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Life Cycle Assessment Report

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Introduction

Clark Pacific engaged Walter P Moore and Associates, Inc. to perform a lifecycle assessment on several typical configurations of their Infinite Façade panel system for the purpose of understanding the global warming potential per square foot of each configuration. This study is a follow-up study to the Clark Pacific Envelope study produced by Glumac that studied energy performance. Glumac’s energy analysis studied the impact of different Infinite Façade enclosure system configurations on the operational energy use of prototype buildings. The purpose of the current study is to understand the embodied carbon of the same Infinite Façade configurations studied by Glumac, as well as functionally equivalent baseline wall types for comparison.

The Infinite Façade system consists of a 2-1/4” precast concrete skin reinforced with welded wire mesh supported by a steel HSS frame with spray foam insulation. The interior finish consists of 5/8” type X gypsum board over steel furring channels. For panels with windows, the glazing system is a captured aluminum window system with a thermally broken frame. The aluminum frame is 5” x 2.5” with a weight of 2.41lbs/ft. The window considered in this study is a 1” IGU with a buildup of 1/4” annealed glass with low-e coating on the #2 surface + argon-filled airspace + 1/4” annealed glass.

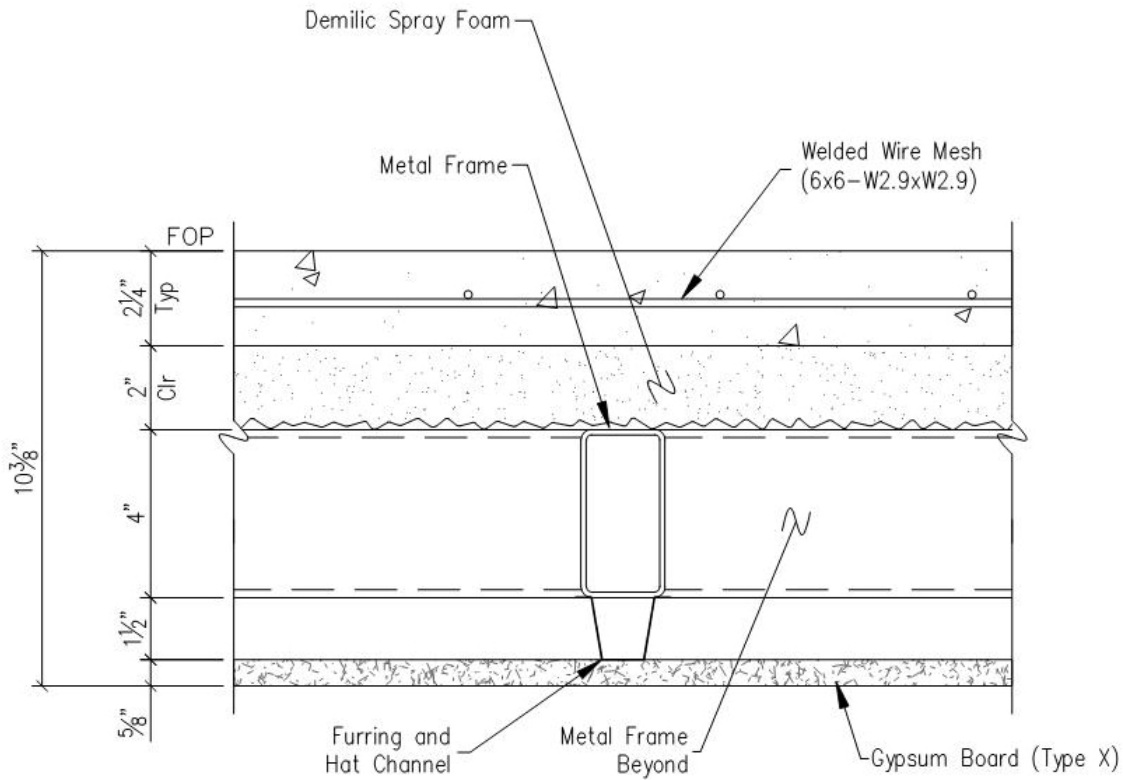


Figure 1: Plan detail of Infinite Façade system (not to scale)

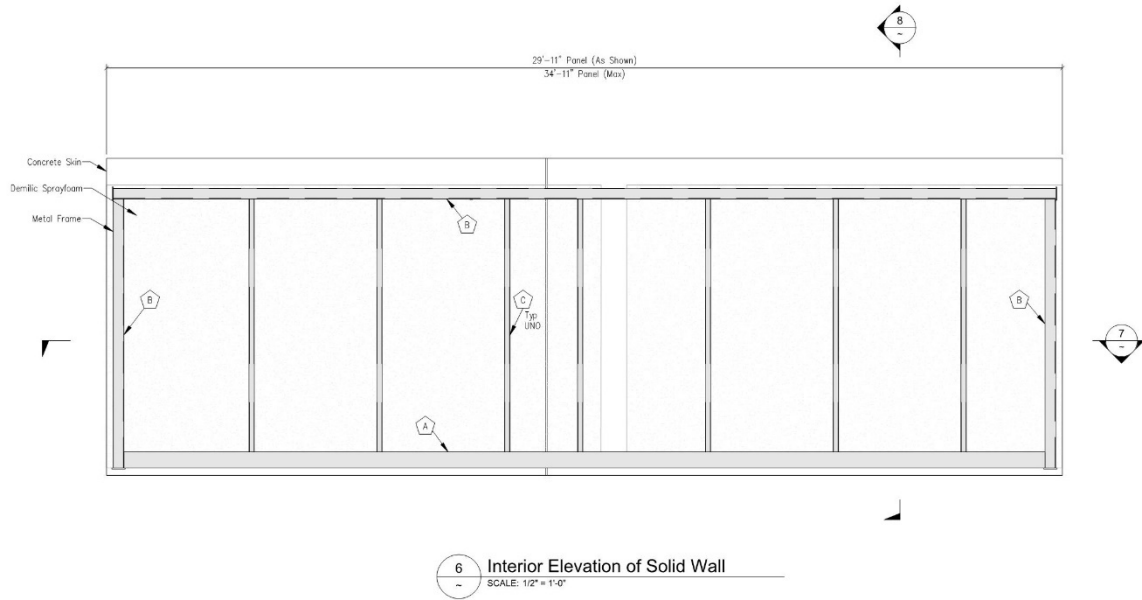


Figure 2: Infinite Facade solid wall panel interior elevation (not to scale)

