

**PAWEŁ SAPIECHA**  
ARCHITECTURE PORTFOLIO

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Architect - Researcher - Programmer



## PROFILE

A young and dynamically developing architect with a BSc degree in Architecture, and Urban Design, and Master of Architecture degree completed in 2021. I am interested in innovative, digital technologies such as Machine Learning, Parametric Design or IoT (Internet of Things) in the context of optimization and the acceleration of the design process in architecture and urban planning.

## EDUCATION

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
Sept 2019 - June 2021  
GPA 3.96

During my studies I focused on applications of computational design and robotic fabrication in solving architectural and urban design problems as well as improving current solutions.

During my final semester I focused on ways to digitally twin Phoenix's suburban sprawl areas, and lightweight carbon fiber structures weaved with the robotic arm.

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

MARSHAL UNI. OF TECH.  
Sept 2017 - July 2018

During my first year of the M.Arch program in Warsaw I started exploring possibilities of parametric design taking part in competitions and workshops. I transferred to UofA after the first year.

BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN DESIGN

MARSHAL UNI. OF TECH.  
Sept 2013 - July 2017

4 year program with a strong emphasis on engineering. A thesis design of the River Police Station in Warsaw needed a careful design answering multiple functional needs, the unique culture of the River Police unit, and a vulnerable site located on a river bank.

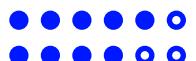
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## TECHNICAL SKILLS

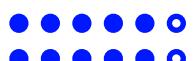
### PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

Java [Processing]  
C#



### WEB DEVELOPMENT

HTML & CSS  
Javascript [jQuery]



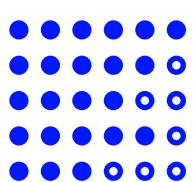
### GEO-SPATIAL ANALYTICS

ArcGIS Pro



### 3D & BIM MODELING

Rhino & GH  
Revit & Dynamo  
AutoCad  
ArchiCad  
Unreal Engine [Speckle]



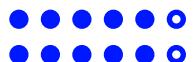
### GRAPHIC DESIGN & VIDEO EDITING

Adobe CC



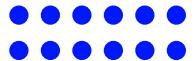
### FABRICATION

KukaPRC  
Slicer3D



## LANGUAGES

English  
Polish



## AWARDS

### ALBERT H. DRACHMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

UofArizona, 2020-2021

### CARL RALD SCHOLARSHIP

UofArizona, 2020-2021

### M.ARC TECH STREAM AWARD

UofArizona, 2021

## EXPERIENCE

### BUILDING PERFORMANCE INTERN

Oct 2021 - Mar 2022  
Olson Kundig

Performed building simulations to support design decisions on projects. Performed energy and solar radiation studies in the early schematic design phase to determine appropriate shading and orientation for projects. Produced daylight and embodied carbon simulations for project teams. Partnered with the Director of Building Performance to develop strategies to achieve net-zero energy and carbon for projects teams. Produced written summary reports of completed studies to be shared with project teams.

### RAPID PROTOTYPING LAB MANAGER

Feb 2021 - June 2021  
University of Arizona

Researched, prepared, and implemented tools like the KUKA robotic arm, 3D printers, and Arduino electronics to model architectural research models. Trained and worked with over 80-student class members on fabricating architectural prototypes.

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

Sept 2019 - June 2021  
University of Arizona

Led lectures and workshops on the use of parametric techniques in architecture. Advised over 210 students over three semesters about digital techniques. Handled class documentation and reorganized materials to teach remotely.

### VISITING SCHOLAR

April 2019 - Aug 2019  
University of Arizona

Conducted a research on „Synthesis of Self-Adaptive Architects using Developmental Genetic Programming” at Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Arizona

### INTERN ARCHITECT

July 2018, Nov 2018 - March 2019  
Kurylowicz & Associates, Warsaw

Developed a multi-industrial conceptual design (bim model building, design of the facade, and selection of materials). Prepared graphic and presentation materials. Supported modeling and technical work.

## METHODICAL SKILLS

### GENERATIVE DESIGN

Data-driven urban and architectural design strategies with incorporation of evolutionary optimization components like Silvereye, Octopus or Walleci.

### ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

Complex analysis of site forces gives and opportunity to design hi-performing sustainable building and cities.

### BIM INTEGRATION

Bridging the gap between complex Rhino 3D+GH parametric geometries, and highly organized building information modeling in Revit.

### RAPID PROTOTYPING

Performed complex material research as well as applying various fabrication technologies to model certain material or technical qualities within hours.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### Susannah Dickinson

Associate Professor of Architecture  
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### Aletheia Ida

Associate Professor of Architecture  
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### Paulus Musters

Laboratory Manager  
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### Chris Trumble

Associate Professor of Architecture  
ctrumble@email.arizona.edu

## PERSONAL STATEMENT

I'm passionate about developing as an architect and I believe that my skills can make the design process more valuable and effective. I look for solutions and inspirations in a variety of disciplines. Technology is today central to the architectural practice. My work goes beyond architecture. My interests are the use of VR, Augmented Reality, Internet of Things, computational techniques, rapid robot prototyping, artificial intelligence and other advanced tools to create more refined and better performing built environment design.

Each of my designs puts a great attention on efficiency, reduction of material use, energy consumption and sustainability. With the use of big data I performed a city-wide simulation how my design will work as a part of an urban system. As a Techne class Graduate Teaching Assistant at the University of Arizona I share my experience, knowledge and skills with undergraduate students. Having those unique abilities I am also constantly looking for the possibilities to support traditional architectural research and design.

After getting my Master's degree I am going to continue my career in the United States as a computational designer. I want to work with architects to design Smart Cities, sustainable buildings and better built environment for the world of tomorrow.

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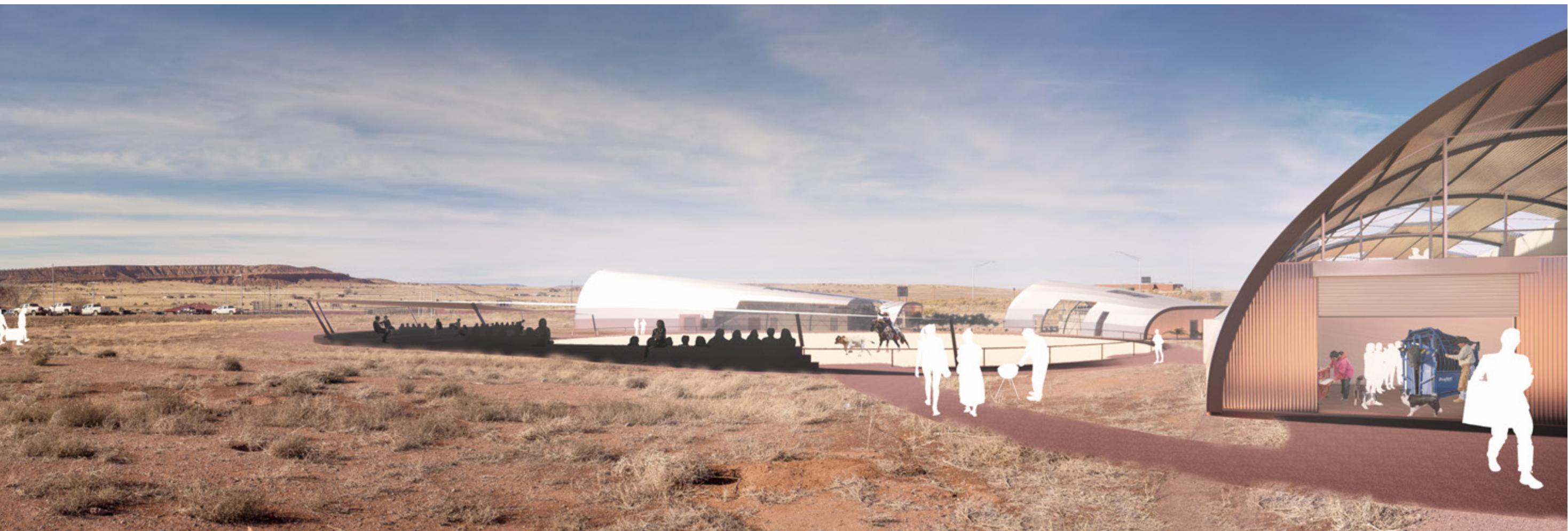
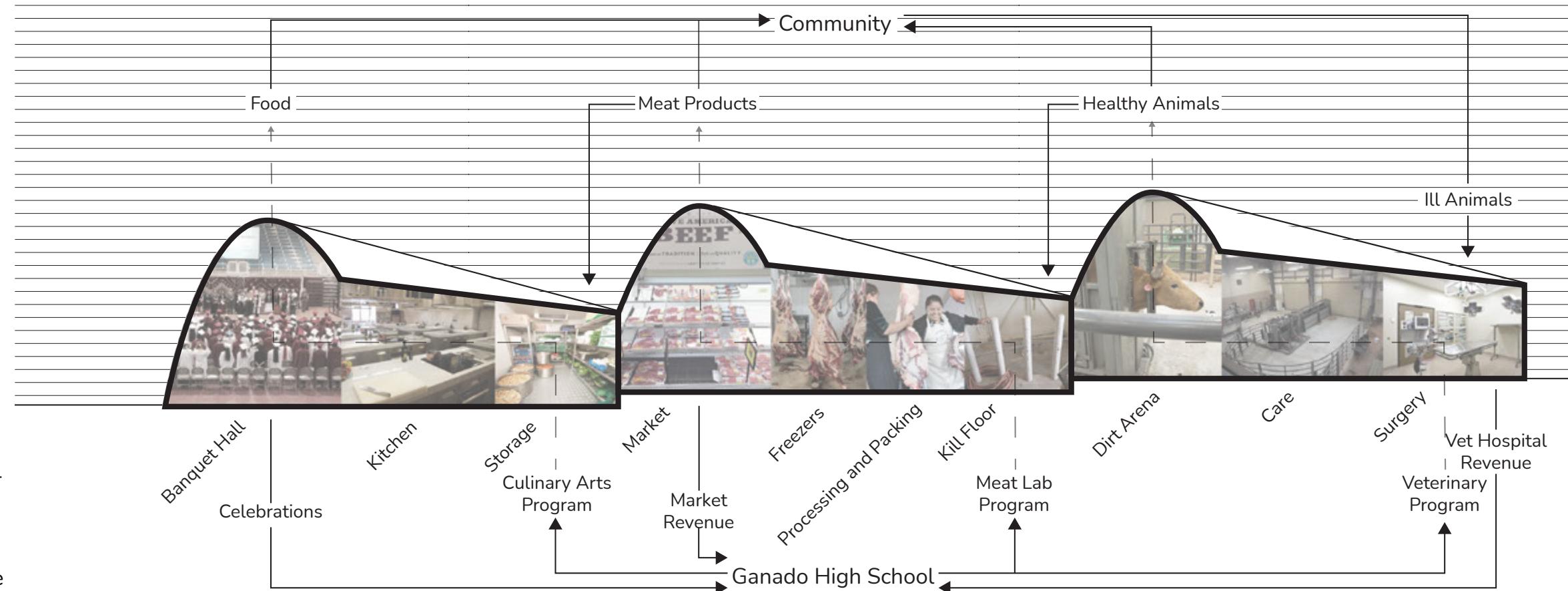
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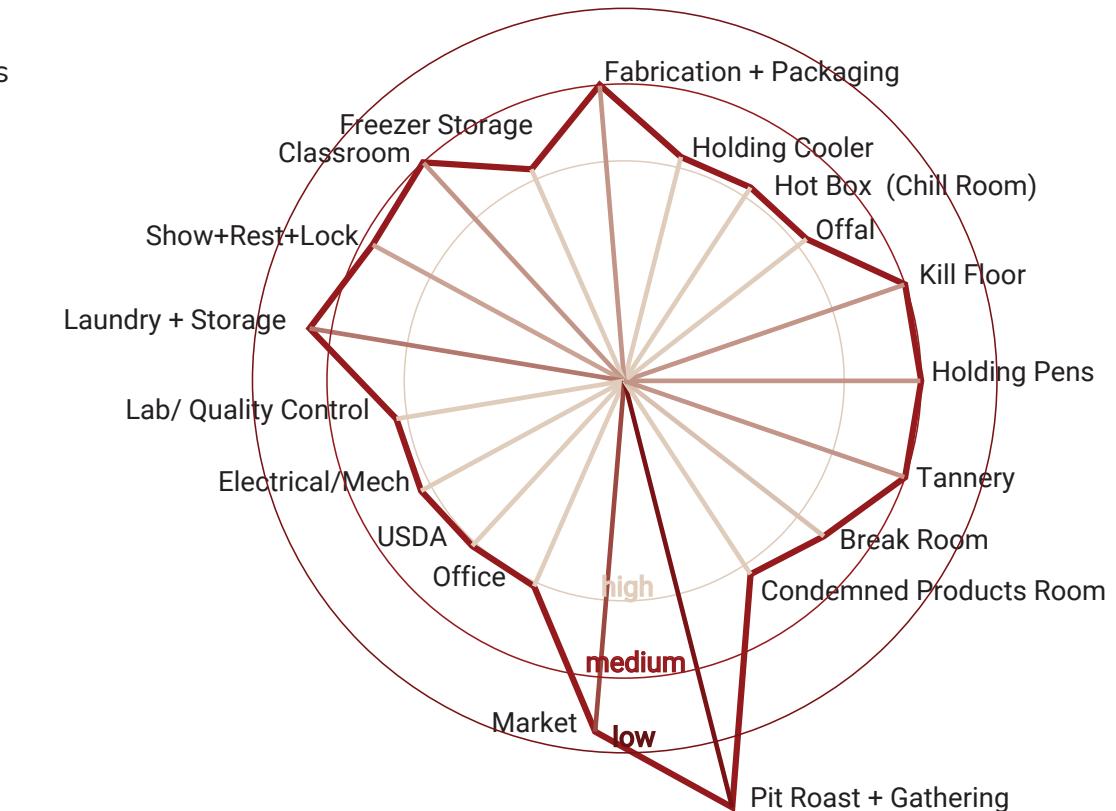
Ganado High School is an important place for the local Navajo youth. The main goal of the school is to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for over 500 students. The program of the school is focused on Career and Technical Education. Therefore it needs miscellaneous labs and workshops to recreate the real workplaces, where graduates will get the necessary skills.





