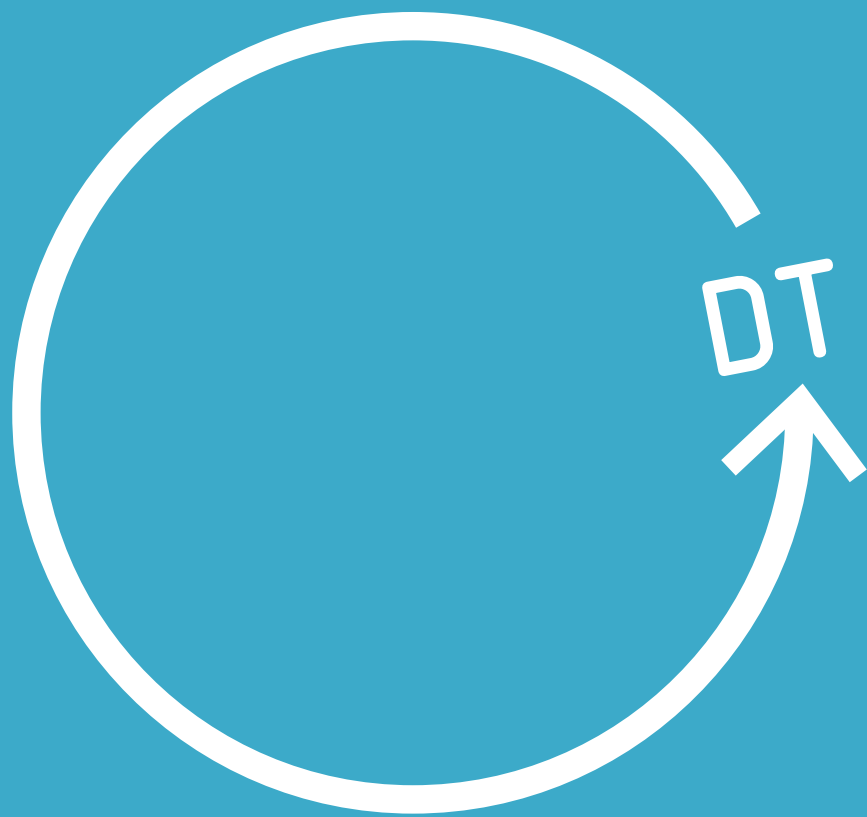
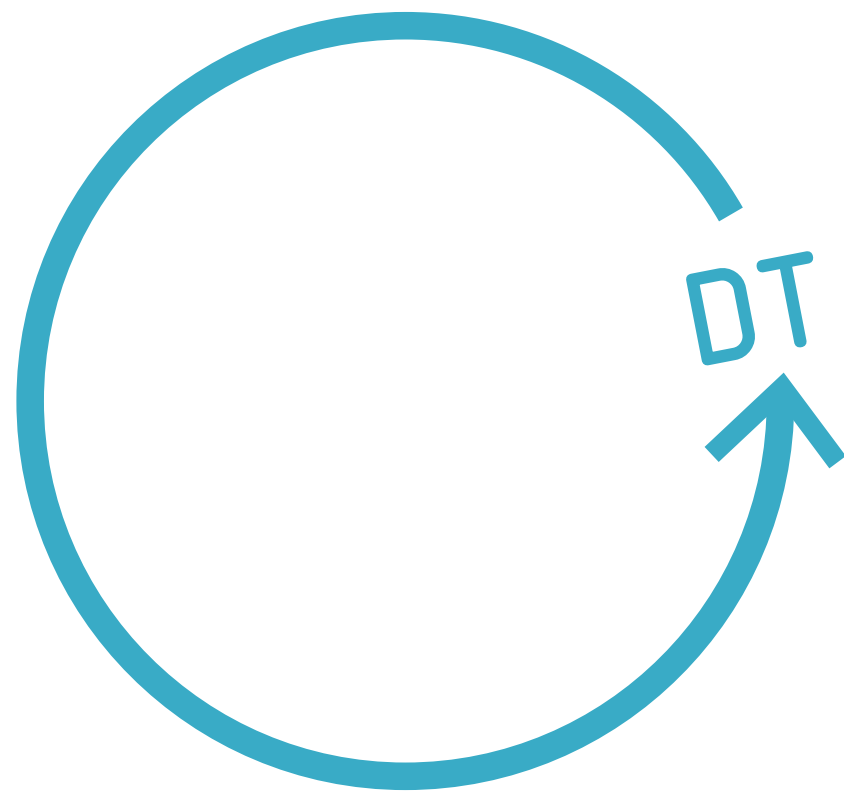




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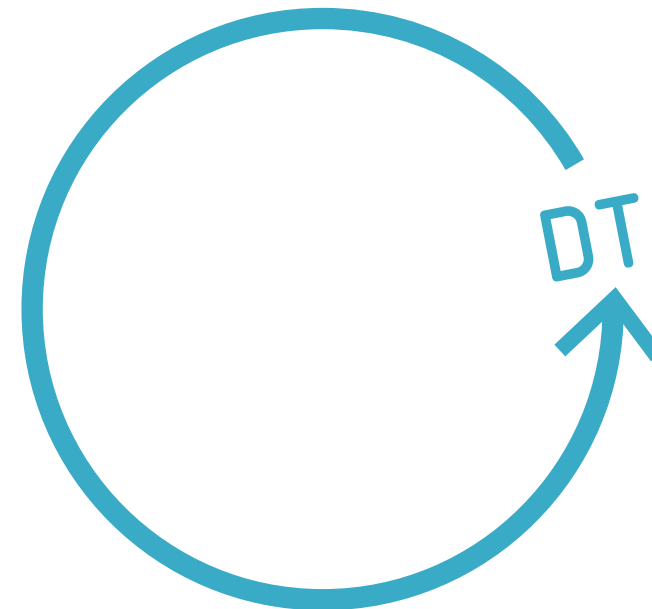
Digital Twins as Enabler in Circular Construction Management

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Why





50%

Construction industry
consumes 50% of all
materials used in Europe

36%

Construction industry
generates 36% of the total
waste in Europe

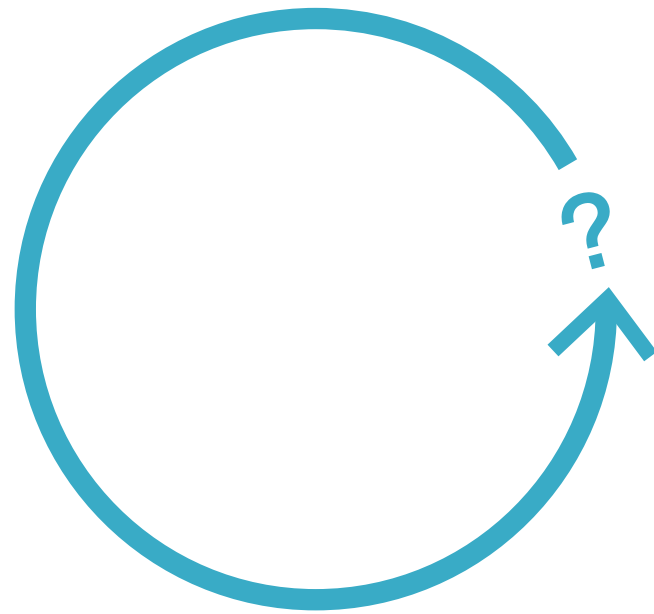
85%

Around 85% of the C&DW
are **downcycled** (e.g.
landfill) in the Netherlands

< 3%

Less than 3% of C&DW
are **upcycled** and
returned to building
construction in the
Netherlands

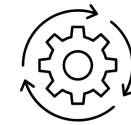
Schut & Mesman (2016); Herczeg et al. (2014); Eurostat (2021)







Intelligent construction process



Smart life cycle management



Reduced waste



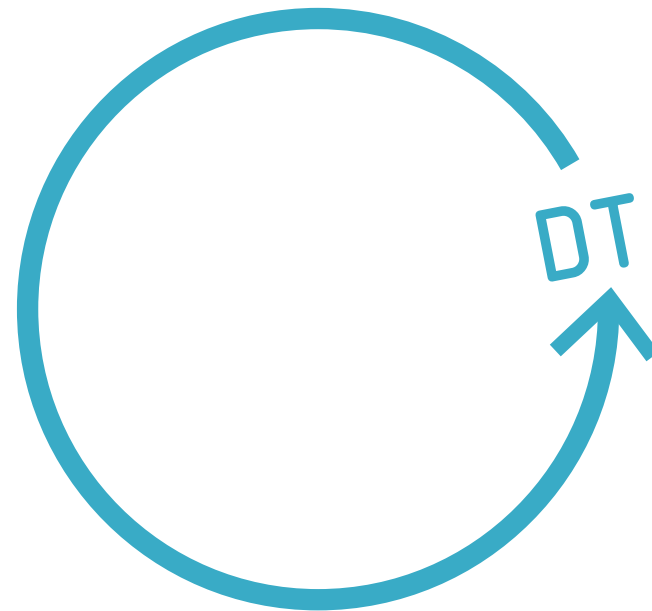
Reduced carbon
impact



Energy efficiency



Improved life cycle
cost

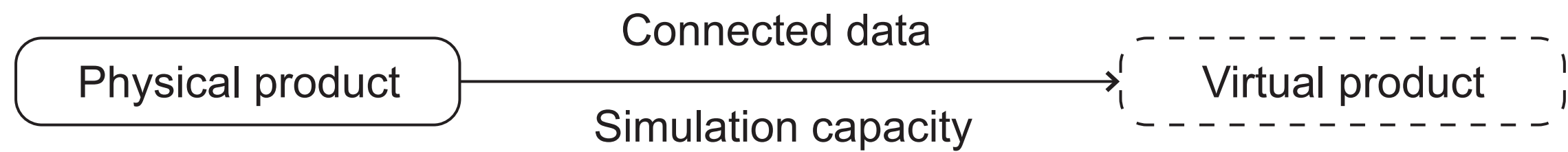


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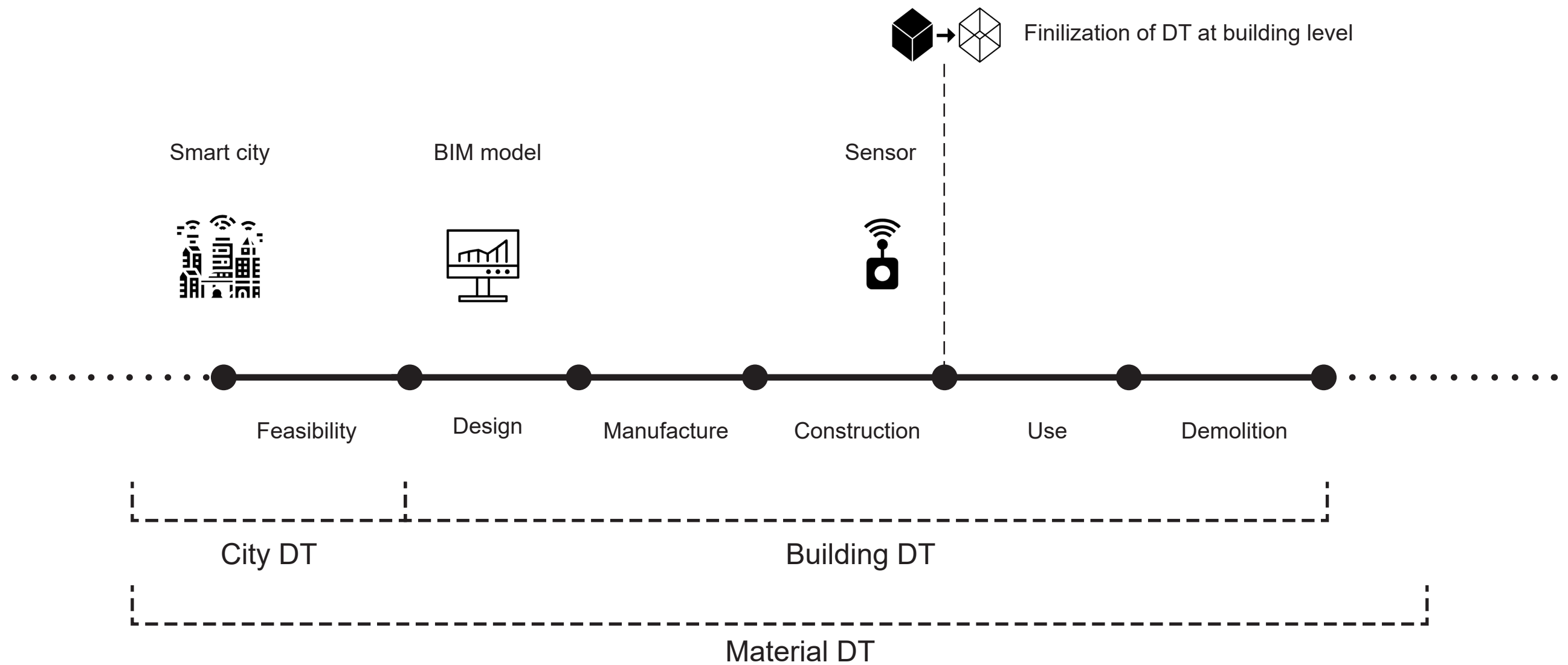
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What are Digital Twins?

Digital Twins



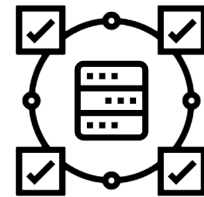
Digital Twins



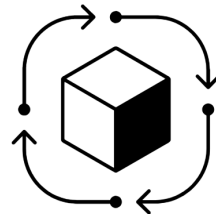
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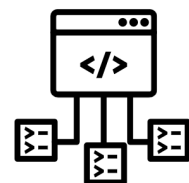
Little research has been done so far concerning the value of DT in circularity.



Only the final product of building DT is discussed, instead of the **embedded technologies**.



Fragmented application of the DT concept across the project life cycle.



In order to maximize DT's benefits in CC, an **implementation framework** is required.

Research objective

This research aims to analyze the **role of DT and CC** in the project life cycle, and to develop a **framework of implementing** DT technologies in realizing CC.

Research design

Research question

“How can digital twins be used to improve circular construction management?”

