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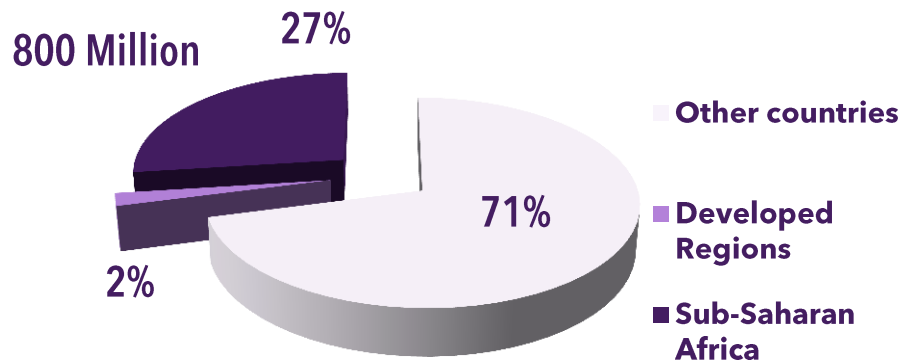
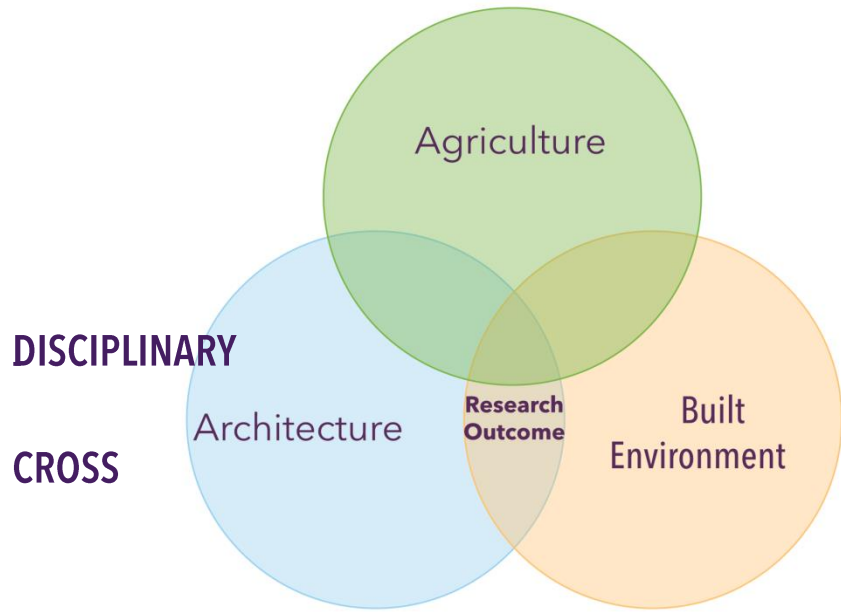
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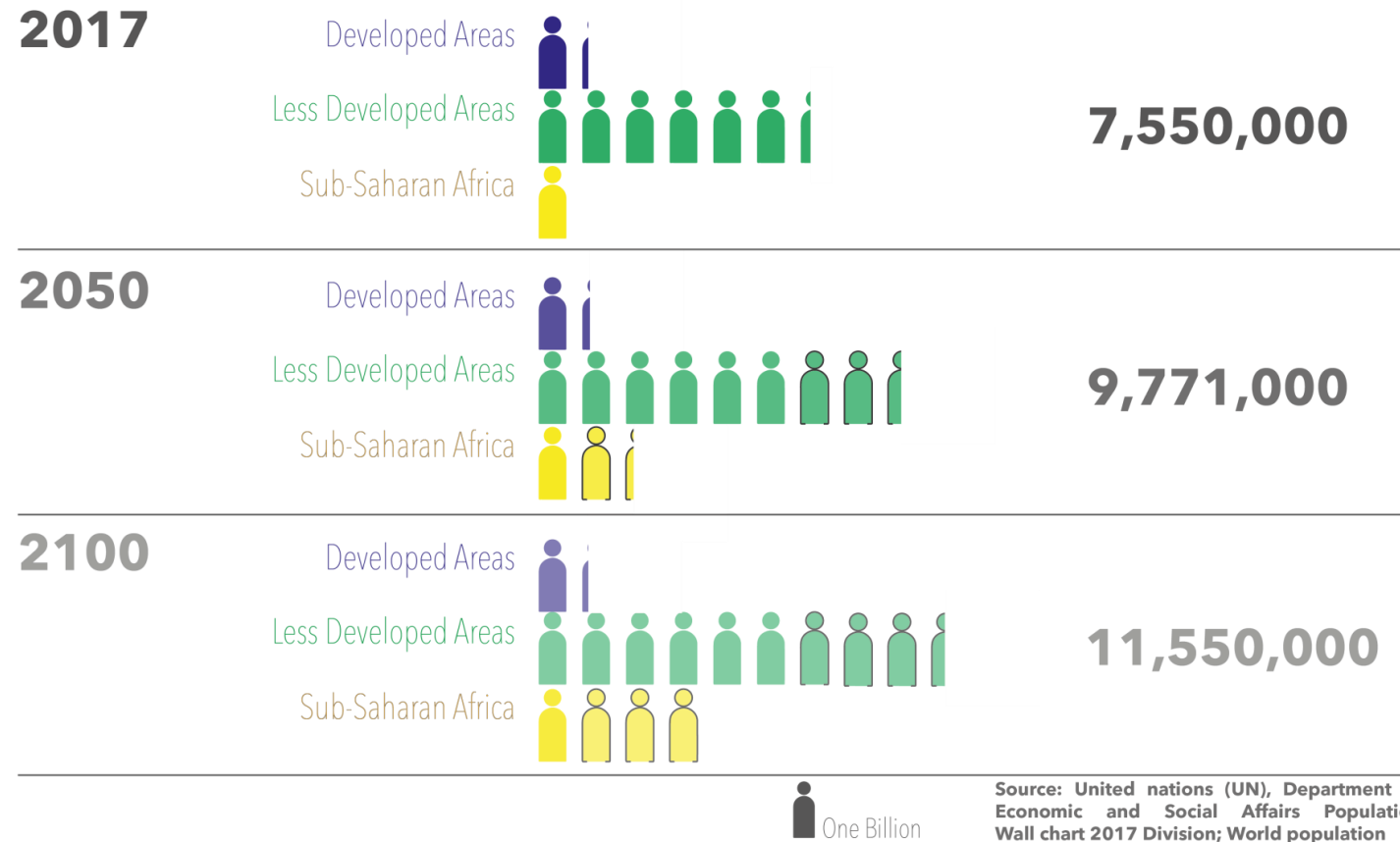
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Undernourished people

## World Population



Source: United nations (UN), Department of Economic and Social Affairs Population Wall chart 2017 Division; World population



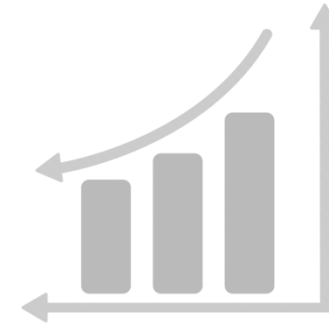
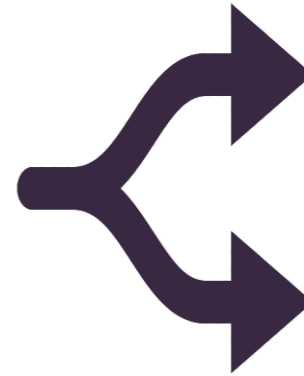
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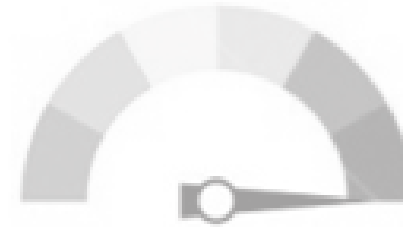
# Technology



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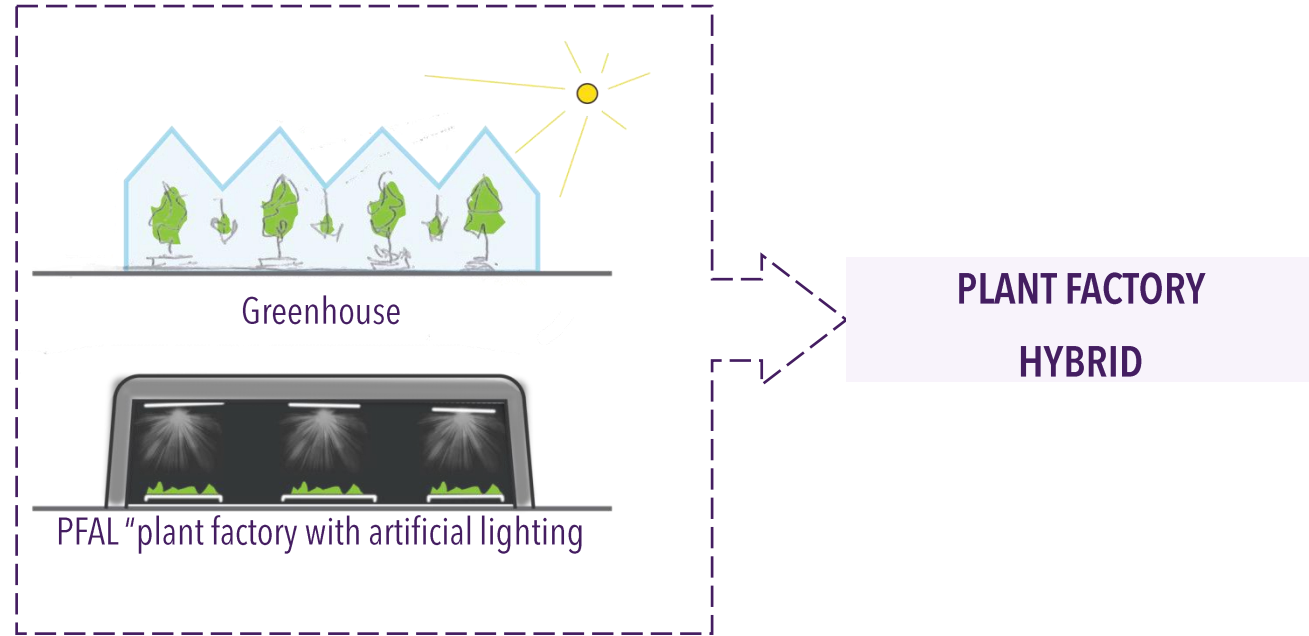
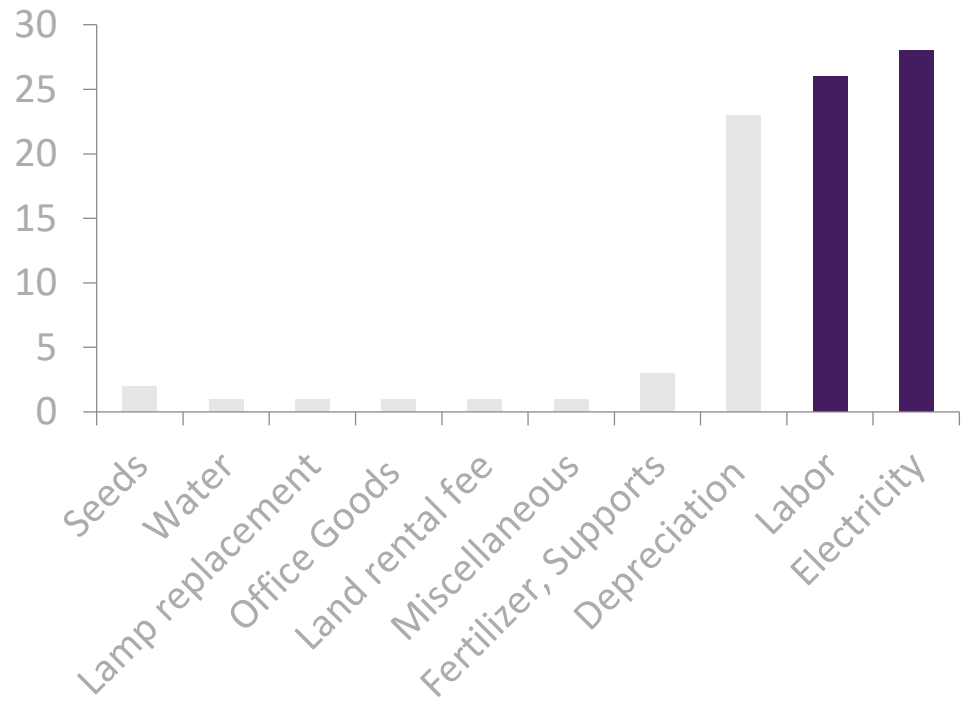


**COST**



**ENERGY**

### High Cost for PFAL



# RESEARCH QUESTIONS

## Main questions

- What are the best strategies for designing a mobile plant factory to achieve a **HIGH** level of **PRODUCTION** at **LOW ENERGY** output based on different external climatic boundary conditions?

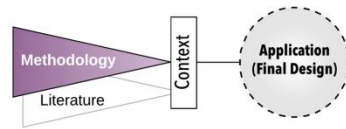
## Sub Question

- To what extent the **COMPUTATIONAL WORKFLOW** process support the designers to achieve the optimum energy and production output in Plant Factory?
- What are the climate design potentials of using smart skin (**BIOMIMICRY**) inspired design on designing the facade **SKIN** of plant factory?

# OBJECTIVES

## General objectives

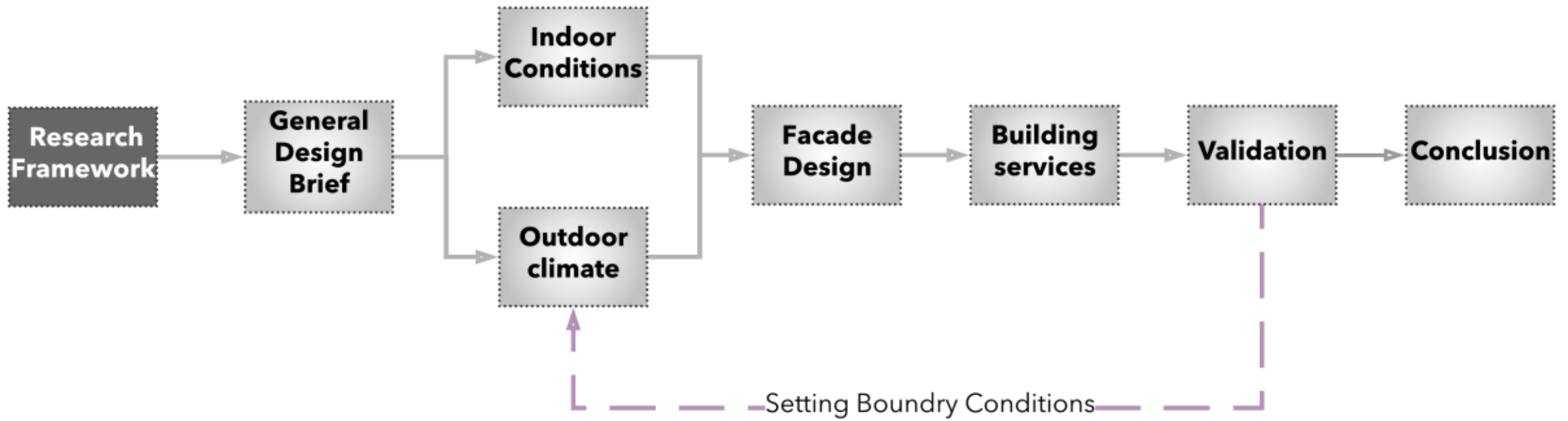
- Create optimal Light and temperature conditions for food **PRODUCTION** inside plant factory.
- Study the **OUTDOOR** conditions Various **CLIMATE**.
- Design climate-responsive, intelligent **SKIN** that can intelligently deliver best light and temperature conditions – Hypothesis direction of a solution in biomimicry.



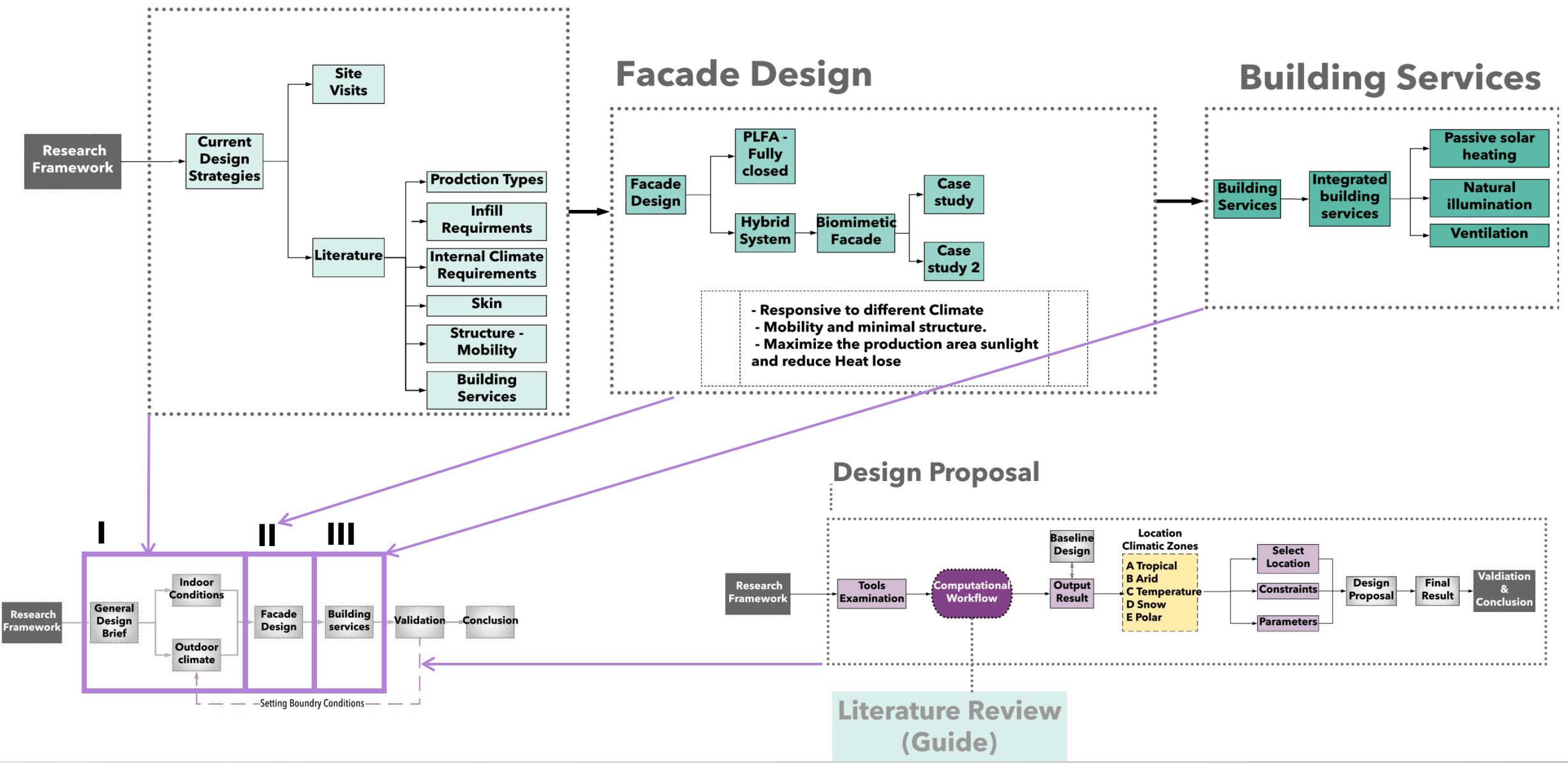
## Sub-objectives

- Investigate the applicability for **SELECTION** of production types in the industry.



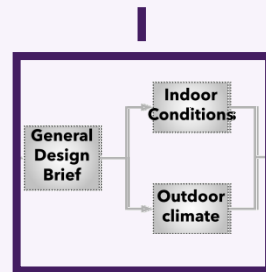


# Literature Review (Guide)



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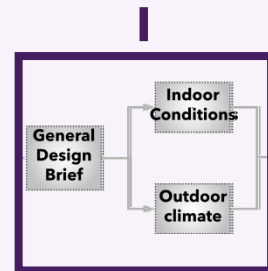
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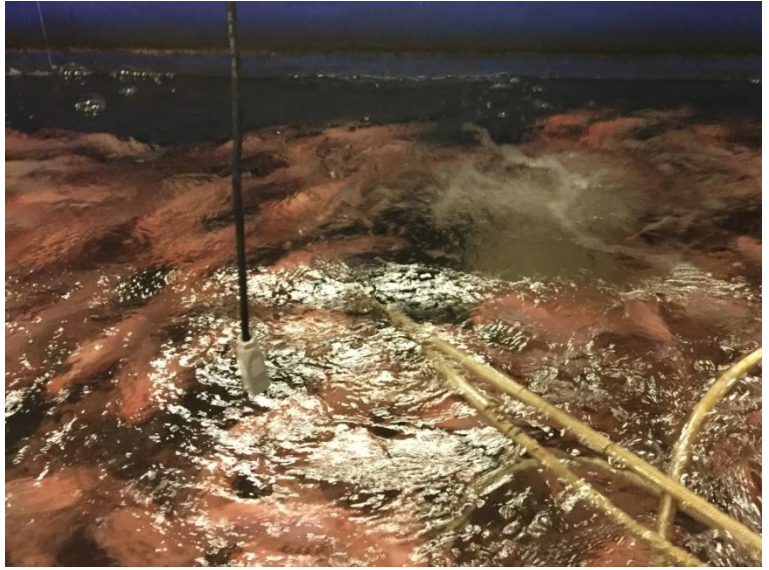
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FISH FARM

