

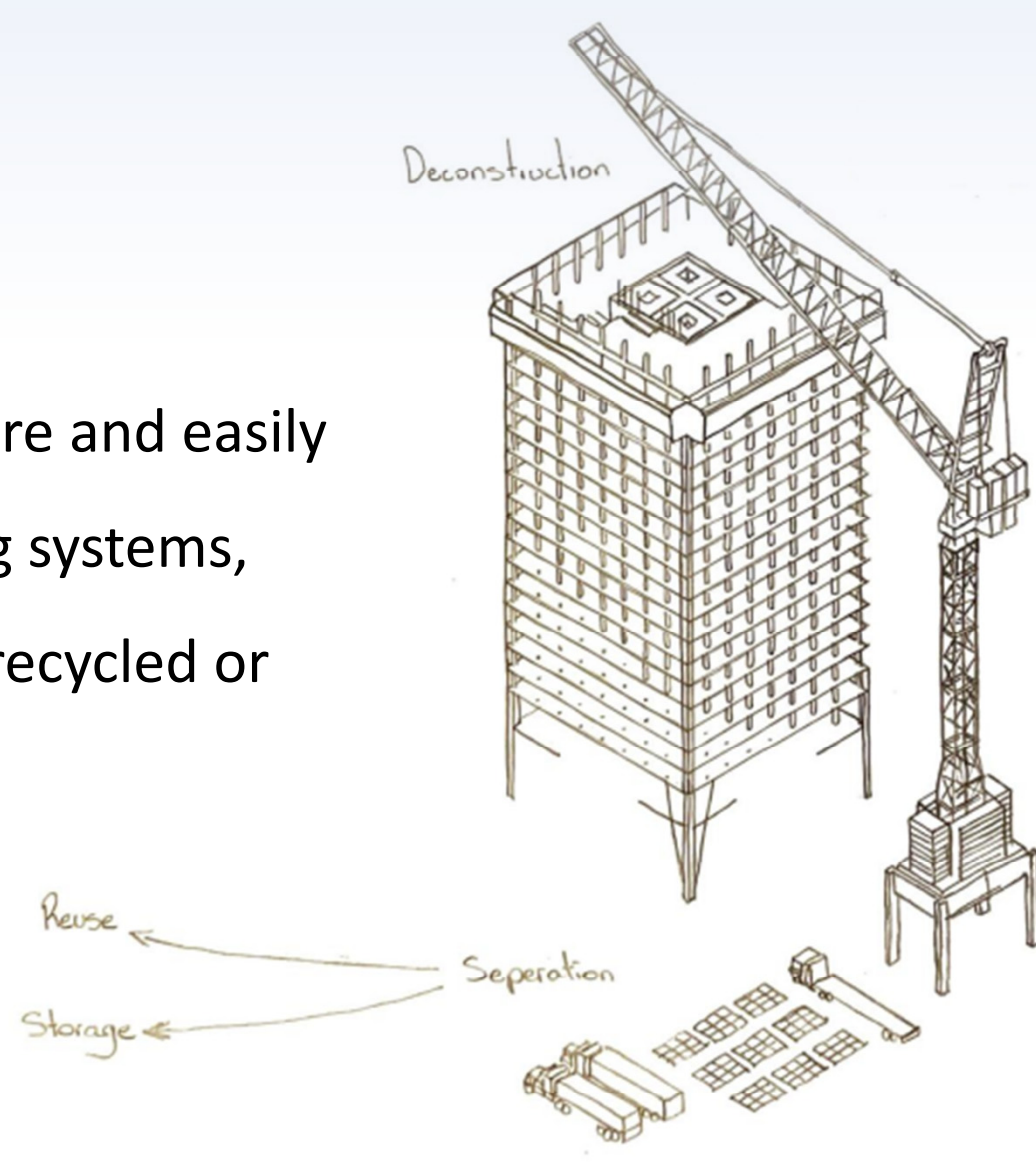
# An investigation into applying Design for Disassembly Principles to an Emergency Accommodation Case Study Building in Ireland

## INTRODUCTION

### What is Design for Disassembly

- Design for disassembly is a comprehensive design technique, that when used correctly, can have a significant benefit in the construction of buildings. The intention of design for disassembly is to make any given product easy to disassemble into all its individual components.

- It's the process of creating structures that can be altered in the future and easily disassembled (completely or partially) for the purpose of recovering systems, components, and materials. This ensures that the structure can be recycled or reused as effectively as possible after its useful life.



### AIM

The aim of this research is to carry out a detailed analysis into design for disassembly principals through a case study building to investigate its suitability for emergency accommodation

## MOTIVATION

The building industry is responsible for 35% of the worlds waste.

Building industry is responsible for the use of up to 40% of the materials produced globally.

As of 19 December 2022, 67,000 refugees have arrived from Ukraine.

50,000 houses a year needed to match the goal of solve housing crisis in Ireland.

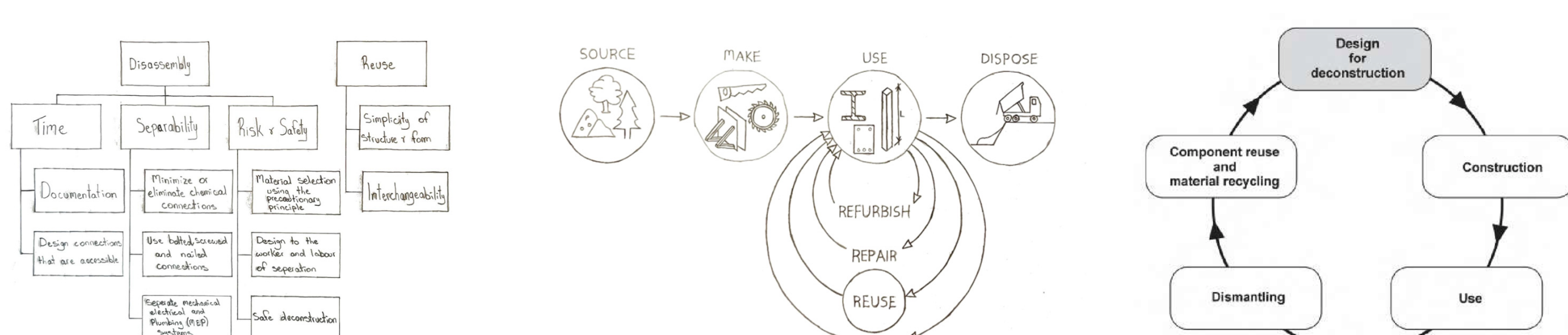
Taking architectural technology to the cutting edge of building design.

During pandemic (covid-19) extensions to hospitals took long time, fast-paced solutions needed.



## OBJECTIVES

- A detailed investigation into the principles of design for disassembly and their applicability to emergency accommodation.
- Identify a suitable case study which will provide emergency accommodation. This case study will be used to test DFD principals.
- Investigate building systems, insulation types and foundation types to compare suitability for design for disassembly.
- Identify key details and measure the level of ease with which design for disassembly principals can be applied.



### Is there a reason DFD isn't used more often?

Design for disassembly requires a different way of thinking with much more planning at the design stage. As the design stage takes longer to complete, this essentially means it will also be more costly. Although the benefits afterwards totally outweigh the extra initial cost, this may be a factor in why DFD isn't a regular method of construction.

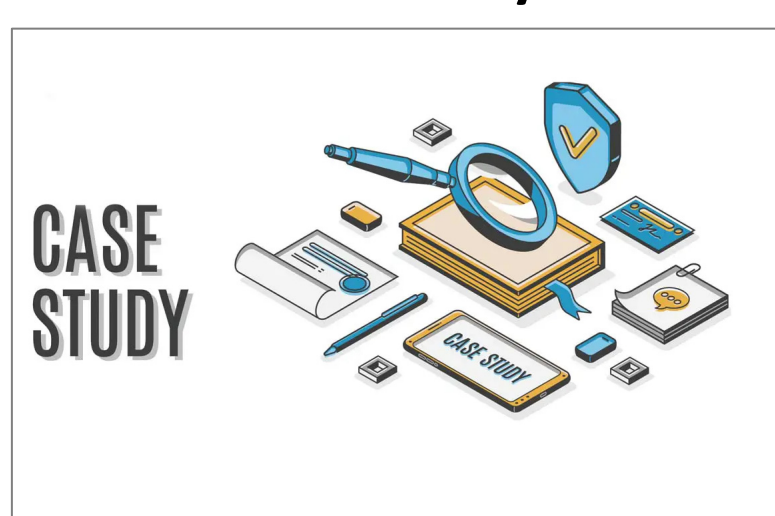


## METHODOLOGY

### Desktop Research



### Case Study



### Detail & Junction analysis



Design for Disassembly analysis → Comprehensive literature review → Limitations of DFD → Analysis of DFD Principles

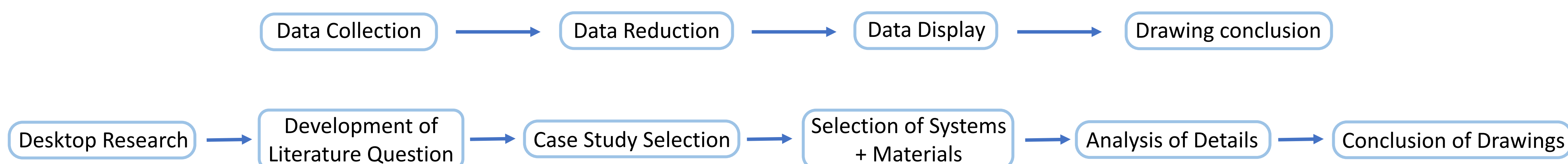
### Case Study

- Selected suitable case study will be used to investigate and test DFD principals.
- Case study will be used to carry out detailed analysis on potential construction materials and systems.
- Systems include; Foundation types, Floor types, Wall types and Roof types.

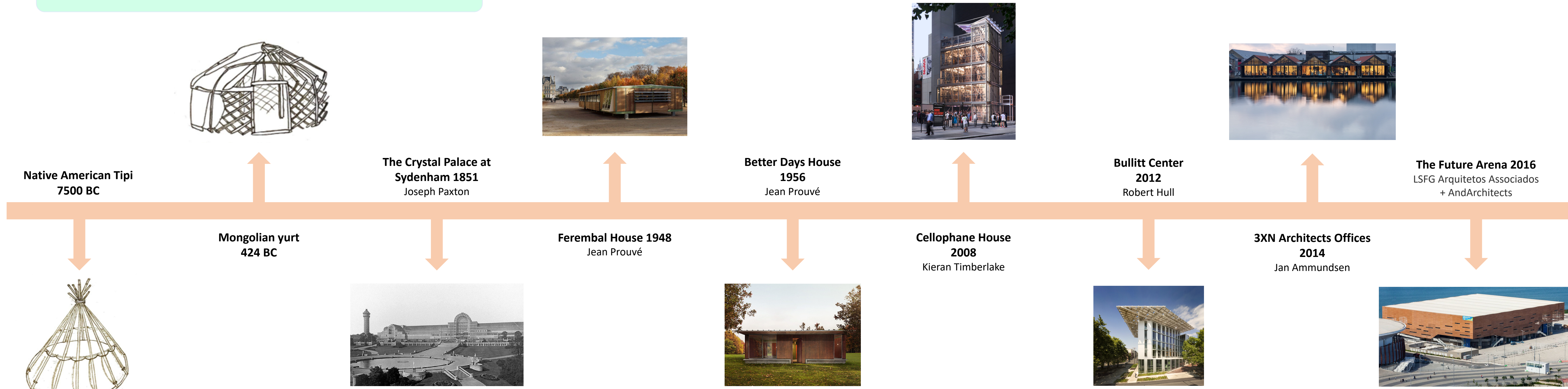
### Detail & Junction analysis

- A selection of significant junctions will be selected. These junctions will be investigated through a series of sketches and then detailed to scale (1:5).
- All relevant details must be compliant with ACD's.
- U-value, thermal bridges and airtightness must be discussed.

