

# BIOHOUSE



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# **INTRODUCTION**

# 1.1

## THE RISING URGENCY

We are draining the world's resources faster than ever. How much time do we have, what are the figures and what are the consequences of our actions?



## 1.1 THE RISING URGENCY

### Waste management

**2 010 000 000  
tons**

**of waste per year, this number  
has increased by 300% since  
2009**





## 1.1 THE RISING URGENCY

### Drinking water shortage

**771 000 000**

**people with no drinking  
water**

[Source: The World Bank]



[Source: Green.hr]



## 1.2 THE RISING URGENCY

# Environmental pollution

**9 000 000**

**premature deaths due to  
pollution**



## 1.2 THE RISING URGENCY

# Deforestation

**14 000 000**

**hectares of forests lost each  
year**

[Source: Wikipedia]



[Source: Worldanimalfound]



## 1.2 THE RISING URGENCY

### Global warming

**+1,14°C**

**temperature increase since  
1880**



# **1.2**

## **EVOLUTION OF LIVING**

House through the years, sense of  
urgency and the need to act



## 1.2 EVOLUTION OF LIVING

### Primitive dwellings

hunting & gathering, nomadic way of life  
temporary buildings & caves

wood



bones



hide



10000 bc

9000 bc

8000 bc

7000 bc

6000 bc

1.2 EVOLUTION OF LIVING

Compact settlements

rural living, agriculture

wood



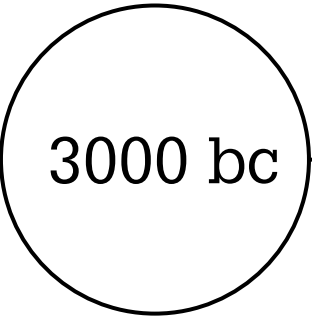
stone



mud



thatch



3000 bc

2500 bc

2000 bc

1500 bc

1000 bc

[Source: Human settlements, Science Direct]



## 1.2 EVOLUTION OF LIVING

### Age of empires

cities, individual rooms, multiple stories,  
first city planning

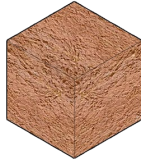
wood



stone



mud



marble



1000 bc

750 bc

500 bc

250 bc

0

## 1.2 EVOLUTION OF LIVING

### Medieval society

moderate living, cities build walls

wood



stone



thatch



500 ac

750 ac

1000 ac

1250 ac

1500 ac



## 1.2 EVOLUTION OF LIVING

### Renaissance

Rise of high class, material trade,  
decoration

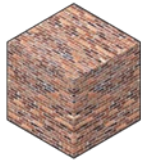
wood



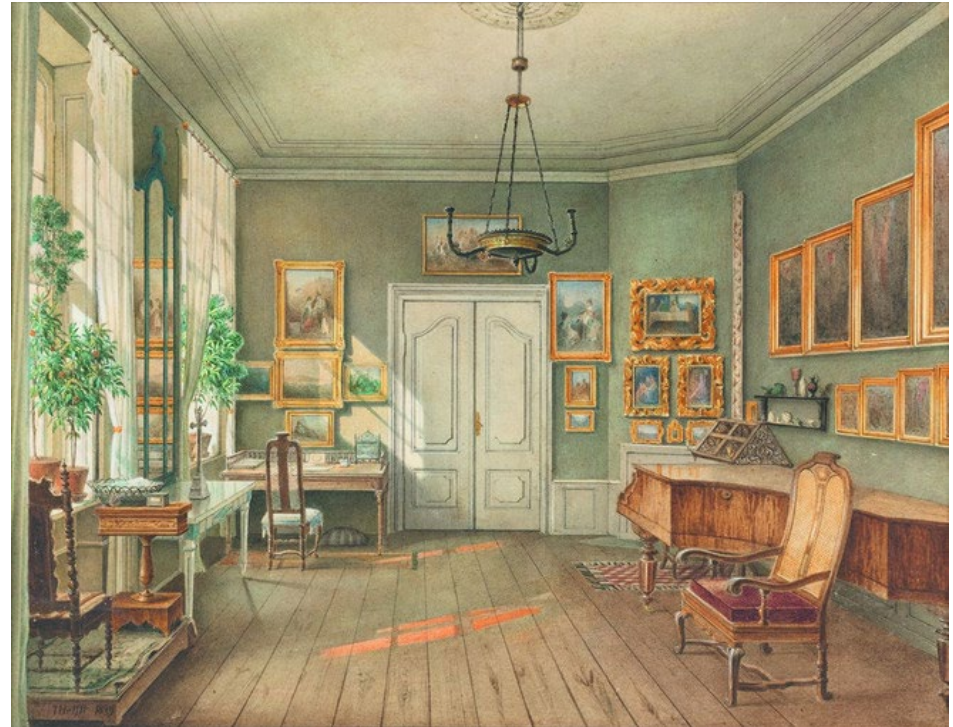
stone



brick



plaster



1500 ac

1550 ac

1600 ac

1650 ac

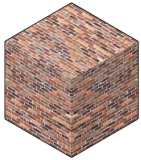
1700 ac

## 1.2 EVOLUTION OF LIVING

# Industrial revolution

Innovations, steam engine,

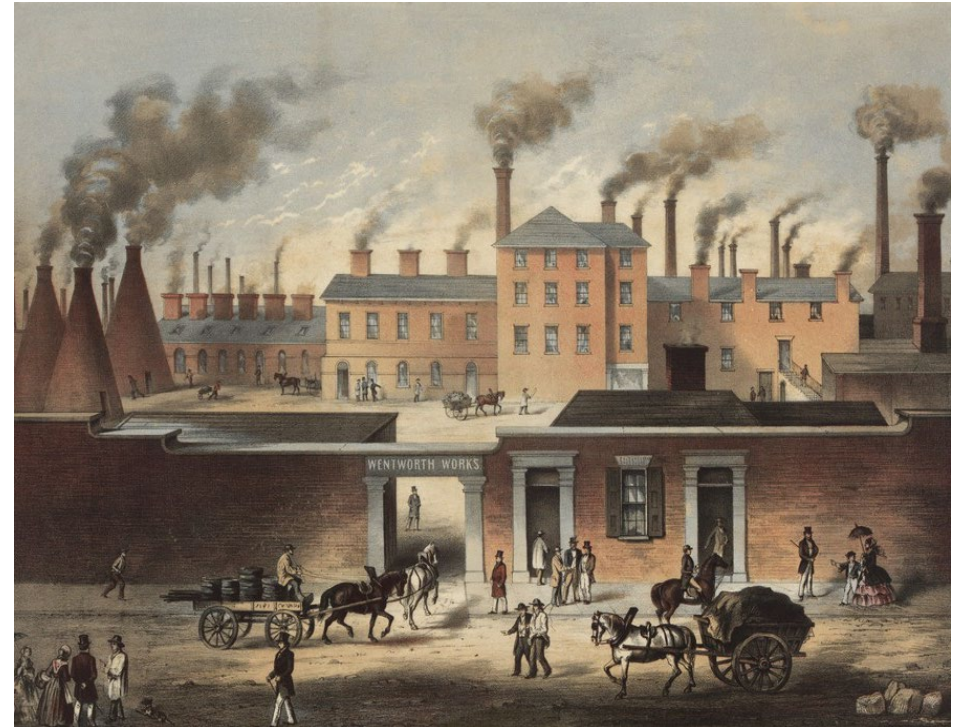
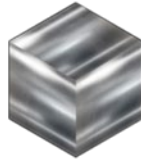
brick



cast iron



steel



1750 ac

1800 ac

1850 ac

1900 ac

1950 ac

## 1.2 EVOLUTION OF LIVING

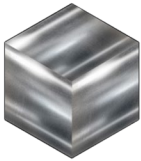
### Modernist dream

deepening efficiency, seeking progress

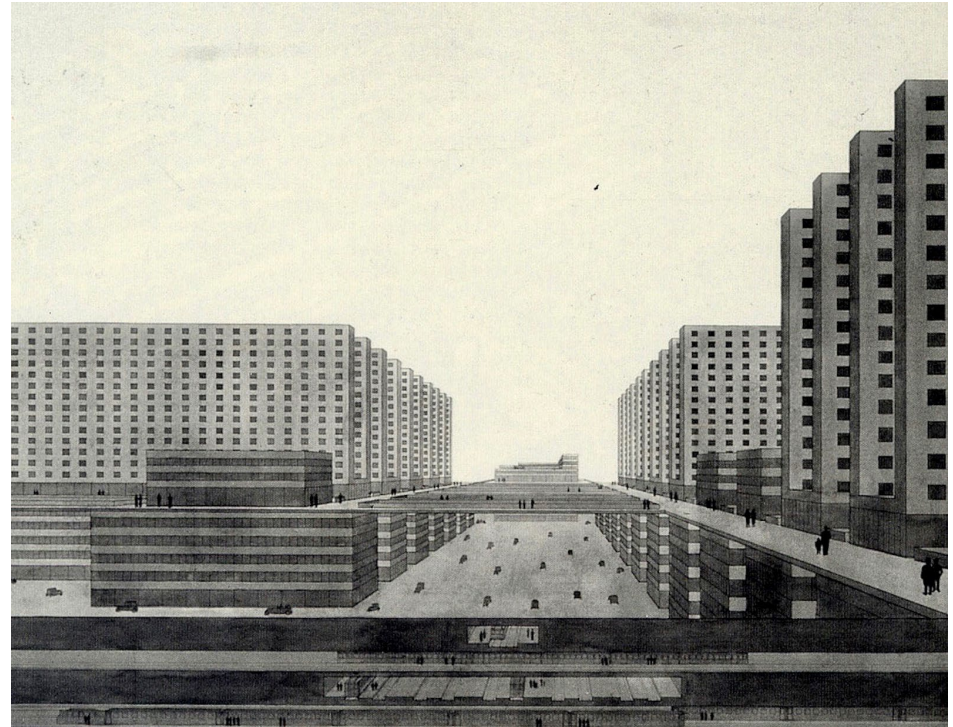
cast iron



steel



concrete



1960ac

1970 ac

1980 ac

1990 ac

2000 ac

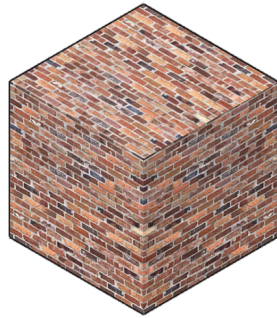


## Forgotten materials

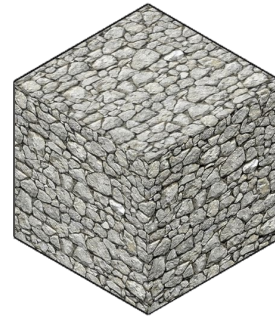
**wood**



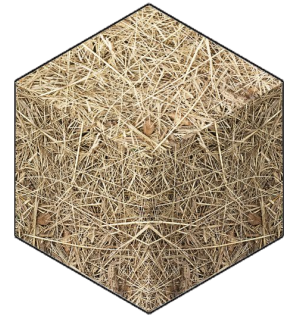
**brick**



**stone**



**straw**





## 1.2 EVOLUTION OF LIVING

### New materials

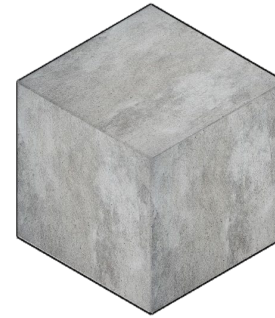
**cast iron**



**steel**



**concrete**









## 1.2 EVOLUTION OF LIVING

### The green dream of 60'



1950

1960

1970

1980

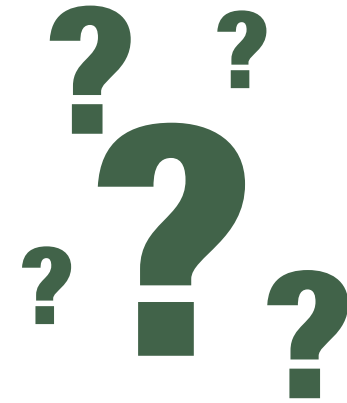
1990

2000

2010

2023

## The World of today



2023 ac



## Materials of 2023

**cast iron**



**steel**



**concrete**



**plastic**



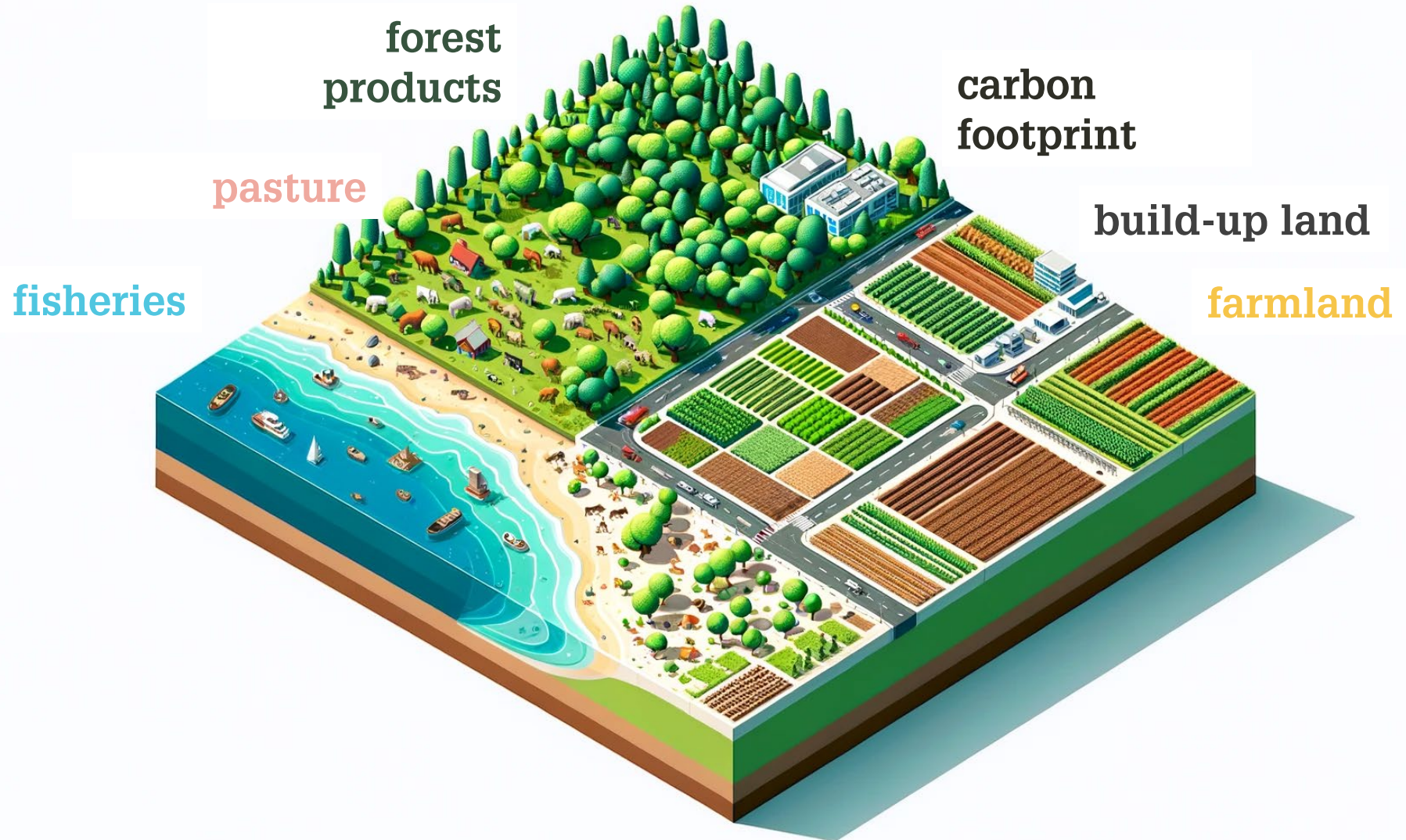
# HOW DO WE QUANTIFY THE RISING URGENCY?

**BY COMPARING  
THE EARTH'S BIOCAPACITY  
VS  
OUR ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT**



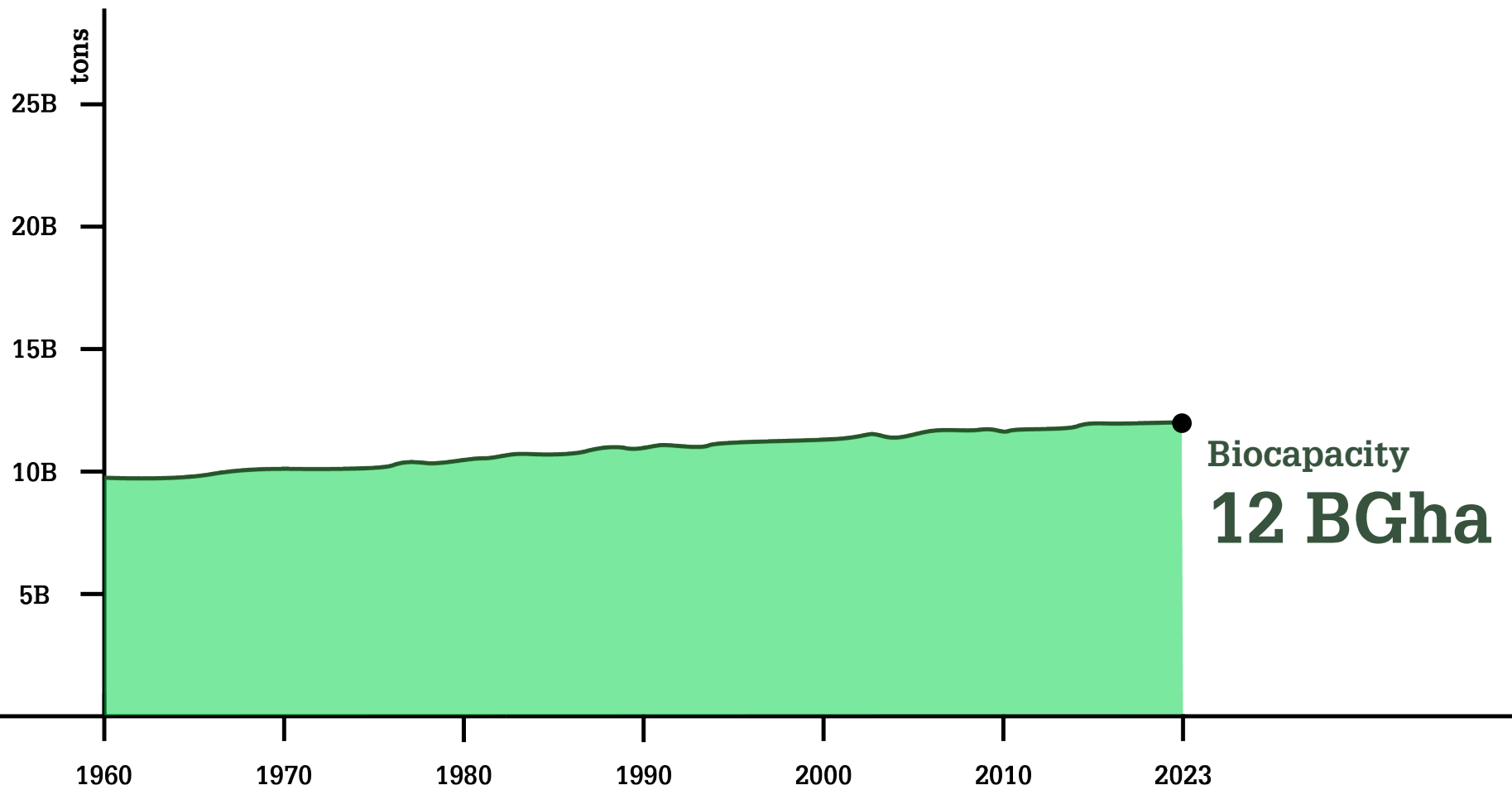
## 1.2 THE RISING URGENCY

# Biocapacity of earth



## 1.2 THE RISING URGENCY

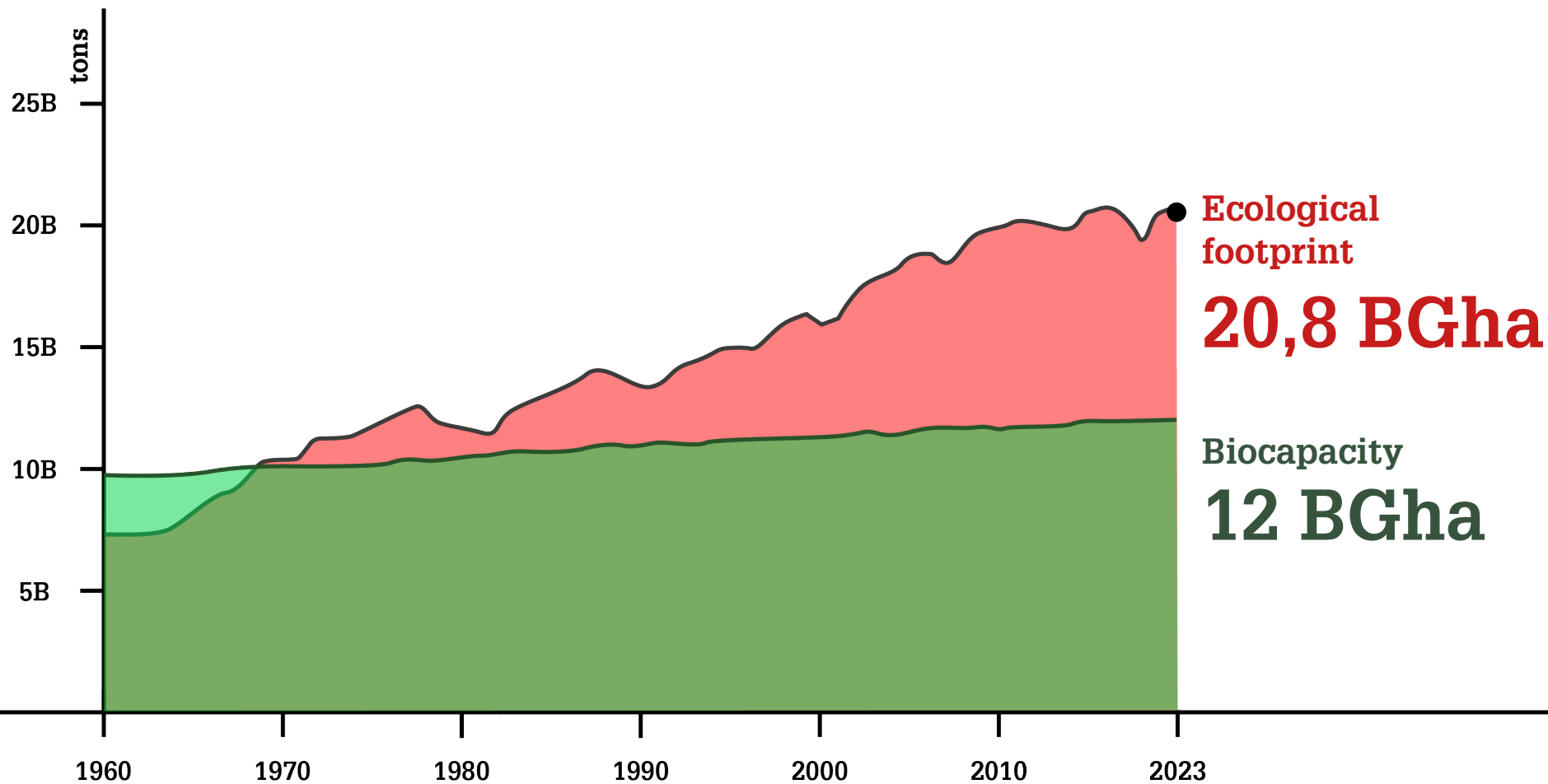
# Biocapacity of earth



[Sources: Global Footprint Network]

## 1.2 THE RISING URGENCY

# Ecological footprint

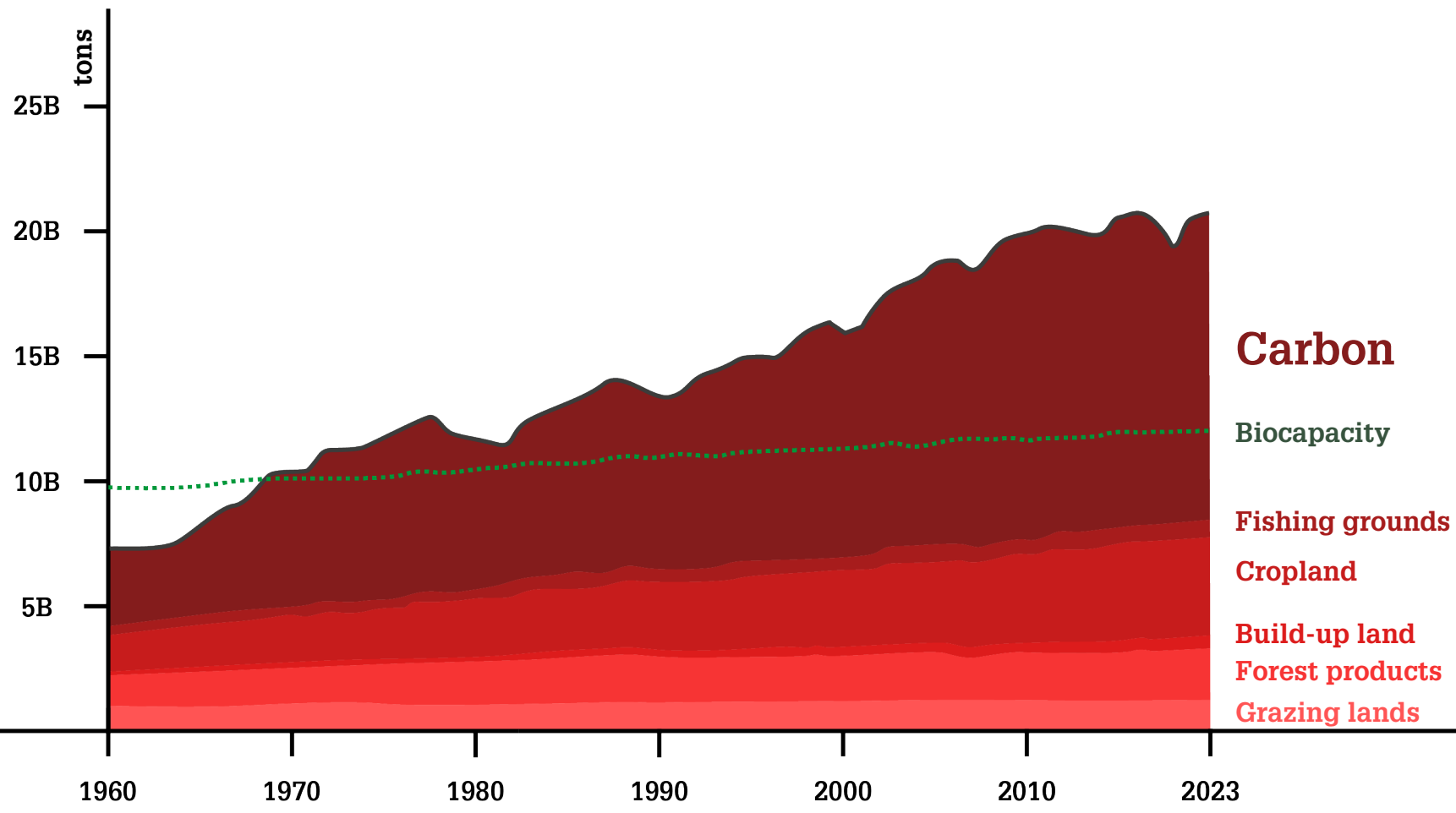


[Source: Global Footprint Network]



1.2 THE RISING URGENCY

Ecological footprint

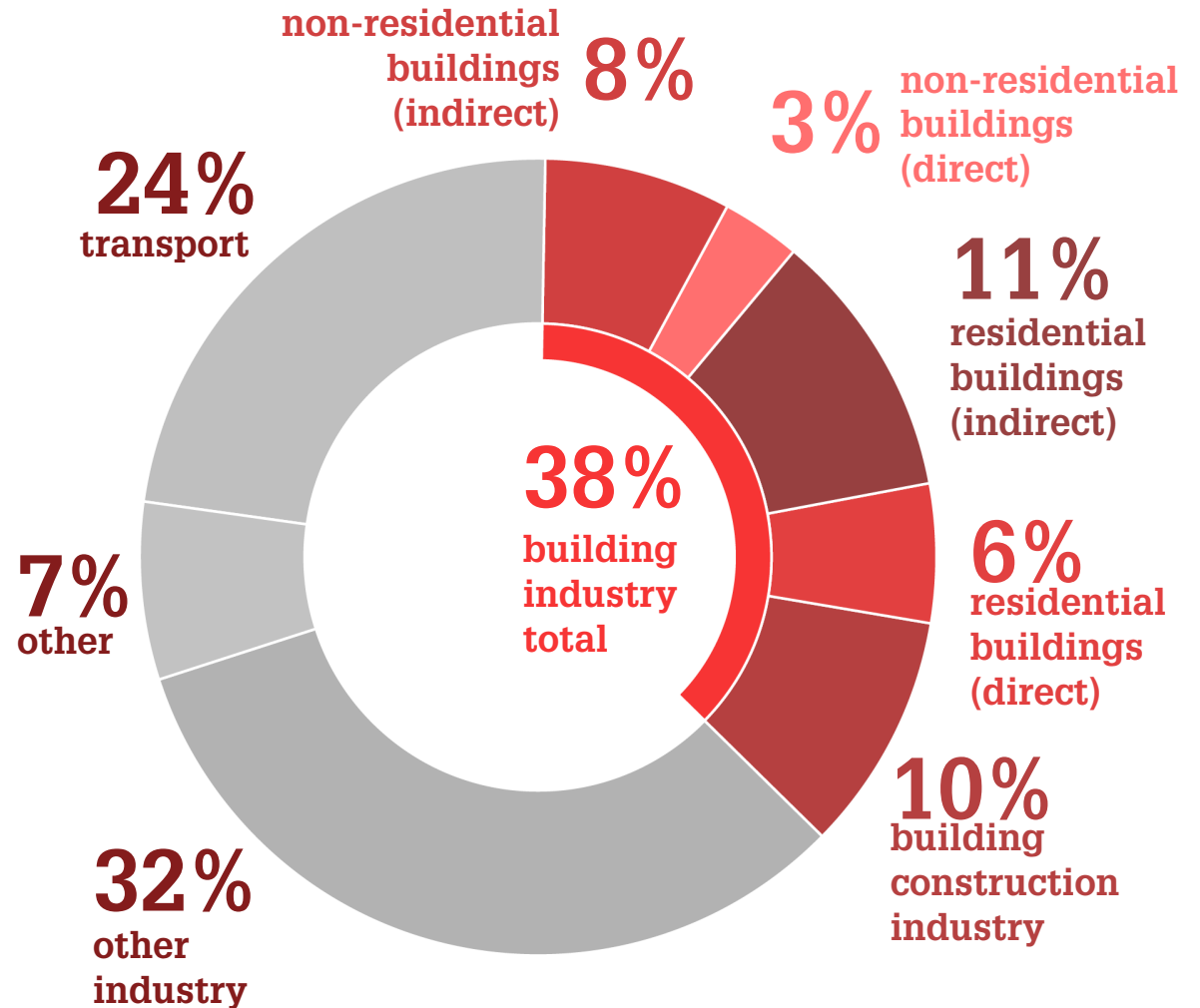


[Source: Global Footprint Network]

## 1.2 THE RISING URGENCY

### Carbon footprint in depth

**17% of carbon footprint as a result of the residential sector**



## 1.3 THE RISING URGENCY

As we go through the human history, we come to realize that our fast pace momentum has brought us materials of a big potential, but also danger.



**SO HOW DO WE REDUCE OUR  
FOOTPRINT?**

**BY LOOKING BACK AND  
BECOMMING BIO AGAIN?**

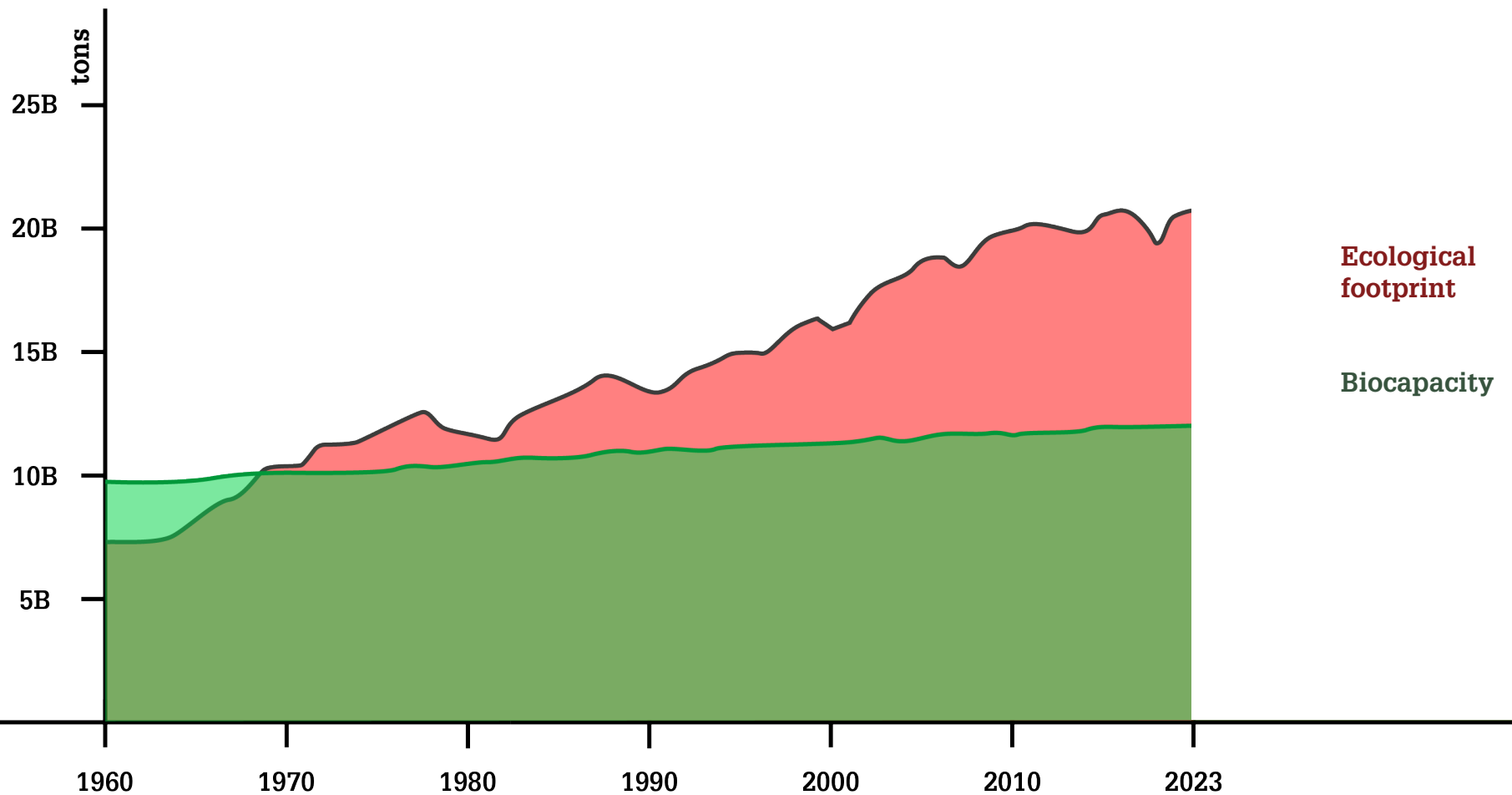
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# **WHAT IS THE BIOHOUSE?**



## 1.2 WHAT IS THE BIOHOUSE?

# Biohouse as a key to restoring the balance



[Source: Global Footprint Network]

## What is a house?

**shelter**

**structure**

**insulation**

**plumbing**

**wiring**

**openings**

**furniture**

**...**

## 2 WHAT IS THE BIOHOUSE?

### What should be the BioHouse?

**shelter**

adjustable

self-repairable

biofriendly

biodegradable

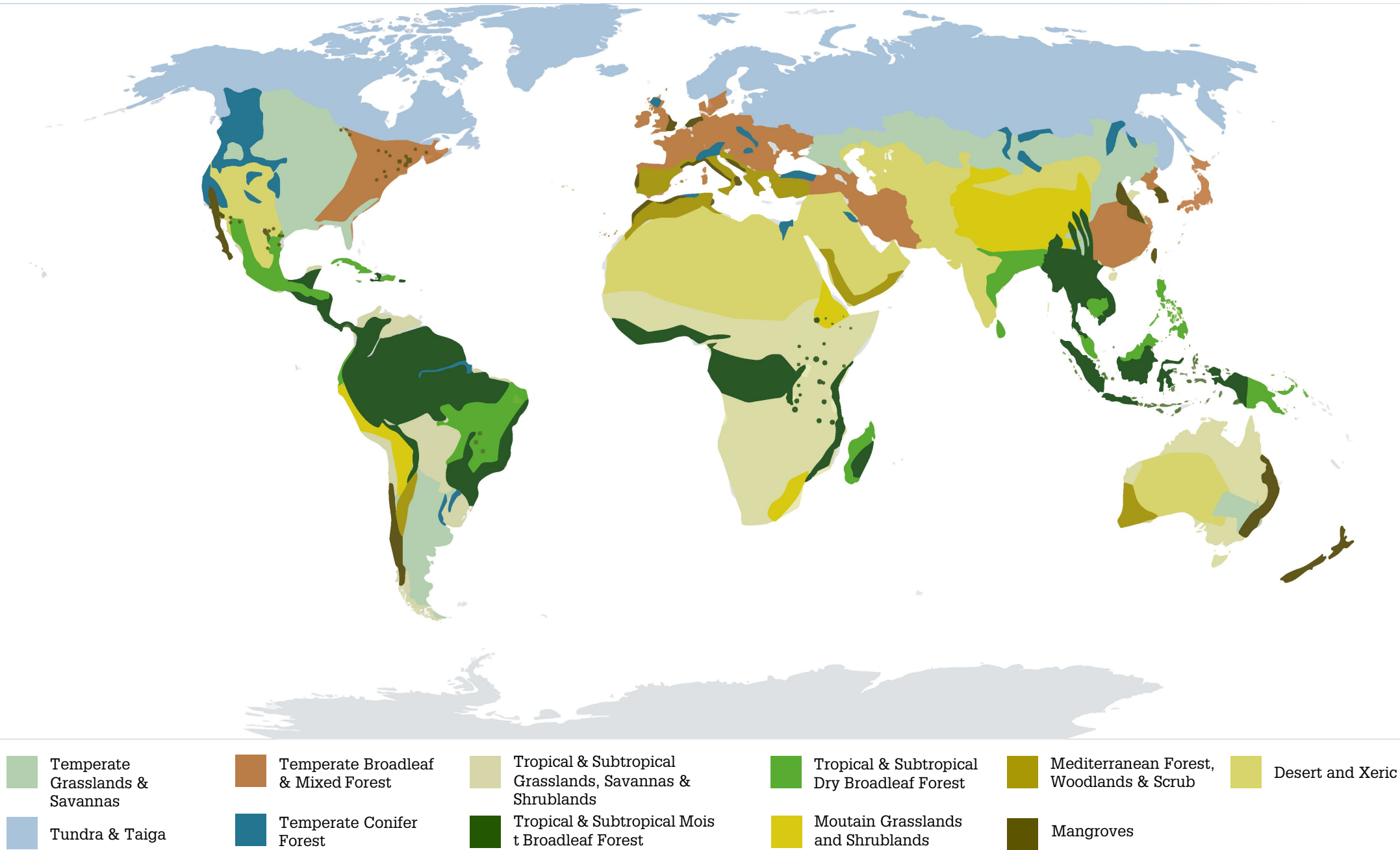
emission-free

**adaptable**



## 2 WHAT IS THE BIOHOUSE?

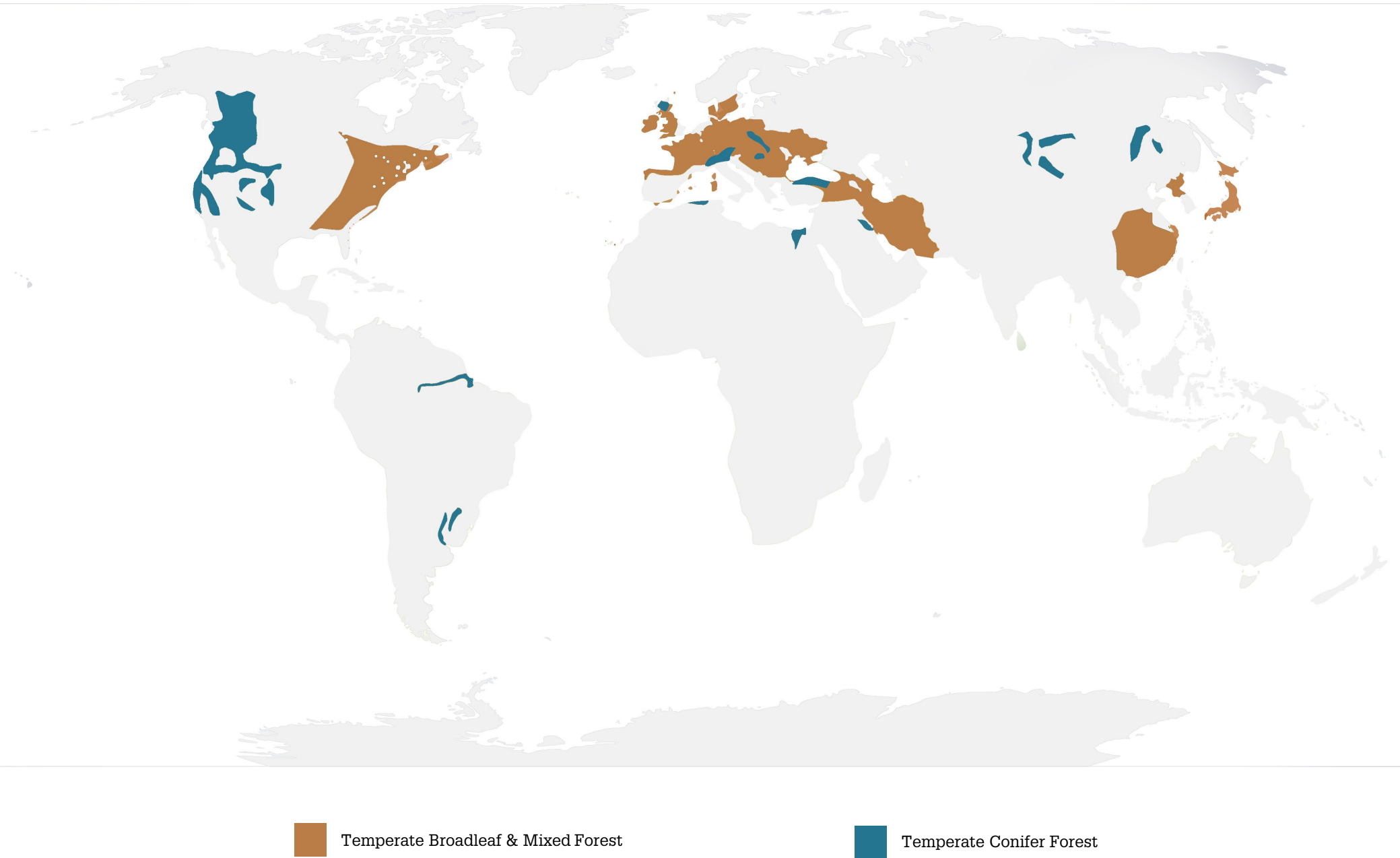
# Map of world biomes



[Source: Biotopia]

## 2 WHAT IS THE BIOHOUSE?

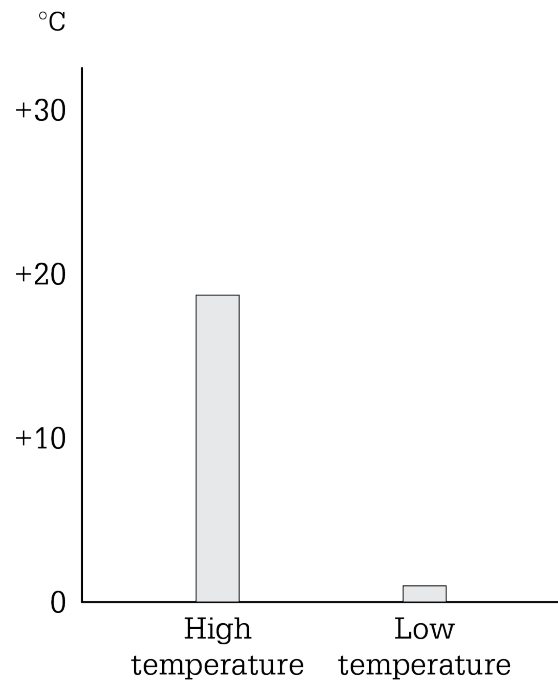
### The temperate biomes



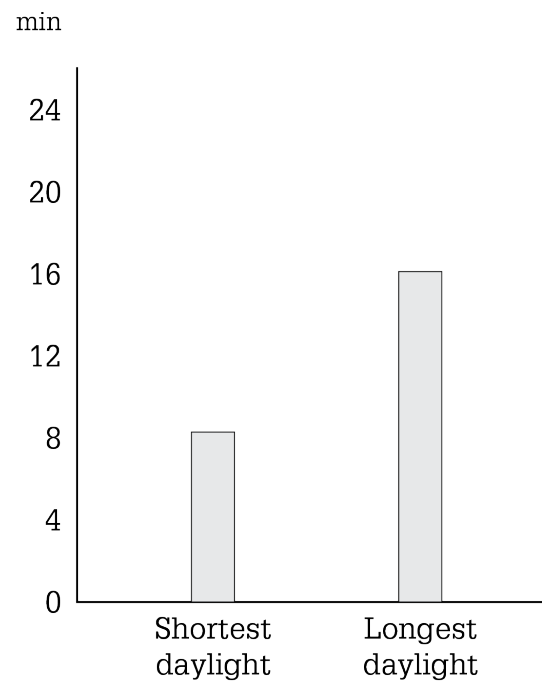
## 2 WHAT IS THE BIOHOUSE?

# The temperate biome – Average weather conditions

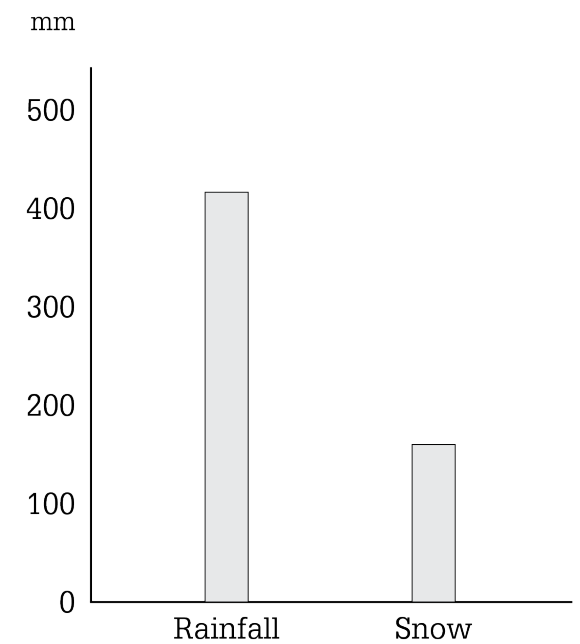
**Average temperature**



**Amount of daylight during the year**



**Amount of average rain and snowfall**





## 2 WHAT IS THE BIOHOUSE?

As we go through the essence of BioHouse, we set our goal. To reduce our footprint. To restore the balance. Anywhere in the world.

**BUT HOW DO WE DO THAT?**

**WE NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY  
WE LIVE**

**3**

# **THE CZECH HOUSE**



# 3.1

## THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD

What does the average household look like? How many people live there and what area do we need for our lives?

Digging down into the statistics of Czech living provides crucial data for further understanding of the way we live.

### 3.1 THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD

## Typologies

The total number of the households in the Czech Republic is 4.8 mil. As a household is considered any inhabited space including recreational households.

# 4.8mil

**Total number of households**





### 3.1 THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD

## Typologies

Number of primary households in the Czech Republic is 4.35 mil.

**4.35mil**

**Number of primary households**



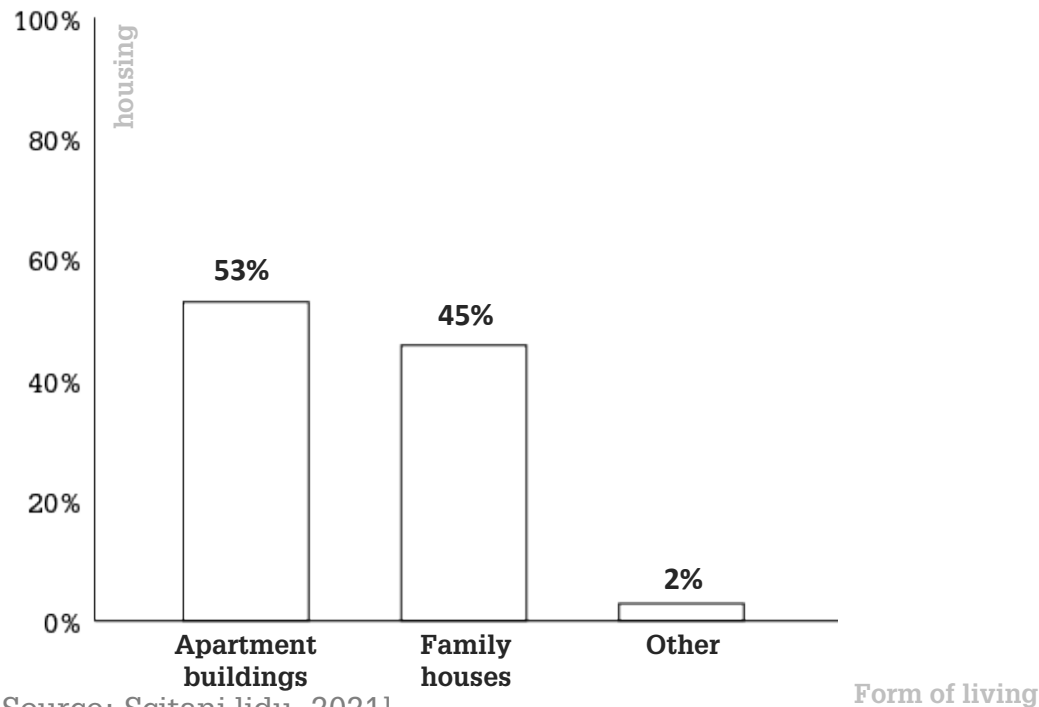
[Source: Unsplash]

[Source: Scitani lidu, 2021]

## 3.1 THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD

### Typologies

In the Czech Republic, the majority of the housing is provided by apartment buildings and family houses.



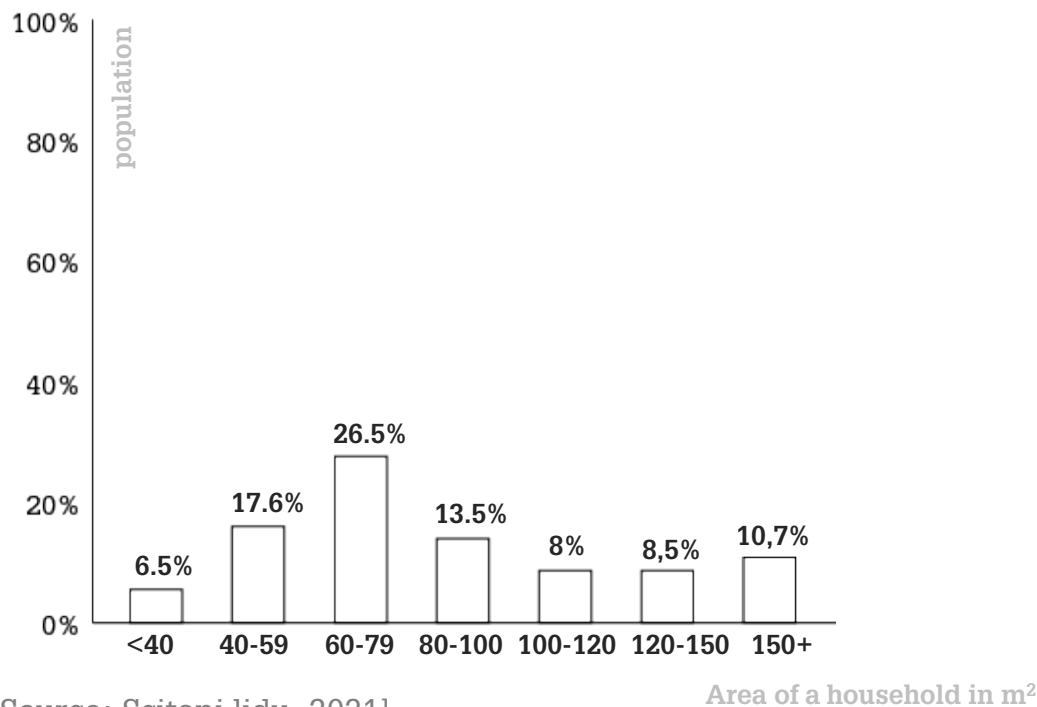


### 3.1 THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD

## Occupied area

The average floor area of a Czech household is 87 m<sup>2</sup>.

**87 m<sup>2</sup>**  
**Average household area**





### 3.1 THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD

## Typologies

Czechs are nation of cottagers. In terms of their number of recreational homes per inhabitant, only the Swedes surpass the Czechs in the world.

**450 000**  
**Number of recreational  
households**





### 3.1 THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD

## Typologies

96.7 m<sup>2</sup> is the average area of a Czech household including primary and secondary homes.

**96.7 m<sup>2</sup>**  
**Average floor area**  
**with recreational homes**





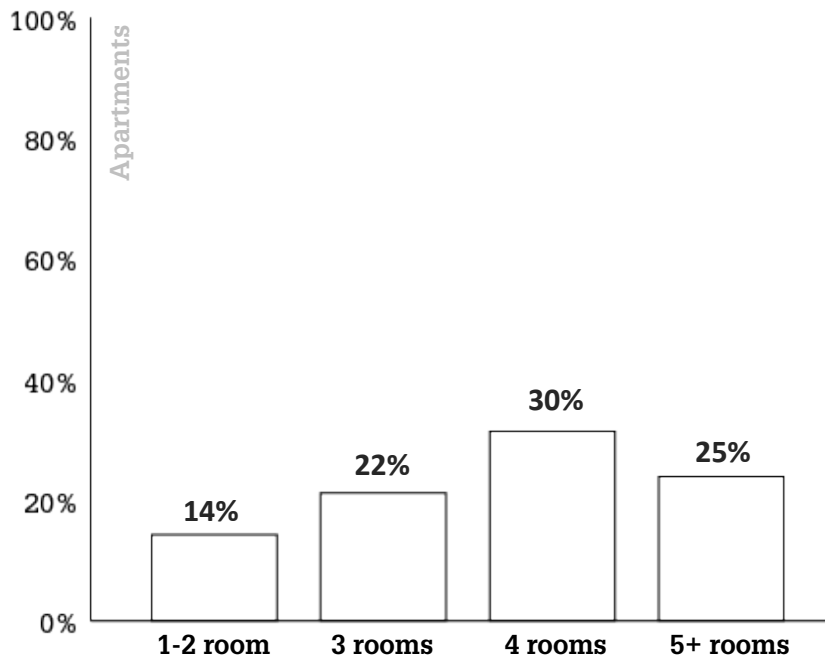
## 3.1 THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD

### Apartment layout

The average layout of apartment is the configuration with 2 bedrooms, living room and separated kitchen.

## 3+1

### Average household layout



[Source: SZSO, 2022]

Apartment layout



[Source: Pexels]



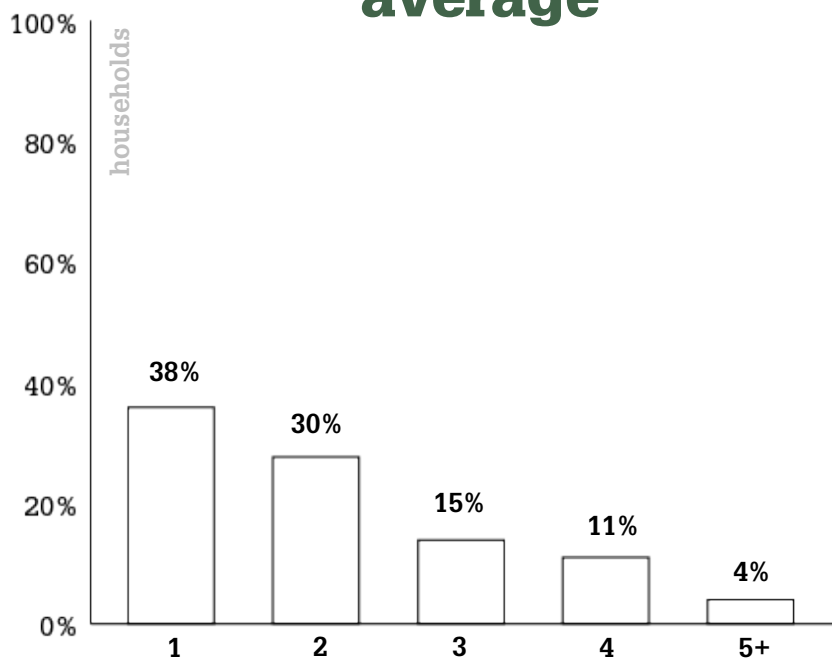
### 3.1 THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD

## Occupancy

The average member size of a Czech household living in apartment is 2.3 people.

**2.3**

**People per household in average**



[Source: SZSO, 2022]

Occupants



[Source: Pexels]

### 3.1 THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD

## Typical household

**96.7 m<sup>2</sup>**

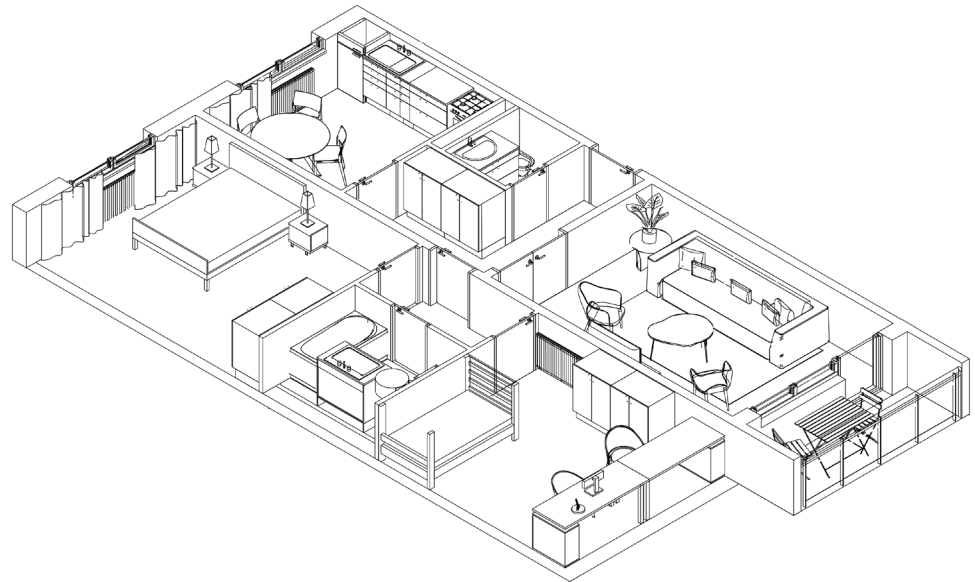
**Household floor area**

**3+1**

**Household layout**

**2.3**

**People per household**



**WHAT IS IT MADE OF?**

## **3.2**

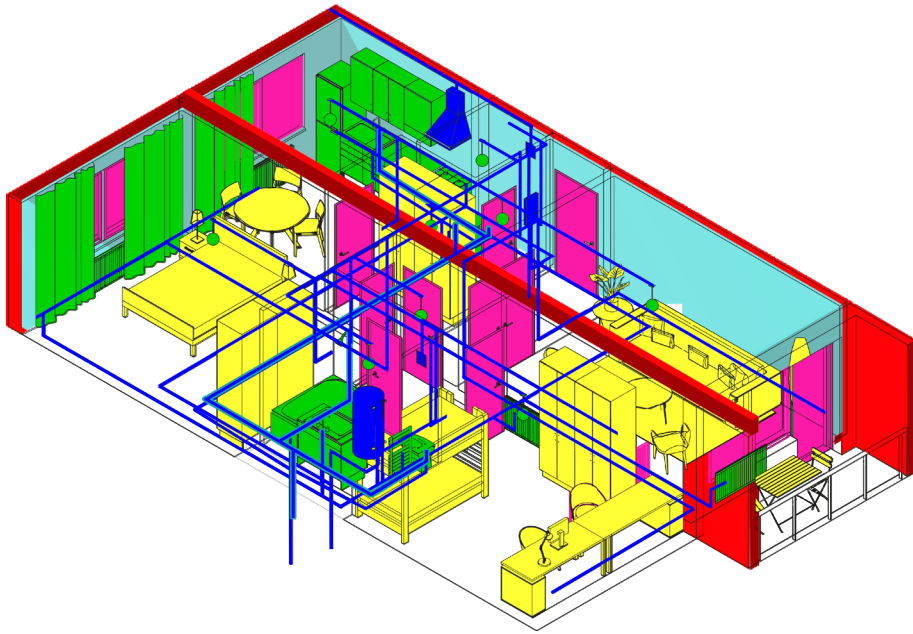
# **WHAT IS IT MADE OF?**

In order to understand the house of today, it is necessary to break it down into elements.

