

DynamicRenowave - Life Cycle Assessment and Energy Simulation of Building Renovation Strategies

Building Carbon Emissions Modeling Framework – Beta 1

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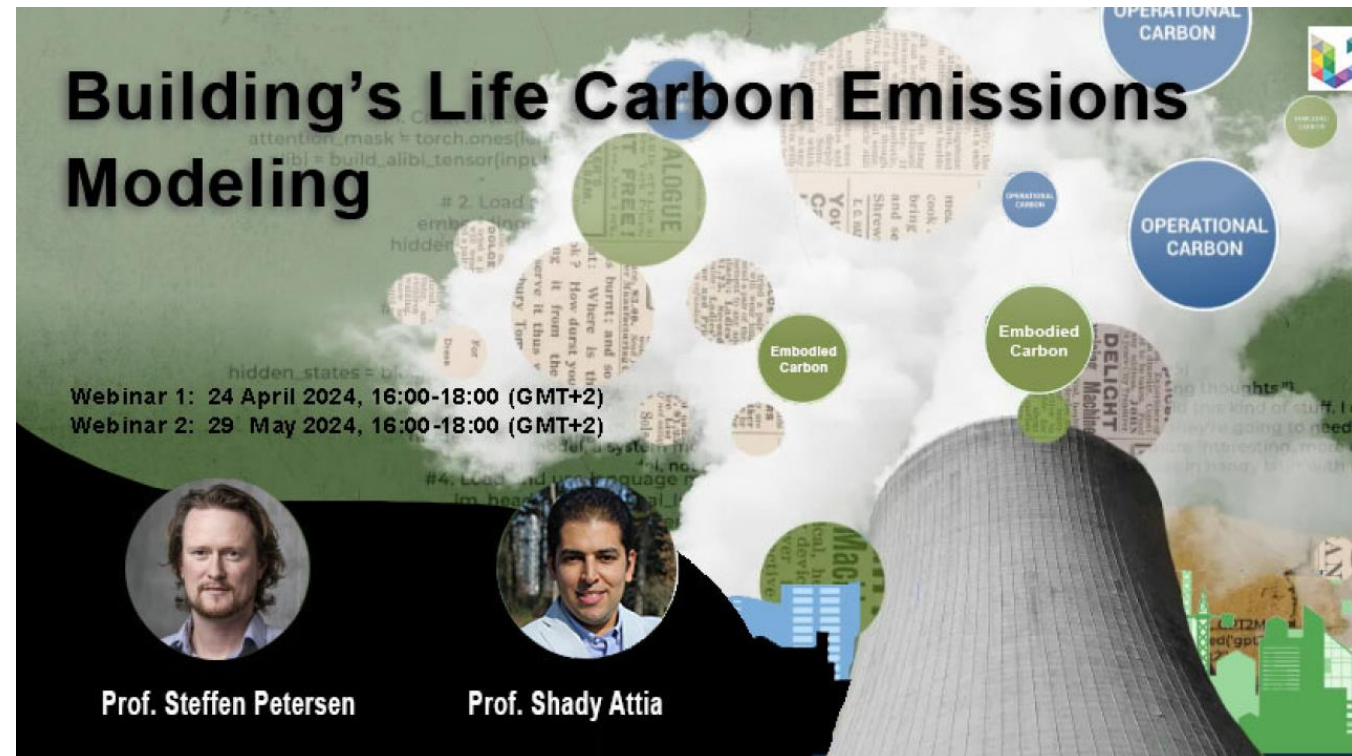
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Building's Life Carbon Emissions Modeling

Webinar 1: 24 April 2024, 16:00-18:00 (GMT+2)
Webinar 2: 29 May 2024, 16:00-18:00 (GMT+2)

The poster features a background image of a modern building with a glass facade. Overlaid on the image are several circular bubbles containing text related to carbon emissions modeling, such as "OPERATIONAL CARBON", "Embodied Carbon", and "DELIGHT". At the bottom, there are two circular portraits of the speakers, Prof. Steffen Petersen and Prof. Shady Attia.

Prof. Steffen Petersen Prof. Shady Attia

Framework

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Building Carbon Emissions Modeling Framework

Subtask 2: Paris-goal-compatible assessment methods

- evaluate the assessment methods proposed or required by current climate policies, aiming to check their compatibility with meeting the science-based carbon targets and budgets

Objective 0: Coordination with all Groups and TF Weather Data

Objective 1: Define a common performance-based simulation framework for a multi-scale (from a single building to whole building stocks), multi-sectoral (i.e. lifecycle-based), and multi-stakeholder approach to decarbonizing the building and real estate sector.