### Methodology Timeline



## Design for Disassembly Construction Timeline



## 5 Principals of DFD

### Materials

Choose materials with properties that ensure they can be reused

- Quality
- Healthy
- Pure

### Service Lifetime

Design the building with the whole lifetime of the building in mind

- Layers
- Flexibility
- Interim

### Standards

Design a simple building that fits into a larger context system

- Modularity
- Prefabrication
- Components

### Connections

Choose reversible connections that tolerate repeated assembly and disassembly

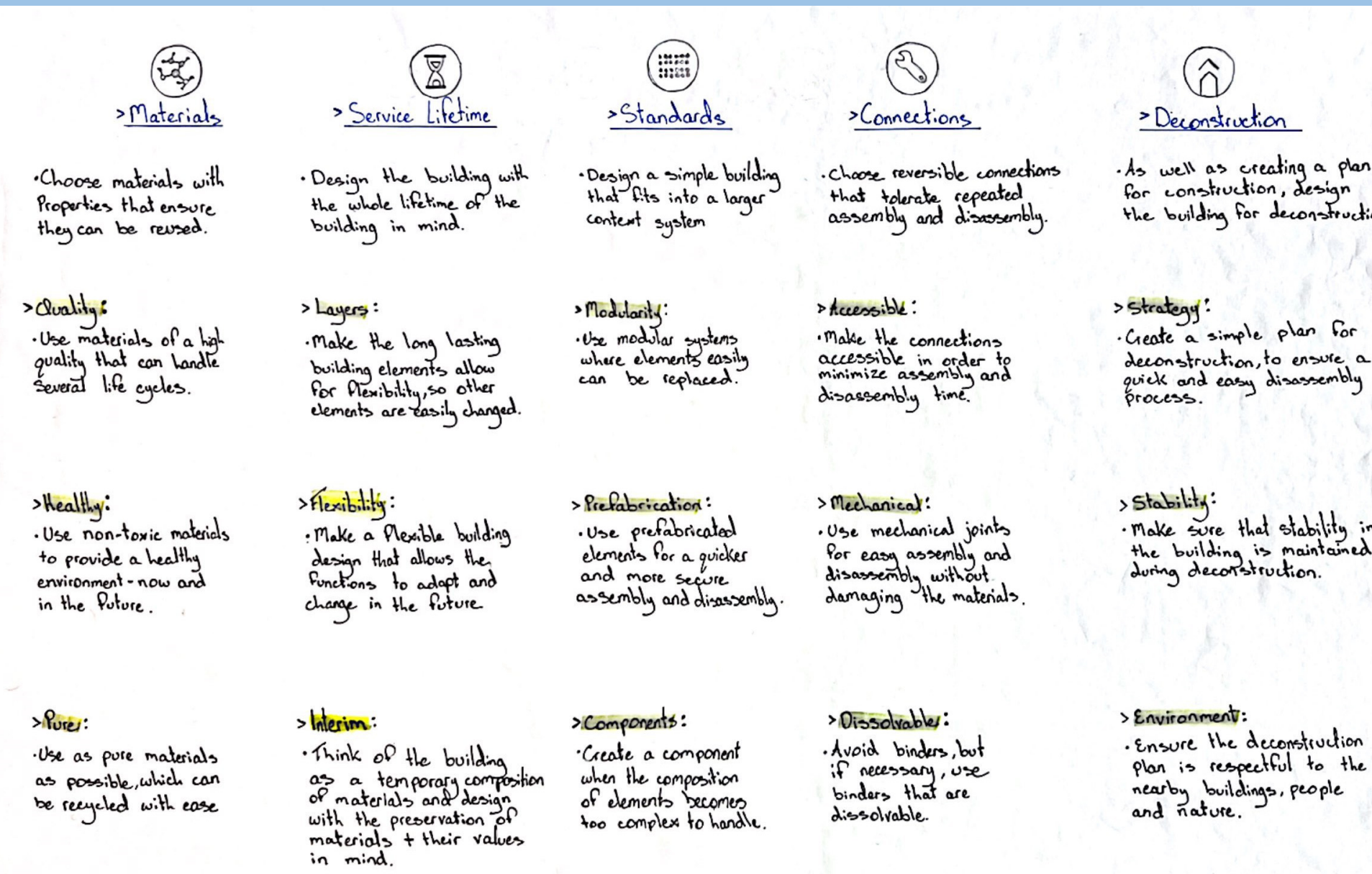
- Accessible
- Mechanical
- Dissolvable

### Deconstruction

As well as creating a plan for construction, design the building for deconstruction

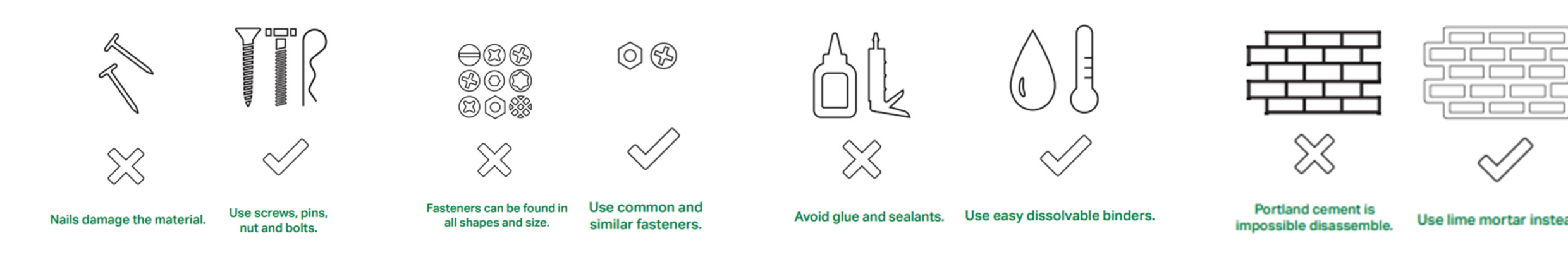
- Strategy
- Stability
- Environment

For hundreds of years, people have extracted resources recklessly and then dumped them in landfills. Circular economy, on the other hand, focuses on reducing waste and energy consumption by allowing users to reclaim the components or materials used in the construction process. To complete the loop, various routes with varying environmental impact can be taken.



## Connection Strategies

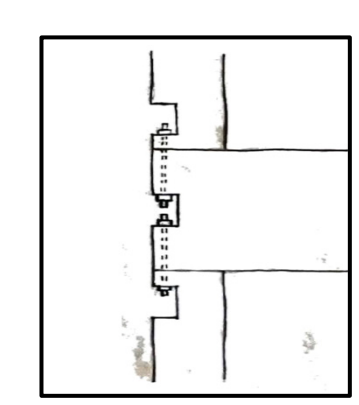
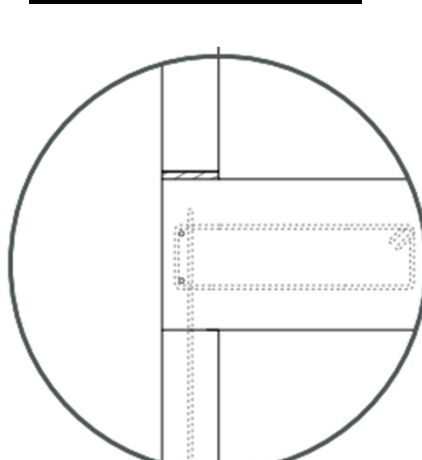
Overall approach There are a lot of different ways to make a product able to be disassembled. The main thing to remember is that when two or more components are put together, the connection must be reversible without damaging the components. This means that screws, splits, and nuts and bolts are favored over nails, as wells binders, like glue, are to be avoided.



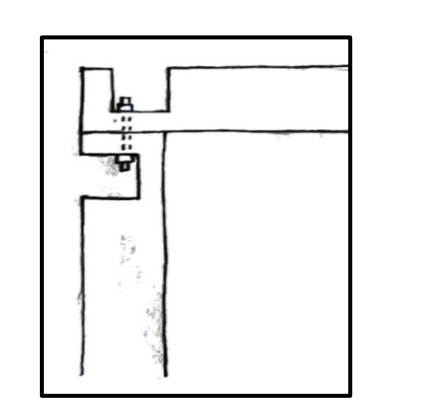
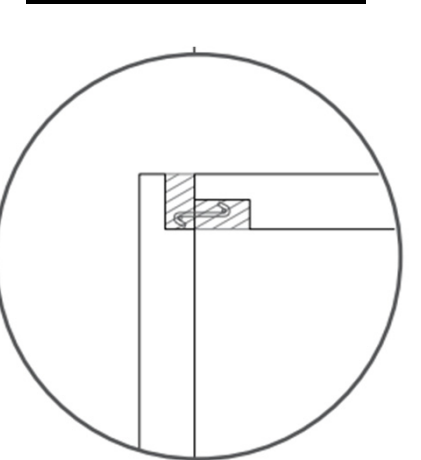
## Connections

Below can be seen examples of current junction's vs design for disassembly junctions. It is important to note that all the optimal details have all joints easily accessible in order to provide easy disassembly. As well as easily accessible these joints also need to be separable without damaging any components.

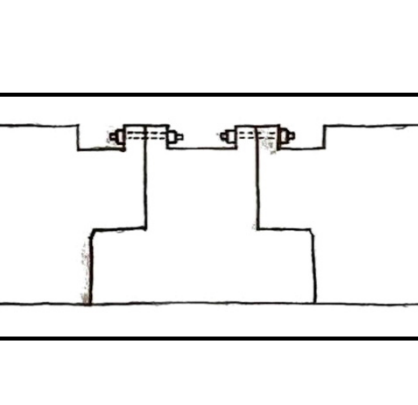
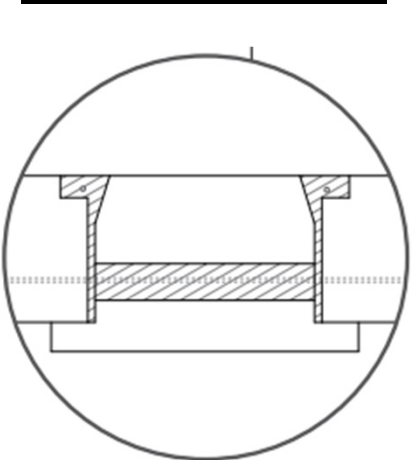
### Wall to Slab:



### Wall to Wall:



### Slab to Beam:

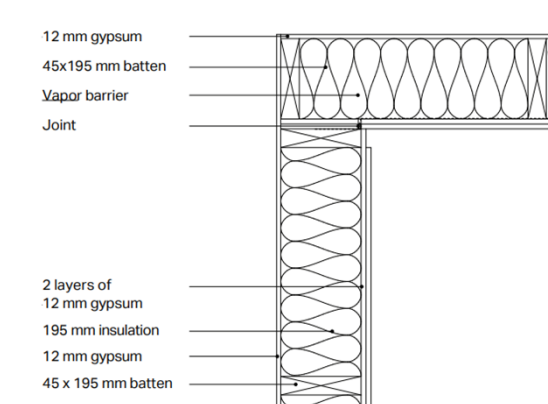


New separable joints using mechanical connections with nuts and bolts.

