

LCA for Zero Emission Buildings

A chronology of the development of a
visual, dynamic and integrated approach

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Net Zero Emission Building

A 'net zero emission building' (net ZEB), the balance is measured in terms of associated GHG emissions during the lifetime of a building instead of just energy demand and generation (ZEB, 2016)

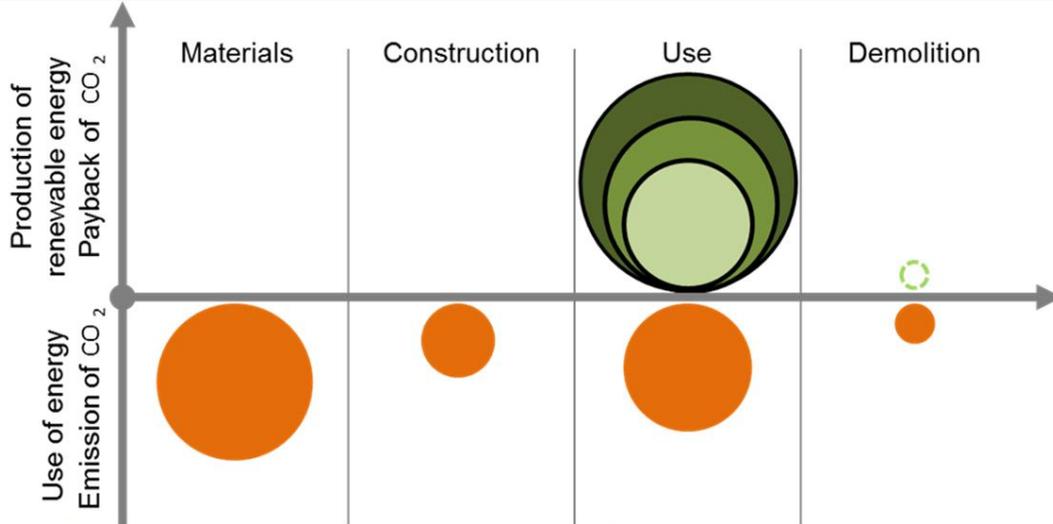


Figure 2 The illustration shows how the generation of renewable energy (green circle) may compensate for all greenhouse gas emissions from all life cycle stages of the building (red circles).

Interdisciplinary Research

WP1
Advanced materials Technologies

WP2
Climate-adapted low-energy envelope technologies

WP3
Energy supply systems and services

WP4
Energy efficient use and operation

WP5
Concepts and Strategies for zero emission buildings

Pilot Projects



Living Lab. Photo: Geir Mogen.



Powerhouse Brattørkaia. Illustration: Snøhetta/Mir.



Visund, Haakonsværn. Photo: Hundvin Clements.



Multikomfort. Photo: Bo Mathisen.



Campus Evenstad. Photo: Leikny Havik Skjærseth.



Powerhouse Kjerbo. Photo: Bo Mathisen.



Zero Village Bergen. Illustration: Snøhetta/Mir.

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Early Design
Decision Making
(Digital and Analogue)

LCA ZEB course 2017-18

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1 Simplifies LCA E... 09.03.17 Authors: Aoife Houlihan Wiberg, Marianne Inman, Reidan Schlambusch (SINTEF and NTNU copyright)
 (Note: This tool is for the exclusive use of students enrolled on AAR 4817 + 4546, 2017. It is not for distribution outside of the class. It represents further development of the tool developed by Marianne Rose Inman in 2015, which is further developed by the joint work of Aoife Houlihan Wiberg and Marianne Rose Inman during the period 2013-2015 (Houlihan Wiberg and Inman, 2015) and is based on the tool developed by the tool developed in the ZEB residential model (Houlihan Wiberg et al., 2013) and the tool developed by Aoife Houlihan Wiberg during the period 2010 -

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3 **Scope**

Databases Used	EPD, EcoInvent v3.1
Lifetime of Construction (years)	60
AREA BRA (sqm)	160
Functional Unit	1sqm over a 60 yr lifetime

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5 e.g. Quantity (kg of material) x Emission Factor (kgCO2eq/kg) = CO2 Emissions (kgCO2eq)

