

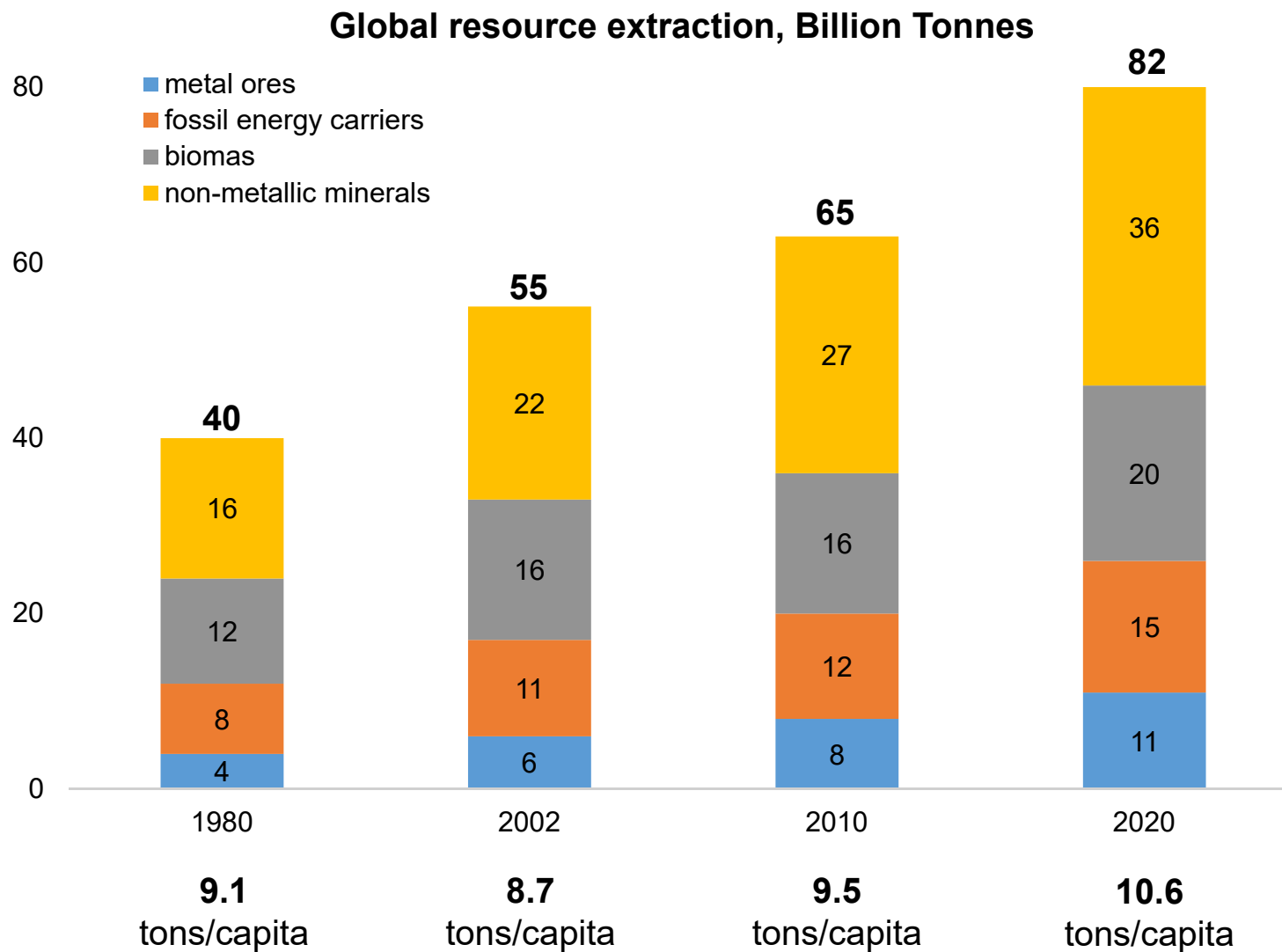
The background image is a photograph of a construction site. In the foreground, there are large, neat stacks of steel beams, likely I-beams, arranged in rows. The beams are dark in color. In the background, a multi-story building is under construction, with its steel framework visible. The sky is clear and blue. The overall scene suggests a focus on construction and materials.

Circular Economy

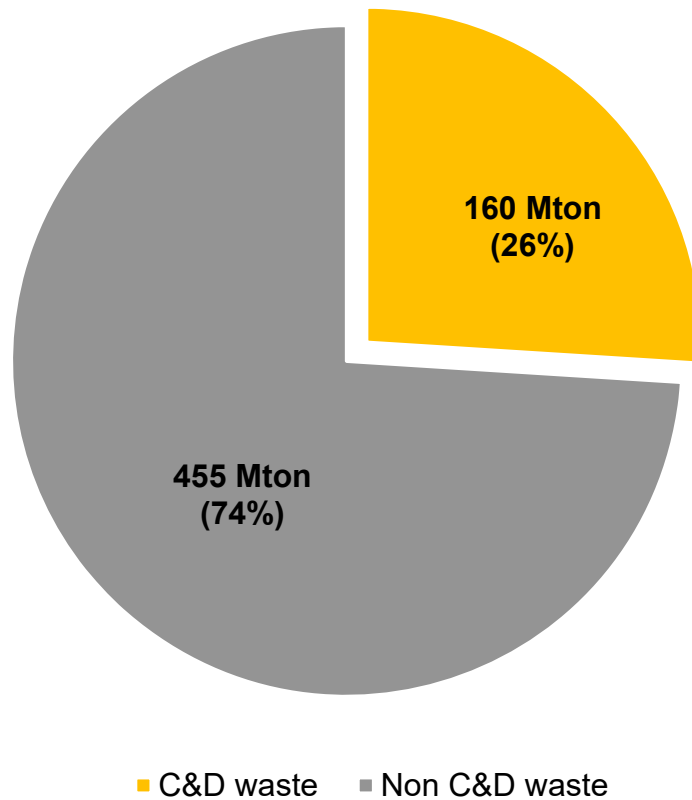
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RECOVERED MATERIALS
IN ARCHITECTURE
AND CONSTRUCTION

Global resource extraction: 82 Gtons



US Solid Waste: 615 Mtons in 2008



1. Recycled or reused: 20~30% (32-48 Mton)

2. Discarded: 70~80% (112-128 Mton)

Lumber (40%)

Asphalt products (14%)

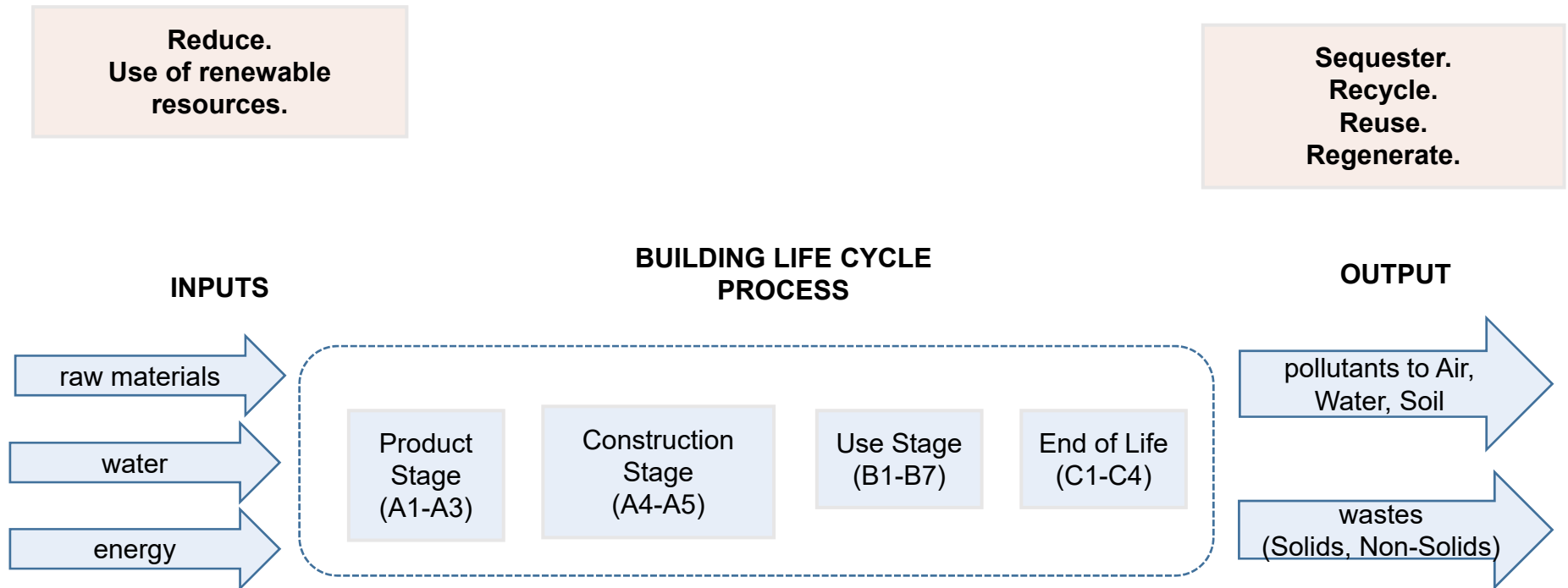
Soil/fines (11%)

