

Towards Net Zero

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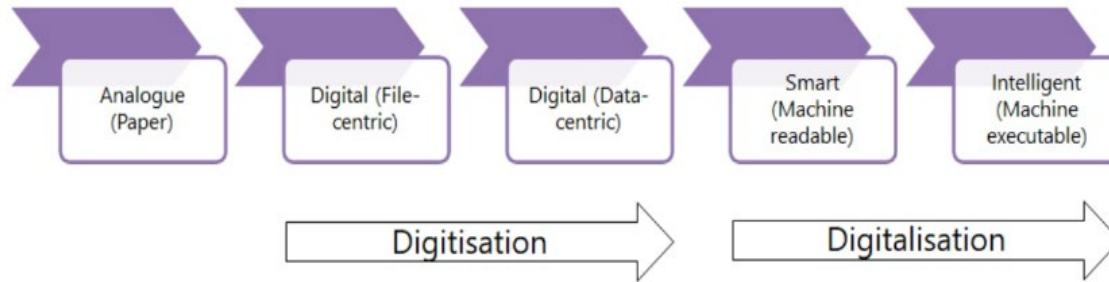
Industry 4.0 » Industry 5.0



- **Industry 4.0 – integration of smart, connected, autonomous digital and physical technologies**
- **Industry 5.0 – human-machine collaboration**
 - Integration of AI and robotics technology with human creativity for problem-solving and value-adding for customers
 - LCA impact on manufacturing, consumption, sustainability, and CE
 - Business intelligence and social implications of mass personalization
 - Impact on careers and skills and organizational change

Towards Digital Intelligence

Digital Process Maturity



- *DT in manufacturing, aerospace, automobile, healthcare, sports, retails, AEC, asset & facilities management, etc.*

- **A Digital Twin need not always be in 3D**
- **BIM, RFID, GPS, GIS, IoT, VR/AR/MR, photogrammetry, laser scanning, AI, 3D printing, robotics, big data analytic and blockchain for DT & off-site Construction**

Towards Digital Intelligence

Identified technologies

BIM Digital fabrication on-site

AI Design simulations

Design automation Blockchain

Big data Digital twin of city

IoT asset management Distributed off-site production

IoT energy consumption • **Boosting construction efficiency**

AR on-site and manufacturing • **Value-driven computational design**

VR and immersive • **User-data-driven built environment**

Future materials • **Intelligent Construction Equipment and Robotics (IER) for enhancing safety and improving productivity**

