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Dynamo Hero: Using Revit Scripting Tools to Optimize Real-World Projects

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Key learning objectives

At the end of this class, you will be able to:

- Understand new ways to approach complex design problems
- Understand the principles of the Dynamo extensions' visual programming interface
- Learn how to manage the basics of Python scripting
- Learn how to set up a simple optimization algorithm for any specific problem using the Dynamo extension plus Revit software

The background features a complex 3D surface plot with a grid base, showing a series of peaks and valleys. Overlaid on this are faint, semi-transparent circuit diagrams and network graphs, suggesting a technical or engineering theme.

About your speakers

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BArch DipArch MArch ARB RIBA

- British Architect
- University Lecturer
- BIM software since 2002
- Autodesk Revit 2009



Andrea Vannini

MArch MSc ARB

- Italian Architect
- Computational design expert
- Autodesk Revit 2011



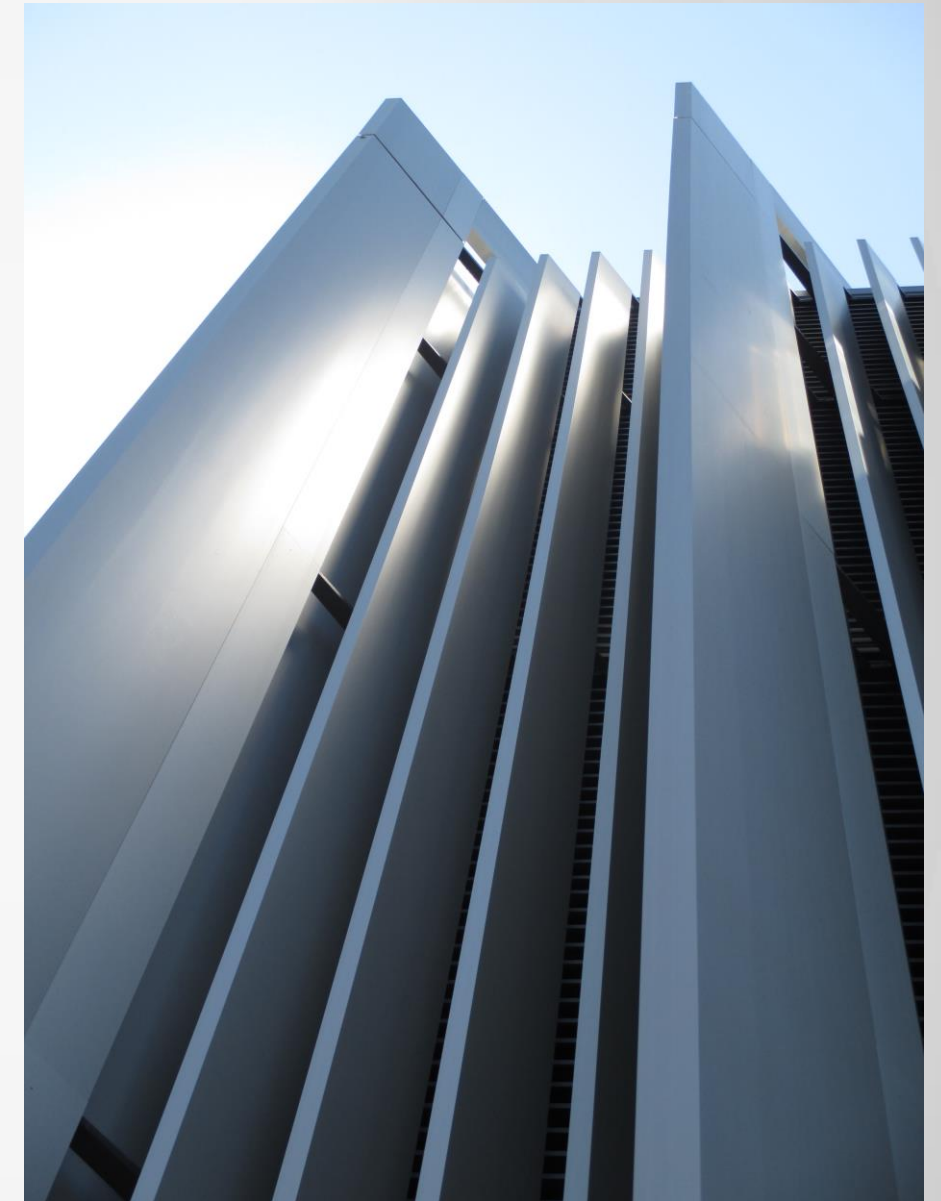
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- Design Architect
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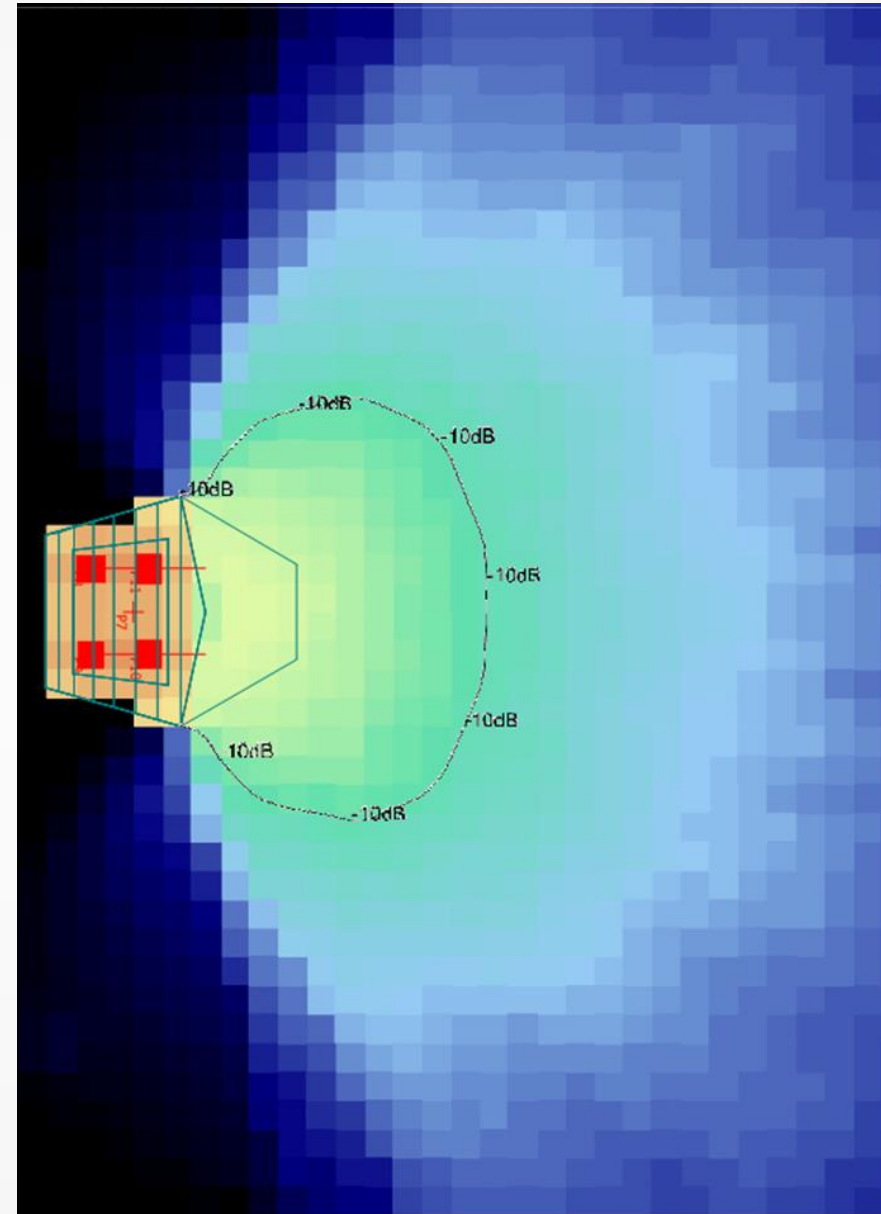
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- Point clouds



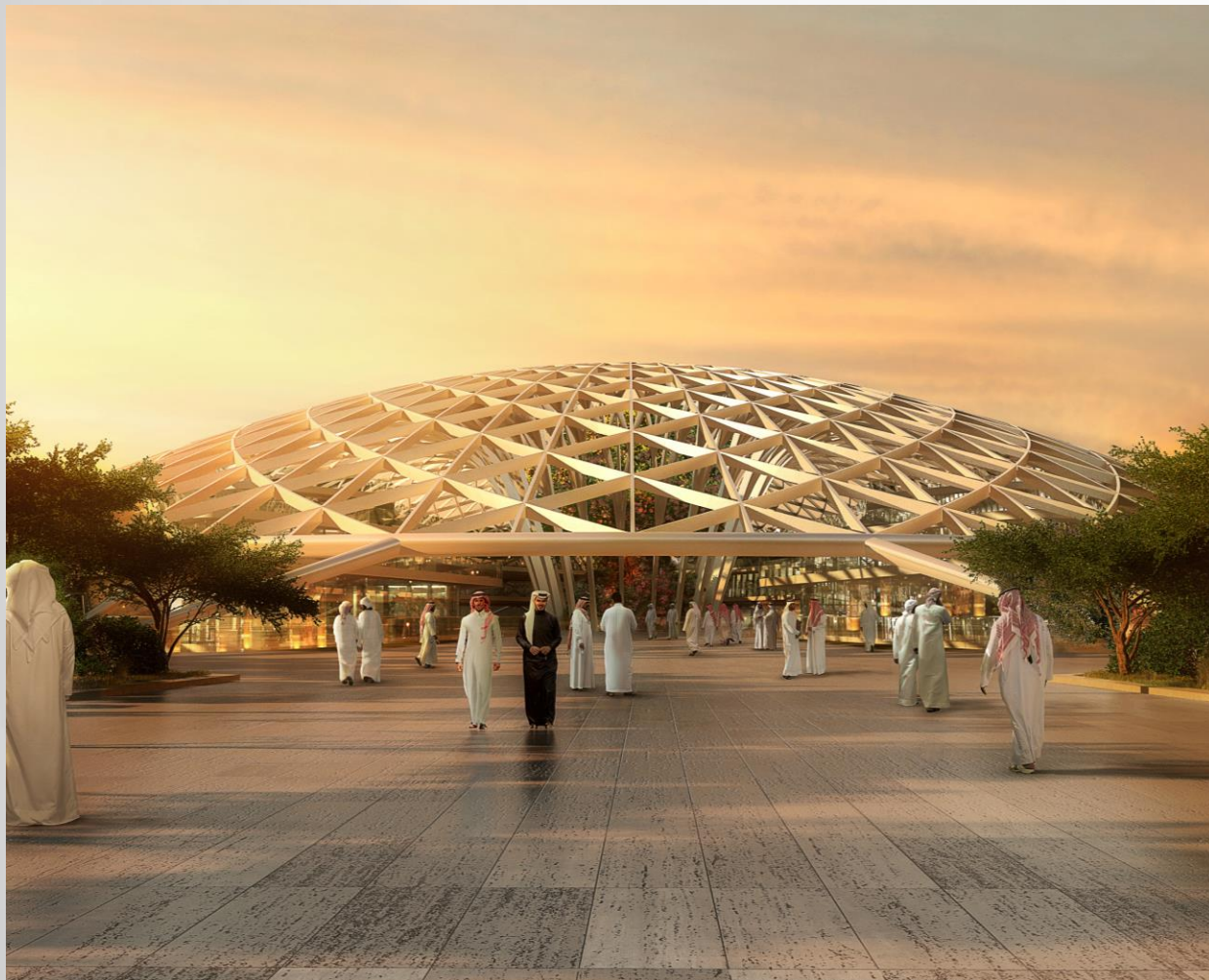


Introduction



The 2-faces of Architecture

Sculptural



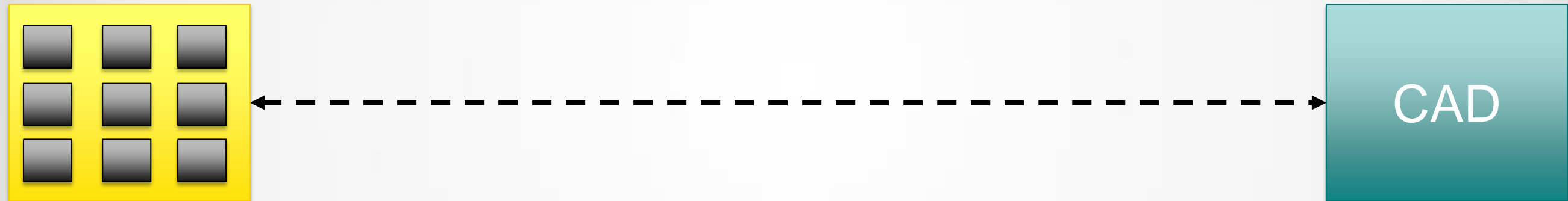
Everyone else



The 2-toolsets within Architecture

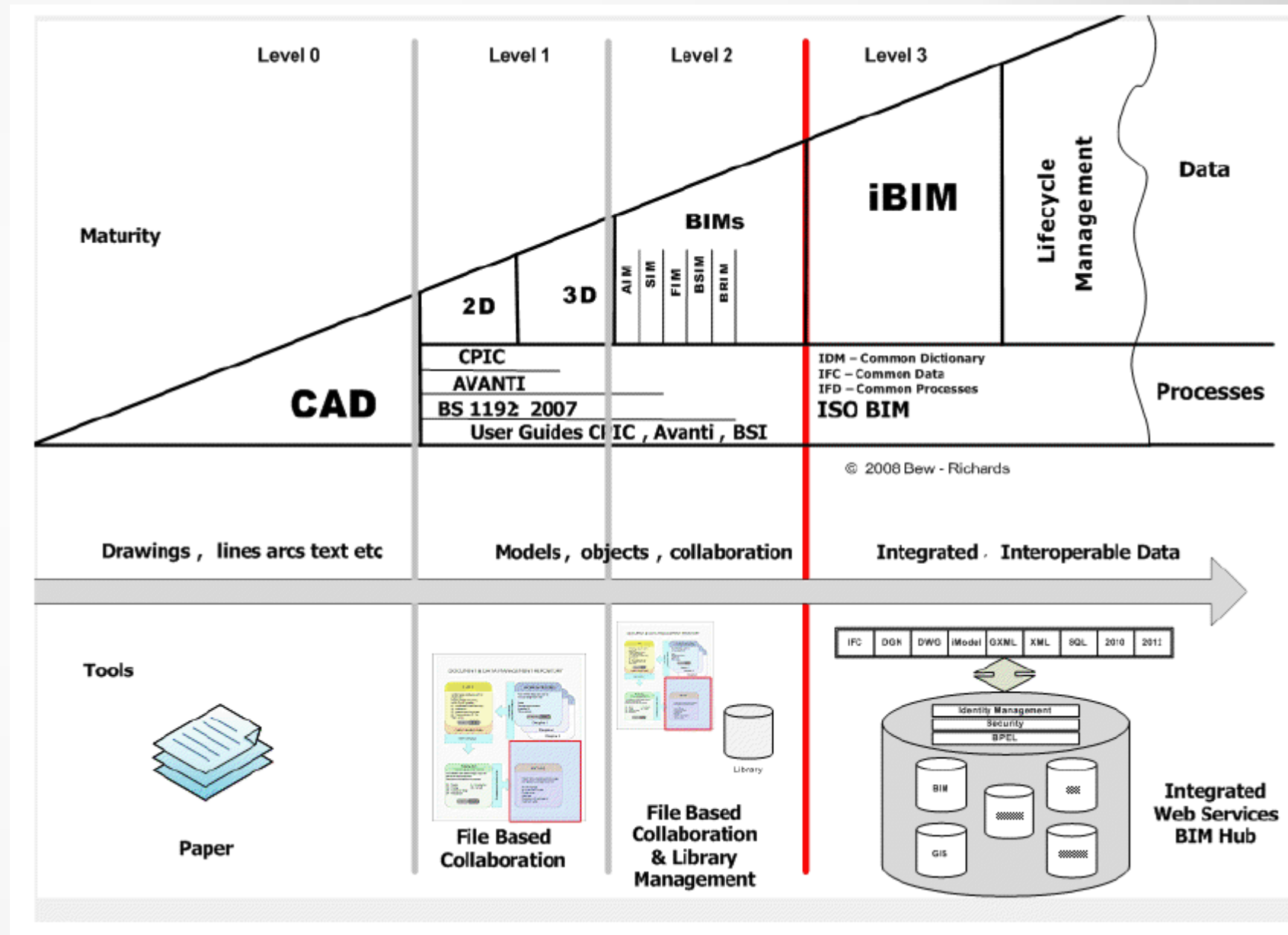
Highly complex

Digital Drafting



BIM

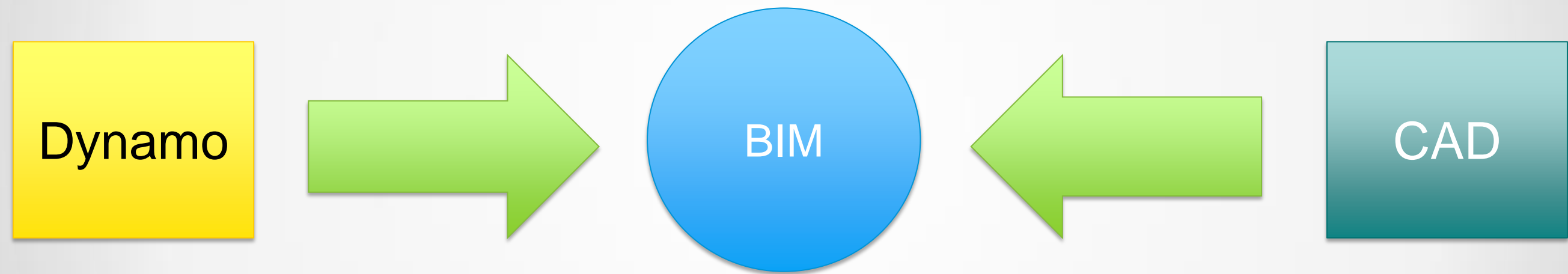
- Global recession 2008
- UK Government 15-20 % more efficient
- Level 2 BIM IPD by 2016



BIM



DynamoBIM



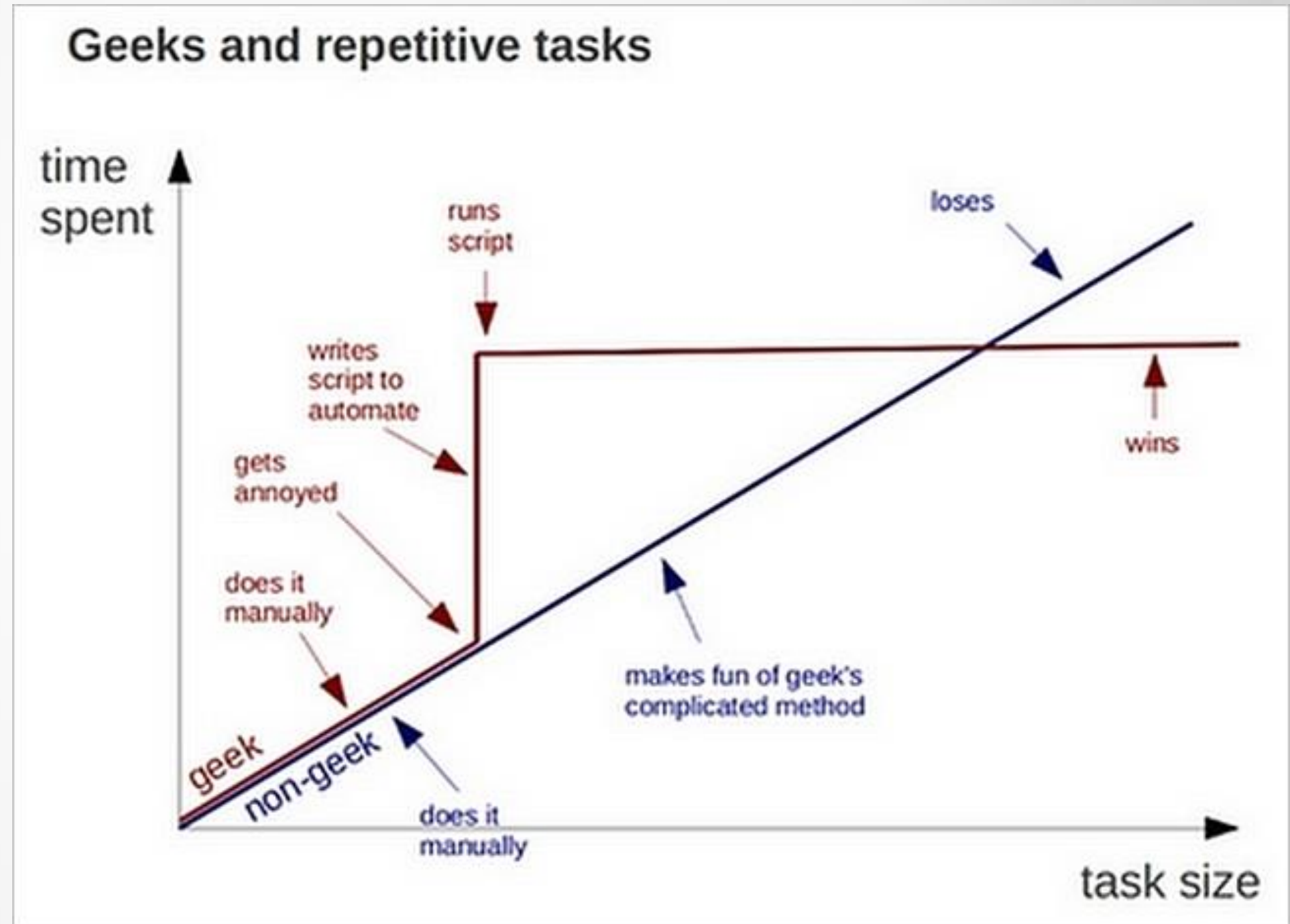


Programing

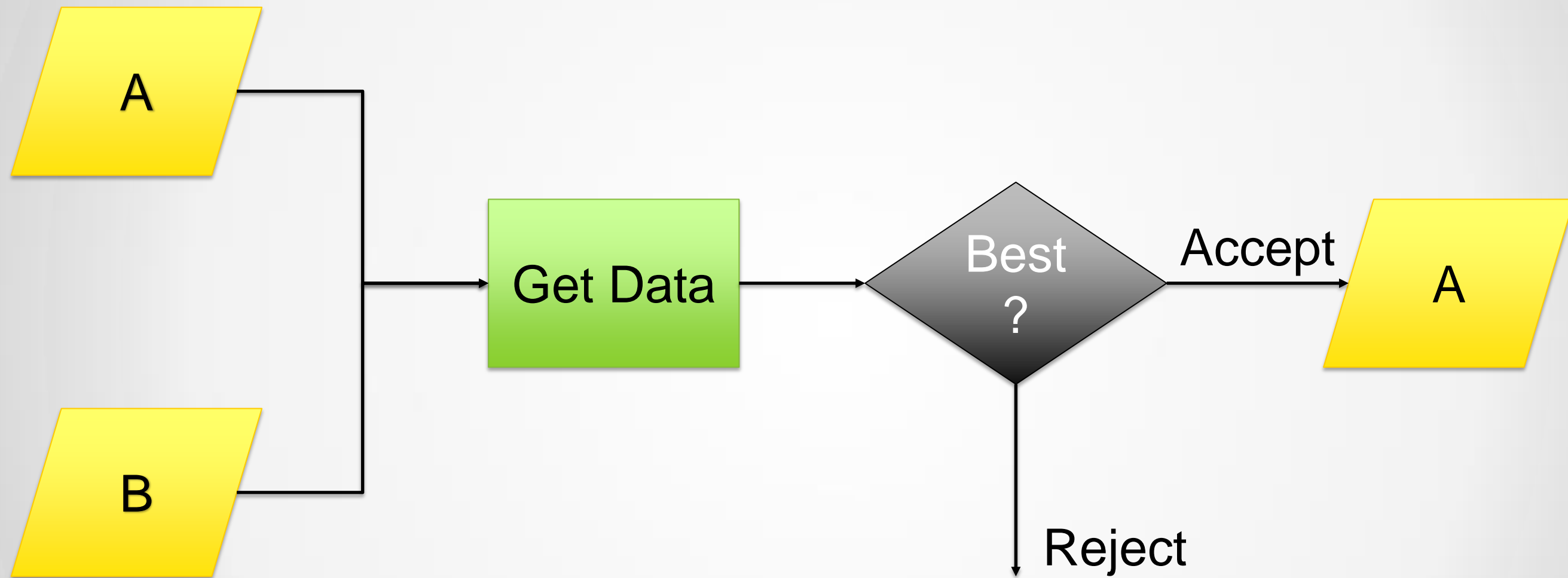


Why do we need coding skills?

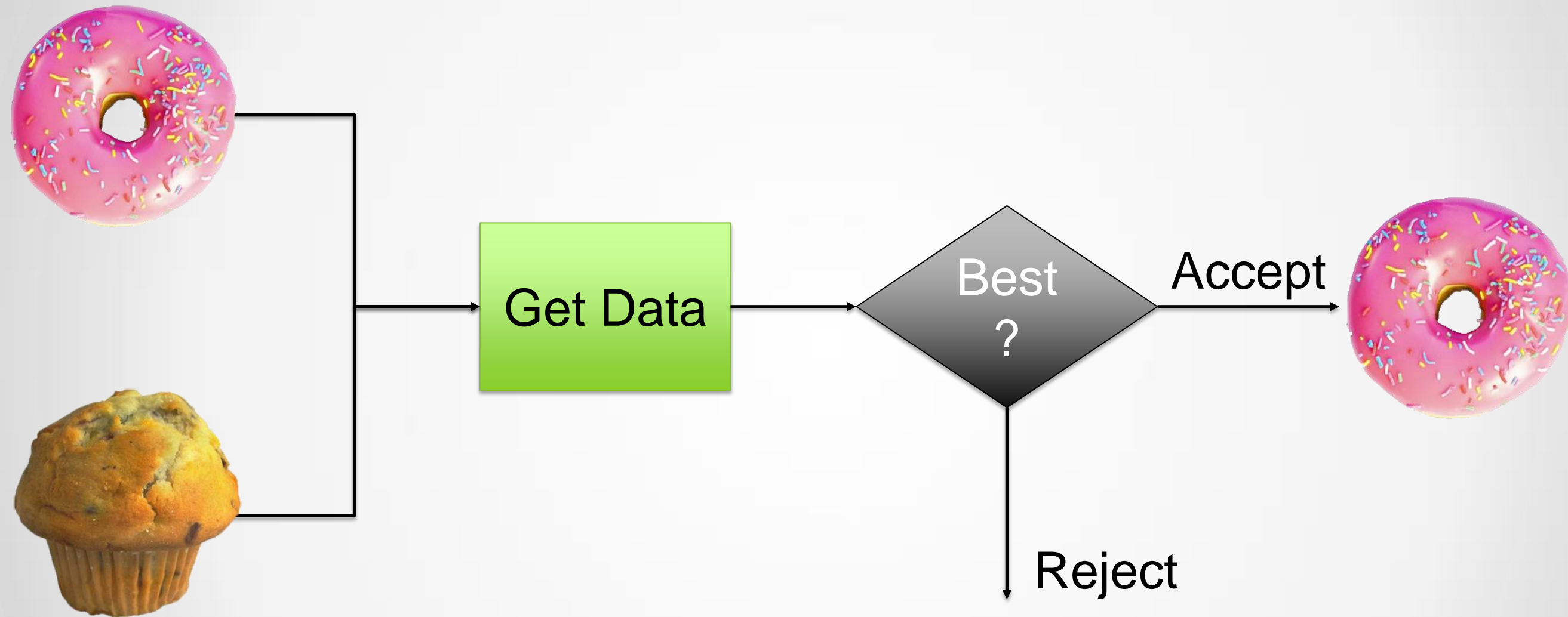
- Lots of repetitive tasks
- Managing data
- Optimization
- Developing the question