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Building Elements	A1 - A3	Total EE kgCO2eq	kgCO2eq per yr	kgCO2eq/ m 60yrs	kgCO2eq/ m ² /yr	Total % Share
20 Building, general						
21 Groundwork and Foundations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
22 Superstructure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
23 Outer walls	4213.10	4213.10	70.22	26.33	0.44	100.00%
24 Inner walls	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
25 Floor Structure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
26 Outer Roof	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL	4213	4213	70	26	0.44	
(kgCO2eq) per yr			70			
(kgCO2eq/sqm) 60yrs			26			
(kgCO2eq/sqm/yr)			0.44			

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Bridges the gap between research & design

Explorations in dynamic and parametric modelling of the ZEB Tool.

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2. The ZEB Tool Creation (2011-2014)

Copy of revised emissions_110313_251113.xls [Kompatibilitetsmodus] - Excel

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2 The structure for this calculation of embodied energy for ZEB Residential Apartment Shoebox model is based on the norwegian standard NS 3451:2009 - Table of building elements.
 4 This to facilitate compatability from BIM/REVIT.
 5 Additional materials are used for reference and are sourced from ZEB Office Shoebox Model & Skanska model.
 6 All emission factors are sourced from SIMAPRO/ECOINVENT generic data only in this first round
 7 Cradle to Gate only.

9 Scope

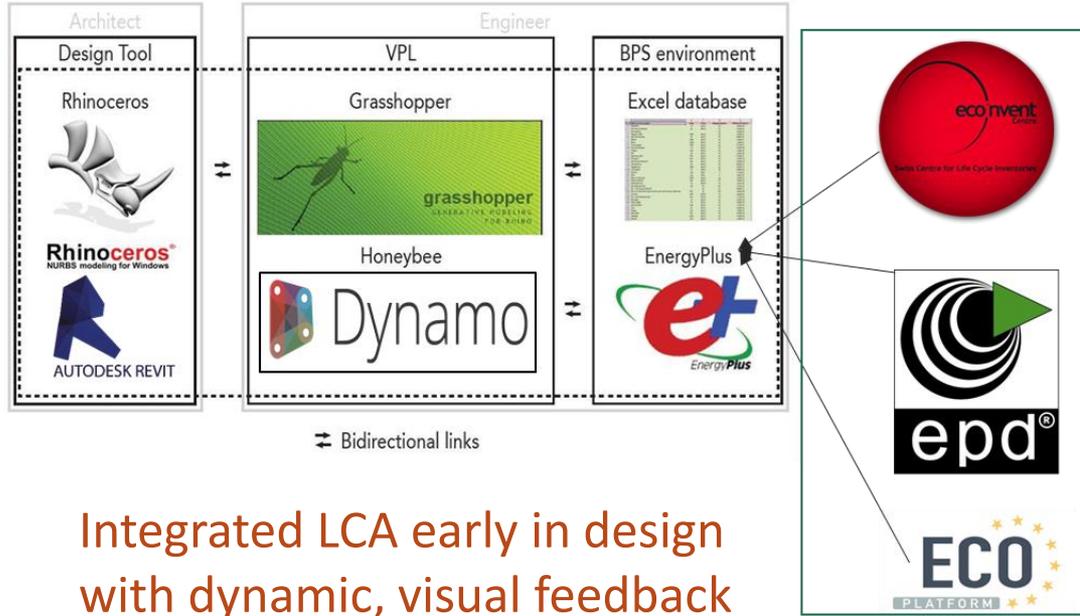
10 Systemboundary	Cradle to gate					
11 Lifetime of construction	60	years				
12 BRA	160	m ²				
13 Functional unit (FU)	1 m ² BRA over the lifetime of 60 years					

