

CPD: SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION **ENERGY ANALYSIS OF BUILDINGS & BUILDING MATERIALS**

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Energy and Low Income Tropical Housing

Tuesday 13th: Introduction to Gaia Group - Professor Halliday
Ambitions for the Training session - Participants
Introduction to Embodied Energy - Professor Halliday
Workshop on Embodied Energy in a building Life cycle -All
An Engineers View Of Sustainability - Professor Halliday





INTRODUCTION TO GAIA GROUP

- ▶ Climatic & cultural differences
- ▶ Dedication & Gaia in Tanzania - Kijiji, Songea
- ▶ Passive Design Approach
- ▶ Gaia Group - Practice Philosophy
- ▶ Research, Design, Evaluate, Disseminate, Training, Capacity Building
- ▶ Range of Projects
- ▶ Development Tools



Seasonal Climatic Variations



Seasonal Climatic Variations



Solar Variations



Solar Variations



Gaia Architects in Songea



KIJIJI PROJECT

Building a space to grow

A partnership project to improve facilities for learning and healthy living for children and families in Tanzania.

Helping the charity - **Children of Songea** - to develop school & housing facilities for orphans of HIV/AIDS

Gaia Architects in Songea



A large, curved roof structure made of red bricks, with a yellow text box overlaid on the right side. The roof is composed of many rows of bricks, creating a series of parallel ridges. The background shows a dry, open landscape with sparse vegetation and a clear sky.

Gaia Architects in Songea

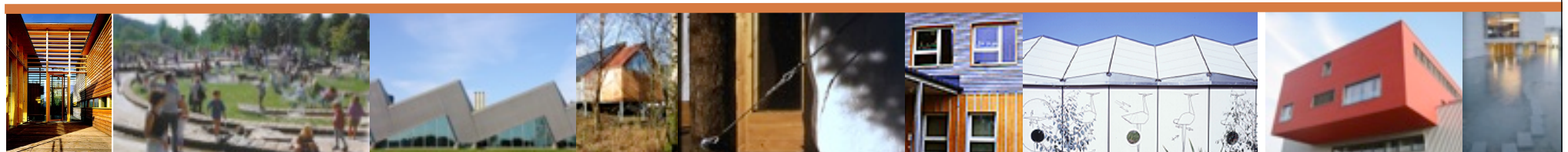
Using low cost /low embodied energy materials

Gaia Architects in Songea





- ▶ **Gaia Group was formed in 1995.**
- ▶ **I opened Gaia Research creating a partnership with the existing Gaia Architects & Gaia Planning founded in 1982 by my late husband Howard Liddell.**
- ▶ **We shared an interest in passive design and a desire to minimise the mechanical services in buildings.**



Philosophy



Our philosophy was to initiate research that fed into design, evaluate & learn from this, disseminate & use to train and help others to get a more sustainable built environment

Philosophy

Research

Design

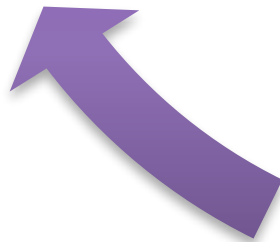
**Innovation for
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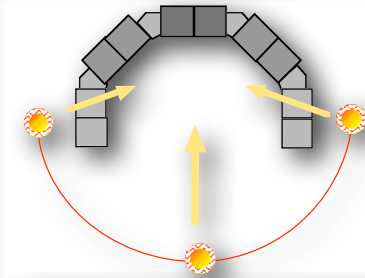
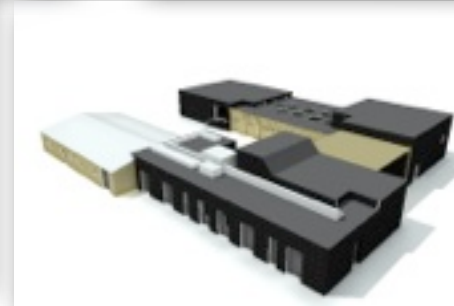
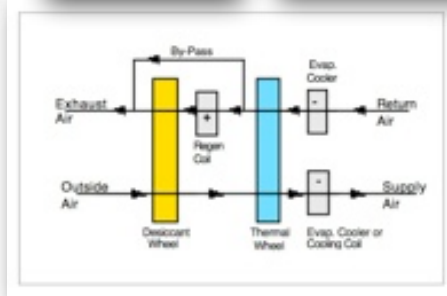
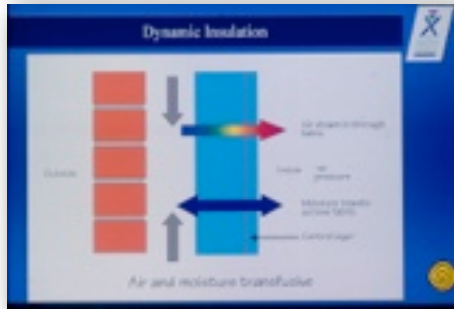
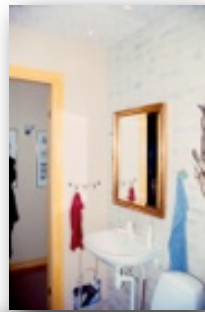
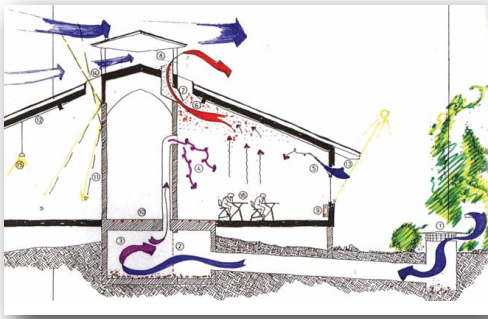
Capacity Build/Train

Evaluate/Learn

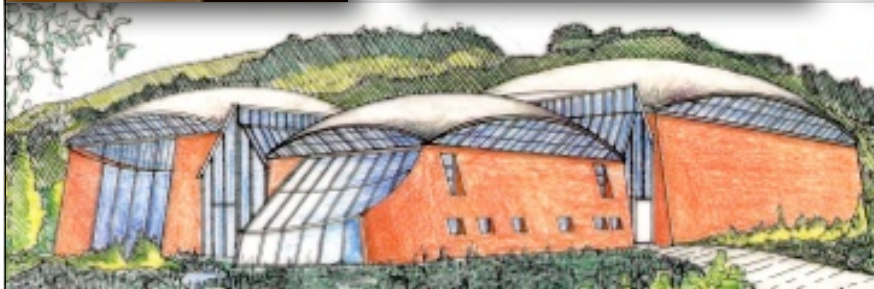
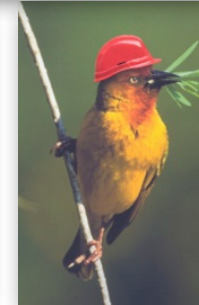
Disseminate/
Feedback

Generate research and create a cycle of continual improvement & innovation



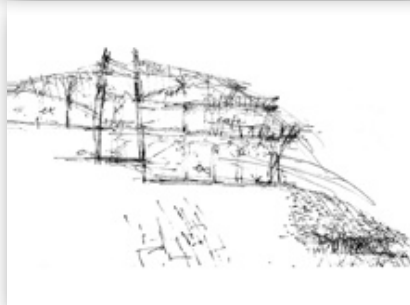
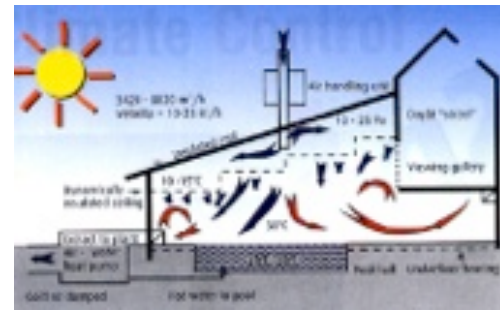


Engineering a low carbon bu



Research

Innovative ventilation, healthy environments, low impact materials, solar air conditioning, passive solar, low energy refurbishment, innovative use of timber, hygroscopic mass, dynamic insulation, animal architecture, daylighting, biomass, earth & straw building, dementia design



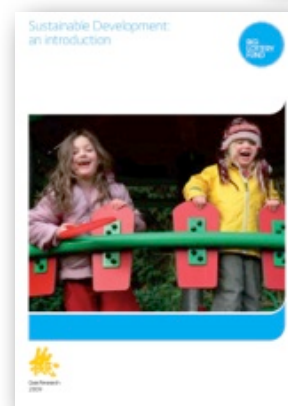
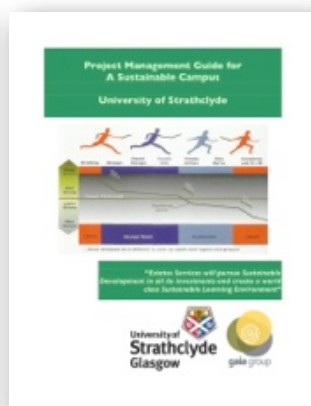
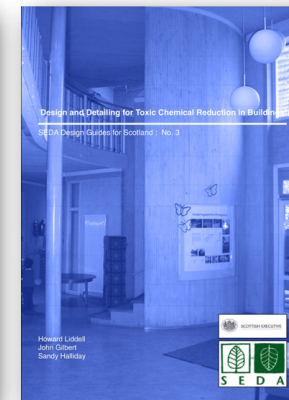
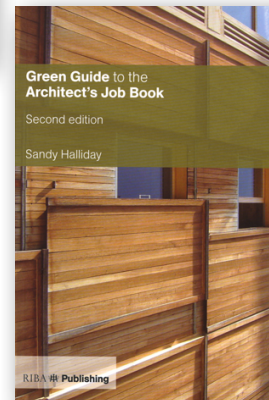
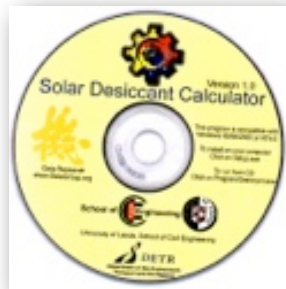
Design

Built to demonstrate innovative use of natural resources and passive design:- dynamic insulation, low allergy housing, minimising building services, ventilation, healthy internal environments, hygroscopic mass, daylighting, biomass, low impact materials.



Evaluate

Money for evaluation is difficult to find but we have had some success and were able to monitor sports facilities, housing and schools to assess and improve their performance.



Disseminate

Much of the research is published and available at www.gaiagroup.org

CPD

Resource Pack

Resource Pack

The material produced here is based on a training course in Sustainable Construction that was developed and delivered by Gaia Research between 2001 and 2004.

The course was developed on a modular basis and this format has been maintained. Each of the modules is presented in its original edition and these are being supplemented by lectures which are being placed on the sites as slide shows.

In addition there is case study information based on recent research and consultancy projects by Gaia.

The paper based modules are currently being updated and will be published by Butterworth-Heinemann in 2007. At that time the existing modules will be removed from the web-site for contractual reasons.



Training

Produced a continuing professional development course as a series of 15 modules

Ventilation&Cooling

This module is intended to help the reader to develop and implement strategies for ventilation & cooling which deliver high quality buildings.

There is guidance already available. However, many buildings remain less comfortable and healthy than they might be and consume unnecessary energy for ventilation & cooling.

No other design issue has been subject to as much dramatic change & controversy as a consequence of the requirements of sustainable building. There is a need to bring the most contemporary information affecting cooling & ventilation in the design of buildings and services to wider attention.

Of the case studies selected three are referred to as naturally ventilated, at least three are hybrid /mixed-mode designs, only one has no fans, and no two use the same approach. The module seeks to discuss the principal issues; enable the reader to find best practice information and assist communication between the disciplines, which can follow through into better quality spaces. Careful consideration of the available options is vital. There are few absolutes.

