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BIO-BASED BUILDING MATERIALS, CONVENTIONAL MATERIALS AND CARBON STORAGE ASSESSMENT

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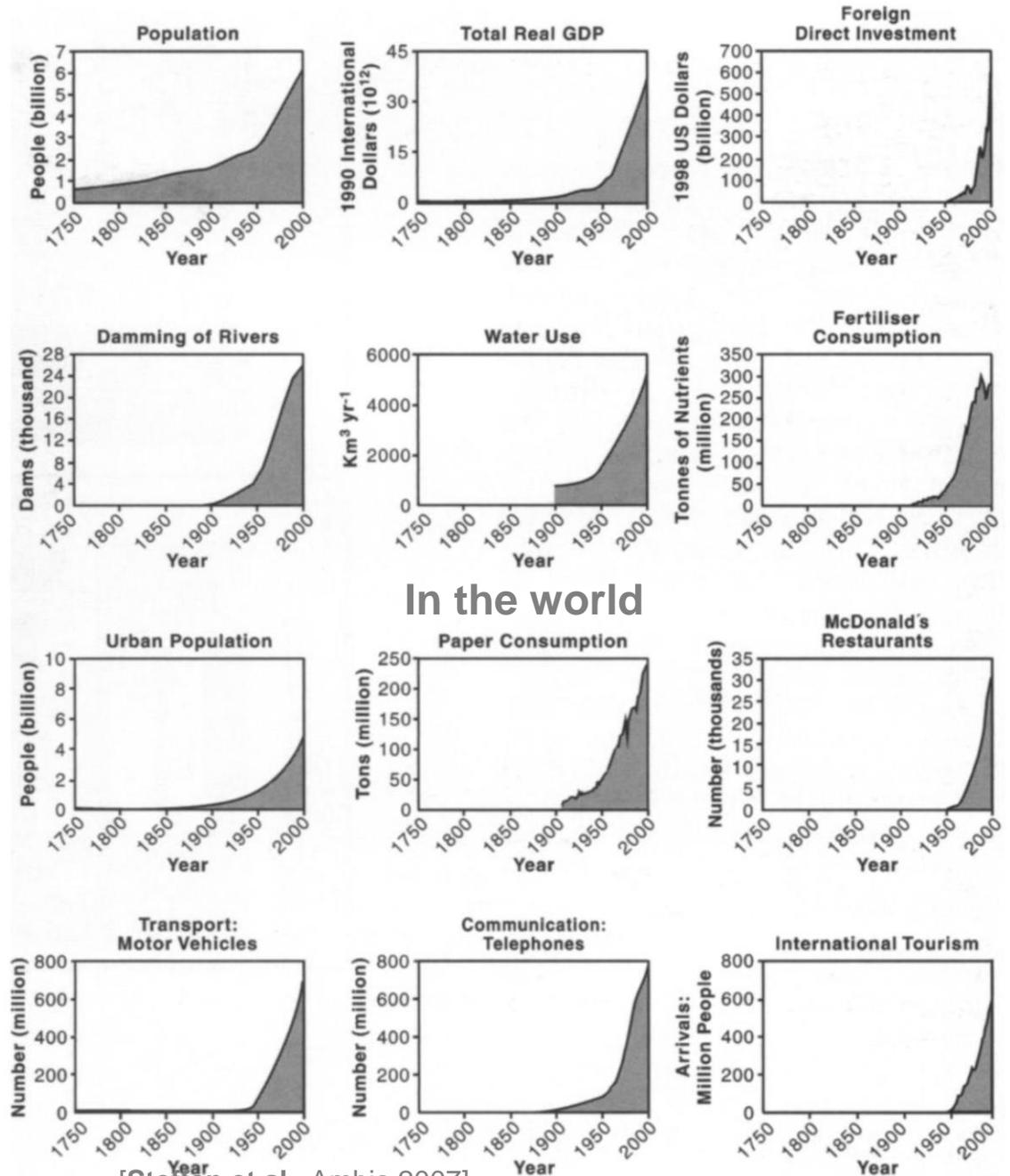
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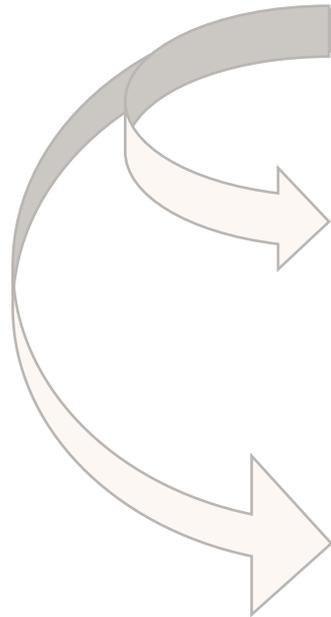
In France

	Population	Electric consumption
1973	53 000 000	171 TWh
	↓ x 1,3	↓ x 2,8
2019	67 000 000	475 TWh



CONTEXT

- **Environnemental Impact of building and construction sector**



47% of Energy consumption
In France

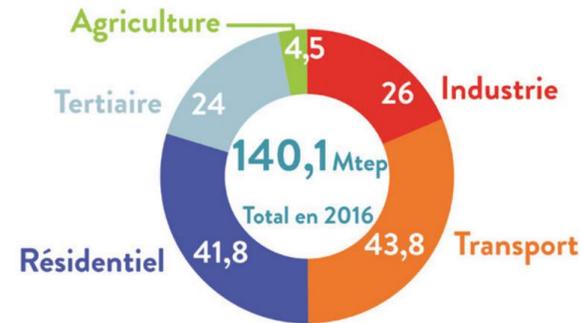
23% of Green-House Gases in France and about
40% in Europe (2017)

1^{er} non-renewable raw materials consumer
1^{er} waste producer

Energy consumption (current individual houses) :

- about 85% for heating, cooling, lighting, hot water and ventilation (USAGE)
- about 15% for construction, material supplying and end of life

Consommation finale par secteur



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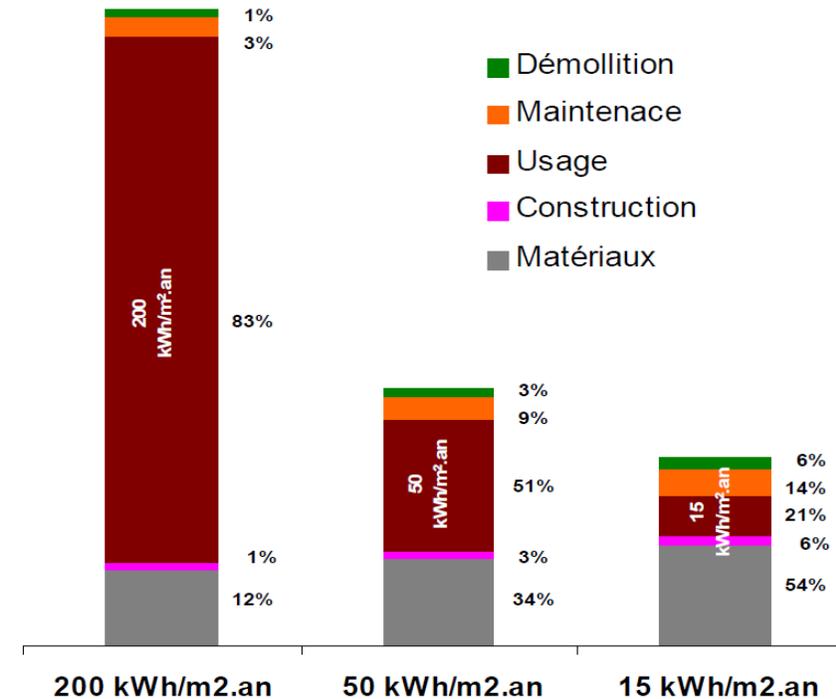
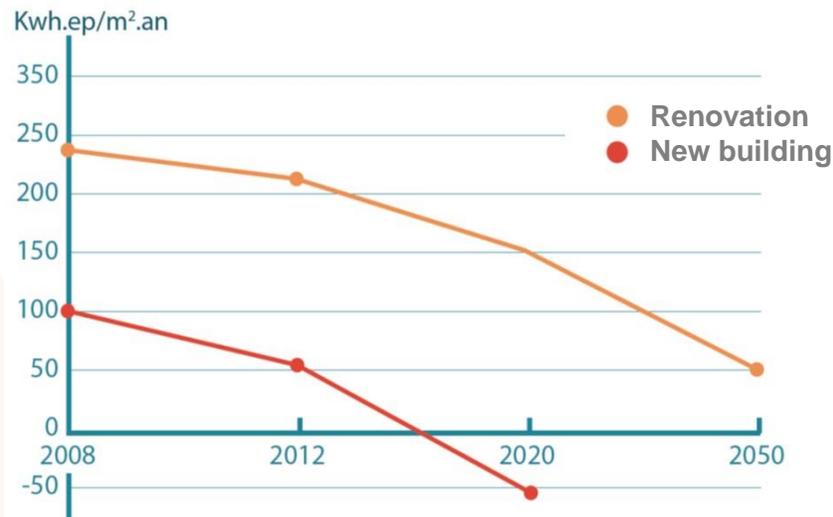
Current conventional buildings



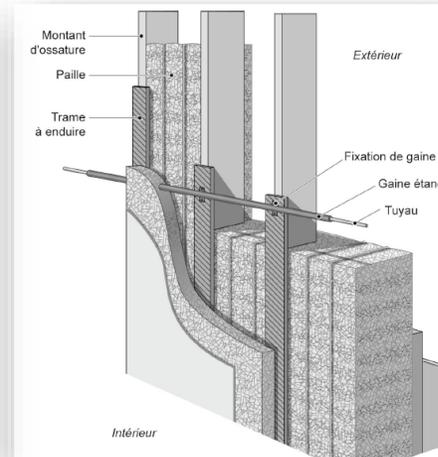
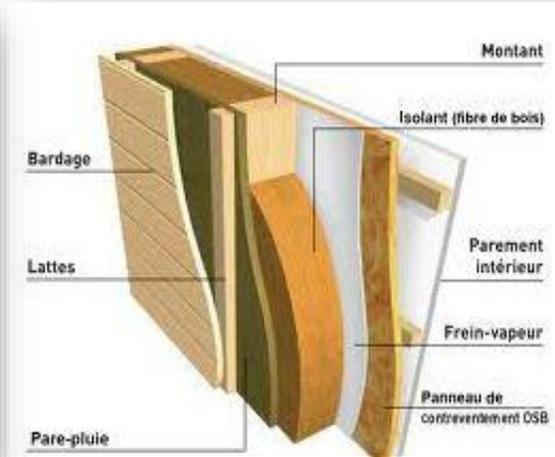
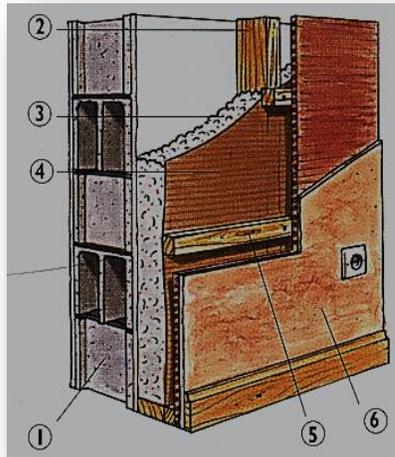
	kgCO ₂ eq / m ²		kgCO ₂ eq / m ²	
Construction	250	11%	380	30%
End of life (EoL)	90	4%	130	10%
Service Life	25/an	85%	10 - 15/an	60%