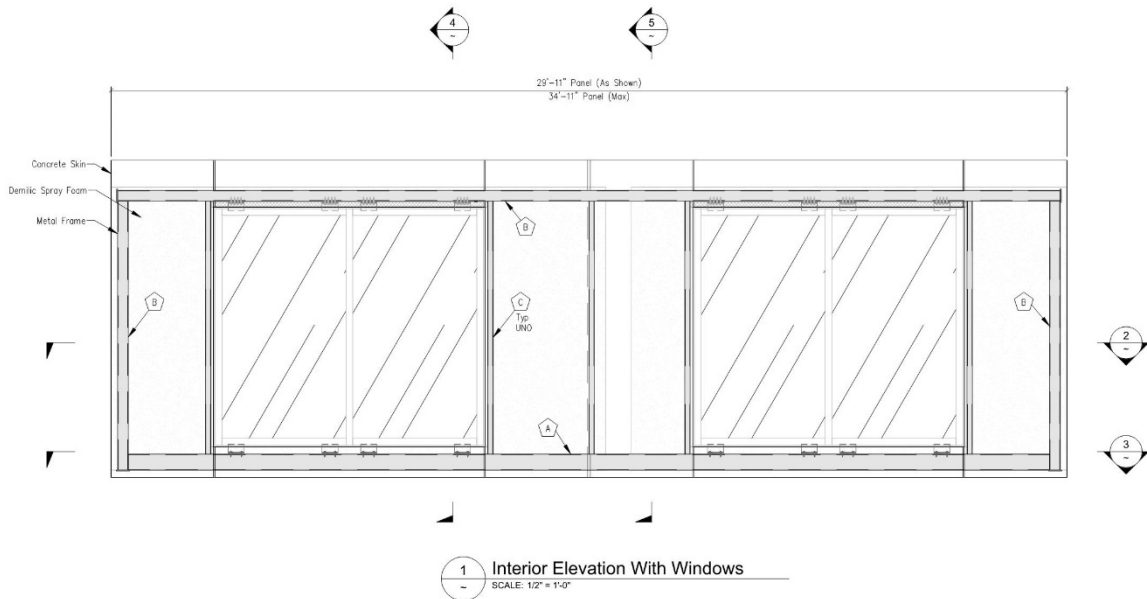


Figure 3: Infinite Facade wall panel with windows interior elevation (not to scale)

The following variables have been analyzed in the LCA studies in this report:

Insulation Type and Thickness

Two wall types have been considered, W3 and W4. Type W3 has 2" of spray foam insulation for an effective U-value of 0.065 Btu/h-sf-F for the opaque wall assembly and Type W4 has 3" of spray foam insulation for an effective U-value of 0.046 Btu/h-sf-F for the opaque wall assembly. For each wall type, two different blowing agents for the spray foam insulation have been considered: HFC and HFO.

Concrete Mix

Two different concrete mixes have been considered, Mix A and Mix B. Concrete mix proportions were provided by Clark Pacific based on common mixes used in the wall panels. See concrete mix tables in the Material Assumptions section of this report for mix design.

Window to Wall Ratio

Three different window to wall ratios have been considered as well as one solid opaque panel option. The three window to wall ratios are the same as those studied by Glumac.

		Solid panel		40% Glazed		55% Glazed		70% Glazed	
		Concrete Mix A	Concrete Mix B	Concrete Mix A	Concrete Mix B	Concrete Mix A	Concrete Mix B	Concrete Mix A	Concrete Mix B
W3	2" Spray Foam Insulation (HFO blowing agent)	*	*	*		*		*	
	2" Spray Foam Insulation (HFC blowing agent)	*							
W4	3" Spray Foam Insulation (HFO blowing agent)	*							
	3" Spray Foam Insulation (HFC blowing agent)	*							

* indicates option to be studied

Comparison with Alternative Wall Assemblies

A selection of other common enclosure buildups has been included for comparison with the Infinite Façade system, including two opaque wall assemblies that are functionally equivalent to the code baseline wall from Glumac’s energy study, as well as two glazed curtain wall assemblies.

Scope and Methodology

To understand the impacts of different variables within the Infinite Façade system and how it compares to other common wall assemblies, we conducted four separate LCA studies using the Tally software plugin for Revit. The five environmental impact measures that Tally calculates are global warming potential, acidification, eutrophication, smog formation, and non-renewable energy. These are the WBLCA metrics used in nationally recognized high-performance green building codes, standards and rating systems (e.g. International Green Construction Code, ASHRAE 189.1 and in LEED v4/4.1). While operational energy for the building can be included in Tally, it was considered outside the scope of this study, and was not analyzed. The primary impact considered in this study is Global Warming Potential (GWP). The scope of this study was limited to the façade system and included lifecycle stages available in Tally: A1-A3 (product), A4 (transportation), B2-B5 (maintenance and replacement), C2-C4 (end of life), and module D. See the Lifespan Assumptions section for more information on stages B2-B5.

For each wall type, the quantity of each material per square foot of wall area was modeled in Revit and analyzed in Tally. See the Material Assumptions section for detailed information on LCI and EPD data used for each material.

Study 1: Insulation Type and R-Value Comparison

The purpose of the first study is to understand the impacts of insulation type and thickness on the global warming potential of the wall assembly.

	HFO Blowing Agent	HFC Blowing Agent
W3 - 2" Spray Foam Insulation	1.1	1.2
W4 - 3" Spray Foam Insulation	1.3	1.4

Study 2: Concrete Mix Design Comparison

The purpose of the second study is to understand the impact of concrete mix design on the global warming potential of the wall assembly by comparing two typical mix designs that Clark Pacific uses frequently, referred to here as Mix A and Mix B. See the Material Assumptions section of this report for more detailed information on each concrete mix. From Study 1, one insulation option was selected as the baseline wall buildup for comparing the two concrete mixes (Wall Type W3 with HFO blowing agent).

	Concrete Mix A	Concrete Mix B
W3 - 2" Spray Foam Insulation (HFO)	2.1	2.2

Study 3: Window to Wall Ratio and Curtainwall Comparison

The purpose of the third study is to understand the impact of glazing on the global warming potential of the wall assembly. From Study 2, one wall assembly and concrete mix were selected for further study (Wall Type W3 with HFO blowing agent and Mix B). This study compares a solid wall to walls with 40%, 55%, and 70% window-to-wall ratios. In addition, two curtain wall assemblies were added to the comparison – one based on an EPD for a complete curtain wall system from Kawneer, and the other based on a custom glass buildup (matching the windows used in the Infinite Façade system) with curtain wall mullion system EPD from YKK.

	Solid	40% Glazed	55% Glazed	70% Glazed	Curtain Wall 1 (YKK)	Curtain Wall 2 (Kawneer)
W3 - 2" Spray Foam Insulation (HFO) - Concrete Mix B	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6

Study 4: Comparison to Alternative Wall Types

The purpose of the fourth study is to understand how the Infinite Façade system compares to other opaque enclosure options. From Study 2, one Infinite Façade wall assembly and concrete mix combination were selected for further study (Wall Type W3 with HFO blowing agent and Mix B). The infinite façade panel is then compared to two different wall buildups, both with ACM rainscreen cladding.

	Infinite Façade	Backup Wall 1	Backup Wall 2
Infinite Façade W3 - 2" Spray Foam Insulation (HFO) - Concrete Mix B	4.1	n/a	n/a
ACM Rainscreen Cladding	n/a	4.2	4.3

Wall Assemblies

For the backup wall assemblies, two options were considered. The first option is a metal stud wall with mineral wool cavity insulation and mineral wool continuous insulation on the exterior of the façade, which is a similar configuration to the code baseline wall from Glumac’s report and provides the same U-value. The second backup wall option is a buildup that also meets code and that Walter P Moore considers to be more typical, which is a metal stud wall with all the code-required insulation provided as continuous insulation on the exterior of the wall. See the table above and wall sections in Figure 4 for more information on the backup wall buildups.