Concrete/rock/brick (11%)

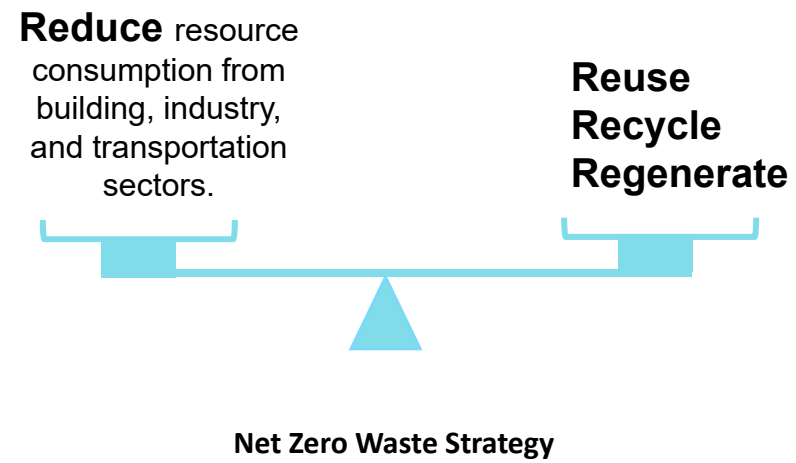
Gypsum board (10%)

Other (14%)