*DVR 75 ans

Thermal regulations in France

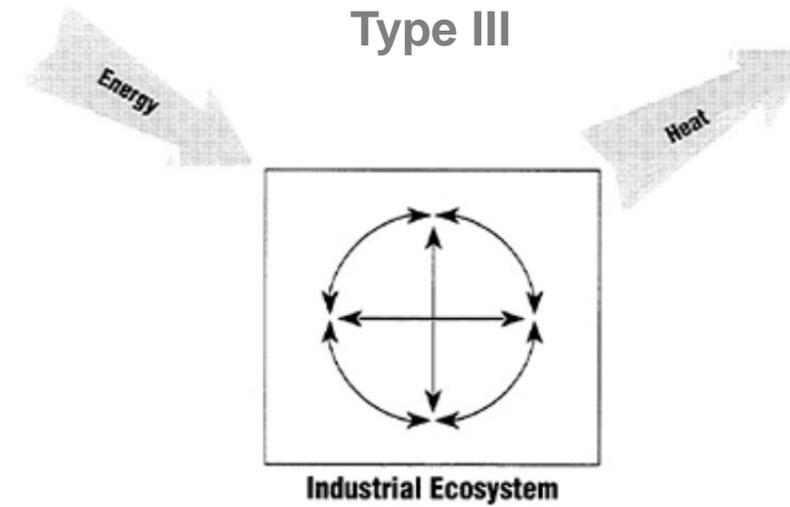
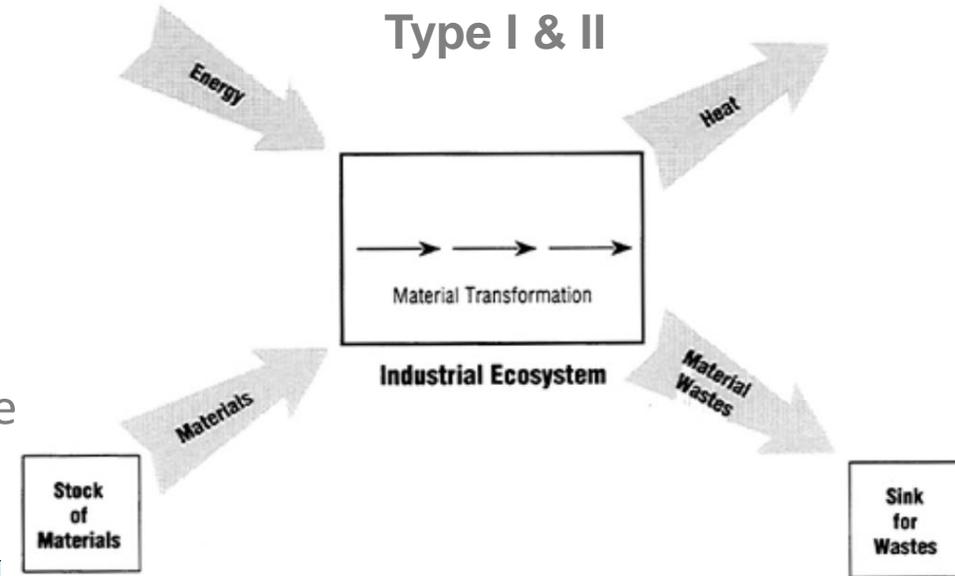
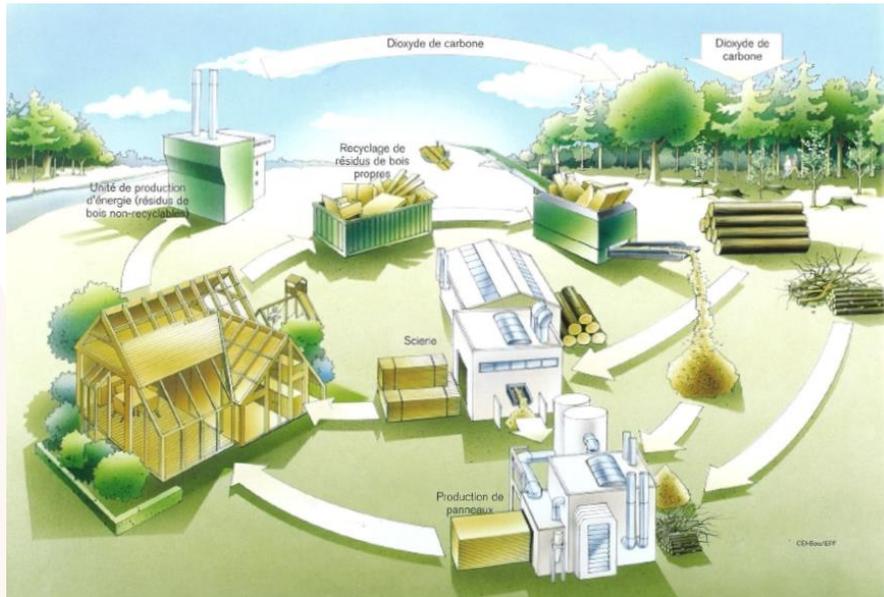


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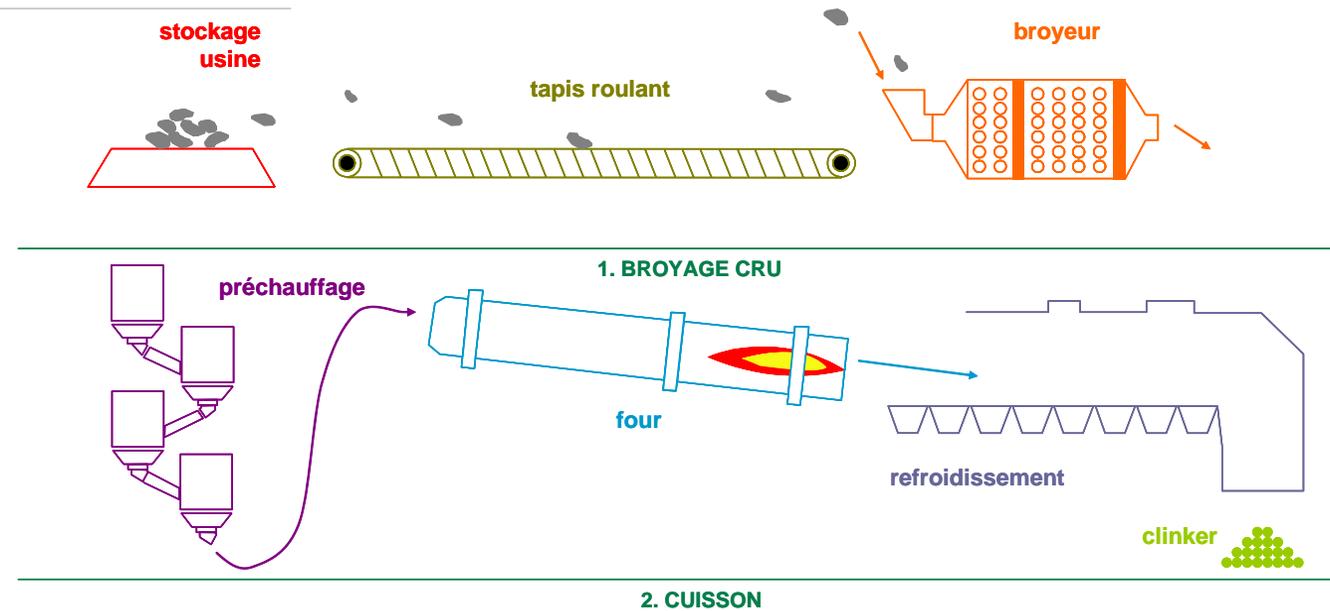


CONTEXT

- Bio-based materials benefits:
 - Carbon sinks
 - Local, renewable and available
 - Agro by-products valorisation



CONTEXT



Main reaction during cement production:



Limestone => Clinker + Carbon Dioxyde in atmosphere

CONTEXT

PRODUCTION PHASE



EMISSION of about 700 kg CO₂ by ton of pure cement

EMISSION of about 100 kg CO₂ by ton of concrete



SEQUESTRATION of more than 1500 kg CO₂ by ton of wood



LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENTS (LCA) IN BUILDING SECTOR



LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENTS

STANDARDS: ISO 14 040 AND ISO 14 044

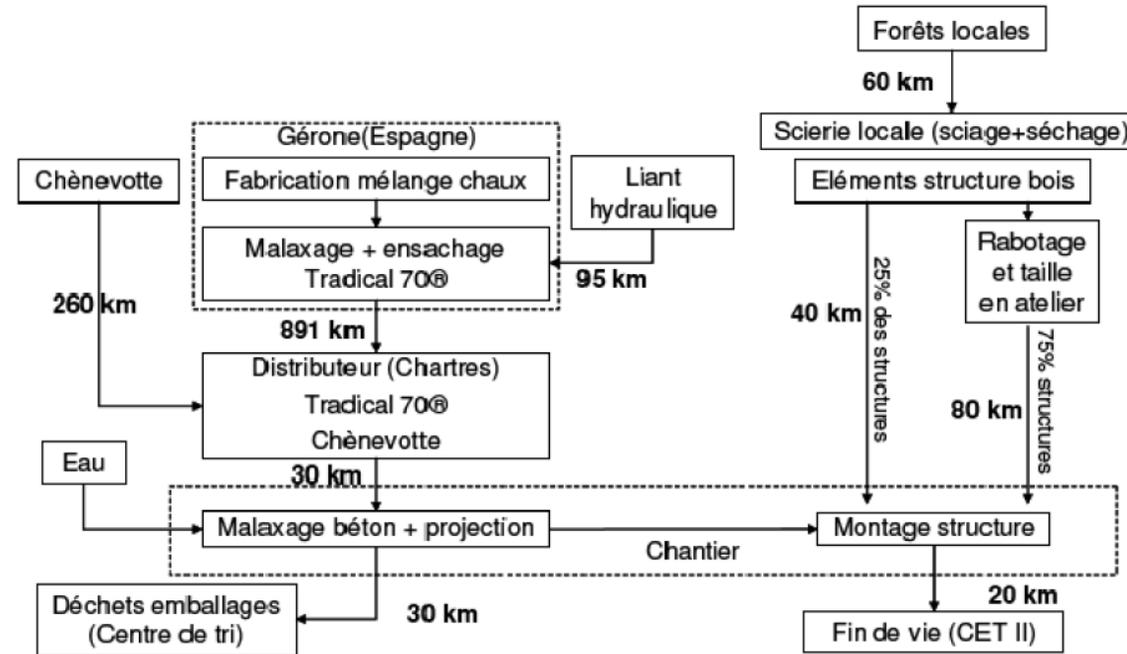
⇒ LIFE CYCLE INVENTORY

⇒ FUNCTIONAL UNIT

⇒ A LOT OF IMPACTS



LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENTS



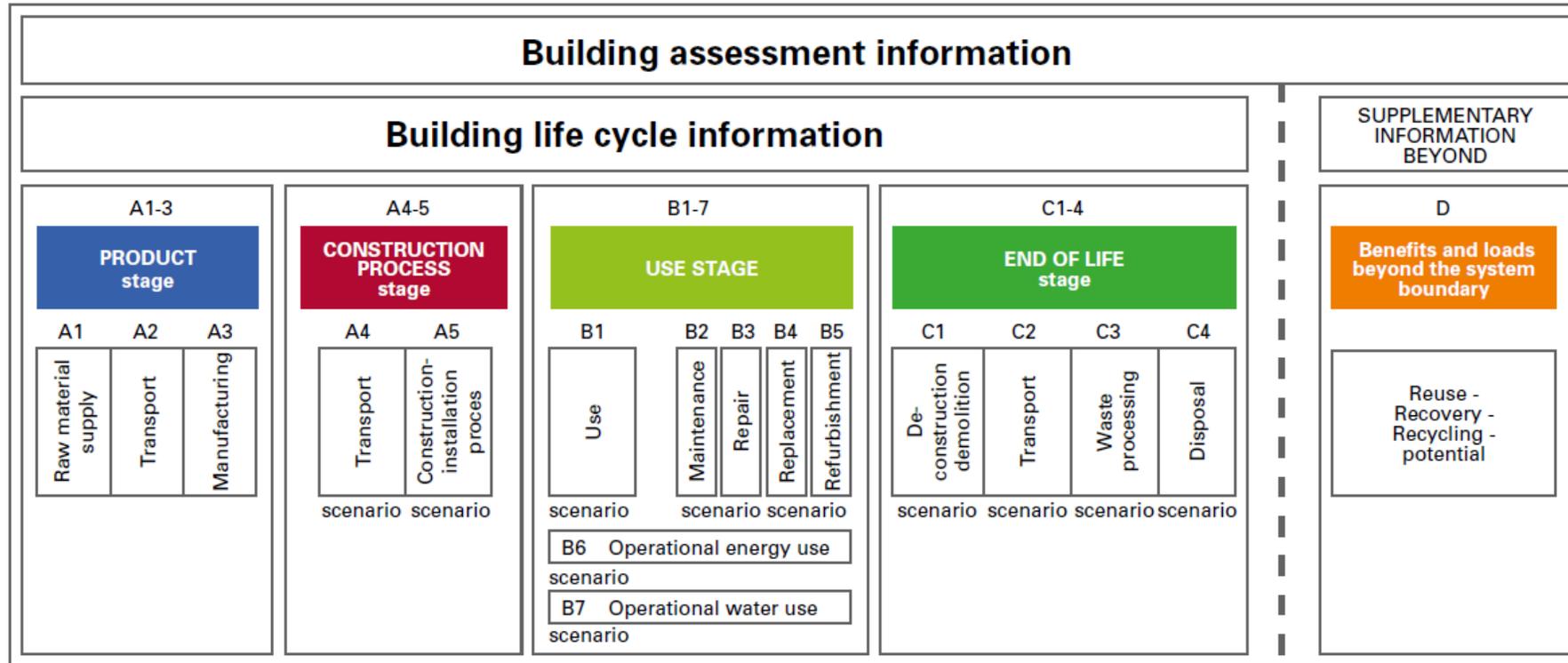
Source : BCB-Lhoist, Construire en chanvre

Questions:

- System boundaries
- Allocation or consequential approach?



LIFE CYCLE INVENTORY

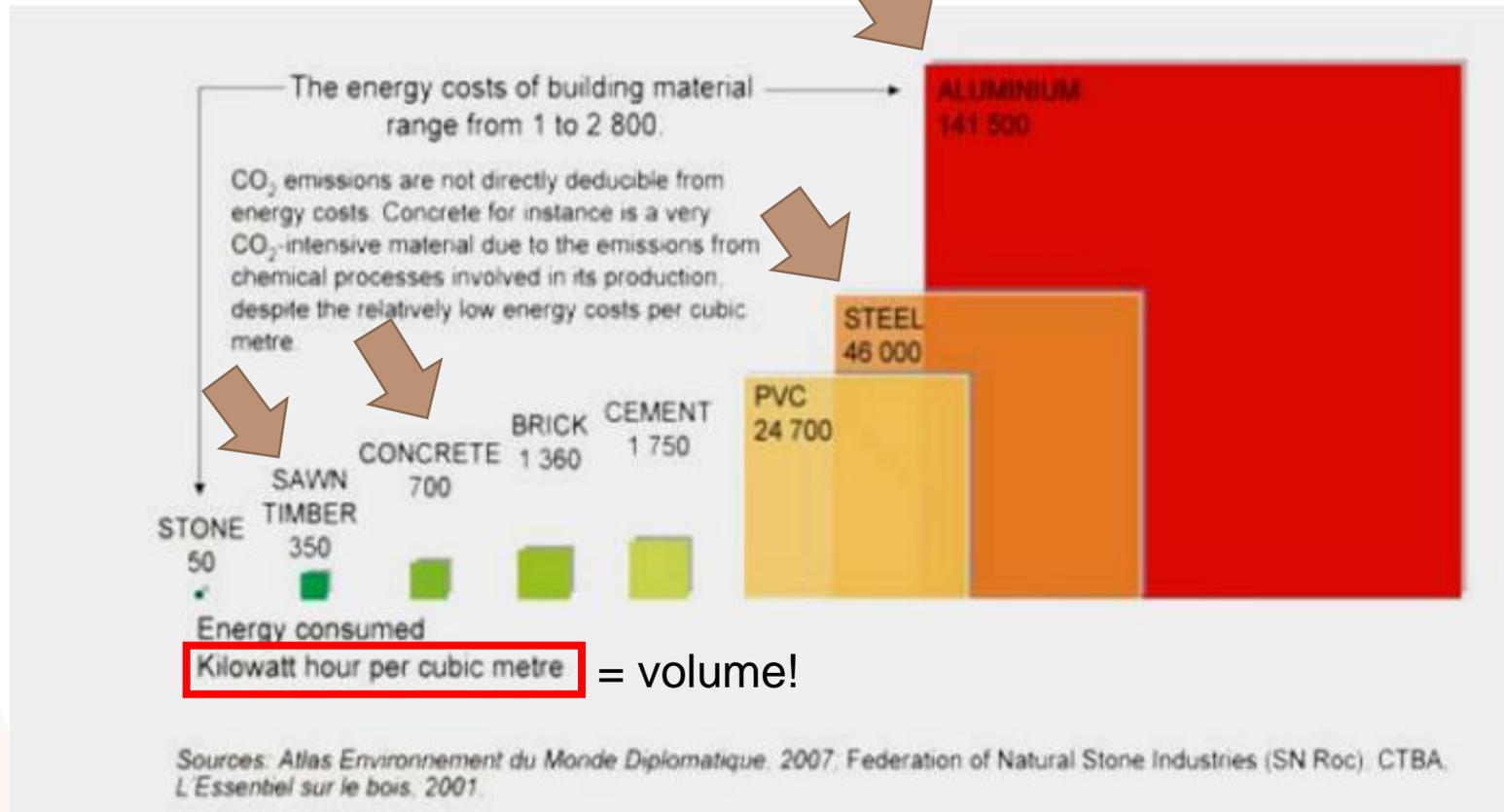


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FUNCTIONAL UNIT

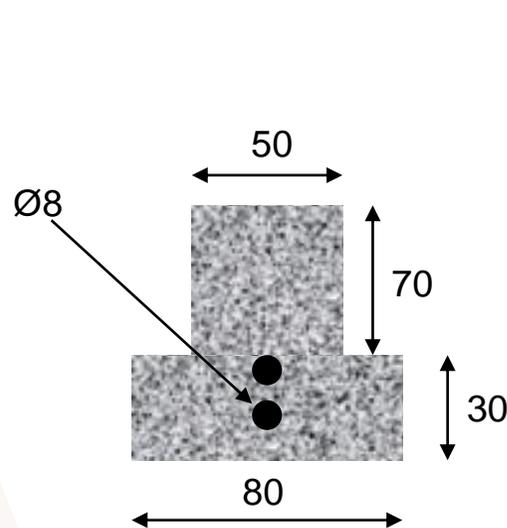
COMPARISON FOR A GIVEN MASS OR A GIVEN VOLUME
MUST BE AVOIDED



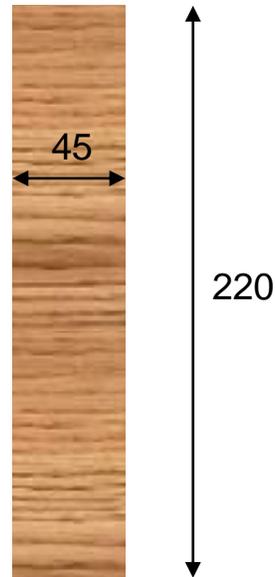
FUNCTIONAL UNIT

FUNCTION + PERFORMANCE + QUANTITY + TIME

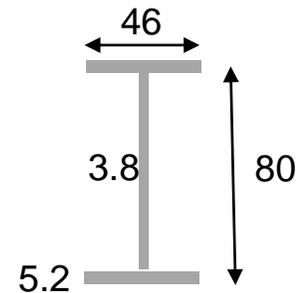
Ex: **A structural** beam, able **to bear a floor** with a **load of 1kN** by **linear meter**, with a **span of 4 m**, **during 50 years**



