White Blank Page: MEP Conceptual Design with Dynamo and Hypar

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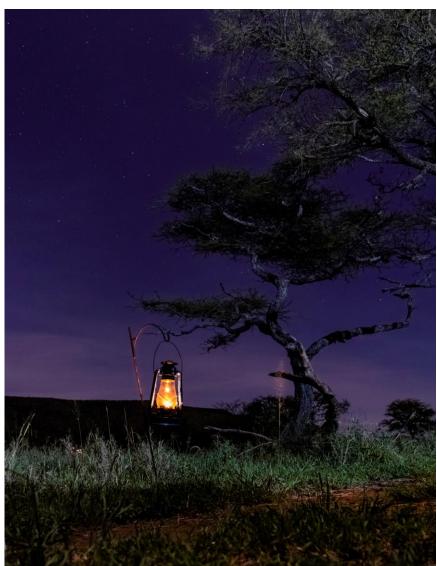


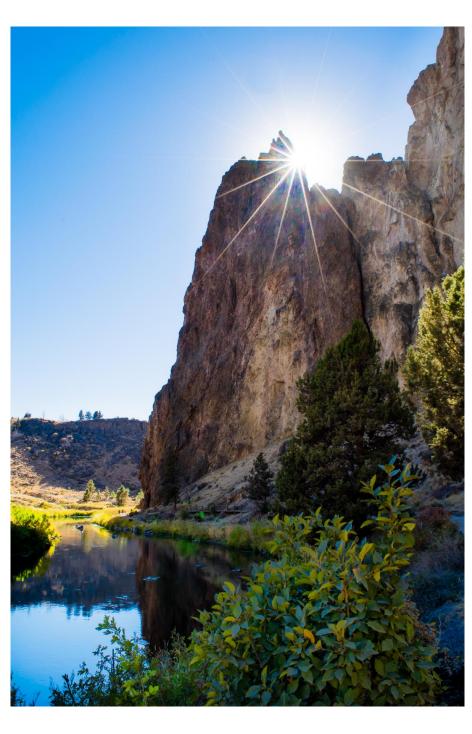
Outline

Who We Are What is Generative Design What is Hypar Dynamo and Hypar Together Our Approach Using Hypar MEP Hypar MEP in Dynamo The Future

Who We Are







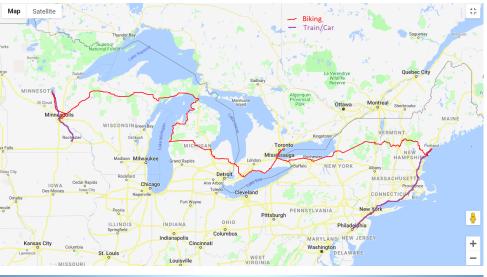
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Eric Wassail (Rudisaile)

Cosentini

Microdesk

Intersection of Design and Programming

World Traveler

HOW THIS BEGAN

- Met in Boston 3 years ago
- Starting hacking on Hypar at BeyondAEC spring 2018
- Began writing our current code a year ago



OUR MISSION

- Code our Mechanical Engineering knowledge
 - Fix void in conceptual design

Who Are You?

Generative MEP Design

Generative Design

ANTHONY HAUCK / HYPAR

The automated algorithmic combination of goals and constraints to reveal solutions



AUTODESK

Input Goals and Parameters

Output All Possible Solutions

Test what works and doesn't work





NATHAN MILLER / PROVING GROUND

Evolutionary solvers and genetic algorithms

Don't over fetishize it





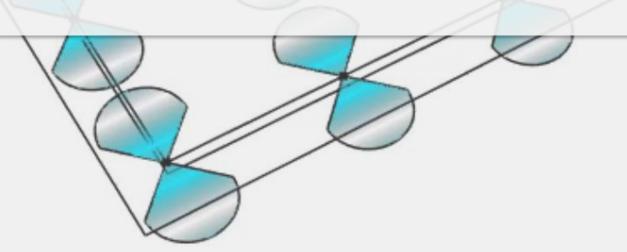
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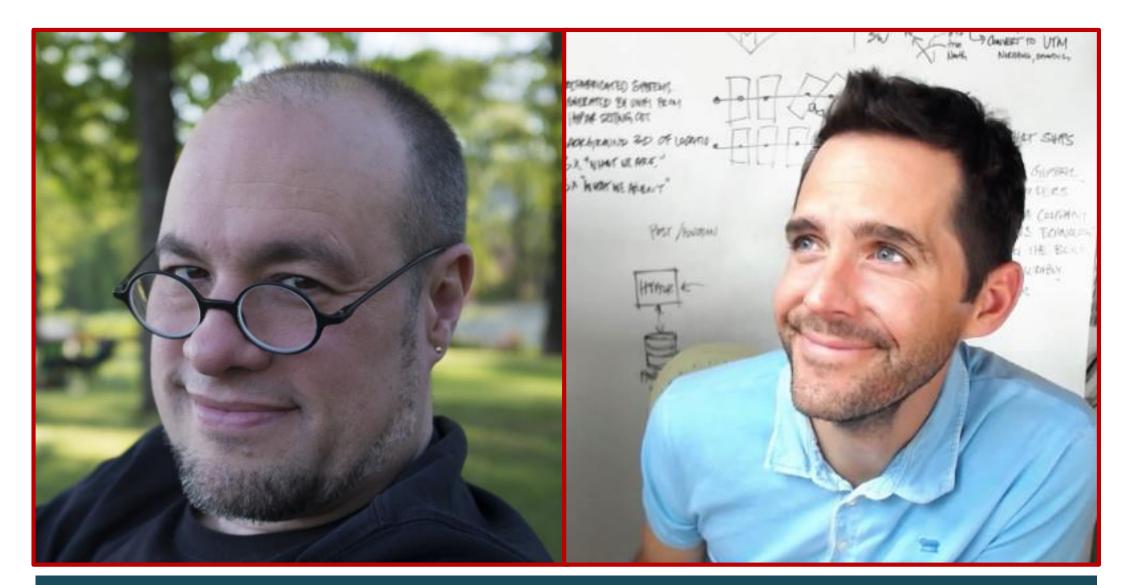


Three Automated Steps

- 1) Generate a design (Computational Design/Optioneering)
 - 2) Evaluating that design (generative design)
- 3) Creating a feedback loop that tweaks a selected design based off evaluation (Generative Design)