Building element	[kgCO _{2eq}] Lifetime 60 years	[kgCO _{2eq}] per year	[kgCO _{2eq} /m ² BRA] Lifetime 60 years	[kgCO _{2eq} /m ² BRA] per year	
16 2 Building					
17 21 Groundwork and foundations	14067,19	234,45	87,92	1,47	1,47
18 22 Superstructure	1376,00	22,93	8,60	0,14	0,14
19 23 Outer walls	12686,88	211,45	79,29	1,32	1,32
20 24 Inner walls	3550,84	59,18	22,19	0,37	0,37
21 25 Structural deck	3685,02	61,42	23,03	0,38	0,38
22 26 Outer roof	4174,10	69,57	26,09	0,43	0,43
23 28 Stairs, balconies etc.	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
24 29 Other	6229,59	103,83	38,93	0,65	0,65
25 3 Heating, ventilation and sanitation					0,05
26 36 Ventilation and airconditioning	492,41	8,21	3,08	0,05	2,38
27 4 Electric power					
28 49 Other electric power installations					
28 Photovoltaic panel, single Si, at plant/RER	20625,48	343,76	128,91	2,15	2,15
29 Evacuated tube collector, at plant /GB	2252,21	37,54	14,08	0,23	0,23
30 5 Telecommunication and automatisisation	0	0,00	0,00	0,00	
31 6 Other installations	0	0,00	0,00	0,00	
32 7 Outdoor	0	0,00	0,00	0,00	
33 TOTAL	69139,71	1152,33	432,12	7,20	
34 Initial material use (no replacement)	50422,00	840,37	315,14	5,25	
35 Use phase replacements	18717,71	311,96	116,99	1,95	

20 Summary Building Total (CON) MATkgCO_{2eq}m²per year Emissions per component 20 Summary Building Total Emissions for u...

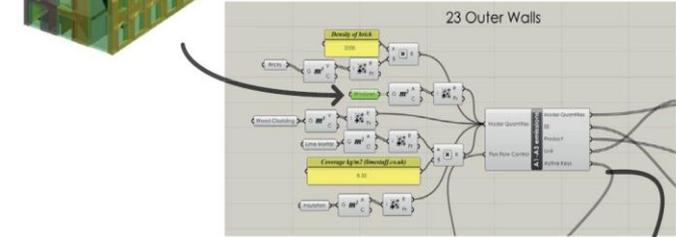
3. A Dynamic approach to the ZEB Tool (2016)