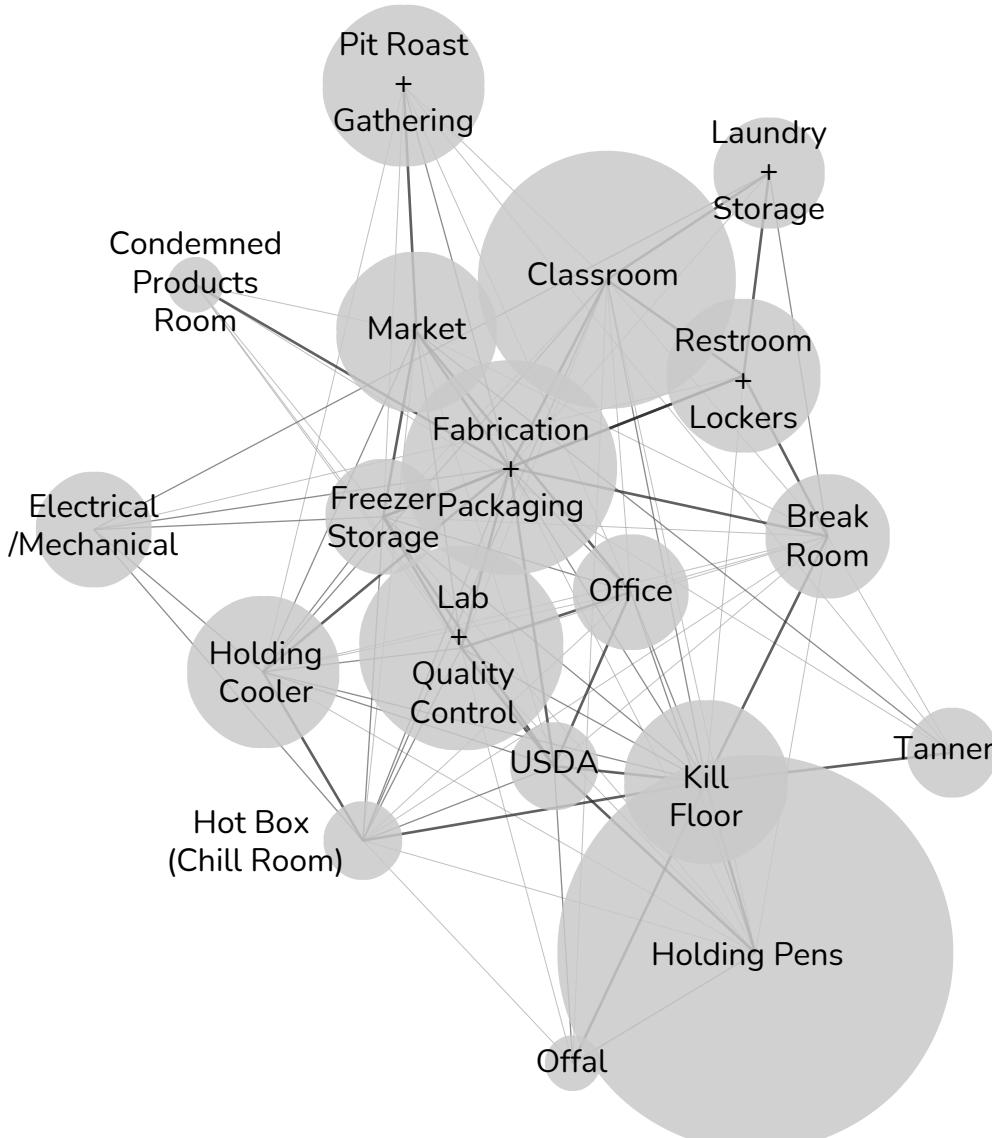
## Visualizing Parameters

A variety of industrial and educational functions within the same building requires special awareness of the requirements of each of the space. 9 diagrams in total were generated each visualizing security, temperature and hygiene requirements for each of the three buildings. Spaces with the similar requirements should be placed close and those with different should be placed in the further part of the building. The less regular diagram outline (or greater amplitude of rays length), the more challenging and risky design of the boundaries between spaces within a building.

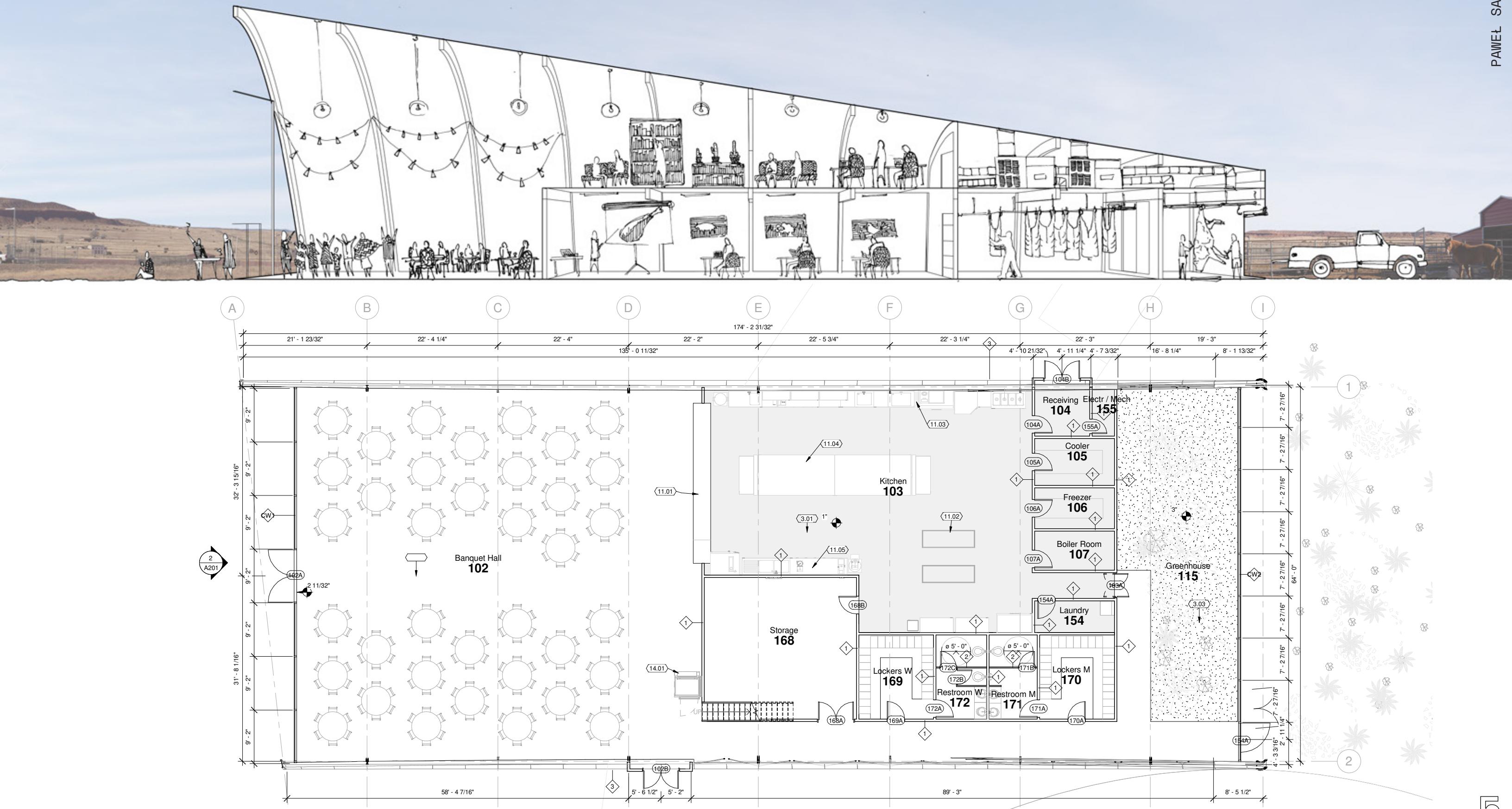


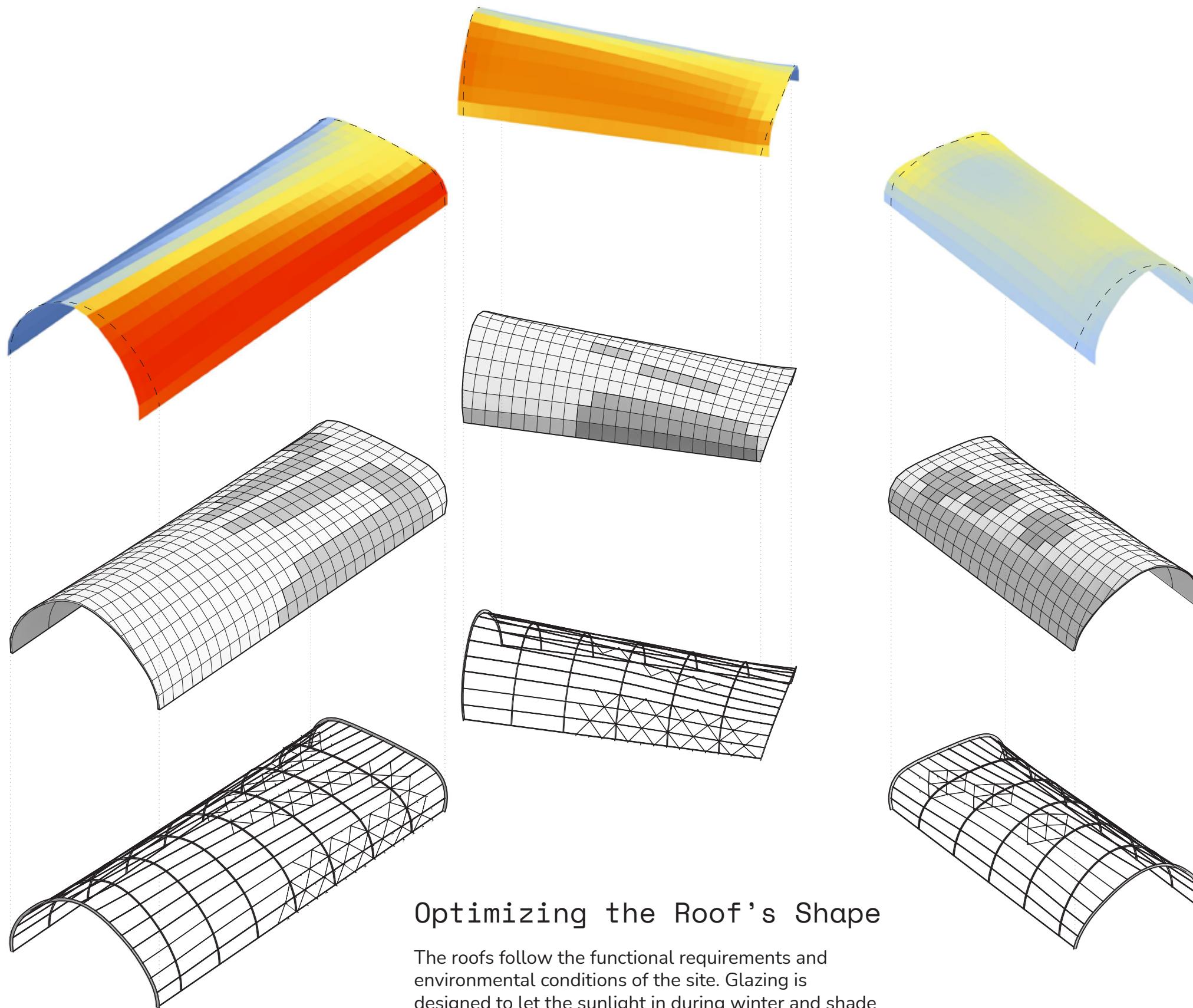
## Self-organizing diagram

Complex spatial relations and characteristics of industrial workflows, inspired the creation of a tool that uses force vectors to diagram preferable placement of spaces within a building. Based on the previous analysis, the relation between each room was scored from 1 (set far away) to 3 (set close to each other) and organized into a Excel chart that was used as an input for a diagram generator. The size of the circles represent the specified size of the room. The algorithm cannot be directly used as a room plan, however it's a graphic representation of a complex dataset that makes design decisions more informed and minimize the building's functional flaws.



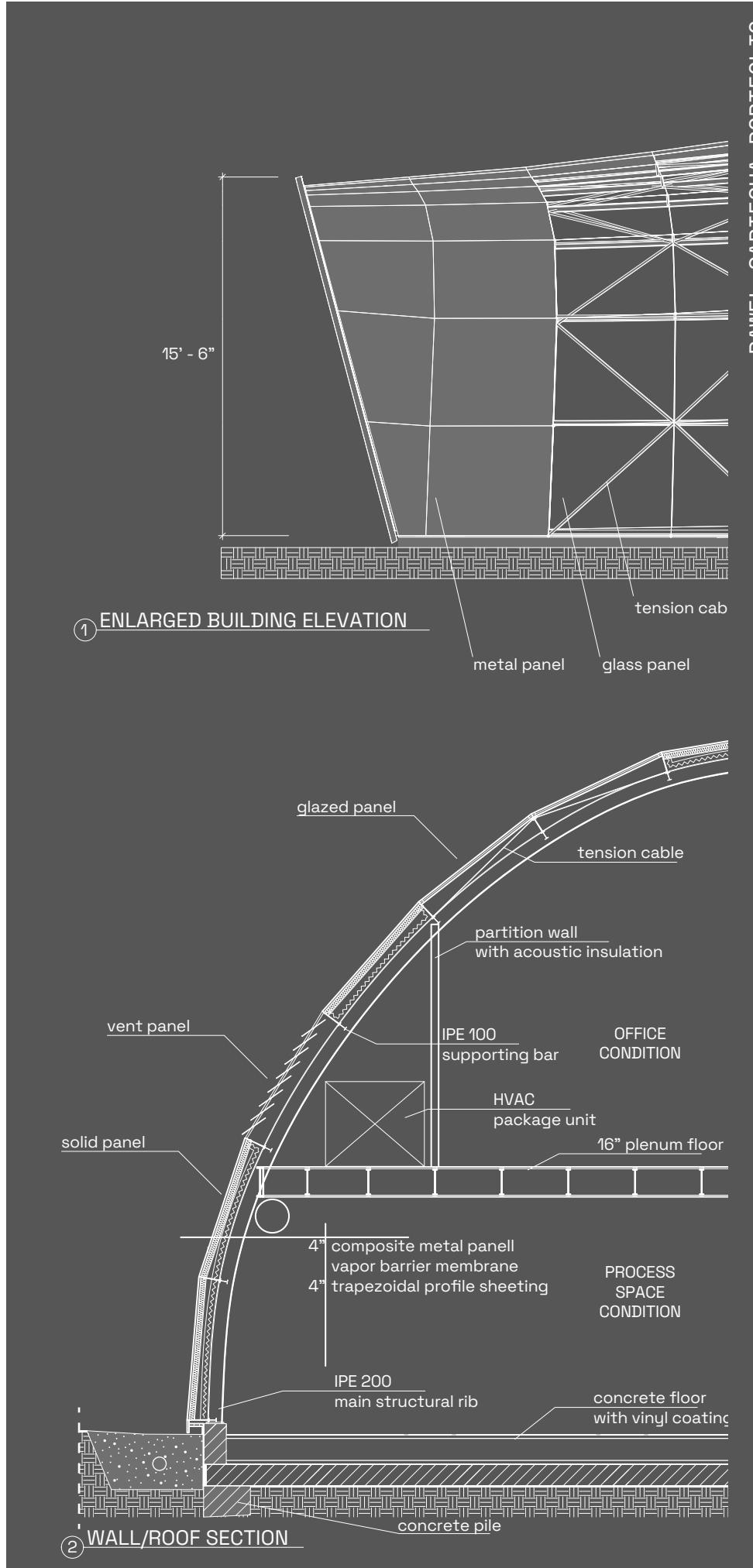
VET	Reception	File Room	Animal Exam	Animal Surgery	Sterilization Room	Recovery	Animal Exam /	Animal Holding	Dirt Arena (Indoor)
Reception		1	1	2	2	3	1	3	3
File Room	1		3	4	4	4	3	4	4
Animal Exam	1	3		1	1	1	2	3	3
Animal Surgery	2	4	1		1	1	2	3	3
Sterilization Room	2	4	1	1		1	1	4	3
Recovery	3	4	1	1	1		1	1	2
Animal Exam /	1	3	2	2	1	1		1	1





## Optimizing the Roof's Shape

The roofs follow the functional requirements and environmental conditions of the site. Glazing is designed to let the sunlight in during winter and shade it during summer. The optimization of caps decreased sun exposure of the banquet halls 10% and classroom's in the meat lab by 33%. The BIM model was optimized in Grasshopper and imported to Revit as separate families through the Rhino.Inside.Revit.



# LIQUID

Design Communication III

University of Arizona

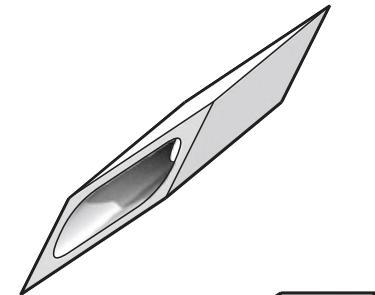
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The Broad is a contemporary art museum in downtown Los Angeles designed by Diller Scofidio + Renfro. The first part of the study included analysis of the building's facade geometric rules, modeling the single modules and a 3d model of the whole building's exterior.



