

HOW TO MEASURE **SUSTAINABILITY** IN SOFTWARE SYSTEMS



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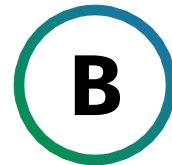


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Fragmented Data



Lack of Transparency



Lack of Awareness

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Research and development project on automated life cycle assessment of distributed software systems



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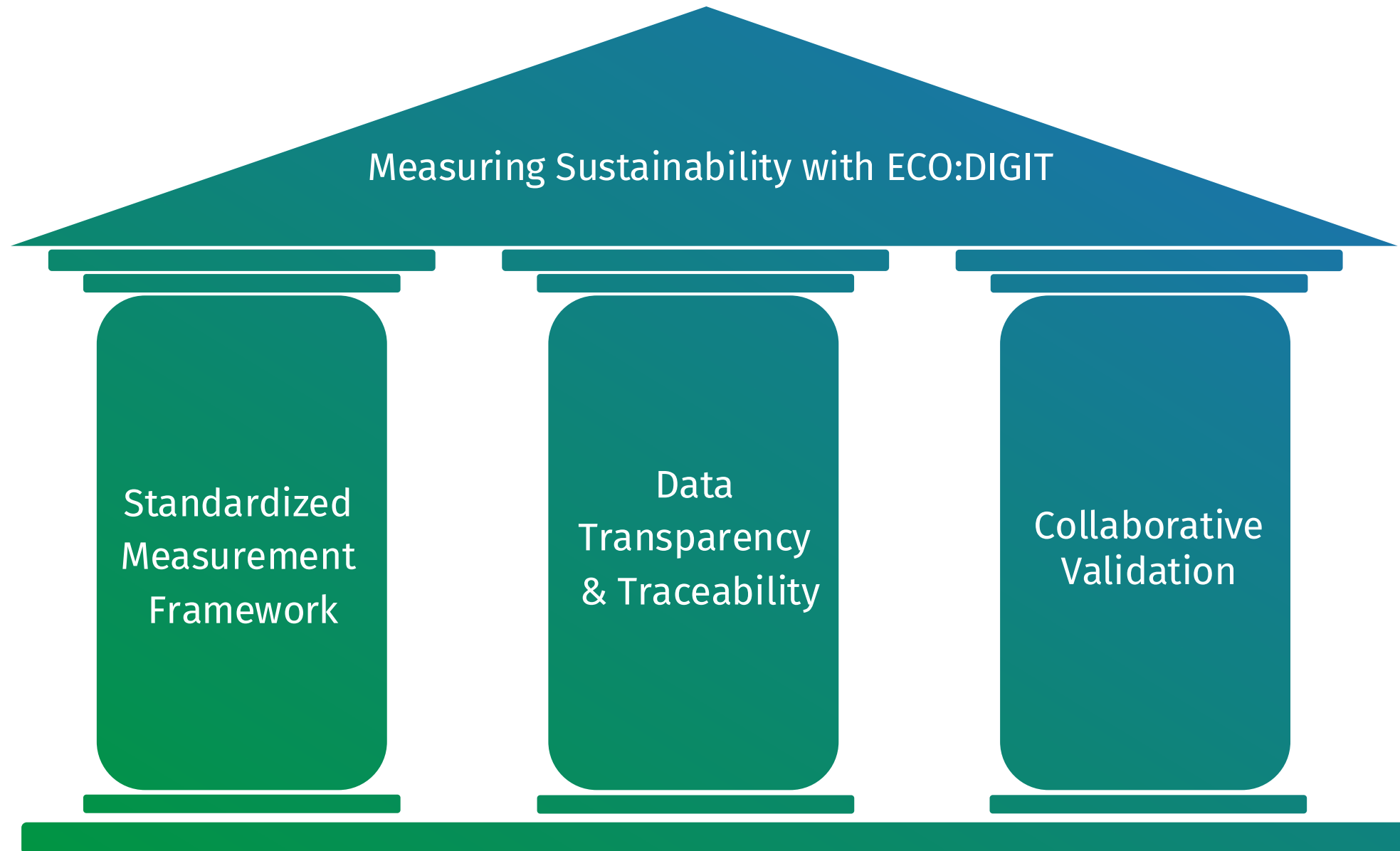
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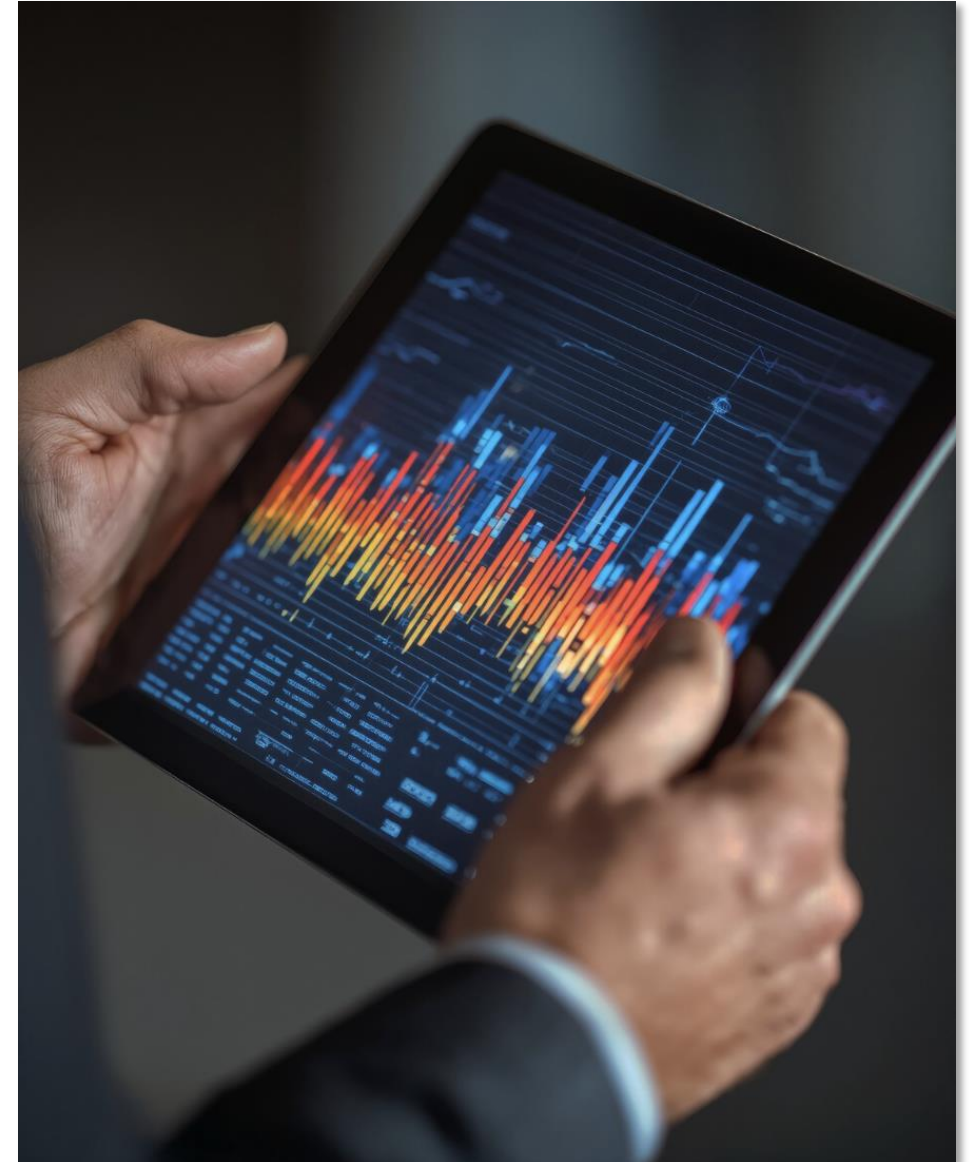
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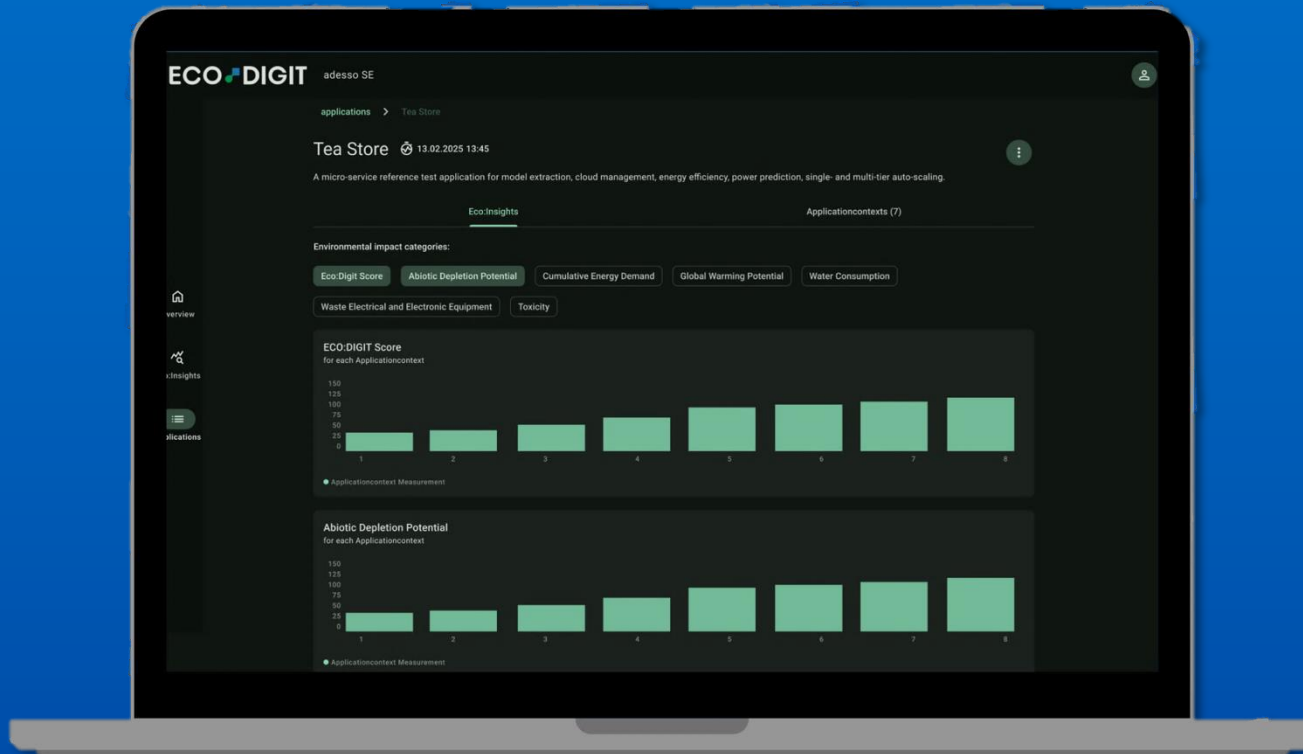


