

# Recycling and sustainable development

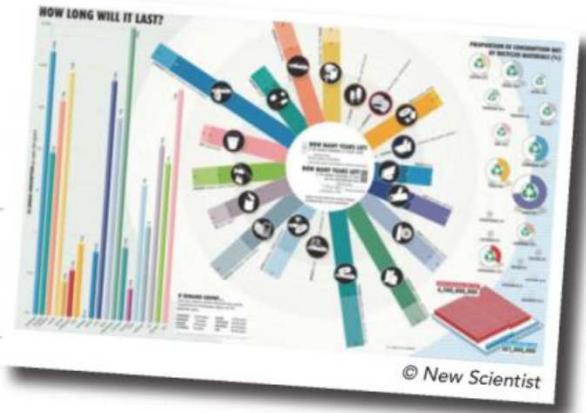
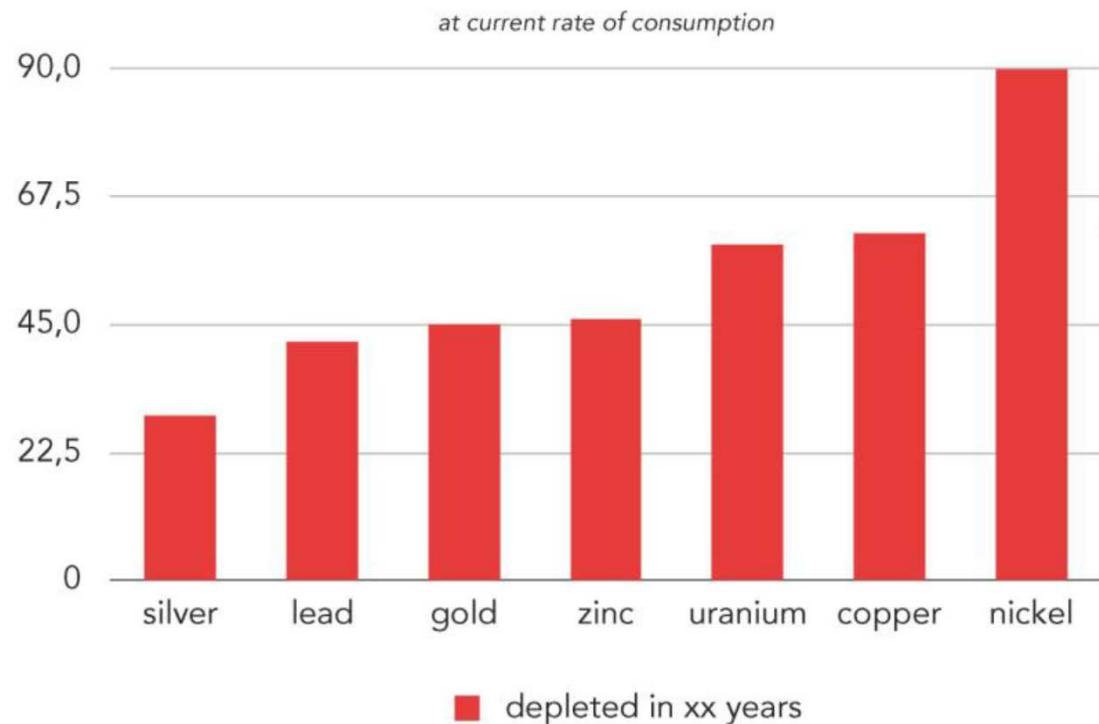
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*Timisoara, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013*

# Ascertainment

## Extinction of resources



source: New Scientist

# Ascertainment

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## Ascertainment

We are living in a limited world

Energy

Natural resources

Space (urban planning)

Capacity of adaptation of natural environment

## Ascertainment → behavior

Consuming

Architecture

Civil engineering

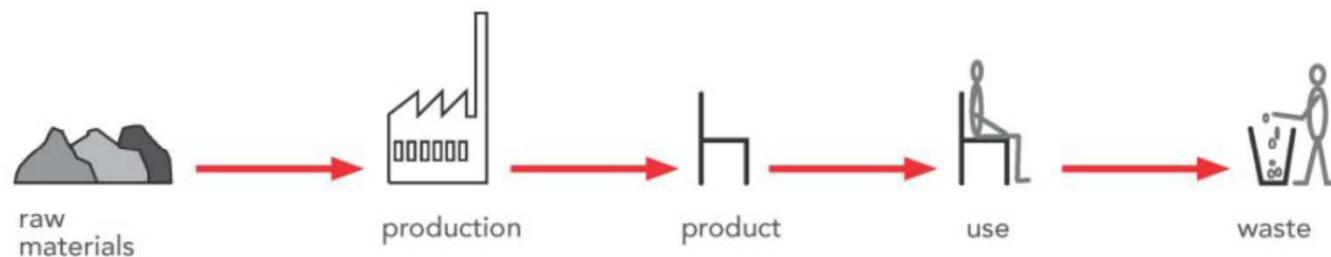
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# Concepts and principles

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Eco-efficiency and eco-beneficien<sup>c</sup>y

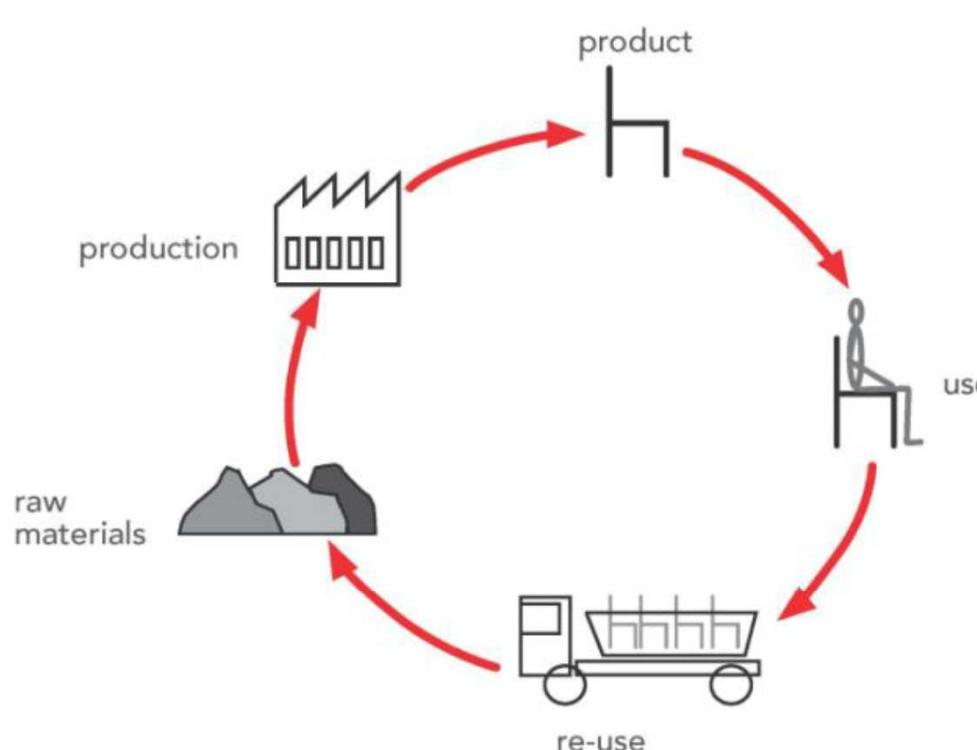
# Eco-beneficiency



**OLD LINEAR ECONOMY - is about ownership**

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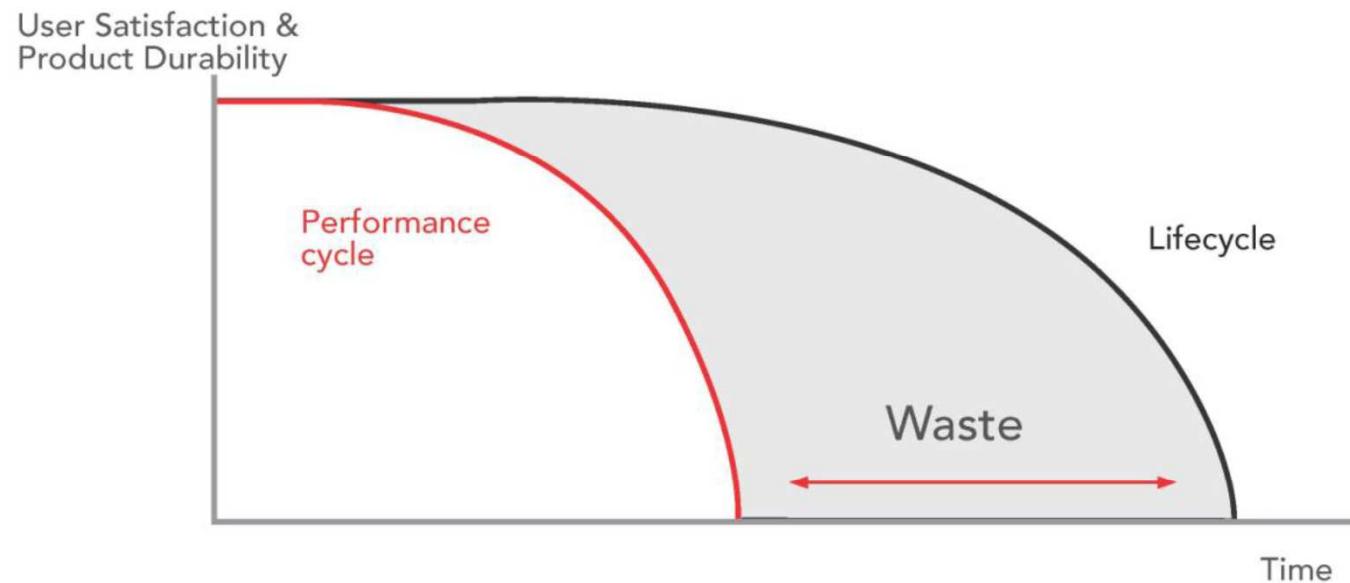
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## C2C - TECHNICAL NUTRIENT CYCLE

