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Cultural heritage modeling

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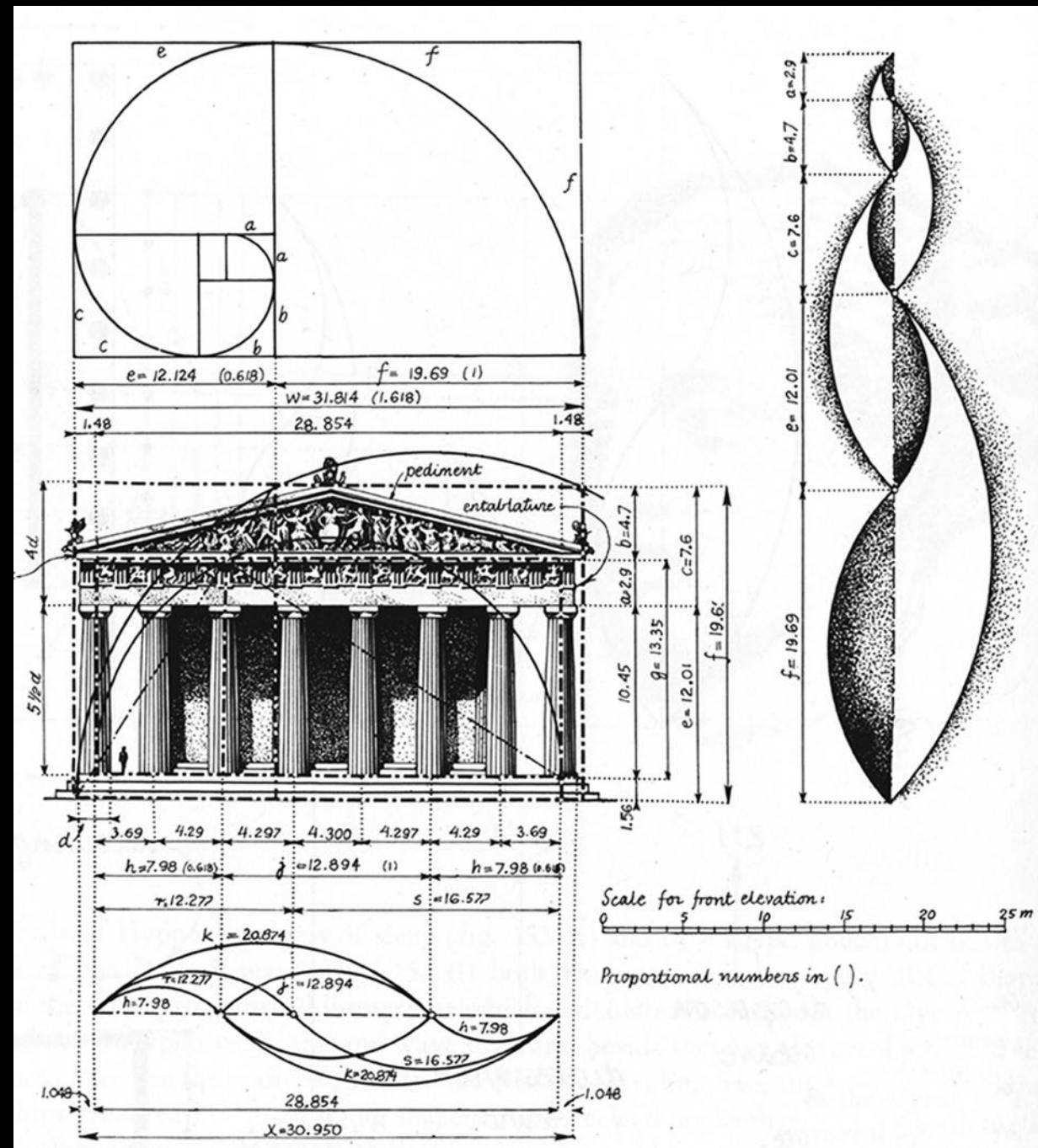
Cultural heritage modeling

Different things to different disciplines and researchers

Archeologist



Classicist



Art Historian



Architectural Historian



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Anthropologist



Ethnomusicologist



Cultural heritage modeling:

Tangible culture: Buildings, monuments, landscapes, books, works of art, and other artifacts

Intangible culture: Folklore, traditions, language, music, and knowledge

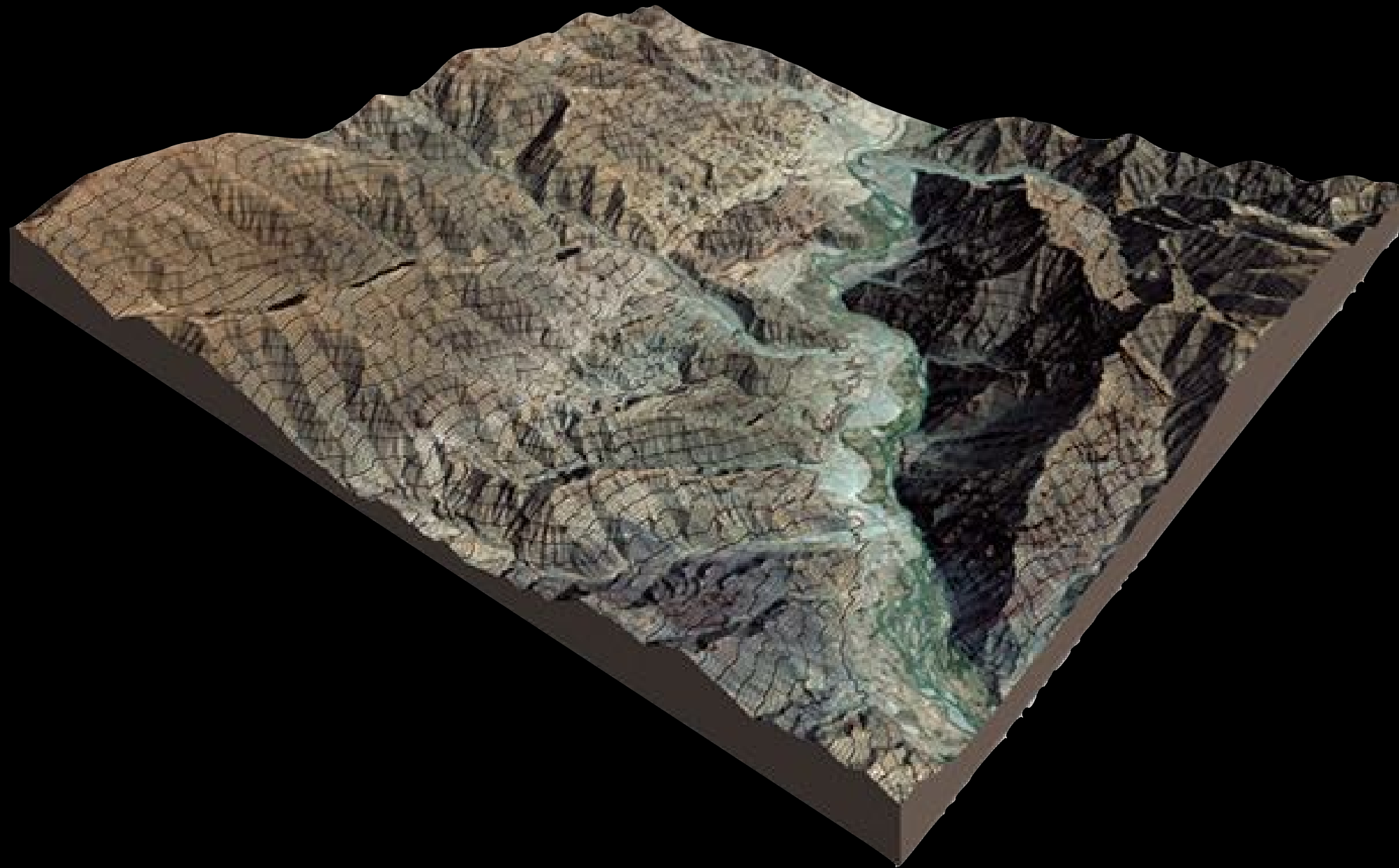
Natural heritage: Culturally significant landscapes, geological elements, and biodiversity

Tangible culture:

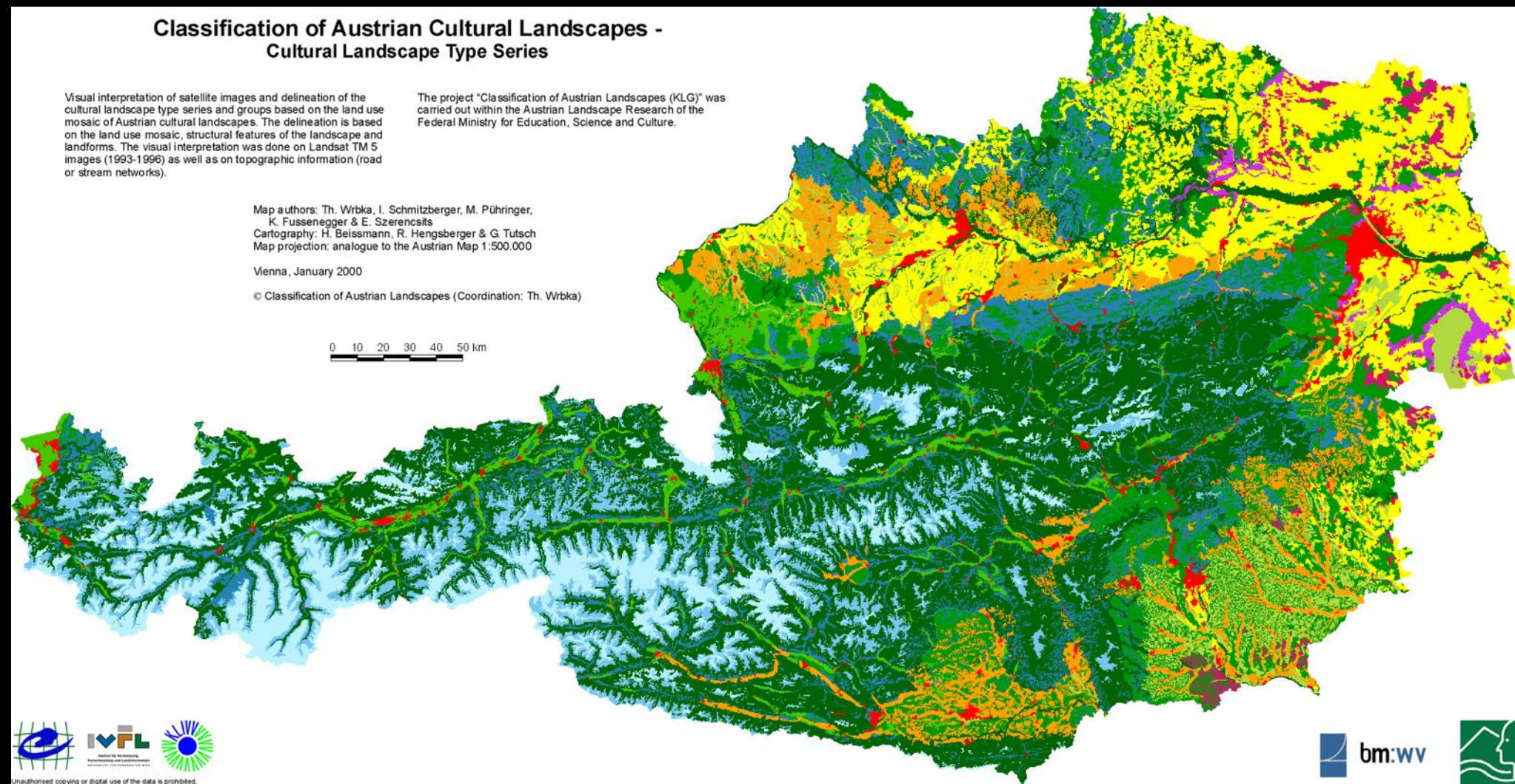


Buildings and monuments

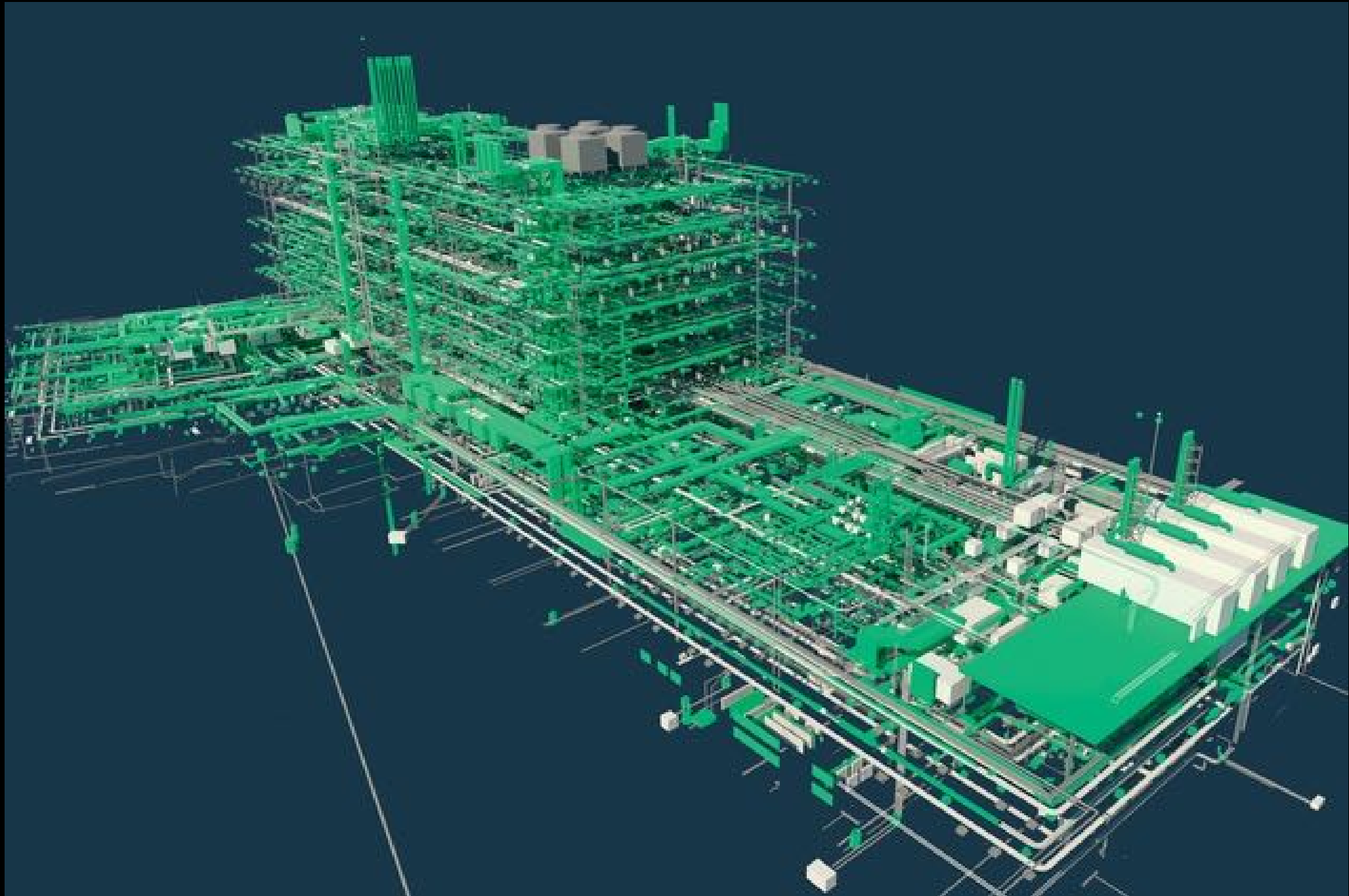
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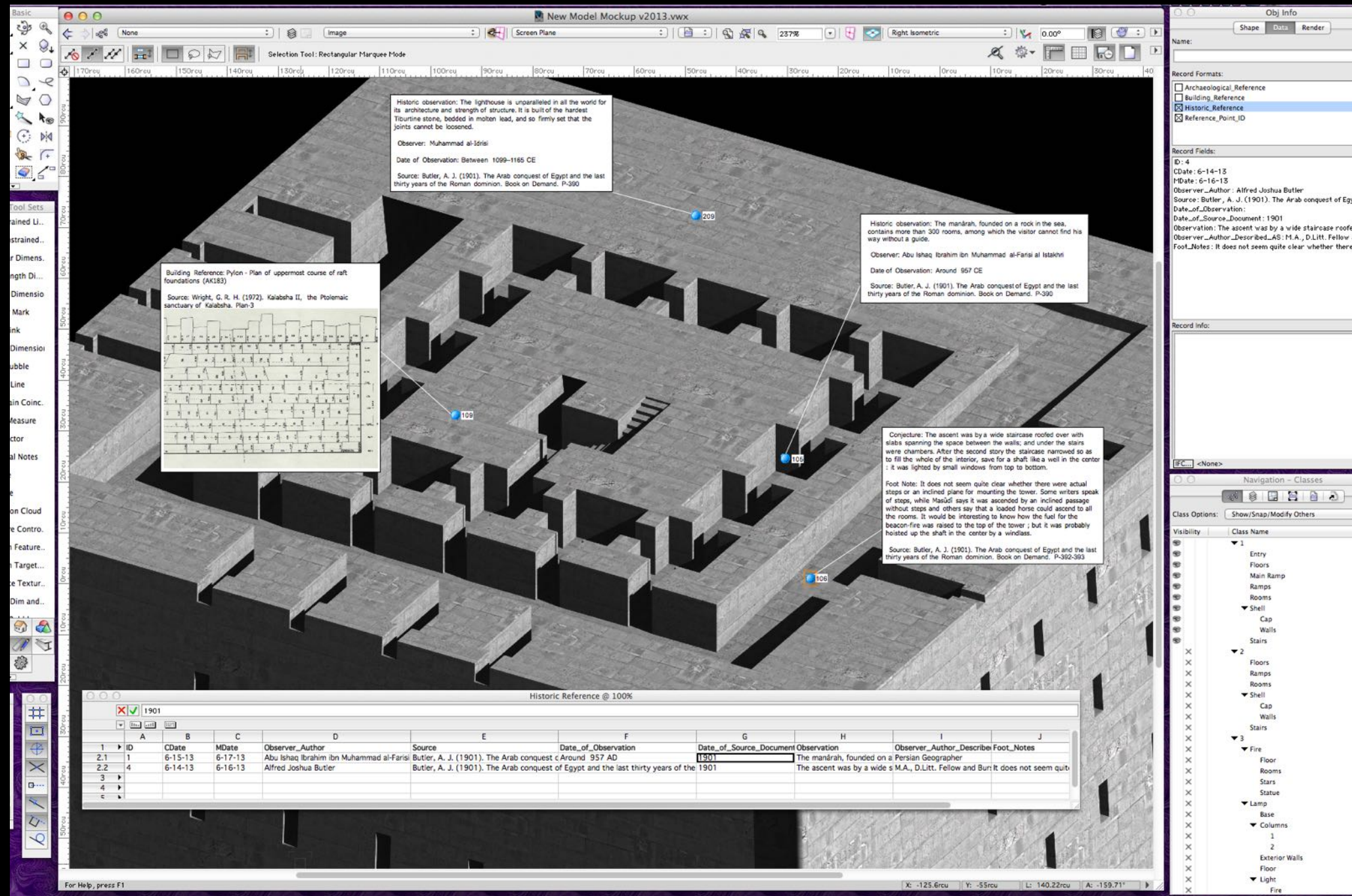
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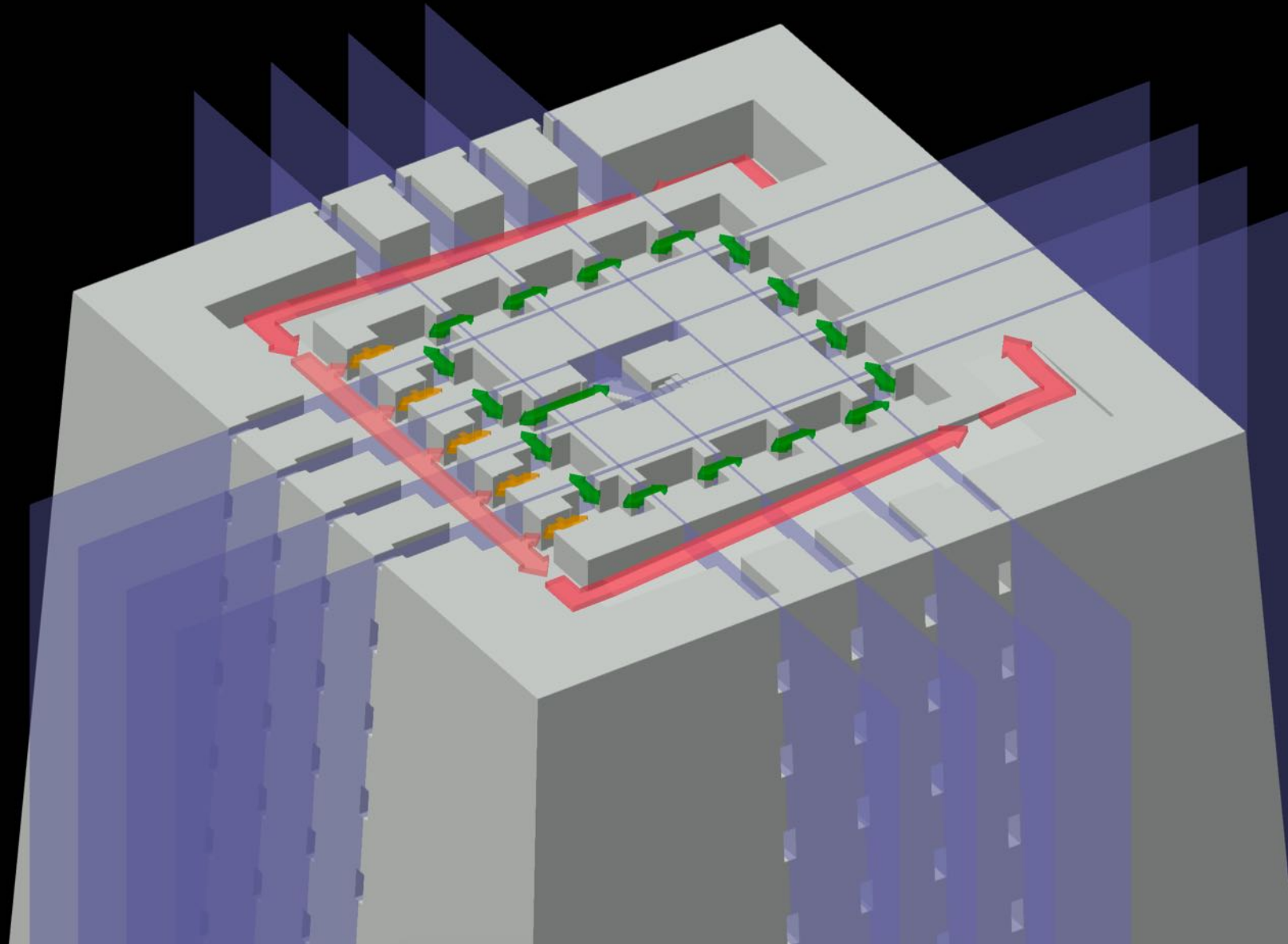
Building information modeling (BIM)



