

TAKTING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF CONSTRUCTION PROCESSES: AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT METHOD

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INTRODUCTION

36%

Global energy
consumption



39%

global emissions



50%

of total waste in
Germany



LIFE CYCLE PHASES

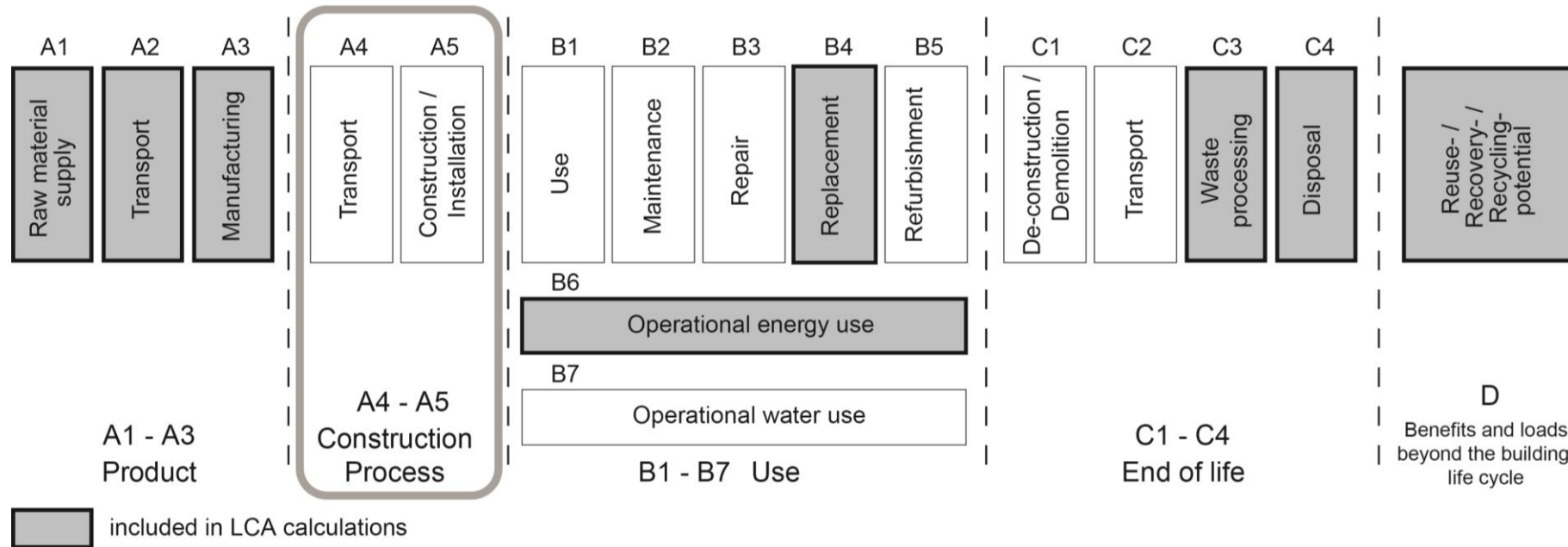


Figure 1. Life cycle phases of a building (BS EN 15978)

RELEVANCE

Construction Phase of one year caused same amount of emissions like the “operational energy use” phase of 60 years

Construction phase is underestimated and should not be neglected

Necessary to decode and assess the construction site

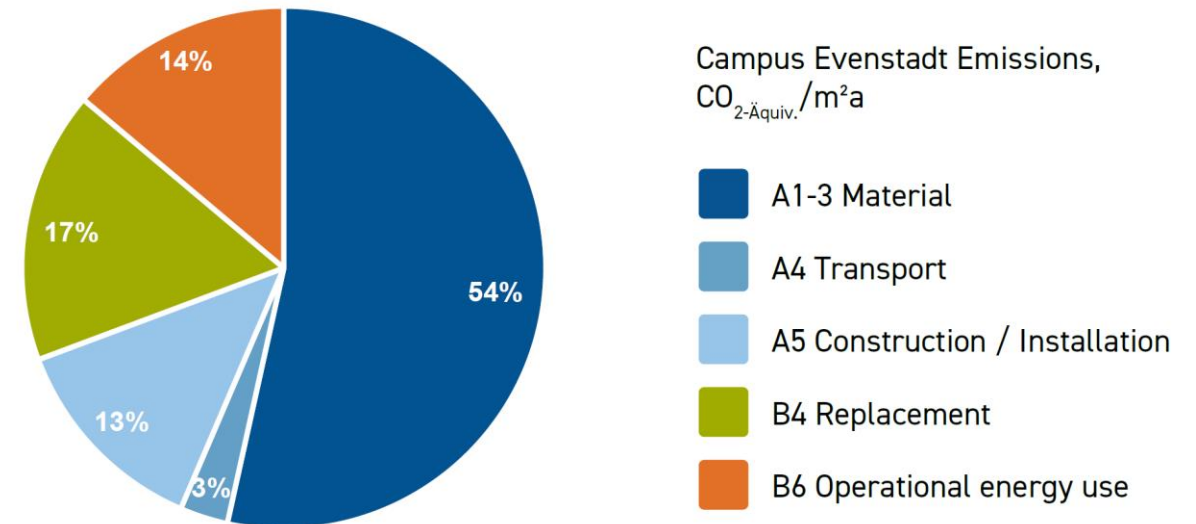


Figure 2. Campus Evenstad Emissions (Wiik et al. 2017)

