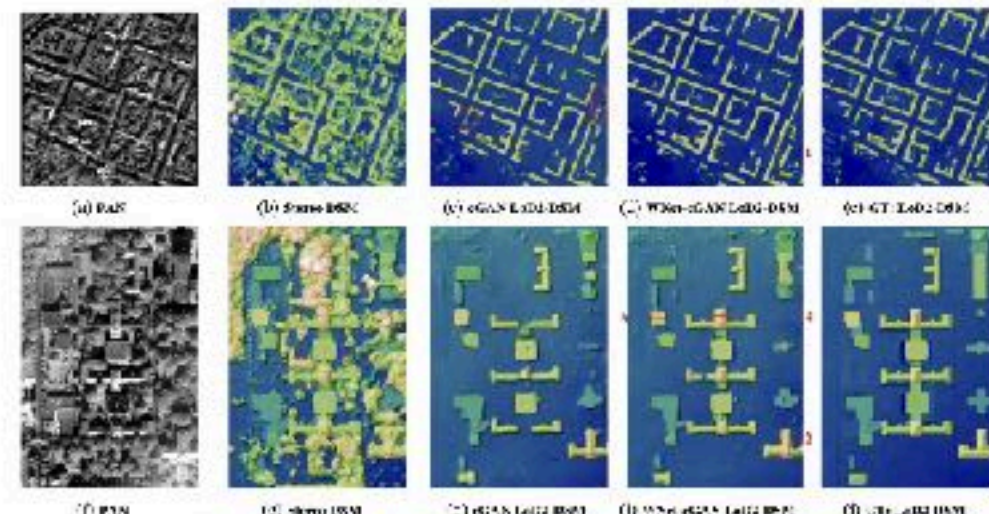


Fig. 2: Visual analysis of DSMs, generated by stereo CGAN and WNET-CGAN architectures, over selected urban areas. The DSM images are color-coded for better visualization.

Looking at Fig. 2a and Fig. 2f we can see that the edges and outlines can be seen very well in the PAN image. Refinement of 3D buildings only from PAN image though would be very difficult as it does not contain 3D information, which is very important. Therefore, the combination of these two types of information is a good compromise which leads to advantages, reconstruction even complicated buildings, which is difficult to reconstruct using a single source DSM information.

To quantify the quality of the generated DSMs, we evaluated the metrics mean absolute error (MAE), root mean squared error (RMSE), normalized median absolute deviation (NMAE), and normalized standard deviation (NSD).

# Point2Poly

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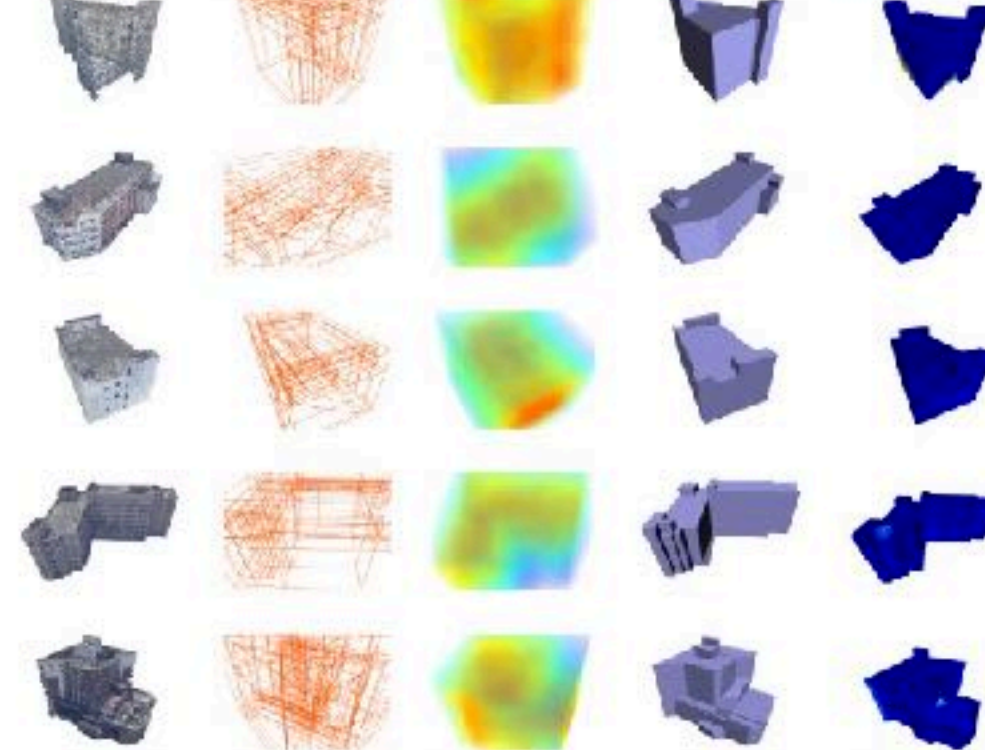
## Reconstructing compact building models from point clouds using deep implicit fields

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**ABSTRACT**  
While the increasing GPU power enables the generation of high-resolution urban scene, the reconstruction of building models is still a challenging task. In this paper, we propose a novel framework for reconstructing compact building models from point clouds using deep implicit fields. The architecture consists of a point cloud encoder, a feature extractor, and a decoder. The decoder is a multi-scale decoder that generates building models at different resolutions. The proposed framework is able to reconstruct building models from point clouds with high accuracy and efficiency.



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Looking at Fig. 2a and Fig. 2f we can see that the edges and outlines can be seen very well in the PAN image. Refinement of 3D buildings only from PAN image though would be very difficult as it does not contain 3D information, which is very important. Therefore, the combination of these two types of information is a good compromise which leads to advantages, reconstruction even complicated buildings, which is difficult to reconstruct using a single source DSM information.

To quantify the quality of the generated DSMs, we evaluated the metrics mean absolute error (MAE), root mean squared error (RMSE), normalized median absolute deviation (NMAE), and normalized standard deviation (NSD).

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## Facade Style Mixing Using Artificial Intelligence for Urban Infill

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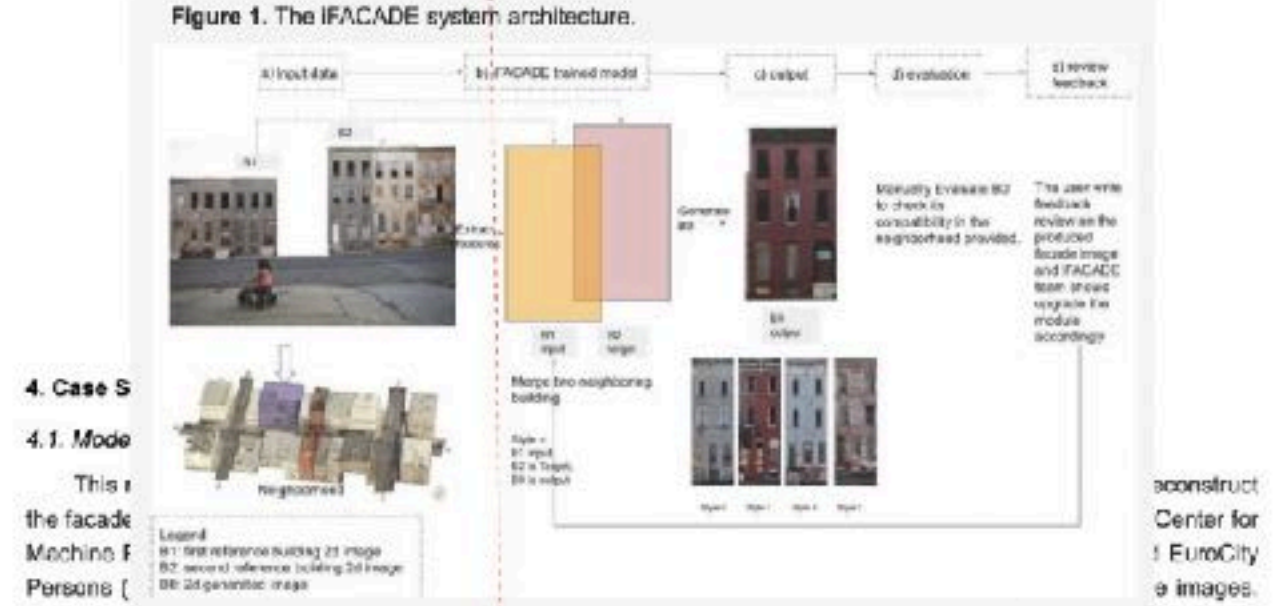
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### Abstract

