



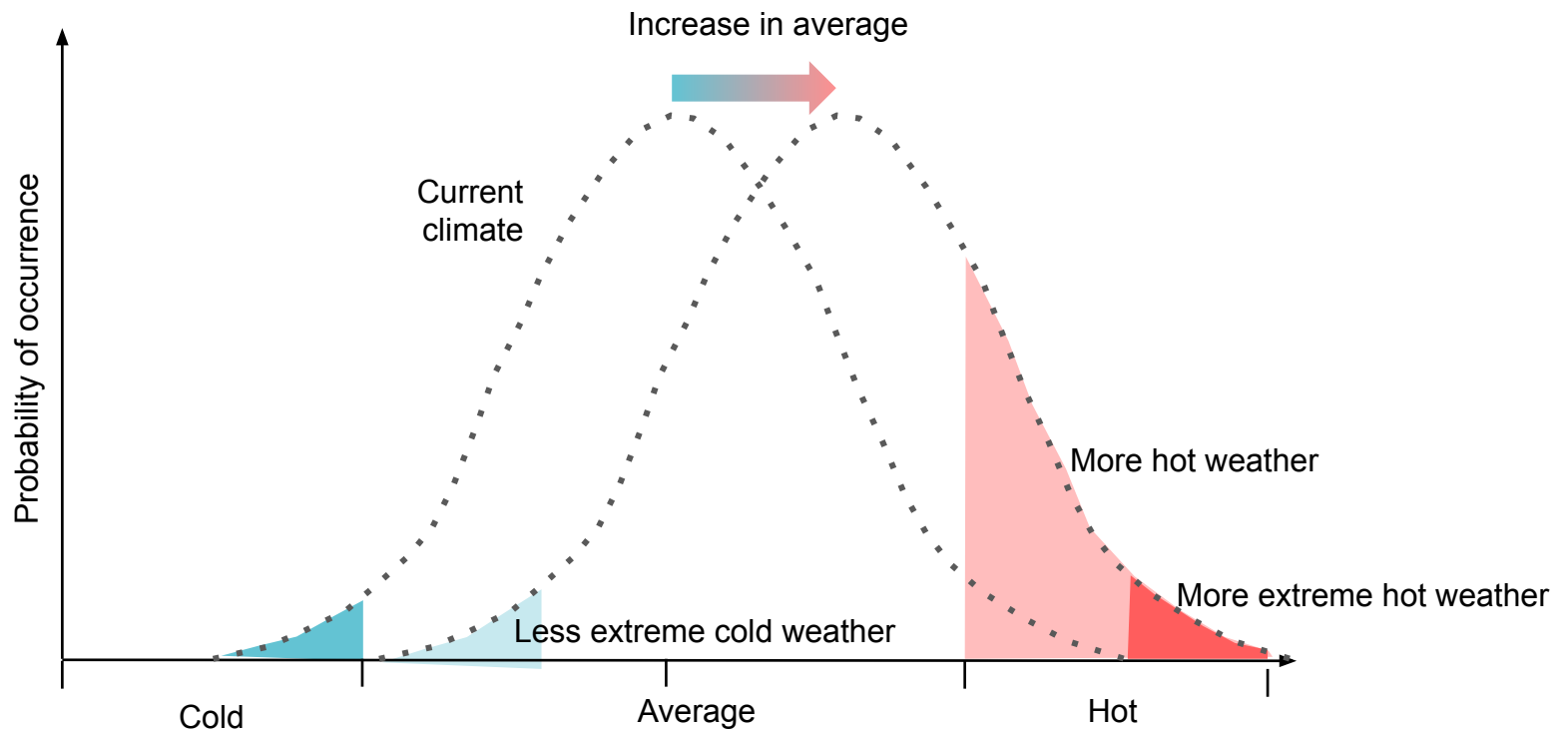
Resiliency in the Built Environment

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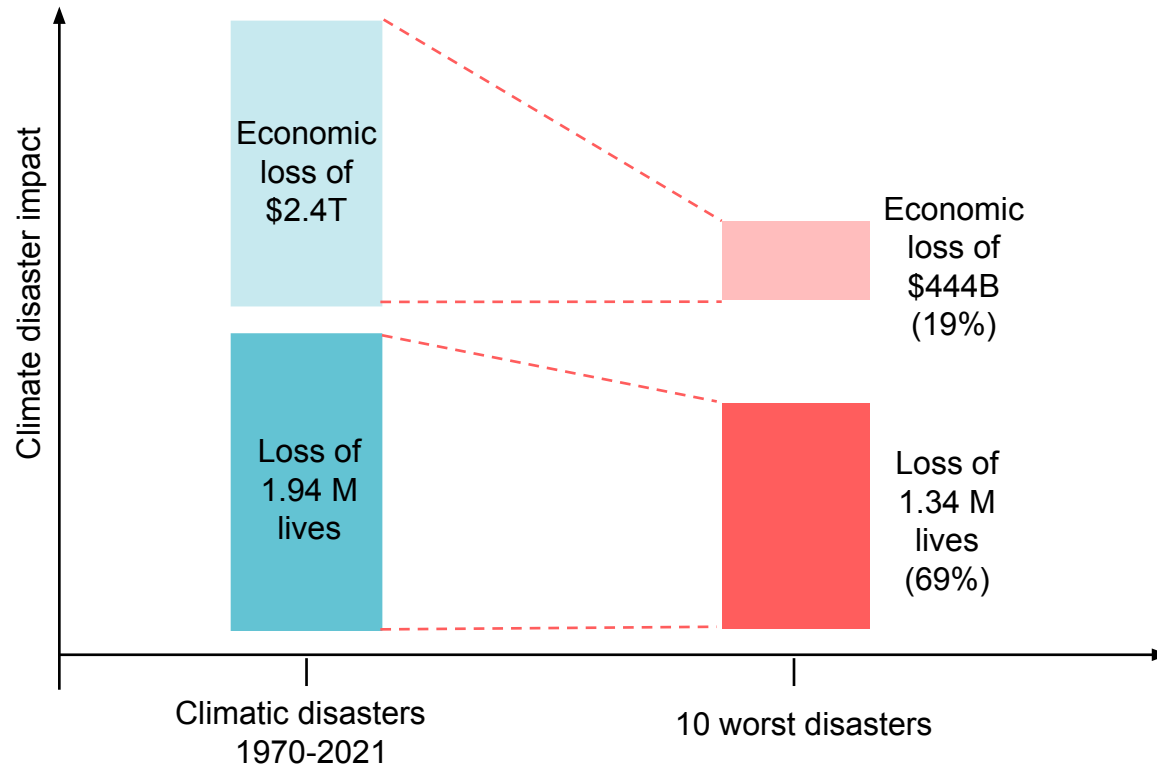
Climate Changes



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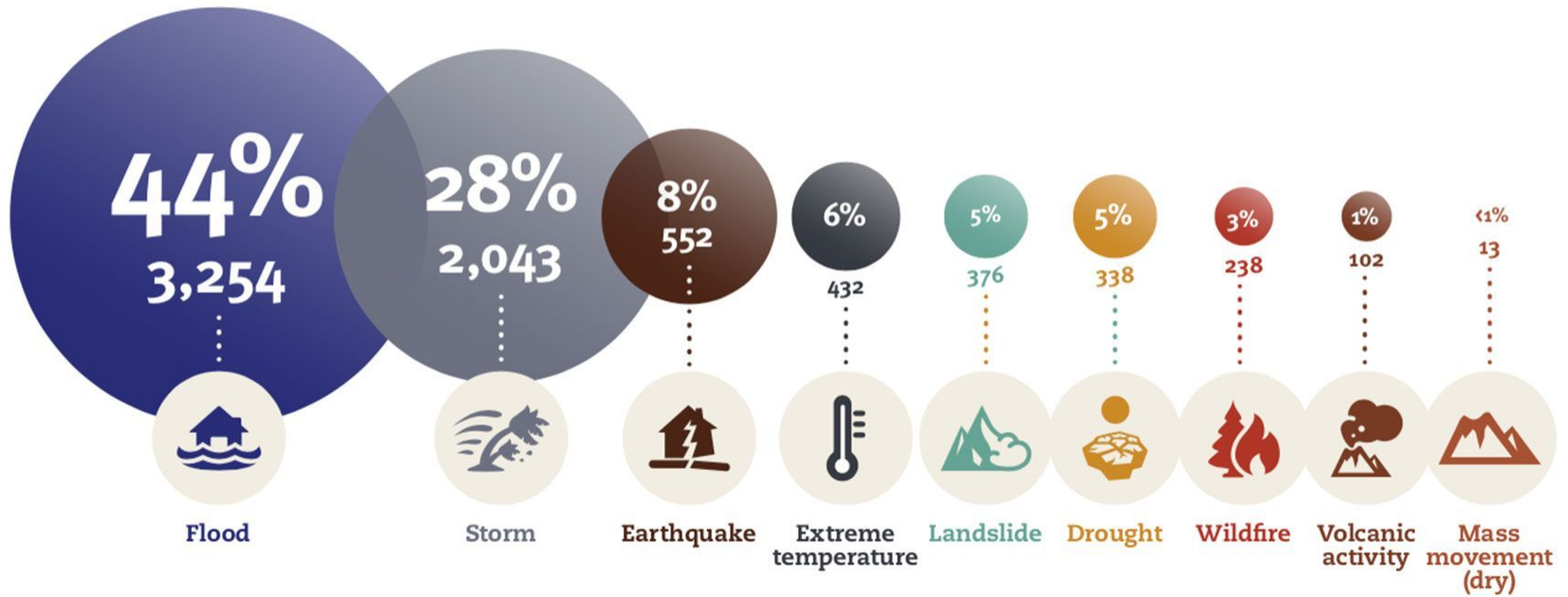
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Climate Related Disasters (World)



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Percentage of occurrences of disasters by disaster type (2000-2019)



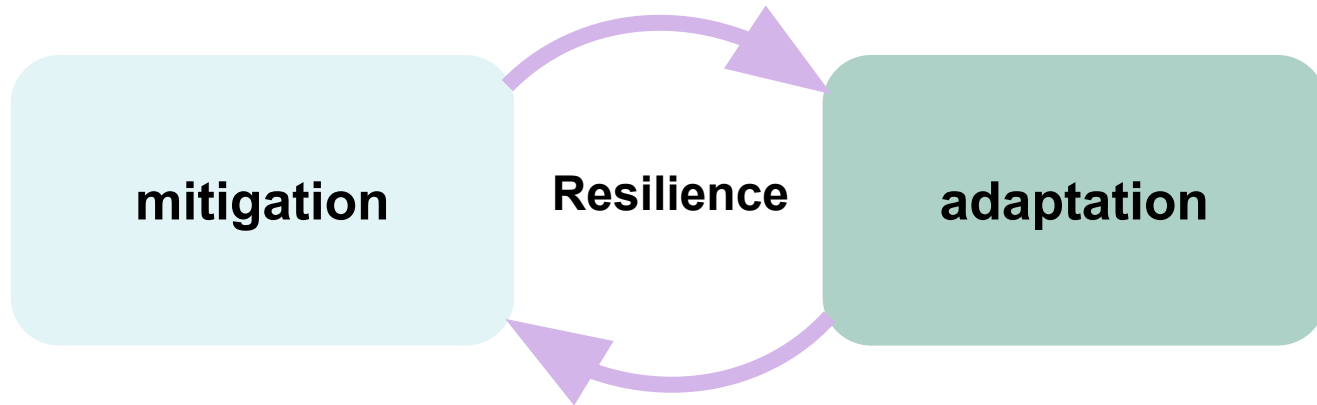
Climate crisis: UN warns world risks becoming 'uninhabitable hell' for millions

Resilience

: the capability of a strained body to recover its size and shape after deformation caused especially by compressive stress

