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Machine Intelligence and *Architectural Applications*

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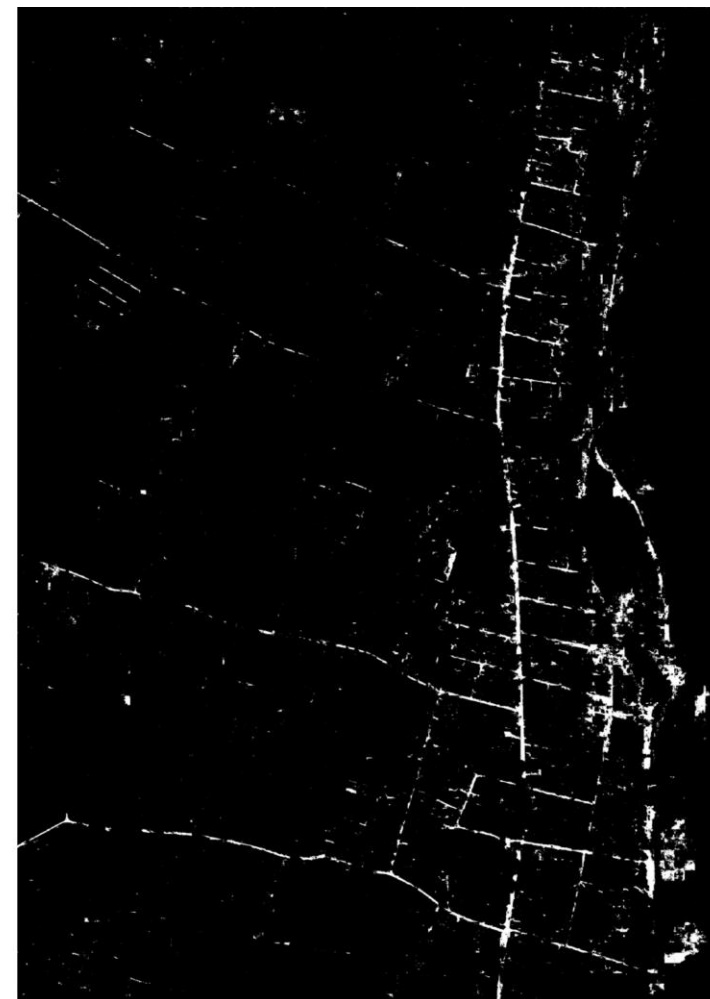
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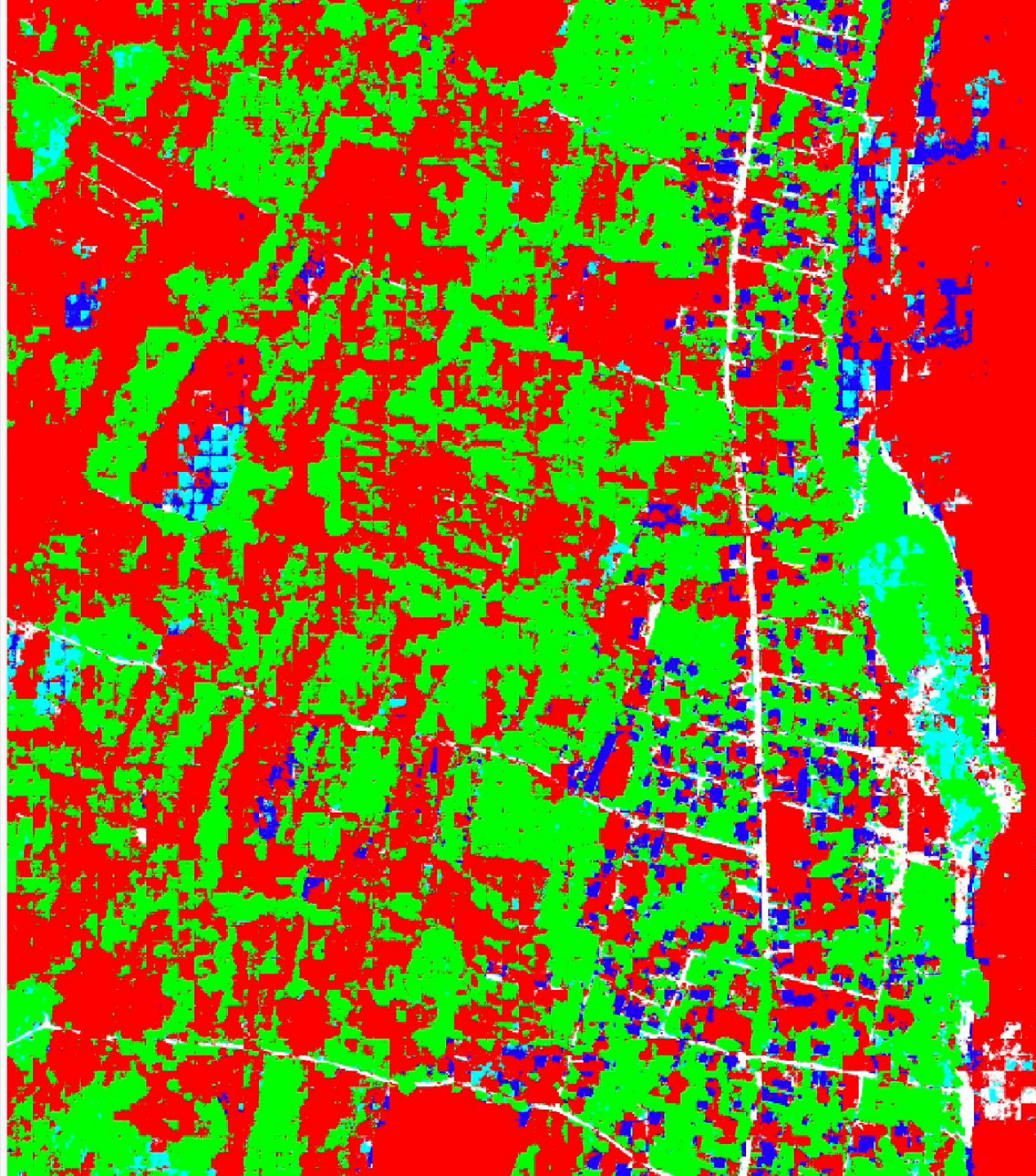
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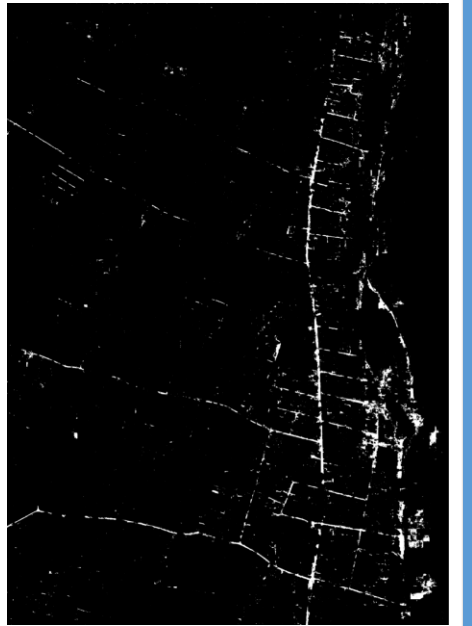
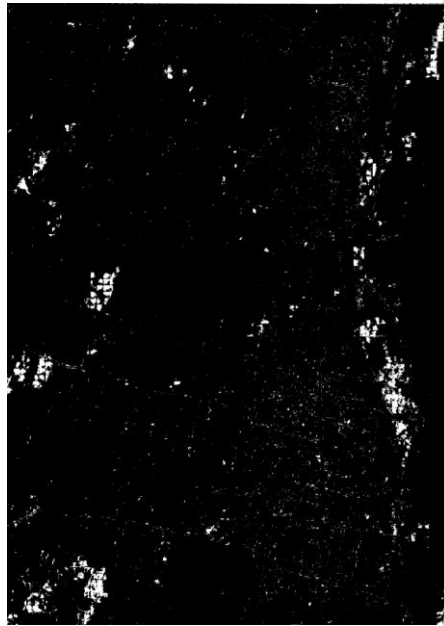
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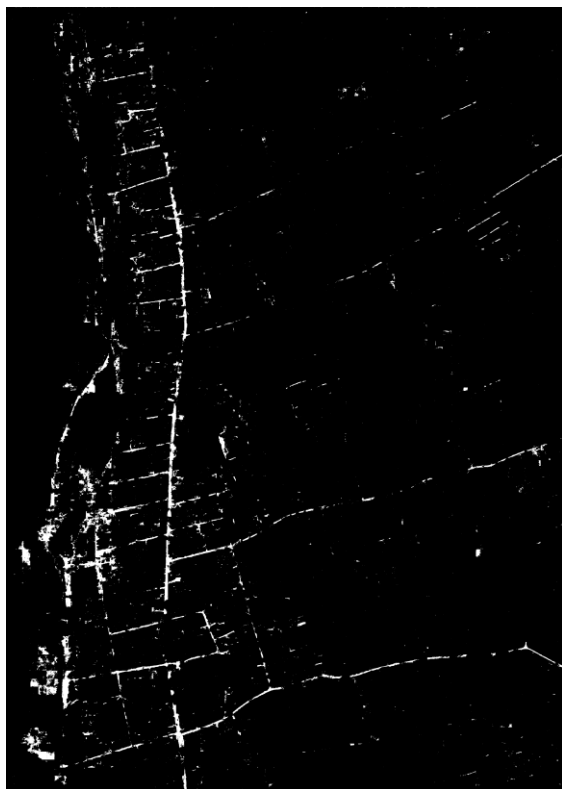




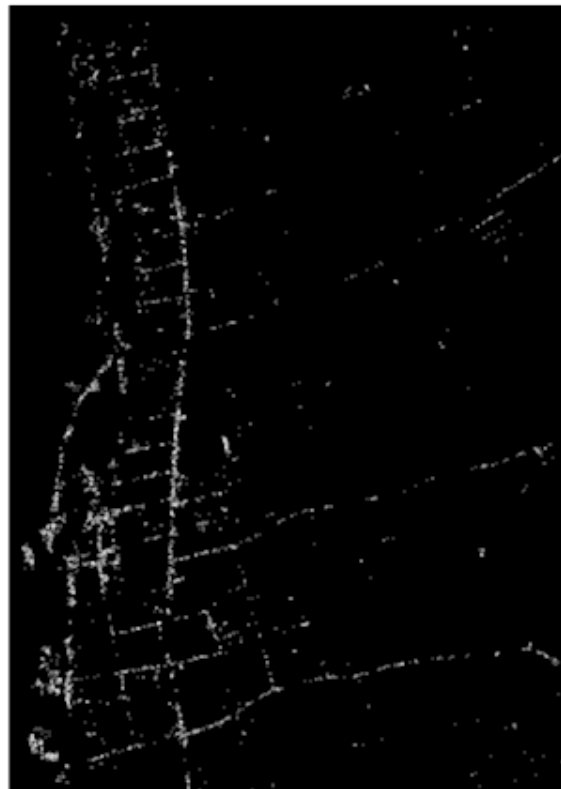
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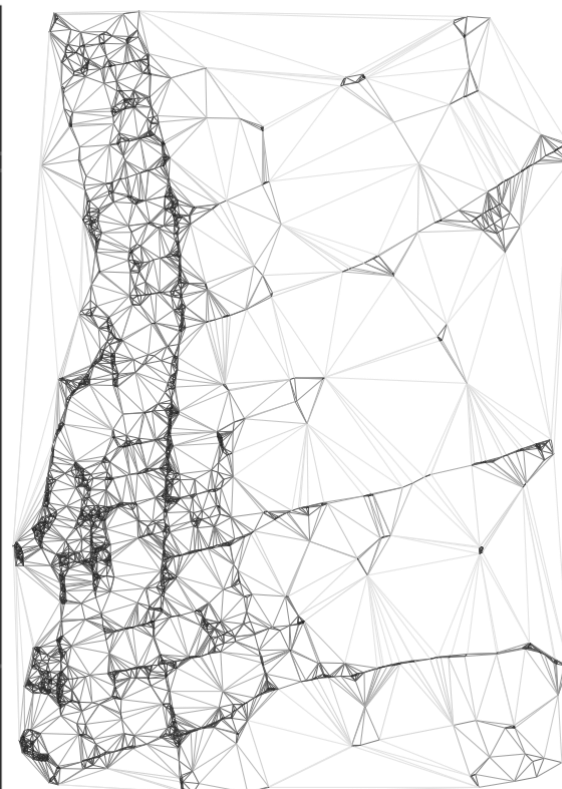




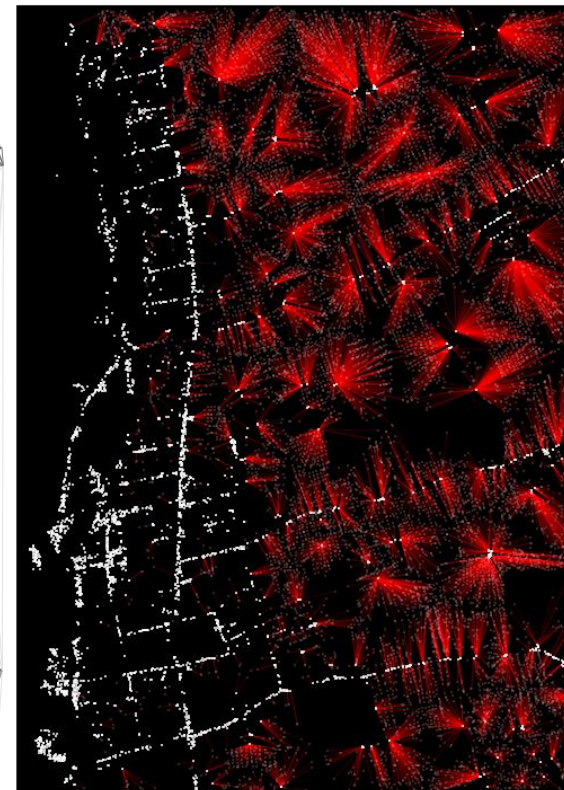
Masking streets



Subsampling



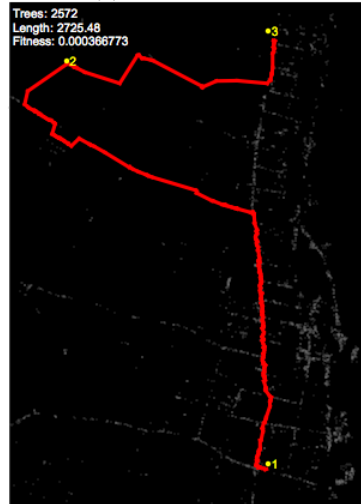
Delaunay Triangulation



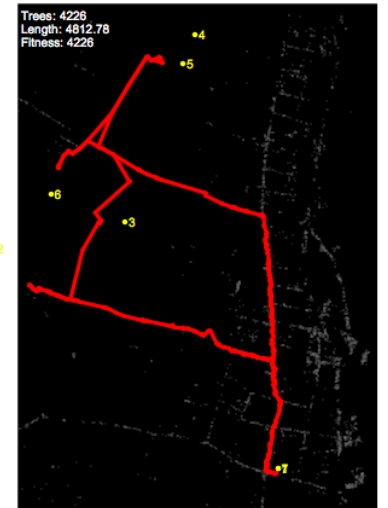
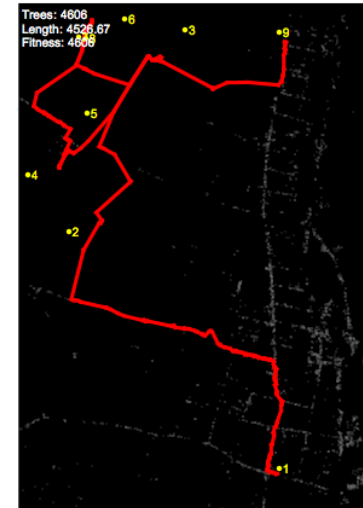
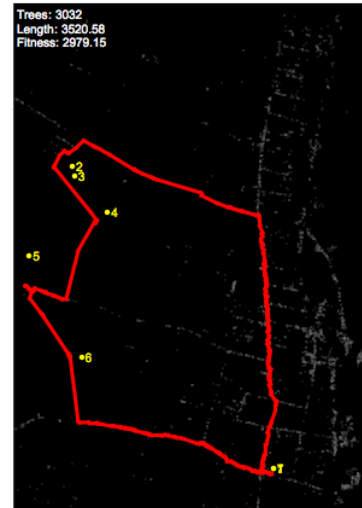
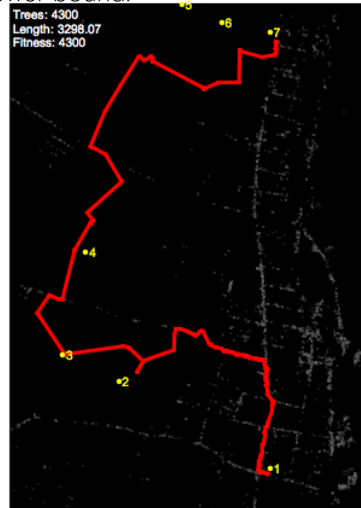
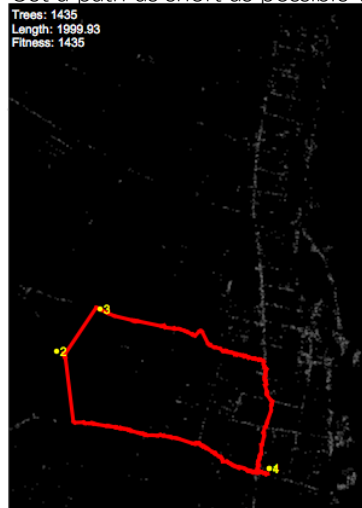
Weighted nodes by the number of reachable trees

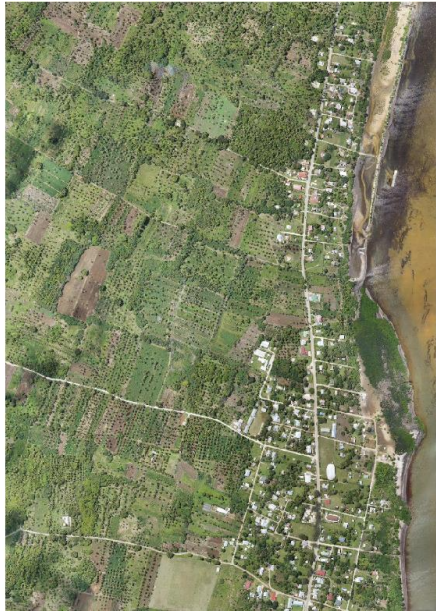
Path Optimization

Get a path that contains as many trees as possible with its length below an upper bound.



Get a path as short as possible with the tree number larger than a lower bound.

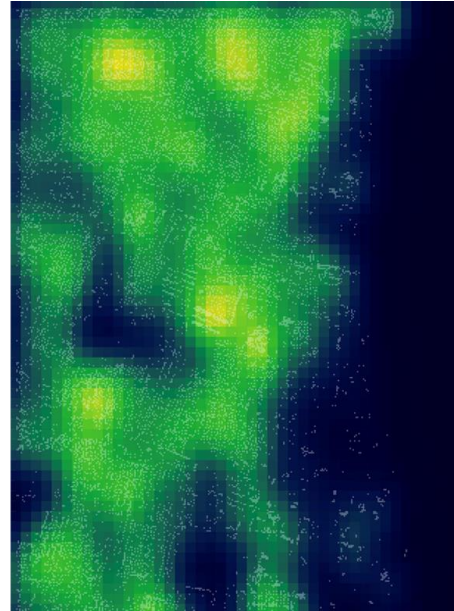




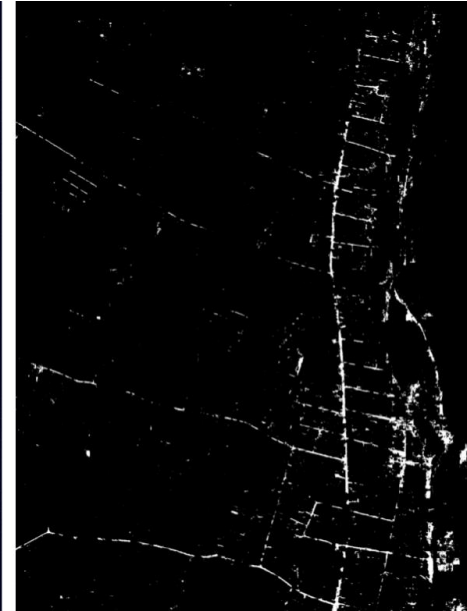
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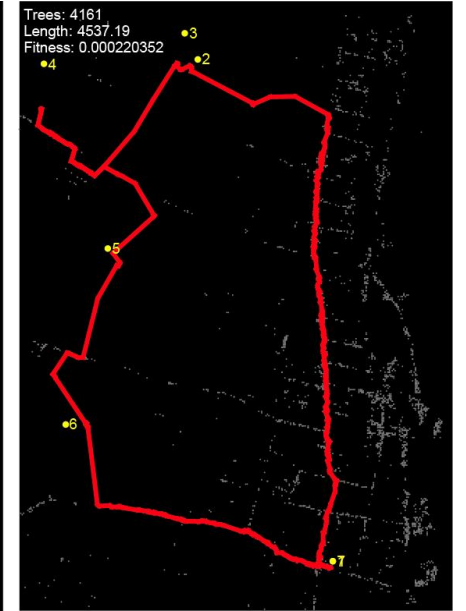
Classification/Localization



Density Maps

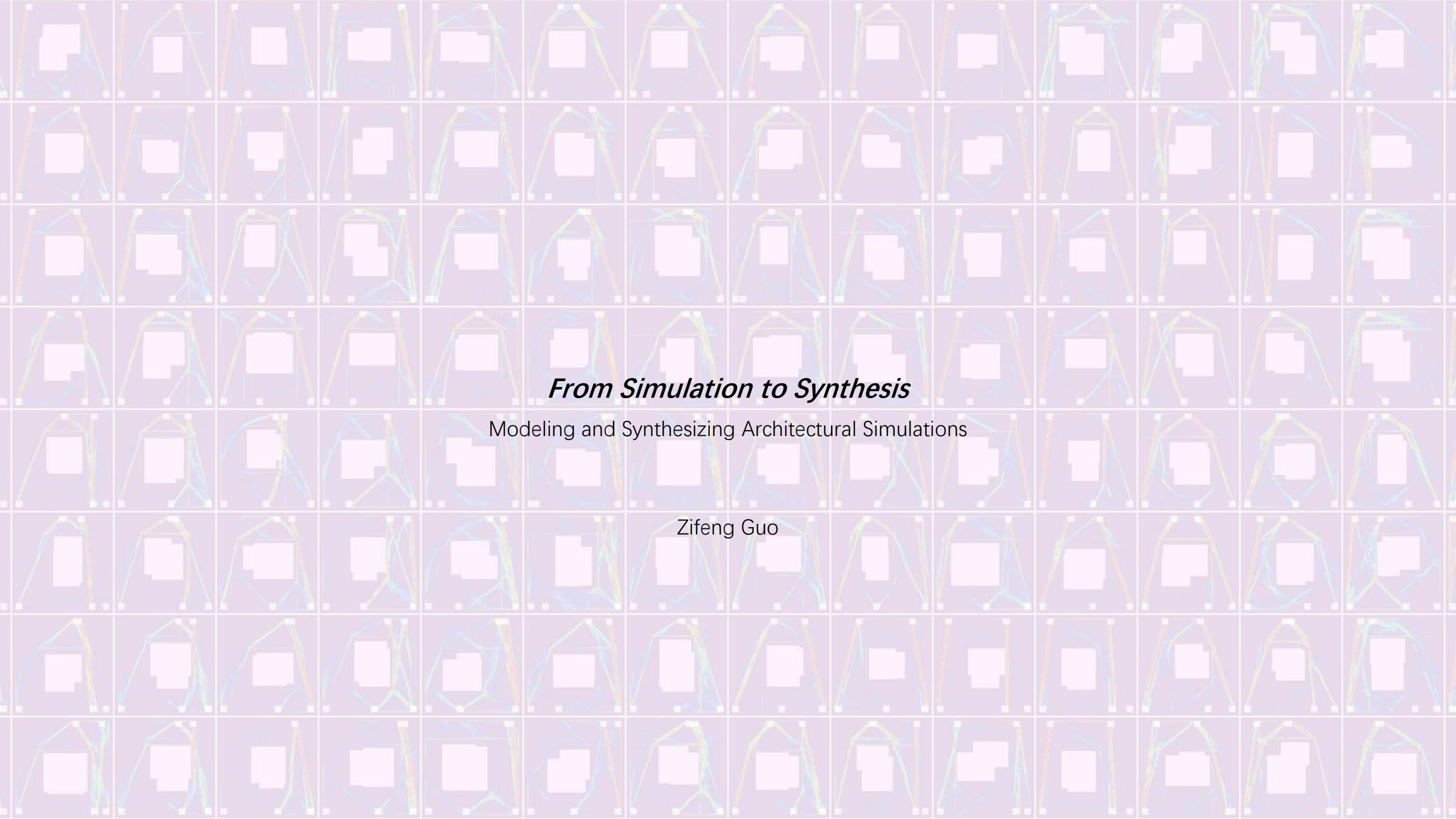


Street Segmentation



Path Optimization

The pipeline of the experiment, starting with the collection of aerial imagery, followed by the localization and classification of trees, density maps. Segmentation of the roads to propose a short path based on user' question to harvest.