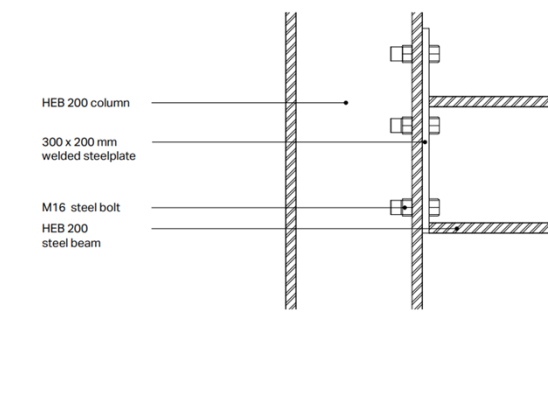
## Details

### Challenges:

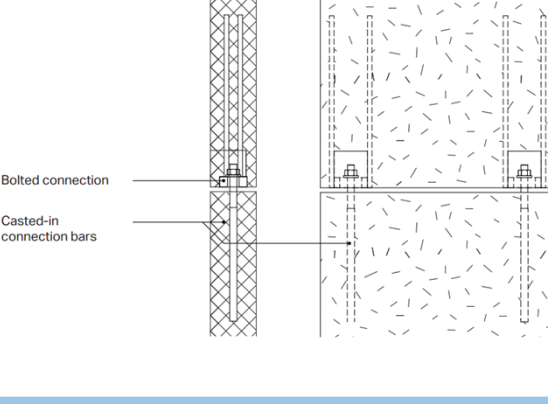
#### -Timber:



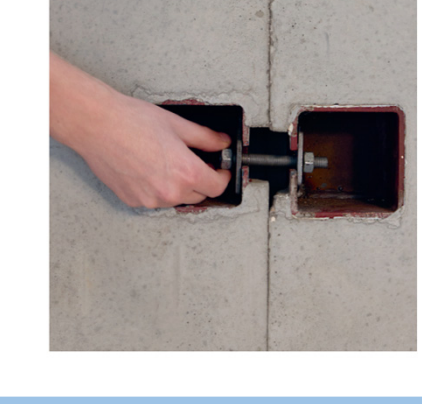
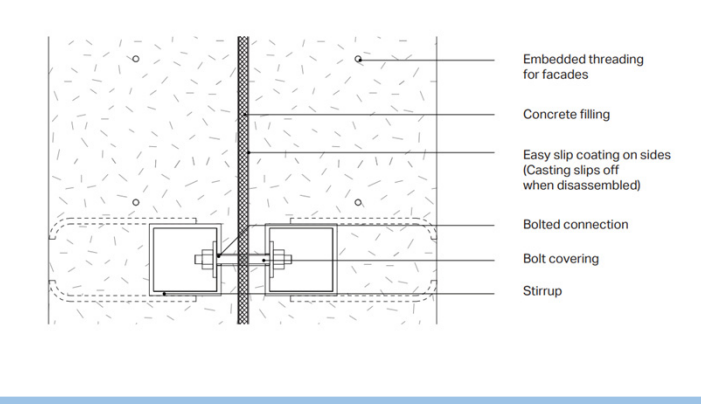
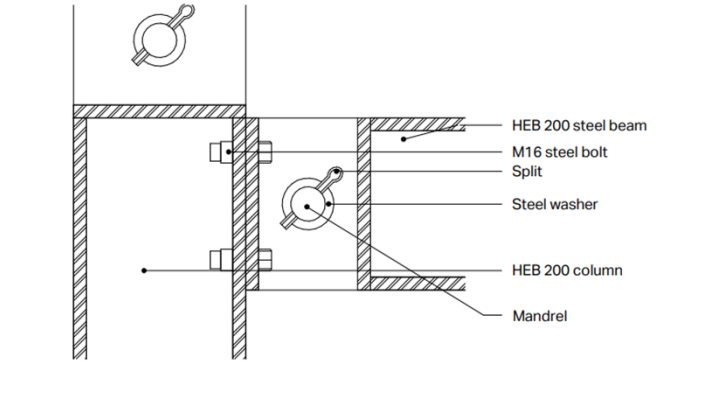
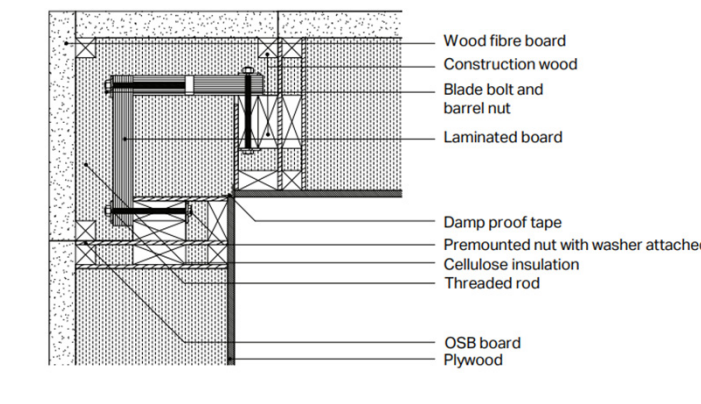
#### -Steel:



#### -Concrete:



### Solutions:

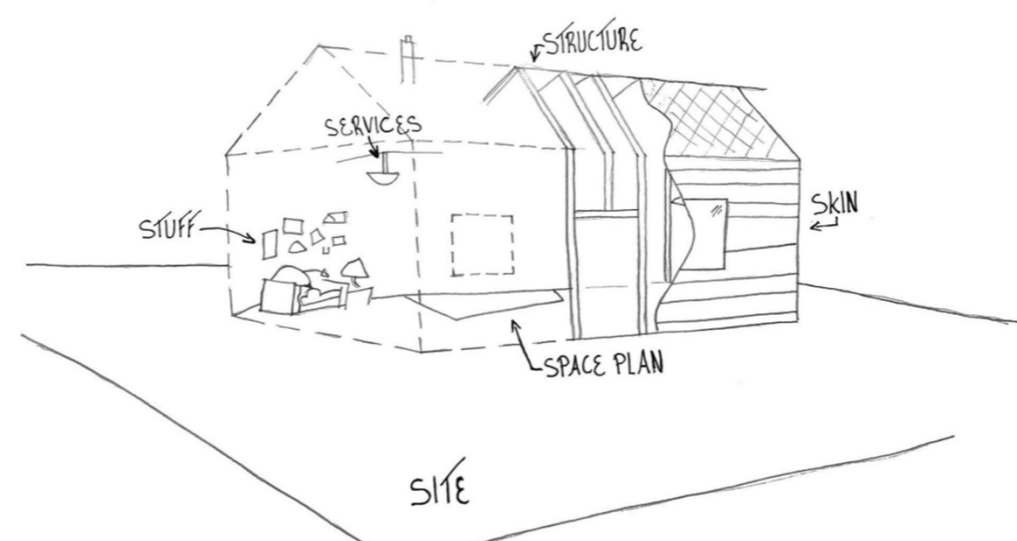
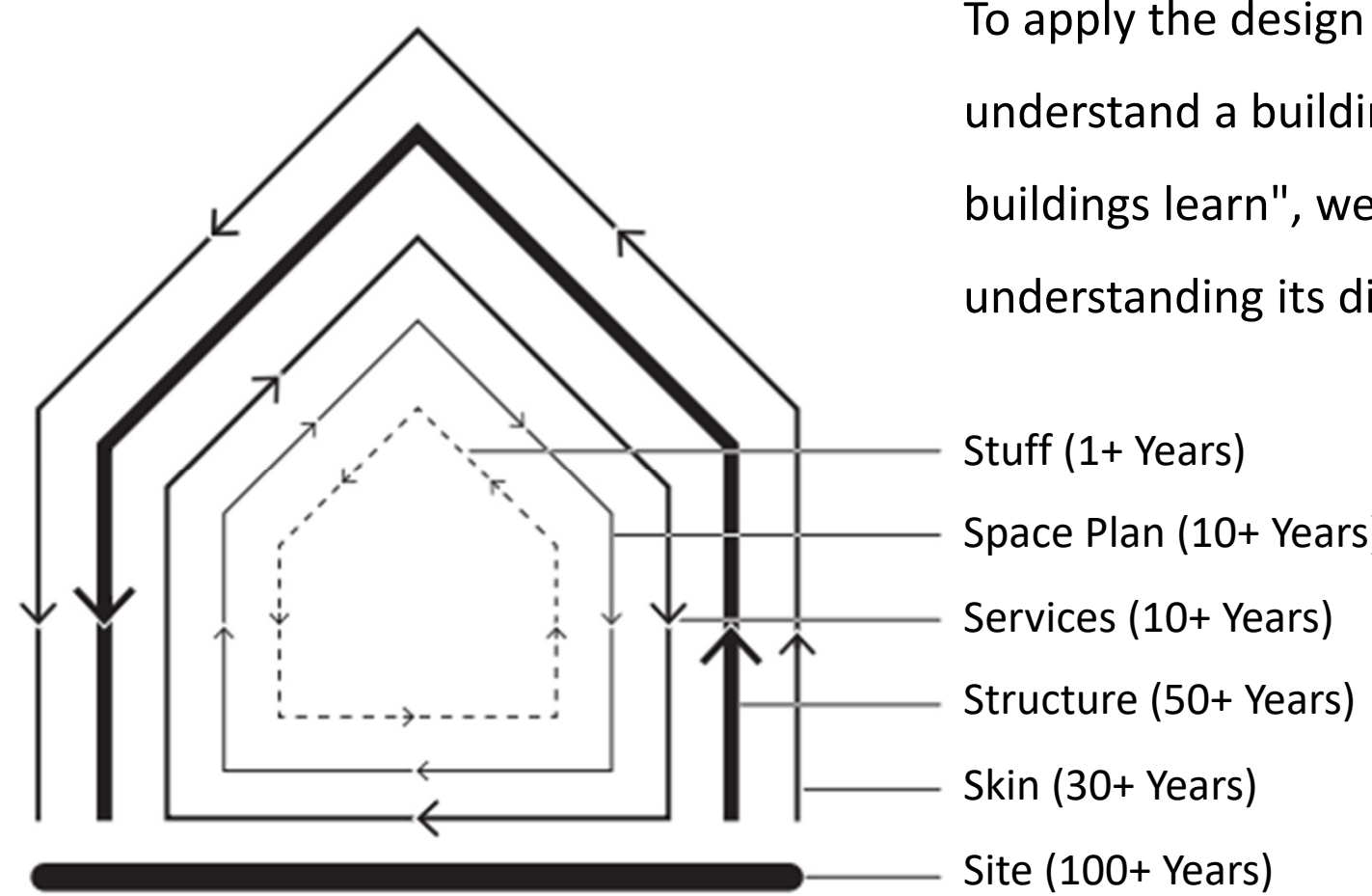




## Understanding The Buildings Life

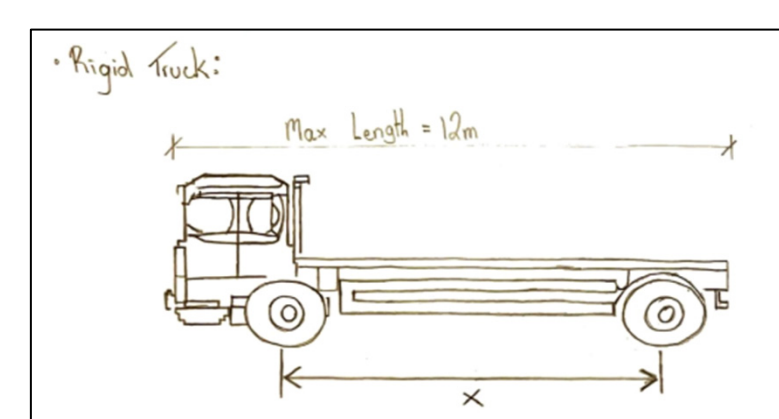
### Brand's Six S's

To apply the design for disassembly strategy to practice, we must first understand a buildings life. According to Stewart Brand in his book "How buildings learn", we can capture the essence of a building construction by understanding its different layers.



