

USE OF BUILDING INFORMATION MODELING TO PLAN ENERGY EFFICIENT APARTMENT BUILDINGS



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Introduction

- In Sri Lanka, the building sector consumes about 35% of total energy (ADB and UNDP, 2017) with a growth rate.
- BIM based energy performance assessment in the design stage is essential for the green building design (Moakher and Pimplikar, 2012)
- The life cycle cost also can be evaluated with BIM based web solutions or softwares (Moakher and Pimplikar, 2012)

Problem Statement

- Software assess the energy and cost for the materials that assigned in the BIM model
- How to select materials and systems both energy efficient and cost effective?



- This research will give optimum material combination considering both cost and energy

Scope of the study

- Conventional and alternative materials available in the local market and different systems(HVAC) are considered (Heating process is not assessed)
- Multi-storey multi-family residential buildings in Sri Lanka and related data are considered in the study
- Energy and cost components which will vary with the building envelope materials are assessed

Main objective

- Develop a practically applicable tool, which can be used to plan energy efficient and cost-effective apartment buildings

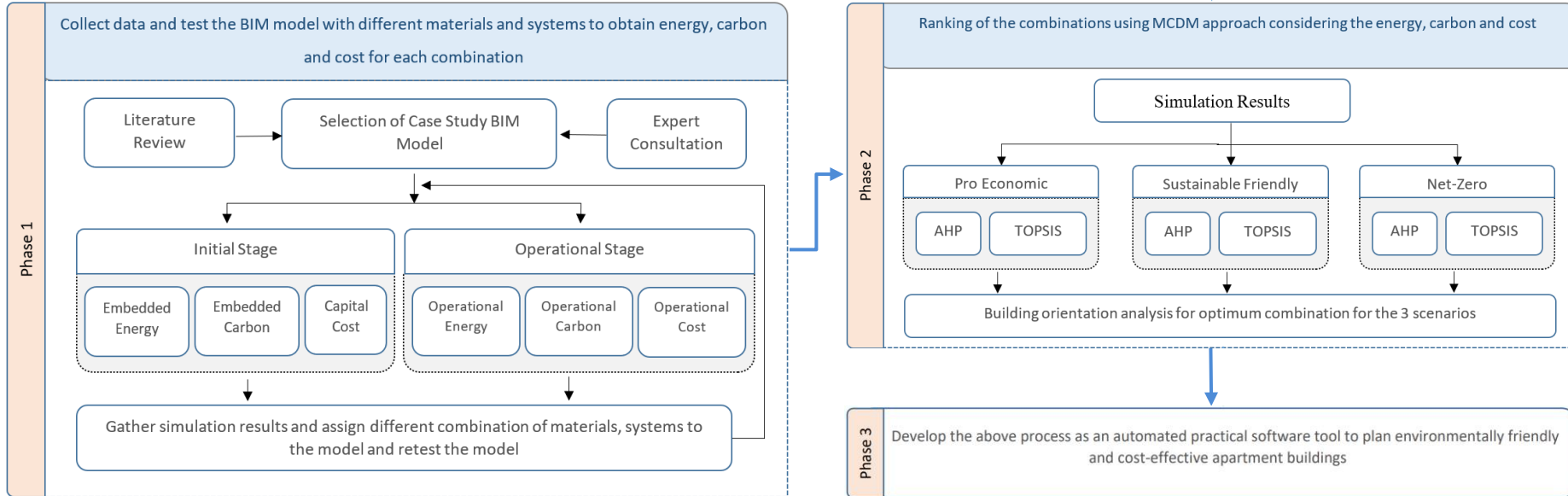
Sub objectives

- Analyze the model with various upgrades and their combinations
- Assess results using MCDM approach and develop an automated tool to select optimal upgrades for building

Literature review

Authors	Key points
<i>Yang & Wang, (2013)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Different LCA and LCC tools developed for specific regions North America – Athena Eco Calculator Germany – LEGEP software
<i>Marzouk et al., (2018)</i> <i>Moakher & Pimplikar, (2012)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Database development in Autodesk Revit• Material data extraction from the model
<i>Moakher & Pimplikar, (2012)</i> <i>Nawarathna. & Fernando, (2017)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building life cycle stages for analysis purposes• Carbon emission during different stages
<i>Rodrigues et al., (2020)</i> <i>Lu et al., (2017)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BIM based energy and carbon analysis methods• Comparison of available methods for analyzing
<i>Rodrigues et al., (2020)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building envelope upgrade options

Methodology



Selection of upgradable options (Pre defined)

- The upgradable options are selected by the major components in the building envelope (*Yang & Wang, 2013*)
 - External walls
 - External windows
 - External doors
 - External floors
 - Roof
 - Air conditioning systems
 - Building orientation

Phase 1 – Assessing energy, cost and carbon footprint

- This automated tool is developed with 2 software and can do the following steps by executing the developed Dynamo and VBA code