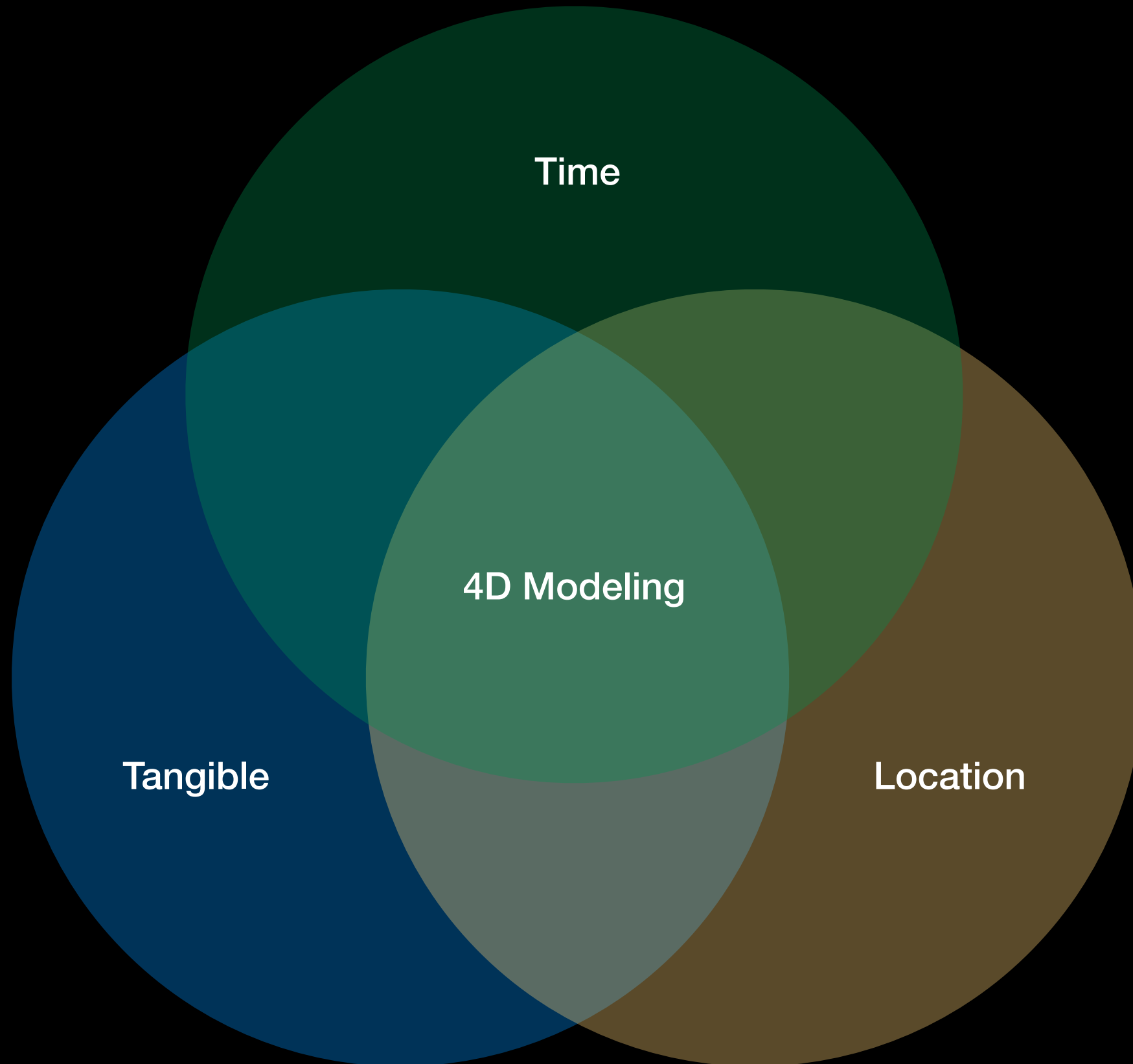
Scholarly building information modeling (SBIM)



Intangible



4D Modeling:



Cultural heritage modeling



How Cultural heritage modeling benefits research

Cultural heritage modeling:

Conservation

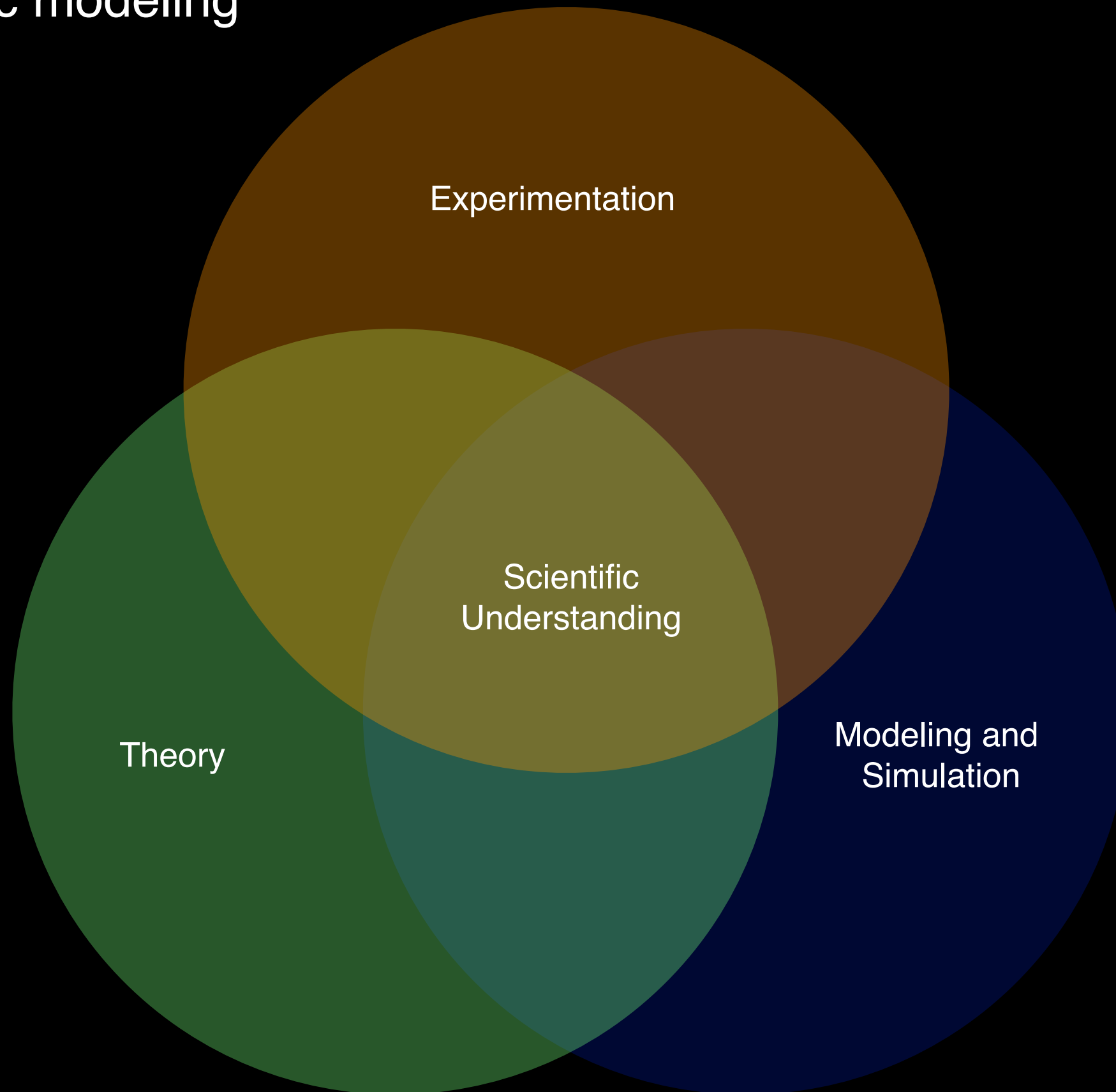
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Restoration