Cladding Material

The finish material for both alternative wall types studied is an ACM rainscreen panel system. ACM was selected due to its low cost and widespread use as a cladding material.

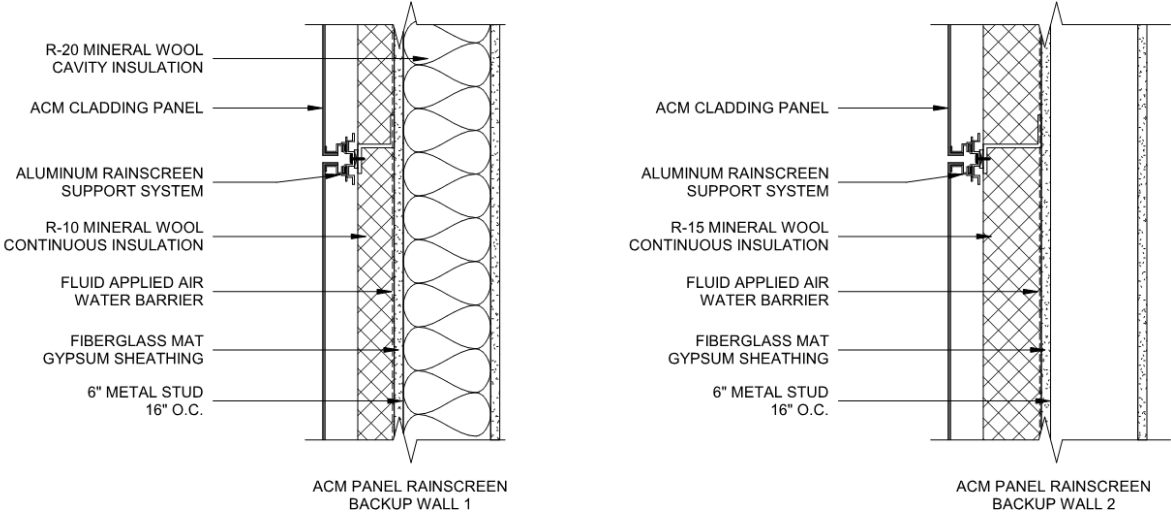


Figure 4: Section details of alternative wall type buildups for Study 4 (not to scale)

Material Assumptions

Tally permits quantities to be entered in a variety of ways. The quantity takeoff method and LCI data source for each material are listed in the text and tables below. Tally uses the mass of each material in the model to calculate the environmental impacts. For components measured by volume (for example, concrete), Tally uses density data from its material database to calculate the mass. For components measured by area (walls), or length (framing members), Tally uses the mass per square foot or mass per linear foot from its material database to calculate the quantity.

Concrete

Concrete was measured by modeled volume. Materials were assigned to each mix component using the custom concrete mix material in Tally. EPDs for different aggregates, sand, cement, and admixtures are not available in Tally, so both mixes use the same LCI data for these elements. The difference in quantity of each component of the mix is what causes the difference in environmental impact for the two mixes. EPD's for individual admixtures are not available in Tally, so the default admixture material has been assigned to the total weight of admixtures in each mix. The tables below indicate the quantities of each component of the concrete mix and the EPD used for each.

Concrete Mix A				
Product	LCI Source	Quantity	Weight (lb/yd3)	Mass (kg/m3)
Cement - 13025 - Lehigh White - Type I - White - Lehigh White	US: Portland cement PCA/ts (2014)	900lb	900	533.95
Water - H20 - Potable Water - City Water - Water, W.Sac / Total Water (288.0 lb)	US: Tap water from groundwater ts (2017)	288lb	283.6	168.25
Stone - 13168 - 3/8" X #8 - Crushed stone - Calrock Premium	EU-28: Gravel 2/32 ts (2017)	1400lb	1734	1028.74
Sand - 13169 - #4 - Manufactured sand - Calrock Premium	US: Silica sand (Excavation and processing) ts (2017)	1292lb	1310	777.19
Admixture - 13128 - 4R - Viscosity modifier - Sika, Santa Fe Springs	US: Diethanolamine (DEA) ts (2017)	45.00oz/yd3	2.86875	1.70
Admixture - 13174 - Perfin 305 - Concrete Surface Enhancing Admixture - Sika, Santa Fe	US: Tensides (alcohol ethoxy sulfate (AES)) ts (2017)	45.00oz/yd3	2.503125	1.49
Admixture - 13190 - SIKA TARD 440 - Hydration stabilizer - Sika, Santa Fe Springs		18.00oz/yd3	1.29375	0.77
Admixture - 13181 - ViscoCrete 1000 - High range water reducer - Sika, Santa Fe Springs		45.00oz/yd3	2.98125	1.77
Admixture - 13131.A902 - WHITE - Pigment - Davis / Water Included, Volume Included		24.84lb/yd3	24.24	14.38
Admixture - 13314 - ViscoFlow 2020 - Slump Retention - Sika, Santa Fe Springs		45.00oz/cwt	26.325	15.62
Other constituent - 13178 - Sika Fibers HP 1/2" - Fibers - Sika, Santa Fe Springs		1lb	1	0.59
Admixture Total			61.211875	36.32
TOTAL			4288	2544.45
Reinforcement - Steel, Welded Wire Mesh	GLO: Steel wire rod worldsteel (2014) DE: Copper wire (0.6 mm) ts (2017) US: Electricity grid mix ts (2014) US: Thermal energy from natural gas ts (2014)	0.42psf		

Concrete Mix B				
Product	LCI Source	Quantity	Weight (lb/yd³)	Mass (kg/m³)
Cement - 13319 - Cal Portland type III - Type III - Cal Portland	US: Portland cement PCA/ts (2014)	850 lb	850	504.28
Water - H-20 - Well Water - Well - Well Water	US: Tap water from groundwater ts (2017)	340.0 lb	340	201.71
Stone - 13193 - 1/2" X 3/8" - Crushed stone - Handley, Gonzales	EU-28: Gravel 2/32 ts (2017)	1400 lb	1400	830.59
Sand - 13082 - #4 - Manufactured sand - CP08, Lhoist	US: Silica sand (Excavation and processing) ts (2017)	1292 lb	1292	766.51
Admixture - 13131 - Scofield G30 (Yellow) - Granular Color - Scofield	US: Diethanolamine (DEA) ts (2017)	25.500 lb/yd ³	25.5	15.13
Admixture - 13131 - Scofield G20 (Light Red) - Granular Color - Scofield	US: Tensides (alcohol ethoxy sulfate (AES)) ts (2017)	2.500 lb/yd ³	2.5	1.48
Admixture - 13131 - Scofield G10 (Black) - Granular Color - Scofield		2.000 lb/yd ³	2	1.19
Admixture - 13181 - ViscoCrete 1000 - High range water reducer - Sika, Santa Fe Springs		64.00 oz/yd ³	4.24	2.52
Admixture - 13128 - 4R - Viscosity modifier - Sika, Santa Fe Springs		34.00 oz/yd ³	2.1675	1.29
Admixture - 13314 - ViscoFlow 2020 - Slump Retention - Sika, Santa Fe Springs		85.00 oz/yd ³	5.525	3.28
Admixture - 13330 - Plastiment XR - Retarder - Sika, Santa Fe Springs		25.00 oz/yd ³	1.6875	1.00
Admixture Total			43.62	25.88
TOTAL			3882	2328.98
Reinforcement - Steel, Welded Wire Mesh	GLO: Steel wire rod worldsteel (2014) DE: Copper wire (0.6 mm) ts (2017) US: Electricity grid mix ts (2014) US: Thermal energy from natural gas ts (2014)	0.42psf		

Steel

Steel was modeled by length & section size in Revit and measured by volume in Tally.

