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# Low Carbon Labs

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# Low Carbon Labs - Executive Summary

## Why Laboratory Embodied Carbon ?

### EMBODIED CARBON - TECHNICAL BUILDINGS

LCA tools have experienced a renaissance, enabling an increasing focus on the embodied carbon impacts of structural materials in light commercial, multifamily, and residential applications. But little is known about the embodied carbon intensity of other building types and systems.

Improved design resources will enable us to make better choices at earlier design phases, leading to more beautiful design, better occupant outcomes, and less impact to our fragile climate.

### WHY LABS ?

Labs are designed to support discovery and innovation. Their designs can serve as models for innovation in buildings of all types.

Lab building embodied carbon is significant, due to the intensive structure, finishes, and mechanical systems of these buildings. For example: lab building structural systems are heavier per square foot than office or residential structures, due to their vibration performance. And lab building finishes and built-in casework are significantly more robust than office equivalents.

But hard data is lacking on the embodied carbon intensity of labs and technical buildings that would allow us to quantify these differences.

### LABS RE-IMAGINED

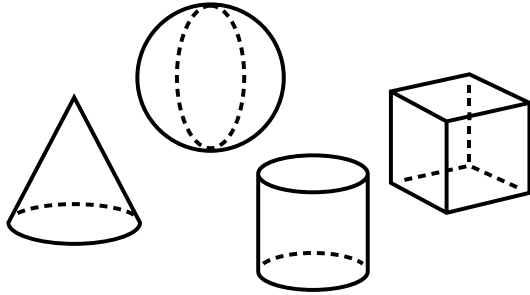
A standard kit of parts for lab planning and lab materials choices has emerged over the past 50+ years. Lab designers have become familiar with a predictable set of choices applying to many projects.

Recent projects show experimentation with a variety of design choices uncommon in laboratory buildings, such as CLT / Timber structural systems, low-carbon concrete, wood cladding, timber curtain wall, and demountable partitions. But no resource brings these experiments into a common framework for evaluating their carbon benefits.

Our goal is to daylight these strategies, quantify their benefits, and advocate for broader adoption. Our hope is this transforms how - and what - we design.

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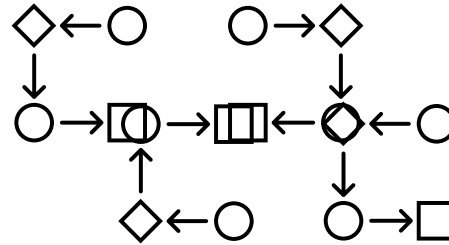
## Caveats



### “all models are wrong but some models are useful”

*It has been said that "all models are wrong but some models are useful." In other words, any model is at best a useful fiction ... Nevertheless, enormous progress has been made by entertaining such fictions and using them as approximations. - George Box, Statistical Control: By Monitoring and Feedback Adjustment, 1997*

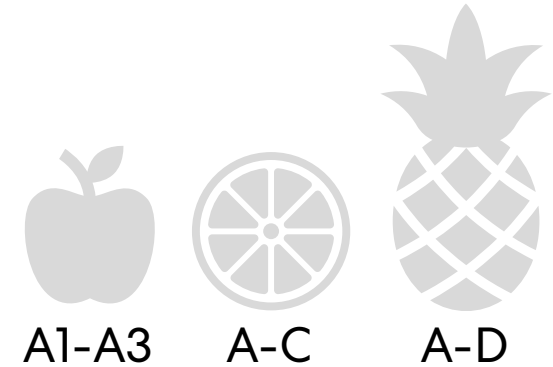
Low Carbon Labs is a simplified model of building systems. It does not include all the systems and products required to make a lab building. But it does demonstrate a method for evaluating individual design choices to improve future projects. We hope that the methods and examples help building owners and designers to contextualize the carbon impact of design choices alongside other conventional project drivers, such as scope, schedule, and cost.



### Complexity

A key lesson of the study is the surprising difficulty of conducting embodied carbon analysis. There are numerous obstacles, including:

- Lack of EPD data for many products
- Wide variation in EPD scope and format
- Difficulty obtaining quantity takeoffs from design software
- Complexity of conversions between design software units and EPD reporting units
- Complexity of summarizing data across many product categories and creating holistic dashboards
- EC analysis software tools are still developing



### Apples, Oranges, and Pineapples

This study intentionally mixes EPD data from a variety of sources with different Product Category Rules (PCRs), modules (aka. product life cycle stages), and EPD types (ex. product specific vs. industry average).

This is out of necessity. Quality EPD data is sorely lacking for many individual products and, in some cases, for whole product categories.

To maintain “fairness” in comparisons between individual system selections, we have held the calculations within each system to consistent rules (for example, using consistent A1-A3 scope and product specific EPDs).

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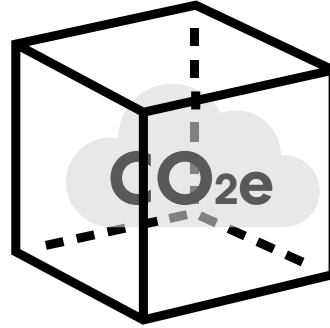


### Directionality vs. Magnitude

This analysis represents a set of design choices, not a complete embodied carbon assessment of a laboratory building.

The complexity and difficulty of assessing just the products and systems included within this study belie the extraordinary difficulty of summarizing the complete Embodied Carbon picture of any building, let alone one as complex as a laboratory.

This leaves us unable to compare the total impact of various systems or design choices relative to the total Embodied Carbon impact of a whole building. For example, we are unable to say “Structure represents X% of a lab building’s Embodied Carbon”, because we don’t know what a lab building’s total embodied carbon is. Nobody does.



### So what can we say about Embodied Carbon?

This study shows that many design choices have significant Embodied Carbon impact that can be easily compared to a building’s Operational Carbon profile from an energy model or utility meters.

While the absolute magnitude of carbon reduction is debatable, the results clearly show that Embodied Carbon reduction options exist that are equivalent to years (or even decades) of Operational Carbon pollution.

As we have effective design choices to reduce Operational Carbon due to building energy use and building energy fuel source choices, we also have effective design choices to reduce Embodied Carbon due to building construction materials, systems, and methods.



### Choose your own adventure

Is “Reimagined” right for my project?

We recognize that not all options will be possible for every laboratory project. Program differences, code / jurisdictional issues, and scope / schedule / budget drivers may place one or several system choices out of reach for a particular project.

So, we have deliberately structured “Low Carbon Labs” as a “choose your own adventure” of system-by-system choices. This has two advantages:

1. Teams can pick and choose individual options as the opportunity arises to make small, medium, or large improvements on a particular project.
2. Teams can adapt the method to evaluate additional systems, options, or choices specific to their particular interests.



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## Scope and Results

### SCOPE AND SYSTEMS

This study uses a 22' wide x 88' long x 1 story (15' high) "module". The 22' width reflects 2x 11' wide lab aisles. The 88' depth is composed of a 33' structural bay for computing / office work, a 33' bay for wet bench ("open lab") work, and a 22' bay for laboratory support / instrument work. This module provides a cross section of typical laboratory building space types.

The study evaluates (3) choices for each of (14) different building systems: superstructure for office and lab; building envelope (wall backup, insulation, cladding, and glazing); interior partitions; doors; floor finishes for office and labs; ceilings for office and labs; lab equipment (fumehoods); chairs; systems furniture; lab casework cabinets and countertop.

For some systems (ex. flooring), we were able to find many EPDs; thus, the challenge was picking realistic system options from many choices. For other systems (ex. lab countertops), very few EPDs were available, leading to limited system options.

### SCENARIOS

The 3 scenarios (Baseline, Improved, Reimagined) are summaries of individual choices within each system type, aggregated. They don't necessarily represent a specific design case. Rather, they capture the potential for savings along a continuum of design choices. Still, the scenarios are useful to explain the potential of the individual choices when combined at the scale of a building.

The **Baseline** scenario provides a point of reference, with many system choices that can be found in conventional laboratory buildings.

**Improved** represents realistically achievable improvements that may be found in progressive projects.

**Reimagined** represents the better choices that we discovered for each system within the scope of the research study.

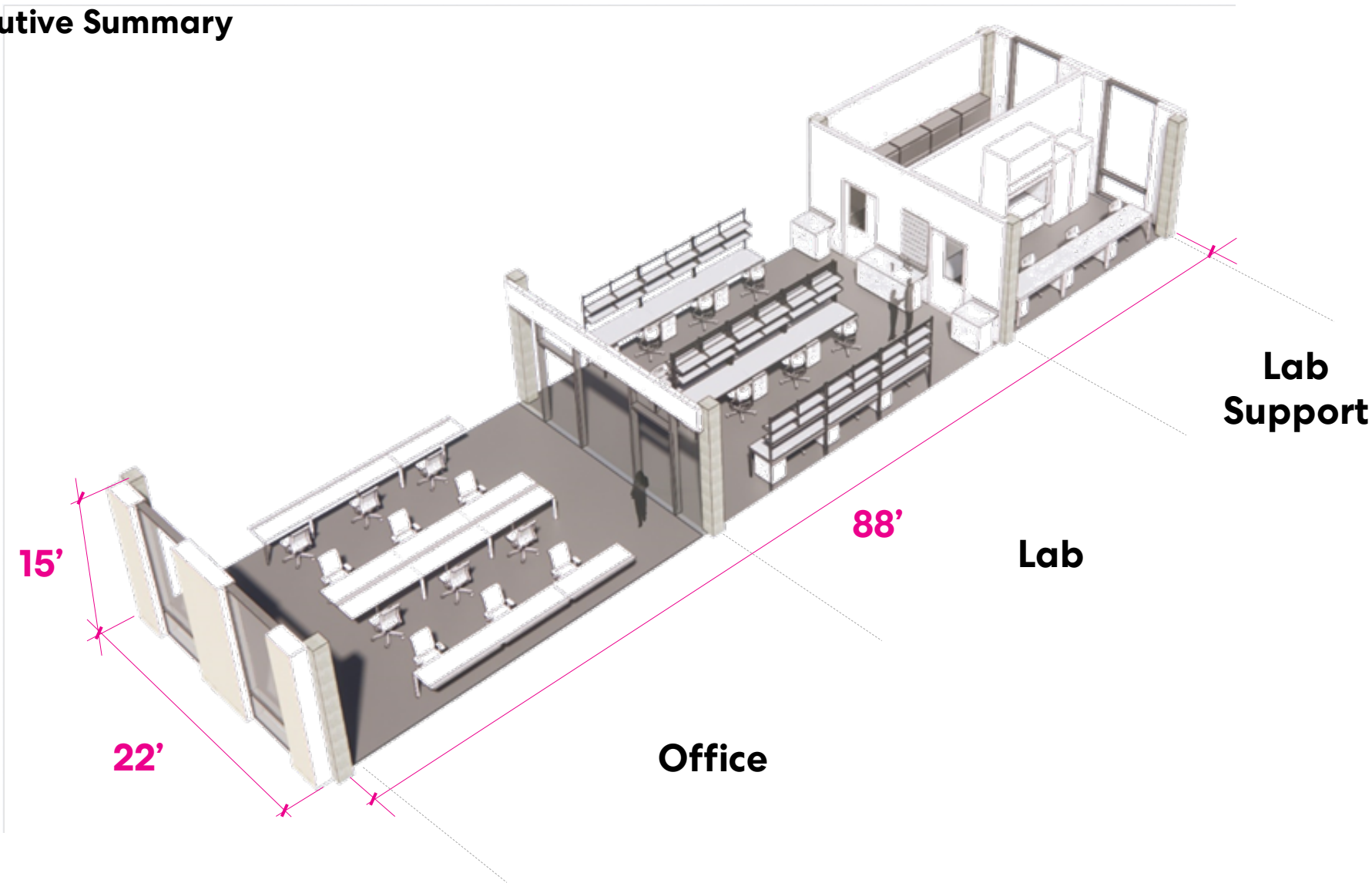
### RESULTS

**Baseline:** The sum of the studied systems within the 22x88 module equates to ~175,000 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/sf.

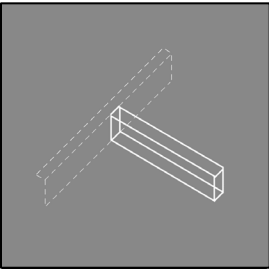
**Improved:** The sum of the studied systems within the 22x88 module equates to ~130,000 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/sf, or a reduction of 26% from the baseline. The savings is equivalent to 2-7 years of operational carbon.

**Reimagined:** The sum of the studied systems within the 22x88 module equates to ~50,000 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/sf, or a reduction of 73% from the baseline. The savings is equivalent to 7-20 years of operational carbon.

# Scope

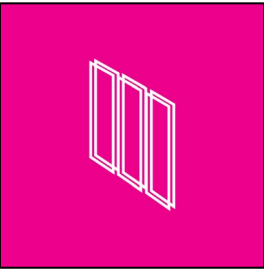


# Systems



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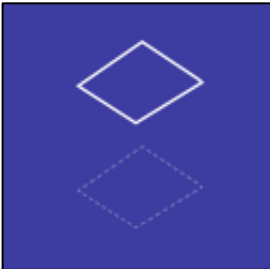
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**ENVELOPE  
OPAQUE**



**PARTITIONS**



**CEILINGS**



**OFFICE  
SYSTEMS**



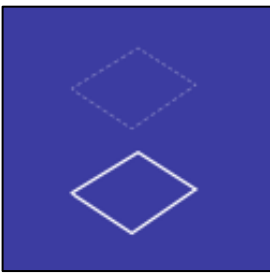
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**ENVELOPE  
GLAZING (%)**



**DOORS**



**FLOORS**

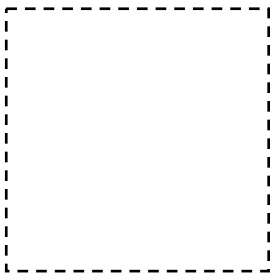


**LAB  
CASEWORK**



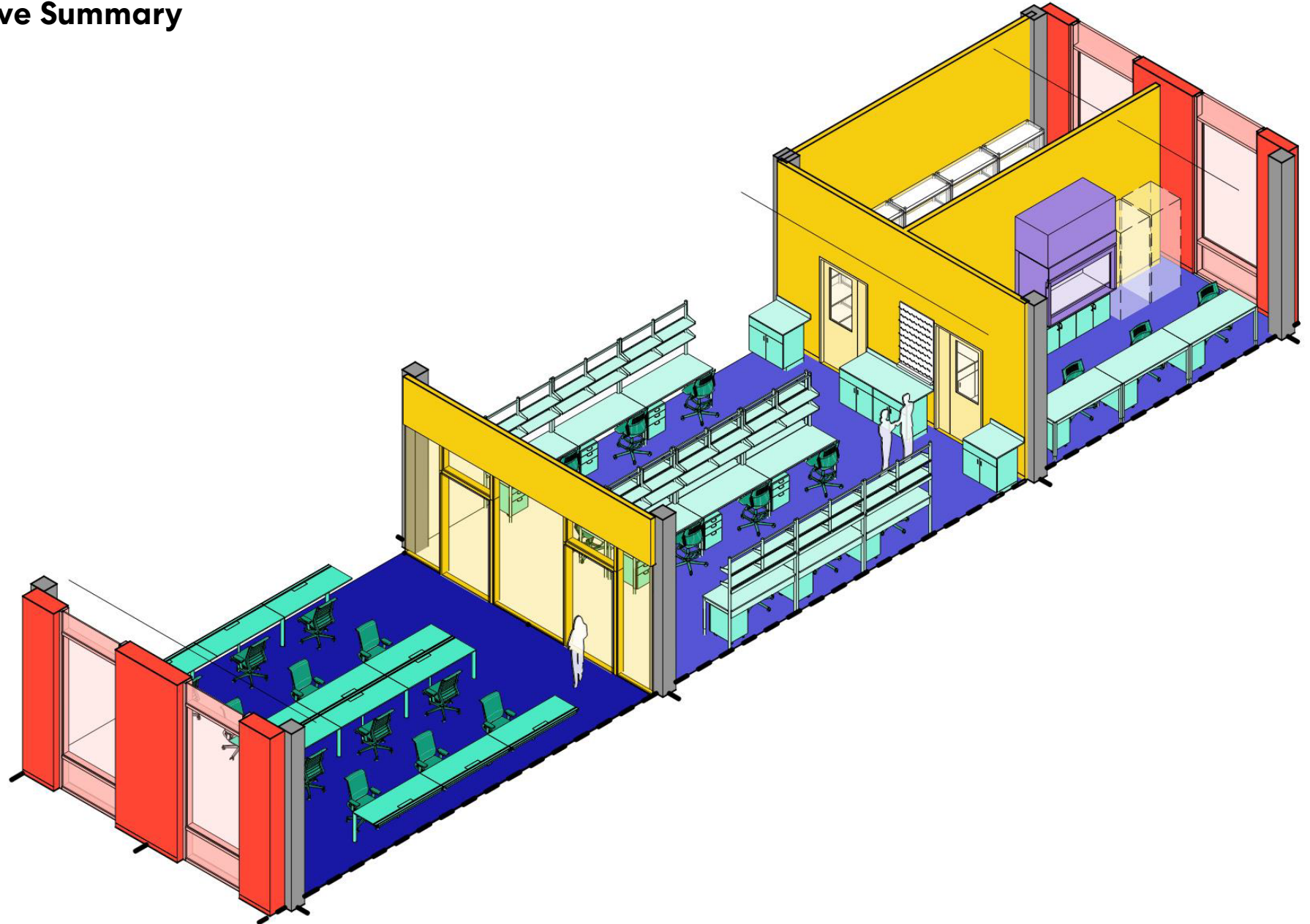
**LAB  
FUMEHOODS**

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**MEP SYSTEMS**

# Systems

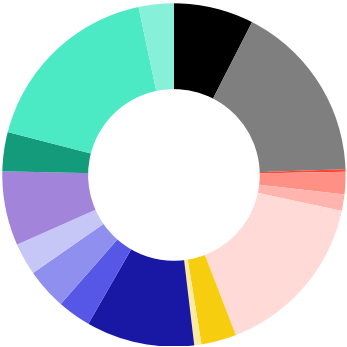




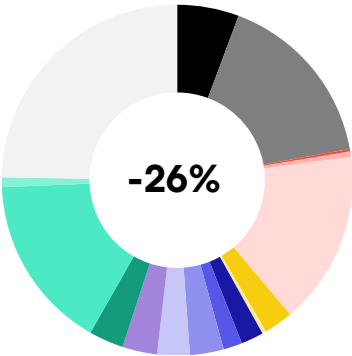
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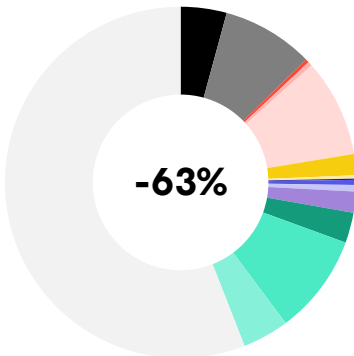
**BASELINE**