: an ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change

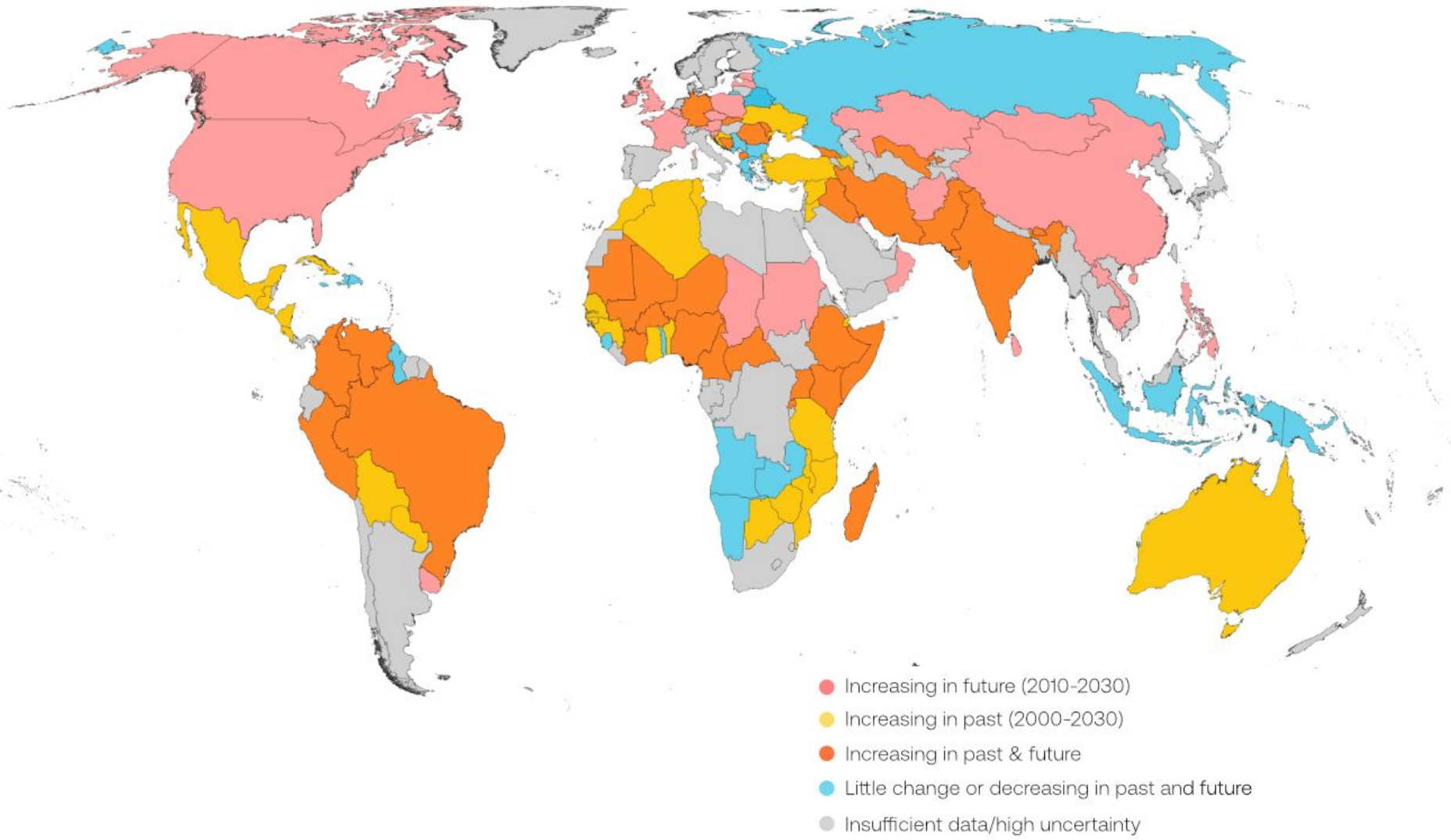
Toward Resilient Built Environment





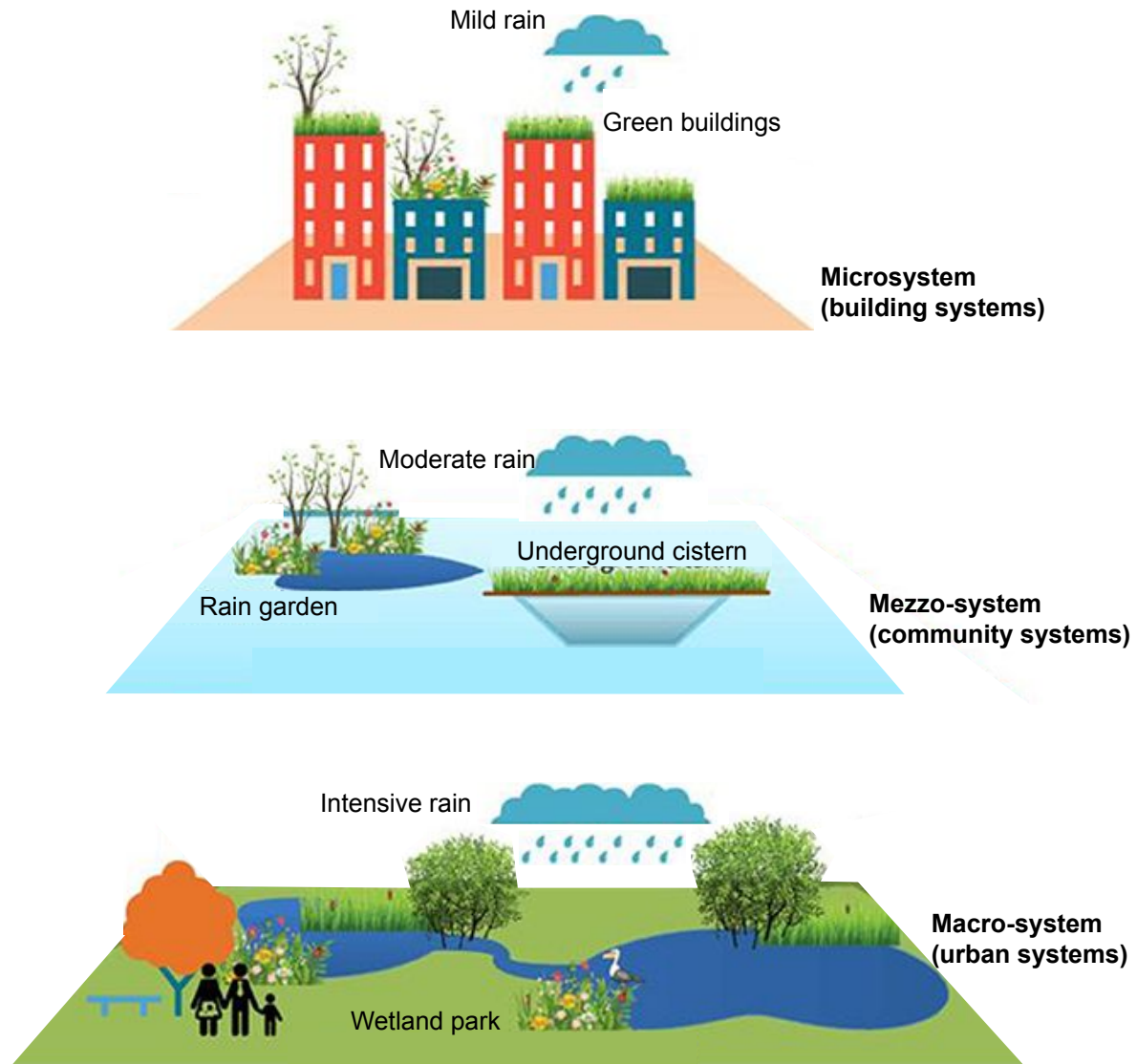
water resilient built environment

Global Flooding Risks





Flooding Resiliency Framework



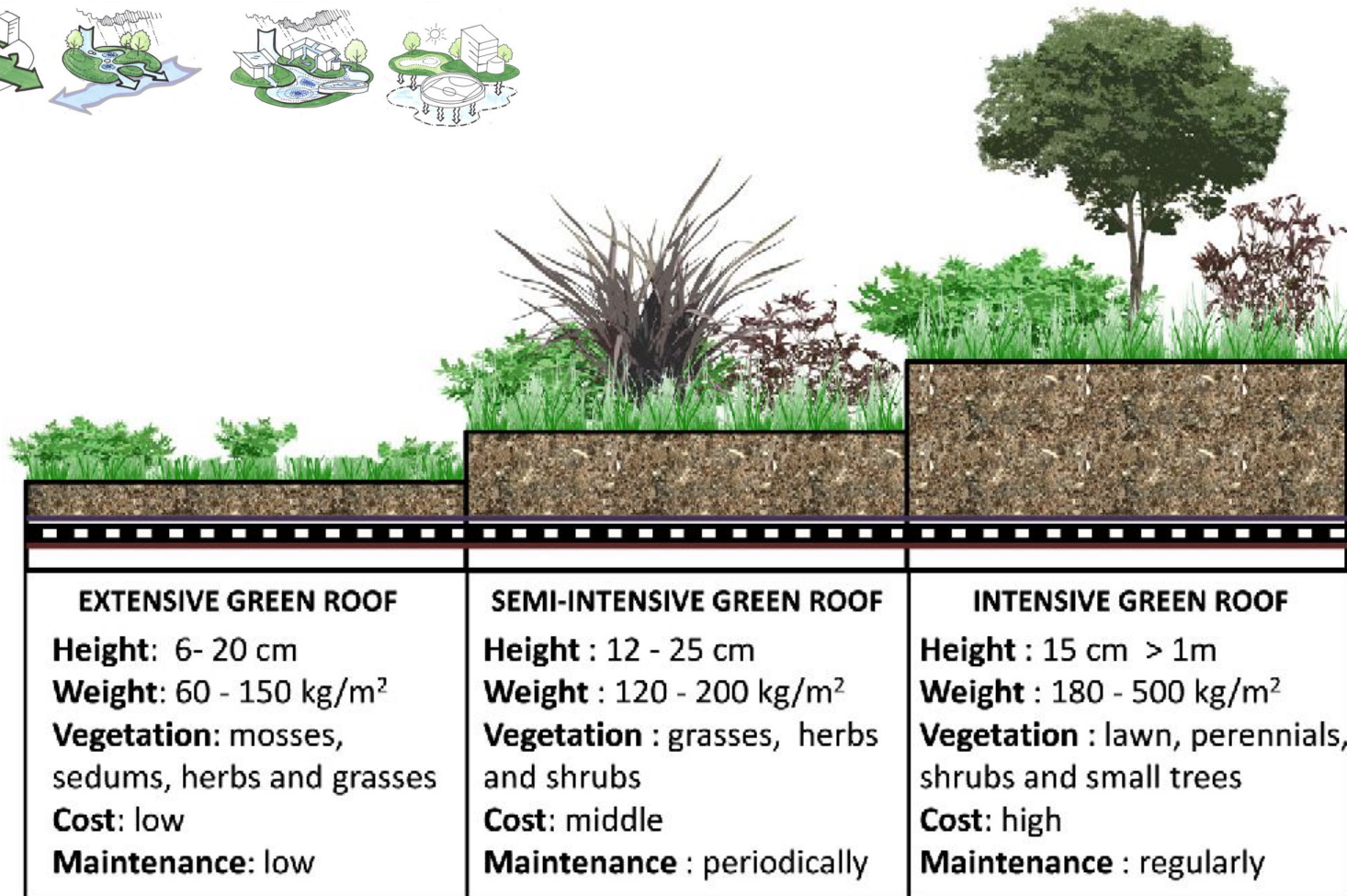
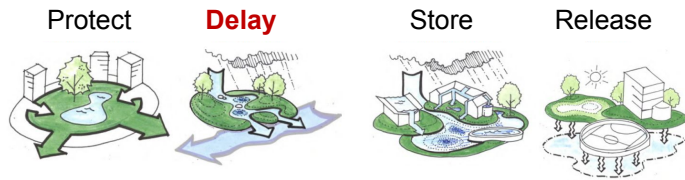
Green Roof

- 1. Stormwater Management:** Most urban and suburban areas contain large amounts of paved or constructed surfaces which prevent stormwater from being absorbed into the ground. The resulting excess runoff damages water quality by sweeping pollutants into water bodies. Green roofs can reduce the flow of stormwater from a roof by up to 65% and delay the flow rate by up to three hours.
- 2. Energy savings:** Green roofs reduce building energy use by cooling roofs and providing shading, thermal mass and insulation.
- 3. Biodiversity and Habitat Protection:** Green roofs provide new urban habitat for plants and animals, like birds and insects, thereby increasing biodiversity.
- 4. Mitigation of Urban Heat Islands:** Cities are generally warmer than other areas, as concrete and asphalt absorb solar radiation, leading to increased energy consumption, heat-related illness and death, and air pollution. Green roofs can help reduce this effect.
- 5. Roof Longevity:** Green roofs are expected to last twice as long as conventional roofs
- 6. Aesthetics:** Green roofs can add beauty and value to buildings.

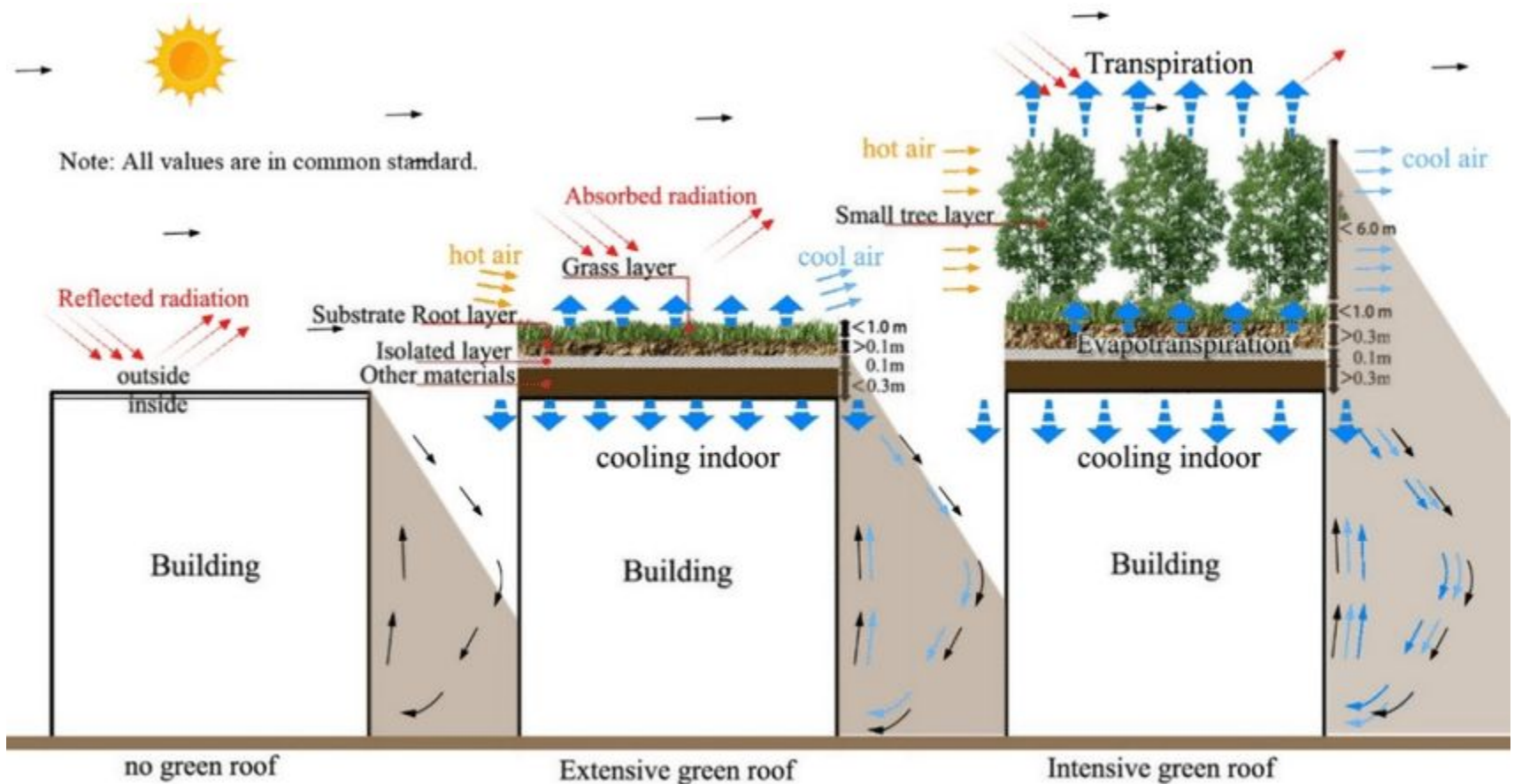
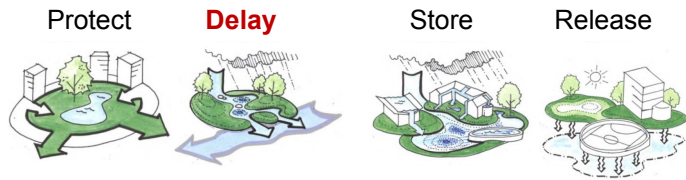
Green Facades

- 1. Reduce air pollution.** Plants and vegetation purify the air and play a role in creating cleaner and healthier environments for everyone.
- 2. Enhance building energy efficiency.** Green facades create temperate microclimates through summer shading. For winter seasons, its thermal mass helps prevent unnecessary loss of energy, resulting in improved insulation and reduced heating costs.
- 3. Reduce urban temperatures.** Transpiration and evaporation of green facades help cooling down the surrounding environment.
- 4. Reduce sound transmission.** Green facades provide insulation against noise pollution by absorbing a certain frequency of urban noises.
- 5. Mitigate rainwater runoff.** Green facades mitigate rainwater runoff by absorbing and slowing down the flow of heavy rainwater.
- 6. Support biodiversity.** Green facades serve as habitats for a wide range of ecosystems that support pollinators, birds, and other wildlife, ultimately contributing to the overall health and balance of our environment.
- 7. Reduce stress.** Studies have shown that being near nature can have a calming effect and alleviate anxiety.
- 8. Increase productivity and creativity.** Being near nature also sparks inspiration and boosts creativity. Research suggests that incorporating biophilic elements into workspaces can enhance cognitive function, problem-solving skills, and overall productivity.
- 9. Improve health and wellbeing.** Green facades improve air quality by filtering pollutants and releasing oxygen into the environment. This not only creates a healthier space for users but also contributes to the ecosystem by reducing carbon footprint in urban areas.

