

# InfraSet: Towards a Parametric Model to Quantify the **Life Cycle Environmental Performance** and **MFA** of Transport Infrastructure Assets



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# **+50% or 700 billion**

More passenger kilometre travel (PKT) demand from 2020 to 2050 In EEA and Turkey (Freight and Passenger)

**2187** tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>eq greenhouse gas (GHG) for  
building one km of a road

# Urban mining /MFA

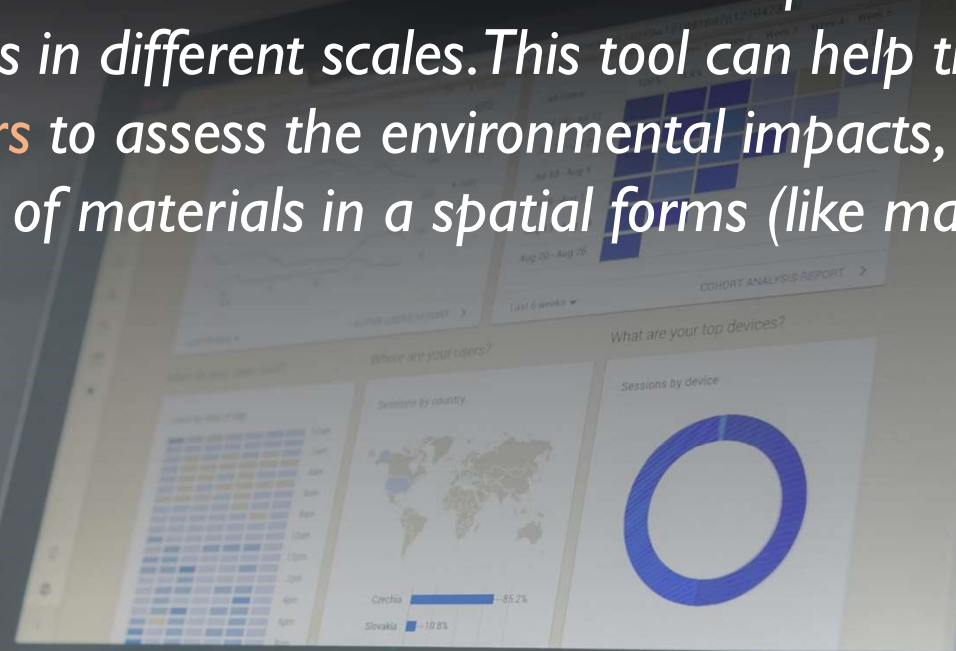
has the following benefits: Less **environmental impacts**,  
Classic mining can not meet the **increasing demand** and for  
some **rare materials** it is the only way.



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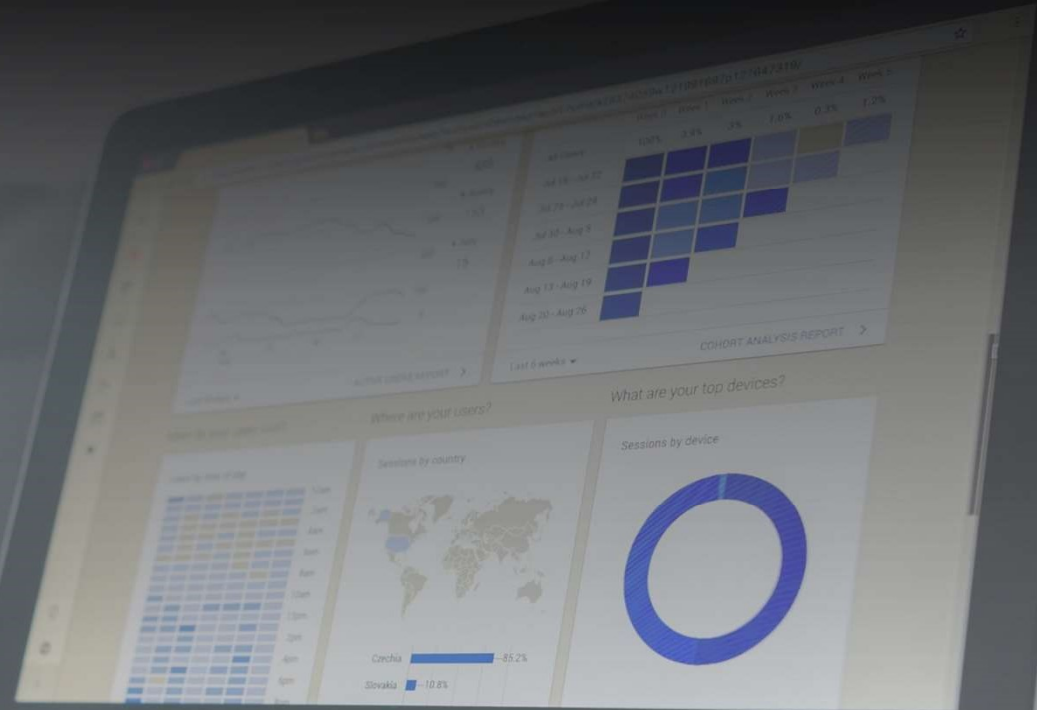


There is a essential need for a **SPATIALISED PARAMETRIC** tool to implement MFA and LCA of transport infrastructure assets in different scales. This tool can help the **Engineers**, **Planners** and **Policy makers** to assess the environmental impacts, material stock and possibility of urban mining of materials in a spatial forms (like maps)



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reducing energy, emissions and material consumption



## **CIRCULARITY**

circularity and urban mining

## Goal and Scope



## Parametrization

- Finding Parameters
- Writing equation
- Data from databases



## Implementation

- Object oriented programming (OOP)
- Architecture of this model
- Graphical user interface (GUI)