- **1st step**

Revit BIM model



Data extract to excel

- **2nd step**

Excel data



Simulation output

Data extraction from BIM model (Real time)

Internal components removing

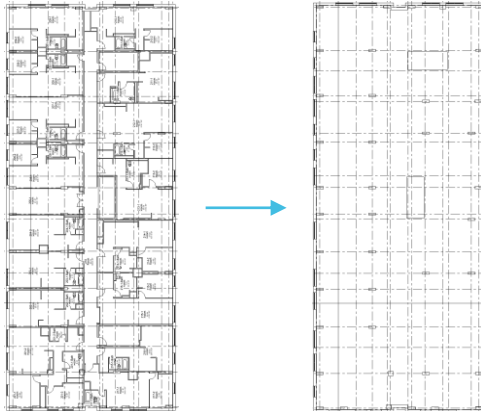
- Walls
- Windows
- Doors
- Defined rooms and tags

Schedule creation

- Window schedule
 - Direction, Height, Width
- Wall schedule
- Door schedule
- Floor schedule

Schedule export

- Created schedules export to excel



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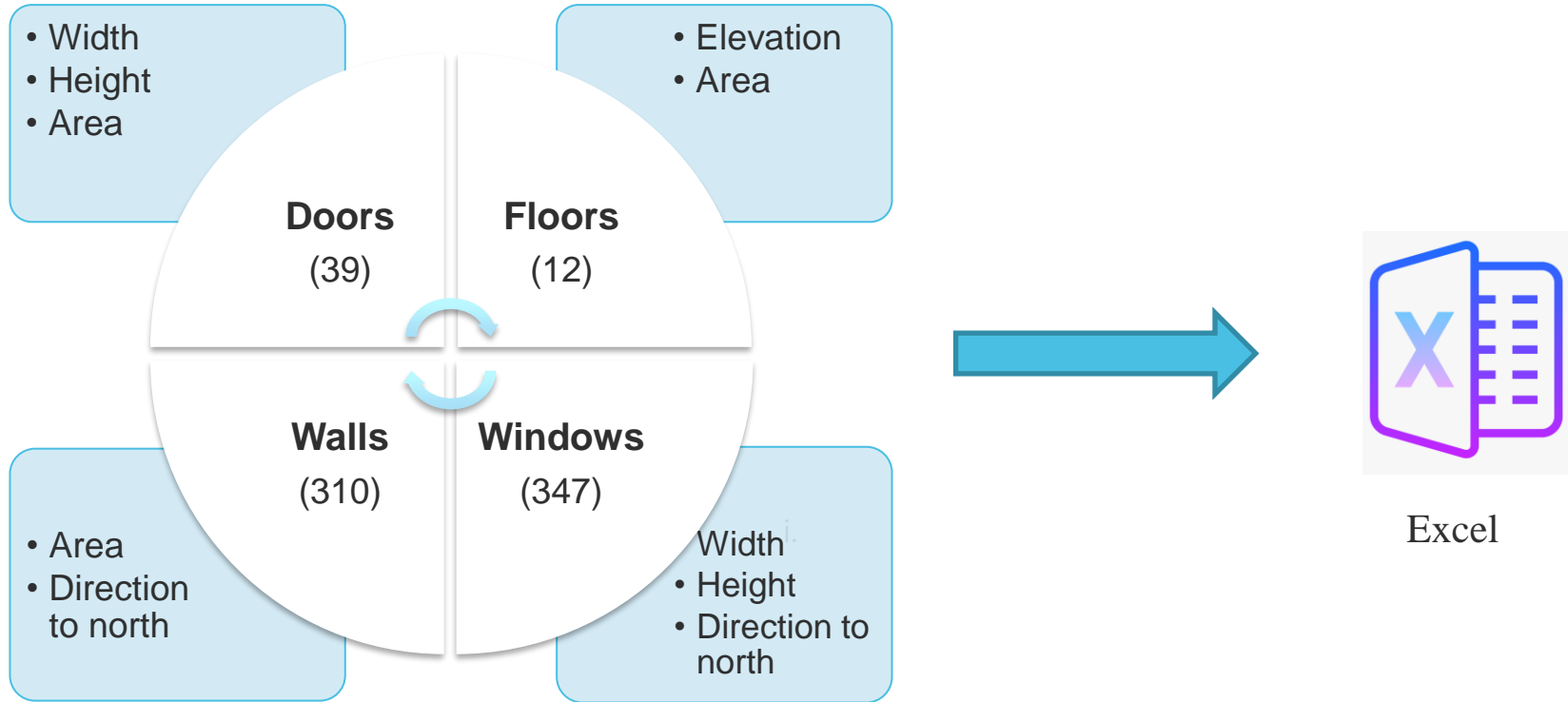
 Dynamo