From Simulation to Synthesis

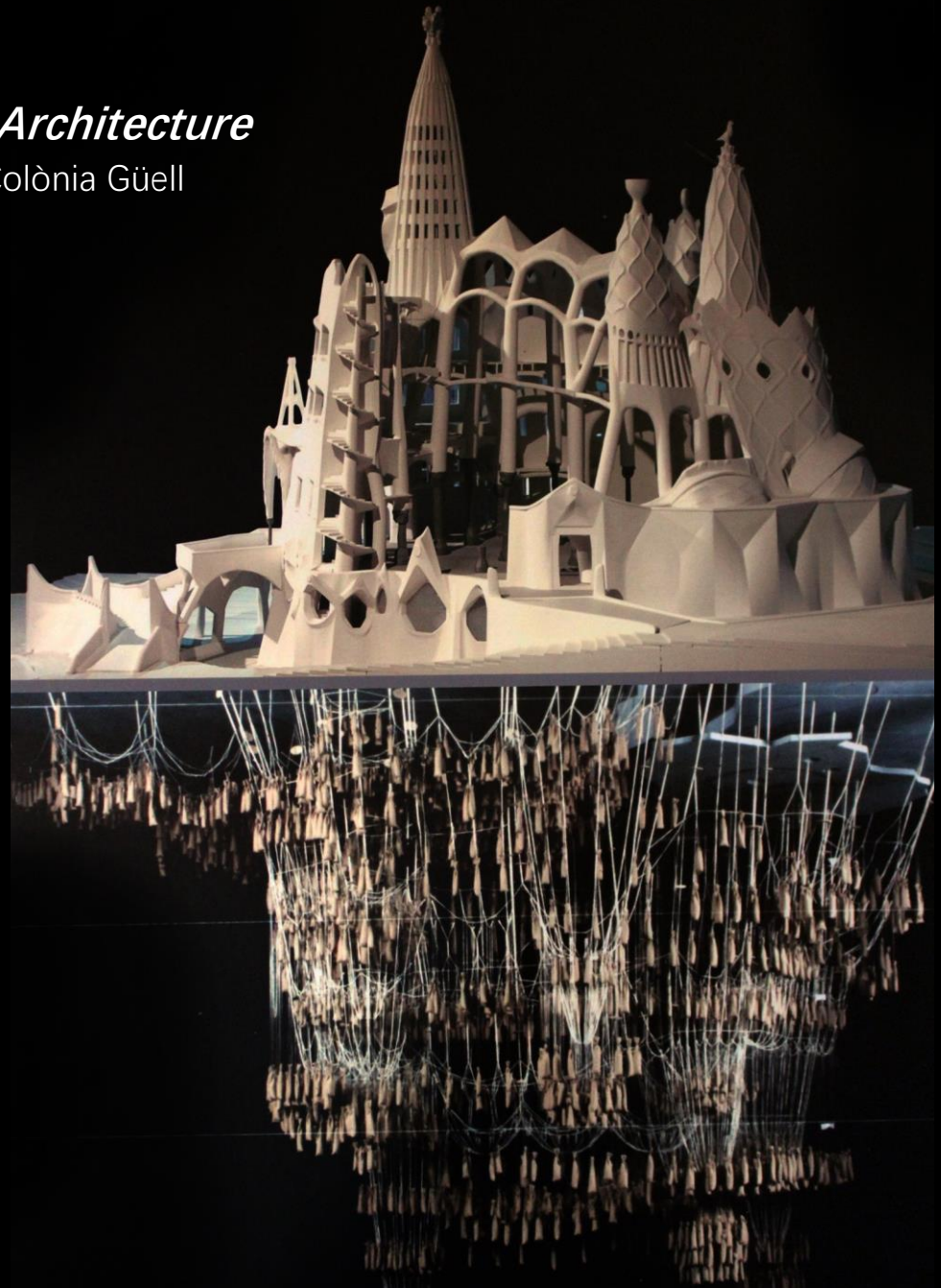
Modeling and Synthesizing Architectural Simulations

Zifeng Guo

Simulations in Architecture

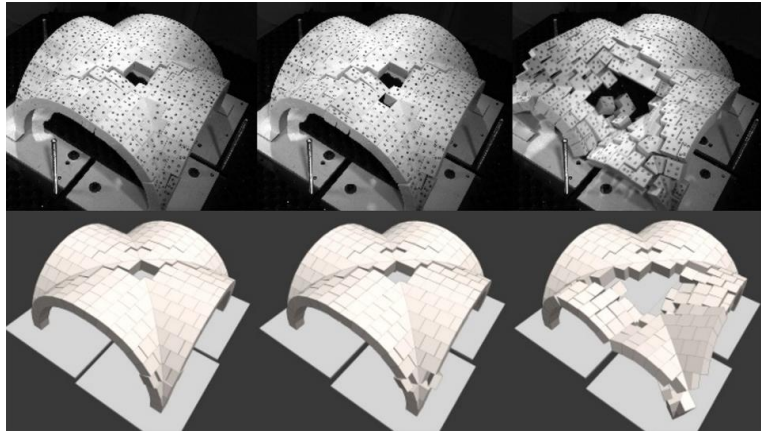
The Church of Colònia Güell

Use a cable system to find the form for an arch system



Computer Simulations in Architecture

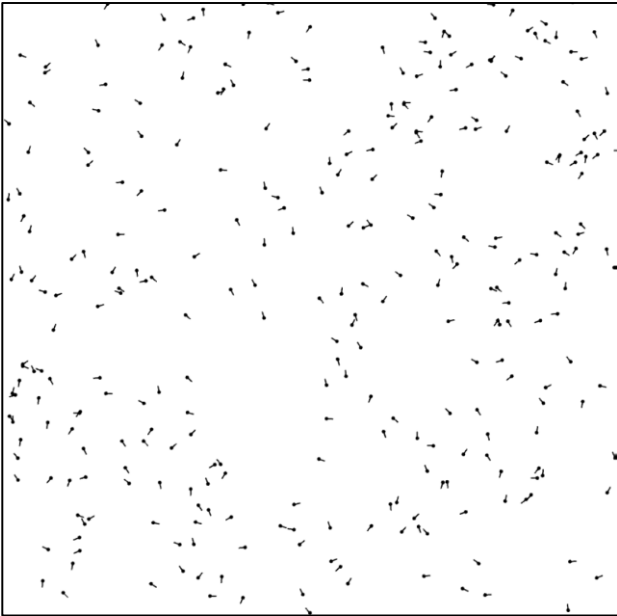
State of the arts



<https://ita.arch.ethz.ch/>

Obstacles in Computer Simulation

Idealizations regarding the system

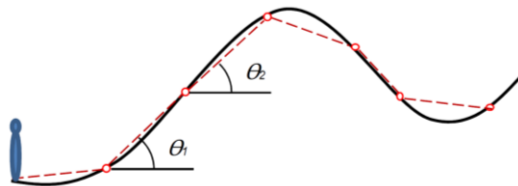
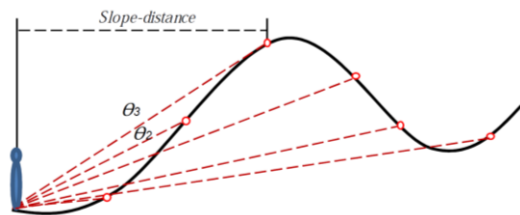


https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-5ffl5_7AI

The rules of the system can neither be proved nor disproved

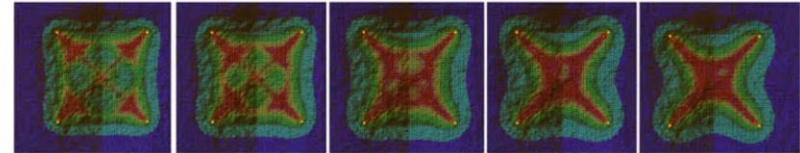
Rule-based Simulation in Design

Agent-based pedestrian simulation

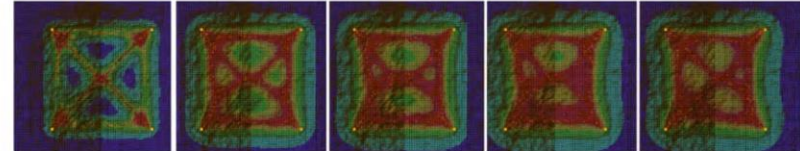


Gradual Development of Passages ---->

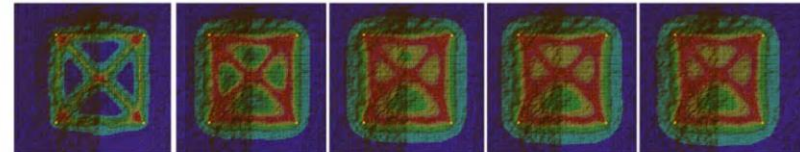
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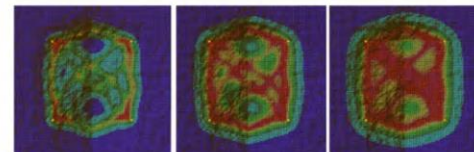
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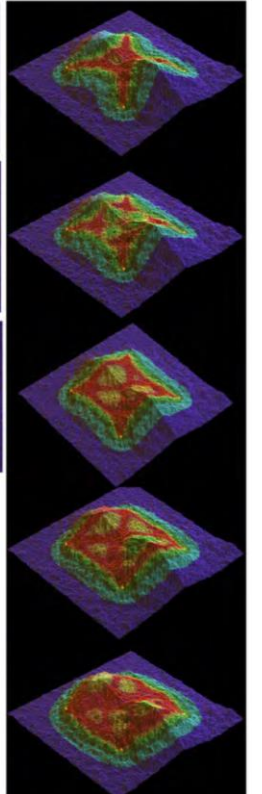
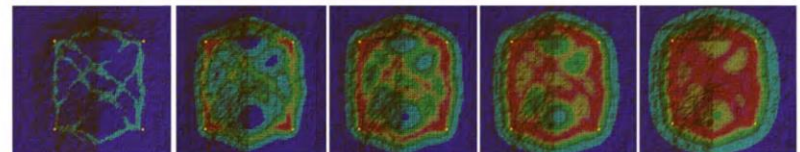
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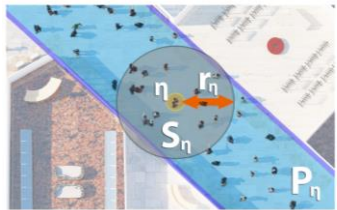


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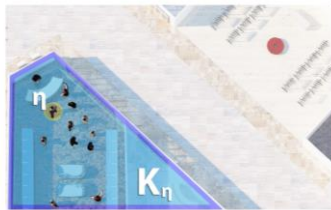


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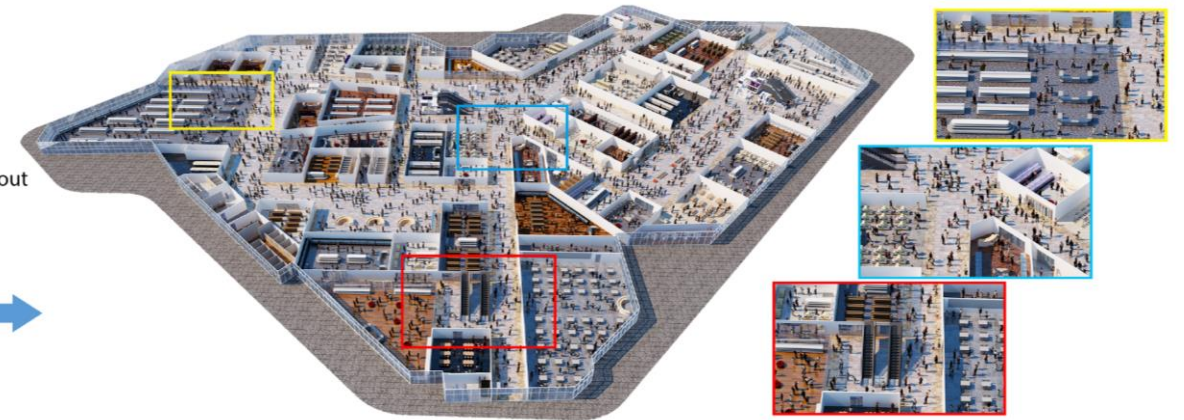
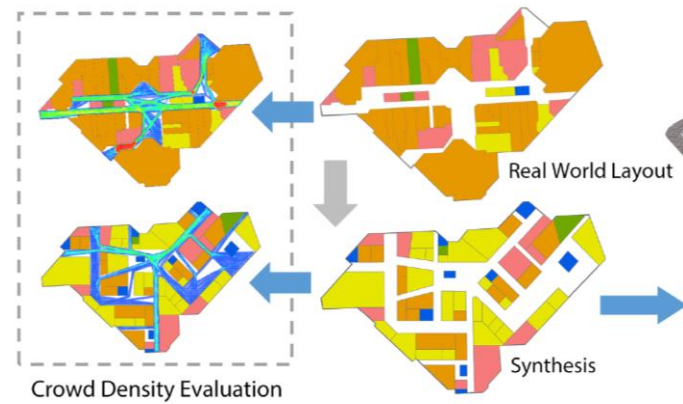
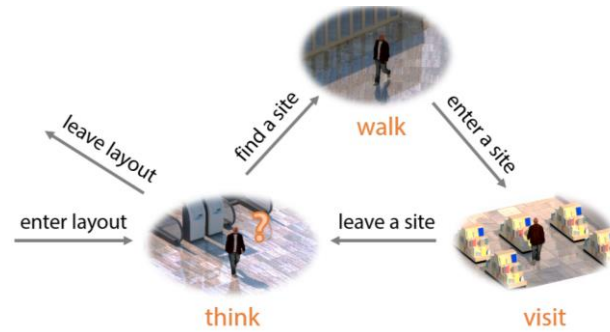
Agent-based pedestrian simulation



(a) Walking Crowd Density

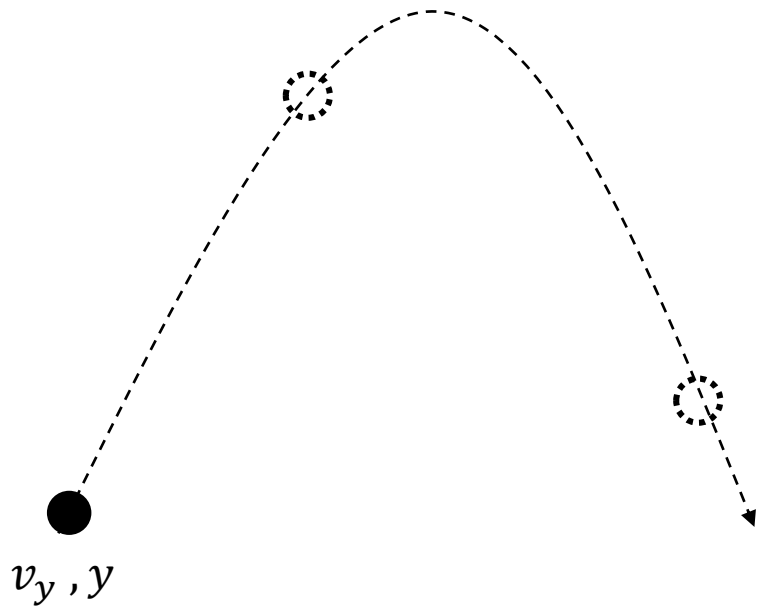


(b) Visiting Crowd Density



Obstacles in Computer Simulation

Numerical solution vs. analytical solution



$$y''(t) = -g$$

We observe that the rate of change of speed is a constant

$$y'(t) = -gt + a$$

We then know how speed changes in time

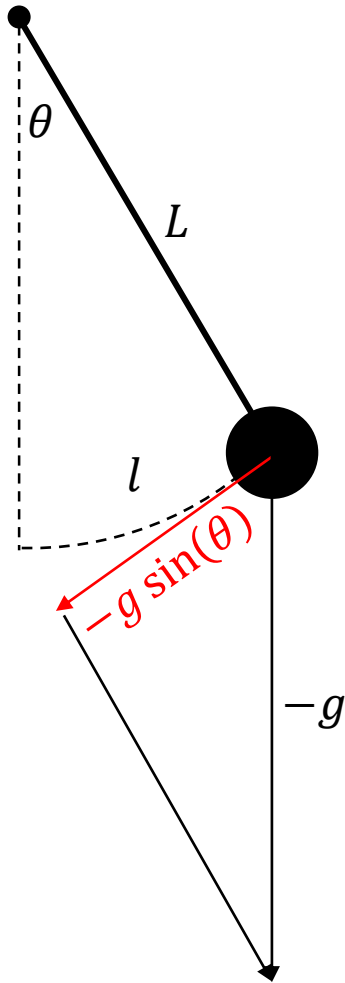
$$y(t) = -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 + at + b$$

We then can calculate the precise positions in time

$$y(t) = -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 + v_0t + y_0$$

Obstacles in Computer Simulation

Numerical solution vs. analytical solution



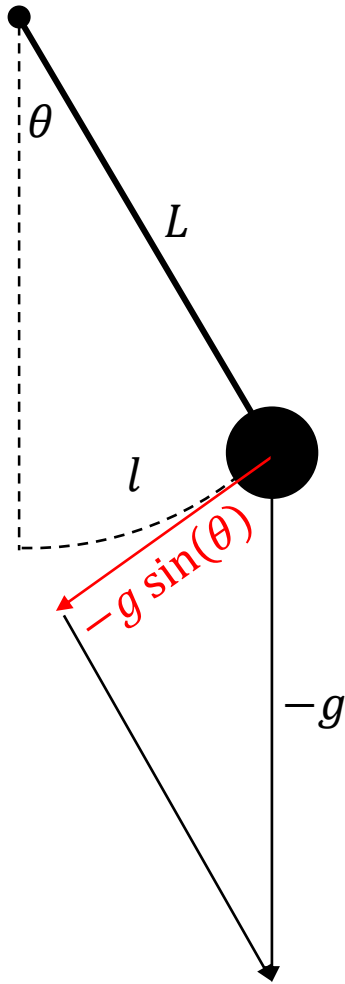
$$l(t) = L\theta(t)$$

$$l''(t) = L\theta''(t)$$

$$l''(t) = -g \sin(\theta(t))$$

$$\theta''(t) = -\frac{g}{L} \sin(\theta(t))$$

Numerical Integration



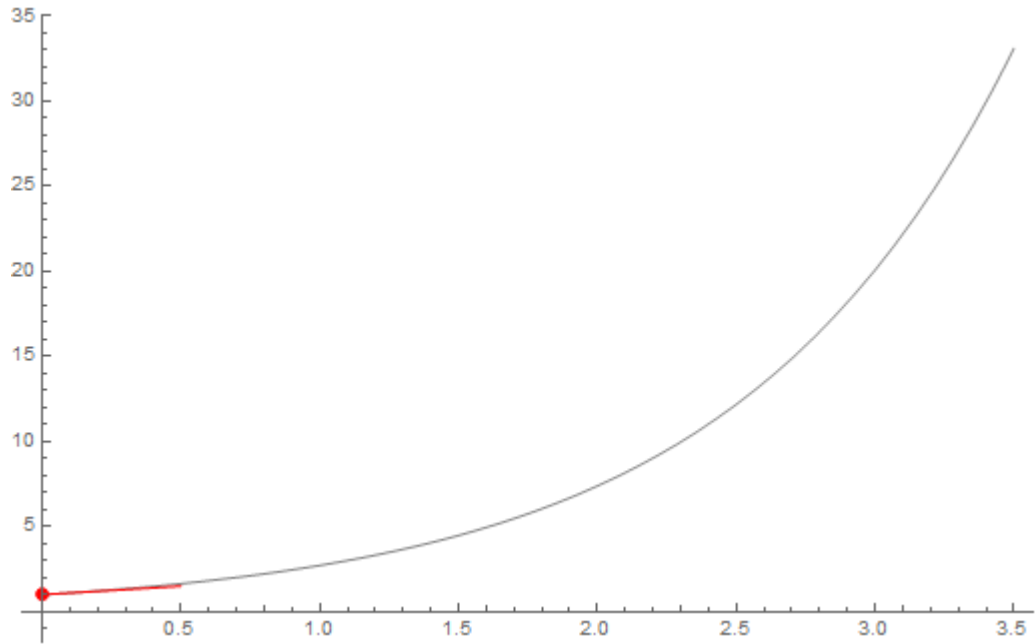
$$\theta''(t) = -\frac{g}{L} \sin(\theta(t))$$

$$\theta'(t + \Delta t) = \theta'(t) + \Delta t \theta''(t)$$

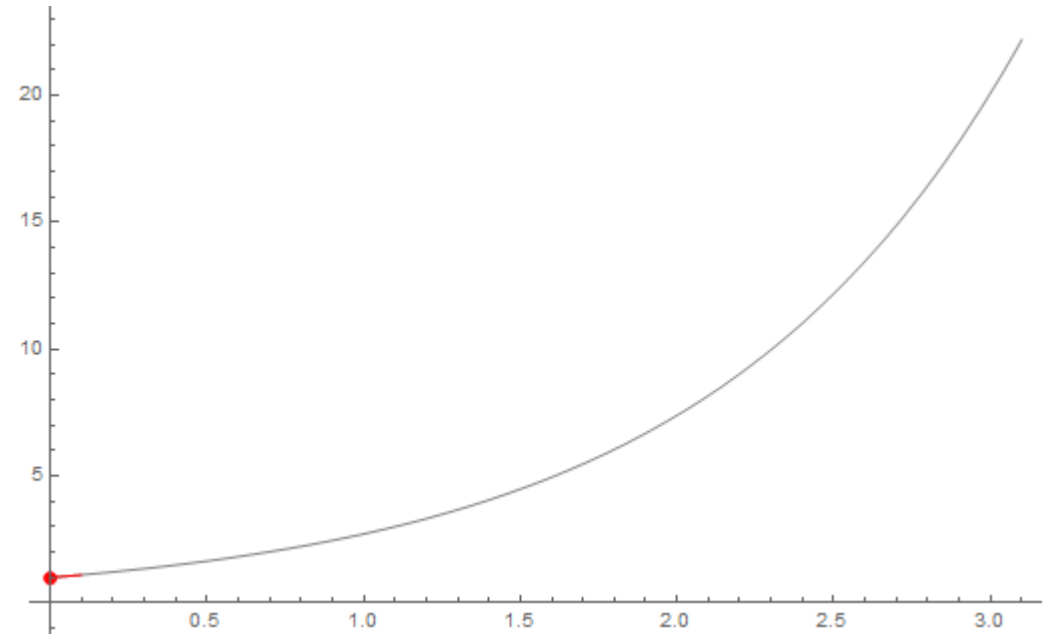
$$\theta(t + \Delta t) = \theta(t) + \Delta t \theta'(t)$$

Numerical Integration

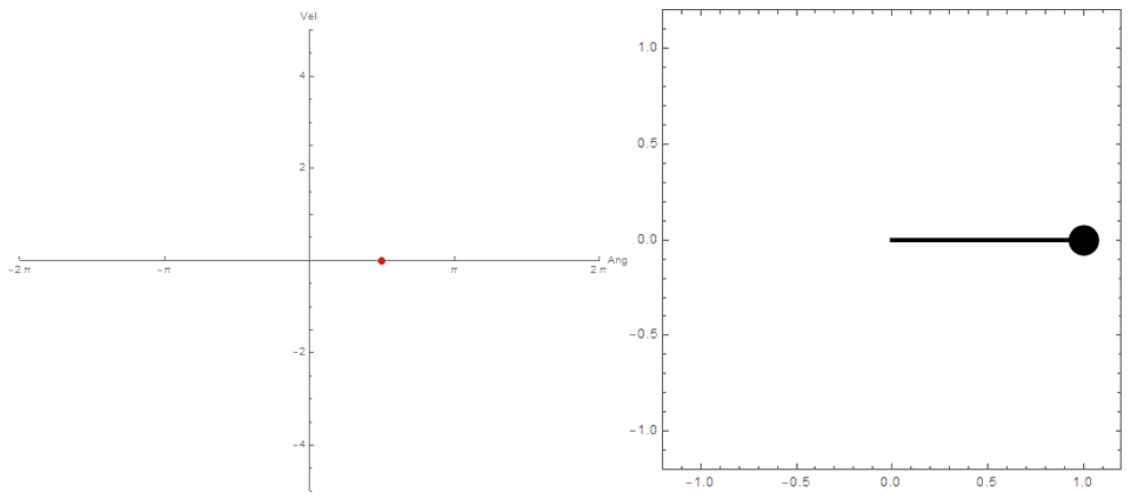
The Exact and Numerical solutions of $y' = y$



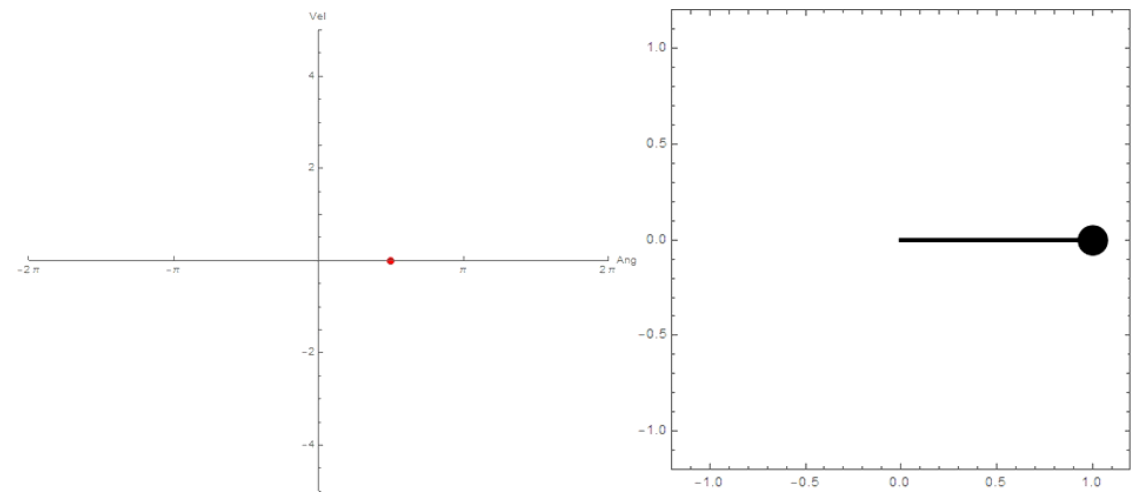
$\Delta t = 0.5$



$\Delta t = 0.1$



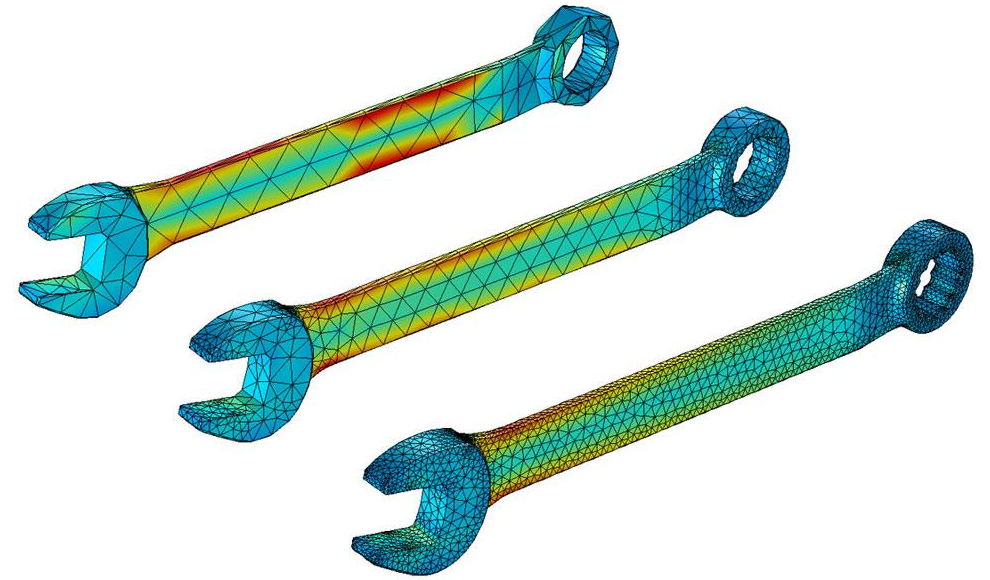
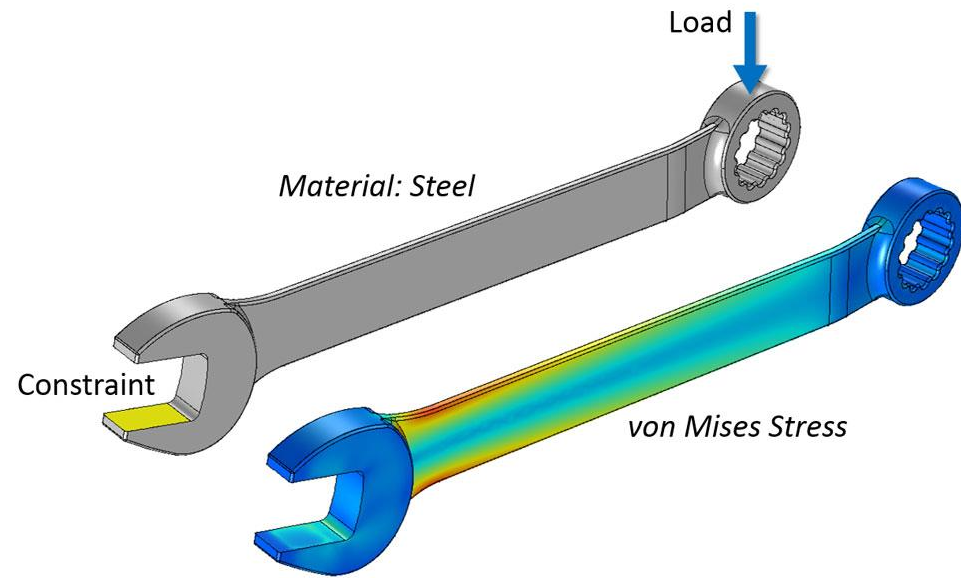
$\Delta t = 0.1$, 120 frames



