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#6 Field Data Collation to Support Real-Time Operational Management (Scoping Study)

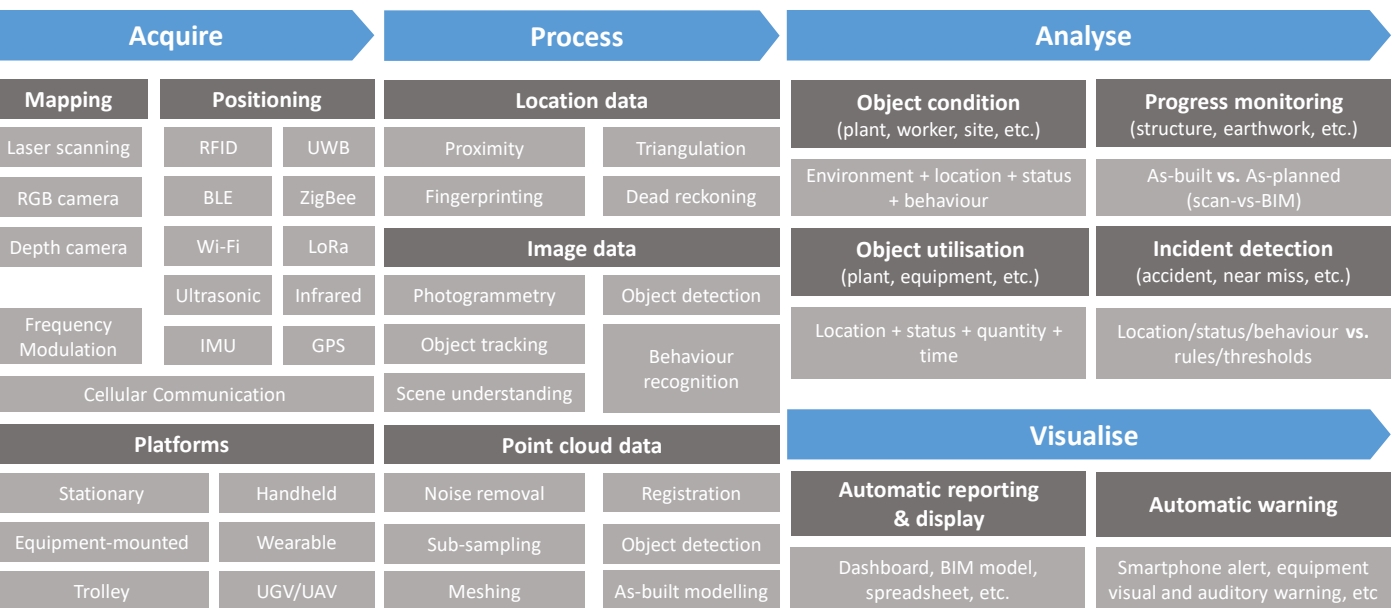
PROJECT PARTNERS:

Lendlease Digital, Ynomia, Standards Australia, Monash University, Queensland University of Technology, The University of Melbourne

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Accurate and timely information about construction processes is essential to provide greater visibility and understanding of project progress and therefore deliver the projects on-time and on-budget.

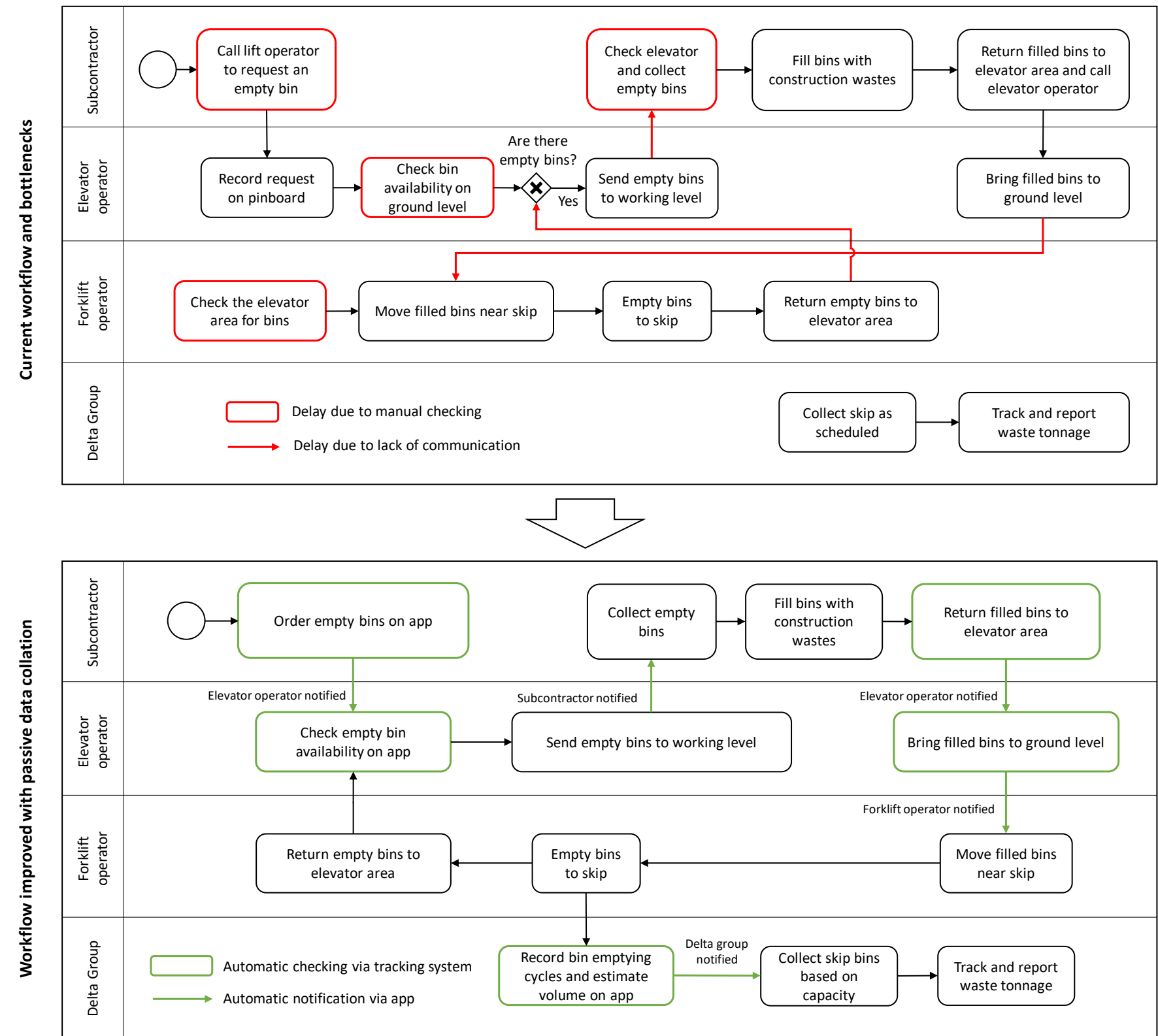
This project seeks to make significant advances in the knowledge and practice of acquiring and managing real-time operation data. More specific objectives include 1) understanding how passive data collection can improve the management and coordination of on-site activities, 2) analysing state-of-the-art in sensing and analytics technologies, and 3) conducting field tests to assess and validate the key assumptions underlying an implementation roadmap.



Technological landscape of passive data collation on construction sites

Based on a comprehensive literature review and market survey, we establish a technological landscape with respect to the four major field data collation processes (i.e. acquire, process, analyse and visualise). Data acquisition technologies are categorised into mapping and positioning given the nature of the data, with the common platforms hosting the sensors listed; processing techniques are summarised with regard to data types; four main focuses for analysis are identified and associated with the specific field data; examples of the two common means to visualise and communicate field operational information are provided.

Credit: Dr Yihai Fang



Waste disposal workflow improvement with passive data collation

Through multiple interviews with workers and on-site observations, the current workflow of waste disposal on an active building site was described using a Business Process Model and Notation (BPMN) model, where bottlenecks that cause delays (time wastes) in this process were identified. By taking advantage of passive data collation technologies, a new waste disposal workflow was proposed to demonstrate the anticipated benefits in streamlining the coordination and communication between workers and systems involved.