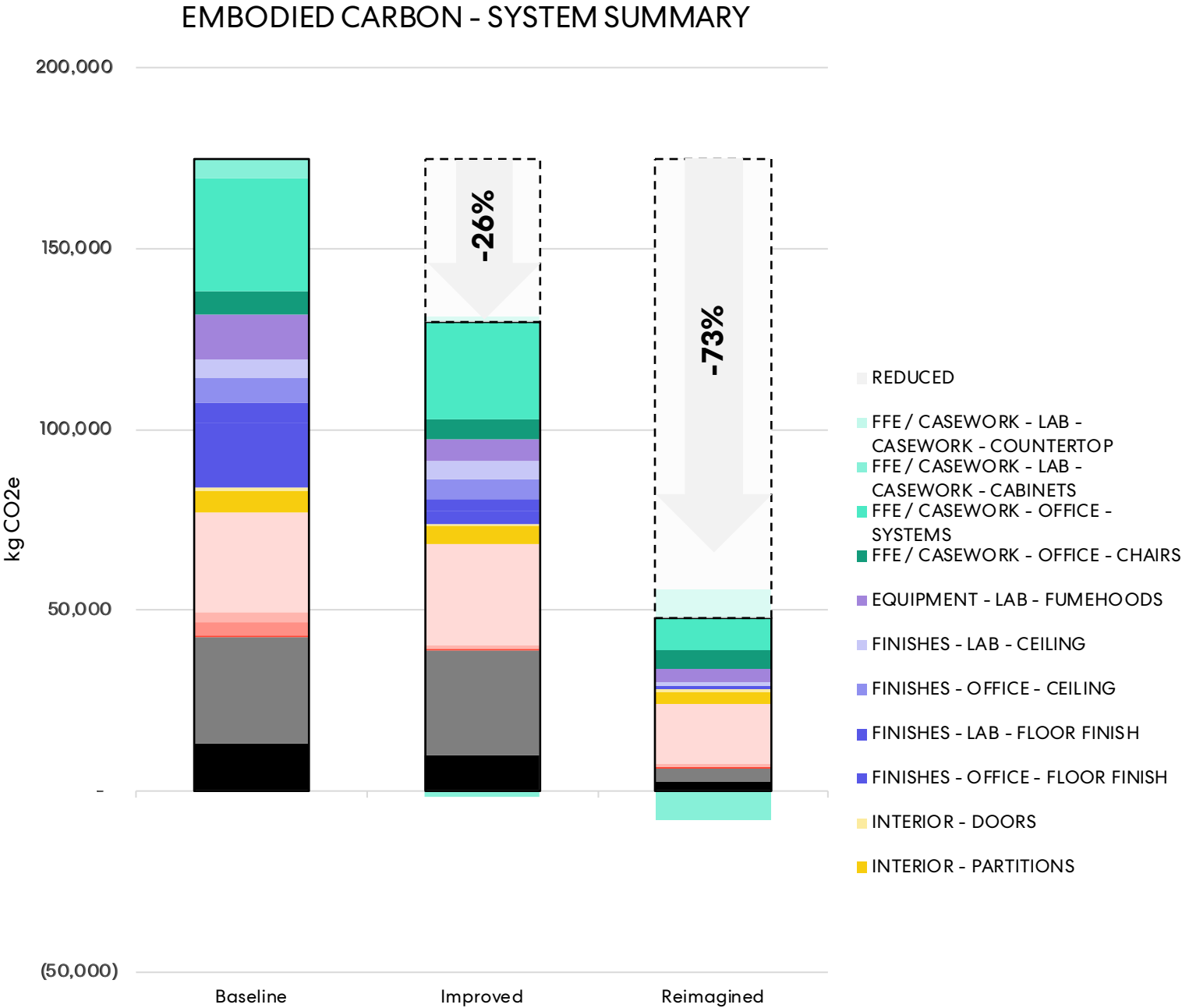
**IMPROVED**



**REIMAGINED**



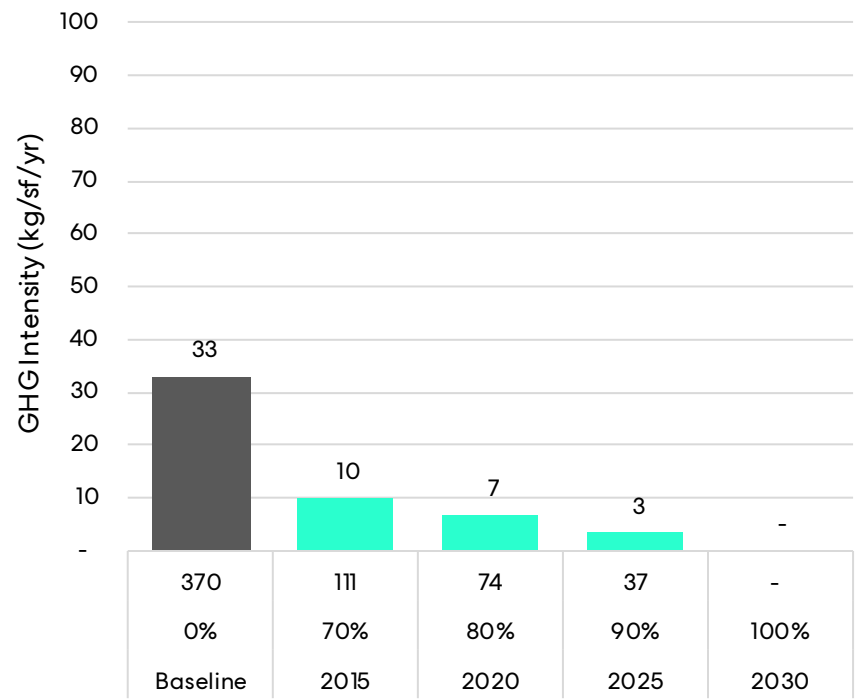
# Results



# Context

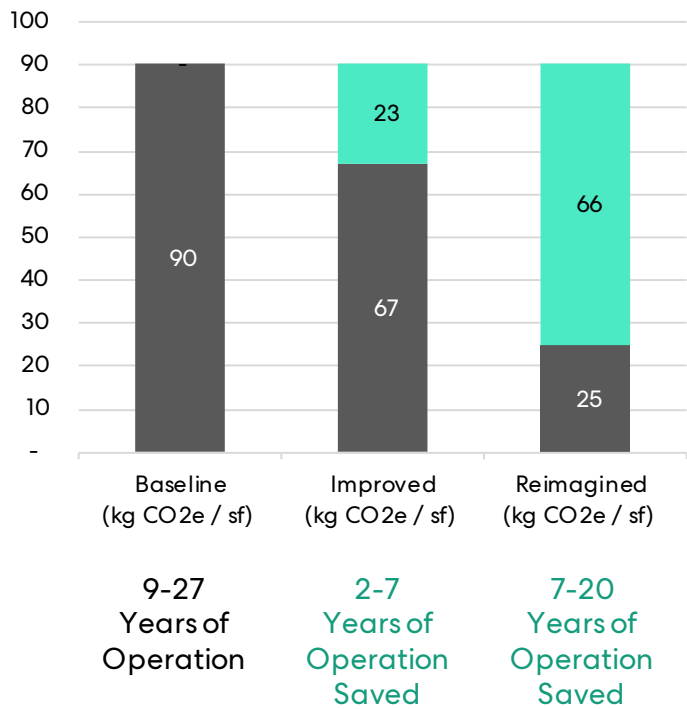
*Note: the “module” represents “net” program area of lab space. A real building would contain “gross” areas such as corridors, stairways, mechanical spaces, and storage. These may equate to 35-50% of the total building area included in the operational carbon assessments. So, the comparison of embodied carbon reduction to operational carbon may be diluted by a similar factor in practice.*

Operational Carbon Intensity Labs



Site EUI (kBtu/sf/yr)  
AIA 2020 % reduction  
AIA 2030 Target Year

Embodied Carbon Intensity  
All Design Choices



## Low Carbon Labs

**Why do  
we care?**

**How We  
Thought  
We'd Do It**

**How We  
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**Looking  
Ahead**

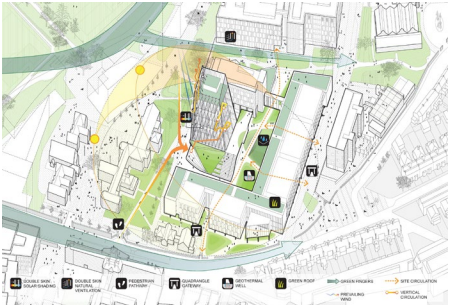


# Why do we care? (Why We Need the Data)

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Who's Asking?

FOCAS  
Technical University Dublin  
Ireland, 2020



# FOCAS

Architectural Design Competition  
for a Higher-Education Research Building & Place

At Technological University Dublin  
City Campus Grangegorman

Competition Brief - Stage I

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Competition Regulations

### Strategic Objectives

It is the GDA's ambition to develop an enduring, adaptable and environmentally responsible building, which is of its place and reflective of the progressive ethos of TU Dublin, its staff, students and its research programmes.

The following objectives support that ambition:

### Research

To develop a research Institute that underpins TU Dublin's research strategy and facilitates growth in research numbers at TU Dublin. FOCAS must be an open, collaborative and enriching learning environment that will support the development of interdisciplinary work.

### Environmental Responsibility

To make a beautiful, useful and environmentally responsible building. The project design solutions must support reduced carbon impacts in terms of the building operation, its life cycle and also embodied carbon.

### Sustainability & Climate Action

#### Site wide Sustainability Strategy

The GDA is committed to meeting the requirements of the Programme for Government and the Climate Action & Low Carbon Development Act

#### Collective Ambition

Developing a culture of awareness of environmental responsibility around the design, delivery and occupancy of FOCAS is an important consideration.

The architect as Team Lead must be able to engender and support a culture that encourages integration and innovation of sustainable and low carbon solutions.

### Embodied Carbon

This project targets an outcome of a minimum of 40% reduction in upfront embodied carbon compared to a baseline. The baseline is the current RIBA referenced M4i benchmark of 1,000kg CO2e/m2. This is considered to be a minimum target, the Design Team must work to maximise reductions and review all emerging guidance and benchmarks particularly during preliminary design (CWMF Work Stage (i)).

A range of solutions and opportunities must be considered in the reduction of embodied carbon. It is anticipated that integration of structure, facade, service strategies and fire engineering will be critical in the success of a low embodied carbon solution.

The potential for off-site, modular construction and low carbon materials such as mass timber/ mass timber hybrid both to affect whole life carbon and minimise time-on-site must be interrogated as fundamental design principles.

### Life Cycle Assessment & Life Cycle Costs

Both of these targets for embodied and operational carbon sit under the concept of 'Whole Life Net Carbon' and circular design as structured in BS EN 15978. The carrying out of Life Cycle Assessments and integrating this into the design process to support and check these targets will form part of the Design Team scope.

### Developing a Preliminary Design

FOCAS is an innovative and distinctive Institute and it is expected that this way of thinking and working be reflected in an approach to pedagogy.

The Design Team will develop strategies for carbon reduction and environmental responsibility, defining further targets and metrics appropriate to the project. This will be done in collaboration with the GDA and TU Dublin. It will be critical to the ongoing success of the project in meeting all targets that are set that strategies are developed with a full understanding of value and measured against agreed benchmarks. Upfront and life cycle costs must be understood, measured and demonstrated.

### Competition Brief

This Competition relates to TU Dublin's FOCAS Research Institute (FOCAS), originally the Facility for Optical Characterisation and Spectroscopy. TU Dublin is Ireland's first Technological University, its City Campus at Grangegorman is being developed by the GDA.

FOCAS is an existing TU Dublin research institute which will be relocated to the Grangegorman City Campus. The Competition Brief and supporting information for FOCAS are available from the GDA website. Entrants will be provided with a full access following successful registration to participate in the Competition.

The aspirations and guiding principles of the project are underpinned by project objectives. These are set out in the Competition Brief and include:

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### Design Approach - Response Requirements

Stage II is an opportunity for Entrants to develop their Stage I submission. Entrants must further demonstrate their understanding of the needs and requirements set out in the Project Brief.

Entrants are particularly asked to illustrate an approach to the following:

- Atmosphere – The making of an open, collaborative and enriching learning environment that will support the development of interdisciplinary research;
- Adaptability – Spatial adaptability considering evolution of use and research activities as well as enduring 'loose fit' design solutions; and
- Construction – Investigate the potential of mass-timber and composite technology, low-carbon materials and off site fabricating with reduced on-site assembly. Solutions should address opportunities of modularity and sequencing of the construction works to minimise time-on-site and maximise the potential for disassembly and re-use.

Submissions will be evaluated based on their response to the above with reference to an understanding of the Brief and project requirements.

### Design Statement - Response Requirements

In the Design Statement, Entrants must address three topics. The response to this section must be aligned to the Entrants' Design Approach.

a. Design

Entrants must describe their design strategy to realise the project brief - in particular Whole Life Carbon objectives.

This strategy should be succinct in describing proposed methods for working with and leading design solutions with the Design Team - in particular addressing the collaboration across competencies beyond the Team Lead's expertise.

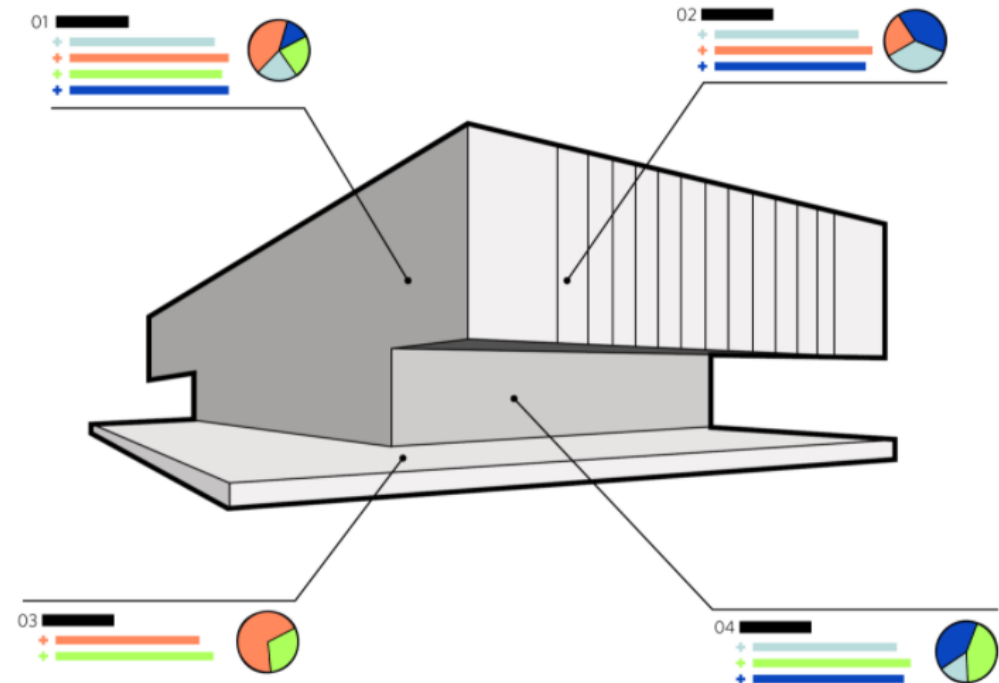
The strategy must specifically reflect the requirement to work with the GDA and TU Dublin in developing a Definitive Project Brief as part of Work Stage (i).

# How We Thought We'd Do It

**Tally**, a tool originally developed by Kieran Timberlake, “allows Revit users to imbue their BIM with the complete information about the building materials and architectural products their structures will ultimately contain. Tally quantifies a building or material's embodied environmental impacts to land, air, and water systems...Tally gives its users the power to conduct whole building LCAs during design and to use LCA data to run comparative analyses of various design options that show their differing environmental impacts.”

