

carbon_model.rb

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Automobile trip carbon model

This model is used by [Brighter Planet](#)'s carbon emission [web service](#) to estimate the **greenhouse gas emissions of an automobile trip**.

Timeframe and activity period

The model estimates the emissions that occur during a particular `timeframe`. To do this it needs to know the `date` on which the trip occurred. For example, if the `timeframe` is January 2010, a trip that occurred on January 5, 2010 will have emissions but a trip that occurred on February 1, 2010 will not.

Calculations

The final estimate is the result of the **calculations** detailed below. These calculations are performed in reverse order, starting with the last calculation listed and finishing with the `emission` calculation. Each calculation is named according to the value it returns.

Methods

To accomodate varying client input, each calculation may have one or more **methods**. These are listed under each calculation in order from most to least preferred. Each method is named according to the values it requires. If any of these values is not available the method will be ignored. If all the methods for a calculation are ignored, the calculation will not return a value. "Default" methods do not require any values, and so a calculation with a default method will always return a value.

Standard compliance

Each method lists any established calculation standards with which it **complies**. When compliance with a standard is requested, all methods that

```
module BrighterPlanet
  module AutomobileTrip
    module CarbonModel
      def self.included(base)
        base.decide :emission, :with => :characteristics do
```

do not comply with that standard are ignored. This means that any values a particular method requires will have been calculated using a compliant method, because those are the only methods available. If any value did not have a compliant method in its calculation then it would be undefined, and the current method would have been ignored.

Collaboration

Contributions to this carbon model are actively encouraged and warmly welcomed. This library includes a comprehensive test suite to ensure that your changes do not cause regressions. All changes should include test coverage for new functionality. Please see [sniff](#), our emitter testing framework, for more information.

Emission calculation

Returns the `emission` estimate ($kg\ CO_2e$).

Emission from CO₂ emission, CH₄ emission, N₂O emission, and HFC emission

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Sums the non-biogenic emissions to give $kg\ CO_2e$.

CO₂ emission calculation

Returns the `co2 emission` (kg).

CO₂ emission from fuel use, CO₂ emission factor, date, and timeframe

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

```
committee :emission do

  quorum 'from co2 emission, ch4 emission, n2o emission, and hfc emission',
    :needs => [:co2_emission, :ch4_emission, :n2o_emission, :hfc_emission],

    :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do
|characteristics|

      characteristics[:co2_emission] + characteristics[:ch4_emission] +
characteristics[:n2o_emission] + characteristics[:hfc_emission]
    end
  end

  committee :co2_emission do

    quorum 'from fuel use, co2 emission factor, date, and timeframe',
      :needs => [:fuel_use, :co2_emission_factor, :date],

      :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do
|characteristics, timeframe|
```

Checks whether the trip `date` falls within the `timeframe`.

Multiplies `fuel use` (*l*) by the `co2 emission factor` (*kg / l*) to give *kg*.

If the `date` does not fall within the `timeframe`, `co2 emission` is zero.

CO₂ biogenic emission calculation

Returns the `co2 biogenic emission` (*kg*).

CO₂ biogenic emission from fuel use, CO₂ biogenic emission factor, date, and timeframe

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Checks whether the trip `date` falls within the `timeframe`.

Multiplies `fuel use` (*l*) by the `co2 biogenic emission factor` (*kg / l*) to give *kg*.

If the `date` does not fall within the `timeframe`, `co2 biogenic emission` is zero.

CH₄ emission calculation

```
date = characteristics[:date].is_a?(Date) ? characteristics[:date] :
Date.parse(characteristics[:date].to_s)
if timeframe.include? date

  characteristics[:fuel_use] * characteristics[:co2_emission_factor]
else

  0
end
end
end

committee :co2_biogenic_emission do

  quorum 'from fuel use, co2 biogenic emission factor, date, and timeframe',
  :needs => [:fuel_use, :co2_biogenic_emission_factor, :date],

  :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do
|characteristics, timeframe|

    date = characteristics[:date].is_a?(Date) ? characteristics[:date] :
Date.parse(characteristics[:date].to_s)
    if timeframe.include? date

      characteristics[:fuel_use] *
characteristics[:co2_biogenic_emission_factor]
    else

      0
    end
  end
end

committee :ch4_emission do
```

Returns the `ch4 emission` ($kg\ CO_2e$).

CH₄ emission from fuel use, CH₄ emission factor, date, and timeframe

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Checks whether the trip `date` falls within the `timeframe`.