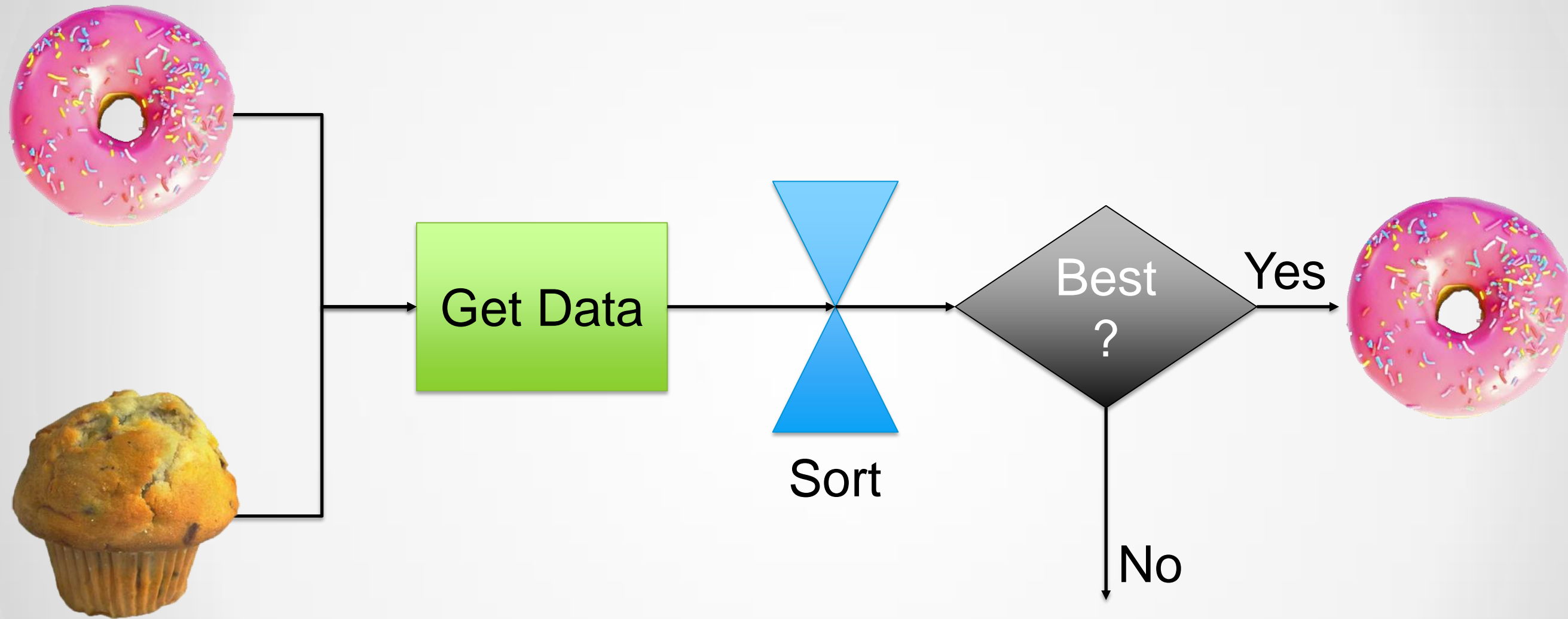
A simple flow chart



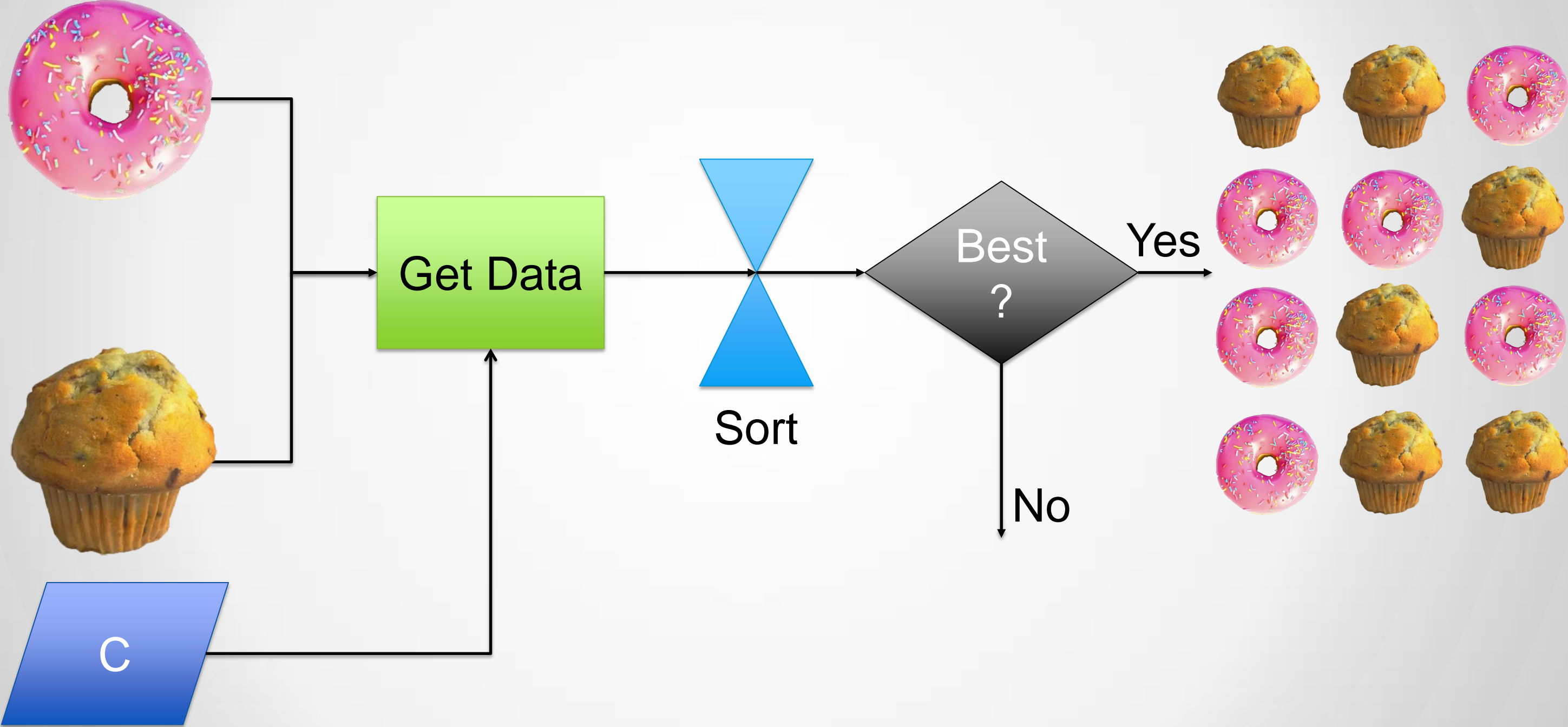
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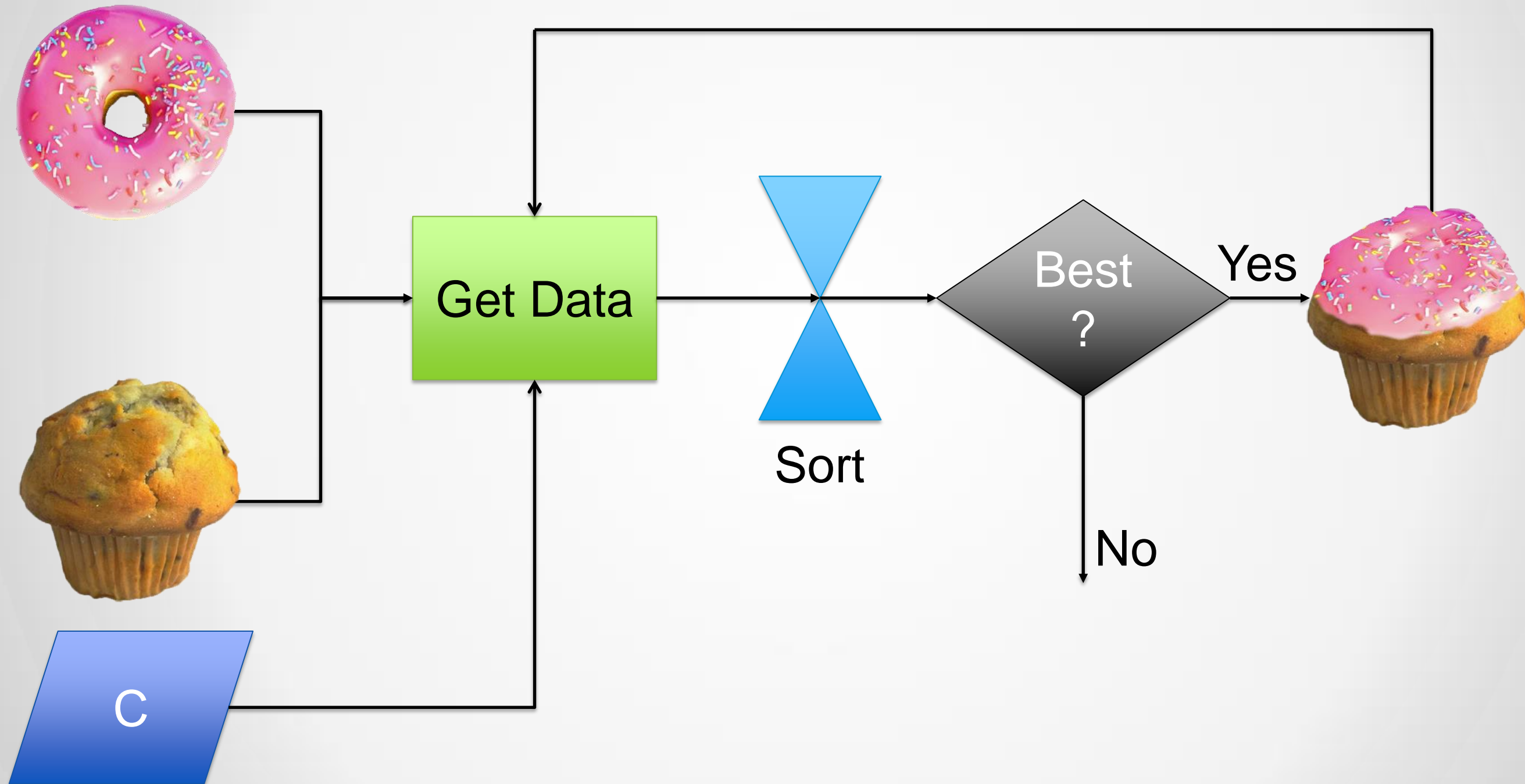
Making an informed decision



Variable secondary information



Feedback loop



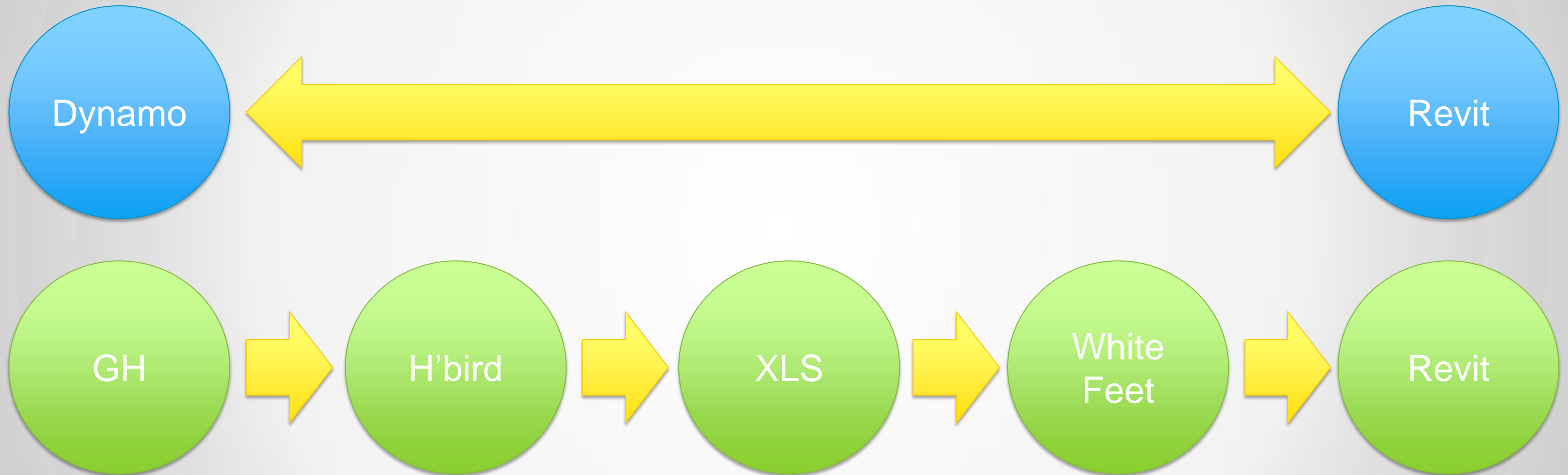
Dynamo



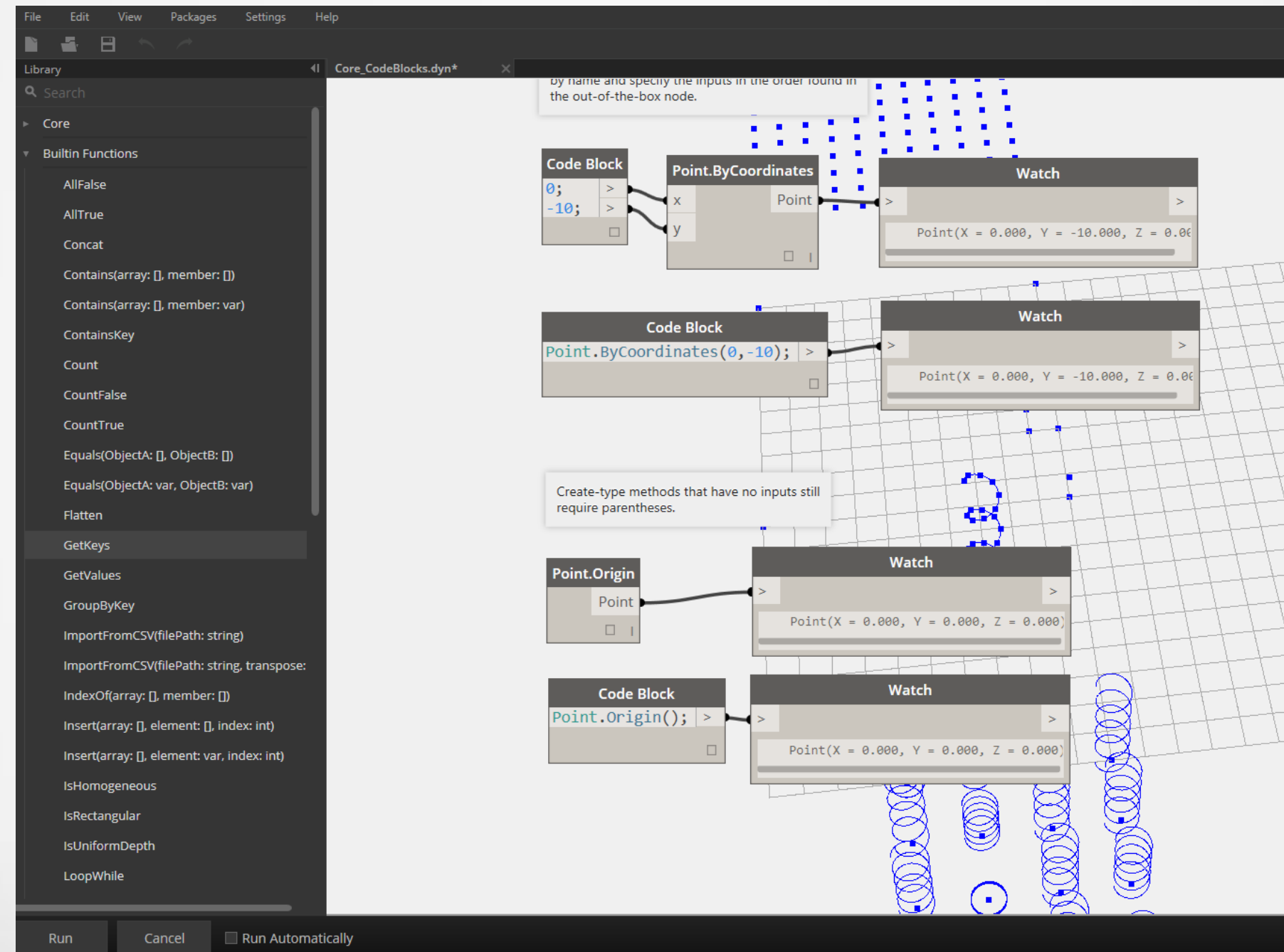
Why did Flanagan Lawrence choose Dynamo?



Better than GH

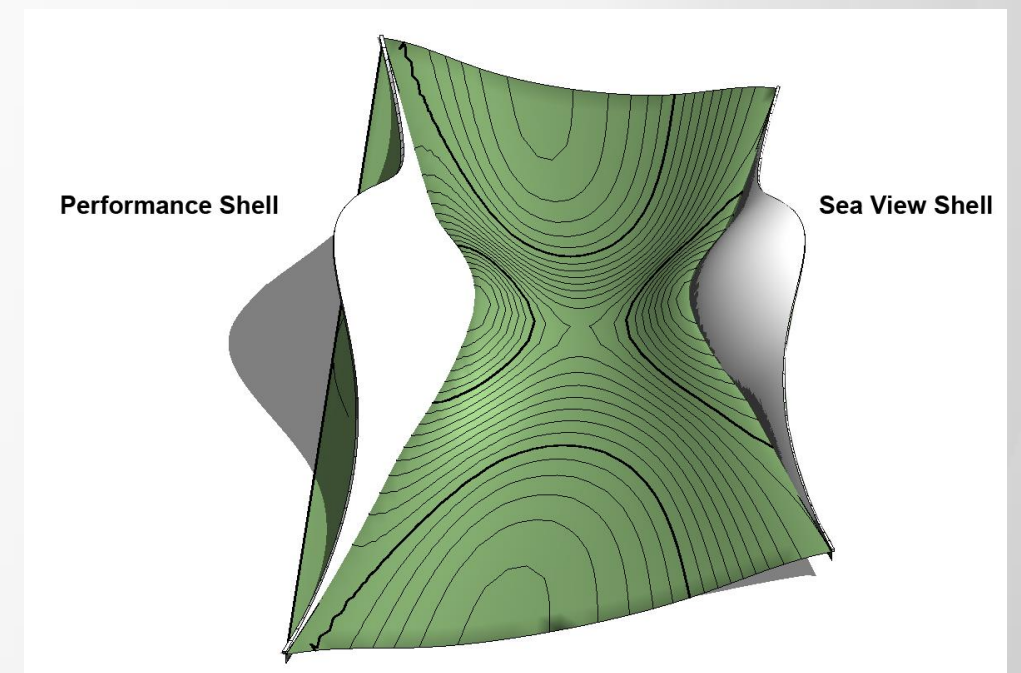
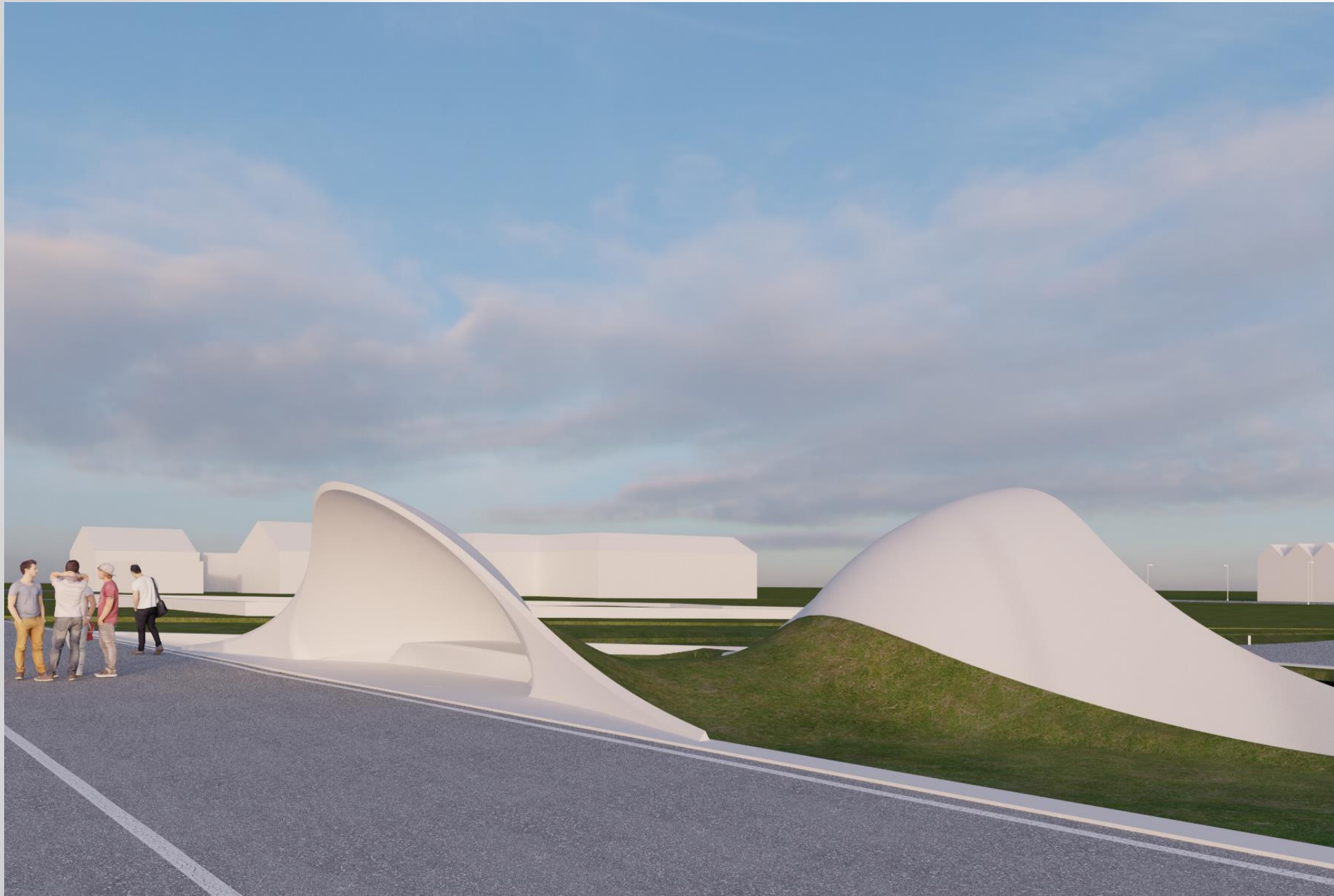


UI and Code blocks



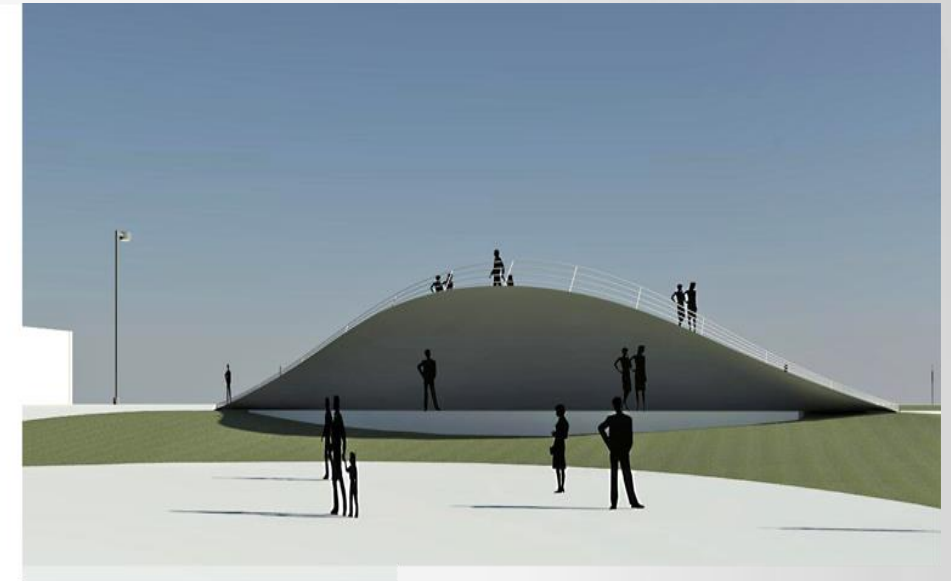
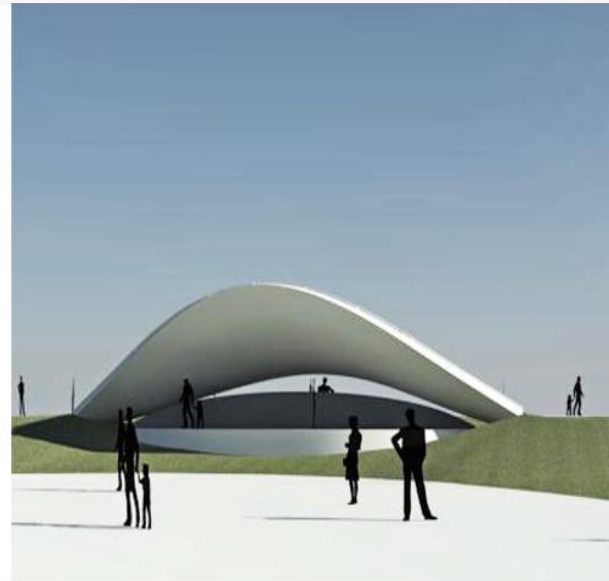
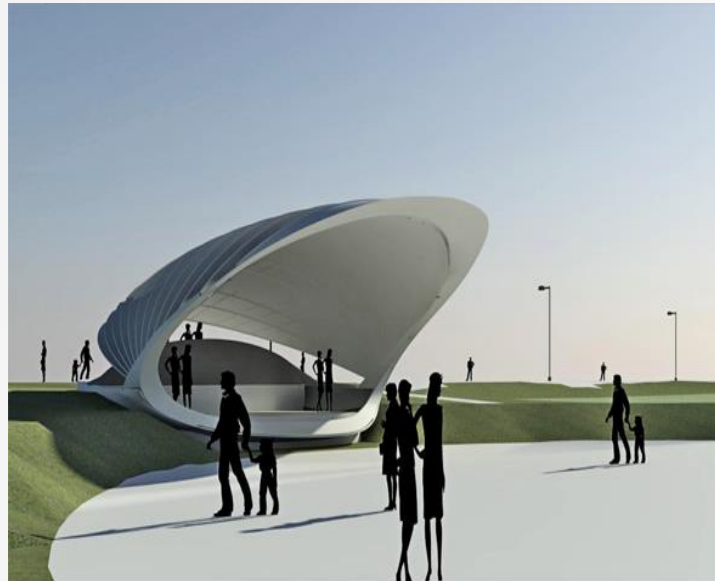
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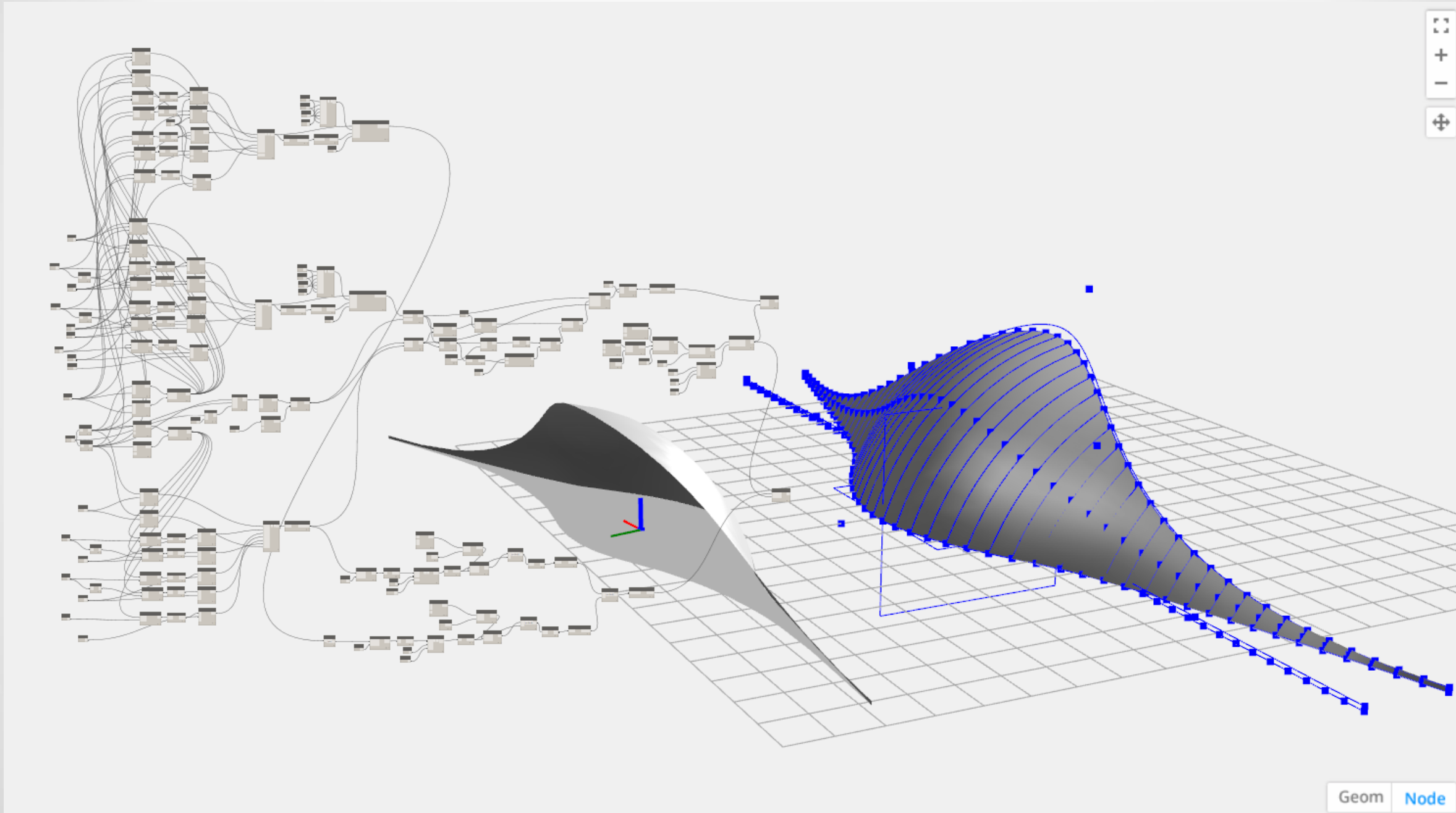
Acoustic Shells, Littlehampton

