

Session C1: Designing for Decarbonization

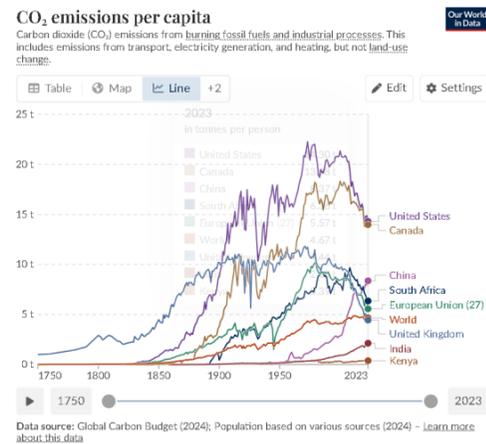


Understanding the Scale and Impacts of Energy Efficiency Strategies on Laboratory Decarbonization

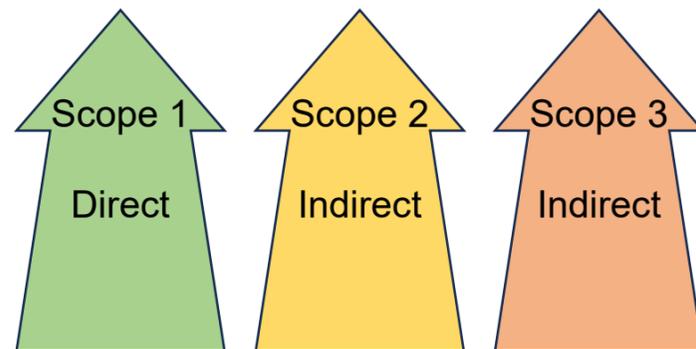
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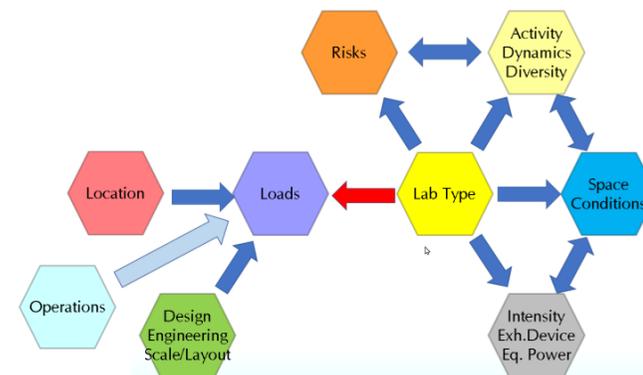
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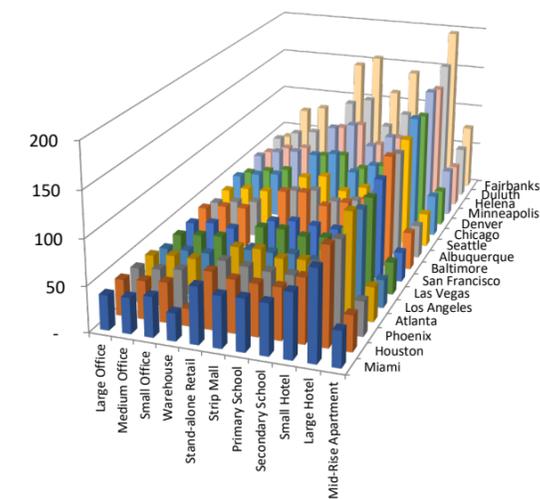
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Drivers



Impacts

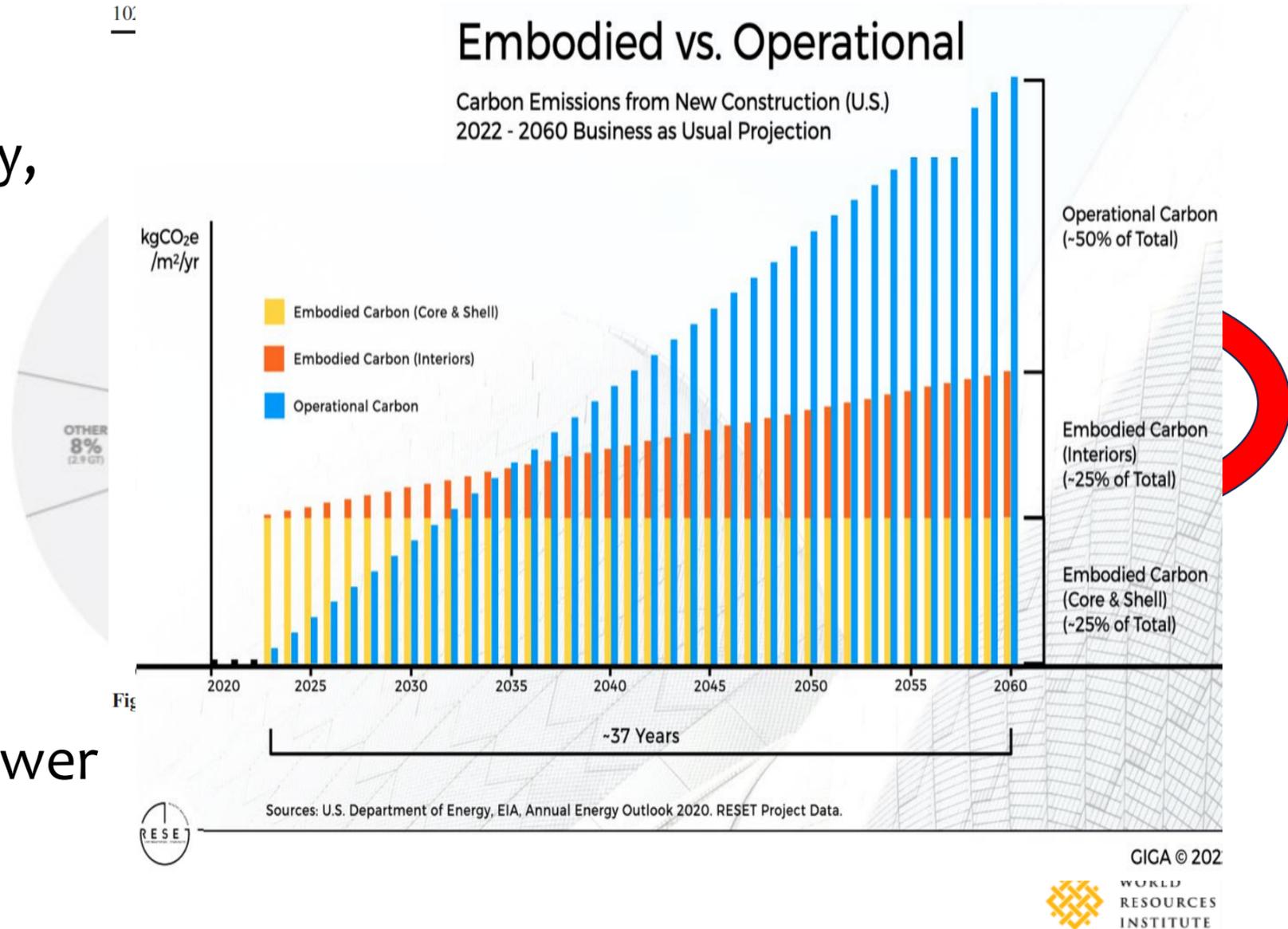


- Understand the Likely Quantitative Impact of Primary Design and Operations Decisions affecting Laboratory Energy Use.
- Understand the relative Impact of Energy Use on a Building's Carbon Footprint.
- Understand the Relative Significance of Design Decisions versus Building Operations on how they Impact Sustainability Goals.
- Learn how to Assess and Prioritize Design Decisions for maximum impact on Energy Use and Decarbonization.

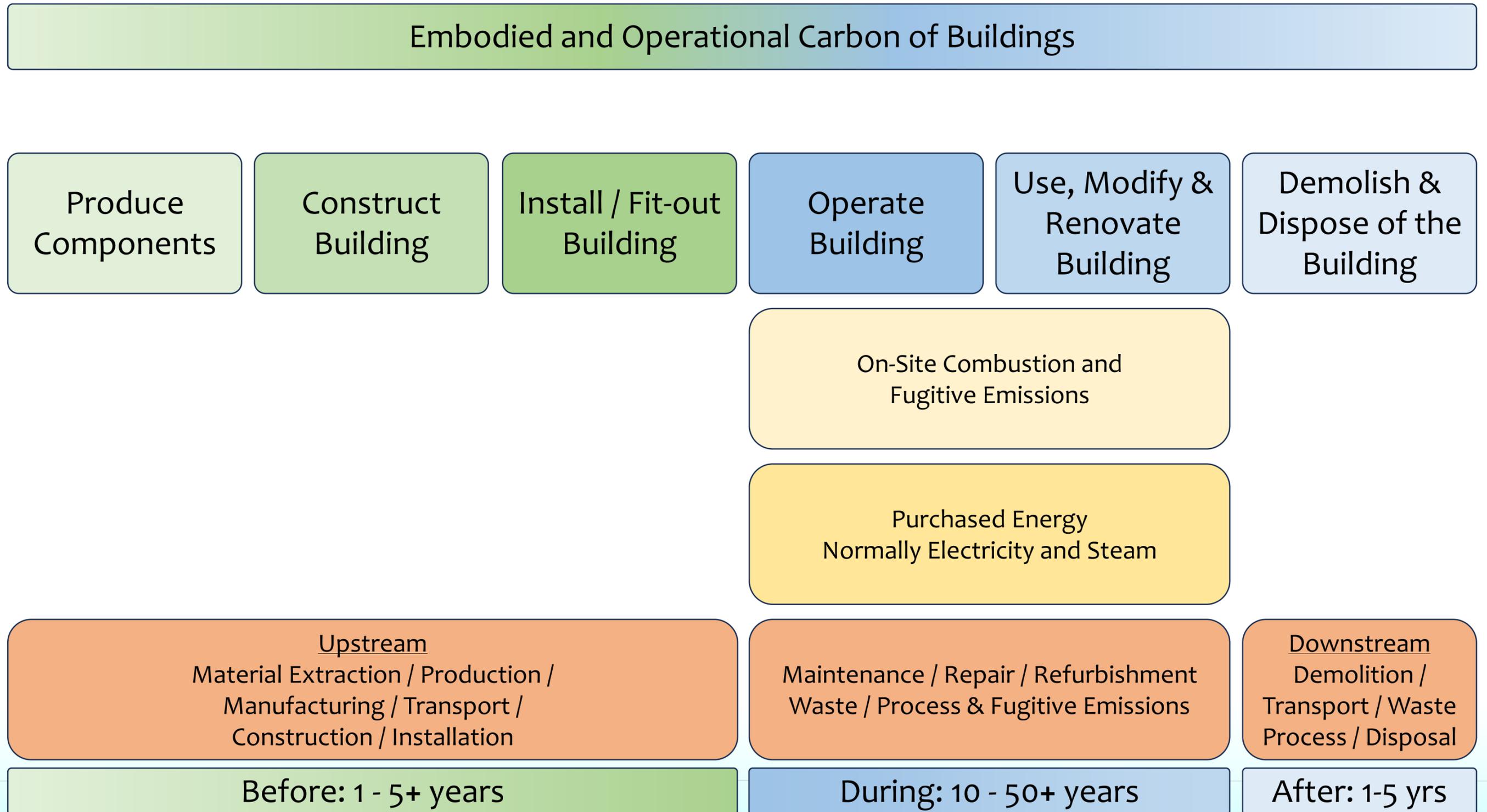
- Where does the Impact of Carbon on the Environment Come From ... in Buildings?
- When does the Impact (“Footprint”) of Carbon Occur in Buildings?
- How does each Stage / Scope Affect the Overall Carbon Footprint?
- What is the Significance of Operations / Use on Carbon Footprint?
- How does the Type of Lab Influence Carbon Use and Options to Mitigate it?
- How does Location / Climate Influence Carbon Use and Options to Mitigate it?
- What Aspects of a Building Design & Use Influence Carbon Impact the Most?
- How do Energy Efficiency Strategies Impact the Carbon Footprint?
- ... finally ...
- How might these “Expectations” ... Change in the Future?