Intensive vs Extensive Green Roof



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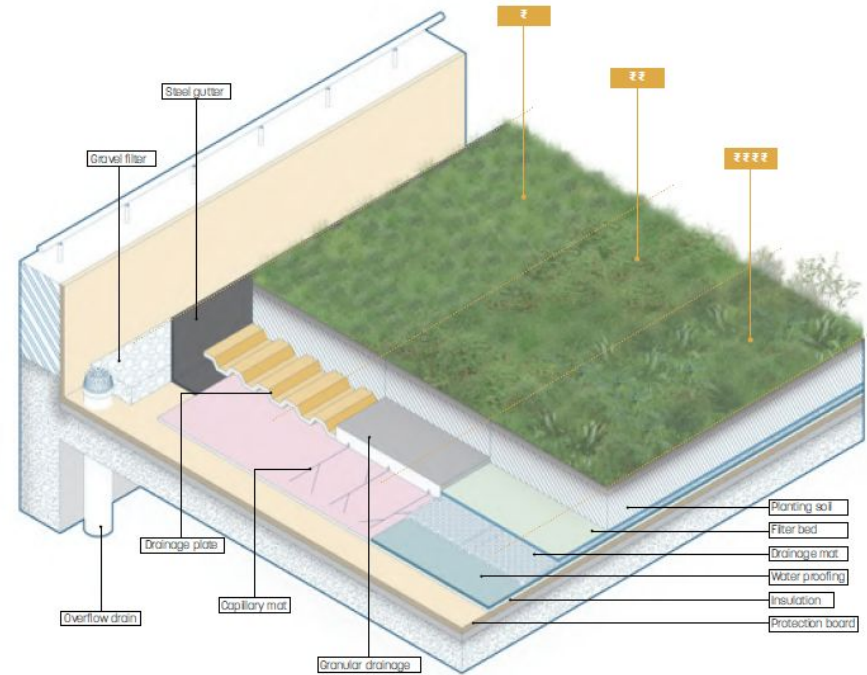
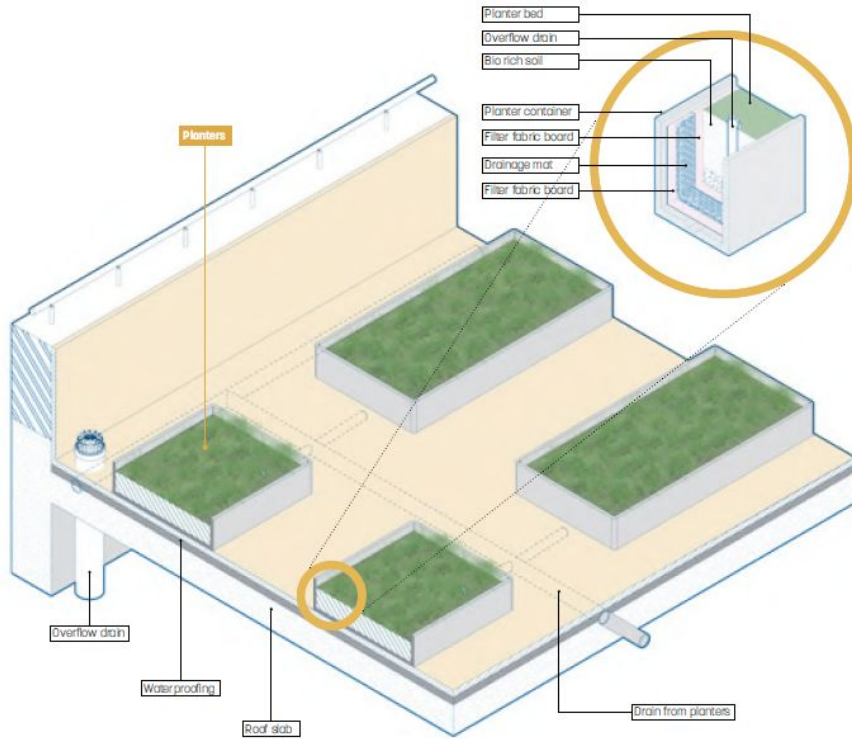
Intensive vs Extensive Green Roof

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Delay

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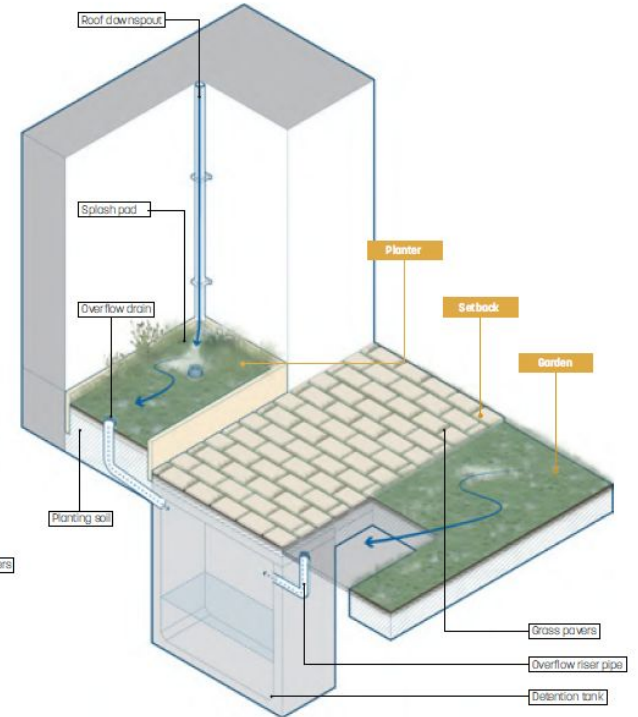
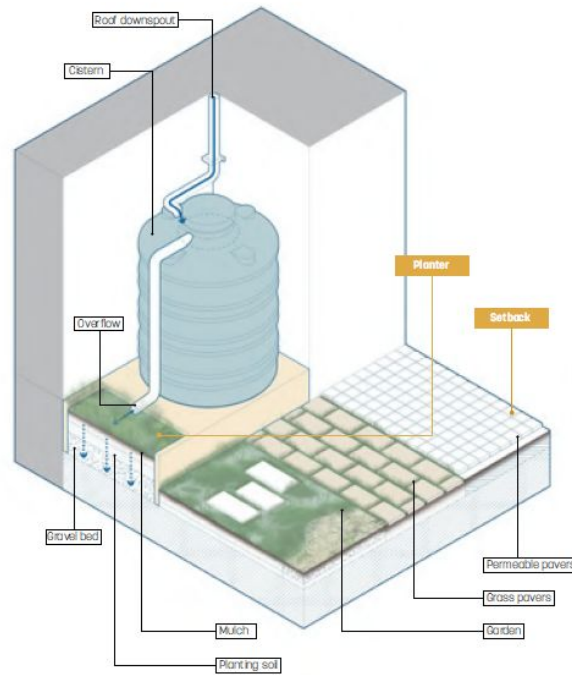
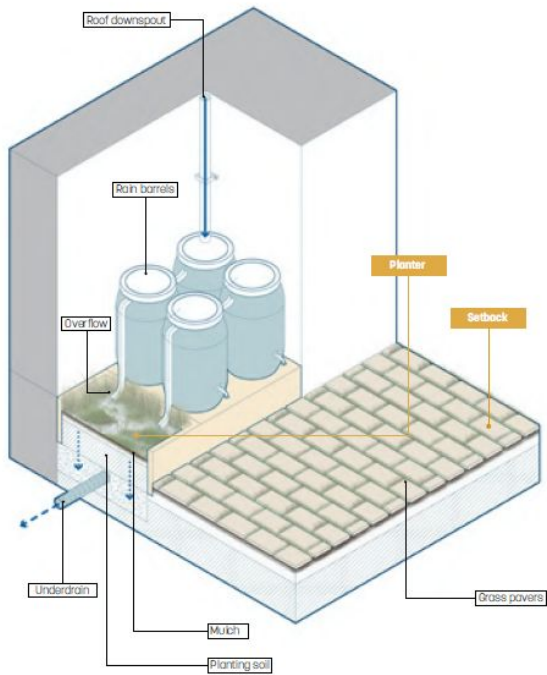
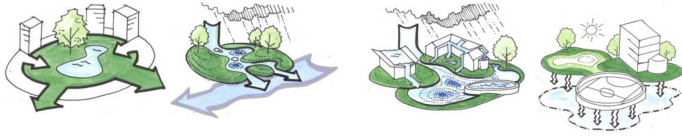
Rainwater Harvesting

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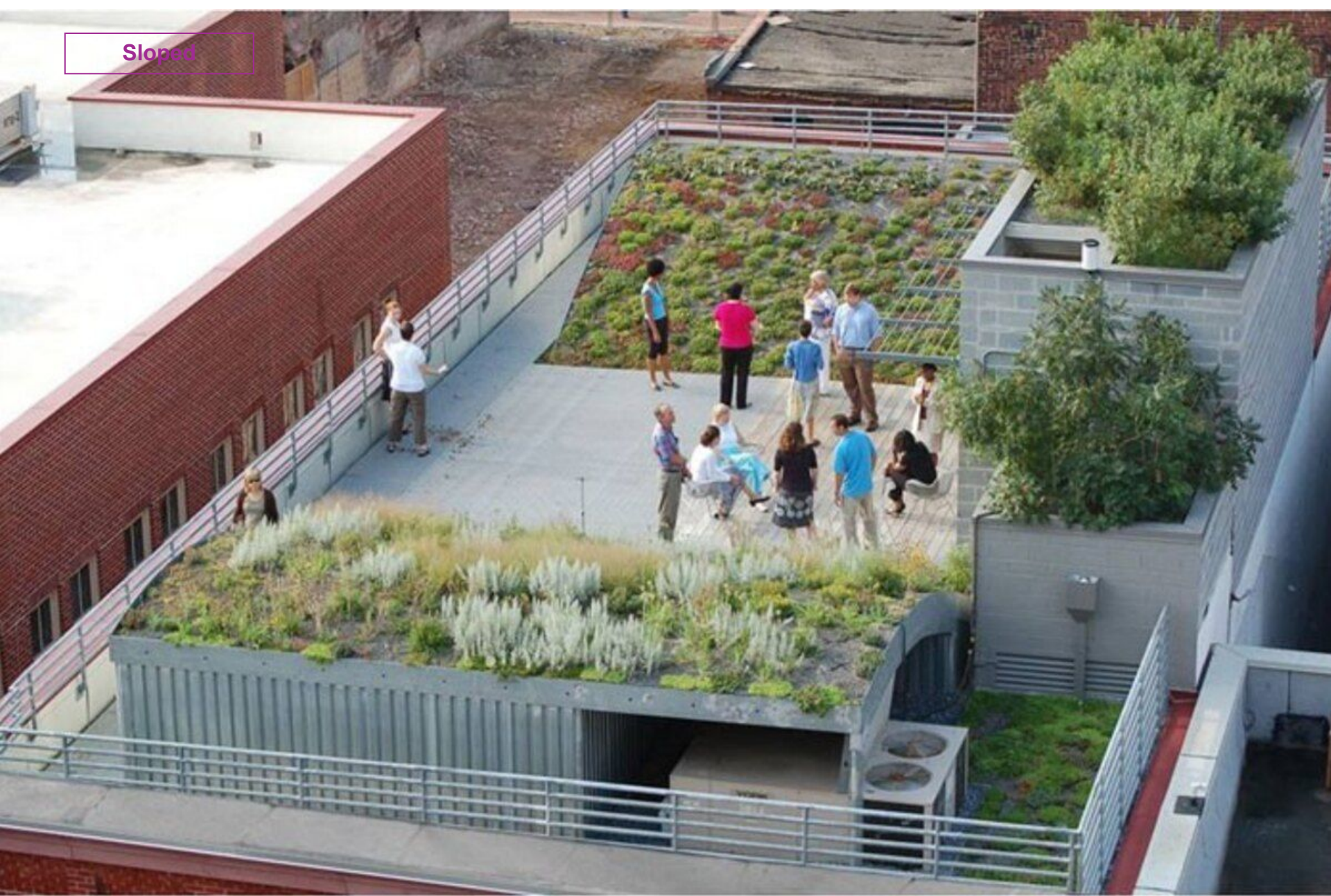
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Sloped



ASLA Headquarters Green Roof

Terraced



Thammasat University Green Roof

the largest urban rooftop farm in Asia, the 236,806 sq. ft. Green Roof tackles climate impacts by incorporating modern landscape architecture with traditional agricultural ingenuity, the green roof, urban farming, solar roof, and green public space.