CAVs and tunnels • **Addressing skilled worker shortage**

Identified trends

Lean processes

Alliancing business models

Standardization

Safety on-site

No disruption

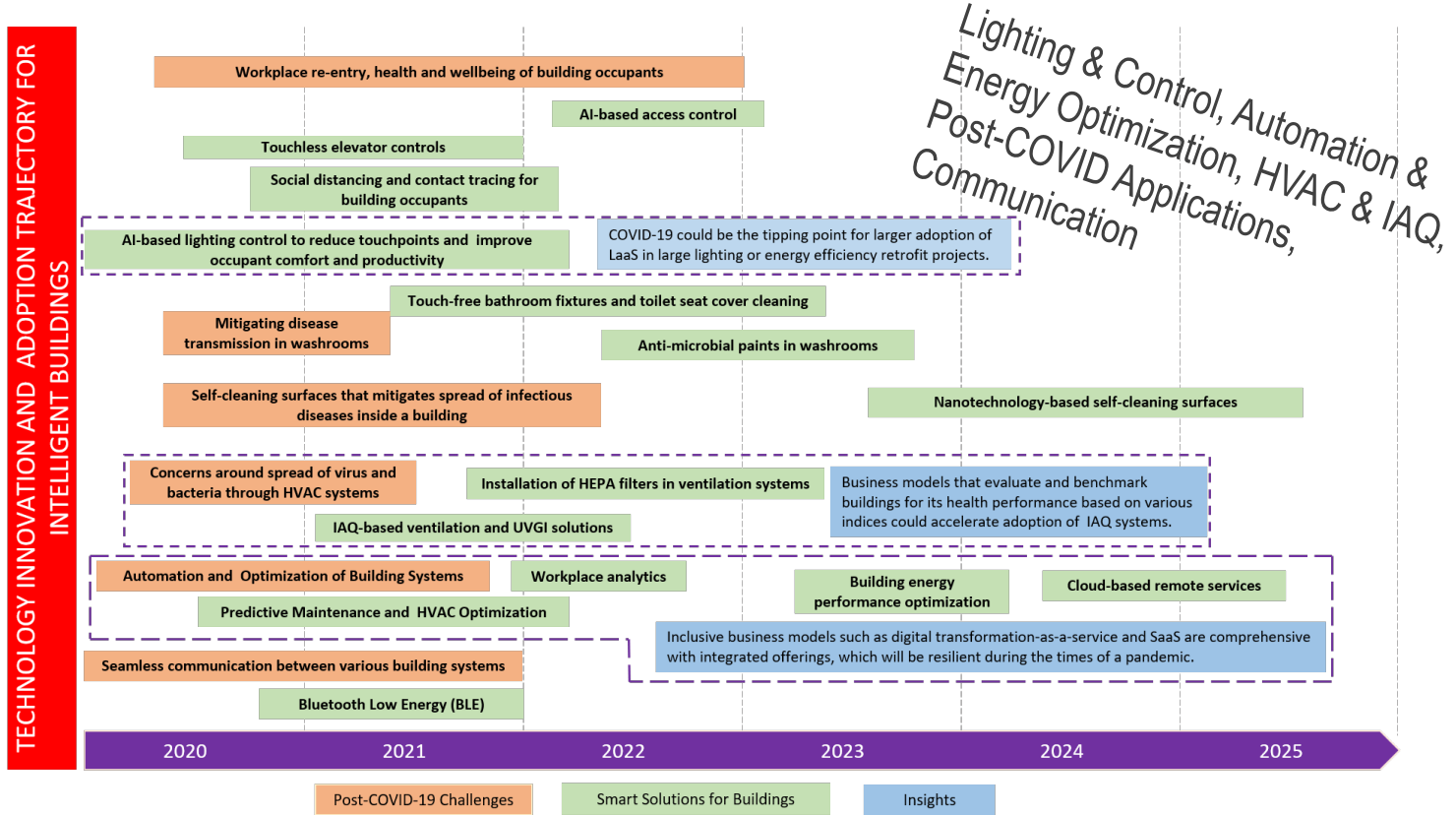
Sustainability

End user focus

Automation

Companies

Technologies for Intelligent Buildings

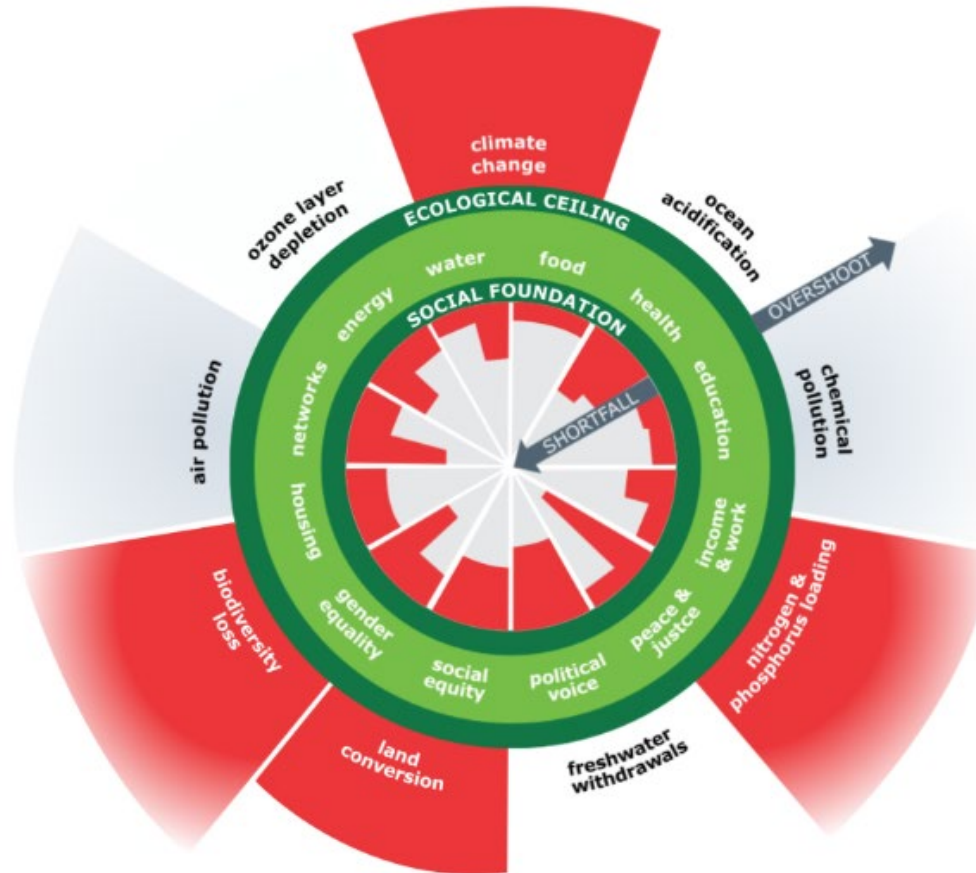


Frost & Sullivan, Intelligent Buildings and COVID-19 Impact review, technology potential and future readiness assessment, CABA Report 2021



Technology innovation and adoption trajectory

The Doughnut of social and planetary boundaries (2017)



Nine planetary boundaries

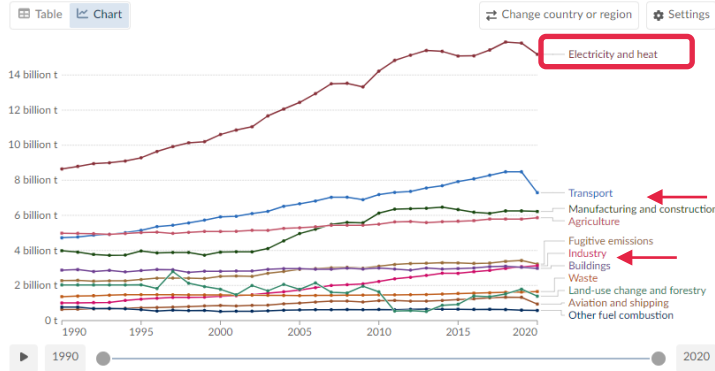
1. Climate change
2. Change in biosphere integrity (biodiversity loss and species extinction)
3. Stratospheric ozone depletion
4. Ocean acidification
5. Biogeochemical flows (phosphorus and nitrogen cycles)
6. Land-system change (e.g. deforestation)
7. Freshwater use
8. Atmospheric aerosol loading (microscopic particles in the atmosphere that affect climate and living organisms)
9. Introduction of novel entities (e.g. organic pollutants, radioactive materials, nano-materials, and micro-plastics).

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Greenhouse gas emissions by sector, World

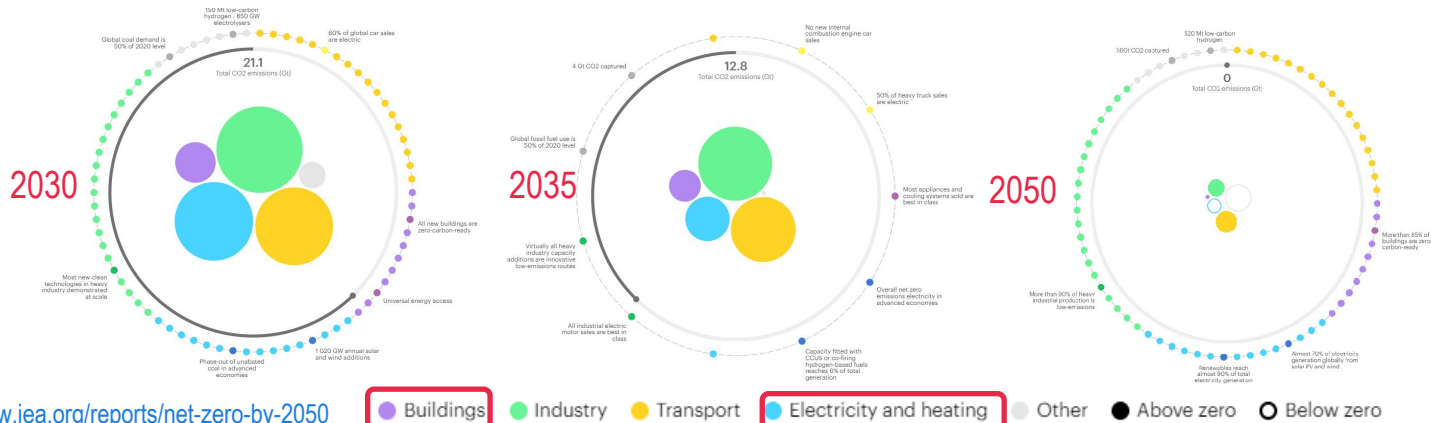
Greenhouse gas emissions are measured in tonnes of carbon dioxide-equivalents over a 100-year timescale.

Our World in Data



Data source: Climate Watch (2023) – [Learn more about this data](#)
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<https://ourworldindata.org/emissions-by-sector>



<https://www.iea.org/reports/net-zero-by-2050>

Climate Watch (2023)

IEA (2021)

RIBA Guide

UN Sustainable Development Goals

1	No Poverty
2	Zero Hunger
3	Good Health and Wellbeing
4	Quality Education
5	Gender Equality
6	Clean water and sanitation
7	Affordable clean energy
8	Economic Growth
9	Innovation and Infrastructure
10	Reduced Inequality
11	Sustainable cities and communities
12	Responsible consumption + production
13	Climate Action
14	Life below water
15	Life on land
16	Peace and Justice
17	Partnerships and Goals

