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Integration BIM and MFA to assess the environmental
impacts of building materials selection at the design stage

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Outline



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- Background and Challenges
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Aim of Presentation

- Present my **Current** research **work**
- Describe the Project **Aim**
- work in progress (**2 year** left for my **PhD**)
- I want to **connect** with **others** and learn from you

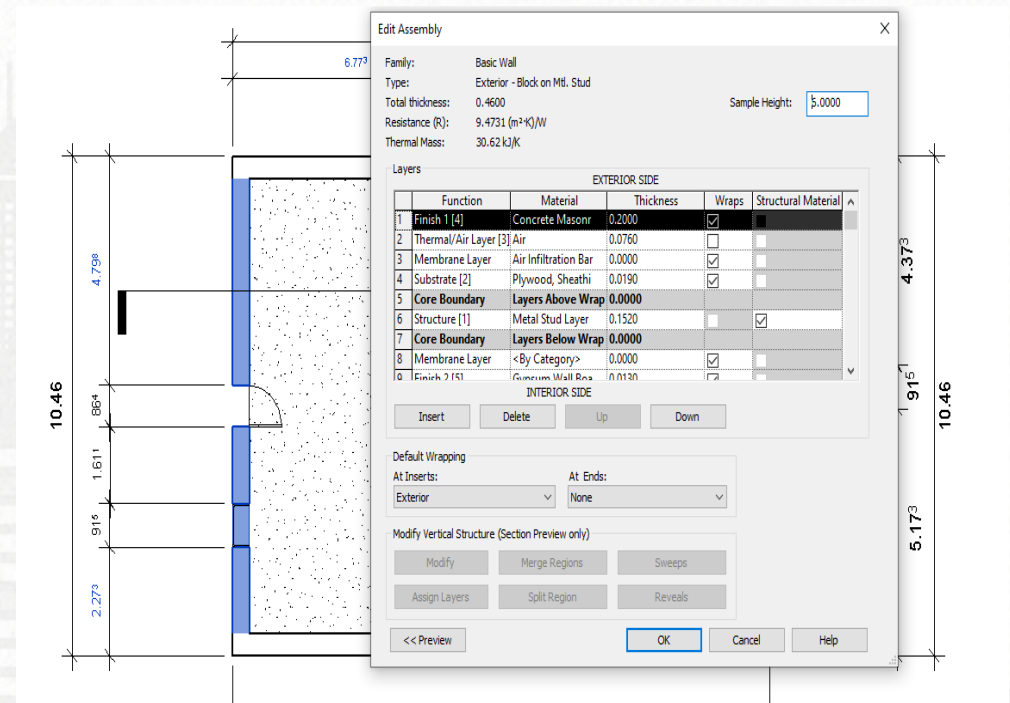
Background



- **Buildings** are responsible for more than **40%** of global energy use and **18%** GHGs (IPCC 2013).
- In the UK, **30-70%** of **CO₂** emissions reported from buildings in 2015 (UKGBC 2015).
- **Materials** used in buildings have significant **impacts** to **environment** (Meex et al. 2018; Heeren et al. 2015).

Challenges

- Material selection challenges **Architects** (Haruna et al. 2020).
- No **tool** or **data** for **environmental materials** (Meex et al. 2018).
- **Architects** and **designers** left alone.