Solar  
Optimization >>>

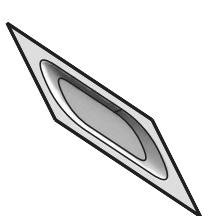
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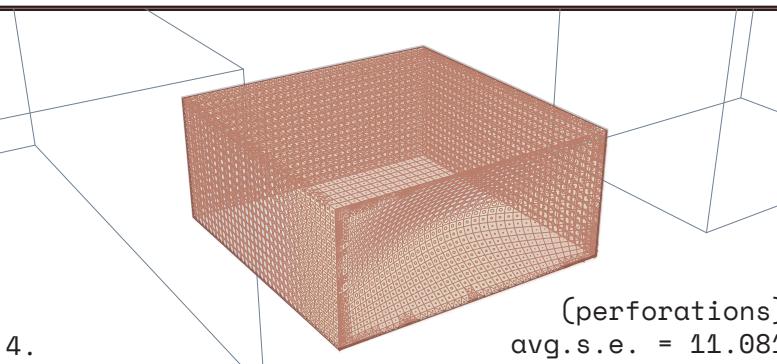
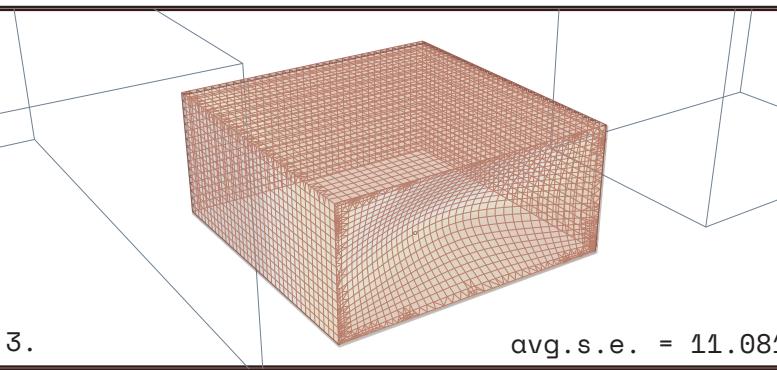
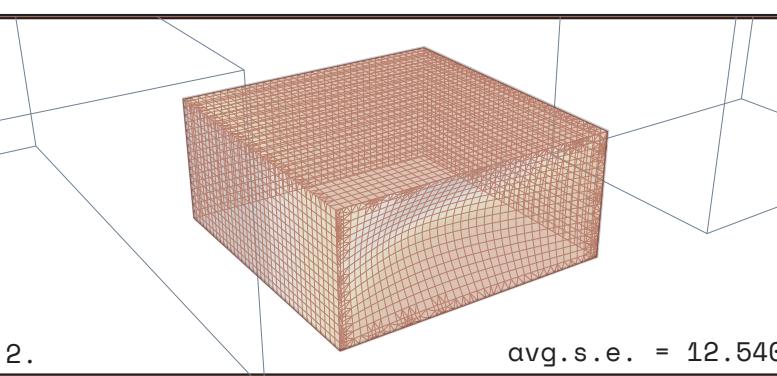
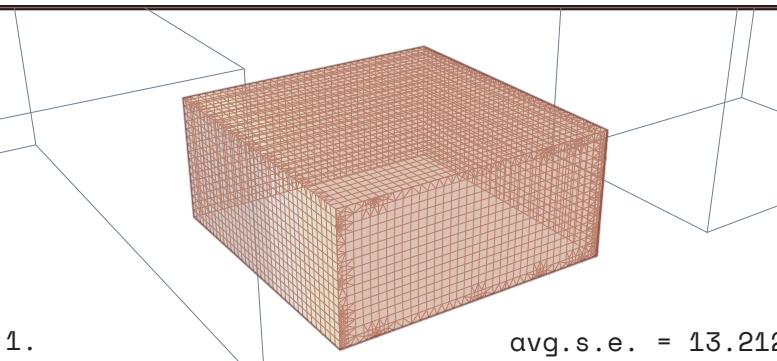
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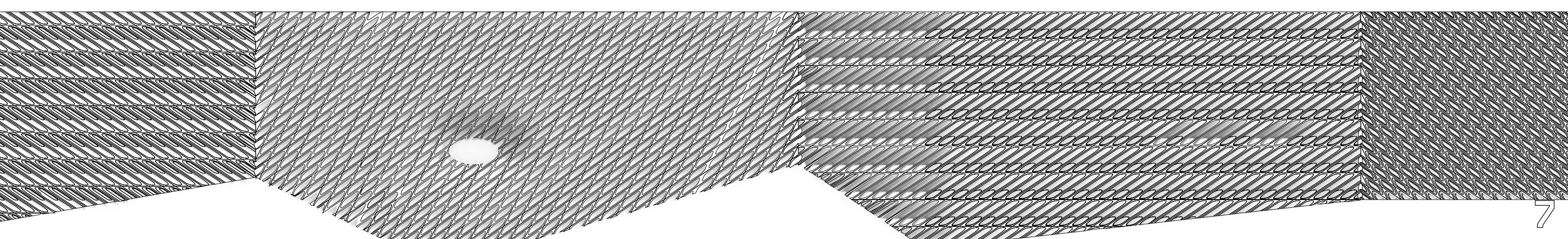
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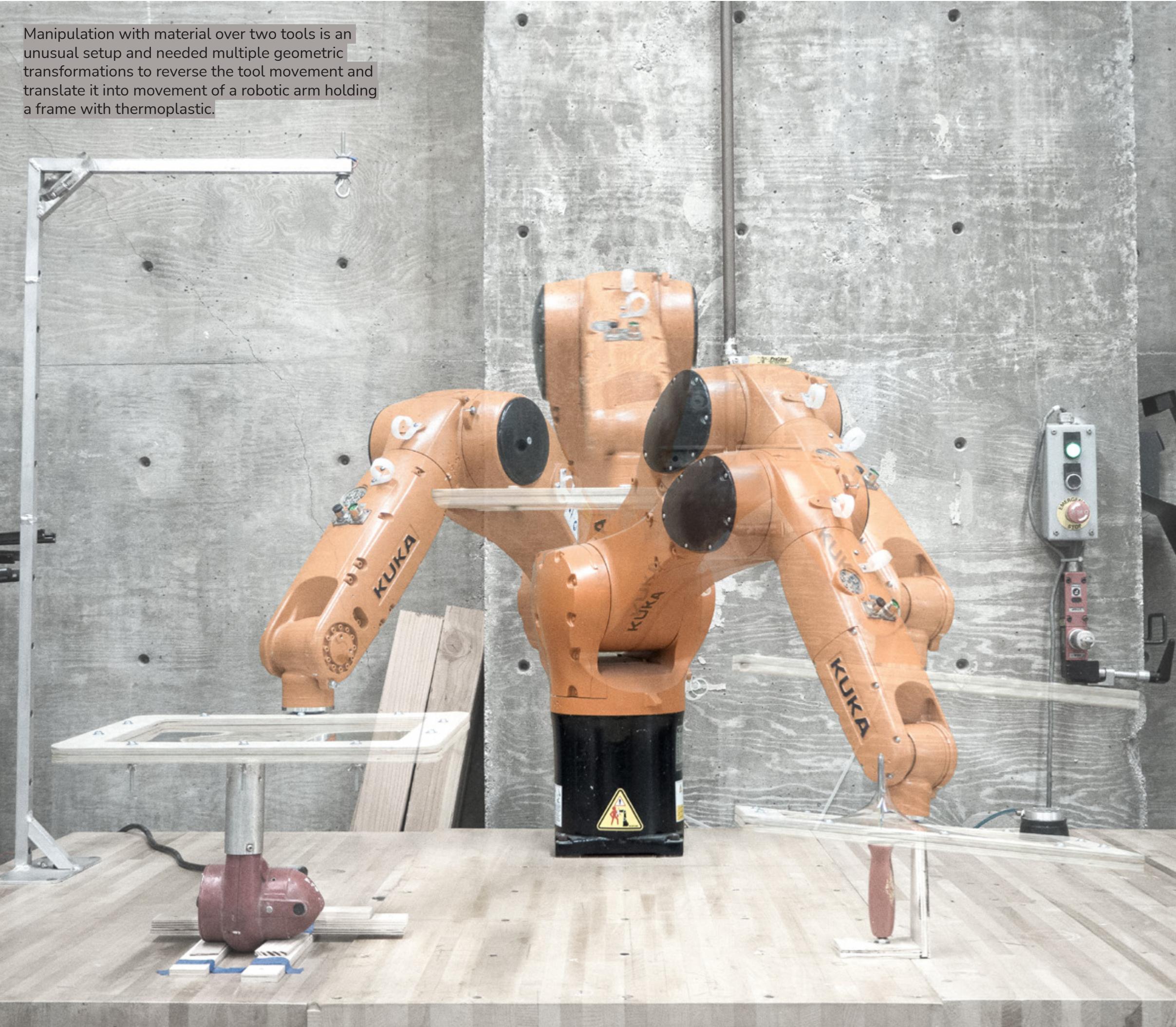
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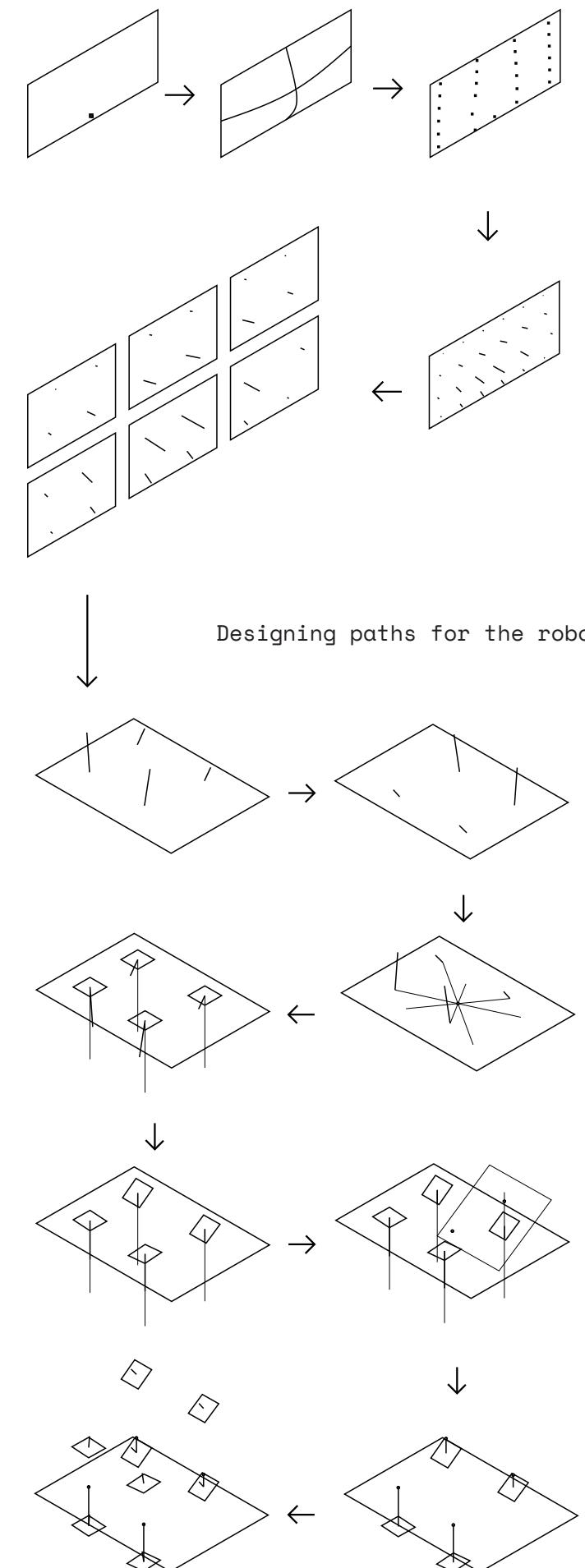
During the exercise the shape of the building's front facade was optimized with the use of a genetic evolutionary algorithm, that decreased the sun exposure by 16% in comparison to the original facade. The perforation was adjusted to the radiation map of the facade. The final model - Liquid - is a research project, that combines rapid robot prototyping with modeling thermoplastics. The spikes of the final model follow the curvature of the optimized front facade.



Manipulation with material over two tools is an unusual setup and needed multiple geometric transformations to reverse the tool movement and translate it into movement of a robotic arm holding a frame with thermoplastic.



Transformation and division



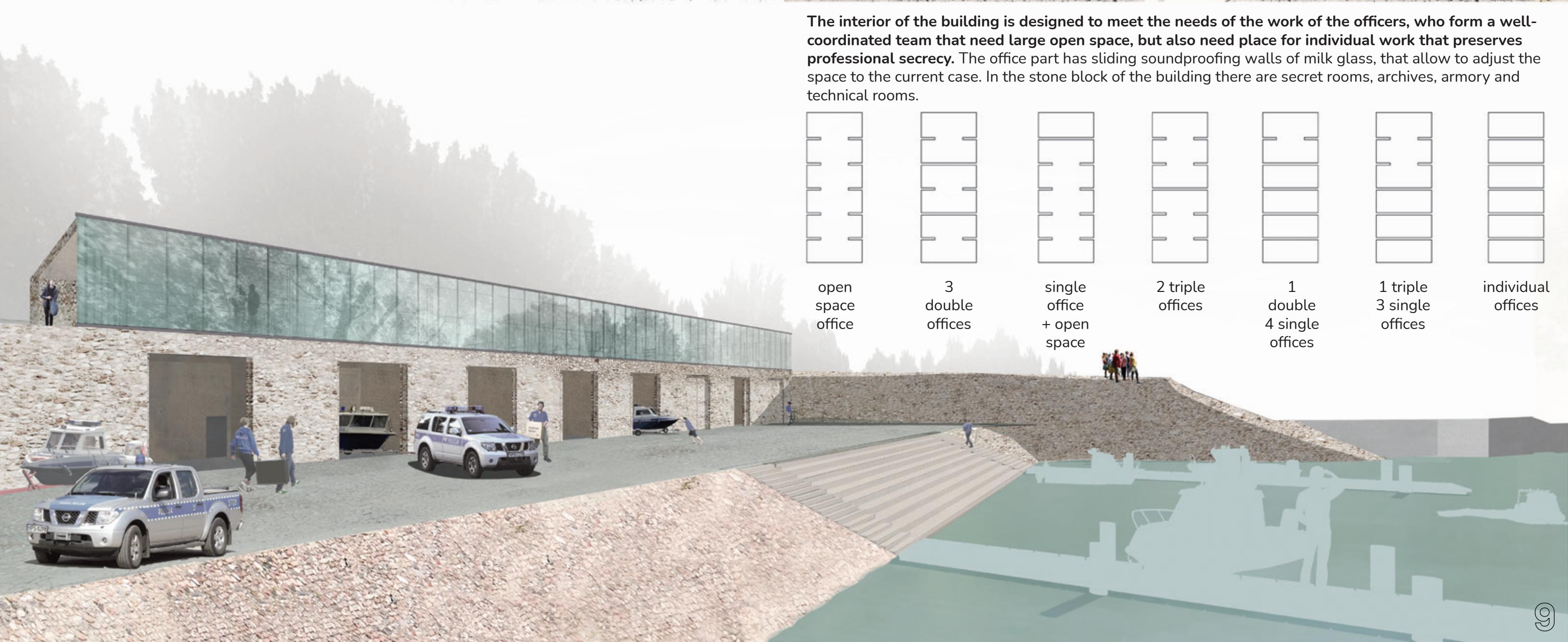
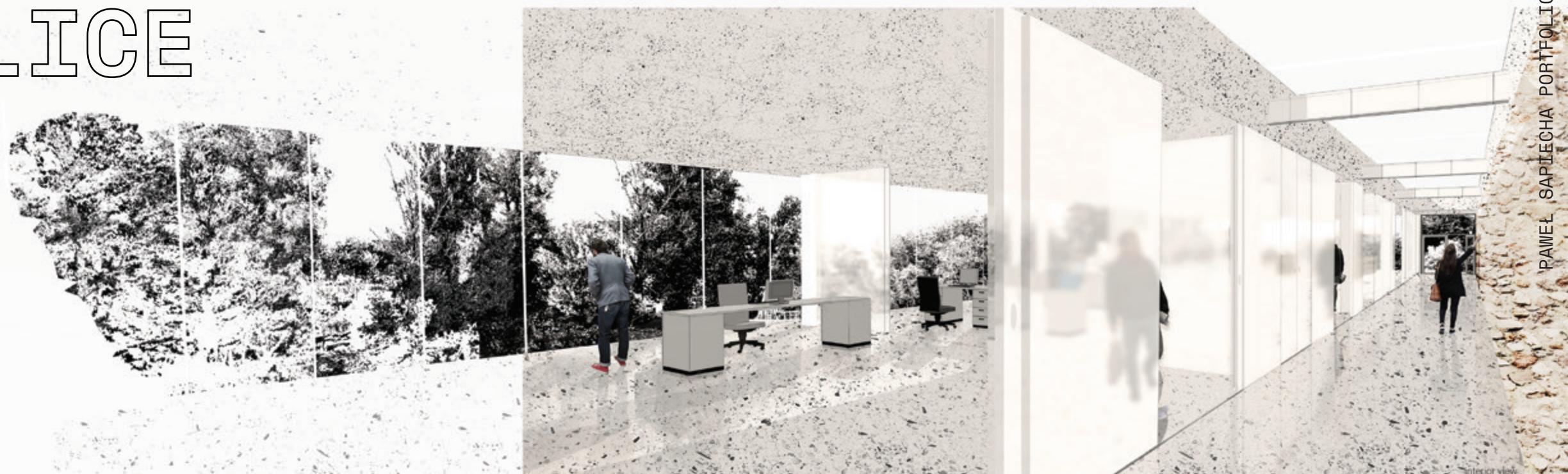
# RIVER POLICE STATION