Circular Economy: Building Life Cycle Perspective

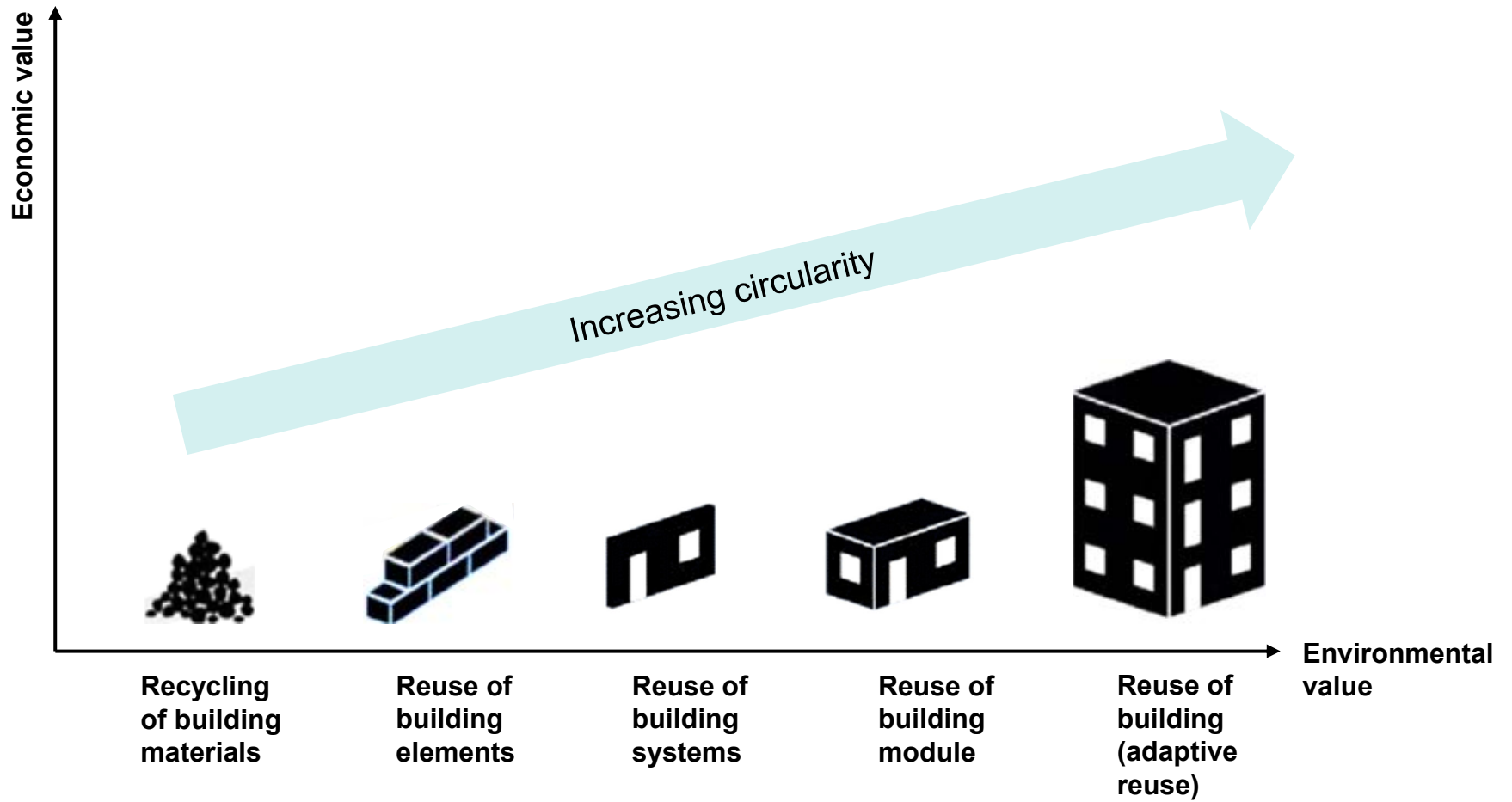


Circular Economy Framework



Circularity

Circular Economy

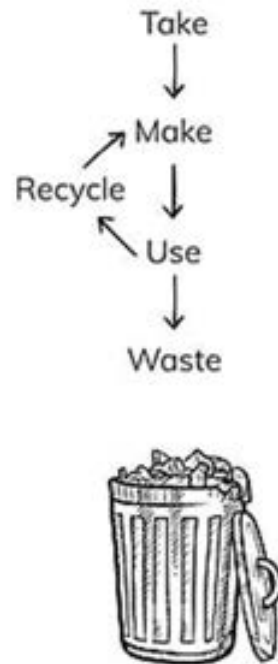


Circular Economy

LINEAR ECONOMY



RECYCLING ECONOMY



CIRCULAR ECONOMY

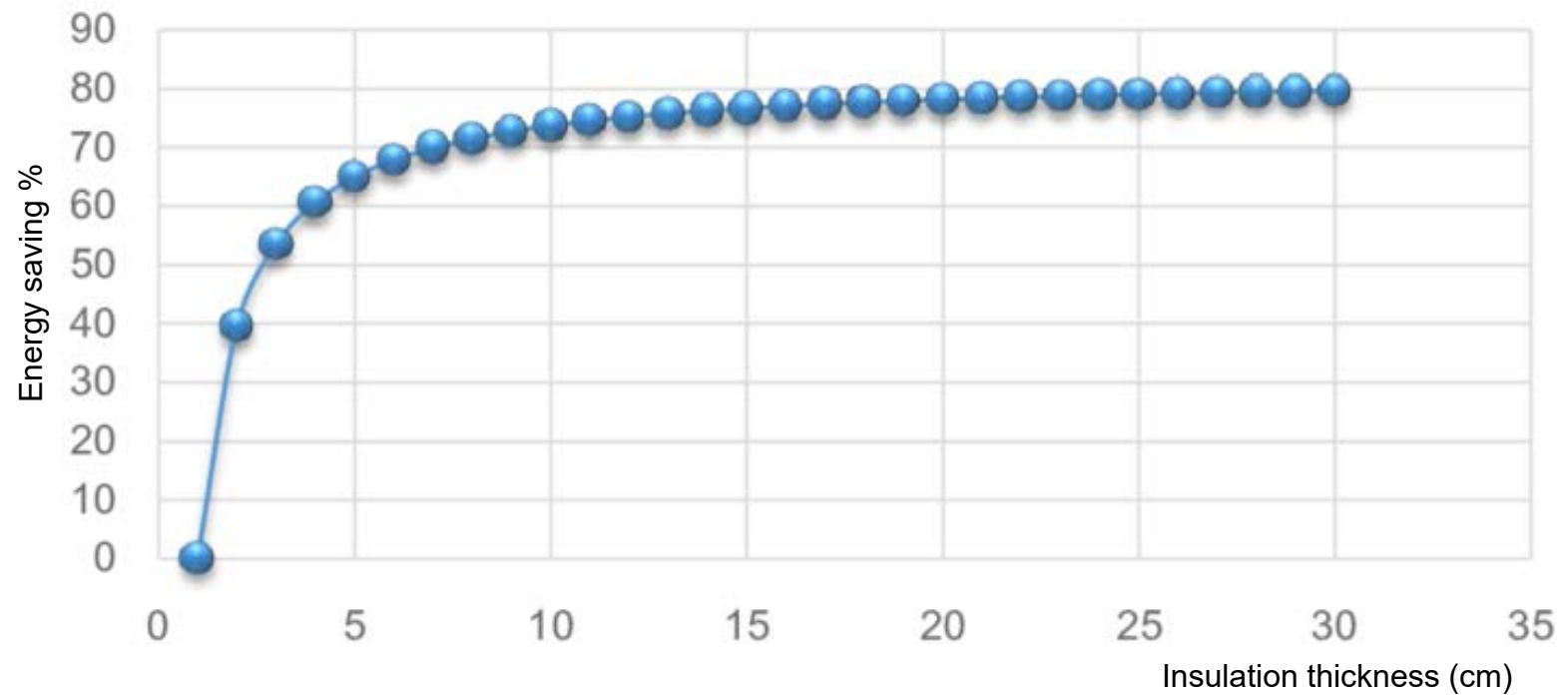


Circular Economy

- 1. Reduce**
- 2. Recycle**
- 3. Reuse**
- 4. Regenerate**

Reduce

Circular Economy: Reduce Materials



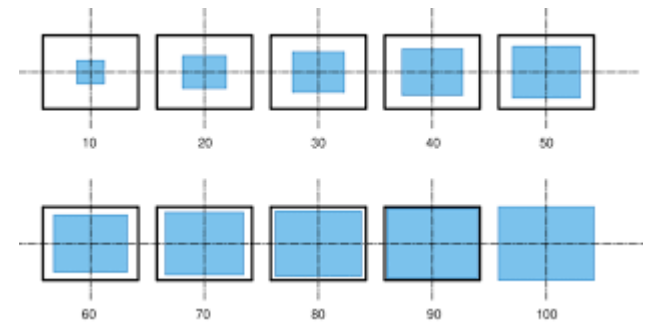
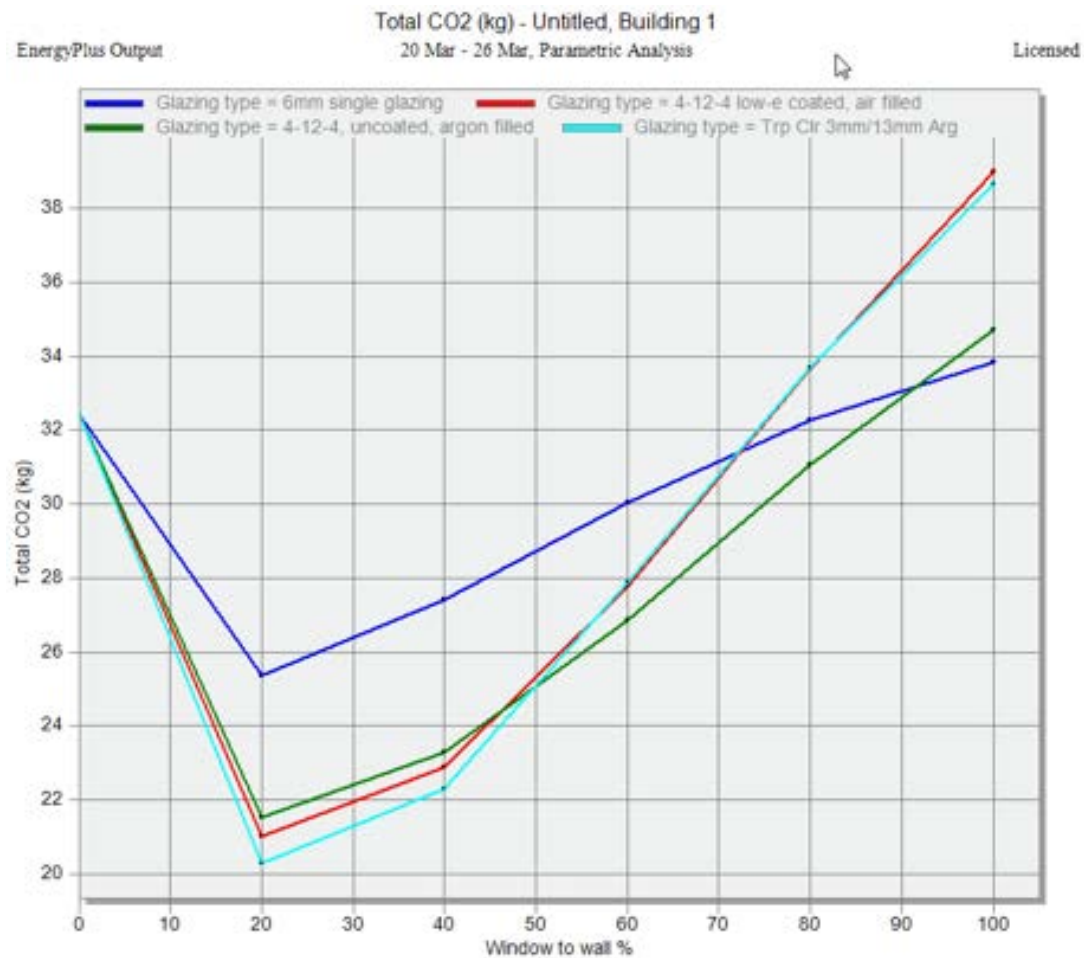
Diminishing energy efficiency for wall insulation