Artificial intelligence and machine learning, in particular, have made rapid advances in image processing. However, their incorporation into architectural design is still in its early stages compared to other disciplines. Therefore, this paper addresses the development of an integrated bottom-up digital design approach and describes a research framework for incorporating the deep convolutional generative adversarial network (GAN) for early stage design exploration and the generation of intricate and complex alternative facade designs for urban interiors. In this paper, a novel facade design is proposed using the architectural style, size, scale, and openings of two adjacent buildings as references to create a new building design in the same neighborhood for urban infill. This newly created building

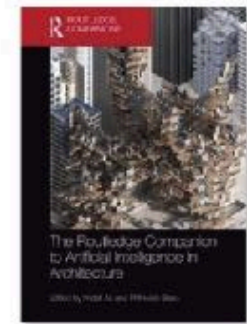


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This research used TensorFlow to implement the model training. We also started to generate resolutions from 8 × 8. The models were optimized by stochastic gradient descent. For all experiments, the learning rate was fixed at 0.002, which updates the generator once for each discriminator update.

We implemented the proposed architecture in TensorFlow using a workstation with a NVIDIA 2080 Ti GPU. Our model uses StyleGAN [6] with the ADAM optimizer (b1 = 0.5, b2 = 0.999) and was trained for 11 days and 6 h. The learning rates of the generator and discriminator were both 0.0001. The stack size was 4. We set the number of GPUs to 1 and used batch size of 1 for all experiments, except the last one in the generator where the batch size was





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Providing the most comprehensive source available, this book surveys the state of the art in artificial intelligence (AI) as it relates to architecture. This book is organized in four parts: theoretical foundations, tools and techniques, AI in research, and AI in architectural practice. It provides a framework for the issues surrounding AI and offers a variety of perspectives. It contains 24 consistently illustrated contributions examining seminal work on AI from around the world, including the United States, Europe, and Asia. It articulates current theoretical and practical methods, offers critical views on tools and techniques, and suggests future directions for meaningful uses of AI technology. Architects and educators who are concerned with the advent of AI and its ramifications for the design industry will find this book an essential reference.

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The construction industry is a historically complex sector. In the late 20th century, the increasing difficulty to establish efficient practices became largely evident, indicating the need for a deep re-examination of its own foundation. The clear result of the initiatives was

a medial axis algorithm is applied to the original geometry. As a result, all three-dimensional elements are reduced to a set of splines from which curvature, torsion, and orientation are extrapolated and stored in a JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) format (Figure 17.7). The resulting data frame composed of all JSON files is the key component connecting design and manufacturing operations for timber construction and lamination. Storing information on wood curvature directly connected to individual material resources can potentially improve all processes of wood bending. Through robotic fabrication, laminated timber strips are produced optimizing material consumption, thanks to custom sawing paths executed by the robot. This process allows to implement from each given curvature a specific material resource while introducing novel practice for forestry survey and material management (Figure 17.8).

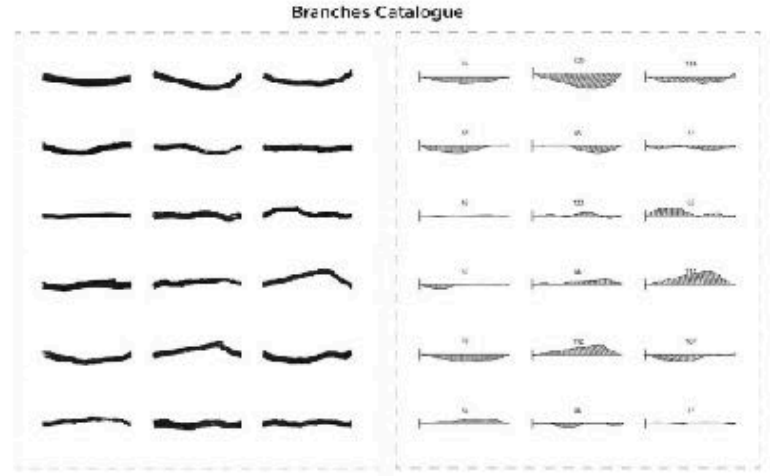


Figure 17.7 Database: storing information on wood curvature connected to individual material resources.



Figure 17.8 Database: storing information on wood curvature connected to individual material resources.

### Automating forestry survey for timber construction

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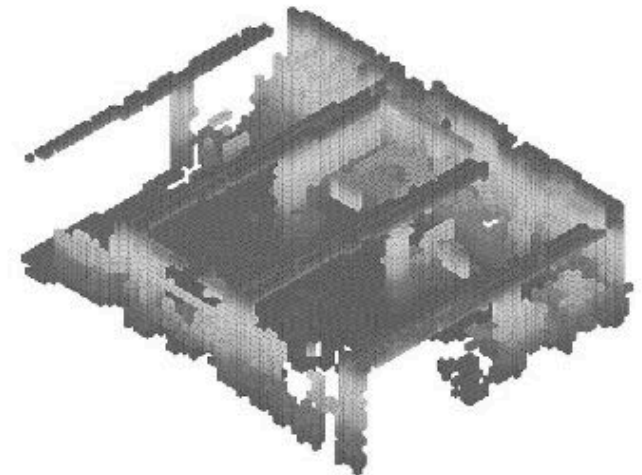


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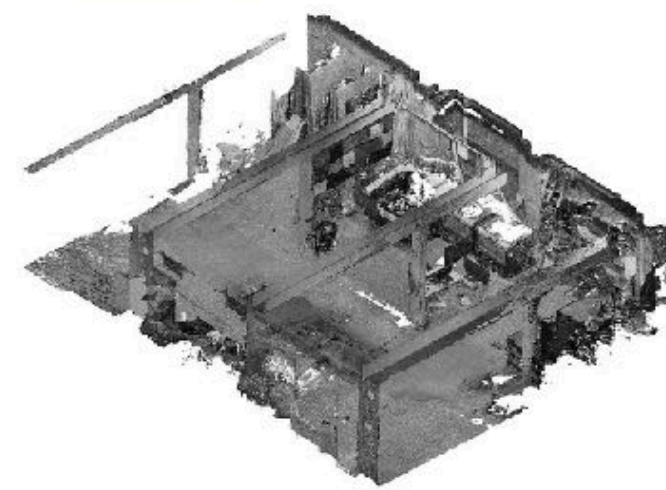


Figure 17.17 Point cloud reconstruction: OctoMap generation modeling arbitrary environments without prior assumptions.

This overall method allows to retrieve material properties from built environments, as well as building shapes and physical morphologies, envisioning a novel automated protocol blending machine perception, image analytics, and machine learning into data infrastructures informing novel solutions for material and waste management (Figure 17.13).



Figure 17.12 Image processing: image subdivision to a scalable kernel size, performing heuristics evaluation for material classification.



Figure 17.13 Image processing: image subdivision to a scalable kernel size, performing heuristics evaluation for material classification.

### Digitizing material collation from demolition sites

image into sets of pixels, also known as image objects, is performed through mask R-CNN algorithms, a conceptually simple, flexible, and general framework for object instance segmentation (He et al., 2017) (Figure 17.15).



Figure 17.14 Point cloud segmentation: color clustering over point cloud geometries for rust detection.

