



AUTOMATIZATION OF MATCHING IFC DATA AND ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

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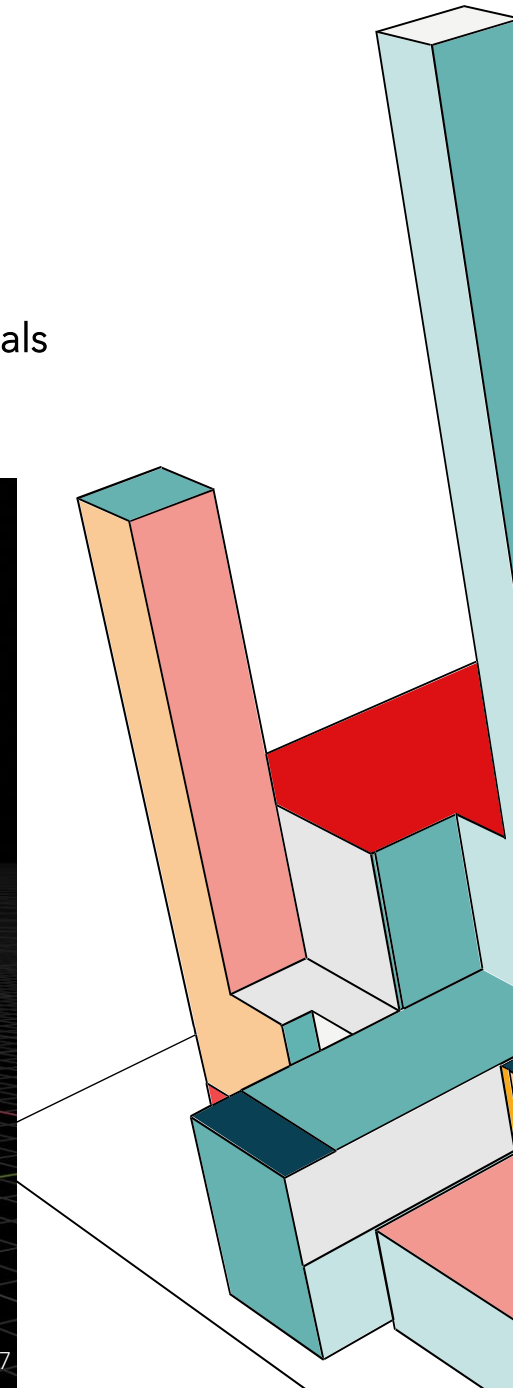
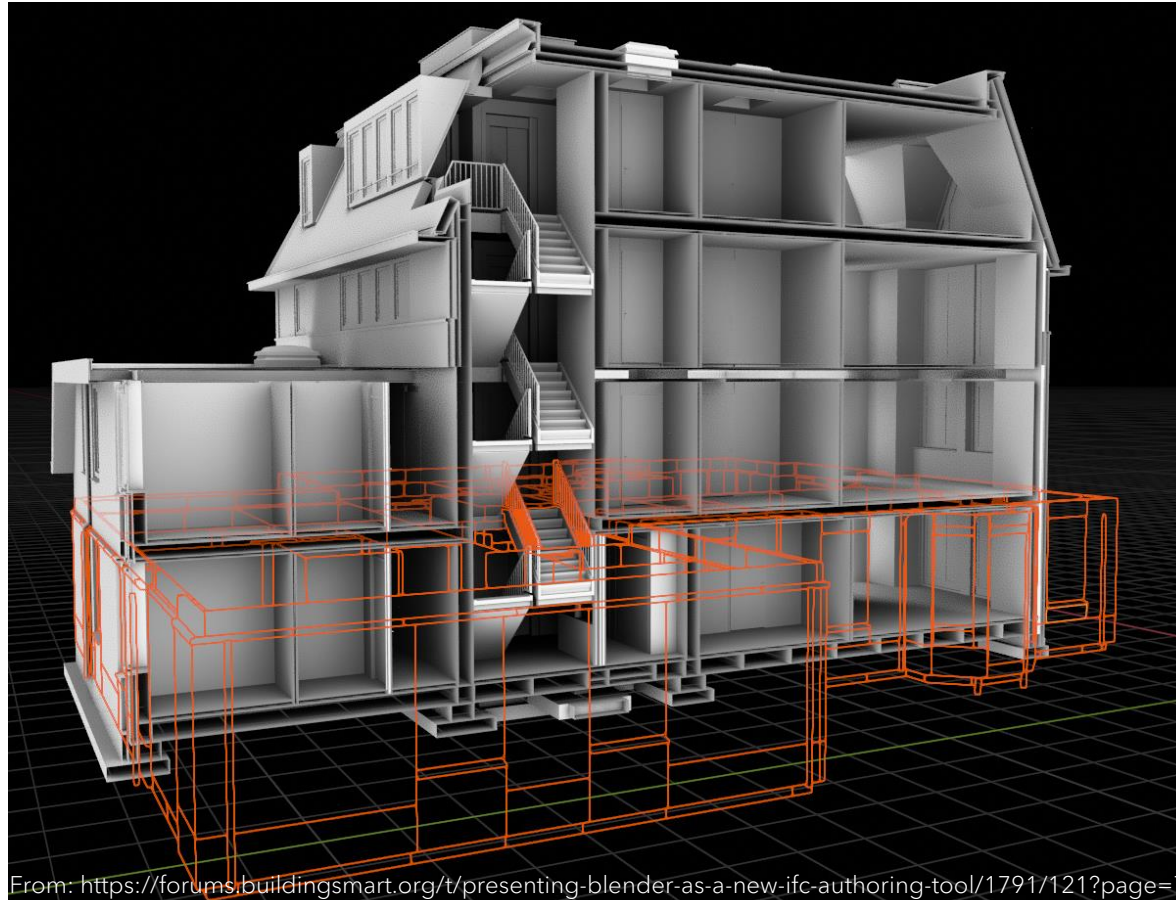
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- Import Ifc data and environmental data.
- Match the materials used in the building model with the corresponding environmental data.
- Automatically generate LCI list of the building model's materials
- Reduce time used by sustainability analysts.