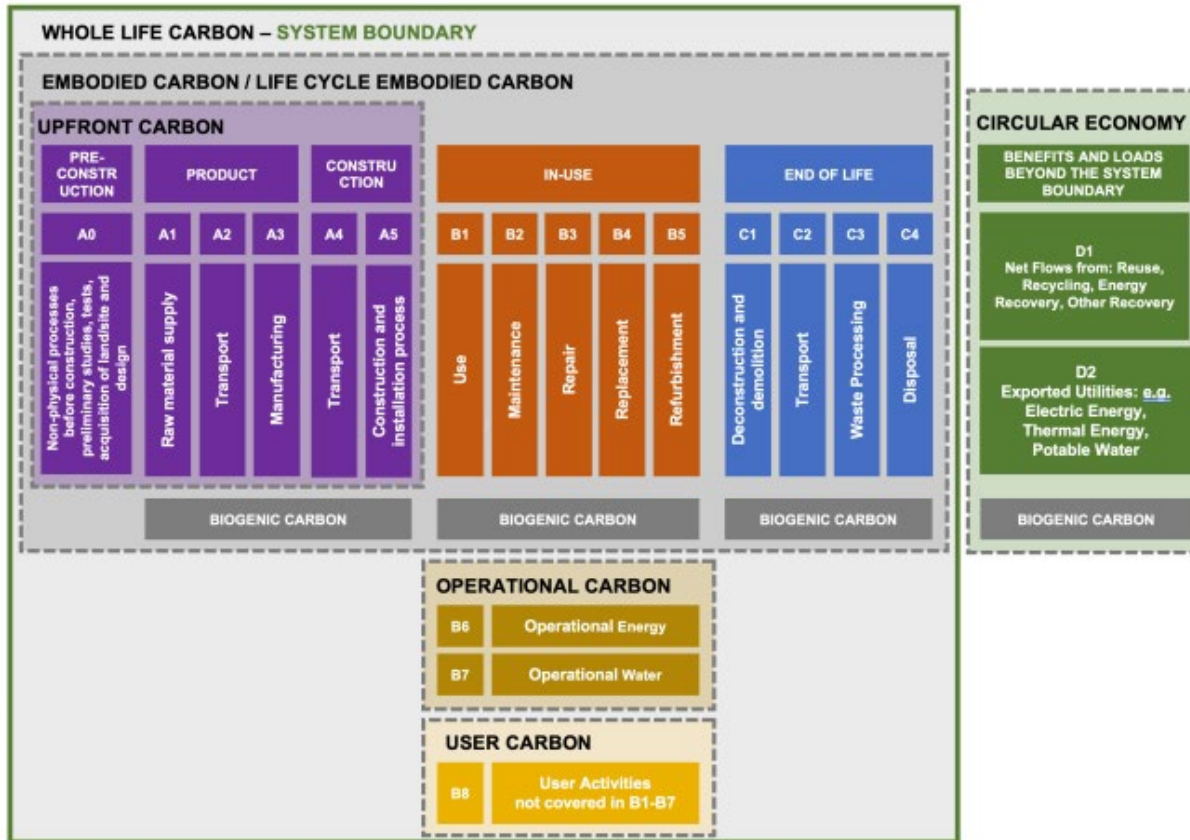
RIBA Sustainable Outcome

Good Health and Wellbeing
Sustainable Water Cycle
Net Zero Operational Carbon Emissions
Sustainable Life Cycle Cost
Sustainable connectivity and transport
Sustainable Communities and Social Value
Net Zero Embodied Carbon Emissions
Whole Life Carbon Emissions
Sustainable land-use and ecology

Diagram 1: UN Sustainable Design Goals Outcomes Map, Gary Clark

➤ **RIBA Sustainable Outcomes Guide aligns with UN SDGs**

Life-Cycle Assessment

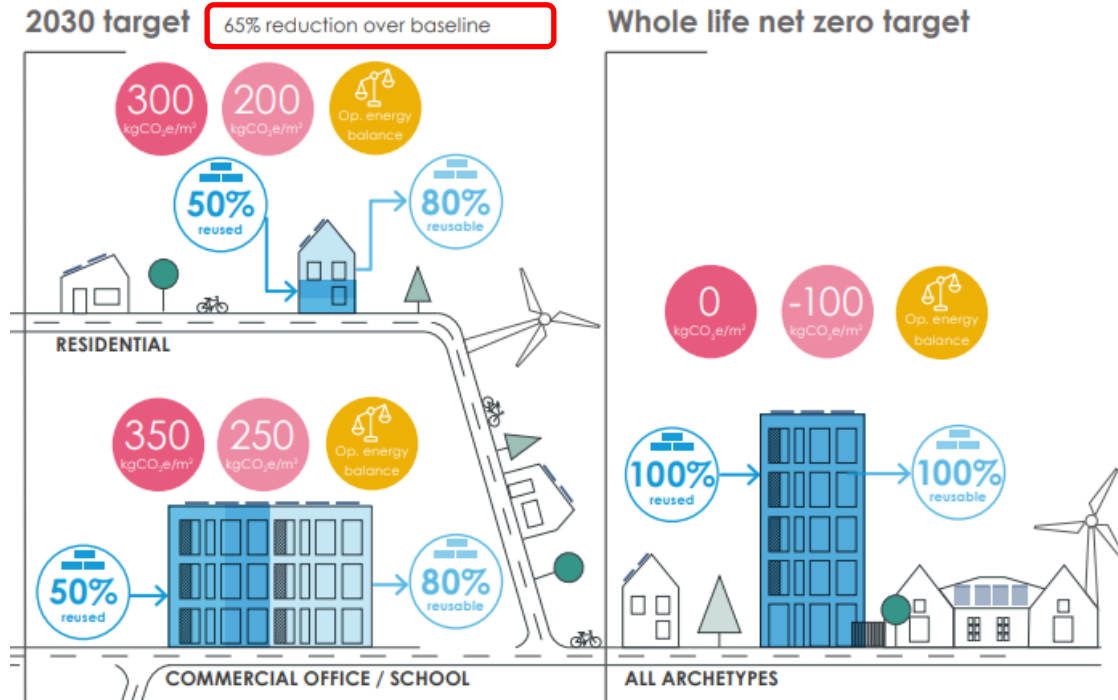


➤ Carbon definitions for the built environment, buildings & infrastructure (2023)

Whole Life Net Zero Carbon

20 Sept. 2023
(GOV.UK)

UK to Net Zero by 2050
reduce carbon emissions
by **68%** by 2030 compared
to 1990 levels, a target of
77% for 2035.



- **LETI embodied carbon reduction targets towards whole life net zero**
 - by 2030 all new buildings must operate at net zero

LETI (2020)

Energy Performance Gap

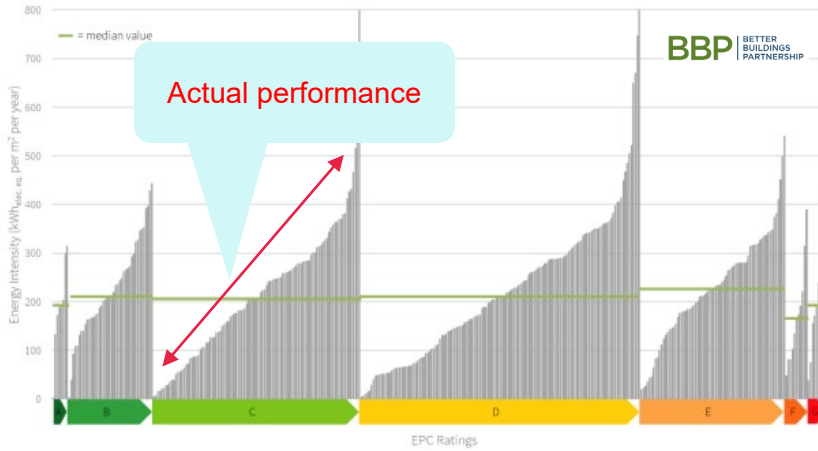


Figure 1 Office energy intensity (kWh_{dec.eq.} per m² (NLA) per year) by EPC rating. Each grey bar represents a single office building's energy intensity over the course of a year. (Source Real Estate Environmental Benchmark 2017, Better Buildings Partnership)

Creating the Vision/Scoping

Finding the most carbon-minimising, cost-effective and strategic business case and concept, where Net Zero Carbon is embedded into the brief

Reducing and Formalising

Assessing and adapting a design that meets measurable embodied carbon targets, and reducing demand by increasing fabric efficiency.

Constructing and Minimising

Minimising performance gap through ensuring construction quality, and commissioning through Soft Landings procedures.

Optimising and Offsetting

Testing the built asset's operational carbon to optimise its performance and offsetting remaining carbon.