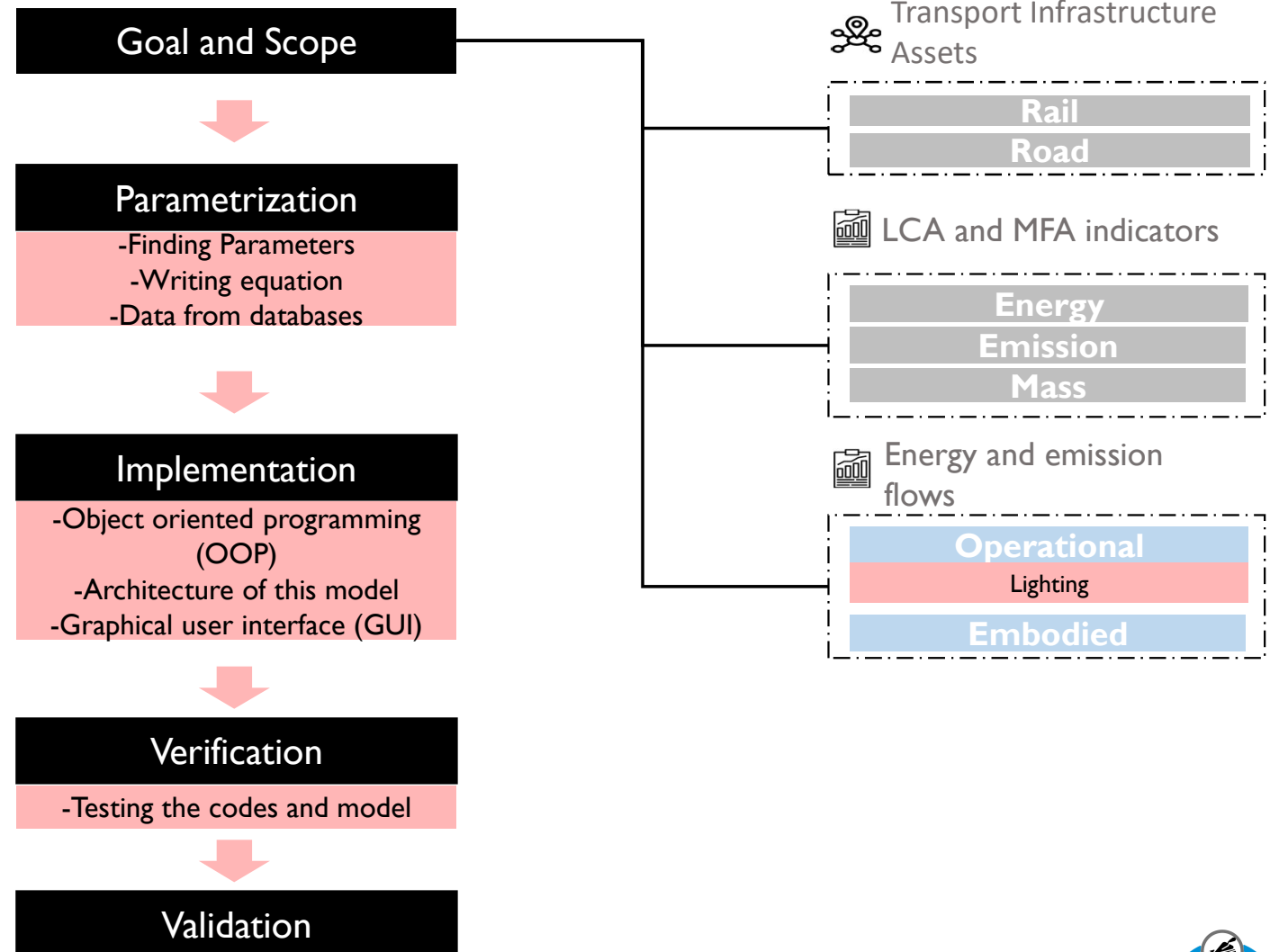
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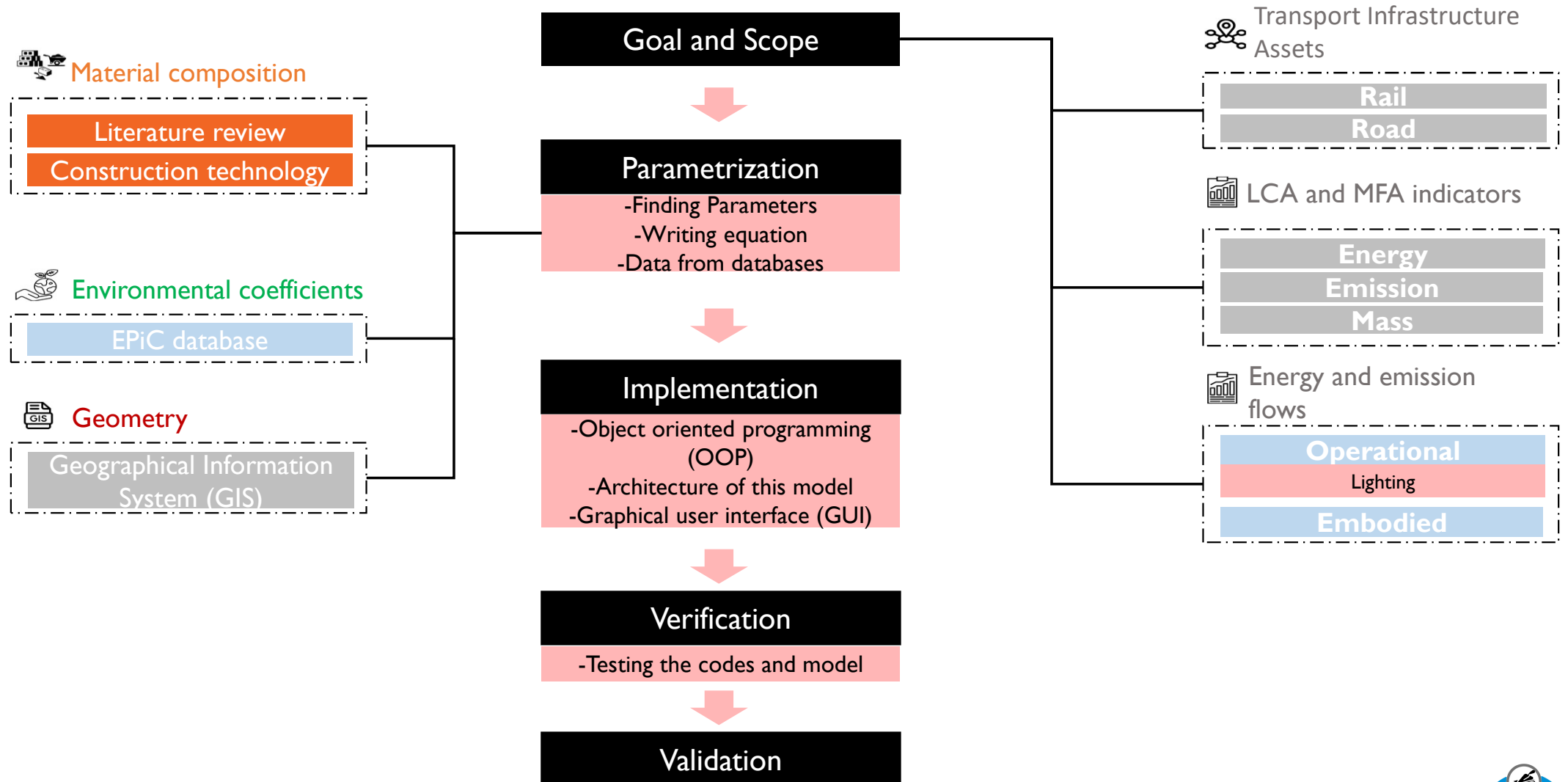
- Testing the codes and model