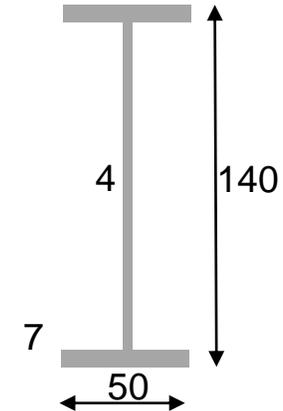
Reinforced concrete beam



Epicea



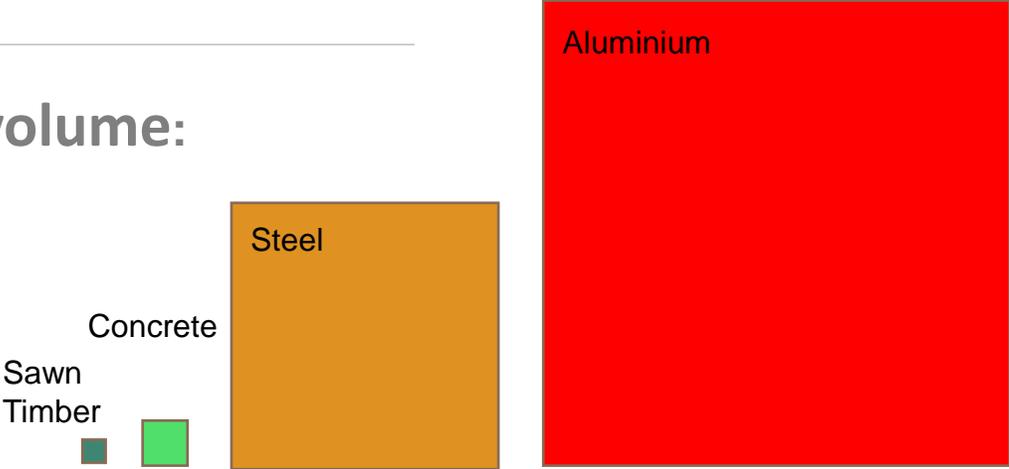
IPE 80



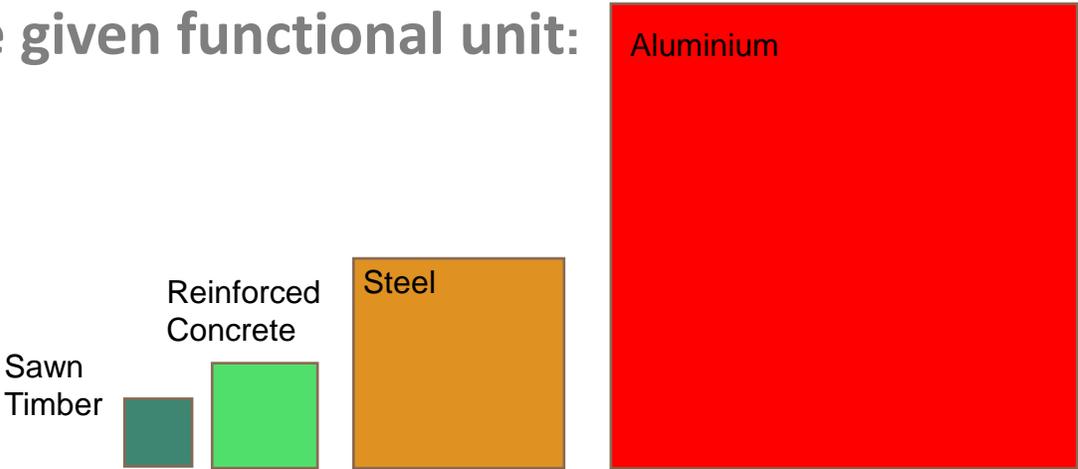
Aluminium beam

FUNCTIONAL UNIT

Compared in volume:



Compared for the given functional unit:



EMBODIED ENERGY



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EMBODIED ENERGY

AIR POLLUTION

WATER POLLUTION

GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIAL

WASTE PRODUCTIONS

NON RENEWABLE RESSOURCES

OZONE LAYER DESTRUCTION

SOILS ACIDIFICATION

EUTROPHICATION

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WEIGHT OF EACH IMPACT?



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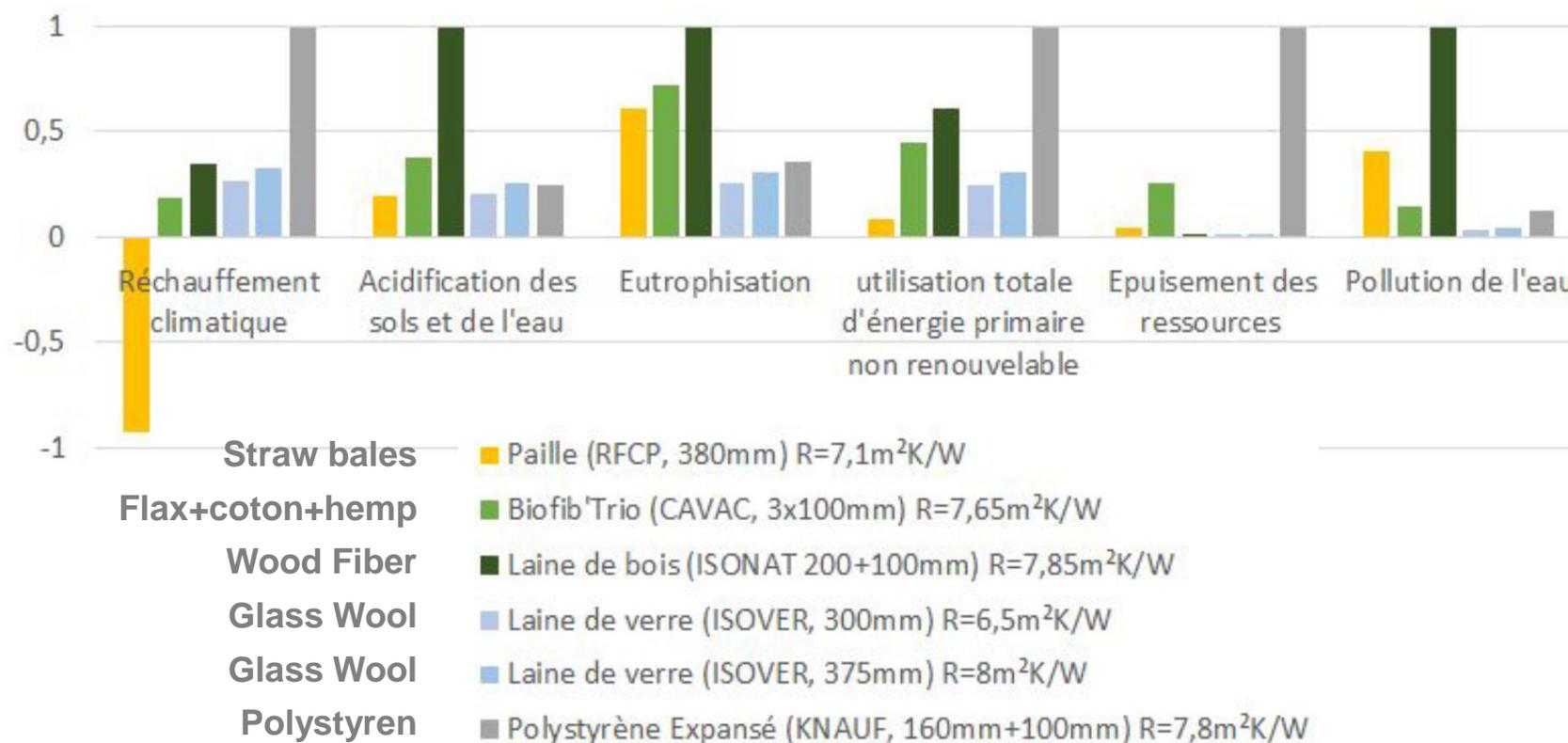
Impacts environnementaux	Etape de fabrication			Etape de mise en œuvre		Etape de vie en œuvre							Etape de fin de vie				D Bénéfices et charges au-delà des frontières du système
	A1 Approvisionnement en matières premières	A2 Transport	A3 Fabrication	A4 Transport	A5 Installation	B1 Usage	B2 Maintenance	B3 Réparation	B4 Remplacement	B5 Réhabilitation	B6 Utilisation de l'énergie	B7 Utilisation de l'eau	C1 Déconstruction/démolition	C2 Transport	C3 Traitement des déchets	C4 Décharge	
Réchauffement climatique kg CO ₂ eq/UF	-7,05E+02	8,71E+00	3,30E+01	4,92E+01	6,22E-02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	3,32E+00	4,18E+00	4,30E+02	2,42E+02	-3,07E+01
Appauvrissement de la couche d'ozone kg CFC 11 eq/UF	2,19E-06	1,51E-06	7,77E-06	1,10E-05	1,53E-09	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	6,08E-07	7,91E-07	1,32E-06	4,73E-07	-1,74E-05
Acidification des sols et de l'eau kg SO ₂ eq/UF	1,46E-01	3,44E-02	1,09E-01	1,46E-01	4,19E-05	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	2,54E-02	1,64E-02	5,49E-02	2,52E-02	-1,20E-01
Eutrophisation kg (PO ₄) ³⁻ eq/UF	3,04E-02	5,65E-03	2,42E-02	2,12E-02	1,50E-05	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	5,42E-03	2,92E-03	1,17E-02	8,30E-03	-6,52E-03
Formation d'ozone photochimique Ethene eq/UF	1,11E-01	4,62E-03	1,60E-02	3,75E-02	1,56E-05	4,89E-08	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	2,80E-03	1,86E-03	6,07E-03	8,84E-03	-1,62E-02
Épuisement des ressources abiotiques (éléments) kg Sb eq/UF	5,59E-05	1,80E-05	1,36E-05	1,39E-04	8,39E-09	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,20E-06	1,30E-05	2,61E-06	4,96E-06	-1,22E-05
Épuisement des ressources abiotiques (fossiles) MJ PCI/UF	5,75E+02	1,34E+02	5,08E+02	8,70E+02	1,45E-01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	4,80E+01	6,39E+01	1,04E+02	4,32E+01	-4,56E+02
Pollution de l'air m ³ /UF	9,29E+03	1,11E+03	2,95E+03	8,18E+03	8,91E-01	1,18E-03	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	4,06E+02	4,54E+02	8,79E+02	4,91E+02	-1,84E+03
Pollution de l'eau m ³ /UF	2,35E+01	3,73E+00	1,28E+01	2,10E+01	6,23E-03	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,12E+00	1,52E+00	2,42E+00	1,85E+00	-4,84E+00



A LOT OF IMPACTS

IN FRANCE BUILDING SECTOR: FDES (ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH DECLARATION FORMS)

FU: 1m² wall insulation, R of about 7 m²K/W, lifespan of 50 years



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THE ECO-BUILDER « MANTRA »

**« THE BEST ENERGY IS THE NOT-CONSUMED ONE
&
THE BEST MATERIAL IS THE NOT-USED ONE »**



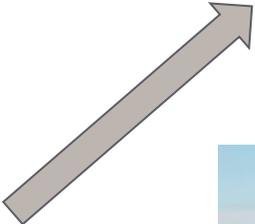
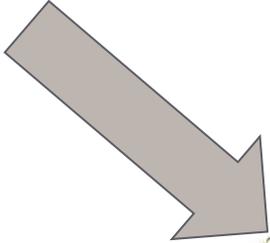


CARBON UPTAKES AND EMISSIONS: THE IMPORTANCE OF TIMMING



BIOGENIC AND ANTHROPIC GHG

Carbon Storage
(biogenic)



GHG emissions
(anthropic)