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3	1	1092.92		Habitable floor area		11988.1				129039.7
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5	1	1082.48								
6	1	1082.48								
7	1	1082.48								
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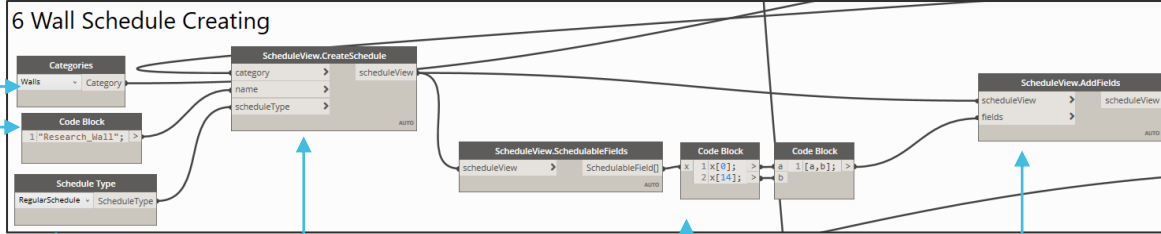
Row Labels	Sum of Area
E	193.564
N	468.9917
S	445.4338
W	114.4913
Grand Total	1222.4808

Area	Direction	Start	End	Length	Thickness	Updated	Lin	Issue
1	202.00	N	0	1	0			
2	37.79	E	1	0	1	90		
3	18.24	S	0	-1	1	0	180	
4	10.81	E	1	0	1	90		
5	3.23	N	0	1	1	0	0	
6	4.09	E	1	0	1	90		
7	3.23	S	0	-1	1	0	180	
8	36.76	E	1	0	1	90		
9	14.01	N	0	1	1	0		
10	3.86	W	-1	0	1	-90	270	
11	121.67	N	0	1	1	0		
12	2.95	E	1	0	1	90		
13	3.23	S	0	-1	1	0	180	
14	4.09	E	1	0	1	90		
15	3.23	N	0	1	1	0	0	
16	11.00	N	0	1	1	0		
17	15.81	E	1	0	1	90		
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19	28.6	W	-1	0	1	-90	270	
20	7.94	S	0	-1	1	0	180	
21	25.52	E	1	0	1	90		
22	9.64	W	-1	0	1	-90	270	
23	11.47	S	0	-1	1	0	180	
24	8.60	E	1	0	1	90		
25	20.52	N	0	1	1	0		
26	11.00	N	0	1	1	0		
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Dynamo code (With case study model data)



Dynamo code



Revit schedule creation

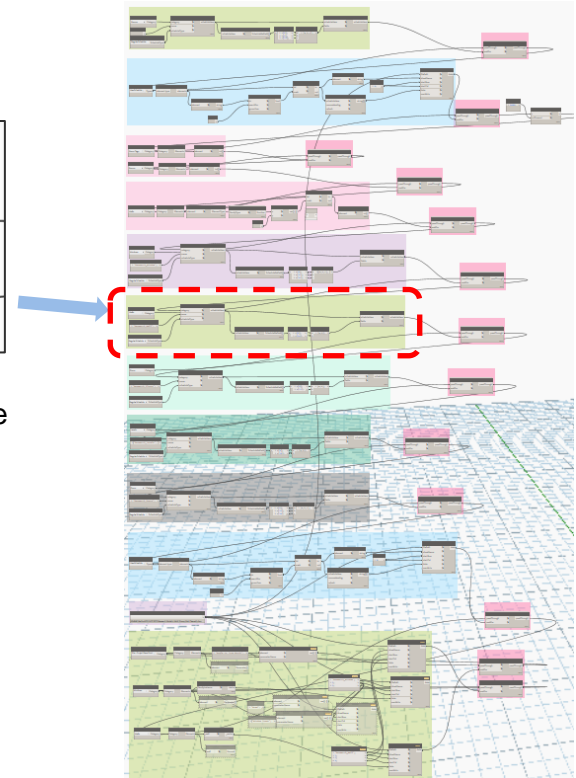
Revit schedule type

Revit schedule name

Wall component selection

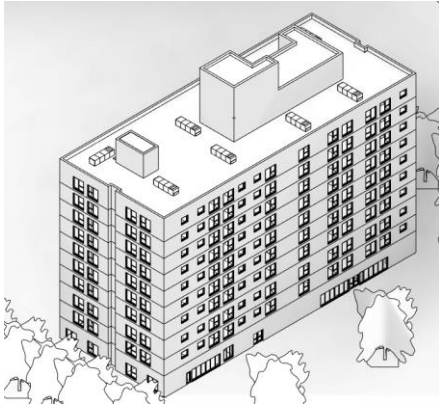
Add parameters to schedule

Parameter selection
(Area and wall facing direction)

