

MEP Explore: Generative Design for MEP Designers

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About the speaker

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- **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- 1. WHY GENERATIVE DESIGN FOR MEP
- 2. GETTING STARTED WITH PROJECT FRACTAL
- 3. MEP EXPLORE : GENERATIVE DESIGN WORKFLOW FOR ALLOCATION OF AIR TERMINAL DEVICES
- 4. GENERATIVE DESIGN IMPLEMENTATION : TAKE ACTION IN YOUR ORGANIZATION

Format:

Instructional Demo

Attendee skill level:

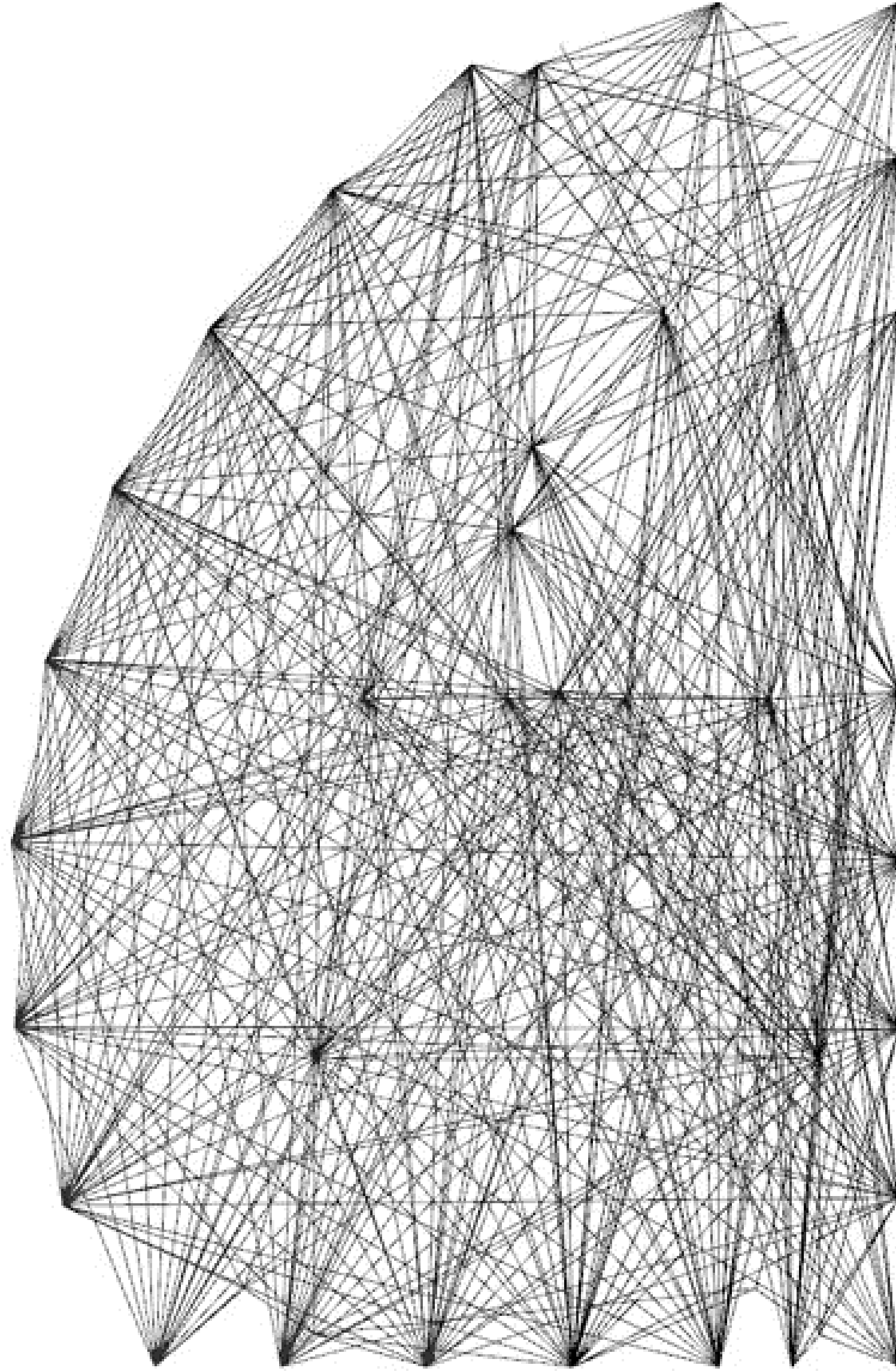
Intermediate

Track:

Generative Design to Intelligent Automation

WHY GENERATIVE DESIGN?





GENERATIVE DESIGN
FOR ARCHITECTURE

- 1. GENERATE
- 2. EVALUATE
- 3. EVOLVE
- 4. EXPLORE



WHY NOT GENERATIVE DESIGN FOR MEP?

ROOMS ARE UPDATED MANY
TIMES

CEILINGS PLANS ARE
PROVIDED REALLY LATE

CEILINGS PLANS ARE
CHANGED AGAIN

MEP CELING COORDINATION
ARE PERFORMED REALLY
LATE

GENERATIVE DESIGN FOR MEP EMBRACING OPPORTUNITIES



- **MOOVING AWAY FROM TIME & MATERIAL BUSINESS MODEL**

BUSINESS SURVIVAL
BURNING PLATFORM

- **BENEFITS:**
 - HIGHER QUALITY DELIVERABLES (OPTIMIZED SOLUTIONS)
 - SPEED IN DESIGN PROCESSES (DELIVIRING FAST WITH CONFIDENT)
 - LOWER PRODUCTION COST (AUTOMATED DESIGN)

GETTING STARTED WITH GENERATIVE DESIGN FOR MEP DESIGNERS



PEOPLE & PROCESSES FIRST,
TECHNOLOGY SECOND

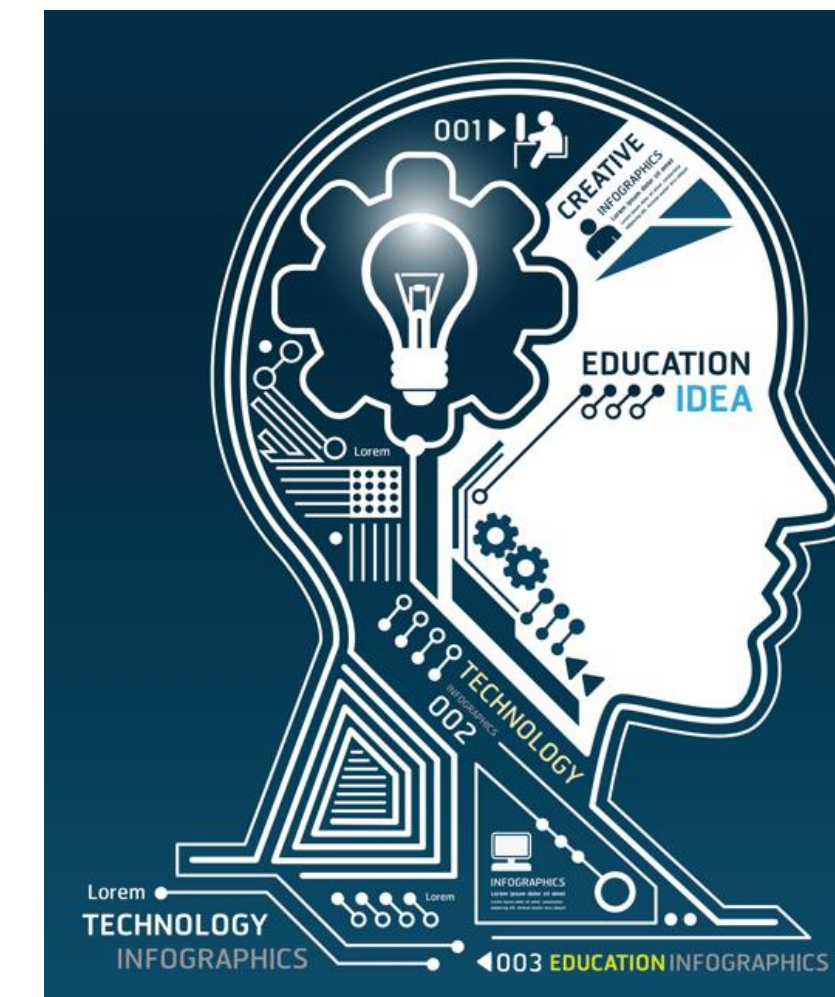
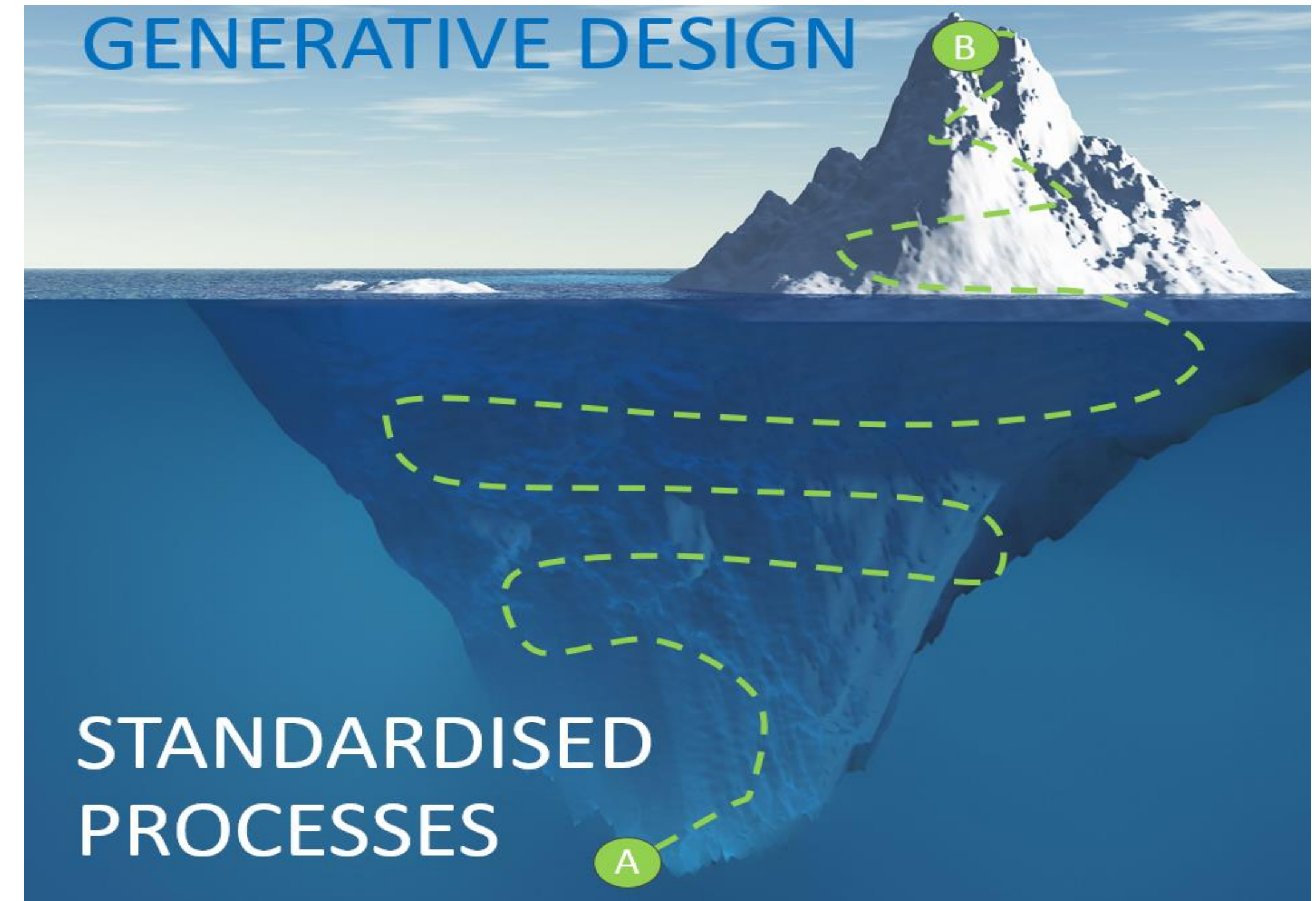
REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERATIVE DESIGN

- STANDARDISED AND OPTIMIZED DESIGN PROCESSES

THIS CLASS WILL BE FOCUS HERE



- PEOPLE'S DIGITAL MINDSET AND NEW DESIGN SKILLS
- DIGITAL LEADERSHIP

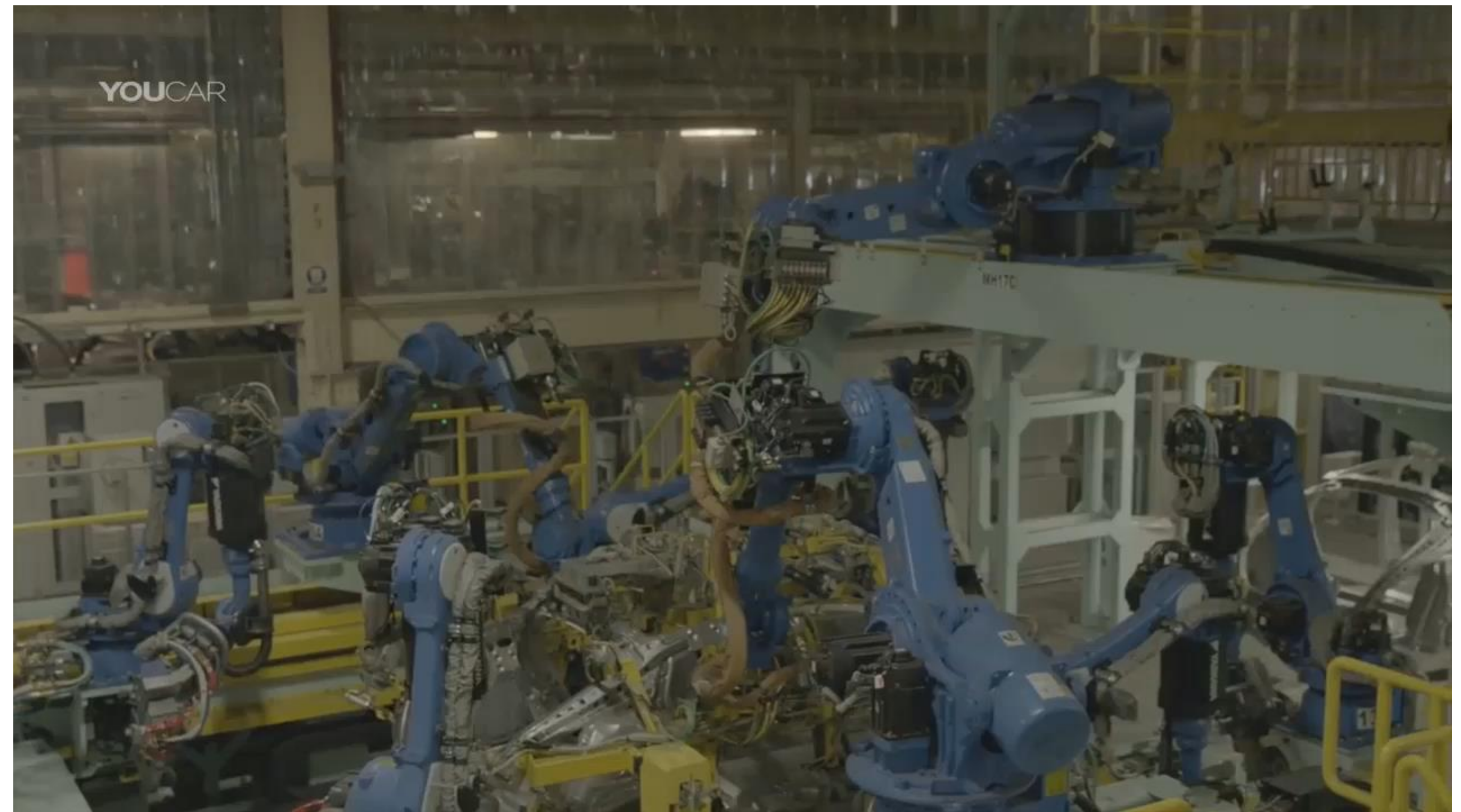


COMPARISON WITH CAR PRODUCTION HISTORY

- DETROIT 1950's:

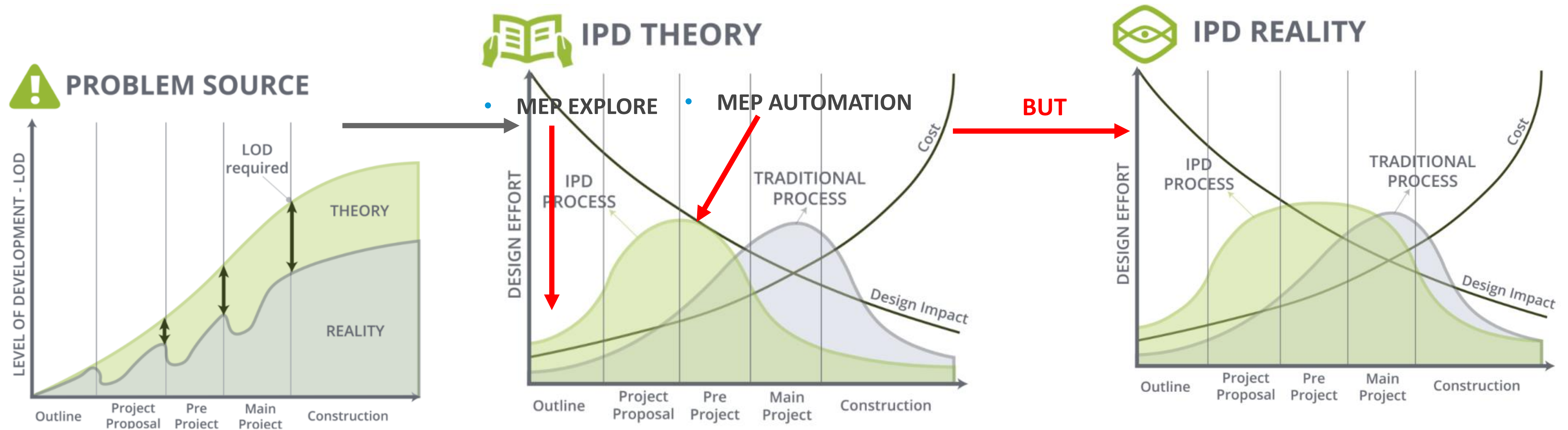


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GENERATIVE DESIGN SCOPE – WHEN AND WHY?

GENERATIVE DESIGN GOAL IS TO **INCREASE THE DESIGN VALUE** OF MEP SYSTEMS IN EARLY PHASES AND **REDUCE THE WASTE OR RESOURCERS** DURING THE DETAIL DESIGN PROCESSES



THIS IS ACHIEVED BY AUTOMATING THE DESIGN PROCESS WITH **GENERATIVE DESIGN** IN EARLY PHASES AND **PARAMETRICAL DESIGN** IN DETAIL DESIGN PHASES

PROJECT FRACTAL

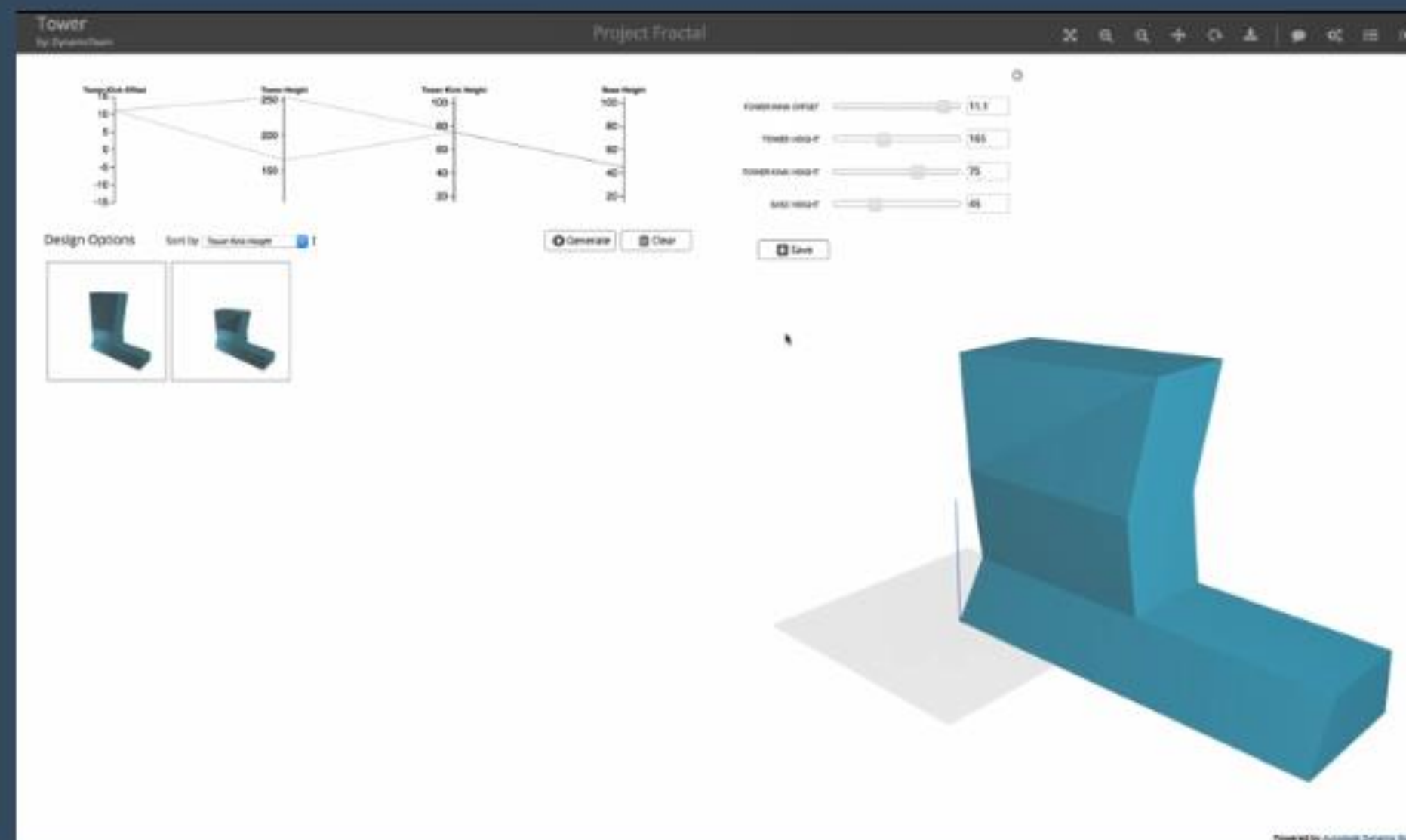
(Cloud platform for Generative Design)

- It's free, you only need a Dynamo Studio license
- <https://home.fractal.live/>
- Available since 2016

Enhance your design power.

Explore the parametric design space of models created in [Dynamo Studio](#) with the automatic generation of a wide sampling of options. Try Project Fractal and [give us feedback](#) on this experimental prototype.