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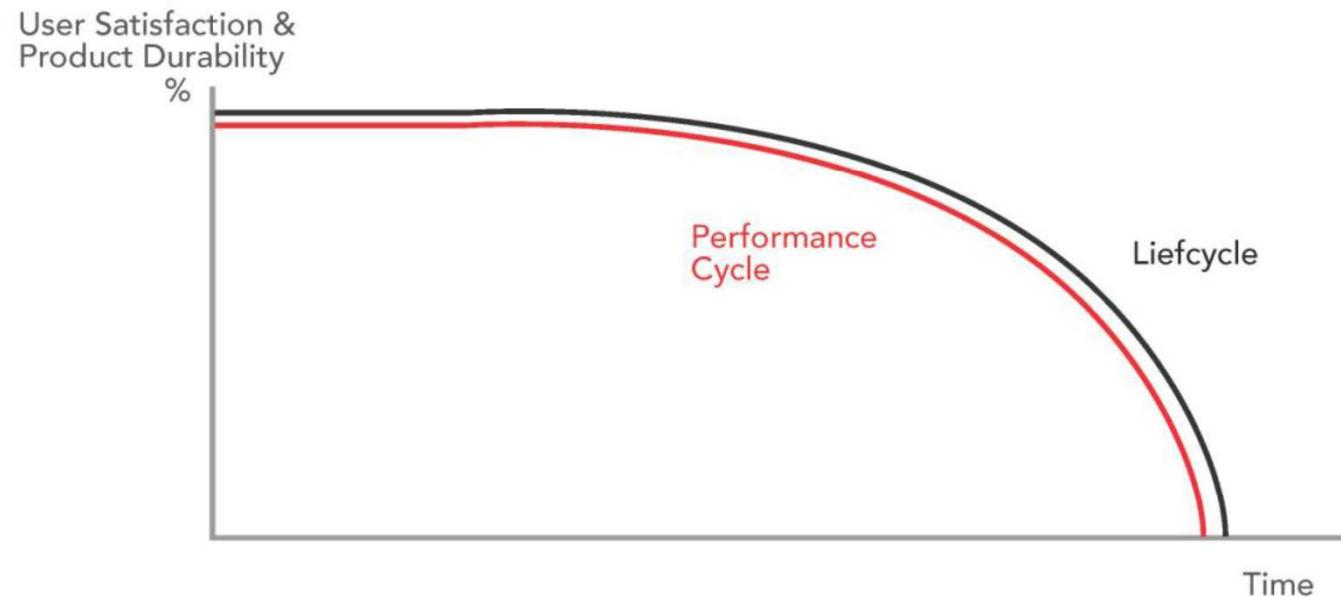
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## Life cycle versus Performance cycle

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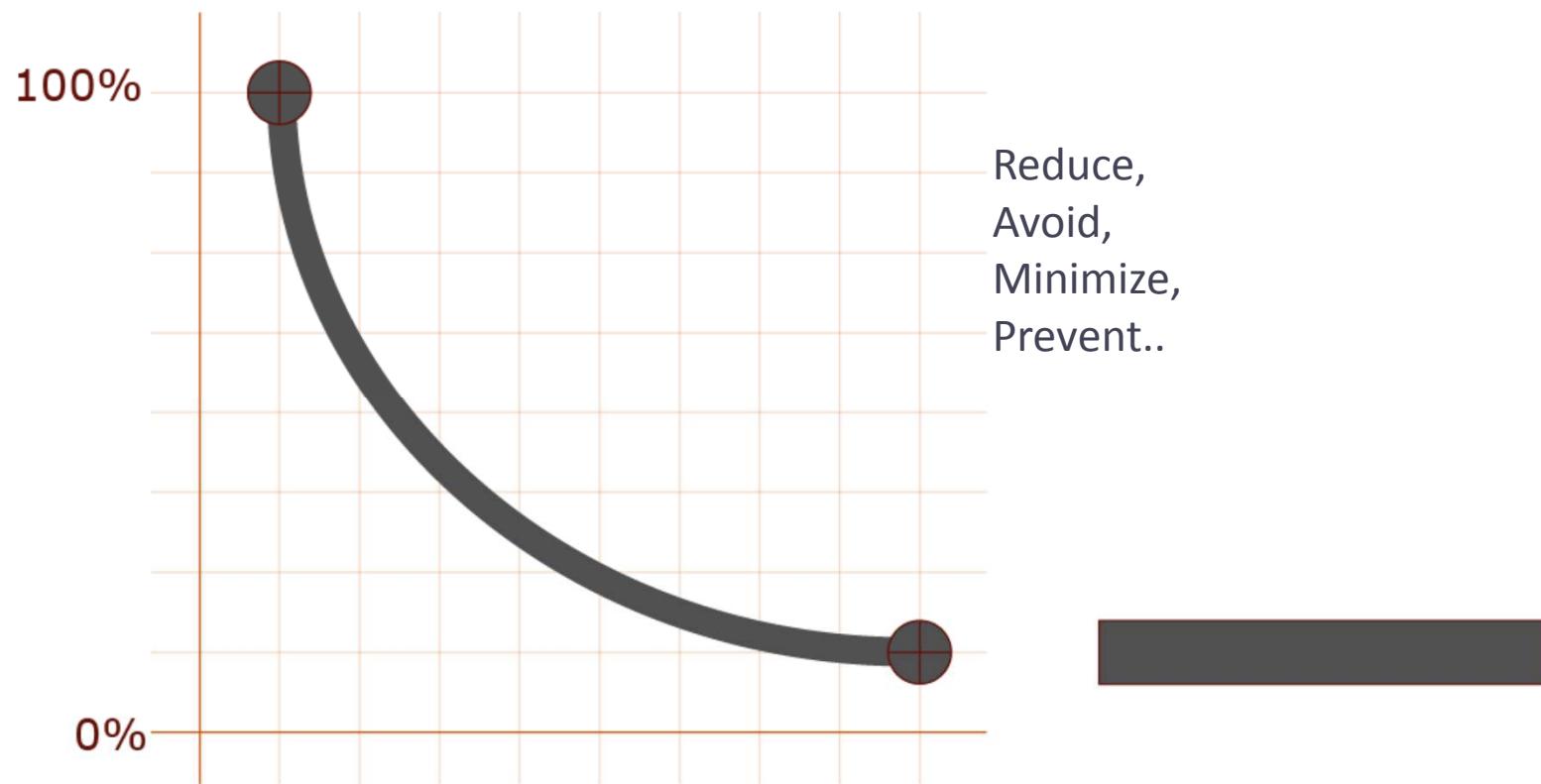


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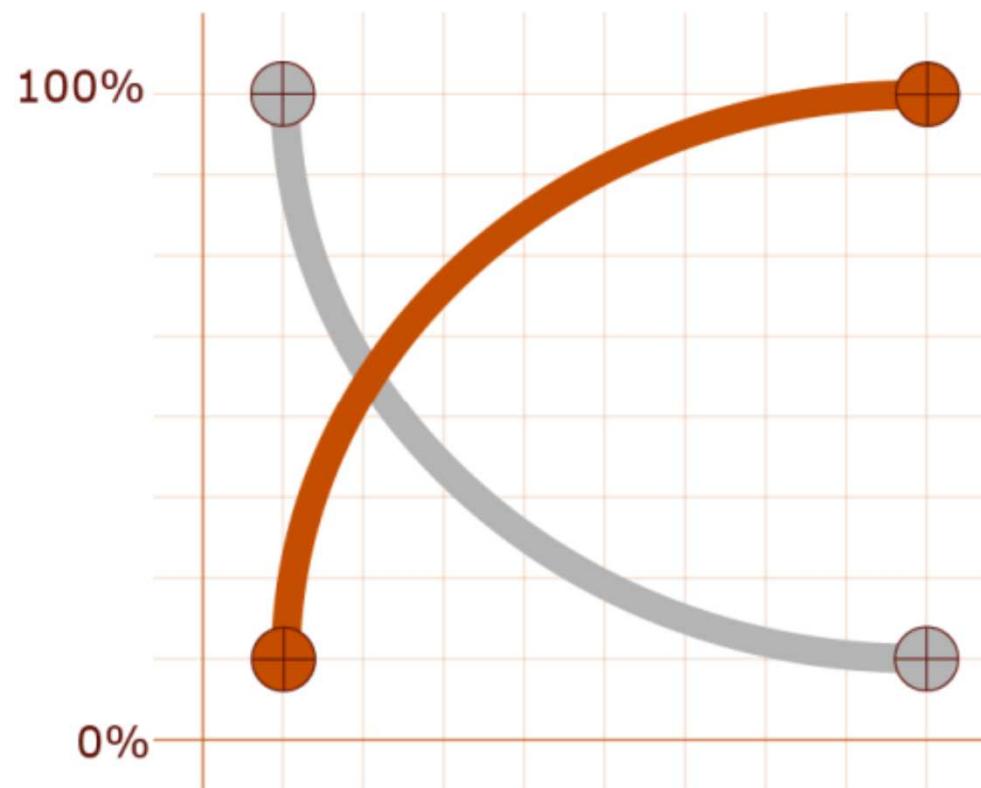
## Cradle to grave



