



# Large Valorisation on Sustainability of Steel Structures

## MACRO-COMPONENTS AND *IPHONE* AND *IPAD* APPLICATIONS



# Agenda

## 1) Macro-components approach

- Algorithm for life cycle assessment based in macro-components

## 2) iPad and iPhone Application

- Description of program

## 3) Final remarks



## 1) Macro-components approach

This methodology was previously developed under the RFCS  
research project















**SB\_Steel** (2014), Sustainable Building Project in Steel. RFSR-CT-2010-00027

**REFERENCE:** Gervásio, H., Martins, R., Santos, P., Simões da Silva, L., “A macro-component approach for the assessment of building sustainability in early stages of design”, Building and Environment 73 (2014), pp. 256-270, DOI information: 10.1016/j.buildenv.2013.12.015.



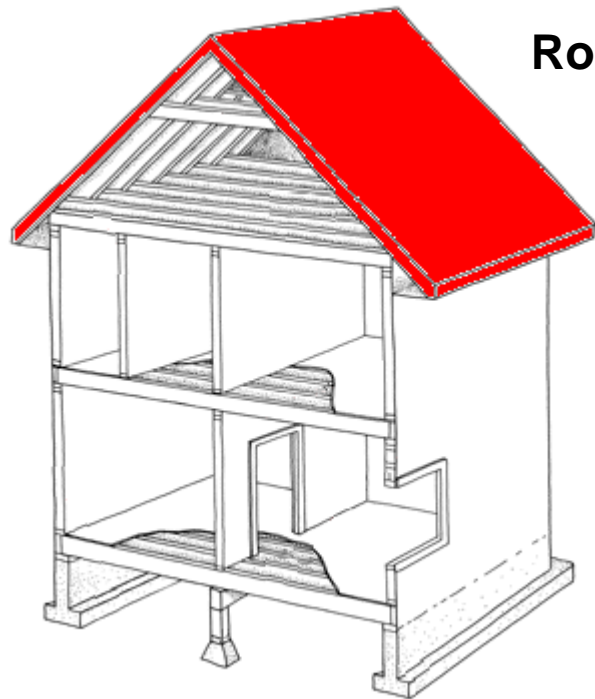
## Steel-framed buildings classification

	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
Single & multi-family building			
Apartment blocks			
Office buildings			
Commercial/Industrial buildings			

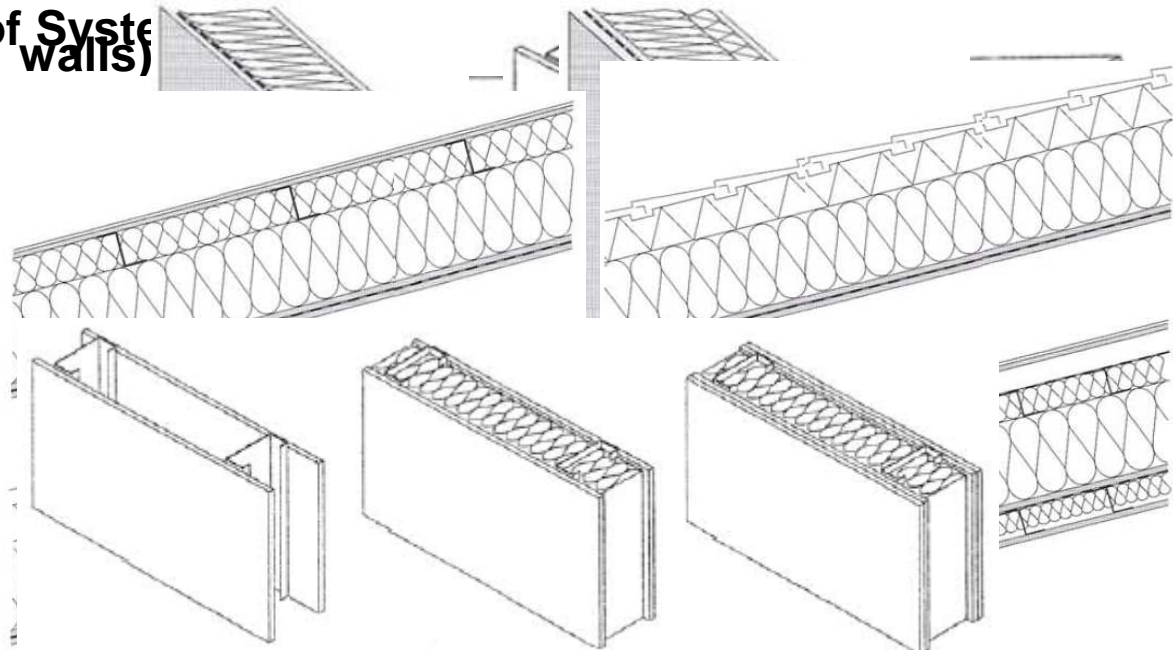
Single family house  
in Category 1 (steel  
intensive building)



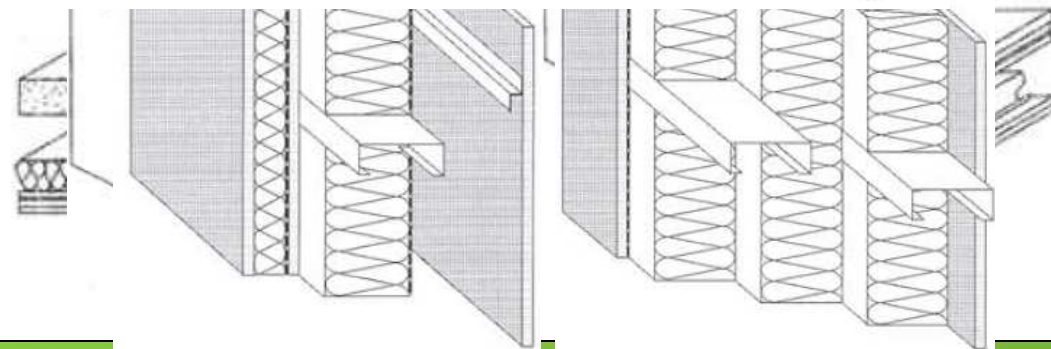
## MACRO-COMPONENT DEFINITION



Internal wall system (load-bearing  
Roof System walls)