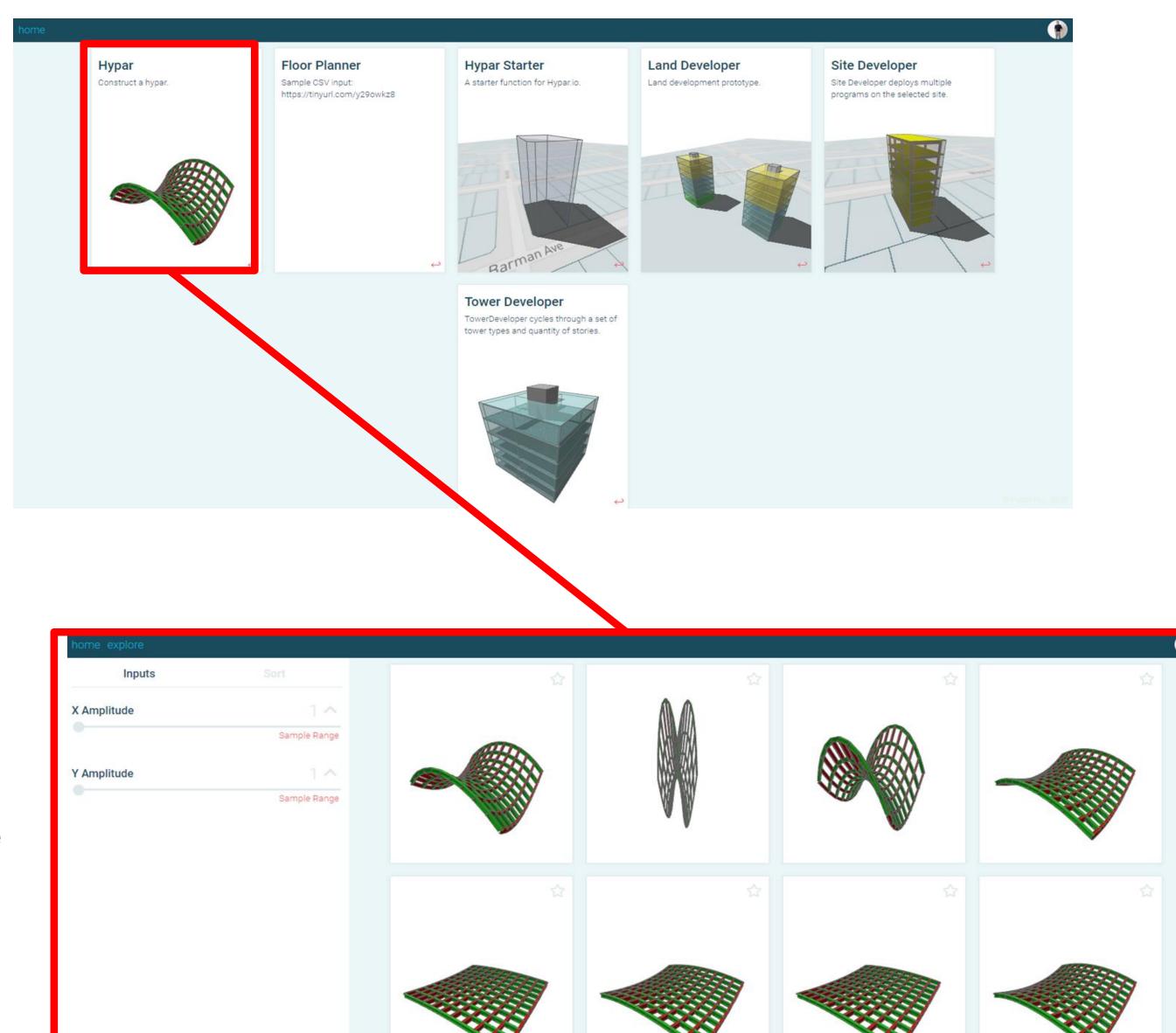


Hypar





- Online cloud computing platform to store AEC knowledge
- Web based
- App Ecosystem and Incentives
- C#
- Amazon Webservices



Sample 10 Options

Why We Chose to Work in Hypar

- Free
- Open Source
- Incredibly Responsive
- Clean Slate
- Cloud computation allows upward mobility into Generative Design
- Connection to:
 - IFC
 - Revit
 - Forge / Design Automation API
 - Unity



Eric Rudisaile

I know you all have tons on your plate, but



Anthony Hauck

Give me an hour or so.



Anthony Hauck

Or 20 minutes. Try it now. --a.

Hypar Elements Library

- Create Building Elements
- Create Custom Types
 - ECS



Getting Started

Type

Elements

Search

T Enter here to filter...

What is Elements?

- Elements API

- Elements

Beam

Brace

BuiltInMaterials

Column

Element

Floor Frame

GeometricElement

Mass

Material

Model

ModelCurve

ModelCurveExtensions

ModelPoints

Opening

Panel

Space

StandardWall

StructuralFraming

Topography

UserElement

Wall

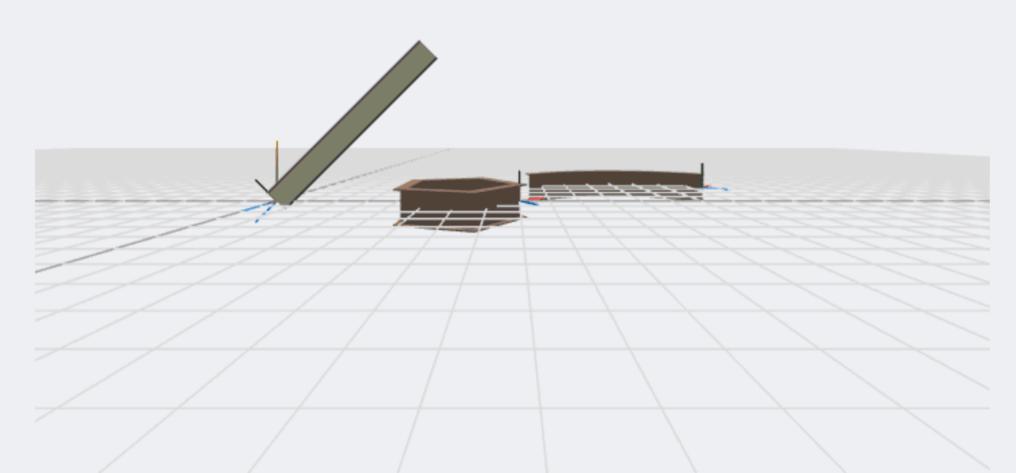
+ Elements.GeoJSON

- + Elements.Geometry
- + Elements.Geometry.Interfaces
- + Elements.Geometry.Profiles
- + Elements.Geometry.Solids
- + Elements.Interfaces
- + Elements.Properties
- + Elements.Serialization.glTF
- + Elements.Serialization.JSON
- + Elements. Validators

Class Beam

A structural framing element defined by a center line curve and a profile.

