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Innovative Building Materials

Life-Cycle Energy & Related Impacts of Buildings Webinar Series

November 12, 2020



Agenda

- I. Opening Remarks Sven Mumme – Technology Manager, U.S. DOE Building Technologies Office
- II. Introduction to Life Cycle Carbon Lyla Fadali – AAAS Policy Fellow, U.S. DOE Building Technologies Office
- III. Low-Carbon and Carbon-Storing Materials for the Built Environment Wil Srubar – Associate Professor, CU Boulder
- IV. Reducing the Carbon Footprint of Concrete Christie Gamble – Sustainability Director, CarbonCure
- V. Advanced, Multifunctional Wood-Based Structural Materials for Green, Energy Efficient Buildings Liangbing Hu – Professor, University of Maryland; Co-Founder, Inventwood
- VI. Life Cycle Climate Potential of Cooling/Heating Systems for Buildings Yunho Hwang – Professor, University of Maryland
- VII. Q&A Session

Carl Shapiro – AAAS Policy Fellow, U.S. DOE Building Technologies Office

Building Life Cycle Impacts DOE Webinar Series

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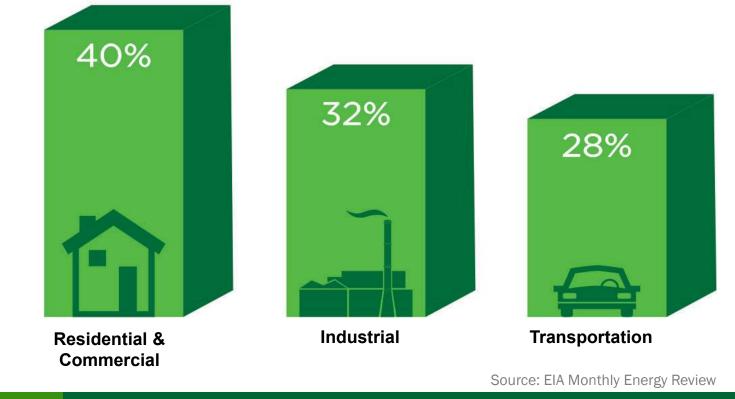
Poll Questions



• What industry are you from?

Efficiency is key to meeting U.S. energy goals

Our Homes and Buildings Use More Energy than Any Other Sector



Building Technologies Office

BTO invests in energy efficiency & related technologies that make homes and buildings more affordable and comfortable, and make the US more sustainable, secure and prosperous.

Budget ~US\$285M/year; activities include:



R&D Pre-competitive, earlystage investment in nextgeneration technologies



Integration Technology validation, field & lab testing, metrics, market integration



Codes & Standards Whole building & equipment standards technical analysis, test procedures, regulations

DOE research has saved energy and saved consumers money

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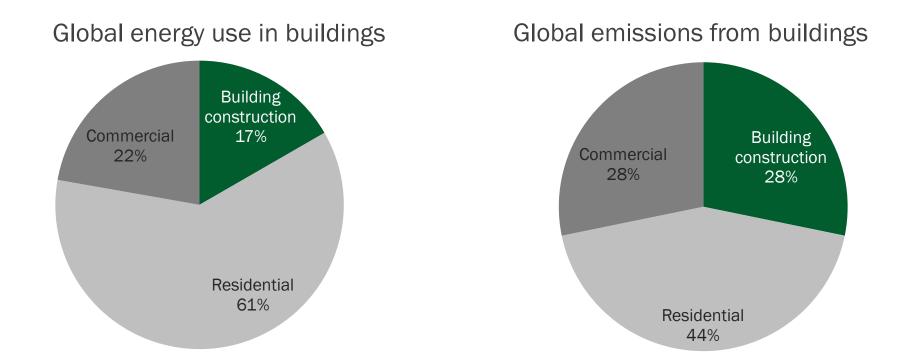


Our impact on a national scale

Energy efficiency standards completed through 2016 are expected to save 142 quadrillion Btu through 2030 — more energy than the entire nation consumes in one year.

BTO's work is making a difference, but we're missing part of the picture.

Historically, BTO has focused on operating buildings.

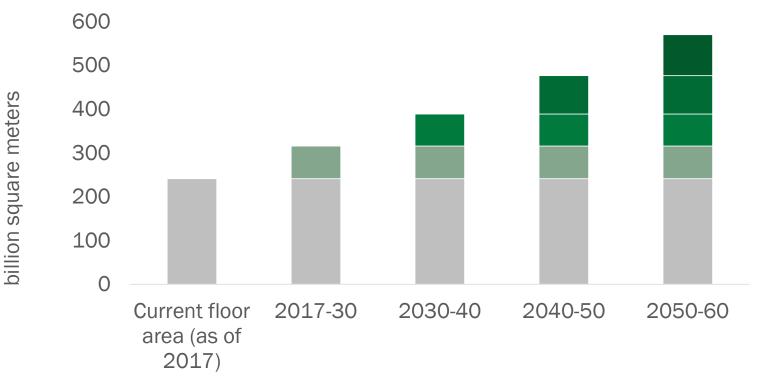


2018 Global Status Report. United Nations Environment Programme. International Energy Agency for the Global Alliance for Building and Construction (GlobalABC)

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Global building stock expected to more than double, making embodied carbon increasingly important.

Global building stock through 2060



Source data from GlobalABC Status Report in 2017

Let's look at the whole picture:

Lifecycle carbon refers to carbon emissions associated with all stages of a building's life



Embodied carbon is the carbon associated with all stages of a building's life cycle not including operating the building

Operational carbon is the carbon associated with operating the building

Where are the biggest opportunities? Where is BTO needed?

What types of buildings?

Residential or commercial? New construction or retrofits?

What types of materials in the building?

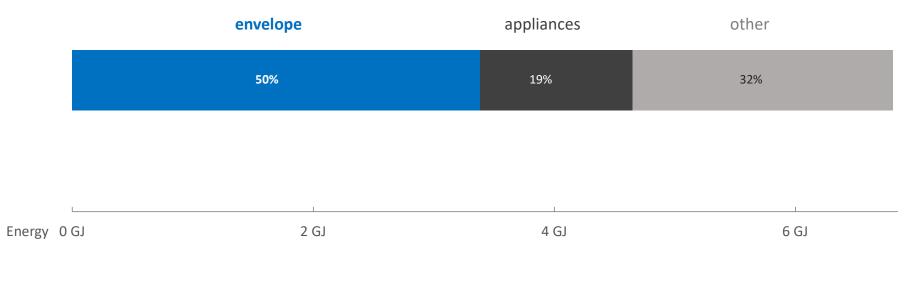
Envelope? Lighting? HVAC?

What parts of the life cycle?

Transportation? Material extraction? End of life?

Envelope and appliances account for 70% of lifecycle energy.