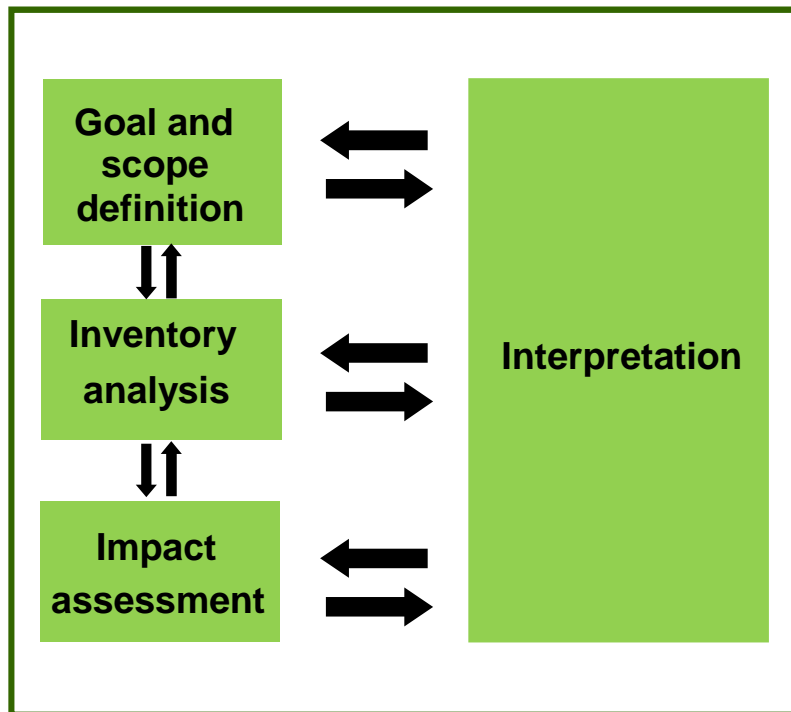
External wall system  
(load-bearing Floor system walls)  
system





## MACRO-COMPONENT CALCULATION

### ISO STANDARDS 14040/14044



Other relevant standards EN TC350 - Sustainability of construction works - EN 15643-2:2011

### Goal and scope

Two levels: LCA at (i) the component level; and (ii) the building level.

### System boundaries

Product stage			Construc stage		Use stage							End-of-life stage				
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Construction process	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	Demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse/Recycling
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
x	x	x	x	-	-	x	x	x	x	-	-	x	x	x	x	x



# LARGE VALORISATION ON SUSTAINABILITY OF STEEL STRUCTURES



## INVENTORY STAGE

	Time coverage		Geographical coverage	Technology coverage	Completeness
Steel section	2007,	annual average	Europe	European producers	> 99% of mass and energy
Steel rebar	2007,	annual average	World	World producers	> 99% of mass and energy
Steel coil	2007,	annual average	Europe	European producers	> 99% of mass and energy
Concrete C20/25	2011,	annual average	Germany	German producers	> 95% of mass and energy
Oriented strand board OSB	2008,	annual average	Germany	German producers	> 99% of mass and energy
Gypsum plasterboard	2008,	annual average	Europe	European producers	> 95% of mass and energy
Bricks	2011,	annual average	Germany	German producers	> 95% of mass and energy
Rock wool	2011,	annual average	Europe	European producers	> 95% of mass and energy
Expanded polystyrene EPS	2011,	no data	Europe	No data	No data
Extruded polystyrene XPS	2011,	annual average	Germany	German producers	> 95% of mass and energy
Polyurethane rigid foam PUR	2011,	annual average	Germany	German producers	> 95% of mass and energy
Expanded Cork	2011,	annual average	Germany	German producers	> 95% of mass and energy
Glass wool	2011,	annual average	Europe	European producers	> 95% of mass and energy
Polyethylene foam PE	2011,	annual average	Germany	German producers	> 95% of mass and energy



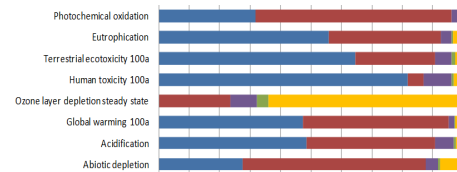
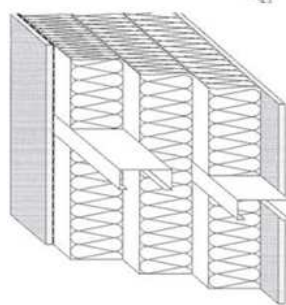
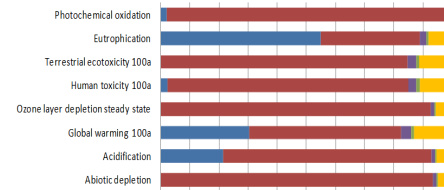
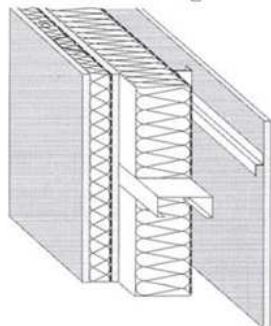
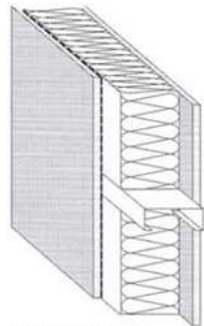