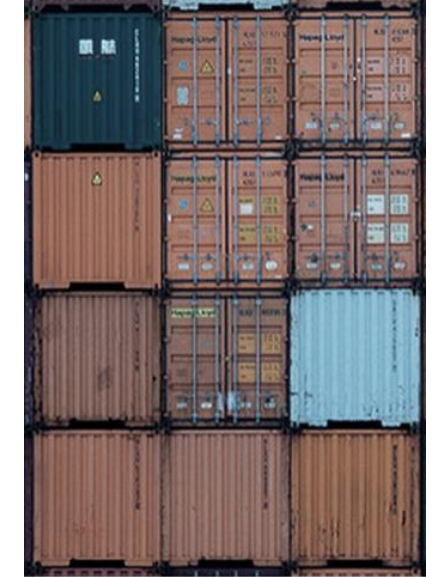


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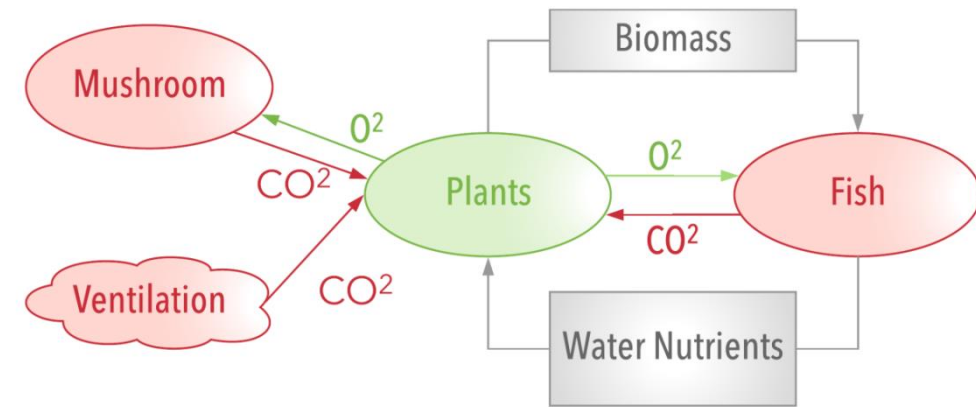
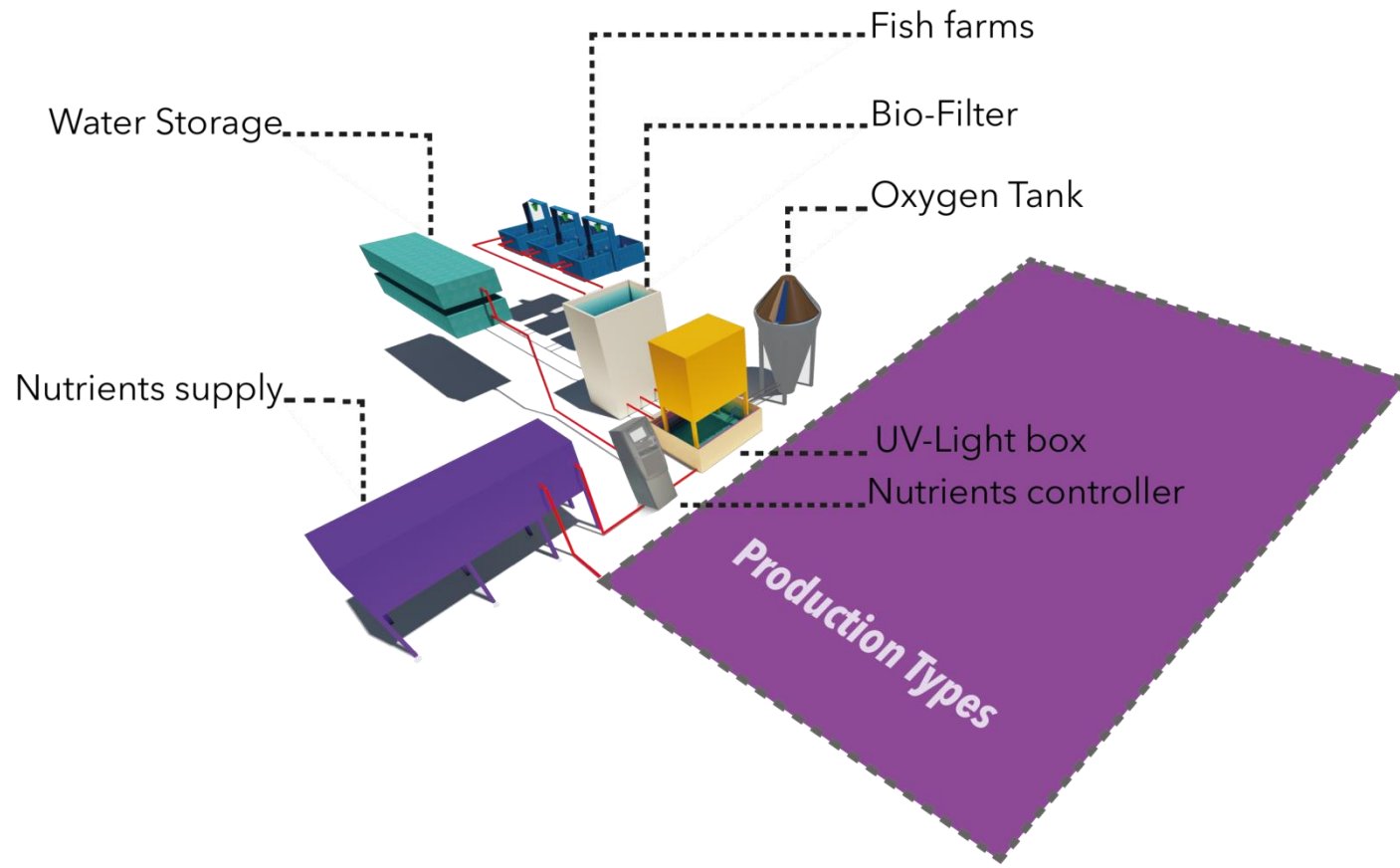
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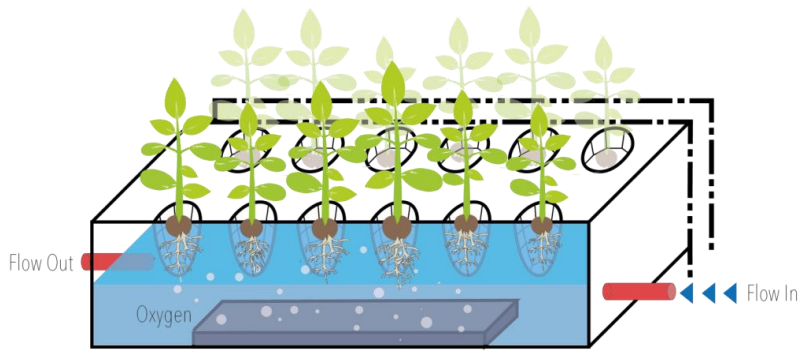
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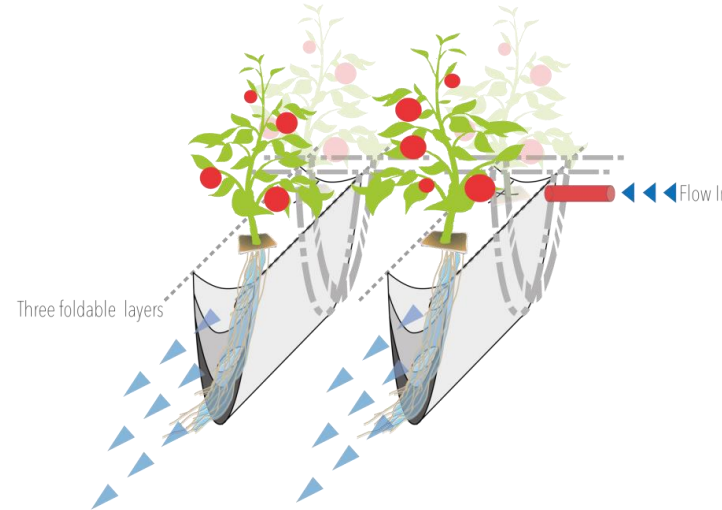
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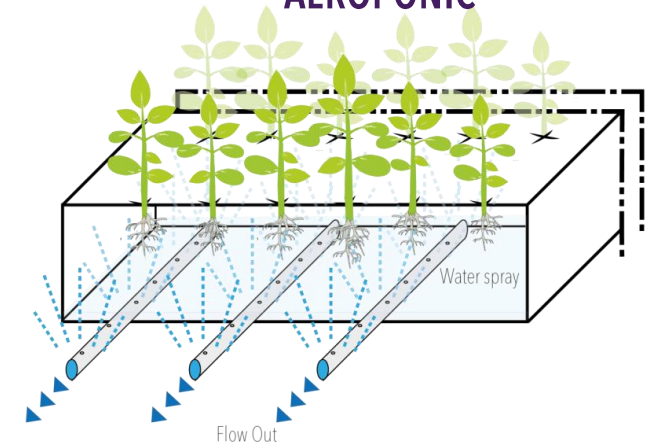
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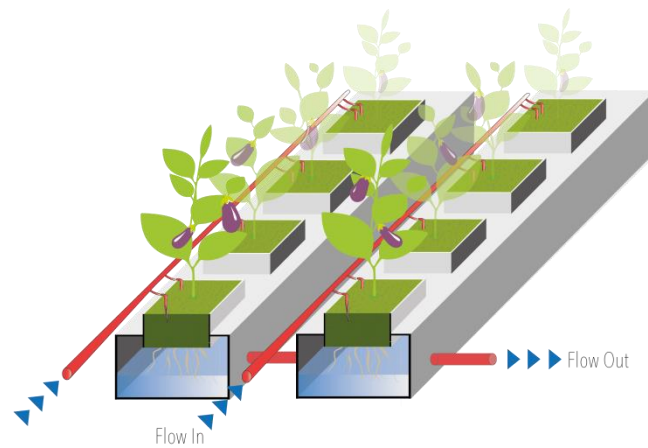
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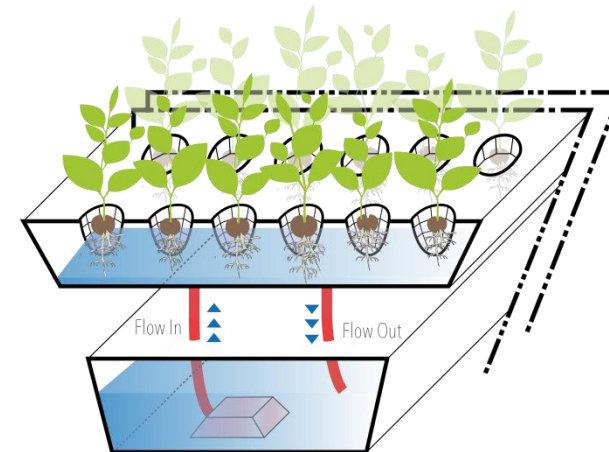
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## DRIP SYSTEM



## EBB & FLOW

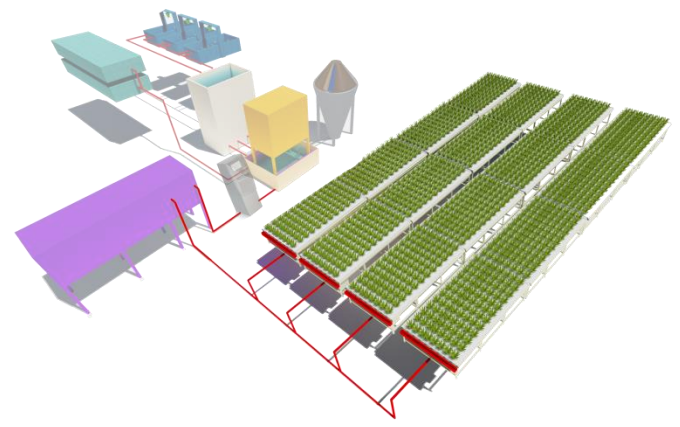




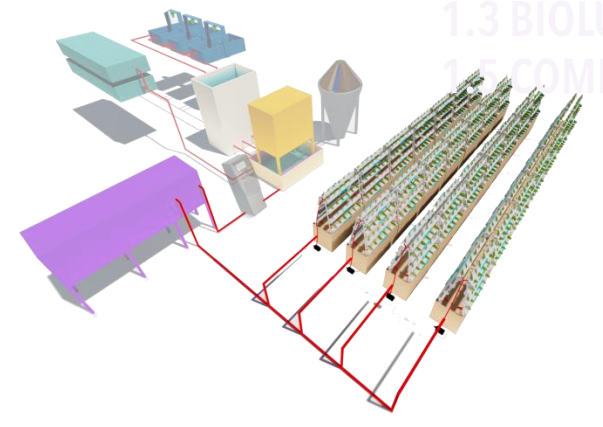
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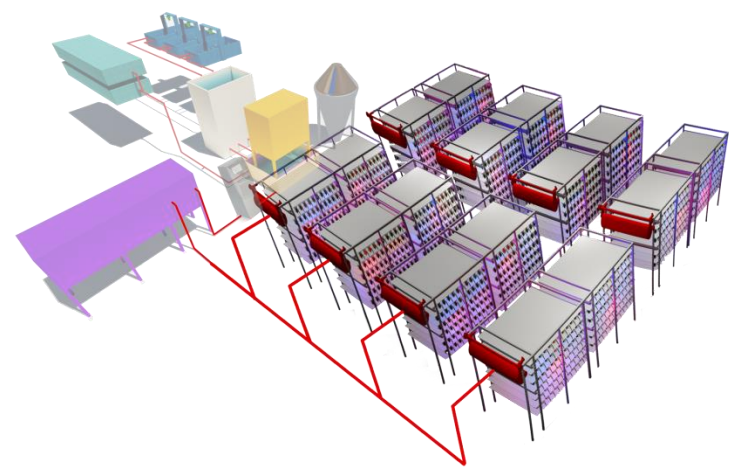
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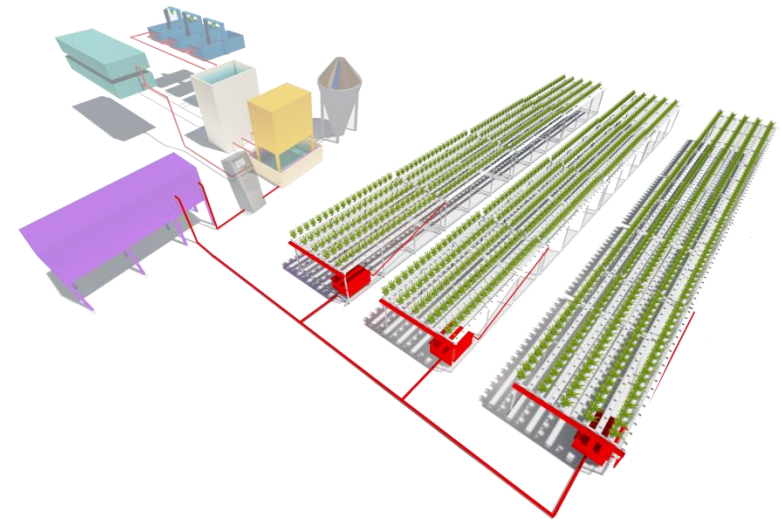
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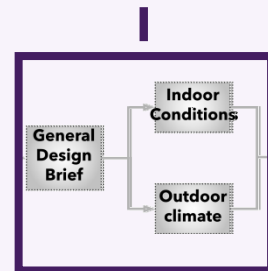
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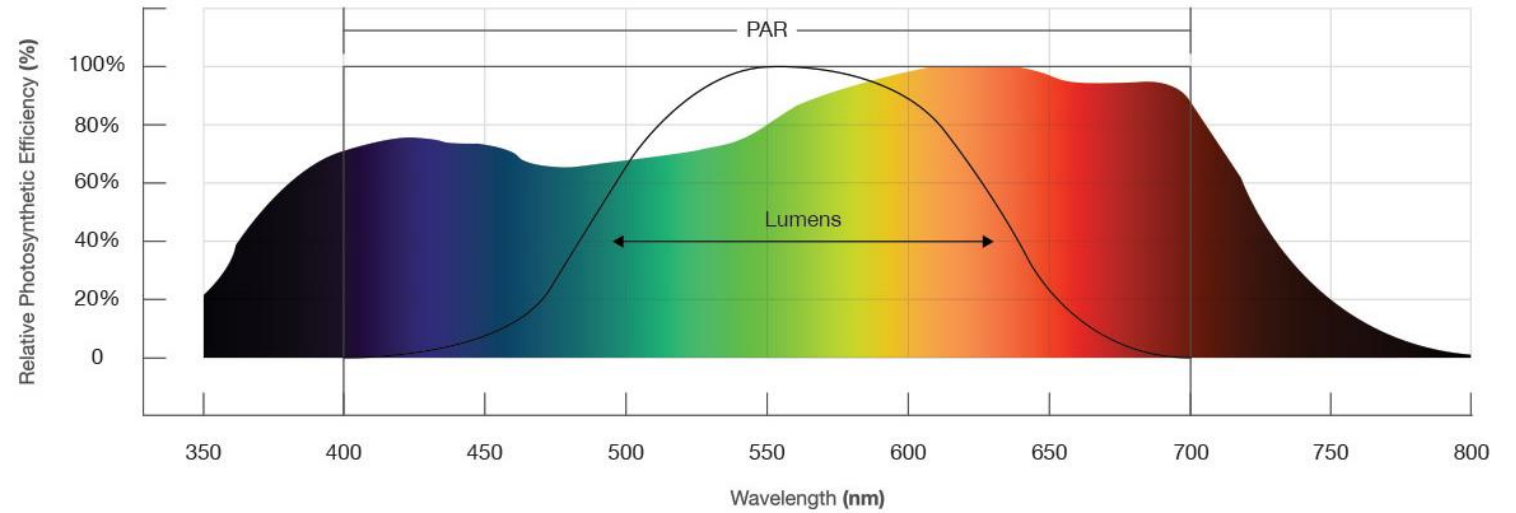
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Source : BBC Growing Plants

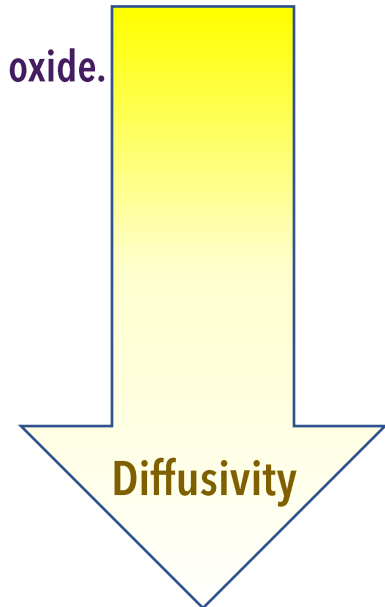


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[www.fluence.science](http://www.fluence.science).

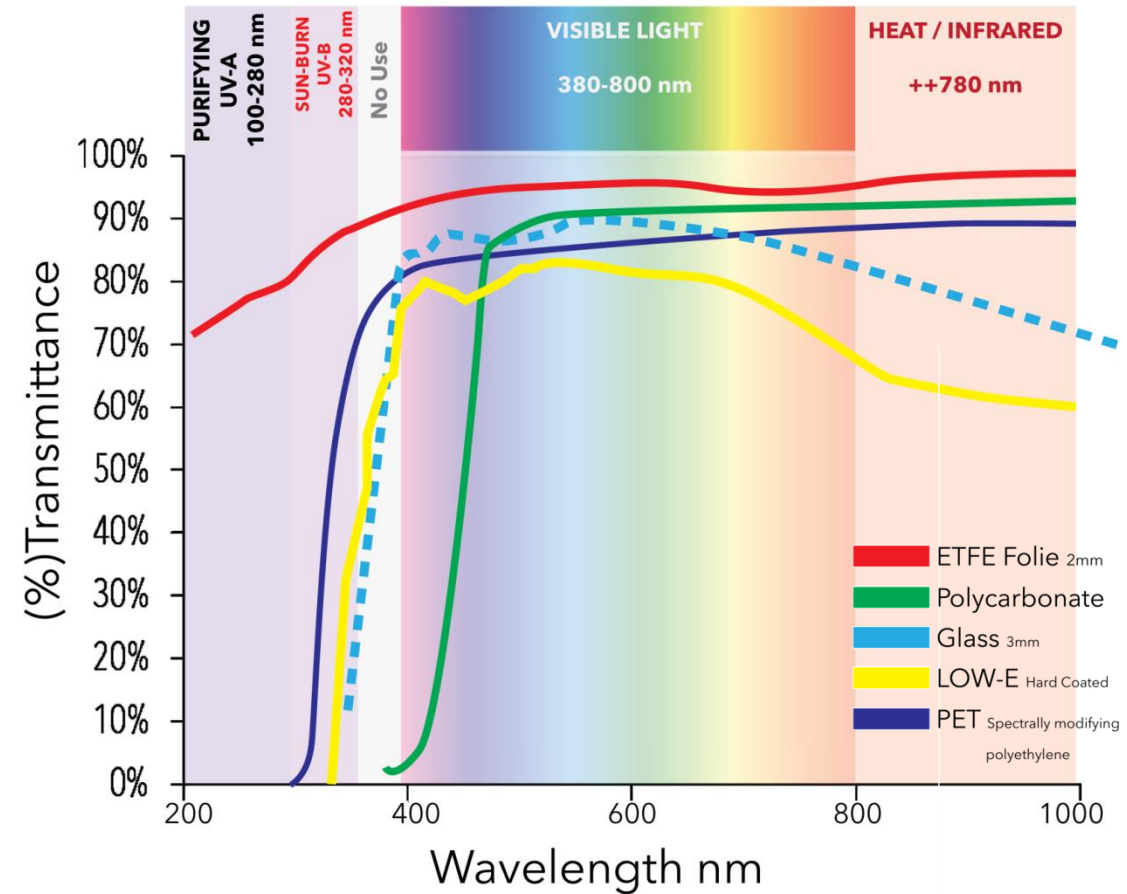
	Glazing Type	Example Albarino® products	Light transmission	Hemispherical (WUR method)	Compare production with using the material in Spring Autumn and Summer	Compare production with using the material in winter
1	Crystal Glass		90.5 - 96.8	90.0	-/0	+
2	Low Haze		91.5 - 96.5	89.0	++ 7% Kg/m <sup>2</sup>	-/0
3	High Haze		91.5 - 95.5	85.0	++ 9.4% Kg/m <sup>2</sup>	-/0

Source of the output by [Hemming & Reinders, 2007] Graph by author

- Crystal , Very low percentage of iron oxide.
- Ultra Low Haze
- Low Haze
- Mid Haze
- High Haze
- Very High Haze > 93%.



	Material Type	Application	Price	Weight	Refractive Index	UV resistance	Flamibility
1	ETFE		●●●	●	1.4	Good	Self extinguishing
2	Glass		●●	●●●	1.45	Excellent	Non flammable
3	Polyethylene PET		●	●	1.6	Fair	Highly flammable
4	Polycarbonate PC		●●	●●	1.56	Fair	Slow burning



Source: Glass, PC, ETFE [LeCuyer,2008] - PET [Abd El-Al,2008]



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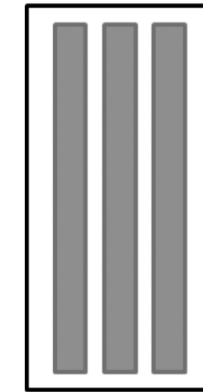
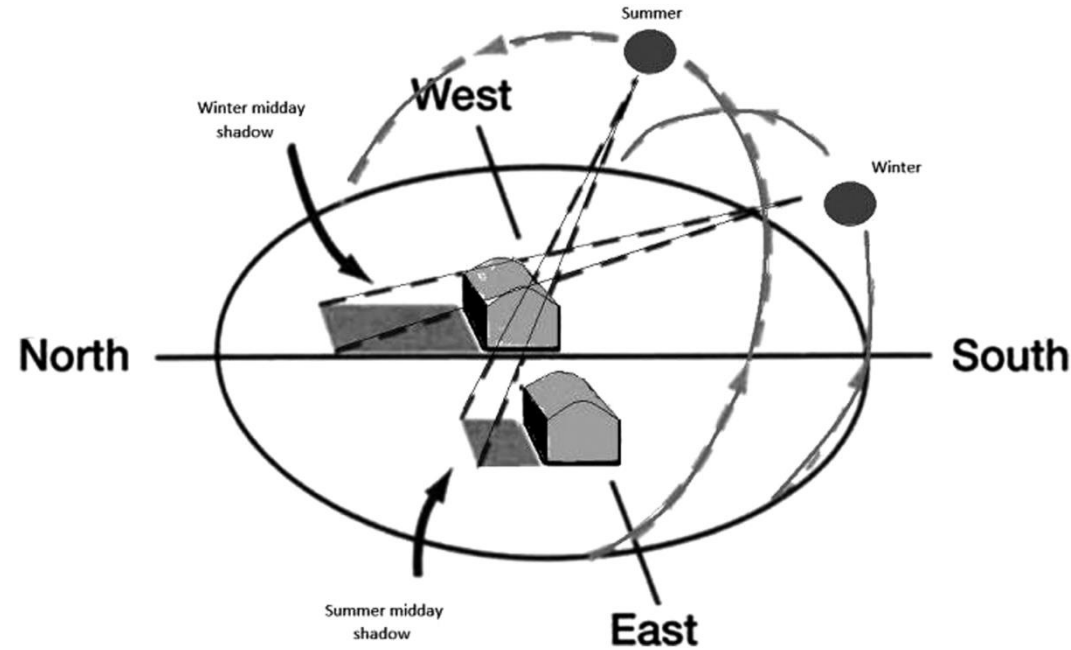
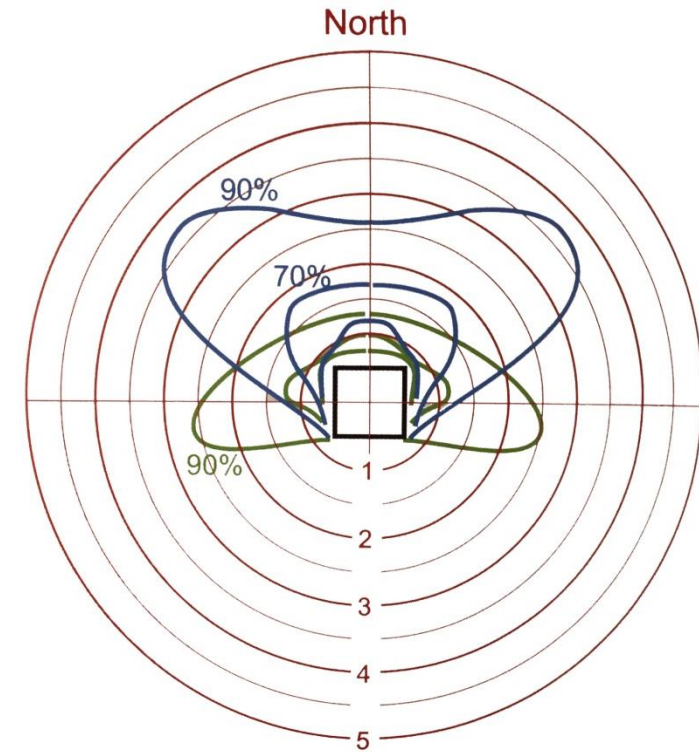
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Source : [Hemming&Reinders, 2007]



Longitudinal  
Easy access  
mechanization  
but difficult access



Peninsular  
Easy access  
with maximum  
growing area

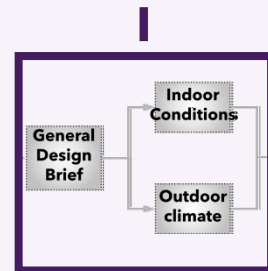


Cross Benching  
Easy access  
but less growing  
area

Source : [Tregenza,2011] & [ Ponce,2015]




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	LIGHT PROPERTIES	NATURE	Feature	Graph
E.g 1	Transmission	Deep Sea Venus flower	Light distribution	
E.g 2	Reflection	Butterfly wing	Reflects certain wavelengths	
E.g .2	Harness	Cornish Mallow	perpendicular to solar radiation	

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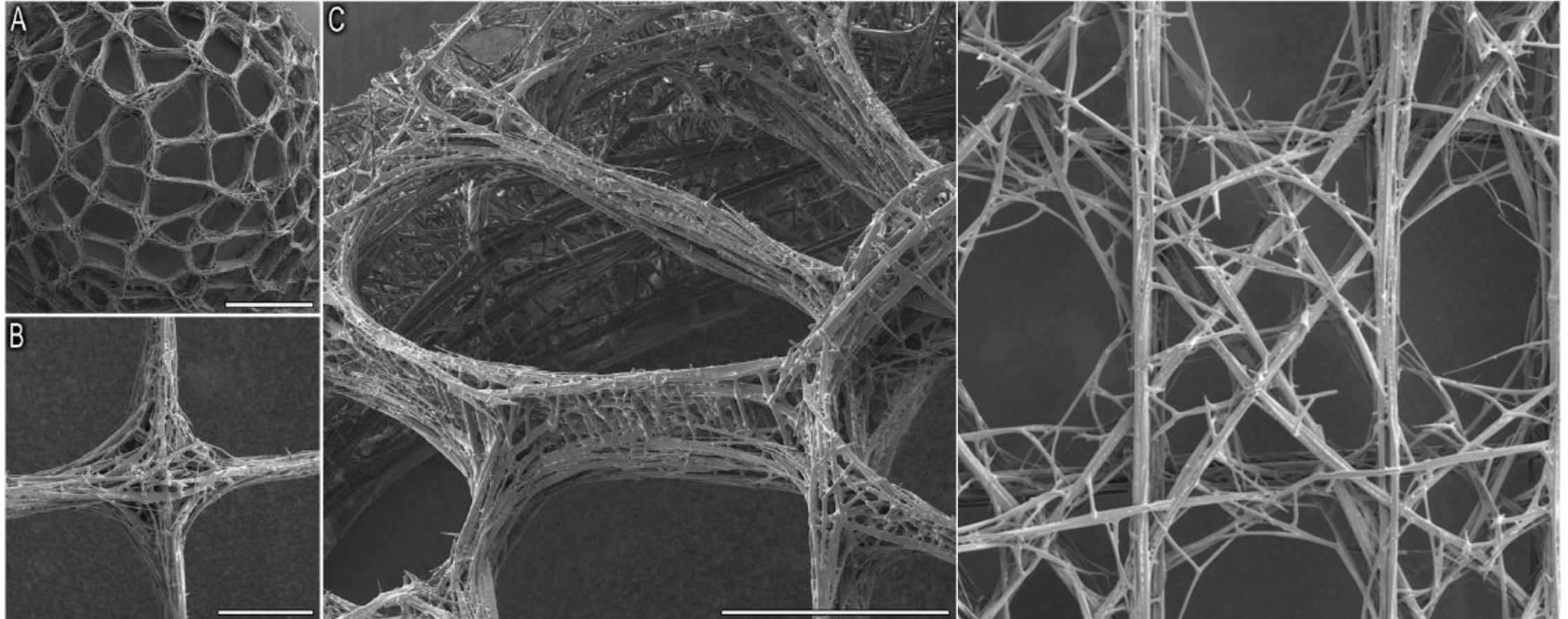
# Venus flower basket

hexactinellid sponge

"Euplectella Aspergillum"