Rhino – Grasshopper – ZEB Tool



Integrated LCA early in design with dynamic, visual feedback

Generic & Specific Data

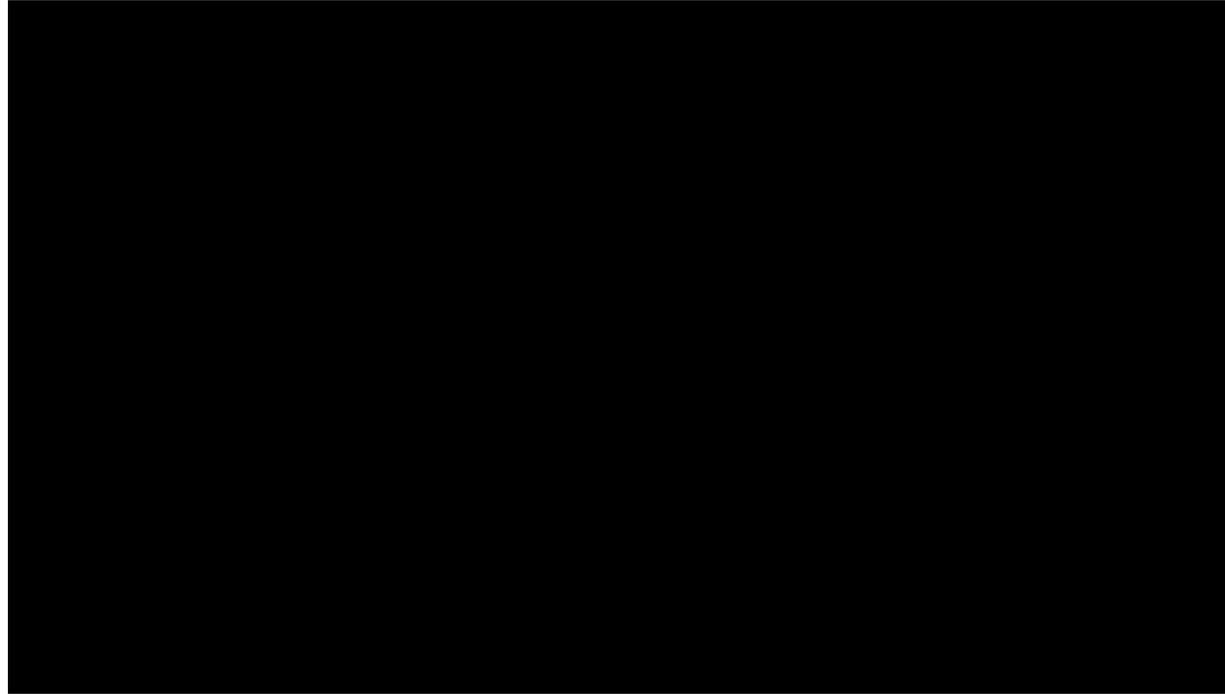


MATERIAL CATEGORY	PRODUCT	REFERENCE	UNIT	AMOUNT	EMISSION Factor	AS - A3 share	A1 - A3 share
Sticks	- Sticks generic	ecoinvent, v3.1 (2018)	kg	20945.29	0.2	7483.67	7.9%
Windows	- Window frame, wood-metal generic	ecoinvent, v3.1 (2018)	m2	235.28	149.0	7483.67	80.8%
Wood	Moelven: Siberian Larch, cladding, decking excl. Biogenic CO2	HEPD ref. 2476 (2015)	m3	24.50	100.0	2450.00	26.0%
Binder	Saint Gobain Weber: Weber base KC 35165 Dry Mortar	HEPD ref. 3865 (2018)	kg	1076.85	0.002	2.07	0.0%
Insulation	Rockwool: insulation (27mm) 29kg/m3, R=1m2k/W	HEPD ref. 1338 (2019)ref	m2	287.73	1.5	431.60	0.4%

Unit	Quantity from BPS model	Product
kg	30545.591761	- Bricks generic
m2	220.201991	- Window frame, wood-metal generic
m3	24.654897	Moelven: Siberian Larch, cladding, decking excl. Biogenic CO2
kg	5079.8454	Saint Gobain Weber: Weber.base KC 35165 Dry Mortar
m2	267.753482	Rockwool: Insulation (37mm) 29kg/m3, R=1m2k/W

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3. A Dynamic approach to the ZEB Tool (2016) Revit – Dynamo – ZEB Tool



Source: Revit - Dynamo - ZEB Tool

Author: Tobias Hofmeister and Supervisor: Aoife Houlihan Wiberg, 2016)

4. A Parametric approach to the ZEB Tool (2016) Revit – Dynamo – ZEB Tool



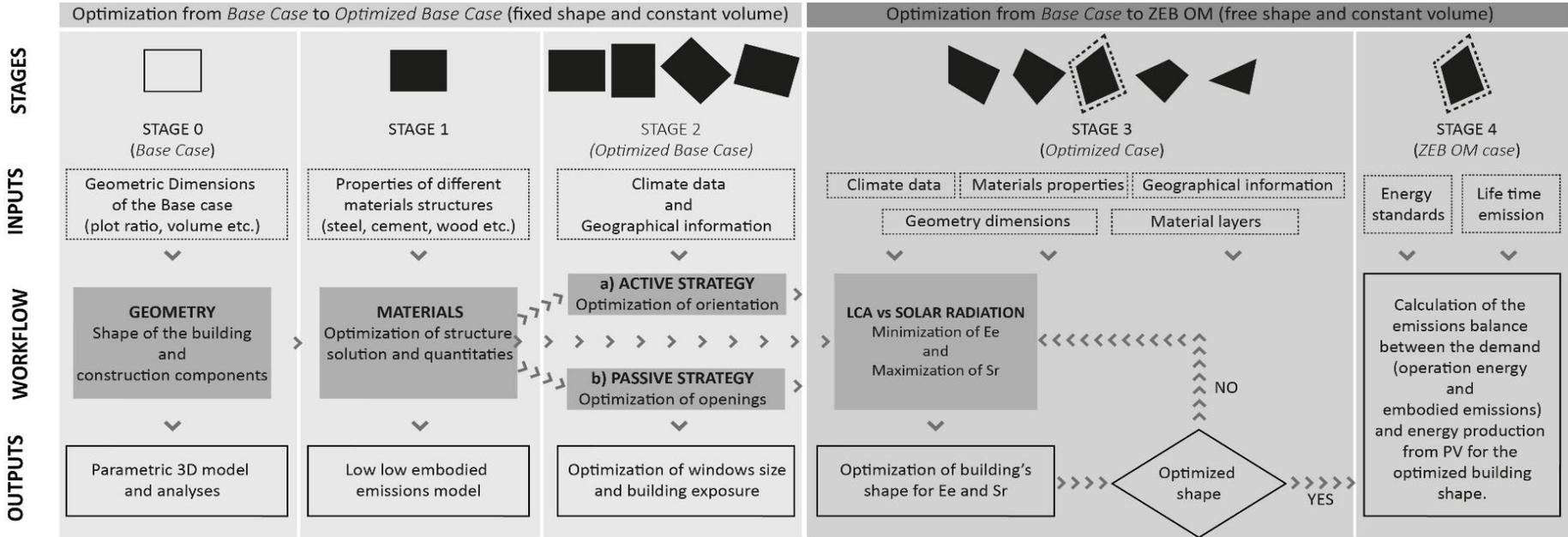
Parametric design to minimize the embodied emissions of a ZEB building in Oslo, Norway