The theory of time-related building layers enables the division of a building's systems and parts into units with comparable life spans. The production of un-needed waste will be decreased as a result of effective replacements or upgrades by arranging for simple access and making materials or components with the shortest projected life cycle more accessible than longer ones

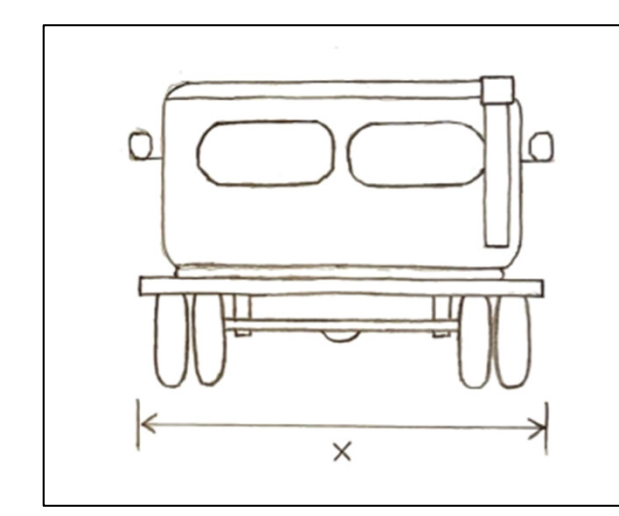
## Transportation Limits



Max side overhang of 300mm each side of extreme projecting points on trailer / vehicle  
Overall width including load may not exceed 2.9m

Axle Spacing (X):  
Less than 3m  
More than 3m

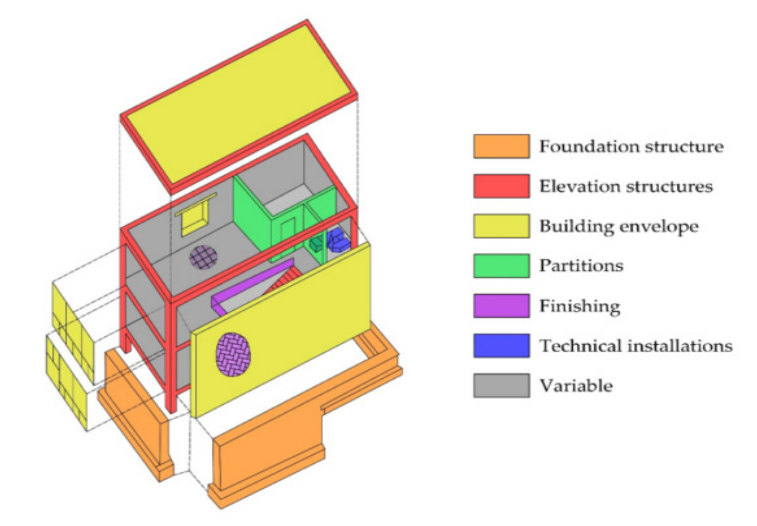
Max Weight:  
16 Tonnes  
18 Tonnes



Max width: 2.55m

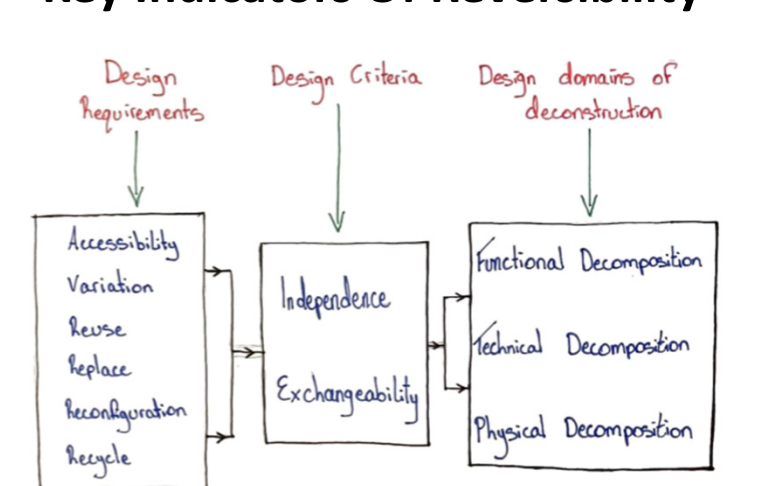
Max rear overhang of 3m. If this overhang is more than 1m, a warning device must be carried at the rear of the load.

Max Tonnes per meter (X):  
5.5 Tonnes



**Key Benefits of Deconstruction**  
- Value Creation  
- Value Preservation  
- Job Growth  
- Material Saving  
- Co2 Reduction

### Key Indicators Of Reversibility



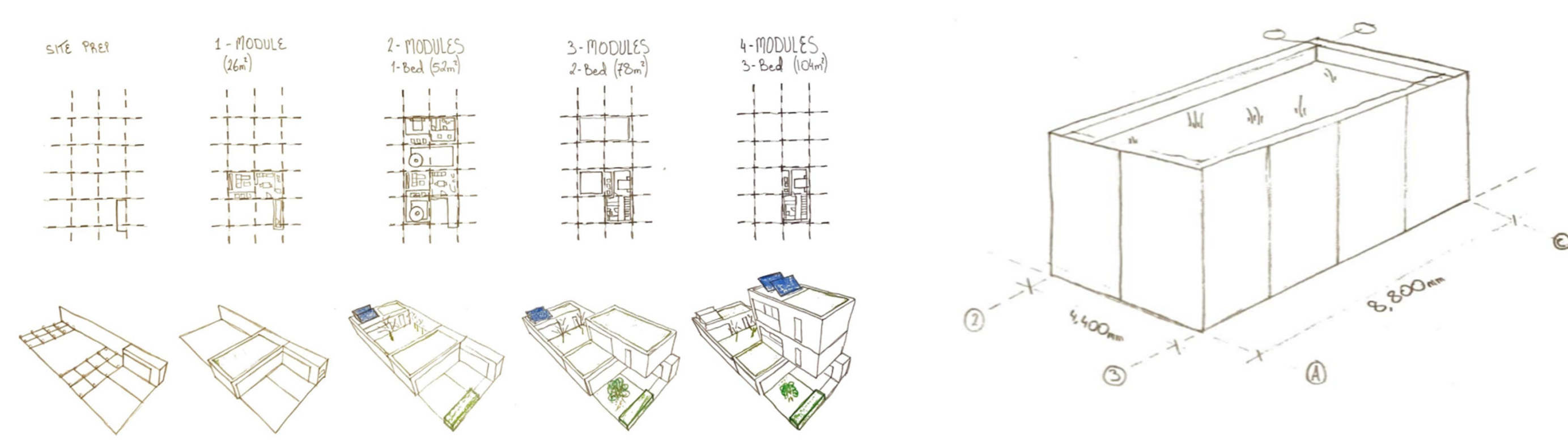
## Case Study – Eco Cube

Modular homes are composed of modules that are assembled in a factory and delivered to the homestein in one or more trips.

The benefit of constructing modular home components in a factory is the controlled environment.



### Eco Cube Plans:

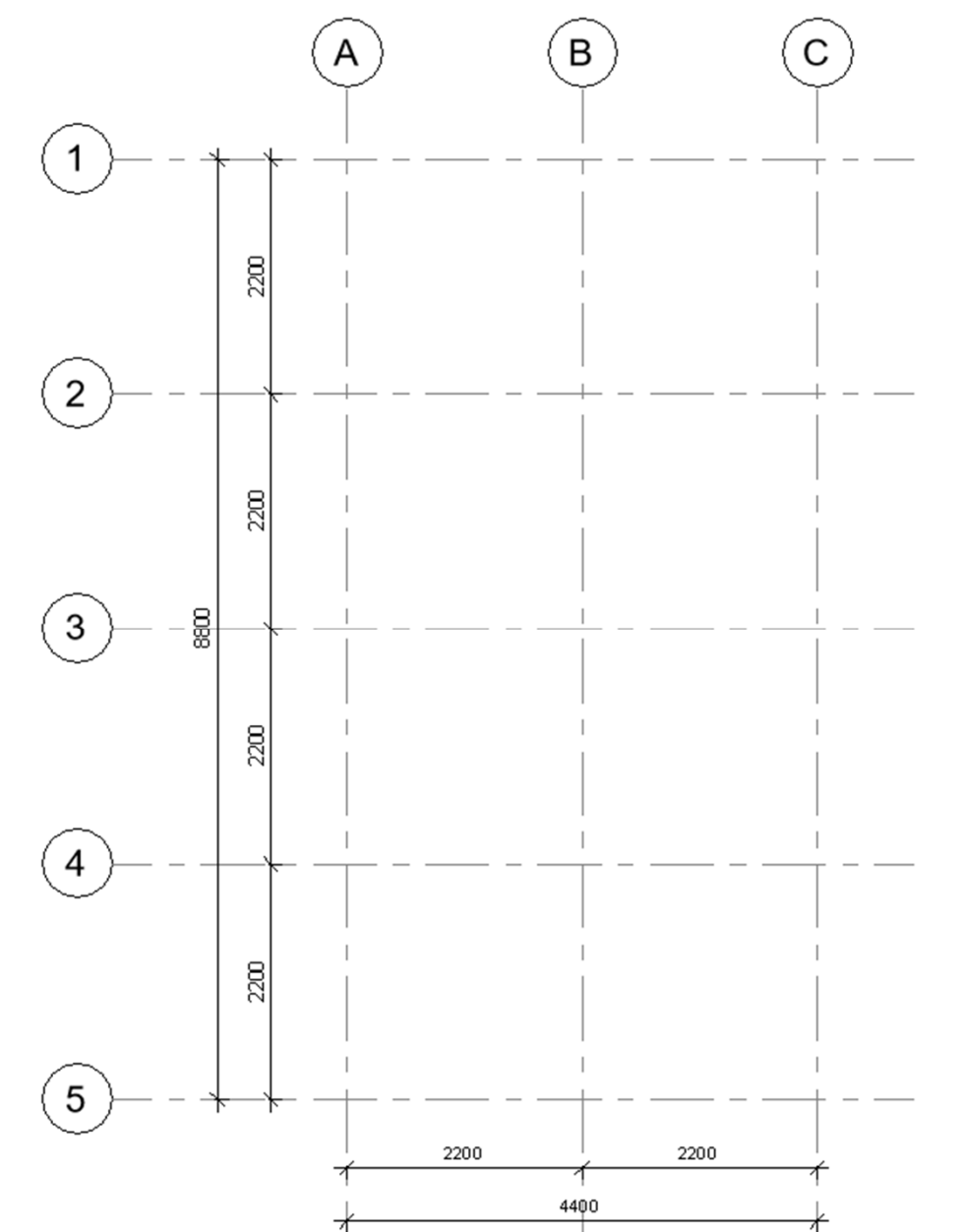


The Eco Cube is a simple rectangular modular construction which sits on an easily laid out grid of 8,800 x 4,400mm. It's a timber frame construction which is prefabricated in a factory. The Eco cube will be used as a case study to test if it can be constructed using DFD.

The grid system is essential in deploying DFD as accurate construction is necessary. The grid system is the foundation of any DFD design. The grid system also determines the organization of the buildings and an easier to work with grid systems allows for a multitude of layout possibilities.

As the Eco cube can be stacked, it can be adapted easily to the users needs, making it a perfect case study for an emergency accommodation. Each panel will be 2,200mm wide. Using this 2,200mm dimension allows for full versatility meaning any panel can be placed anywhere.

Wall = 12 Panels. Floor = 4 Panels. Roof = 4 Panels



## Applying DFD

DFD can be applied to any type of product in every scale with any level of complexity. Examples range from materials used in electronic devices, furniture, buildings or even complex engineering vehicles such as Formula 1 cars.

The logistics of transporting the equipment of 10 teams to 20 races across 5 continents in a season of 9 months requires extreme fidelity and precision. These teams prove every year that the principals of DFD are possible although be it at a smaller scale than a building.

During the design process its important to have in mind the maximum size each material can be while being transported.



## Foundation Types

Name	Advantages	Disadvantages
<b>Screw in Piles</b>	- Reversible & Reusable - Can be used in any soil type - Long lasting (75-year lifespan)	- Not usable on concrete - Torque limitation - Possibility of metal Corrosion
<b>JackPad</b>	- Reversible & Reusable - Manufactured from recycled materials - Reduces installation time	- Not suited for soft soil - Possibility of uneven settlement - Susceptible to damage from earths movement
<b>Concrete Raft</b>	- Shallow, less excavation - Suited to soil with low bearing capacity - Structure load distributed over larger area	- Non-reversible & reusable - Large amounts of reinforcement needed - Prone to edge corrosion

	Materials	Service Lifetime	Standards	Connections	Deconstruction	Total / 25
Steel Screw in Piles	3	5	5	5	5	23 A
Jackpads	5	5	5	3	3	21 A
Concrete Raft	1	1	1	1	1	5 D

5 = Good 3 = Average 1 = Poor

The foundation is the lowest part of a building structure that is directly in contact with the ground and safely transfers loads from the structure to the ground. Selecting the correct foundation type for this case study is the first and arguably the most important step during the design process. The foundation is the base of the structure, and it ties the building together.

