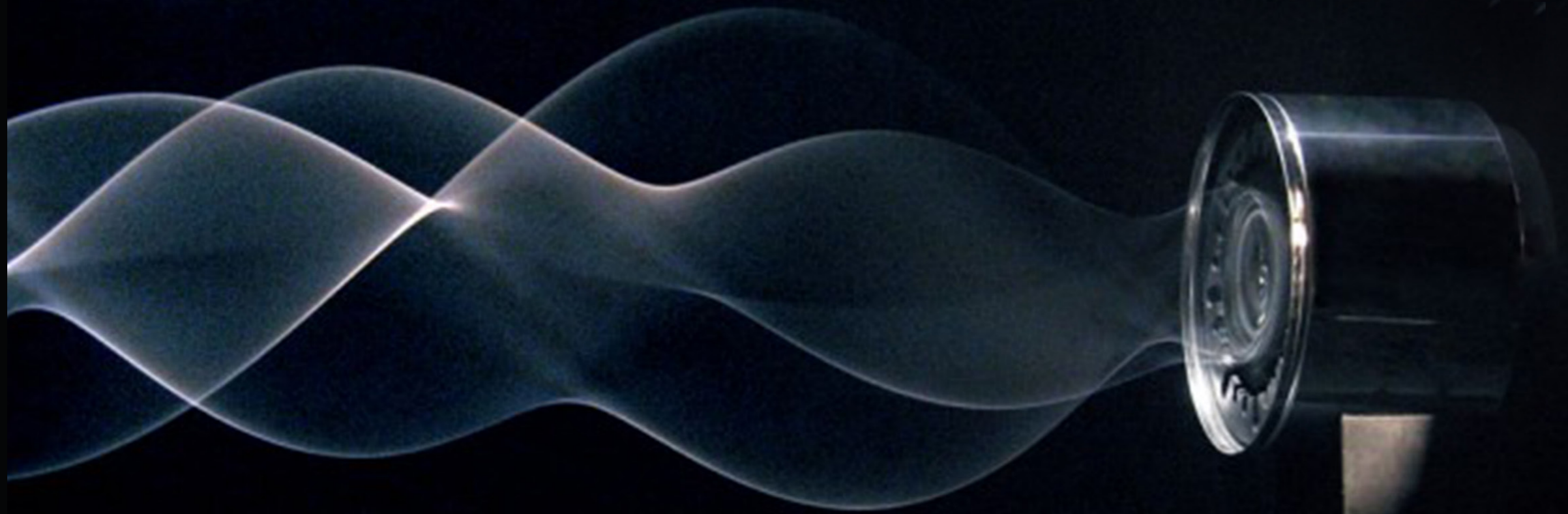


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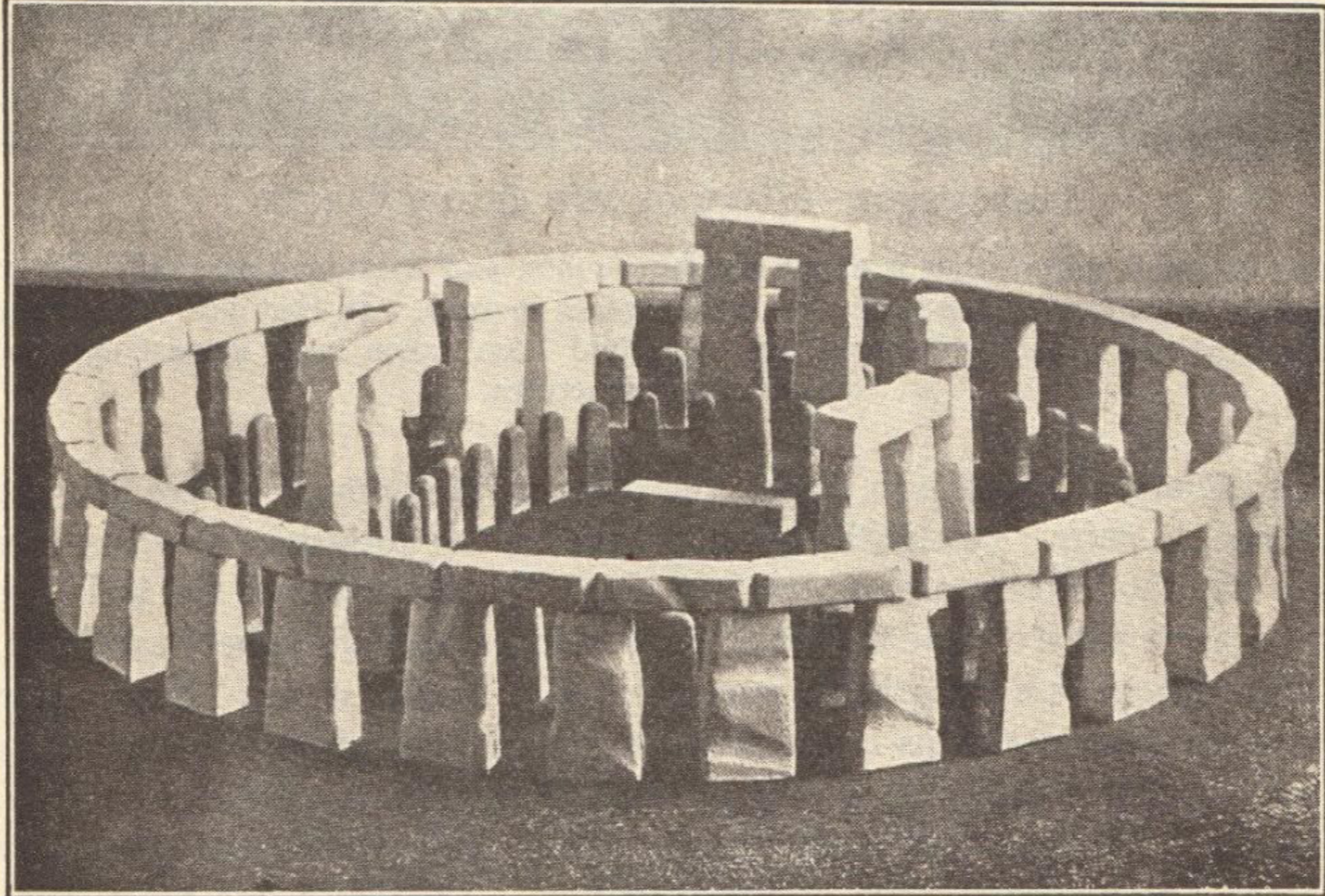
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STONEHENGE — RESTORATION







**WHAT CHANGED ?**



GRANDER & LOUDER V





MULTI-PURPOSE USE | DIFFERENT ACOUSTICAL NEEDS





RESULT | RETRO-FIT DESIGN SOLUTIONS





INDOOR PRACTICE | FACADE TO COVER COMPLEXITIES

“LISTEN! INTERIORS ARE LIKE LARGE INSTRUMENTS,  
COLLECTING SOUND, AMPLIFYING IT, TRANSMITTING IT  
ELSEWHERE.”

**- Peter Zumthor**

“AN ALTERED STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS...INVOLVES THE  
DESTABILIZATION OF ORDINARY CONSCIOUSNESS AND THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF ANOTHER MODE OF AWARENESS.”

**-Barbara Crowe**

“...[THE] INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN HUMANS AND SPACE IS A DIALOGUE  
THAT ENABLES US TO EXPERIENCE OURSELVES IN THE SOUND OF THE ROOM.”

**-Elizabeth Martin**

“BUILDINGS PROVIDE SPACES FOR LIVING BUT ARE ALSO DE FACTO INSTRUMENTS,  
GIVING SHAPE TO THE SOUND OF THE WORLD. MUSIC AND ARCHITECTURE ARE RELATED  
NOT ONLY BY METAPHOR, BUT ALSO THROUGH CONCRETE SPACE. EVERY BUILDING I  
HAVE ADMIRERD IS, IN EFFECT, A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT WHOSE PERFORMANCE GIVES  
SPACE A QUALITY THAT OFTEN SEEMS TO BE TRANSCENDENT AND IMMATERIAL.”

**- Daniel Libeskind**

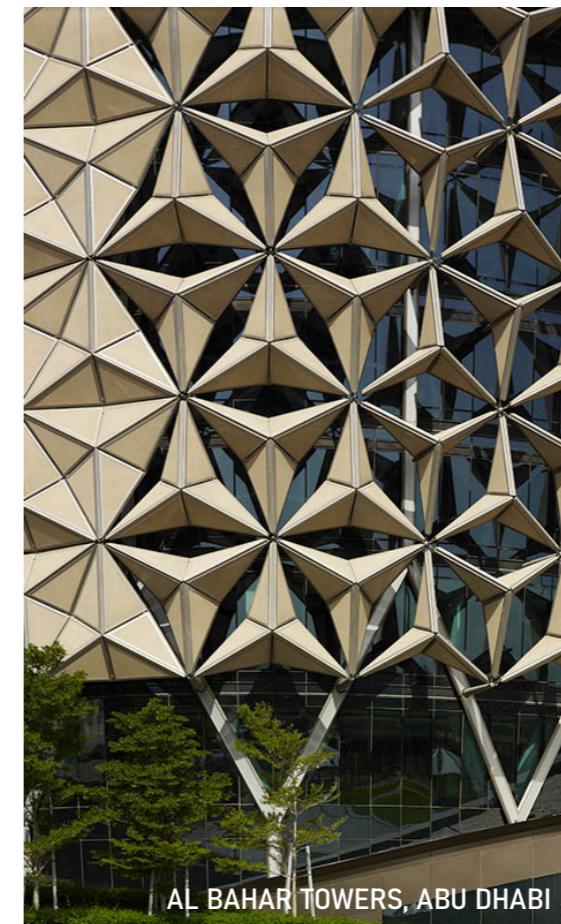
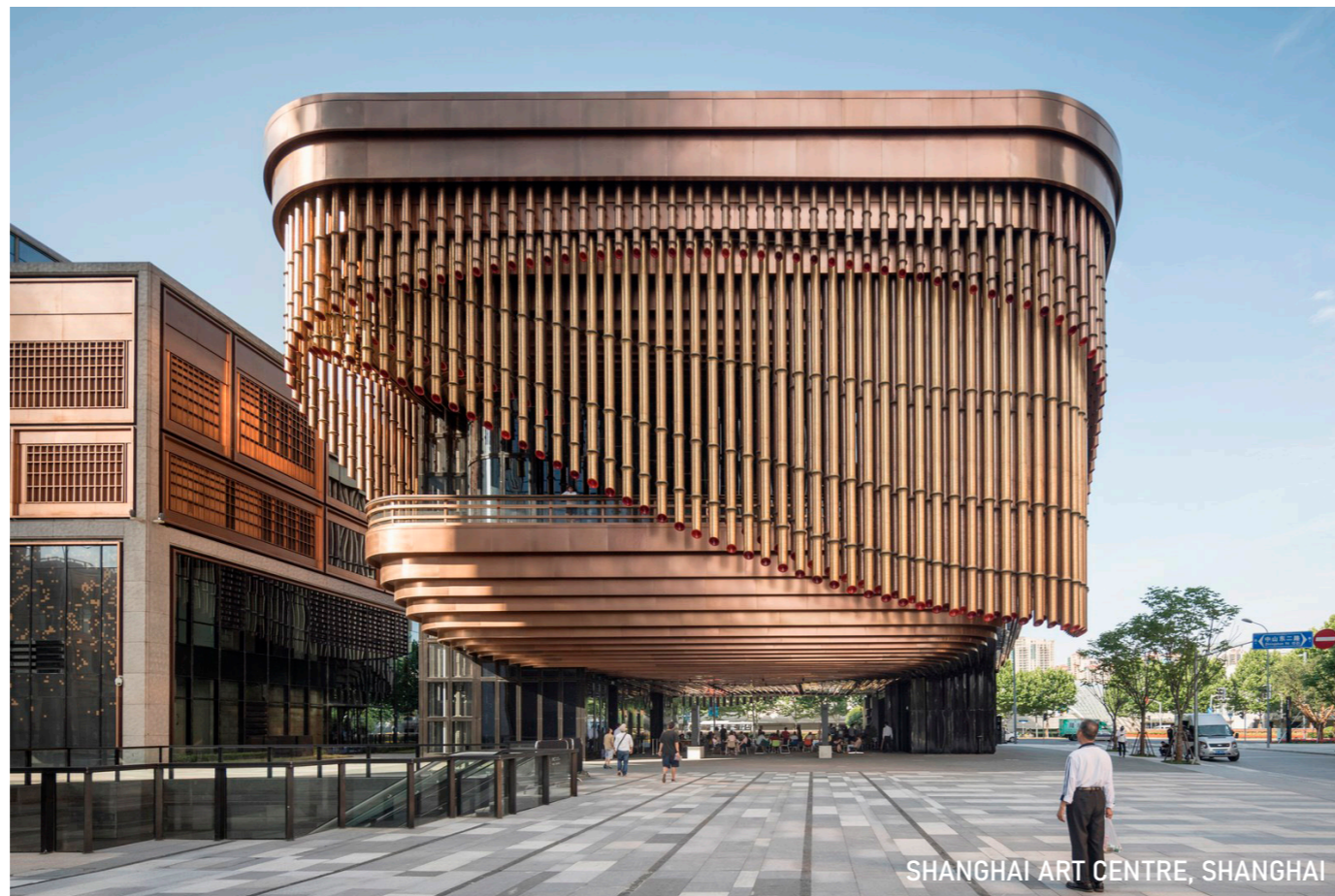
“...WHEN WE REFLECT ON OUR AURAL EXPERIENCE, OUR  
RESPONSE - BOTH CEREBRAL AND EMOTIONAL - IS OFTEN  
HIGHLY CHARGED, TANGIBLE, IMMEDIATE AND VISCERAL.”

**- Geoffrey Thun**

“...REVERBERANT ACOUSTICS PLAYS A FUNDAMENTAL  
ROLE IN CONVEYING THE ‘SACREDNESS’ OF PLACE...”

**- E. Cirillo**





ADAPTIVE ARCHITECTURE | RESPONSE TO THE CHANGING ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS.

## WHAT ABOUT ADAPTIVE ACOUSTICS ?

It is still an idea in a nascent stage that needs answers and need to be explored.





AND WHAT ABOUT USER INDULGENCE ?



ADAPTIVE INTERIORS | RESPONSE TO USER BEHAVIOUR



**THE IDEA.**

THE FOCUS NEEDS TO SHIFT TOWARDS IAD

## **INTERACTION ADAPTIVE DESIGN**

WHICH ON THE OUTSIDE RESPONDS TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND ON THE INSIDE  
RESPONDS TO THE USER



A VERY SIMPLE EXAMPLE OF THIS IS A MOTION SENSED LIGHT.



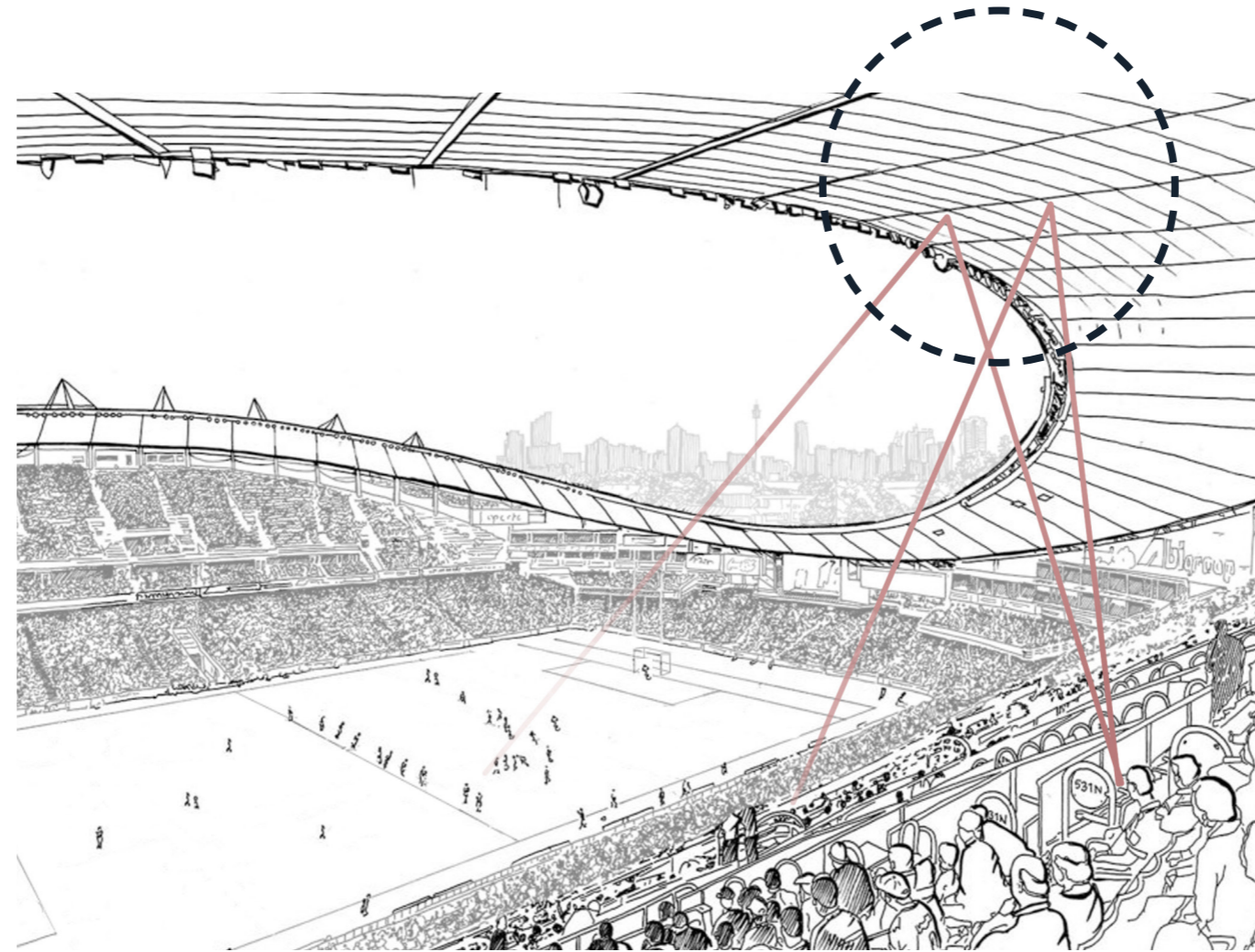
SO, HOW DO WE INTEGRATE SOUND AS AN ADVANTAGE

THE FIRST TASK WAS TO IDENTIFY SPACES WHERE THE USER BEHAVIOUR CAN HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT



AND WHAT BETTER SPACE THAN A JAM PACKED STADIUM

# PROBLEM



STADIUM | SOUND FROM CROWD SCATTERED IN THE STADIUM





CONCERT HALL | A PARTICULAR FREQUENCY RANGE CAN BE CORRECTED TO ESCALATE THE QUALITY OF THE PERFORMER



LECTURE ROOM | IT IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND THE PROFESSOR IN THE BACK SEATS BY CORRECTING THE SPEECH TRANSMISSION INDEX AND IMPROVE THE LECTURE UNDERSTANDING

# DIFFUSE

/ dɪ'fjuːz /

*verb*

spread over a wide area or between a large number of people.

“In the morning, sunlight diffused into the room”

WITH MANIPULATING THE WAY SOUND PROPAGATES IN A SPACE.





BALL DIFFUSE | IN CRICKET CATCH PRACTISE USING ROLLER





BALL DIFFUSE | IMPACTING THE DIRECTION





To enhance the experience of the 12th man by developing a sound responsive skin triggered with real time sound.