Undulated



Top award for undulating wildflower green roof at Leeds Skelton Lake Services - Greenscape Magazine

Scolloping



OPTIMIZED GREEN-ROOF SYSTEM RENOLIT ALKORPLAN GREEN

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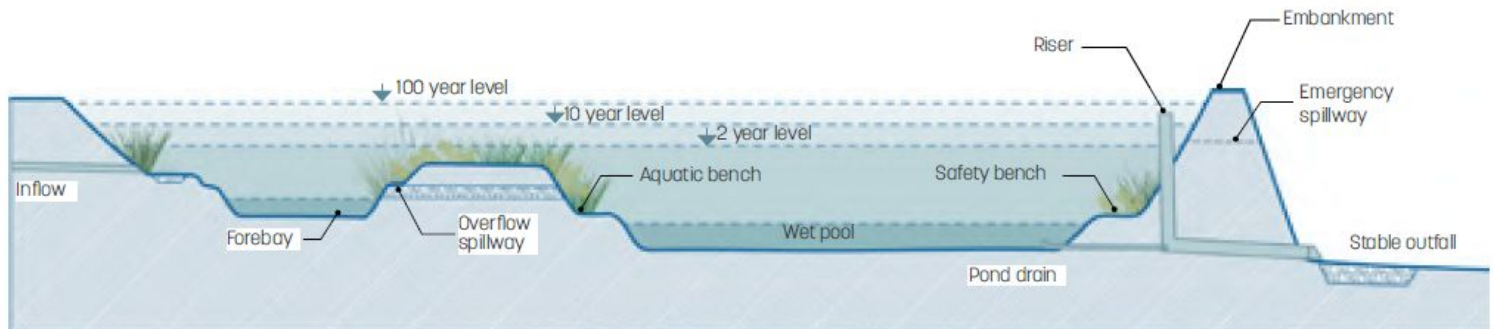
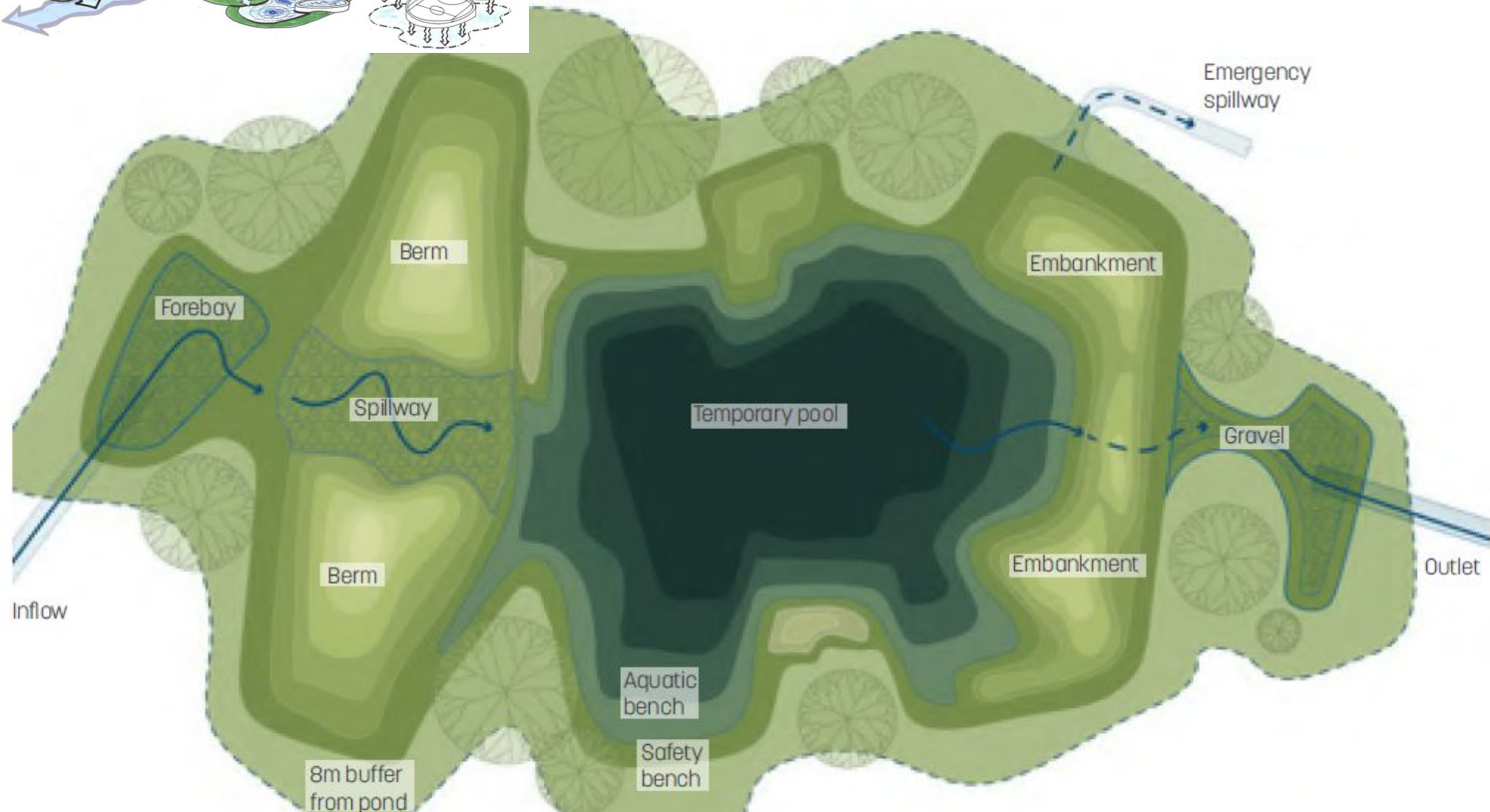
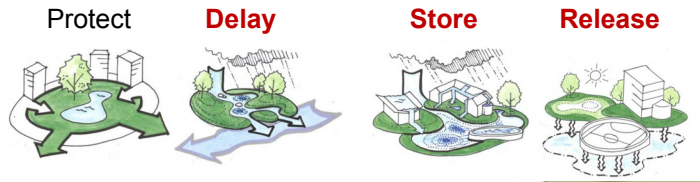
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Flooding Resiliency: Constructed Ponds/Wetlands





The architect making friends with flooding in MIT Tech Review
Kongjian Yu @ Turenscape