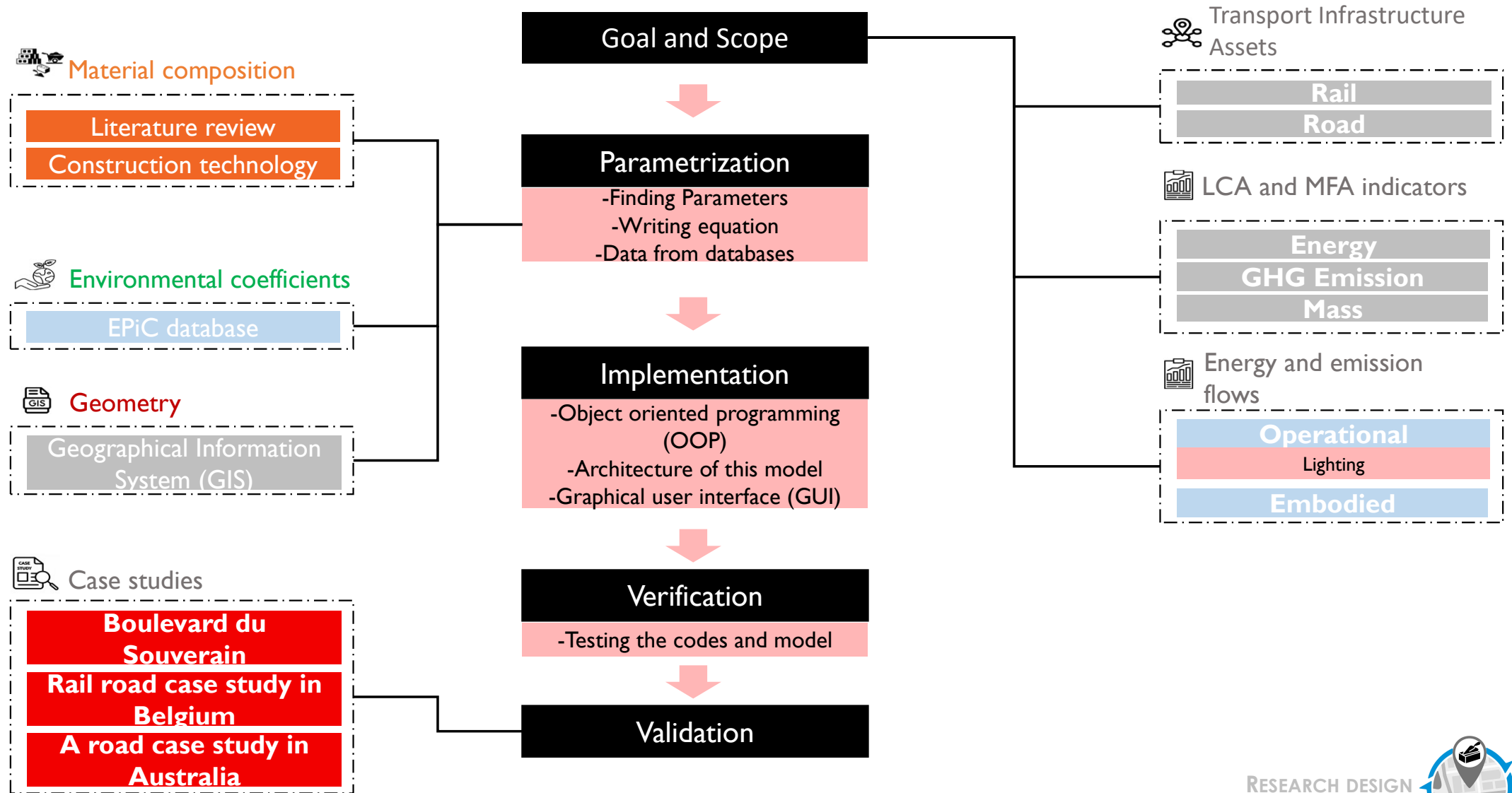
## Validation











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- Land use
- Road Class – Classifies roads (Local road, highway, ramp, roundabout, etc)
- Geometry
- Spatialised data( like maps)