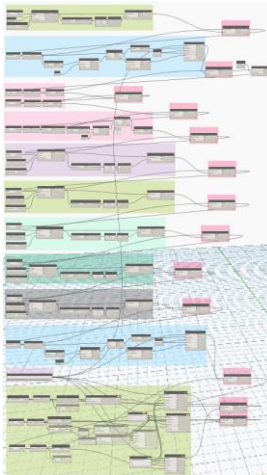


Dynamo Coding

Summary of the dynamo coding output



(BIM model)



(Dynamo script)



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(Extracted data)

Excel & VBA coding

Creating combinations and analyze each combination for energy and cost

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4		38.24	Vector<0.000, Y = 1.000, Z = 0.000, Length = 1.000						4		1	1.01	2.11		
5	1	35.81	Vector<0.000, Y = 2.000, Z = 0.000, Length = 1.000						5	1	1	1.01	2.11		
6		1.33	Vector<0.000, Y = 3.000, Z = 0.000, Length = 1.000						6		1	1.01	2.11		
7	1	6.95	Vector<0.000, Y = 4.000, Z = 0.000, Length = 1.000						7	1	1	1.01	2.11		
8		3.23	Vector<0.000, Y = 5.000, Z = 0.000, Length = 1.000						8		1	1.01	2.11		
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Cooling Load (kWh/year)	Embodied Energy (MJ)	Cost (LKR)
1241999.587	67310.77443	6291119.758
1242895.168	68128.14381	6318365.404
1249036.29	68618.56543	6269323.242
1244953.451	70307.79548	5691715.55
1245849.032	71125.16485	5718961.196
1251990.154	71615.58648	5669919.033
1242028.718	67224.79193	6286820.633
1242924.299	68042.16131	6314066.279
1249065.421	68532.58293	6265024.117
1244982.582	70221.81298	5687416.425
1245878.163	71039.18235	5714662.071
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1420758.565	66088.29363	6046623.598
1421654.146	66905.66301	6073869.244
1427795.268	67396.08463	6024827.082
1423712.429	69085.31468	5647219.39
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1423741.56	68999.33218	5442920.265
1424637.14	69816.70155	5470165.911
1430778.262	70307.12318	5421123.748

(Extracted data)

(Excel VBA script)
5524 lines

(Simulation output)

Excel VBA code structure (With case study model data)

1. Formatting Exported Data

Doors  Total area

Floors  Total floor area, Avg. area, Population calculation, Building height

Walls  Area by wall facing direction. (N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW)

Windows  Area by window facing direction. (N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW)

2. Database development

Alternative material details

Windows -

Window Name	Shading Coefficient	U Value (W/m ² K)	Embodied Energy (MJ/	Embodied Carbon (kg/	Rate per sq.m
Window 1	0.7	0.2	4.5	4	1000
Window 2	0.9	0.4	3.5	3	800
Window 3	0.8	0.6	3	2	600

Doors -

Door Name	U Value (W/m ² K)	Embodied Energy (MJ/	Embodied Carbon (kg/	Rate per sq.m
Door 1	0.1	2	1.5	250
Door 2	0.15	1	0.75	200

Roofs -

Roof Name	U Value (Btu/hr.ft ² .f	Embodied Energy (MJ/	Embodied Carbon (kg/	Rate per sq.m	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
4In L.W. Concrete	0.213	3	2	150	-3	-3	1	9	20	32	44	55
V. Concrete with 1In. Ins	0.206	3.75	1.75	175	-1	-1	3	11	20	30	41	51
6In L.W. Concrete	0.158	4.2	1.3	130	3	1	1	3	7	15	23	33

AC Systems -

AC System Name	Capacity (kW)	Cost (Rs.)
Wall mounted - Inverter (24000BTU)	7.034	372800
Ceiling Mounted - Inverter (48000BTU)	14.067	780000
Floor mounted - Inverter (48000BTU)	14.067	749240

3. Energy Calculation (Cooling Load)

ASHRAE cooling and heating load calculation manual is followed

Cooling Load Calculation		Co2 emission per Unit energy (kg/kWh)		0.299			
Select the nearest city		Colombo		Life cycle period of Building (Years)		50	
Select the environment		Industrial		AC system replacement period (Years)		10	
Design Temperature (c)		26		Average unit energy cost (LKR/kWh)		30	
Design Relative Humidity		0.5		Basic details			
Total Floor area		11988.08417					
Avg. Relative Humidity		0.74					
Atmospheric Pressure		100.8					