**THE 12<sup>TH</sup> MAN**

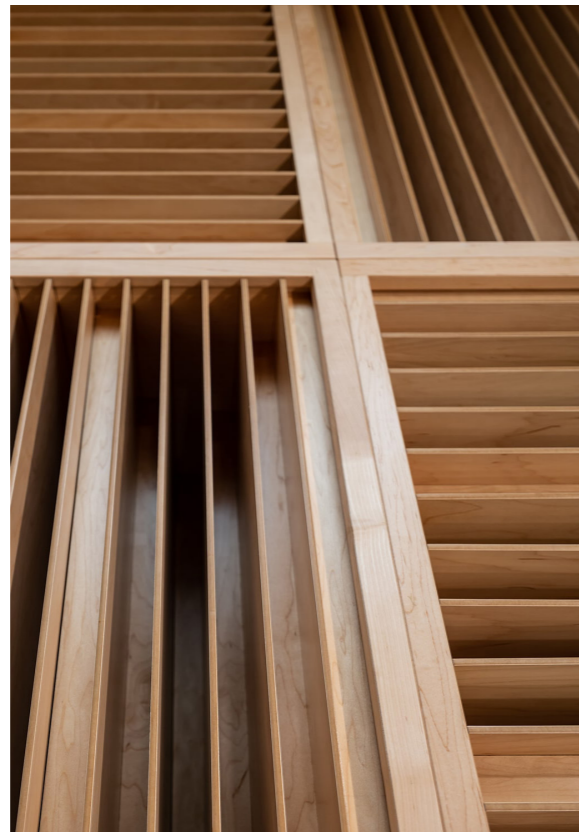


**THE DESIGN.**

# CONCEPT



# CONCEPT

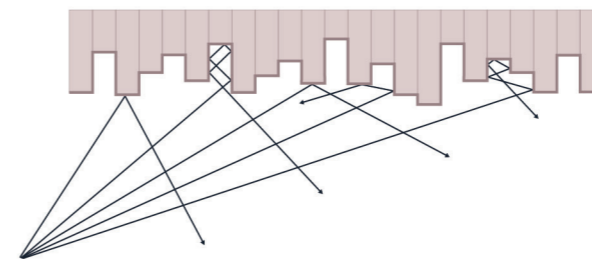
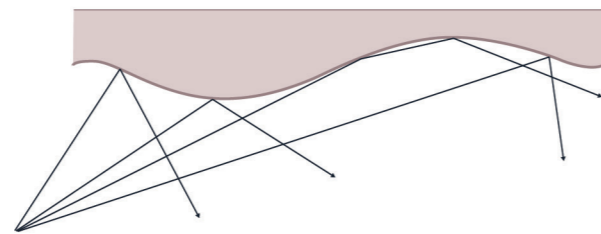


LINEAR DIFFUSOR | UNI  
DIRECTION



SKYLINE DIFFUSOR | OMNI DIRECTION

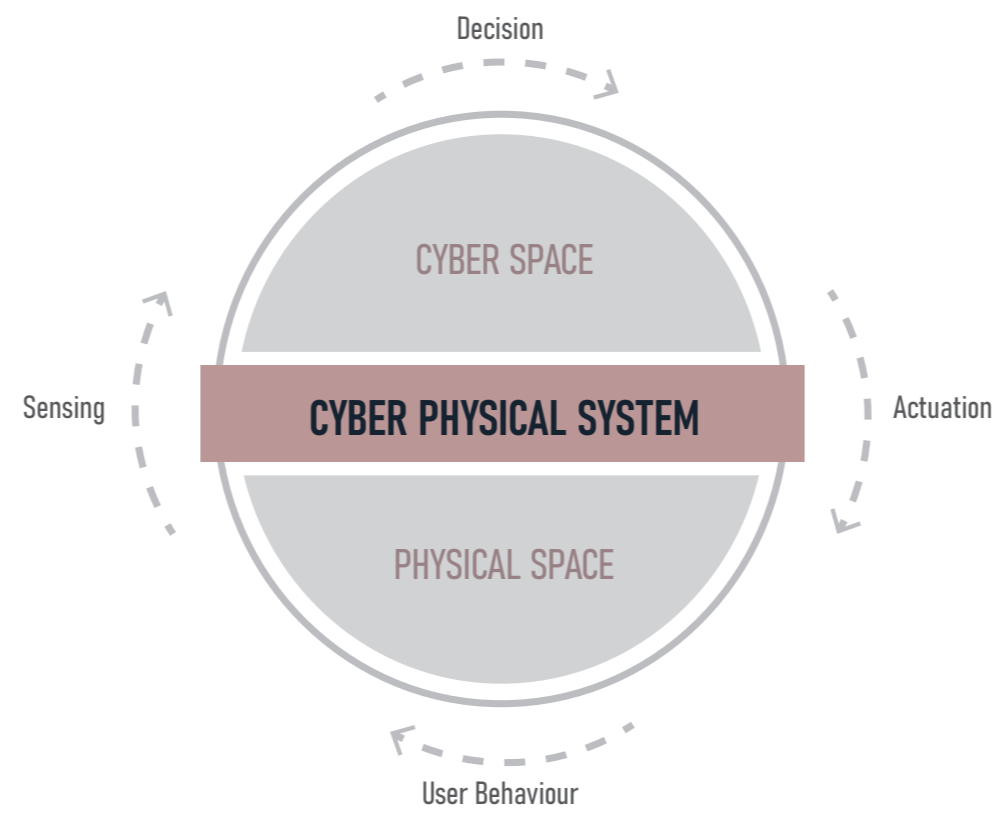




MOVING GEOMETRY | 3RD DIMENSION

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VISUAL TREAT | CHANGING GEOMETRIES



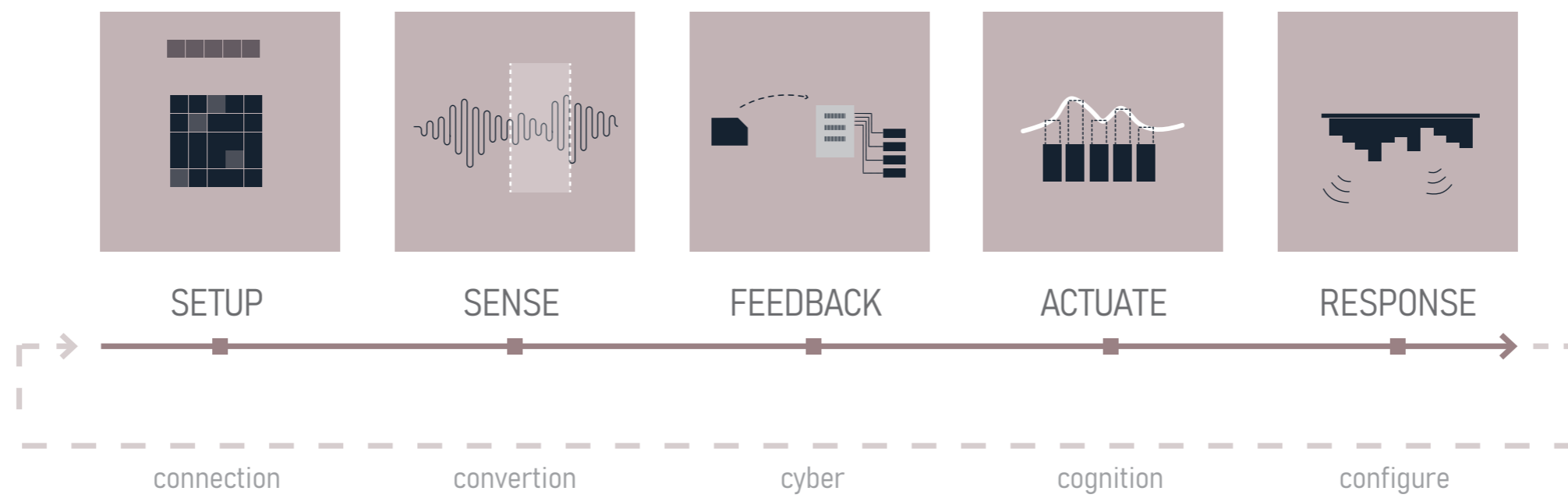
CYBER PHYSICAL SYSTEM | ACTUATION TRIGGERED BY THE USER BEHAVIOUR





AND THE TRIGGER IS TUNED TO THE LIVE SOUND IN THE SPACE

**THE WORKING.**



FIVE PRINCIPLES OF CPS





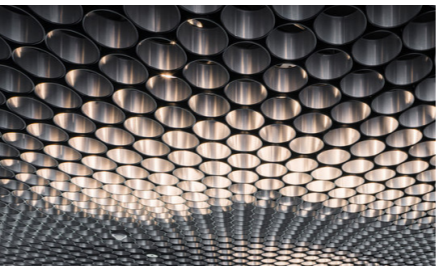
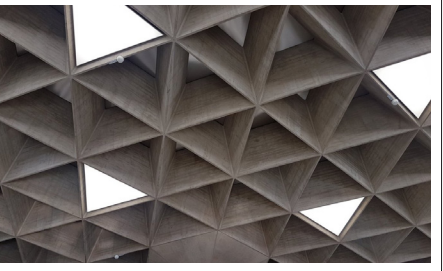
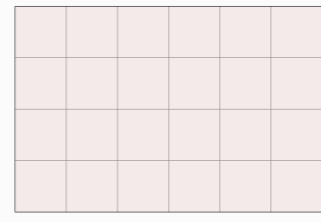
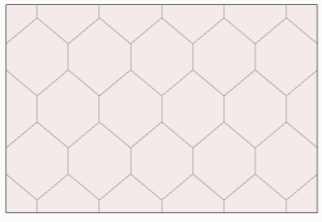
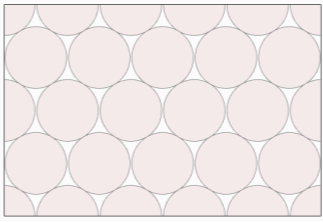
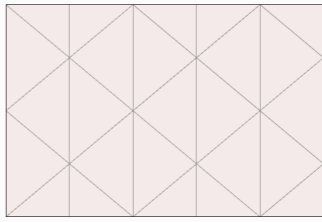


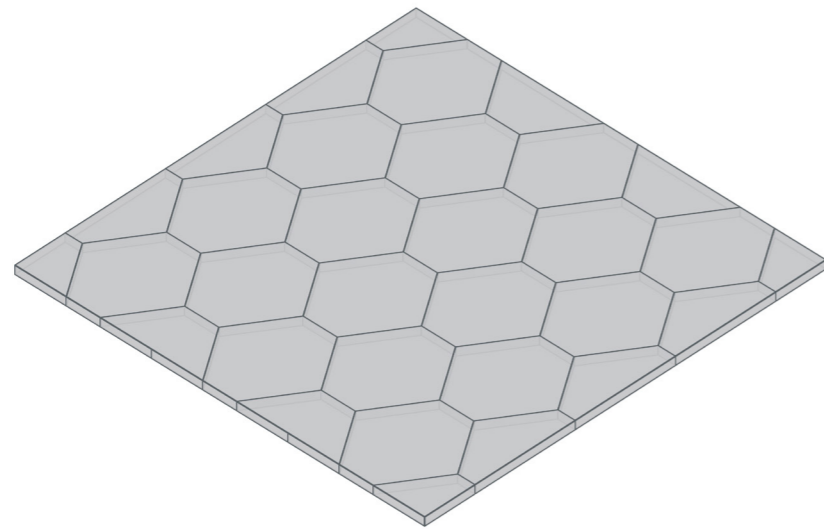
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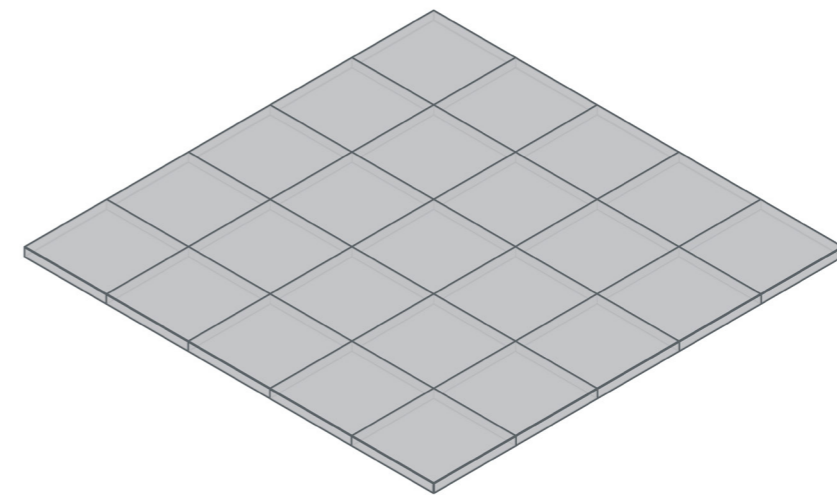
PATTERN DESIGN

MOVEMENT STRATEGY | ALTERNATE GRID

	FOOTBALL STADIUM	OFFICE WORKSPACE	LECTURE ROOM	AUDITORIUM
SPACE TYPE	Outdoor large open stand	Indoor small-size closed room	Indoor medium-size closed room	Indoor large-closed closed hall
CEILING IMAGE				
GRID TYPOLOGY				
SUPPORT FRAMEWORK	Structural grid roof support	Suspended false ceiling	Suspended false ceiling	Structural Coffered slab



HEXA | GRID  
KLEIN



QUAD | GRID  
GROOT  
KLEIN

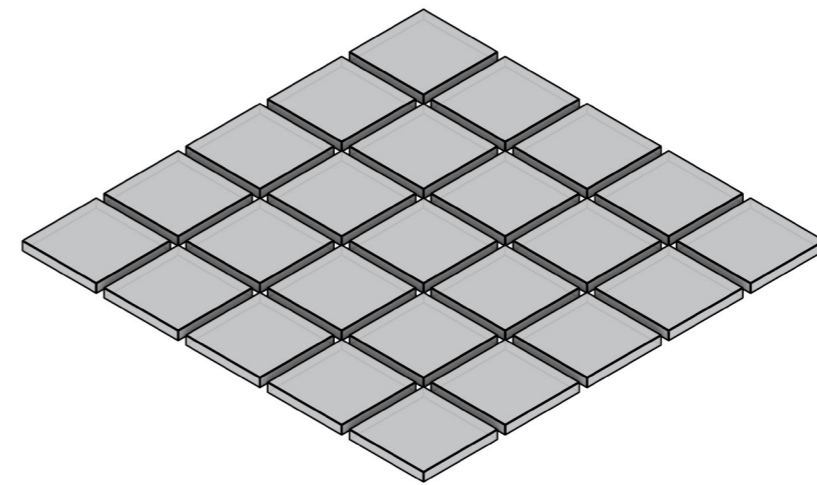


**TILE | SIZE**

SAME AS A CONVENTIONAL ACOUSTIC TILE

0.6 X 0.6 M

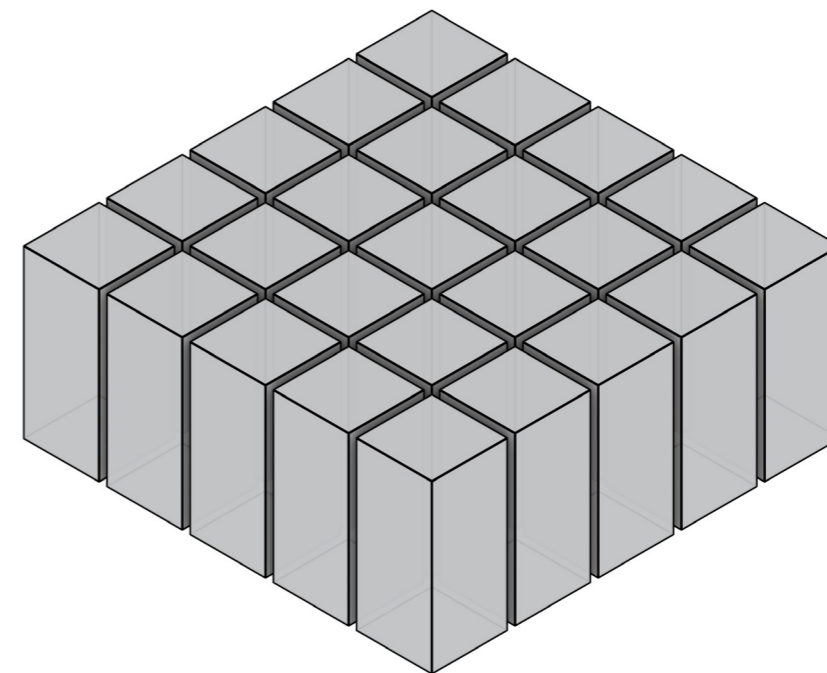
0.3 X 0.3 M



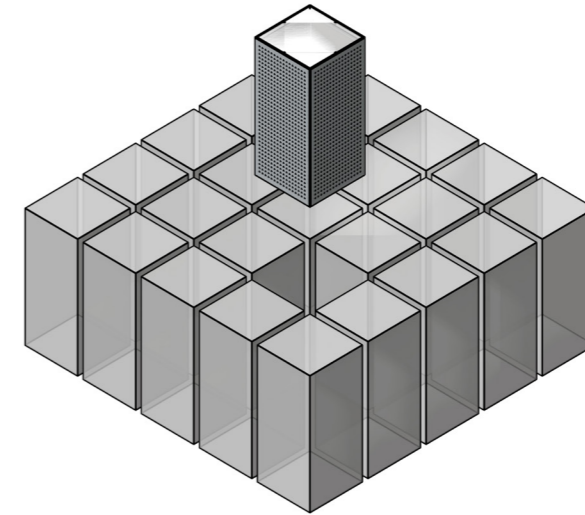
**BLOCK | HEIGHT**

AS PER THE RESEARCH FINDINGS

HEIGHT (H) = 2 X WIDTH (W)

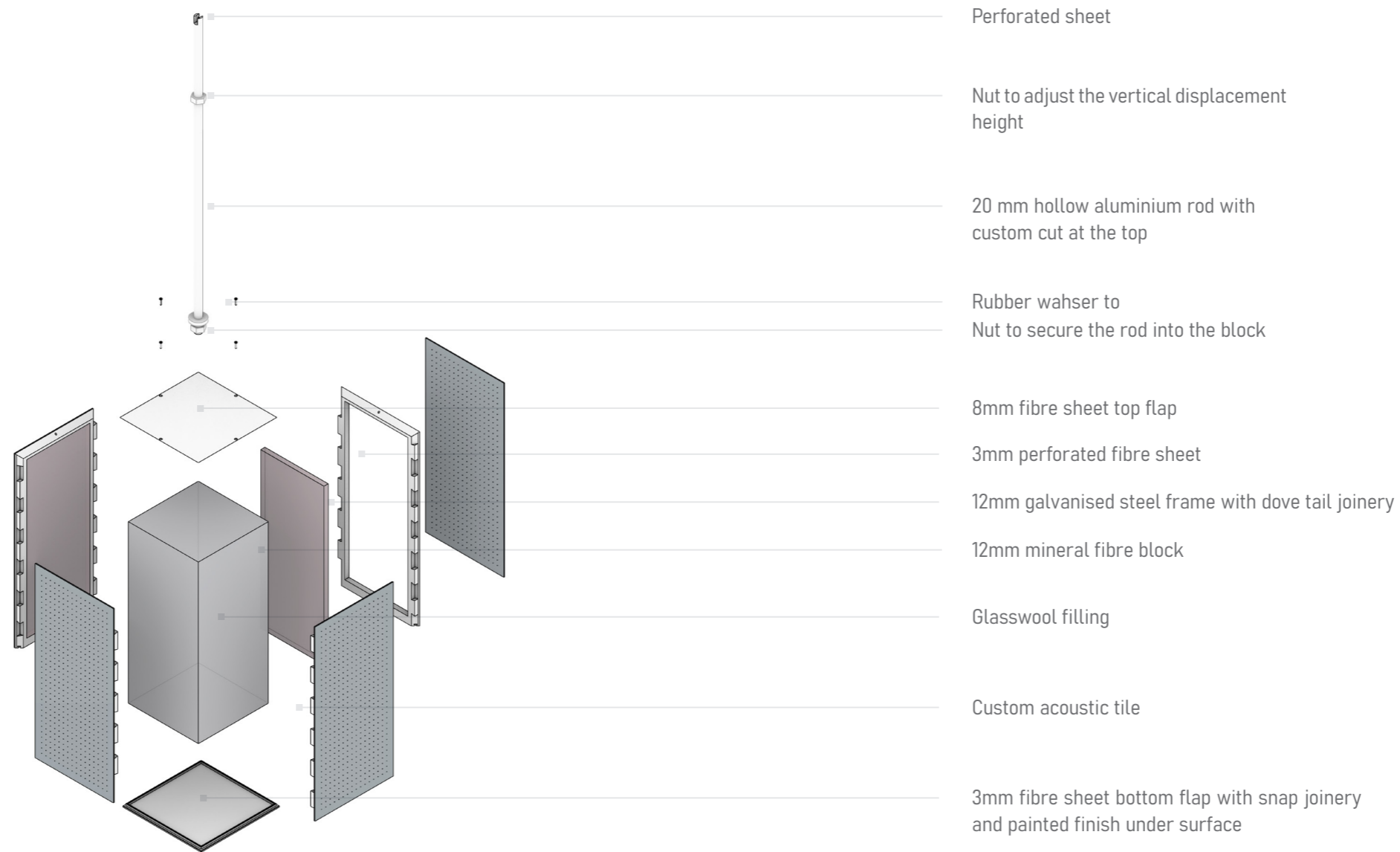


# ACUTE BLOCK





# BLOCK COMPOSITION



FOUR TILES MAKE A BLOCK



# SENSE

SOUND SOURCE

LOCATION POINT

SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DB)