Circular Economy: Reduce Materials



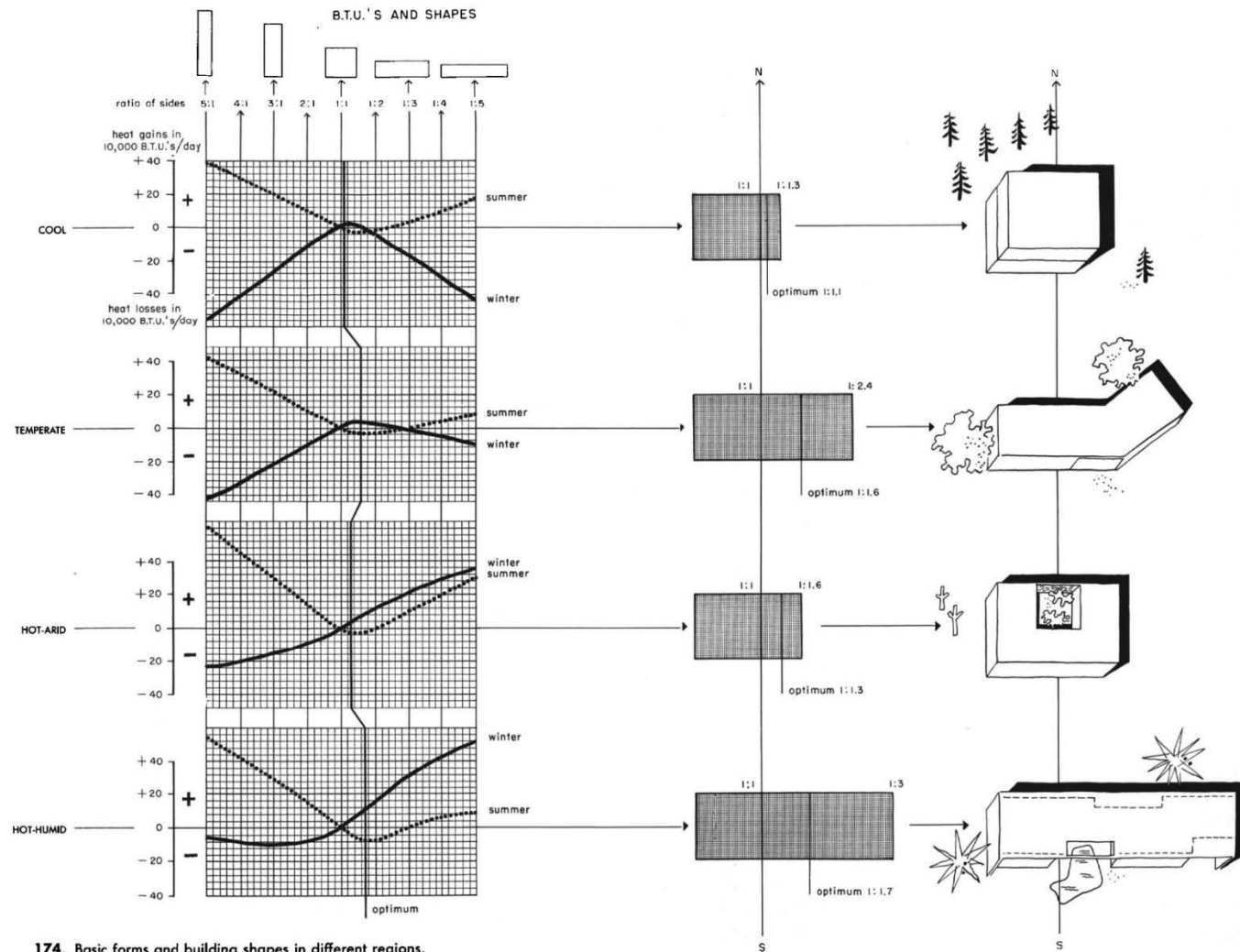
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Energy efficiency vs glazing attributes vs %WWR

Circular Economy: Reduce Materials

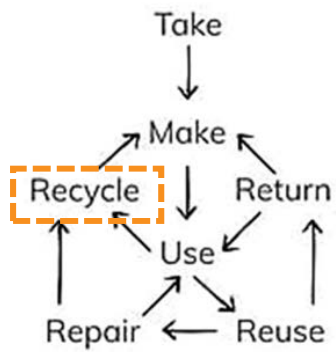


Bioclimatic design yields optimum material uses

Recycle

Circular Economy: Recycle

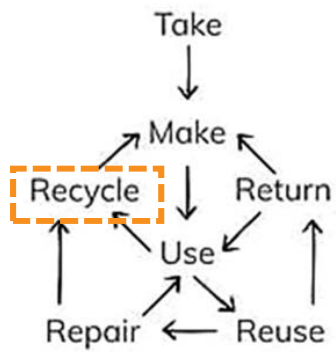
CIRCULAR ECONOMY



Resource: discarded plastics
Manufacturer: Gert de Mulder, The Netherlands
Designer: Shigeru Ben Architects, France
Product directory finishing, self-supporting

Circular Economy: Recycle

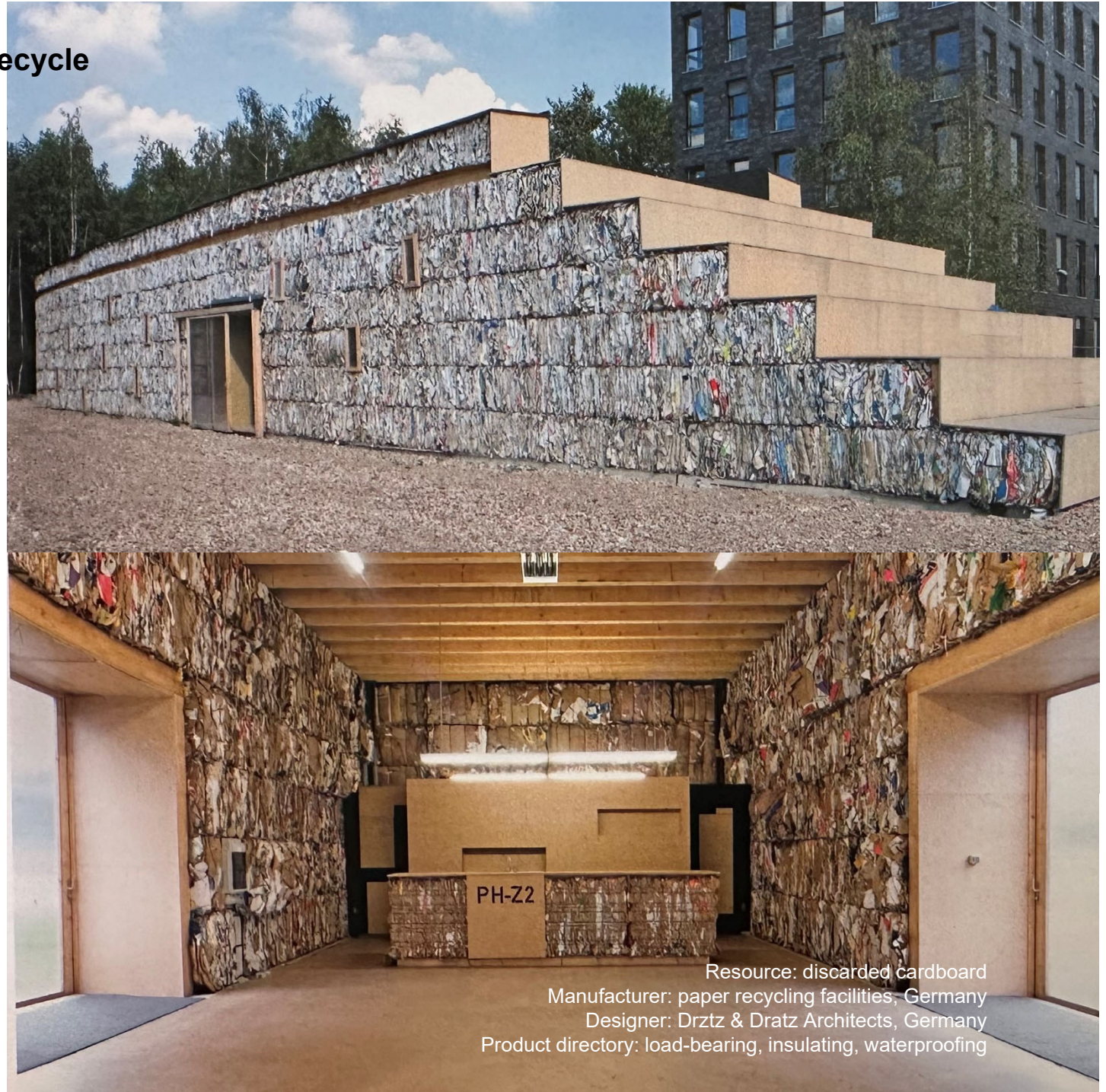
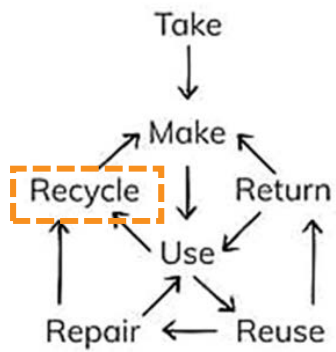
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Manufacturer: paper recycling facilities, Germany
Designer: Drztz & Dratz Architects, Germany
Product directory: load-bearing, insulating, waterproofing