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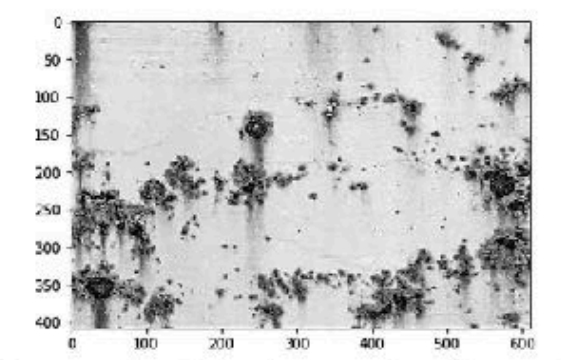


Figure 17.15 Image processing: edge detection segmentation to define area of rust through global thresholding.

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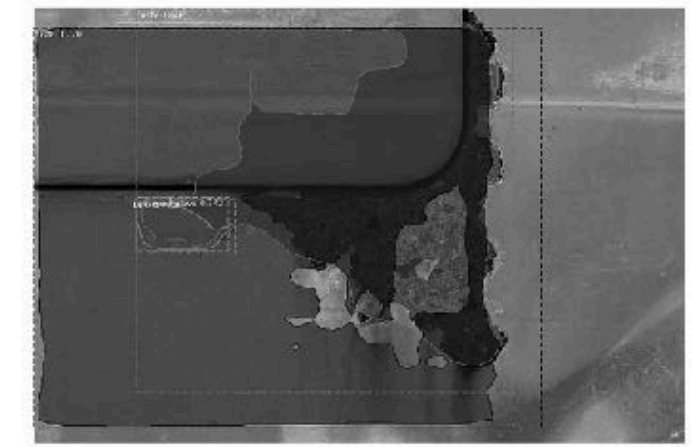


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### Conclusions

In the increasingly complex AEC industry, data-driven workflows become fundamental to informed decision-making processes. Therefore, sensing emerges as a crucial variable to understand, evaluate, and project operations in our built environments by decoding physical components. In this scenario, the determination of digital methods underpins strategic planning in

### Autonomous inspection system for building maintenance



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Combining AI and BIM in the design and construction of a Mars habitat

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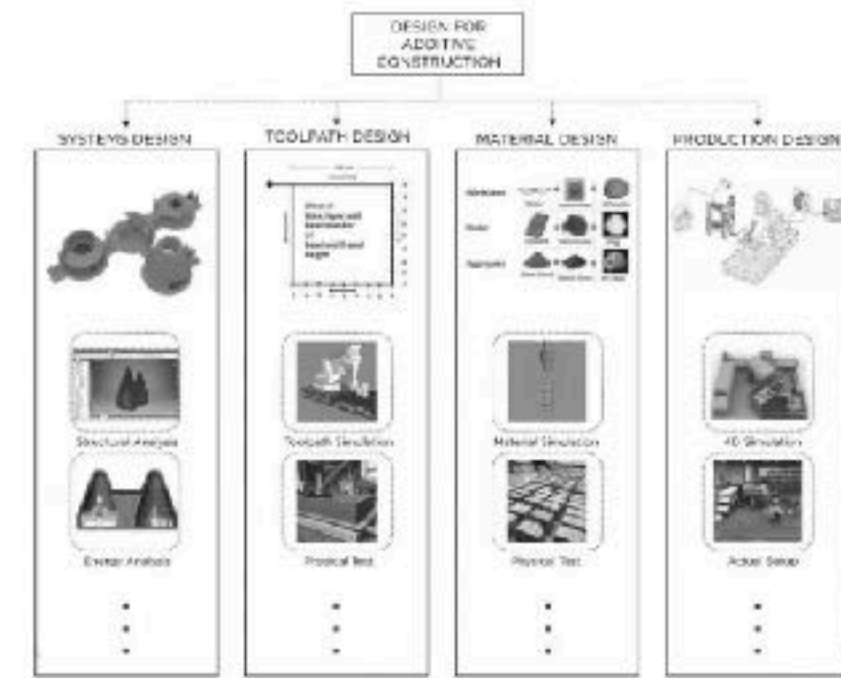


Figure 13.13 Multidisciplinary nature of design for additive construction (DIAC) involving a range of computational analyses and physical testing.

To address such technological gaps and streamline the additive construction design process, an end-to-end BIM framework was developed and used to design a Mars habitat from the conceptual design space to additively constructing it using industrial robots in the final

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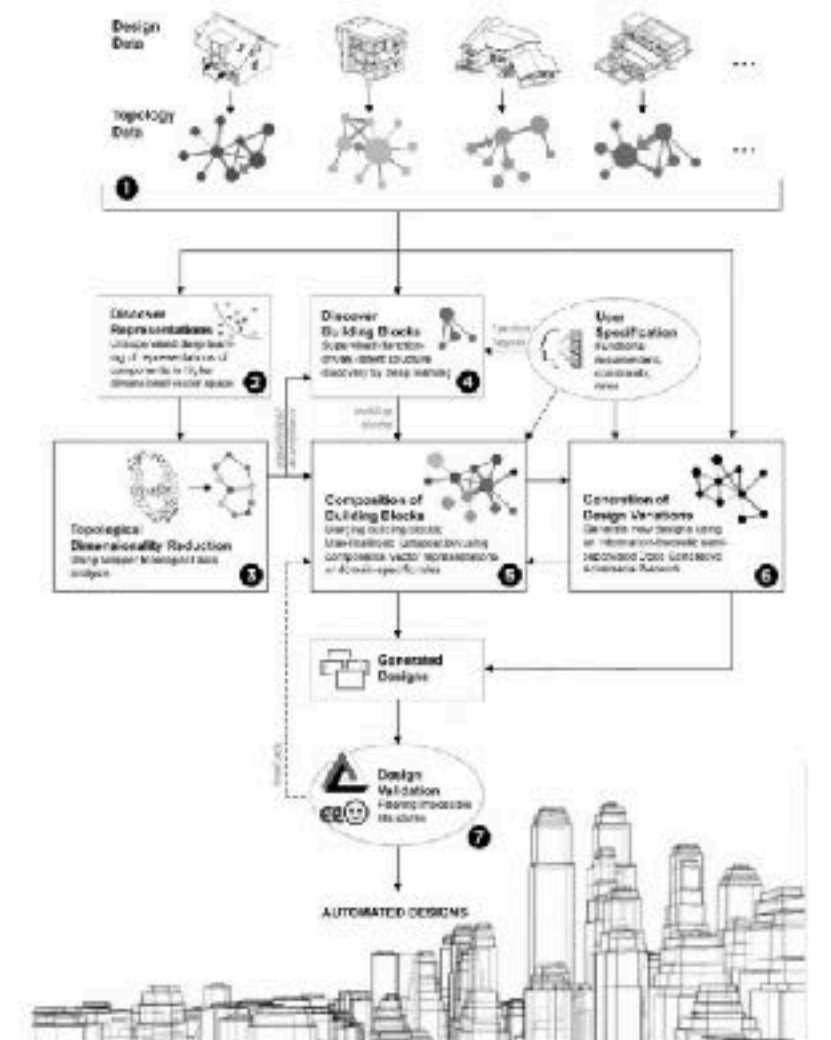
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Methodology

Our topological-AI based framework comprises of the following key steps (see Figure 9.2):

1. Translate readily available three-dimensional building information modeling (BIM) models from a vast database of architectural projects on Archbase; they are translated into topological datasets to succinctly represent the designs.