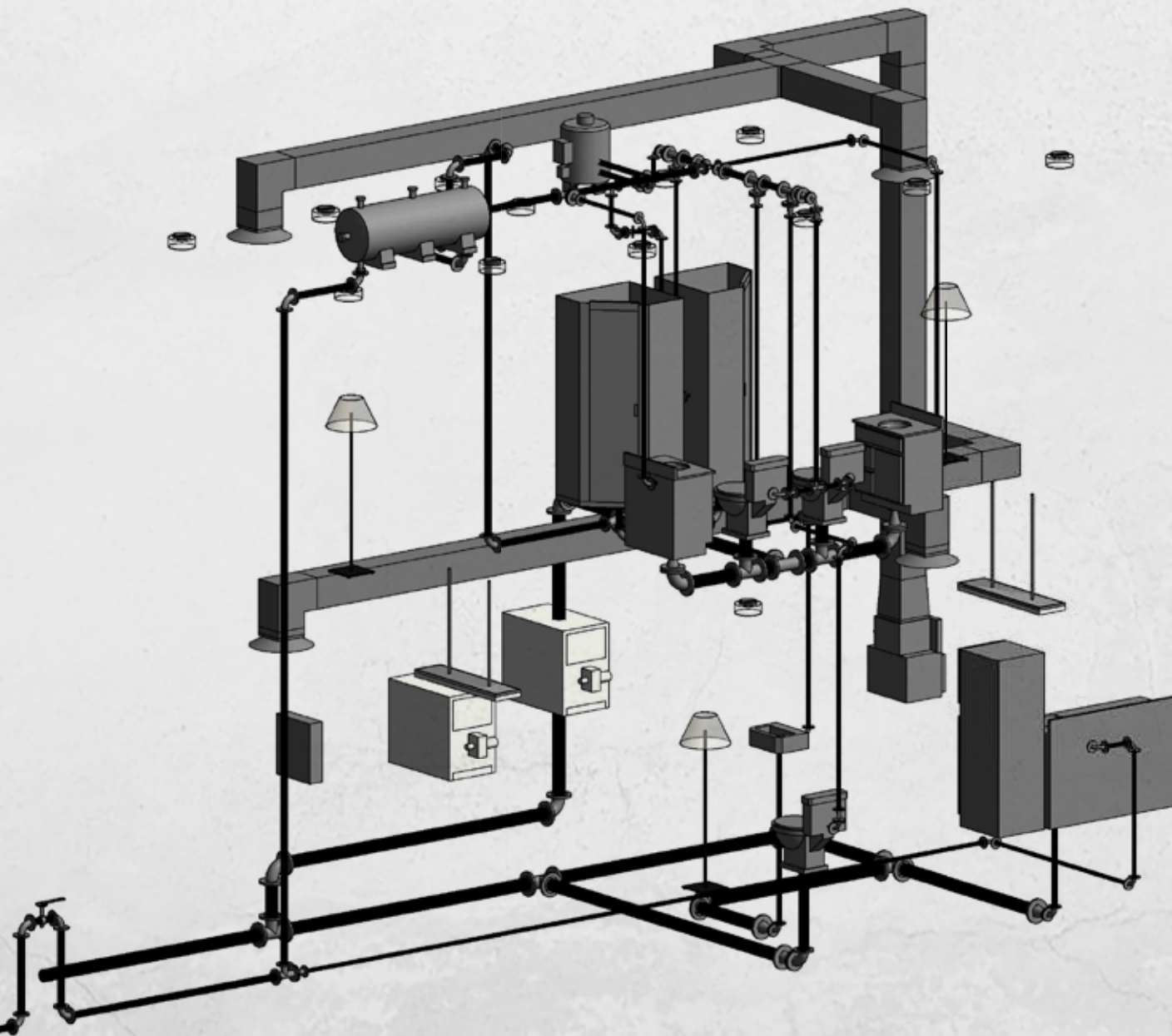
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#12 VR/AR Technologies in Vocational Education and Training (Scoping Study)

Image Right: Augmented and Mixed Reality (AR/MR) Prototype Testing

Image Far Right: Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing System modelled for Clash detection of bim-based industrialised building design through mixed reality technology

Image Credits: Project Team



PROJECT PARTNERS:
Holmesglen Institute, Master Builders Association of Victoria, Monash University, Queensland University of Technology

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Vocational Education and Training (VET) is a major part of Australia's education system. It is crucial to train practitioners with innovative technologies to gain fundamental skills in critical and creative thinking, ICT capability, and intercultural understanding for meeting Australia's future workforce.

This project aims to explore the integrated utilisation of VR/AR technologies in the VET system. Innovative vocational education based on VR/AR can provide initial skilling and help workers to retrain as jobs and industries evolve.

The scoping study will be used to define desirable extended reality technologies for design and development/evaluation of appropriate skill training platforms in building construction.

#18 Long Span, Low Carbon Floor Systems (Scoping Study)

PROJECT PARTNERS:

Lendlease Digital, Sumitomo Forestry, Monash University, The University of Melbourne

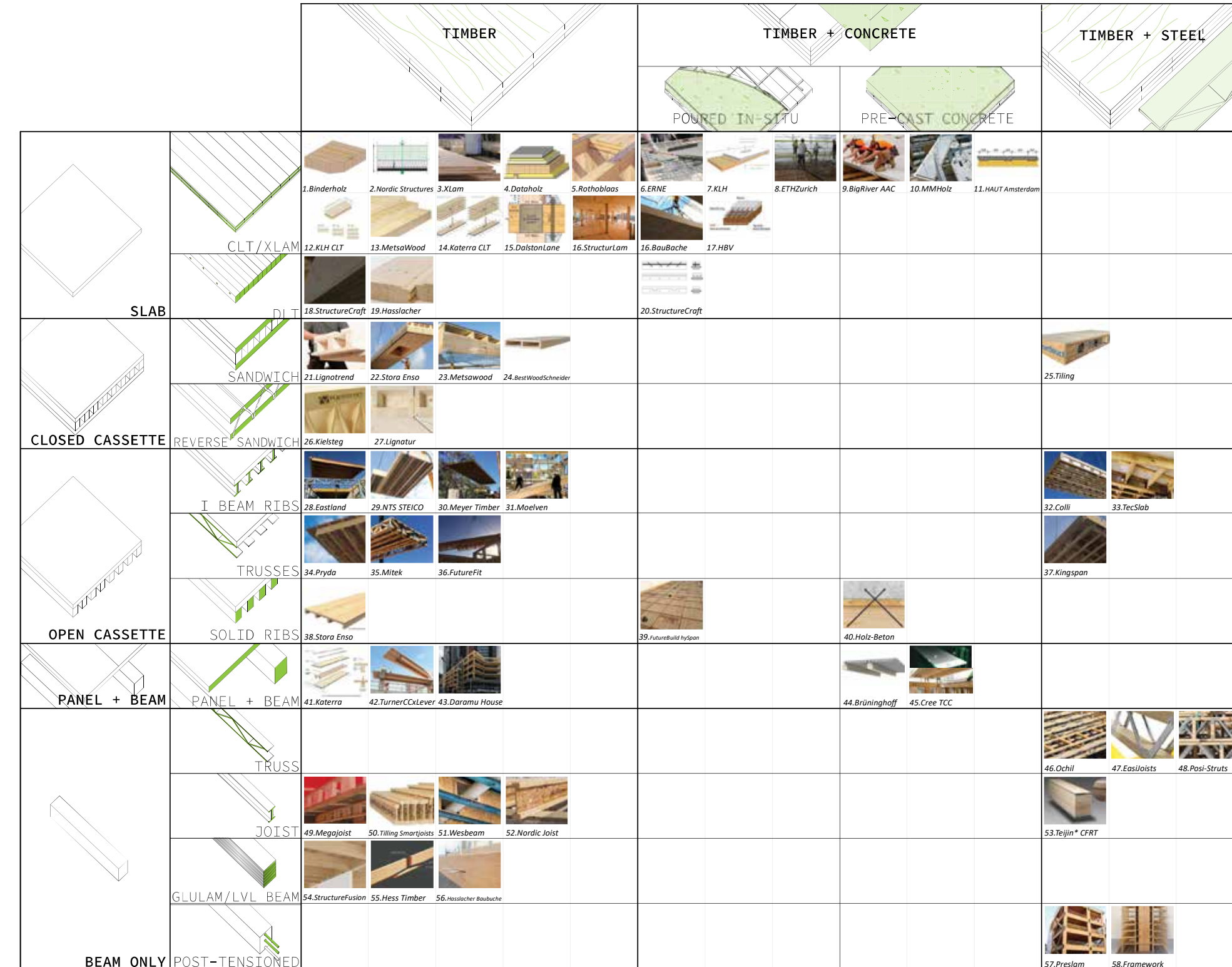
PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The last two decades have seen mass timber emerge as a viable, desirable, and sustainable construction material for both commercial and large-scale residential developments.

This scoping study lays the groundwork for developing a low carbon, suspended floor system capable of spanning 8m or more, and satisfying a range of additional criteria necessary for large-scale application in multi-storey mass timber projects.

Existing product solutions in this field tend to be isolated, project-specific, and often detached of market and customer requirements. This scoping study surveys and benchmarks the current systems available, with the aim of delivering a detailed design brief for future development. The study identifies some of the necessary trade-offs in the design of a long span, low carbon floor system, with a view towards meeting acceptable performance requirements and achieving efficient design and production.

Credit: Project Team



Floor Systems Matrix

A product matrix was developed to (1) map the market spread of long span, low carbon, suspended floor systems and (2) guide the process of system selection for benchmarking. The matrix is defined by material strategy along the x-axis and element type along the y-axis.