SOUND SOURCE FOR PROTOTYPE

# DUAL-KINECT SYSTEM

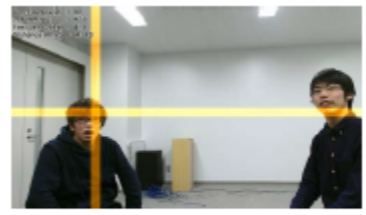
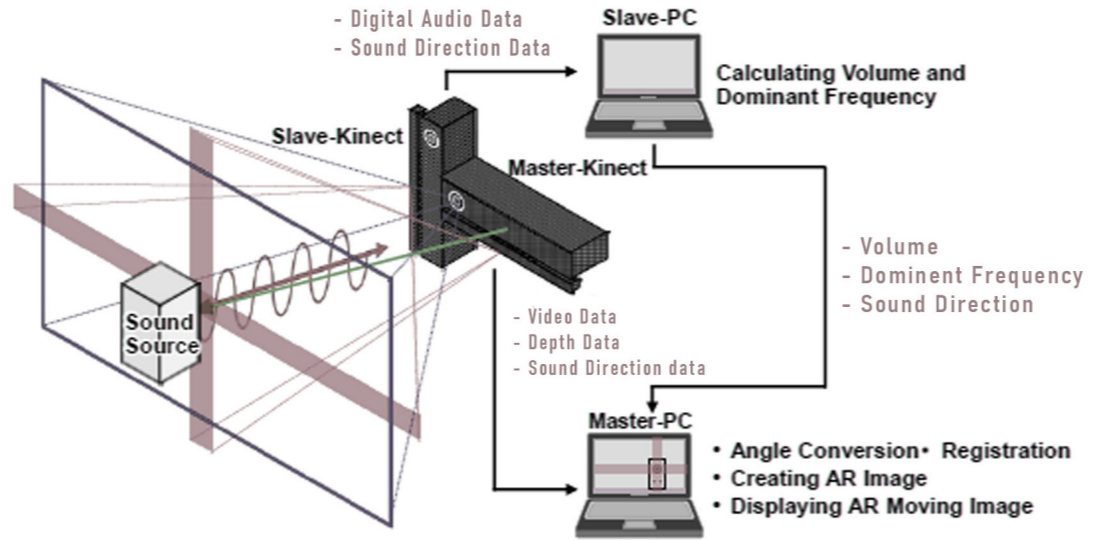


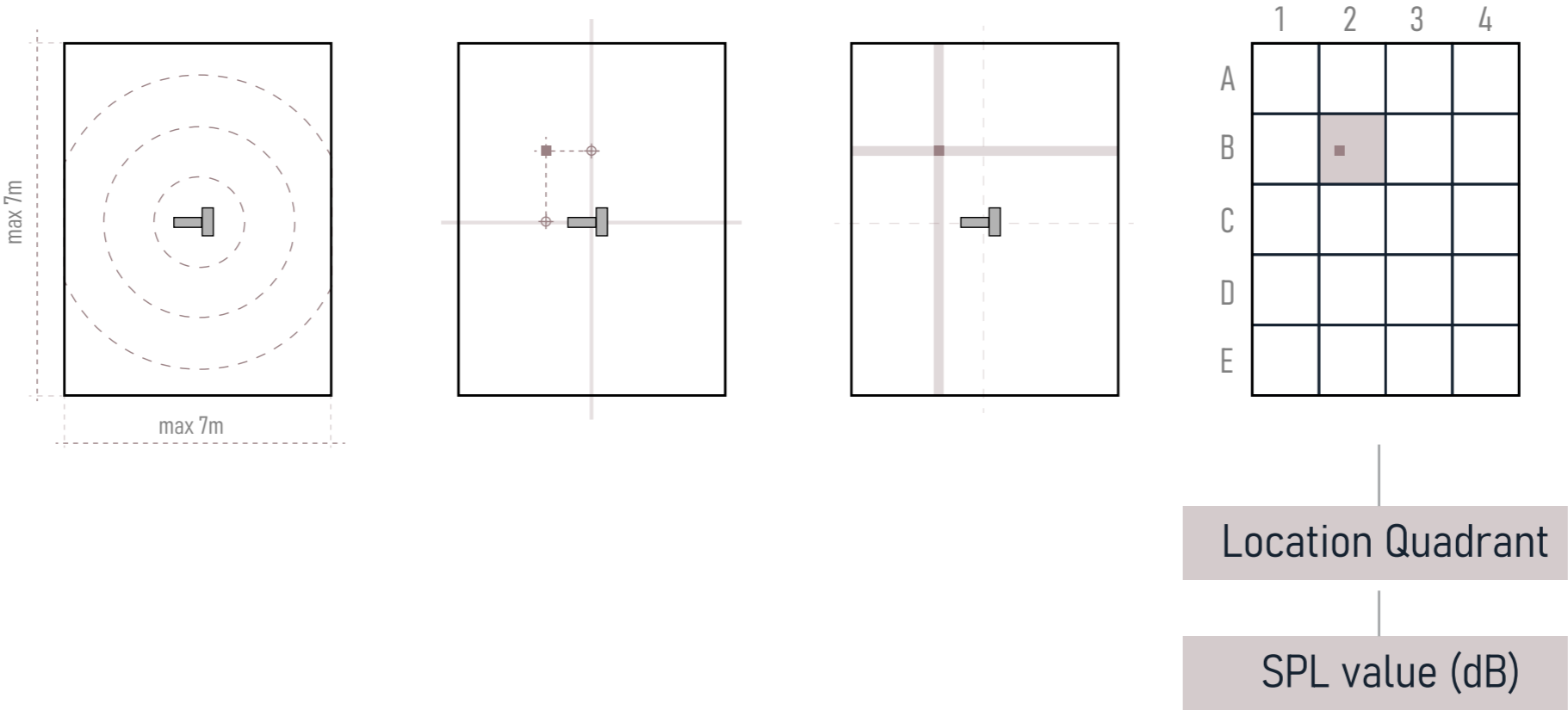
Fig. 3 Sample of output system



Fig. 4 Legend for AR lines



# SOURCE LOCALIZATION



# FEEDBACK

DATA TYPE

FEEDBACK INPUT

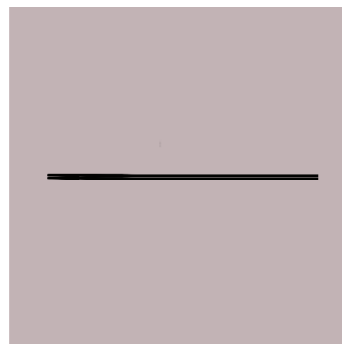
DATA SELECTION

# DATA TYPE

## STATIC

SPACE/ROOM BASED

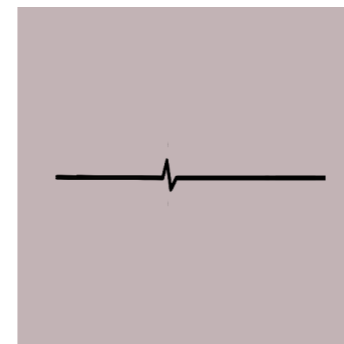
FIXED FOR A SPACE



## SPORADIC

ACTIVITY/FUNCTION BASED

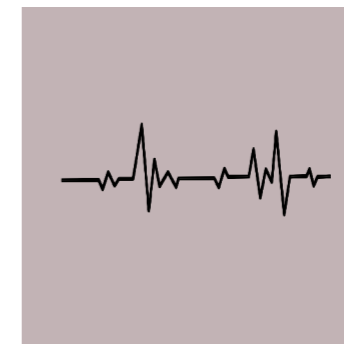
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## DYNAMIC

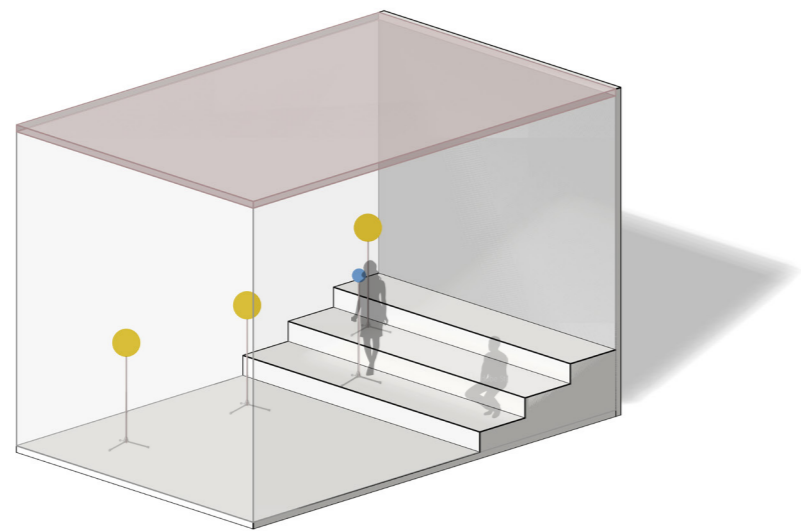
USER BEHAVIOUR BASED

ALWAYS CHANGING

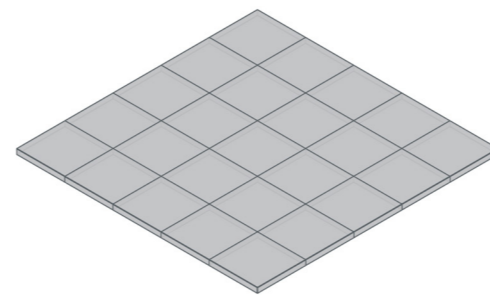




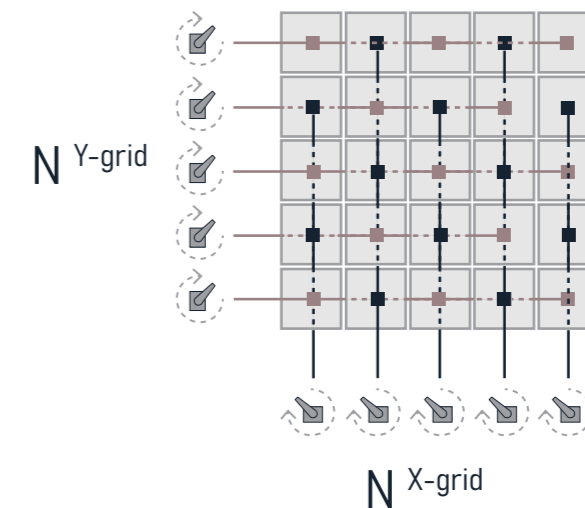
# STATIC DATA



Room Type

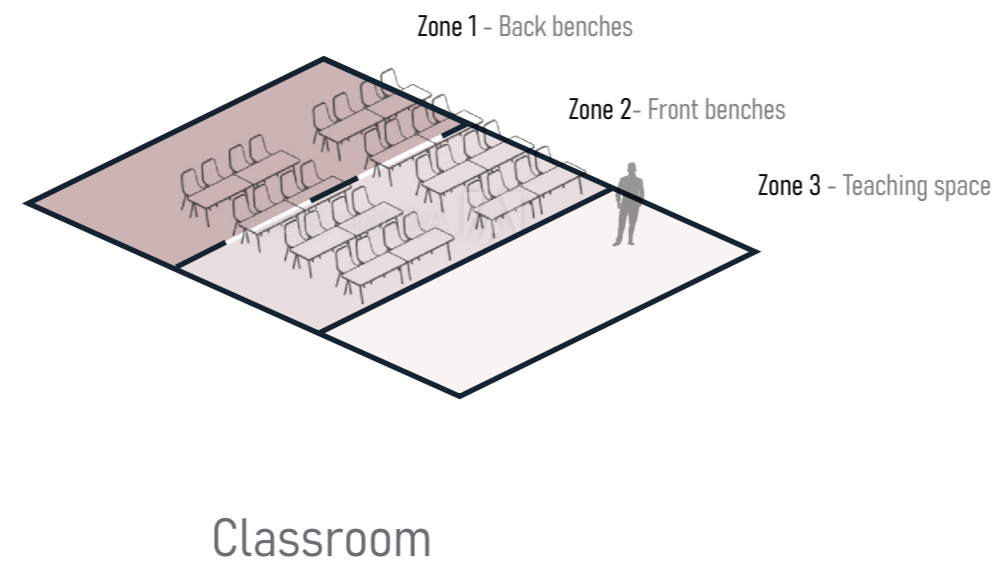
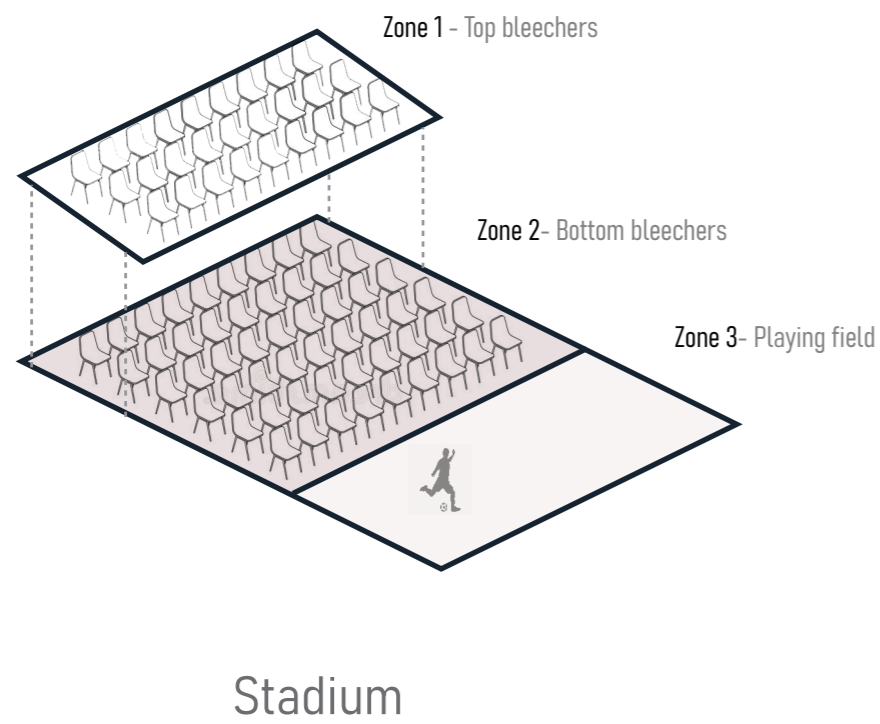


Block Design



Actuator System

# SPORADIC DATA



Zone Division

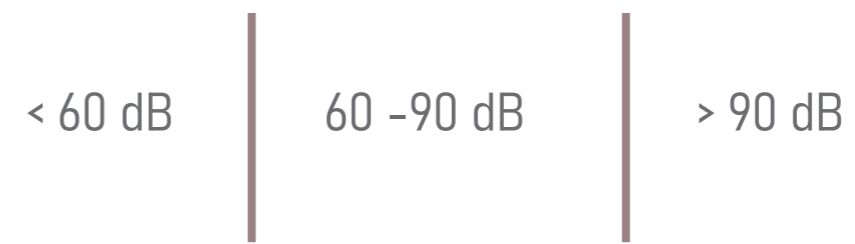


Acoustic preference

# DYNAMIC DATA

	1	2	3	4
A				
B		■		
C				
D				
E				

Location Quadrant



SPL value (dB)

# FEEDBACK INPUT

FEEDBACK LOOP INPUT					
STATIC		SPORADIC		DYNAMIC	
Room Type	Choice (A, B)	Number of Zones	Integer	Source Quadrant	Text + Integer
Block Design & Size	Choice (Quad G, Quad K, Hexa K)	Acoustic property preference	Choice (Number of Rays, SPL value)	SPL value range (dB)	Integer
Acoustic Properties	Room & block surfaces	Task	Choice (Maximize, Minimize)		
Number of Actuators	Integer (x-axis) + Integer(y-axis)				
Rotation steps	Integer				



# ACTUATE

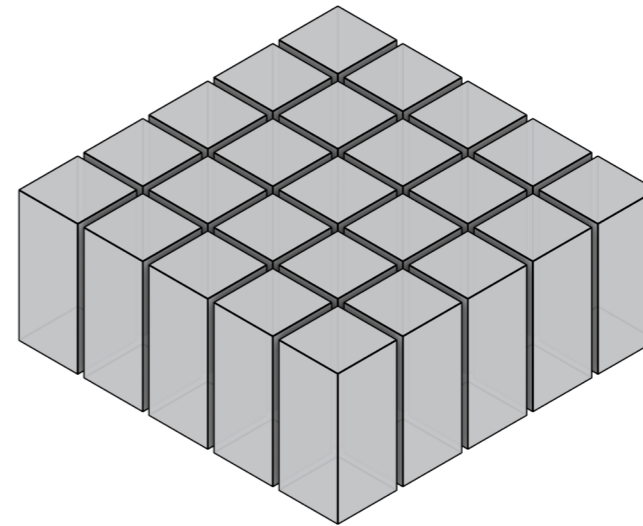
DIVISION GRIDS

DATA SIMPLIFICATION

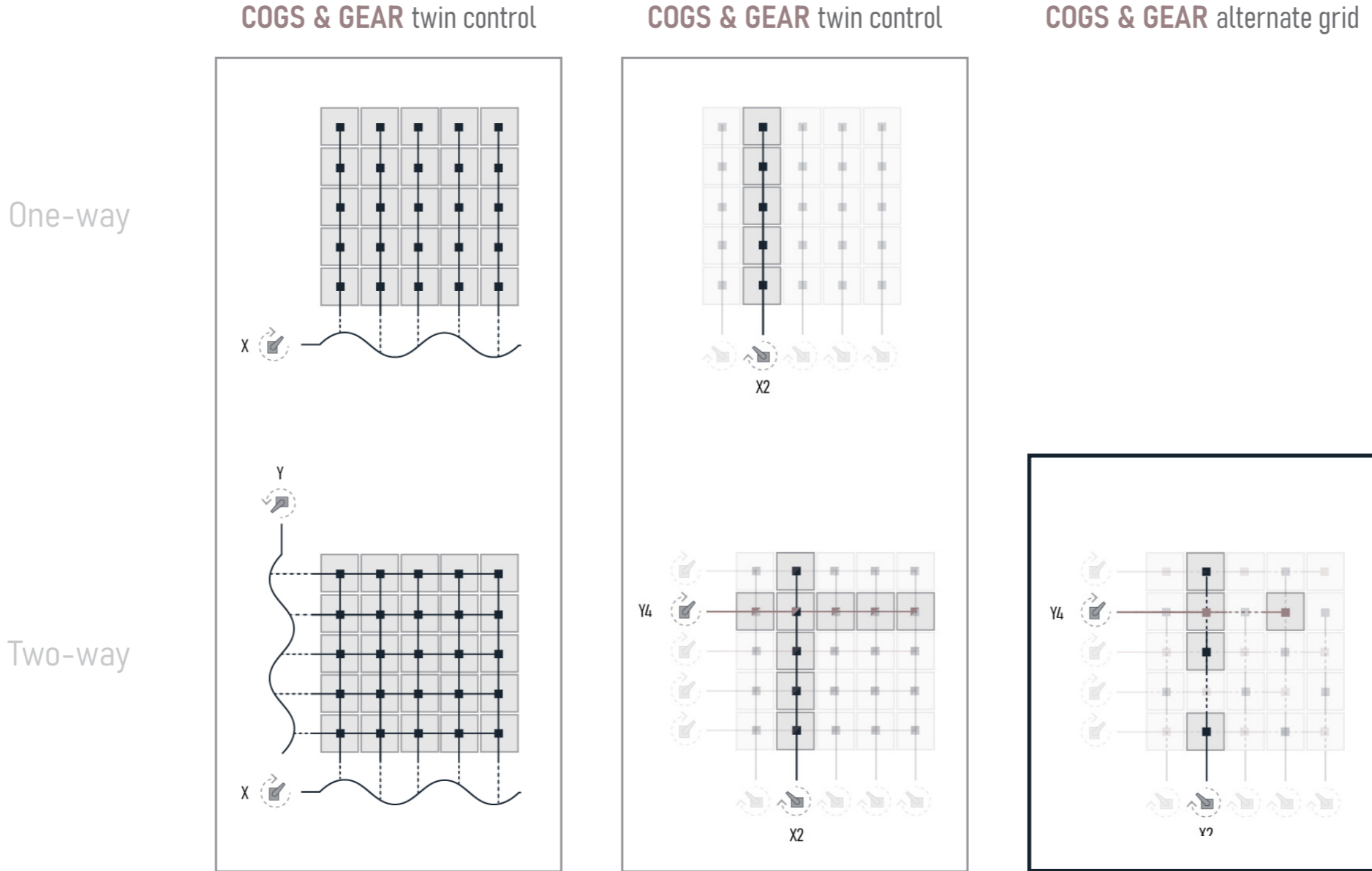
FEEDBACK OUTPUT

## BLOCK MOVEMENT

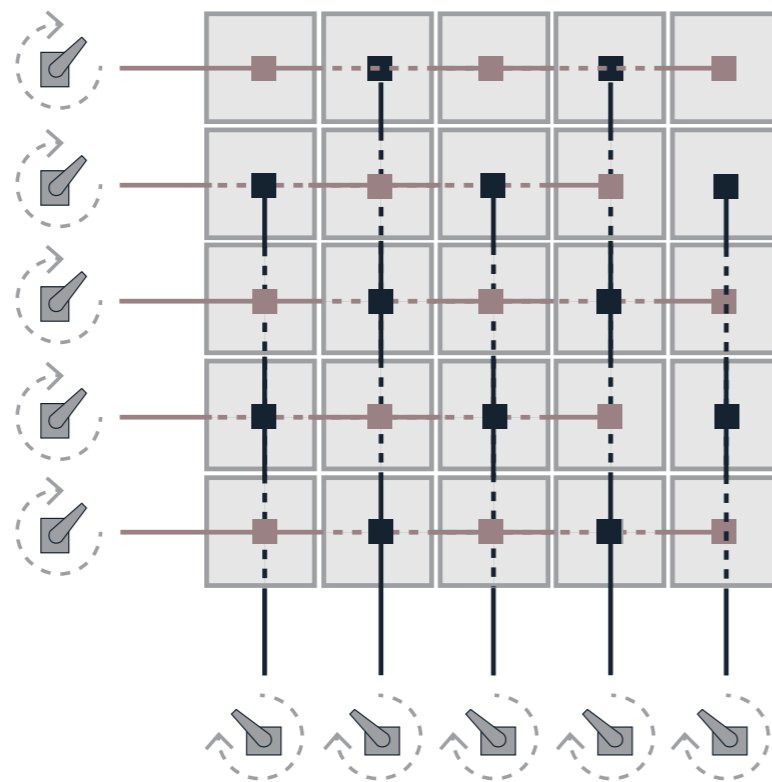
INSTEAD OF MOVING THEM INDIVIDUALLY, CREATE A SERIES WITH WHICH WE CAN REDUCE THE MOTORS TO MOVE THE BLOCKS