BIOGENIC AND ANTHROPOIC GHG

choose impact category

Global Warming Potential (GWP)

choose unit

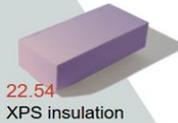
kg

filter by material group

no filter

filter and sort by "functional unit"

1m² insulation u-value 0,15



| kg CO₂ eq / FU
| module A1-A3

100kg CO₂ eq/FU

↓ scroll down to
"CALCULATOR"

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

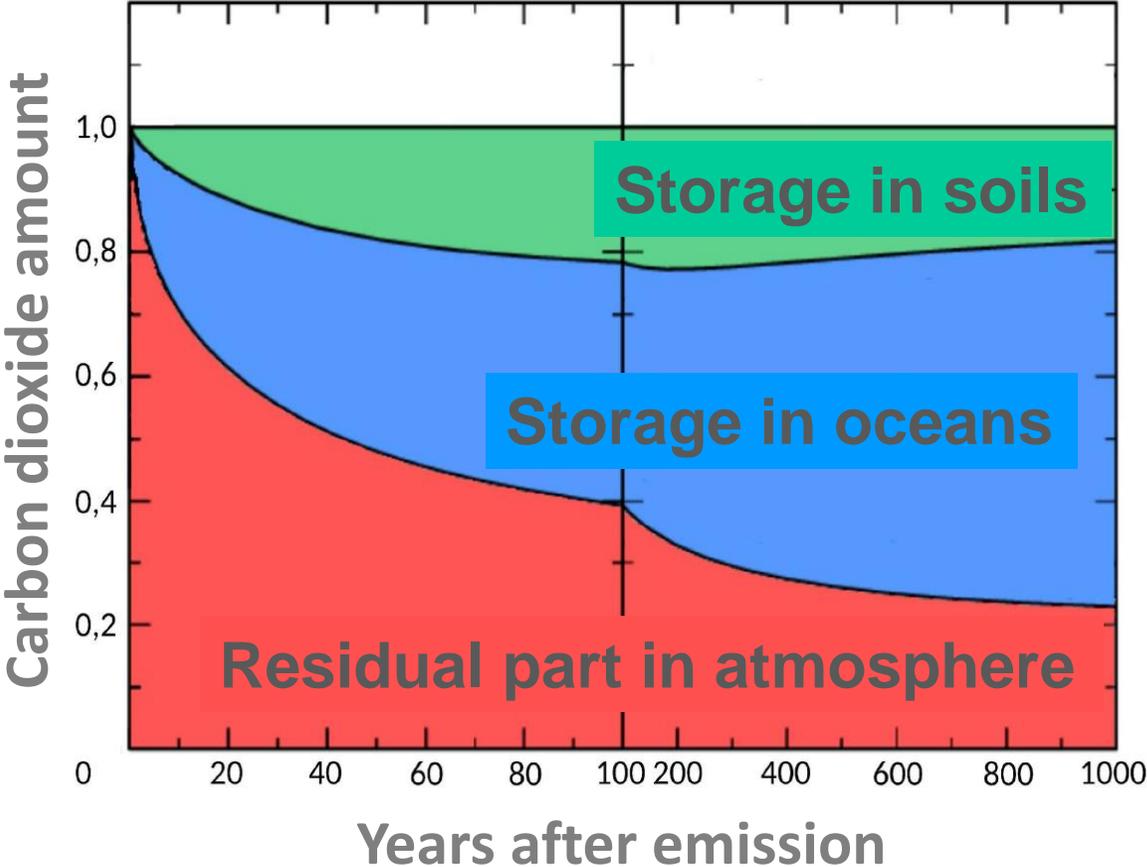
10kg CO₂ eq/FU

1kg CO₂ eq/FU



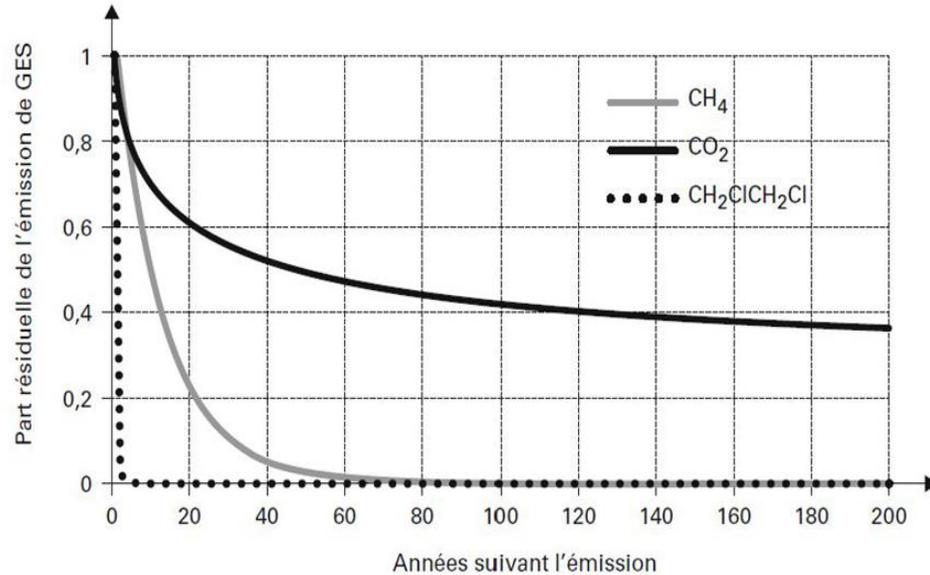
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WOOD AS A CARBON SINK



[after Strassman, 2018]

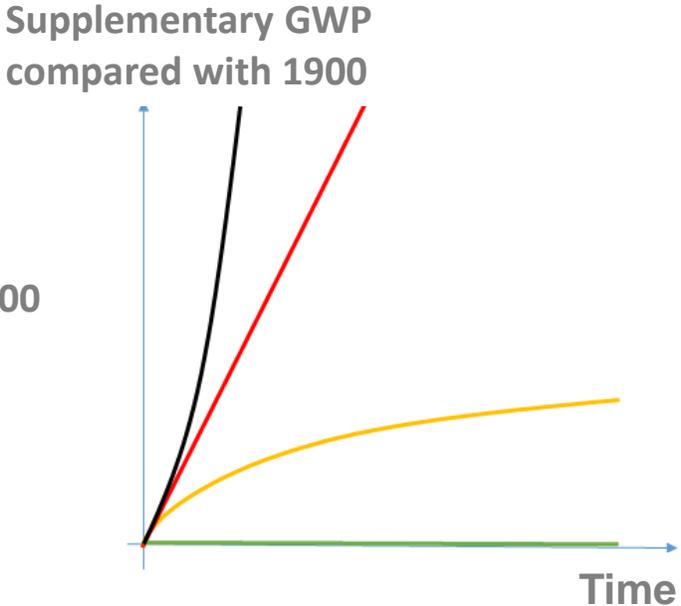
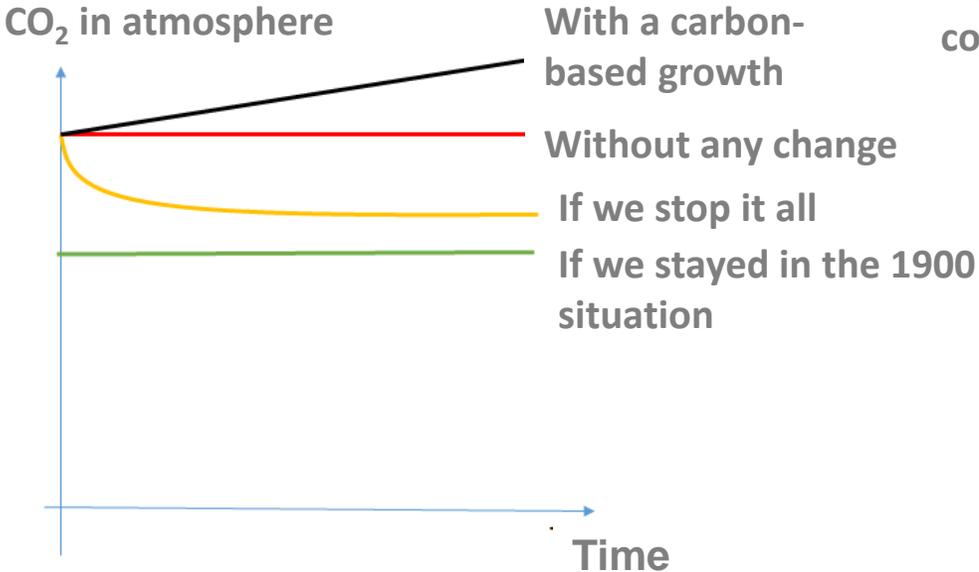
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X Radiative Forcing of Each GHG (Green House Gas)

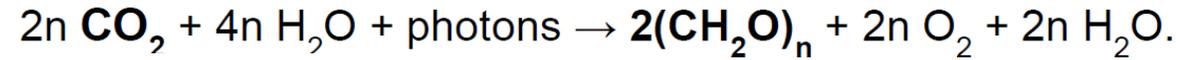
= GWP : Global Warming Potential (instantaneous or cumulative)

WOOD AS A CARBON SINK



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Photosynthesis:



=> Cellulose, hemi-cellulose, pectin, lignin

Material	Carbon Content, in mass	CO ₂ sequestration, in 1kg of wood (12% water content)
Wheat Straw	44%	1,44
Flax and hemp fibers		
Hemp Shiv	47%	1,54
Hard Wood	48%	1,57
Conifers	50%	1,63