Elements are then sorted into categories, from which data of needed resources are extracted.

### 3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

## Element categories



- Structural**
- Insulation**
- Services**
- Openings**
- Fixed furniture**
- Flexible furniture**



### 3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

## Structural elements

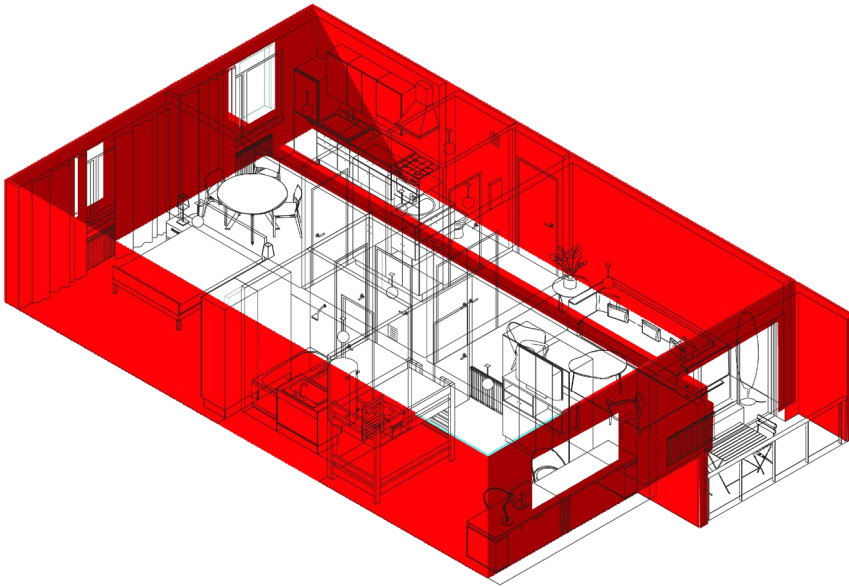
### Structural

Loadbearing panel

Beam

Reinforcement

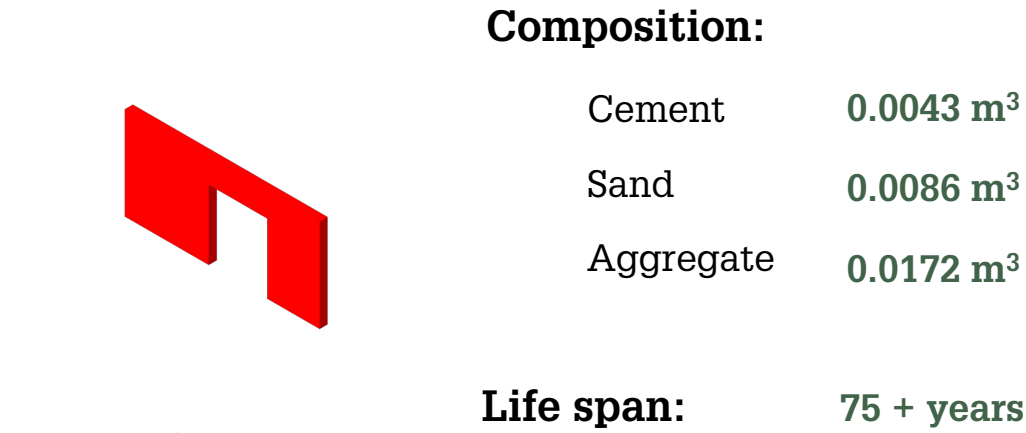
Loadbearing opening panel



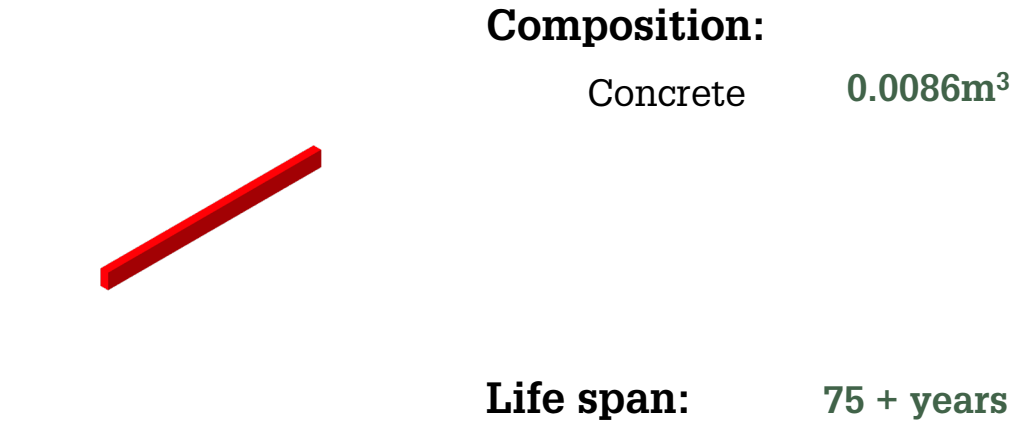
3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

Structural elements

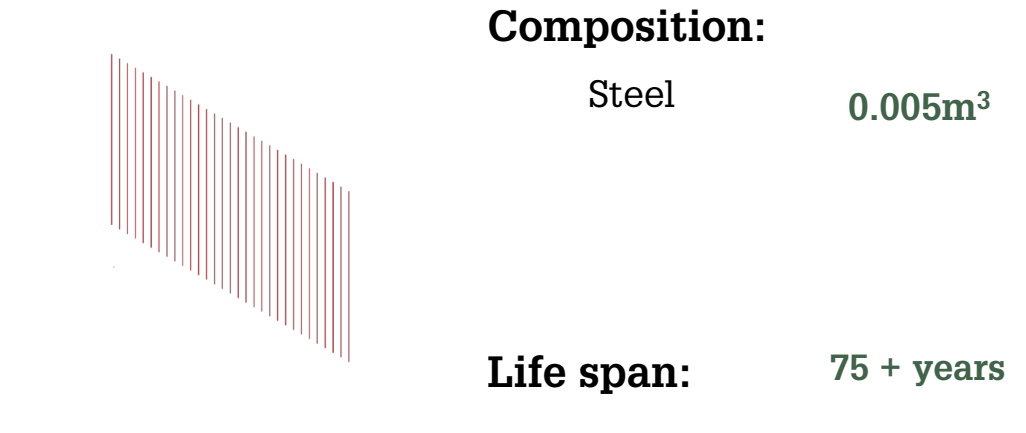
Panel



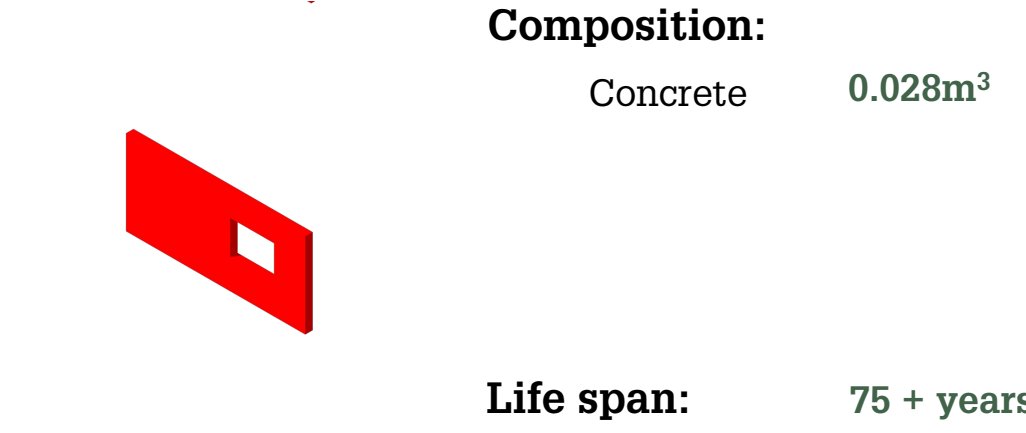
Beam



Steel reinforcement

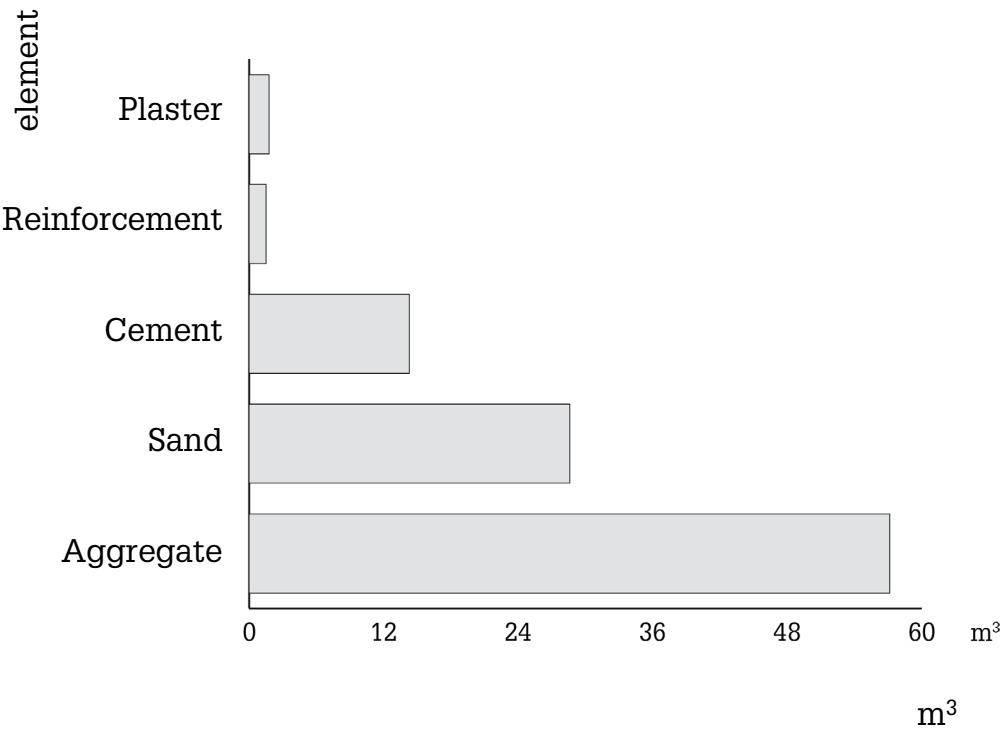


Panel



3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

# Structural elements



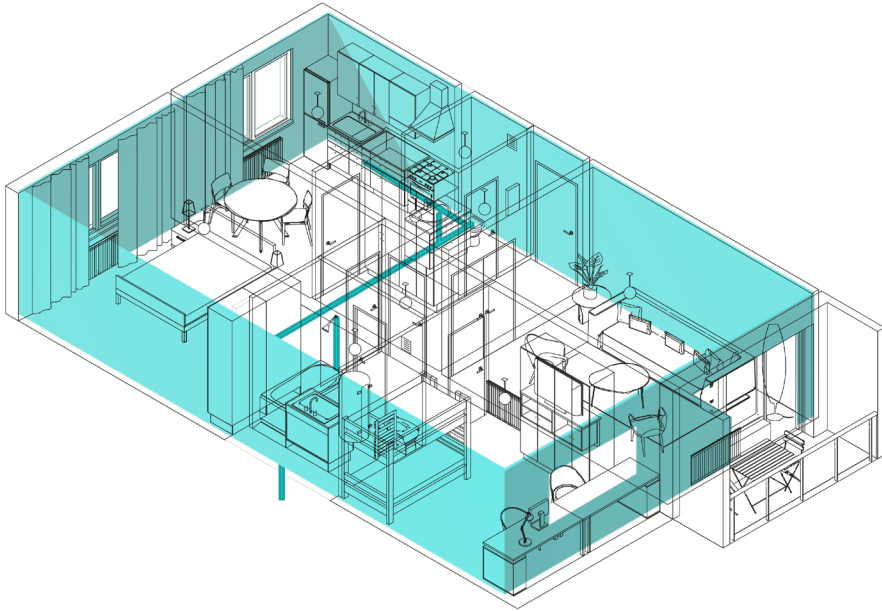
### 3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

## Insulating elements

## Insulation

PIR

Mineral Wool

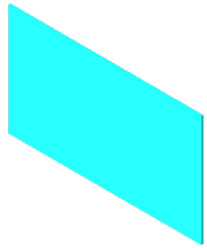




### 3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

## Insulating elements

### Rigid wall insulation



#### Composition:

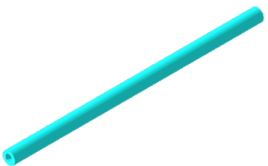
PIR

19.4m<sup>3</sup>

#### Life span:

80 + years

### Pipe insulation



#### Composition:

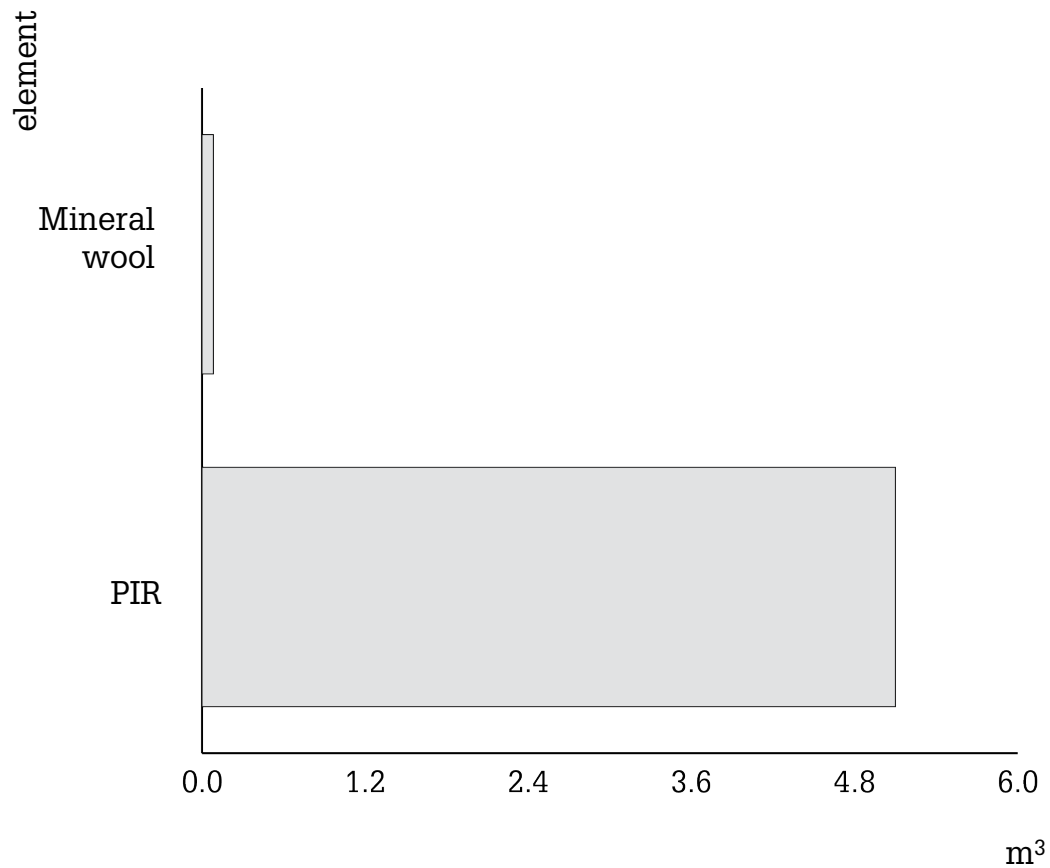
Mineral wool 0.013m<sup>3</sup>

#### Life span:

10 + years

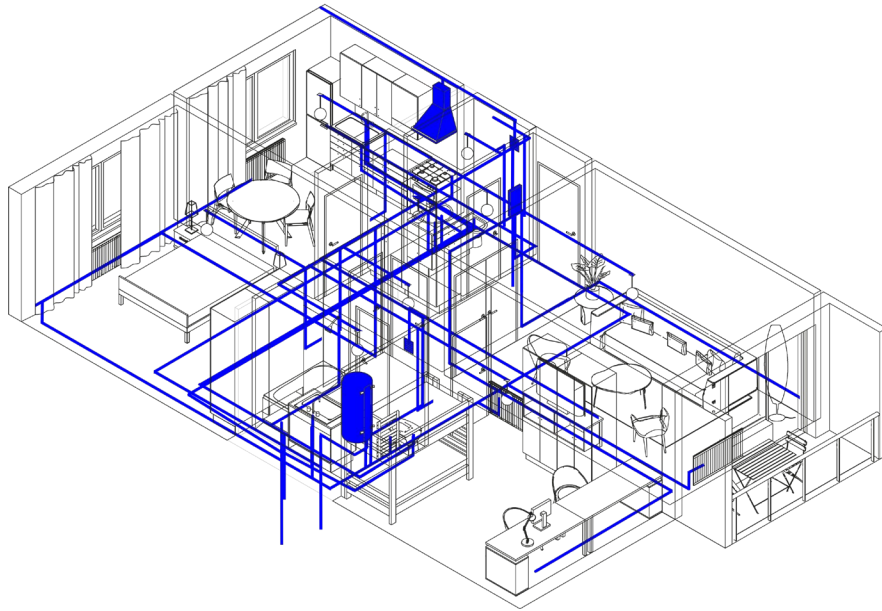
3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

# Insulating elements



## 3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

# Services



## Services

Boiler

Fuse box

Extractor fan

Bathroom fan

Internet cable

Electric cables

Lighting cables

Gas pipes

Gas pipe parts

Hot water pipes

Cold water pipes

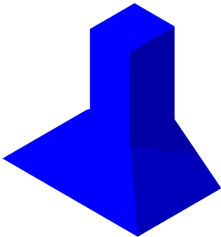
Water pipe parts

Waste pipe parts

3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

Services

Air absorber



Composition:

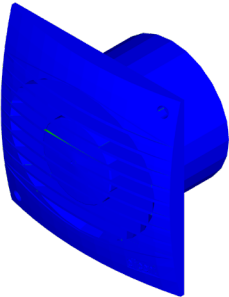
PVC

0.0124 m<sup>3</sup>

Life span:

10 years

Bathroom Fan



Composition:

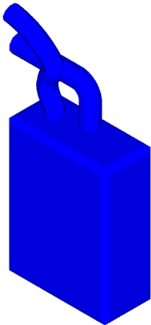
PVC

0.0003m<sup>3</sup>

Life span:

12 years

Boiler



Composition:

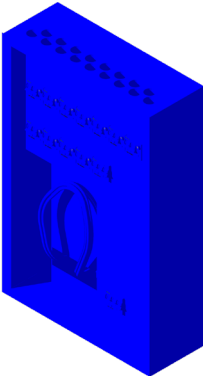
Steel

0.01m<sup>3</sup>

Life span:

15 years

Fuse Box



Composition:

Plastic

0.0003m<sup>3</sup>

Copper

0.000026m<sup>3</sup>

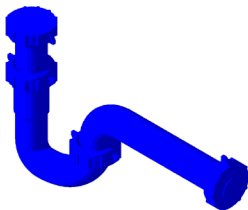
Life span:

15 years



Services

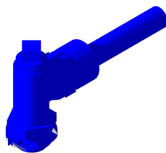
Plumbing Fittings



Composition:  
PVC 0.00124 m<sup>3</sup>

Life span: 65 years

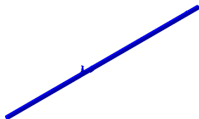
Pressure fittings



Composition:  
PVC 0.0003m<sup>3</sup>

Life span: 65 years

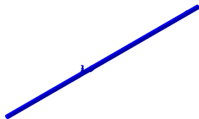
Cold water



Composition:  
PVC 0.0018m<sup>3</sup>

Life span: 50 years

Hot water



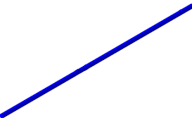
Composition:  
PVC 0.0018m<sup>3</sup>

Life span: 50 years

3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

Services

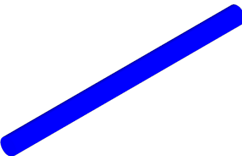
Cold Water Pipe



Composition:  
PVC 0.0018 m<sup>3</sup>

Life span: 50 years

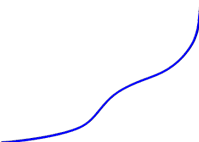
Soil Pipe



Composition:  
PVC 0.0124m<sup>3</sup>

Life span: 50 years

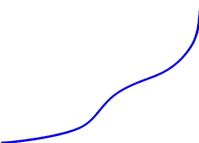
Electric Cables



Composition:  
Copper 0.0001m<sup>3</sup>  
PVC 0.0004m<sup>3</sup>

Life span: 25 + years

Lighting Cables

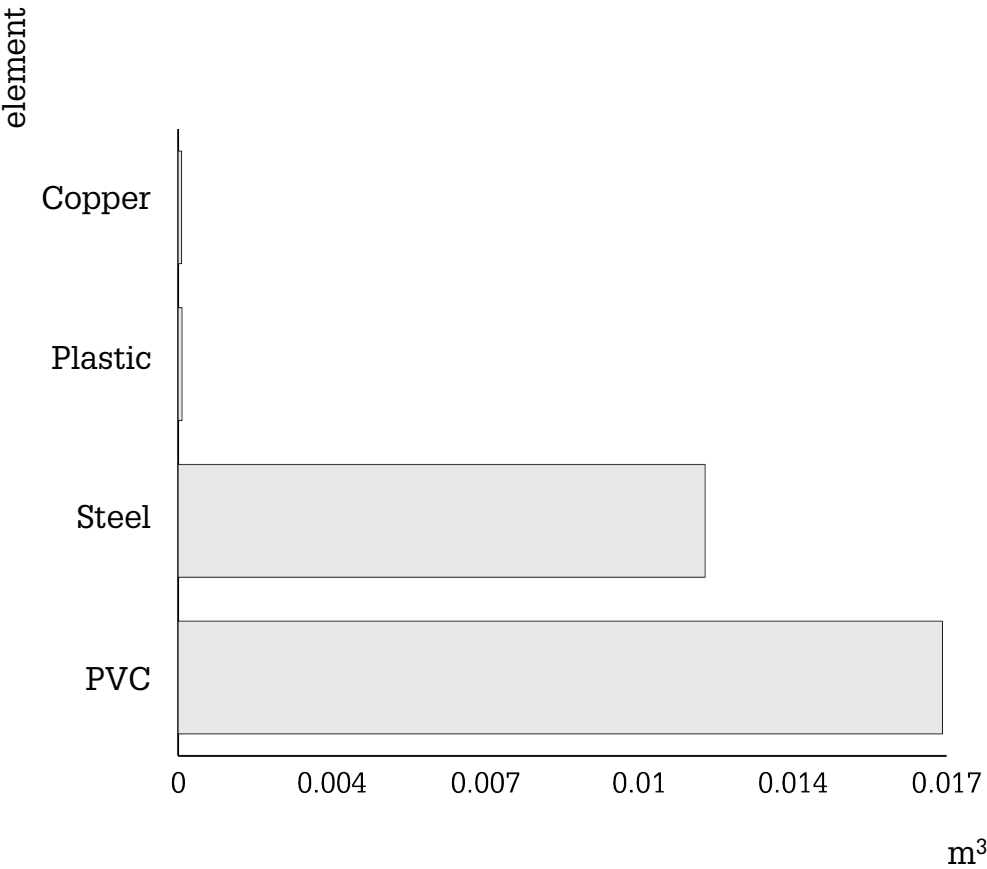
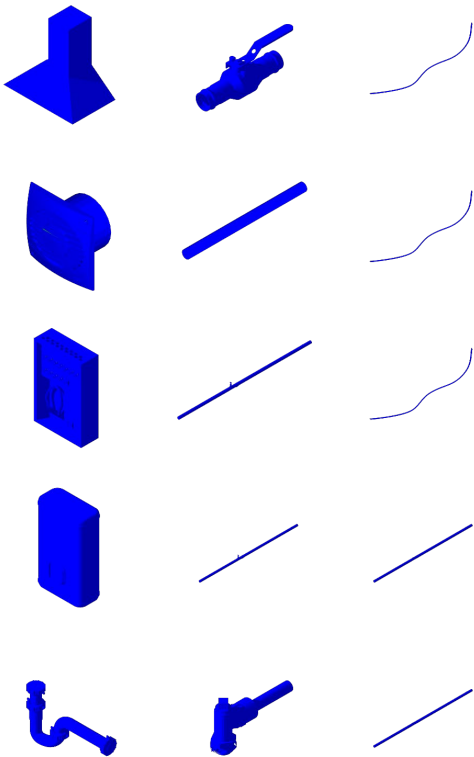


Composition:  
Copper 0.00005m<sup>3</sup>  
PVC 0.0002m<sup>3</sup>

Life span: 25 + years

3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

# Services



## 3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

# Openings

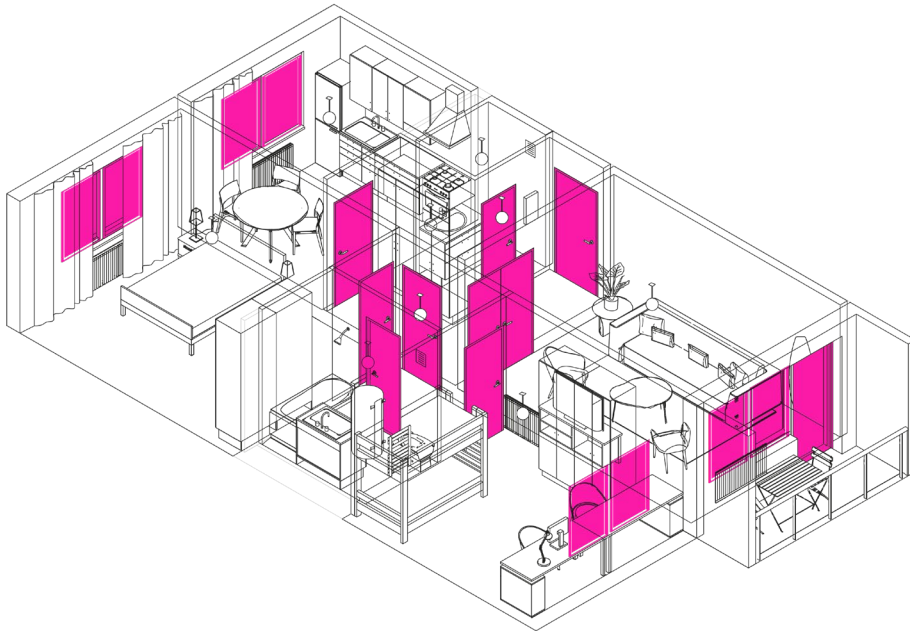
## Openings

Door

Door Frame

Window Frame

Window Pane





Openings

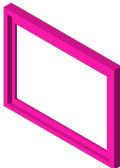
Door



**Composition:**  
Wood 0.03 m<sup>3</sup>

**Life span:** 50 + years

Window Frame



**Composition:**  
PVC 0.005m<sup>3</sup>

**Life span:** 30 years

Door Frame



**Composition:**  
Wood 0.0086m<sup>3</sup>

**Life span:** 50 + years

Glazing

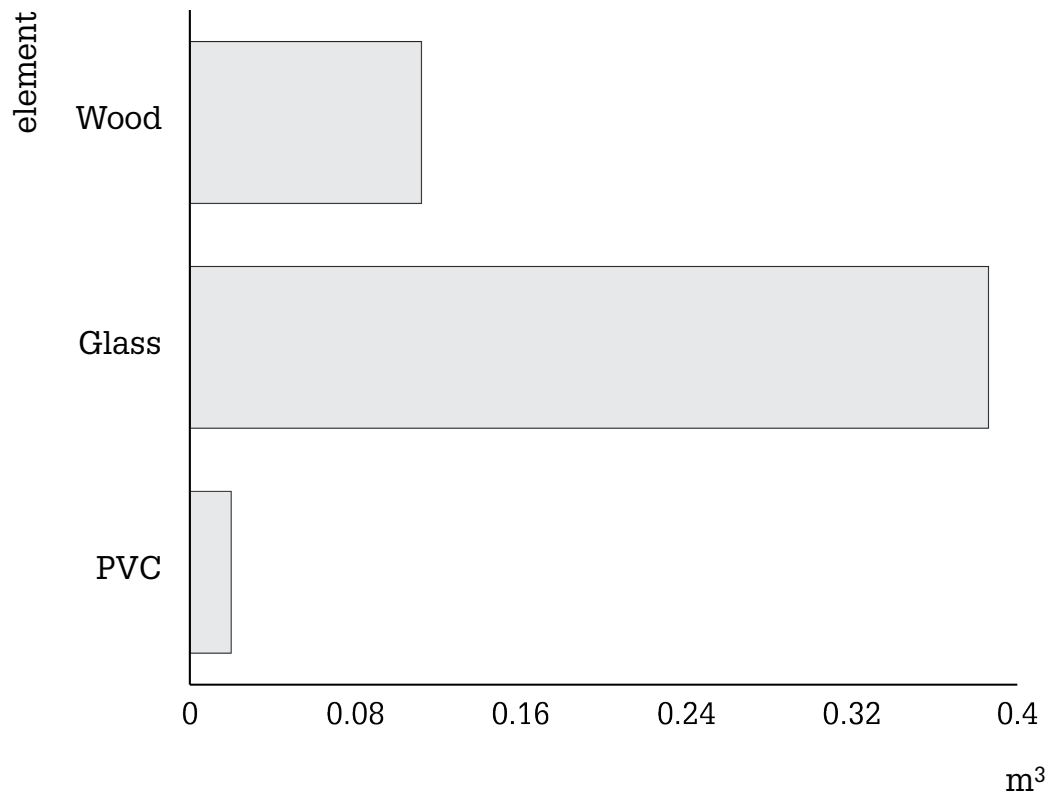


**Composition:**  
Glass 0.028m<sup>3</sup>

**Life span:** 20 + years

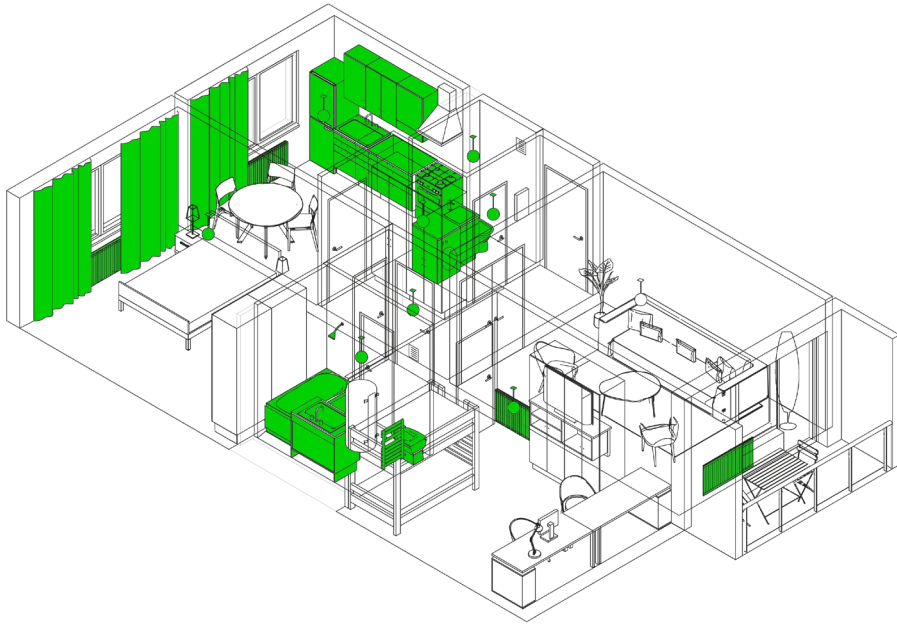
3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

# Openings



### 3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

## Fixed furniture



## Fixed

Toilet

Bath

Shower

Bathroom Sink

Bathroom Tap

Radiator

Lights

Curtains

Kitchen Cupboards

Kitchen Worktop

Kitchen Sink

Kitchen Tap

Hob

Oven

Fridge

### 3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

## Fixed furniture

### Toilet



#### Composition:

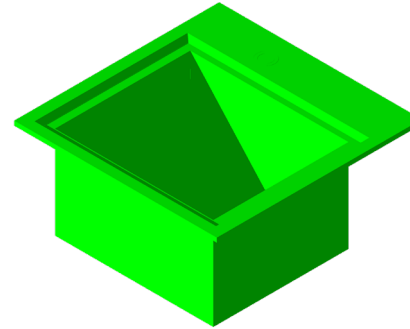
Porcelain

0.02 m<sup>3</sup>

#### Life span:

15 + years

### Sink



#### Composition:

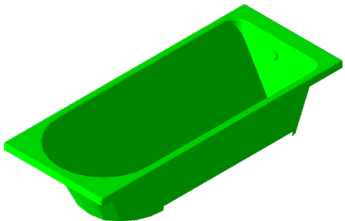
Porcelain

0.01m<sup>3</sup>

#### Life span:

20 + years

### Bathtub



#### Composition:

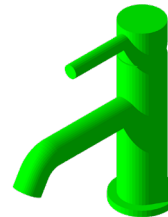
Acrylic

0.042m<sup>3</sup>

#### Life span:

20 + years

### Tap



#### Composition:

Stainless  
Steel

0.0001m<sup>3</sup>

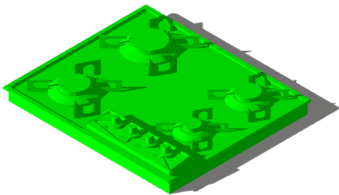
#### Life span:

15 + years



Fixed Furniture

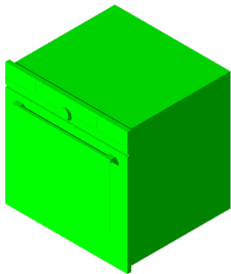
Hob



**Composition:**  
Stainless steel      0.001 m<sup>3</sup>

**Life span:**      15 years

Oven



**Composition:**  
Stainless steel      0.01m<sup>3</sup>

**Life span:**      15 years

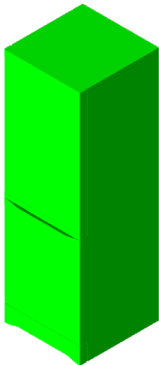
Kitchen Cupboards



**Composition:**  
Laminated Chipboard      0.078m<sup>3</sup>

**Life span:**      20 years

Fridge

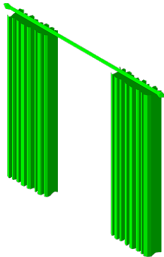


**Composition:**  
Plastic      0.033m<sup>3</sup>  
Polyurethane      0.28m<sup>3</sup>  
Stainless Steel      0.003m<sup>3</sup>  
Glass      0.001m<sup>3</sup>

**Life span:**      15 years

Fixed Furniture

Curtains

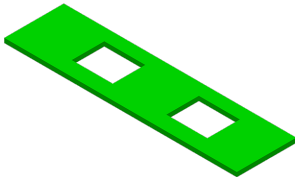


Composition:

Fabric	0.0475 m <sup>3</sup>
Wood	0.0005 m <sup>3</sup>

Life span: 10 + years

Kitchen worktop

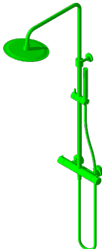


Composition:

Granite	0.12m <sup>3</sup>
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Life span: 25 + years

Shower



Composition:

Stainless steel	0.0001m <sup>3</sup>
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Life span: 15 years

Lights



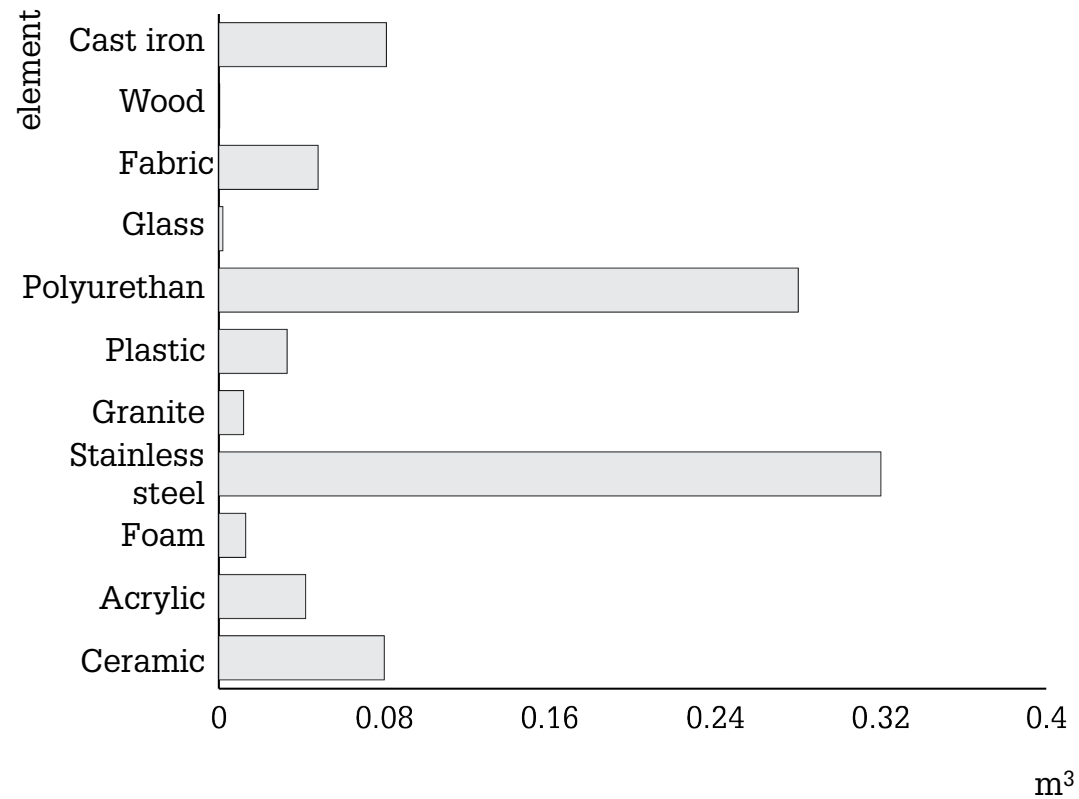
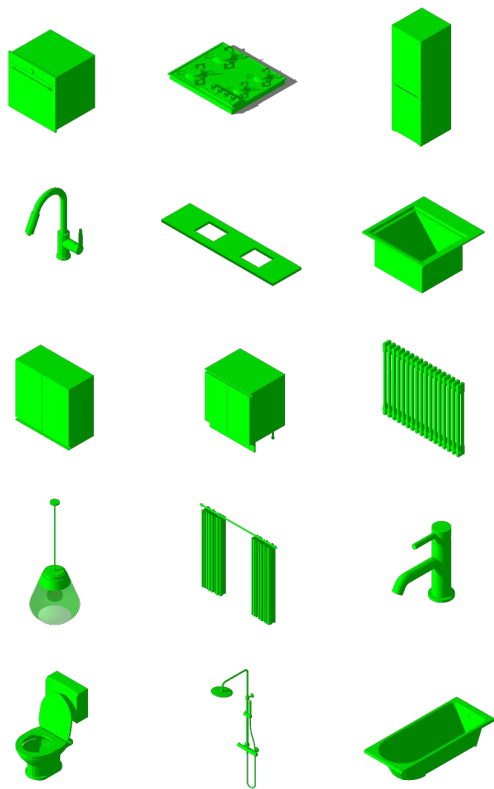
Composition:

Plastic	0.00003m <sup>3</sup>
Glass	0.00003m <sup>3</sup>

Life span: 10 + years

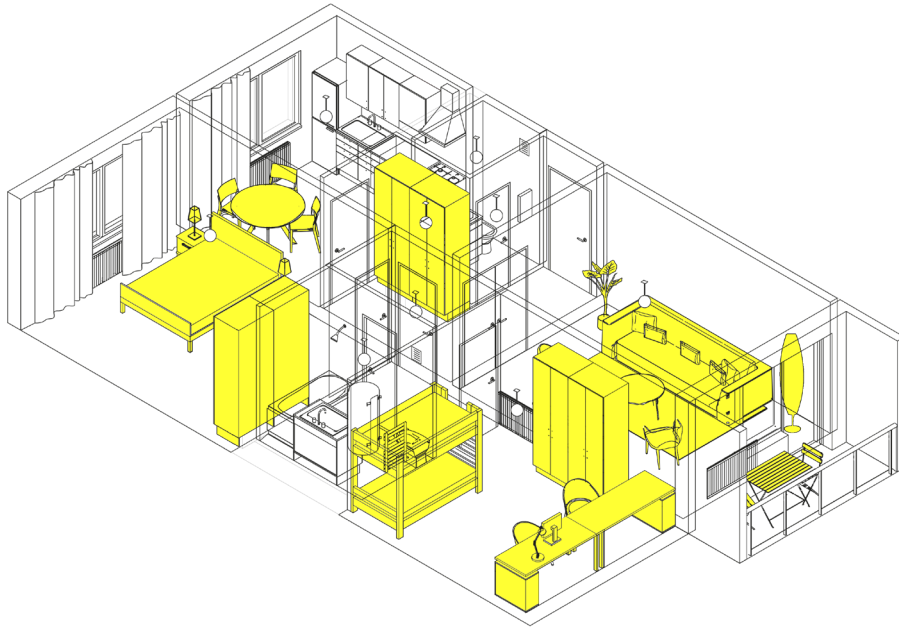
3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

# Fixed Furniture



### 3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

## Flexible furniture



## Flexible furniture

Double bed

Bunk bed

Bed side table

Bed side light

Desk

Desk chair

PC

Outdoor table

Outdoor chair

Dining table

Dining chair

Sofa

Arm chair

Coffee table

House plant

Floor lamp

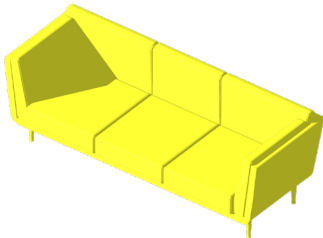
Carpet

Wardrobe

3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

# Flexible Furniture

## Sofa

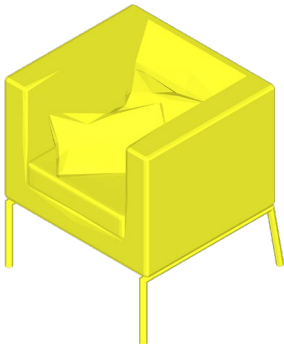


**Composition:**

Wood	0.16 m <sup>3</sup>
Linen	0.7 m <sup>3</sup>
Foam	0.27 m <sup>3</sup>

**Life span:**

## Arm Chair

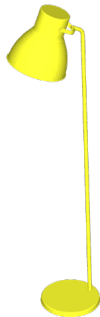


**Composition:**

Wood	0.026 m <sup>3</sup>
Linen	0.2 m <sup>3</sup>
Foam	0.06 m <sup>3</sup>
Aluminium	0.0006 m <sup>3</sup>

**Life span:** 10 years

## Floor Lamp

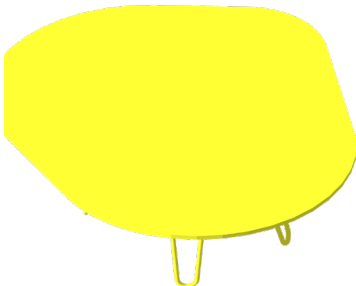


**Composition:**

Stainless Steel	0.000004 m <sup>3</sup>
Plastic	0.00006 m <sup>3</sup>
Glass	0.00006 m <sup>3</sup>

**Life span:** 10 + years

## Coffee Table



**Composition:**

Wood	0.205 m <sup>3</sup>
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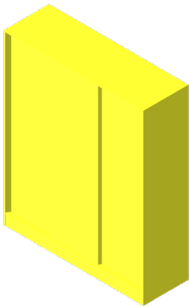
**Life span:** 15 years



3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

# Flexible Furniture

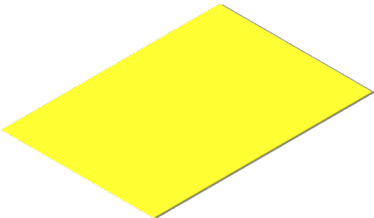
## Wardrobe



**Composition:**  
Wood 0.17 m<sup>3</sup>

**Life span:** 20 years

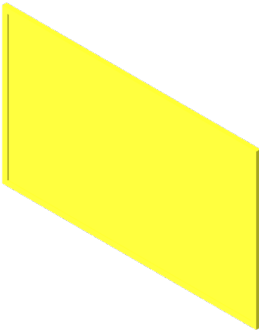
## Carpet



**Composition:**  
Fabric 0.134m<sup>3</sup>

**Life span:** 10 years

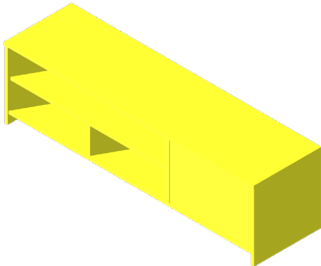
## TV



**Composition:**  
Stainless Steel 0.0002m<sup>3</sup>  
Plastic 0.003m<sup>3</sup>  
Glass 0.0032m<sup>3</sup>  
Aluminium 0.001m<sup>3</sup>

**Life span:** 10 years

## TV Stand



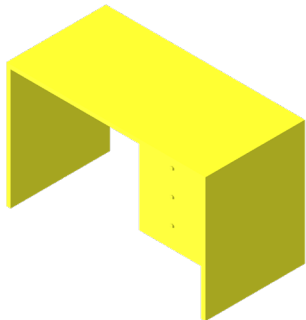
**Composition:**  
Wood 0.05m<sup>3</sup>

**Life span:** 20 years

3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

# Flexible Furniture

## Desk

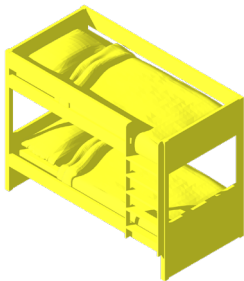


**Composition:**

Wood	0.16m <sup>3</sup>
Linen	0.7m <sup>3</sup>
Foam	0.27m <sup>3</sup>

**Life span:** 15 years

## Double bed



**Composition:**

Stainless Steel	0.000004m <sup>3</sup>
Plastic	0.00006m <sup>3</sup>
Glass	0.00006m <sup>3</sup>

**Life span:** 10 + years

## Arm Chair

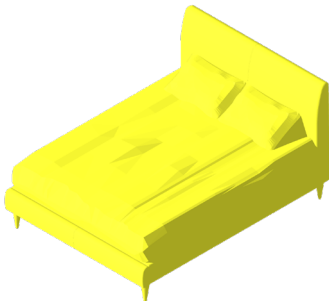


**Composition:**

Wood	0.026m <sup>3</sup>
Linen	0.2m <sup>3</sup>
Foam	0.06m <sup>3</sup>
Aluminium	0.0006m <sup>3</sup>

**Life span:** 10 years

## Single bed



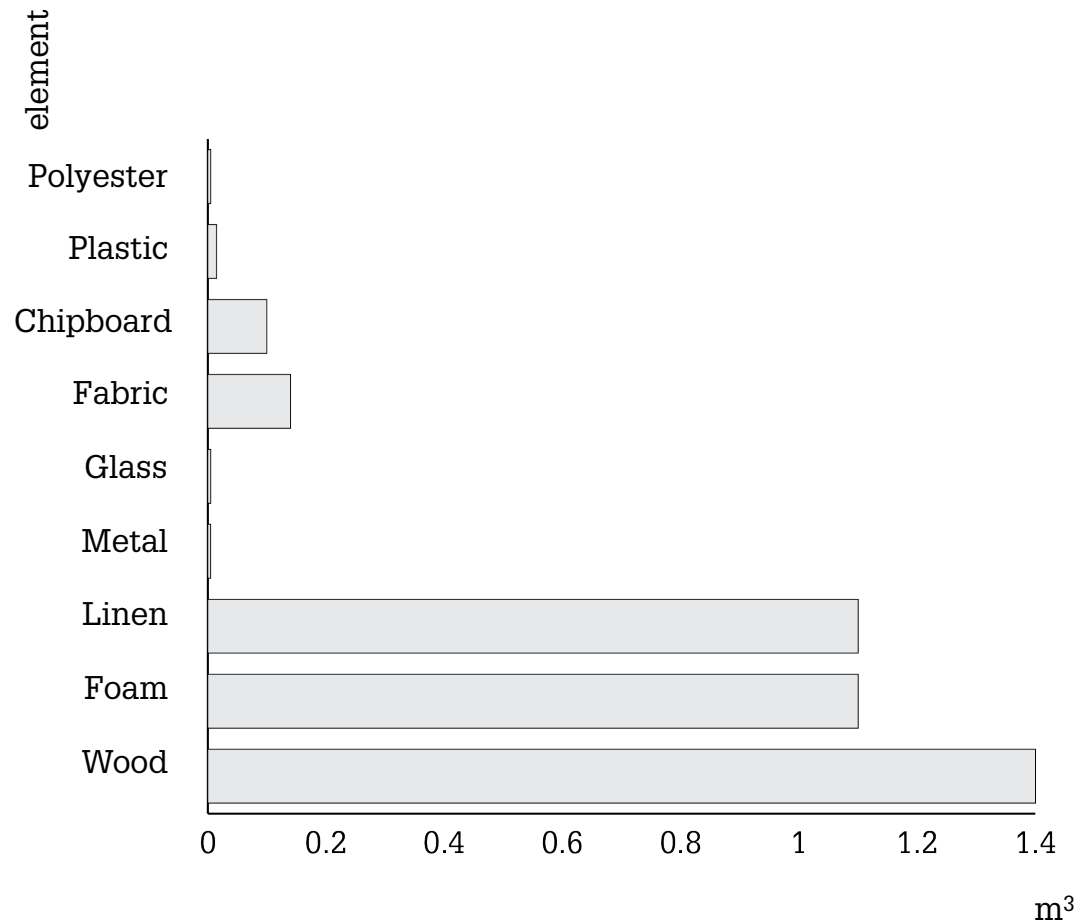
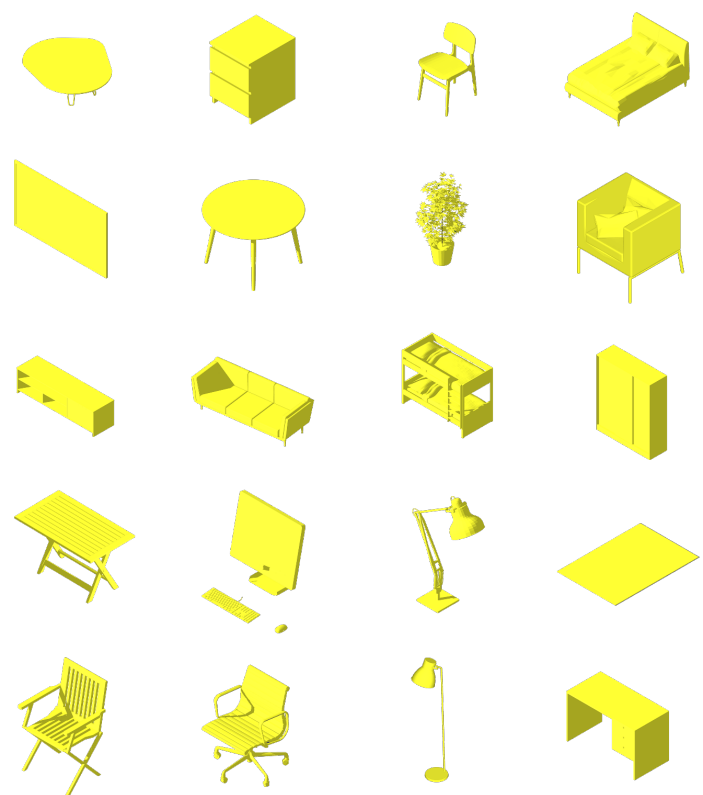
**Composition:**

Wood	0.205m <sup>3</sup>
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**Life span:** 10 + years

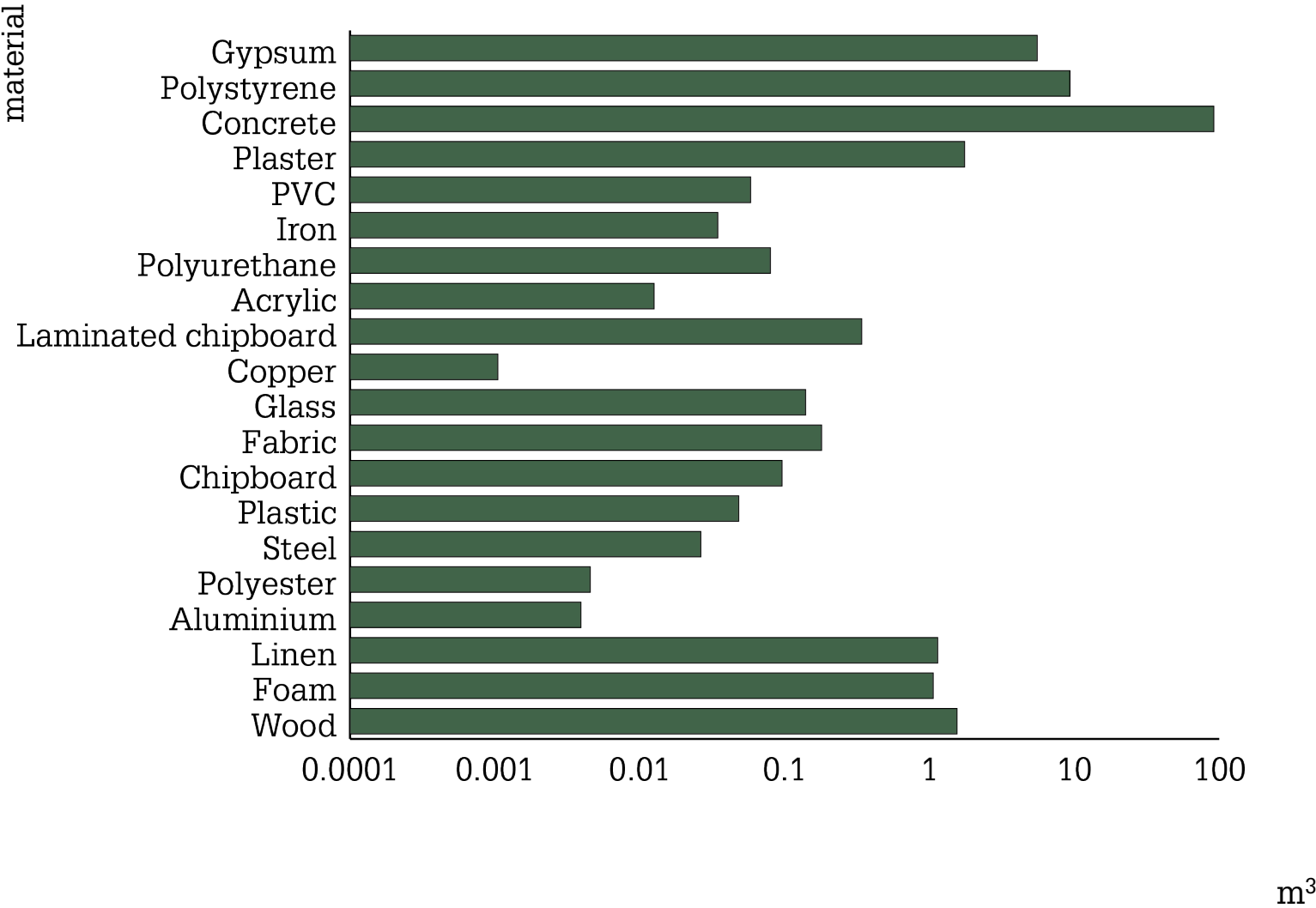
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# Flexible Furniture



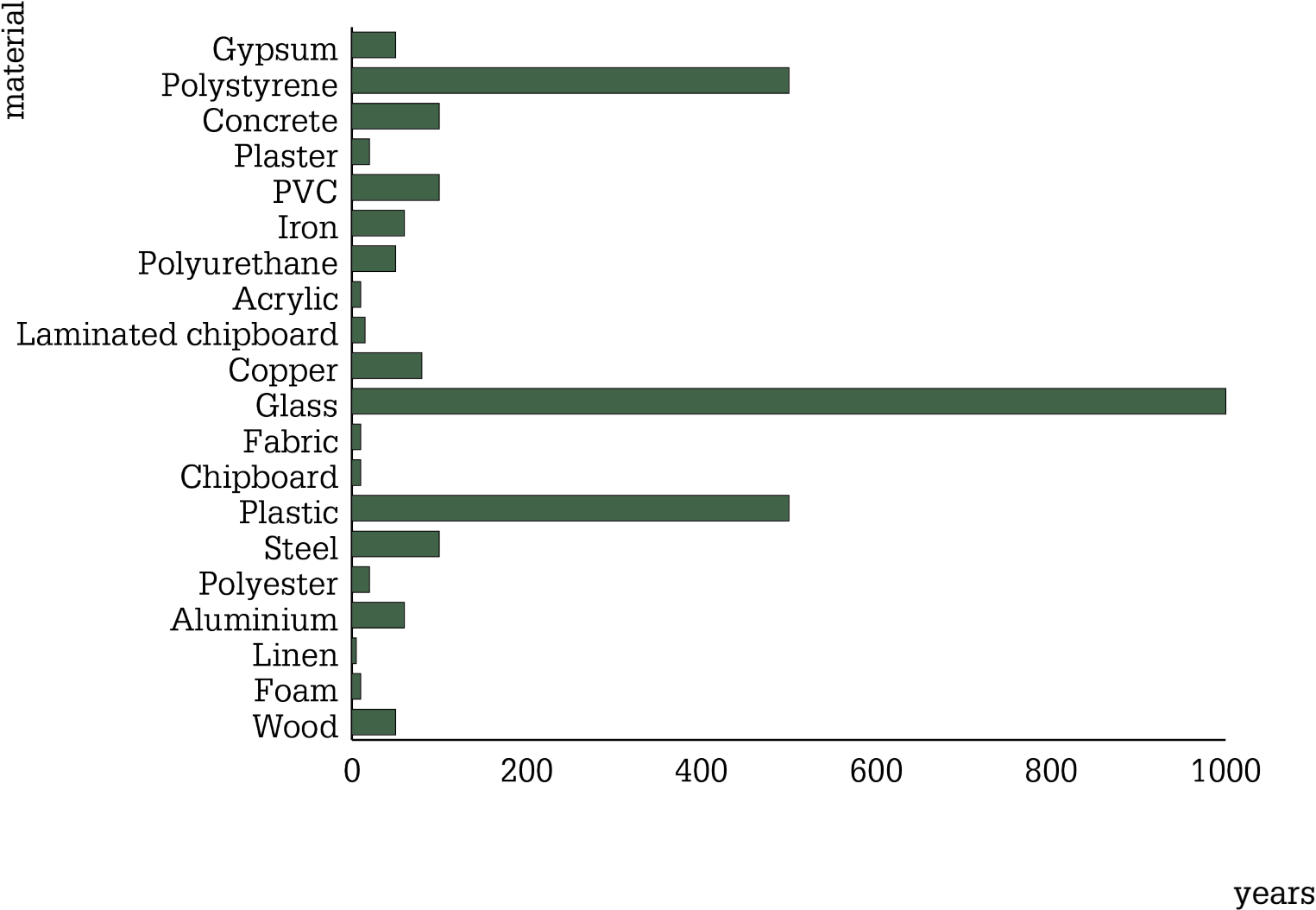
3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

Graph of the volumes of used materials in m³



3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

Life span of the materials





**HOW EFFICIENT ARE WE?**

### 3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

## Material efficiency of element

$$\frac{\text{Lifespan of element}}{\text{Lifespan of material}} = \% \text{ Material efficiency}$$

### 3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

## Material efficiency of items

- Wardrobe/Wood

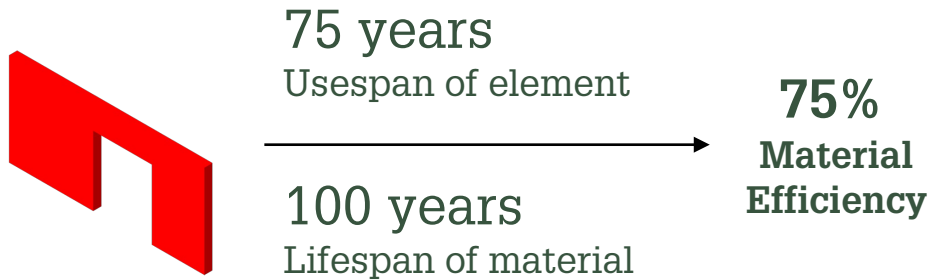


$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \text{20 years} \\ \text{Usespan of an item} \end{array}}{\begin{array}{c} \text{60 years} \\ \text{Lifespan of a material} \end{array}} = \begin{array}{c} \text{33.3\%} \\ \text{Material} \\ \text{efficiency} \end{array}$$

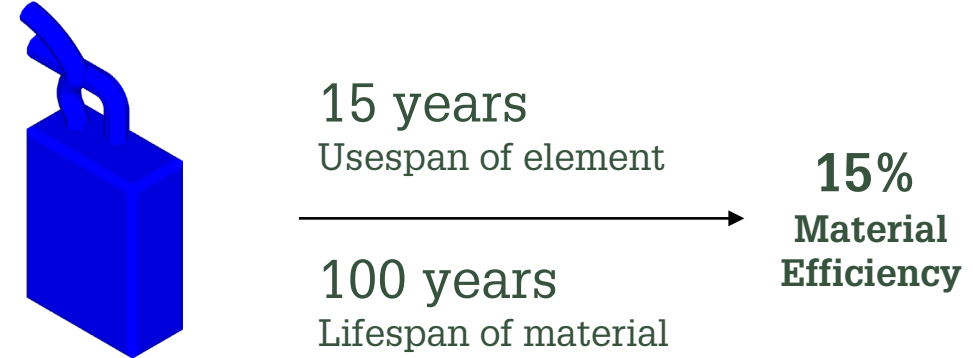
### 3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

## Material efficiency of items

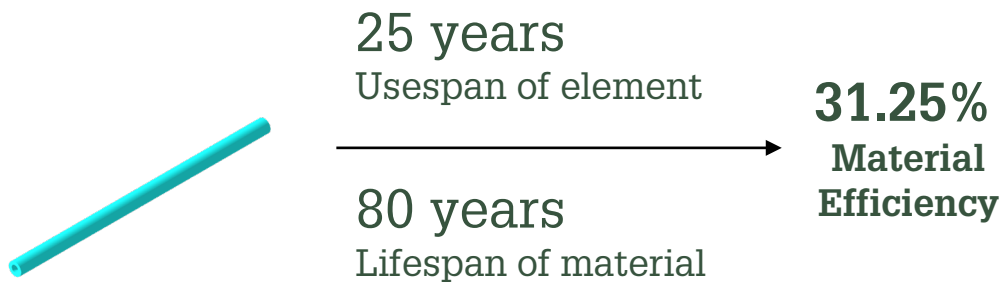
- Panel/Concrete



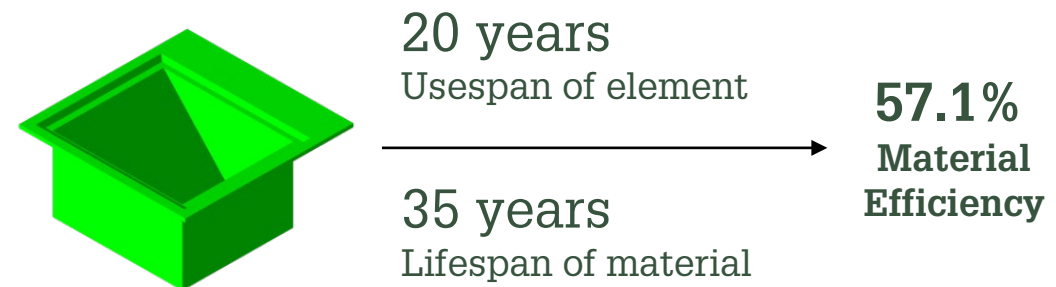
- Boiler/Steel



- Pipe insulation/Mineral wool



- Sink/Porcelain



### 3.2 WHAT IS IT MADE OF

## Material efficiency of a household

**38.5%**

**Average material efficiency of the Czech household**



# 3.3

## HOW DO WE LIVE IN IT?

Knowing what is the average household made of, we will look at how people live in it. We will analyse 24 hours through different activities and their needs.