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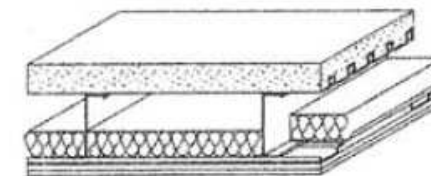
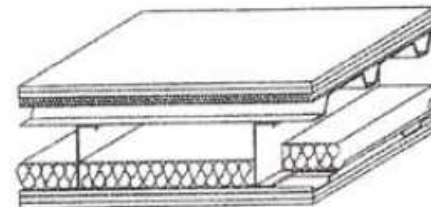
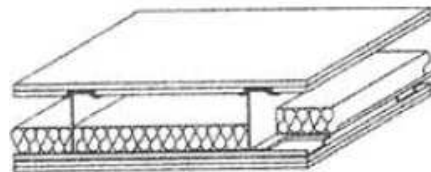
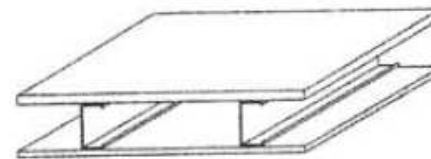
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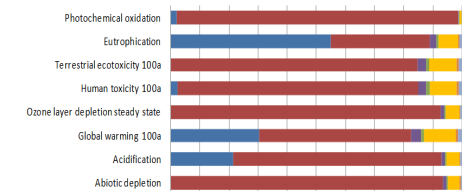
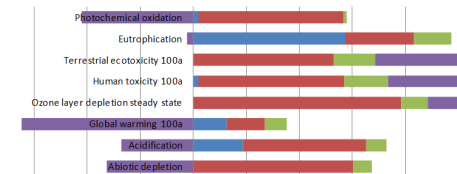
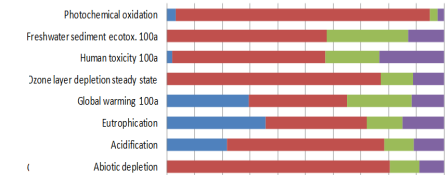
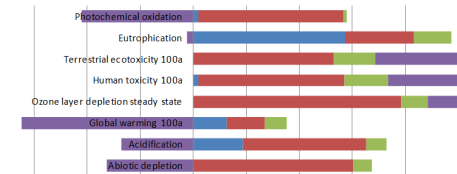


### Environmental profile

### Floor system type



### Environmental profile







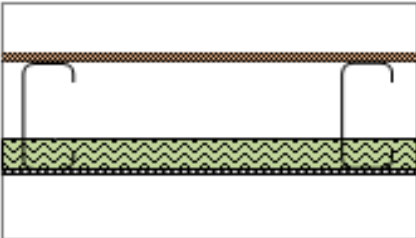
## MACRO-COMPONENTS CLASSIFICATION

(A) Substructure	(A40) Slabs-on-grade	(A4010) Standard slabs-on-grade	
(B) Shell	(B10) Superstructure	(B1010) Floor construction	(B1010.10) Floor structural frame
			(B1010.20) Floor decks, slabs and toppings
		(B1020) Roof construction	(B1020.10) Roof structural frame
			(B1020.20) Roof decks, slabs and sheathing
	(B20) Exterior vertical enclosures	(B2010) Exterior walls	(B2010.10) Ext. wall veneer
			(B2010.20) Ext. wall construction
		(B2020) Exterior windows	
		(B2050) Exterior doors	
	(B30) Exterior horizontal enclosures	(B3010) Roofing	
		(B3060) Horizontal openings	
(C) Interiors	(C10) Interior construction	(C1010) Interior partitions	
	(C20) Interior finishes	(C2010) Wall finishes	
		(C2030) Flooring	
		(C2050) Ceiling finishes	



## MACRO-COMPONENTS DATABASE

### EXAMPLE:

B1010.10 Floor structural frame					
B1010.10.1a	Materials	Thickness/ density	End-of-life scenario	RR (%)	
	OSB (mm)	18	Incineration	80	
	Air cavity (mm)	160			
	Rock wool (mm)	40	Recycling	80	
	Gypsum board (mm)	15	Recycling	80	
	LWS (kg/m2)	14	Recycling	90	
B1010.10.1a - LCA					
	A1-A3	A4	C2	C4	D
ADP elements [kg Sb-Equiv.]	2,83E-05	1,76E-09	1,54E-09	3,37E-08	-1,96E-04
ADP fossil [MJ]	5,48E+02	6,54E-01	5,72E-01	1,31E+00	-3,35E+02
AP [kg SO2-Equiv.]	1,70E-01	2,11E-04	1,83E-04	5,74E-04	-4,45E-02
EP [kg Phosphate-Equiv.]	1,41E-02	4,86E-05	4,20E-05	8,79E-05	-1,01E-03
GWP [kg CO2-Equiv.]	5,12E+01	4,71E-02	4,12E-02	3,86E-01	-1,46E+01
ODP [kg R11-Equiv.]	7,65E-07	8,25E-13	7,21E-13	7,21E-11	1,76E-07
POCP [kg Ethene-Equiv.]	2,53E-02	-6,89E-05	-5,95E-05	1,49E-04	-1,07E-02

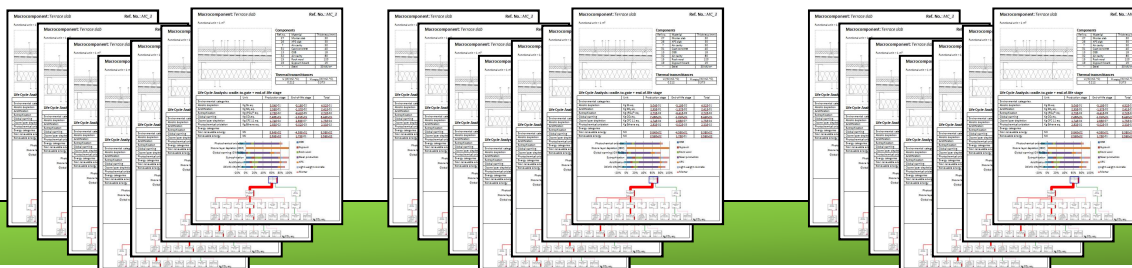
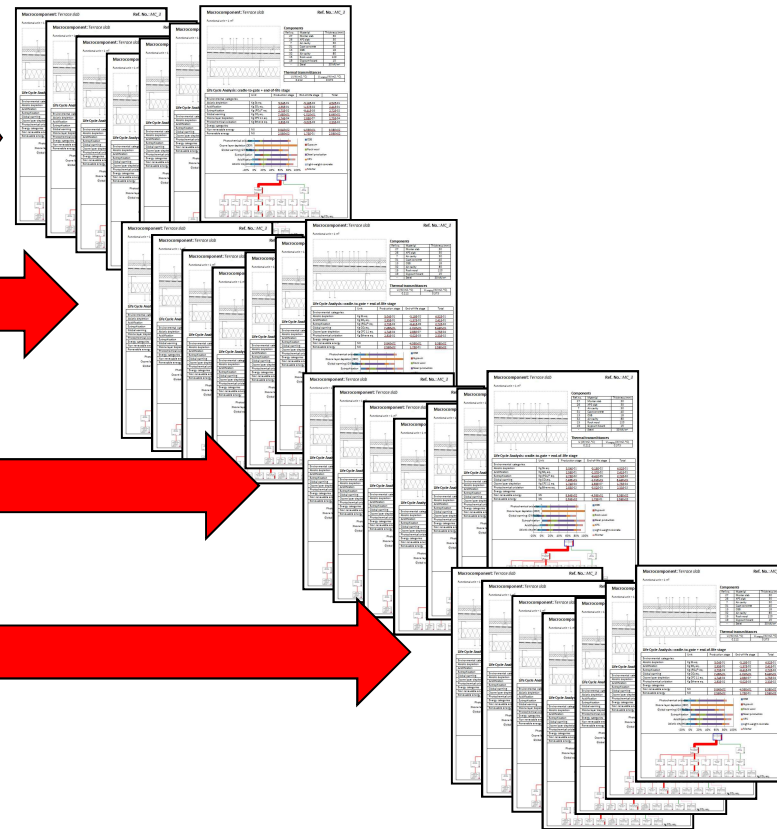
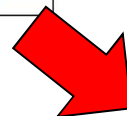
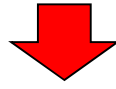
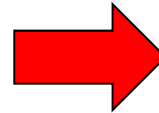
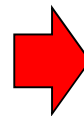