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#20 Systems and Methods for Robustness of Mid-Rise Light Gauge Steel (LGS) Buildings – Phase 1 Scoping Study

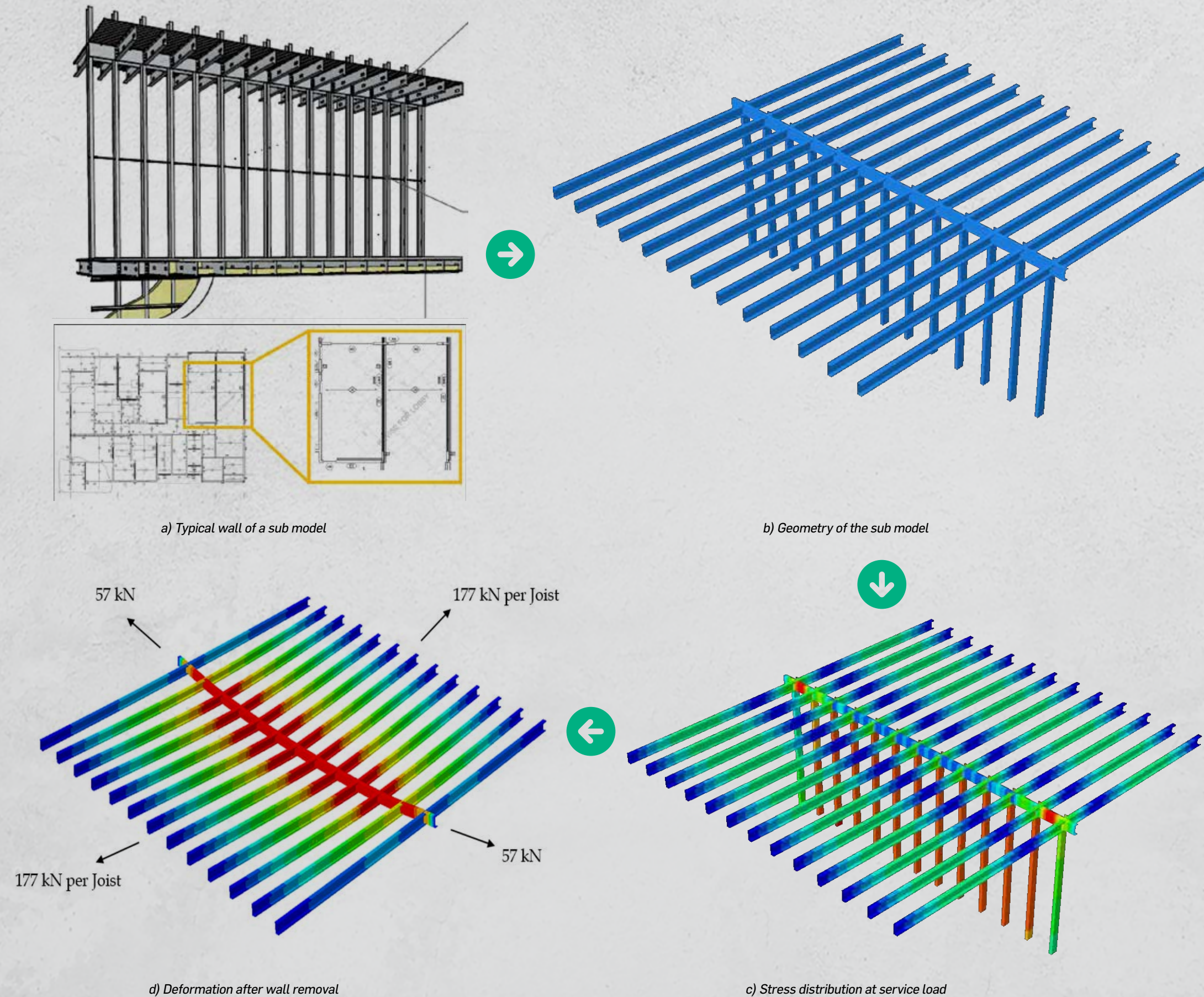
PROJECT PARTNERS:

BlueScope, The University of Melbourne, Monash University

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Unlike hot-rolled steel buildings, where the robustness requirement can be easily met with the use of bolted or welded joining methods with high tensile resistance for connecting structural members, the connections in LGS buildings are made in the form of screws and rivets with low tensile resistance, and thus they are usually vulnerable to progressive failure.

This project will develop cost-effective systems and design methods to achieve suitable robustness in LGS buildings. The success of this study will promote the practical application of LGS to mid-rise construction markets.



Catenary action of a sub model of LGS buildings

Catenary action represents one of the primary mechanisms LGS structures use in arresting collapse. Therefore, it is needed to be understood. A sub-model of a single wall and floor system was modelled to isolate this effect and explore associated actions. Figure 2 shows deformation and stress distribution of the sub model under different scenarios. It became clear that other mechanisms provided by the entire structural system were needed to alleviate some of the connection demands associated with catenary action.

Credit: Project Team

#4 Computational Design and Optimisation Tools for Prefabricated Building Systems – Phase 1 Scoping Study

PROJECT PARTNERS:

M-Modular, The University of Melbourne, Queensland University of Technology

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

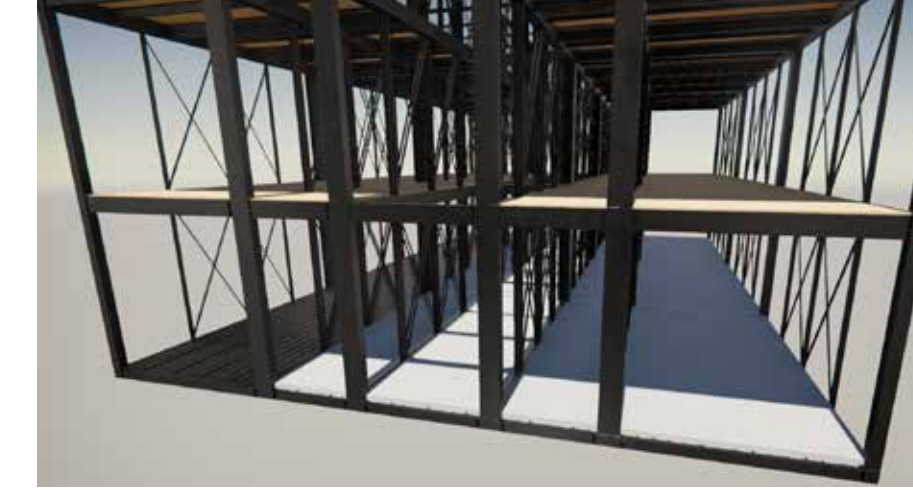
This scoping study identified challenges with the modular building process, reviewed leading research on prefabricated building systems, evaluated current prefab systems in the market, and assessed/tested numerous computational modelling tools in terms of their potential/capabilities for automating the modular design/construction process.

Although modular construction brings several benefits to the construction industry, including reduced onsite costs and construction time, improved quality and accuracy in manufacture, and decreased construction waste and CO2 emissions, it was found that the challenges faced by the modular building process mostly come from the design phase.

To this end, a case study was also presented to demonstrate the potential of computational design in automating workflows and achieving synergies between the BIM modelling, structural analysis and design, and energy/thermal/daylighting analysis processes for a modular building model.

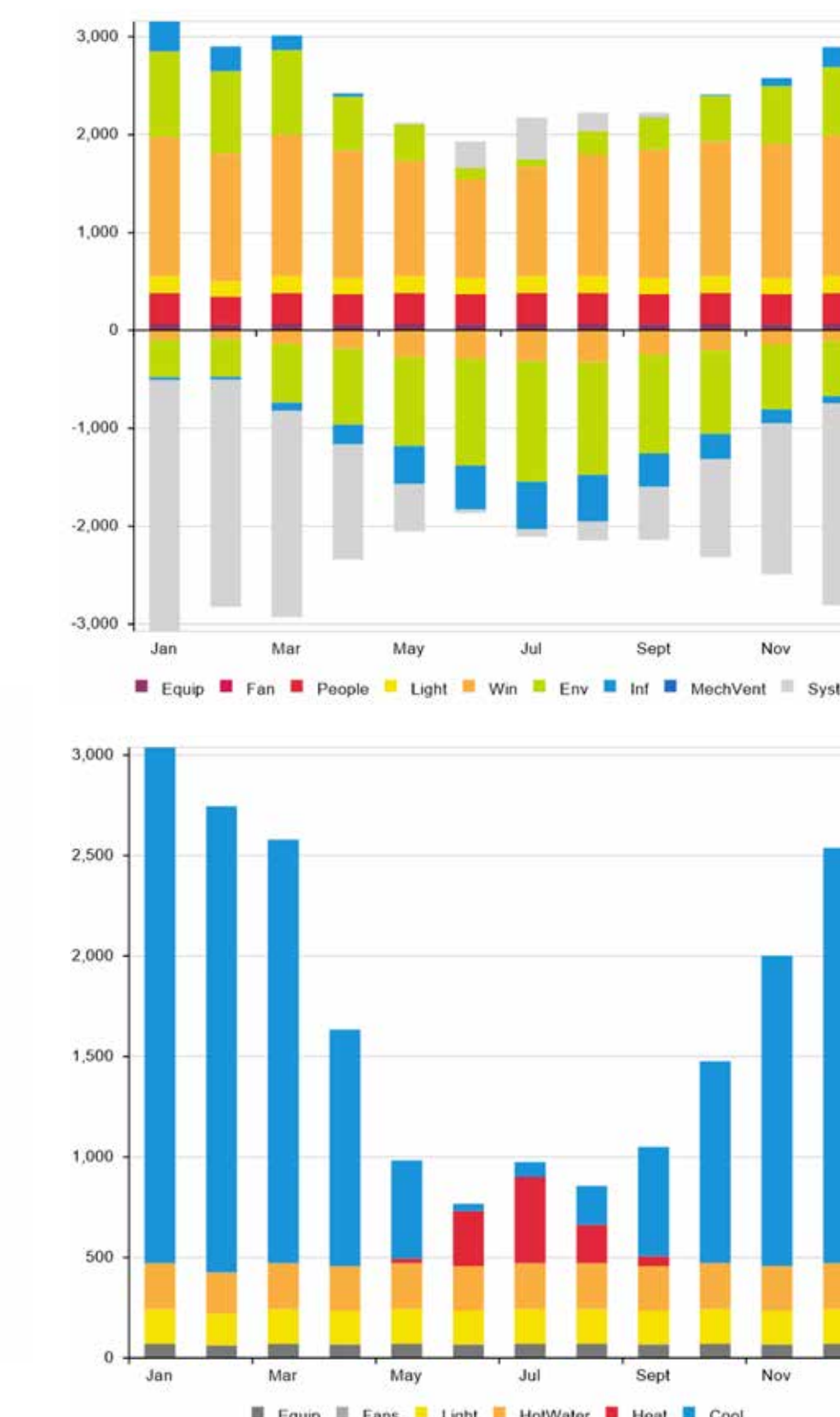
A computational workflow was developed and demonstrated, which captured the intricate details of complex modular systems and connections, whilst consuming several minutes to generate the building information model of the (structural elements and connections), run the structural, energy and daylighting analysis, and generate the drawings and design reports.