$\Delta t = 0.01$, 1200 frames

The Finite Element Method

Discretization of geometries



<https://www.comsol.com/multiphysics/mesh-refinement>

Dilemma

Exchange Capacity for Feasibility

Limitations

Huge consumption of computational resources of
CPU (speed) and Memory (feasibility)

Too many idealizations for complex phenomena

Despite intensive effort on faster and more powerful simulator, these
limitations and not effectively solved

Artificial Intelligence

The same dilemma existed in the history of artificial intelligence (AI)

Symbolic AI

"Good Old-Fashioned Artificial Intelligence"

Logic-based

Knowledge Representation

Combinatory

Theory-driven

***"thinking (intellection) essentially is
rational manipulation of mental symbols"***
(Haugeland, 1985)

Sub-symbolic AI

Probabilistic-based

Learning

Approximation

Data-driven

***"representation is the wrong unit of abstraction in
building the bulkiest parts of intelligent systems"***
(Brooks, 1991)

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Symbolic AI



The Deep Blue, 1997

Sub-symbolic AI

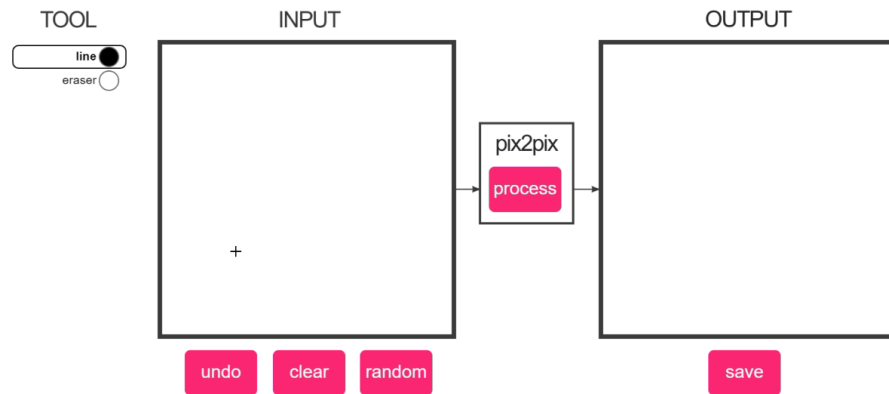


The AlphaGo, 2016

Image to Image Translation

From any image to any image

edge2cats



<https://affinelayer.com/pixsrv/>

semantic segmentation



<https://towardsdatascience.com/semantic-segmentation-popular-architectures-dff0a75f39d0>

From Simulation to Synthesis?

Any prediction as image to image translation?

Experiment: Topology Optimization

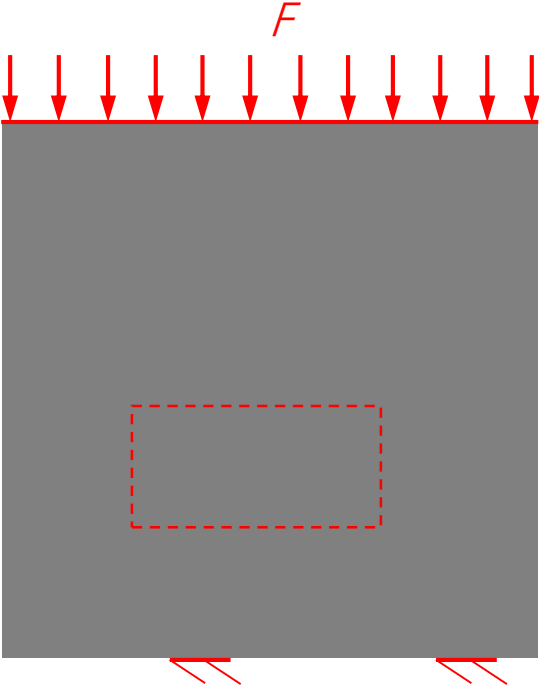
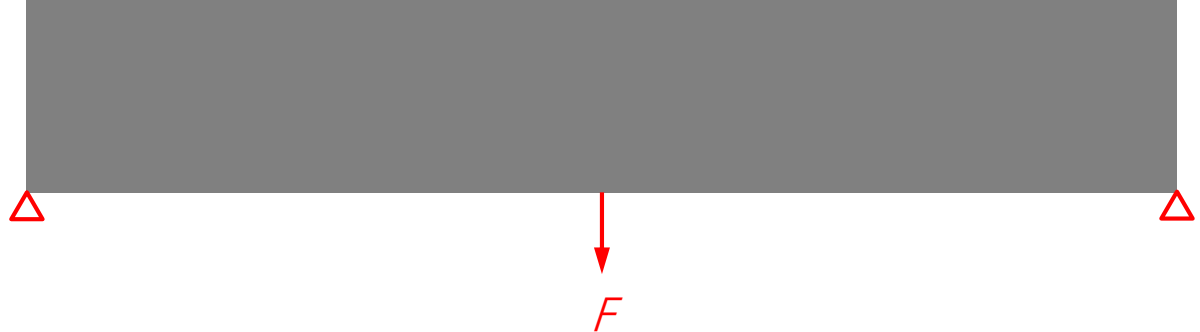
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Topology Optimization

"shape optimization in its most general setting should consist of a determination for every point in space whether there is material in that point or not"

Bendsøe, M. P. (1989). Optimal shape design as a material distribution problem. *Structural optimization*, 1(4), 193-202.

2D Examples

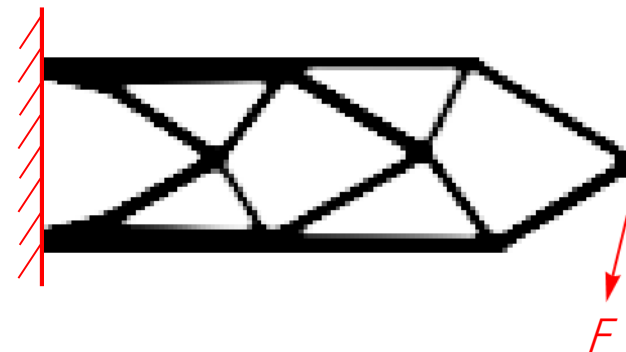
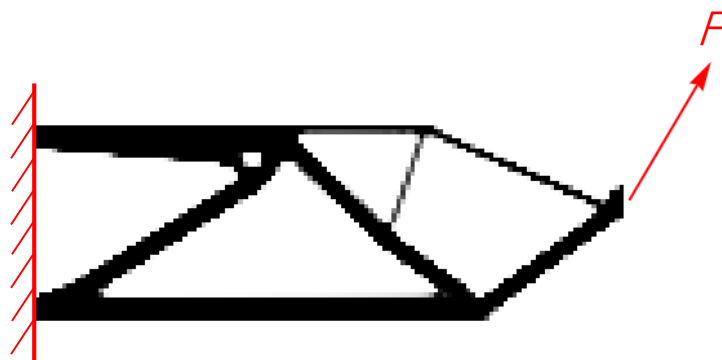


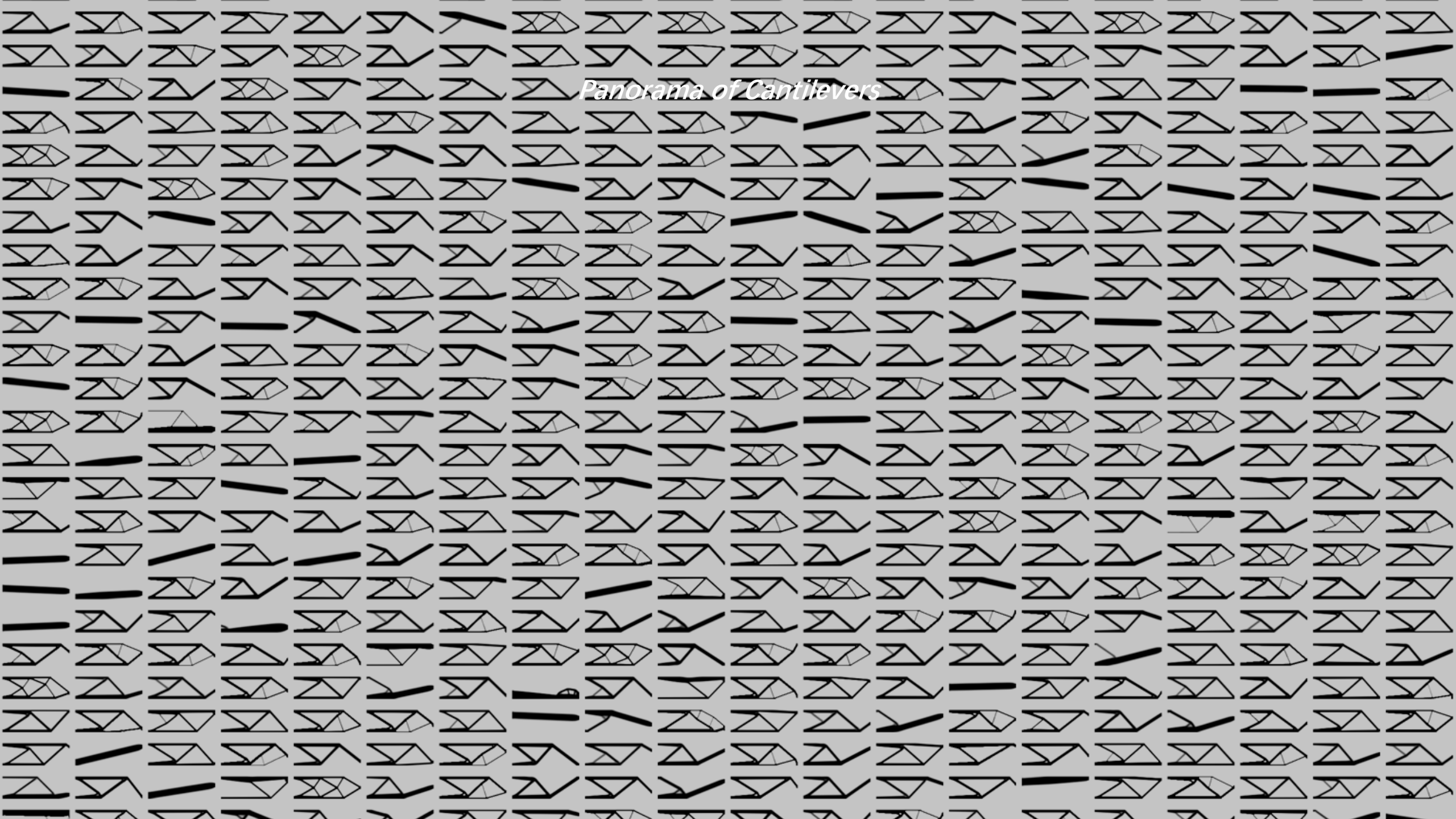
The Smart Slab



<http://dbt.arch.ethz.ch/project/smart-slab/>

Experiment: Cantilever

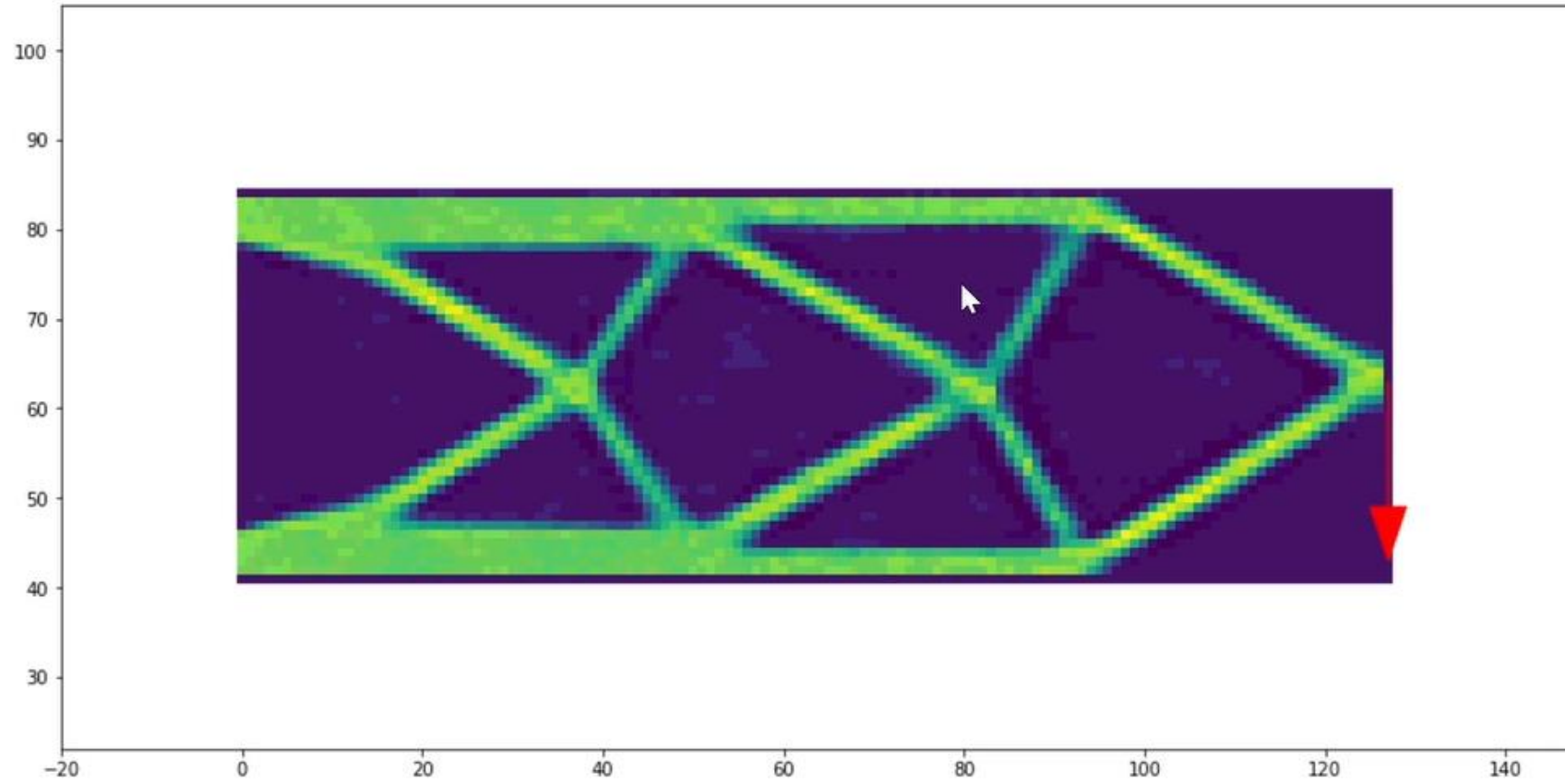




Panorama of Cantilevers

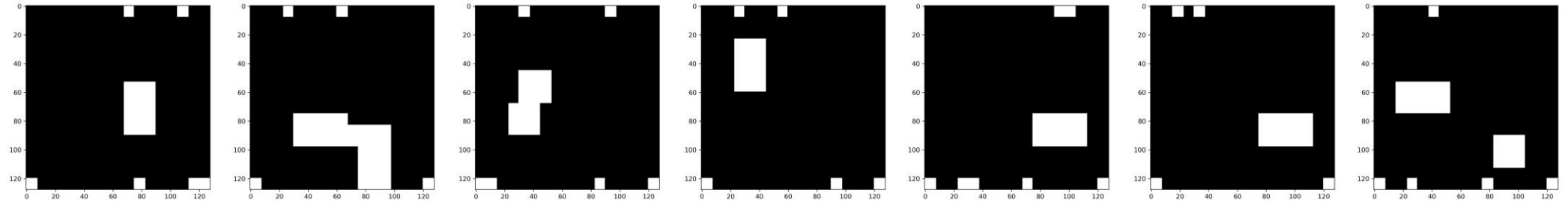
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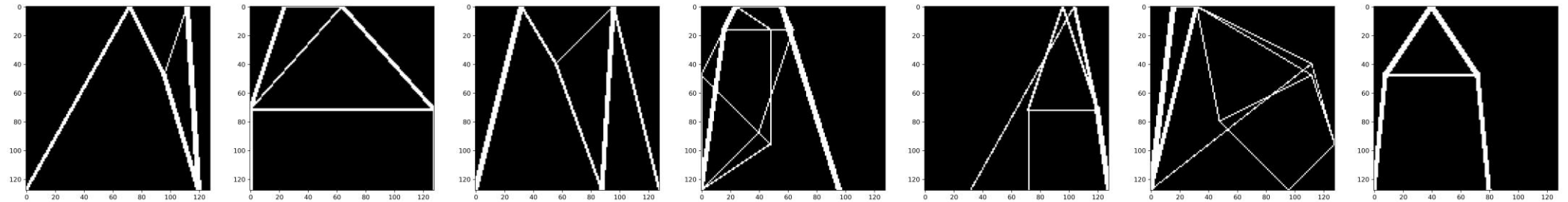


Truss Layout Optimization

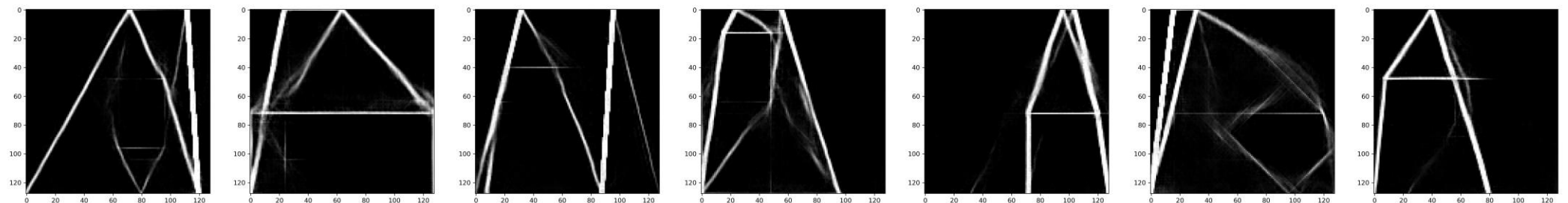
Inputs



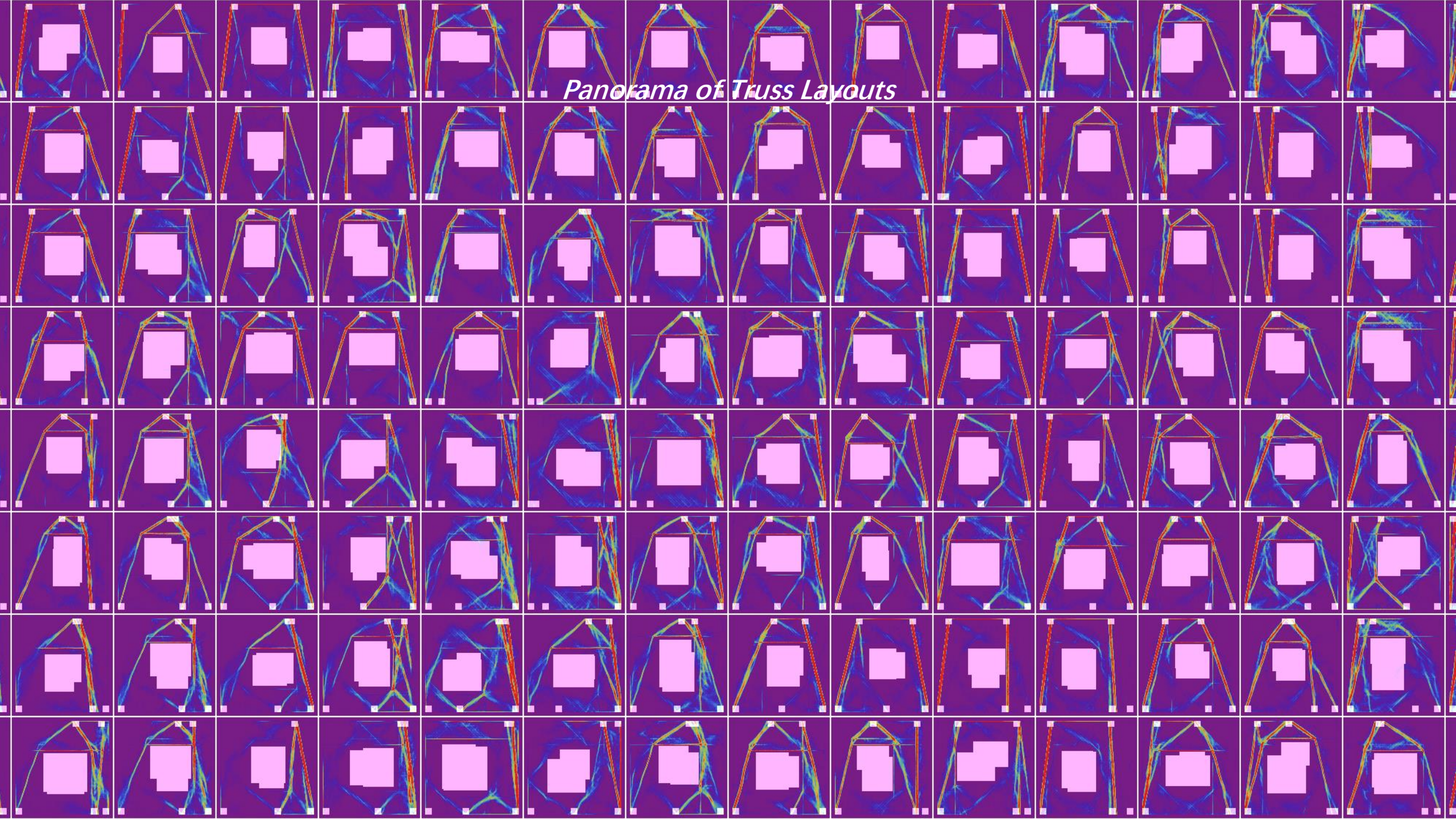
Optimized



Synthesized



Panorama of Truss Layouts



Experiment: Urban Flood Prediction

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Flood Simulation

A Dynamic Process



Digital Elevation Model (DEM)



Water Depth

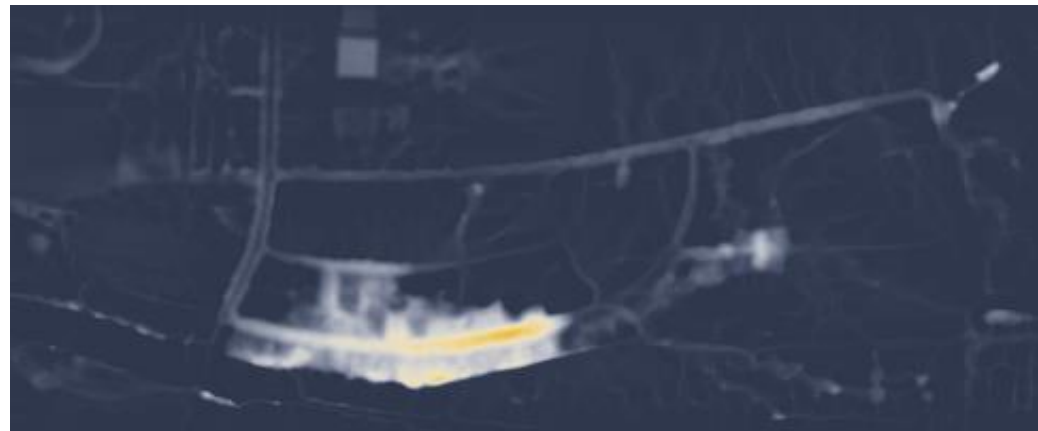


Flood Simulation

Maximum Water Depth



Digital Elevation Model (DEM)