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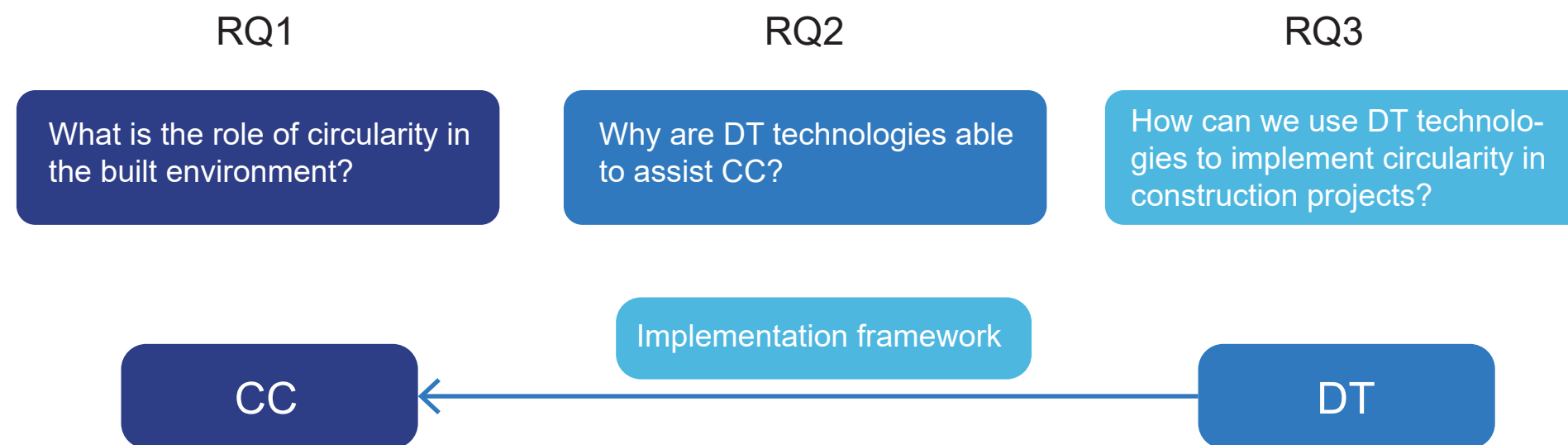
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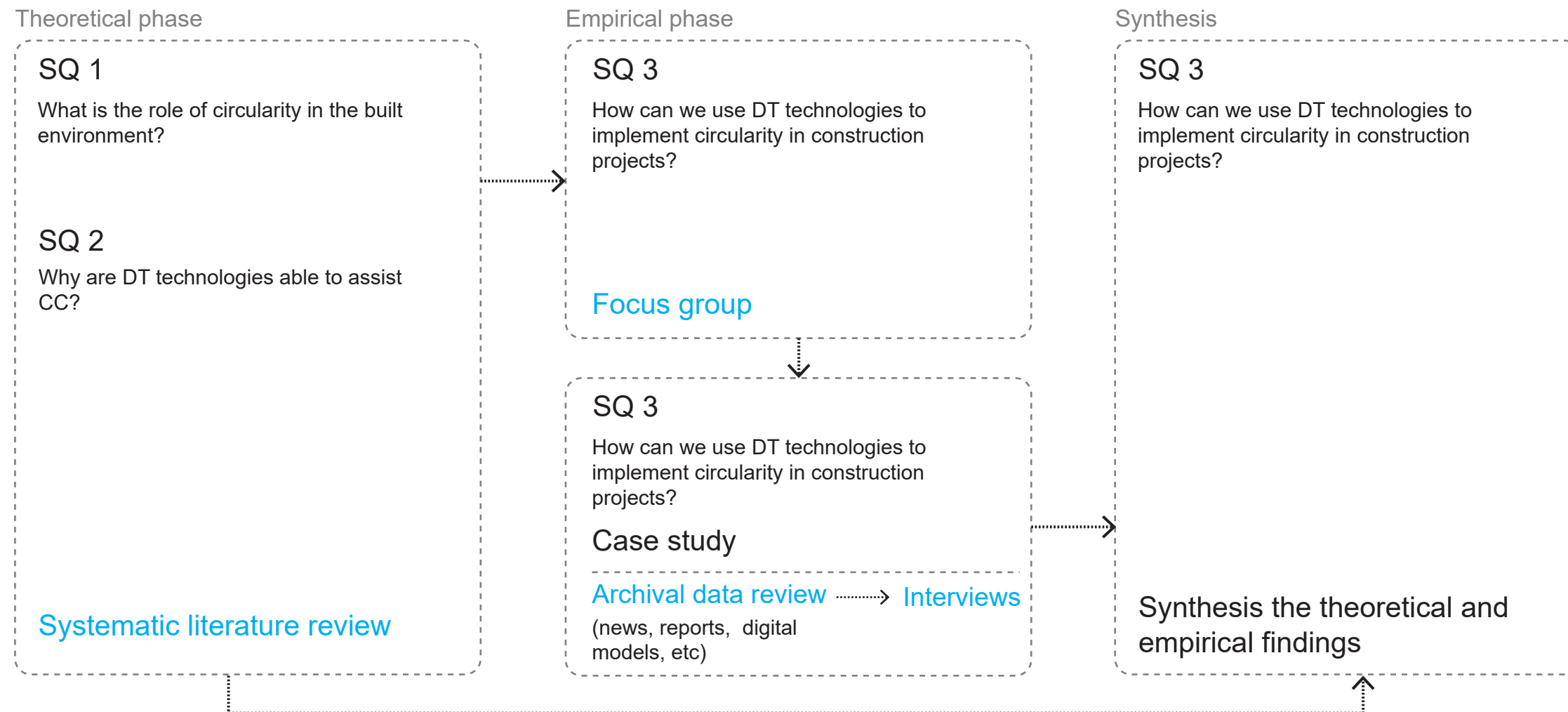
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SQ3: How can we use DT technologies to implement circularity in construction projects?

Conceptual framework



Methodology



Methodology

Theoretical phase

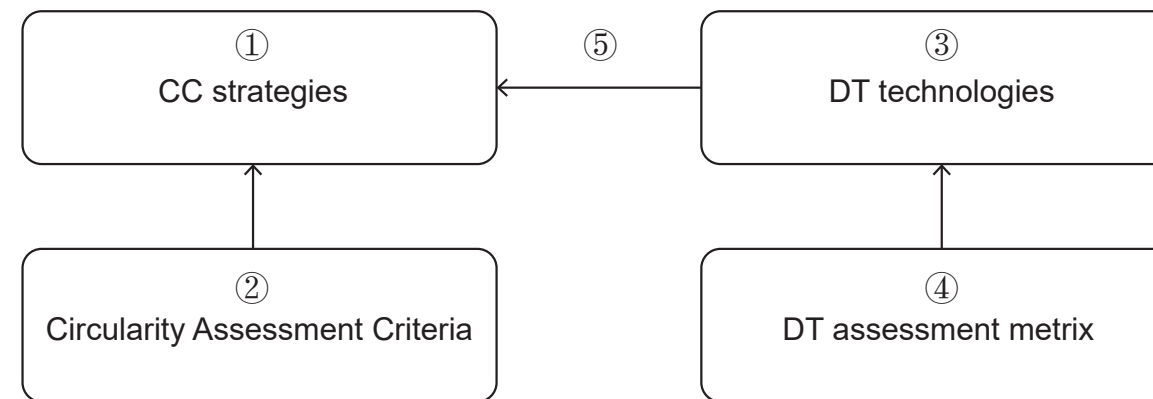
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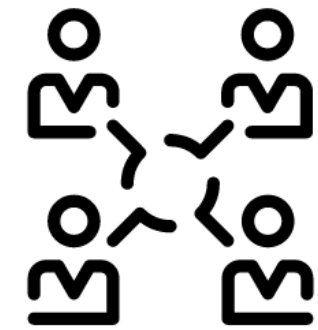
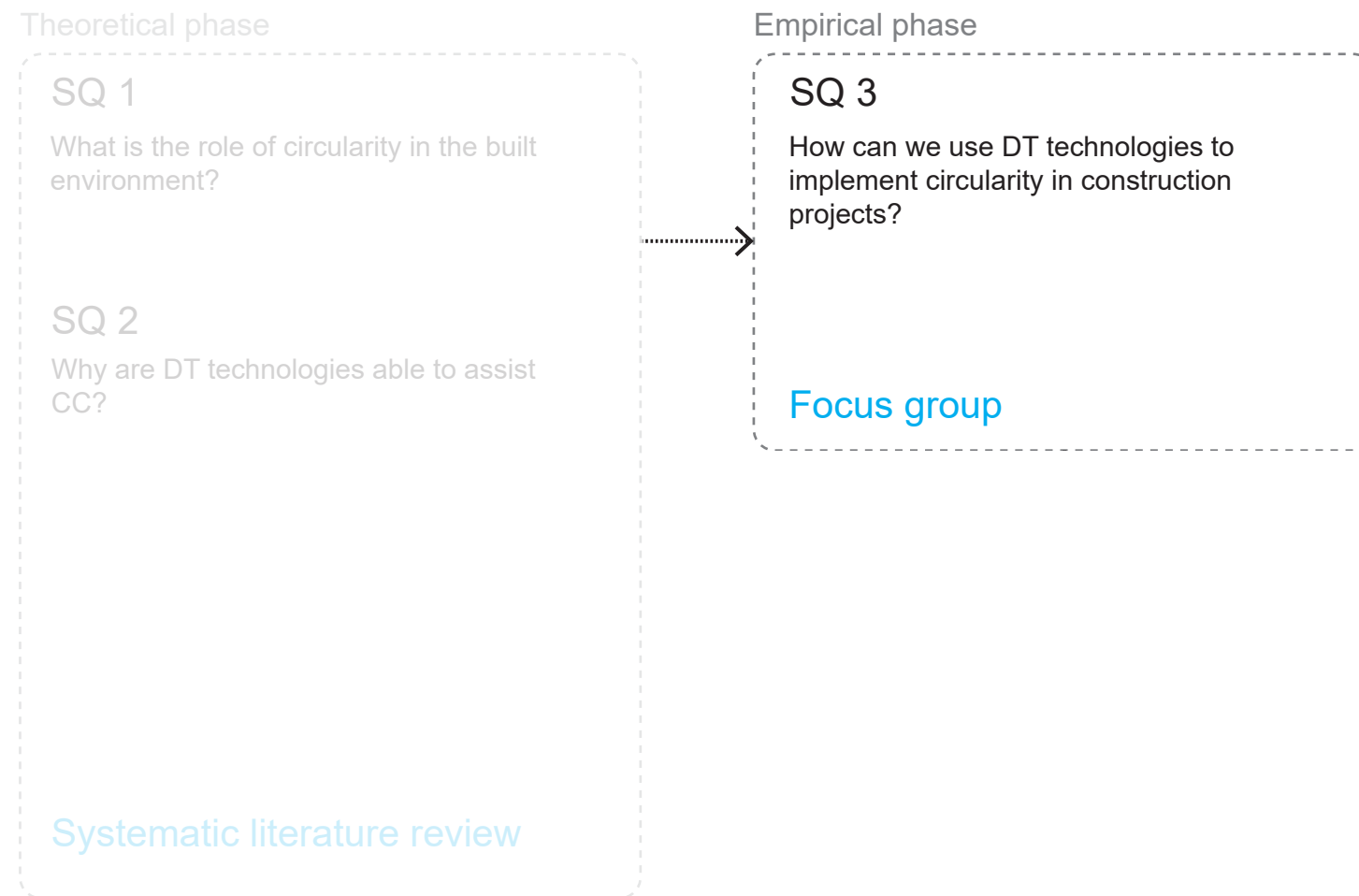
SQ 2

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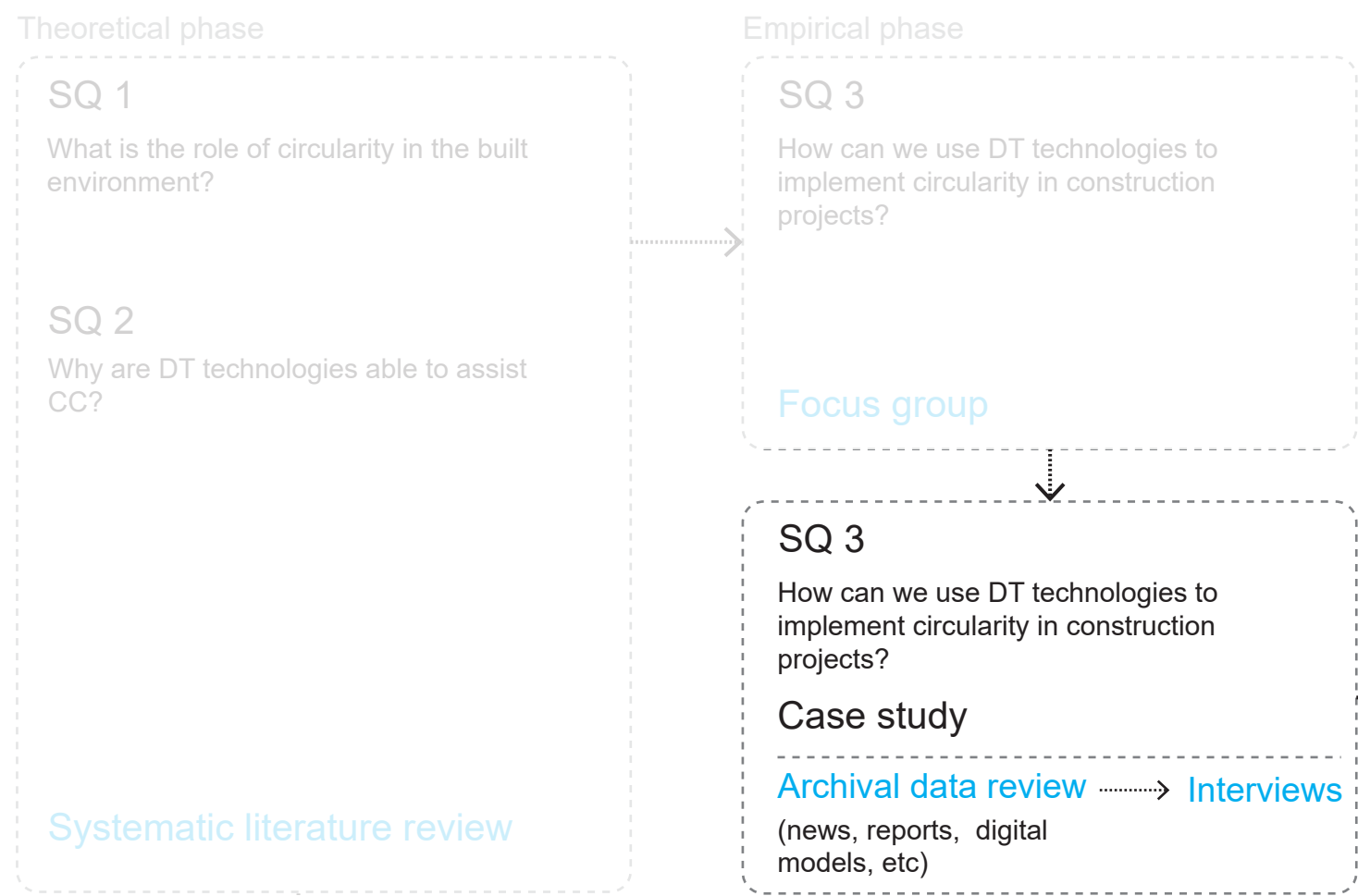
Systematic literature review