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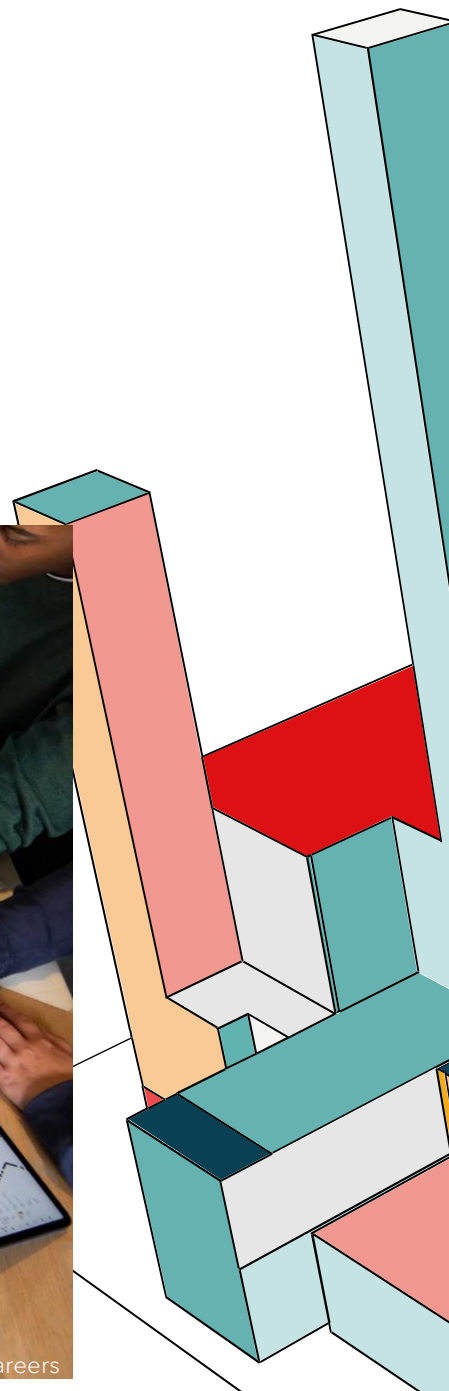
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- Early design stage: Architects, Structure and Project managers
- Late design stage: Project managers and Architects
- Propose another discipline: Sustainability analyst

With such a discipline we would include environmental impacts and ultimately reduce the GWP thus meeting the Building Regulations' requirements of 12 kgCO₂eq/m²/year. Potentially, even meeting the Reduction Roadmaps' ambitions to reduce the impact trying to live up to the Planetary Boundaries