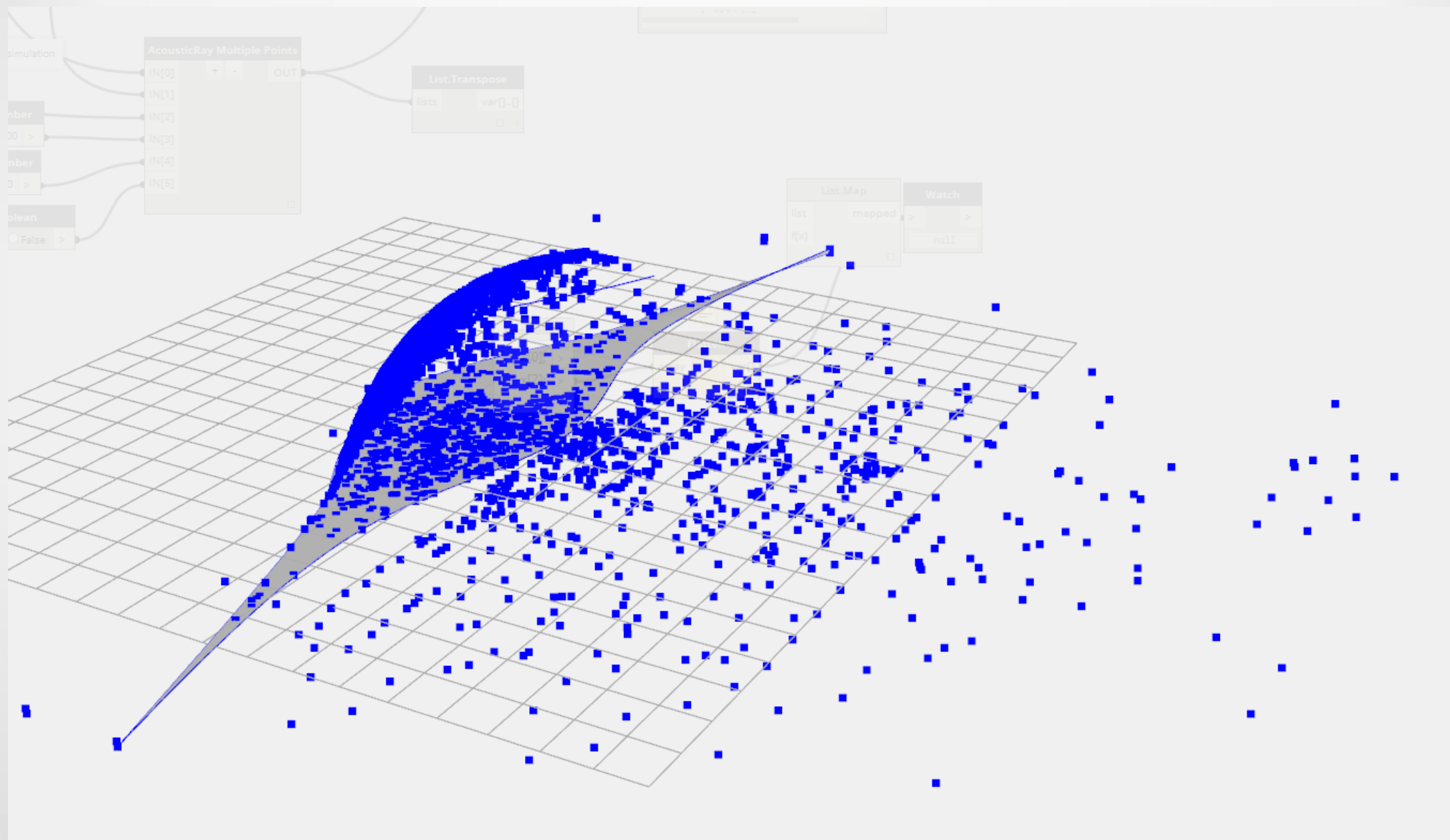


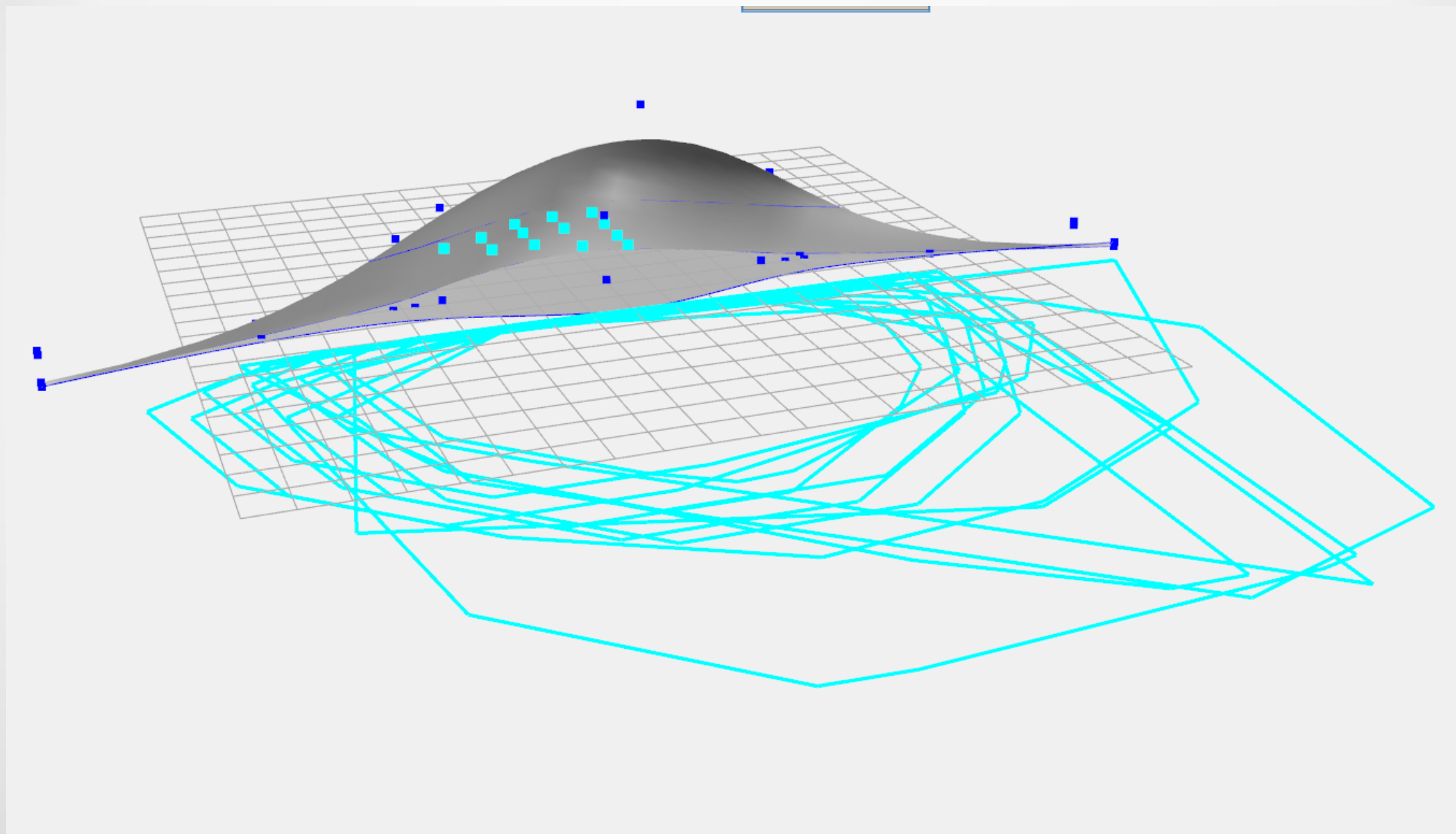
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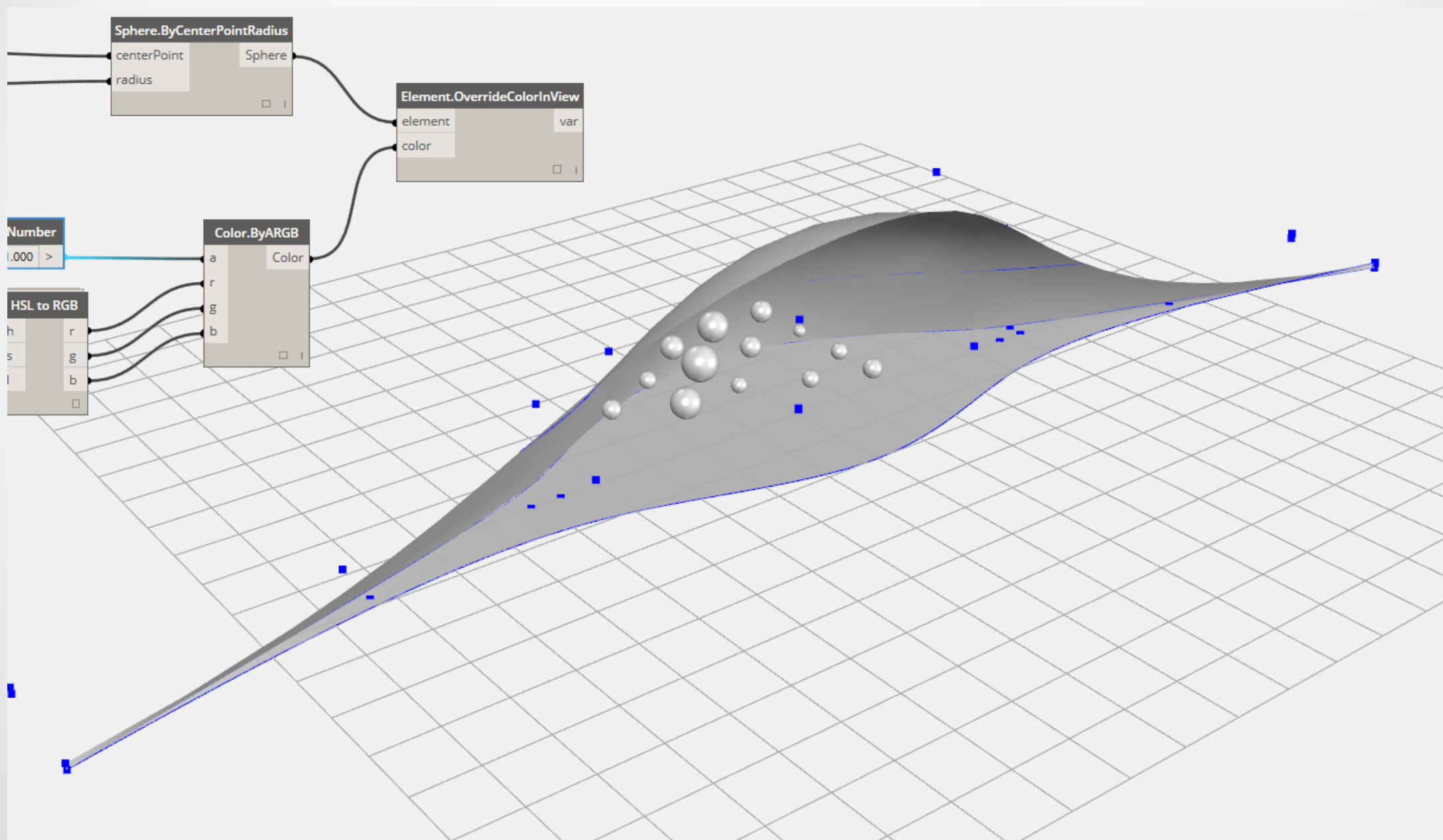
- Design Options
- Simplistic geometry
- Quick





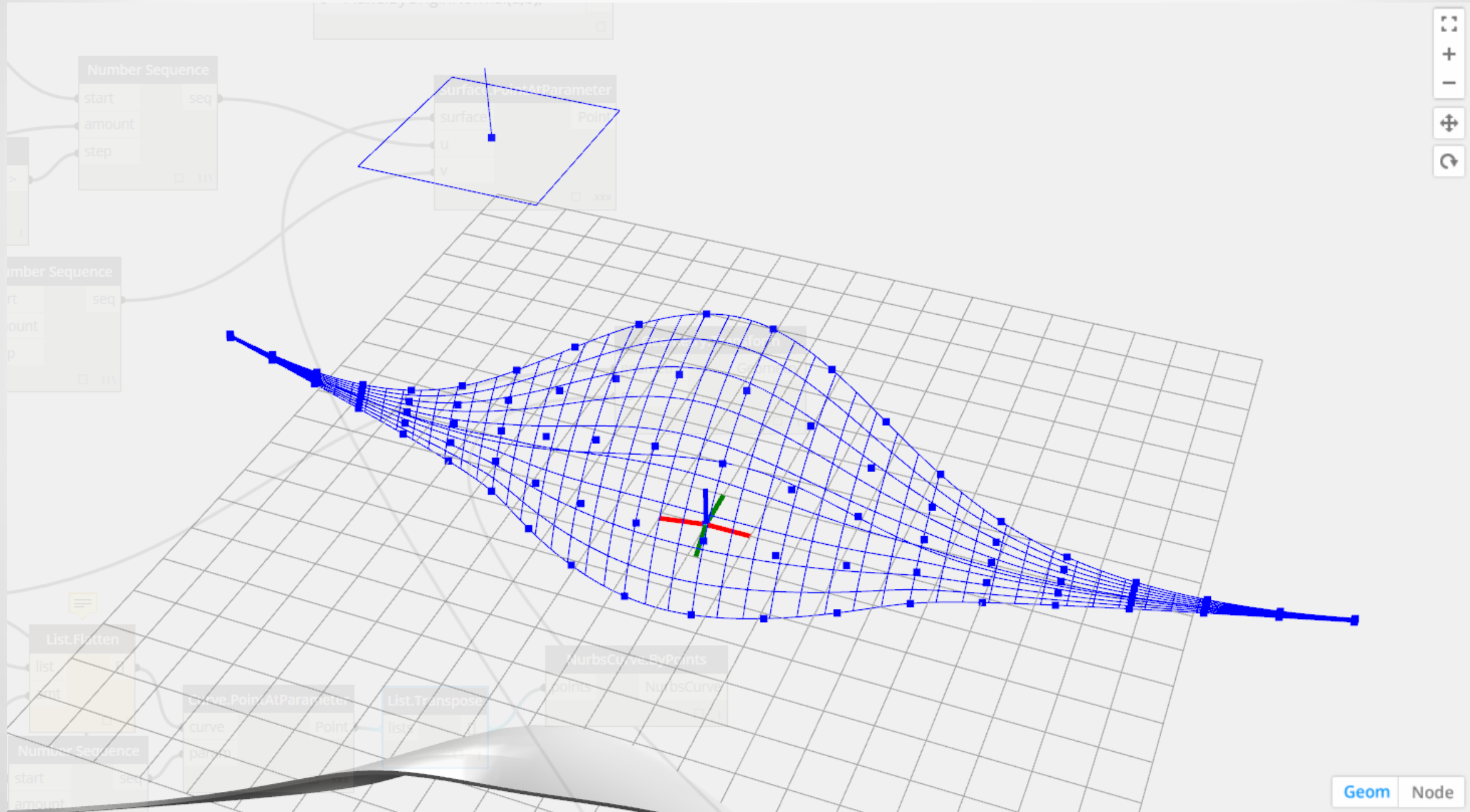




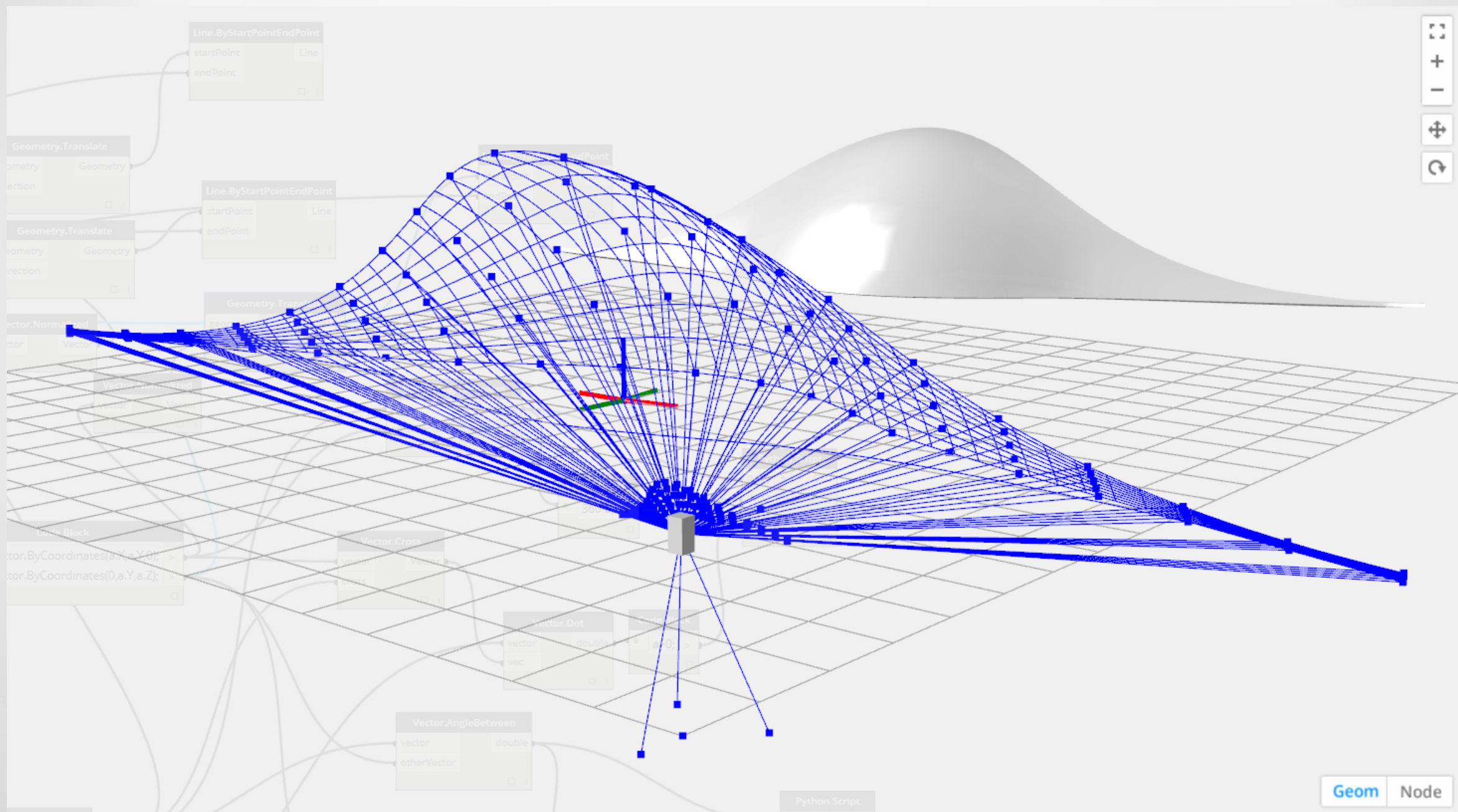


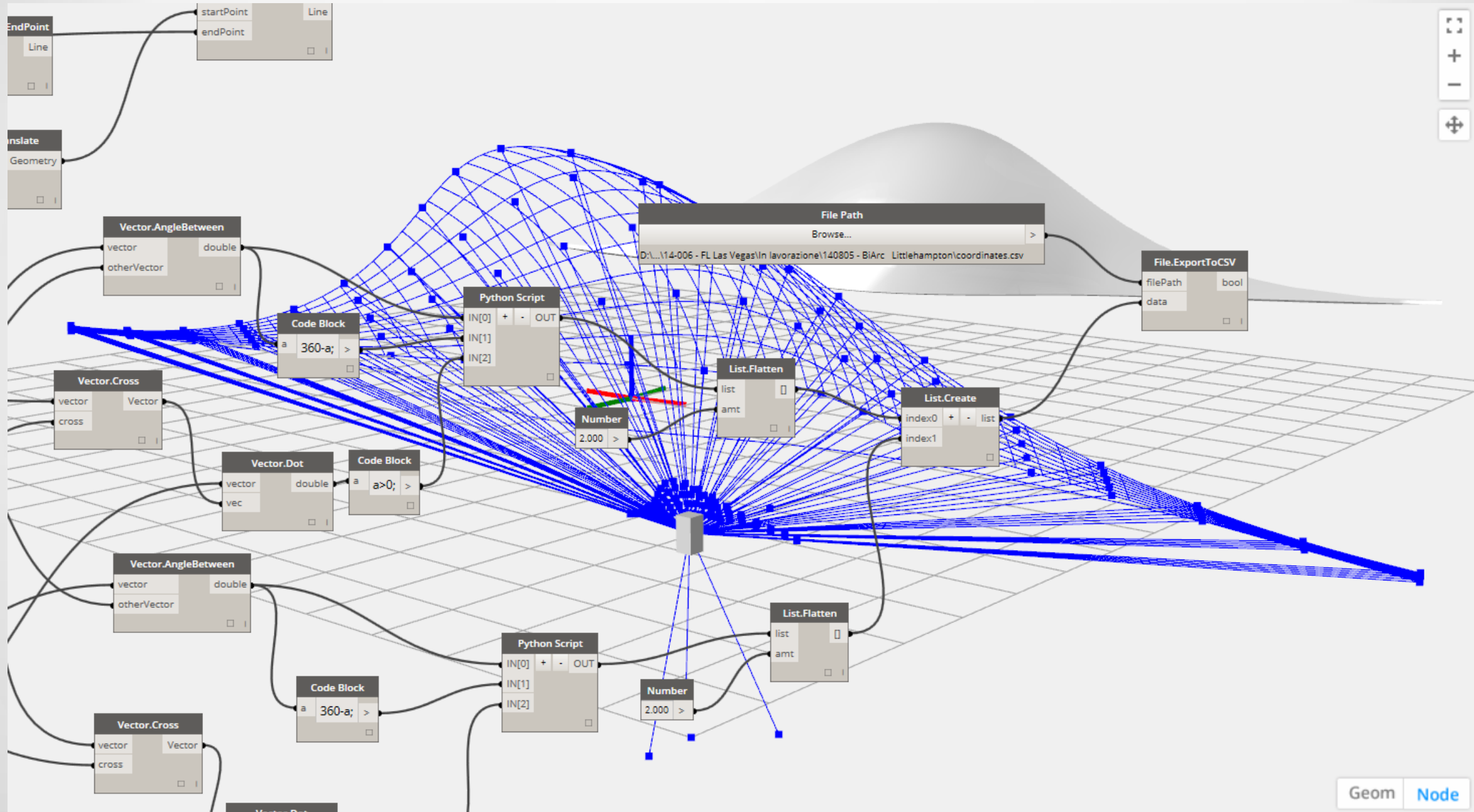
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LittlehamptonCoordinates

Java

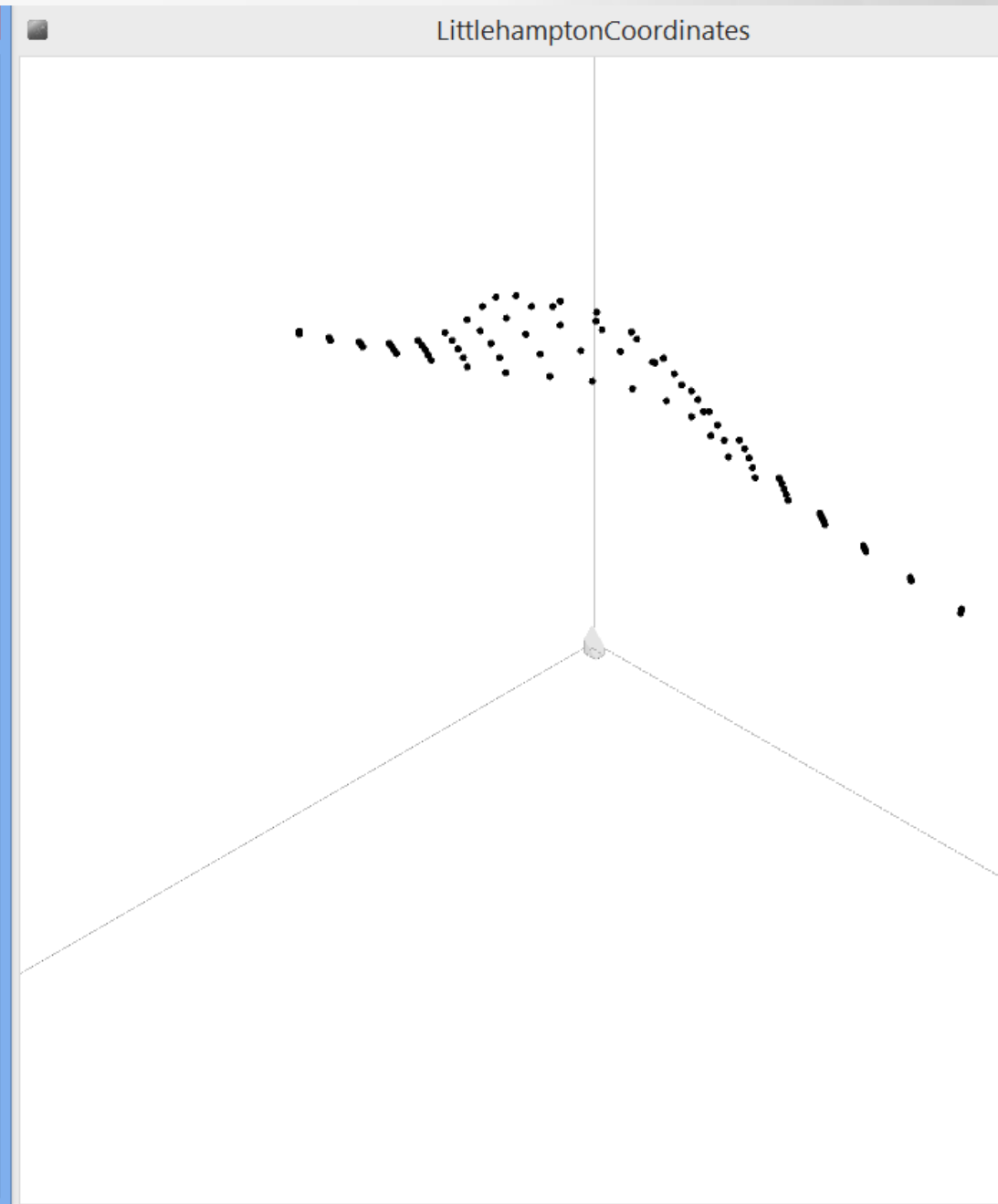
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void drawPts()
{
  for(int i = 0; i < pts.size(); i++)
  {
    PVector p = pts.get(i);
    point(p.x, p.y, p.z);
  }
}