B.Arch Thesis

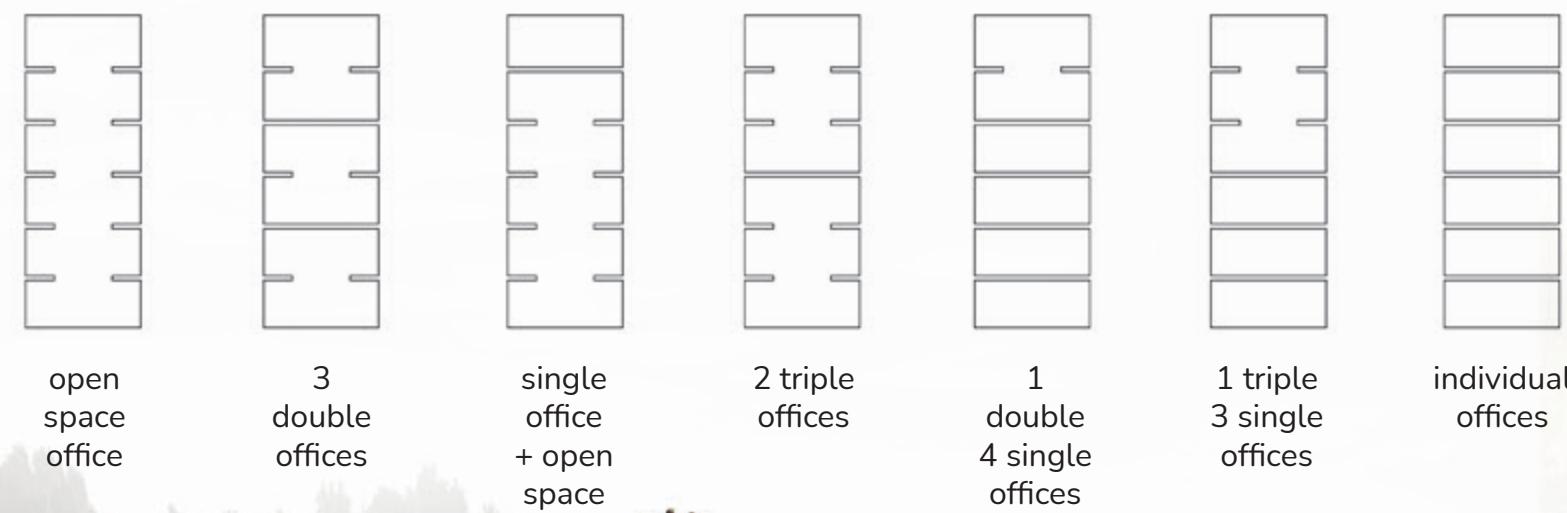
Warsaw University of Technology

Professor: Radoslaw Achramowicz

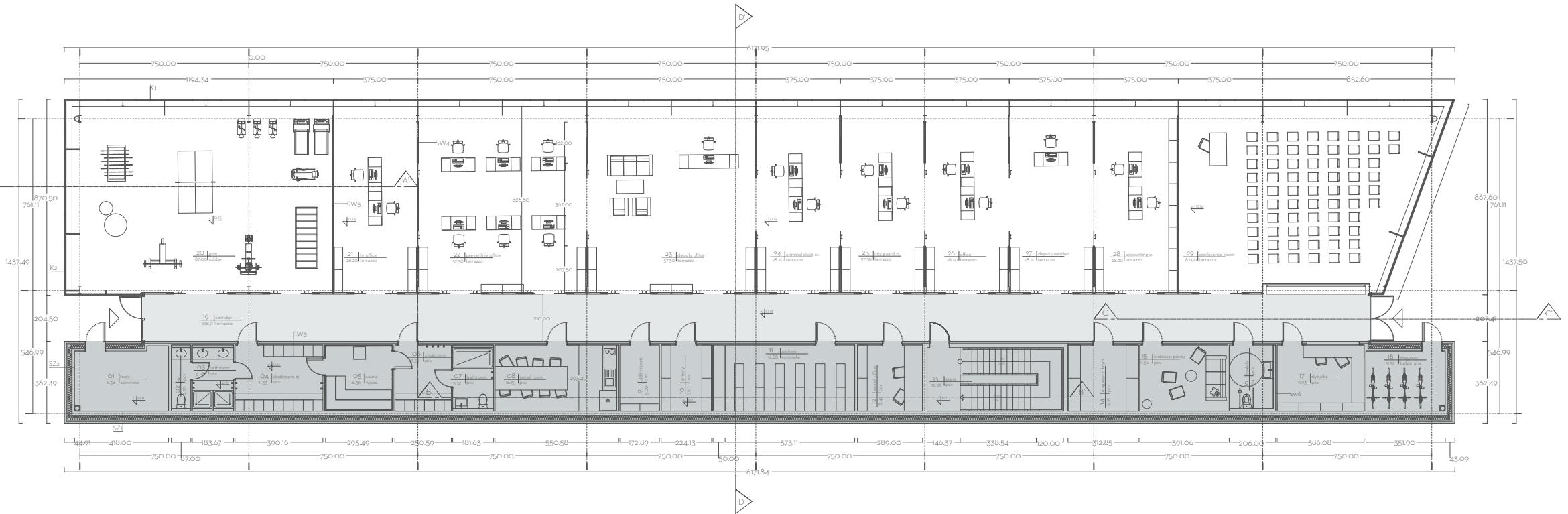
A new headquarters of the River Police is located in the heart of the revitalized port district of Warsaw. The idea of the project was a building that was a link between the river and a bank. The building was inspired by its users - enthusiasts of their work and people emotionally connected with the Vistula.



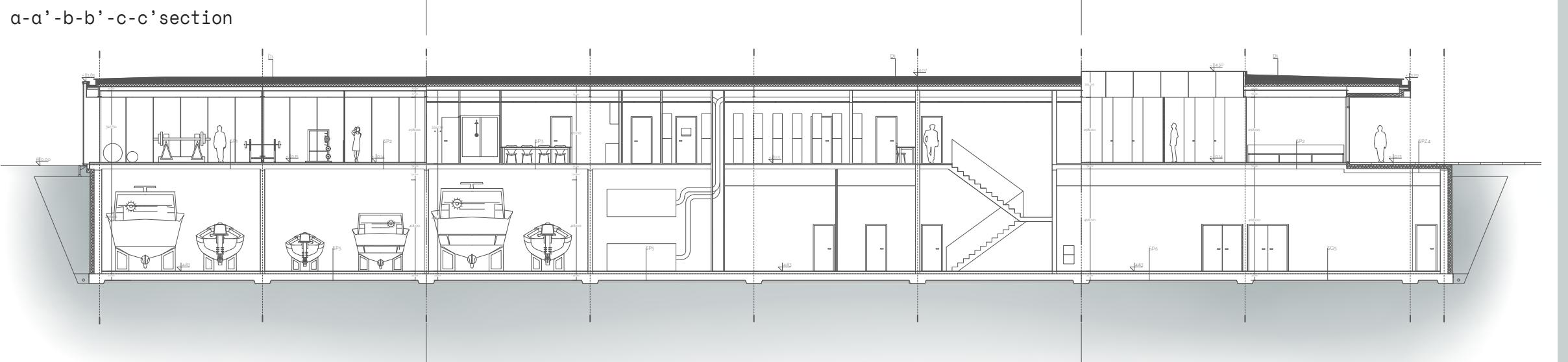
The interior of the building is designed to meet the needs of the work of the officers, who form a well-coordinated team that need large open space, but also need place for individual work that preserves professional secrecy. The office part has sliding soundproofing walls of milk glass, that allow to adjust the space to the current case. In the stone block of the building there are secret rooms, archives, armory and technical rooms.



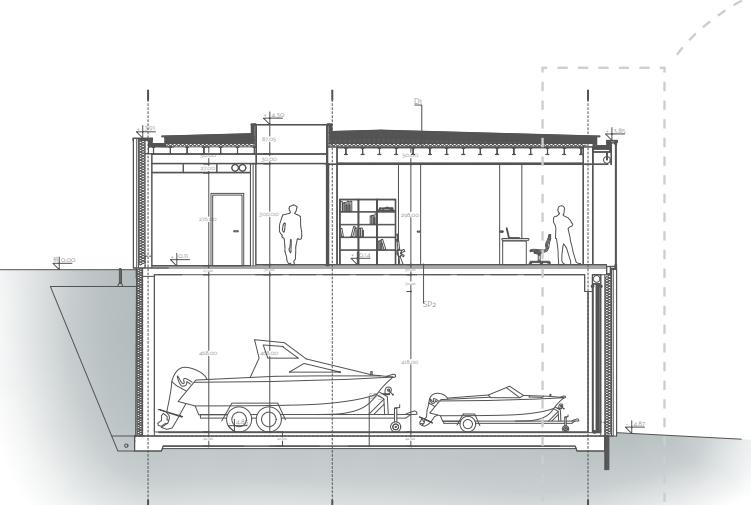
top floor



## a-a'-b-b'-c-c' section

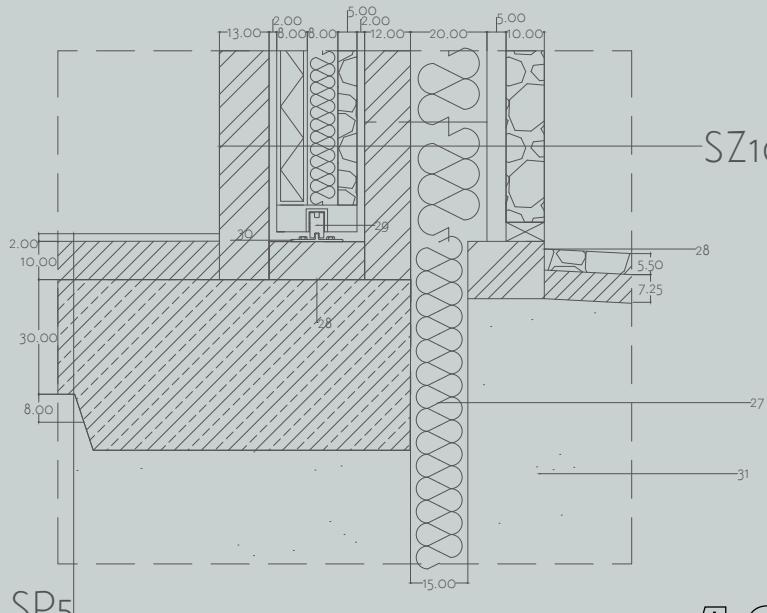
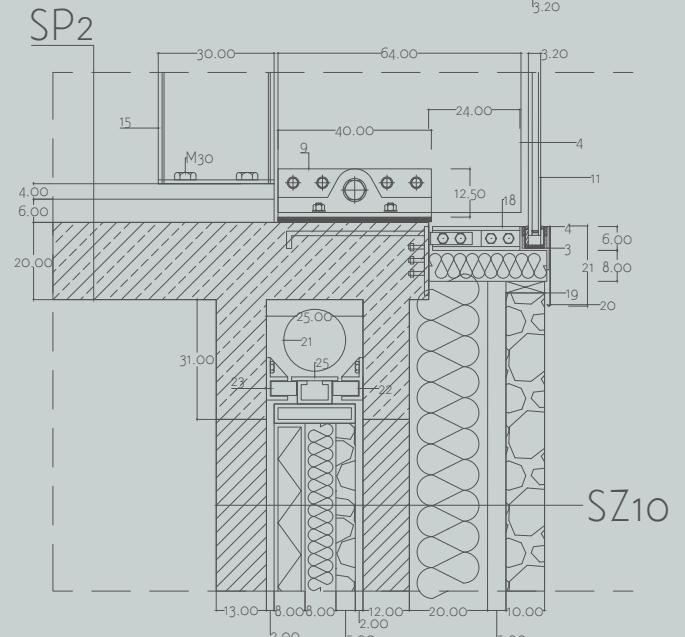
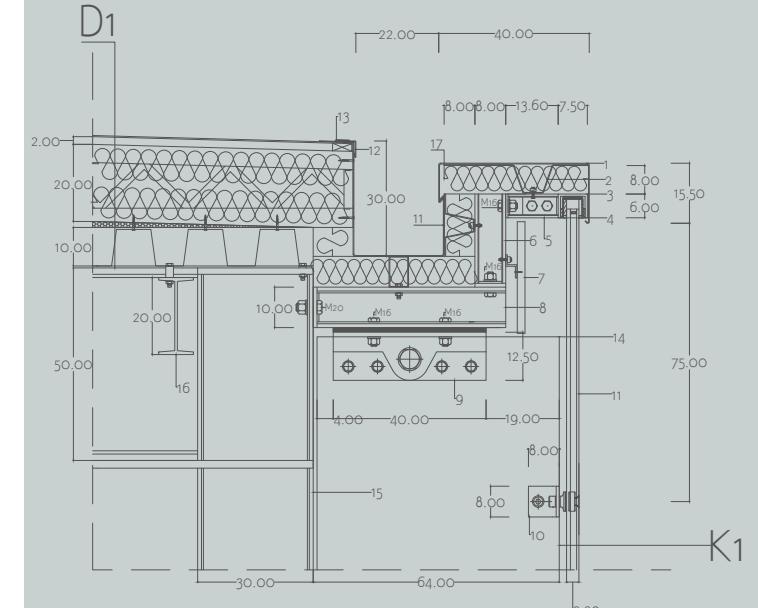


### d-d' section



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|---|--|--|-----------------------------|
| 1 - flashing  | curtain wall structure s = 1cm   | 31 - compacted sand                          | D1 - Sika Sarnafil membrane |
| 2 - flashing support  | 15 - IPE pole h = 30cm   | 2cm formwork                                 |                             |
| 3 - fixing the curtain wall frame   | 16 - IPE deck h = 20cm   | 20 cm mineral wool                           |                             |
| 4 - Pilkington Planar curtain wall frame                                  | 17 - insulation from extruded polystyrene 8cm  | 0-20 cm extruded polystyrene                 |                             |
| 5 - cantilever beam, T-section h = 6cm                                    | 18 - steel bracket h = 6cm, attached to the girder plate anchored in the reinforced concrete ceiling | 10cm corrugated sheet                        |                             |
| 6 - post, IPE l-section h = 8cm   | 19 - ventilator  | K1 - double glazed curtain wall              |                             |
| 7 - plastic cover   | 20 - flashing  | Pilkinton Planar                             |                             |
| 8 - bracket, IPE l-section h = 10cm                                       | 21 - ventilation duct pipe fi = 20   | SP2 - 4cm terrazzo                           |                             |
| 9 - fixing the glass razor to the steel structure                         | 22 - roller handle for hangar gates  | 6 cm concrete screed                         |                             |
| 10 - fixing the glass razor to the curtain wall                           | 23 - roll of hangar gates  | 20 cm monolithic reinforced concrete ceiling |                             |
| Pilkington Planar   | 24 - tightening element  |  |                             |
| 11 - Pilkington Planar curtain wall                                       | 25 - roller rail for hangar gates  |  |                             |
| 11b - retractable gutter  | 27 - horizontal insulation of the extruded polystyrene foundation s = 15cm h = 100cm                 |  |                             |
| 12 - Sarnafil Sarnaclad metal profile fastened to the formwork with nails | 28 - concrete blocks   |  |                             |
| 13 - Sarnafil sealing tape (heat-sealed)                                  | 29 - roller rubbing hangar gates   |  |                             |
| 14 - glass blade reinforcing the  | 30 - rail of the roller rubbing hangar gates   |  |                             |