Multiplies `fuel use` (l) by the `ch4 emission factor` ($kg\ CO_2e / l$) to give $kg\ CO_2e$.

If the `date` does not fall within the `timeframe`, `ch4 emission` is zero.

N₂O emission calculation

Returns the `n2o emission` ($kg\ CO_2e$)

N₂O emission from fuel use, N₂O emission factor, date, and timeframe

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Checks whether the trip `date` falls within the `timeframe`.

Multiplies `fuel use` (l) by the `n2o emission factor` ($kg\ CO_2e / l$) to give $kg\ CO_2e$.

```
quorum 'from fuel use, ch4 emission factor, date, and timeframe',
      :needs => [:fuel_use, :ch4_emission_factor, :date],

      :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do
|characteristics, timeframe|

      date = characteristics[:date].is_a?(Date) ? characteristics[:date] :
Date.parse(characteristics[:date].to_s)
      if timeframe.include? date

          characteristics[:fuel_use] * characteristics[:ch4_emission_factor]
      else

          0
      end
    end
  end

  committee :n2o_emission do

      quorum 'from fuel use, n2o emission factor, date, and timeframe',
            :needs => [:fuel_use, :n2o_emission_factor, :date],

            :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do
|characteristics, timeframe|

            date = characteristics[:date].is_a?(Date) ? characteristics[:date] :
Date.parse(characteristics[:date].to_s)
            if timeframe.include? date

                characteristics[:fuel_use] * characteristics[:n2o_emission_factor]
            else
```

If the `date` does not fall within the `timeframe`, `n2o emission` is zero.

HFC emission calculation

Returns the `hfc emission` ($kg\ CO_2e$).

HFC emission from fuel use, HFC emission factor, date, and timeframe

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Checks whether the trip `date` falls within the `timeframe`.

Multiplies `fuel use` (l) by the `hfc emission factor` ($kg\ CO_2e / l$) to give $kg\ CO_2e$.

If the `date` does not fall within the `timeframe`, `hfc emission` is zero.

CO₂ emission factor calculation

Returns the `co2 emission factor` (kg / l).

CO₂ emission factor from automobile fuel

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

```
0
end
end
end

committee :hfc_emission do

  quorum 'from fuel use, hfc emission factor, date, and timeframe',
    :needs => [:fuel_use, :hfc_emission_factor, :date],

    :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do
|characteristics, timeframe|

    date = characteristics[:date].is_a?(Date) ? characteristics[:date] :
Date.parse(characteristics[:date].to_s)
    if timeframe.include? date

      characteristics[:fuel_use] * characteristics[:hfc_emission_factor]
    else

      0
    end
  end
end

committee :co2_emission_factor do

  quorum 'from automobile fuel',
    :needs => :automobile_fuel,

    :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do
|characteristics|
```

Looks up the fuel `co2 emission factor` (kg/l).

CO₂ biogenic emission factor calculation

Returns the `co2 biogenic emission factor` (kg/l).

CO₂ biogenic emission factor from automobile fuel

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Looks up the fuel `co2 biogenic emission factor` (kg/l).

CH₄ emission factor calculation

Returns the `ch4 emission factor` ($kg\ CO_2e/l$).

CH₄ emission factor from automobile fuel

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Looks up the fuel `ch4 emission factor` ($kg\ CO_2e/l$).

N₂O emission factor calculation

Returns the `n2o emission factor` ($kg\ CO_2e/l$).

```
characteristics[:automobile_fuel].co2_emission_factor
end
end

committee :co2_biogenic_emission_factor do

  quorum 'from automobile fuel',
    :needs => :automobile_fuel,

    :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do
|characteristics|

    characteristics[:automobile_fuel].co2_biogenic_emission_factor
  end
end

committee :ch4_emission_factor do

  quorum 'from automobile fuel',
    :needs => :automobile_fuel,

    :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do
|characteristics|

    characteristics[:automobile_fuel].ch4_emission_factor
  end
end

committee :n2o_emission_factor do
```

N₂O emission factor from automobile fuel

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Looks up the [fuel](#) `n2o emission factor` (*kg CO₂e / l*).

HFC emission factor calculation

Returns the `hfc emission factor` (*kg CO₂e / l*).

HFC emission factor from automobile fuel

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Looks up the [fuel](#) `hfc emission factor` (*kg CO₂e / l*).

Automobile fuel calculation

Returns the type of `automobile fuel` used.