void drawLine(PVector p)
{
  line(0,0,0,p.x, p.y, p.z);
}*/

void addpti(float az, float alt, float lengt)
{
  pushMatrix();
  rotateX(alt*PI/180);
  rotateZ(az*PI/180);
  point(0,0-lengt,0);
  popMatrix();
}
```

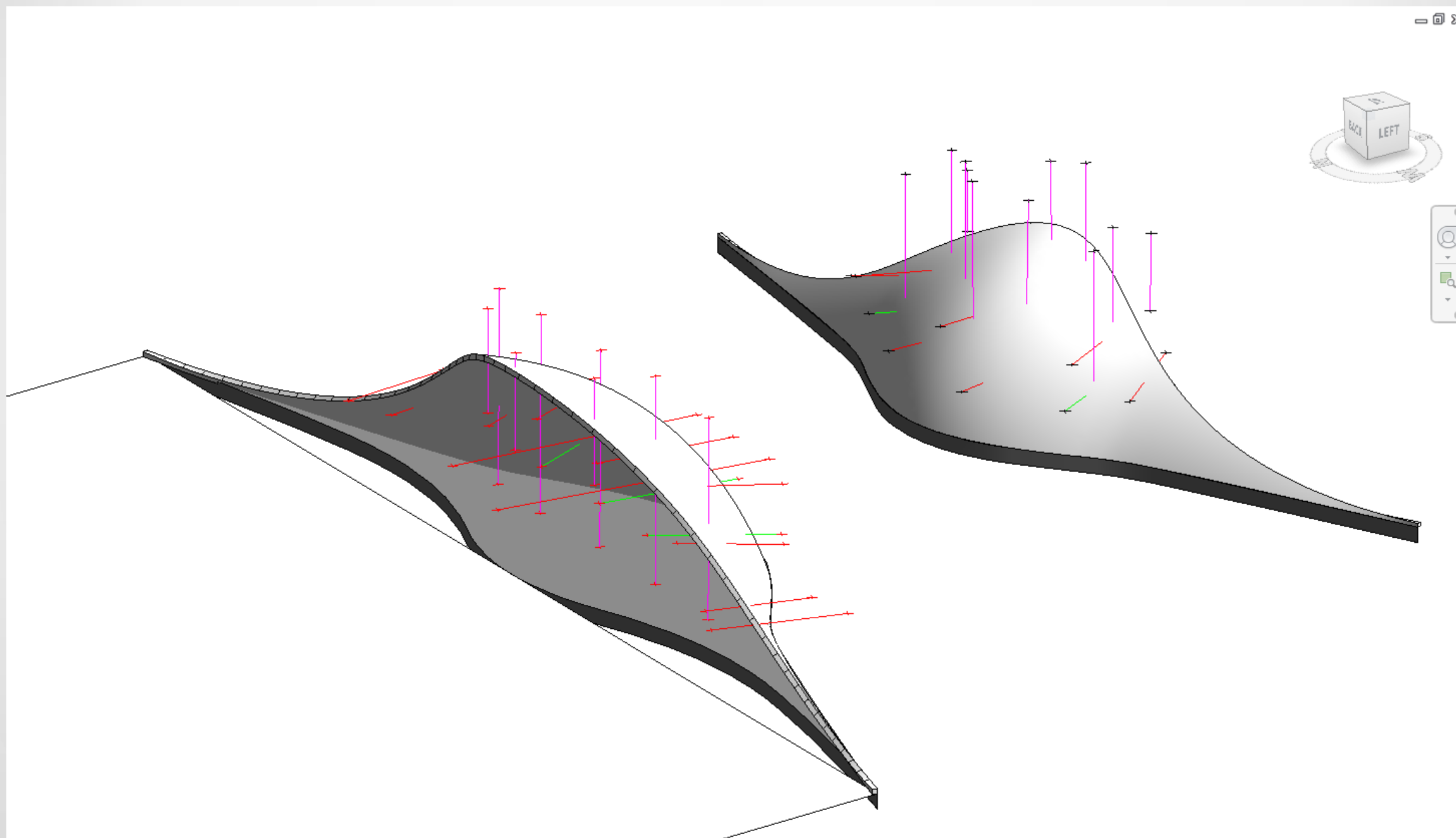
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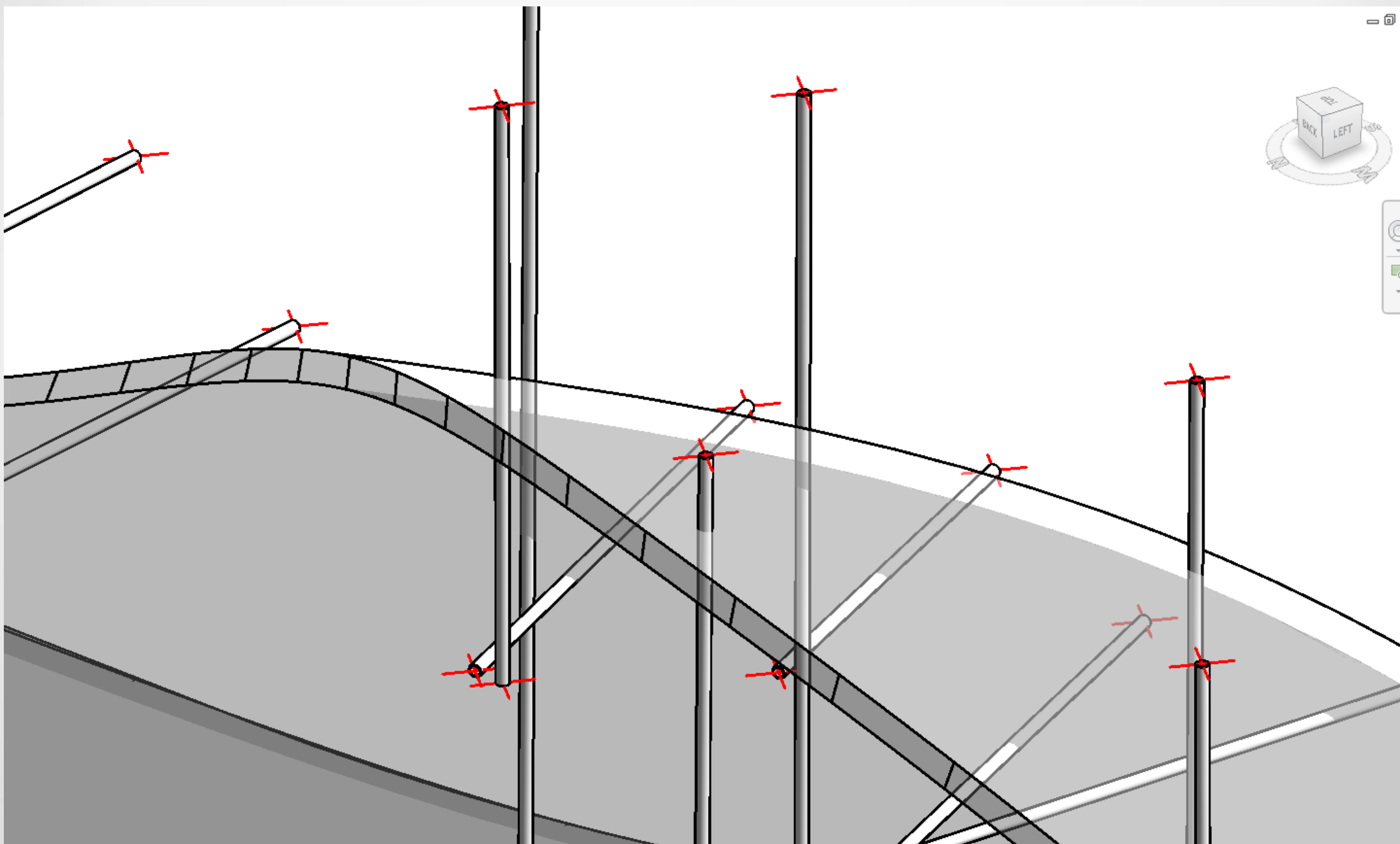
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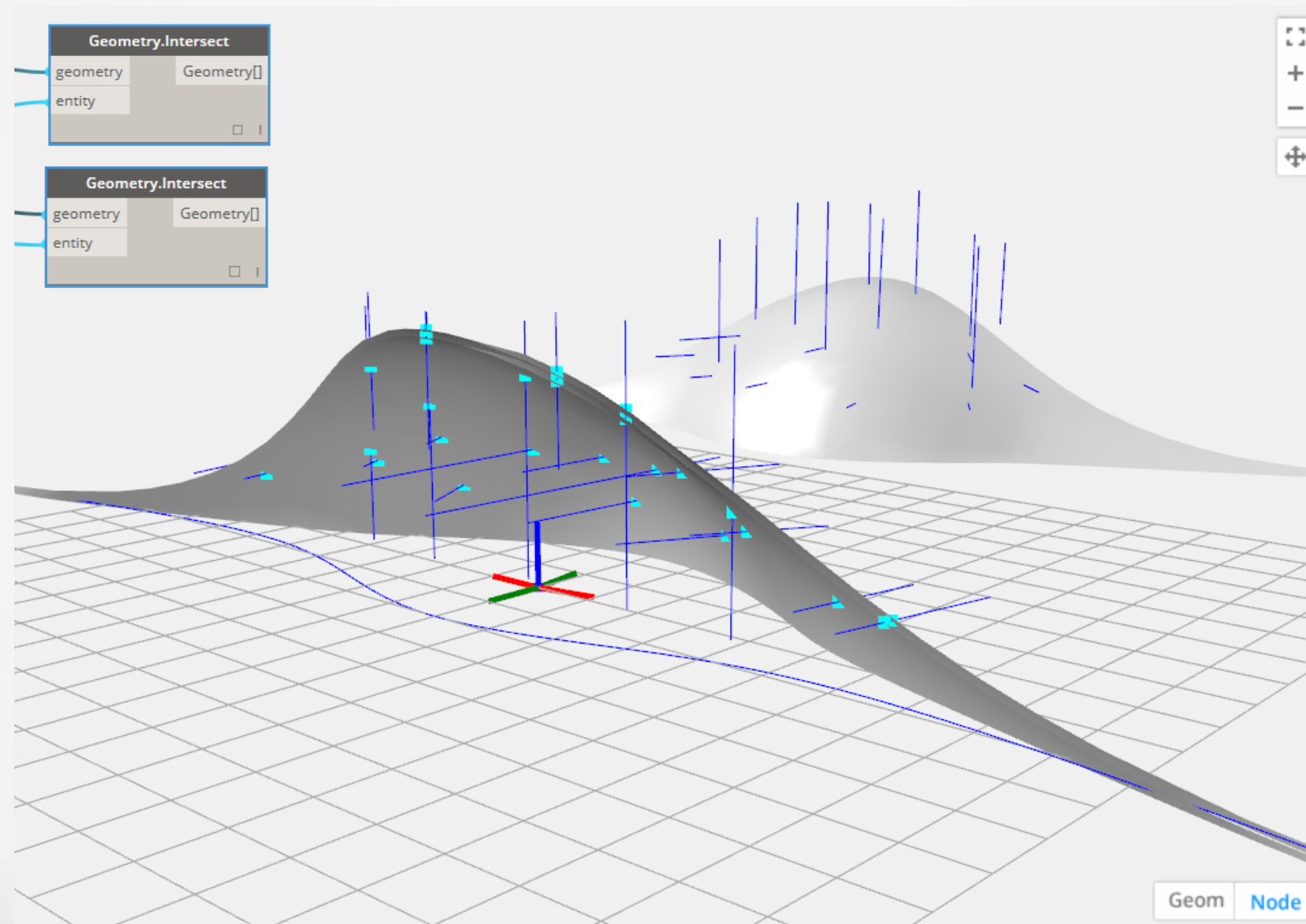


In Reality....









Family Types

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Materials and Finishes		
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Structural		
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Dimensions		
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Family Types

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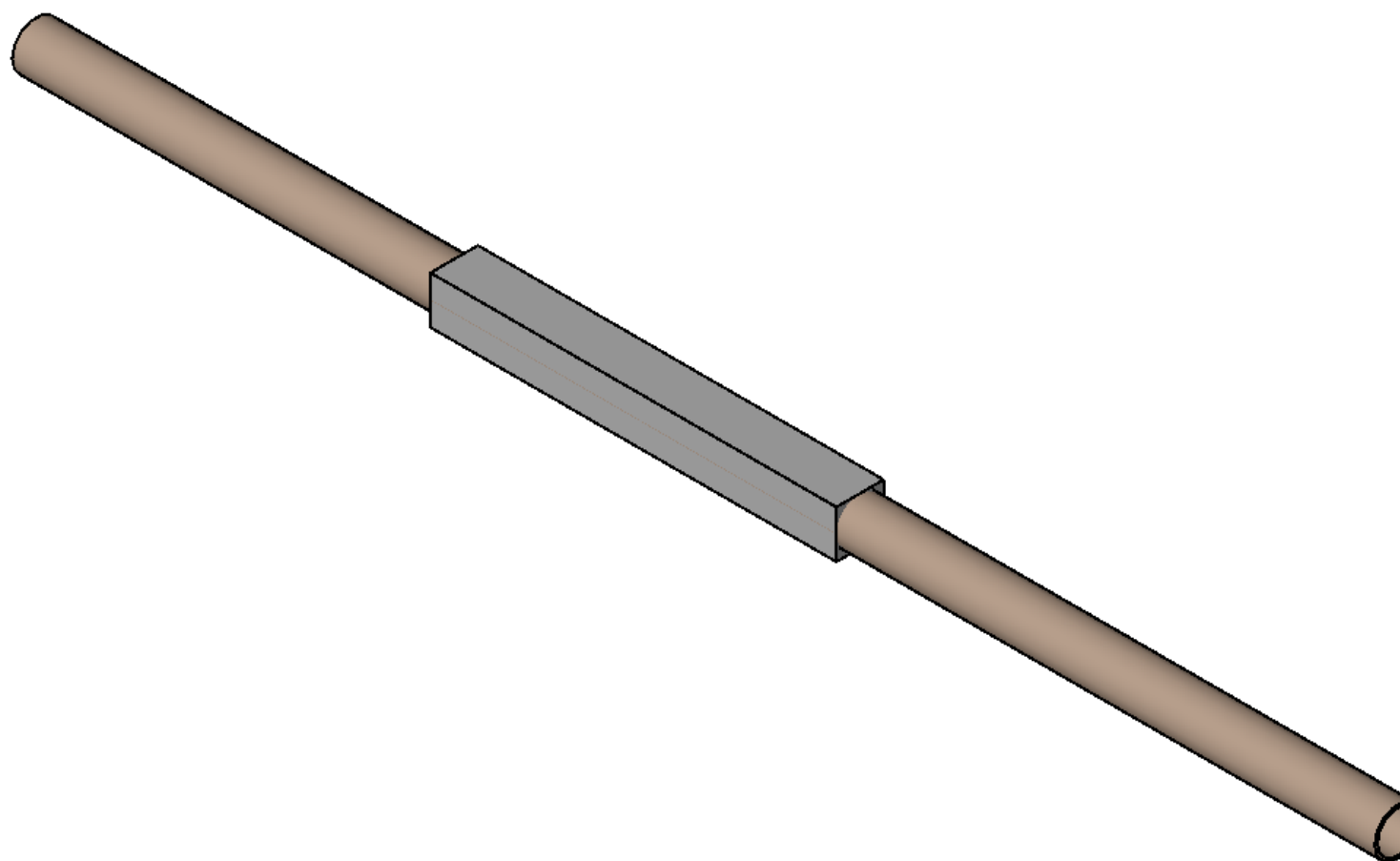
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Modify | Structural Framing

Properties



Circular Hollow Sections
CHS42.4x2.6

Structural Framing (Other) (1)

Edit Type

Constraints

Reference Level	Level 1
Start Level Offset	106.9
End Level Offset	85.0
Cross-Section Rotation	0.000°

Geometric Position

Materials and Finishes

Structural

Dimensions

Start Length	793.5
Length	2635.0
End Length	1712.4
Volume	0.000 m³

Identity Data

Comments	Stage
Mark	17

Phasing

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Phase Demolished	None

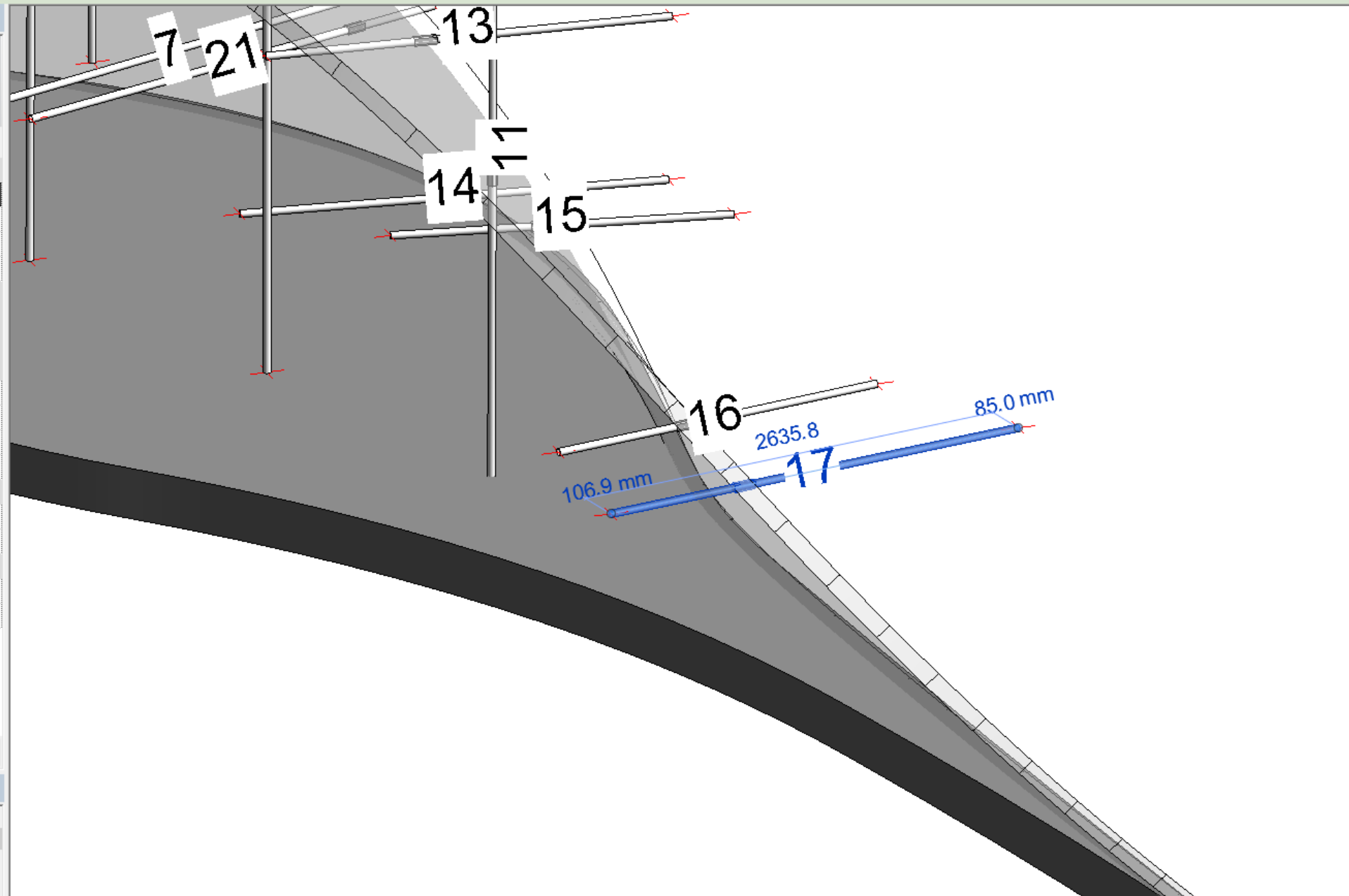
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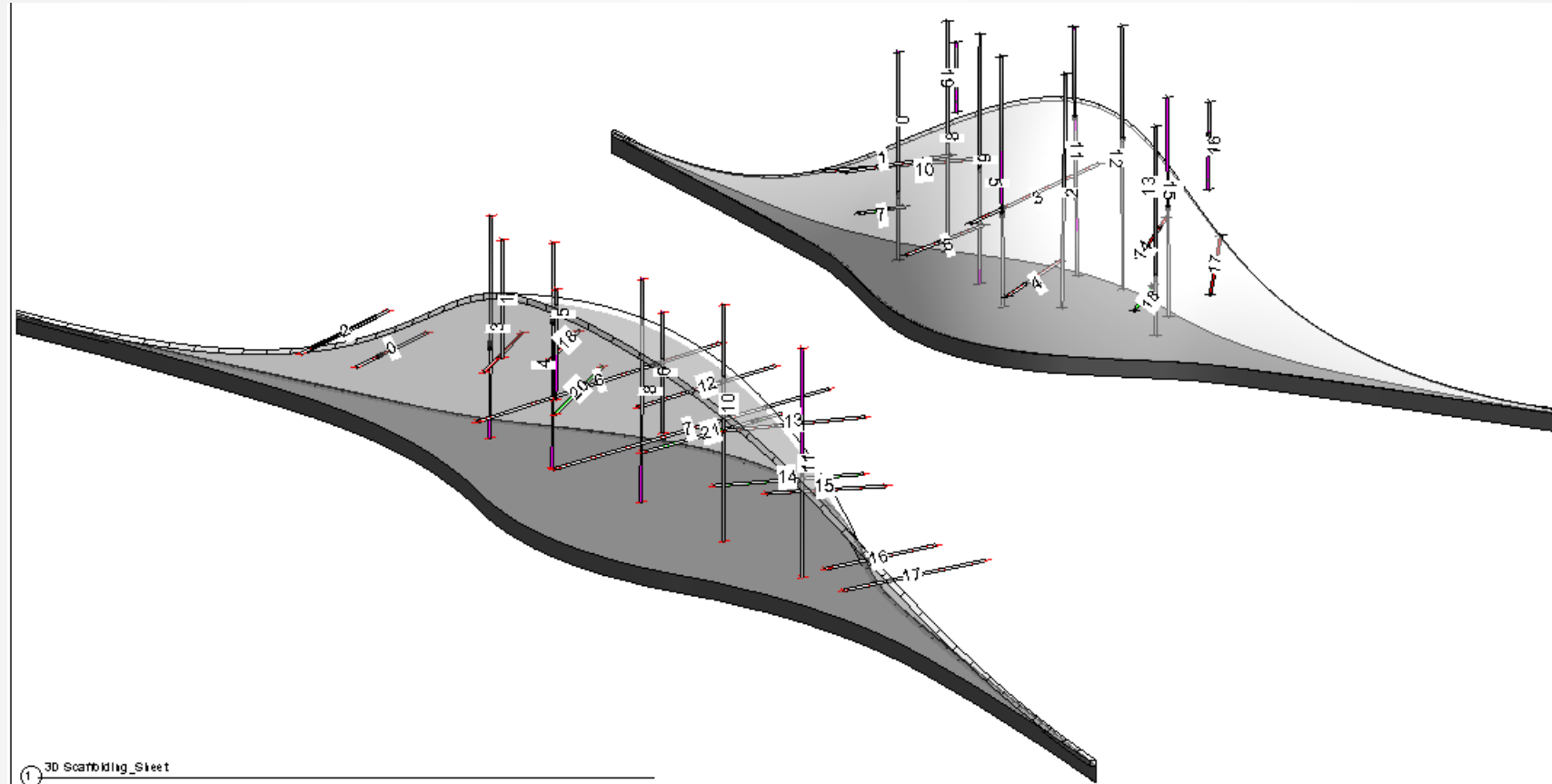
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Views (all)

- Floor Plans
 - Ground Floor
 - Level 1





① 3D Scaffolding_Sheet

Structural Framing Schedule			
Mark	End Length	Start Length	Comments
0	1202	533	Stage
1	966	966	Stage
2	300	300	Stage
3	1504	2133	Stage
4	2461	1261	Stage
5	1536	259	Stage
6	1294	3700	Stage
7	1203	4231	Stage
8	3031	667	Stage
9	1174	773	Stage
10	2696	1215	Stage
11	1741	2029	Stage
12	1009	1673	Stage
13	1348	847	Stage

Structural Framing Schedule			
Mark	End Length	Start Length	Comments
14	647	1671	Stage
15	1018	791	Stage
16	1112	758	Stage
17	1712	794	Stage
18	612	673	Stage
19	1080	631	Stage
0	1067	2373	Side Iter
1	1406	305	Side Iter
20	755	1327	Stage
21	493	2201	Stage
2	1925	1991	Side Iter
3	760	2416	Side Iter
4	600	1098	Side Iter
5	2668	1530	Side Iter

Structural Framing Schedule			
Mark	End Length	Start Length	Comments
6	728	970	Side Iter
7	492	195	Side Iter
8	1877	1977	Side Iter
9	1918	2267	Side Iter
10	846	1604	Side Iter
11	2663	1509	Side Iter
12	1897	2525	Side Iter
13	2522	931	Side Iter
14	1319	367	Side Iter
15	1844	1820	Side Iter
16	610	527	Side Iter
17	1511	984	Side Iter
18	876	162	Side Iter
19	610	527	Side Iter





Python

The background of the slide is a light gray with a subtle, abstract pattern. It features faint, overlapping images of network diagrams with nodes and connecting lines, and 3D surface plots with grid bases. The word 'Python' is prominently displayed in a bold, blue, sans-serif font on the left side of the slide.

Comparison

The image illustrates a comparison between two methods of creating a line in a CAD environment, likely Revit.

Top Left (Graphical Method): Shows a sequence of nodes. Two 'Point.ByCoordinates' nodes are connected to a 'Line.ByStartPointEndPoint' node. The first 'Point.ByCoordinates' node has three 'Number' inputs (0.000, 0.000, 0.000) for x, y, and z. The second 'Point.ByCoordinates' node has three 'Number' inputs (10.000, 10.000, 0.000) for x, y, and z. The 'Line.ByStartPointEndPoint' node has two inputs: 'startPoint' and 'endPoint'.

Top Right (Python Script): A 'Python Script' window showing the following code:

```
1 import clr
2 clr.AddReference('ProtoGeometry')
3 from Autodesk.DesignScript.Geometry import *
4 #The inputs to this node will be stored as a list in the IN variable.
5 dataEnteringNode = IN
6 p = []
7 p.Add( Point.ByCoordinates(0,0,0))
8 p.Add(Point.ByCoordinates(10,10,0))
9 l = Line.ByStartPointEndPoint(p[0],p[1])
10
11
12 #Assign your output to the OUT variable
13 OUT = p, l
```

Bottom Left (Code Block): A 'Code Block' window showing the following code:

```
p[0] = Point.ByCoordinates(0,0,0);
p[1] = Point.ByCoordinates(10,10,0);
p;
l = Line.ByStartPointEndPoint(p[0],p[1]);
```

Bottom Right (Visualization): A 3D grid showing a line segment connecting the origin (0,0,0) to the point (10,10,0).

Bottom Right (Buttons): 'Geom' and 'Node' buttons.

X

10.000 >

Y

10.000 >

Python Script

IN[0] + - OUT

IN[1]

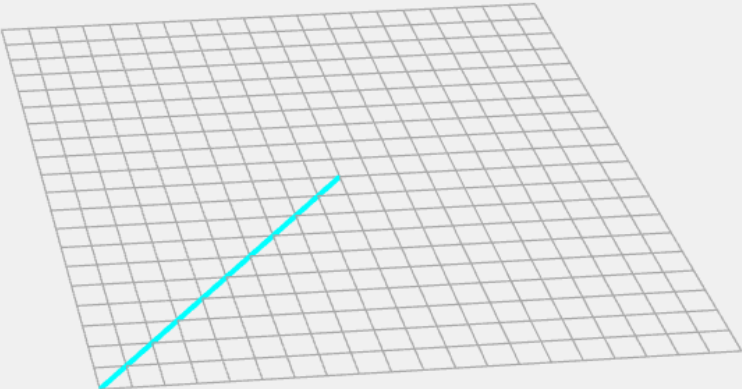
Edit Python Script...

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1 import clr
2 clr.AddReference('ProtoGeometry')
3 from Autodesk.DesignScript.Geometry import *
4 #functions
5
6 def drawLine(x,y):
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9     p.Add(Point.ByCoordinates(x,y,0))
10    l = Line.ByStartPointEndPoint(p[0],p[1])
11    return l
12
13 #The inputs to this node will be stored as a list in the IN variable.
14 dataEnteringNode = IN
15 xs = IN[0]
16 ys = IN[1]
17
18 line = drawLine(xs,ys)
19
20 #Assign your output to the OUT variable
21 OUT = line
```

Accept Changes Cancel

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Geom

Node

X

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12
13 #The inputs to this node will be stored as a list in the IN variable.
14 dataEnteringNode = IN
15 xs = IN[0]
16 ys = IN[1]
17
18 line = []
19
20 for i in range(0,100):
21     line.Add(drawLine(xs - i/5, ys - i/10))
22
23
24 #Assign your output to the OUT variable
25 OUT = line
```

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Geom

Node

X
10.000 >

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Python Script

IN[0] + - OUT
IN[1]

Watch

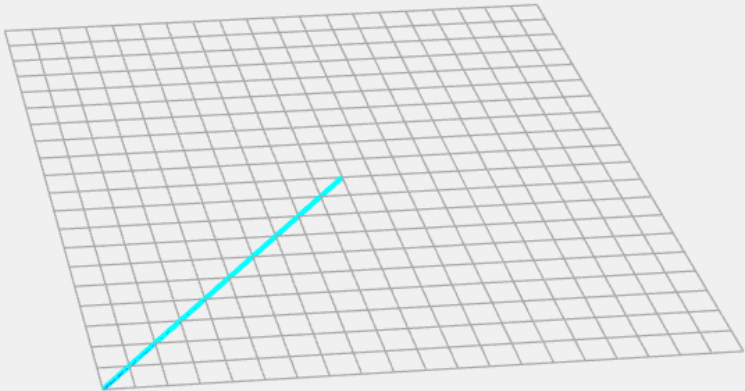
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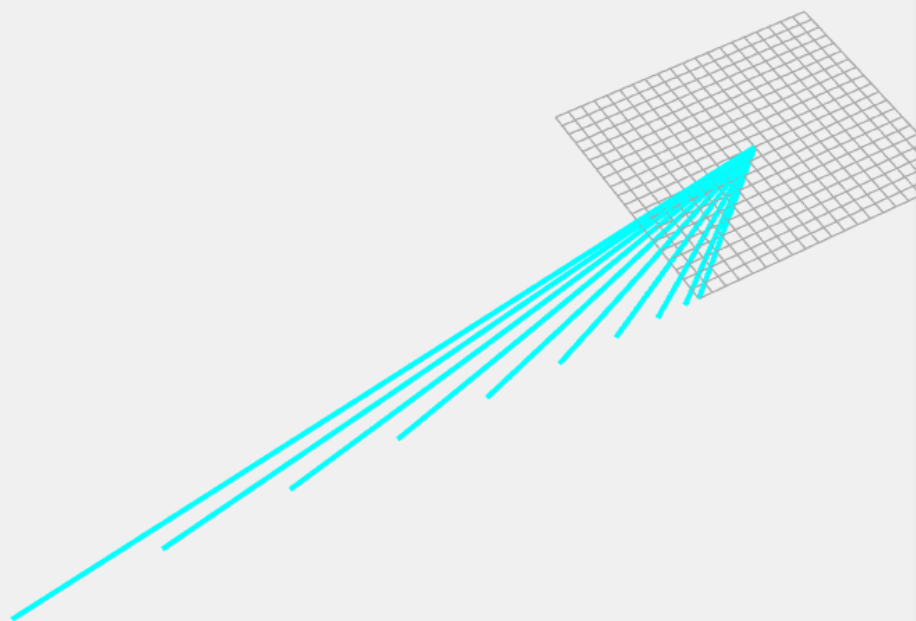
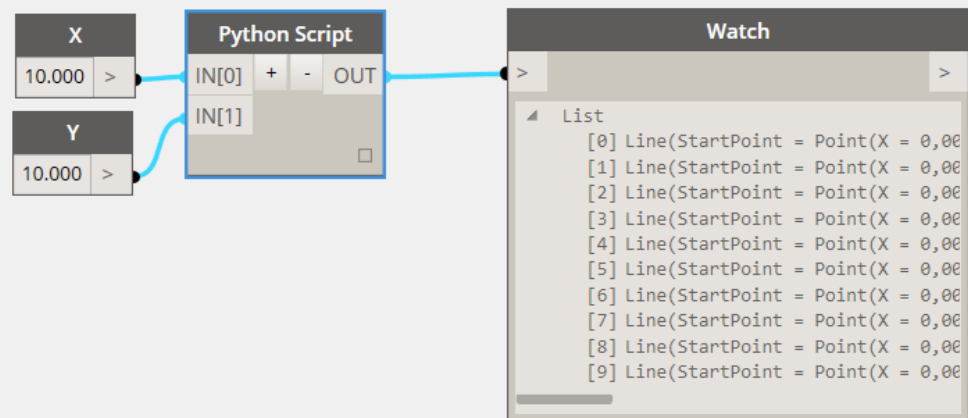
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2 clr.AddReference('ProtoGeometry')
3 from Autodesk.DesignScript.Geometry import *
4 #class
5 class myNiceLineSet:
6     #constructor - initialize the object
7     def __init__(self, x, y,):
8         self.x = x #field - store this information within the object
9         self.y = y #field
10
11     #method
12     #this method draw a line
13     def drawLine(self):
14         p = []
15         p.Add( Point.ByCoordinates(0,0,0))
16         p.Add(Point.ByCoordinates(self.x,self.y,0))
17         l = Line.ByStartPointEndPoint(p[0],p[1])
18         return l
19
20 #The inputs to this node will be stored as a list in the IN variable.
21 dataEnteringNode = IN
22 xs = IN[0]
23 ys = IN[1]
24
25 #create the object
26 lineSet = myNiceLineSet(xs,ys)
27 #create a line from the object
28 line = lineSet.drawLine()
29
30 #Assign your output to the OUT variable
31 OUT = line
```