Integration process

➤ The **integration** is **4** stages

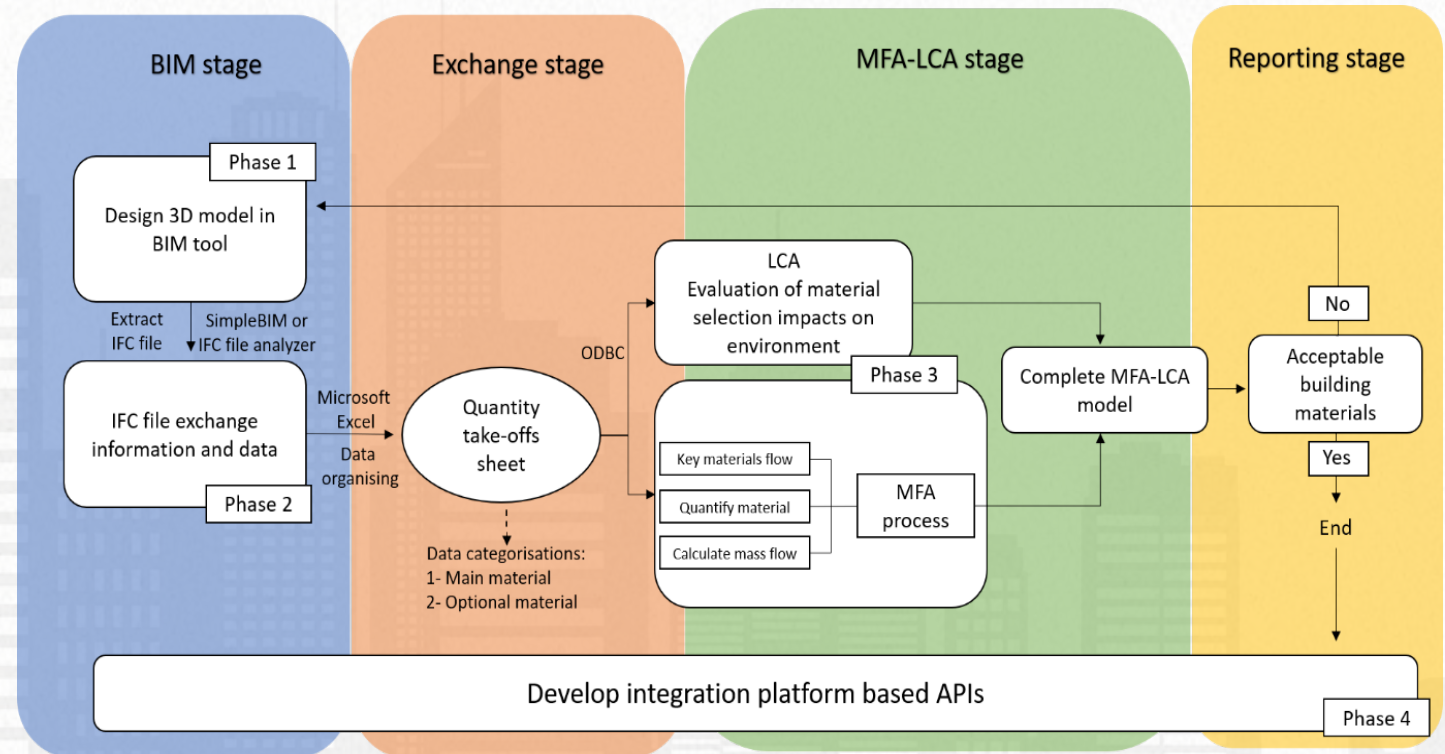
process

➤ **Process** started from **BIM** stage.