WOOD AND FAST GROWING PLANTS

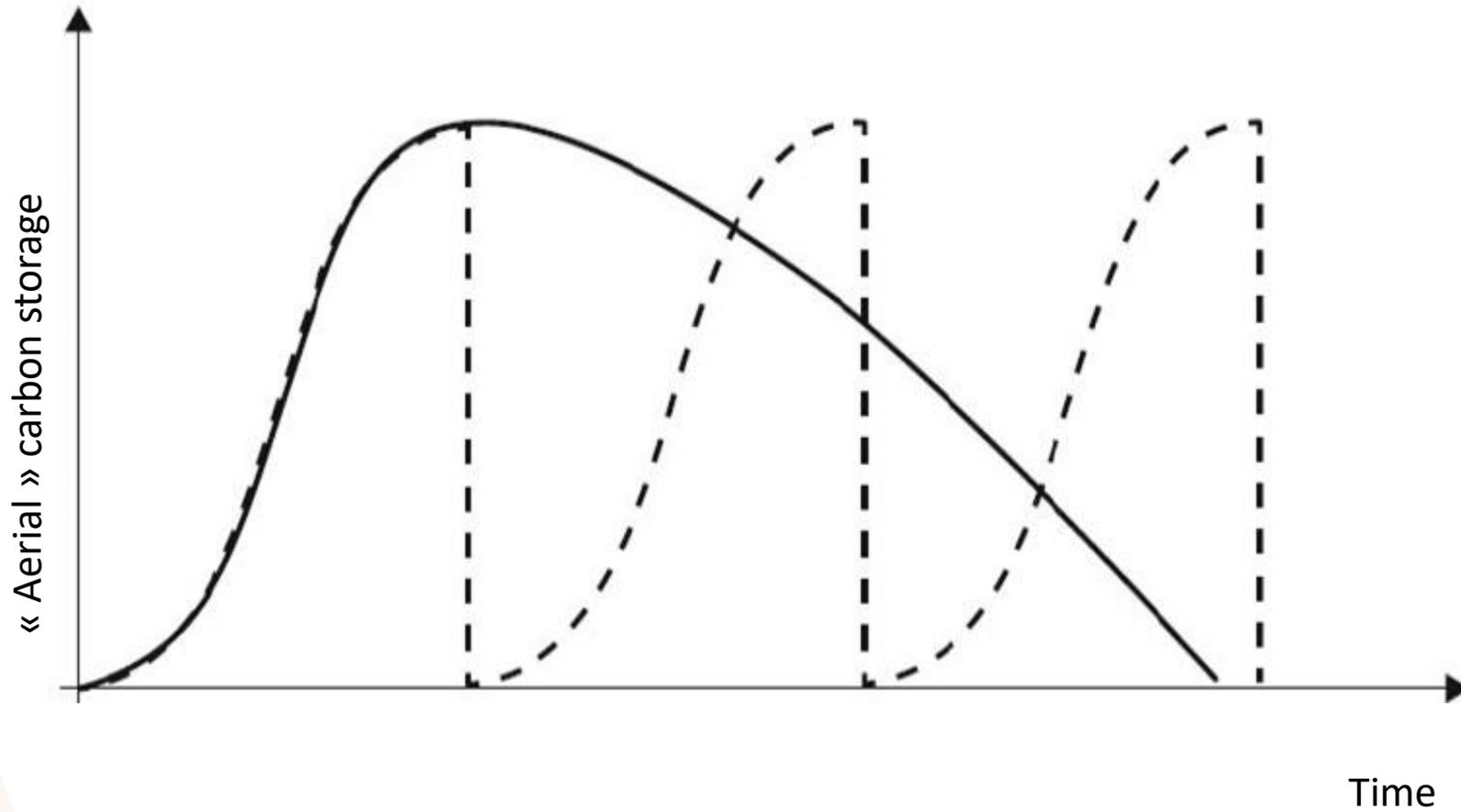
FOREST & CULTIVATED AREAS IN FRANCE



Permanent carbon storage	41,5 tC/ ha	190 tC/ ha
Average Yields	4 à 6 t/ha/an	3 t/ha/an
Areas	9,3 millions d'hectares	17 millions d'hectares



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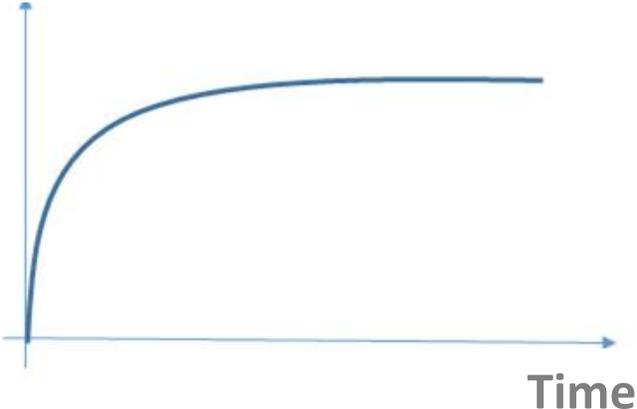
[Lecompte, Techniques de l'ingénieur, 2019]

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Natural Forest



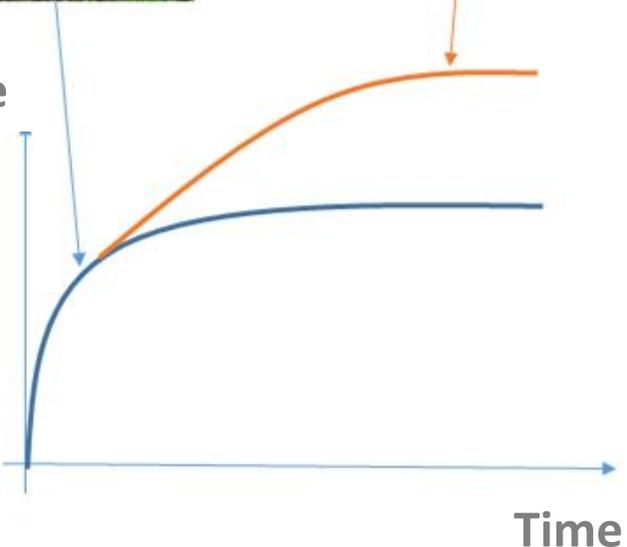
Carbon storage



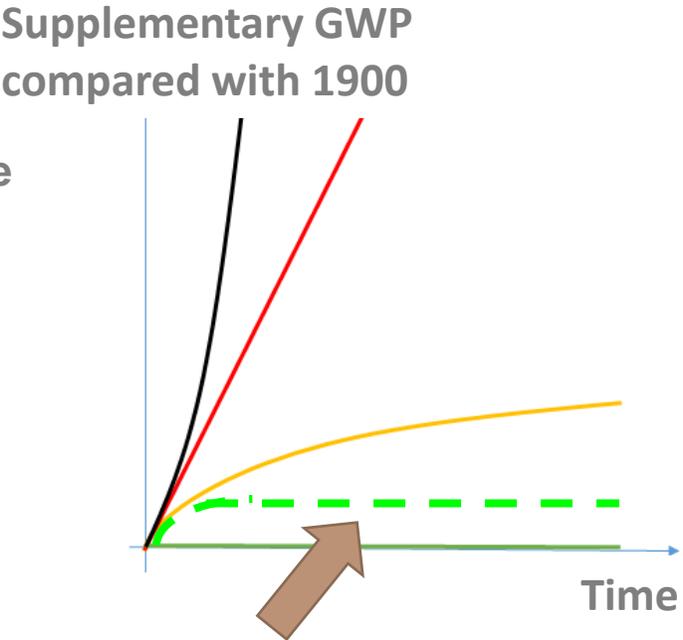
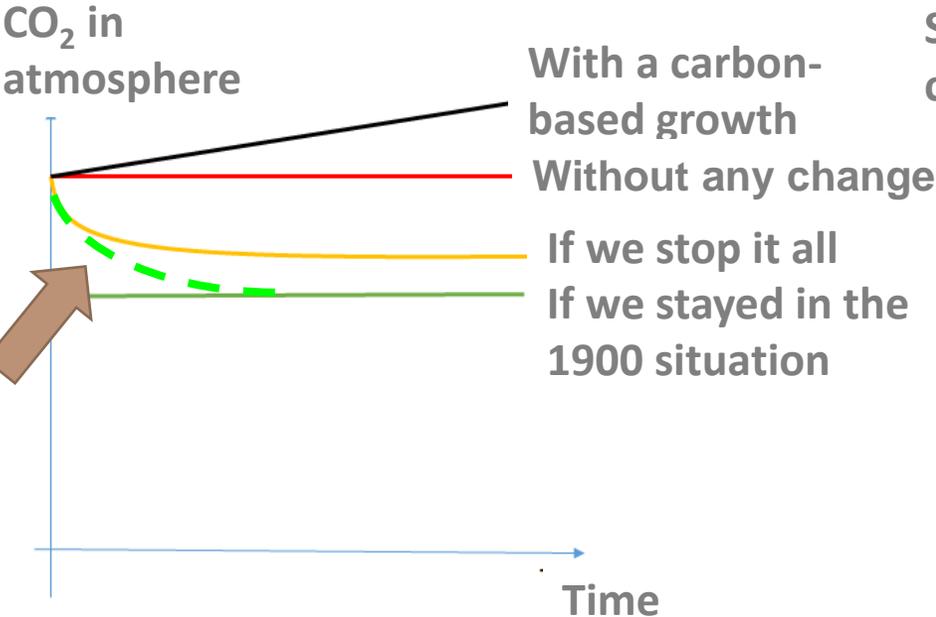
Sustainable forest management and storage in buildings



Carbon storage



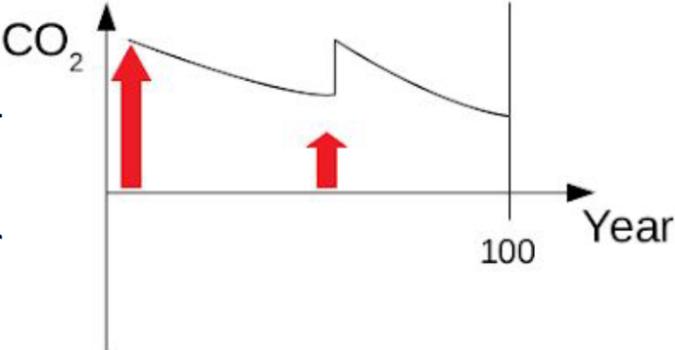
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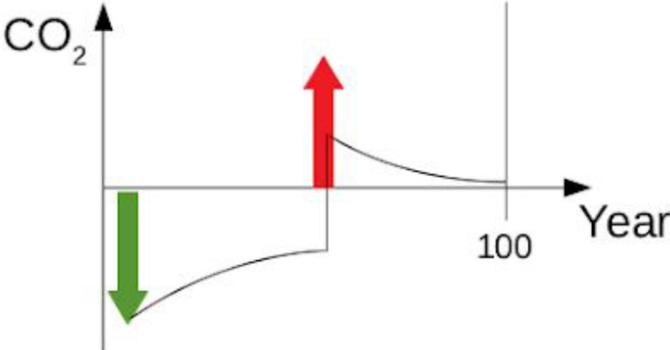
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Emission