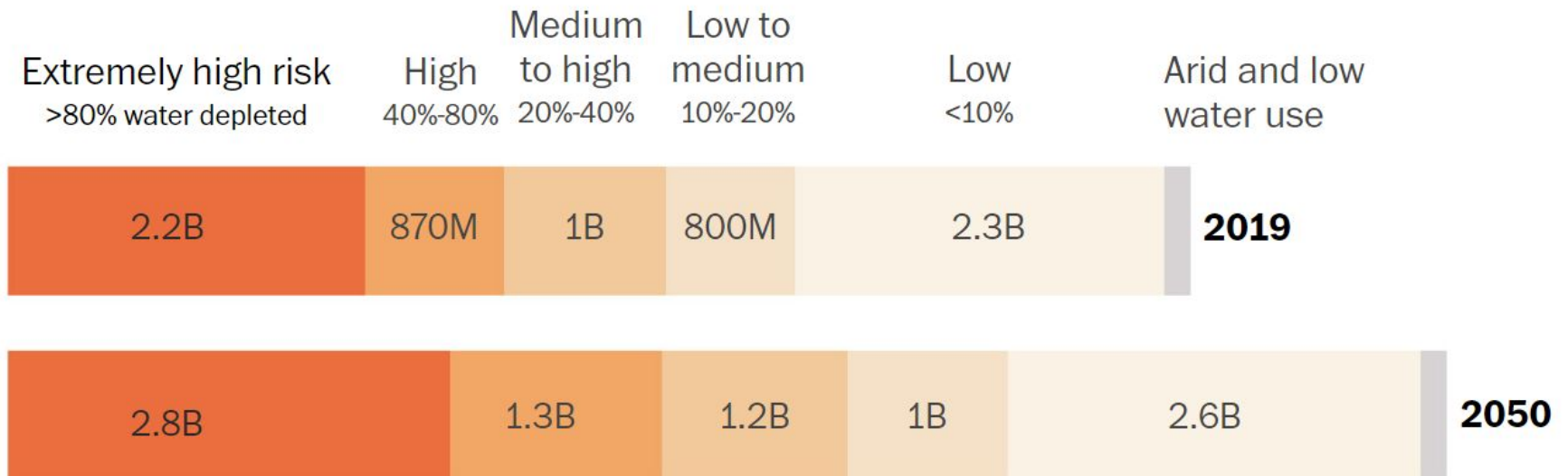




drought resilient built environment

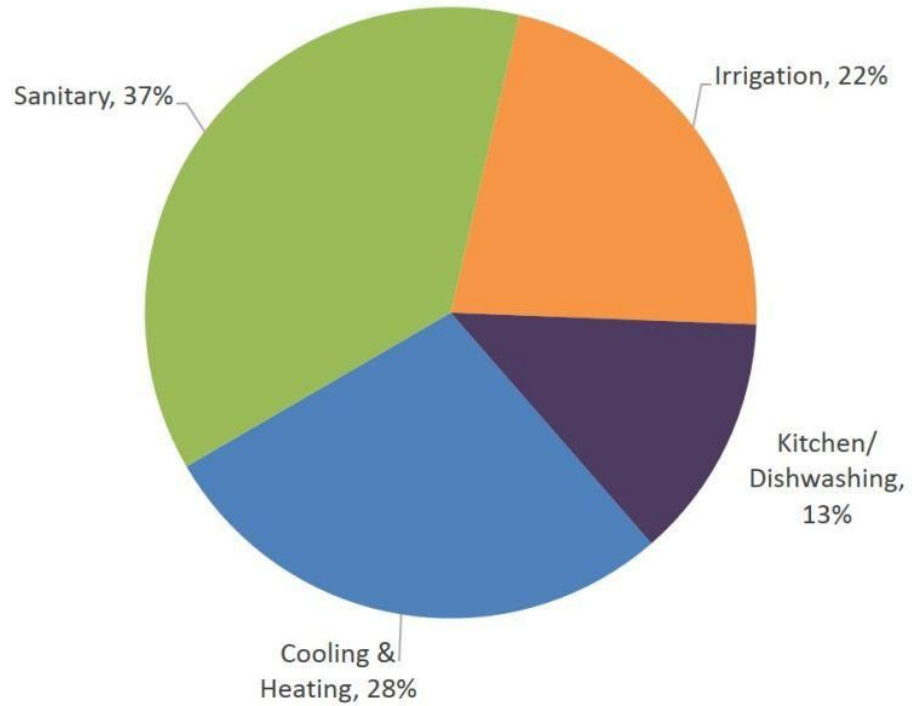
Drought Resiliency

Population at risk of water stress



Drought Resiliency: Reduction of Water Usage

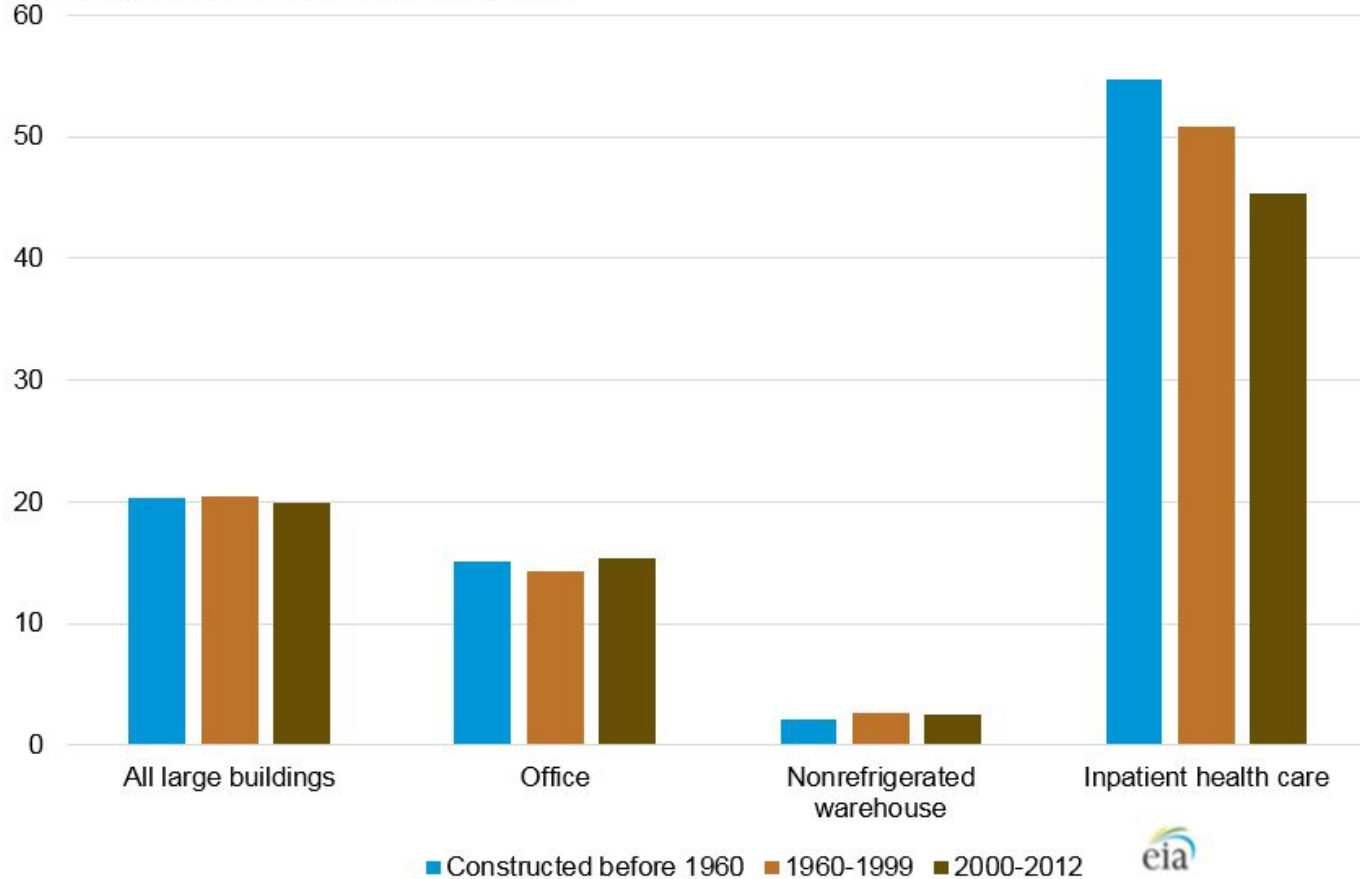
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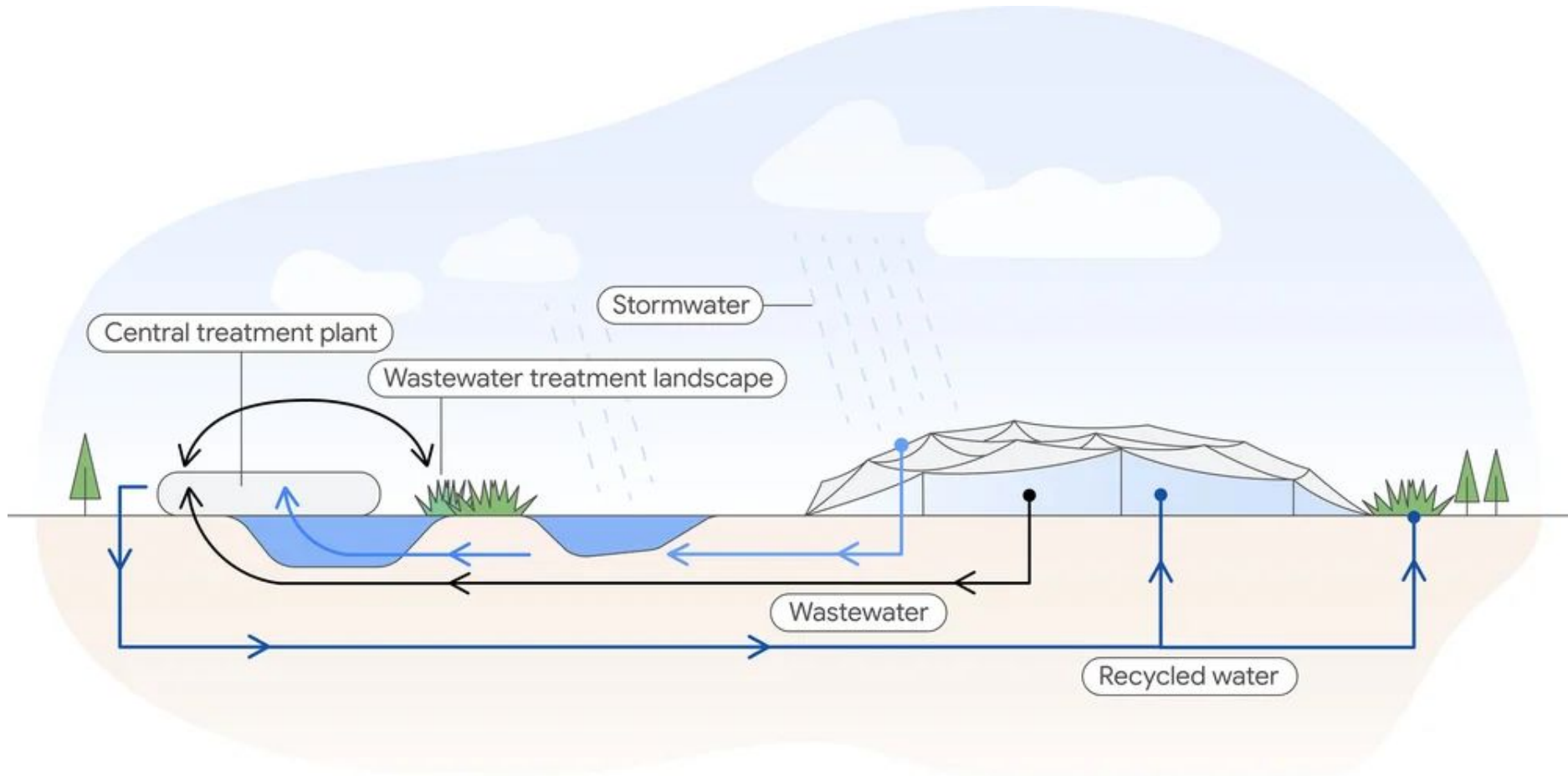
Water intensity (gallons per square foot), 2012



Drought Resiliency: Rainwater Collection and Grey Water Treatment



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Kendeda Building, GTech

Drought Resiliency: Rainwater Collection and Grey Water Treatment

NET POSITIVE WATER CYCLE – LIVING BUILDING CHALLENGE STRATEGY

Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design
Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA



PROJECT TEAM

Miller Hull	Newcomb & Boyd
Lord Aeck Sargent	Long Engineering
Andropogon Associates	Biohabitats
Uzun+Case	Skanska USA
PAE	

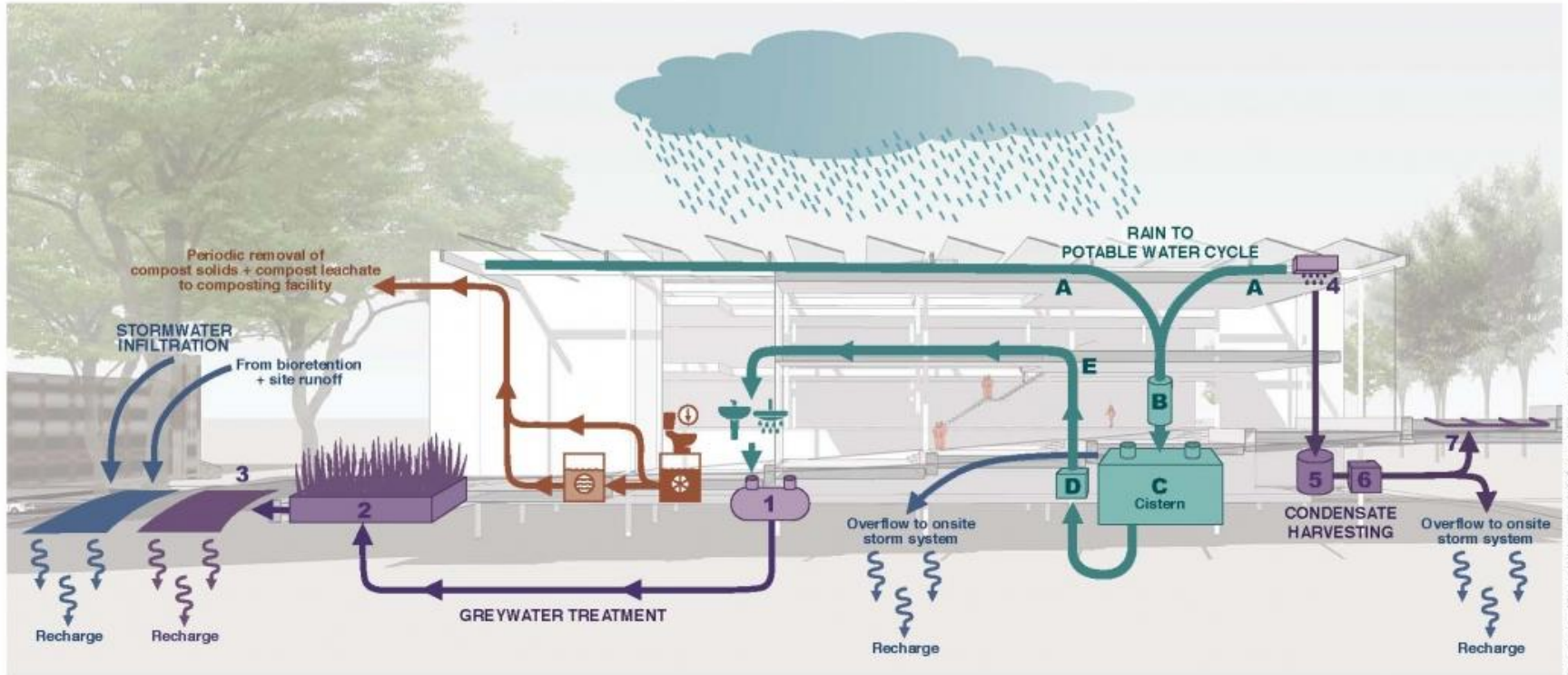


Image: Miller Hull, Lord Aeck & Sargent, Diagram: Biohabitats

GREYWATER TREATMENT

- 1 Primary treatment tank—collects, settles*, digests
- 2 Constructed wetlands—passive ecological polishing
- 3 Subsurface infiltration—recharges groundwater

RAIN TO POTABLE WATER CYCLE

- A Rainwater collection—piping
- B Inlet Filtration from roof
- C Basement cistern
- D Potable water filtration + UV disinfection skid
- E Distribution to potable fixtures

COMPOSTING TOILET CYCLE

- ① Foam flush toilet fixtures (compatible with composting unit)
- ⊗ Composter units (serve multiple toilets)
- ⊕ Compost leachate storage tank

*Periodic solids removal to biosolids/composting facility

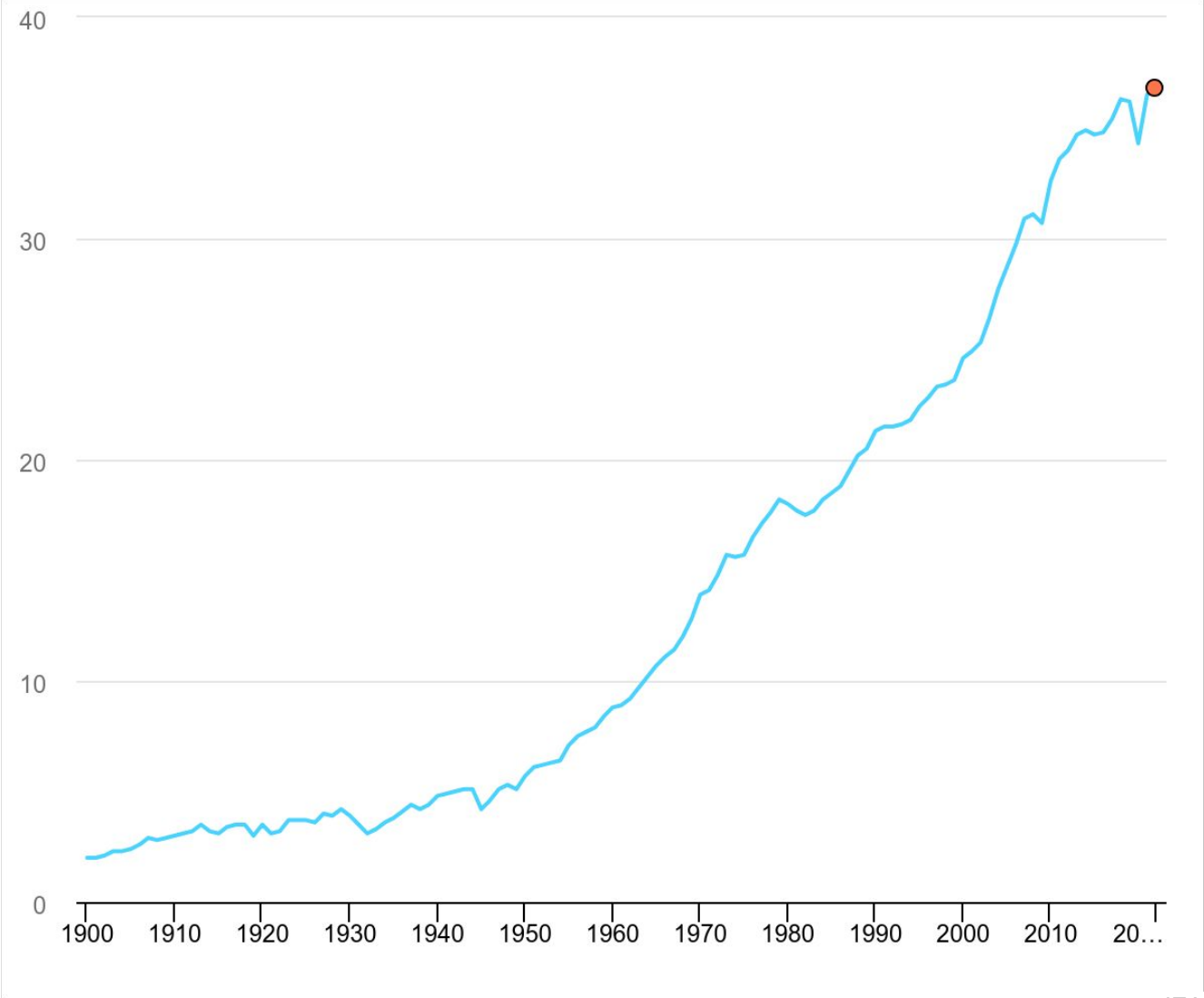
CONDENSATE HARVESTING

- 4 Condensate from building cooling system
- 5 Condensate storage tank
- 6 Filtration + irrigation pump (serve multiple toilets)
- 7 Site irrigation system