Credit: Project Team



Building information model of a modular building automatically generated using the computational workflow (flowchart). The workflow captures many components, including the steel framing, modular connections, bracing, concrete flooring and so on.

Credit: Project Team



Sample results from the structural and energy/daylighting analysis of a building module, including the shear forces in the beams, mean useful daylight illuminance, heating and cooling loads.

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#23 When Prefab Hits The Ground: Barriers And Opportunities In The Australian Housing Market

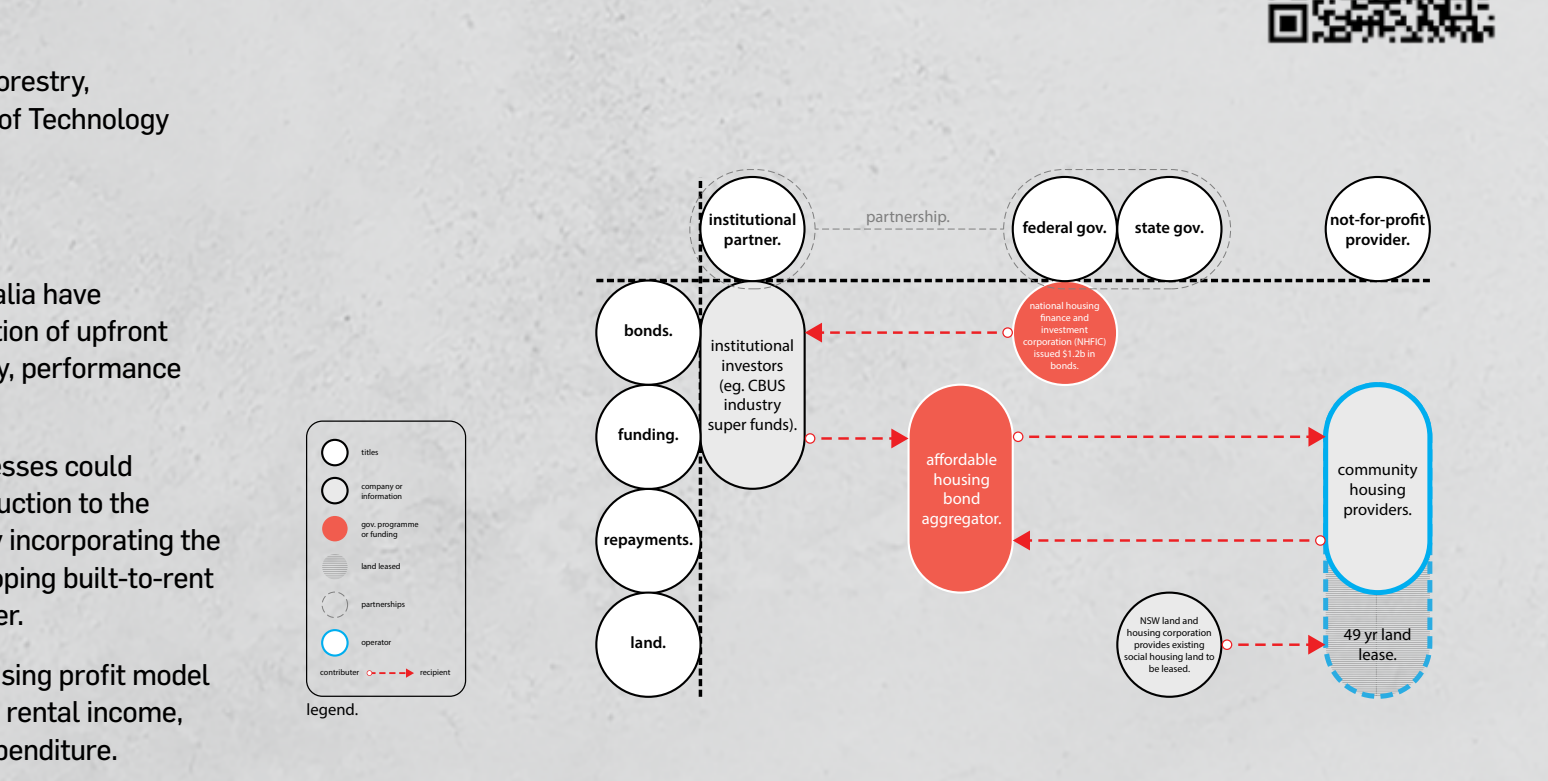
PROJECT PARTNERS:
Fleetwood Building Solutions, Sumitomo Forestry, Monash University, Queensland University of Technology

PROJECT OVERVIEW:
Traditional construction practices in Australia have been criticised for their focus on the reduction of upfront construction costs at the expense of quality, performance and flexibility.

Current and emerging prefabrication processes could provide the efficiency and quality of construction to the traditional built-to-sell market, however by incorporating the possibilities to cater for the recently developing built-to-rent sector is considered to drive it even stronger.

This is because Build-to-rent shifts the housing profit model from capital gains to one based on ongoing rental income, with viability tied to minimising ongoing expenditure.

This scoping study seeks to examine the intersection of these assets and prefabrication processes, to identify opportunities for the housing and construction sector to reduce ongoing greenhouse gas emissions and increase the quality of stock.



Case study 1: BTR Cbus Emerging Australian Housing Models

- Cbus is an example of Australian superannuation companies investing in local BTR developments
- Cbus is one of Australia's largest super funds, with more than 775,000 members and a portfolio of over \$65 billion
- The scheme is a version of PPP's developments: It lets providers access a 75% debt-funding package provided by NHFC, with the remaining costs covered by Cbus super.
- Cbus will lend for 12 years (i.e., two years during the construction period and ten years during the asset's life), after which Cbus will exit the agreement. The provider is then required to refinance the 25% loan with NHFC.

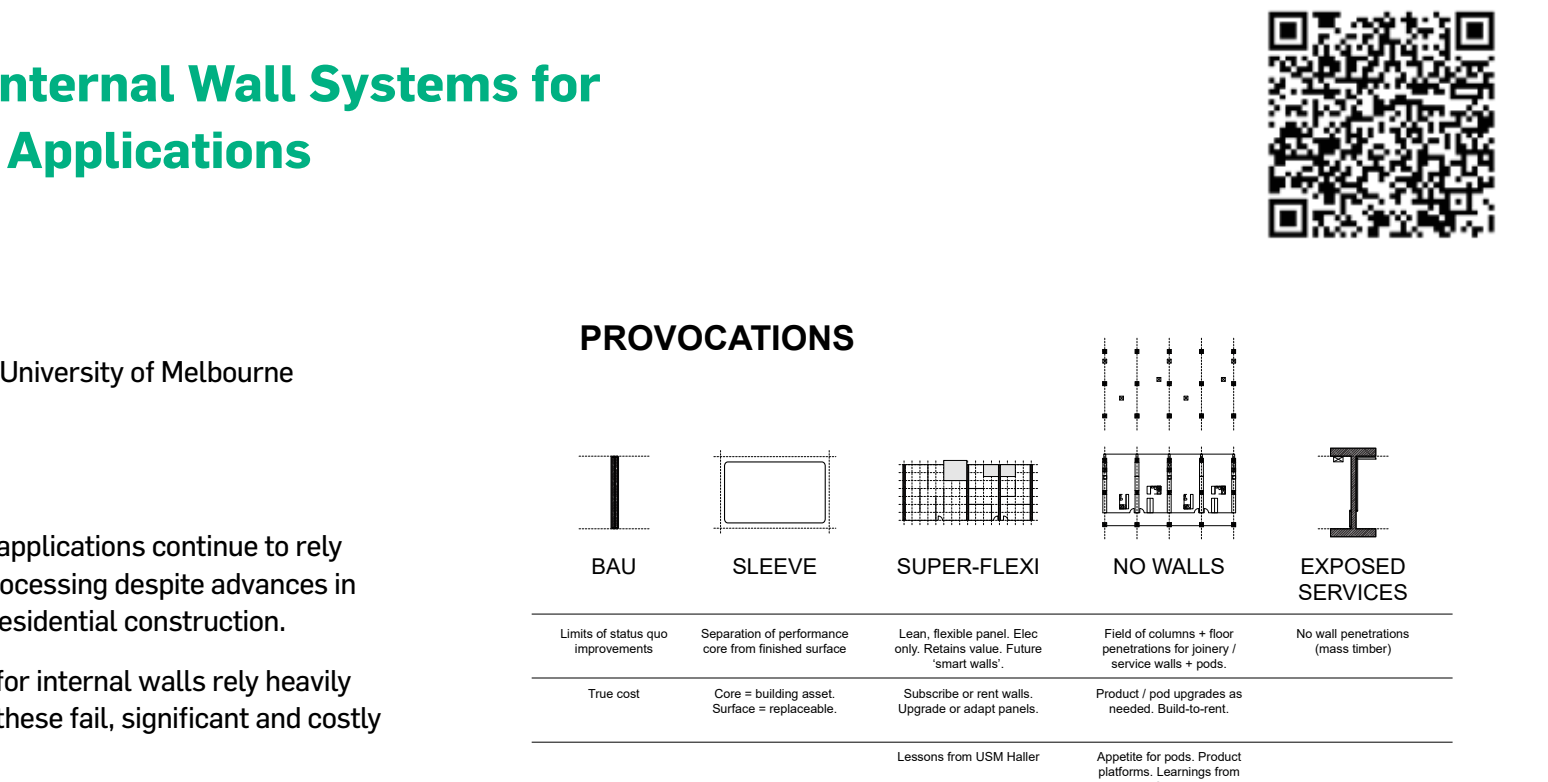
#28 Componentised Internal Wall Systems for Multi-residential Applications