Methodology



Methodology



Covered as much as CC principles

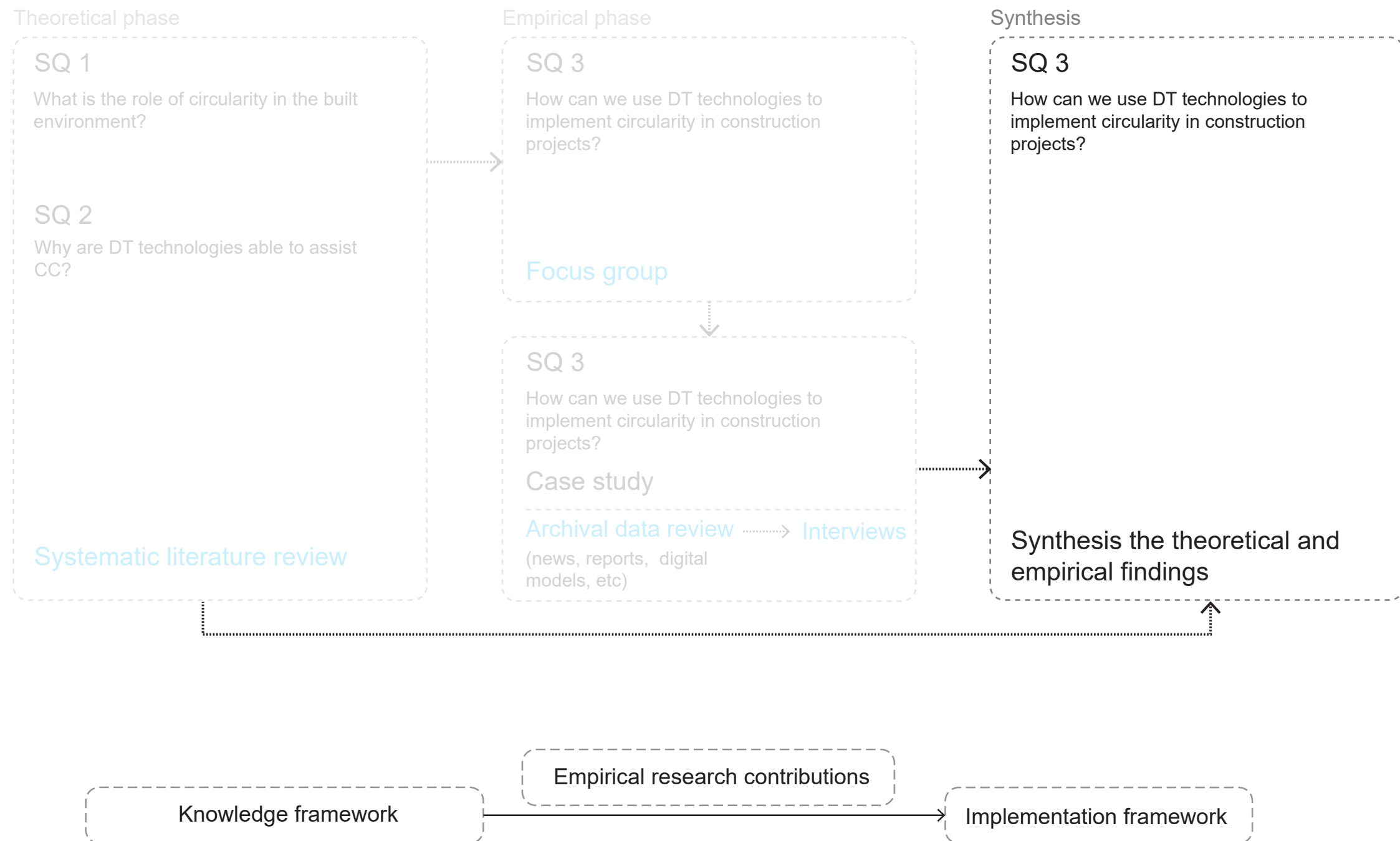


Applied most of the DT technologies



Data accessibility

Methodology



Theoretical research findings

1.
The role of CC
across project
life cycle

2.
Available DT
technologies
across project
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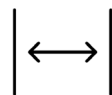
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DT technologies'
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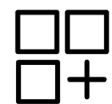
The role of CC across project life cycle



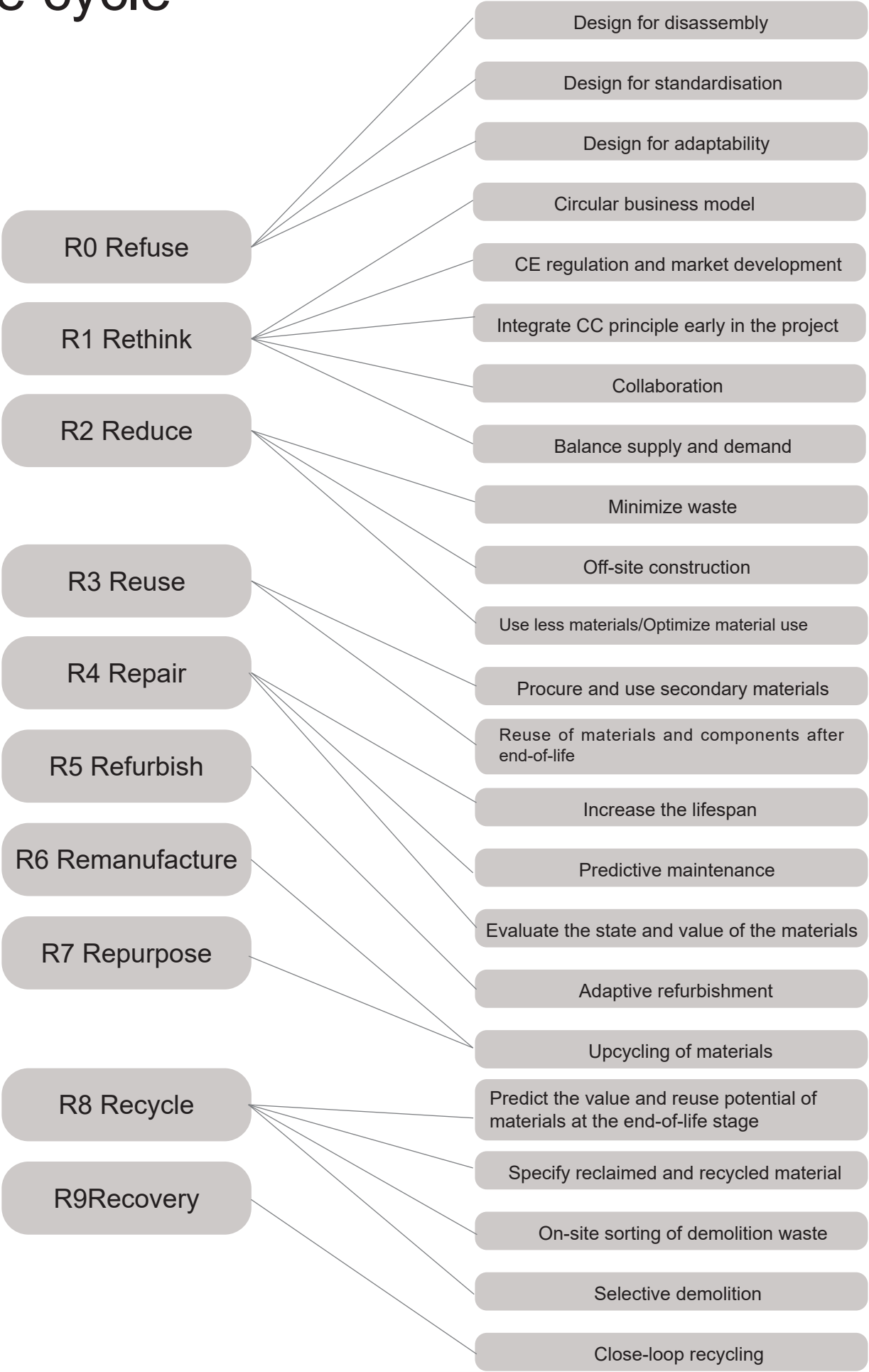
Smart use and manufacture of materials



Extend lifespan and prodicivity of material and its parts



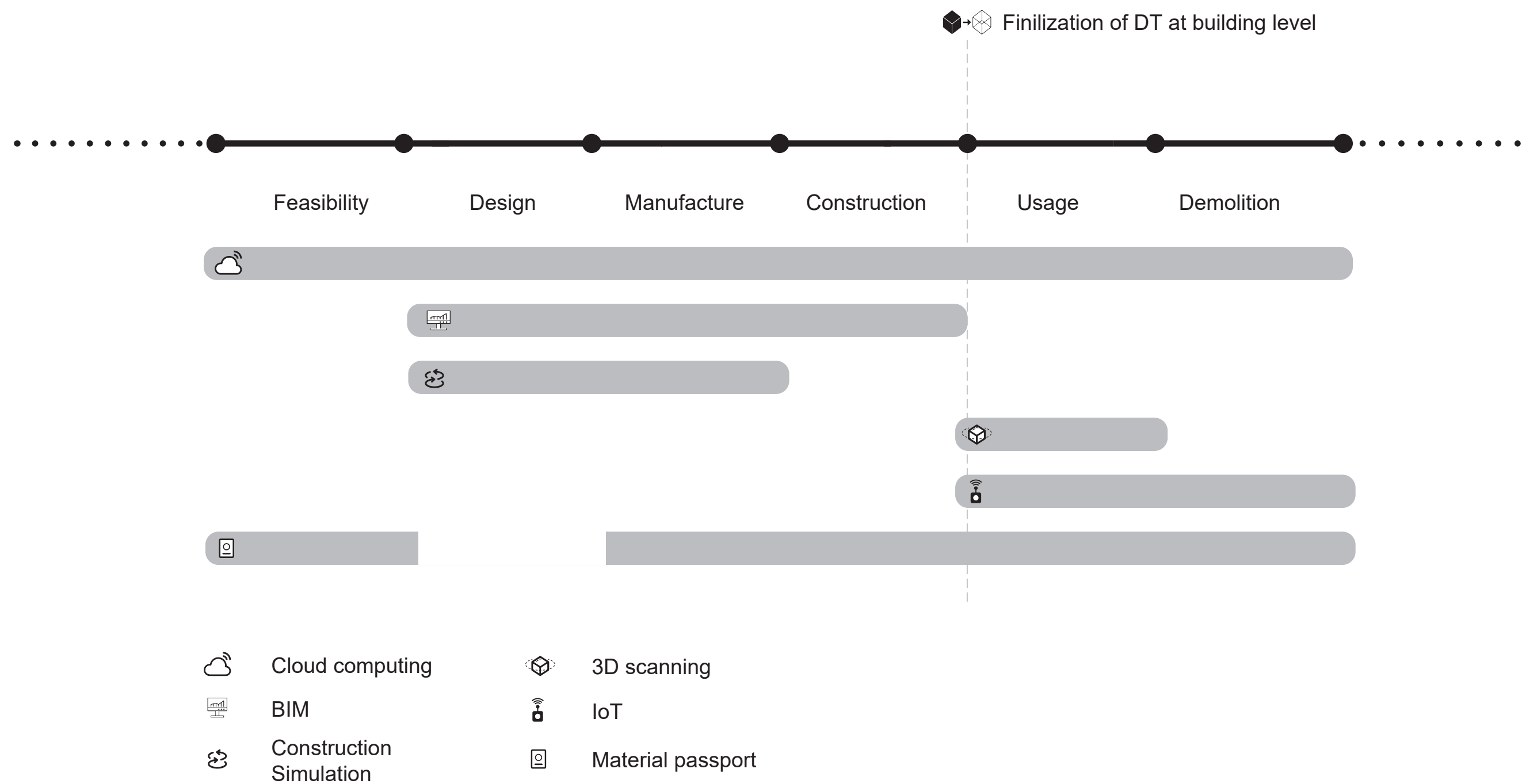
Useful application of materials



1.
The role of
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DT technologies'
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DT technologies' benefits to CC: Knowledge framework

Why this DT technology can assist this CC principle

Not applicable

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Design for disassembly						
Design for standardisation			Providing technical support for circular design and its realization	Supporting the realization of the design		
Design for adaptability						
Off-site construction		Providing materials' information of assembly and suppliers				
Use less materials/Optimize material use			Optimizing design	Simulating the construction process to minimize mistakes and reworks		
Evaluate the state and value of the materials		Recording and providing materials' information for evaluation			Providing active information of materials	
Predict the value and reuse potential of materials at the end-of-life stage			D-DAS predicts the value of the materials			
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On-site sorting of demolition waste					Providing active information of materials	
Upcycling of materials						
Close-loop recycling						
Adaptive refurbishment		Benefiting reusing material from existing buildings	Supporting design and reuse of materials	Supporting the realization of the design	Providing active information of the building's condition	Duplicating the building's condition precisely