Gaia's work on Ventilation & Cooling includes

- Dynamic Insulation
- Affordable Low Allergy Housing



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Each was linked to buildings and other projects

Sustainable Construction

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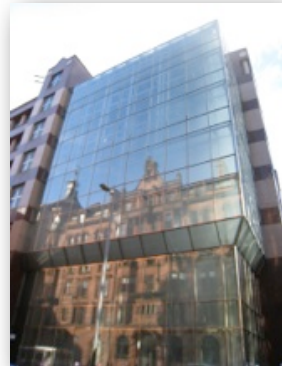
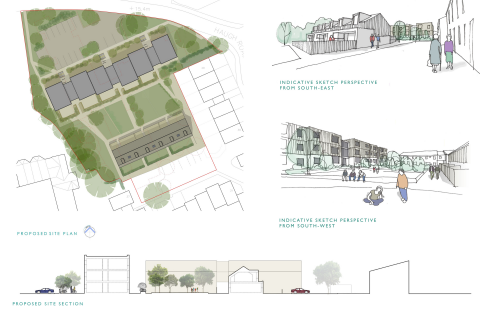


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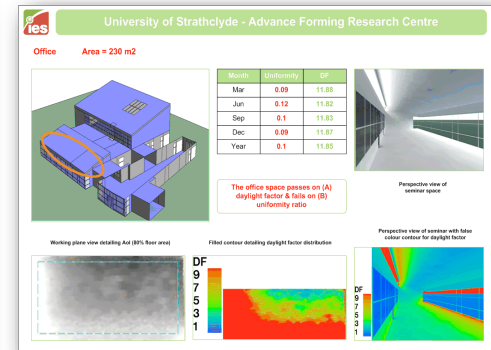
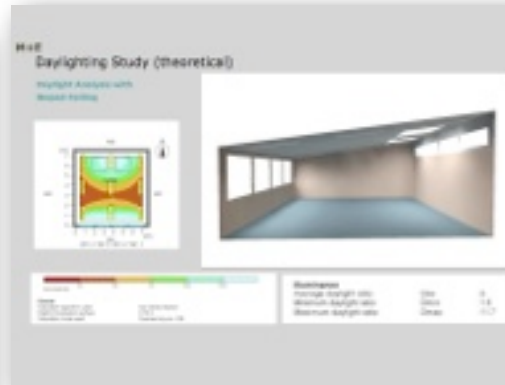
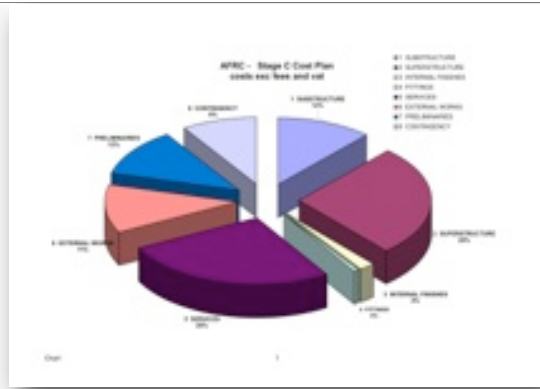
Updated in 2007 and published

NEW AMENITY HOUSING
HAUGH ROAD, ELGIN

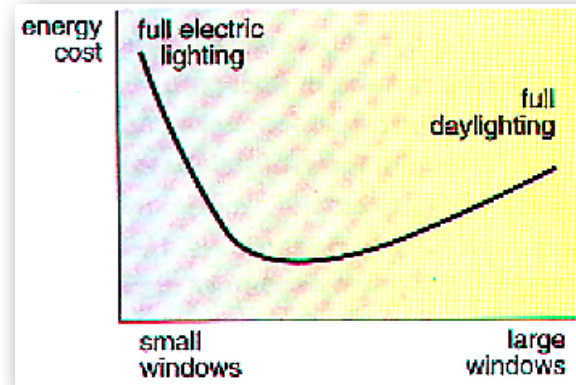


Capacity Building

Now a lot of work involves providing support to clients and consultants to deliver more sustainable buildings and places without excessive cost.



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Access: How well is it used?	No Choice	Minimum accessibility with appropriate loading eg. Compartmentation between lifts	20% against target	20% Exceeded
Site Practice: building	No Choice	Minimum accessibility with appropriate loading eg. Compartmentation between lifts	20% against target	20% Exceeded
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Substrate: working, management and cost/quality	No Policy	Published only against the program contract with clear objectives	Comprehensive policy	Comprehensive (at least) against contract and set of 100 benchmark practice quality
Design: quality	No Choice	Adherence to BS 5592 and BS 5593	Provision of a quality of design quality	Provision of a quality of design quality
Post-Construction: Assessment	No Policy	Agreement to review the quality of construction against the program contract	Provision of a quality of design quality	Provision of a quality of design quality
Building: cost	No Target	Agreement to review the quality of construction against the program contract	Provision of a quality of design quality	Provision of a quality of design quality
Transport and Property and Access to Local Amenities	No Policy	Agreement to review the quality of construction against the program contract	Provision of a quality of design quality	Provision of a quality of design quality
Biodiversity	No Target	Adherence to local biodiversity plan. Sharing evidence of existing ecological features in site	Provision of a quality of design quality	Provision of a quality of design quality
Resources	No Target	Compliance against	Compliance against the agreed target	Compliance against the agreed target
Health: Wellbeing	No Policy	Policy Statement in overall context of program contract	Provision of a quality of design quality	Provision of a quality of design quality
Communication and Community	None	Understand construction and impact and address the concerns	Provision of a quality of design quality	Provision of a quality of design quality
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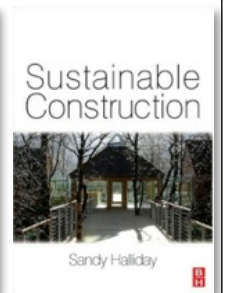
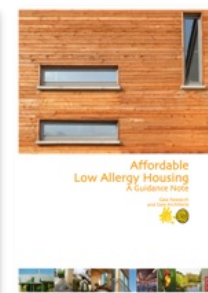
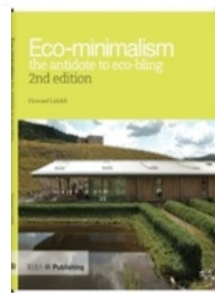
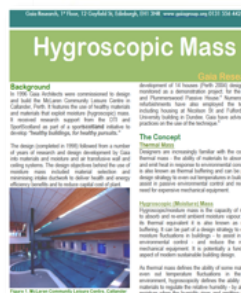
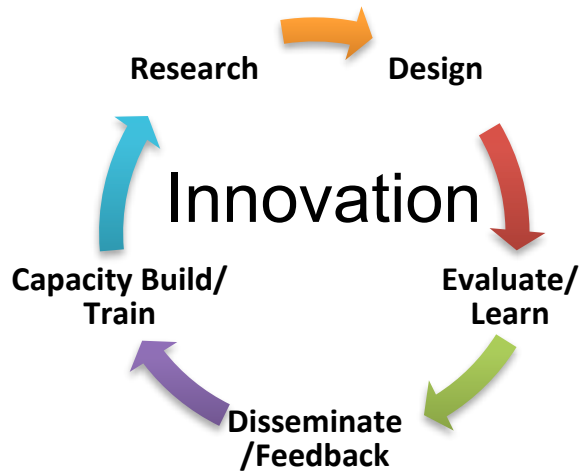


We use a wide variety of physical testing, analytical, modelling, community consultation and gaming tools.

Design Philosophy/ Resources



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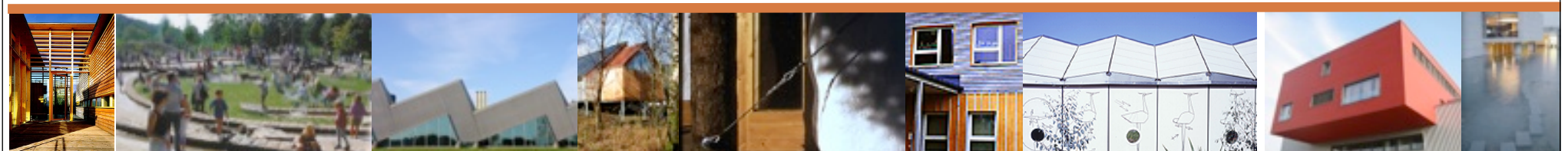
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WORKSHOP

AMBITIONS FOR THE TRAINING SESSION

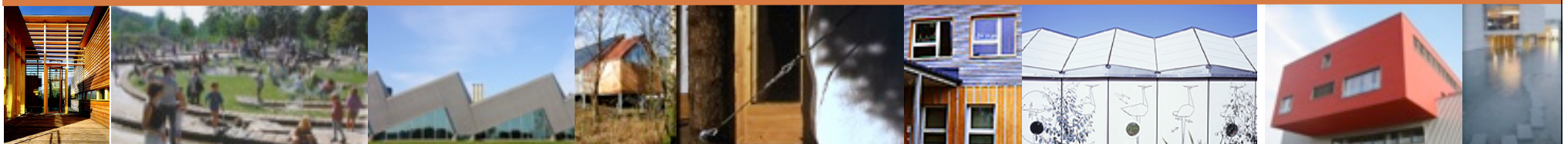
- ▶ The participants briefly documented their strengths and weaknesses and what they hoped to get out of the training session.
- ▶ These were revisited in the session on Friday morning.





INTRODUCTION TO EMBODIED ENERGY

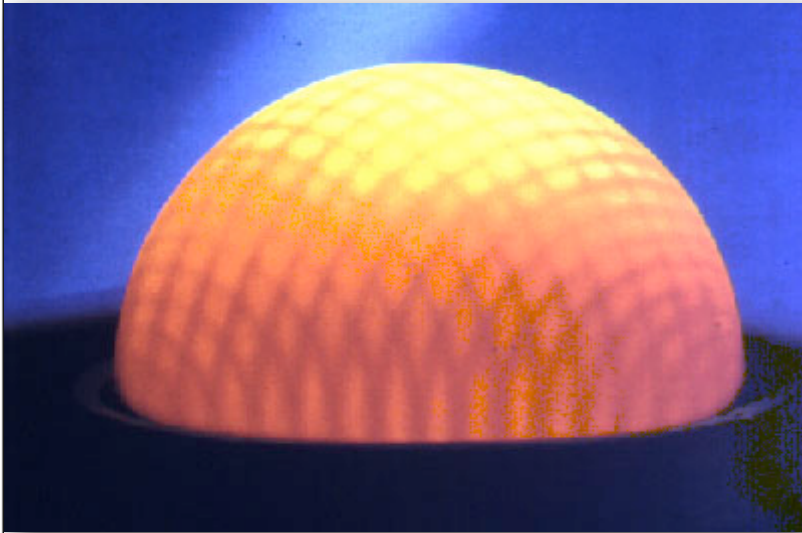
- ▶ Energy
- ▶ Embodied Energy
- ▶ Drivers
 - ▶ Climate Change
 - ▶ Significant Contribution of Built Environment
 - ▶ Legislative Response
 - ▶ Design Response
- ▶ Methodology
- ▶ Projects
- ▶ Calculations
- ▶ Issues



Primary Energy

- **Energy found in nature in raw fuels**
- **It has not been subjected to any conversion or transformation process.**
- **It can be non-renewable (fossil fuels) or renewable**

▶ Non-renewable (fossil fuel) Energy



gas



oil



coal

▶ Renewable (Clean) Energy



wave



**hydro-
electric**



solar



wind

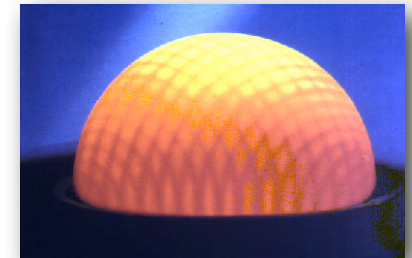
Embodied Energy

Everything we use has embodied energy



Embodied Energy

- The sum of all the energy required to produce any goods or services
- It is treated as if that energy was incorporated or 'embodied' in the product.
- Allows comparison between products independent of the source of the energywhich may be renewable (clean) or non-renewable (fossil fuel)
- It is measured in MegaJoules



IT DOES NOT INCLUDE HUMAN ENERGY!