A		Estimation of External Loads																			
Sensible Load																					
A.1		Heat transfer through opaque surfaces		Hour																	
				CLTD																	
External sunlit walls - North		0.05	24975.9	-1.6	-2.6	-2.6	-1.8	-1.8	-2.8	-2.8	-2.8	-2.8	-2.8	-1	-1	0	-1.8	-0.8	-0.8	-1.6	-1.6
External sunlit walls - NE		0.05	0	0.4	-0.6	-1.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.2	1.2	4	5	5	3.2	4.2	4.2	3.4	3.4	
External sunlit walls - East		0.05	15681.7								8.2	9.2	12	13	14	12.2	13.2	13.2	11.4	11.4	
External sunlit walls - SE		0.05	0								13.2	14.2	17	18	19	18.2	18.2	19.2	17.4	17.4	
External sunlit walls - South		0.05	18491								17.2	17.2	19	20	21	20.2	21.2	22.2	20.4	21.4	
External sunlit walls - SW		0.05	0								12.2	12.2	14	14	15	14.2	15.2	17.2	16.4	17.4	
External sunlit walls - West		0.05	14890.4	16.4	15.4	14.4	15.2	14.2	14.2	13.2	12.2	12.2	14	14	15	14.2	15.2	17.2	16.4	17.4	
External sunlit walls - NW		0.05	0	10.4	10.4	9.4	10.2	9.2	8.2	7.2	7.2	6.2	8	8	8	7.2	8.2	10.2	9.4	11.4	
Roofs		0.158	11730.9	2.4	2.4	1.4	2.2	1.2	1.2	0.2	0.2	-0.8	1	1	2	0.2	1.2	2.2	1.4	2.4	
Floors		0.1	1089.83									3.8	-12	-12	-12	-13.8	-13.8	-13.8	-15.6	-15.6	
Doors		0.15	85.9825									0	26	26	26	25	25	25	24	24	
Heat gain by roof, floor & doors												25	26	26	26	25	25	25	24	24	

A.2		Heat transfer through fenestration/transparent surfaces																				
Heat transfer by conduction																						
Window glass		0.2	1222.48	26																		
Heat gain by window - Conduction																						
Heat transfer by solar radiation		A in ft		SHGC max		SC		CLF														
Windows - North		5048.23	31	0.7	0.34	0.41	0.46	0.53	0.59	0.65	0.7	0.74	0.75	0.76	0.74	0.75	0.79	0.61	0.5	0.42	0.36	
Windows - NE		0	55	0.7										0.28	0.26	0.24	0.21	0.17	0.15	0.13	0.11	
Windows - East		2083.52	215	0.7										0.29	0.26	0.23	0.21	0.17	0.15	0.13	0.11	
Windows - SE		0	247	0.7										0.36	0.33	0.29	0.25	0.21	0.18	0.16	0.14	
Windows - South		4794.65	179	0.7	0.08	0.11	0.14	0.21	0.31	0.42	0.52	0.57	0.58	0.53	0.47	0.41	0.35	0.29	0.25	0.21	0.18	

Cooling Load Calculation		Economic		Sustainable		Friendly		Net-Zero		Combination		Results		Alternative		Materials		City		Details	
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3.1 Basic details

- User should enter relevant values to the highlighted cells

		Cooling_Load_Calculation			
Select the nearest city	Colombo	Co2 emission per Unit energy (kg/kWh)	0.299		
Select the environment	Industrial	Life cycle period of Building (Years)	50		
Design Temperature (c)	26	AC system replacement period (Years)	10		
Design Relative Humidity	0.5	Average unit energy cost (LKR/kWh)	30		
Total Floor area	11988.08417				
Avg. Relative Humidity	0.74				
Atmospheric Pressure	100.8				

- Selecting city* → Import relevant climatic data for calculation
- Selecting environment* → Alter the variables in the calculation

3.2 Heat gain through walls and roof

					Hour																
A.1	Heat transfer through opaque surfaces				6am	7am	8am	9am	10am	11am	12am	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm
			U	A	CLTD																
	External sunlit walls - North		0.05	4975.9	-1.6	-2.6	-2.6	-1.8	-1.8	-2.8	-2.8	-2.8	-2.8	-1	-1	0	-1.8	-0.8	-0.8	-1.6	-1.6
	External sunlit walls - NE		0.05	0	0.4	-0.6	-1.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.2	1.2	4	5	5	3.2	4.2	4.2	3.4	3.4
	External sunlit walls - East		0.05	5681.7	7.4	6.4	5.4	7.2	6.2	7.2	7.2	8.2	9.2	12	13	14	12.2	13.2	13.2	11.4	11.4
	External sunlit walls - SE		0.05	0	13.4	13.4	12.4	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	14.2	17	18	19	18.2	18.2	19.2	17.4	17.4
	External sunlit walls - South		0.05	18491	19.4	18.4	17.4	19.2	18.2	17.2	17.2	17.2	17.2	19	20	21	20.2	21.2	22.2	20.4	21.4
	External sunlit walls - SW		0.05	0	16.4	15.4	14.4	15.2	14.2	14.2	13.2	12.2	12.2	14	14	15	14.2	15.2	17.2	16.4	17.4
	External sunlit walls - West		0.05	4890.4	10.4	10.4	9.4	10.2	9.2	8.2	7.2	7.2	6.2	8	8	8	7.2	8.2	10.2	9.4	11.4
	External sunlit walls - NW		0.05	0	2.4	2.4	1.4	2.2	1.2	1.2	0.2	0.2	-0.8	1	1	2	0.2	1.2	2.2	1.4	2.4

