

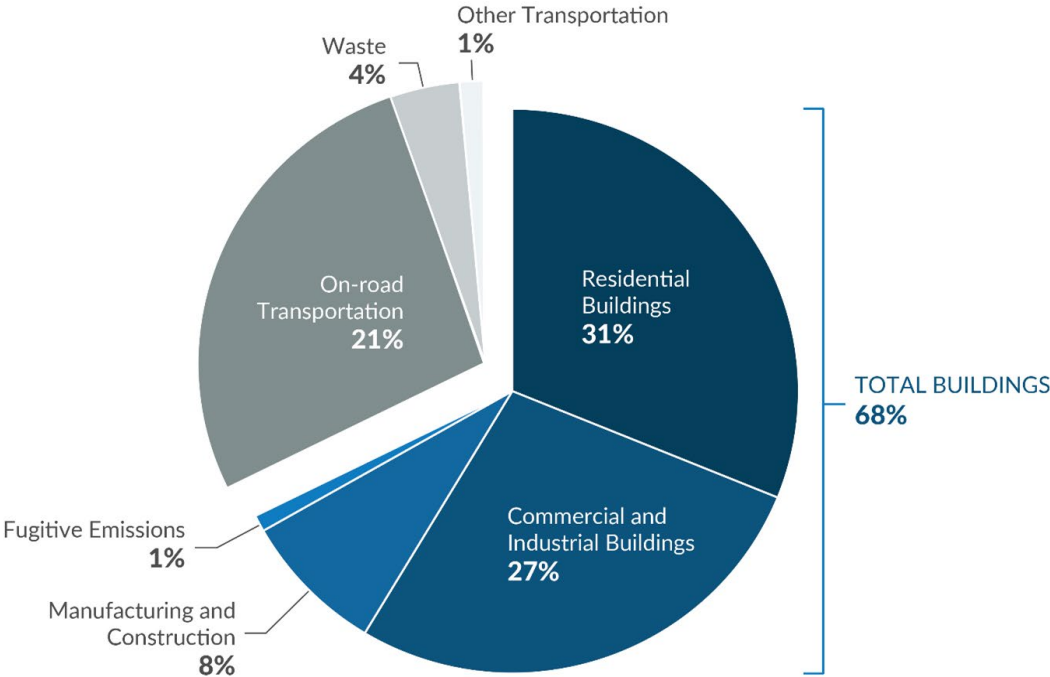


# STUDIO II FINAL REVIEW

THE CARBON INVESTMENT OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS:

EMBODIED & OPERATIONAL CARBON IN THE  
PRESERVATION OF THE COLUMBIA CAMPUS

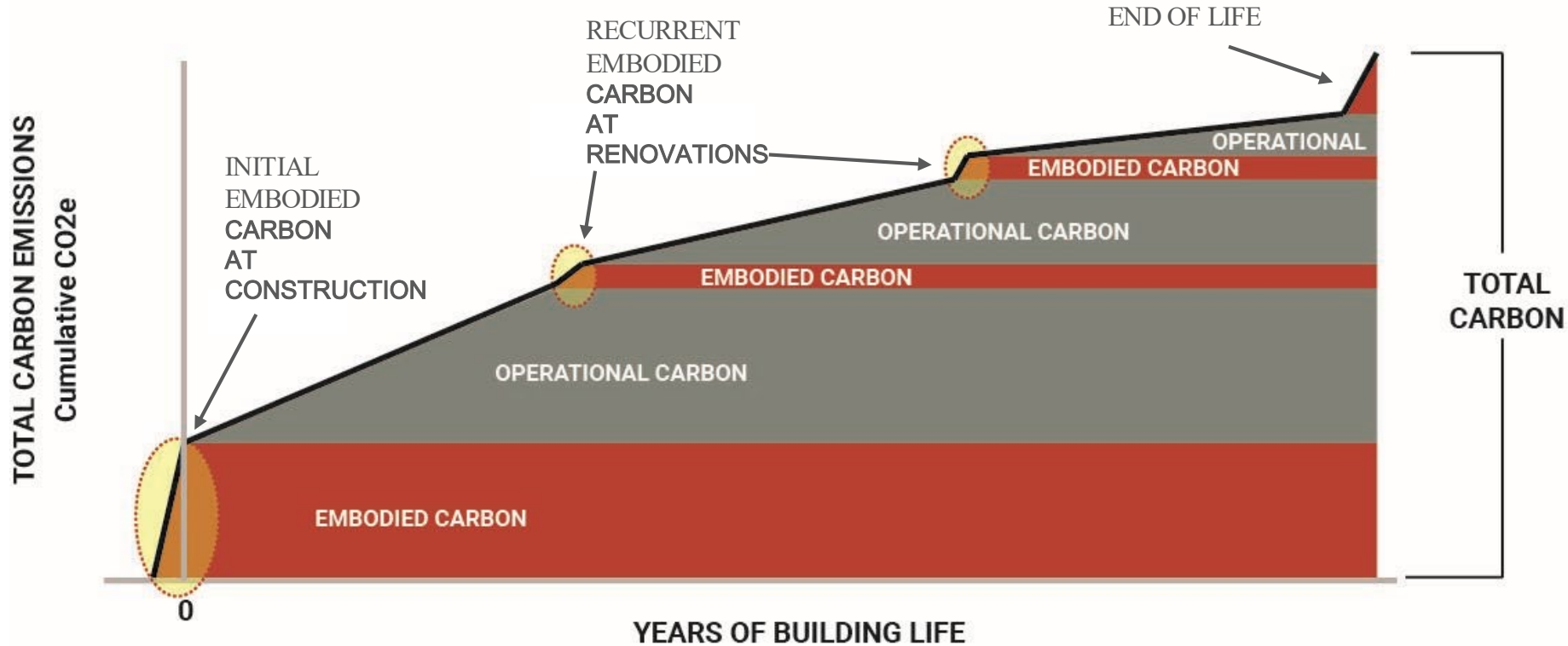
# TOTAL CARBON FROM BUILDINGS, NYC: 68%



NYC BUILDINGS ACCOUNT FOR 68% OF ALL CARBON EMISSIONS

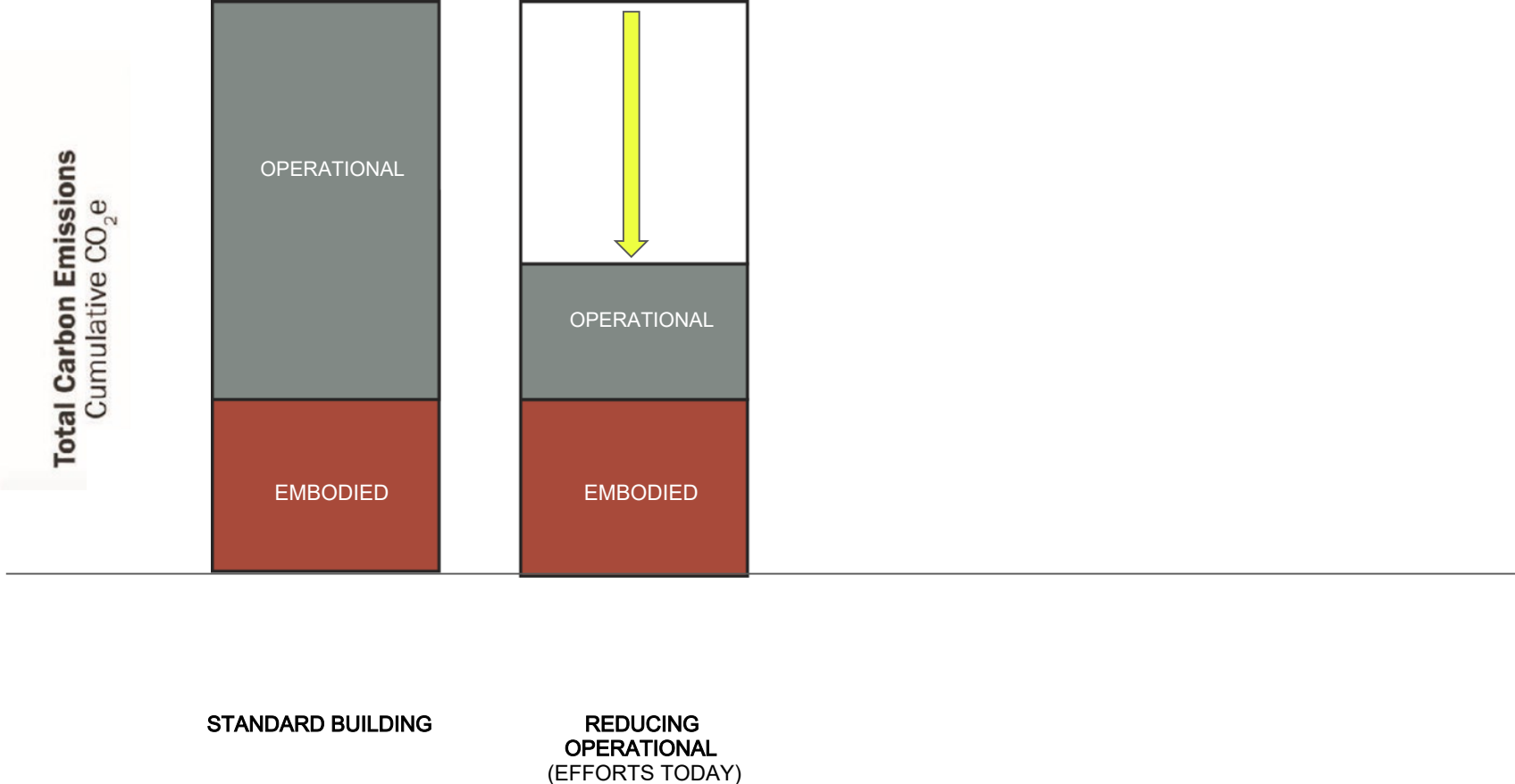
Source: NYC Mayor's Office of Sustainability

# CHARTING CARBON OVER A BUILDING'S LIFE



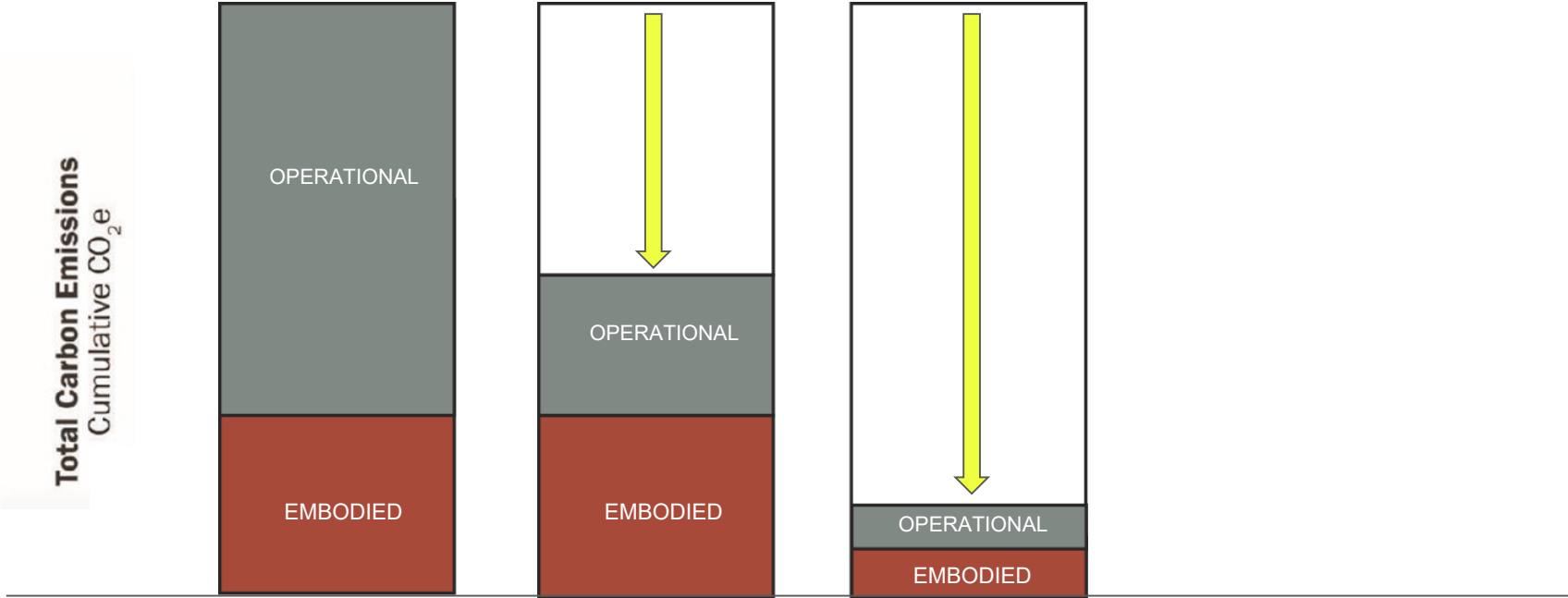
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# TODAY, WE ARE FOCUSED ON REDUCING OPERATIONAL CARBON