Embodied Energy in buildings

- ▶ It includes the energy taken to get raw goods such as plants, stone, sand or aggregate



Embodied Energy in buildings

- ▶ and it includes the energy taken to move these raw goods to a factory



Embodied Energy in buildings

- ▶ and it includes the energy taken to manufacture or transform these into a product



Embodied Energy in buildings

- ▶ **and it includes the energy taken to move these products to where they are needed**



Embodied Energy in buildings

- ▶ and it includes the energy taken to operate the building



Embodied Energy in buildings

- ▶ and it includes the energy taken to maintain or repair them - for example paints, mortars, polish

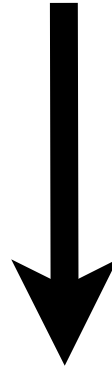


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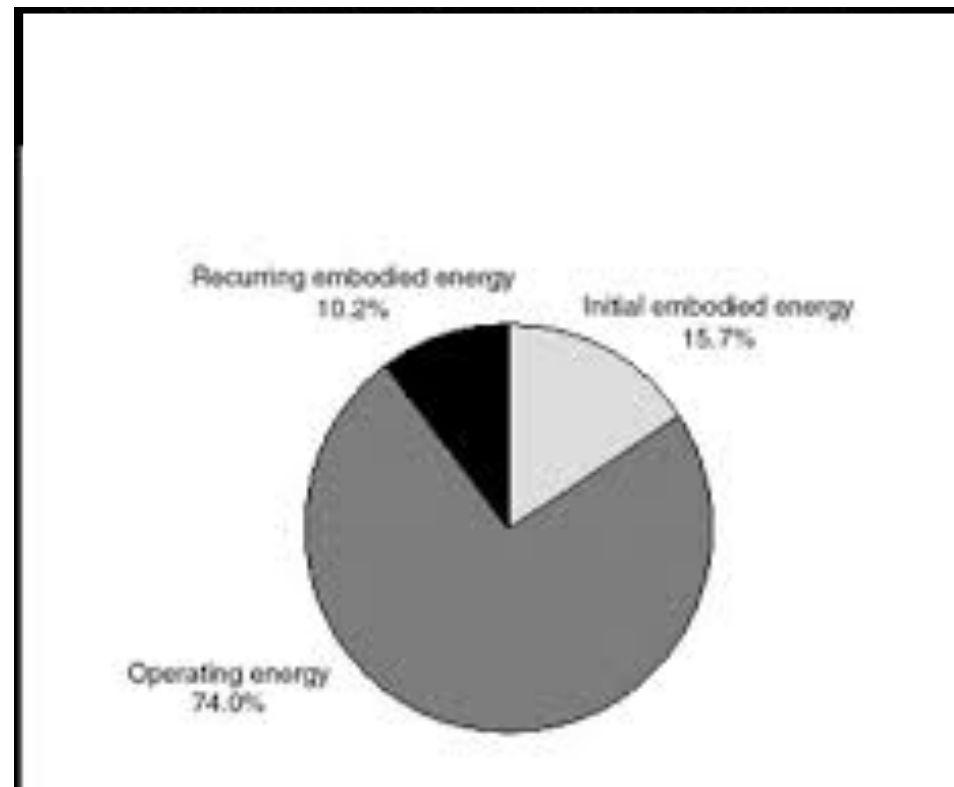
- ▶ and it includes the energy taken to demolish and dispose of them



The embodied energy can be identified and quantified at each stage



and can then be used to plan an effective reduction strategy.



Example

Comparing Housing Components

Embodied energy comparisons			New Zealand house about 195 m ²
MATERIAL TYPE	APPROX WEIGHT (KG)	EMBODIED ENERGY INTENSITY (MJ/KG)	TOTAL EMBODIED ENERGY (MJ)
Wall cladding			
Timber weatherboard cladding* – kiln-dried, dressed	2,646	9.50	25137
Brick veneer	13,780	6.70	92326
Fibre-cement sheet	2,940	9.40	27636
Roof cladding			
Steel roofing	1,048	34.80	36470
Concrete tile roofing	10,350	0.81	8384
Insulation			
Glasswool insulation	294	30.30	8908
Mineral Wool			

Wall cladding

- Consider different wall cladding materials - (a) timber, (b) brick veneer, (c) fibre cement
- Identify weight of each that would be required
- Identify the embodied energy intensity of each
- Hence the total embodied energy of each wall.

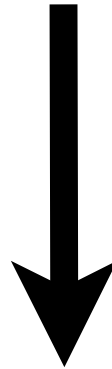
 - Timber wall cladding has lowest embodied energy

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Roof cladding

- **Consider different roofing materials (a) Steel (b) concrete tile**
- **Identify weight of each that would be required**
- **Identify the embodied energy intensity of each & total embodied energy of each roof.**

Steel has an embodied energy/kg around 43 times greater than concrete roof tiles, but the weight of steel required for a roof is far less than the weight of concrete tiles. The comparative EE of a steel roof reduces to about 4 times that of a concrete roof.

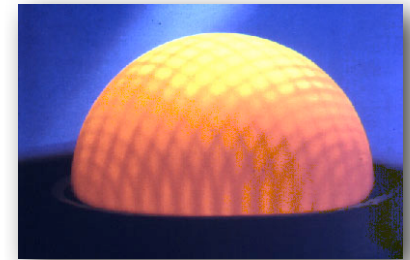


But... it's about more than energy



Consequences

- Using energy creates pollution
- But some energy creates more pollution:-
 - ❖ non-renewable (fossil fuel) energy releases carbon dioxide when burned
 - ❖ renewable (clean) energy does not
- Carbon dioxide contributes to climate change
- We call this pollution **embodied carbon**





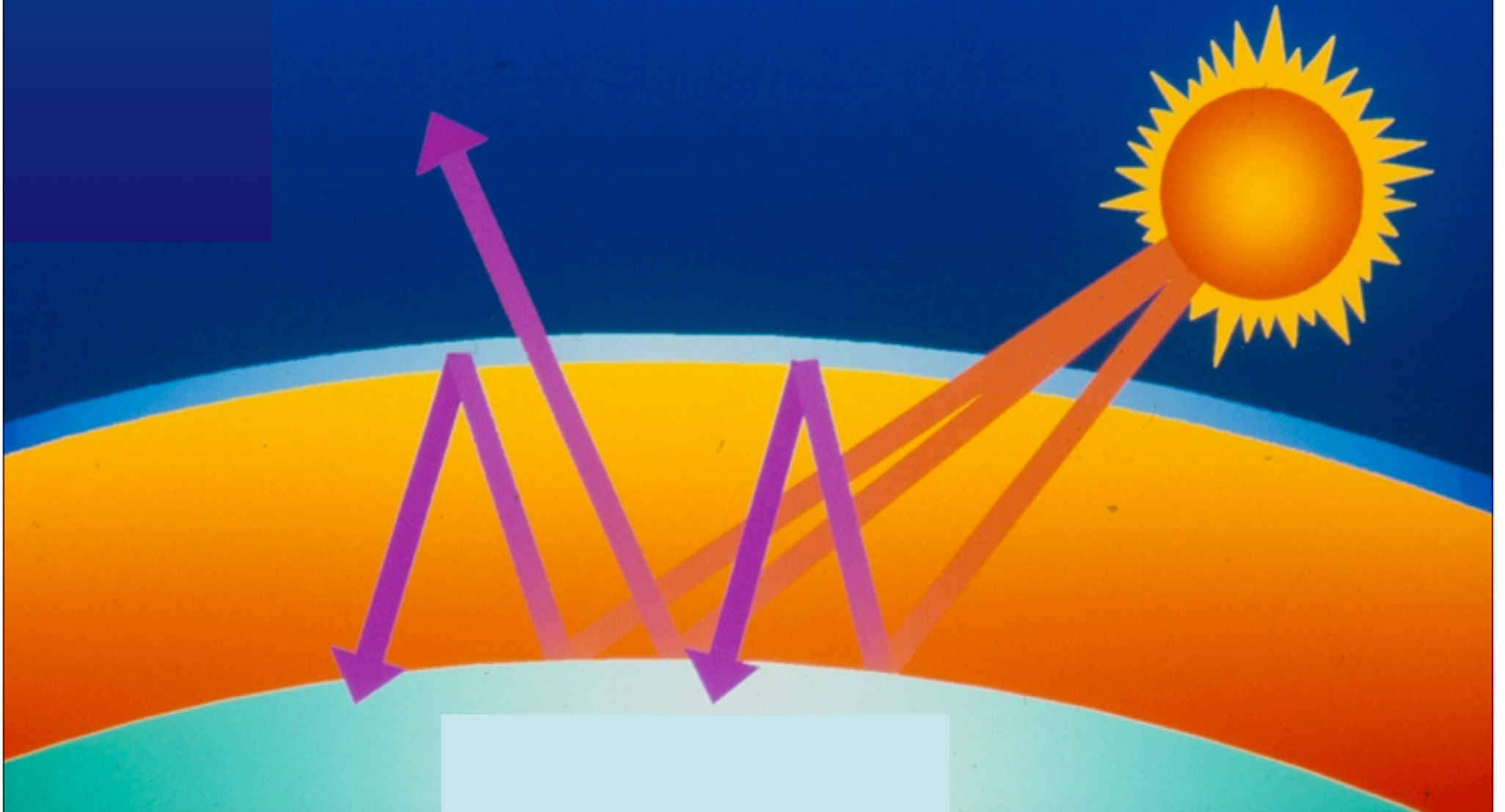
Embodied Carbon (kgCO₂/kg)

- **The energy used by buildings creates carbon emissions throughout a building life cycle**



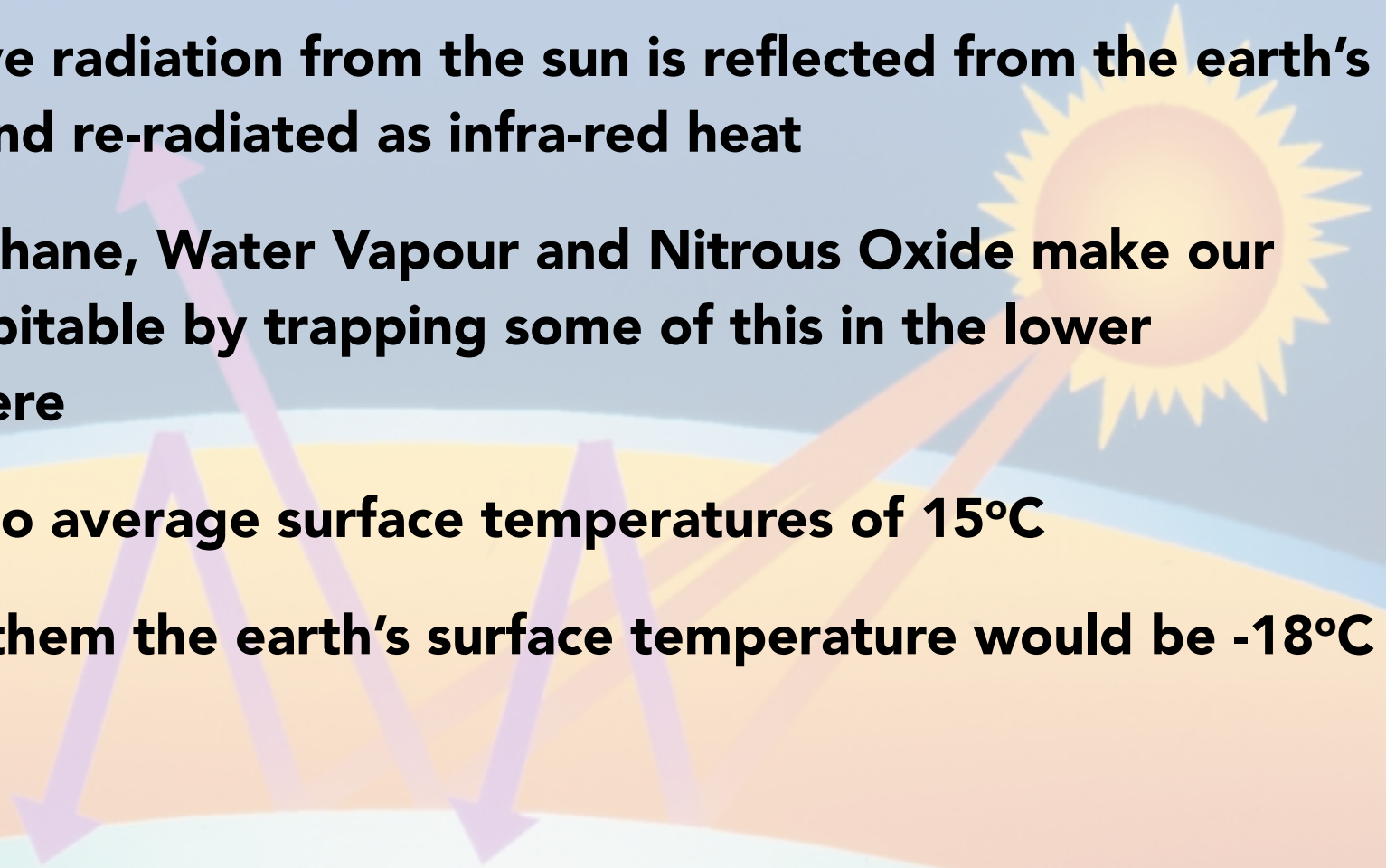
- **due to energy consumption and chemical processes during extraction, manufacture, transportation, assembly, replacement and deconstruction of construction materials or products.**
- **Embodied carbon is usually expressed in kg of CO₂ per kg of product or material.**

Climate Change



The Greenhouse Effect

- **Shortwave radiation from the sun is reflected from the earth's surface and re-radiated as infra-red heat**
- **CO₂, Methane, Water Vapour and Nitrous Oxide make our world habitable by trapping some of this in the lower atmosphere**
- **Leading to average surface temperatures of 15°C**
- **Without them the earth's surface temperature would be -18°C**

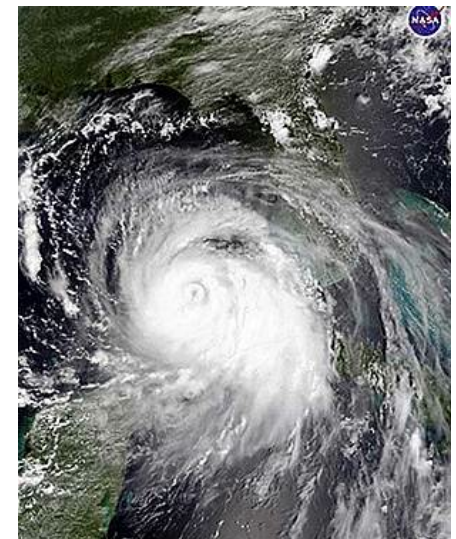


The Greenhouse Effect



- **Anthropogenic gases - CO₂, methane, water vapour, Nitrous Oxide and fluorinated gases such as SF₆ have vastly increased in concentration**
- **So we are trapping more of the sun's heat resulting in global warming and climate change**
- **Deforestation through expansion of land use and acidification of the world's seas has also reduced the natural carbon sinks, making the situation worse.**

Effects




▶ Global Warming Potential - GWP (kgCO₂e)

 A measure of the relative impact of a gas on global warming.