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## MACRO-COMPONENT DATABASE

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Single & multi-family building			
Apartment blocks			
Office buildings			
Commercial/Industrial buildings			





## 2) iPad and iPhone Application

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Steel\_LCA

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Steel\_LCA

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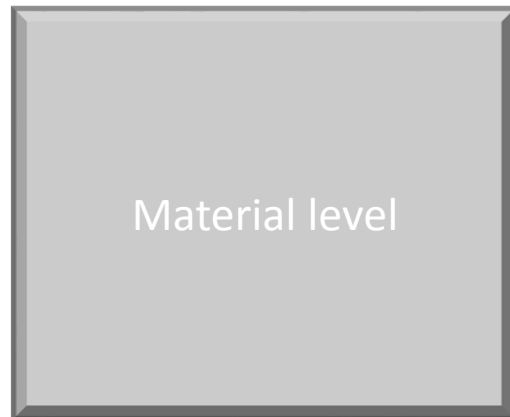
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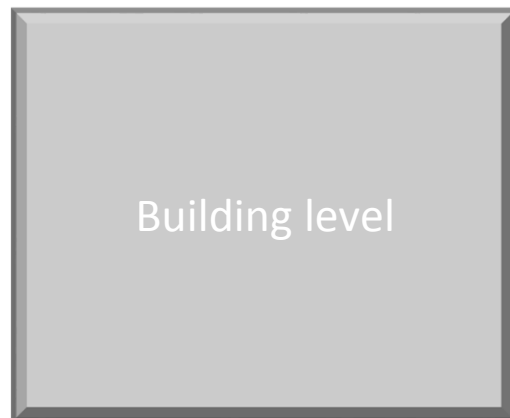


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**Two levels of calculation:**