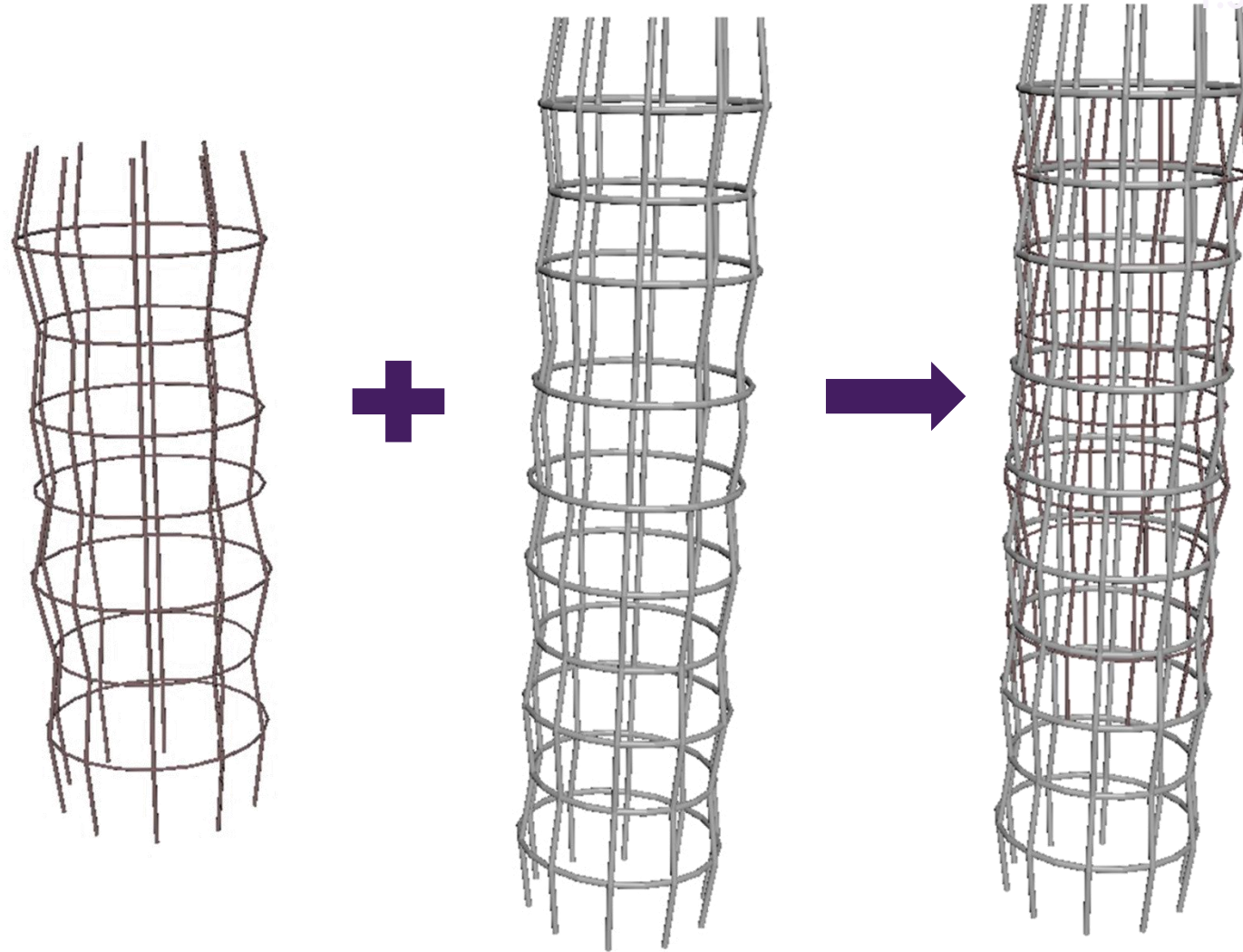


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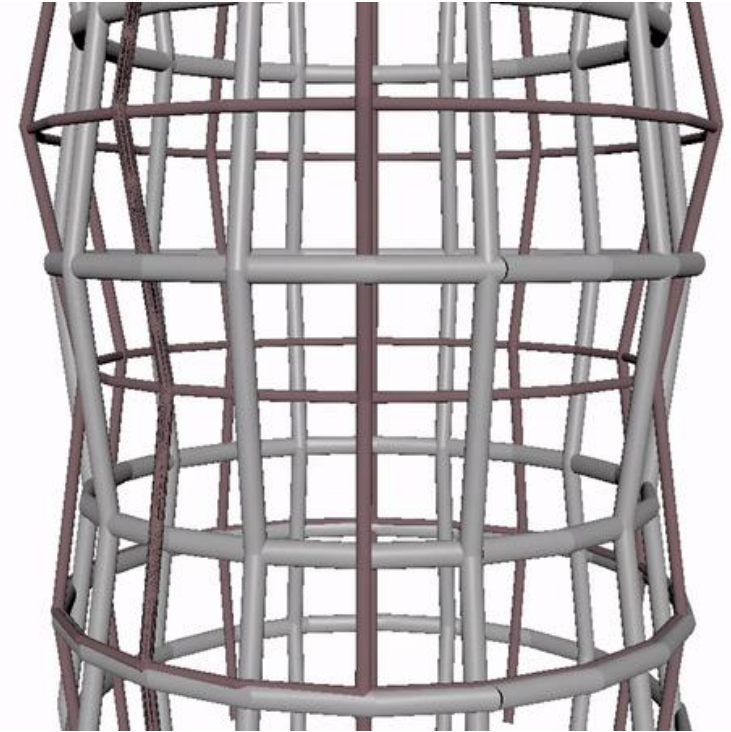
Source : [Weaver, 2006]

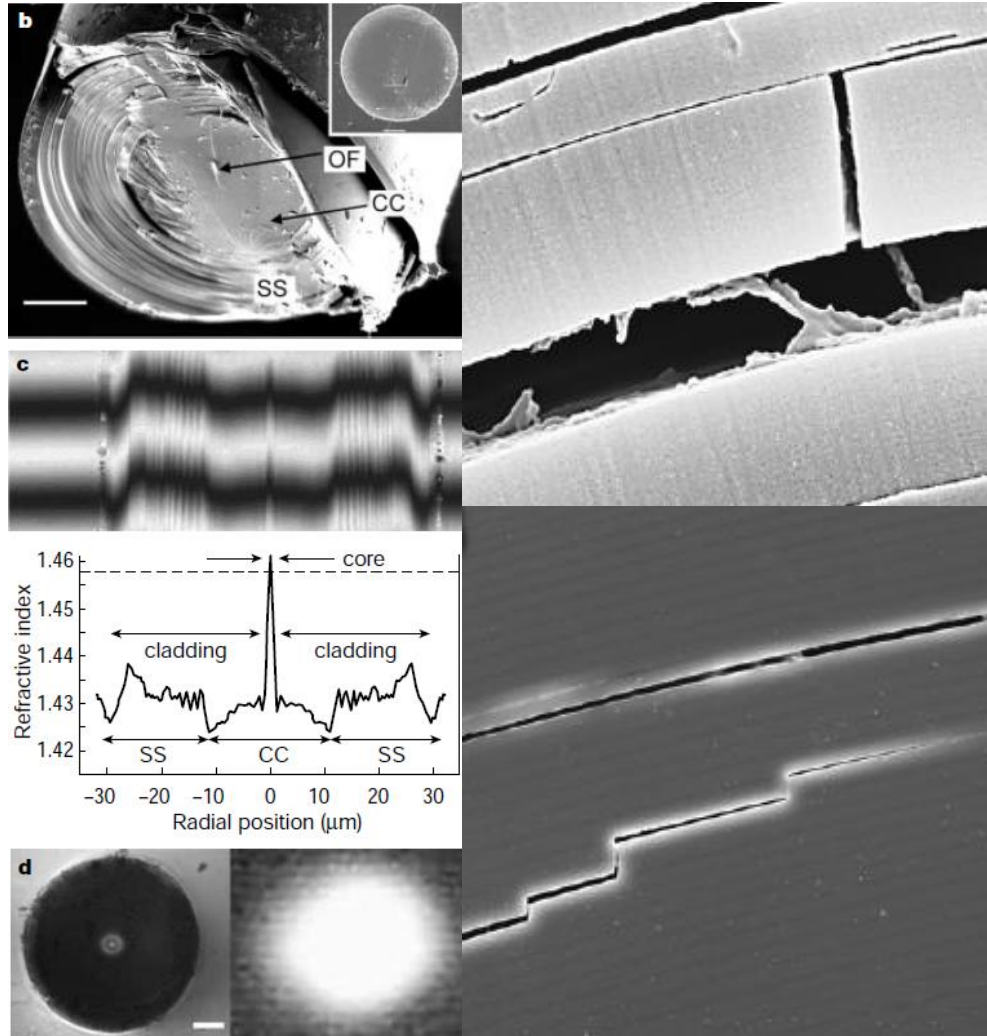
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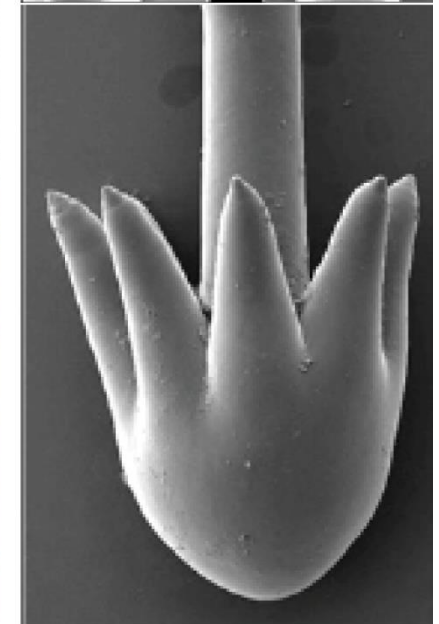
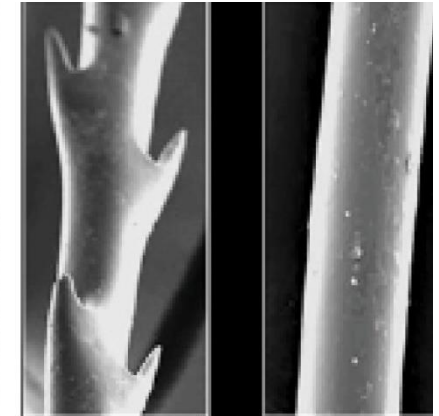
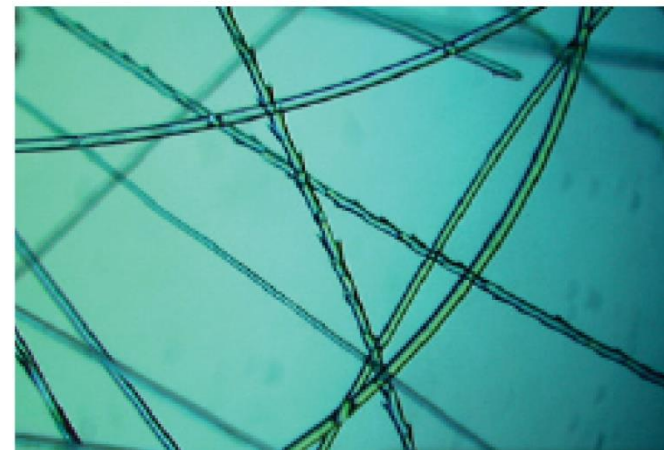


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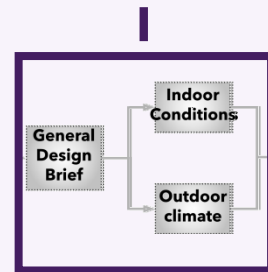
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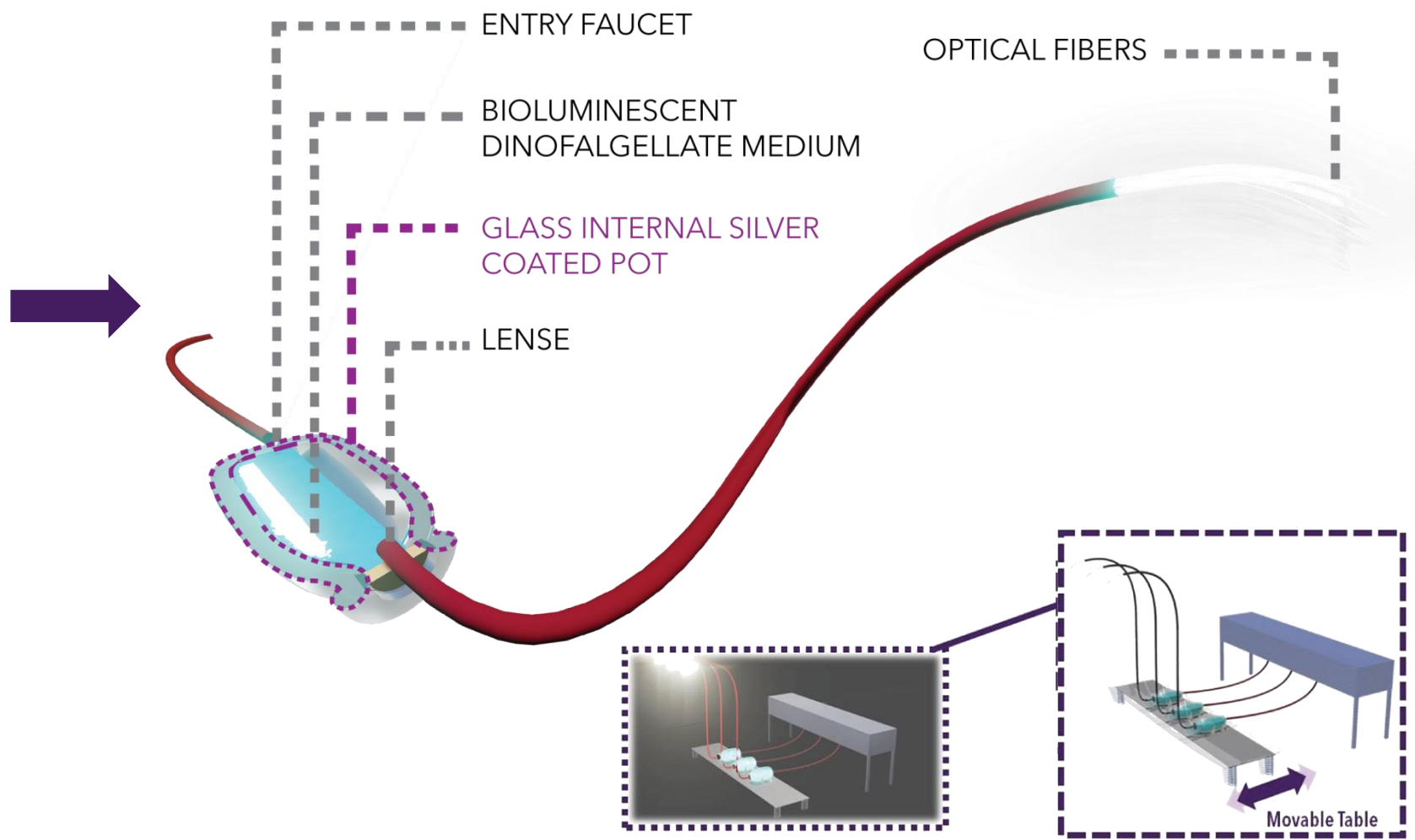
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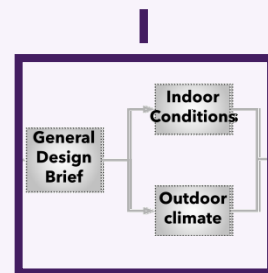


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### Artificial Illumination

**Illumination intensity** 200  $\mu\text{mol}/(\text{m}^2 \text{ s})$   
 with an electric conversion efficiency of SONT this takes 108  $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$  electric power when on

date	Clock time to start illumination	Clock time to stop illumination	Global radiation above which lamps are switched off [ $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ ]	Global radiation above which all lamps are switched off [ $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ ]
01-Aug	00:00	00:00	80	120
01-Oct	00:00	20:00	250	350

This will give max 20 hours of illumination per day

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### CO2

**CO2 dosing capacity** 150  $\text{kg}/(\text{ha hour})$   
 the simulation will assume that pure CO2 will be supplied

date	time	Day time value	time	Night time value
01-Aug	01:30	600	01:00	400
	01:30	1000	01:00	400
	01:30	700	01:00	450

Note: If illumination is switched on during night-time, the day time CO2 setpoint will be used  
 Slope from one to another level is 200 ppm/hr

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### Screens

**Screen 1**    Screentype: 10 °C    (see for the documents sent for an explanation on the screen options)

Max outside temperature to use this screen 10 °C

Here you can make a graph that defines at which outside temperature and radiation combination the screen will be stowed or deployed.

Temperature	Radiation
-20	200
-5	200
5	50
10	10
10	0





**-Prepare xls files.**

**-Send the files to simulation software automatically.**

**-Gather the results automatically & process them.**

**-combine all results into one dataset.**

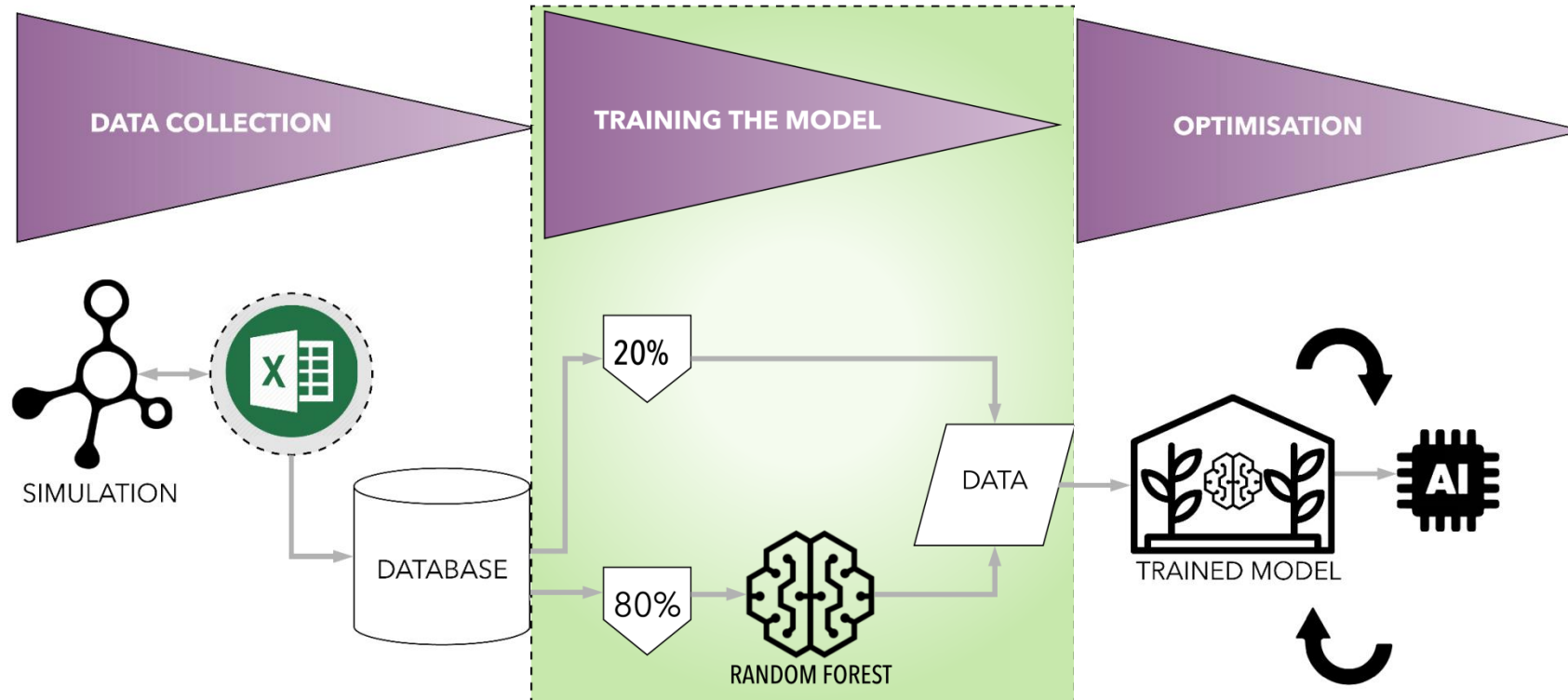
**-Split the dataset into training & data validation 80%-20% Random Forest.**

**-Feed the dataset to different ML optimises**

**-Determine the best one.**

**Using the trained model, prediction can be made on simulation input.**

**Use genetic optimisation to find the best setting**



# 2

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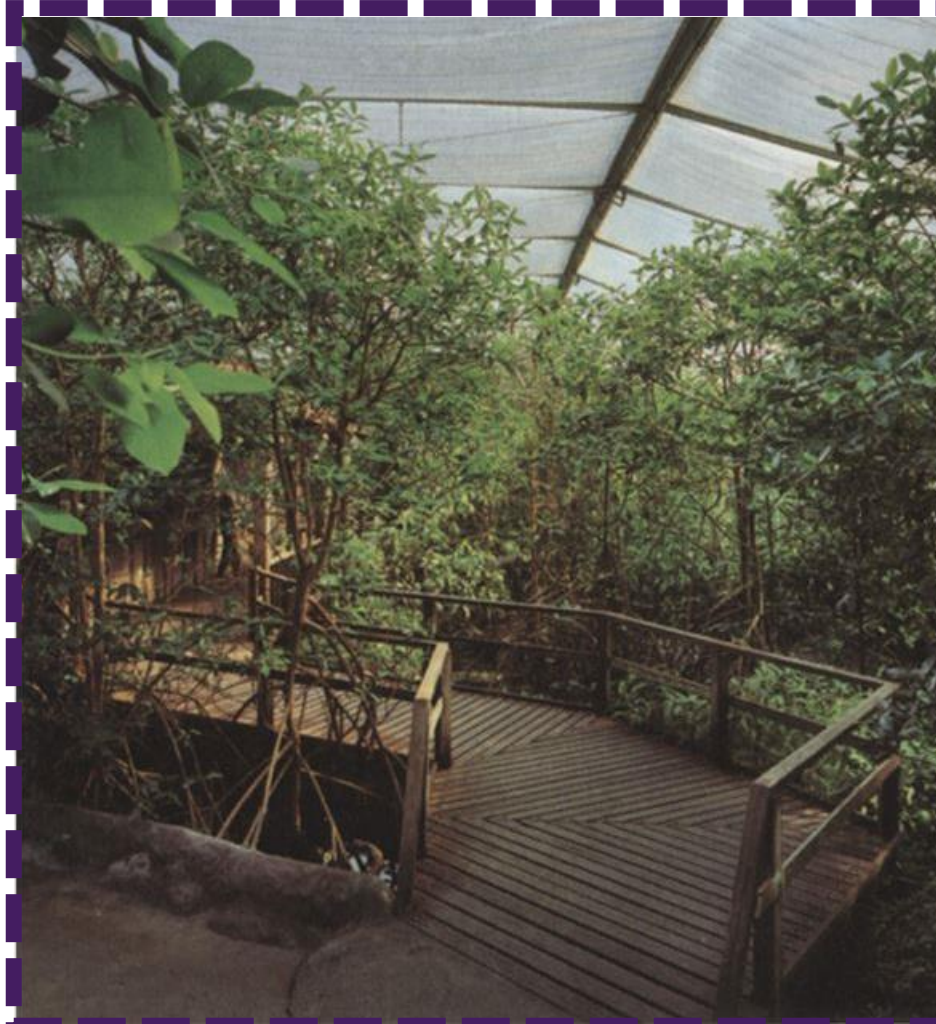
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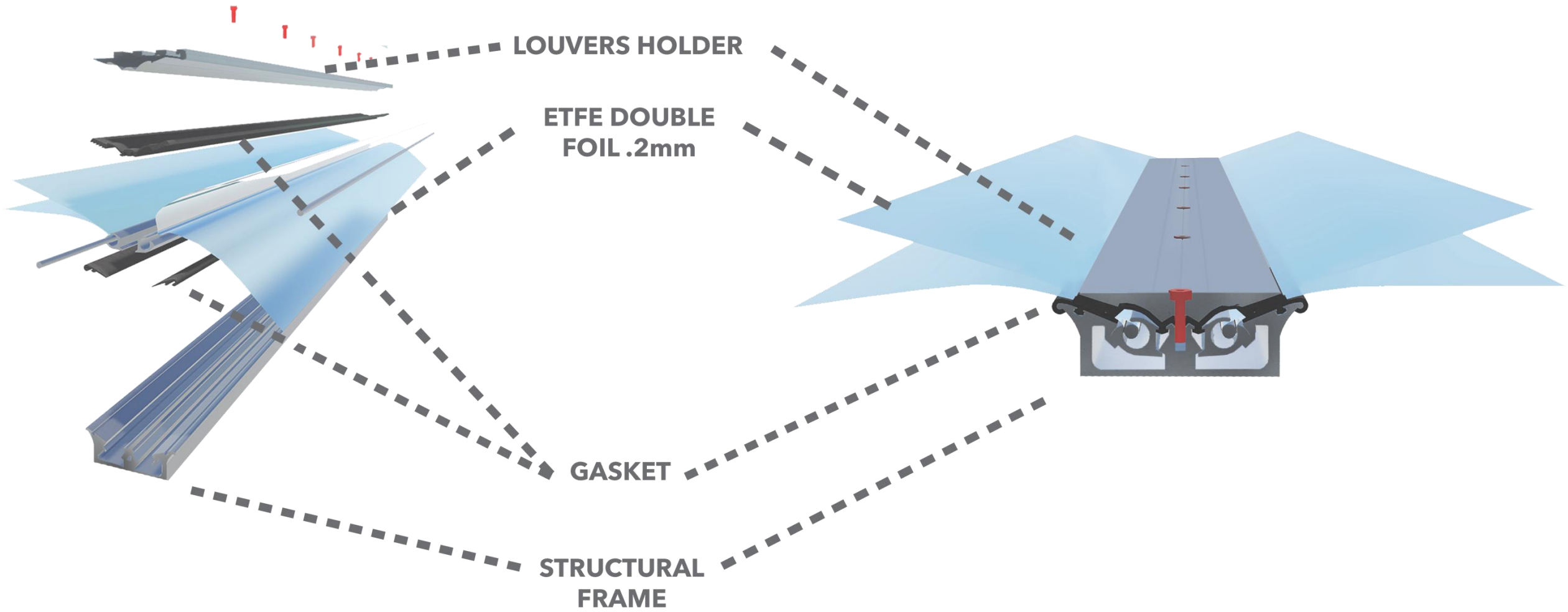
Source :Burgers' Zoo in Arnhem in the Netherland. Source ABT



Source : Eden project website

TROPICAL BIOME

<b>Material</b>	<b>Purifying UV-C 100-280nm</b>	<b>Sunburn UV-B 280-320nm</b>	<b>NO use UV-A 320 - 380nm</b>	<b>Photosy- nthesis 380-800nm</b>	<b>Heat 780nm ++</b>
<b>ETFE</b>	<b>70-78 %</b>	<b>78-83 %</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>98 %</b>	<b>98 %</b>
<b>Glass</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15 %</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>95 %</b>	<b>79 %</b>
<b>Polyethylene PET</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7 %</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>85-90 %</b>	<b>90 %</b>
<b>Polycarbonate PC</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>95 %</b>	<b>95 %</b>