Get Started



PROJECT FRACTAL GETTING STARTED

DYNAMO STUDIO

INSTALL LATEST VERSION OF
DYNAMO STUDIO

PROJECT FRACTAL

LOG IN PROJECT FRACTAL
WEBSERVICE AND REQUEST
YOUR FREE ACCESS TO FRACTAL

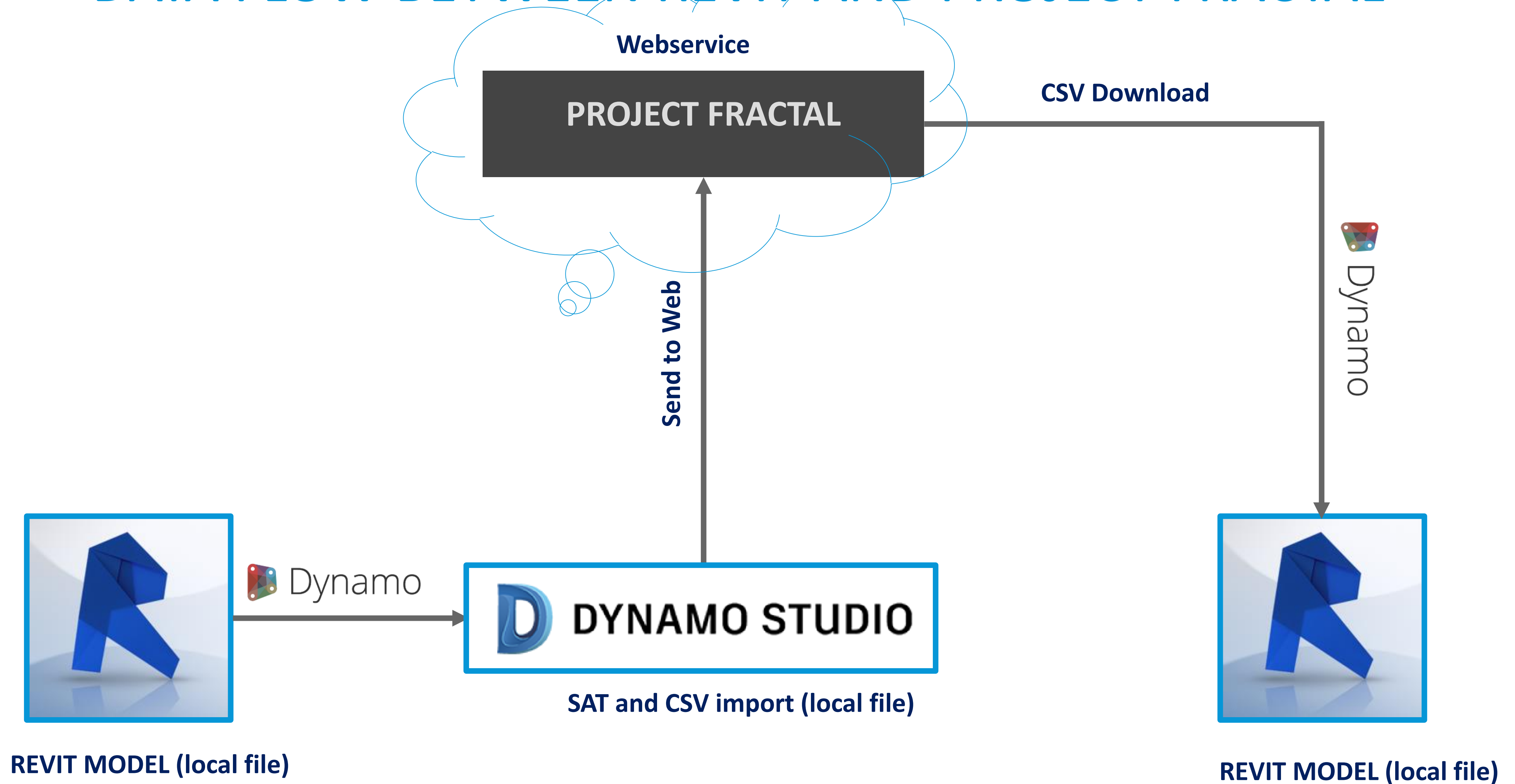
DYNAMO STUDIO

SEND TO WEB FROM DYNAMO
STUDIO TO FRACTAL. BE AWARE
THAT DYNAMO STUDIO CAN'T
TALK DIRECTLY TO REVIT

PROJECT FRACTAL

GENERETIVE DESIGN
GENERATION AND EXPLORING

DATA FLOW BETWEEN REVIT AND PROJECT FRACTAL



GENERATIVE DESIGN INSTRUCTIONAL

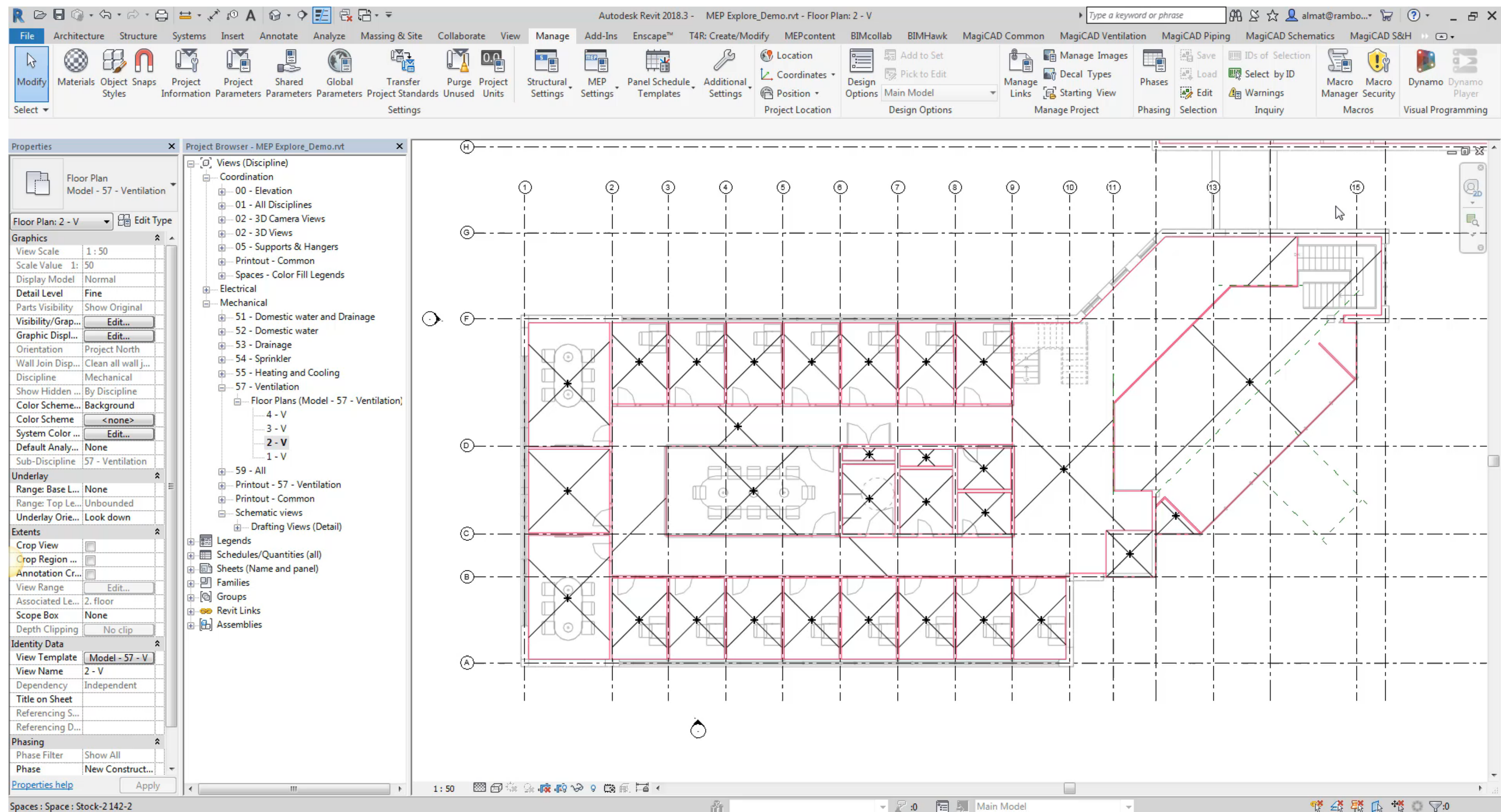
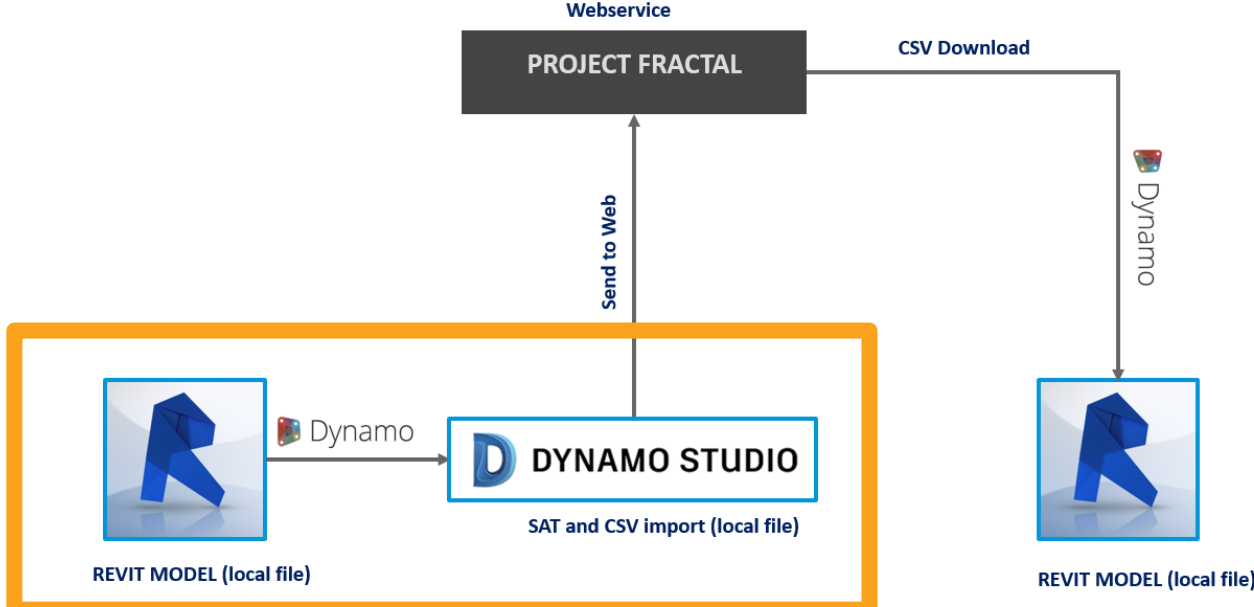
MEP Explore – AIR TERMINALS

GENERATIVE DESIGN FOR AIR TERMINAL DEVICES

- **SECTION CONTENT:**

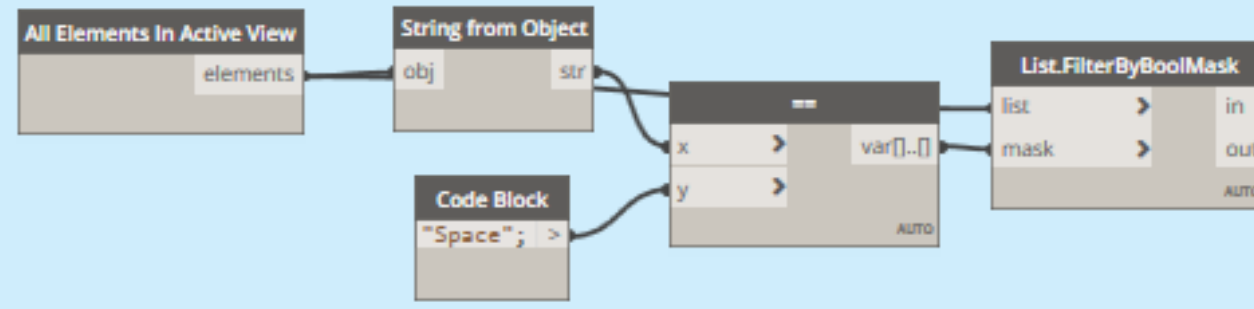
- 1. EXPORT REVIT GEOMETRY TO DYNAMO STUDIO (SCRIPT)
- 2.1. DYNAMO STUDIO – AIR TERMINAL FAMILIES (SCRIPTS)
- 2.2. DYNAMO STUDIO – CEILING GRIDS GENERATION (SCRIPTS)
- 2.3. DYNAMO STUDIO – PERFORMANCE SCORE GOALS (SCRIPTS)
- 3.1. CEILING ANALYSIS EXPLORATION – PROJECT FRACTAL (WEB SERVICE)
- 3.2. PROJECT FRACTAL RESULTS IMPORT IN REVIT (SCRIPTS)

1. EXPORT REVIT GEOMETRY TO DYNAMO STUDIO

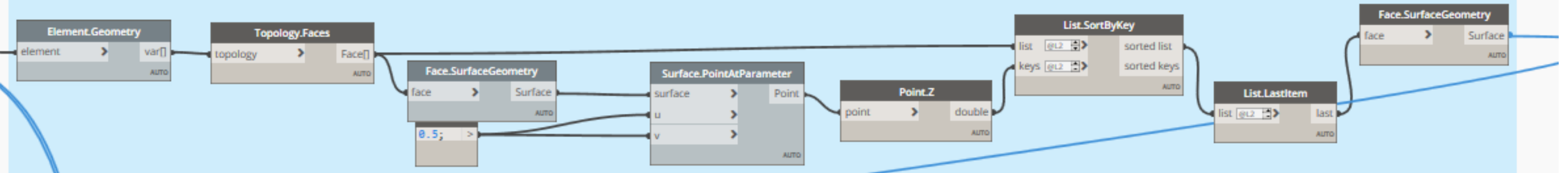


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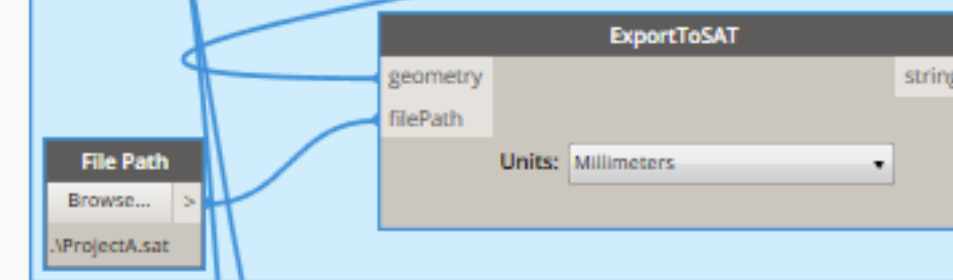
1.0 Get Revit Spaces in Active View



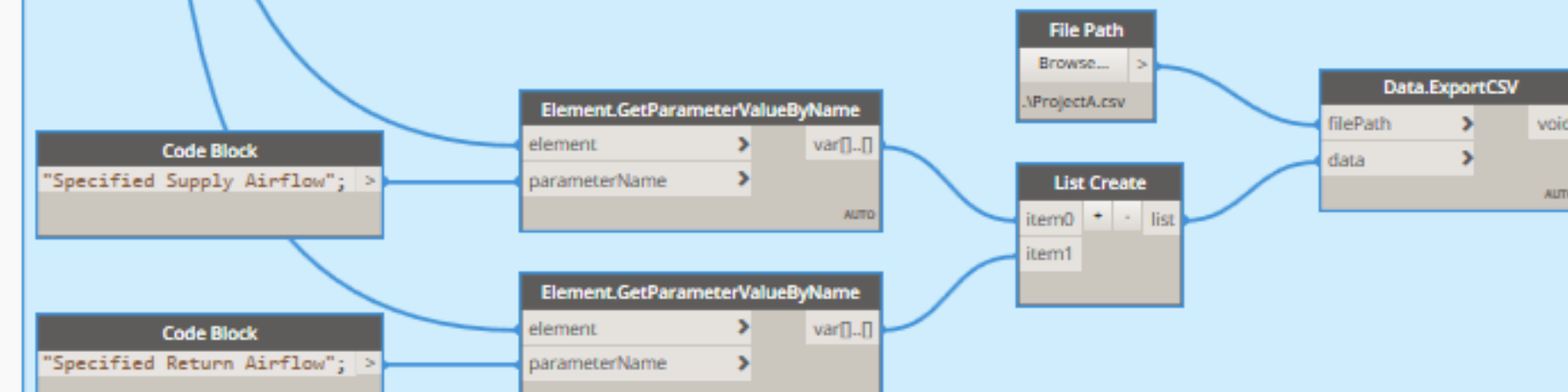
1.1. Get highest space surface



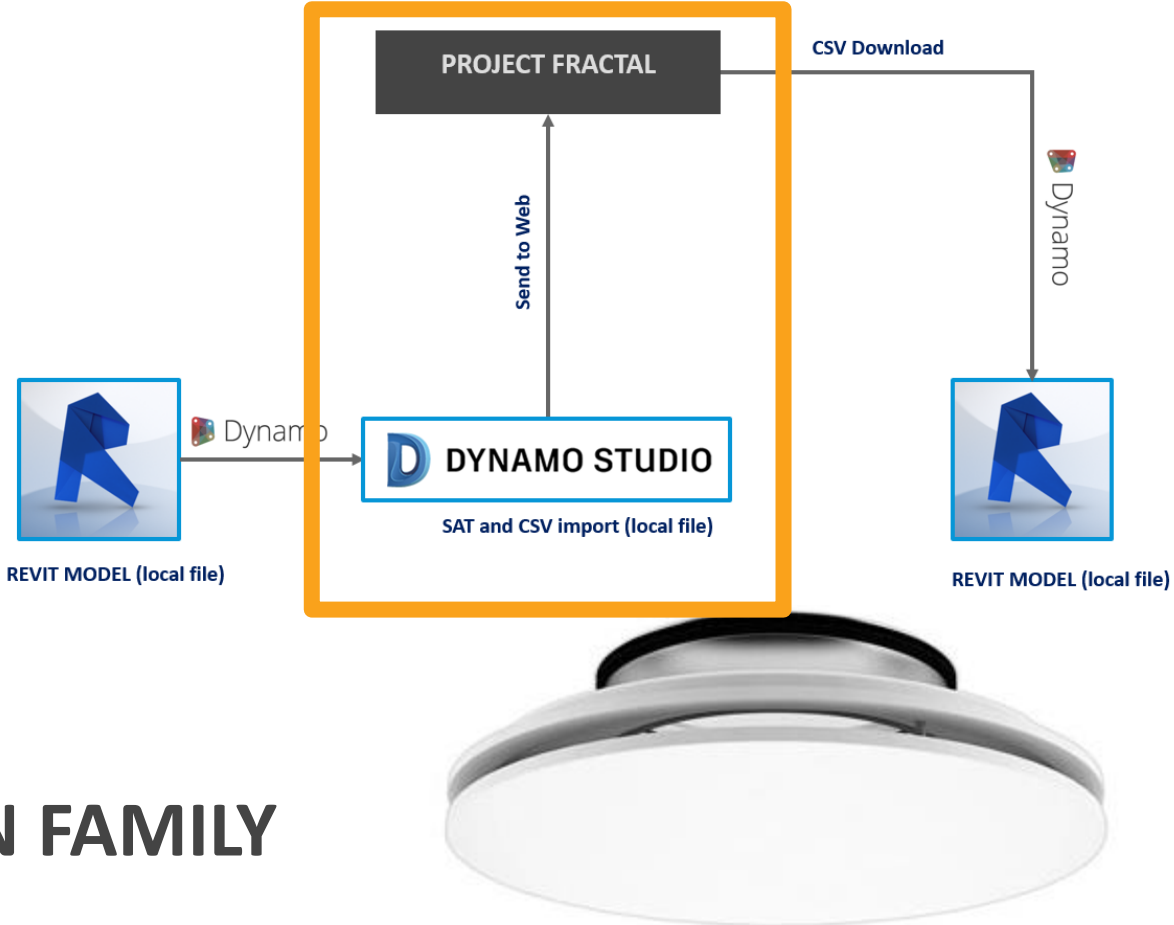
1.2.1. Export Surface to SAT



1.2.2. Export Space Data to CSV



2.1 DYNAMO STUDIO - AIR TERMINAL DEVICES / LIGHTING FIXTURES



- FROM DATA SHEET SPECIFICATION
- TO GENERATIVE DESIGN FAMILY

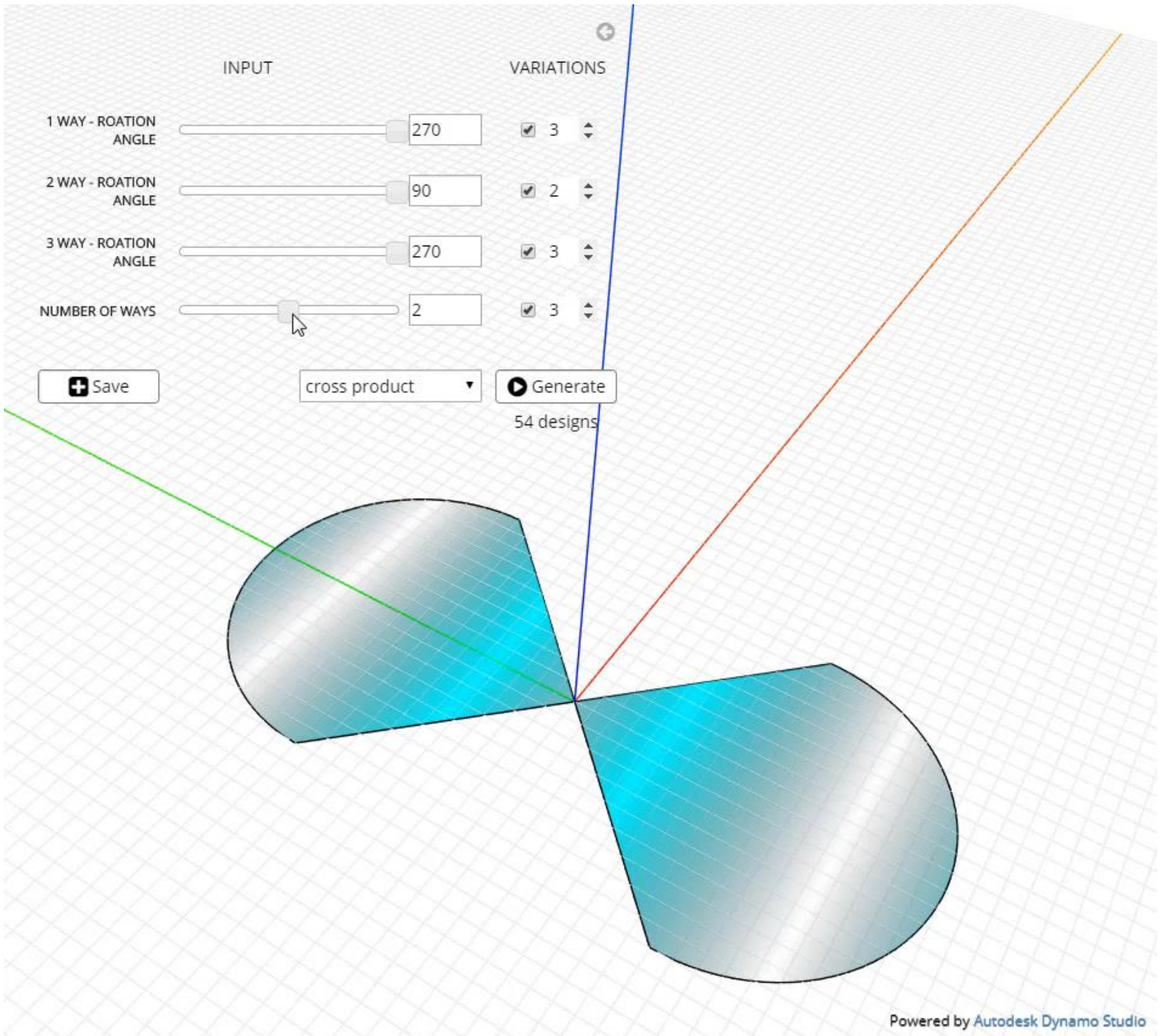
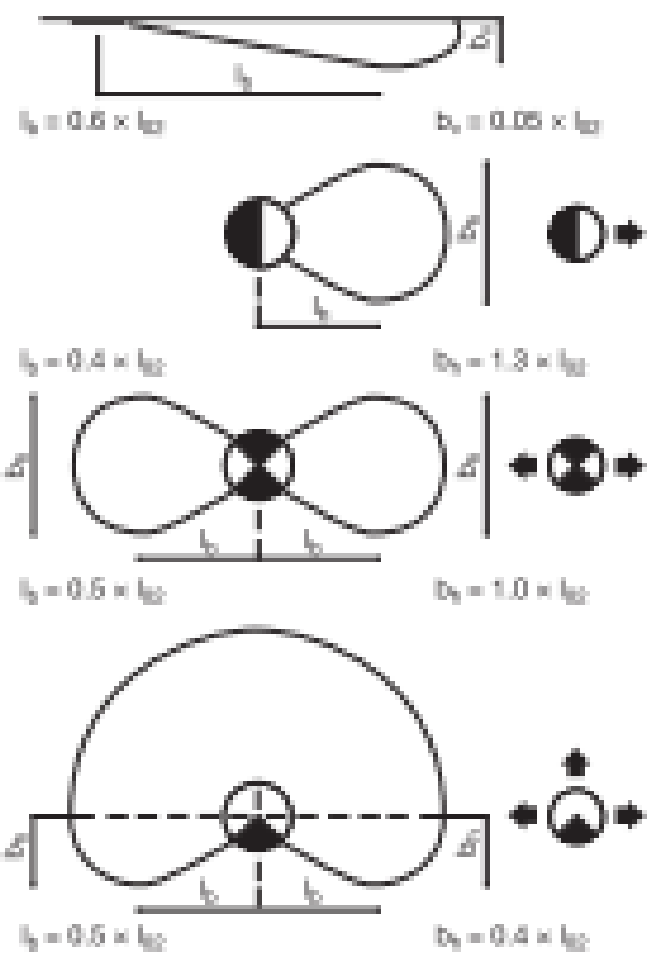
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180	57	207	71	255
200	67	241	84	302
200	77	277	99	356
200	83	289	100	360
250	98	348	118	425
315	112	403	139	500
250	118	425	139	500
315	133	479	163	587
400	146	526	193	695
315	146	523	173	623
400	187	673	225	810

dæmpning
rets egendæmpning ΔL fra kanal til rum inklusive
fleksion, se nedenstående tabel.

