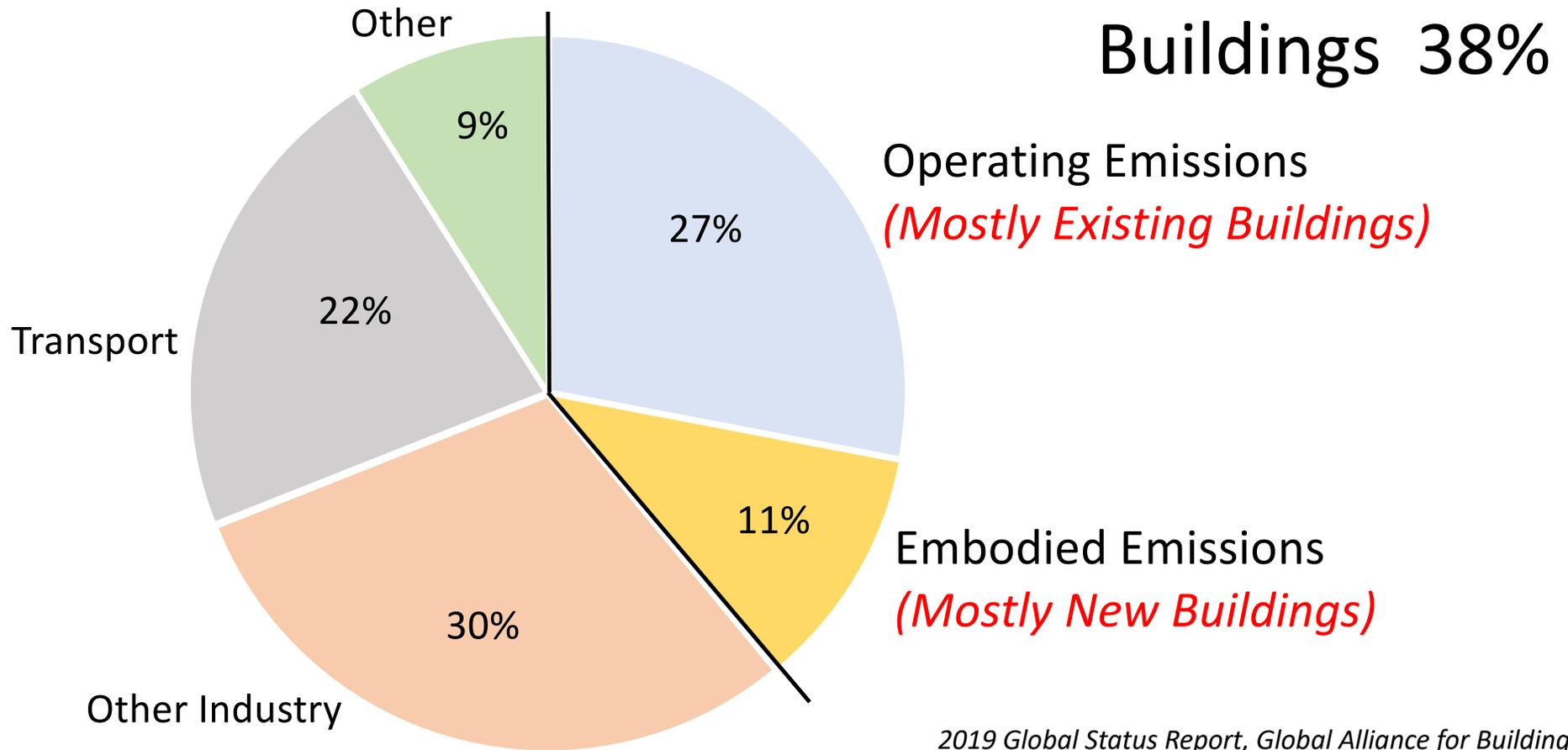
An aerial night view of a city skyline, likely New York City, showing numerous skyscrapers illuminated with lights. The sky is dark blue, and the city lights create a vibrant, glowing effect. The buildings are densely packed, and the overall scene is a dense urban landscape.

Why Existing Buildings Matter

- We have a lot of buildings
- They contain a lot of materials
- They are not very efficient
- We can't afford to replace them all

Annual Global GHG Emissions by End Use



2019 Global Status Report, Global Alliance for Building and Construction and Architecture (GABC)

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What it Does

Evaluates total carbon emissions of existing building reuse compared to new construction

Who it's For

- Planners
- Preservation officers
- Building owners
- Developers
- Designers in early design

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Compares

- Embodied Carbon
- Operational Carbon
- Avoided Carbon

Existing, New & Reuse Scenarios

- Existing Baseline Building
- Replace Existing w/New
- Reuse & Retrofit Existing



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INPUTS

BUILDING SITE & PROJECT USE TYPE
Click in the white cells to select from a dropdown menu or enter information about your building site and planned project use type.