# WE NEED TO REDUCE BOTH OPERATIONAL AND EMBODIED CARBON...

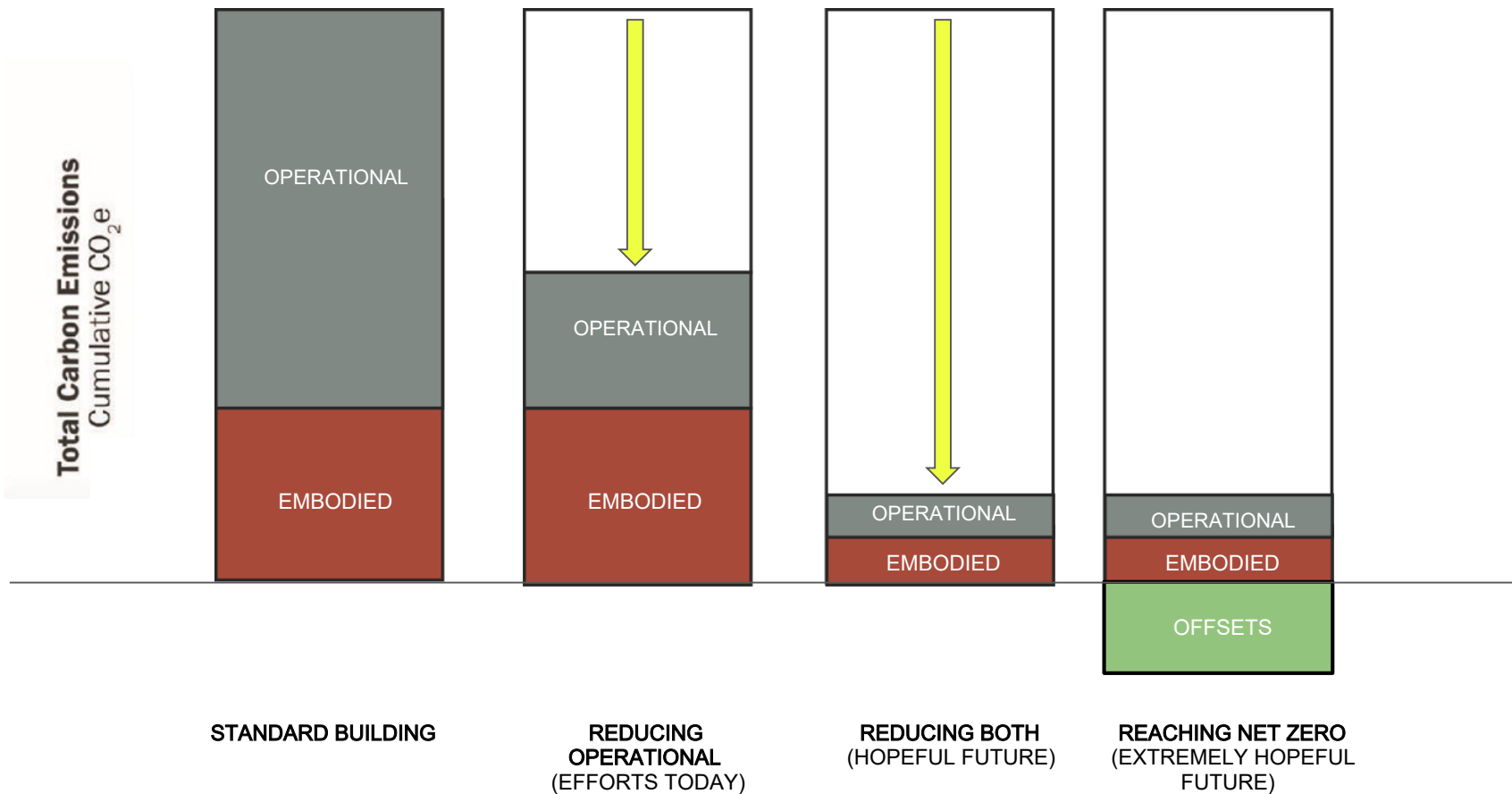


STANDARD BUILDING

REDUCING OPERATIONAL (EFFORTS TODAY)

REDUCING BOTH (HOPEFUL FUTURE)

# ...TO REACH NET ZERO AND AVOID CATASTROPHE

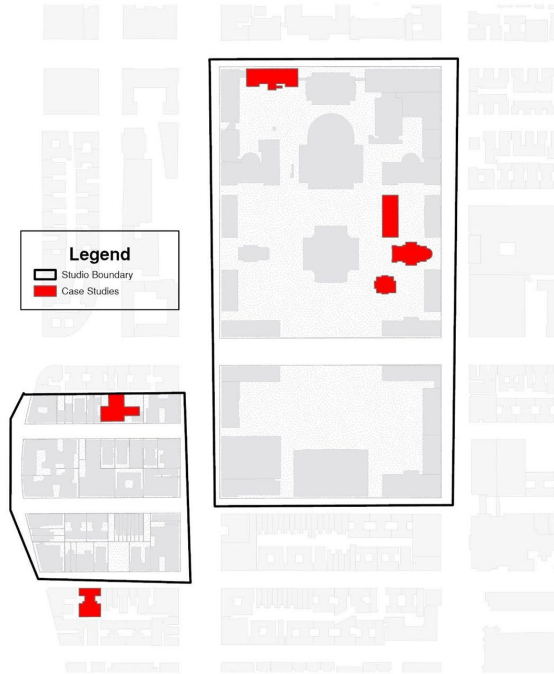


**THE MOST SUSTAINABLE BUILDING  
IS THE ONE ALREADY BUILT THAT  
UNDERGOES DEEP RETROFITS!**



# CASE STUDY BUILDINGS

## INTRODUCTION



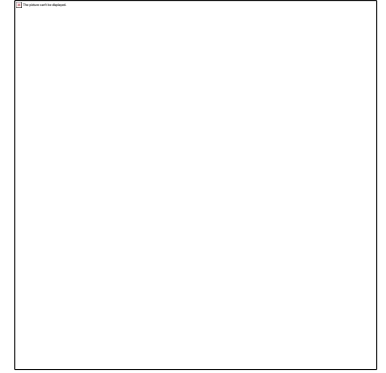
MAP OF OUR STUDIO'S STUDY AREA  
Studio-II Mapping Group



AVERY HALL(1912)



PUPIN HALL(1927)



SCHAPIRO(1987)



ALUMNI CENTER(1906)



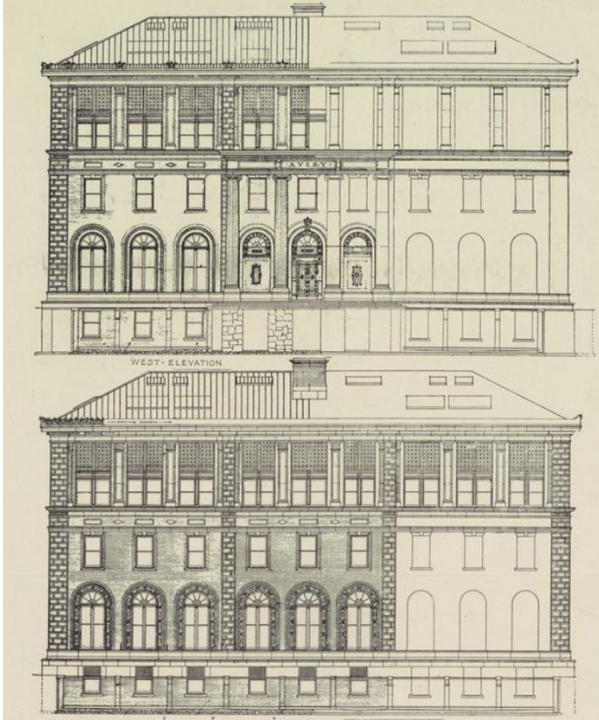
ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL(1907)



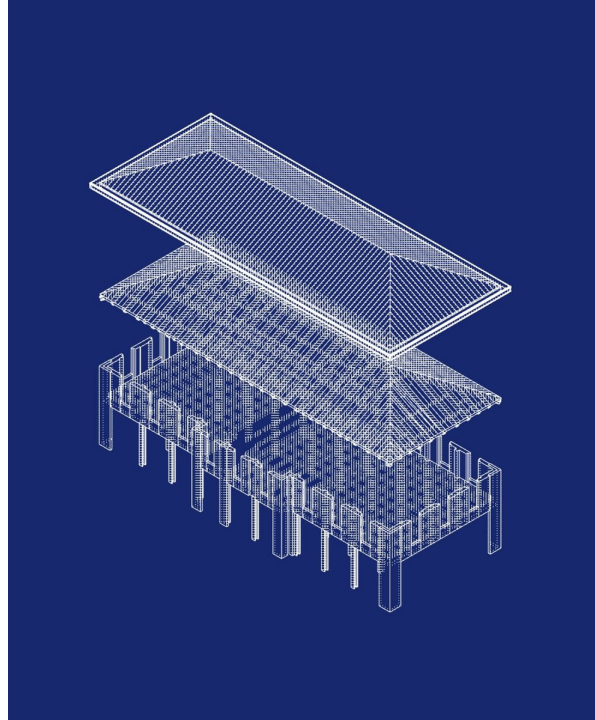
BUELL HALL(1885)

# METHODOLOGY FOR DETERMINING EMBODIED CARBON

## CASE STUDY BUILDINGS



AVERY HALL ELEVATIONS  
The American Architect, 1912



AVERY MODEL WITH RHINO  
Lily Garcia, Will Kuang, Aaron Luo

SUMMARY TABLE AND ACCOUNTING						
Member Name	Size/ Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Member Material	Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Mass (kg)	Embodied carbon factor kgCO <sub>2</sub> e/kg	Total Material EC kgCO <sub>2</sub> e
Concrete	0.0223	Concrete	2400	53.462	0.126	32165
Steel	0.0097	Steel Open Section	7850	76.504	1.740	191715
Limestone	0.6371	Limestone	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	24046
Plaster	434.5503	Plaster	100	43455.033	0.390	16947
Granite	0.0073	Granite	2730	20.019	0.700	14600
Brick	34009.9449	Brick	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	52146
Copper	267.5608	Copper		0.000	3.600	87454

AVERY EMBODIED CARBON ACCOUNTING  
Ellie Phetteplace, Lily Garcia, Will Kuang, Aaron Luo





# AVERY HALL

STUDIOII CASE STUDIES

AVERY HALL  
Photo by Frederick, 2024



STEEL: CARNEGIE STEEL CO. (PITTSBURGH, PA)

