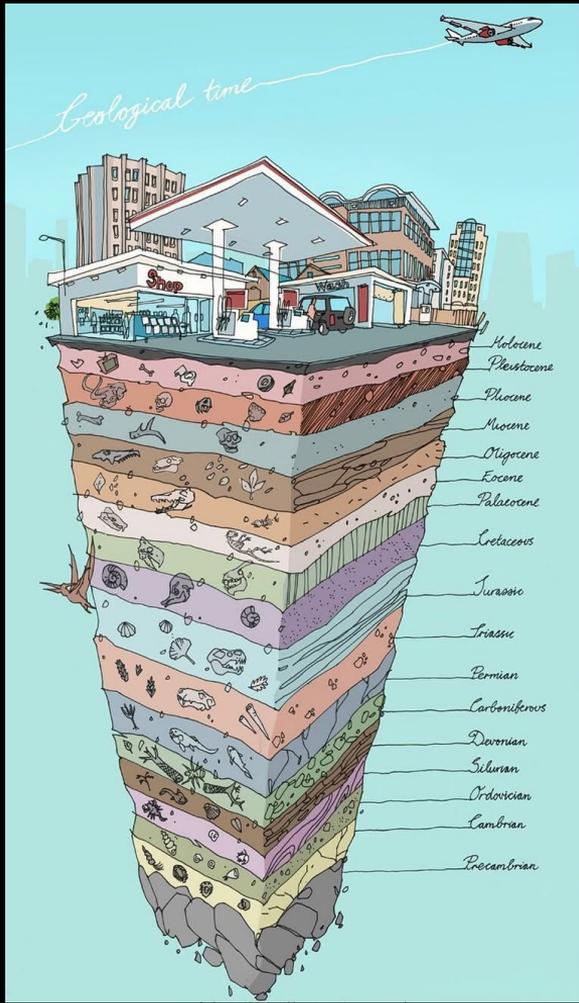


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Un regard anthropocénique sur les objets de notre quotidien.



Visualizing the Scale of Anthropogenic Mass

In 2020, the amount of anthropogenic mass exceeded the weight of all global living biomass.

As humans continue to dominate Earth, questions surrounding our material output are increasing. We break down the composition of all human-made materials and the rate of their production.

Anthropogenic mass, or human-made mass, refers to the materials embedded within inanimate solid objects that are made by humans.

1120 Gt

Global Biomass

The dry weight of all life on Earth is comprised of plants, animals, bacteria, fungi, protists, archaea, and viruses. *See*

All humans make up **0.2%** of global living biomass.



1154 Gt

Anthropogenic Mass

Here is everything the human population has created since 1900 to 2020.



349 Gt

Concrete

Concrete is the most frequently used building material and the second most used substance in the world, after water.

92 Gt

Bricks

Approximately 1500 billion bricks are produced each year. More than 65% of this annual production comes from Asia.

184 Gt

Aggregates

Aggregates are particulate materials used in construction. Some examples include sand, gravel, crushed stone, and clay. Aggregates are the most mined materials in the world.

26 Gt

Metals

Since the Bronze Age, metals have become increasingly important in human culture. Iron is the most commonly used metal, found in alloys like steel.

63 Gt

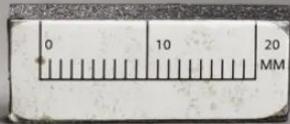
Asphalt

Also known as bitumen, asphalt is a semi-solid form of petroleum commonly mixed with aggregates to form roads.

21 Gt

Other

It would give plastic. All plastic (1.8 Gt) has now more than doubled the total weight of the entire Amazon basin.







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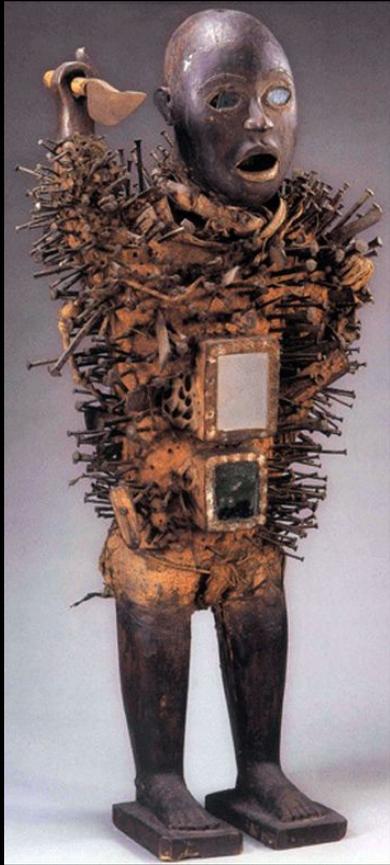