State: California
Climate Zone: Marine
Primary Use Type: Office
Existing Building Floor Area: 14,263 sf
Operational Timeline: 10 years
Key climate dates: 2030 & 2040

ABOUT THE EXISTING BUILDING RETROFIT
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Retrofit Building Floor Area: 14,263 sf

EFFICIENCY UPGRADES (kg/m²)

MEP: Upgrade: Upgrade Gas, Reuse Ducts: 25
Envelope: Minor Upgrade: Insulation, Air Sealing: 20

RENOVATIONS (kg/m²)

Interior: Gut & Replace Interior: 59
Cladding: Minor: 25% Replacement: 20
Structure: No Structural Upgrade: 0

OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE (kWh/m²-yr)

Baseline EUI: Defaults to CDECS 2012, or enter own EUI number: 80
Performance Target: 75% Better than Baseline: 20

ABOUT THE NEW BUILDING
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New Building Floor Area: 14,263 sf

EMBODIED PERFORMANCE (kg/m²)

Structural System: Mixed Wood + Concrete or Steel: 300

OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE (kWh/m²-yr)

Baseline EUI: Defaults to Code Average, or enter EUI number: 40
Performance Target: 80% Better than Baseline: 8

EMBODIED EMISSIONS MODIFIERS
Click in the white cells and select from the dropdown menus to add additional project details. The modifiers impact the embodied emissions of the existing building retrofit and the new building.

Poor Soil/High Seismic Zone/Similar? No: 0
Demolish Existing Building? Yes: 25
Add Floor Below Grade? No: 0
Add On-Site PV Panels? Yes: 25
Use Low Carbon Concrete? Yes: -25%

RESULTS

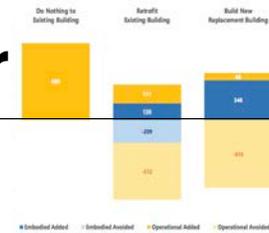


	[CO ₂ e, credits to gains]				OPERATIONAL EMISSIONS [CO ₂ e, years]				TOTAL EMISSIONS
	Added kg/m ²	Added Tons	Avoided Tons	Total Tons	EUI (kWh/m ² -yr)	Added Tons	Avoided Tons	Total Tons	Tons CO ₂ e 10 years
Do Nothing	0	0	0	0	80	663	0	663	663
Retrofit Existing	105	133	-209	-70	20	171	-112	-342	-411
Build New Replacement	263	349	0	348	8	68	-615	-547	-199

User Interface:

- Excel dashboard with drop down menus
- Four new building options
- A menu of renovation and upgrade options
- Options for operational efficiency
- Embodied carbon modifiers

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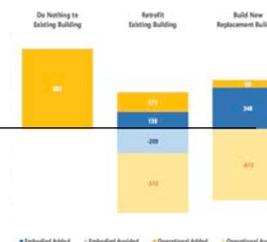


Embodied Carbon – New Buildings

Light - Wood Framed Building	Mixed – Wood + Concrete / Steel	Mid-Rise Concrete /Steel	High Rise Glass Skyscraper
200 kg/m ² (~40 lbs/sf)	300 kg/m ² (~60 lbs/sf)	500 kg/m ² (~100 lbs/sf)	700 kg/m ² (~150 lbs/sf)



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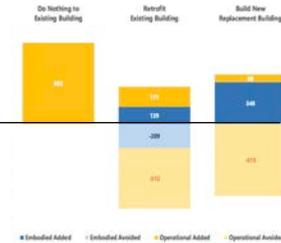


Embodied Carbon – Renovations & Upgrades

MEP	Envelope	Interiors	Cladding	Structure
No Upgrade	No Upgrade	No Upgrade	No Upgrade	No Upgrade
Upgrade Gas	Minor: Insulation, Air	Minor: Finishes only	25% Replacement	Light: Wood: 25% Upgrade
New Heat pumps, LED Lighting	Major: Insulation, Windows	Major: Gut and Replace	50% Replacement	Light: Wood: 50% Upgrade
			100% Replacement	Heavy: Conc/steel 25% upgrade
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Operational Carbon		
Existing Building	Retrofit Existing	New Building
Baseline - CBECS 2012	Baseline - no efficiency upgrade	Baseline: Code Average
	20% better than baseline	20% better than code average
	40% better than baseline	40% better than code average
	60% better than baseline	60% better than code average
	80% better than baseline	60% better than code average
	Net Zero Carbon	Net Zero Carbon