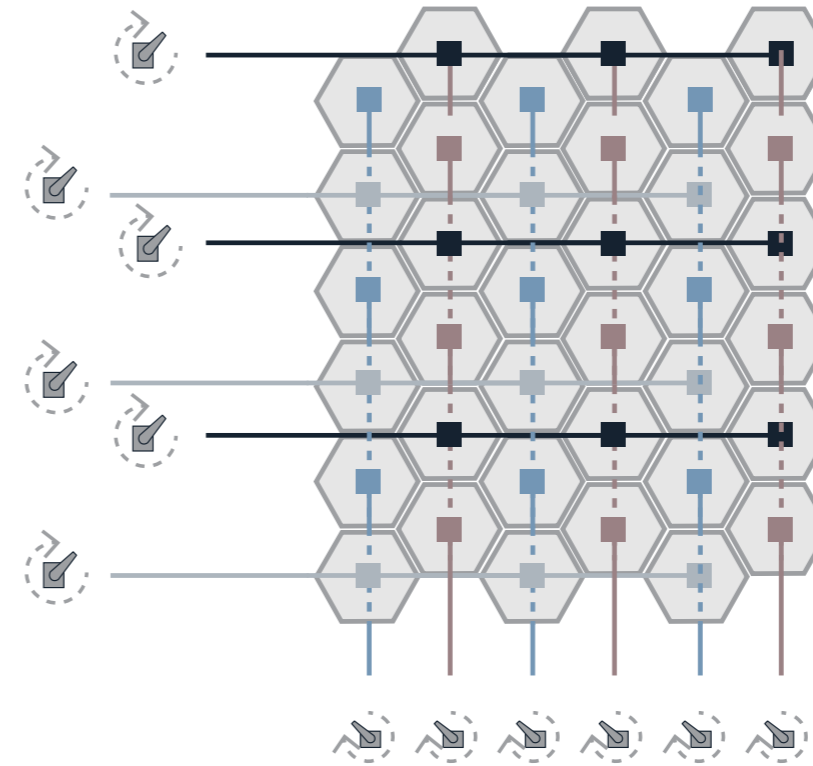
# DIVISION GRIDS



# ALTERNATE GRID



QUAD grid



HEXA grid

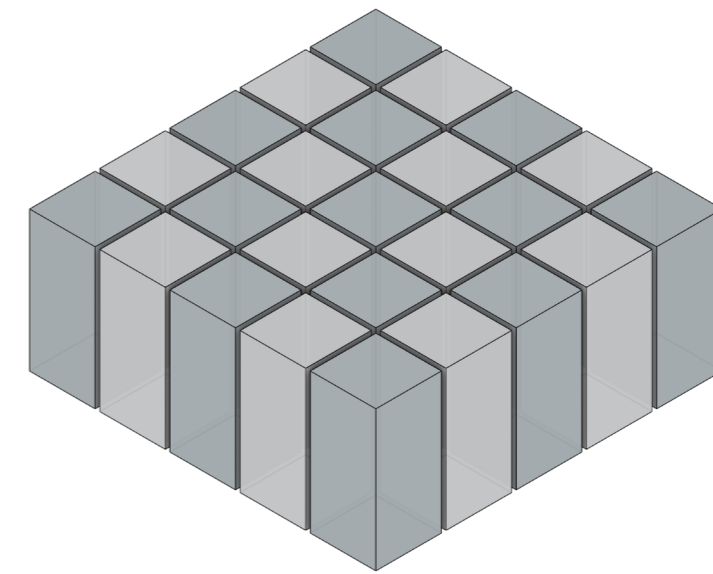


**SURFACE | PROPERTIES**

MATERIAL'S ACOUSTIC CONSIDERATIONS

REFLECTIVE

ABSORPTIVE

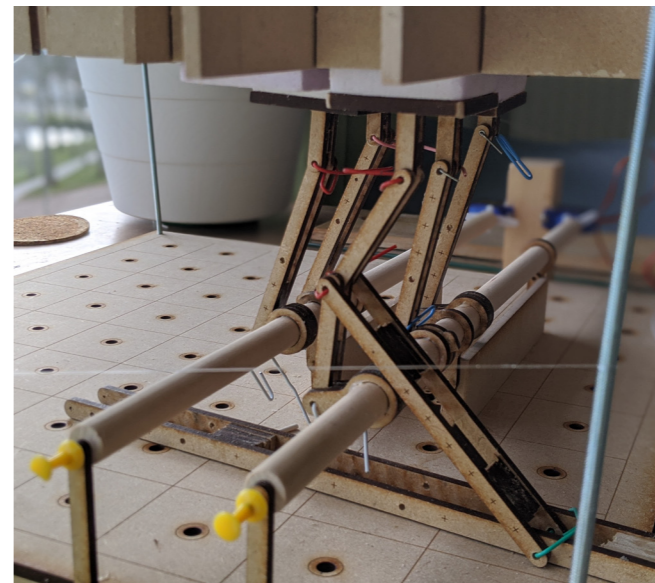
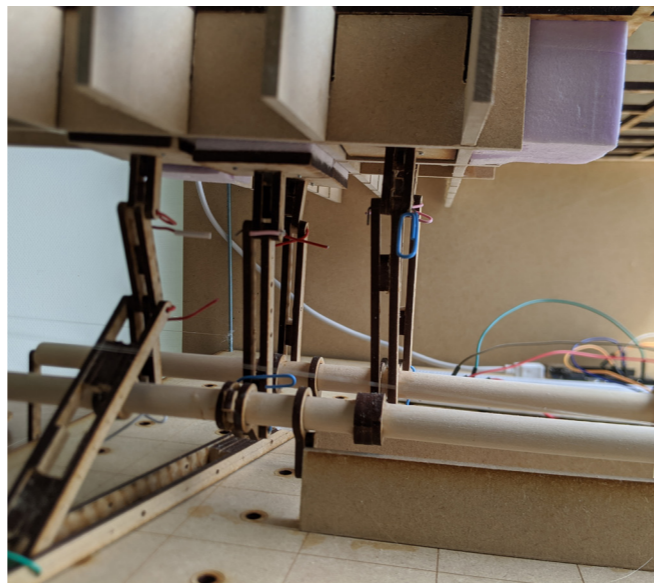
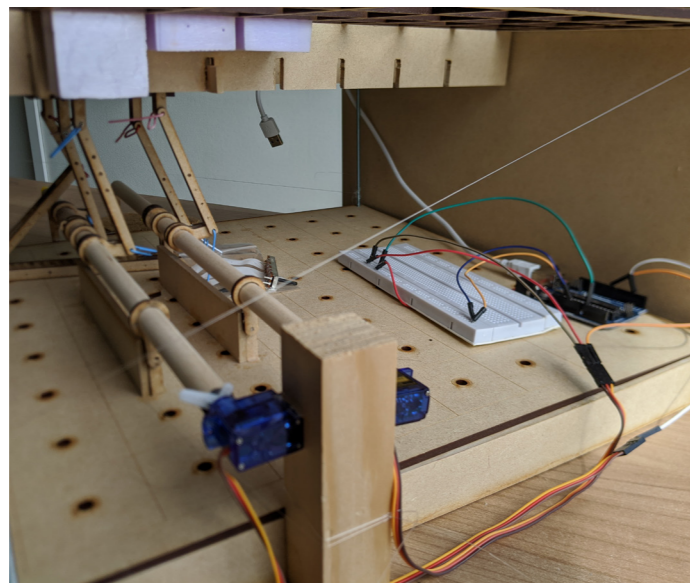


■ SURFACE | REFLECTIVE

■ SURFACE | ABSORPTIVE

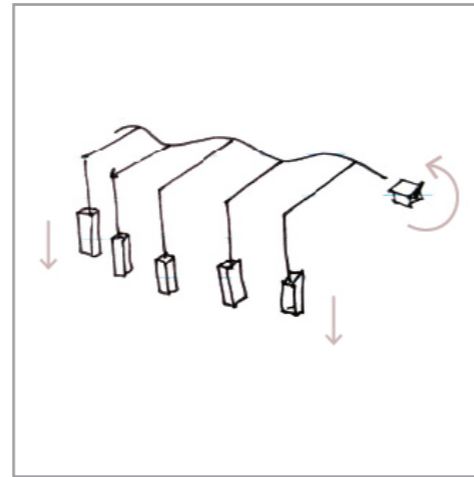
*HOW DOES IT MOVE ?*

# PHYSICAL & DIGITAL PROTOTYPING

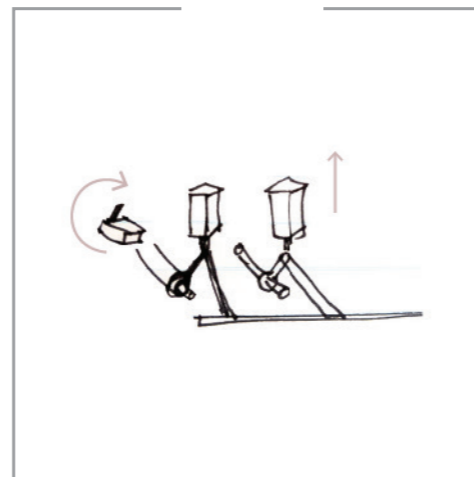
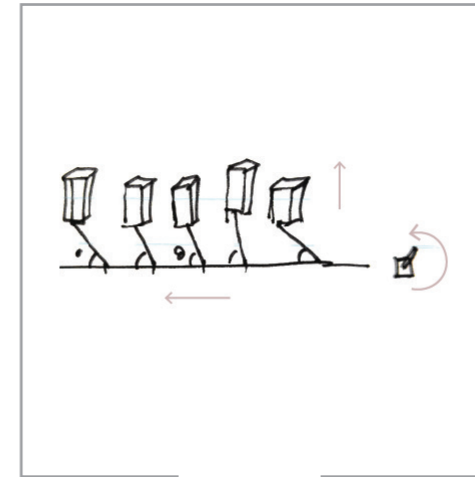


# MOVEMENT MECHANICS

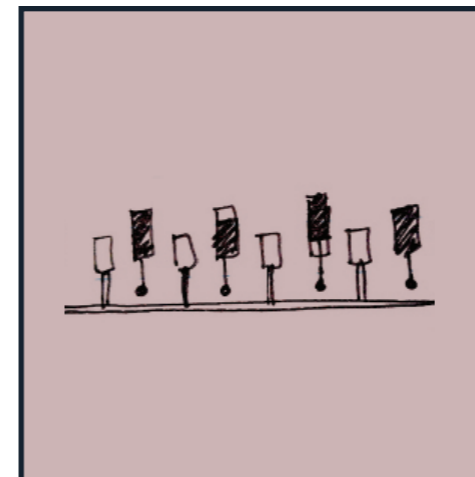
**PULLEY & CABLE** sine-wave



**SLIDER CRANK** single control



**COGS & GEAR** twin control

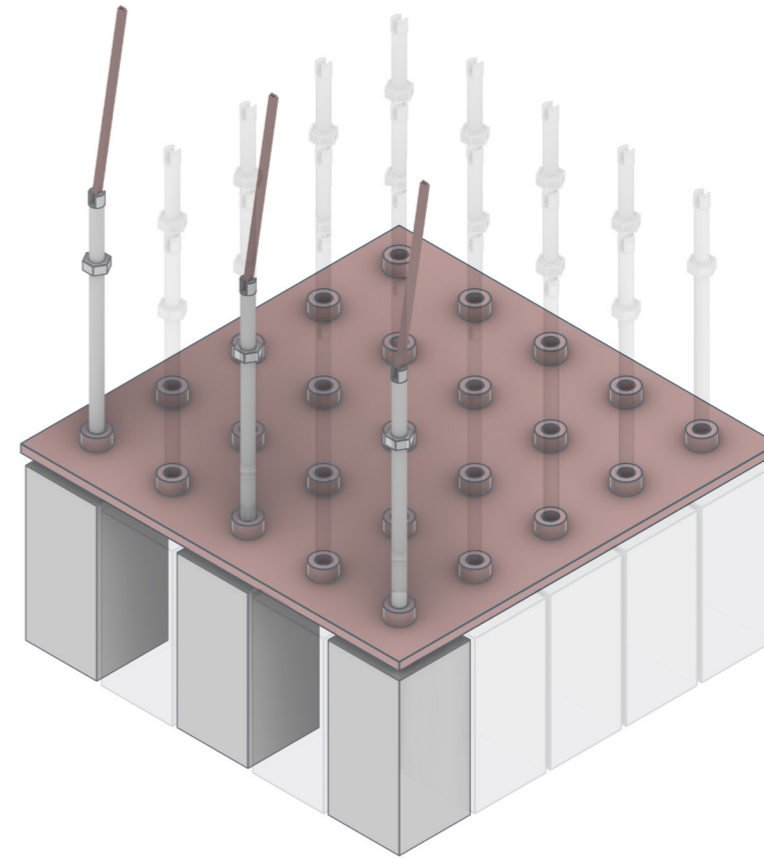


**PSITON CRANK** alternate grid



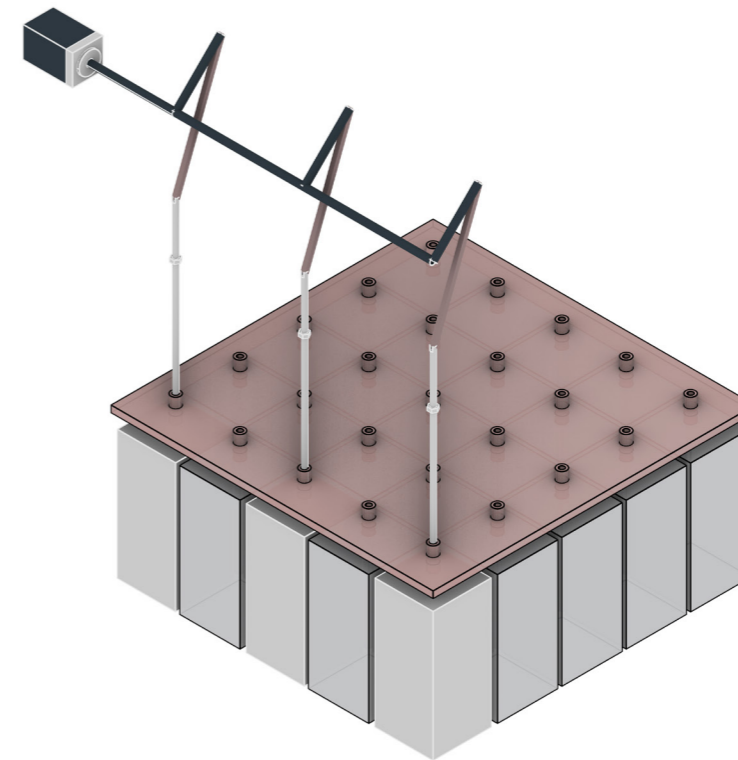
**LEVER | CONTROL**

FREE MOVEMENT LEVER TO CONVERT  
ROTATION TO RETRACTION



SPINDLE | MAIN AXIS

ROTATION FROM SERVO MOTOR  
PISTON MOTION



## LIMITING NUMBER OF STEPS

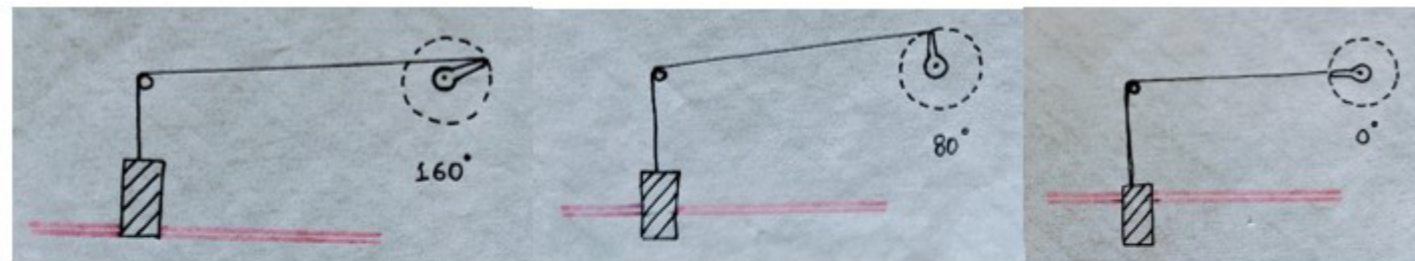
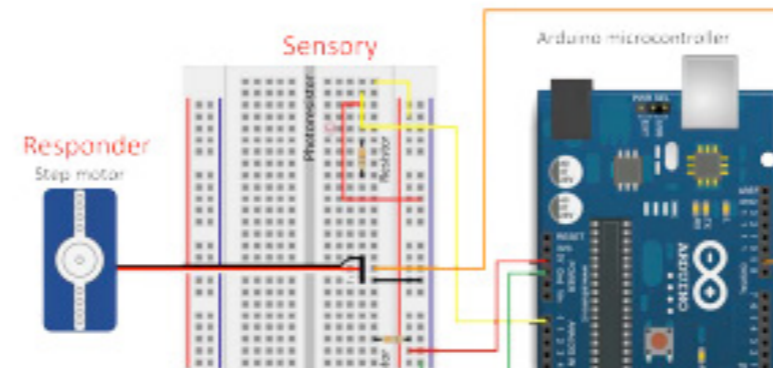
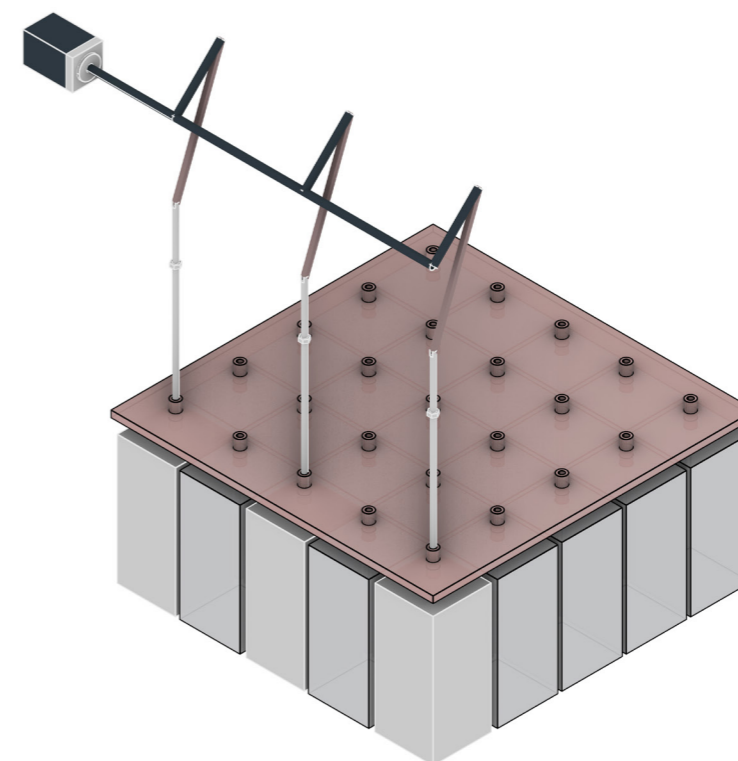