Constructors



Examples

```
// Create a framing type.
var profile = WideFlangeProfileServer.Instance.GetProfileByName("W44x335");

// Create a straight beam.
var line = new Line(Vector3.Origin, new Vector3(5,0,5));
var linearBeam = new Beam(line, profile, BuiltInMaterials.Wood, 0, 0, 15);
var lineT = line.TransformAt(0).ToModelCurves(linearBeam.Transform);
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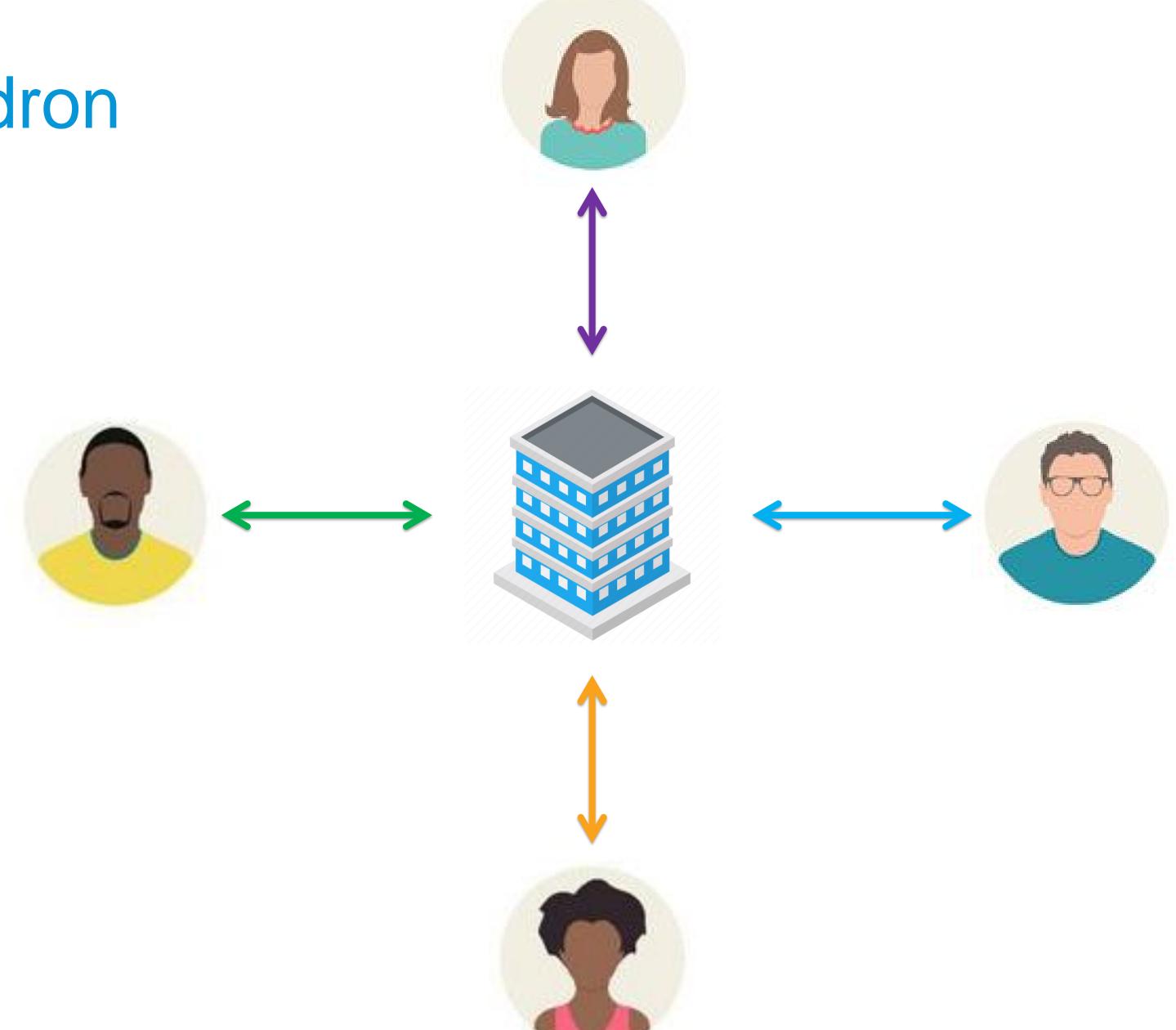
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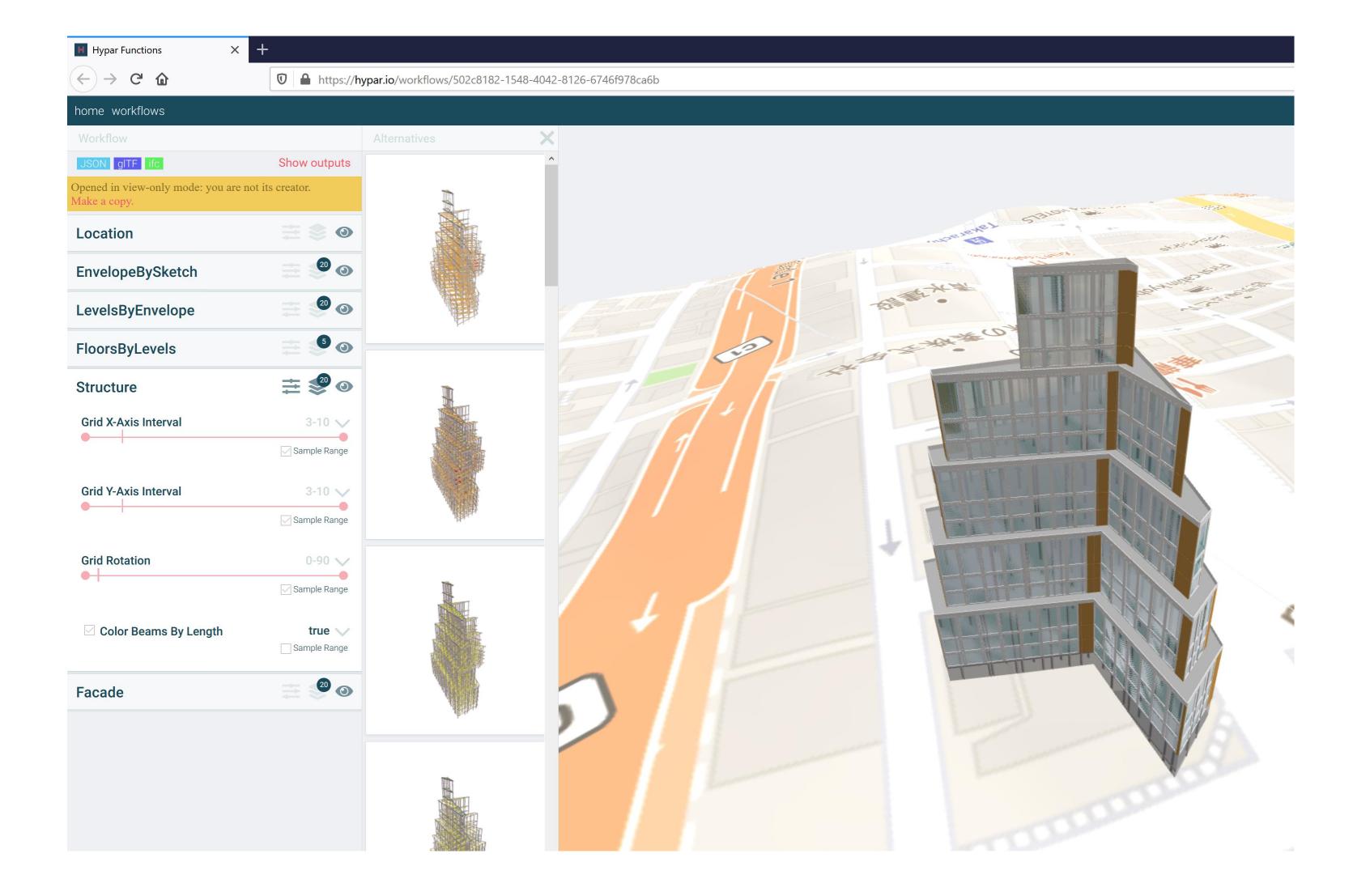


The Cauldron



Cauldron

Life is no longer linear



Link