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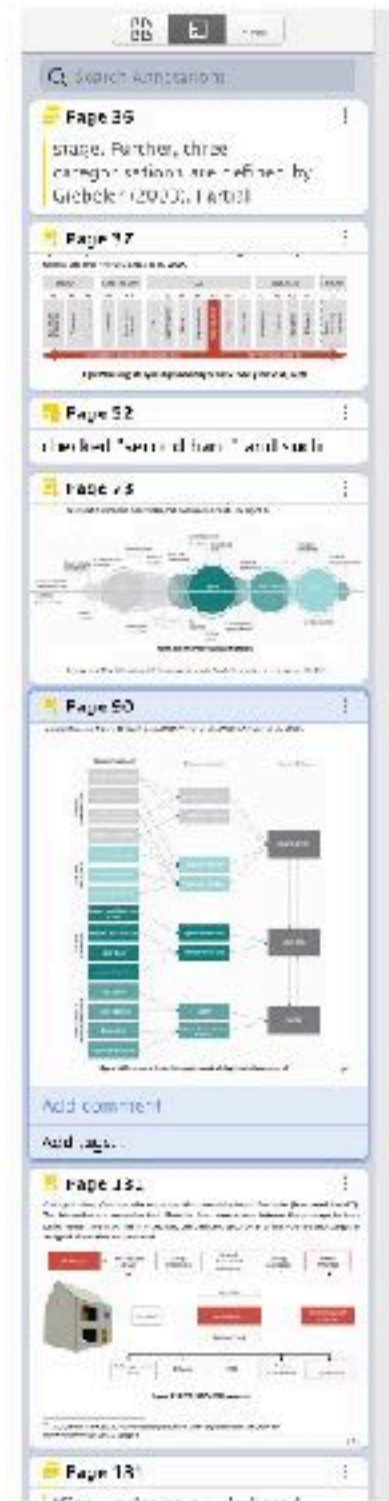
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**Abstract**

When refurbishing residential buildings, insulation materials play a crucial role in improving housing quality and energy efficiency. Materials however differ in a wide set of criteria. It reaches beyond the thermal properties and addresses environmental, economic, health and safety characteristics. In collective decision-making, it remains difficult to find trade-offs between these criteria. This thesis introduces a web-based tool ROTUNDORO (Latin: circular) that offers an algorithm to assess refurbishing insulation materials, considering engineering evaluation methods and consumer preferences. The tool employs and expands on Building Information Modelling (BIM) practice on the one side and behavioural economic research on the other side. First, the Linked Building Data (LBD) method is used to link material performance to building components and to evaluate them with Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) and cost analysis. Applied to a Dutch terrace house (Tijuwoning) as a use case, the tool shows that bio-based materials perform best in environmental concerns, low embodied carbon, high noise and humidity reduction. Fossil- and mineral-based materials are yet market-leading, due to low price and easier application techniques in existing constructions (quality injection). Following the hard data comparison, the tool simulates the probability of acceptance by the homeowners of



Name	Lambda [W/mK]	Density [kg/m³]	Weight [kg/m²]	EE [MWh/m²]	EC [kg CO2e/m²]	Costing [€/m²]	Lifetime [years]	Fire rating	Toxic Hazards [µg/m³]	dB drop [dB]	VDRF [m-value]
<b>Mineral-based</b>											
Glass Wool	0.034	18.4	1.06	51.50	1.60	6.80	75	A2	129.5	8.52	0.29
Rock Wool	0.035	45	2.58	48.91	2.90	7.40	75	A1	177	7.85	0.46
<b>Fossil-based</b>											
PIR	0.026	31	1.44	178.31	11.14	7.40	75	E	11.4	11.54	27.10 - 87.50
EPS	0.0323	23	1.21	117.50	8.70	5.85	75	E	27.6	2.16	15.19 - 58.09
XPS	0.027	35	1.51	178.20	24.80	8.11	75	E	27.6	2.81	15.39 - 100.91
<b>Bio-based</b>											
Flax wool	0.041	31	2.16	86.30	2.60	21.08	10	C	229.5	10.17	0.52 - 2.11
Wood Fibre	0.038	45	21.96	23.50	0.62	6.31	100	C-D	229.5	21.00	0.57 - 3.71
Cellulose 0.04	0.04	70	4.70	0.80	0.29	10.50	30	C	229.5	10.90	0.85 - 5.25
Sheep Wool	0.0413	25	1.75	21.5	-2.10	13.18	100	E	229.5	6.52	0.70 - 2.68
Hemp Linte	0.067	34.1	4.73	152.57	14.59	22.97	100	B	179.1	15.48	1.19 - 6.10

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interdisciplinary working approaches using open standards that allows engineers to extend their capability to evaluate LCA and cost assessment. The working steps in a collaborative process are represented within four major circles, that dynamically correlate, see Figure 20.

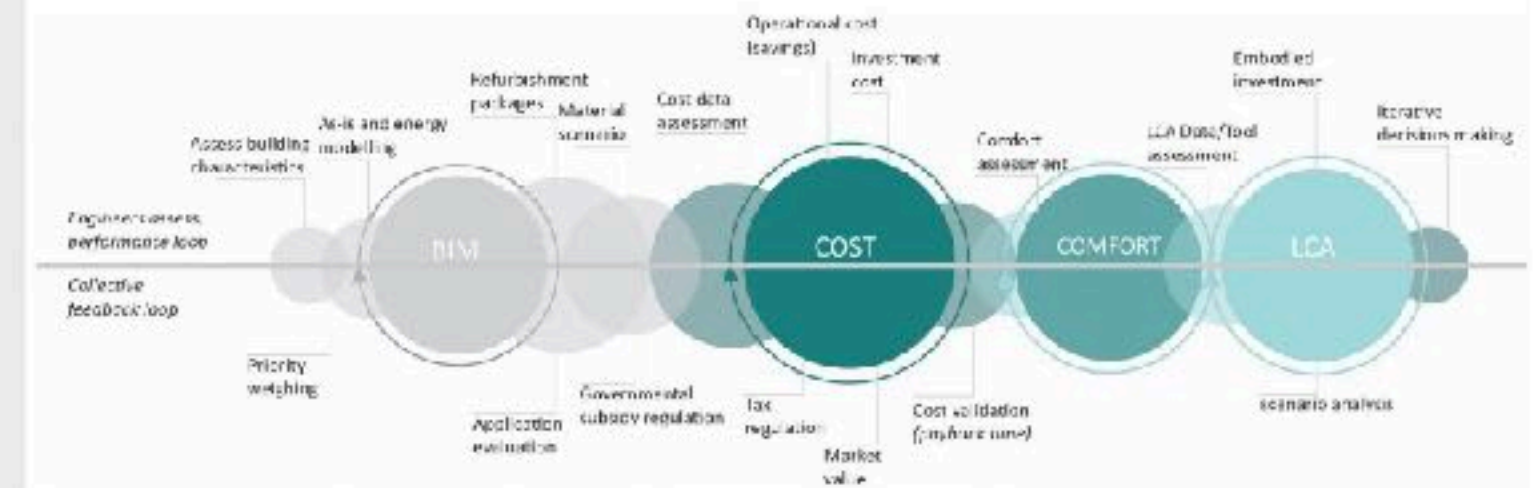


Figure 20 Sustainable evaluation process

Energy modelling is fundamental knowledge to create feasibility studies. It encompasses the BIM practice including parameters to perform operational energy simulations. Scenarios in materials' thermal properties and BIMs highlight energy reduction potential within a 3D model (visually and numerically). Examples of BIM-based software is Energy Plus inside Autodesk Revit, Design Builder for parametric performances and non-graphical evaluation using VALU LPA, based on the deterministic energy performance for buildings (NL national NTA 8800 (NEN 8800, 2020). The cost-savings potential

bio-based materials are underpinned by the commercial materials. Additionally, higher uncertainties and weights are required which leads to much higher market costs. Little knowledge is shared due to too little investment for research and development, and it causes a poor market reputation.