## WEBINARS

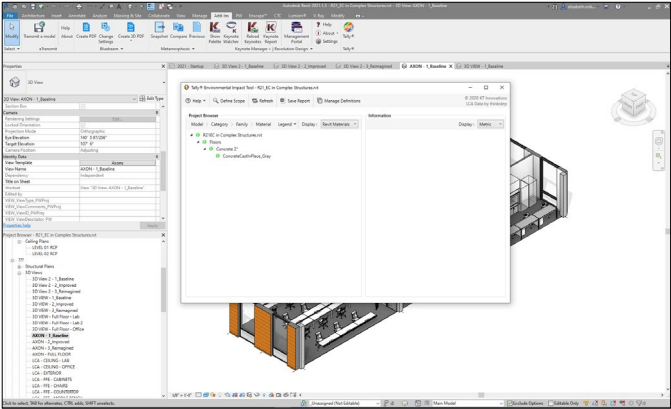
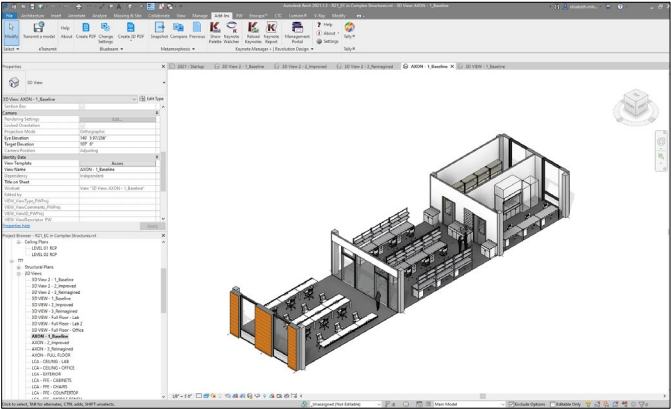
To learn more about LCA and Tally watch the recorded webinars below. Topics range from LCA for designers to interpreting data and achieving the LEED v4 Whole Building Life-Cycle Impact Reduction credit.



### Re-framing Steel: How to Optimize Your Steel Structure to Reduce Embodied Impacts



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## Model in Revit

Model lab module in Revit, utilizing design options to include Baseline, Improved and Reimagined scenarios

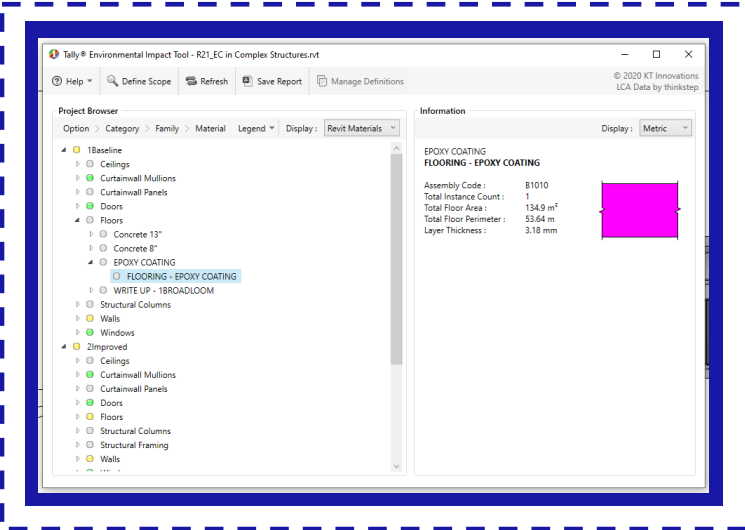
## Use Tally to Assign Materials

Utilizing Tally Revit Plug-in, assign materials aligned with materials specified in Laboratory projects

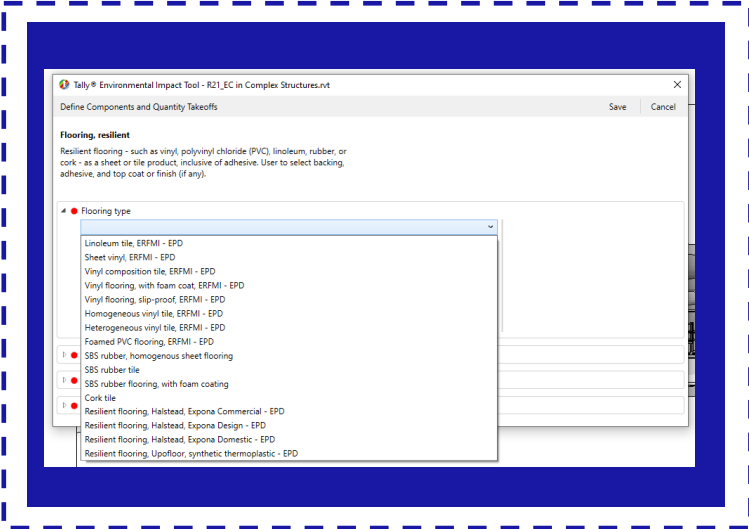
## Report produced by Tally for Material Assessment

Tally

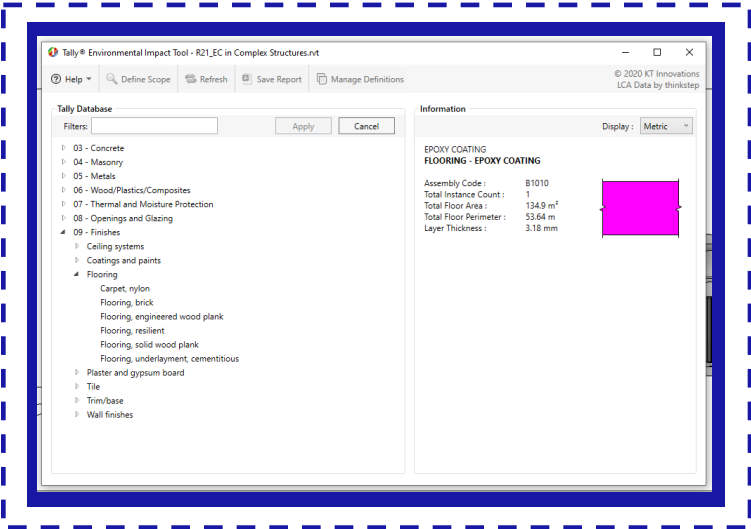
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Tally

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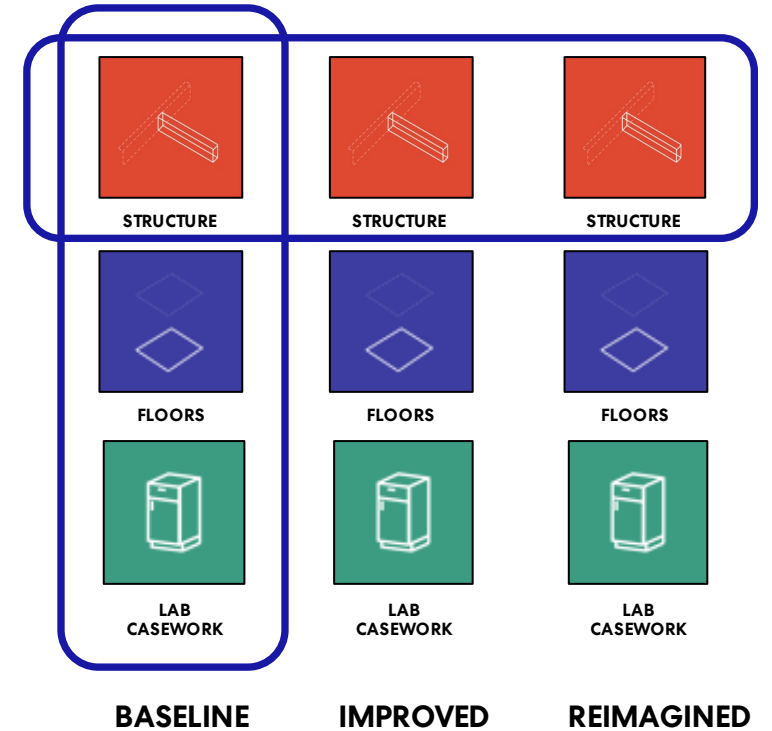


### Whole systems not available in

**Tally** –lab casework, equipment, office/writeup furniture systems.

**When the system is available, the products we specify aren't available** – flooring is available to analyze, but not the flooring we are looking to analyze.

✓ TALLY



### Tally assessment is geared towards whole-building LCA –

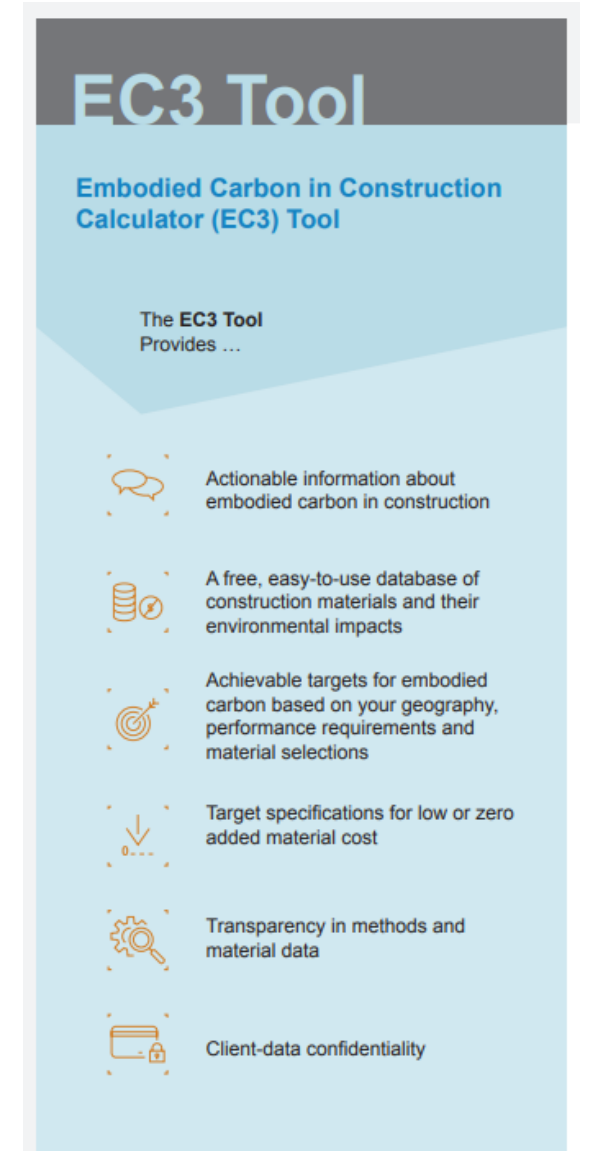
could not review system by system, to understand individual impact of specific material choice.

# EC3

**“The Embodied Carbon in Construction Calculator (EC3) tool**, is a ...tool that allows benchmarking, assessment and reductions in embodied carbon, ...The EC3 tool ...utilizes building material quantities from construction estimates and/or BIM models and a robust database of digital, third-party verified Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs).

The tool and its subsequent effect on the industry is driving demand for low-carbon solutions and incentivizing construction materials manufacturers and suppliers to invest in disclosure, transparency and material innovations that reduce the carbon emissions of their products.”

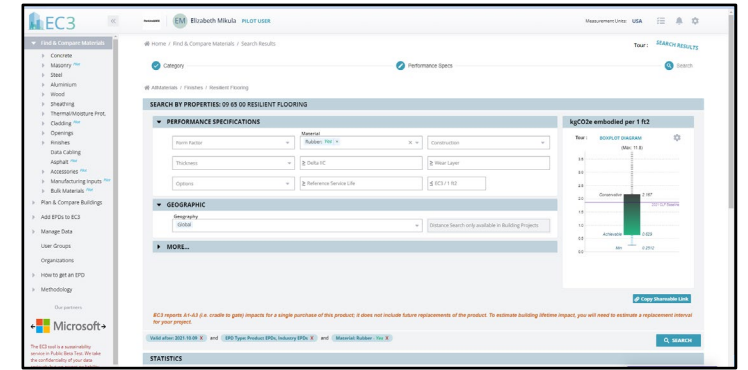
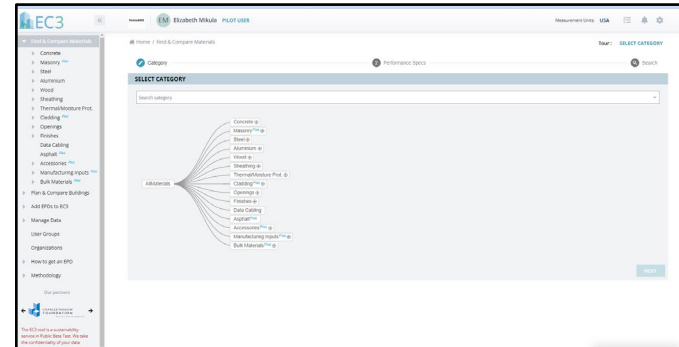
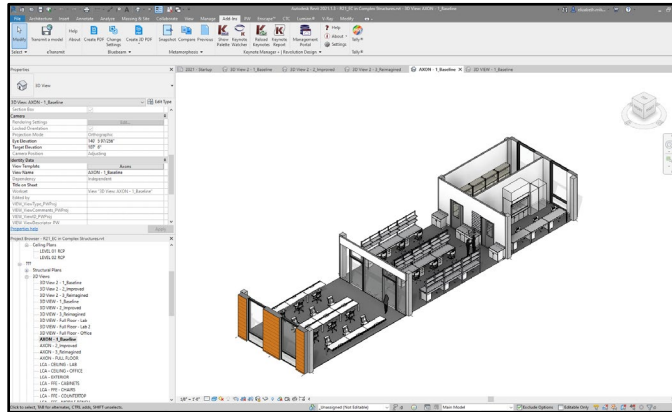
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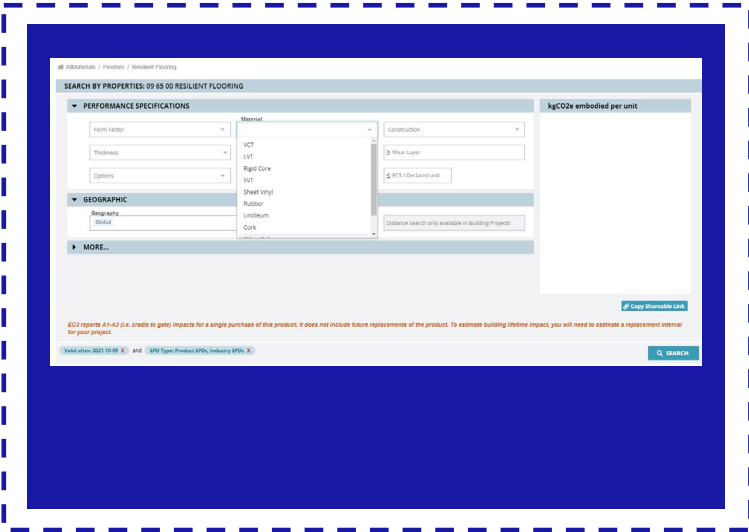
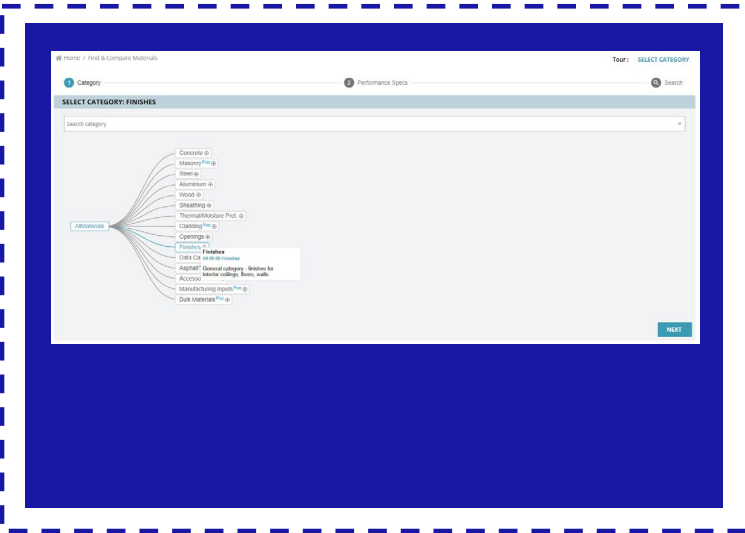
## Model in Revit

## Import to EC3 from BIM360

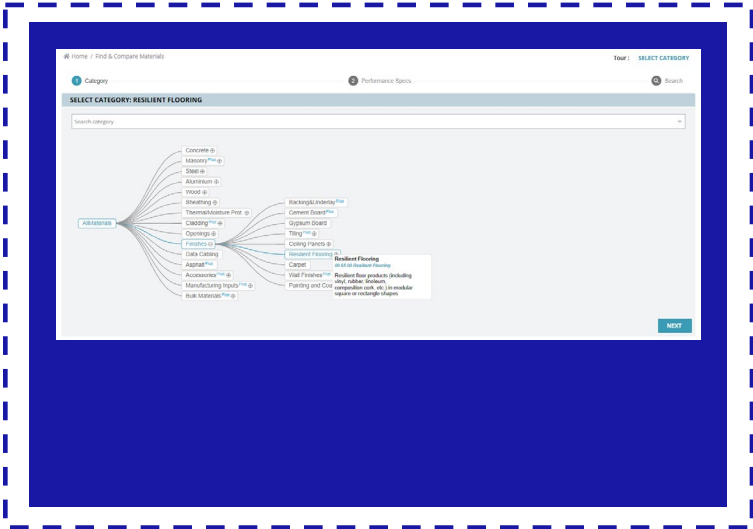
## Assign Materials and Compare Options in EC3