SOURCE: S. BECKERS (d'après M. BRAUNGART –EPEA, Cradle to Cradle)

# Eco-beneficiency

## Cradle to cradle



Eco-beneficiency =  
BETTER

DEFINE,  
INCREASE,  
SUPPORT,  
OPTIMIZE

Eco-efficiency =  
LESS BAD

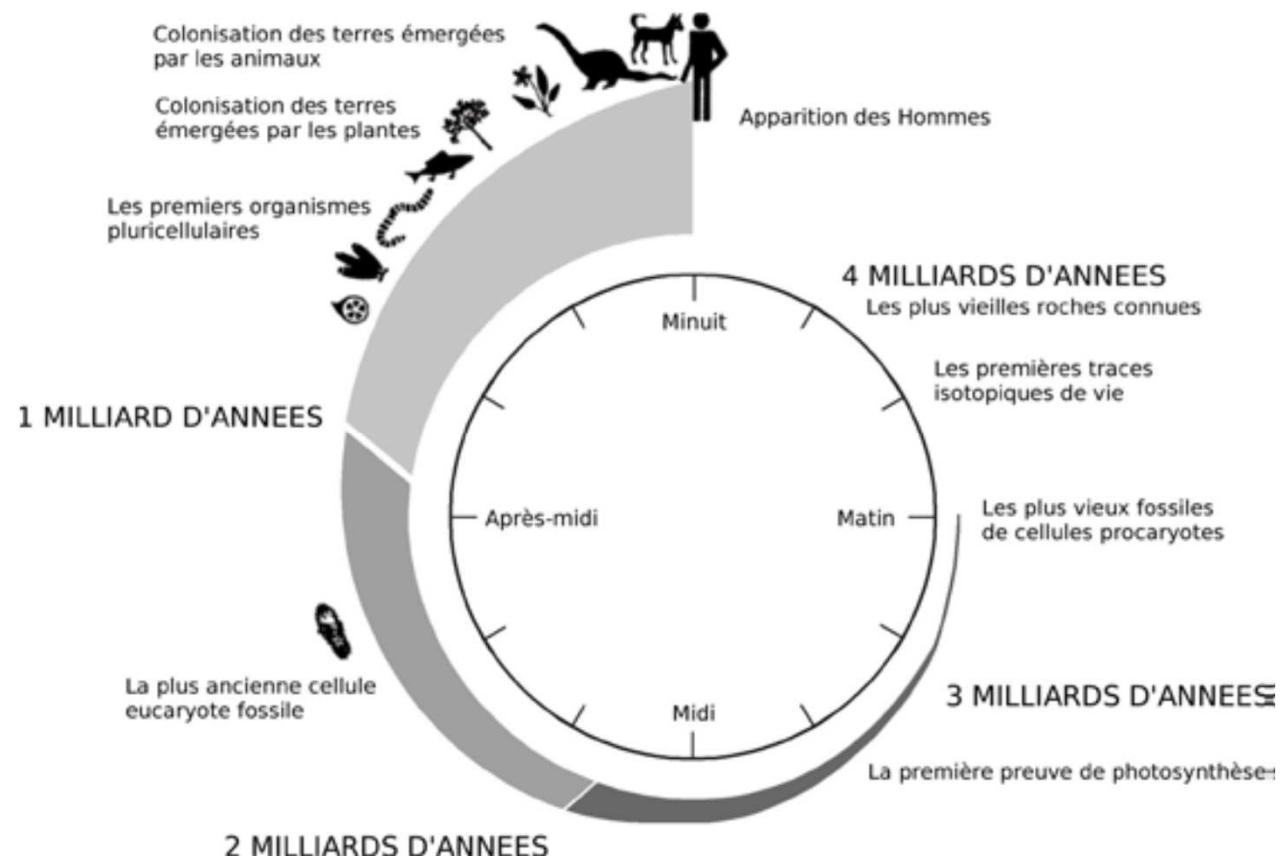
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# Eco-beneficiency

## Evolution of HUMANS

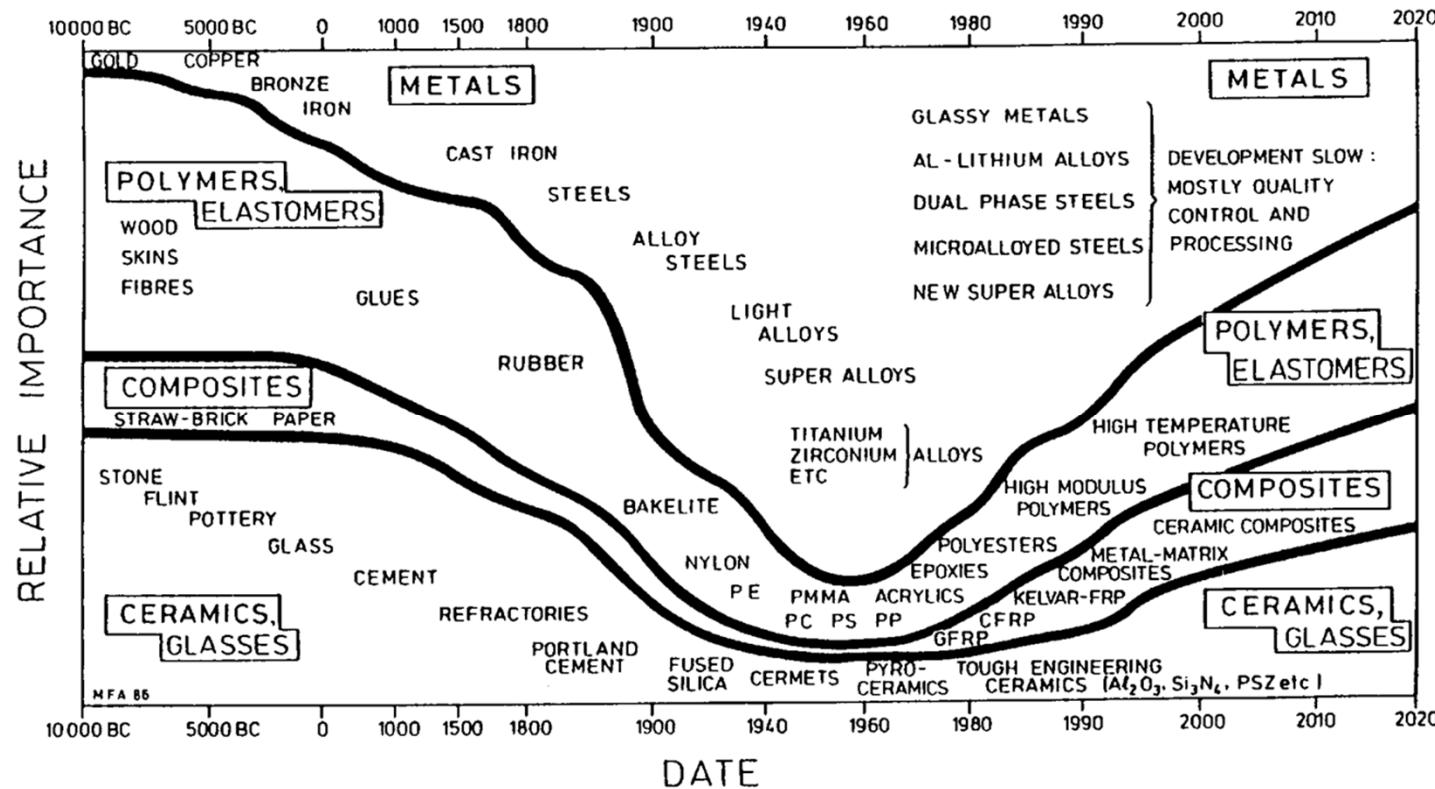
The dial 12 h is 4.5 billion years of the Earth.