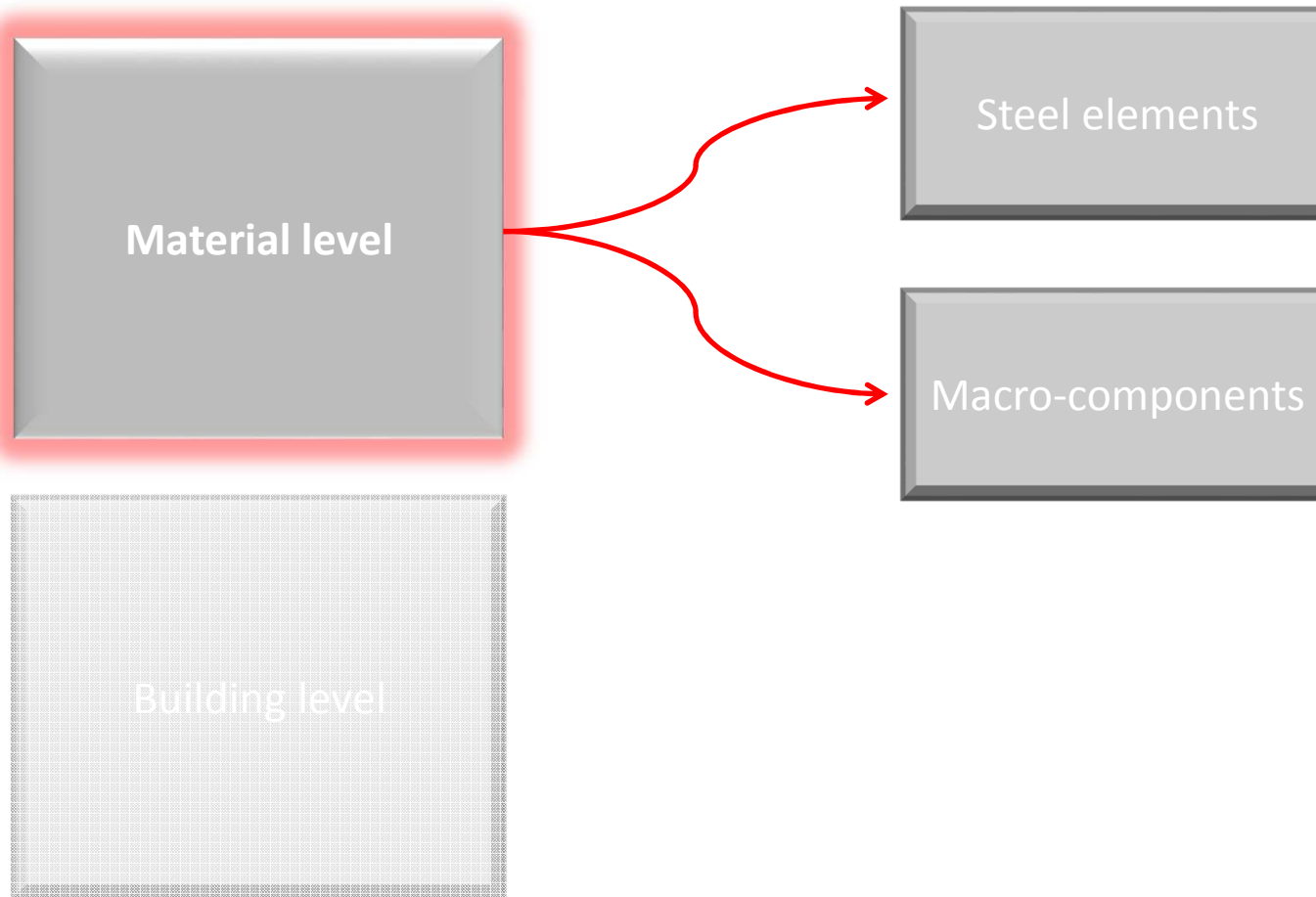
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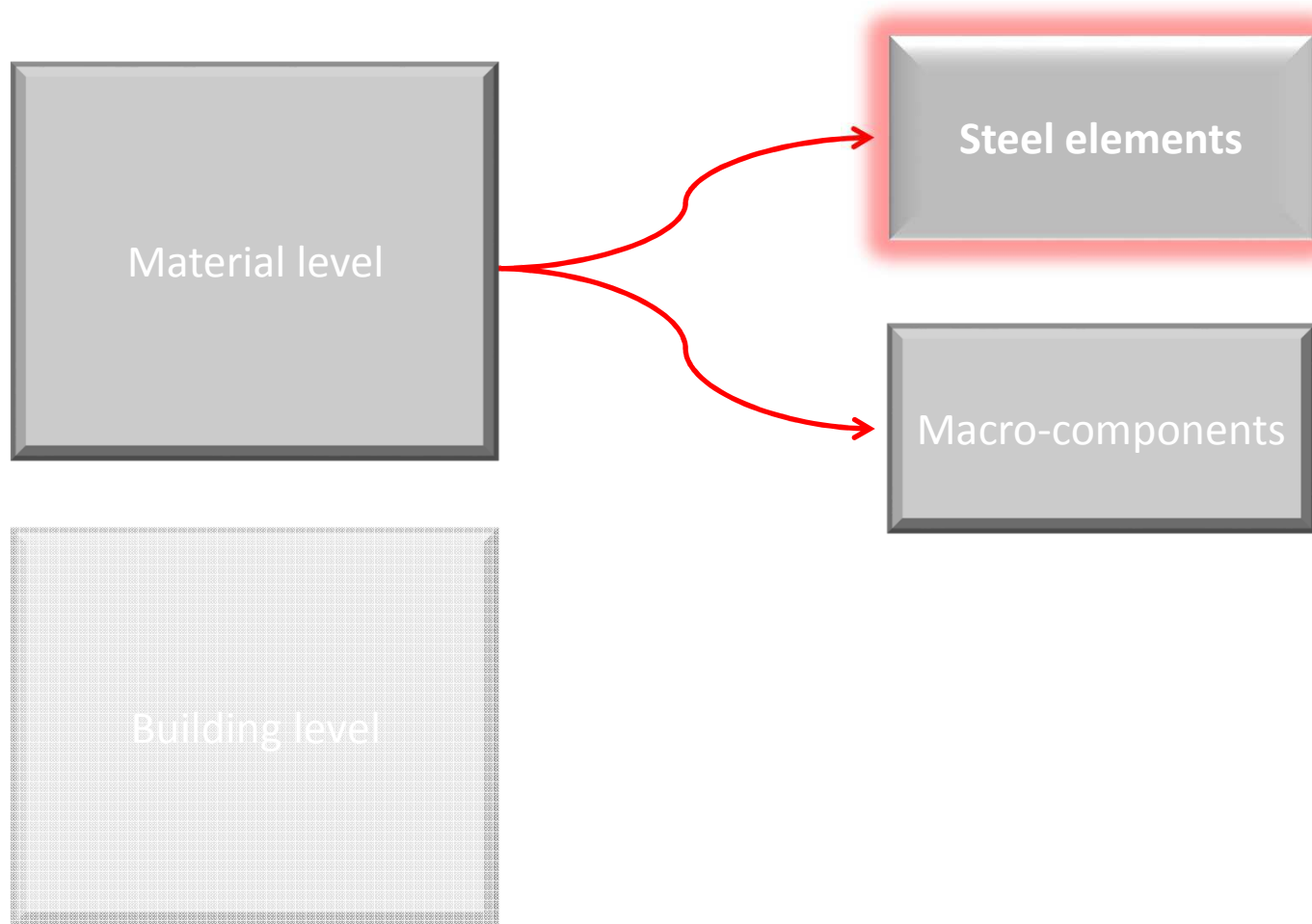
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I or H sections

## I or H sections

CALCULATE

HE
HE 100 AA
HE 100 A
HE 100 B
HE 100 M
HE 120 AA
HE 120 A
HE 120 B
HE 120 M
HE 140 AA
HE 140 A
HE 140 B
HE 140 M

### HE 100 AA

add your company

Designation	
G	12.24 [kg/m]

Dimensions	
h	91.00 [mm]
b	100.00 [mm]
t.w	4.20 [mm]
t.f	5.50 [mm]

#### Inputs parameters

Length [m]

Lifespan [years]