Table 1 Global warming potentials (GWP) of greenhouse gases

Greenhouse gas	GWP over 100 years	Typical sources
Carbon dioxide (CO ₂)	1	Energy combustion, biochemical reactions
Methane (CH ₄)	25	Decomposition
Nitrous oxide (N ₂ O)	298	Fertilizers, car emissions, manufacturing
Sulfur hexafluoride (SF ₆)	22,800	Switch gears, substations
Perfluorocarbon (PFC)	7,390–12,200	Aluminium smelting
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Based on *Climate Change 2007: The Physical Science Basis*. Working Group I Contribution to the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Table 2.14. Cambridge University Press.

-  E.g., Methane has a global warming potential of 25
- 1 kg of Methane has the same impact on climate change as 25 kg of CO₂
 - 1 kg of Methane counts as 25 kg of CO₂ equivalent emissions or CO₂e

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▶ How much Pollution can the world take?

		State of the World	
		Optimists Right	Pessimists Right
Optimistic Policy			
Pessimistic Policy			

▶ There is widespread but not total agreement that we need to behave in a precautionary manner

▶ Use less energy and less polluting forms of energy

Data

Analysis can be undertaken on the basis of:

- **Embodied Energy**
- **Embodied Carbon**
- **Embodied Carbon Equivalence**

Care should be taken to ensure that comparisons undertaken on the same basis.

- **It is increasingly common practice to use embodied carbon**
- **Most available data is based on embodied carbon.**

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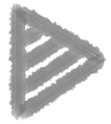
Why is embodied energy important?

- **The built environment is responsible for 30% of GHG emissions worldwide**
- **Regulation, taxation and design developments are making it increasingly important**



European Tax & Regulatory Changes

- 1. Taxation - Carbon Levy**
- 2. Regulated improvements to thermal performance of buildings - fabric, air tightness**
- 3. Regulated Improvements to Operational energy - to manage and reduce the energy consumption from lighting, heating, ventilation and air conditioning**



This has led to buildings with:-

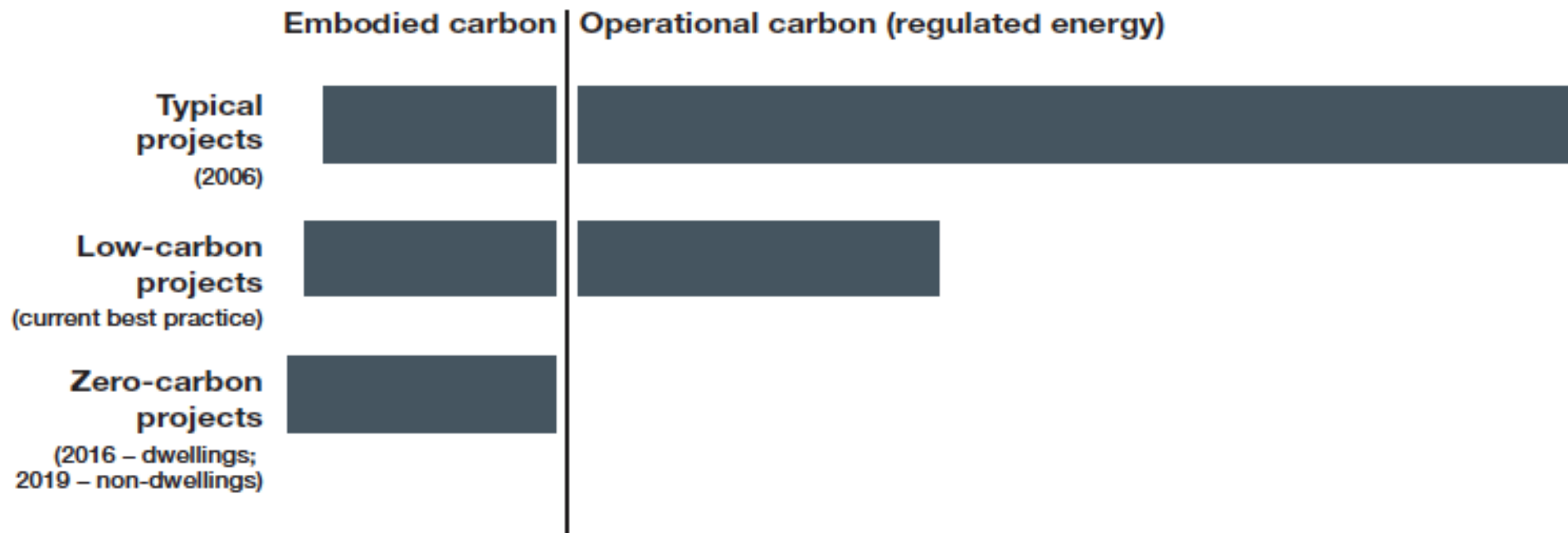
- **more glazing**
- **increased controls**
- **increased thermal mass**
- **increased insulation**
- **passive solar design**
- **enhanced daylighting**
- **reduced air changes - decrease heating & cooling**
- **more renewable energy**
- **rainwater harvesting**

**▶ This has decreased operational energy
▶ but increased embodied energy**

- **increased thermal mass increases embodied energy**
- **increased insulation increases embodied energy**
- **renewable energy has embodied energy in concrete, equipment & controls**
- **rainwater harvesting has embodied energy in tanks, pipes & pumps**

Changes

▶ the relative contribution of embodied carbon to the overall life cycle embodied energy is continuously increasing





The embodied carbon used to create a building may be as high as 62% of its total whole life emissions





UK Tax and Regulatory Changes

- 1. Taxation - Carbon Levy**
- 2. Regulated improvements to thermal performance of buildings - fabric, air tightness**
- 3. Regulated Improvements to Operational energy - to manage and reduce the energy consumption from lighting, heating, ventilation and air conditioning**
- 4. Now targeting embodied energy & embodied carbon**


Resources


RICS QS & Construction Standards IP 32/2012

RICS Professional Information, UK

Methodology to calculate embodied carbon of materials

1st edition, information paper



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ICE Database

- **Generic data base**
- **Produced by University of Bath**
- **Data Supplied by manufactures**
- **Average values for materials**
- **Global sources**
- **Range of studies**
- **Comprehensive in materials**
- **Comprehensive breakdown of building types**

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concrete



steel



A close-up photograph of a brick wall. The bricks are arranged in a standard running bond pattern. The bricks themselves are a mix of red and dark purple or blue tones, with some showing signs of weathering or staining. The mortar joints are a light, off-white color. The word "brick" is written in a simple, black, sans-serif font, centered horizontally and vertically over the image.

brick

earth





timber

agricultural waste





stone

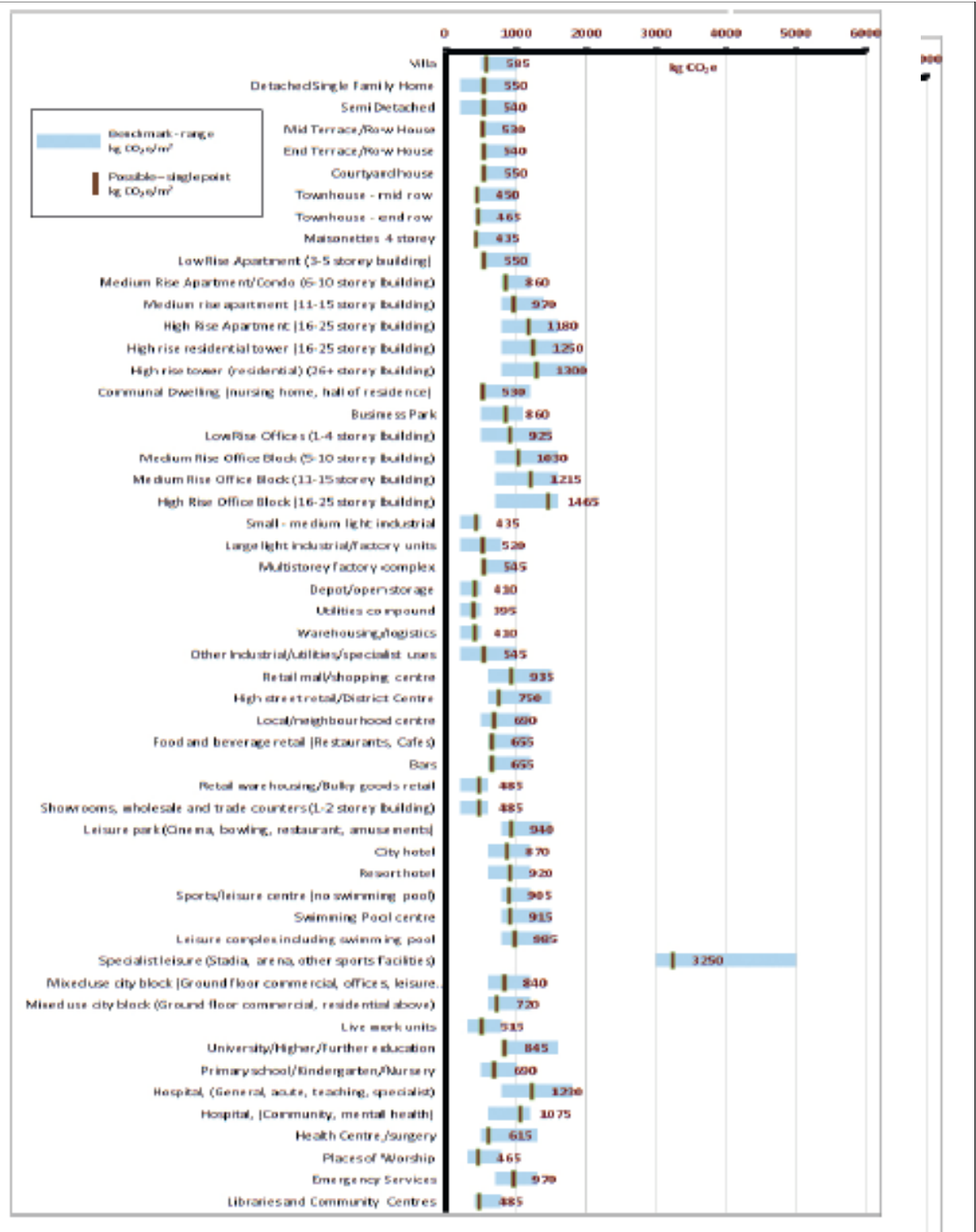
plastic



Building types

Large range indicates a small data set /lack of captured boundaries and high level of inaccuracy