# 24 HOURS IN A HOUSE

### 3.3 HOW DO WE LIVE IN IT?

## List of activities

# The day is made of ...

Sleeping

Waking up

Taking a shower or a bath

Changing clothes

Cooking

Eating

Cleaning

Doing sport

Leaving

Coming back

Watching TV

Doing homework

Receiving guest

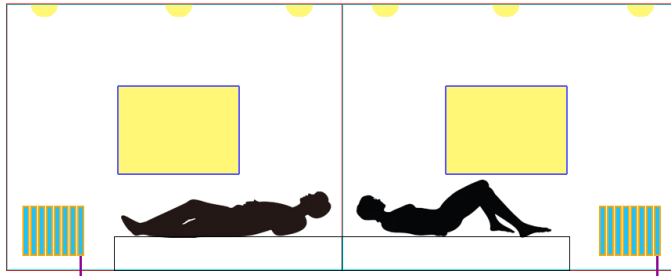
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### 3.3 HOW DO WE LIVE IN IT?

## What do we need for each activity?

### Sleeping

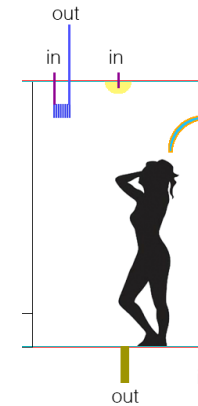
- Light
- Heat
- Air
- Water
- Waste
- Power



Oxygen, furniture, structure, heat, ventilation,  
sound insulation, thermal insulation

### Showering

- Light
- Heat
- Air
- Water
- Waste
- Power

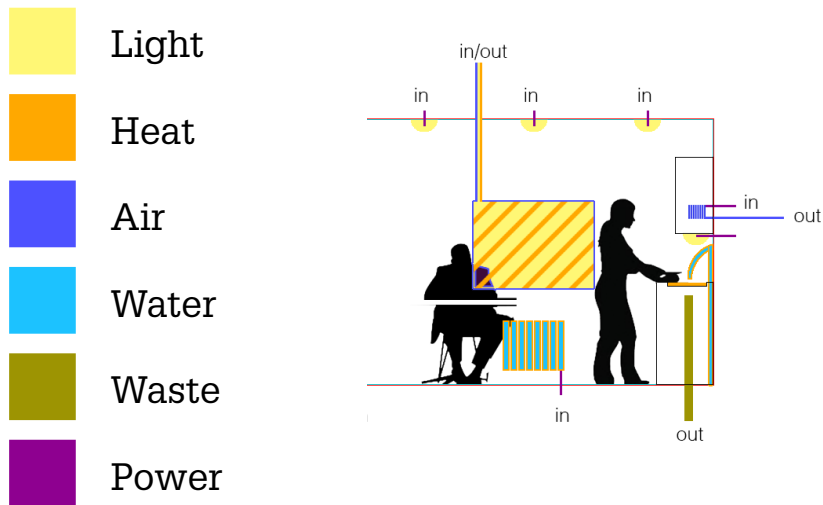


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thermal insulation,

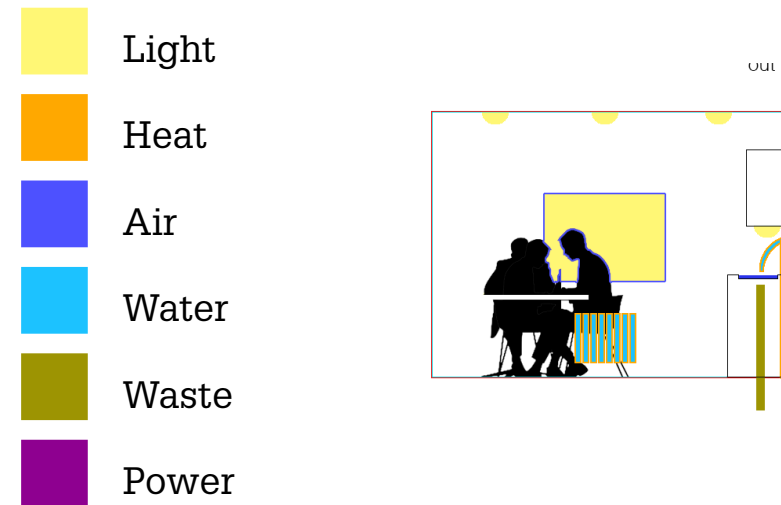
### 3.3 HOW DO WE LIVE IN IT?

## What do we need for each activity?

### Cooking breakfast



### Eating breakfast



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Oxygen, furniture, structure, heat, transparency, ventilation, light, smell insulation, thermal insulation, waste

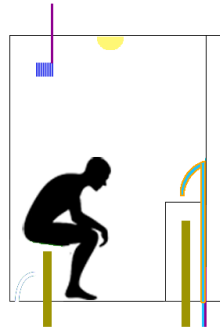


### 3.3 HOW DO WE LIVE IN IT?

## What do we need for each activity?

### Using toilet

- Light
- Heat
- Air
- Water
- Waste
- Power



Oxygen, furniture, structure, heat, water, ventilation, smell insulation, sound insulation, thermal insulation, waste

### Preparing to leave

- Light
- Heat
- Air
- Water
- Waste
- Power



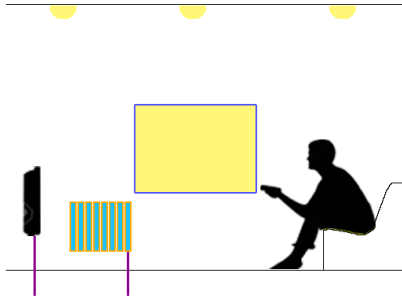
Oxygen, furniture, structure, light, thermal insulation

### 3.3 HOW DO WE LIVE IN IT?

## What do we need for each activity?

### Free-time activity

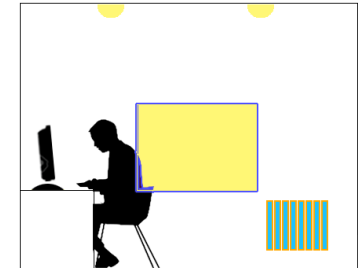
- Light
- Heat
- Air
- Water
- Waste
- Power



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### Doing homework

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- Heat
- Air
- Water
- Waste
- Power

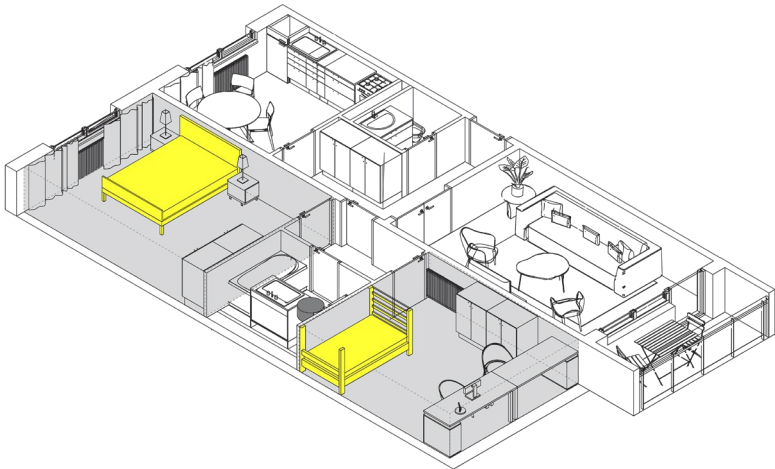


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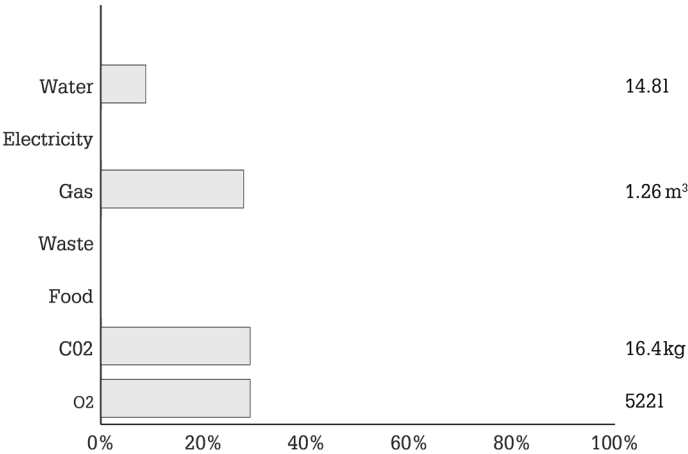
# **CONSUMPTION OF A HOUSEHOLD IN 24 HOURS**

3.3 HOW DO WE LIVE IN IT?

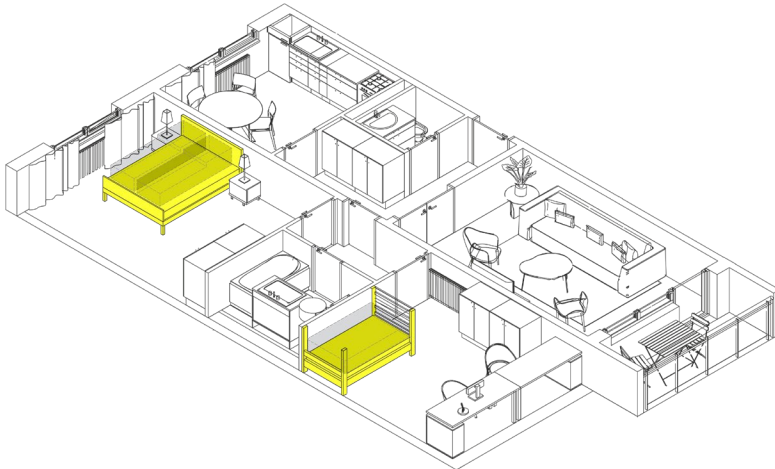
How do we live



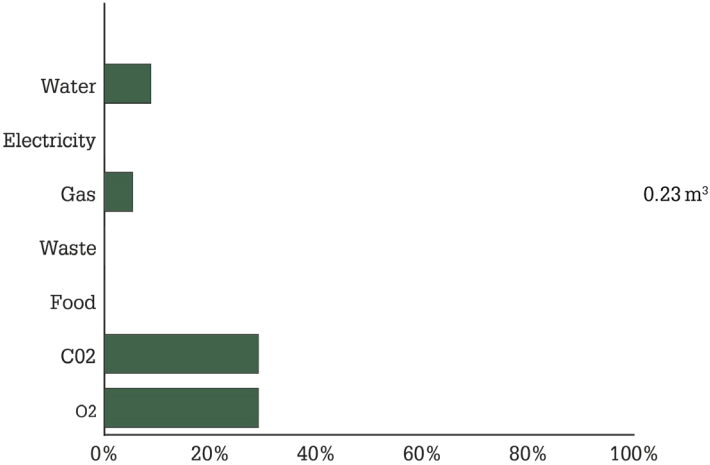
77.9m<sup>3</sup>



What do we need



6.0m<sup>3</sup>

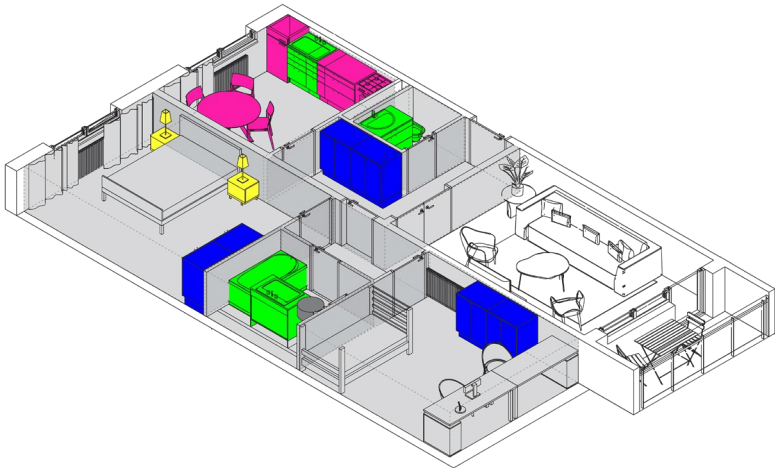


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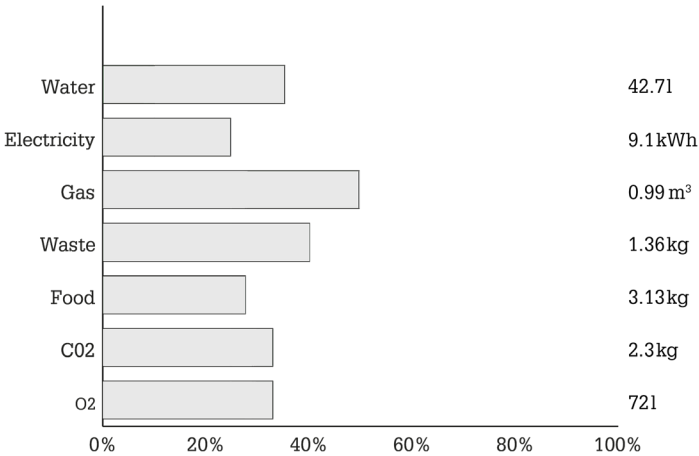


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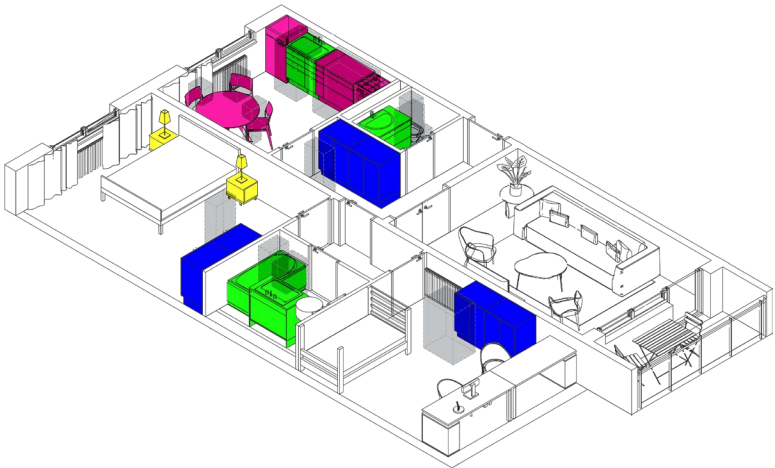
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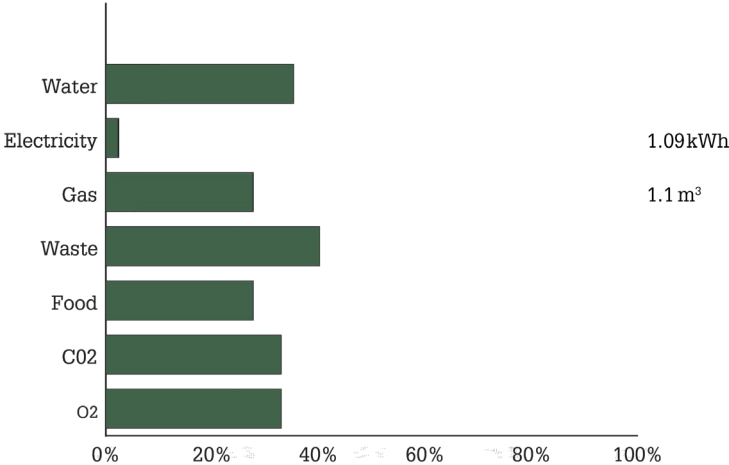
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What do we need



14.4m<sup>3</sup>

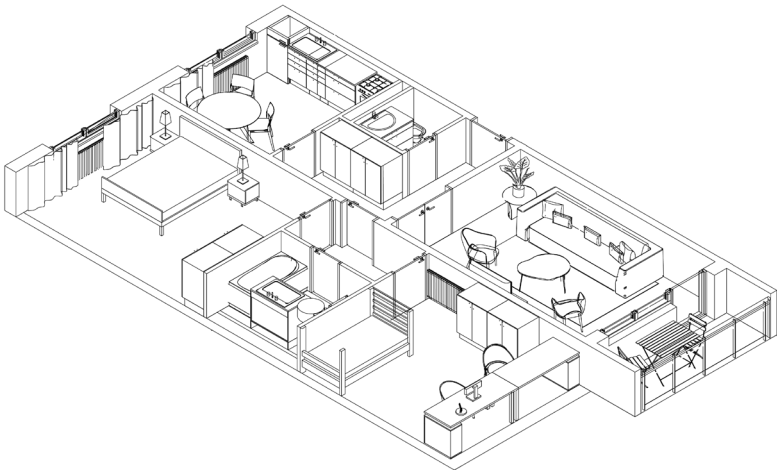


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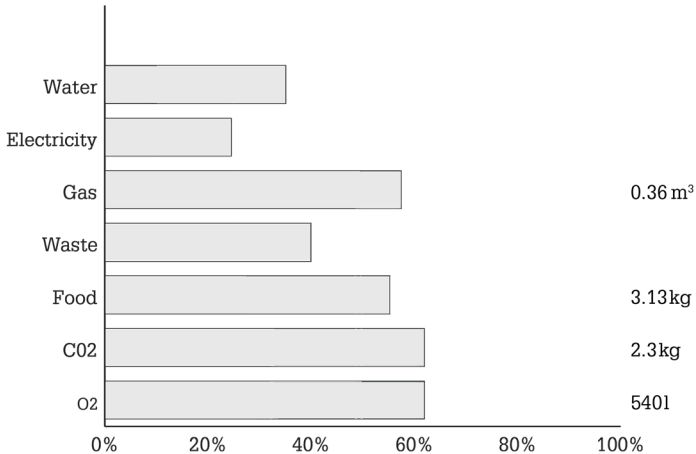


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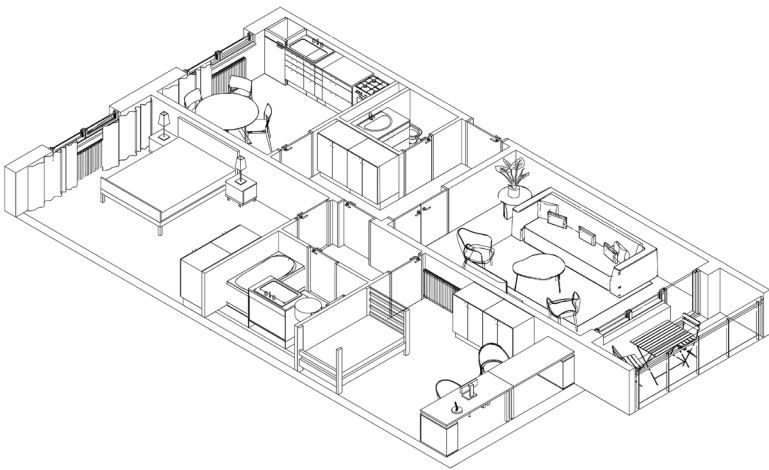
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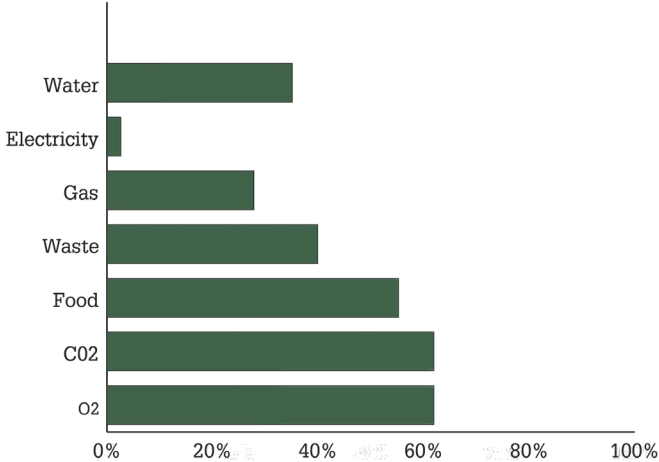
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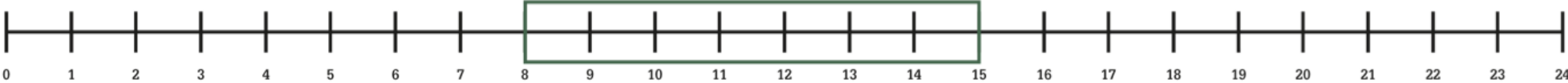
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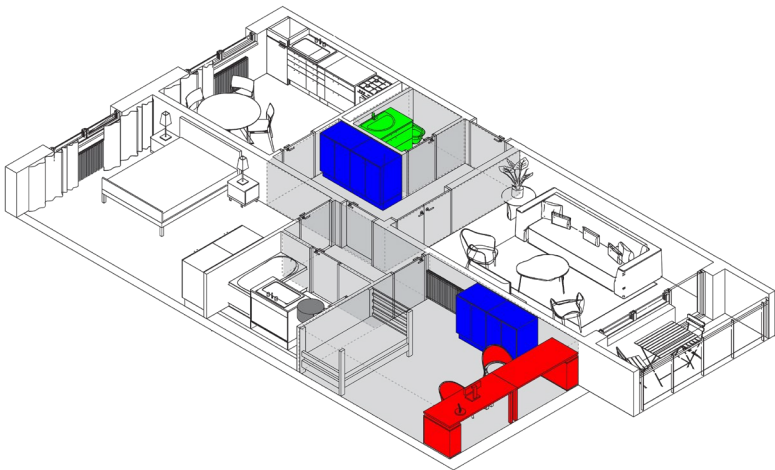
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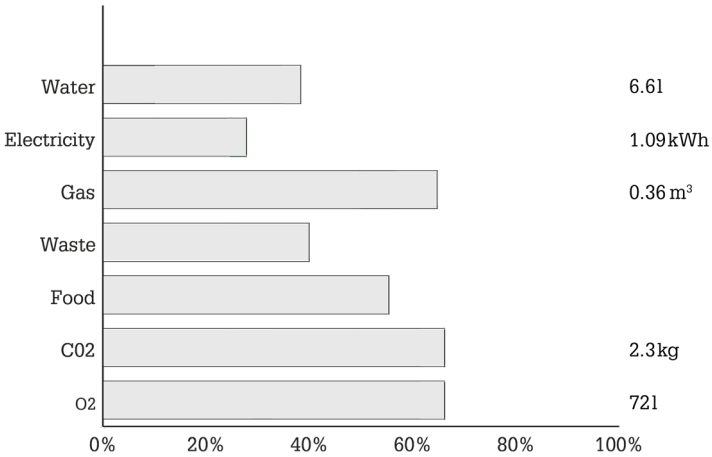


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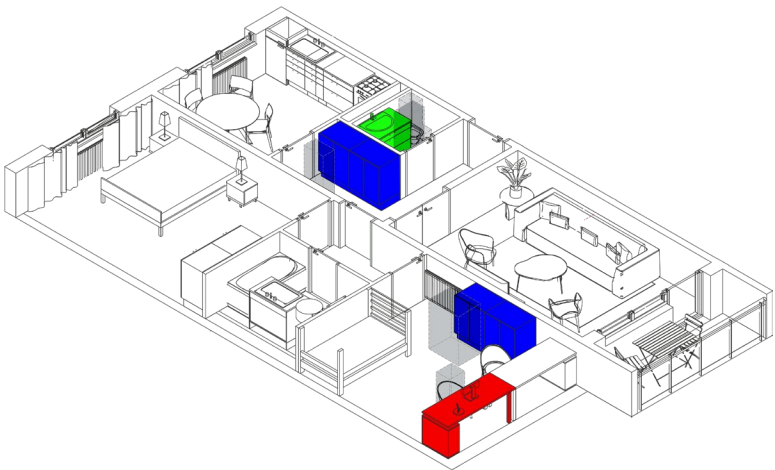
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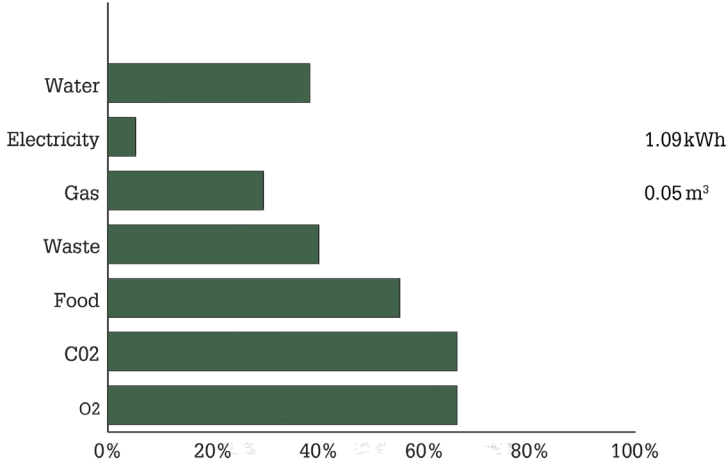
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What do we need



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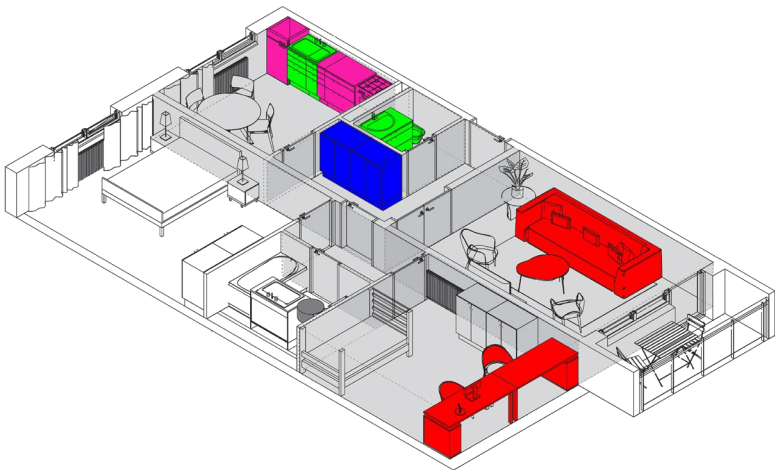


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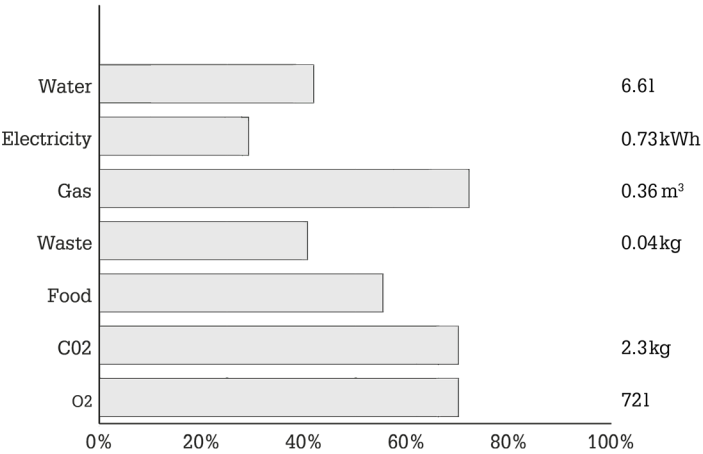


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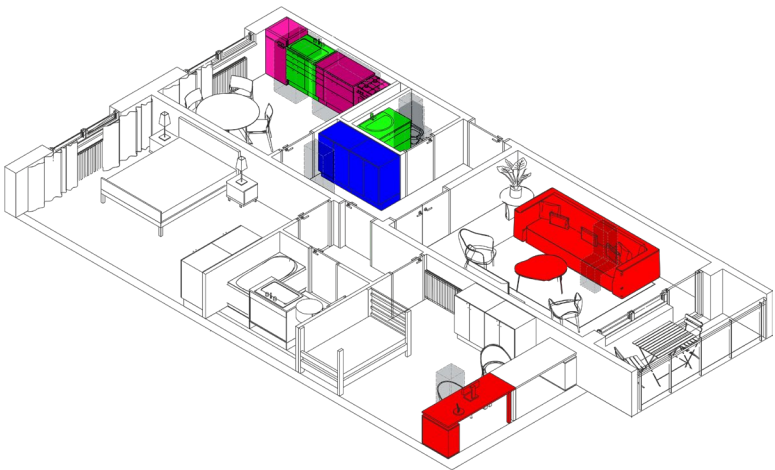
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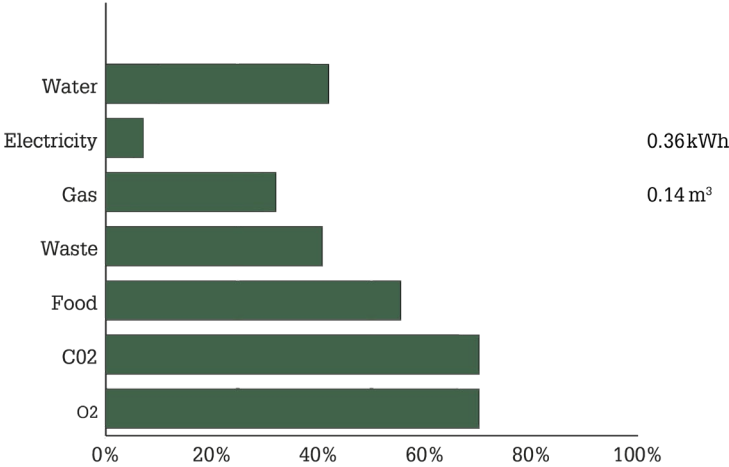
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What do we need



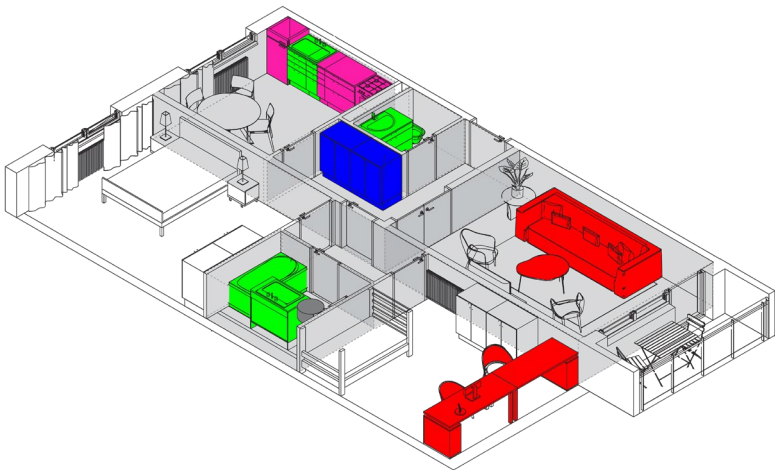
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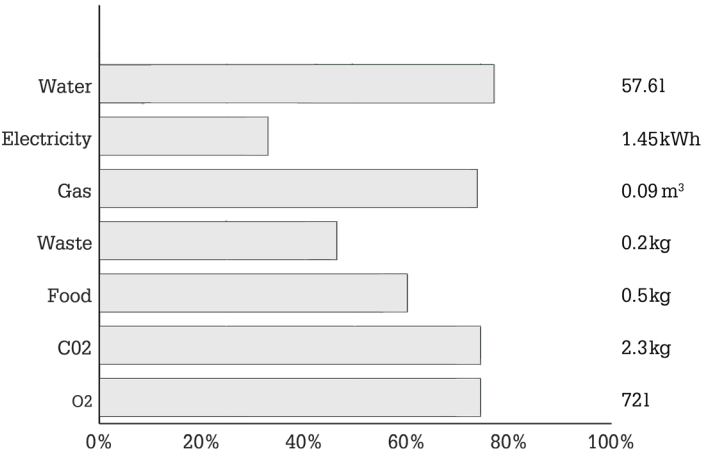
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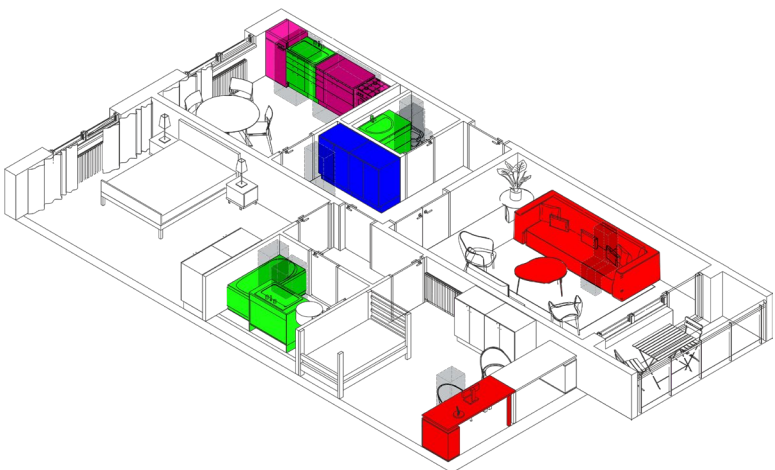
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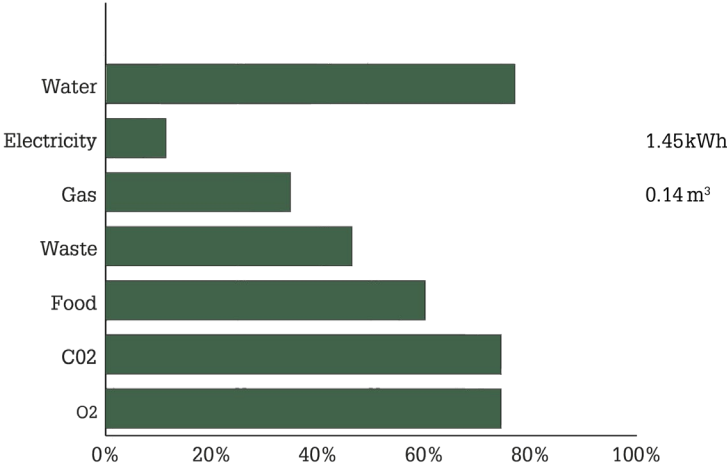
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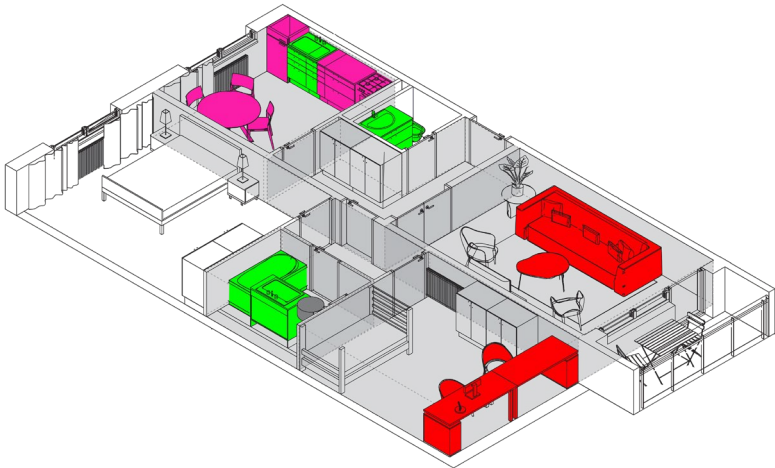


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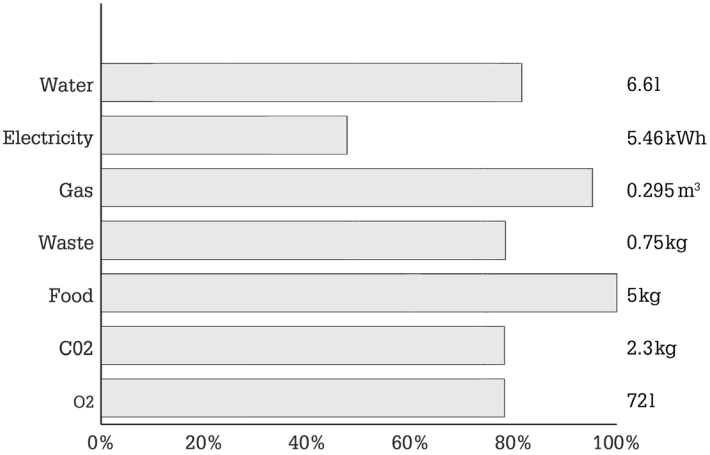


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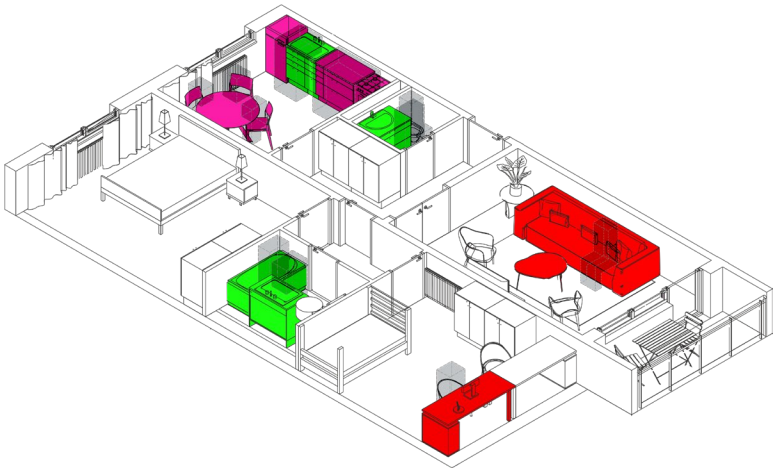
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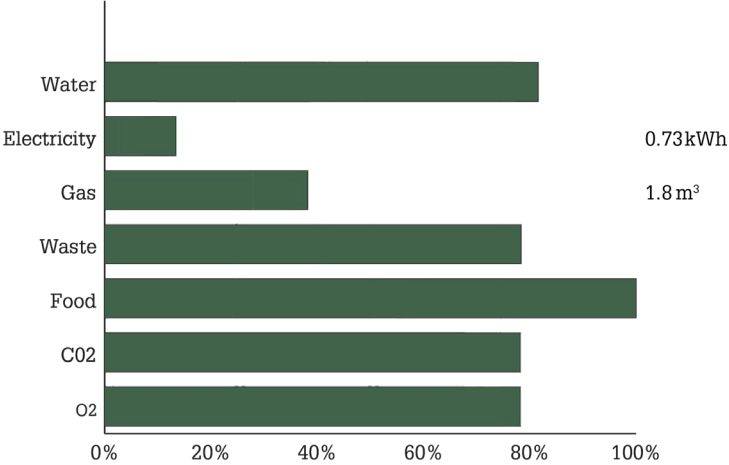
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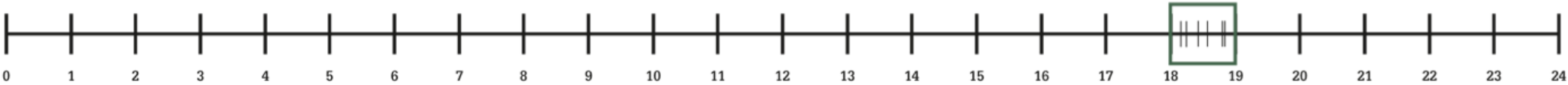
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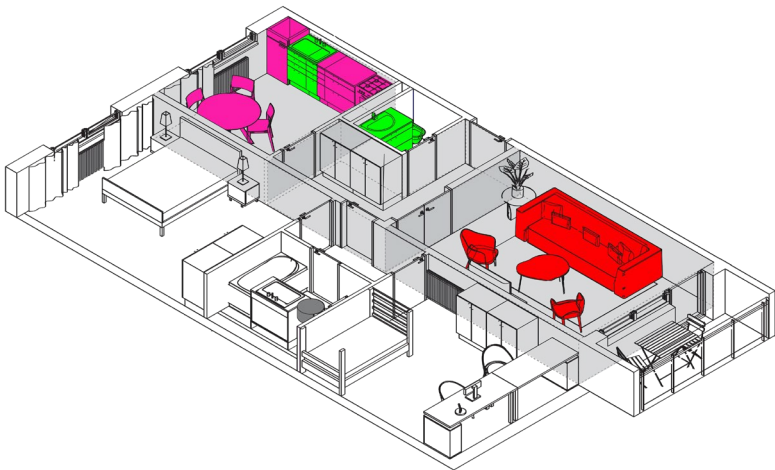


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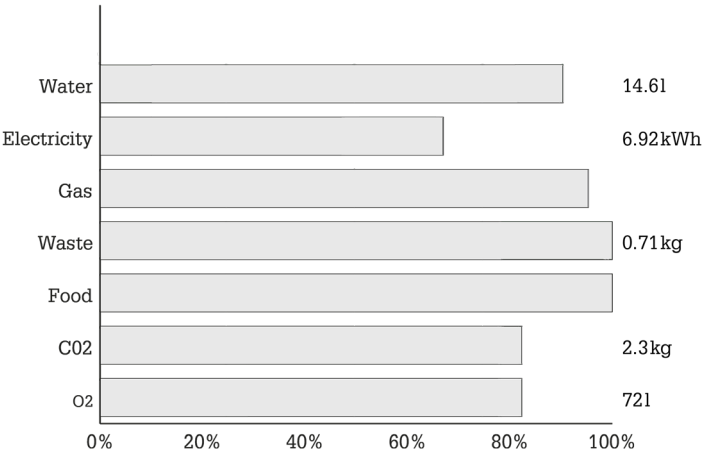


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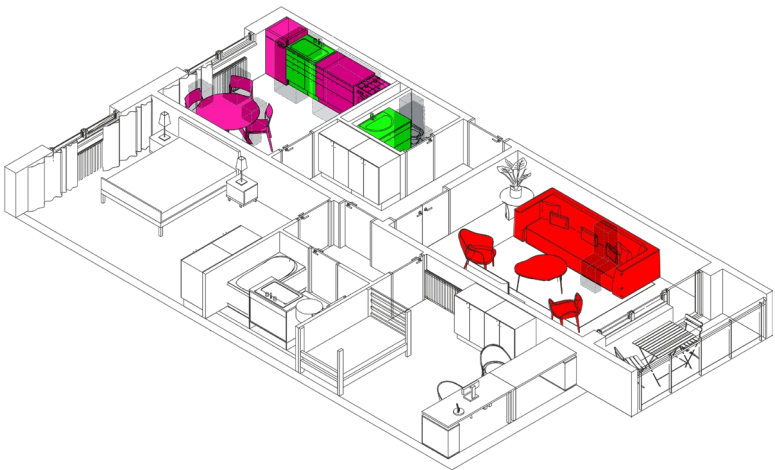
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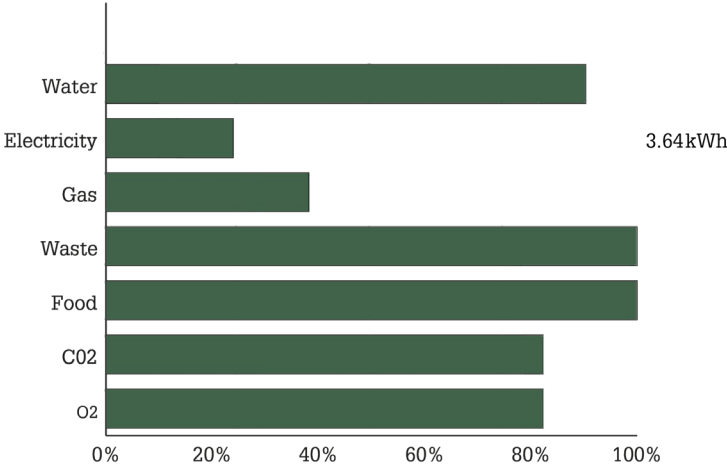
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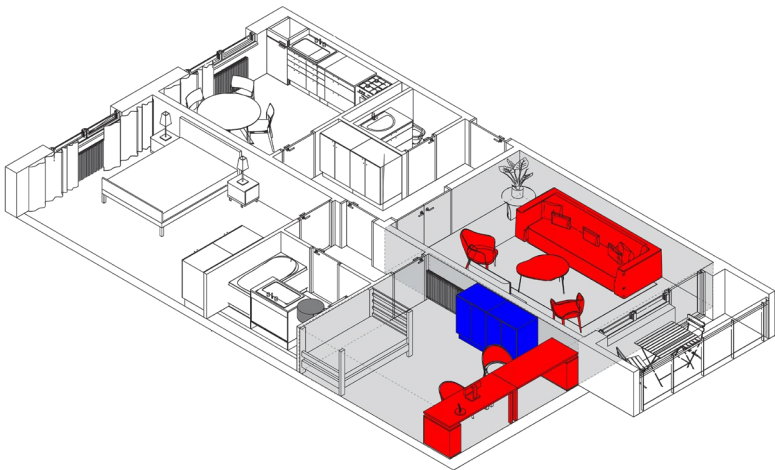


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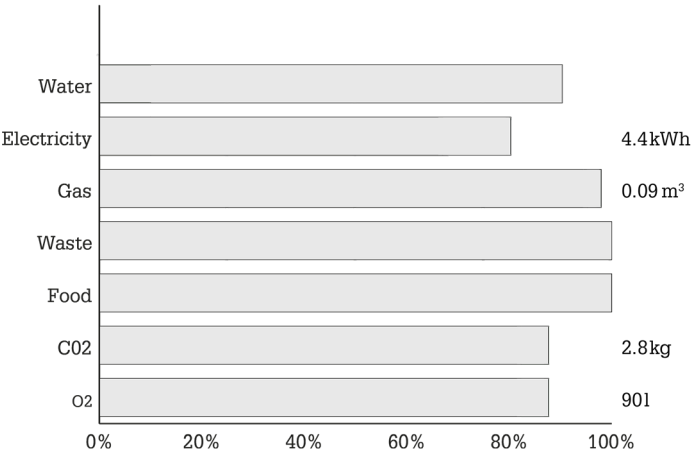


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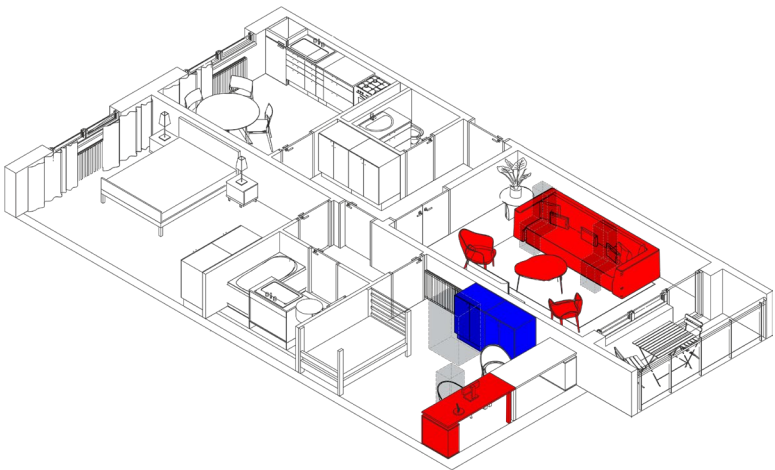
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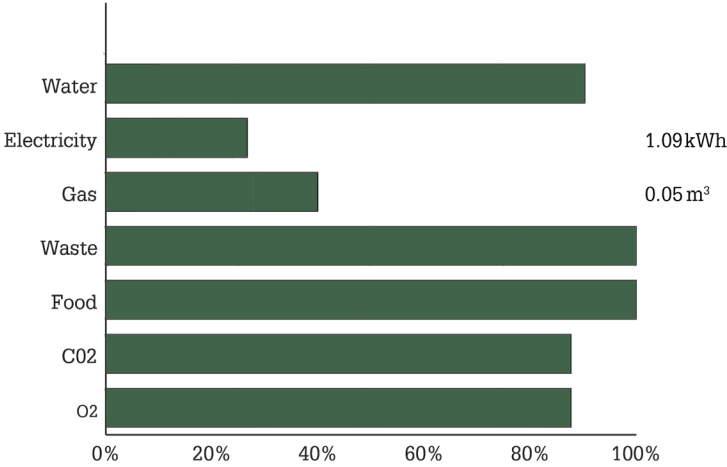
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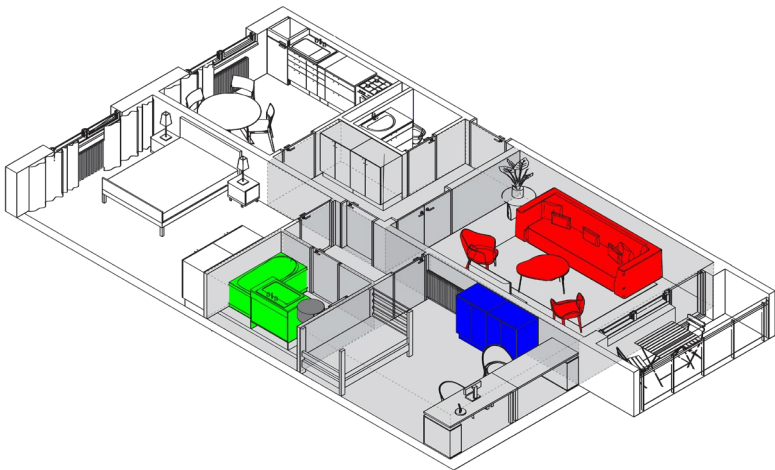
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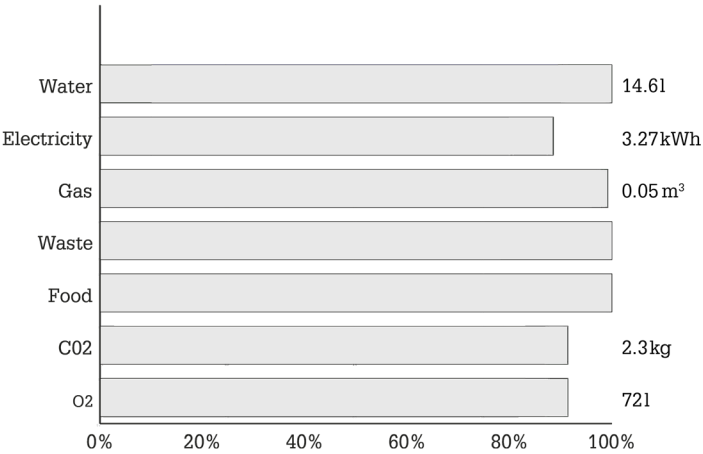


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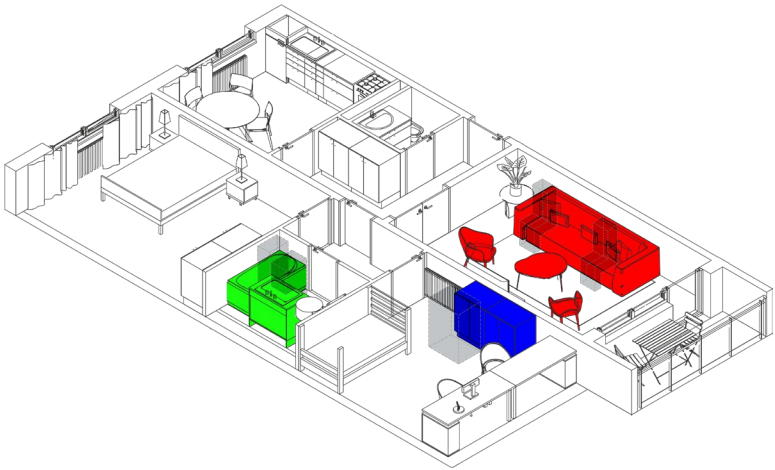
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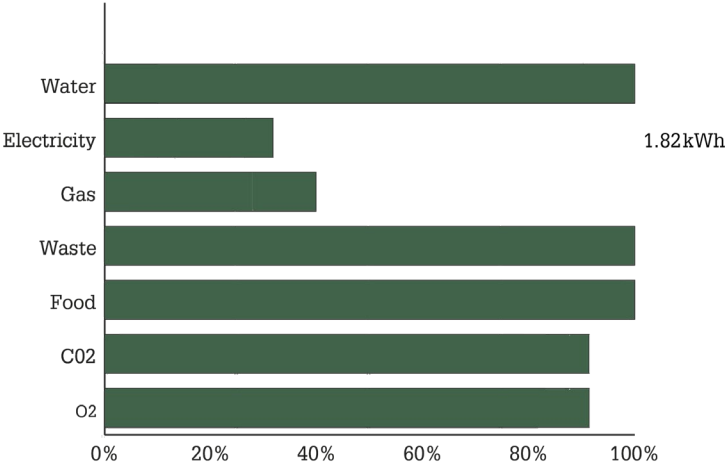
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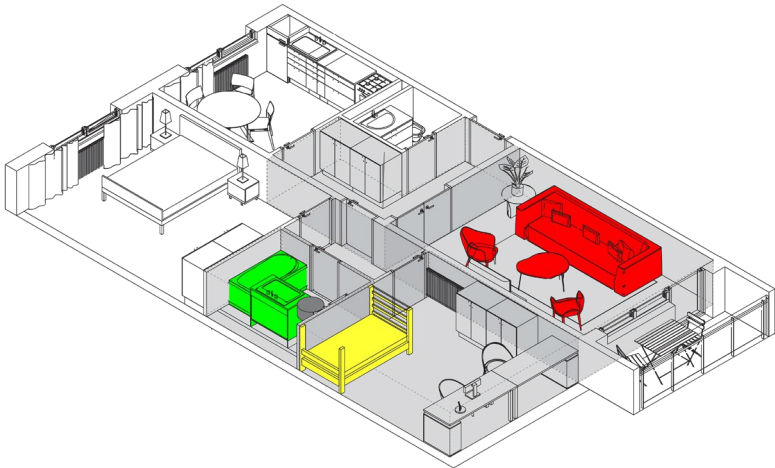


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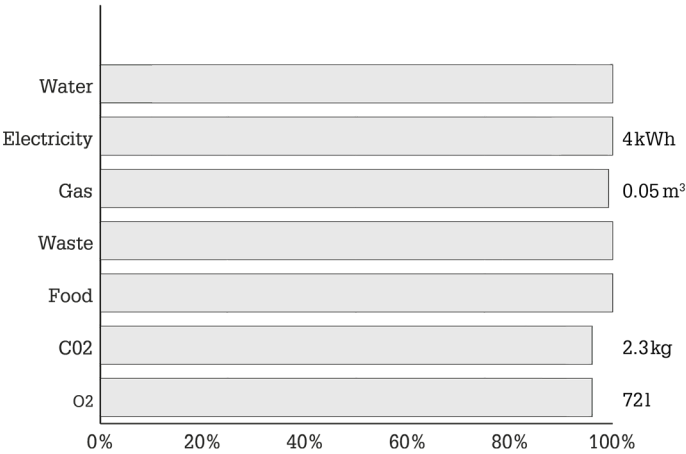


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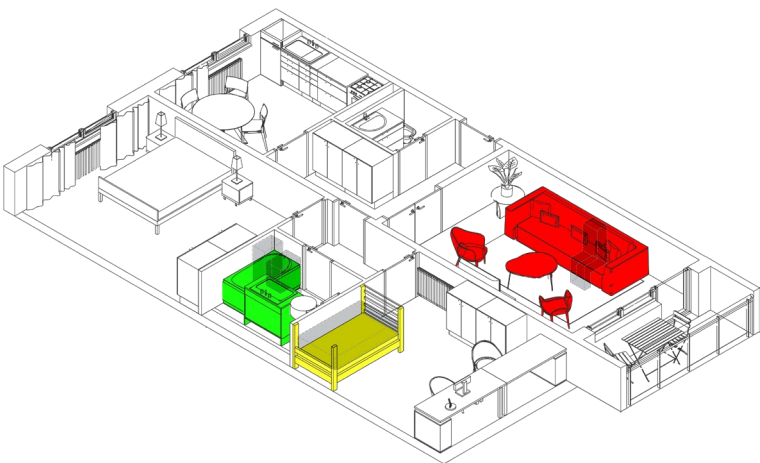
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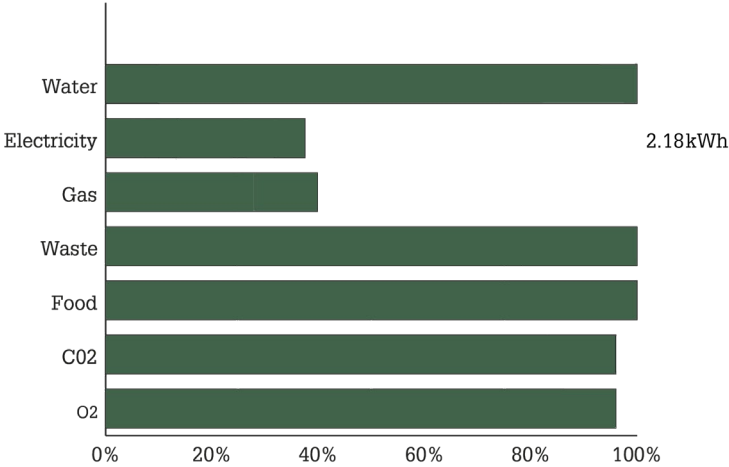
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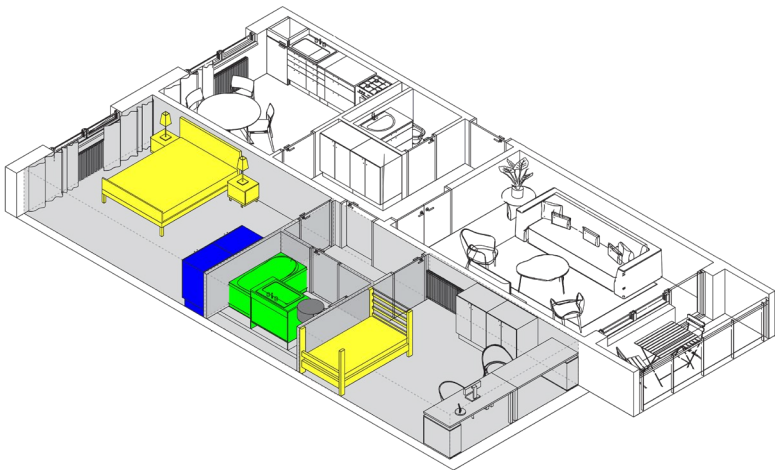


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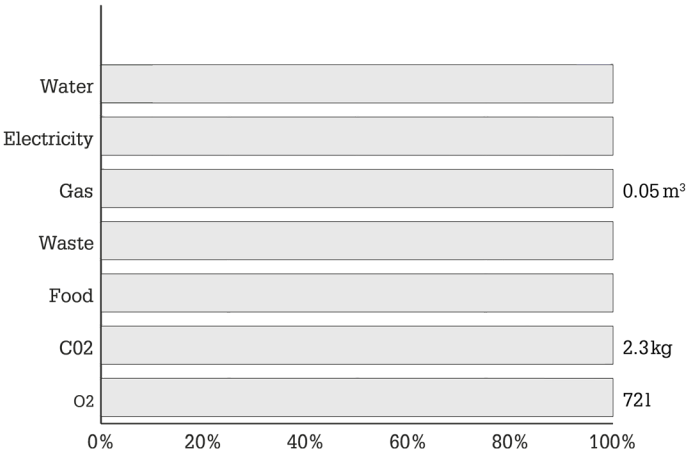