Maximum Water Depth

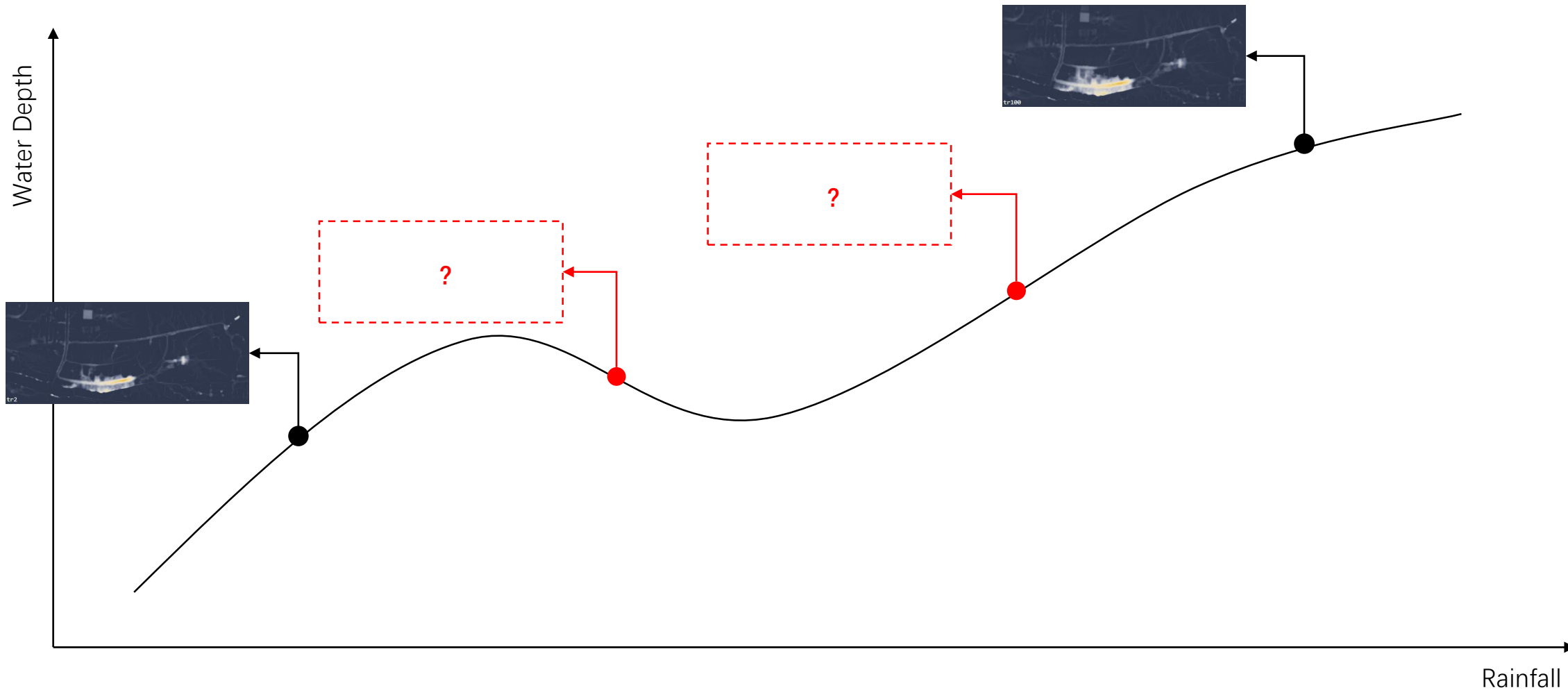


One

Same Catchment Area with Different Rain Patterns

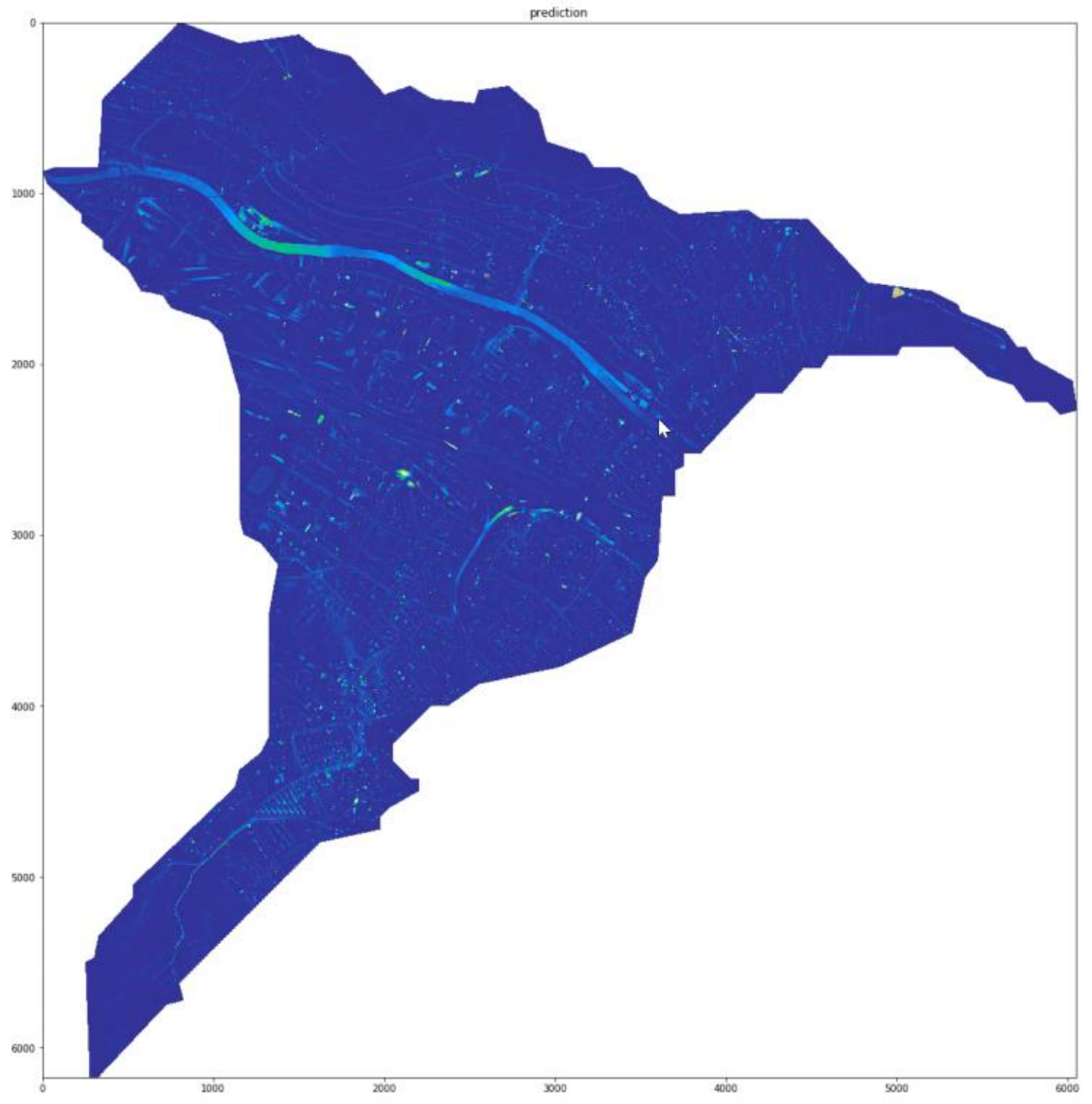
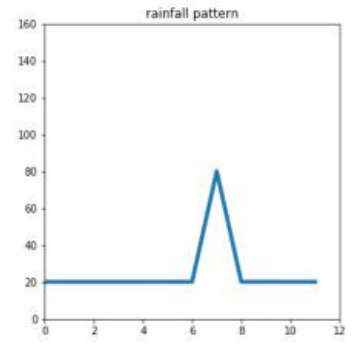
Areal Sampling

Can we prediction the in-between?



mu 6.00
sigma 0.10
minval 20
maxval 80

threshold



Two

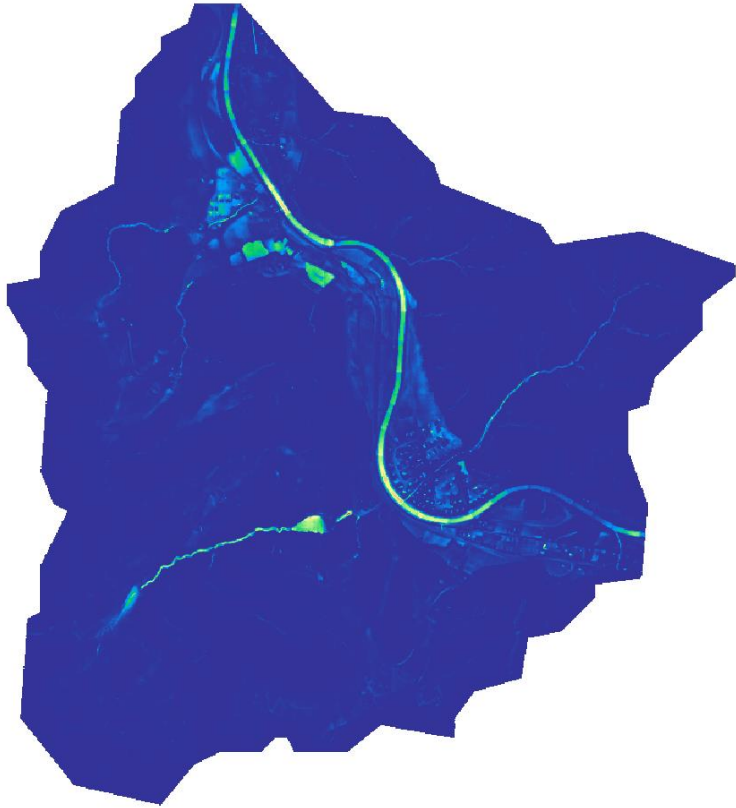
On Different Catchment Areas

Training Data
All catchment areas

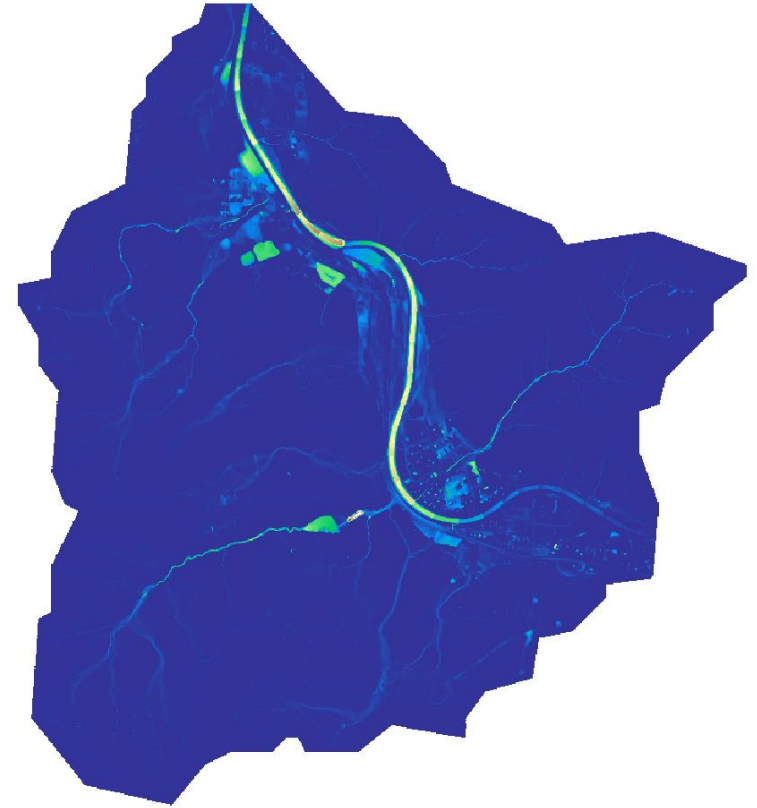


The Prediction Results

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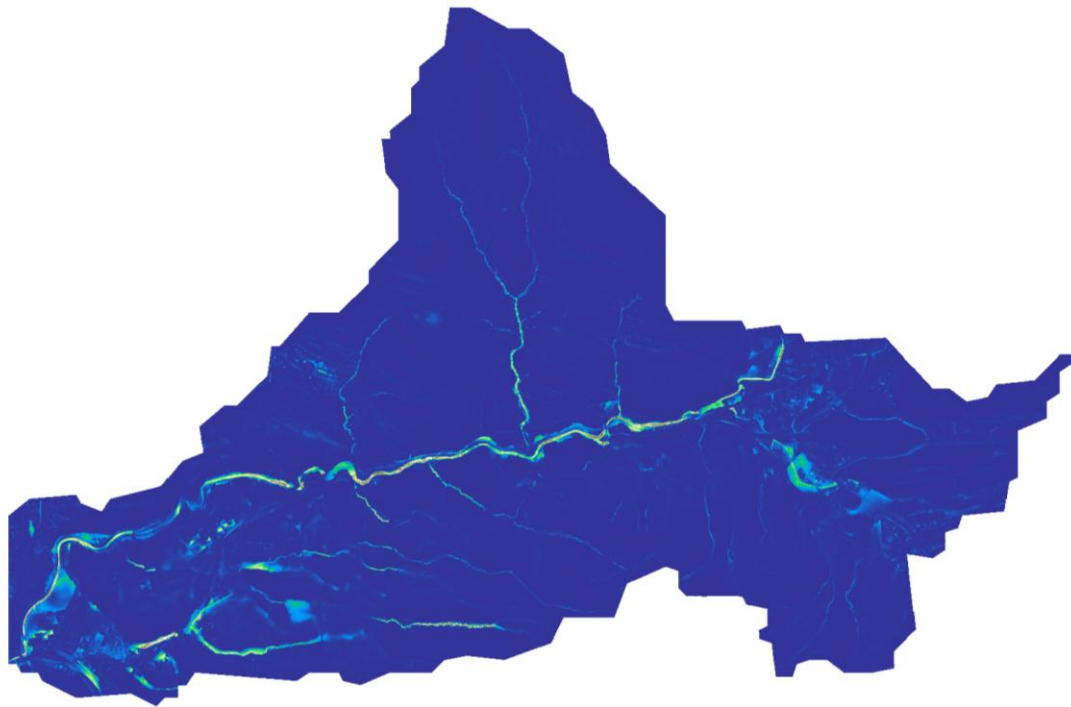


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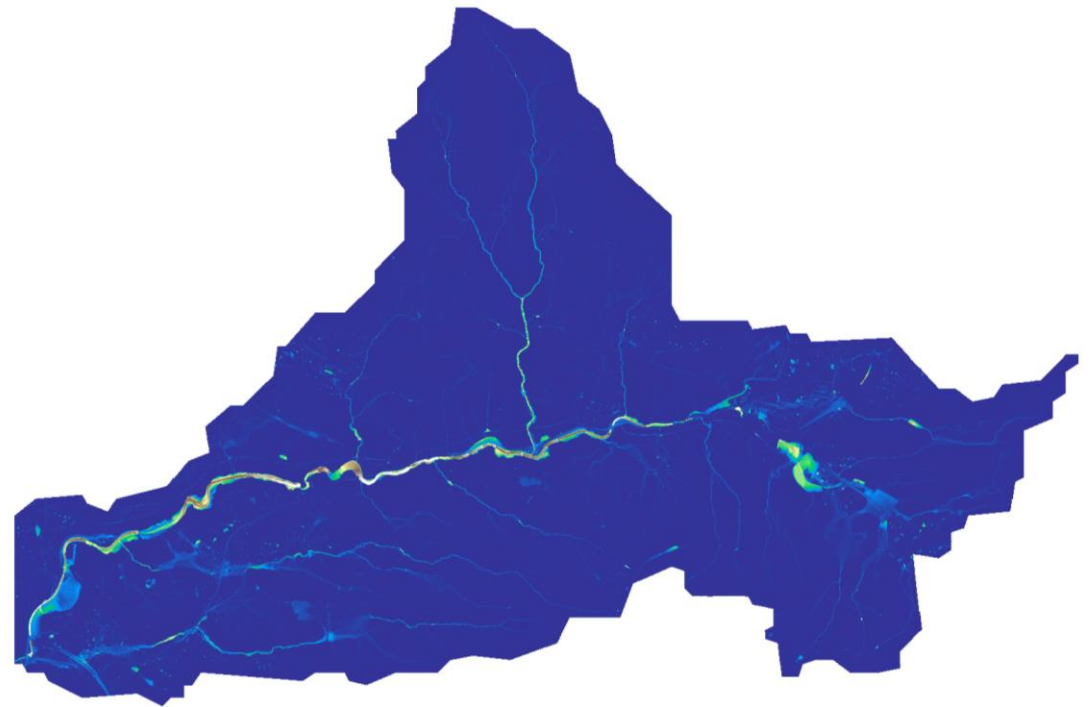


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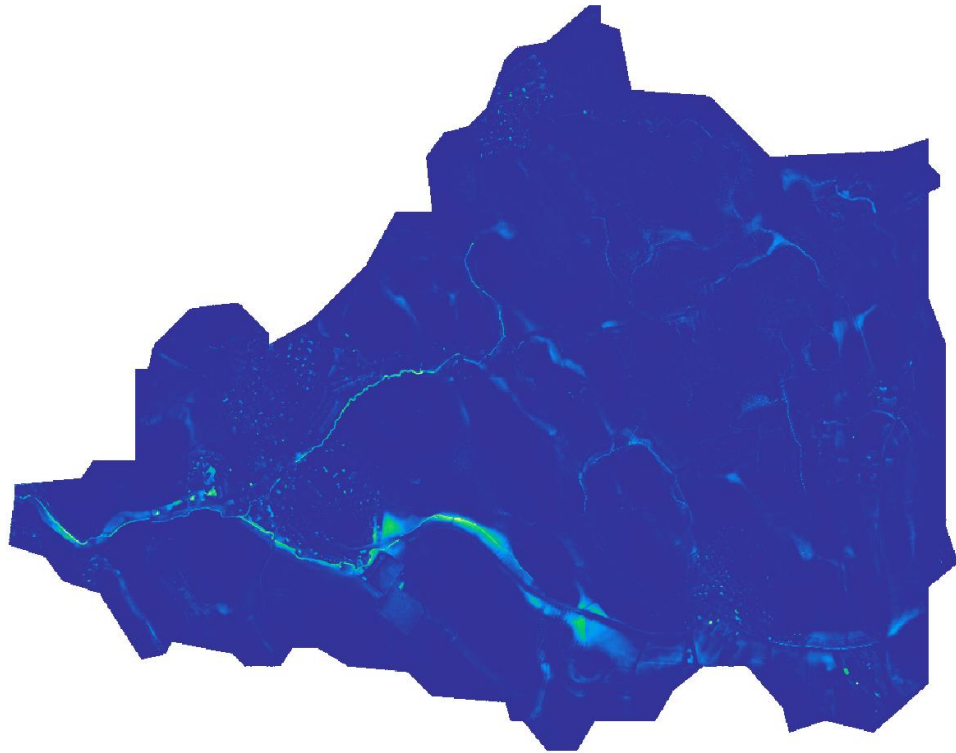


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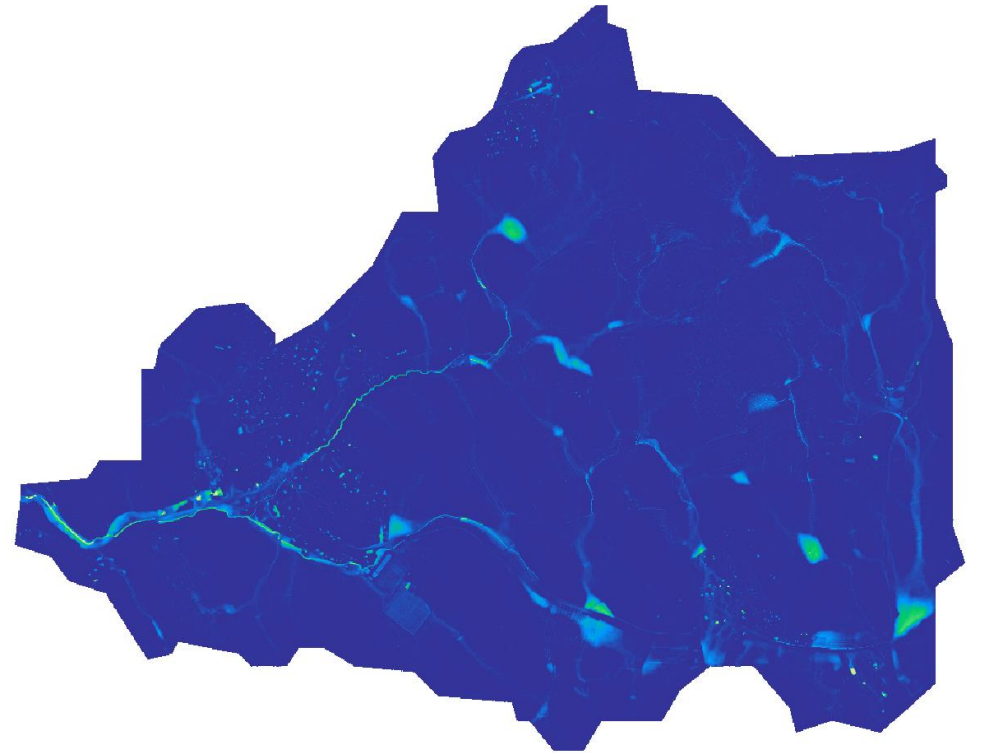


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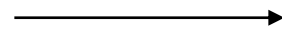


Simulated



Improvement

4 Hours

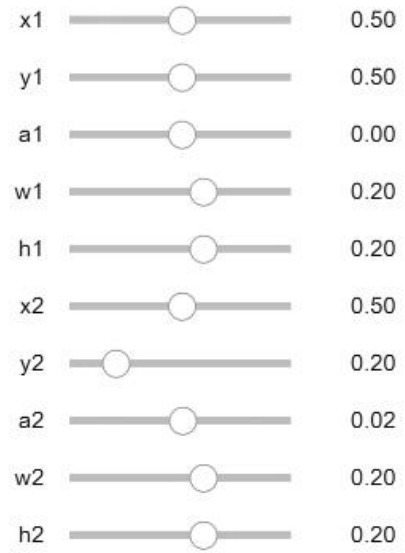


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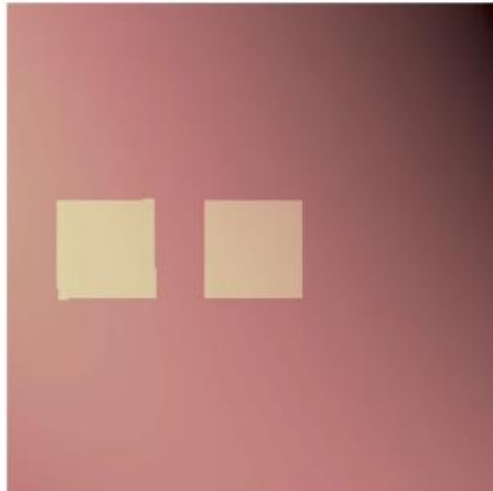
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On Layout Design

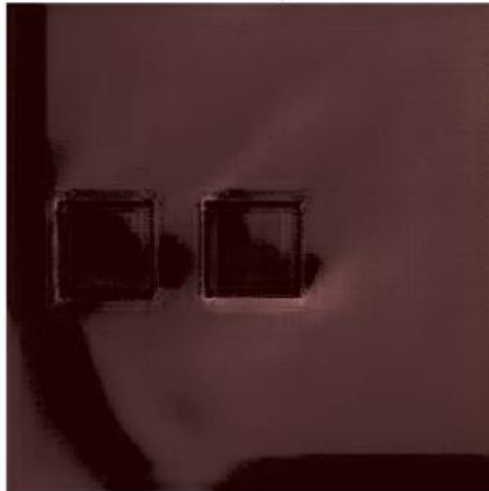
Realtime Interactive Predictions



elevation



water depth



water velocity



Beyond typologies, beyond optimization

Exploring novel structural forms at the interface of Human and Machine Intelligence

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- ▶ ***Introduction***
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- ▶ *User specific implementations*
- ▶ *Conclusion / Outlook*

*“Art is solving problems that cannot be formulated before they have been solved. The **shaping of the question is part of the answer**”*

Piet Hein

1905

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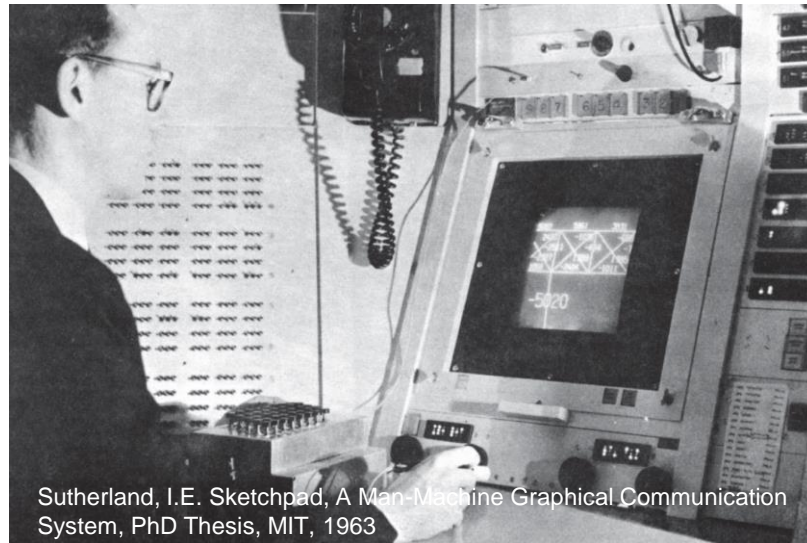
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- **Establish a theoretical framework** that allows to **generate** multiple informed forms that go beyond the conventional canon of structural typologies.
- **Create a human-centered design process** to combine the subjective evaluation and selection capacity of humans with the capacity of machines handle large set of quantitative data.