12I31.5" x 15 = 9 tCO2e

5I x 225 = 0.47 tCO2e

9I21" x 47 = 14.7 tCO2e

42I55" x 8 = 8.7 tCO2e

8I18" x 3 = 0.86 tCO2e

15I42" x 13 = 0.76 tCO2e

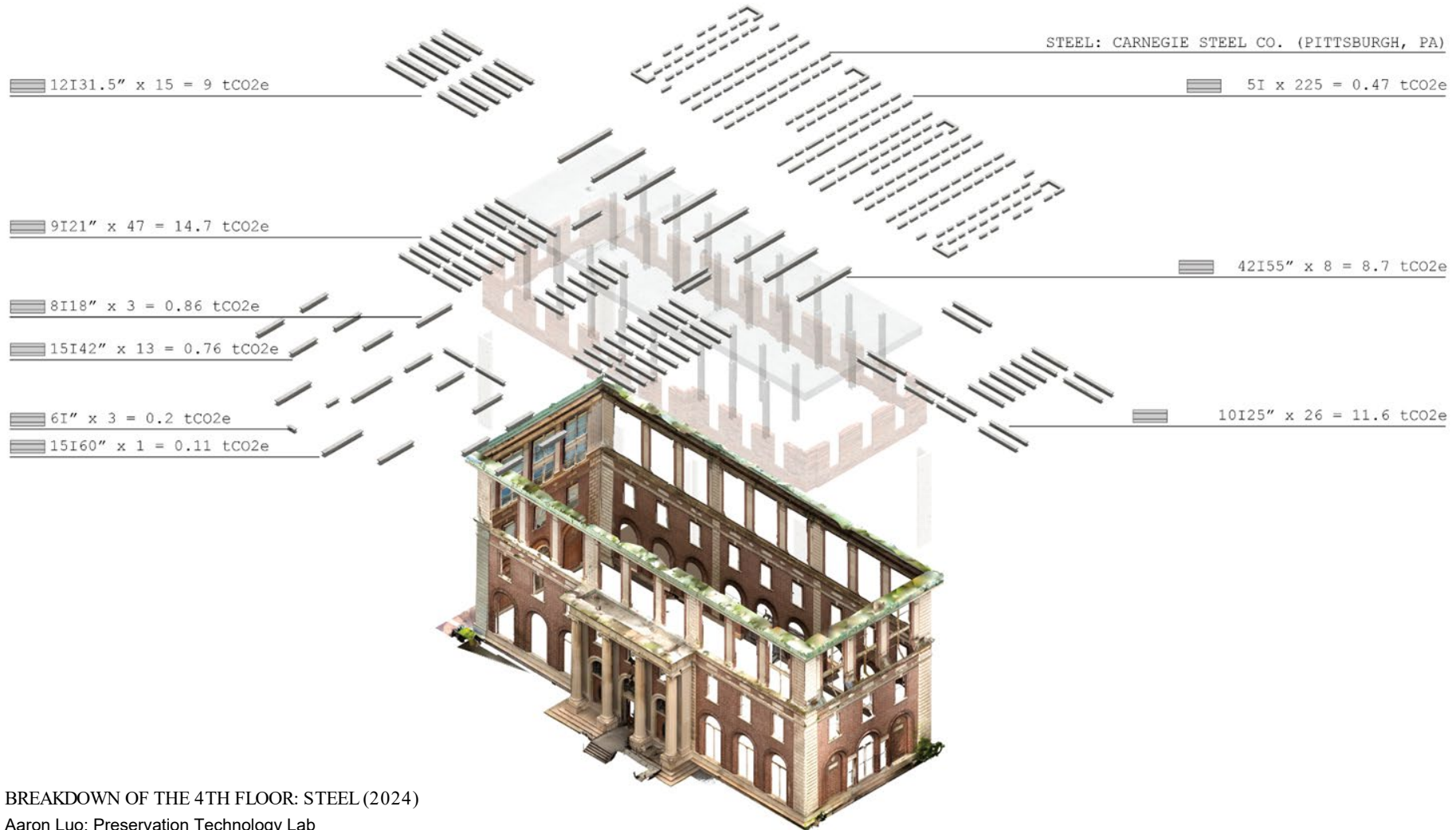
6I" x 3 = 0.2 tCO2e

15I60" x 1 = 0.11 tCO2e

10I25" x 26 = 11.6 tCO2e

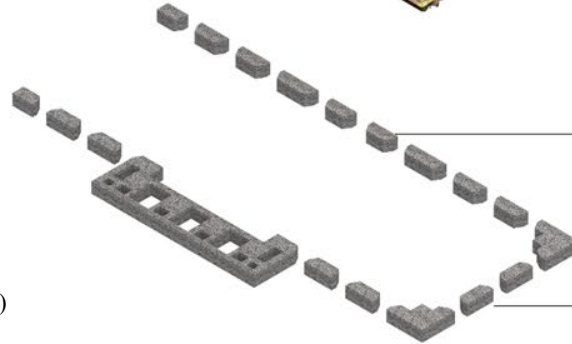
BREAKDOWN OF THE 4TH FLOOR: STEEL (2024)

Aaron Luo, Preservation Technology Lab



# FOUNDATION: THE HIDDEN EMBODIED CARBON

MULTI-LAYER INFORMATION



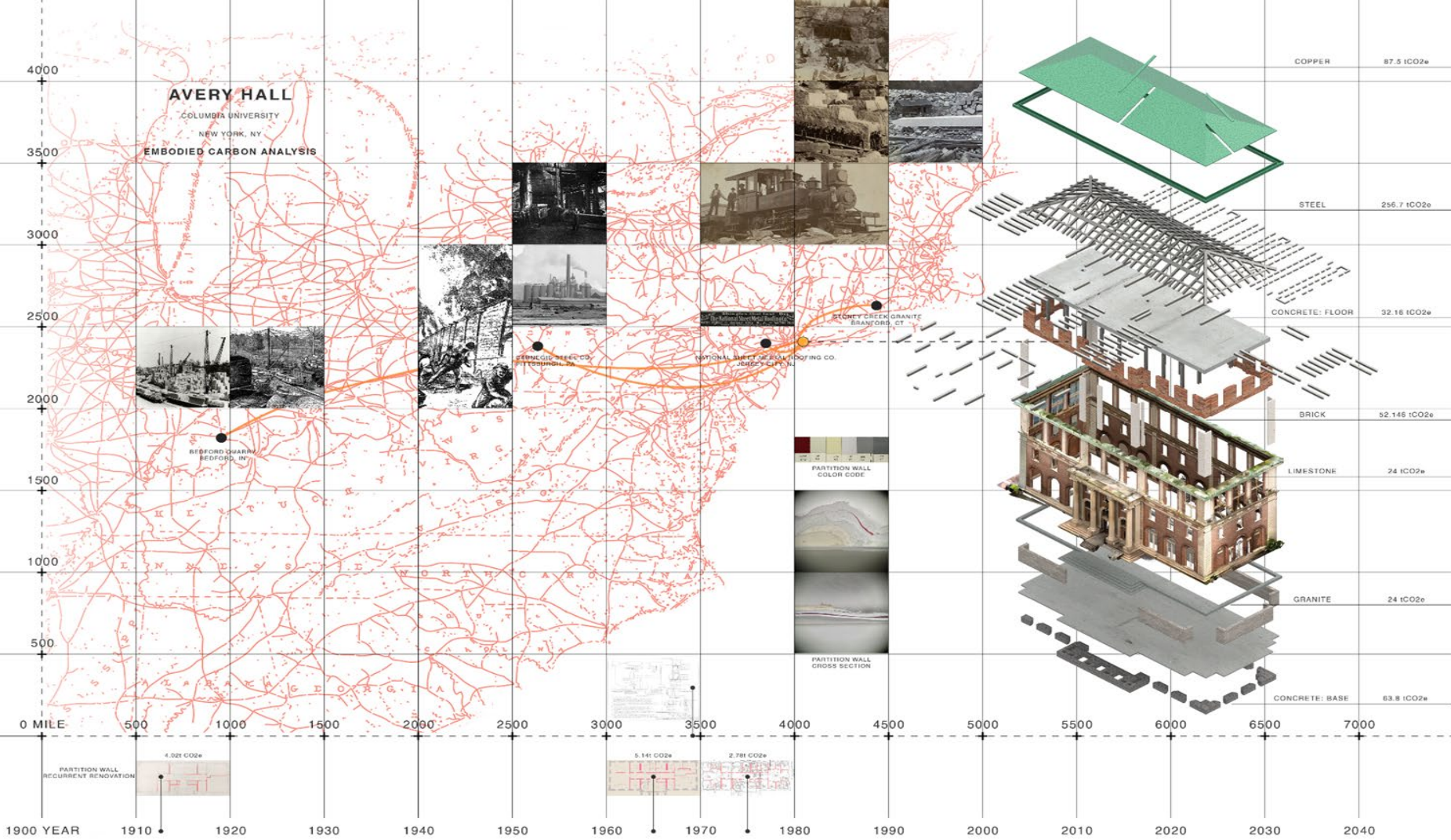
FOOTING: CONCRETE



6,286 CF = 53.8 tCO<sub>2</sub>e

BREAKDOWN OF THE FOUNDATION: FOOTINGS (2024)

Aaron Luo; Preservation Technology Lab

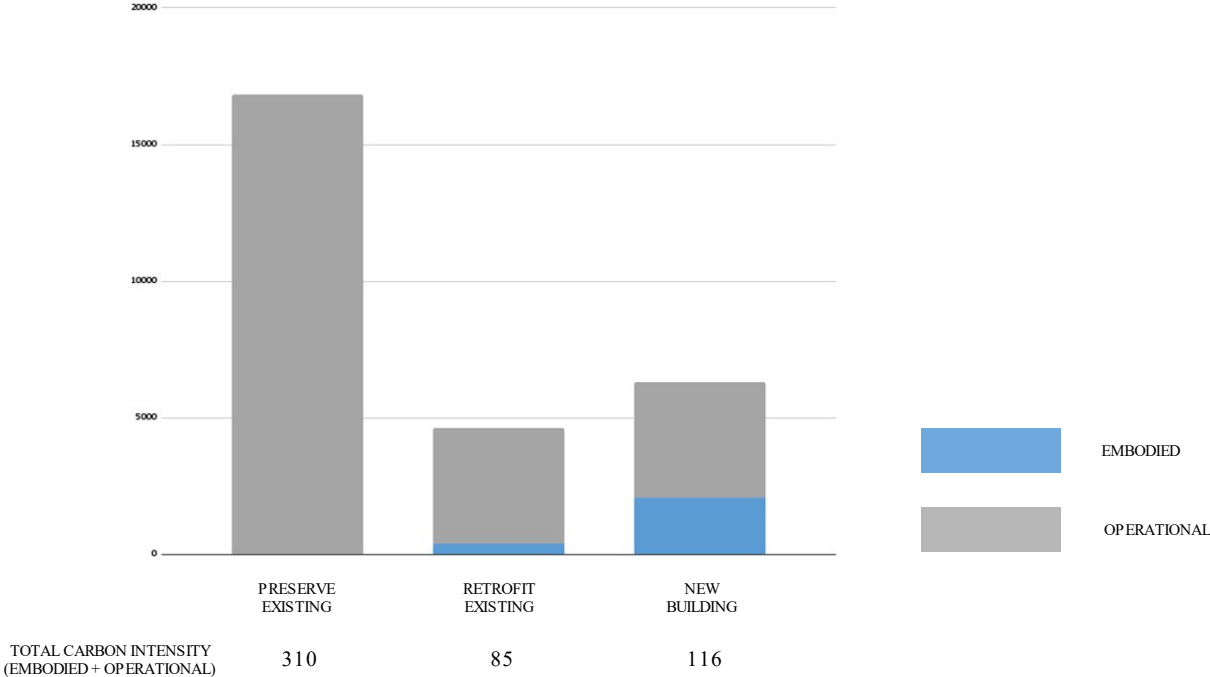


# THE BEST FUTURE FOR AVERY IS RETROFITTING



## CARE TOOL ANALYSIS

TOTAL EMISSIONS TCO2 / 26 YEARS: **16817 TCO2**







# PUPIN HALL

STUDIOII CASE STUDIES

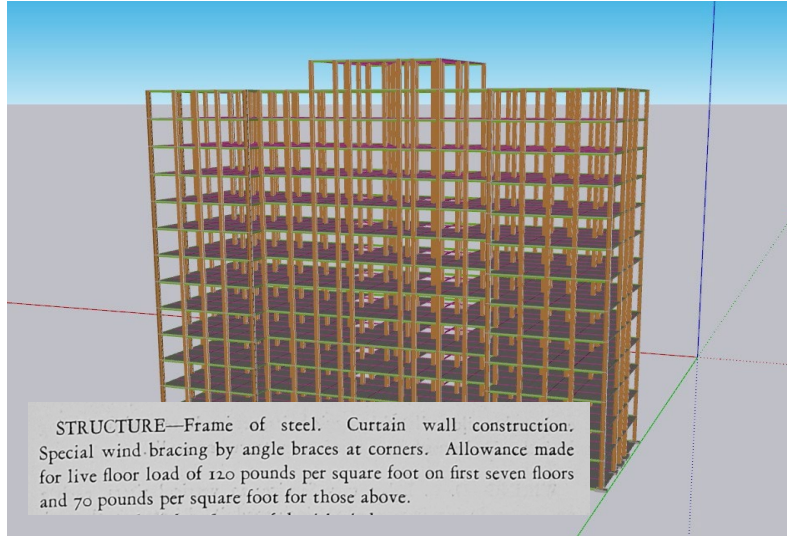
PUPIN HALL  
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# STRUCTURAL MATERIALS: STEEL

