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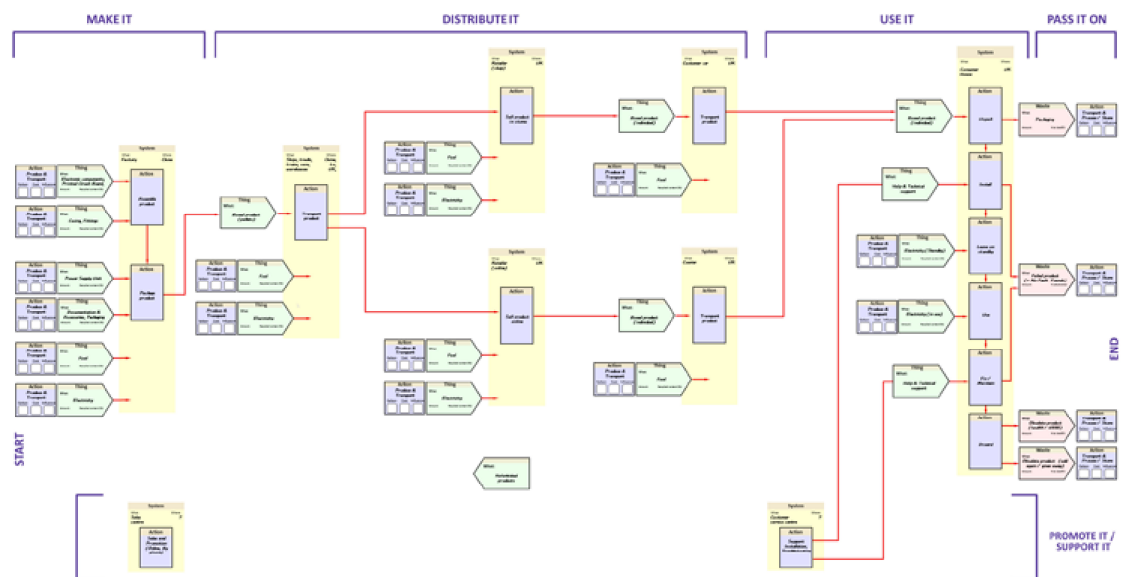
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Impact map

What?

An impact map is a diagram that shows the flows of materials and energy over the whole-life of a product.

Technology product example. You can click on the image below to view it full-screen, then you can zoom in to the level required to read the text. This image is also available as a [PowerPoint file](#).



Why?

Creating an impact map helps to set priorities for improvement, based on the 'hot-spots' corresponding with the biggest impacts, across the whole-life of the product.

How?

An impact map can be drawn using a pen and paper, or any computer drawing package, such as Microsoft PowerPoint. In order to draw an impact map, you should:

- Familiarise yourself with the [3 basic building blocks](#) within an impact map.
- Understand the [Life-cycle stages](#), especially the pre-defined boundaries between the stages.
- Read the material on [Setting the modelling objective](#) and system boundary.
- Construct your own map, using the [Template components](#) provided, or using any drawing package or other modelling tool.

Contact: edc-toolkit@eng.cam.ac.uk to find out about consultancy support for producing an impact map.