Lifecycle energy in superinsulated multifamily residential buildings



Other includes joinery, electrical work, plumbing, foundation, furniture, and site & transport Data from N. Mithraratne, B. Vale/Building and Environment 39 (2004) 483-492

Reducing the Carbon Footprint of Concrete

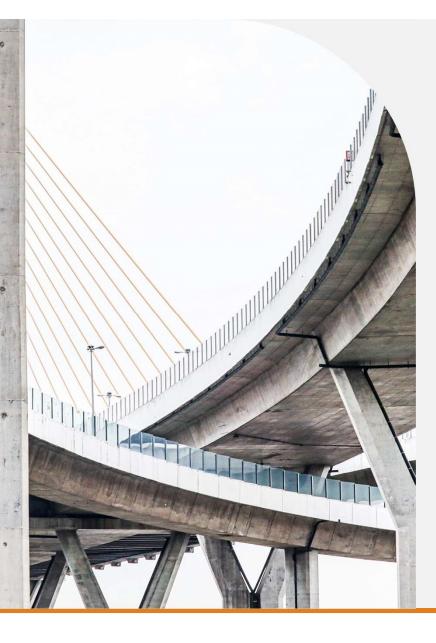
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Did you know?

Embodied carbon is expected to account for **nearly 50%** of the total carbon emissions from new construction over the next 40 years.



Concrete is the most abundant man-made material in the world.

As a result, cement production creates ~7% of the world's CO₂ emissions and is the **largest contributor** to embodied carbon in the built environment.



What is CarbonCure?

CO₂ Utilization in Concrete

CarbonCure's technology beneficially repurposes carbon dioxide (CO₂) to reduce the carbon footprint of concrete without compromising concrete performance.



CarbonCure Concrete Producers

Nearly 300 plants worldwide using the technology.



CO₂ Supply

CO₂ is captured and distributed to concrete plants by industrial gas suppliers.





Collection CO₂ is collected from large emitters

Purification The gas is purified by industrial suppliers



Delivery The CO₂ is delivered to concrete plants by industrial gas suppliers



Storage The CO₂ is stored at concrete plants in pressurized tanks



How it Works: Technology

Seamless retrofit technology that operates with no disruption to normal batching procedures

Installation



 CarbonCure engineers install the proprietary equipment into existing concrete plans

Integration



 The CarbonCure software integrates seamlessly with the plant's existing batching software

Injection

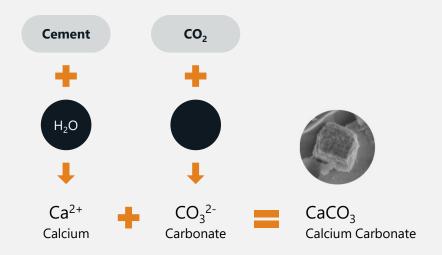


 The equipment injects a precise automated dosage of CO₂ snow into concrete as it mixes



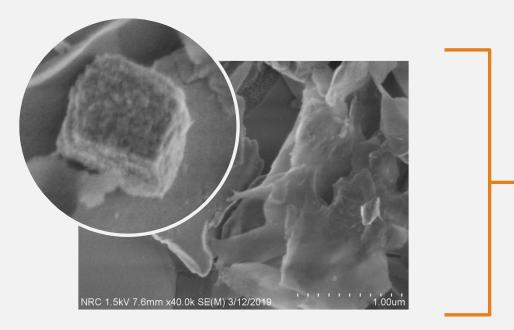


What Happens When CO₂ is Injected?



- Reverse calcination reaction occurs
- CO₂ converts into CaCO₃ (solid limestone)

Converting CO₂ to a Mineral



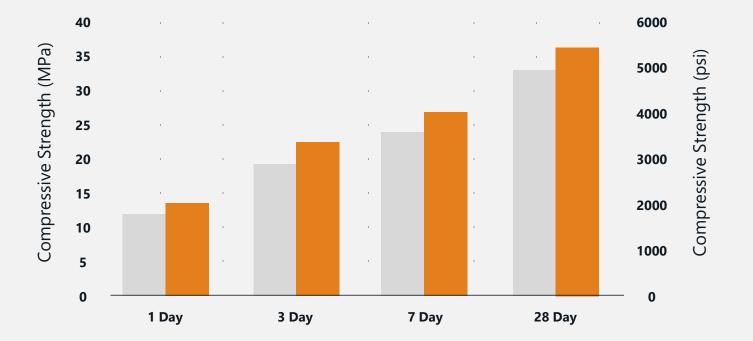
Carbonate product formed about 400 nm dimension

Nano-calcium carbonate

particles act as nucleation sites for hydration. Compressive strength benefits arise from this interaction of up to 10% at 28 days.



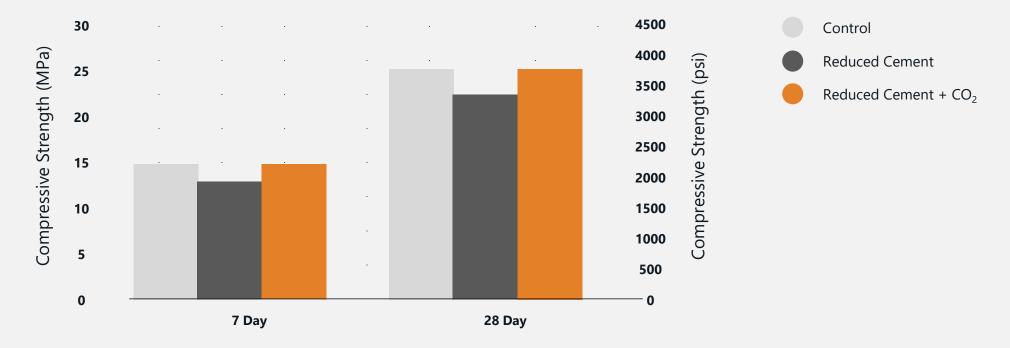
Compressive Strength Effect



Conclusion: The formation of a calcium carbonate nanomaterial **improves the compressive strength** of ready mix concrete.



Mix Adjustment Potential



Conclusion: CarbonCure enables concrete producers to **reduce cement content** without sacrificing strength.





CO₂ has a Neutral Impact on...

Fresh Properties

- Setting time
- Workability/slump
- Concrete pumping
- Air content
- Temperature
- Finishing

Hardened Properties

- Freeze-thaw
- pH
- Density
- Durability
- Color
- Texture

Note: Peer reviewed papers are available to support the above information at carboncure.com.



CarbonCure for Ready Mix

How Much CO₂ Can Be Saved?

~25 lbs CO₂ saved per yd³

 CO_2 saved = CO_2 mineralized + CO_2 avoided by reducing cement



Reference Project:

725 Ponce

360,000 sq ft commercial office in Atlanta, GA

"Uzun+Case, with input from Thomas Concrete, specified the CarbonCure Technology to reduce the carbon footprint of 725 Ponce. We're proud to have saved 1.5 million pounds of CO₂ while maintaining our high-quality standards for concrete."