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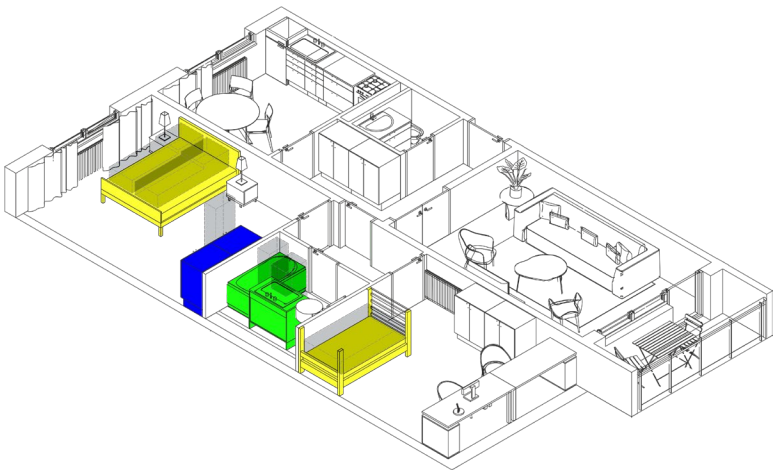
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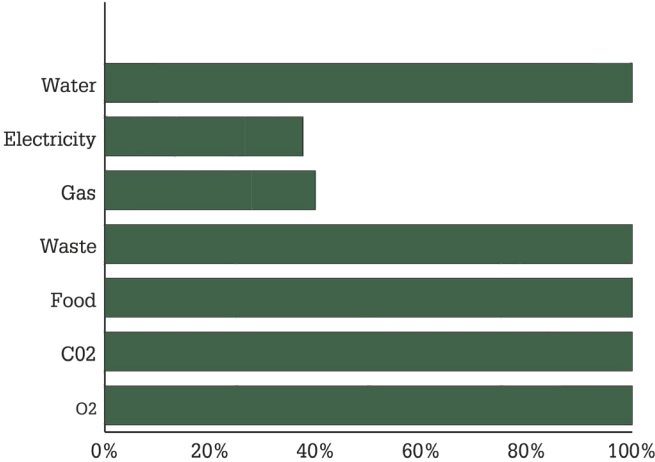
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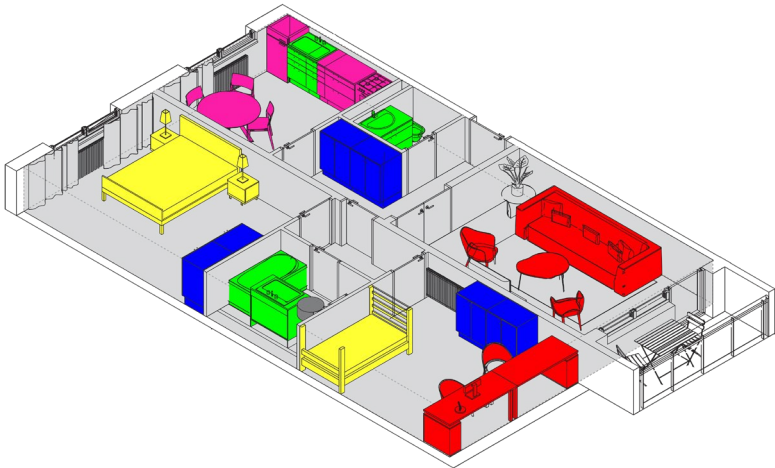


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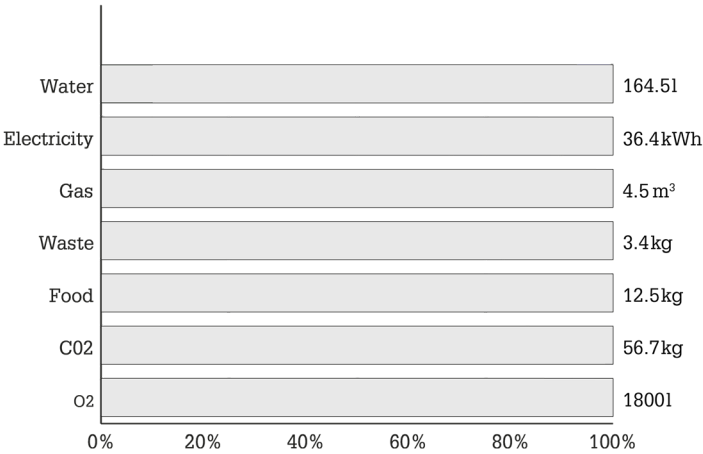


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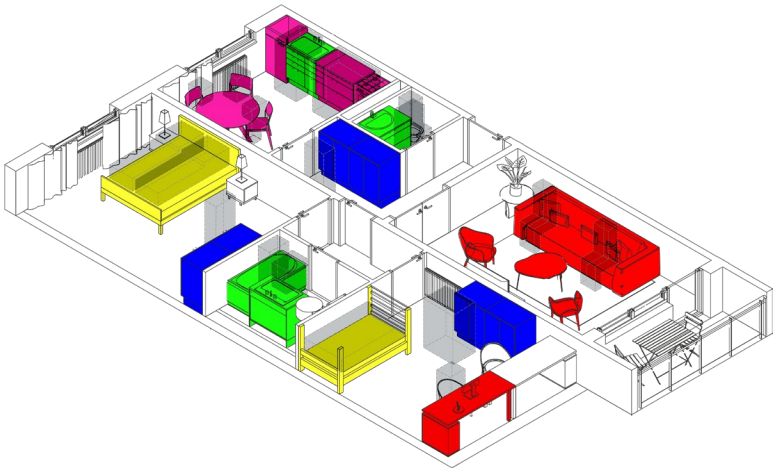
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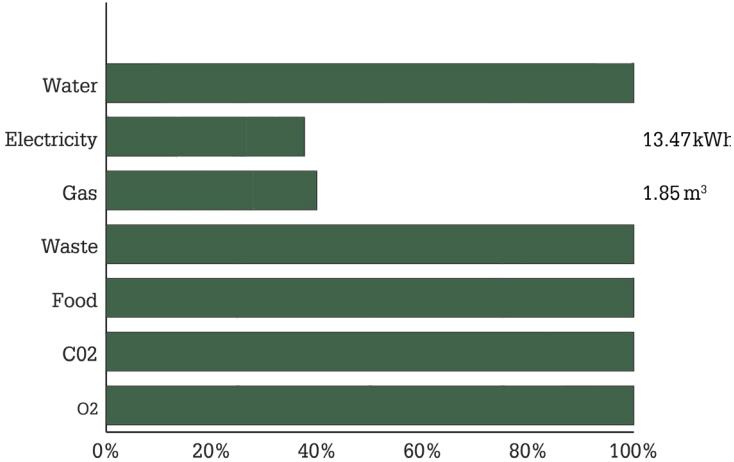
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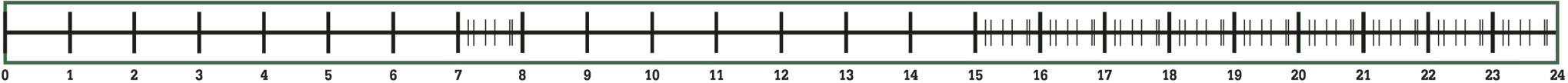
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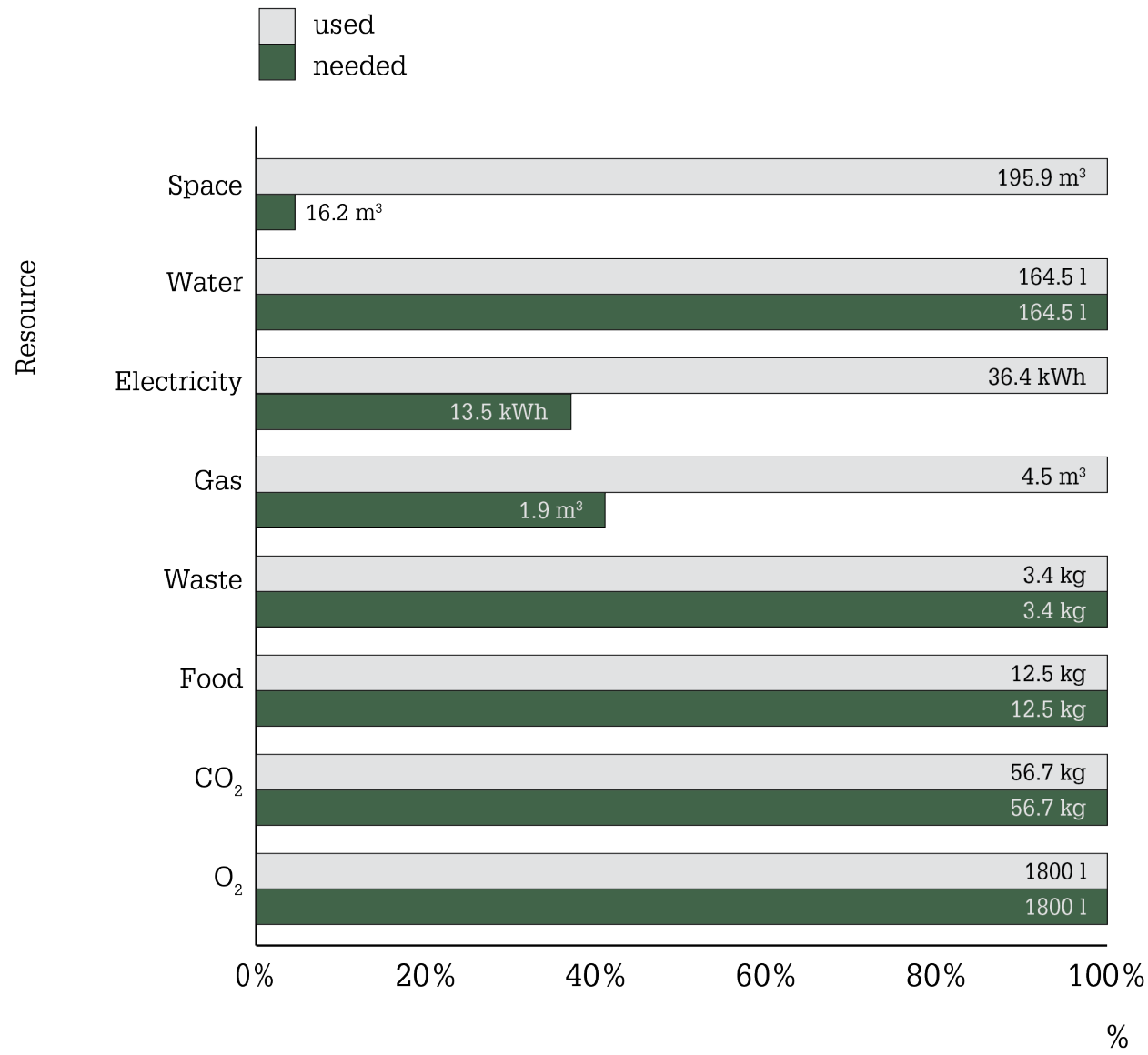
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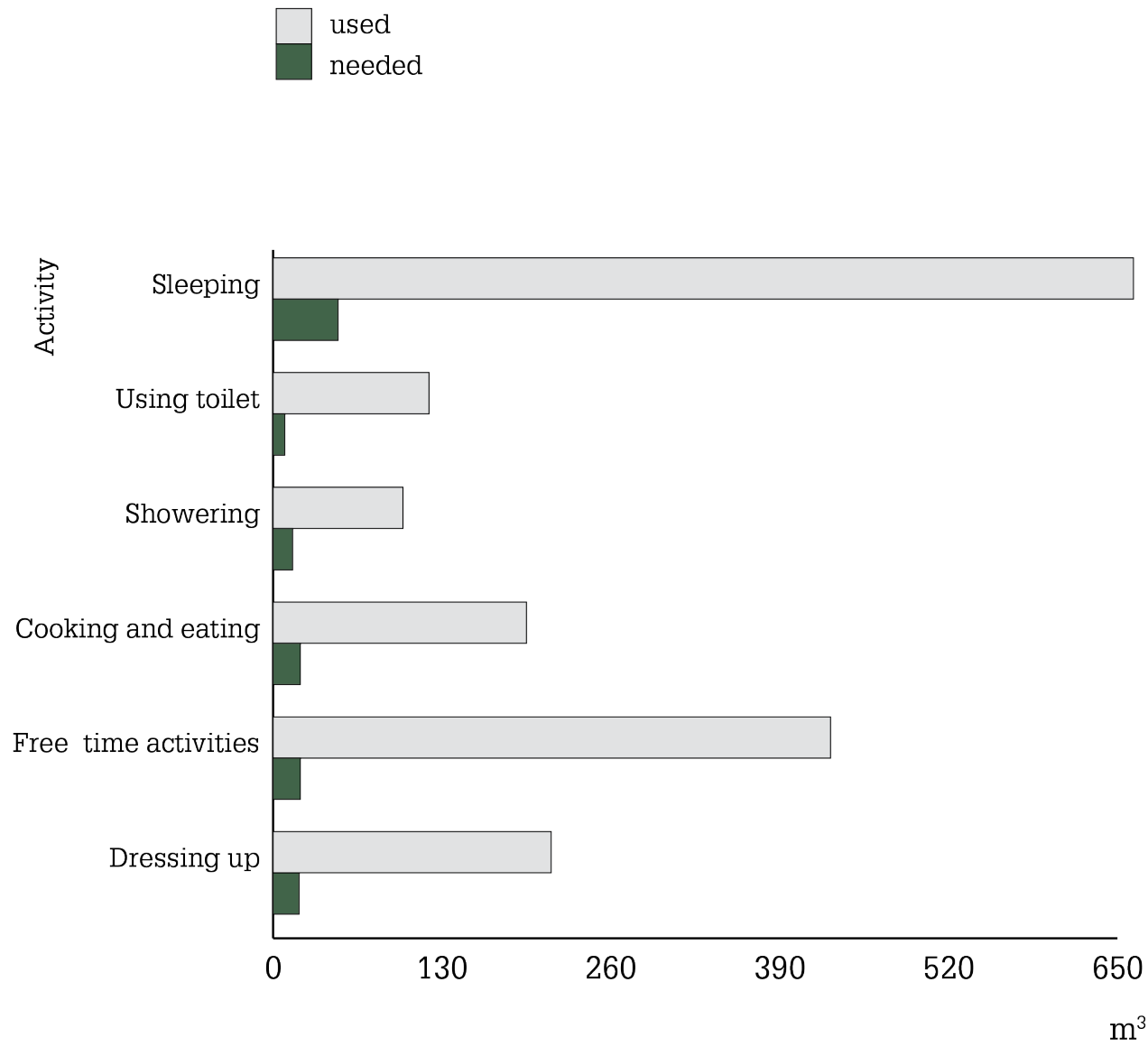
Timeline



# Comparison of used & needed resources



# Comparison of used & needed space





# **WHAT IS THE CURRENT SPACE EFFICIENCY?**

### 3.3 HOW DO WE LIVE IN IT?

## Space efficiency of a household

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{16.2\ m^3} \\ \text{Space we need} \end{array}}{\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{195.9\ m^3} \\ \text{Space we use} \end{array}} = \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{8.2\ \%} \\ \text{Household space} \\ \text{efficiency} \end{array}$$

### 3.3 HOW DO WE LIVE IN IT

Analysing the average Czech household we learn that space reduction would be one way to limit the demands from the biocapacity.

**4**

**WHAT IS OUR  
IMPACT?**

#### 4 WHAT IS OUR IMPACT?

What is measured

**What is the common unit?**

**food**  
kg

**water**  
liters

**electricity**  
kWh

**CO<sub>2</sub>**  
kg

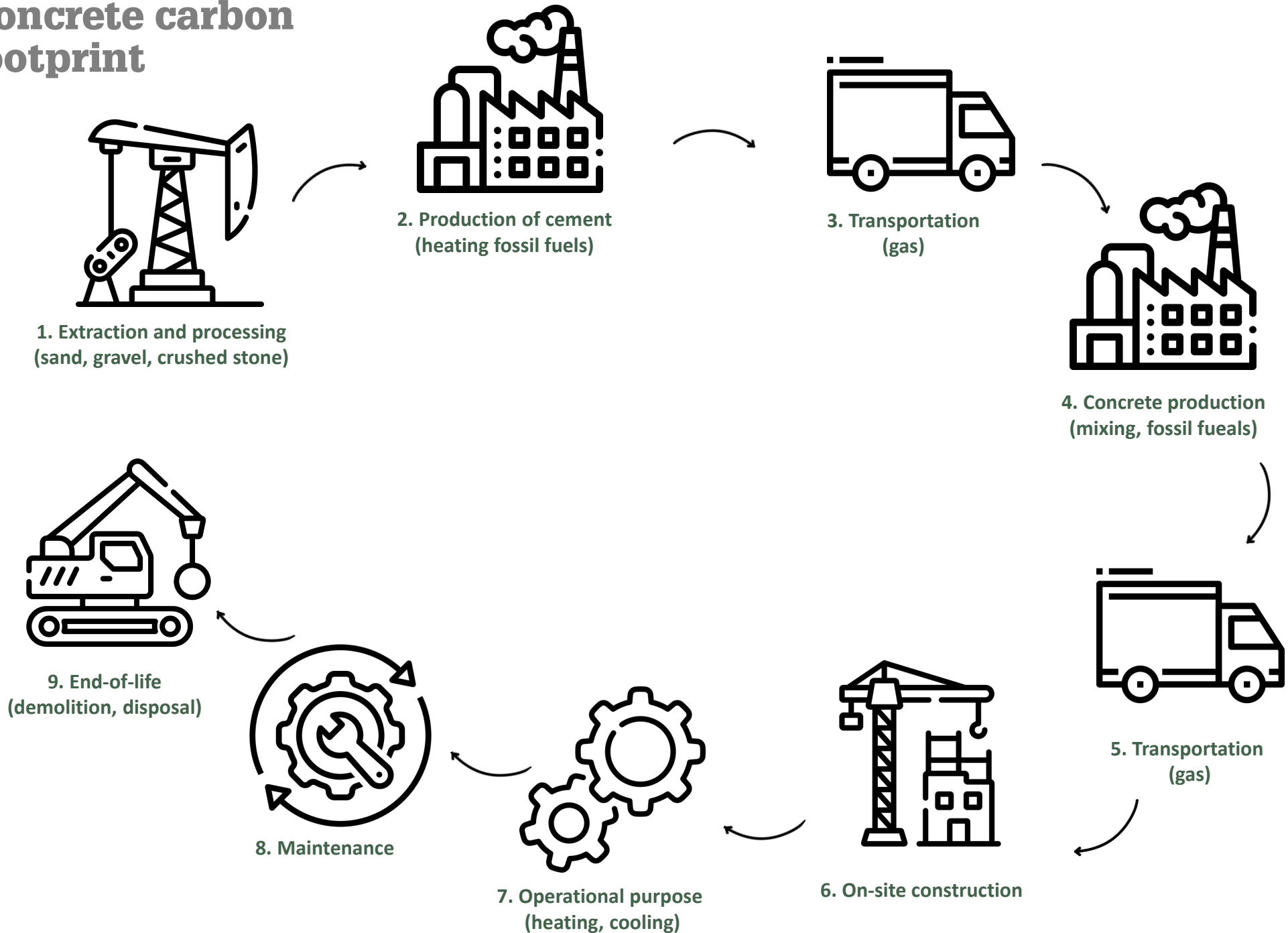
**waste**  
kg

**O<sub>2</sub>**  
kg

**gas**  
m<sup>3</sup>

## 4 WHAT IS OUR IMPACT?

# Concrete carbon footprint





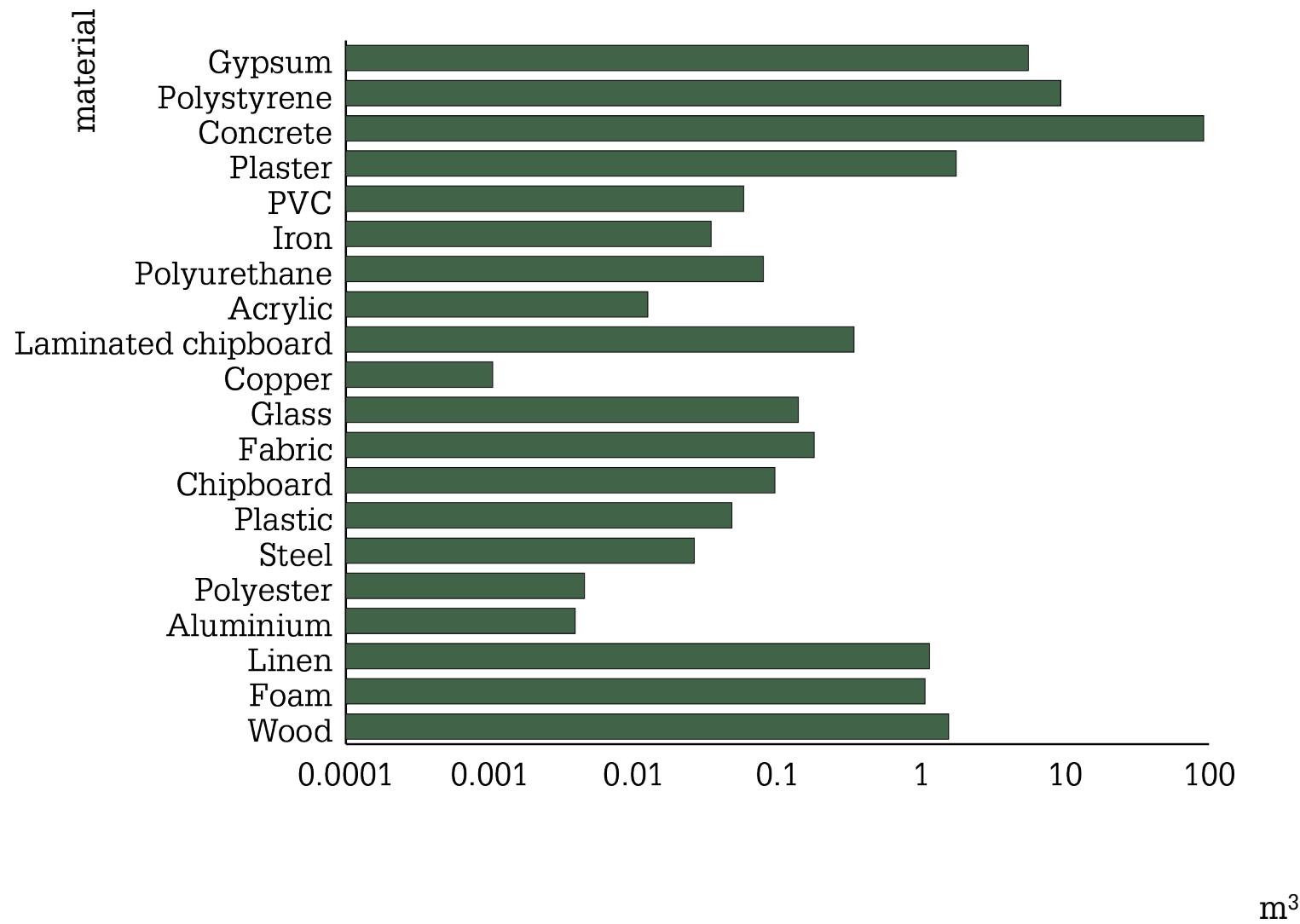
4 WHAT IS OUR IMPACT?

Operational consumption of a household per 1 day

Water	164.5 l
Electricity	36.4 kWh
Gas	4.5 m <sup>3</sup>
Waste	3.4 kg
Food	12.5 kg
CO <sub>2</sub>	56.7 kg
O <sub>2</sub>	1800 l

4 WHAT IS OUR IMPACT?

Graph of the amount of used materials in m³



#### 4 WHAT IS OUR IMPACT?

What is the common unit?



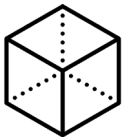
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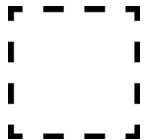
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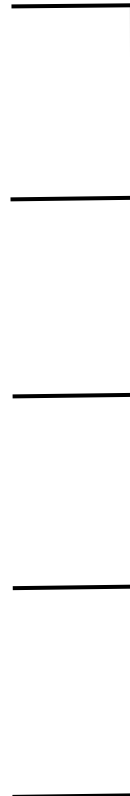
**kWh**



**m<sup>3</sup>**



**m<sup>2</sup>**



**CO<sub>2</sub> Eq**

#### 4 WHAT IS OUR IMPACT?

### Exampe of conversion

**Concrete used  
in one household**

**CO<sub>2</sub> eq. produced**  
(Including transport and other used resources)

**17 650 kg**



**14 296 kg**

Conversion

Operational CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent

Water	49 kg
Electricity	8.55 kg
Gas	13.47 kg
...	

Embodied CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent

Ceramics	97.6 kg
Textiles	427.7 kg
Granite	3.5 kg
...	

#### 4 WHAT IS OUR IMPACT?

### Conversion

**Total operational CO<sub>2</sub> eq  
per day**

**199 kg**

**Which equals to a 3 hours flight  
from Paris to Lisbon (1 000 km).**

**Total embodied CO<sub>2</sub> eq  
over lifetime**

**148 887.7 kg**

**Which equals to a 18.5 hours flight  
from Singapore to New York (16 304 km).**

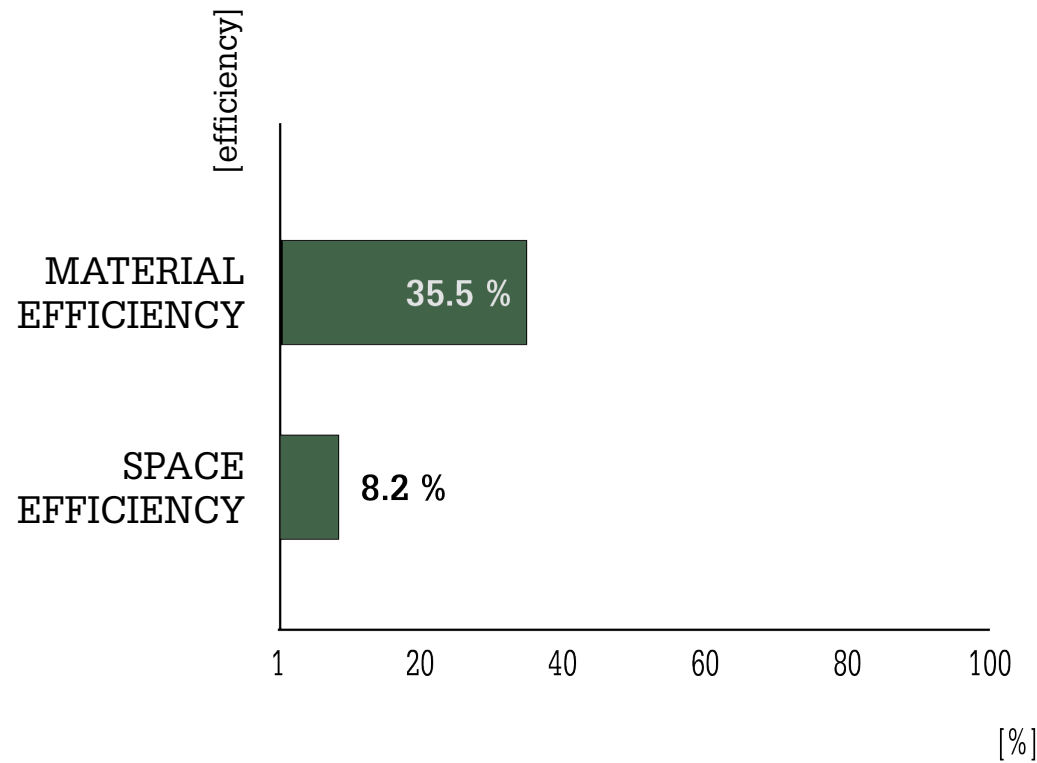


# COMMON COIN

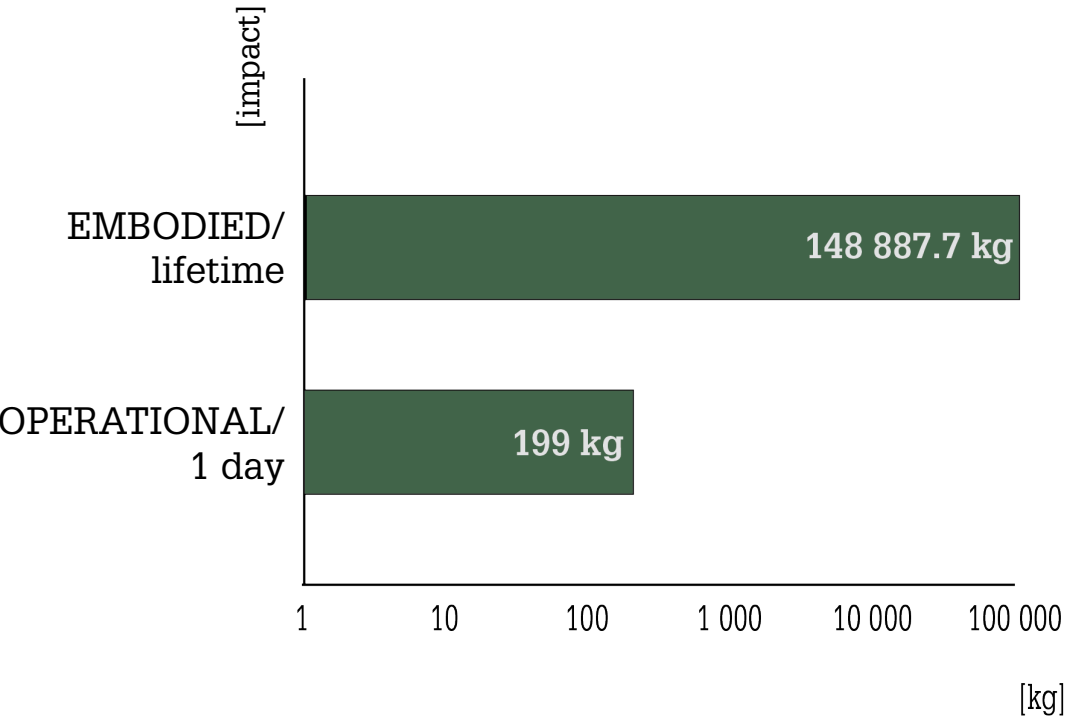
4 WHAT IS OUR IMPACT?

Common coin of the House of today

Household EFFICIENCY



Household IMPACT



## 4 WHAT IS OUR IMPACT?

This chapter established four different common coins: the material efficiency, the space efficiency, the operational CO2 impact for one day and the embodied CO2 impact for the lifetime.

**CAN WE DESIGN A HOUSEHOLD  
THAT PERFORMS BETTER?**

**HOUSEHOLD WITH A BETTER  
MATERIAL EFFICIENCY?**

**... WITH A BETTER SPACE  
EFFICIENCY?**



**... WITH A SMALLER IMPACT?**

**5**

**MATERIALS**

# **WHAT ARE THE MATERIALS NEEDS?**

## List of activities

# The day is made of ...

Sleeping

Waking up

Taking a shower or a bath

Changing clothes

Cooking

Eating

Cleaning

Doing sport

Leaving

Coming back

Watching TV

Doing homework

Receiving guest

...

## 5 MATERIALS

### Needs and wishes

# What is required ?

**Oxygen:** produces oxygen

**Furniture:** facilitates comfortable use for human activities

**Structure:** load-bearing

**Nutrition:** produces and/or stores food

**Water:** collects, filters and/or stores water

**Transparency:** lets light through

**Ventilation:** is permeable to gases

**Electricity:** lets electrical current to flow through

**Light:** illuminates surfaces

**Smell insulation:** is impermeable to odour

**Sound insulation:** prevents the sound waves from permeating

**Thermal insulation:** limits heat transfer

**Waste:** processes waste products (CO<sub>2</sub>, waste-water etc.)

**Fire-resistant:** withstands fire for a limited amount of time

**Corrosion-resistant:** withstands corrosive damage from chemicals

**Elastic:** stretches and returns to its original form

**Recyclability:** can be repurposed

**Biodegradability:** decomposes naturally over time

**Adaptability:** changes form and stays that way multiple times

**Fauna hosting:** supports the survival and reproduction of a species

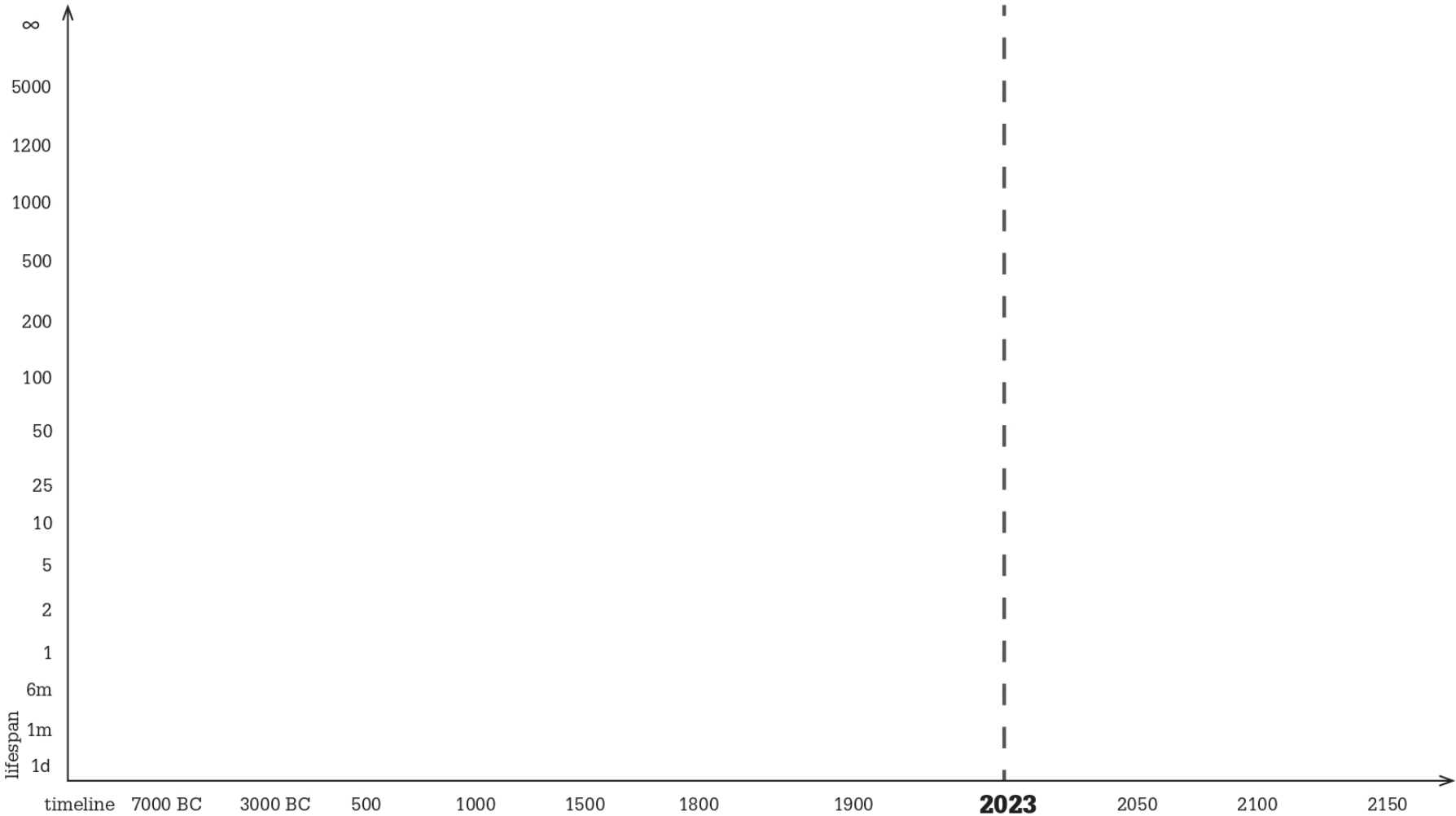
**Flora-hosting:** acts as a substrate for plants

**Self-repairing:** regenerates damages

**Durability:** withstands time and does not show wear and tear

**WHICH MATERIALS CAN FULFILL  
THESE NEEDS?**

# The timeline of materials



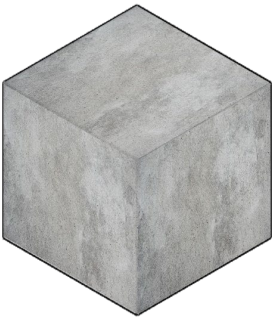


# 5.2

## MATERIALS OF TODAY

The materials used in construction today,  
from the most common to the least  
common.

# Reinforced Concrete



For each material, the lifespan in years and carbon footprint CO/m3 are given.

Lifespan : 30-150 years  
Footprint : 635kg COs/m3

All materials have properties that reflect the needs and wishes deriving from the activities.

Properties:

- Oxygen
- Furniture
- Structure
- Heat
- Nutrition
- Water
- Transparency
- Ventilation
- Electricity
- Light
- Smell insulation
- Sound insulation


Limitations:

- Heat sensitive
- Cold sensitive
- Humidity
- Light sensitive
- Water dependent
- Water soluble
- Fragile
- Toxic

All materials have their own innate limitations.

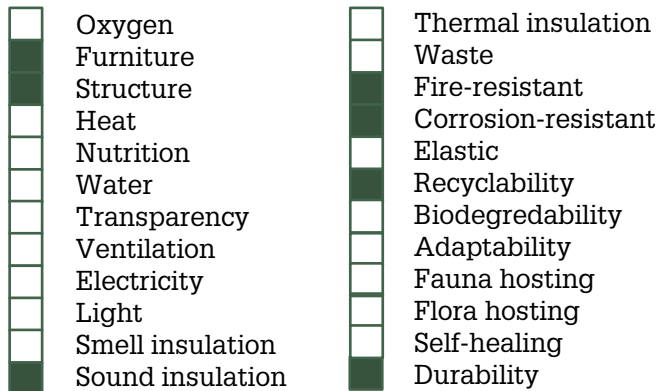
These properties and limitations are expressed using these cubes, if they are filled it means that the material corresponds to them.

# Reinforced Concrete

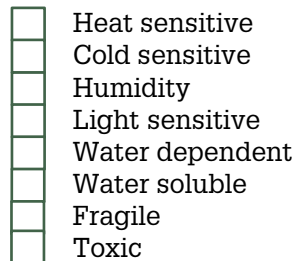


**Lifespan :** 30-150 years  
**Footprint :** 635kg CO<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>3</sup>

### Properties:



### Limitations:

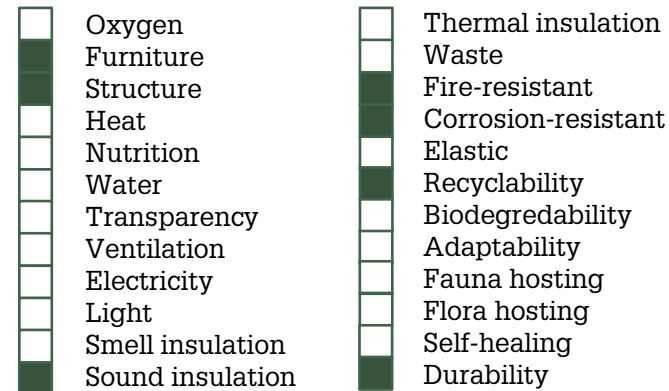


# Precast Concrete

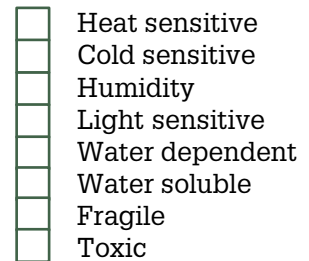
A 3D isometric drawing of a gray cube, showing the top, front-left, and front-right faces. The cube is rendered with a textured gray surface and black outlines.

**Lifespan :** 30-100 years  
**Footprint :** 173.8 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>3</sup>

### Properties:



### Limitations:



## 5.2 MATERIALS OF TODAY

# Library of materials



Reinforced  
concrete



Precast concrete



Translucent  
Concrete



Aerated  
Concrete



Terracotta  
Bricks



Asbestos-  
Cement



Steel



Stainless  
Steel



Iron



Stone



Polystyrene



Rock Wool



Glass/Mineral  
Wool



Sheep Wool



Phenolic  
Foam



Galvanised  
Steel Sheets



Copper



Lead



MDF



Plaster  
Panels



Corrugated  
Cardboard



Acrylic Glass  
(Plexiglass)



Rubber



Linoleum



CLT



GLT



Luminous  
Concrete



High density  
gypsum



PVC  
membranes



Fabric



Glass Fibers



Titanium



Liquid crystal  
wall



Aluminium  
foil



Recycled  
Plastics



Recycled  
Bricks



Wood



Bamboo



Cork



Straw



Hemp



Hempcrete



Adobe



Cow Dung



Cob



Coconut Shell



Snow



Salt



Recycled  
Paper



Fiberglass  
Panels



Self-healing  
Concrete



Self-cleaning  
Concrete



Glassy metal



Seaweed



Transparent  
Wood



Chipboard  
(potato)

## 5.2 MATERIALS OF TODAY

# Library of materials



Cactus



Air



Fungal  
Mycelium



Graphene



Carbon-fiber  
Reinforced  
Polymer



Elastomers



Lichen  
Ramalina  
Menziesii



Corals



Bioluminescent  
plants



Spider Silk



Living Glue  
Biofilm



Magnetic  
Elastomeric  
Compounds



Cyanobacteria



Shape  
Memory  
Polymer



Self-repairing  
Material



Xylem



Hydrogel



Aerogel



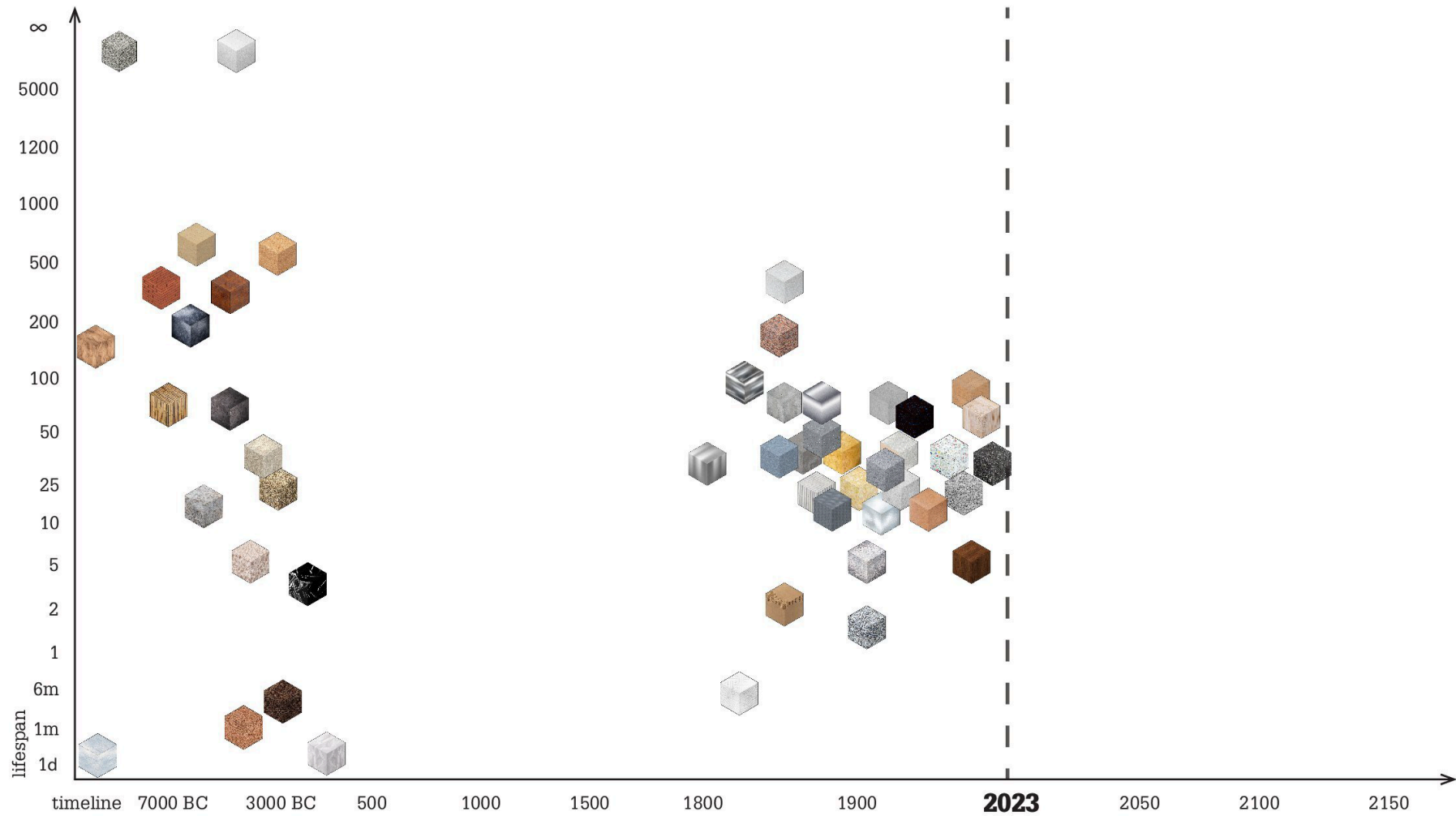
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Zeolite

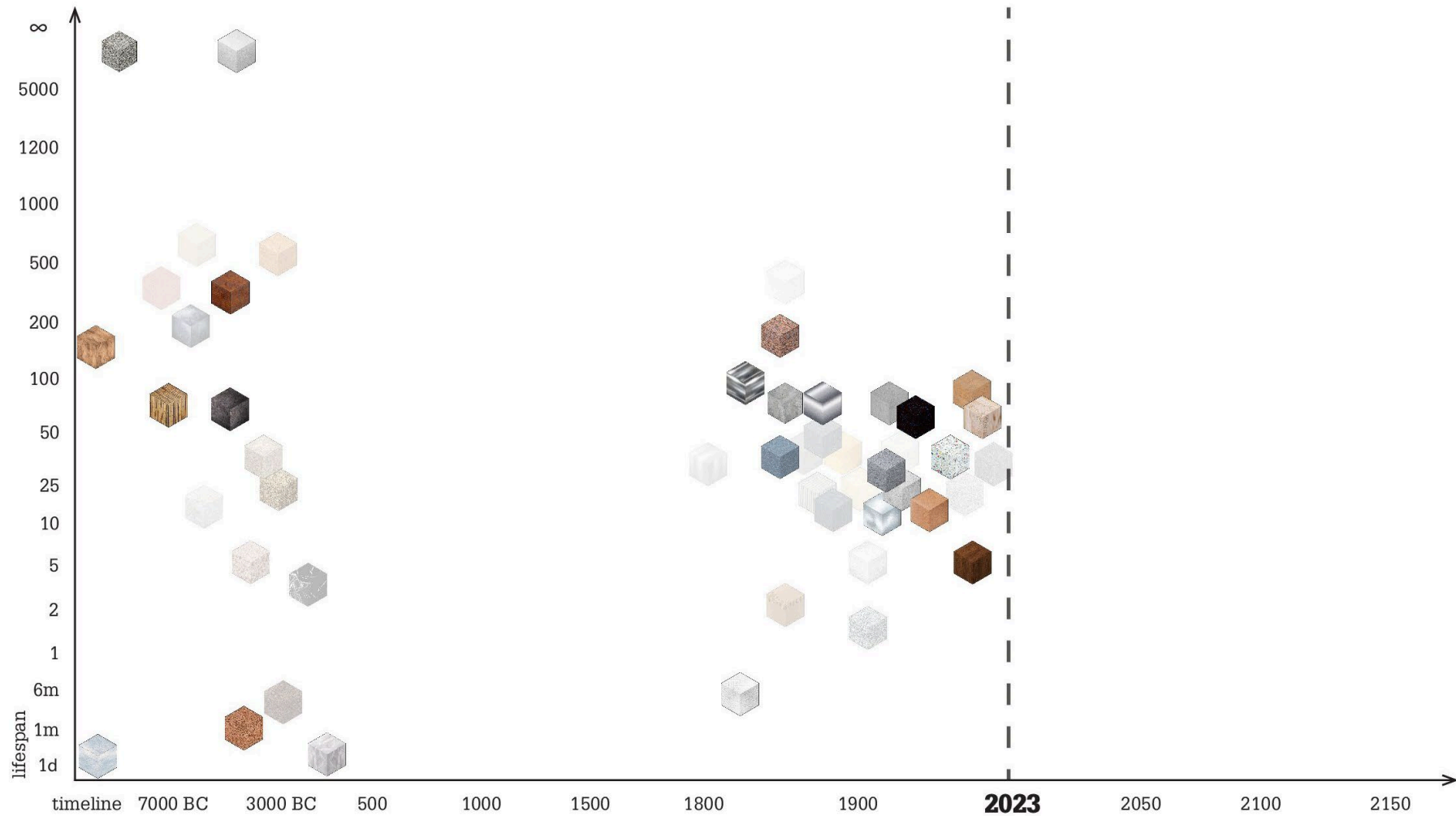
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## The timeline of materials of today



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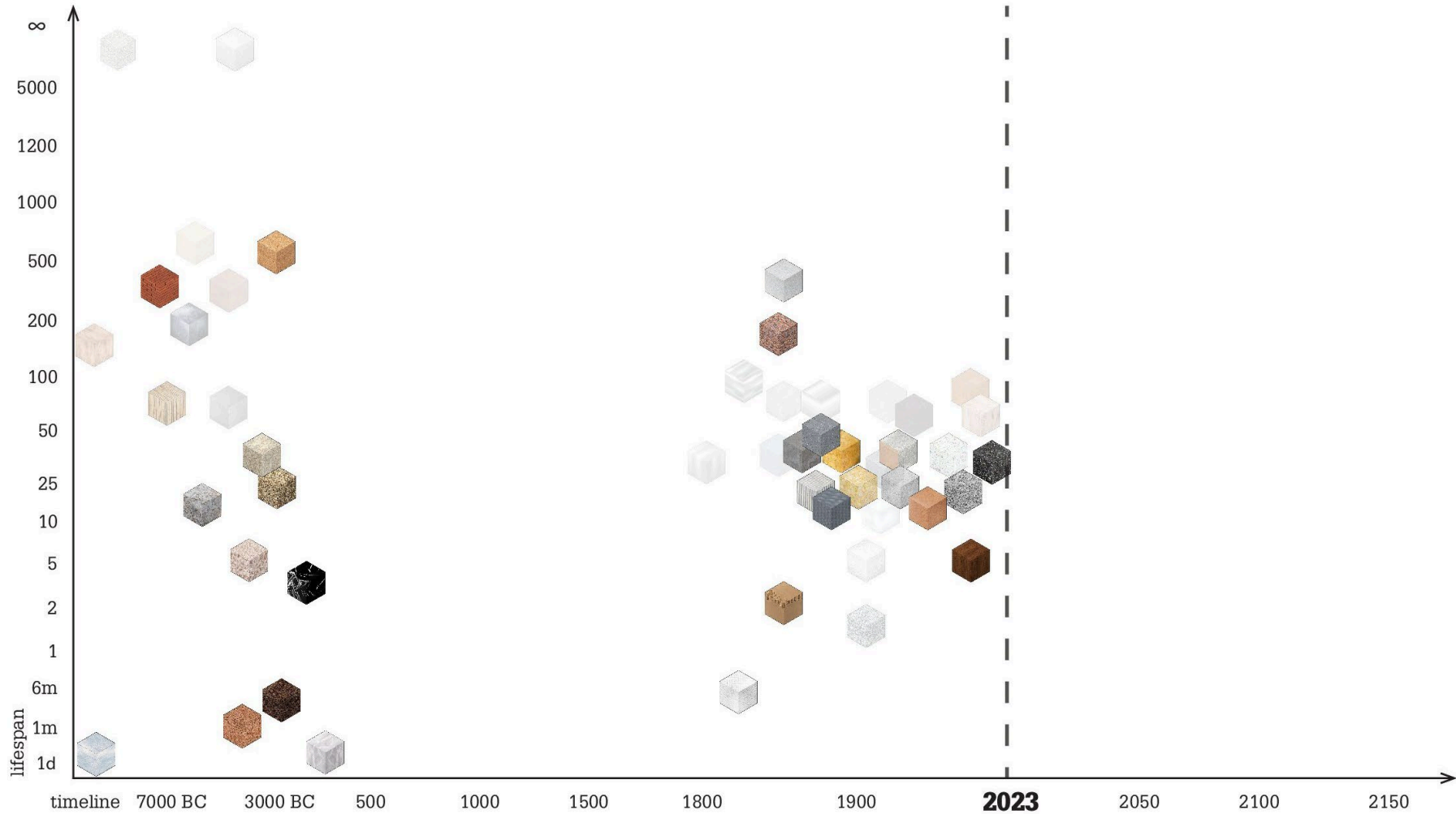
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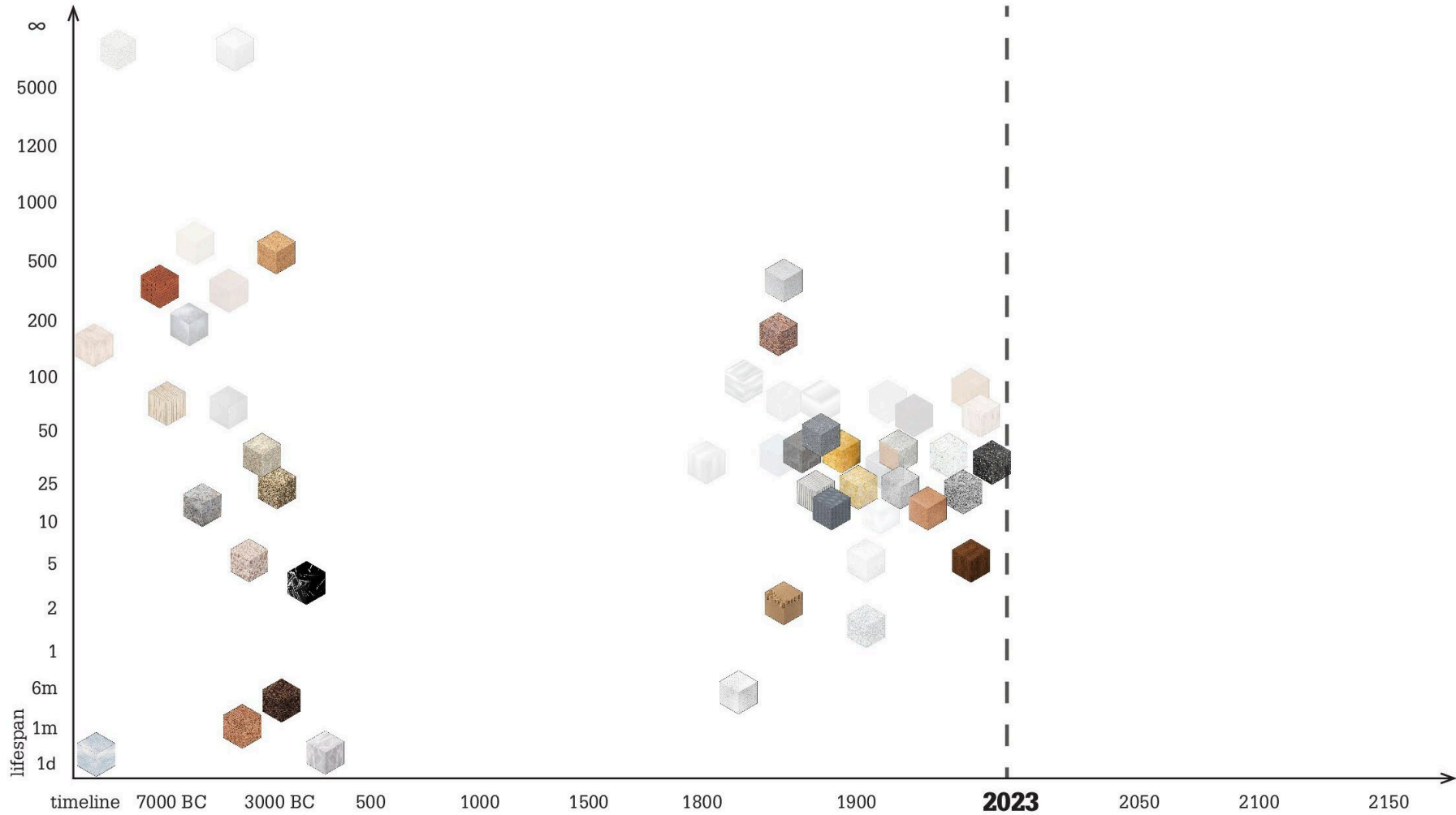
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## The timeline of thermally insulating materials of today



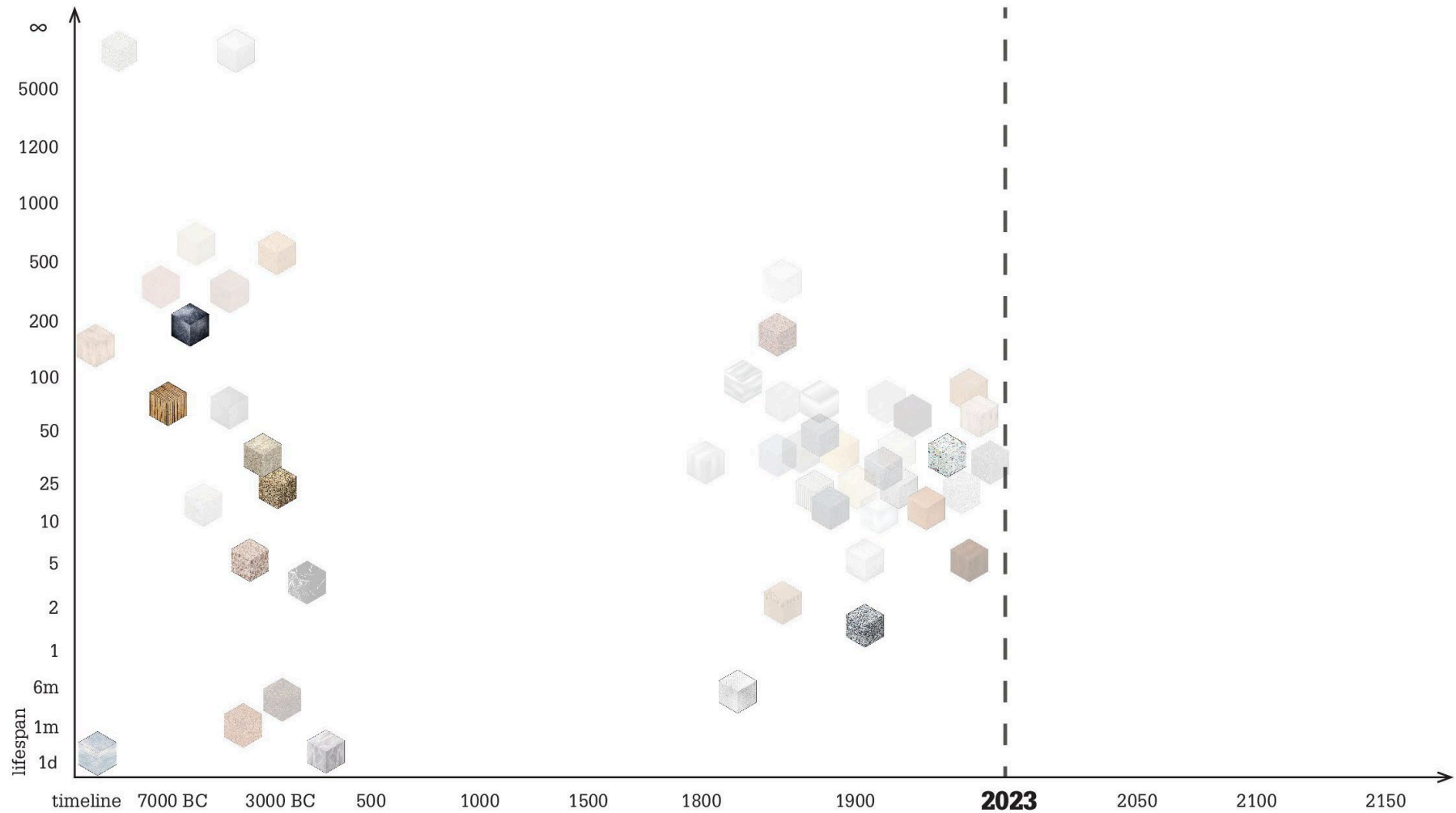
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## The timeline of recyclable materials of today



## 5.2 MATERIALS OF TODAY

# The timeline of adaptable materials of today



**HOWEVER THESE MATERIALS  
ARE NOT  
YET EFFICIENT ENOUGH,  
LET'S INNOVATE!**

# 5.3

## **MATERIALS IN RESEARCH**

Buildings materials that are still being researched, that are not yet widely developed and used.

**FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT ABOUT  
MYCELIUM?**



# Fungal Mycelium

Mycelium is the vegetative, underground part of fungi.



**Lifespan :** 10-200 years  
**Footprint :** Absorbs CO<sub>2</sub>

## Properties:

- ☐ Oxygen
- ☐ Furniture
- ☐ Structure
- ☐ Heat
- ☐ Nutrition
- ☐ Water
- ☐ Transparency
- ☐ Ventilation
- ☐ Electricity
- ☐ Light
- ☐ Smell insulation
- ☐ Sound insulation

- ☐ Thermal insulation
- ☐ Waste
- ☐ Fire-resistant
- ☐ Corrosion-resistant
- ☐ Elastic
- ☐ Recyclability
- ☐ Biodegradability
- ☐ Adaptability
- ☐ Fauna hosting
- ☐ Flora hosting
- ☐ Self-healing
- ☐ Durability

## Limitations:

- ☐ Heat sensitive
- ☐ Cold sensitive
- ☐ Humidity
- ☐ Light sensitive
- ☐ Water dependent
- ☐ Water soluble
- ☐ Fragile
- ☐ Toxic





# Fungal Mycelium

As it grows, the mycelium will consume nutrients from organic substrates to form a dense network of interconnected fibers, binding together substrate particles. These bonds make this material adaptable, enabling different materials to communicate with each other. This symbiotic relationship is what makes this material flora hosting. As a mycorrhizal network, the mycelium and plants transfer resources to each other, making this material capable of helping nutrient production and storage, as well as water collection and circulation.