PROJECT PARTNERS:
Lendlease Digital, Monash University, The University of Melbourne

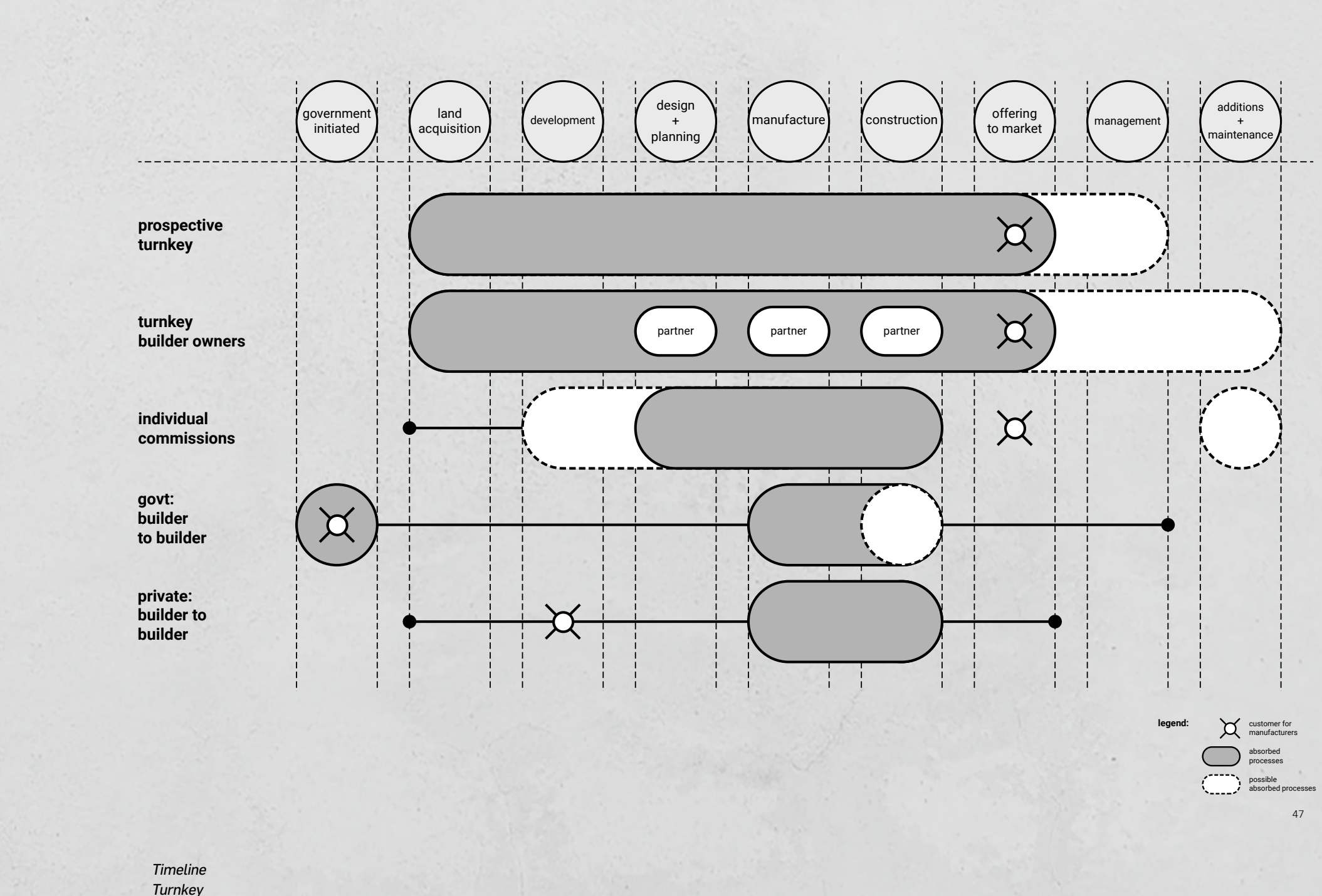
PROJECT OVERVIEW:
Internal wall systems in multi-residential applications continue to rely on labour intensive and wasteful on-site processing despite advances in prefabrication and other aspects of multi-residential construction. The described performance requirements for internal walls rely heavily on craftsmanship and supervision – when these fail, significant and costly legacy issues arise.

A different approach is required to the design of internal walls; one which considers a componentised solution rather than customisation, providing a model for costing legacy and life-time value, and allowing services and performance-based criteria to be integrated in a controlled, off-site environment.

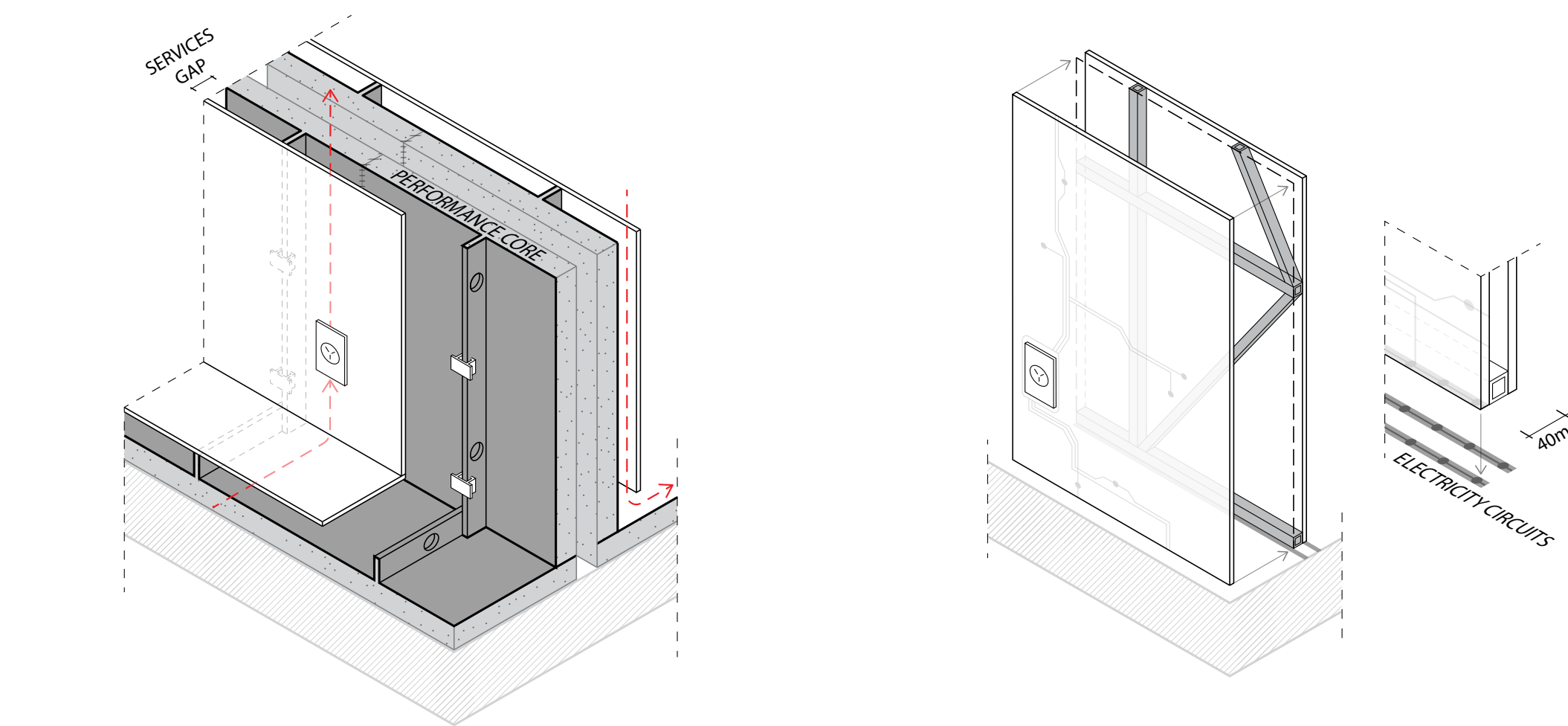
This project explores questions of digital connectivity, new design and material possibilities, and alternative methods for understanding the life-time cost and value of internal walls.



Credit: Diagrams by Lee-Anne Khor



Timeline Turnkey



Credit: Drawings by Daniela Tinios

#5 Automatic Compliance and Energy Rating System

PROJECT PARTNERS:
uTecture, Green Building Council of Australia, The University of Melbourne, Monash University, Queensland University of Technology

PROJECT OVERVIEW:
This project will transform the current manual process of energy compliance checks for new residential homes by integrating existing rapid digital building software with Australia's building regulation and performance assessment requirements. The outcome is intended to be a fully integrated and seamless workflow with home design and subsequent implications, and energy performance assessment performed in real time.



This project developed a comprehensive workflow to take Utexture's existing home design and costing engine and propose subsequent compliance and NatHERS energy rating assessment procedures utilising GSTR's Accurate engine. The developed road map has paved the way for designers, builders, and clients to understand the energy performance and compliance of a home whilst also having an estimate of the capital and ongoing costs in near real time during design.