From: <https://www.dbarchitect.com/about/careers>

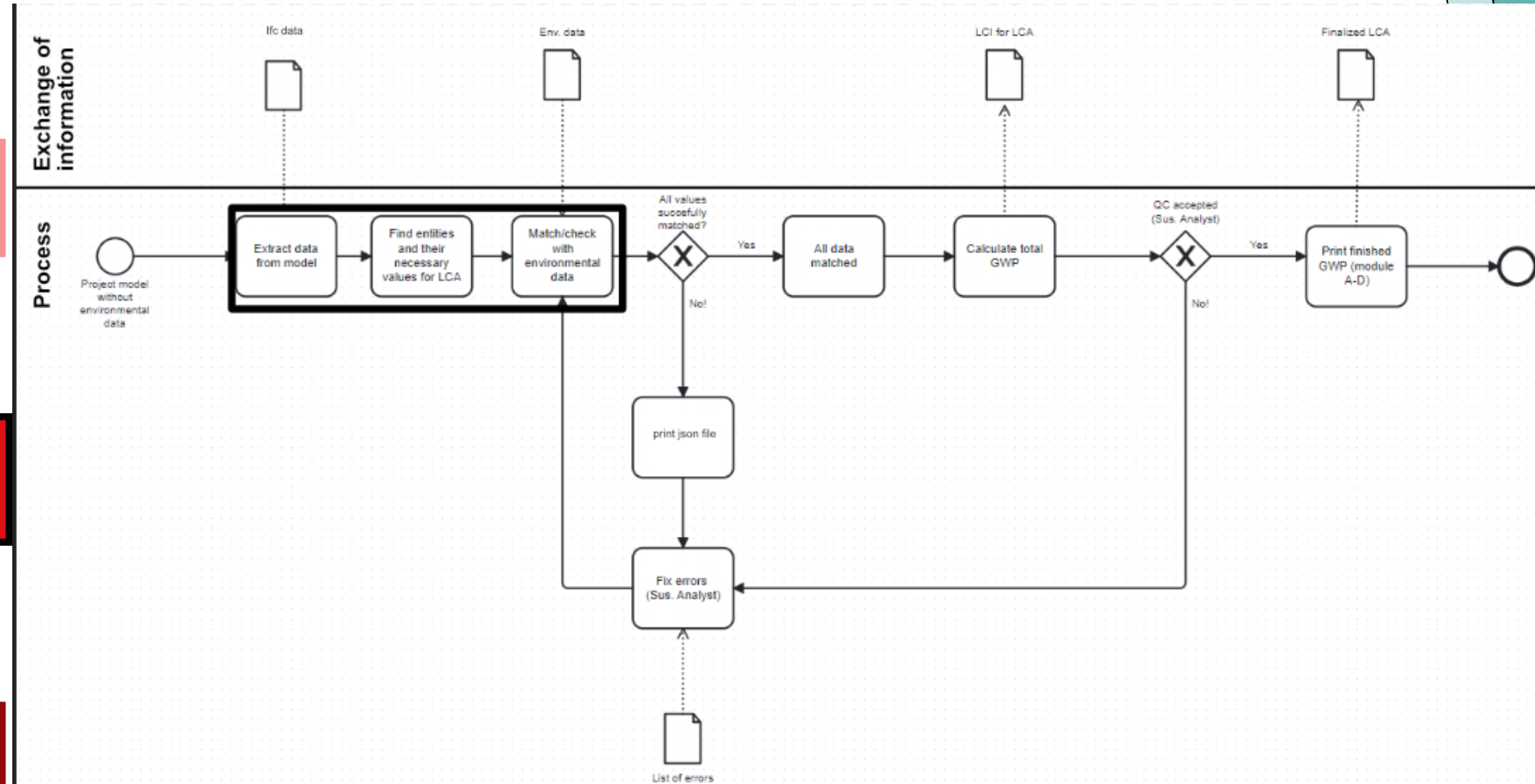