+ MBB-S/-E		Middelfrekvens Hz							
I	PCA Ød ₂	63	125	250	500	1K	2K	4K	8K
	100	18	17	8	20	19	20	19	23
	125	19	16	7	19	18	18	18	21
	160	21	16	6	15	17	18	16	19
	125	18	13	9	20	13	18	18	18
	160	12	13	8	19	13	16	17	19
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	160	17	17	11	19	18	17	20	20
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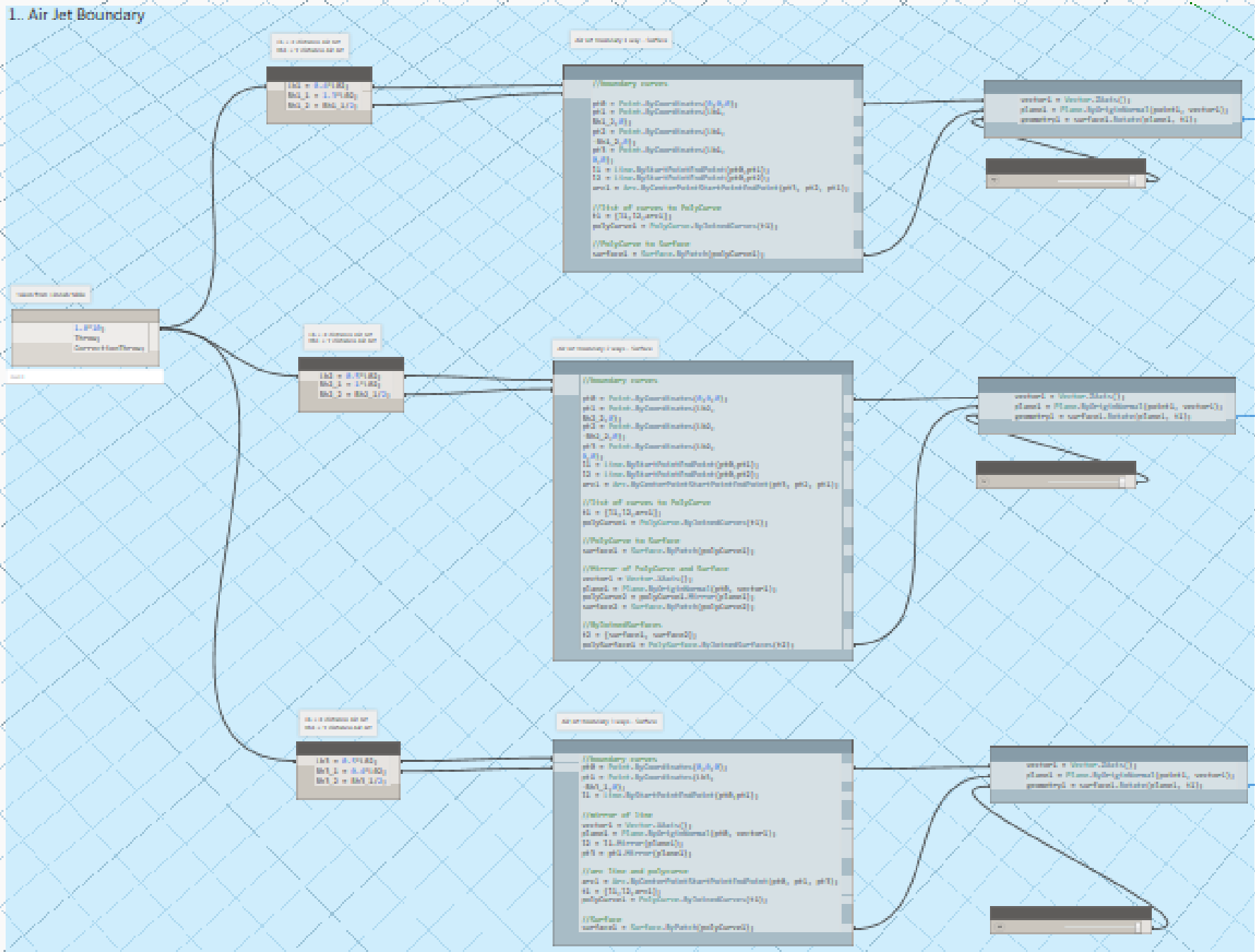
Korrektion af kastelængde $l_{0,2}$			
PCA Ød	1 - vejs	2 - vejs	3 - vejs
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125	2.6	1.8	1.4
160	2.5	1.7	1.3
200	2.4	1.7	1.3
250	2.3	1.7	1.3
315	2.2	1.7	1.2
400	2.3	1.7	1.2

Stråleudbredelse
 l_b = Afstand fra armaturet til det punkt, hvor spredningen er maksimal.
 b_v = Strålens tykkelse i vertikalt plan.
 b_h = Strålens bredde i horisontalt plan.

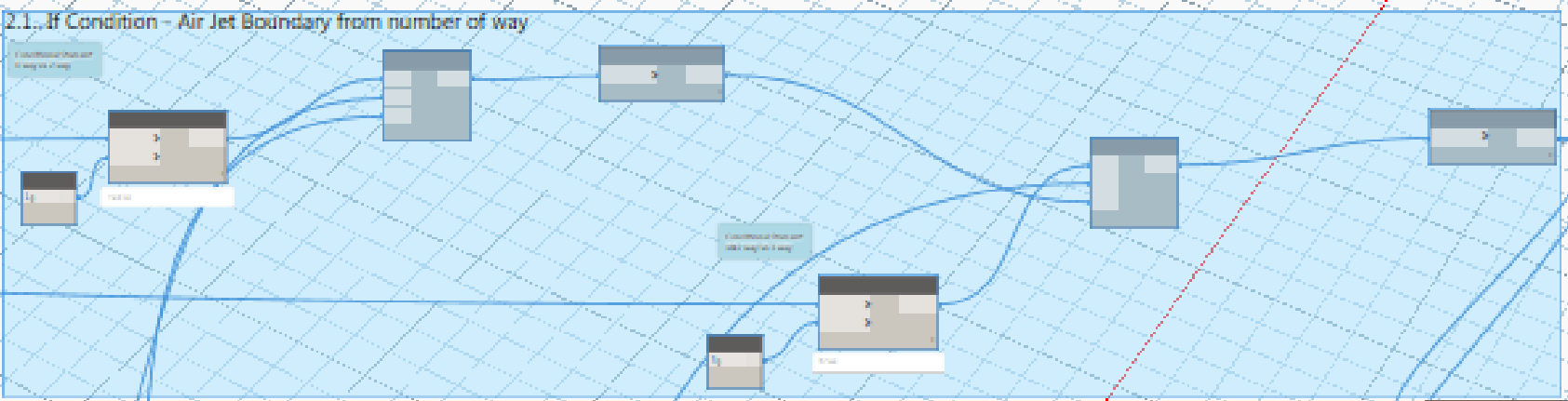


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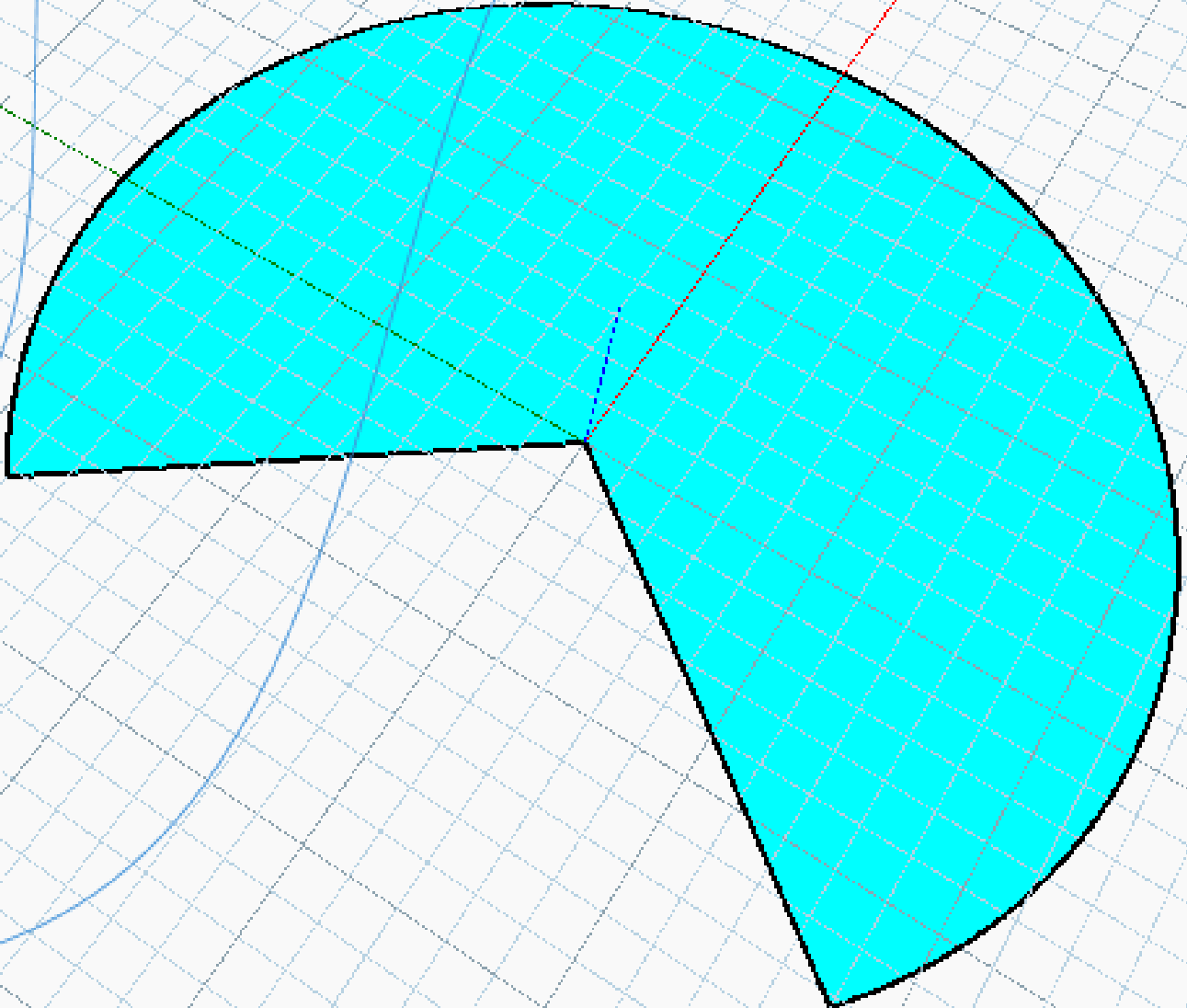
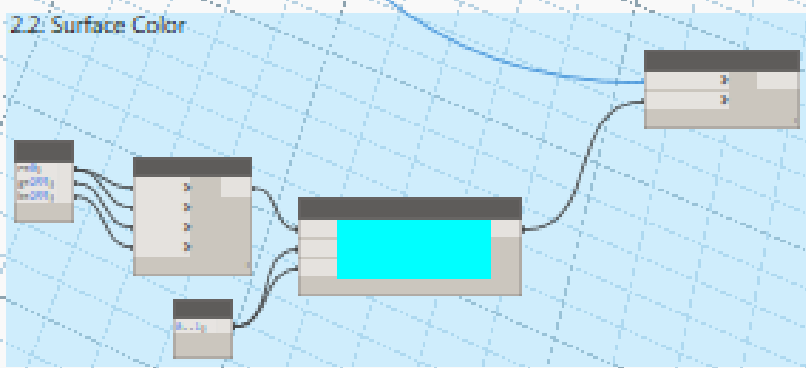
- 1. AIR JET DISTRIBUTION SURFACE



