Liyuan Library

Location: Beijing, China

Architect: Li Xiaodong Atelier
Owner: N/A
Year of completion: 2011
Climate: Temperate and Continental Monsoon Climate
Material of interest: Wood
Application: Exterior; Interior

Properties of material: The choice of material is crucial in blending with the regional characteristics. After analyzing the local material characteristics in the village we found large amounts of locally sourced wooden sticks piled around each house. The villagers gather these sticks all year round to fuel their cooking stoves. Thus we decided to use this ordinary material in an extraordinary way, cladding the building in familiar textures in a way that is strikingly sensitive.

Sources:
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