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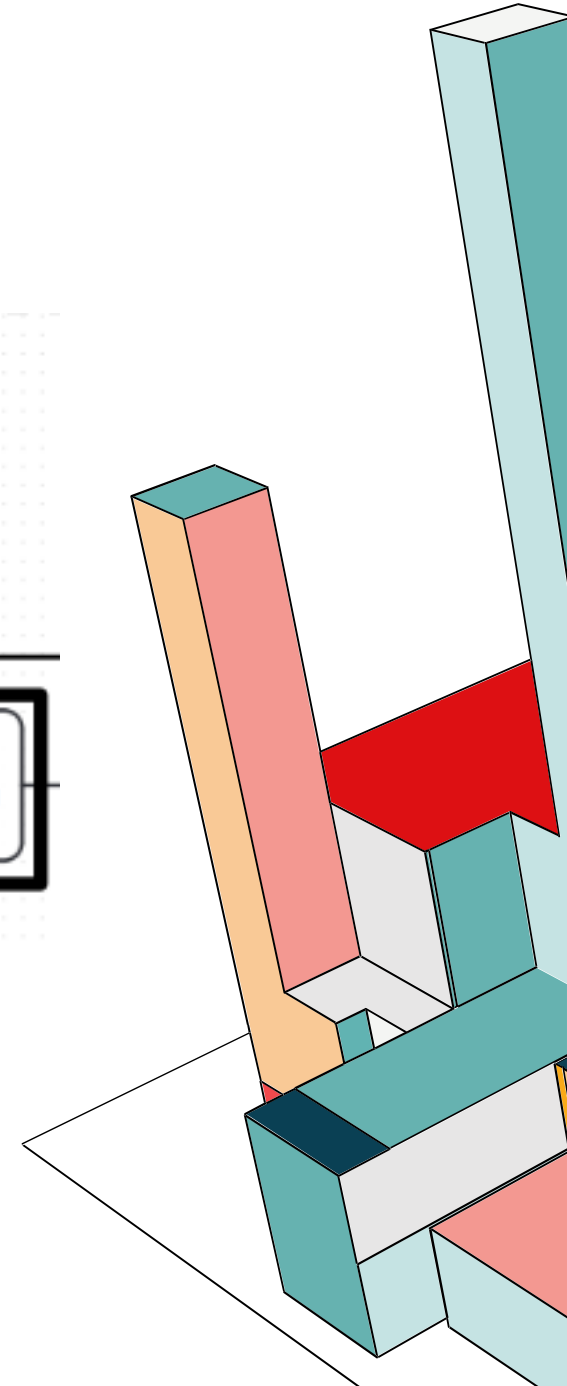
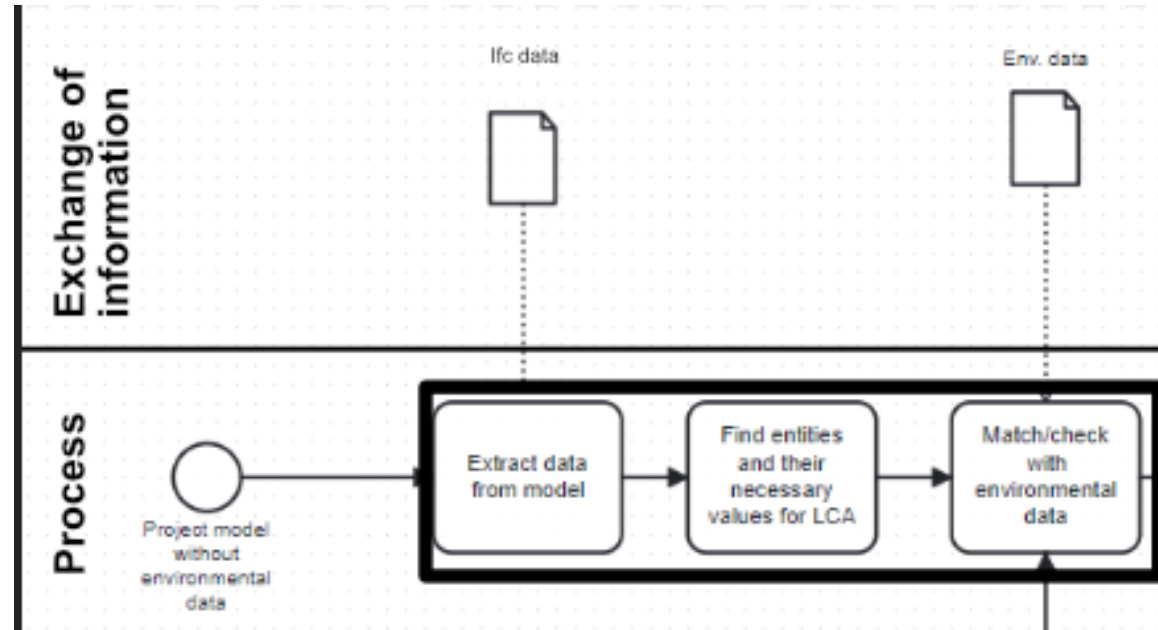