➤ **Revit** is **BIM** software and

Umberto is **MFA-LCA**

software



Preliminary results

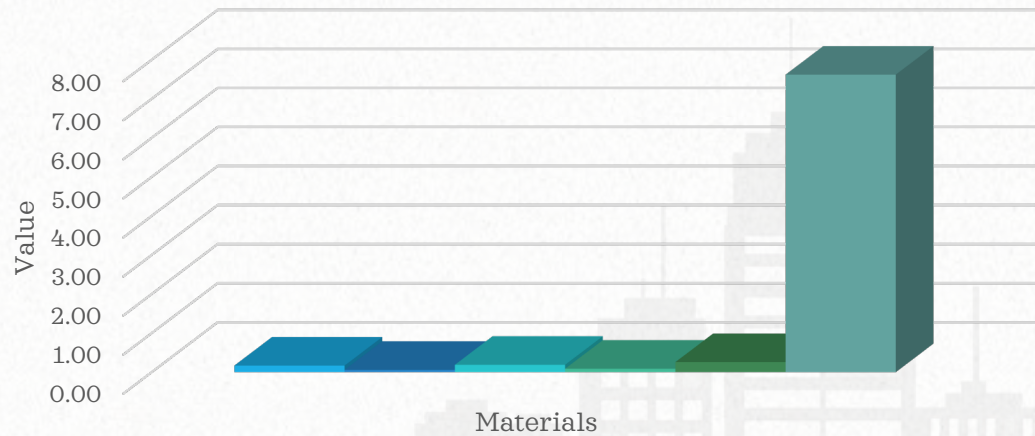


- One **Room** building
- **Generic material** used
- Sizes and dimensions are **estimated**
- Design by **Revit** software

Building Materials					
Product	Unit	Name	Type	Amount	Total
Wall	mm	Basic Wall:Generic - 250mm	STANDARD	806647mm	806647
Door	mm	M_Single-Flush:0864 x 2032mm:202080	STANDARD	1755mm	1755
Window	mm	M_Fixed:0915 x 1830mm:202158	STANDARD	202158mm	202158
Floor	mm	Floor:Generic Floor - 400mm:201837	STANDARD	201837mm	201837
Roof	mm	Basic Roof:Generic Roof - 300mm:201975	STANDARD	201975mm	201975
				Total	1414372

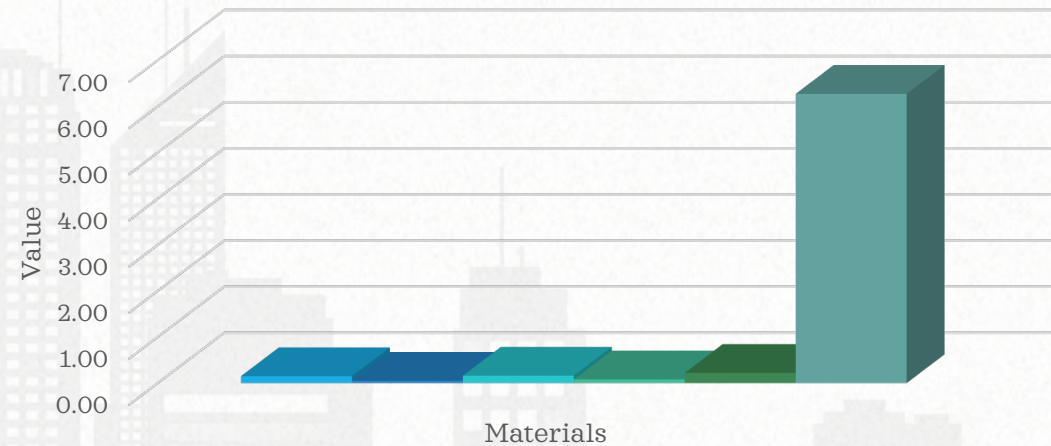
Preliminary results

LCIA Method: IPCC 2013 - climate change, GWP 20a



- Plywood, for outdoor use
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- Window frame, wood, U=1.5 W/m2K
- Glazing, double, U<1.1 W/m2K, laminated safety glass
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Recap



- Building **materials impact** environment
- There is **no tool** to specify **environmental** building **materials**.
- **Architects and designers** are **alone** in specifying building **materials**
- The **integration** of BIM and MFA will help **selecting** building **materials**.
- **Selection** environmental **materials** at **design** stage.

Next steps

- Still have **two years** for my **PhD**
- **Connect** with **others** with same **interest**
- **Materials** selection **process** is still a **gap** need to fill
- **Design** stage can **reduce** environment **impacts**
- **Need** more work with **LCA**
- Project **case study**

Thank you so much for your attention



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Any Questions ?

For **contact** and **collaboration**



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