> **Rob Weilacher** Engineer of Record, Uzun+Case

Supplier: Thomas Concrete

Concrete Usage: 48,000 cy of concrete made with CarbonCure CO₂ Savings: 1.5 million lbs

 CO_2 Savings Equivalent: 888 acres of forest absorbing CO_2 for a year

Reference Projects



Atlanta, GA – Mixed-Use High-Rise Concrete Producer: Thomas Concrete CO_2 Saved: 750 tons (1.5M lbs)



San Francisco, CA – LinkedIn Campus Concrete Producer: Central Concrete CO₂ Saved: 240,000 lbs



Indianapolis, IN – IUPUI Concrete Producer: Irving Materials CO₂ Saved: 180,000 lbs



Halifax, NS – RBC Centre Concrete Producer: Quality Concrete CO_2 Saved: 200,000 lbs



Chicago, IL - McDonald's Flagship Concrete Producer: Ozinga CO₂ Saved: 30,000 lbs



Atlanta, GA – Georgia Aquarium Concrete Producer: Thomas Concrete CO₂ Saved: 330,000 lbs



Calgary, AB – YYC International Airport Concrete Producer: Dufferin Concrete CO₂ Saved: 350,000 lbs



Washington DC – The Wharf Concrete Producer: Vulcan Materials



Early DOT/Municipal Acceptance

CarbonCure is gaining traction for acceptance with various government procurement agencies, including Chicago Department of Transportation, Hawaii Department of Transportation and City of Honolulu.









How can you help reduce concrete's carbon impact?

- Communicate your commitment to embodied carbon reduction throughout the supply chain *early* and *often*
- Design strengths for what you need
- Use supplementary cementitious materials and/or lowcarbon cement
- Remove unnecessary prescriptive concrete specs
- Consider **performance**-based concrete specs
- ✓ Specify and/or approve CO₂ mineralized concrete

Build for the Future. Build with CarbonCure.

A building or infrastructure project may save as much CO₂ as 100s if not 1000s of acres of trees absorb over a year.

Who knew that building with concrete could be like planting trees?

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Advanced, Multifunctional Wood-Based Structural Materials for Green, Energy Efficient Buildings

Presentation for Alfred P. Sloan Proposal

Proposal Team:

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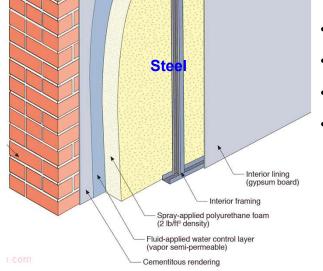
Building Energy Use and Materials



- Total building energy-use ~\$220 billion/year (~50% total energy)
- Heating/cooling <u>~50-70%</u> of energy used in the average American home
- ~35% of energy leaks through walls

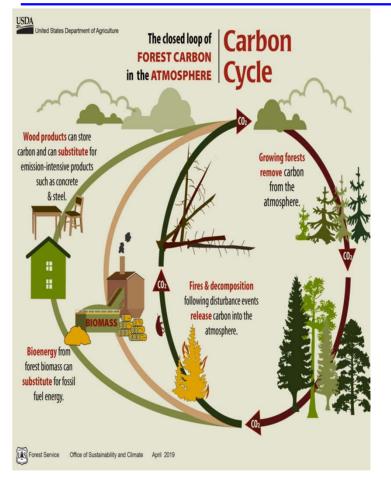
Energy Efficiency Trends in Residential and Commercial Buildings, DOE EERE

Future buildings need more sustainable materials that can also improve building energy efficiency.



- Non-sustainable materials (plastic foam, glass, steel) are heavily used in buildings.
- Energy intensive processes/CO₂ emission problem for steel and glass production.
- Plastic foam is harmful for the environment.
- Wood is used in many buildings, but:
 - Poor mechanical properties that limit its use (tall buildings, structural components);
 - Poor energy efficiency (e.g., poor thermal insulation ~0.1 W/mK)

Carbon Cycle in Forests



U.S. forest is a carbon sink – sequestrates more carbon than it releases.*

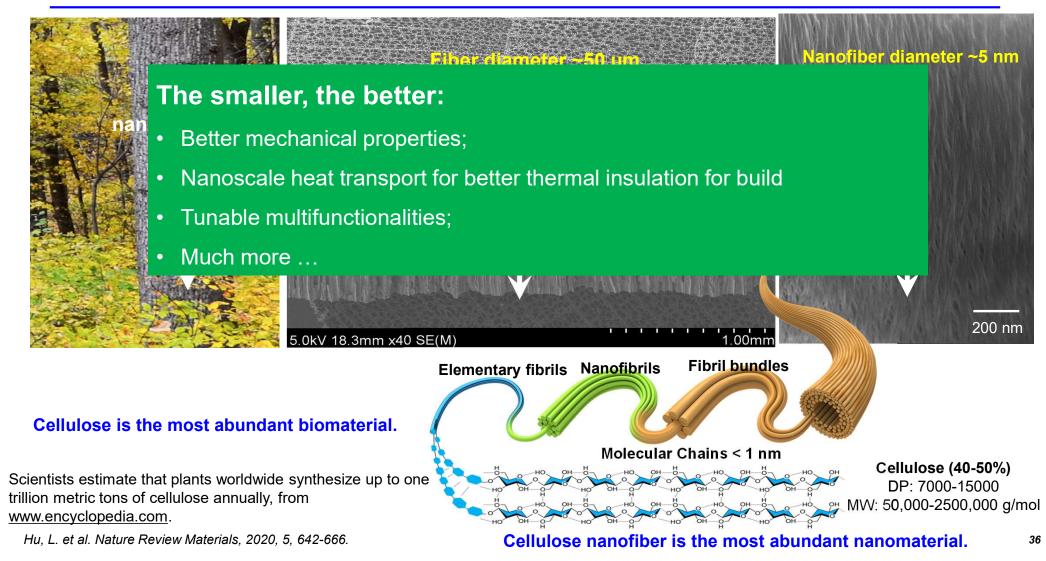
* Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks, 1990-2018. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Washington, DC. 2020.