### front wall details

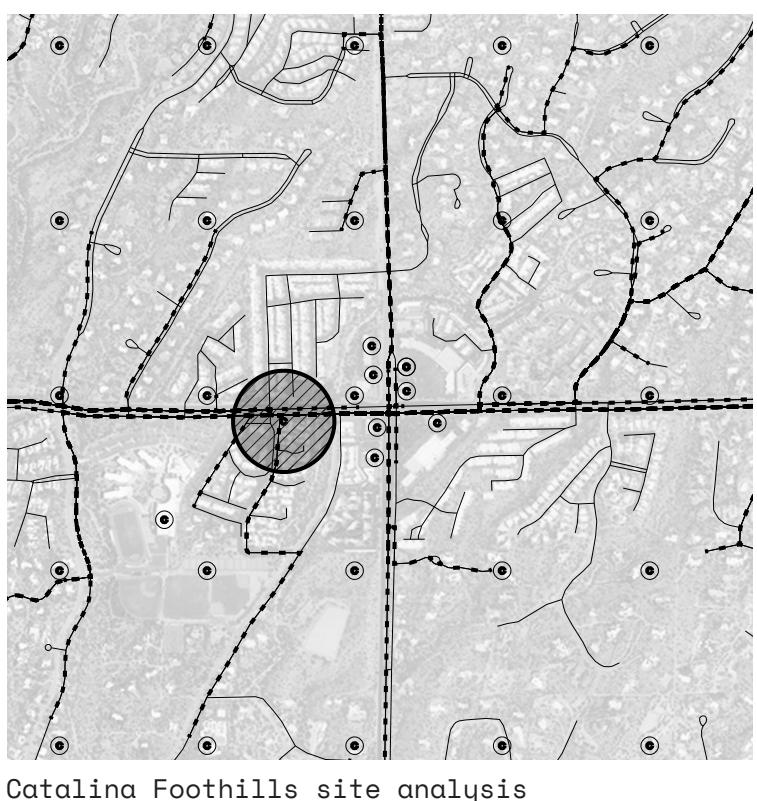
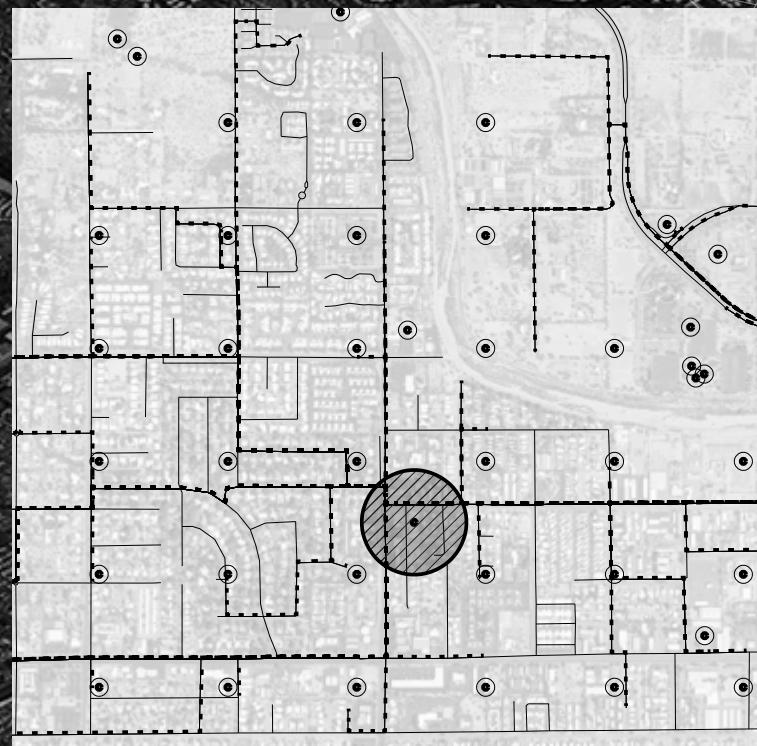


# TUCSON URBAN GONDOLA

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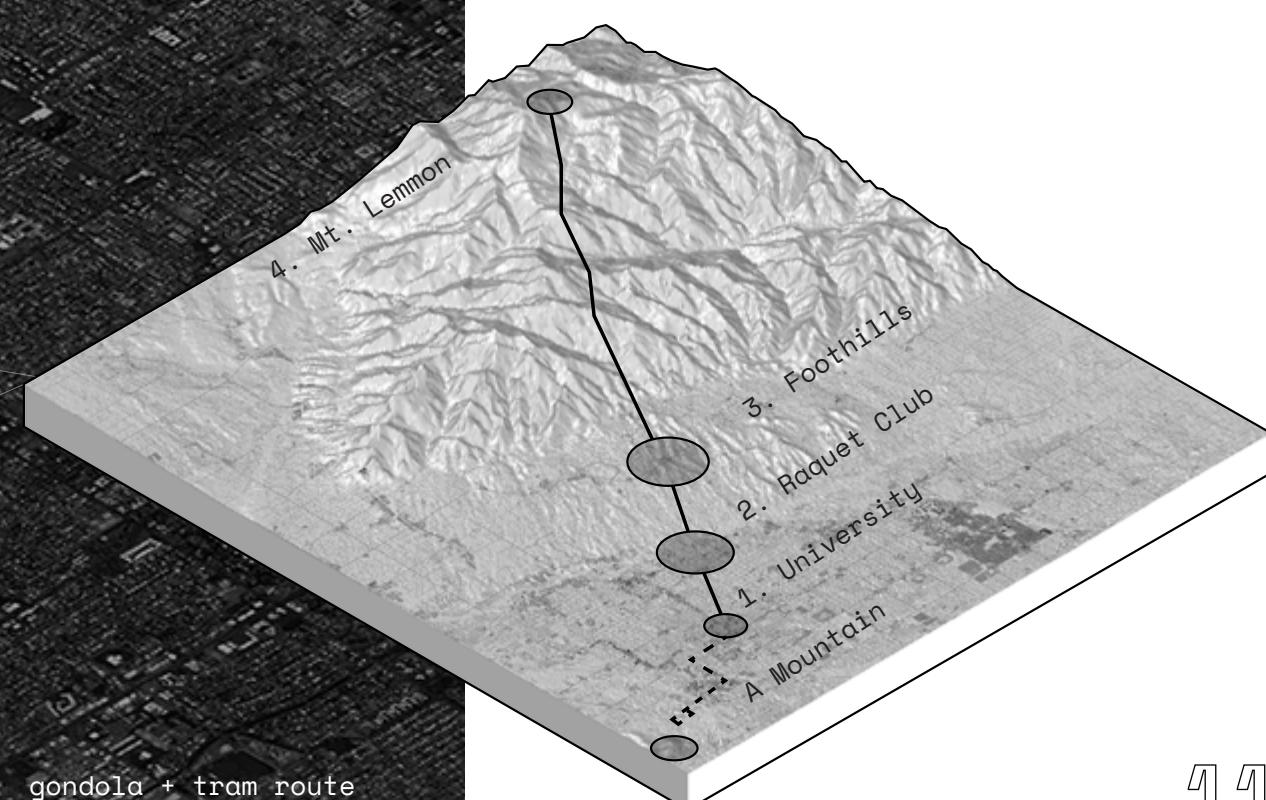
The gondola concept is an answer for the three main urban design problems in Tucson; the orthogonal system hinders the free exploration of the city, low visibility range, and homogeneous development disturbs the spatial orientation, the center is poorly connected with Catalina Foothills, making this picturesque district practically inaccessible to pedestrians. The gondola, which moves diagonally over the orthogonal grid, allows residents to rise above the suburbs, provides a different perspective on the city's structure, and allows them to commute between the center, Foothills, and local mountain parks.

Raquet Club site analysis



Catalina Foothills site analysis

A multi-objective evolutionary optimization algorithm was used to analyze thousands of possible routes and find the most accessible one. Route length and average distance from the stations to local focal points (shops, restaurants, schools etc.) designated as the objectives. In the local scale the same algorithm used the topology of the streets to designate the most accessible site for the gondola station.



### 3.1 Foothills Station

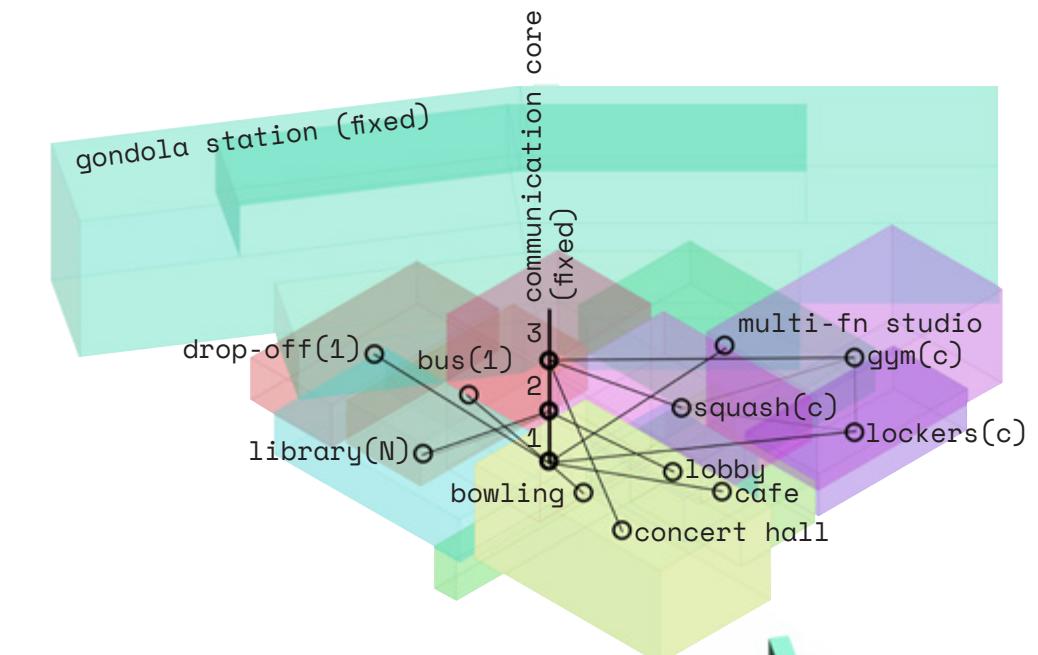
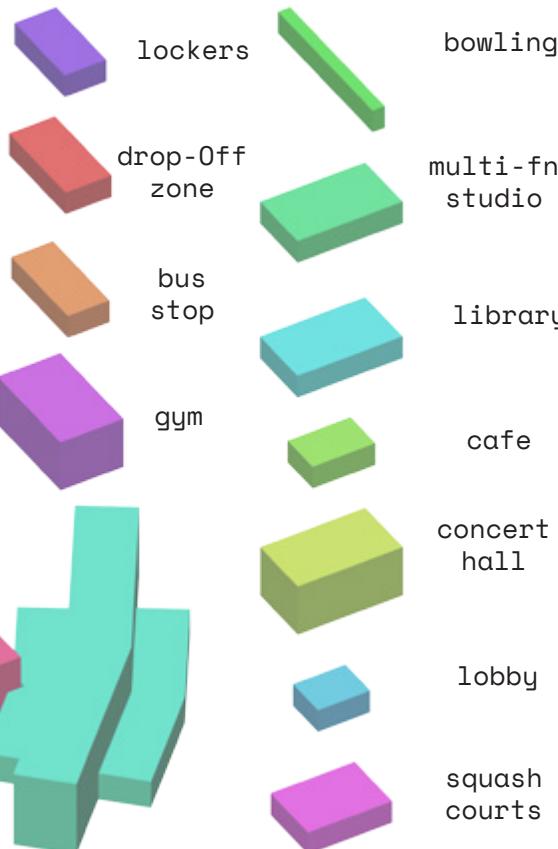
A public transportation hub needs a flawless circulation design to handle the flow of the passengers. Generative design was used to improve the layout of the building so the paths between the communication core and each of the main spaces are the shortest possible. Two additional criteria were the location of the library on the north side and the close placement of the sport spaces.

The algorithm generated over 30,000 plans and marked the best solutions.

Program  
Definition >>

3D model of every building's space

communication  
core  
+  
gondola station  
platform

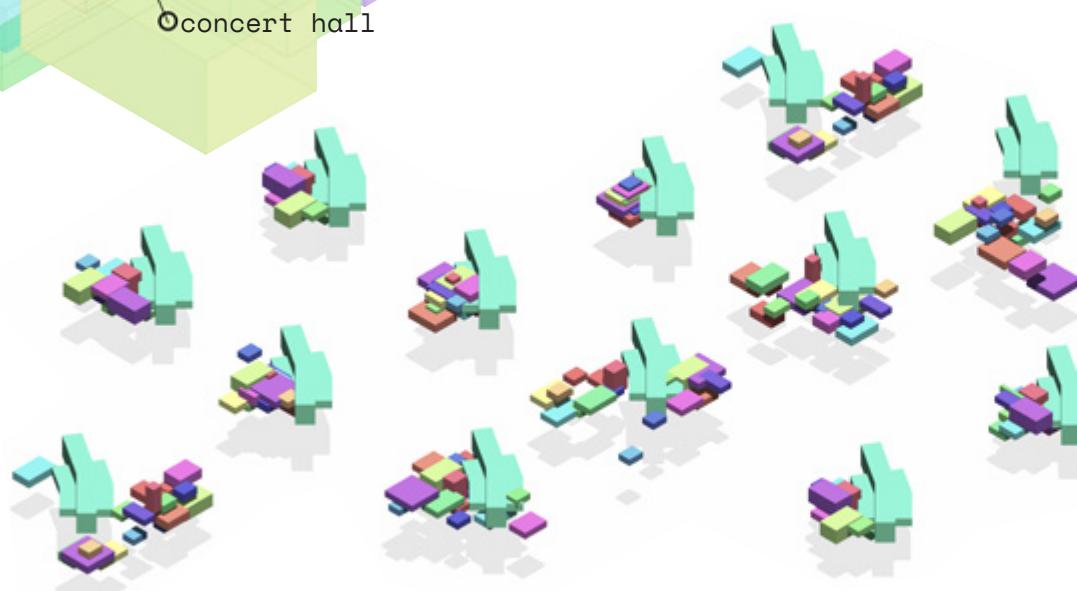


<< Performance  
Criteria

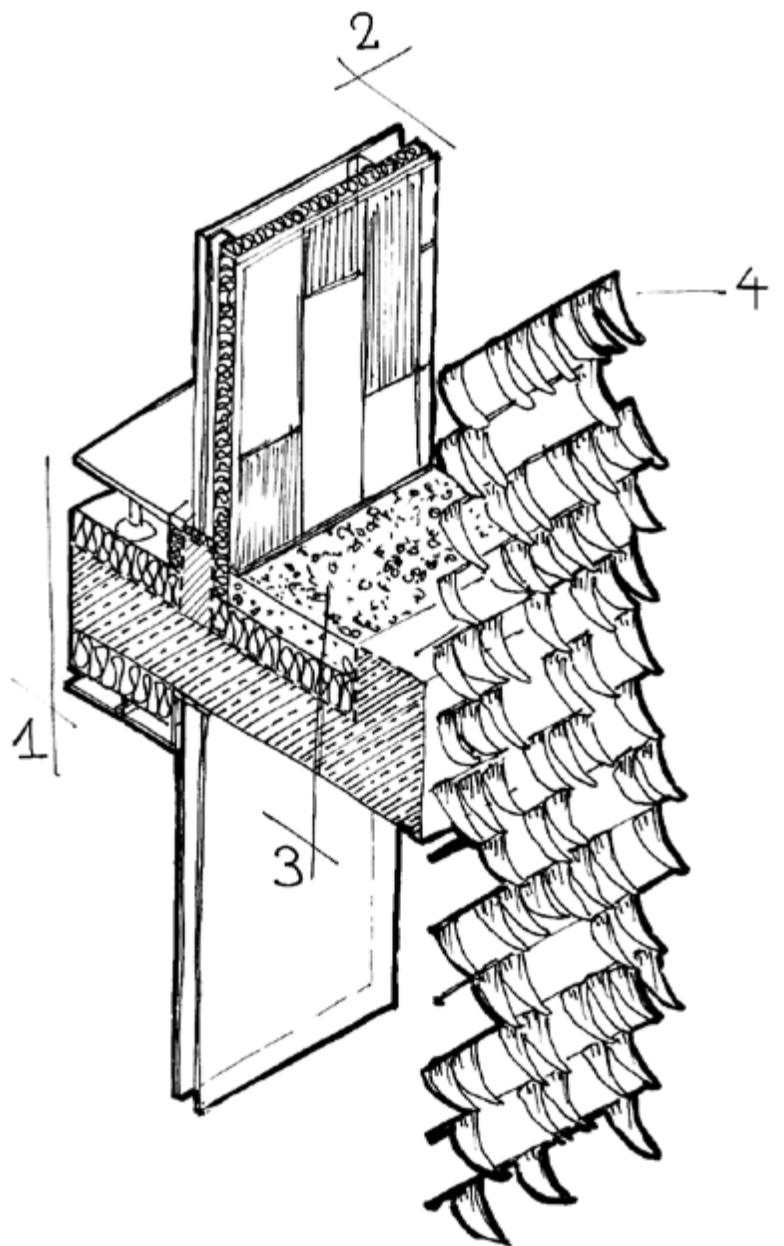
Location of the fixed elements, defining which elements need to stay on the ground level, specifying the evaluation criteria (communication, north library placement, sport rooms close to together), modeling the local code requirements, setbacks, max height