First Men appear at  
11 h 59 min and 43 sec



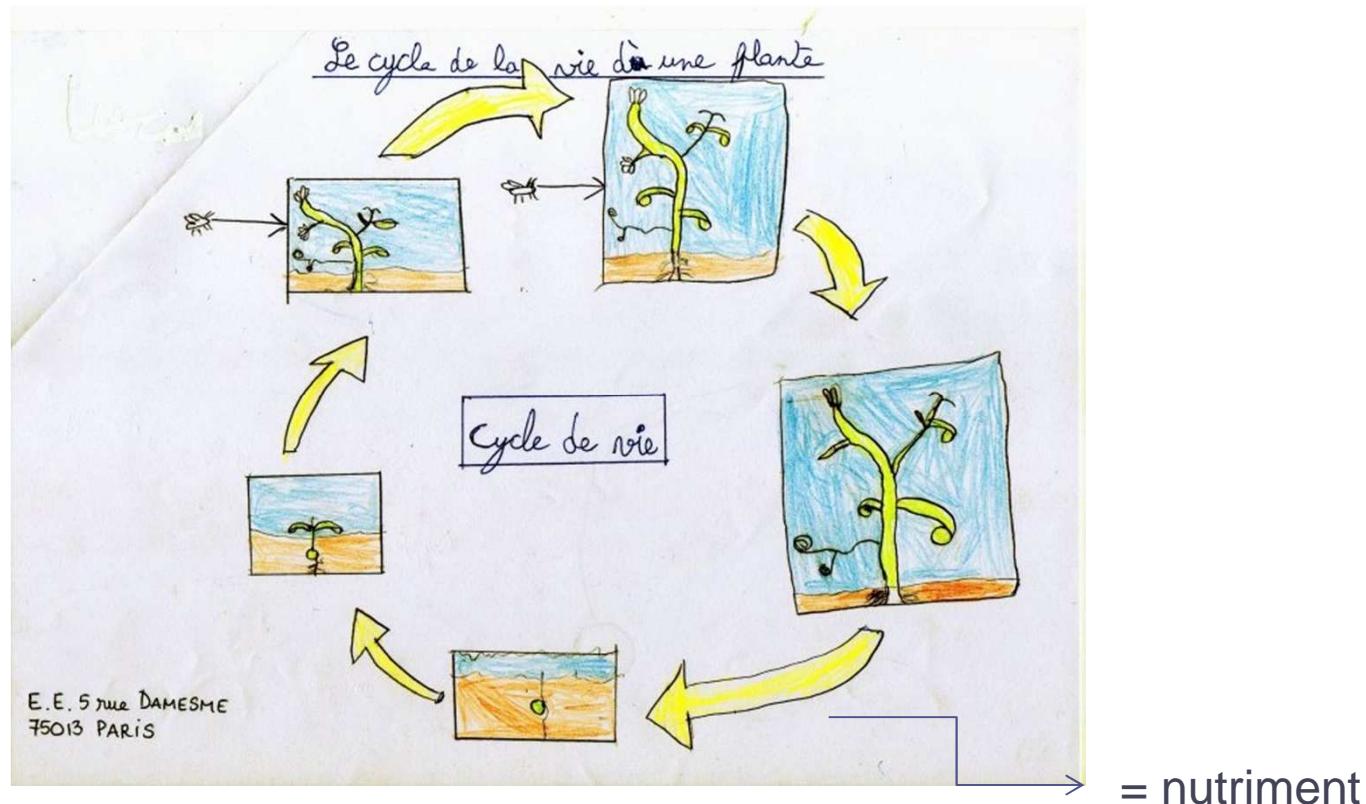
# Eco-beneficiency

## Evolution of materials



# Eco-beneficiency

## Biological life cycle



# Eco-beneficiency

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Design wastes as « nutriments »

Design products as « service products »

design for disassembly

better correspondance between performance cycle and life cycle

easy adaptation of buildings (notion of over-cycling)

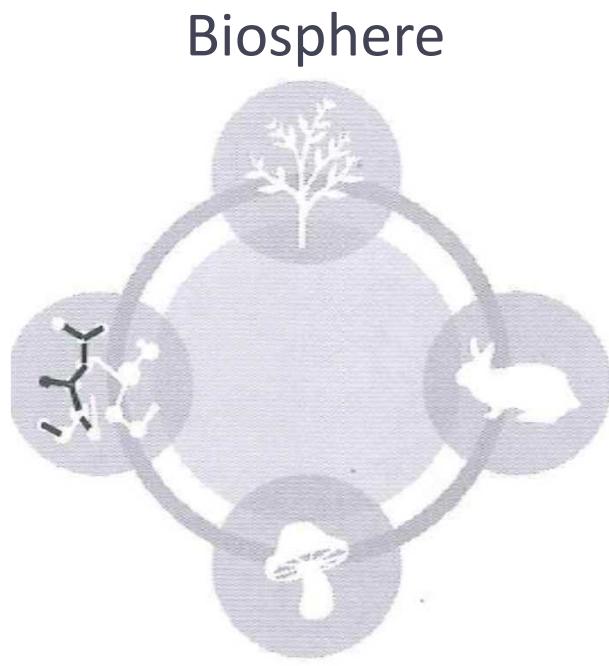
Advantages(3)

no unnecessary waste

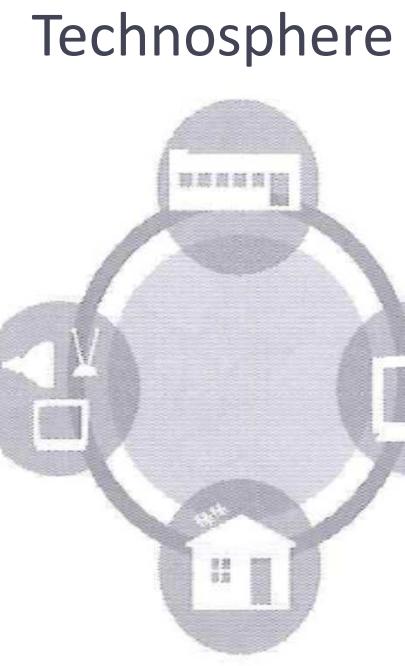
less use of natural resources

technical nutriments are permanently circulating ...

# Eco-beneficiency



MÉTABOLISME BIOLOGIQUE



MÉTABOLISME TECHNOLOGIQUE

« *It is needed to separate bio- et techno- cycles if we want to avoid a product becomes a waste (p.e. wood + varnish) »*

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# Recycling and reuse

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3R strategy

# Recycling and reuse

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## 3 R strategy

***reduction:*** technology for reducing the production of waste (technology)

***reuse:*** technology for giving a new use for end-product,

***recycling:*** technology for giving a new life cycle

# Recycling and reuse

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Gains

*selective harvesting of paper and cardboard*

Conservation

*historical testimony: heritage conservation*

Saving materials

*cast bells in wartime*

Saving resources

*recycling 1 kg of aluminum can save about 8 kg of bauxite, 4 kg of chemicals and 14 kWh of electricity*

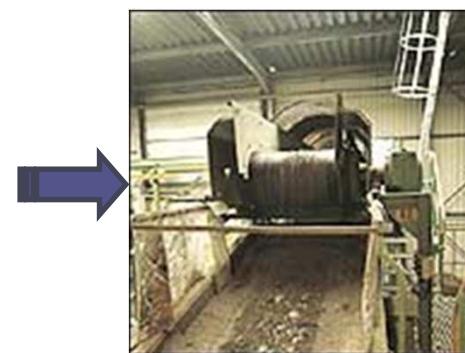
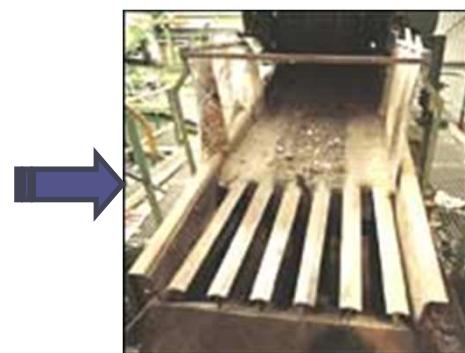
# Recycling and reuse

Saving resources

Municipal wastes

Combustion at 900-1000°C

Post-combustion treatments



Supplying

Cribbling

Separation  
(10 – 20 weeks)

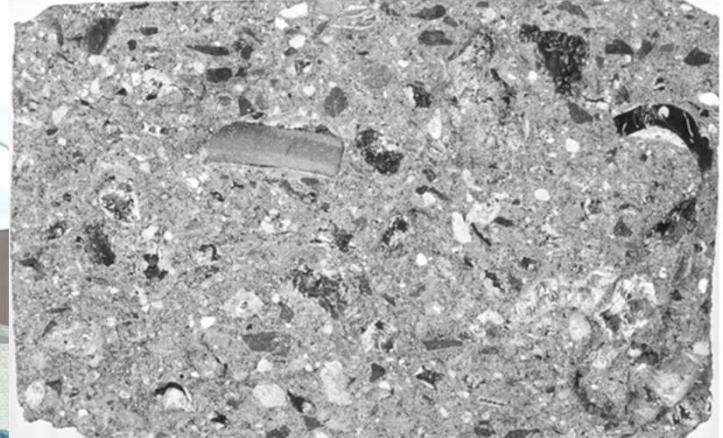
Maturation

# Recycling and reuse

## Saving resources



Industrial process – 10% MSW slags



Splitting resistance(N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	4.05 ± 0.53
Water absorption (%)	6.61 - 6.29
Abrasion (mm)	0.98 - 1.36

Source : Utilisation des mâchefers d'incinérateur d'ordures ménagères dans la fabrication des pavés en béton. L. Courard, R. Degeimbre, A. Darimont, A.-L. Laval, L. Dupont et L. Bertrand. Mater. Struct., 35 (Juillet 2002), 365-372.

# Recycling and reuse

Become useful



[www.paperhouserockport.com](http://www.paperhouserockport.com)

Mobilier dans la maison en papier d'Elis Stenman (Pigeon Cove, Massachusetts)  
Source: Elfers, J. & Schuyt, M., « Les bâtisseurs de rêves »