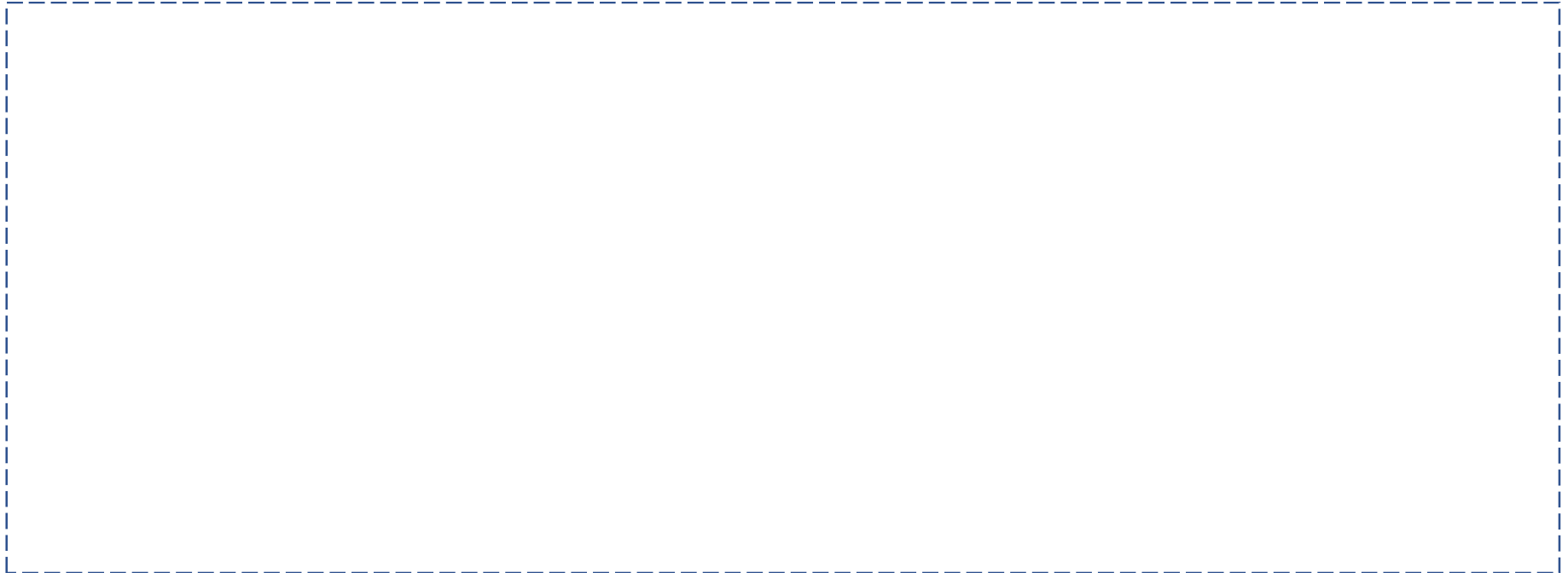
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### EPiC

#### EPiC database

- Material data
- Material density
- Material weight
- GHG coefficient of material m in kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/FU
- Energy coefficient of material m in MJ/FU

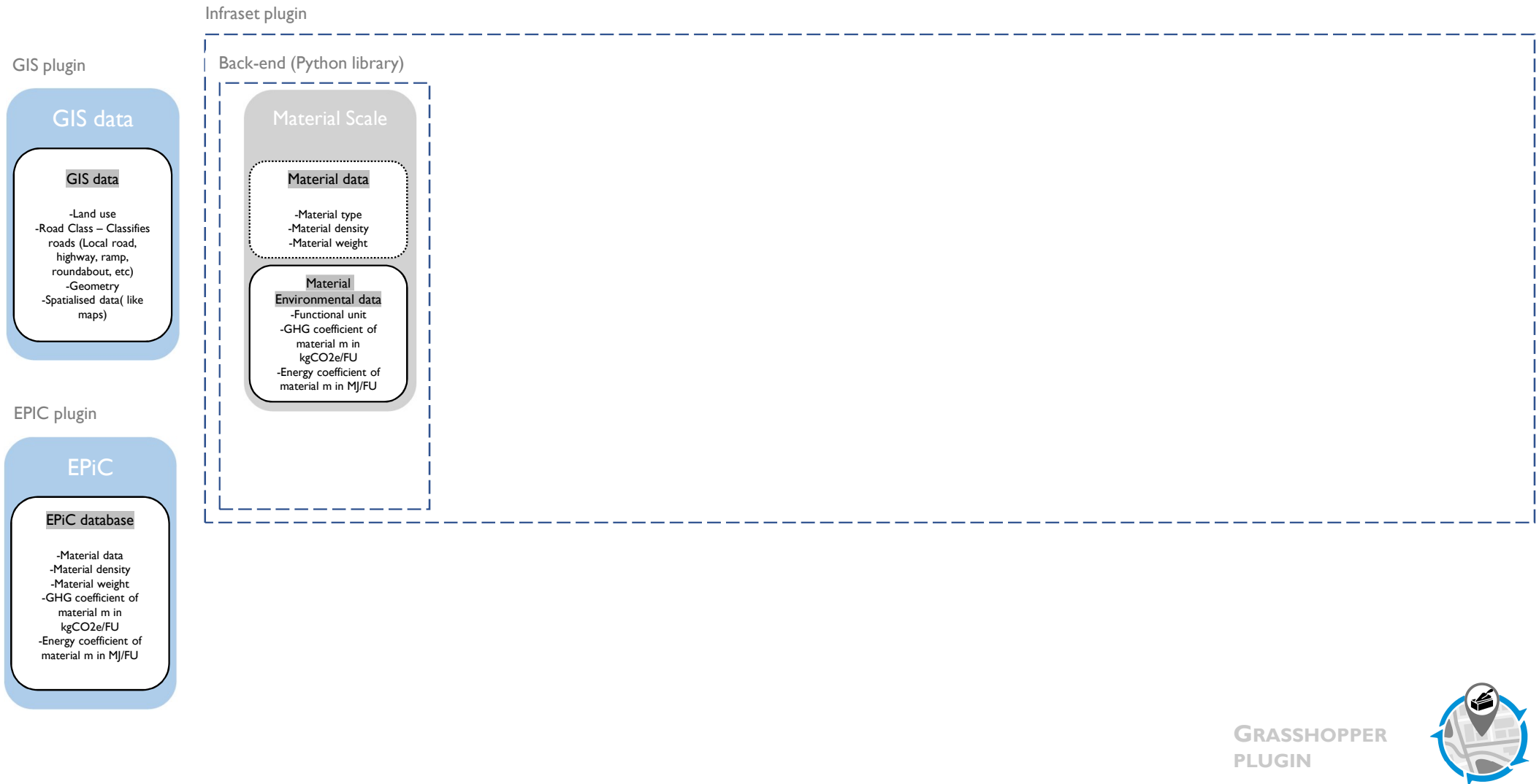
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Back-end (Python library)