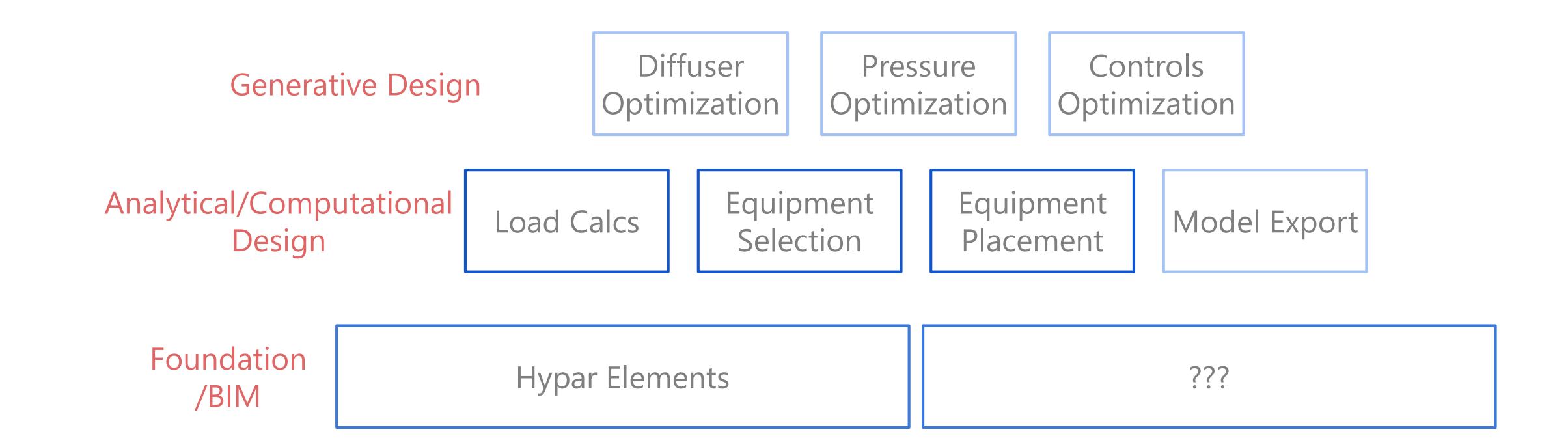
Our Approach in Hypar







Pyramid of Necessities



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Diffuser Controls Pressure Generative Design Optimization Optimization Optimization Analytical/Computational Equipment Equipment Load Calcs Model Export Design Selection Placement Foundation **Building System Description** Hypar Elements /BIM

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Generative Design

Diffuser Optimization Pressure Optimization Controls Optimization

Analytical/Computational Design

Load Calcs

Equipment Selection

Equipment Placement