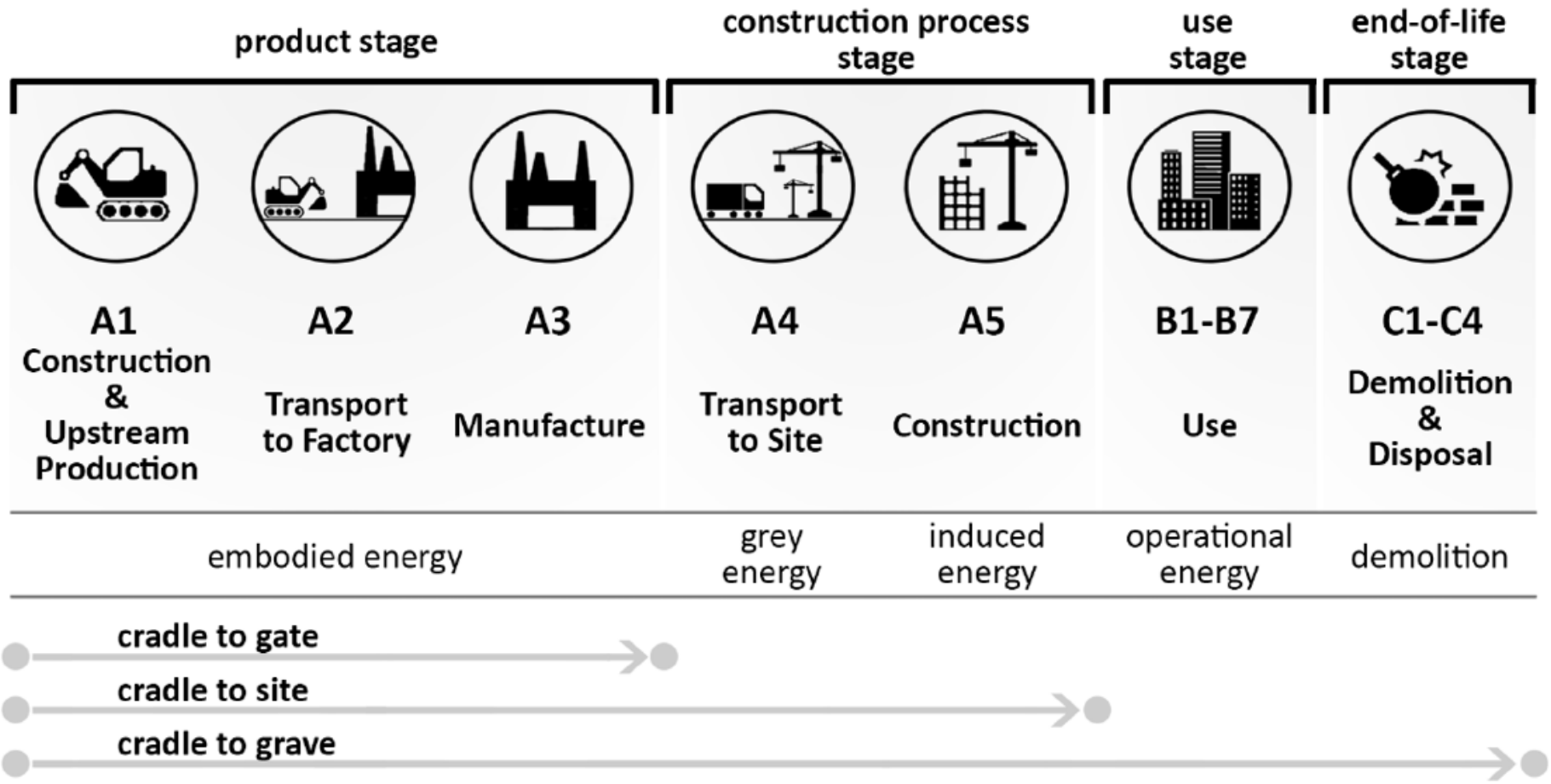
(i.e. there is uncertainty whether some studies included basements, external works, furniture, etc.)



System Boundary

Embodied carbon can be measured from

- cradle-to-gate,
- cradle-to-site,
- cradle-to-end of construction,
- cradle-to-grave,
- cradle-to-cradle.



Glossary

- **Cradle-to-gate carbon emissions**

Carbon emissions between the confines of the 'cradle' (earth) up to the factory gate of the final processing operation. This includes mining, raw materials extraction, processing and manufacturing.

- **Cradle-to-site carbon emissions**

Cradle-to-gate emissions plus delivery to site (construction/installation site).

- **Cradle-to-end of construction**

Cradle-to-site plus construction and assembly on site.

- **Cradle-to-grave carbon emissions/Life cycle carbon**

Cradle-to-end of construction plus maintenance, refurbishments, demolition, waste treatment and disposals ('grave').

Glossary

- **Cradle-to-cradle**

The process of making a component or product and then, at the end of its life, converting it into a new component of

- ▶ a) the same quality (e.g. recycling of aluminium cans) or
- ▶ b) a lesser quality (downcycling of a computer plastic case into a plastic container, which is then turned into a building insulation board, eventually becoming waste).

Glossary

- **Operational carbon**

Carbon emissions' association with energy consumption (operational energy) while the building is occupied.

This includes the so-called regulated load (e.g. heating, cooling, ventilation, lighting) and unregulated/plug load

(e.g. ICT equipment, cooking and refrigeration appliances)

- **Carbon hotspot**

The carbon significant aspect of a project which should be targeted for reduction. Carbon hotspots represent not only carbon-intense elements but also quick wins, where measurement data is more easily available and where carbon reductions are possible.

- **Recycled content**

The portion of a product that contains materials that have been recovered or otherwise diverted from the solid waste stream.

BUILDING LIFE CYCLE stages

PRODUCT stage

Raw materials supply

Transport

Manufacturing

CONSTRUCTION PROCESS stage

Transport

Construction-installation process

USE stage

Use

Maintenance

Repair

Replacement

Refurbishment

Operational energy use

Operational water use

END OF LIFE stage

Deconstruction demolition

Transport

Waste processing

Disposal

BEYOND BUILDING LIFE CYCLE stages

Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary

Reuse-
Recovery-
Recycling-
potential

PRODUCT stage

Raw materials supply

Transport

Manufacturing

Materials or product manufacture cradle-to-gate emissions are those associated with the production of construction products/materials.

- The emissions arise from the energy used in
 - ◆ extracting materials,
 - ◆ refining them (i.e. primary manufacture),
 - ◆ transporting &
 - ◆ processing them to produce a finished product (i.e. secondary manufacture).

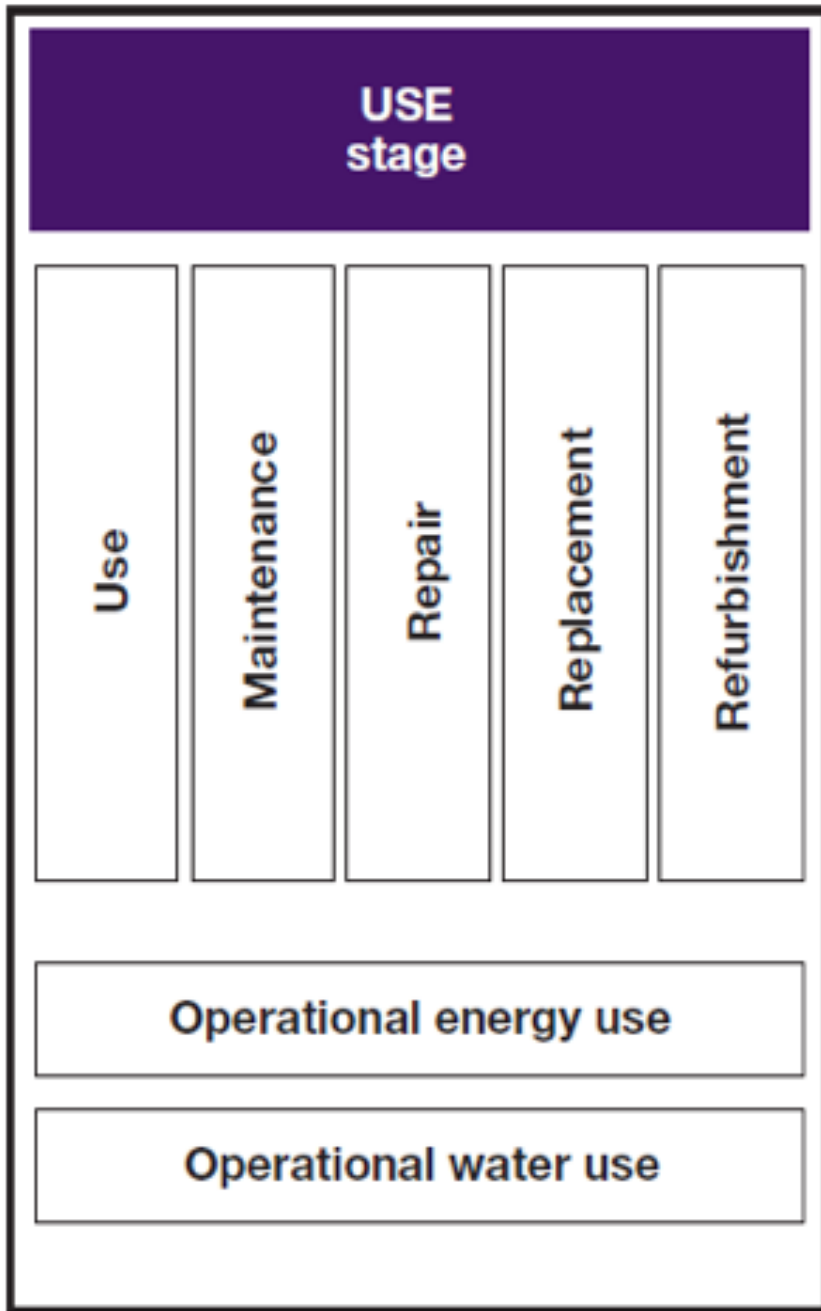
CONSTRUCTION PROCESS stage

Transport

Construction-installation
process

Emissions from the construction phase include energy and fuel consumption during:

- transportation of material to and from site,
- enabling works,
- remediation,
- clearance,
- removal/ demolition of existing structures,
- ground improvements,
- earthworks,
- assembly.



Carbon emissions from the building use include :-

- operations emissions resulting from heating, lighting, ventilation, air conditioning, etc.(75%)**
- maintenance, repair, replacements and refurbishments of building elements (e.g. fabric or services).**

END OF LIFE stage

Deconstruction
demolition

Transport

Waste processing

Disposal

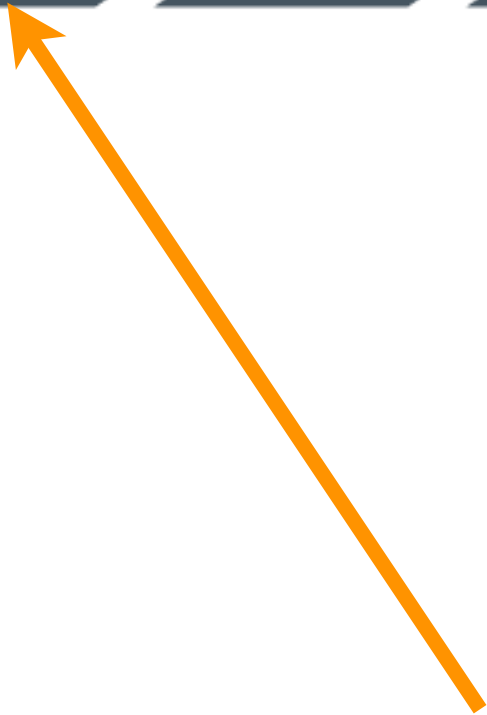
End of life emissions are those associated with energy consumed during building demolition and waste disposal processes.