Front-end (Grasshopper components)

## Material Scale

### Material data

- Material type
- Material density
- Material weight

- Material Environmental data**
- Functional unit
  - GHG coefficient of material m in kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/FU
  - Energy coefficient of material m in MJ/FU

## Element Scale

### Element data

- Element type
- Element service life
- Element weight /FU
- Material data

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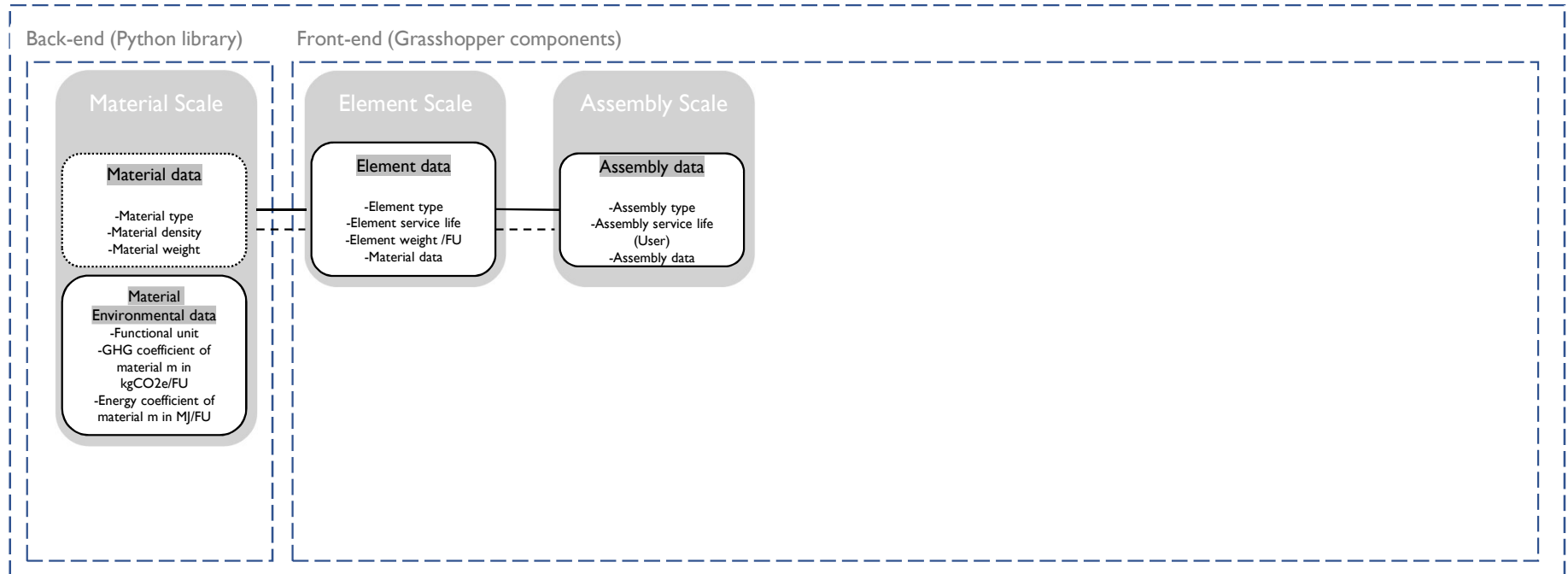
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**Assembly scale component is designed for assets that are scaled to the size of an assembly, such as a road with all of its elements like sign posts.**



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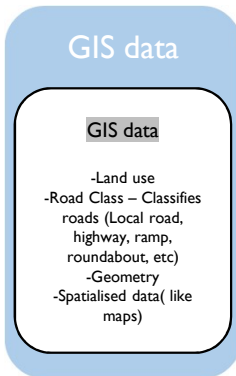