## Structure Types

Name	Advantages	Disadvantages
<b>Timber Stud</b>	- Stronger than metal stud - Low embodied carbon - Easily Recyclable & Reusable	- Potential to rot when exposed to water - Low Horizontal strength - Sound travels more easily
<b>CLT</b>	- Strong lightweight material - Reusable - Light mass = good acoustic performance	- Potential moisture damage - Few CLT manufactures – High cost - Restrictions on building heights
<b>SIP</b>	- Exceptional Insulation - Fast build time (easy connections) - Foam less prone to pest infection	- Reusable although non reusable - Require extra ventilation - Low lifetime
<b>Steel</b>	- Flexibility & Adaptability - Lightweight & Strong - Easily Reusable	- High maintenance costs - High fireproofing costs - Low thermal conductivity
<b>Concrete</b>	- Immense strength & Durability - Easily molded - Temperature resistant	- Expensive - Weak tensile strength - Low strength to weight ratio

	Materials	Service Lifetime	Standards	Connections	Deconstruction	Total / 25
Mineral Wool	5	5	5	3	3	21 A
Fiberglass	5	5	5	3	3	21 A
Rigid Foam	3	5	5	5	5	23 A
Cellulose	5	5	5	3	3	21 A
SIP	1	3	3	5	1	13 C
Spray Foam	1	1	1	3	1	7 D

5 = Good 3 = Average 1 = Poor Density High/Low

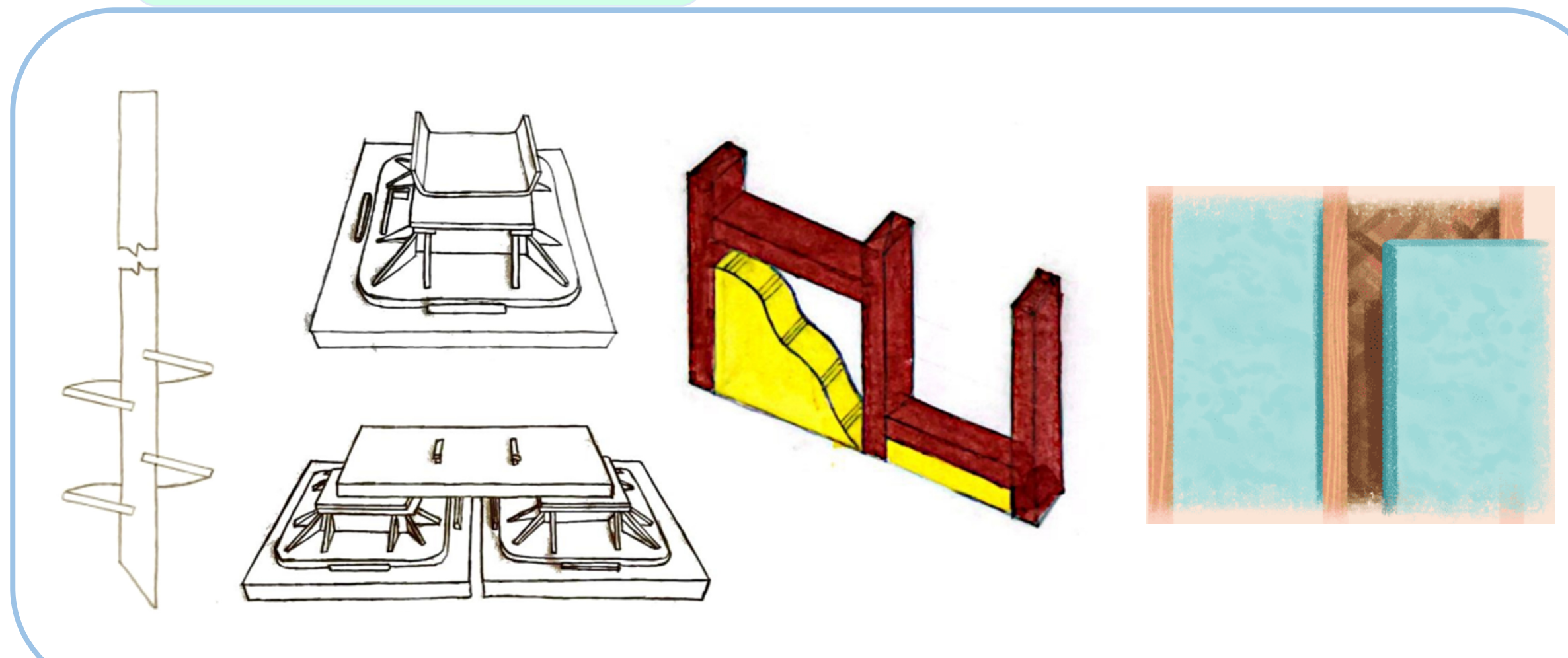
A structure is a physical construction built on land for a specific purpose. It is the first and most important stage of any building construction, following the foundation. The structure is the main body of the building, it's the main construction which holds the load and feeds it to the foundation. The structure of a building must comply with DFD principles, therefore the material selected for the structure must be easily reusable, reversible and suit the purpose of the building.

## Insulation Types

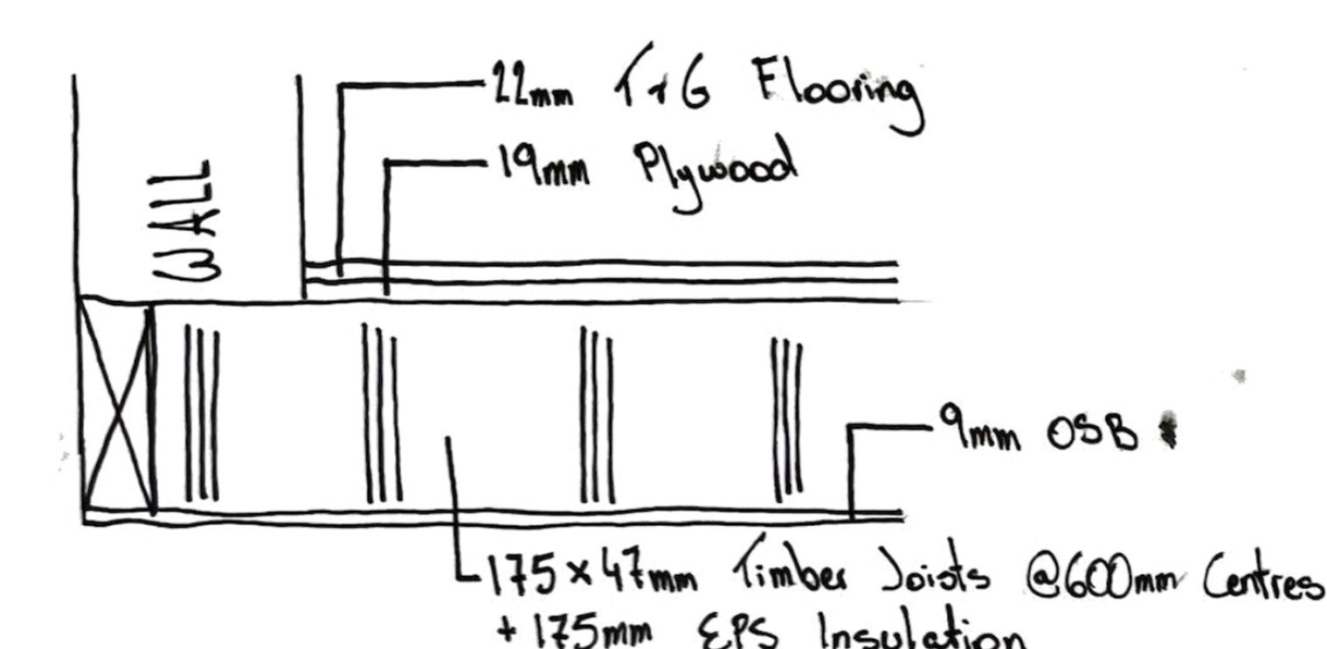
Name	Advantages	Disadvantages
<b>Mineral Wool</b>	- Hydrophobic, won't absorb water - High sound proofing properties. - Fully recyclable	- Health risk during installation - Not biodegradable - Costly, extensive manufacturing process
<b>Fiberglass</b>	- Flexibility (pre-cut/rolls/loose-fill) - Made from recycled materials - High sound proofing properties	- Moisture absorbent - Possibility of mould growth due to moisture - Can deteriorate, sag or settle
<b>Rigid Foam</b>	- Can come moisture resistant - Durable - Lightweight	- Difficult to tight fit at edges - Taped at joints to prevent airflow - Not fire resistant
<b>Cellulose</b>	- Fire resistant - Mould resistant - Great pest control	- Prone to sagging and settling - Moisture absorbent - Health risk during installation
<b>SIP</b>	- Lightweight - Flexible design - Pest resistant	- Prone to moisture damage - Limited durability - Requires additional ventilation
<b>Spray Foam</b>	- Expensive installation - Prevents air + moisture infiltration - Expands to all cracks/corners	- Non reusable - Too airtight - Hidden termite damage

Building insulation is a material used in buildings to reduce thermal energy flow. When choosing from possible insulation types, DFD requires the insulation to be durable, reusable, suitable for the building function and have a long lifespan.

## Selected Materials



## System 1 - Floor



Step 01: Collect all the information. Bridged layer highlighted here in pink.

	Thickness (m)	Conductivity (W/mK)	R-Value
Internal Surface			0.170
TAG Flooring	0.022	0.160	0.138
Plywood	0.019	0.130	0.146
175mm Timber Joists	0.175	0.130	1.346
175mm EPS Insulation between Joists	0.175	0.021	8.333
OSB	0.009	0.130	0.069
Insulation over Joists	0.000	0.022	0.000
External Resistance			0.040
Resistance (R1)			8.496
Fractional Area (F1)		0.900	

Step 02: Calculate the Upper Resistance

Resistance 1: through section containing layers of insulation.

	Thickness (m)	Conductivity (W/mK)	R-Value
Internal Surface			0.170
TAG Flooring	0.022	0.160	0.138
Plywood	0.019	0.130	0.146
175mm Timber Joists	0.175	0.130	1.346
175mm EPS Insulation between Joists	0.175	0.021	8.333
OSB	0.009	0.130	0.069
Insulation over Joists	0.000	0.022	0.000
External Resistance			0.040
Resistance (R2)			1.909
Fractional Area (F2)		0.100	

F1 and F2 are the fractional areas of flow paths 1 and 2. If you take 1 metre you will have two 44 joints in that space. Ratio is 88mm timber : 912mm insulation which is a ratio of 0.09 : 0.91 or 9% timber and 91% insulation

Total Upper Resistance (Ru) = 1/(F1/R1 + F2/R2) = 7.325 m2K/W

Step 03: Calculate the Lower Resistance

Total Lower Resistance (Rl)