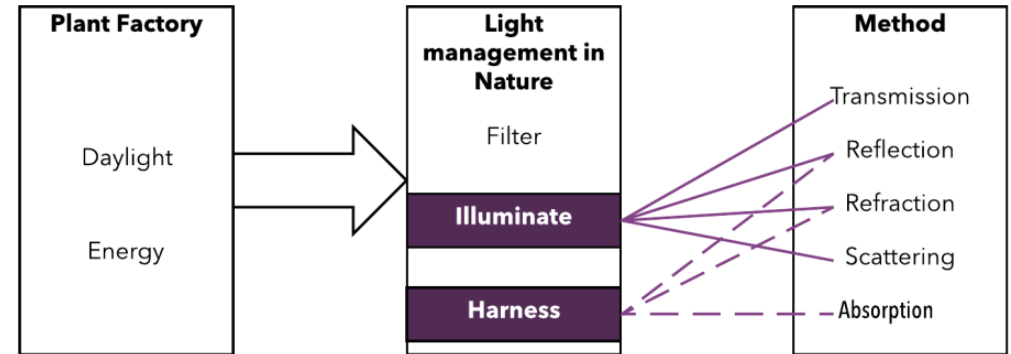
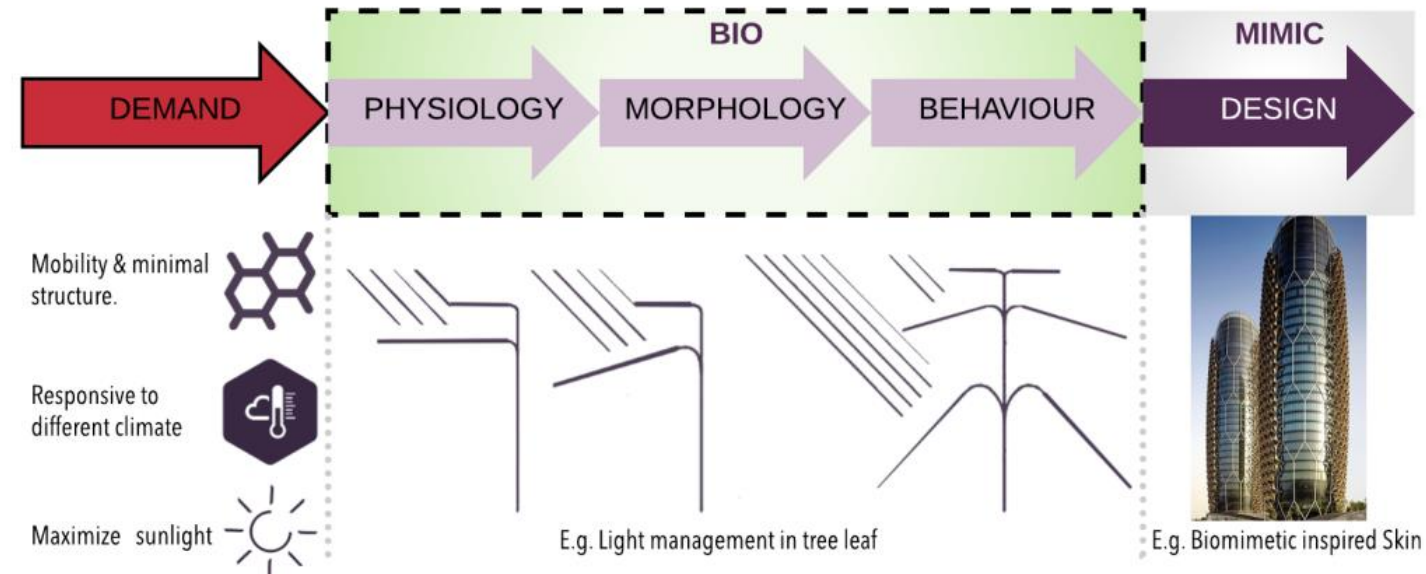
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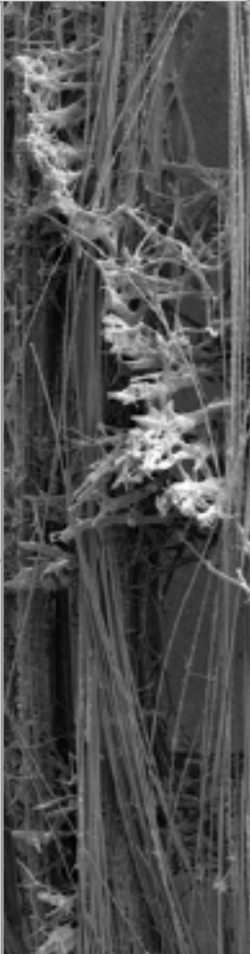
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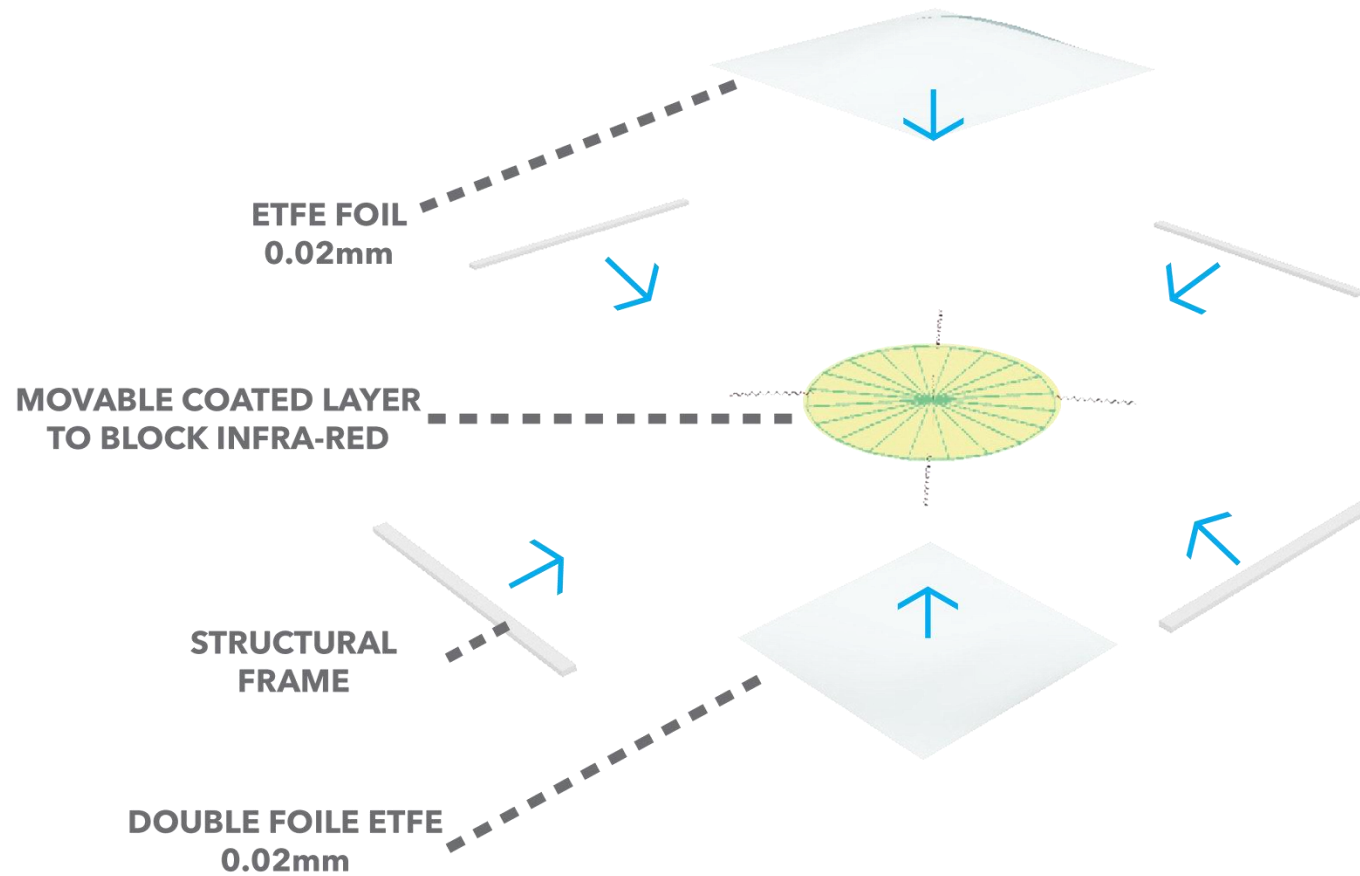


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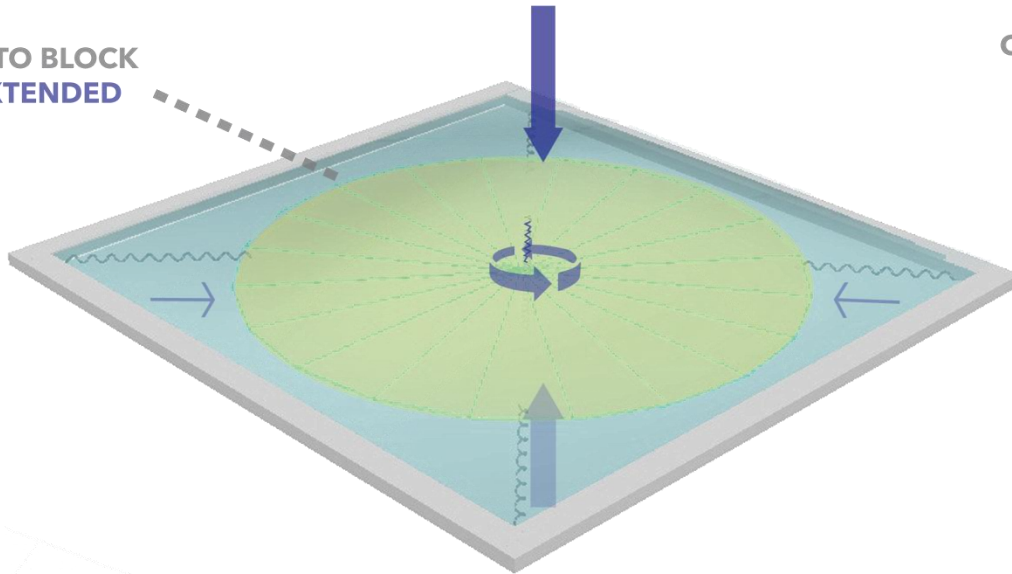




Deep Sea Venus flower		Area Of Study	Physiology (Structure)	Morphology (Pattern and Design)	Behaviour (Process)
E.g 1		<b>Light Management Transmission</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The walls of the organism structure are cemented and strengthened by spicule bundles, oriented vertically, horizontally and diagonally concerning the cylindrical lattice.</li> <li>- The Fibres function as structural parts as well Divided into four main structural elements, anchoring apparatus, cap, spiral ridges and tubes horizontally and vertically where the last two skeletal parts are separated in form. That maintains the glass sponge stiffness.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The top open skeletal lattice cylinder covered with an irregular network-like structure that constitutes the terminal sieve plate. Protect the sponge interior, and provide rigid capping structure has a mechanical role. By preventing lateral collapse.</li> <li>- beyond structural anchorage support, could also provide a highly effective fibre-optical network, which may be useful in distributing light in its deep-sea environment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refractive indices for the high-index core and a low-index cladding. They also function as efficient single-mode, few-mode or multi-mode waveguides, depending on the optical launch conditions, the optic fibres have this friction index due to cracks whereas in the spicules due to organic lamination.</li> <li>- The transmittance occurs by very thin natural silica spicules - similar to human-made optic fibres alongside thin lamination layer of the proteinaceous filament. The optical fibres have this friction index due to cracks whereas in the spicules due to organic lamination. It has either superior feature as its formation under ambient temperature process.</li> </ul>
Result		<b>Translation in Skin Design</b>	The Skin Material made of pneumatic ETFE cushions that are lightweight and can highly stiff to the outer dead and live loads. The shading is reacting independently inside the cushions in separate installation expand with the increase of air volume that based on solar analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Geometrical form that based on best orientation to capture solar light as well as well as using highly resistance materilas for harsh wether conditions (selection of ETFE).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Use of Optic fibres to transfer the light of the Dinoallge to the production source indirectly.</li> <li>-selecting the materials based on spectral wavelength and diffusivity " haze materials effects."</li> <li>- implement internal selective spectral shading elements that manipulate the light to deliver the best light spectrum combination for production level.</li> </ul>

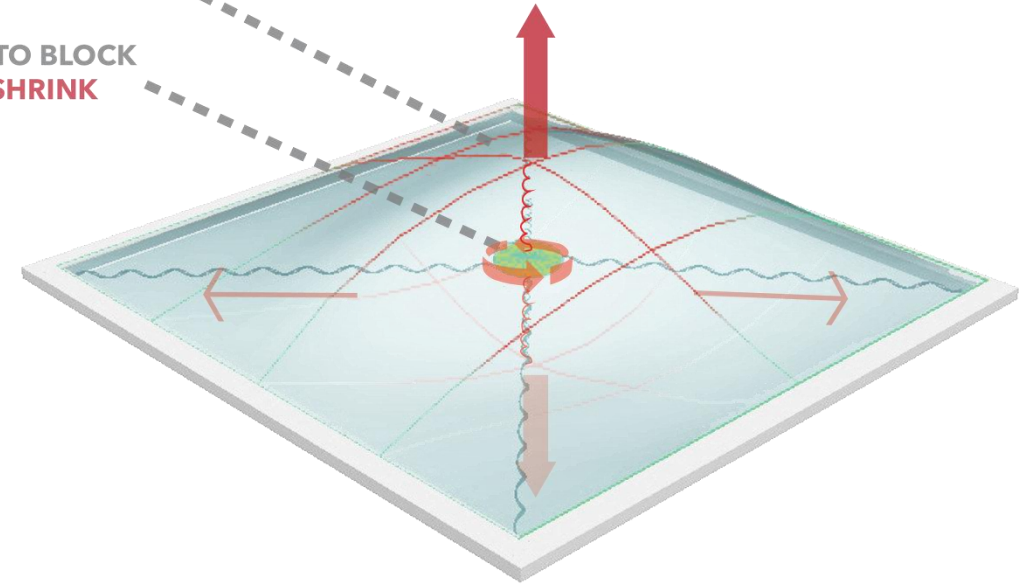


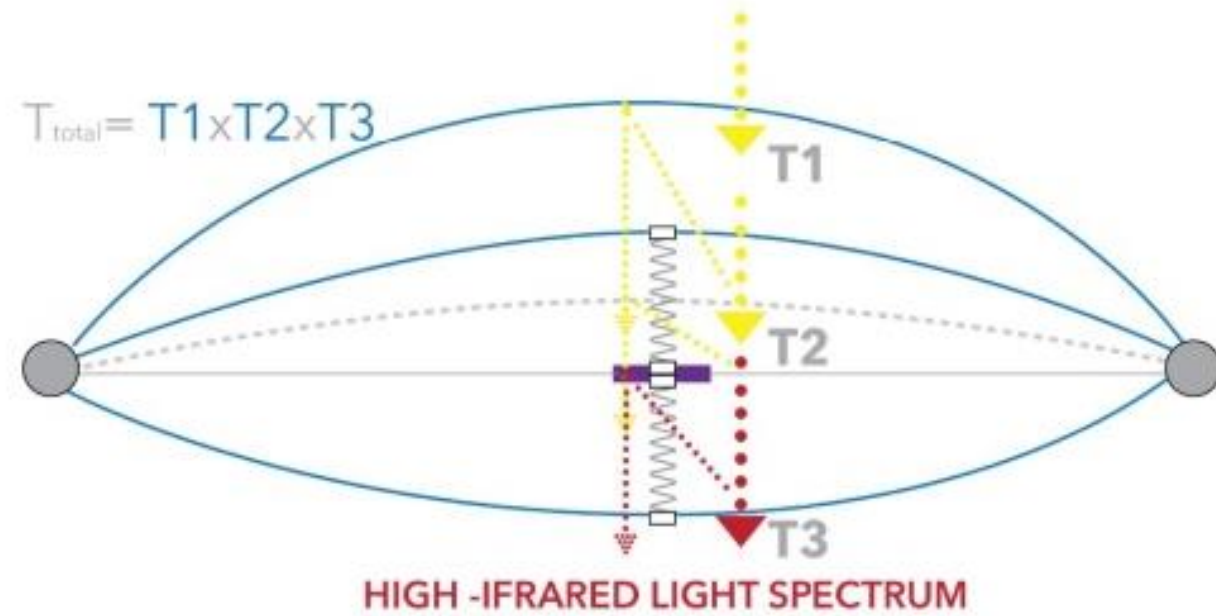
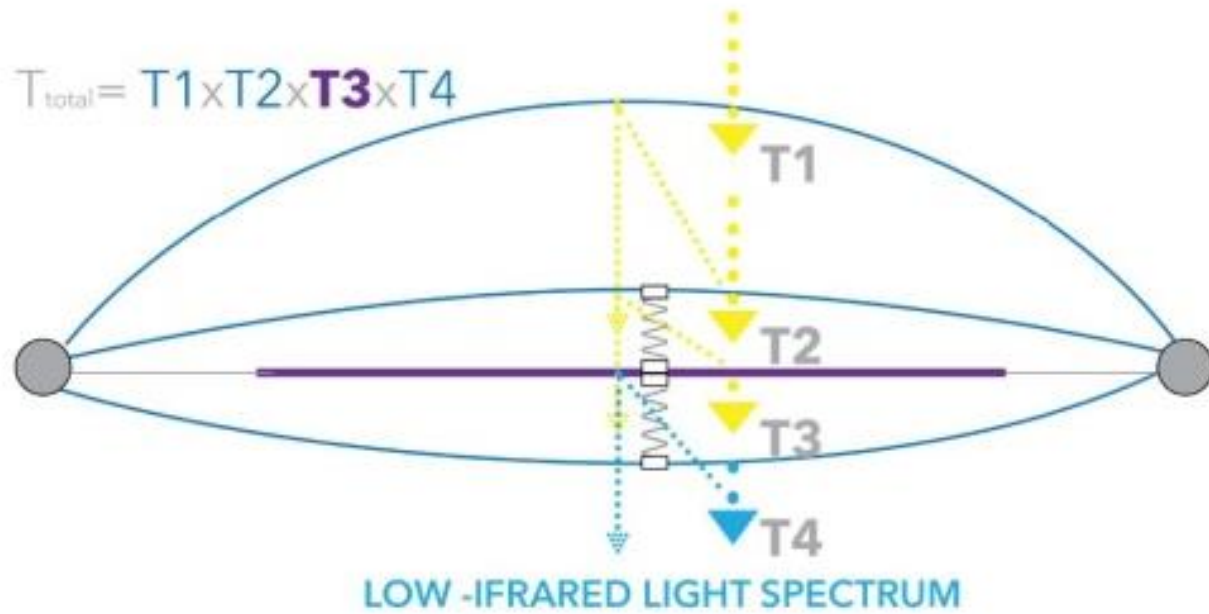
COATED LAYER TO BLOCK  
INFRA-RED - **EXTENDED**



**STRETCHED** FOILE ETFE BY  
FILLING AIR

COATED LAYER TO BLOCK  
INFRA-RED - **SHRINK**





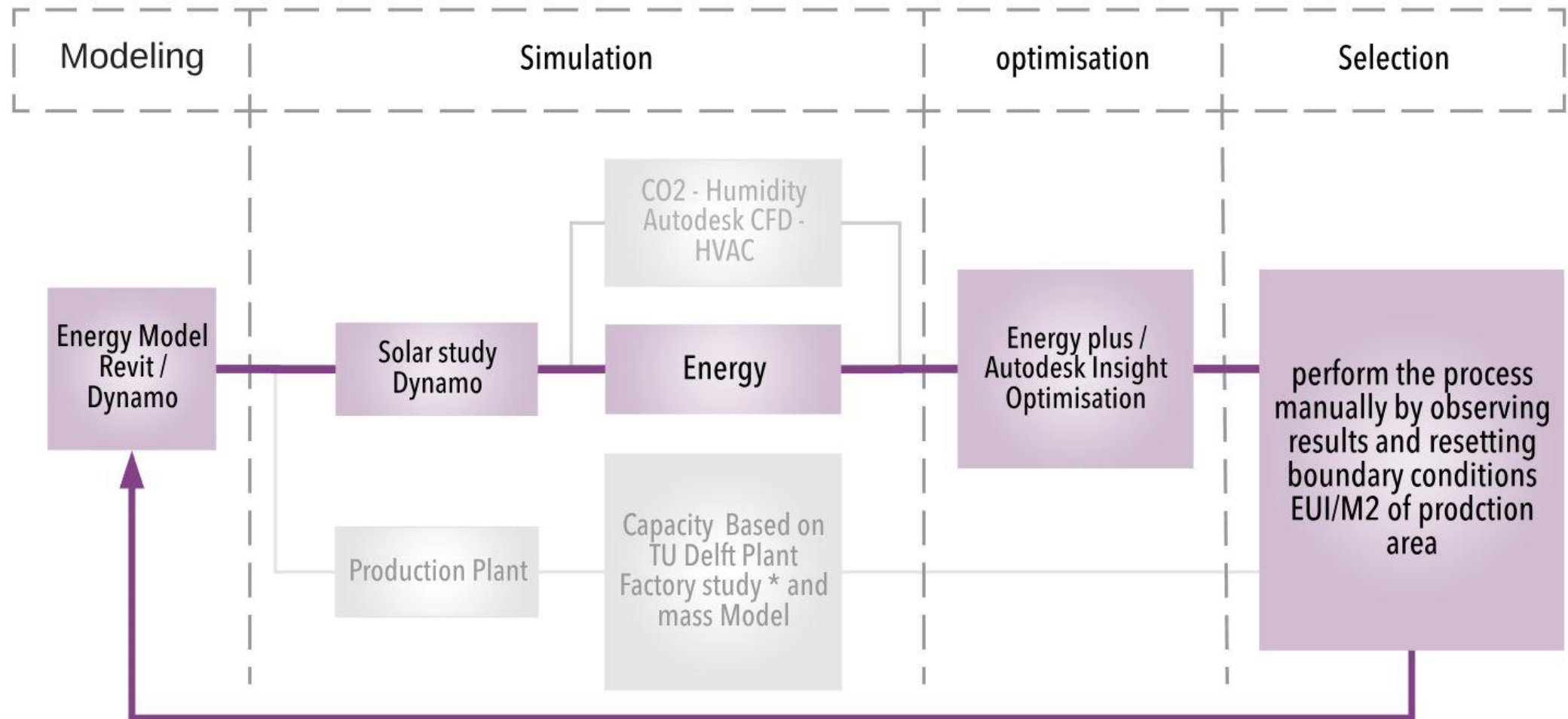
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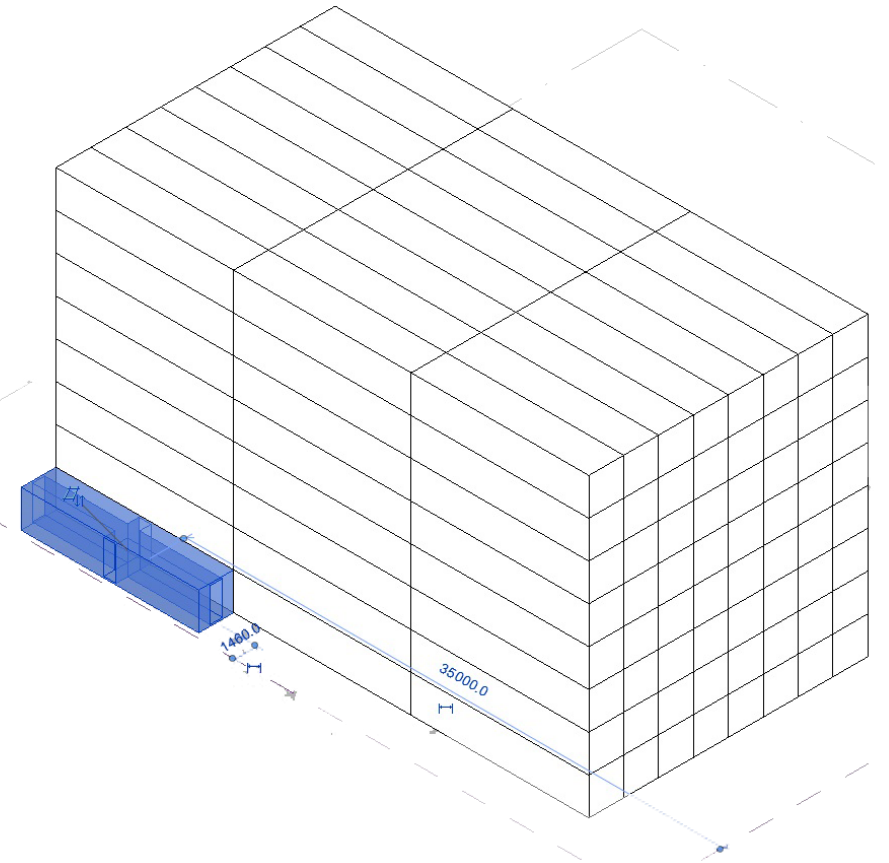
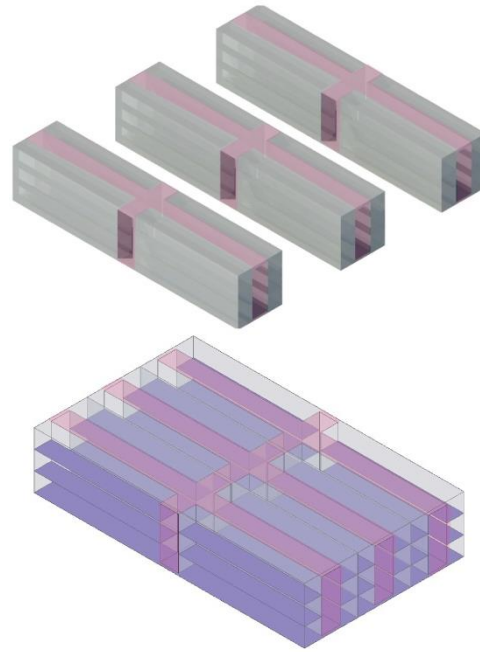
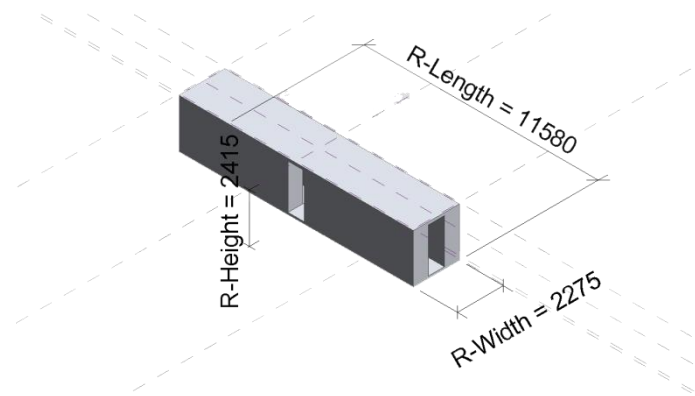
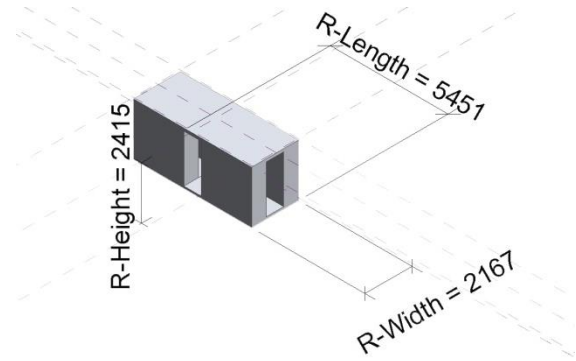
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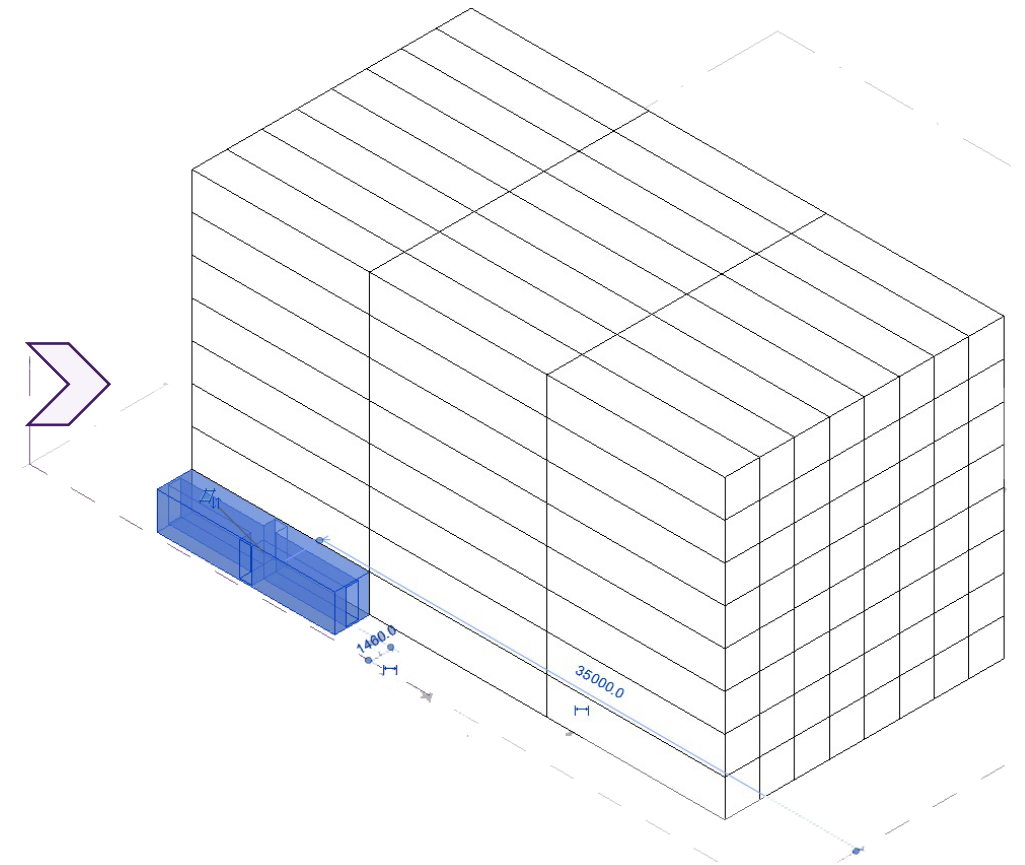
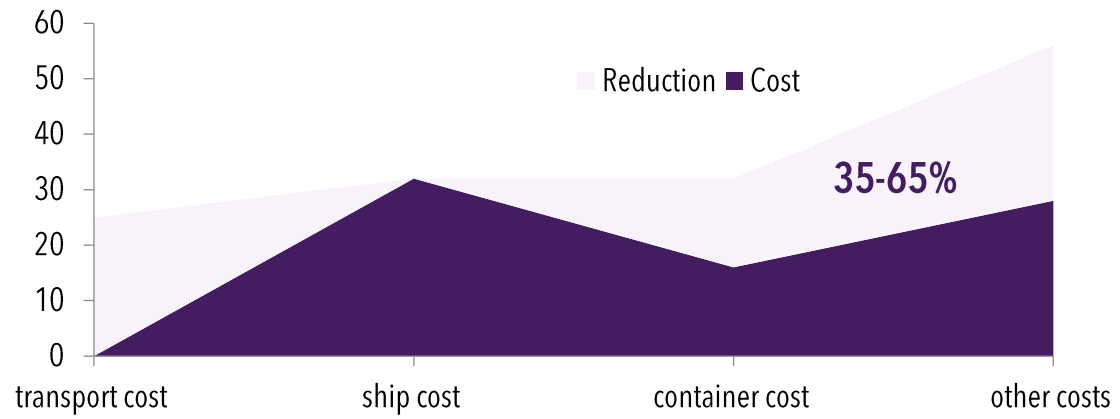