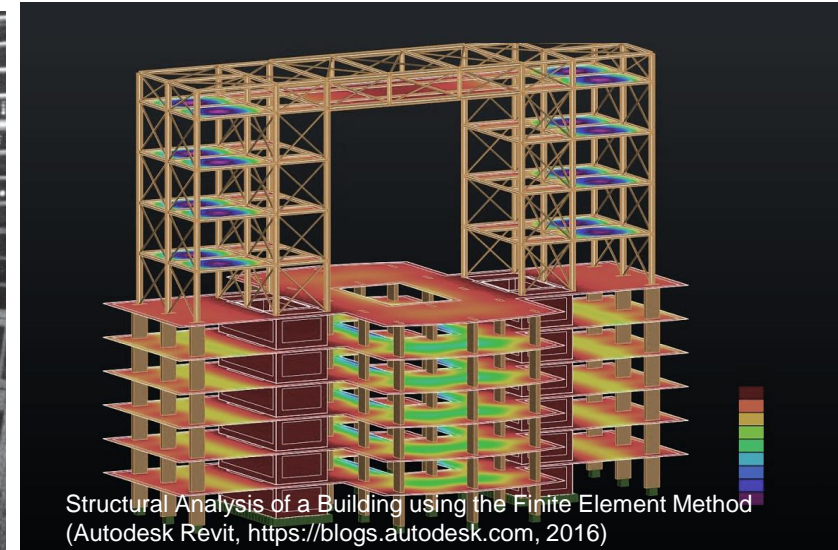
Design Process



Engineers at Inland Steel Building, 1958 (SOM Archive)

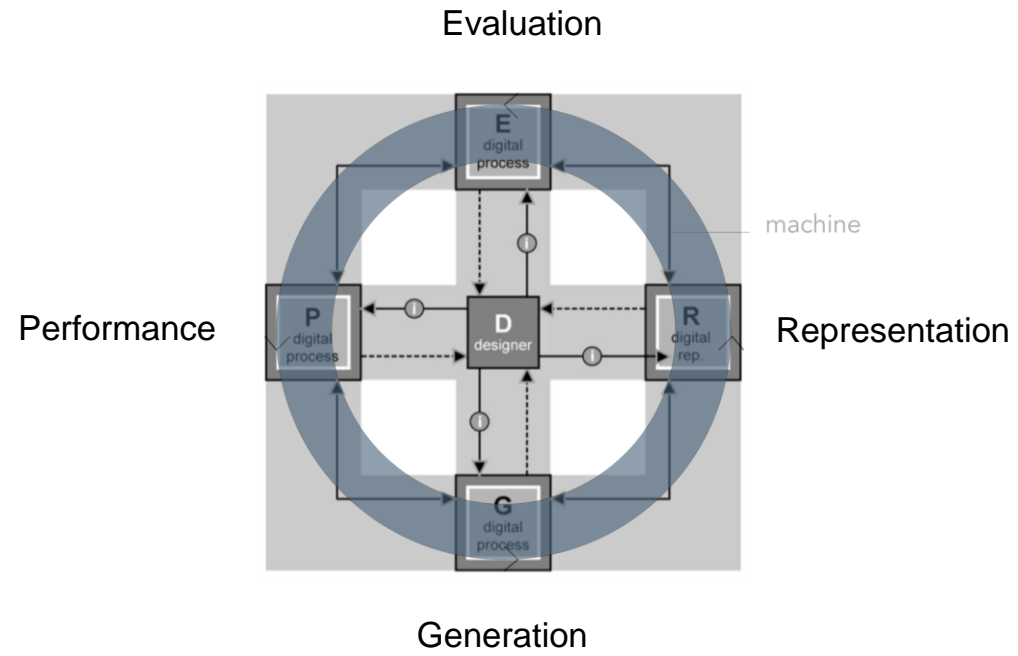


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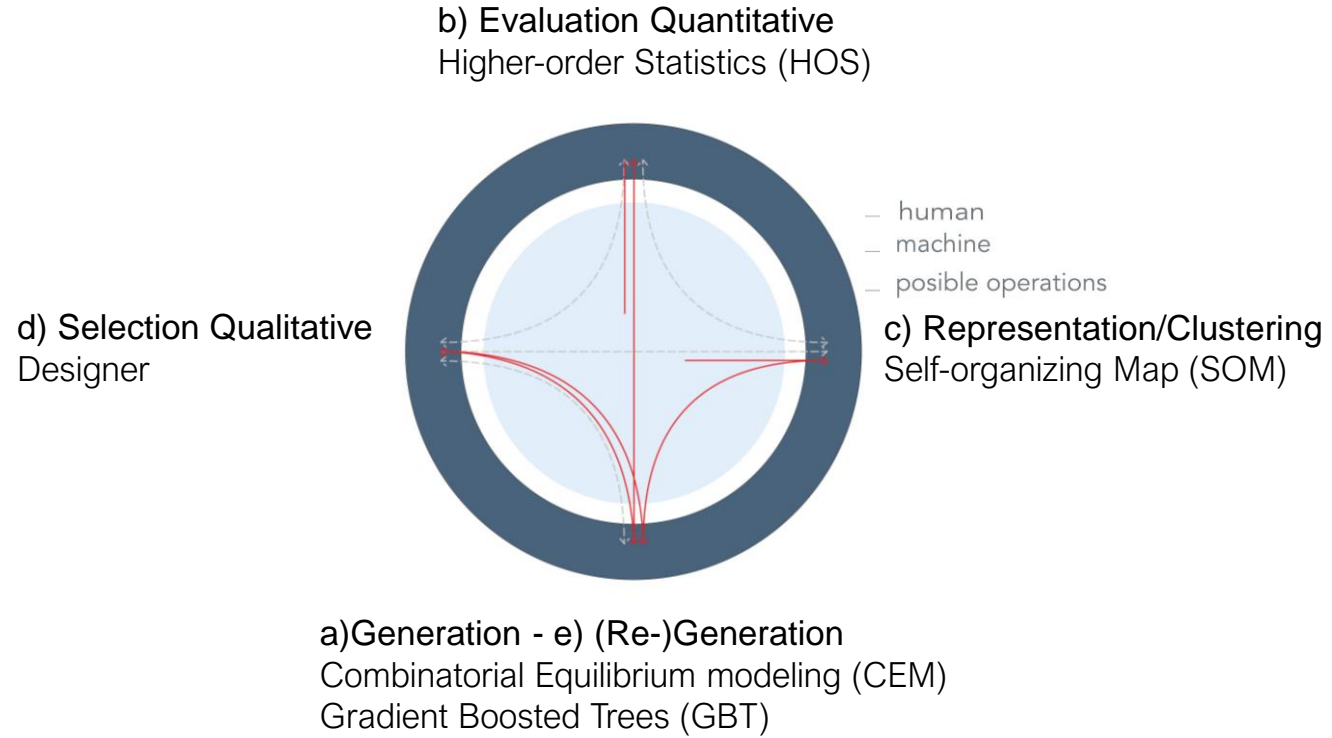


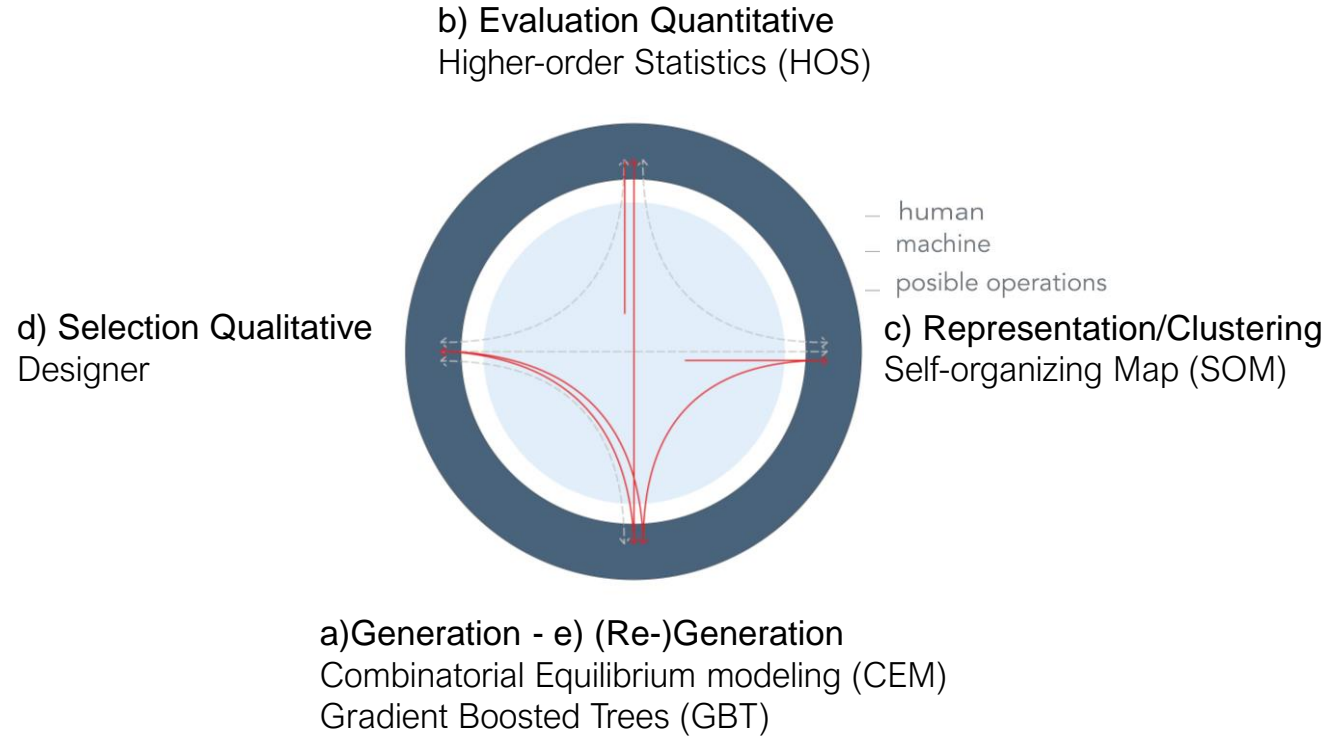
Structural Analysis of a Building using the Finite Element Method (Autodesk Revit, <https://blogs.autodesk.com>, 2016)

Proposed Technical Framework



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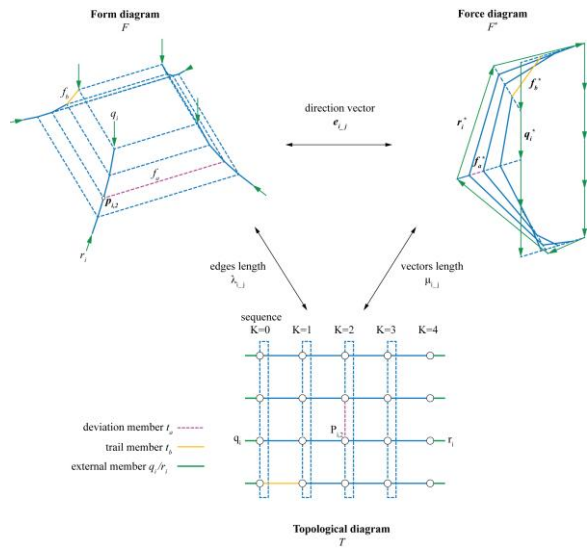




a) Generation

Combinatorial Equilibrium Modelling

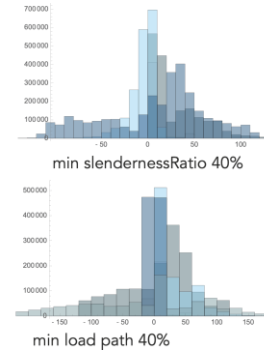
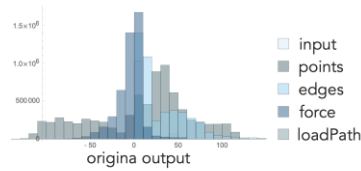
Combinatorial Equilibrium Modelling (CEM), is a method for the design of spatial networks in equilibrium that is based on graphic statics.



b) Quantitative Evaluation and Filtering

Objective Functions

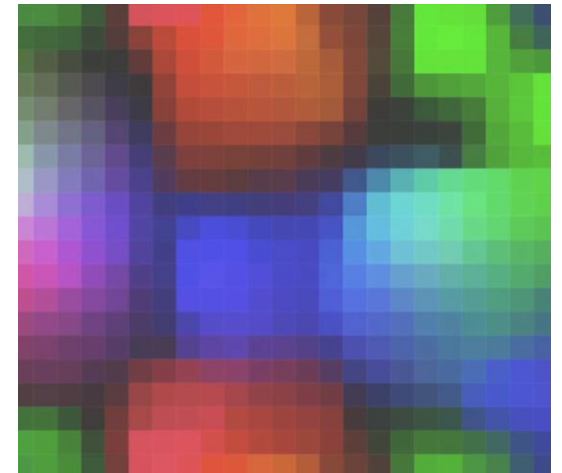
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c) Representation / Clustering

Higher Order Statistics and Self organizing Maps

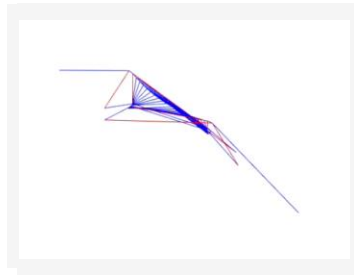
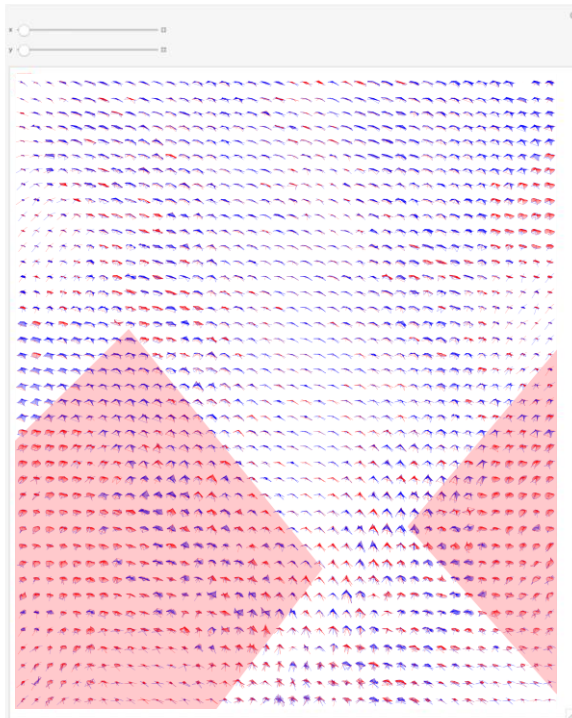
This is an algorithm that learn to classify data without supervision. It start with a initial distribution of random weights, and over many iterations, the SOM eventually settles into a map of stable zones all cluster



d) Qualitative Evaluation and Selection

Formal characteristics

Based on the 2D grid SOM, the designer can not only get a fast and precise overview of possible solutions but also use this map to give feedback by distinguishing between preferred and non-preferred proposals.



e) Re-Generation

Gradient boosting trees /CEM

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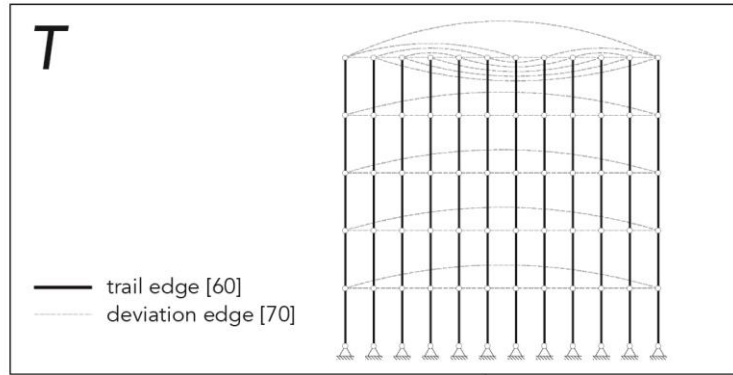
Classifiers	Accuracy	Precision	Confusion Matrix
DecisionTree	0.7904335	0 -> 0.777778 1 -> 0.803089	
Logistic Regression	0.879618	0 -> 0.890909 1 -> 0.868327	
Random Forest	0.89272	0 -> 0.880137 1 -> 0.905303	
Gradient Boosted Trees	0.920364	0 -> 0.9140625 1 -> 0.9266666	

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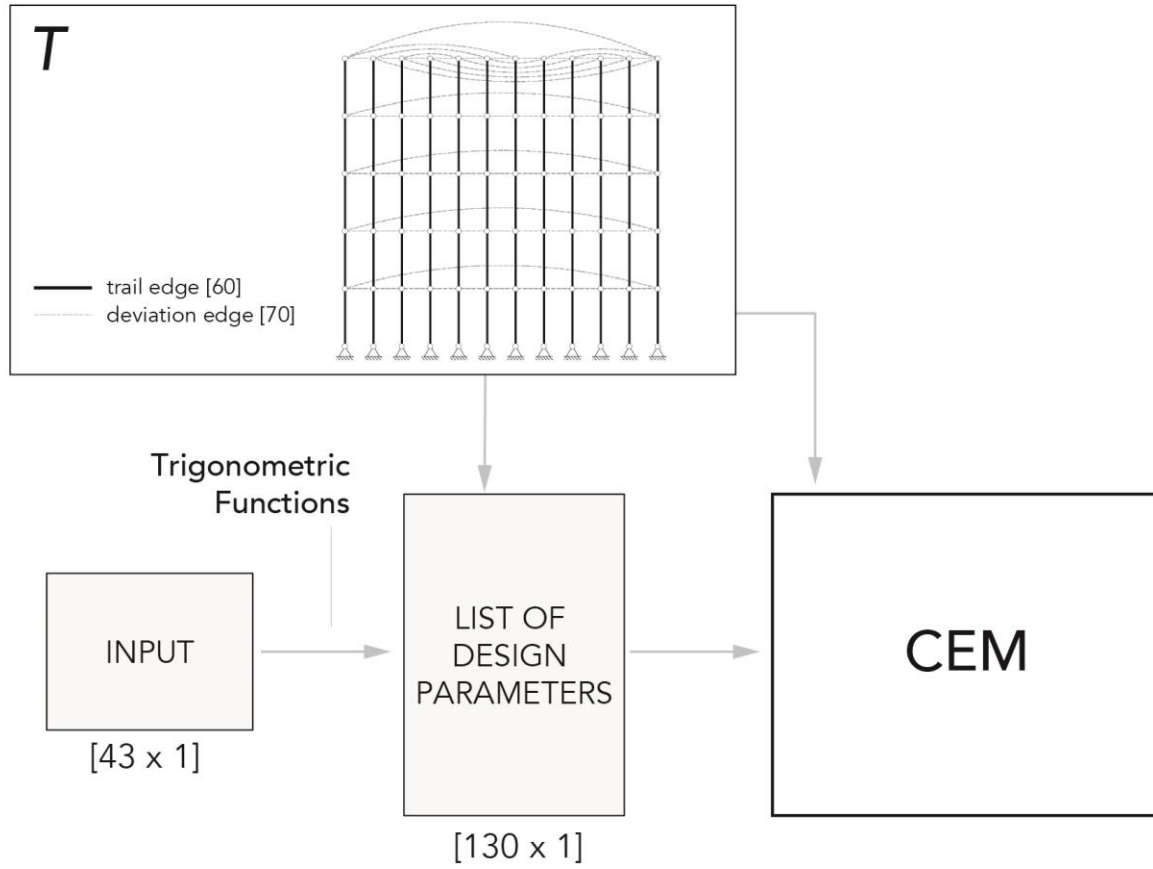
Application
Ullevi Stadium, Goteborg



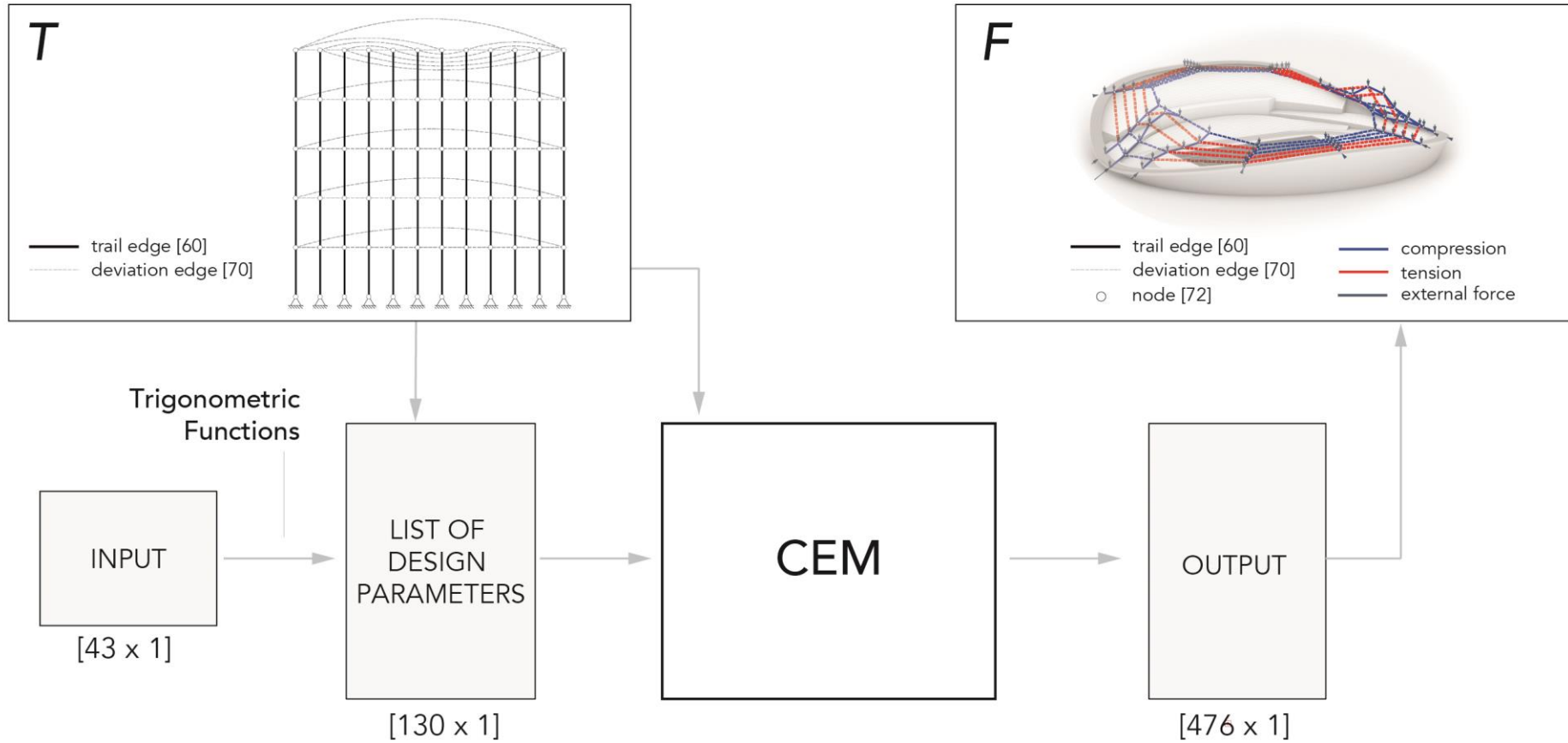
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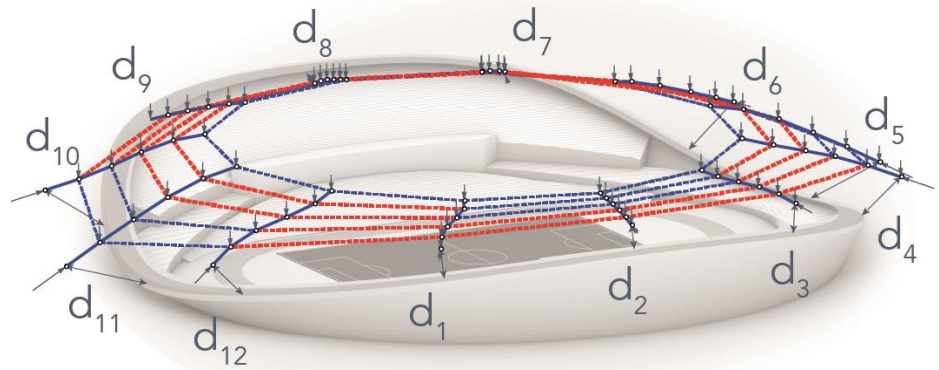
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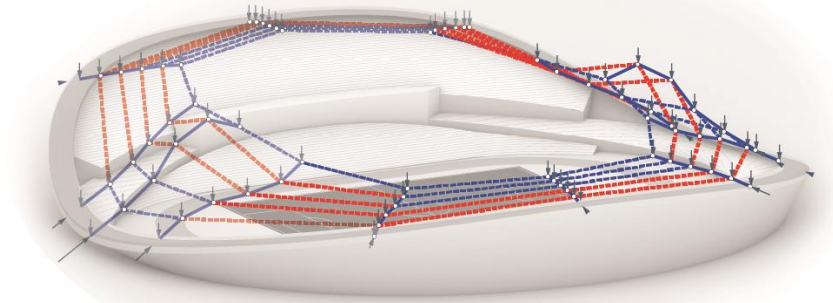
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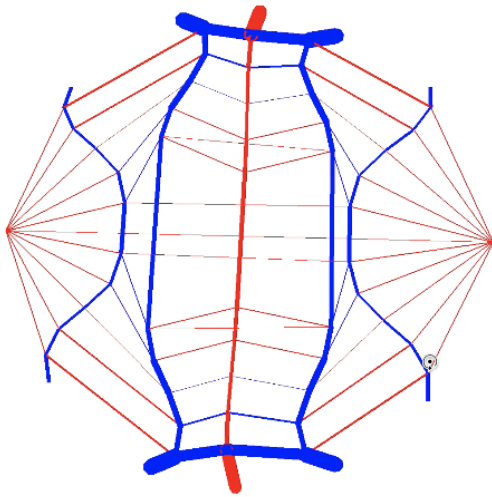
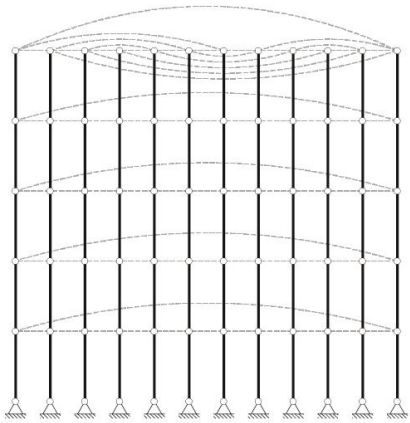
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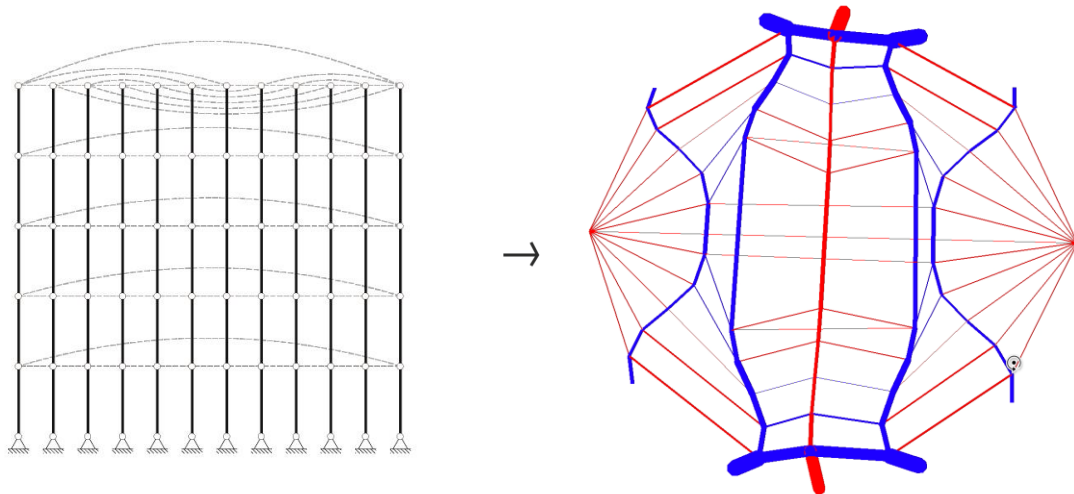
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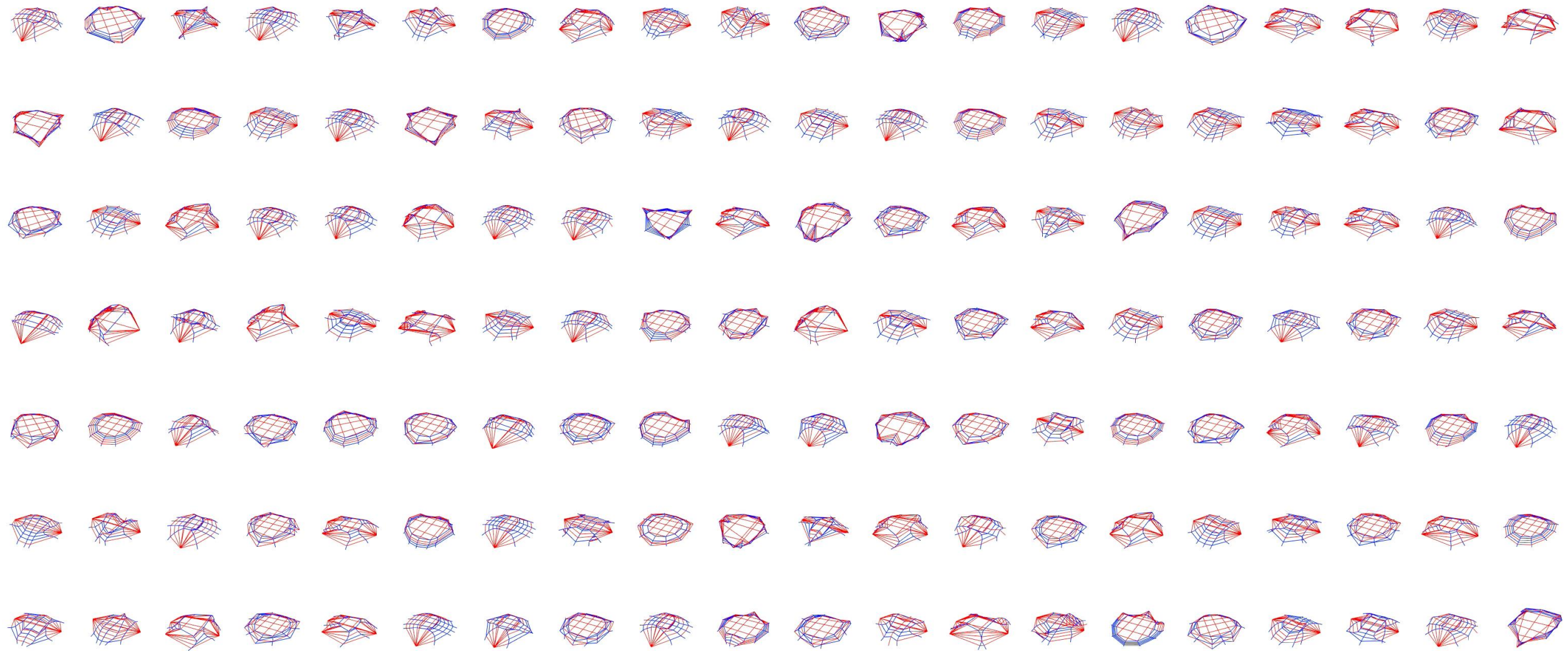
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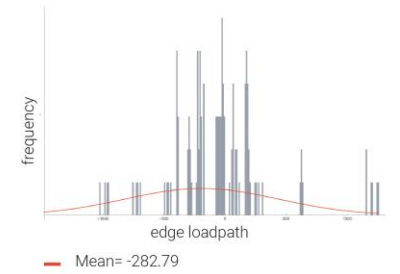
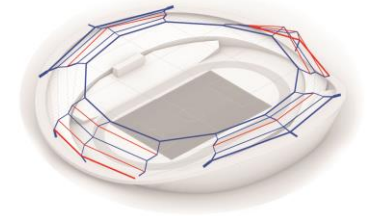
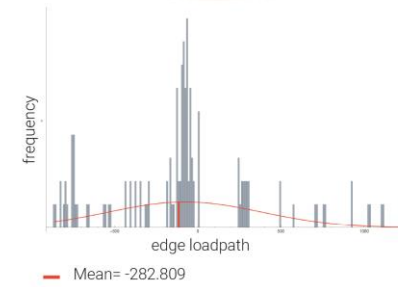
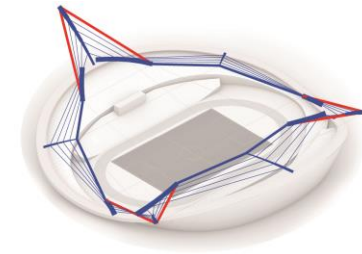
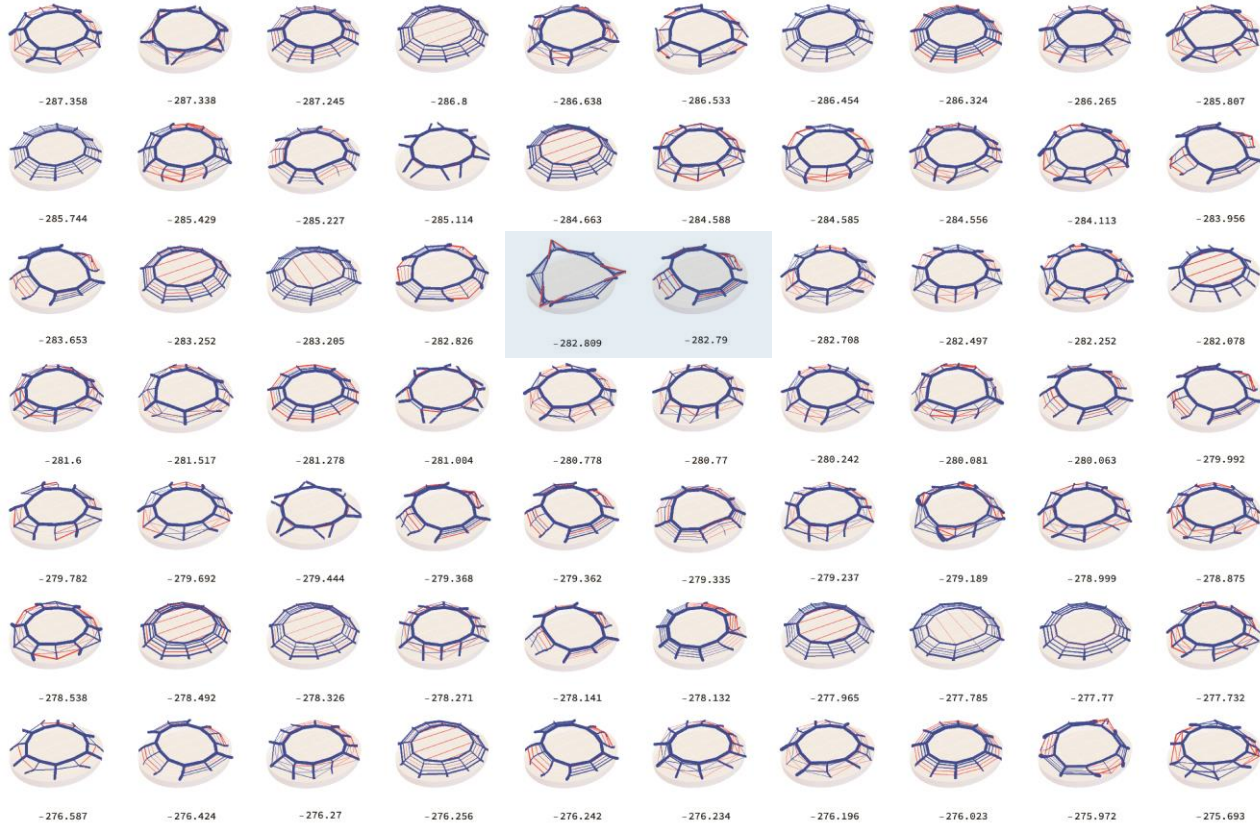
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Objective functions