Objective 2: Publish the (Liege-UCLouvain-Aarhus) framework by June 2024

Objective 3: Define a common benchmark

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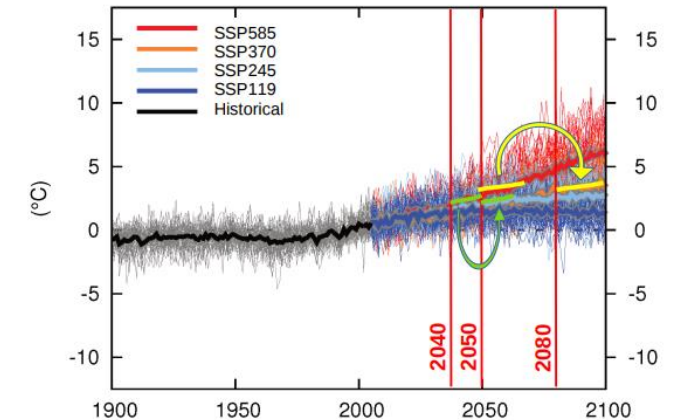
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Approach: Climate Change or GHG Budget

(1A) Climate Change Scenarios (Bottom Up)	(1B) Greenhouse Gas Emissions Budget (Top Down) [1]
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Baseline and Improved Design Approach-Benchmarking-Bias-adjusted TMY weather files based on the CORDEX project (SSP) for 2000-2020, 2040-2060, and 2080-2100 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Planetary System Boundaries – GWP – IPCC Gas Potency-Paris-goal compatible GHG budget of about 500GT to limit global warming (annual of CO2-equiv.)-Safe Emissions Budget for Buildings

DG ENERGY: Energy Efficiency Directive: EPBD (60% Carbon emissions reduction for buildings by 2030)

Introduction of zero-emission buildings as new standard for new buildings

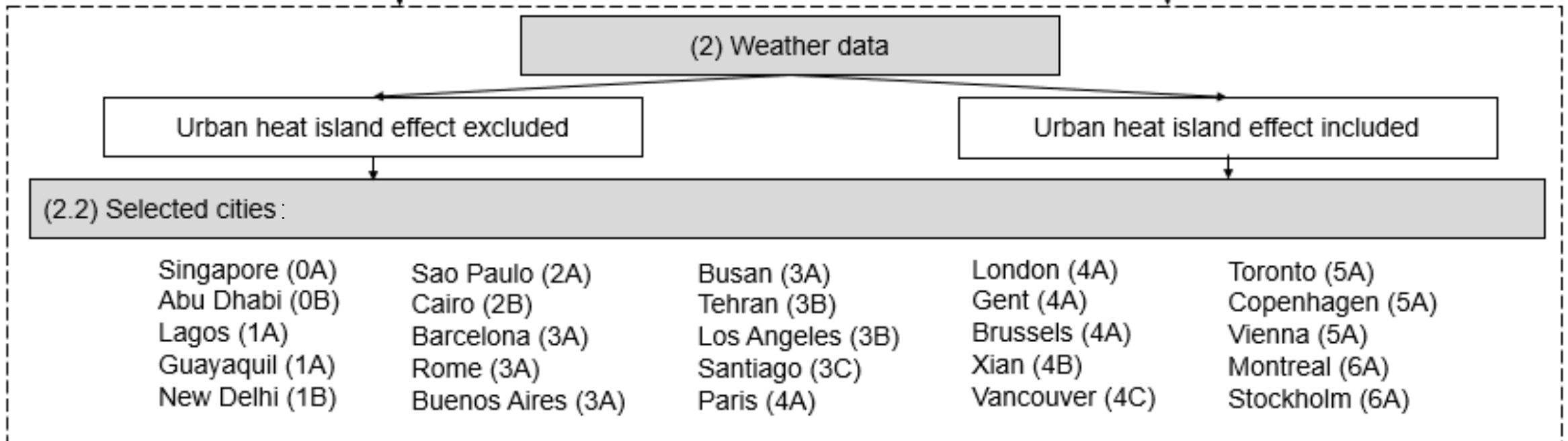
Calculation of the whole life cycle of carbon

Phasing out incentives for fossil fuels

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Climate and location



IPCC scenarios: RCP 8.5 and RCP 4.5 –5th IPCC AR, 6th IPCC published in 2021

DATA SOURCE: CORDEX Data need post-processing to create an epw file.