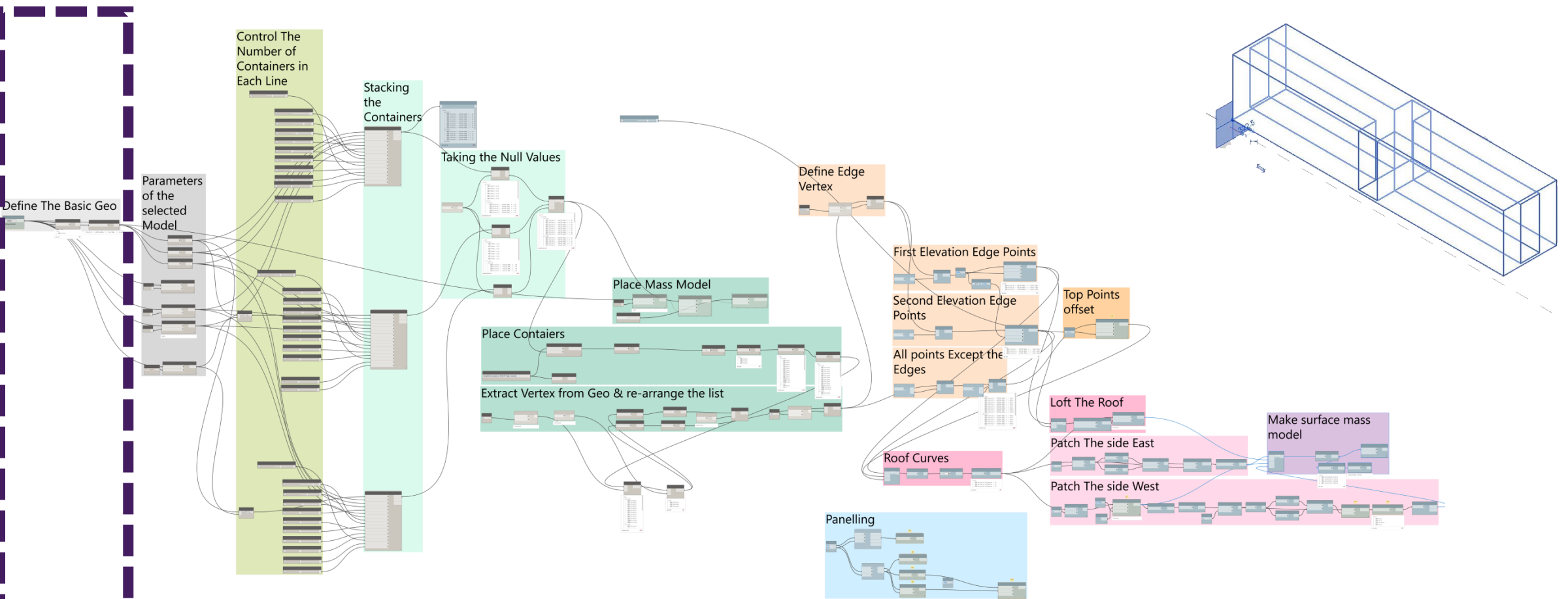
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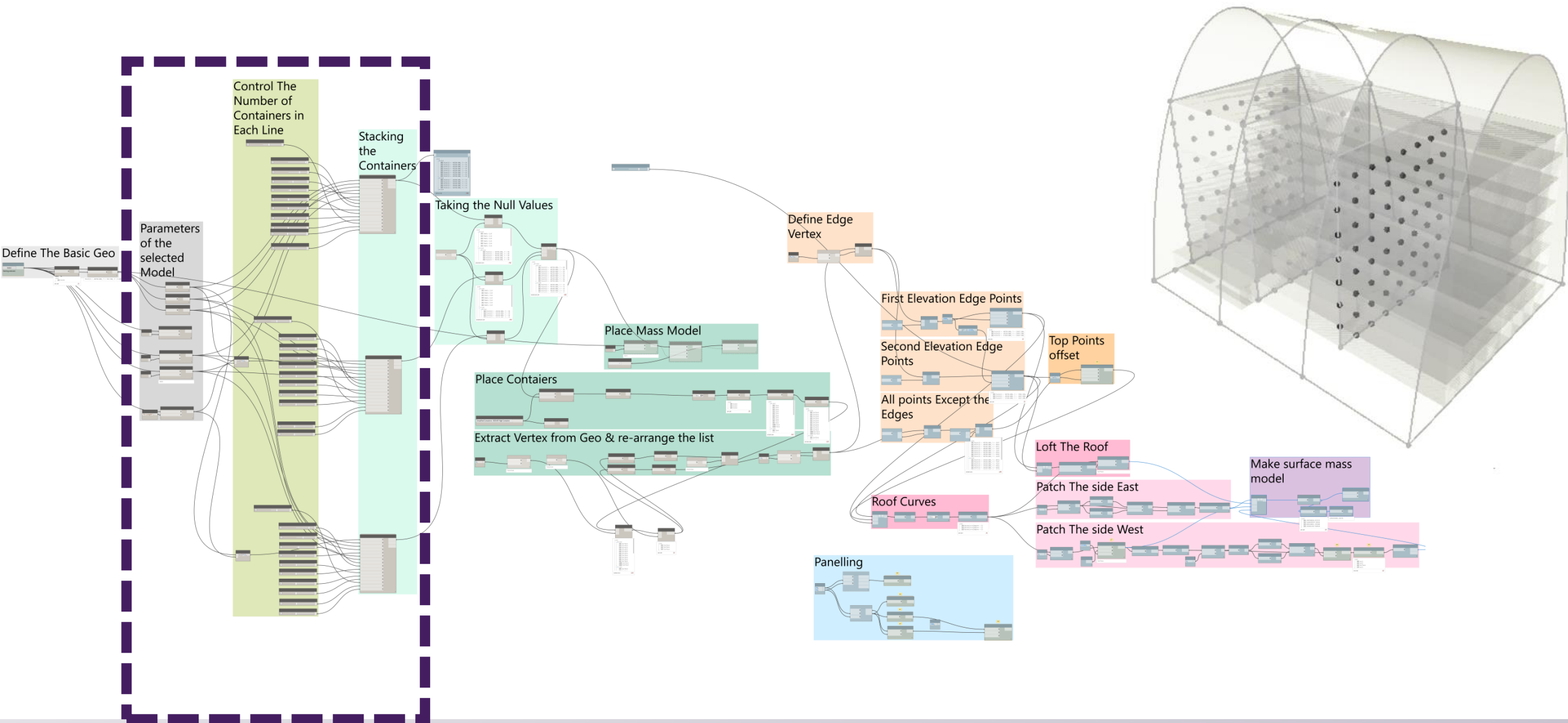




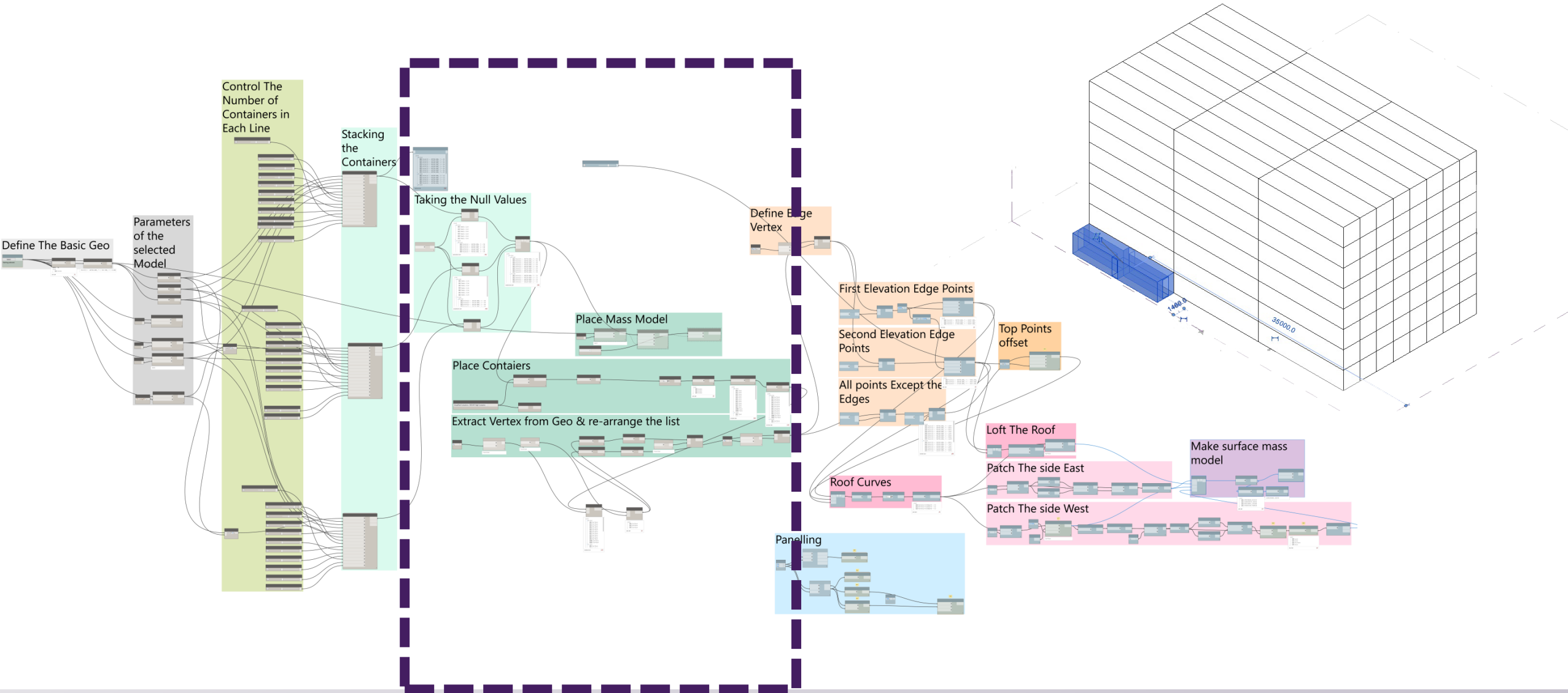


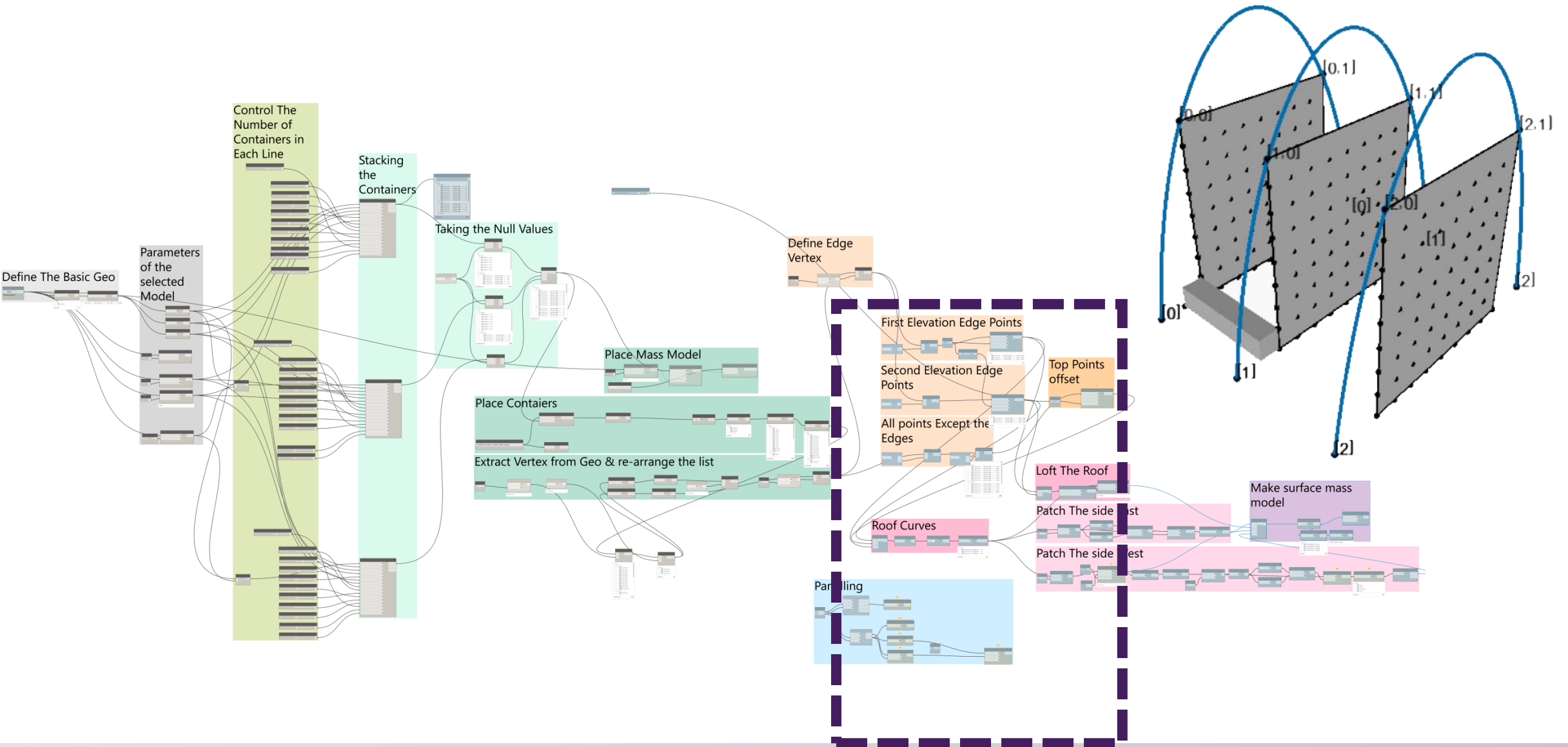


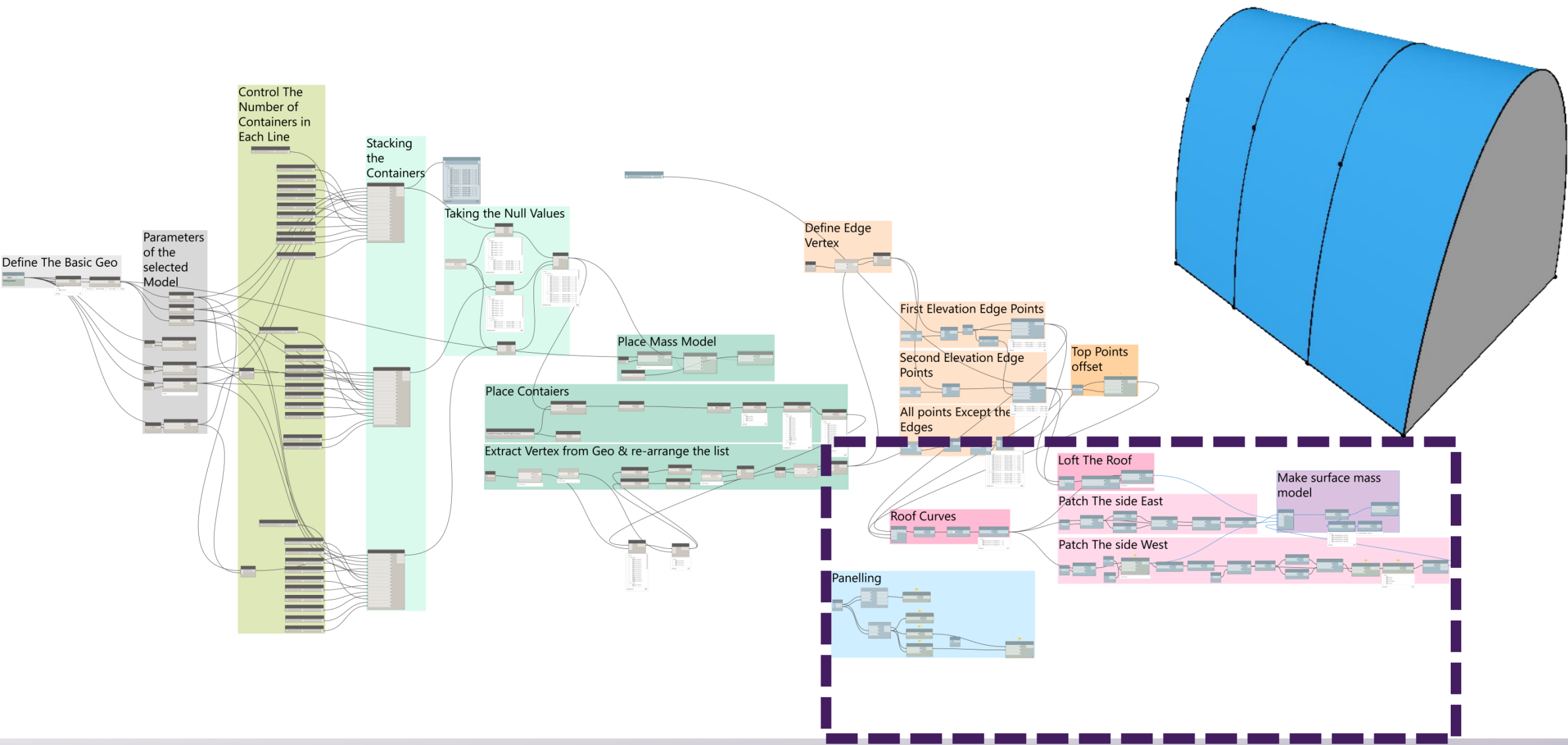
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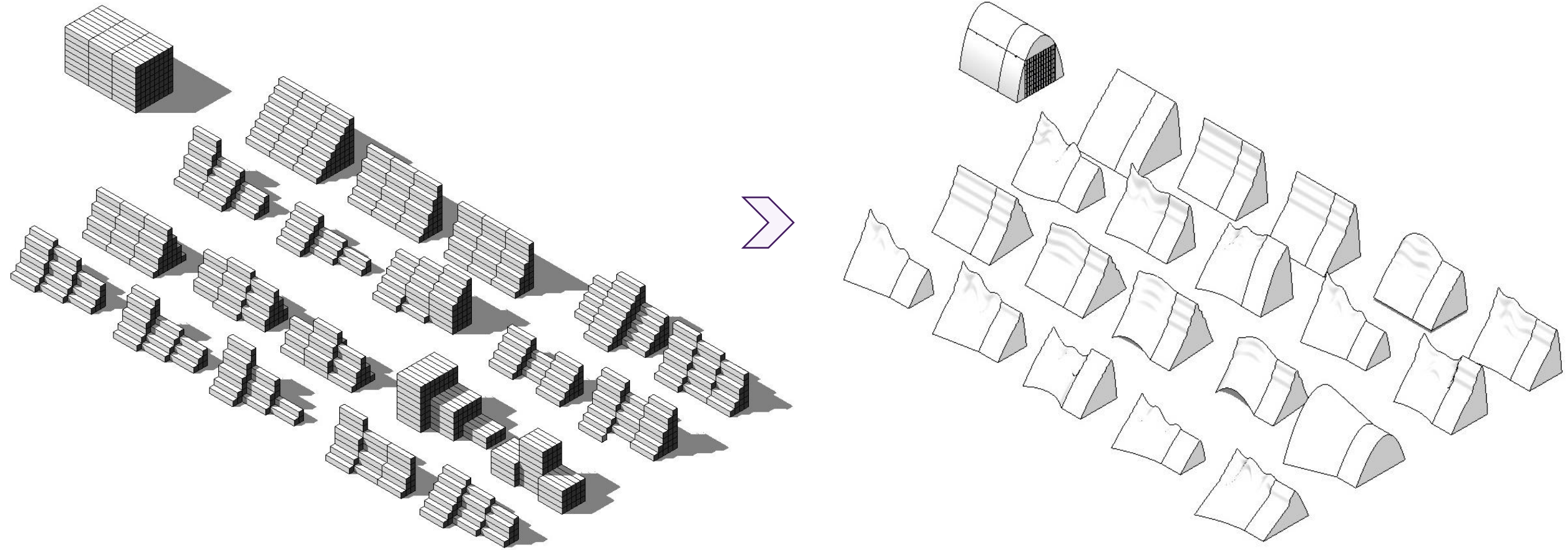