Automobile fuel from client input

Complies: All

Uses the client-input [automobile fuel](#).

Automobile fuel from make model year variant

```
quorum 'from automobile fuel',
      :needs => :automobile_fuel,

      :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do
|characteristics|

      characteristics[:automobile_fuel].n2o_emission_factor
    end
  end

  committee :hfc_emission_factor do

    quorum 'from automobile fuel',
          :needs => :automobile_fuel,

          :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do
|characteristics|

          characteristics[:automobile_fuel].hfc_emission_factor
        end
      end

    committee :automobile_fuel do

      quorum 'from make model year variant',
            :needs => :make_model_year_variant,
```

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Looks up the variant `automobile fuel`.

Default automobile fuel

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Looks up the default automobile fuel.

Fuel use calculation

Returns the trip `fuel use` (*l*).

Fuel use from fuel efficiency and distance

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Divides the `distance` (*km*) by the `fuel efficiency` (*km/l*) to give *l*.

Distance calculation

Returns the trip `distance` (*km*).

Distance from client input

Complies: All

Uses the client-input `distance` (*km*).

```
      :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do
|characteristics|

      characteristics[:make_model_year_variant].fuel
    end

    quorum 'default',

    :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do

      AutomobileFuel.fallback
    end
  end

  committee :fuel_use do

    quorum 'from fuel efficiency and distance',
      :needs => [:fuel_efficiency, :distance],

      :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do
|characteristics|

      characteristics[:distance] / characteristics[:fuel_efficiency]
    end
  end

  committee :distance do
```


Distance from origin and destination locations

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Uses the [Mapquest directions API](#) to calculate distance by road between the origin and destination locations.

Distance from duration and speed

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Divides the `duration` (*seconds*) by 3600 and multiplies by the `speed` (*km / hour*) to give *km*.

Distance from country

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Looks up the `country` `automobile_trip_distance`.

Destination location calculation

Returns the `destination_location` (*lat / lng*).

Destination location from destination

```
quorum 'from origin and destination locations',
  :needs => [:origin_location, :destination_location],

  :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do |characteristics|

    mapquest = ::MapQuestDirections.new characteristics[:origin_location],
characteristics[:destination_location]
    begin
      mapquest.distance_in_kilometres
    rescue
      nil
    end
  end

quorum 'from duration and speed',
  :needs => [:duration, :speed],

  :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do |characteristics|

    (characteristics[:duration] / 60.0 / 60.0) * characteristics[:speed]
  end

quorum 'from country',
  :needs => :country,

  :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do |characteristics|

    characteristics[:country].automobile_trip_distance
  end
end

committee :destination_location do

quorum 'from destination',
```

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Uses the [Geokit](#) geocoder to determine the destination location (*lat / lng*).

Origin location committee

Returns the `origin location` (*lat / lng*).

Destination location from destination

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Uses the [Geokit](#) geocoder to determine the origin location (*lat / lng*).

Destination calculation

Returns the client-input `destination`.

Origin calculation

Returns the client-input `origin`.

Duration calculation

Returns the client-input `duration` (*seconds*).

```
      :needs => :destination,

      :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do
|characteristics|

        code = ::Geokit::Geocoders::MultiGeocoder.geocode
characteristics[:destination].to_s
        code.ll == ',' ? nil : code.ll
      end
    end

    committee :origin_location do

      quorum 'from origin',
        :needs => :origin,

        :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do
|characteristics|

          code = ::Geokit::Geocoders::MultiGeocoder.geocode
characteristics[:origin].to_s
          code.ll == ',' ? nil : code.ll
        end
      end
    end
  end
end
```

Speed calculation

Returns the average `speed` at which the automobile travels (*km / hour*).

Speed from client input

Complies: All

Uses the client-input `speed` (*km / hour*).

Speed from urbanity and country

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Looks up the country average city and highway driving speeds and calculates the harmonic mean of those speeds weighted by `urbanity`.

Fuel efficiency calculation

Returns the `fuel_efficiency` (*km / l*).

Fuel efficiency from client input

Complies: All

Uses the client-input `fuel_efficiency` (*km / l*).

Fuel efficiency from make model year variant and urbanity

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Looks up the city and highway fuel efficiencies of the automobile make

```
committee :speed do

  quorum 'from urbanity and country',
    :needs => [:urbanity, :country],

    :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do
|characteristics|

      1 / (characteristics[:urbanity] /
characteristics[:country].automobile_city_speed + (1 - characteristics[:urbanity]) /
characteristics[:country].automobile_highway_speed)
    end
  end

  committee :fuel_efficiency do

    quorum 'from make model year variant and urbanity',
      :needs => [:make_model_year_variant, :urbanity],

      :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do
|characteristics|

        fuel_efficiency_city =
```

model year variant (km/l).