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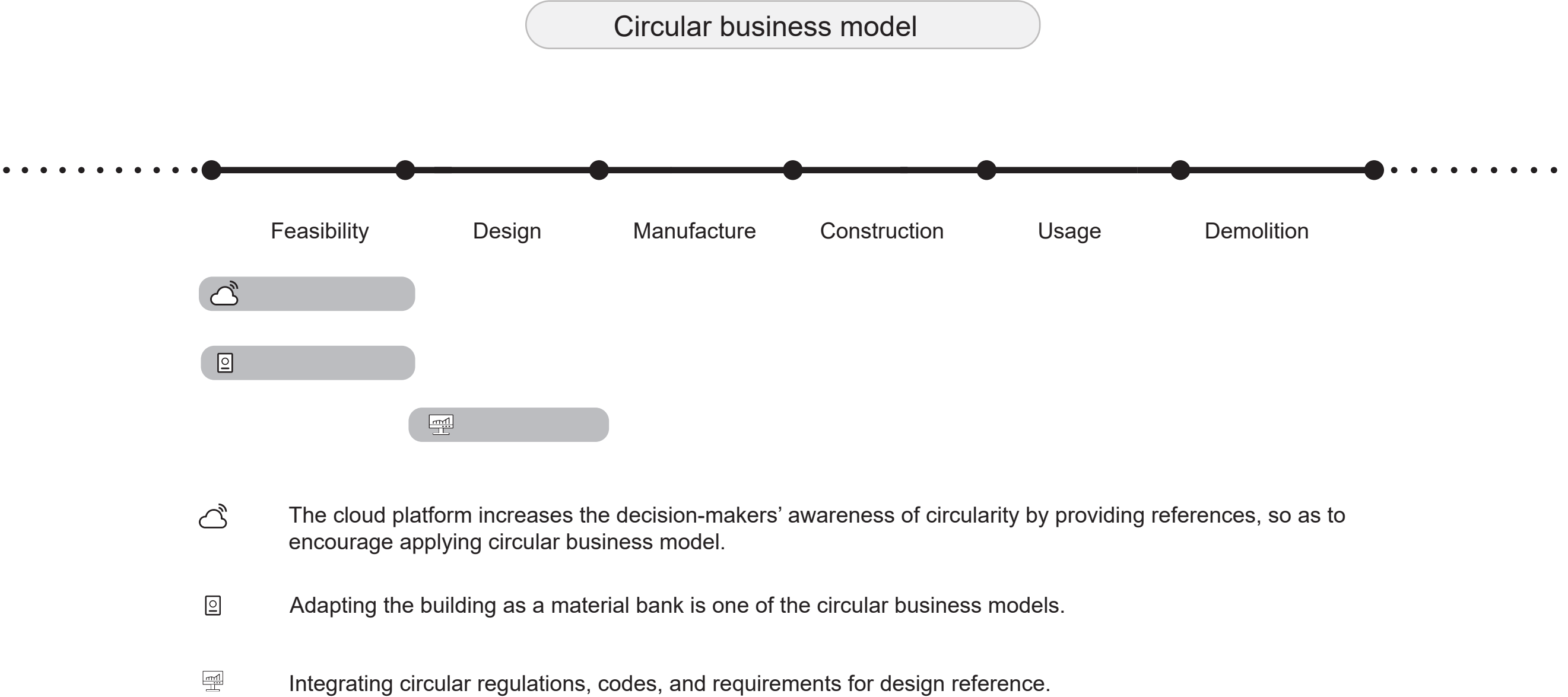
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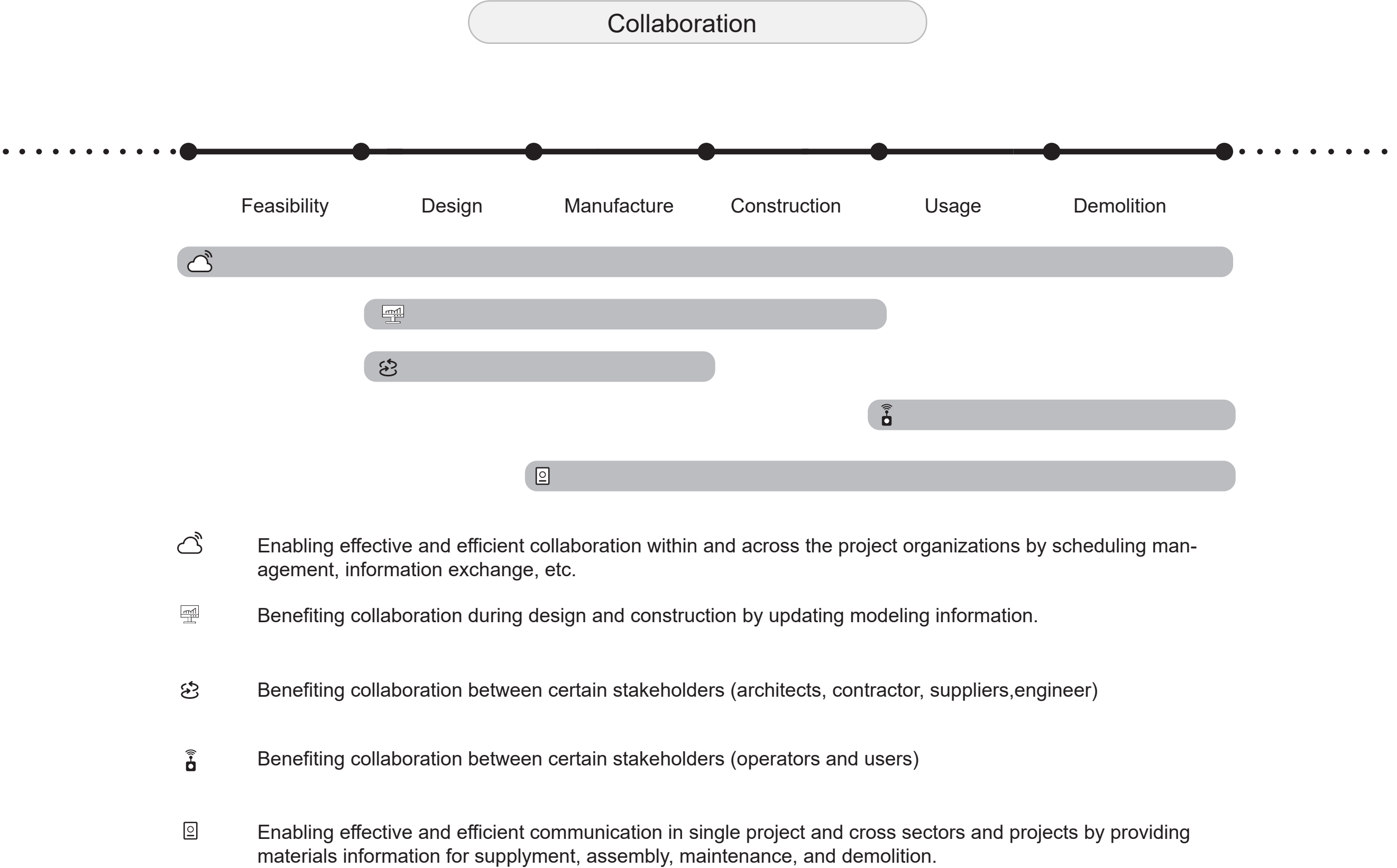
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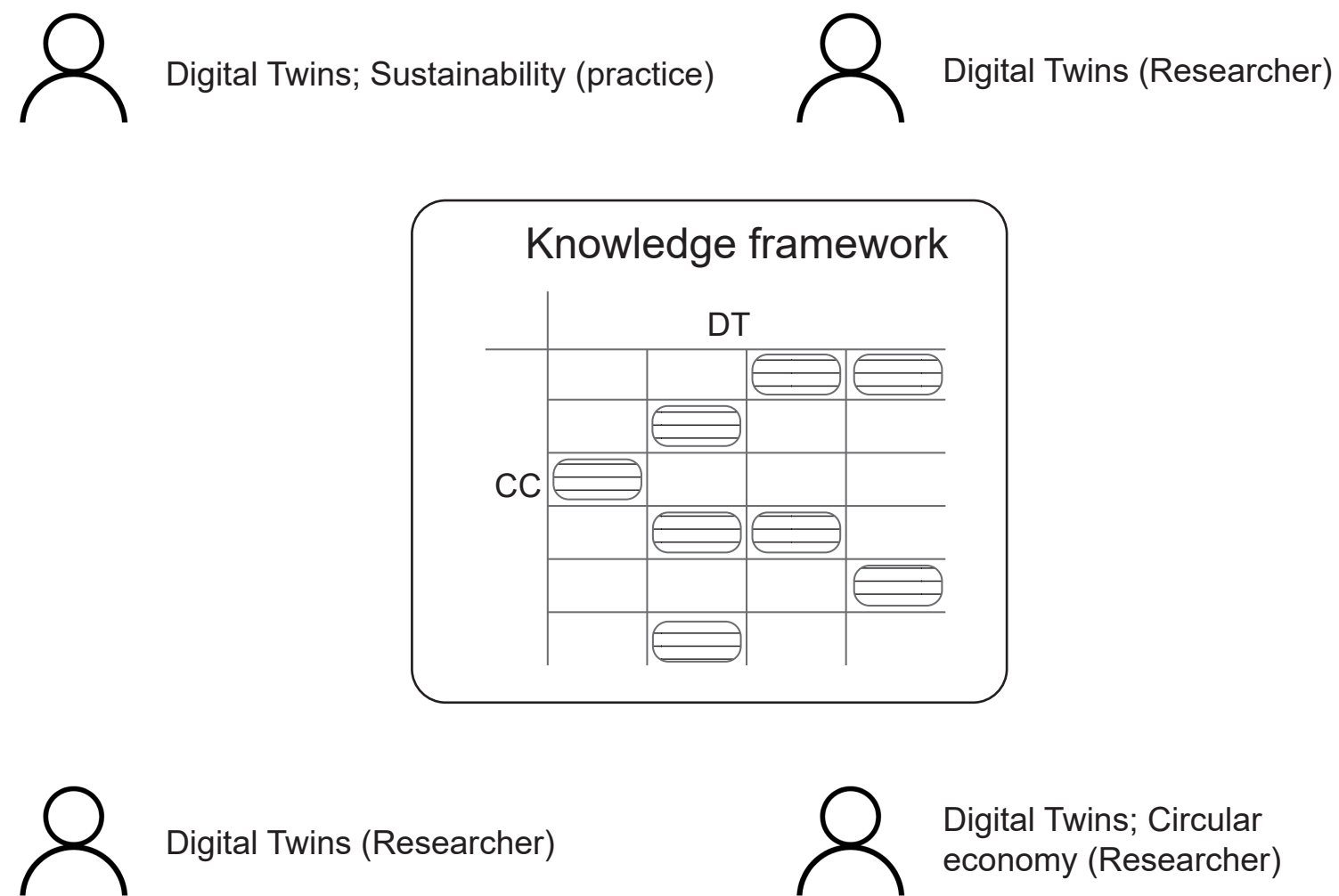
Empirical research findings

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Focus group

2.
Case study

1. Focus group

Focus group



Focus group

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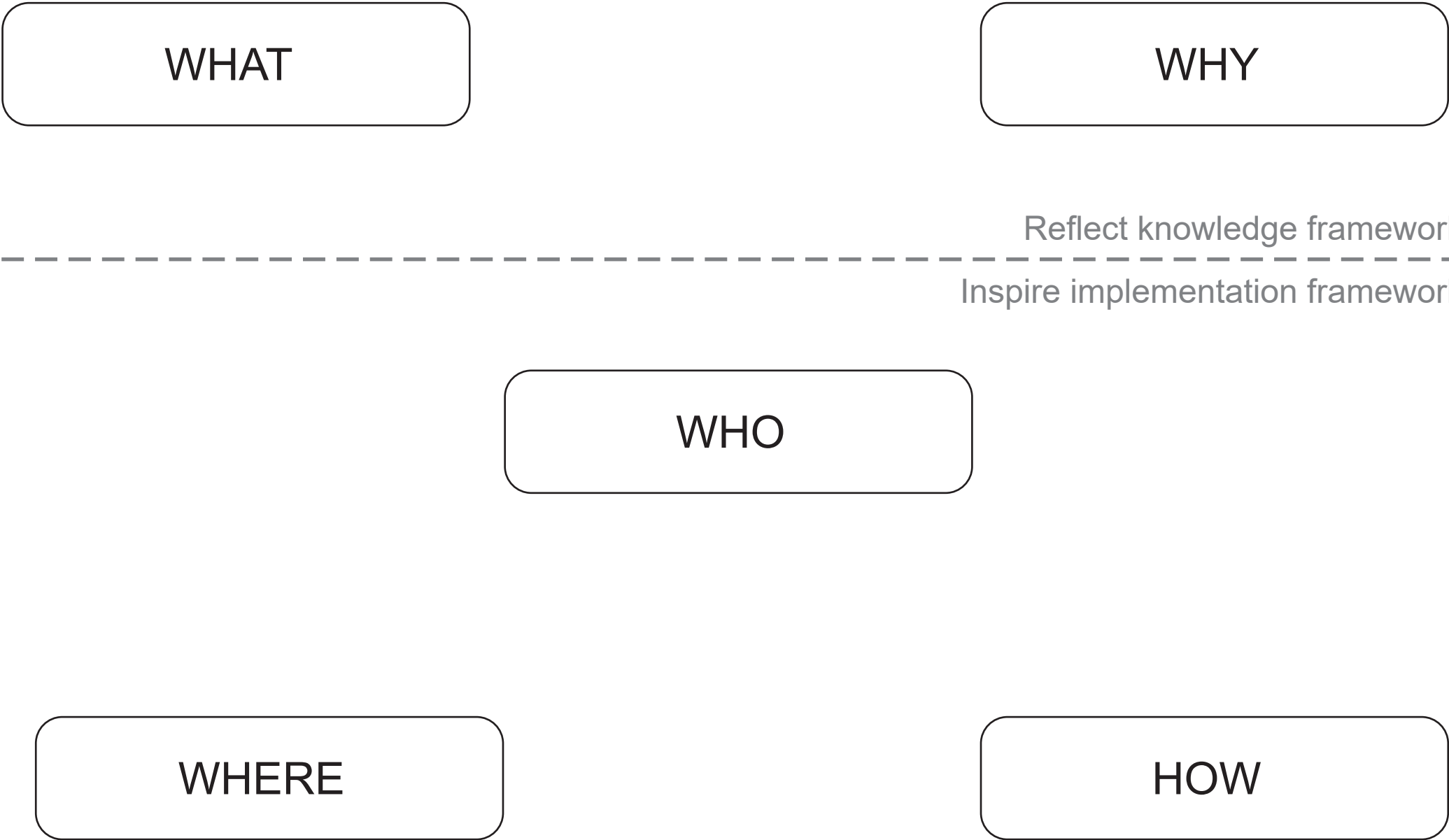
WHY

WHO

WHERE

HOW

Focus group



Focus group

WHAT

WHY

Reflect knowledge framework
Inspire implementation framework

WHO

WHERE

HOW

Focus group

WHO

"The first question comes in implementing such new technologies (DT)
is who will pay for it. "