Accept Changes Cancel



Geom Node



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16         p.Add(Point.ByCoordinates(self.x,self.y,0))
17         l = Line.ByStartPointEndPoint(p[0],p[1])
18         return l
19
20     #this method draw a set of lines
21     def drawLotsOfLine(self, howMany):
22         line = []
23         for i in range(0,howMany):
24             self.x += i
25             line.Add(self.drawLine())
26         return line
27
28
29 #The inputs to this node will be stored as a list in the IN variable.
30 dataEnteringNode = IN
31 xs = IN[0]
32 ys = IN[1]
33
34 #create the object
35 lineSet = myNiceLineSet(xs,ys)
36 #create a line from the object
37 line = lineSet.drawLotsOfLine(10)
38
39 #Assign your output to the OUT variable
40 OUT = line
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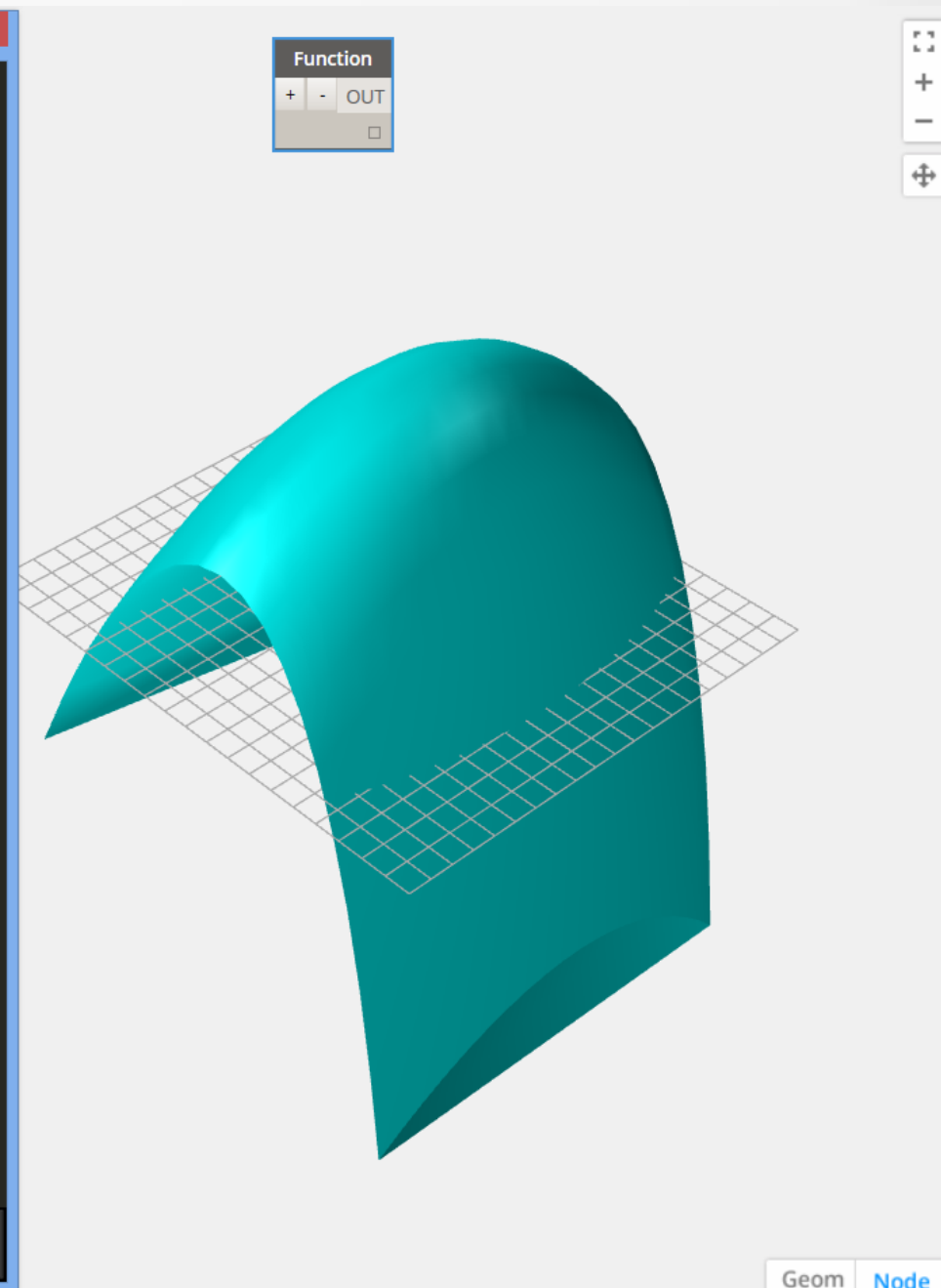
Geom Node

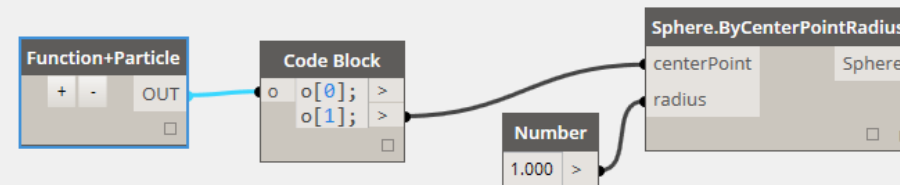
Gradient descent/climbing



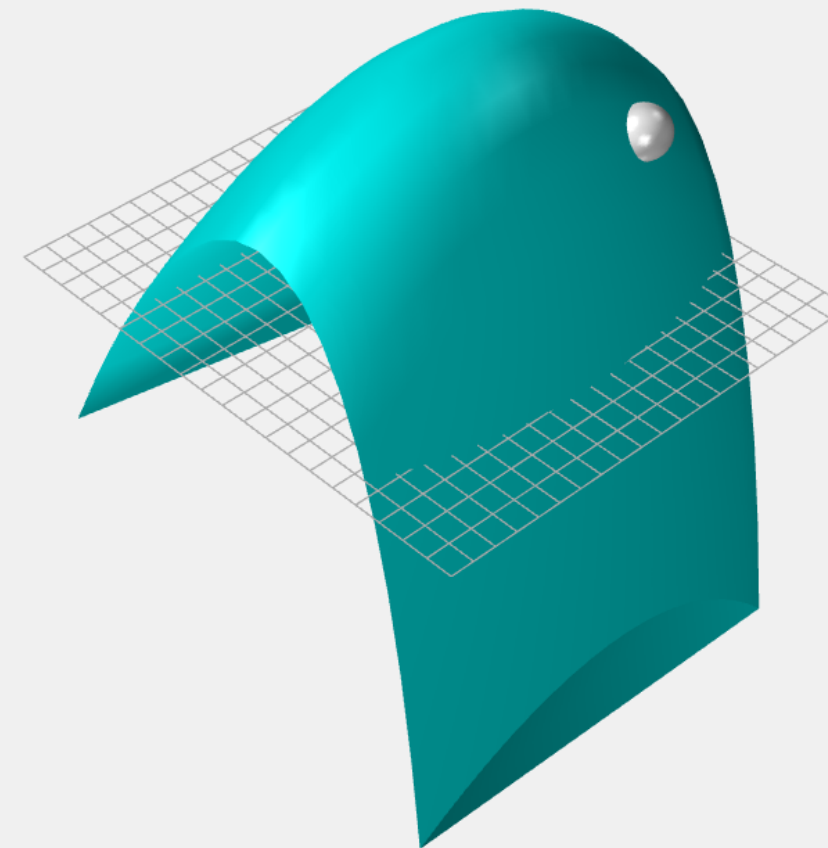
```
Edit Python Script...
1 from Autodesk.DesignScript.Geometry import *
2
3 #function
4 class function:
5
6     def f(self, x,y):
7         return 10-0.2*math.pow(x,2)-0.05*math.pow(y,2)
8
9     def draw(self):
10        pts = []
11        vi = []
12        sc = 1.0
13        step = 10.0/sc
14        st = int(step)
15        #points
16        for i in range (-st,st):
17            for j in range (-st,st):
18                xx = i * sc
19                yy = j * sc
20                zz = self.f(xx,yy)
21                pti = Point.ByCoordinates(xx,yy,zz)
22                pts.Add(pti)
23
24        #vertex
25        n = 2 * st-1
26        for i in range (0,n):
27            for j in range (0,n):
28                a = j+n*i
29                b = j+n*(i+1)
30                c = (j+1)+n*(i+1)
31                d = (j+1)+n*i
32
33                ig = IndexGroup.ByIndices(a,b,c,d)
34                vi.Add(ig)
35
36        m = Mesh.ByPointsFaceIndices(pts,vi)
37        return m
38
39 #The inputs to this node will be stored as a list in the IN variable.
40 dataEnteringNode = IN
41
42 f = function()
43
44 #Assign your output to the OUT variable
45 OUT = f.draw()
```

Accept Changes Cancel





```
10
11 #particle
12 class particle:
13
14     def __init__(self,func, lr):
15         self.lr = lr
16         self.func = func
17         self.dim = 2
18
19         self.x = []
20         self.xNew = []
21         for i in range(0,self.dim):
22             trd = random.uniform(-10.0, 10.0)
23             self.x.Add(trd)
24
25         for i in range(0,self.dim):
26             trd = random.uniform(-10.0, 10.0)
27             self.xNew.Add(trd)
28
29         self.yNew = [0.0,0.0]
30         self.update()
31
32     def update(self):
33         self.y = self.func.f(self.x[0],self.x[1])
34         self.yNew[0] = self.func.f(self.xNew[0], self.x[1])
35         self.yNew[1] = self.func.f(self.x[0], self.xNew[1])
36
37     def draw(self):
38         return Point.ByCoordinates(self.x[0], self.x[1],self.y)
39 #function
40 class function:
41
42     def f(self, x,y):
43         return 10-0.2*math.pow(x,2)-0.05*math.pow(y,2)
44
45     def draw(self):
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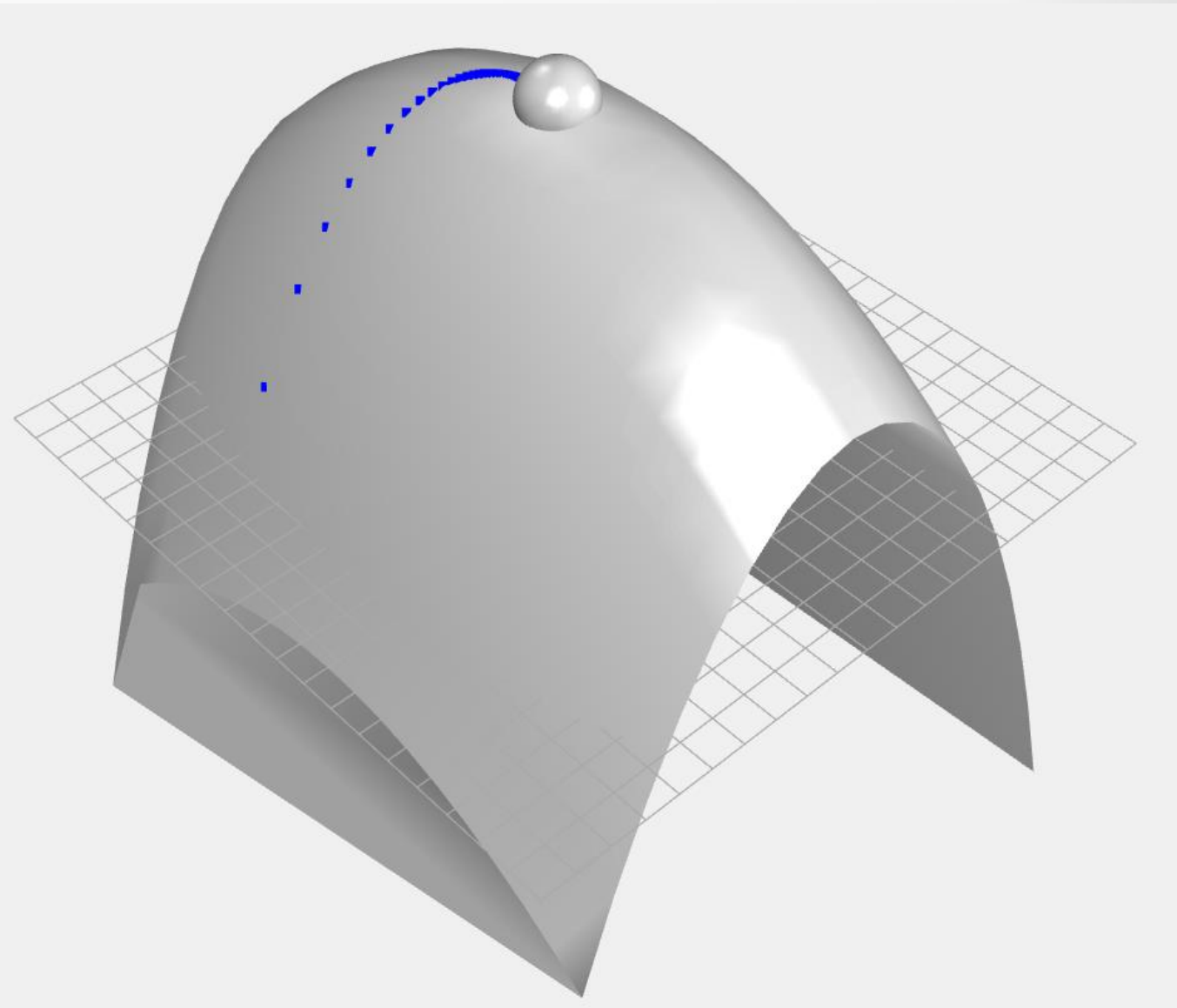


Geom Node

```

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12 class particle:
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14 def __init__(self,func, lr):
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16     self.func = func
17     self.dim = 2
18
19     self.x = []
20     self.xNew = []
21     for i in range(0,self.dim):
22         trd = random.uniform(-10.0, 10.0)
23         self.x.Add(trd)
24
25     for i in range(0,self.dim):
26         trd = random.uniform(-10.0, 10.0)
27         self.xNew.Add(trd)
28
29     self.yNew = [0.0,0.0]
30     self.update()
31
32 def update(self):
33     self.y = self.func.f(self.x[0],self.x[1])
34     self.yNew[0] = self.func.f(self.xNew[0], self.x[1])
35     self.yNew[1] = self.func.f(self.x[0], self.xNew[1])
36
37 def draw(self):
38     return Point.ByCoordinates(self.x[0], self.x[1],self.y)
39
40 def optimize(self):
41     for i in range(0,self.dim):
42         delta =self.xNew[i] - self.x[i]
43         if (math.fabs(delta) > 0.01):
44             der = (self.yNew[i]-self.y)/(delta)
45             self.x[i] = self.xNew[i]
46             self.xNew[i] = self.x[i] + self.lr * der
47             self.update()

```



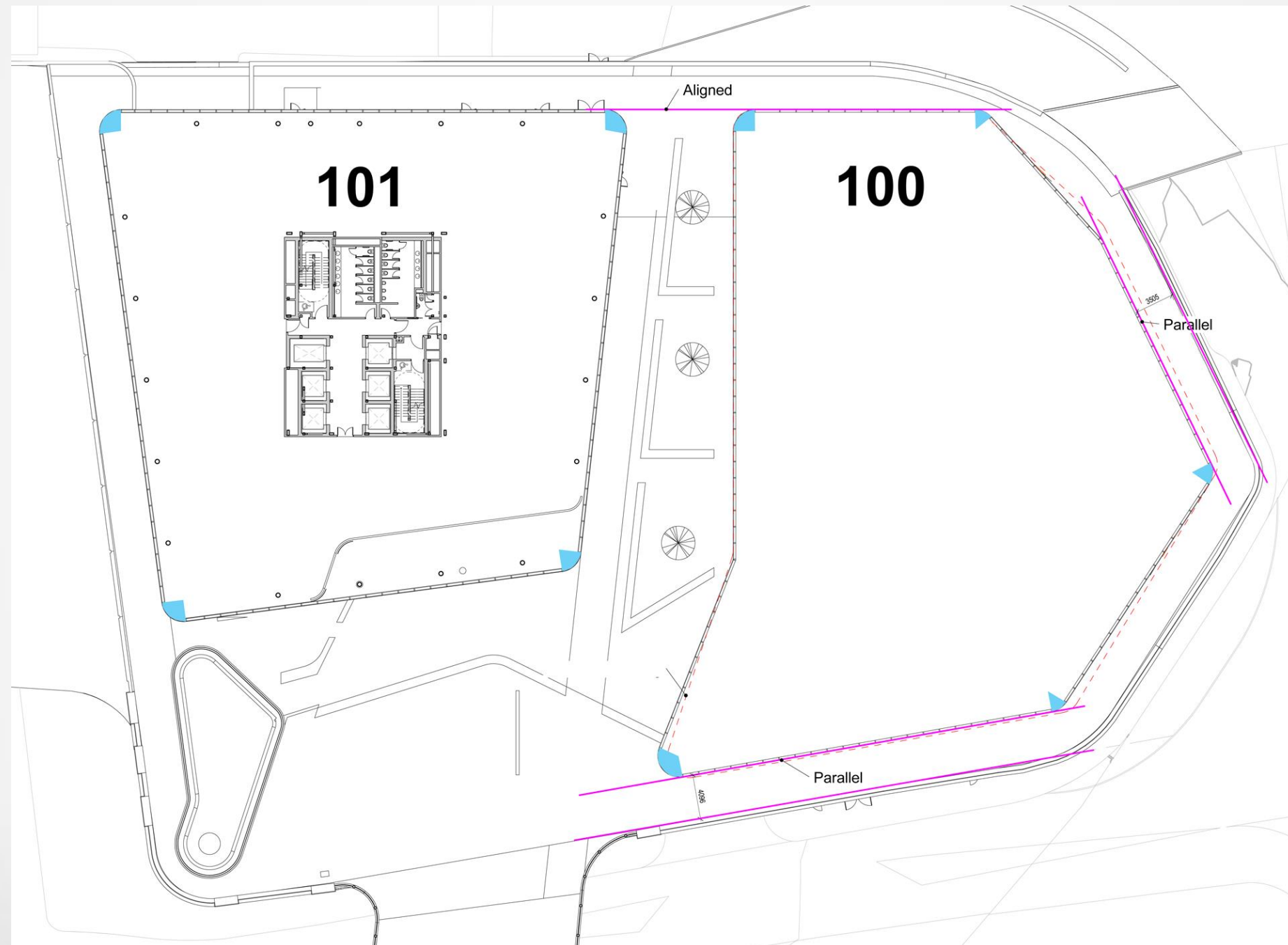


Real world example 2

Façade optimization



Site Constraints



GG-Curtain Panel - Flat - Mullion

Generic Models (1) Edit Type

Constraints

Level	Level 1
Elevation	0.0
Moves With Nearby Elements	<input type="checkbox"/>

Graphics

Visibility/Graphics Overrides Edit...

Visible ☒

Materials and Finishes

Material	GG-Curtain Mullion
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Dimensions

Mullion Thickness	50.0
Mullion Offset	52.0
Mullion Height	201.0
Volume	0.062 m ³

Identity Data

Comments

Mark

Adaptive Component

Flip ☐

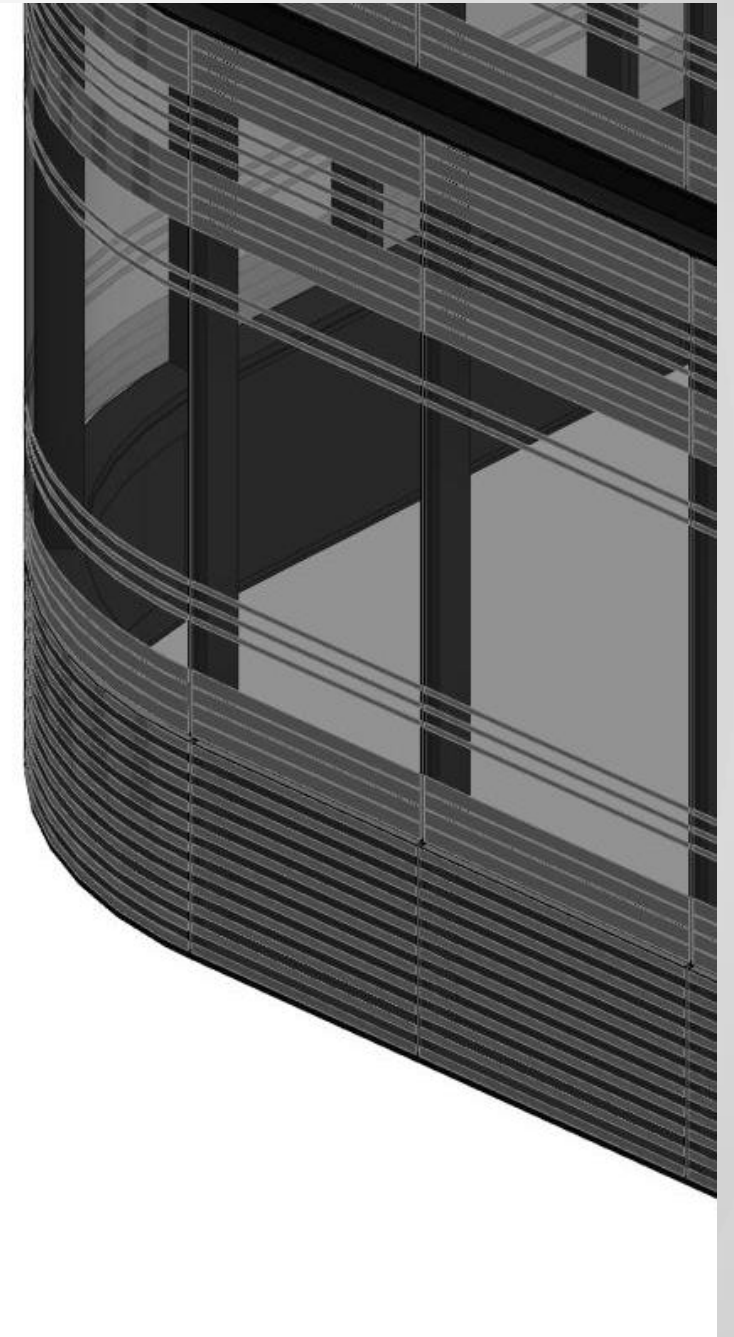
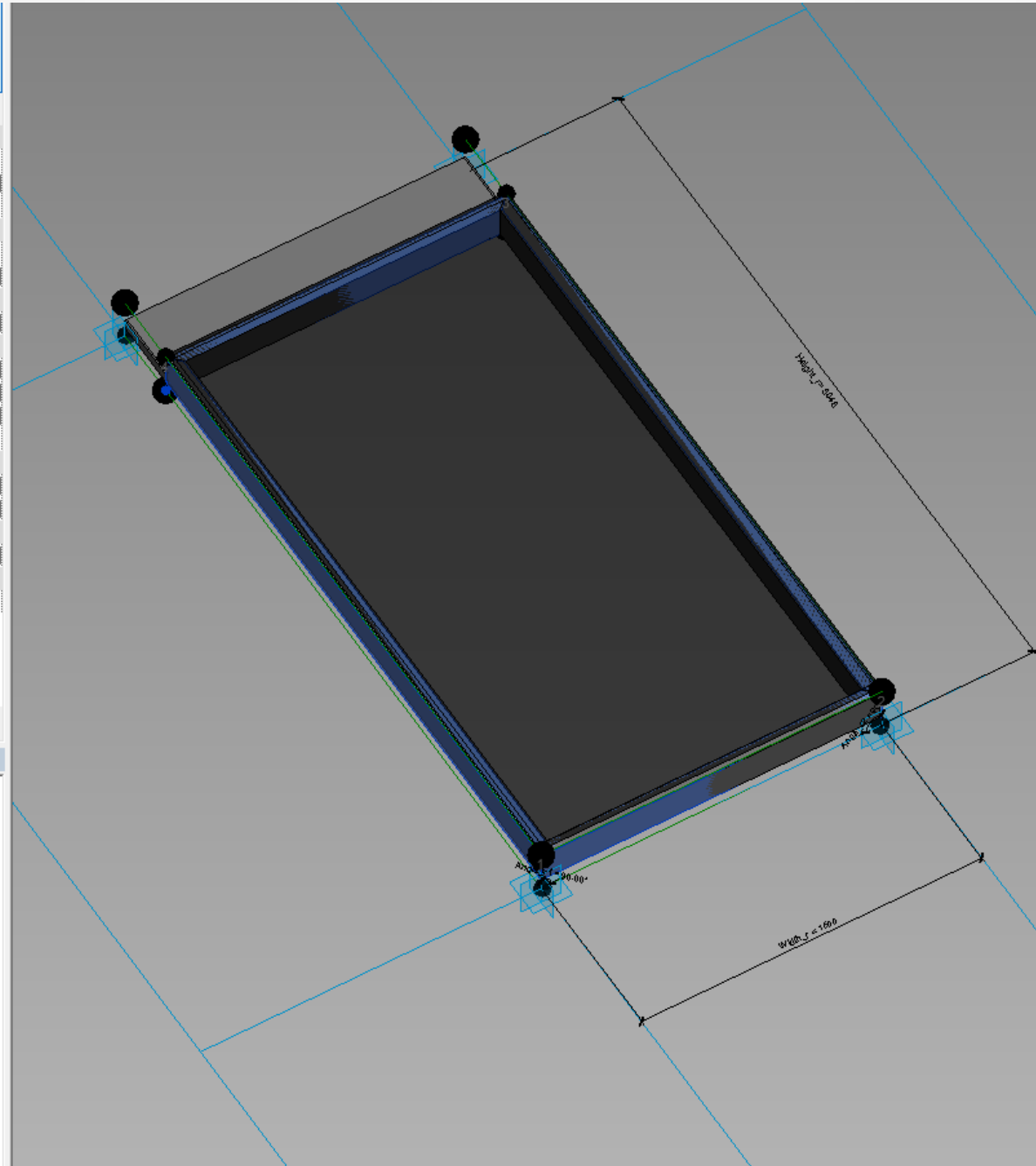
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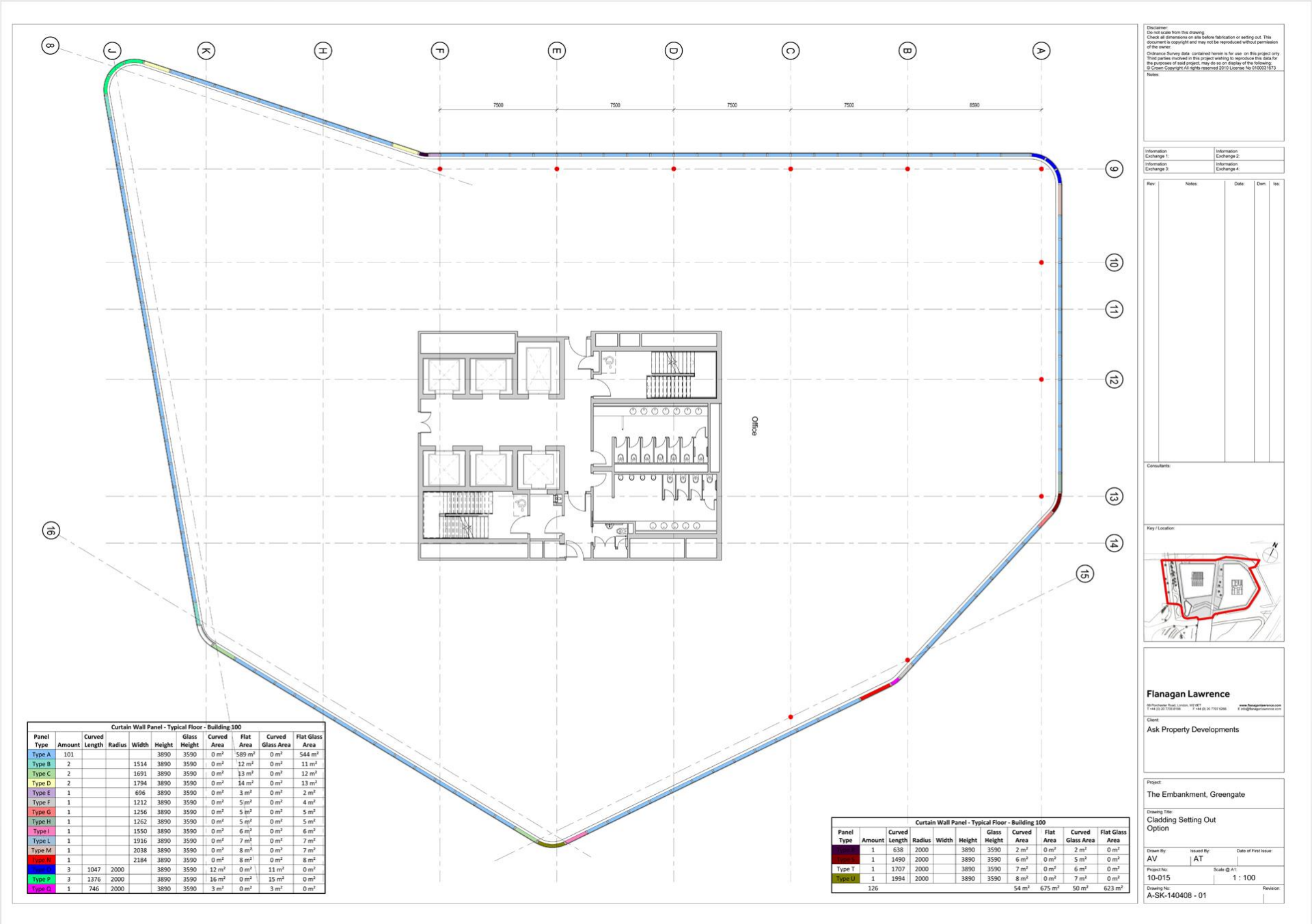
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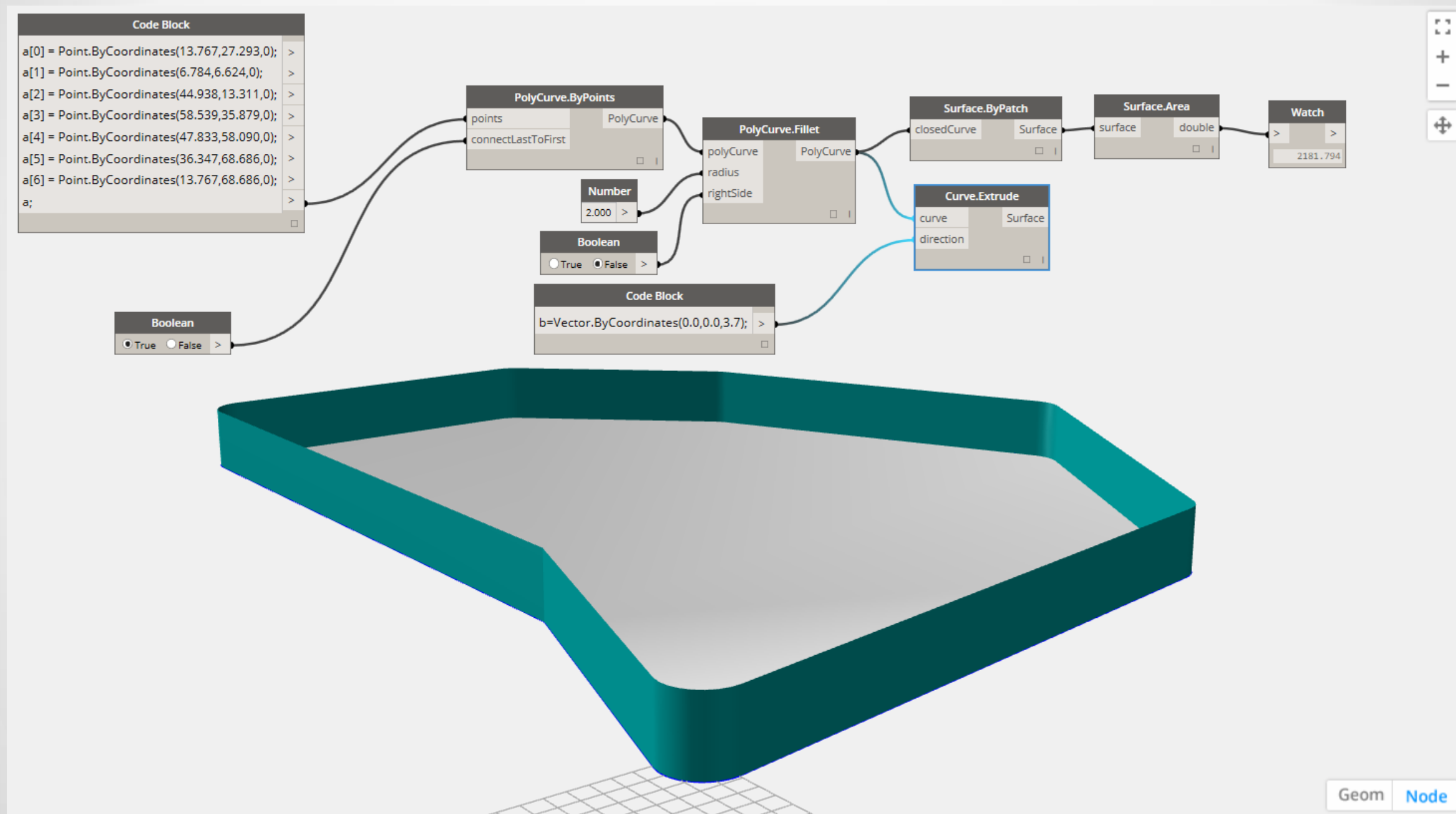
Project Browser - GG-Curtain Panel - Pattern Based - Fritted Flat_52mm.rfa

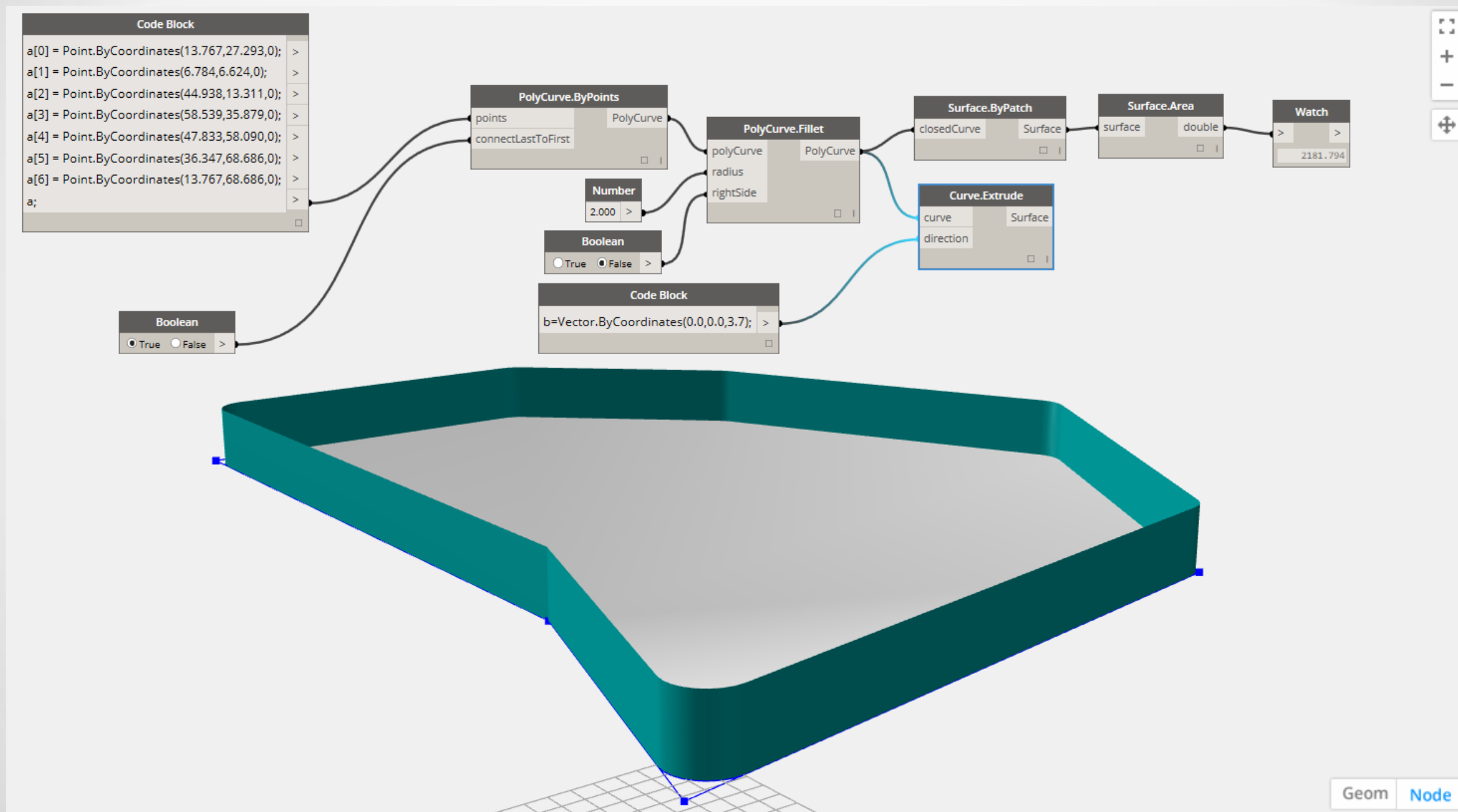
- Views (all)
- Floor Plans
 - Level 1
- 3D Views
- Sheets (all)
- Families

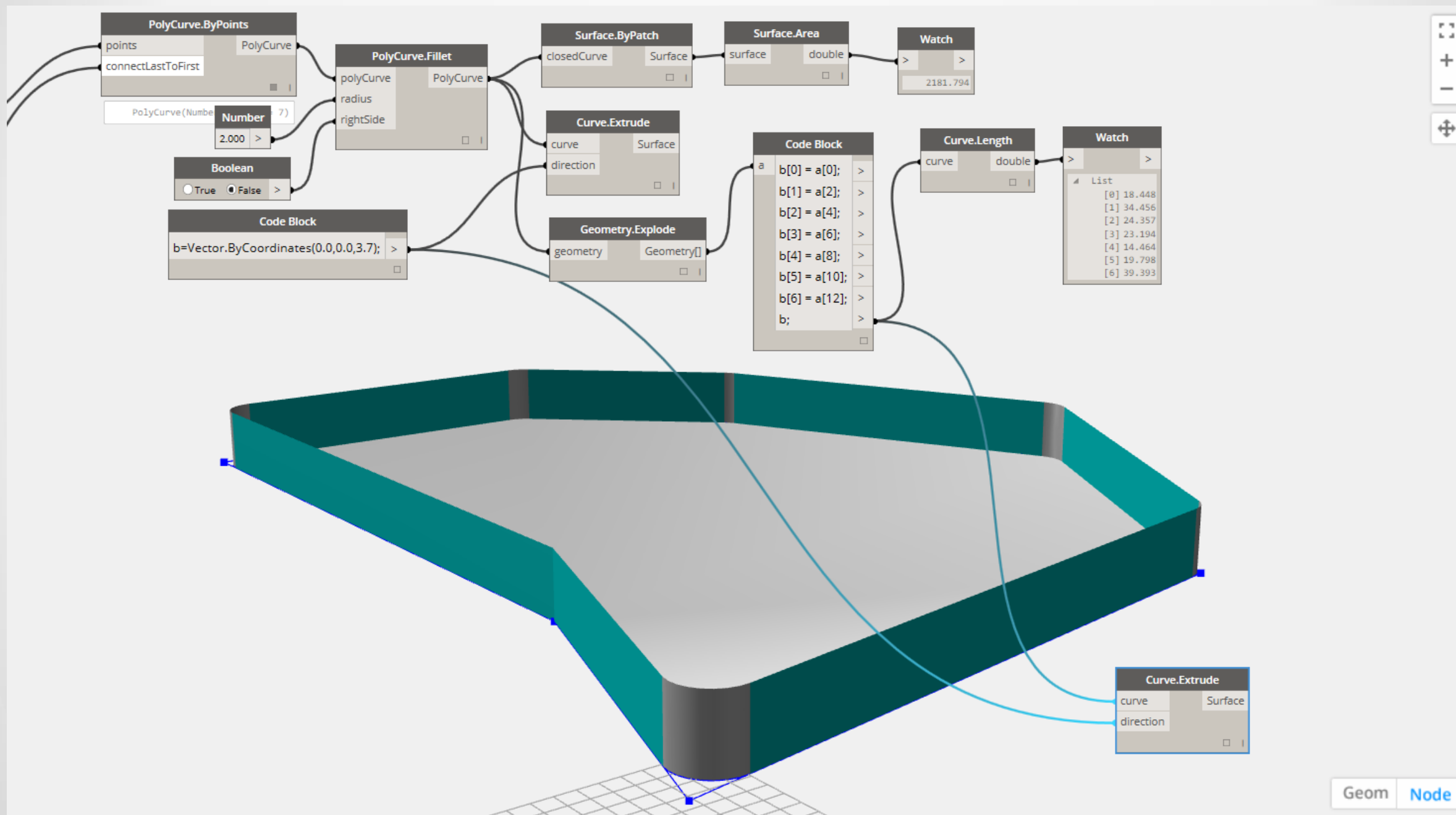




Curtain Wall Panel - Typical Floor - Building 100										
Panel Type	Amount	Curved Length	Radius	Width	Height	Glass Height	Curved Area	Flat Area	Curved Glass Area	Flat Glass Area
Type A	101				3890	3590	0 m ²	589 m ²	0 m ²	544 m ²
Type B	2			1514	3890	3590	0 m ²	12 m ²	0 m ²	11 m ²
Type C	2			1691	3890	3590	0 m ²	13 m ²	0 m ²	12 m ²
Type D	2			1794	3890	3590	0 m ²	14 m ²	0 m ²	13 m ²
Type E	1			696	3890	3590	0 m ²	3 m ²	0 m ²	2 m ²
Type F	1			1212	3890	3590	0 m ²	5 m ²	0 m ²	4 m ²
Type G	1			1256	3890	3590	0 m ²	5 m ²	0 m ²	5 m ²
Type H	1			1262	3890	3590	0 m ²	5 m ²	0 m ²	5 m ²
Type I	1			1550	3890	3590	0 m ²	6 m ²	0 m ²	6 m ²
Type L	1			1916	3890	3590	0 m ²	7 m ²	0 m ²	7 m ²
Type M	1			2038	3890	3590	0 m ²	8 m ²	0 m ²	7 m ²





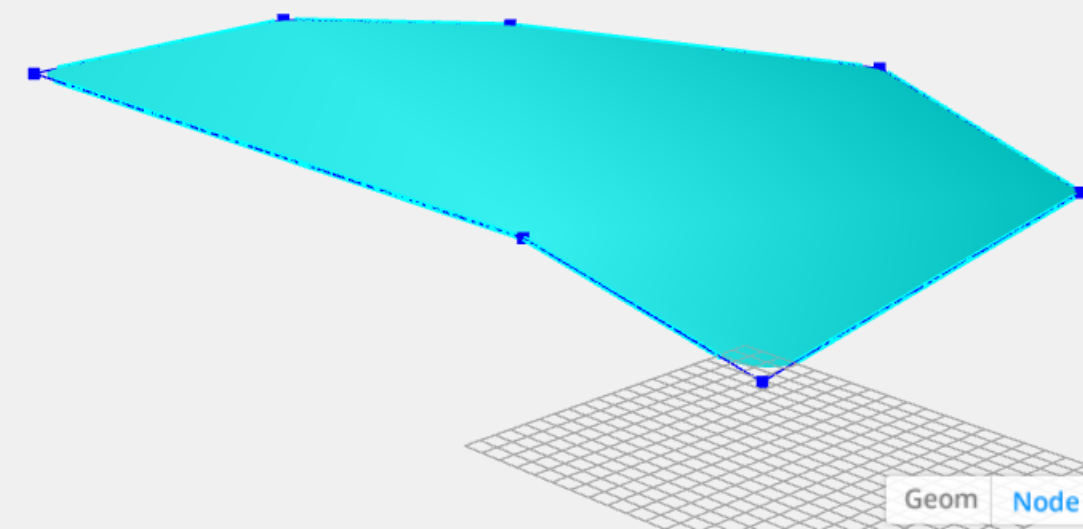