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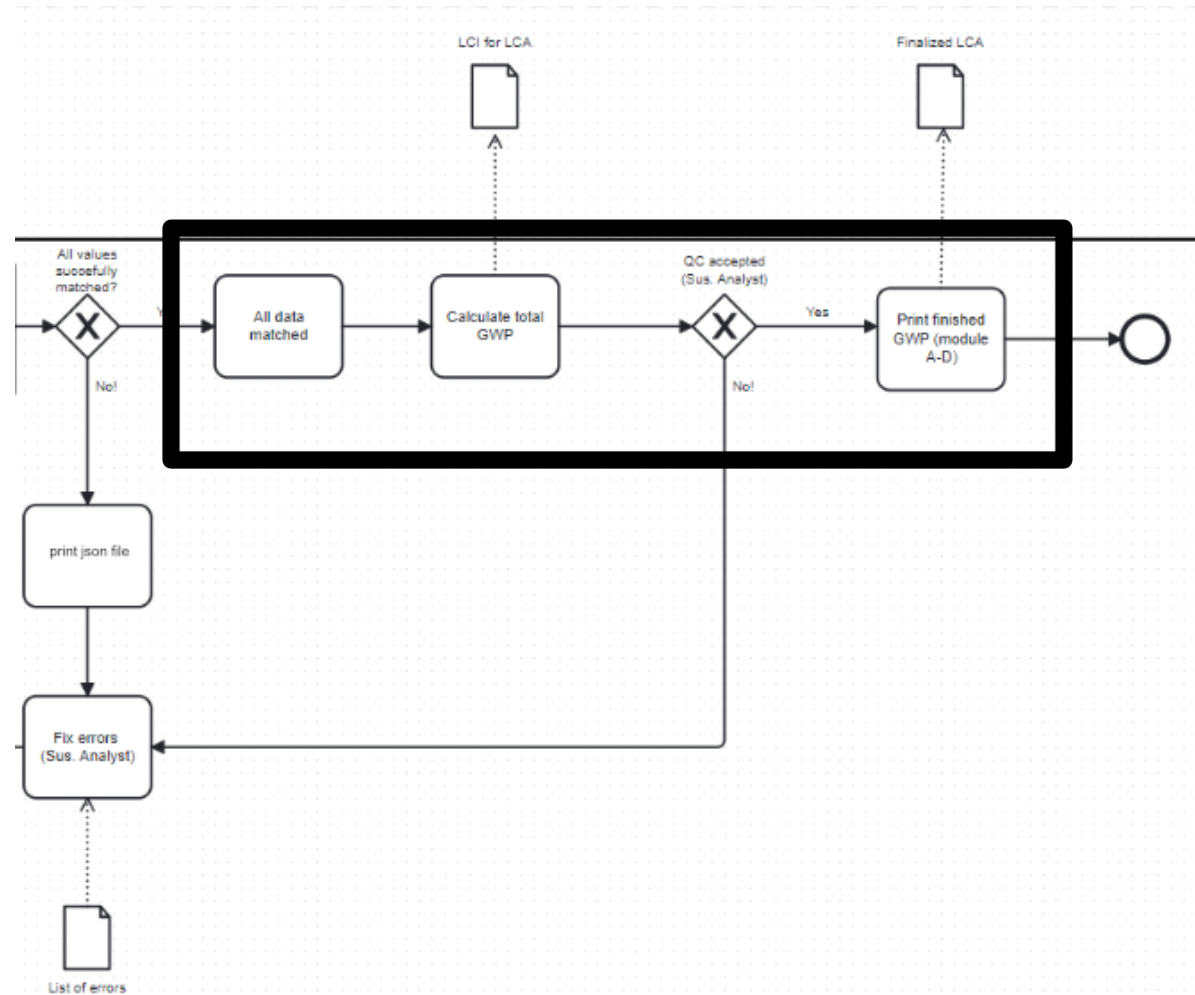