LETI

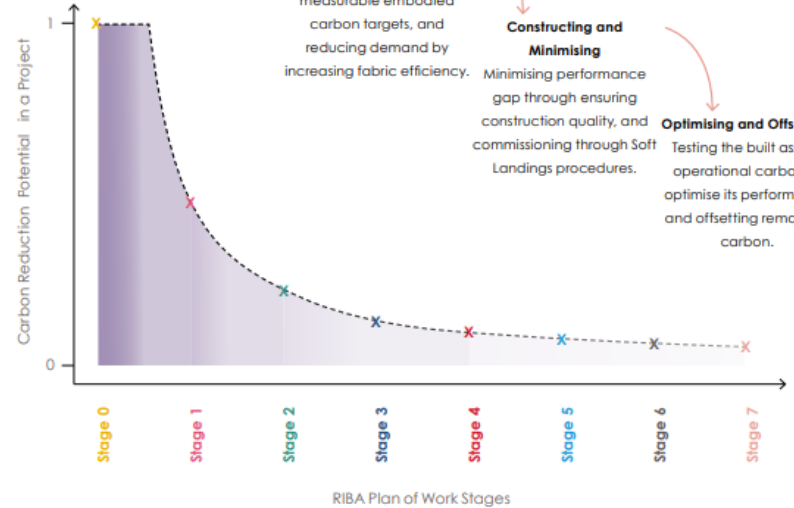
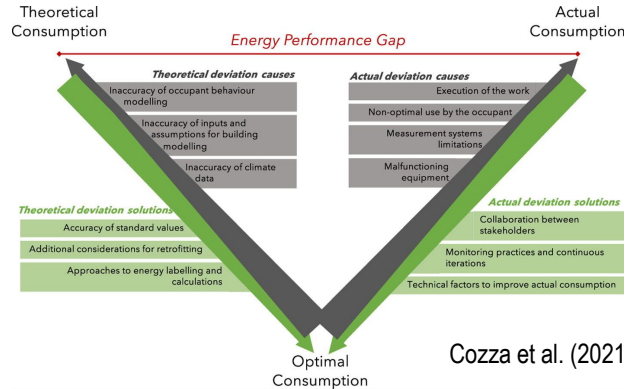


Figure 7 - Carbon Reduction Potential as Project Progresses

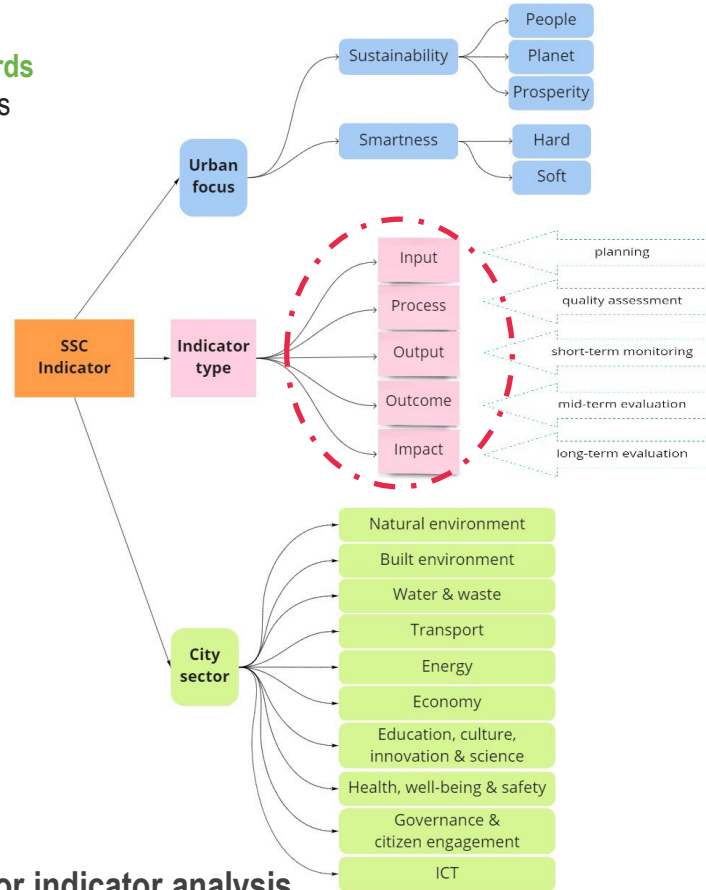


- Energy performance gap
- Carbon reduction potential



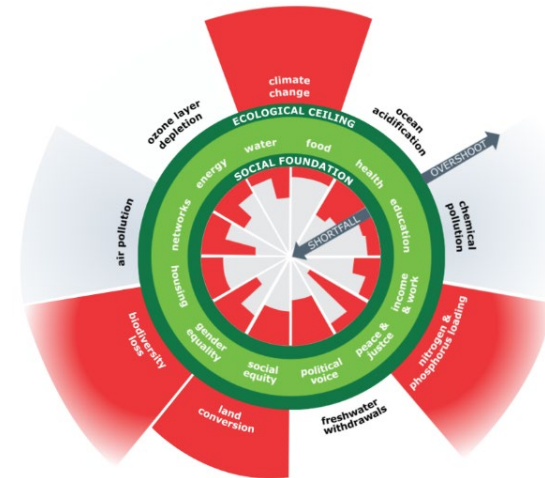
Smart Sustainable Cities Indicators

SSC standards
413 indicators



Taxonomy for indicator analysis

The Doughnut of social and planetary boundaries (2017)



<https://www.kateraworth.com/doughnut/>

Huovila et al. (2019)

Raworth (2017)

Technologies for SSC

OrganiCity Experimentation
as a Service

- **OrganiCity – Co-creation of Digital Solutions for Citizen-Centric Smart Cities**

Harbor Research
CABA Report (2020)

- **Technology Radar 2020-2025**

- 12 technologies in 5 categories: Lighting & Control, Automation & Energy Optimization, HVAC & IAQ, Post-COVID Applications, Communication

Frost & Sullivan,
CABA Report (2021)

- **Occupant behaviour modelling methods - Resilient Building Design, Operation and Policy at Urban Scale**

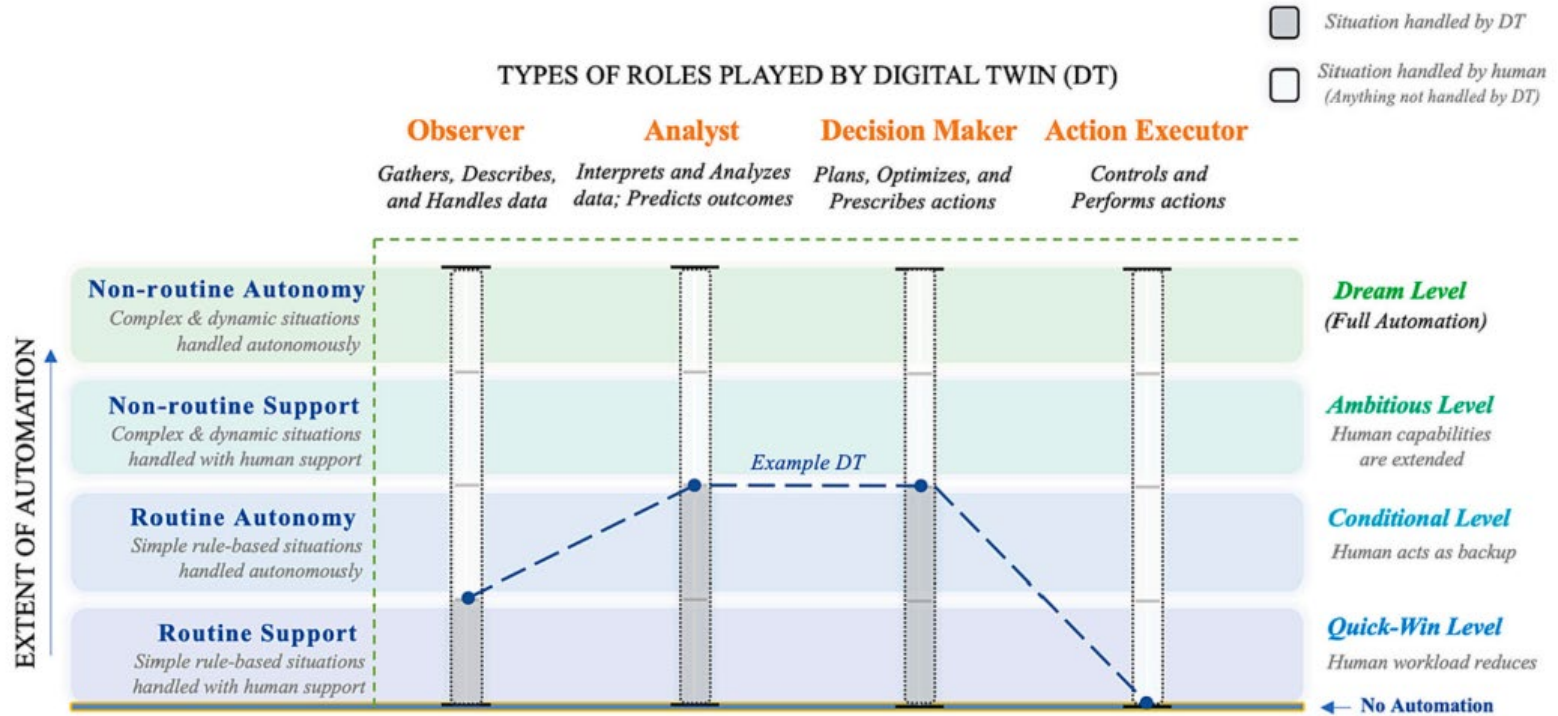
Dong et al. (2021)