**Benefits and loads
beyond the system
boundary**

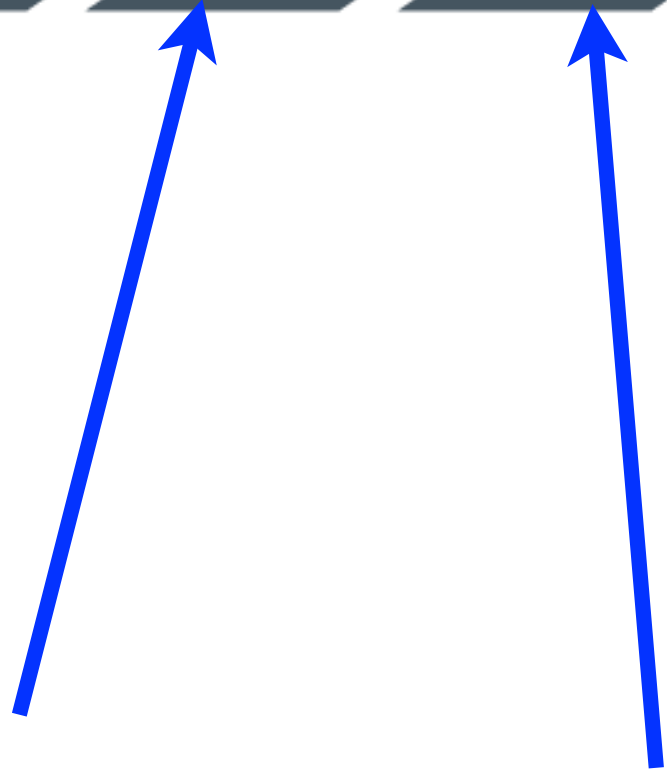
**Reuse-
Recovery-
Recycling-
potential**

**The carbon impacts beyond
the building lifecycle
emissions.**

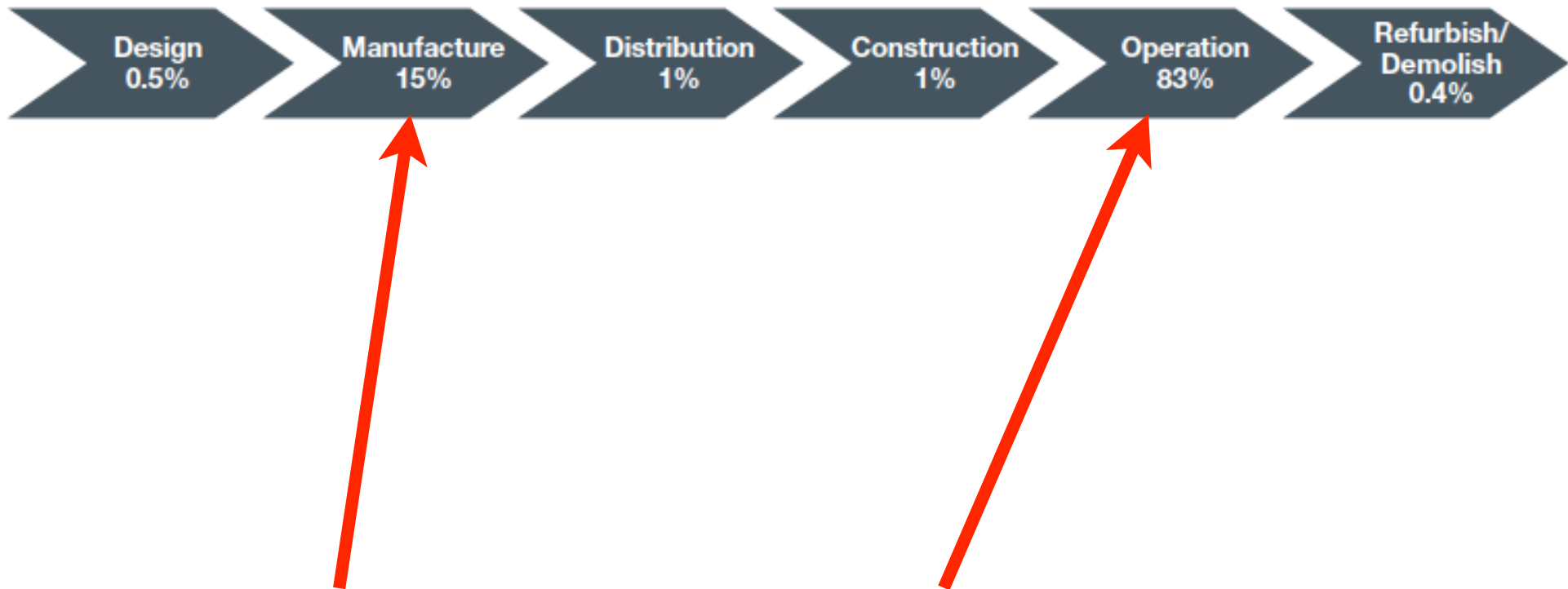
CO2 emissions - UK Context



UK Context

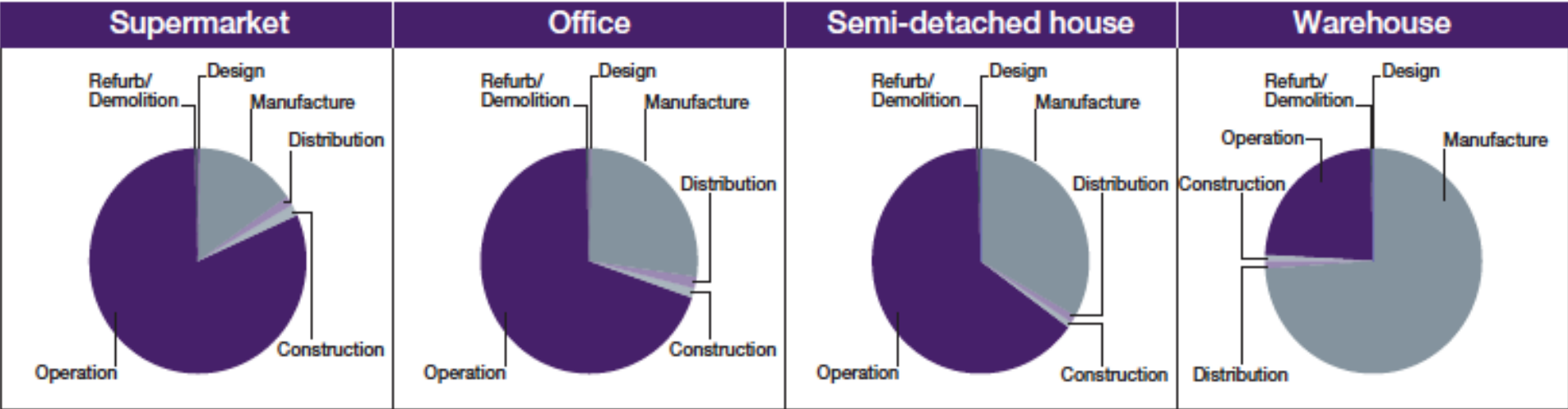


UK Context



- ◆ Because of this typical embodied carbon datasets in the UK are **cradle-to-gate**.
- ◆ Expectation that operation is calculated separately

But it differs for different building types.....



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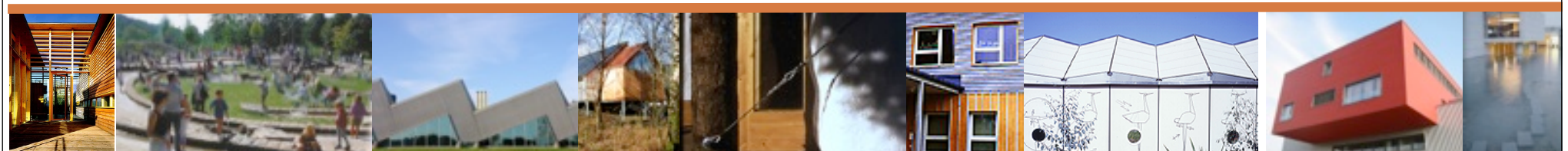


- ◆ ICE carbon datasets are cradle-to-gate
- ◆ With typical ranges for building types
- ◆ These figures are unlikely to be replicable in Tanzania context
- ◆ So we need to gather the data



WORKSHOP

**WHAT FACTORS DO WE NEED TO CONSIDER
AT EACH STAGE?**



CO₂ emissions - Design



- **Drawings**
- **Use machinery, computer**
- **Site visit**
- **Transport**
- **Site planning/design**
- **Design with/for the site**

CO₂ emissions - Manufacturing

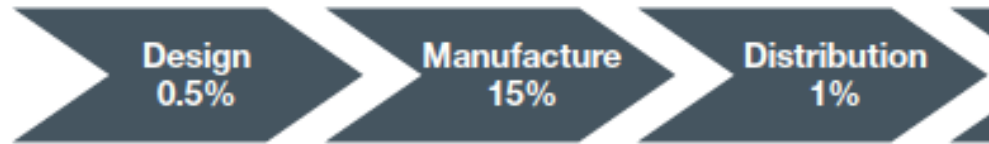


- **Bricks**
- **Windows frames**
- **Expanded metal**
- **Weld meshes**
- **Mosquito gauze**
- **Ceiling board**
- **Finishing materials - paints, flooring**
- **Sanitary /electrical appliances/Pipes**
- **Power tools**
- **Timber for roofing**
- **Processing and transportation**
- **Waste removal**
- **Sand**
- **Reinforcement bars**
- **Cement**
- **Aggregates**
- **Burglar bars**

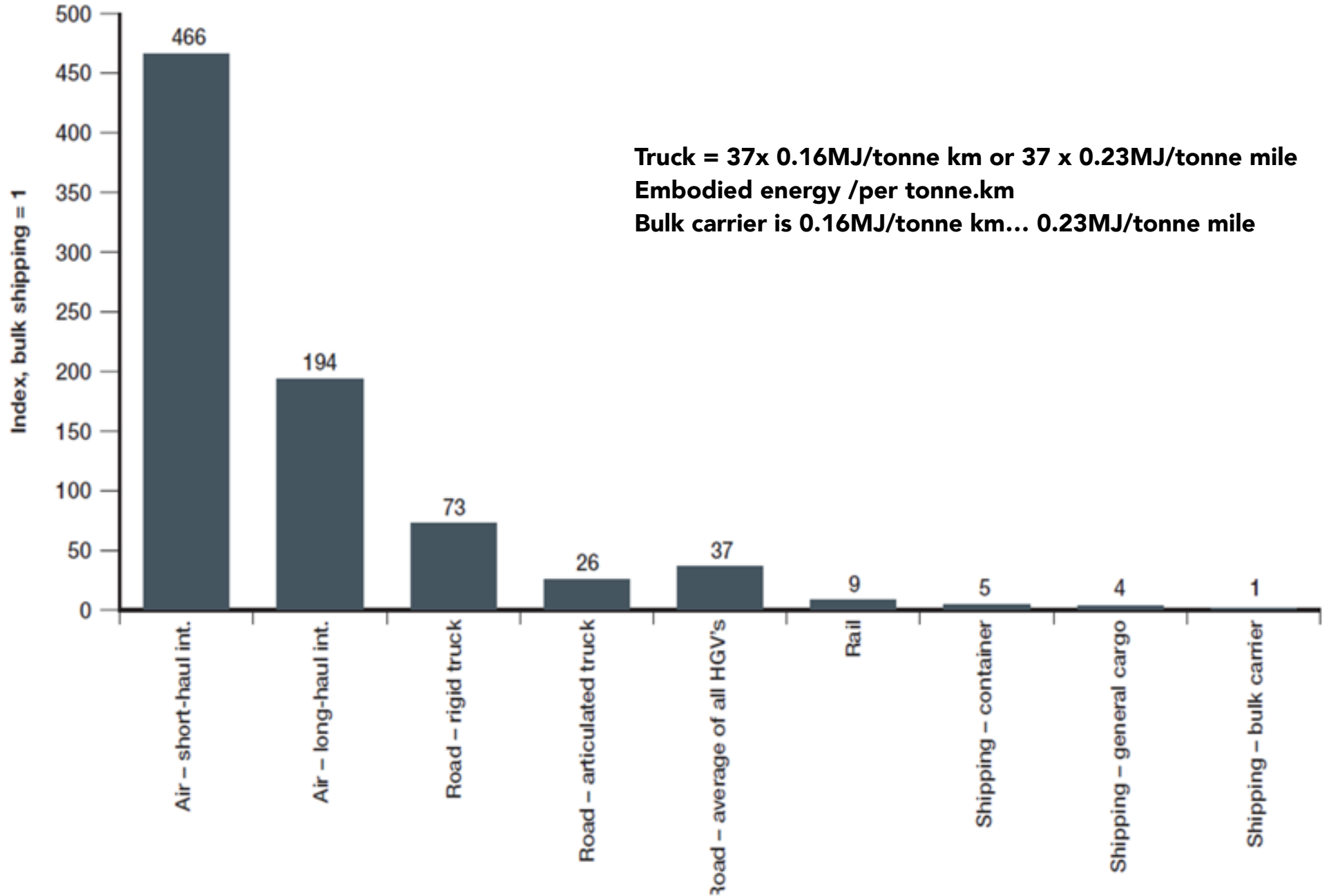
Example - Soil cement brick

- **Soil**
- **Cement**
- **Transportation**
- **Water**
- **Extraction of soil**
- **Production of cement**
- **Roofing tiles**
- **Water source**
- **Production energy**