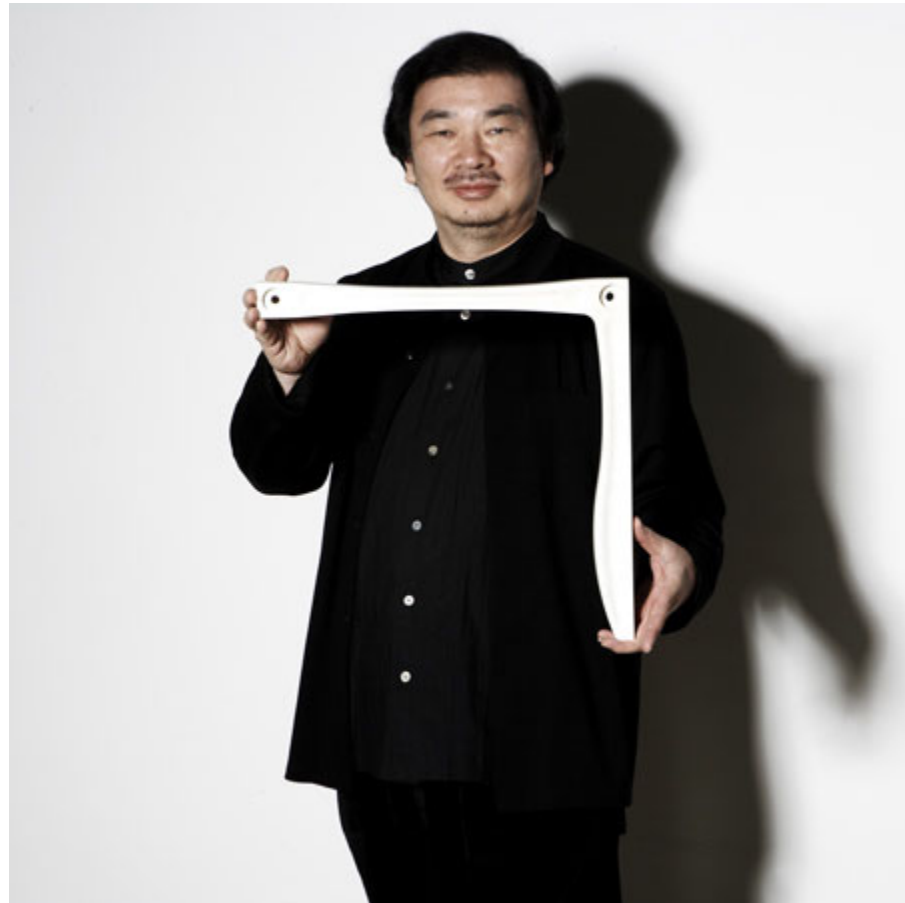
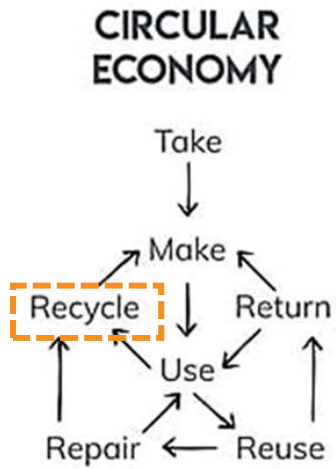
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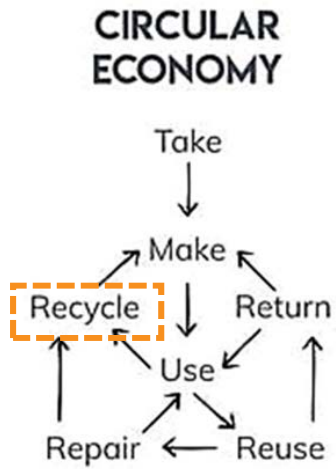
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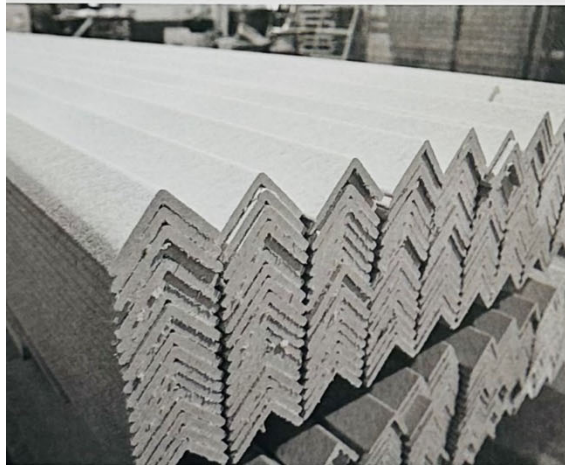
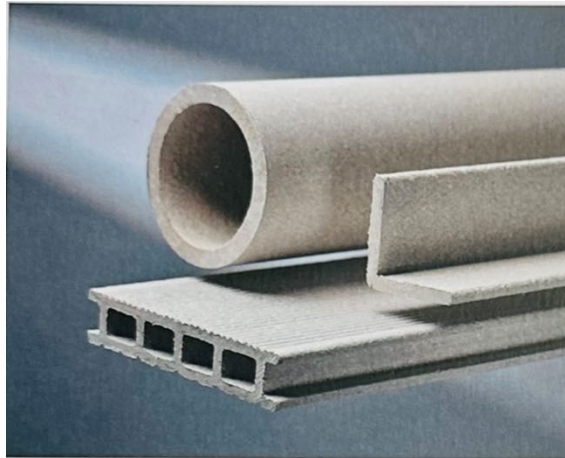
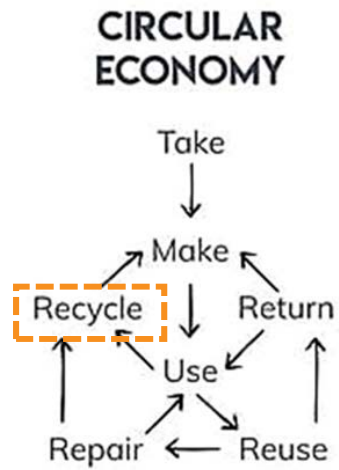
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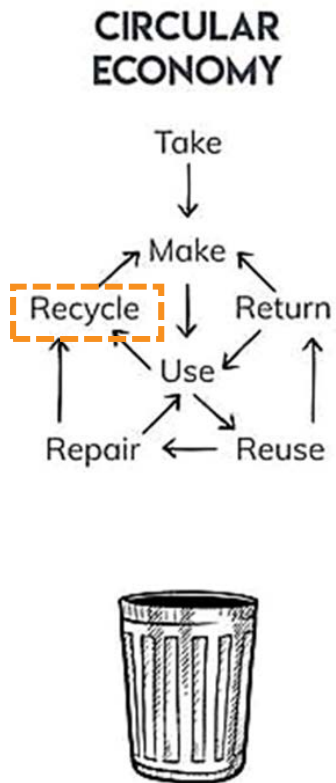
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Arthur Huang has created a hospital ward made from trash | CNN

<https://www.cnn.com/videos/world/2021/06/03/cte-arthur-huang-mini-wiz-video-spc-intl-hnk.cnn>

Recycle: Load-bearing Products



Green Leaf Bricks
Construction Beams.
Sewage waste
Masonry Research Group,
MA USA.



Blood Bricks
Construction Bricks.
Discarded animal blood and
sand.
Munro, UK.



Mushroom Bricks
Construction Bricks.
Mycelium, straw waste.
The Living, NY, USA.



Mycoform
Construction Bricks.
Mycelium, paper waste,
discarded aluminum.
Foachim, NY, USA.