Steel											
Product		LCI Source		Weight (psf)							
				Wall Type W3				Wall Type W4			
				Solid	40/60	55/45	70/30	Solid	40/60	55/45	70/30
Steel HSS	RNA: Steel finished cold rolled coil worldsteel (2007) GLO: Steel sheet stamping and bending (5% loss) ts (2017) US: Electricity grid mix ts (2014) US: Lubricants at refinery ts (2014) GLO: Compressed air 7 bar (medium power consumption) ts (2014) GLO: Value of scrap worldsteel (2014)	4.21	3.96	3.83	3.58	4.21	3.96	3.83	3.58		
Steel Furring & Hat Channel	RNA: Steel finished cold rolled coil worldsteel (2007) GLO: Steel sheet stamping and bending (5% loss) ts (2017) US: Electricity grid mix ts (2014) US: Lubricants at refinery ts (2014) GLO: Compressed air 7 bar (medium power consumption) ts (2014) GLO: Value of scrap worldsteel (2014)	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15		

Glazing, Insulation, and Finishes

Spray foam insulation was measured by volume using a 2” layer of spray foam for Wall Type W3 and a 3” layer of spray foam for Wall Type W4. The IGU was created using the custom IGU material in Tally and was measured by modeled area. Tally calculates the mass of each component of the IGU based on the area of wall assigned to the Tally IGU material. The aluminum mullion was measured by length and assigned a weight of 2.41psf which was provided by Clark Pacific for their typical mullion.

Glazing, Insulation, and Finishes	
Product	LCI Source
Gypsum Wall Board, Type X	DE: Gypsum plaster board (Fire protection) (EN15804 A1-A3)PE (2017)
Spray Polyurethane Foam Insulation (HFO Blowing Agent)	EPD (US), SPFA (2018) - EPD: ASTM-EPD085
Spray Polyurethane Foam Insulation (HFC Blowing Agent)	EPD (US), SPFA (2018) - EPD: ASTM-EPD087
IGU - Glass	DE: Window glass simple (EN15804 A1-A3) ts (2017)
IGU - Low-e coating	Low-e coating from DE: Double glazing unit (EN15804 A1-A3) ts (2017)
IGU - Argon Gas	US: Argon (gaseous) ts (2017)
IGU - Spacer	DE: Polybutadiene rubber ts (2017) DE: Nitrile butadiene rubber, incl. MMA (NBR-speciality) ts (2017)
Aluminum Mullion	EPD (US), American Extruders Council (2016) - EPD: 11240237.102.1

Materials for Alternative Wall Types

Backup Walls

For each wall model in study 4, a 10'x10' model was created, to enable the stud walls to be measured by modeled area using 16" on center one-way spacing with perimeter members. Output values were then converted to a per-square-foot basis.

Mineral wool cavity insulation was measured by area using R-20 low density mineral wool. Mineral wool continuous insulation was measured by area using R10 high density mineral wool board insulation for Backup Wall 1 and R-15 high density mineral wool board insulation for Backup Wall 2.

Sheathing, Waterproofing, Rainscreen Cladding Systems

Sheathing, waterproofing, and rainscreen cladding panels were measured by modeled area. Tally calculates the mass of each component of the cladding system based on the area of wall assigned to the Tally cladding material. The Tally material for the ACM panel system includes both the finish and aluminum extrusions that support the panels.

Glazed Curtain Wall Systems

For the YKK curtain wall system, the IGU was created using the custom IGU material in Tally and was measured by modeled area. Tally calculates the mass of each component of the IGU based on the area of wall assigned to the Tally IGU material. The mullion system was also measured by area. The mullion system EPD from YKK provides a fixed mass per square foot of curtain wall area and Tally uses this information to calculate the amount of mullion material.

For the Kawneer curtain wall system, the EPD is for a complete curtain wall system. Tally uses the EPD information to calculate the environmental impacts based on total area of curtain wall.

Materials in Alternative Wall Types	
Product	LCI Source
Aluminum Rainscreen Support - Aluminum extrusion, AEC - EPD	RNA: Aluminum extrusion, mill finish - AEC (A1-A3) ts-EPD (2015) RNA: Primary Aluminum Ingot AA/ts (2010) RNA: Secondary Aluminum Ingot AA/ts (2010)
Aluminum-faced composite wall panel (ACM), MCA - EPD	US: Metal composite material (MCM) panel MCA (2010)
Metal Studs - Cold formed structural steel	RNA: Steel finished cold rolled coil worldsteel (2007) GLO: Steel sheet stamping and bending (5% loss) ts (2017) US: Electricity grid mix ts (2014) US: Lubricants at refinery ts (2014) GLO: Compressed air 7 bar (medium power consumption) ts (2014) GLO: Value of scrap worldsteel (2014)
Curtain Wall Mullion System - YKK	EPD (US), YKK AP America (2015)
Curtain Wall System - Kawneer	EPD (US), Kawneer North America (2015)
Fiberglass mat gypsum sheathing board	DE: Gypsum plaster board (Moisture resistant) (EN15804 A1-A3) ts (2017) US: Fiberglass Duct Board NAIMA (2007)

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Materials in Alternative Wall Types (continued)	
Product	LCI Source
Fluid applied elastomeric air barrier	US: Styrene-butadiene rubber (SBR) ts (2017) US: Naphtha at refinery ts (2014) US: Bitumen at refinery ts (2014) US: Silica sand (flour) ts (2017) US: Electricity grid mix ts (2014)
Fluoropolymer coating, metal stock	US: Coil coating MCA (2010) US: Electricity grid mix ts (2014) US: Thermal energy from natural gas ts (2014)
Gypsum Wall Board, Type X	DE: Gypsum plaster board (Fire protection) (EN15804 A1-A3)PE (2017)
IGU - Argon Gas	US: Argon (gaseous) ts (2017)
IGU - Glass	DE: Window glass simple (EN15804 A1-A3) ts (2017)
IGU - Low-e coating	Low-e coating from DE: Double glazing unit (EN15804 A1-A3) ts (2017)
IGU - Spacer	DE: Polybutadiene rubber ts (2017) DE: Nitrile butadiene rubber, incl. MMA (NBR-speciality) ts (2017)
Mineral wool, high density, NAIMA - EPD	US: Rock board insulation (heavy density) NAIMA (2007)
Mineral wool, low density, NAIMA - EPD	US: Rock board insulation (light density) NAIMA (2007)

Transportation Assumptions

Because complete transportation information for the products used in these assemblies is not available, we used Tally’s default transportation distances. Tally’s default transportation values are based on the three-digit material commodity code in the 2012 Commodity Flow Survey by the US Department of Transportation Bureau of Transportation Statistics and the US Department of Commerce where more specific industry-level transportation is not available.