CO₂ emissions - Distribution



Carbon emissions per tonne.km for transport

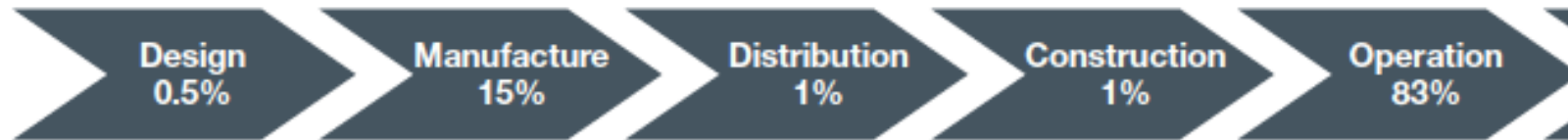


CO₂ emissions - Construction



- **Transport**
- **Machinery**
- **Energy for complimentary building works (foundation etc)**
- **Septic pits**
- **Wetland**
- **Water tank and tower**
- **Roads**

CO₂ emissions - Operation & Use



- **Availability of utilities, electricity, water supply**
- **Transport facilities**
- **Time consumption**
- **Light**
- **Water**
- **Cooking**
- **Cooling**

CO₂ emissions - Maintenance



- **Paints**
- **Transport**
- **Fumigation**
- **Cleaning**
- **Electrical systems**
- **Maintaining air conditioning**
- **Landscape**
- **Roads**

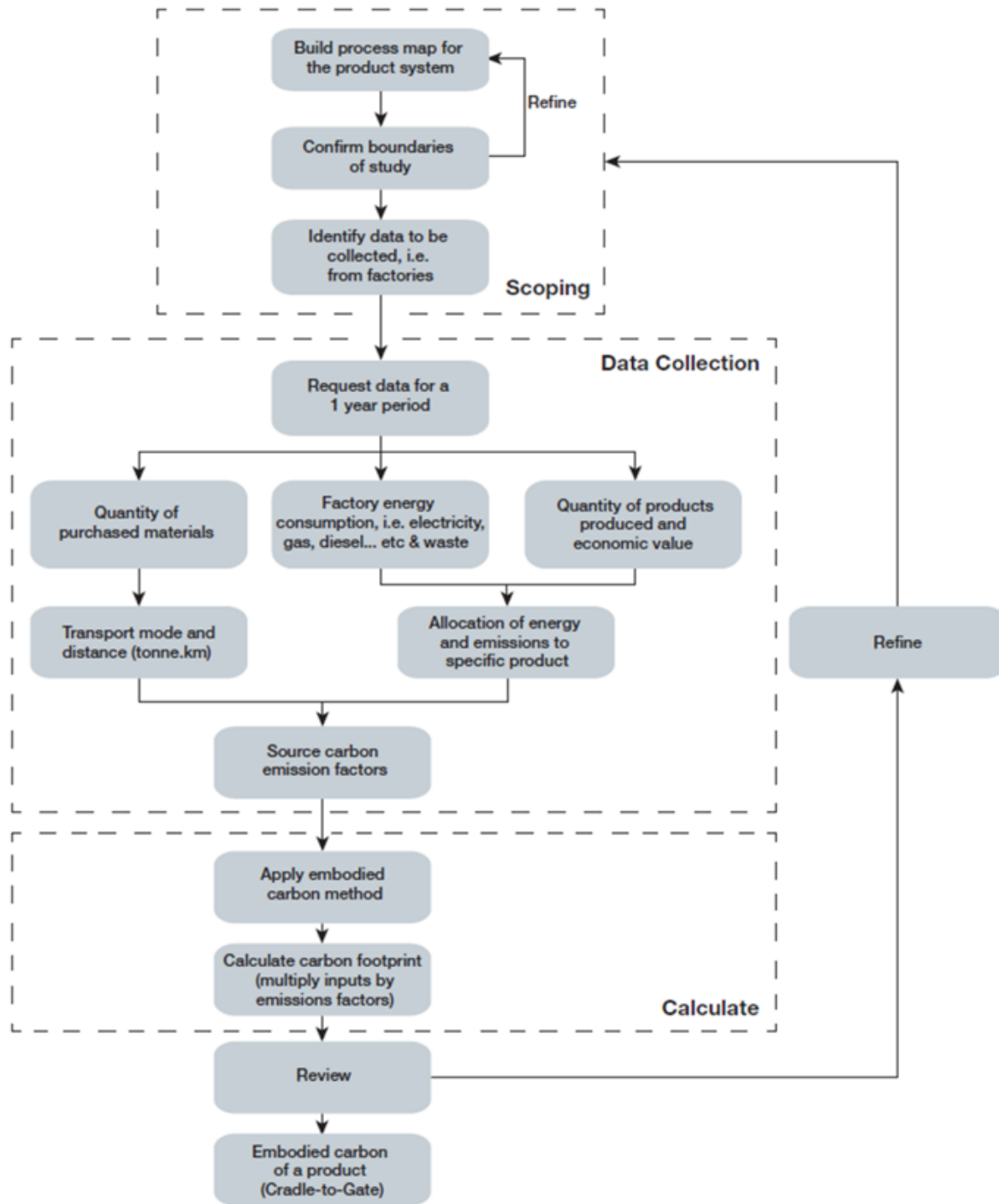
CO₂ emissions - Disposal



- **Waste water**
- **Excavated soil (disposed soil)**
- **Solid wastes**
- **Recycling materials**
- **Equipment for demolishing**

Methodology

Calculation Process for a Cradle-to-Gate Footprint



Calculation Process for a Cradle-to-Gate Footprint

Build process map for the product system

Confirm boundaries of study

Identify data to be collected, i.e. from factories

Refine

Scoping

Data Collection

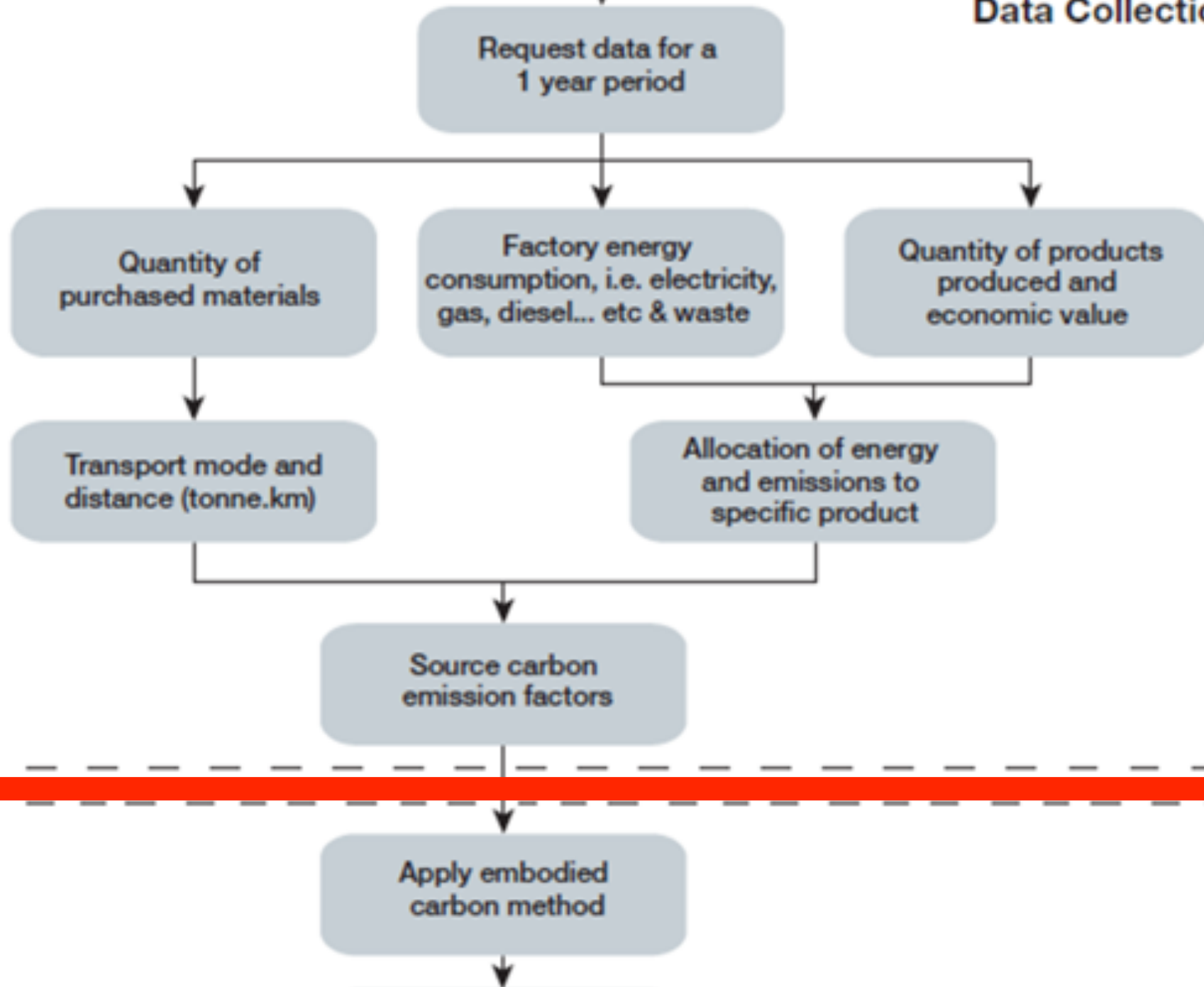
Request data for a 1 year period

Quantity of purchased materials

Factory energy consumption, i.e. electricity, gas, diesel... etc & waste

Quantity of products produced and economic value

Data Collection



Transport mode and distance (tonne.km)

Allocation of energy and emissions to specific product

Source carbon emission factors

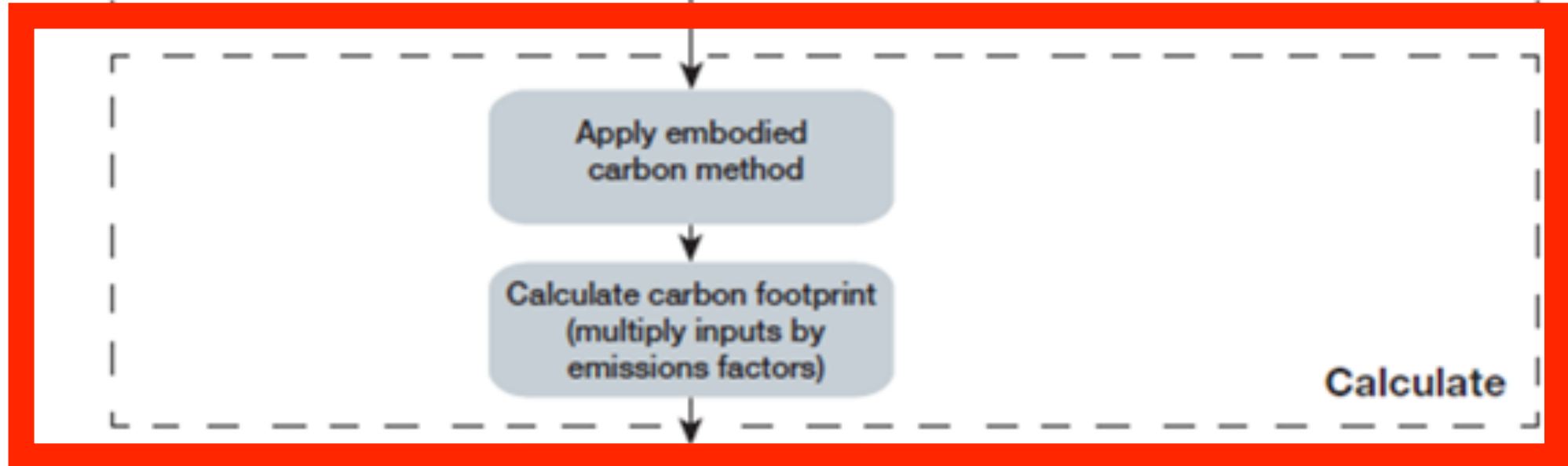
Apply embodied carbon method

Calculate carbon footprint (multiply inputs by emissions factors)

Calculate

Review

Embodied carbon of a product (Cradle-to-Gate)