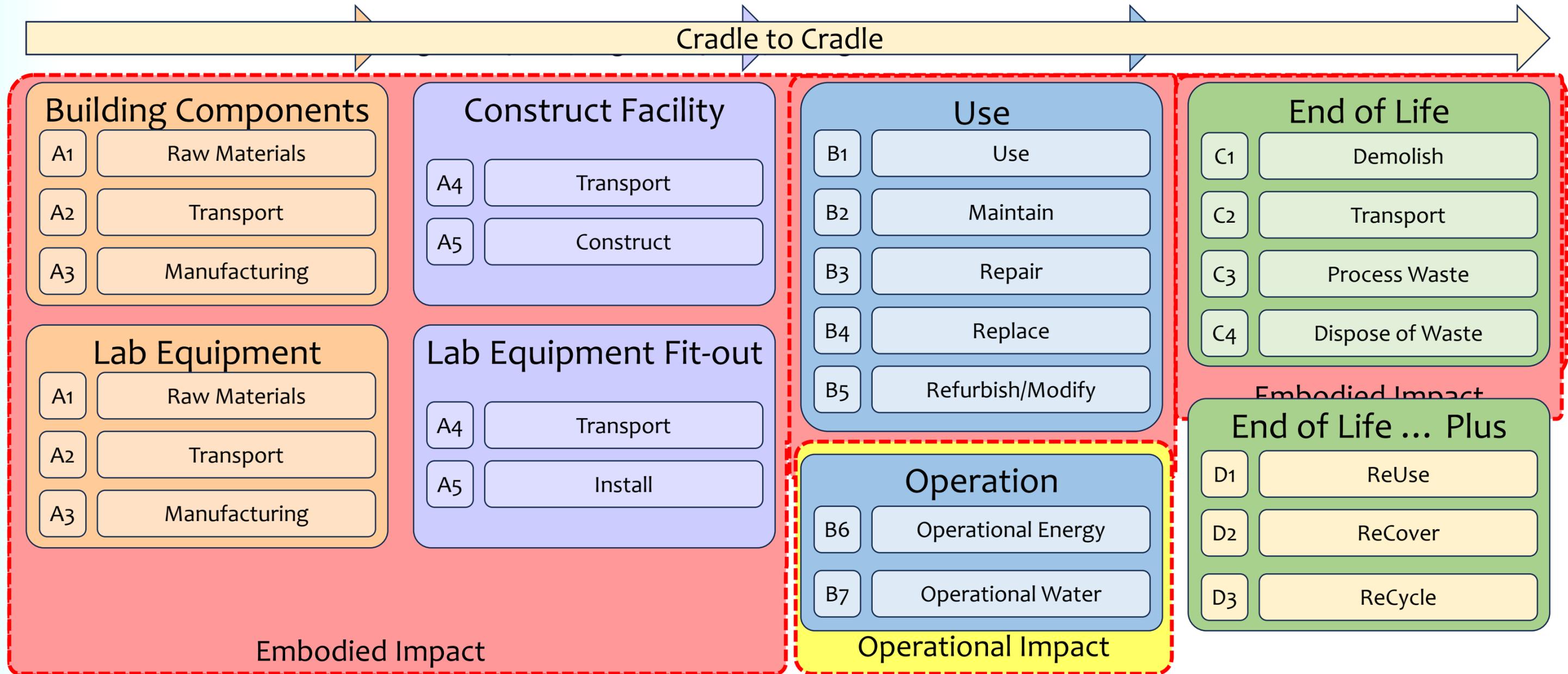
- US leads the world in CO₂ intensity
- Energy (75%) dominates, Agriculture, Industry, Waste & Land Use for GHG emissions
- Buildings Total Carbon Impact → 42%
- Buildings Operational Carbon → 65%
- Labs: Energy 2X - 10X Average building
- Labs: Higher Operational Carbon: 2X - 10X
- Reducing Energy & shifting Operational to lower Carbon will increase % Embodied Carbon
- By 2050, expect 50%-50% split

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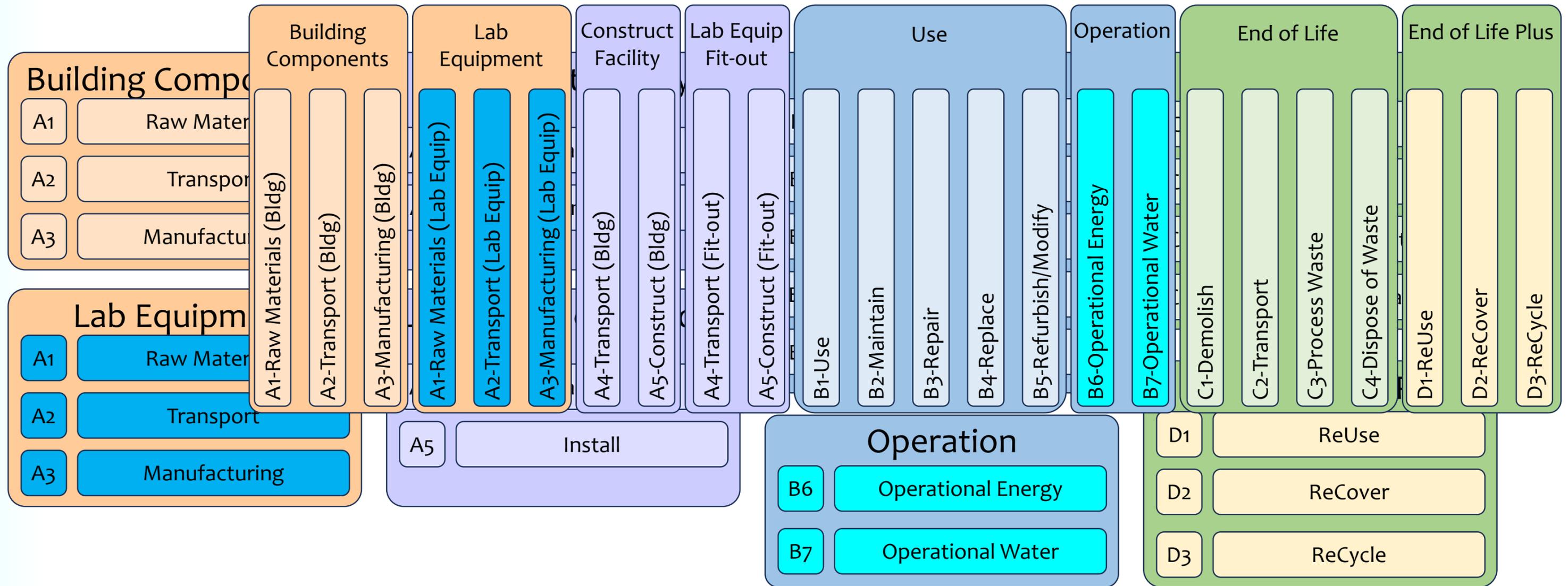


Where does the Impact of Carbon Come From ... the Life Cycle of Buildings





Whole Life Cycle of Buildings – Carbon & Costs



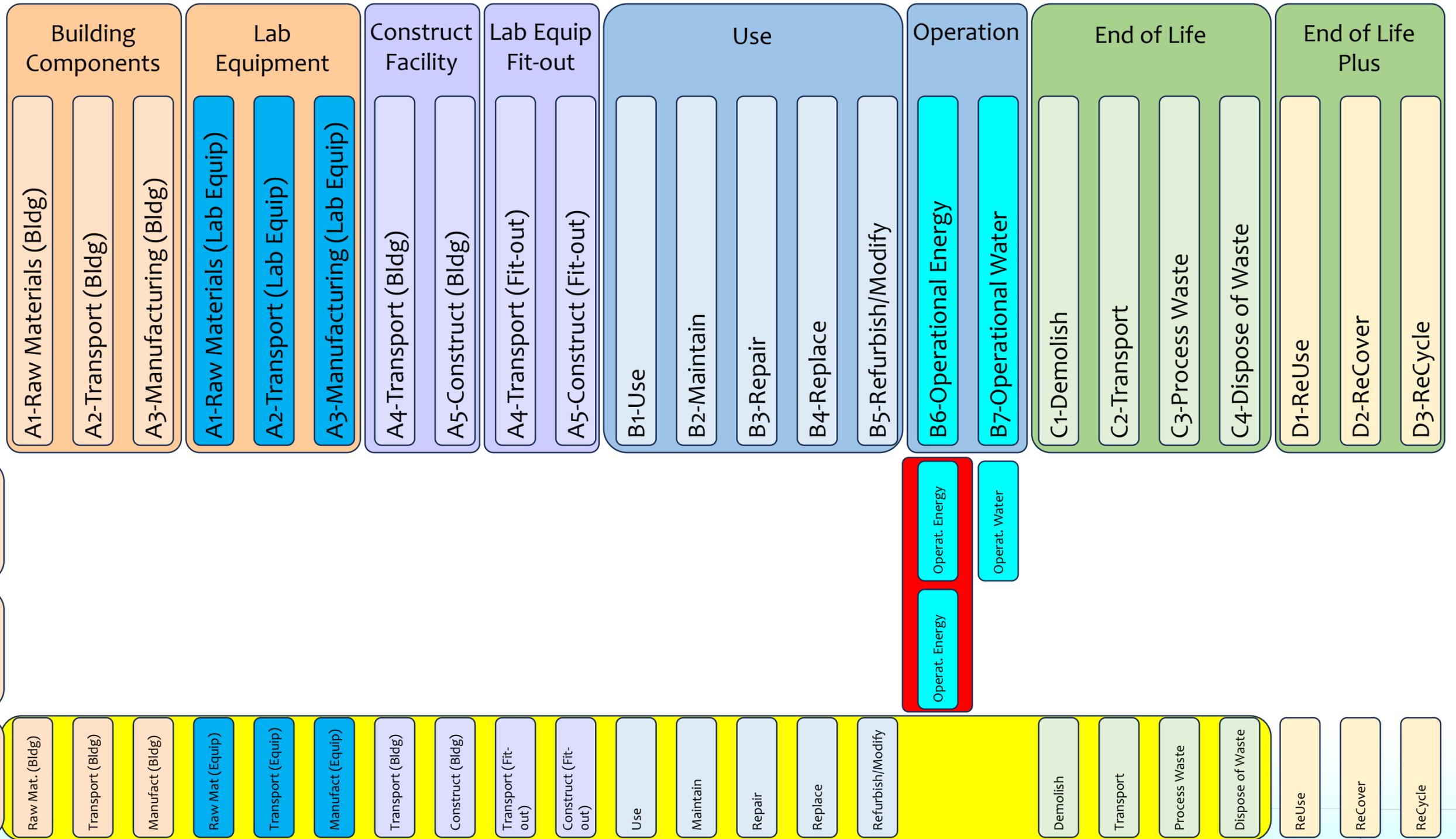
Whole Life Cycle of Buildings – Carbon Impacts



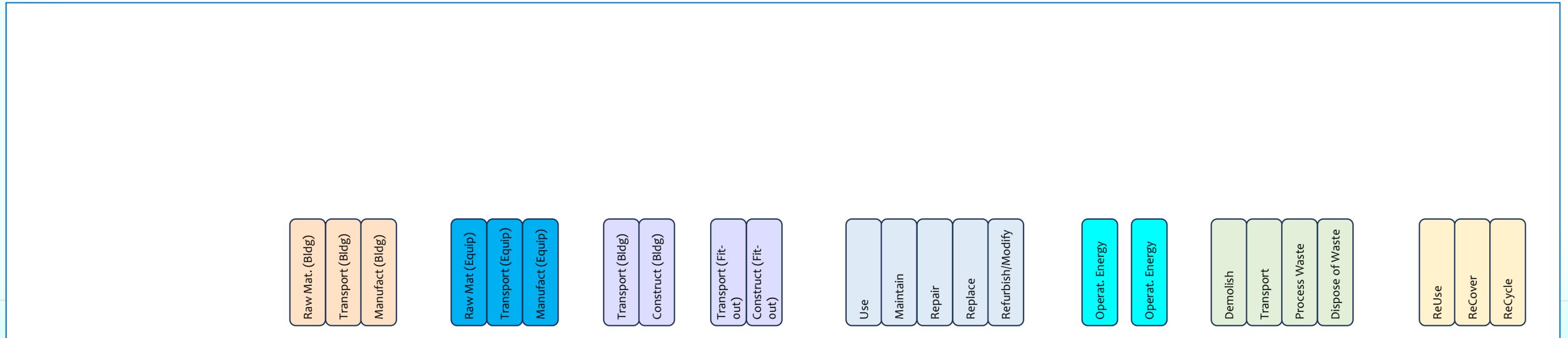
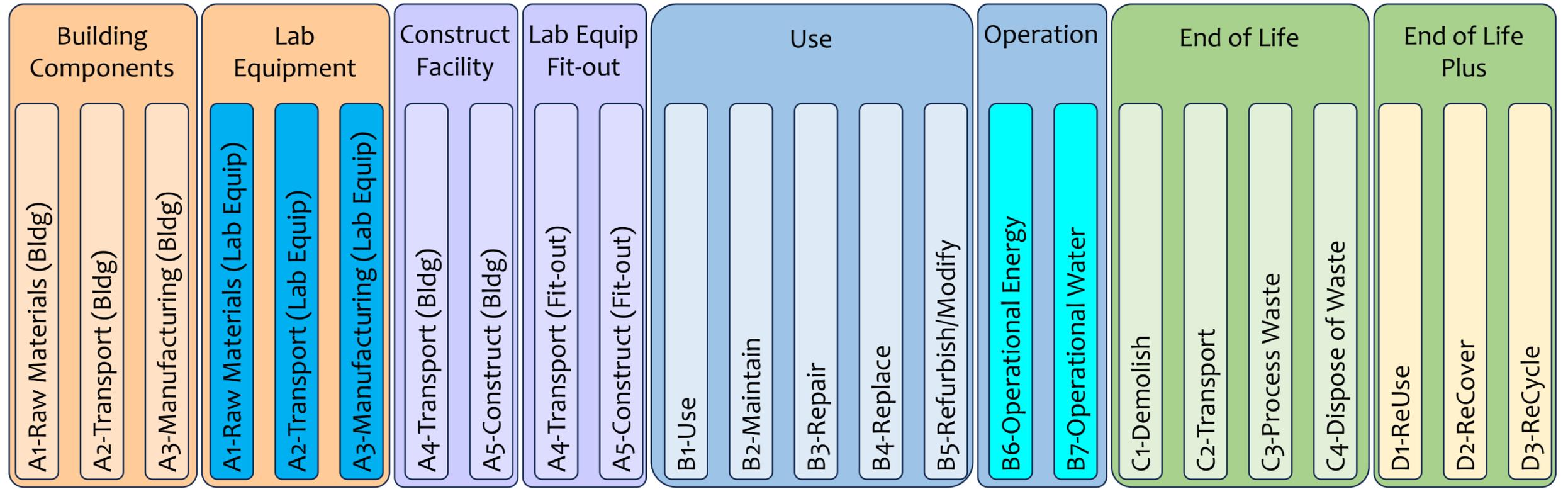
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(Direct Emissions)