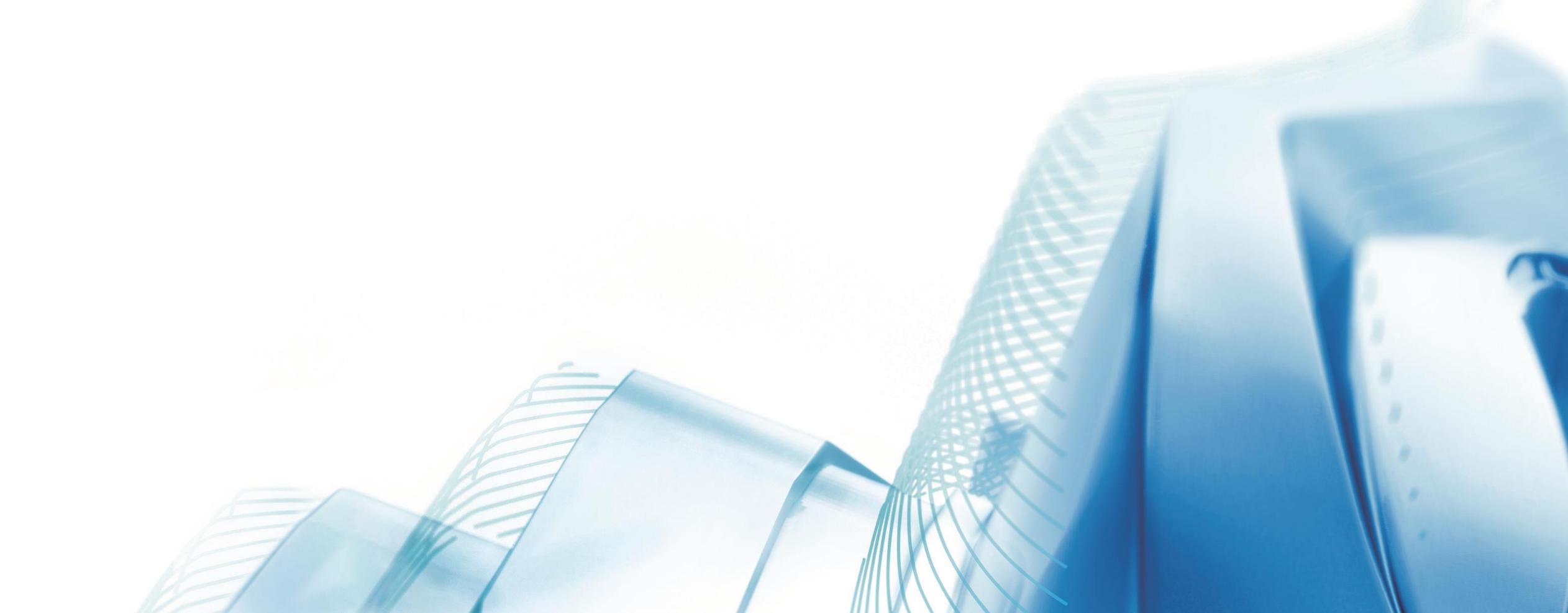
Model Export

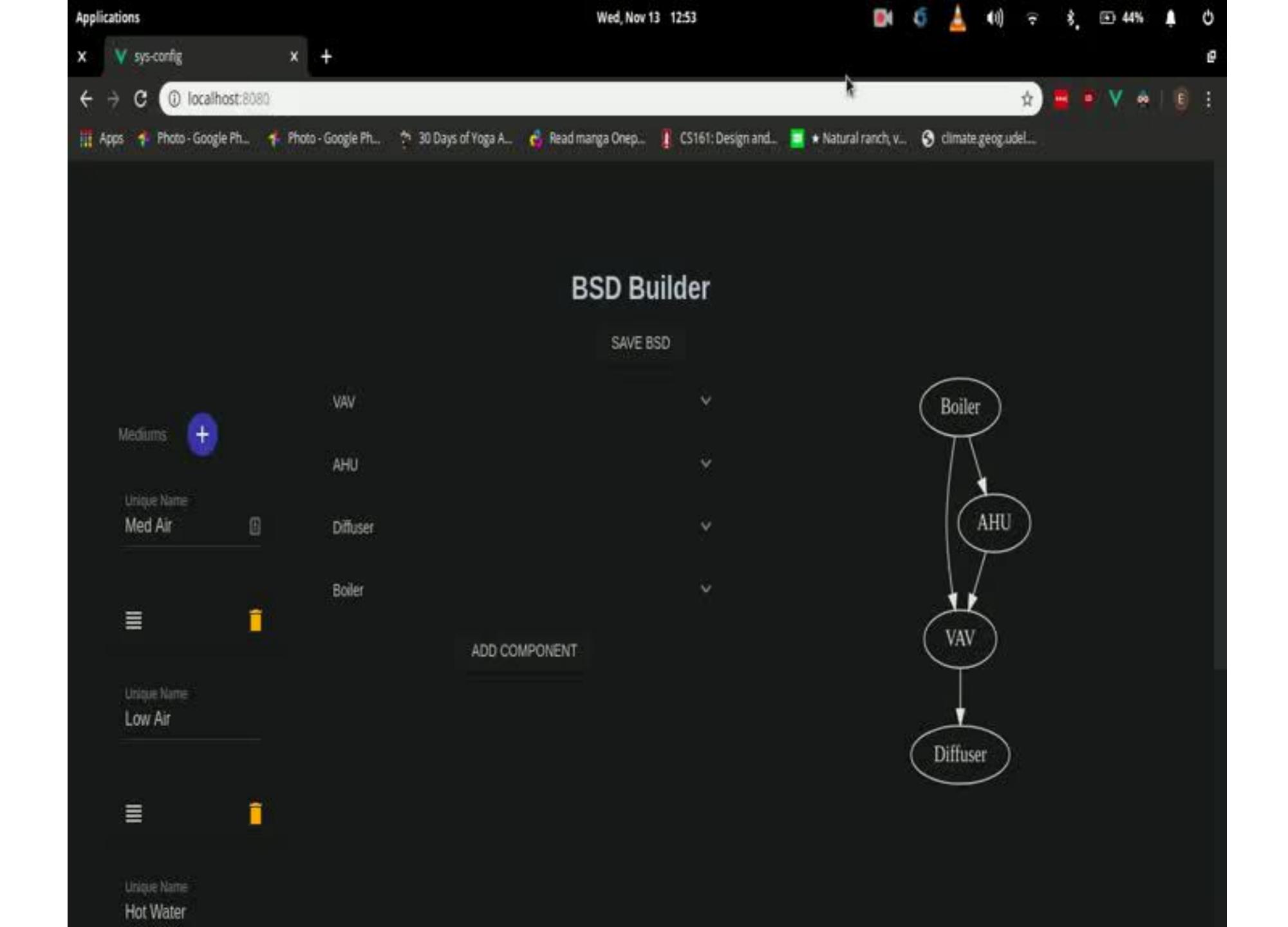
Foundation /BIM

Hypar Elements

Building System Description

Eric's Video: BSD Builder





Disclaimer / What Can We Generate

SYSTEM CONNECTIVITY

Very deterministic

Line diagram

Engineer bread and butter

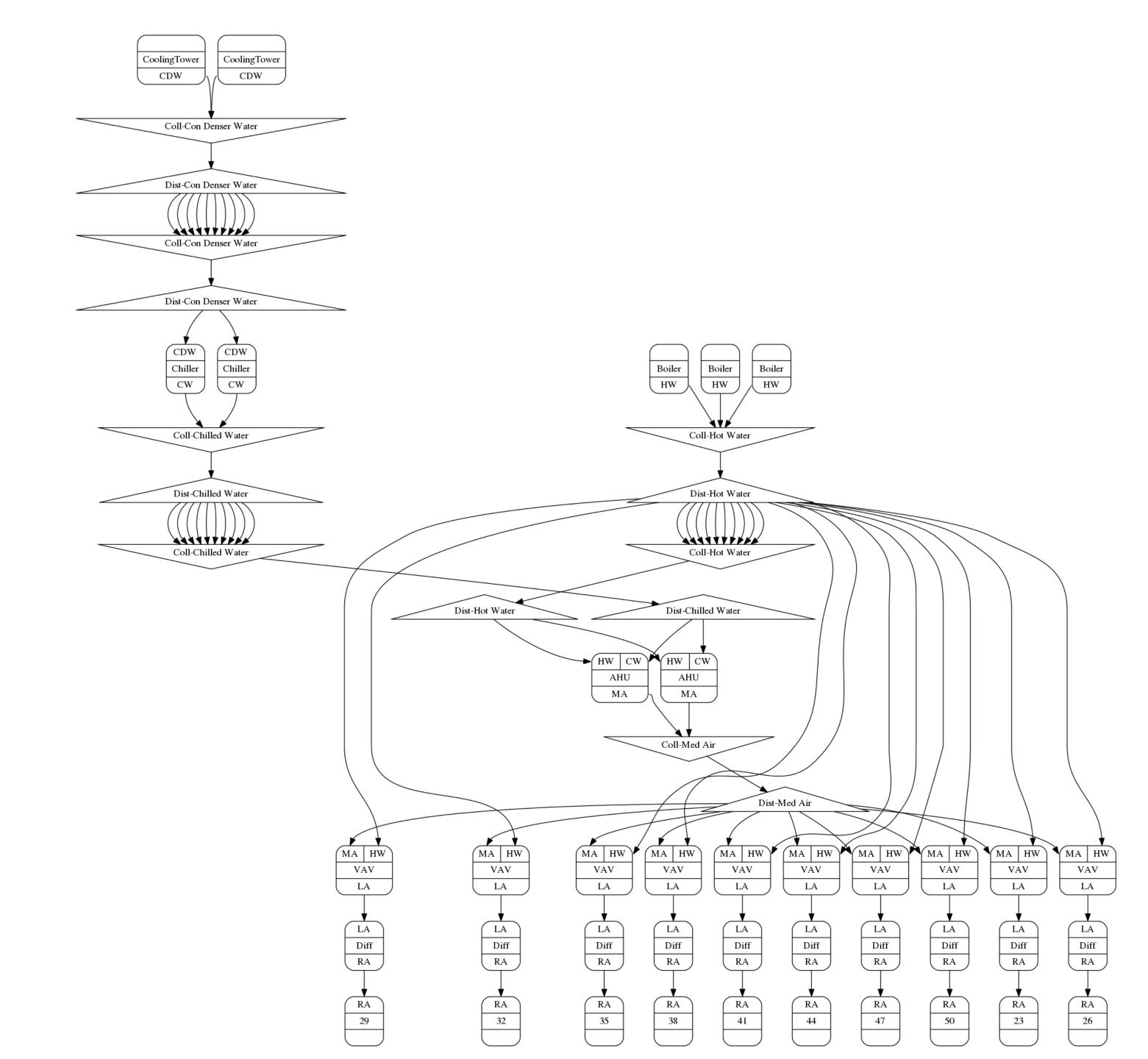
GEOMETRY

3D "Drafting"

Coordination Exercise

Let's Use Hypar

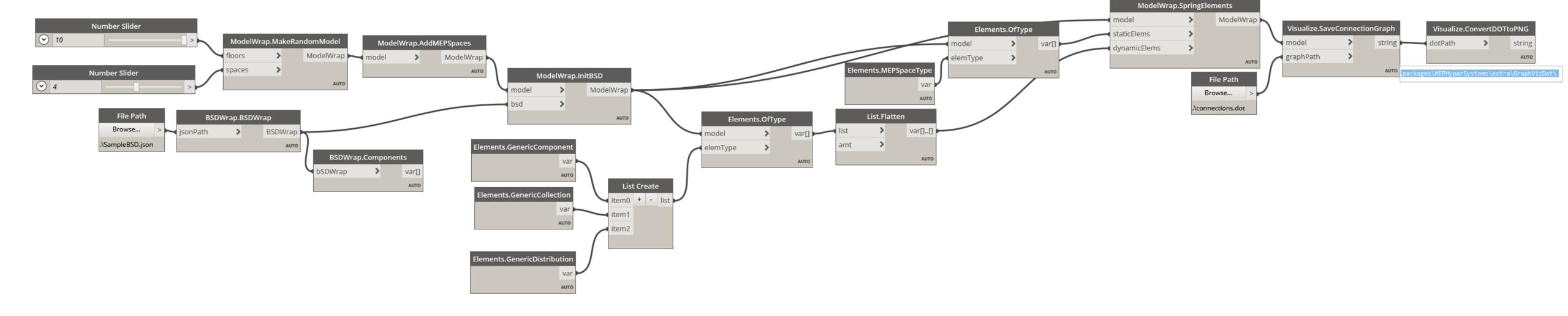




Line Diagram

Hypar MEP in Dynamo

Dynamo and Hypar Can Be Friends



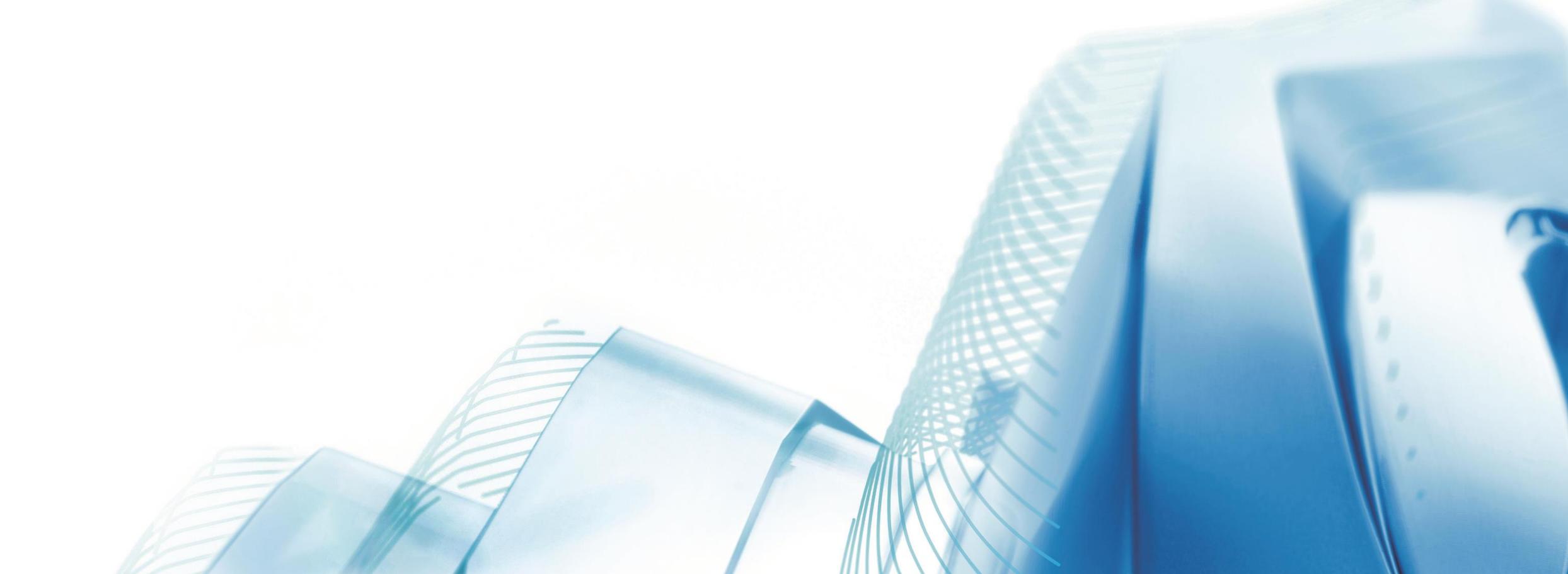
- Elements Library (Zero Touch Nodes)
- View Extension