-- Participants in the focus group

Focus group (DT-based CC implementation framework canvas)

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Stakeholder perspective

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2.
Case study



Case study

Case description



Leishenshan Hospital

Location: Wuhan, China

Client: Housing and Urban-Rural Development department of Wuhan municipality

Procurement strategy: Design & Build

Architect: Central South Architectural Design Institute (CSADI)

Contractor: China Construction Third Engineering Bureau Co. Ltd

Year of construction: 2020

Area: 75000 m²

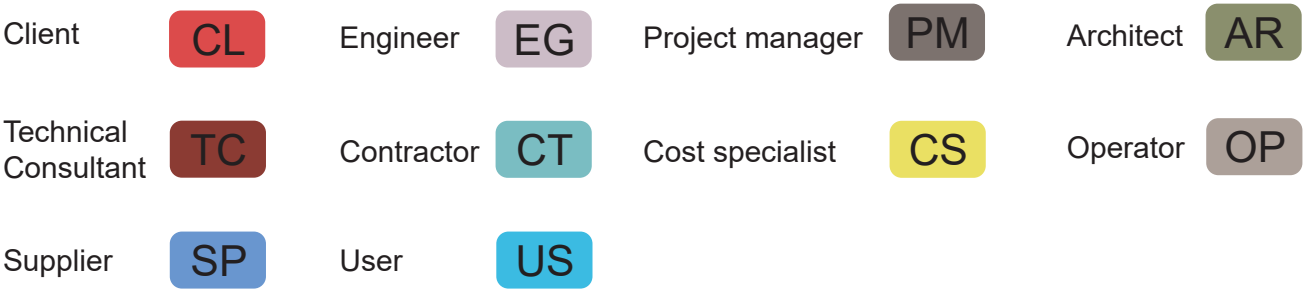
Development type: New built

Main function: Hospital

Number of beds: 1500

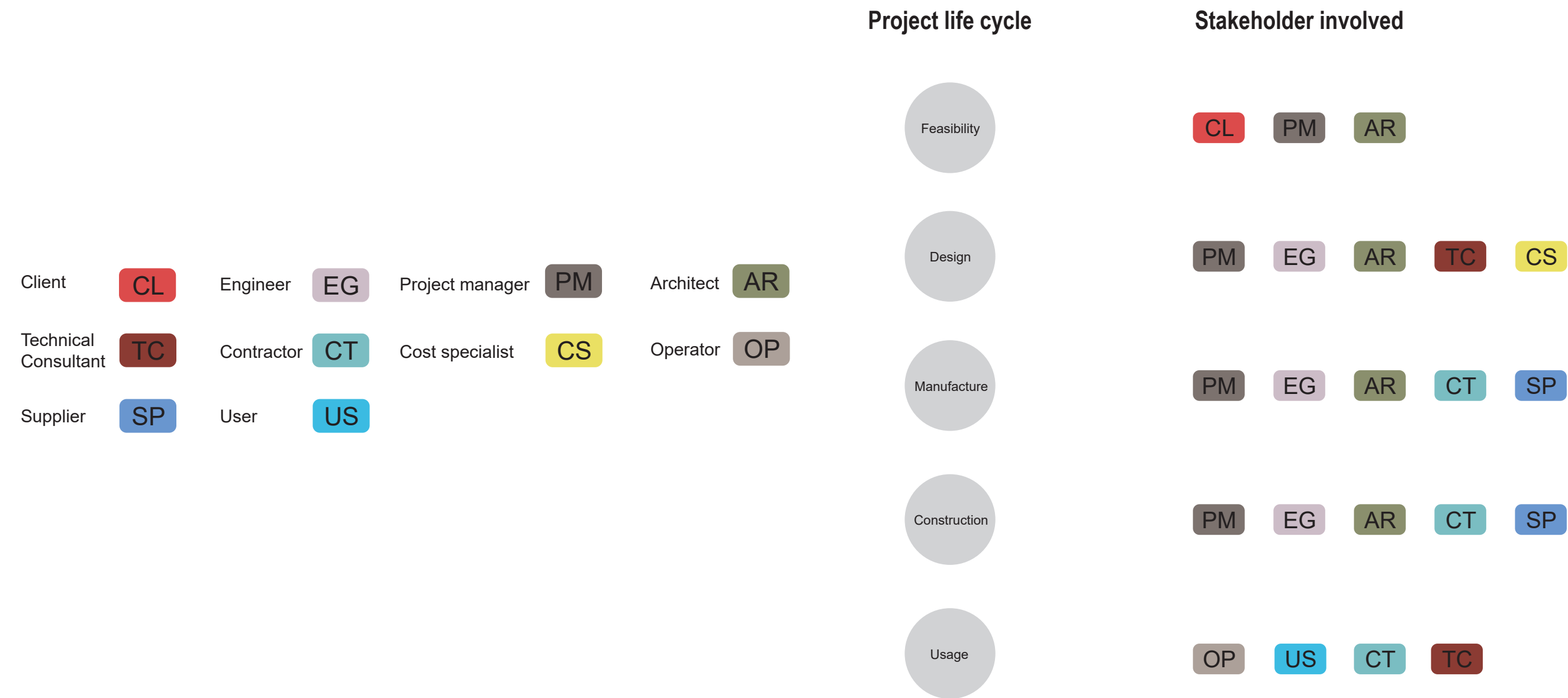
Case study

Project organization



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Case study

Development restrictions and requirements



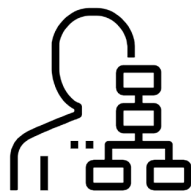
Time Limitation

Date	Progress
25-01-2020	Initiate
26-01-2020	Design and construction started
30-01-2020	61% done
03-02-2020	79% done
06-02-2020	Delivery phase 1
14-02-2020	Delivery phase 2



Supply problem

Material shortage
Closed local factory
Stopped logistics



Stakeholders

20.000 participants involved
Difficulties in management

Case study

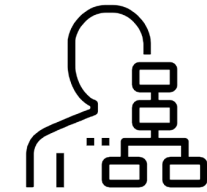
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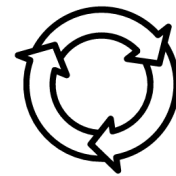
Supply problem



Stakeholders



Modularity



Reuse materials



Collaboration

Case study

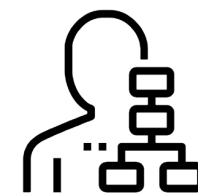
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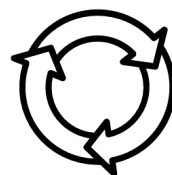
Supply problem



Stakeholders



Modularity



Reuse materials



Collaboration



Case analysis

Legend

Applied CC principles assisted by DT technologies

Applied CC principles without DT's support

Potentially applicable CC principles in the future

Not applicable

Theoretical applicable DT technology

Actual applied DT technology

Potentially applicable DT technologies

Stakeholder perspective

Client

Technical Consultant

Cost specialist

Project manager

Architect

Engineer

Supplier

Operator

User

Contractor

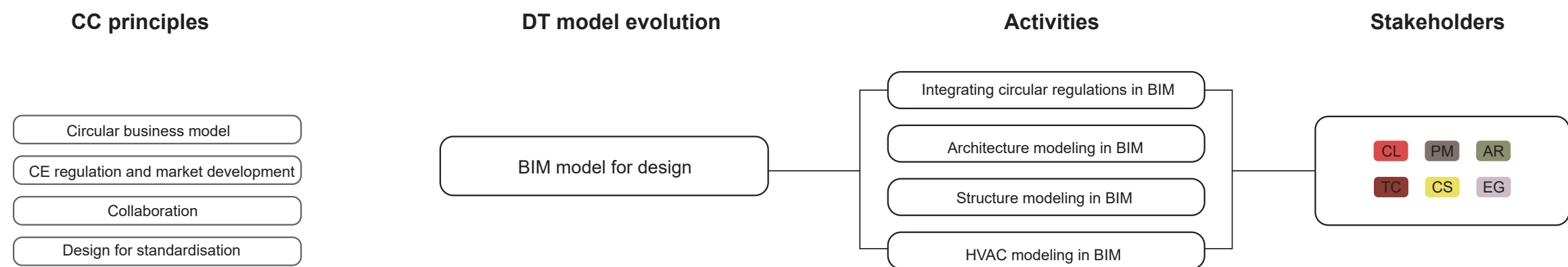
DT technologies users

Predicted DT technologies users

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Evaluate the state and value of the materials					OP TC	
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Minimize waste	PM AR AR EG AR EG CT EG CT OP TC					
Increase the lifespan		CT			OP CT	
Predictive maintenance		OP OP AR TC			OP TC	
Selective demolition		SP OP			OP TC	
Reuse of materials and components after end of life	SP OP	SP OP				
On-site sorting of demolition waste		SP OP			SP TC	
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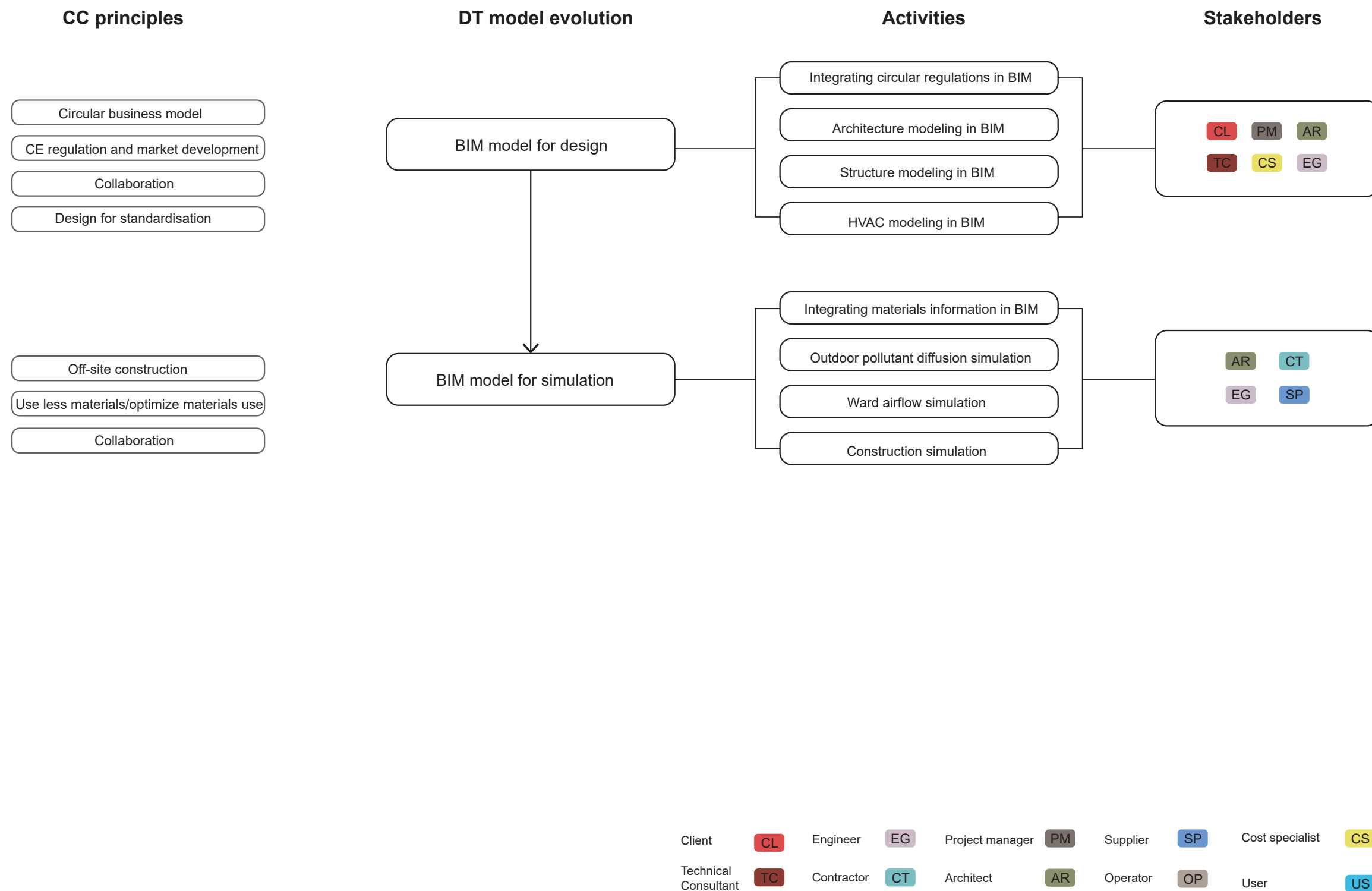
Applied CC principles assisted by DT technologies



Client	CL	Engineer	EG	Project manager	PM	Supplier	SP	Cost specialist	CS
Technical Consultant	TC	Contractor	CT	Architect	AR	Operator	OP	User	US