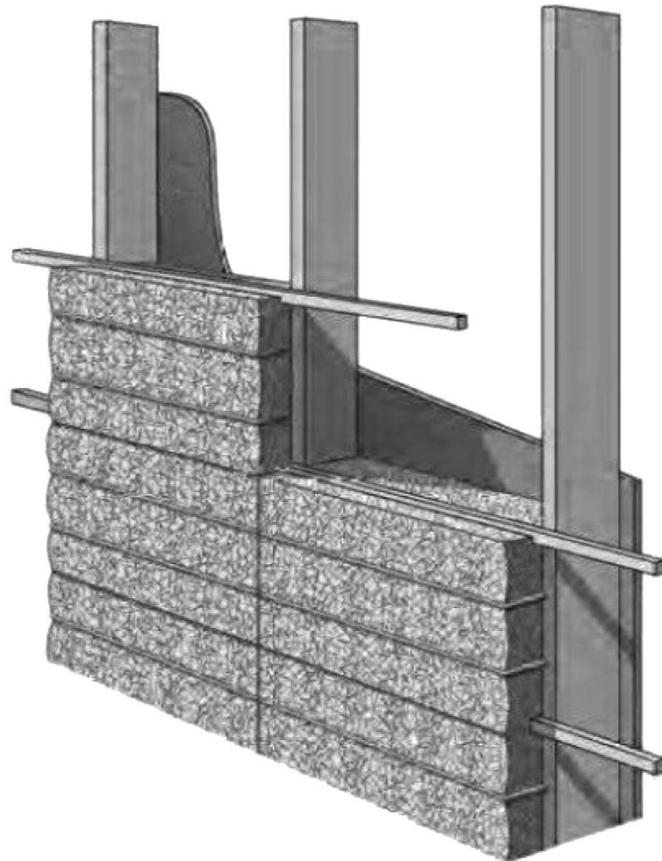


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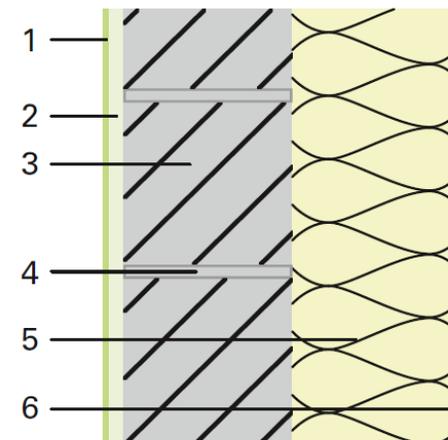


CASE STUDY: BIO-BASED AND NON BIO-BASED WALL

Wheat straw bales and wood frame



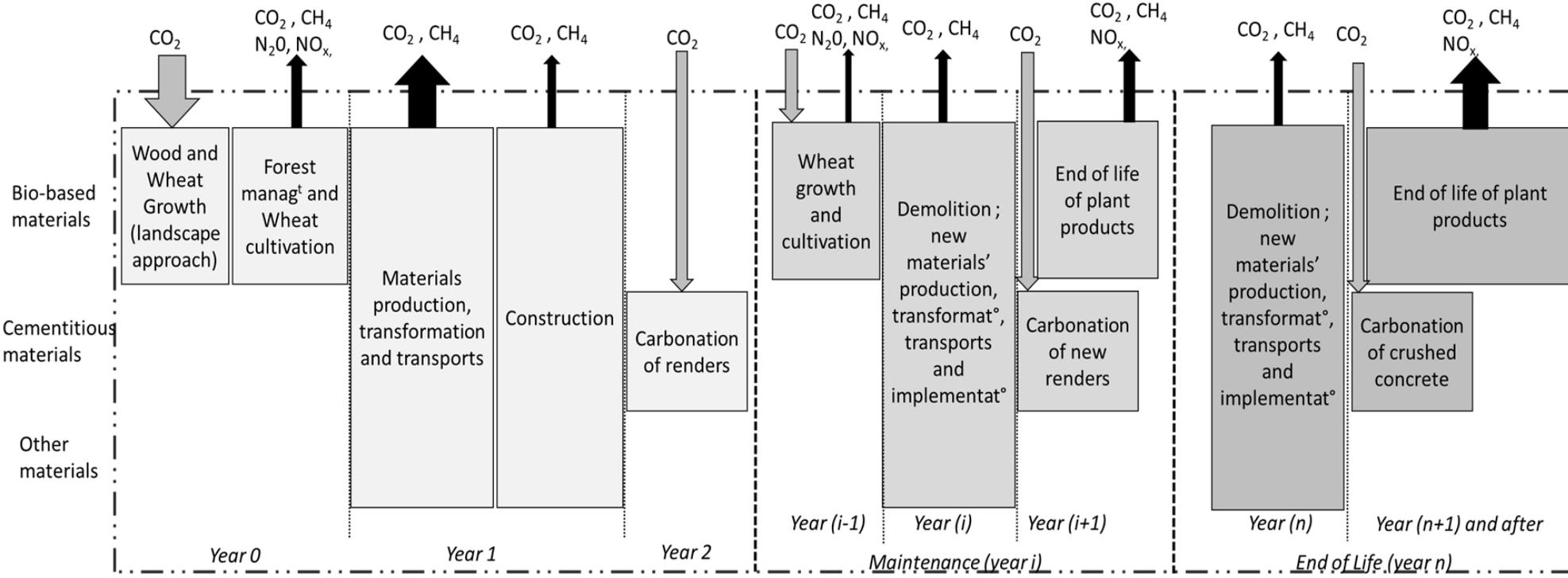
French « conventional » wall



- 1-Peinture extérieure ;
- 2-enduit extérieur à base de mortier de ciment ;
- 3-blocs de béton creux ;
- 4-joints de mortier ;
- 5-isolant de laine minérale ;
- 6-plaques de plâtre + peinture intérieure