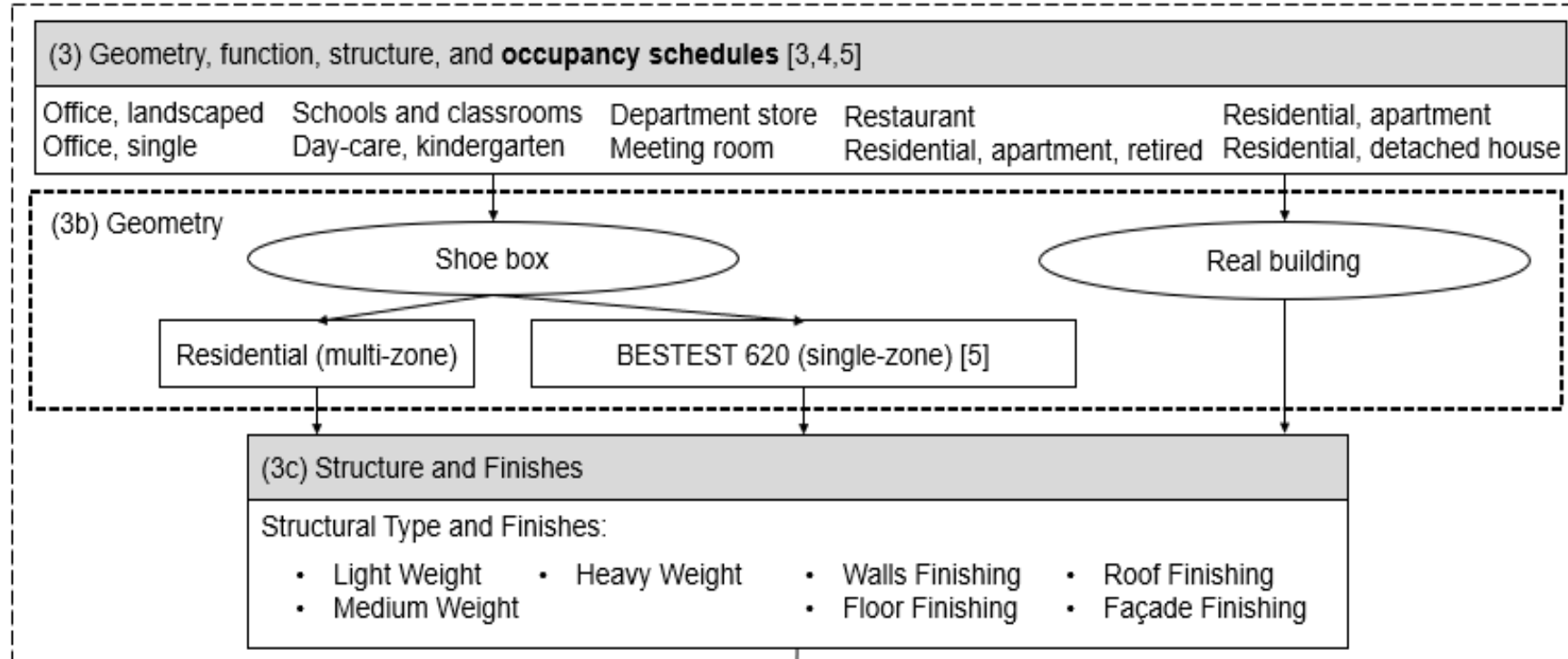
ASHRAE Handbook: Chapter 14: 15 cities (highest demographics + climate representative based on ASHRAE HDD Dominated, CDD Dominated, HDD and CDD Dominated (taking radiation into account !))

Time Scale: (2030/2050/2100)

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Building characterization



Benchmarking - Observatory
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LCA Database