Credits:
<https://www.monash.edu/mada/research/utecture-industry-test-group-report>
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#11 Environmental Credentials For Building Technology Platforms

PROJECT PARTNERS:
uTecture, Coresteel, Monash University

PROJECT OVERVIEW:
There is a growing need for environmental credentials to support B2B and B2C communication in the building industry.

Solutions based on the Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) methodology are the most comprehensive, covering all the stages of the building's lifecycle – from extraction of raw materials to their end-of-life stages.

Despite the potential efficiencies of loosely-coupled supply chains, distributed decision-making, and increased levels of digitalisation, there are no readily available methods to systematically assess the environmental impacts of building technology platforms.

This project will develop an ISO-compliant LCA framework to quantify and communicate these impacts using the uTecture and Airbuilder platforms as cases.



Airbuilder™ design platform
Credits: The Donovan Group

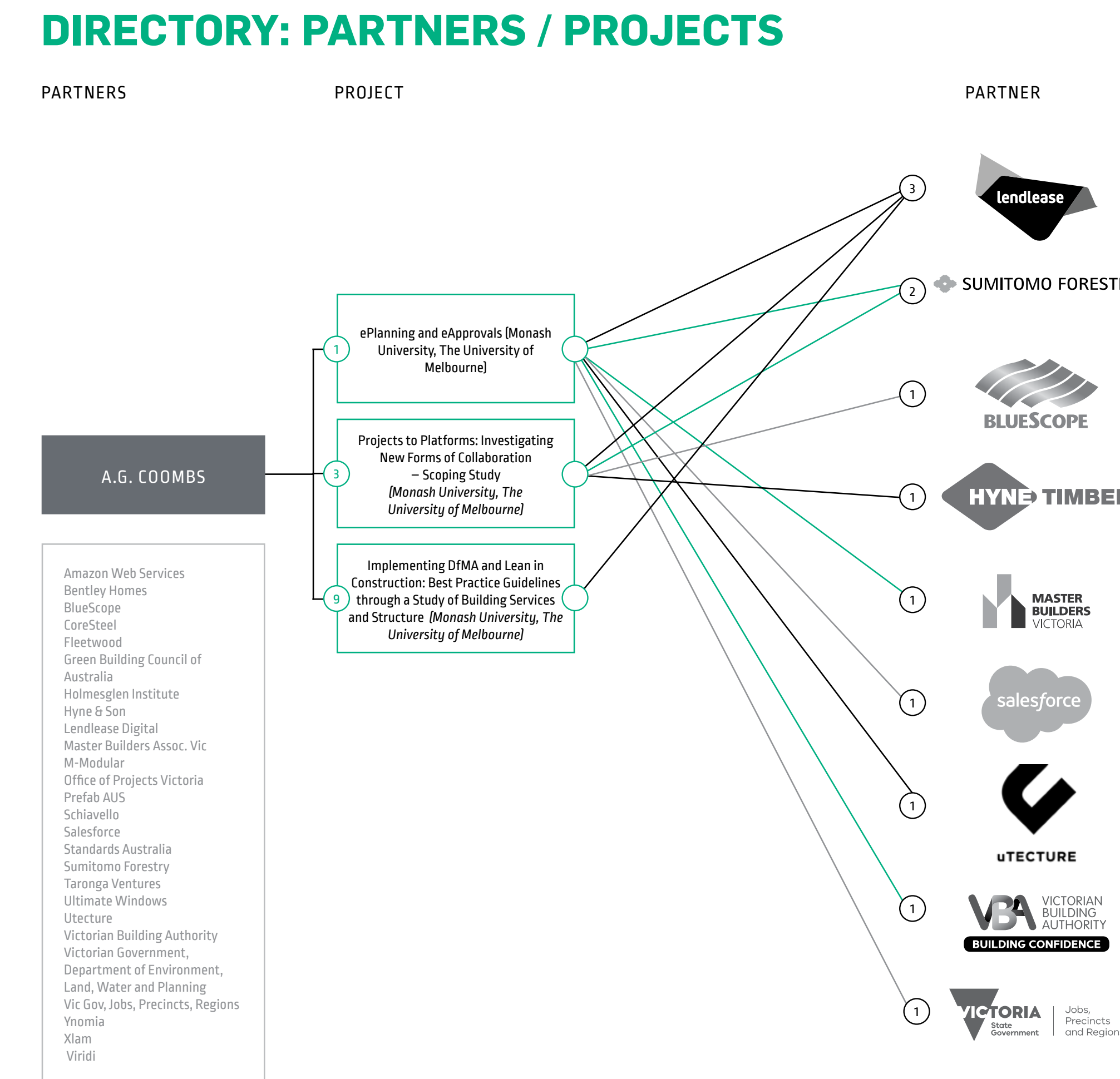
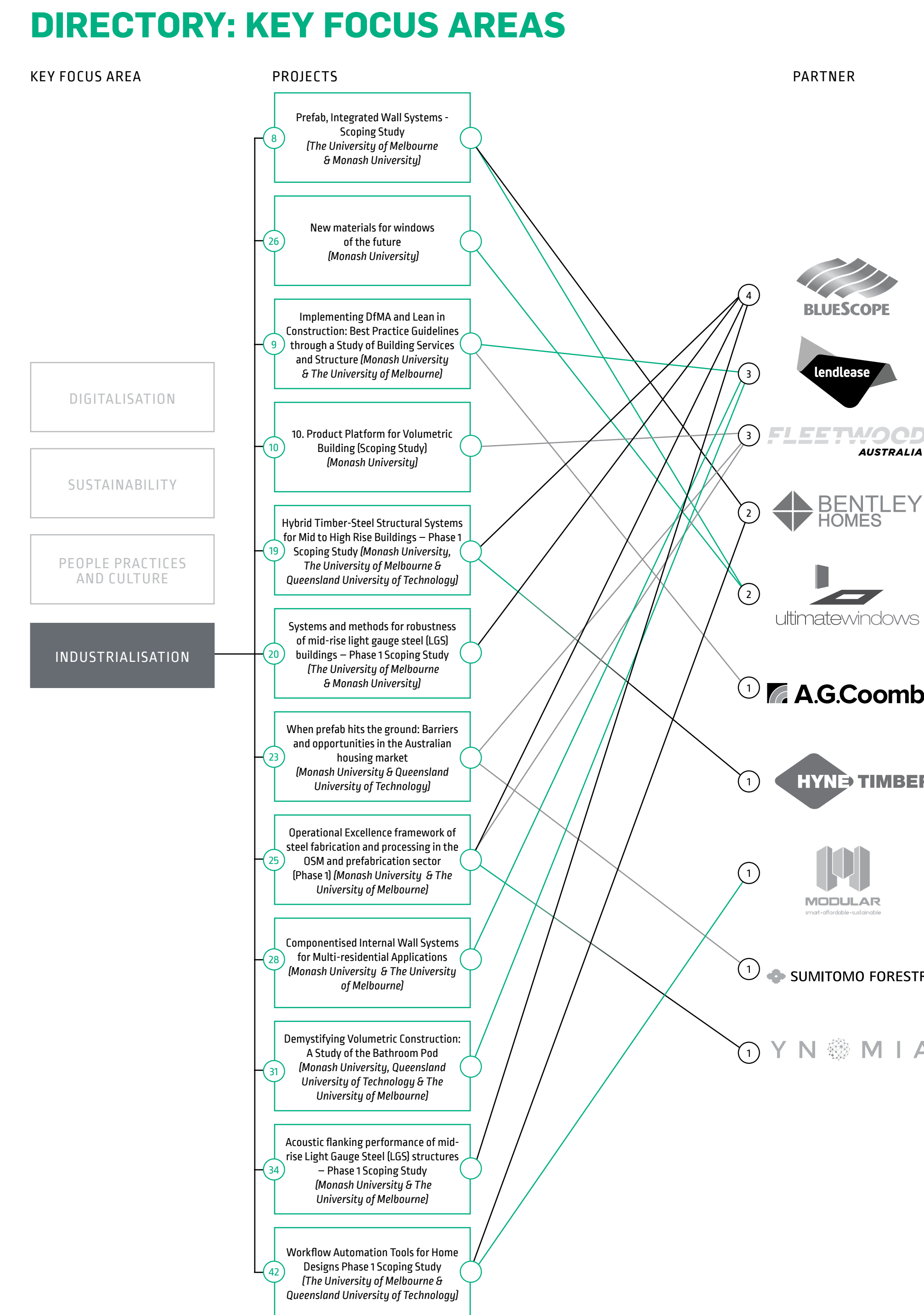
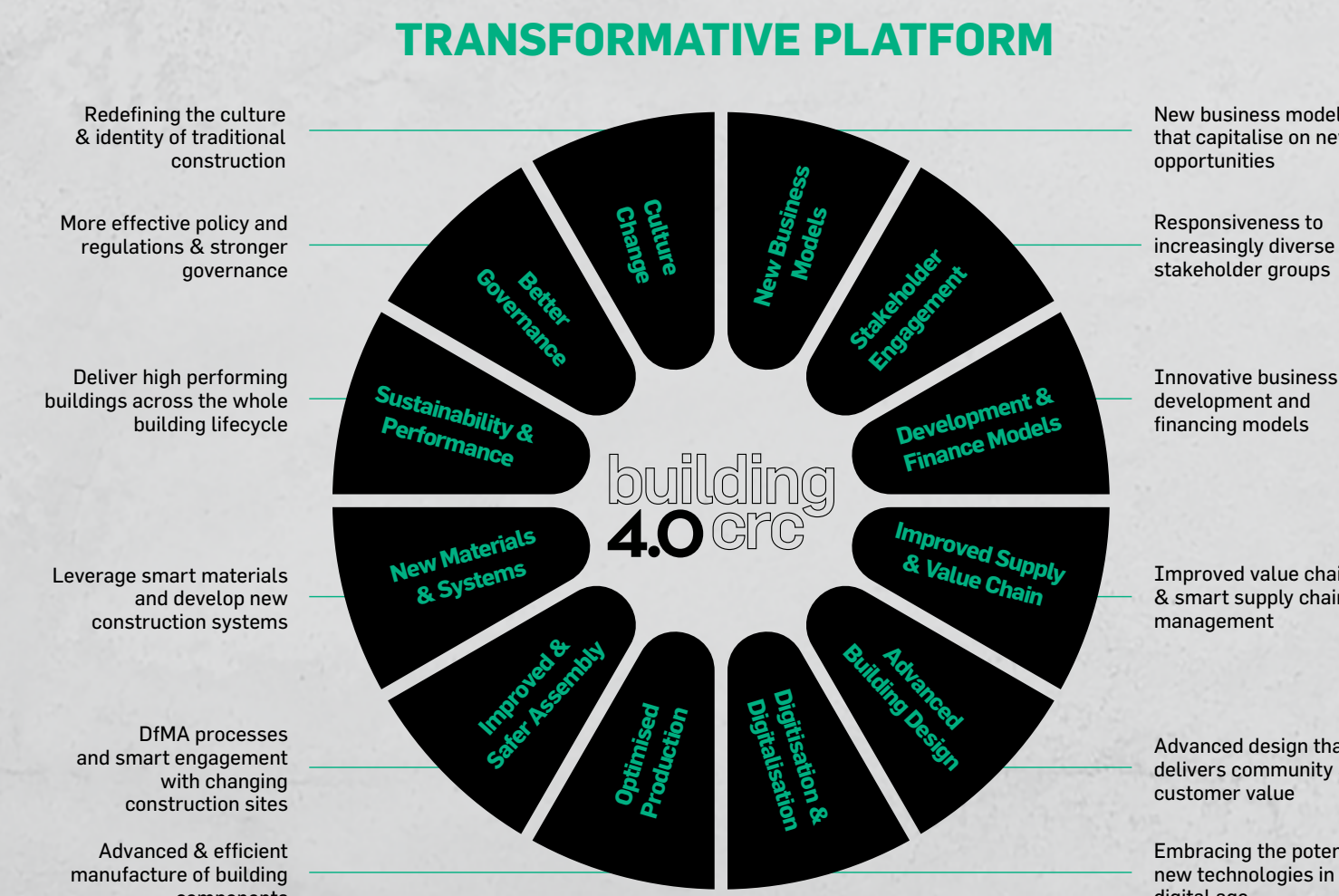
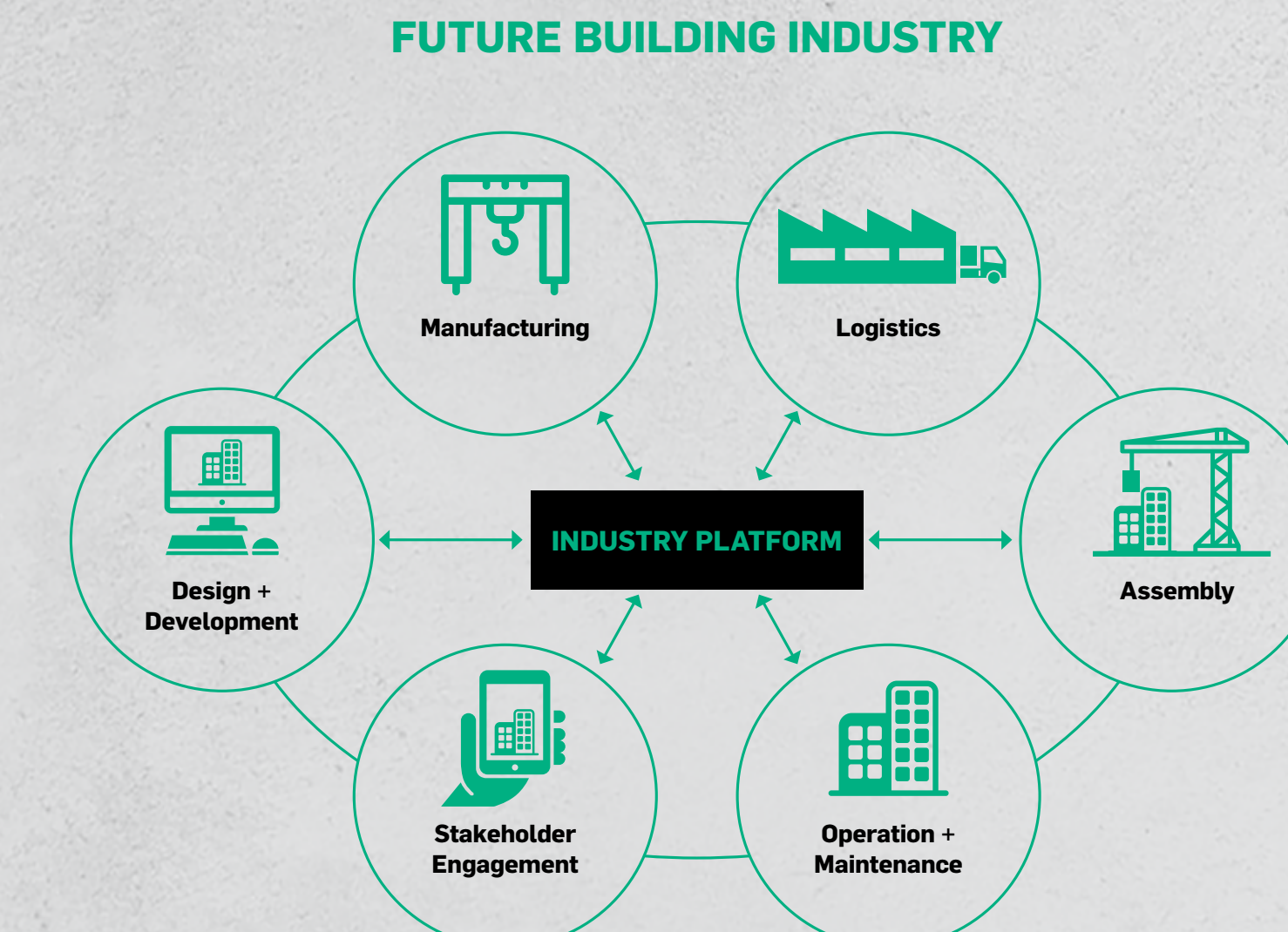