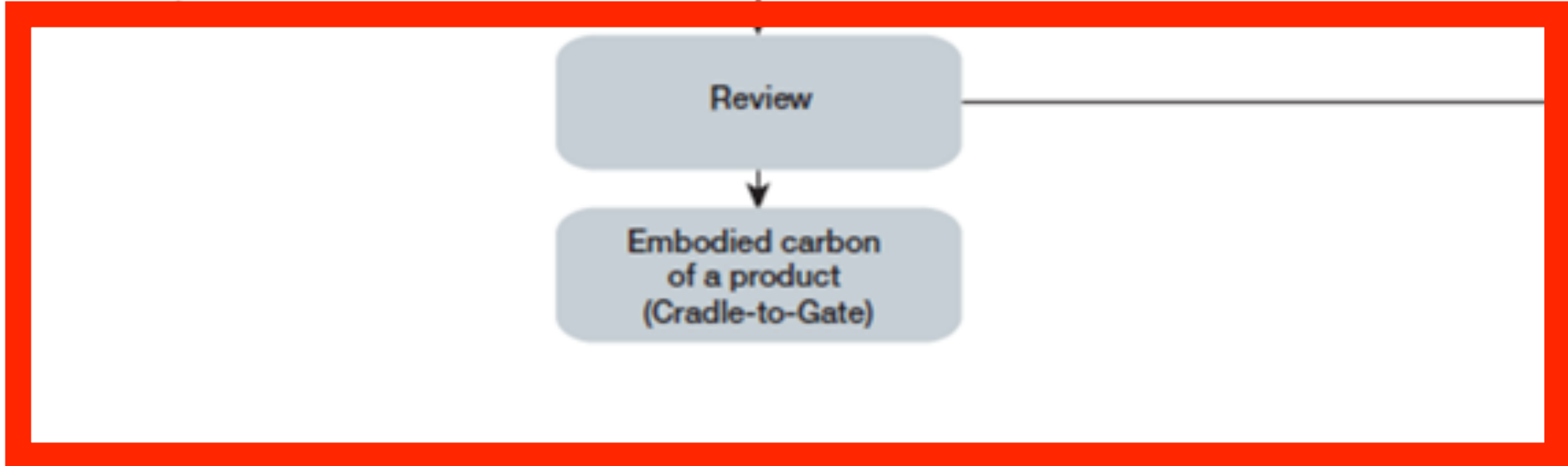
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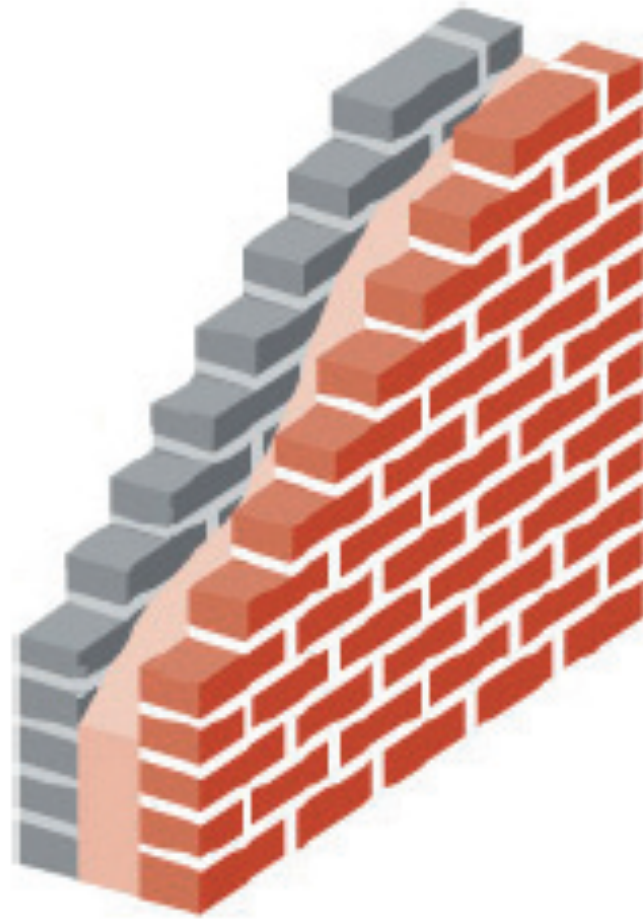
Calculate

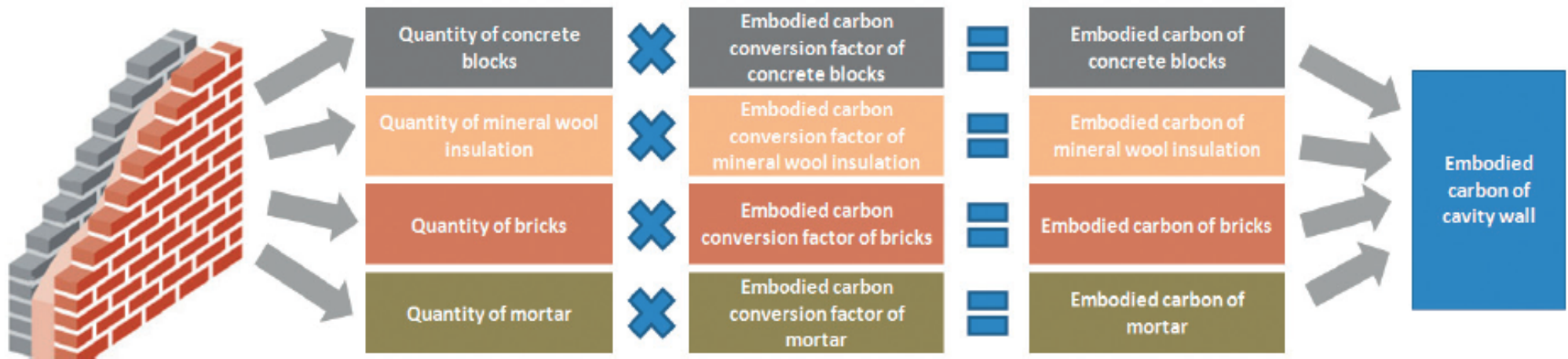
Review

Embodied carbon of a product
(Cradle-to-Gate)



Consider a cavity Wall





Break into component parts

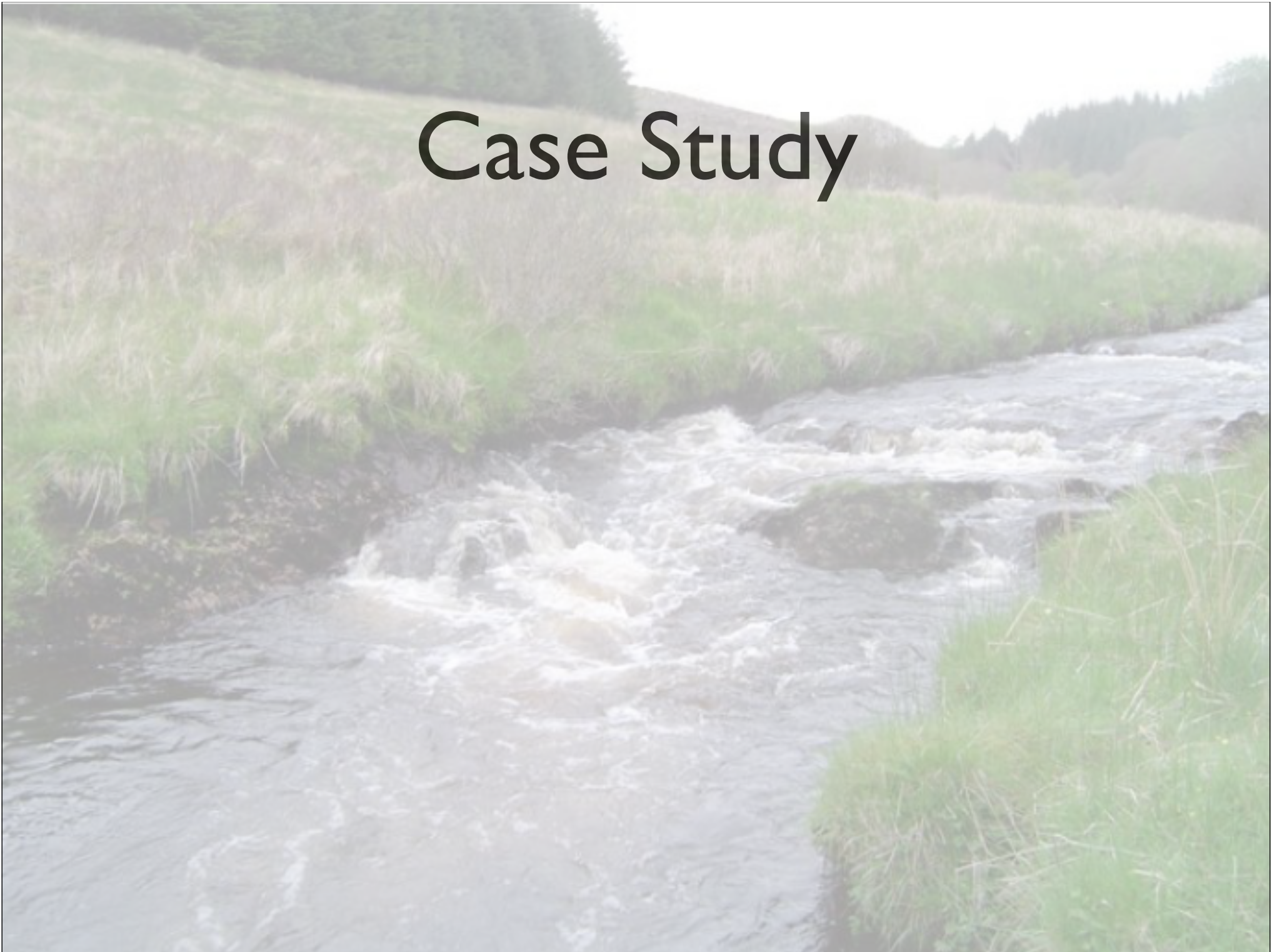
Establish quantities and types of materials source

Establish embodied carbon for each part (kgCO₂/kg)

Multiply

Summate

Case Study



Hydro-Electric Plant - Considerations

Components

- ▶ Materials

Construction

- ▶ Construction supervision

In Use

- ▶ Ongoing routine maintenance
- ▶ Imported energy - occasional lighting, heating, instrumentation

Item	Annual Demand	Carbon intensity Unit	TOTAL Embodied emissions	TOTAL Embodied emissions
IN USE	KWh	KgCO2/kWh	kgCO2	tCO2
Imported Energy	600	0.622	373.20	0.37
	Litres	KgCO2/L		
Diesel Fuel	1,040	2.7	2,808.00	2.81
	KWh	KgCO2/kWh		
Exported Energy	2,062,000	0.622	1,282,564.00	1282.56
Total				1279.38

Net carbon Balance

Operational emissions - Embodied Emissions

$$\text{Yr 1} = 1279.3 - 433.8 = 846.5 \text{ tCO}_2$$

$$\text{Yr 2 - Yr 40} = 1279.3 \text{ tCO}_2$$

$$\text{Life time} = 846.5 + 39 \times 1279.3 = 50,738.2 \text{ tCO}_2$$

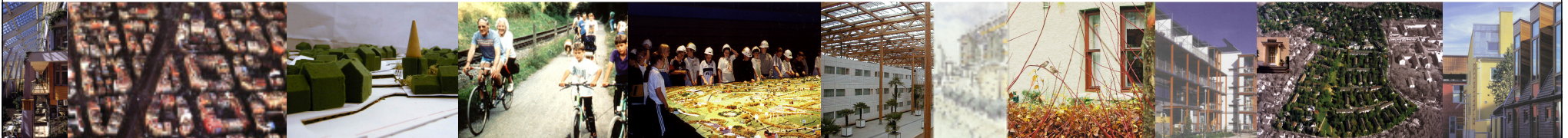
Discuss

- Has anything been excluded?
- What are the boundary conditions?

Carbon capture and sequestration

- The process of removing carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the atmosphere
- Natural sinks are:
 - * Absorption of CO₂ by the oceans via physicochemical and biological processes
 - * Photosynthesis by plants
- It is a potential means of mitigating the contribution of fossil fuel emissions to global warming and ocean acidification.
- New methods are developing such as capturing waste carbon dioxide from large point sources, such as fossil fuel power plants, transporting it to a storage site, and depositing it where it will not enter the atmosphere, normally an underground geological formation.

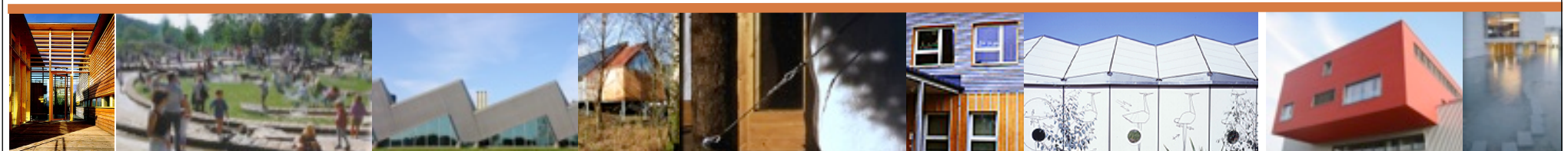
More on Embodied Energy tomorrow



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