Figure 5.16 : Motor rotation steps

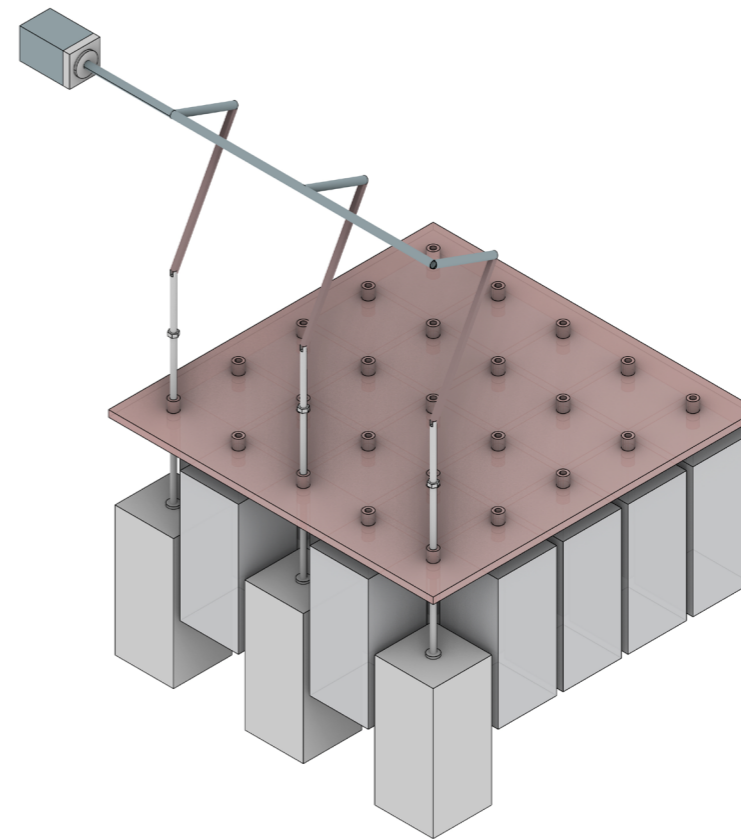
Input Value		0	0.5	1	1.5	2
Servo Rotation		160 °	40°	80 °	120°	0 °
Block Movement	Prototype	0 m	0.01 m	0.02 m	0.03 m	0.04 m
	Simulation	0 m	-	0.3 m	-	0.6 m

STANDBY | 0 DEGREE

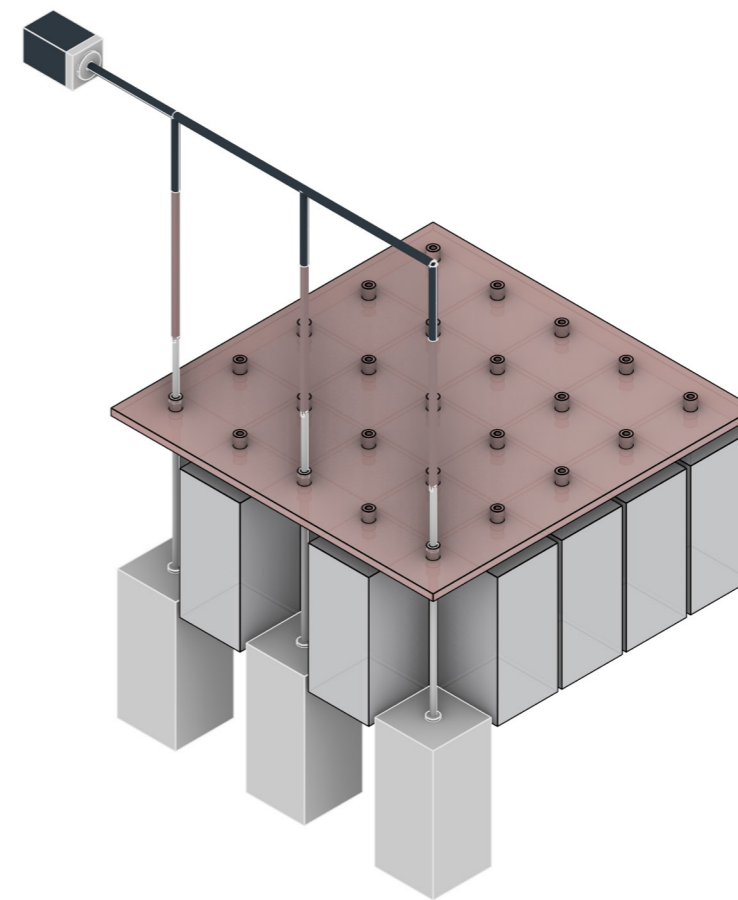




MID-LEVEL | 80 DEGREE



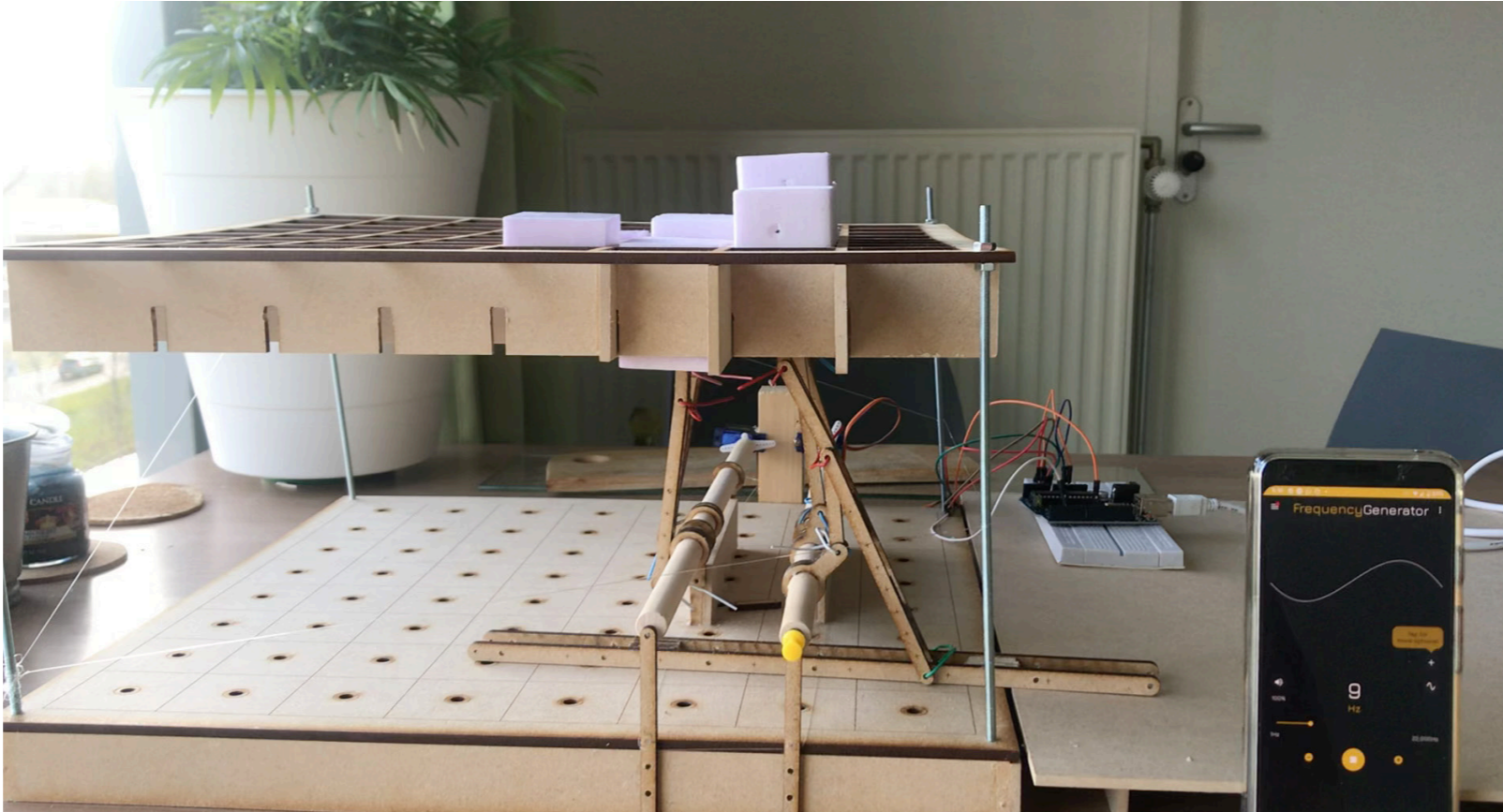
FULL DOWN | 160 DEGREE



# REALTIME REACTION

RESPONSE | SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL AND FREQUENCY

# PHYSICAL EVIDENCE



**SPL DIFFERENCE**

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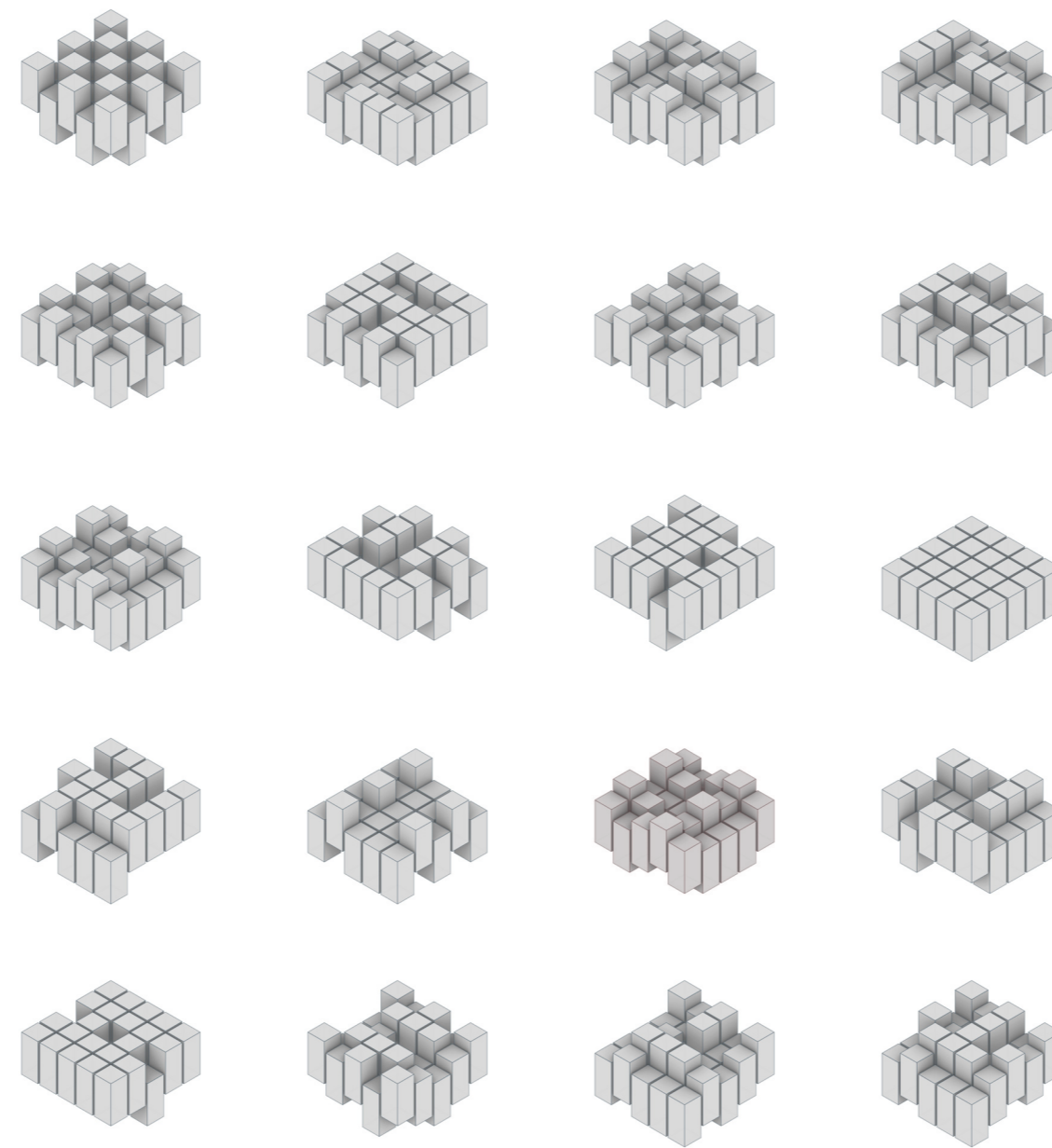
**REFRESH RATE**

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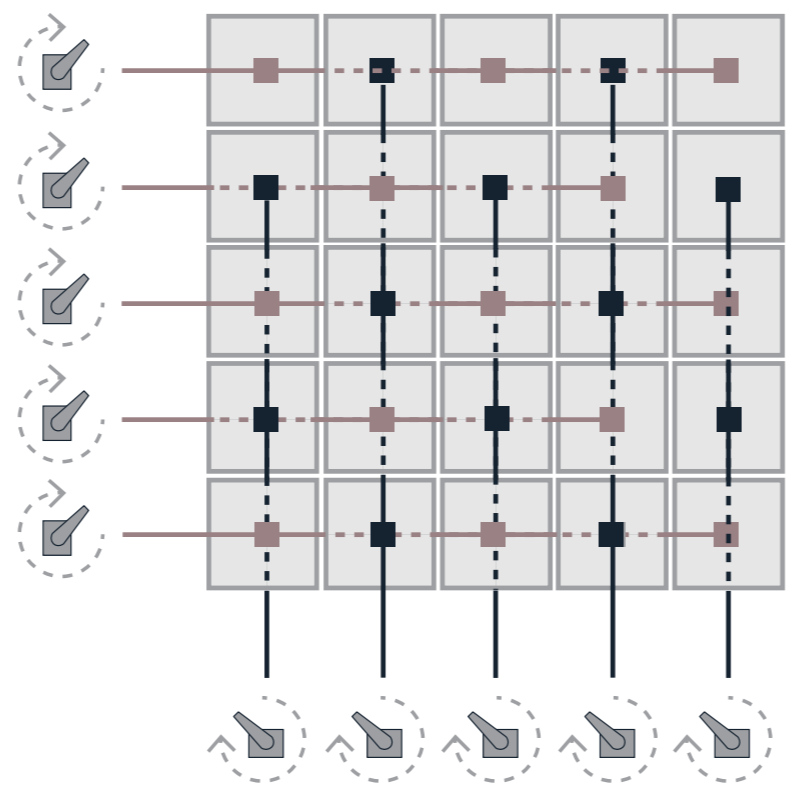
**ACTUATION TIME**

1-2 SECONDS

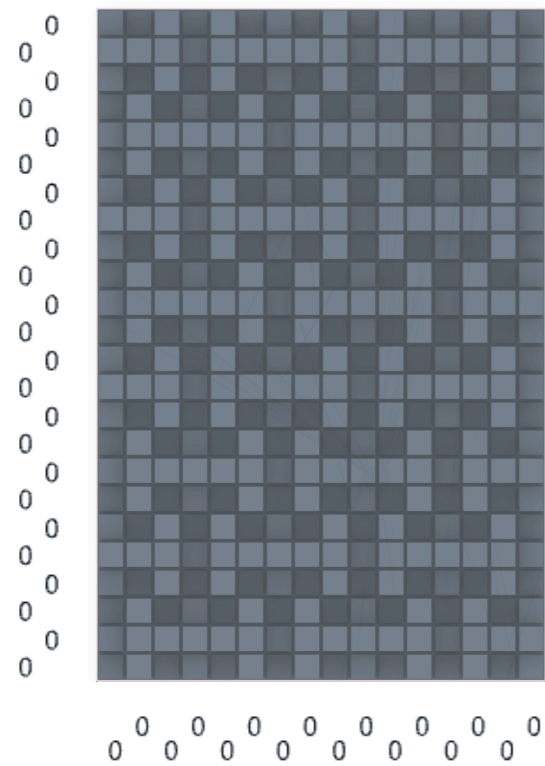




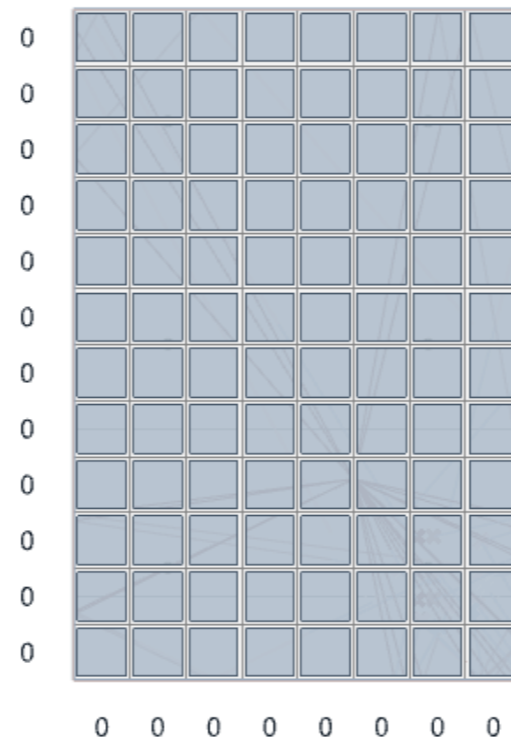
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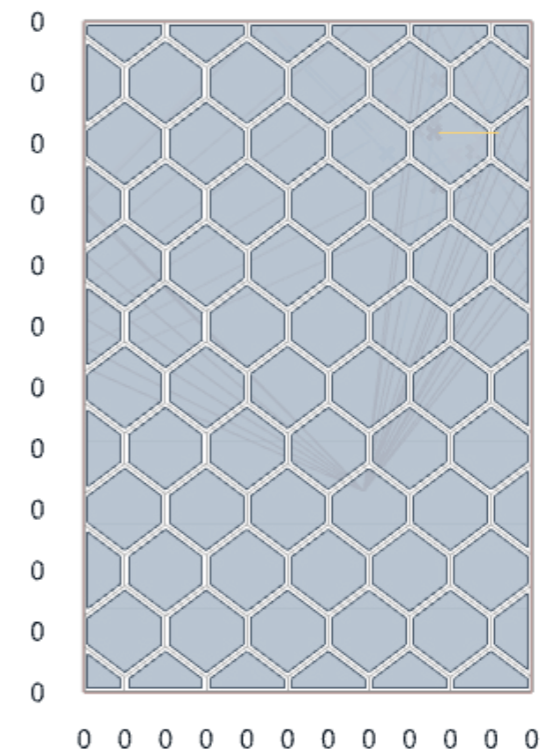
# DATA SIMPLIFICATION