- 2. IF CONDITION – 1 WAY, 2 WAY, 3 WAYS DEVICES

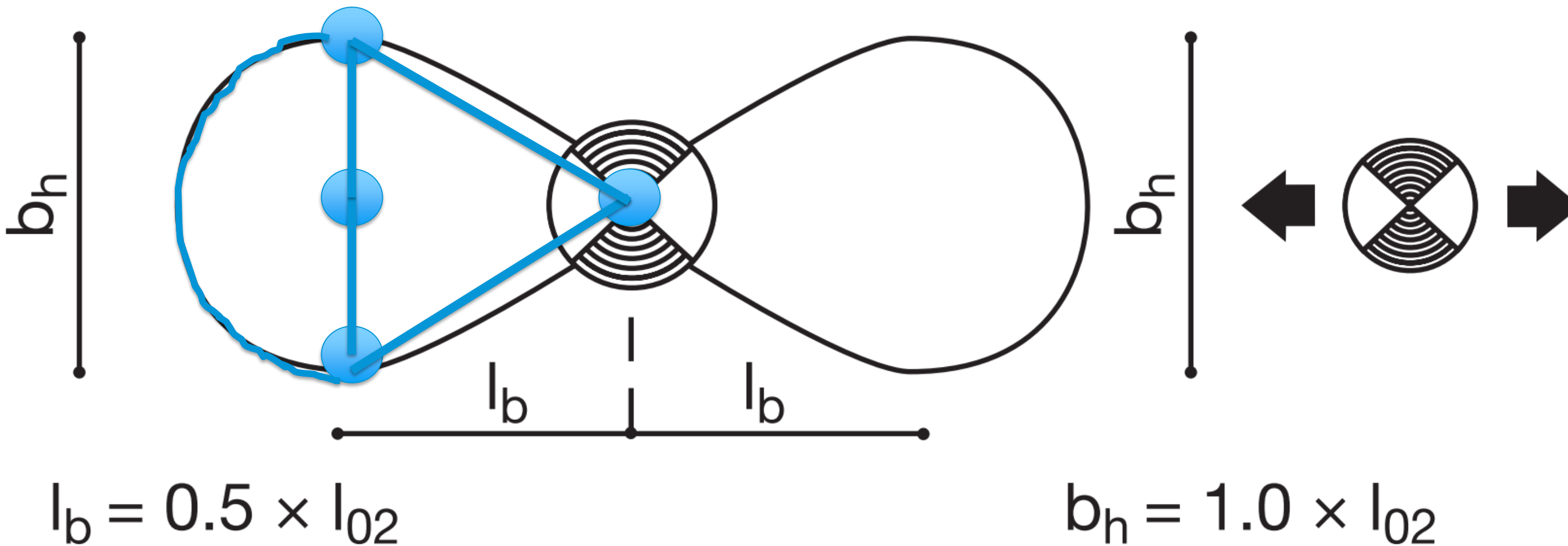


- 3. OUPUT VISUALIZATION



2.1 DYNAMO STUDIO - AIR TERMINAL DEVICES

- FROM PRODUCT SHEET SPECIFICATION



- TO DESIGN SCRIPT GEOMETRY DEFINITATION

Air Jet Boundary 2 ways - Surface

```
Code Block
Lb2 //boundary curves
Bh2_2
pt0 = Point.ByCoordinates(0,0,0);
pt1 = Point.ByCoordinates(Lb2,
Bh2_2,0);
pt2 = Point.ByCoordinates(Lb2,
-Bh2_2,0);
pt3 = Point.ByCoordinates(Lb2,
0,0);
l1 = Line.ByStartPointEndPoint(pt0,pt1);
l2 = Line.ByStartPointEndPoint(pt0,pt2);
arc1 = Arc.ByCenterPointStartPointEndPoint(pt3, pt2, pt1);

//list of curves to PolyCurve
t1 = {l1,l2,arc1};
polyCurve1 = PolyCurve.ByJoinedCurves(t1);

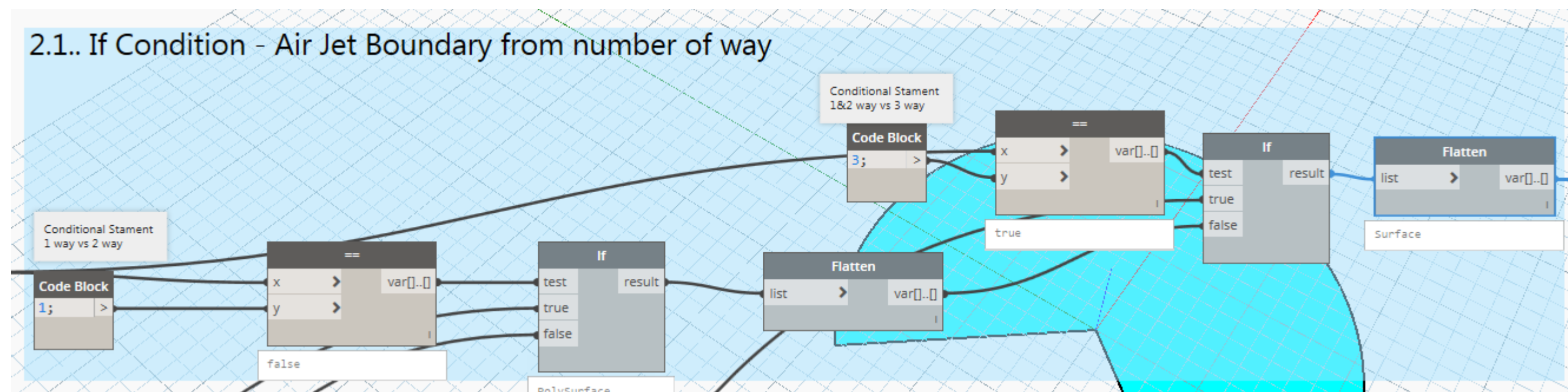
//PolyCurve to Surface
surface1 = Surface.ByPatch(polyCurve1);

//Mirror of PolyCurve and Surface
vector1 = Vector.XAxis();
plane1 = Plane.ByOriginNormal(pt0, vector1);
polyCurve2 = polyCurve1.Mirror(plane1);
surface2 = Surface.ByPatch(polyCurve2);

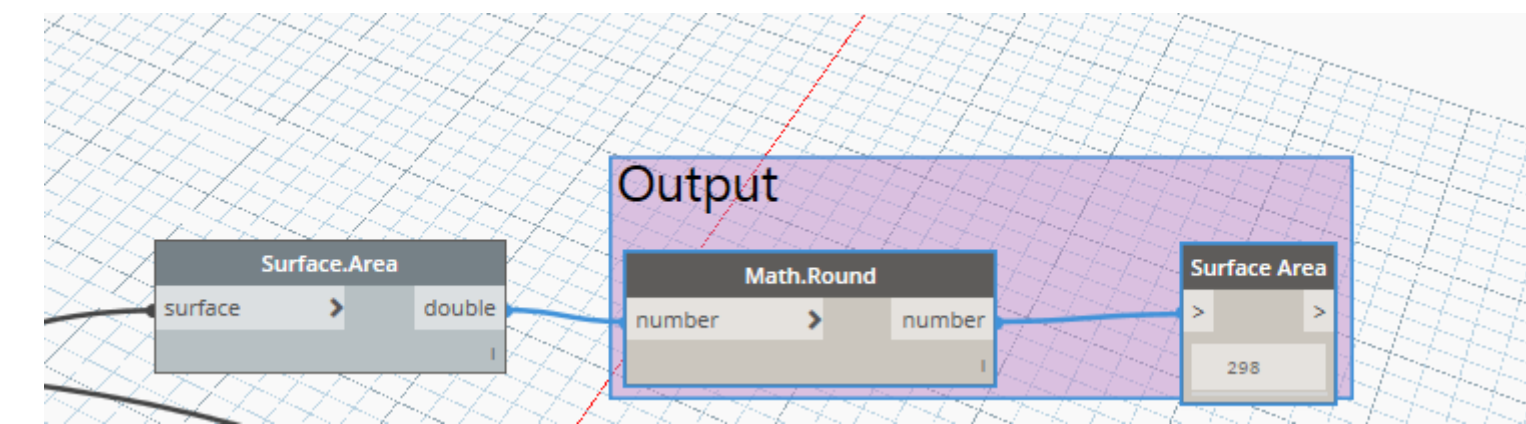
//ByJoinedSurfaces
t2 = {surface1, surface2};
polySurface1 = PolySurface.ByJoinedSurfaces(t2);
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2.1 DYNAMO STUDIO - AIR TERMINAL DEVICES

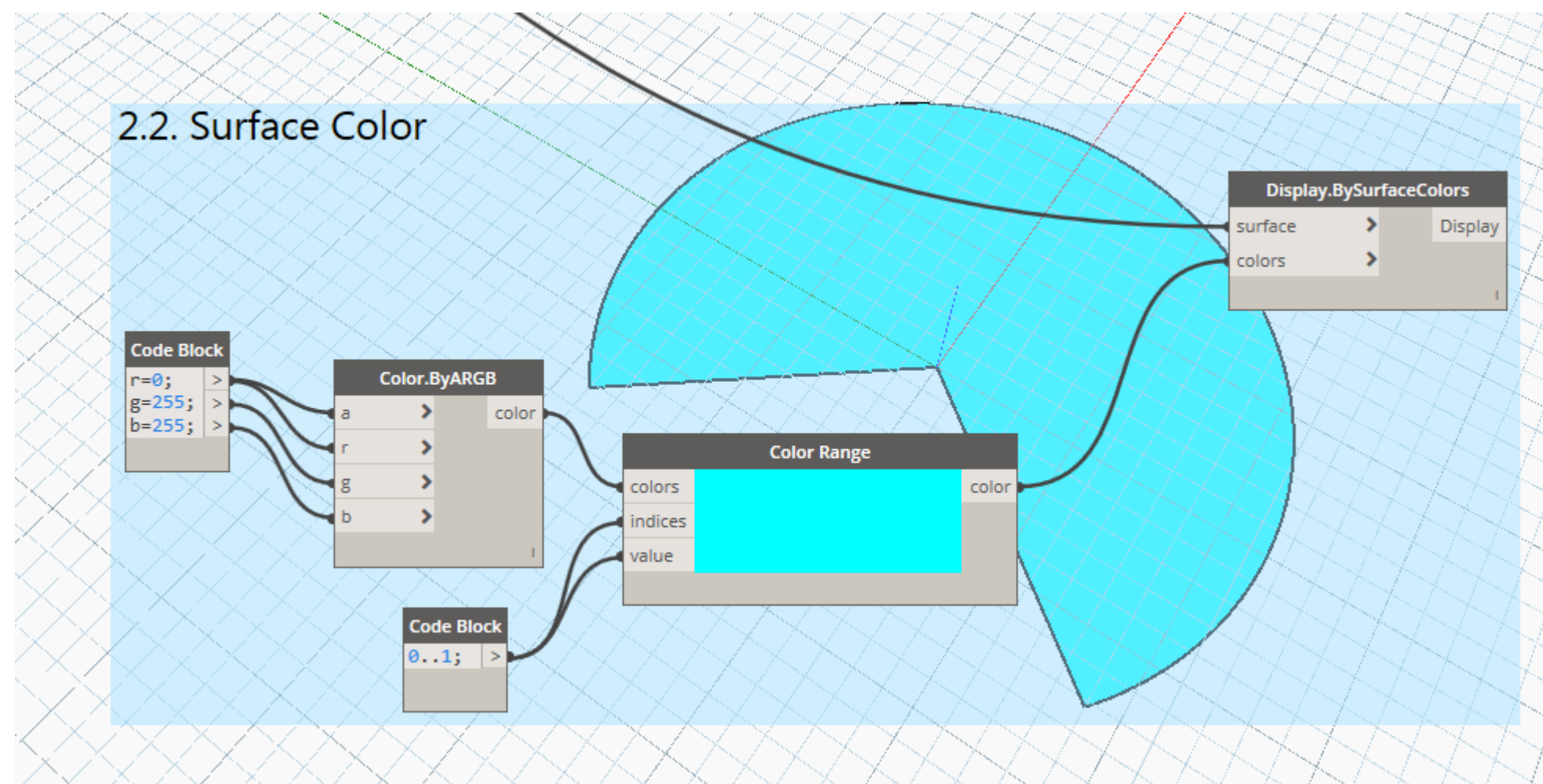
- 2.1. IF CONDITION – 1 WAY, 2 WAY, 3 WAYS DEVICES



- 2.2. JET DISTRIBUTION SURFACE AREA

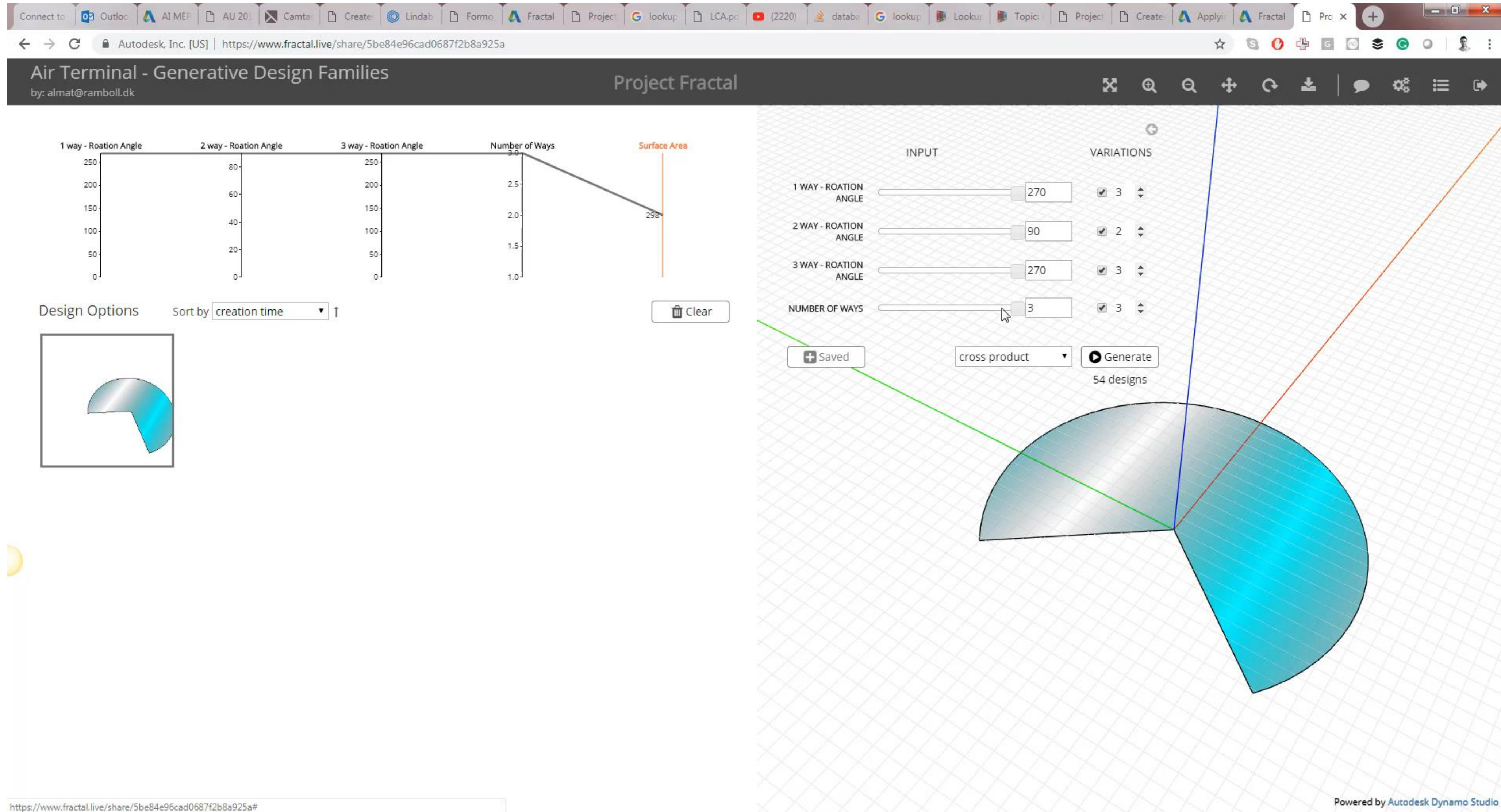


- **3. COLOUR VISUALIZATION**



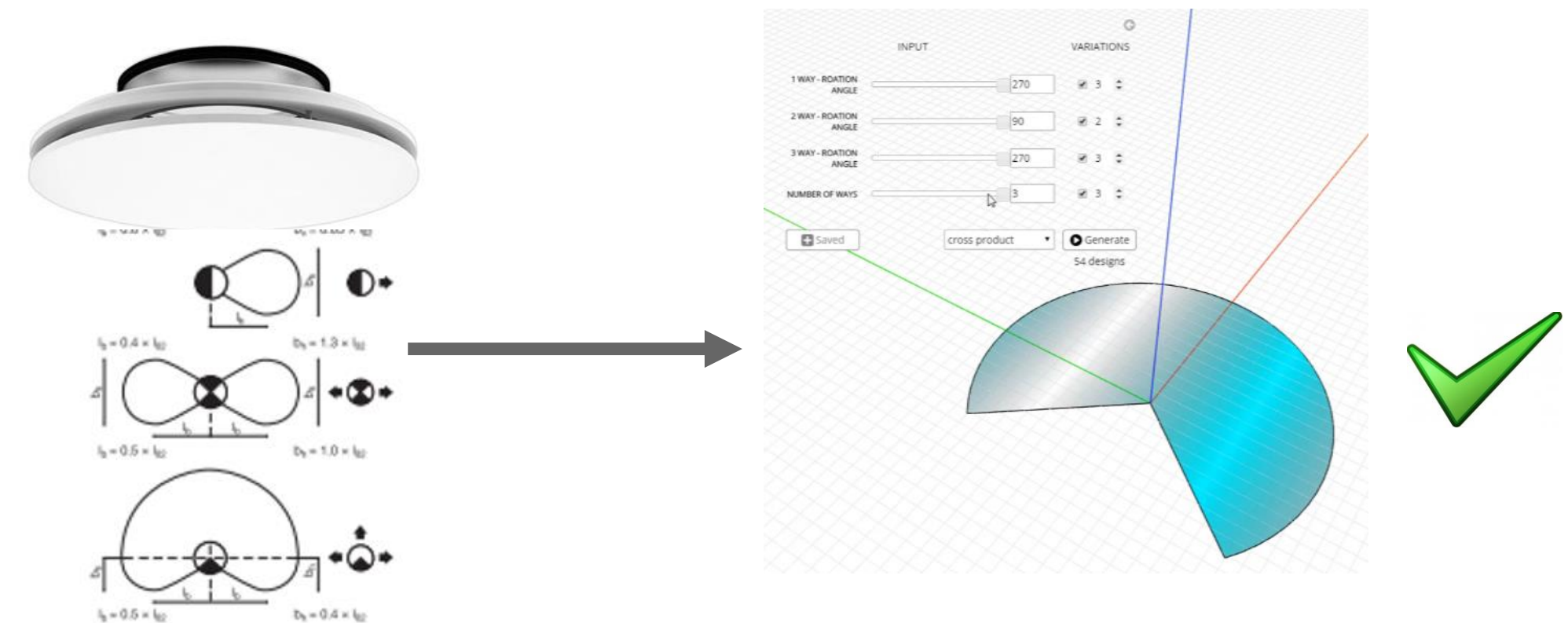
2.1 DYNAMO STUDIO - AIR TERMINAL DEVICES

FRACTAL – COMPUTATIONAL DESIGN FAMILIES

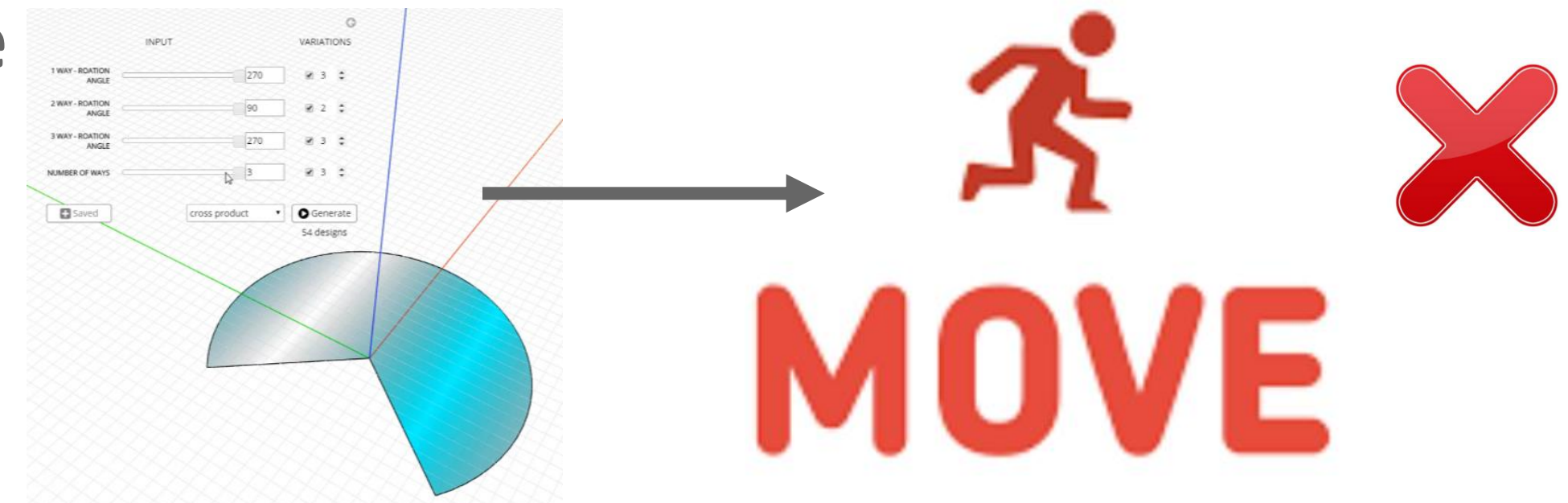


Which features make an object to be generative design friendly?

1. To be a computational design object

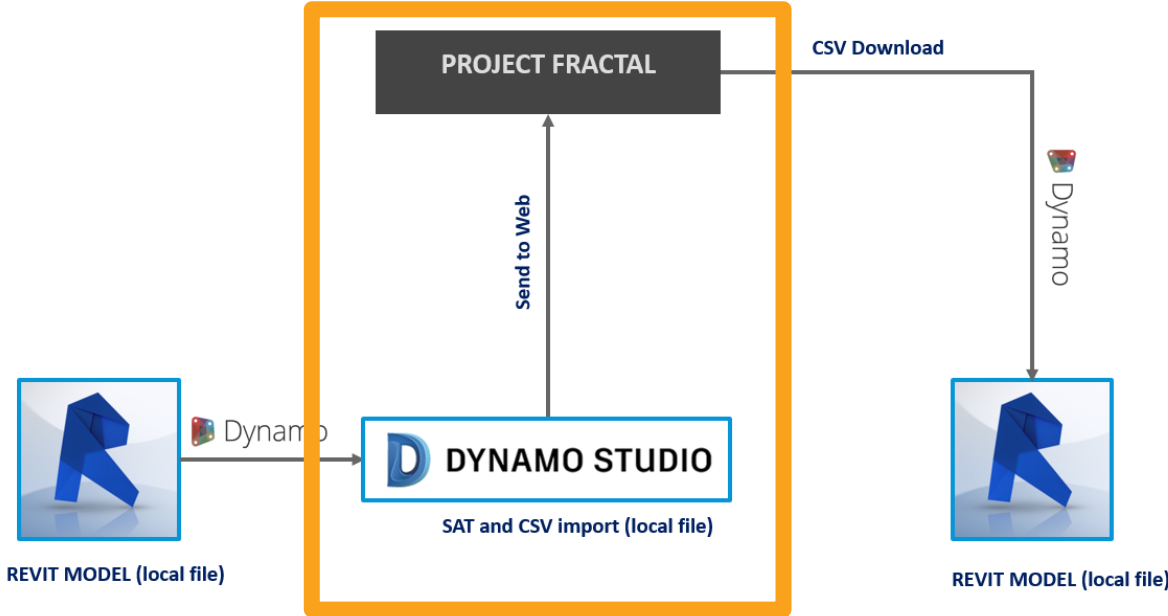


1. To have movement within a geometrical space



2.1 DYNAMO STUDIO - AIR TERMINAL DEVICES

FRACTAL – GENERATIVE DESIGN FAMILIES



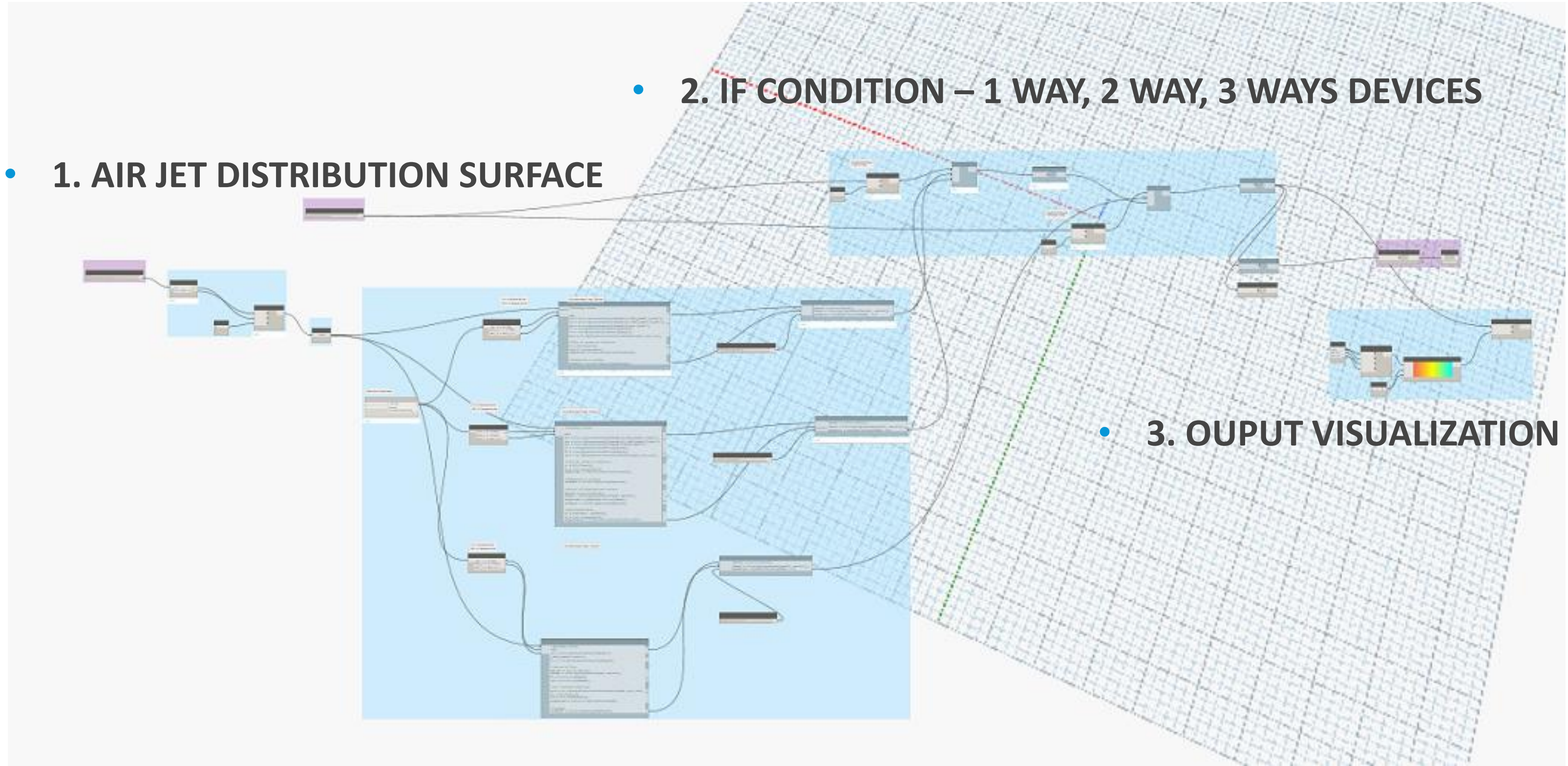
- SAME SCRIPTS THAN BEFORE, HOWEVER BOUNDARY **POINTS** ARE DEFINED AS **UNKNOWN VARIABLES**

Air Jet Boundary 1 way - Surface

```
Code Block
pt0;
Lb1;
Bh1_2;
//boundary curves
pt1 = Point.ByCoordinates((Lb1+pt0.X),(Bh1_2+pt0.Y),pt0.Z);
pt2 = Point.ByCoordinates((Lb1+pt0.X),(-Bh1_2+pt0.Y),pt0.Z);
pt3 = Point.ByCoordinates((Lb1+pt0.X),pt0.Y,pt0.Z);
l1 = Line.ByStartPointEndPoint(pt0,pt1);
l2 = Line.ByStartPointEndPoint(pt0,pt2);
arc1 = Arc.ByCenterPointStartPointEndPoint(pt3, pt2, pt1);

//list of curves to PolyCurve
t1 = {l1,l2,arc1};
t2=List.Transpose(t1);
polyCurve1 = PolyCurve.ByJoinedCurves(t2);

