

Simulation of movements on construction sites.

An explorative study on the influence of 4D-BIM simulation of construction workers movements on construction sites to workhours and labour productivity.



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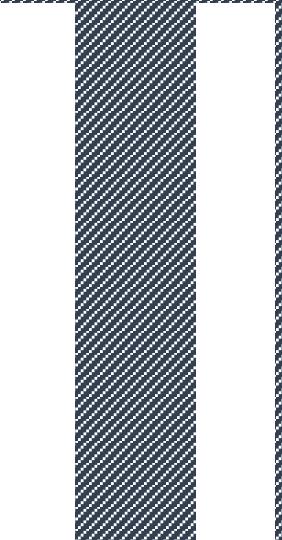
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Introduction

- BIM
 - Not used to full potential
- Labour productivity
 - Relatively low

To what extent does the modelling of labour and movement of workforce into a 4D building information model have the ability to give insight into and indicate potentials to increase the labour productivity on construction sites.

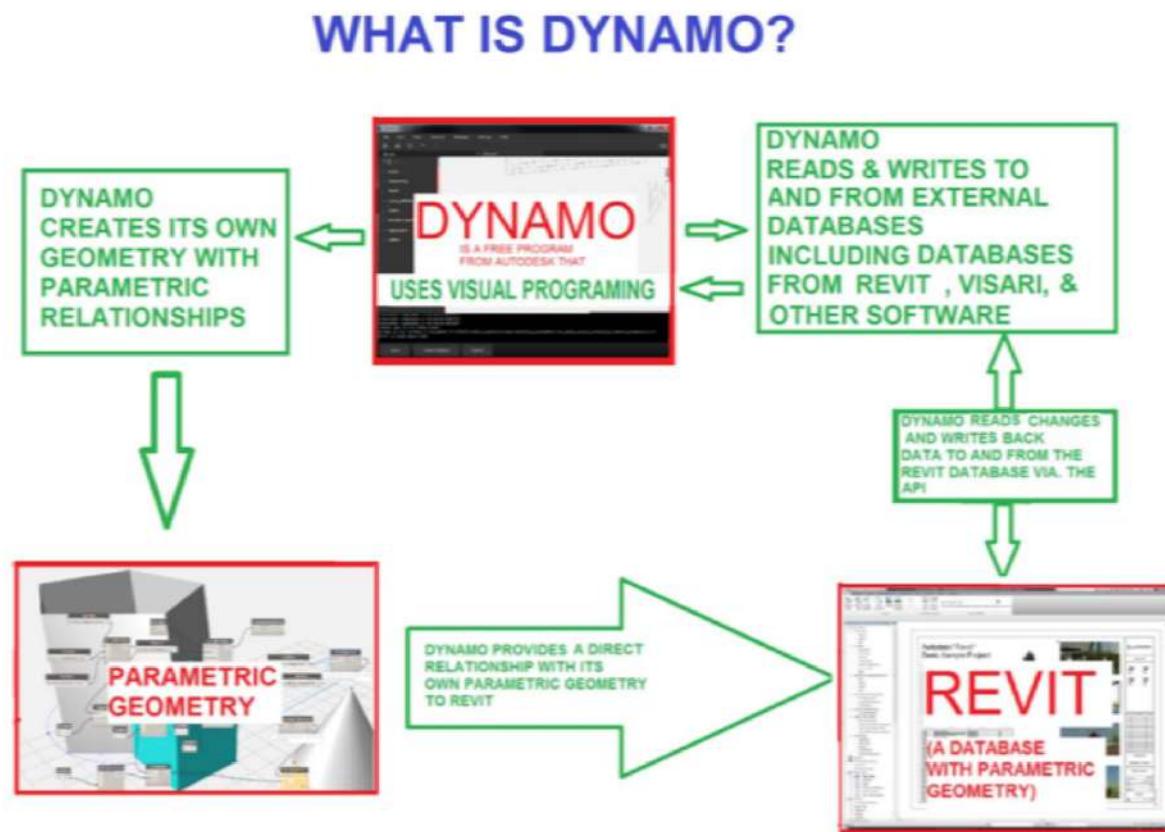
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- 2) Which data is needed from all parties to be integrated into a 4D Building Information Model?
- 3) How to accurately model the data into a 4D Building Information Model with labour and movements of workforce?
- 4) What are the possibilities of visualising the data into a 4D Building Information Model with labour and movements of workforce?
- 5) How to model interventions into a 4D Building Information Model with labour and movements of workforce?
- 6) What is the simulated change in productivity?
- 7) Can this simulated change in productivity be proved by the physical project?



Theoretical background

- Basis of 4D BIM
 - Relation between 3D and schedule
 - Benefits in
 - Visualisation
 - Multiple stakeholder impact
 - Site logistics
 - Coordinate trades
 - Compare schedules

Choice of Dynamo

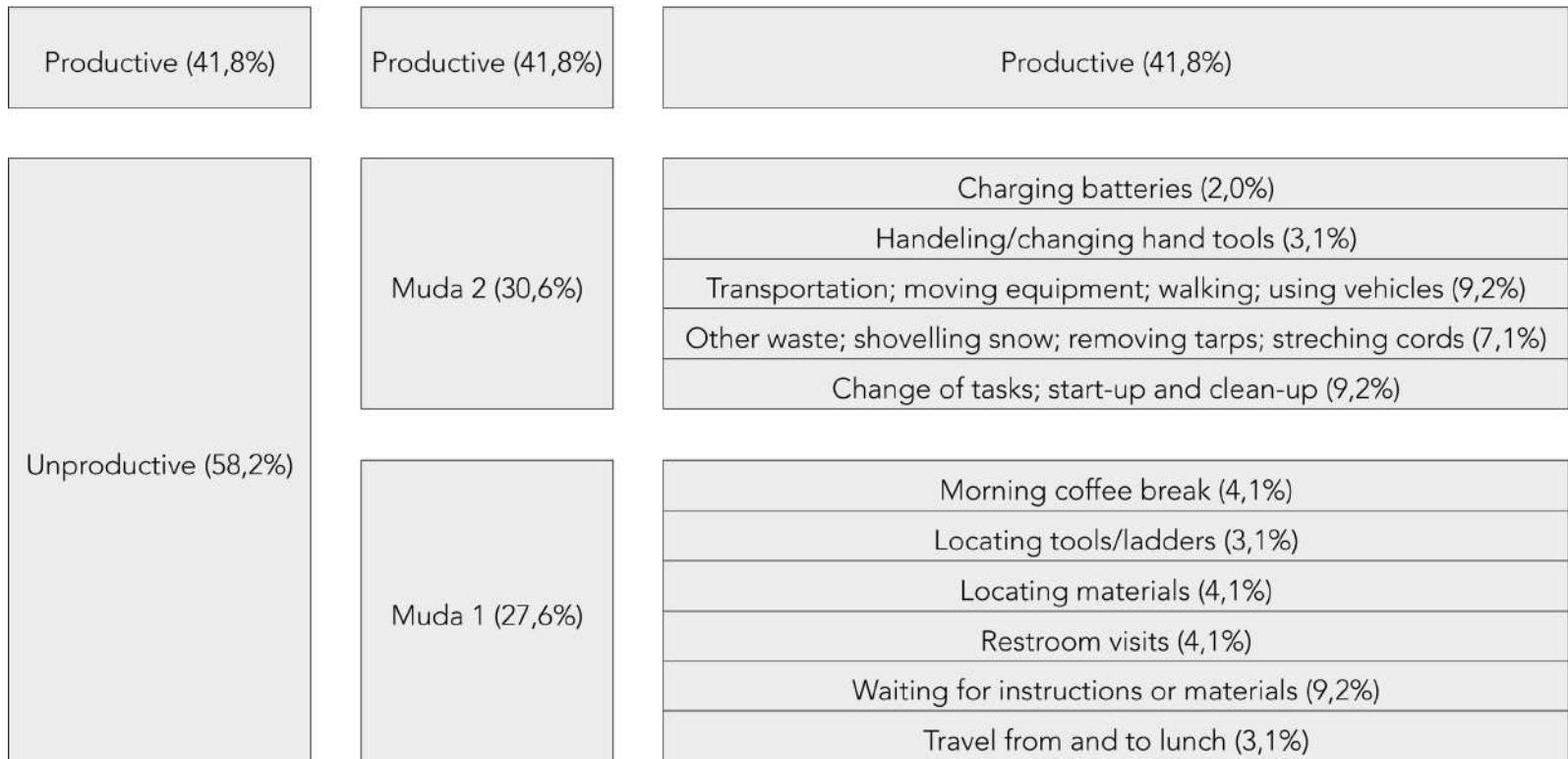


- Path analysis
 - Actors
 - Starting point
 - Destination
 - Path
 - Means of transport
 - Activities

- Walk
 - Horizontal working
 - Vertical walking by stairs
 - Vertical walking by elevator
- Wait
- Work

$$\text{labour productivity} = \frac{\text{input}}{\text{output}} = \frac{\text{total working time}}{\text{productive time}}$$

theoretical background – labour productivity



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Working time
62,3 – 70,4%

Productive (47,0%)
General instructions (4,2%)
Others (3,5%)
Measuring (3,5%)
Cleaning (3,1%)
Personal needs (0,6%)
Rework (0,4%)