Time: 50 Years **EN 15804 + A2**

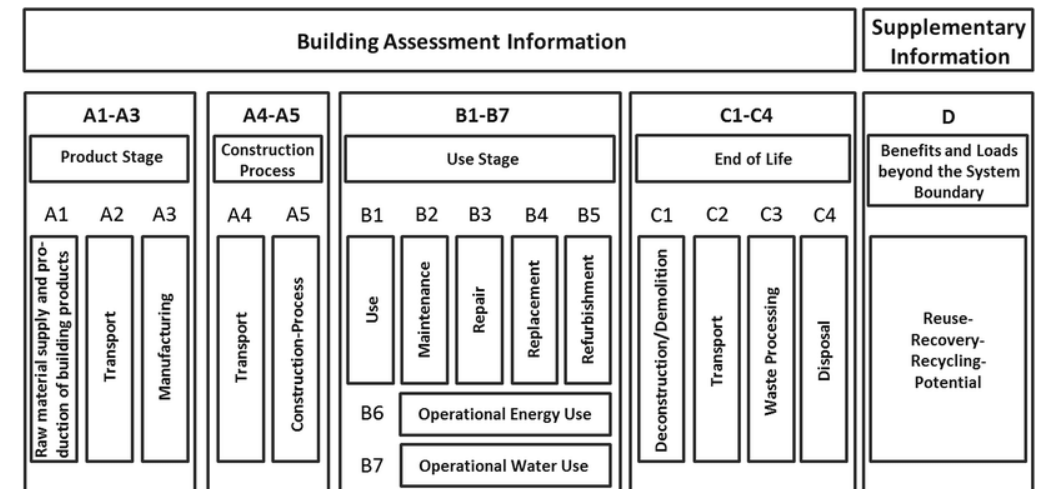
Time: staged renovation, ownership change...

Life Stages: Stages A + B ~~-C-D~~

Database: Generic (example Econinvent....) or
Construction

Localization, Transportation

EPDs...to be avoided !



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- **Archetypes**....fixed cube while the dimensions are *function of the squared meter* (or occupant density). Thermal zoning : **theoretical building**, multiple zones (**simplicity** vs. detail, **single zone** vs. multizone) + **Neighborhood**
- **Zone adjacencies and orientations**...fixed (worst case e.g., in Europe: south oriented with to roof, the adjacent walls and floor have a standard heating and cooling setpoint)
- **Building Envelope Zones 1 to 8 from ASHRAE 169. 8 Thermal proprieties**....*function of the climate zone* (low heating measures from regulations "**National or ASHRAE 189.1-2017**", infiltration is wind-driven\fixed!!). (**new construction** (high efficient) and **existing building** (low efficient building))

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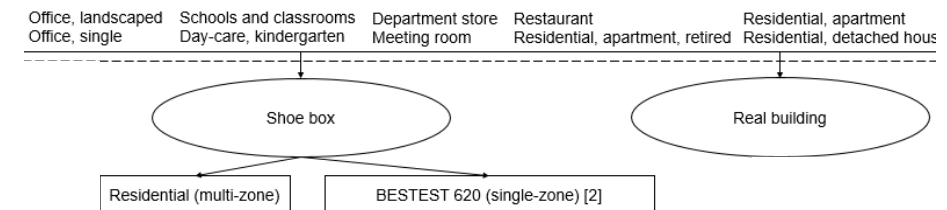


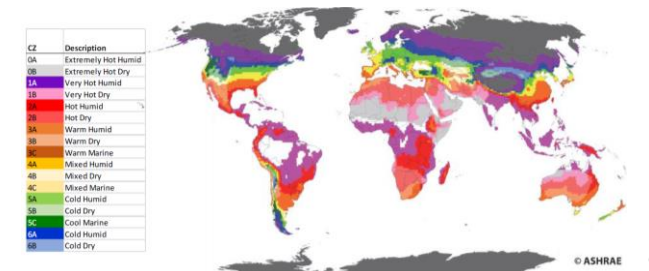
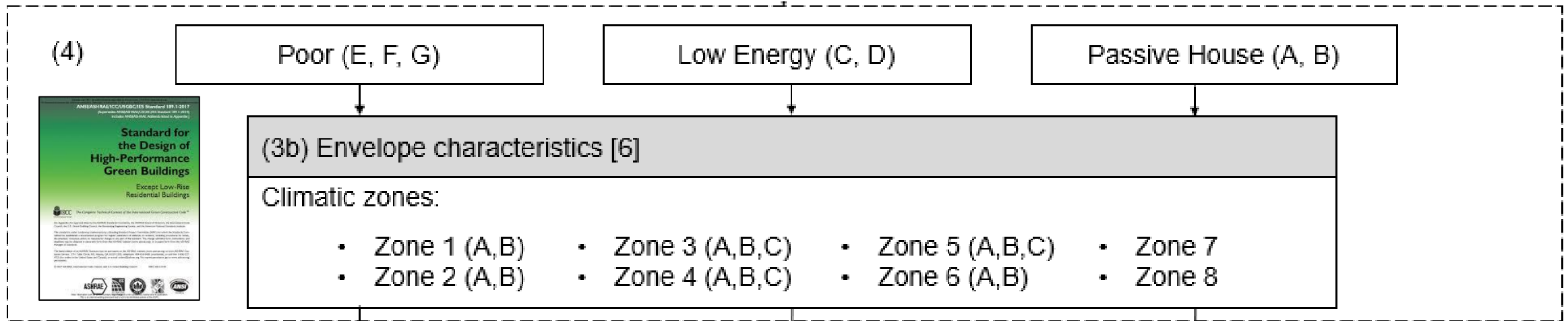
Table 5.6-1 Building Envelope Requirements for Climate Zone 1 (A/C)