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Import of environmental data and converting to cleaned-up matrix

```
# --- initial data load and preparation for BoW (env. data and ifc)---  
# Load the Excel file  
file_path_xl = '/Users/fredemollegaard/Desktop/Adv.BIM/Excel_EPD_Data.xlsx' # Insert the correct file path  
  
# Read the Excel file into a DataFrame  
df = pd.read_excel(file_path_xl)  
  
# Convert column names to lowercase  
df.columns = df.columns.str.lower()  
  
# Remove the first row  
df = df.iloc[1:]  
  
# Select only the 2nd (index 1), 3rd (index 2), and 5th (index 4) columns (selected since they select relevant information)  
df_selected = df.iloc[:, [1, 2, 4]]  
  
# Convert the DataFrame into a matrix (NumPy array) and then to a list  
matrix_selected = df_selected.to_numpy().tolist()
```

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Retrieve Ifc model, print loading time and retrieve IfcEntity - IfcWall

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...
    Source - IFC file import (code adapted from https://github.com/timmcginley/)
...
name = '/Users/fredemollegaard/Desktop/Adv.BIM/CES_BLD_24_06_ARC'

model_url = name + ".ifc"
start_time = time.time()

if os.path.exists(model_url):
    model = ifcopenshell.open(model_url)
    print("\n\tFile      : {}.ifc".format(name))
    print("\tLoad      : {:.2f}s".format(float(time.time() - start_time)))
else:
    print("\nERROR: please check your model folder : " + model_url + " does not exist")

# Retrieve all wall types in the IFC file
wall_types = model.by_type("IfcWallType")
wall_type_areas = {}

# Initialize total area per wall type and material storage
for wall_type in wall_types:
    wall_type_areas[wall_type.id()] = {'name': wall_type.Name, 'area': 0.0, 'material_layers': []}
```


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Calculate wall area,
extract material
layers and
thickness

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```

57  def calculate_wall_area(wall):
58      if wall.Representation:
59          for representation in wall.Representation.Representations:
60              for item in representation.Items:
61                  if item.is_a("IfcExtrudedAreaSolid"):
62                      profile = item.SweptArea
63                      if profile.is_a("IfcRectangleProfileDef"):
64                          width = profile.XDim # width in mm
65                          length = item.Depth # Extrusion depth (length) in mm
66                          area_in_mm2 = width * length # Surface area in mm²
67                          return area_in_mm2 / 1_000_000 # Convert to m²
68
69      return 0.0
70
71  # Function to get the material layers and their thickness for a wall type
72  def get_wall_type_material_layers(wall_type):
73      material_layers = []
74      material_relations = model.by_type("IfcRelAssociatesMaterial")
75      for rel in material_relations:
76          if rel.RelatingMaterial and wall_type in rel.RelatedObjects:
77              material = rel.RelatingMaterial
78              if material.is_a("IfcMaterialLayerSet"):
79                  for layer in material.MaterialLayers:
80                      layer_material = layer.Material.Name if layer.Material else "Unknown"
81                      thickness = layer.LayerThickness # Thickness in mm
82                      material_layers.append((layer_material, thickness))
83              elif material.is_a("IfcMaterial"):
84                  material_layers.append((material.Name, 0)) # No thickness for single materials
85
86      return material_layers
87
88  # Find the wall's type through IfcRelDefinesByType
89  rel_defines_by_type = model.by_type("IfcRelDefinesByType")
90
91  for relation in rel_defines_by_type:
92      related_wall_type = relation.RelatingType
93      if related_wall_type.is_a("IfcWallType"):
94          if not wall_type_areas[related_wall_type.id()][ 'material_layers' ]:
95              wall_type_areas[related_wall_type.id()][ 'material_layers' ] = get_wall_type_material_layers(related_wall_type)
96          for wall in relation.RelatedObjects:
97              wall_area = calculate_wall_area(wall)
98              wall_type_areas[related_wall_type.id()][ 'area' ] += wall_area

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Creating a BoW matrix, creating a query vector for each material layer, and perform a cosine similarity check for individual layers matching the material layers from the Ifc file with the environmental data in the excel sheet.