Productive (41,8%)
Charging batteries (2,0%)
Handeling/changing hand tools (3,1%)
Other waste; shovelling snow; removing tarps; streching cords (7,1%)
Change of tasks; start-up and clean-up (9,2%)
Locating tools/ladders (3,1%)
Locating materials (4,1%)

Walking time
12,3 - 19,7%

Transporting (13,7%)
Traveling (6,0%)

Transportation; moving equipment; walking; using vehicles (9,2%)
Travel from and to lunch (3,1%)

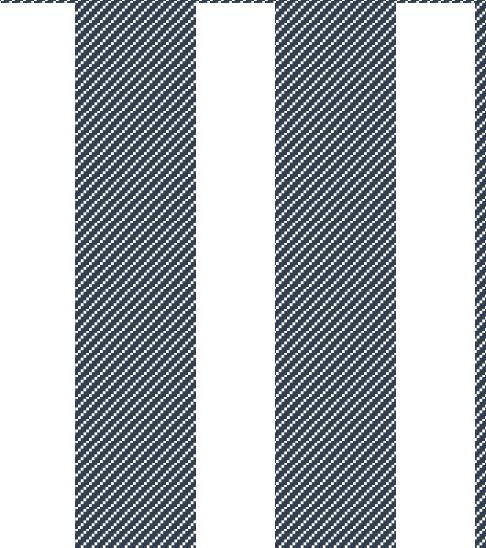
Waiting time
17,4 – 17,8%

Waiting (9%)
Idle time (6,8%)
Resting (2,0%)

Morning coffee break (4,1%)
Restroom visits (4,1%)
Waiting for instructions or materials (9,2%)

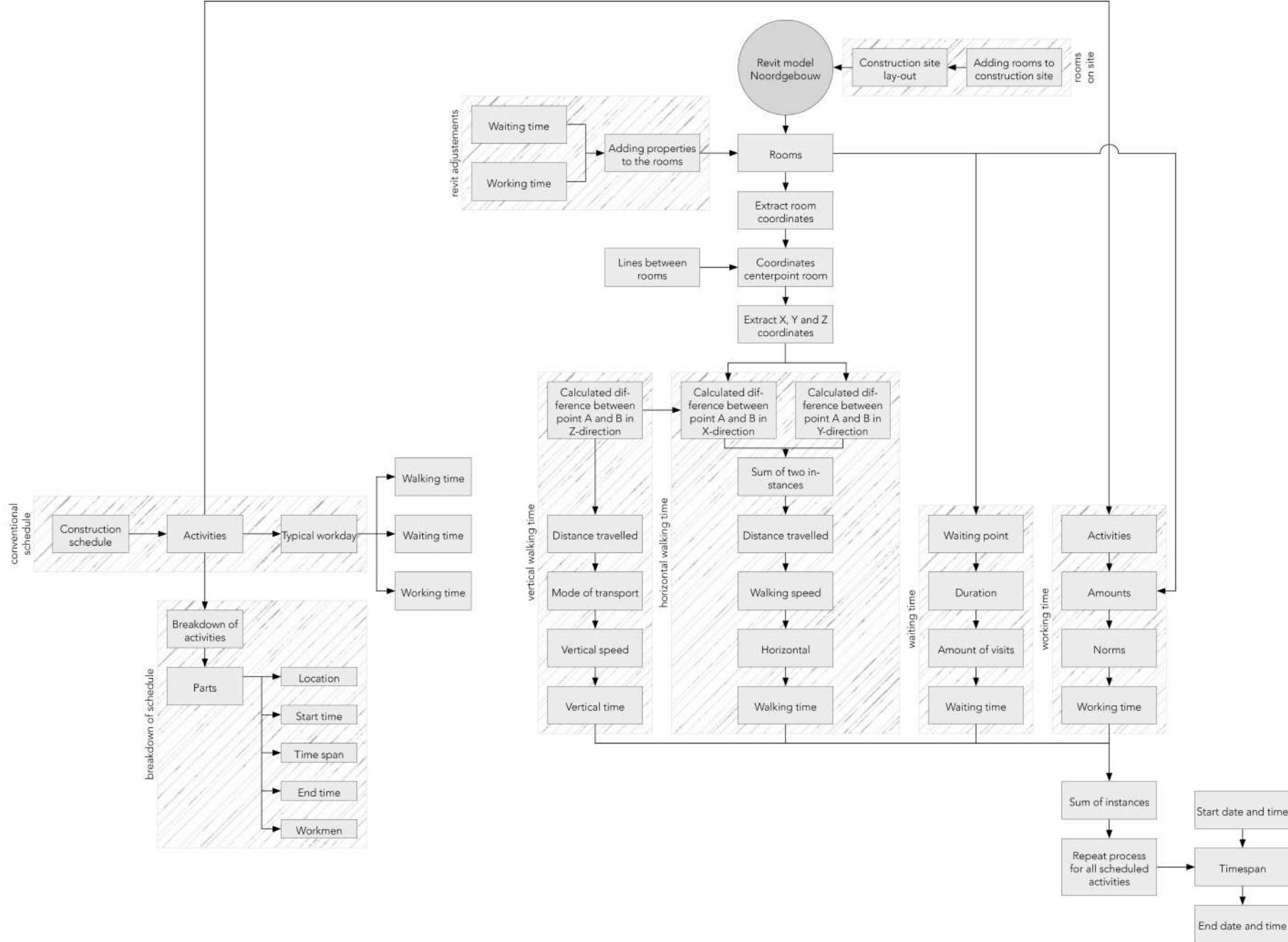
Alarcon (1997)

El Asmar (2012)