- Why Dynamo is Good
 - Accessible to a lot of people
 - Links Hypar World to Revit

- Portable
- Include in existing workflows
- Easier manipulation

Forge and Hypar Can Be Friends



Analytical / Computational Functions



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SIMPLE LOAD CALCULATION

Floor area cooling and heating loads

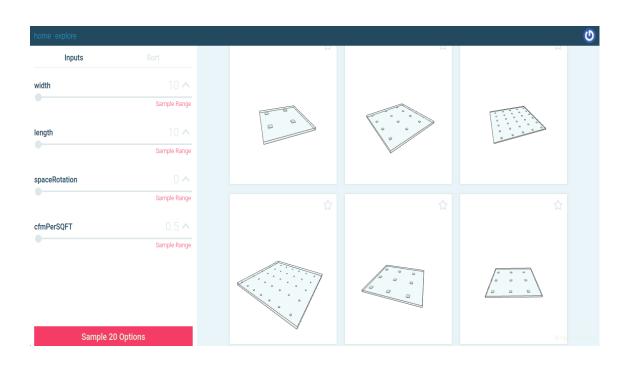
Future: Basic exterior walls, roof heat gain, etc.

EnergyPlus Integration

DIFFUSER LAYOUT

Placing based on airflow and 2x4 grid

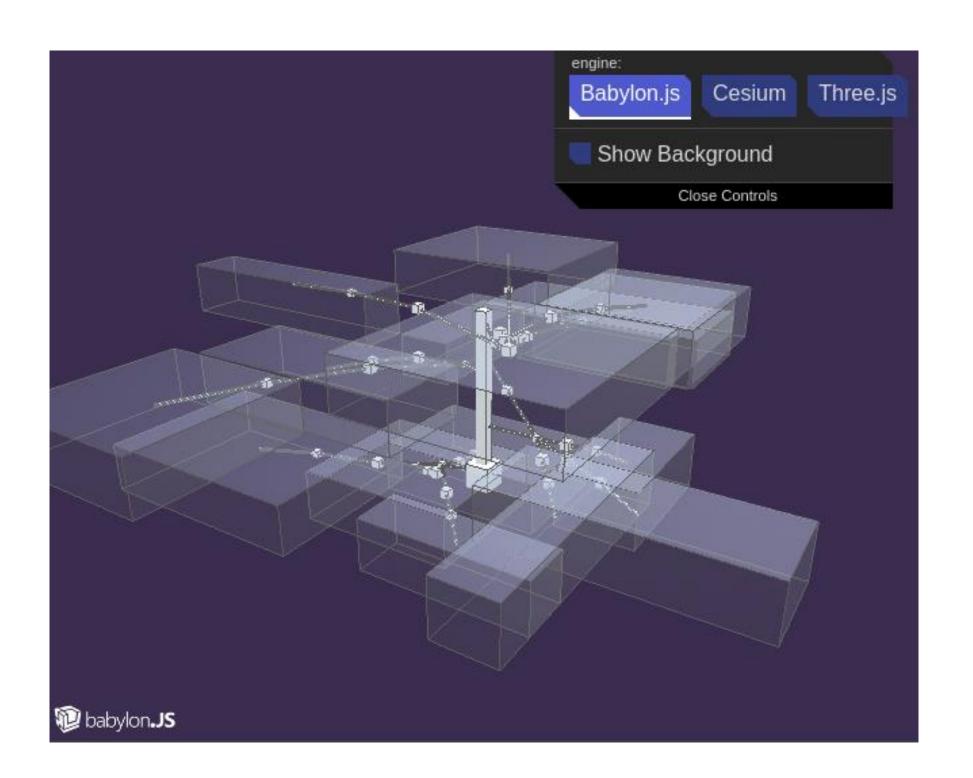
Future: Optimize with flow, velocity and throw



RISER PLACEMENT