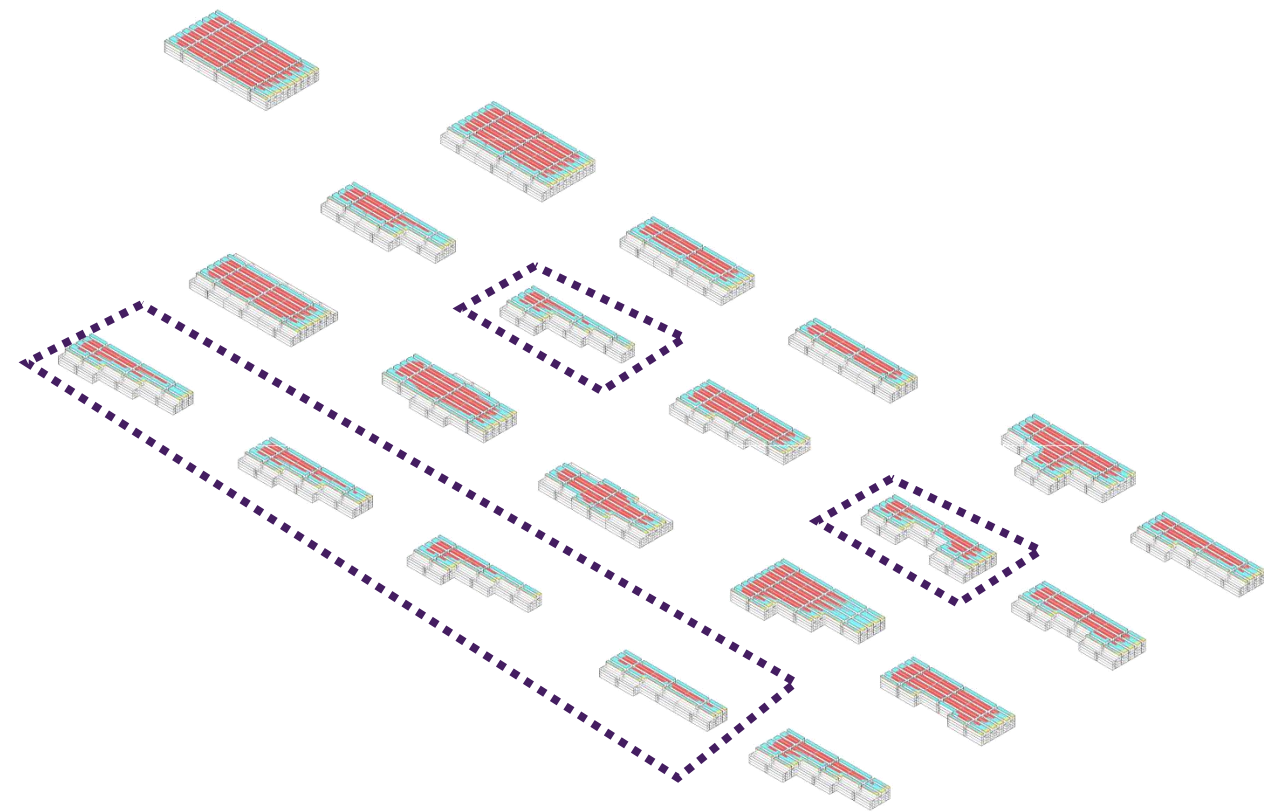




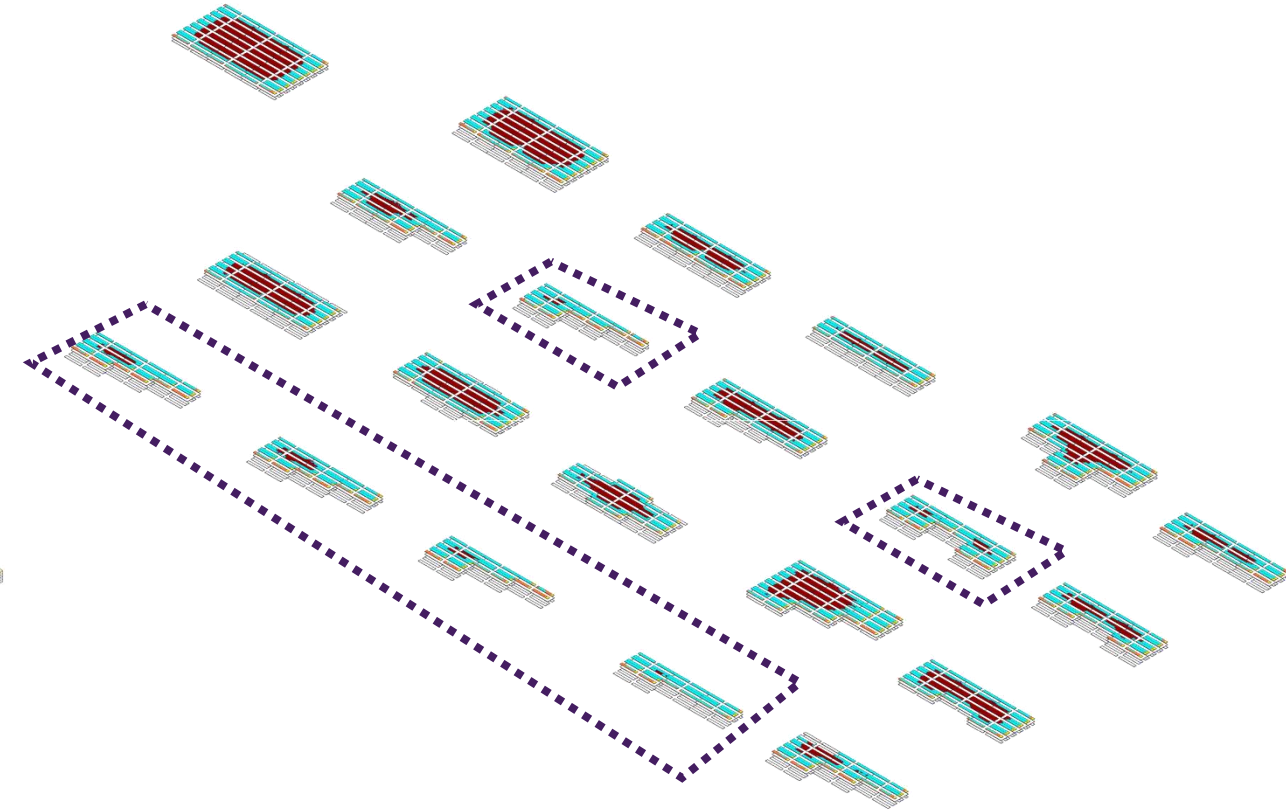




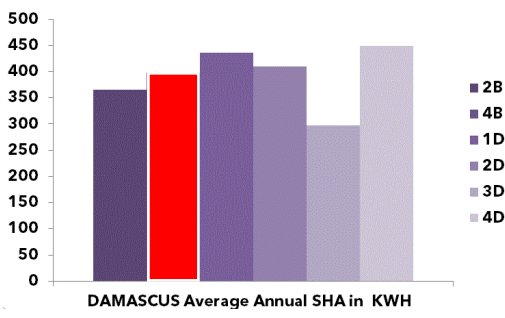
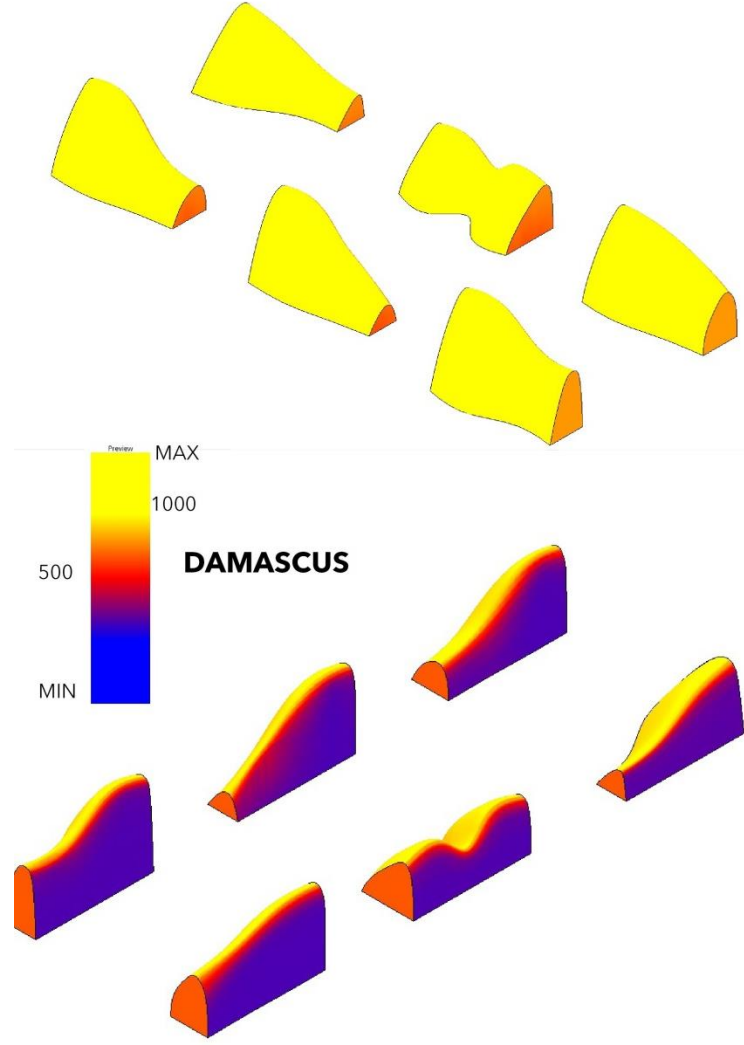
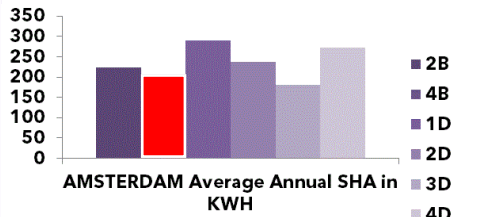
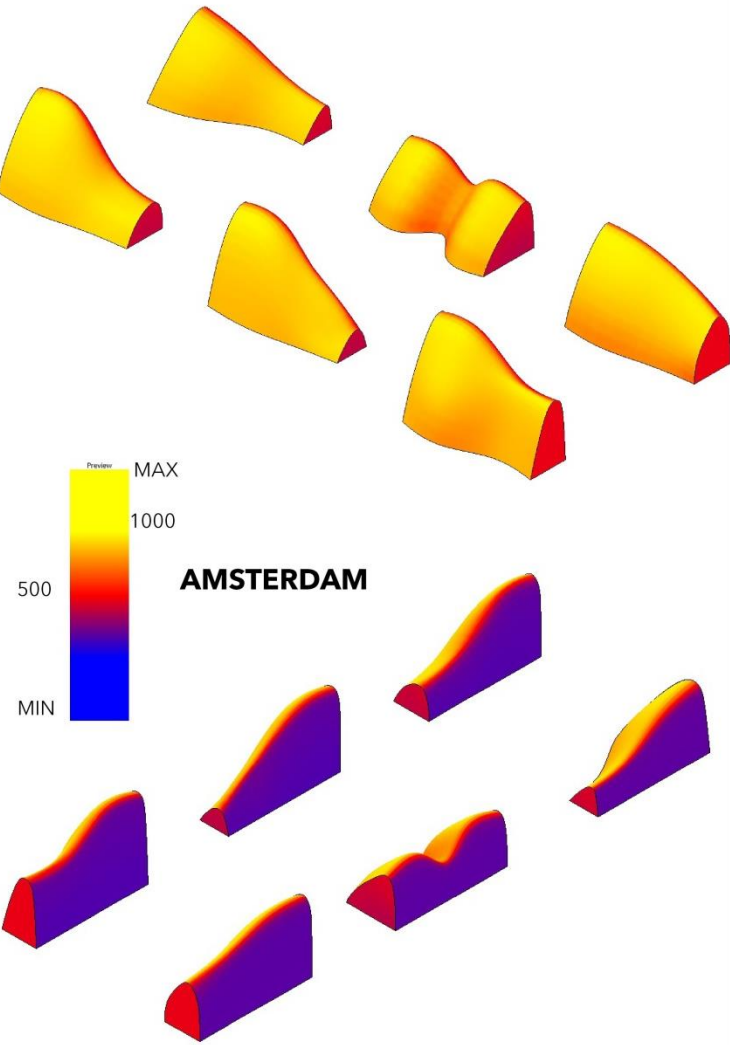




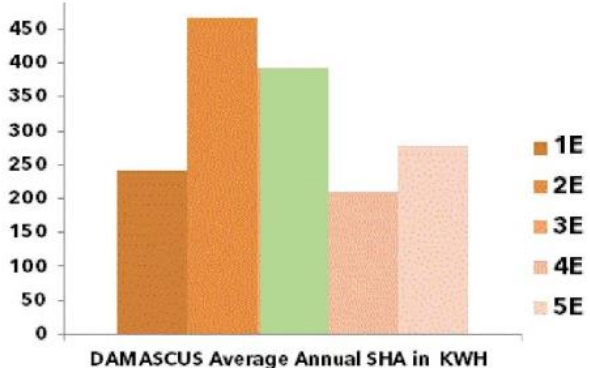
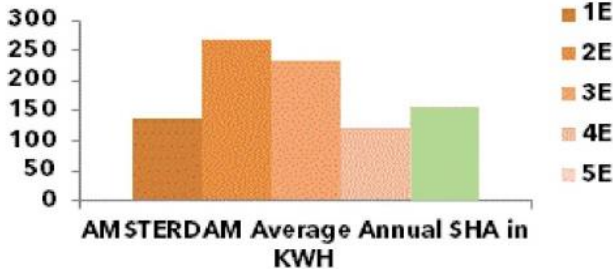
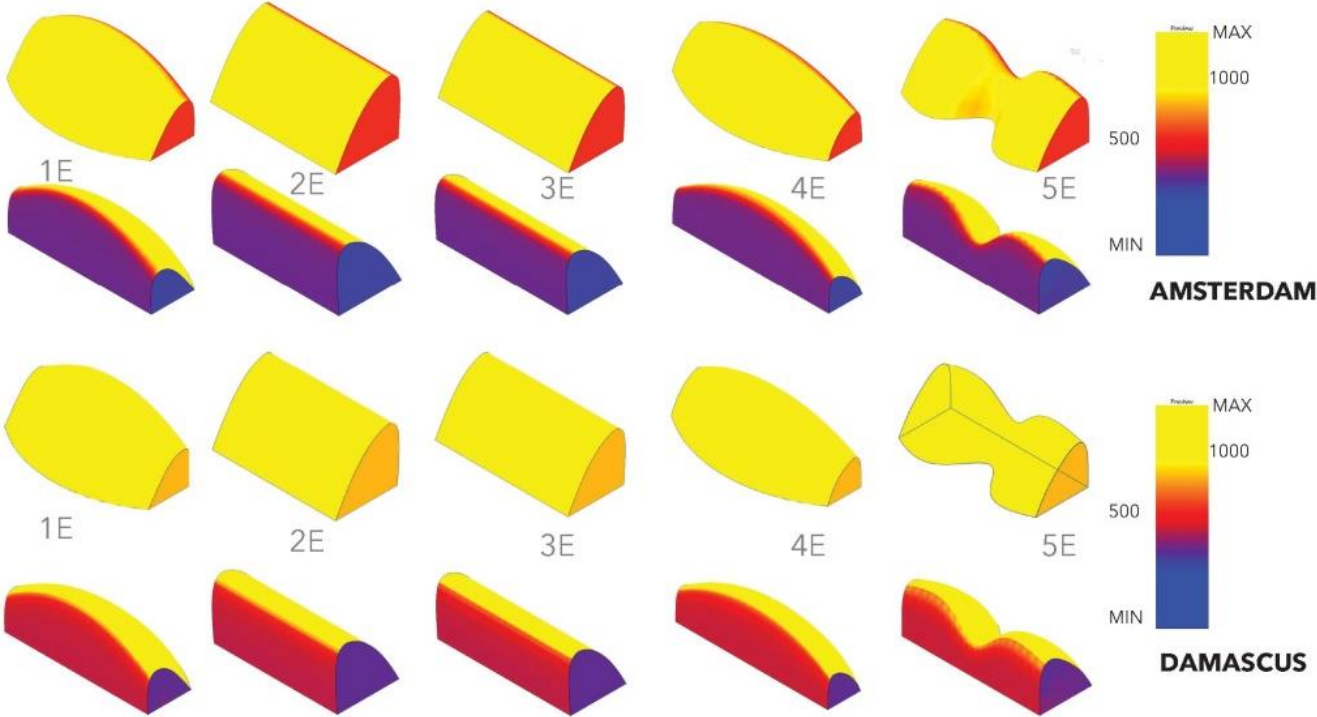
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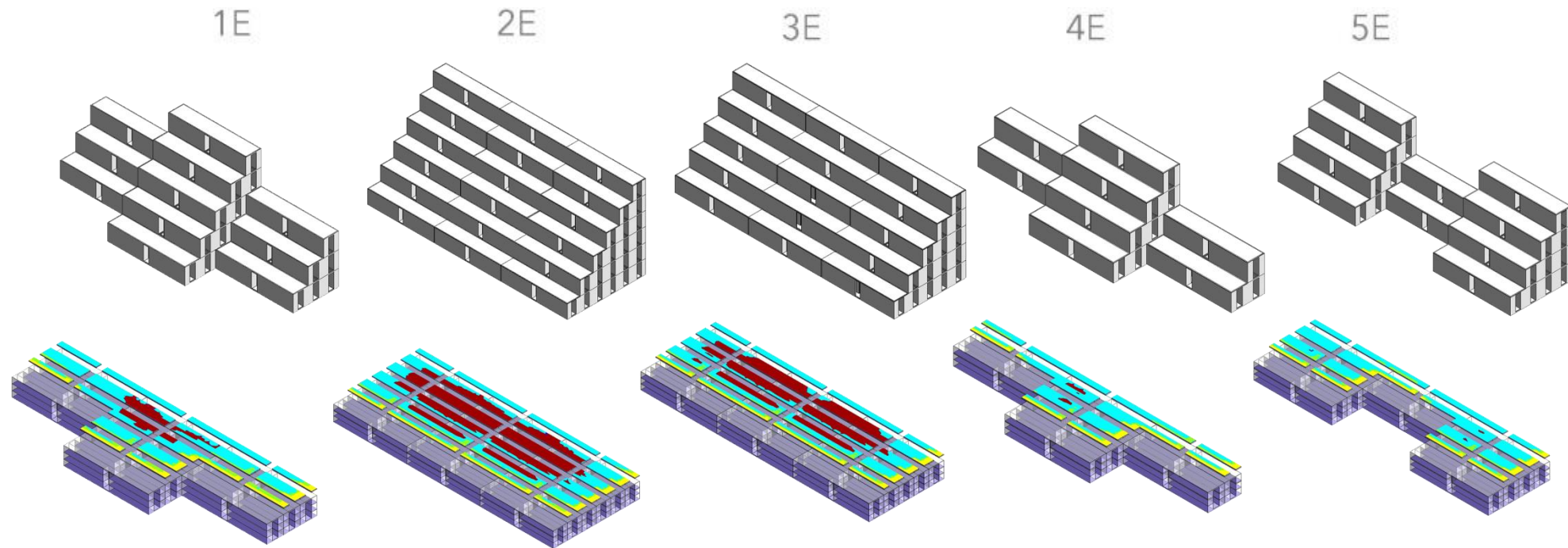


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 2.4 DAYLIGHT ANALYSIS PHASE TWO





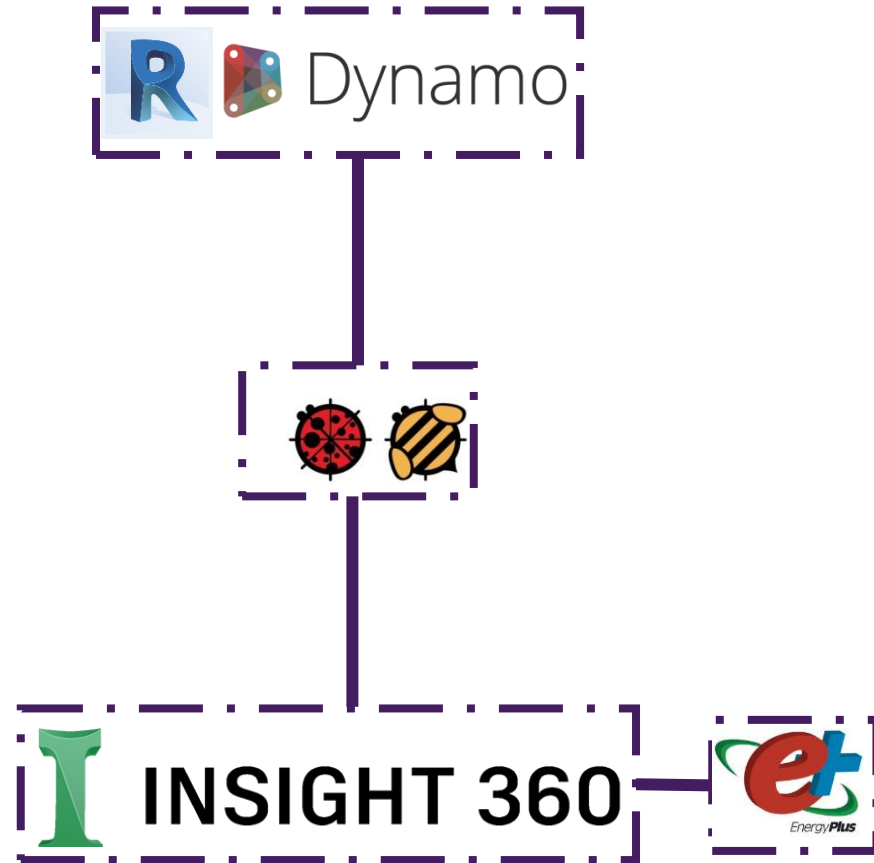


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- SUNLIGHT HOURS (HOURS)
- DAYLIGHT ILLUMINANCE

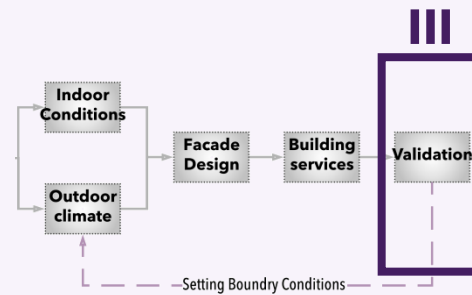
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- MINIMAL 85% LIGHTING
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- LOW EUI



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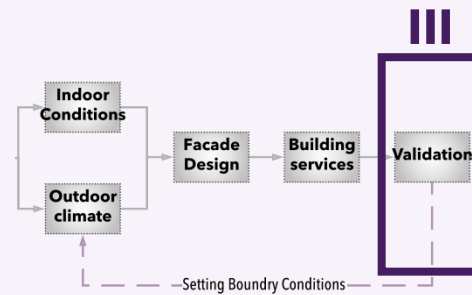
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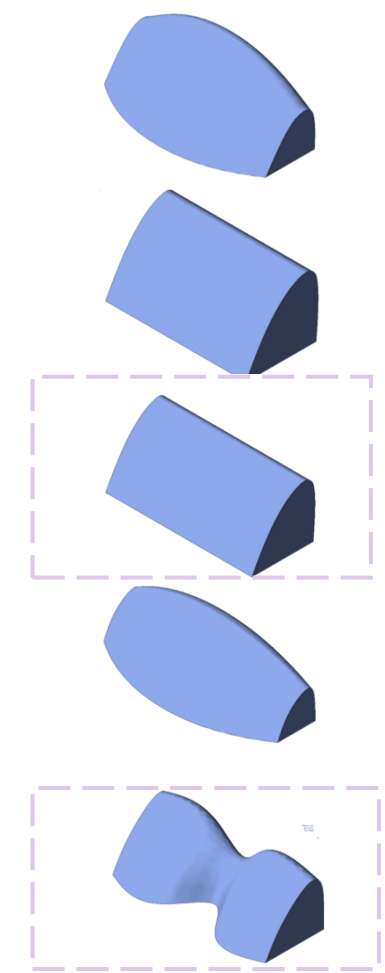
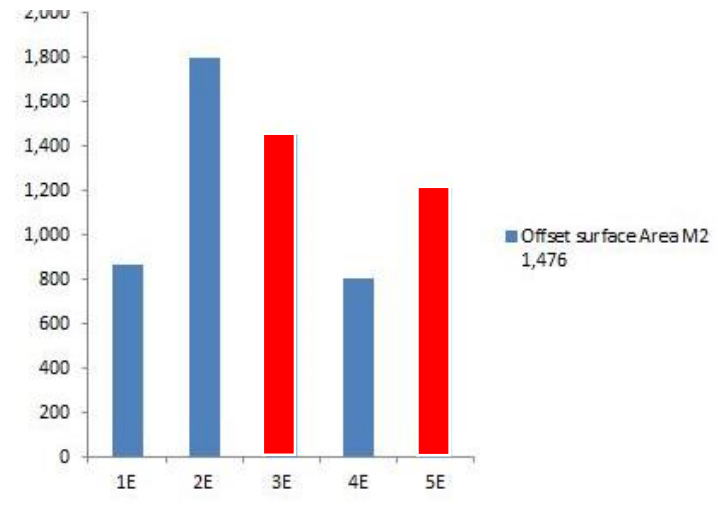
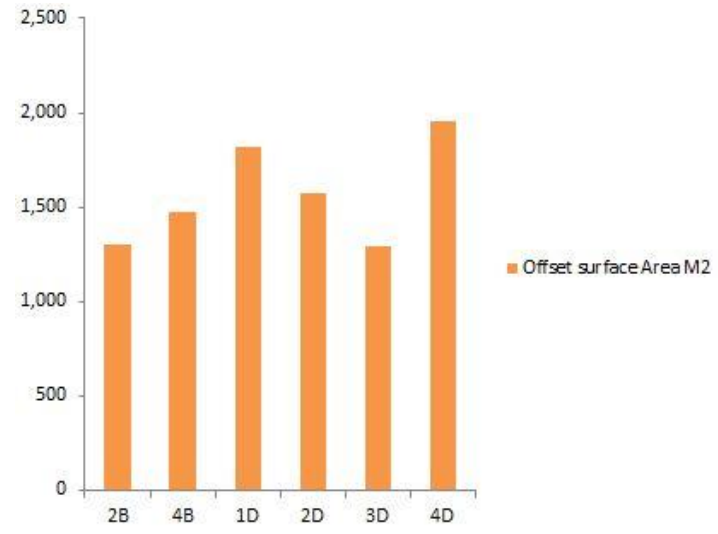
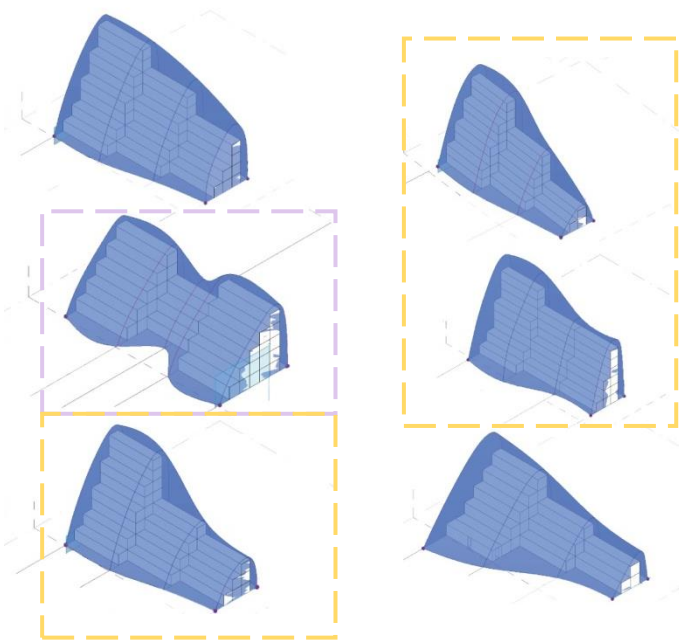
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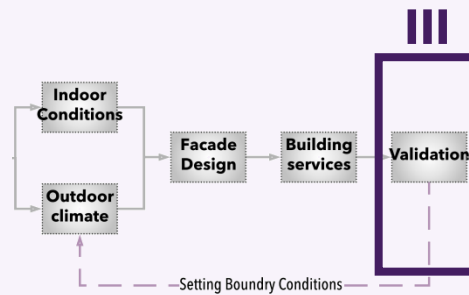
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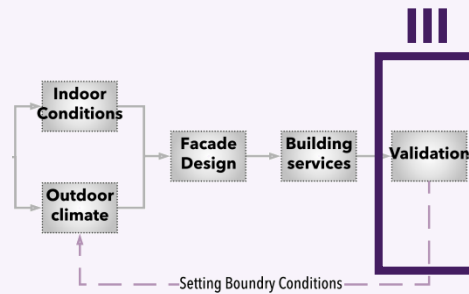