Monitoring

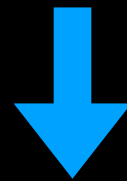
Research

Scientific modeling

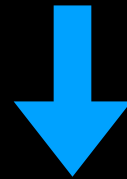


Iterative modeling

What we think we know

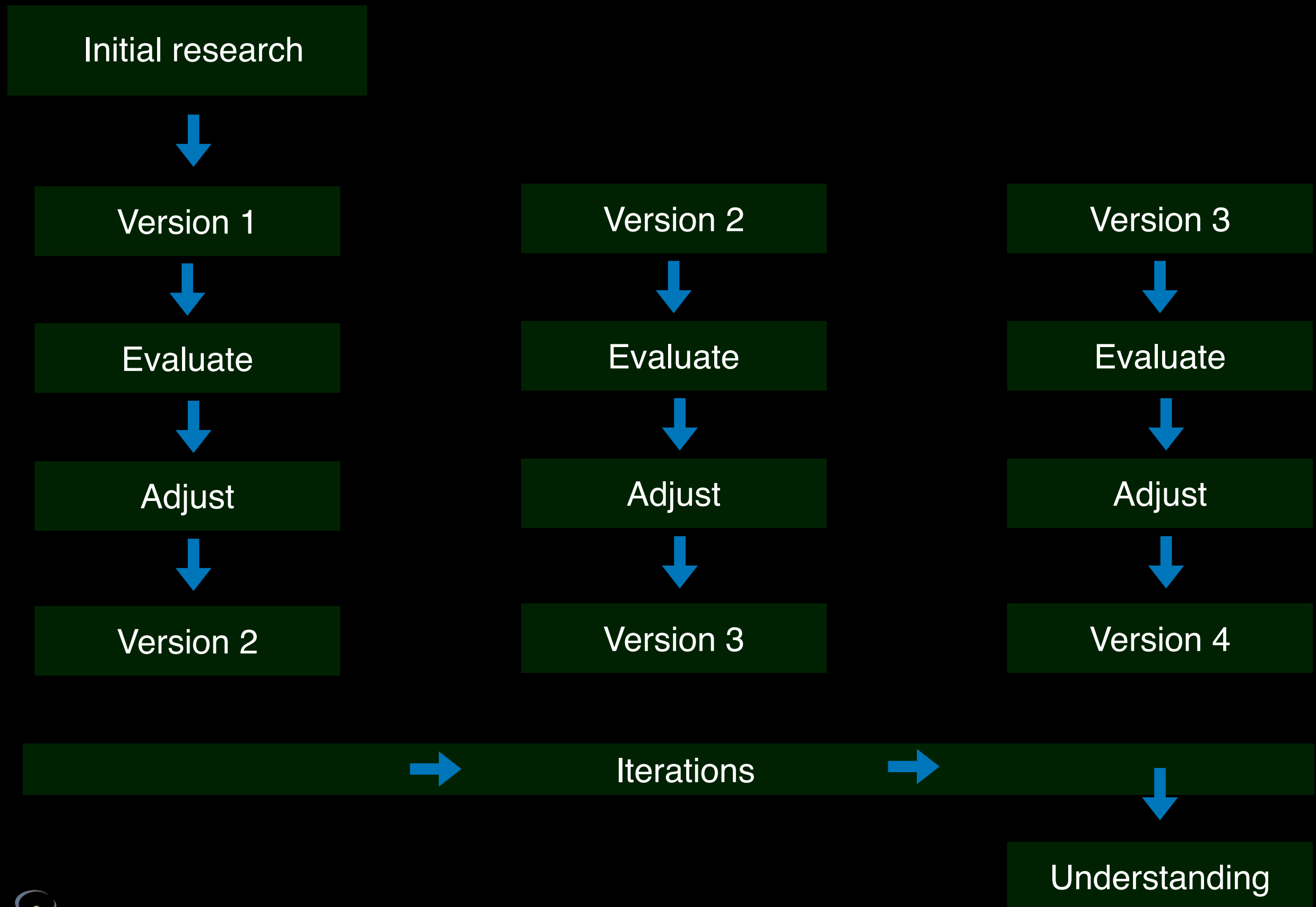


Try to build it



Reveals what we don't know

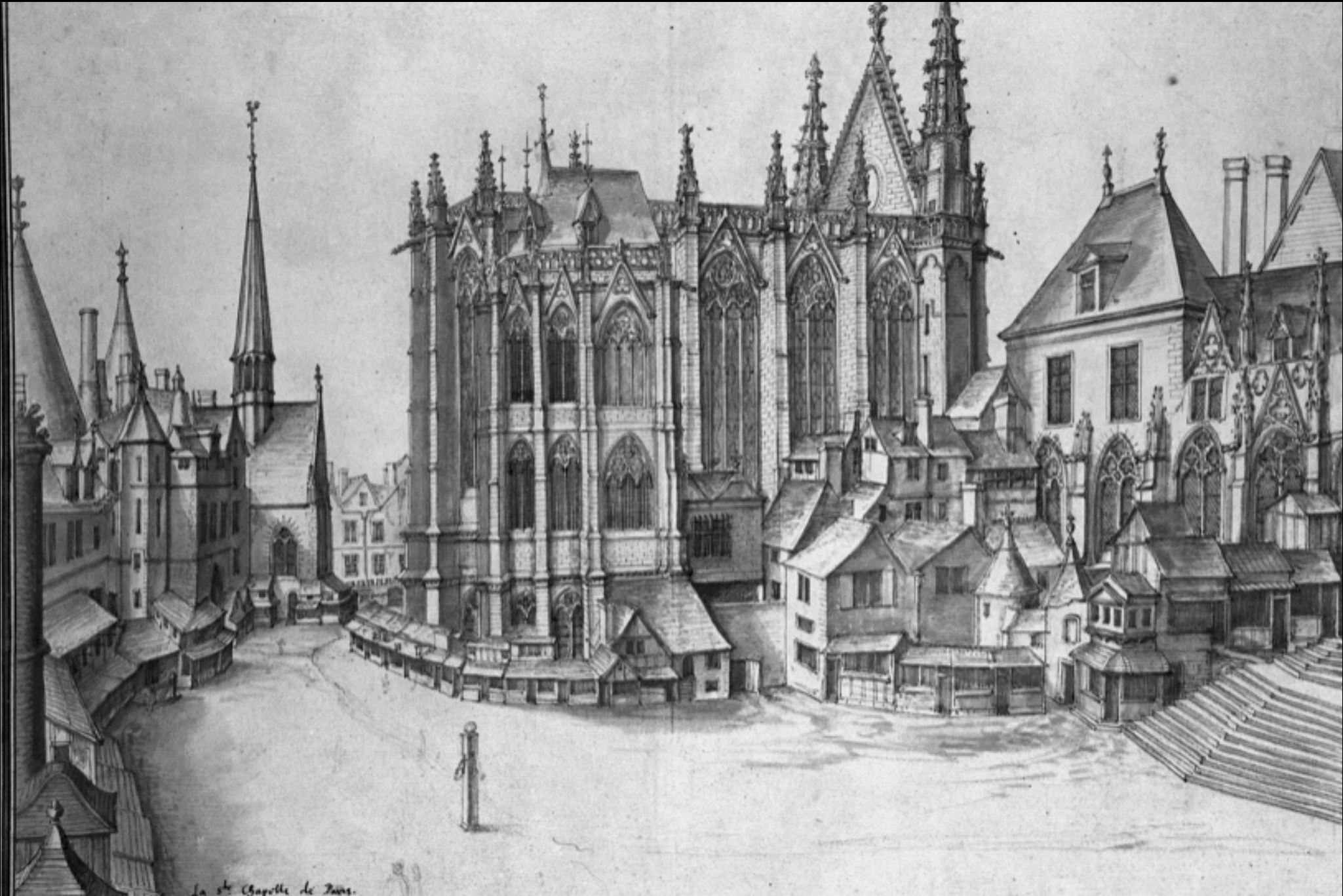
Iterative modeling process



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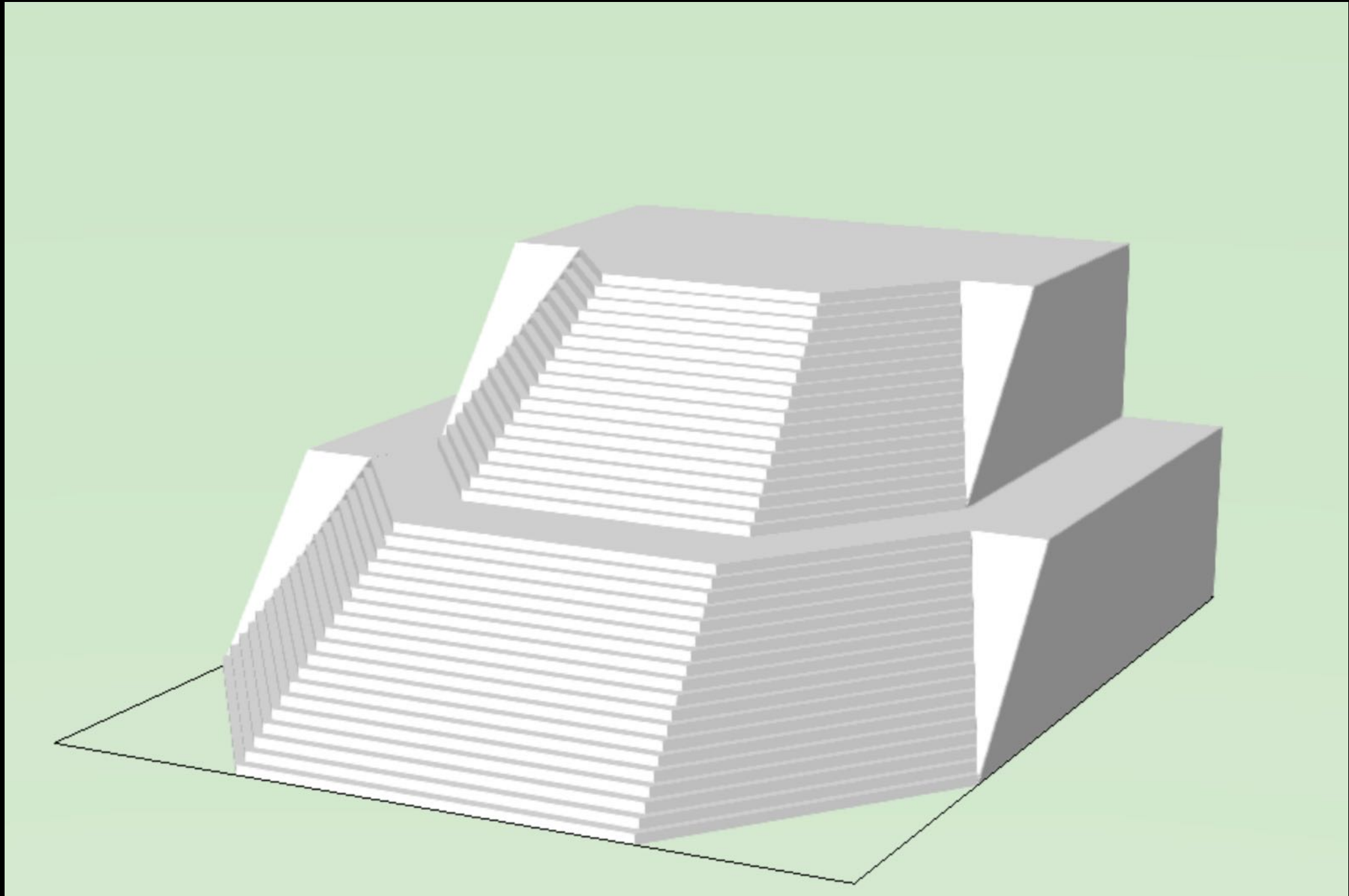
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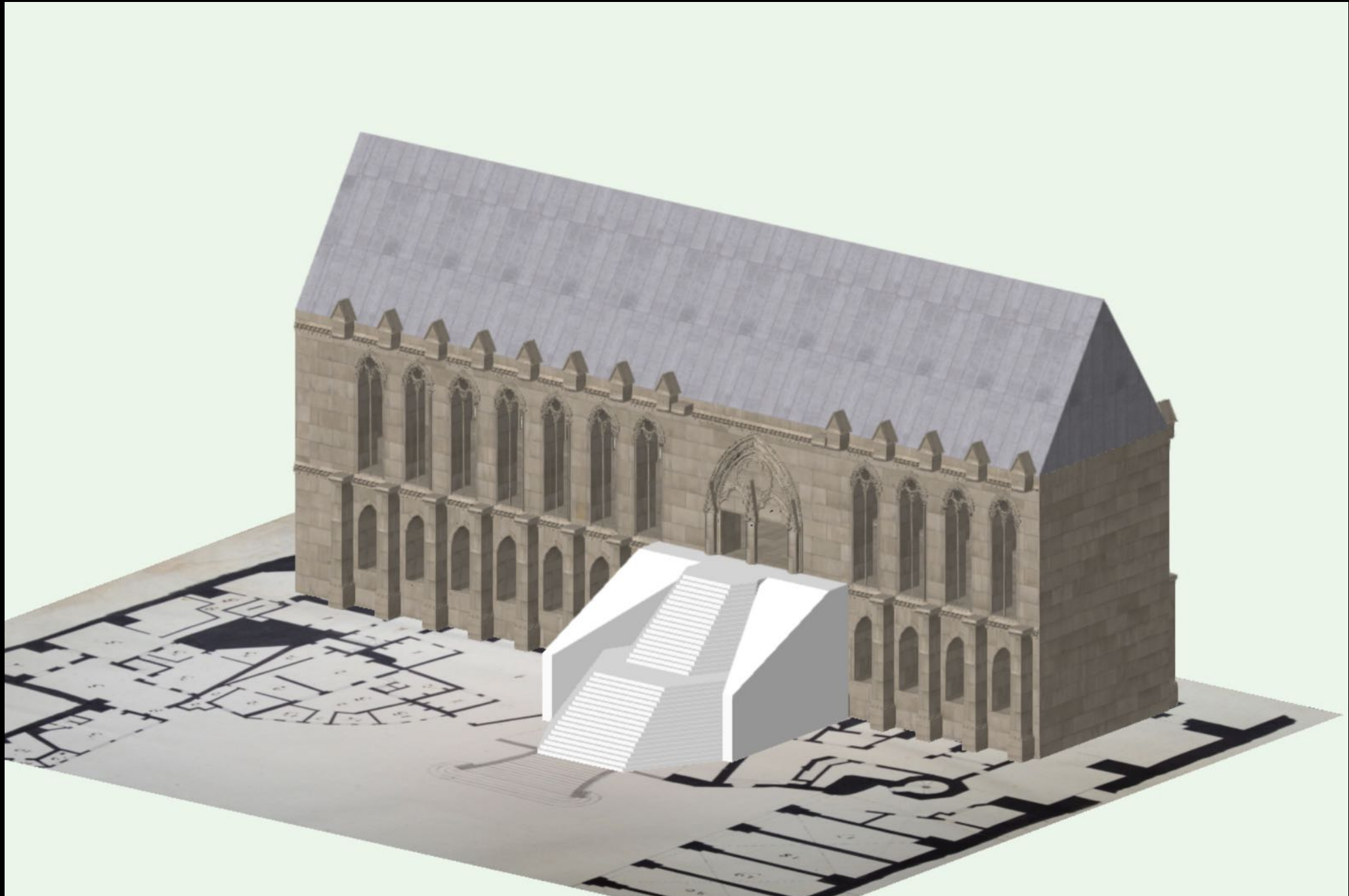
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Paris Past and Present



Galerie des Merciers Proposed reconstruction of staircase

Paris Past and Present



Reconstruction of the Galerie des Merciers of the Palais de la Cité

Pharos Lighthouse

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Pliny the Elder
23–79 AD



Lighthouse Inscription and cost

Lucian of Samosata
125–180 AD



Tells us the name of the Architect

Strabo
63 BC – 24 AD



Color, Material, Size, and location

Eusebius of Caesarea
263–339 AD



Dates for construction

Titus Flavius Josephus
37–100 AD



How far the light could be seen

Ammianus Marcellinus
330 – 391



Additions and alterations to original design

Benjamin of Tudela
1130 – 1173



Description of the Mirror.