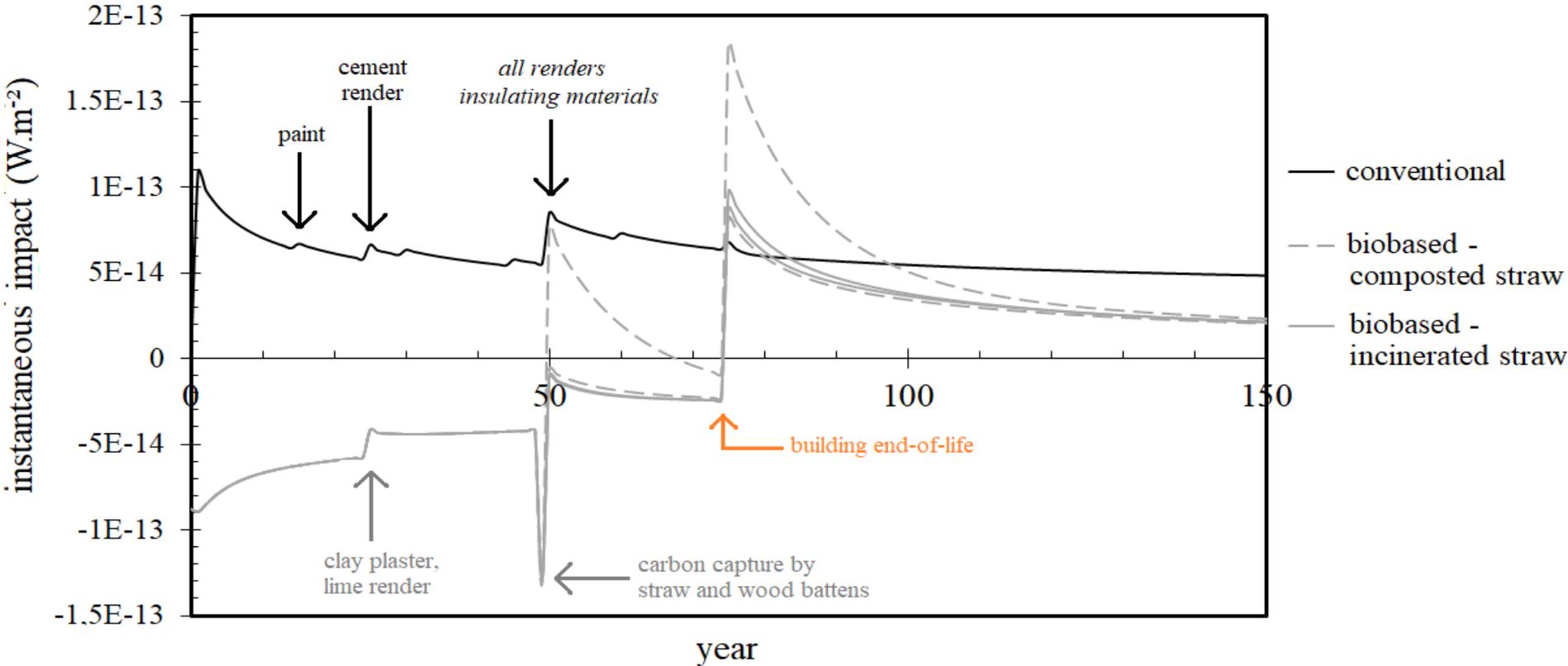


CASE STUDY: EMISSIONS & UPTAKES



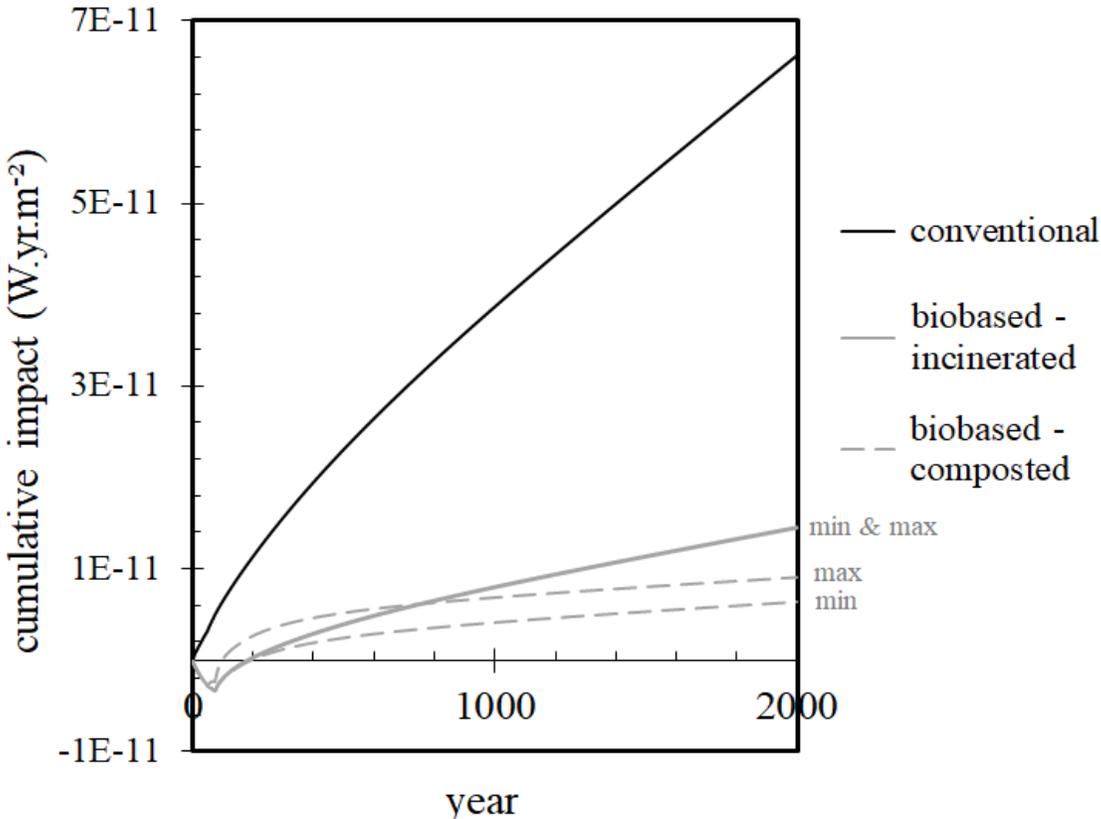
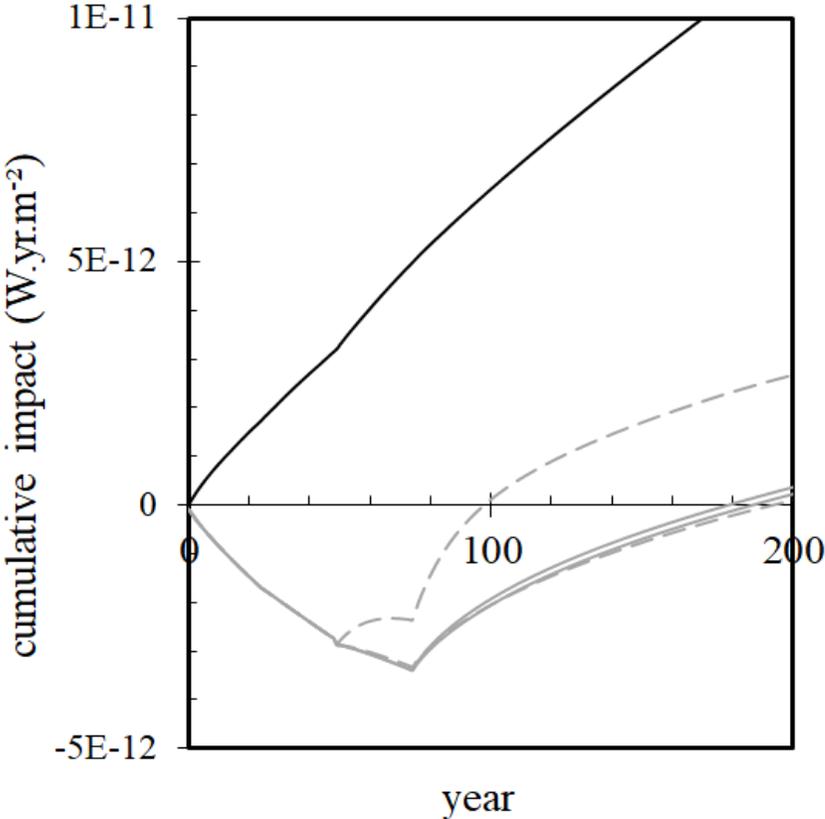
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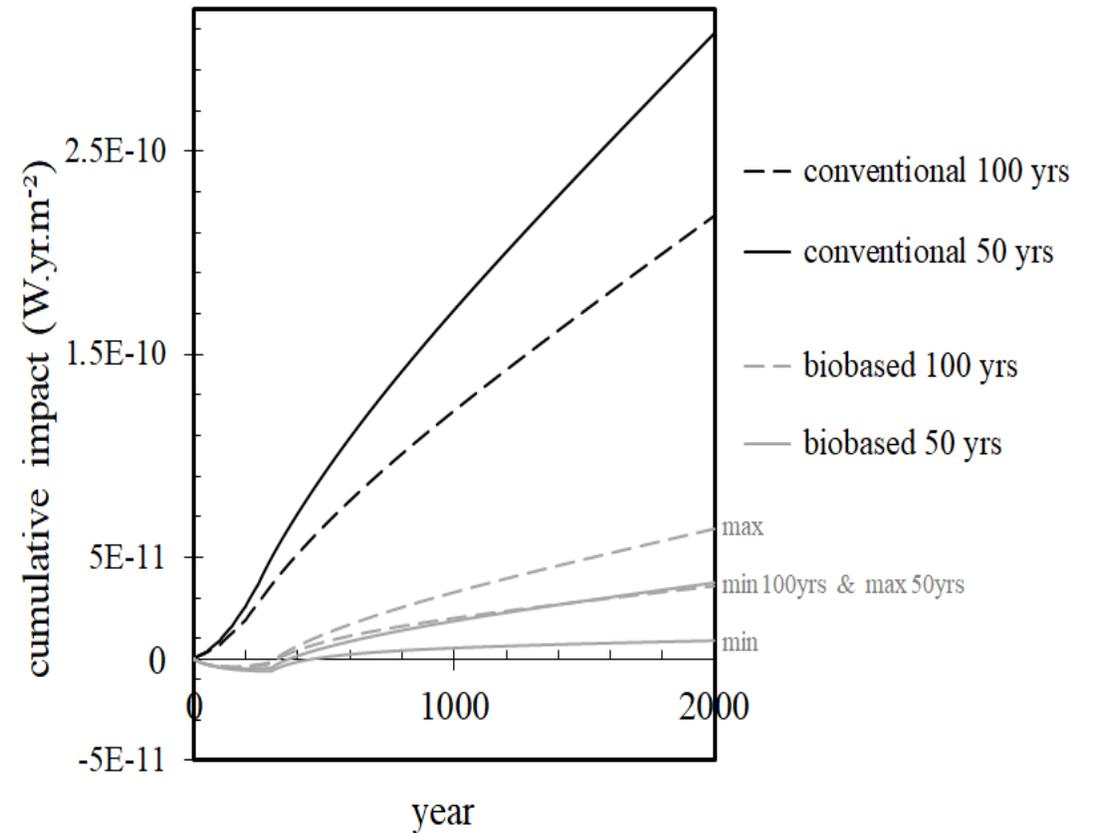
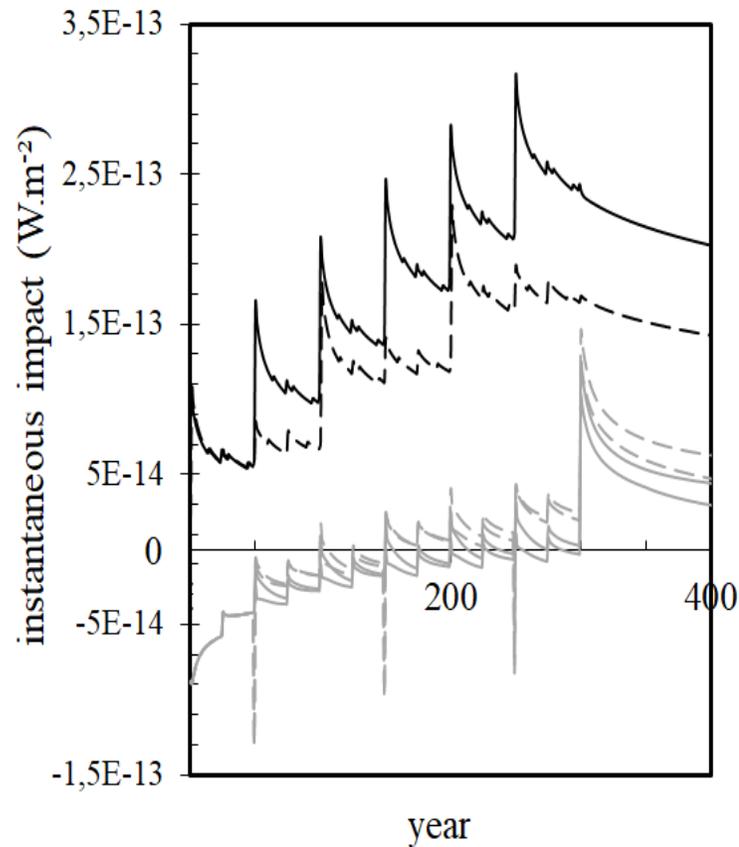


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EXTENSION OF THE FU

« The use of a land to continue providing housing for present and future citizens »

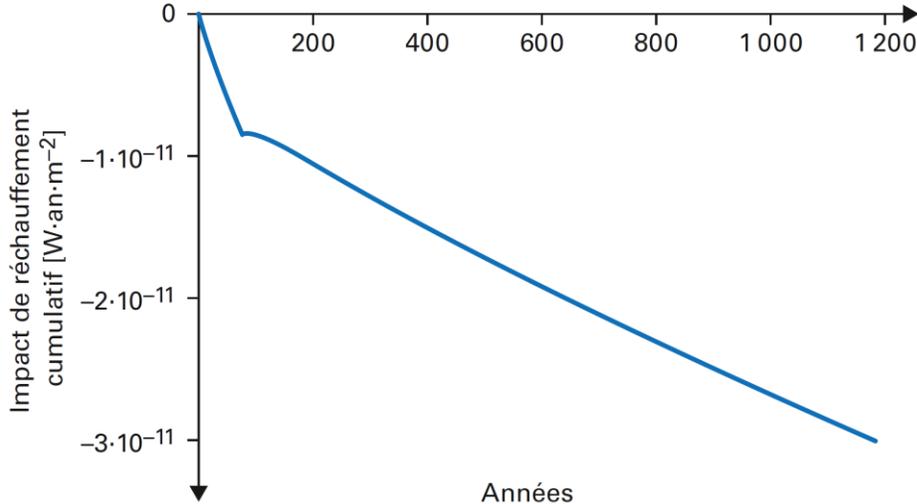
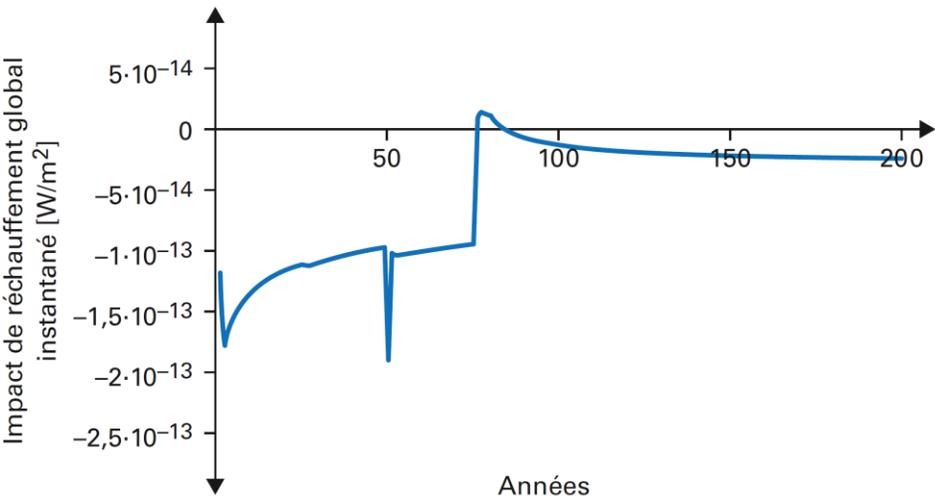


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CASE STUDY: MAIN RESULTS

SUBSTITUTION: TO REPLACE CARBON EMITTERS MATERIALS BY CARBON SEQUESTERS (BIOBASED MATERIALS)

⇒ BENEFITS ESTIMATION



[Zieger et al., Building and Environment, 2021]



QUESTIONS?





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