**Lifespan :** 10-200 years  
**Footprint :** Absorbs CO<sub>2</sub>

## Properties:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Oxygen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thermal insulation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Waste
<input type="checkbox"/>	Structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire-resistant
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## Limitations:

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# Fungal Mycelium

Mycelium-based composites are naturally biodegradable and recyclable materials.



**Lifespan :** 10-200 years  
**Footprint :** Absorbs CO<sub>2</sub>

## Properties:

- ☐ Oxygen
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- ☐ Thermal insulation
- ☐ Waste
- ☐ Fire-resistant
- ☐ Corrosion-resistant
- ☐ Elastic
- ☒ Recyclability
- ☒ Biodegradability
- ☒ Adaptability
- ☐ Fauna hosting
- ☒ Flora hosting
- ☐ Self-healing
- ☐ Durability

## Limitations:

- ☐ Heat sensitive
- ☐ Cold sensitive
- ☒ Humidity
- ☐ Light sensitive
- ☐ Water dependent
- ☐ Water soluble
- ☐ Fragile
- ☒ Toxic





# Fungal Mycelium

Mycelium is already used in design as furniture and in construction as a thermal and sound insulation. This is made possible by a process that begins by sealing the mycelium culture with sawdust in a sterile bag. After 3 weeks, the mycelium can be released, grated and mixed with a substrate containing cellulose, then placed in a mold where it must incubate for a further 7 days. Once the required properties have been achieved, the growth process is stopped by a high-temperature treatment.



**Lifespan :** 10-200 years  
**Footprint :** Absorbs CO<sub>2</sub>

## Properties:

- ☒ Oxygen
- ☒ Furniture
- ☒ Structure
- ☒ Heat
- ☒ Nutrition
- ☒ Water
- ☐ Transparency
- ☐ Ventilation
- ☐ Electricity
- ☐ Light
- ☐ Smell insulation
- ☒ Sound insulation

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# Fungal Mycelium

One of the main limitations of this material is that if we don't heat and dry it before using it, it will continue to grow and develop fungi on its surface that will release spores. Combined with a material capable of covering the mycelium to absorb and evacuate the spores, then we could use the living mycelium in the construction. This would make this material durable and self-repairing.



**Lifespan :** 10-200 years  
**Footprint :** Absorbs CO<sub>2</sub>

## Properties:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Oxygen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Thermal insulation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Waste
<input type="checkbox"/>	Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fire-resistant
<input type="checkbox"/>	Heat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Corrosion-resistant
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Smell insulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Self-healing
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## Limitations:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Heat sensitive
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Toxic





# Fungal Mycelium

Mycelium can be used as a self-supporting structure. By finding the right substrate and a way of desensitizing the mycelium to water and humidity, with wax for example, it would be possible for this material to have stronger structural properties.



**Lifespan :** 10-200 years  
**Footprint :** Absorbs CO<sub>2</sub>

## Properties:

- ☐ Oxygen
- ☒ Furniture
- ☐ Structure
- ☐ Heat
- ☒ Nutrition
- ☒ Water
- ☐ Transparency
- ☐ Ventilation
- ☐ Electricity
- ☐ Light
- ☐ Smell insulation
- ☒ Sound insulation

- ☒ Thermal insulation
- ☒ Waste
- ☒ Fire-resistant
- ☒ Corrosion-resistant
- ☒ Elastic
- ☐ Recyclability
- ☒ Biodegradability
- ☐ Adaptability
- ☐ Fauna hosting
- ☐ Flora hosting
- ☐ Self-healing
- ☒ Durability

## Limitations:

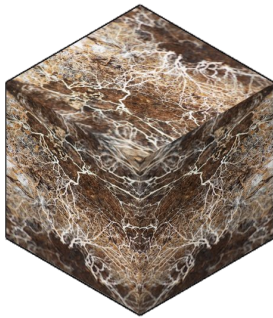
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- ☐ Fragile
- ☐ Toxic





# Fungal Mycelium

It's also possible to work with mycelium and improve it using 3D printing, in particular to save time. Printing can be carried out using a mycelium base to which substrates are added. On a small scale, 3D printing is carried out using a robotic arm, which works from the coordinates provided by the 3D model. The process is preceded by syringe tests: this involves combining different quantities of the materials used and monitoring the properties and changes of each mixture. The test pieces are then baked in a high-temperature oven and dry.



**Lifespan :** 10-200 years

**Footprint :** Absorbs CO<sub>2</sub>

## Properties:

- ☒ Oxygen
- ☒ Furniture
- ☒ Structure
- ☒ Heat
- ☒ Nutrition
- ☒ Water
- ☐ Transparency
- ☐ Ventilation
- ☐ Electricity
- ☐ Light
- ☐ Smell insulation
- ☒ Sound insulation

- ☒ Thermal insulation
- ☒ Waste
- ☒ Fire-resistant
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- ☒ Durability

## Limitations:

- ☐ Heat sensitive
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- ☐ Water dependent
- ☐ Water soluble
- ☐ Fragile
- ☐ Toxic

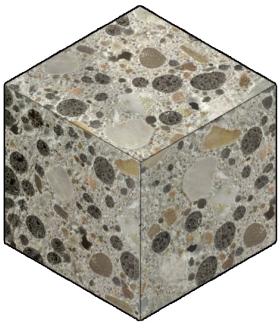


**LET'S LOOK AT THE OTHER  
MATERIALS STILL IN RESEARCH**



# Self-healing Concrete

Self-healing concrete refers to the ability of concrete to autonomously repair cracks. Research on mineral additions, like blast-furnace slag and fly ash, focuses on promoting autogenous healing. Continuous hydration, especially with these additions, supports self-healing as significant portions remain unhydrated even in later stages. The pozzolanic reaction, specific to additions in composite cement (fly ash, blast-furnace slag, silica fume, calcined clay, etc.), enhances cement grain hydration, leading to long-term calcium silicate hydrate (CSH) development and some degree of autogenous self-healing.



**Lifespan :** -  
**Footprint :** 20 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/ m<sup>2</sup>

## Properties:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Oxygen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thermal insulation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Waste
<input type="checkbox"/>	Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fire-resistant
<input type="checkbox"/>	Heat	<input type="checkbox"/>	Corrosion-resistant
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## Limitations:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Heat sensitive
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Light sensitive
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water dependent
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water soluble
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fragile
<input type="checkbox"/>	Toxic



5.3 MATERIALS IN RESEARCH

Library of materials



Reinforced  
concrete



Precast concrete



Translucent  
Concrete



Aerated  
Concrete



Terracotta  
Bricks



Asbestos-  
Cement



Steel



Stainless  
Steel



Iron



Stone



Polystyrene



Rock Wool



Glass/Mineral  
Wool



Sheep Wool



Phenolic  
Foam



Galvanised Steel Sheets



Copper



Lead



MDF



Plaster  
Panels



Corrugated  
Cardboard



Acrylic Glass  
(Plexiglass)



Rubber



Linoleum



CLT



GLT



Luminous  
Concrete



High density  
gypsum



PVC  
membranes



Fabric



Glass Fibers



Titanium



Liquid crystal  
wall



Aluminium  
foil



Recycled  
Plastics



Recycled  
Bricks



Wood



Bamboo



Cork



Straw



Hemp



Hempcrete



Adobe



Cow Dung



Cob



Coconut Shell



Snow



Salt



Recycled  
Paper



Fiberglass  
Panels



Self-healing  
Concrete



Self-cleaning  
Concrete



Glassy metal



Seaweed



Transparent  
Wood



Chipboard (potato)

5.3 MATERIALS IN RESEARCH

Library of materials



Cactus



Air



Fungal Mycelium



Graphene



Carbon-fiber Reinforced Polymer



Elastomers



Lichen Ramalina Menziesii



Corals



Bioluminescent plants



Spider Silk



Living Glue Biofilm



Magnetic Elastomeric Compounds



Cyanobacteria



Shape Memory Polymer



Self-repairing Material



Xylem



Hydrogel



Aerogel

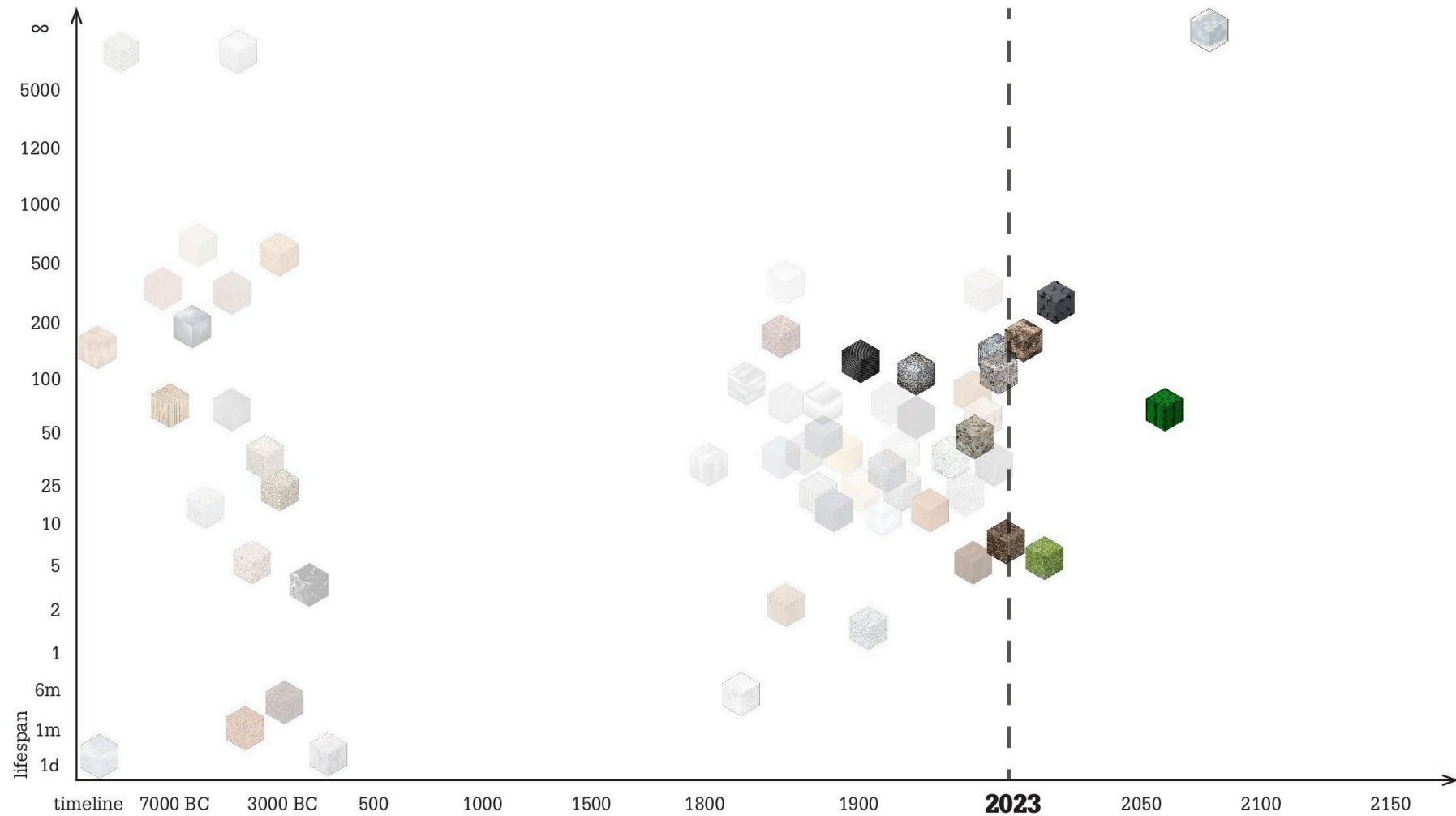


Chitin



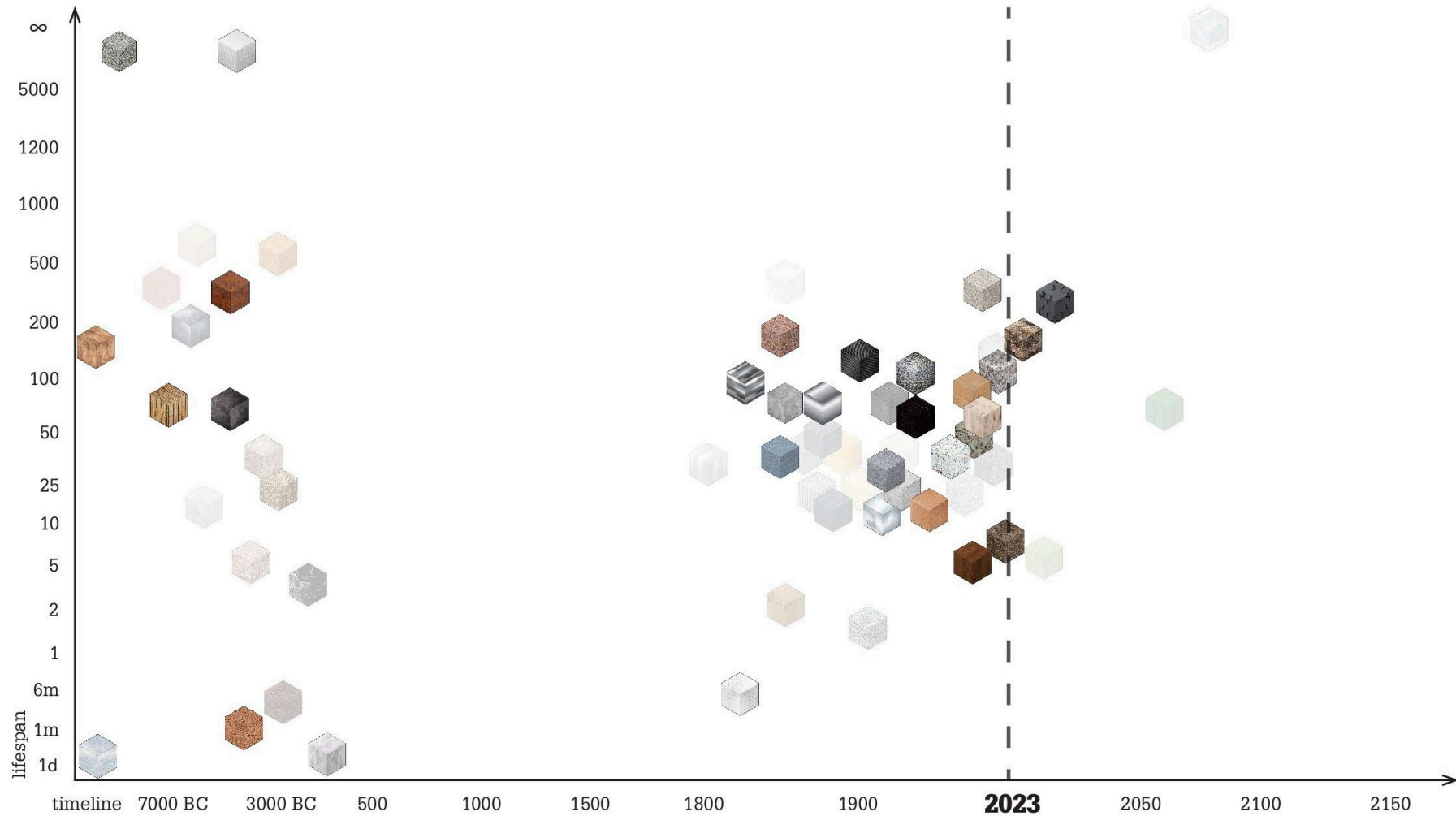
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## The timeline of materials in research



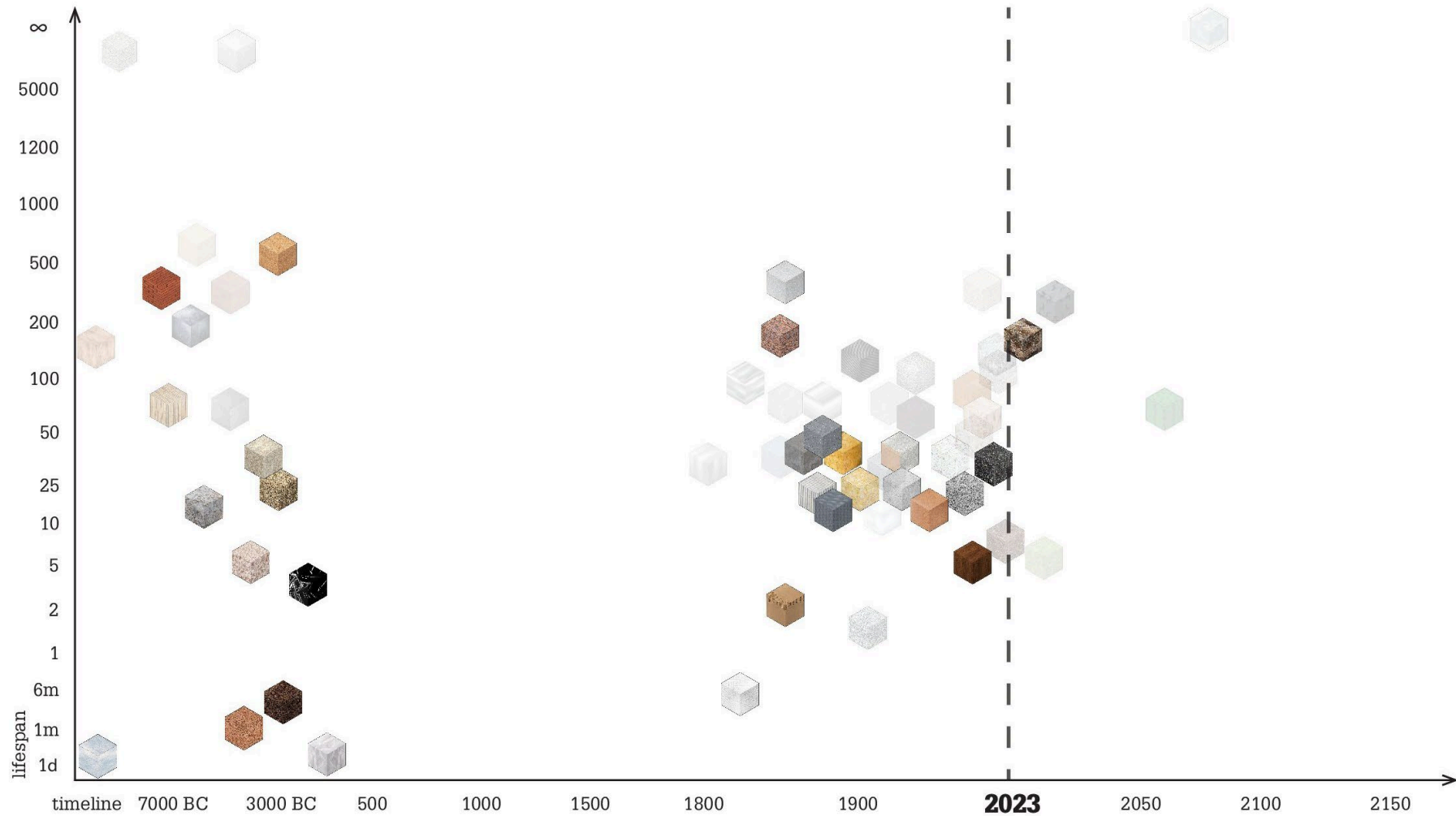
## 5.3 MATERIALS IN RESEARCH

# The timeline of structural materials in research



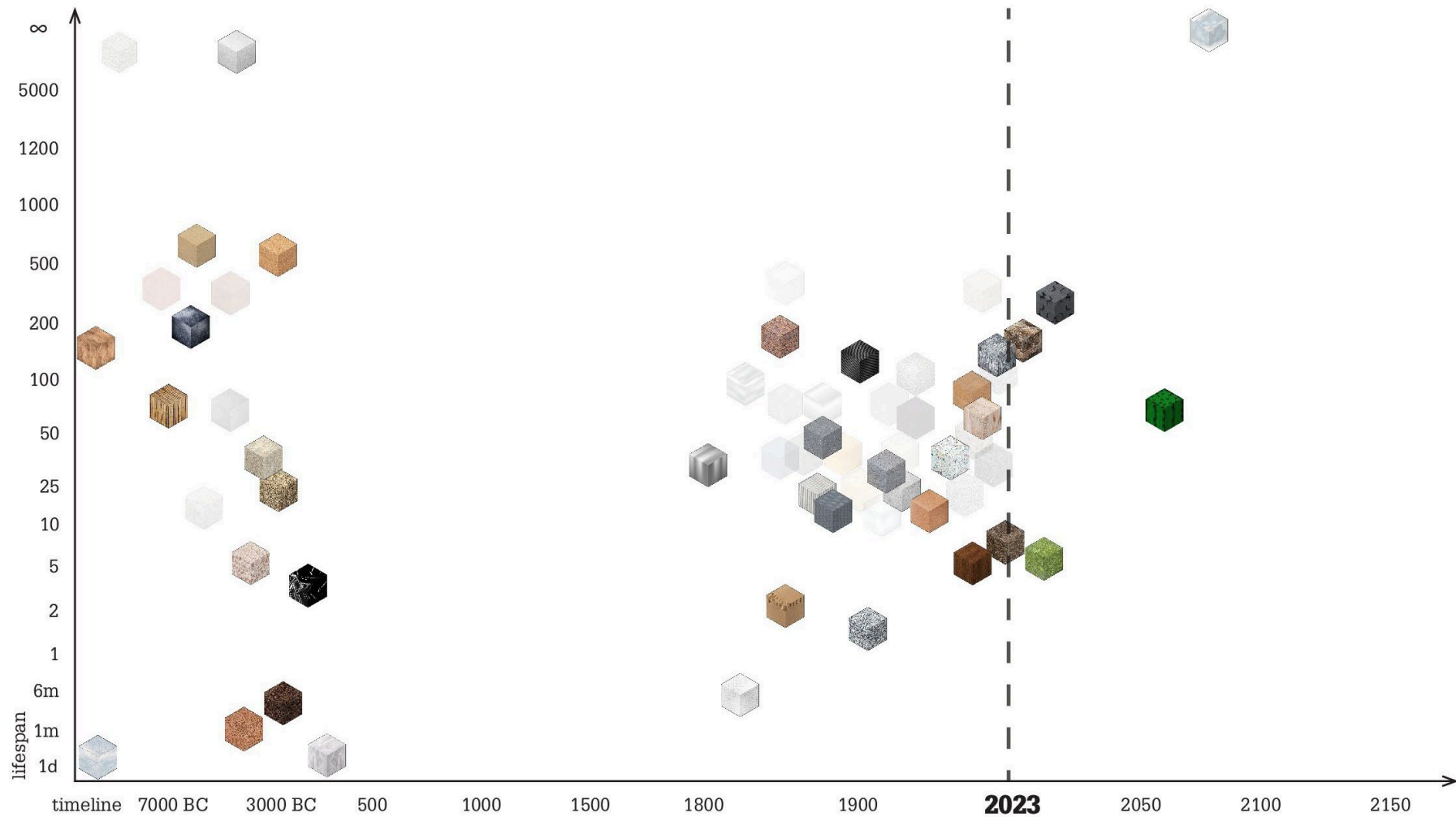
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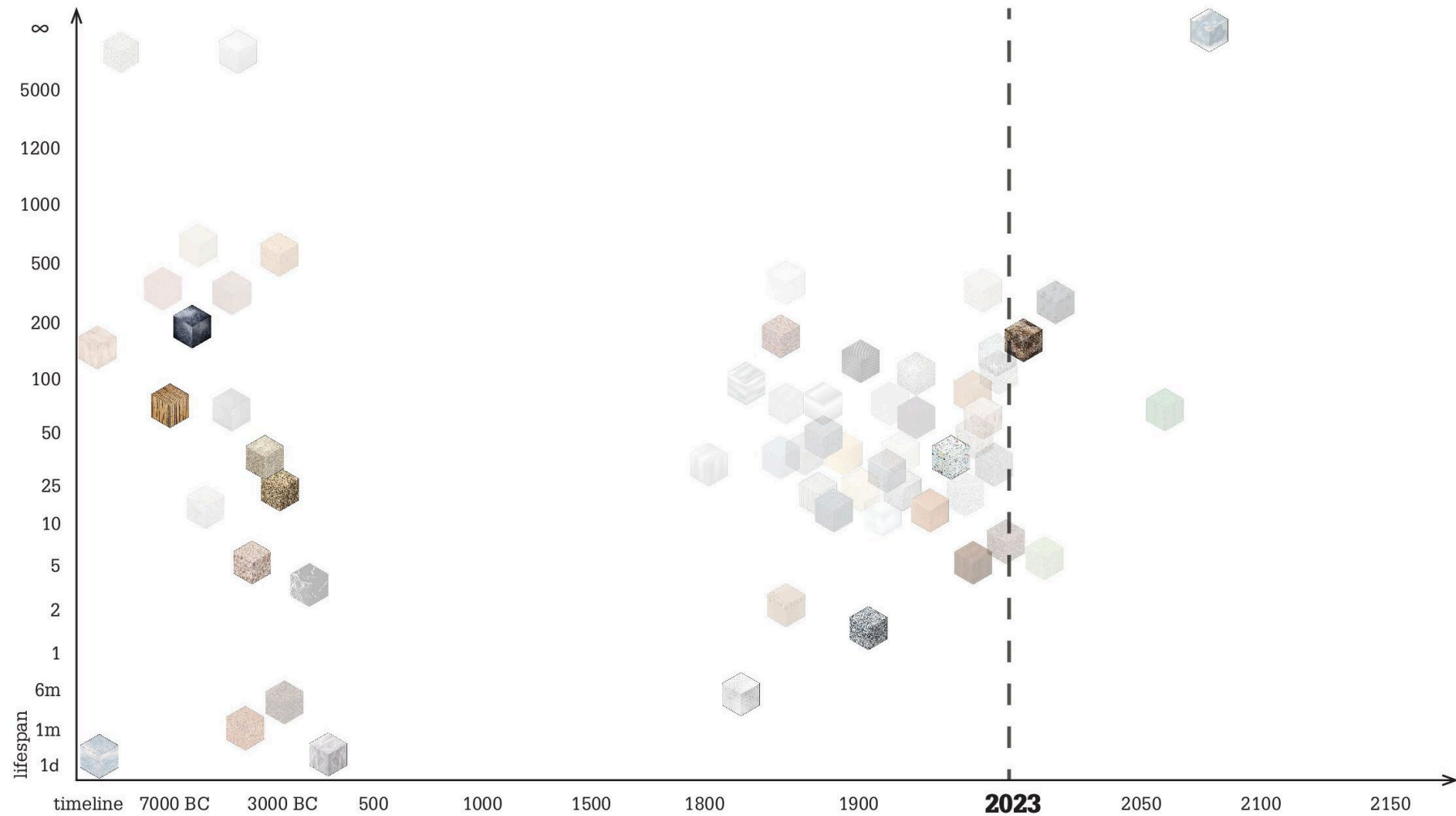




## The timeline of recyclable materials in research



## The timeline of adaptable materials in research



# **WHAT OTHER MATERIALS LOOK PROMISING FOR THE FUTURE?**

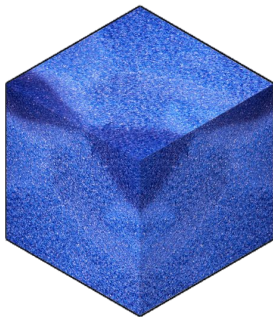
# 5.4

## MATERIALS OF THE FUTURE

Materials that already exist in other fields, but whose potential application to architecture is only just beginning to be explored.

# Elastomers

Elastomers are rubbery materials composed of long chainline of molecules. The are highly elastic, with various use in industrial products: soft robotics, astronautic equipment, vehicles, tissue engineering, self-healing. When stressed, the weak retained forces cause them to elongate greatly and become flexible and adhesive.



**Lifespan :** 15 years  
**Footprint :** 1.5 t CO<sub>2</sub>/t

## Properties:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Oxygen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thermal insulation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Waste
<input type="checkbox"/>	Structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire-resistant
<input type="checkbox"/>	Heat	<input type="checkbox"/>	Corrosion-resistant
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/>	Elastic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recyclability
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## Limitations:

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## 5.4 MATERIALS OF THE FUTURE

# Library of materials



Reinforced  
concrete



Precast concrete



Translucent  
Concrete



Aerated  
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Terracotta  
Bricks



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Steel



Stainless  
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Galvanised Steel  
Sheets



Copper



Lead



MDF



Plaster  
Panels



Corrugated  
Cardboard



Acrylic Glass  
(Plexiglass)



Rubber



Linoleum



CLT



GLT



Luminous  
Concrete



High density  
gypsum



PVC  
membranes



Fabric



Glass Fibers



Titanium



Liquid crystal  
wall



Aluminium  
foil



Recycled  
Plastics



Recycled  
Bricks



Wood



Bamboo



Cork



Straw



Hemp



Hempcrete



Adobe



Cow Dung



Cob



Coconut Shell



Snow



Salt



Recycled  
Paper



Fiberglass  
Panels



Self-healing  
Concrete



Self-cleaning  
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Glassy metal



Seaweed



Transparent  
Wood



Chipboard  
(potato)



Library of materials



Cactus



Air



Fungal  
Mycelium



Graphene



Carbon-fiber  
Reinforced  
Polymer



Elastomers



Lichen Ramalina  
Menziesii



Corals



Bioluminescent  
plants



Spider Silk



Living Glue  
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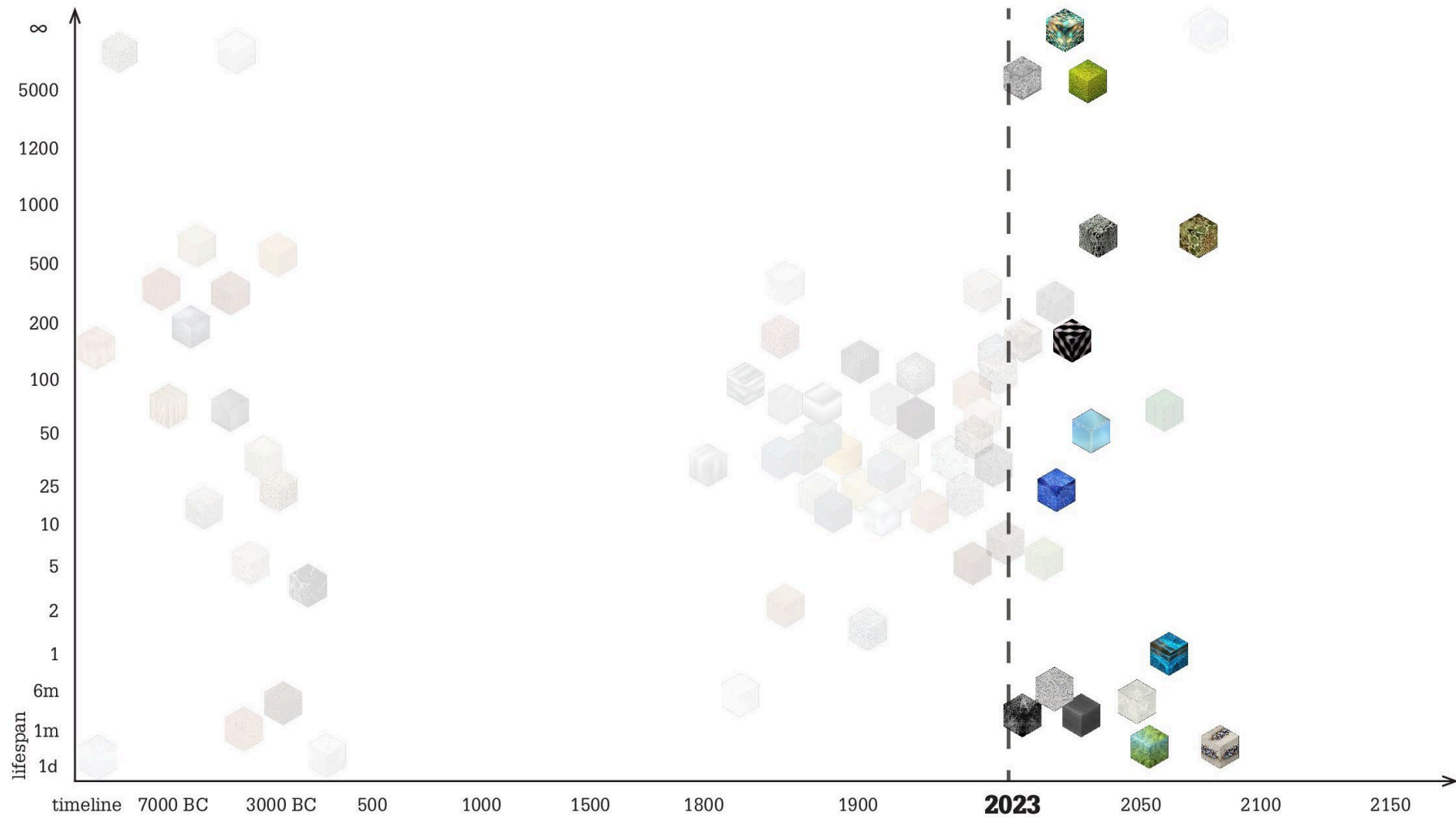
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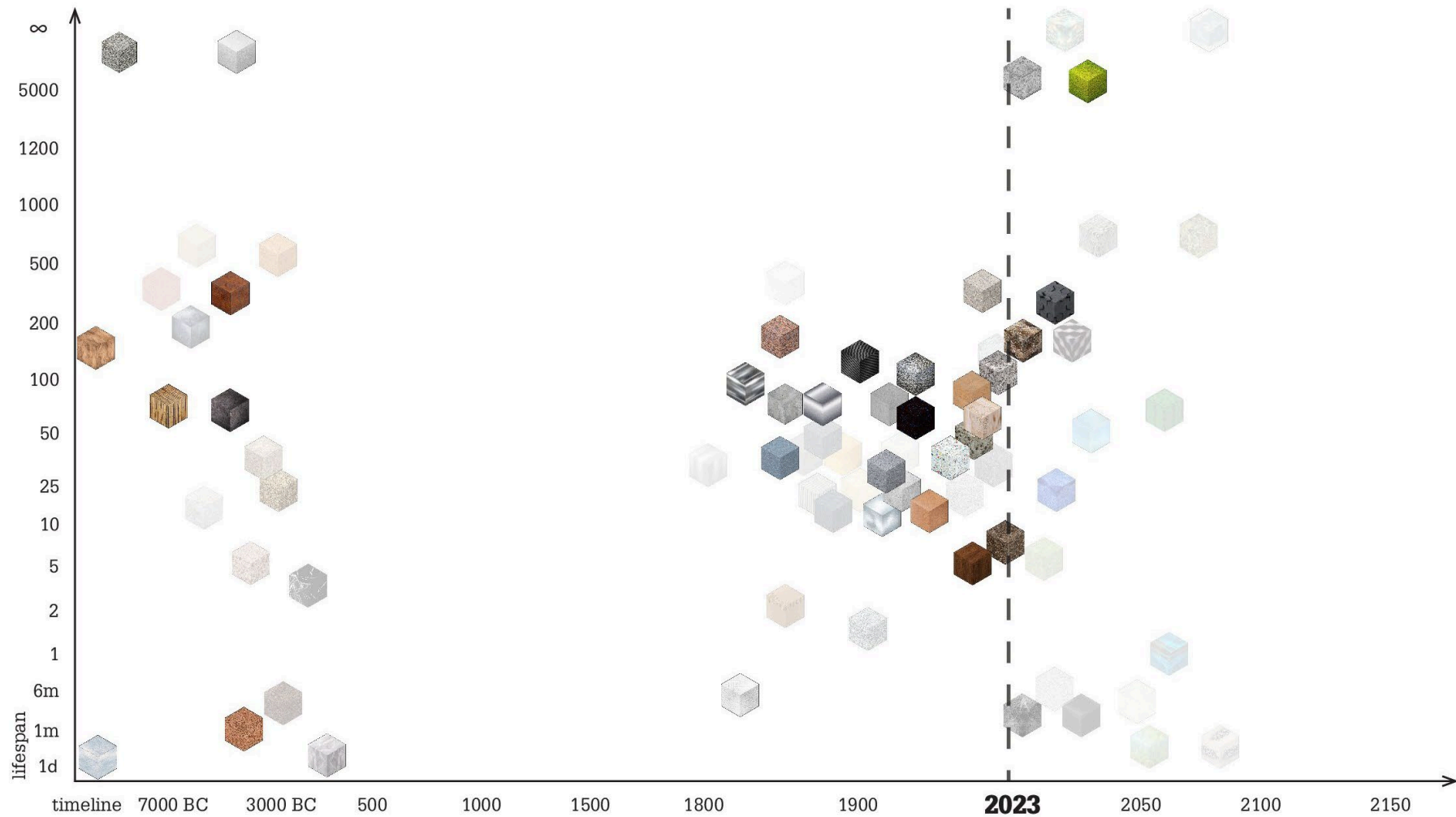
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# The timeline of materials of the future



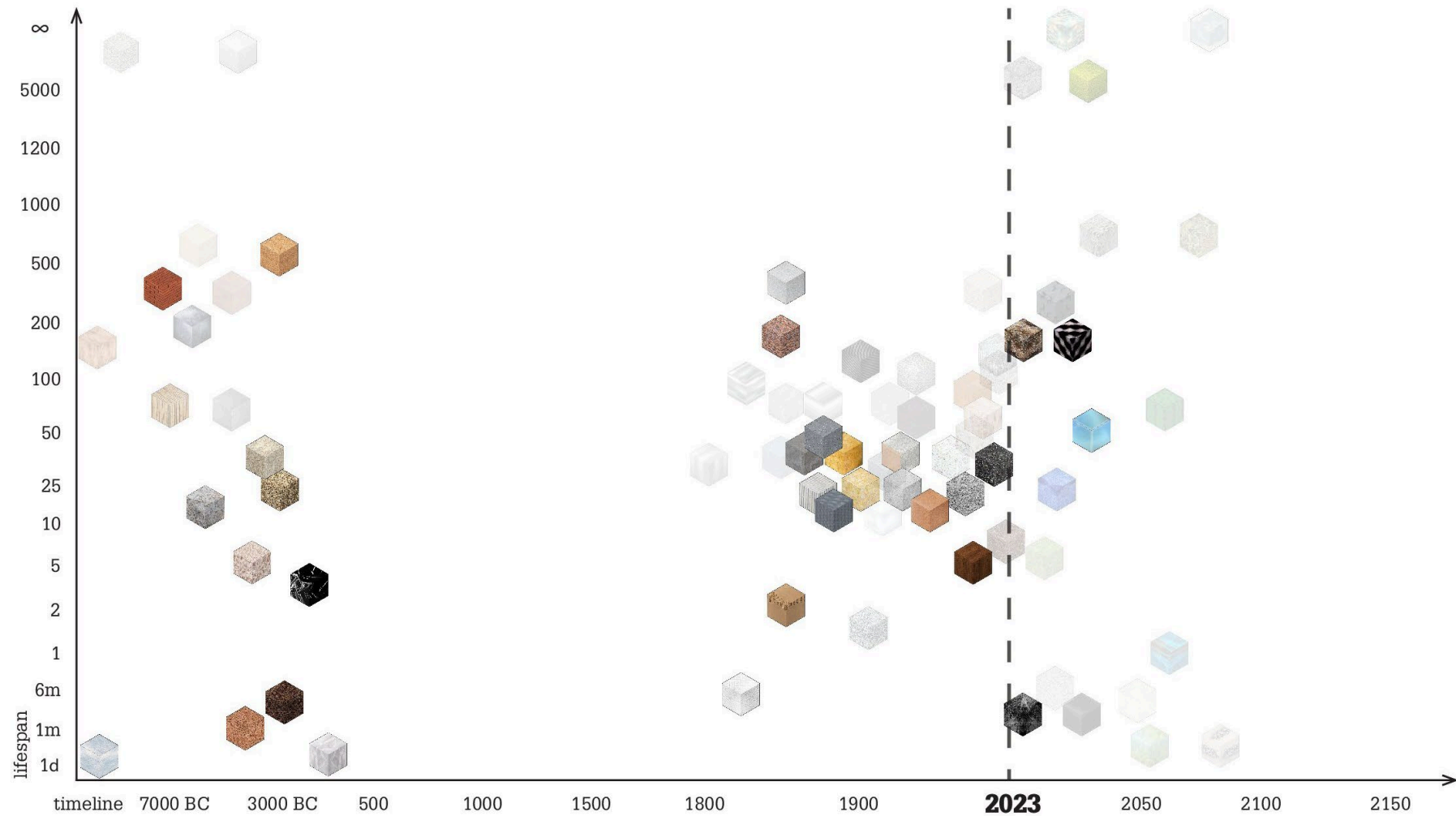
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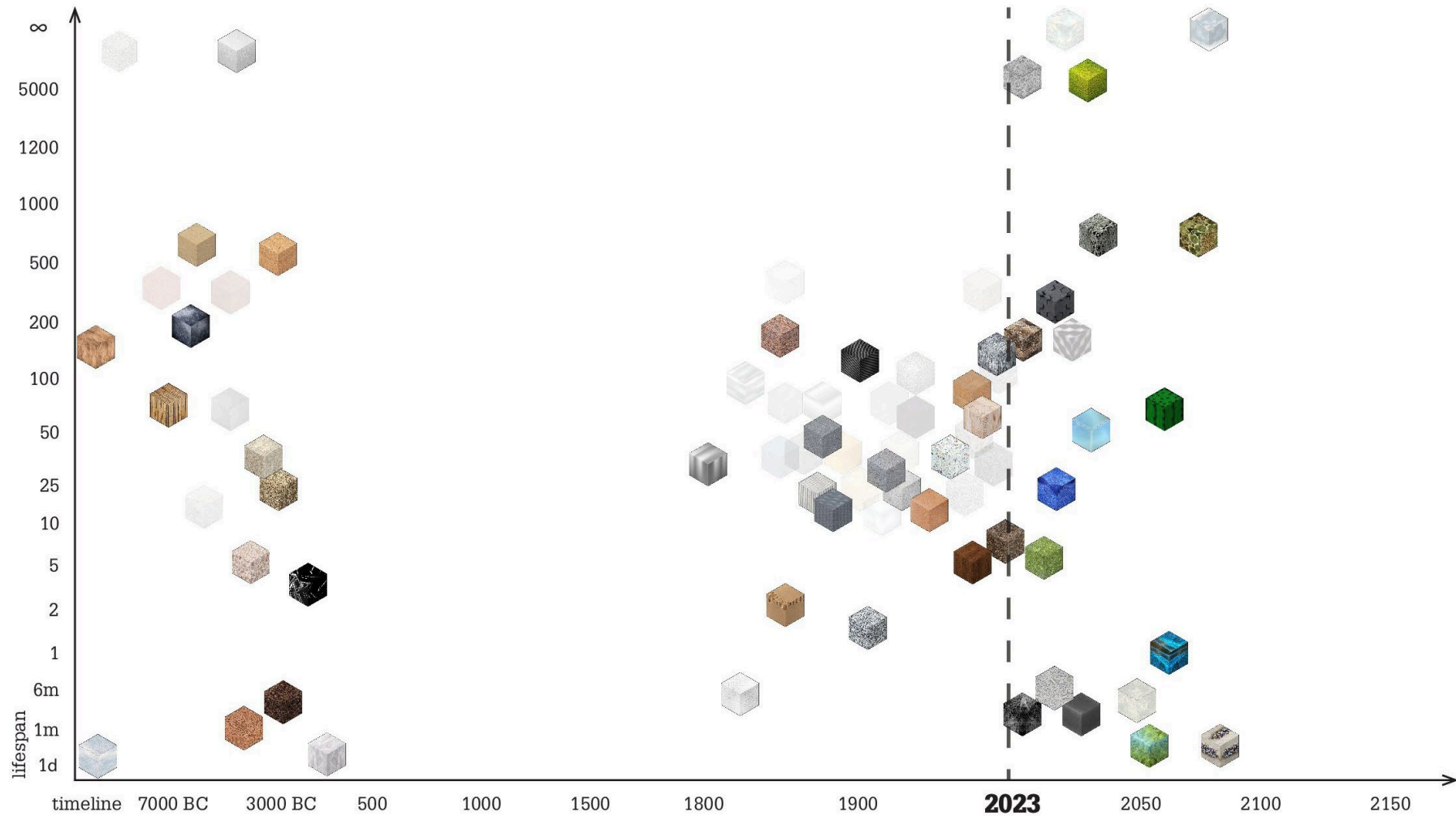
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## The timeline of thermal insulating materials of the future



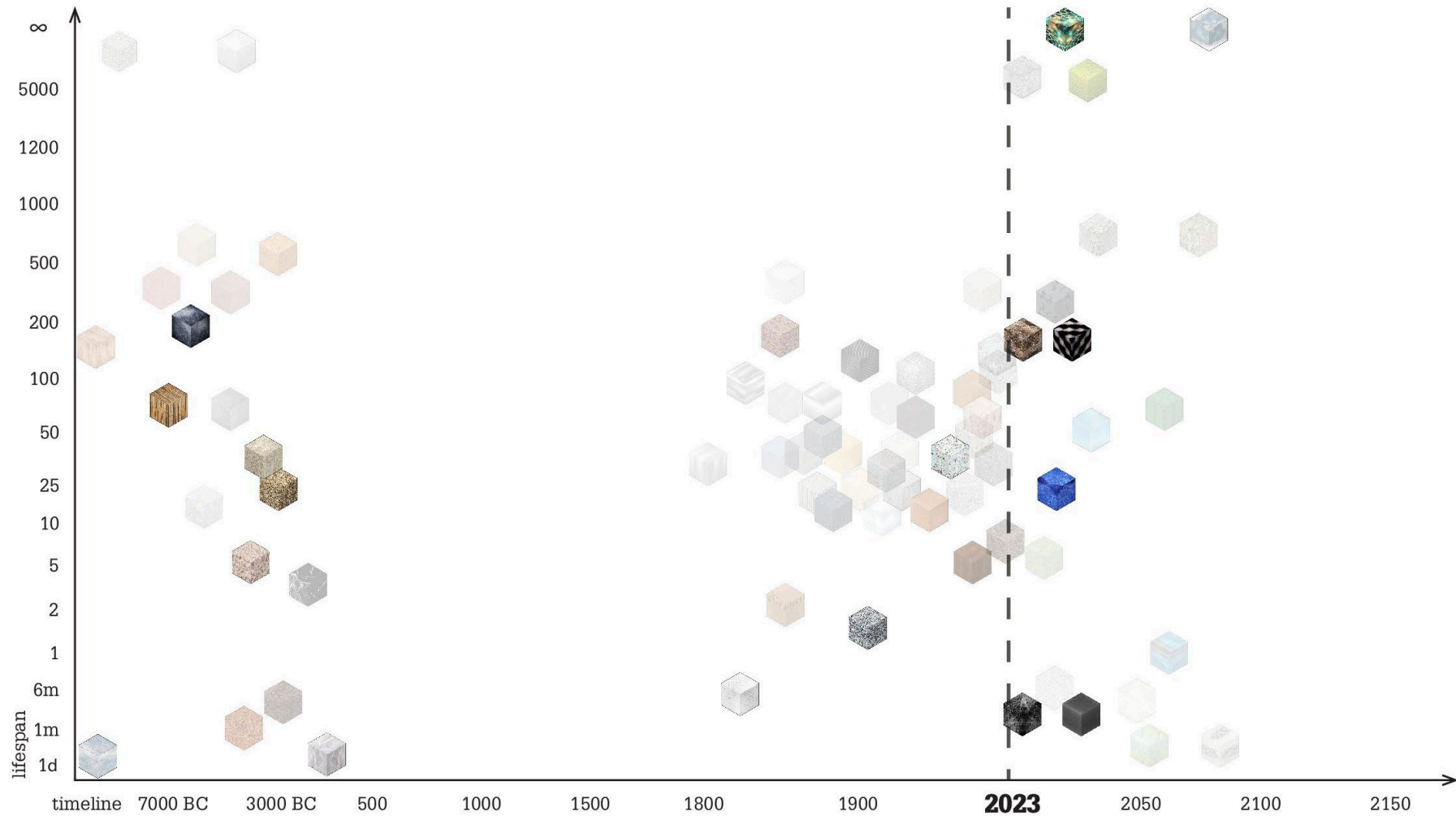
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# The timeline of recyclable materials of the future



## 5.4 MATERIALS OF THE FUTURE

# The timeline of adaptable materials of the future





## 5.4 MATERIALS OF THE FUTURE

A great deal of research into materials has been carried out, enabling us to establish which materials can meet our desired properties for the Next House.

**HOW CAN THESE MATERIALS  
COLLABORATE TOWARDS  
THE NEXT HOUSE?**

**6**

**NEXT**

**HOUSE**

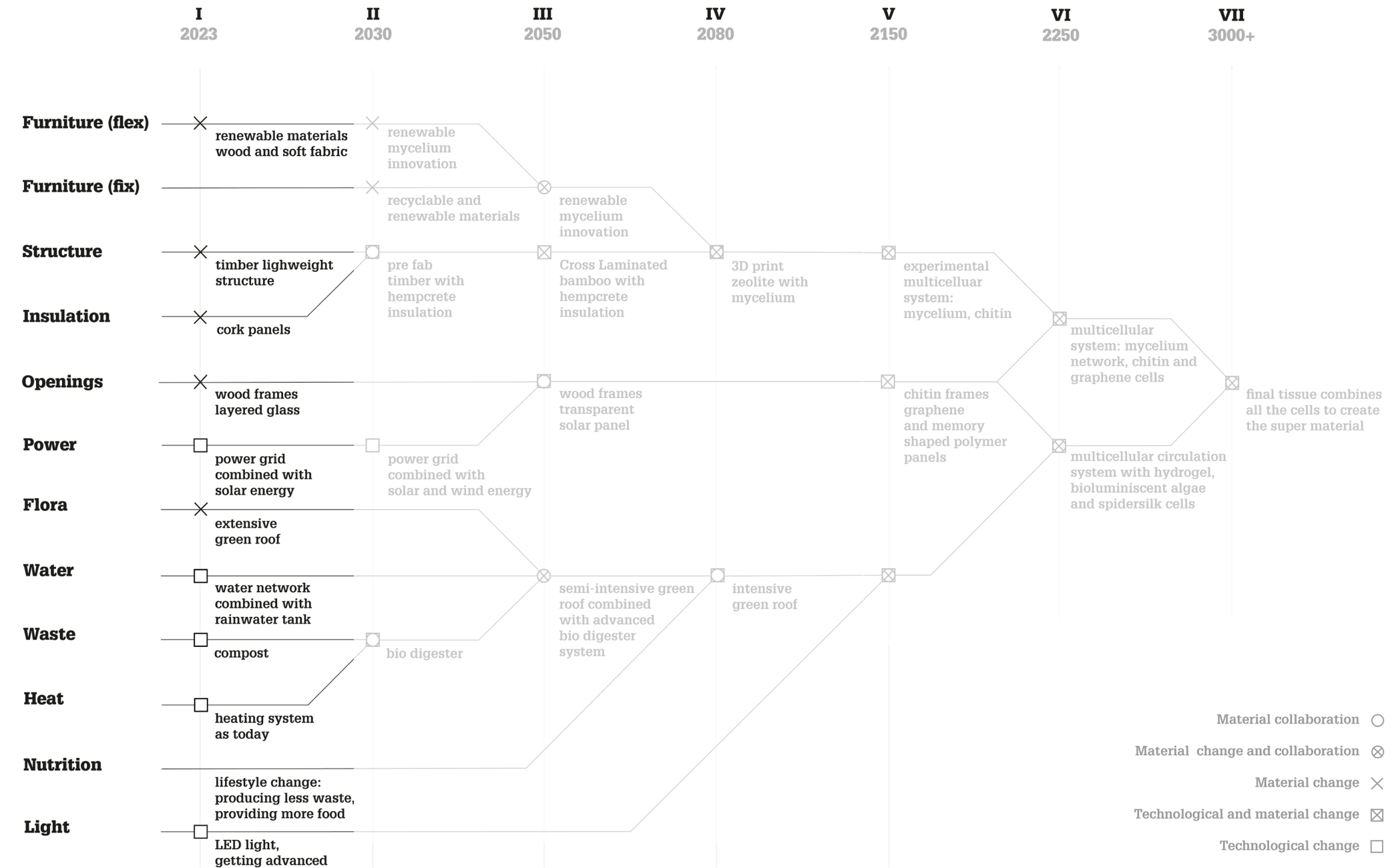
# 6.1

## NEXT HOUSE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Knowing what materials are used today and will be used in the future, we're going to see how the Czech house will evolve over the years to become the Nexthouse.

**WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE  
ONLY USE BIO-BASED  
MATERIALS?**

# Evolution towards the Next House





# 6.1 NEXT HOUSE IN CZECH REPUBLIC

## STEP 1 - 2023

- 1. Furniture (flex) - recyclable and renewable where possible  
wooden furniture with soft fabric
- 2. Furniture (fixed) - recyclable materials where it is possible
- 3. Structure - timber structure
- 4. Insulation - cork insulation
- 5. Openings - all windows and doors have timber frames,  
openings with layered glass
- 6. Power - system combined with solar panels added to the roof
- 7. Flora - extensive green roof
- 8. Water - system combined with rainwater tank which provides grey water
- 9. Waste - composting as much waste as possible
- 10. Heat - not changed
- 11. Nutrition - not changed
- 12. Light - LED light

### STEP 0 - HOUSE OF TODAY

Material efficiency as % of total 0.00%

MATERIAL efficiency = 0.00%

SPACE efficiency = 10.2 + 195.9 = 8.2%

Operational CO2 impact/day = water + electricity + gas + waste + food + CO2 + O2 = 49 + 8.95 + 12.47 + 2.4 + 12.5 + 166.7 + 56.38 = 199kg

Embodied CO2 impact/lifetime = 148 887.7kg

STEP 1

MATERIAL efficiency: New implementation of wooden construction (60 years - 100% efficiency), insulation cork 200 years - 10% efficiency & solar panels (silicon 40 years - 45% efficiency)

MATERIAL efficiency = 40%

SPACE efficiency = 10.2 + 195.9 = 8.2% (same as STEP 0)

Operational CO2 impact/day = water + electricity + gas + waste + food + CO2 + O2 = 42 + 6.4 + 11.47 + 2.56 + 12.5 + same = 84kg = 188kg

Embodied CO2 impact/lifetime = 131 199.7kg

### STEP 1

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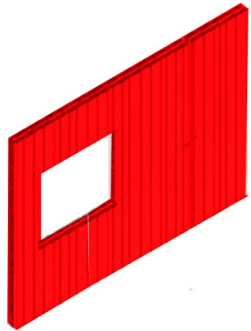
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## 6.1 NEXT HOUSE IN CZECH REPUBLIC

### STEP 1 - Material efficiency

- Wooden panel/Wood



80 years

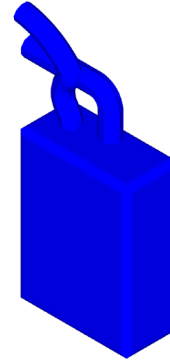
Usespan of element

100 years

Lifespan of material

**80%**  
Material  
Efficiency

- Boiler/Steel



15 years

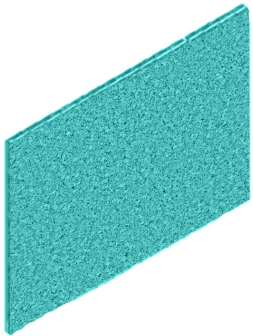
Usespan of element

100 years

Lifespan of material

**15%**  
Material  
Efficiency

- Insulation/Cork



100 years

Usespan of element

200 years

Lifespan of material

**50%**  
Material  
Efficiency

- Solar panel/Silicon



25 years

Usespan of element

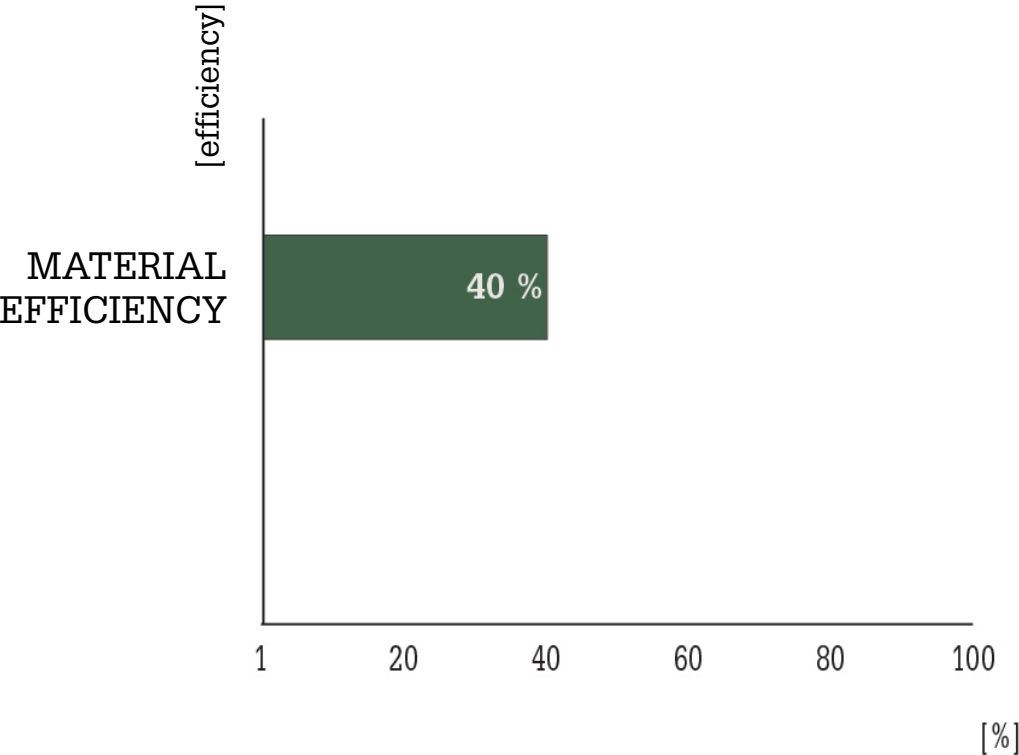
45 years

Lifespan of material

**56%**  
Material  
Efficiency

STEP 1 - Common coin

Household EFFICIENCY

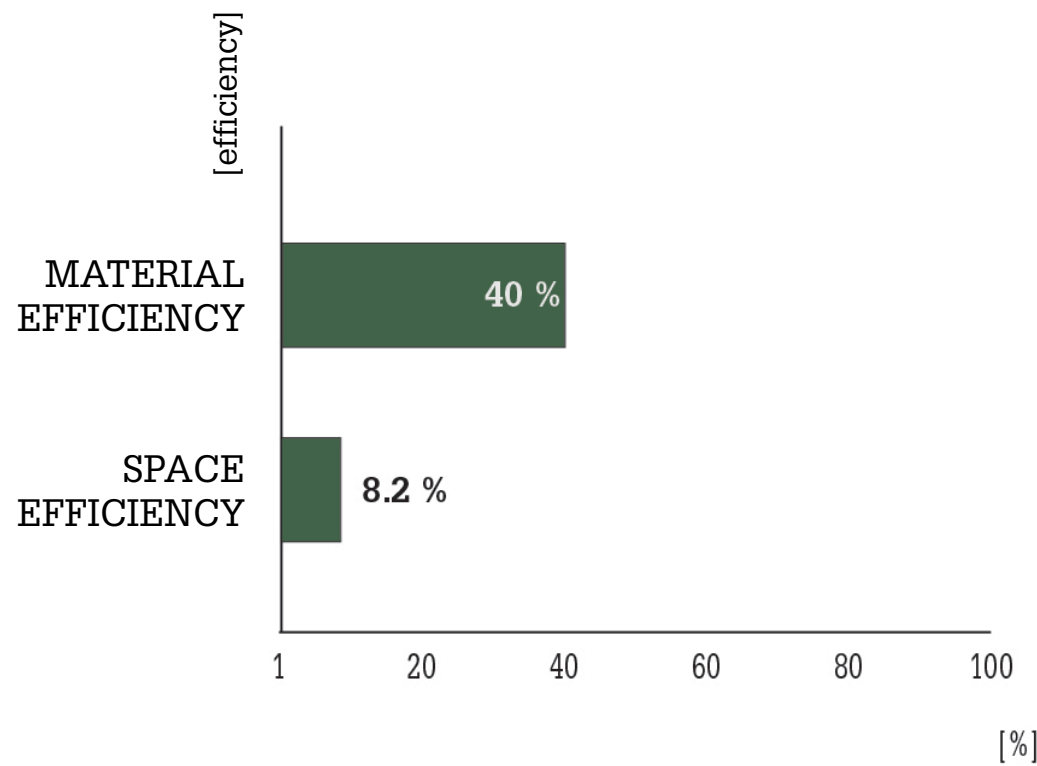


## STEP 1 - Space efficiency

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{16.2\ m^3} \\ \text{Space we need} \end{array}}{\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{195.9\ m^3} \\ \text{Space we use} \end{array}} = \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{8.2\ \%} \\ \text{Household space} \\ \text{efficiency} \end{array}$$

STEP 1 - Common coin

Household EFFICIENCY



STEP 1 - Impact

Operational CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent  
per day

Water	42 kg	<del>49 kg</del>
Electricity	6.4 kg	<del>8.55 kg</del>
Gas	13.47 kg	
...		