- **Interfaces and Experiences** – Digital Twin, AI, IoT Platforms, Smart Personalization, etc.

Gartner (2021)

- **Business Enablers** ➤ **Productivity Revolution**

Digital Twin ↔ Human



Levels of Digital Twin framework

-- The extent of automation for role distribution by DT or human

BIM Dimensions

- **3D BIM - Live model in CDE**
- **4D BIM (3D BIM + Time) - Scheduling**
- **5D BIM (4D BIM + Cost) - Estimating & Cost**
- **6D & 7D BIM (Sustainability & FM)**
- **8D BIM (Overlay of health, safety & welfare consideration into the BIM process)**
- ***nD* BIM – a holistic view of information & insights**

Building Information Modelling (BIM)

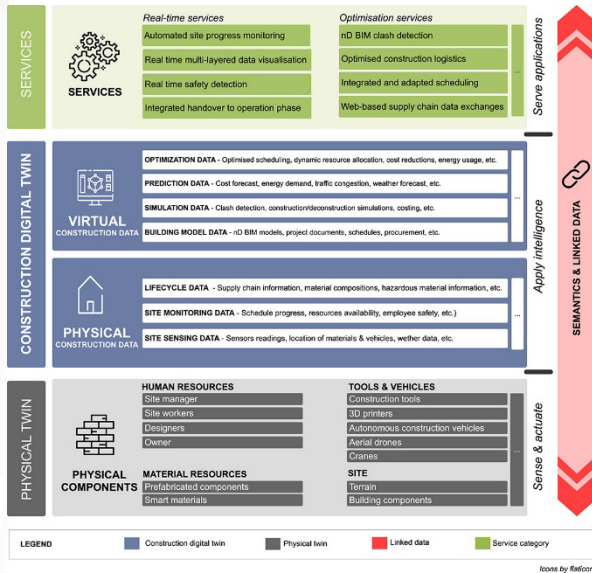
*“use of a **shared digital representation** of a built asset to **facilitate design, construction and operation processes to form a reliable basis for decisions**”*

(Ellis 2023)

(Hamil 2021)

BS EN ISO 19650-1:2018

BIM-DT in AECO Industry



(Boje et al. 2020)

➤ Opportunities & challenges

- Technology-enabled construction safety management
- RFID, GPS, pressure sensors and laser scanners aid real-time data in pre-fabrication.
- Real-time carbon emissions monitoring in prefabrication.
- Blockchain, AI, robotics and visualized tools improve prefabrication digital twin.

- Harness the transformative power of digital technologies for sustainable urbanization and future-proof adaptation
- Outcome-based planning, design and implementation of digitization projects and outcomes monitoring
- Data-driven decision-making for leading and governing digital value creation for all stakeholders

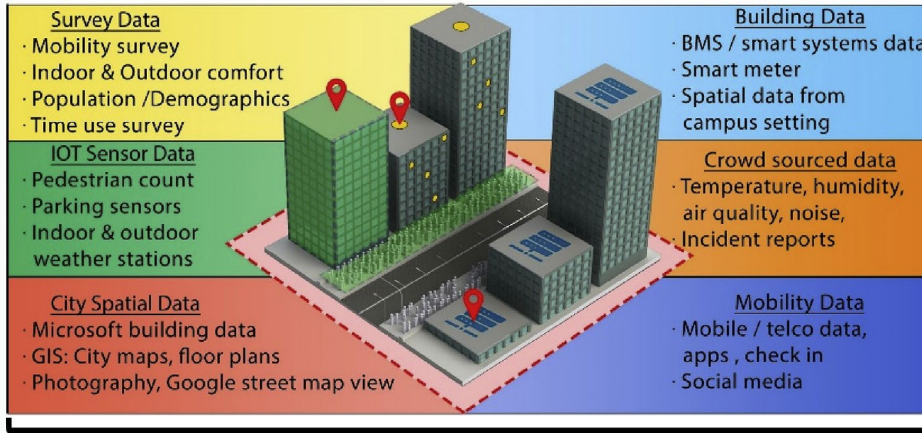
(World Economic Forum 2022)

Yevu et al.. (2023)

Zhang et al. (2023)

Urban-scale Occupant Behaviour

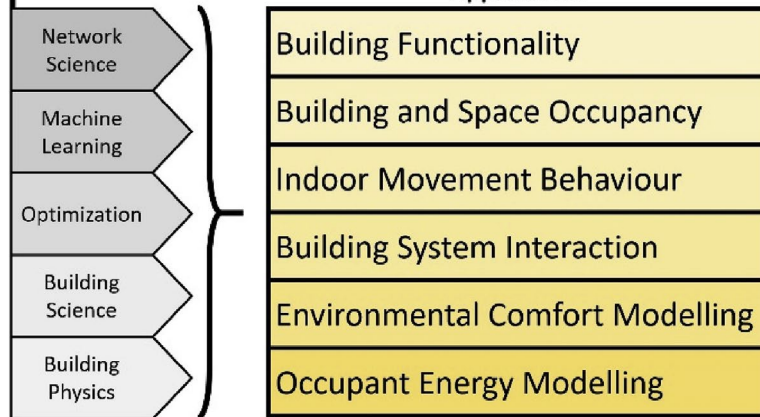
Occupant-Centric Urban Data



Future work models
Behbahani (2023)

Flexible work schedules
Location independence
Task autonomy
Outcome-based work
Gig work and freelancing
AI/automation
Virtual reality collaboration spaces
Augmented reality work environments

Applications



- Urban-scale human-building interactions
- Environmental comfort interference
- Energy use at buildings, districts, and city scales