Standardized Measurement Framework

- Developed on a scientific foundation using Öko-Institut methodologies
- Provides a unified structure for environmental metrics, covering both the manufacturing and use phases of IT systems
- Covers key sustainability metrics: GWP, CED, ADP, and Water Consumption
- Enables automated, consistent, and comparable assessments across different infrastructures



Data Transparency & Traceability



- Ensures traceable and verifiable calculations across all system components
- Includes external validation by research partners
- Provides open documentation of methods, datasets, and emission factors
- Transforms black-box APIs into transparent, reproducible results

Collaborative Validation

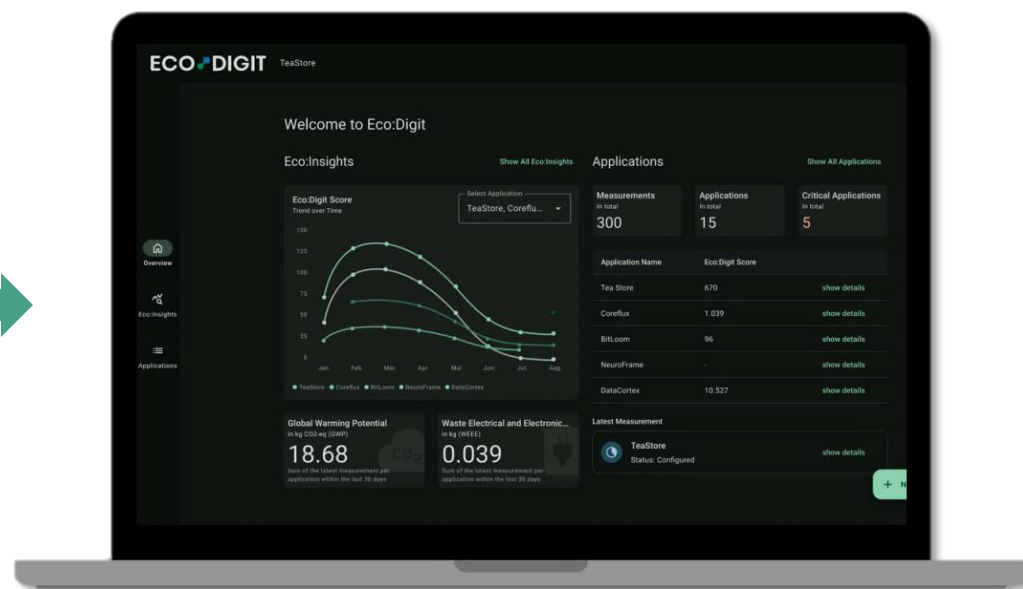
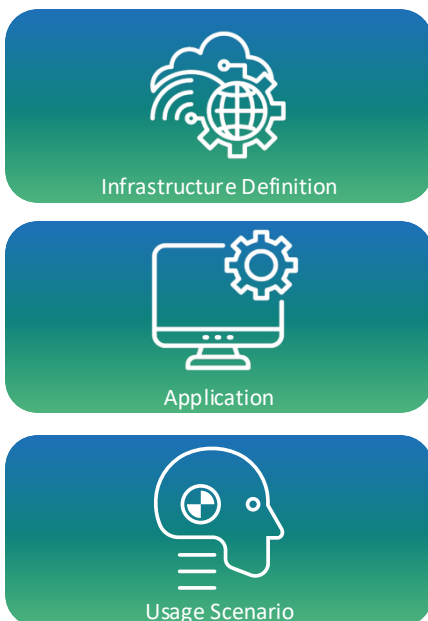
- Involves friendly customers and research partners to test the framework in practice
- Validates measurement results under real-world conditions
- Translates insights into actionable recommendations for organizations
- Builds a shared understanding that connects ecological and economic perspectives



