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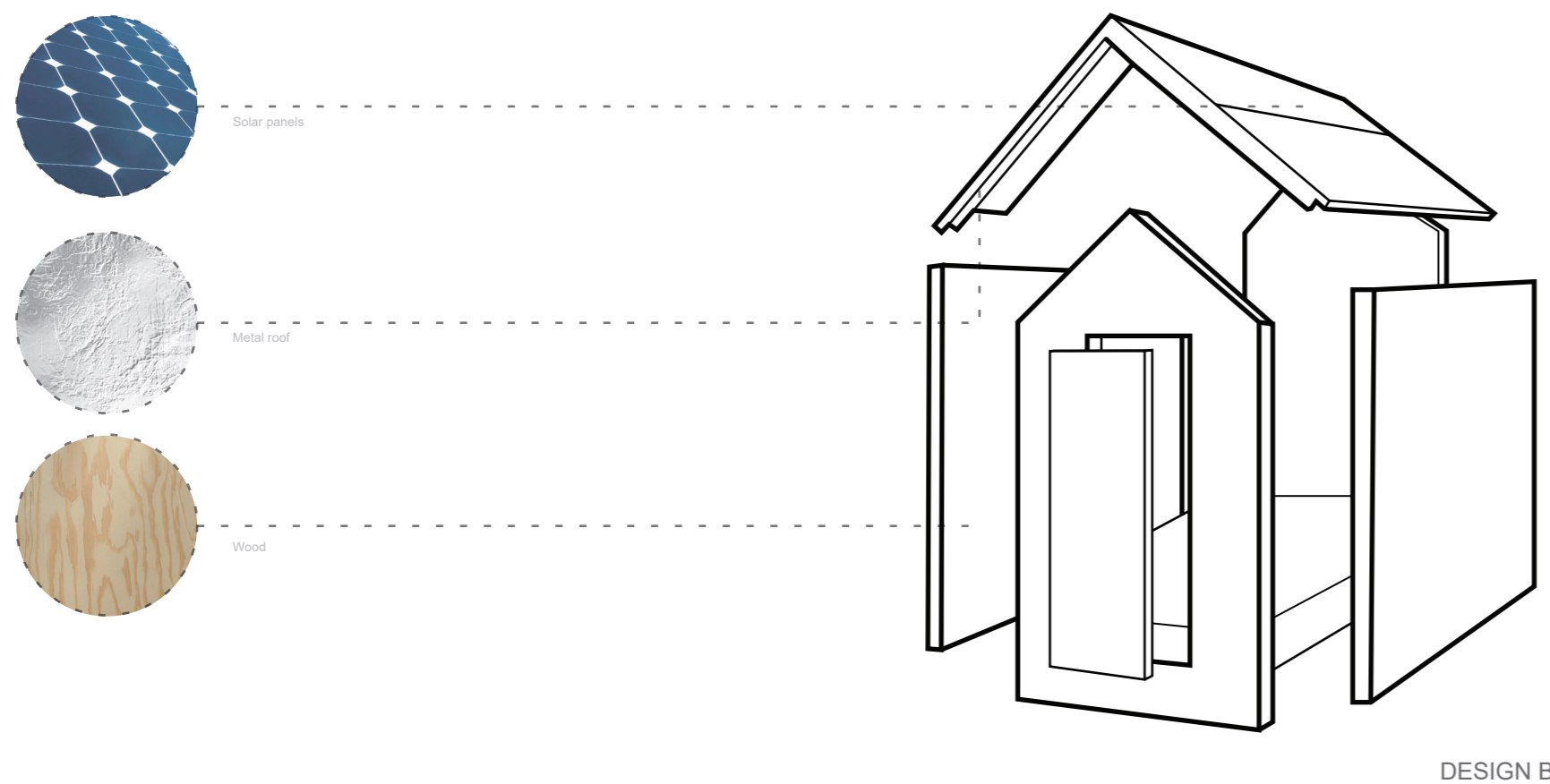
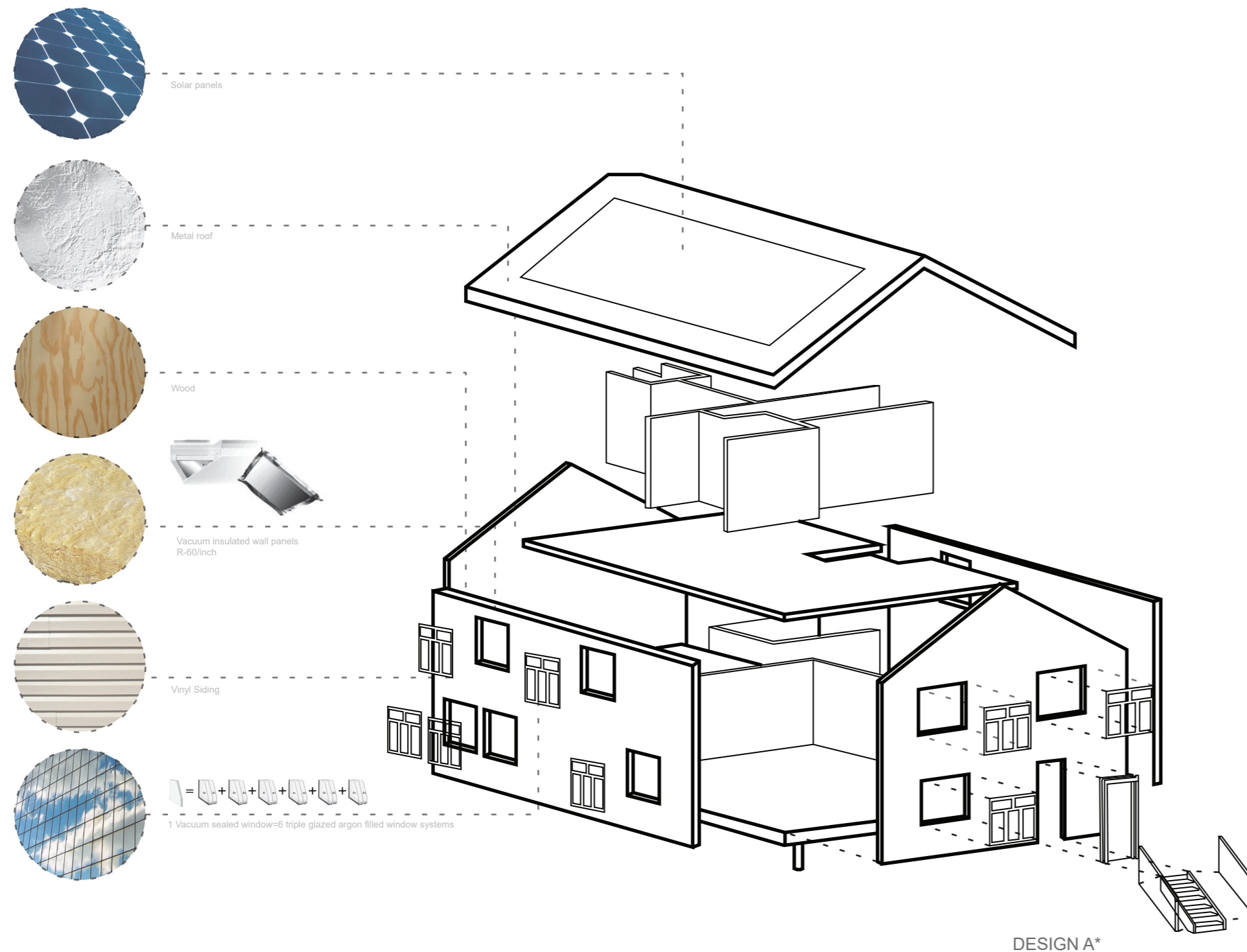
DESIGN

WITH

GOOD

INTENTIONS?





I CAN LEGITIMIZE YOUR IDEAS.
I CAN SOLVE ALL YOUR PROBLEMS.
I CAN INTERPRET YOUR CULTURE.

I WILL BE YOUR SAVIOUR*.



* A single structure cannot achieve everything we need and want it to. No matter how well designed, how sustainable, or aesthetically pleasing it may be, the issues that underlie this topic sit on a socio-political minefield conceived of over centuries. Perhaps this is a pessimistic view for a group of aspiring architects to have since the profession of architecture must be innately optimistic about such things, but nonetheless here we offer this proposal. There exists no need for more permanence of structure or otherwise, set in place by imposition from others. Any architectural intervention we can give to "them" cancels itself out as an applicable solution. What is truly needed is ways of empowering the people who live in these places so removed from us. This is not accomplished by throwing money or ill-conceived architectural form at them, but through opening a dialogue with the Inuit people and adapting government policy to their specific needs. Yes we can be curious, yes we can help, but the solutions begin with breaking down the complex network of social and political hierarchy we have imposed and continue to impose on the communities of the north. Empowerment isn't going to begin by re-legitimizing what is already happening. It will begin by not assuming that our best intentions will be the best solution.