# Recycling and reuse

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Sentimental



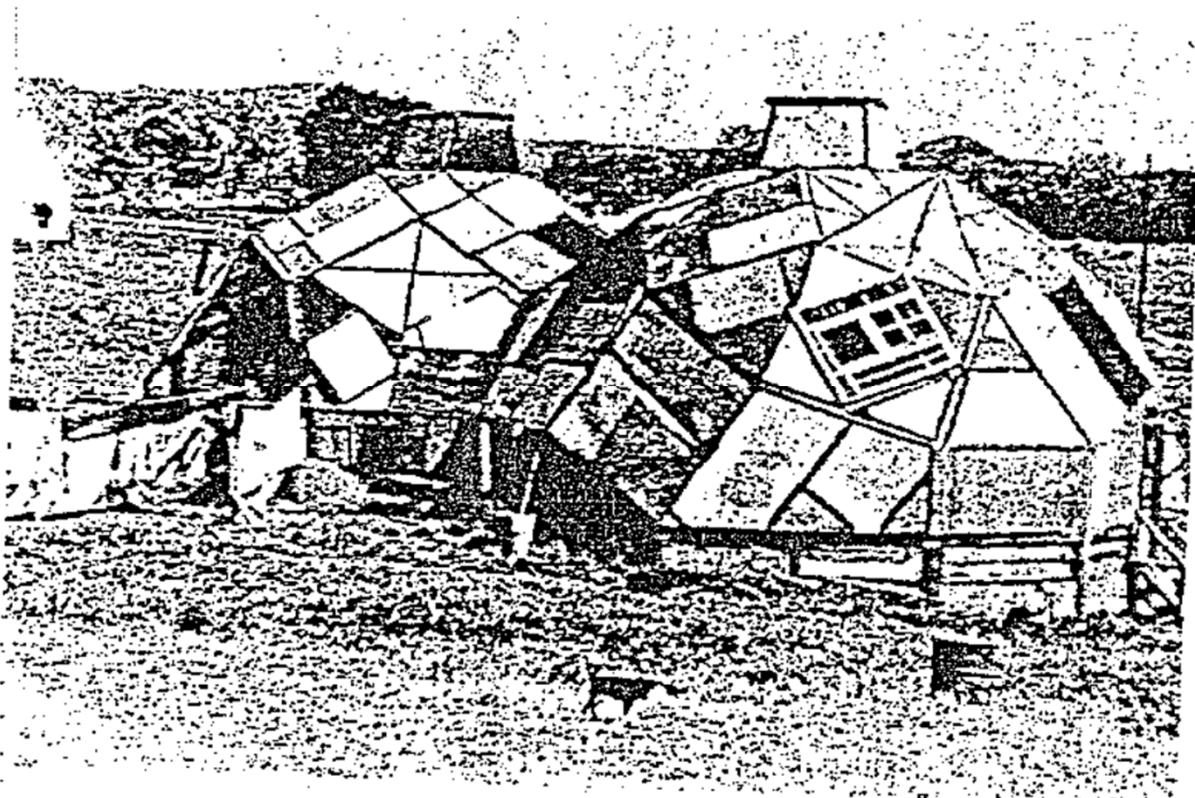
*Palace of postman Cheval (Photo G. Thérin)*

# Recycling and reuse

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## Contest

*Dômes en matériaux de récupération, réalisés par une communauté de hippies, sous la direction de Buckminster Fuller, Colorado, 1965*  
Source: Elfers, J. & Schuyt, M., « Les bâtisseurs de rêves »



# Recycling and reuse

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Create

Baldaccini, César - "Compression" -  
Compression 1960 - Métal compressé,  
pots d'échappement d'automobiles



Baldaccini, César - "Compression" -  
(1960)

# Recycling and reuse

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## Survive



Maisons de marchands pauvres à Bangkok  
Source: Gabor, M., « Maisons sur l'eau »

Ramasseurs de déchets dans un bidonville de Jakarta en Indonésie



# Conditions for recycling

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Sustainable development

# Conditions for recycling

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Balance between the deposit and the market

Exemple: demolition and road construction

Recycling on site = 50% total saving

    70% transportation

    20% materials costs

    10% taxes for landfill

Barriers to recycling

Transportation

Standardization

# Conditions for recycling

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## Evaluation of recycling opportunity

### Technical

Waste characteristics

Durability

Constance of properties

### Logistics and economy

Deposit and transportation

Constance production

Conditioning

Distance

# Conditions for recycling

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## Evaluation of recycling opportunity

Environmental and economical

Decreasing quantities for landfilling

Regulatory obligation elimination

Taxes

We do not recycle ...  
*anything, no matter how, at any price.*

# Conditions for recycling

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Needs for civil engineering

materials,

aggregates,

binders,

additives,

*... decreasing quantities but increasing quality*

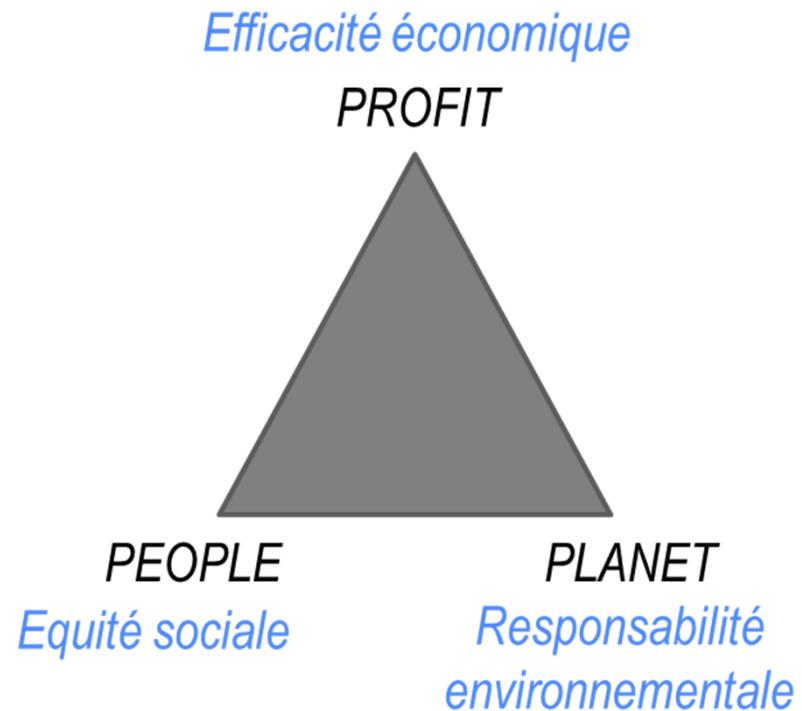
# *Construction vs environment*

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Difficult relationship

# Construction vs environment

Environment  
*natural*  
*social*  
*economic*



*A development that meets the needs of present generations without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own (Brundtland report, 1987)*

# Construction vs environment

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## Social environment

at European level, 7.5% of total employment is created by construction industry,

at European level, construction industry represents 28.1% of manufacturing industry employment.

# Construction vs environment

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## Economical environment

construction industry consumes between 40 and 50% of natural resources for materials,

construction industry consumes 40% of energy and produces 40% of CO<sub>2</sub> et 50% of wastes produced in the world,

construction industry consumes a lot of self-generated wastes but also by-products from other industries and municipal wastes.

# Construction vs environment

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## Economical environment

### Production of wastes

France (2007): 343 millions tons of wastes by construction industry:

Public works: 295 millions tons, mainly recycled (because 95% inerts)

Building : 48 millions tons, less recycled (because only 65% inerts and sorting under development)

# Construction vs environment

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Reduction of energy consumption in buildings and greenhouse gas emissions

Insulation

Bioclimatic design

Renewable energies

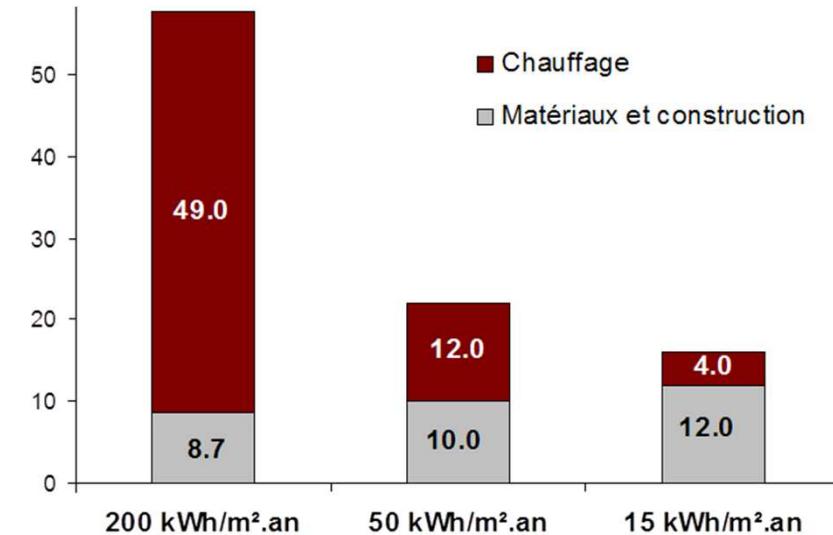
# Construction vs environment

Development of materials and alternative techniques for buildings

Increasing energetic performances of buildings

Increase of material selection impact on building efficiency

Need for new materials



Source : G. Escadeillas, Métamorphoses, Liège, 2011)

# Construction vs environment

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Development of materials and alternative techniques for buildings

Limiting energy consumption during service life,

To be safe,

Contributing to « comfort » concept,

Production technology with low environmental impact (energy, wastes, ..)