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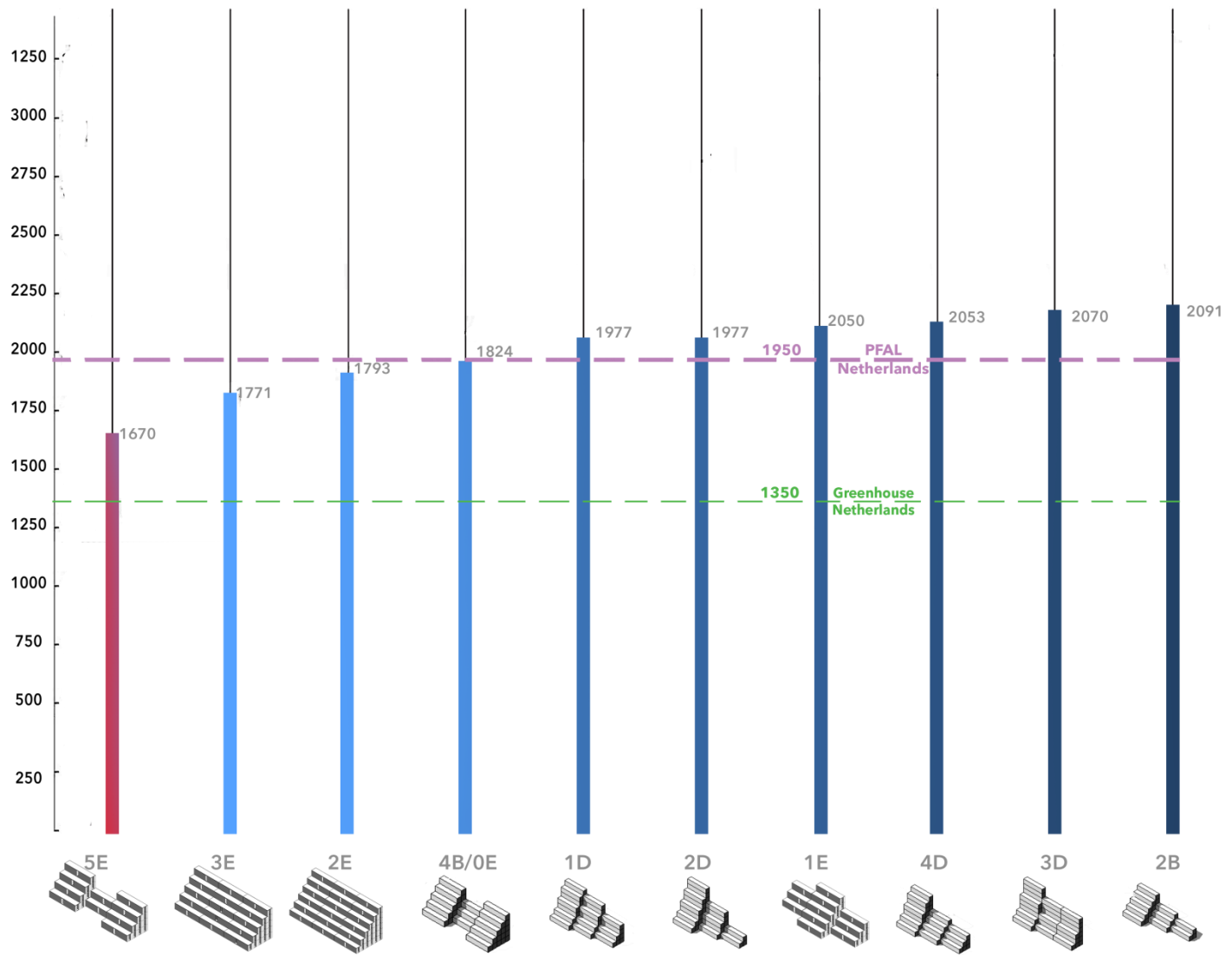
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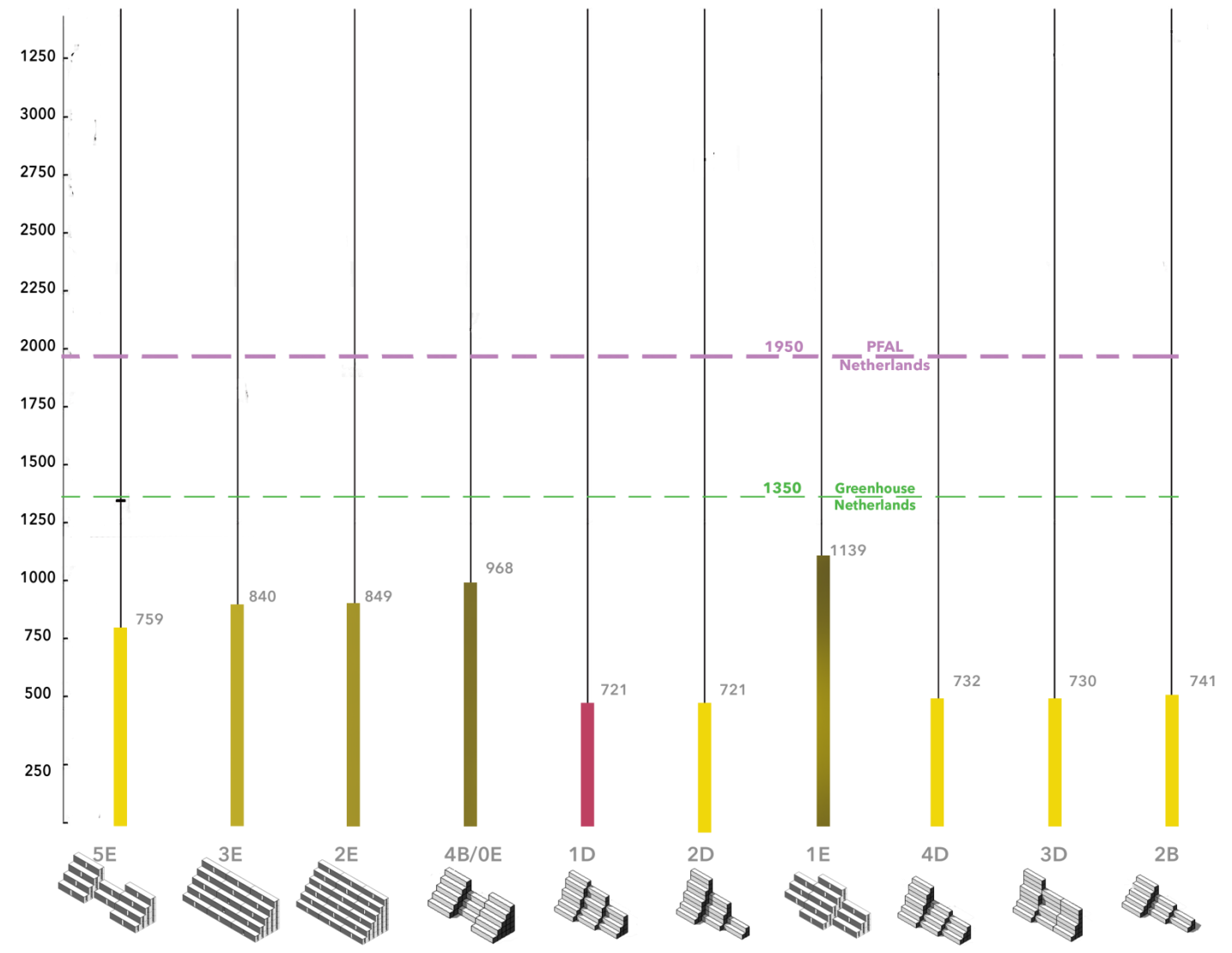
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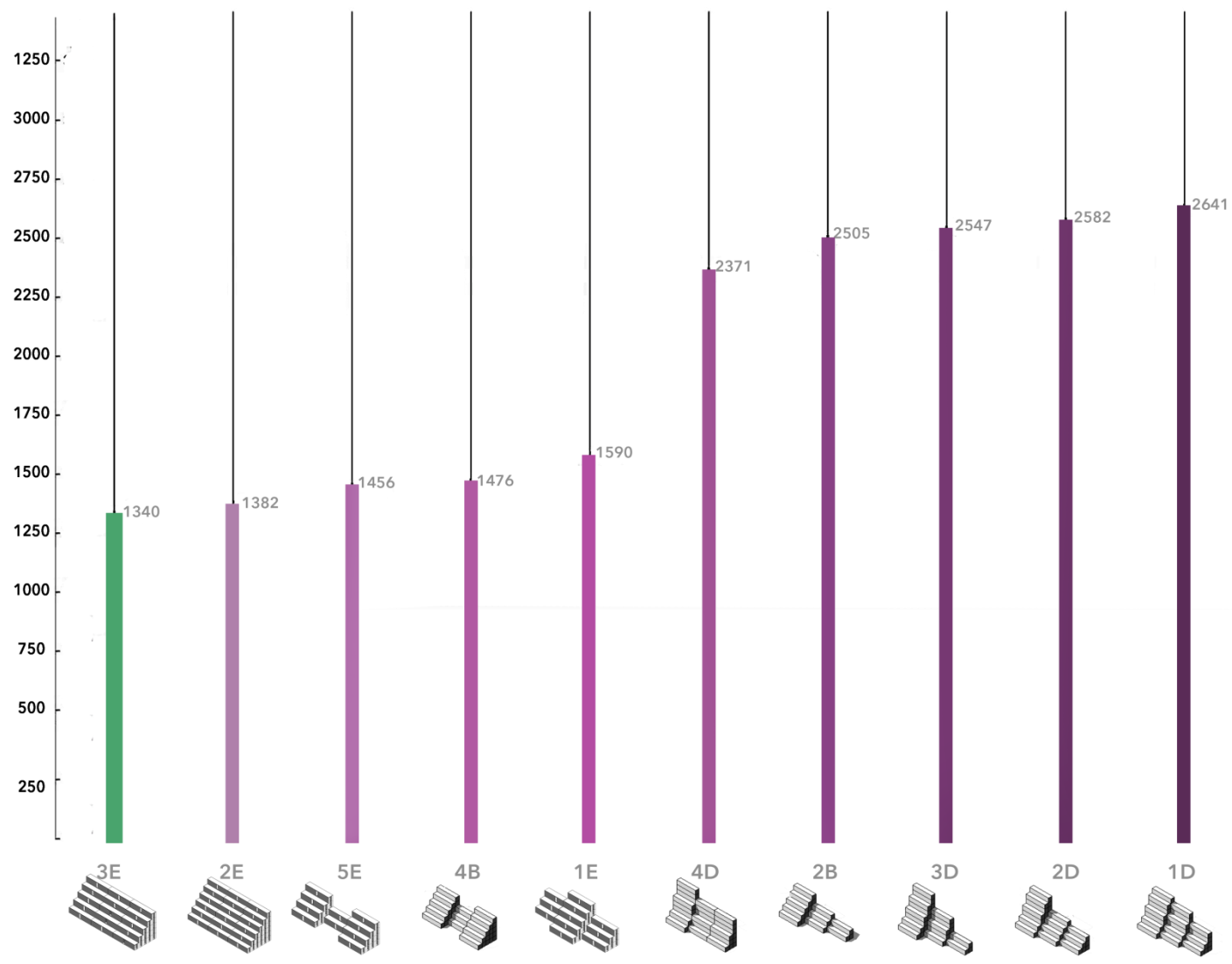
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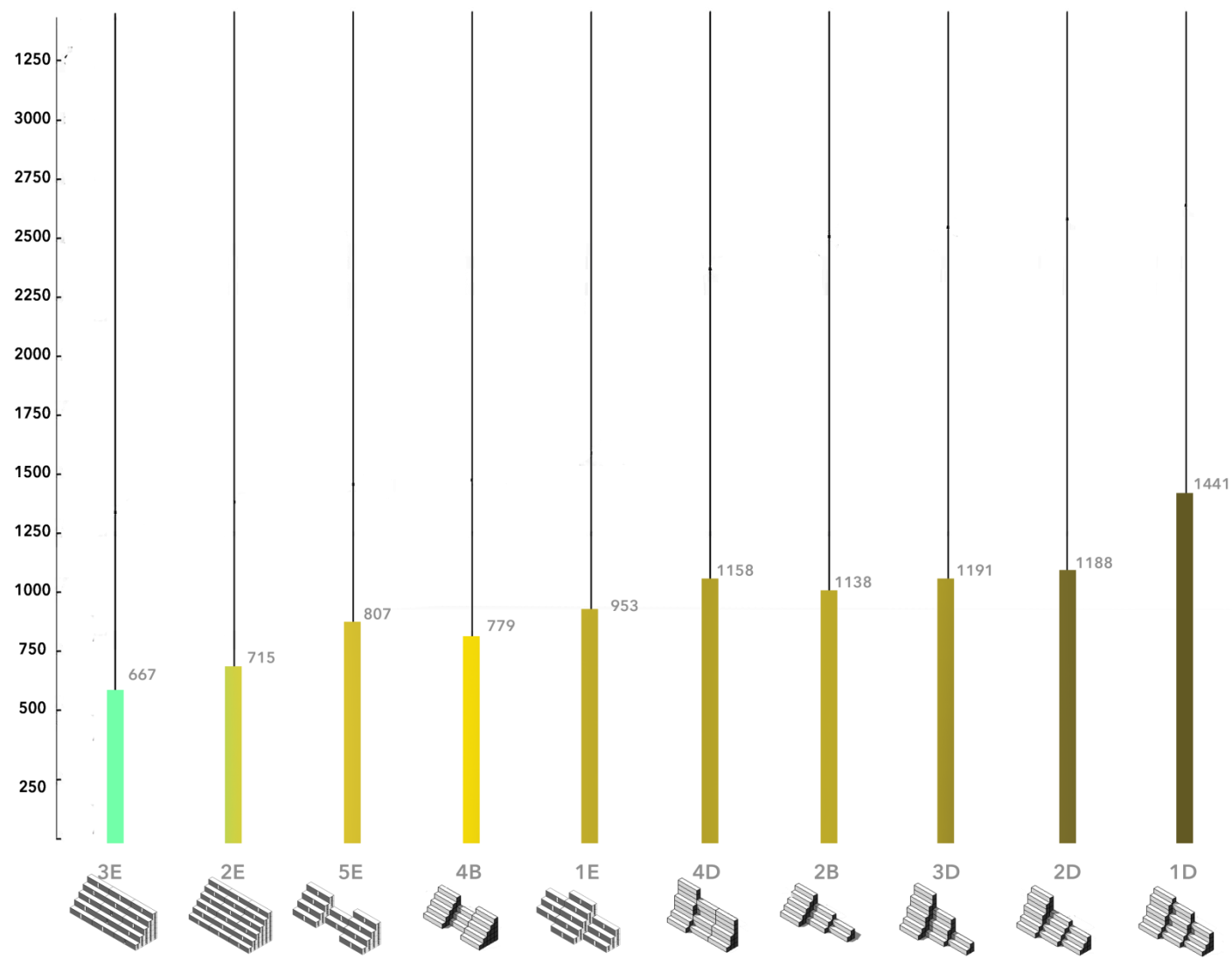


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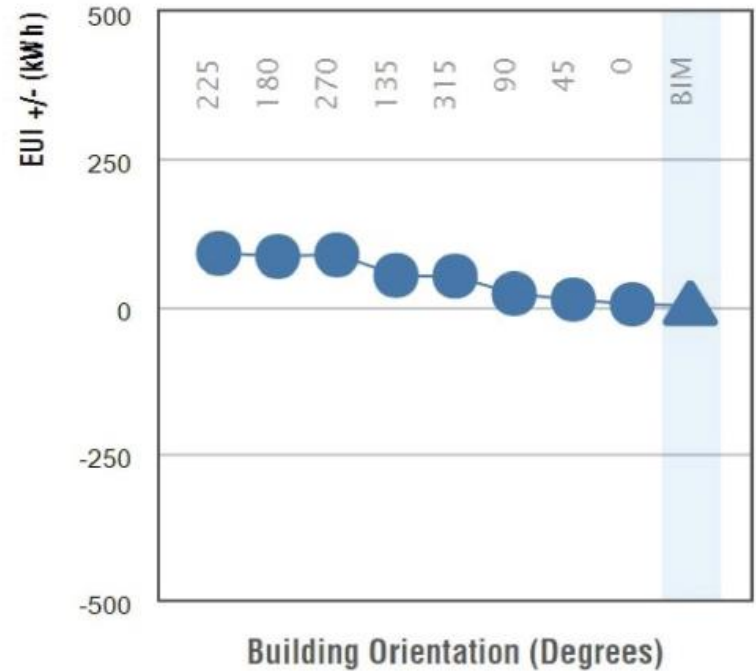
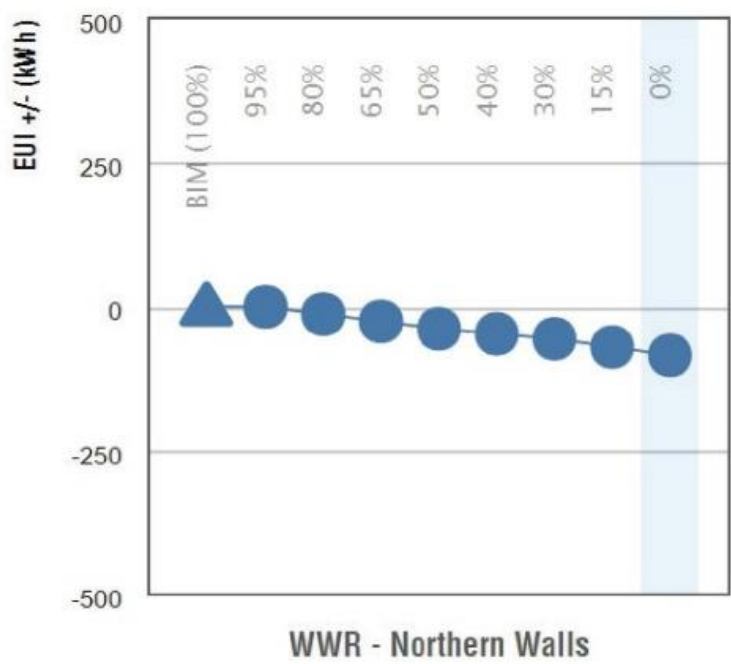
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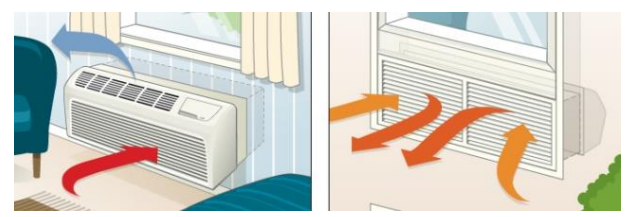
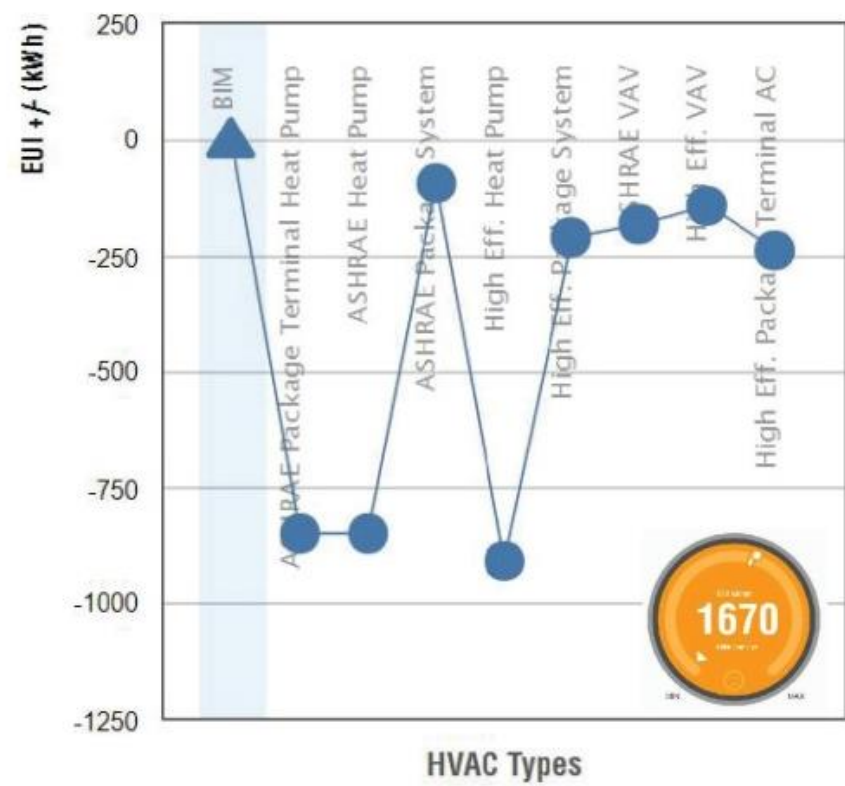
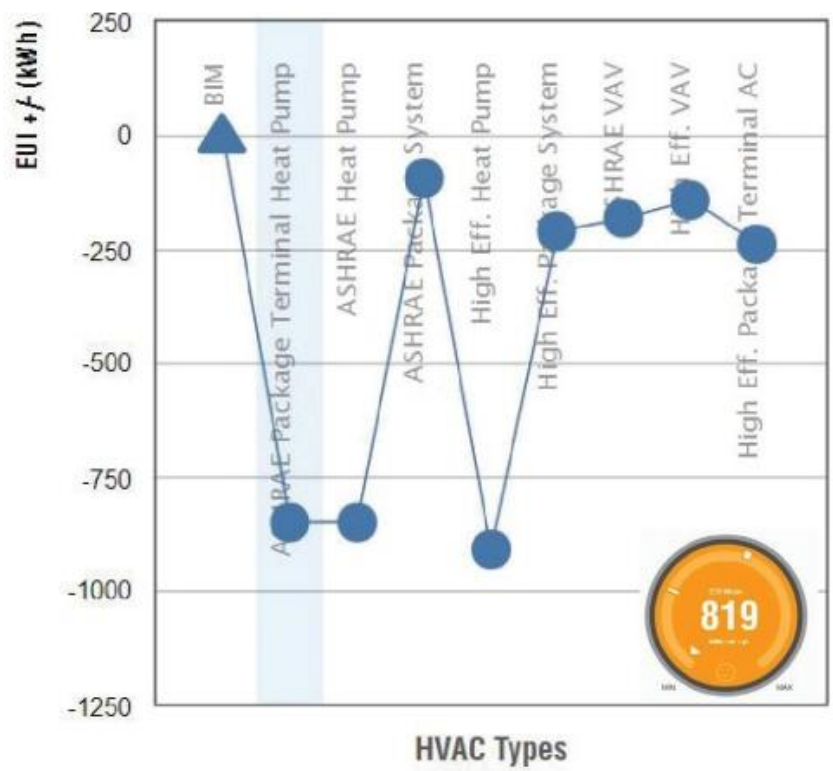
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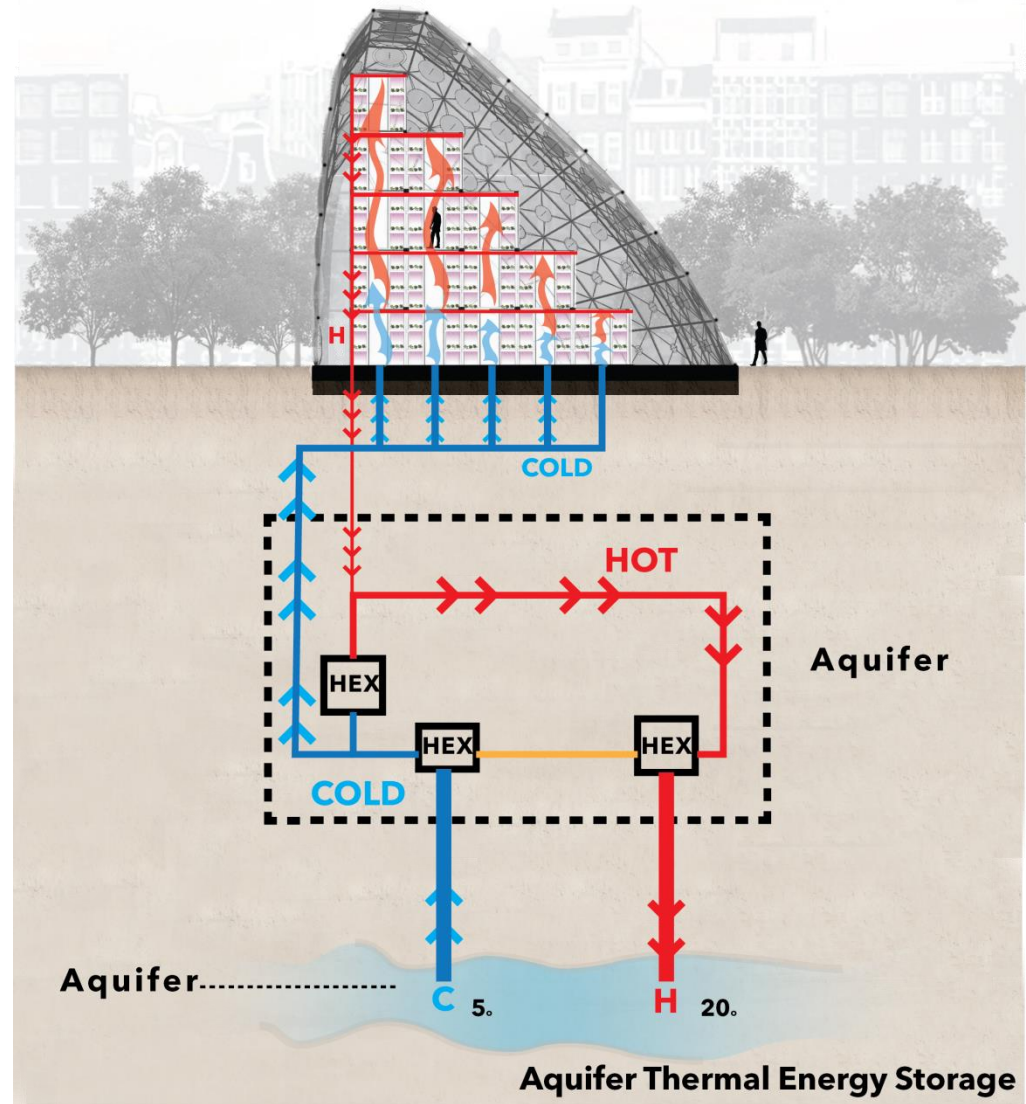


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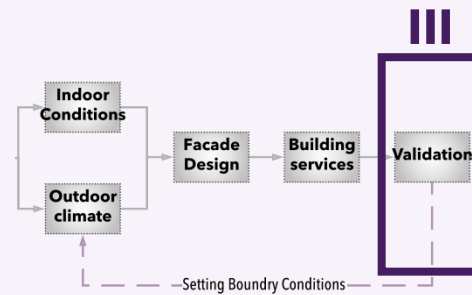
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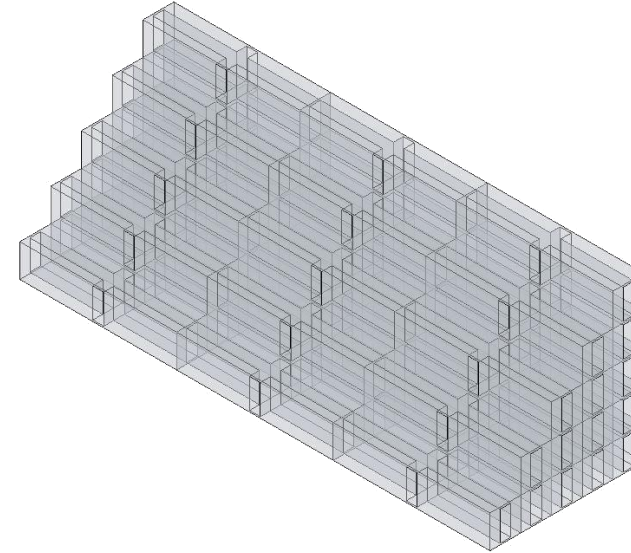
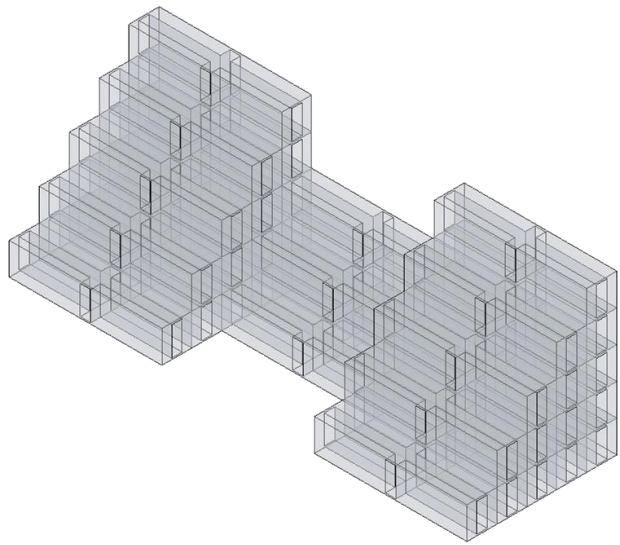