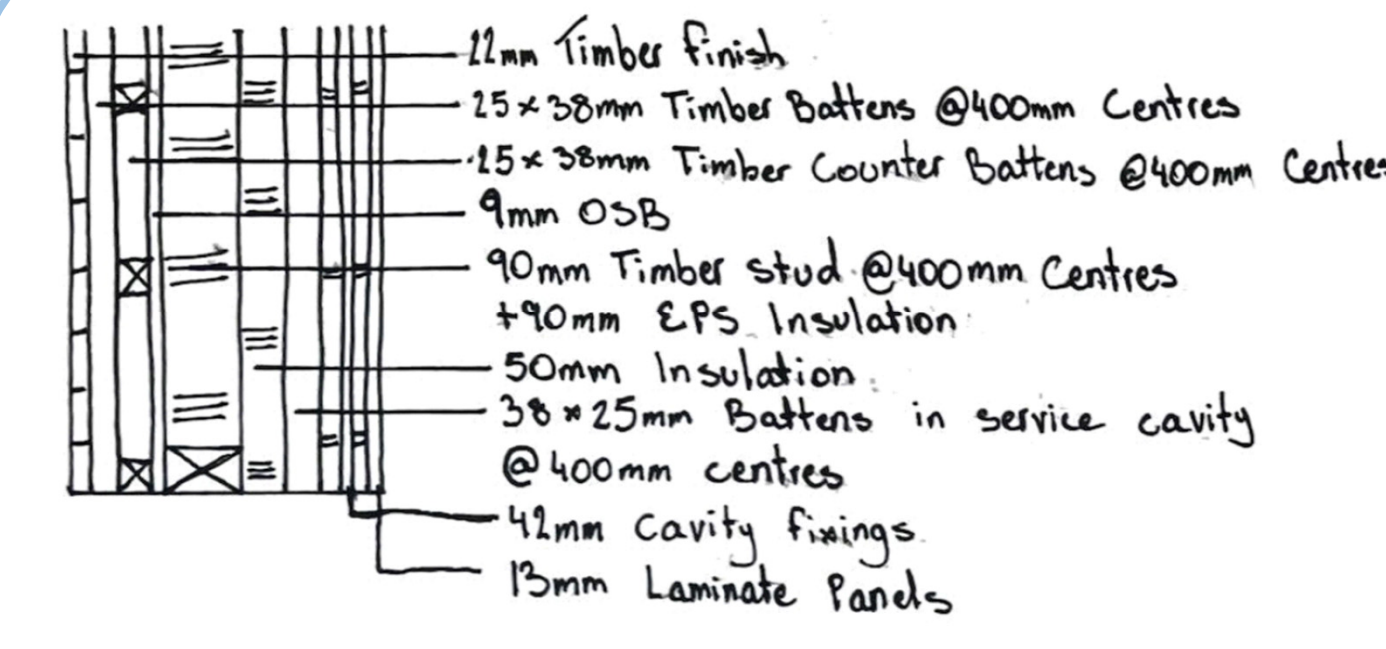
	Thickness (m)	Conductivity (W/mK)	R-Value
Internal Surface			0.170
TAG Flooring	0.022	0.160	0.138
Plywood	0.019	0.130	0.146
Bridged Layer	5.486	0.069	0.050
Insulation over Joists	0.000	0.022	0.000
External Resistance			0.040
Total Lower Resistance			6.049 m2K/W

Step 04: Calculate Total Resistance and U-Value

Rt = (Ru + Rl) / 2 = 6.281 m2K/W

U-Value 1/Rt = 0.16 W/m2K

## System 2 – Wall



Step 01: Collect all the information. Bridged layer highlighted here in pink.

	Thickness (m)	Conductivity (W/mK)	R-Value
Internal Surface			0.130
13mm Laminate panel	0.013	0.130	0.100
42mm Cavity with fixings	0.042	0.130	0.180
service cavity	0.038	0.130	0.180
EPS Insulation between Joists	0.090	0.021	4.286
EPS Insulation between studs	0.090	0.021	4.286
EPS	0.050	0.021	2.381
9mm OSB	0.009	0.130	0.069
25mm Battens Cavity	0.025	0.130	0.192
25mm Battens	0.025	0.130	0.192
22mm Timber Finish	0.022	0.130	0.169
External Resistance			0.040
Resistance (R1)			7.895
Fractional Area (F1)		0.900	

Step 02: Calculate the Upper Resistance

Resistance 1: through section containing layers of insulation and air cavity

	Thickness (m)	Conductivity (W/mK)	R-Value
Internal Surface			0.130
13mm Laminate panel	0.013	0.130	0.100
42mm Cavity with fixings	0.042	0.130	0.180
service cavity	0.038	0.130	0.180
EPS Insulation between Joists	0.090	0.021	4.286
EPS Insulation between studs	0.090	0.021	4.286
EPS	0.050	0.021	2.381
9mm OSB	0.009	0.130	0.069
25mm Battens Cavity	0.025	0.130	0.192
25mm Battens	0.025	0.130	0.192
22mm Timber Finish	0.022	0.130	0.169
External Resistance			0.040
Resistance (R1)			7.895
Fractional Area (F1)		0.900	

Total Upper Resistance (Ru) = 1/(F1/R1 + F2/R2) = 7.325 m2K/W

Step 03: Calculate the Lower Resistance

Total Lower Resistance (Rl)

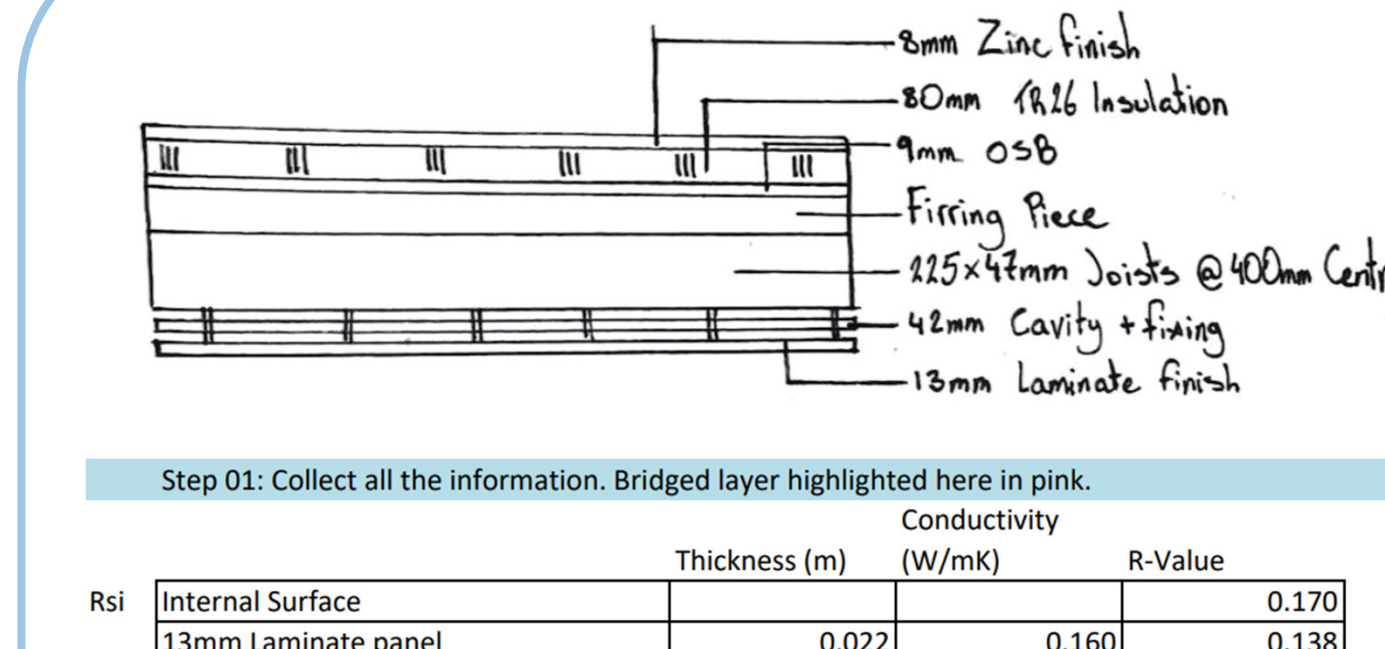
	Thickness (m)	Conductivity (W/mK)	R-Value
Internal Surface			0.130
13mm Laminate panel	0.013	0.130	0.100
42mm Cavity with fixings	0.042	0.130	0.180
batten	0.292	0.130	0.225
Timber studs	0.090	0.021	4.286
EPS	2.381	0.069	0.069
9mm OSB	0.009	0.130	0.069
25mm Battens Cavity	0.025	0.130	0.192
25mm Battens	0.025	0.130	0.192
22mm Timber Finish	0.022	0.130	0.169
External Resistance			0.040
Resistance (R2)			4.439
Fractional Area (F2)		0.100	

Step 04: Calculate Total Resistance and U-Value

Rt = (Ru + Rl) / 2 = 6.792 m2K/W

U-Value 1/Rt = 0.15 W/m2K

## System 3 - Roof



Step 01: Collect all the information. Bridged layer highlighted here in pink.

	Thickness (m)	Conductivity (W/mK)	R-Value
Internal Surface			0.170
13mm Laminate panel	0.022	0.160	0.138
42mm Cavity with fixings	0.042	0.150	0.213
150mm Timber Joists	0.225	0.130	1.731
150mm EPS Insulation between joists	0.090	0.021	0.000
Furring Piece	0.065	0.130	0.500
9mm OSB	0.009	0.130	0.069
150mm Mineral Wool Insulation over Joists	0.120	0.022	5.455
8mm Zinc	0.008	60.000	0.000
Roof Space			0.000
External Resistance			0.040
Resistance (R1)			6.558
Fractional Area (F1)		0.900	

Step 02: Calculate the Upper Resistance

Resistance 1: through section containing layers of insulation.

	Thickness (m)	Conductivity (W/mK)	R-Value
Internal Surface			0.170
13mm Laminate panel	0.022	0.160	0.138
42mm Cavity with fixings	0.042	0.150	0.213
150mm EPS Insulation between joists	0.090	0.021	0.180
Air Cavity between joists	0.225	0.130	0.180
Furring Piece	0.065	0.130	0.180
9mm OSB	0.009	0.130	0.069
150mm Mineral Wool Insulation over Joists	0.120	0.022	5.455
8mm Zinc	0.008	60.000	0.000
Roof Space			0.000
External Resistance			0.040
Resistance (R1)			6.558
Fractional Area (F1)		0.900	

Total Upper Resistance (Ru) = 1/(F1/R1 + F2/R2) = 6.895 m2K/W

Step 03: Calculate the Lower Resistance

Total Lower Resistance (Rl)

	Thickness (m)	Conductivity (W/mK)	R-Value
Internal Surface			0.170
13mm Laminate panel	0.022	0.160	0.138
42mm Cavity with fixings	0.042	0.150	0.213
Bridged Layer	0.500	0.130	1.250
Furring Piece	0.065	0.130	0.500
9mm OSB	0.009	0.130	0.069
150mm Mineral Wool Insulation over Joists	0.120	0.022	5.455
8mm Zinc	0.008	60.000	0.000
Roof Space			0.000
External Resistance			0.040
Total Lower Resistance			6.715 m2K/W