Shams al-Din al-Ansari al-Dimashqi
1256 – 1327

Describes the ramp and interior

Abu'l-Fida
1273 – 1331



General Description of Size

Ibn Batuta
1304 – 1369



Describes the lighthouse in runs

Muhammad al-Idrisi
1099 – 1165



What materials were used

Muhammad ibn Iyas
1448 – 1522



Records that Qait Bey ordered a fort to be built on the foundations of Pharos

1 AD

250 AD

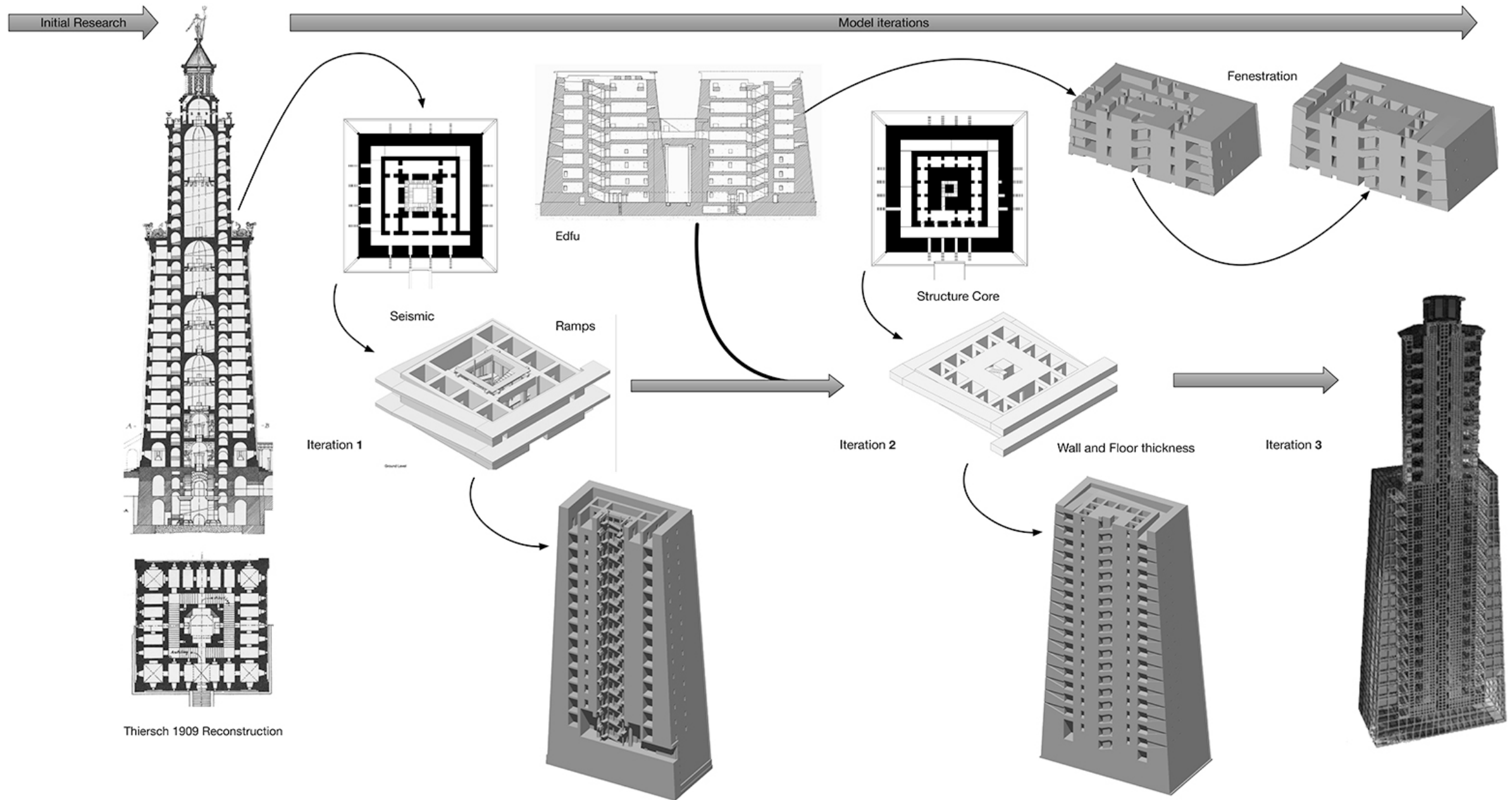
500 AD

1250 AD

1500 AD

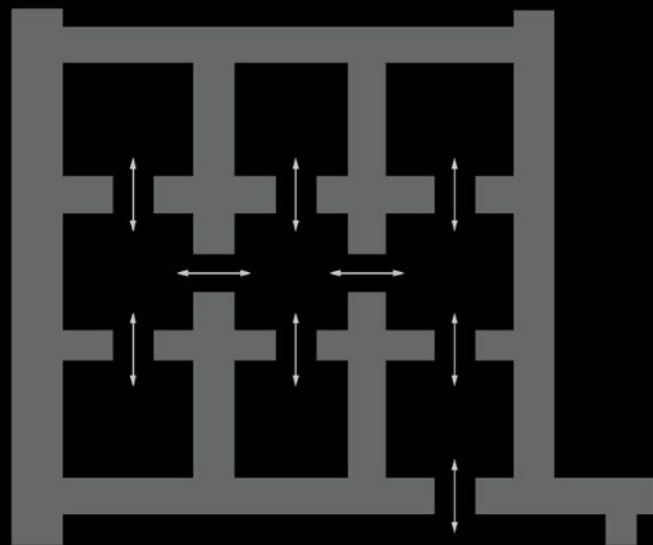
Initial data

Pharos Lighthouse

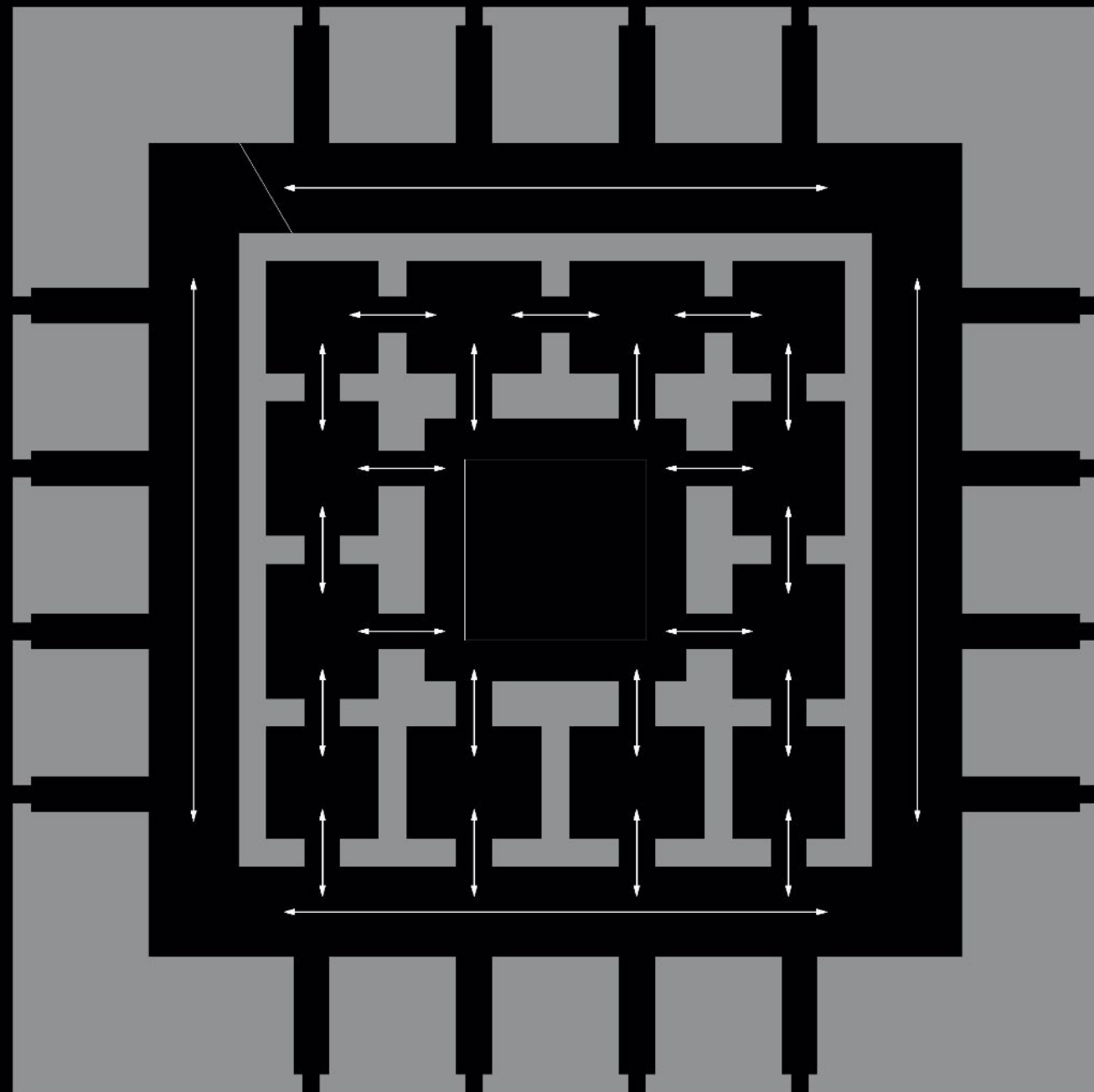


Iteration Diagram

Pharos Lighthouse

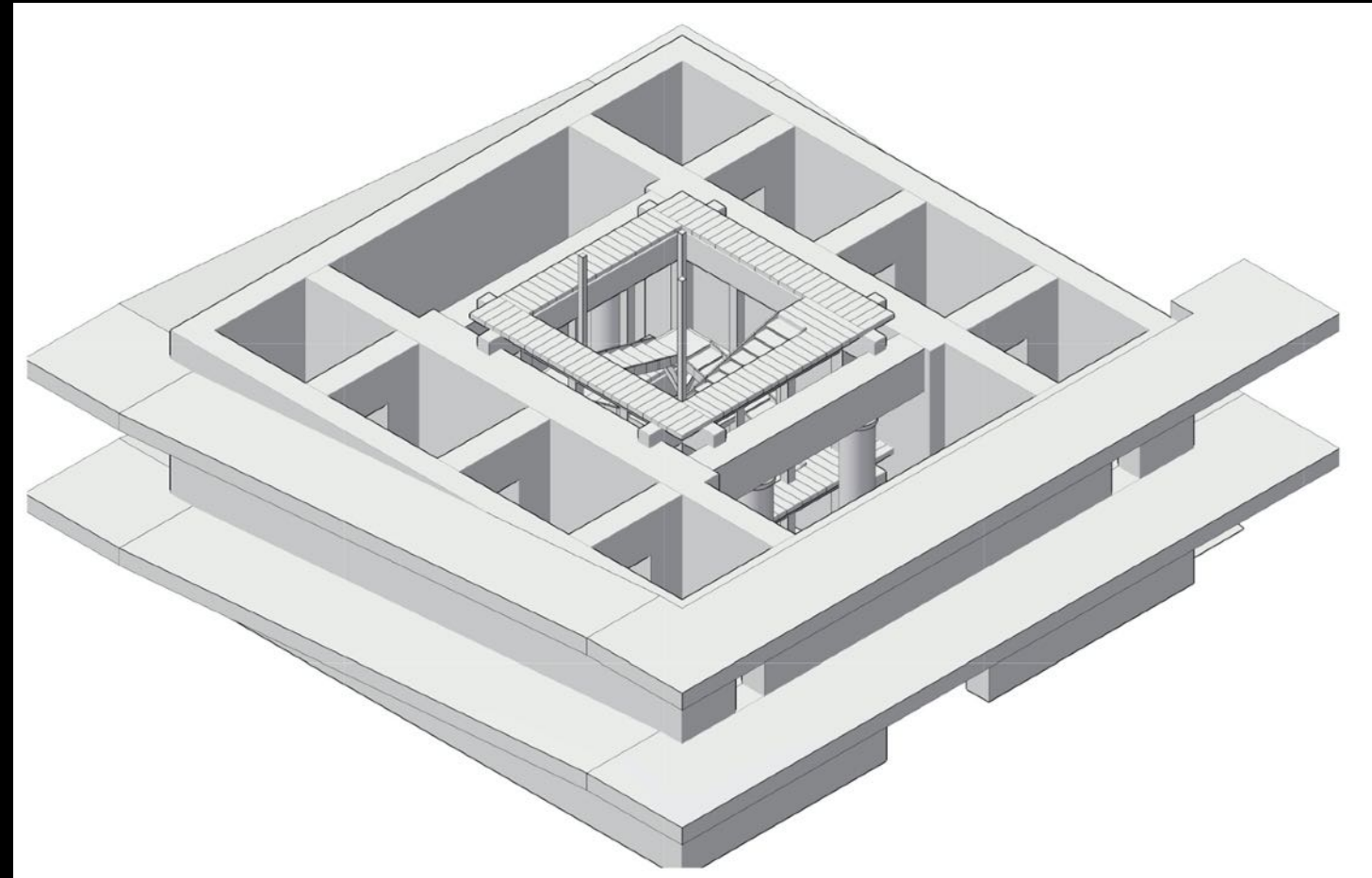
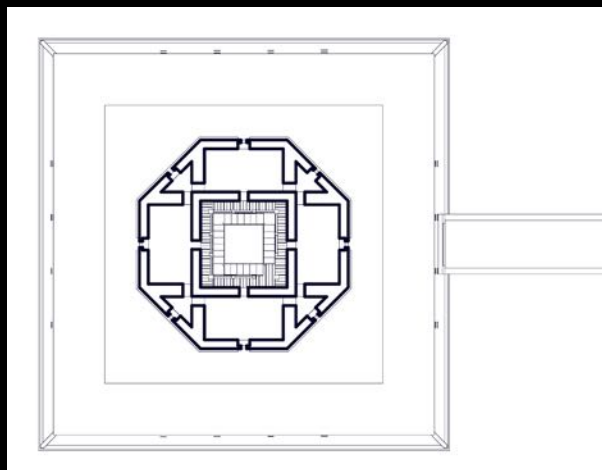
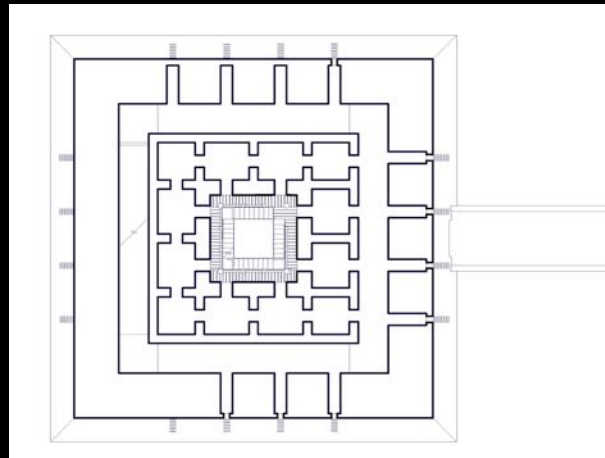
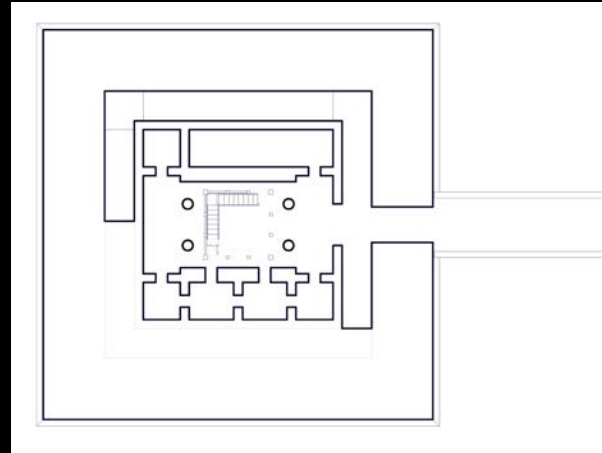


New Kingdom grain store



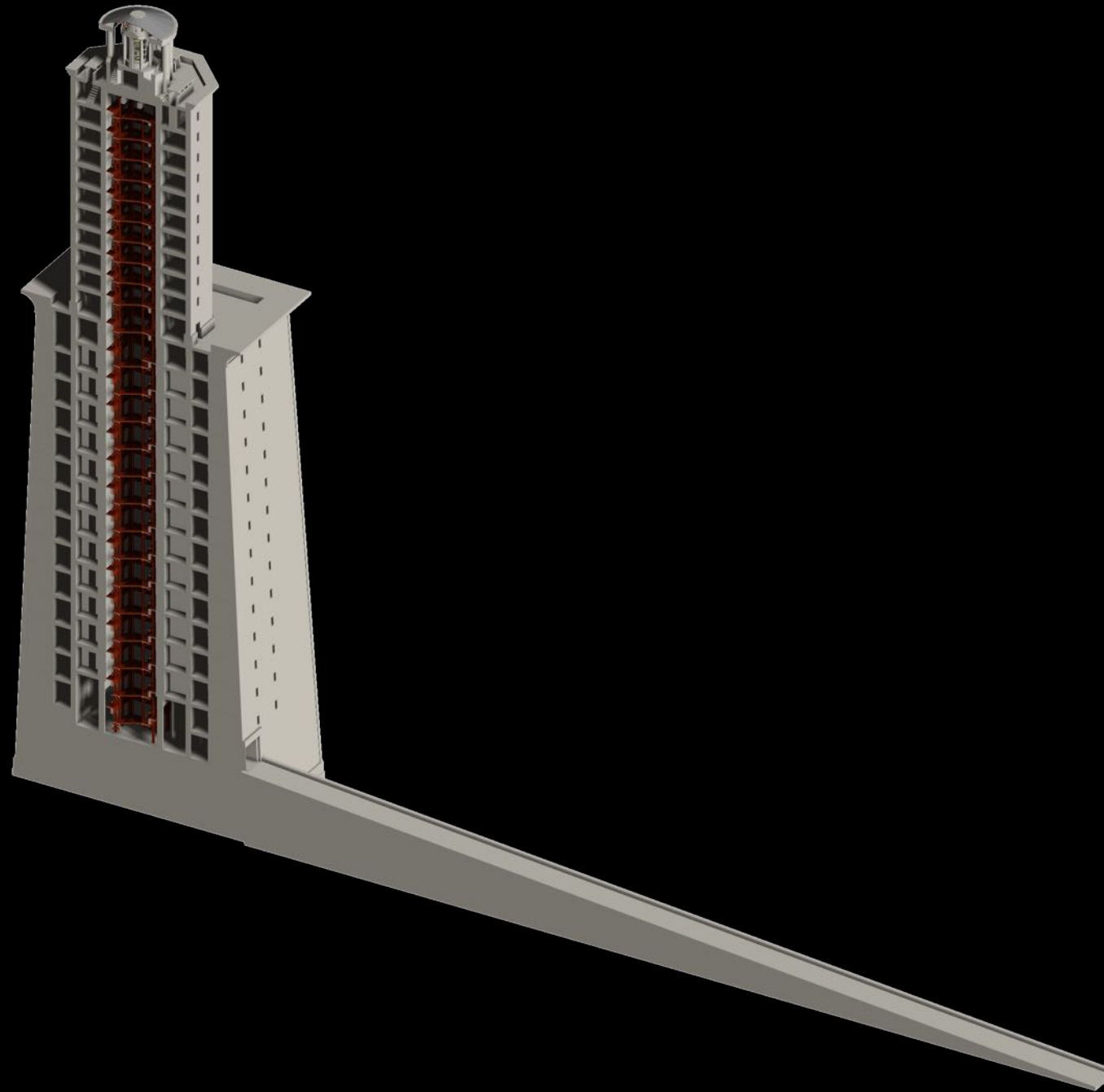
Reconstructed plan of the Lighthouse

Pharos Lighthouse



First Iteration of the lower section of the lighthouse

Pharos Lighthouse



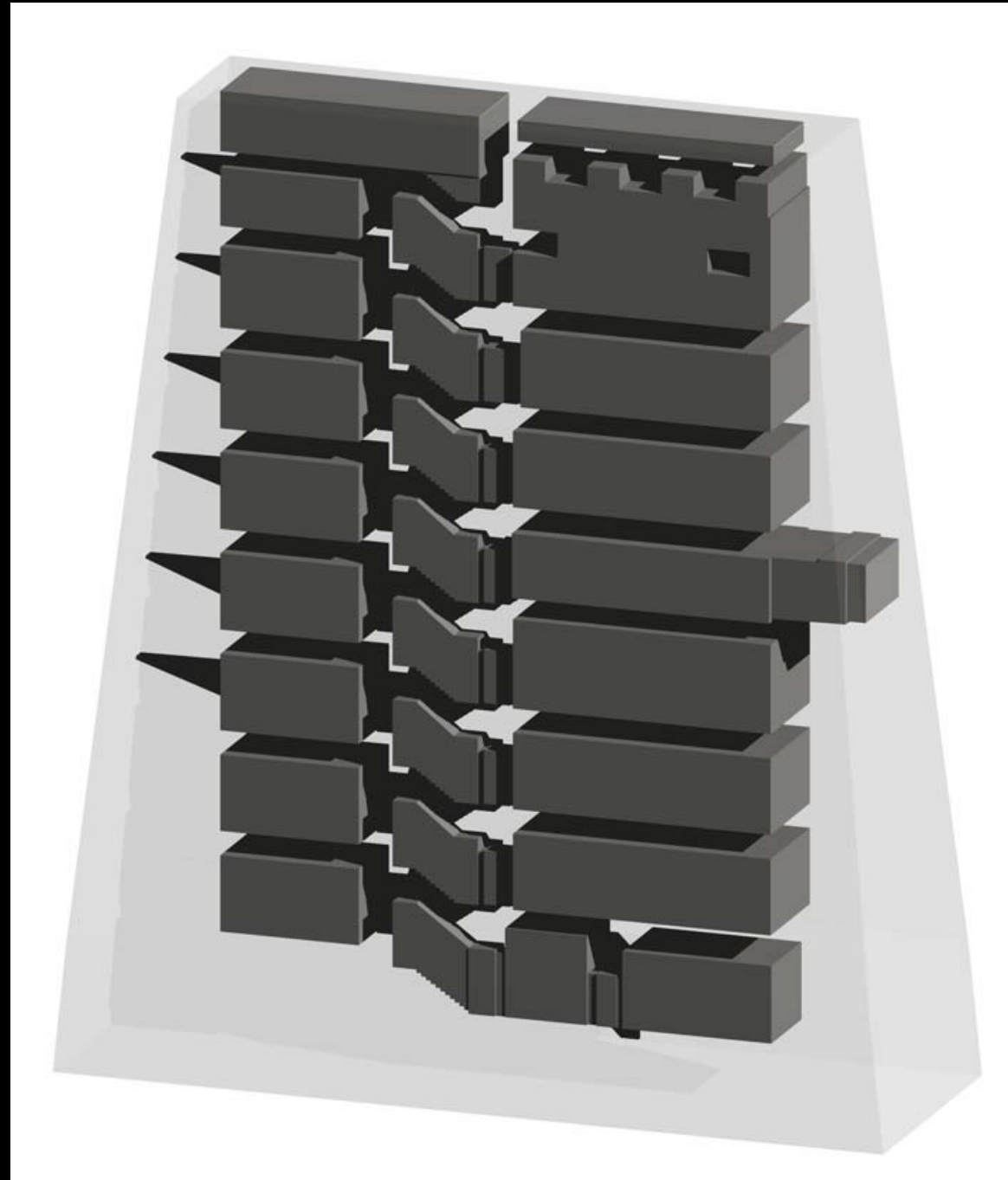
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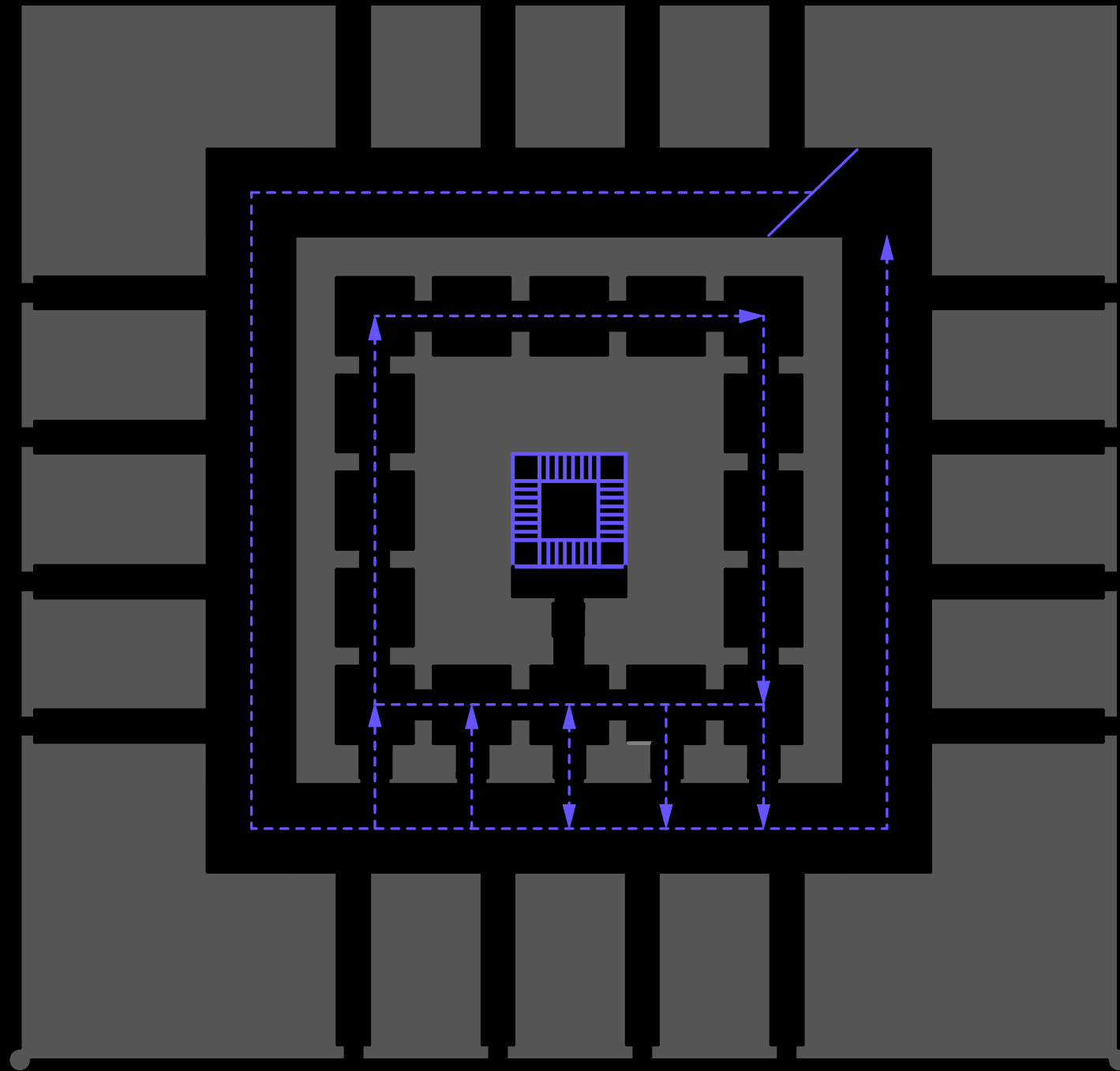
Edfu temple pylons