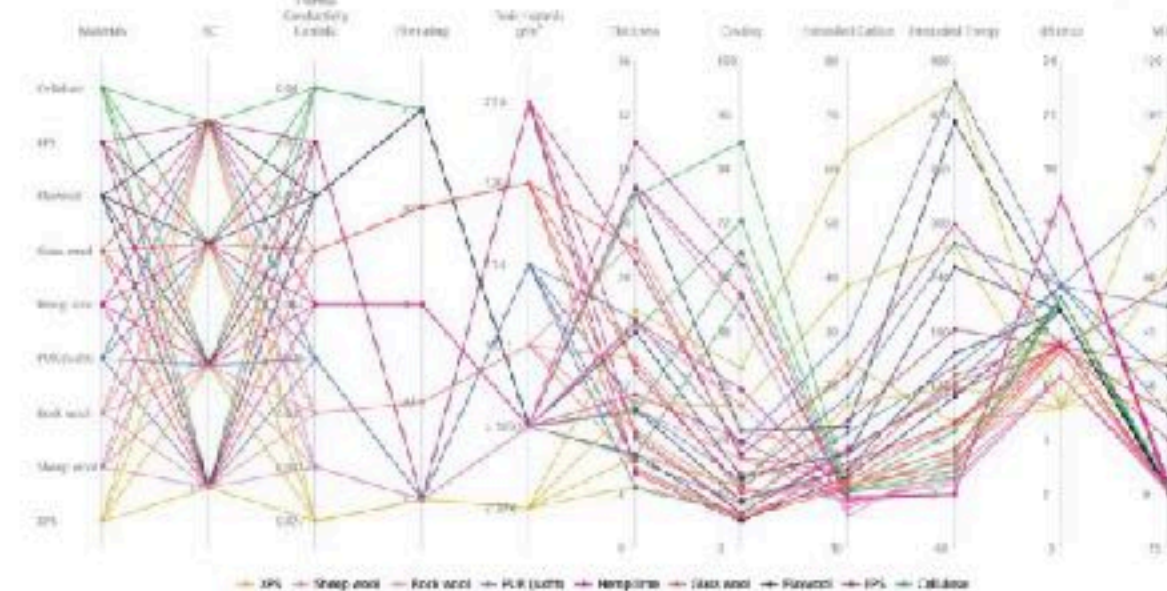


Figure 31 Material Comparative Analysis





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Salvaging building materials in a circular economy: A BIM-based whole-life performance estimator

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this study is to develop a BIM based Whole life Performance Estimator (BWPE) salvage performance of structural components of buildings right from the design stage. A literature was carried out to identify factors that influence salvage performance of struct buildings during their useful life. Thereafter, a mathematical modelling approach was adopted using the identified factors and principle/concept of Weibull reliability distribution for materials. The model was implemented in Building Information Modelling (BIM) environment and it v study design. Accordingly, the whole-life salvage performance profiles of the case study built

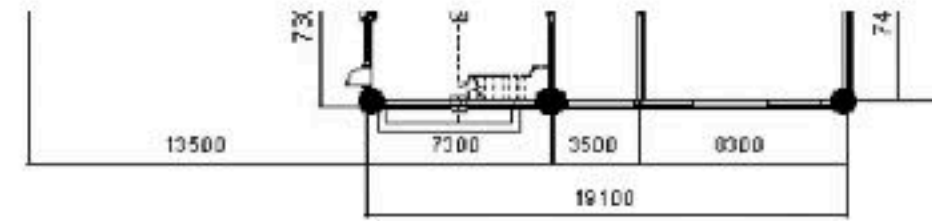


Table 2  
 Characteristic Feature of the Case Study Building.

Feature	Value
Building type	Office
Number of floors	3
Ground floor area (GFA)	491.46 m <sup>2</sup>
First floor GFA	351 m <sup>2</sup>
Second floor GFA	351 m <sup>2</sup>
Floor to ceiling height	2.8 m
Second floor roof area	402 m <sup>2</sup>
Low level roof	168 m <sup>2</sup>

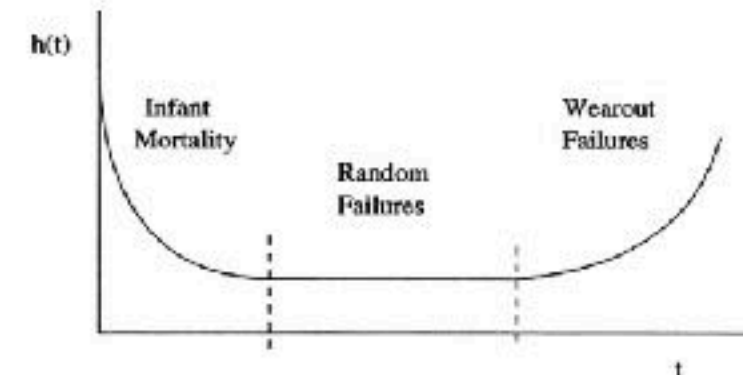


Fig. 4. Bathtub Curve – Hazard (Failure) function against time (Khanke et al., 2003).

Table 3  
 BWPE Model Parameters Description

Notation	Description
$S$	Set of design specification, $S = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n\}$
$D(t)$	Deterioration function of the building, which is a function of time
$t$	Age of building in year
$n_{dc}$	Number of demountable connections
$n_c$	Total number of connections
$d_c$	Ratio of demountable connections to total connections
$n_p$	Ratio of prefabricated assemblies to total number of elements
$n_{pb}$	number of prefabricated assemblies
$n_e$	total number of possible building elements
$\bar{v}_s$	Ratio of volume of material without secondary finishes
$v_s$	Volume of materials without secondary finishes
$v_m$	Total volume of building materials
$v_{m,c}$	Volume of material without hazardous content
$\bar{v}_h$	Ratio of volume of materials without toxic content to the total volume of materials
$v_h$	Volume of materials without toxic content
$SP$	Salvage Performance of building ( $0 \leq SP \leq 1$ )
$SP_r$	Reusable component of building
$SP_{re}$	Recyclable component of building
$\gamma$	Fraction of building materials that goes to landfill
$\alpha$	Life expectancy of building

necessary as there is no single reliability distribution function that can be used to model the behaviour of building materials without modification. Table 3 shows the variables and parameters used in the modelling and their meaning.

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Table 5  
 Design Specification of the Case Study building

Element	Building type	Material specification
Foundation system	Steel	Hy pile foundation
	Timber	Concrete ground beam
	Concrete	Concrete ground beam
Structural frame system	Steel	Prefabricated steel with bolted connections
	Timber	Hardwood timber post with nailed connections
Floor system	Concrete	Concrete with bolted connections
	Steel	Gypsum steel flooring with carpet
	Timber	Timber board with T-section timber frames with ceramic tiles
Wall system	Concrete	Concrete floor with carpet
	Steel	Curtain walls with bolted connections
Window and doors	Timber	Cladded timber cavity walls filled with mineral wool
	Concrete	Concrete wall with paint finishing
	Steel	Steel windows and doors with steel frame
Ceiling system	Timber	Timber windows and doors with timber frame
	Concrete	Double-glazed glass with aluminium frame
Roof system/floor	Steel	Aluminium strips on prefabricated steel frame
	Timber	Pressure-treated timber planks on timber trusses free of copper chromium acetate
	Concrete	Softie plaster and paint finishing
	Steel	Insulated steel plate flat roof on steel truss
	Timber	Insulated slate roofing sheet on timber truss
	Concrete	Concrete roof with sand and cement screed

BWPE is a BIM-based system that could be used by all the practitioners in the construction industry, leveraging on the capabilities of BIM such as parametric modelling, visualisation, material database, etc. to analyse and visualise the effects of design decisions and materials selection on salvage performance of buildings. BWPE is expected to be used by the practitioners in the construction industry to estimate the