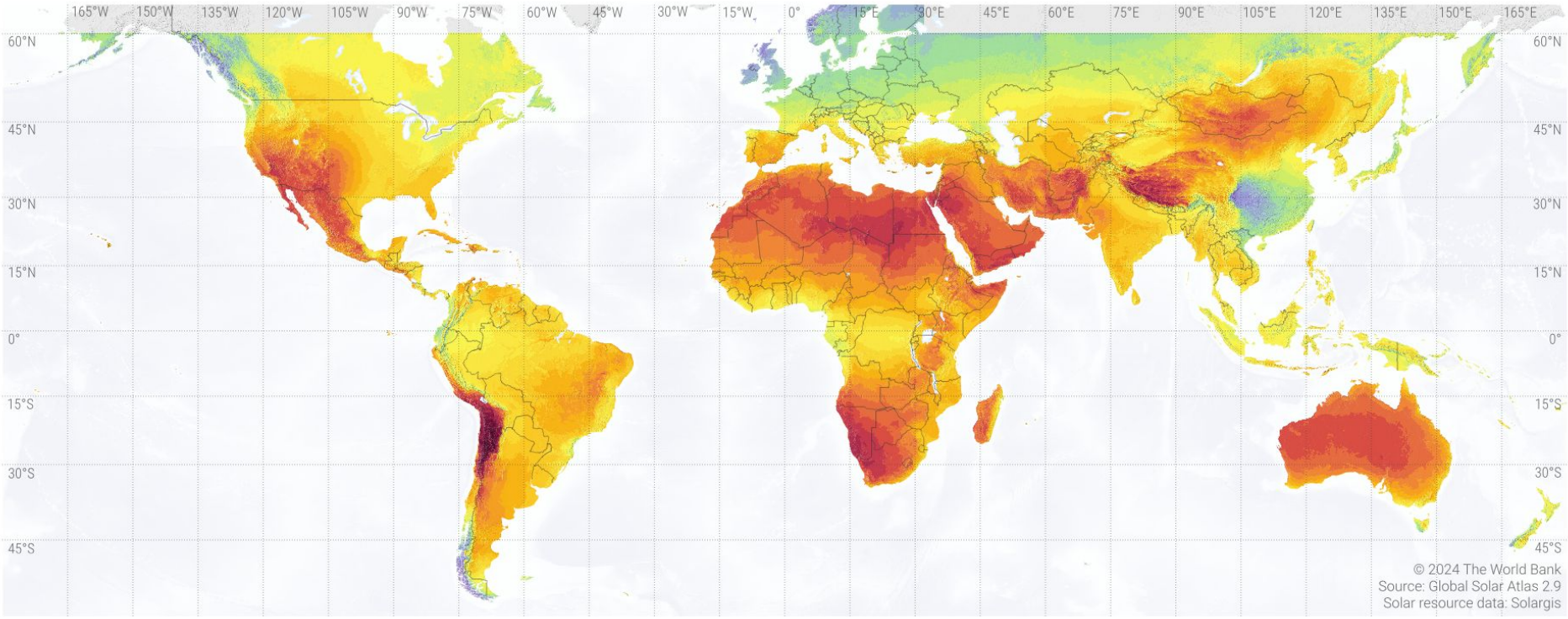
energy resilient built environment

Global CO2 emissions from energy combustion and industrial processes, 1900-2022

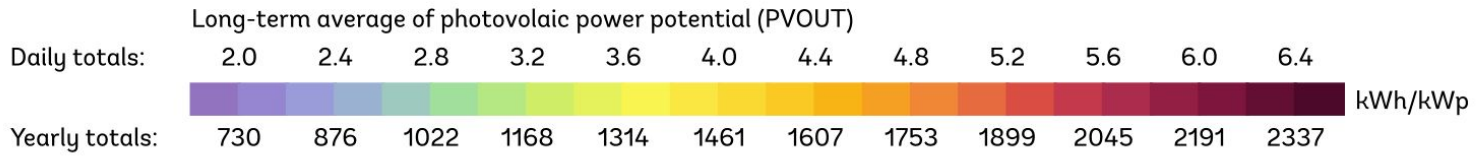


SOLAR RESOURCE MAP

PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER POTENTIAL



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 Solar resource data: Solargis



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Climate Resilient Hospitals



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Daily Fuel Consumption by Healthcare and Public Health Sector Facilities

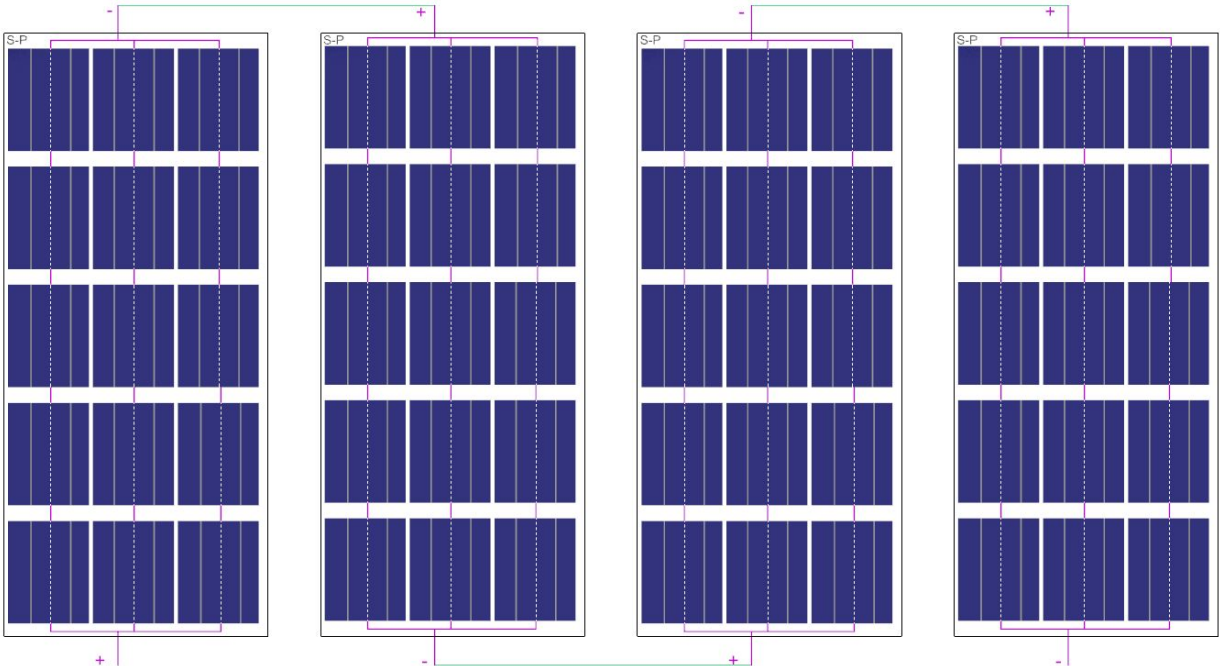


Type of Facility	Generator Size	Fuel Requirement in Gallons (low)	Fuel requirement in Gallons (high)
Hospitals	800kW-2MW	1344	2000
Nursing Homes	100-200kW	168	336
Urgent Care	200-300kW	336	504
Dialysis Center	200-300kW	336	504
Medical Center	200-300kW	336	504
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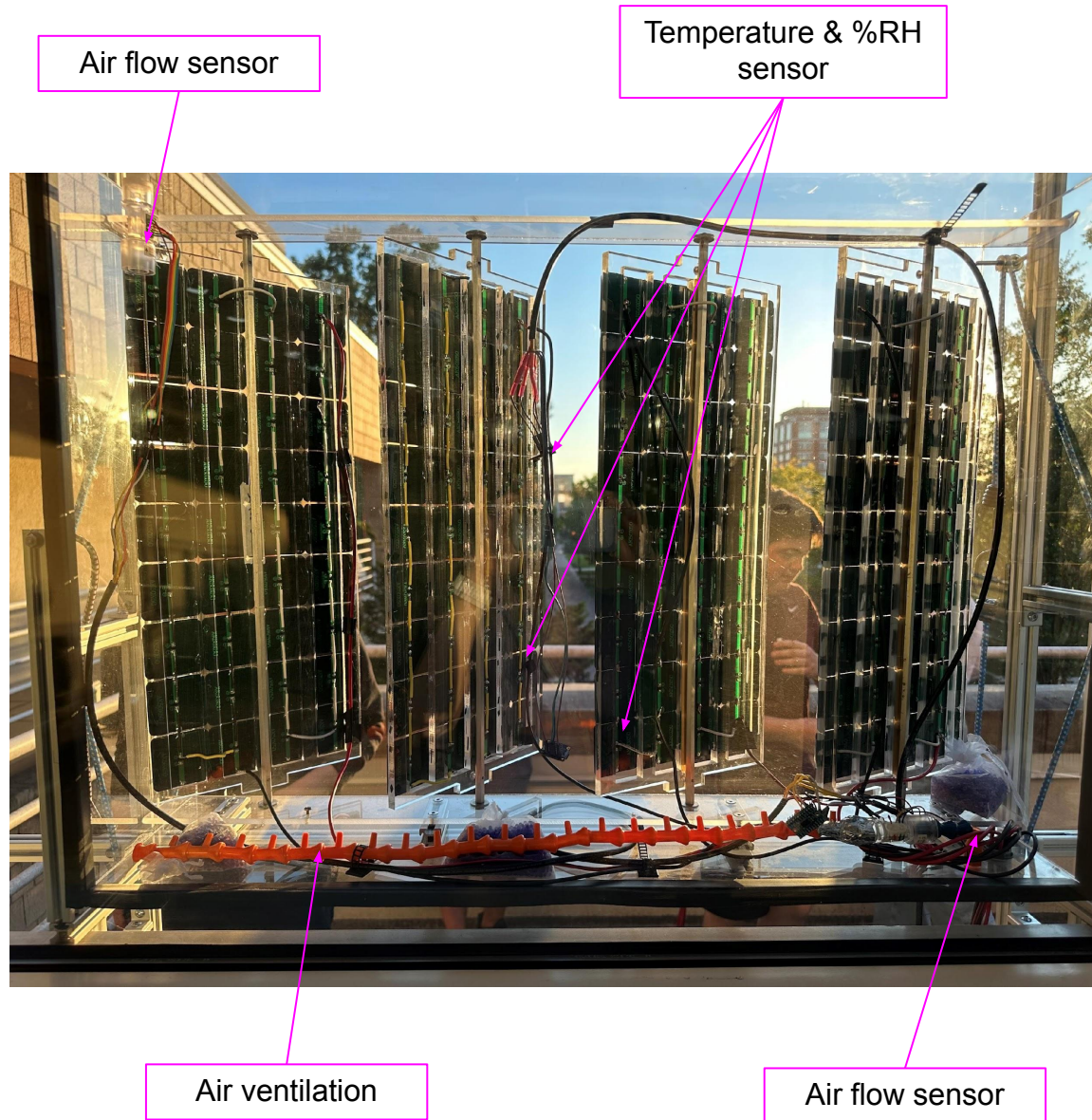
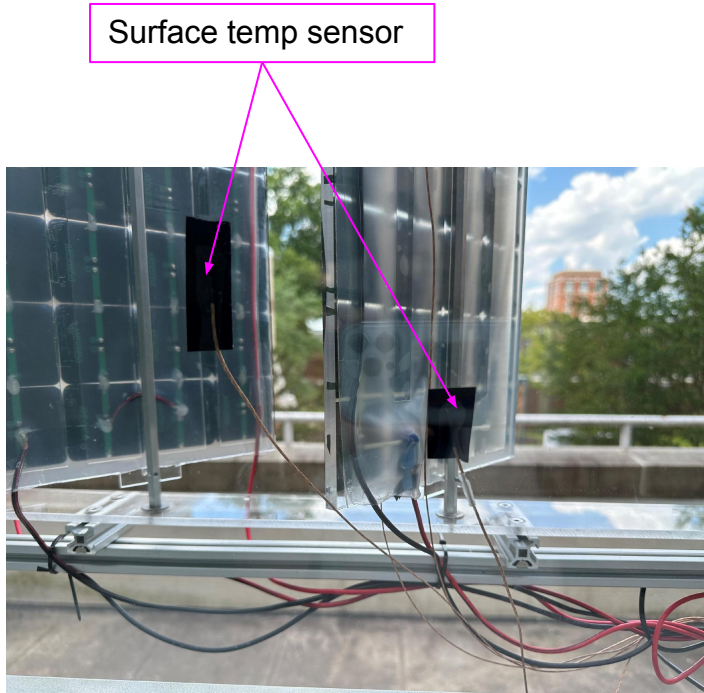


Solar Fin Circuit Connections: Series – Parallel in Closed Cavity Façade System

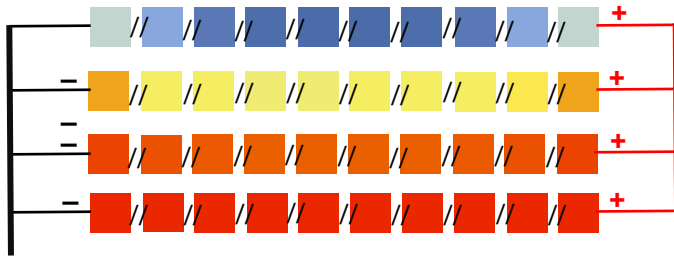
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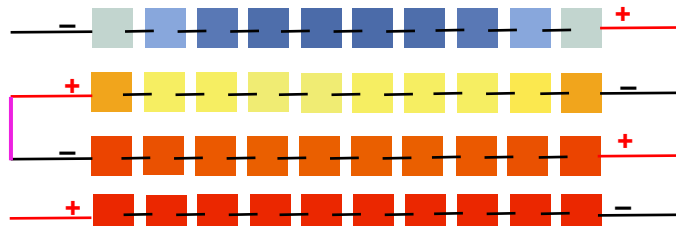
BIPV Environmental Sensors and Data Collection



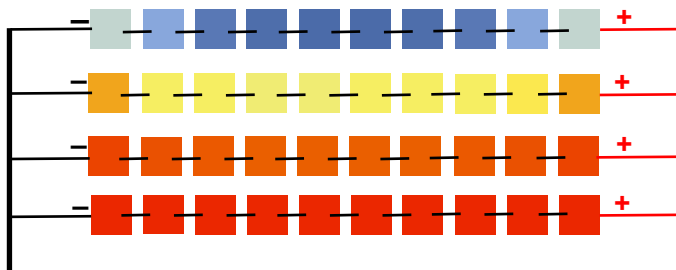
Energy Production Enhancement for BIPV Under Partial Shadow: Series-Series vs Series-Parallel vs Parallel-Parallel