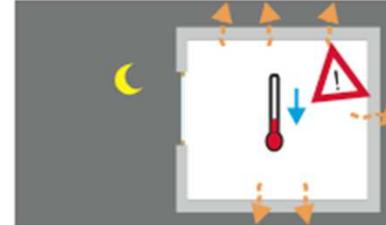
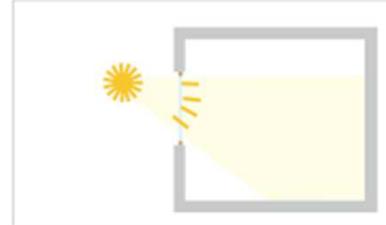
# Construction vs environment

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## caractéristiques thermiques

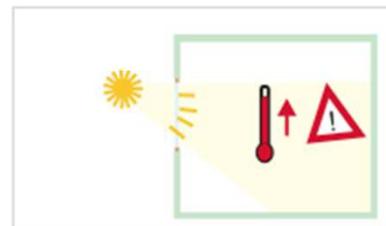
*capacité de stockage*

construction lourde  
sans isolation



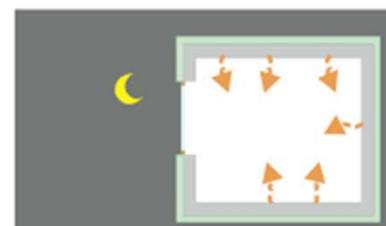
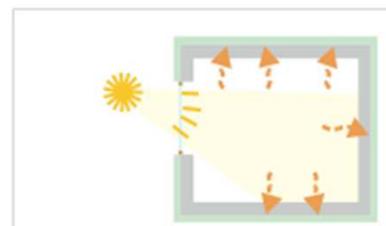
chauffage nécessaire

construction légère  
+ isolation

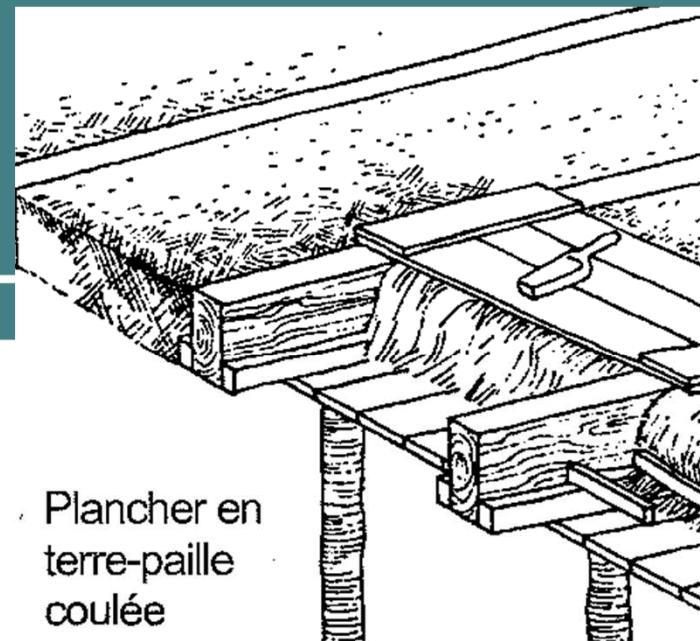
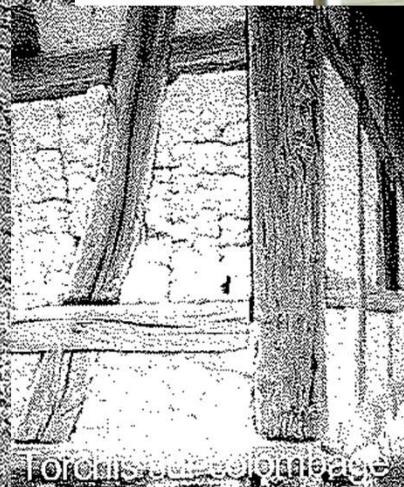
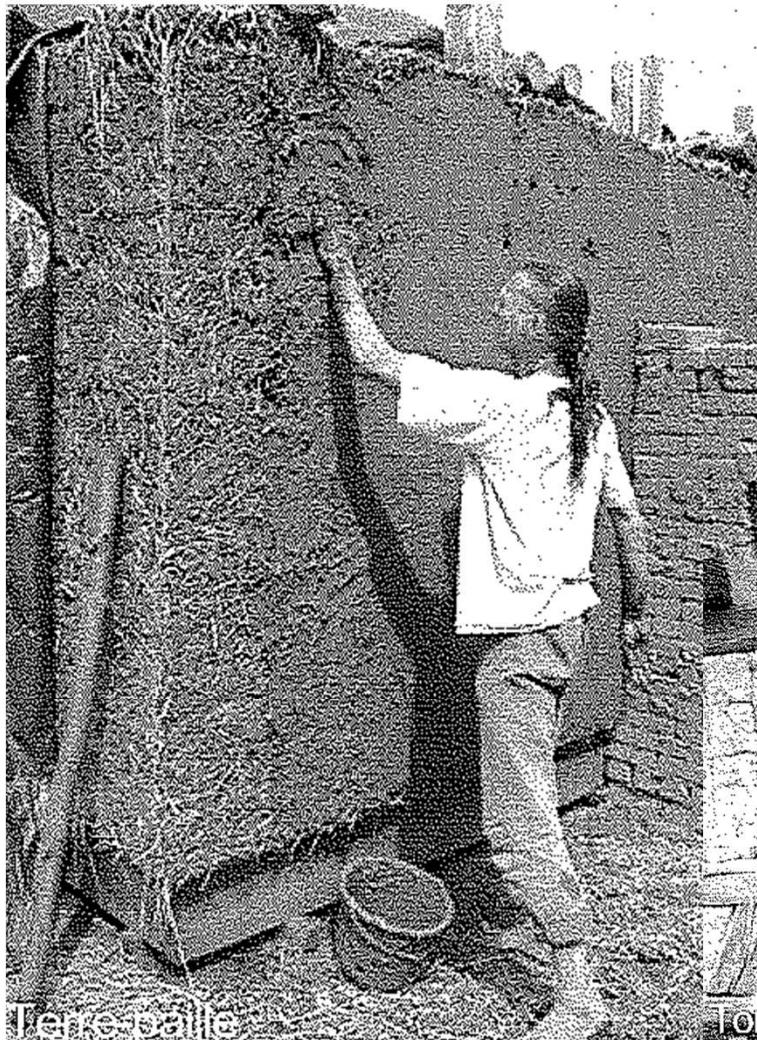


refroidissement nécessaire

masse  
+  
isolation  
(côté extérieur)



# Natural materials



# Natural materials

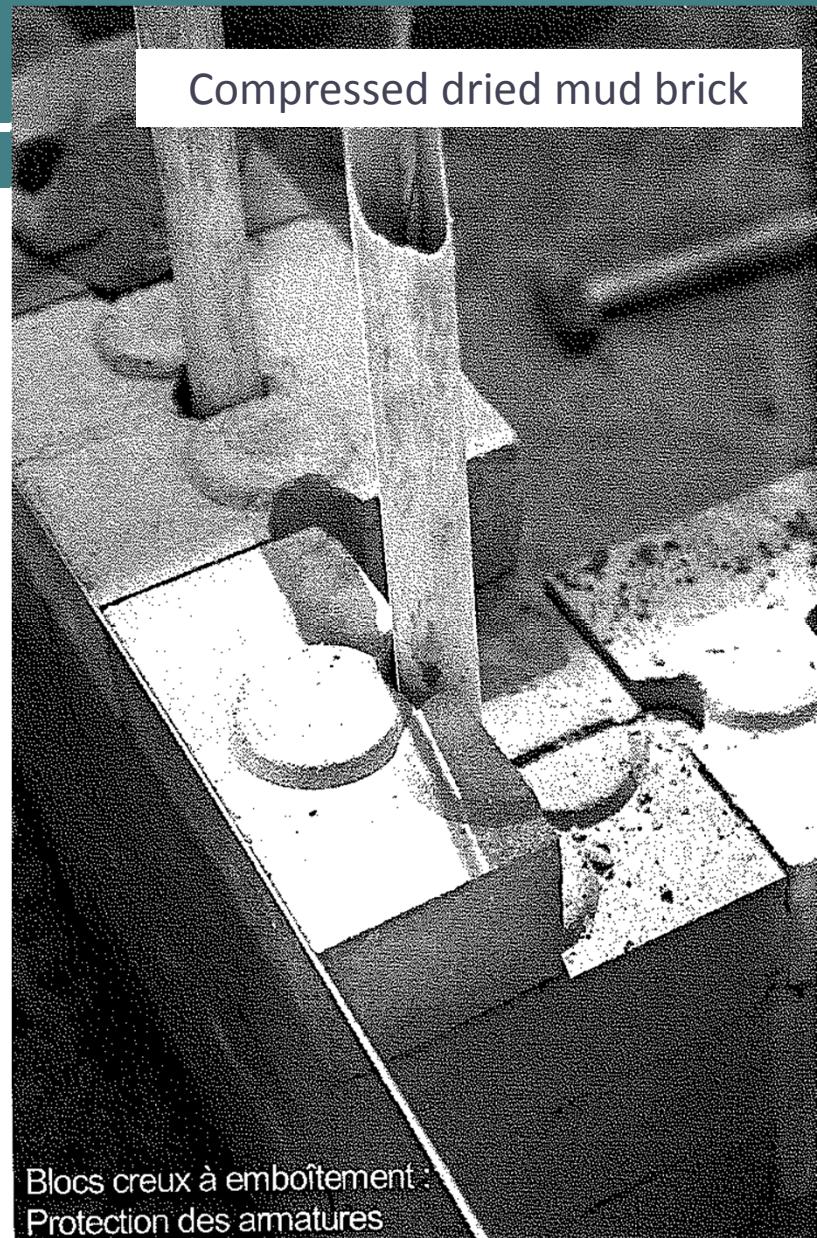
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Shibam, Yemen: adobe technique  
(dried mud brick in the sun)



# Natural materials



# Natural materials

## Renewable materials

### Woodden concrete

Mix of wood chips and cement paste

For wall production

Thermal insulation:  $\lambda = 0.09 \text{ W/m.}^\circ\text{K}$  (cellular concrete block  $\lambda = 0.12 \text{ W/m.}^\circ\text{K}$  and silicate brick  $\lambda = 0.27 \text{ W/m.}^\circ\text{K}$ )



# Natural materials

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## Renewable materials

AGROMOB Project (2011-2013) Increasing thermal inerty of wooden structural buildings with bio-sourced materials.