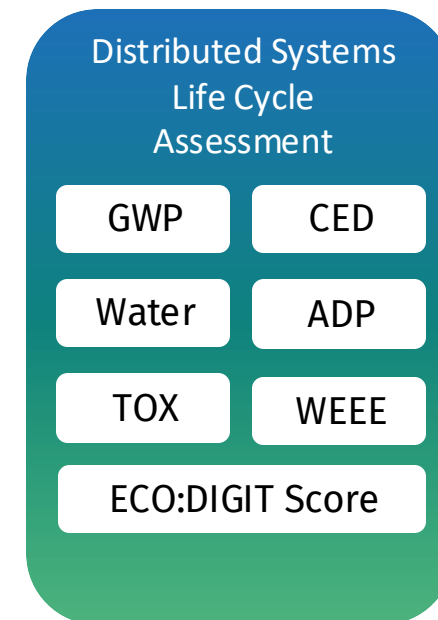
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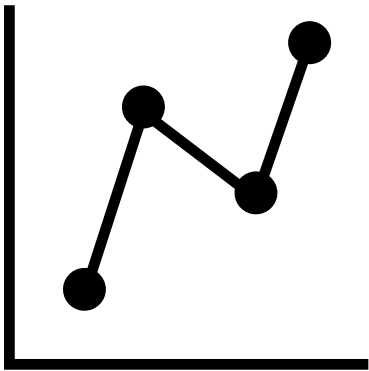
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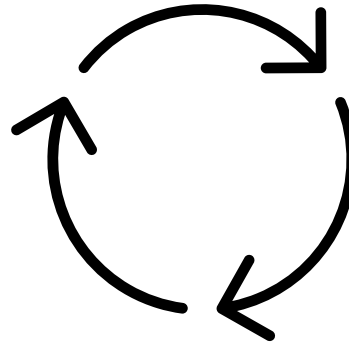
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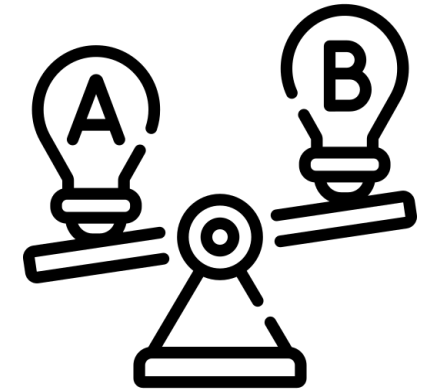
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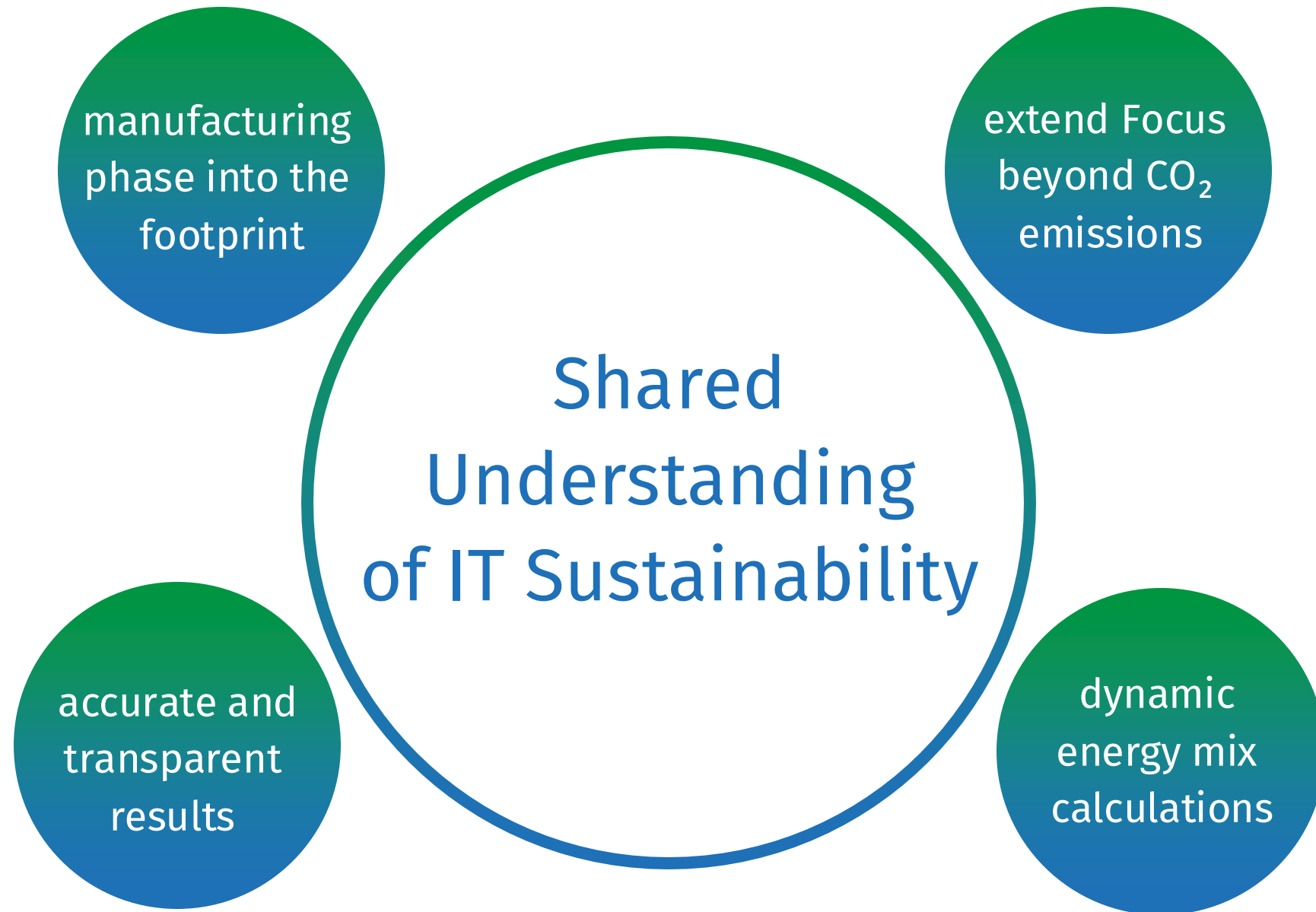
Collected real IT
infrastructure data



Applied Öko-Instituts's
LCA approach



Compared the results
of the servers



Sustainability in IT Needs Collaboration.





ANY QUESTIONS?

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