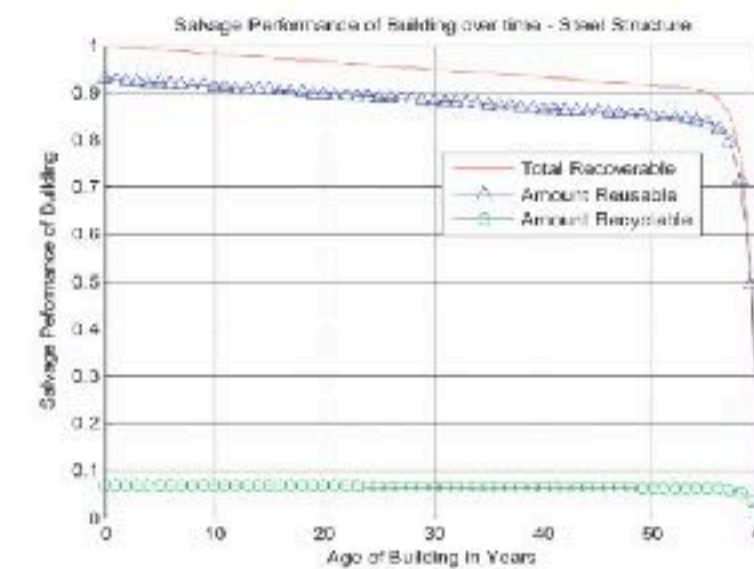
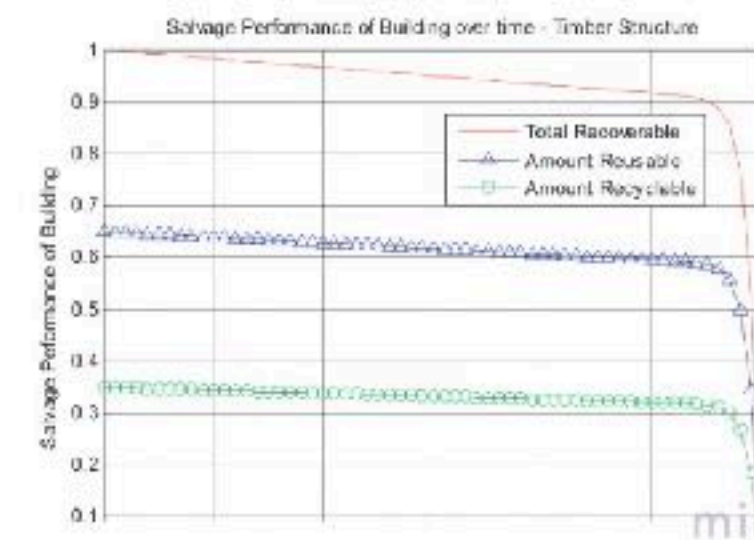


Fig. 9. Salvage Performance of Case Study Building – Steel Structure.





# Definition

- Building adaptation, John Douglas

What is adaptation? 3

**Table 1.1** Value of the building sector in the UK (Goodier and Gibb, 2004)

Sector	Value (£bn)	%
New build (excluding civil engineering)	53.3	54
Construction refurbishment and repair	45.0	46
Total UK construction	98.3	100