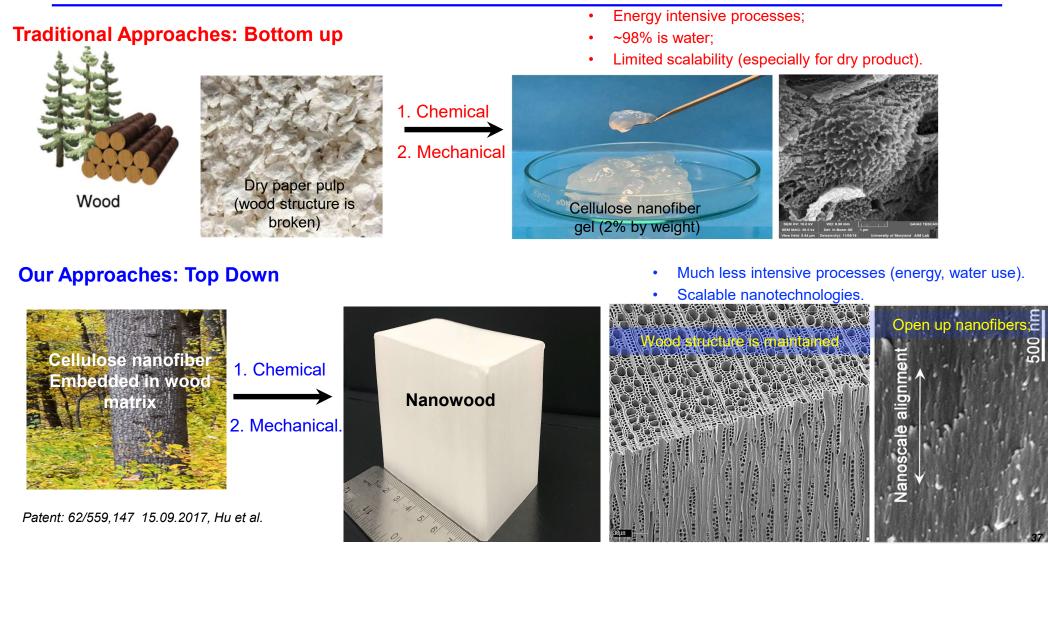
Carbon is stored in wood products. The longer, the better.

Building material, an excellent example of long lived wood product, serves as a prolonged carbon storage.

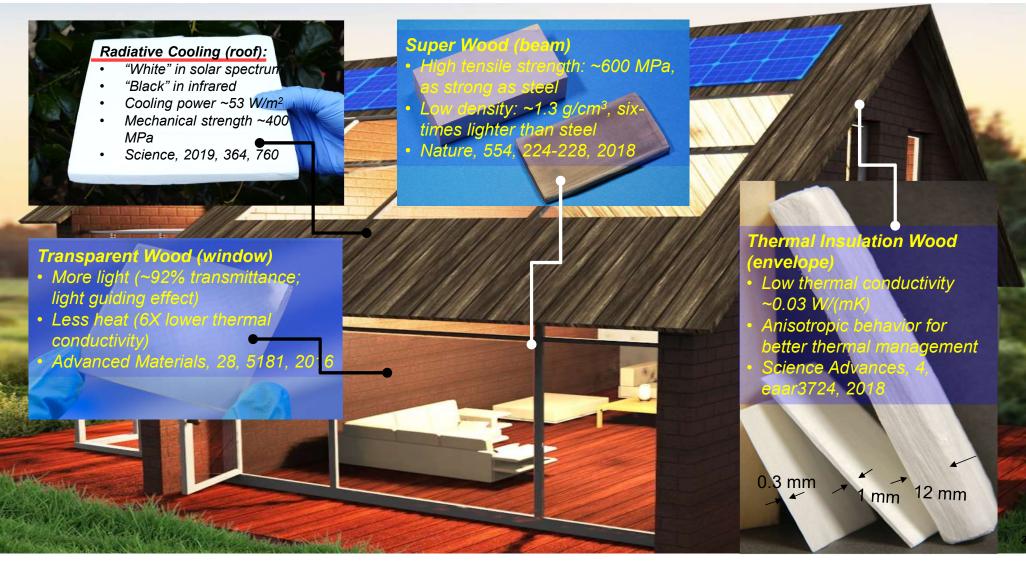
Advanced Wood Technology Through Nanoscience



Bottom Up vs. Top Down for Cellulose Nanostructures



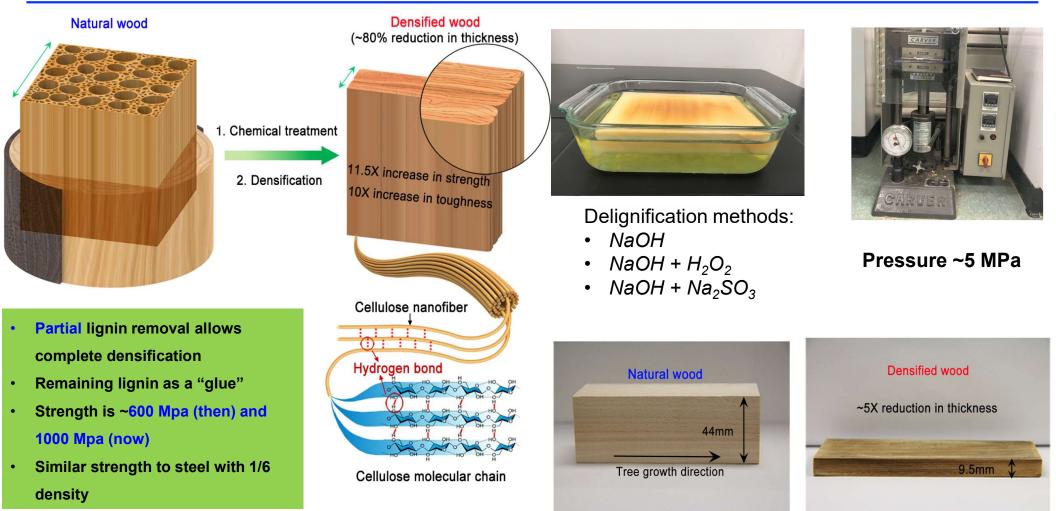
Innovations by the PIs: Advanced Wood for Building Energy Efficiency



1. Engineering Wood for Lightweight (Mechanics)

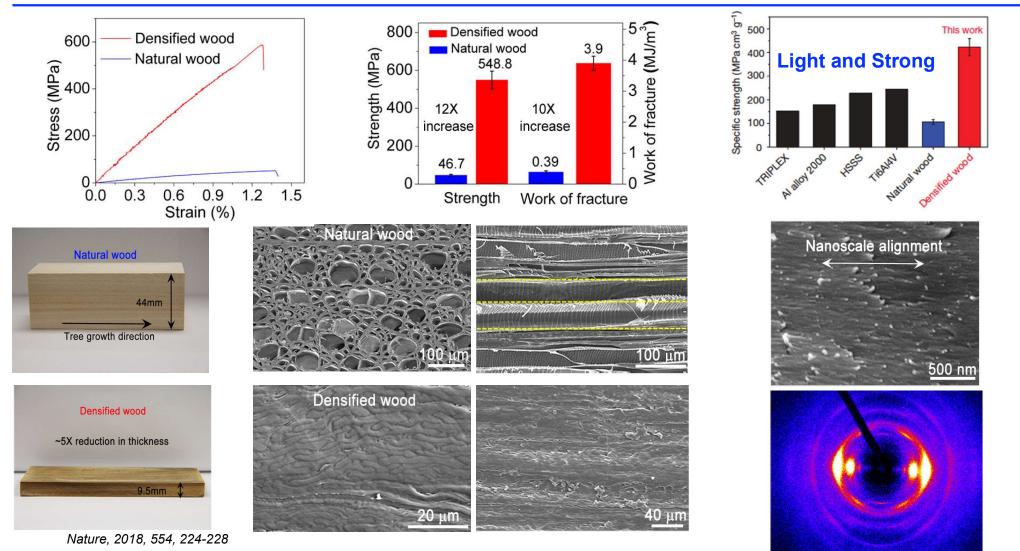


Densified Superwood (with Naturally Aligned Nanofibers)