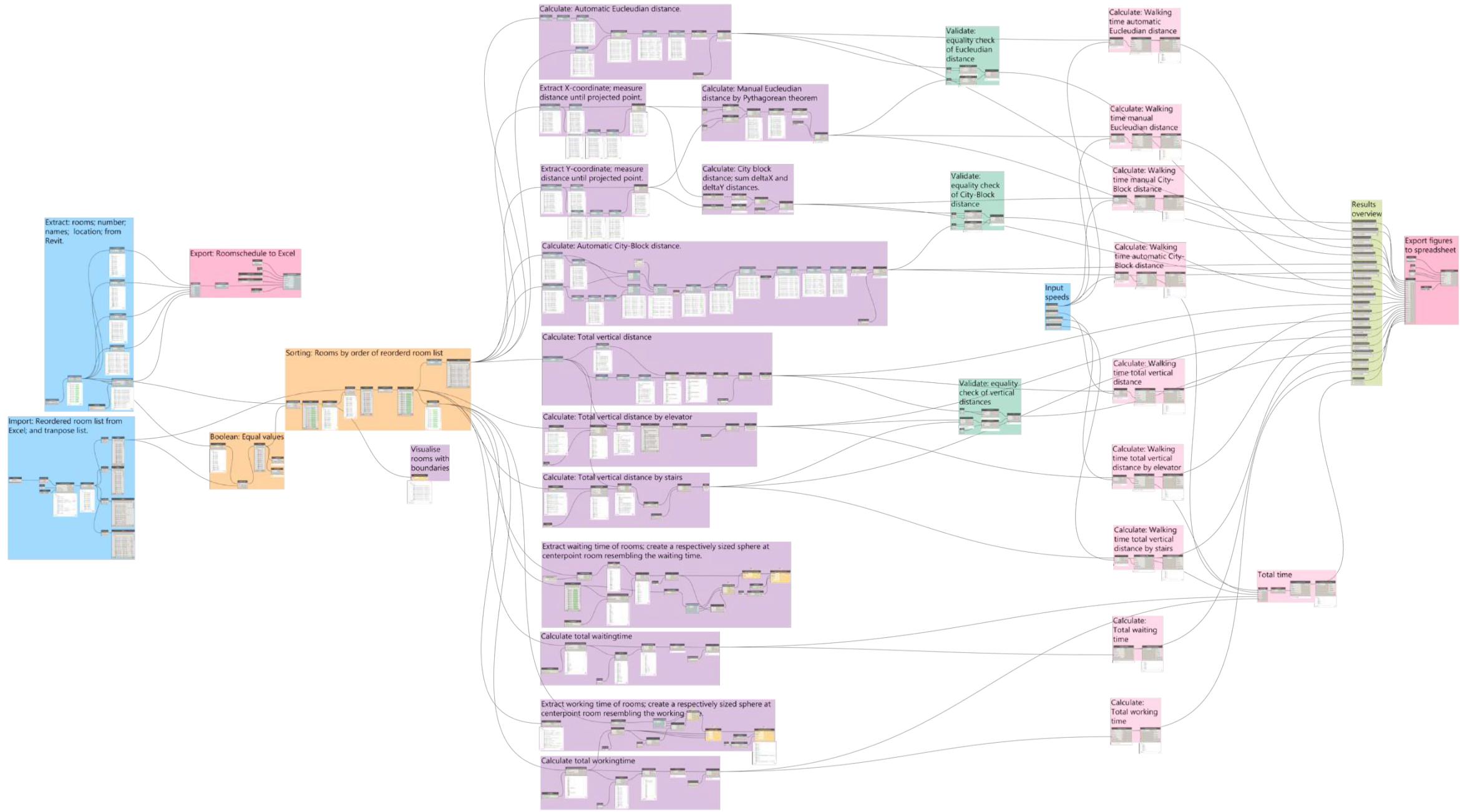


Implementing Dynamo

implementing dynamo - backbone



implementing dynamo – dynamo workspace

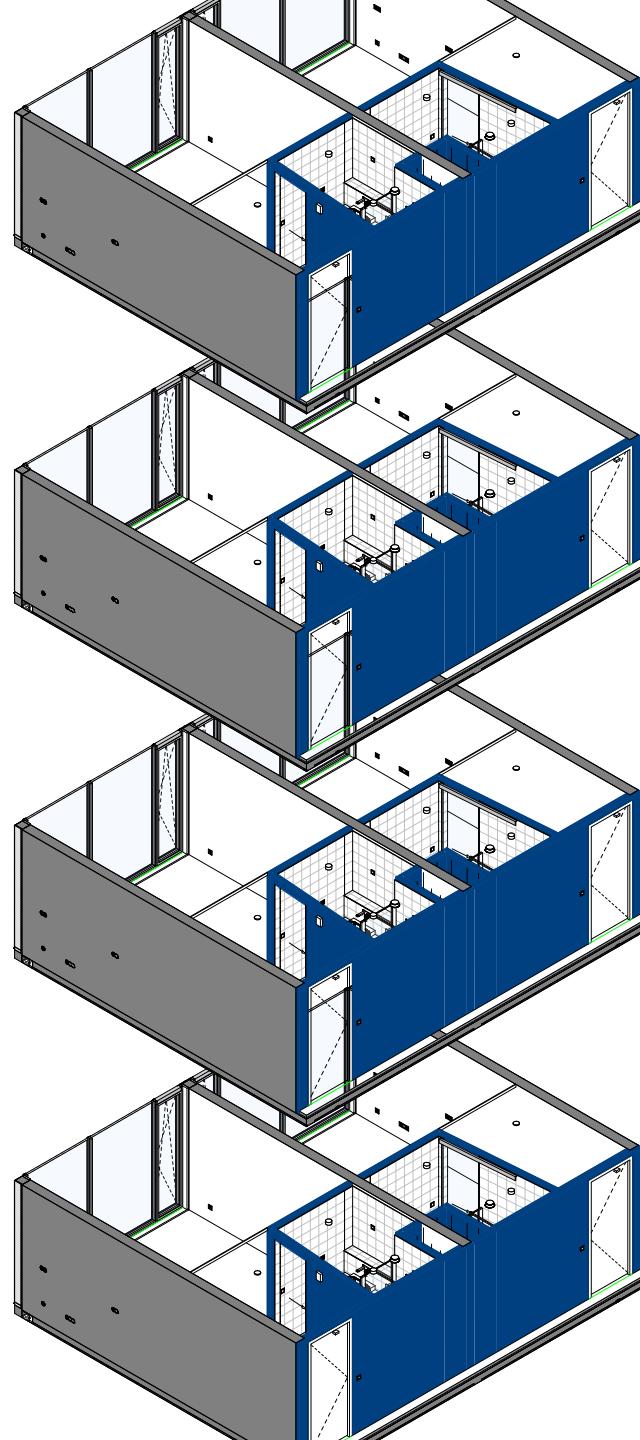


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Simulations

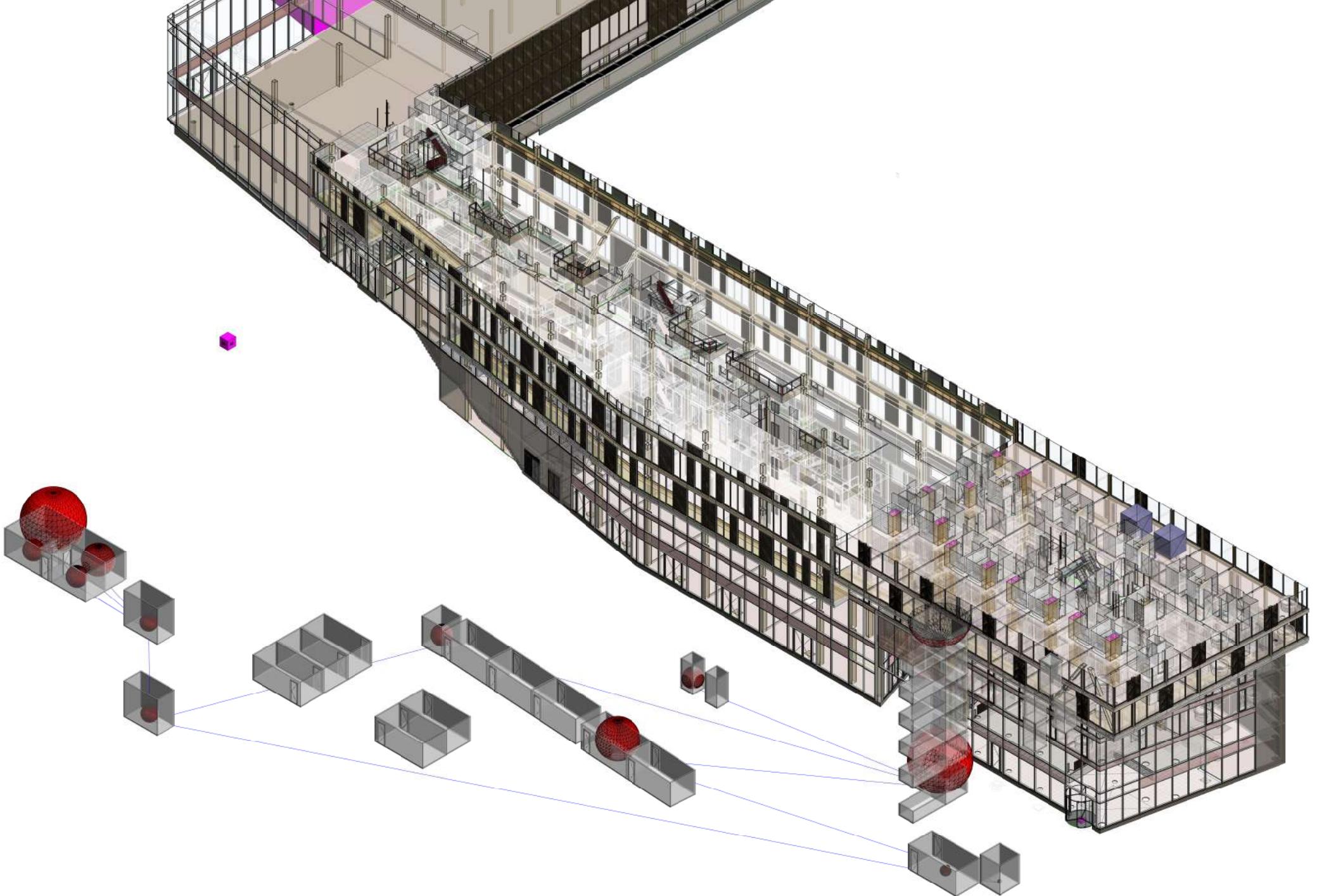
simulations - input

- Hotel rooms on all levels
- Working time
- Waiting time
- Walking time
- Typical workday