Step 04: Calculate Total Resistance and U-Value

Rt = (Ru + Rl) / 2 = 6.705 m2K/W

U-Value 1/Rt = 0.15 W/m2K

## TGD Part-L

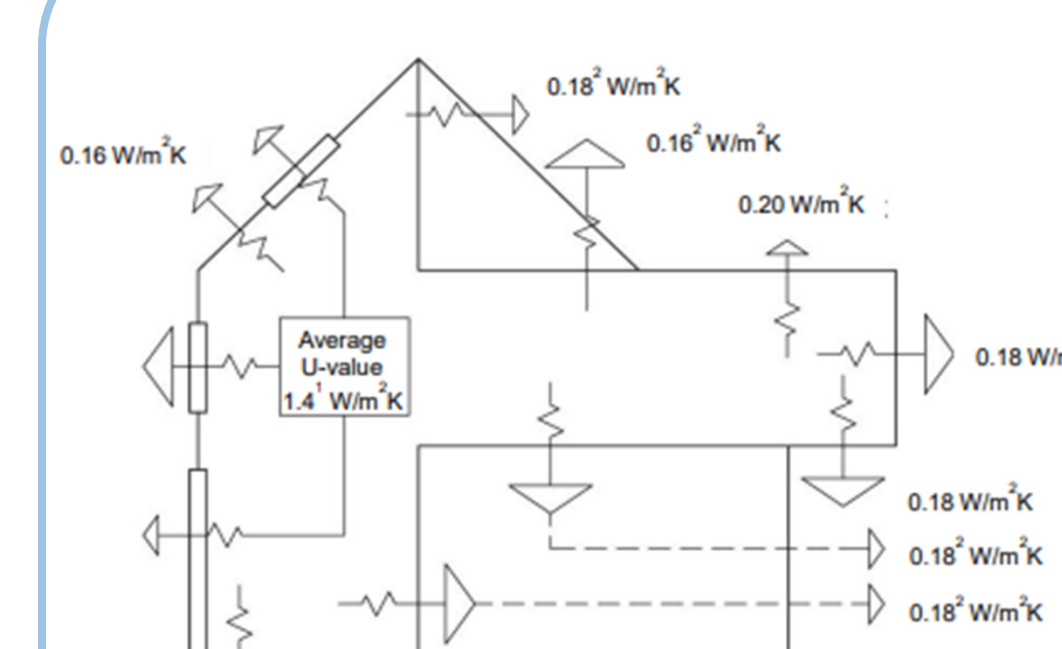
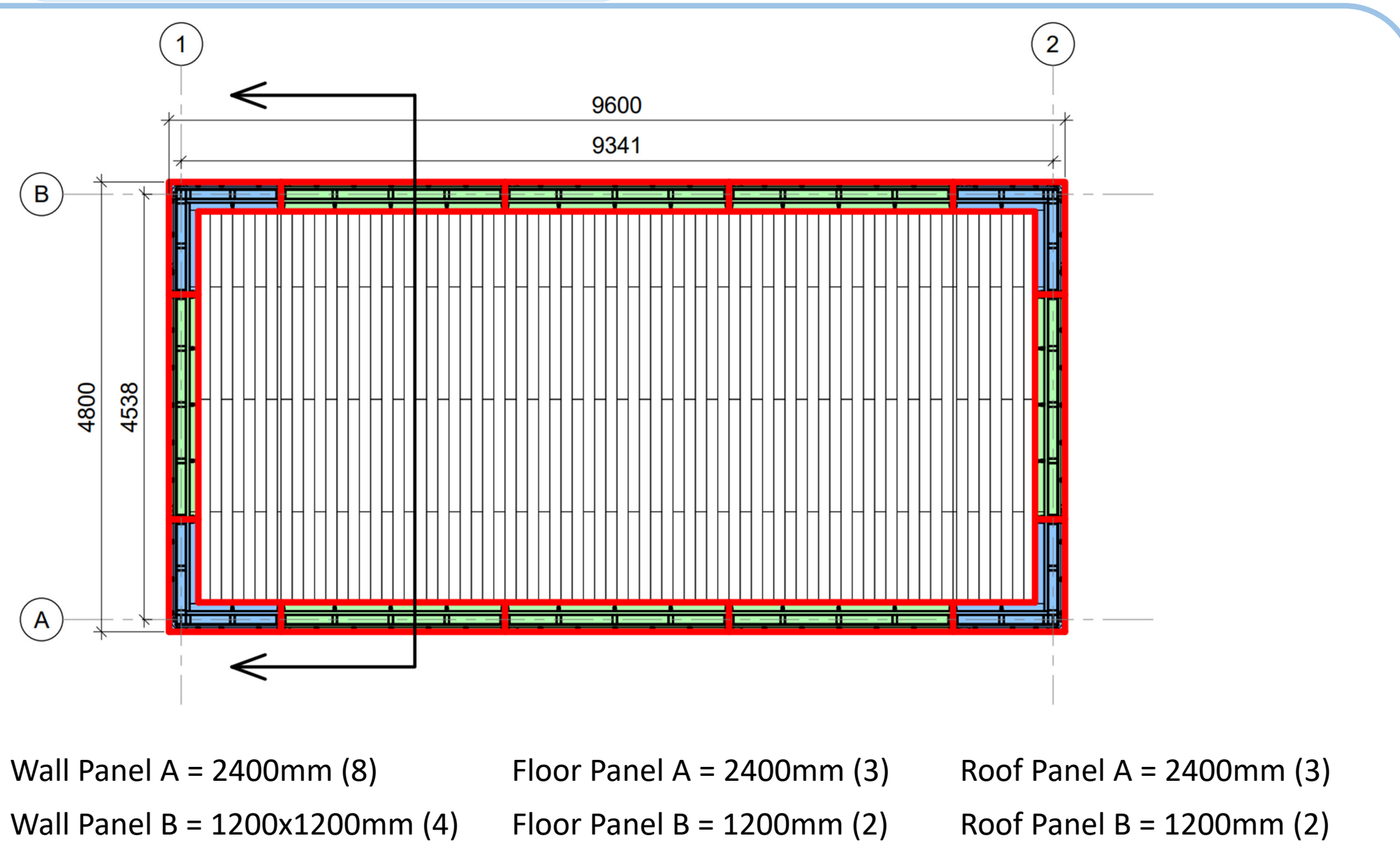


Table 1 Maximum elemental U-Value (W/m2K)²

Column 1 Fabric Elements	Column 2 Area-weighted Average Elemental U-value (U-value - individual element or section of element)	Column 3 Average Elemental U-value - individual element or section of element
Pitched roof	0.16	
Insulation at ceiling	0.16	0.3
Insulation on slope	0.16	
Flat roof	0.20	
Walls	0.18	0.6
Ground floors²	0.18	0.6
Other exposed floors	0.18	0.6
External doors, windows and rooflights	1.4¹	



## Panel System



## Detail Rubric System

### Accessibility

- Access time
- Components
- Ease of access

5 = Good

A = 20-25

B = 15-19

C = 10-14

D = 5-9

### Reusability

- Material
- Quality
- Deconstruction

3 = Average

3 = Average

1 = Poor

1 = Poor

1 = Poor

### Strength

- Material
- Flexibility
- Connection

Total / 25

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### Durability

- Material
- Mechanical
- Reusability

Total / 25

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### Simplicity

- Amount of parts
- Prefabrication
- Strategy

Total / 25

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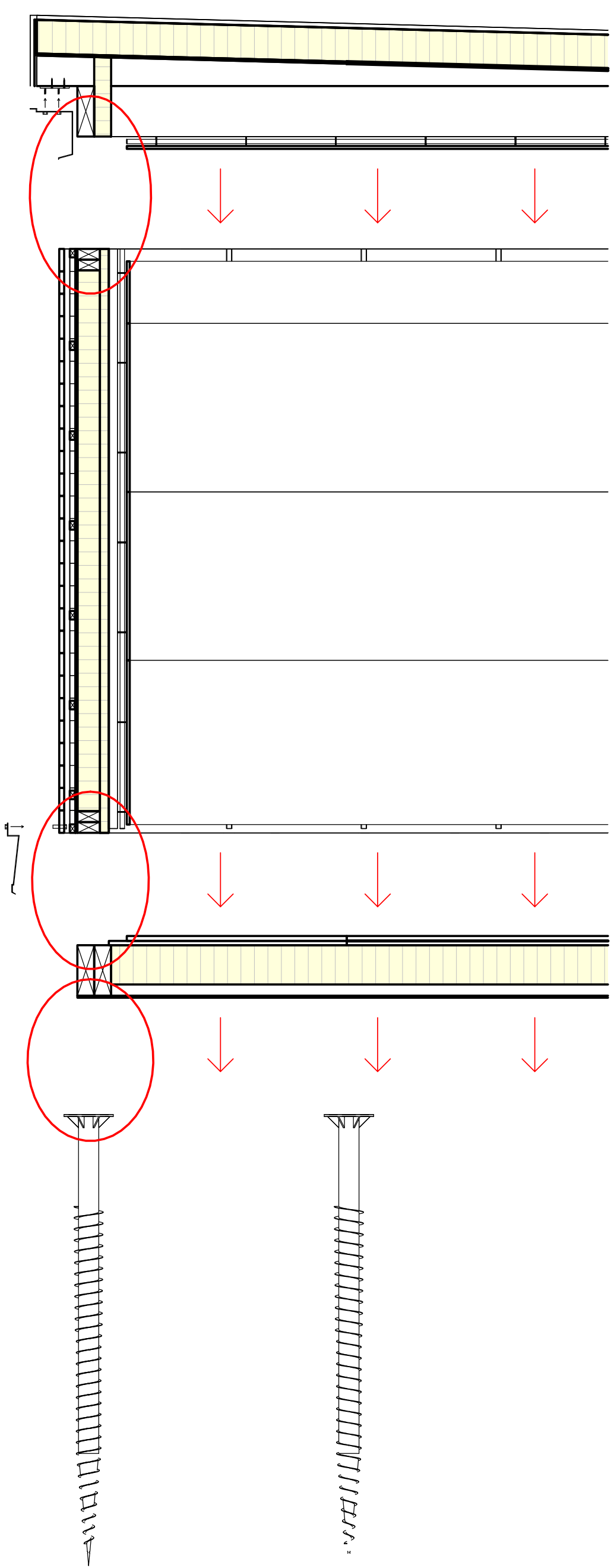
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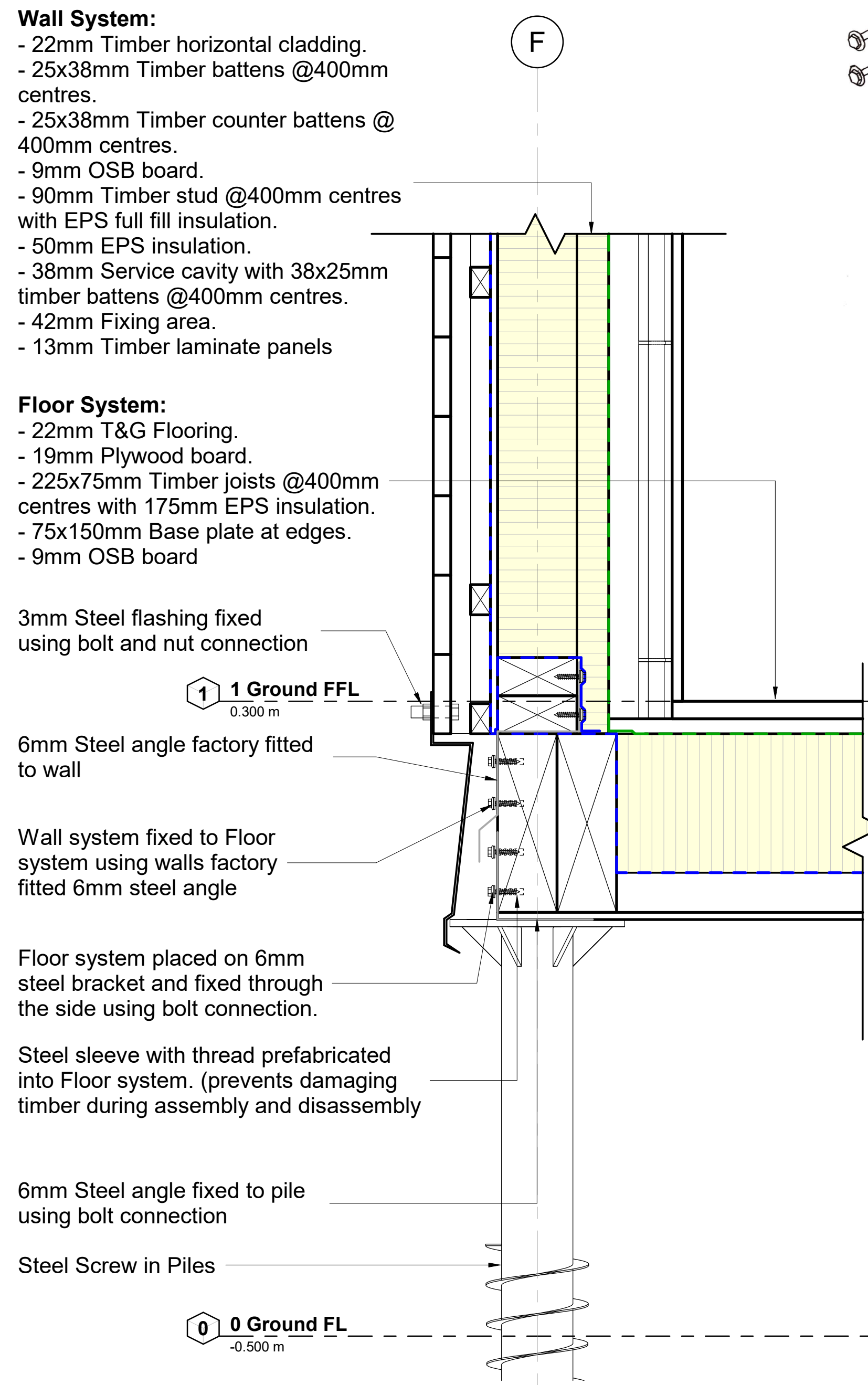
**Legend:**  
Breather Membrane (BM) ———  
Vapour Control Layer (VCL) ———  
Roofing membrane (EPDM) ———