Songwood Boards
Construction Panels.
Furniture wastes
Engineered Timber
Resources. CO, USA

Recycle: Self-supporting Products



GreenStone
Construction Bricks.
Discarded glass bottles.
Realm of Design, NV, USA.



Recy Blocks
Construction Bricks.
Discarded plastics.
Gert de Mulder, Netherlands.



ECOR
Construction Panels.
Waste materials with high fibres.
Noble Environ. Tech, CA, USA.



**Vbc3000 Bricks and
Lightened Granulates**
Construction Aggregates.
Sewage treatment sludge
Vbc3000 Entreprise
Innovante, France.

Recycle: Insulating Products



FoamGlas T4+
Insulating Blocks.
Discarded glass.
Pittsburgh Corning Europe
NV, Belgium.



NeptuTherm Balls
Insulation Infill.
Sea balls.
NeptuTherm e. K.,
Germany.



**Unltratouch Denim
Insulation Batts**
Insulating Infill.
Discarded jeans, denim
fabrics.
Bonded Logic Inc., AZ, USA.



Enviro Board
Insulating Panels.
Straw waste.
Enviro Board Corp, NJ, USA.



Seaweed Insulation
Insulation Infill.
Eradicated seaweed, ib
Ungermund, Denmark.

Recycle: Waterproofing Products



StoneCycling
Waterproofing Tiles.
Demolition waste.
Tom van Scest, The
Netherlands.



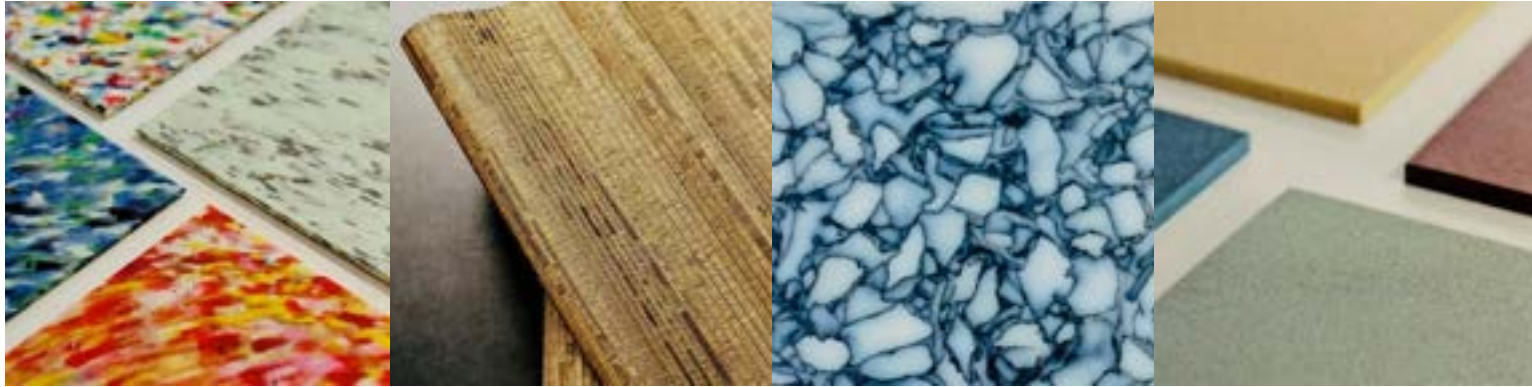
Tuff Roof
Waterproofing Panels.
Discarded Tetra Pak cartons.
Deman Ganga Paper Mill,
India.



**Cristalejo (recycled Crystal
Glass)**
Waterproofing Panels.
Discarded crystal glass cullet.
Marques, Portugal.

ReMaterials Roof Panels
Waterproofing Panels.
Packaging and agricultural
waste.
Hasit Ganatra and Swad
Komanduri, India.

Recycle: Finishing Products



Origins Sheets
Finishing Panels.
Discarded milk jugs, soap
bottles
Yemm & Hart Green
Materials, MO, USA.

Rocco Sheets
Finishing Panels.
Discarded newspapers.
La Casa Deco, Philippines.

Dapple Sheets
Finishing Panels.
Discarded HDPE.
Smile Plastics, UK.

Flexisurf Sheets
Finishing Panels.
Polyvinyl chloride waste.
Yemm & Hart Green
Materials, MO, USA.