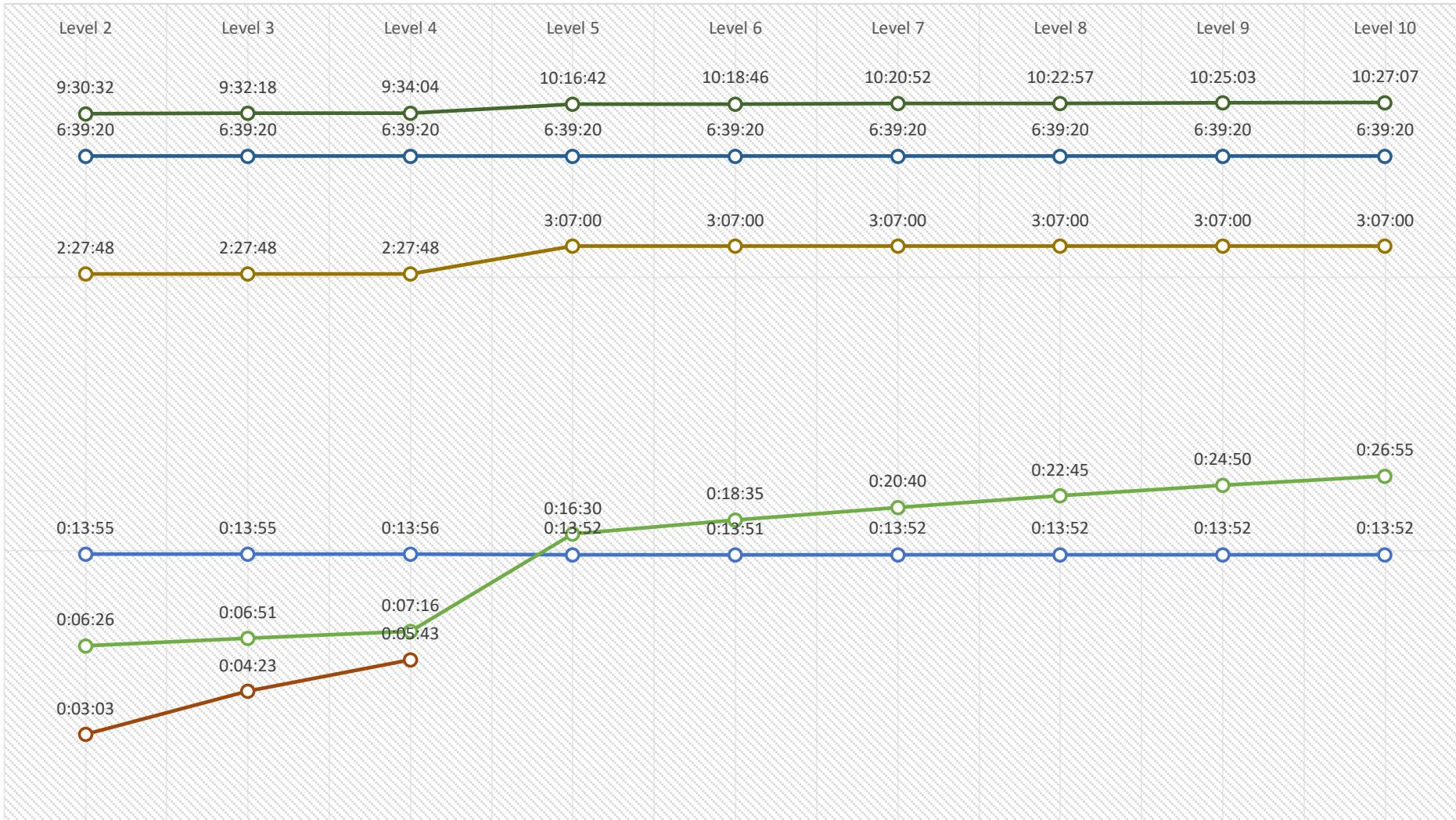


- Simulation 0 Benchmark
- Simulation 1 Intervention 1: Extra elevator
- Simulation 2 Intervention 2: Toilets on levels
- Simulation 3 Intervention 3: Elevator to corner
- Simulation 4 Intervention 4: Elevator near work

simulations – visualisation benchmark

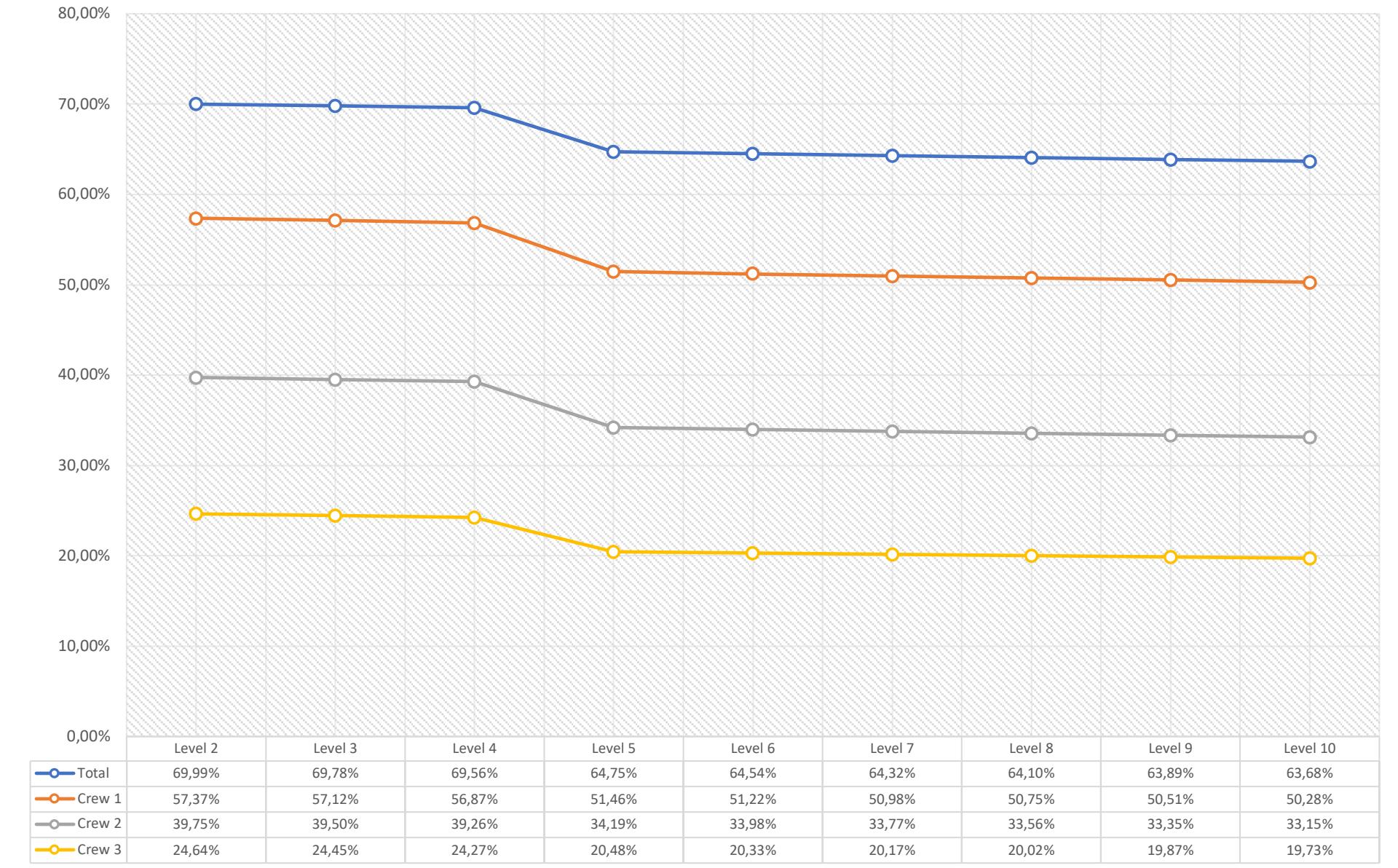


Simulation 0: Benchmark



—○— City-Block Time (calculation) [hh:mm:ss]
 —○— Vertical Time (elevator) [hh:mm:ss]
 —○— Vertical Time (stairs) [hh:mm:ss]
—○— Waiting time (total) [hh:mm:ss]
 —○— Working time (total) [hh:mm:ss]
 —○— Total time [hh:mm:ss]

Simulated productivity Benchmark



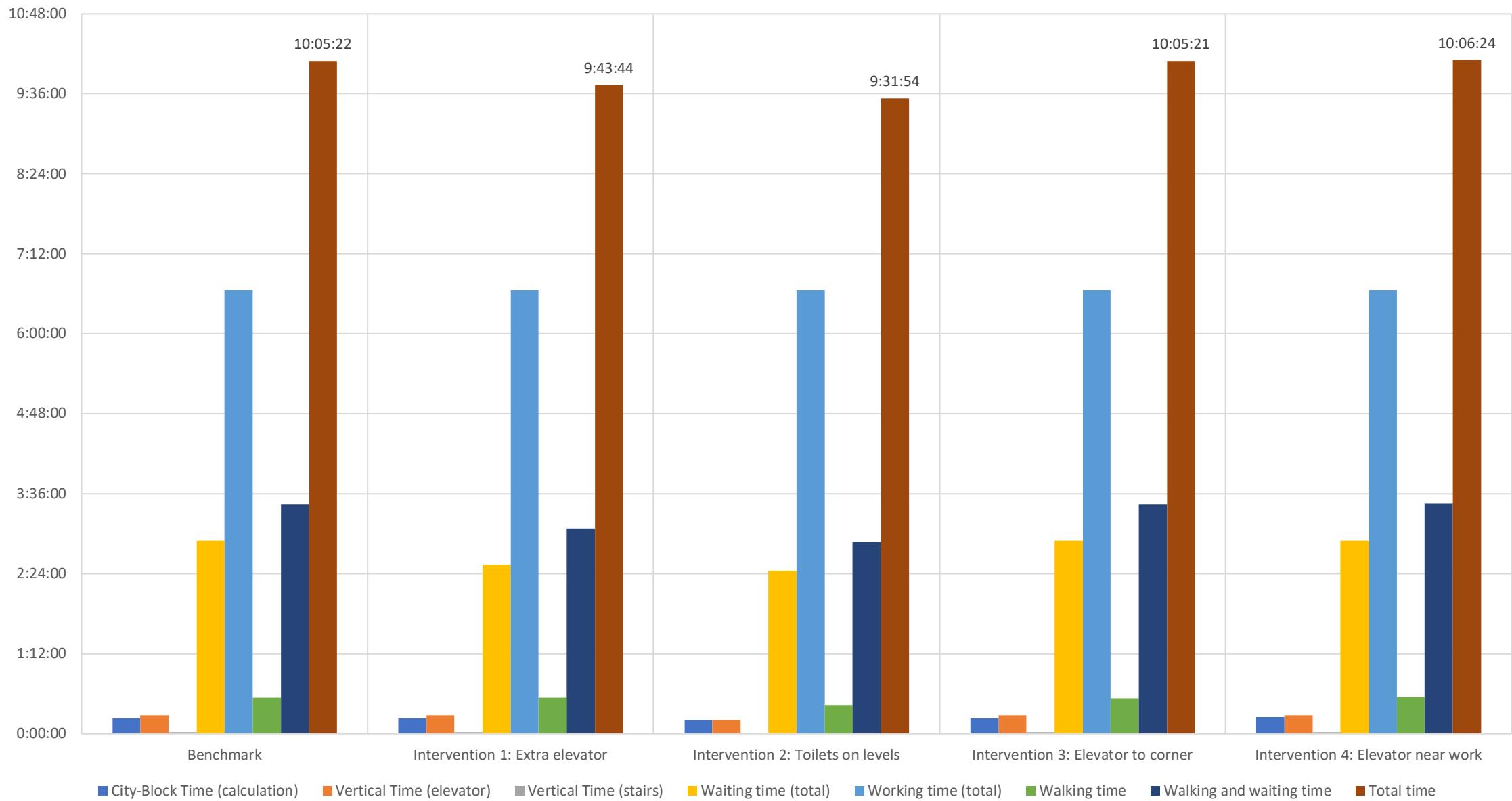
- Crews

Total man-hour per room per step for all crews	
Studs	2.5211 man-hour per room
Insulation	0.2184 man-hour per room
Drywall	1.9079 man-hour per room
Finishing	0.9331 man-hour per room
Additional factors	1.0750 man-hour per room
Total	6.656 man-hour per room