Transportation Distances				
Material (Tally Entry)	Truck (km)	Rail (km)	Barge (km)	Container Ship (km)
Admixture	229	7	0	0
Aluminum curtain wall system, YKK AP – EPD*	663	0	0	0
Aluminum extrusion, thermally-improved painted, AEC - EPD	663	0	0	0
Aluminum-faced composite wall panel (ACM), MCA – EPD*	663	0	0	0
Argon gas for IGU	940	0	0	0
Coarse aggregate	37	29	5	12
Cold formed structural steel	431	0	0	0
Curtain wall system, Kawneer, 1600 Wall System – EPD*	663	0	0	0
Fiberglass mat gypsum sheathing board*	172	0	0	0
Fluid applied elastomeric air barrier*	172	0	0	0
Fluoropolymer coating, metal stock (for ACM panel)*	0	0	0	0
Glazing, monolithic sheet, generic	940	0	0	0
IGU spacer	940	0	0	0
Low-e coating (for glazing)	0	0	0	0
Mineral wool, high density, NAIMA – EPD*	172	0	0	0
Mineral wool, low density, NAIMA – EPD*	172	0	0	0
Portland cement, PCA - EPD	120	72	67	399
Sand	37	14	4	24
Spray polyurethane foam, closed cell (HFC blowing agent), SPFA - EPD	1,683	0	0	0
Spray polyurethane foam, closed cell (HFO blowing agent), SPFA - EPD	1,683	0	0	0
Steel, welded wire mesh	431	0	0	0
Wall board, gypsum, fire-resistant (Type X)	172	0	0	0
Water	0	0	0	0

* these materials are used in the alternative wall types only

Lifespan Assumptions

For the purposes of these studies, the lifespan of all materials has been set to the building life to remove material replacement cycles from consideration (lifecycle stages B2-B5). The building life has been set to the default setting of 60 years.

Results

Study 1: Insulation Options

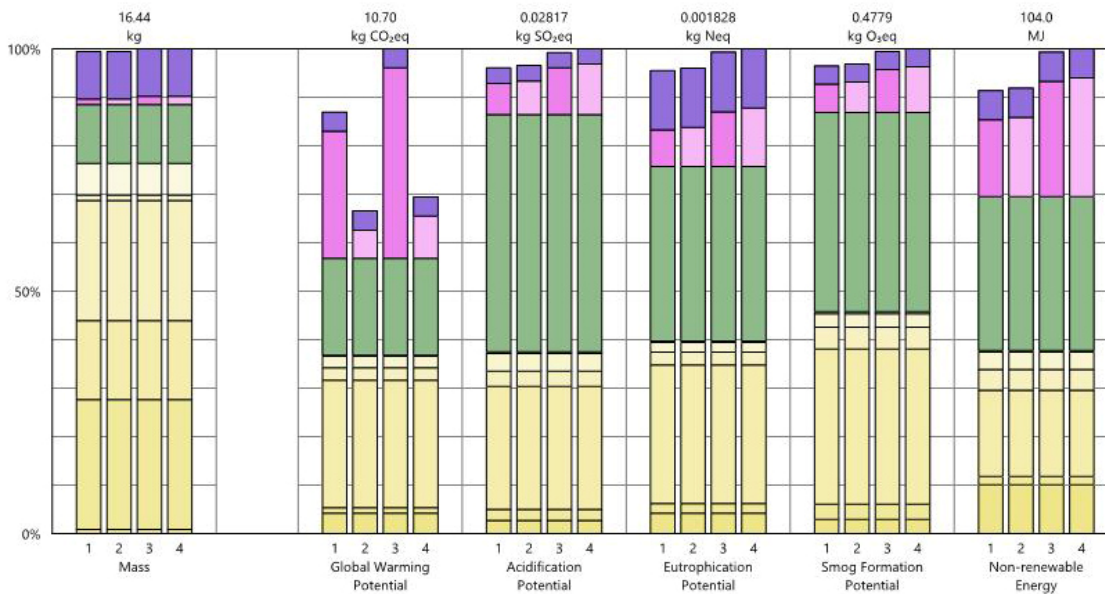
This study compares two insulation thicknesses and two spray foam blowing agent types for a solid wall panel. All other variables including concrete mix design are kept consistent across all options. The spray foam options that use HFO blowing agent have a much lower global warming potential than the options that use HFC blowing agent. Wall type W3 with HFC blowing agent has a global warming potential of 9.30kgCO₂eq/sf while the same wall with HFO blowing agent has a global warming potential of 7.12kgCO₂eq/sf. Wall type W4 with HFC blowing agent has a global warming potential of 10.70kgCO₂eq/sf and 7.43kgCO₂eq/sf with HFO blowing agent. Changing the blowing agent can have a greater impact than changing the quantity of insulation.

Option 1.1: 2" Spray Foam / HFC Blowing Agent / Concrete Mix B

Option 1.2: 2" Spray Foam / HFO Blowing Agent / Concrete Mix B

Option 1.3: 3" Spray Foam / HFC Blowing Agent / Concrete Mix B

Option 1.4: 3" Spray Foam / HFO Blowing Agent / Concrete Mix B



Legend

- Option 1.1: 2" Spray Foam / HFC Blowing Agent / Concrete Mix B
- Option 1.2: 2" Spray Foam / HFO Blowing Agent / Concrete Mix B
- Option 1.3: 3" Spray Foam / HFC Blowing Agent / Concrete Mix B
- Option 1.4: 3" Spray Foam / HFO Blowing Agent / Concrete Mix B

03 - Concrete

- Admixture
- Coarse aggregate
- Portland cement, PCA - EPD
- Sand
- Steel, welded wire mesh
- Water

05 - Metals

- Cold formed structural steel

07 - Thermal and Moisture Protection

- Spray polyurethane foam, closed cell (HFC blowing agent), SPFA - EPD
- Spray polyurethane foam, closed cell (HFO blowing agent), SPFA - EPD

09 - Finishes

- Wall board, gypsum, fire-resistant (Type X)