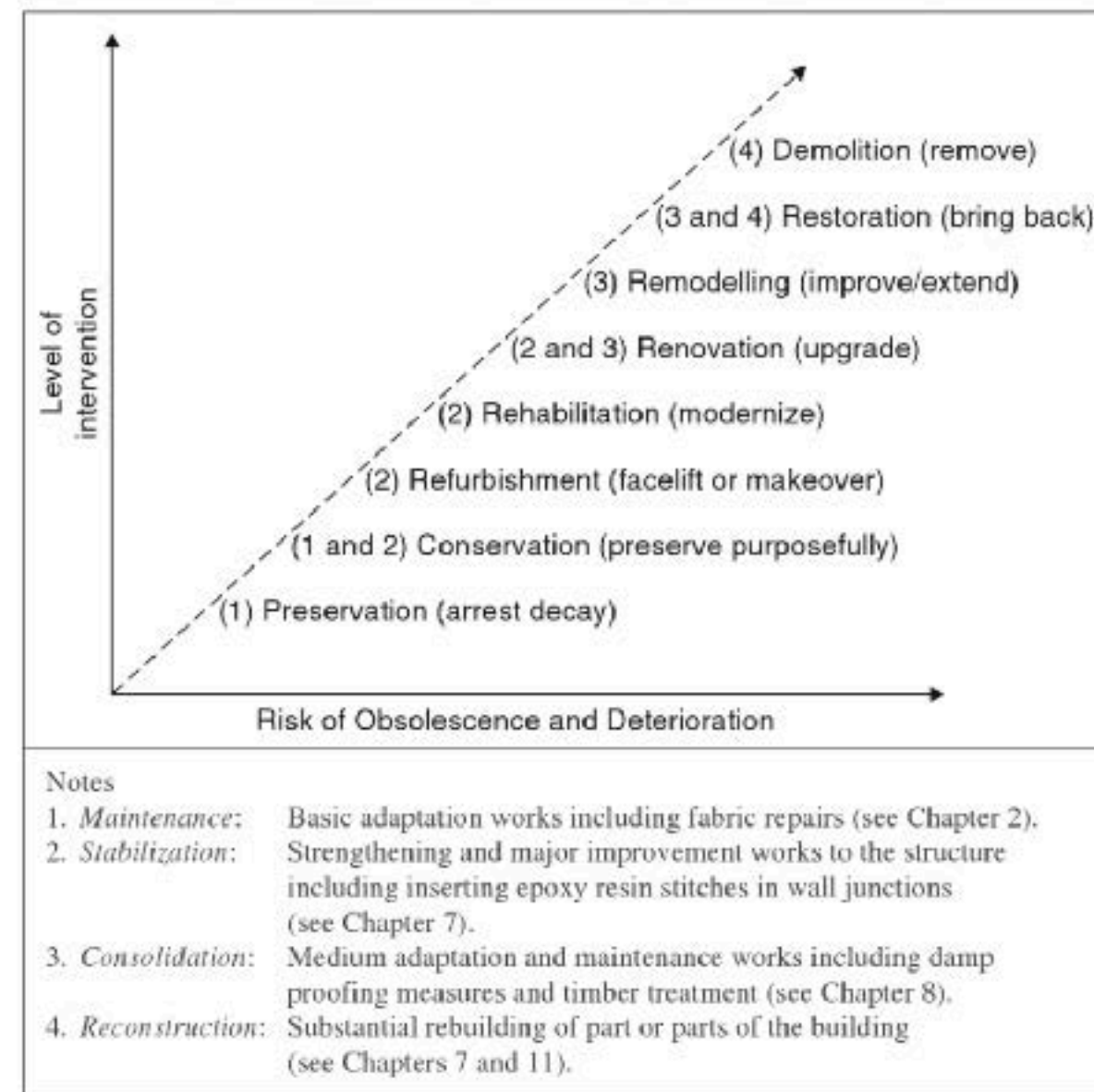


Figure 1.1 The range of interventions

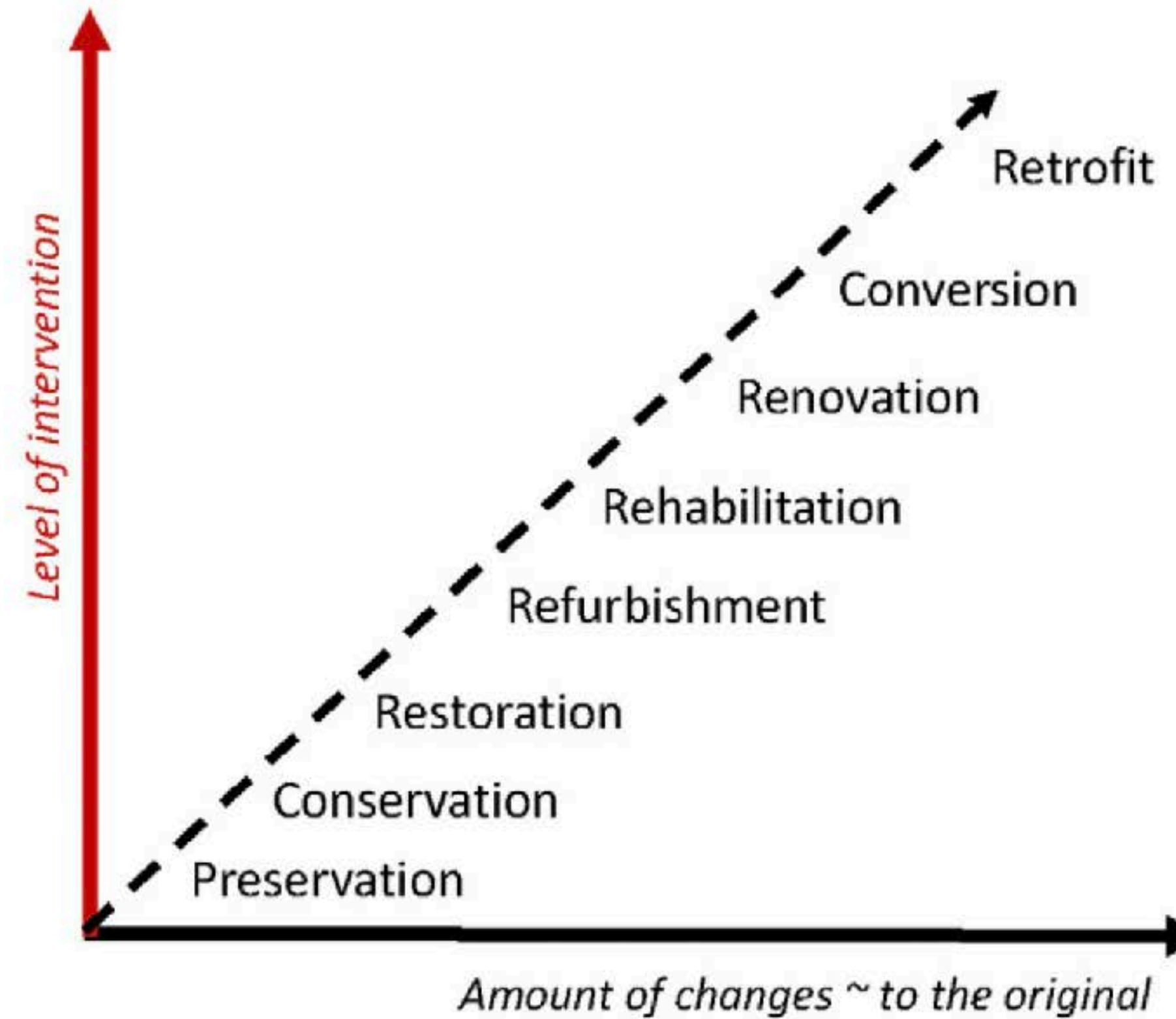


Fig. 1 Overview of building interventions in the spectrum of adaptive reuse.

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# Definition

## Refurbish manual, Georg Giebeler

	Planning work required for building (M) compared to new build <sup>1</sup>					Planning work required in comparison to M (building) <sup>2</sup>			
	Prelim. design, design	Approval	Detailed drawings	Tenders	Award, site management, cost accounts	XL: Block/complex	S: Part of building/storey	XS: Dwelling/room	
<b>Reconstruction/restoration</b>	++	o	+	+	+	/	/	/	Costly, time-consuming planning because research is necessary
<b>Demolition/deconstruction</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	-	-	-	+	n/a	Often carried out by specialised contractors
<b>Renovation/maintenance</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	-	+	o	o	o	Costly, time-consuming organisation (When can work be carried out?) and accounting (many management services)
<b>Repairs/maintenance</b>	n/a	n/a	--	-	+	o	o	o	Costly, time-consuming organisation/accounts, often no planning services
<b>Partial refurbishment</b>	--	n/a	+	++	++	n/a	n/a	n/a	Costly, time-consuming organisation and accounting, frequently disputes with neighbours
<b>Refurbishment</b>	--	n/a	o	+	++	o	+	+	Great demands placed on site management because of many uncertainties
<b>Total refurbishment</b>	--	n/a	+	+	+	o	+	n/a	In total slightly higher costs/more works reqd. at new/existing interface
<b>Conversion</b>	+	o	++	++	++	o	++	++	High design costs due to adaptation to suit the existing; high construction costs
<b>Gutting/rebuild with part retention</b>	o	+	o	+	+	/	/	/	Extra costs for safety measures only
<b>Extension</b>	+	o	+	o	o	/	/	/	Measures in the existing account for only a small part of the total budget
<b>Fitting-out</b>	+	+	++	++	++	n/a	n/a	n/a	Many parts of existing bldg. continue to be used; partial fit-out; costly, costly, time-consuming organisation/accounts, often disputes w. neighbours
<b>Change of use</b>	n/a	+	n/a	n/a	n/a	o	o	o	Only an approval required, but can be very extensive

++ much more  
 + more  
 o about the same  
 - less

-- much less  
 n/a hardly or never required

/ no comparison, cannot be evaluated (e.g. owing to major fluctuations)

<sup>1</sup> Provides a guide as to how much higher the conversion surcharge must be or where it can be ignored.  
<sup>2</sup> Necessary increase in the conversion surcharge depending on the size of the project.

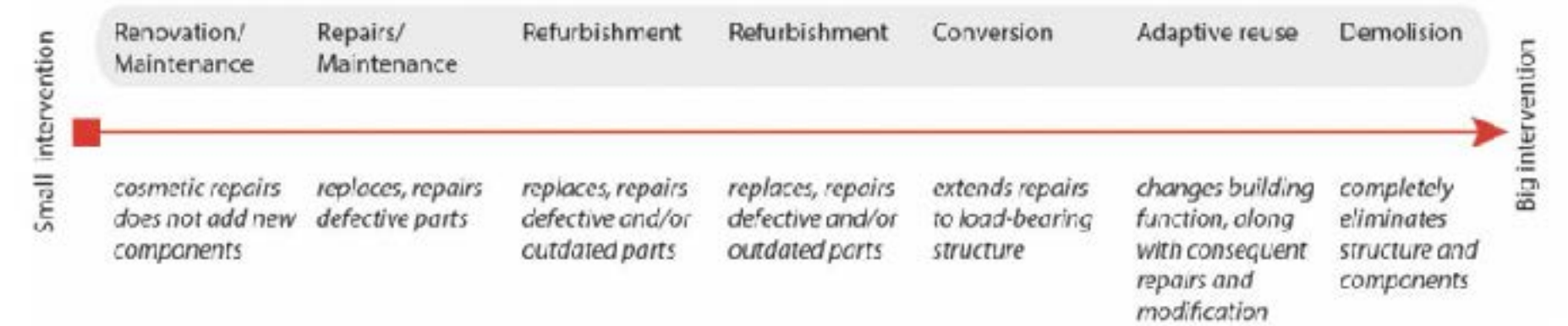
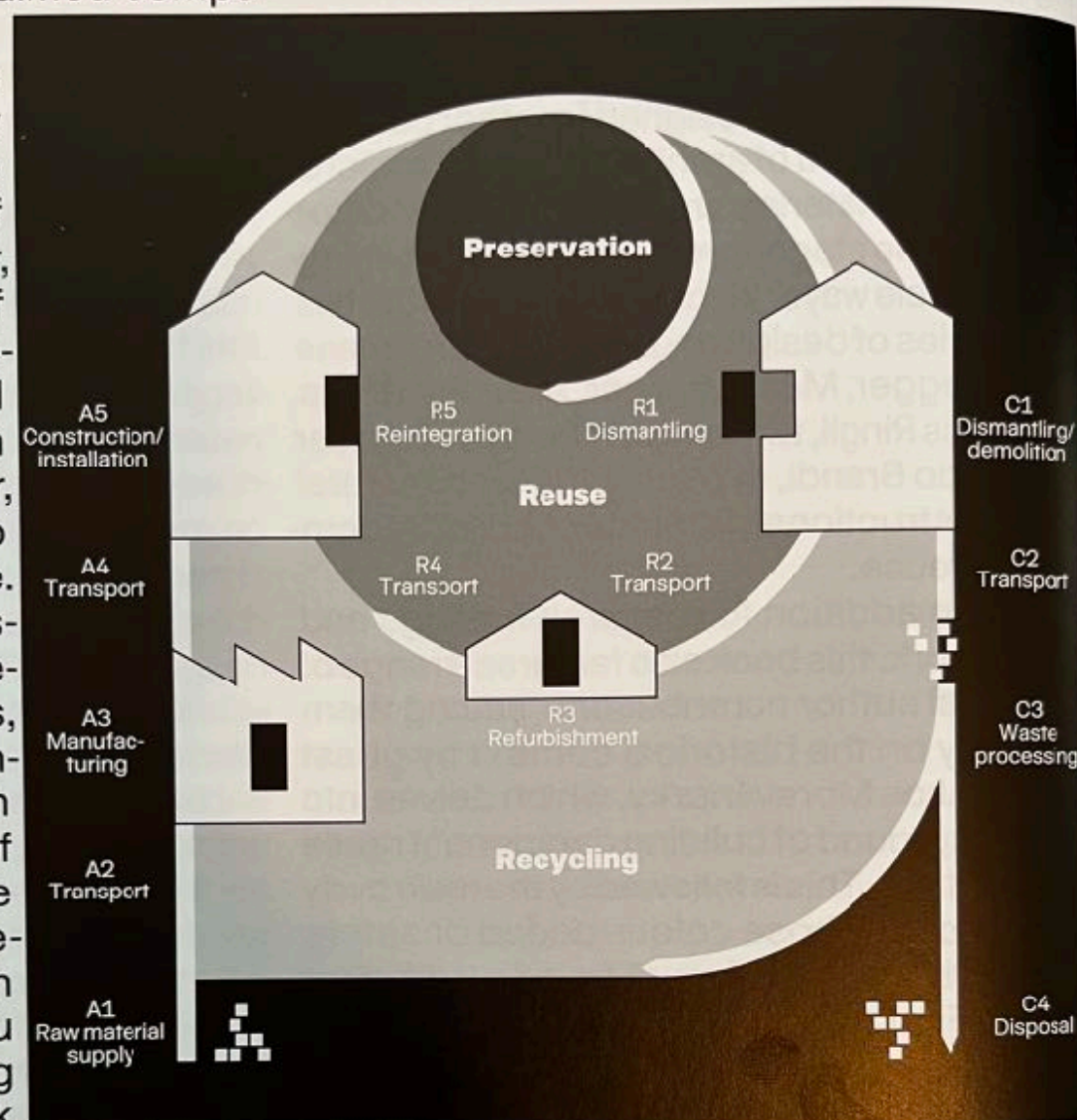