//PolyCurve to Surface
surface1 = Surface.ByPatch(polyCurve1);
```



2.1 DYNAMO STUDIO - AIR TERMINAL DEVICES

FRACTAL – GENERATIVE DESIGN FAMILIES

Autodesk, Inc. [US] | <https://www.fractal.live/share/5be84e96cad0687f2b8a925a>

Air Terminal - Generative Design Families

by: almat@ramboll.dk

Project Fractal

Design Options Sort by: creation time ↑ Clear

1 way - Roation Angle 2 way - Roation Angle 3 way - Roation Angle Number of Ways Surface Area

INPUT VARIATIONS

1 WAY - ROATION ANGLE 270 3

2 WAY - ROATION ANGLE 0 2

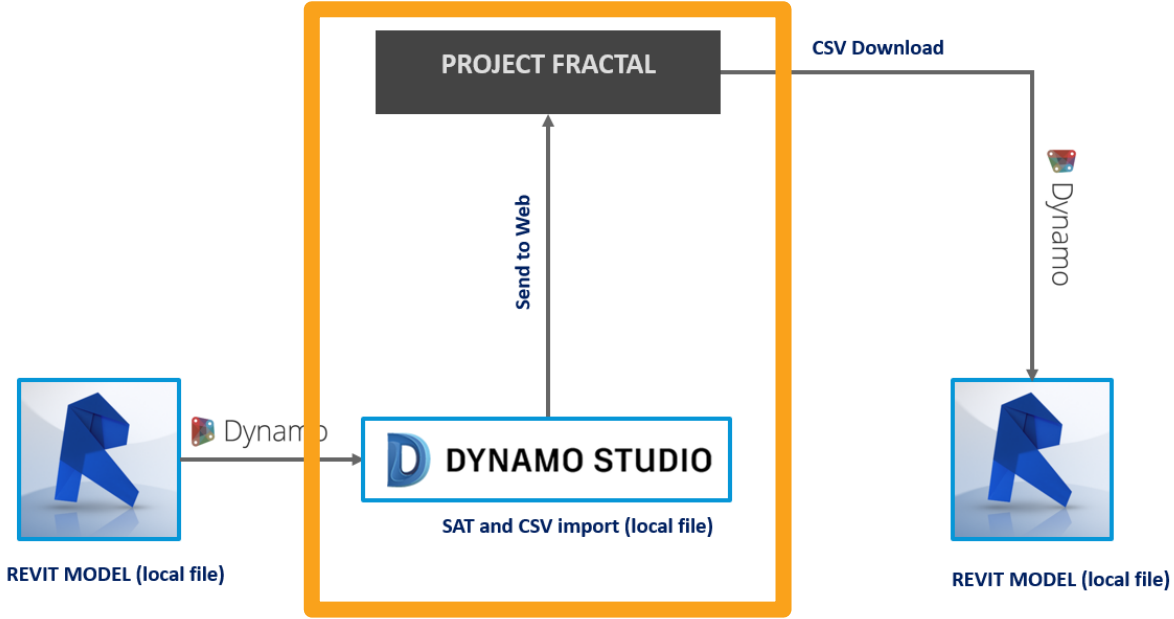
3 WAY - ROATION ANGLE 270 3

NUMBER OF WAYS 2 3

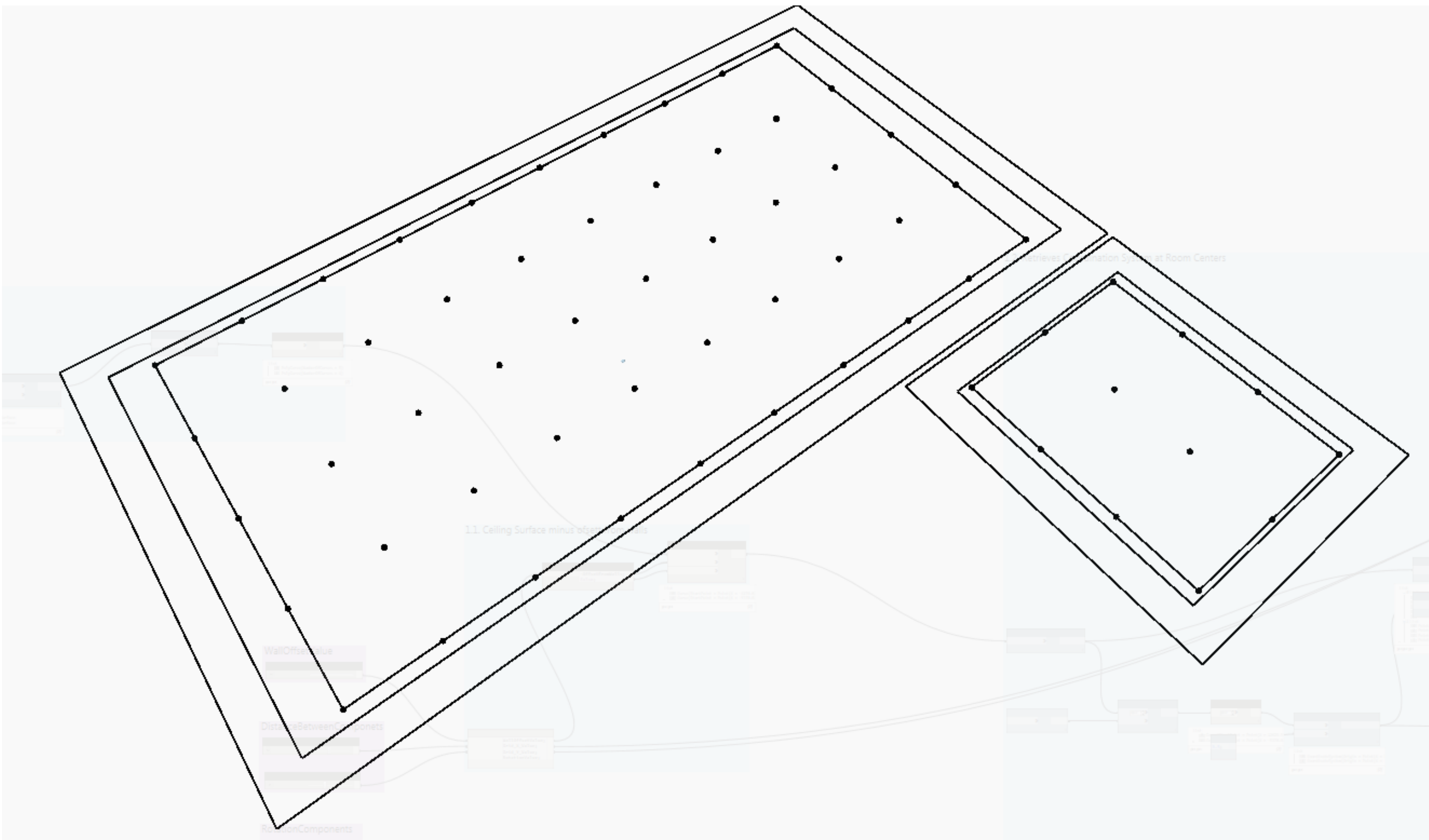
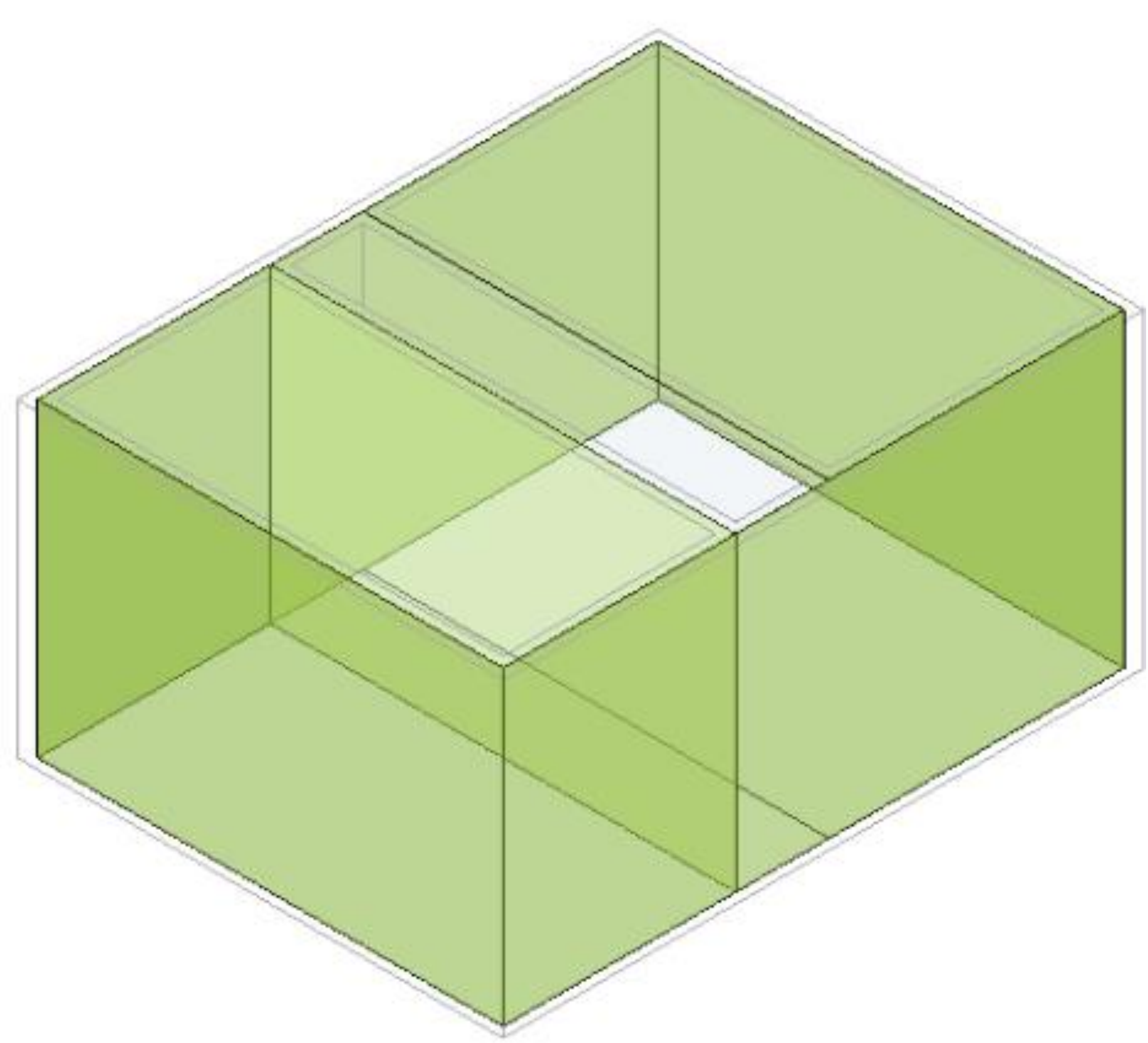
Save cross product Generate 54 designs

Powered by Autodesk Dynamo Studio

2.3 DYNAMO STUDIO - CEILING ANALYSIS



- FROM SPACES
-
- TO CONCEPTUAL VENTILATION DESIGN ANALYSIS WITH DYNAMO STUDIO

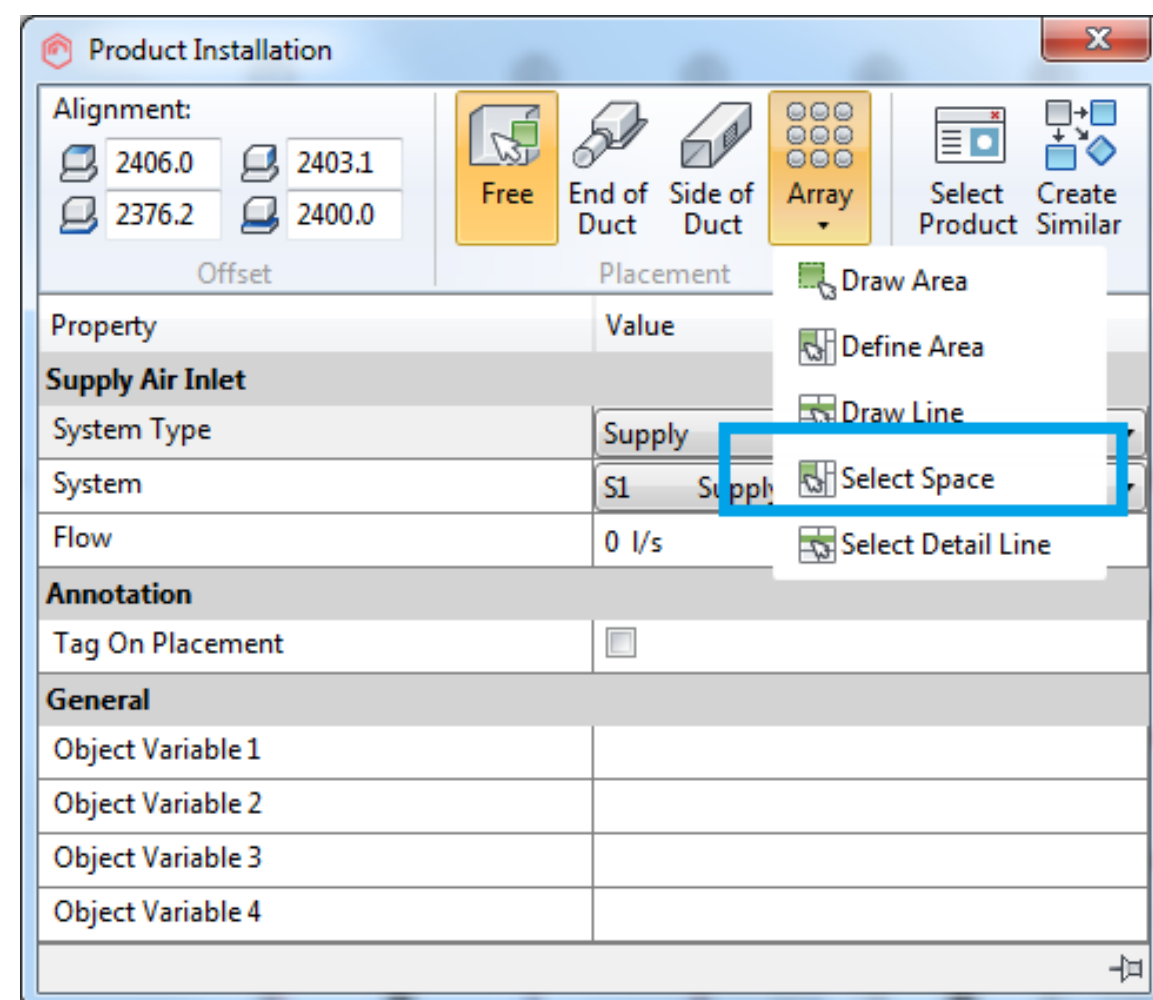


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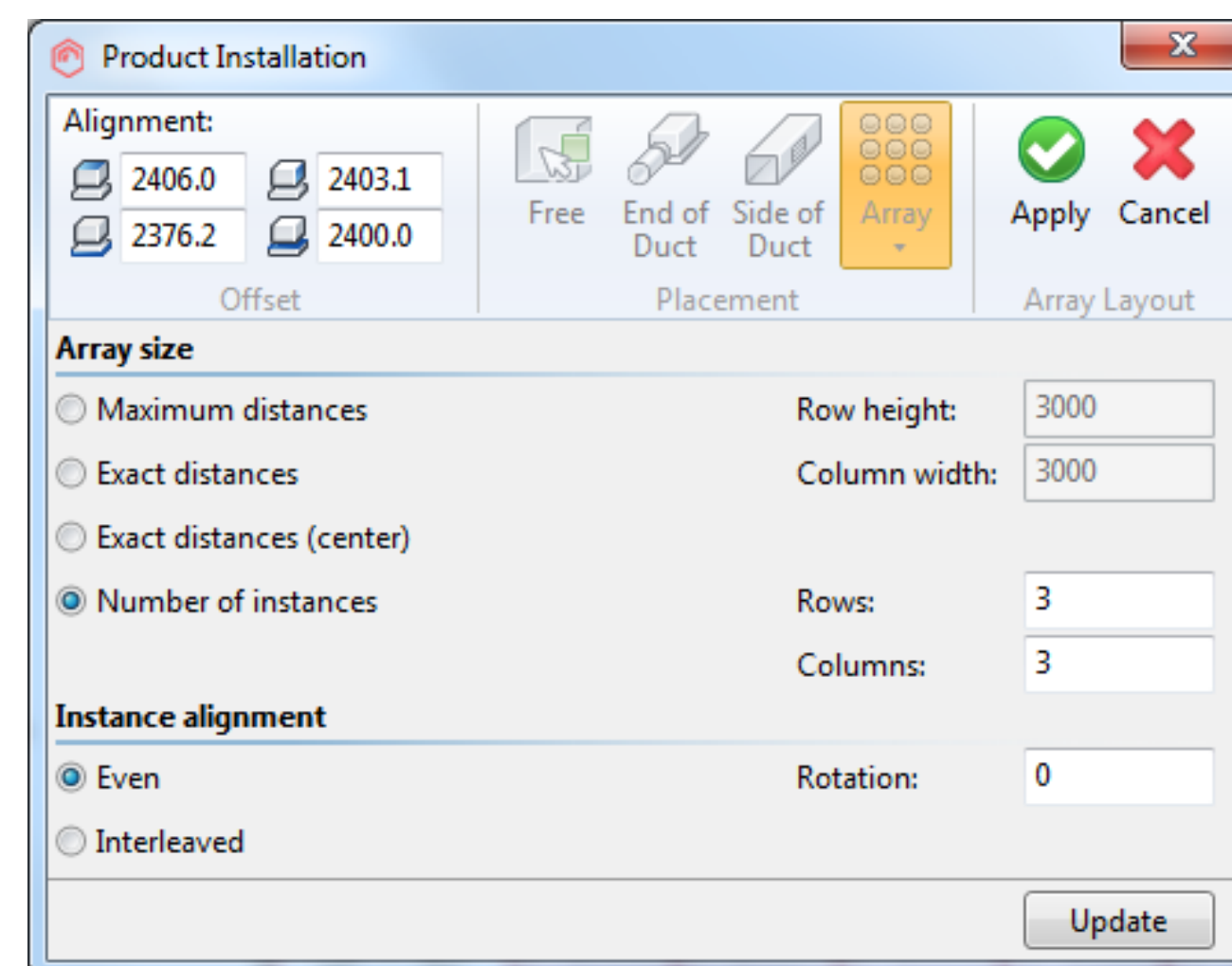
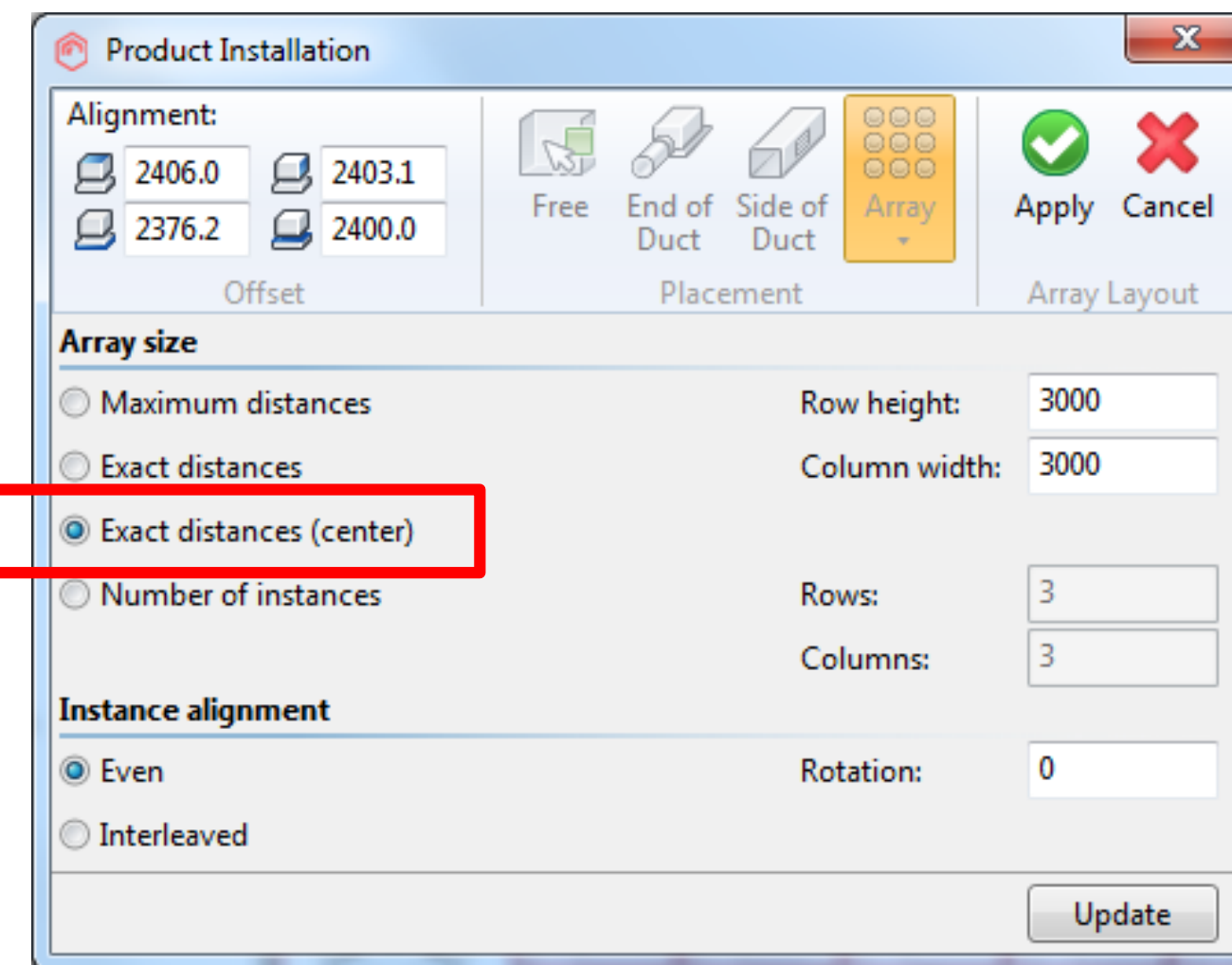
EXISTING PROCESS – INSPIRATION



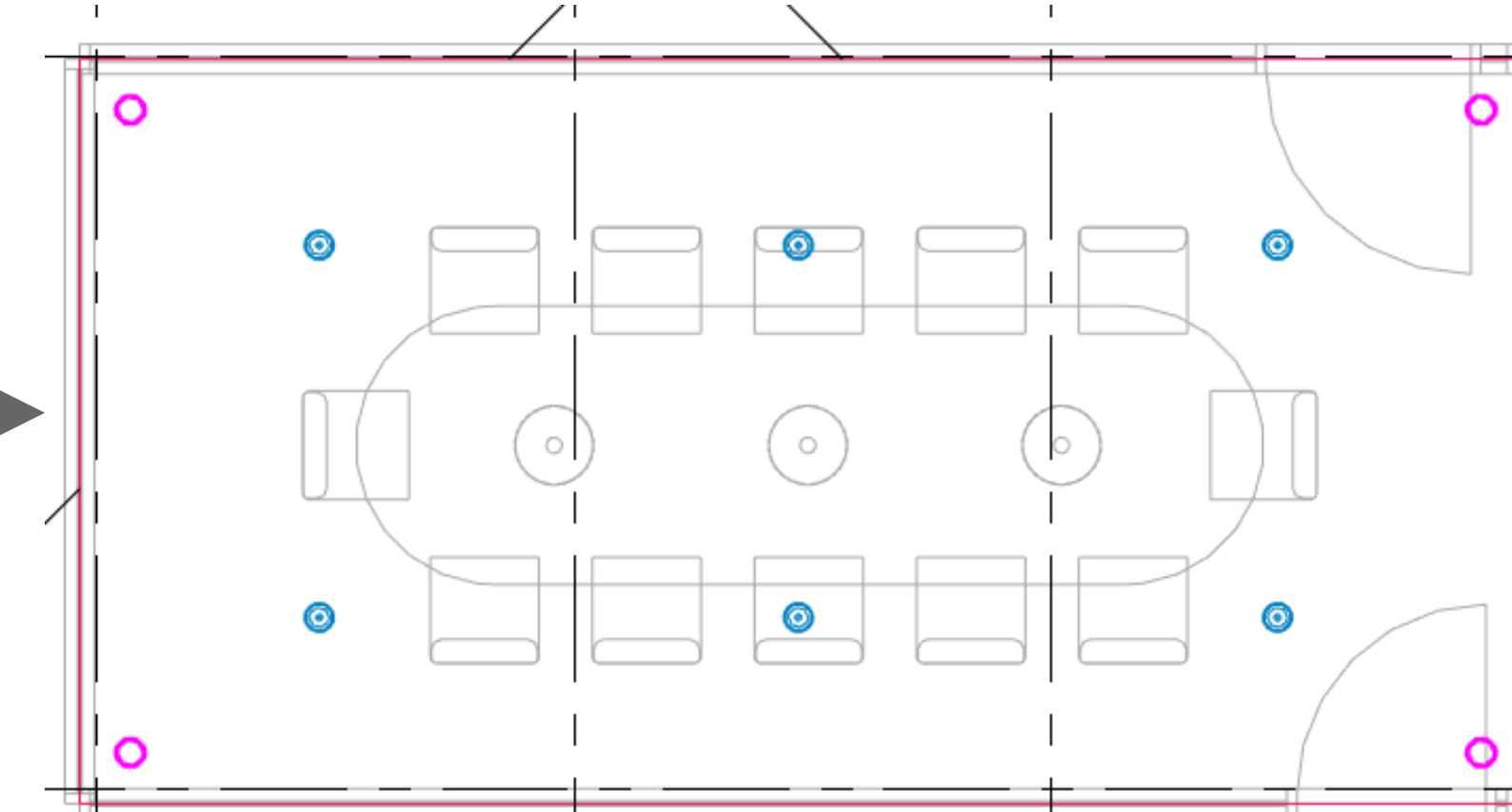
• 1. SELECT SPACE



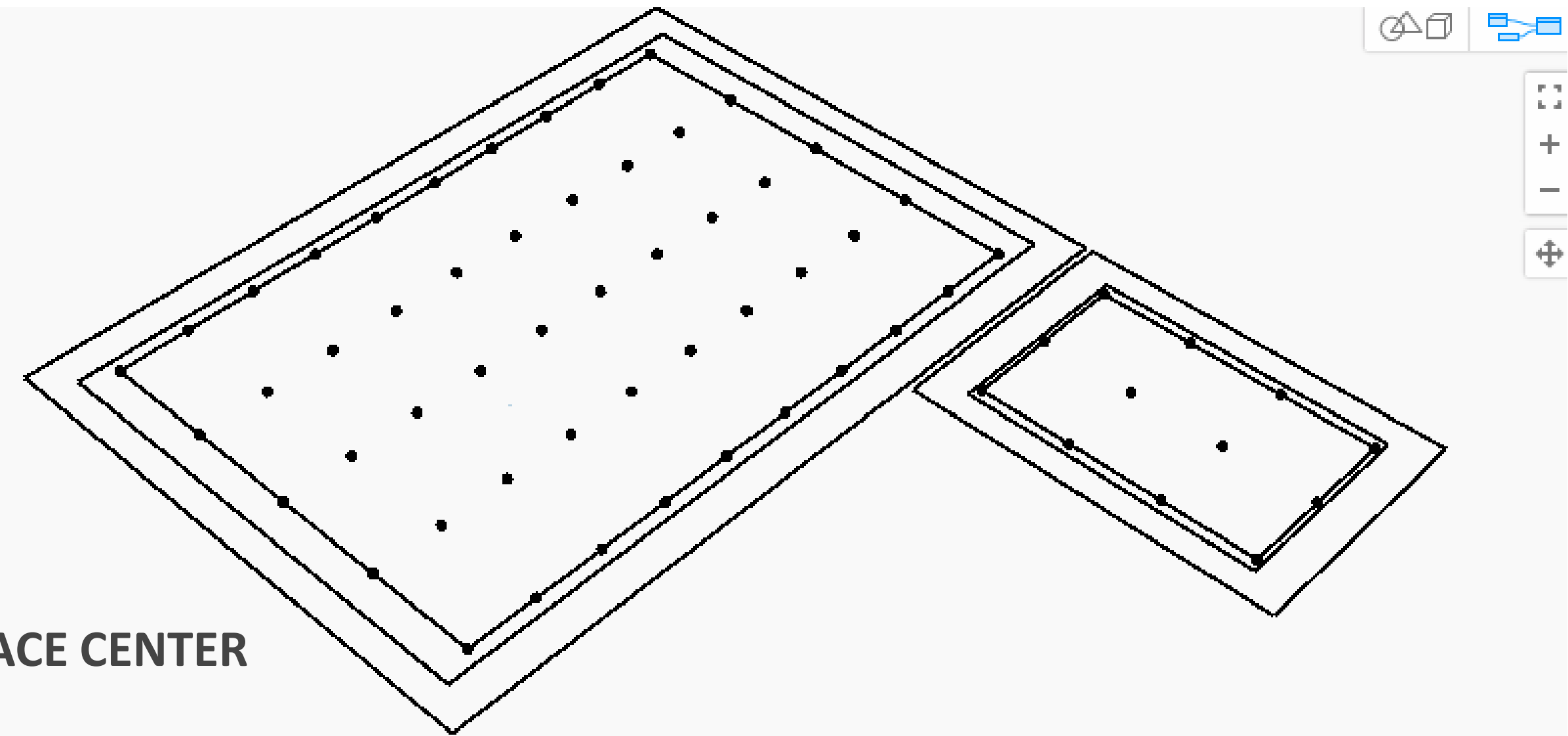
• 2. AIR TERMINALS ARRAY GENERATION



• 3. AUTOMATIC MODELLING

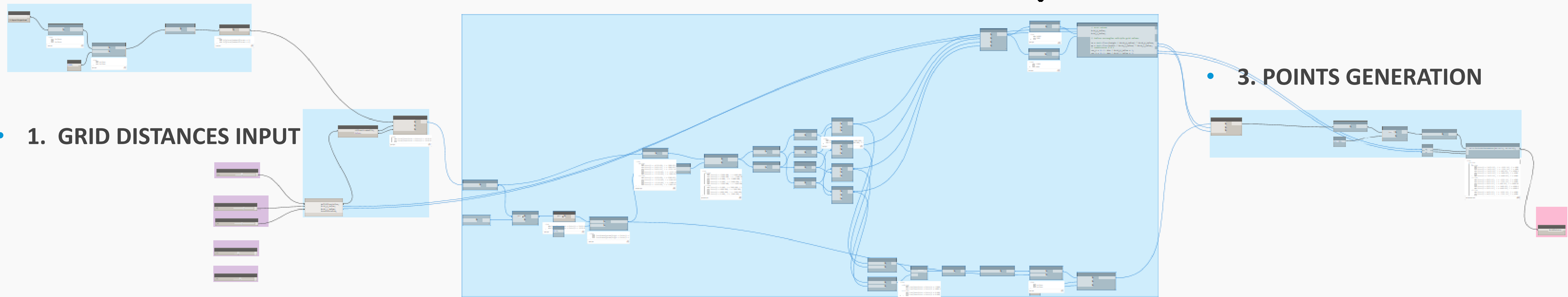


2.3 DYNAMO STUDIO - CEILING ANALYSIS



- 0. SPACES – IMPORT