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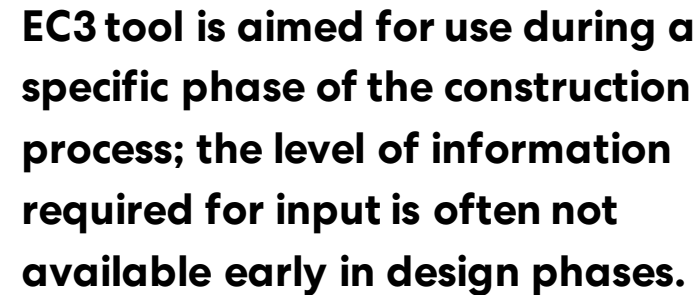
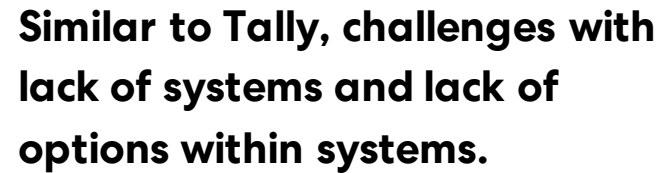
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# EC3



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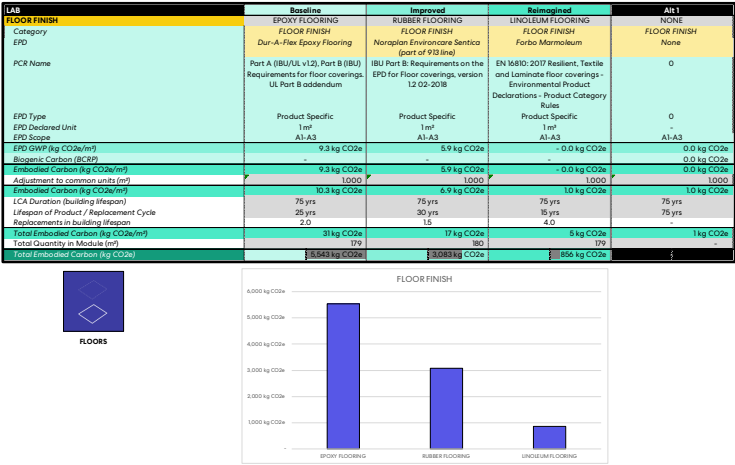
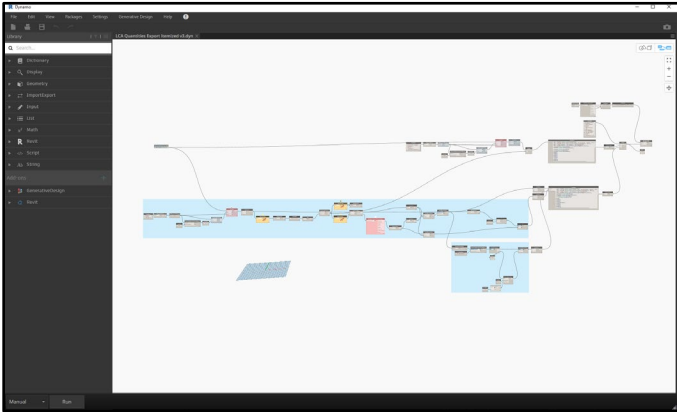
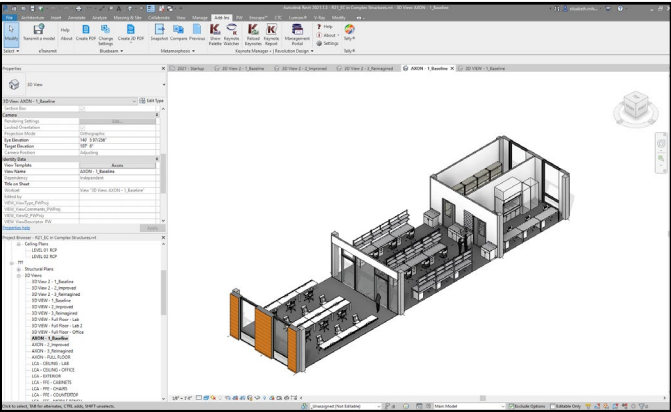
# How We Did It

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# **Method**

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## Model in Revit

Use Dynamo to Extract Information

Utilize Dynamo script to extract material quantity data

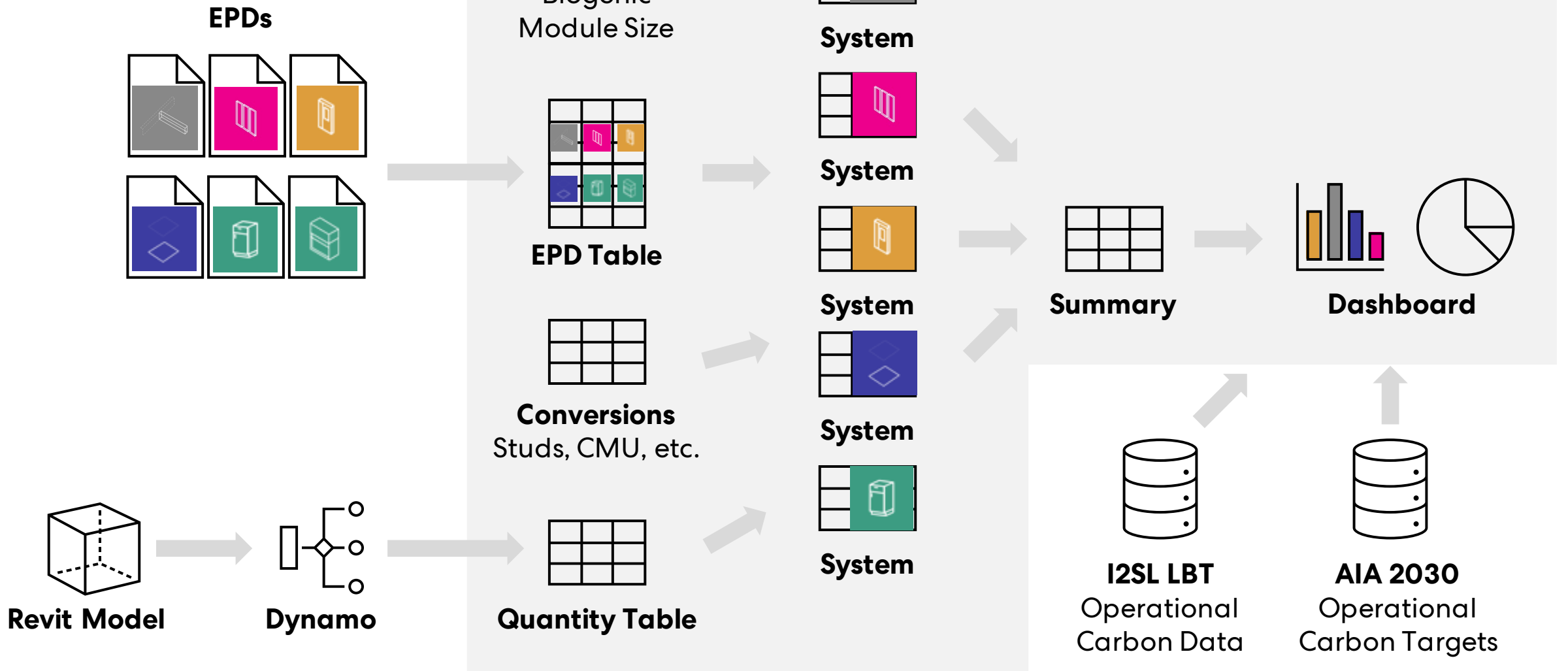
## Pivot Data collected from Revit with Data collected from EPDs

Utilize database created with specific laboratory materials to manually analyze with material quantity data pulled from Revit model

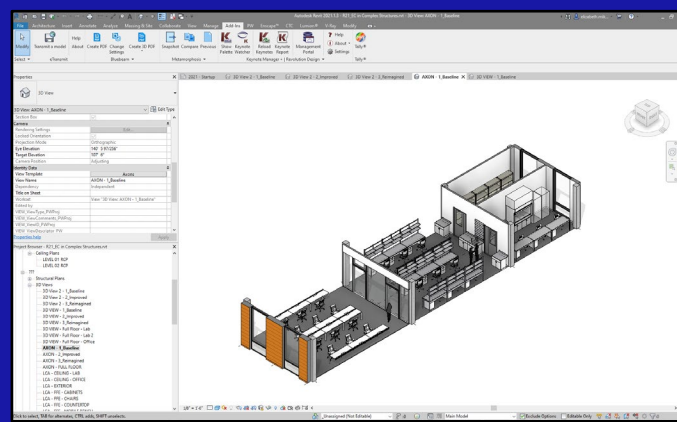


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Data flow



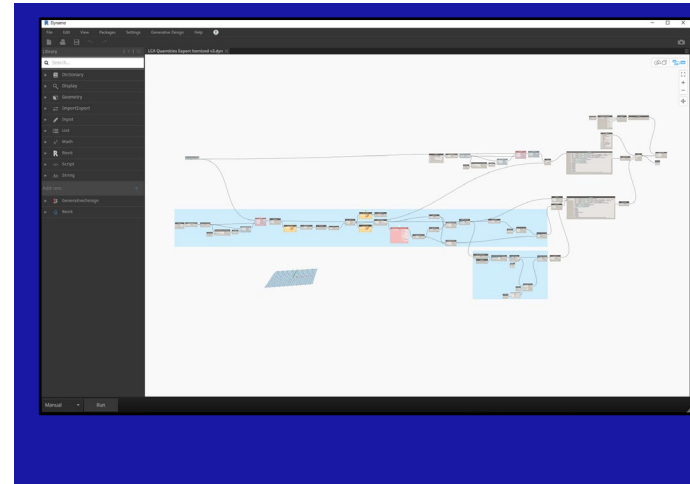
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Use module modeled in Revit,  
to pull relevant material  
quantity data via Dynamo  
script.

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Once pulled from Revit via  
Dynamo, information is  
available in Excel for analysis.

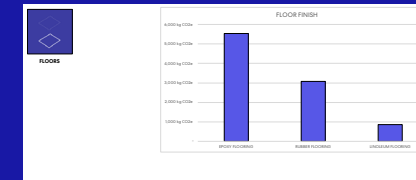


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Project details				Project description		Project status		Project budget		Project timeline	
Project ID	Project Name	Project Manager	Project Sponsor	Project Description	Project Status	Project Budget	Project Timeline	Project Start Date	Project End Date	Project Duration	Project Completion Rate
1	Project A	John Doe	John Doe	Project A description	Completed	\$100,000	12 months	2020-01-01	2020-12-31	12 months	100%
2	Project B	Jane Smith	Jane Smith	Project B description	In Progress	\$200,000	18 months	2020-03-01	2021-09-30	18 months	75%
3	Project C	Mike Johnson	Mike Johnson	Project C description	On Hold	\$150,000	15 months	2020-06-01	2021-09-30	15 months	20%
4	Project D	Sarah Brown	Sarah Brown	Project D description	Planned	\$300,000	24 months	2021-01-01	2023-01-01	24 months	0%
5	Project E	David White	David White	Project E description	Completed	\$120,000	10 months	2020-02-01	2020-12-31	10 months	100%
6	Project F	Emily Green	Emily Green	Project F description	In Progress	\$180,000	16 months	2020-04-01	2021-10-31	16 months	60%
7	Project G	Chris Black	Chris Black	Project G description	On Hold	\$250,000	20 months	2020-07-01	2022-01-31	20 months	10%
8	Project H	Alexander Grey	Alexander Grey	Project H description	Planned	\$350,000	30 months	2021-03-01	2024-03-01	30 months	0%
9	Project I	Olivia Blue	Olivia Blue	Project I description	Completed	\$110,000	9 months	2020-01-15	2020-10-31	9 months	100%
10	Project J	Benjamin Yellow	Benjamin Yellow	Project J description	In Progress	\$220,000	19 months	2020-05-01	2022-01-31	19 months	50%
11	Project K	Mia Purple	Mia Purple	Project K description	On Hold	\$160,000	14 months	2020-08-01	2022-01-31	14 months	5%
12	Project L	Noah Pink	Noah Pink	Project L description	Planned	\$280,000	22 months	2021-02-01	2023-06-30	22 months	0%
13	Project M	Ava Orange	Ava Orange	Project M description	Completed	\$130,000	11 months	2020-03-15	2021-02-28	11 months	100%
14	Project N	Liam Green	Liam Green	Project N description	In Progress	\$190,000	17 months	2020-06-15	2022-01-31	17 months	40%
15	Project O	Isabella Blue	Isabella Blue	Project O description	On Hold	\$210,000	18 months	2020-09-01	2022-03-31	18 months	15%
16	Project P	Ethan Yellow	Ethan Yellow	Project P description	Planned	\$320,000	26 months	2021-04-01	2024-01-31	26 months	0%
17	Project Q	Sophia Purple	Sophia Purple	Project Q description	Completed	\$140,000	12 months	2020-02-15	2021-02-28	12 months	100%
18	Project R	Lucas Pink	Lucas Pink	Project R description	In Progress	\$230,000	20 months	2020-07-15	2022-07-31	20 months	30%
19	Project S	Charlotte Orange	Charlotte Orange	Project S description	On Hold	\$170,000	16 months	2020-10-01	2022-04-30	16 months	10%
20	Project T	Oliver Green	Oliver Green	Project T description	Planned	\$290,000	23 months	2021-05-01	2023-09-30	23 months	0%

Given the specificity of laboratory material selection, a separate EPD resource was created to reference, listing products typically specified.

LCaB	Baseline	Improved	Reimagined	Alt 1
<b>FLOOR FINISH</b>	<b>EPOXY FLOORING</b>	<b>RUBBER FLOORING</b>	<b>LINOLEUM FLOORING</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>Category</b>	<b>FLOOR FINISH</b>	<b>FLOOR FINISH</b>	<b>FLOOR FINISH</b>	<b>FLOOR FINISH</b>
PCR Name	<p>Dur-A-Flow Epoxy Flooring</p> <p>Part A (BUTLA v12), Part B (BUTLA Requirements for Floor coverings, version 12.03.2018)</p> <p>UL Part B addendum</p>	<p>Noragren Environmental Service (part of ISO 14001)</p> <p>IBU Part B: Requirements on the EPD for Floor coverings, version 12.03.2018</p>	<p>IBU MB80: 2018 Resilient, Textile and Laminate Floor Materials</p> <p>Environmental Product Declarations - Product Category</p>	None
EPD Type	Product Specific	Product Specific	Product Specific	Product Specific
EPD Declared Unit	1 m <sup>2</sup>	1 m <sup>2</sup>	1 m <sup>2</sup>	1 m <sup>2</sup>
EPD Scope	Al-A3	Al-A3	Al-A3	Al-A3
EPD (kg CO <sub>2</sub> e/kg CO <sub>2</sub> e)	9.3 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	5.9 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	-0.9 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	-0.9 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e
Biogenic Carbon (BCP)	-	-	-	0.0 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e
Embodied Carbon (kg CO <sub>2</sub> e/m <sup>2</sup> )	9.3 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	5.9 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	-0.9 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	-0.9 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e
Embodied Carbon (kg CO <sub>2</sub> e/m <sup>2</sup> )	10.3 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	6.9 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	10 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	10 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e
Integration of Product / Replacement Cycle	75 yrs	75 yrs	75 yrs	75 yrs
	30 yrs	30 yrs	30 yrs	30 yrs
Total Embodied Carbon (kg CO <sub>2</sub> e/m <sup>2</sup> )	31 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	17 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	8 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	13 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e
Total embodied (Carbon kg CO <sub>2</sub> e)	155 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	108 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	85 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1



EMBODIED CARBON - SYSTEM SUMMARY						
System	Material	Quantity	Material	Quantity	Overall Footprint Reduction	Notes
BUILDING STRUCTURE	SUPERSTRUCTURE					
	SUPER-STRUCTURE - OFFICE (STRENGTH)	CONCRETE (20000)	STEEL (30000)	TRIMMER (20000)	CONCRETE (20000)	
		1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	
	SUPER-STRUCTURE - LABORATORY (PCA)	CONCRETE (20000)	STEEL (30000)	TRIMMER (20000)	CONCRETE (20000)	
		1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	
ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIORS	BUILDING ENVELOPE					
	WALL-BACKUP	CMU - DIFFERENTIAL FINISH	METAL STUDS - DIFFERENTIAL FINISH	WOOD FRAMING - DIFFERENTIAL FINISH	METAL STUDS - DIFFERENTIAL FINISH	
		1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	
	07:00:00 INSULATION	SPE INSULATION	SPF INSULATION	MINERAL WOOL INSULATION	SPE INSULATION	
		1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	
08:00:00 GLAZING	TERMINATING GLAZING	ALUMINUM THERMOCLAD	ALUMINUM THERMOCLAD	ALUMINUM THERMOCLAD	ALUMINUM THERMOCLAD	
		1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	
	CLADDING	TERMINATING GLAZING	ALUMINUM THERMOCLAD	ALUMINUM THERMOCLAD	ALUMINUM THERMOCLAD	
		1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	
	INTERIOR	CMU - DIFFERENTIAL FINISH	METAL STUDS - DIFFERENTIAL FINISH	WOOD FRAMING - DIFFERENTIAL FINISH	METAL STUDS - DIFFERENTIAL FINISH	
09:00:00 DOORS	PARTITIONS	CMU - DIFFERENTIAL FINISH	METAL STUDS - DIFFERENTIAL FINISH	WOOD FRAMING - DIFFERENTIAL FINISH	METAL STUDS - DIFFERENTIAL FINISH	
		1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	
	GLASS DOOR	GLASS DOOR	STEEL DOOR	WOOD DOOR	WOOD DOOR	
		1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	
	FINISHES	CARPET CARCASSING	CARPET FLOOR	CARPET FLOOR	CARPET FLOOR	
09:00:00 OFFICE-ROOM FINISHES	LABOR-ROOM FINISHES	CARPET CARCASSING	CARPET FLOOR	CARPET FLOOR	CARPET FLOOR	
		1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	
	09:00:00 LAB-ROOM FINISHES	CARPET CARCASSING	CARPET FLOOR	CARPET FLOOR	CARPET FLOOR	
		1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	
	09:00:00 CER-CEILING	DIFFERENTIAL CEILING SYSTEM	DIFFERENTIAL CEILING SYSTEM	DIFFERENTIAL CEILING SYSTEM	DIFFERENTIAL CEILING SYSTEM	
09:00:00 LAB-CEILING	DIFFERENTIAL CEILING SYSTEM	DIFFERENTIAL CEILING SYSTEM	DIFFERENTIAL CEILING SYSTEM	DIFFERENTIAL CEILING SYSTEM	DIFFERENTIAL CEILING SYSTEM	
		1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	
	09:00:00 LAB-CEILING	DIFFERENTIAL CEILING SYSTEM	DIFFERENTIAL CEILING SYSTEM	DIFFERENTIAL CEILING SYSTEM	DIFFERENTIAL CEILING SYSTEM	
		1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1000 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	
	09:00:00 LAB-CEILING	DIFFERENTIAL CEILING SYSTEM	DIFFERENTIAL CEILING SYSTEM	DIFFERENTIAL CEILING SYSTEM	DIFFERENTIAL CEILING SYSTEM	