Envelope Element	New Construction		Existing Buildings	
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Roof	0.10	10.0	0.15	6.7
Walls, above grade	0.10	10.0	0.15	6.7
Walls, below grade	0.10	10.0	0.15	6.7
Floors	0.10	10.0	0.15	6.7
Windows and doors	0.10	10.0	0.15	6.7
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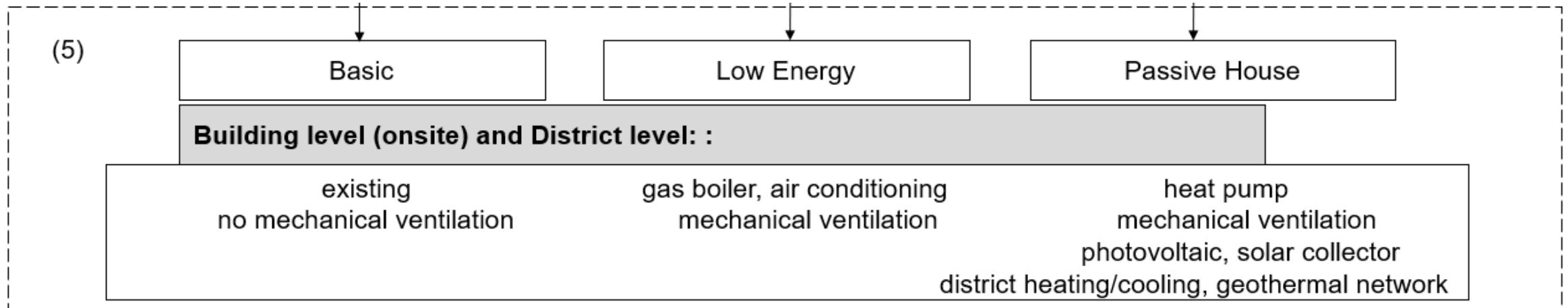
Building Envelope (Insulation based on EPC, EnergyStar or other)



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HVAC Systems



Occupancy Schedule.....*function of the building type* **ISO 17772.P1**, EN 16798.P1, **ISO 18523.P1-P2**, list of realistic, stochastic occupancy schedules? whole building or zonal schedule? **single space schedule**, **residential and offices**.

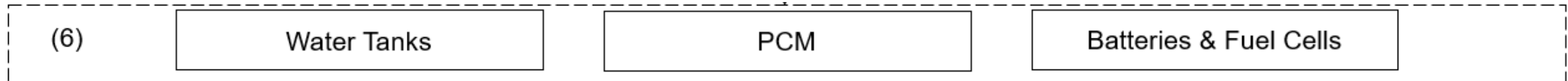
No shading, no natural ventilation YES/NO

HVAC system...(ISO 17772.P1-p2 comfort category II) minimum ventilation depends on the IAQ requirements.....constant heating setpoint,cooling setpoint... depending on the chosen comfort criteria but just using basic control.

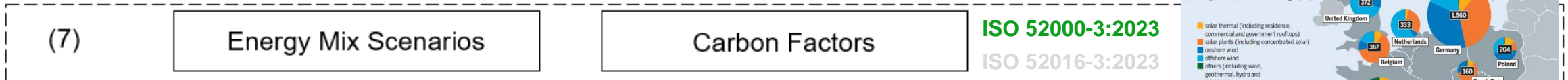
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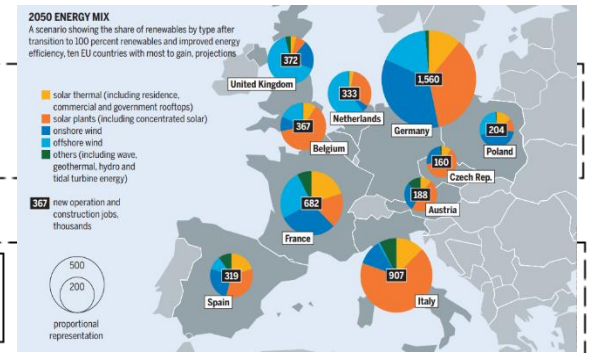
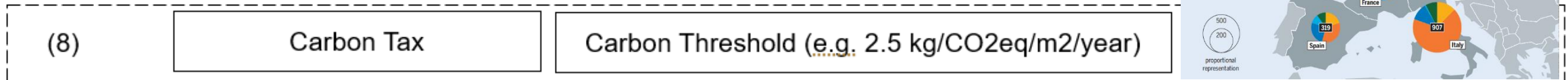
Storage