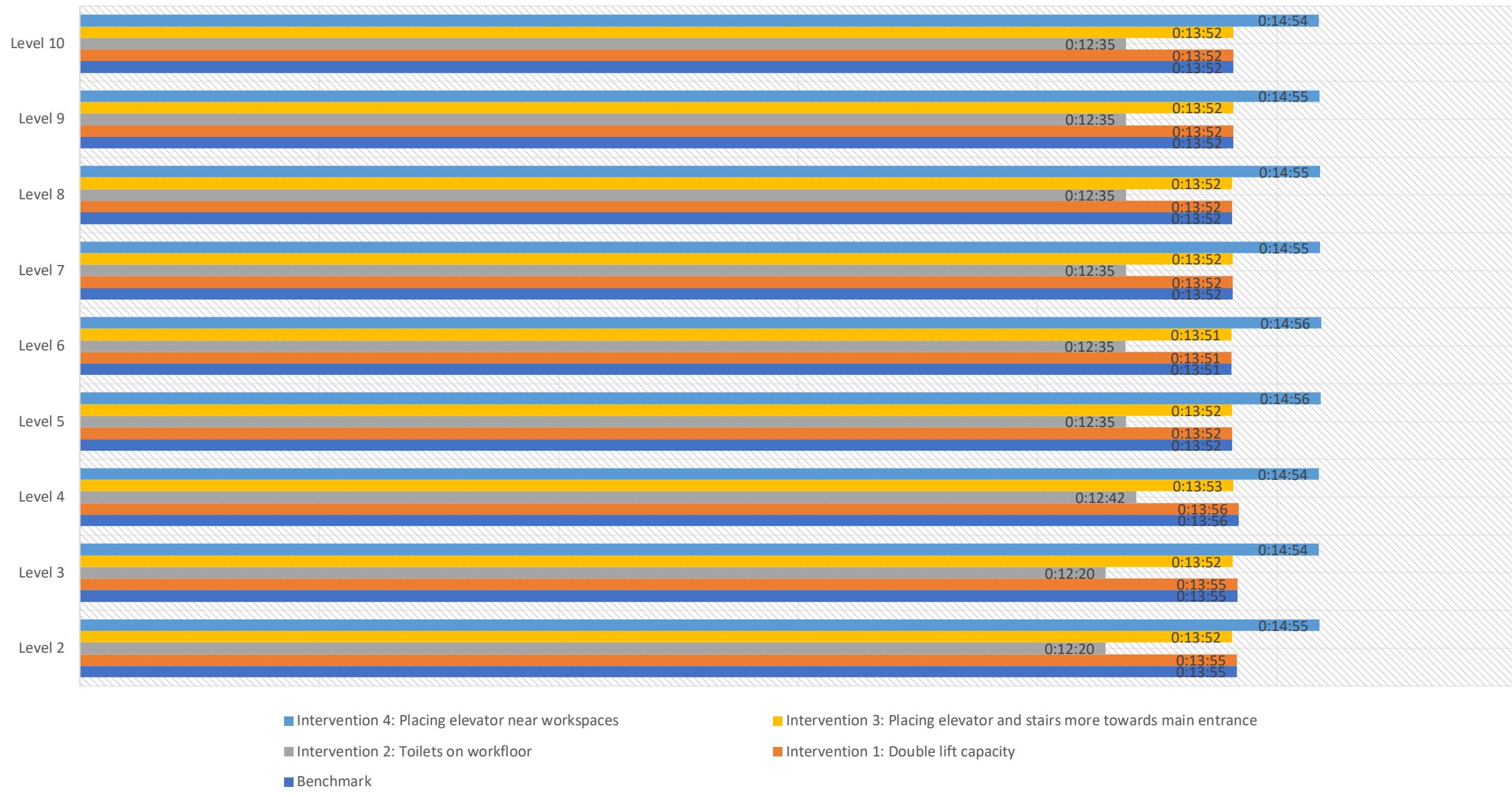
Total man-hour per room per crew		
Crew 1	Crew 2	Crew 3
Studs; backer board; doorframes; sheeting one side.	Insulation; receptacles; holes; sheeting second side.	Finishing.
3.840 man-hour per room	1.882 man-hour per room	0.933 man-hour per room

simulations – results

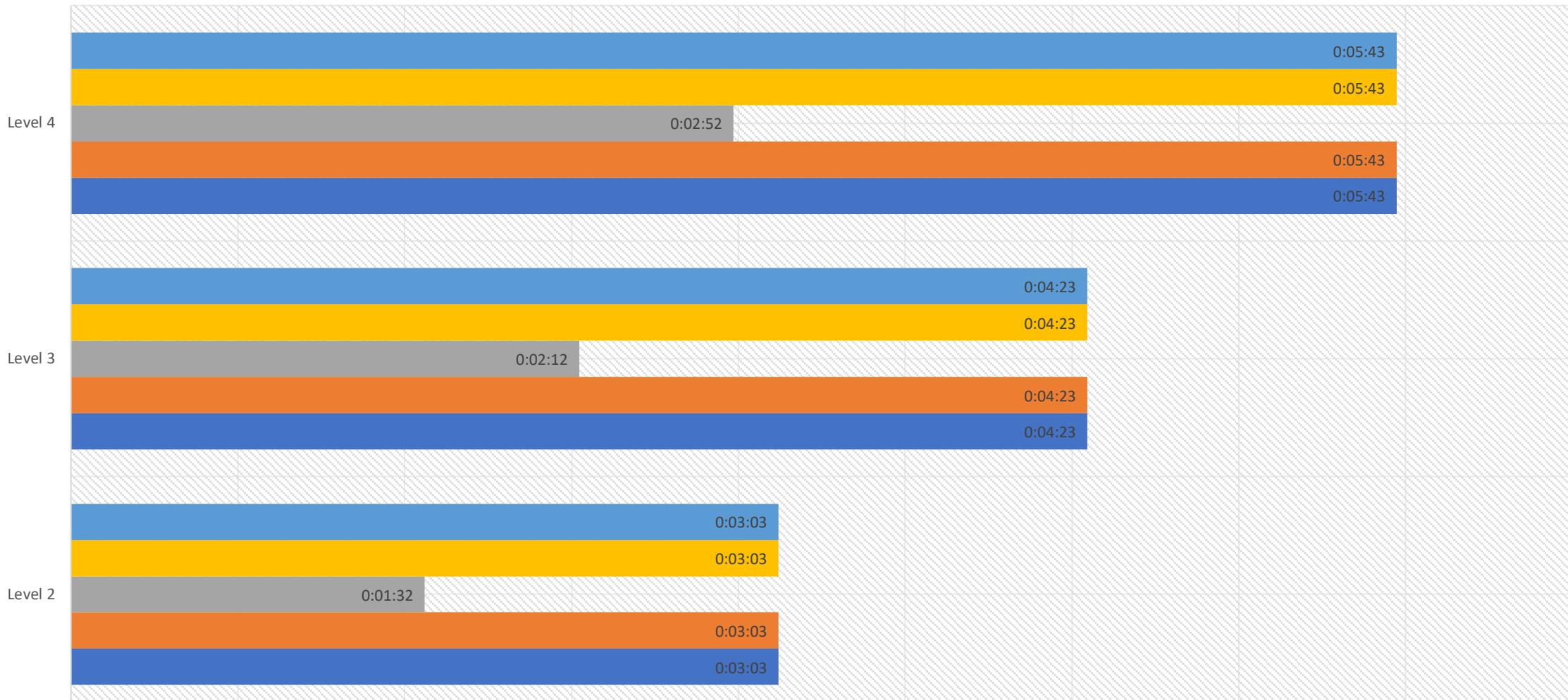
Average times of categories per intervention