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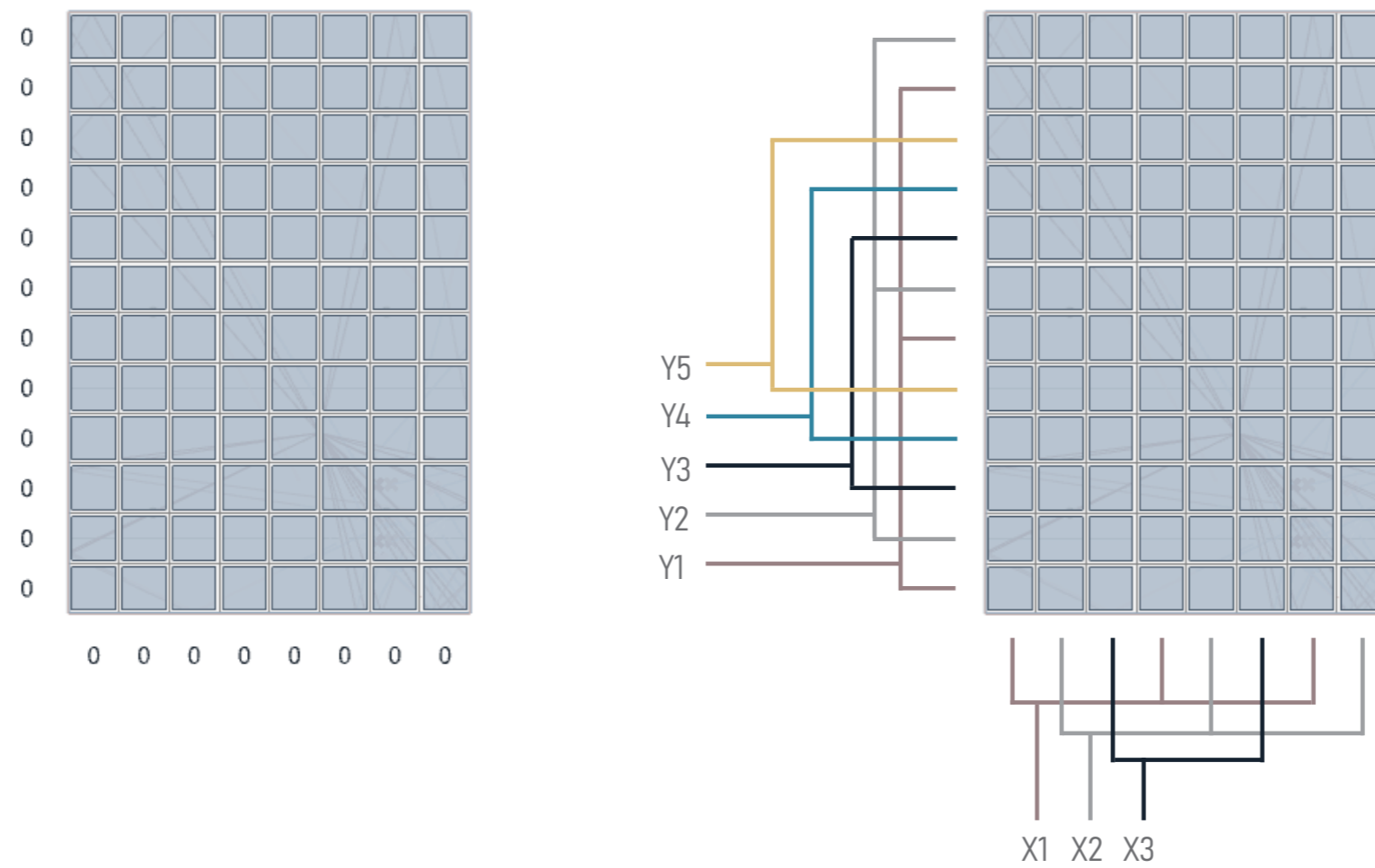


QUAD grid (Groot)



HEXA grid (Klein)

# DATA SIMPLIFICATION



CONCEPT IS TO CREATE APERIODIC PATTERNS AND BRING DOWN CERTAIN BLOCKS



## FEEDBACK OUTPUT

X AXIS	X1	X2	X3
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Y AXIS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5
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OUTPUT | EIGHT VARIABLES



## RESPONSE

DATA GENERATION & ALLOCATION

CONFIGURATION GENERATION

VISUAL FEEDBACK

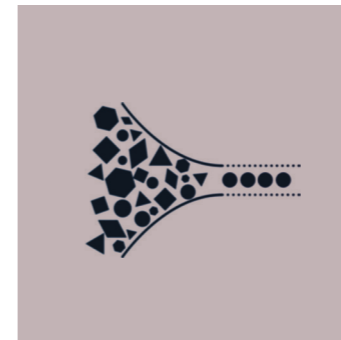
## DATA GENERATION

- Limited result requirement
- Zone specific results



## DATA ALLOCATION

- Optimum Selection
- Pre-calculated data



# SUPERVISED LEARNING

## **CLASSIFICATION**

ACOUSTIC RESULTS = FEATURE

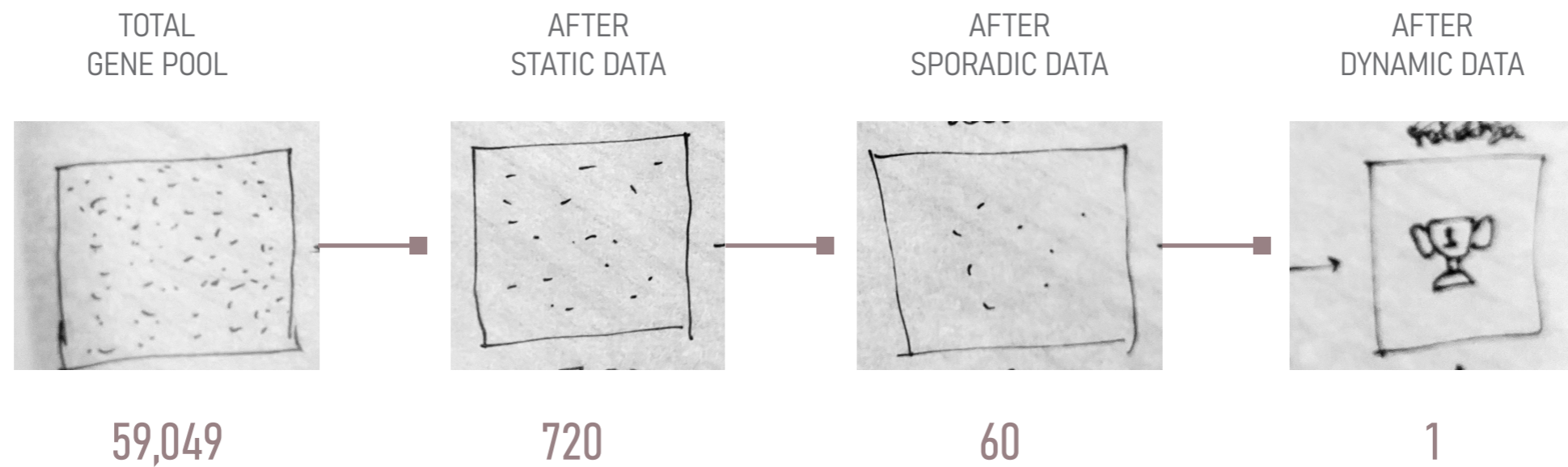
ACTUATOR POSITION = LABEL

## **SELECTION**

WHEN A FEATURE IS REQUIRED, THE SYSTEM GIVES THE RESULTING LABEL

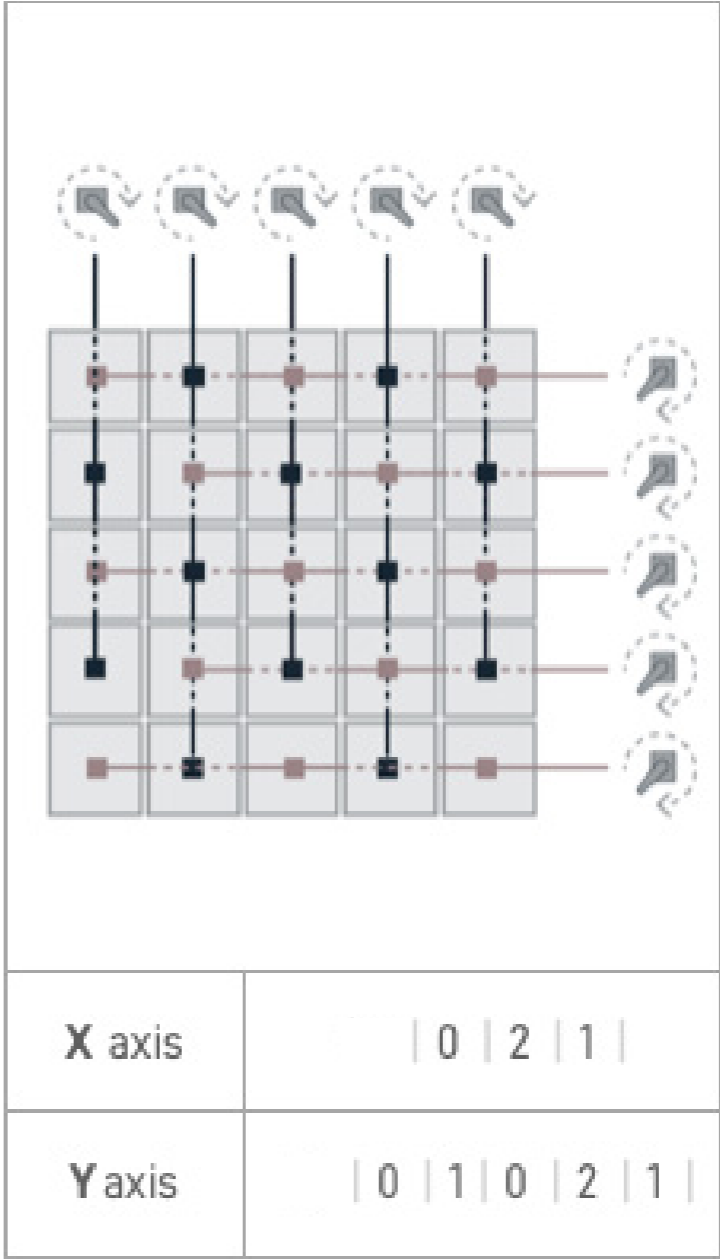
# DATA SELECTION

FEEDBACK LOOP INPUT					
STATIC		SPORADIC		DYNAMIC	
Room Type	Choice (A, B)	Number of Zones	Integer	Source Quadrant	Text + Integer
Block Design & Size	Choice (Quad G, Quad K, Hexa K)	Acoustic property preference	Choice (Number of Rays, SPL value)	SPL value range (dB)	Integer
Acoustic Properties	Room & block surfaces	Task	Choice (Maximize, Minimize)		
Number of Actuators	Integer (x-axis) + Integer (y-axis)				
Rotation steps	Integer				

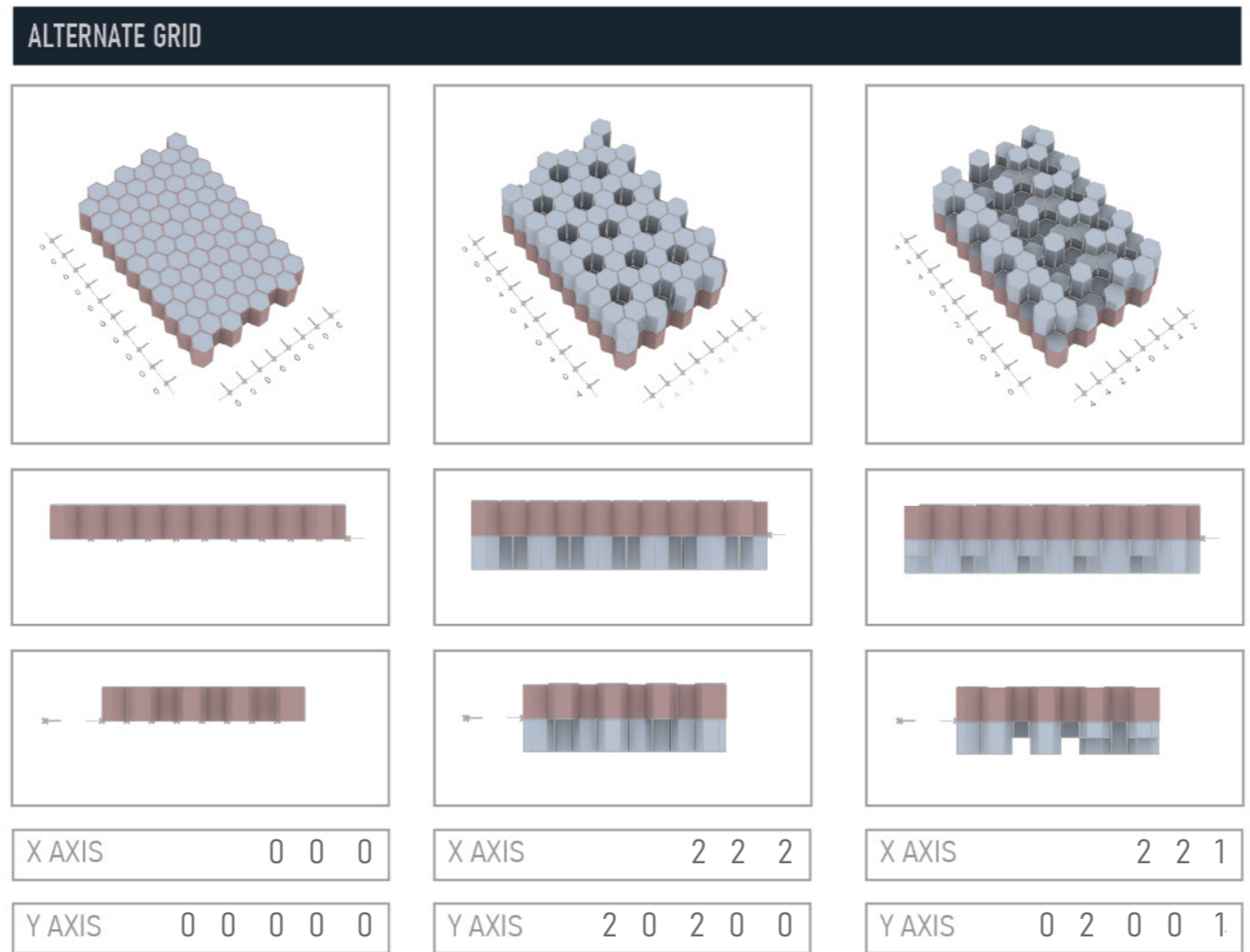




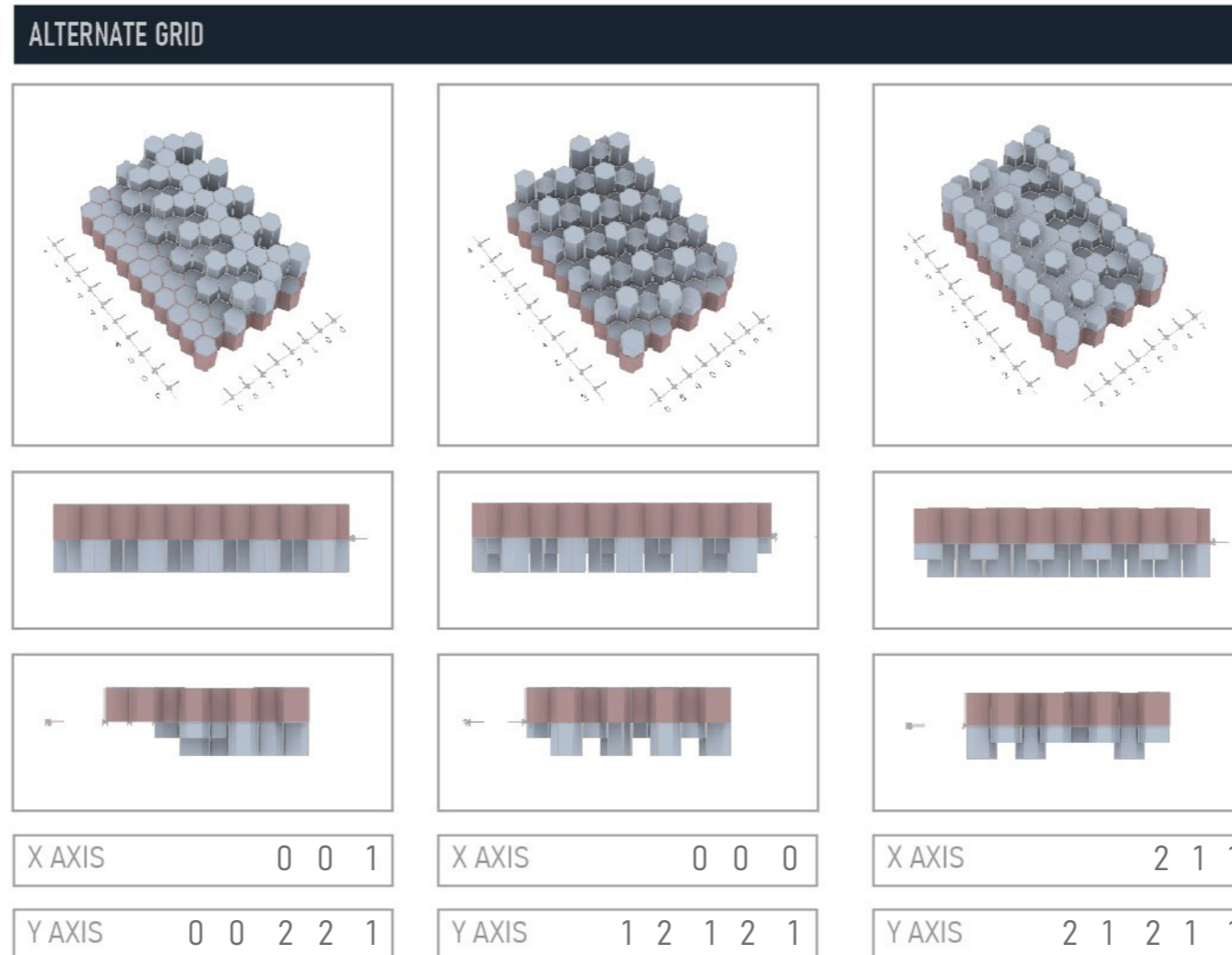
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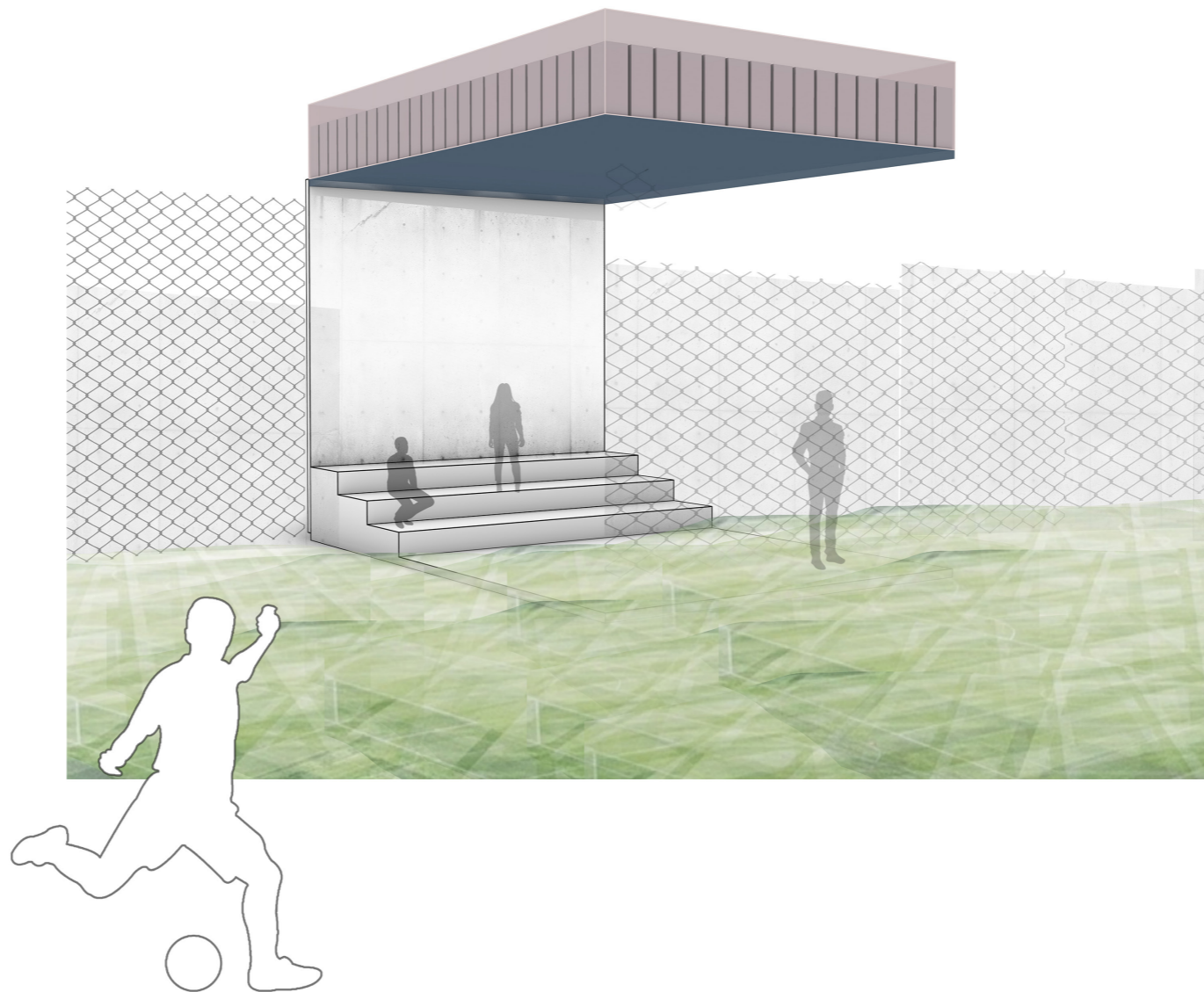
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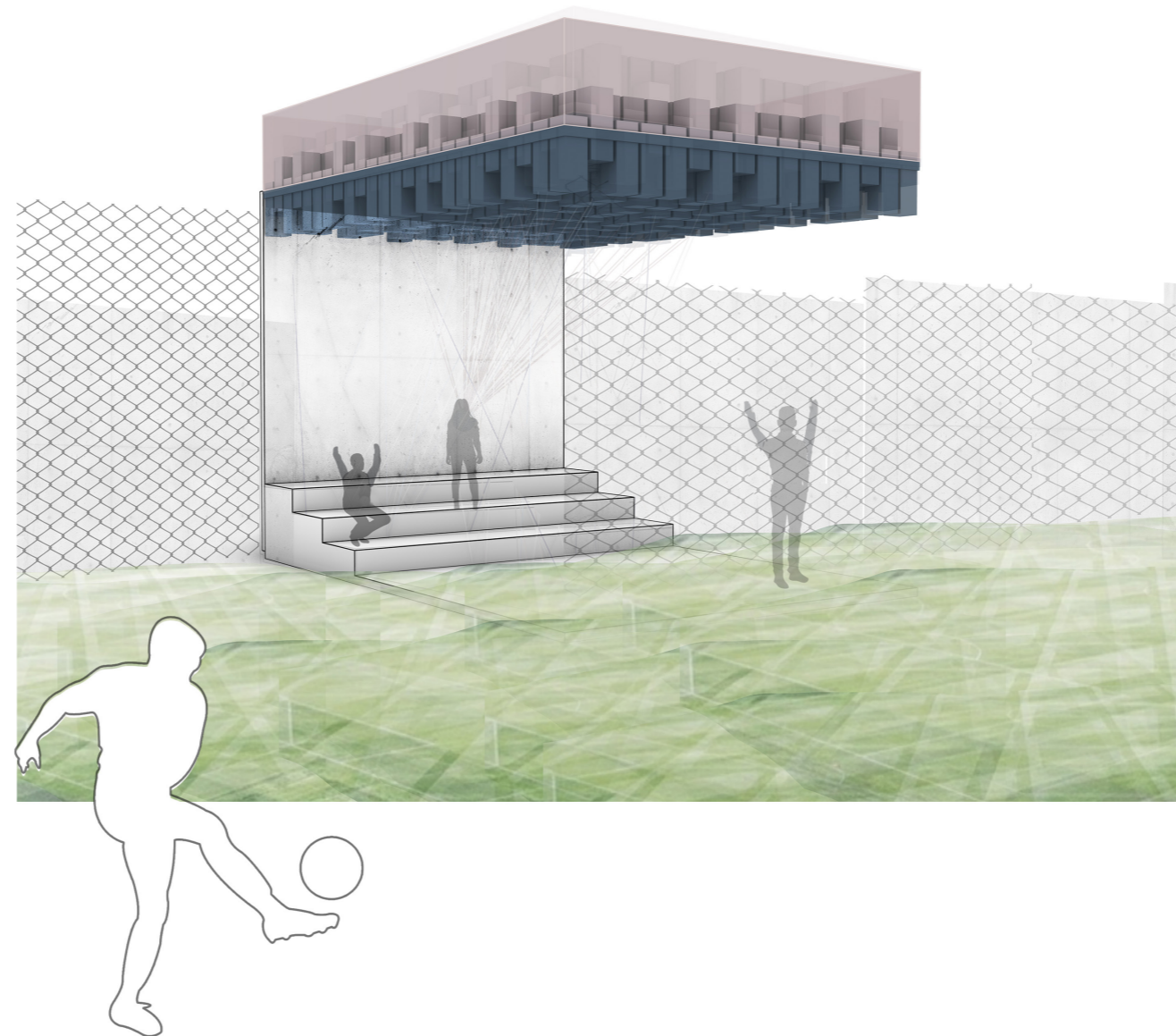
# CONFIGURATION GENERATIONS