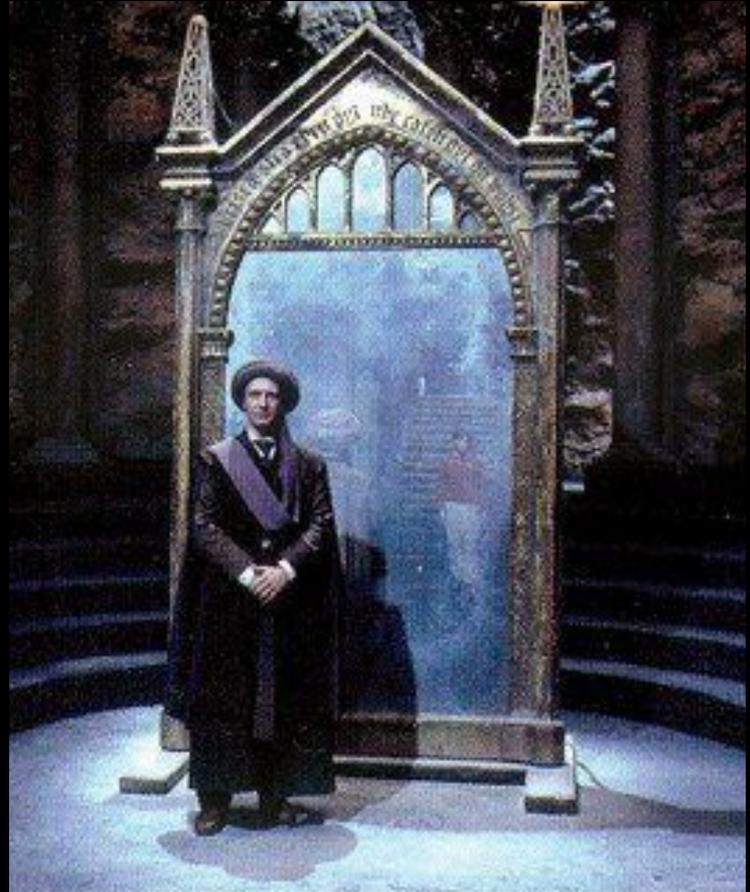
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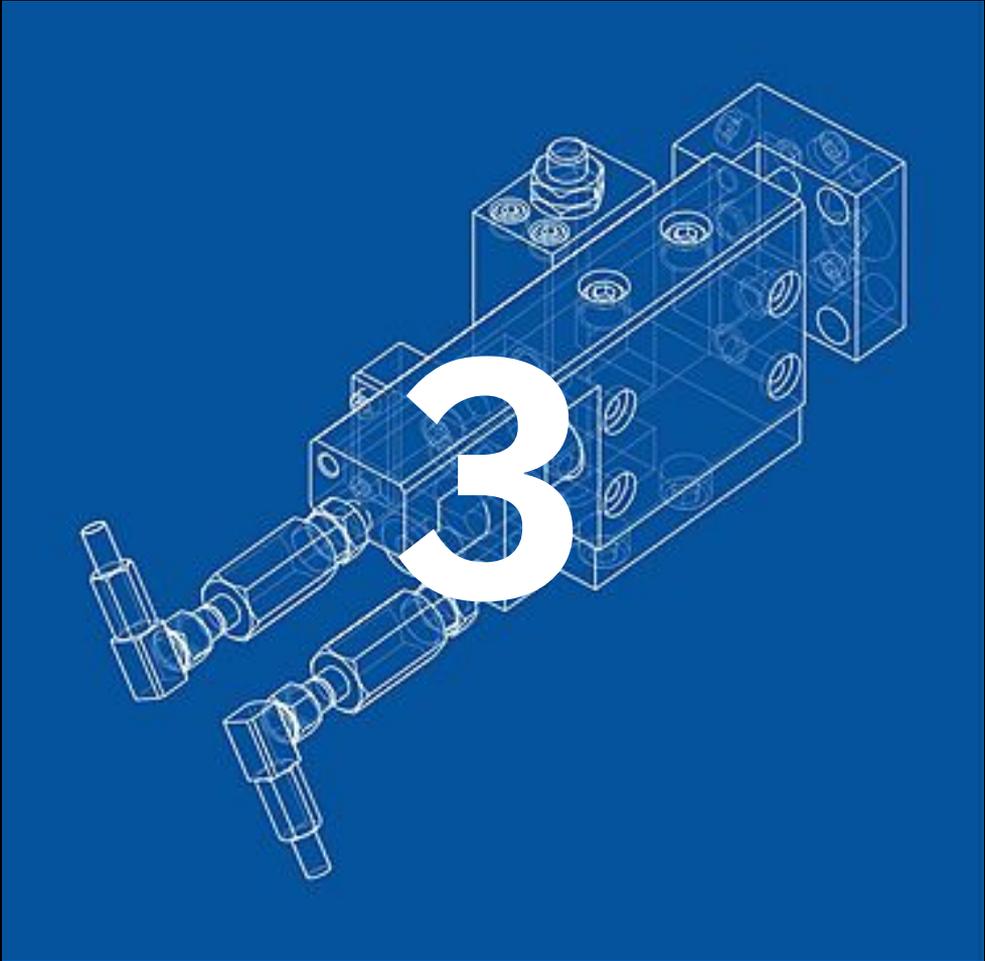