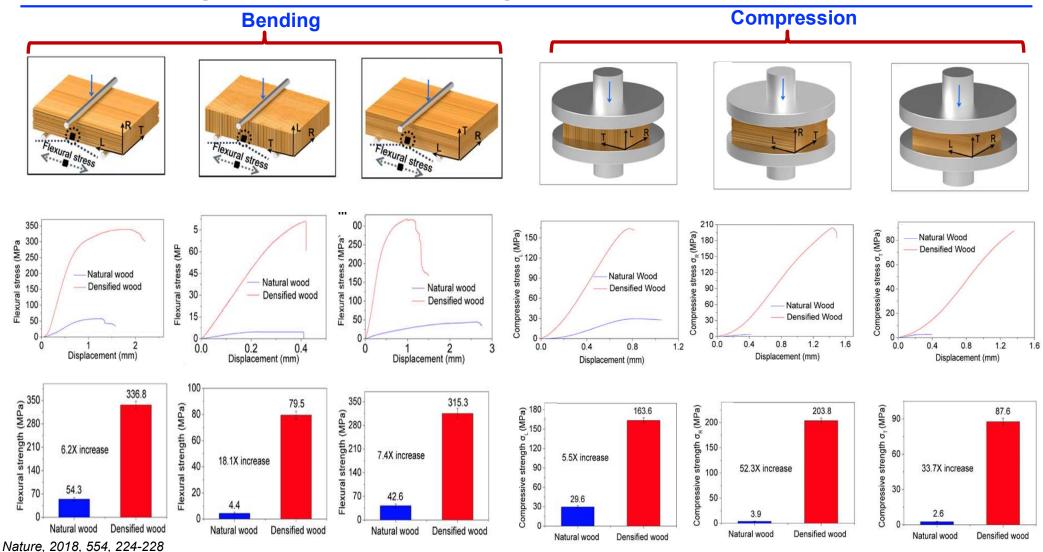


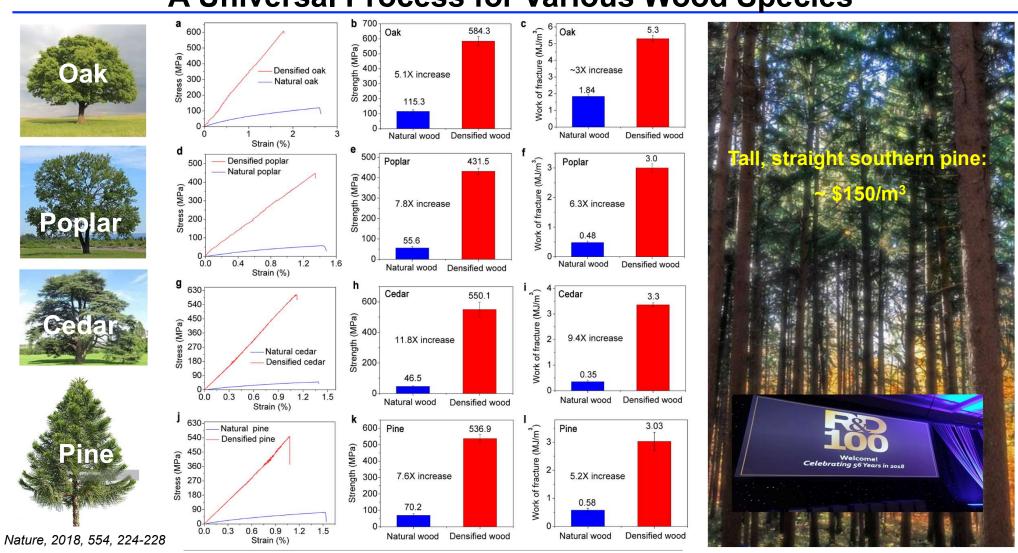
Nature, 2018, 554, 224-228

Superb Mechanical Properties of Densified Wood



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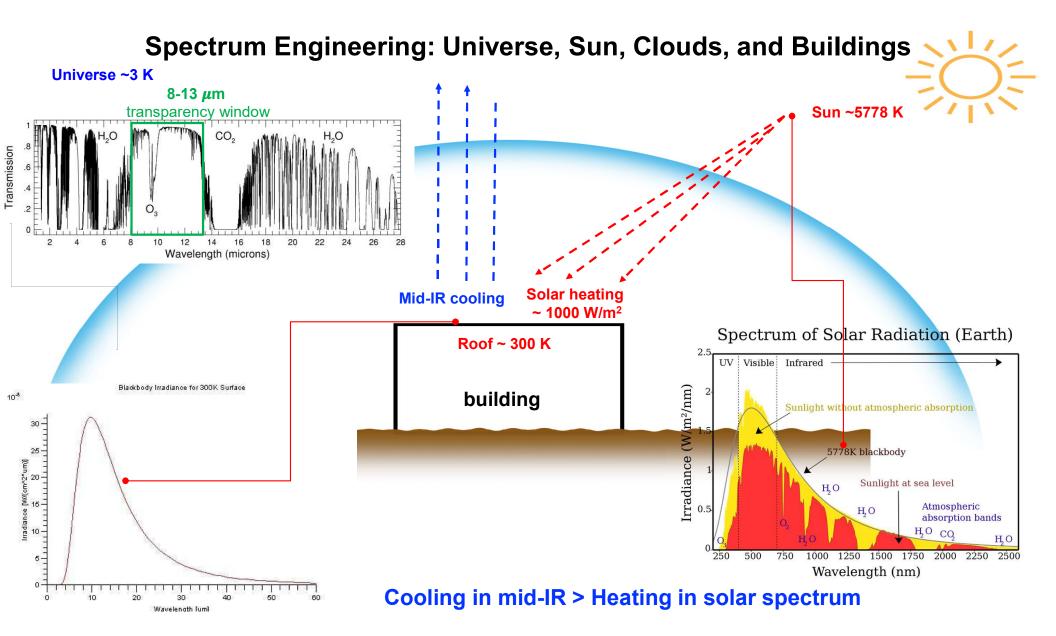