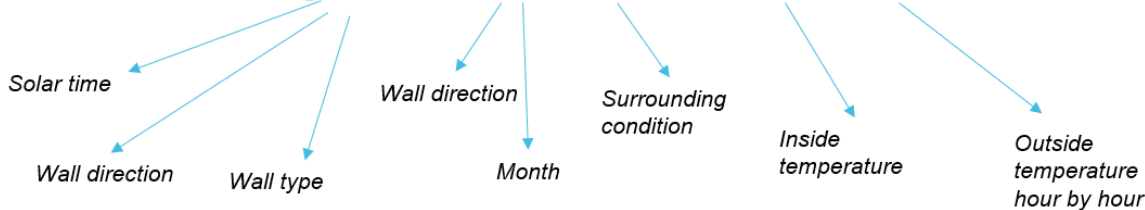
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$$Q = U * A * CLTD$$

$$CLTD = [(CLTD_{raw} + LM) * K + (78 - T_r) - (T_o - 85)]$$



Variation of CLTD values

- Vary with 12 months
- Vary with hour by hour for a given month
- Vary with latitude of the building location
- Vary with Environment type (Industrial, rural)
- Vary with wall material (7 types)

3.3 Heat gain through floor and doors

		U	A	Ti	To																	
Floors		0.1	0.089.83	26	24	24	24	24	25	25	25	25	25	25	26	26	26	25	25	25	24	24
Doors		0.15	85.9825	26	24	24	24	24	25	25	25	25	25	25	26	26	26	25	25	25	24	24

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3.4 Heat gain through windows - Conduction

A.2	Heat transfer through fenestration/transparent surfaces																													
			U	A	Ti	To																								
	Heat transfer by conduction																													
	Window glass					0.2	1222.48	26	24	24	24	25	25	25	25	25	25	26	26	26	25	25	25	24	24					

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3.5 Heat gain through windows - Radiation

		A in ft	SHGF, max	SC	CLF																
	Heat transfer by solar radiation																				
	Windows - North	5048.23	31	0.7	0.34	0.41	0.46	0.53	0.59	0.65	0.7	0.74	0.75	0.76	0.74	0.75	0.79	0.61	0.5	0.42	0.36
	Windows - NE	0	55	0.7	0.21	0.36	0.44	0.45	0.4	0.36	0.33	0.31	0.3	0.28	0.26	0.24	0.21	0.17	0.15	0.13	0.11
	Windows - East	2083.52	215	0.7	0.18	0.33	0.44	0.5	0.51	0.46	0.39	0.35	0.31	0.29	0.26	0.23	0.21	0.17	0.15	0.13	0.11
	Windows - SE	0	247	0.7	0.14	0.26	0.38	0.48	0.54	0.56	0.51	0.45	0.4	0.36	0.33	0.29	0.25	0.21	0.18	0.16	0.14
	Windows - South	4794.65	179	0.7	0.08	0.11	0.14	0.21	0.31	0.42	0.52	0.57	0.58	0.53	0.47	0.41	0.35	0.29	0.25	0.21	0.18
	Windows - SW	0	247	0.7	0.09	0.1	0.12	0.13	0.15	0.17	0.23	0.33	0.44	0.53	0.58	0.59	0.53	0.41	0.33	0.28	0.24
	Windows - West	1232.38	215	0.7	0.09	0.09	0.1	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.14	0.19	0.29	0.4	0.5	0.56	0.55	0.41	0.33	0.27	0.23
	Windows - NW	0	55	0.7	0.09	0.1	0.11	0.13	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.21	0.3	0.42	0.51	0.54	0.39	0.32	0.26	0.22

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$$Q = A * SC * SHGF_{max} * CLF$$

Diagram illustrating the components of the equation:

- A : Window area
- SC : Glass type
- $SHGF_{max}$: 8 window directions, Month
- CLF : Latitude, 8 window directions, Solar time

3.6 Heat gain through ventilation

Vary with : outside hourly temperature, Humidity ratio, air pressure,
ventilation rate and relative humidity

3.7 Heat gain by occupants

Vary with : number of people, sensible heat gain per person,
building type

3.8 Heat gain due to lighting, conduction through doors, windows and floors

Vary with : heat transfer coefficients, area and temperature differences

4. Results at the end of phase 1



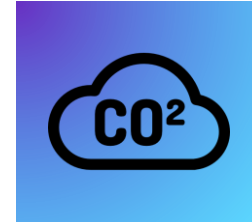
Energy

Peak cooling load
Annual cooling load
Embodied energy
Operational energy (A/C)