```
1 import clr
2 clr.AddReference('ProtoGeometry')
3 from Autodesk.DesignScript.Geometry import *
4 #The inputs to this node will be stored as a list in the IN variable.
5 dataEnteringNode = IN
6
7 a = IN[0]
8
9 p0 = PolyCurve.ByPoints(a,True)
10 p1 = PolyCurve.Fillet(p0,2.0,False)
11 p2 = Geometry.Explode(p1)
12 a1 = Surface.ByPatch(p1)
13 a2 = a1.Area
14 p3 = []
15 l1 = []
16 for i in range (0,7):
17     p3.Add(p2[i*2])
18     l1.Add(p2[i*2].Length)
19
20 #Assign your output to the OUT variable
21 OUT = p3, l1, a1, a2
```

Python Script

IN[0] + - OUT

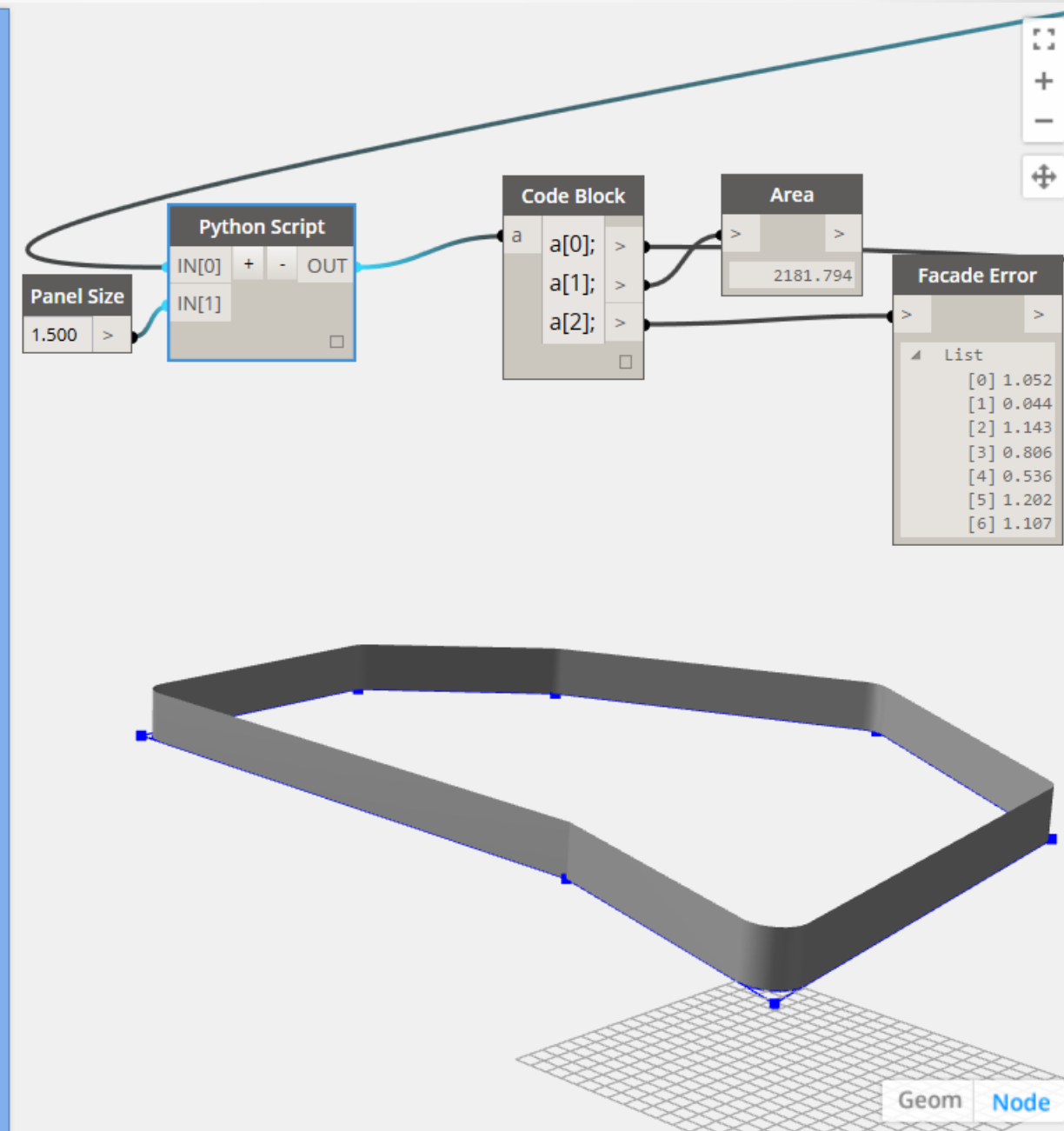
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[6] Curve(StartPoint = Point(
[1] List
[0] 18.448
[1] 34.456
[2] 24.357
[3] 23.194
[4] 14.464
[5] 19.798
[6] 39.393
[2] Surface
[3] 2181.794
```



Edit Python Script...

```
1 import clr
2 import math
3 clr.AddReference('ProtoGeometry')
4 from Autodesk.DesignScript.Geometry import *
5 #The inputs to this node will be stored as a list in the IN variable.
6
7 class facade:
8     def __init__(self, pts, panelSize):
9         p0 = PolyCurve.ByPoints(pts,True)
10        self.poly = PolyCurve.Fillet(p0,2.0,False)
11        p2 = Geometry.Explode(self.poly)
12        a1 = Surface.ByPatch(self.poly)
13        self.area = a1.Area
14        p3 = []
15        l1 = []
16        self.myError = []
17        self.panelSize = panelSize
18        for i in range (0,7):
19            linei = p2[i*2]
20            p3.Add(linei)
21            l1.Add(linei.Length)
22            self.myError.Add(self.calcError(linei,self.panelSize))
23
24        def calcError(self, facadeline, size):
25            lengf = facadeline.Length
26            num = math.ceil(lengf / size)
27            return ( (size * num)-lengf)
28
29        dataEnteringNode = IN
30
31        f = facade(IN[0],IN[1])
32
33
34
35        #Assign your output to the OUT variable
36        OUT = f.poly, f.area, f.myError
```

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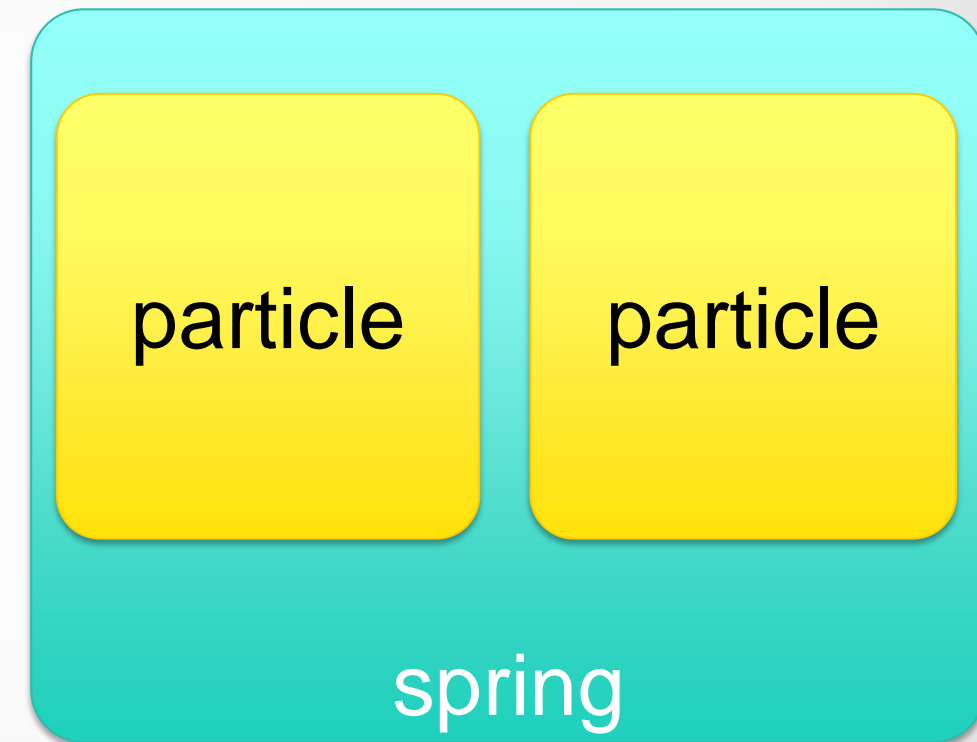
Corners

```
10 #control point class
11 #store position and constraints
12 class particle:
13     def __init__(self, position, constraints):
14         self.p = position
15         self.c = constraints #1 free 0 constrained
16         self.r = 0
17     def move(self,e):
18         pNew = Point.ByCoordinates(self.p.X + (e.X * self.c.X),
19         self.p.Y + (e.Y * self.c.Y), 0.0)
20         self.p = pNew
21
22 #spring class
23 #store the spring elements which connetcs the nodes
```

particle

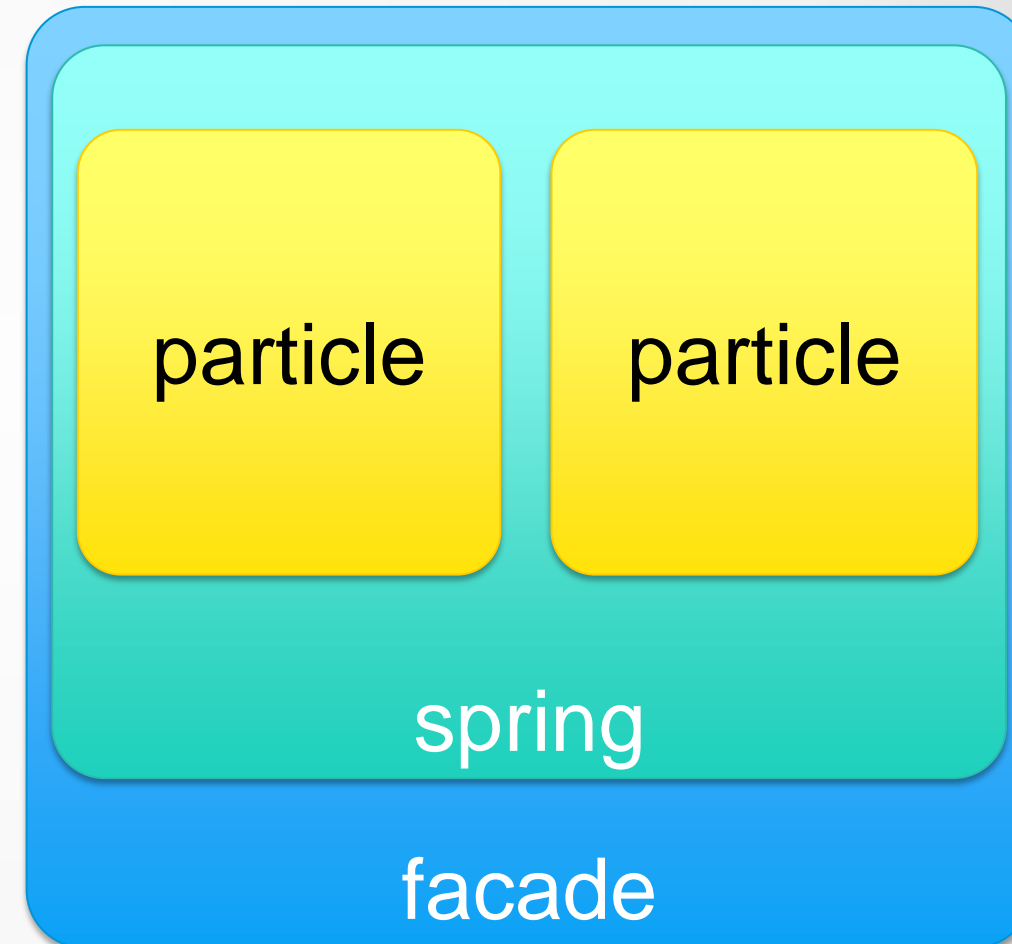
Individual facades

```
24 class spring:
25     def __init__(self, n1, n2):
26         self.a = n1
27         self.b = n2
28         self.vds = Vector.ByTwoPoints(self.b.p, self.a.p)
29         self.lengf = 0.0
30         self.error = 0.0
31         #Subtract(self.a.p.AsVector(), self.b.p.AsVector())
32
33     def update(self, size, lr, iter):
34         #length
35         self.vds = Vector.ByTwoPoints(self.b.p, self.a.p)
36         self.lengf = self.vds.Length
37         self.lengf -= self.a.r
38         self.lengf -= self.b.r
39
40         #error
41         self.error = self.calcError(self.lengf, size, iter)
42         e1 = Vector.ByCoordinates(self.vds.X, self.vds.Y, 0.0)
43         e1n = e1.Normalized()
44         errorScale = self.error/2.0 * lr
45         e1ns = e1n.Scale(-errorScale)
46         e2ns = e1n.Scale(errorScale)
47         self.a.move(e1ns)
48         self.b.move(e2ns)
49
50     def calcError(self, lengf, size, iter):
51         num = 0
52         if(iter < 5):
53             num = int(math.ceil(lengf / size))
54         else:
55             num = int(round(lengf / size))
56         return (lengf - (size * num))
57
```



Entire facade

```
58 class facade:
59     def __init__(self, panelSize):
60         self.cp = []
61         self.sp = []
62         self.panelSize = panelSize
63         self.rad = 2.0
64         self.maxError = []
65
66     #add point to the polyline
67     def addPt(self, pt,fx,fy):
68         fsx = 0
69         fsy = 0
70         if(fx):
71             fsx = 1.0
72         else:
73             fsx = 0.0
74         if(fy):
75             fsy = 1.0
76         else:
77             fsy = 0.0
78         constr = Vector.ByCoordinates(fsx,fsy,0.0)
79         self.cp.Add(particle(pt,constr))
80
81     def generate(self):
82         #generate springs
83         for i in range (0,self.cp.Count):
84             ni = self.cp[i]
85             nj = self.cp[(i+1)%self.cp.Count]
86             self.sp.Add(spring(ni,nj))
87
```



```

88 def update(self, iter):
89     #update the corner reduction
90     cps = self.cp.Count
91     for i in range (0,cps):
92         ip = i-1
93         if i == 0:
94             ip = cps -1
95         iin = (i+1) % cps
96         previousL = Vector.ByCoordinates(
97             self.cp[i].p.X-self.cp[ip].p.X,
98             self.cp[i].p.Y-self.cp[ip].p.Y,
99             0.0)
100         successiveL = Vector.ByCoordinates(
101             self.cp[i].p.X-self.cp[iin].p.X,
102             self.cp[i].p.Y-self.cp[iin].p.Y,
103             0.0)
104         angle = angleBetweenVectors(successiveL, previousL)
105         shrink = self.rad / (math.tan(angle/2.0))
106         self.cp[i].r = shrink
107     #3D model
108     pts = []
109     for i in range (0,cps):
110         pti = self.cp[i].p
111         ptix = Point.ByCoordinates(pti.X, pti.Y, pti.Z)
112         pts.Add(ptix)
113
114     p0 = PolyCurve.ByPoints(pts,True)
115     self.poly = PolyCurve.Fillet(p0,self.rad ,False)
116     a1 = Surface.ByPatch(self.poly)
117     self.area = a1.Area