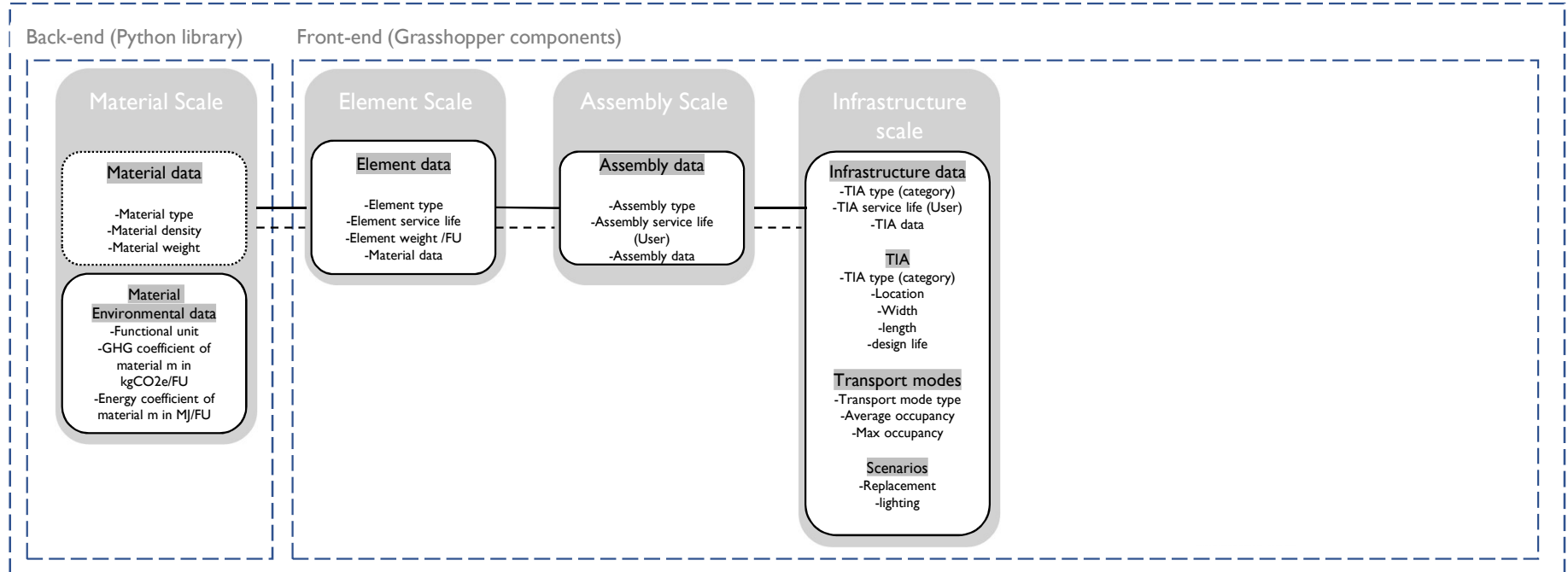
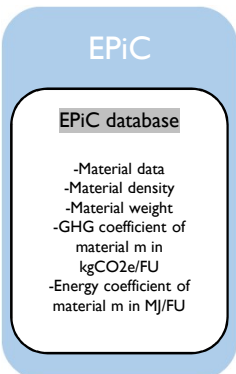
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**Infrastructure scale component is created for infrastructure that is scaled to the size of a section, like a road that includes pedestrian, metro, and automobile roads. The user can also change the section.**



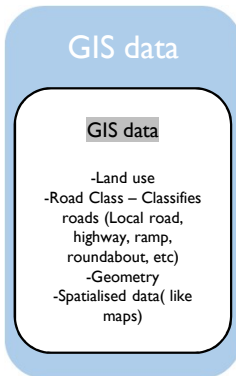
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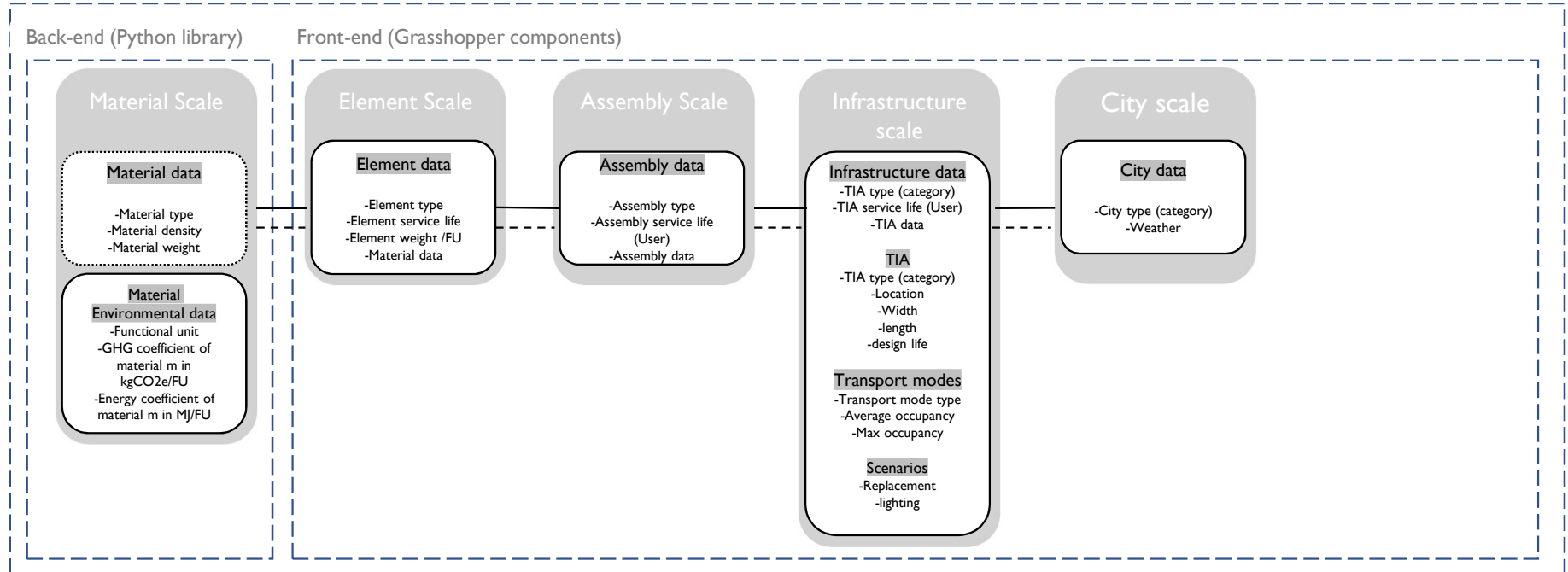
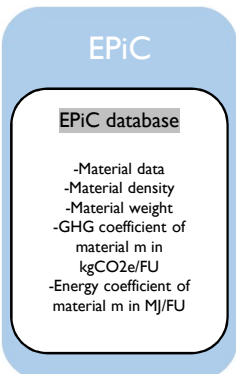
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**City scale component enables us to analyze city-scale roads because city roads are composed of smaller scales like elements.**