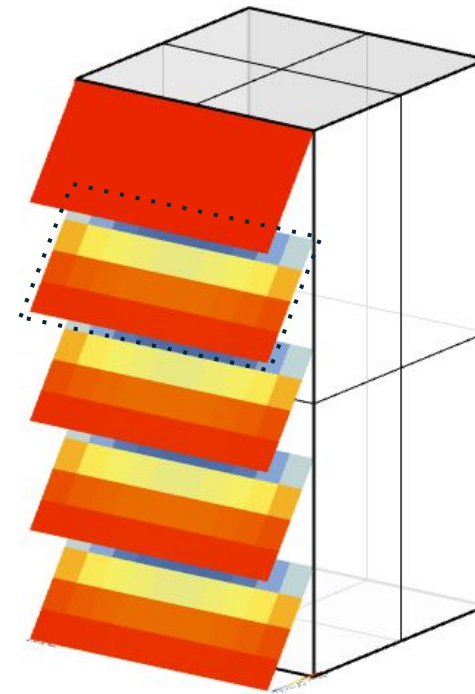
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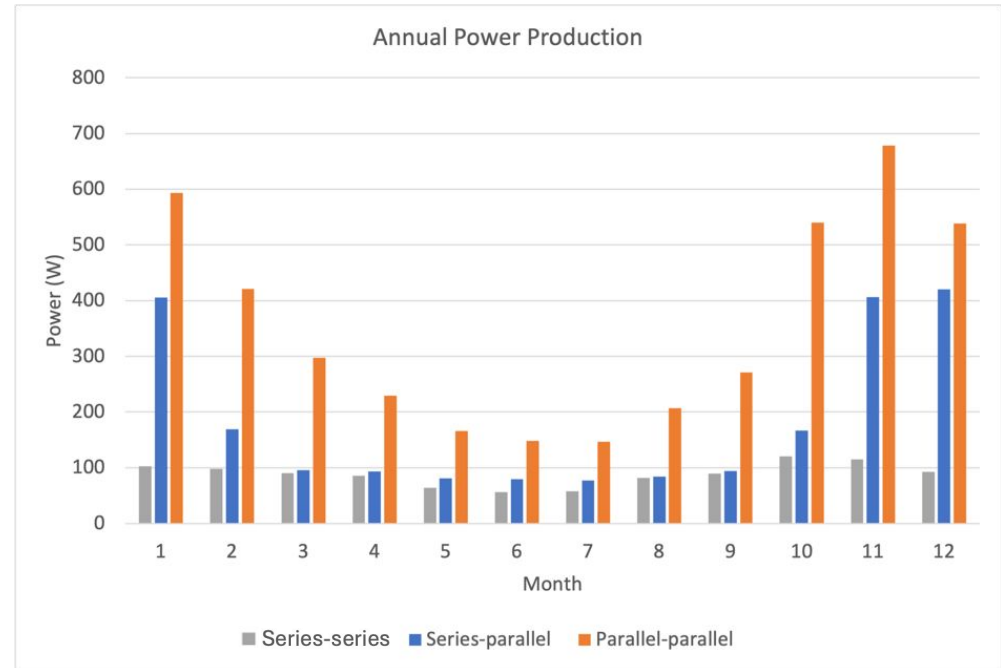
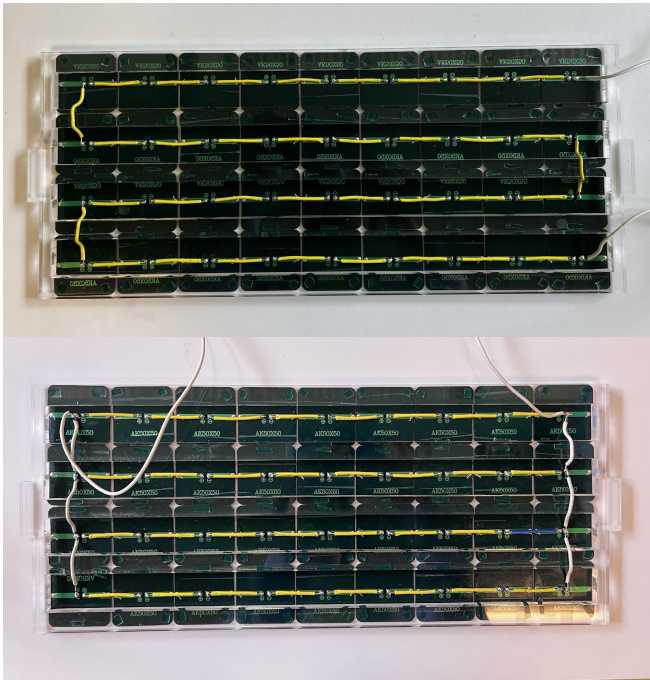


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Irradiance levels on PV-louvers south facade

Energy Production Enhancement for BIPV Under Partial Shadow Results: Series-Series vs Series-Parallel



Measured I and V for the series-series PV panel:

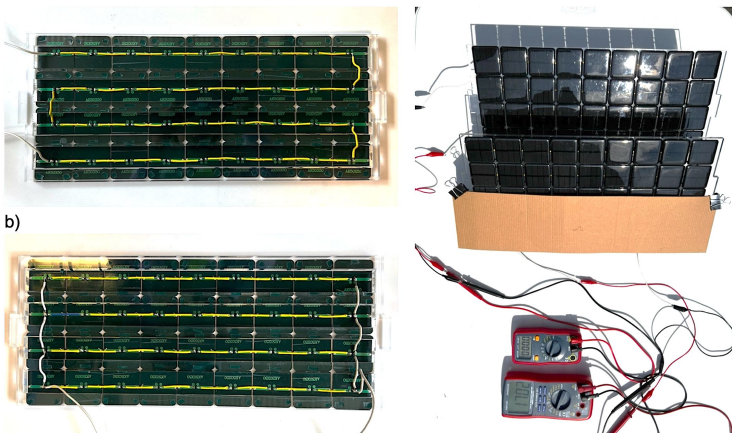
In the self-shading condition $I = 0.011A$ and $V = 78V$, the generated power output was $0.91 W$.

In fully exposed to the sun conditions $I = 0.16A$ and $V = 83V$, the generated power output was $13.28 W$

Measured I and V for the series-parallel PV panel:

In the self-shading condition $I = 0.4A$ and $V = 21V$, the generated power output was $8.4 W$.

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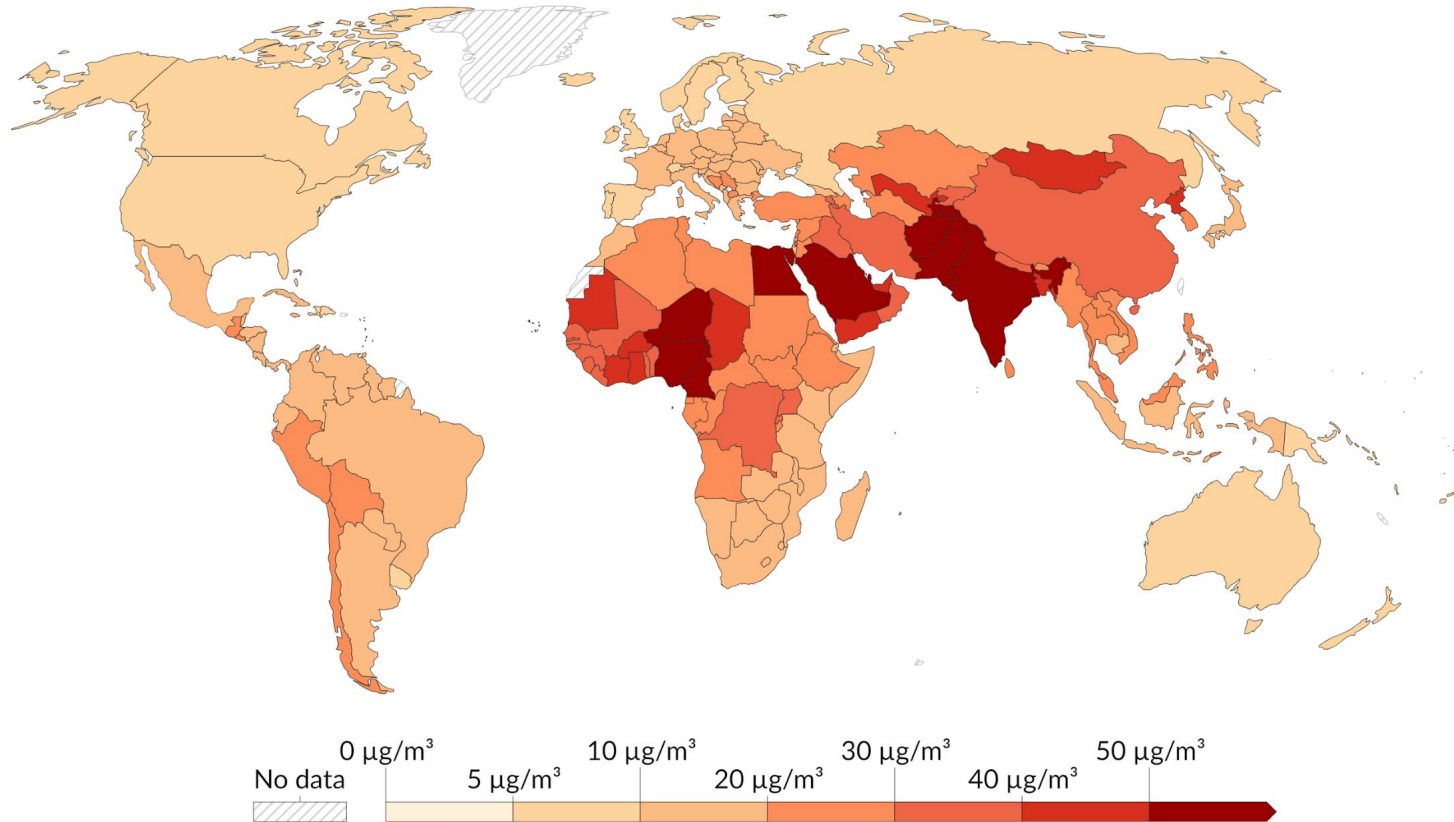




clean air built environment

Exposure to particulate matter air pollution, 2019

Population-weighted average level of exposure to concentrations of suspended particles measuring less than 2.5 microns in diameter (PM2.5). Exposure is measured in micrograms of PM2.5 per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$).

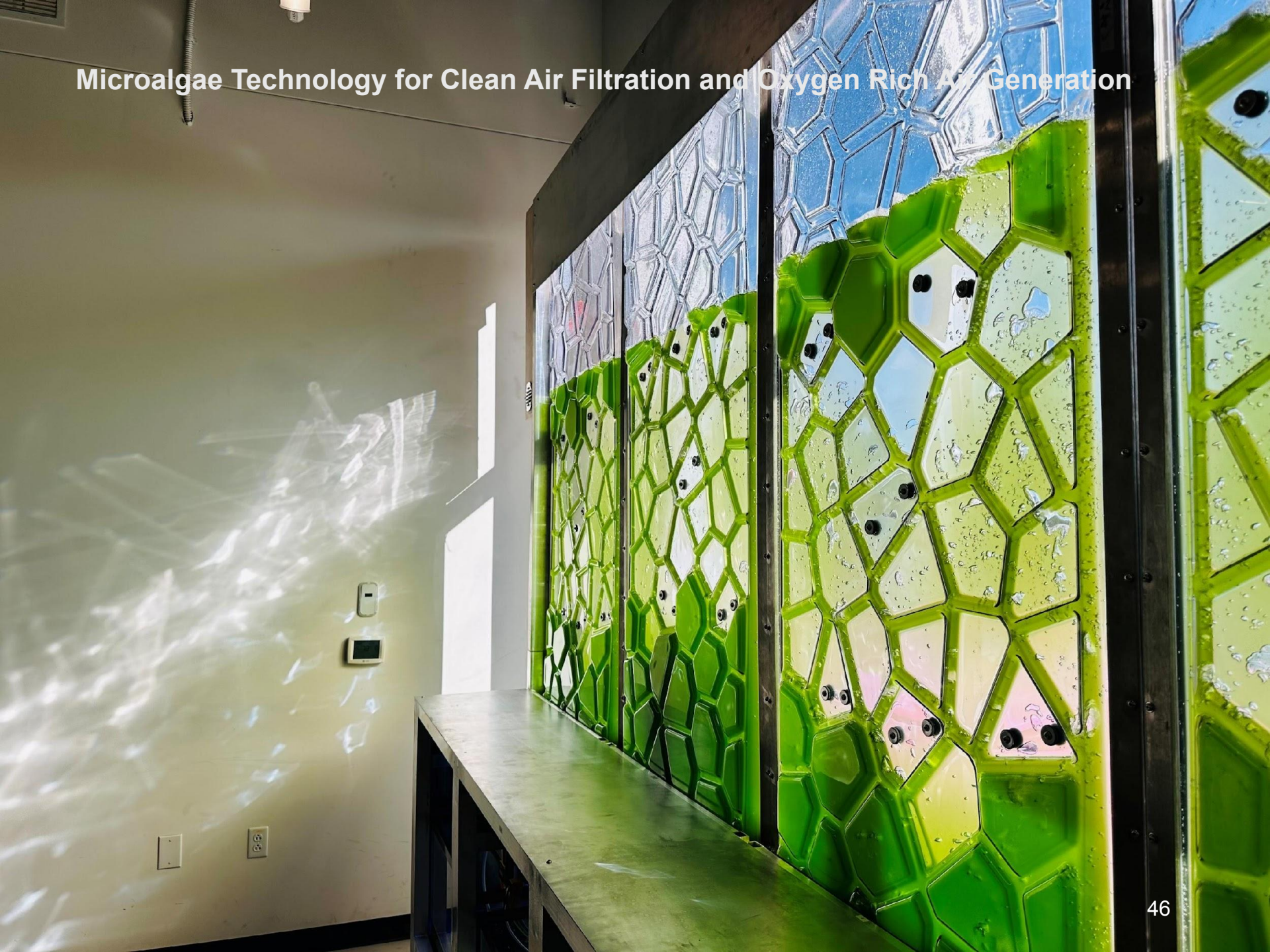


Data source: World Health Organization - Global Health Observatory (2024)

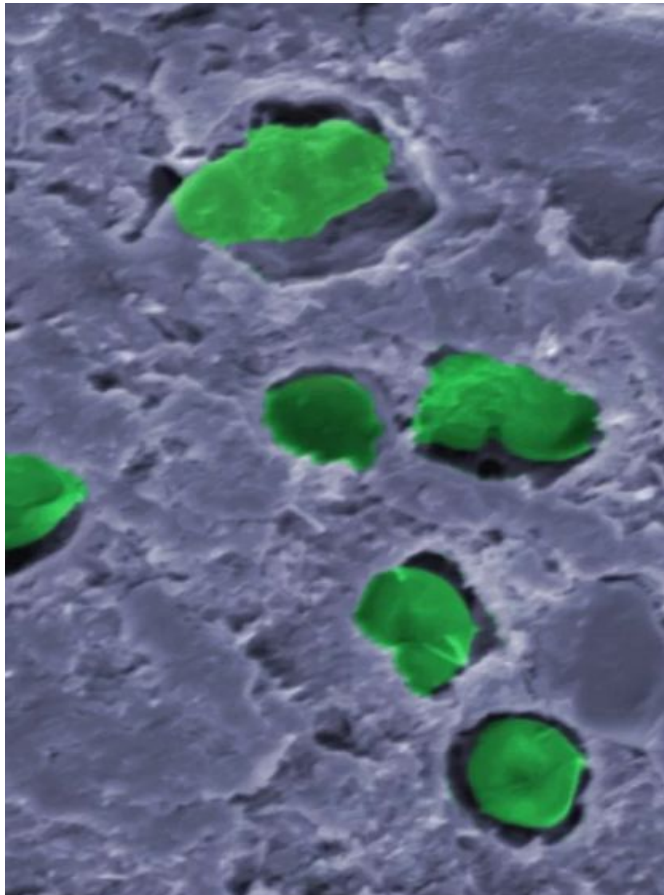
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Note: The WHO's Air Quality Guidelines¹ suggest annual average PM2.5 exposure should be less than 5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in order to minimize the impacts of PM2.5 on human health.