## EMBODIED CARBON ANALYSIS



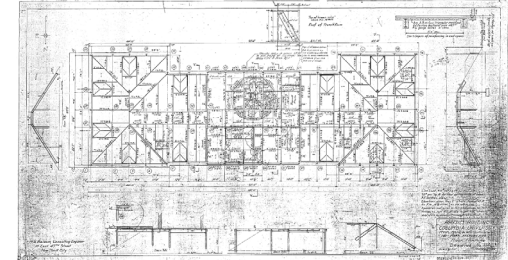
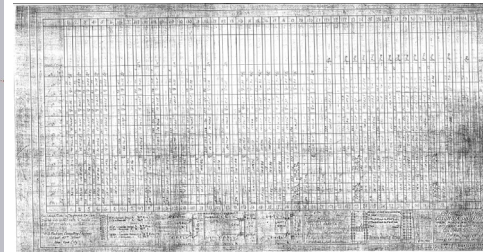
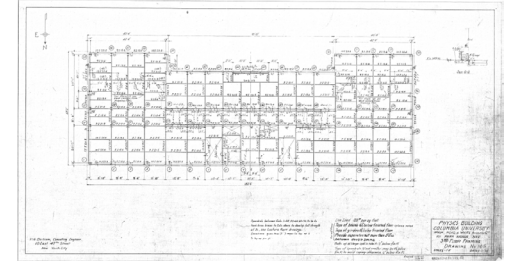
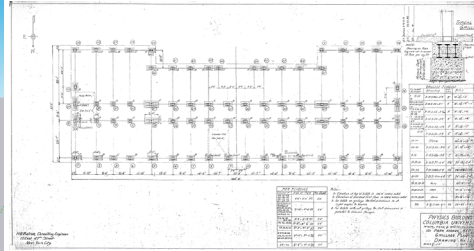
EMBODIED



STRUCTURE—Frame of steel. Curtain wall construction. Special wind bracing by angle braces at corners. Allowance made for live floor load of 120 pounds per square foot on first seven floors and 70 pounds per square foot for those above.

PUPIN HALL STRUCTURAL STEEL SYSTEM

Pupin Hall Case Study



PUPIN HALL STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS

Columbia Facilities & Operations

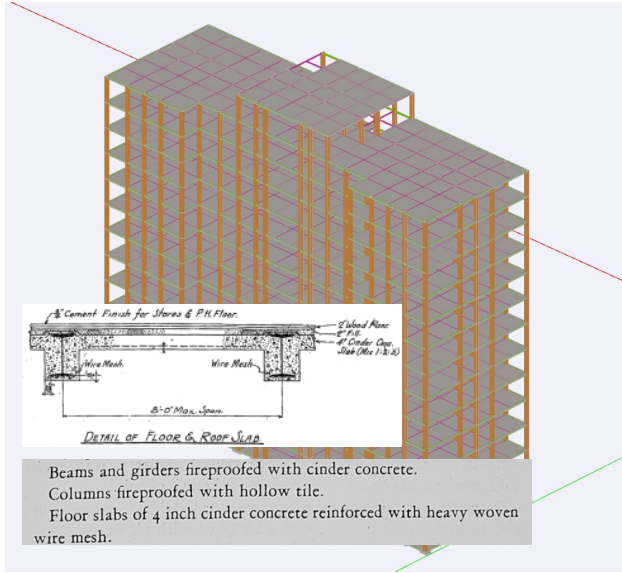
Material	Ext. or New	Volume (m3)	Density kg/m3	Mass (kg)	Embodied Carbon Factor (kgCO2e/kg)	Replacement Cycle (year)	Total Material EC tCO2e
Steel Grillage	Existing	-	7850	88000	1.74	200	155
Steel Columns	Existing	-	7850	1600000	1.74	200	2,800
Steel Floor Framing	Existing	-	7850	2900000	1.74	200	5050
Steel Roof Framing	Existing	-	7850	170000	1.74	200	295
<b>Total EC on Structural Steel</b>							<b>8,300</b>

PUPIN HALL STRUCTURAL STEEL TOTAL EMBODIED CARBON



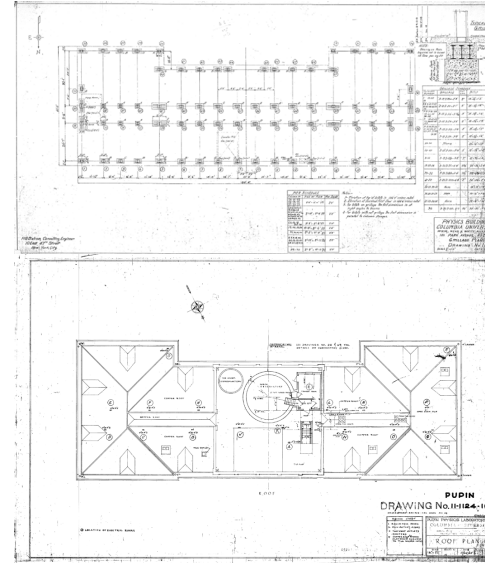
# STRUCTURAL MATERIALS: CONCRETE

## EMBODIED CARBON ANALYSIS



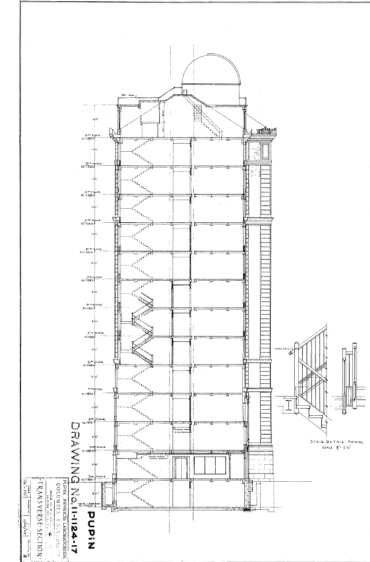
PUPIN HALL STRUCTURAL CONCRETE SYSTEM

Pupin Hall Case Study



PUPIN HALL STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS

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Material	Ext. or New	Volume (m3)	Density kg/m3	Mass (kg)	Embodied Carbon Factor (kgCO2e/kg)	Replacement Cycle (year)	Total Material EC tCO2e
Concrete Pier	Existing	95	2400	228000	0.126	200	30
Concrete Floor Slabs	Existing	18000	2400	43200000	0.126	200	5450
Concrete Floor Footing	Existing	190	2400	456000	0.126	200	58
<b>Total EC on Structural Concrete</b>							<b>5,500</b>

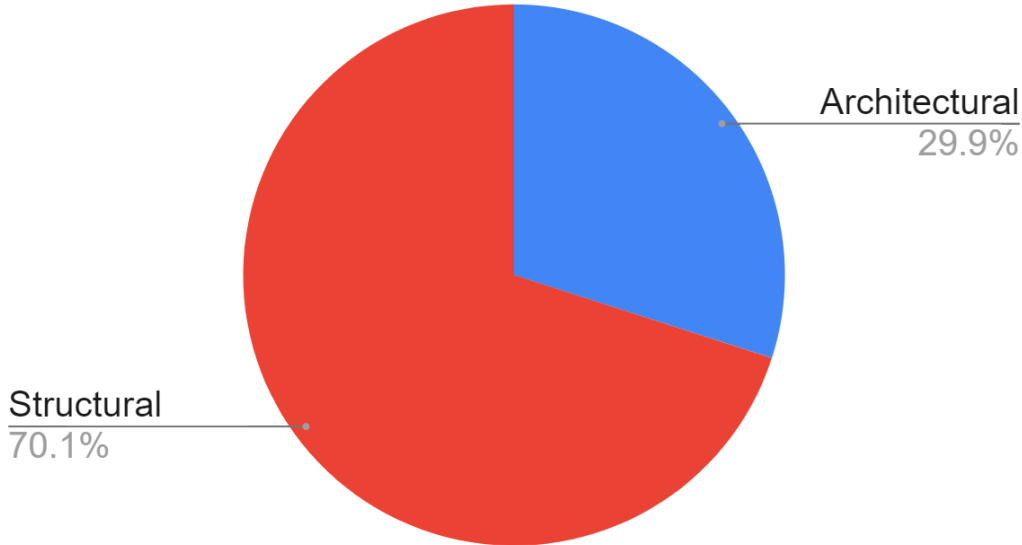
PUPIN HALL STRUCTURAL CONCRETE TOTAL EMBODIED CARBON

# TOTAL EMBODIED CARBON OF PUPIN HALL 19,700 tCO<sub>2</sub>e

EMBODIED CARBON ANALYSIS



Total Architectural & Structural Material EC tCO<sub>2</sub>e



THIS IS EQUIVALENT TO CO<sub>2</sub>/GHG EMISSIONS FROM:

50,384,080 miles driven by an average gasoline-powered passenger vehicle ?



2,569 homes' energy use for one year ?



THIS IS EQUIVALENT TO GHG EMISSIONS AVOIDED FROM:

5.2 wind turbines running for a year ?



PUPIN HALL ARCHITECTURAL + STRUCTURAL MATERIALS EMBODIED CARBON

Pupin Hall Case Study

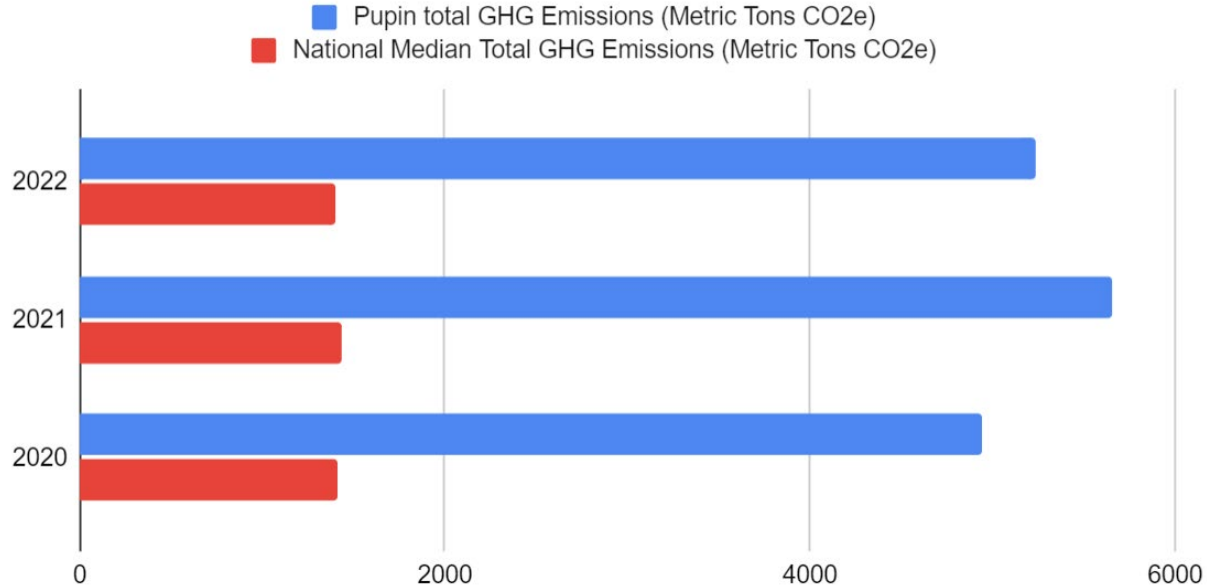
# OPERATIONAL CARBON ANALYSIS FROM 2020-2022

GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG) AS INDICATOR



OPERATIONAL

## Total Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG/tCO2e) Comparison



GHG COMPARISON GRAPH

Data sourced from NYC Open Data



# SCHAPIRO HALL

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SCHAPIRO HALL  
Photo by Charlotte Crum

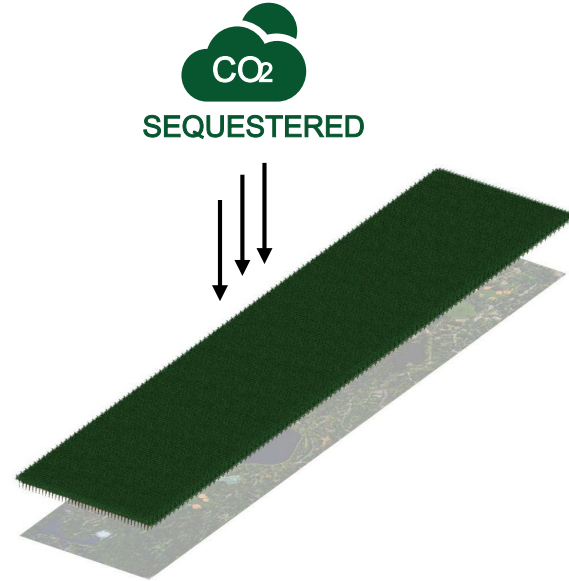


# SCHAPIRO OPERATIONAL CARBON: 816 tCO<sub>2</sub> PER YEAR



**SCHAPIRO HALL**  
Photo by Charlotte Crum

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**FOREST THE SIZE OF CENTRAL PARK**  
CO<sub>2</sub> SEQUESTERED PER YEAR

# SCHAPIRO EMBODIED CARBON: 2,300 tCO<sub>2</sub>e

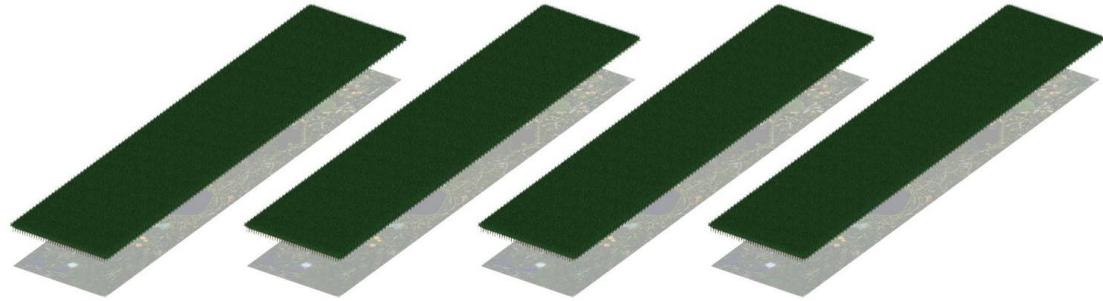
A LOT OF CO<sub>2</sub> FOR 160 MORE BEDS!



SCHAPIRO HALL

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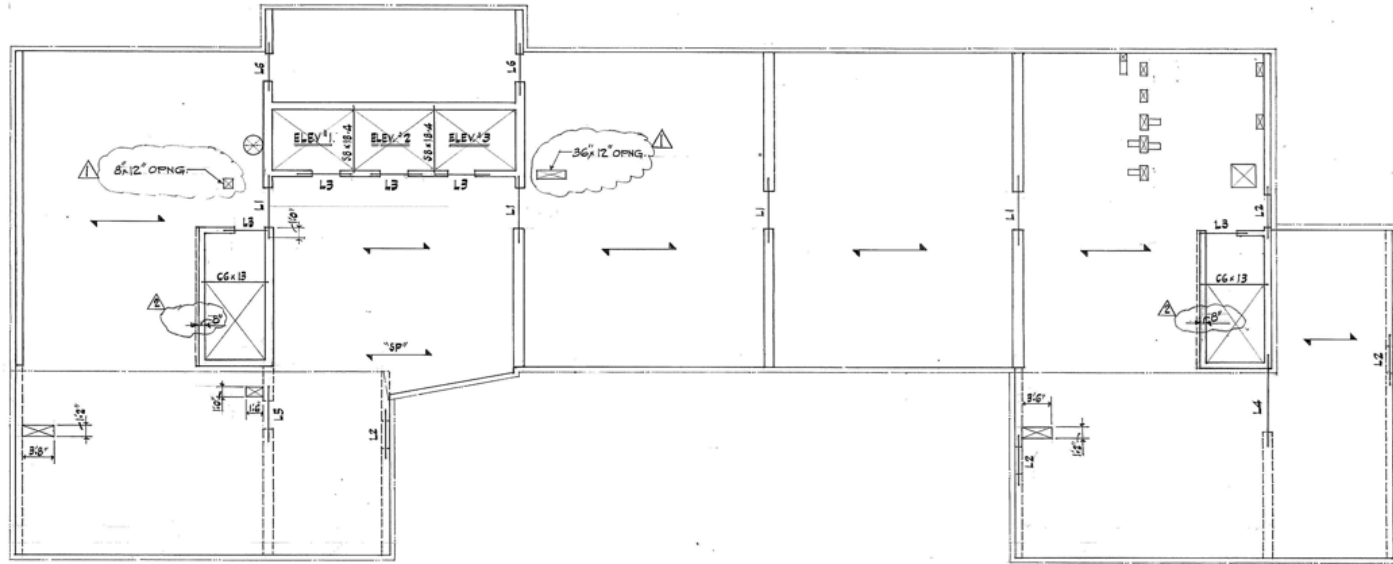
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(NEARLY) FOUR FORESTS THE SIZE OF CENTRAL PARK  
CO<sub>2</sub> SEQUESTERED IN ONE YEAR



# CONCRETE 50% OF SCHAPIRO'S EMBODIED CARBON



## 10<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR FRAMING PLAN

- NOTES:
- 1 ALL SLABS ARE 8" THICK HOLLOW CORE PRECAST CONCRETE PLANKS. THE DIRECTION OF SPAN IS SHOWN THUS  $\longleftrightarrow$  ON PLAN.
  - 2 TOP OF CONCRETE PLANK ELEVATION = 192'-8 1/2"
  - 3 CONCRETE PLANKS SHOWN THUS  $\longleftrightarrow$  ARE SPECIAL PLANKS THAT SHALL BE FABRICATED AS SOLID UNITS CONFORMING TO THE CONFORMING TO THE CONFIGURATION AND DIMENSIONS SHOWN ON ARCHITECTURAL DRAWING A-14.

TYPICAL UPPER FLOOR FRAMING PLAN

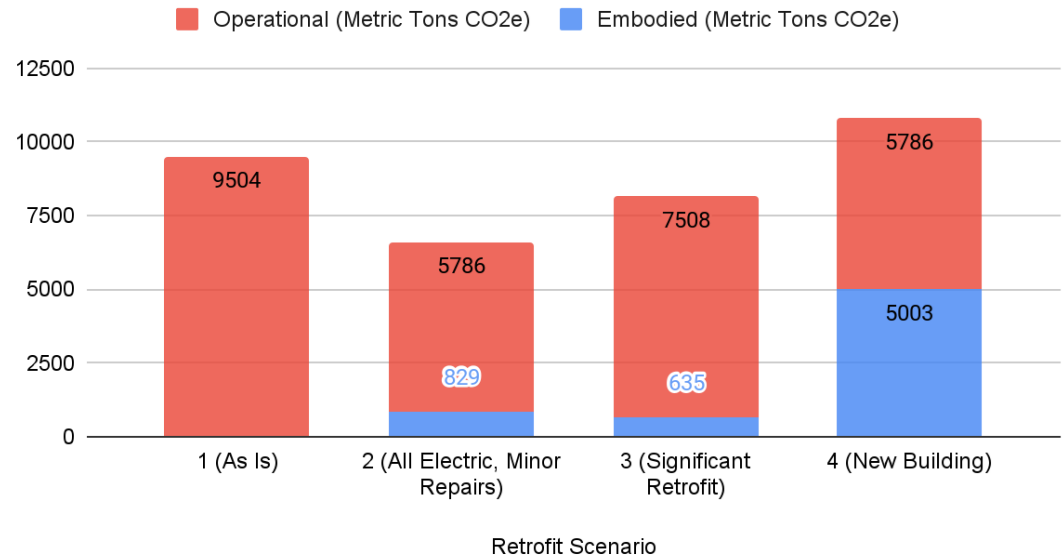
# SCHAPIRO'S FUTURE

## CARE TOOL ANALYSIS OF RETROFIT OPTIONS



- Scenario 1: Leave Schapiro Hall as is
- Scenario 2: All electric systems running from clean grid by 2040-> large energy efficiency retrofit **not required** to meet NYC targets
- Scenario 3: Conversion to electric systems has NOT happened by 2050-> large energy efficiency retrofit **required** to meet NYC targets
- Scenario 4: New building

### Total Added Embodied and Operational Emissions Until 2050



CARE Tool Retrofit Comparison

Chart by Schapiro Group, with data from CARE Tool



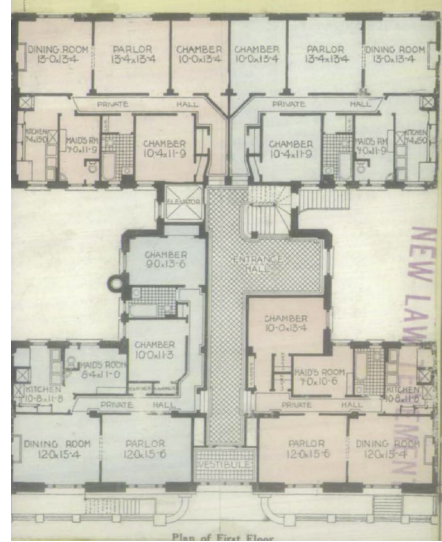
# ALUMNI CENTER

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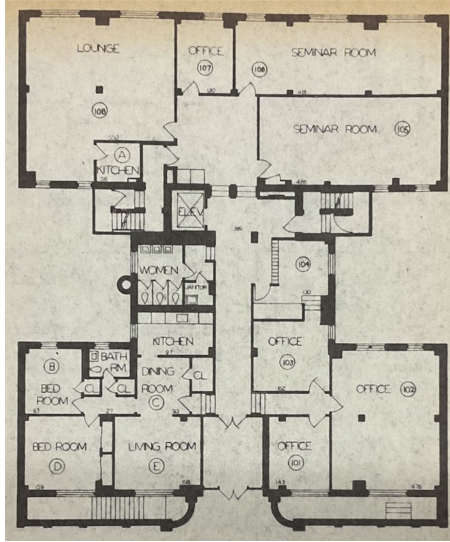
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# BUILDING INTERVENTIONS

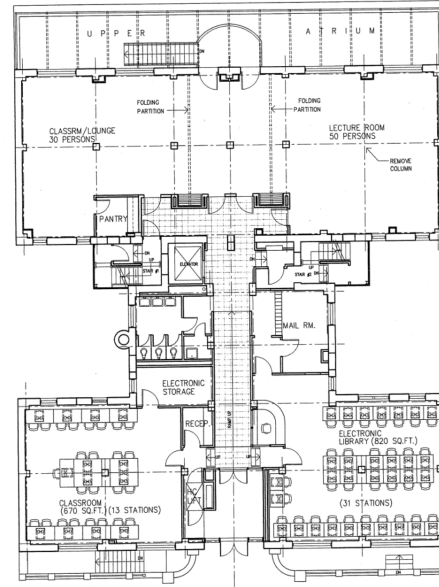
1st FLOOR PLANS: ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION, 1969, 1996, 2009 RENOVATIONS



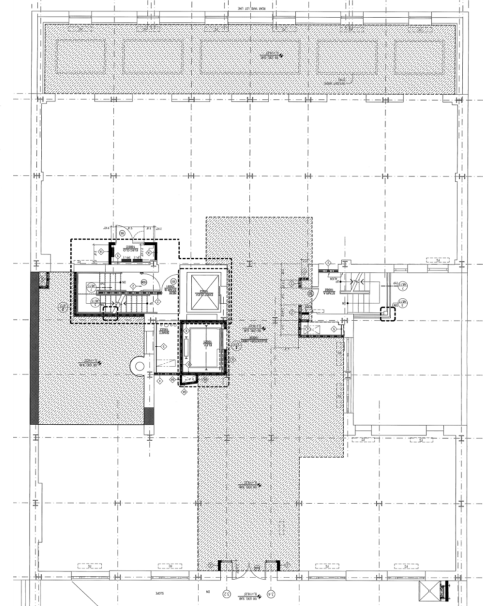
“VICTOR HALL”  
FIRST FLOOR PLAN, 1908  
Image: iCard