Collecting EPDs, and cataloging their data, enabled manual creation of Baseline, Improved and Reimagined Scenarios,

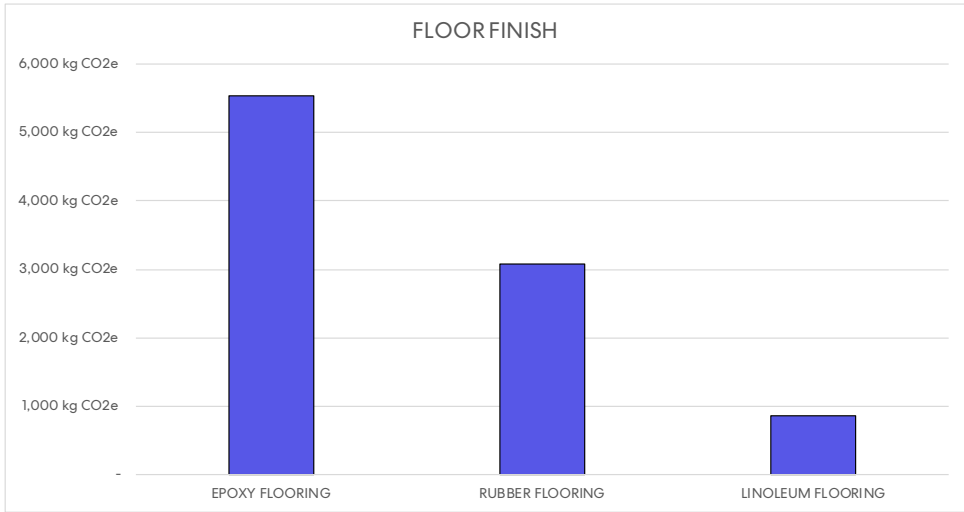
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LAB	Baseline	Improved	Reimagined	Alt 1
<b>FLOOR FINISH</b>	<b>EPOXY FLOORING</b>	<b>RUBBER FLOORING</b>	<b>LINOLEUM FLOORING</b>	<b>NONE</b>
Category	FLOOR FINISH	FLOOR FINISH	FLOOR FINISH	FLOOR FINISH
EPD	Dur-A-Flex Epoxy Flooring	Noraplan Environcare Senticra (part of 913 line)	Forbo Marmoleum	None
PCR Name	Part A (IBU/UL v1.2), Part B (IBU) Requirements for floor coverings. UL Part B addendum	IBU Part B: Requirements on the EPD for Floor coverings, version 1.2 02-2018	EN 16810: 2017 Resilient, Textile and Laminate floor coverings - Environmental Product Declarations - Product Category Rules	0
EPD Type	Product Specific	Product Specific	Product Specific	0
EPD Declared Unit	1 m <sup>2</sup>	1 m <sup>2</sup>	1 m <sup>3</sup>	-
EPD Scope	A1-A3	A1-A3	A1-A3	A1-A3
EPD GWP (kg CO <sub>2</sub> e/m <sup>2</sup> )	9.3 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	5.9 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	- 0.0 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	0.0 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e
Biogenic Carbon (BCRP)	-	-	-	0.0 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e
Embodied Carbon (kg CO <sub>2</sub> e/m <sup>2</sup> )	9.3 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	5.9 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	- 0.0 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	0.0 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e
Adjustment to common units (m <sup>2</sup> )	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Embodied Carbon (kg CO <sub>2</sub> e/m <sup>2</sup> )	10.3 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	6.9 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1.0 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1.0 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e
LCA Duration (building lifespan)	75 yrs	75 yrs	75 yrs	75 yrs
Lifespan of Product / Replacement Cycle	25 yrs	30 yrs	15 yrs	75 yrs
Replacements in building lifespan	2.0	1.5	4.0	-
Total Embodied Carbon (kg CO <sub>2</sub> e/m <sup>2</sup> )	31 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	17 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	5 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	1 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e
Total Quantity in Module (m <sup>2</sup> )	179	180	179	-
Total Embodied Carbon (kg CO <sub>2</sub> e)	5,543 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	3,083 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	856 kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	-



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EMBODIED CARBON - SYSTEM SUMMARY					
LAST UPDATED:		10/15/2021	Baseline	Improved	Reimagined
BUILDING STRUCTURE					
-	Foundations	-	-	-	-
Multiple	FOUNDATIONS	CONCRETE	CONCRETE WITH CARBON CURE	??	-
	FOUNDATIONS	-	-	-	-
-	SUPERSTRUCTURE	-	-	-	-
-	SUPERSTRUCTURE - OFFICE (STRENGTH)	CONCRETE (22X33)	STEEL (22X33)	TIMBER (22X22)	
Y	SUPERSTRUCTURE - OFFICE (STRENGTH)	13,068 kg CO2e	9,946 kg CO2e		2,541 kg CO2e
-	SUPERSTRUCTURE - LABORATORY (VCA)	CONCRETE (22X33)	STEEL (22X33)	TIMBER (22X22)	
Y	SUPERSTRUCTURE - LABORATORY (VCA)	29,403 kg CO2e	28,919 kg CO2e		3,630 kg CO2e
ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIORS					
-	BUILDING ENVELOPE	-	-	-	-
-	WALL BACKUP	CMU + DRYWALL FINISH	METAL STUDS + DRYWALL FINISH	WOOD FRAMING + DRYWALL FINISH	
Y	BUILDING ENVELOPE - WALL BACKUP	417 kg CO2e	399 kg CO2e		572 kg CO2e
07 00 00	INSULATION	XPS INSULATION	SPF INSULATION	MINERAL WOOL INSULATION	
Y	BUILDING ENVELOPE - INSULATION	3,708 kg CO2e	97 kg CO2e		140 kg CO2e
-	CLADDING	TERRACOTTA CLADDING	METAL PANEL CLADDING	FIBER CEMENT CLADDING	
Y	BUILDING ENVELOPE - CLADDING	2,712 kg CO2e	822 kg CO2e		629 kg CO2e
08 00 00	GLAZING	ALUMINUM STOREFRONT	ALUMINUM STOREFRONT	ALUMINUM STOREFRONT	
Y	BUILDING ENVELOPE - GLAZING	27,718 kg CO2e	28,334 kg CO2e		16,528 kg CO2e
-	INTERIOR	-	-	-	-
-	PARTITIONS	CMU + DRYWALL FINISH	METAL STUDS + DRYWALL FINISH	WOOD FRAMING + DRYWALL FINISH	
Y	INTERIOR - PARTITIONS	5,790 kg CO2e	4,738 kg CO2e		3,570 kg CO2e
08 00 00	DOORS	GLASS DOOR	STEEL DOOR	WOOD DOOR	
Y	INTERIOR - DOORS	1,195 kg CO2e	650 kg CO2e		555 kg CO2e
09 00 00	FINISHES	-	-	-	-
09 00 00	OFFICE - FLOOR FINISH	CARPET BROADLOOM	CARPET TILE	CARPET TILE	
Y	FINISHES - OFFICE - FLOOR FINISH	17,905 kg CO2e	3,673 kg CO2e		210 kg CO2e
09 00 00	LAB - FLOOR FINISH	EPOXY FLOORING	RUBBER FLOORING	LINOLEUM FLOORING	
Y	FINISHES - LAB - FLOOR FINISH	5,543 kg CO2e	3,083 kg CO2e		856 kg CO2e
09 00 00	OFFICE - CEILING	DRYWALL CEILING SYSTEM	ACOUSTICAL CEILING SYSTEM	ACOUSTIC FINISH	
Y	FINISHES - OFFICE - CEILING	6,799 kg CO2e	5,513 kg CO2e		61 kg CO2e
09 00 00	LAB - CEILING	ACOUSTICAL CEILING CLEANROOM	ACOUSTICAL CEILING SYSTEM	ACOUSTICAL CEILING	
Y	FINISHES - LAB - CEILING	5,321 kg CO2e	5,321 kg CO2e		1,044 kg CO2e
11 00 00	EQUIPMENT	-	-	-	-
11 53 13	LAB - FUMEHOODS	Conventional 100 fpm	High Performance 60 fpm	Filter Fumehoods	
Y	EQUIPMENT - LAB - FUMEHOODS	12,271 kg CO2e	5,684 kg CO2e		3,560 kg CO2e
12 00 00	FFE / CASEWORK	-	-	-	-
12 00 00	OFFICE - CHAIRS	TASK CHAIR	TASK CHAIR	TASK CHAIR	
Y	FFE / CASEWORK - OFFICE - CHAIRS	6,468 kg CO2e	5,652 kg CO2e		5,118 kg CO2e
12 00 00	OFFICE - SYSTEMS	SPINE BASED WORKSTATION	PANEL BASED WORKSTATION	BENCHING	
Y	FFE / CASEWORK - OFFICE - SYSTEMS	31,041 kg CO2e	28,596 kg CO2e		16,919 kg CO2e
12 35 53	LAB - CASEWORK - CABINETS	STEEL SHEET	BAMBOO	PLYWOOD	
Y	FFE / CASEWORK - LAB - CASEWORK - CABINETS	5,811 kg CO2e	(1,565 kg CO2e)		(7,846 kg CO2e)
12 35 53	LAB - CASEWORK - COUNTERTOP	EPOXY COUNTER	STAINLESS STEEL SHEET	PHENOLIC PANEL	
Y	FFE / CASEWORK - LAB - CASEWORK - COUNTER	-	33 kg CO2e		23 kg CO2e
CARBON IMPACT OF CHOICES		175,169 kg CO2e	129,893 kg CO2e	48,109 kg CO2e	
MODULE SIZE		1,936 sf	1,936 sf	1,936 sf	
CARBON INTENSITY OF CHOICES		90.5 kg CO2e/sf	67.1 kg CO2e/sf	24.8 kg CO2e/sf	
% REDUCTION		0%	-26%	-73%	

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EMBODIED CARBON - SYSTEM SUMMARY					
LAST UPDATED:		10/15/2021	Baseline	Improved	Reimagined
ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIORS					
-	BUILDING ENVELOPE		.	.	.
-	WALL BACKUP		CMU + DRYWALL FINISH	METAL STUDS + DRYWALL FINISH	WOOD FRAMING + DRYWALL FINIS
Y	BUILDING ENVELOPE - WALL BACKUP		417 kg CO2e	399 kg CO2e	572 kg CO2e
07 00 00	INSULATION		XPS INSULATION	SPF INSULATION	MINERAL WOOL INSULATION
Y	BUILDING ENVELOPE - INSULATION		3,708 kg CO2e	97 kg CO2e	140 kg CO2e
-	CLADDING		TERRACOTTA CLADDING	METAL PANEL CLADDING	FIBER CEMENT CLADDING
Y	BUILDING ENVELOPE - CLADDING		2,712 kg CO2e	822 kg CO2e	629 kg CO2e
08 00 00	GLAZING		ALUMINUM STOREFRONT	ALUMINUM STOREFRONT	ALUMINUM STOREFRONT
Y	BUILDING ENVELOPE - GLAZING		27,718 kg CO2e	28,334 kg CO2e	16,528 kg CO2e
-	INTERIOR		.	.	.
-	PARTITIONS		CMU + DRYWALL FINISH	METAL STUDS + DRYWALL FINISH	WOOD FRAMING + DRYWALL FINIS
Y	INTERIOR - PARTITIONS		5,790 kg CO2e	4,738 kg CO2e	3,570 kg CO2e
08 00 00	DOORS		GLASS DOOR	STEEL DOOR	WOOD DOOR
Y	INTERIOR - DOORS		1,195 kg CO2e	650 kg CO2e	555 kg CO2e
09 00 00	FINISHES		.	.	.
09 00 00	OFFICE - FLOOR FINISH		CARPET BROADLOOM	CARPET TILE	CARPET TILE
Y	FINISHES - OFFICE - FLOOR FINISH		17,905 kg CO2e	3,673 kg CO2e	210 kg CO2e
09 00 00	LAB - FLOOR FINISH		EPOXY FLOORING	RUBBER FLOORING	LINOLEUM FLOORING
Y	FINISHES - LAB - FLOOR FINISH		5,543 kg CO2e	3,083 kg CO2e	856 kg CO2e