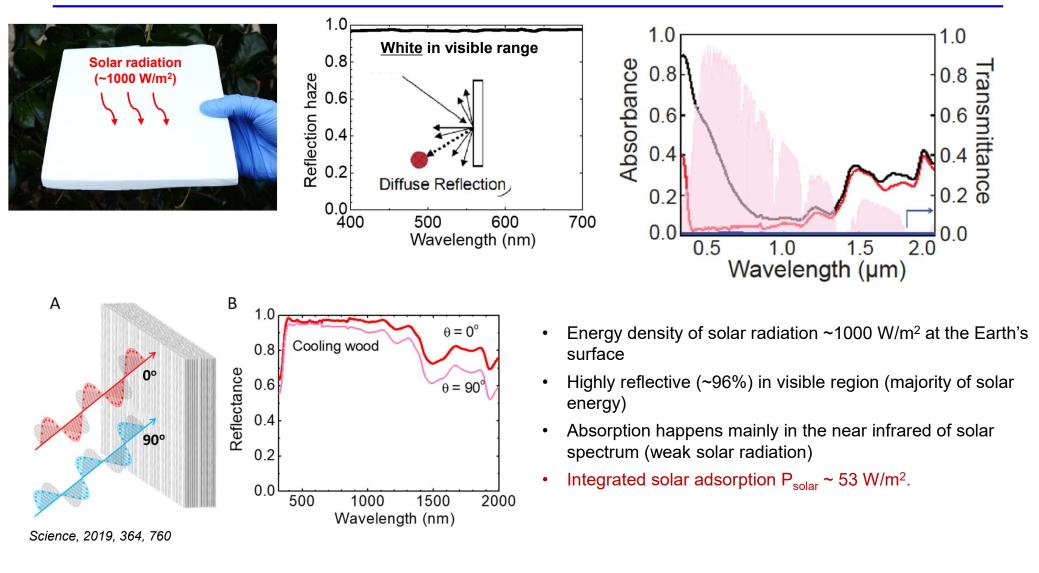
A Universal Process for Various Wood Species

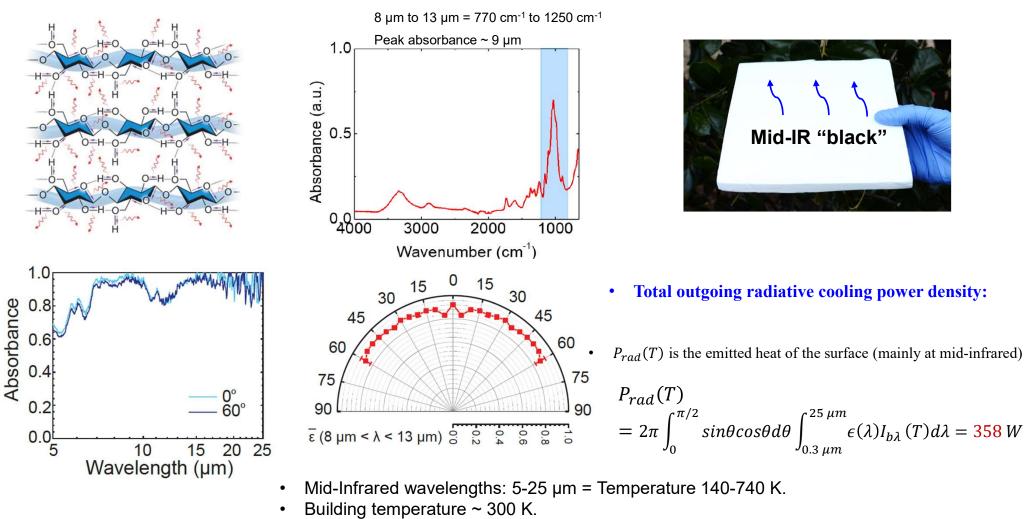
2. Optical and Thermal Engineering with Wood Materials (for building energy efficiency)





Cooling Wood in Solar Spectrum: Integrated Heating Power



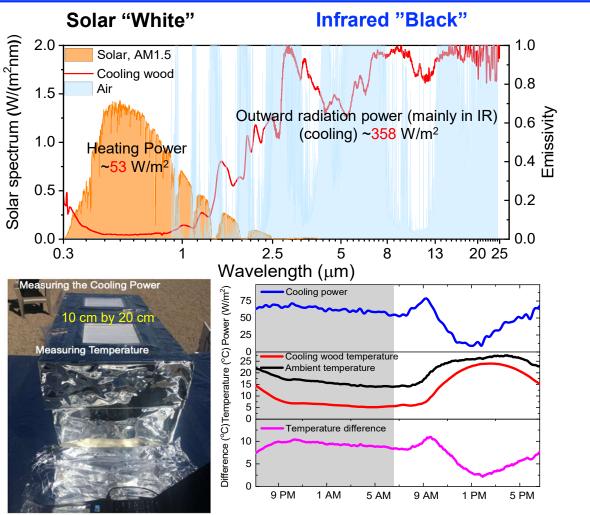


Mid-Infrared Spectrum: High Emissivity (Black)

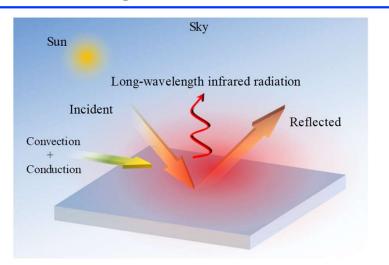
• High absorptivity α = High emissivity ε .

Science, 2019, 364, 760

Overall Daytime Radiative Cooling



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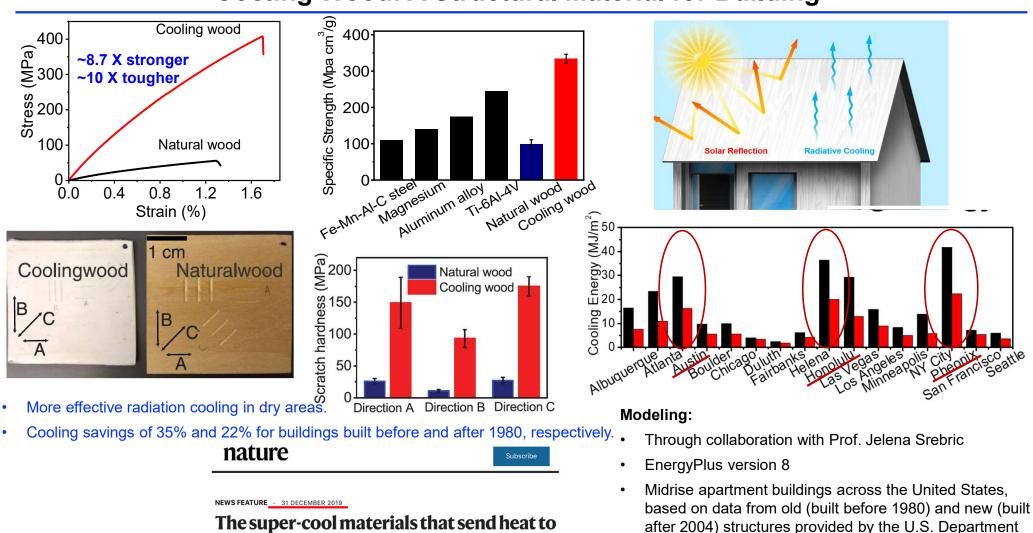
Ambient temperature

$$P_{atm}(T_{amb}) = 2\pi \int_{0}^{\pi/2} \sin\theta \cos\theta d\theta \int_{0.3 \ \mu m}^{25 \ \mu m} \epsilon(\lambda) \epsilon_{atm}(\lambda) I_{b\lambda}(T_{amb}) d\lambda = 227 \ W$$

$$P_{conv+cond}(T, T_{amb}) = 20$$
W, based on wind speed ~ $2\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$.