Reuse

Circular Economy: Reuse

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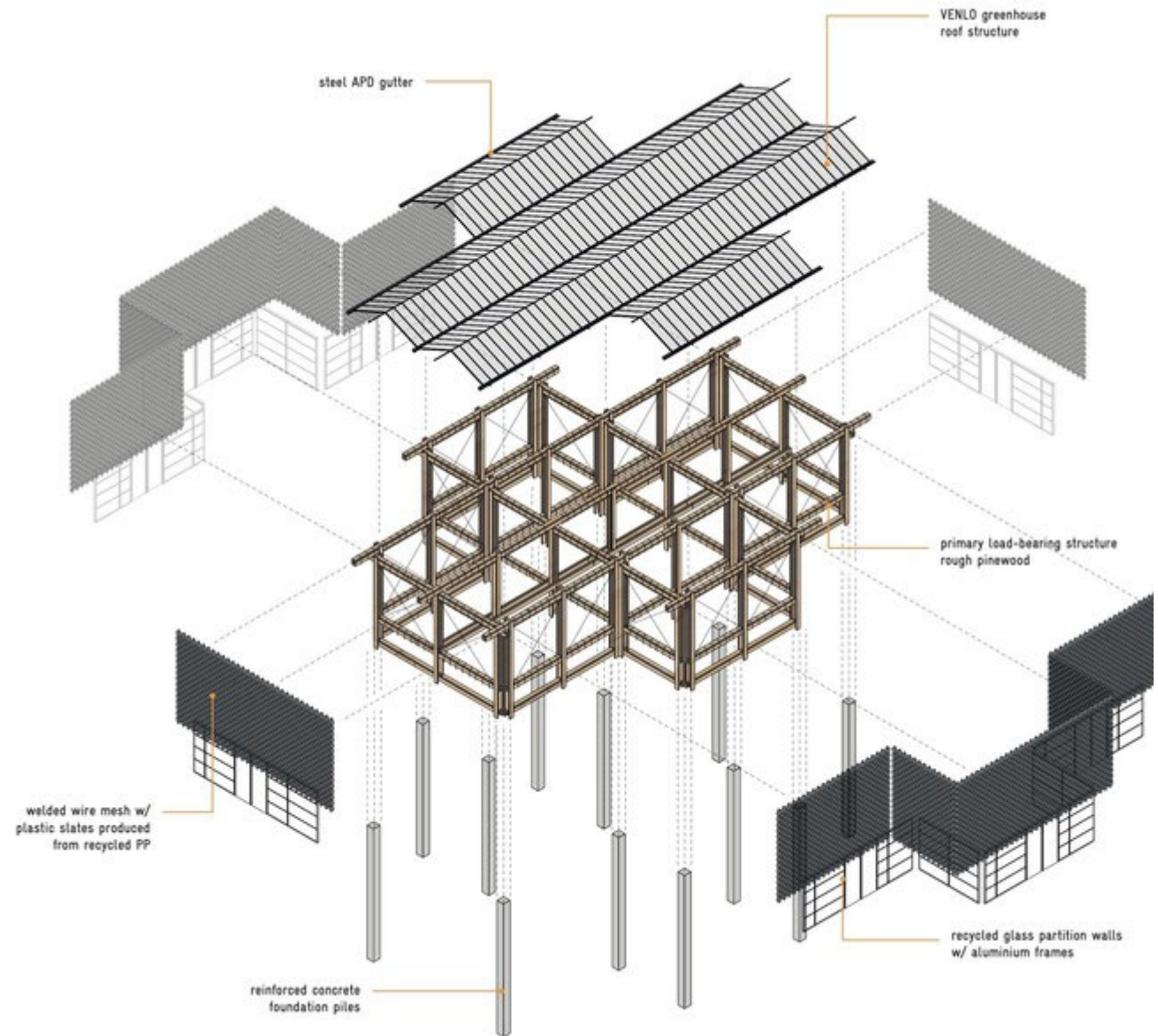
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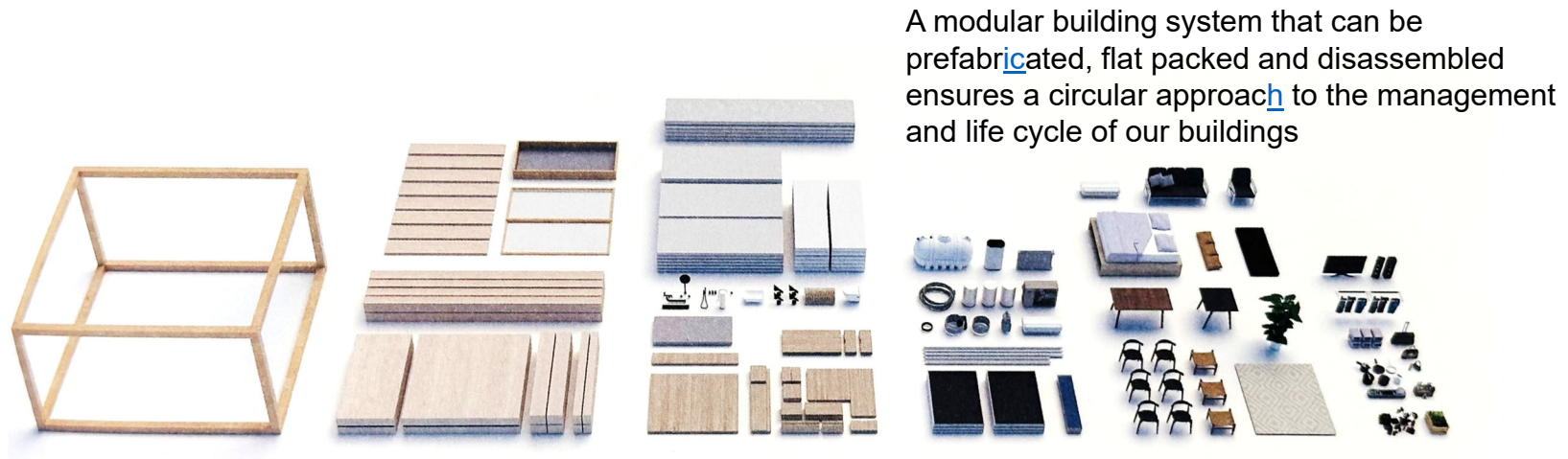
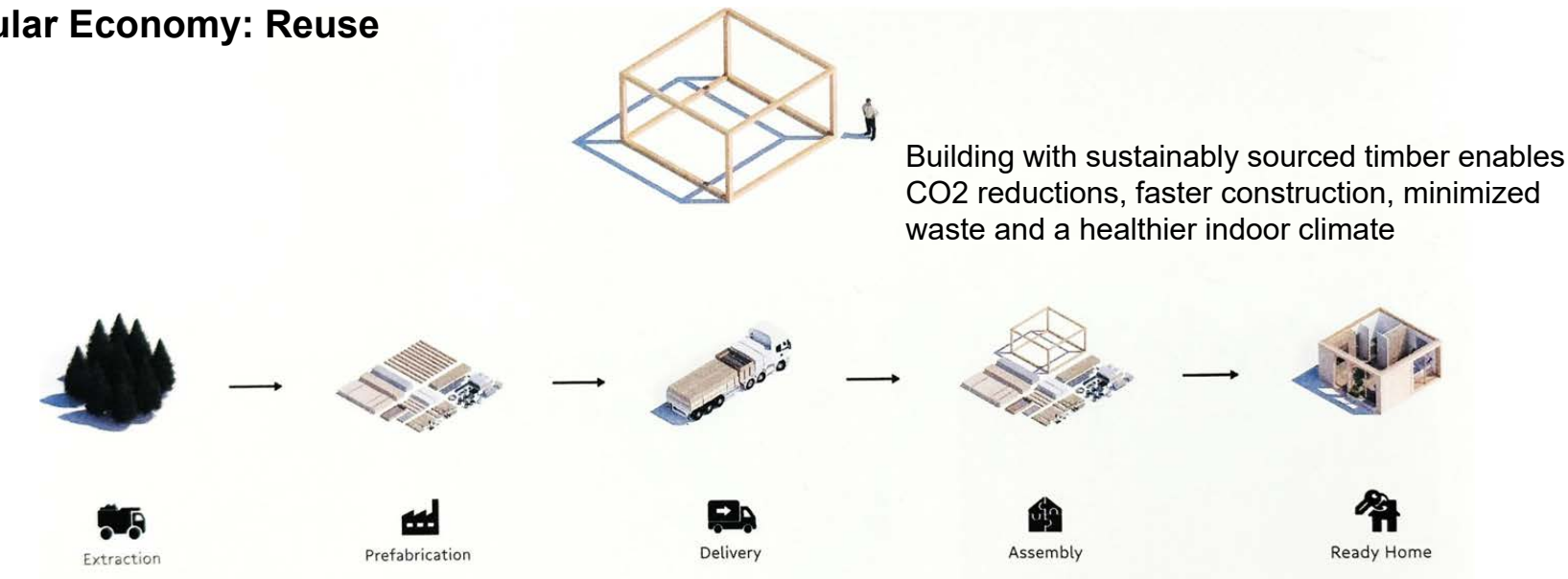
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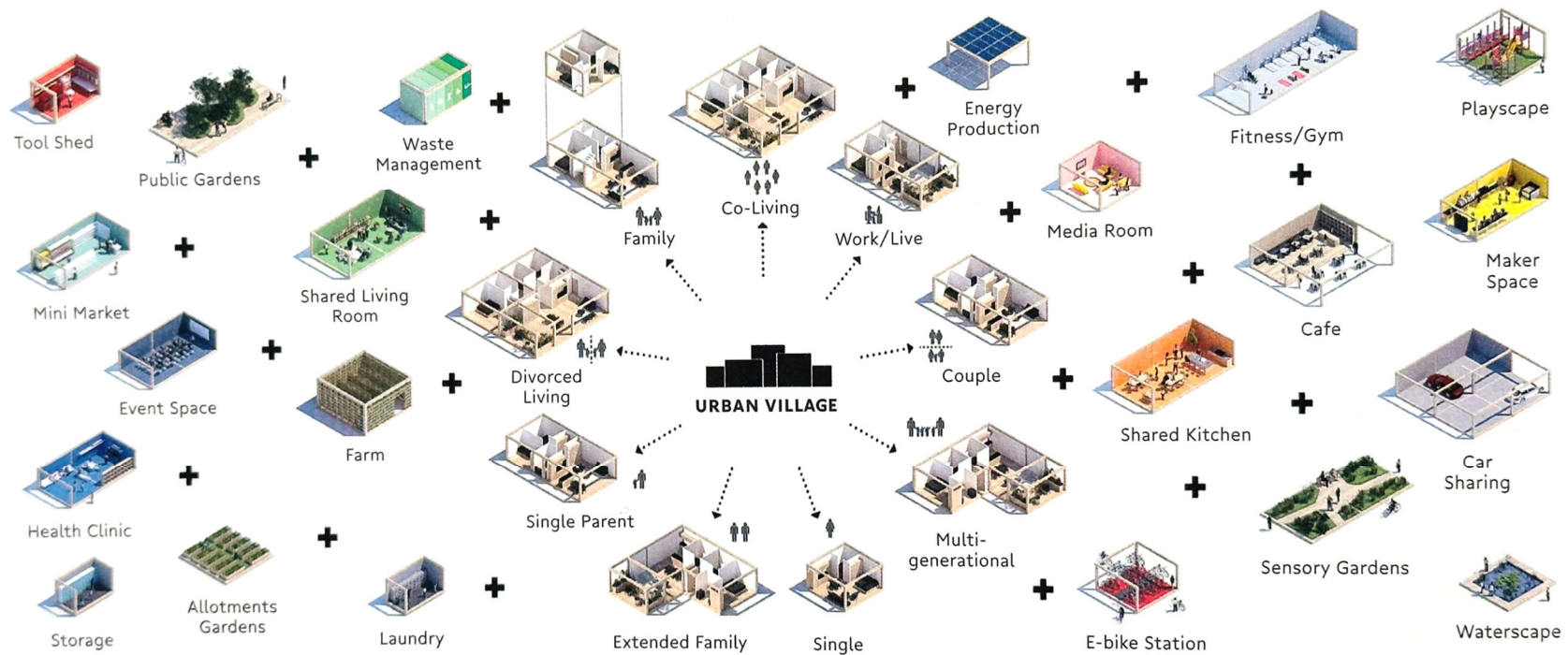
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Circular Economy: Reuse