- ◉ Applying parametric design principles to ZEBs planning.
- ◉ Integrating environmental analyses (i.e. *solar radiation*, *daylighting factor*) with life cycle assessment into a unique algorithm.
- ◉ Allowing the single family house pilot project to achieve the ambition level ZEB-OM according to the guidelines defined by ZEB Research Center in Trondheim.
- ◉ Generating a workflow for conducting multi-objective optimization in order to orienting the planning from the early stages of the design process.

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Methodology | Workflow



TOOLS & ANALYSES	[Gm]	[Ee]	[Oe]	[DI]	[Sr]
	Grasshopper (Gh)	● Evaluate for Gh	● Design Builder	● DIVA for Gh	● Ladybug
	Grasshopper	● Evaluate for Gh			
	Grasshopper	● Evaluate for Gh	● Design Builder	● DIVA for Gh with Galapagos	● Ladybug with Galapagos
	Grasshopper	● Evaluate for Gh with Octopus			● Ladybug with Octopus
	Rhinoceros		● Design Builder		

5. A Dashboard approach to the ZEB Tool

ZEB Emissions Visualisation *PROOF OF CONCEPT 2 Spring 2016*



Research Questions

RQ
01

Is it possible to establish a seamless connection between a Building Information Modelling software and a customizable database usable by non/experts?

RQ
02

Can visualisation and the dashboard facilitate better understanding of embodied emissions associated with material selection for various decision makers during the early design phase of a building?

RQ
03

Is it possible to involve different stakeholders in a shared platform that be used collectively and simultaneously?

3. A Dashboard approach to the ZEB Tool (2017)
Revit – Flux – ZEB Tool



A Dashboard Approach on the ZEB Tool

Source: Revit - Flux - ZEB Tool

Author: Zorbey Tuncer and Supervisor: Aoife Houlihan Wiberg, 2017)

6. Visual LCA for ZEN

ZEB Emissions Visualisation *PROOF OF CONCEPT 3 Spring 2017*



Research Questions

RQ
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How can visualisation and LCA be combined to realise material associated greenhouse gas emissions as preliminary design driver in Zero Emission Neighbourhoods?