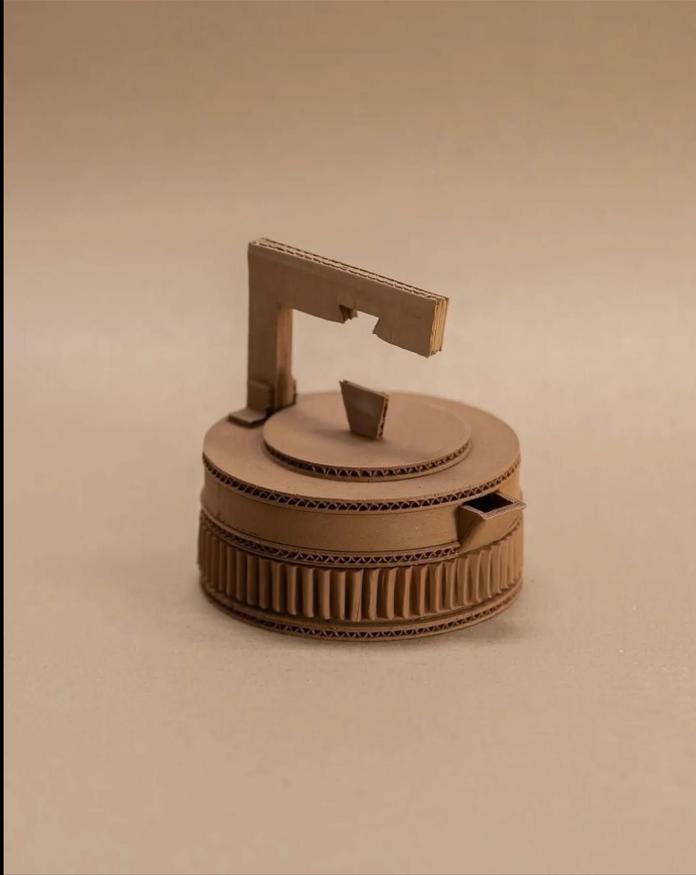


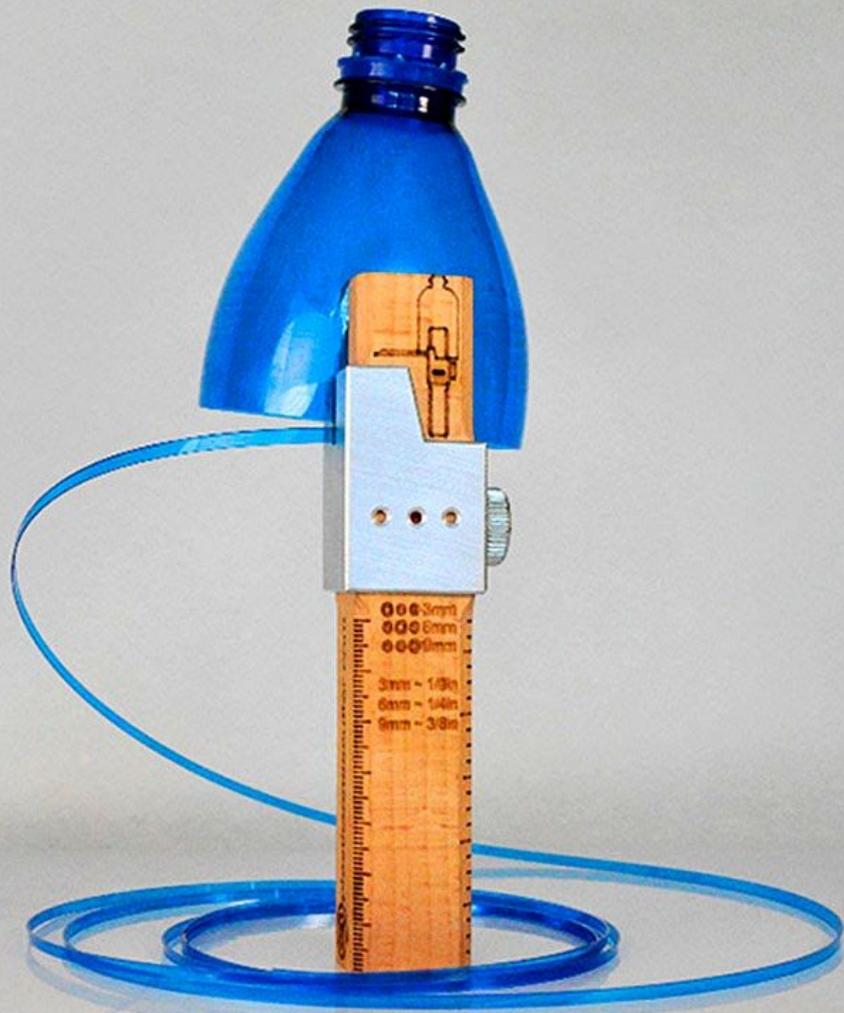














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