City-block times



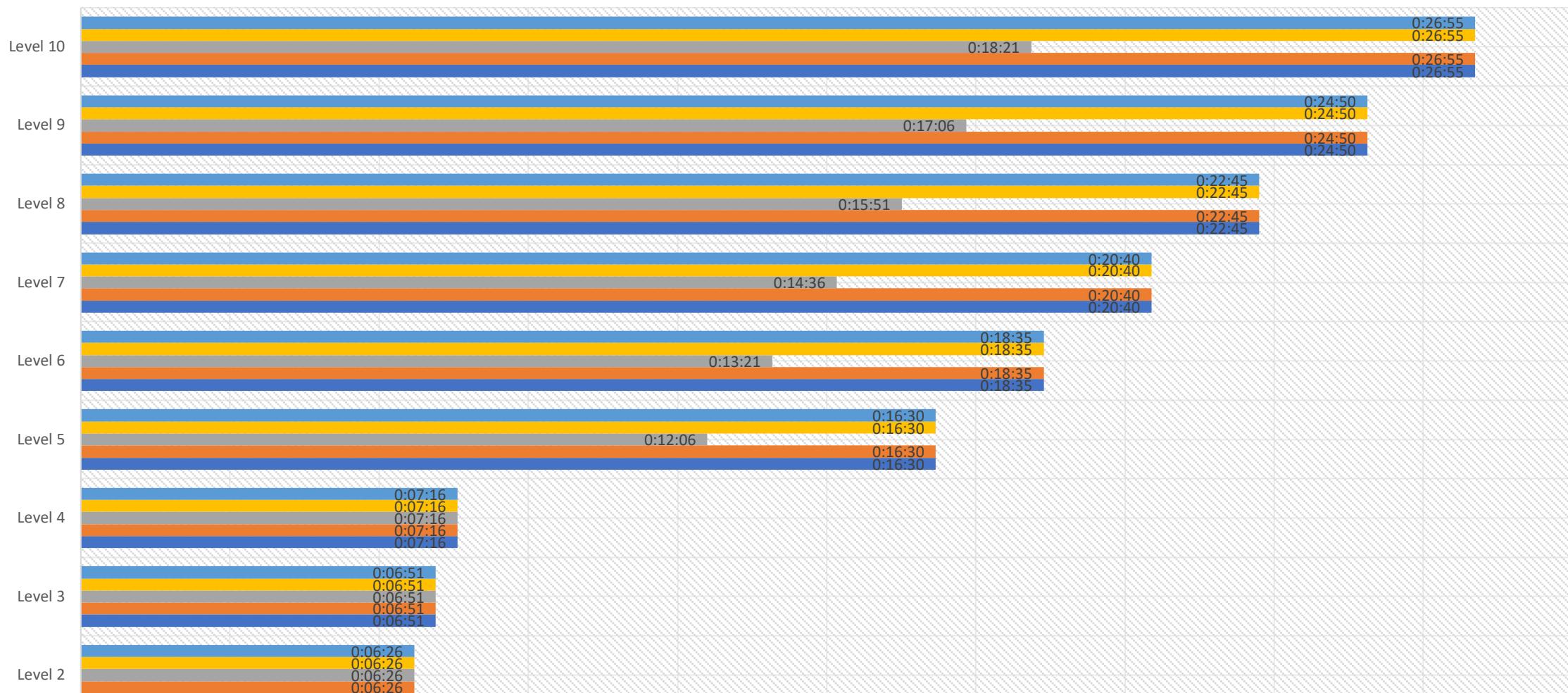
Vertical time by stairs



- Intervention 4: Placing elevator near workspaces
- Intervention 2: Toilets on workflow
- Benchmark

- Intervention 3: Placing elevator and stairs more towards main entrance
- Intervention 1: Double lift capacity

Vertical time by elevator



■ Intervention 4: Placing elevator near workspaces

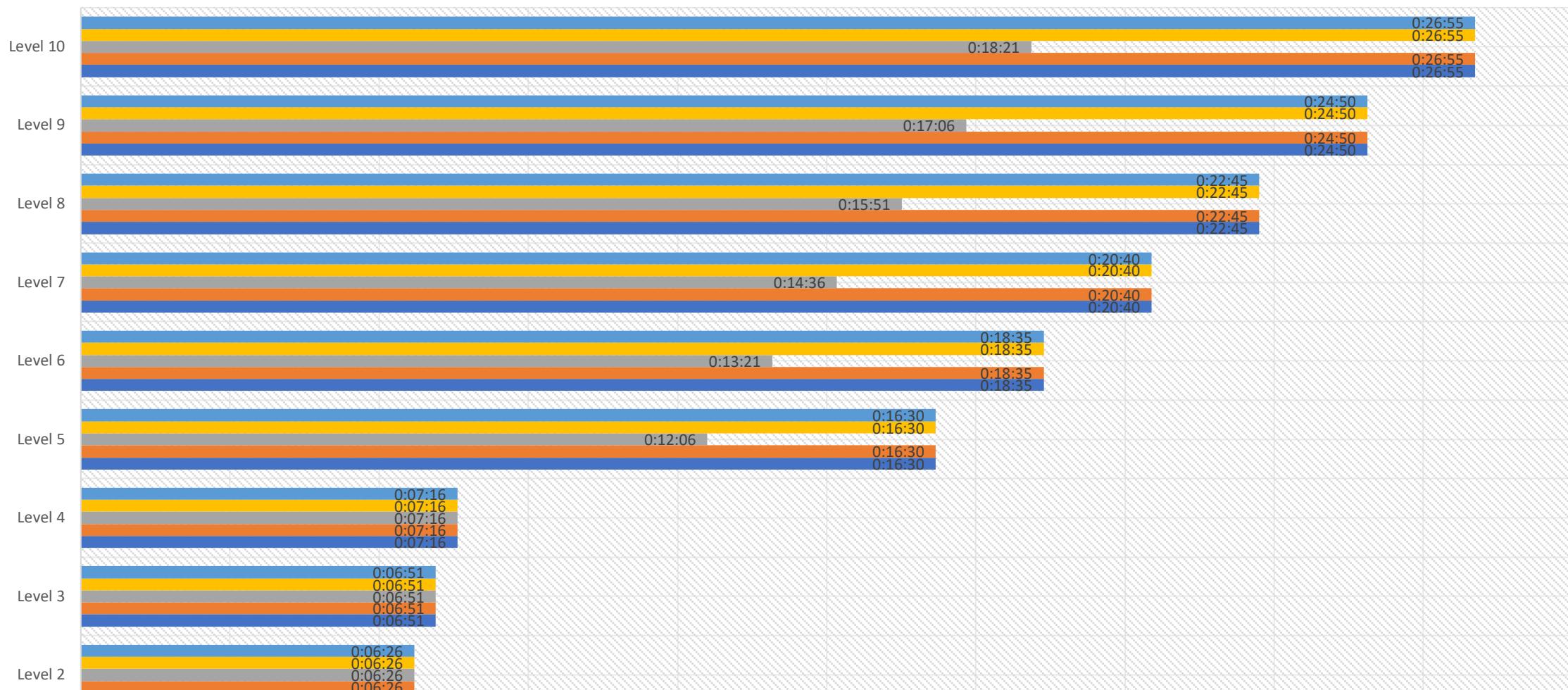
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■ Benchmark