Figure 8 Level of interventions (Giebeler et al., 2009)



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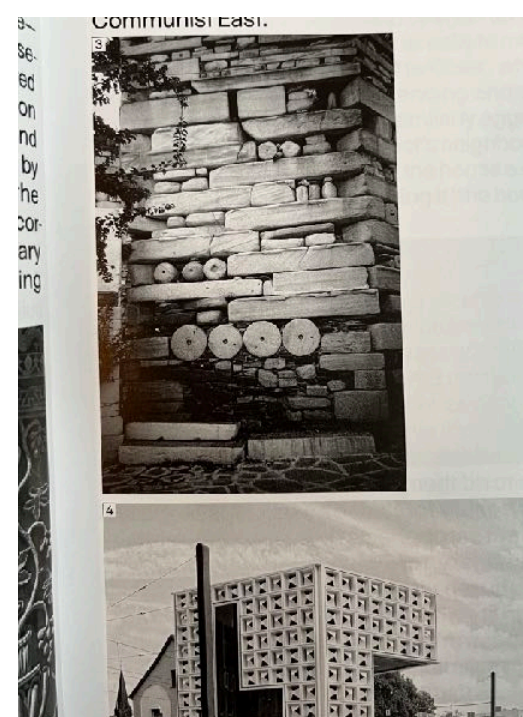
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**Circular construction**

Circular construction means giving new usage cycles to the fabric of buildings, thereby allowing their actual lifespan to be exploited to the full. In the model shown here, the smaller the cycles become, the lower the loss of environmental, economic, and cultural assets, and the more circularity and architecture become intertwined. Recycling building waste into new material such as recycled concrete or steel is primarily a question of processing that has only peripheral relevance to design and planning. By contrast, the reuse and reusability of entire building components, like the repair, repurposing, and extension of existing buildings and parts of buildings, are genuine architectural challenges in which every aspect of sustainability needs to be considered. In this book, we have used the umbrella terms 'preservation', 'reuse', and 'recycling' for those three cycles, though each of these terms can be differentiated depending on their different contexts (i.e. with regard to environmental impact, economics, cultural significance, etc.). The above diagram also shows how the various phases of reuse (R1, R2, R3, R4, R5) fit into this life cycle model, which is based on the SN EN 15804+A1/SIA 490.052+A1 norms and underpins the environmental footprint assessment of Swiss buildings.

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 Upcycling: Disposable glass bottles are transformed into drinking glasses or lampshades. Residual concrete waste is cast in moulds to create utilitarian objects. Disused freight containers are stacked together and fitted out to create a building. Downcycling: Old bricks are broken up and turned into fill material for roadbeds.

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 Intakte Mauerziegelsteine werden als Randbegrenzung für Grünflächen verwendet. Ausgedientes Schiffsrumpf wird umgedreht zum Gebäudedach. Getränkeflaschen werden zu Pflanzenbehälter.

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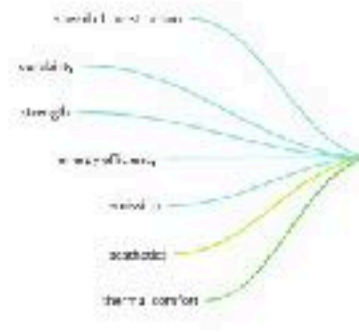
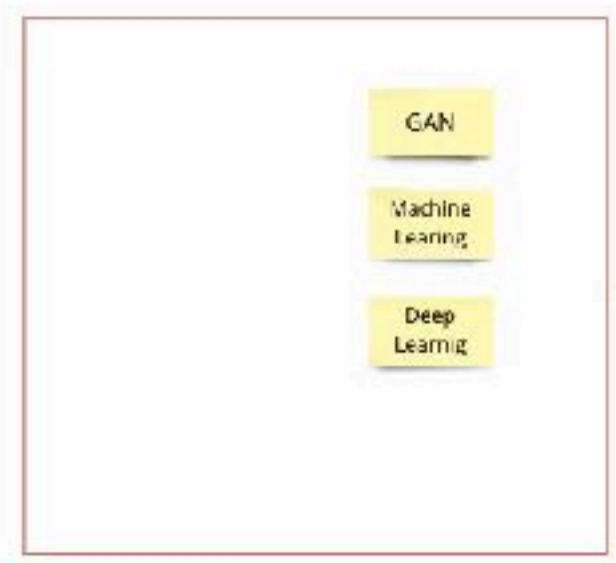
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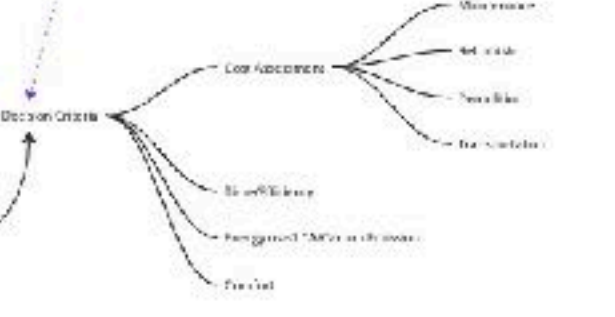
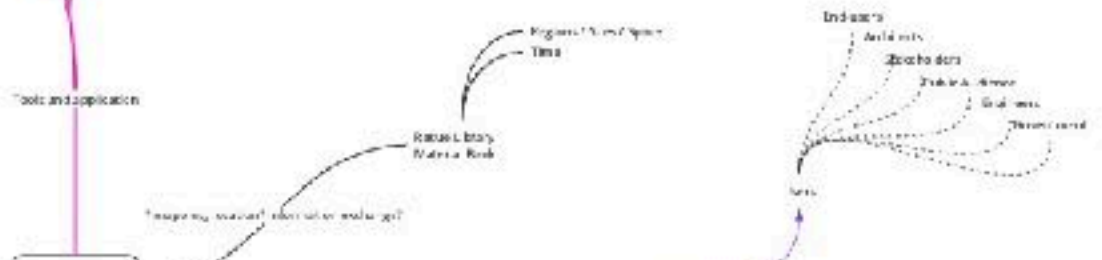
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CONCLUSION

INFORMAL / FORMAL MATERIAL LITERACY / NETWORK?



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