Result  
Analysis >>

Analyzing Pareto frontier solutions, creating graphic representation of data, manual adjustment of the most preferable model



front wall details

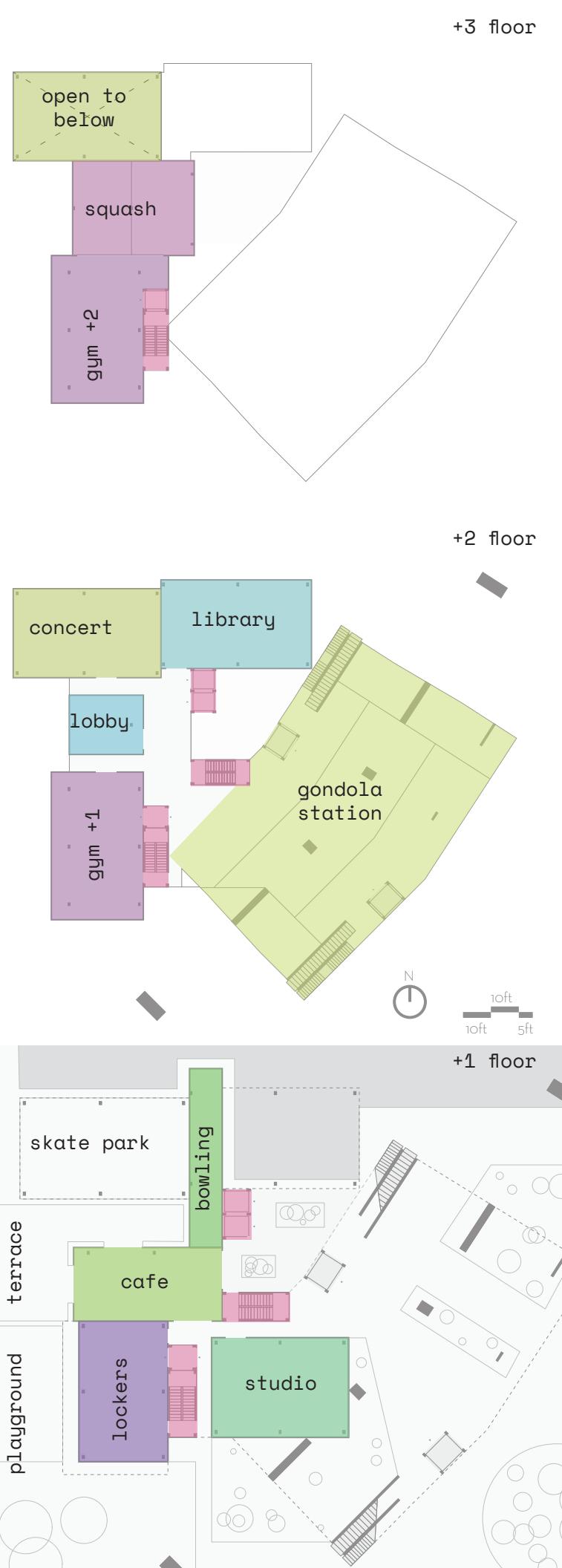


1 -  
antistatic laminate/PVC tiles  
G.I. stringer  
pedestal  
4' insulation XPS  
sealing, bitumen, two-ply  
10' steel reinforced concrete  
4' insulation XPS  
drop ceiling tiles

3 -  
4' gravel bed  
4' insulation XPS  
sealing, bitumen, two-ply  
10' steel reinforced concrete

2 -  
aluminium cladding  
4' mineral fiber insulation  
gypsum board sheathing,  
exterior rated with joints  
taped/sealed  
steel studs  
gypsum board

4 - auto-shading thermal  
bimetallic pieces mounted on  
steel-framed modular panels

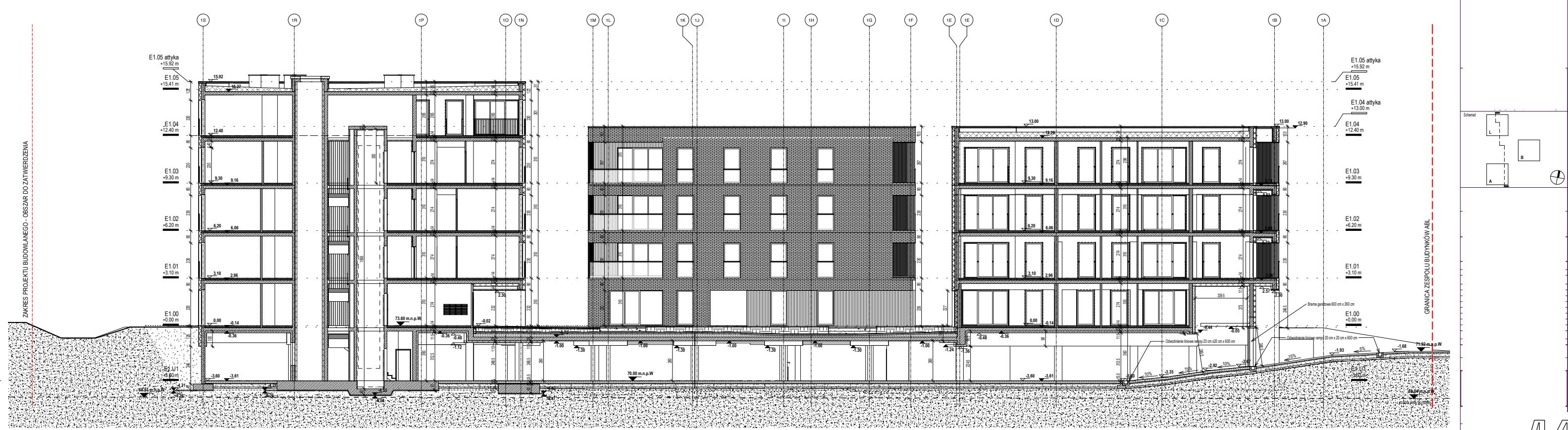
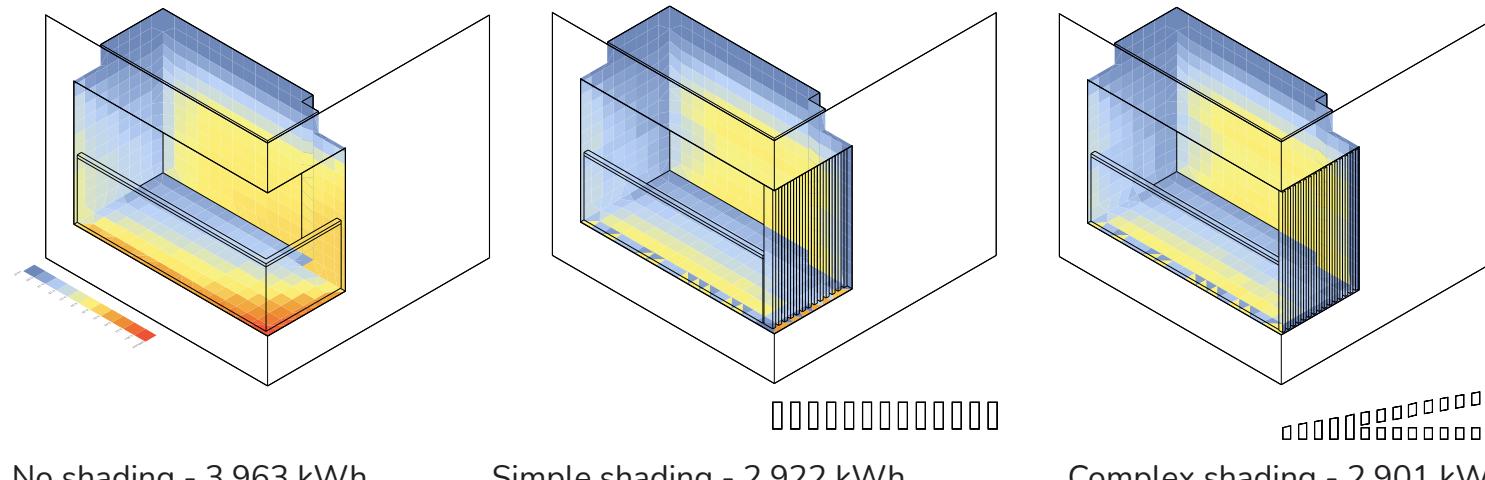


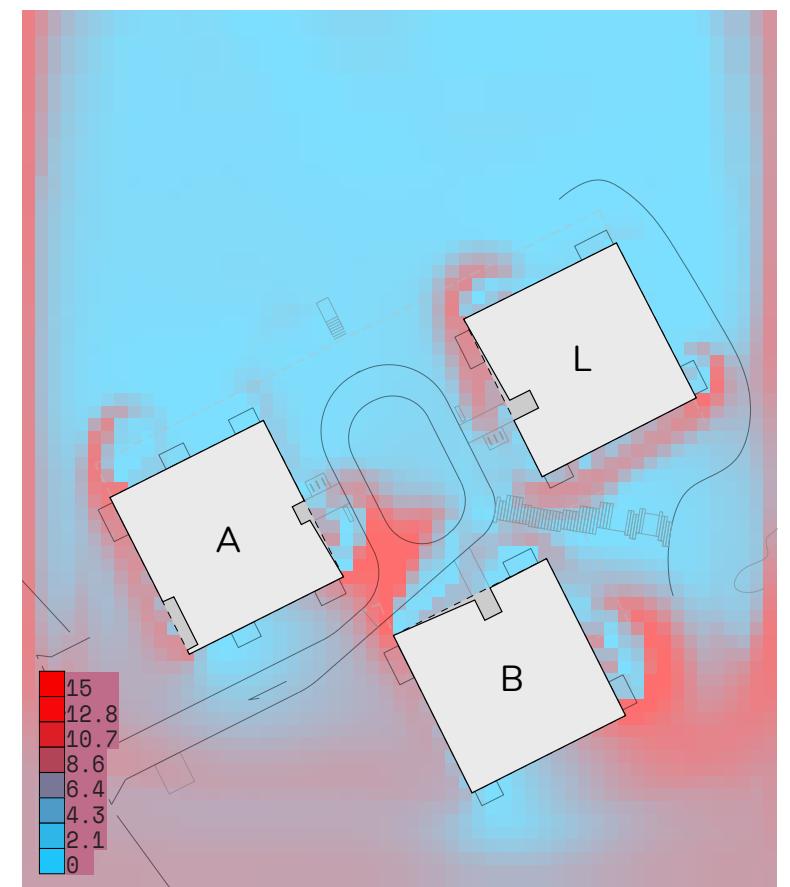
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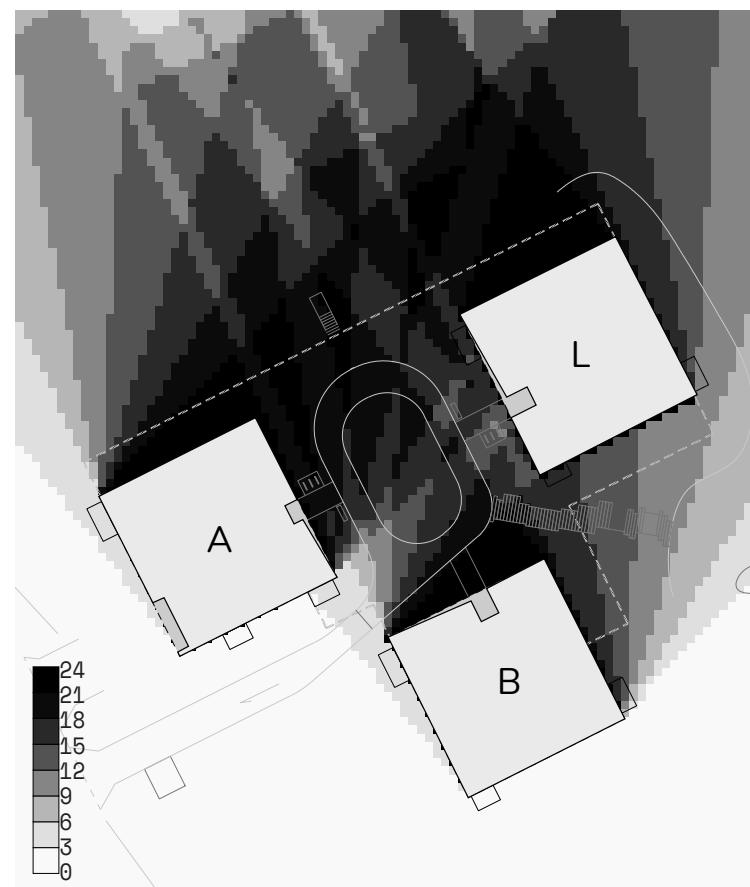
The Naturia residential complex in Toruń consists of 13 low-rise residential buildings. When designing the layout of the buildings, the priority was to preserve as many trees as possible and maintain the forest character of this place.

solar shading radiation simulations

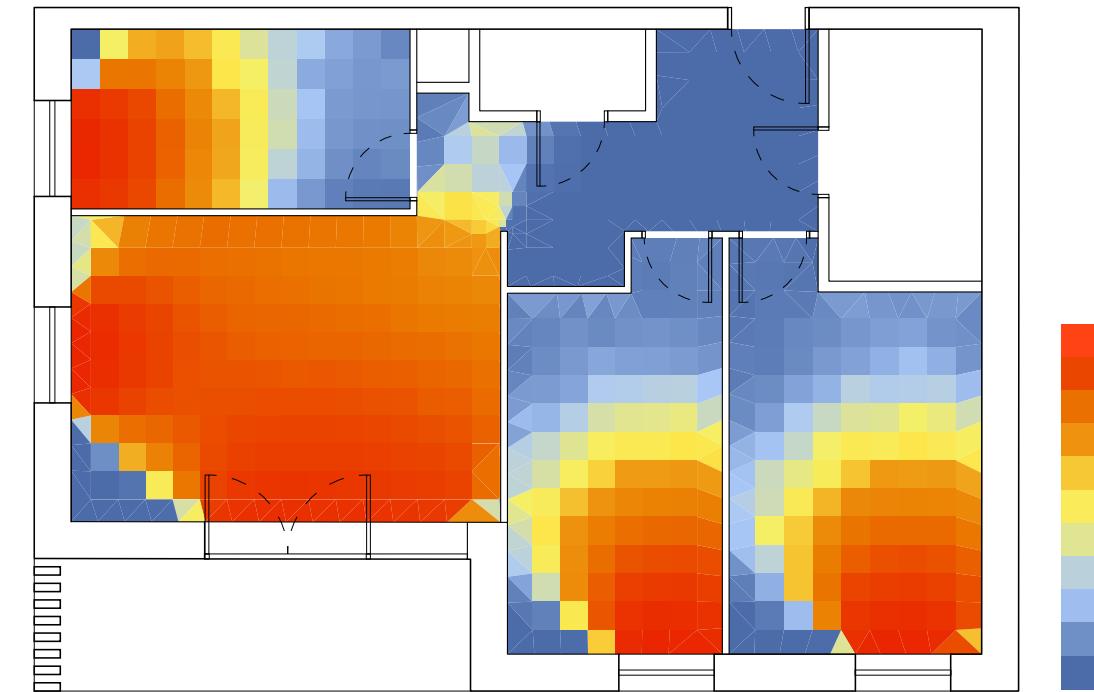




CFD analysis - wind speed diagram (m/s)



shadow study (hours of sunlight, June 21)