Scope 2
(Indirect Emissions from Energy)

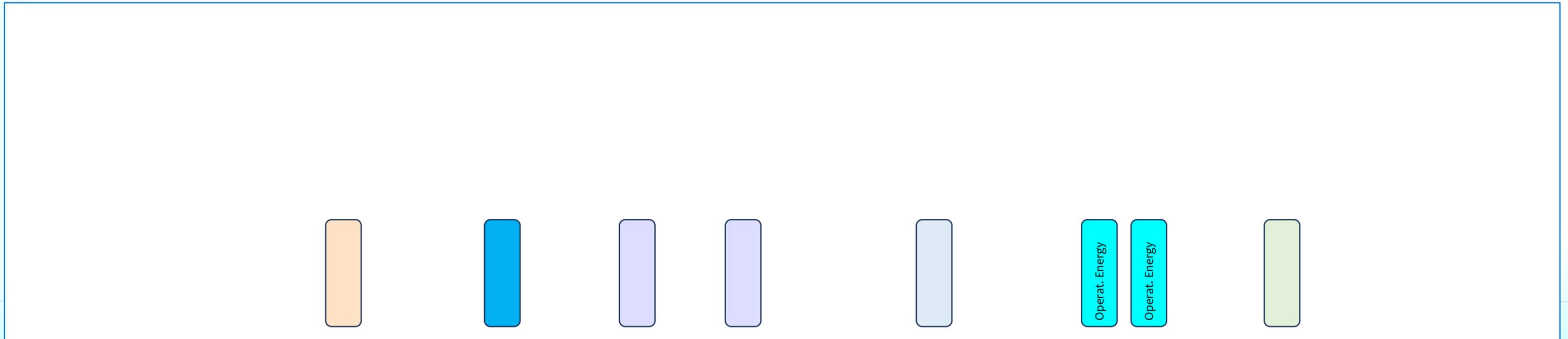
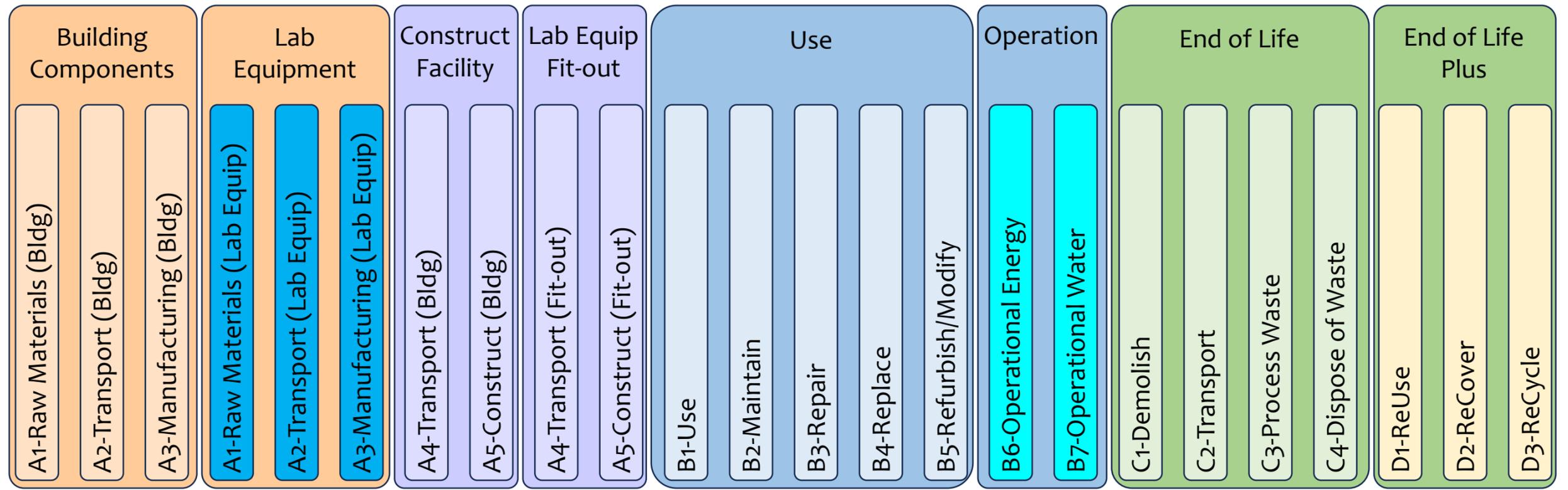
Scope 3
(Other Indirect Emissions)



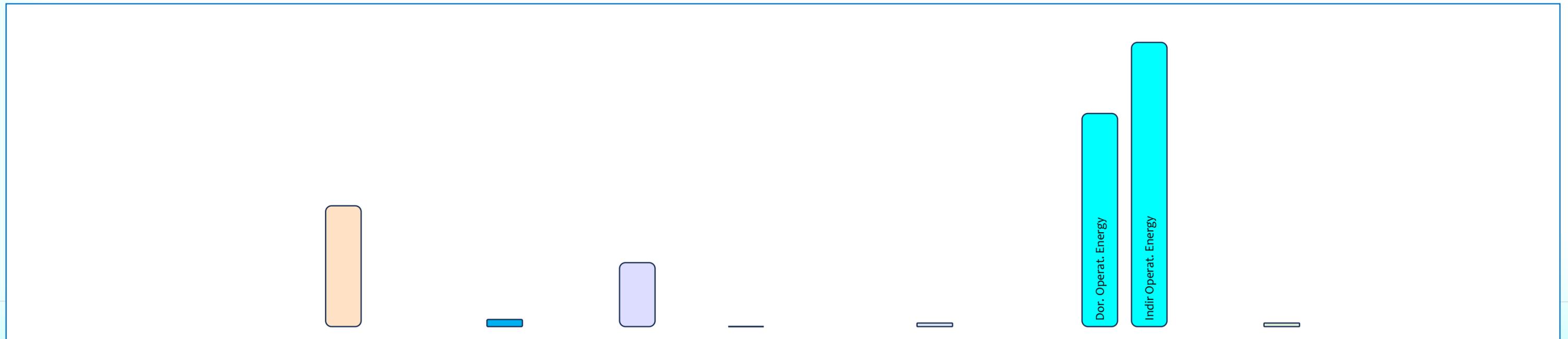
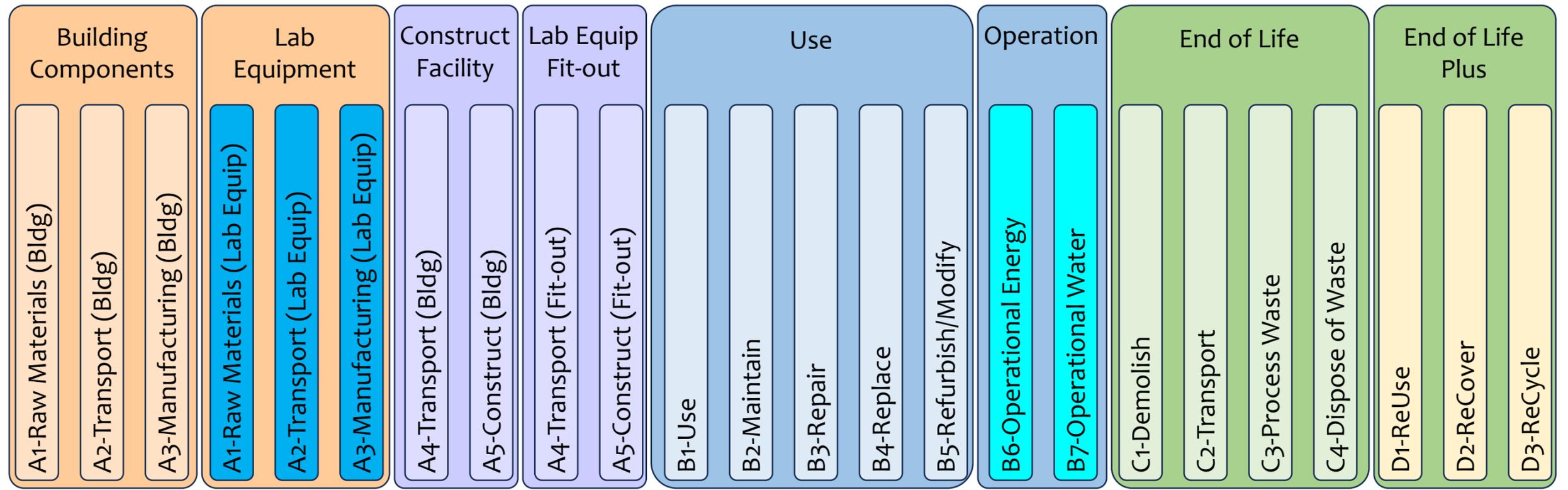
Scale of Carbon Impacts



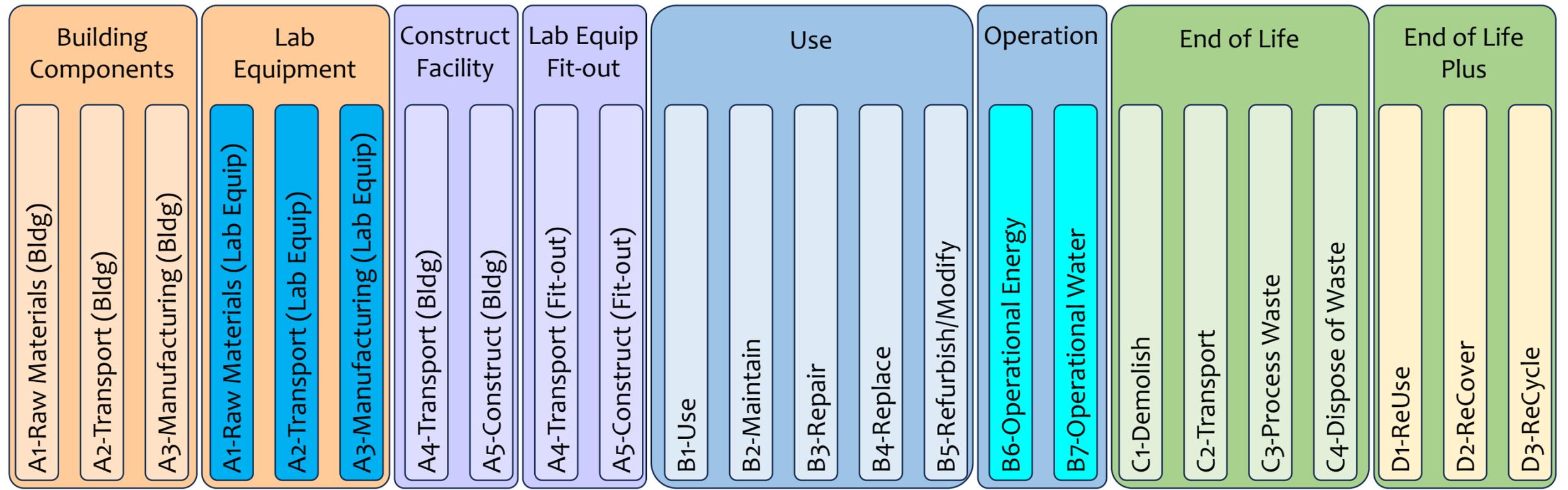
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Scale of Carbon Impacts – Average Office Carbon Intensity