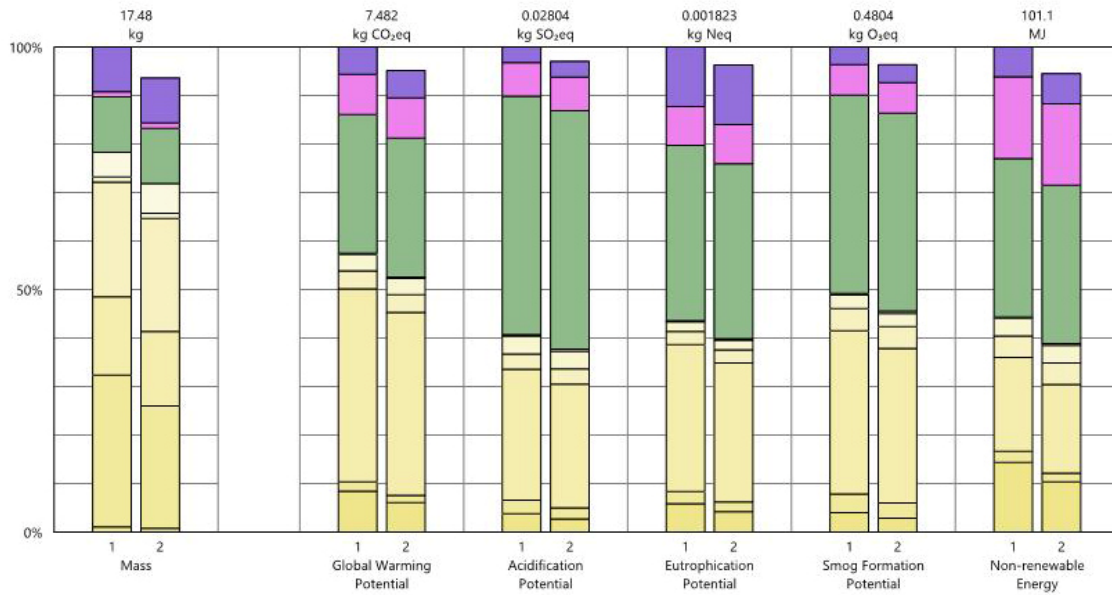
Study 1: Insulation Options		
Row Labels	Sum of Global Warming Potential Total (kgCO2eq)	Sum of Mass Total (kg)
W3 - HFC	9.30	16.35
Steel - HSS Tube	2.07	1.93
Concrete	Admixture	0.45
	Coarse aggregate	0.12
	Portland cement	2.82
	Sand	0.27
	Water	0.02
	Steel, welded wire mesh	0.25
Spray polyurethane foam, closed cell (HFC blowing agent)	2.80	0.19
Steel Furring Channel	0.07	0.07
Type X Gypsum Wall Board	0.42	1.61
W3 - HFO	7.12	16.35
Steel - HSS Tube	2.07	1.93
Concrete	Admixture	0.45
	Coarse aggregate	0.12
	Portland cement	2.82
	Sand	0.27
	Water	0.02
	Steel, welded wire mesh	0.25
Spray polyurethane foam, closed cell (HFO blowing agent)	0.62	0.19
Steel Furring Channel	0.07	0.07
Type X Gypsum Wall Board	0.42	1.61
W4 - HFC	10.70	16.44
Steel - HSS Tube	2.07	1.93
Concrete	Admixture	0.45
	Coarse aggregate	0.12
	Portland cement	2.82
	Sand	0.27
	Water	0.02
	Steel, welded wire mesh	0.25
Spray polyurethane foam, closed cell (HFC blowing agent)	4.20	0.28
Steel Furring Channel	0.07	0.07
Type X Gypsum Wall Board	0.42	1.61
W4 - HFO	7.43	16.44
Steel - HSS Tube	2.07	1.93
Concrete	Admixture	0.45
	Coarse aggregate	0.12
	Portland cement	2.82
	Sand	0.27
	Water	0.02
	Steel, welded wire mesh	0.25
Spray polyurethane foam, closed cell (HFC blowing agent)	0.93	0.28
Steel Furring Channel	0.07	0.07
Type X Gypsum Wall Board	0.42	1.61

Study 2: Concrete Mix Design

This study compares two concrete mix designs on a solid panel while keeping all other variables in the wall assembly the same. The complete wall assembly with Mix A has a global warming potential of 7.48kgCO₂eq/sf while the assembly with Mix B has a global warming potential of 7.12kgCO₂eq/sf.

Option 2.1: Mix A / Solid Wall / 2" Spray Foam Insulation (HFO)

Option 2.2: Mix B / Solid Wall / 2" Spray Foam Insulation (HFO)



Legend

- Option 2.1 / Mix A / Solid Wall / 2" Spray Foam Insulation (HFO)
- Option 2.2 / Mix B / Solid Wall / 2" Spray Foam Insulation (HFO)

03 - Concrete

- Admixture
- Coarse aggregate
- Portland cement, PCA - EPD
- Sand
- Steel, welded wire mesh
- Water

05 - Metals

- Cold formed structural steel

07 - Thermal and Moisture Protection

- Spray polyurethane foam, closed cell (HFO blowing agent), SPFA - EPD

09 - Finishes

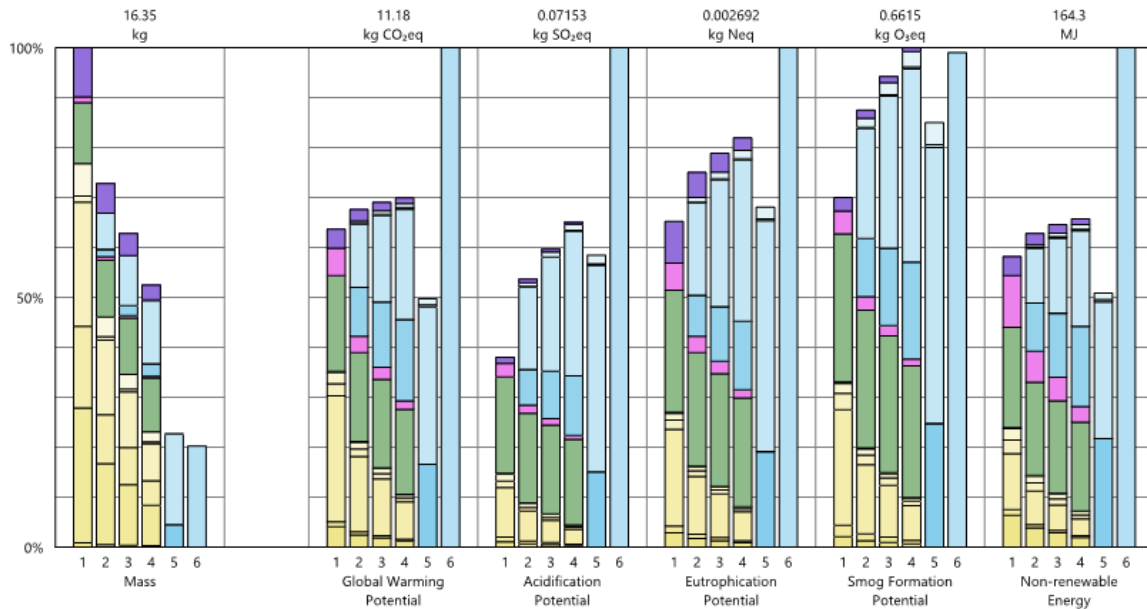
- Wall board, gypsum, fire-resistant (Type X)