Donobeam™ structural system
Credits: The Donovan Group

ALL ACTIVATED PROJECTS

Project No.	Title	Participants	People, Practices and Culture	Sustainability	Digitalisation	Industrialisation
1	ePlanning and eApprovals	Lendlease Digital, Uteck, Sumitomo, AG Coombs, SALESFORCE, M&AV, V&A, DELWP, Monash, UoM			•	
2	Automated tracking of construction materials for improved supply chain logistics and provenance	Sumitomo, AWS, SALESFORCE, V&A, Ynomia, Holmesglen, Lendlease Digital, Bluescope, M&AV, UoM, MU, QUT			•	
3	Projects to Platforms: Investigating New Forms of Collaboration – Scoping Study	A.G. Coombs, BlueScope, Hyne & Son, Lendlease Digital, Monash University, Sumitomo Forestry, The University of Melbourne			•	
9	Implementing DIMA and Lean in Construction: Best Practice Guidelines through a Study of Building Services and Structure	A.G. Coombs, Lendlease Digital, Monash University, The University of Melbourne			•	
10	Product Platform for Volumetric Building (Scoping Study)	Fleetwood Building Solutions, Monash University			•	
11	Environmental Credentials for Building Technology Platforms	uTecture, Coresteel, Monash University		•		
12	VR/AR Technologies in Vocational Education and Training (Scoping Study)	Holmesglen Institute, Master Builders Association of Victoria, Monash University, Queensland University of Technology			•	
17	The Implications and Opportunities from Industry 4.0 for the Building Industry: towards smart prefabs	AMGC and Prefab Innovation Hub (Funding body), Various Building 4.0 CRC Industry Partners, Monash University, The University of Melbourne, Queensland University of Technology	•			
18	Long-Span Low-Carbon Floor Systems	Lendlease Digital, Sumitomo Forestry, Monash University, The University of Melbourne		•		
19	Hybrid Timber-Steel Structural Systems for Mid to High Rise Buildings – Phase 1 Scoping Study	BlueScope, Hyne & Son, Monash University, The University of Melbourne, Queensland University of Technology			•	
20	Systems and methods for robustness of mid-rise light gauge steel (LGS) buildings – Phase 1 Scoping Study	BlueScope, The University of Melbourne, Monash University			•	
22	Generative design and BIM-based Design Automation methods for Steel Framed Buildings – Phase 1 Scoping Study	BlueScope, The University of Melbourne, Monash University			•	
23	When prefab hits the ground: Barriers and opportunities in the Australian housing market	Fleetwood Building Solutions, Sumitomo Forestry, Monash University, Queensland University of Technology			•	
25	Operational Excellence framework of steel fabrication and processing in the OSM and prefabrication sector (Phase 1)	BlueScope, Fleetwood Building Solutions, Monash University, The University of Melbourne, Ynomia			•	
27	Environmental Decision-Support for Structures	BlueScope, Monash University, The University of Melbourne	•			
28	Componentised Internal Wall Systems for Multi-residential Applications	Lendlease Digital, Monash University, The University of Melbourne			•	
30	Critical Path IMPACT through Productisation	Lendlease Digital, Monash University, The University of Melbourne	•			
31	Demystifying Volumetric Construction: A Study of the Bathroom Pod	Lendlease Digital, Monash University, Queensland University of Technology, The University of Melbourne			•	
34	Acoustic flanking performance of mid-rise Light Gauge Steel (LGS) structures – Phase 1 Scoping Study	BlueScope, Monash University, The University of Melbourne			•	
35	Prefab Housing Solutions for Bushfire & Disaster Relief	AMGC and Prefab Innovation Hub, Various Building 4.0 CRC Industry Partners, Monash University, The University of Melbourne, Queensland University of Technology	•			
37	Australian Timber Fibre Insulation Scoping Study	Hyne & Son Pty Limited, The University of Melbourne, Ultimate Windows		•		
42	Workflow Automation Tools for Home Designs Phase 1 Scoping Study	Bentley Homes, M-Modular, The University of Melbourne, Queensland University of Technology			•	
46	Data analytics for structural fibre resources optimisation	Hyne & Son, Queensland University of Technology			•	
Completed Projects						
4	Computational Design and Optimisation Tools for Prefabricated Building Systems – Phase 1 Scoping Study	M-Modular, The University of Melbourne, The University of Melbourne, Monash University			•	
5	Automatic compliance and energy rating system	uTecture, Green Building Council of Australia, The University of Melbourne, Monash University, Queensland University of Technology		•		
6	Field data collation to support real-time operational management	Lendlease, Ynomia, Standards Australia, Monash University, Queensland University of Technology, The University of Melbourne			•	
8	Prefab, Integrated Wall Systems - Scoping Study	Bentley Homes, Ultimate Windows, The University of Melbourne, Monash University			•	
26	New materials for windows of the future	Ultimate Windows , Monash University			•	