Load Path

Minimum Edge load path

$$edgeLoadPath = lengthElements * force$$

Local stability

Maximum cross section

$$crossSection = 0.5 \left(\frac{force}{\frac{maxStress}{\pi d}} + d \right) < max$$

Maximum length of elements

Minimum slenderness ratio

$$inertia = \pi \left(\frac{crossSection^4 - (crossSection - d)^4}{4} \right)$$

$$slendernessRatio = \frac{lengthElements}{\sqrt{\frac{inertia}{crossSection}}} > min$$

c) Clustering and Representation

Higher Order statistics.

Original output:

Position of nodes

Length of edges

Magnitud of the forces

Load Path

Higher Order Statistics:

Mean of Length of Edges

Mean of Position of Nodes

Mean of Force Magnitude

Mean of Load Path

Variance Length of Edges

Variance of Position of Nodes

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Variance of Load Path

Skewness Length of Edges

Skewness Position of Nodes

Skewness of Force Magnitude

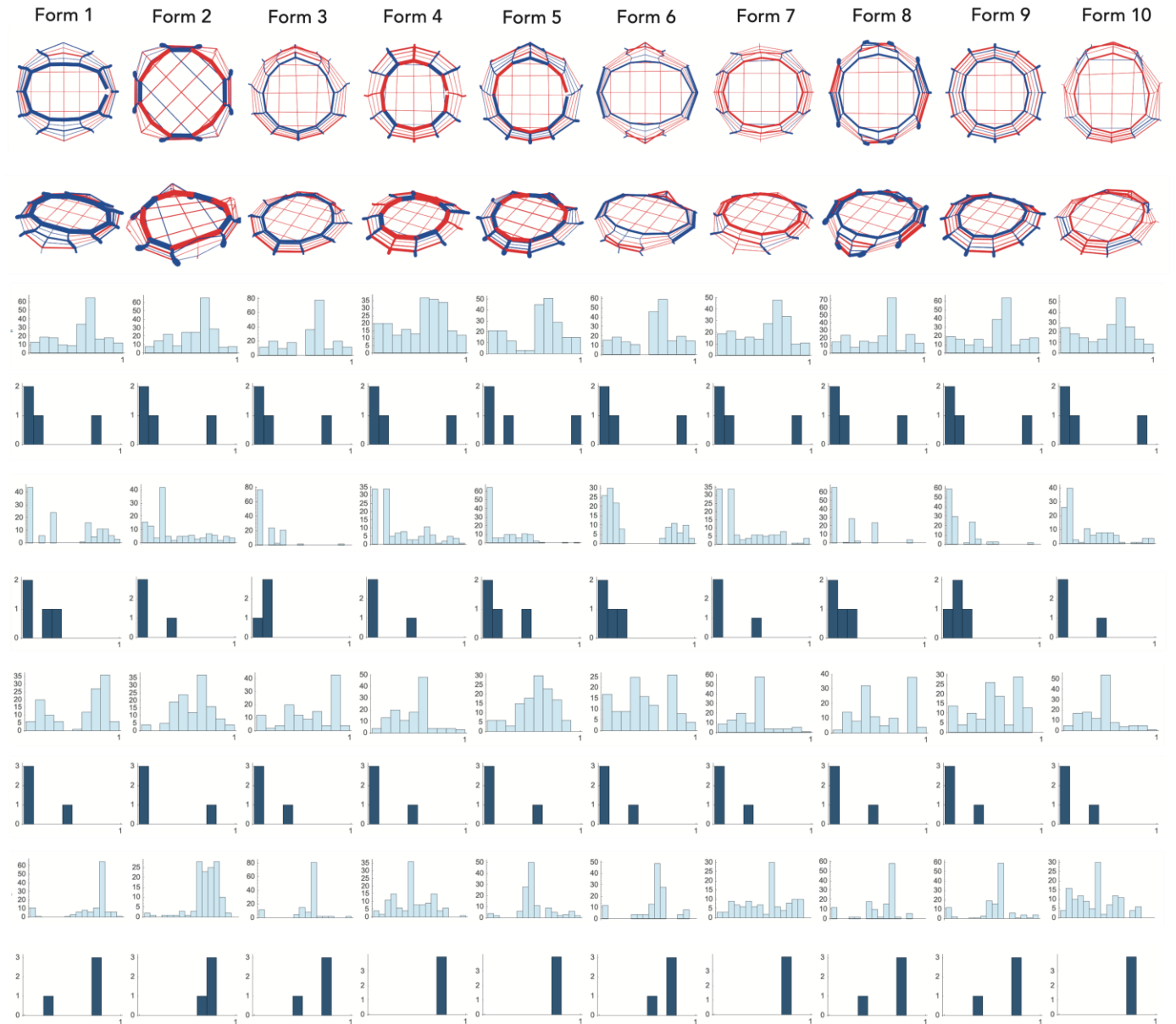
Skewness of Load Path

Kurtosis Length of Edges

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Kurtosis of Load Path



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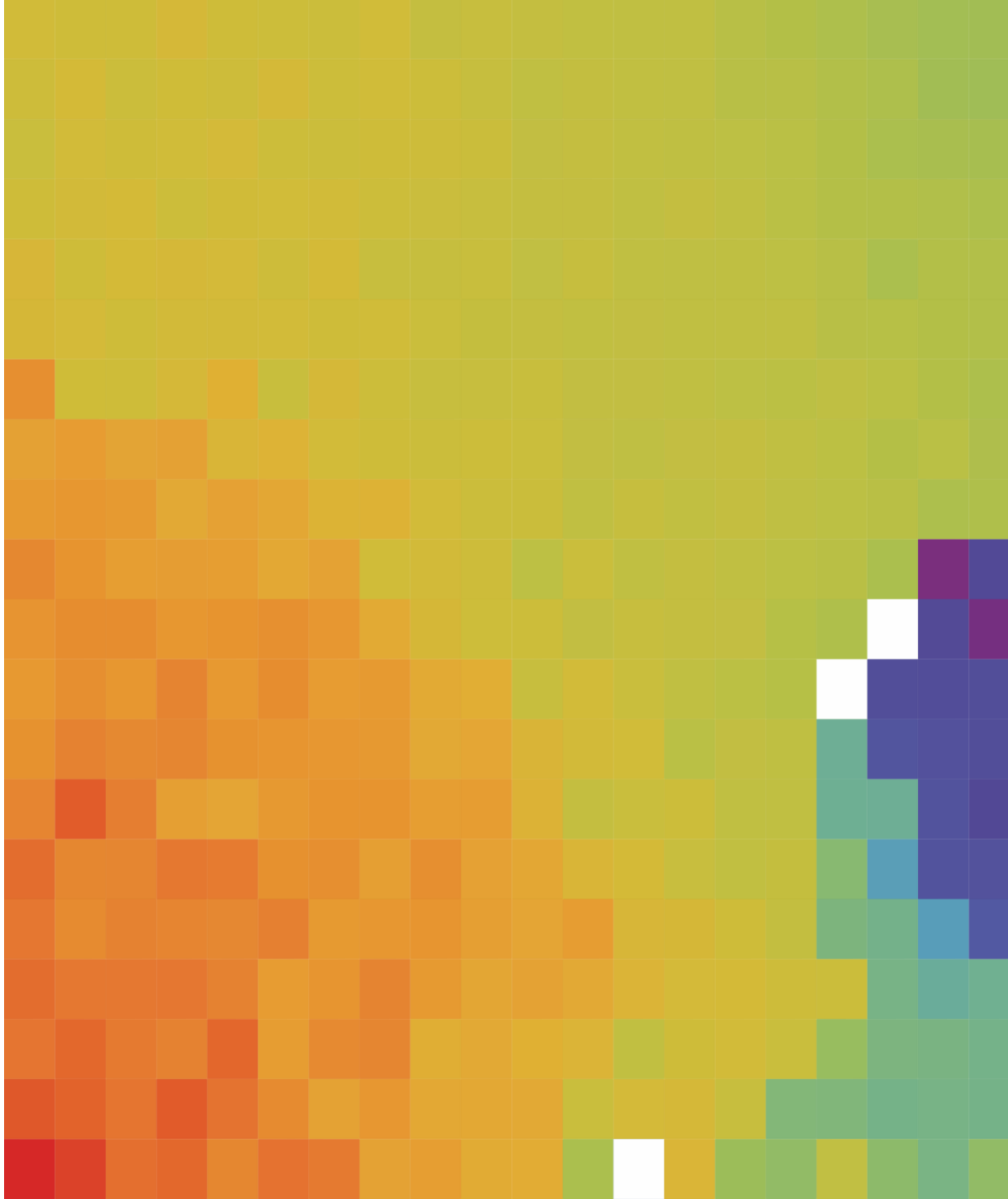
Self Organizing Map



Cluster by edge length

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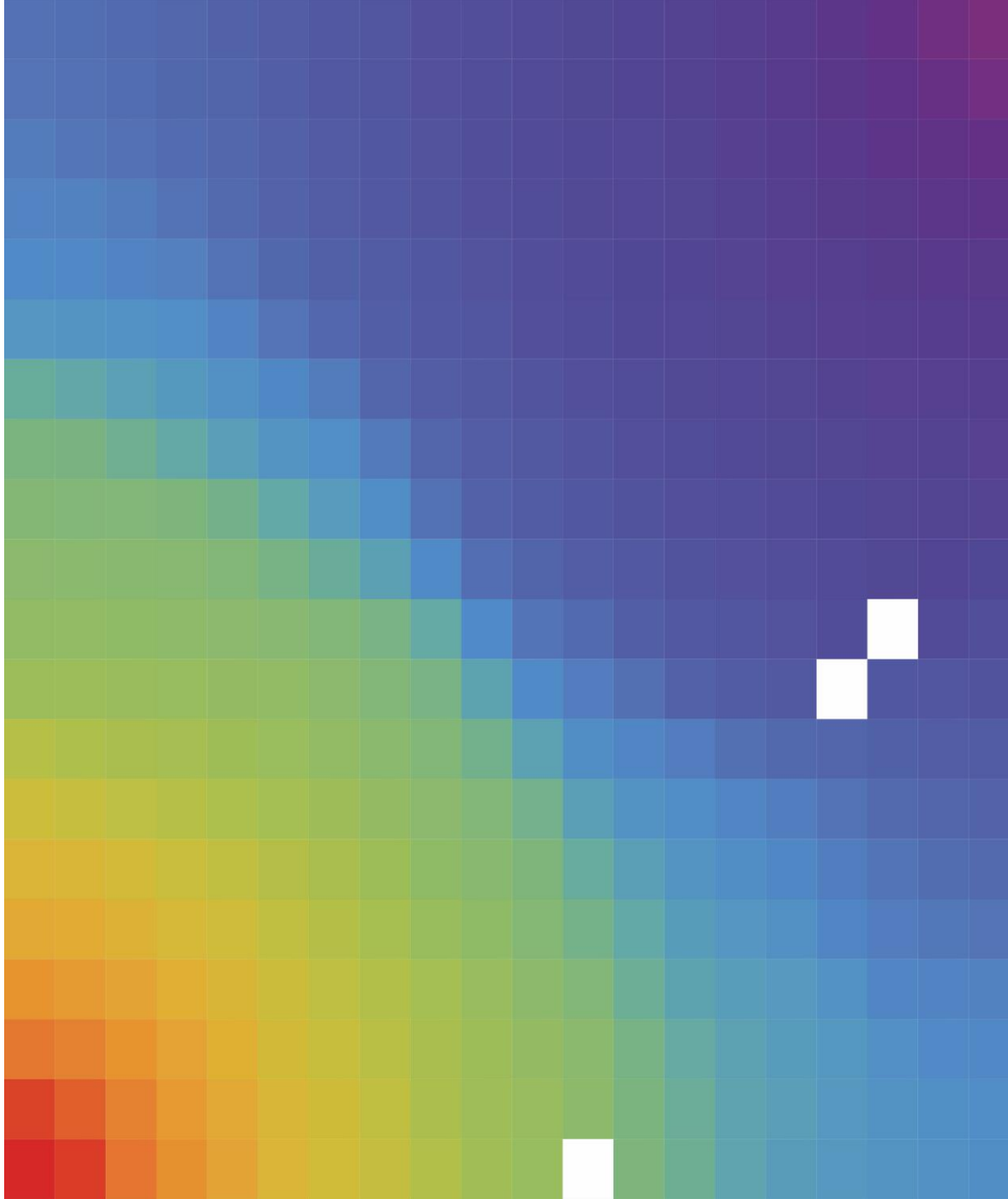
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Mean value of edge length

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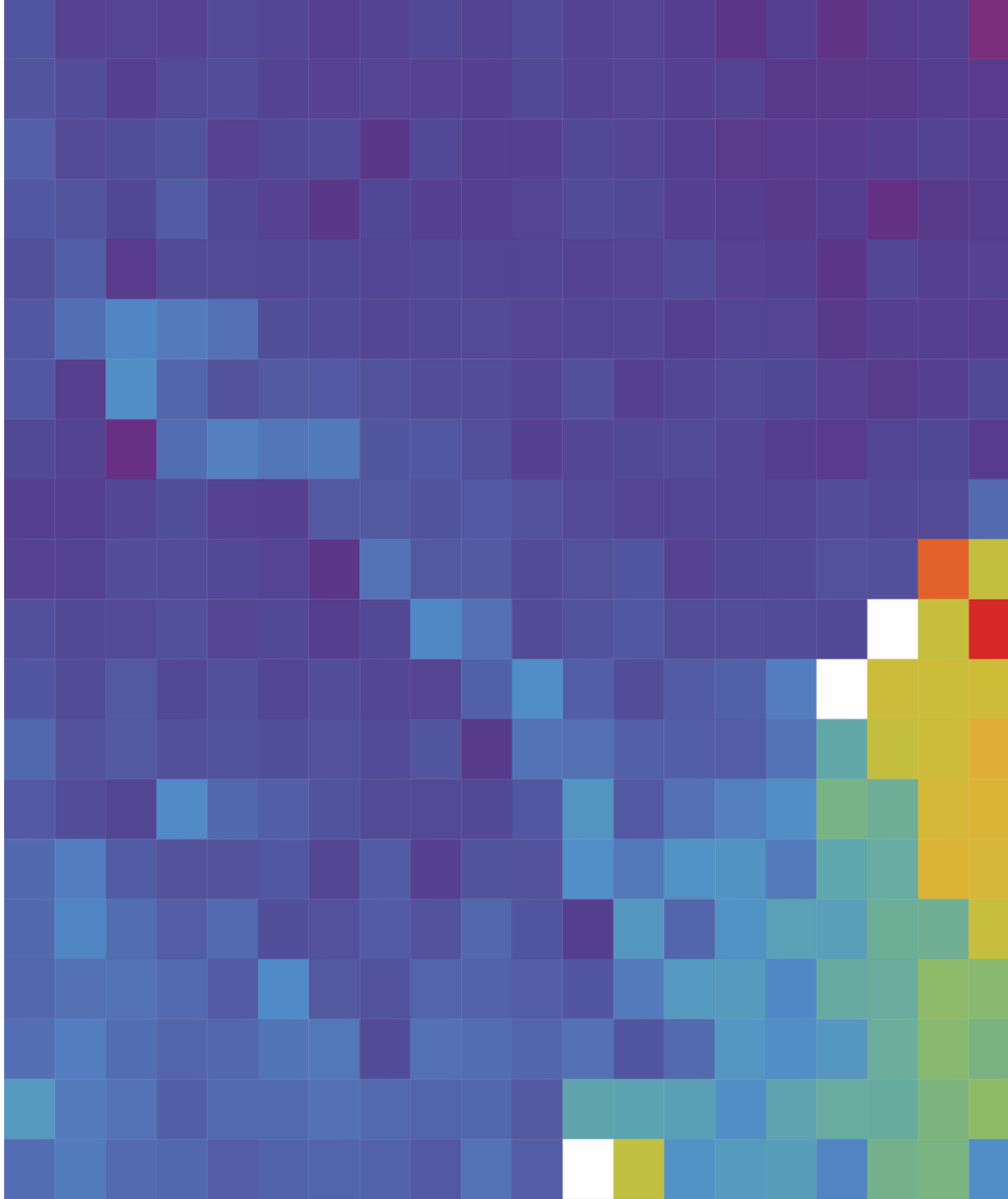
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Variance value of edge length

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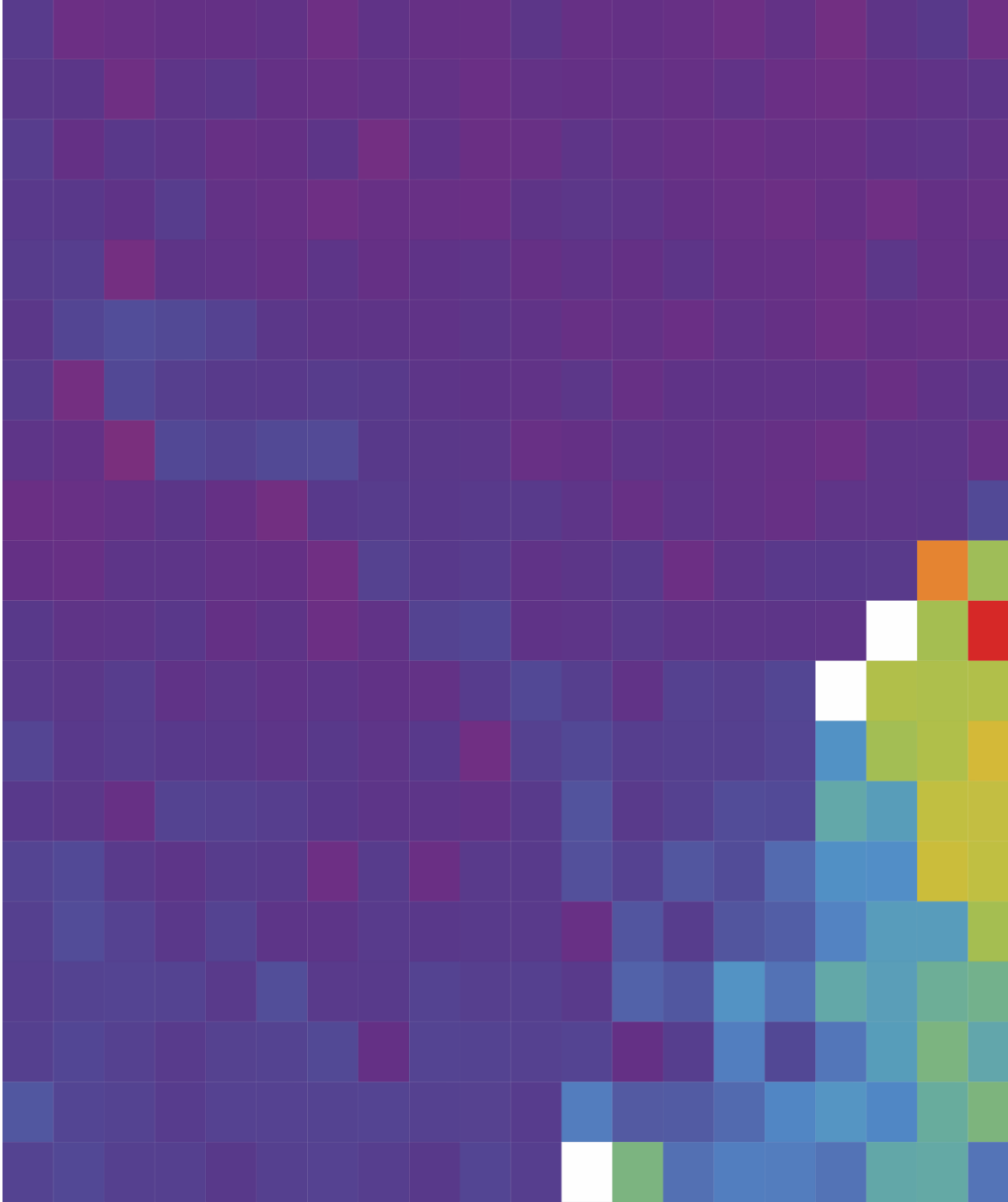
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Skewness value of edge length