```

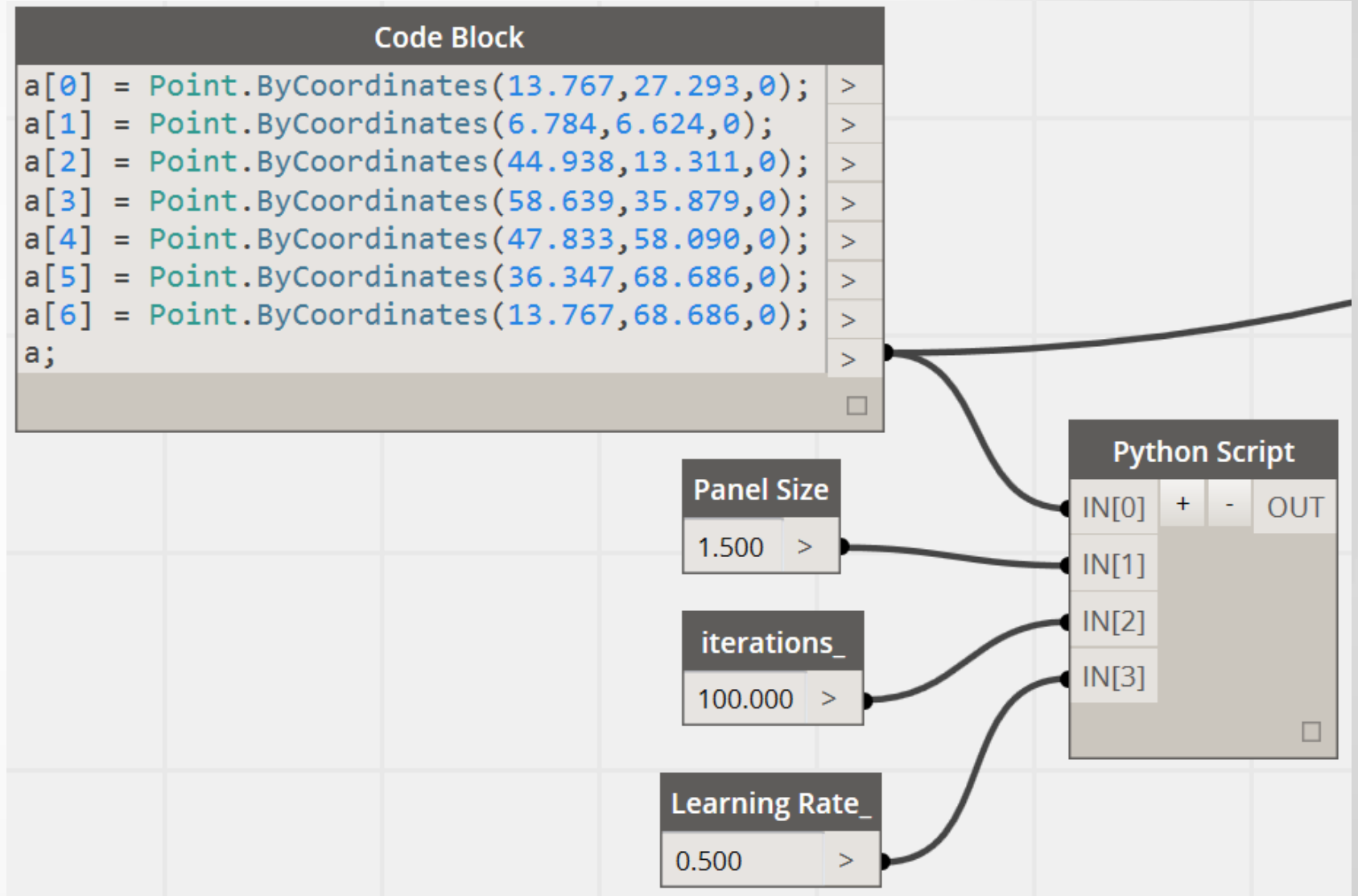
```

118
119 def optimize(self, learningr, iter):
120     #maxIt = 0
121     maxIt = 0.0
122     for i in range (0,self.sp.Count):
123         #update polyline
124         self.update(i)
125
126     for i in range (0,self.sp.Count):
127         #update corners
128         self.sp[i].update(self.panelSize, learningr, iter)
129
130     #maxIt = max(maxIt, math.fabs(self.sp[i].error))
131     maxIt = max(maxIt,math.fabs(self.sp[i].error))
132
133     self.maxError.Add(maxIt)

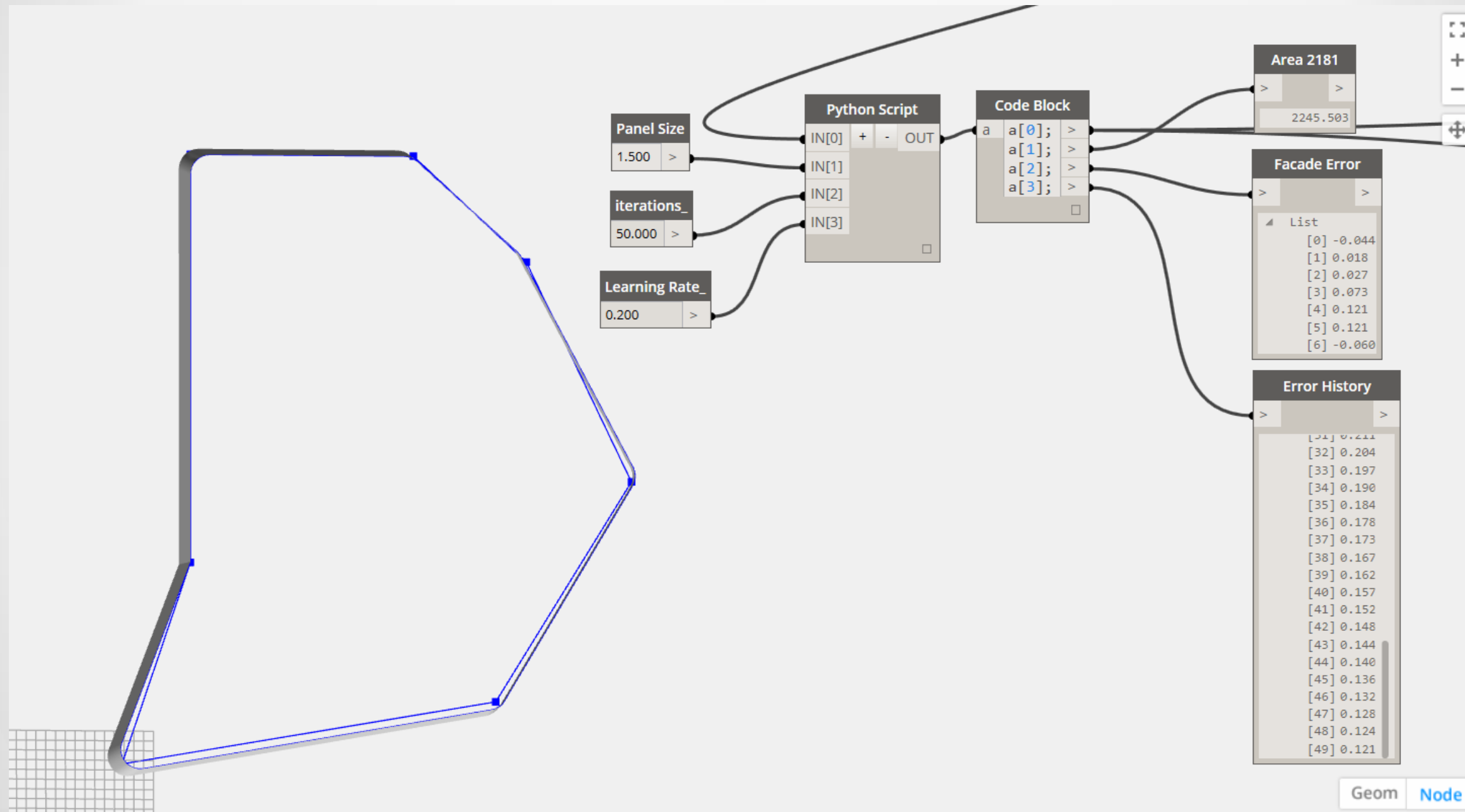
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Main script

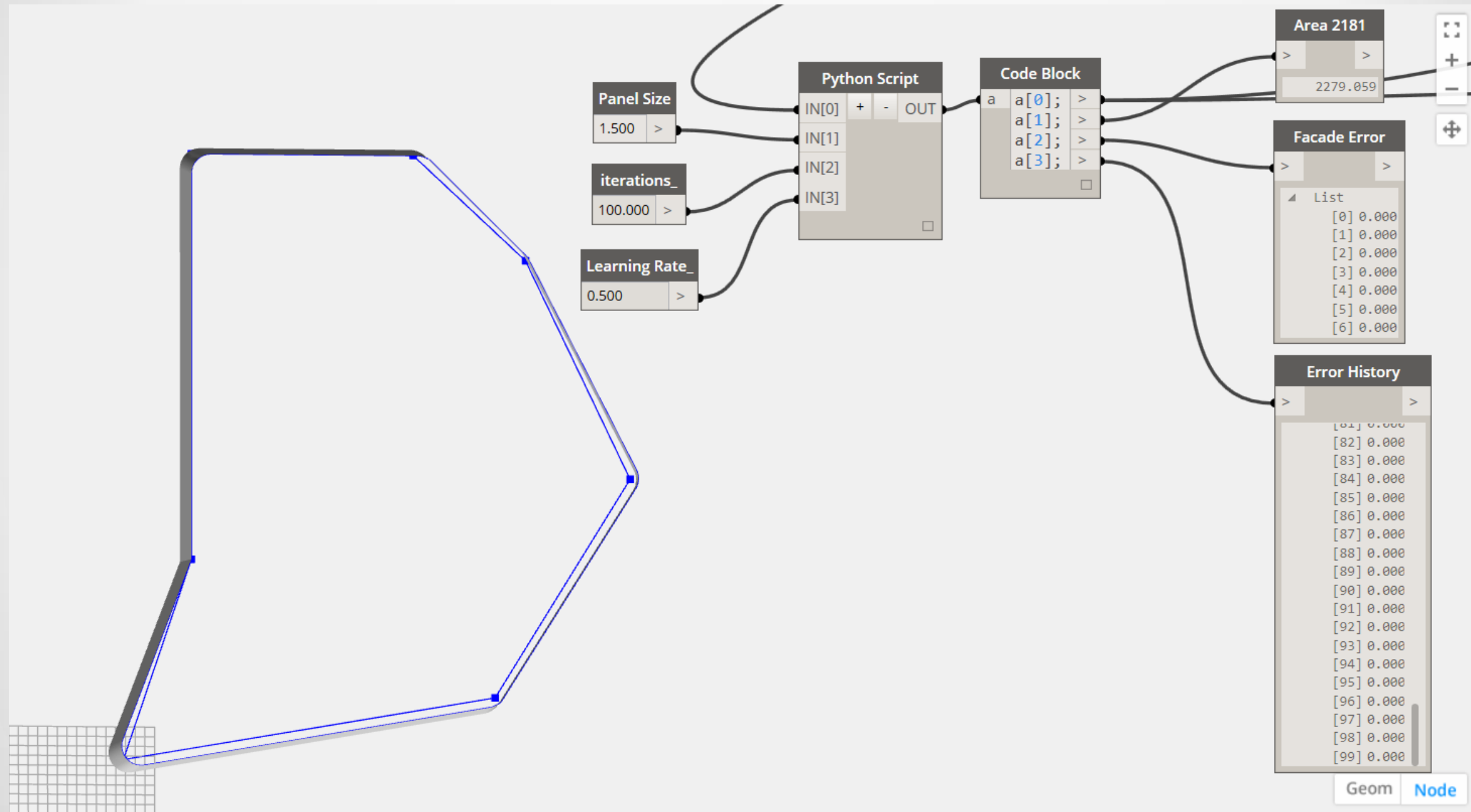
```
145
146 dataEnteringNode = IN
147
148 points = IN[0]
149 iterations = IN[2]
150 learningRate = IN[3]
151
152 f = facade(IN[1])
153 f.addPt(points[0], False, True)
154 f.addPt(points[1], True, True)
155 f.addPt(points[2], True, True)
156 f.addPt(points[3], True, True)
157 f.addPt(points[4], True, True)
158 f.addPt(points[5], True, False)
159 f.addPt(points[6], False, False)
160 f.generate()
161 f.optimizeLoop(learningRate, iterations)
162
163 #Assign your output to the OUT variable
164 OUT = f.poly, f.area, f.getError(), f.maxError
```



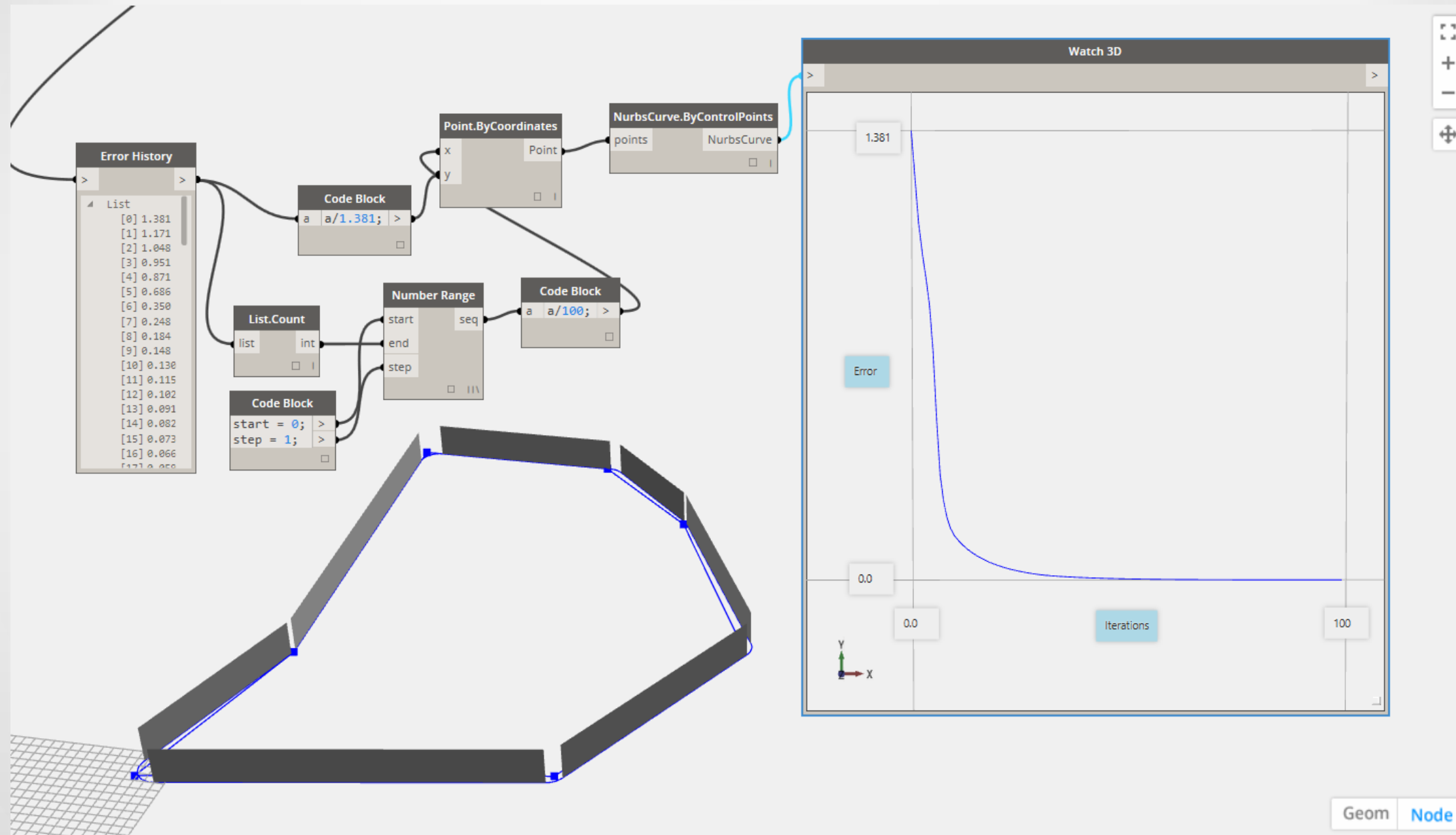
Results 1 – No convergence



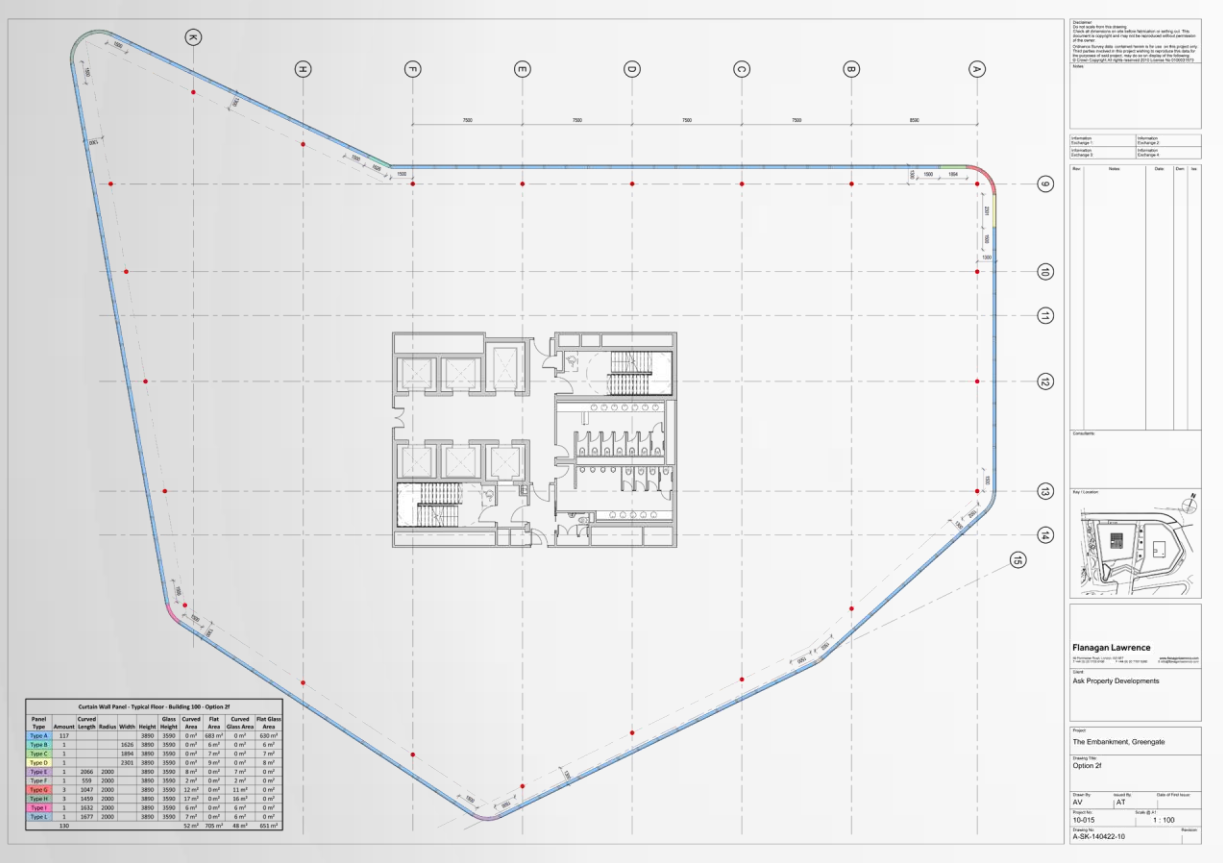
Results 2



Convergence graphics



Final design



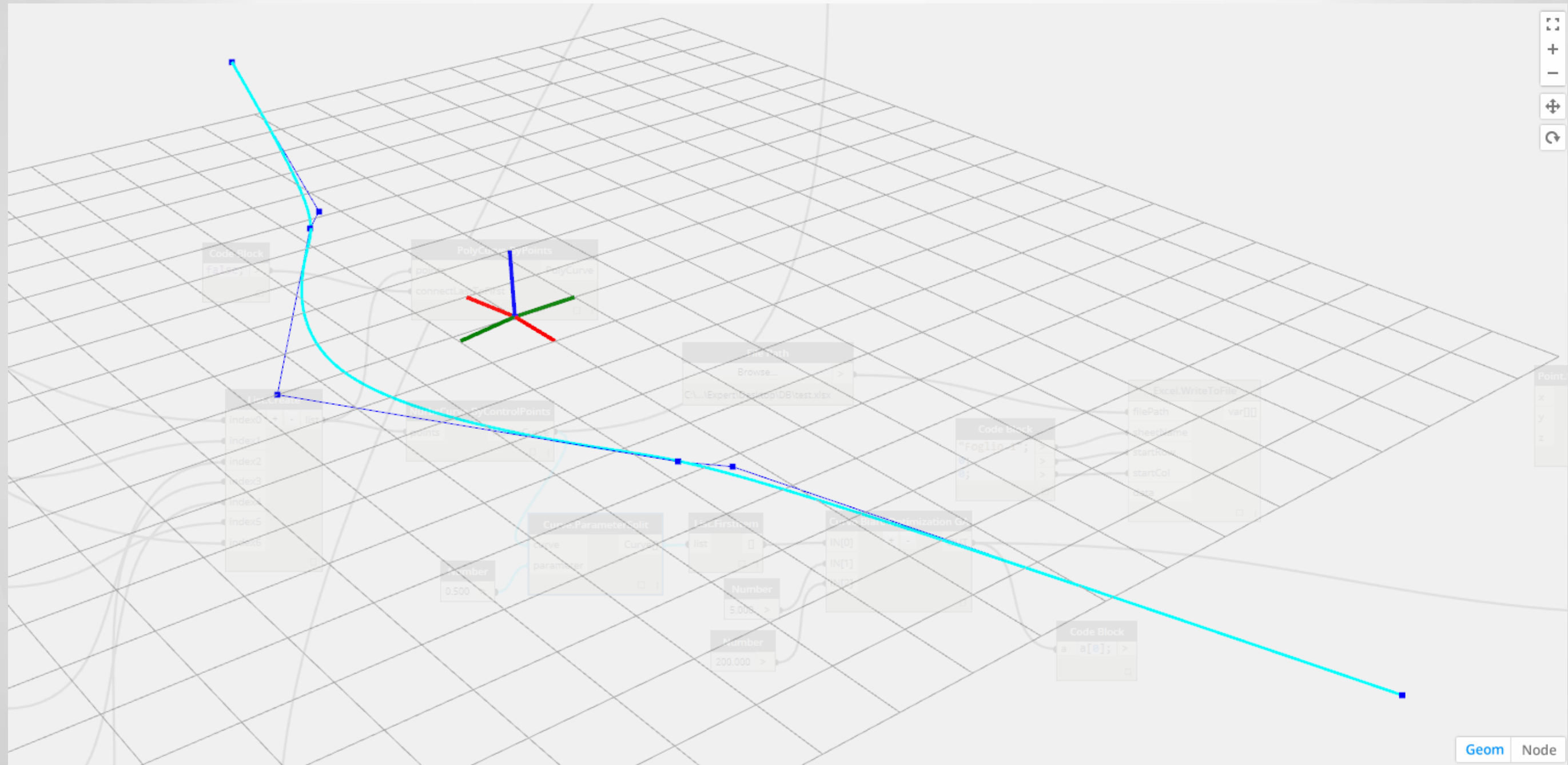
Curtain Wall Panel - Typical Floor - Building 100 - Option 2f										
Panel Type	Amount	Curved Length	Radius	Width	Height	Glass Height	Curved Area	Flat Area	Curved Glass Area	Flat Glass Area
Type A	117				3890	3590	0 m ²	683 m ²	0 m ²	630 m ²
Type B	1			1626	3890	3590	0 m ²	6 m ²	0 m ²	6 m ²
Type C	1			1894	3890	3590	0 m ²	7 m ²	0 m ²	7 m ²
Type D	1			2301	3890	3590	0 m ²	9 m ²	0 m ²	8 m ²



Pushing the envelope



NURBS are not so clever



Genetic algorithm – rationalize NURBS in arcs

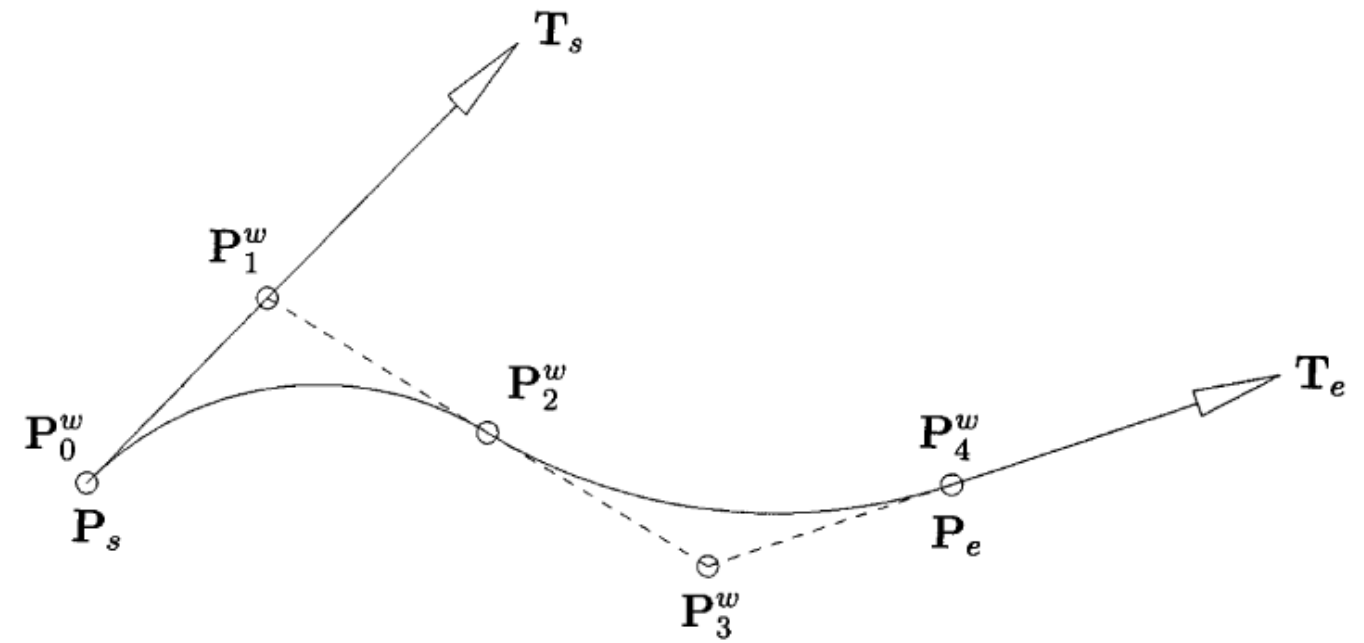
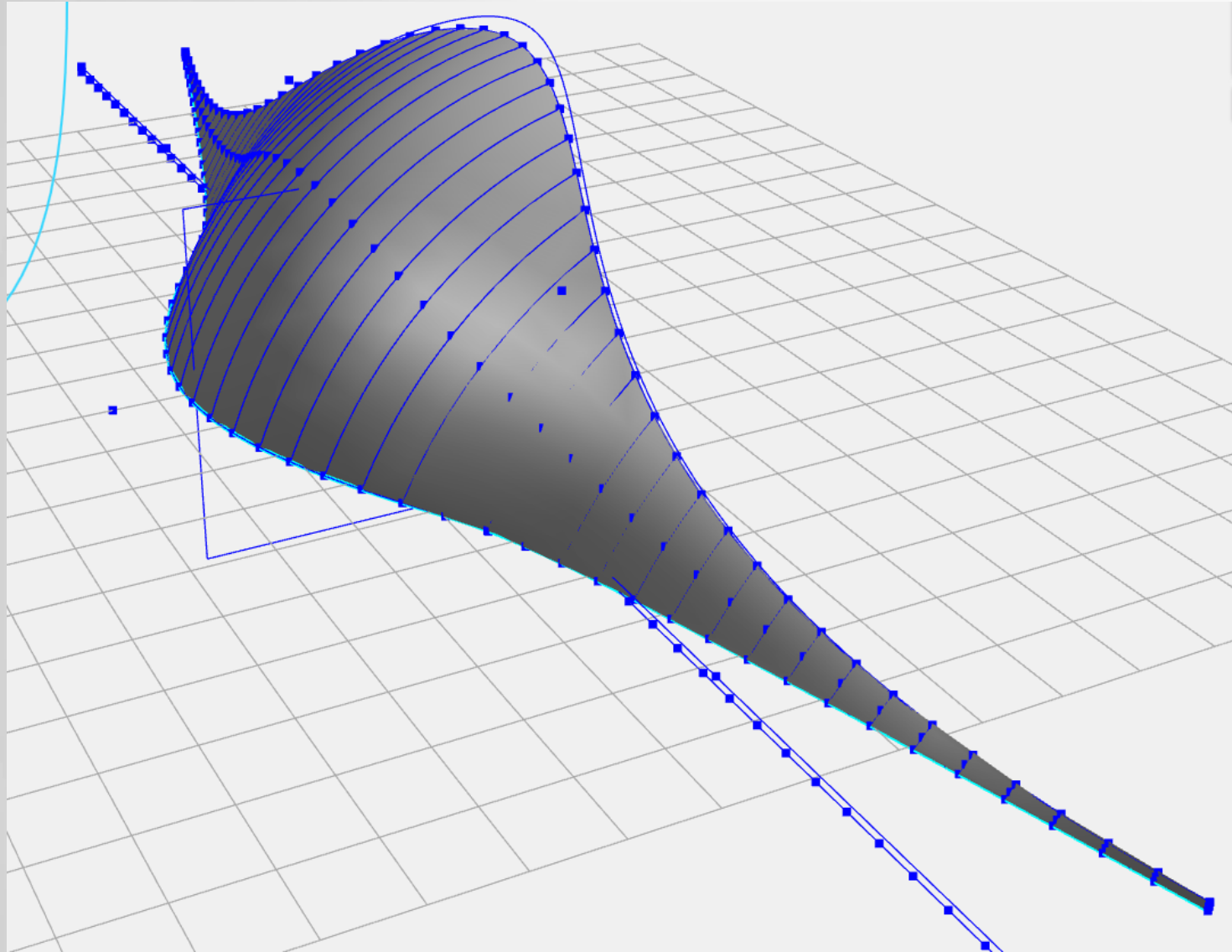
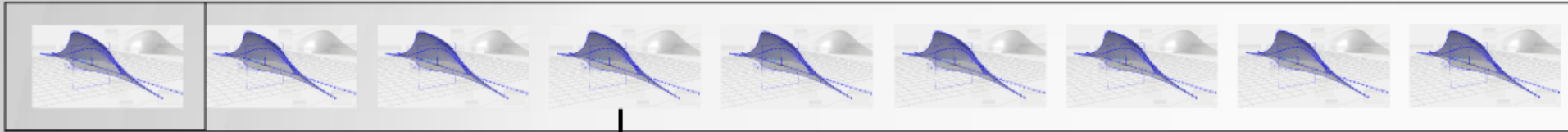


Fig. 1. Biarc formulation.

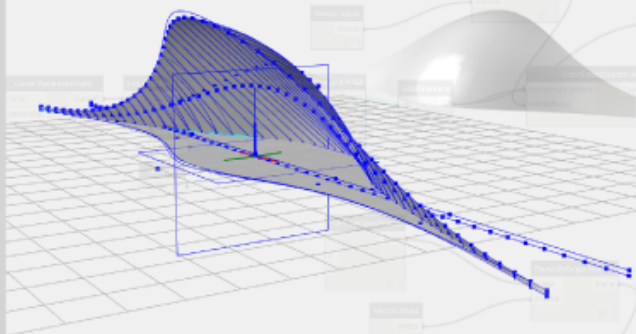
Genetic algorithm

Population



Individual

Phenotype (shape)



Fitness (performance)

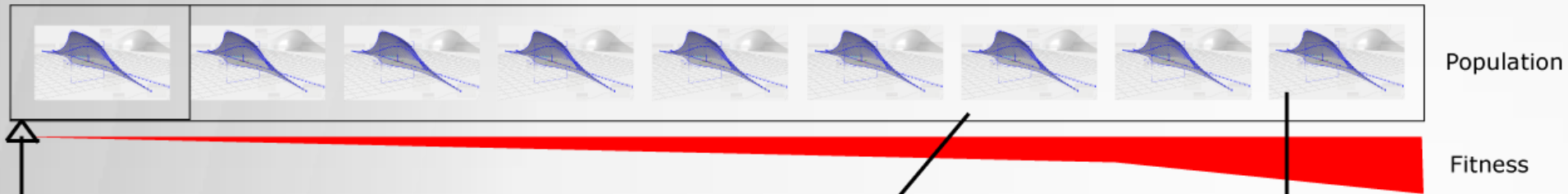
Genotype (parameters)



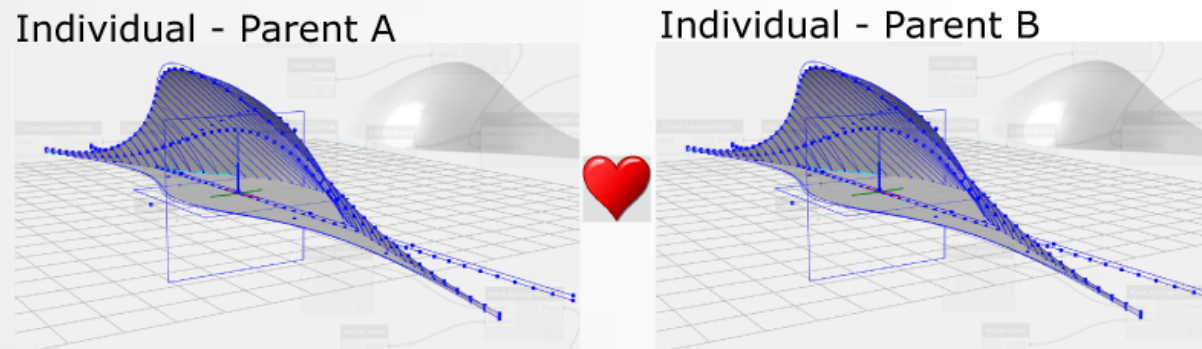
```
139 class Population:
140     def __init__(self, curve, number):
141         popSize = number*10
142         self.pop = []
143         for i in range(0, popSize):
144             ind = Individual(curve, number)
145             ind.evaluate()
146             self.pop.Add(ind)
147         self.pop.sort(key=lambda idiv: idiv.fitness)
148         self.minFitness = []
149         self.maxFitness = []
150
151     def fitness(self):
152         fit = []
153         for i in range(0, self.pop.Count):
154             fit.Add(self.pop[i].fitness)
155         return fit
156     def select(self):
157         which = int(math.floor((self.pop.Count-1e-6)*(1.0-math.pow(random.uniform(0,1),2) )))
158
159         return self.pop[which]
160
161     def evolve(self):
162         a = self.select()
163         b = self.select()
164         x = a.breed(b)
165         x.evaluate()
166         self.pop[self.pop.Count-1] = x
167         self.pop.sort(key=lambda idiv: idiv.fitness)
168         self.minFitness.Add(self.pop[0].fitness)
169         self.maxFitness.Add(self.pop[self.pop.Count-2].fitness)
170
171     def getBest(self):
172         return self.pop[0].p.arcs
173
174 class Individual:
175     def __init__(self, curve, number):
176         self.g = Genotype(number)
177         self.p = Phenotype(curve, self.g)
178         self.fitness = 0.0
179     def evaluate(self):
180         self.fitness = self.p.evaluate()
181
182     def breed(self, b):
183         c = Individual(self.p.c, self.g.n)
184         c.g = self.g.crossover(b.g)
185         c.g.mutate()
186         c.p = Phenotype(c.p.c, c.g)
187         return c
```

Genetic algorithm

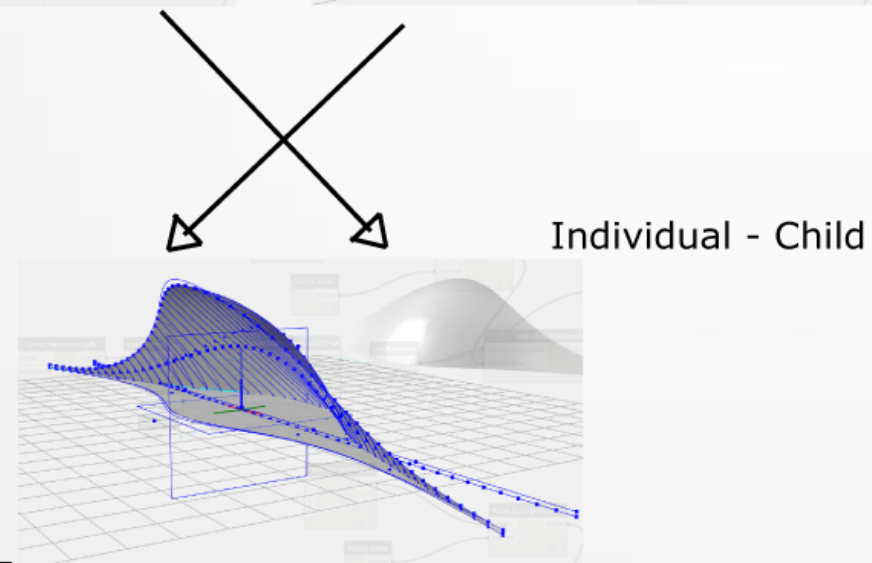
Evolution



Selection



Crossover + Mutations



Evaluation + Insert to the population