“McVICKAR HALL”  
FIRST FLOOR PLAN, 1969  
Image: Columbia University Archives



“McVICKAR HALL”  
FIRST FLOOR PLAN, 1996  
Image: Columbia University Facilities



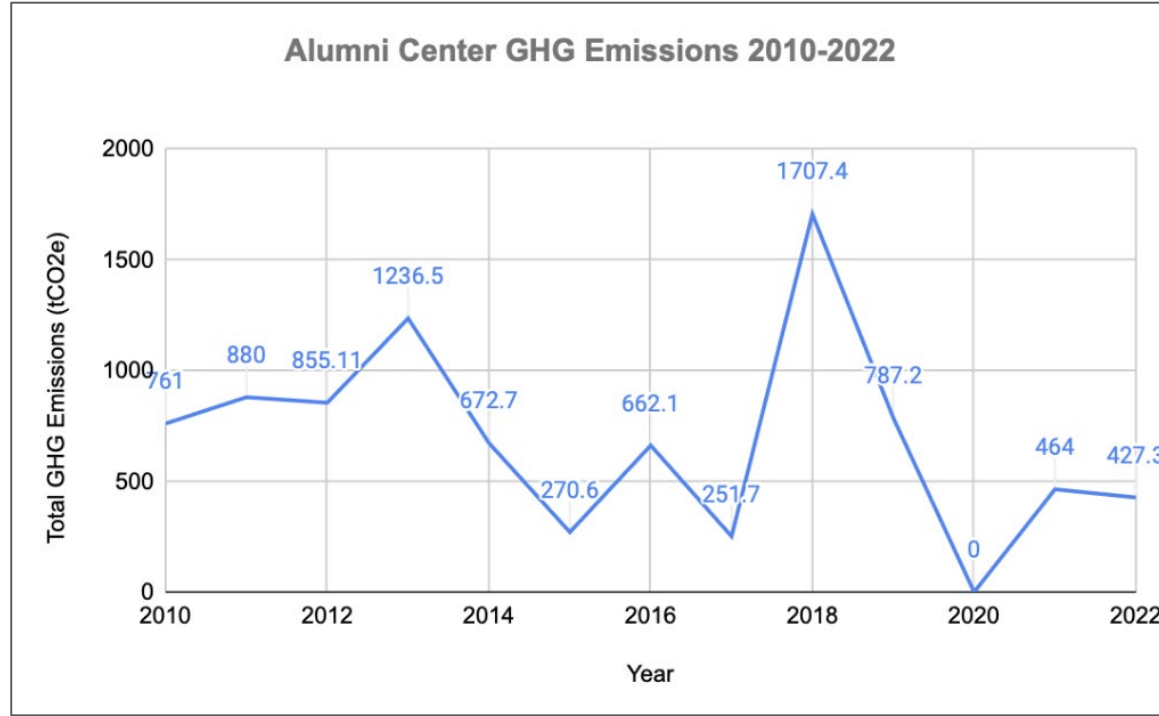
“ALUMNI CENTER”  
FIRST FLOOR PLAN, 2009  
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# OPERATIONAL EMISSIONS ANALYSIS

FOLLOWS A SIMILAR TRAJECTORY TO EUI



OPERATIONAL

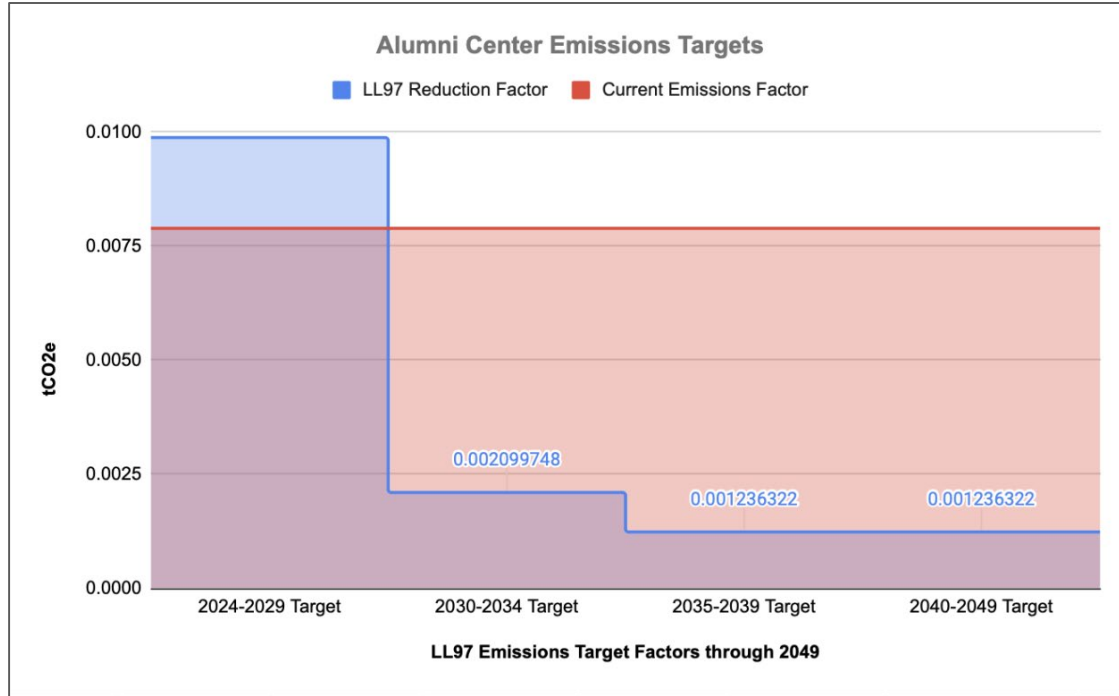


ALUMNI CENTER'S ANNUAL GHG EMISSIONS, 2020-2022, PER LL97.

Graph by Cecelia Halle

# PROJECTED LL97 PENALTIES

CONSEQUENCES OF OVER EMITTING



## PENALTIES:

**\$84,000**

MINIMUM ANNUAL FINE

OR

**\$2,136,273**

MINIMUM CUMULATIVE  
FINE BY 2050

TARGET EMISSIONS FACTORS FOR ALUMNI CENTER PER LOCAL LAW 97.

Graph by Cecelia Halle

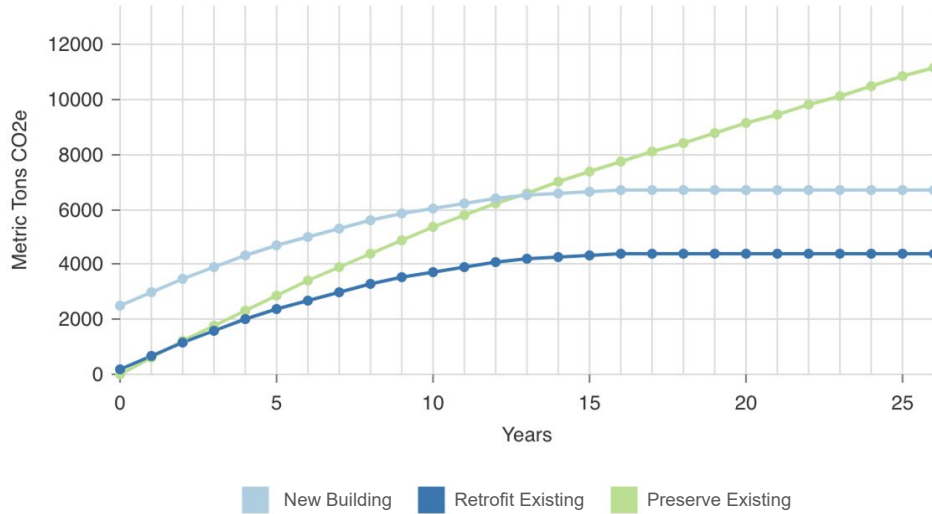


# DECARBONIZING TO REACH NETZERO

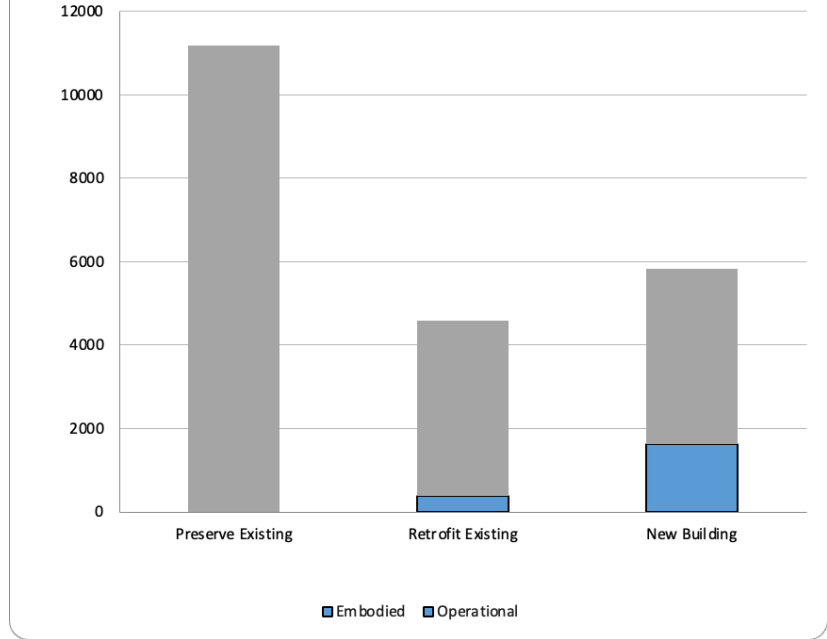
PRESERVE EXISTING, REUSE AND NEW BUILDING PROJECTED EMISSIONS BY 2050



### Cumulative Emissions Over Time



### Alumni Center Total Emissions tCO2e over 26 years





# ST PAUL'S CHAPEL

STUDIOII CASE STUDIES

# REPLACEMENT EMBODIED CARBON CALCULATION

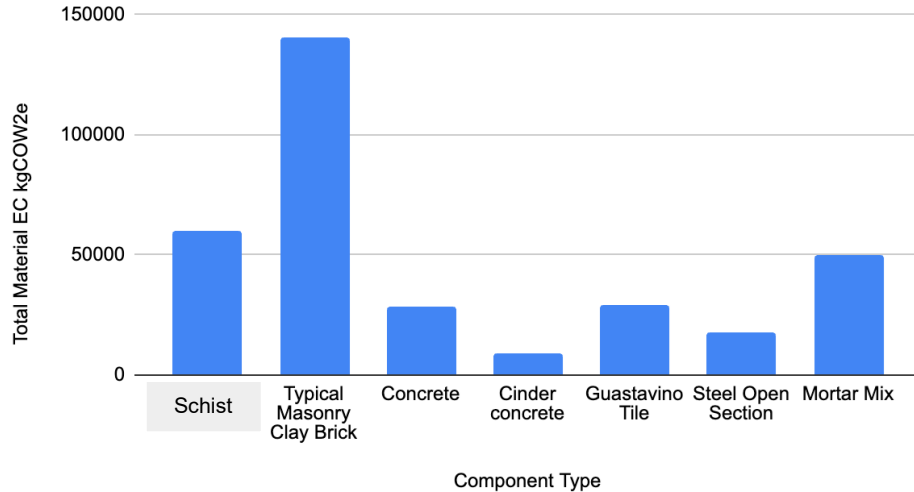
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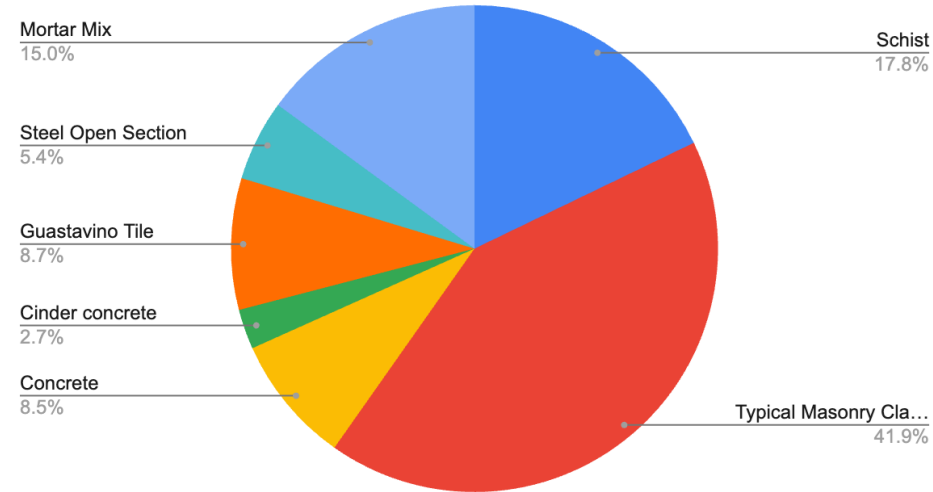
TOTAL REPLACEMENT EMBODIED CARBON: 335 tCO<sub>2</sub>e