# REAL-TIME VISUAL FEEDBACK



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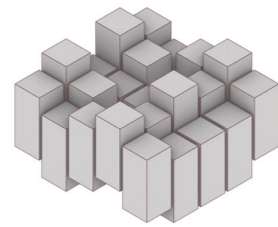




**THE BRAIN.**

## CALCULATING ACOUSTICS FOR SO MANY ITERATIONS

# ACOUSTIC CALCULATION



59,049 ITERATIONS

DIFFERENT BIM  
ENVIRONMENT

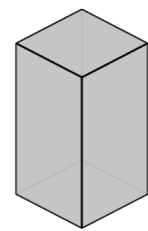


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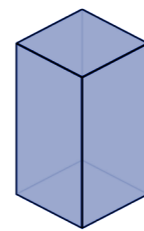


ITERATIVE TOOL

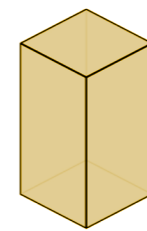
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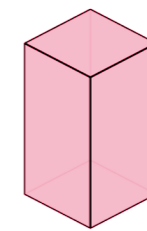
BUILDING DESIGN



STRUCTURE



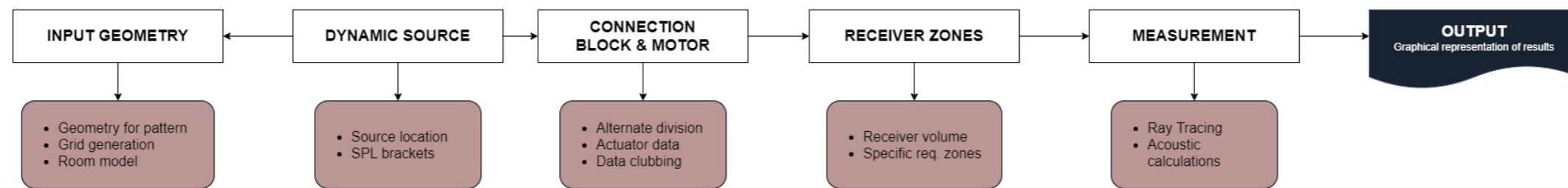
ENERGY



ACOUSTICS

GRASSHOPPER AND RHINO FORUM | GO TO SOFTWARE FOR ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS FOR GENERATING THE INITIAL DESIGN ITERATIONS.

# CUSTOM DEFINITION

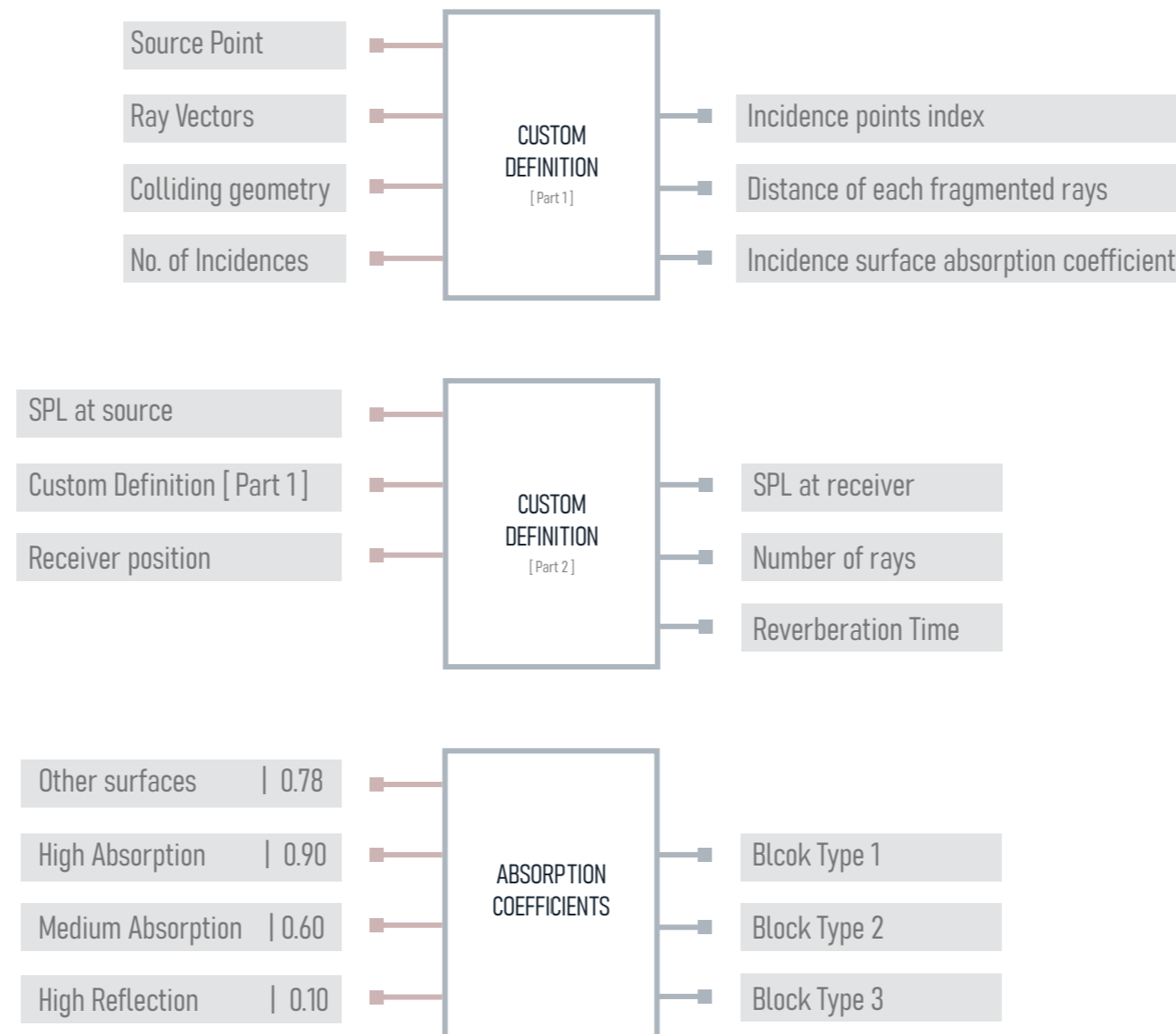


DYNAMIC GEOMETRY | DYNAMIC SOUND SOURCE | OPTIMIZATION CAPABILITIES

REDUCED COMPUTATION TIME | BASIC ACOUSTIC PROPERTIES

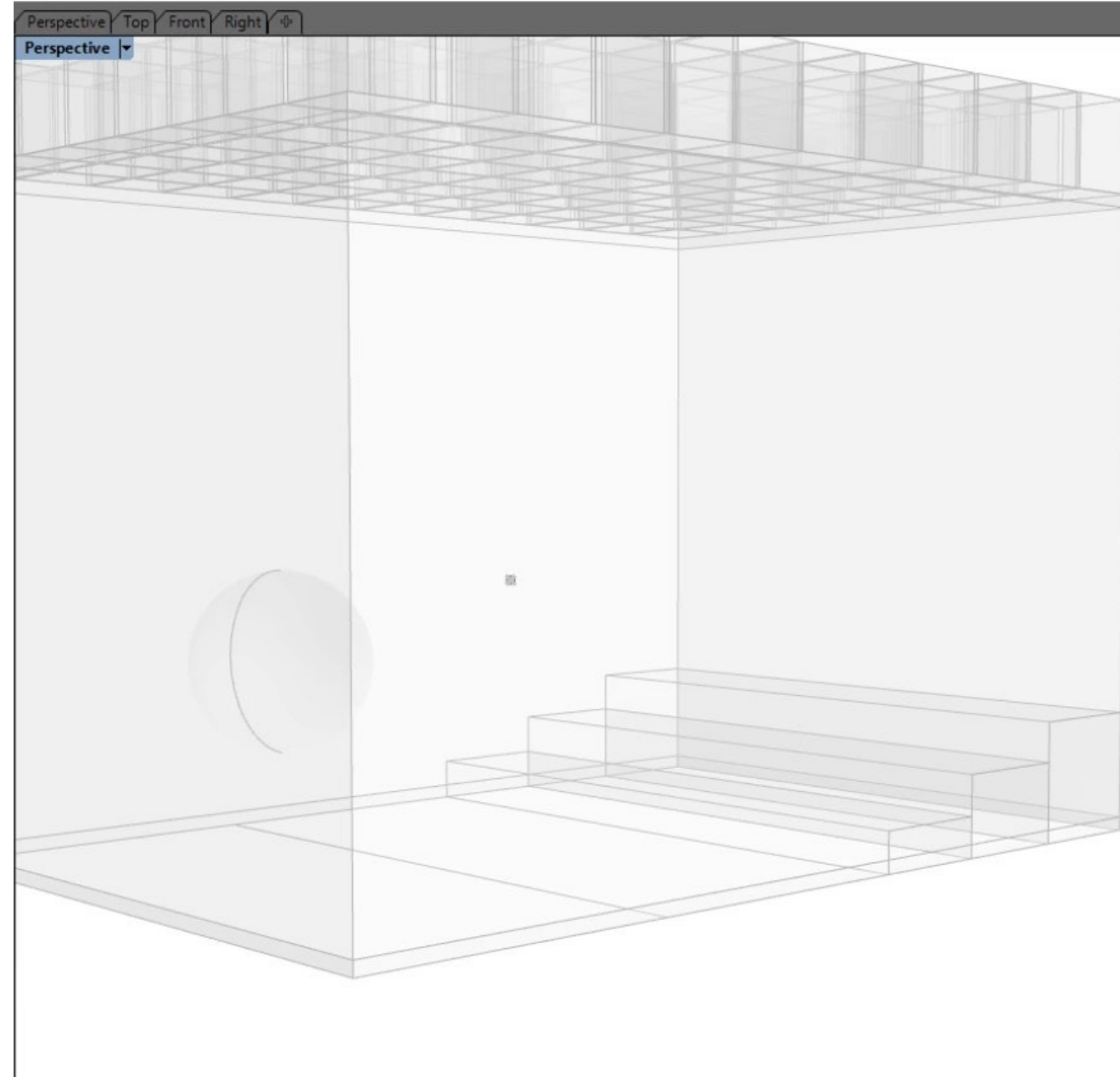


# CUSTOM DEFINITION



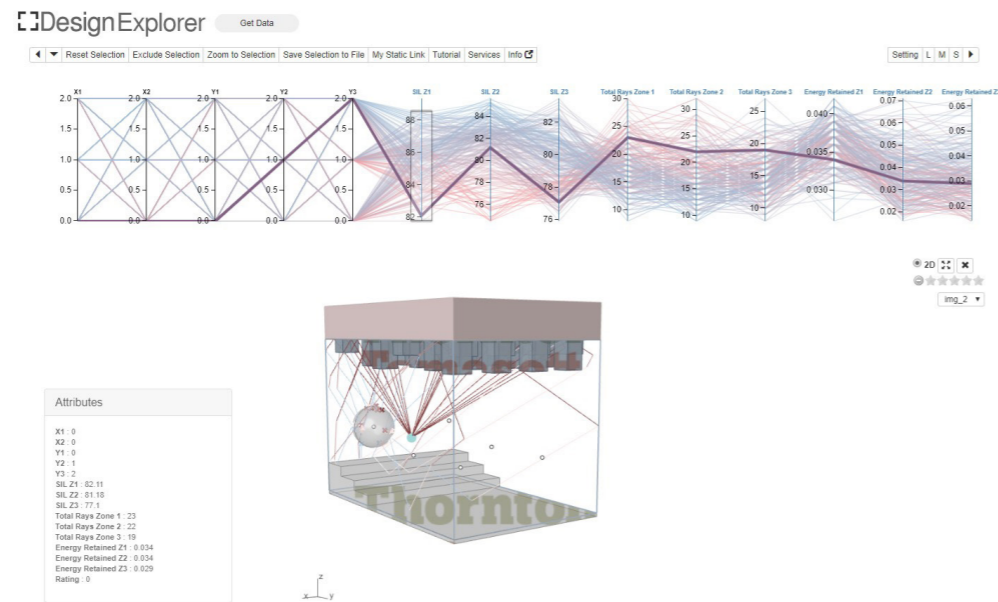
# ACOUSTIC CALCULATIONS PLUGIN

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mand:



The software interface shows a menu with the following items: Create Zones, Ray Energy, Ray Tracing, Ray Vectors, Ray Tracing, Surface Properties, Reverberation Time, and Sound Pressure Level. Below the menu is a diagram with a 'Source Pt' box connected to a 'P Dot' box. A 'Sound Pressure Level' box displays the value '55'. The diagram also shows several curved lines representing sound rays.

# OPTIMUM SOLUTION



MANUAL SELECTION WITH DESIGN EXPLORER

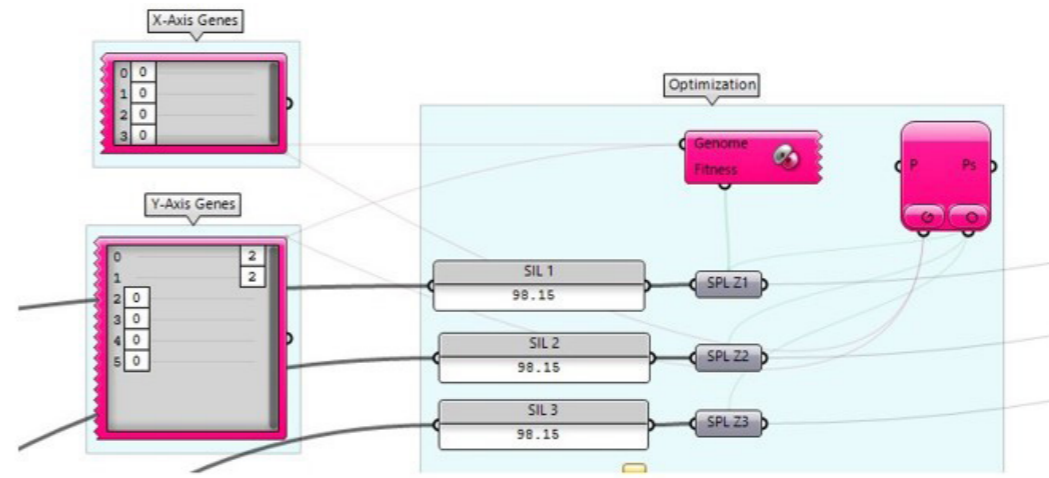
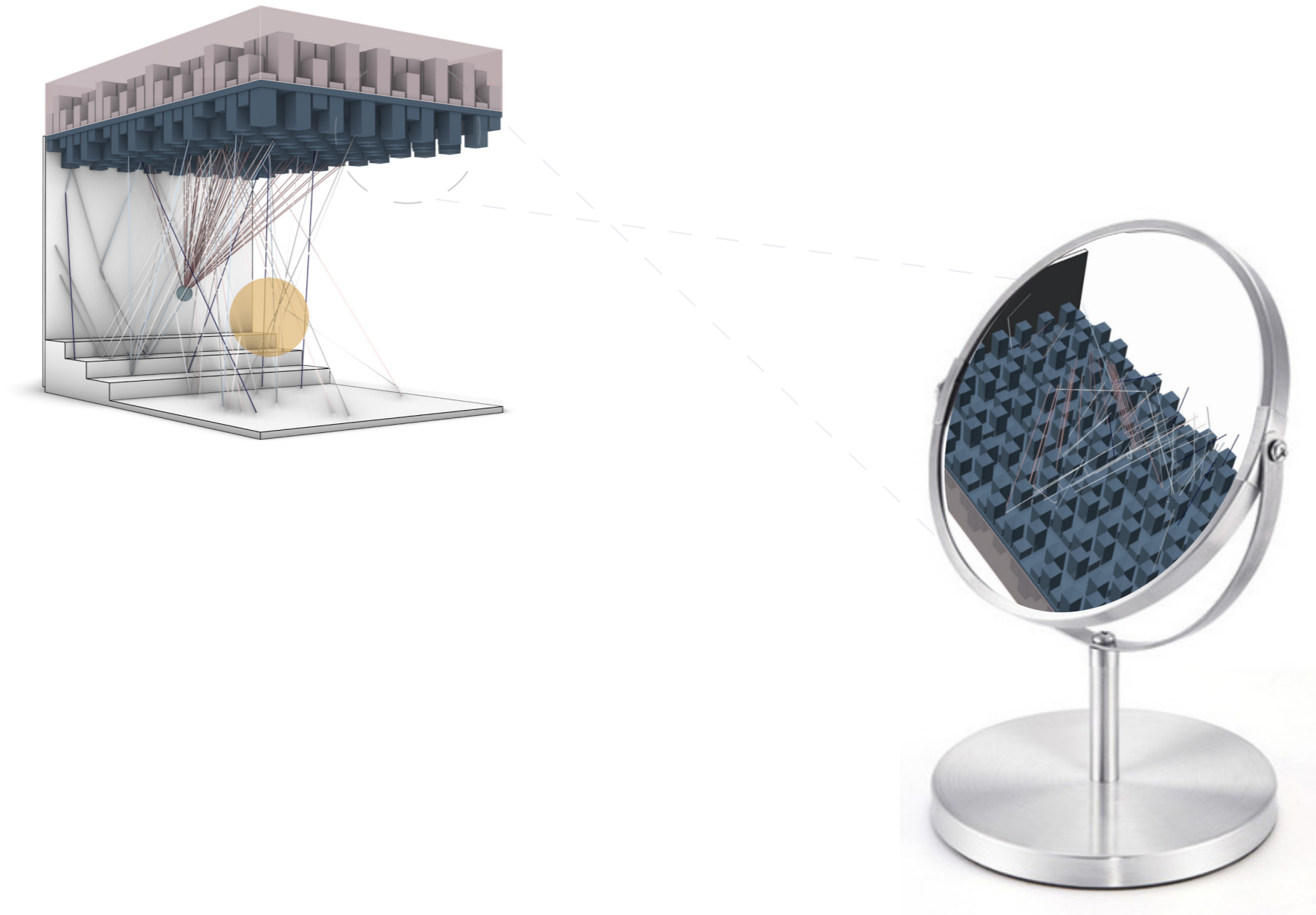