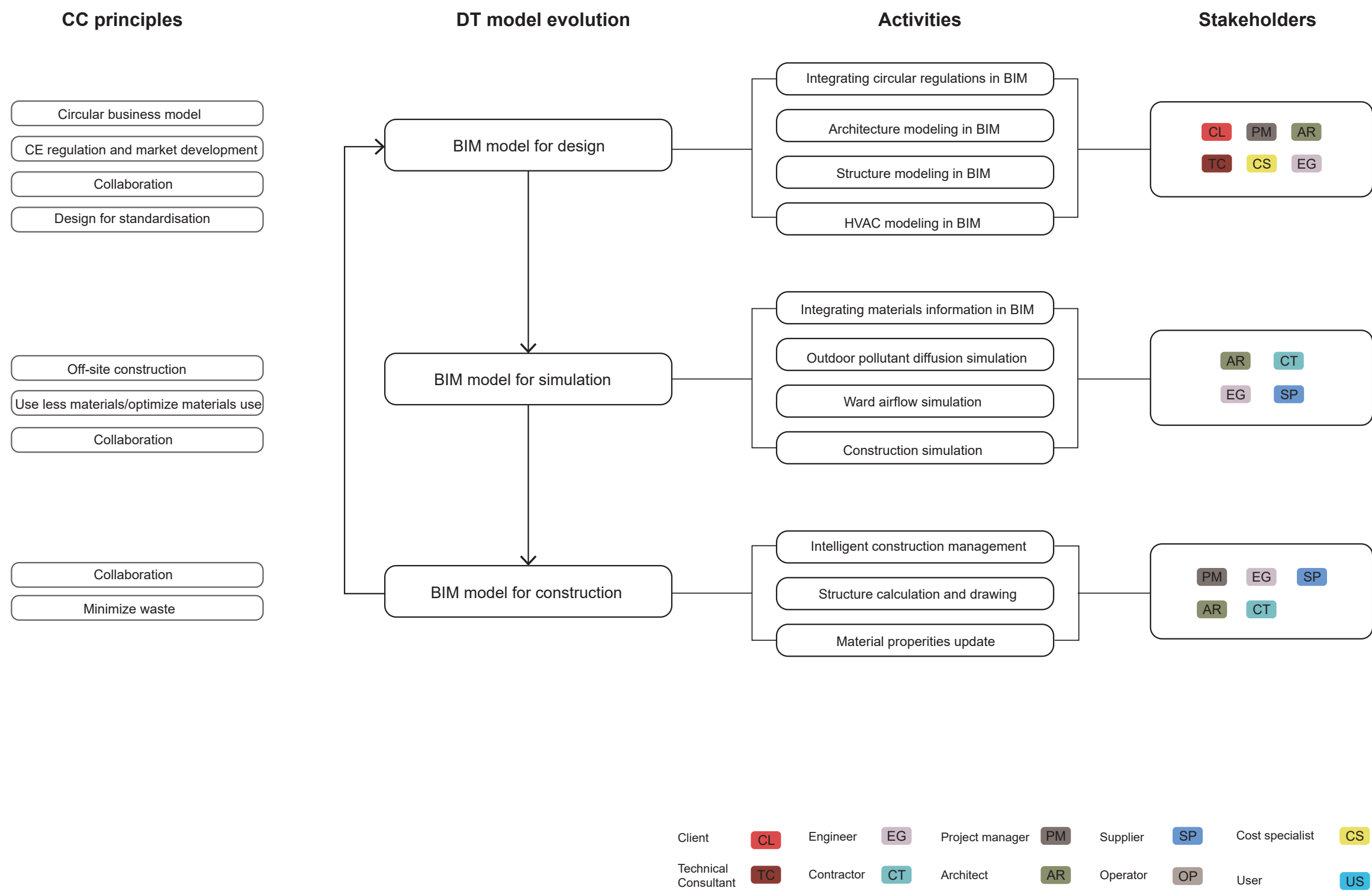
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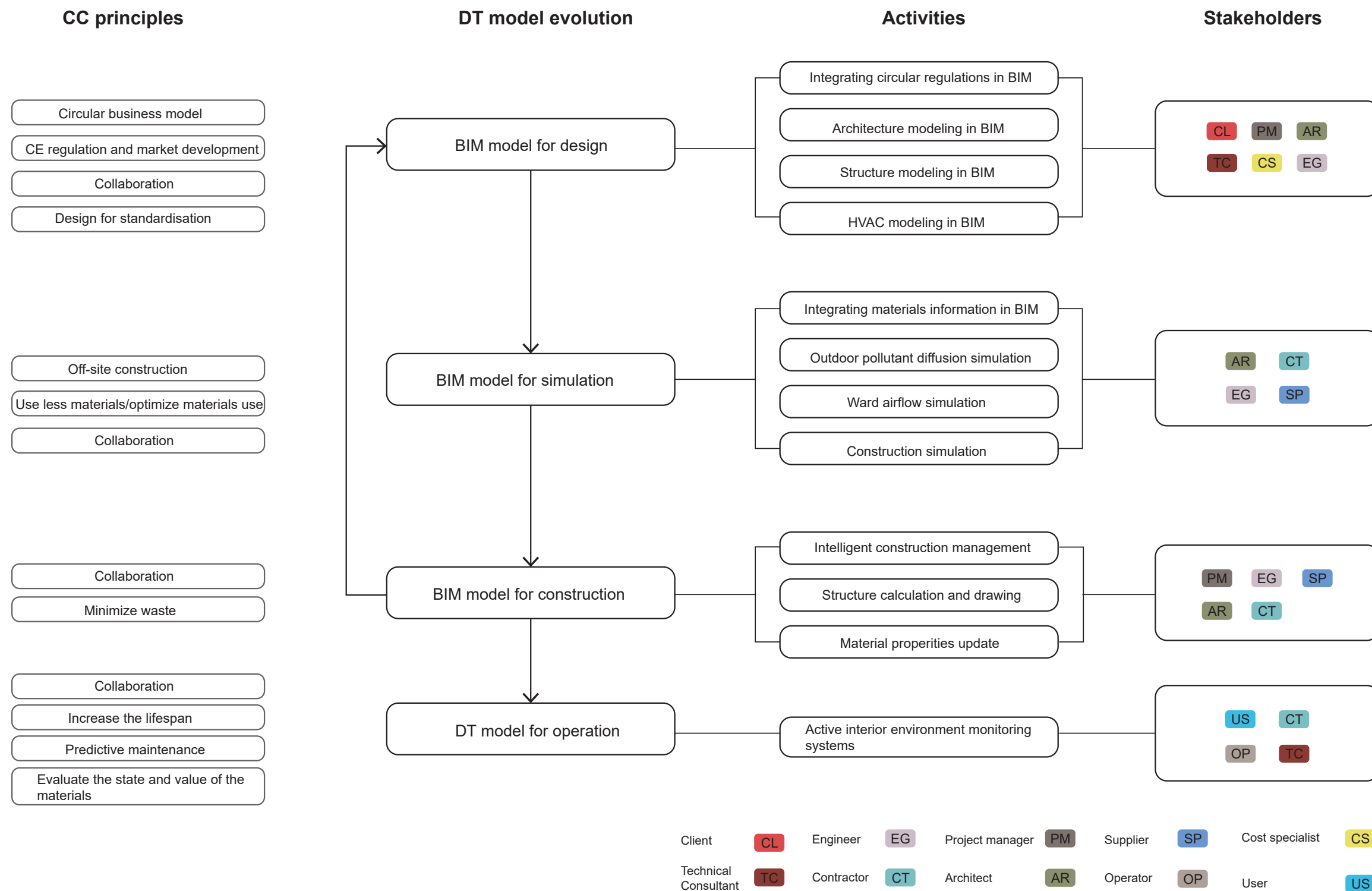
Finding

Applied CC principles assisted by DT technologies



Finding

Applied CC principles assisted by DT technologies



Finding

Applied CC principles without DT's support



Finding

Potentially applicable CC principles

50 years

Lifespan period

1,700 tons steels
3,300 container-type units

Amount of reusable materials

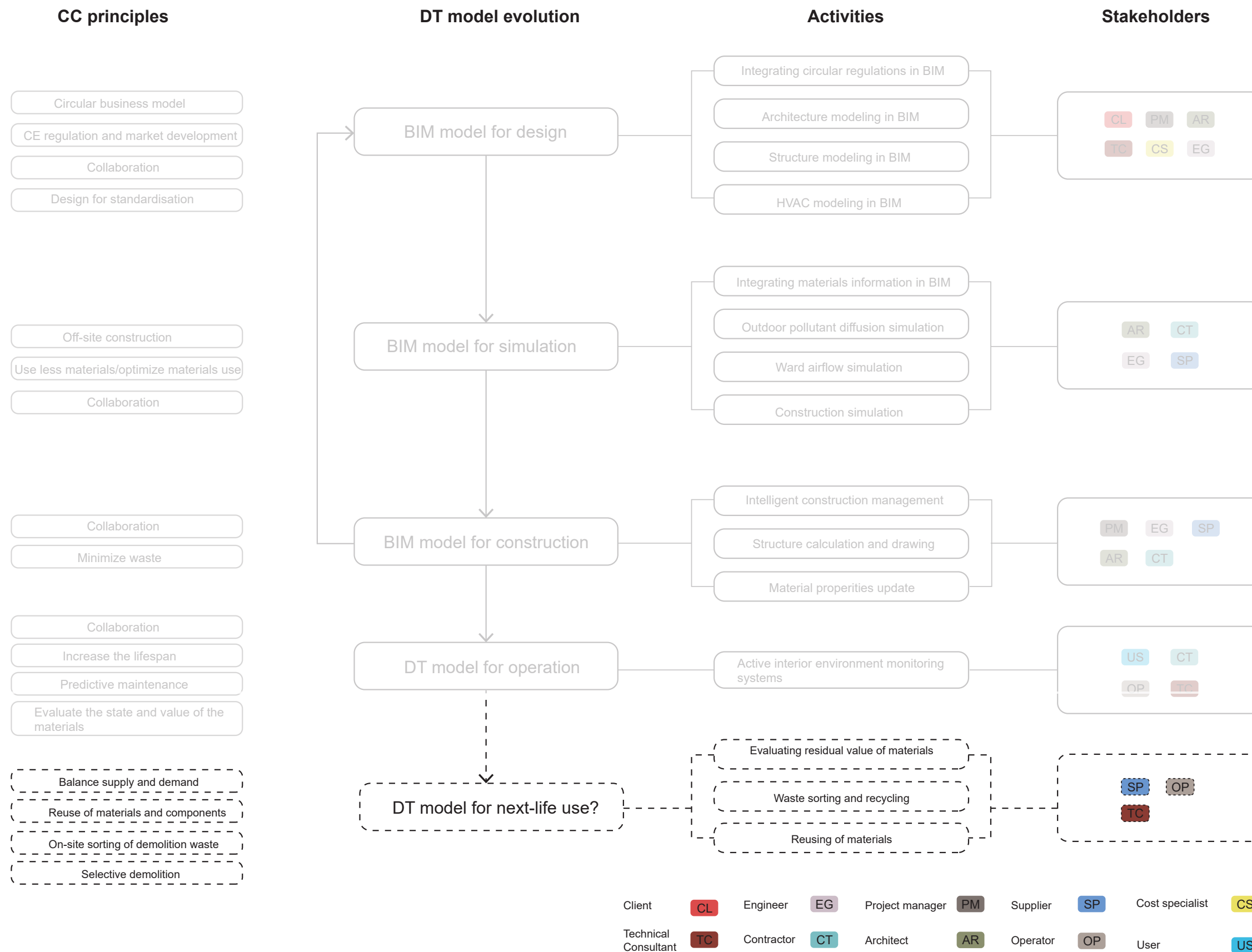
Steel: 60% of new ones
Container-type units: 16% of new ones

Estimated residual value of secondary materials

The building is temporary closed but ready for reopen anytime during the pandemic.

Finding

Potentially applicable CC principles



Conclusion: DT-based CC management framework (primary version)

Legend

Why this DT technology can assist this CC principle

Not applicable

Stakeholder perspective

Client

Technical Consultant

Engineer

Contractor

Architect

Circular Consultant

User

Cost specialist

Supplier

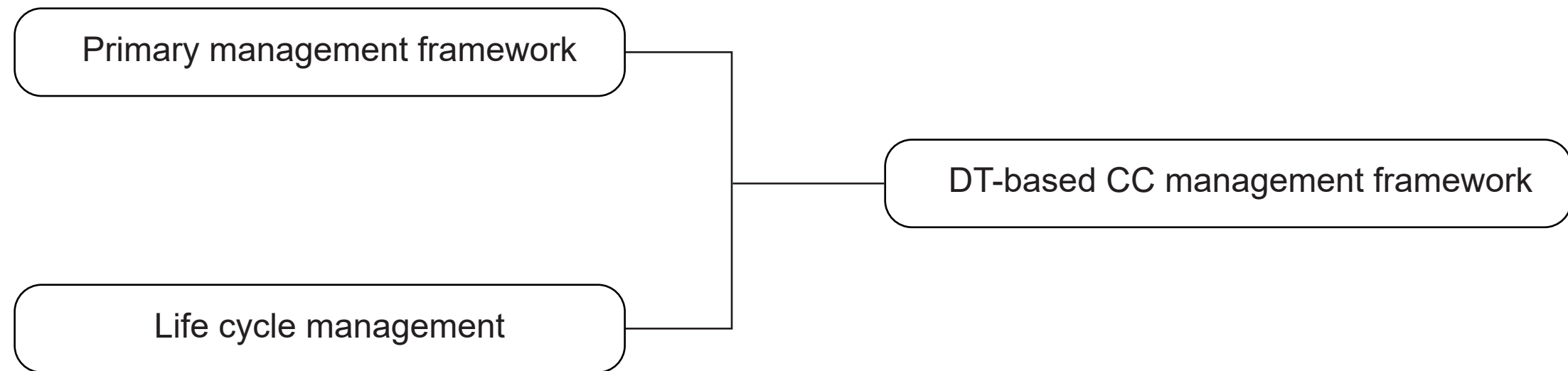
Operator

Project manager

PM

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Integrate circular principle early in the project	CL, PM, CC, AR	CC, PM				
Collaboration	CL, PM, CC, AR	CC, SP, AR, CT	AR, EG, TC	CT, TC, SP, EG	OP, TC, US	
Balance supply and demand		CC, SP				
Procure and use secondary materials	PM, SP	CC, CT				
Specify recycled/reclaimed material		AR	AR			
Design for disassembly						
Design for standardisation			AR, EG, TC, CS	AR, EG, CT, SP		
Design for adaptability						
Off-site construction		CT, SP	EG, CT			
Use less materials/Optimize material use			AR, EG	EG, CT		
Evaluate the state and value of the materials		CC, OP			OP, TC	
Predict the value and reuse potential of materials at the end-of-life stage			AR			
Minimize waste	PM	AR	AR, EG	EG, CT		
Increase the lifespan		CC, AR	OP, CT		OP, CC, TC	
Predictive maintenance		CC, OP				
Selective demolition						
Reuse of materials and components after end of life	CC, OP	CC, OP, SP	OP, SP			
On-site sorting of demolition waste					TC, SP	
Upcycling of materials						
Close-loop recycling						
Adaptive refurbishment		CC, OP, SP	AR, EG, TC	AR, EG, CT	TC, OP	AR, OP, CC, TC