# Natural materials

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## Renewable materials

aPROpaille Project (2011-2013) The use of straw blocks in construction industry



# Natural materials

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## Renewable materials



# Selection criteria

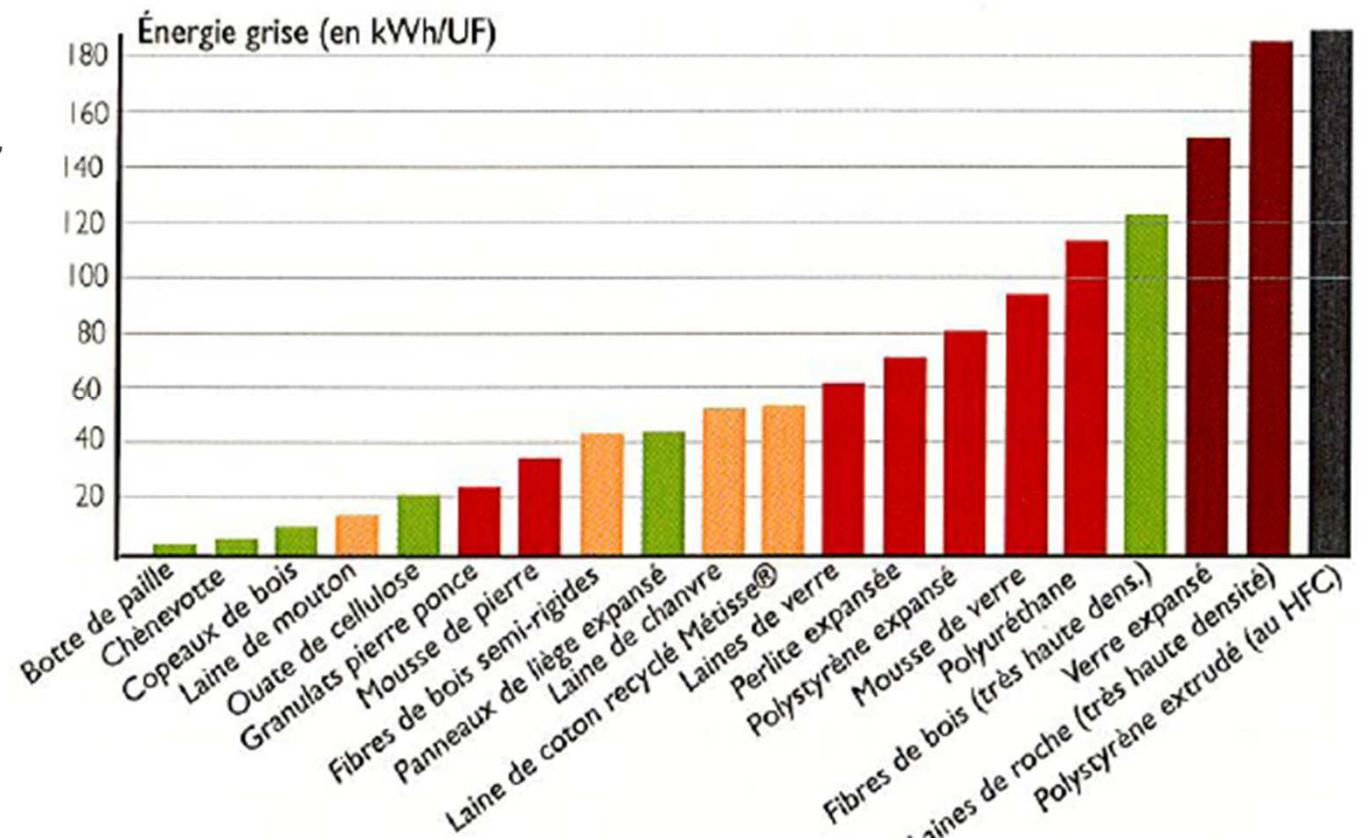
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Grey energy

# Selection criteria

## Grey energy of materials (kWh/m<sup>3</sup> ou T)

machines d'extraction,  
carburant pour le  
transport,  
consommation  
d'électricité pour la  
transformation,  
pétrole utilisé pour la  
production.



Source : Isolation thermique et écologique J.P. Oliva et S. Courgey (d'après G. Escadeillas, Métamorphoses, Liège, 2011)

# Selection criteria

Energy consumption  
for 1m<sup>3</sup> reinforced  
concrete

Material/operation	Energy (GJ)
Cement	1.58
Sand and aggregates	0.27
Steel reinforcement	2.25
Formwork	0.43
Transportation and casting	0.34
Demolition and waste treatment	0.27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5.14</b>

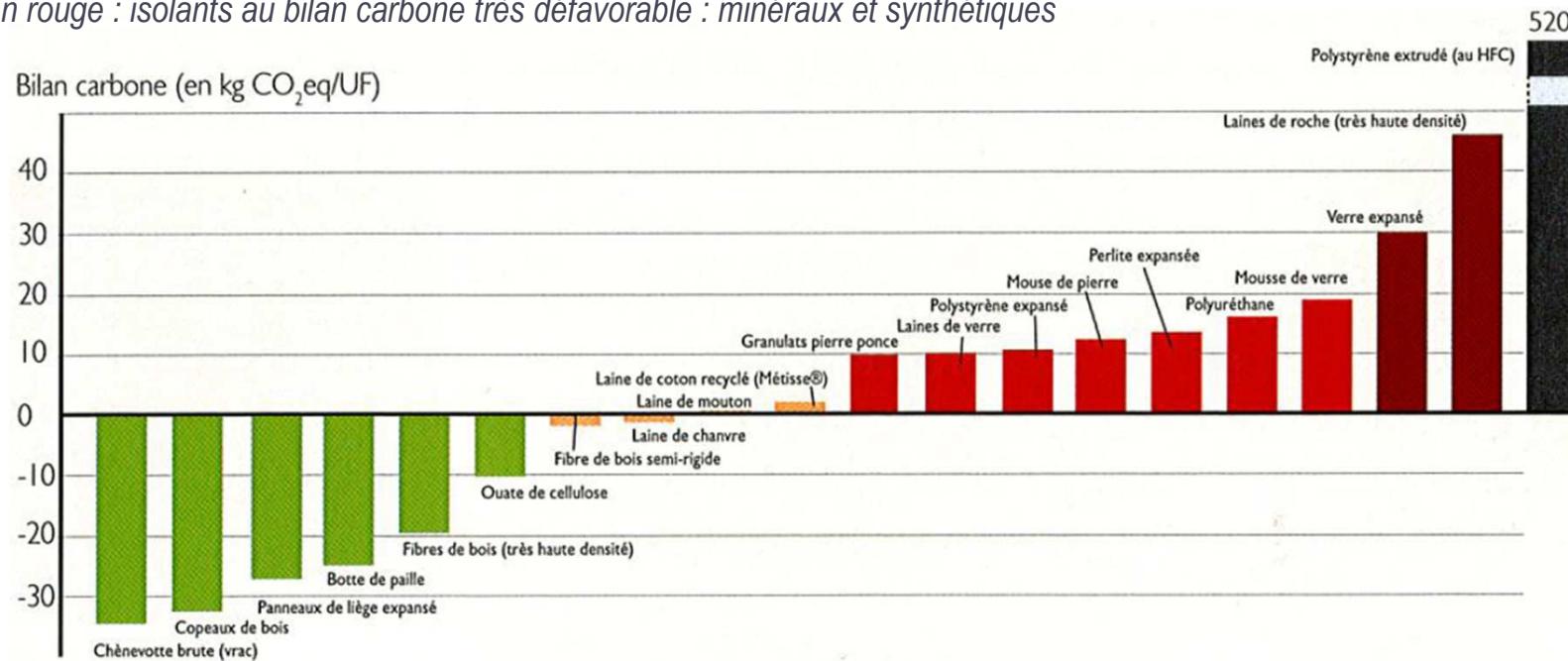
# Selection criteria

En vert : isolants « puits de carbone » peu transformés ou denses

En jaune : isolants neutres : laines végétales

En rouge : isolants au bilan carbone très défavorable : minéraux et synthétiques

## Greenhouse gas emission



« Bilan CO<sub>2</sub> » de 1 m<sup>2</sup> de divers isolants pour une épaisseur correspondant à une résistance thermique de 5 m<sup>2</sup>K/W.

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# Applications

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Industrial hall

# Application: industrial hall

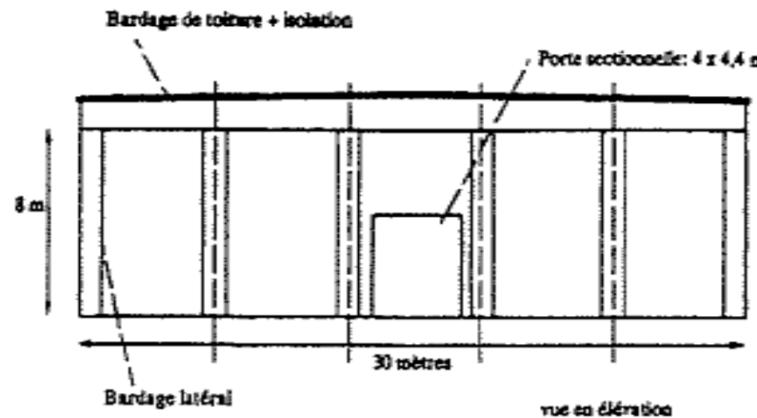
Comparison industrial hall

Case study

beams/columns reinforced concrete

beams/columns steel

beams laminated wood and columns RC



*Evaluation environnementale des matériaux et des procédés de construction : application de l'analyse de cycle de vie à la construction d'un hall industriel. L. Courard, Ph. Teller. Mater. Struct., 34 (Août-Septembre 2001), 404-412.*

# Application: industrial hall

Comparison  
industrial hall

Calculation of  
« ecopoints » for  
the production  
of 1 m<sup>3</sup> concrete