Microalgae Technology for Clean Air Filtration and Oxygen Rich Air Generation



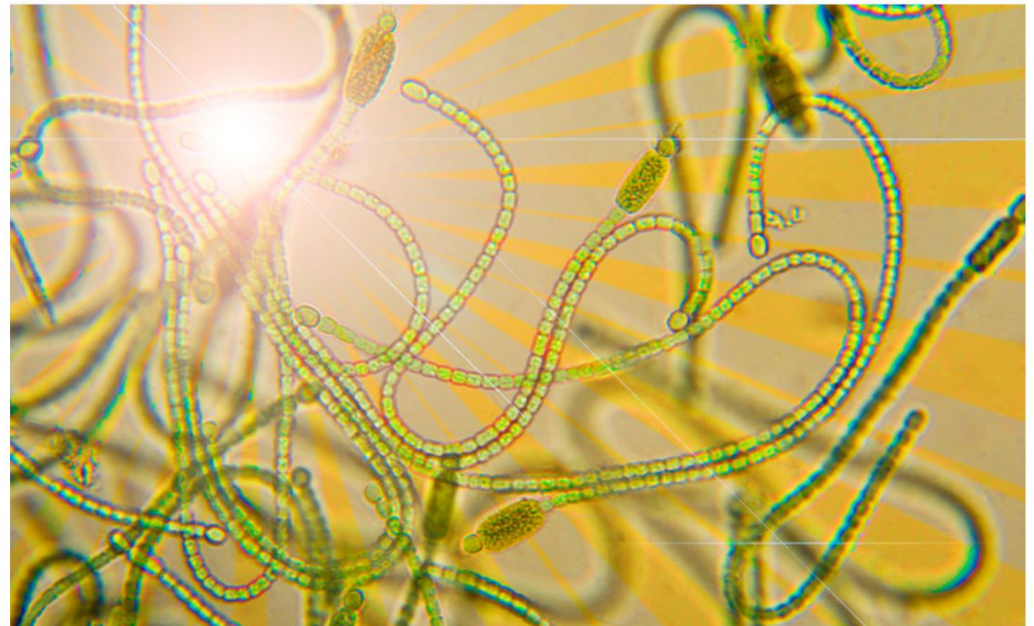
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Zeroing in on the origins of Earth's “single most important evolutionary innovation”

A new study shows oxygenic photosynthesis likely evolved between 3.4 and 2.9 billion years ago.

Jennifer Chu | MIT News Office
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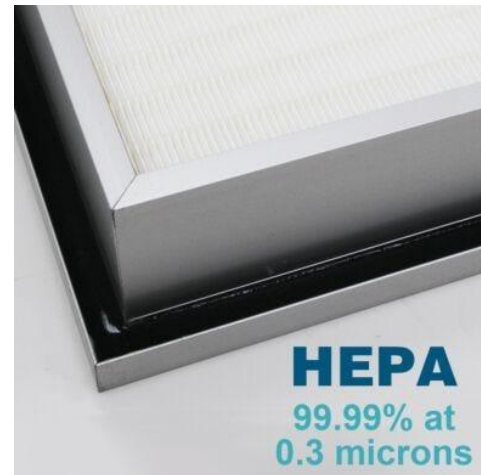
Oxygen rich clean air exiting
after room air filtered through
microalgae enclosures



Entering air quality sensors (room air)

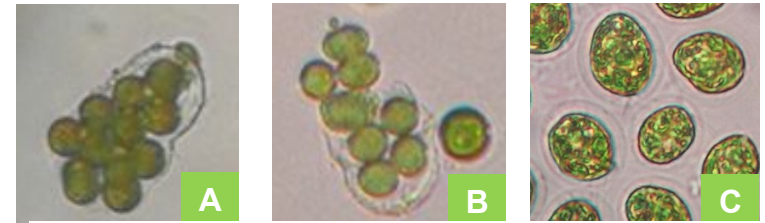
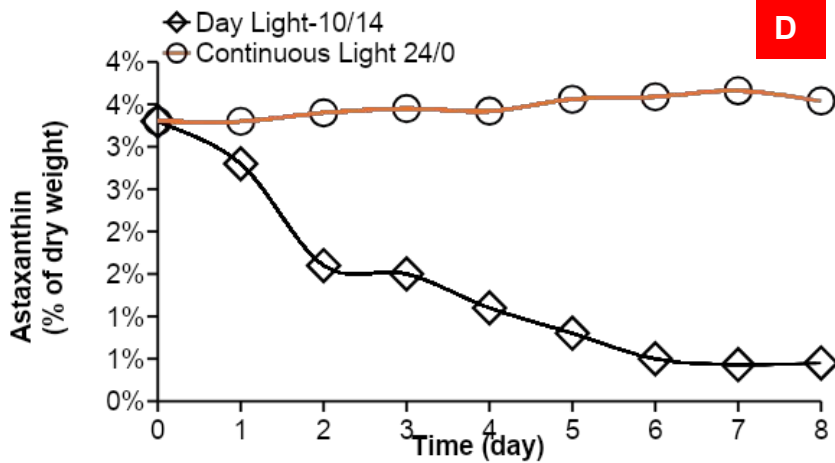
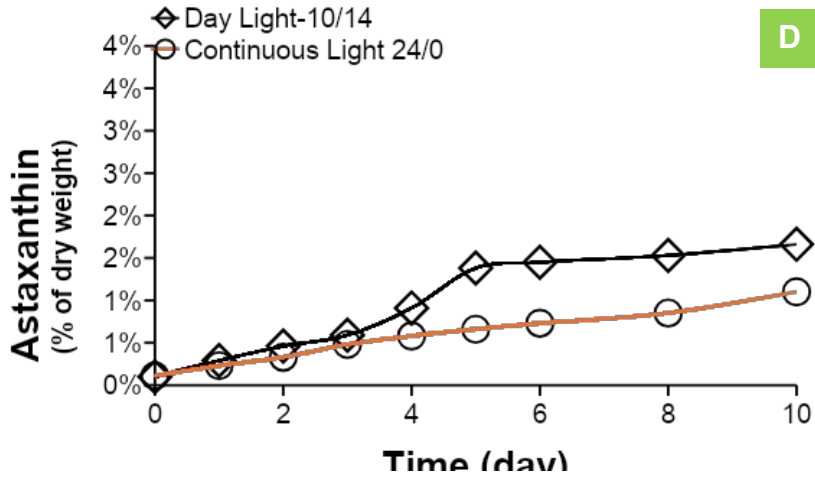
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Gaseous air pollutants removal: YES
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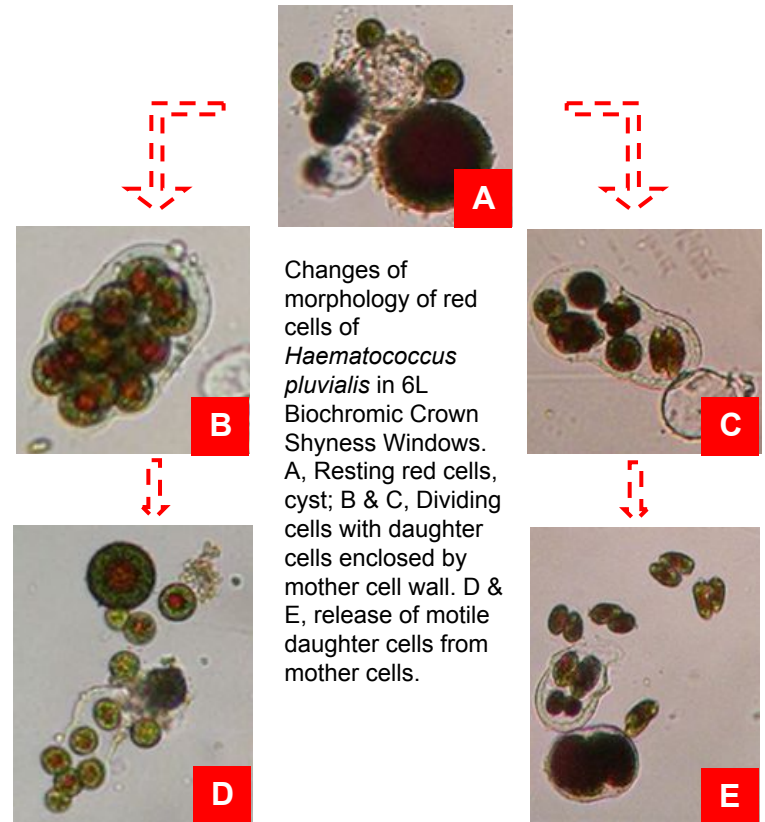


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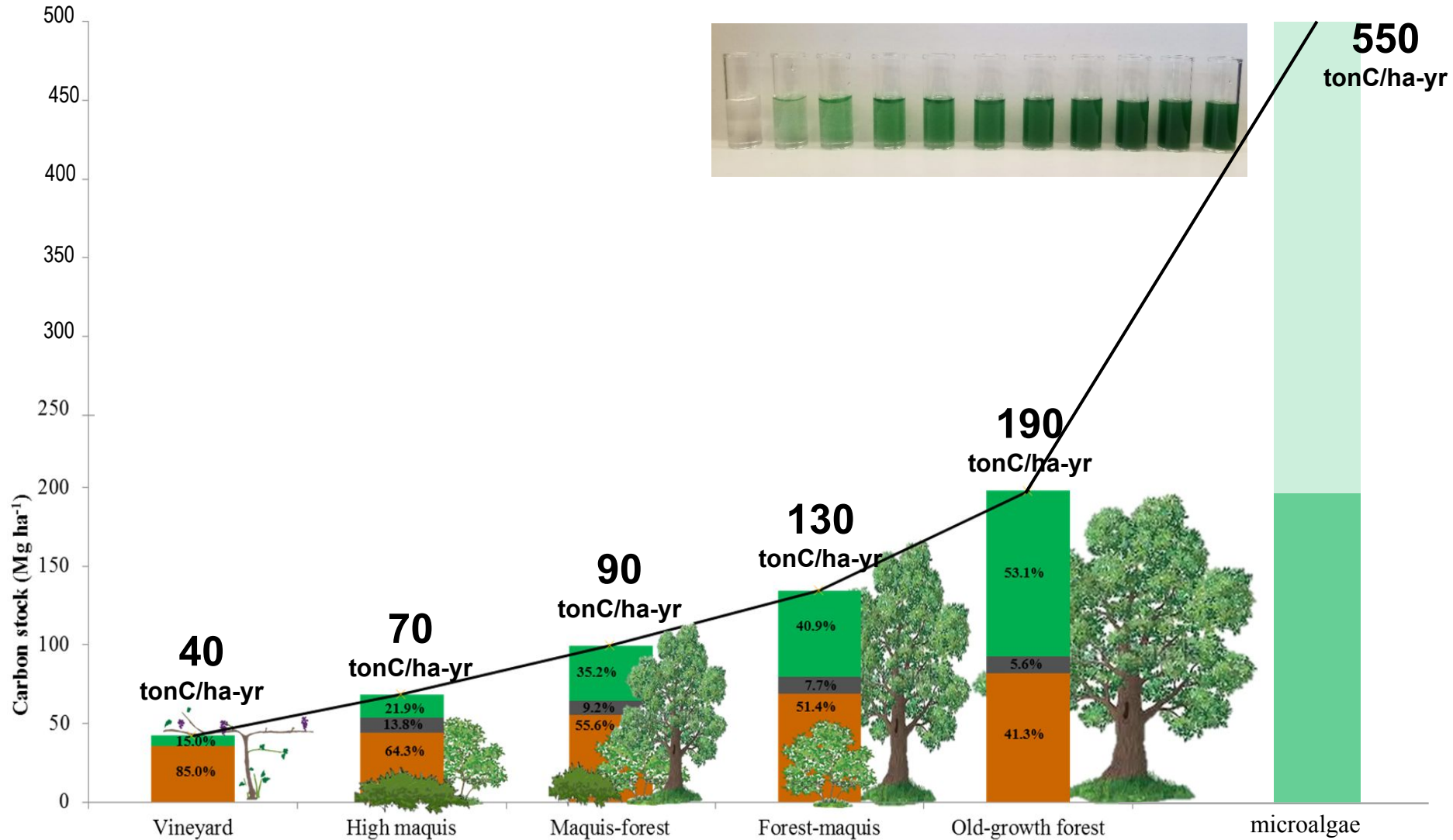


Changes of morphology of green cells of *Haematococcus pluvialis* in 6L Biochromic Crown Shyness Windows. A & B, Dividing cells with daughter cells enclosed by mother cell wall. C, The motile green single cells.



Changes of morphology of red cells of *Haematococcus pluvialis* in 6L Biochromic Crown Shyness Windows. A, Resting red cells, cyst; B & C, Dividing cells with daughter cells enclosed by mother cell wall. D & E, release of motile daughter cells from mother cells.

Environmental, Social, and Economic Sustainability: Effective Carbon Sink



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