Steel Grade

Quality

Fabrication Procedure

#### Scope of the Analysis

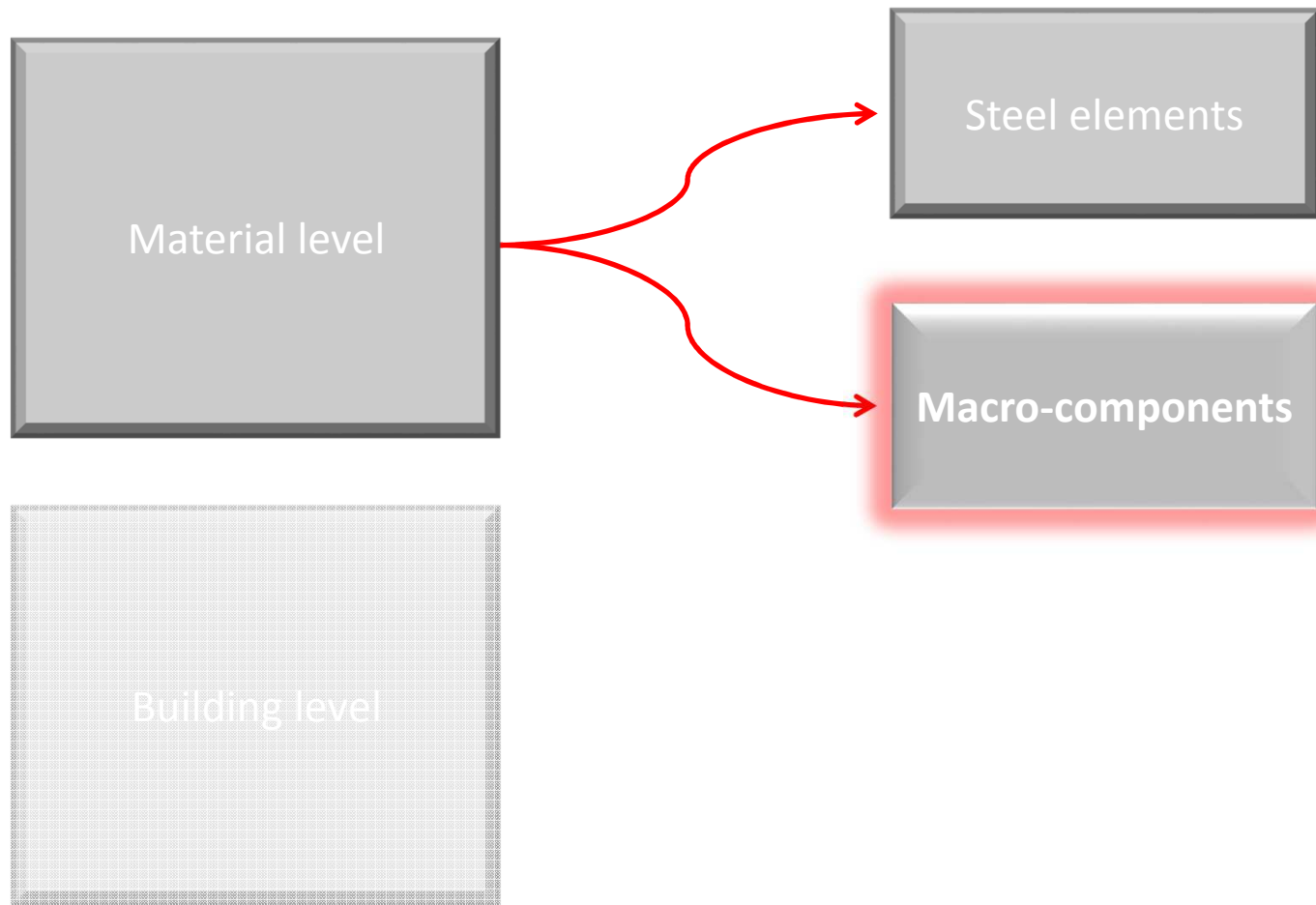
Coating System ☒

Transportation ☒

End-of-life recycling ☒



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Macro-components



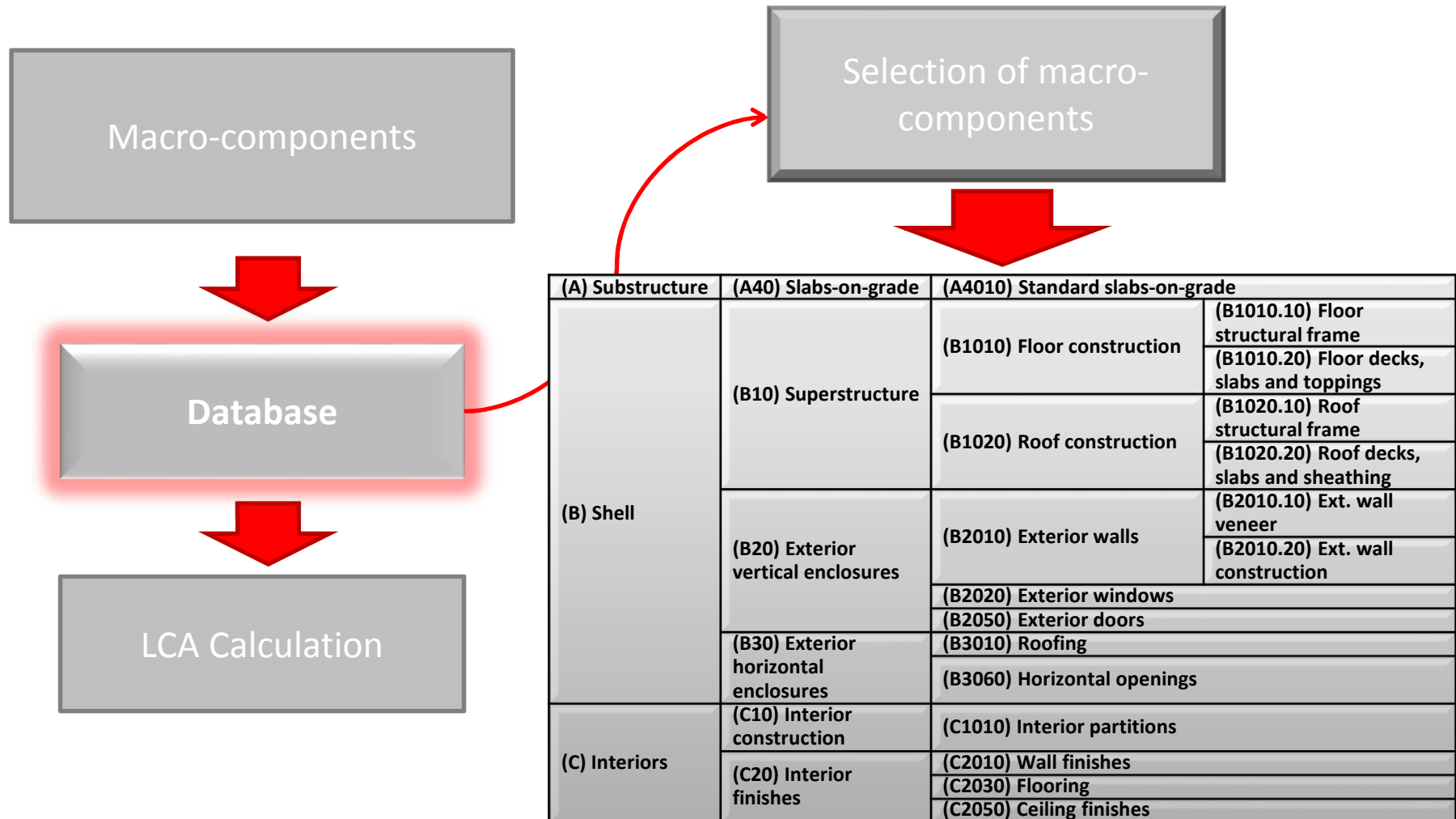
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LCA Calculation