Synthesis



DT-based CC Management framework

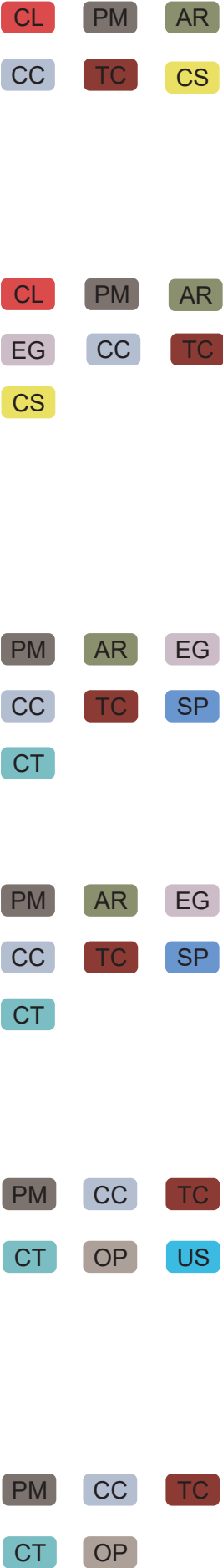
Legend

Client	CL	Engineer	EG
Technical Consultant	TC	Contractor	CT
Architect	AR	User	US
Circular Consultant	CC	Cost specialist	CS
Operator	OP	Project manager	PM
Supplier	SP		

Project life cycle stage



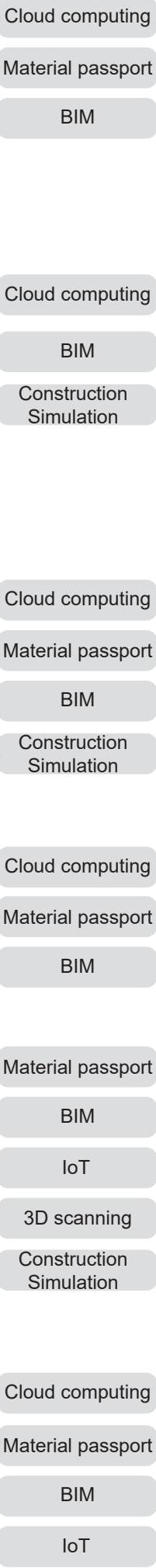
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CC principles

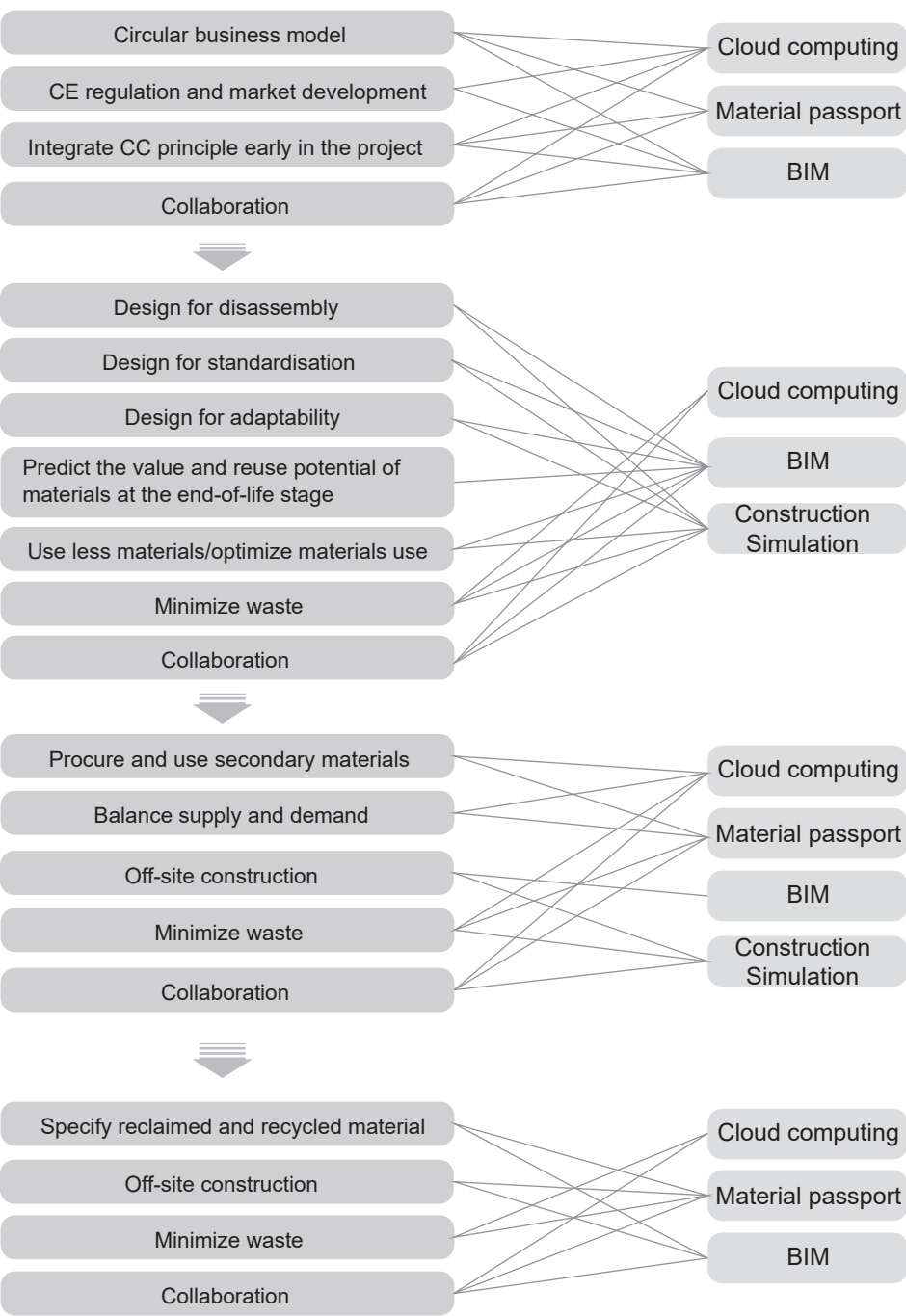
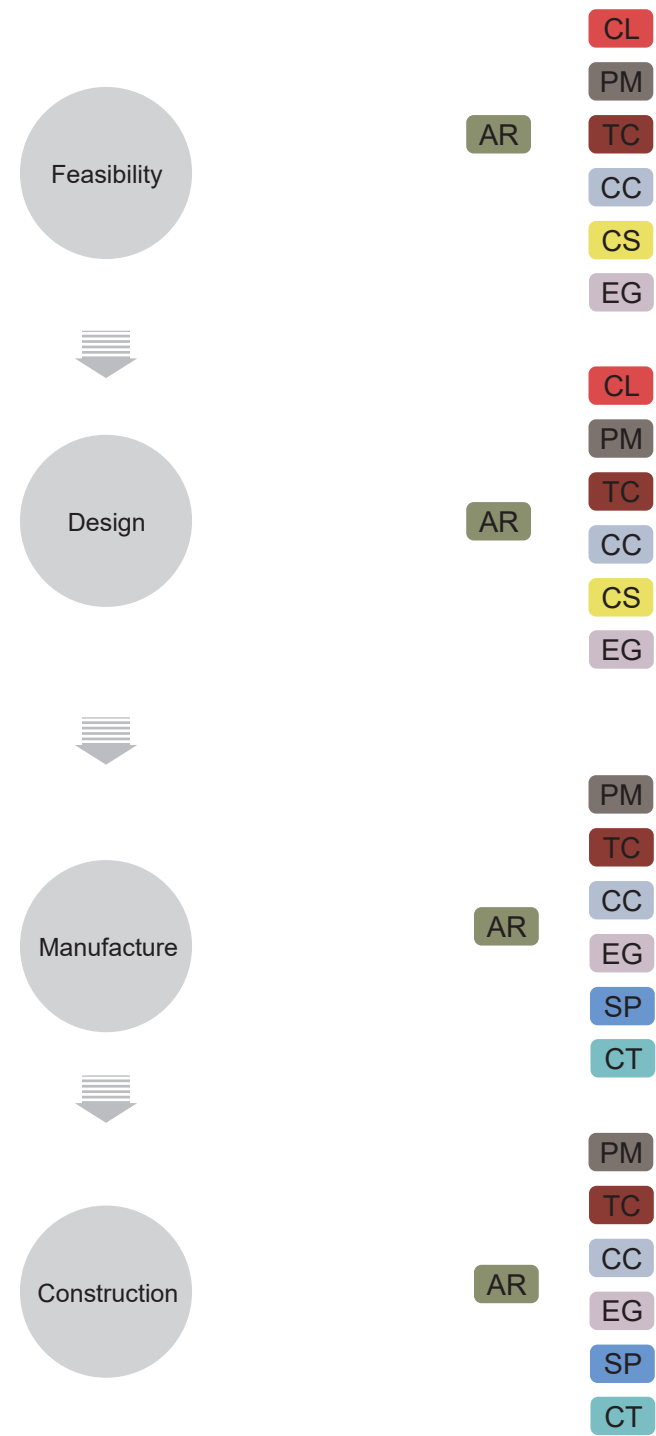


DT technologies



DT-based CC Management framework

Architect AR
D&B project



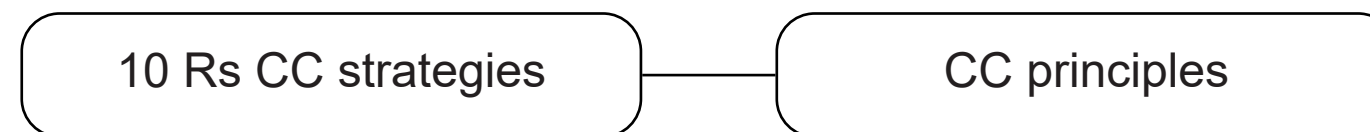


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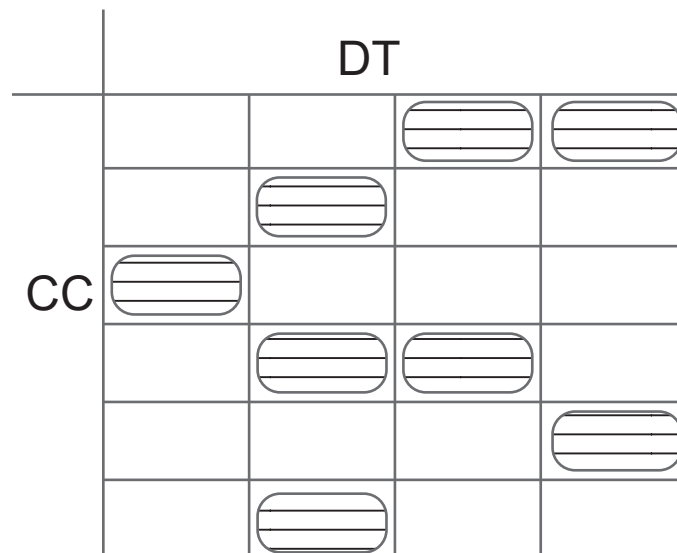
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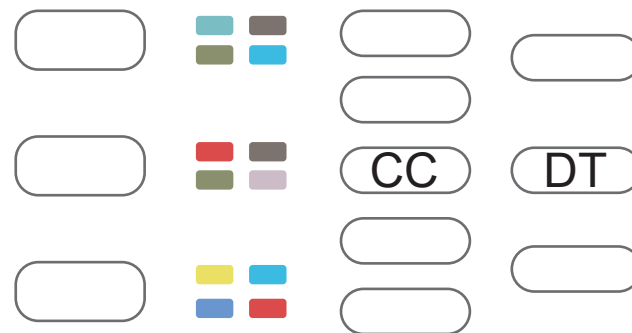
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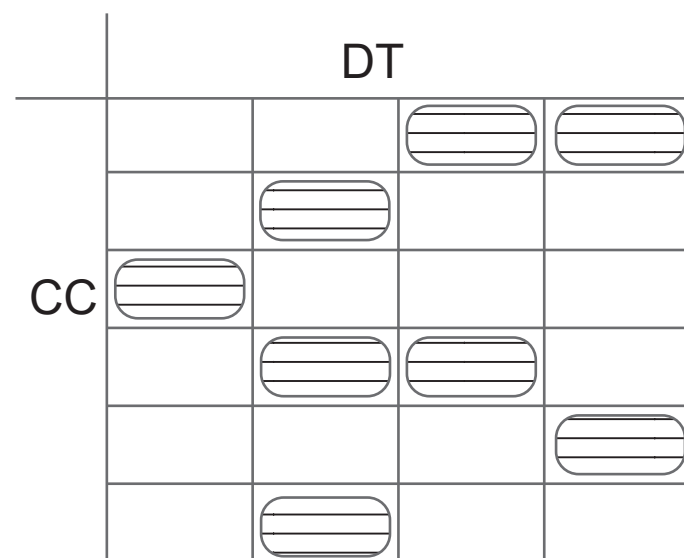
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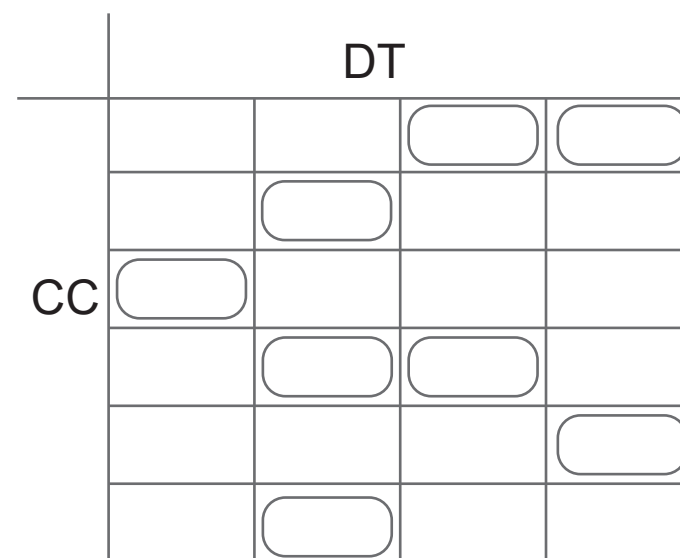
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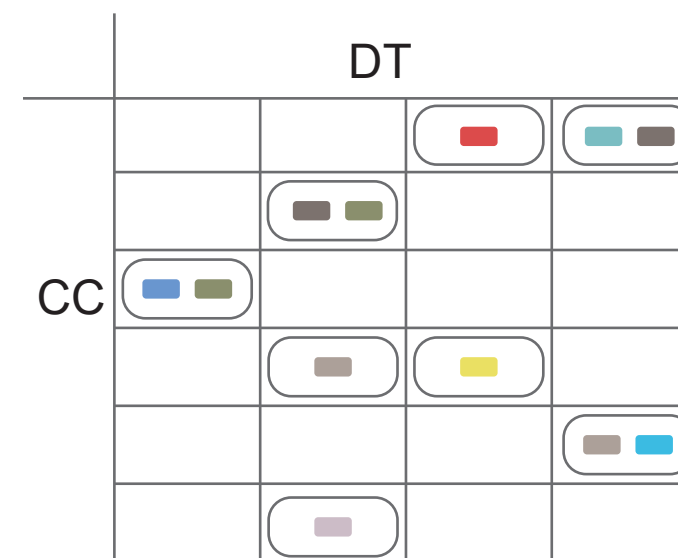
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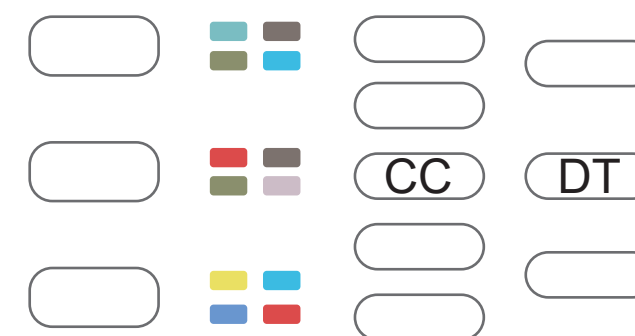
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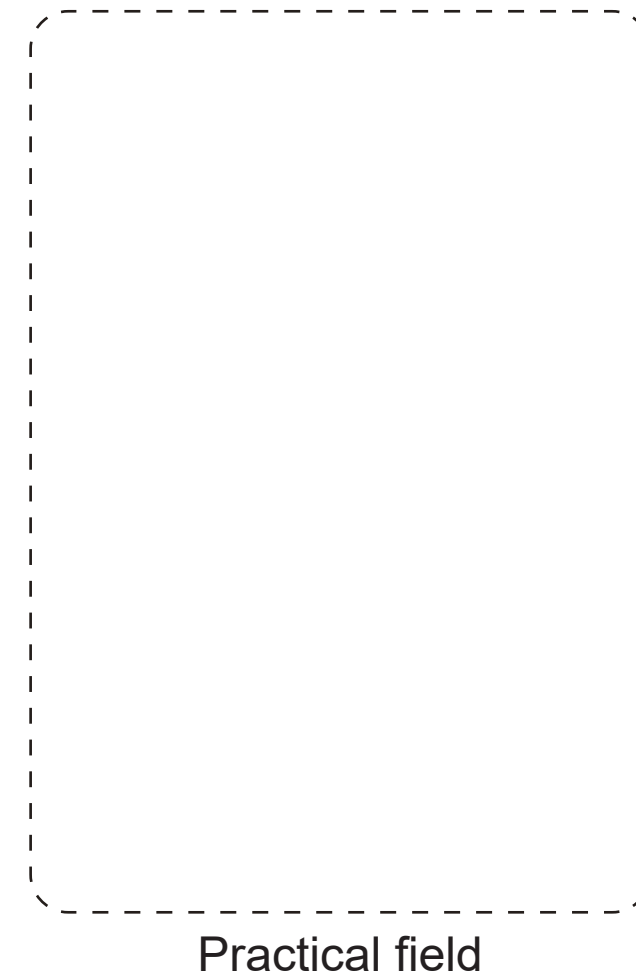
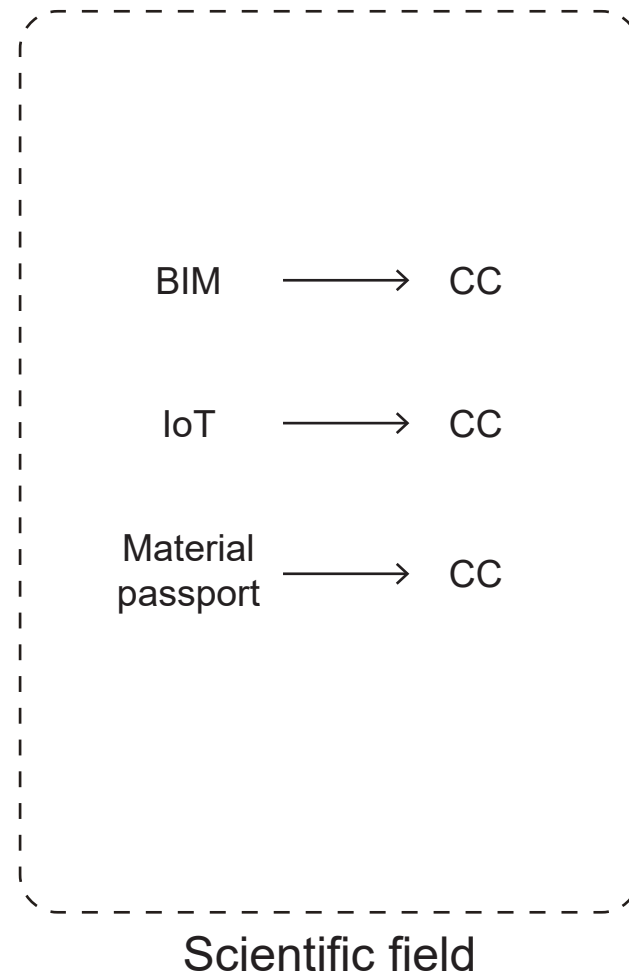