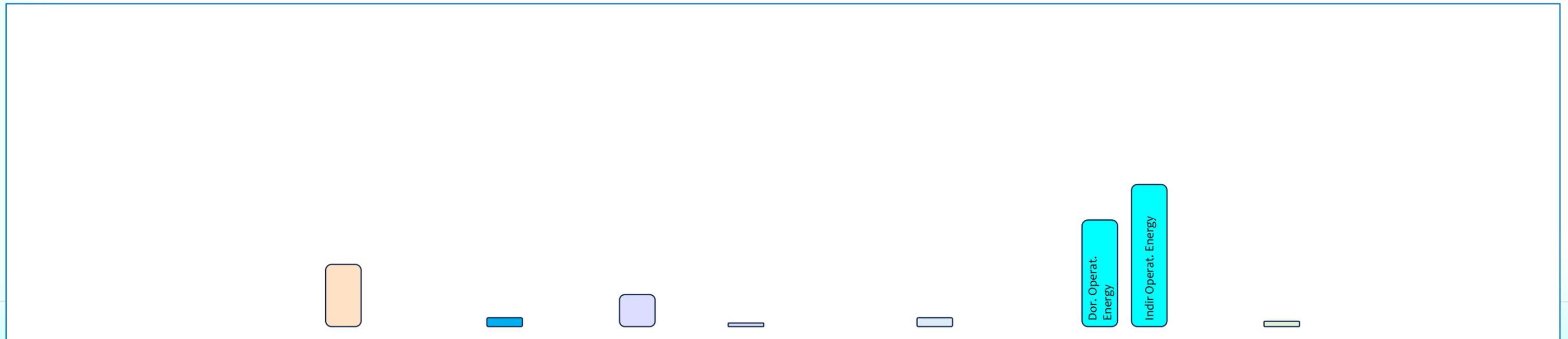
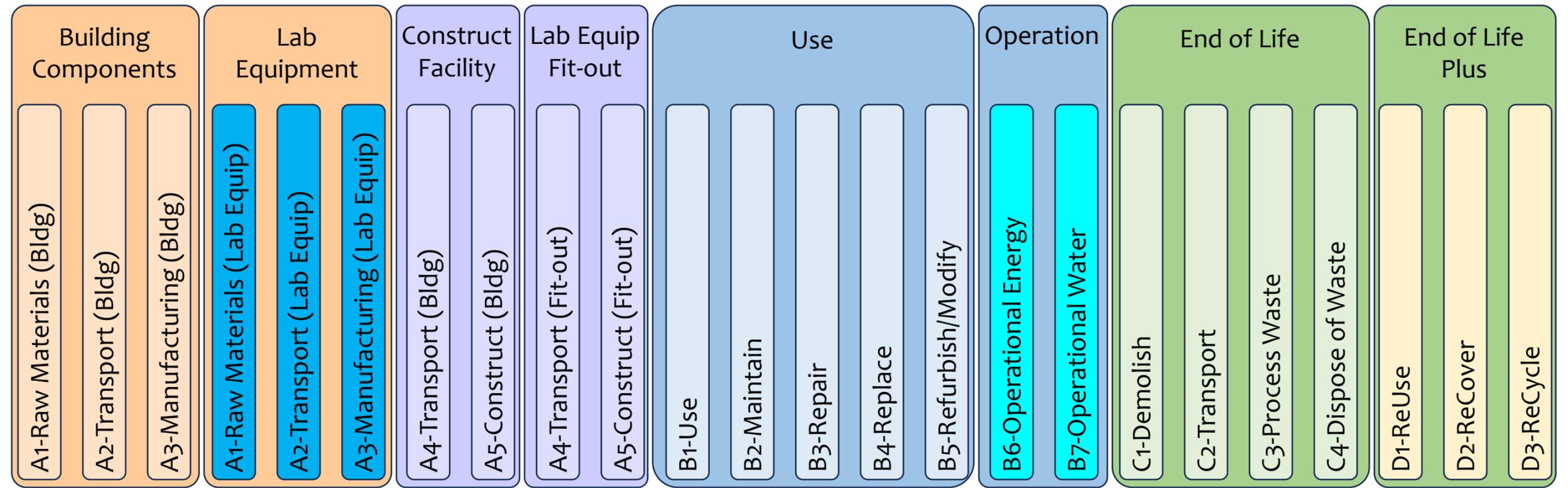


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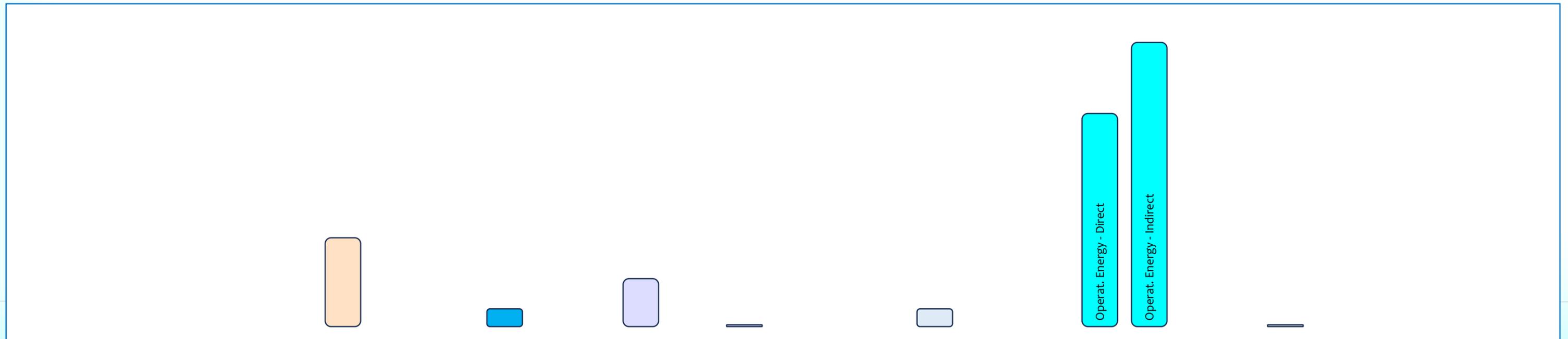
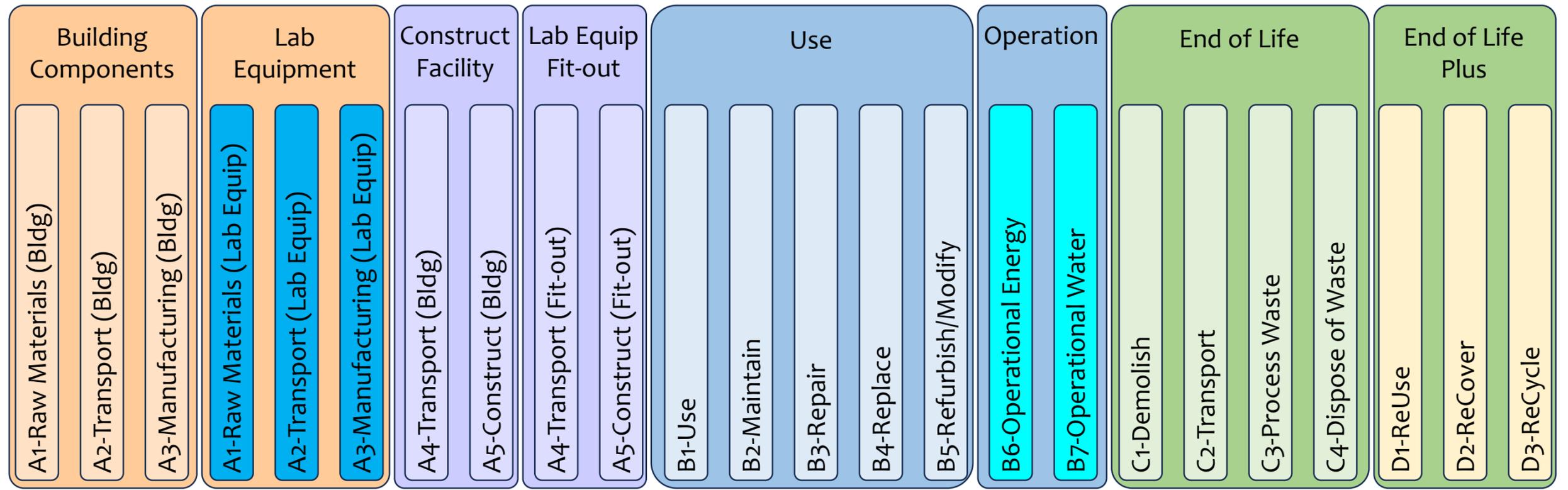


Dir. Operat. Energy
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Scale of Carbon Impacts – Low Carbon Intensity Labs (Physics / Light Biology)



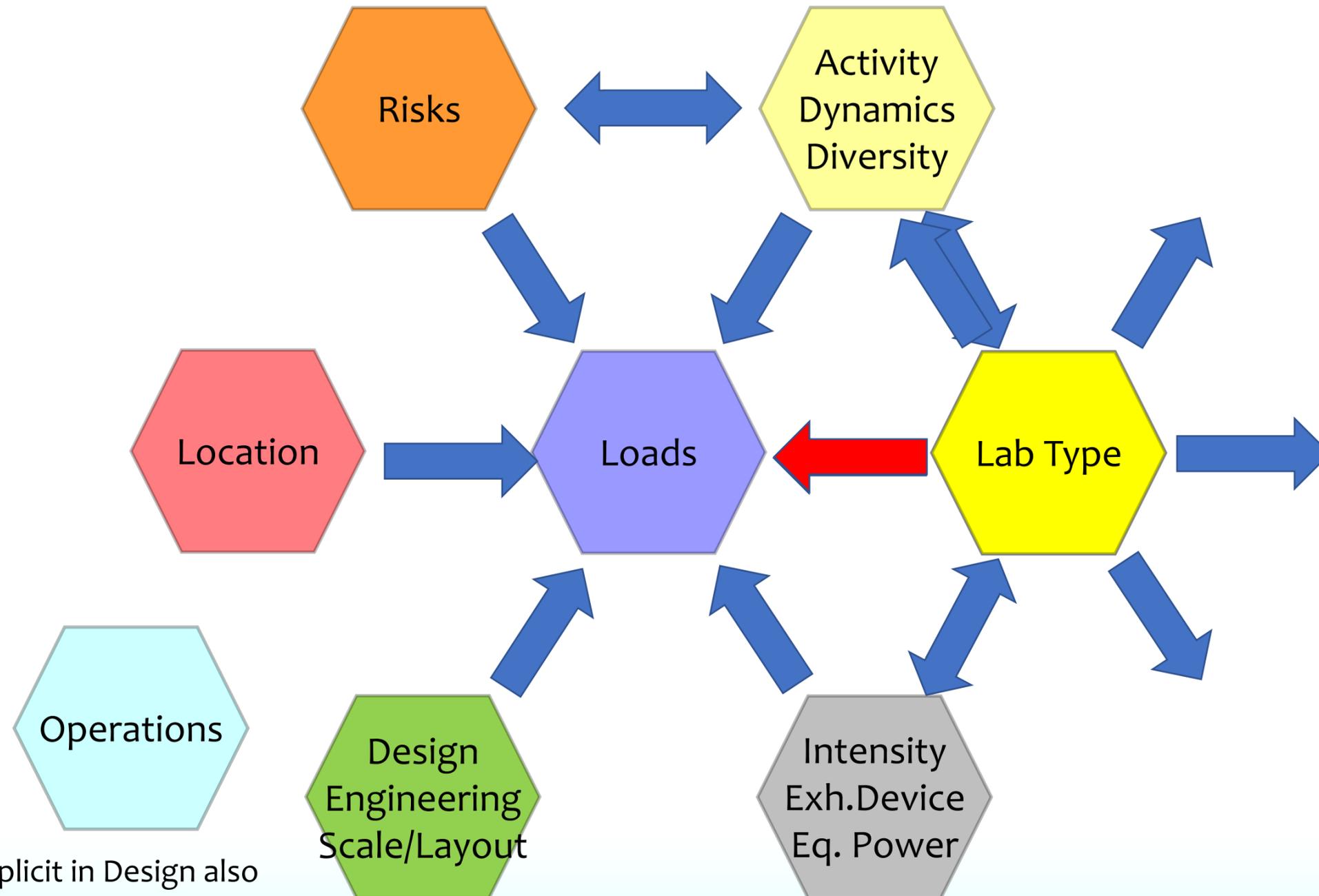
Scale of Carbon Impacts – Medium Carbon Intensity Labs (Biomedical)