Pharos Lighthouse



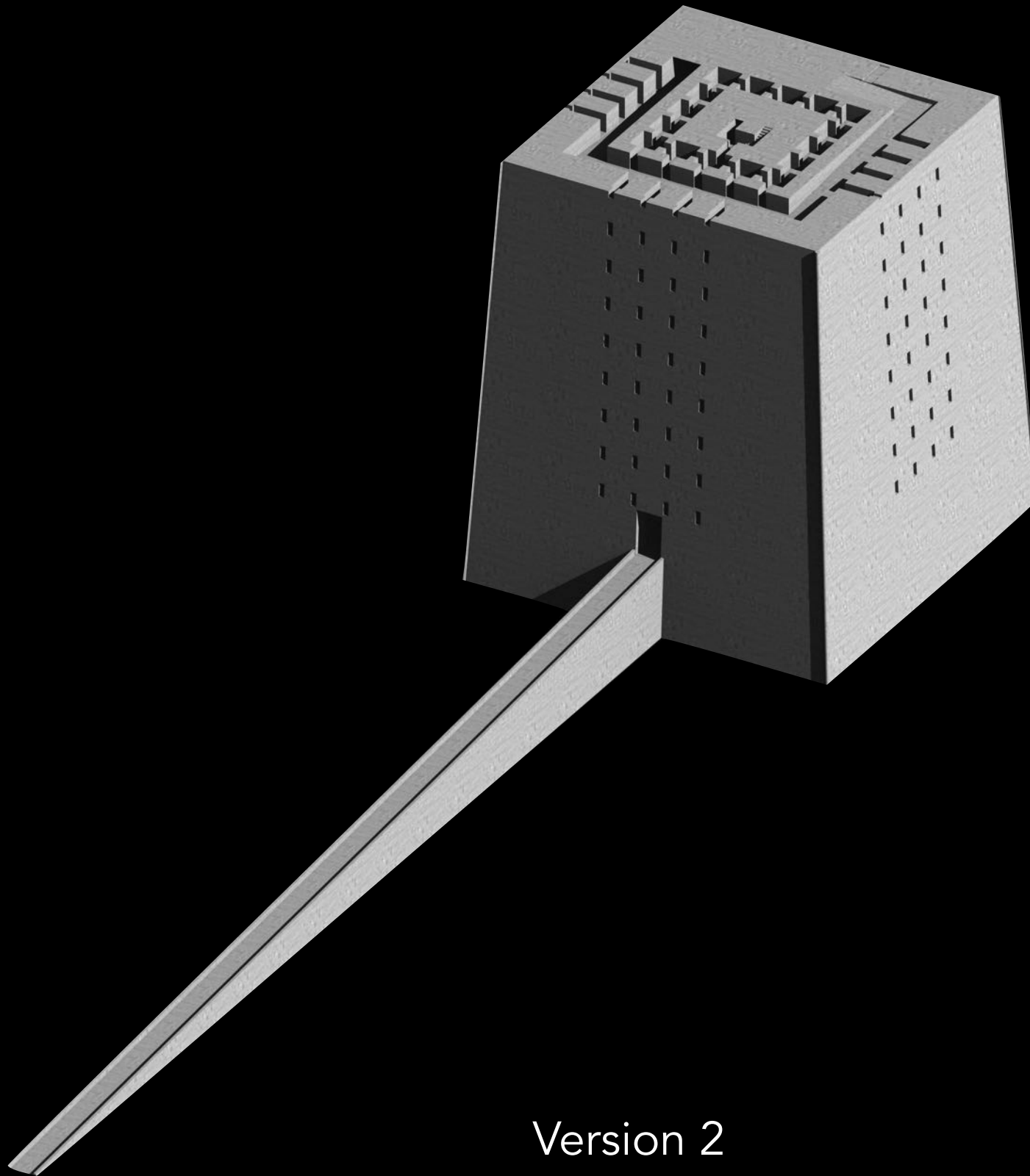
Negative space model

Pharos Lighthouse



Adjusted plan

Pharos Lighthouse

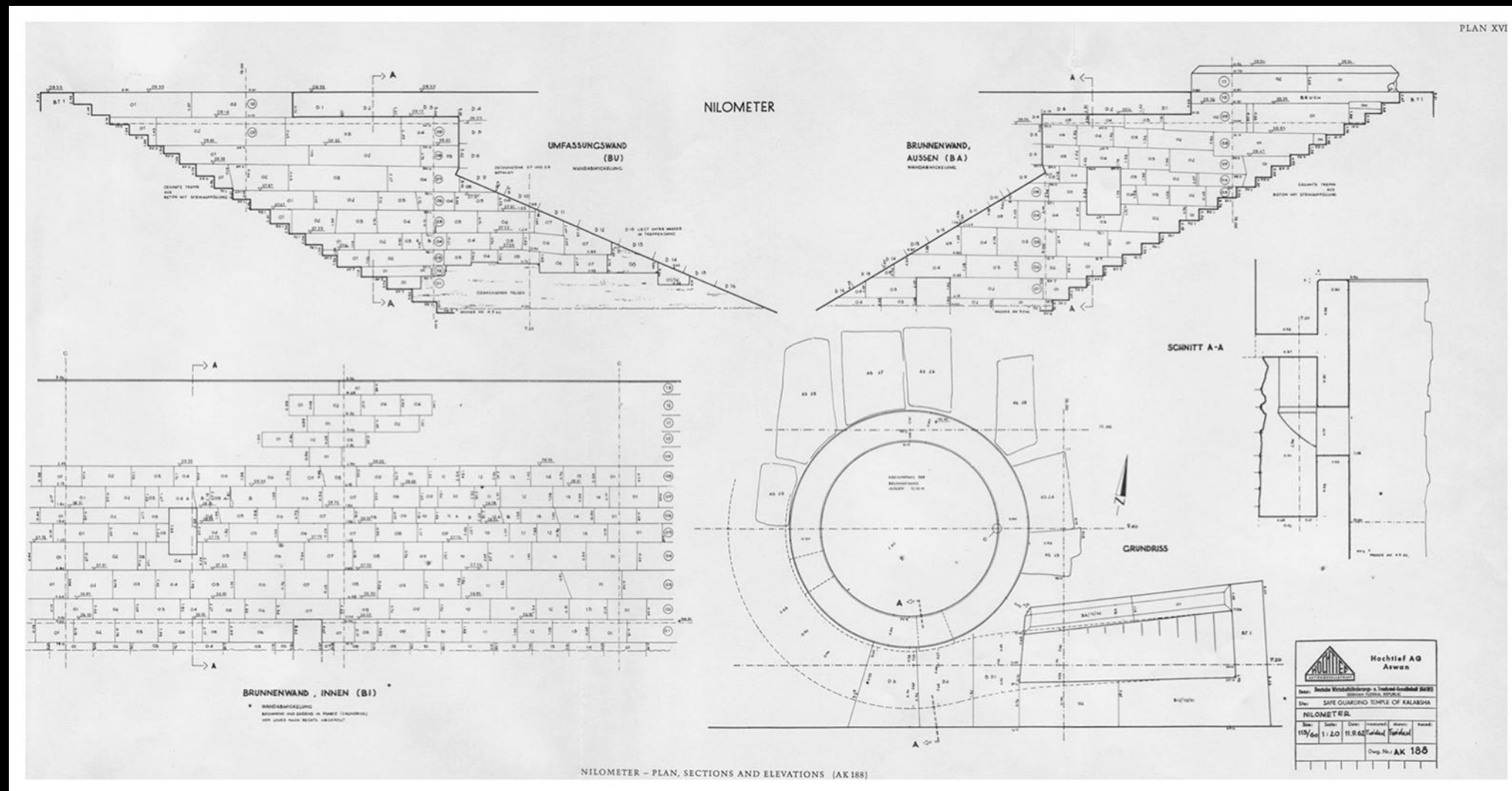


Version 2

Approaches to cultural heritage modeling

Cultural heritage modeling does not
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2d drawings and illustrations



Photographs

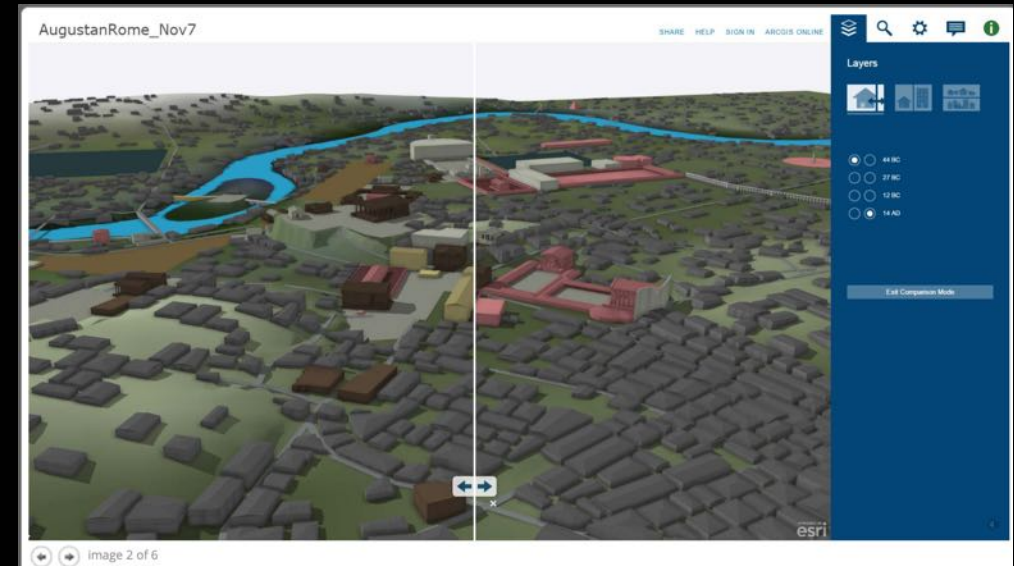


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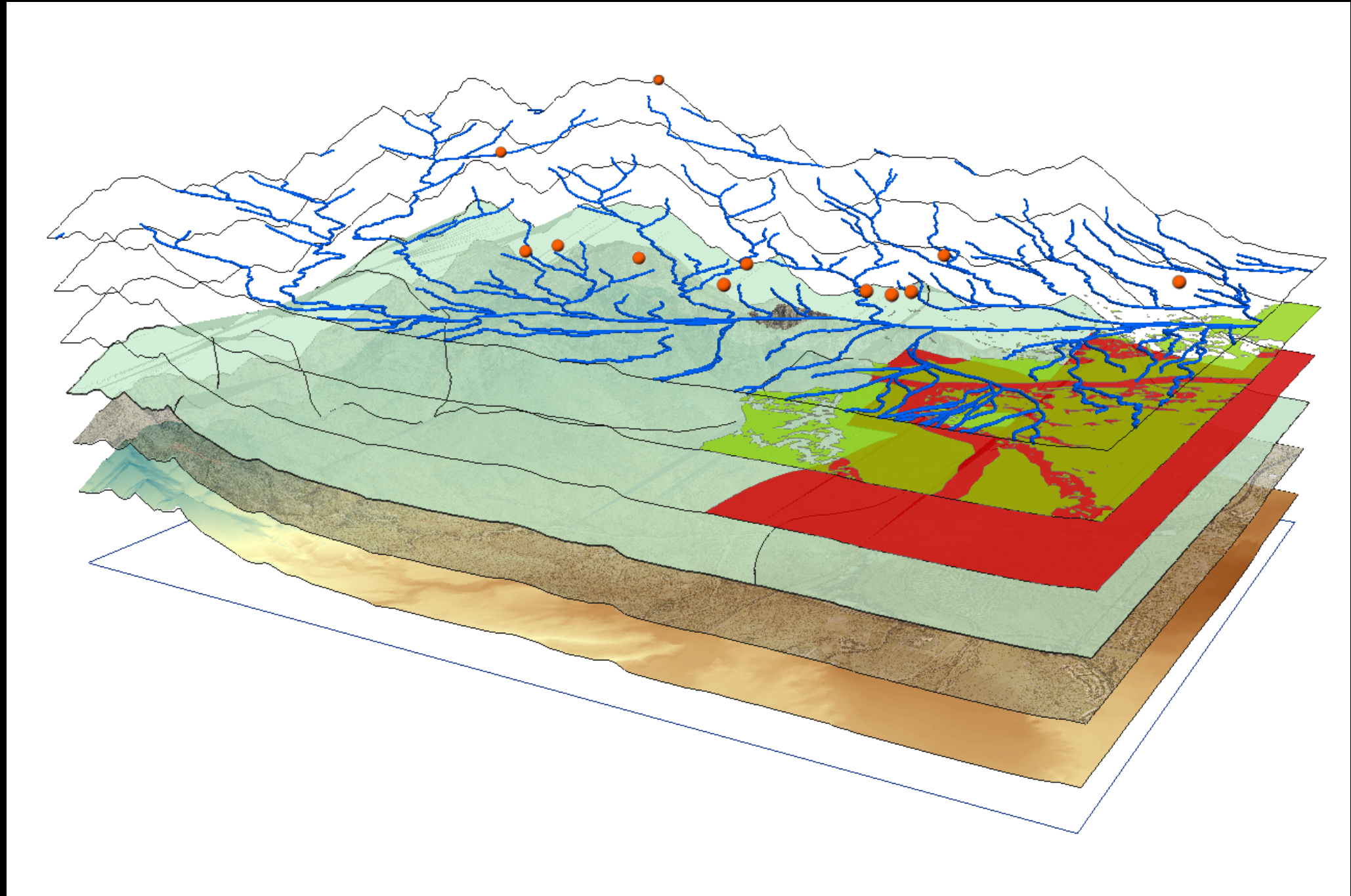


Digital

3D Modeling



Digital terrain modeling (DTM)



Spatio-temporal models (4D)



Capturing data

Traditional methods - Notes, Photos



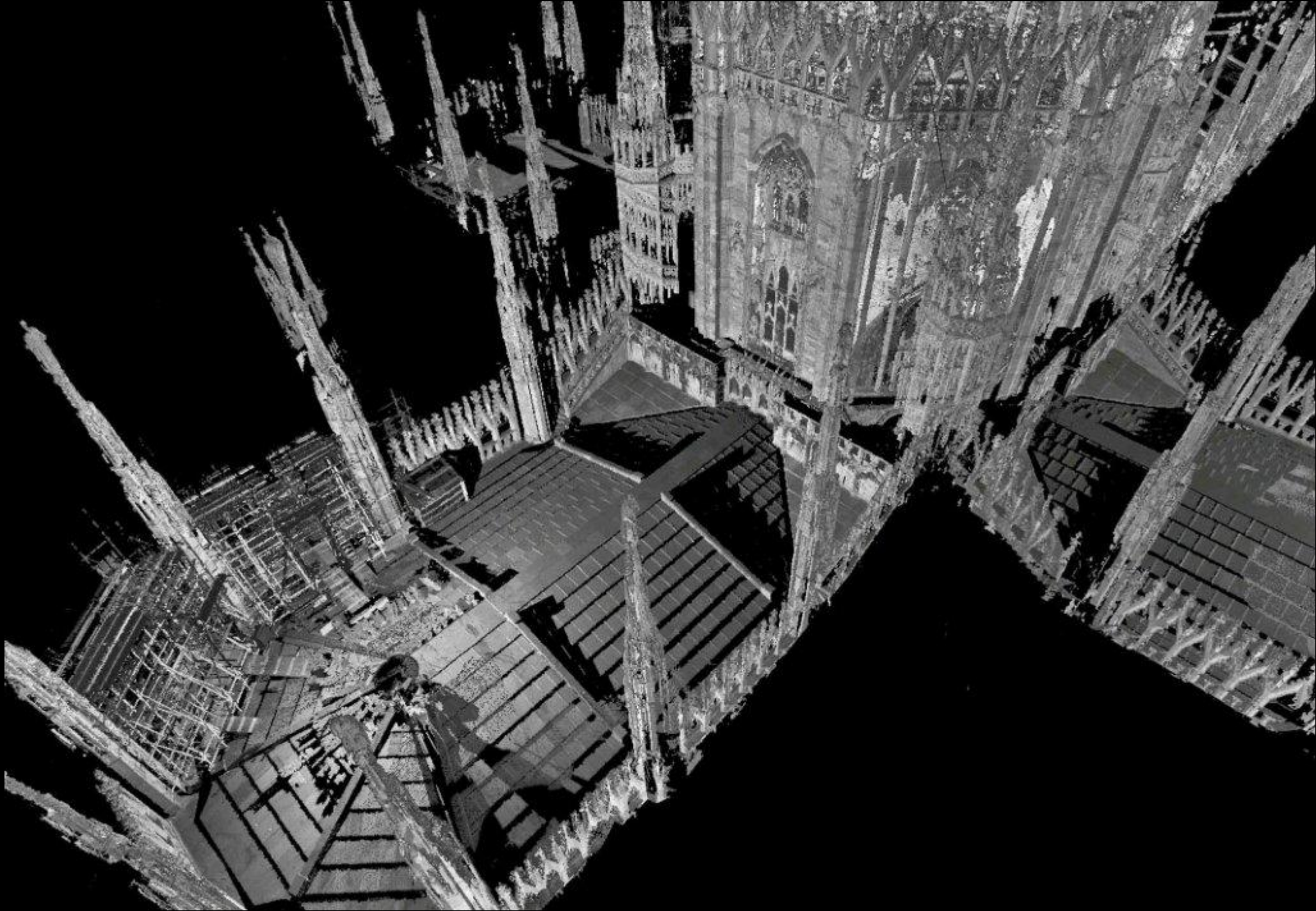
Optical - total station



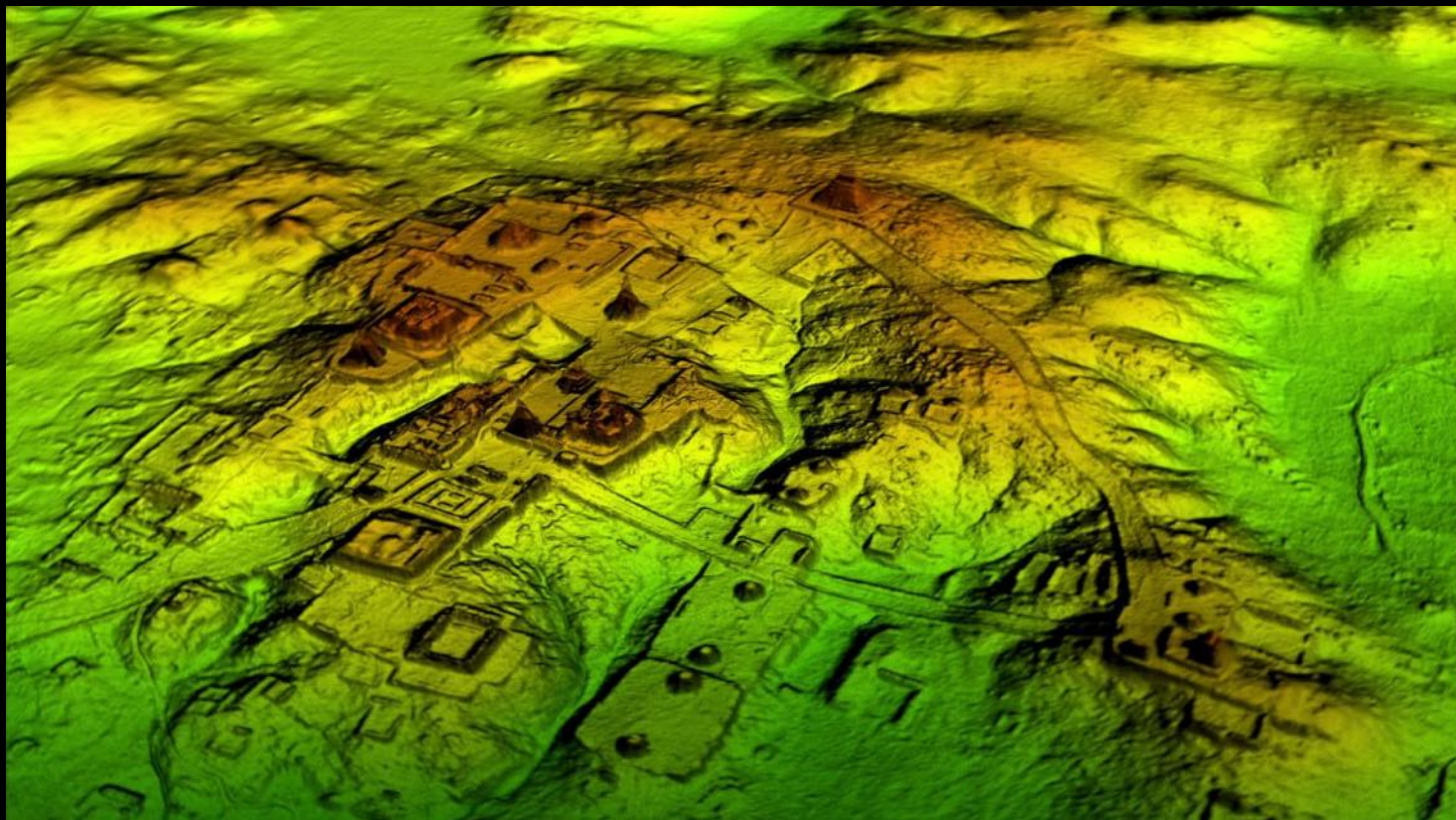
Large scale - Laser Scanner



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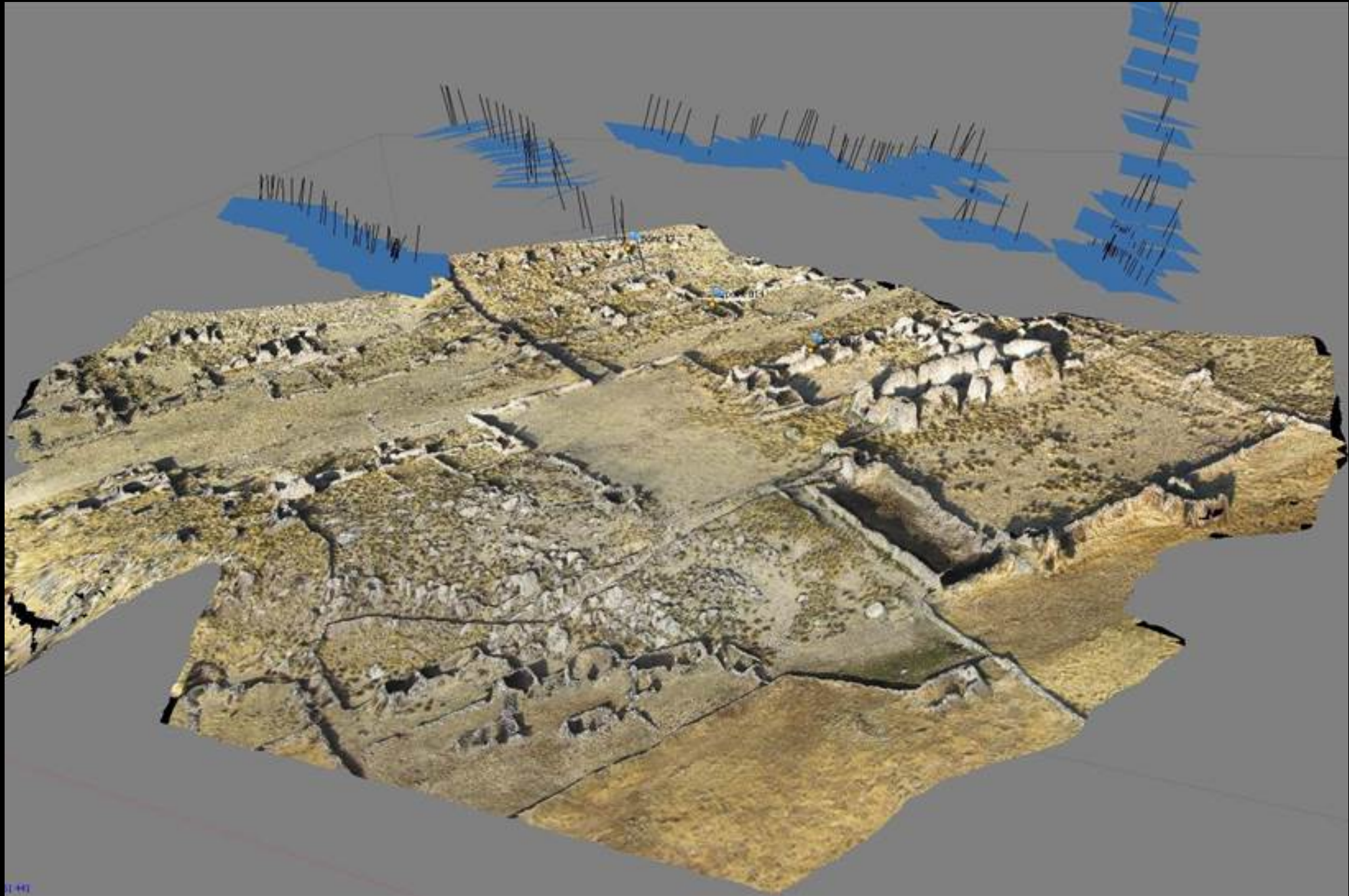
Terrain LIDAR