$$P_{net}(T) = P_{rad}(T) - P_{solar} - P_{conv+cond}(T, T_{amb}) - P_{atm}(T_{amb})$$

= 58W



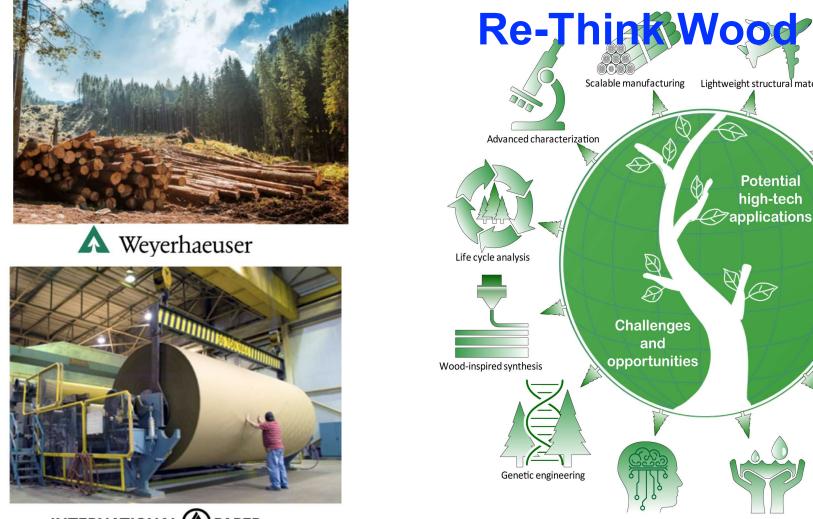
of Energy Commercial Reference Buildings

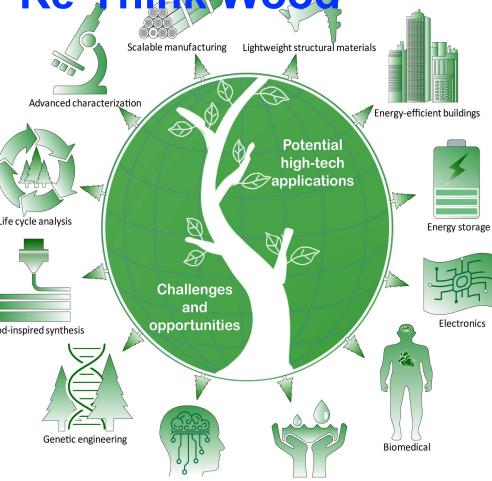
Cooling Wood: A Structural Material for Building

Science, 2019, 364, 760

The super-cool materials that send hear space

Integration with Existing Wood/Paper Manufacturing Infrastructure





Al-accelerated wood research Environmental remediation

Nature Review Materials, 2020, Online



Life Cycle Climate Potential of Cooling/Heating Systems for Buildings

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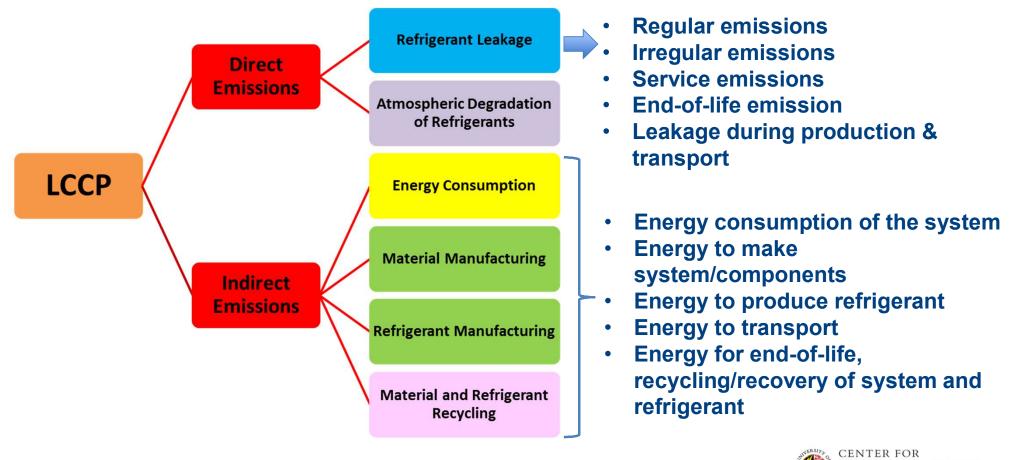
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Life Cycle Climate Performance



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LCCP IIR Excel Tool (2012-2016) for Residential Heat Pumps – User Inputs



- Single Speed Compressor, Single Speed Fan
- 8 Refrigerants built in
 - HFC-32, HFC-1234yf, HFC-134a, R-290, HFC-404A, HFC-410A, L-41b, DR-5
- 5 Locations (Miami FL, Phoenix AZ, Atlanta GA, Chicago IL, Seattle WA)
 - Each location in a different climate zone
- Inputs and results in SI units

| IIR LCCP V | Vorking Grou | ip Residenti | al Heat Pump | Excel Tool | |
|---|--------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| System | System A | | User Input: | | |
| Refrigerant | HFC-410A | | Energy Calcul | ation is perform | |
| Charge (kg) | 6 | | | | |
| Unit Weight (kg) | 115 | | INSTRUCTIONS | | |
| Annual Refrigerant Leakage (% per year) | 4.00% | 1. Select the refrigerant from | | | |
| EOL Leakage | 15.00% | | 2. Enter the charge, unit weight | | |
| Lifetime (years) | 15 | | 3. Select "Virgin" or "Mixed" | | |
| Manufacturing Emissions Type | Virgin | | 4. Enter the Cut Off Temperate | | |
| Cut Off Temperature (°C) | -17.78 | | 5. Enter the AHRI Standard 21 | | |
| T _{on} (°C) | -12.22 | | 6. Select the electricity gener | | |
| | 1 | | Refrigerant O | ptions: HFC-32, I | |
| AHRI Std 210/240 Performan | ce Data | | | | |
| Cooling or Heating | Test Number | Capacity (W) | Total Power (W) | | |
| Single speed unit - Fixed Fan Speed | | | | | |
| Cooling | A Test | 10,140 | 2,550 | | |
| Cooling | B Test | 10,474 | 2,378 | | |
| Heating | H1 Test | 10,082 | 2,500 | | |
| Heating | H2 Test | 8,382 | 2,370 | | |
| Heating | H3 Test | 6,154 | 2,310 | | |