THEORY

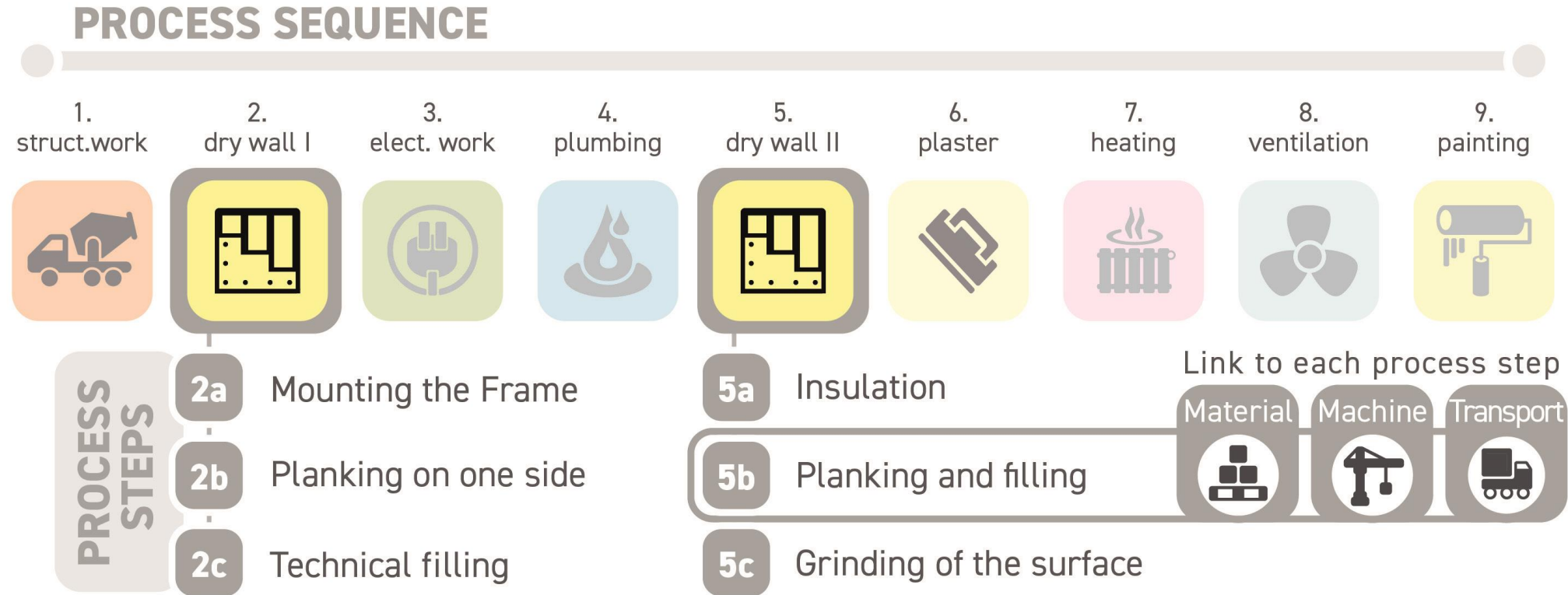


Figure 3. Example sequence with application of the resource categories to the work steps for dry wall construction