## System Placement

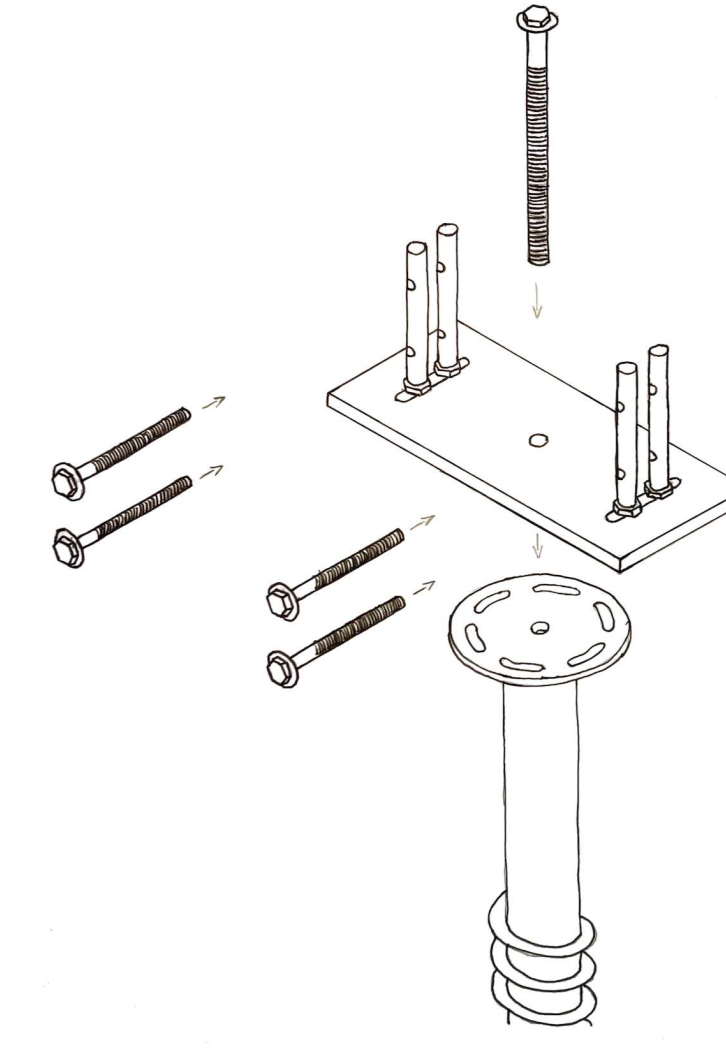


1.20 Section Exploded  
1 : 20

## 1.5 junction Details



1.5 Wall - Floor Junction 1  
1 : 5



Steel threaded rods prefabricated in wall system. Wall + Rods fixed to Floor below using nuts.

Bolt and nut connection used to keep steel rod in place. (Factory fitted)

3mm Steel flashing fixed using bolt and nut connection

BM Tapped at Rod

Bolt and nut connection through steel rods used to keep Wall and Floor in place. (Accessible on site)

20mm Steel Plate fixed to pile using threaded bolt connection

Steel threaded rods Factory fitted in floor system. Floor + Rods fixed to Steel plate below using nuts

**Wall System:**  
- 22mm Timber horizontal cladding.  
- 25x38mm Timber battens @400mm centres.  
- 25x38mm Timber counter battens @ 400mm centres.  
- 9mm OSB board.  
- 90mm Timber stud @400mm centres with EPS full fill insulation.  
- 50mm EPS insulation.  
- 38mm Service cavity with 38x25mm timber battens @400mm centres.  
- 42mm Fixing area.  
- 13mm Timber laminate panels

**Floor System:**  
- 22mm T&G Flooring.  
- 19mm Plywood board.  
- 225x75mm Timber joists @400mm centres with 175mm EPS insulation.  
- 75x150mm Base plate at edges.  
- 9mm OSB board

1.5 Wall - Floor Junction 2  
1 : 5

	Accessibility	Reusability	Strength	Durability	Simplicity	Total / 25
Detail	5	3	3	3	5	19 B

5 = Good 3 = Average 1 = Poor

	Accessibility	Reusability	Strength	Durability	Simplicity	Total / 25
Detail	5	5	5	3	5	23 A

5 = Good 3 = Average 1 = Poor

**Roof System:**  
- 8mm Zinc finish.  
- 80mm TR26 Insulation.  
- 9mm OSB board.  
- Timber Furring piece.  
- 225x47mm Joists @400mm centers.  
- 42mm Fixing area.  
- 13mm Timber laminate panels

75mm Perimeter Insulation

3 Ridge Level  
3.400m

Steel sleeve with thread prefabricated into Roof system. (prevents damaging timber during assembly and disassembly)

4mm Steel plate factory fixed to furring piece using screws. Steel plate prefabricated with steel bolts underneath.

3mm Steel flashing (soft) fitted onsite using nuts and washers

6mm Steel angle factory fitted to wall

Roof system fixed to Wall system using walls factory fitted 6mm steel angle

**Wall System:**  
- 22mm Timber horizontal cladding.  
- 25x38mm Timber battens @400mm centres.  
- 25x38mm Timber counter battens @ 400mm centres.  
- 9mm OSB board.  
- 90mm Timber stud @400mm centres with EPS full fill insulation.  
- 50mm EPS insulation.  
- 38mm Service cavity with 38x25mm timber battens @400mm centres.  
- 42mm Fixing area.  
- 13mm Timber laminate panels

1.5 Wall - Roof Junction 1  
1 : 5

	Accessibility	Reusability	Strength	Durability	Simplicity	Total / 25
Detail	5	3	3	3	5	19 B

5 = Good 3 = Average 1 = Poor

**Roof System:**  
- 8mm Zinc finish.  
- 80mm TR26 Insulation.  
- 9mm OSB board.  
- Timber Furring piece.  
- 225x47mm Joists @400mm centers.  
- 42mm Fixing area.  
- 13mm Timber laminate panels

75mm Perimeter Insulation

Steel threaded rods prefabricated in wall system. Roof fixed to Wall + Rods fixed using nuts.

4mm Steel plate factory fixed to furring piece using screws. Steel plate prefabricated with steel bolts underneath.

3mm Steel flashing (soft) fitted onsite using nuts and washers

Bolt and nut connection through steel rod used to keep Roof in place. (Accessible on site)

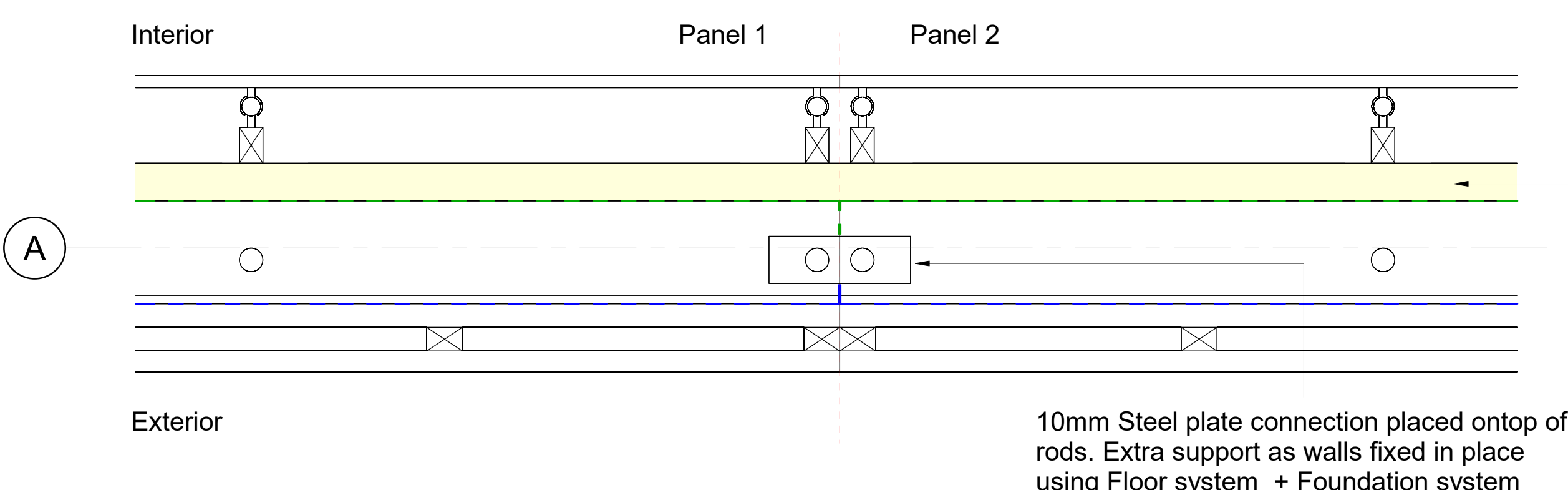
Bolt and nut connection used to keep steel rod in place. (Factory fitted)

**Wall System:**  
- 22mm Timber horizontal cladding.  
- 25x38mm Timber battens @400mm centres.  
- 25x38mm Timber counter battens @ 400mm centres.  
- 9mm OSB board.  
- 90mm Timber stud @400mm centres with EPS full fill insulation.  
- 50mm EPS insulation.  
- 38mm Service cavity with 38x25mm timber battens @400mm centres.  
- 42mm Fixing area.  
- 13mm Timber laminate panels

1.5 Wall - Roof Junction 2  
1 : 5

	Accessibility	Reusability	Strength	Durability	Simplicity	Total / 25
Detail	5	5	5	3	5	23 A

5 = Good 3 = Average 1 = Poor



Panel to panel connection  
1 : 5

**Wall System:**  
- 22mm Timber horizontal cladding.  
- 25x38mm Timber battens @400mm centres.  
- 25x38mm Timber counter battens @400mm centres.  
- 9mm OSB board.  
- 90mm Timber stud @400mm centres with EPS full fill insulation.  
- 50mm EPS insulation.  
- 38mm Service cavity with 38x25mm timber battens @400mm centres.  
- 42mm Fixing area.  
- 13mm Timber laminate panels

	Accessibility	Reusability	Strength	Durability	Simplicity	Total / 25
Detail	1	5	3	5	5	19 B

5 = Good 3 = Average 1 = Poor

## Conclusion

- In order to best select each system type, DFD principals must be investigated. These principals must be thoroughly analysed and used to compare system suitability for DFD. To best achieve this, a rubric system was created. The rubric created for the system types uses five main headings; **Materials, Service Lifetime, Standards, Connections and Deconstruction.**

- As the junctions and connections are a significant part of DFD, a second rubric system was needed to analyse DFD detail suitability. The second rubric system used different headings; **Accessibility, Reusability, Strength, Durability and Simplicity.**

- Although the rubric systems will provide a grade ranging from A to D in relation to DFD, it is also important to analyse the purpose of the given project, system or detail.

\*Rubric used as guidance

## Further Research

- Although the rubrics used provides guidance on suitability under each specific heading, it may be said the current rubric needs further research. Currently each rubric is measured out of twenty-five marks with each heading weighing five marks each. Although each heading is marked out of five, currently there is only three available point options; Good = 5 Average = 3 Poor = 1

In order to achieve a more decisive rubric, further research must be carried out on the principals for better definition of each. This will allow the rubric system to a bigger variety of points available such as 2 and 4.

- Further research into connection types

- Further research into system types available

\*Rubric system is graded using a comparison of materials around it, the more materials provided, the more in-depth each result will get.

## Panel Size

- 2400mm Panels were the optimum size panels as 2400mm is a standard construction size. This means that little to no waste was produced during the prefabrication stage.

- 1200mm panels were also a possibility as this size is half of 2400mm, meaning all components can be cut in half with still little to no waste. Although 1200mm panels have their advantages such as being more lightweight and versatile, they also come with their own disadvantages. As they are half the size, this means there will be double the panels and as DFD is about efficient and fast assembly and disassembly, a lower amount of construction panels was the selected option.