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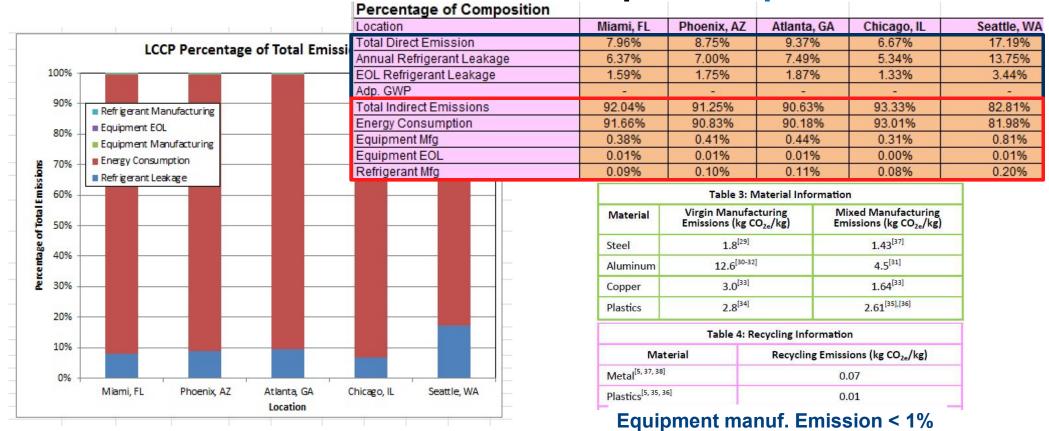
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LCCP IIR Excel Tool (2012-2016) for Residential Heat Pumps – Outputs

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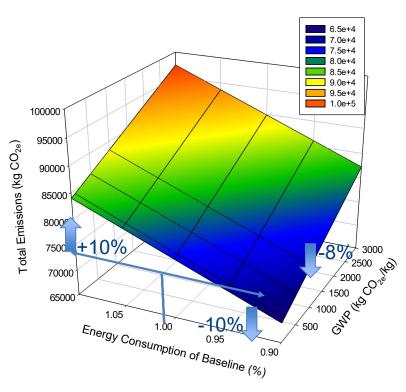


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Sensitivity Study



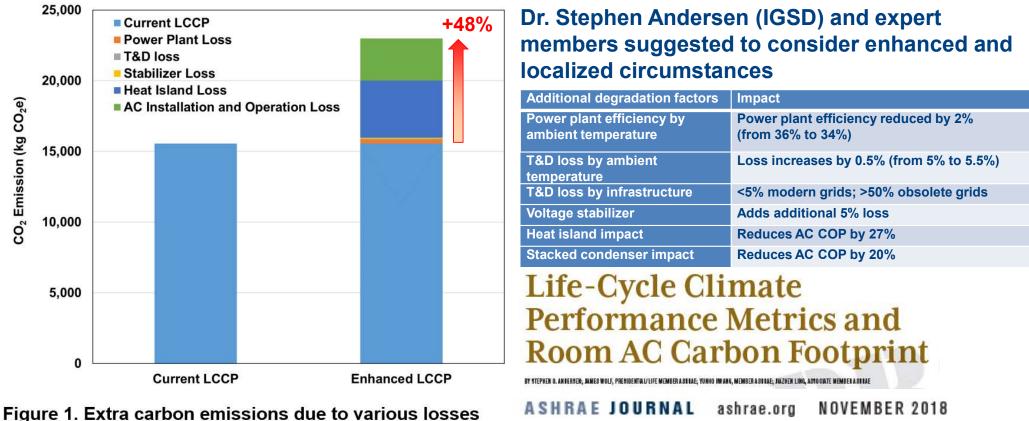
Energy Consumption & GWP

| Refrigerant | Constituent | Mass fraction | Classification | GWP | LCCP |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|-------|------|
| R410A | R32/R125 | 50/50 | A1 | 2,088 | 100% |
| ARM70a | R32/R134a/R1234yf | 50/10/40 | A2L | 482 | 96% |
| D2Y60 | R32/R1234yf | 40/60 | A2L | 272 | 96% |
| DR5 | R32/R1234yf | 72.5/27.5 | A2L | 490 | 95% |
| L41b | R32/R1234ze | 73/27 | A2L | 494 | 95% |
| R32 | R32 | 100 | A2L | 675 | 94% |
| Propane | R290 | 100 | A3 | 3 | 88% |

- Reducing GWP to around 500 decreases direct emission by 71% but total LCCP by 11%
- Reducing energy consumption by 10% lowers total LCCP near to 10%.
- The most effective way to reduce equipment emissions is to increase the energy efficiency of the equipment (or building envelop performance).
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Enhanced & Localized LCCP (2017-2019)



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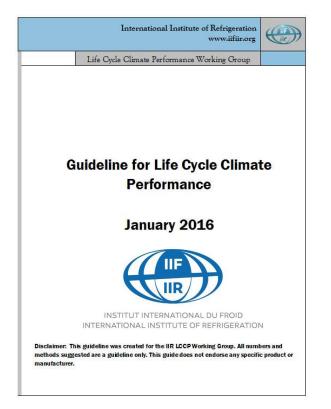
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Summary

- IIR LCCP Guideline (2016) recommends how to perform the LCCP calculation for heat pump systems and provide data sources for the individual components.
- Energy consumption is the main contributor to the LCCP followed by annual refrigerant leakage.
- EL-LCCP considers practical localized installation factors.
- Low-GWP refrigerant will be applied globally and using low-GWP refrigerant (GWP=10) is equivalent to improving energy efficiency by 8% in Miami, US.
- Improving building material performance directly improves on equipment LCCP.



IIR Guideline for LCCP Performance



- Guideline for Life Cycle Climate Performance published in January 2016.
 - Detailed explanation of calculation process
 - Recommended traceable data sources for GWP values, leakage rates, manufacturing emissions rates, recycling emissions rates
 - Recommended traceable data sources for weather data, electricity generation rates
 - Recommended standards for energy consumption calculation
 - Comparison to TEWI
 - Available LCCP calculation tools
 - Residential heat pump sample problem

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LCCP Publications

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INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF REFRIGERATION 70 (2016) 128-137



LCCP evaluation on various vapor compression cycle options and low GWP refrigerants

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- Published "Harmonization of Life Cycle Climate Performance" at 16th Int.
 RAC conference at Purdue, Paper No. 2382.
- Published "LCCP evaluation on various vapor compression cycle options and low GWP refrigerants", Int. J. of Refrigeration, 2016, V 70, pp. 128-137.

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Q&A Session

• Use the Q&A feature to ask a question

Panelists

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