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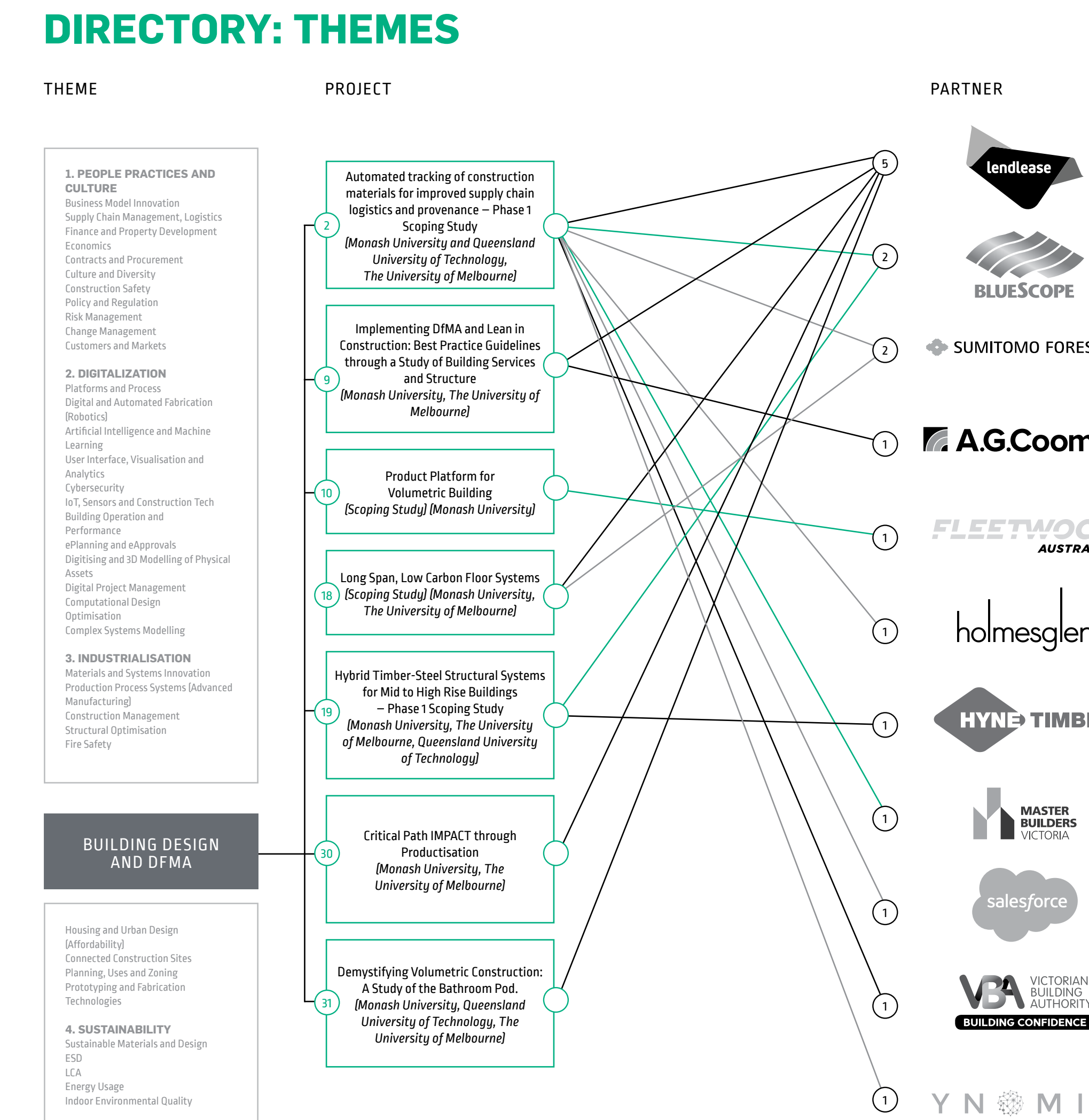
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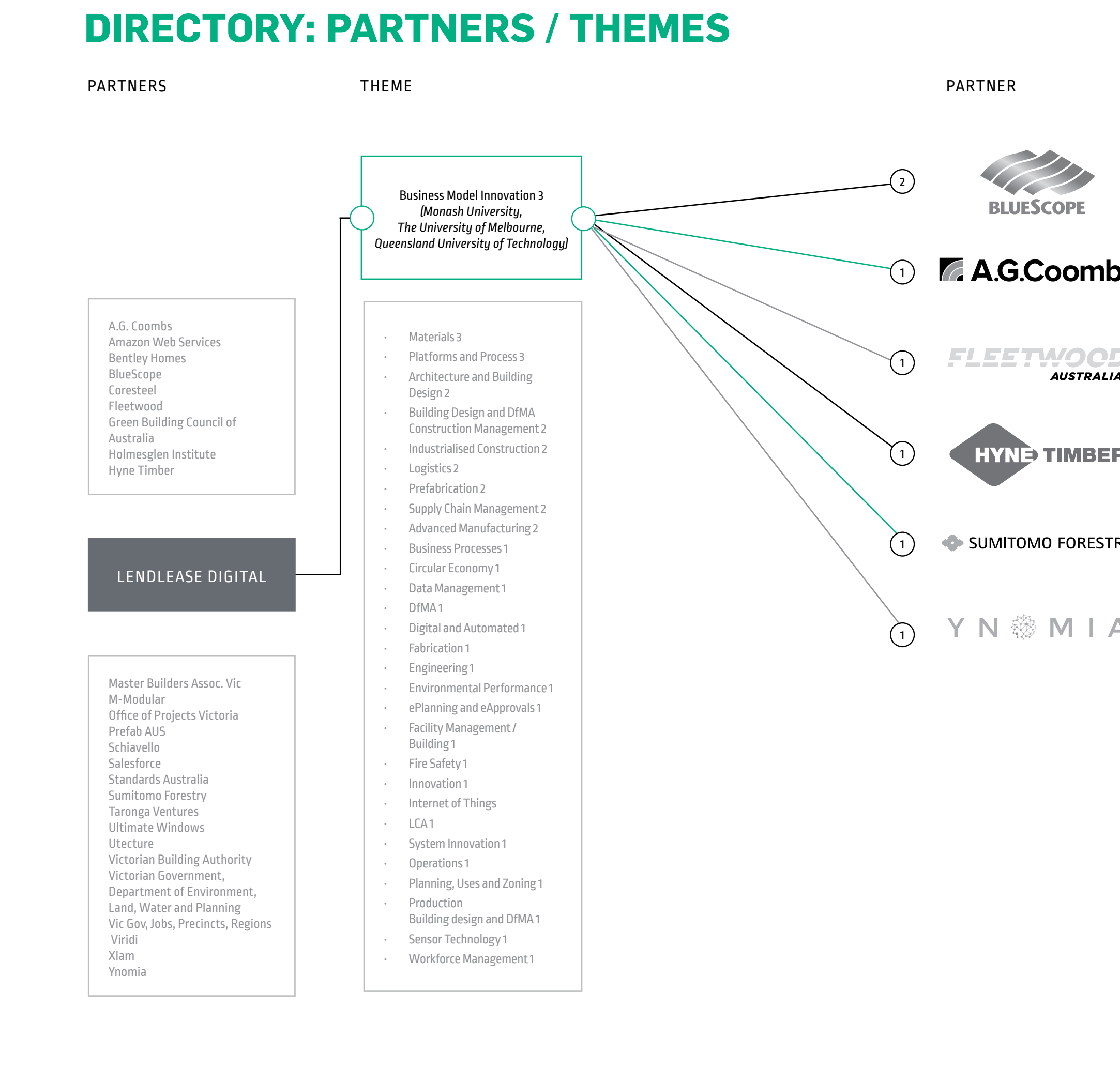
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