Rejets	Béton fondation			Béton propreté		
	Émissions spécifiques	Éco-facteurs	Éco-points	Émissions spécifiques	Éco-facteurs	Éco-points
Consommation énergie (MJ)						
Équivalent énergétique	1239	0,497	615,4	810	0,497	402,3
Émissions atmosphériques (g)						
CO (monoxyde de carbone)	504	0,775	390,1	335	0,775	259,4
NOx (oxyde d'azote)	886	6,541	5797,9	710	6,541	4644,1
SO2 (dioxyde de soufre)	429	2,468	1059,3	210	2,468	518,7
HCl (acide chlorhydrique)		6,541	0,0		6,541	0,0
NH3 (ammoniaque)	0,220	16,771	3,7	0,180	16,771	3,0
N2O (oxyde nitreux)	39	37,915	1491,2	25	37,915	928,9
Comp. organiques volatils	80	10,722	862,3	78	10,722	837,3
CO2 (dioxyde de carbone)	508360	0,009	4772,2	501760	0,009	4710,3
Rejets dans l'eau (g)						
COD (demande chimique en oxygène)	0,126	4,074	0,5	0,096	4,074	0,4
BOD (demande biologique en oxygène)	0,042	11,735	0,5	0,032	11,735	0,4
Nitrate	0,008	22,896	0,2	0,008	22,896	0,2
Déchets solides (g)						
Déchets industriels	18572	0,099	671,8	7784	0,099	671,8
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	-	<b>16445</b>	-	-	<b>12817</b>

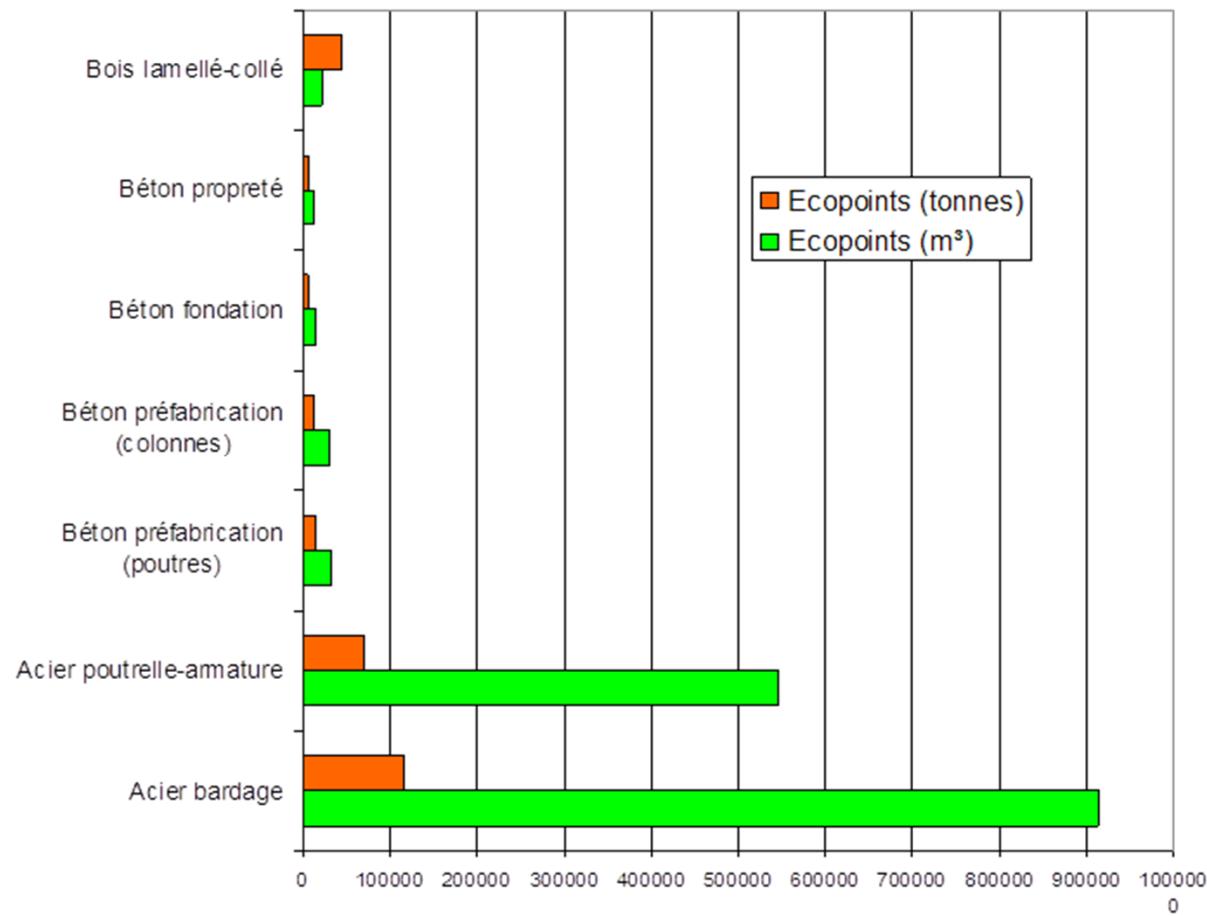
# Application: industrial hall

## Comparison industrial hall

Matériaux	Ecopoints (m³)	Ecopoints (tonnes)
Acier bardage	914525	116520
Acier poutrelle-armature	547380	69730
Béton préfabrication (poutres)	33847	14403
Béton préfabrication (colonnes)	31682	13656
Béton fondation	16445	7091
Béton propreté	12817	5800
Bois lamellé-collé	22075	44150

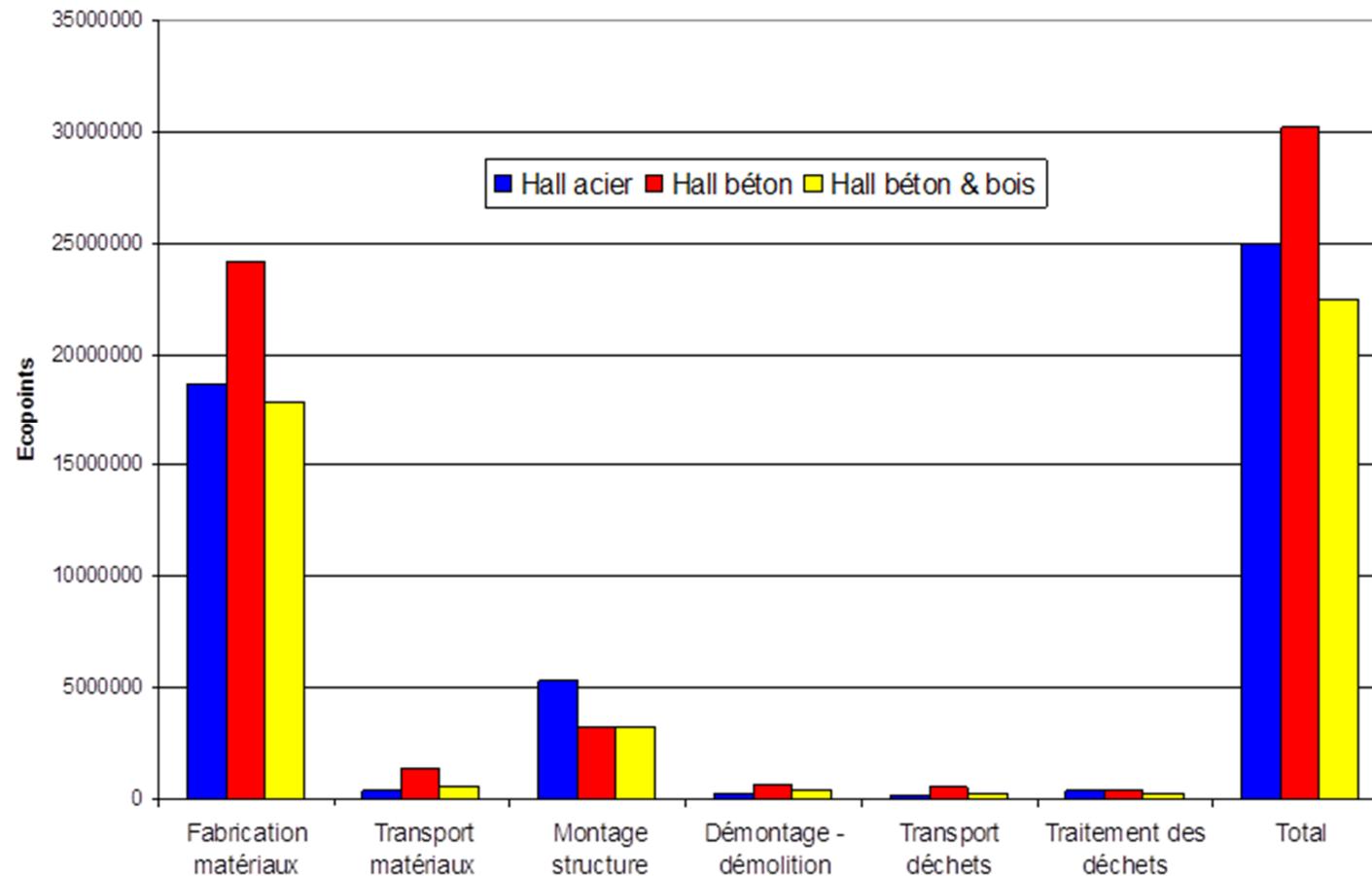
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## Comparison industrial hall



# Application: industrial hall

Comparison industrial hall



# Conclusions and prospects

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Tomorrow, materials

# Conclusions

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Our concepts must change.....

To be free from products identified as "harmful", "toxic", ...

To follow personal preferences based on respect, ecological intelligence, wellness, ...)

To promote diversity

To develop nutrition materials

***Nature did it ... why can not we?***



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Merci

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