Energy System Digital Twin

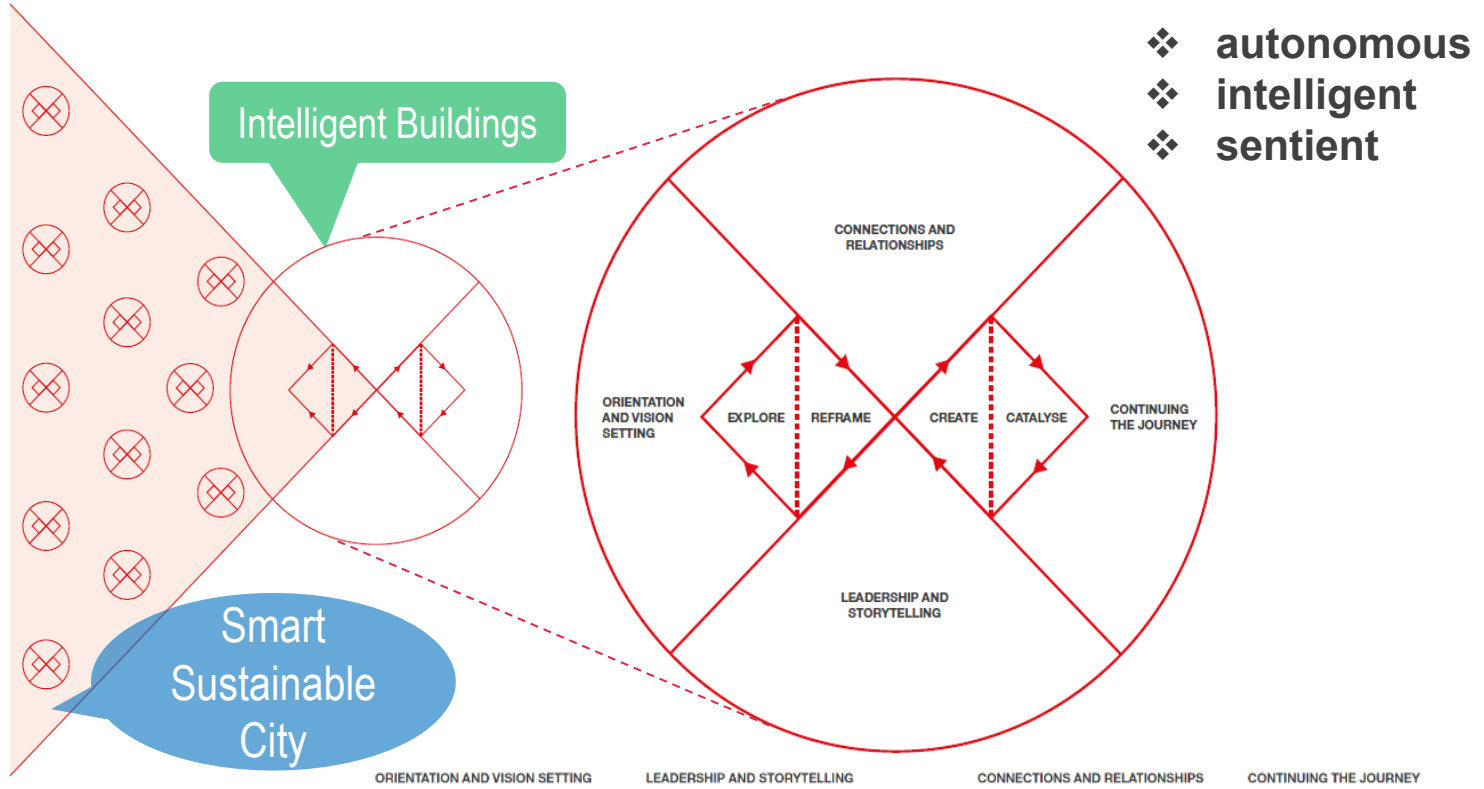
- **Supporting decision-making and energy system design i.e. intuitive, visually-assisted communication between decision maker and DT**
- **Integrating technological and non-technological (e.g. governance, economic, social, environmental, spatial, legal/regulatory) solutions to be adaptable for local context, also vary from planning stage to implementation stage.**
- **Systematic generation of integrated process and energy system configurations**
- **Encourage high involvement of stakeholders i.e. flexible integration of user-defined preferences for selection of solutions**
- **Facilitate community learning towards net zero carbon and involve crowd-sourcing climate action together and green innovations e.g. Earthshot, Ashden climate champions.**

(Zhang et al. 2021)

(Yigitcanlar, T., et al. 2021)

(Granacher et al. 2022)

Holistic Design Framework for Innovation

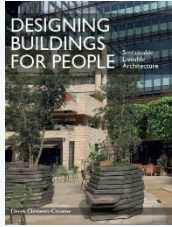
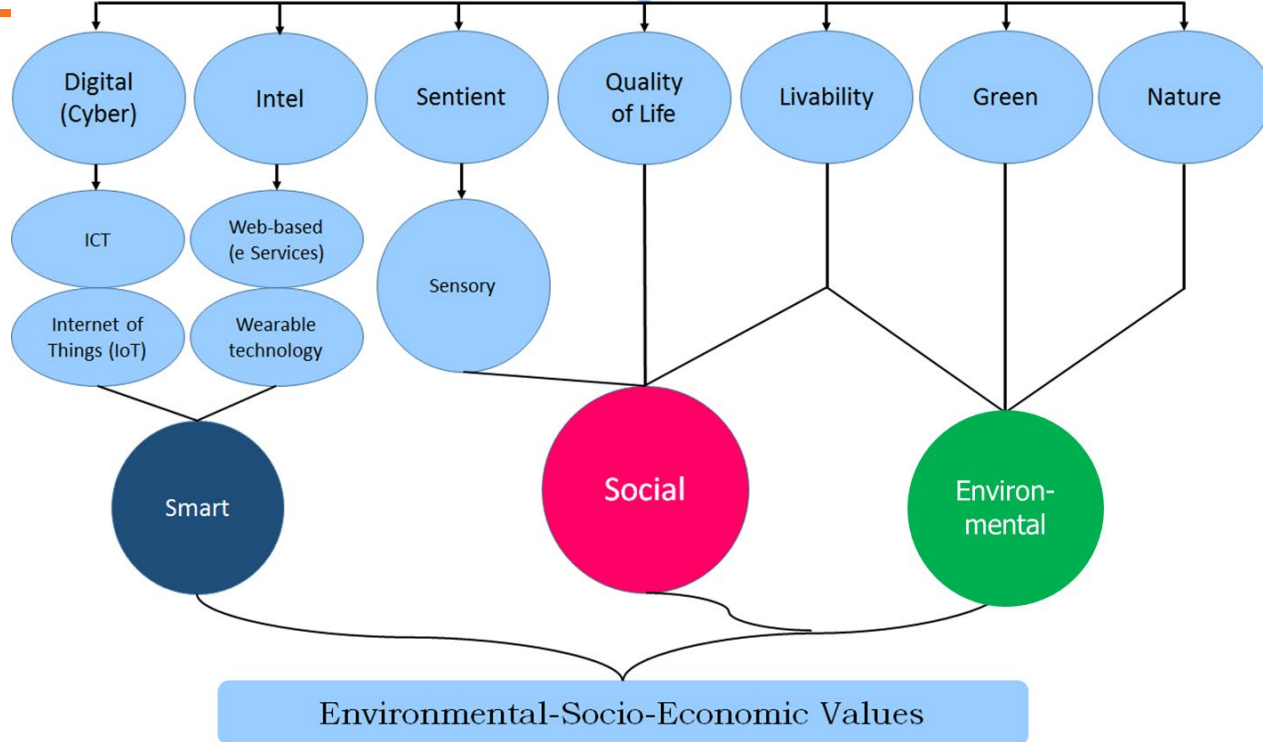


Design Council
(2004, 2019 and 2021)

Adapted from
www.designcouncil.org.uk



Sustainable Intelligent Buildings



Key constituents of Intelligent Buildings

“Intelligent Buildings and Cities should provide a multi-sensory experience”

Derek Clements-Croome

Biophilic Wellbeing Framework

Arctic Climates:

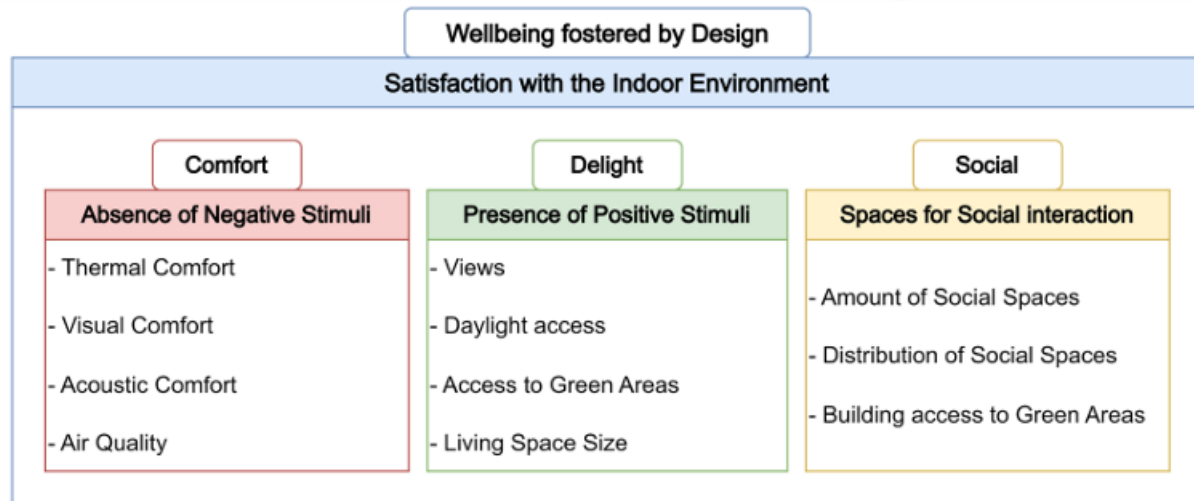
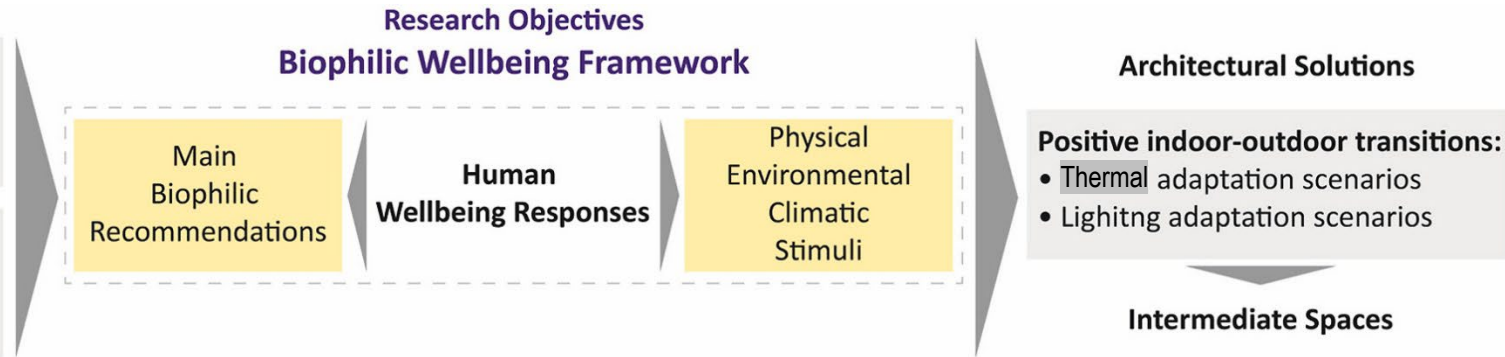
- Thermal Challenges
- Photobiological Challenges

Arctic Buildings:

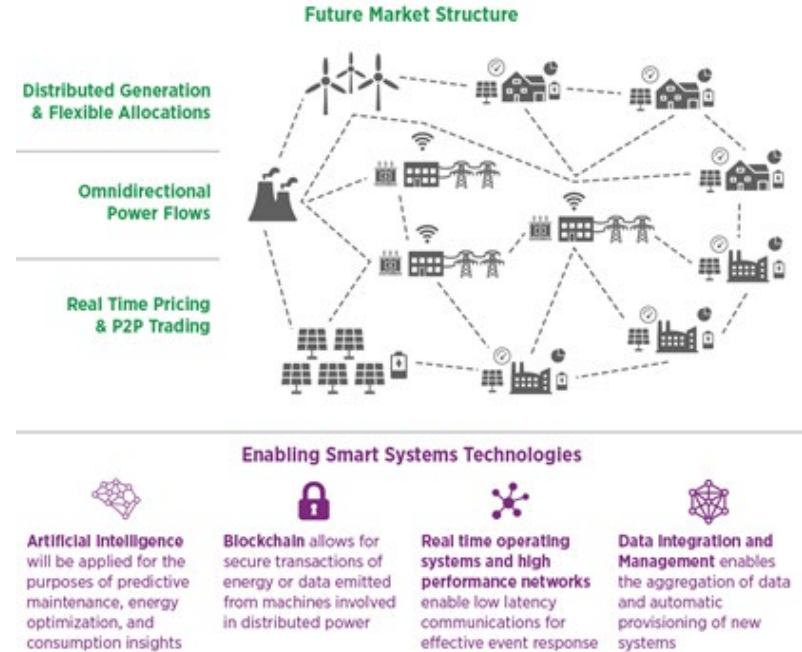
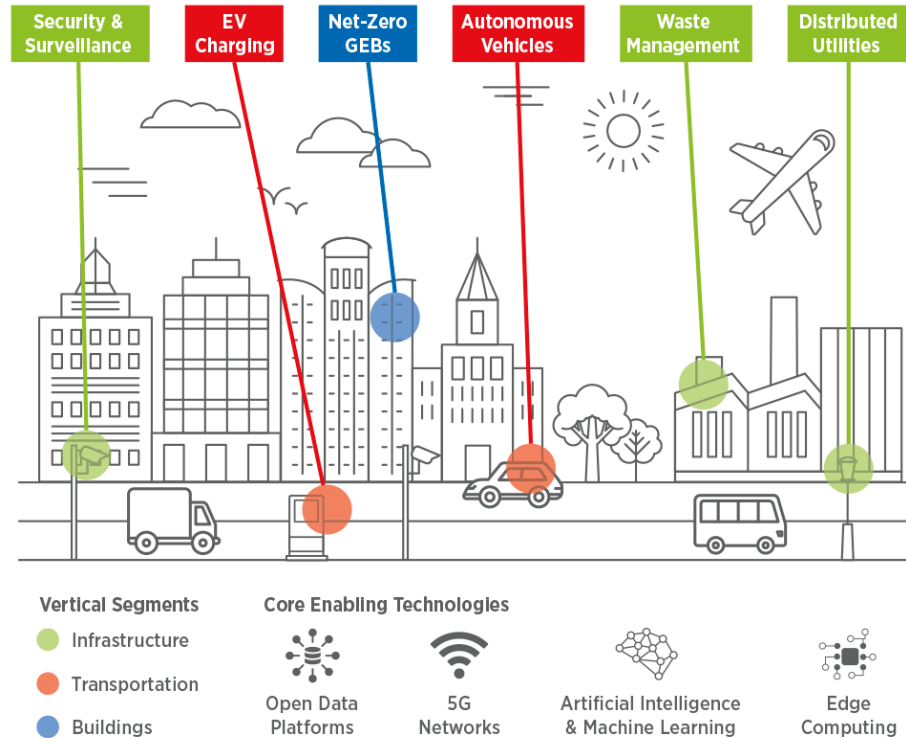
- Biophilic Design Challenges
- Energy Efficiency Challenges

Abazari et al. (2022)

Croffi et al. (2023)



Data-driven Smart Sustainable Urbanism



Citizen-centred cities co-creation

Harbor Research
CABA Report 2020

Intelligent energy management & distributed smart grid interactivity

Big Data • BIM-DT Enhanced Circular Economy

- Design big data management systems with analytic tools;
- Data is collected from wearables; services systems; questionnaires; interviews;
- Data is about resource use; health and wellbeing; predictive maintenance;
- Refresh and recycle for Circular Economy - use smart waste system;
- Have effective facilities management processes in place.