FRAMEWORK

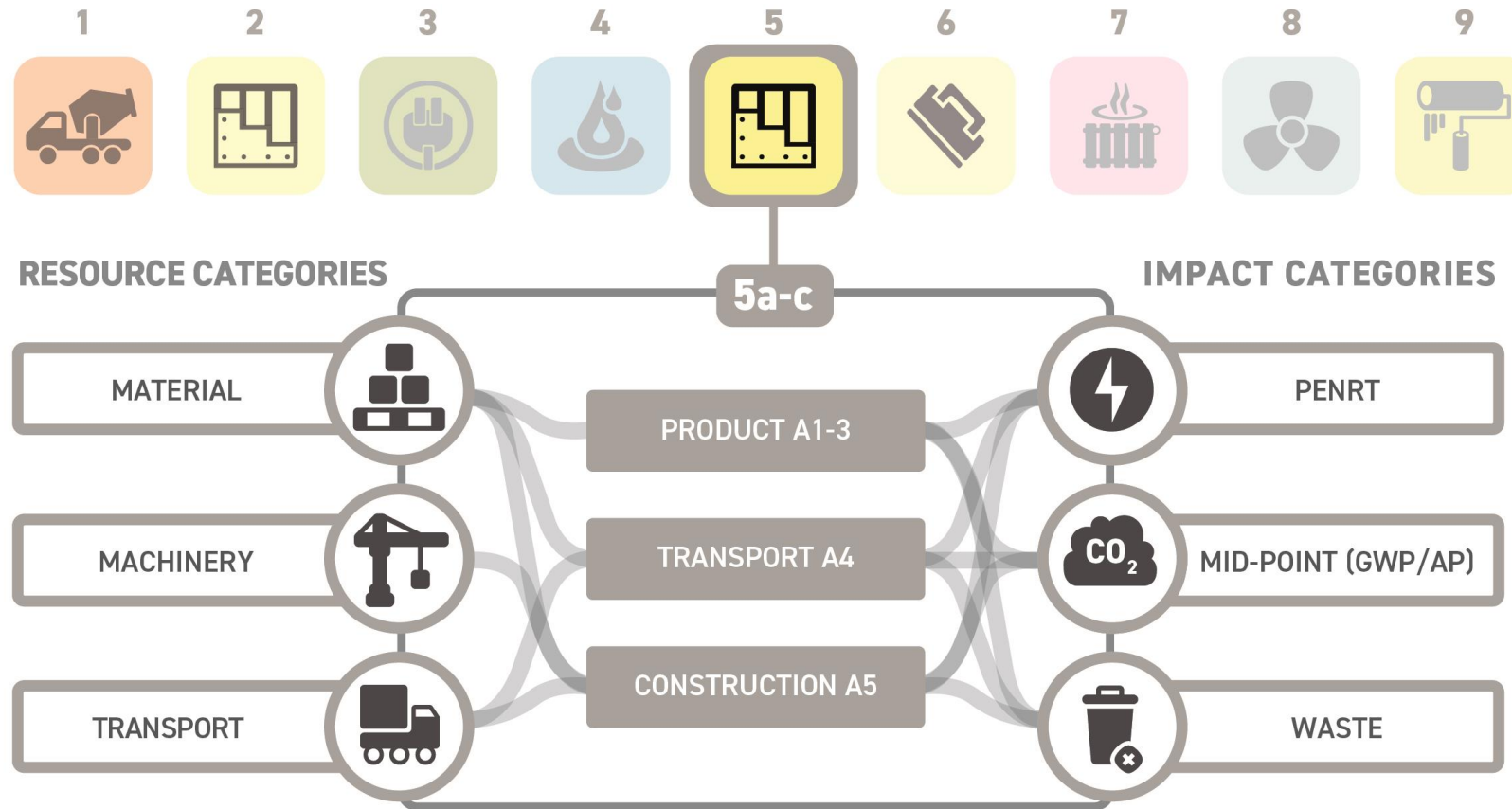


Figure 4. Framework for the environmental assessment of construction processes with in- and outputs

RESULTS EXAMPLE

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Plasterboard and insulation	Material	A1-3	7.37	Product
Trasportation Gate to Site (Plasterboard and Insulation)	Transport	A4	0.43	Process
Filler (Auxillary material)	Material	A5	0.21	Process
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Usage of table saw and cordless screwdriver	Machinery	A5	0.84	Process

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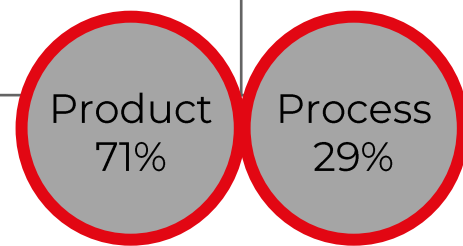


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POTENTIAL OF THE FRAMEWORK



Figure 5. Analysis options when applying the framework to Takt Planning

DISCUSSION

- Framework enables to map material and energy flows, transport expenditures, and emissions or resource depletion from a processual point of view
- Subcategories of the resource categories should be defined
- Results of the framework so far are limited to resource categories that can be linked to a single work package directly
- Limited to construction projects with TPTC
- Limitations need to be overcome for full scalability

CONCLUSIONS

The construction sector has a responsibility to find sustainable solutions. The environmental waste during construction is neither surveyed nor evaluated.



The framework enables analysis and visualization of emissions and environmentally relevant waste of construction processes combining TPTC and LCA.



Assessing environ. quality through the framework with TP shows scalable and data-driven capabilities, especially when used with digital tools



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