Calculates the harmonic mean of those fuel efficiencies, weighted by
`urbanity`.

Fuel efficiency from make model year and urbanity

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Looks up the city and highway fuel efficiencies of the automobile make
model year (km/l).

Calculates the harmonic mean of those fuel efficiencies, weighted by
`urbanity`.

Fuel efficiency from make model and urbanity

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Looks up the city and highway fuel efficiencies of the automobile make
model (km/l).

```
characteristics[:make_model_year_variant].fuel_efficiency_city
  fuel_efficiency_highway =
characteristics[:make_model_year_variant].fuel_efficiency_highway
  urbanity = characteristics[:urbanity]
  if fuel_efficiency_city.present? and fuel_efficiency_highway.present?

    1.0 / ((urbanity / fuel_efficiency_city) + ((1.0 - urbanity) /
fuel_efficiency_highway))
  end
end

quorum 'from make model year and urbanity',
  :needs => [:make_model_year, :urbanity],

  :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do
|characteristics|

  fuel_efficiency_city =
characteristics[:make_model_year].fuel_efficiency_city
  fuel_efficiency_highway =
characteristics[:make_model_year].fuel_efficiency_highway
  urbanity = characteristics[:urbanity]
  if fuel_efficiency_city.present? and fuel_efficiency_highway.present?

    1.0 / ((urbanity / fuel_efficiency_city) + ((1.0 - urbanity) /
fuel_efficiency_highway))
  end
end

quorum 'from make model and urbanity',
  :needs => [:make_model, :urbanity],

  :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do
|characteristics|

  fuel_efficiency_city =
characteristics[:make_model].fuel_efficiency_city
  fuel_efficiency_highway =
characteristics[:make_model].fuel_efficiency_highway
  urbanity = characteristics[:urbanity]
```

Calculates the harmonic mean of those fuel efficiencies, weighted by `urbanity`.

Fuel efficiency from size class, hybridity multiplier, and urbanity

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Looks up the automobile size class city and highway fuel efficiency (*km/l*).

Calculates the harmonic mean of those fuel efficiencies, weighted by `urbanity`, and multiplies the result by the `hybridity multiplier`.

Fuel efficiency from make year and hybridity multiplier

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Looks up the automobile make year combined fuel efficiency (*km/l*) and multiplies it by the `hybridity multiplier`.

Fuel efficiency from make and hybridity multiplier

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

```
        if fuel_efficiency_city.present? and fuel_efficiency_highway.present?

            1.0 / ((urbanity / fuel_efficiency_city) + ((1.0 - urbanity) /
fuel_efficiency_highway))
        end
    end

    quorum 'from size class, hybridity multiplier, and urbanity',
      :needs => [:size_class, :hybridity_multiplier, :urbanity],

      :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do |characteristics|

        fuel_efficiency_city =
characteristics[:size_class].fuel_efficiency_city
        fuel_efficiency_highway =
characteristics[:size_class].fuel_efficiency_highway
        urbanity = characteristics[:urbanity]
        if fuel_efficiency_city.present? and fuel_efficiency_highway.present?

            (1.0 / ((urbanity / fuel_efficiency_city) + ((1.0 - urbanity) /
fuel_efficiency_highway))) * characteristics[:hybridity_multiplier]
        end
    end

    quorum 'from make year and hybridity multiplier',
      :needs => [:make_year, :hybridity_multiplier],

      :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do |characteristics|

        characteristics[:make_year].fuel_efficiency.try :*,
characteristics[:hybridity_multiplier]
    end

    quorum 'from make and hybridity multiplier',
      :needs => [:make, :hybridity_multiplier],

      :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do |characteristics|
```

Looks up the automobile make combined fuel efficiency (*km / l*) and multiplies it by the `hybridity_multiplier`.

Fuel efficiency from hybridity multiplier and country

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Looks up the country `automobile_fuel_efficiency` and multiplies it by the `hybridity_multiplier`.

Hybridity multiplier calculation

Returns the `hybridity_multiplier`. This value may be used to adjust the fuel efficiency based on whether the automobile is a hybrid or conventional vehicle.

Hybridity multiplier from size class, hybridity, and urbanity

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Looks up the appropriate city and highway hybridity multipliers for the automobile size class.