Drones



Drones - Photogrammetry



Drones - aerial reconnaissance



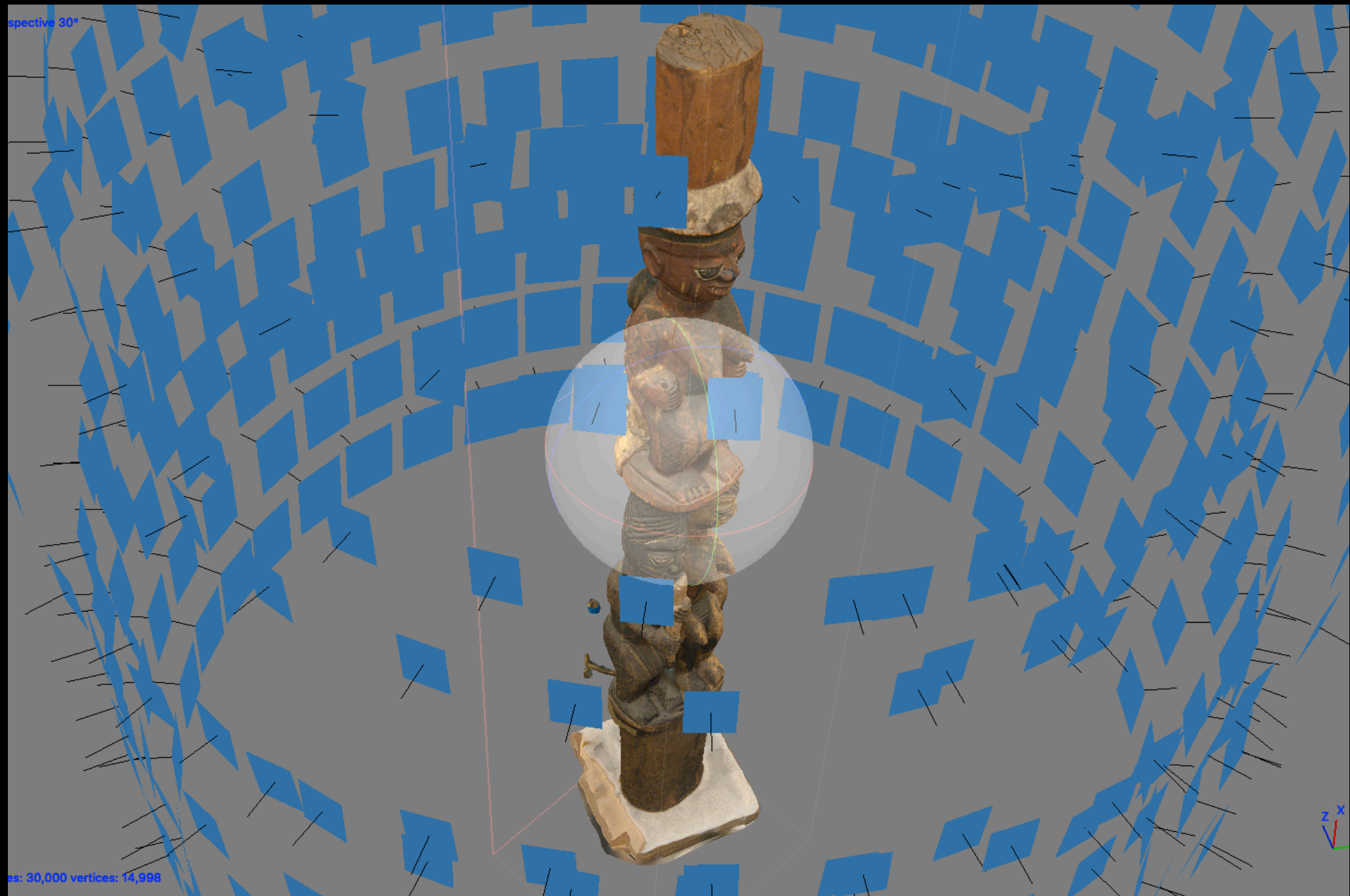
Drones - equipped with LiDAR



Structured light 3D scanner



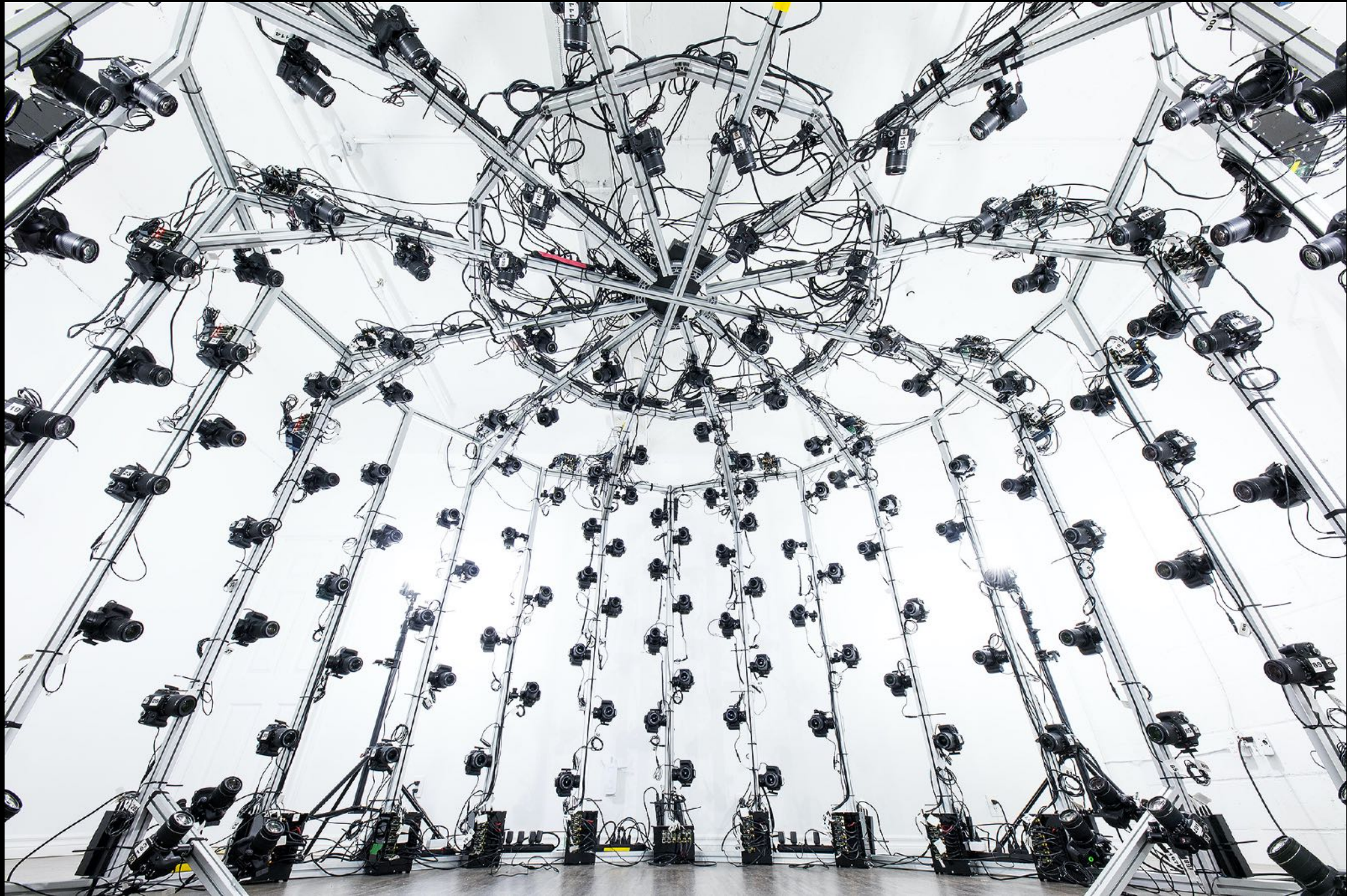
Photogrammetry or structure from motion



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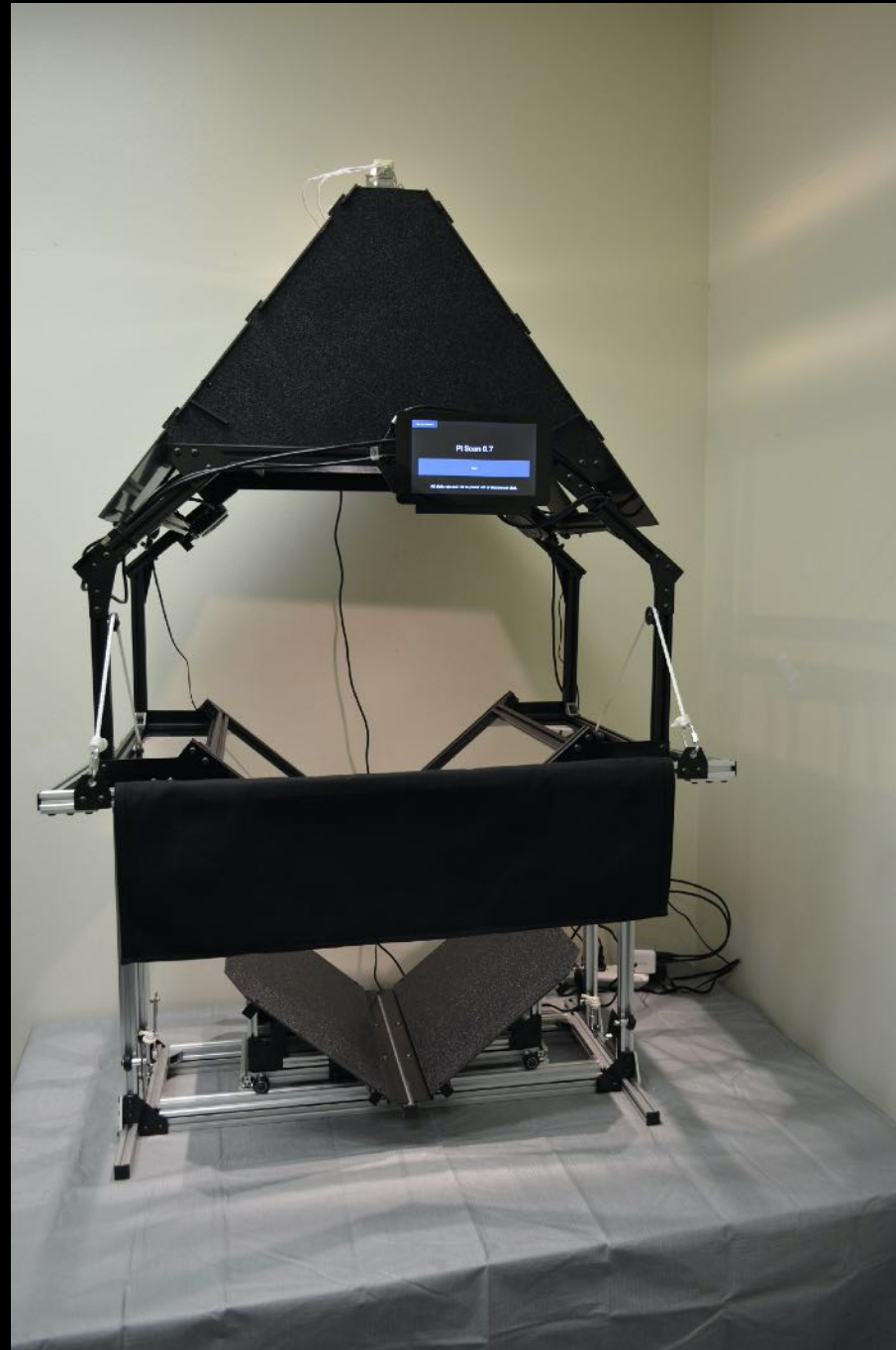
Document scanning