Study 2: Concrete Mix Design		
	Sum of Global Warming Potential Total (kgCO2eq)	Sum of Mass Total (kg)
Mix A	7.48	17.48
Steel - HSS Tube	2.07	1.93
Concrete	Admixture	0.63
	Coarse aggregate	0.14
	Portland cement	2.98
	Sand	0.28
	Water	0.02
	Welded wire mesh	0.25
Spray Polyurethane foam (HFO Blowing Agent)	0.62	0.19
Steel Furring Channel	0.07	0.07
Type X Gypsum Wall Board	0.42	1.61
Mix B	7.12	16.35
Steel - HSS Tube	2.07	1.93
Concrete	Admixture	0.45
	Coarse aggregate	0.12
	Portland cement	2.82
	Sand	0.27
	Water	0.02
	Welded wire mesh	0.25
Spray polyurethane foam	0.62	0.19
Steel Furring Channel	0.07	0.07
Type X Gypsum Wall Board	0.42	1.61

Study 3: Window to Wall Ratio and Curtain Wall Comparison

This study compares a solid panel of the Infinite Façade system with three different window to wall ratios while keeping all other variables in the assembly the same. It also includes two curtain wall systems for reference. Of the Infinite Façade variations studied, the 70/30 window to wall ratio has the highest global warming potential at 7.82kgCO₂eq/sf while the solid wall has the lowest at 7.12gCO₂eq/sf. There is a significant difference in global warming potential between the two curtain wall systems, with Curtain Wall 1 at 5.56kgCO₂eq/sf, lower than all four of the Infinite Façade configurations studied here, and Curtain Wall 2 at 11.18kgCO₂eq/sf, higher than all four of the Infinite Façade configurations.

- Option 3.1: Solid Wall / 2" Spray Foam Insulation (HFO) / Concrete Mix B
- Option 3.2: 40/60 Window to Wall / 2" Spray Foam Insulation (HFO) / Concrete Mix B
- Option 3.3: 55/45 Window to Wall / 2" Spray Foam Insulation (HFO) / Concrete Mix B
- Option 3.4: 70/30 Window to Wall / 2" Spray Foam Insulation (HFO) / Concrete Mix B
- Option 3.5: Curtain Wall 1 / Custom IGU Buildup / YKK Mullion System EPD
- Option 3.6: Curtain Wall 2 / Kawneer Complete Curtainwall System EPD



Legend

- 1. Option 3.1: Solid Wall
- 2. Option 3.2: 40/60 Window to Wall
- 3. Option 3.3: 55/45 Window to Wall
- 4. Option 3.4: 70/30 Window to Wall
- 5. Option 3.5: Curtain Wall 1 - YKK
- 6. Option 3.6: Curtain Wall 2 - Kawneer

- 03 - Concrete
 - Admixture
 - Coarse aggregate
 - Portland cement, PCA - EPD
 - Sand
 - Steel, welded wire mesh
 - Water
- 05 - Metals
 - Cold formed structural steel
- 07 - Thermal and Moisture Protection
 - Spray polyurethane foam, closed cell (HFO blowing agent), SPFA - EPD
- 08 - Openings and Glazing
 - Aluminum curtain wall system, YKK AP - EPD
 - Aluminum extrusion, thermally-improved painted, AEC - EPD
 - Argon gas for IGU
 - Curtain wall system, Kawneer, 1600 Wall System - EPD
 - Glazing, monolithic sheet, generic
 - IGU spacer
 - Low-e coating (for glazing)
- 09 - Finishes
 - Wall board, gypsum, fire-resistant (Type X)

Study 3: Window to Wall Ratio and Curtain Wall Comparison			
		Sum of Global Warming Potential Total (kgCO2eq)	Sum of Mass Total (kg)
0% Glazed		7.12	16.35
Steel - HSS Tube		2.07	1.93
Concrete	Admixture	0.45	0.14
	Coarse aggregate	0.12	4.41
	Portland cement	2.82	2.68
	Sand	0.27	4.07
	Water	0.02	1.07
	Steel, welded wire mesh	0.25	0.19
Spray polyurethane foam, closed cell (HFO blowing agent)		0.62	0.19
Steel furring channel		0.07	0.07
Type X Gypsum Board		0.42	1.61
40% Glazed		7.55	11.90
Steel - HSS Tube		1.95	1.81
Concrete	Admixture	0.27	0.08
	Coarse aggregate	0.07	2.65
	Portland cement	1.69	1.61
	Sand	0.16	2.44
	Water	0.01	0.64
	Steel, welded wire mesh	0.15	0.11
Glazing	Aluminum extrusion, thermally-improved painted	1.09	0.24
	Argon gas for IGU	<0.01	<0.01
	Glazing, monolithic sheet, generic	1.41	1.18
	IGU spacer	0.02	0.00
	Low-e coating (for glazing)	0.06	0.01
Spray polyurethane foam, closed cell (HFO blowing agent)		0.37	0.11
Steel furring channel		0.04	0.04
Type X Gypsum Board		0.25	0.97

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Study 3: Window to Wall Ratio and Curtain Wall Comparison (continued)			
	Sum of Global Warming Potential Total (kgCO2eq)	Sum of Mass Total (kg)	
55% Glazed			
Steel - HSS Tube			
Concrete	Admixture	0.20	0.06
	Coarse aggregate	0.05	1.98
	Portland cement	1.27	1.20
	Sand	0.12	1.83
	Water	0.01	0.48
	Steel, welded wire mesh	0.11	0.09
Glazing	Aluminum extrusion, thermally-improved painted	1.46	0.32
	Argon gas for IGU	<0.01	<0.01
	Glazing, monolithic sheet, generic	1.94	1.62
	IGU spacer	0.02	0.01
	Low-e coating (for glazing)	0.08	0.01
Spray polyurethane foam, closed cell (HFO blowing agent)			
Steel furring channel			
Type X Gypsum Board			
70% Glazed			
Steel - HSS Tube			
Concrete	Admixture	0.14	0.04
	Coarse aggregate	0.04	1.32
	Portland cement	0.85	0.80
	Sand	0.08	1.22
	Water	0.01	0.32
	Steel, welded wire mesh	0.08	0.06
Glazing	Aluminum extrusion, thermally-improved painted	1.82	0.41
	Argon gas for IGU	<0.01	<0.01
	Glazing, monolithic sheet, generic	2.47	2.06
	IGU spacer	0.03	0.01
	Low-e coating (for glazing)	0.10	0.01
Spray polyurethane foam, closed cell (HFO blowing agent)			
Steel furring channel			
Type X Gypsum Board			
Curtain Wall 1 - YKK			
Aluminum curtain wall system, YKK AP			
Argon gas for IGU			
Glazing, monolithic sheet, generic			
IGU spacer			
Low-e coating (for glazing)			
Curtain Wall 2 - Kawneer			
Curtain wall system, Kawneer, 1600 Wall System			

Study 4: Alternative Wall Types Comparison

This study compares a solid panel of the Infinite Façade system with two other wall assemblies, both with ACM rainscreen cladding. The Infinite Façade system at 7.12kgCO₂eq/sf compares favorably with the other two wall assemblies studied at 8.39kgCO₂eq/sf and 8.56kgCO₂eq/sf.