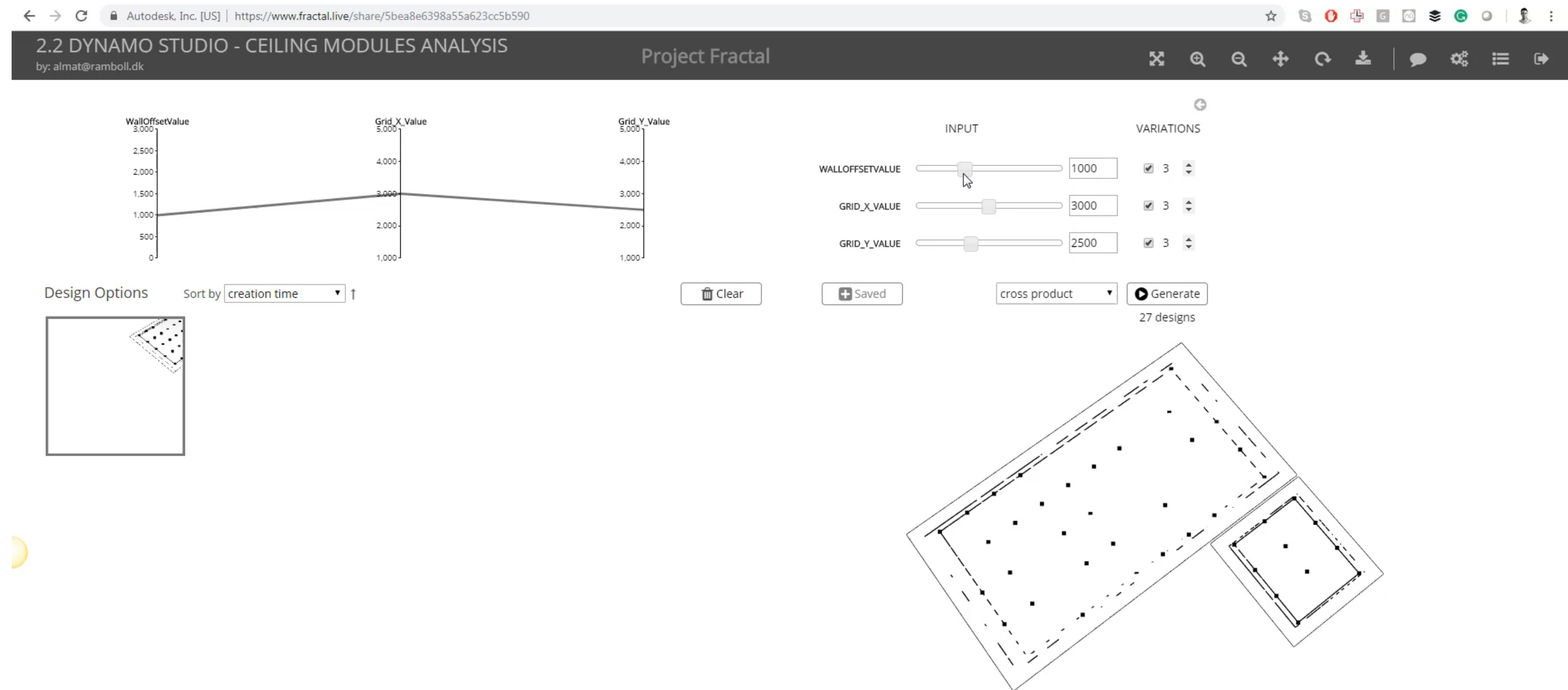
- 2. COORDINATION SYSTEM AT SPACE CENTER



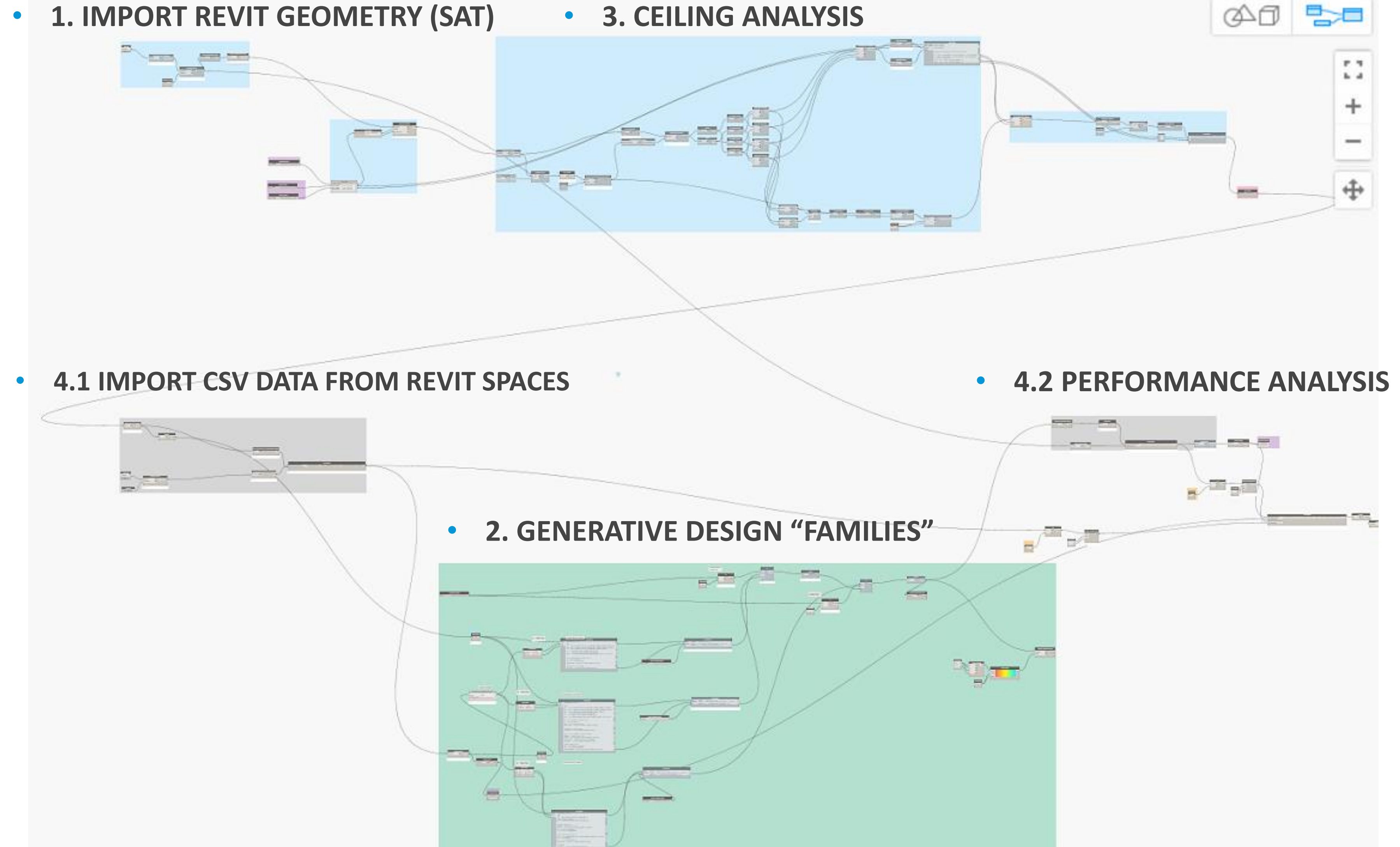
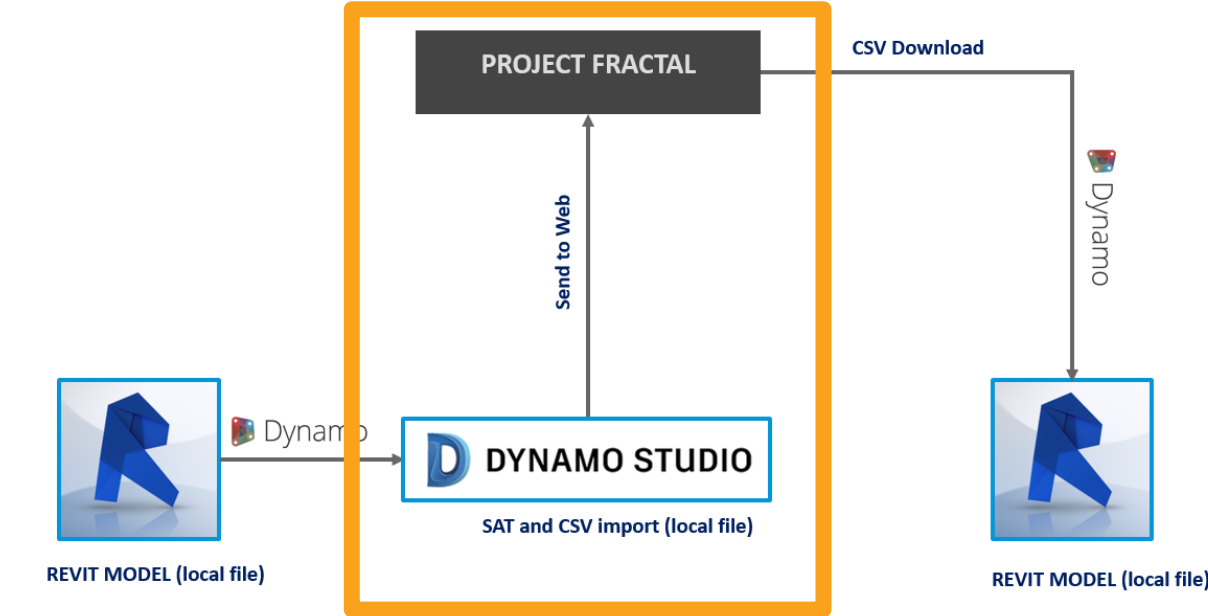
- **3. POINTS GENERATION**

- 1. GRID DISTANCES INPUT

2.3 DYNAMO STUDIO - CEILING MODULES ANALYSIS



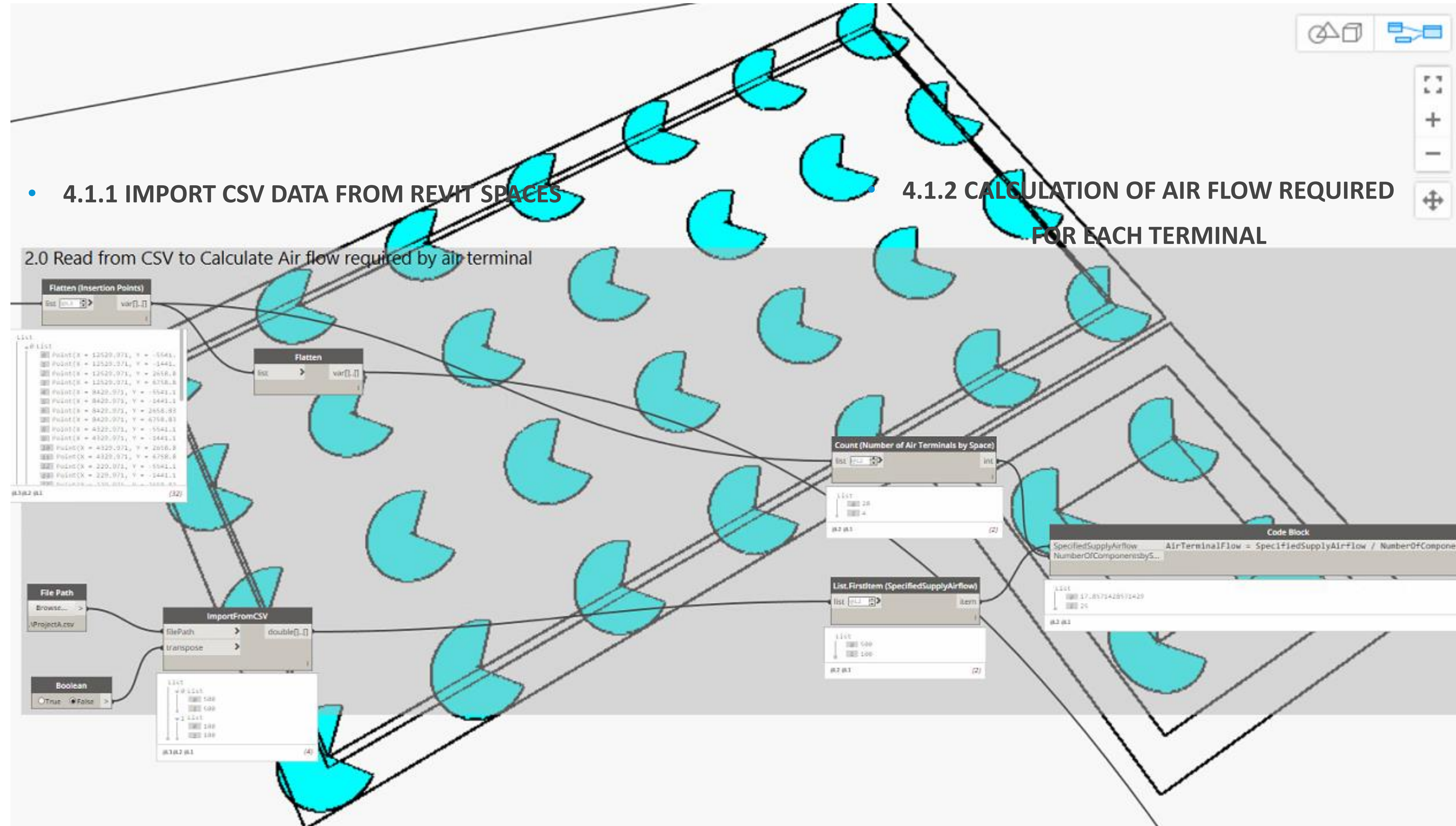
2.4 DYNAMO STUDIO - EXPLORING LAYOUT OF AIR TERMINAL DEVICES



2.4.1 DYNAMO STUDIO - EXPLORING IMPORT CSV DATA FROM REVIT SPACES

- 4.1.1 IMPORT CSV DATA FROM REVIT SPACES

- 4.1.2 CALCULATION OF AIR FLOW REQUIRED
FOR EACH TERMINAL



2.4.2 DYNAMO STUDIO - EXPLORING PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS – GENERATIVE DESIGN THEORY

Goals

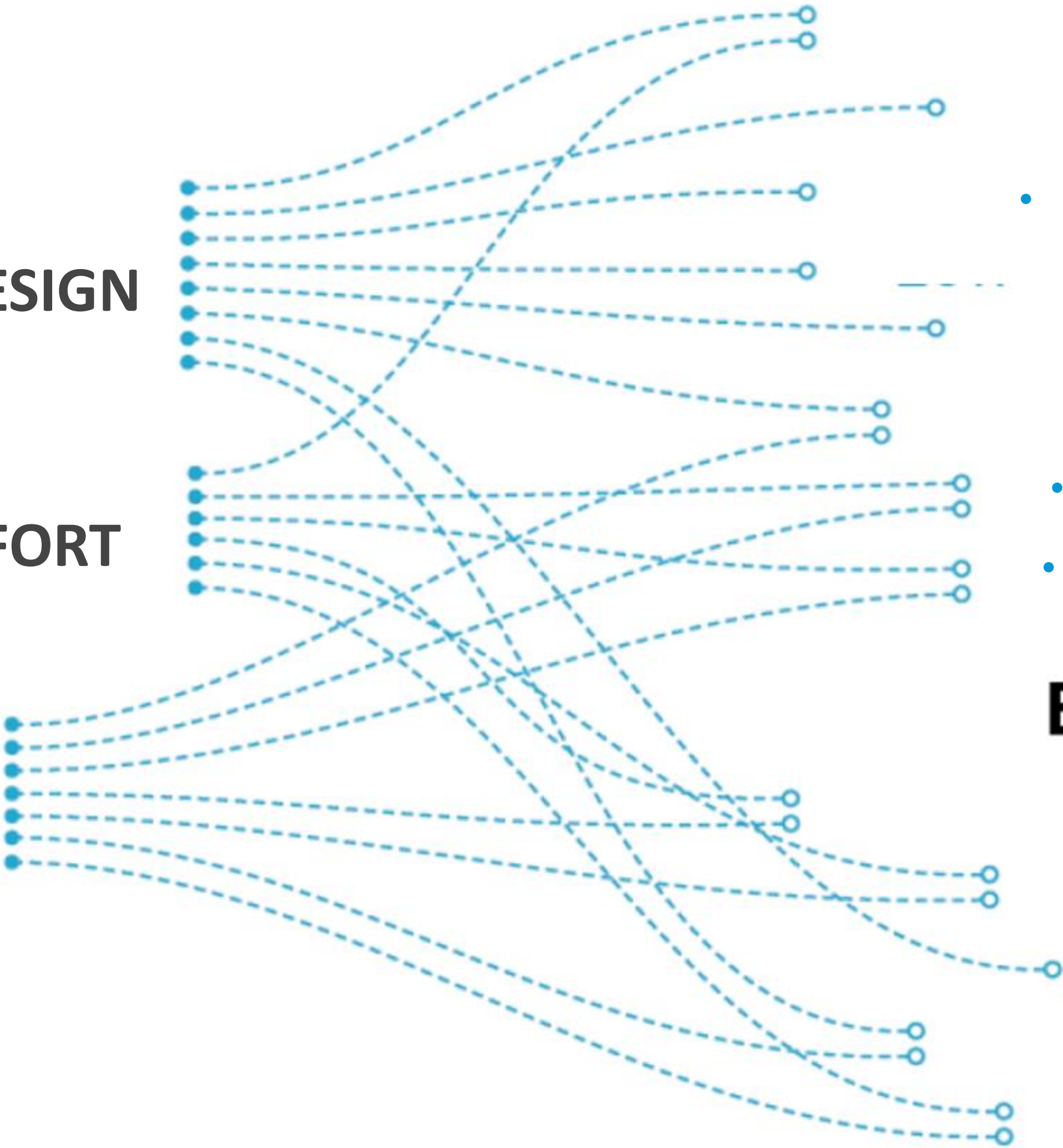
- HIGH-PERFORMANCE – EARLY DESIGN
- COMFORT
- MATERIAL REDUCTION

Metrics

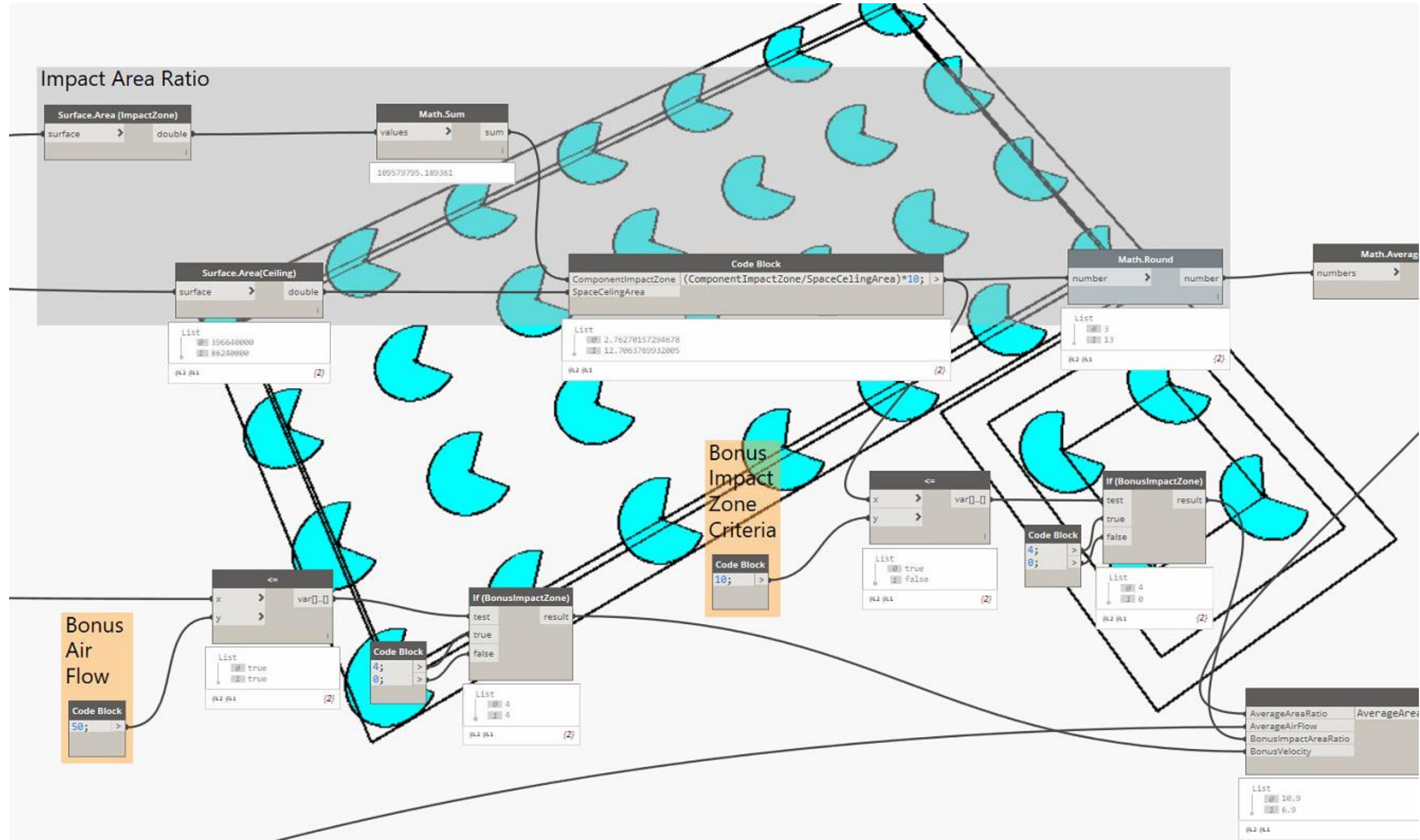
- AIR FLOW RATE
- JET DISTRIBUTION AREA
- IMPACT AREA RATIO
- PERFORMANCE SCORE
- DESIGN BONUS RATING

Elements

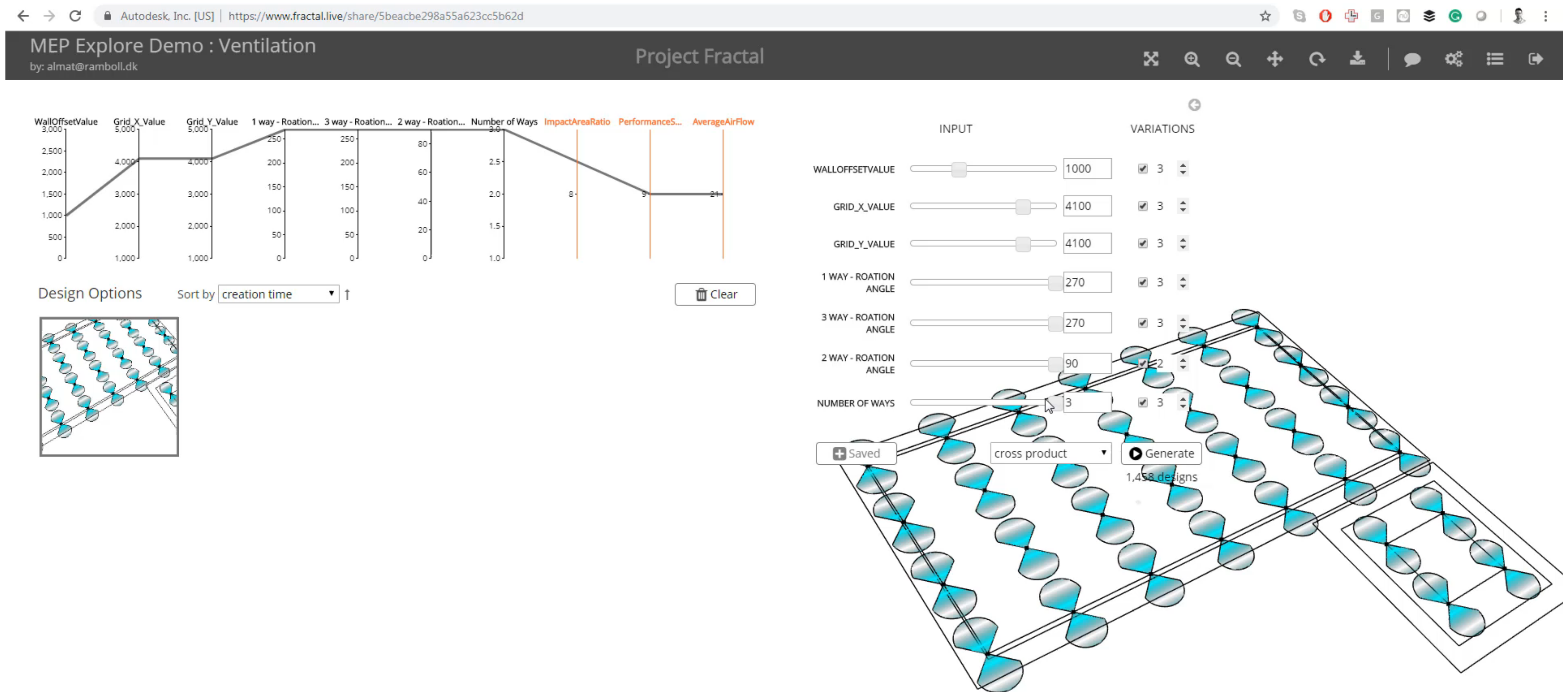
- AIR TERMINAL DEVICES
- LIGHTING FIXTURES
 - CEILING
 - WALLS
- MEP SPACES



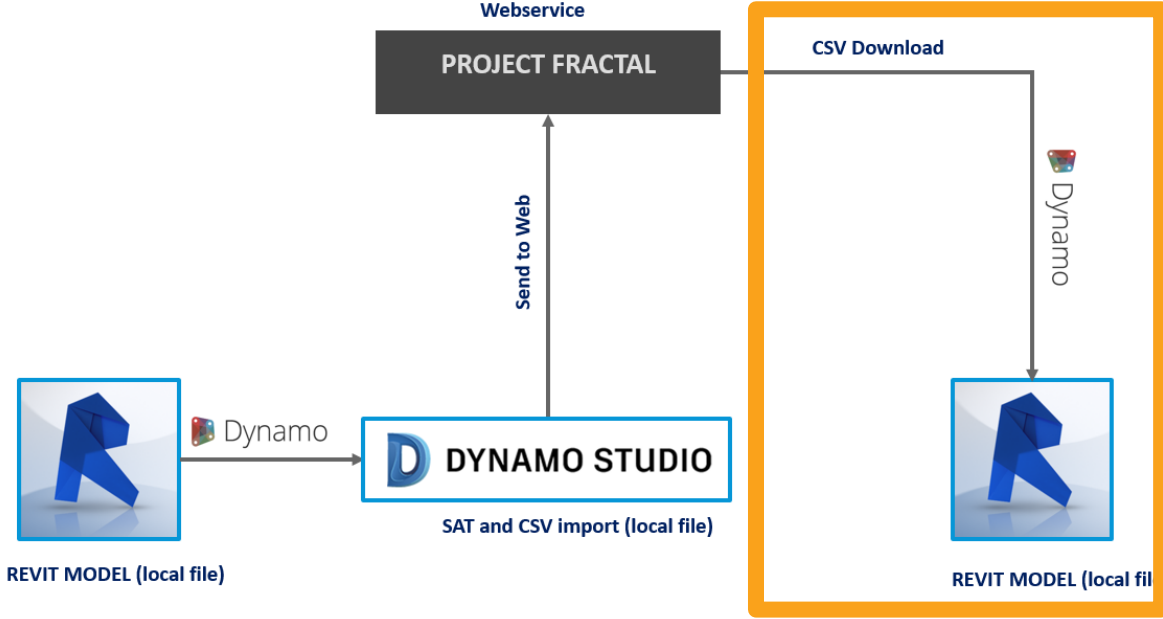
2.4.2 DYNAMO STUDIO - EXPLORING PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS



2.4.2 DYNAMO STUDIO – MEP EXPLORING DEMO



2.4 FRACTAL TO REVIT – PROJECT DOCUMENTATION



- 1. SAME SCRIPT THAN CEILING ANALYSIS
- 2. FAMILY INSERT BY POINT AND SET PARAMETER BY VALUE



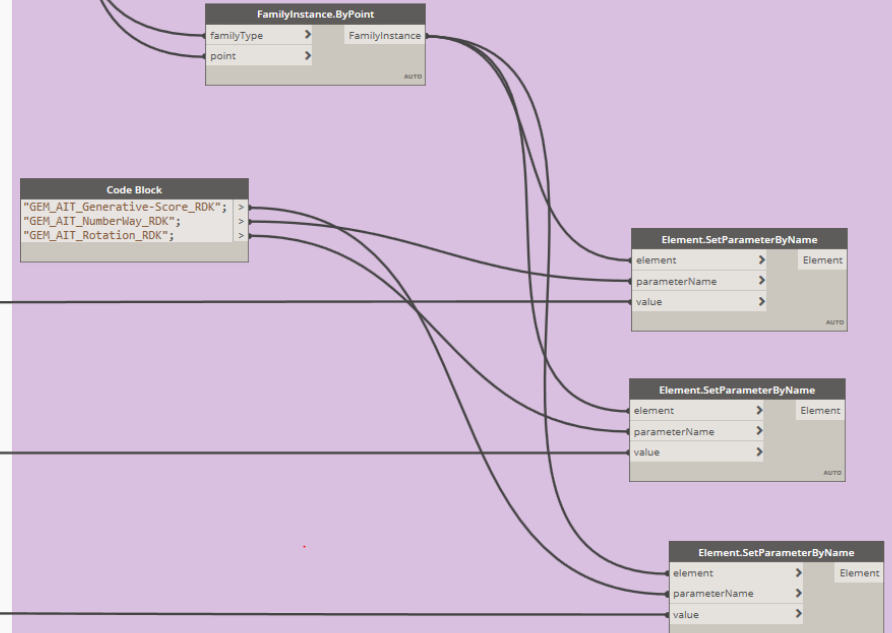