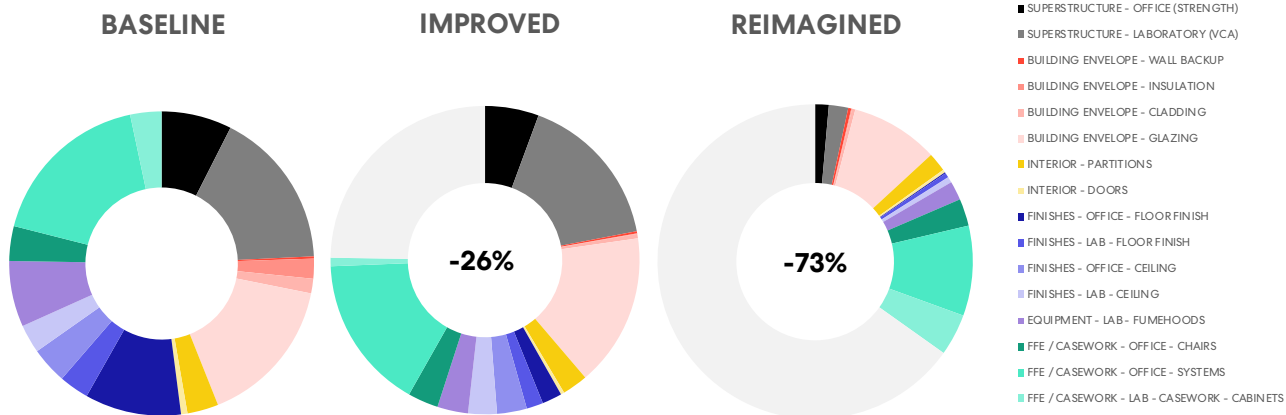
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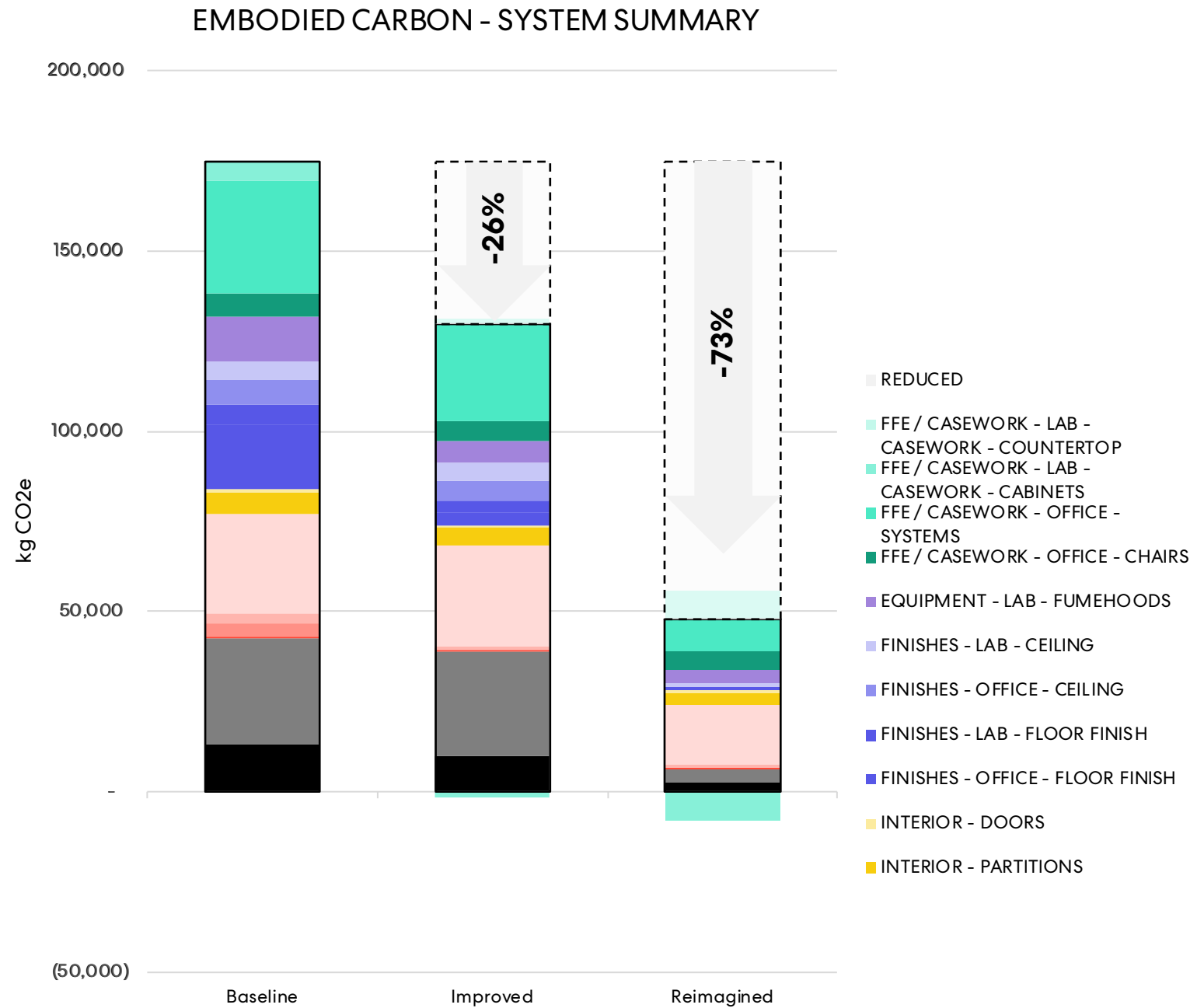
EMBODIED CARBON - SYSTEM SUMMARY				
LAST UPDATED:	10/15/2021	Baseline	Improved	Reimagined
09 00 00	OFFICE - CEILING	DRYWALL CEILING SYSTEM	ACOUSTICAL CEILING SYSTEM	ACOUSTIC FINISH
Y	FINISHES - OFFICE - CEILING	6,799 kg CO2e	5,513 kg CO2e	61 kg CO2e
09 00 00	LAB - CEILING	ACOUSTICAL CEILING CLEANROOM	ACOUSTICAL CEILING SYSTEM	ACOUSTICAL CEILING
Y	FINISHES - LAB - CEILING	5,321 kg CO2e	5,321 kg CO2e	1,044 kg CO2e
11 00 00	EQUIPMENT	.	.	.
11 53 13	LAB - FUMEHOODS	Conventional 100 fpm	High Performance 60 fpm	Filter Fumehoods
Y	EQUIPMENT - LAB - FUMEHOODS	12,271 kg CO2e	5,684 kg CO2e	3,560 kg CO2e
12 00 00	FFE / CASEWORK	.	.	.
12 00 00	OFFICE - CHAIRS	TASK CHAIR	TASK CHAIR	TASK CHAIR
Y	FFE / CASEWORK - OFFICE - CHAIRS	6,468 kg CO2e	5,652 kg CO2e	5,118 kg CO2e
12 00 00	OFFICE - SYSTEMS	SPINE BASED WORKSTATION	PANEL BASED WORKSTATION	BENCHING
Y	FFE / CASEWORK - OFFICE - SYSTEMS	31,041 kg CO2e	28,596 kg CO2e	16,919 kg CO2e
12 35 53	LAB - CASEWORK - CABINETS	STEEL SHEET	BAMBOO	PLYWOOD
Y	FFE / CASEWORK - LAB - CASEWORK - CABINETS	5,811 kg CO2e	(1,565 kg CO2e)	(7,846 kg CO2e)
12 35 53	LAB - CASEWORK - COUNTERTOP	EPOXY COUNTER	STAINLESS STEEL SHEET	PHENOLIC PANEL
Y	FFE / CASEWORK - LAB - CASEWORK - COUNTERTOP	-	33 kg CO2e	23 kg CO2e
CARBON IMPACT OF CHOICES		175,169 kg CO2e	129,893 kg CO2e	48,109 kg CO2e
MODULE SIZE		1,936 sf	1,936 sf	1,936 sf
CARBON INTENSITY OF CHOICES		90.5 kg CO2e/sf	67.1 kg CO2e/sf	24.8 kg CO2e/sf
% REDUCTION		0%	-26%	-73%

# Data Summary

LOW CARBON LABS EMBODIED CARBON - SYSTEM SUMMARY				10/15/2021
CATEGORY	Baseline	Improved	Reimagined	
SUPERSTRUCTURE - OFFICE (STRENGTH)	13,068	9,946	2,541	
SUPERSTRUCTURE - LABORATORY (VCA)	29,403	28,919	3,630	
BUILDING ENVELOPE - WALL BACKUP	417	399	572	
BUILDING ENVELOPE - INSULATION	3,708	97	140	
BUILDING ENVELOPE - CLADDING	2,712	822	629	
BUILDING ENVELOPE - GLAZING	27,718	28,334	16,528	
INTERIOR - PARTITIONS	5,790	4,738	3,570	
INTERIOR - DOORS	1,195	650	555	
FINISHES - OFFICE - FLOOR FINISH	17,905	3,673	210	
FINISHES - LAB - FLOOR FINISH	5,543	3,083	856	
FINISHES - OFFICE - CEILING	6,799	5,513	61	
FINISHES - LAB - CEILING	5,321	5,321	1,044	
EQUIPMENT - LAB - FUMEHOODS	12,271	5,684	3,560	
FFE / CASEWORK - OFFICE - CHAIRS	6,468	5,652	5,118	
FFE / CASEWORK - OFFICE - SYSTEMS	31,041	28,596	16,919	
FFE / CASEWORK - LAB - CASEWORK - CABINETS	5,811	(1,565)	(7,846)	
FFE / CASEWORK - LAB - CASEWORK - COUNTERTOP	-	33	23	
REDUCED	-	43,711	119,214	
CARBON IMPACT OF CHOICES	175,169	129,893	48,109	
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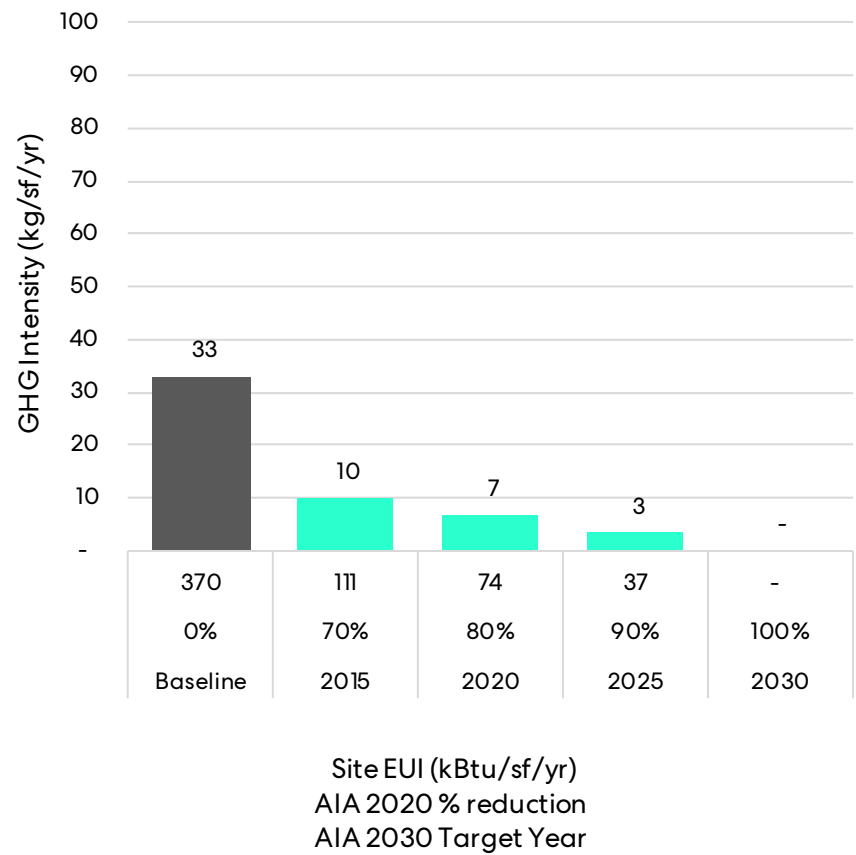
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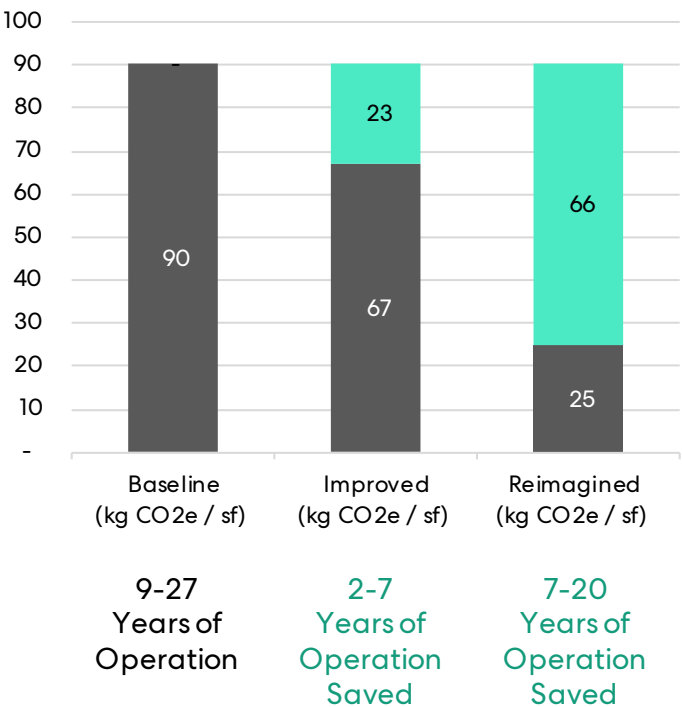
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Note: the “module” represents “net” program area of lab space. A real building would contain “gross” areas such as corridors, stairways, mechanical spaces, and storage. These may equate to 35-50% of the total building area included in the operational carbon assessments. So, the comparison of embodied carbon reduction to operational carbon may be diluted by a similar factor in practice.

## Operational Carbon Intensity Labs



## Embodied Carbon Intensity All Design Choices



**Low Carbon Labs**

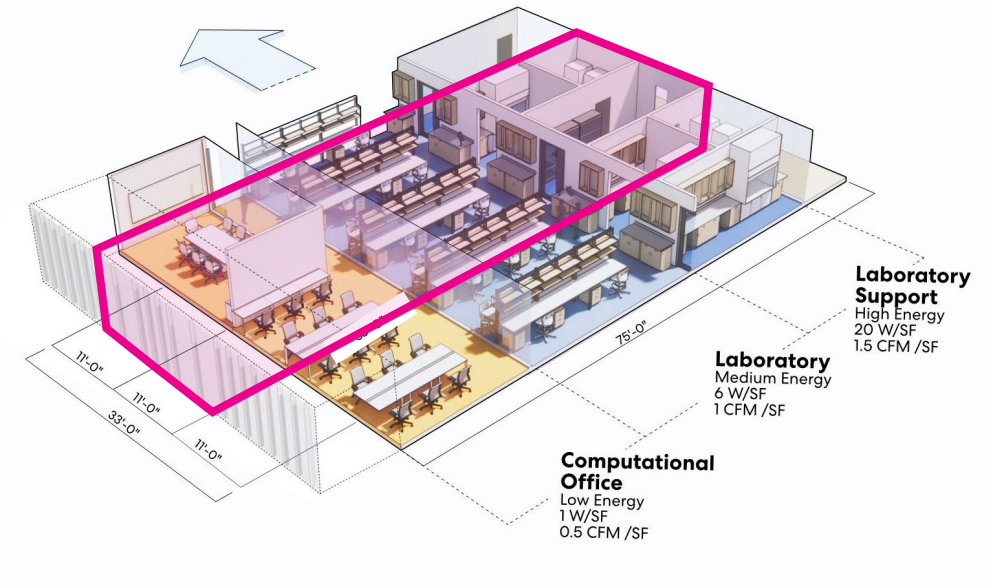
# **Scope and Strategy**

# Low Carbon Labs

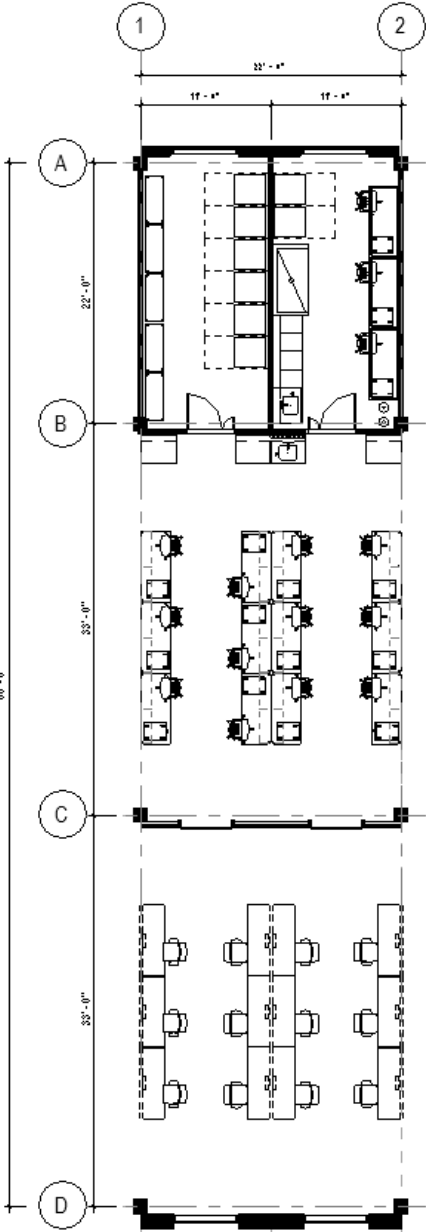
## Module for Analysis

Laboratory design planning follows a “best practice” planning standard - a module based on 11’-0”. For the purposes of this study, a 22’-0” wide module was selected. Extending in the opposite direction, modules of 22’-0” (Laboratory Support), 33’-0” (Laboratory) and 33’-0” (Office/Write Up)

Programmatically the module for analysis chosen includes lab , lab support, and office/write up.



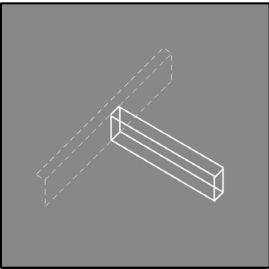
Example Laboratory Building Section



Project Analysis Module

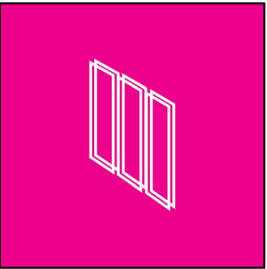


# Systems



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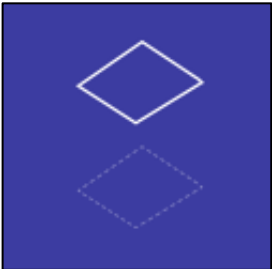
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**ENVELOPE  
OPAQUE**



**PARTITIONS**



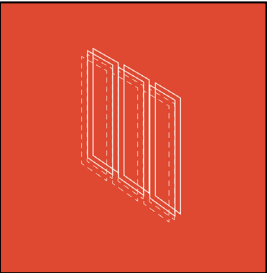
**CEILINGS**



**OFFICE  
SYSTEMS**



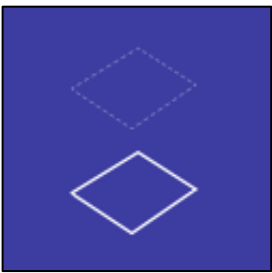
**LAB  
BENCHTOP**



**ENVELOPE  
GLAZING (%)**



**DOORS**



**FLOORS**



**LAB  
CASEWORK**



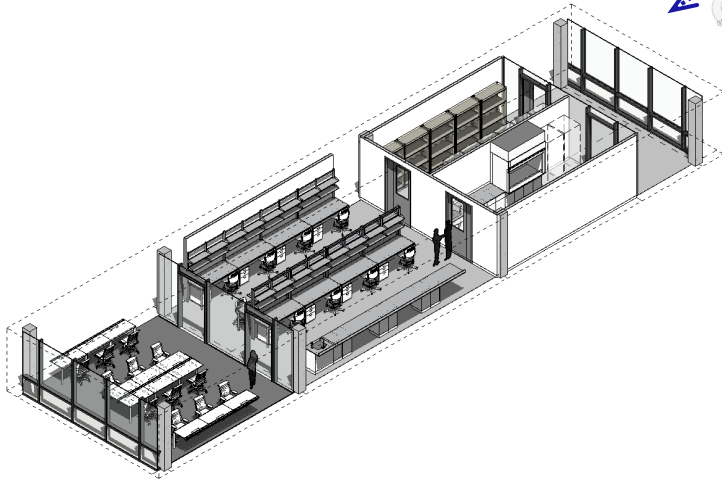
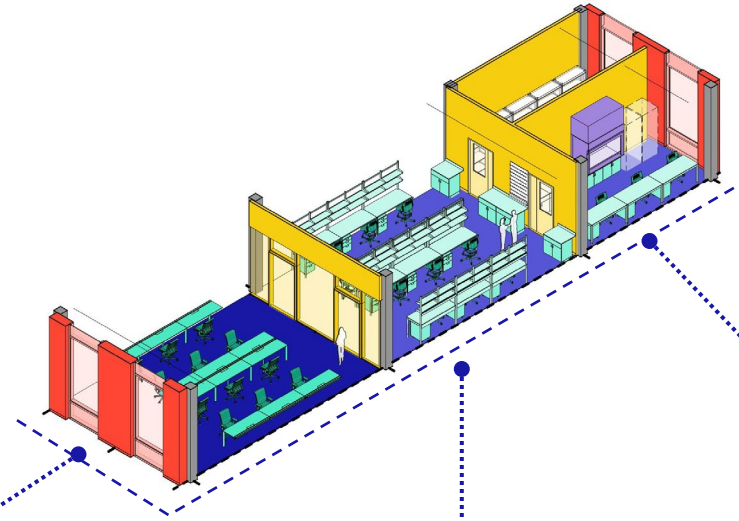
**LAB  
FUMEHOODS**