Place number of risers by Hypar UI input

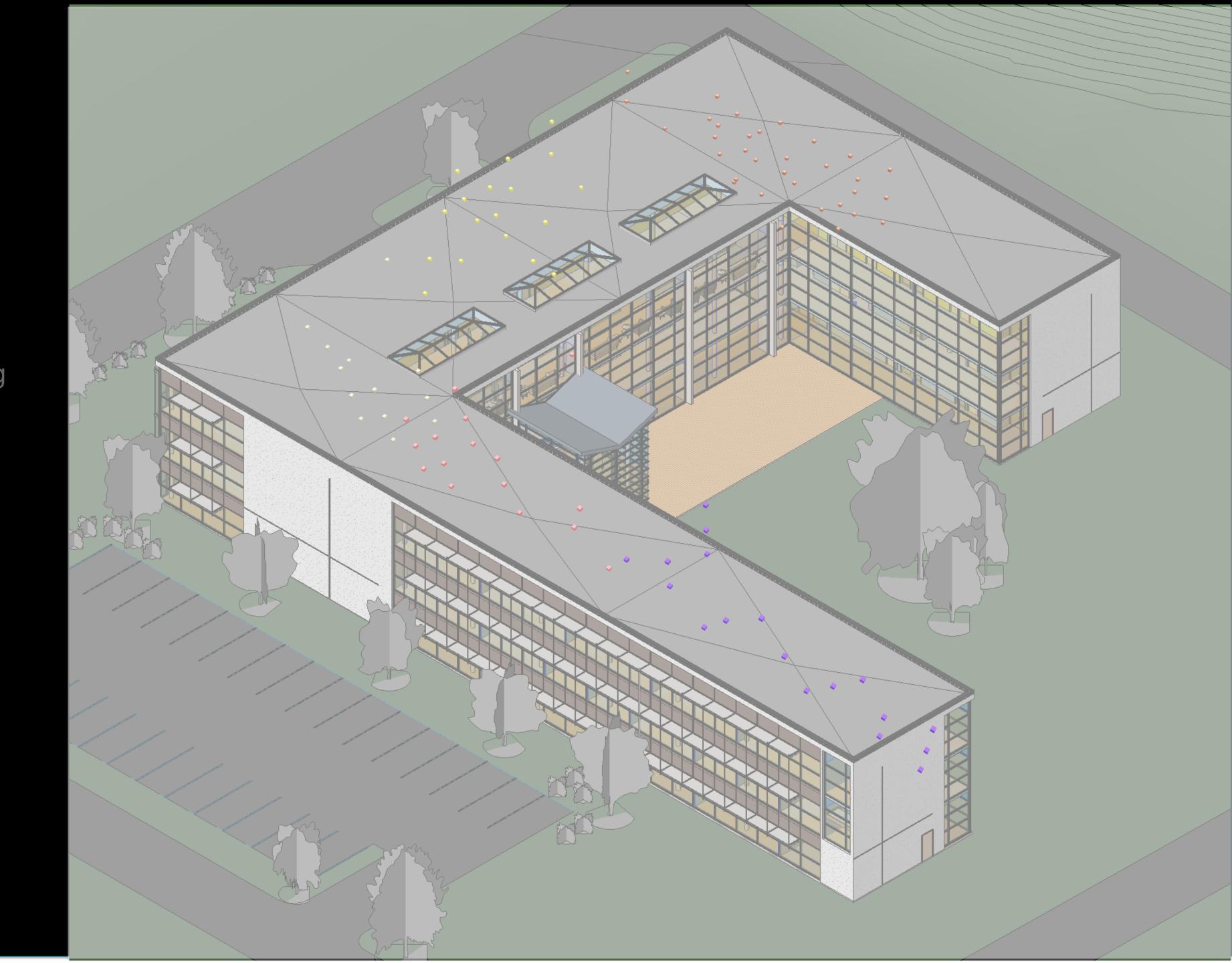
Future: Determine necessary number of risers by total building airflow, place near elevator/stairs



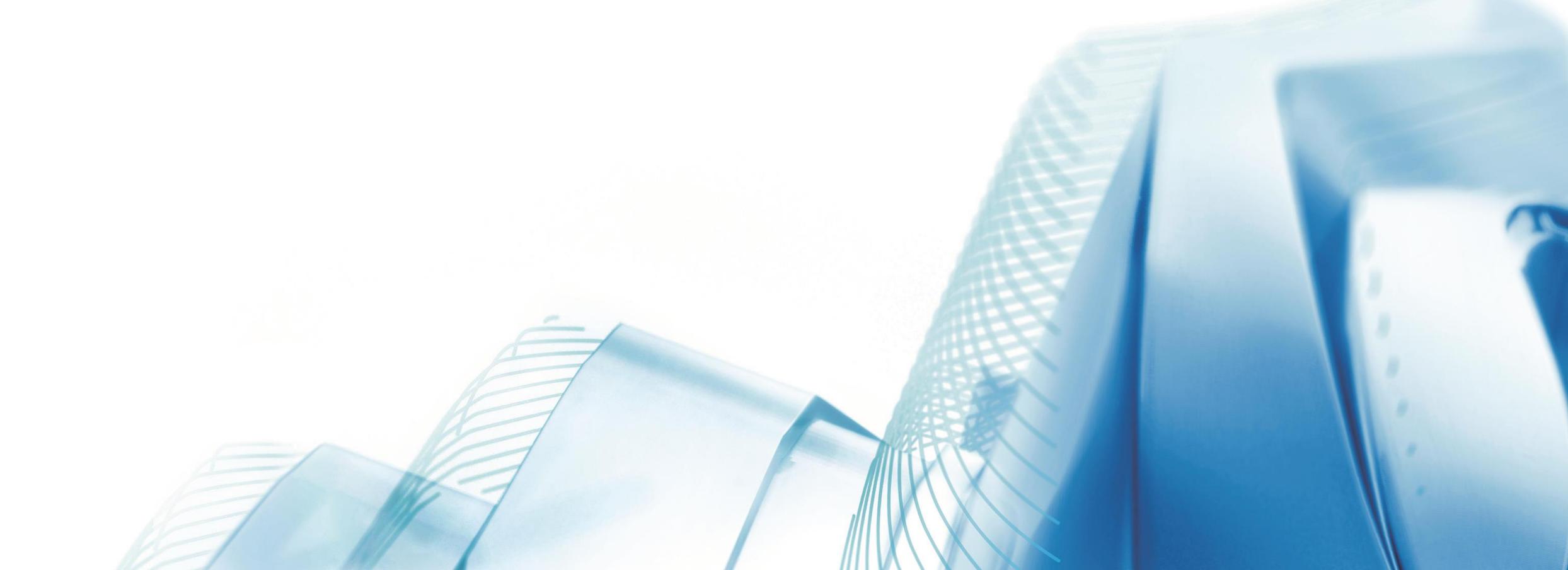
Updates

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- Zoning
- Connection between zoning and connected systems



Future Hypar MEP (What Could it Be?)



Future of Hypar MEP

- Robust system types and optimization
- Multiple BSD Relationship Optimization (Think Mech & Elec)
- Manufacturer APIs
 - Equipment Selection/Sizing
 - Cost Comparison

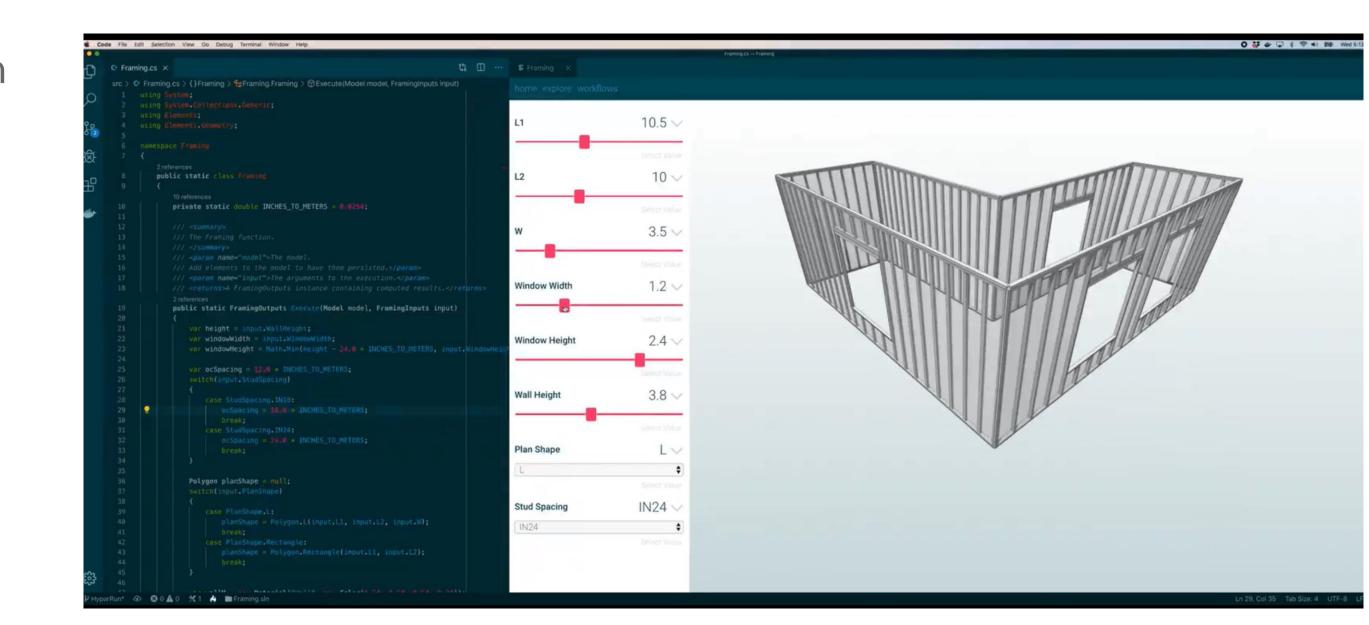
Is Hypar Still the Right Tool?

So Far Yes...

- Intuitive process to get multiple options of a function
- Easily scales
- No package management issues once function is published
- Ability to combine functions together

Could Improve With...

- More accessible "coding language"
- More accessible UI (getting there)
- Reliability



Resources

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Hypar Starter

https://github.com/hypar-io/function

Hypar Github

https://github.com/hypar-io

Hypar Website

https://hypar.io/

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Please submit feedback on the app!