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Macro-components



Database



LCA Calculation



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< (B1010.10) Floor structur... (B1010.10) Floor structural frame CALCULATE

B1010.10.1 – Light-weight steel slabs

- B1010.10.1a
- B1010.10.1b
- B1010.10.1c
- B1010.10.1d
- B1010.10.1e

**B1010.10.1a**

B1010.10.1a

+ add your company MAP

**Rock wool**

Density 150 [kg/m<sup>2</sup>]

Thickness 40 [mm]

Weight

Inputs parameters

Rock wool [mm] 60

Scope of the Analysis

Cradle-to-grave + EOL

ADPelements

A1-A3	2.90e-5
A4	1.89e-9
B	0.00e+0
C2	1.65e-9

Full Report



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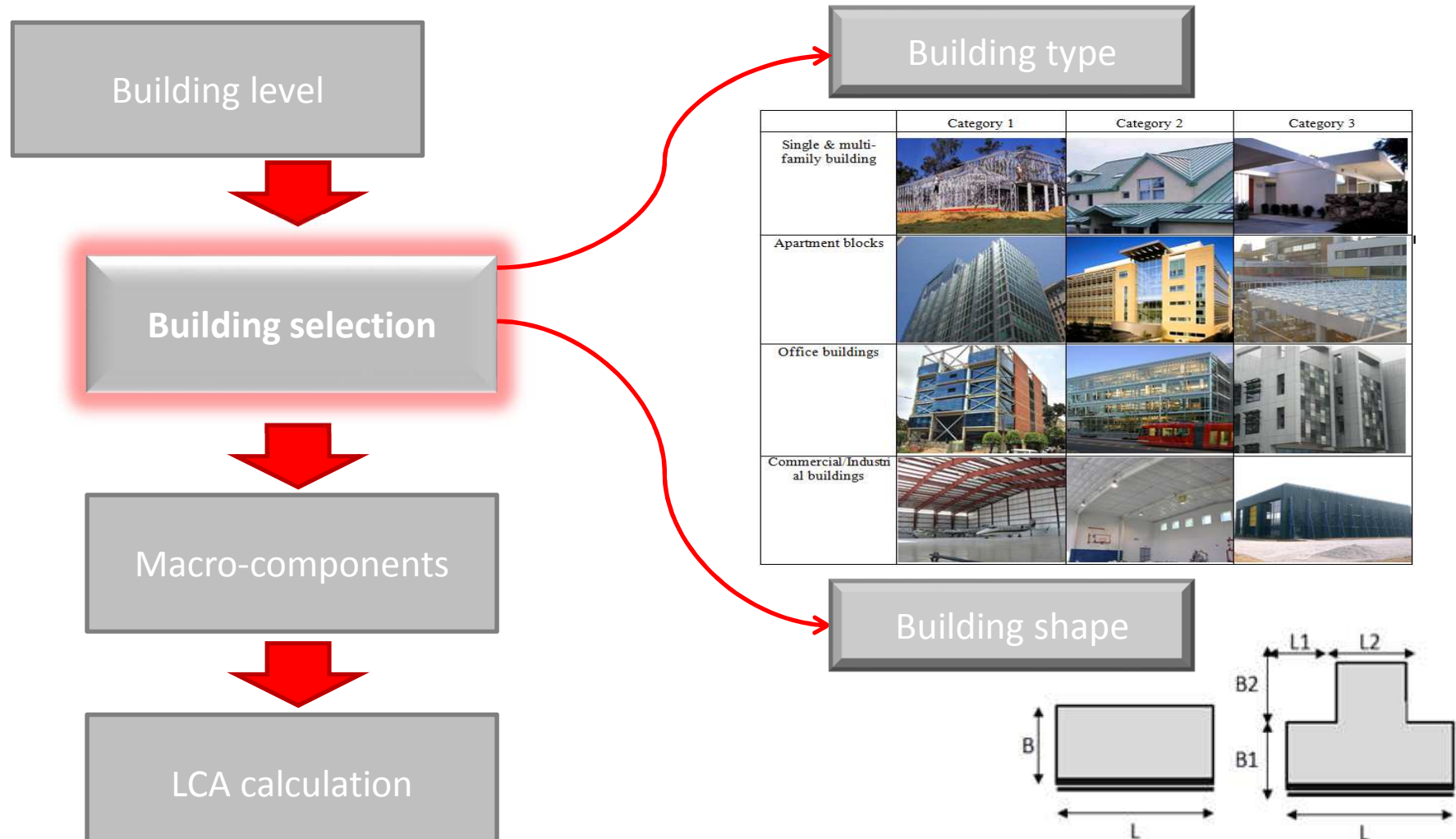
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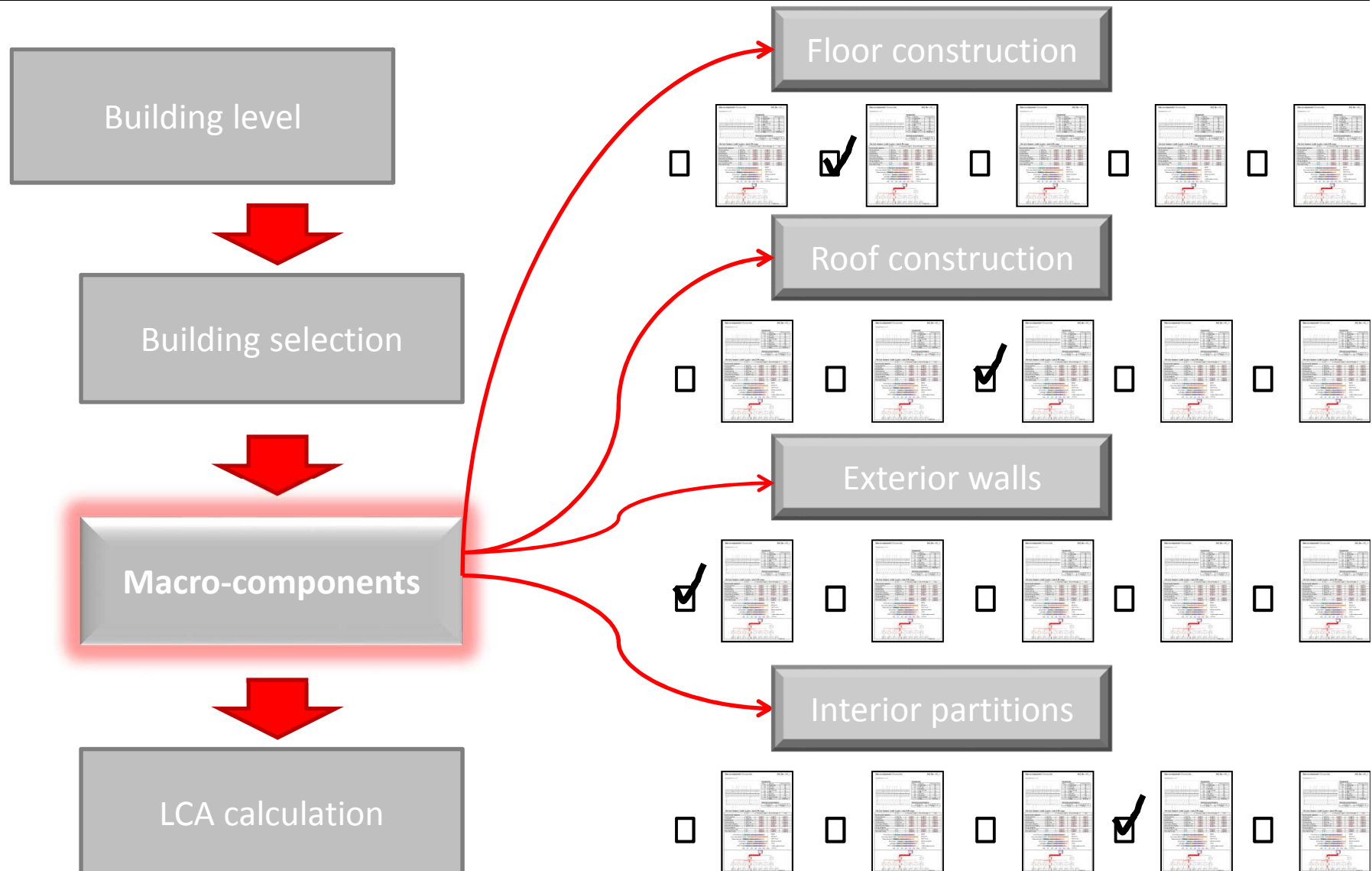