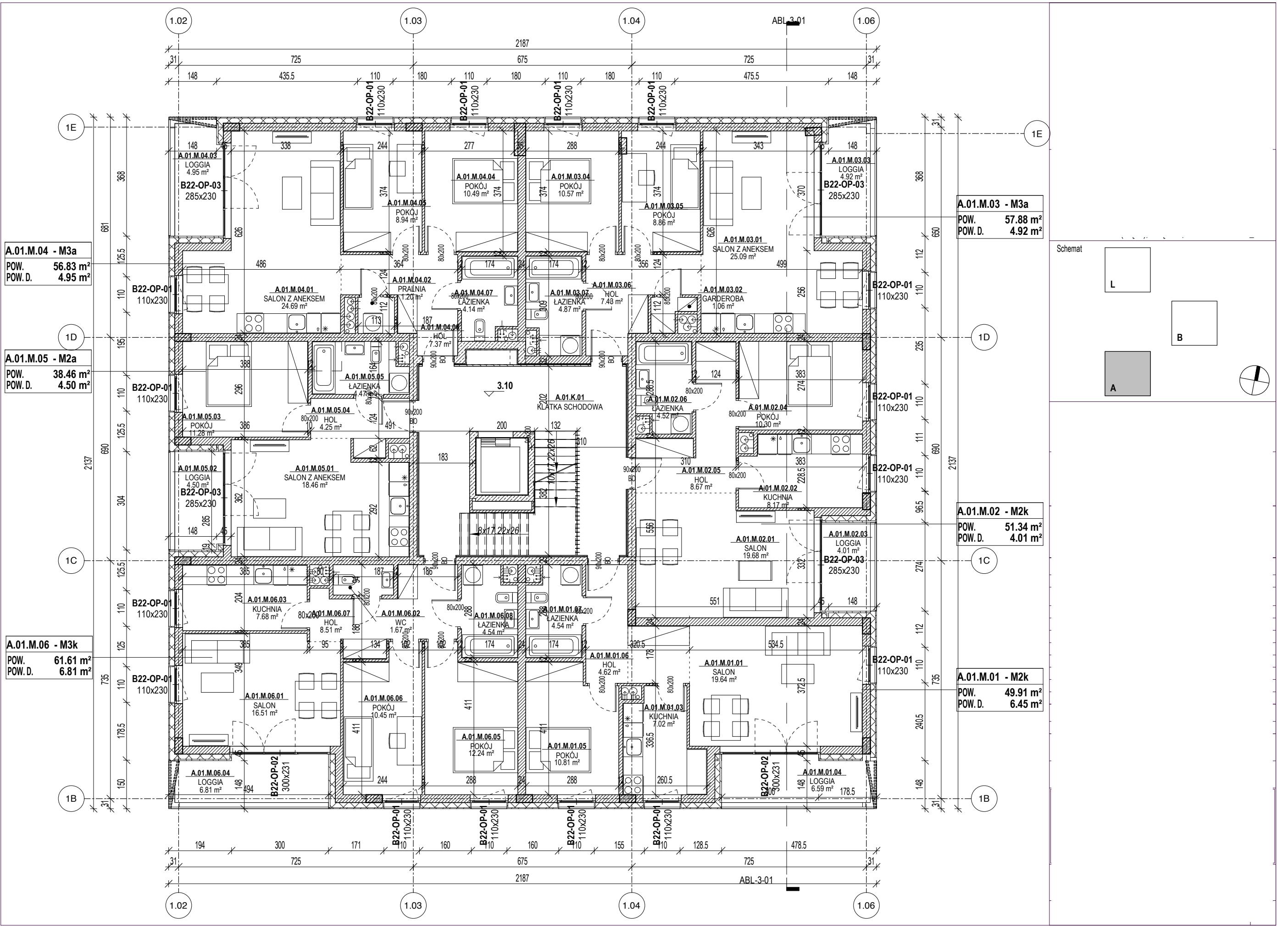
annual daylighting study (% of time with sufficient natural light exposure)

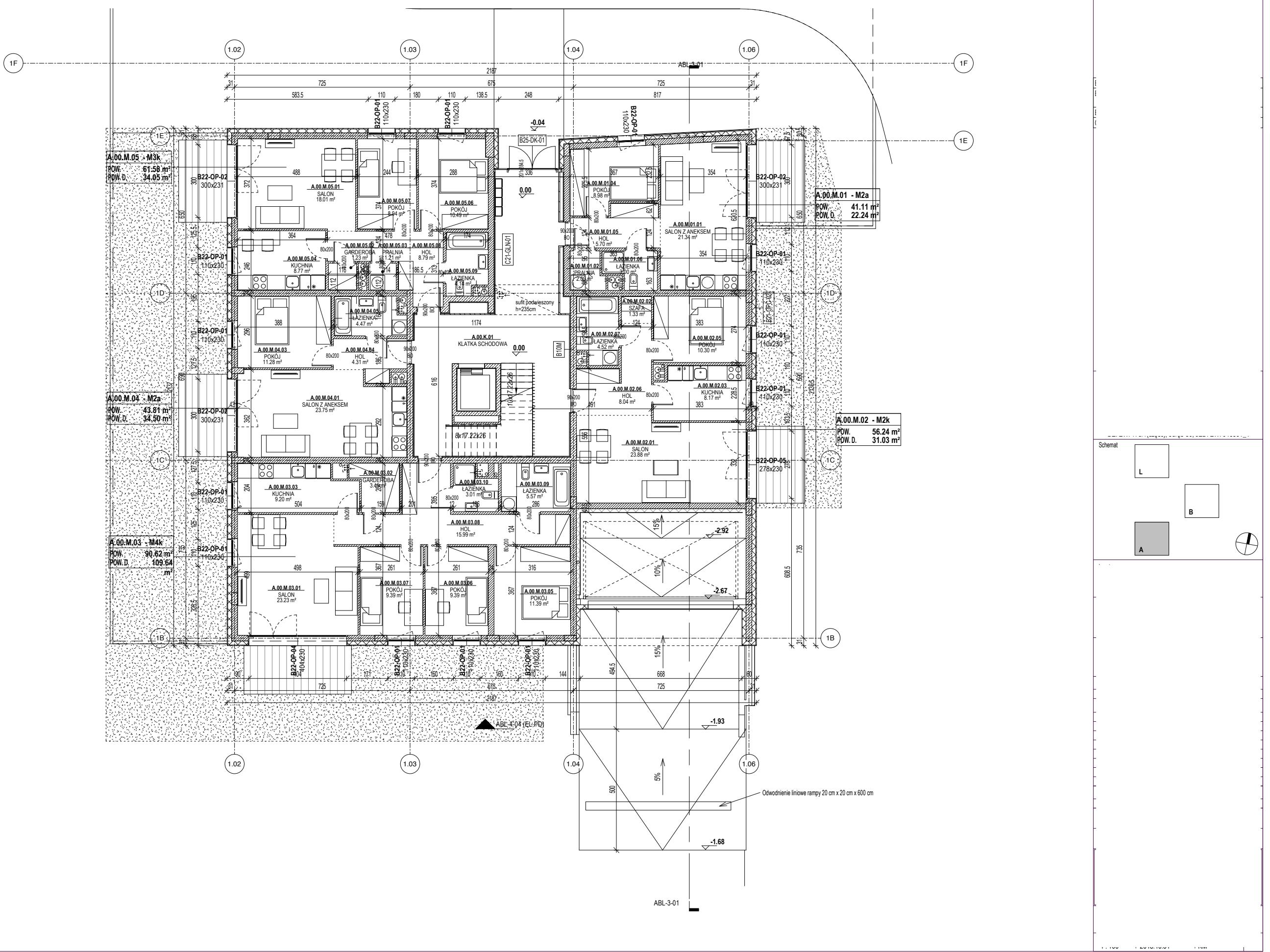
## Building Performance Analysis

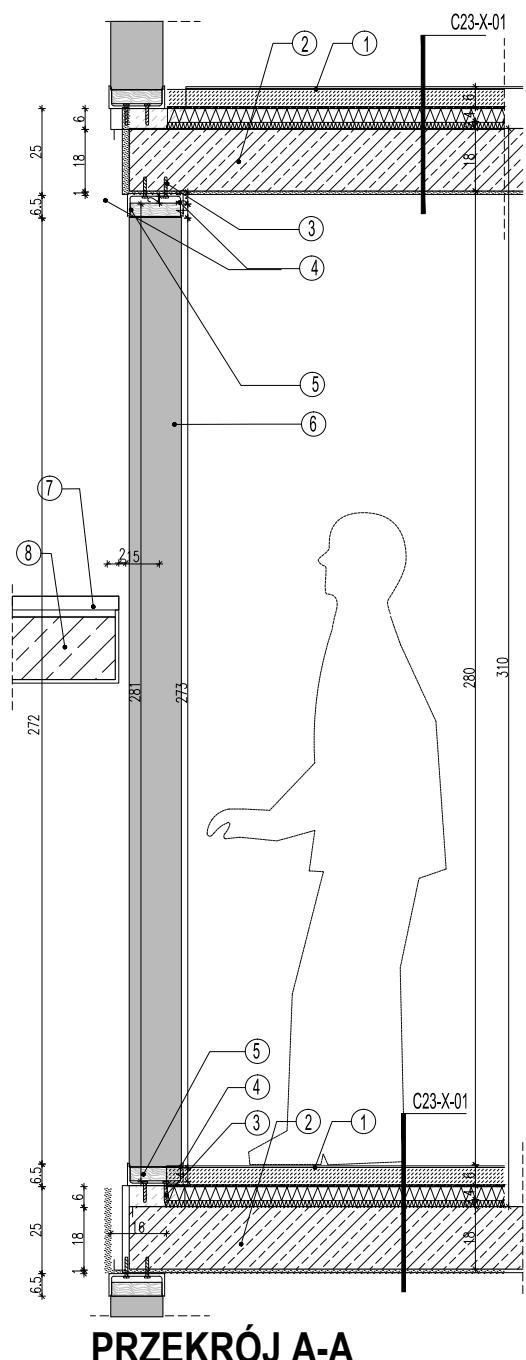
Computer simulations can be a valuable tool for architects. In the case of the Naturia estate in Toruń, PL, the simulations helped to optimize the design of the courtyard between the buildings, as well as to design better apartment layouts, which brought profits for both the investor and the residents. Presented simulations were generated with Ladybug Tools in Rhino/Grasshopper. Top of the page: wind flow diagram

A series of simulations were carried out to illustrate the different wind circulation patterns in the square between buildings during different seasons (November - February simulation on diagrams). Shadow studies helped to understand how buildings will self-shade. Thanks to the annual daylighting analysis design team could take more conscious design decisions to improve the comfort of the future users.

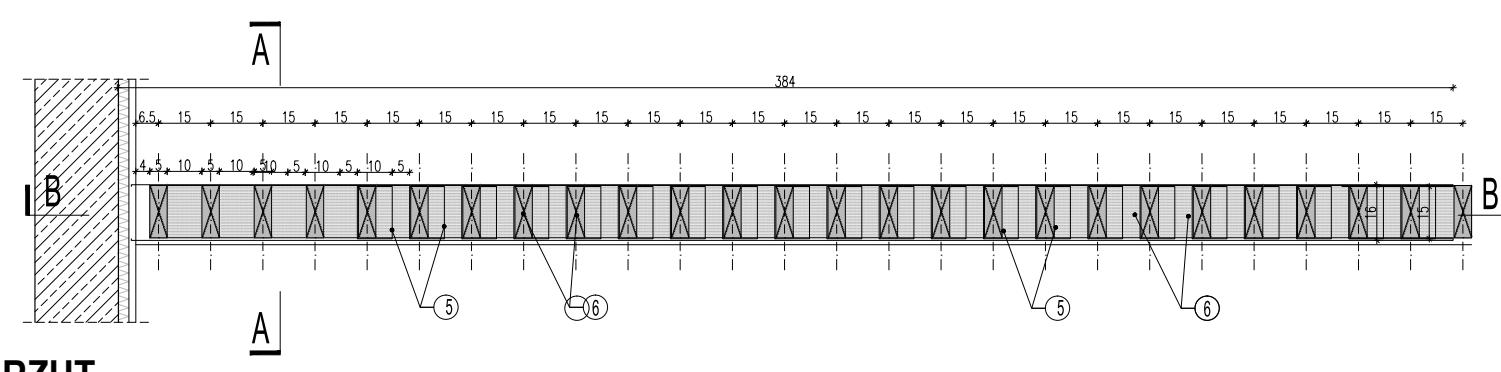








PRZEKRÓJ A-A



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PRZEKRÓJ B-B

**LEGENDA:**

1 - C23M-KO-07 - WARSTWA WYKOŃCZENIOWA Z BEZSPOINOWEJ POSADZKI Z MIKROCEMENTU O GRUBOŚCI 3MM, CREATIVO BAUTECH;

2 - LUB:

FLOWCRETE PERAN STB, BEZSPOINOWA POSADZKA PRZEMYSŁOWA NA BAZIE BEZBARWNEJ ŻYWICY EPOKSYDOWEJ I ZACIERANEGO, BARWIONEGO PIASKU KWARCOWEGO, GR. 3MM

2 - PLYTA ŻEBETOWA WYLEWANA WG PROJEKTU KONSTRUKCJI

3 - WKRET STALOWY DO BETONU ø 8 x 60MM

4 - CEOWNIK GORĄCAWOWCZANY STALOWY 160X65mm GR. 0,75mm, CALY ELEMENT OCYNKOWANY OGNIOWO, POWLEKANY PROSzkOWO NA KOLOR RAL 7016

5 - C19-Ba-02 - DREWNIANA DESKA LACZACA, 100x150mm, wys. 40mm - MODRZEW SYBERYJSKI, MAŁOWANY NA KOLOR JASNY DAB - DO PTOWIERZENIA Z ARCHITEKTEM, DODATKOWE MAŁOWANIE W CELU UZYSKANIA KLASY NRO (NIE ROZPRZESTRZENIANIE OGNIĘ), PRZEPERZENIE DREWNIANE MONTOWANE NA PRZEMIENNIĘ BELKĄ I DESKA, IDENTYCZNIE GÓRNA I DOLNA, ELEMENTY ŁĄCZONE NA KLEJ Z ZACHOWANIEM GÓRNEJ DYLATACJI 20MM

6 - C19-Ba-02 - DREWNIANY SLUPEK - KANTÓWKA Z MODRZEWIA KASZKIEGO 50X150MM, MAŁOWANY NA KOLOR JASNY DAB - DO PTOWIERZENIA Z ARCHITEKTEM, DODATKOWE MAŁOWANIE W CELU UZYSKANIA KLASY NRO (NIE ROZPRZESTRZENIANIE OGNIĘ), PRZEPERZENIE DREWNIANE MONTOWANE NA PRZEMIENNIĘ BELKĄ I DESKI GÓRNA I DOLNA, ELEMENTY ŁĄCZONE NA KLEJ Z ZACHOWANIEM GÓRNEJ DYLATACJI 20MM