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Re/Generate

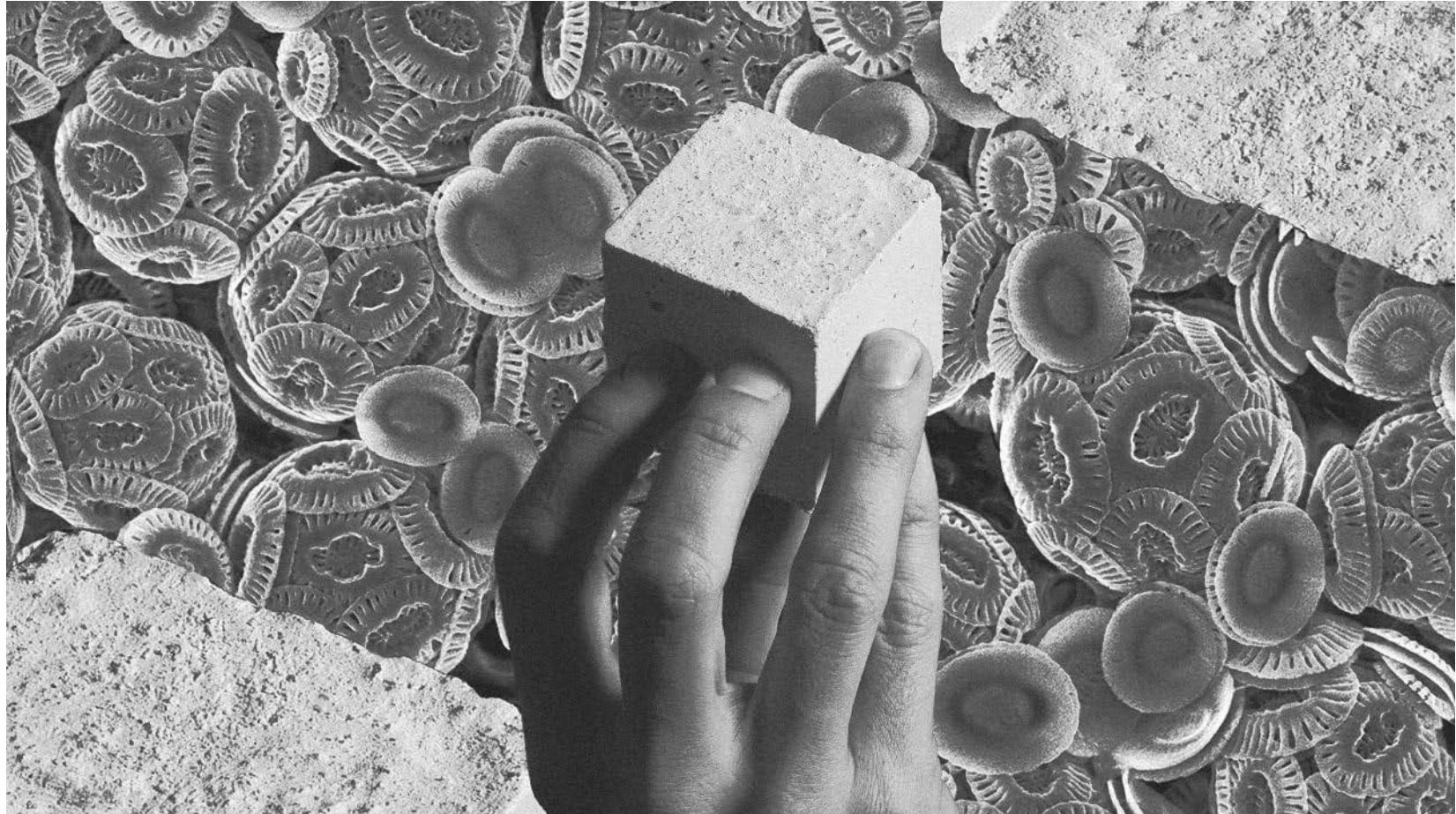


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PLASTIC EATING WORMS

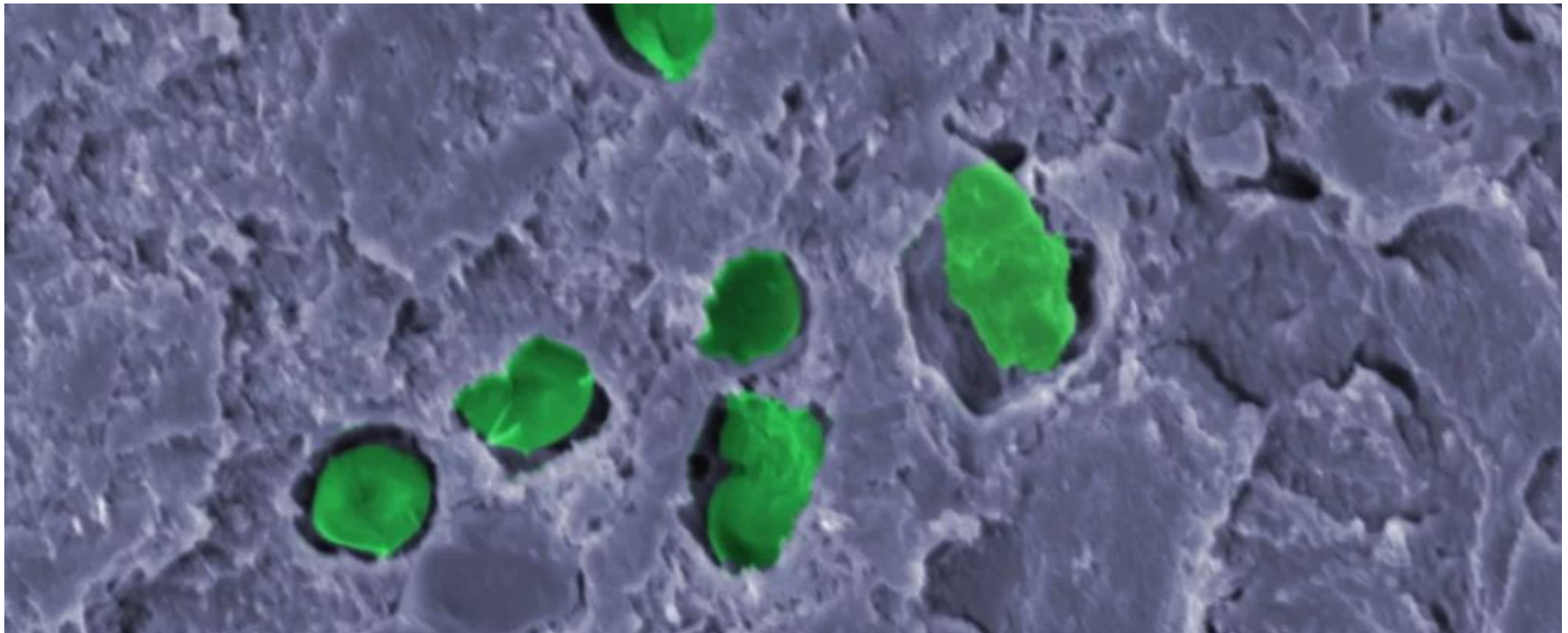
Circular Economy: Re/Generate



Microalgae as bio-cement

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Scientists Just Came Up With a Wild Idea For Making Oxygen on Mars



Microalgae as bio-coating

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