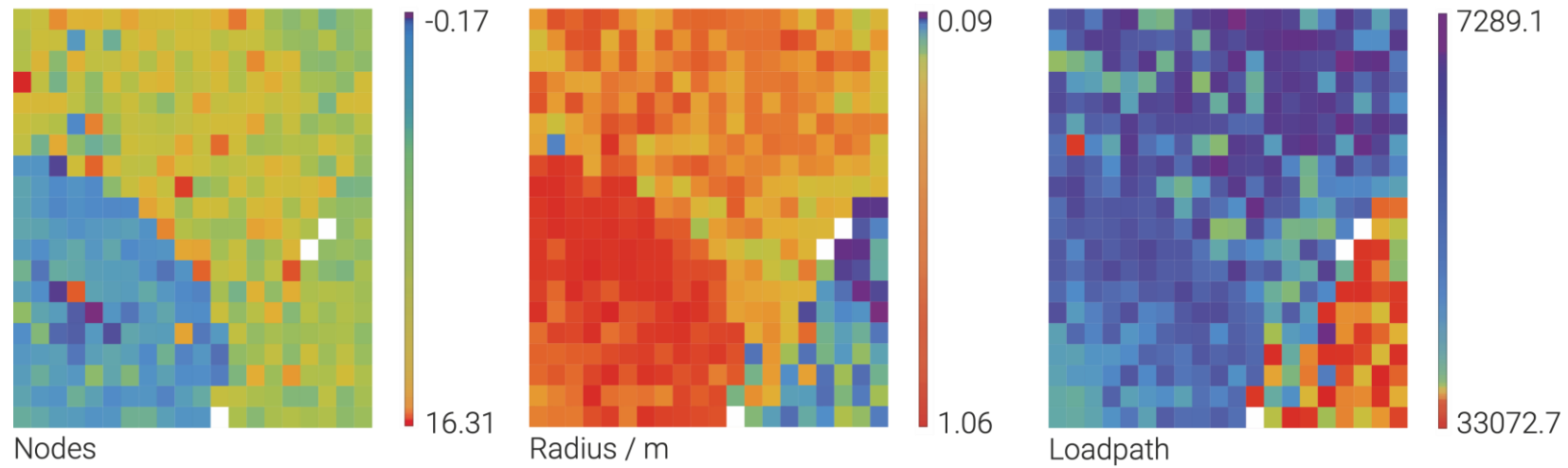
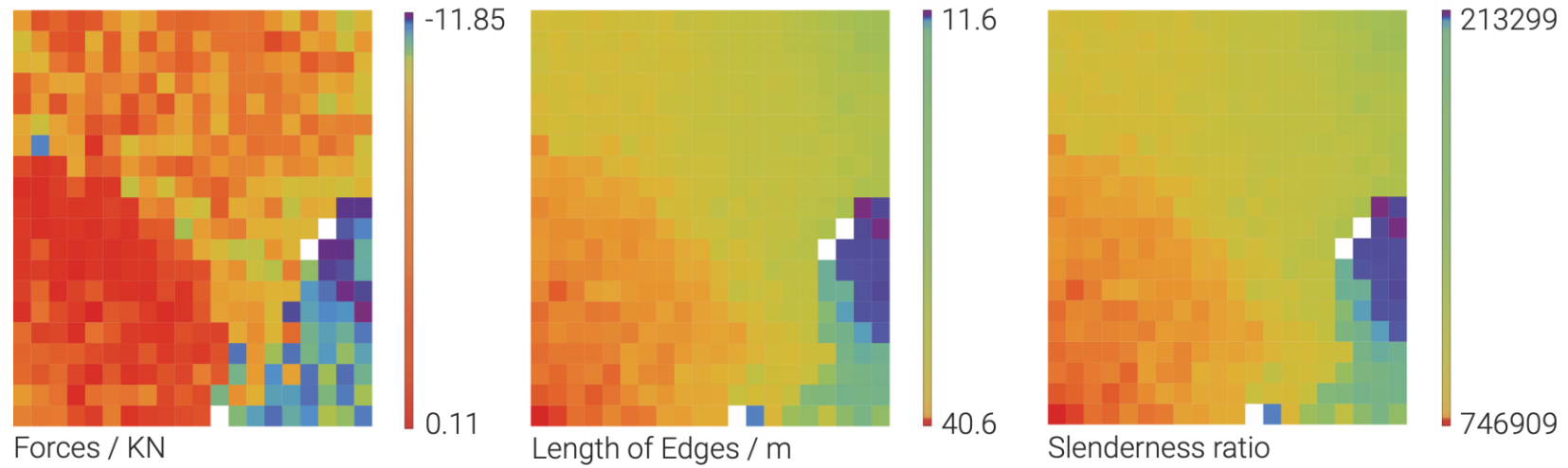
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Kurtosis value of edge length

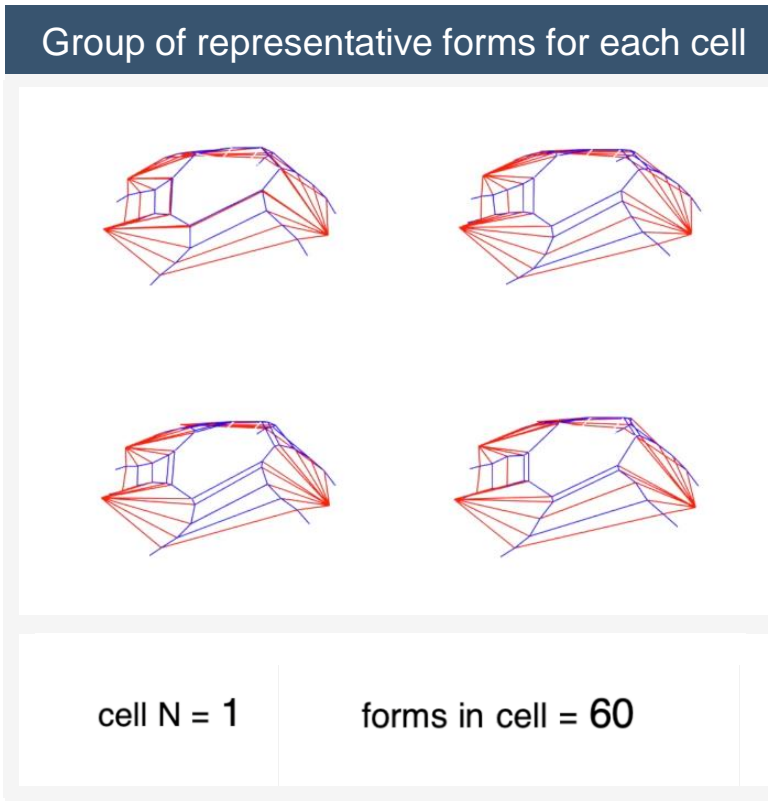
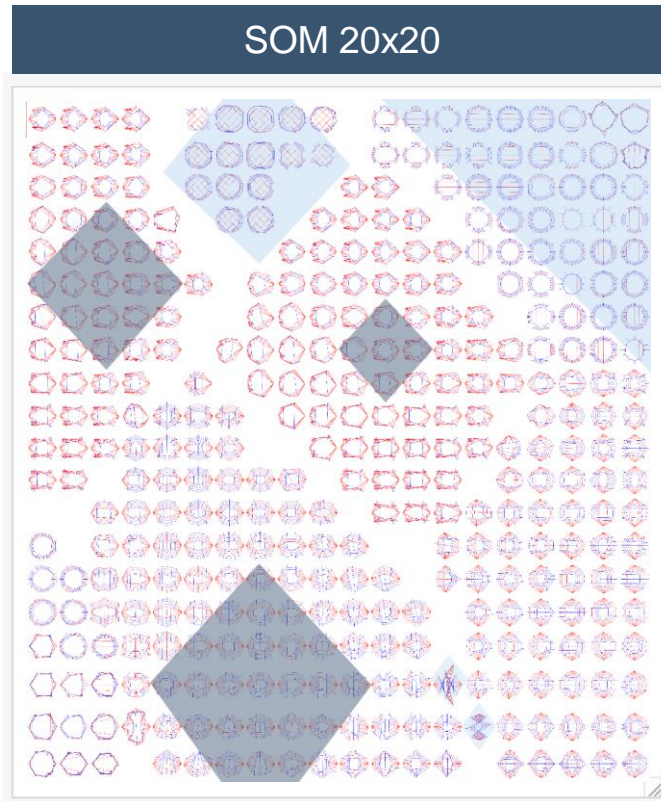
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Mean value

d) Qualitative Evaluation and Selection

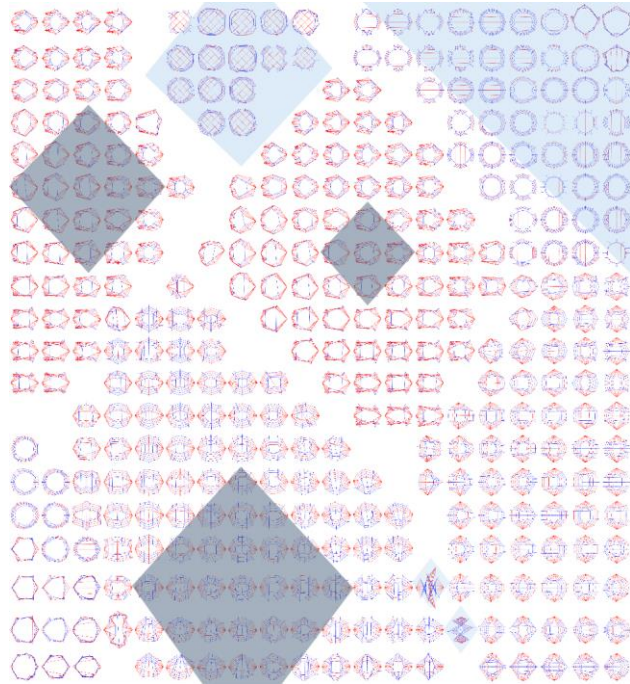
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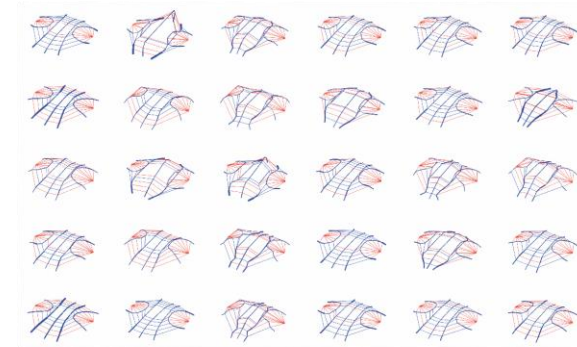
Cluster by position of nodes

d) Qualitative Evaluation and Selection

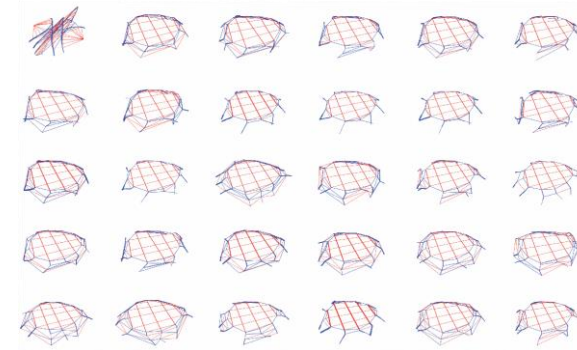
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■ Preferred



■ Non preferred



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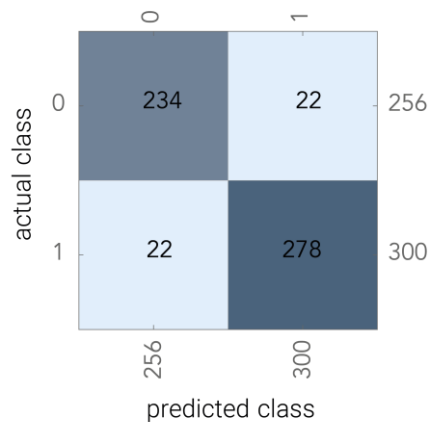
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Trained Classifier

Based on users preferences

confusion matrix



Classified data

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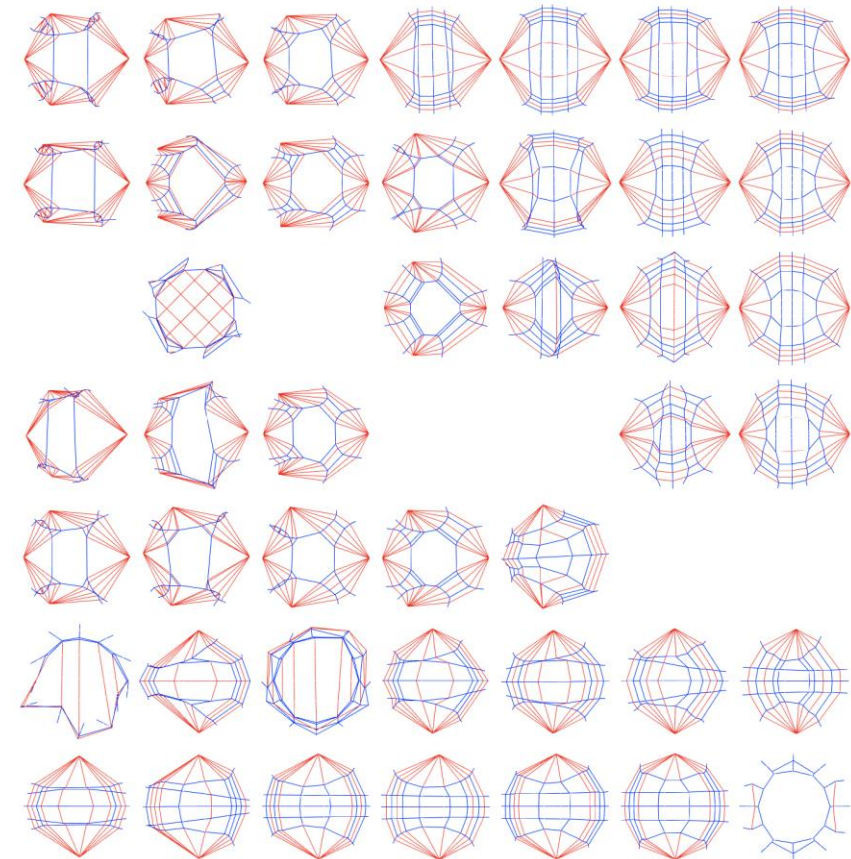
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 1.16862,2,1,0.663736,4,1,2.92581,6,0,-
 1.08582,0,2,24.5691,26.1762,585,1} -> **1 (0.99994%)**

{30.5361,1.96557,29.8152,0,2,0,-2.73107,-4.6429,4,0,-
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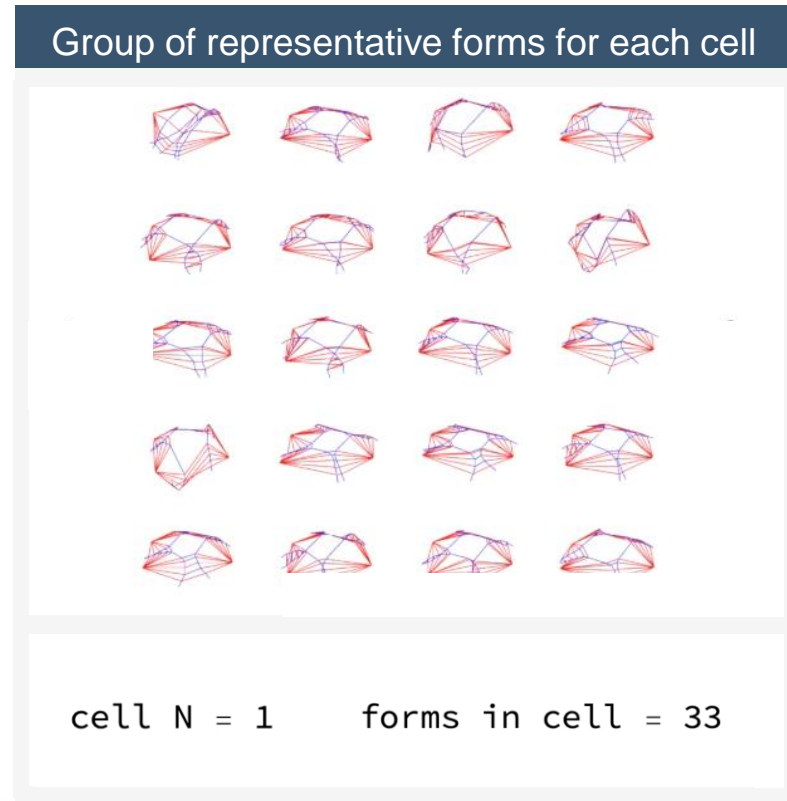
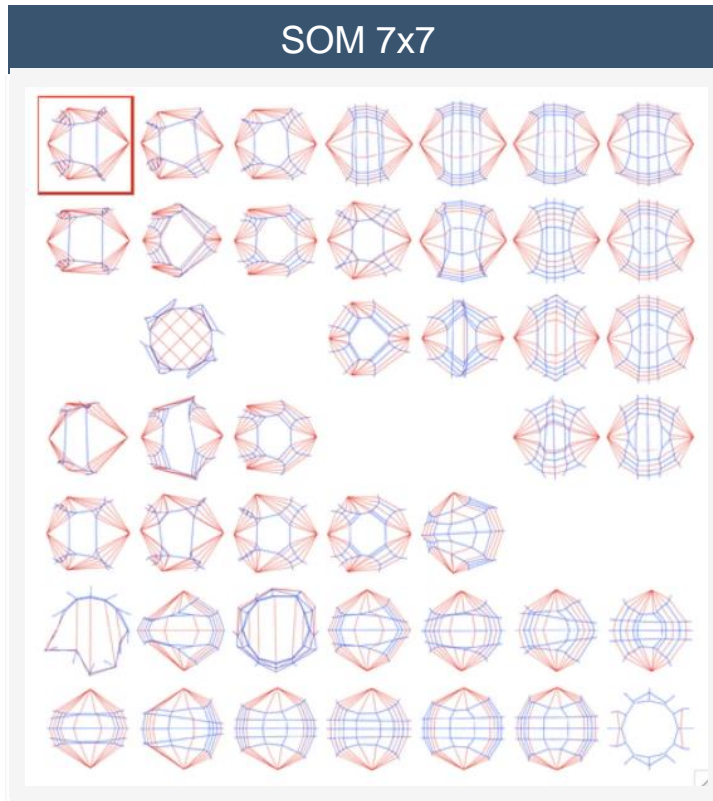
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 2.96831,0,0,-3.25082,6,1,-
 1.09355,2,1,25.7826,25.9543,790,3} -> **1 (99.9266%)**

{33.011,1.98111,17.6824,0,2,0,4.3446,27.4604,4,0,-
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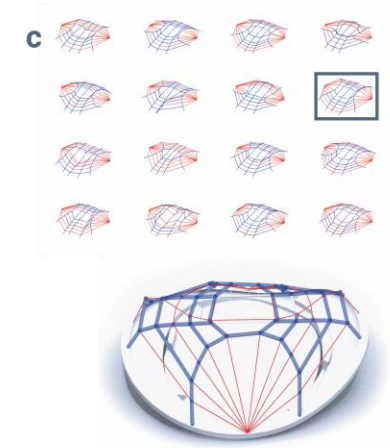
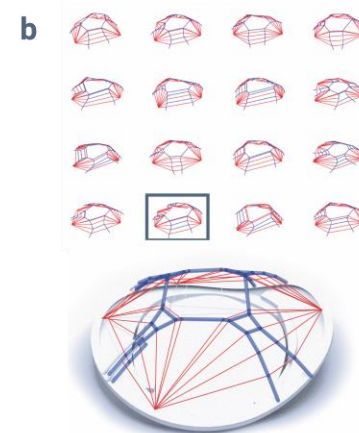
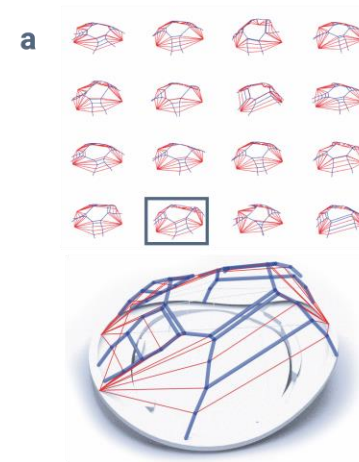
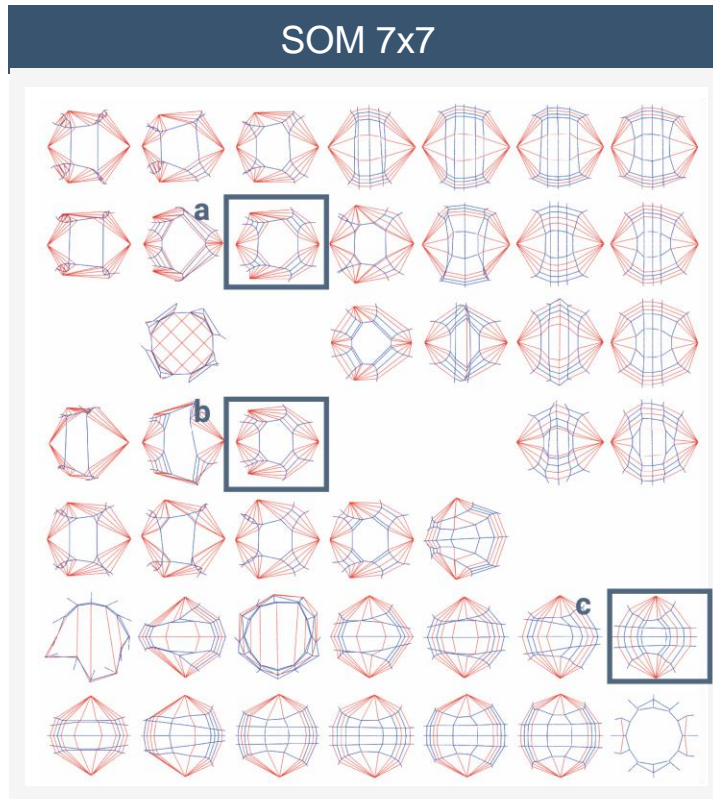
a) Generate/ b) Encode/ c) Cluster



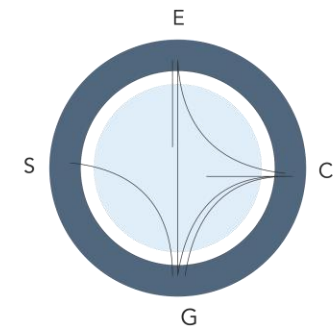
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Generation CEM

trail
lengths



deviation
forces



origin
nodes



Evaluation / Filter

min
loadPath



max
lengths elements



min
crossSection



min
slenderness



fromal evaluation



Clustering SOM / Vectors

nodes



lengths edges



force



loadpath



HOS nodes



HOS length edges



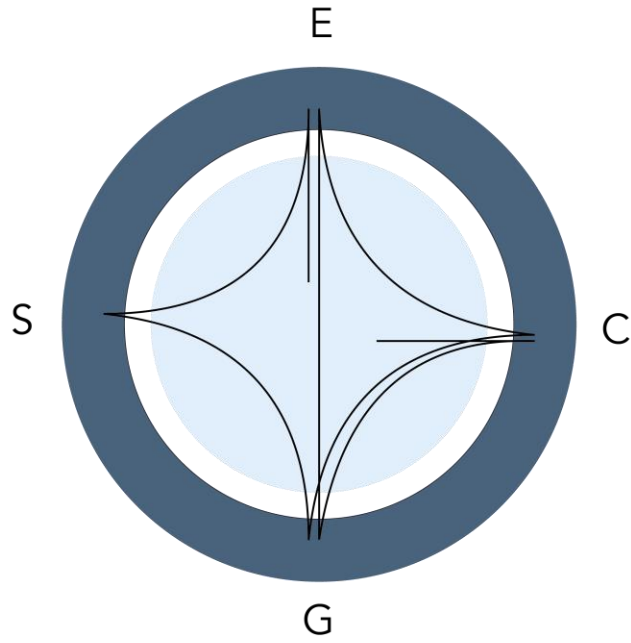
HOS force



HOS loadpath



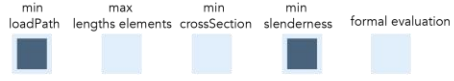
Designer 1



Generation CEM



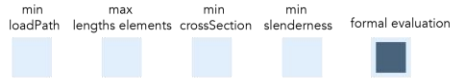
Evaluation / Filter



Representation & Clustering SOM



Evaluation / Filter

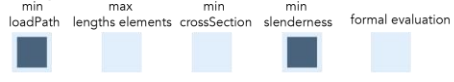


Selection

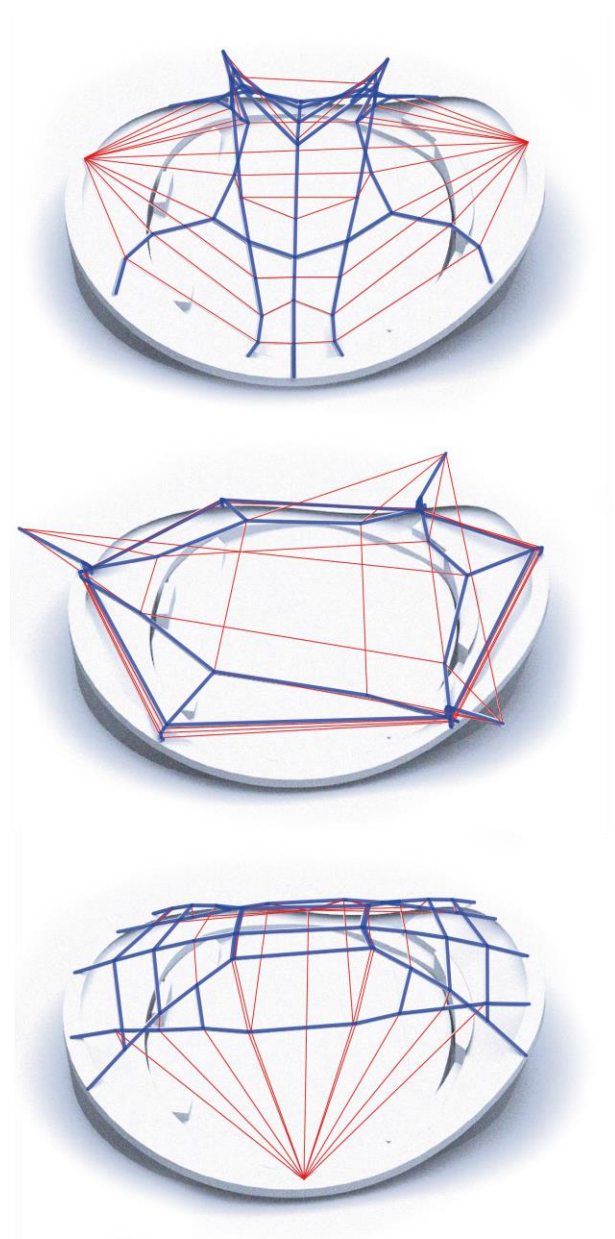
Re-Generation GBT - CEM



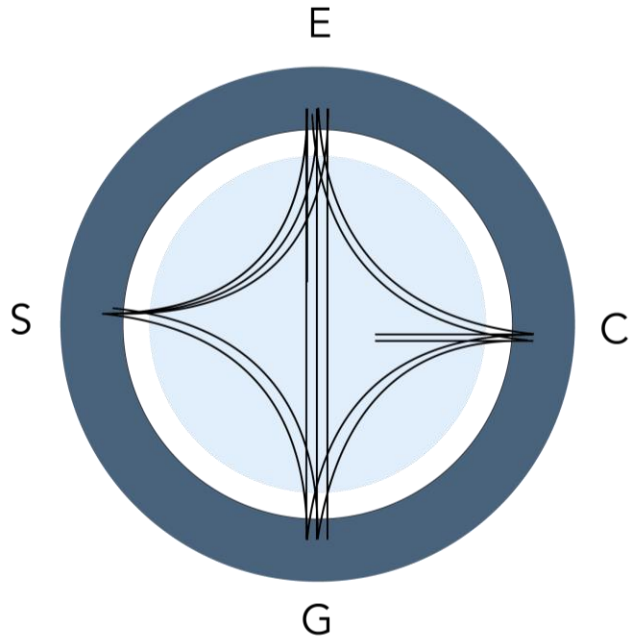
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Selection