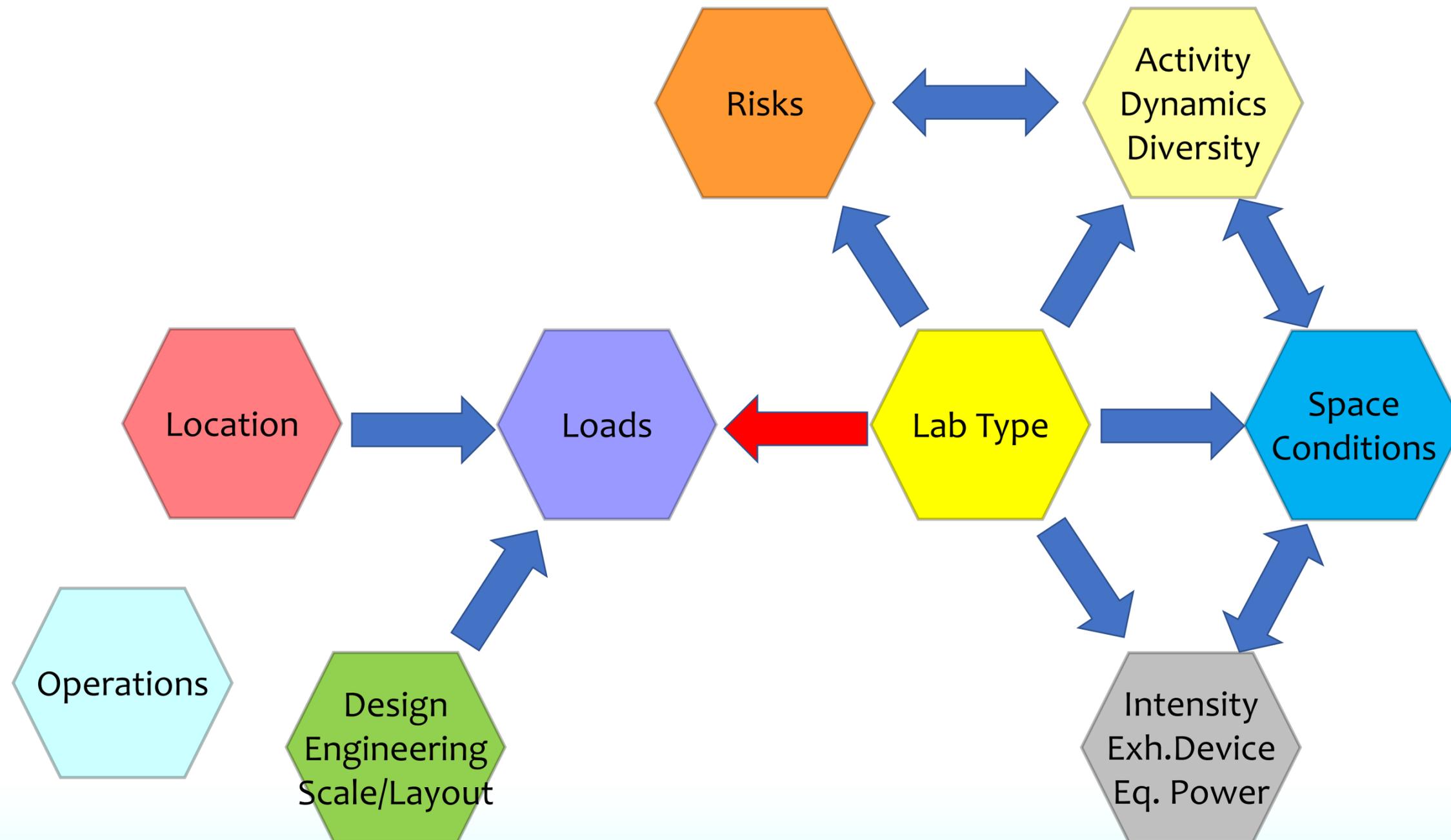
- Labs need Stable, Inert, Clean, Cleanable, Chemically Resistant and Adaptable materials
- Materials that meet these needs require more Extensive Mining, Processing, and Manufacturing to more critical specifications ... More energy & effort to get them
- Critical Environmental Control of spaces, air quality and water quality
- Use of hazard materials requires Increased Levels Of Chemical Resistance, Contamination Control And Containment resulting in increased amounts of exhaust air, outside air make-up, barriers and chemically resistant materials that all add to the Carbon Intensity
- Many Lab Environments require More Extreme And More Critical Temperature And Humidity Control that increases airflows and energy for conditioning
- Many Lab Environments Are Very Dynamic Over Time that often increases both the Controls challenges and the energy Efficiency challenges.
- What is the net Impact of these requirements? ... **MORE CARBON INTENSE!**

- Location and corresponding Climate and Elevation (altitude)
- Type/Function of the Lab & Intensity of Activity (Peak)
- Frequency of Activity (Time & Location)
- Duration of Activity
- Diversity of Activity (across both Rooms, Zones, Systems and the overall Building)
- What Response(s) are required to Maintain “Control” of the Indoor Environment
- How are the Response(s) affected by the Outdoor Environment
- What System Sizes, Types and Responses Best Maintain Control of the **Dynamics**
- All the above must be guided by ... how the above factors **“Interact”**

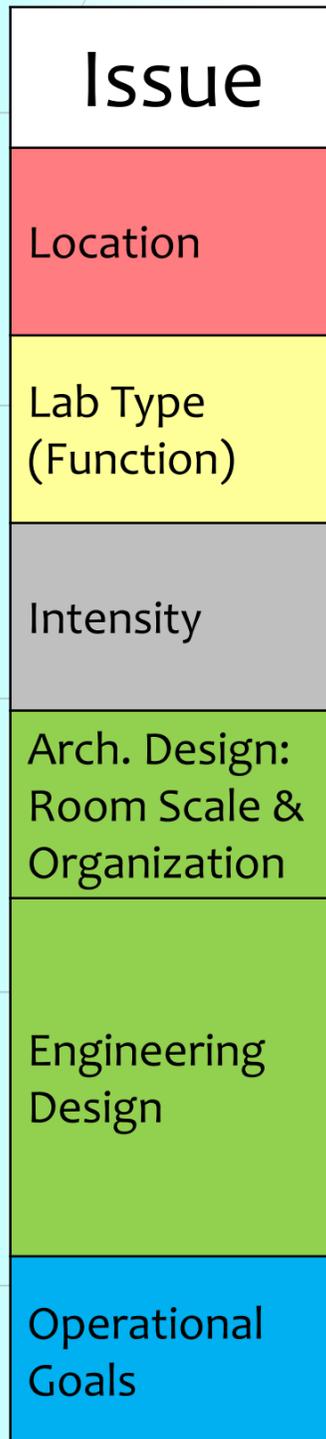
What are the Primary Drivers of Energy? ...more specifically what **Drives Loads?**



Operations implicit in Design also affects Loads but not adversely if consistent with Design.



What Issues & Variables Most Impact Energy Use ... Depends! ... on What?



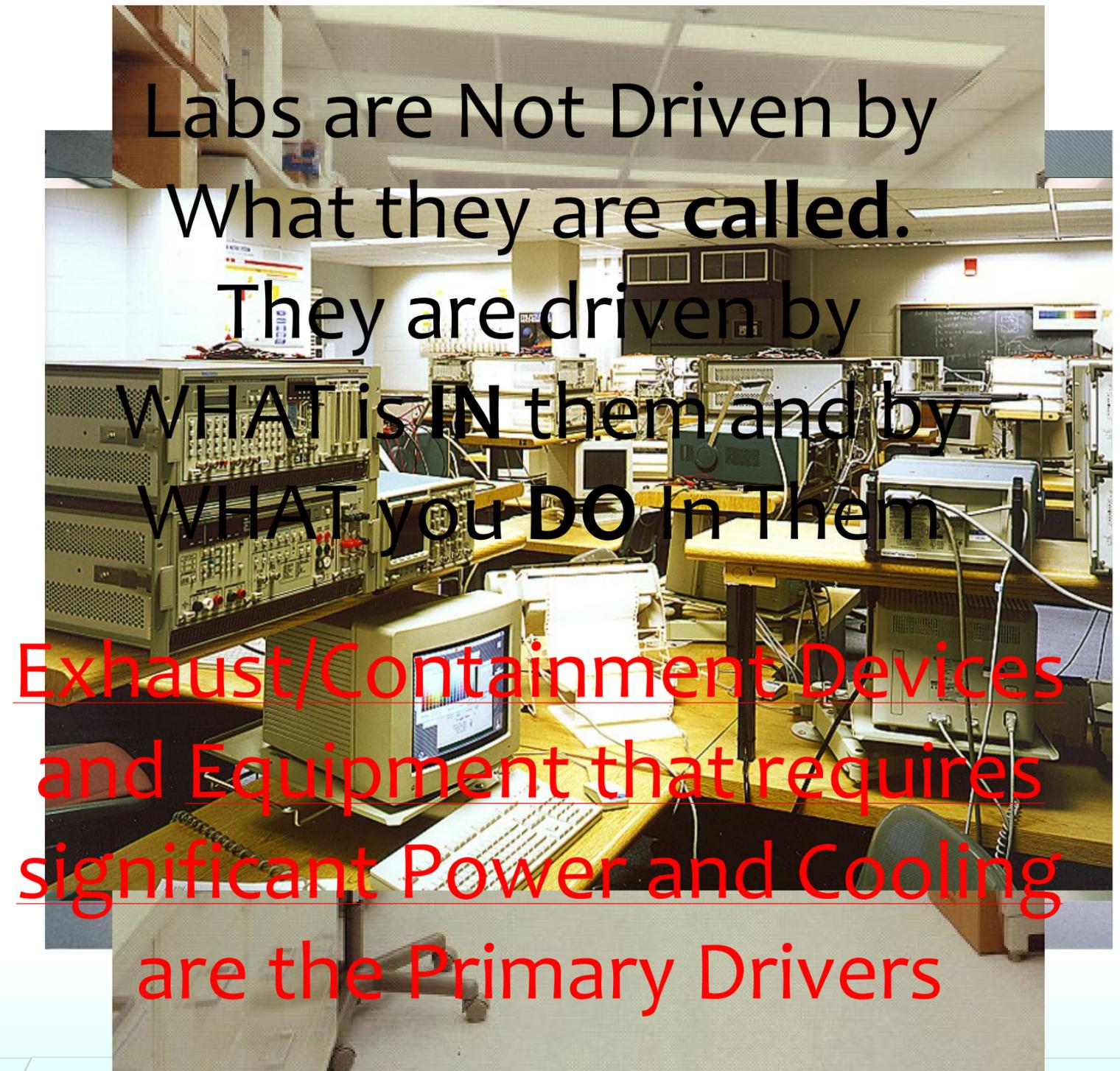
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Issue	Parameters	Options	Impacts	Scale of Impact
Location	High Cooling Loads High Humidification Loads High Heating Loads High Energy Use	Hot & Moist Hot & Dry Cold Hot and Moist		
Lab Type (Function)	Exhaust Device Driven Cooling Load Driven High Diversity	High Exhaust/Outside Air High Internal Equipment Heat		
Intensity				
Engineering Design				
Operational Goals				

Types of Labs (A to Z?) ... How Much does Type make a difference?

Analytic, **Animal**, Agricultural, Anechoic, Aerospace, Automotive
Biology, Bioinformatics, Biotech, Biohazard, **Biomedical**, Botany
Chemistry, Containment, Clinical, Combinatorial, Cryogenics
Diagnostic, Discovery, Developmental, Disease
Electronics, Environmental, Energy, Ecology, Electrophysiology
Forensic, Food, FTIR (Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy)
Genetics, Genomics, Gas Chromatography
Histology, HTS (High Throughput Screening), Hematology
Inorganic Chemistry, Infrared, Imaging, Immunoassay
Kinetics, Kinematics,
Laser, Lithography, Liquid Chromatography, Life Science
Materials, Microbiology, Meteorological, Microelectronics
Nanotechnology, Neurological, Necropsy
Organic Chemistry, Oceanographic, Oncology, Optical
Physics, **Pharmaceutical**, Petrochemical, Pathology, Proteomics
Quarantine, QC, Quantum Mechanics, Quartz
RadioChemical, Robotics, Recombinant DNA, Rheology
Semiconductor, Scale-up, Spectroscopy, Space, Standards
Toxicology, **Teaching**, Textile, Testing, **Tissue Culture**, Titration
Ultrasonic, UV
Vacuum, Vaccine, Viral, VOC
Wafer, Wet,
X-Ray Chromatography, Xenochemistry
Zoology



➤ Usual Drivers of Loads, Airflows & Energy in Buildings:

- Envelope Loads
- Internal Loads
- Ventilation Loads

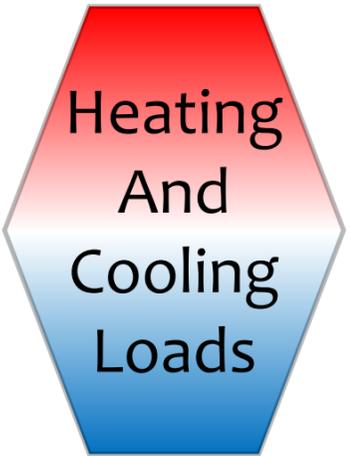
Envelope Loads



Ventilation Loads



Internal Loads



Heating
And
Cooling
Loads

- Buildings with small Ventilation & Internal Loads are usually Envelope Driven ...
- With Labs, Ventilation & Internal Loads Determine most Loads, Energy and Carbon Impact
- Which one Dominates will usually depend on upon two things:
 - **Type of Lab** ... Whether it is Exhaust/Ventilation or Equipment Driven
 - Project Location/**Climate** ... which Determines Scale of Heating/Cooling Loads from Ventilation
- Risk / Containment / Exhaust Air Make-up → Ventilation / Outside Air Loads ...
 - Buildings with large Exhaust Airflows are Ventilation Driven ... Chemistry Labs ...
 - Buildings with large Equipment loads are Internal Load Driven ... Biology & Physics Labs ...
- Labs with intermittent Loads (such as Teaching) have different Load & Occupancy Profiles

➤ Chemistry Labs:

- More & Larger Fume Hoods
- More Chemicals/Risk
- Less Equipment Loads (some within fume hoods)
- Fewer Freezers & Refrigerators
- Lower Staffing Density (sometimes)

➤ Biology/Biomedical Labs:

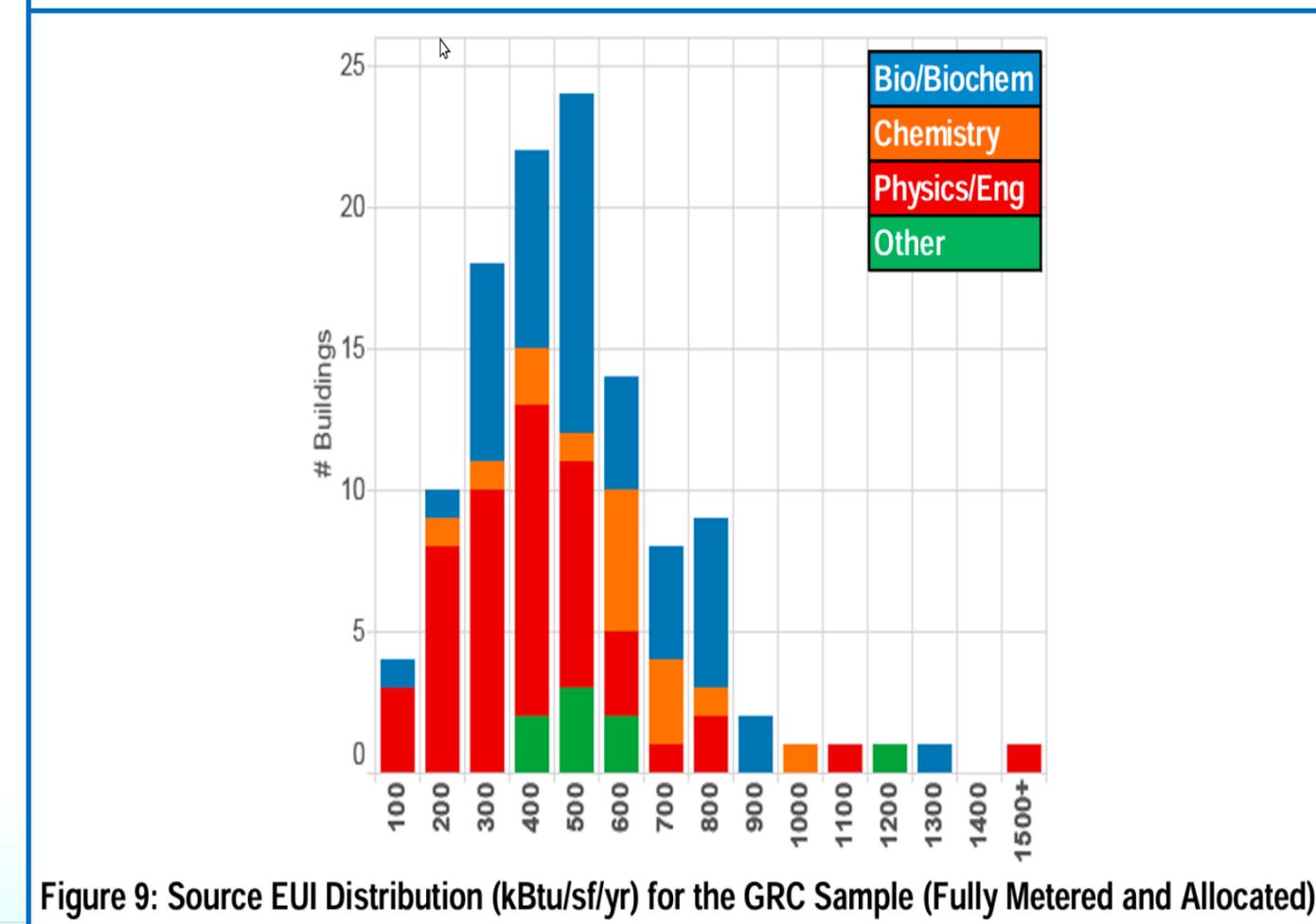
- Fewer & Smaller Fume Hoods
- More BioSafety Cabinets
- Less Chemicals (sometimes)
- More Equipment Loads and Unstaffed use
- More Freezers & Refrigerators
- Higher Staffing Density

➤ **EUIs can be similar** because Ventilation and Equipment Loads tend to Offset each other

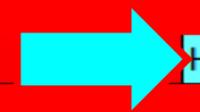
➤ **Carbon Impacts are Different** based on Energy Source

Table 4: Energy Use Summary for the GRC Sample (Fully Metered Data Only)

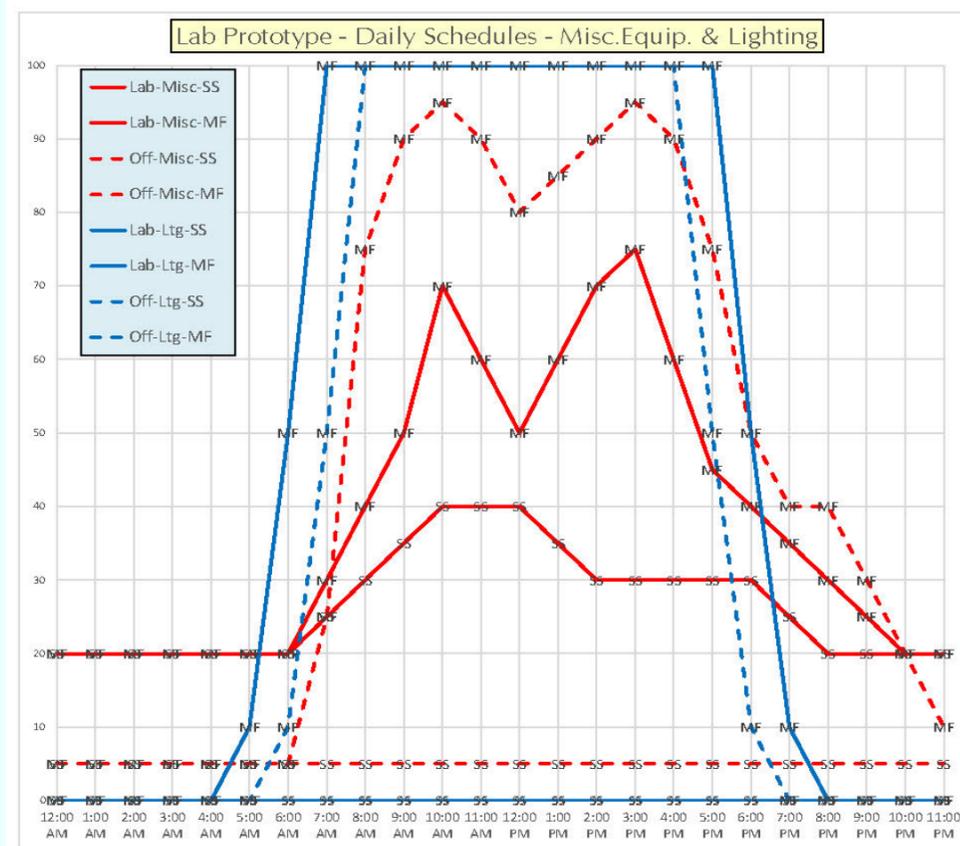
	# of Buildings	Avg. Source EUI (kBtu/sf/yr)	Stdev of Source EUI (kBtu/sf/yr)	Avg. Site EUI (kBtu/sf/yr)
Bio/Biochem	41	592	229	317
Chemistry	13	663	179	369
Physics/Eng	21	486	335	253
Other	7	644	272	362
All	82	580	260	312



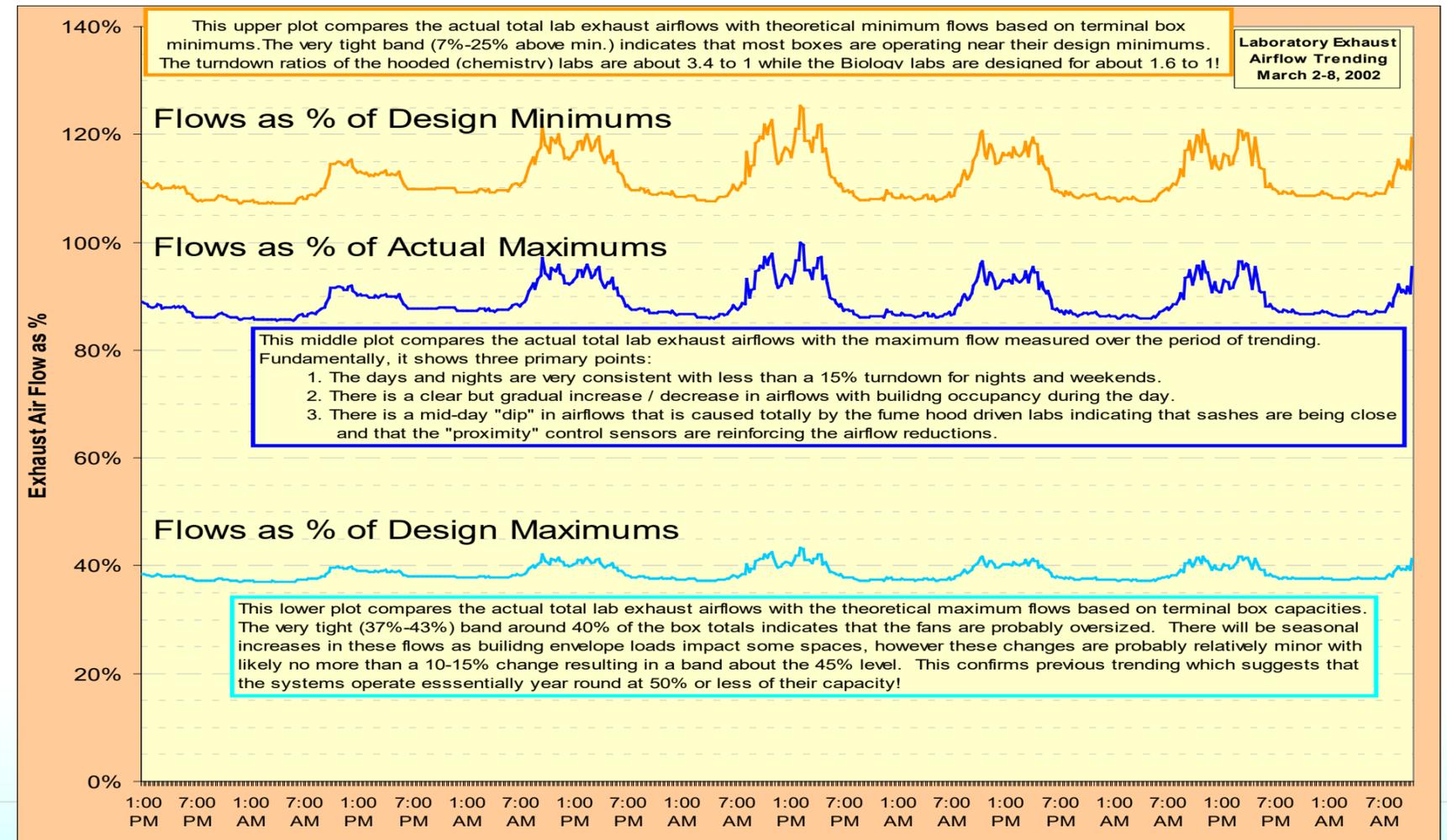
		Research Hubs (14)				49.0	53.0	Design (Evaporation/WB) (0.4%)					
ASHRAE Thermal Zone	Thermal Climate Zone Name	Representative City	HDD50	HDD65	CDD50	CDD65	SA-ΔH-49°	SA-ΔH-53°	Cooling-DBT-Evap	Cooling-WBT-Evap	Cooling-Enthalpy	Peak Cooling Tons-Evap-49 SAT	Peak Cooling Tons-Evap-53 SAT
0B	Extremely Hot Dry	Dhaharan, SA	-	272	11,573	6,370	36.14	33.86	96.60	88.30	55.70	13.41	12.56
0B	Extremely Hot Dry	Kuwait Intl, KWT	13	668	11,178	6,357	30.70	28.42	95.20	83.10	50.30	11.34	10.50
0A	Extremely Hot Humid	Manila, PHL	-	-	11,986	6,511	28.73	26.46	87.00	83.30	48.29	10.66	9.82
2A	Hot Dry	Houston, TX	182	1,297	7,560	3,200	26.48	24.20	88.80	80.20	46.04	9.82	8.98
1A	Very Hot Humid	Miami, FL	1	112	10,022	4,660	26.10	23.83	86.80	80.40	45.65	9.70	8.86
4A	Mixed Humid	Philadelphia, PA	1,672	4,410	4,136	1,403	24.60	22.33	88.30	78.10	44.14	9.15	8.31
2B	Hot Dry	Phoenix, AZ	27	874	9,328	4,698	24.53	22.20	93.60	75.50	44.38	8.77	7.93
3A	Warm Humid	Atlanta, GA	648	2,578	5,514	1,969	24.41	22.09	88.10	77.20	44.24	8.76	7.93
4A	Mixed Humid	New York, NY	1,675	4,476	4,004	1,332	23.41	21.13	87.20	76.90	42.95	8.71	7.86
5A	Cool Humid	Boston, MA	2,284	5,498	3,072	812	22.46	20.19	86.10	76.00	42.00	8.36	7.51
1B	Very Hot Dry	Riyadh, SA	13	559	10,625	5,697	22.82	20.45	100.90	69.90	42.97	7.88	7.06
7	Very Cold	International Falls, MN	5,925	9,984	1,611	195	19.58	17.25	81.40	72.80	39.46	6.98	6.15
3B	Warm Dry	El Paso, TX	422	2,203	6,326	2,631	19.73	17.25	85.60	69.80	40.48	6.35	5.56
3B	Warm Dry	Los Angeles, CA	4	1,256	4,894	672	16.84	14.57	78.20	70.50	36.41	6.25	5.40
3C	Warm Marine	San Francisco, CA	84	2,606	3,128	173	13.99	11.71	77.40	65.90	33.52	5.20	4.36
4B	Mixed Dry	Albuquerque, NM	1,253	3,873	4,340	1,488	16.11	13.55	81.30	65.20	37.35	4.92	4.14
5B	Cool Dry	Denver, CO	2,579	5,874	3,009	827	15.81	13.24	81.00	64.80	37.09	4.82	4.03
8	Subarctic/Arctic	Fairbanks, AK	8,917	13,366	1,094	67	12.53	10.24	76.50	63.30	32.20	4.59	3.75
5C	Cool Marine	Port Angeles, WA	1,571	5,901	1,172	26	11.96	9.68	74.50	63.20	31.58	4.41	3.56