...realising a net zero and nature-positive future...

①
Build Only
What You Need

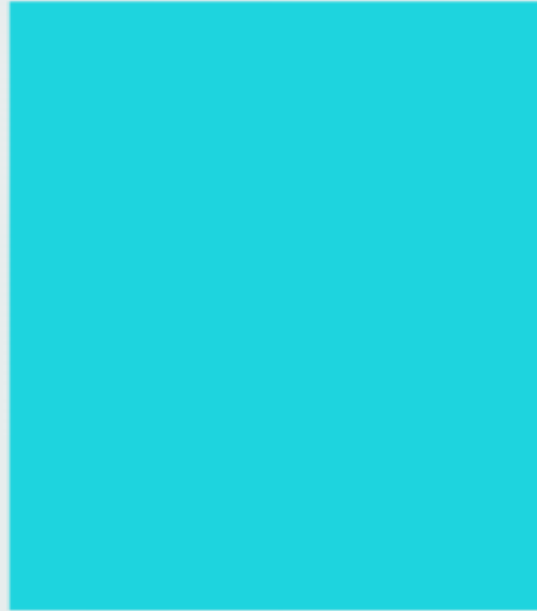
②
Build With
The Right Materials

③
Build
Efficiently

④
Build For
Long-Term Value

A circular economy could reduce global CO₂ emissions from building materials by 38% in 2050

Case Studies



Al Rayyan Stadium – Qatar

- One of the FIFA World Cup 2022
- Located in Al Rayyan area and also named as Ahmad bin Ali Stadium
- Gross seating Capacity +40,000
- Challenging Sustainability KPIs

Al Rayyan Stadium – Qatar



scalemag.online;
Pattern Design;
Ramboll

Al Rayyan Stadium – Qatar

- Two Rating Systems: GSAS Rating (4 Stars) & LEED (Certified)
- Reduce embodied carbon (CO₂-eq): **15%**
- Operational GHG emissions reduction (BAU): **30%**
- Energy demand reduction (ASHREA 90.1): **30%**
- Onsite energy supply from Renewables: **15%**
- Reduce potable water use: **60%**
- Diverting construction waste from landfill: **90%**

Hepworth Art Gallery

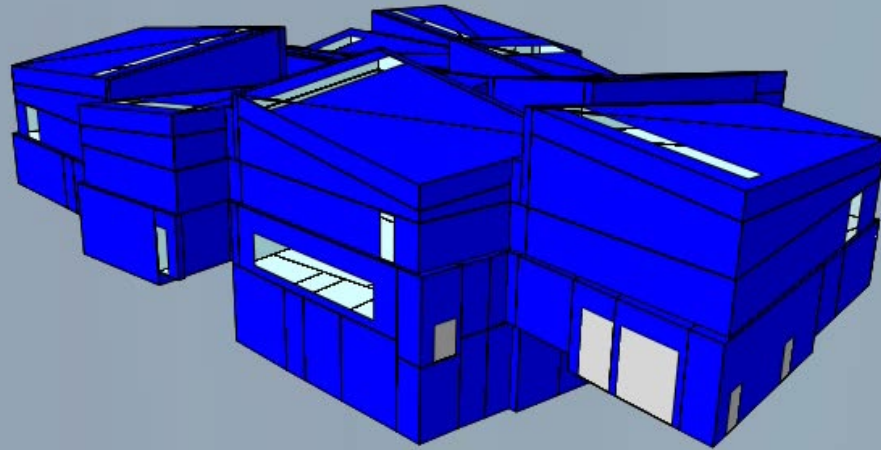
- 10 Galleries with Unique Architectural Design
- Located in Wakefield City, Yorkshire
- Complex Geometry
- GSHP for nearby water stream (River Calder) to provide *heating, cooling and DHW preheating*



Building Overview



3D Model



GSHP – Heating & Cooling

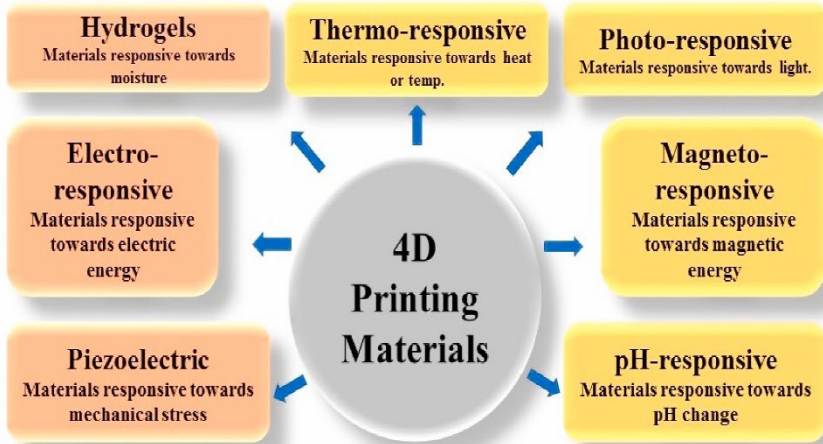
Winter



Summer



4D Printing with Smart Materials



Types of materials used for 4D printing schematics (Ahmed et al. 2021)

➤ 4D printing technologies

- 1D strand > 2D surface > 3D shape & morphing between different dimensions
- transformation is influenced by external stimuli, such as light, heat, electricity, magnetic field, etc.
- adaptability and dynamic response for structures and systems of all sizes

➤ Applications

- designing and fabricating 4D garments as knitwear that considers comfort during body movement
- creating flat-pack parts would automatically assemble e.g. tables and chairs
- biocompatible devices sufficient to expand/contract an entity e.g. surgical procedure

Ahmed et al. (2021)

Haleem et al. (2021)

Liu et al. (2021)

4D Printing in Civil Engineering



3D printed steel bridge,
Amsterdams.
Arup, MX3D,
Joris Laarman Lab (2018)

➤ Key aspects

- material selection, design, printing process, and external stimuli
- energy and time consumption, direct and indirect costs

➤ Opportunities

- Adaptive & energy-efficient infrastructure - respond to external stimuli, e.g. temperature, moisture, load, sun, fire, water – safe, resilient, and efficiency
- Sustainable construction – eco-friendly structures – minimize waste, reduce energy consumption, disassembly and recycling
- Self-assembly and self-healing structures – reduced maintenance and extend the service life
- Disaster-resistant structures – adapt and respond to extreme forces
- Smart transportation system – urban planning and development - design flexible and dynamic urban spaces for evolving community
- Workforce development and upskilling

Ahmed et al. (2021)

Firoozi & Firoozi (2023)

Future Directions

- **Close the Energy Performance Gap - integrated system to connect different digital or data technologies.**
- **Address aging or existing built assets without a BIM-based data source.**
- **Implement circular design framework for futureproof construction and regenerative cities.**
- **Design for biophilia and circularity with nature-based carbon-storing materials systems.**
- **Integrate novel technologies to enhance adoptions of Design for Manufacturing and Assembly (DfMA) and Design for Deconstruction (DfD) methods.**
- **Improve scalable urban planning with decentralized renewable energy management systems for resilient communities.**
- **Support community climate action network and boost green innovations.**

Arup and
Ellen MacArthur Foundation
(2022)

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Thank You