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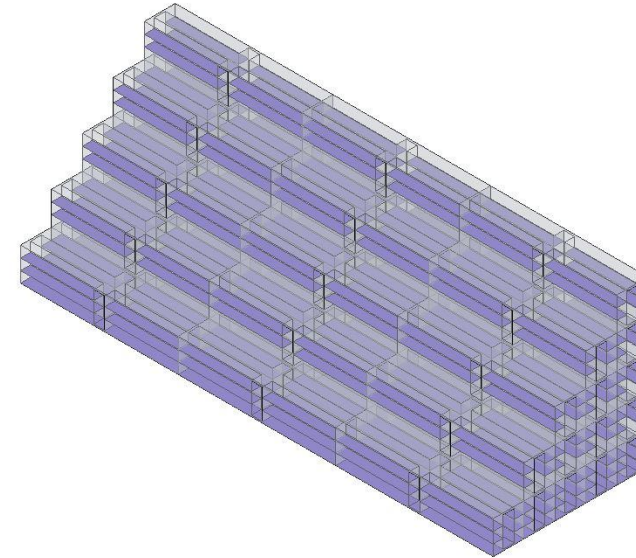
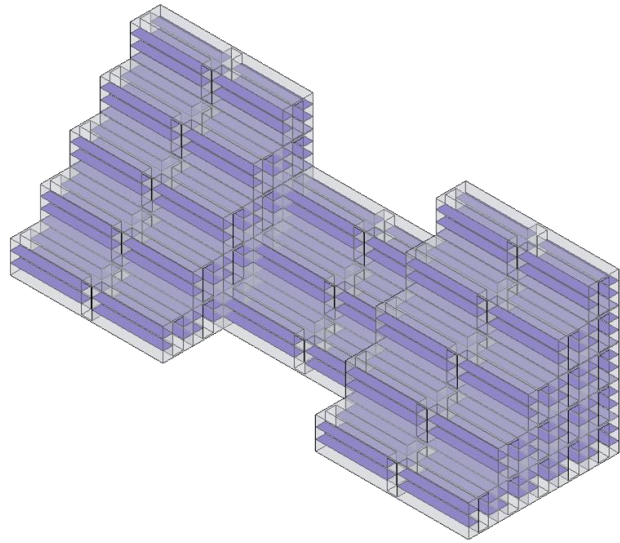


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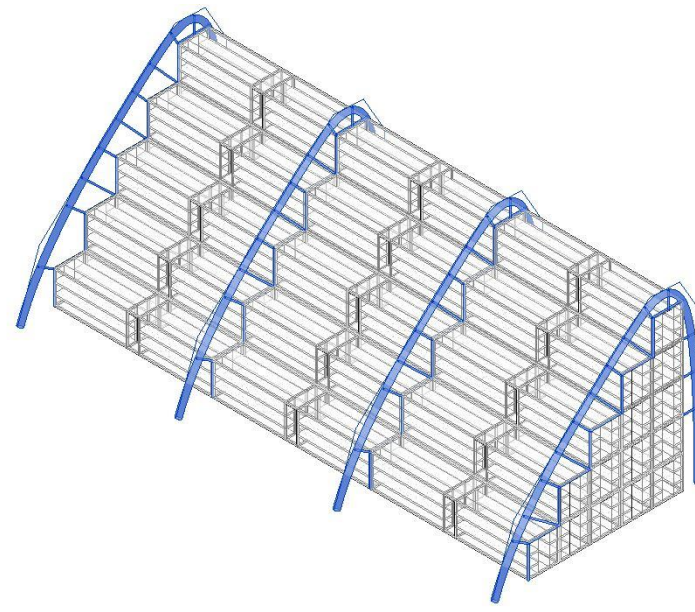
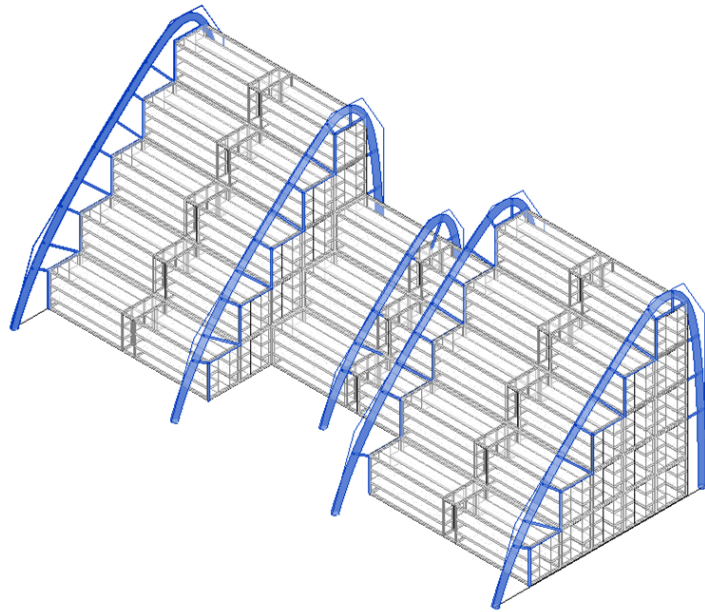
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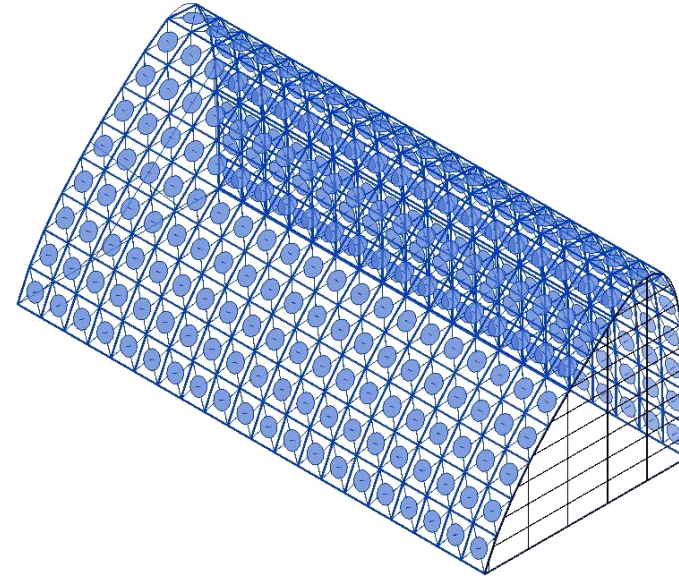
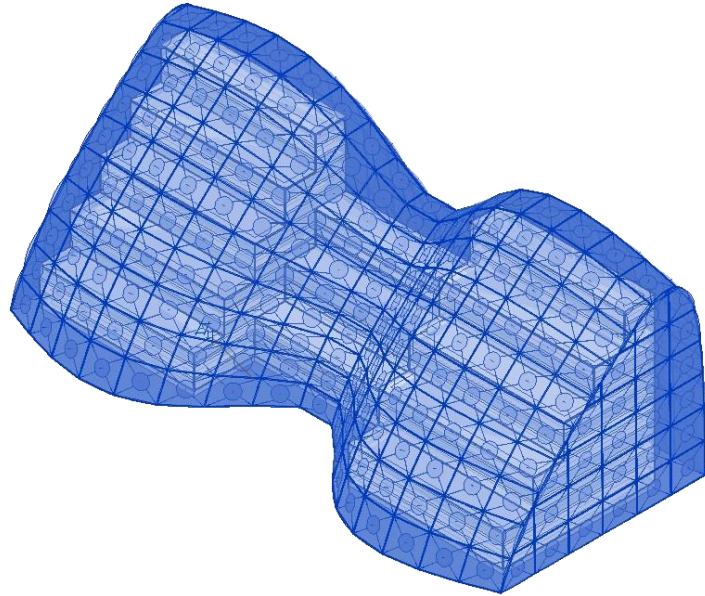


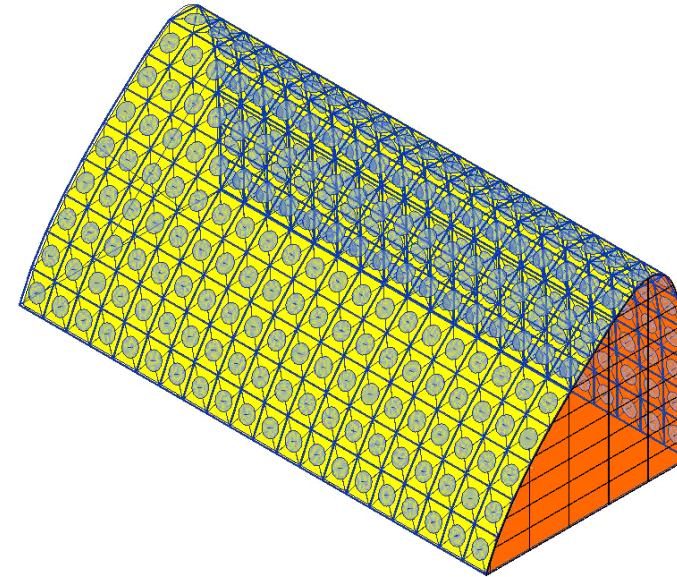
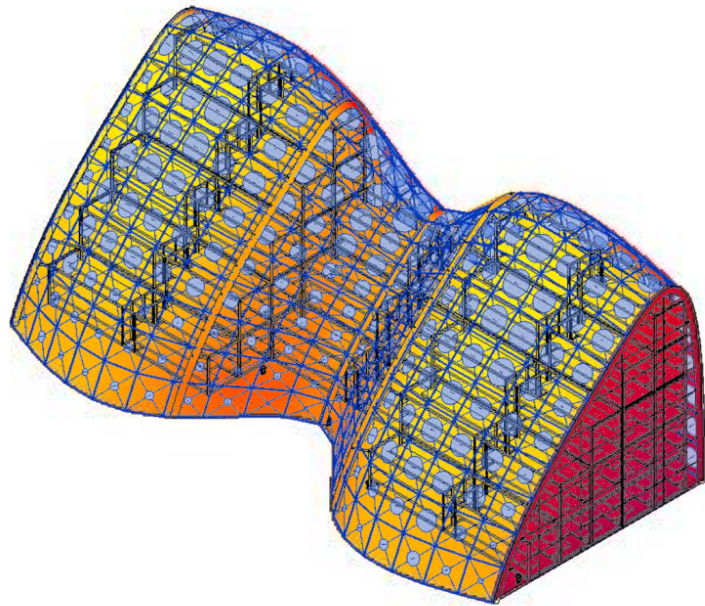
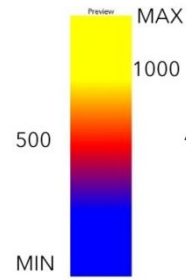
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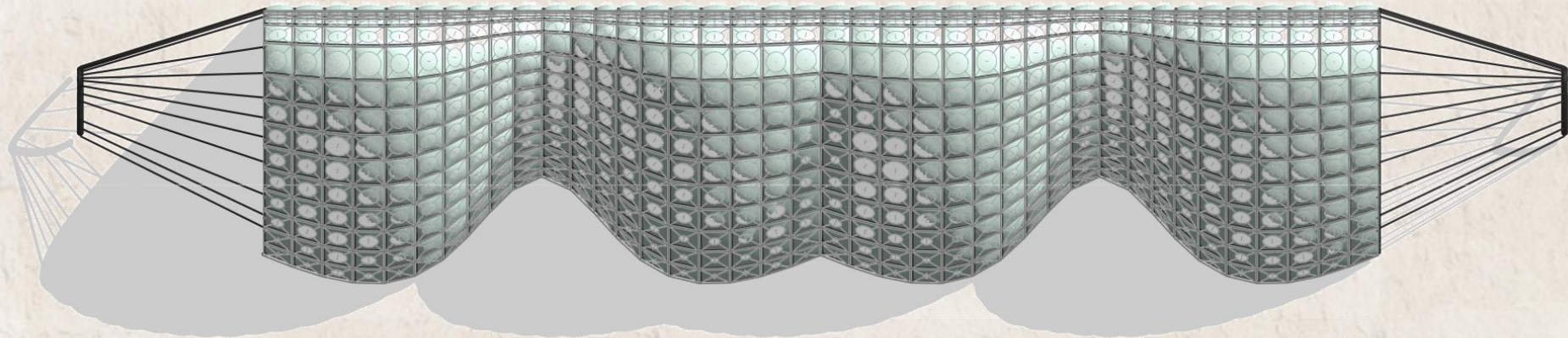
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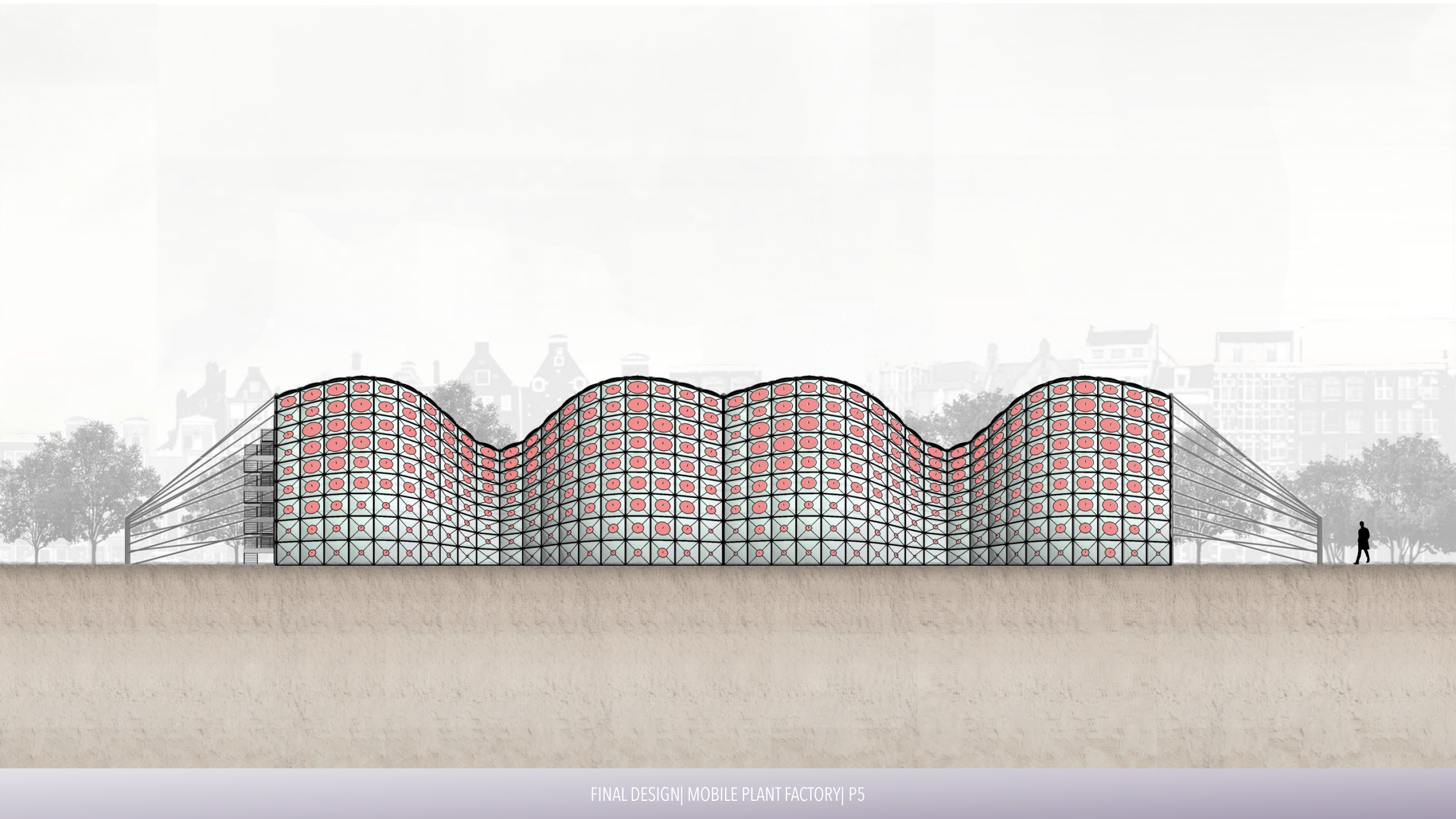




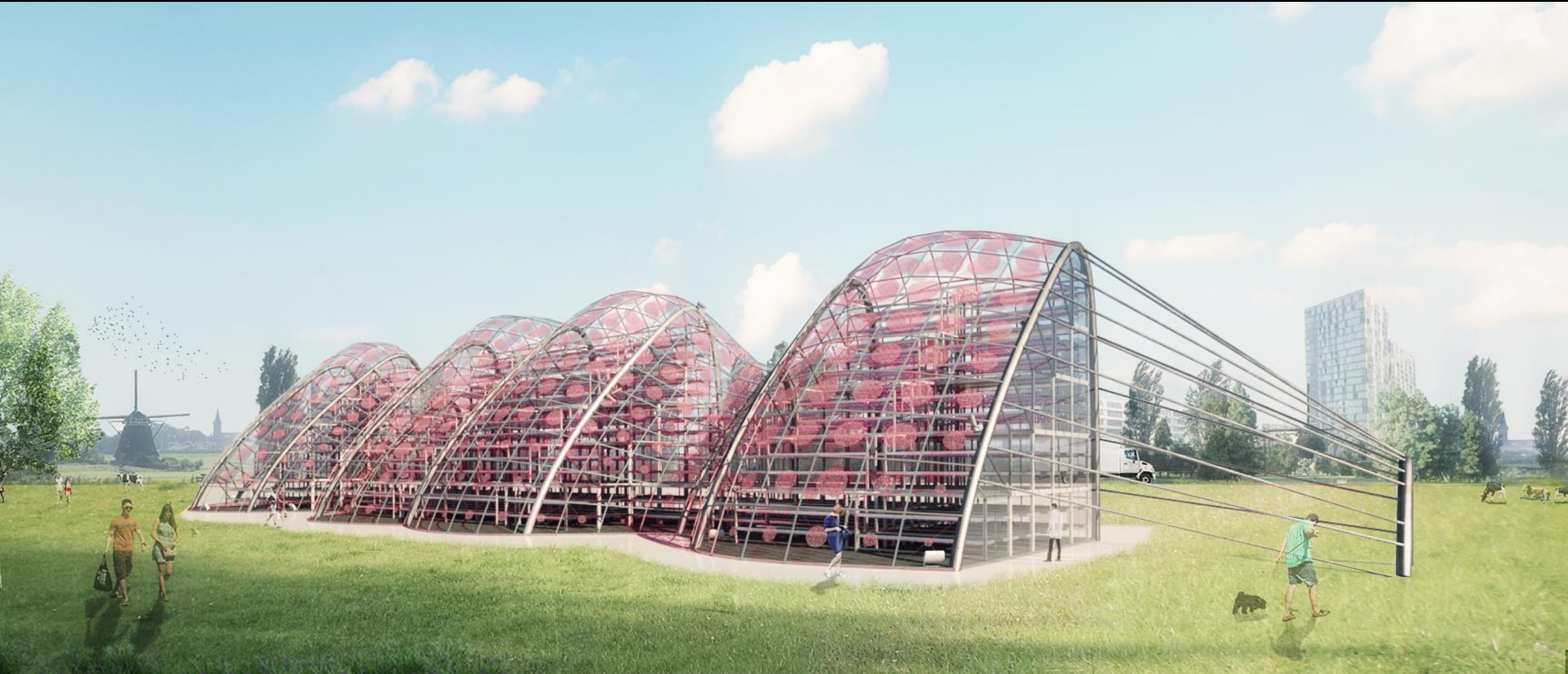




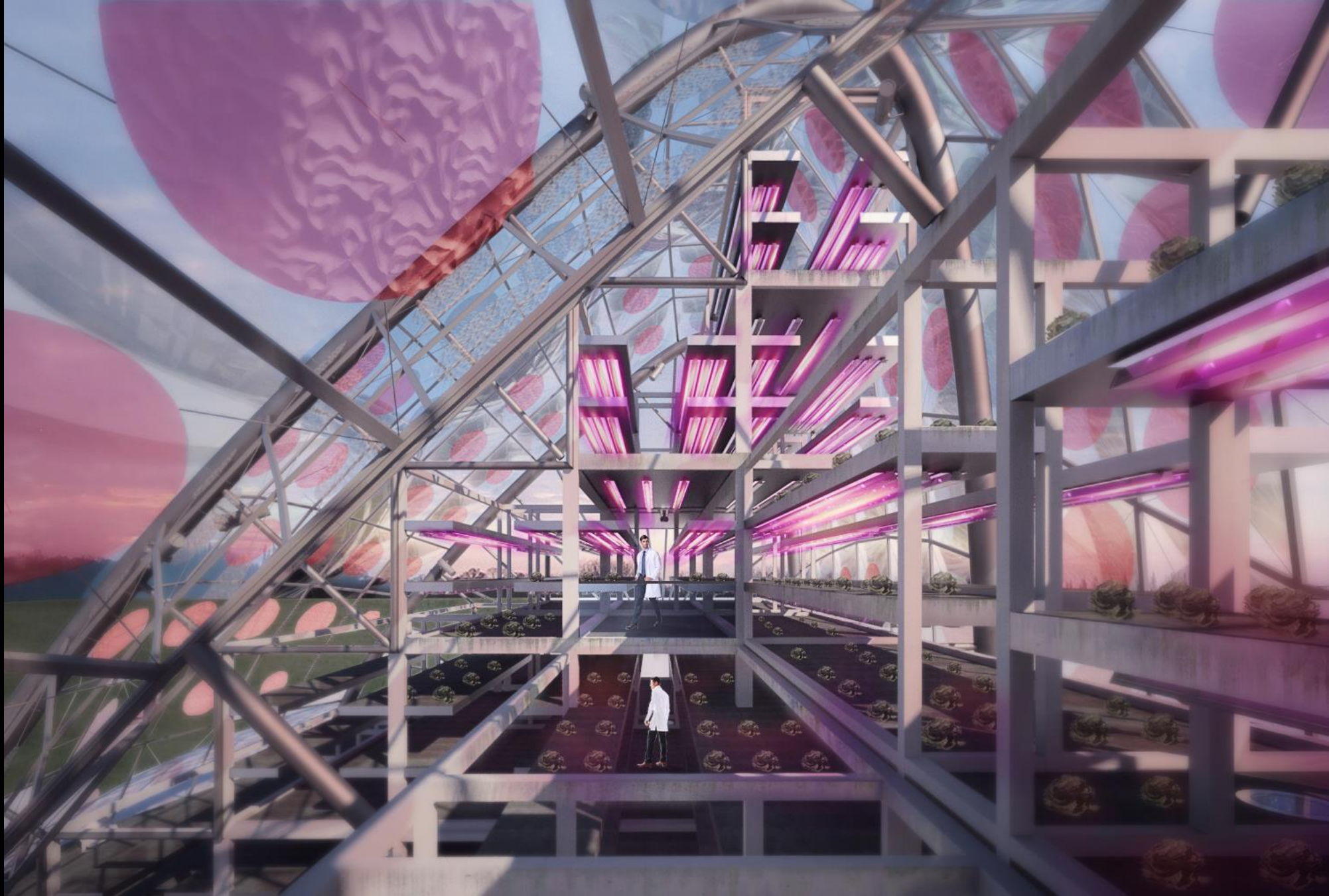




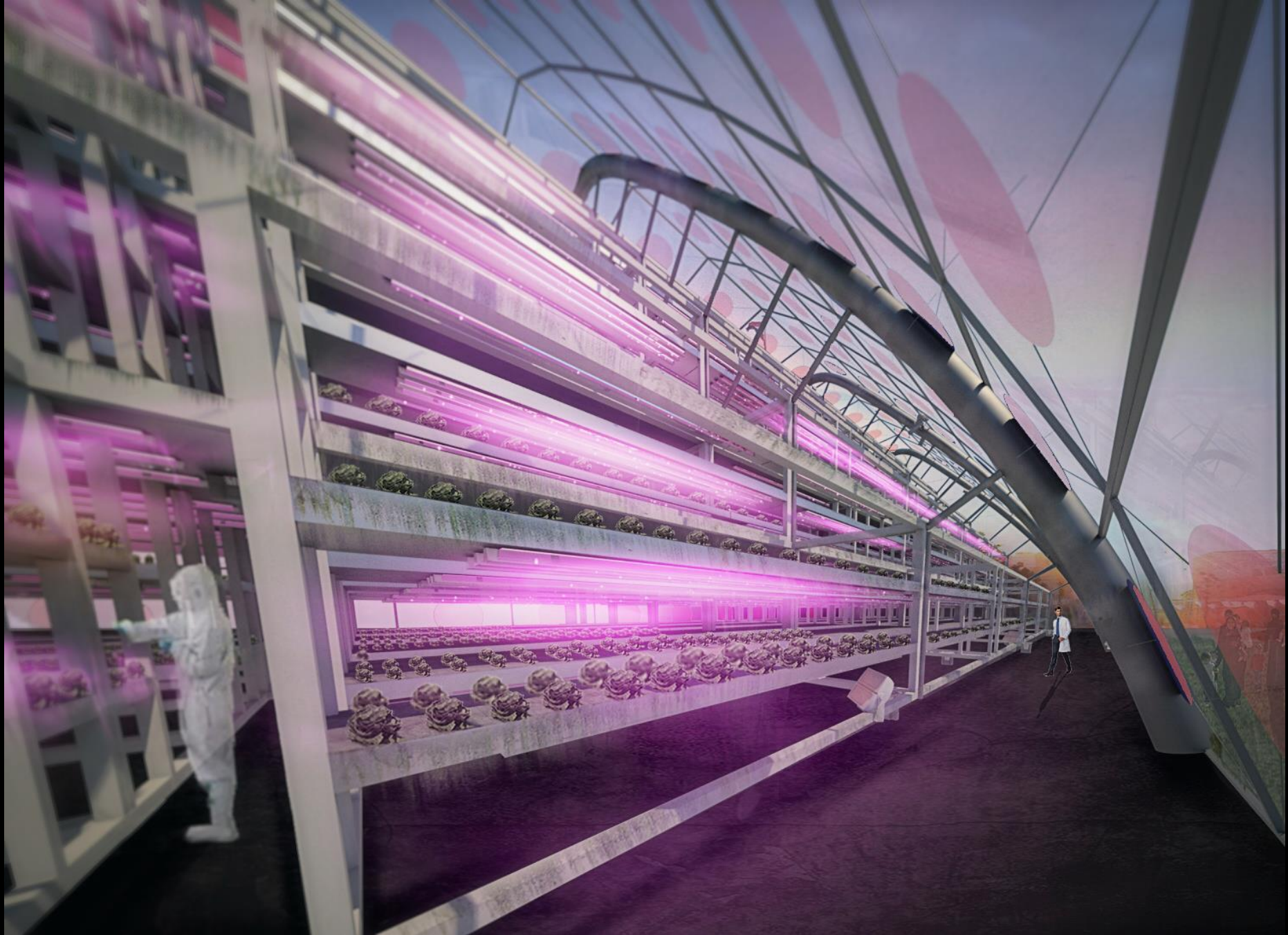












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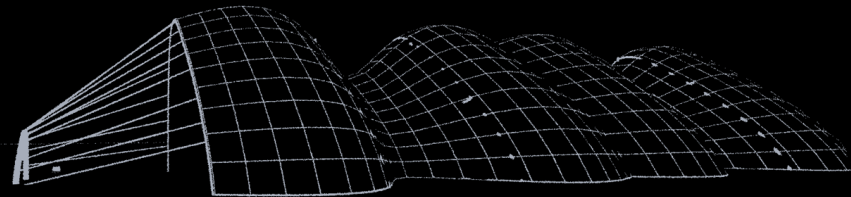






***“ The history of architecture is the history of the struggle for light ”***

***Le Corbusier***



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