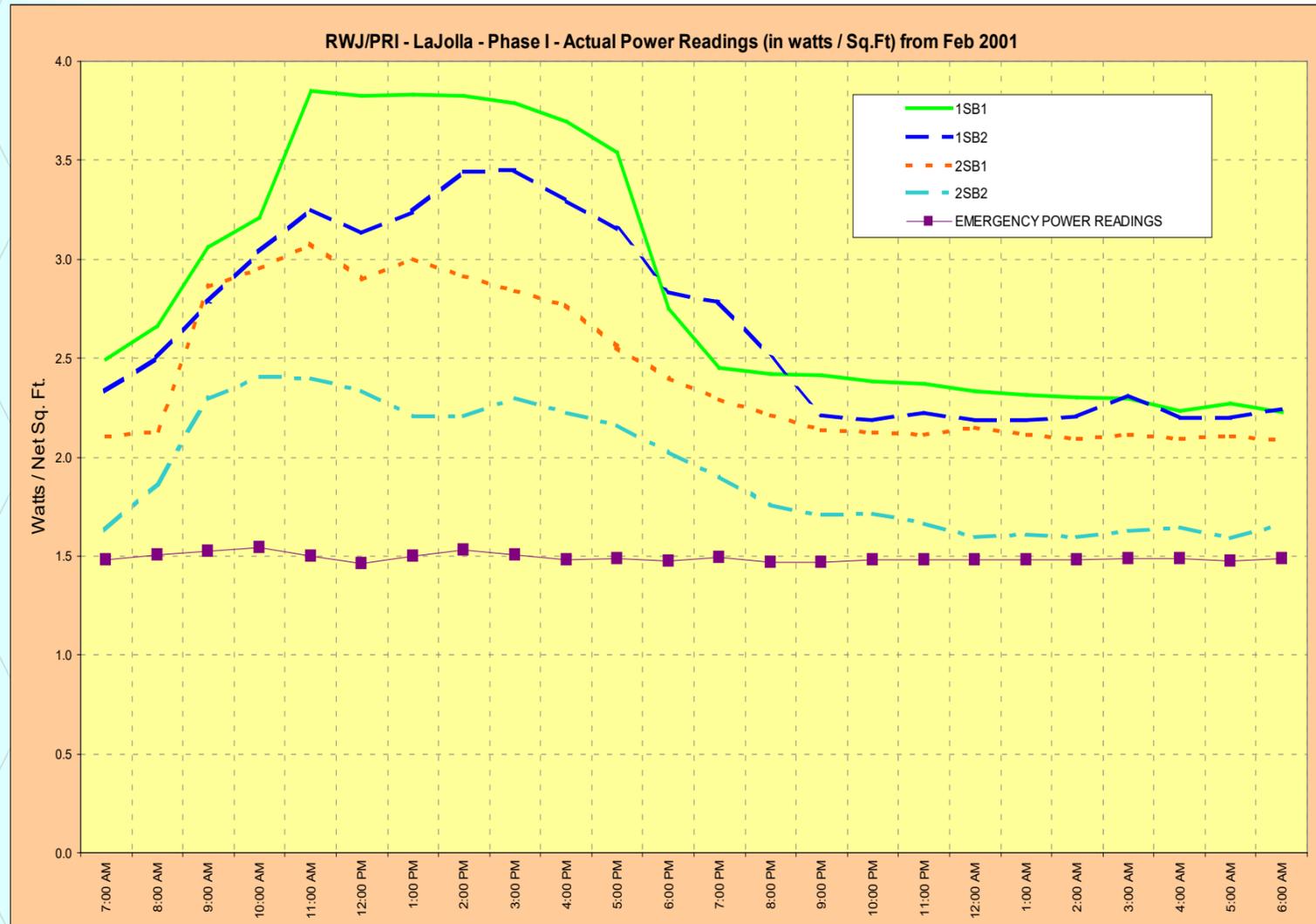


- Systems and Controls should **Recognize the Dynamics** of Typical Profiles
- **Capturing Diversities** Reduces both **Peak Loads, Energy Use and Carbon Use**
- Results in **Smaller Equipment (Embodied Carbon)** and **Less Energy (Operational Carbon)**
- **Reduced Over-sizing** Provides more **Stable and Accurate Control**
- **Minimizes Total Carbon Footprint**



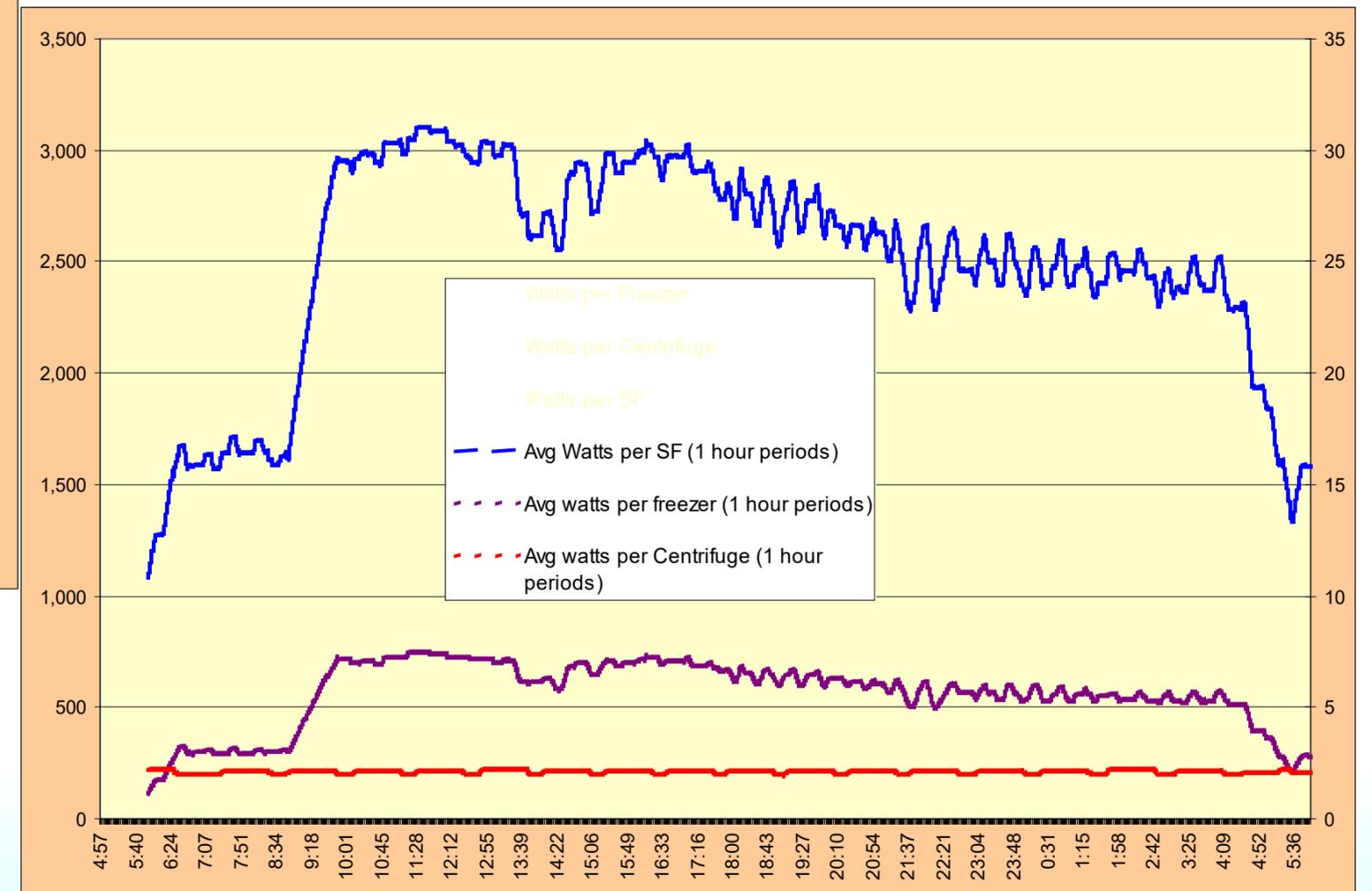
- Whenever possible, controls should **Modulate Room and Device Airflows** to the Maximum extent possible
- Using **Occupancy and Zone Presence Sensors** to reduce both Exhaust Device Airflows and effective room Air Changes
- **Safety and Containment** should always be **Maintained**
- Variable Volume Systems **Minimize Oversizing** and **Reduce Energy/Carbon**