Total:  
188 kg

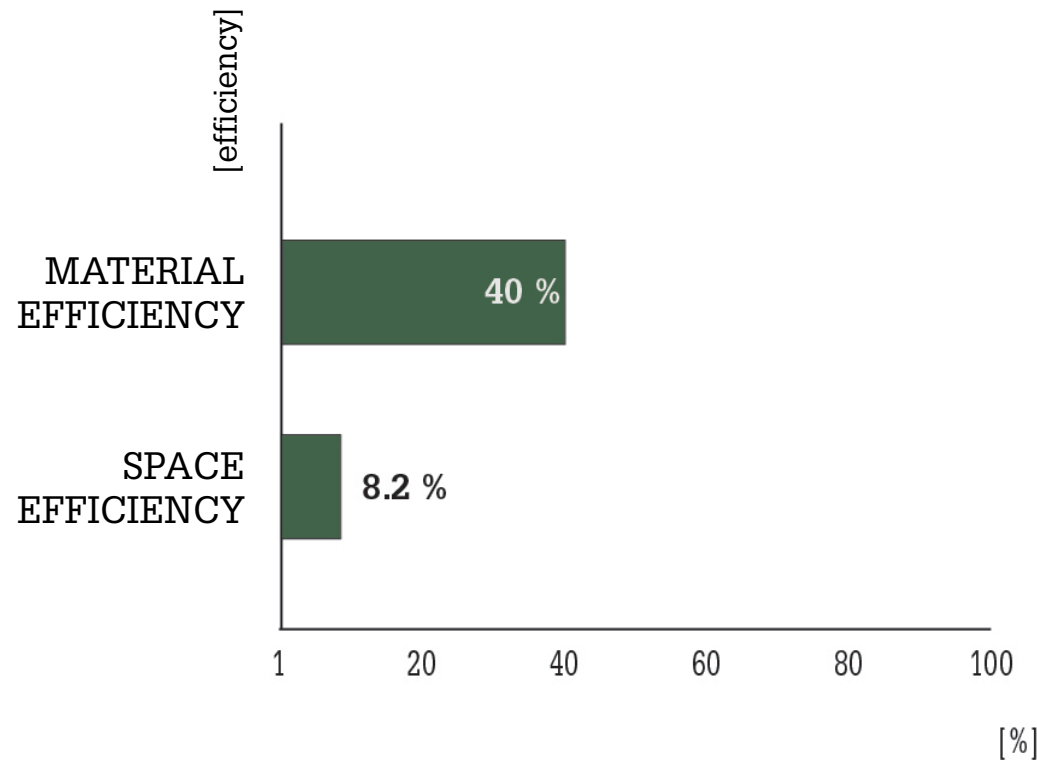
Embodied CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent  
per lifetime

Concrete Wood	1596 kg
Textiles Cork	47.7 kg
Granite Silicon	51.5 kg
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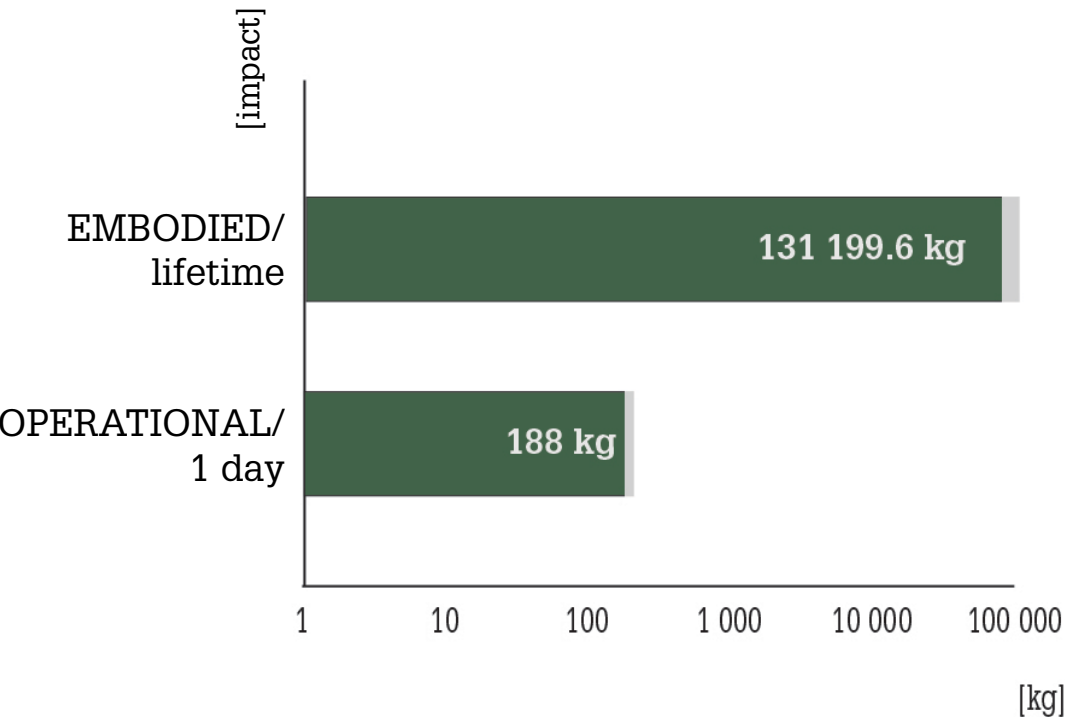
Total:  
131 199.6 kg

STEP 1 - Common coin

Household EFFICIENCY



Household IMPACT



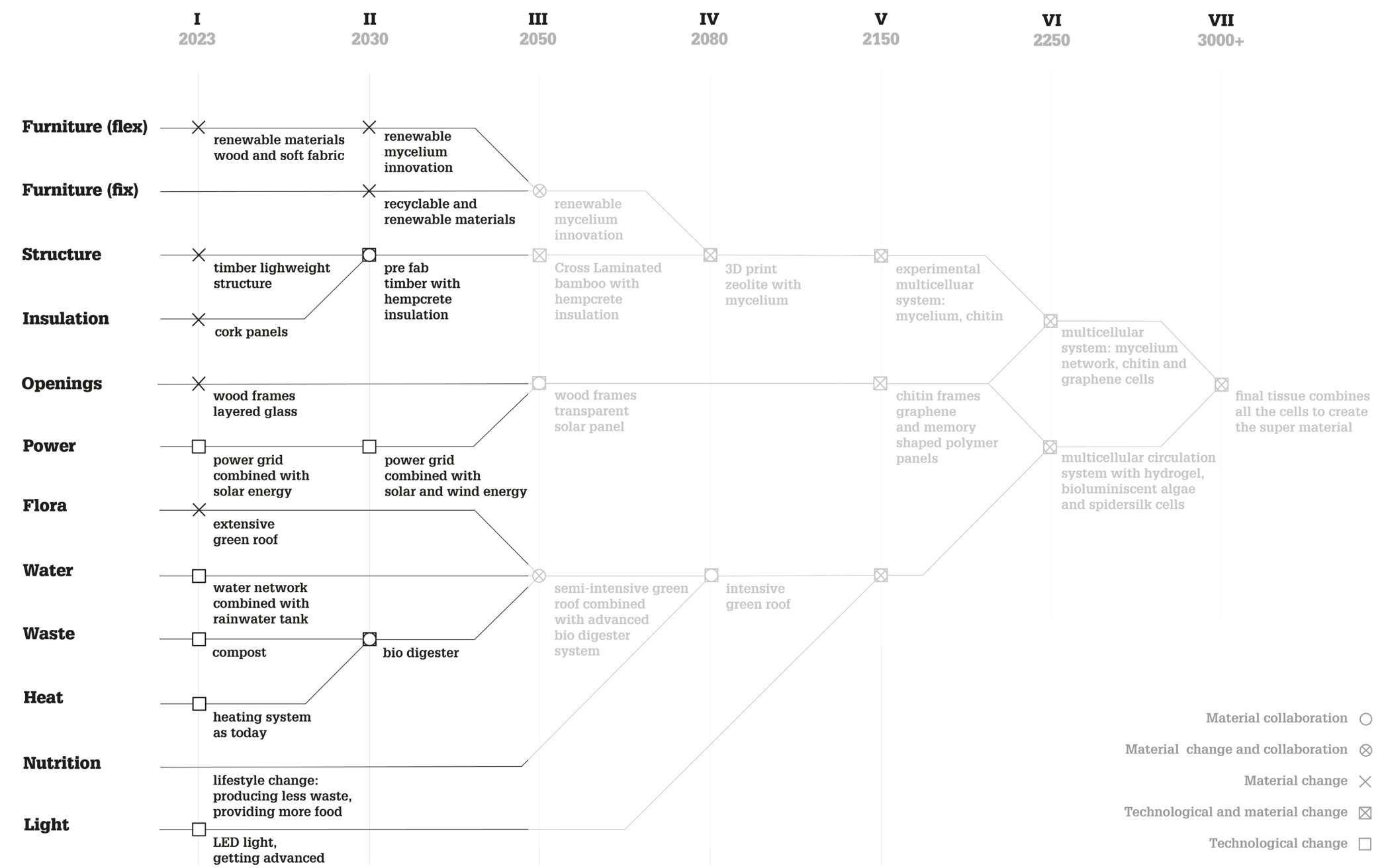


**OUR IMPACT IS STILL TOO BIG  
AND OUR EFFICIENCY TOO LOW**

# **WHAT HAPPENS IF WE IMPROVE OUR EXISTING MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGIES?**

6.1 NEXT HOUSE IN CZECH REPUBLIC

Evolution towards the Next House



# 6.1 NEXT HOUSE IN CZECH REPUBLIC

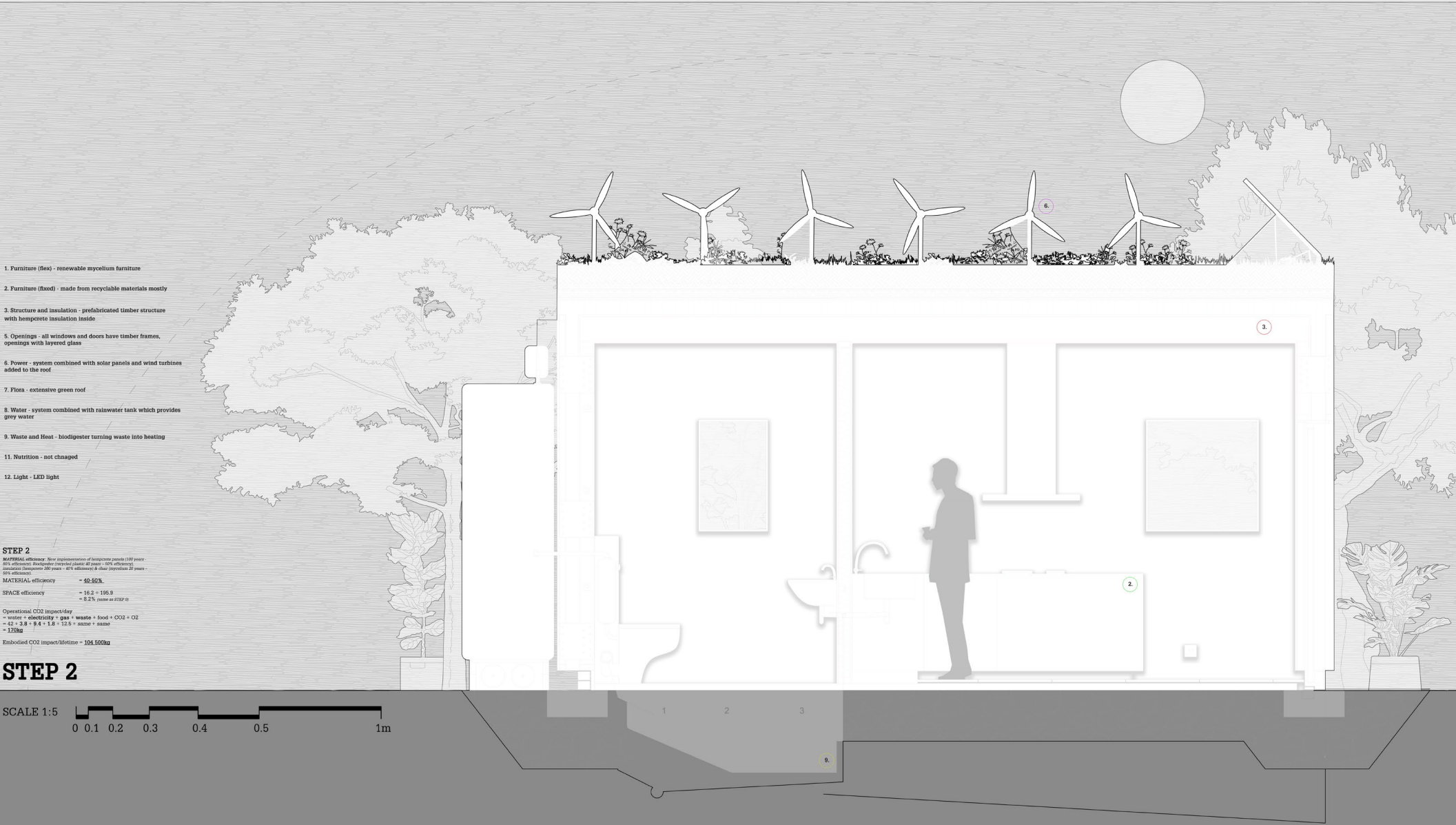
## STEP 2 - 2030

- 1. Furniture (flex) - renewable mycelium furniture
- 2. Furniture (fixed) - made from recyclable materials mostly
- 3. Structure and insulation - prefabricated timber structure with hempcrete insulation inside
- 5. Openings - all windows and doors have timber frames, openings with layered glass
- 6. Power - system combined with solar panels and wind turbines added to the roof
- 7. Flora - extensive green roof
- 8. Water - system combined with rainwater tank which provides grey water
- 9. Waste and Heat - biodigester turning waste into heating
- 11. Nutrition - not changed
- 12. Light - LED light

**STEP 2**  
MATERIAL efficiency: New implementation of transparent panels (100 years - 80% efficiency) Biochar (replaces plastic 40 years - 10% efficiency) insulation (replaces 30 years - 40% efficiency) & chair (replaces 30 years - 80% efficiency)  
MATERIAL efficiency = 40-50%  
SPACE efficiency = 16.2 = 196.9  
= 0.2% (same as STEP 0)  
Operational CO2 impact/day = water + electricity + gas + waste + food + CO2 + O2  
= 42 + 3.8 + 9.4 + 1.8 + 12.5 = same + same  
= 179kg  
Embodied CO2 impact/lifetime = 104,500kg

### STEP 2

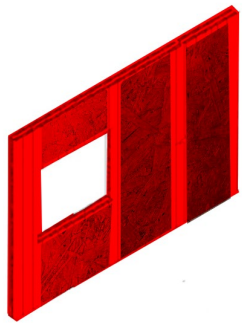
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## 6.1 NEXT HOUSE IN CZECH REPUBLIC

### STEP 2 - Material efficiency

- Prefabricated wooden construction with hempcrete panels/Wood + Hempcrete



80 years

Usespan of element

100 years

Lifespan of material

**80%**  
Material  
Efficiency

- Biodigester/Recycled plastic



20 years

Usespan of element

40 years

Lifespan of material

**50%**  
Material  
Efficiency

- Insulation/Hempcrete



120 years

Usespan of element

300 years

Lifespan of material

**40%**  
Material  
Efficiency

- Chair/Mycelium



10 years

Usespan of element

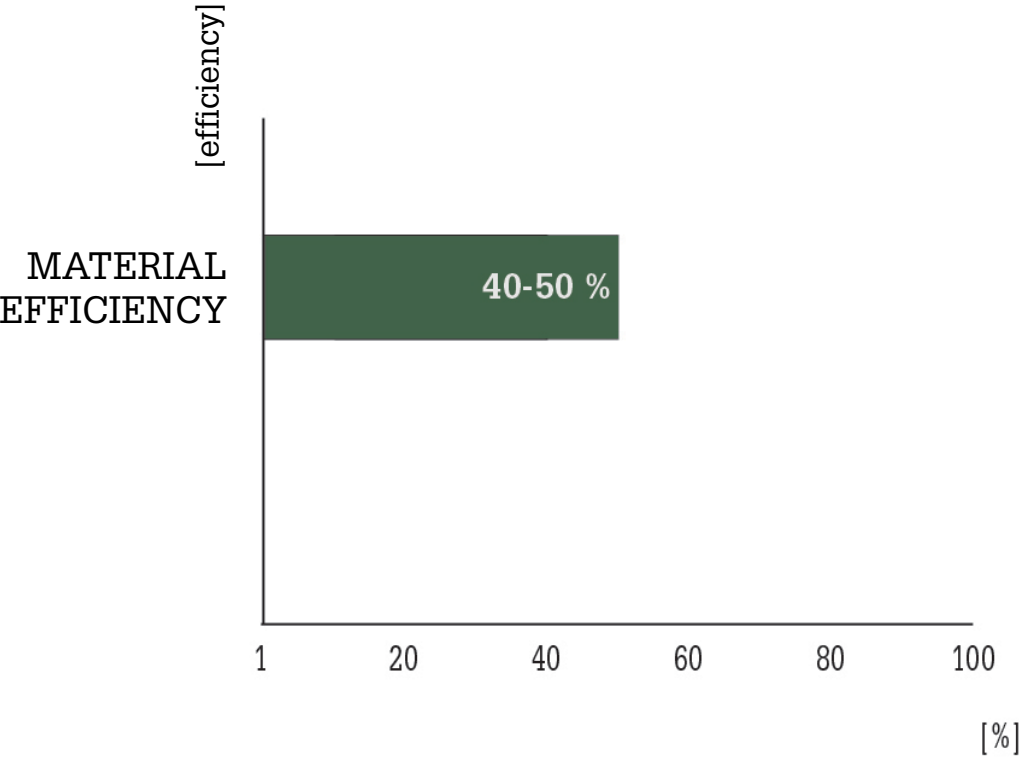
20 years

Lifespan of material

**50%**  
Material  
Efficiency

STEP 2 - Common coin

Household EFFICIENCY



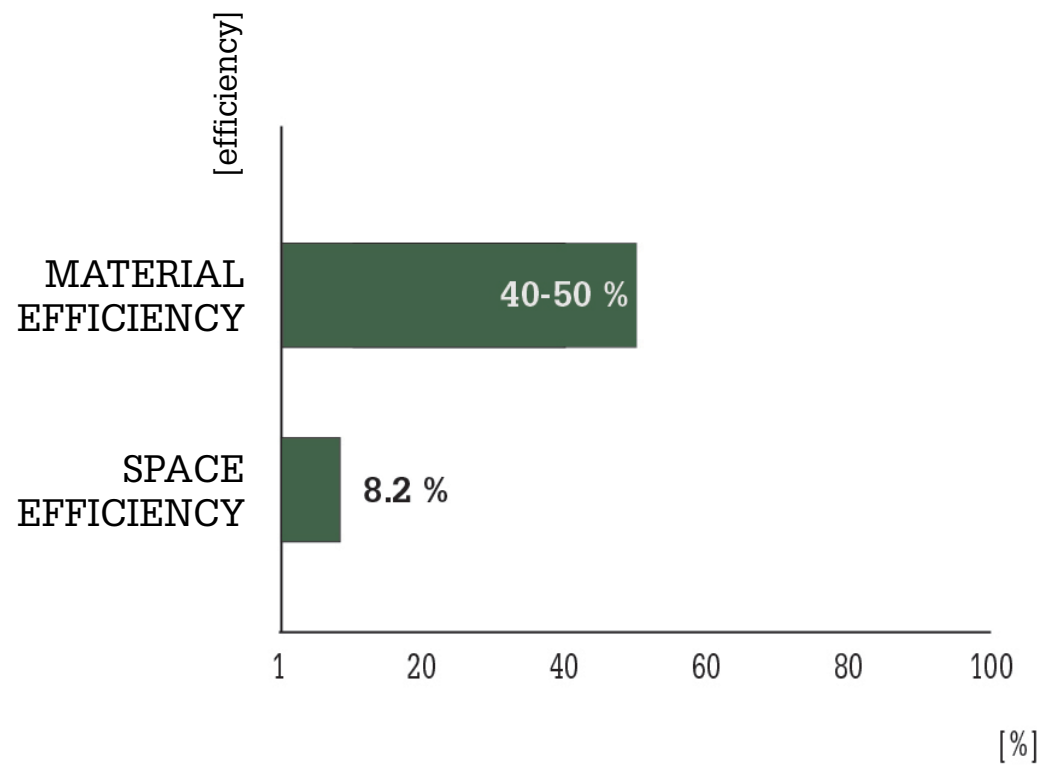
## STEP 2 - Space efficiency

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{16.2\ m^3} \\ \text{Space we need} \end{array}}{\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{195.9\ m^3} \\ \text{Space we use} \end{array}} = \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{8.2\ \%} \\ \text{Household space} \\ \text{efficiency} \end{array}$$



STEP 2 - Common coin

Household EFFICIENCY



STEP 2 - Impact

Operational CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent  
per day

Water	42 kg	
Electricity	3.8 kg	6.4 kg
Gas	9.4 kg	13.47 kg
...		

Total:  
170 kg

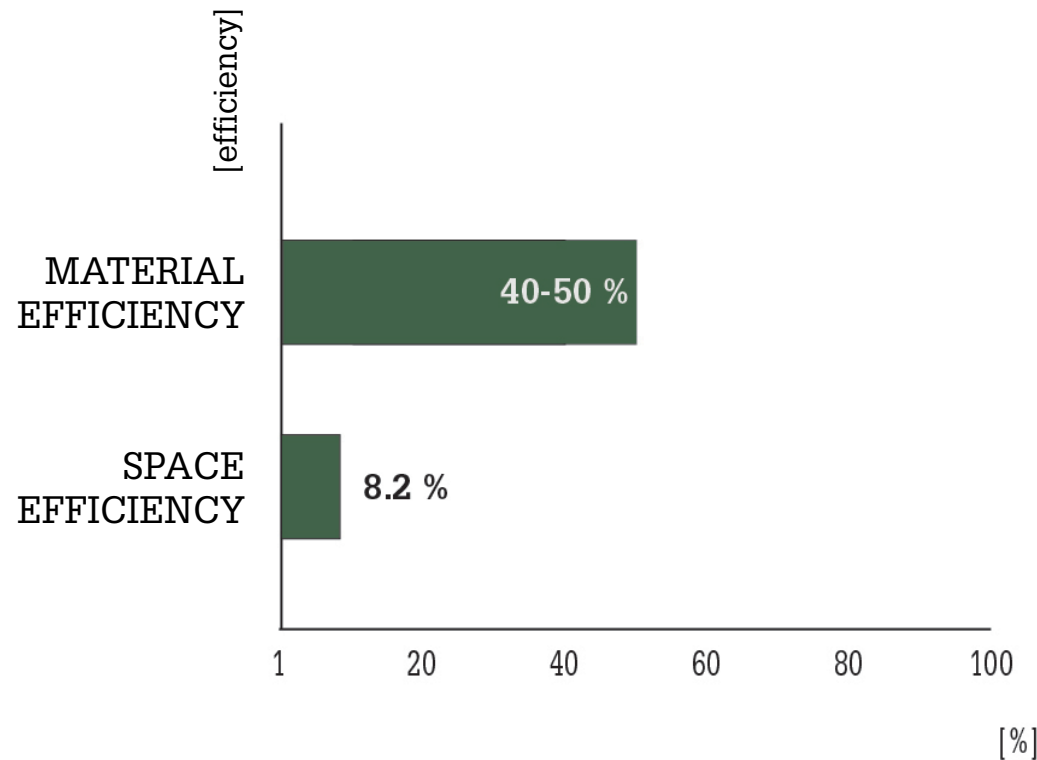
Embodied CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent  
per lifetime

Wood	1350 kg	1596 kg
Cork Hempcrete	40 kg	
Silicon Mycelium	36.5 kg	
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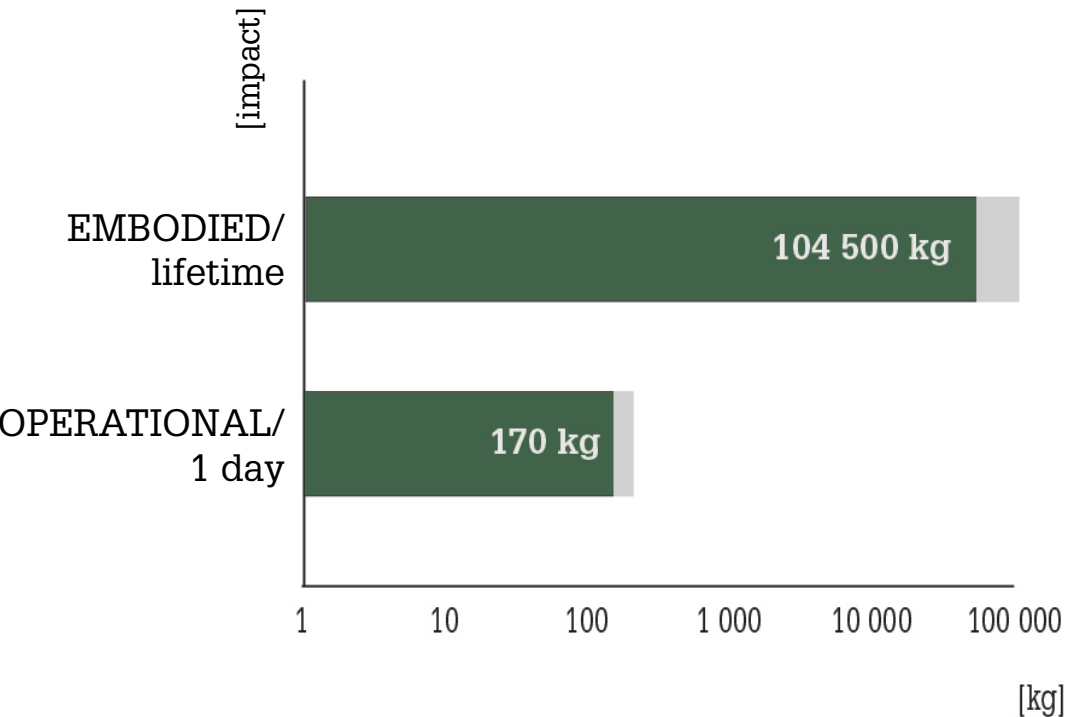
Total:  
104 500 kg

STEP 2 - Common coin

Household EFFICIENCY

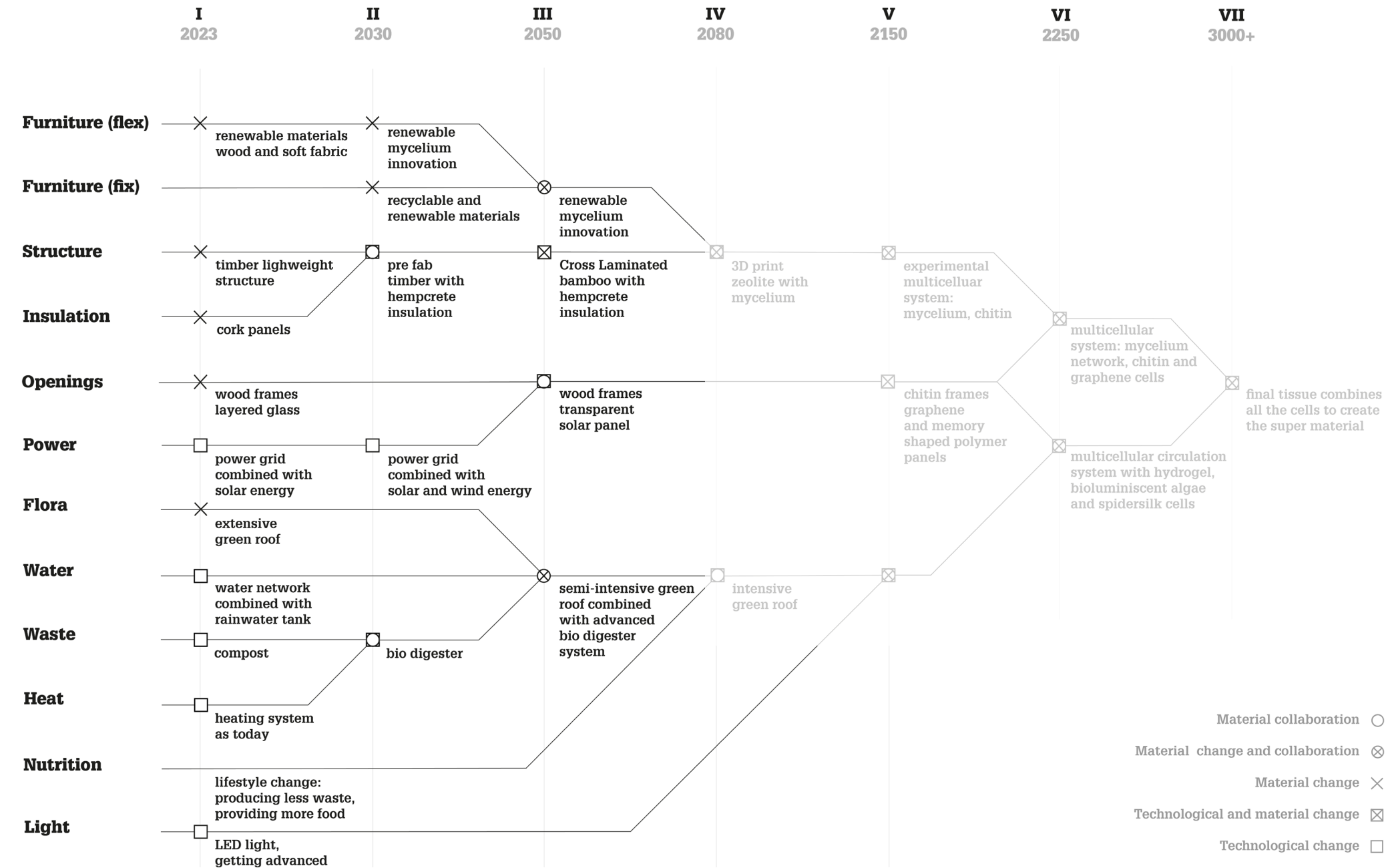


Household IMPACT



**LET'S GO A STEP FURTHER**

# Evolution towards the Next House



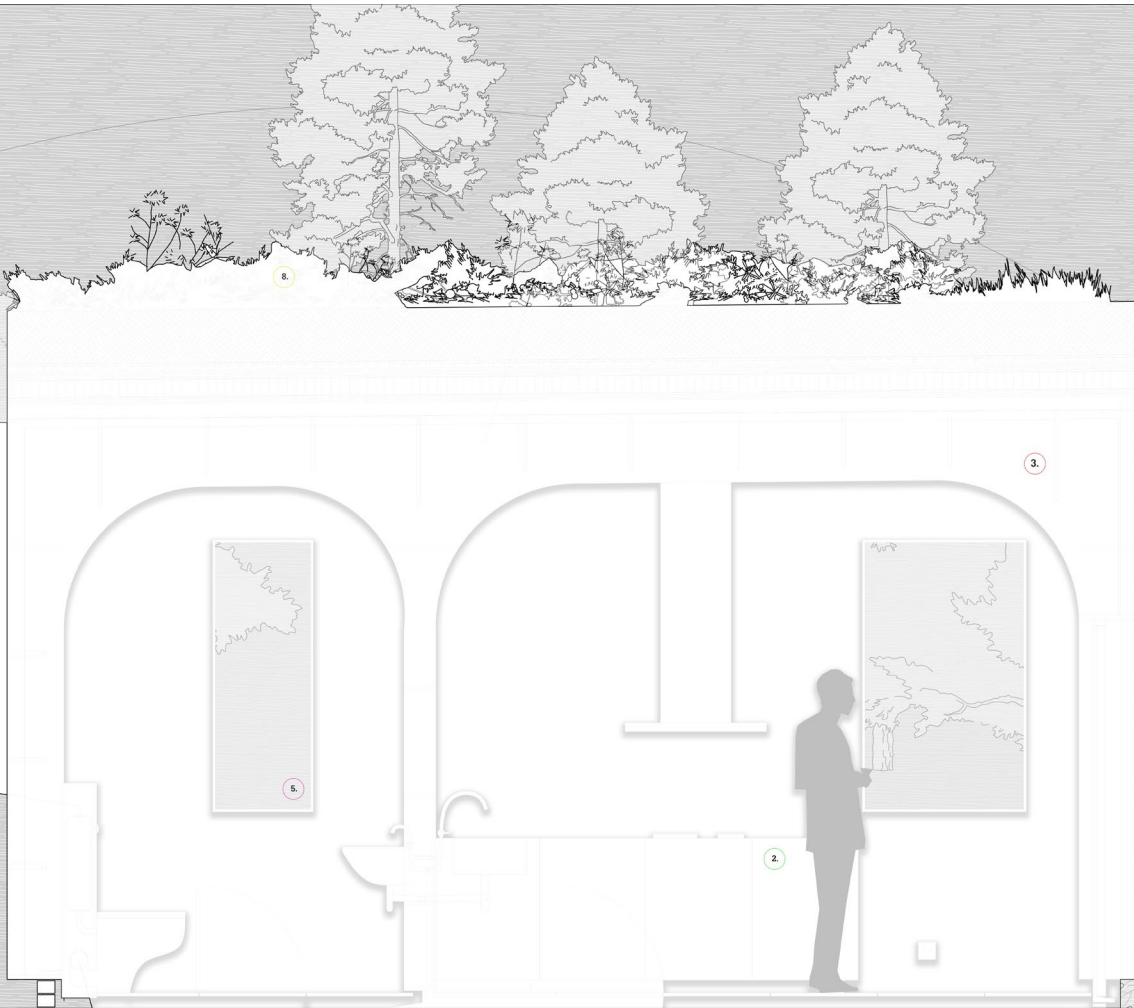
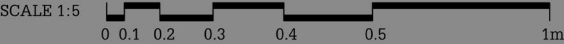
6.1 NEXT HOUSE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

STEP 3 - 2050

- 1. Furniture (flex and fixed) - renewable mycelium furniture innovation where possible
- 3. Structure and insulation - Cross Laminated Bamboo with hempcrete insulation
- 5. Openings and Power - all windows and doors have timber frames, openings with transparent solar panels
- 8. Flora, Water, Waste and Heat - semi-intensive green roof in one system with the biogasifier what consumes waste and provides heating
- 11. Nutrition - not changed
- 12. Light - LED light

**STEP 3**  
Material efficiency: New implementation of CO2 bamboo (bamboo 80 years - 100% efficient, biogasifier (biogas 10 years - 60% efficiency) & transparent solar panels (generation 10 years - 75% efficiency))  
Material efficiency = 50-60%  
Space efficiency = 19.2 = 198.7  
= 11%  
Operational CO2 impact/day  
= water + electricity + gas + waste + food + CO2 + O2  
= 26.1 + 1.9 + 9.4 + 1.5 + 8.8 + same + same  
= 144 kg  
Embodied CO2 impact/lifetime = 62,720kg

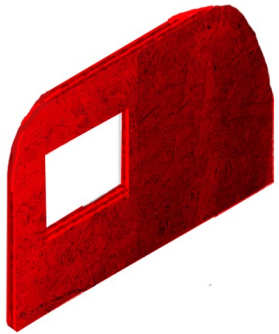
STEP 3



## 6.1 NEXT HOUSE IN CZECH REPUBLIC

### STEP 3 - Material efficiency

- CL bamboo with hempcrete panels/Bamboo



100 years

Usespan of element

100 years

Lifespan of material

**100%**  
Material  
Efficiency

- Biodigester/Fiberglass



30 years

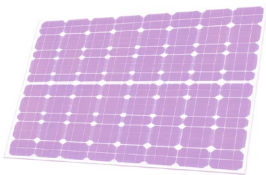
Usespan of element

50 years

Lifespan of material

**60%**  
Material  
Efficiency

- Transparent solar panels/Perovskites



25 years

Usespan of element

35 years

Lifespan of material

**71%**  
Material  
Efficiency

- Chair/Mycelium



10 years

Usespan of element

20 years

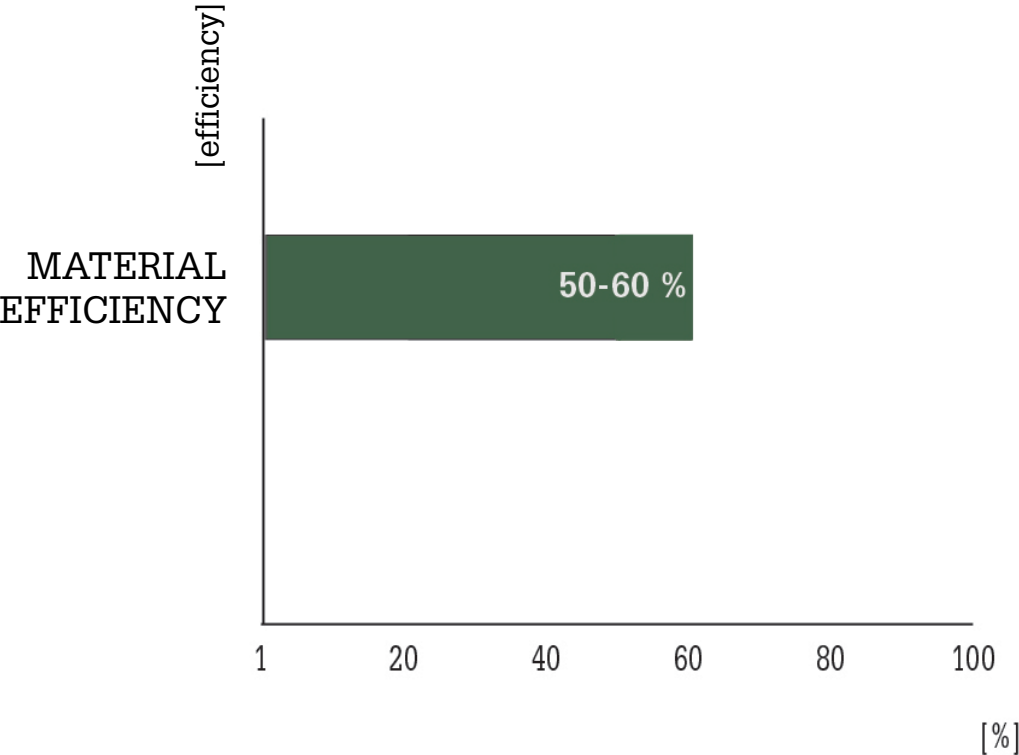
Lifespan of material

**50%**  
Material  
Efficiency



STEP 3 - Common coin

Household EFFICIENCY



## STEP 3 - Space efficiency

**16.2 m<sup>3</sup>**

Space we need

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**158.7 m<sup>3</sup>**

Space we use

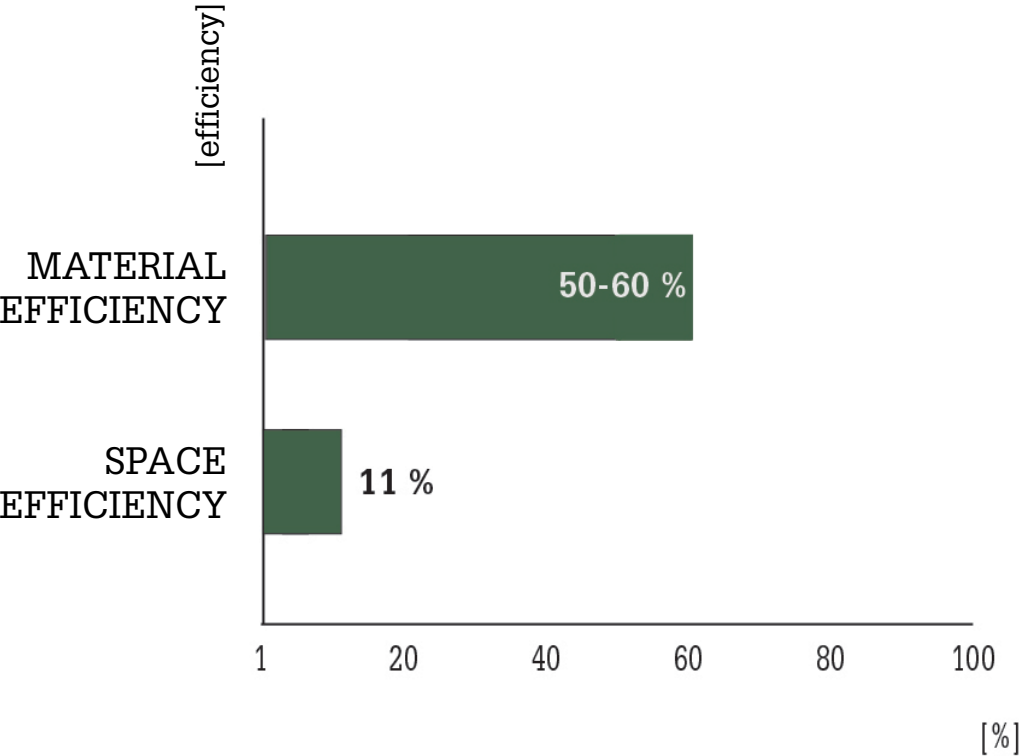
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**11%**

**Household space  
efficiency**

STEP 3 - Common coin

Household EFFICIENCY



STEP 3 - Impact

Operational CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent  
per day

Water	36.1 kg	<del>42 kg</del>
Electricity	1.9 kg	<del>3.8 kg</del>
Gas	9.4 kg	
...		

Total:  
144 kg

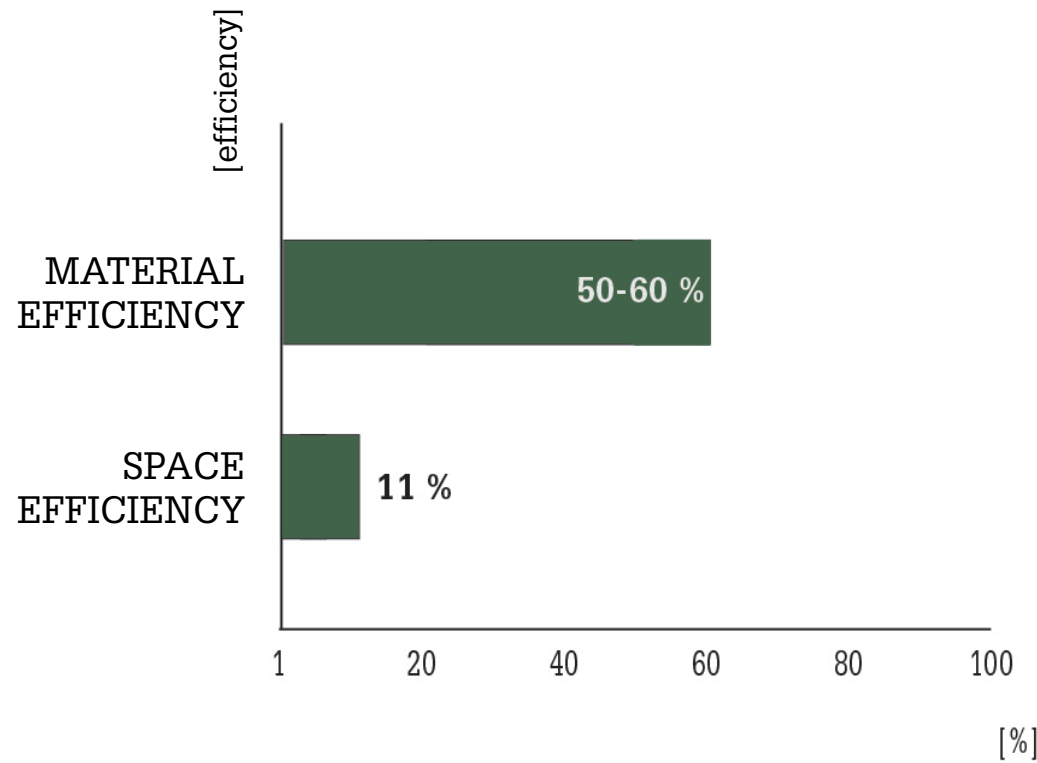
Embodied CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent  
per lifetime

<del>Wood</del> Bamboo	1220 kg	
Hempcrete	32 kg	<del>40 kg</del>
Mycelium	28.5 kg	<del>36.5 kg</del>
...		

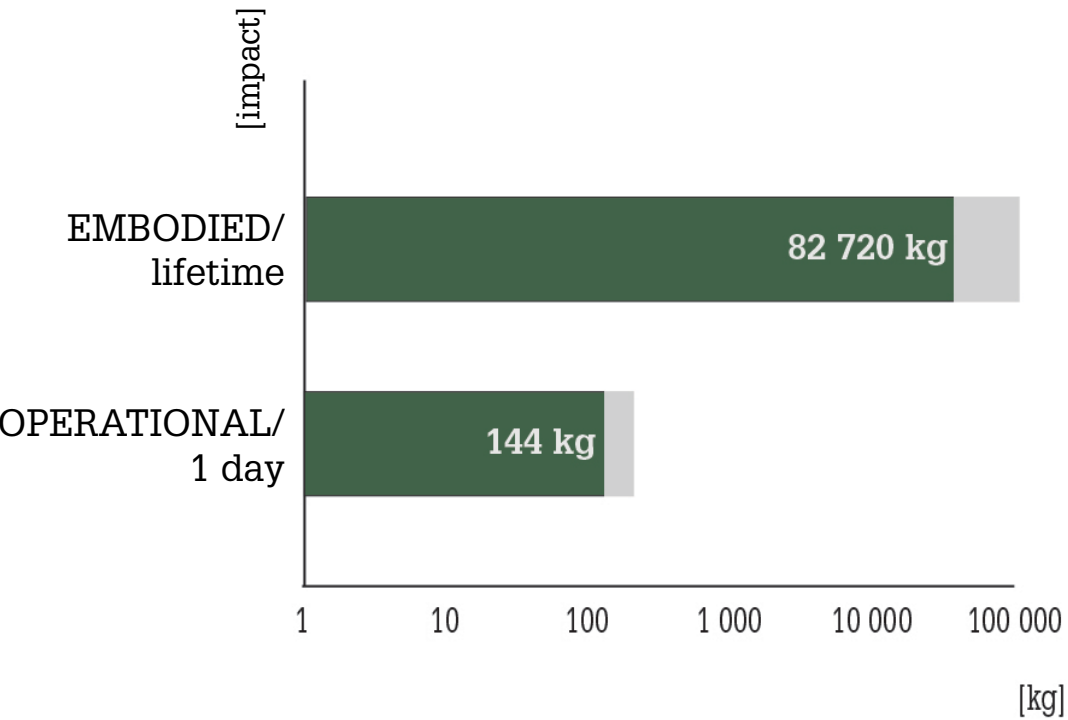
Total:  
87 720 kg

STEP 3 - Common coin

Household EFFICIENCY

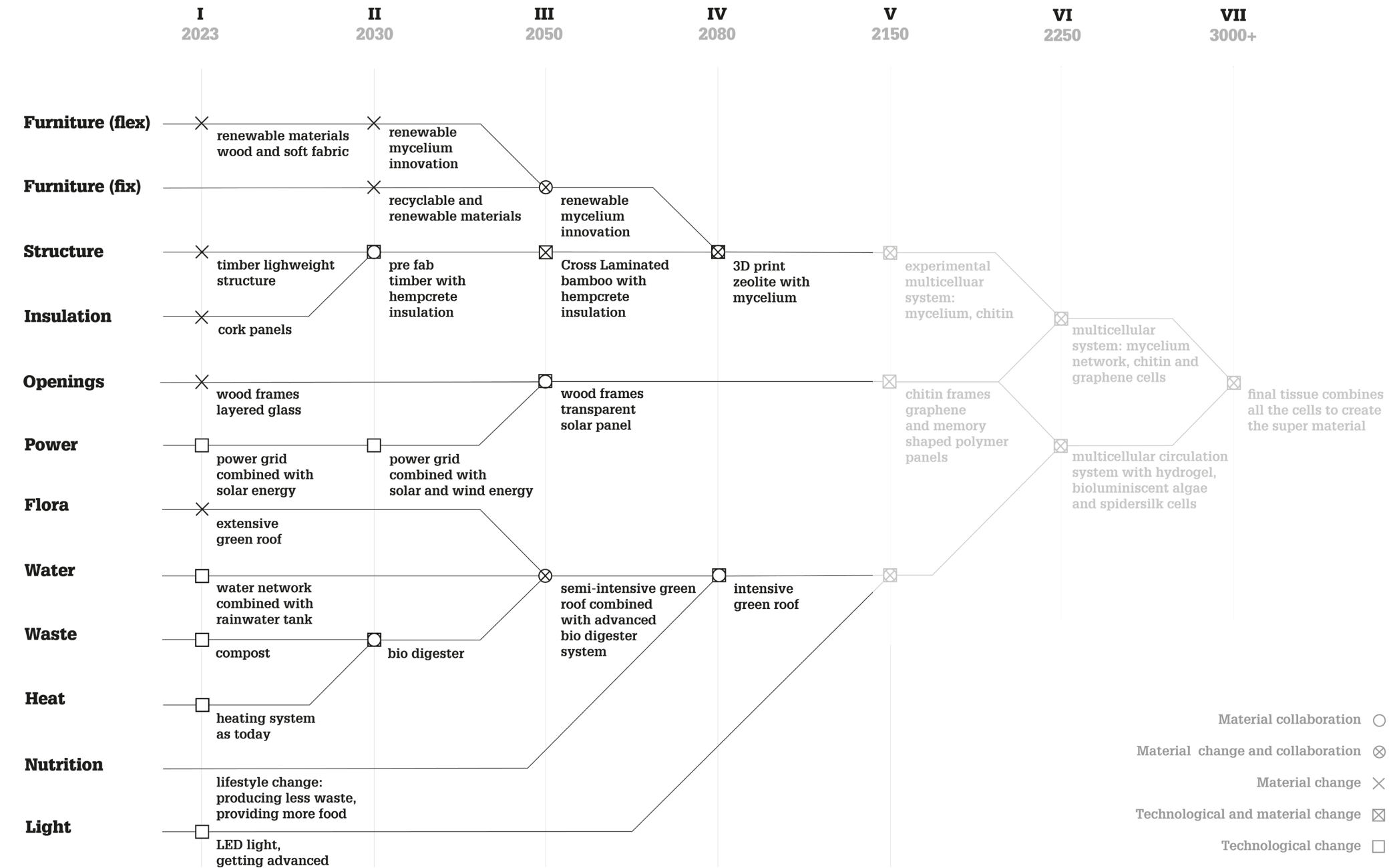


Household IMPACT



# **FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN THE MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGIES WE USE?**

# Evolution towards the Next House





6.1 NEXT HOUSE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

STEP 4 - 2080

- 1. Furniture (flex and fixed), Structure and Insulation
  - 3D printed zeolite and mycelium structure and insulation
  - 3D printed furniture
- 5. Openings and Power
  - all windows and doors have timber frames, openings with transparent solar panels
- 6. Flora, Water, Waste, Heat and Nutrition
  - intensive green roof in one system with the developed biodegester system what consumes waste and provides heating
  - own vegetation on the roof provides nutrition
- 12. Light - LED light

STEP 4

MATERIAL efficiency: New implementation of 3D printed wall (repetitive with smaller 100 pieces - 100% efficiency, biodegradable options 10 years - 61% efficiency) & steel (repetitive with smaller 100 pieces - 100% efficiency).

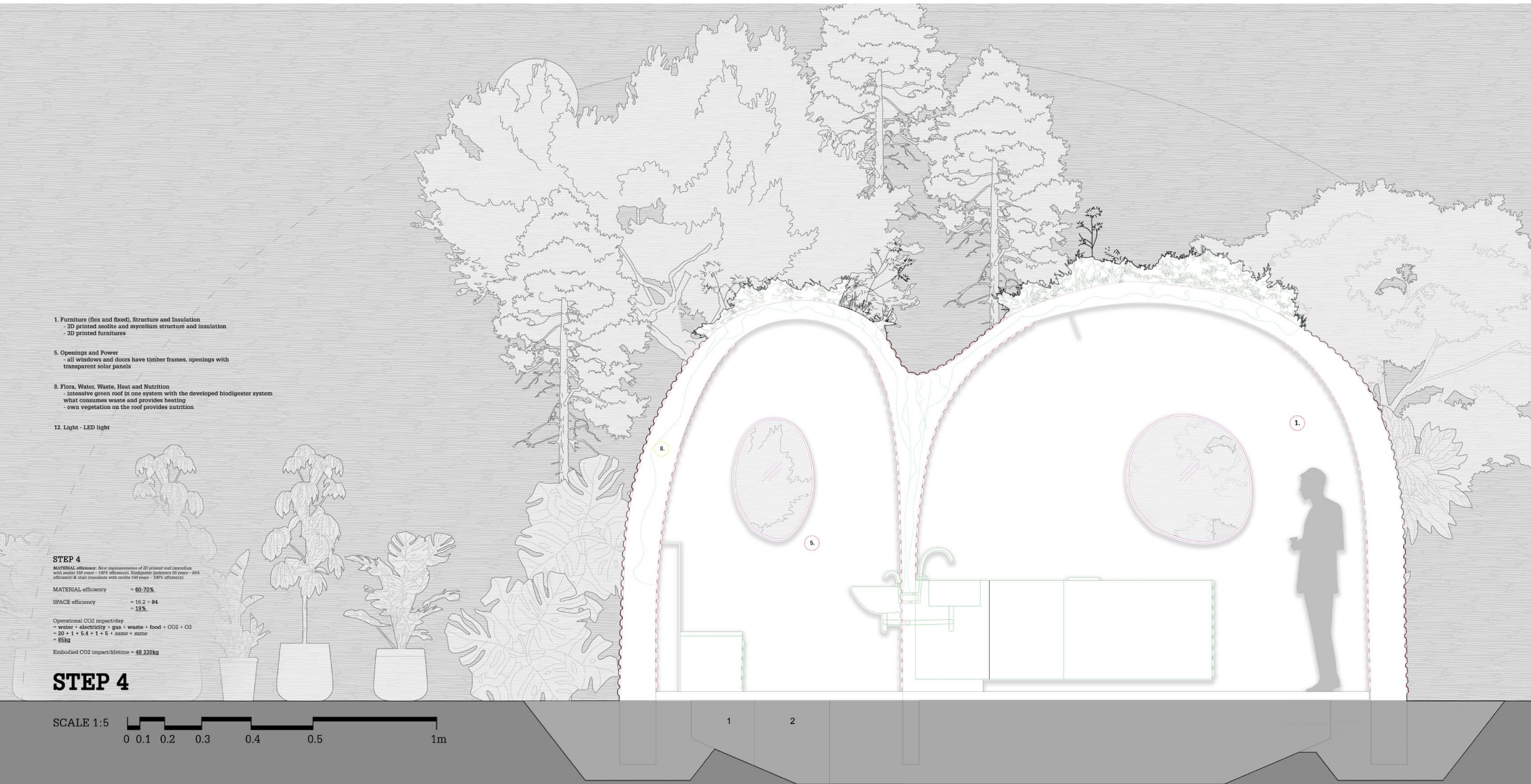
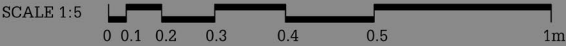
MATERIAL efficiency = 60-70%.

SPACE efficiency = 18.2 = 84 = 12%.

Operational CO2 impact/day = water + electricity + gas + waste + food + CO2 + O2 = 20 + 1 + 5.4 + 1 + 5 + same + same = 58kg

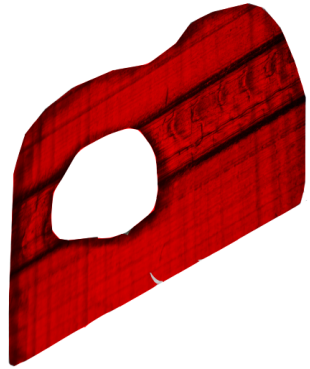
Embodied CO2 impact/lifetime = 48 220kg

STEP 4



## STEP 4 - Material efficiency

- 3D printed wall/Mycelium + Zeolite



150 years

Usespan of element

150 years

Lifespan of material

**100%**  
Material  
Efficiency

- Biodigester/Polimeres



35 years

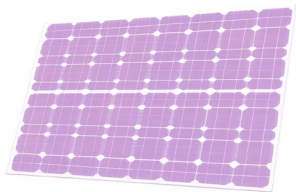
Usespan of element

55 years

Lifespan of material

**64%**  
Material  
Efficiency

- Transparent solar panels/Perovskites



25 years

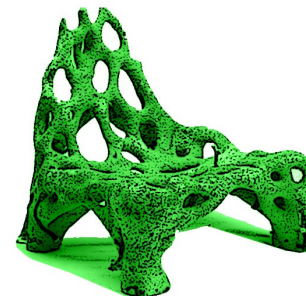
Usespan of element

35 years

Lifespan of material

**71%**  
Material  
Efficiency

- Chair/Mycelium + Zeolite



150 years

Usespan of element

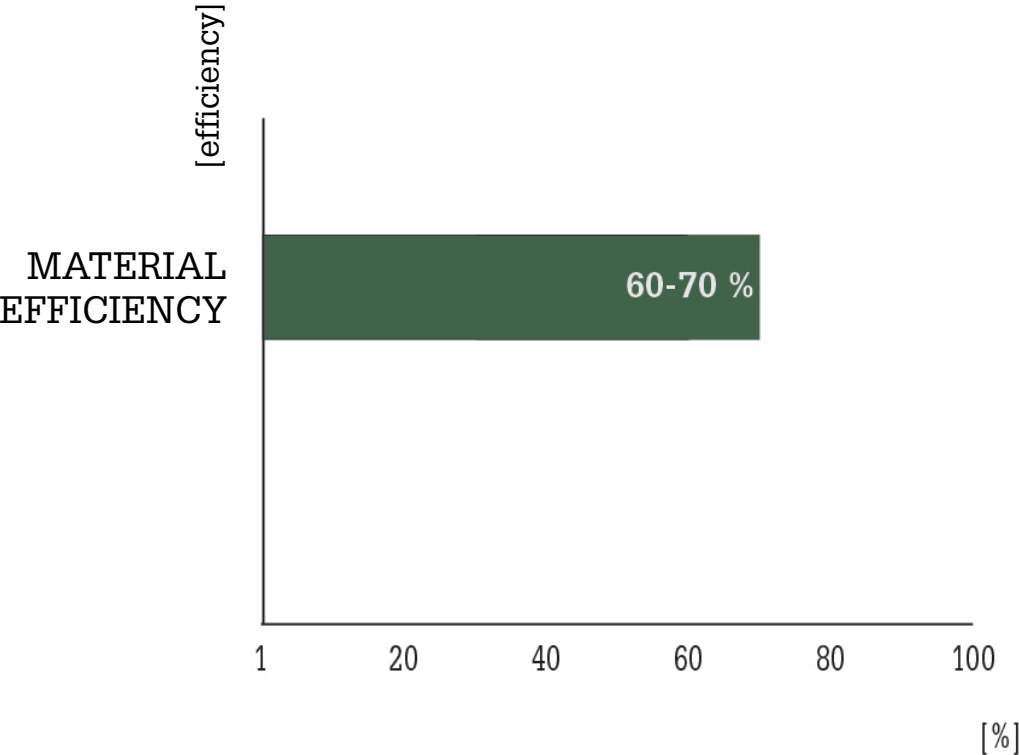
150 years

Lifespan of material

**100%**  
Material  
Efficiency

STEP 4 - Common coin

Household EFFICIENCY

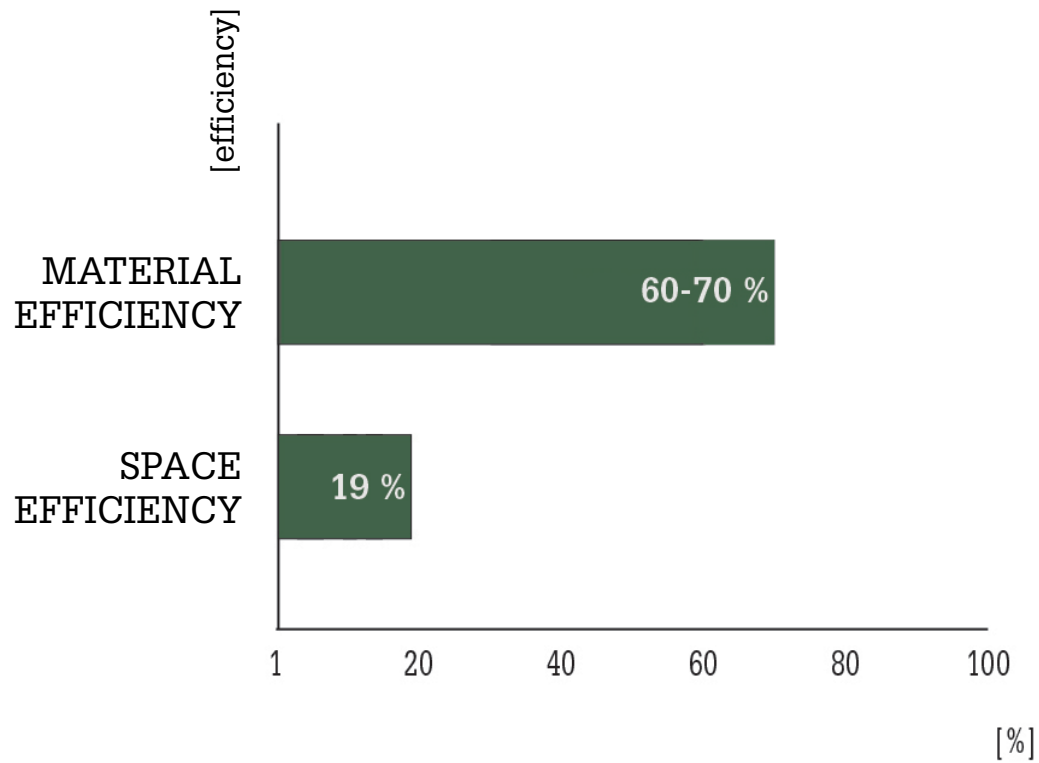


## Space efficiency – Step 4

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## STEP 4 - Common coin

### Household EFFICIENCY



STEP 4 - Impact

Operational CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent  
per day

Water	20 kg	<del>36.1 kg</del>
Electricity	1 kg	<del>1.9 kg</del>
Gas	5.4 kg	<del>9.4 kg</del>
...		