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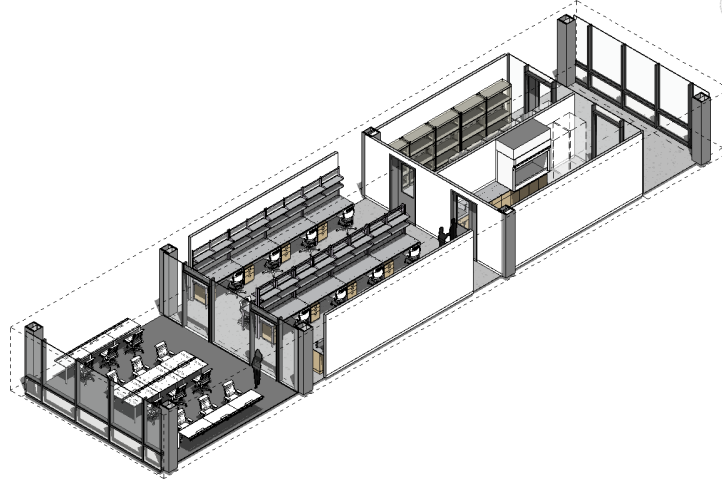


**MEP SYSTEMS**

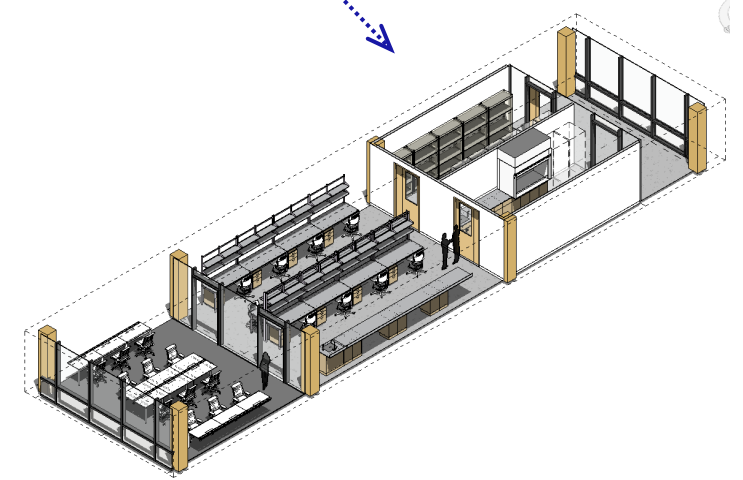
# Scope : Systems Visualized



Baseline

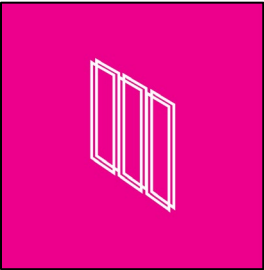


Improved

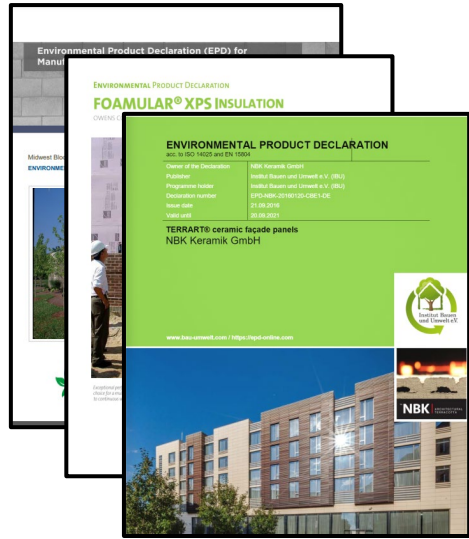


Reimagined

# Low Carbon Labs

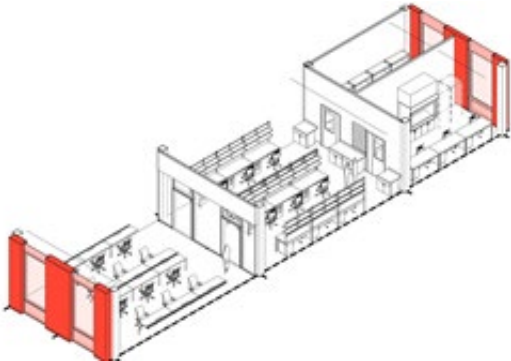


## ENVELOPE OPAQUE



CMU + Drywall + XPS Insulation +  
Terracotta Cladding

Baseline



Metal Studs + Drywall + SPF  
Insulation + Metal Panel Cladding

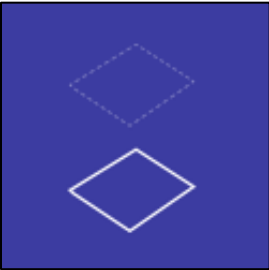
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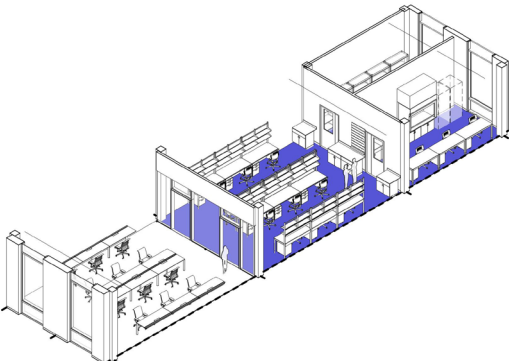
Wood Framing + Drywall + Mineral Wool  
Insulation + Fiber Cement Cladding

Reimagined

# Low Carbon Labs



FLOORS  
(LAB)

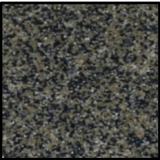


Environmental Product Declaration  
**DUR-A-FLEX**  
Epoxy Flooring Systems



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Dur-A-Flex Epoxy Flooring

Epoxy  
Baseline

ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION  
**noraplan® standard 913**  
RUBBER SHEET AND TILE FLOOR COVERINGS

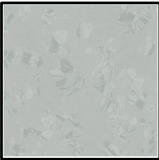


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Rubber  
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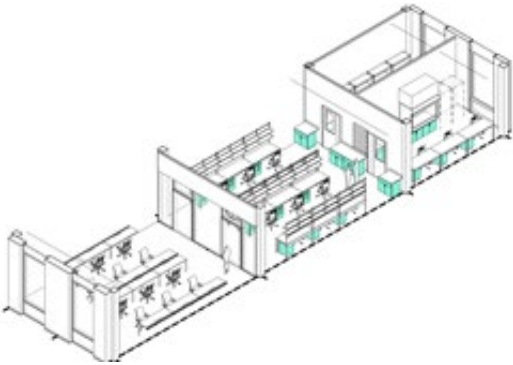
Forbo Marmoleum

Linoleum  
Reimagined

# Low Carbon Labs



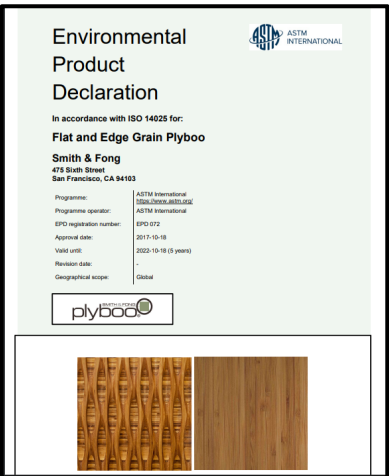
LAB CASEWORK  
(RAW MATERIALS)



Steel Sheet  
Baseline



Cold Formed Steel Framing



Bamboo  
Improved



Flat and Edge Grain Plyboo



Plywood  
Reimagined



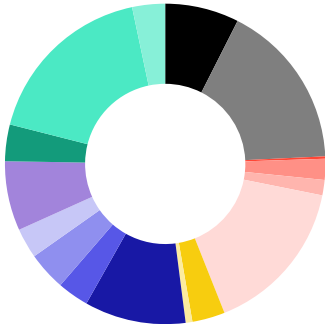
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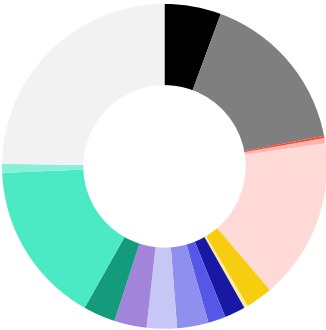
# Scenarios



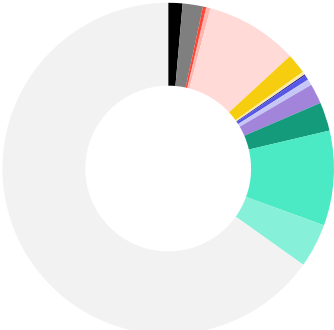
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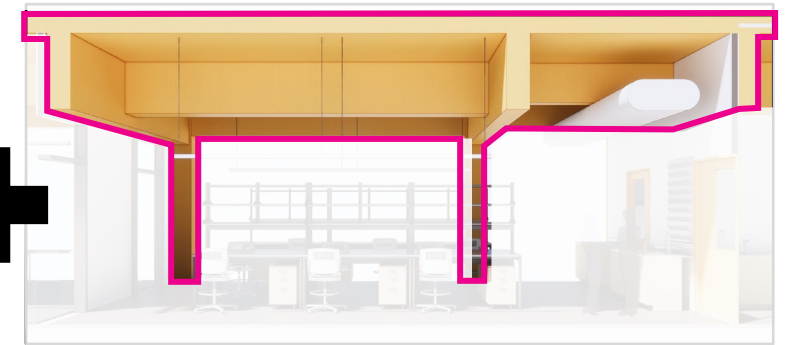
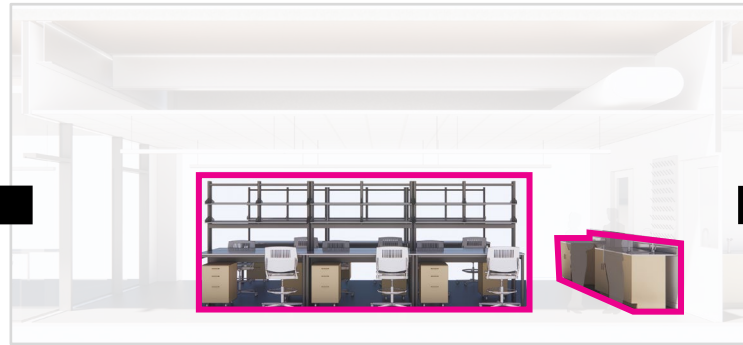
IMPROVED



REIMAGINED



# Scenarios : Choose your own Adventure



## **BASELINE**

Floor  
Ceiling

## **IMPROVED**

Lab casework  
Fumehoods

## **REIMAGINED**

Structure



# Looking Ahead

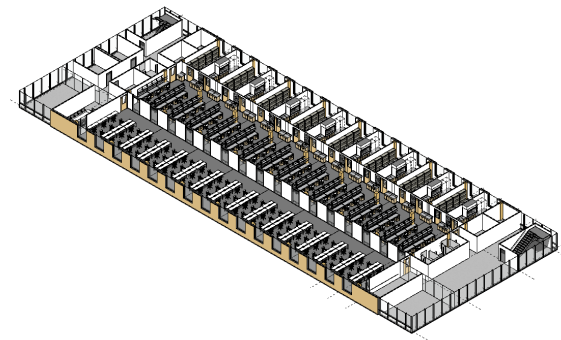
# Future Research



## More Systems

MEP ?

Other systems ?



## Expanded Physical Scope

From Module to Floor

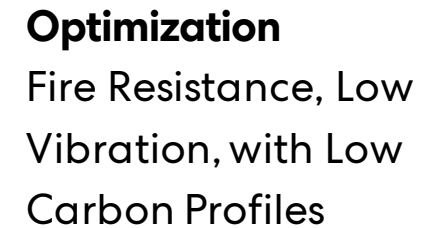
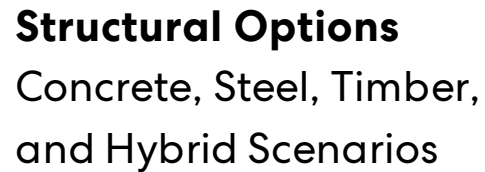
From Floor to Building



## More Products

Additional glazing systems

Additional lab casework types



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## Parallel Research : Code - Jensen Hughes

NFPA 45 considerations for heavy timber labs

§ 5.1.5.1.1 Floors, floor openings, floor penetrations, and floor firestop systems shall be sealed or curved to prevent liquid leakage to lower floors.

§ 5.1.5.2 The sealing material shall be compatible with the chemicals being stored or used in the laboratory, or a program shall be in place to inspect and repair, if necessary, after exposure to leakage.

IBC (2018) Considerations for heavy timber labs

[F] 428.3.3 **Floor assembly fire resistance.** The floor assembly supporting laboratory suites and the construction supporting the floor of laboratory suites shall have a fire-resistance rating of not less than 2 hours.

**Exception:** The floor assembly of the laboratory suites and the construction supporting the floor of the laboratory suites are allowed to be 1-hour fire-resistance rated in buildings of Types IIA, IIIA and VA construction, provided that the building is three or fewer stories.

[F] 428.3.8 **Liquid-tight floor.** Portions of laboratory suites where hazardous materials are present shall be provided with a liquid-tight floor.

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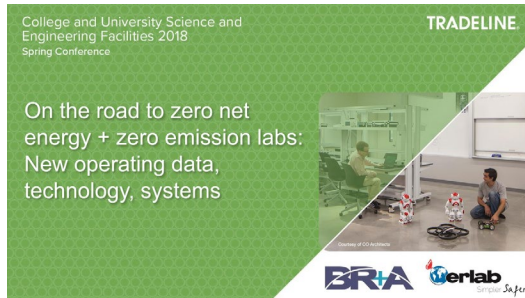
## Prescriptive & Performance Based

## Code Development Process

## Speculate – Which way are we headed?

Both negative and positive trends

# Parallel Research : MEP – BR+A



**Quantifying Fumehood  
Embodied Carbon**

**MEP Systems Embodied  
Carbon**

**Embodied vs Operational  
Carbon - Savings in  
Context**

**Perkins&Will**

# Graphics

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# Typical Adaptable Lab Frameworks