Cost

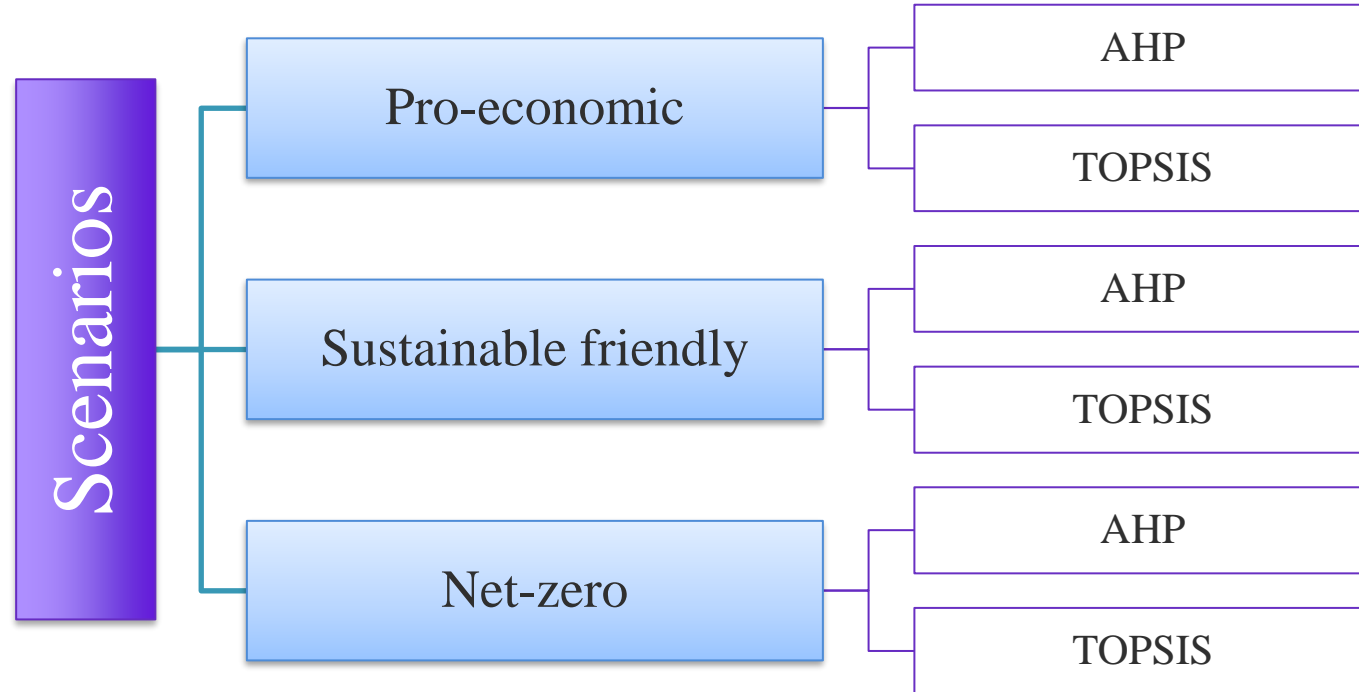
Capital cost
Operational cost (A/C)
A/C system cost



Carbon footprint

Embodied carbon
Operational carbon (A/C)