Energy Mix



Additional Parameters



Level(s)

Renovation wave and Whole Life Carbon Roadmap

Potential technological changes...

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(9) Evaluation Scenarios and Functional Unit

Operational Energy (kWh/m²)

GHG emissions (E+O) kgCo₂eq/m² or occupant

Cost (€/m²)

ISO 52000-3:2023

- Annual site energy use per floor area (indicate gas, electricity, or other energy) [kWh/m².a]
- Annual primary energy use per floor area (indicate primary energy factor) [kWh/m².a]
- Annual CO₂ emission per floor area [gCO₂/m².a] (use national carbon emission factor, please indicate the carbon emission factor)

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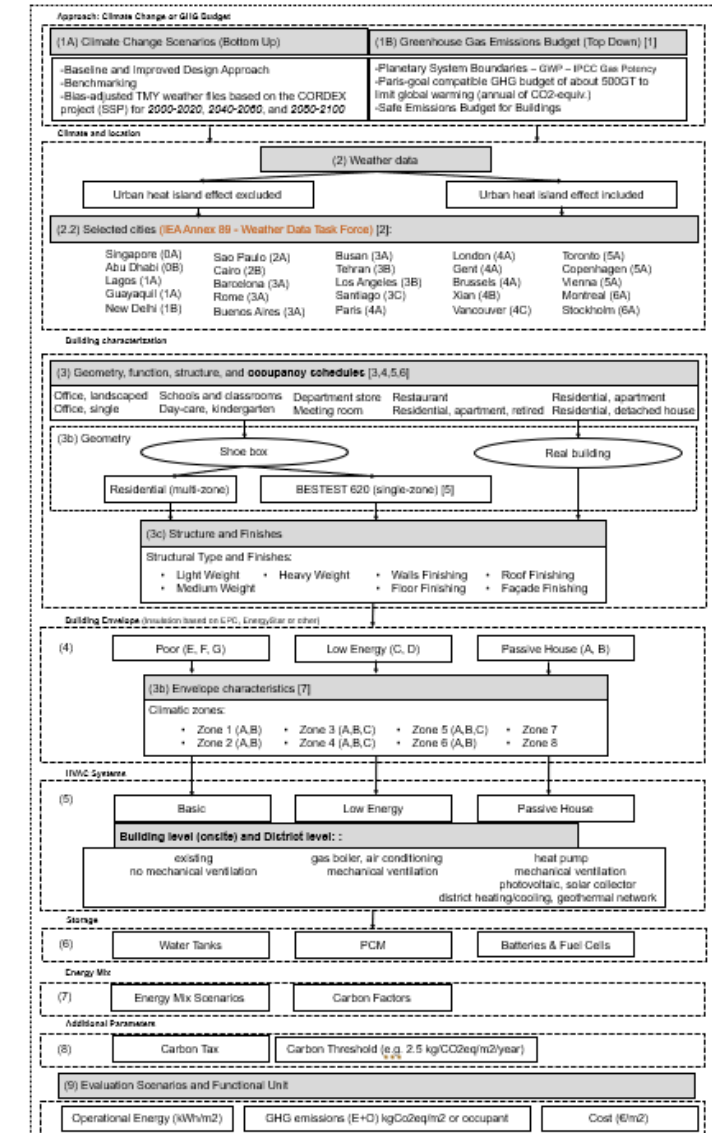
Performance Evaluation

Step 1: Identify LCA database and potential inventory

Step 2: Identify GHG emissions for acceptable carbon targets under possible foreseeable decarbonization pathways.

Step 3: Quantify the KPI margin violation and the severity of foreseeable emissions

Step 4: Calculate the GHG emissions following the two approaches



Q & A

Thanks for your attention



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