Manual Input from Project Fractal

AIT-NumberOfWays
2

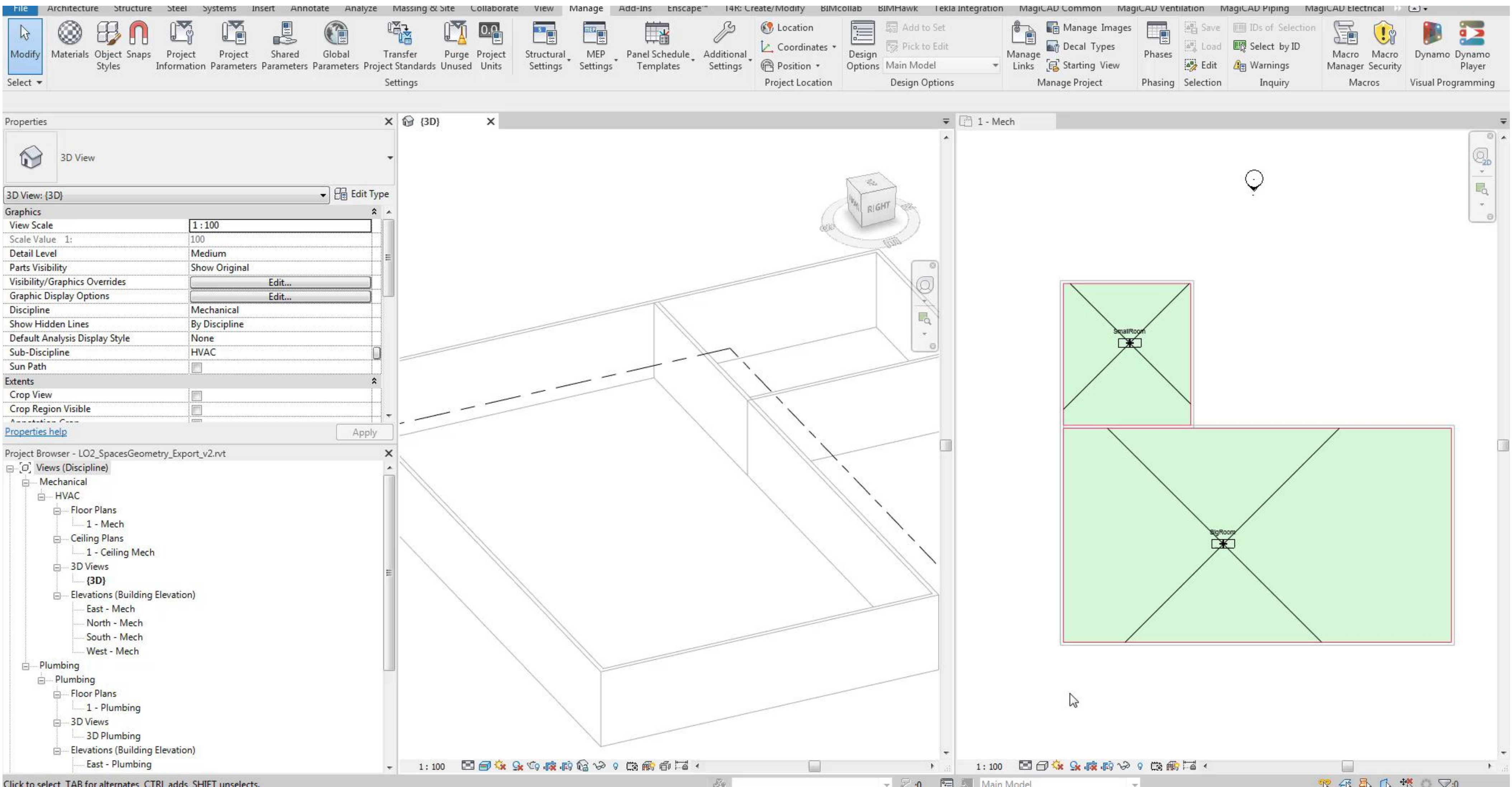
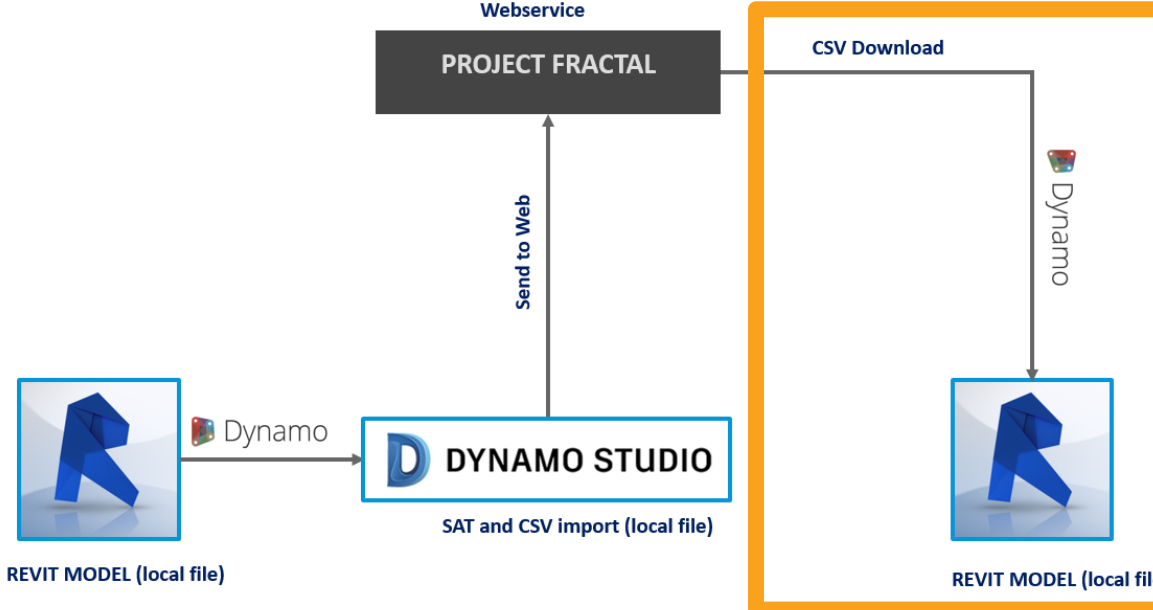
AIT-RotationAngle
270

AIT-GenerativeScore
10

Family Instance By Point



2.4 FRACTAL TO REVIT – PROJECT DOCUMENTATION



FINDINGS : MEP EXPLORE - GENERATIVE DESIGN



- Generative Design can be also used for MEP Design



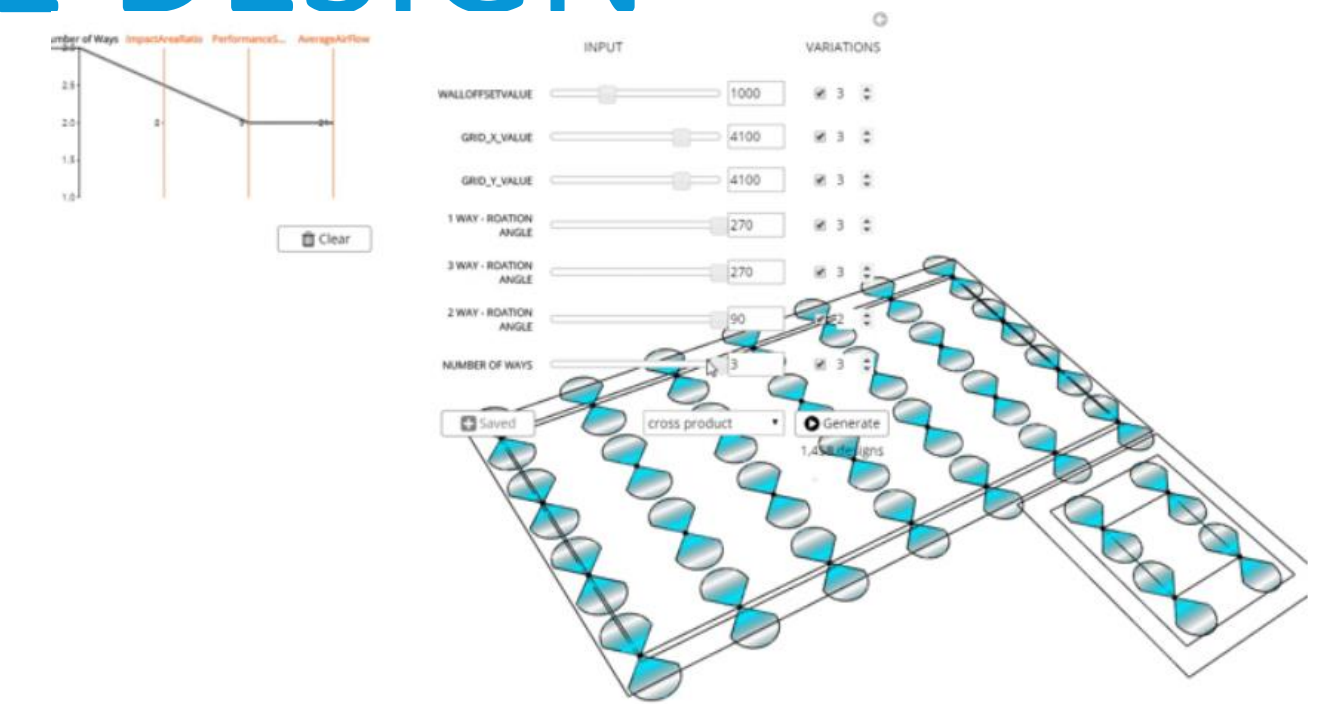
- Process Standardization and people comes first



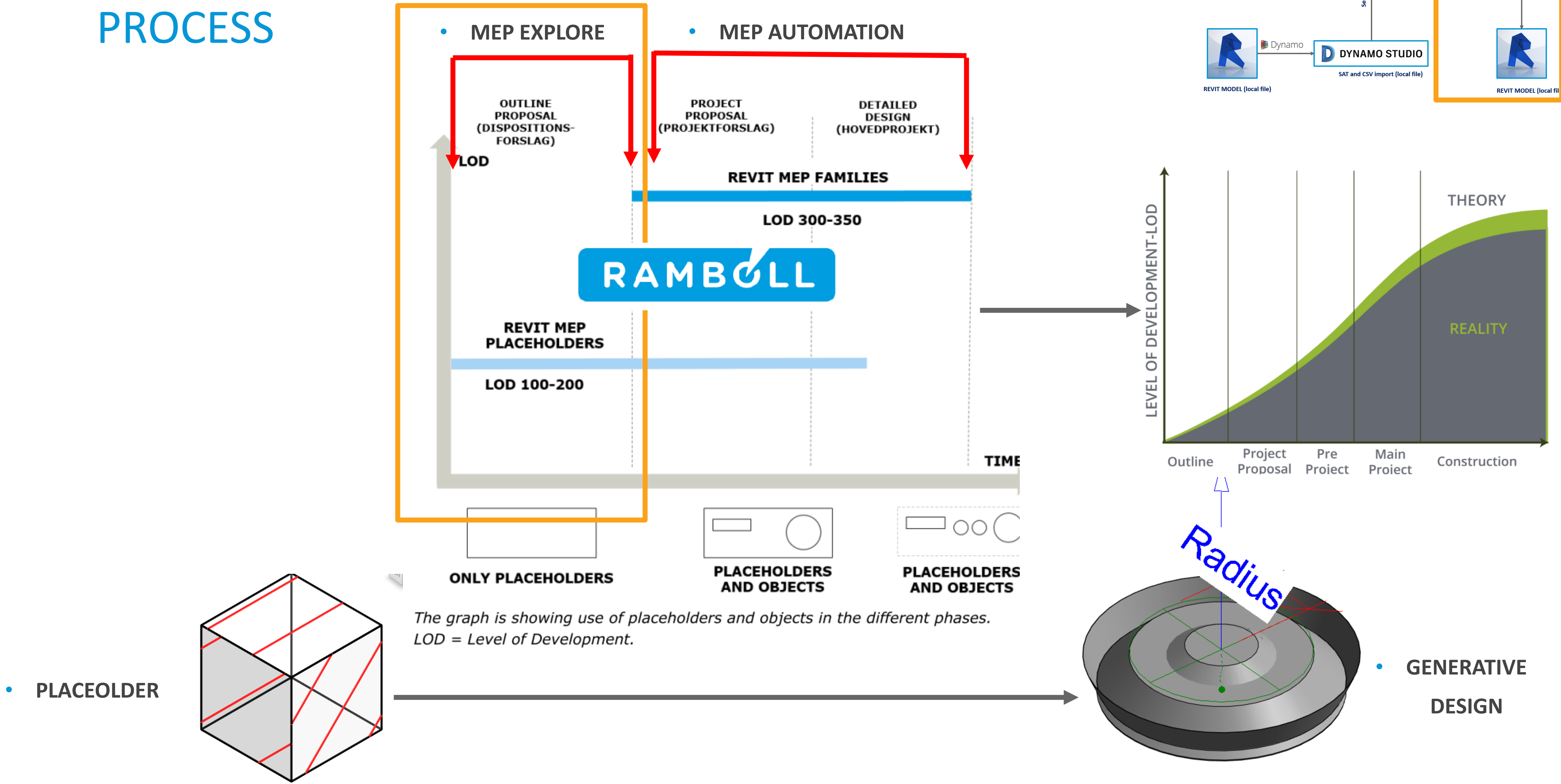
- Available technology is primary for prototyping and it's difficult to scale up.



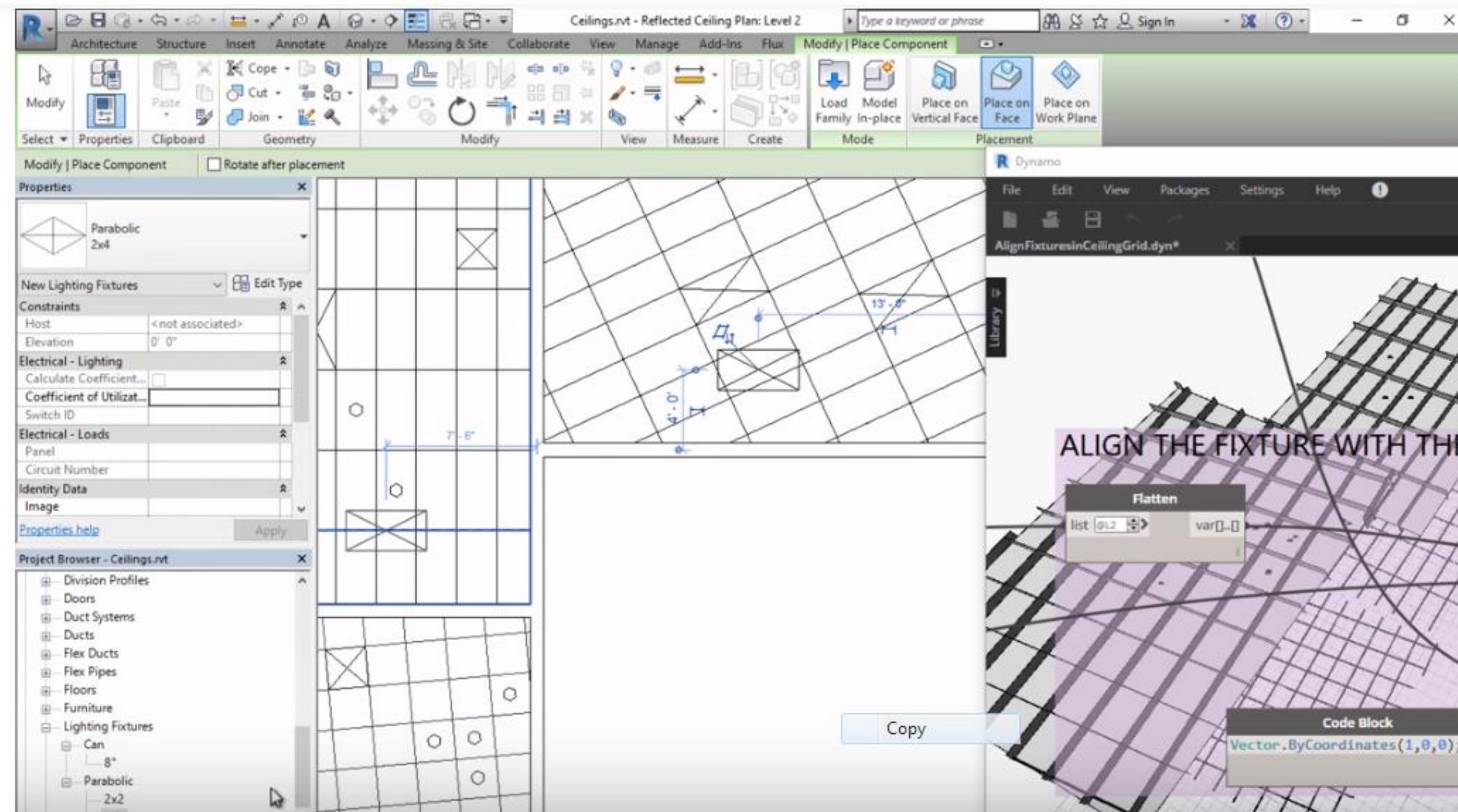
- Most of MEP companies of not ready get. Missing to fix the basics



2.4 FRACTAL TO REVIT – PROJECT DOCUMENTATION PROCESS



EXAMPLE OF DETAIL DESIGN- MEP AUTOMATION CESAR SCALANTE



Align & Center Fixtures on Ceiling Grids w Dynamo



Cesar Escalante
Offentliggjort den 1. maj 2017

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ADVANCED MEP DESIGN GENERATIVE DESIGN

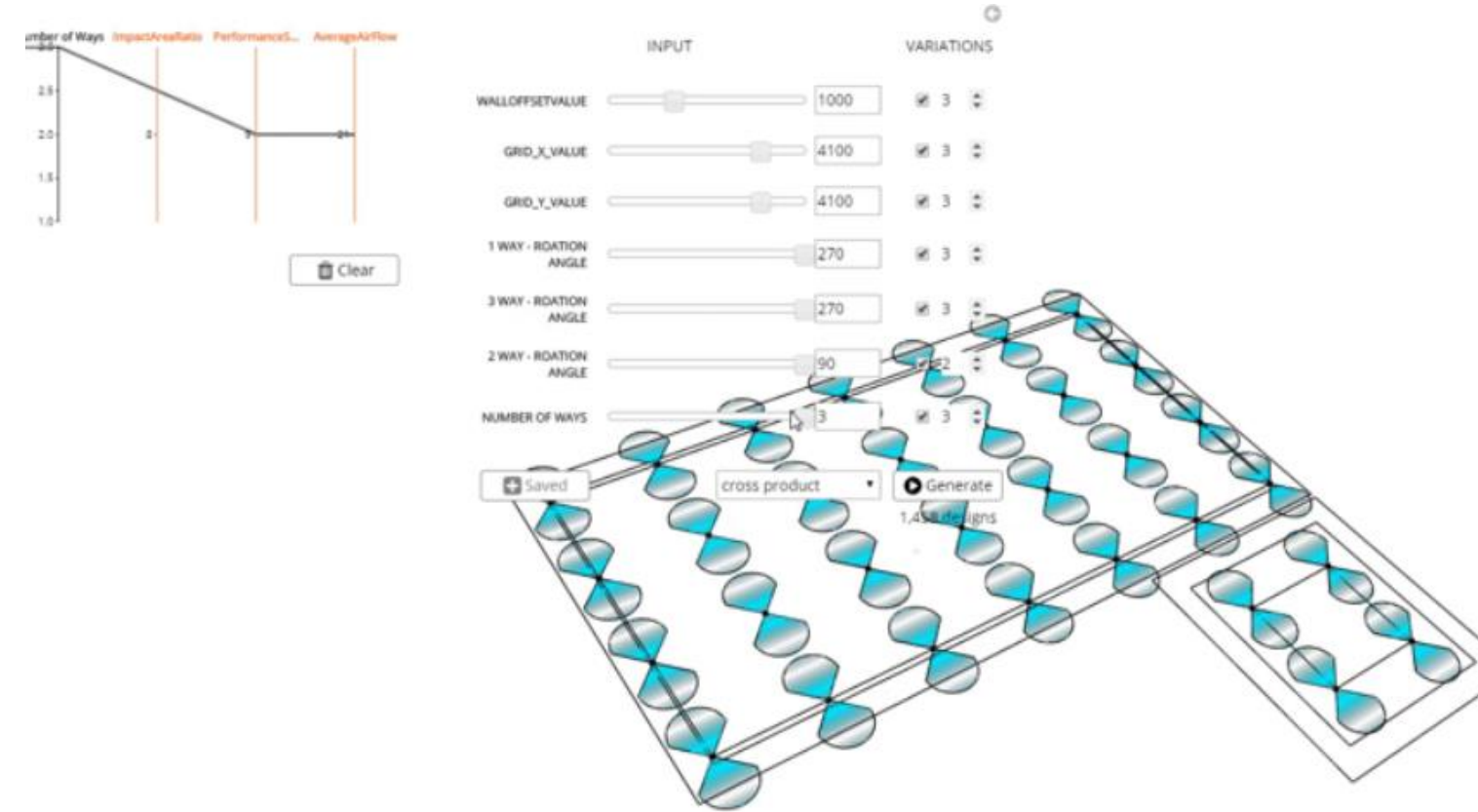
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FINDINGS : MEP EXPLORE - GENERATIVE DESIGN



GENERATIVE DESIGN CAN BE ALSO USED FOR MEP DESIGN



DIFFICULT TO SCALE UP AT THE MOMENT



SCALING UP



PROCESS AND PEOPLE COMES FIRT



JUST TECHNOLOGY

VS



PEOPLE AND STANDARD TECHNOLOGY



MANY OF MEP COMPANIES ARE NOT READY



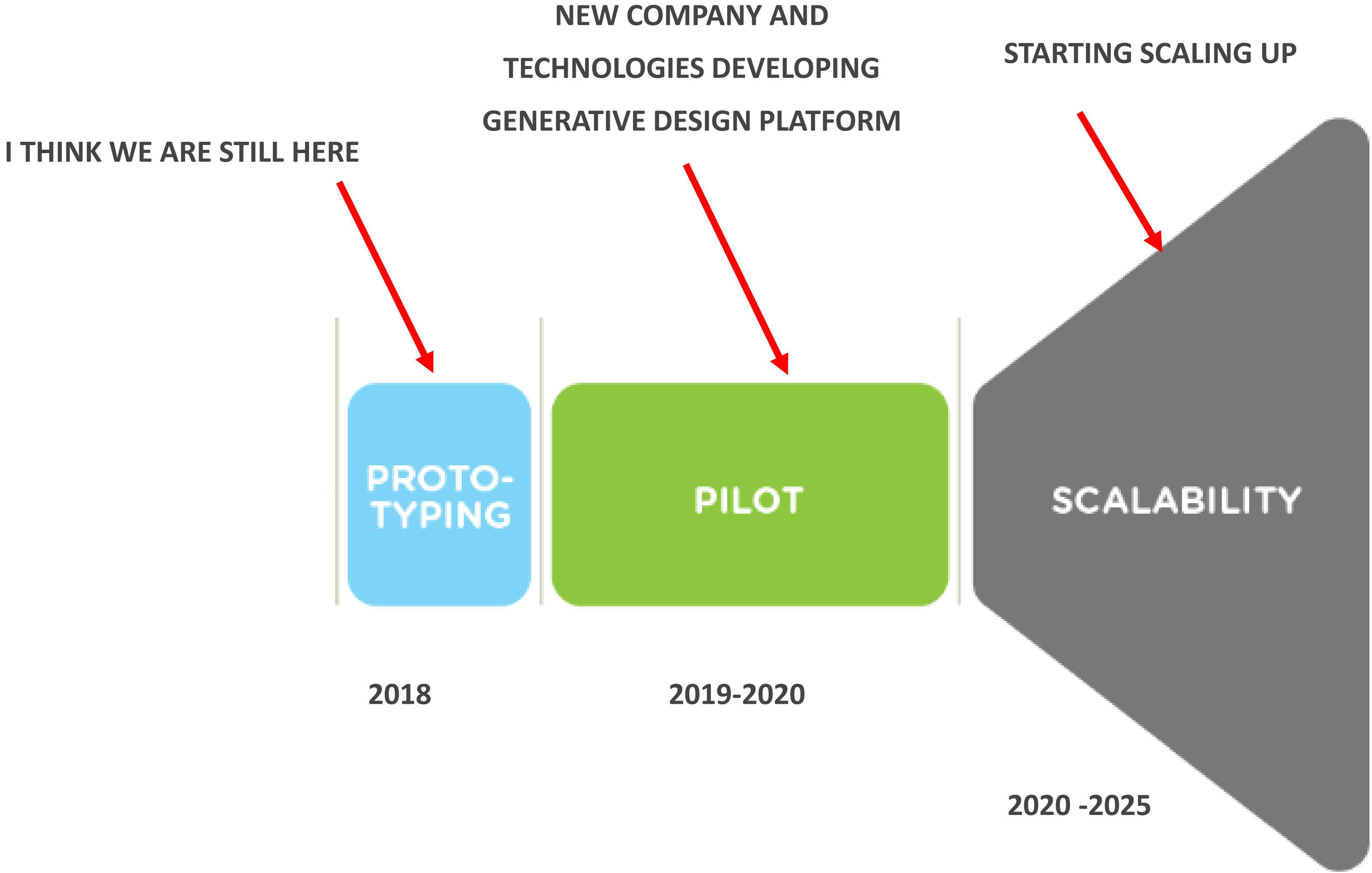