Book scanners

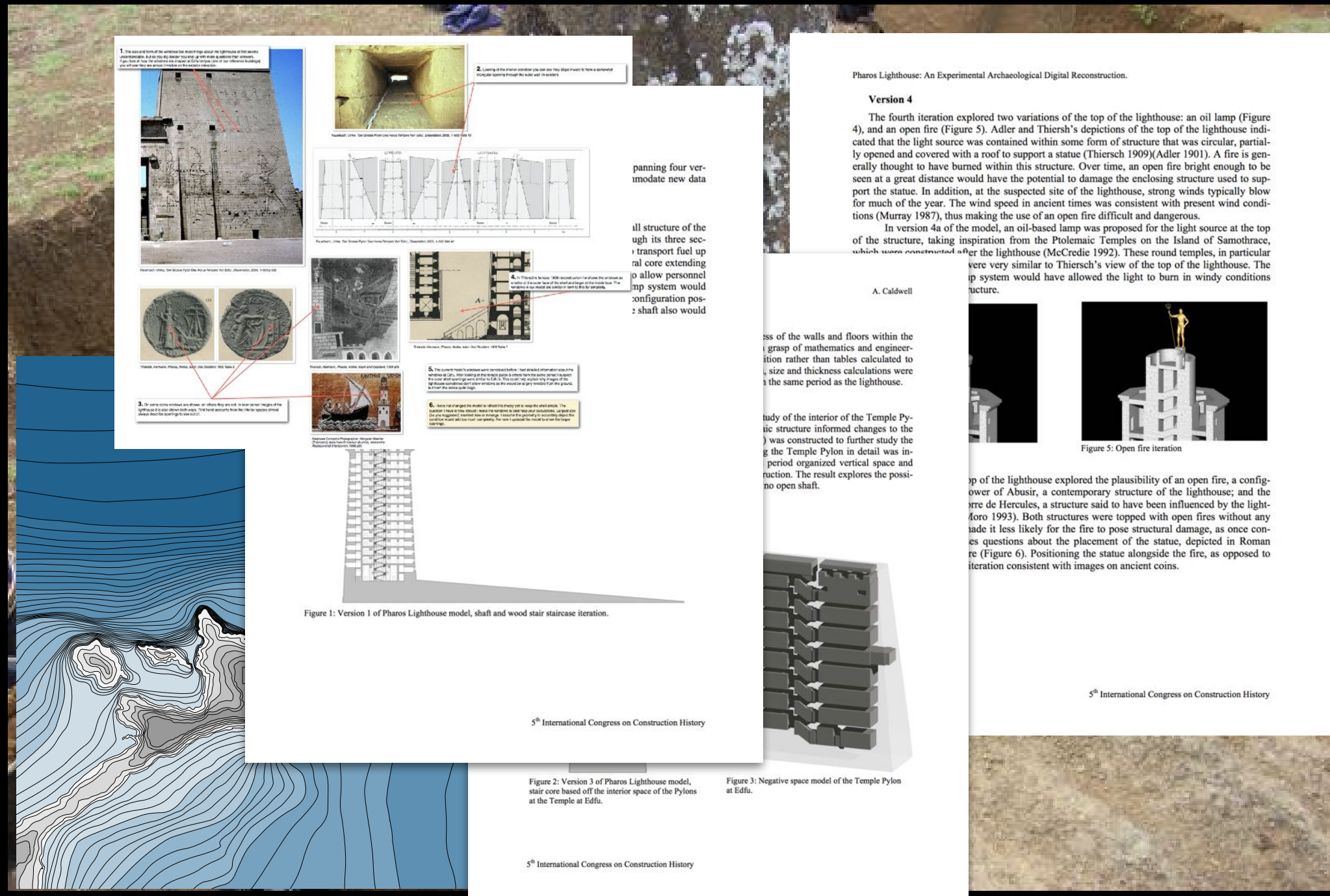


Do-it yourself book scanners

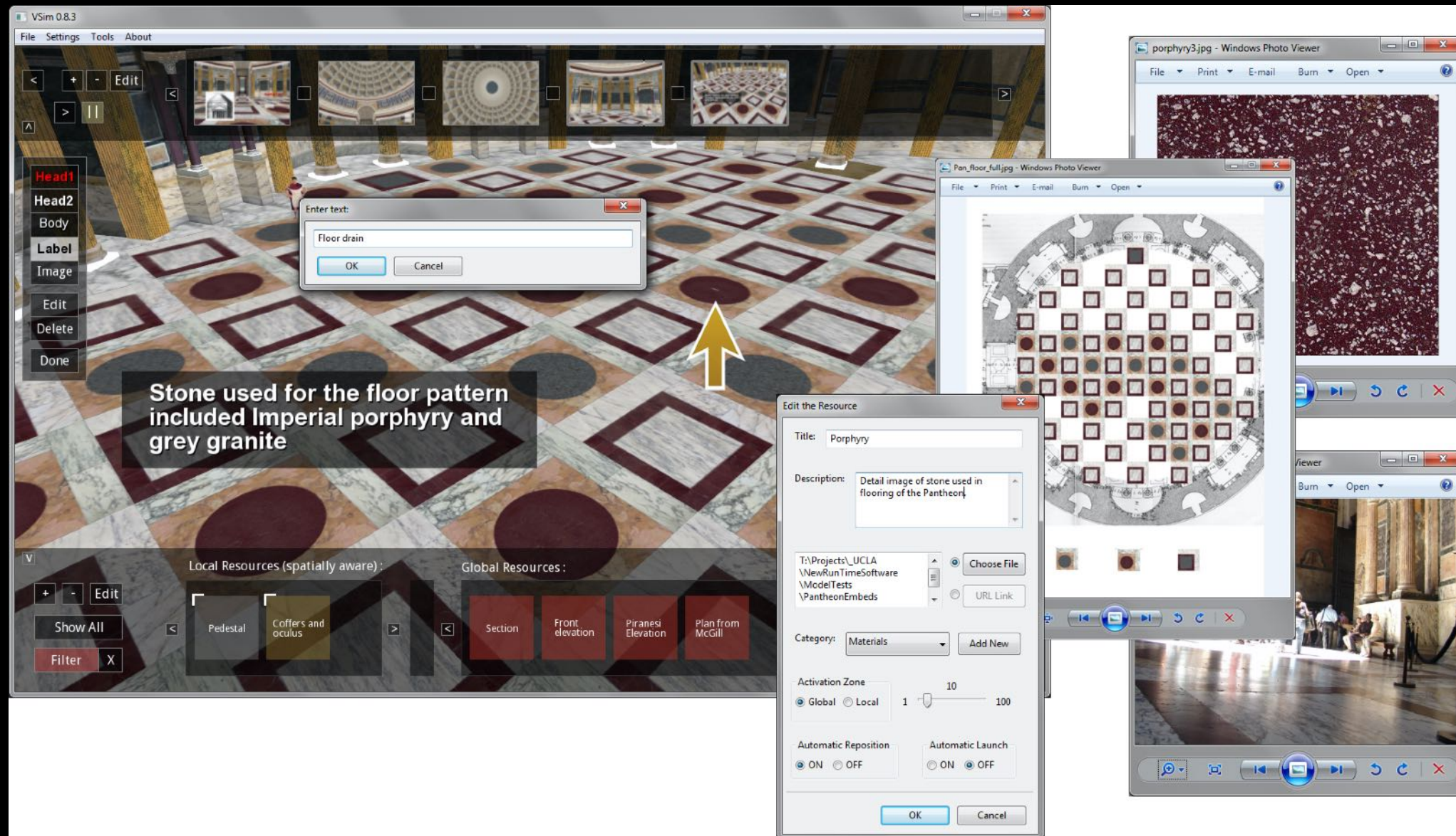


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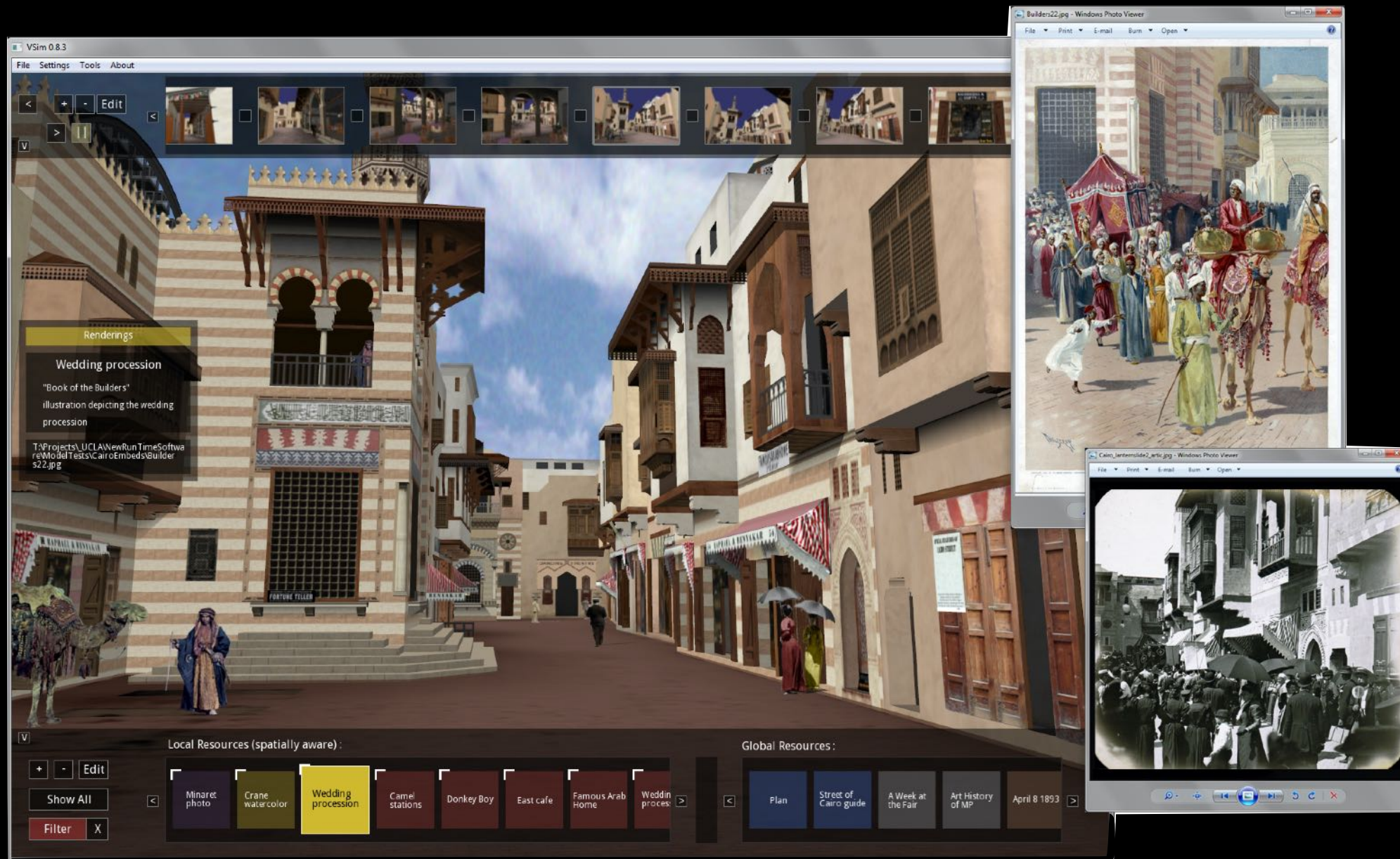
Traditional-Powerpoint presentations, printed drawings and illustrations, published papers



3D Viewers



VSIM



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Nysa: Armature as Operating System

In the early twenty-first century scholars now have the technologies as well as the mindset to explore the Roman urban armature as a tool that is applied to, rather than derived from, ancient remains. To test the efficacy of the approach, this study will examine Nysa in Caria, Turkey. The city is an ideal case study for the proposed



Augustan Rome

The first Roman Emperor, Augustus, allegedly claimed to have transformed Rome from brick to marble. Explorations of this statement have previously examined literary sources, archaeological evidence, and two-dimensional maps. A team from UCLA is reverse engineering the ancient capital using an integrated software platform for procedural modeling to evaluate the

Cultural heritage modeling in practice



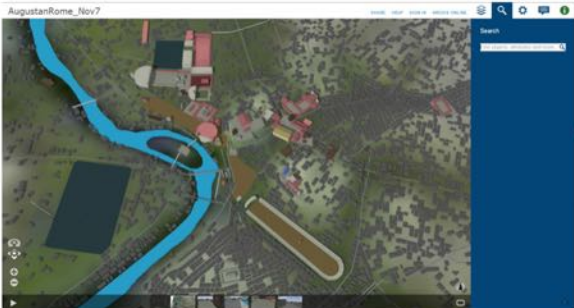
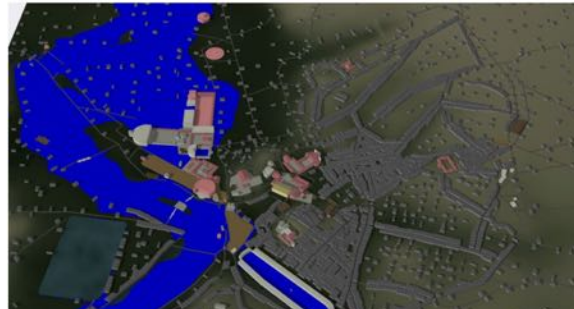


Examples from UCLA

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Brick into Marble: The Augustan Rome Project

Status: Active

Dates: 2013 – present

Website: [The most recent version of the project can be viewed here](#)

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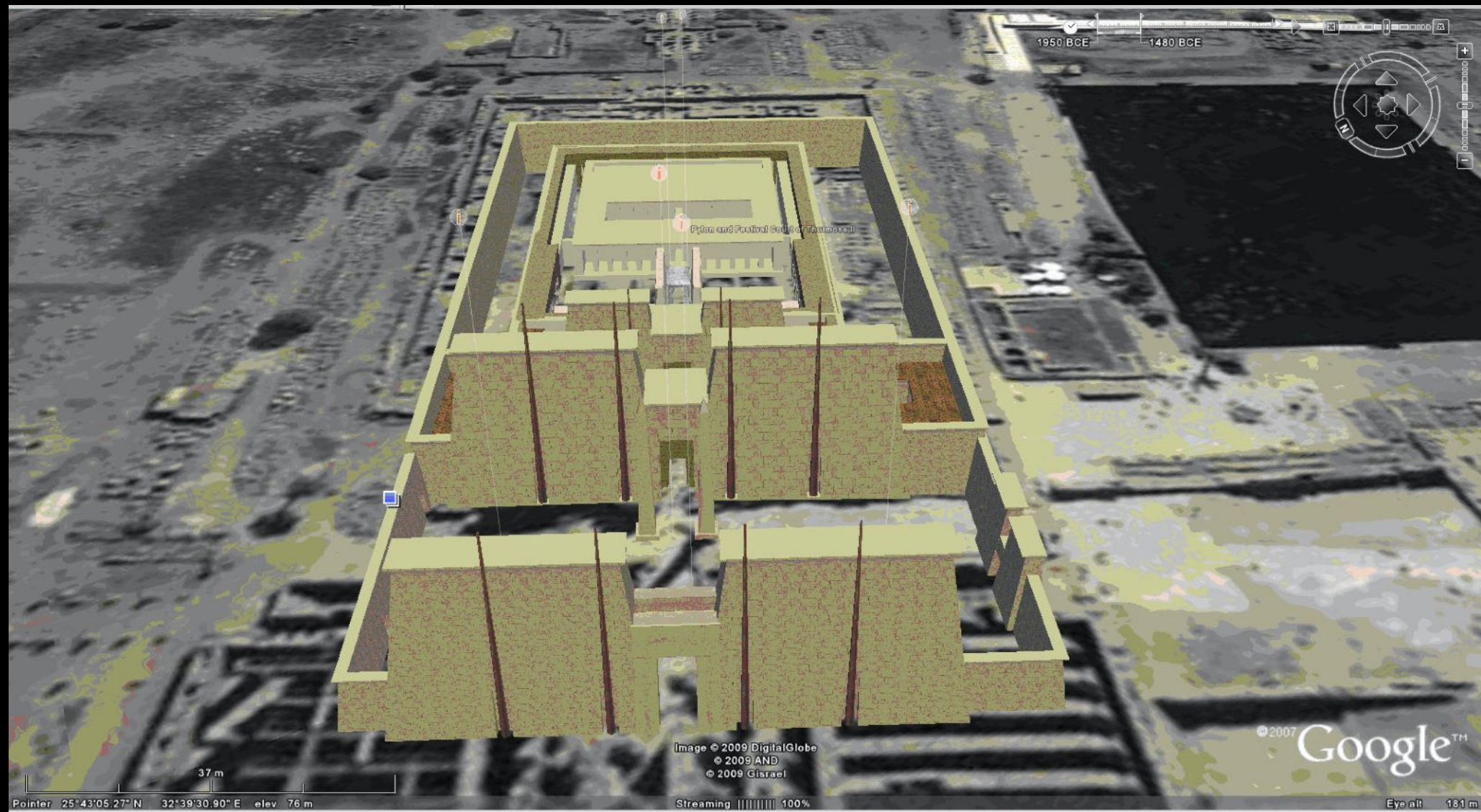


Digital Karnak



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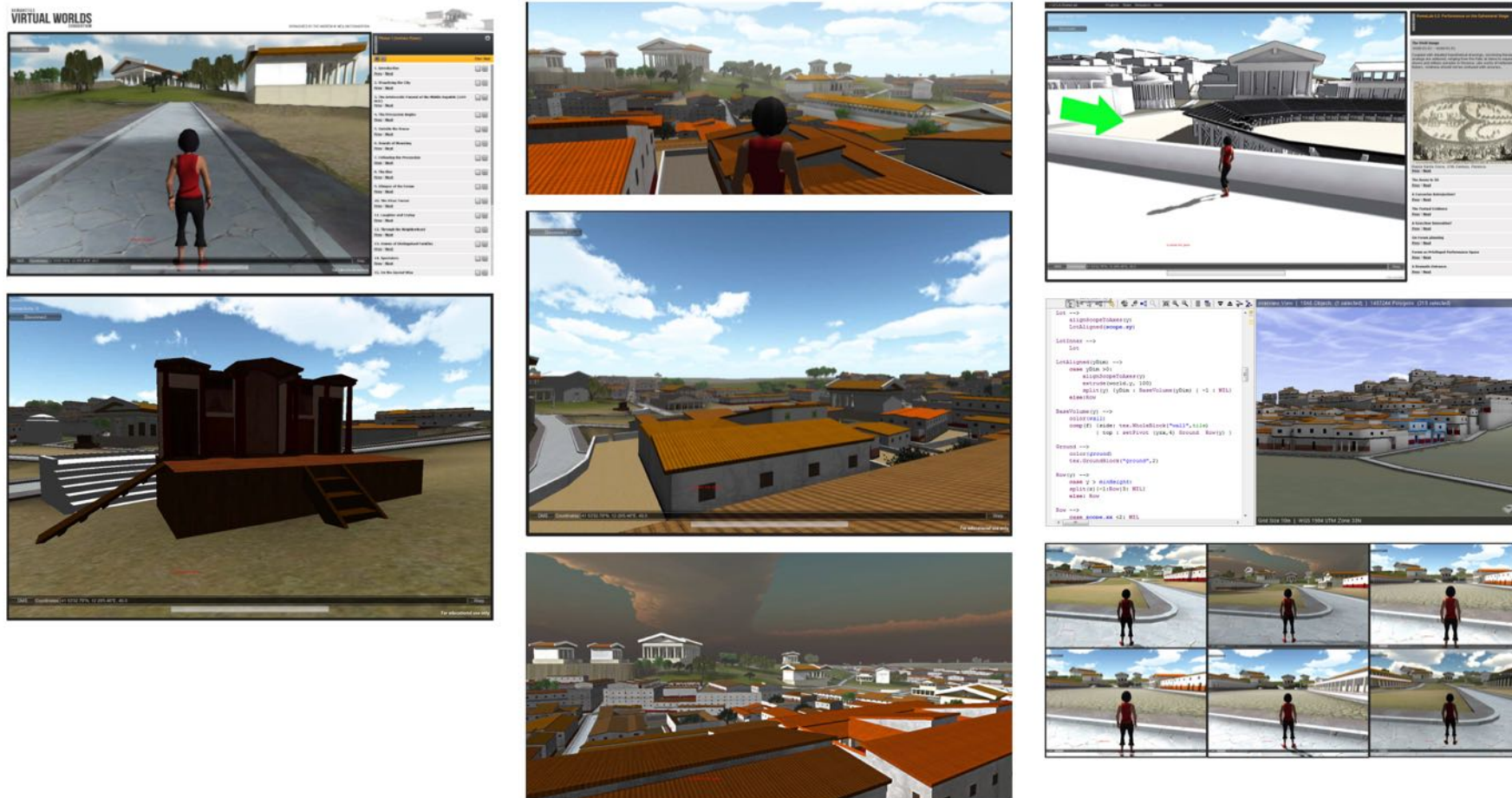


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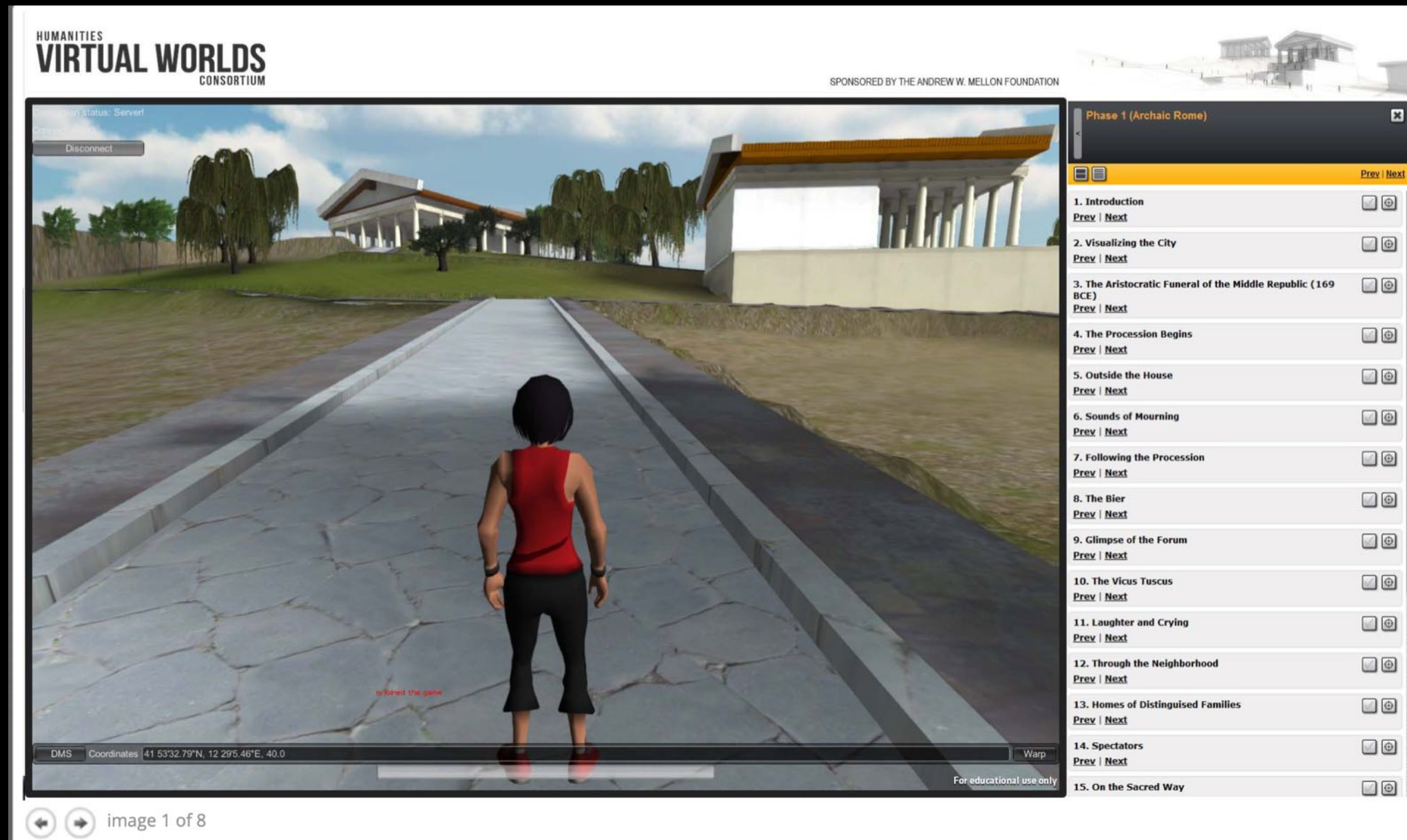
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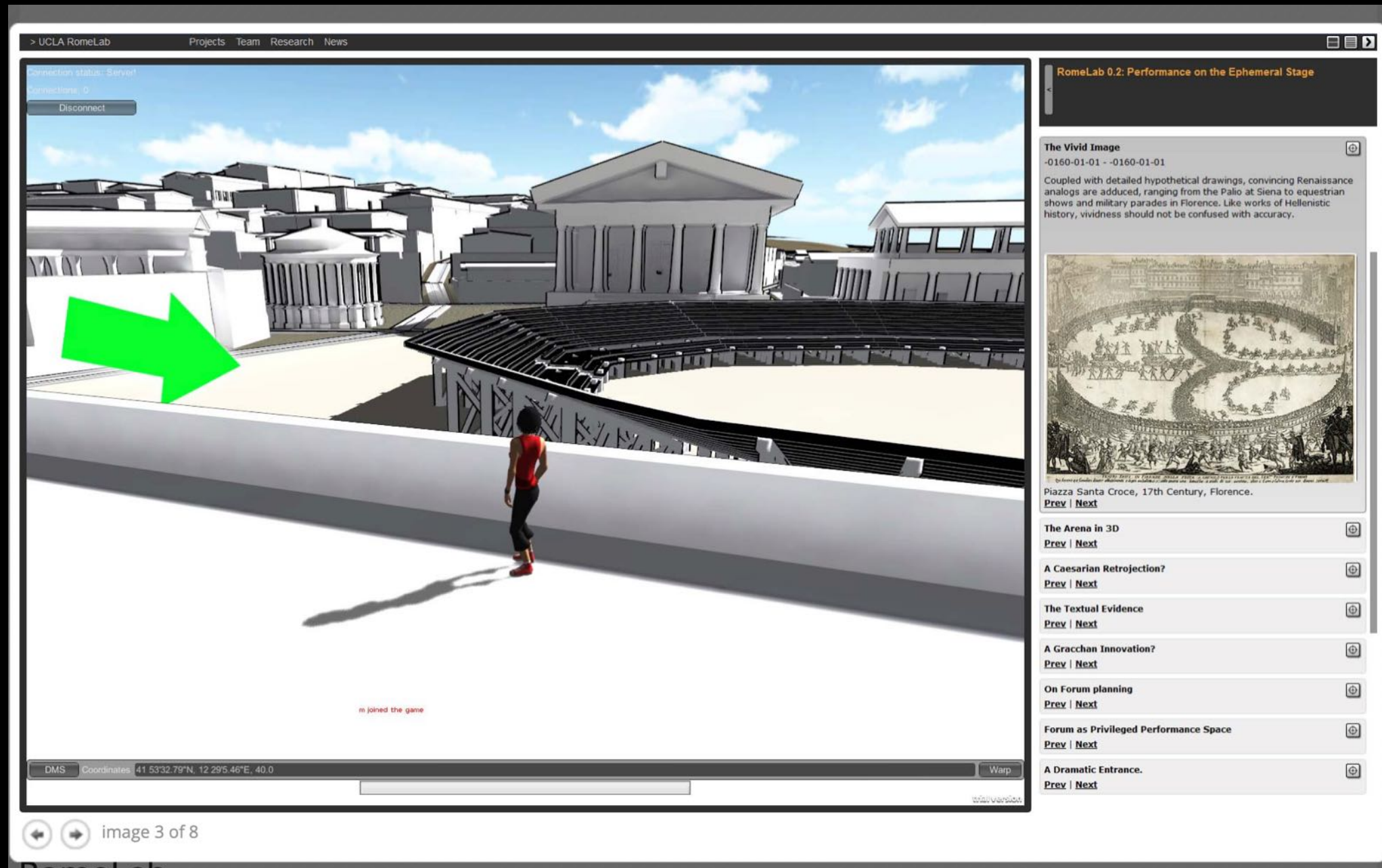
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Team: Assistant Professor Chris Johanson, Doctoral candidate Marie Saldaña