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Vertical time by elevator



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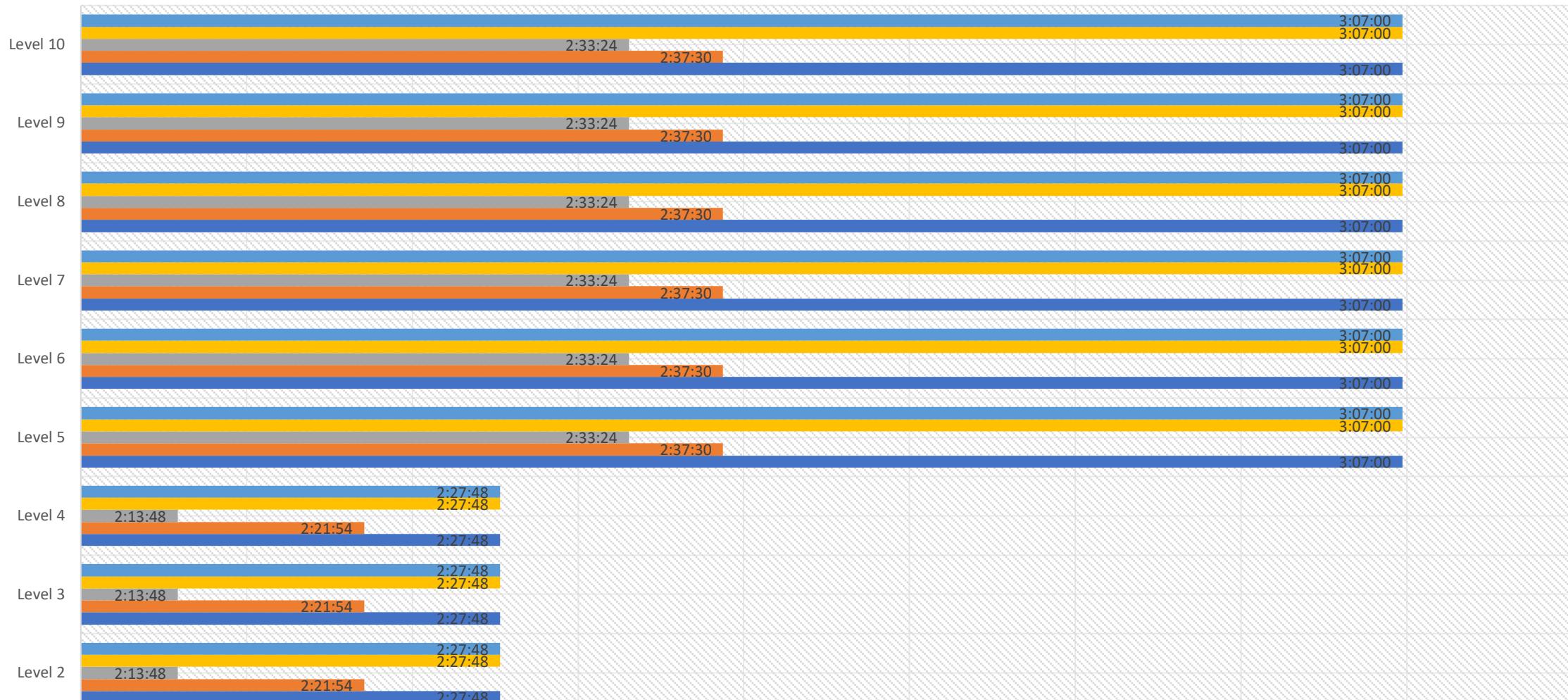
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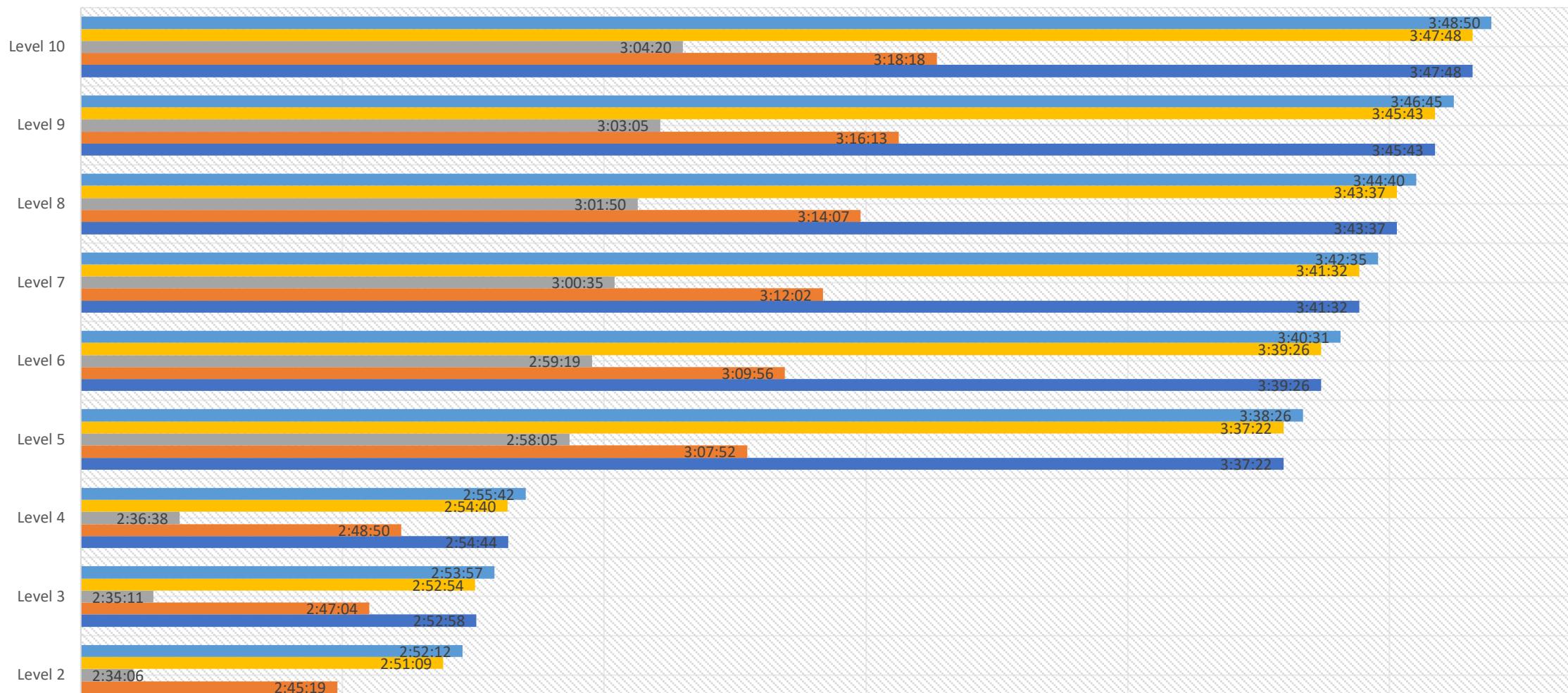
Total Waiting times