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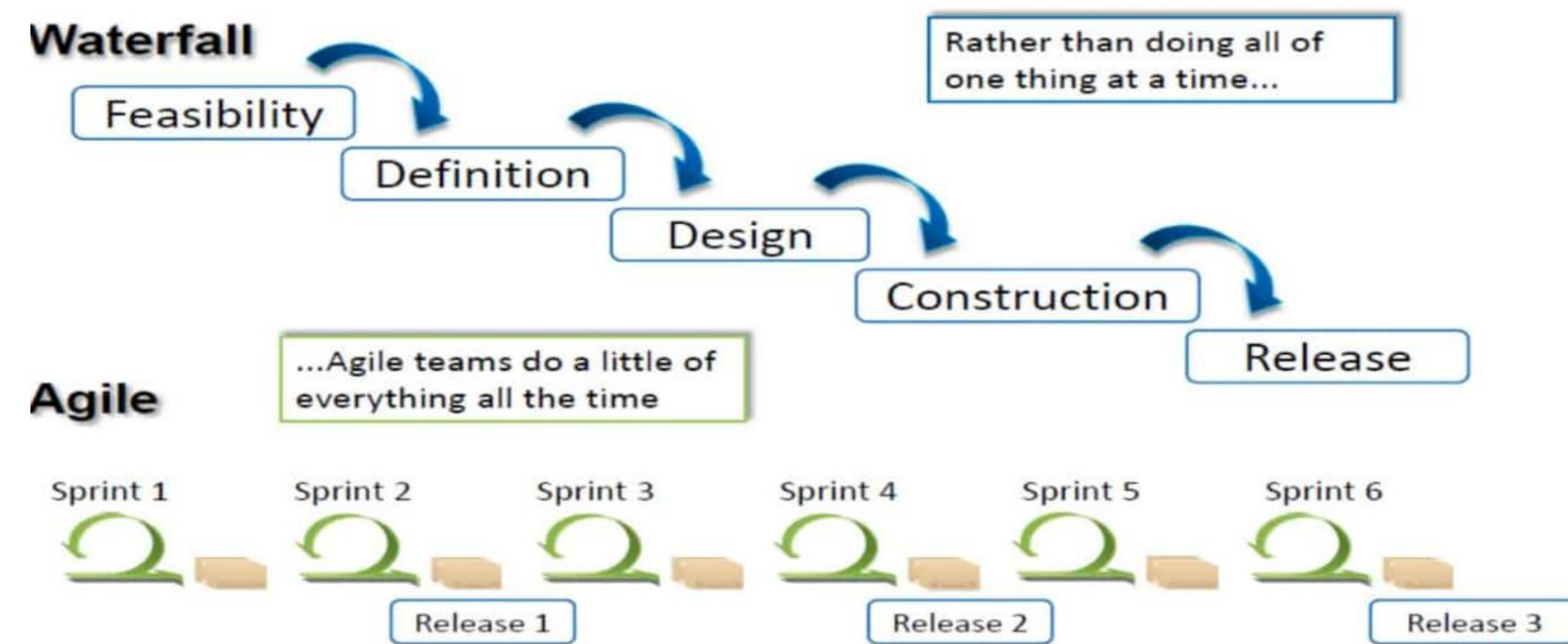
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Implementation & moving forward

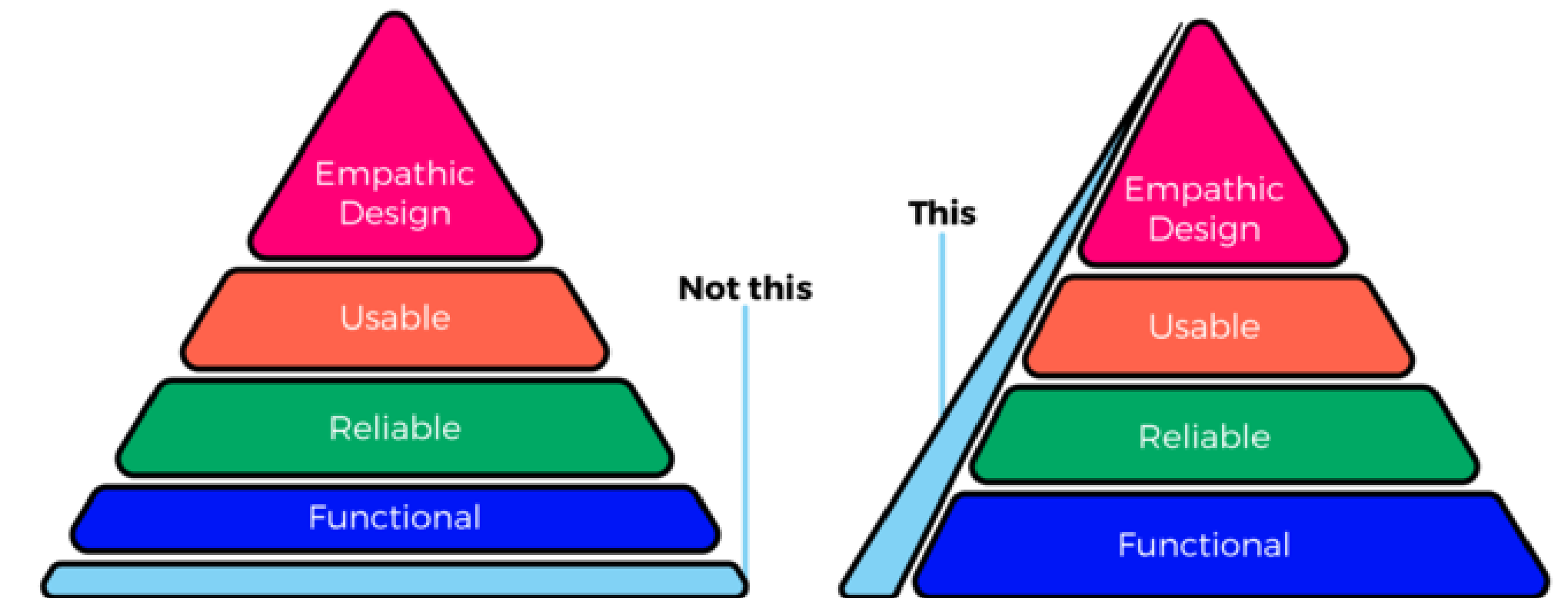


IMPLEMENTATION ROAD MAP - OPPORTUNITIES





Minimum Viable Product (MVP)



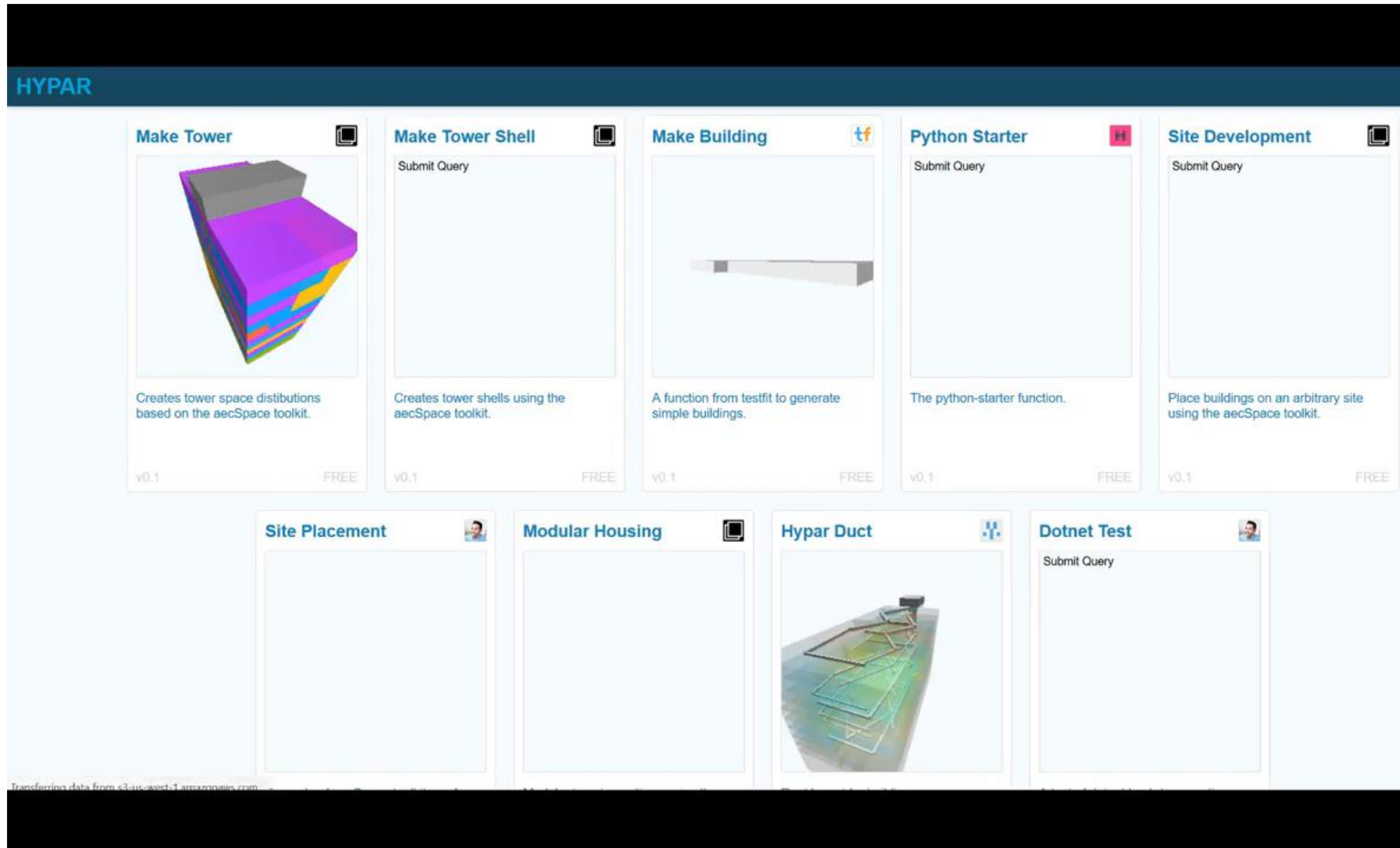
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IMPLEMENTATION ROAD MAP - OPPORTUNITIES

- Generative technology and design process improves productivity and quality of AEC projects
- To get value from generative design approach, people and processes need to be ready. Don't follow the waterfall
- Think BIG, start small (Minimum Valuable Product)

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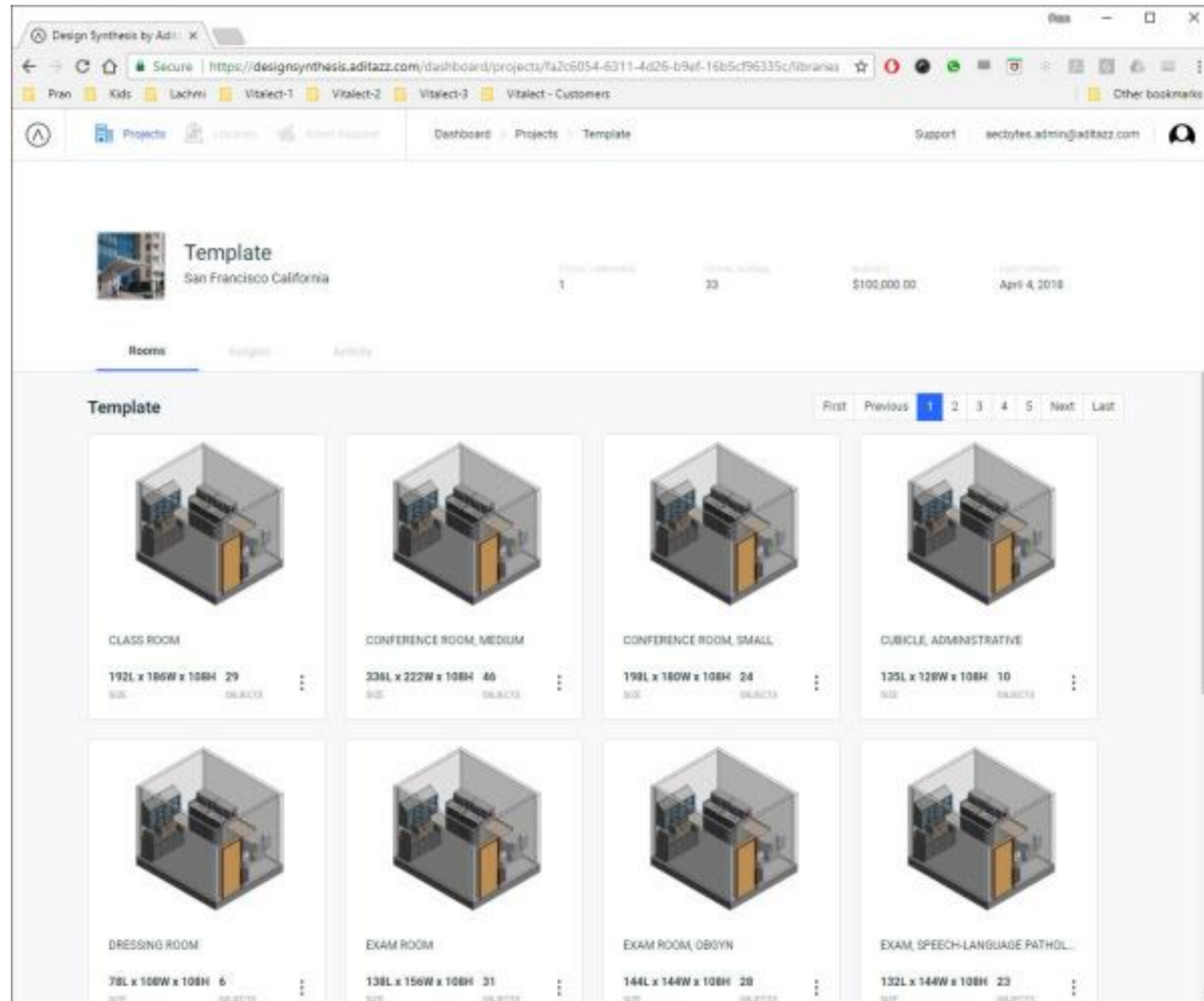
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- Higher computing power and stability
- Protection of intellectual property rights

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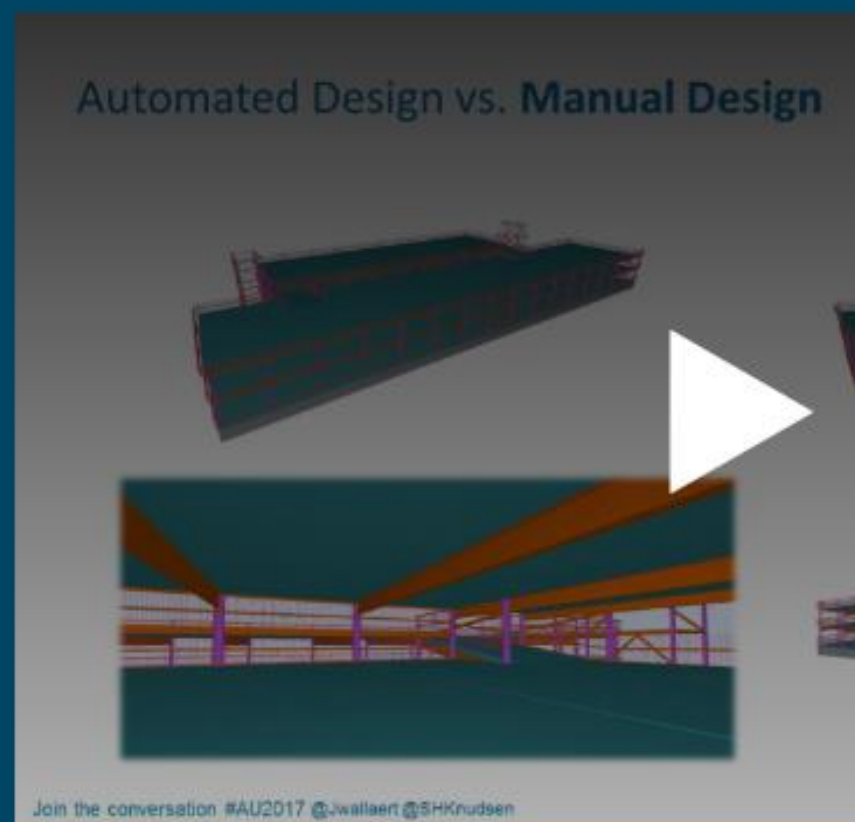


- Higher computing power and stability
- Only generate design solutions that complies with design project requirements

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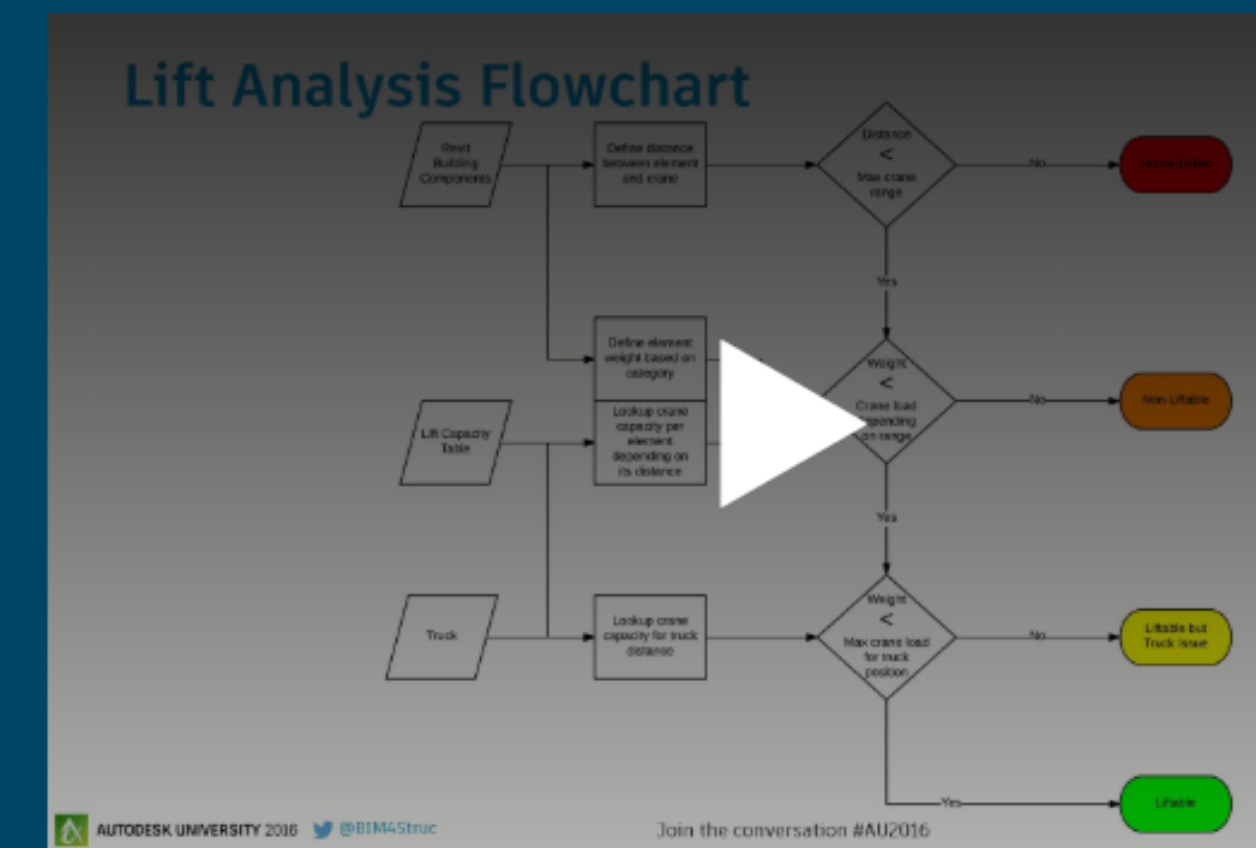
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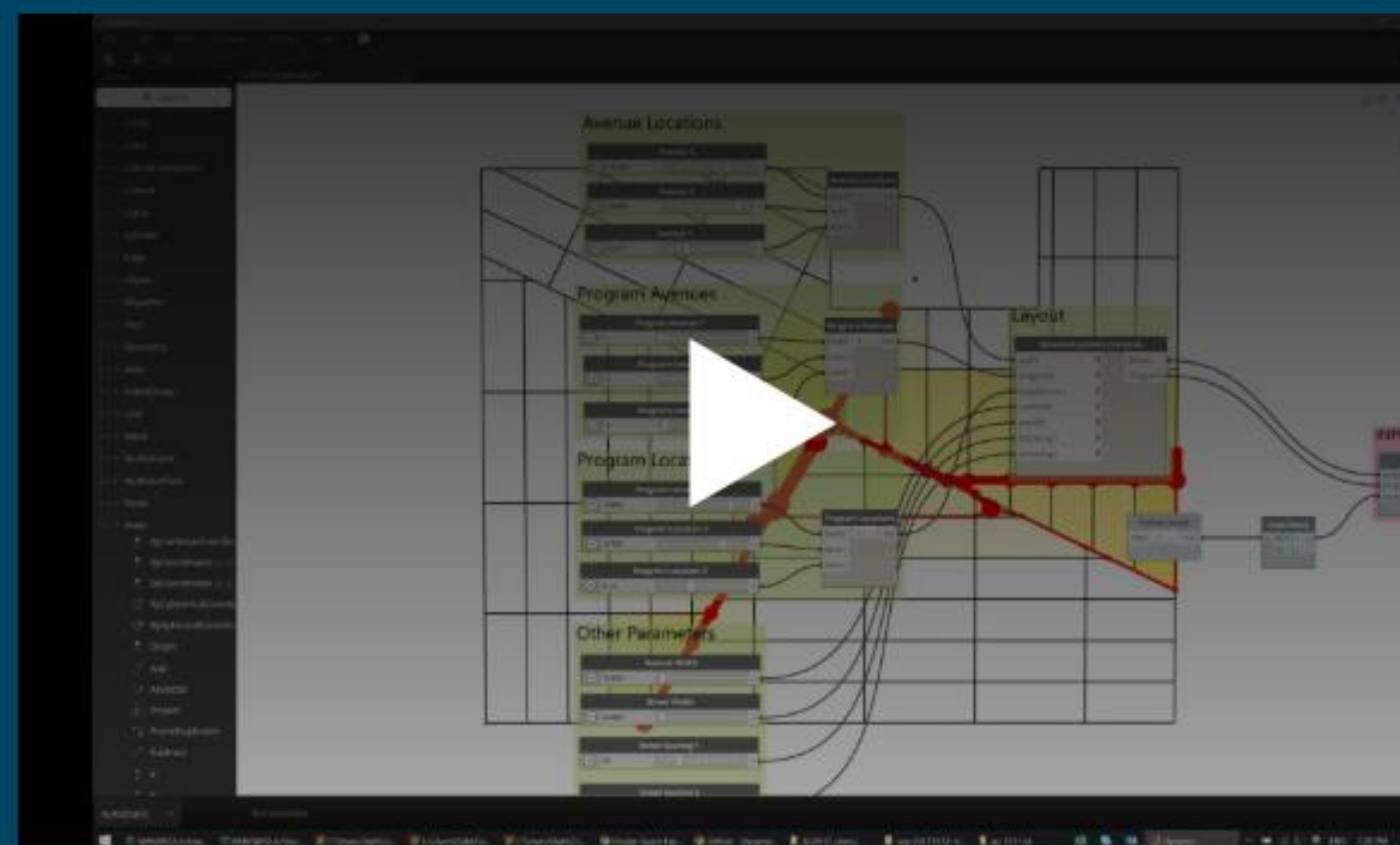
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