Total:  
85 kg

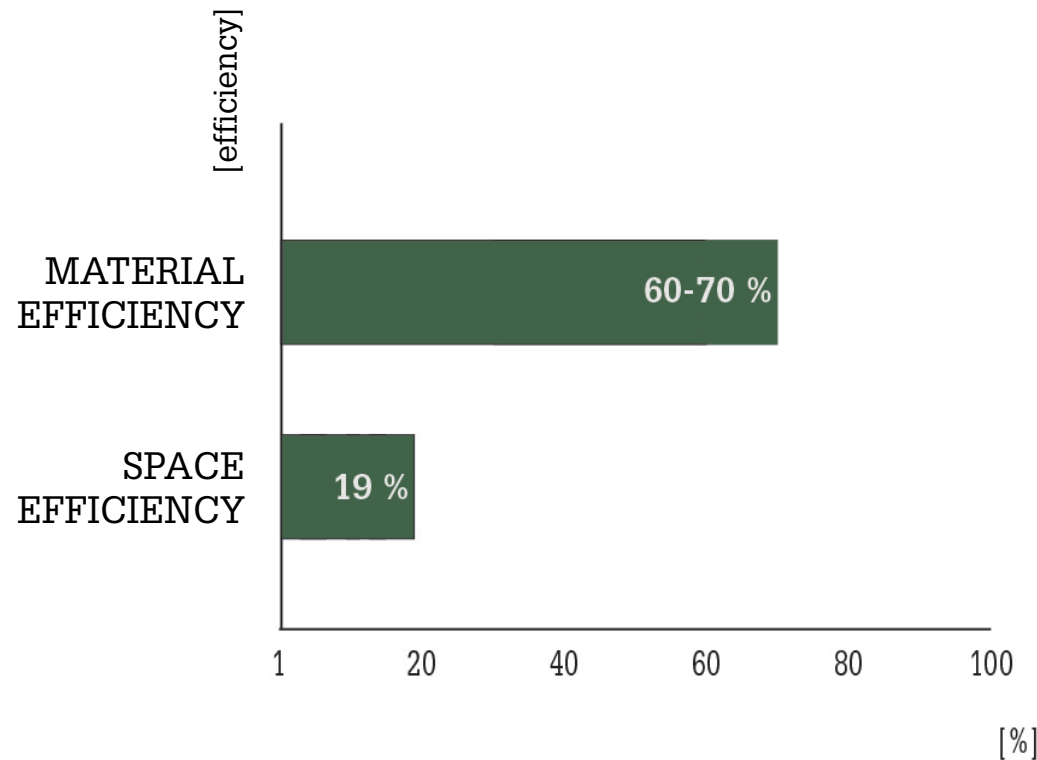
Embodied CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent  
per lifetime

Mycelium	15 kg	<del>28.5 kg</del>
<del>Bamboo</del> Polymeres	40 kg	
<del>Hempcrete</del> Zeolite	15 kg	
...		

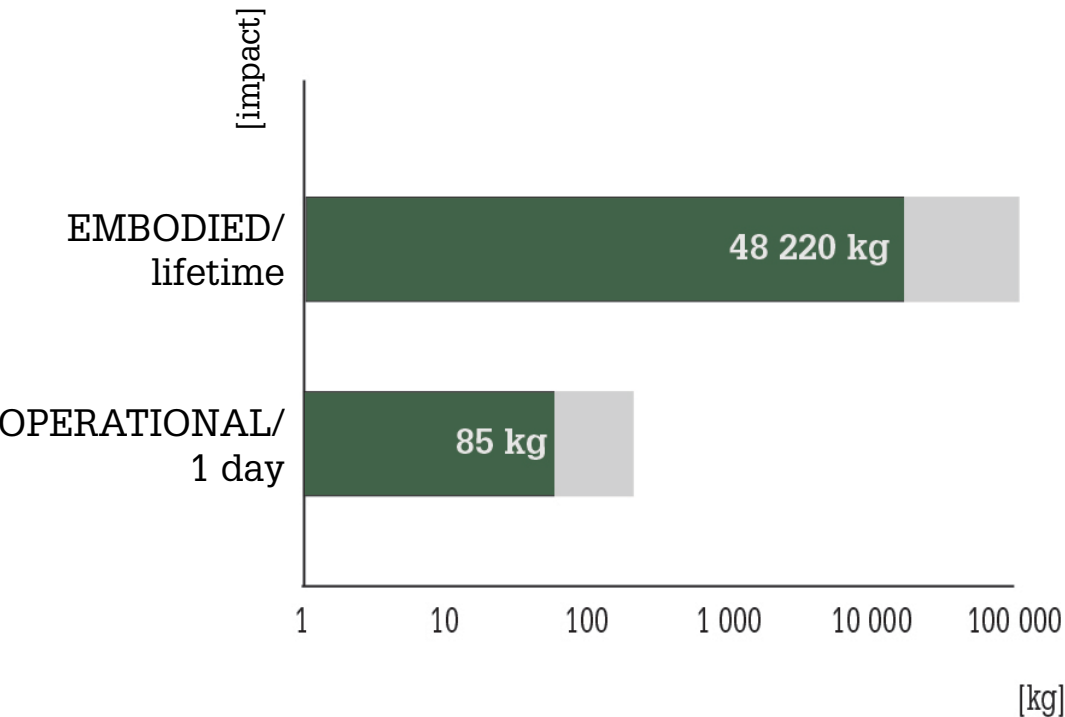
Total:  
48 220 kg

STEP 4 - Common coin

Household EFFICIENCY



Household IMPACT



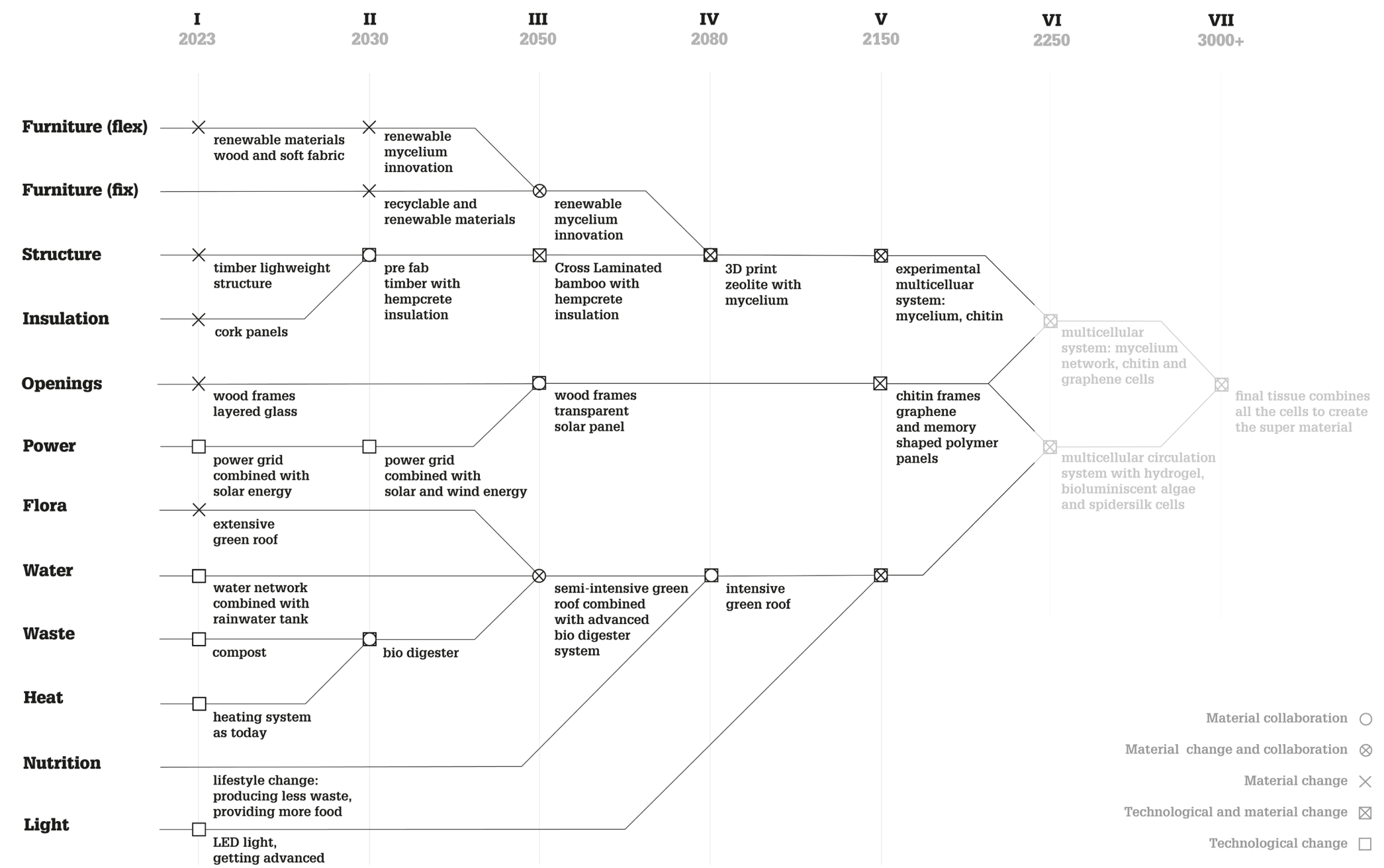


**AS TIME GOES BY, NEW BUILDING  
TECHNOLOGIES EMERGE**

**WE CAN REDUCE OUR IMPACT EVEN  
FURTHER THAN THIS  
AND IMPROVE OUR EFFICIENCY**

6.1 NEXT HOUSE IN CZECH REPUBLIC

Evolution towards the Next House



6.1 NEXT HOUSE IN CZECH REPUBLIC

STEP 5 - 2150

1. Furniture (flex and fixed), Structure and Insulation
- experimenting with multicellular system which is a collaboration of chitin structure and mycelium insulation
  - flexibility: mycelium with memory shaped polymers
5. Openings and Power
- all windows and doors have chitin frames,
  - instead of transparent solar panels graphene, mycelium and memory shaped polymers
  - openings are flexible such as the structure
8. Flora, Water, Waste, Heat, Nutrition and Light
- circulating system which is a collaboration of mycelium, bioluminescent algae, hydrogel

STEP 5

MATERIAL efficiency: New implementation of multicellular wall protection 8  
chitin 20% + 10% of 1 insulation system 10% + 1% of 1 chitin 10% + 1% of 1  
insulation system 10% + 1% of 1 chitin 10% + 1% of 1

MATERIAL efficiency = 70-80%

SPACE efficiency = 18.2 = 43 = 28%

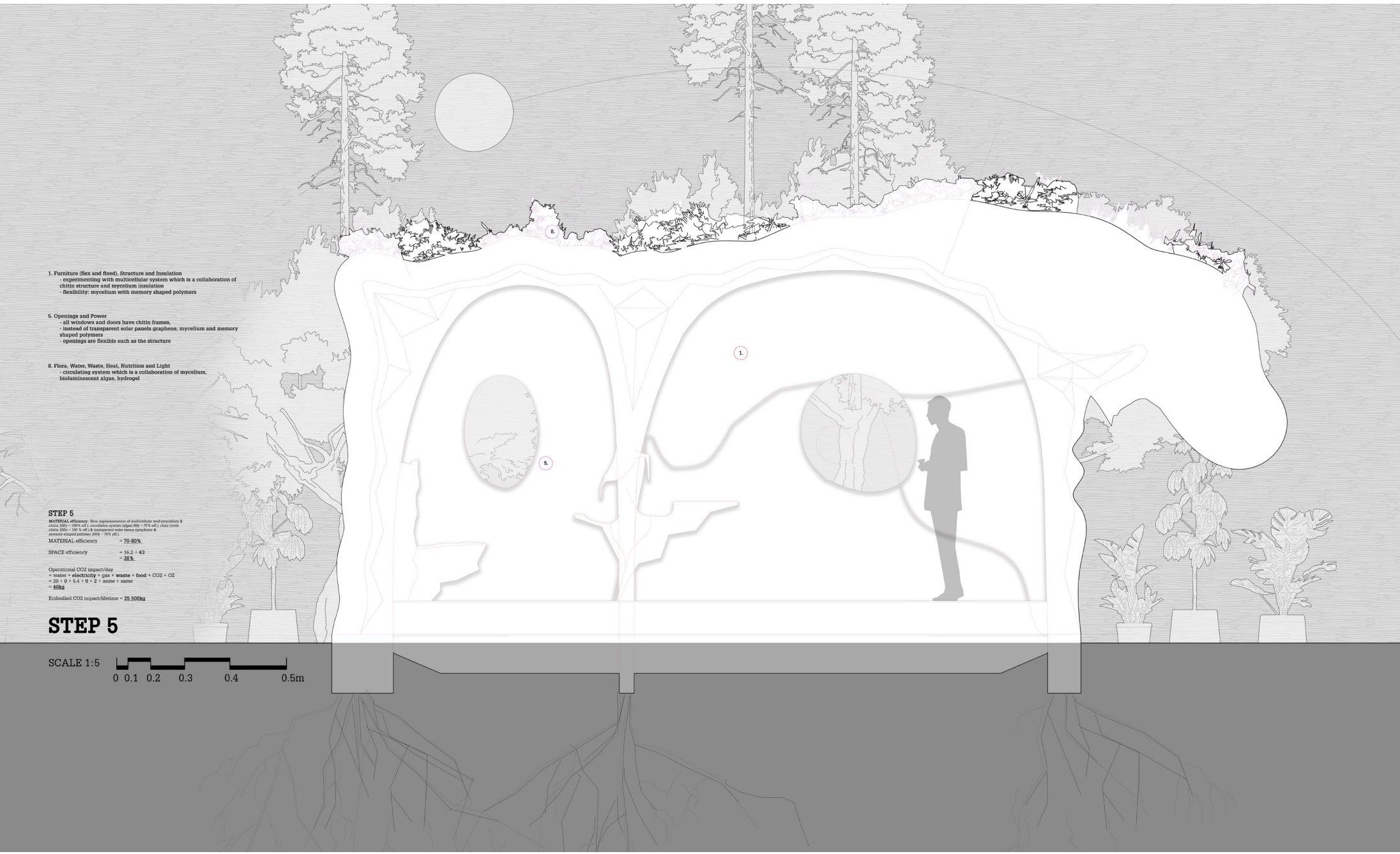
Operational CO2 impact/day  
= water + electricity + gas + waste + food + CO2 + O2  
= 20 + 0 + 5.4 + 0 + 2 + same + same  
= 40kg

Embodied CO2 impact/delivise = 25.500kg

STEP 5

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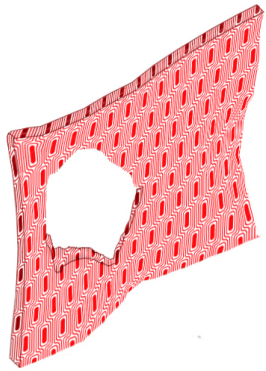
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## 6.1 NEXT HOUSE IN CZECH REPUBLIC

### STEP 5 - Material efficiency

- Multi-cellular wall/Mycelium + Chitin



300 years

Usespan of element

300 years

Lifespan of material

**100%**  
Material  
Efficiency

- Circulation system/Algae



60 years

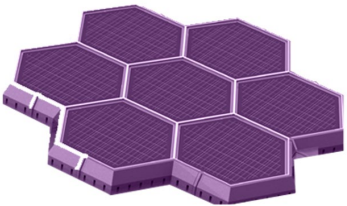
Usespan of element

80 years

Lifespan of material

**75%**  
Material  
Efficiency

- Transparent solar tissue/  
Graphene + Memor-shaped polymeres



150 years

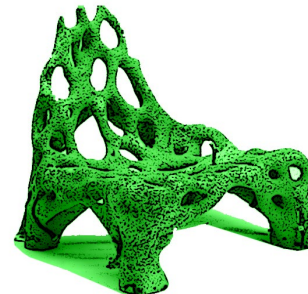
Usespan of element

200 years

Lifespan of material

**75%**  
Material  
Efficiency

- Chair/Mycelium + Chitin + Spidersilk



300 years

Usespan of element

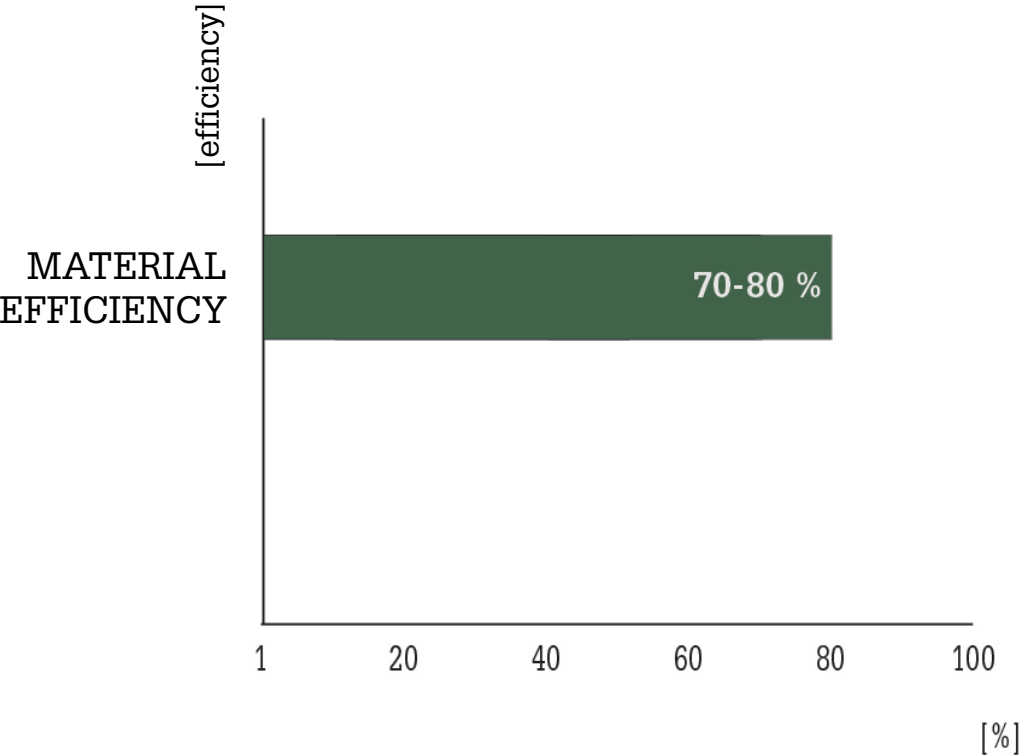
300 years

Lifespan of material

**100%**  
Material  
Efficiency

STEP 5 - Common coin

Household EFFICIENCY



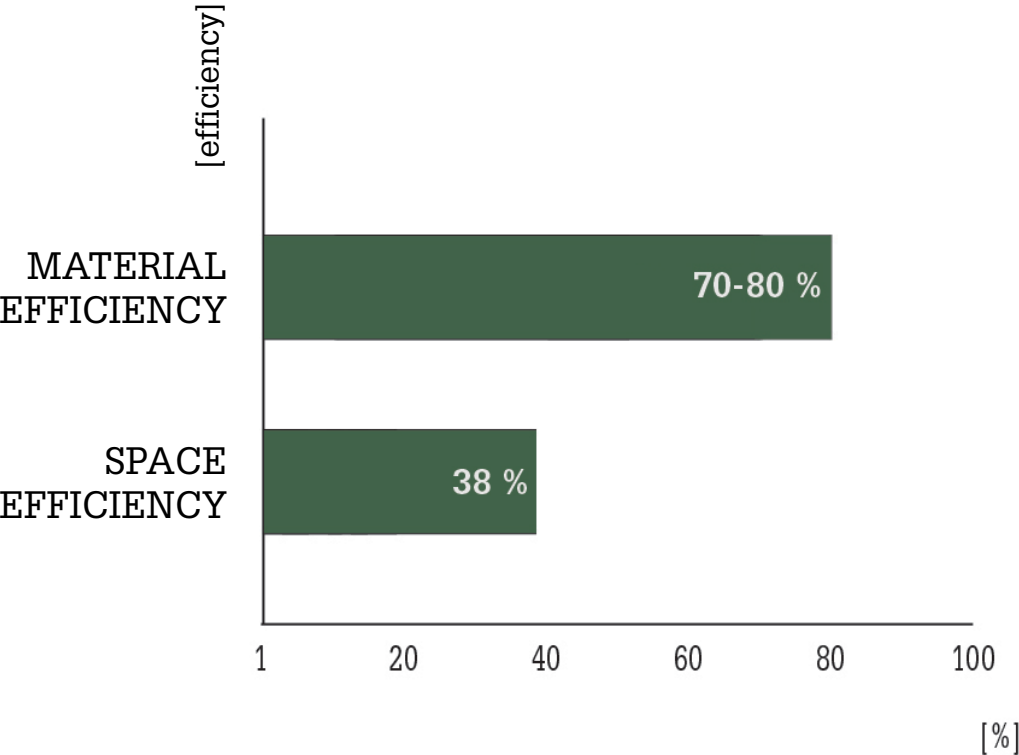
## STEP 5 - Space efficiency

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STEP 5 - Common coin

Household EFFICIENCY



STEP 5 - Impact

Operational CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent  
per day

Water	10 kg	<del>20 kg</del>
Electricity	0 kg	<del>1 kg</del>
Gas	5.4 kg	
...		

Total:  
40 kg

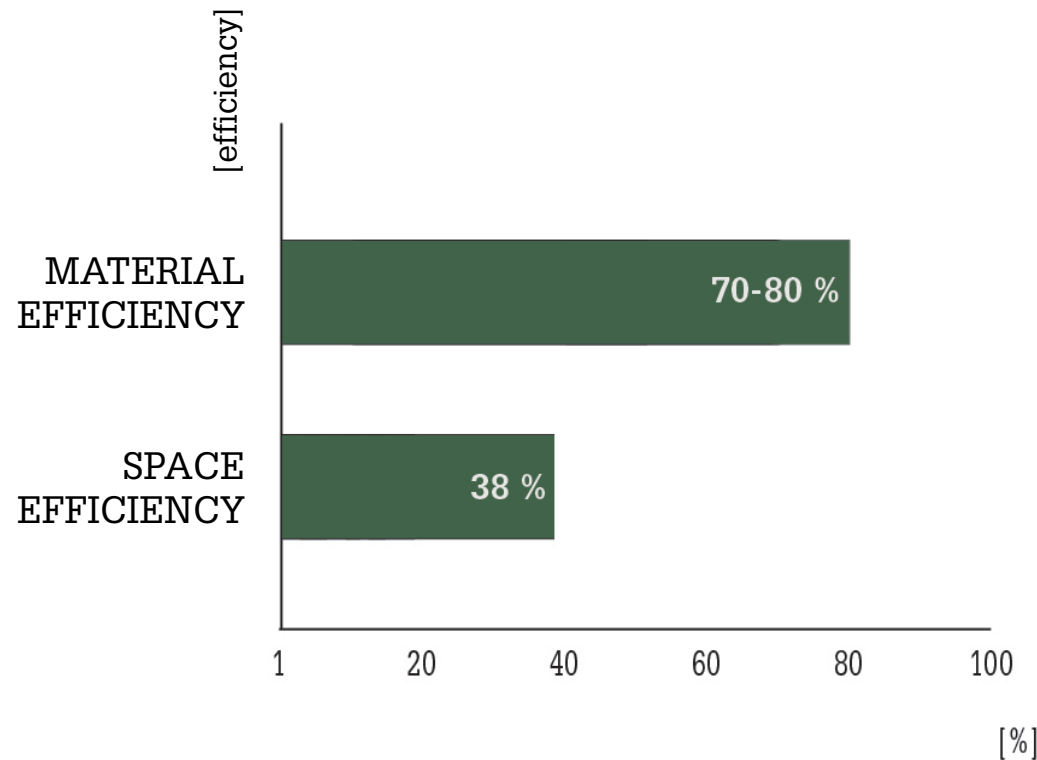
Embodied CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent  
per lifetime

Mycelium	9 kg	<del>15 kg</del>
Polymeres	31 kg	<del>40 kg</del>
<del>Zeolite</del> Chitin	10 kg	
...		

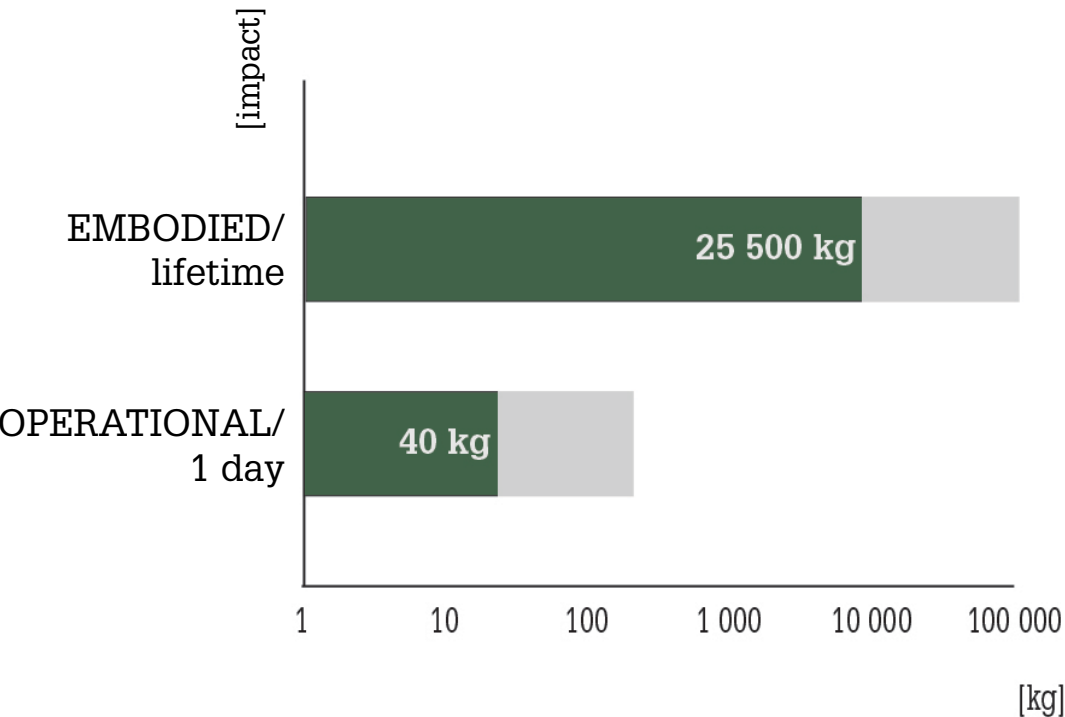
Total:  
25 500 kg

STEP 5 - Common coin

Household EFFICIENCY



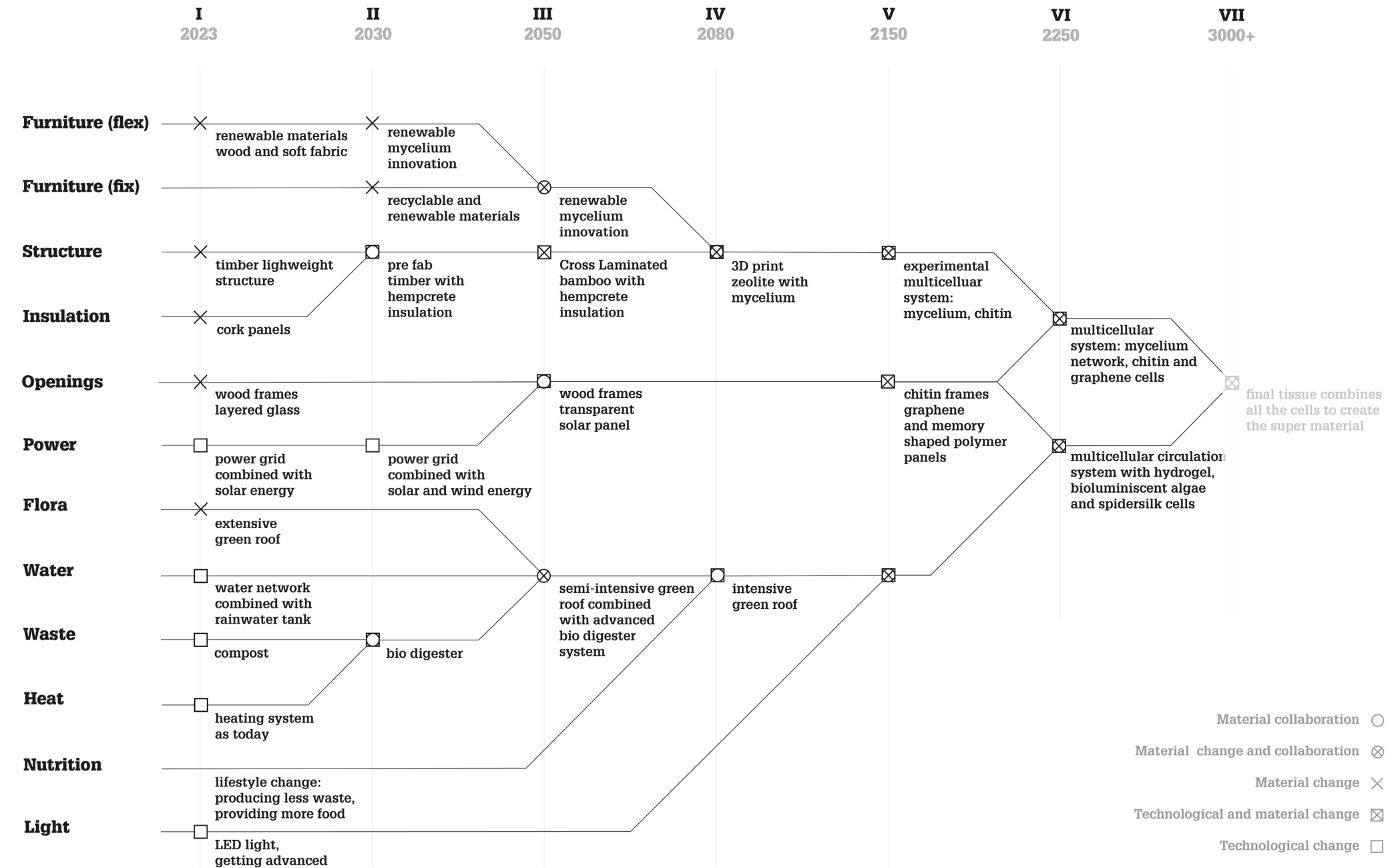
Household IMPACT



**LET'S TAKE ANOTHER STEP  
FURTHER**

6.1 NEXT HOUSE IN CZECH REPUBLIC

Evolution towards the Next House



# 6.1 NEXT HOUSE IN CZECH REPUBLIC

## STEP 6 - 2250

1. Furniture (flex and fixed), Structure and Insulation
- multicellular system which is a collaboration of mycelium network, chitin and graphene cells
  - epidermis innovation in furniture and structure: combines wardrobe with walls
5. Openings, Power, Flora, Water, Waste, Heat, Nutrition and Light
- all windows and doors have chitin frames
  - multicellular system which is a collaboration of graphene, mycelium network, bioluminescent algae and hydrogel
  - flexible such as the structure
  - bioluminescent algae floor provides light

The whole house is a mycorrhizal network.

**STEP 6**

**MATERIAL efficiency:** New implementation of multicellular tissue  
Multicellular tissue 200 years = 100% efficiency and circadian system (algae with hydrogel 100 years = 80% efficiency)

**MATERIAL efficiency** = 80-90%

**SPACE efficiency** = 18.3 ± 22  
= 75%

**Operational CO2 impact/day**  
= water + electricity + gas + waste + food + CO2 + O2  
= 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + same + same  
= 0kg

**Embodied CO2 impact/lifetime** = 9.992kg

### STEP 6

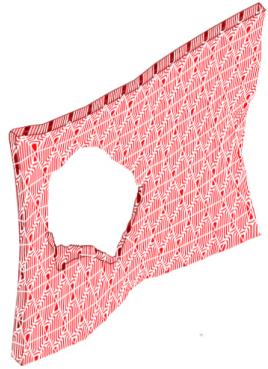
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## STEP 6 - Material efficiency

- Multi-cellular wall/Multi-celluler tissue



300 years

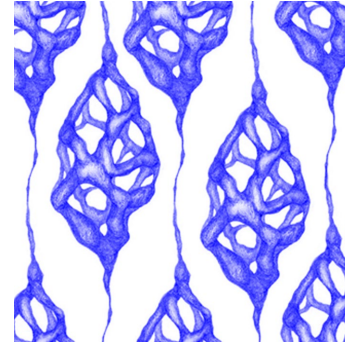
Usespan of element

300 years

Lifespan of material

**100%**  
**Material**  
**Efficiency**

- Circulation system/Algae + Hydrogels



80 years

Usespan of element

100 years

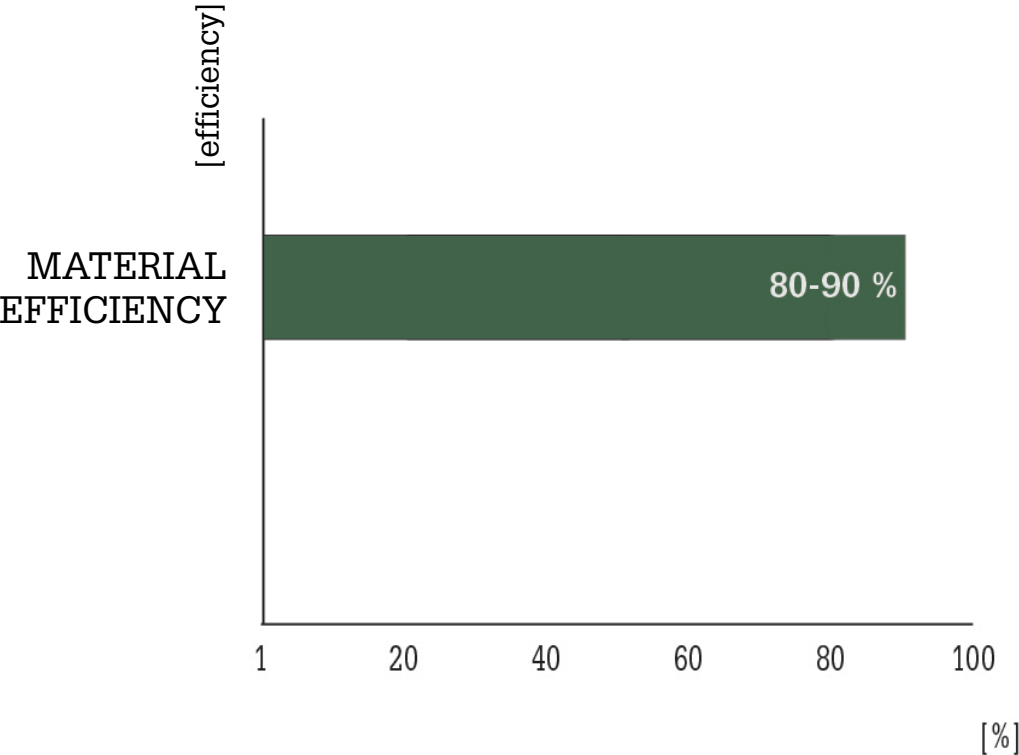
Lifespan of material

**80%**  
**Material**  
**Efficiency**



STEP 6 - Common coin

Household EFFICIENCY

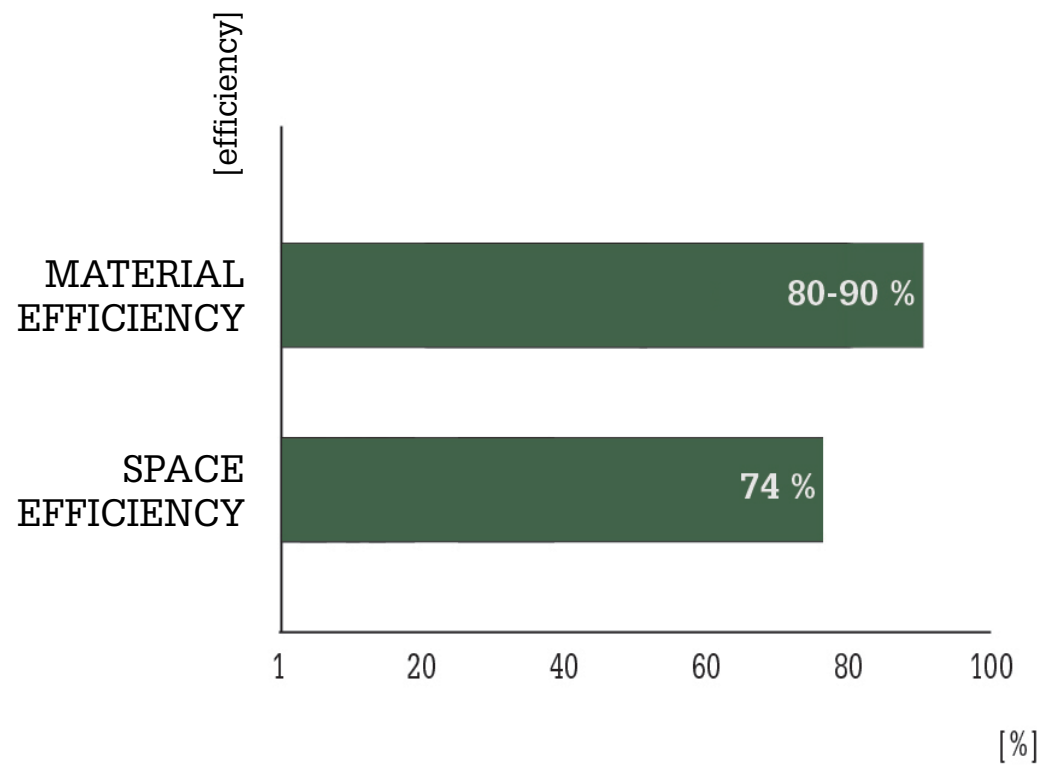


## STEP 6 - Space efficiency

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STEP 6 - Common coin

Household EFFICIENCY



STEP 6 - Impact

Operational CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent  
per day

Water	0 kg	<del>10 kg</del>
Electricity	0 kg	<del>1 kg</del>
Gas	0 kg	<del>5.4 kg</del>
...		

Total:  
0 kg

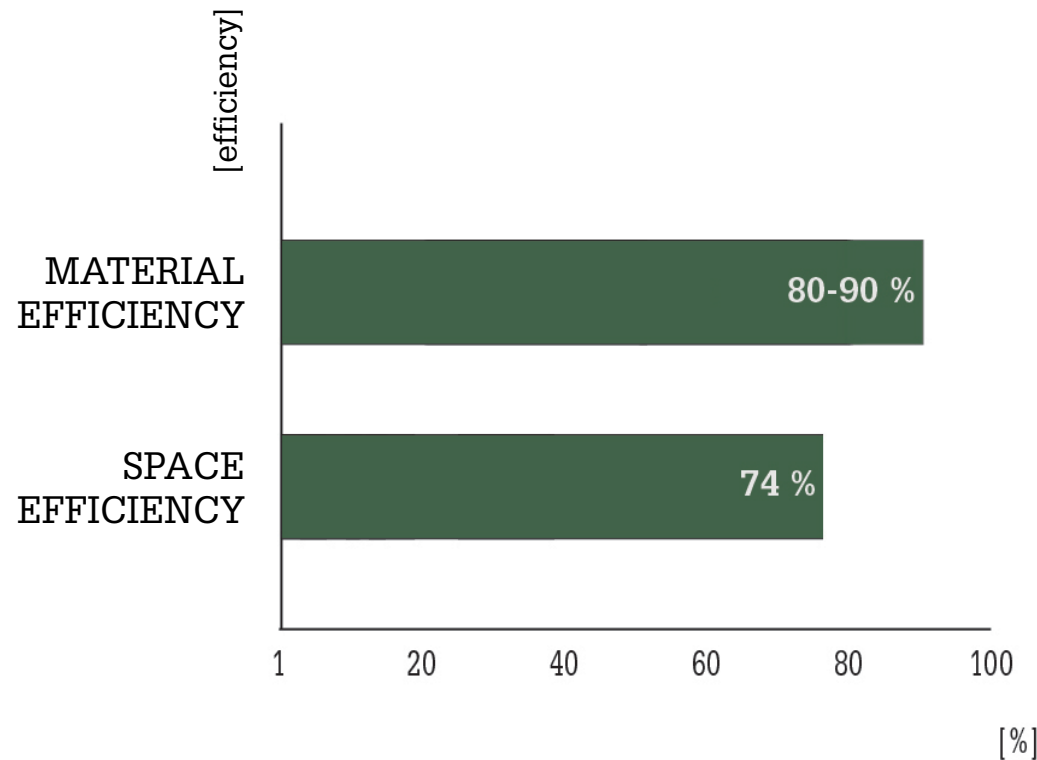
Embodied CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent  
per lifetime

Mycelium	3 kg	<del>9 kg</del>
PolymersHydrogels	18 kg	
ChitynAlgae	8kg	
...		

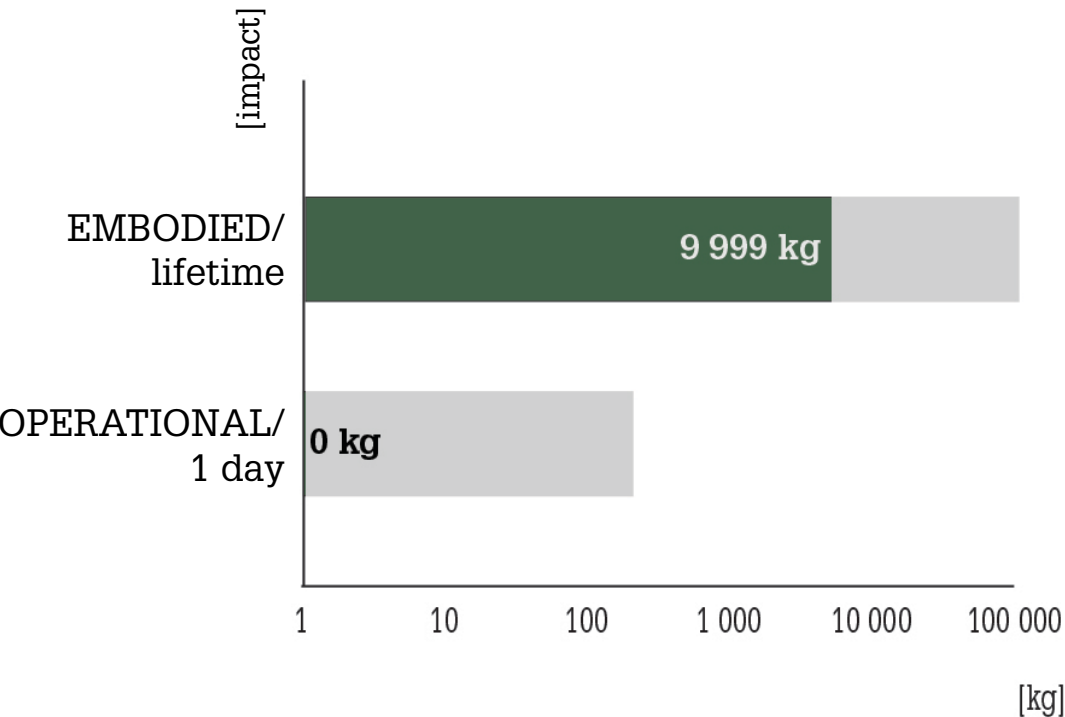
Total:  
9 999 kg

STEP 6 - Common coin

Household EFFICIENCY



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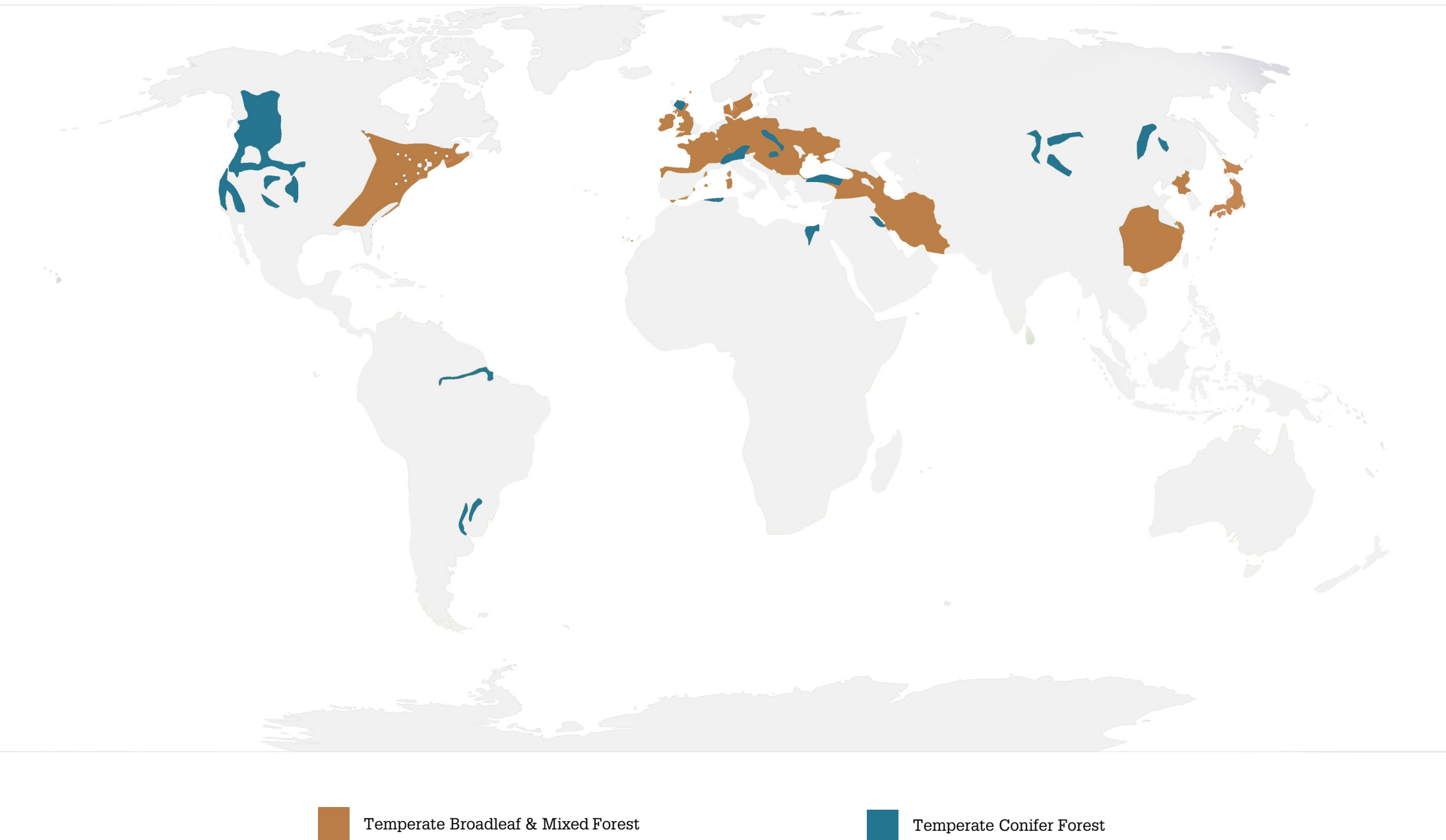
**BUT DOES THIS NEXT HOUSE WORK  
JUST AS WELL ALL AROUND THE  
PLANET?**

# **WHAT CHANGES IN DIFFERENT BIOMES?**



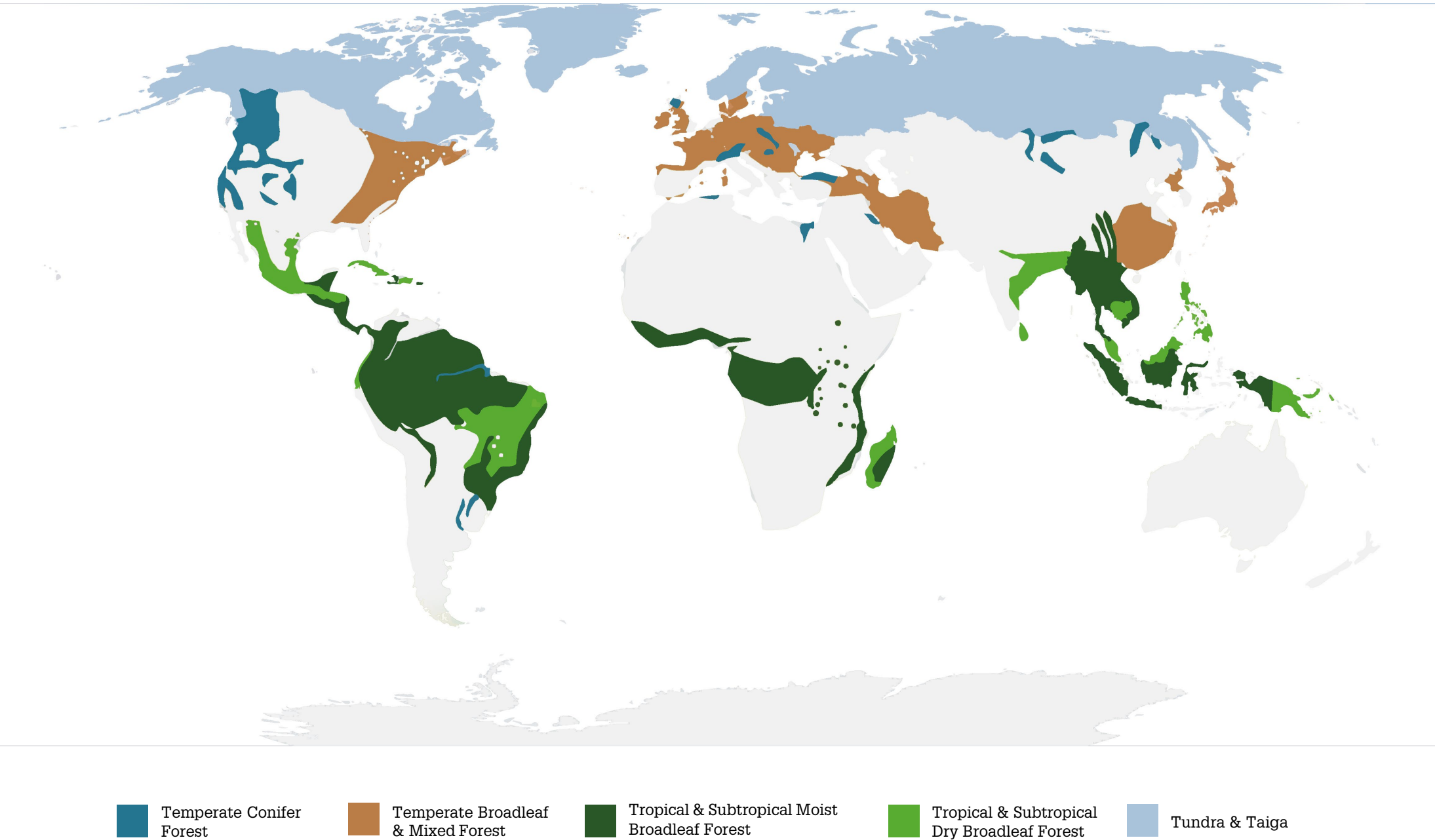
## 6.1 NEXT HOUSE IN CZECH REPUBLIC

### The temperate biomes



**WHAT BIOMES SHOULD WE  
CHOOSE ?**

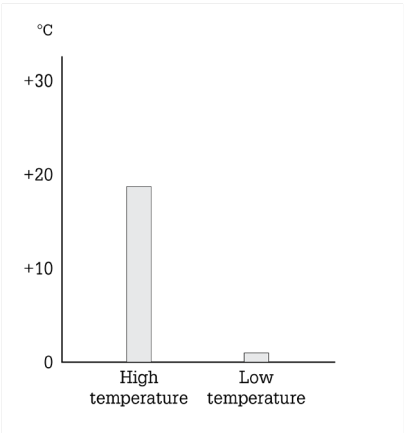
## The selected biomes



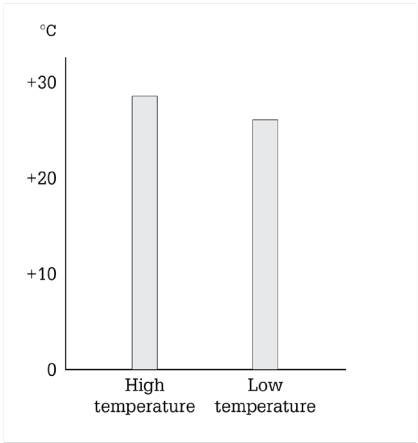
# Selected biomes – Average weather conditions

Comparison of  
temperature

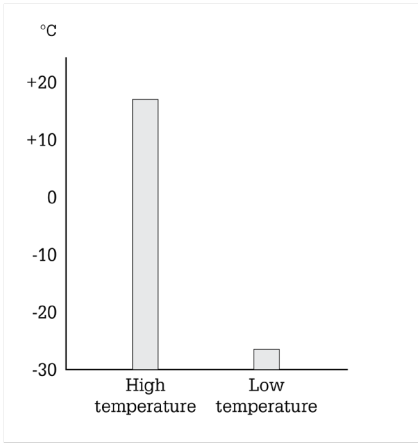
Temperate biomes



Tropical & Subtropical biomes



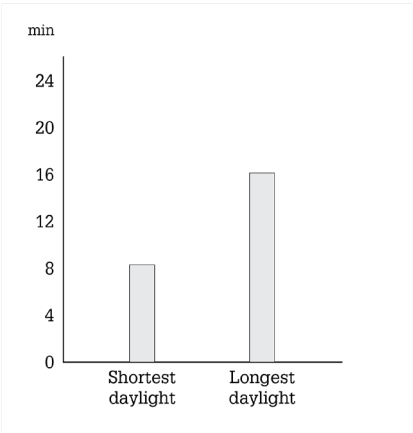
Taiga & Tundra biomes



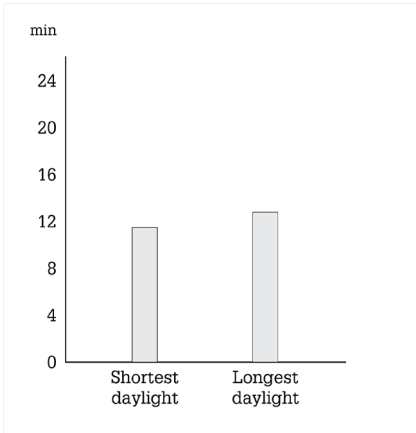
# Selected biomes – Average weather conditions

Amount of daylight  
during the year

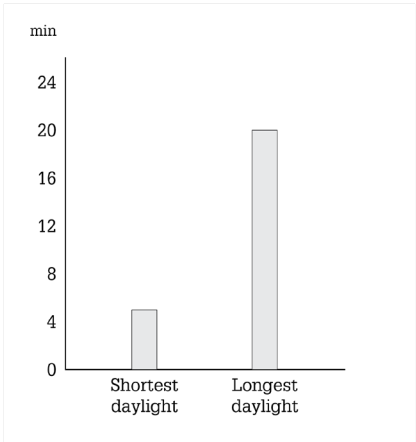
Temperate biomes



Tropical & Subtropical biomes



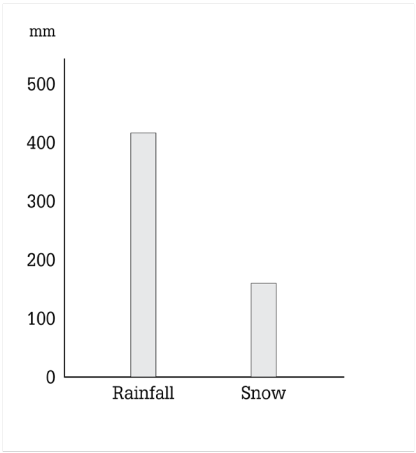
Taiga & Tundra biomes



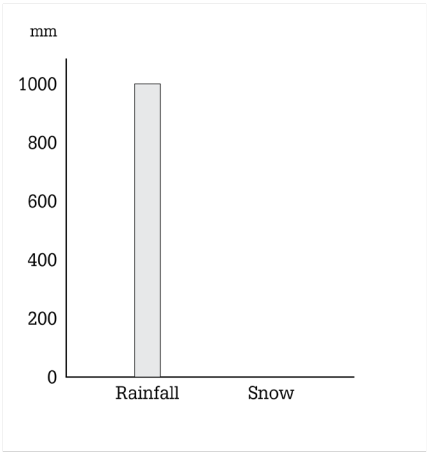
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Amount of average  
rain and snowfall

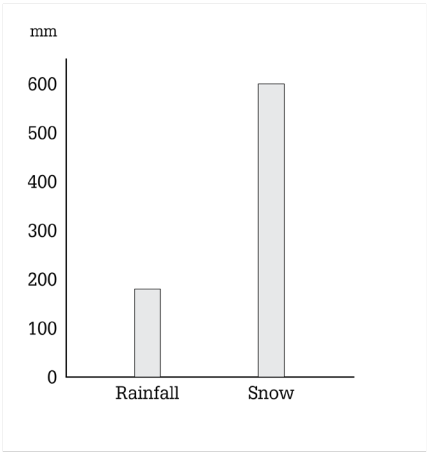
Temperate biomes



Tropical & Subtropical biomes



Taiga & Tundra biomes



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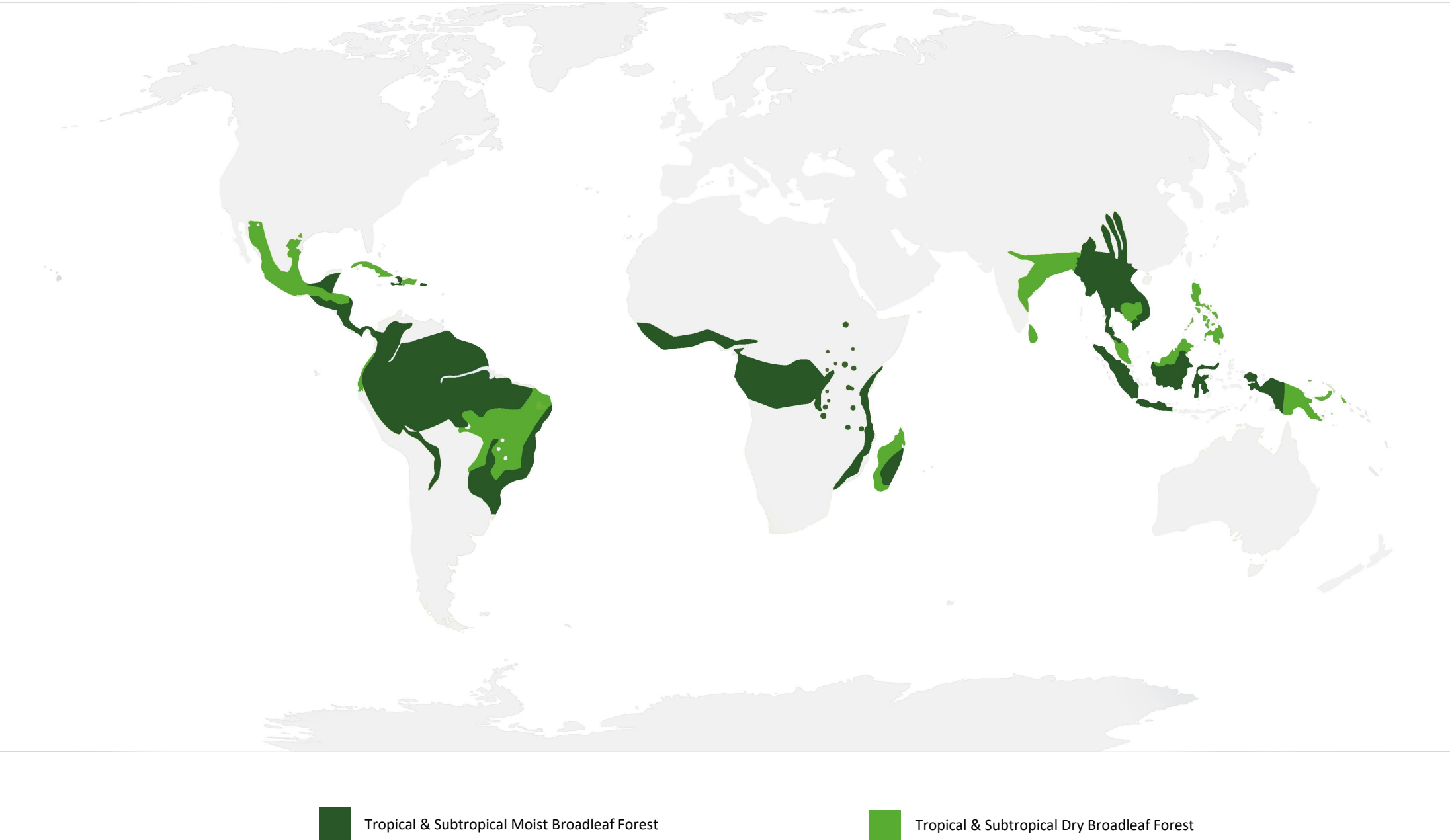
# NEXT HOUSE IN OTHER BIOMES

Adapting the Temperate Biome's Next House to other chosen biomes, by changing some materials and technologies to suit different climatic conditions.