Phase 2 – MCDM approach and orientation analysis



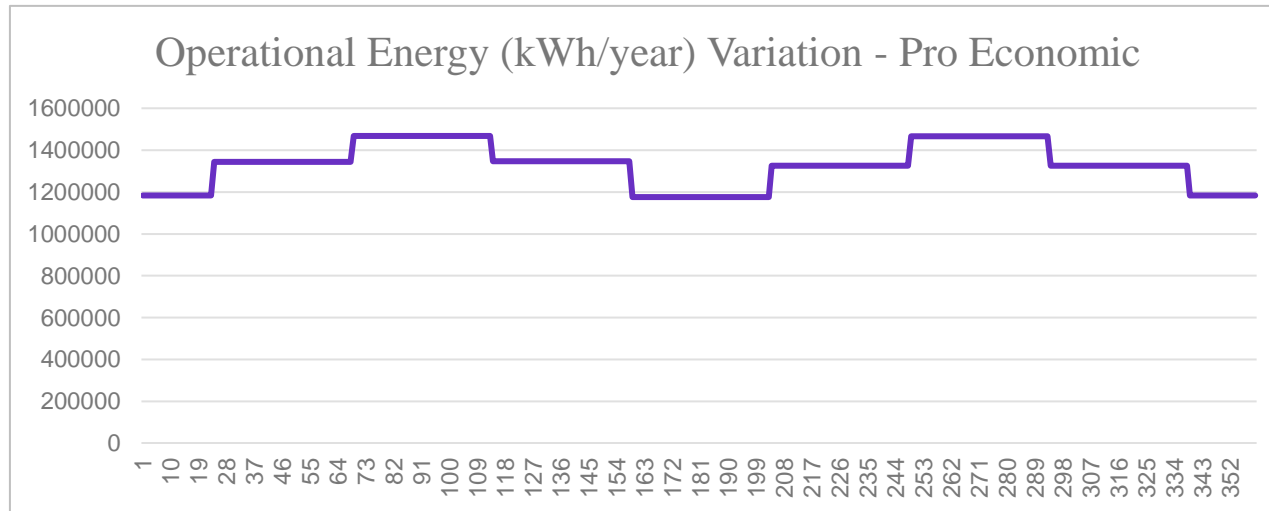
Weightages for TOPSIS and AHP

1. Pro economic scenario
 - High weightages to cost components
2. Sustainable friendly scenario
 - High weightages to energy and carbon emission components
3. Net-zero scenario
 - Operational cost not considered
 - Operational carbon not considered
 - High weightages to energy and carbon emission components

Optimization of orientation

Steps of analysis

- Assign optimum material combination
- Every angle of 360 degree is analyzed for the energy
- Select the most energy-efficient orientation



Case study BIM model



Revit BIM model

- Floors of the building - 10
- Residential units - 126
- Total floor area - 11,076.6 m²

Results

Results generated by the developed Dynamo and Excel VBA code

Maximum Load kWh/hr	460.1984263
No. AC Systems	33
Cooling Load (kWh/year)	1366100.598
Embodied Energy (MJ)	47359.63573
LC Operational Energy (MJ)	245898107.6
Capital Cost (LKR)	6332337.659
Operational Cost (LKR)	2049150896
System Cost (LKR)	123624600
Embodied Carbon (Metric T)	25.9845251
Operational Carbon (Metric T)	20423.20393
Total Energy (MJ)	245945467.2
Total Cost (LKR Million)	2167.869234
Total Carbon (Metric T)	20449.18846

Validation

Validation of results by manual calculation, web services and software

The calculation process	Accuracy percentage	Validation method
Embodied energy	100%	Manual calculation
Operational energy	99.54%	Revit cooling load analysis
Capital cost	100%	Manual calculation
Operational cost	100%	Manual calculation
A/C system cost	100%	Manual calculation
Embodied carbon	100%	Manual calculation
Operational carbon	100%	Manual calculation
AHP	100%	Manual calculation
TOPSIS	100%	Manual calculation
Orientation analysis	100%	Autodesk Insight

Conclusion

- Research aim achieved (Developing of software tool)
- High accuracy of developed software
- Any user can operate the tool
- According to the case study;
 - 20.6% reduction of operational energy and cost
 - 40.7% reduction of embodied energy
 - 18.7% reduction of capital cost
 - 24.2% reduction of A/C system cost
 - 19.9% operational energy reduction due to optimum orientation
 - 6.3% reduction of A/C system cost due to optimum orientation

Contribution for the research (Conference paper)

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A REVIEW ON COST-EFFECTIVE ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDING PLANNING FOR URBAN CENTRES: A LIFE CYCLE THINKING-BASED APPROACH

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Abstract: Extensive energy use and resultant greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in urban centres are rapidly increasing due to the population growth and implications of urban sprawl. Among different energy uses, the building sector energy consumption accounts for 40% of global energy consumption and results in 18% GHG emission. Literature reveals that there is a significant amount of research studies that are focused on building energy efficiency from a global and local perspective. In most of these studies, the authors have identified the life cycle thinking approach as a very important technique to compare different energy-efficient building materials, construction technologies, and practices. However, there is a lack of knowledge on the life cycle thinking-based building planning approach considering the Sri Lankan context. The objective of this study is to explore and develop a conceptual research framework for planning sustainable buildings for tropical climatic conditions using building planning parameters that are related to costs, emissions, and social impacts, of locally available building materials and technologies. Here, the literature available on life cycle cost, life cycle emissions, and social life cycle impacts were considered. Expert interviews were conducted to develop the above-mentioned methodology using industry norms and locally available construction technologies. The framework developed in this research will help to select construction materials for future sustainable buildings for tropical climatic conditions. BIM software integrated tools that can be used to get a more reliable and quick analysis of buildings were explored in this study.

Time frame

Task	2020	2021					2022										
	Dec	Jan	Feb		Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	
Literature survey																	
Background study																	
Research proposal																	
Literature review																	
Proposal presentation																	
Study on materials and practices																	
Study on Dynamo																	
Study on Excel VBA																	
Develop a tool to do the analysis																	
Obtain relevant outputs from analysis																	
Develop a decision support framework																	
Progress presentation																	
Initial draft report																	
Four page summary																	
Presentation slides																	
Presentation and viva																	
Final draft report																	
Final draft submission																	

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A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of two modern skyscrapers with glass facades, meeting at the top against a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The perspective creates a sense of height and architectural grandeur.

Thank You!