```
243 #Inputs
244 INcurve = IN[0]
245 INnumber = IN[1]
246 INiter = IN[2]
247
248 #script
249 #Generate the population of solution
250 popul = Population(INcurve, INnumber)
251 #evolve the population for the number of iterations
252 for i in range(0,INiter):
253     popul.evolve()
254
255 OUT = popul.getBest(), popul.minFitness, popul.maxFitness
```

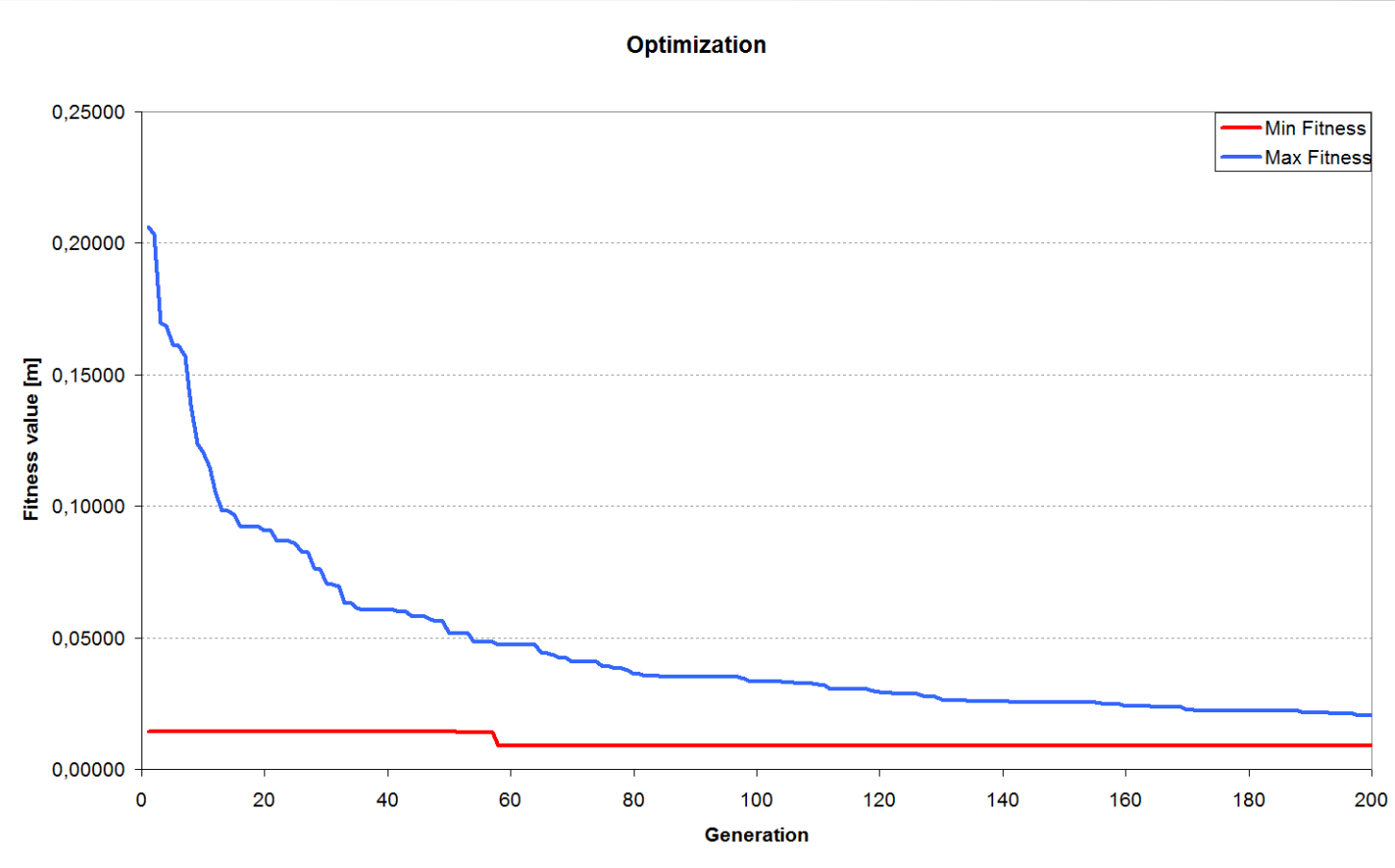
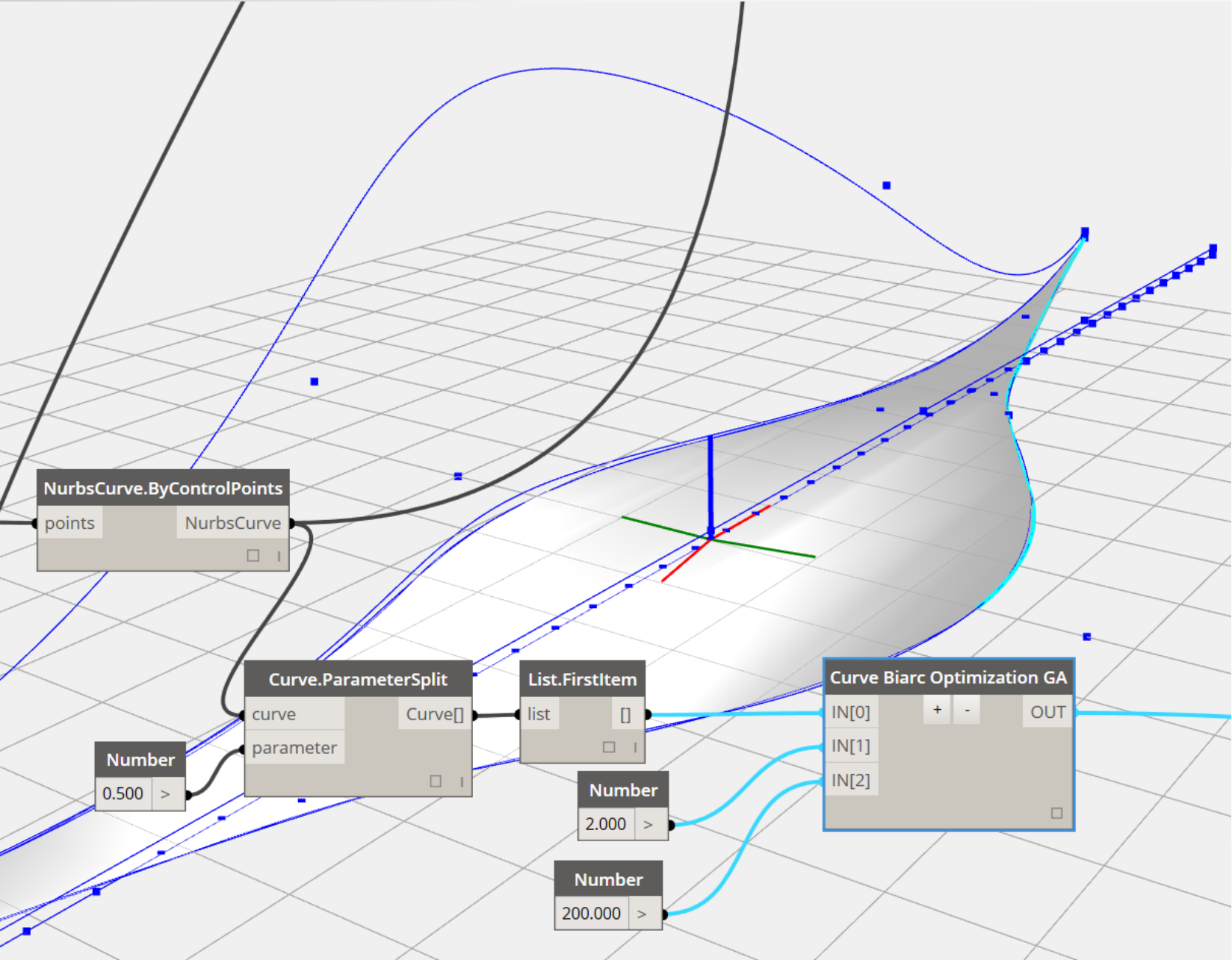
```
47 def crossover(self, b):
48     c = Genotype(self.n)
49     for i in range(0,self.g1.Count):
50         if (random.uniform(0,1) < 0.5): #crossover 50% probability
51             c.g1[i] = self.g1[i] #gene 1 can switch the values
52             if i > 0:
53                 c.g2[i] = self.g2[i]
54             else :
55                 c.g1[i] = b.g1[i]
56                 if i > 0:
57                     c.g2[i] = b.g2[i]
58             c.updateG2()
59     return c
60
61 def mutate(self):
62     for i in range(0,self.g1.Count):
63         if (random.uniform(0,1) < 0.1): #mutation 10% probability
64             x = random.uniform(0.2, 0.9)
65             self.g1[i] += 0.01*math.exp(x*7)
66             #gene 2
67             if i > 0:
68                 if (random.uniform(0,1) < 0.1): #mutation 10% probability
69                     y = self.g2[i]
70                     delta = 1.0/self.n/10
71                     y += random.uniform(-delta,delta)
72                     val = self.g2[i] + y
73                     if val > 0.0 and val < 1.0:
74                         self.g2[i] = val
75     self.updateG2()
```

Python Code

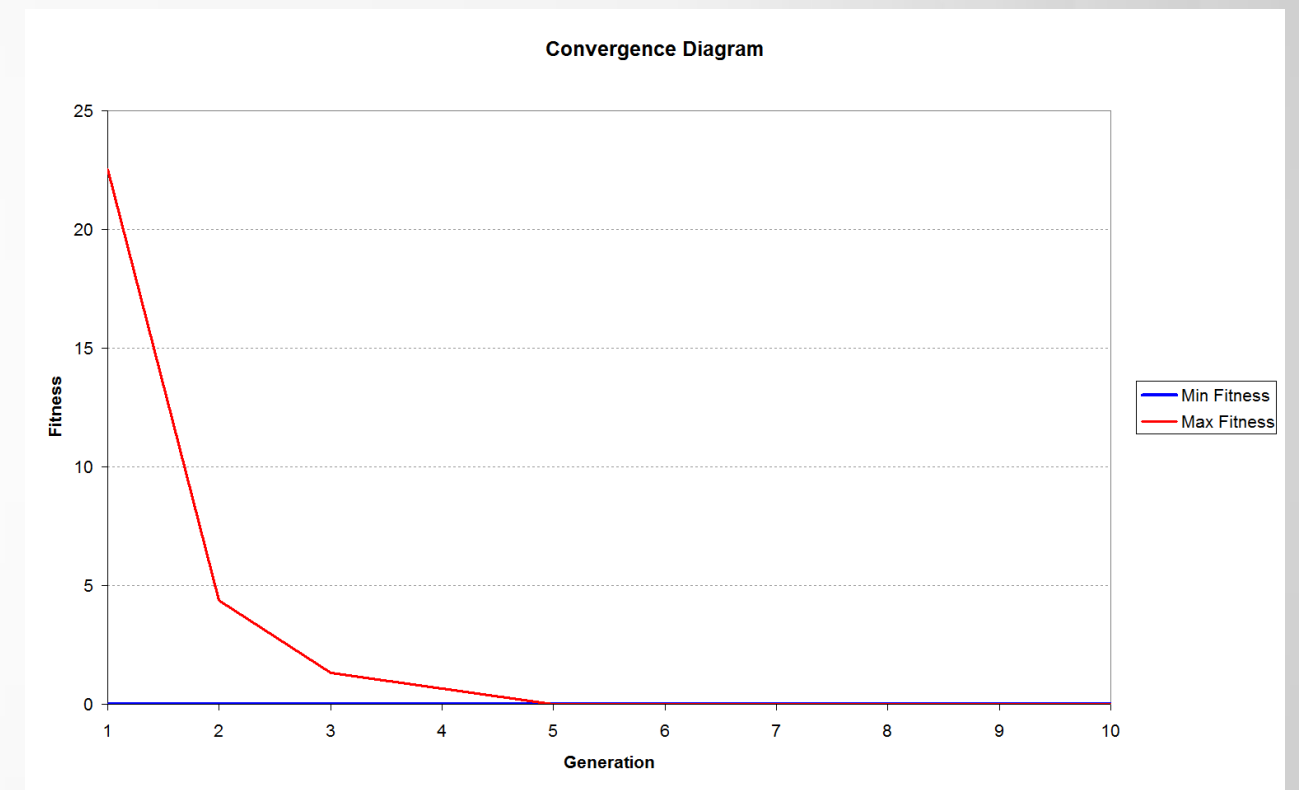
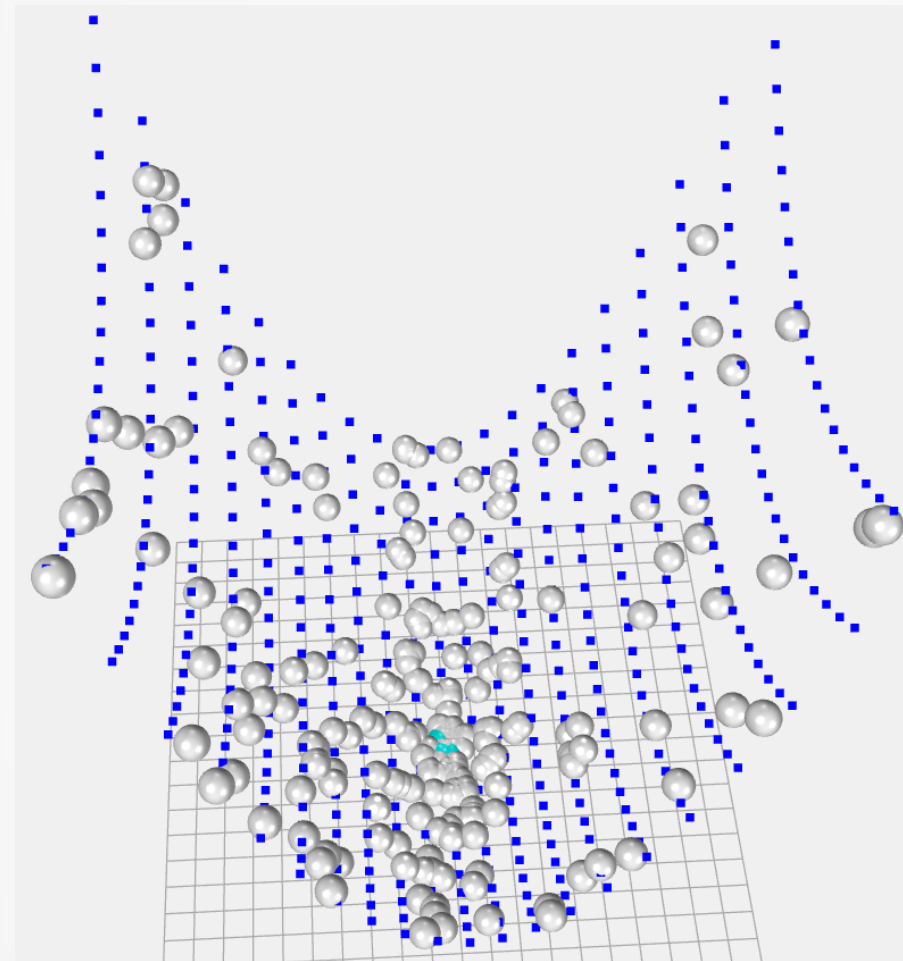
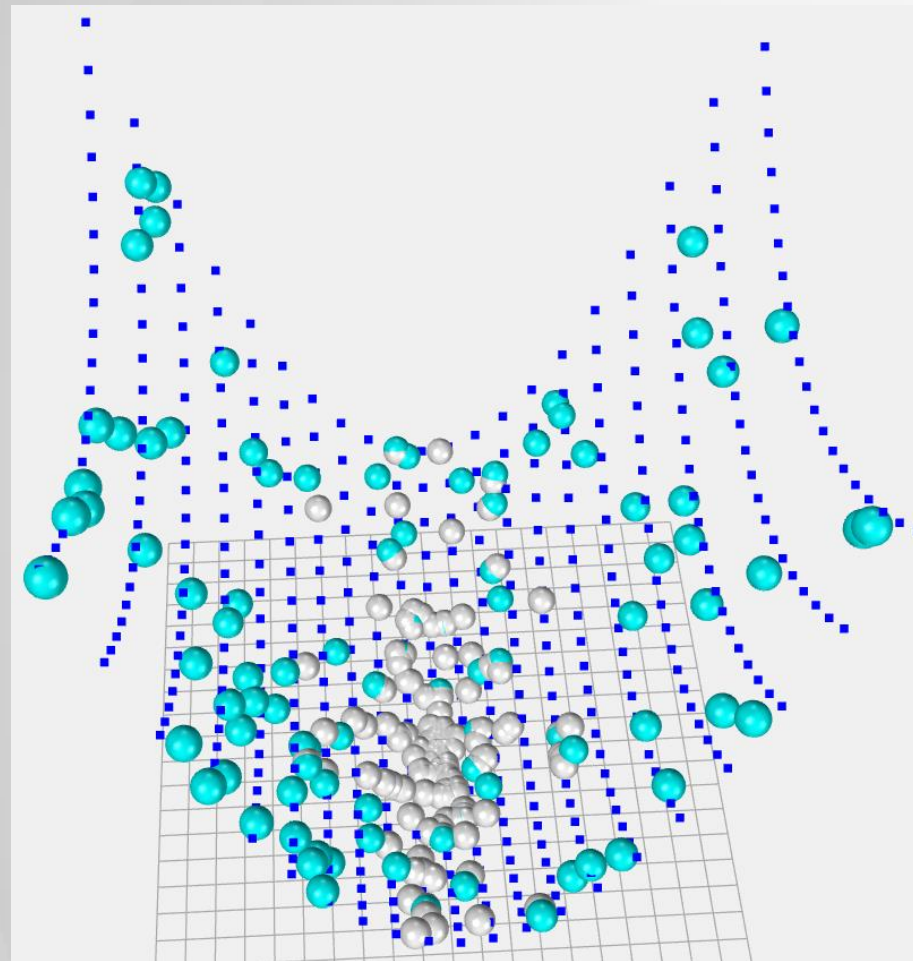
```
20 #Genotype
21 class Genotype:
22     def __init__(self, n):
23         self.n = n #number of biarcs
24         self.g1 = [] #genotype r value
25         self.g2 = [] #genotype t value
26         delta = 1.0 / self.n
27         self.g2.Add(0.0)
28         self.var = 1.0/self.n/10.0
29         for i in range(0,self.n):
30             x = random.uniform(0.2, 0.9)
31             self.g1.Add(0.1*math.exp(x*7))
32             if i > 0:
33                 tr = random.uniform(0.0+self.var,1.0-self.var)
34                 self.g2.Add(tr)
35             self.g2.Add(1.0)
36             self.updateG2()
37             #self.g2.sort()
38
39     def updateG2(self):
40         self.g2.sort()
41         for i in range(1,self.n-1):
42             delta = math.fabs(self.g2[i] - self.g2[i-1])
43             tol = self.var / 10.0
44             if delta < tol:
45                 self.g2[i] = self.g2[i] + tol
46
47     def crossover(self, b):
48         c = Genotype(self.n)
49         for i in range(0,self.g1.Count):
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55                 c.g1[i] = b.g1[i]
56                 if i > 0:
57                     c.g2[i] = b.g2[i]
58             c.updateG2()
59         return c
60
```

```
78 #Phenotype
79 class Phenotype:
80     def __init__(self, curve, g):
81         self.c = curve #curve to optimize
82         self.genes = g
83         self.arcs = self.generateBiarcs(self.c, self.genes.g2, self.genes.g1)
84
85     def generateBiarcs(self, curve, t, r):
86         #generate the biarcs
87         bi = []
88         for i in range(0,self.genes.n):
89             p1 = curve.PointAtParameter(t[i])
90             t1 = curve.TangentAtParameter(t[i])
91             p4 = curve.PointAtParameter(t[i+1])
92             t4 = curve.TangentAtParameter(t[i+1])
93             b1 = BiArc(p1,t1,p4,t4,r[i])
94             bi.Add(b1)
95         #generate the arc list
96         arcs = []
97         for i in range(0,self.genes.n):
98             arci = []
99             arci = bi[i].getArcs()
100             for j in range(len(arci)):
101                 arcs.Add(arci[j])
102         return arcs
103
104     # calculate the fitness
105     def evaluate(self):
106         polyArc = PolyCurve.ByJoinedCurves(self.arcs)
107         fitness = self.deviation(self.c,polyArc)
108         return fitness
109
110     #maximum distance between 2 curves
111     def deviation(self, c1, c2):
112         num = self.genes.n*10
113         step = 1.0 / (num)
114         maxError = 0.0
115
116         for i in range(0,num+1):
117             si = step * i
118             p1 = c1.PointAtParameter(si)
119             p2 = c2.ClosestPointTo(p1)
120             li = p1.DistanceTo(p2)
121             maxError = max(maxError, li)
122         return maxError
123
```

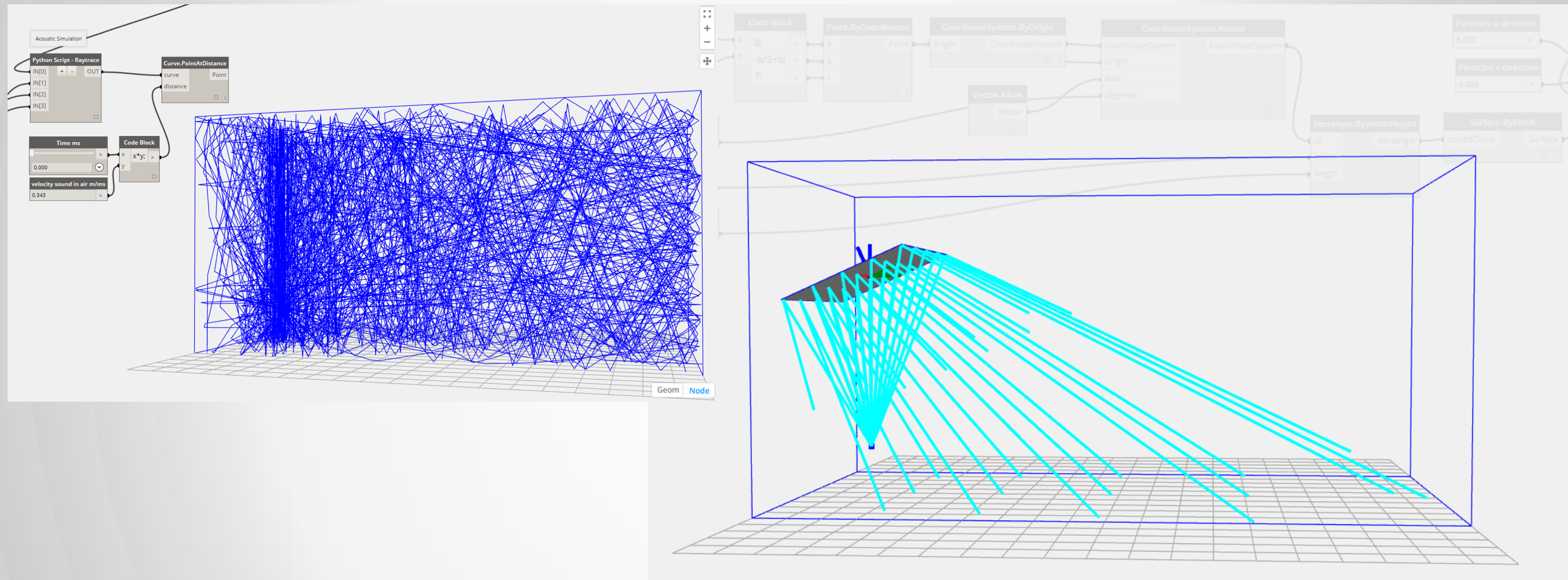
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- Flanagan Lawrence used Dynamo and Pythonscript to create award-winning architecture
- Developing the question is just as important as finding the answer
- Dynamo excellent introduction to other scripting languages
- Genuine BIM software with Revit
- Pythonscript is very stable and opens up many possibilities for design optimisation



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