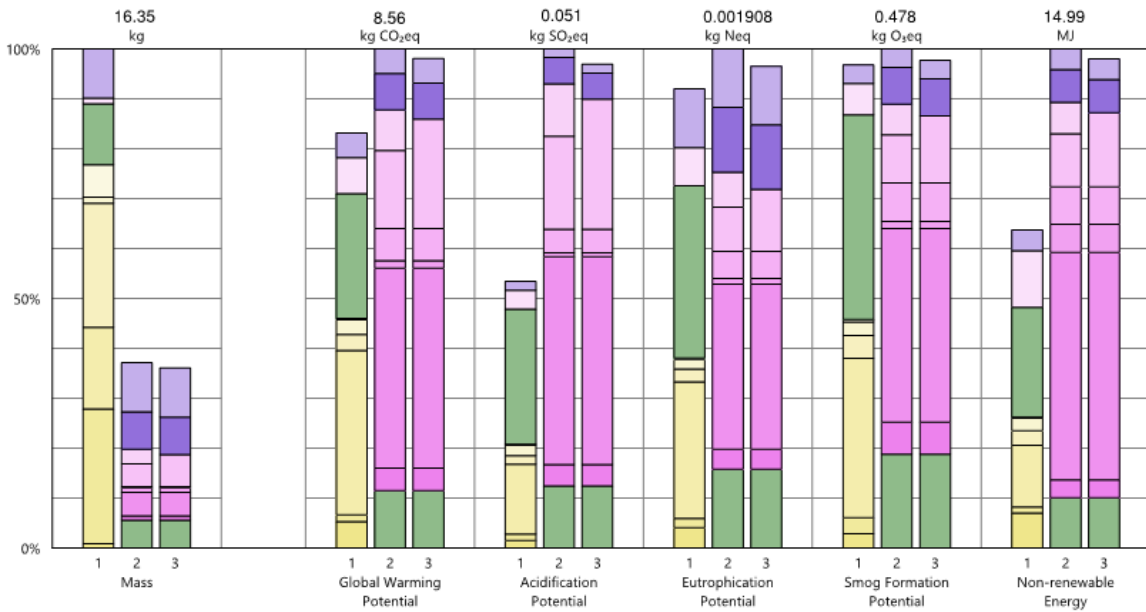
Option 4.1 – Infinite Façade / W3 / HFO / Mix B

Option 4.2 – ACM Rainscreen Panel System / Backup Wall 1

6” metal stud at 16” O.C. with R-20 mineral wool cavity insulation + R-10 mineral wool continuous insulation

Option 4.3 – ACM Rainscreen Panel System / Backup Wall 2

6” metal stud at 16” O.C. with R-15 mineral wool continuous insulation



Legend

- 1. Option 4.1 – Infinite Façade
- 2. Option 4.2 – ACM Panel / Backup Wall 1
- 3. Option 4.3 – ACM Panel / Backup Wall 2

- 03 - Concrete**
 - Admixture
 - Coarse aggregate
 - Portland cement, PCA - EPD
 - Sand
 - Steel, welded wire mesh
 - Water
- 05 - Metals**
 - Cold formed structural steel
- 07 - Thermal and Moisture Protection**
 - Aluminum extrusion, AEC - EPD
 - Aluminum-faced composite wall panel (ACM), MCA - EPD
 - Fluid applied elastomeric air barrier
 - Fluoropolymer coating, metal stock
 - Mineral wool, high density, NAIMA - EPD
 - Mineral wool, low density, NAIMA - EPD
 - Spray polyurethane foam, closed cell (HFO blowing agent), SPFA - EPD
- 09 - Finishes**
 - Fiberglass mat gypsum sheathing board
 - Wall board, gypsum, fire-resistant (Type X)

Study 4: Alternative Wall Types Comparison			
		Sum of Global Warming Potential Total (kgCO2eq)	Sum of Mass Total (kg)
Infinite Façade (solid wall)		7.12	16.35
Steel - HSS Tube		2.07	1.93
Concrete	Admixture	0.45	0.14
	Coarse aggregate	0.12	4.41
	Portland cement, PCA - EPD	2.82	2.68
	Sand	0.27	4.07
	Water	0.02	1.07
	Steel, welded wire mesh	0.25	0.19
Steel Furring Channel		0.07	0.07
Spray polyurethane foam, closed cell (HFO blowing agent)		0.62	0.19
Type X Gypsum Wall Board		0.42	1.61
ACM Panel on Backup Wall 1		8.56	6.07
Cladding	Aluminum Extrusion - Rainscreen Cladding Support	0.38	0.14
	Aluminum-faced composite wall panel (ACM)	3.43	0.77
	Fluoropolymer coating (for ACM Panel)	0.55	0.03
Backup Wall	Cold formed structural steel studs	0.98	0.91
	Fiberglass mat gypsum sheathing board	0.62	1.23
	Fluid applied elastomeric air barrier	0.13	0.15
	Mineral Wool, High Density (Continuous Insulation)	1.34	0.76
	Mineral Wool, Low Density (Cavity Insulation)	0.70	0.47
Type X Gypsum Wall Board		0.42	1.61
ACM Panel on Backup Wall 2		8.39	5.90
Cladding	Aluminum Extrusion - Rainscreen Cladding Support	0.38	0.14
	Aluminum-faced composite wall panel (ACM)	3.43	0.77
	Fluoropolymer coating (for ACM Panel)	0.55	0.03
Backup Wall	Cold formed structural steel studs	0.98	0.91
	Fiberglass mat gypsum sheathing board	0.62	1.23
	Fluid applied elastomeric air barrier	0.13	0.15
	Mineral Wool, High Density (Continuous Insulation)	1.87	1.06
	Type X Gypsum Wall Board	0.42	1.61

Conclusions

From the insulation option comparison, we can see that using a spray foam product with HFO blowing agent instead of HFC provides a significant reduction in global warming potential, more significant than changing the quantity of insulation used. The concrete mix design comparison shows that cement is the largest contributor to global warming potential of all of the concrete mixes. Changes to the mix design that reduce the amount of cement used can significantly lower the global warming potential of concrete. Glass is also a significant contributor to global warming potential. Reducing the amount of concrete skin while adding glass will increase the global warming potential of the overall assembly, depending on the glass buildup used. The steel HSS members make up nearly 30% of the global warming potential of the solid wall option.

Studies 3 and 4 show that the Infinite Façade system has a lower GWP than several of the other wall options studied, however, it is difficult to make comparisons to a wide variety of enclosure systems at this time because there isn't yet a critical level of data available from throughout the industry.

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Facades Consortium Group LLC is a partnership between Wells and Clark Pacific to facilitate and accelerate the R&D efforts surrounding Infinite Façade, a single-source prefabricated building envelope system, simplifying facade design. Both companies are aligned in the vision to evolve the lightweight panel systems that help create a resilient, durable, and sustainable built environment. We are committed to designing, manufacturing, and installing a quality product no matter where the project is located. Infinite Façade is engineered to be flexible to meet regional building and design requirements.