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# LARGE VALORISATION ON SUSTAINABILITY OF STEEL STRUCTURES





## Menu >> Steel\_LCA >> Building level >> LCA calculation

Building level



Building selection



Macro-components



LCA calculation & report

### LCA REPORT FOR STEEL BUILDINGS

#### SUMMARY

**Scope:** Cradle-to-grave + EOL  
**Lifespan:** 50 years  
**Environmental Impacts**  
**LCA index:** -1.42E-11  
**Global Warming Potential (GWP):** 41 kg CO2 eq  
**Primary Energy Demand**  
**Total Primary Energy Demand:** 679 MJ

#### DETAILED RESULTS

##### LCA Input Data

##### B1010.10 Floor structural frame

	Materials	Thickness (mm)	End-of-life scenario	RR (%)
	Light weight steel (LWS)		Recycling	90
	OSB	18	Incineration	80
	Gypsum plasterboard	15	Recycling	80
	Rock wool	40	Recycling	80

##### LCA Results

##### LCA of 1m2 of a Roof macro-component

##### Parameters describing enviromental impacts

Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A4	B1-B5	C2	C4	D	TOTAL
ADP elements	[kg Sb Eq.]	2.90e-5	1.89e-9	0.00e+0	1.65e-9	3.67e-8	-1.97e-4	-1.68e-4
ADP fossil	[MJ]	5.88e+2	7.02e-1	0.00e+0	6.14e-1	1.43e+0	-3.36e+2	2.55e+2
AP	[kg SO2 Eq.]	1.93e-1	2.27e-4	0.00e+0	1.97e-4	6.25e-4	-4.45e-2	1.50e-1
EP	[kg PO4- Eq.]	1.06e-2	5.22e-5	0.00e+0	4.51e-5	9.59e-5	-1.01e-3	1.58e-2
GWP	[kg CO2 Eq.]	5.48e+1	5.06e-2	0.00e+0	4.41e-2	4.20e-1	-1.46e+1	4.05e+1
ODP	[kg CFC-11 Eq.]	7.65e-7	8.86e-13	0.00e+0	7.73e-13	7.85e-11	1.76e-7	9.42e-7
POCP	[kg C2H4 Eq.]	2.70e-2	-7.40e-5	0.00e+0	-6.38e-5	1.62e-4	-1.07e-2	1.63e-2



## 3) Final remarks

- The simplified approach for LCA avoids the use of complex tools and the use of expert professionals in the field and provides substantial reduction in the time usually needed to perform such analysis.
- The validation of the approach was based on the comparison with advanced analyses performed by the use of commercial software GaBi 6.
- The comparison of the results enables to conclude that the accuracy of both approaches is very reasonable.