335 TONS = DRIVING AROUND THE EQUATOR 35 TIMES!

Total Material EC kgCOW2e by Material Type



Total Material EC kgCOW2e by Material Type



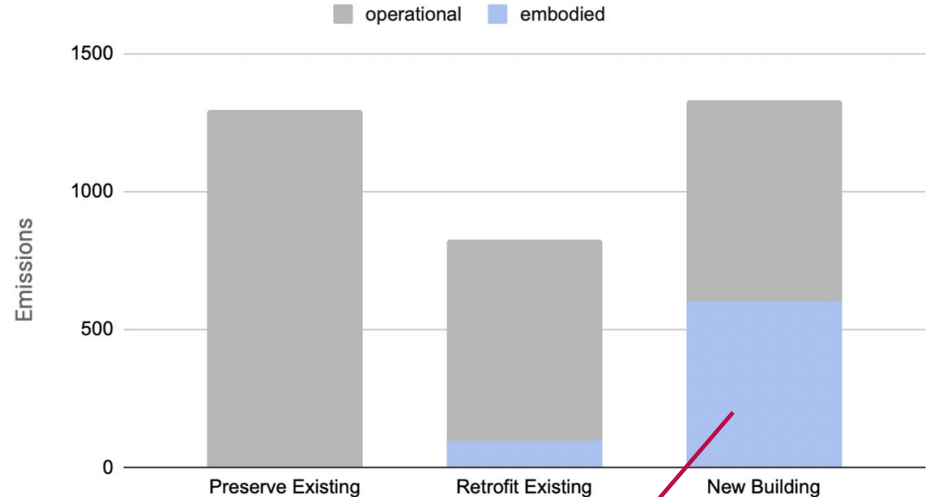
# HIGH EMBODIED CARBON COST OF NEW ST. PAUL'S?



SIDE PERSPECTIVE OF ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL

Wurts Bros. (New York, N.Y.) ca. 1905

St. Paul's Total Emissions tCO<sub>2</sub>e/ 26 years



High Embodied Carbon

CARE TOOL: EMBODIED & OPERATIONAL EMISSIONS  
OVER NEXT 26 YEARS



# ST. PAUL'S IS EXCEEDING ITS OPERATIONAL TARGETS



- Total GHG Emissions = 84 Metric Tons CO<sub>2</sub>e
- Among historic religious structures, reducing EUI is often a challenge because of existing high floor to ceiling area

## NYC ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE NOTE - 2016

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, BELIEF, AND PROFESSIONAL JUDGEMENT, ALL WORK UNDER THIS APPLICATION IS EXEMPT FROM THE NYCECC BECAUSE THE WORK IS AN ALTERATION OF A STATE AND/OR NATIONAL HISTORIC BUILDING (NYCECC SECTION 101.4.2 HISTORIC BUILDINGS).

ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL RENOVATION REPORT

WBMA, 2019



DOMESTIC HOT WATER HEATER

Photo by James Oberting





# BUELL HALL

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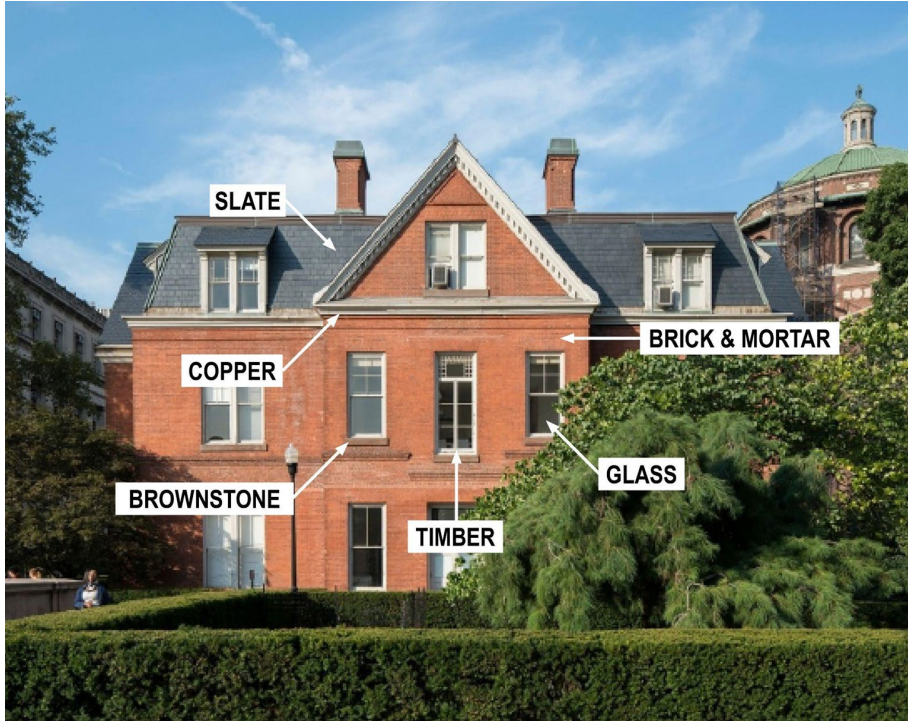
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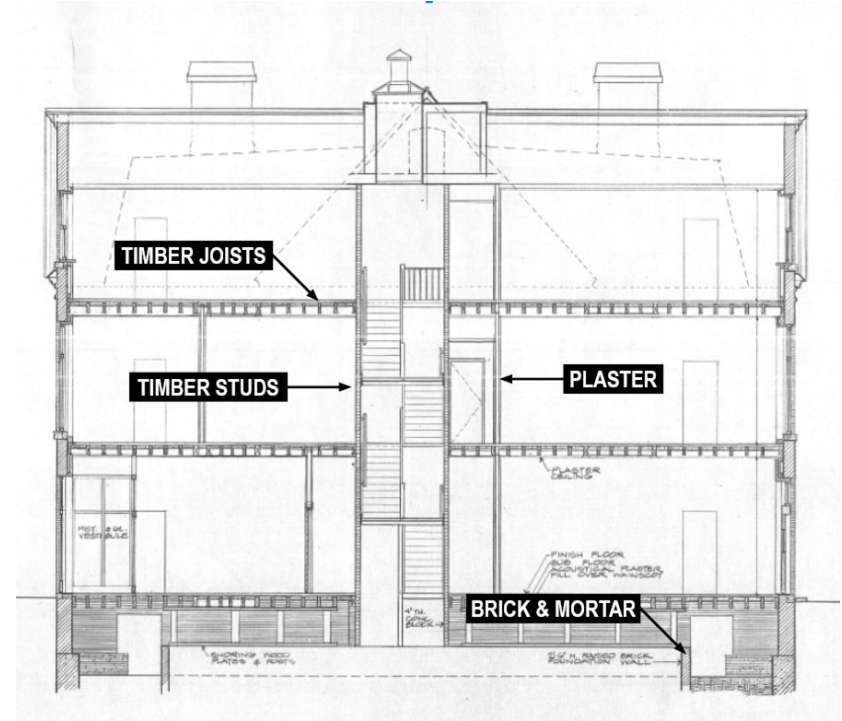
# CONSTRUCTION TYPOLOGY & MATERIALS

QUANTIFYING OUR MATERIALS



IDENTIFIED FACADE MATERIALS

Courtesy of GSAPP Columbia



BUELL FRAMING PLAN

Columbia Facilities



# HISTORIC EMBODIED CARBON

HOW DOES *THIS* BECOME *THAT*?



EMBODIED



NORTH CAROLINA LOGGING OPERATION

Via Moving North Carolina



POST CARD WITH BUELL HALL, 1900

Columbia University Archives

# OPERATIONAL CARBON ANALYSIS

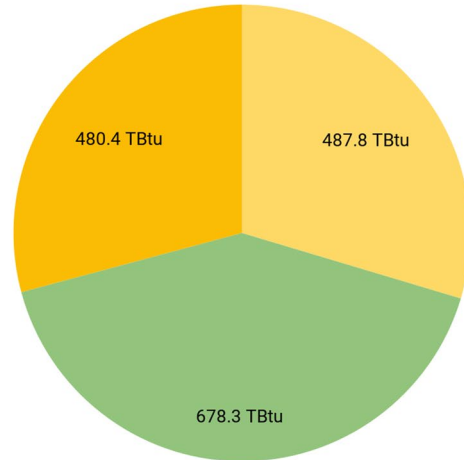
ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND EMISSION TARGETS



## BUELL HALL ENERGY CONSUMPTION

LL84 DATA

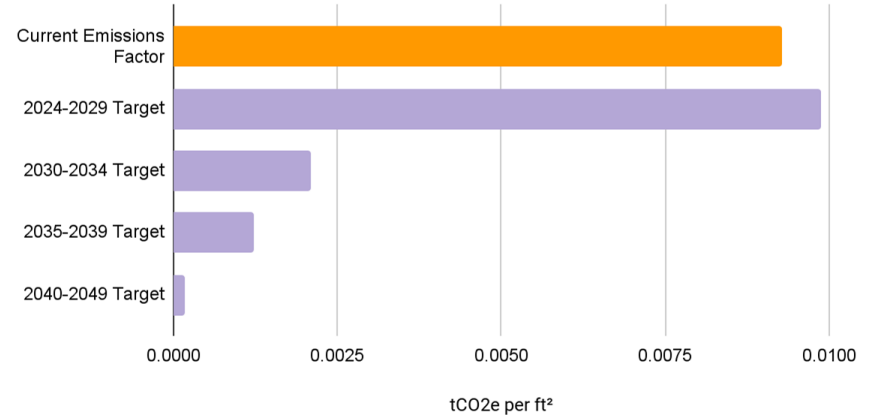
- District Steam Use 29.6%
- District Chilled Water Use 41.2%
- Electricity Use - Grid Purchase 29.2%