Calculates the harmonic mean of those multipliers, weighted by `urbanity`.

```
characteristics[:make].fuel_efficiency.try :*,
characteristics[:hybridity_multiplier]
end

quorum 'from hybridity_multiplier and country',
:needs => [:hybridity_multiplier, :country],

:complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do |characteristics|

characteristics[:country].automobile_fuel_efficiency.try :*,
characteristics[:hybridity_multiplier]
end
end

committee :hybridity_multiplier do

quorum 'from size class, hybridity, and urbanity',
:needs => [:size_class, :hybridity, :urbanity],

:complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do
|characteristics|

drivetrain = characteristics[:hybridity] ? :hybrid : :conventional
city_fuel_efficiency_multiplier =
characteristics[:size_class].send(:#{drivetrain}_fuel_efficiency_city_multiplier")
highway_fuel_efficiency_multiplier =
characteristics[:size_class].send(:#{drivetrain}_fuel_efficiency_highway_multiplier")

if city_fuel_efficiency_multiplier or
highway_fuel_efficiency_multiplier

1.0 / ((characteristics[:urbanity] /
city_fuel_efficiency_multiplier) + ((1.0 - characteristics[:urbanity]) /
highway_fuel_efficiency_multiplier))
```

Hybridity multiplier from hybridity and urbanity

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Looks up the appropriate default city and highway hybridity multipliers.

Calculates the harmonic mean of those multipliers, weighted by `urbanity`.

Default hybridity multiplier

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Uses a default `hybridity multiplier` of 1.

Urbanity calculation

Returns the `urbanity`. This is the fraction of the total distance driven that occurs on towns and city streets as opposed to highways (defined using a 45 miles per hour “speed cutpoint”).

Urbanity from country

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

```
end
end

quorum 'from hybridity and urbanity',
  :needs => [:hybridity, :urbanity],

  :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do
|characteristics|

    drivetrain = characteristics[:hybridity] ? :hybrid : :conventional
    city_fuel_efficiency_multiplier =
AutomobileSizeClass.fallback.send(:#{drivetrain}_fuel_efficiency_city_multiplier")
    highway_fuel_efficiency_multiplier =
AutomobileSizeClass.fallback.send(:#{drivetrain}_fuel_efficiency_highway_multiplier")

    1.0 / ((characteristics[:urbanity] / city_fuel_efficiency_multiplier)
+ ((1.0 - characteristics[:urbanity]) / highway_fuel_efficiency_multiplier))
  end

quorum 'default',

  :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do

    base.fallback.hybridity_multiplier
  end
end

committee :urbanity do

quorum 'from country',
  :needs => :country,

  :complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do
```

Looks up the `country` `automobile_urbanity`.

Hybridity calculation

Returns the client-input `hybridity`. This indicates whether the automobile is a hybrid electric vehicle or a conventional vehicle.

Size class calculation

Returns the client-input automobile `size class`.

Make model year variant calculation

Returns the client-input automobile `make model year variant`.

Make model year calculation

Returns the client-input automobile `make model year`.

Make model calculation

Returns the client-input automobile `make model`.

Make year calculation

Returns the client-input automobile `make year`.

Make calculation

Returns the client-input automobile `make`.

Country calculation

Returns the `country` in which the trip occurred.

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```
|characteristics|
```

```
    characteristics[:country].automobile_urbanity
  end
end
```

```
committee :country do
```


Country from client input

Complies: All

Uses the client-input `country`.

Default country

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO 14064-1

Uses an artificial country that contains global averages.

Date calculation

Returns the `date` on which the trip occurred.

Date from client input

Complies: All

Uses the client-input `date`.

Date from timeframe

Complies: GHG Protocol Scope 1, GHG Protocol Scope 3, ISO-14064-1, Climate Registry Protocol

Assumes the trip occurred on the first day of the `timeframe`.

Timeframe calculation

Returns the `timeframe`. This is the period during which to calculate emissions.

```
quorum 'default',

:complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso] do

  Country.fallback
end

committee :date do

quorum 'from timeframe',

:complies => [:ghg_protocol_scope_1, :ghg_protocol_scope_3, :iso, :tcr]
do |characteristics, timeframe|

  timeframe.from
end
end
```

Timeframe from client input

Complies: All

Uses the client-input `timeframe`.

Default timeframe

Complies: All

Uses the current calendar year.

```
end
end
end
end
end
```