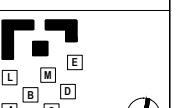
7 - C23M-KA-01 - PLYTY STONOPCOWE TERAZZO, DASAG CENTRO/TERRASTONE NR 7105

8 - SPOCZNIK ŻELBETOWY WYLEWANY WG PROJEKTU KONSTRUKCJI

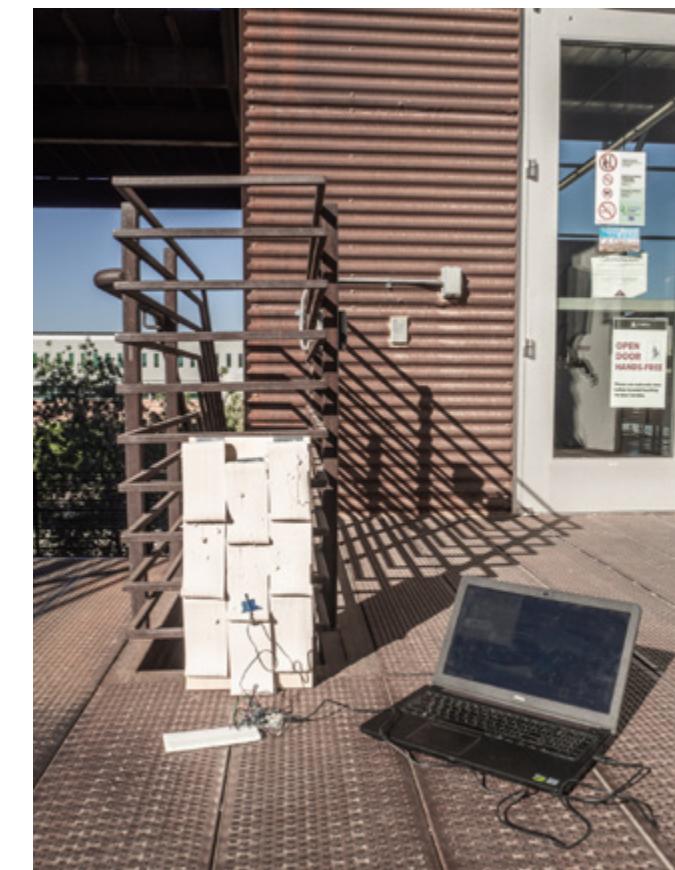
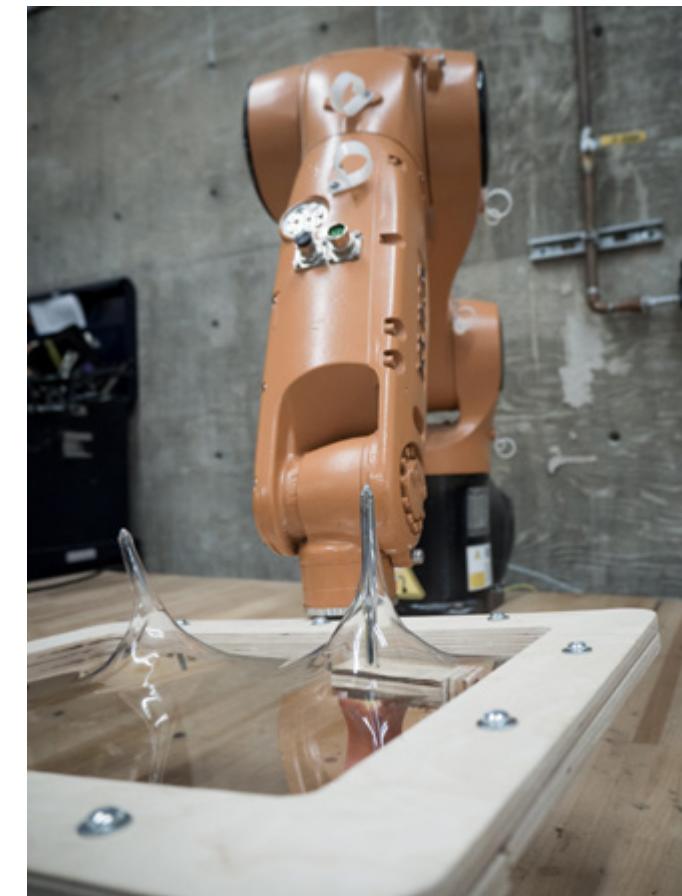
9 - NADLEWKĘ BETONOWĄ POD MONTAŻ ŚCIANKI DEKORACYJNEJ SZEPI 15cm, WYS. 6cm

**UWAGA:**  
NA OSTATNIEJ KONDYGNACJI W BUDYNKU L, BELKI STALOWE O PROFILU CEOWYM NELEŻY MOCOWAĆ DO STROPU POWYŻEJ PRZY POMOCY ZAWIESI ORAZ DO ŚCIAN BOCZNYCH, ZGODNIE Z OPISEM PONIĘJCIE:  
ZAWIESIA DO PODWIESZENIE PROFILU CEOWEGO (NP. C160) Z PRĘTAMI GWINTOWANYMI FI 10 MM, MAKSYMALNIE CO 100CM. ODCINEK DŁUGOŚCI OKOŁO 300 MM WKLEJONY W STROP KLEJEM HILTIT HIT-200, A DO NIEGO PODWIESZONIE ZAWIESIE PRZY POMOCY ŚRŪBY RYZMYSKIEJ ABY MOŻNA BYŁO REGULOWAĆ DŁUGOŚĆ ZAWIESIA/POŁOŻENIE BELKI STALOWEJ. W BELCE CEOWEJ (W ŚRÓDNIKU) OTWORY FI 12 MM DO PODWIESZENIA/KRECENIA ZAWIESIA Z BELKĄ. JEDEN KONIEC BELKI NALEŻY PRZYMOCOWAĆ DO ŚCIANY ŻELBETOWEJ, DRUGI POZOSTAWIAĆ WOLNY (TYLKO PODWIESZONI ZAWIESIE). ABY USTABILIZOWAĆ BELKE W POZIOMIE PROPUJĘĆ WYKONAĆ DODATKOWE BELECKI Z RURY KWADRATOWEJ NP. 50X50X4MM W ROZSTAWIE MAX. 100 CM, KTÓRE REPREZENTUJE BELĘ ZAWIESIĄ I SCIANAMI ŹEŁBETOWymi SZCZIĘT WINDOWEGO

*Szczegóły rozwiązań i wymiarowanie elementów według rysunków warsztatowych i obliczeń Wykonawcy - do akceptacji Projektanta Konstrukcji i Architektury.*

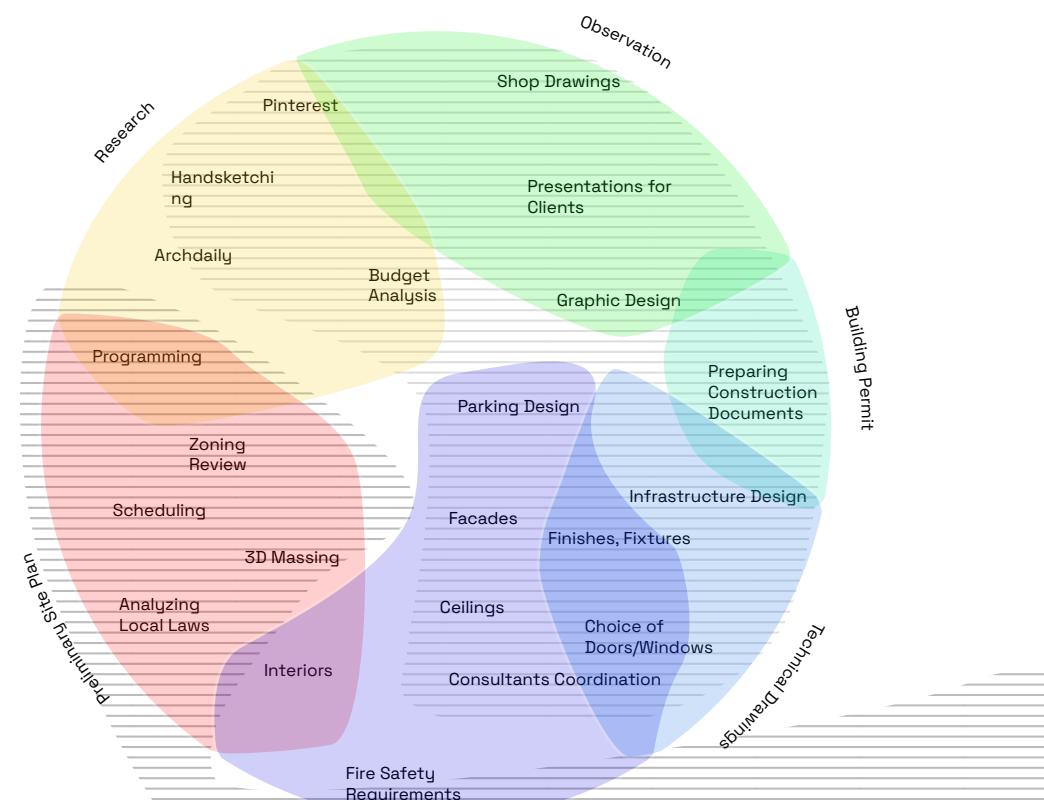


# R&D WORKS

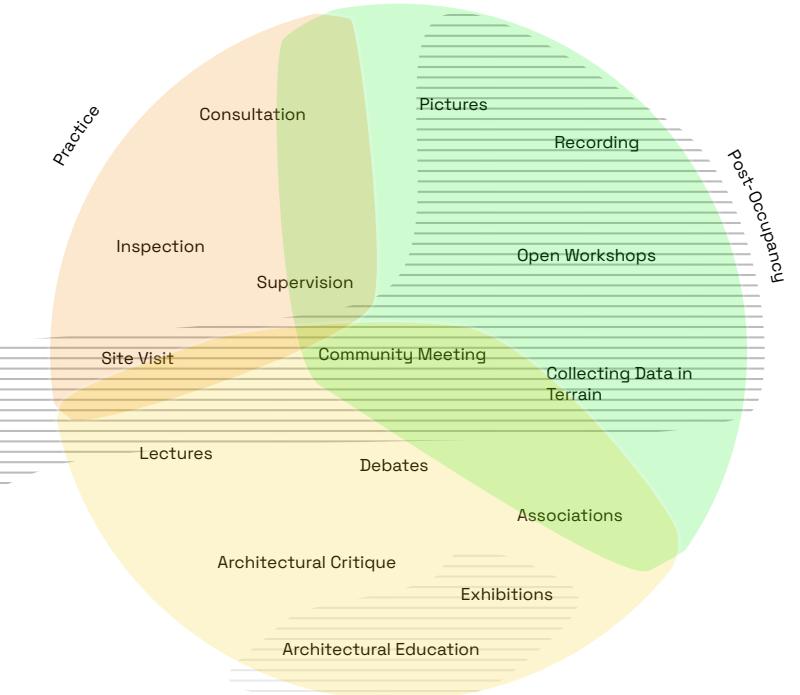


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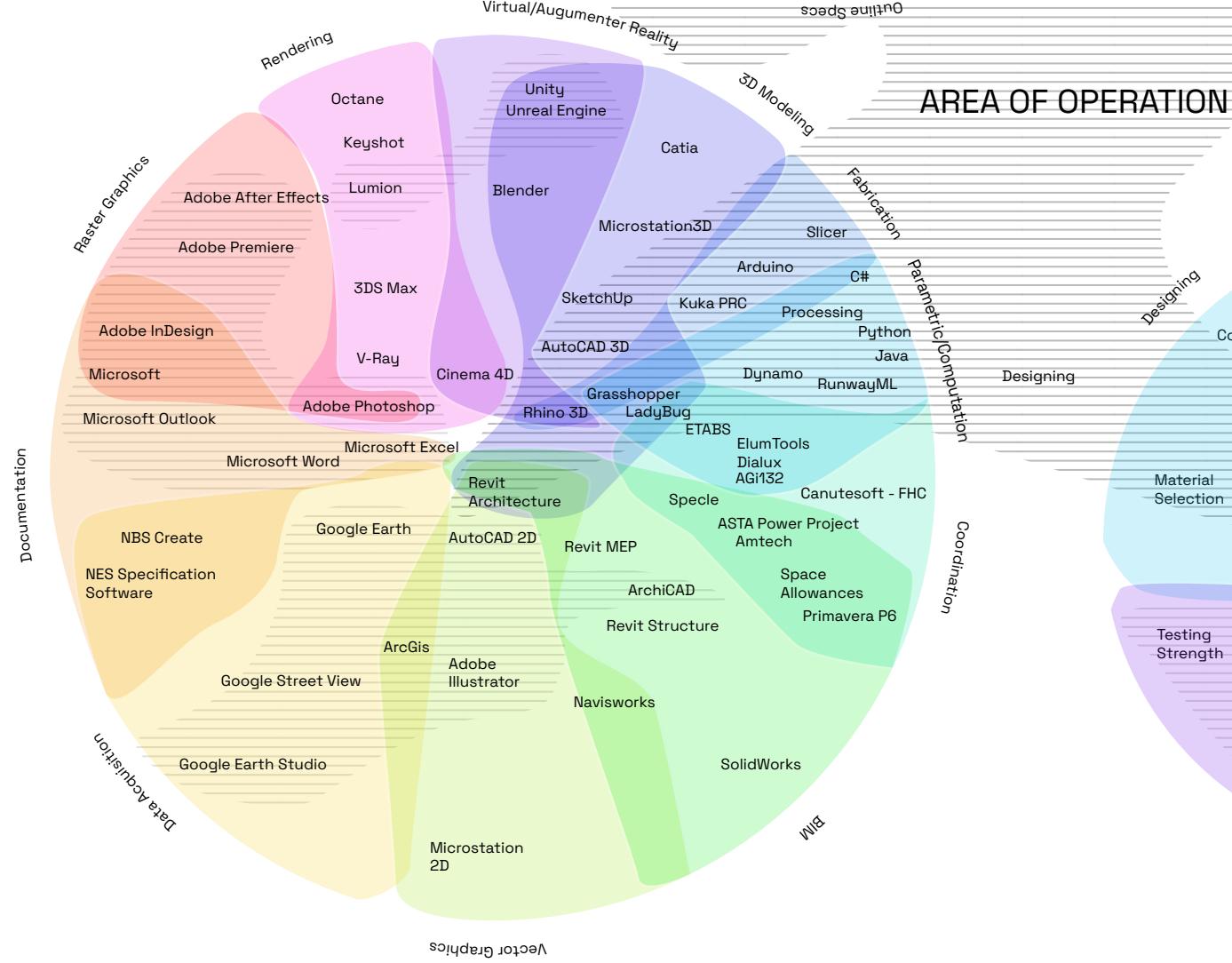
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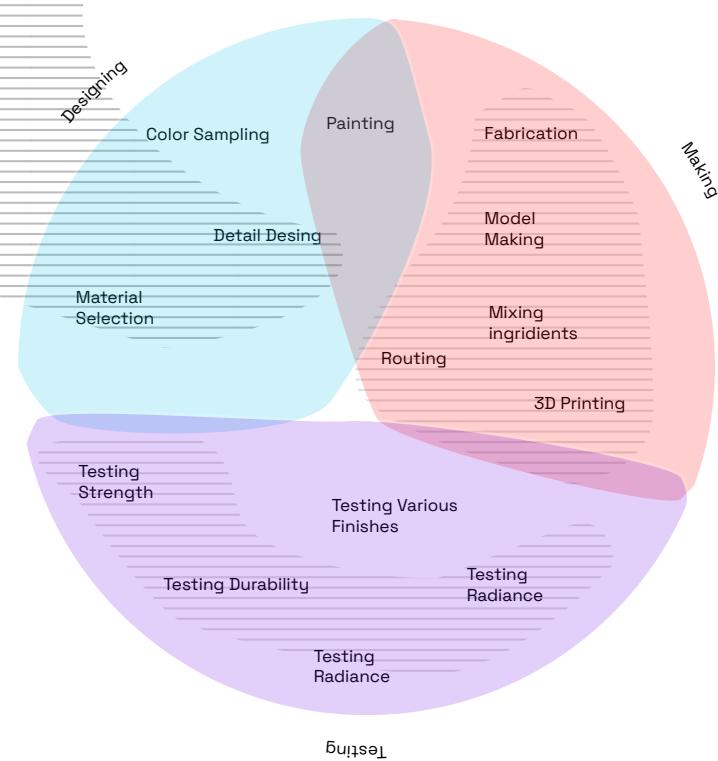
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## AREA OF OPERATION



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## MATERIALS