BUELL HALL BREAKDOWN OF ENERGY USE IN Tons Btu  
Using LL84 Data

## BUELL EMISSIONS FACTOR & FUTURE TARGETS

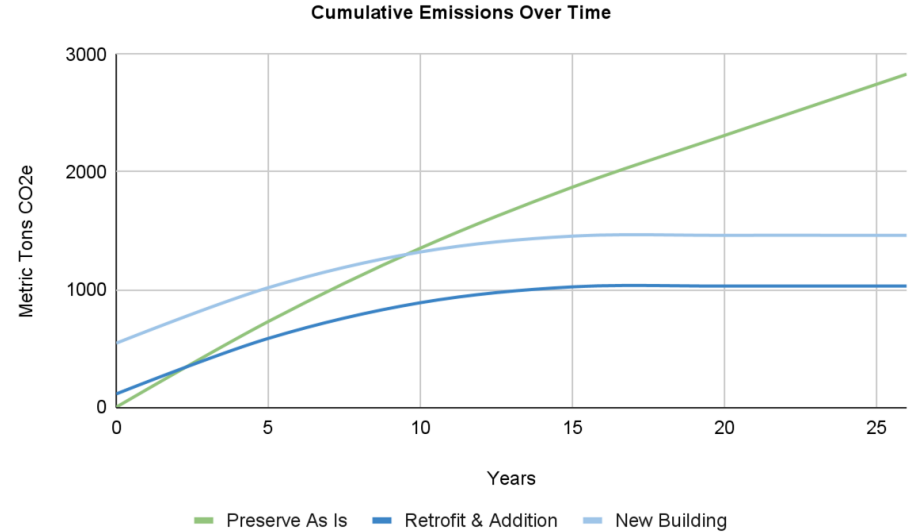
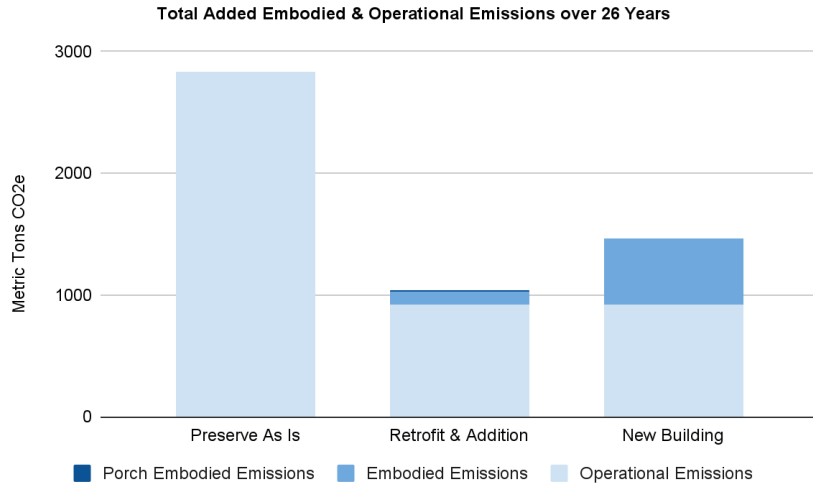
LL84 DATA



BUELL HALL CURRENT AND FUTURE EMISSIONS TARGETS  
Using LL97 Data

# OPERATIONAL & EMBODIED CARBON IMPACT

RETROFIT VS RECONSTRUCT



RETROFITTING VS NEW BUILDING CARBON EMISSIONS

[caretool.org](http://caretool.org)

RETROFITTING VS NEW BUILDING CARBON OFFSET

[caretool.org](http://caretool.org)

# KEY FINDINGS THEMES

EMPHASIS ON OPERATIONAL CARBON

EMBODIED CARBON IS UNDERVALUED

EMBODIED CARBON IS UNDERREGULATED

INSUFFICIENT EMBODIED CARBON DATA AND TOOLS

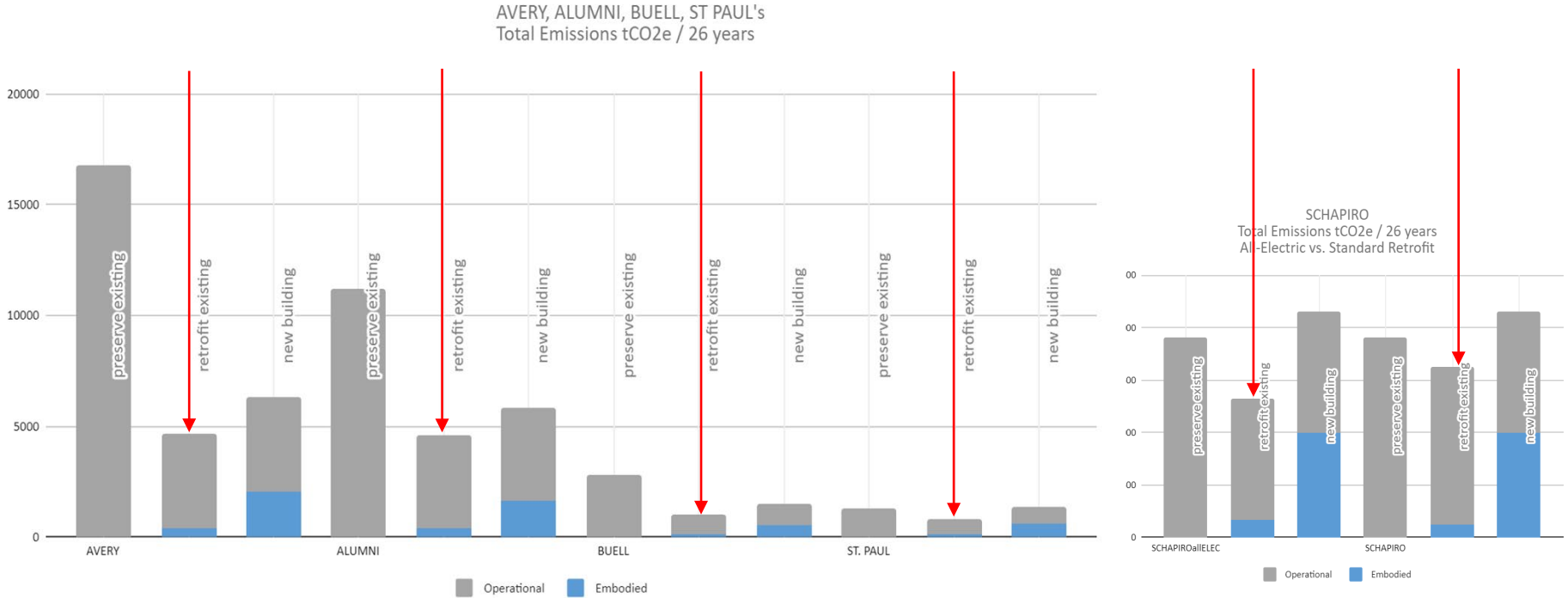
DECARBONIZATION CHALLENGES AT COLUMBIA

DECARBONIZATION CHALLENGES FOR PRESERVATION



# OUR CASE STUDIES AND RETROFITTING

CARE TOOL RESULTS: RETROFITTING VS NEW CONSTRUCTION

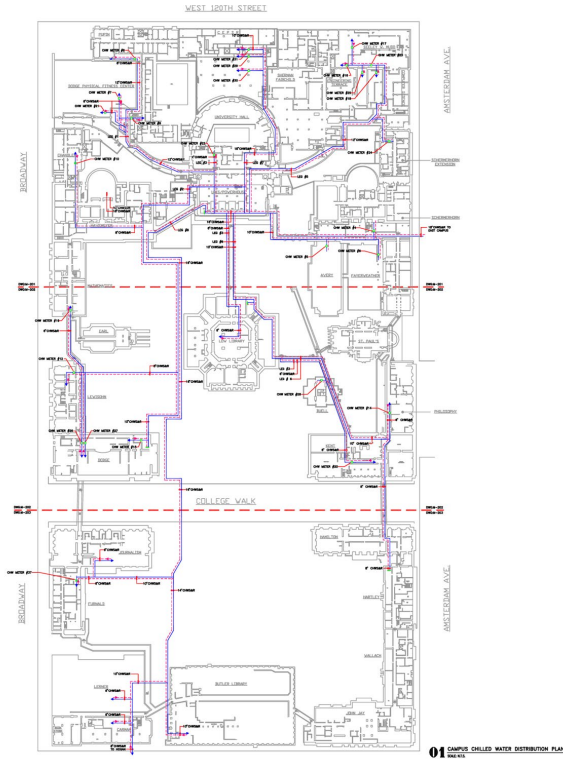


BUILDING RETROFITTING PRE-VISUALIZATION

Calculations done by Studio II students

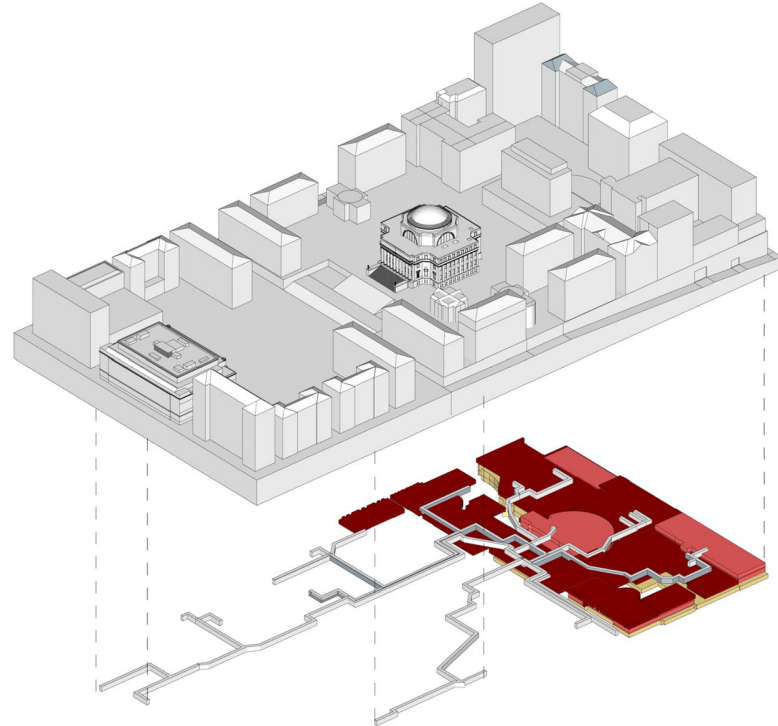
# STEAM LOOP CONVERSION IS MASSIVE AND COMPLEX

UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE REACHING ALL CORNERS OF MAIN CAMPUS



COLUMBIA CHILLED WATER AND STEAM DISTRIBUTION PLAN

Courtesy of Columbia Facilities and Operations



STEAM SYSTEM, 3D DIAGRAM

Courtesy of Columbia Facilities and Operations

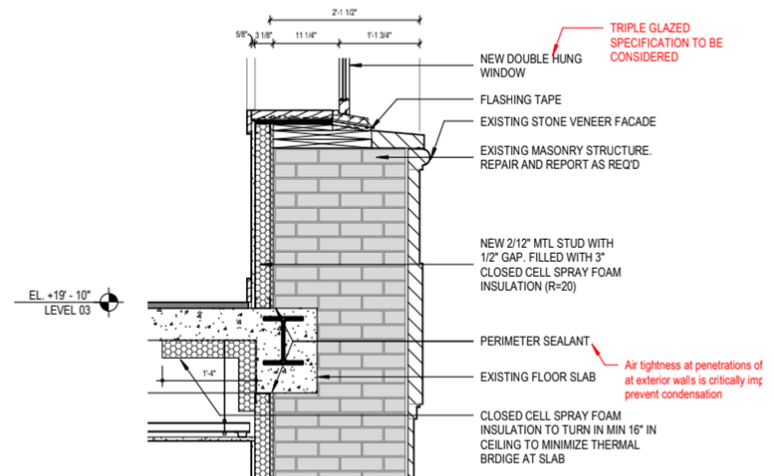
# CONFLICTING INTERESTS IN BUILDING RETROFITS

THE CASE OF HARTLEY HALL



HARTLEY HALL, TYPICAL BEDROOM  
Columbia Housing

## EXTERIOR ENVELOPE Wall Section



2 PROPOSED WALL ASSEMBLY - LEVEL 3  
SCALE: 3/4" = 1'-0"

PROPOSED RENOVATION WALL SECTIONS  
Hartley Hall Exteriors Review, 2021

# CUMULATIVE LL97 FINES BY 2050

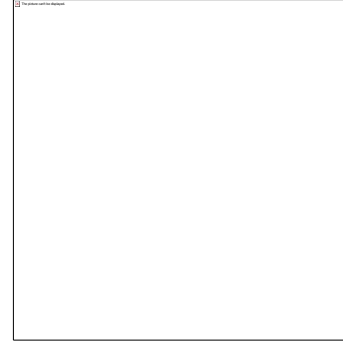
OUR SIX BUILDINGS



**AVERY HALL**  
**\$8,234,558**



**PUPIN HALL**  
**\$34,825,161**



**SCHAPIRO HALL**  
**\$1,358,761**



**ALUMNI HALL**  
**\$2,136,273**



**ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL**  
**\$388,530**



**BUELL HALL**  
**\$553,732**



# OPERATING CARBON OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS ALSO MATTERS

AN URGENT NEED TO ADDRESS THESE HEAD-ON IN THE FIELD WITH ACTION



**The greenest  
building is the one that  
is already built AND  
UNDERGOES A DEEP  
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