RQ
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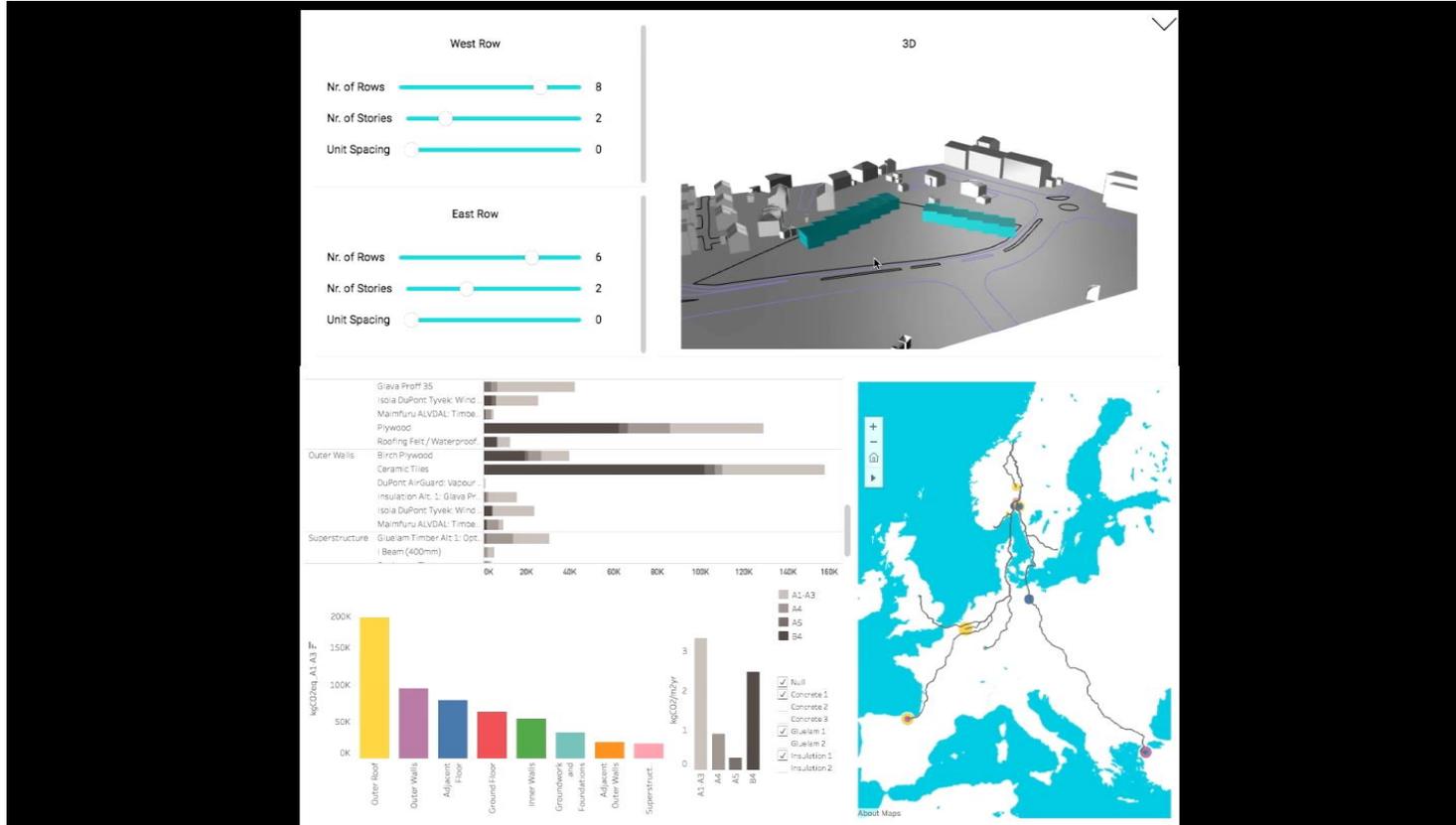
What defines the difference in material use on building- and neighbourhood scale, and how does it affect the material associated greenhouse gas emissions?

RQ
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An integrated platform: How to deal with interactions between various scales?

6. Visual LCA for ZEN

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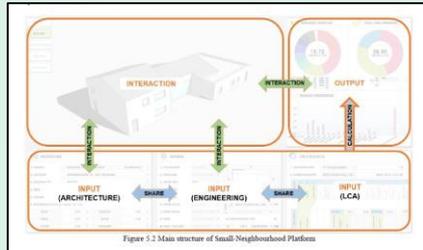


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- Generate new knowledge in how emerging immersive technologies, such as, AR&VR can be adapted and integrated with our existing dynamic science-based method for GHG emissions, to provide user friendly, interactive feedback on quantitative performance, as well as, qualitative parameters in the design of sustainable and healthy buildings of the future.

Further Work

- How can these new methods/tools be used to improve communication and participation from diverse stakeholders?
- How can intelligent visualization and immersive environment methods improve environmental performance feedback in the design process and increase uptake in design practice and improve stakeholder participation?



Digital Innovation Immersive Environments for diverse stakeholder participation



Augmented Reality for BIM



Virtual Reality



Tangible Graph Holograms



Interactive User Interface – ETH Singapore



3d Dome – California Academy of Sciences



360 Degree Spherical Projection Theatre – South Korea



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Gaming Technology

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