**Laminated**



**Reverse Laminated**



**Clustered**



**Laminated  
Wet Lab + Support**

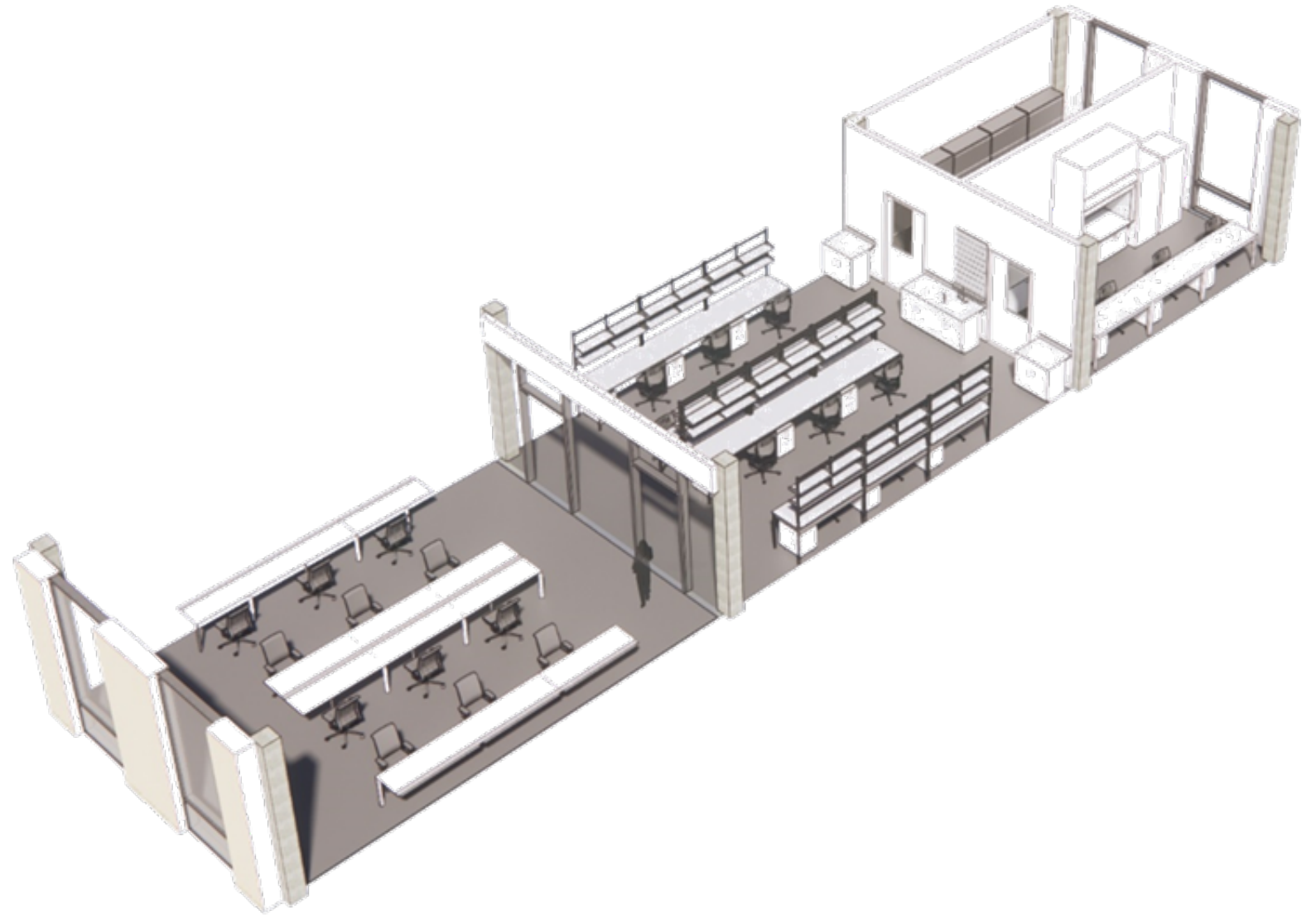


**Laminated  
Chemistry**



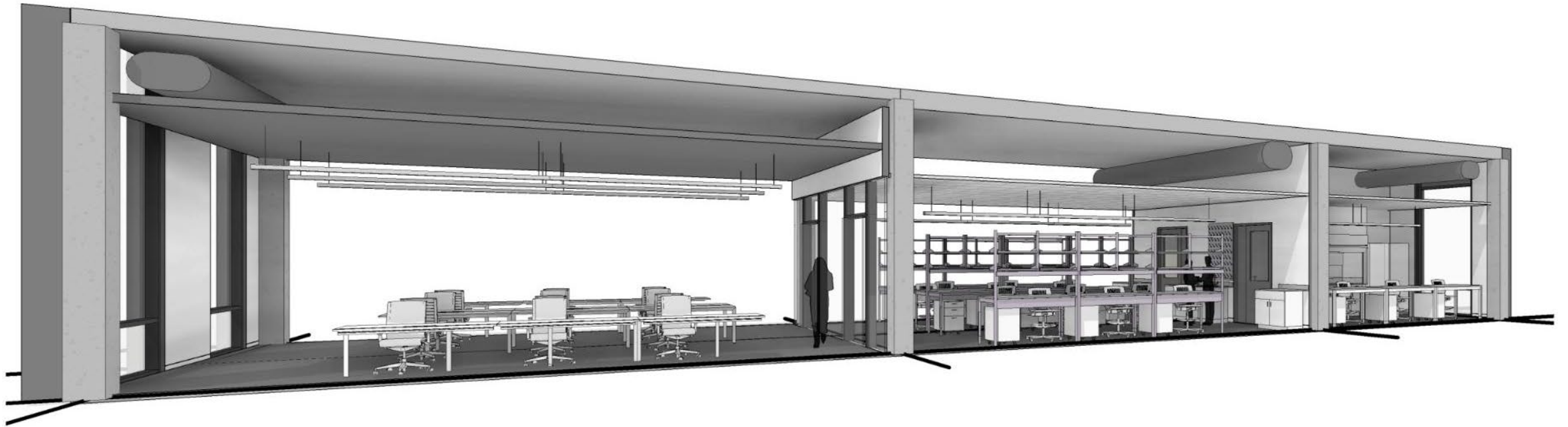
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Lab + Collaboration**



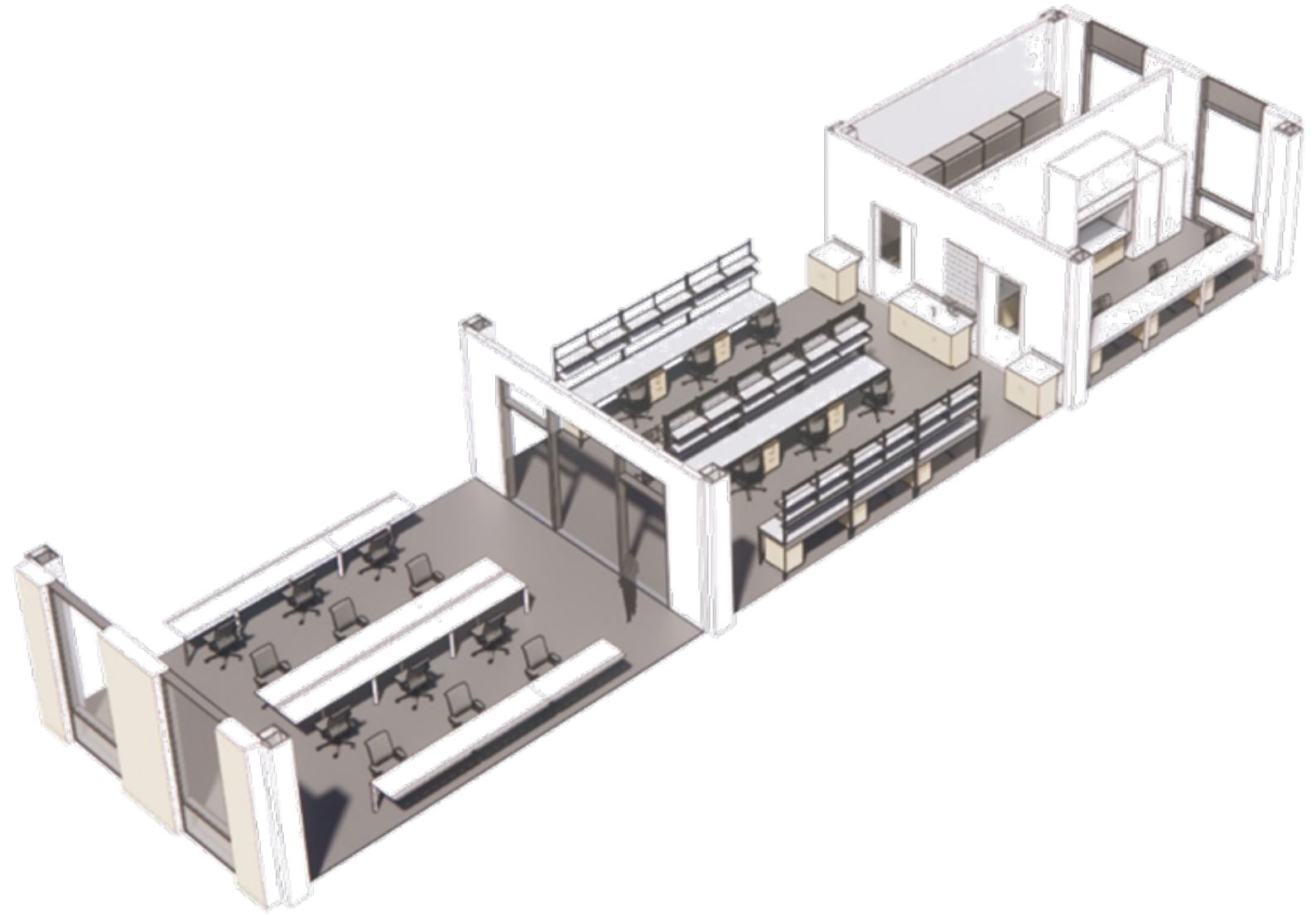


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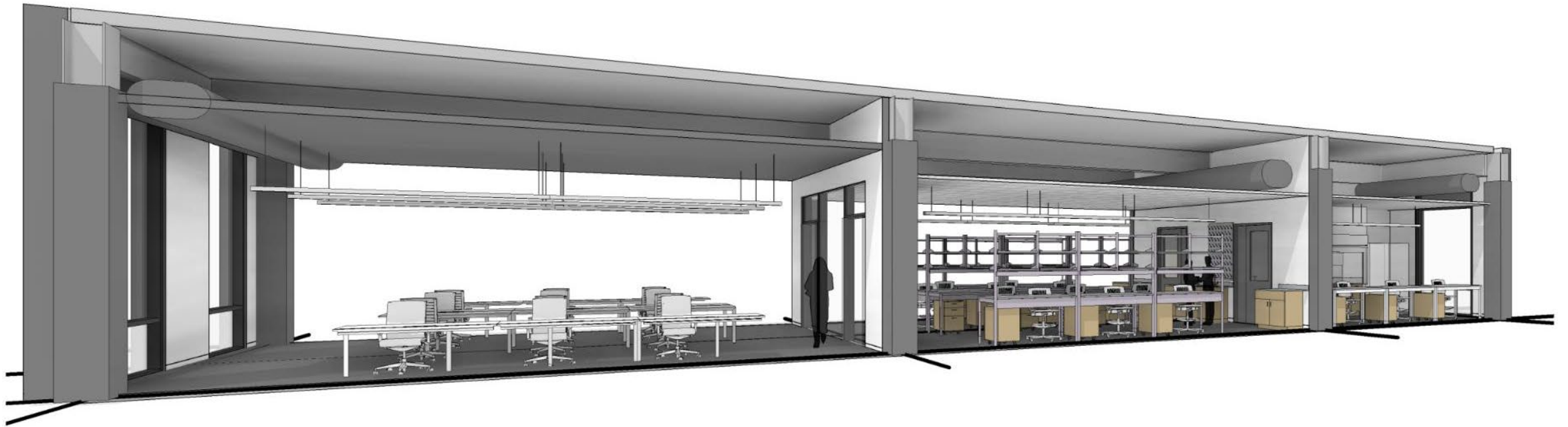




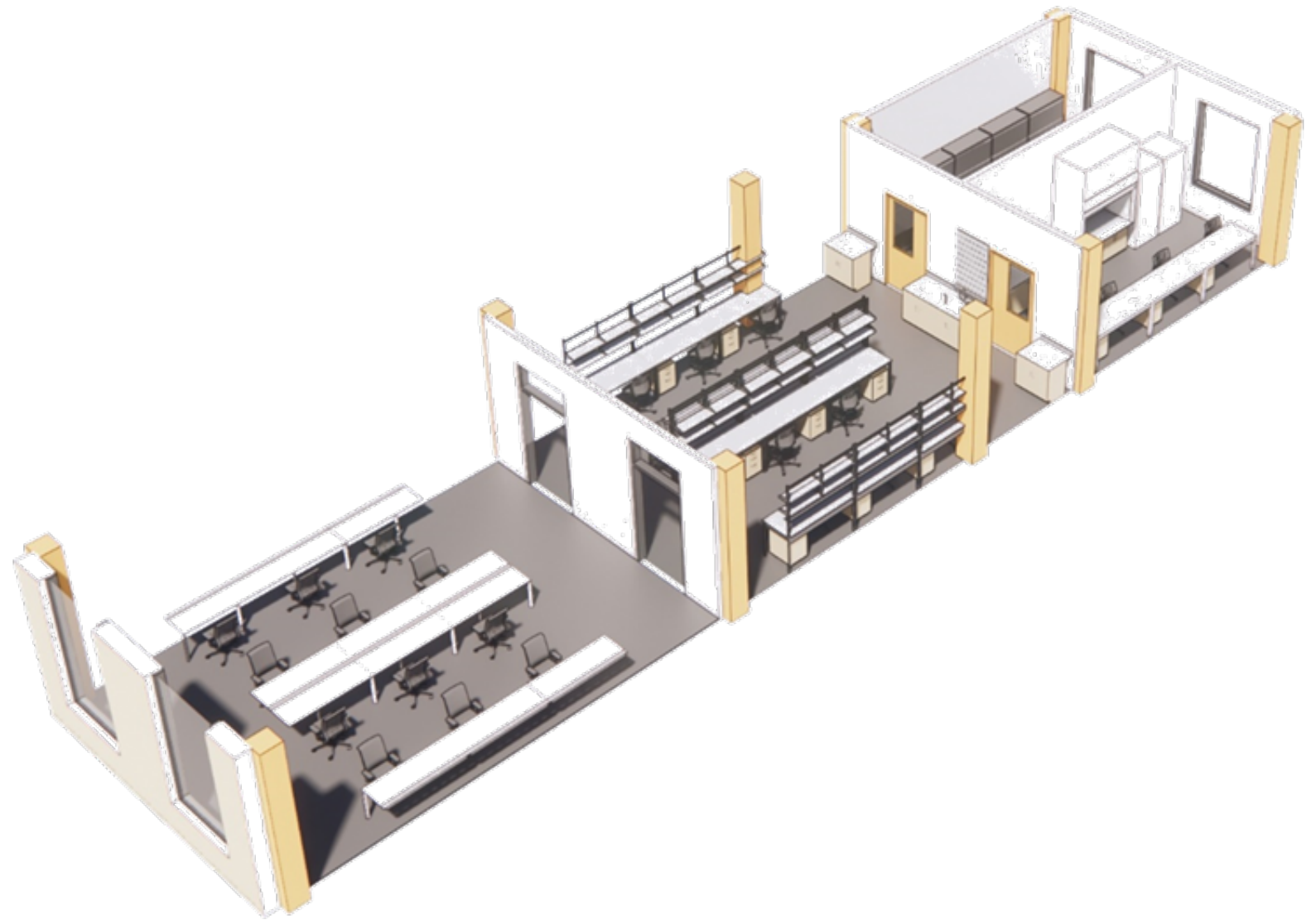
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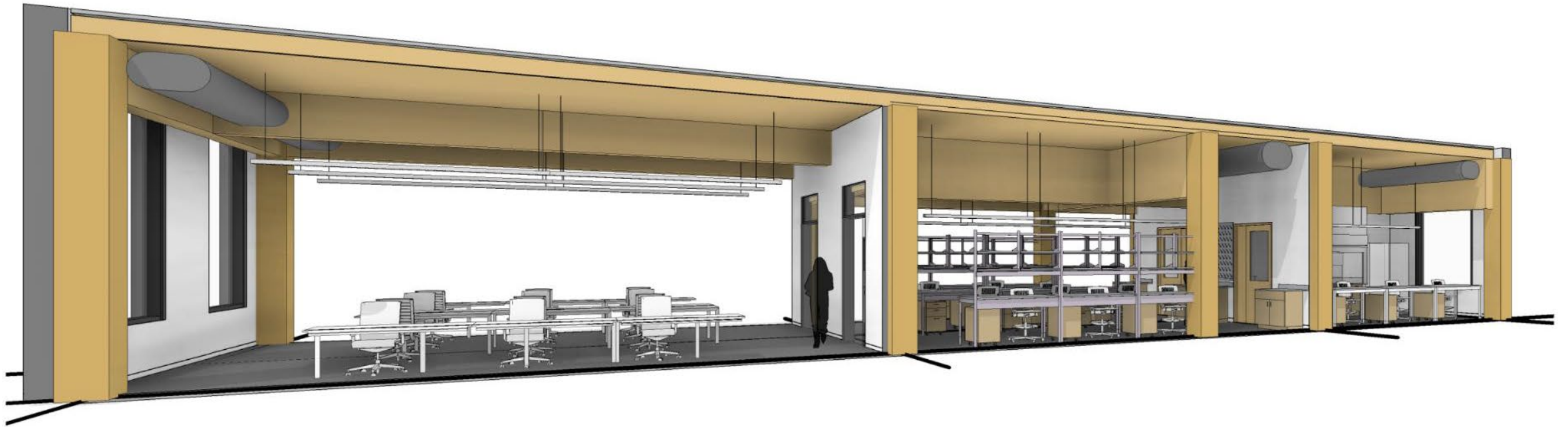
**Improved**



**Improved**



**Re-Imagined**



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**Re-Imagined Laboratory**





**Re-Imagined Laboratory**



**Re-Imagined Office / Write Up**



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# Thank you!



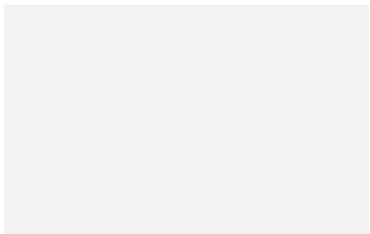
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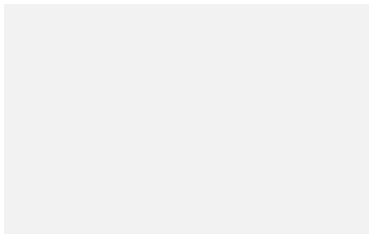


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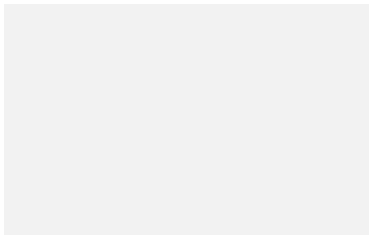
## Structure



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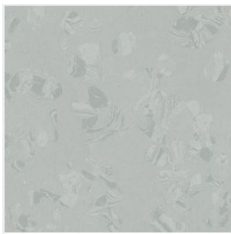
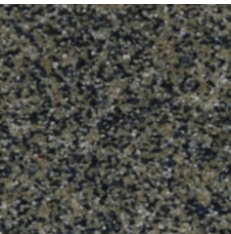


Structure



Structure

## Flooring



6524  
Frost Bite

Moon  
stone

Baseline – Epoxy  
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Improved – Rubber  
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Reimagined – Linoleum  
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## Other



Baseline – Steel Sheet  
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