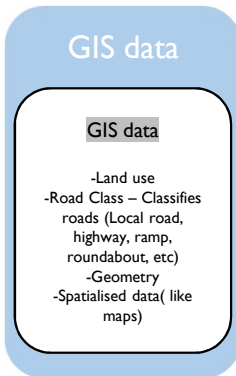
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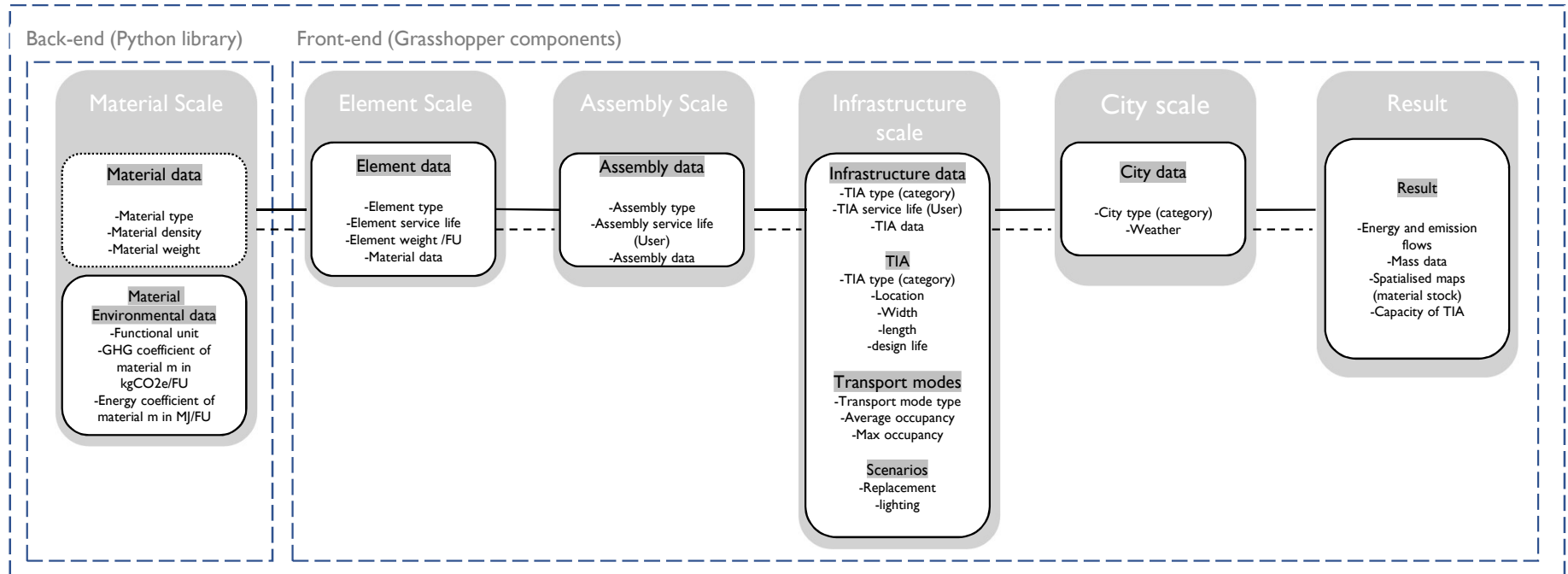
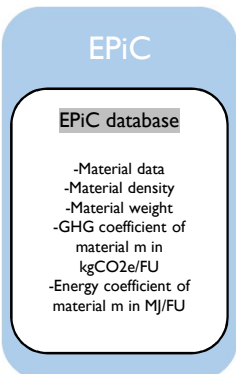
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The function of result component is to produce diagrams that look like the one presented.