# **TROPICAL & SUBTROPICAL BIOMES**

## The tropical and subtropical biomes



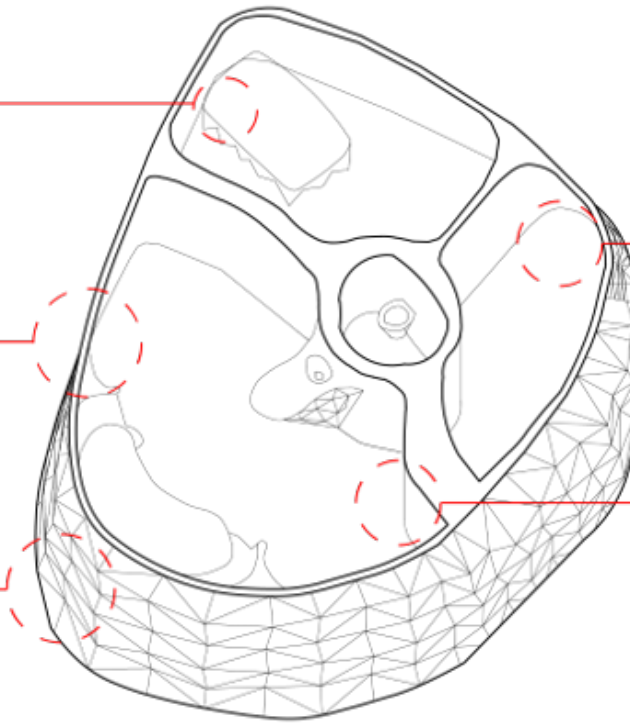
## 6.2 NEXT HOUSE IN OTHER BIOMES

### Tropical biome – Changes to the Next House

due to higher humidity in the tropics, rattan substitutes mycelium to create rattan-chitin spidersilk furnishings

no thermal insulation is needed in the walls of the house due to higher ambient temperatures in biome

adaptability of memory shape polymers need to be more porous to increase cross-ventilation

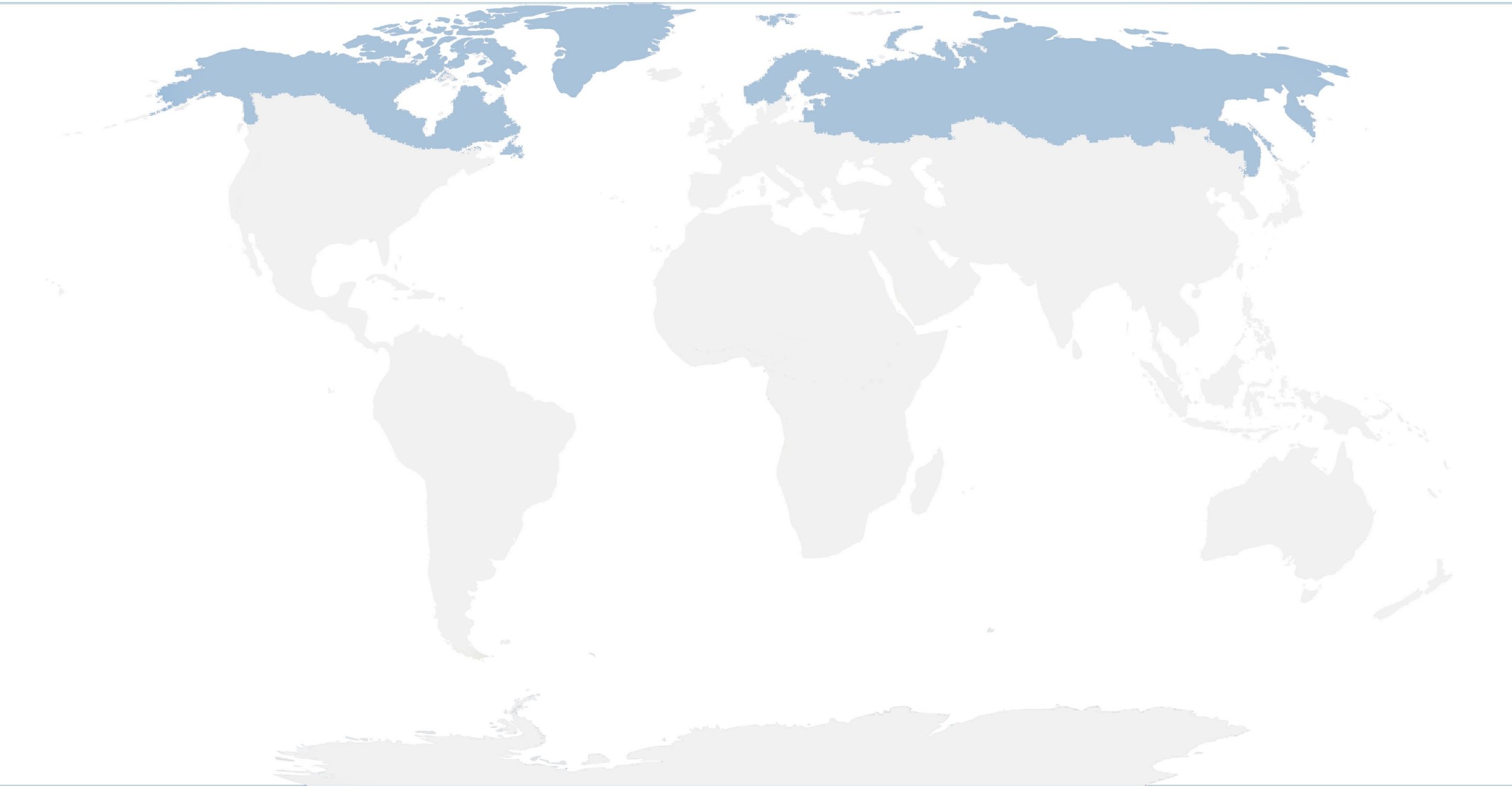



mycelium is prone to rot due to higher humidity in the tropics; algae to be substituted as main floor substrate for the transportation and filtration of water and waste throughout the home

bamboo is used to substitute the fungal mycorrhizal network

# **TAIGA & TUNDRA BIOMES**

## The temperate biomes



 Tundra & Taiga

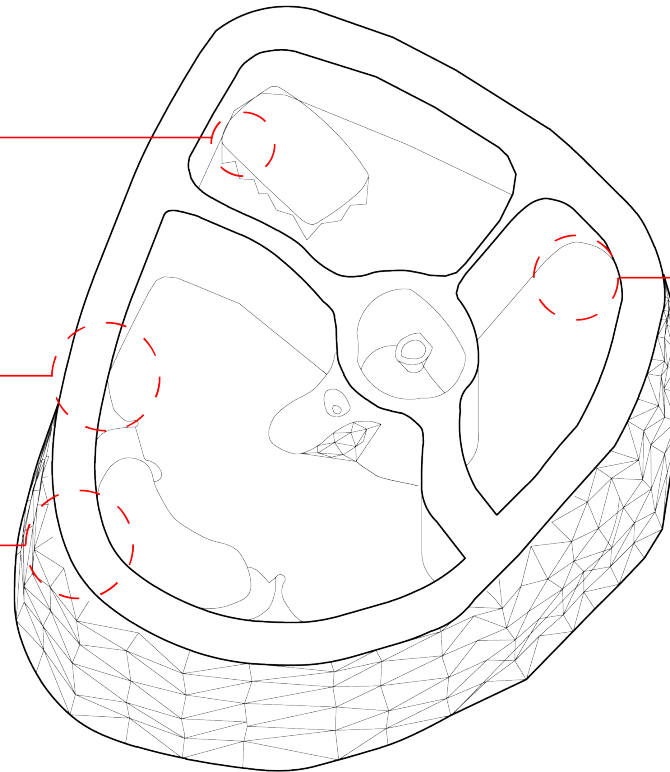
## 6.2 NEXT HOUSE IN OTHER BIOMES

# Taiga biome – Changes to the Next House

structure and mycelium flexible furniture  
is sustained due to lower humidity level  
in the biome

improved thermal insulation:  
higher thermal retention capacities,  
foam-like material

higher layers in fenestration for  
protection against wind



waste, water, electricity and heat unchanged

In this chapter, many stages of the Next House have been developed over time in order to reduce our CO2 impact, and it has even been adapted to other biomes.



**CAN WE CREATE A FAR FUTURE  
HOUSE THAT ADAPTS ITSELF TO  
ANY BIOME?**

**WHILE HAVING EVEN LESS  
IMPACT?**

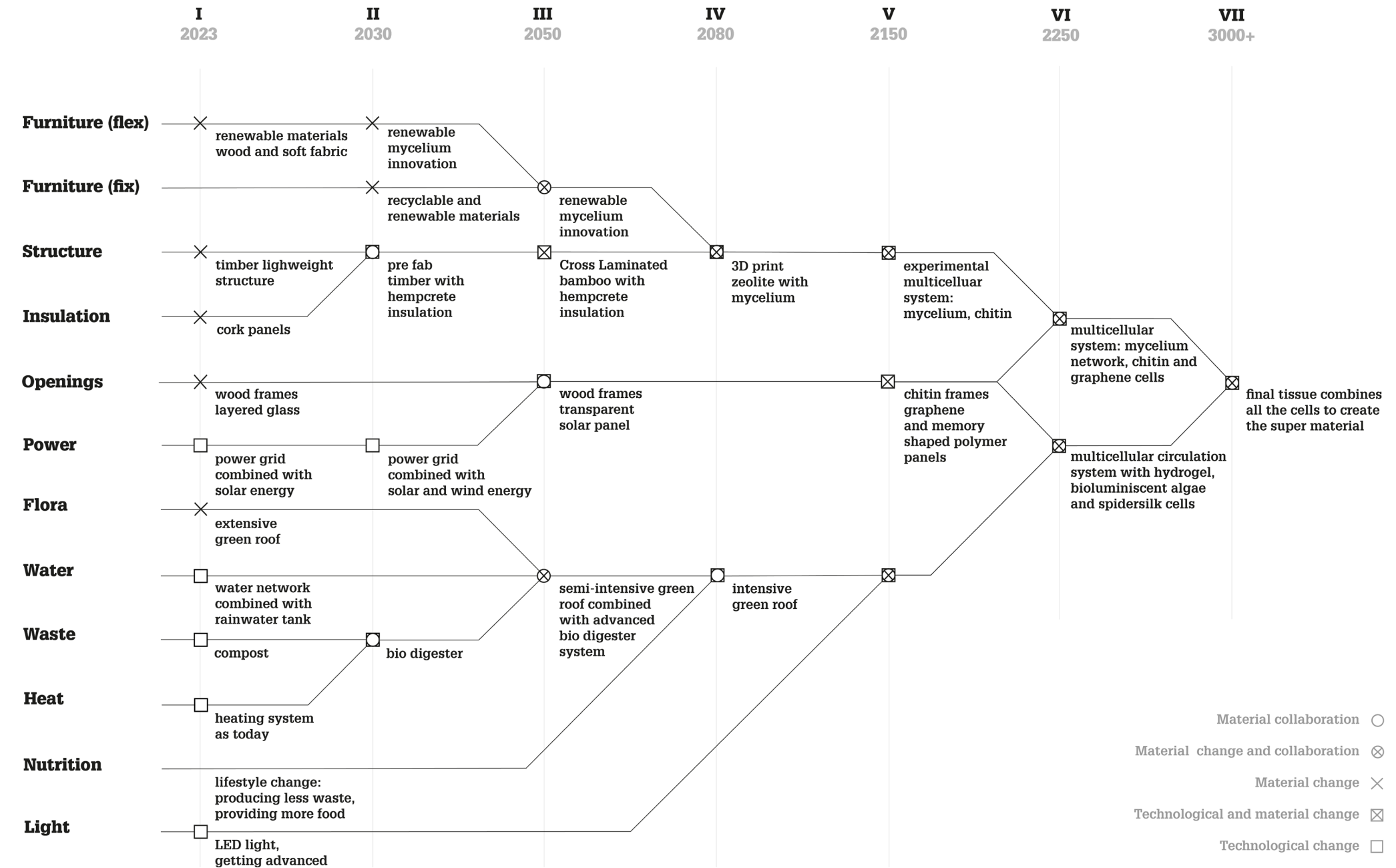
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# **FAR FUTURE HOUSE: THE ULTIMATE BIOLIVING**

## What should the BioHouse?

**Adjustable?**  
**self-repairable?**  
**biofriendly?**  
**biodegradable?**  
**emission-free?**

# Evolution towards the Far Future House



**IF ONE HAS TO DO IT ALL, ITS  
ALMOST LIKE A SECOND SKIN**

**A SKIN WITH ALL THE  
PROPERTIES INTEGRATED INTO  
ITS STRUCTURE**



**BUT HOW?!**

# Structure

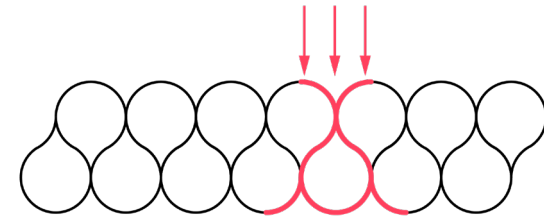
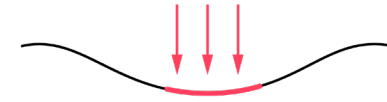
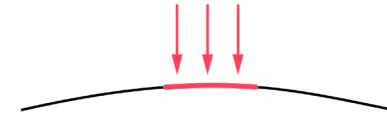
In order to be structural, material needs to be dense and strong enough to bear large loads without any deformations.

Wood gets its strength from its longitudinal cellulose fibers and high density.

Densifying our supermaterial creates longitudinal load-bearing structure.

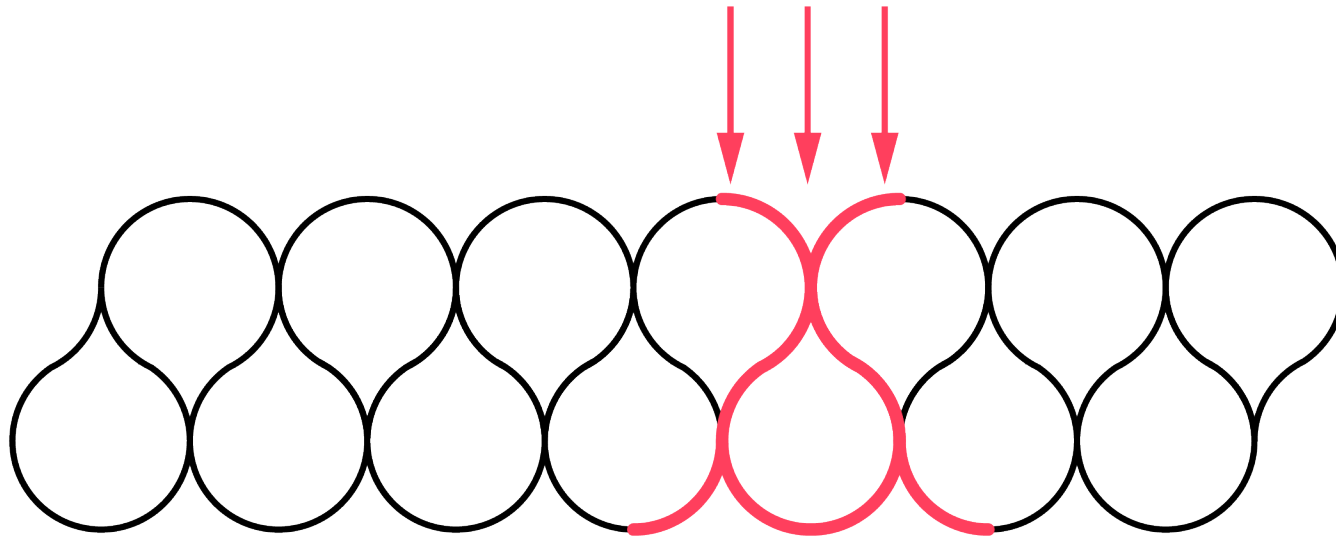


wood



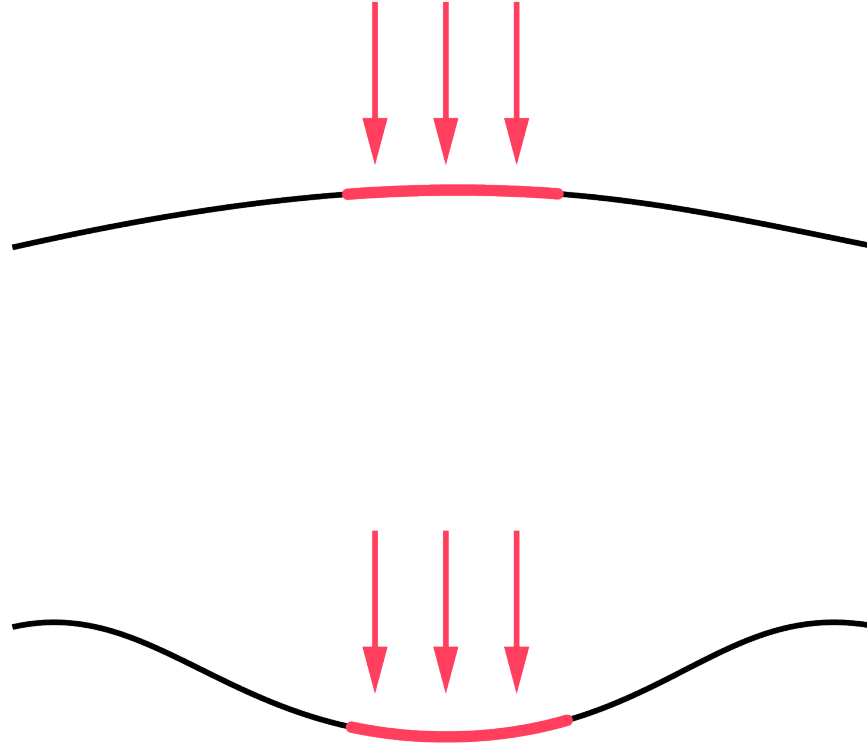
**Supermaterial needs to be flexible**

## Structure



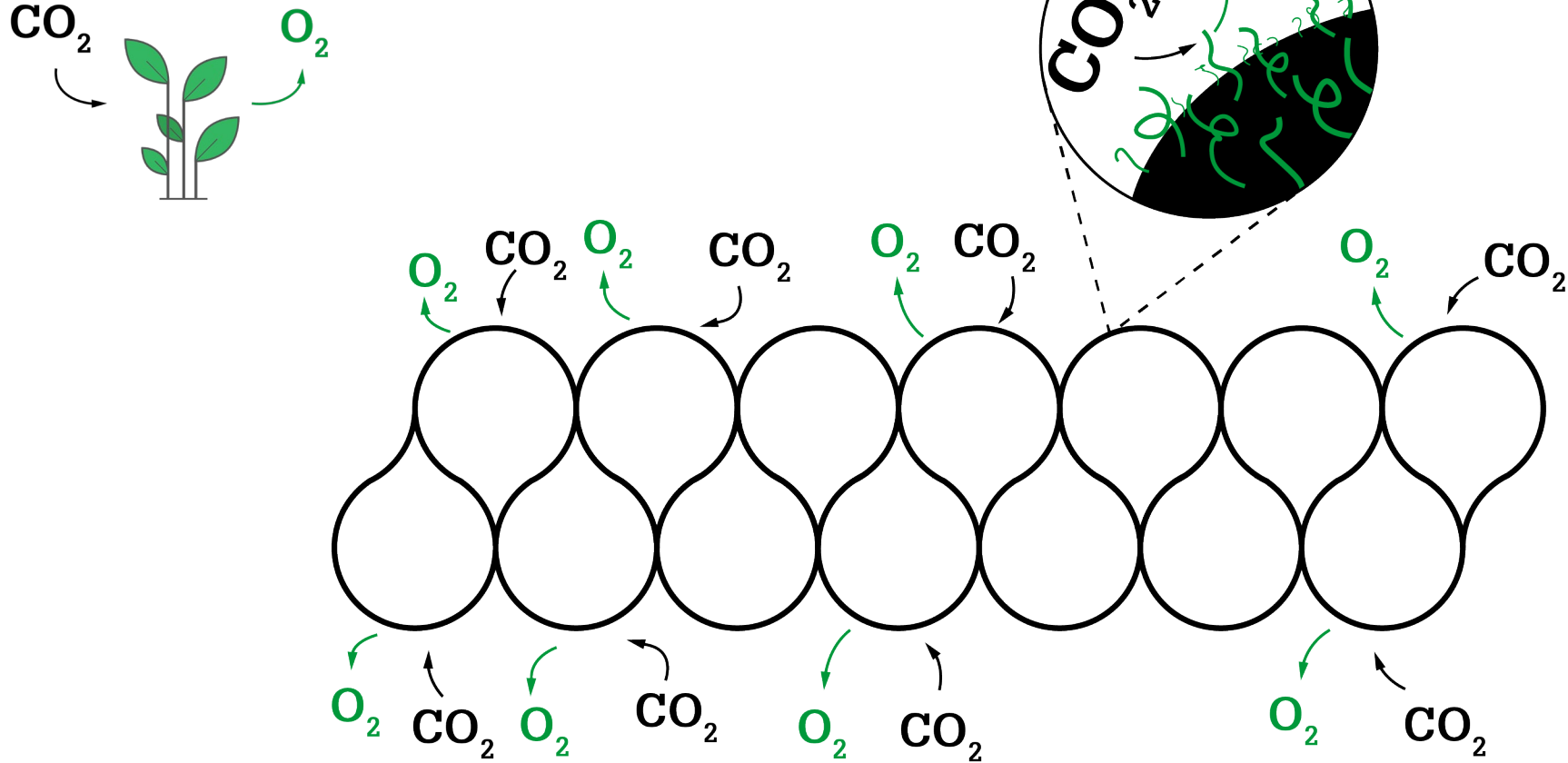
**Skin should be able to  
provide structure by folding**

## Flexibility



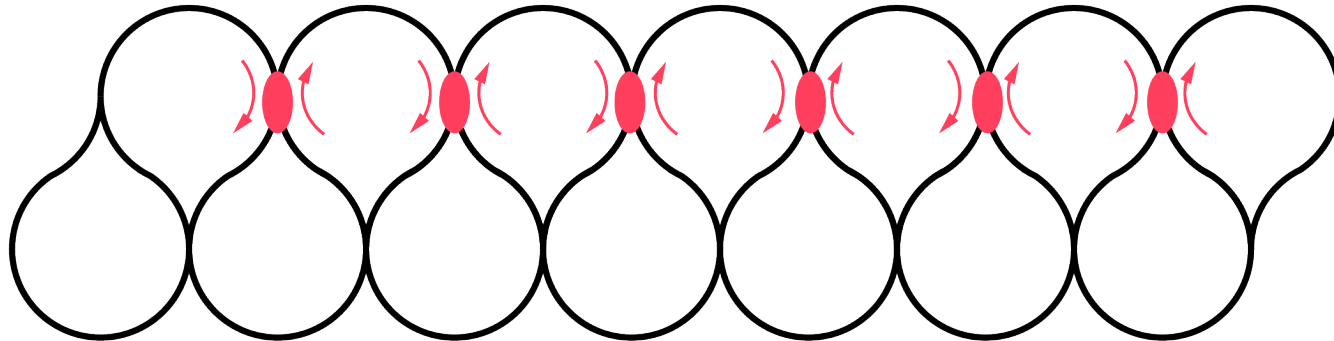
**Skin should be flexible**

## Oxygen



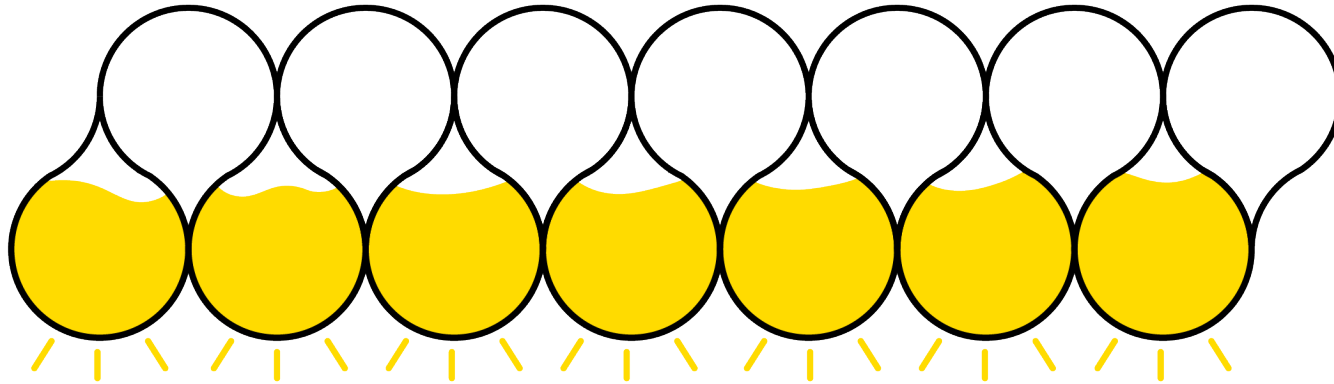
**Skin should allow for  
photosynthesis to provide oxygen**

## Energy



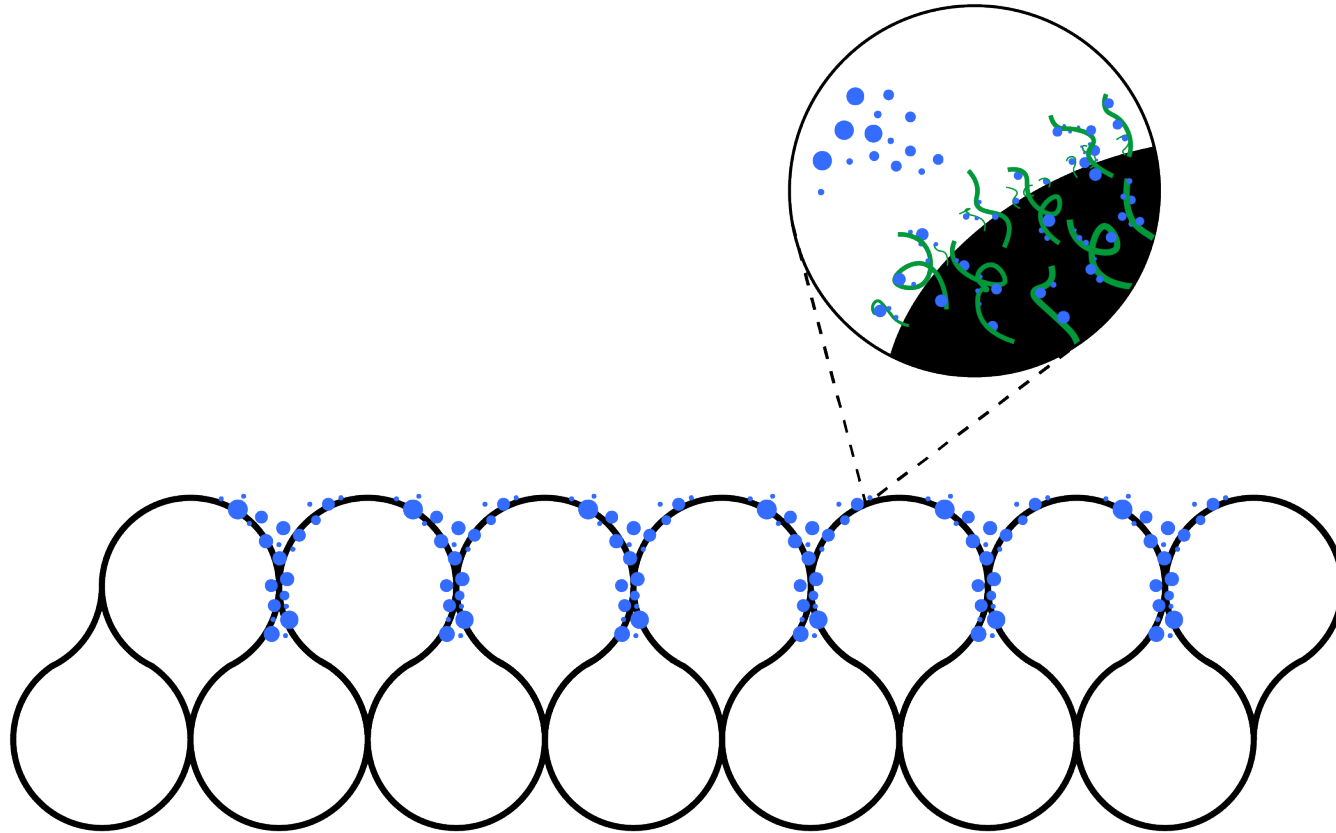
**Skin should be able to produce  
energy through friction**

## Light



**And emit it as light when  
needed**

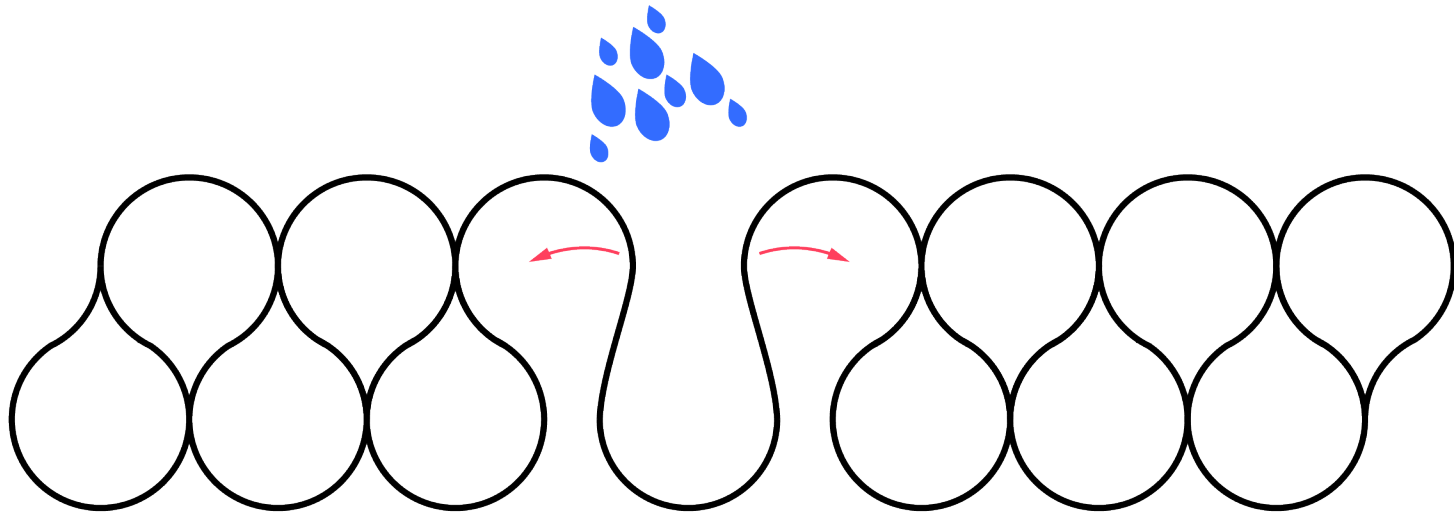
## Water



**Skin should capture  
humidity**

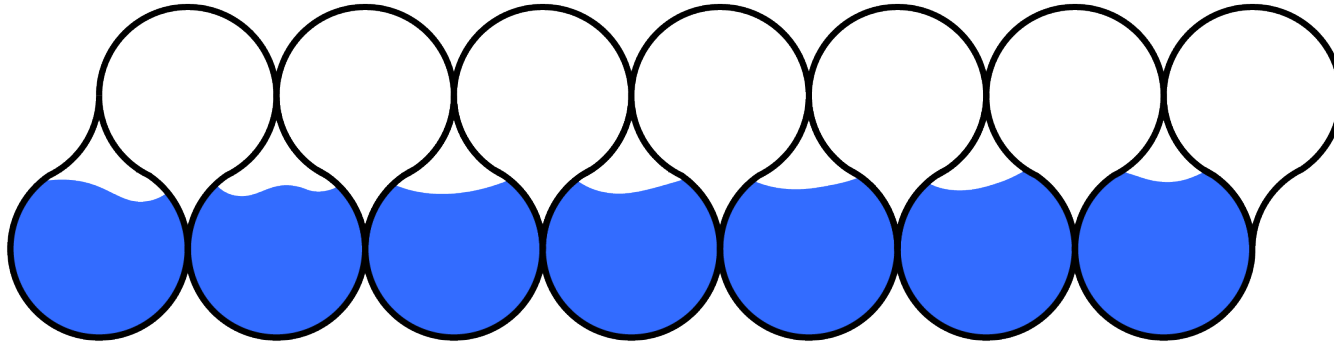


## Water



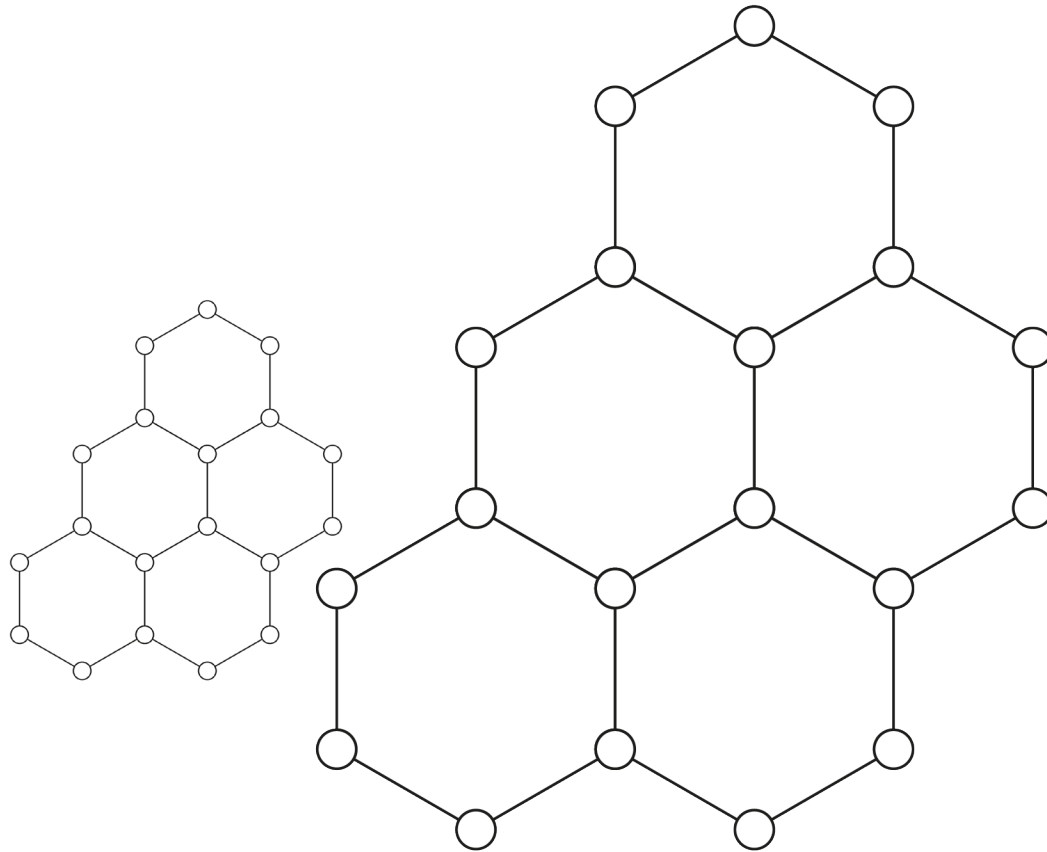
**It should also open up...**

## Water



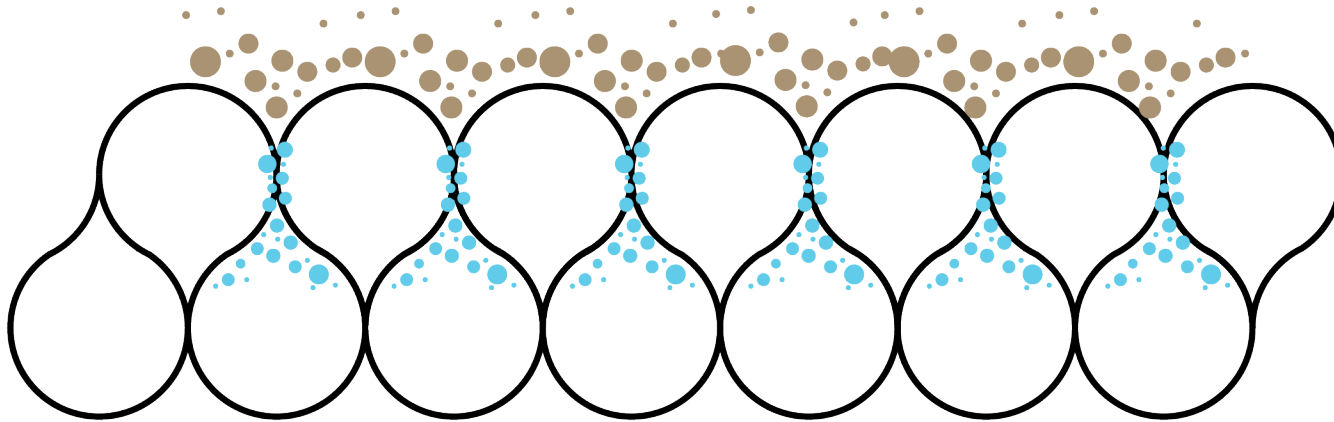
**To store the water for daily  
use.**

## Transparency



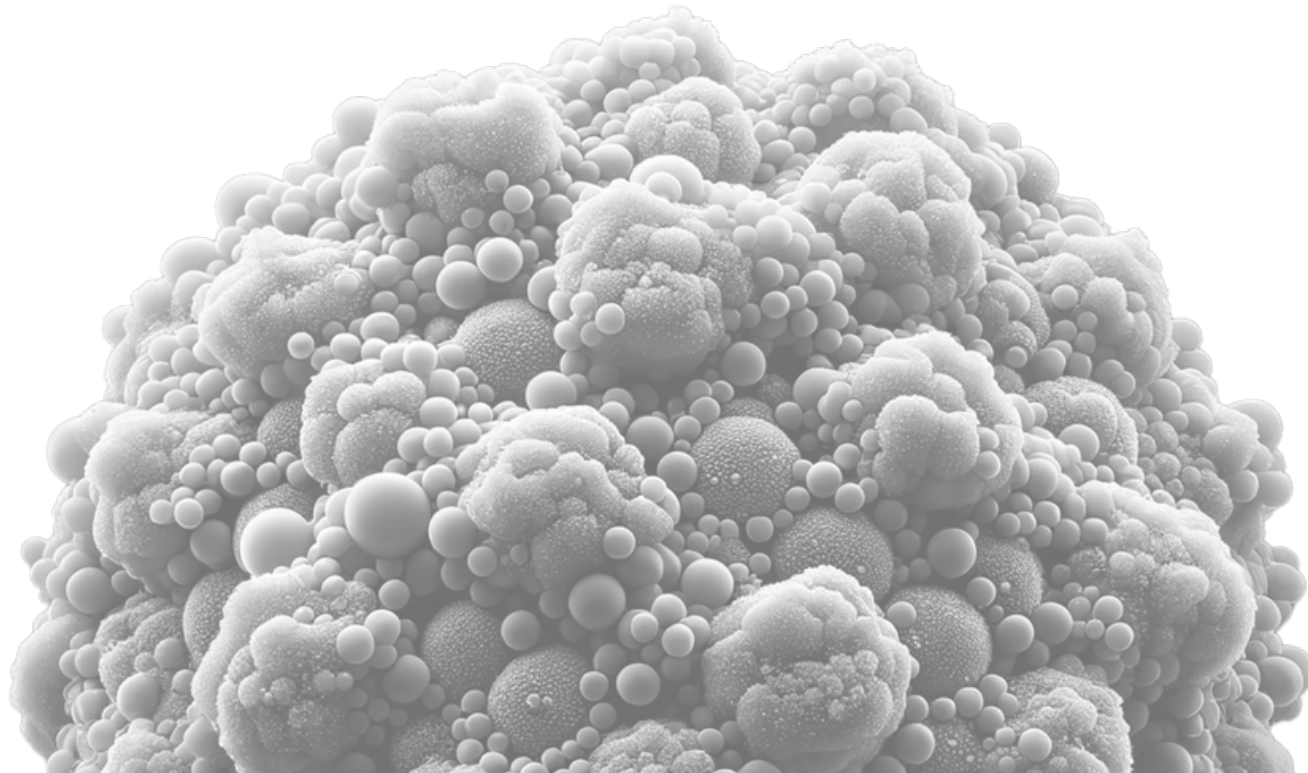
**Skin should also become  
transparent by changing  
molecular density**

## Waste



**Skin should filter & clean  
waste**

# THE SPONGE



# SPONGE

Skin-like material that provides everything we need and wish for. Environmentally-friendly alternative in contemporary building industry. Sponge is also suitable for changing conditions and is ideal for various applications. This material represents the future of sustainable and multifunctional solutions across various industry sectors.



**Lifespan :**

**Footprint :**

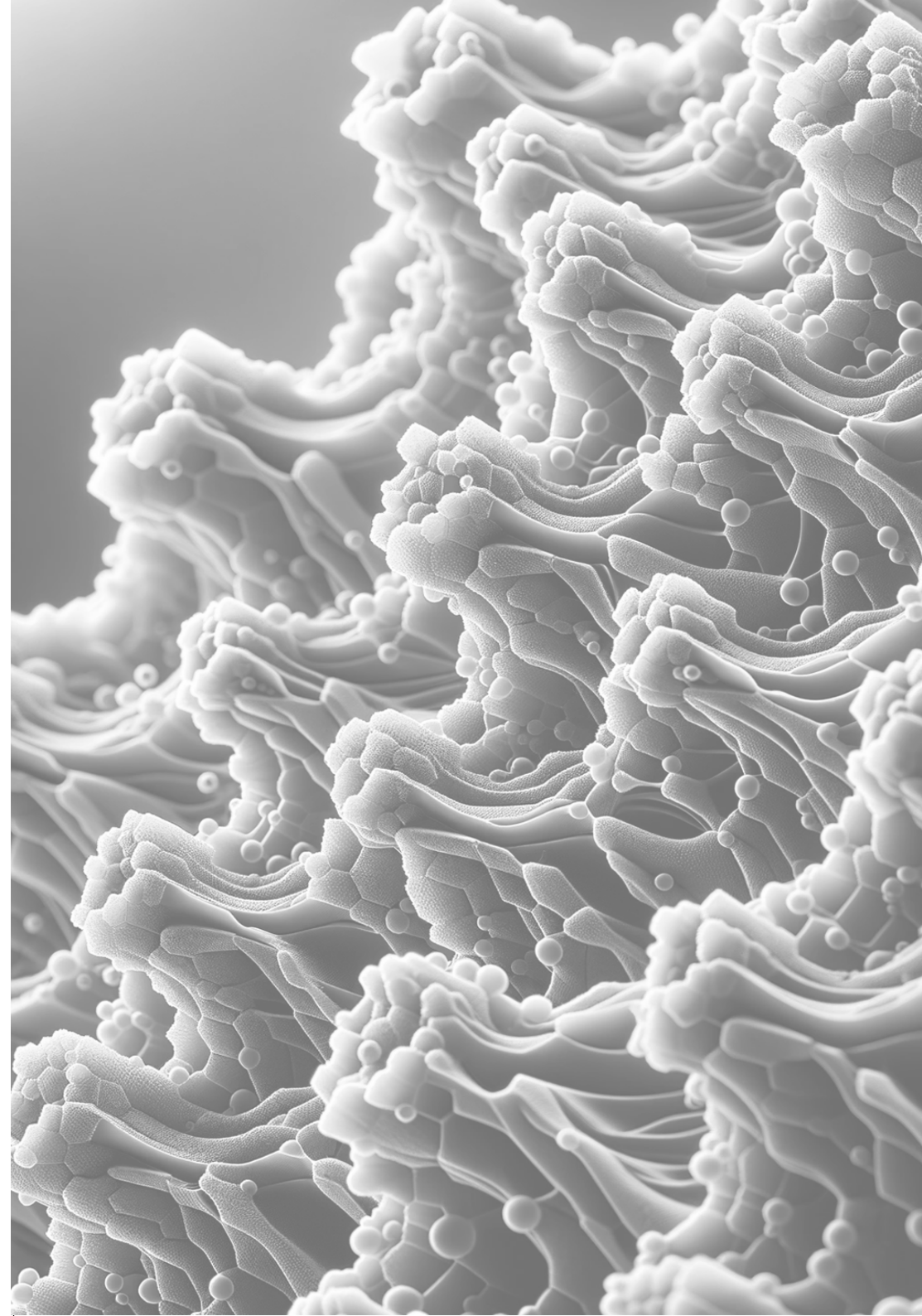
### Properties:

- Oxygen
- Furniture
- Structure
- Heat
- Nutrition
- Water
- Transparency
- Ventilation
- Electricity
- Light
- Smell insulation
- Sound insulation

- Thermal insulation
- Waste
- Fire-resistant
- Corrosion-resistant
- Elastic
- Recyclability
- Biodegradability
- Adaptability
- Fauna hosting
- Flora hosting
- Self-healing
- Durability

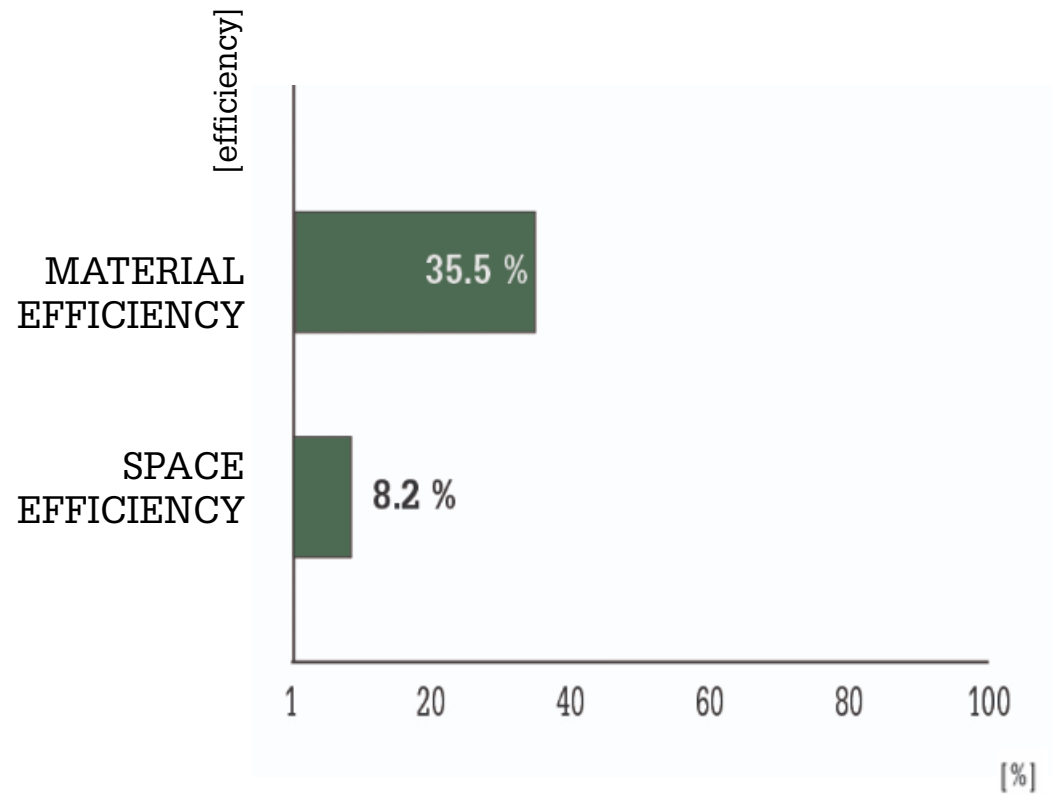
### Limitations:

- Heat sensitive
- Cold sensitive
- Humidity
- Light sensitive
- Water dependent
- Water soluble
- Fragile
- Toxic

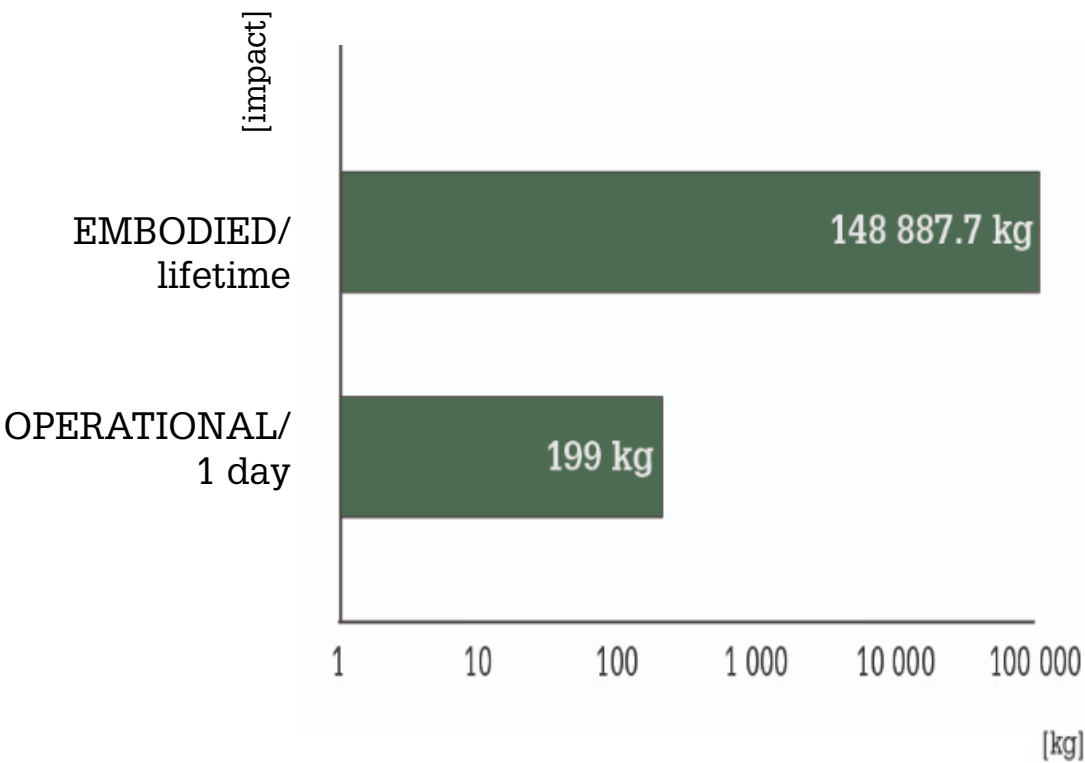


STEP 7 - Common Coin

Household EFFICIENCY



Household IMPACT





# 7 FAR FUTURE HOUSE

## STEP 7 – 3000+


1. Final tissue combines all the cells to create the super material:
- flexible skin structure, turns into transparent if needed
  - provides oxygen, capture humidity and stores water
  - emit light
  - flexible for opening any space
  - filters and cleans waste

### STEP 7 - BIOHOUSE

MATERIAL efficiency = 100%  
SPACE efficiency = 10.2 + 16.2 = 100%  
Operational CO2 impact/day = water + electricity + gas + waste + food + CO2 + O2 = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + same + same = 0kg  
Embodied CO2 impact/lifetime = 22 kg

### STEP 7

SCALE 1:5





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# **CONCLUSION**

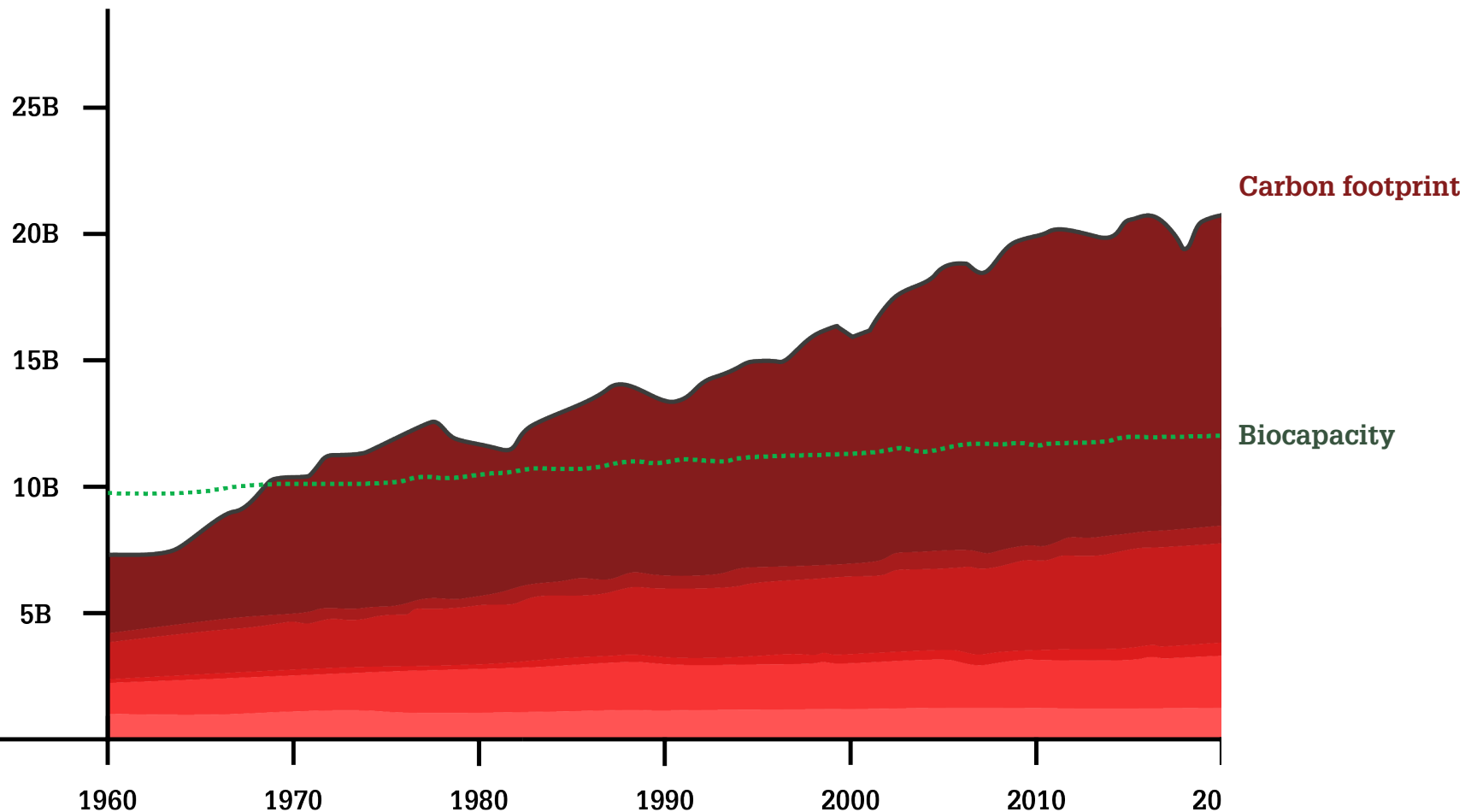
**WE HAVE SEEN THE WAY WE LIVE  
IS INEFFICIENT**

**AND NON-BIOLOGICAL**

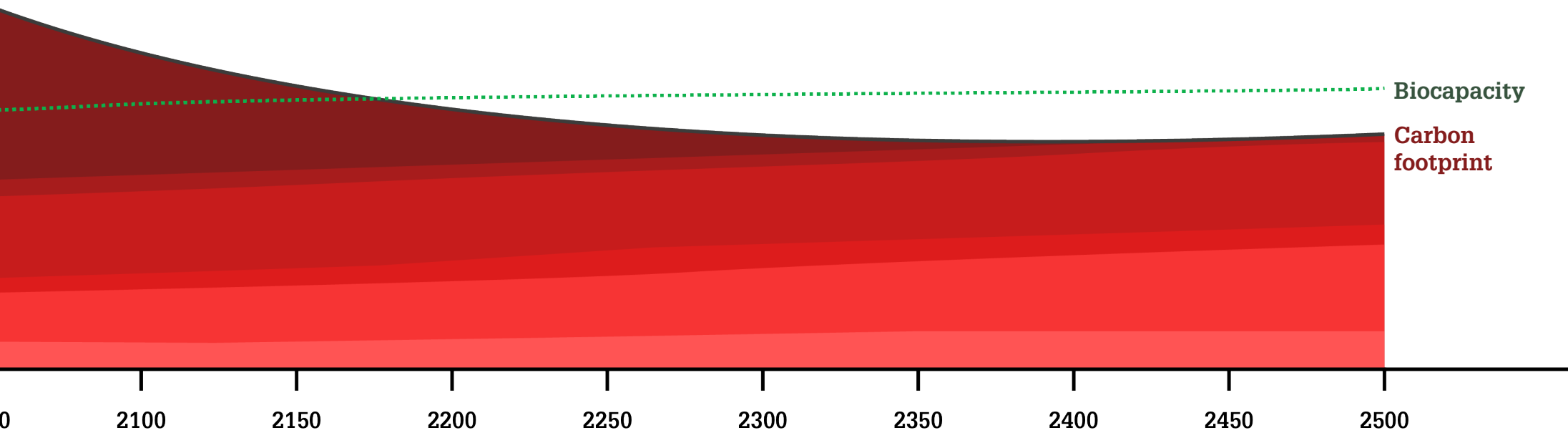
**WITH HIGH IMPACT**

**WHICH OUTGREW OUR PLANET A  
LONG TIME AGO**

# SO WE SET OUR GOAL TO ELIMINATE OUR BIGGEST ENEMY



# AND RESTORE THE ORDER

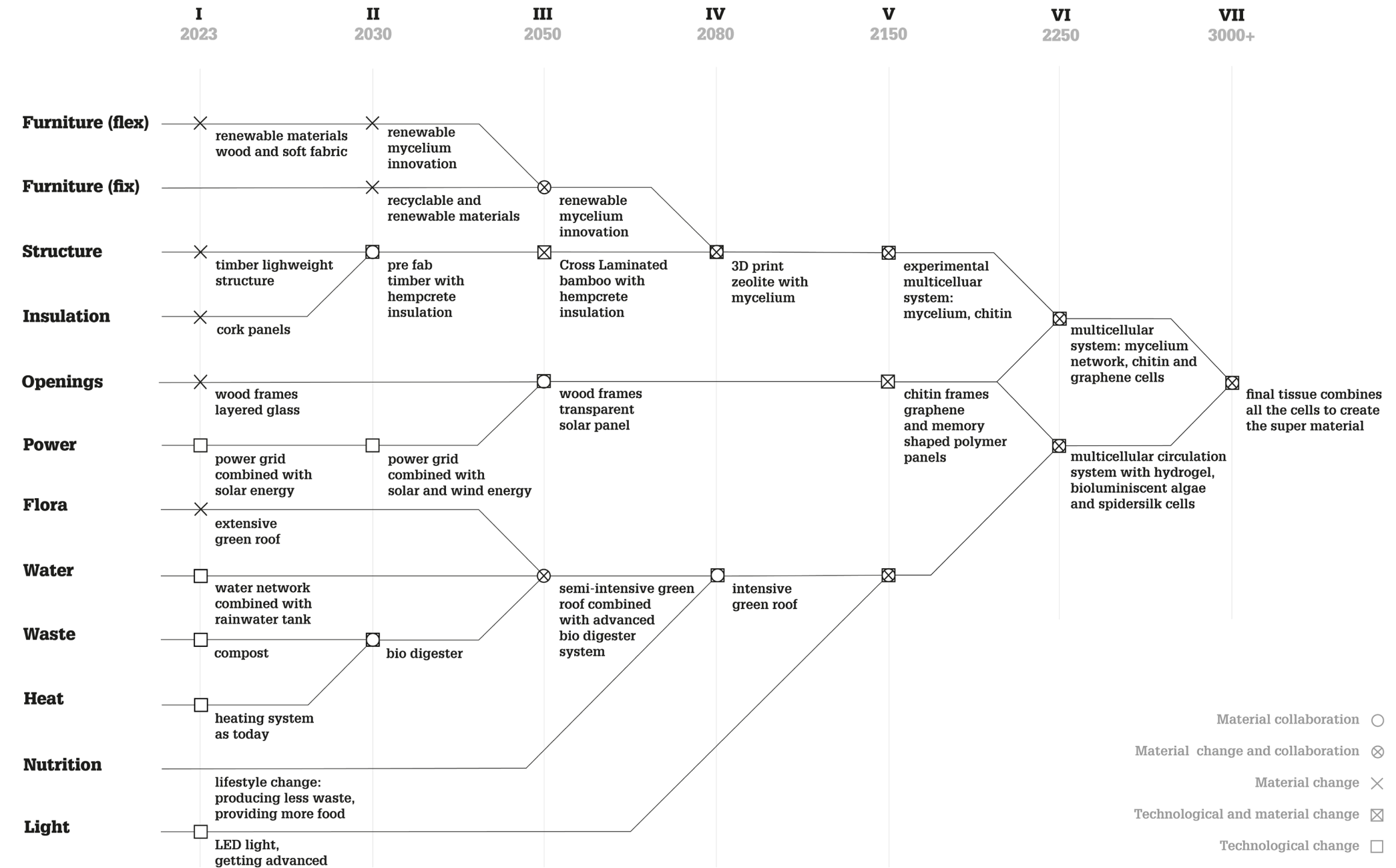


[Source: Global Footprint Network]

**SO HOW DID WE DO THIS?**



# Evolution towards the Far Future House



**WHAT CAN BE DONE NEXT?**

# **INTEGRATE RENEWABLE ENERGY?**

**CONSIDER OUR NEIGHBOURS?**

**CONSIDER THE FLORA AND  
FAUNA?**

**CONSIDER LIFESTYLE CHANGE?**

**YELYZAVETA BEREZINA / AINHOA DECORNET**

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