```
98 # --- Step 1: Create a Bag of Words (BoW) Document-Term Matrix from df_selected ---
99 def create_bow_matrix(df_selected):
100     df_selected['combined'] = df_selected.apply(lambda row: ' '.join(row.values.astype(str)), axis=1)
101
102     vectorizer = CountVectorizer(lowercase=True, stop_words='english')
103     bow_matrix = vectorizer.fit_transform(df_selected['combined'])
104
105     bow_df = pd.DataFrame(bow_matrix.toarray(), columns=vectorizer.get_feature_names_out(), index=df_selected.index)
106
107     return bow_df, vectorizer
108
109 # Create the BoW matrix
110 bow_df, vectorizer = create_bow_matrix(df_selected)
111
112 # Print Document Matrix(main purpose is for slides)
113 print("Document matrix of env. data:")
114 print(bow_df)
115 print(np.size(bow_df))
116
117 # --- Step 2 (Revised): Create Query Vectors for Individual Material Layers ---
118 def create_query_vector_for_layer(material_layer, vectorizer):
119     material, thickness = material_layer
120     query_string = f"{material} {thickness}" # Create a query string for individual material layer
121     query_vector = vectorizer.transform([query_string]).toarray()[0] # Convert to vector using BoW
122     return query_vector
123
124 # --- Step 3 (Revised): Perform Cosine Similarity Check for Individual Layers ---
125
126 def compute_similarity_for_layer(bow_df, query_vector):
127     similarities = cosine_similarity(bow_df, query_vector.reshape(1, -1)) # Compute similarity
128     similarity_scores = list(enumerate(similarities.flatten())) # Enumerate the scores with their indices
129     similarity_scores = sorted(similarity_scores, key=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True) # Sort by score
130     return similarity_scores
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Export the data that has been found by the tool into a JSON file

```
133 # Prepare data for JSON output
134 output_data = []
135
136 # --- Revised Matching of Wall Types to Materials (Per Layer) ---
137 for wall_type_id, data in wall_type_areas.items():
138     wall_data = {
139         "wall_type": data['name'],
140         "wall_id": wall_type_id,
141         "area_m2": data['area'],
142         "material_layers": []
143     }
144     print("Query Vectors per wall:")
145     # Loop through each material layer in the wall type
146     for material_layer in data['material_layers']:
147         material, thickness = material_layer
148         query_vector = create_query_vector_for_layer(material_layer, vectorizer) # Get query vector for this layer
149         print(query_vector)
150         similarity_scores = compute_similarity_for_layer(bow_df, query_vector) # Get similarity scores
151
152         # Gather matches for this material layer
153         matches = {}
154         for i, (idx, score) in enumerate(similarity_scores[:5]): # Get top 5 matches
155             material_name = df_selected.iloc[idx]['combined'] # Get the material name using the index
156             matches[f"match_{i+1}"] = {
157                 "material_name": material_name,
158                 "similarity_score": round(score, 4)
159             }
160         ---
161         # Store information for each material layer
162         material_layer_data = {
163             "material_layer": material,
164             "thickness_mm": thickness,
165             "matches": matches,
166             "material_layer_chosen": matches["match_1"]["material_name"]
167         }
168         wall_data["material_layers"].append(material_layer_data)
169
170     # Append the wall data to the final output
171     output_data.append(wall_data)
172
173 # Output the result to a JSON file
174 output_file = 'wall_material_matches.json'
175 with open(output_file, 'w') as f:
176     json.dump(output_data, f, indent=4)
177
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An extraction from the JSON file, showing what IfcWall the IfcMaterialLayer is connected to, the wall id, the area of the wall, layer name of material, material thickness, the five best matches (from the environmental data) and finally the chosen material matched with.

```
198 {
199   "wall_type": "Basic Wall:ARC - Ext. Wall - 177mm",
200   "wall_id": 388102,
201   "area_m2": 237.94079999999994,
202   "material_layers": [
203     {
204       "material_layer": "Tiles 52_1",
205       "thickness_mm": 8.0,
206       "matches": {
207         "match_1": {
208           "material_name": "External walls Primer Overflade, facademaling, grundere, silikat",
209           "similarity_score": 0.0
210         },
211         "match_2": {
212           "material_name": "External walls Gypsum board Gyproc Climate",
213           "similarity_score": 0.0
214         },
215         "match_3": {
216           "material_name": "External walls Batt Insulation Isover formstyker 37, 300mm",
217           "similarity_score": 0.0
218         },
219         "match_4": {
220           "material_name": "External walls Construction wood Konstruktionstr\u00e6 af fyr og gran, saveede og t\u00f8f8rrede",
221           "similarity_score": 0.0
222         },
223         "match_5": {
224           "material_name": "External walls Fiber cement board Windstopper extreme",
225           "similarity_score": 0.0
226         }
227       },
228       "material_layer_chosen": "External walls Primer Overflade, facademaling, grundere, silikat"
229     },
```

THANK YOU

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