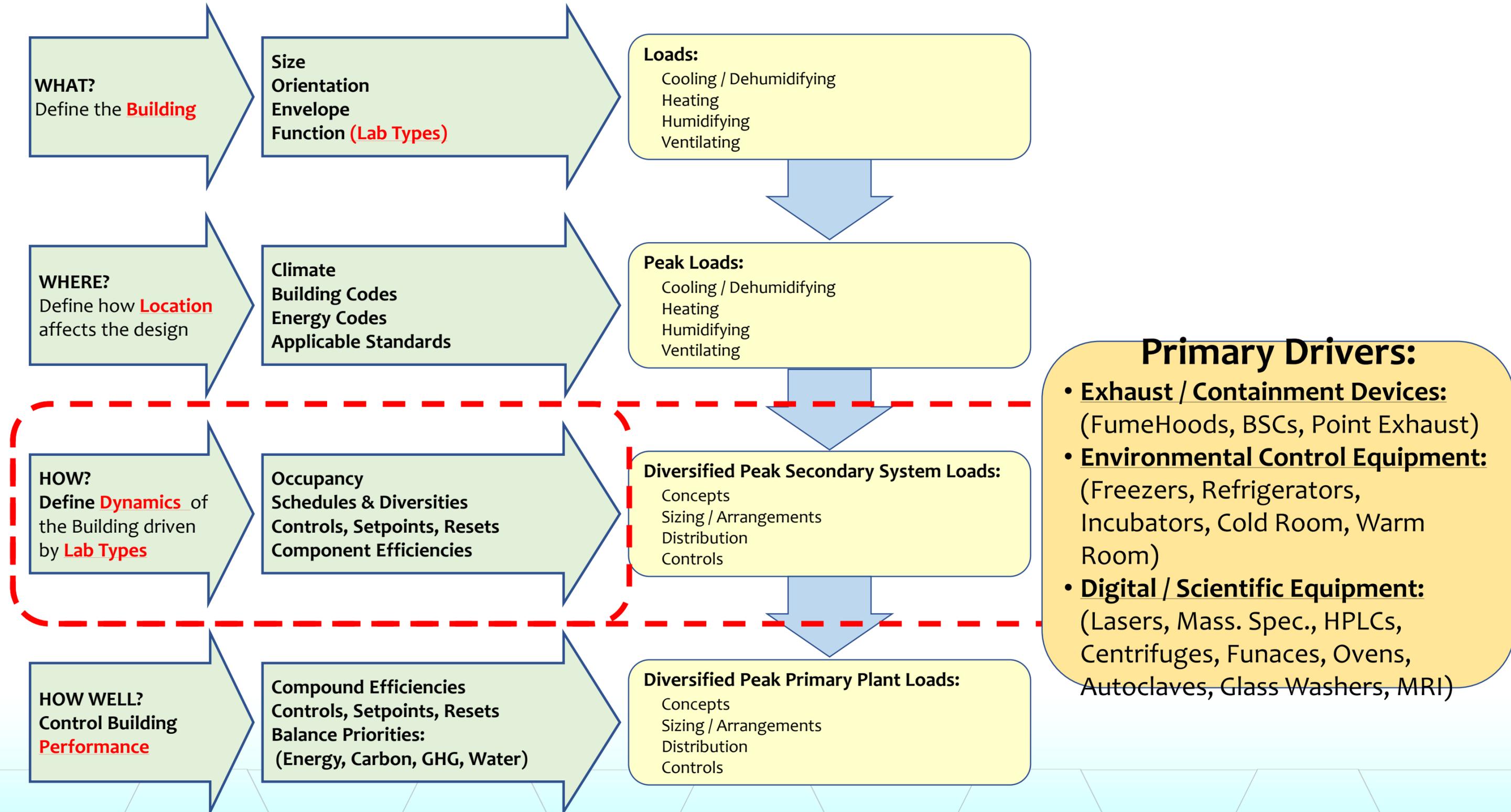




Equipment Utilization

Power Requirements





➤ Fume Hood Face Velocities (normal)

- Minimum 60-70 FPM
- Typical 80-100 FPM
- High 120 + FPM

➤ Fume Hood Face Velocities or Volumes (Minimum)

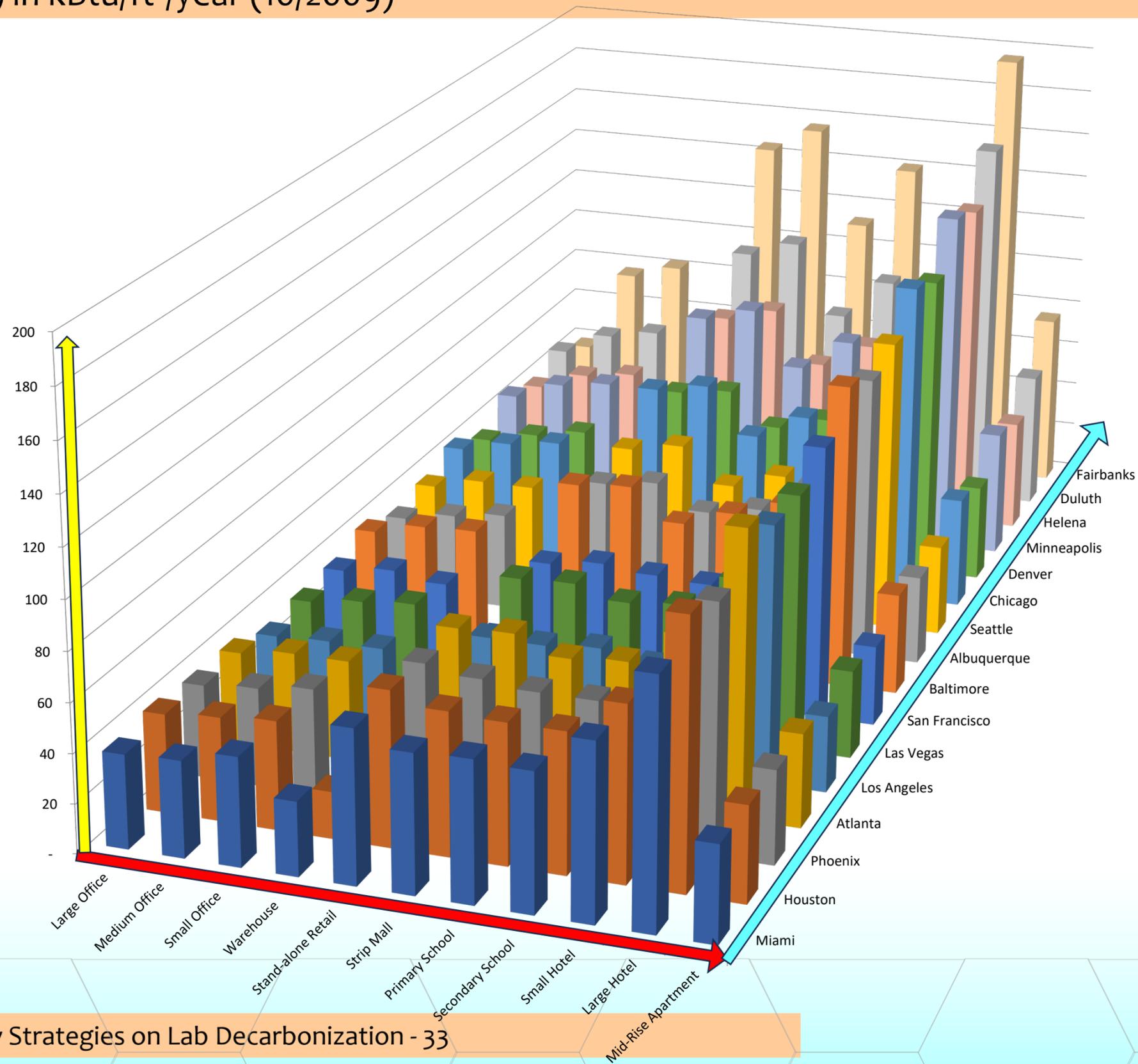
- Minimum Velocity 60 FPM
- Minimum Flows ~50% Full sash Area at 100 FPM

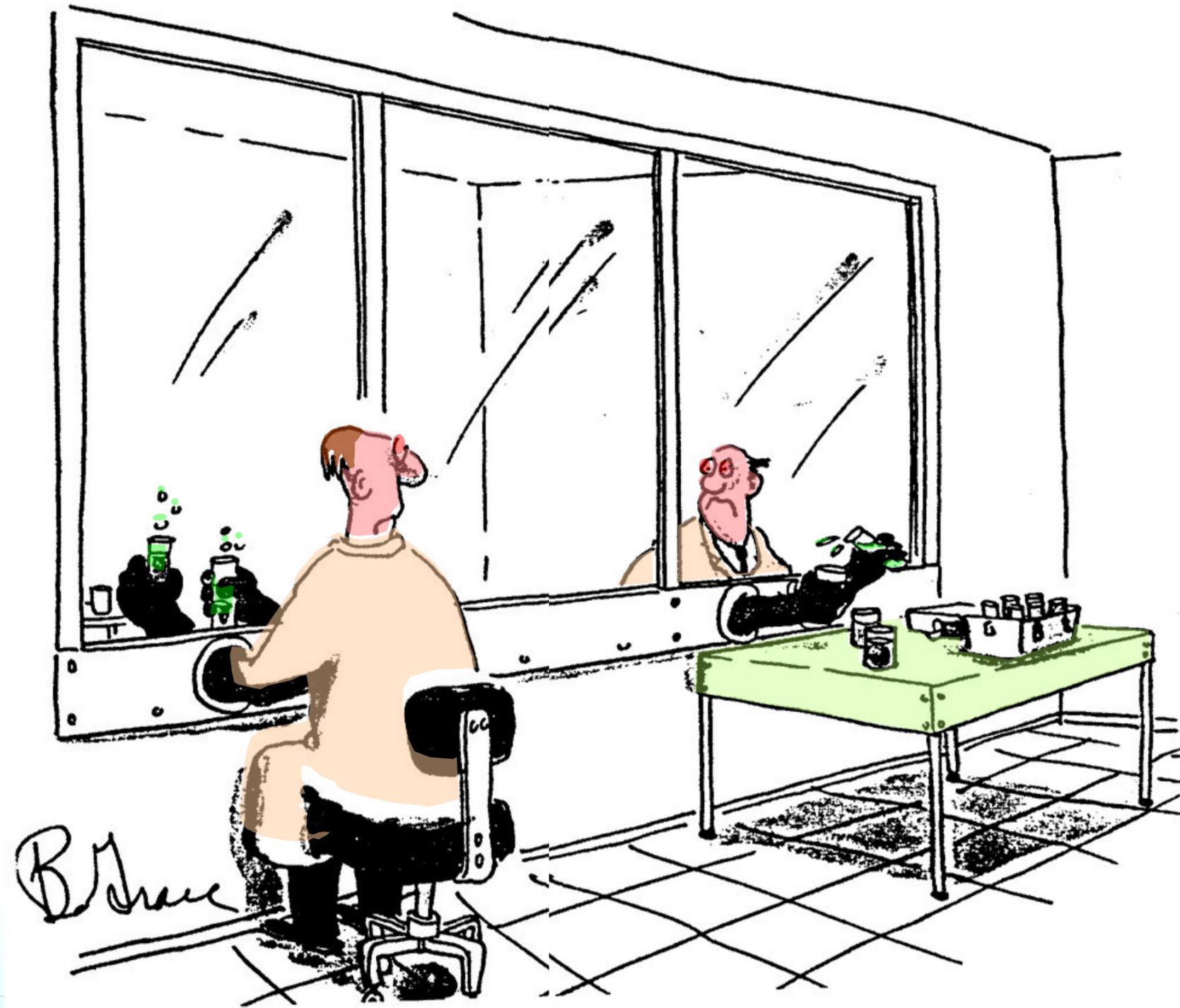
➤ Space Temperatures

- Lab (with Lab coats) 70-72° F
- Lab (without Lab coats) 74-76° F
- Non-Lab occupied Space 72-76° F

➤ Percentage of Outside Air

- Maximum 100% supply
- Minimum for non-dilution 25% supply





- Impact of Building Useful Lifespan
- Changing Approaches To Repurposing Older Buildings
- Strategies to Provide Flexibility for Repurposing & Expansion
- Providing Resiliency without “Spare” Capacity
- Impact of Under- vs Over-sizing on Operational and Embodied Carbon
- Maximizing the Efficient Response to Dynamics
- Maximizing Use of Diversity
- Meeting Heating Loads without Fossil Fuels
- Exhaust Driven vs Load Driven Spaces
- Liquid vs Air-cooled Systems
- Using Ventilation Effectiveness for Contamination Control.
- Shared Use of Equipment both within and between Users
- Balancing Embodied vs Operational Carbon
- Decarbonization of Electrical Grid

- Don't do it./Don't install it ... Share equipment
- Do it only when necessary ... Take better advantage of diversities to impact sizing as well as energy cost
- Do it more efficiently ... Match equipment to circumstances
- Mirror the Building Dynamics as much as possible
- Know the loads and conditions ... Avoid oversizing
- Do only as much as absolutely necessary ... Apply different strategies for resilience rather than fully redundant equipment
- Follow the Straight Line Principal to Minimize losses

- Differences in Embodied versus Operational carbon
- Short vs long-term ... One time vs multiple times ... Embodied harder to quantify for payback ... approaches conserve both types of carbon
- How to maximize Fume Hood Containment at lower Face Velocity
- How can technology options better address cooling needs without using outside air
- Can resiliency needs be met using less redundancy with more sophisticated controls
- What can be done to reduce the range of dynamics in labs?
- How will climate change impact carbon assumptions
- Heating versus cooling dominant.(fuel or electric driven.
- Efficiency improvements HVAC systems and renewable energy systems
- Measurement control improvements.

- How politics/culture/codes affect decision-making
 - Renewable or fossil fuel dominant.
 - Short versus long-term attitudes
- How the grid affect decision-making?
 - Transition to electrification.
 - Increasing amount of renewable energy.
 - In increasing efficiency of renewable energy systems.
 - In increasing effectiveness of battery storage systems
- If buildings become zero energy in the next 25 years, as operational carbon is significantly reduced, How will the focus on embodied carbon change?
- How will the advent of more effective uses of AI change the nature of research using physical testing?
- How might Changes in the power of grid and electrification affect both our transportation systems and the organization of our society?

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Questions?

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