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# PILOT CASE STUDY: BOULEVARD DU SOUVERAIN

## Case study

## Location

## Development stage

## Aim

Boulevard du Souverain

Belgium

Validation

Comparison between the result of manual assessment with the outcome of the tool

Railroad case study

Belgium

Testing

Evaluating a railroad case study

A case study in Australia

Australia

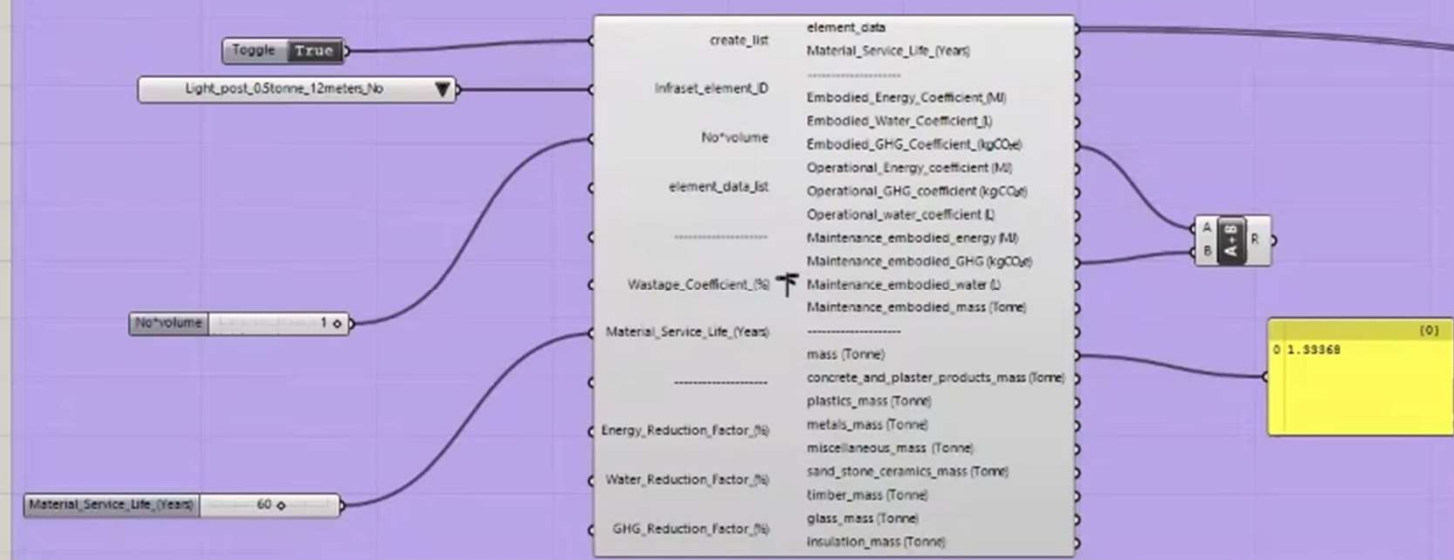
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Testing the tool in the Australian context and quantifying embodied flows.





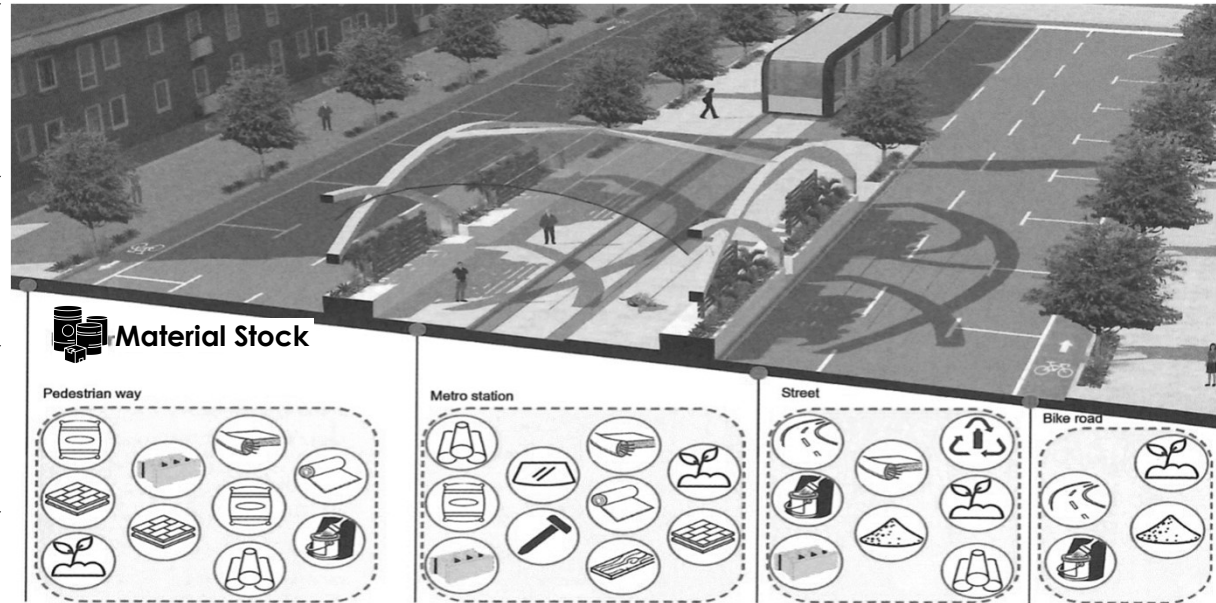
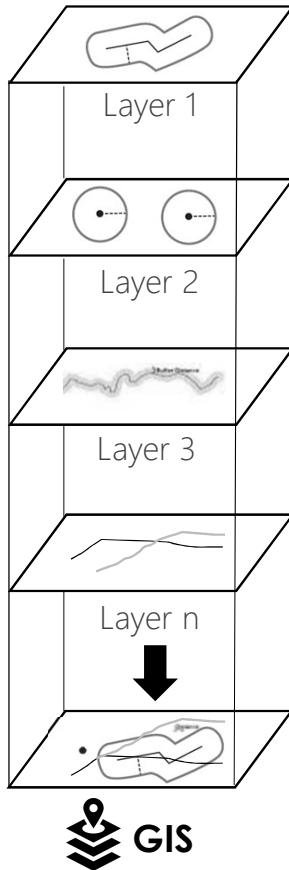




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