Figure 7.15 : Optimum solution search

SELECTION WITH MULTI-OBJECTIVE GENETIC OPTIMIZATION TOOLS

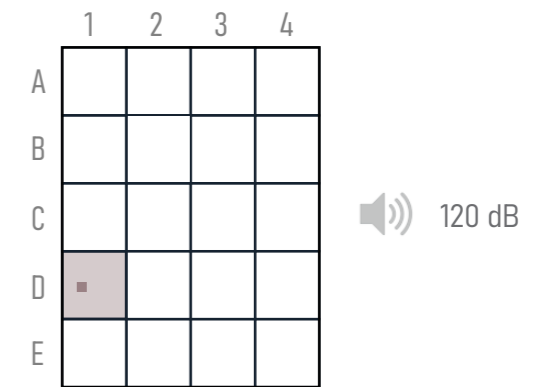
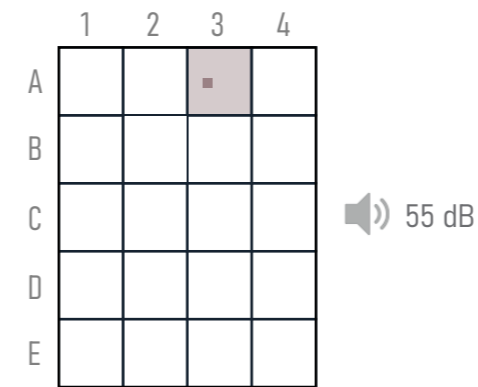
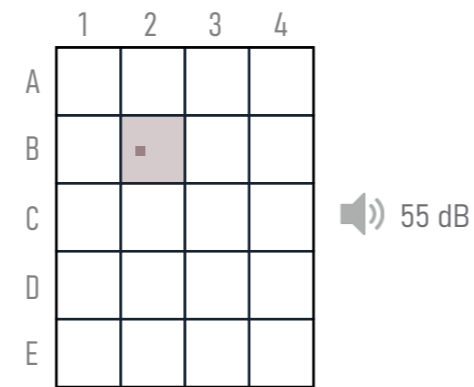
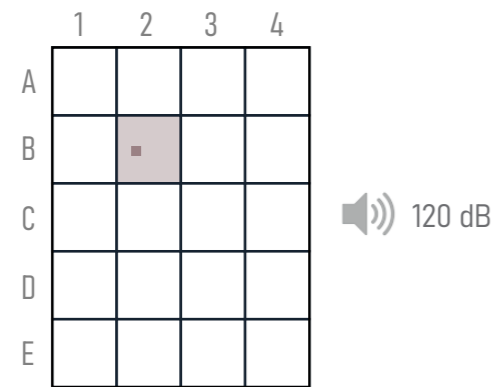
# SCENARIO I RESULT



## TEST AND VALIDATE THE CALCULATIONS



# SAMPLE SCENARIOS

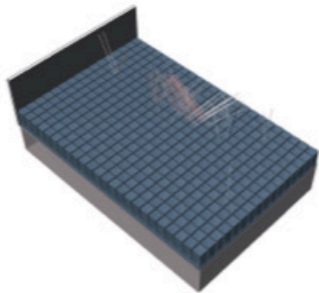
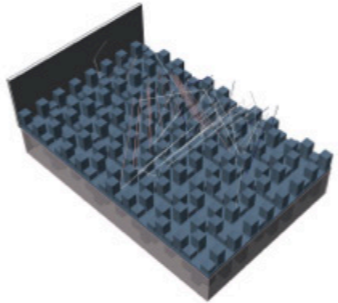
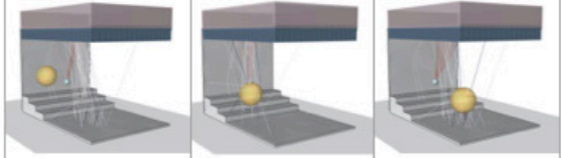
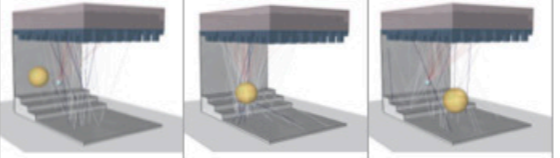
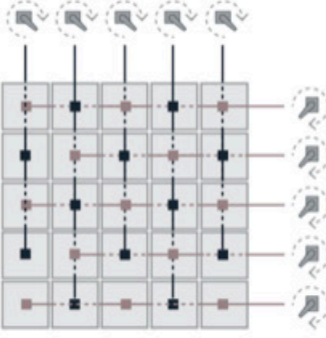


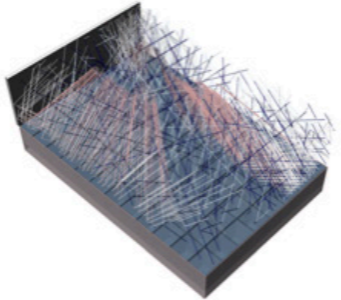
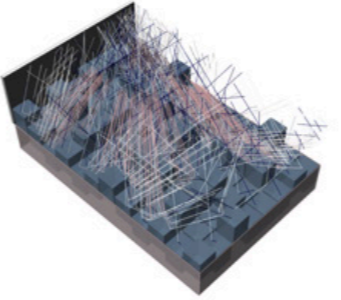
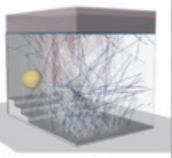
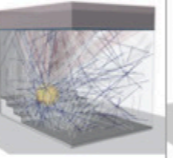
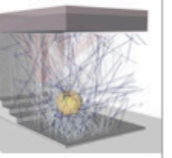
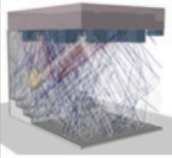
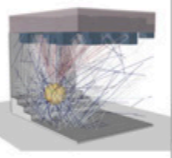
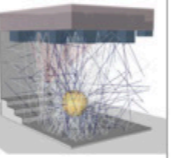
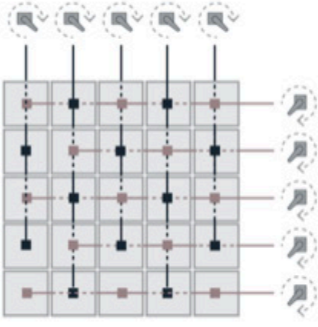
OPEN ROOM			
Test Case	SCENARIO I		
Design Type	ACUTE block   Quad Klein		
Block Size - l x w x h (m)	0.3 x 0.3 x 0.6		
Source Position	B2		
Source Height	1.8 m		
Source Sound Pressure level	120 dB		
Task	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
	Minimize	Minimize	Minimize

CLOSED ROOM			
Test Case	SCENARIO II		
Design Type	ACUTE block   Quad Klein		
Block Size - l x w x h (m)	0.6 x 0.6 x 0.6		
Source Position	B2		
Source Height	1.8 m		
Source Sound Pressure level	55 dB		
Task	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
	Minimize	Minimize	Minimize

CLOSED ROOM			
Test Case	SCENARIO III		
Design Type	ACUTE block   Quad Grootte		
Block Size - l x w x h (m)	0.6 x 0.6 x 0.8		
Source Position	A3		
Source Height	1.8 M		
Source Sound Pressure level	55 dB		
Task	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
	Minimize	Minimize	Minimize

CLOSED ROOM			
Test Case	SCENARIO IV		
Design Type	ACUTE block   Quad Grootte		
Block Size - l x w x h (m)	0.6 x 0.6 x 0.8		
Source Position	D1		
Source Height	1.5m		
Source Sound Pressure level	120 dB		
Task	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
	Minimize	Minimize	Minimize

RESULT SHEET				OPEN ROOM						
				Test Case	SCENARIO I					
				Design Type	ACUTE block   Quad Klein					
				Block Size - l x w x h (m)	0.3 x 0.3 x 0.6					
				Source Position	B2					
				Source Height	1.8 m					
				Source Sound Pressure Level	120 dB					
				Task	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3			
					Minimize	Minimize	Minimize			
		INITIAL POSITION			OPTIMIZED POSITION			ACTUATOR DATA		
Block Configuration							<p>The numbers represent the angle that the respective actuator has to move to configure the blocks in the optimized position.</p> <p>The data is based on the preset algorithms created based on the acoustic simulations. The algorithms can be tweaked in order to achieve customized results.</p>			
Zone Number	Receiver - Zone 1	Receiver - Zone 2	Receiver - Zone 3	Receiver - Zone 1	Receiver - Zone 2	Receiver - Zone 3				
Ray Tracing Diagram										
Order of Incidence	1	0	0	0	1	0	0			
	2	15	11	15	2	14	8	11		
	3	4	6	9	3	10	9	15		
	4	2	2	4	4	4	11	8		
	5	1	4	1	5	1	5	3		
	6	4	4	4	6	4	9	4		
Total number of rays	35	27	33	33	42	44	X axis	2   1   1		
Sound Pressure Level (dB)	105.82	107.57	108.85	89.93	83.19	92.62	Y axis	1   1   2   1   0		

RESULT SHEET				CLOSED ROOM								
				Test Case	SCENARIO II							
				Design Type	ACUTE block   Quad Grout							
				Block Size - l x w x h (m)	0.6 x 0.6 x 0.6							
				Source Position	B2							
				Source Height	1.8 m							
				Source Sound Pressure level	55 dB							
				Task	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3					
					Minimize	Minimize	Minimize					
		INITIAL POSITION				OPTIMIZED POSITION				ACTUATOR DATA		
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Ray Tracing Diagram												
Order of Incidence		1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0			
		2	14	14	14	2	18	12	18			
		3	35	51	49	3	41	38	59			
		4	38	87	73	4	20	63	61			
		5	29	102	67	5	32	71	52			
		6	27	101	56	6	25	75	56			
Total number of rays			143	355	259		136	259	246		X axis	1   0   2
Sound Pressure Level (dB)			49.18	48.4	47.13		41.45	37.10	37.04		Y axis	2   0   0   1   1

## CONCLUSIVE RESULTS

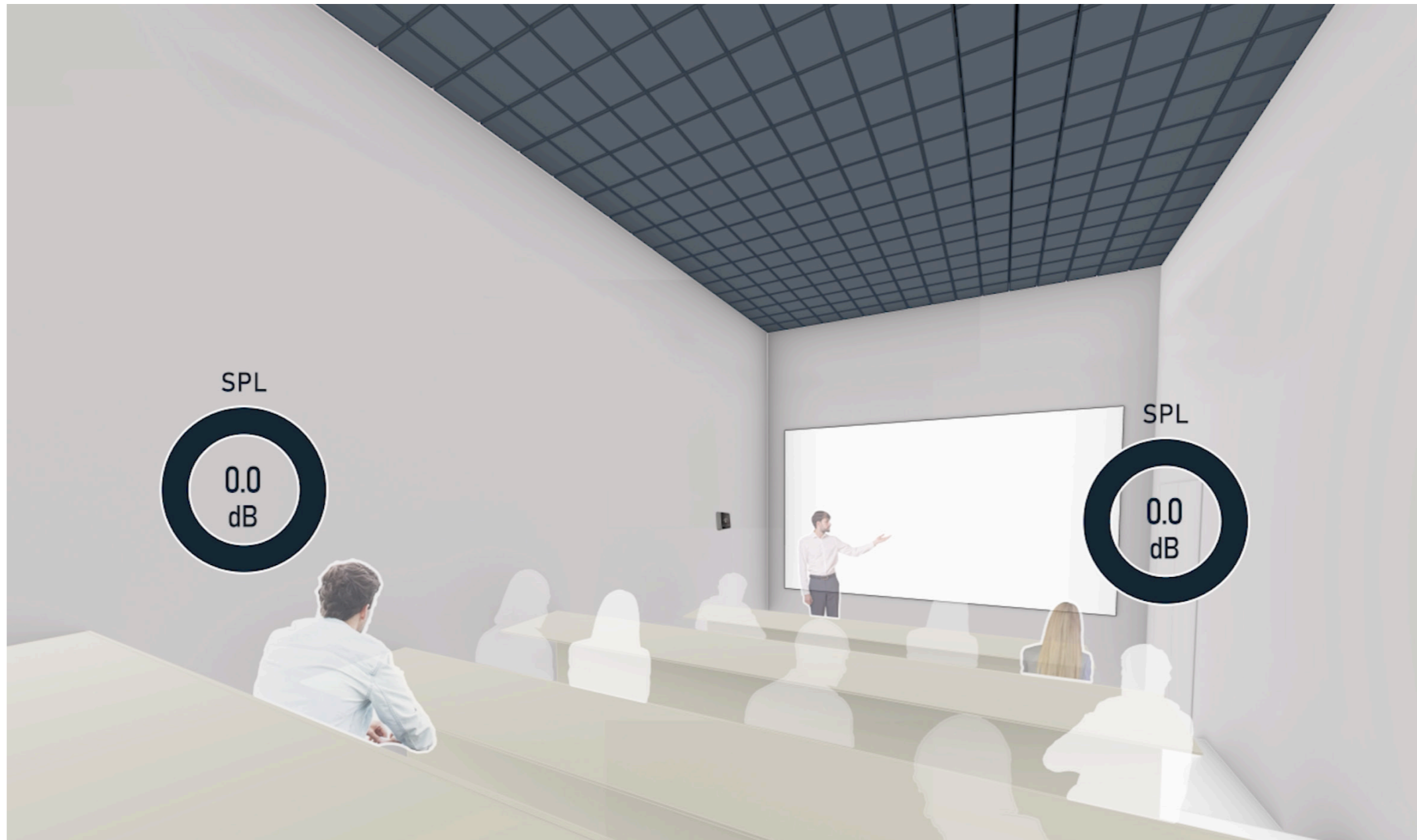
SCENARIO I				OPEN ROOM   120 dB		
	SPL (dB)				Number of Rays	
	INITIAL	OPTIMIZED	CHANGE	INITIAL	OPTIMIZE	CHANGE
Zone 1	105.82	89.93	▼ 15.89	35	33	▼ 2
Zone 2	107.57	83.19	▼ 24.38	27	42	▲ -15
Zone 3	108.85	92.62	▼ 16.23	33	44	▲ -11

SCENARIO II				CLOSED ROOM   55 dB		
	SPL (dB)				Number of Rays	
	INITIAL	OPTIMIZED	CHANGE	INITIAL	OPTIMIZE	CHANGE
Zone 1	49.18	41.45	▼ 7.73	143	136	▼ 7
Zone 2	48.4	37.10	▼ 11.3	355	259	▼ 96
Zone 3	47.13	37.04	▼ 10.09	259	246	▼ 13

**THE FUTURE.**



## WALL MOUNTED DEVICE



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# EFFICIENT MODES

AUTO MODE



Maximum SPL or  
any other property

LOW TOLERANCE

SCENE MODE



Preset settings  
Lecture  
Discussion  
Presentation

HIGH TOLERANCE

MANUAL MODE



Custom settings  
Zone control  
Volume control

CUSTOM

# STATIC DESIGN



STATIC | PRE-CONFIGURED



# DIGITAL TOOL

Zone 1 - SPL (dB) 101.06

Zone 2 - SPL (dB) 98.13

Zone 3 - SPL (dB) 97.7

**ACUTE Blocks**

**STATIC INPUT**

Room Type: Open

Block Design: Quad Groote

**SPORADIC INPUT**

Zone 1: Maximize

Zone 2: Maximize

Zone 3: Maximize

**DYNAMIC INPUT**

Quadrant: B2

SPL: 120 dB

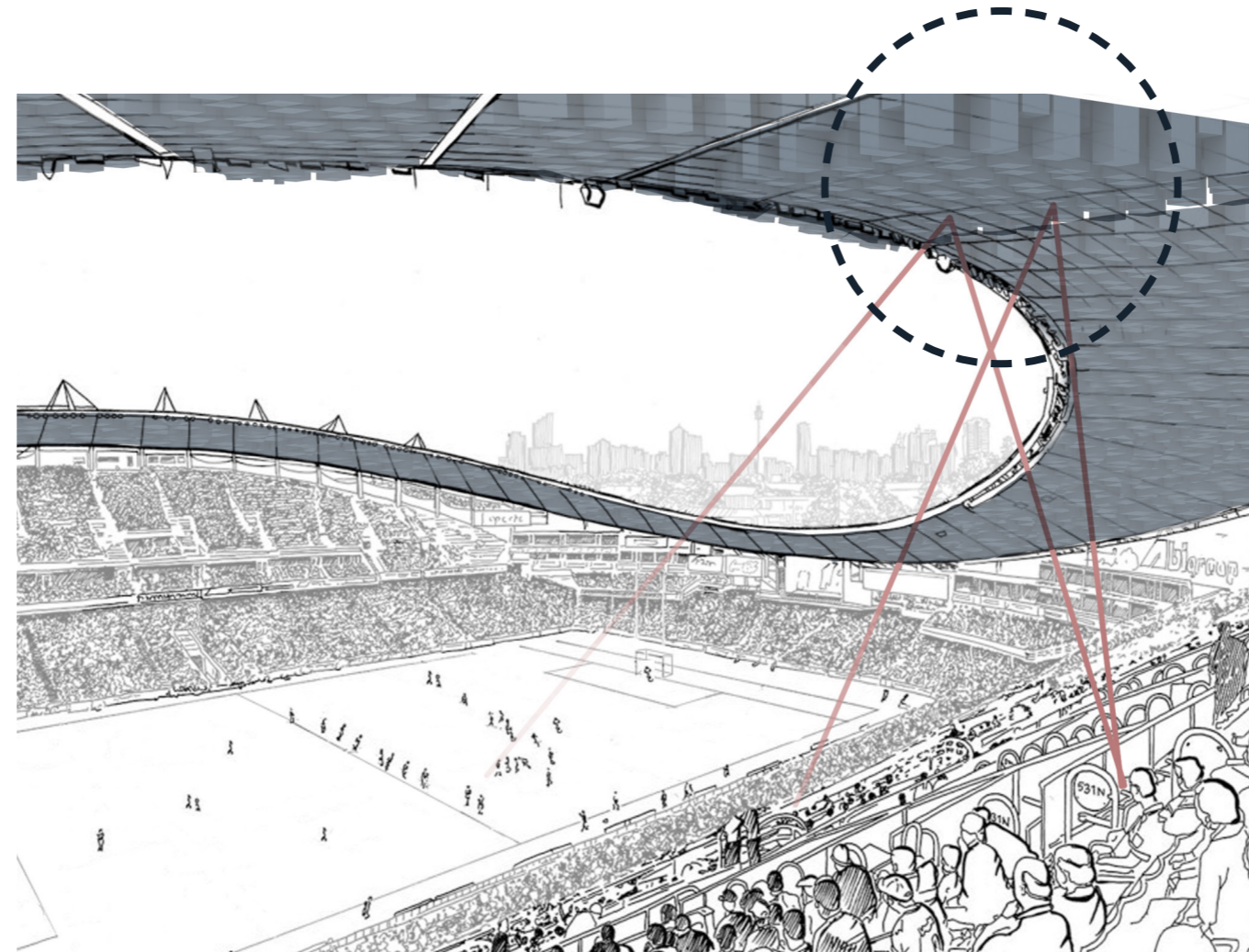
GH! Max Power Working Rays On Results



## CLOSING STATEMENT

*Sound is a tricky genre unlike light and temperature. It is highly complex to predict and control the user behavior in terms of sound. Thus, the intention is to correct the acoustics as a post-activity in a real-time response. Or use preset modes to alter for specific activities.*

## RESEARCH OUTCOME



The sound waves coming from the crowd can be deflected or absorbed depending on the sound levels thus improving the **sound distribution** and controlling the **volume level**.



## THE 12<sup>TH</sup> MAN

It is possible to enhance the user experience with a sound responsive skin triggered with real time sound and improve the acoustics as well as the game performance.

## THOUGHT FOR CURIOSITY

*Is it time to start integrating acoustic parameters with the plugin in place into the design process from the very initial stages of concept design?*

*And would you prefer a space with better acoustics that can enhance your productivity and experience in that space?*

“Lets change the way we perceive sound in a space.”

Questions. Suggestions. Remarks.