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Total traveling time

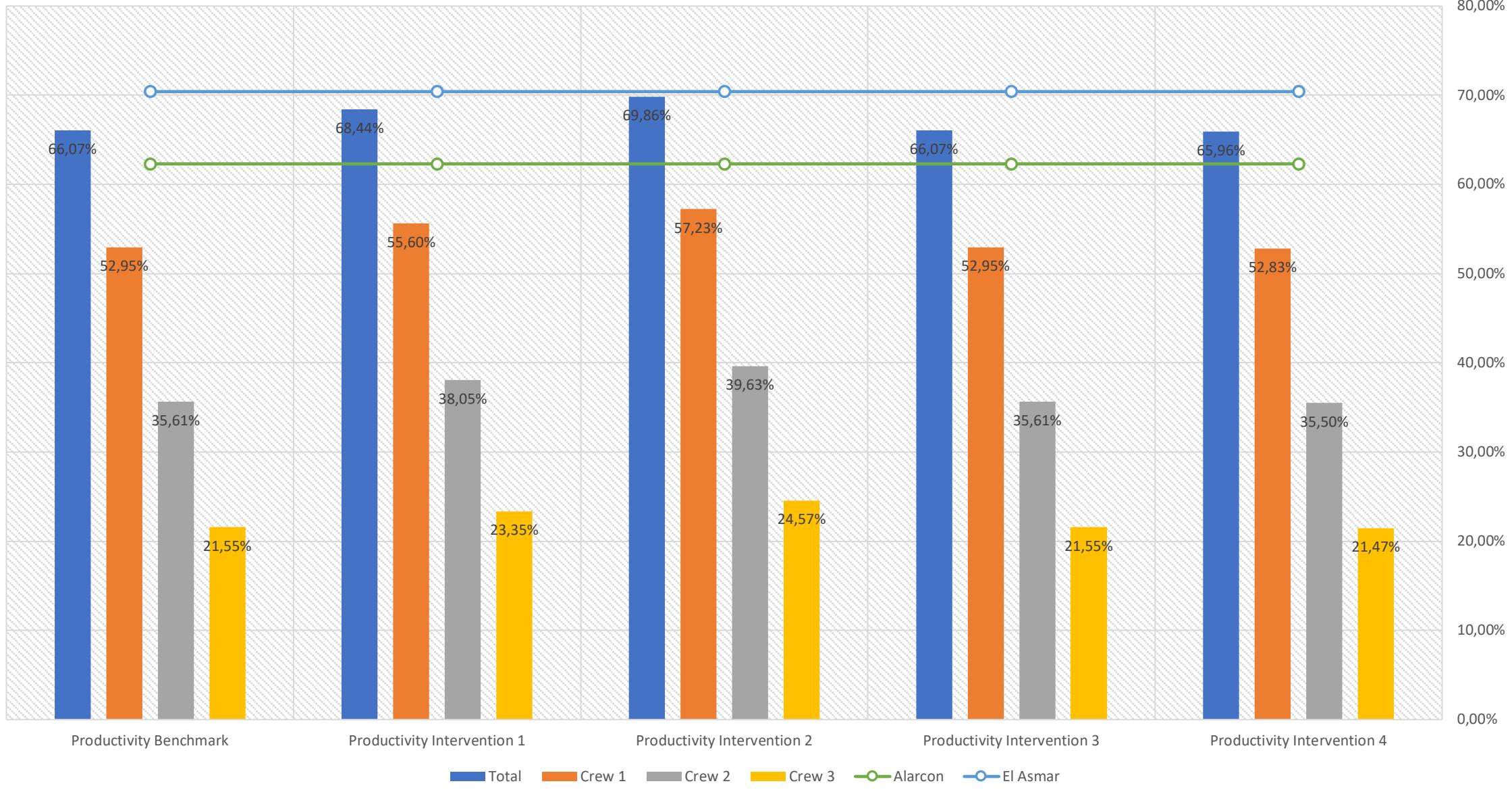


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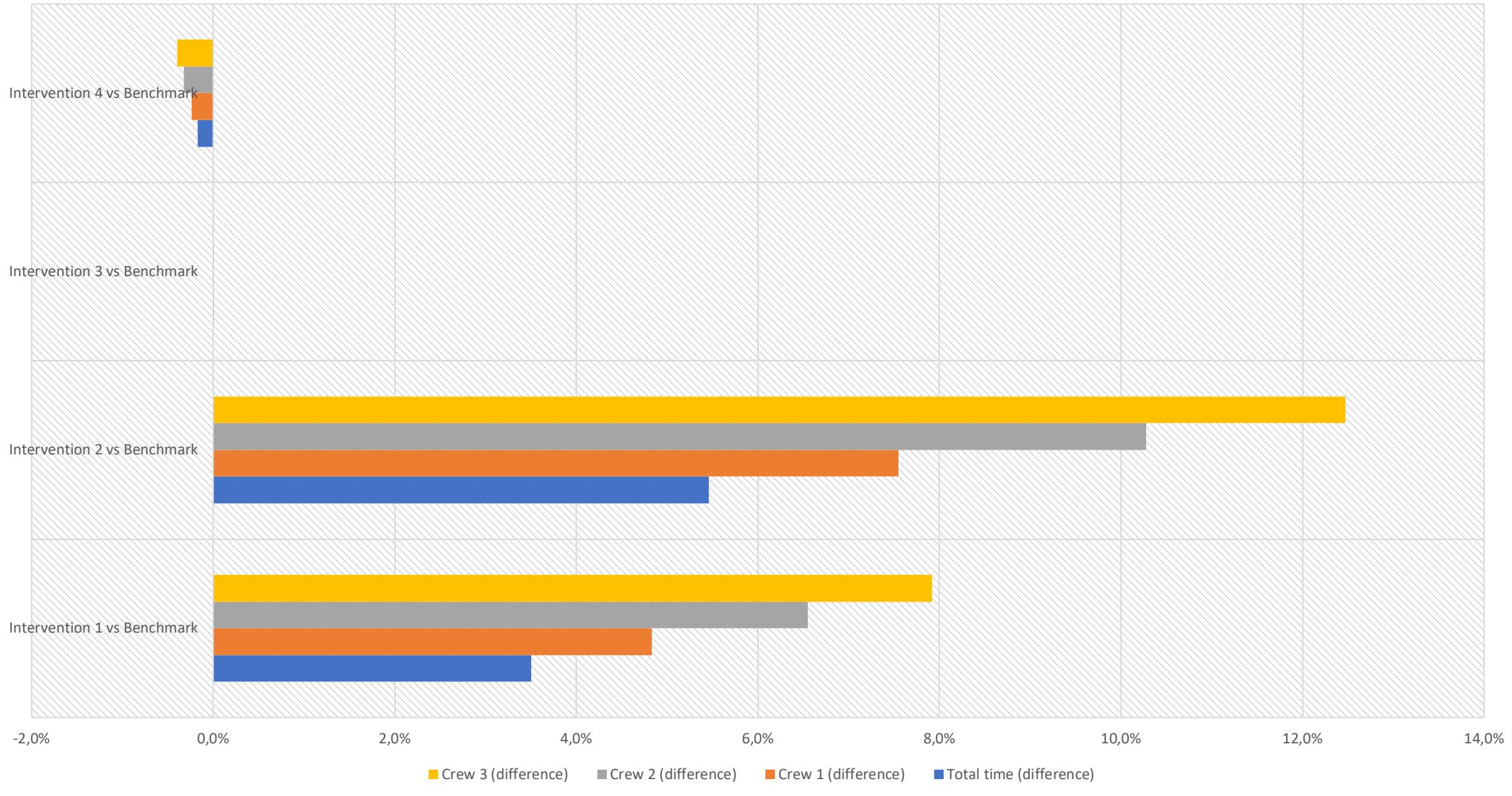
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simulations – results

Average productivity per simulation



Average difference between interventions and benchmark



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Behind Dynamo

- Preparing Revit
 - Rooms
 - Site lay-out
 - Working and waiting time
- Typical workday
 - Interview with dry-wall contractor
- Walking speed
 - Horizontal
 - Vertical by stair
- Waiting time
 - Waiting time of elevator
 - Vertical by elevator
- Working time
 - Norms

VI

Verification

- Two sessions
 - BIM-employees of Dura Vermeer
 - Construction team of Dura Vermeer and BIM-consultant

- Problem in decision making
- Introduction of simulations in construction process
- Different building phases
- Dependencies on site and with schedule
- Project size and shape
- Waiting times
- Difference in construction workers

- Traditional projects
- Work productive for entire day

VII

Discussion & Conclusion

- Discussion
 - Model
 - Typical workday
 - Elevator
 - Waiting time
 - Walking lines
 - Necessity of working time

- Discussion
 - Productivity
 - Ratio between walking, waiting and working
 - Smart construction logistics
 - Different crews

1. Which definition and aspects of productivity to be used?

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2. Which data is needed from all parties to be integrated into a 4D Building Information Model?

- Construction site lay-out
- Walking
- Waiting
- Working
- Typical workday

3. How to accurately model the data into a 4D Building Information Model with labour and movements of workforce?

- Walking
- Waiting
- Working

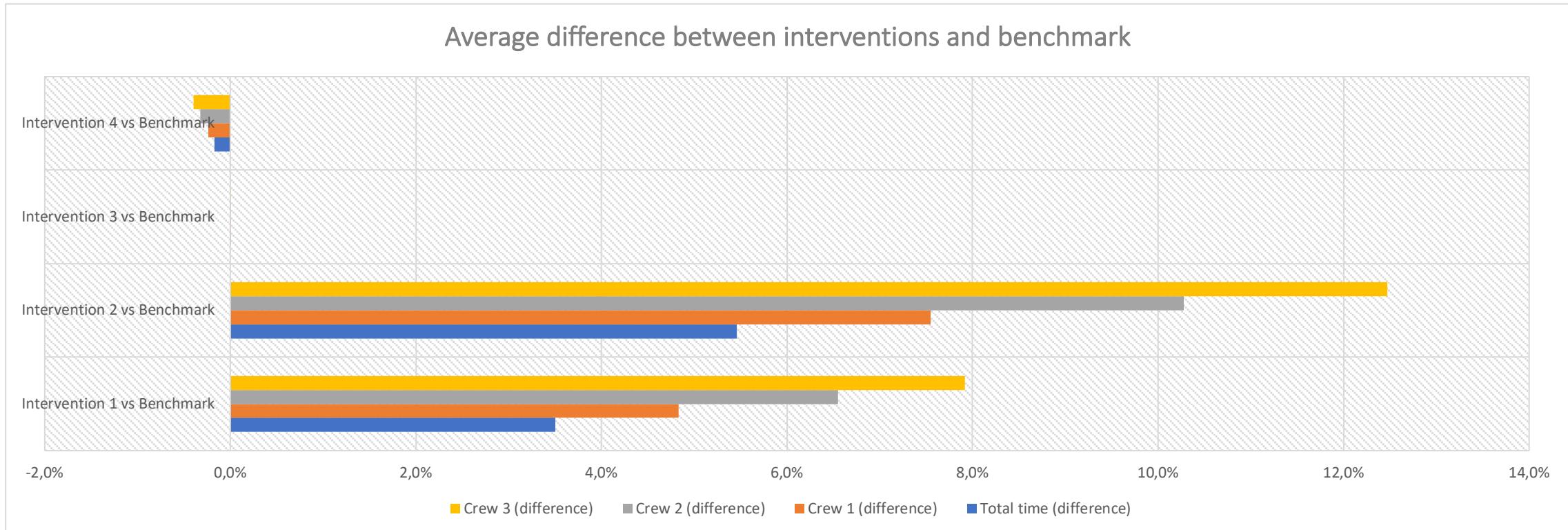
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- Walking lines
- Waiting and Working times

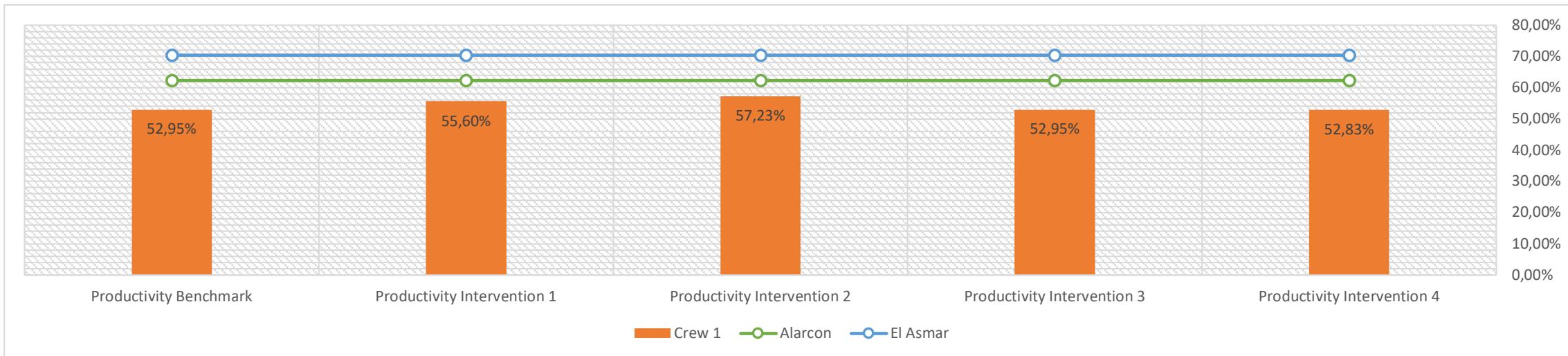
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To what extent does the modelling of labour and movement of workforce into a 4D building information model have the ability to give insight into and indicate potentials to increase the labour productivity on construction sites.

- Quite a big extent
- First step

- Ratio working, walking, waiting
- Multiple actors
- Building shape
- Order of construction
- Refinement of model
 - Visualisation of walking line and waiting times
 - Horizontal walking lines
 - Waiting time elevator

A photograph of a construction site featuring a large, multi-level metal scaffolding structure. Two workers in high-visibility vests and hard hats are visible on the scaffolding. One worker is on the left, near a vertical teal-colored panel with the text 'ECO TOILET' and a phone number. The other worker is on the right, further up the structure. In the background, a large, abstract mural is visible, featuring a green circle with a black dot and a blue circle with a white dot. The sky is overcast.

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