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Discussion

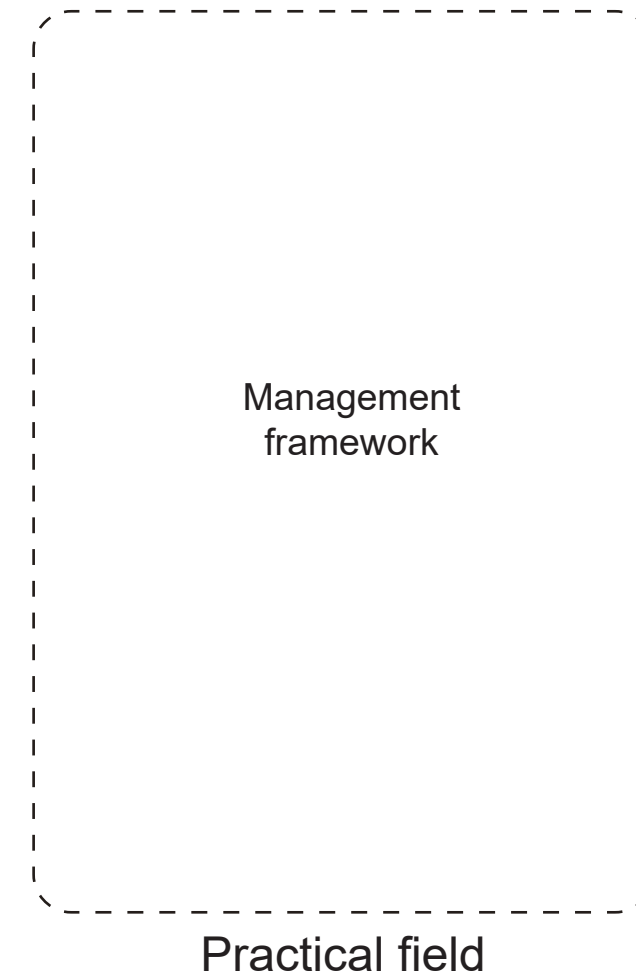
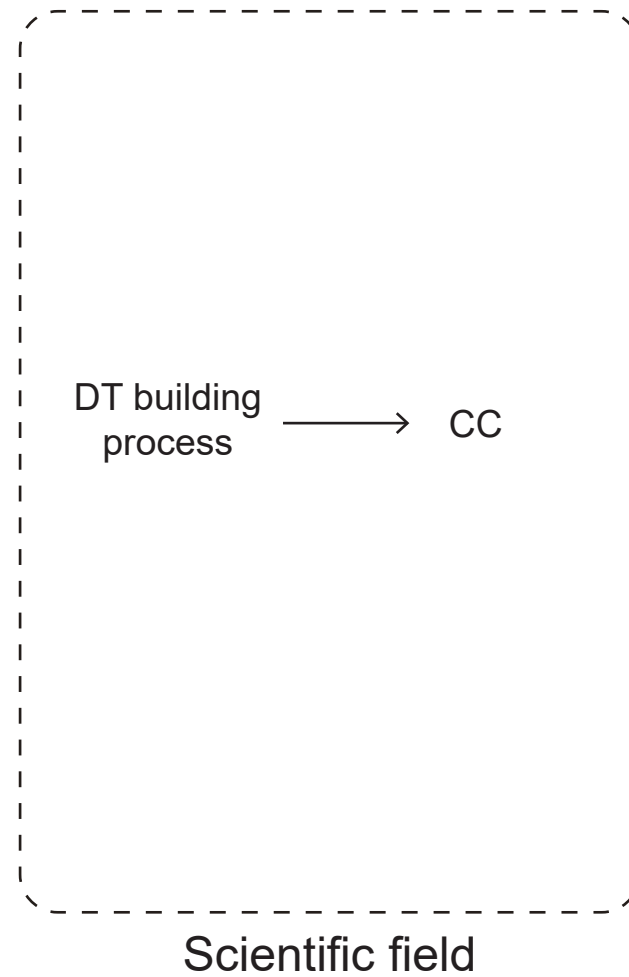
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Reflect on existing knowledge



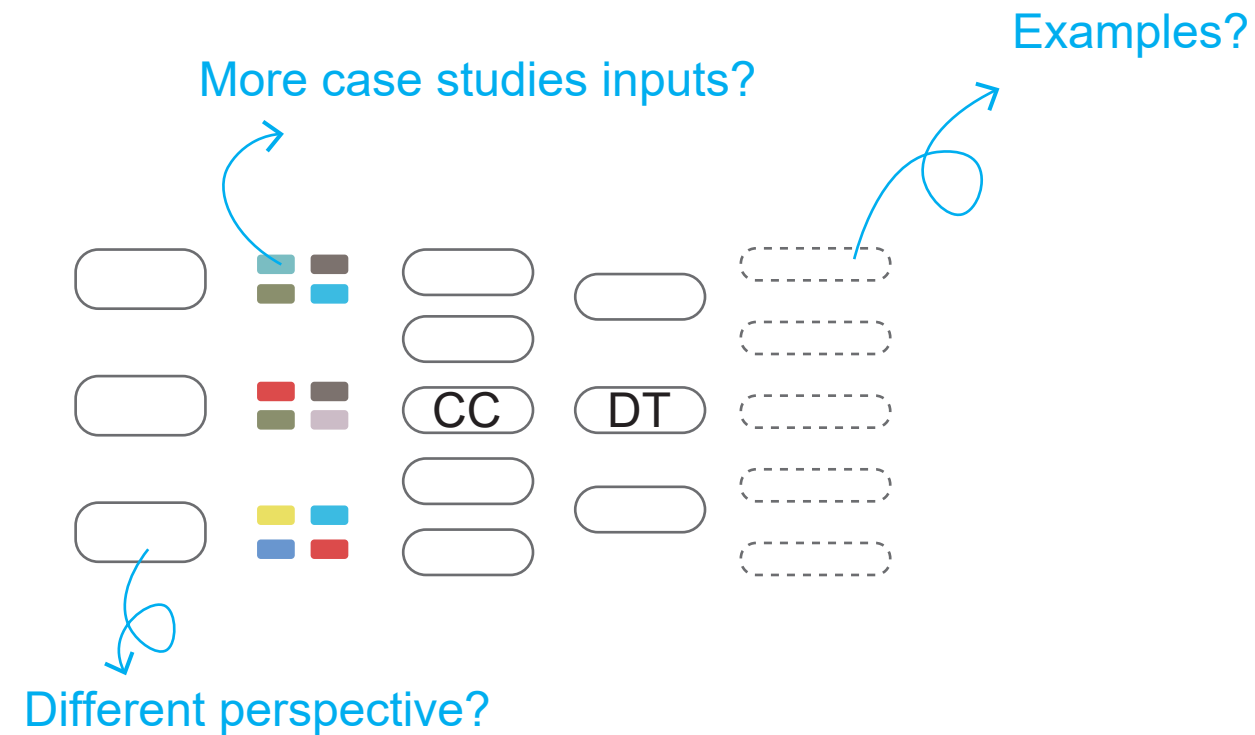
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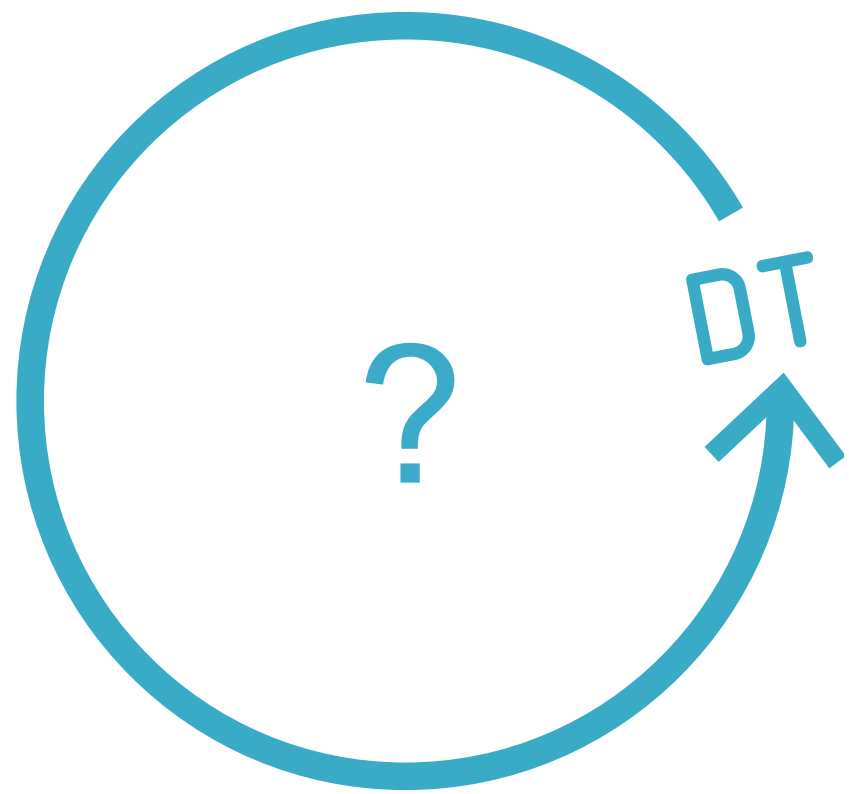


Discussion

Furture approach



1. Conduct more **case studies**, to make the results more concrete.
2. Add practical activities in the management framework as **examples**.
3. Add **new perspectives** in the management framework.
4. Develop the management framework be more **flexible** in different projects.



Thanks for listening!

Questions?