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BUILDING SITE & PROJECT USE TYPE

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State **Massachusetts**

Climate Zone **Very cold/cold**

Primary Use Type **Education**

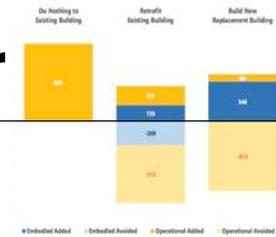
Existing Building Floor Area **18,000 sf**

Operational Timeline **15 years**

key climate dates: 2030 & 2040



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ABOUT THE EXISTING BUILDING RETROFIT

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Retrofit Building Floor Area

EFFICIENCY UPGRADES kg/m2

MEP	<input type="text" value="Replace: New Heat Pumps, LED"/>	<input type="text" value="60"/>
Envelope	<input type="text" value="Major Upgrade: Insulation, New Windows"/>	<input type="text" value="50"/>

RENOVATIONS kg/m2

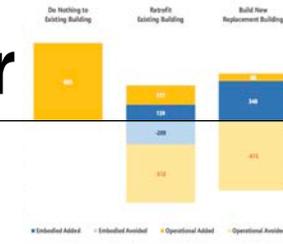
Interior	<input type="text" value="Gut & Replace Interior"/>	<input type="text" value="50"/>
Cladding	<input type="text" value="Minor: 25% Replacement"/>	<input type="text" value="20"/>
Structure	<input type="text" value="Heavy, Conc./Steel - Minor: 25% Upgrade"/>	<input type="text" value="90"/>

OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE kBtu/sf-yr

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Performance Target	<input type="text" value="75% Better than Baseline"/>	<input type="text" value="19"/>



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ABOUT THE NEW BUILDING

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New Building Floor Area

EMBODIED PERFORMANCE

kg/m²

Structural System

OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

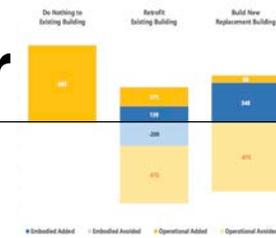
kBtu/sf-yr

Baseline EUI *Defaults to Code Average, or enter EUI number*

Performance Target



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		kg/m2
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Demolish Existing Building?	No	0
Add Floor Below Grade?	No	0
Add On-Site PV Panels?	No	0
Use Low Carbon Concrete?	No	



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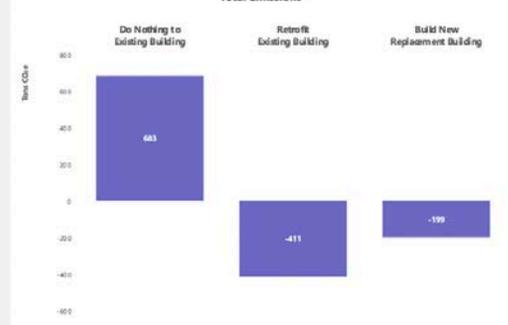
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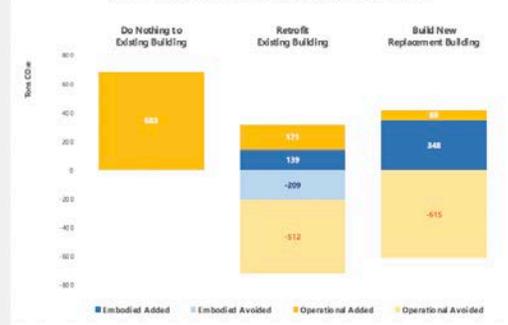
Floor Slab High Seismic Zone/Slender? No
 Demolish Existing Building? Yes: 25
 Add Floor Slab Grade? No: 0
 Add On-Site PV Panels? Yes: 25
 Use Low Carbon Concrete? Yes: -25%

RESULTS

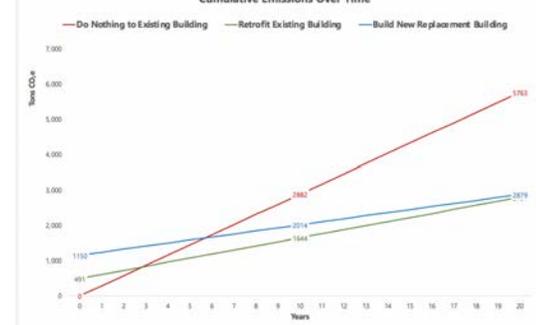
Total Emissions



Total Embodied & Operational Emissions: Added & Avoided



Cumulative Emissions Over Time



	(CO ₂ e, made to gate)				OPERATIONAL EMISSIONS (CO ₂ e, years)				TOTAL EMISSIONS
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