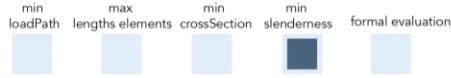
Designer 2



Generation CEM



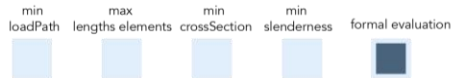
Evaluation / Filter



Representation & Clustering SOM



Evaluation / Filter



Selection

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Representation & Clustering SOM



Selection

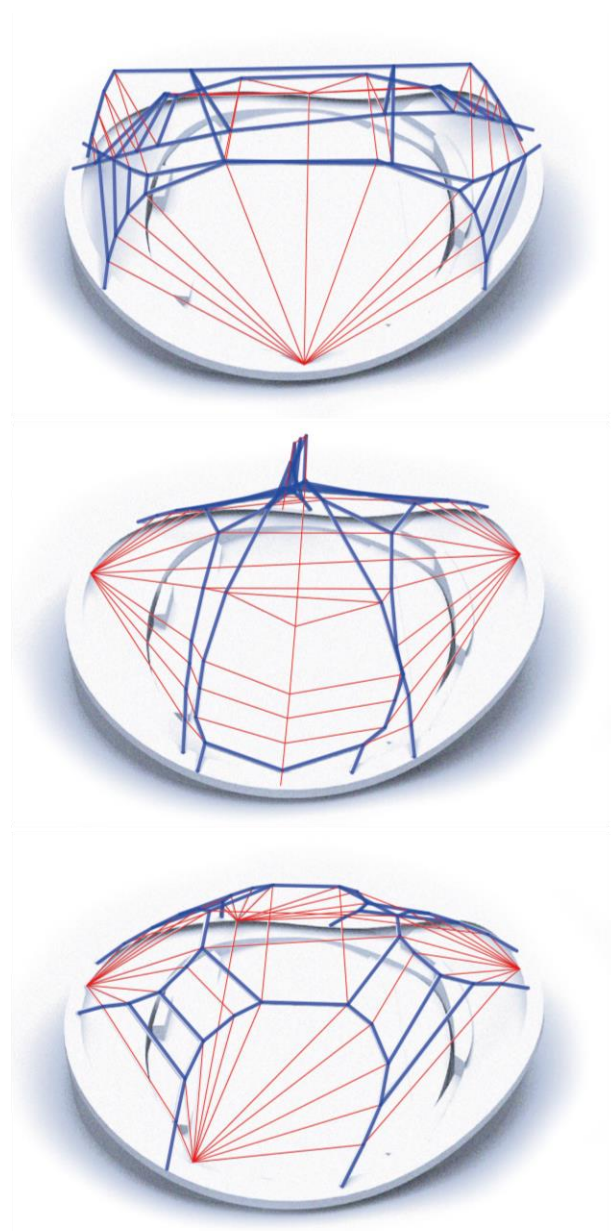
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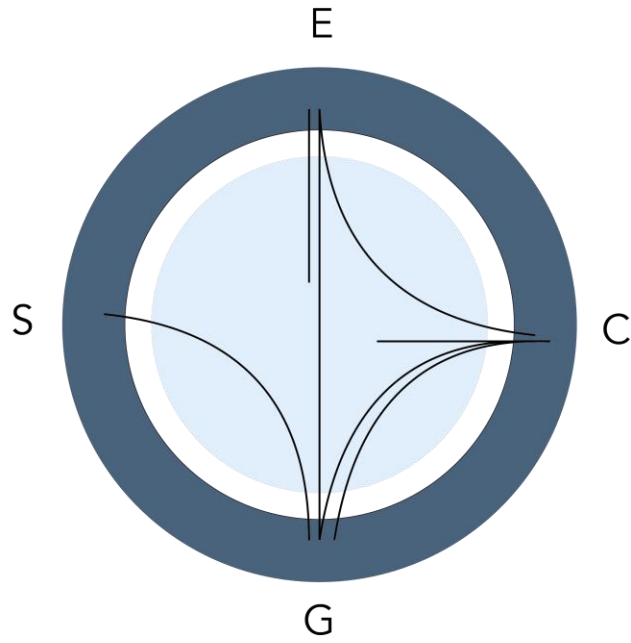
Evaluation / Filter



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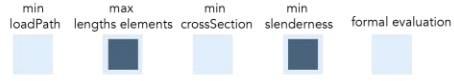
Designer 3



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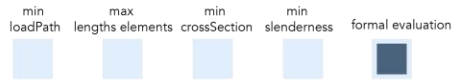
Evaluation / Filter



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Evaluation / Filter



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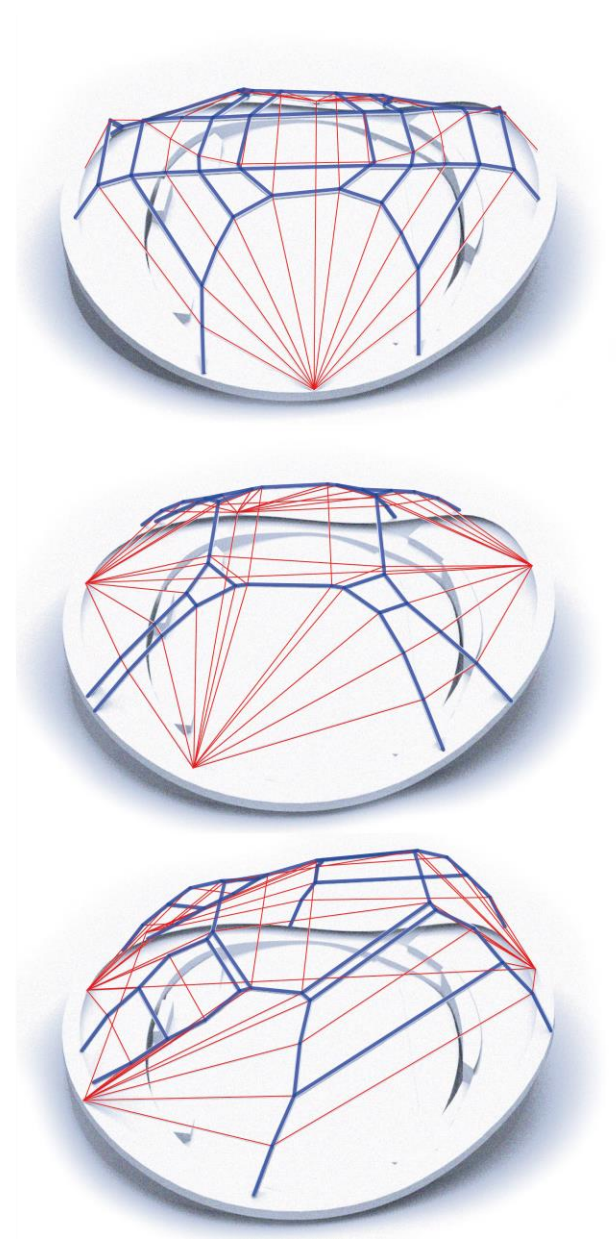
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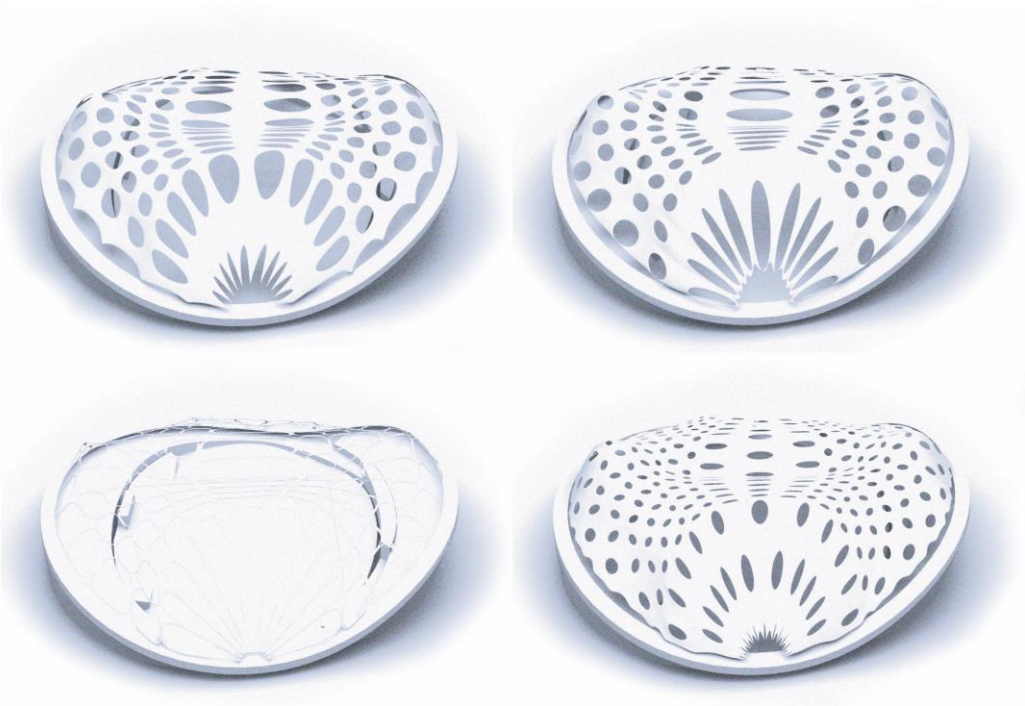
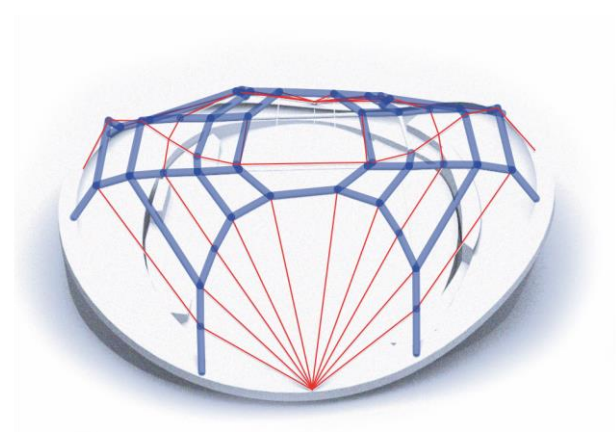


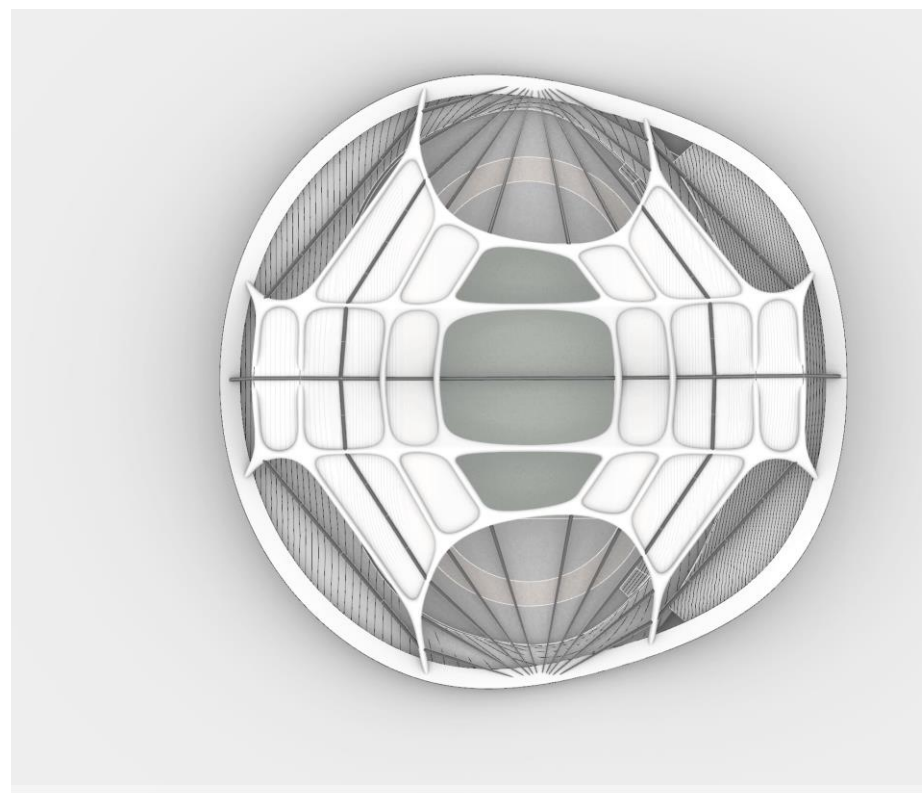
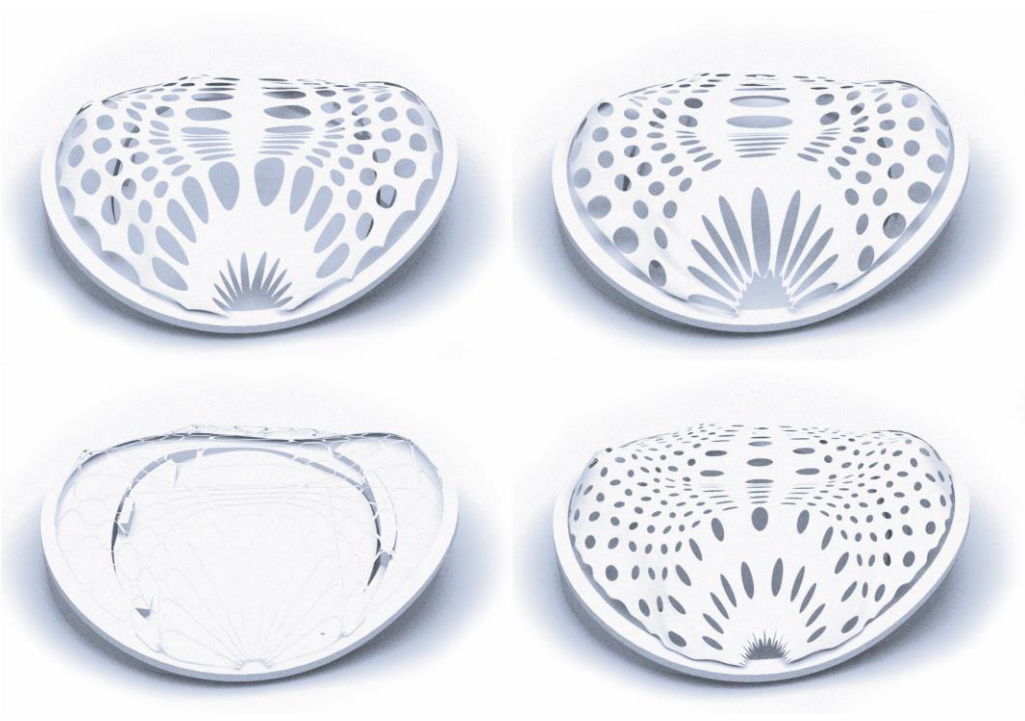
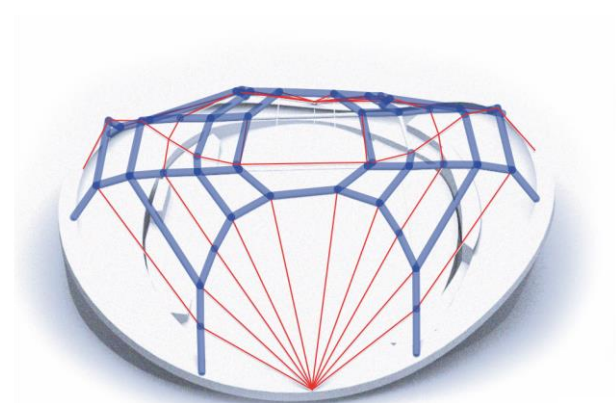
Representation & Clustering SOM



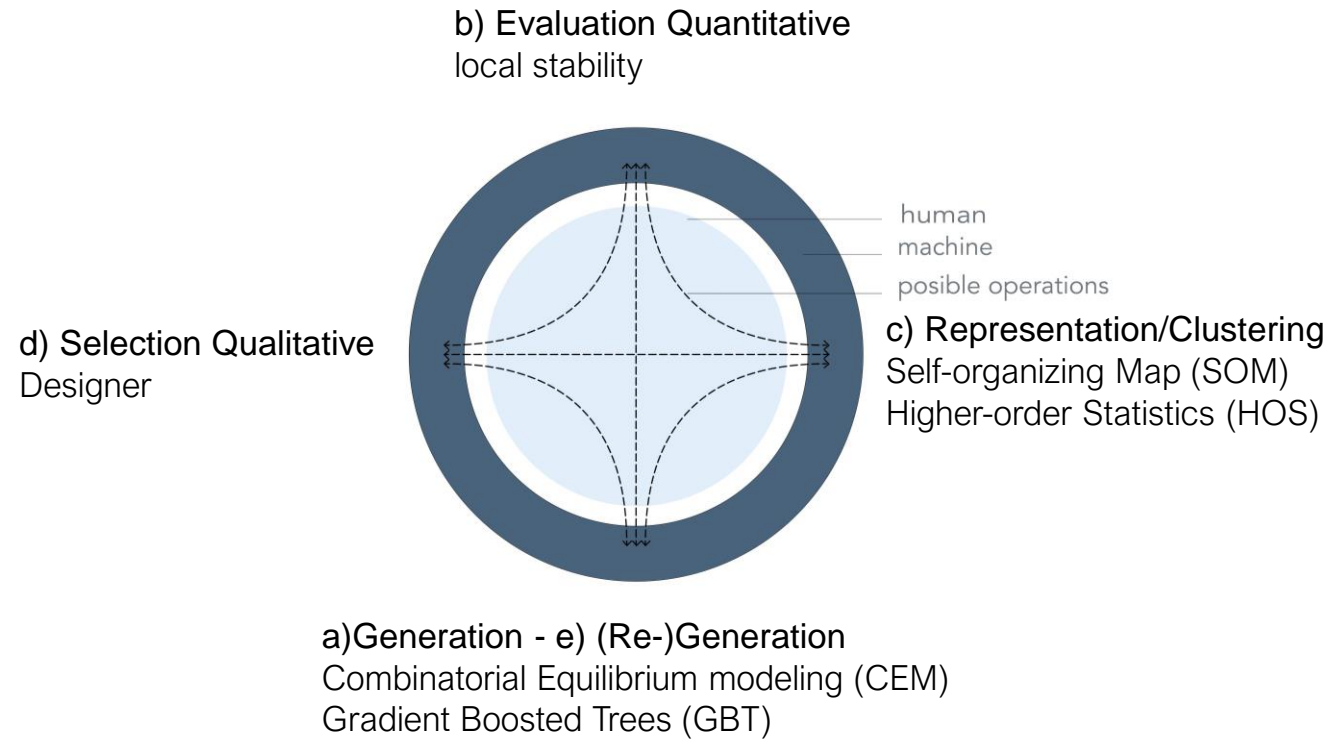
Selection



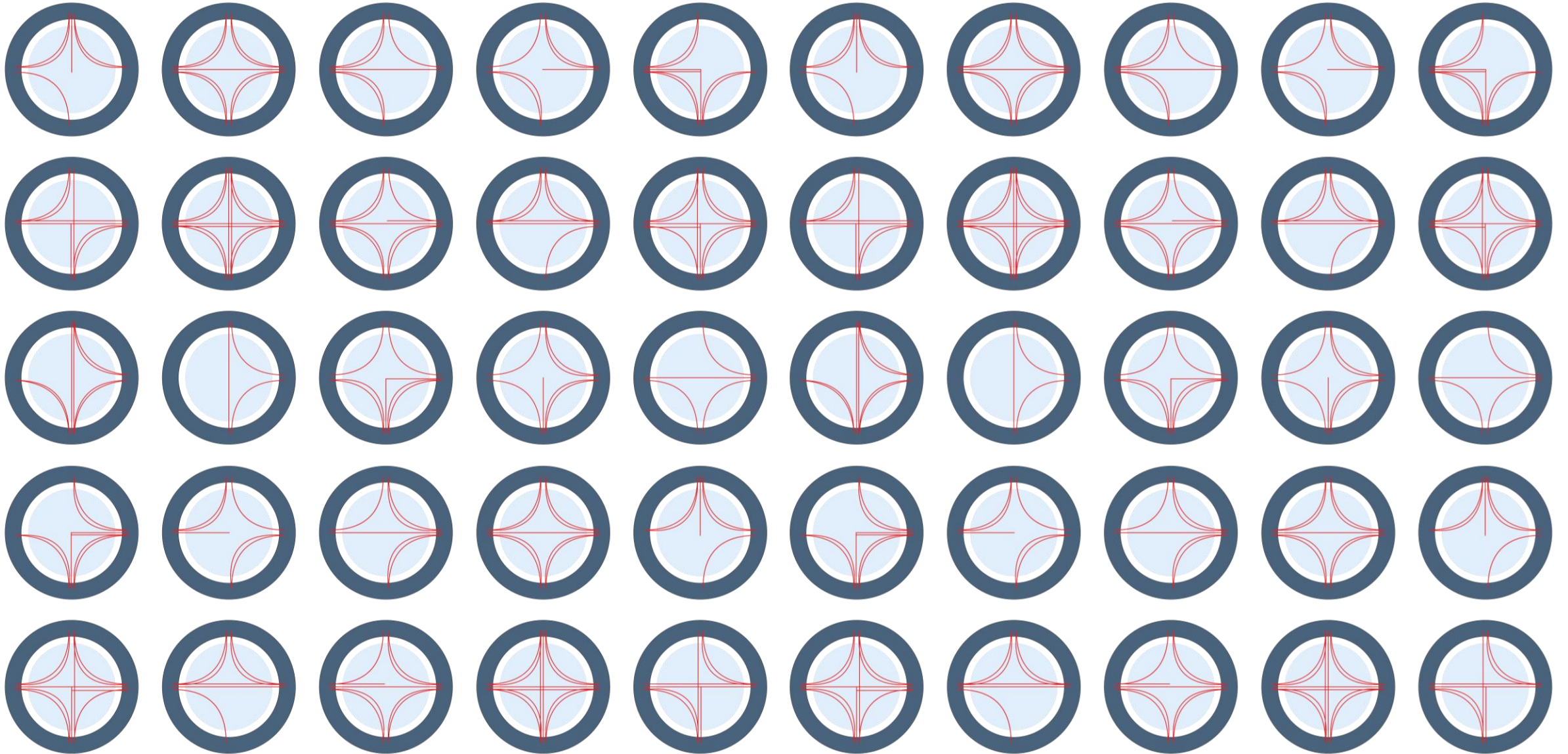


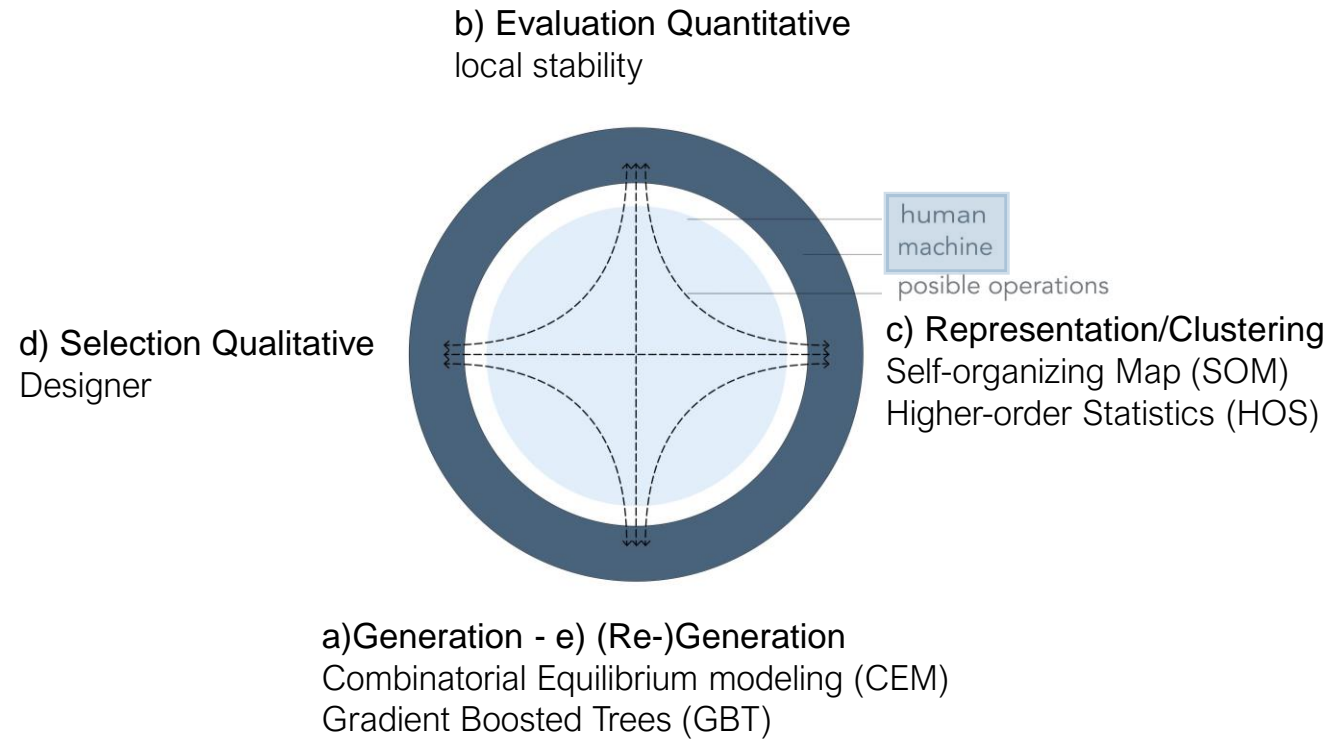


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Conclusion





“Architecture is the art of jointing things together”

Vitruvius

*The knowledge of the architect is furnished with many disciplines and various kinds of learning. Judiciously exercised, it demonstrates everything the other arts achieve. It is **brought into being by fabrica and ratiocinatio**. **Fabrica** is the continuous and routine practice of the activity the hands accomplish out of matter; its off spring is a work whose form is in keeping with its intended purpose. **Ratiocinatio** is what can show how, and explain to what degree, things have been made with skill and calculation.*

Vitruvius

Thanks