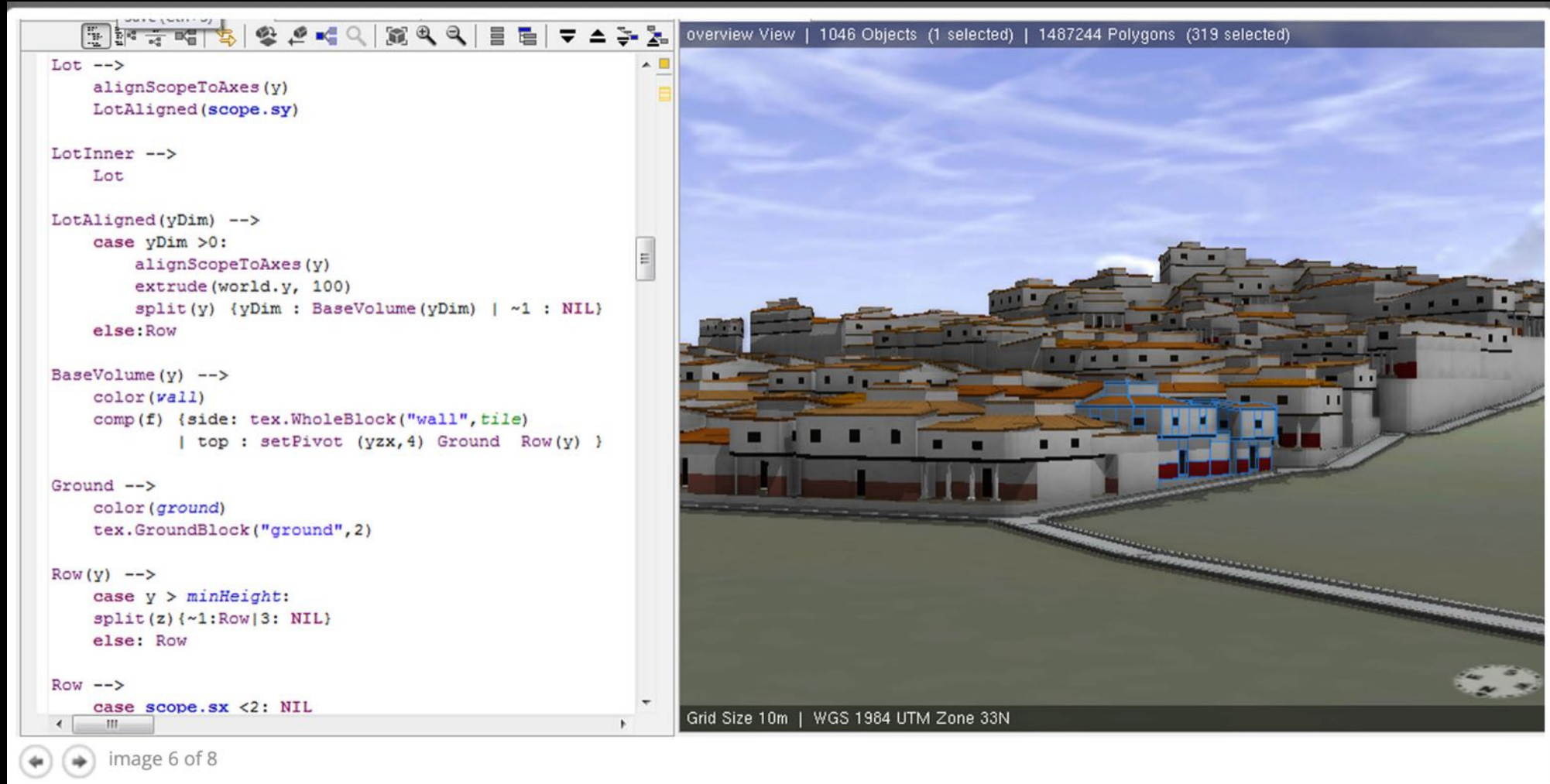
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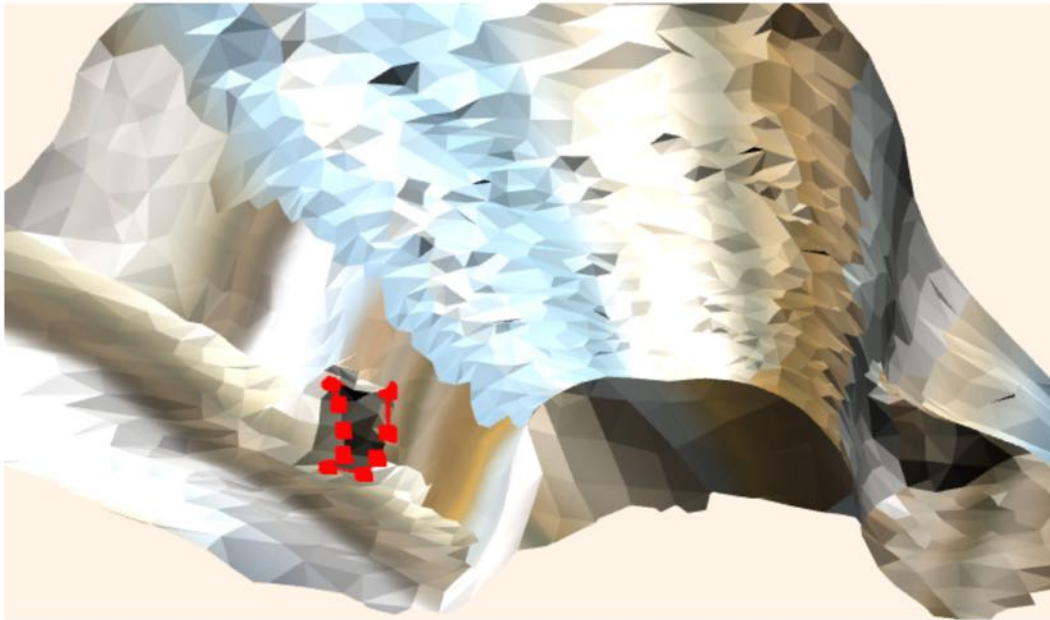
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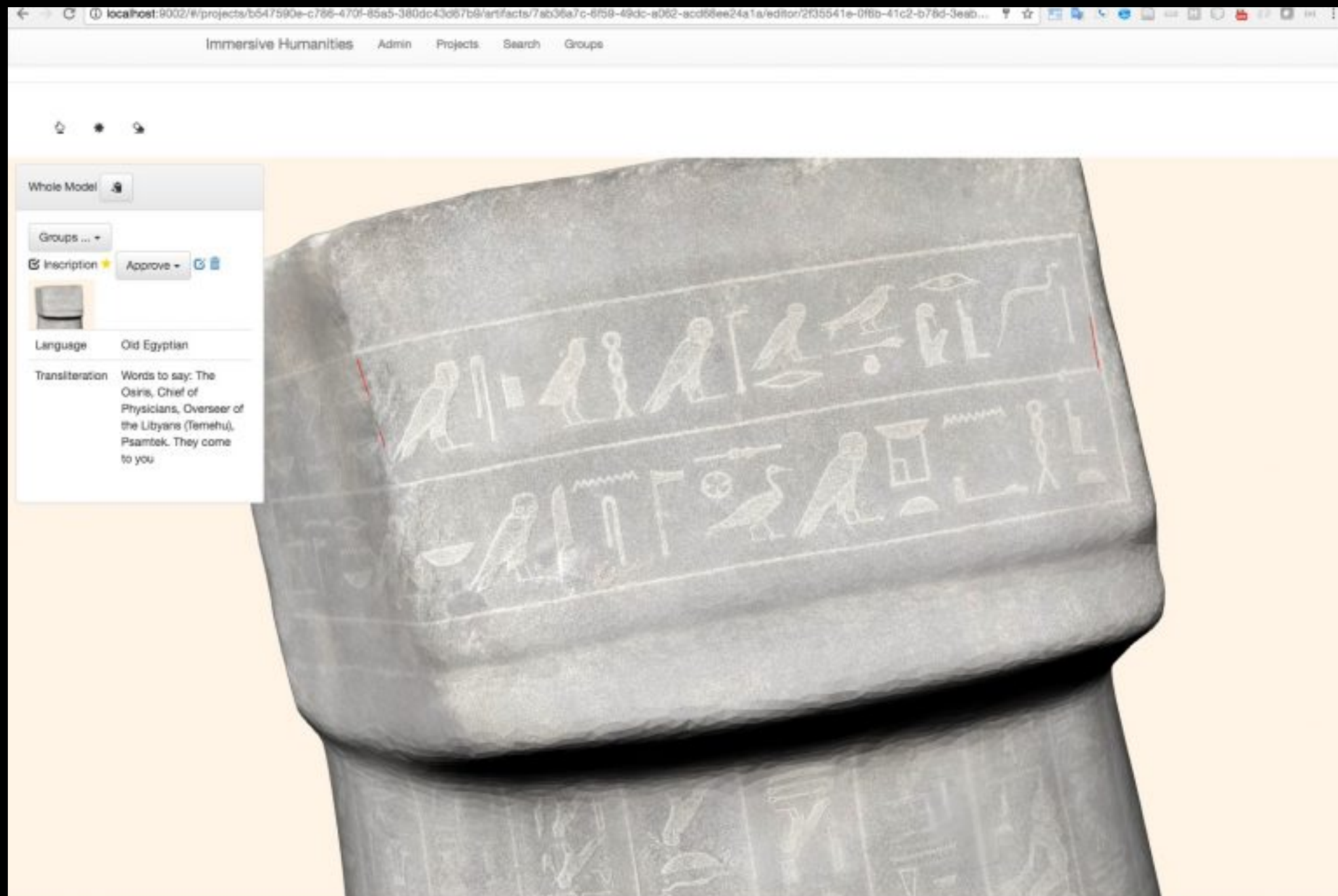




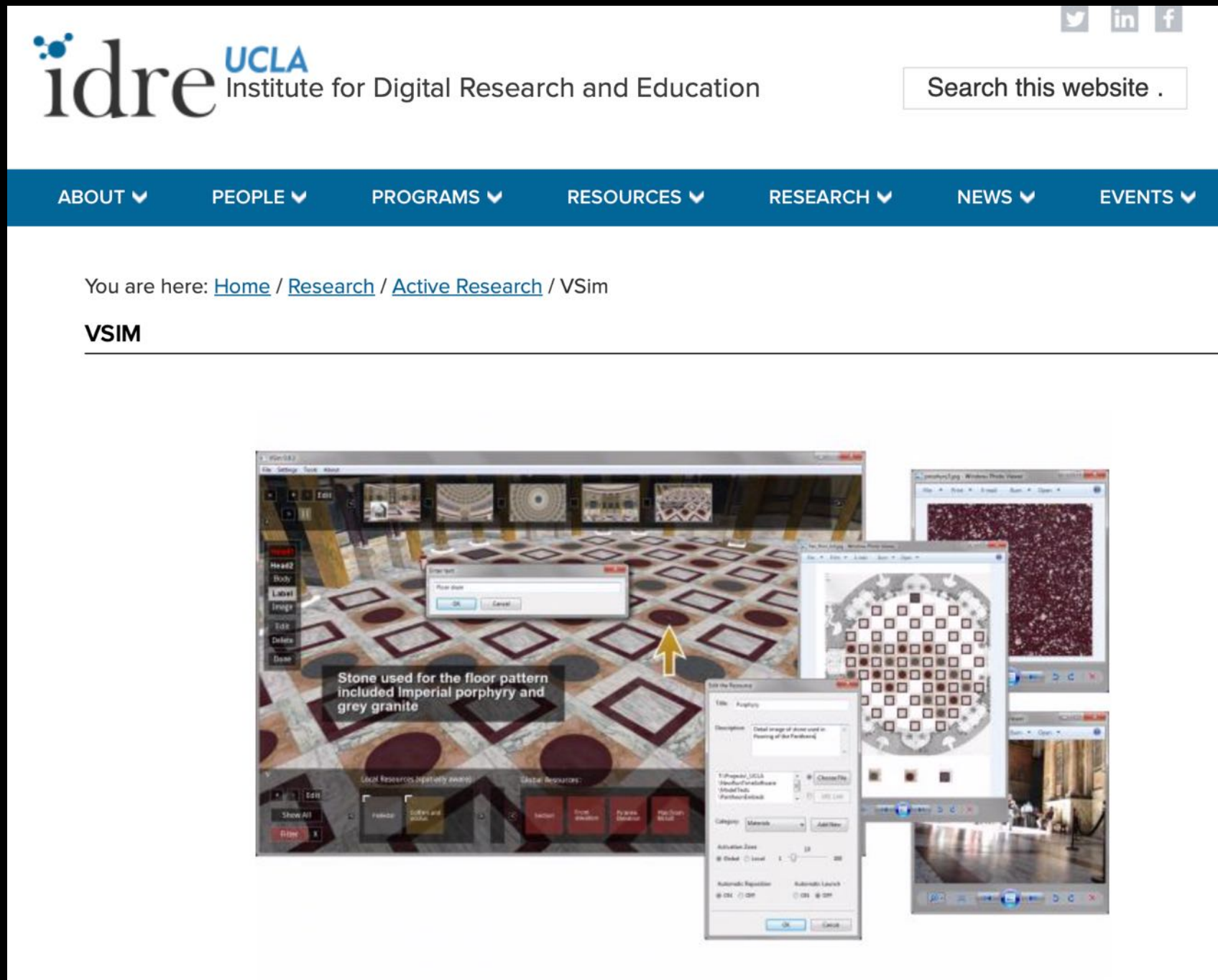
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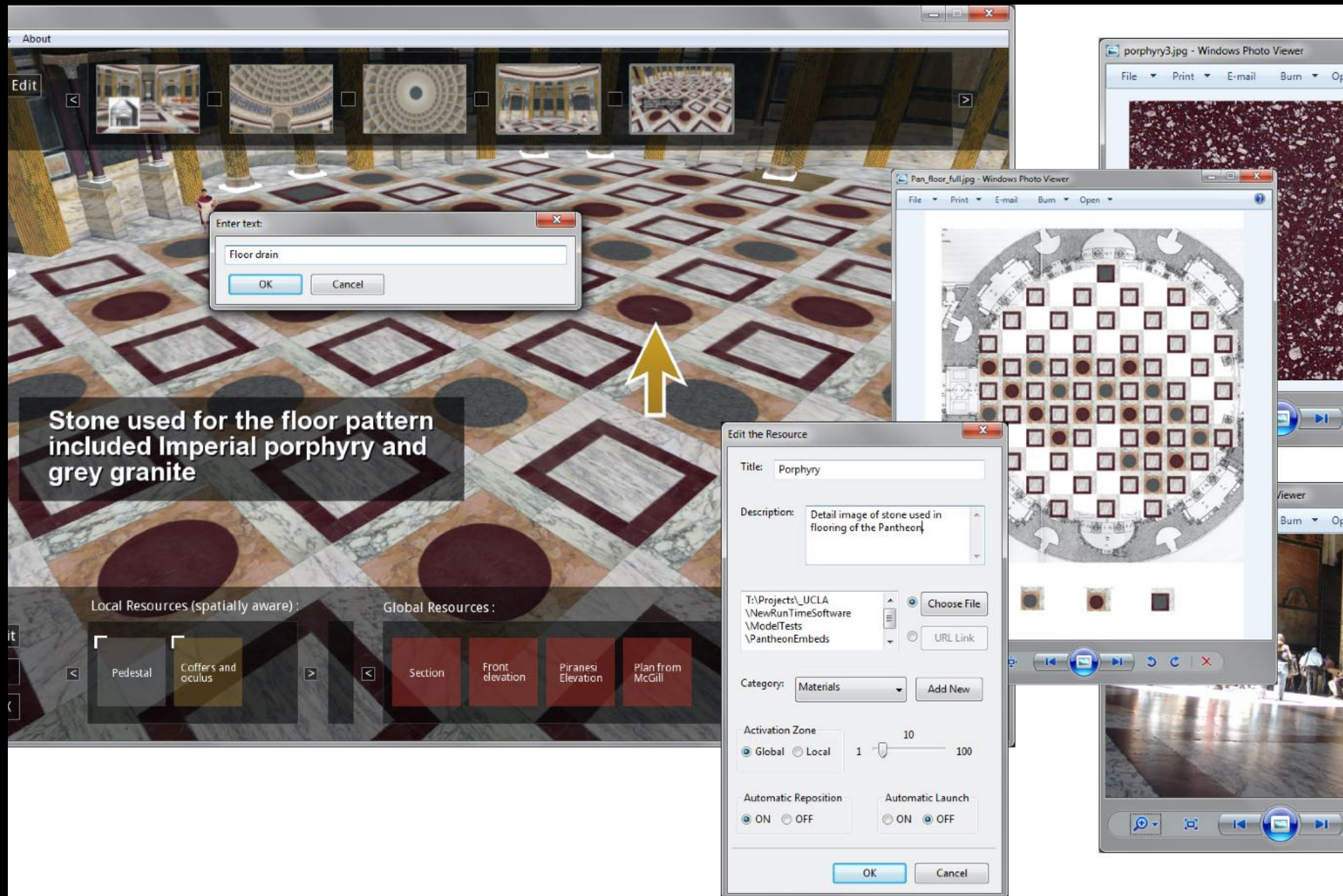


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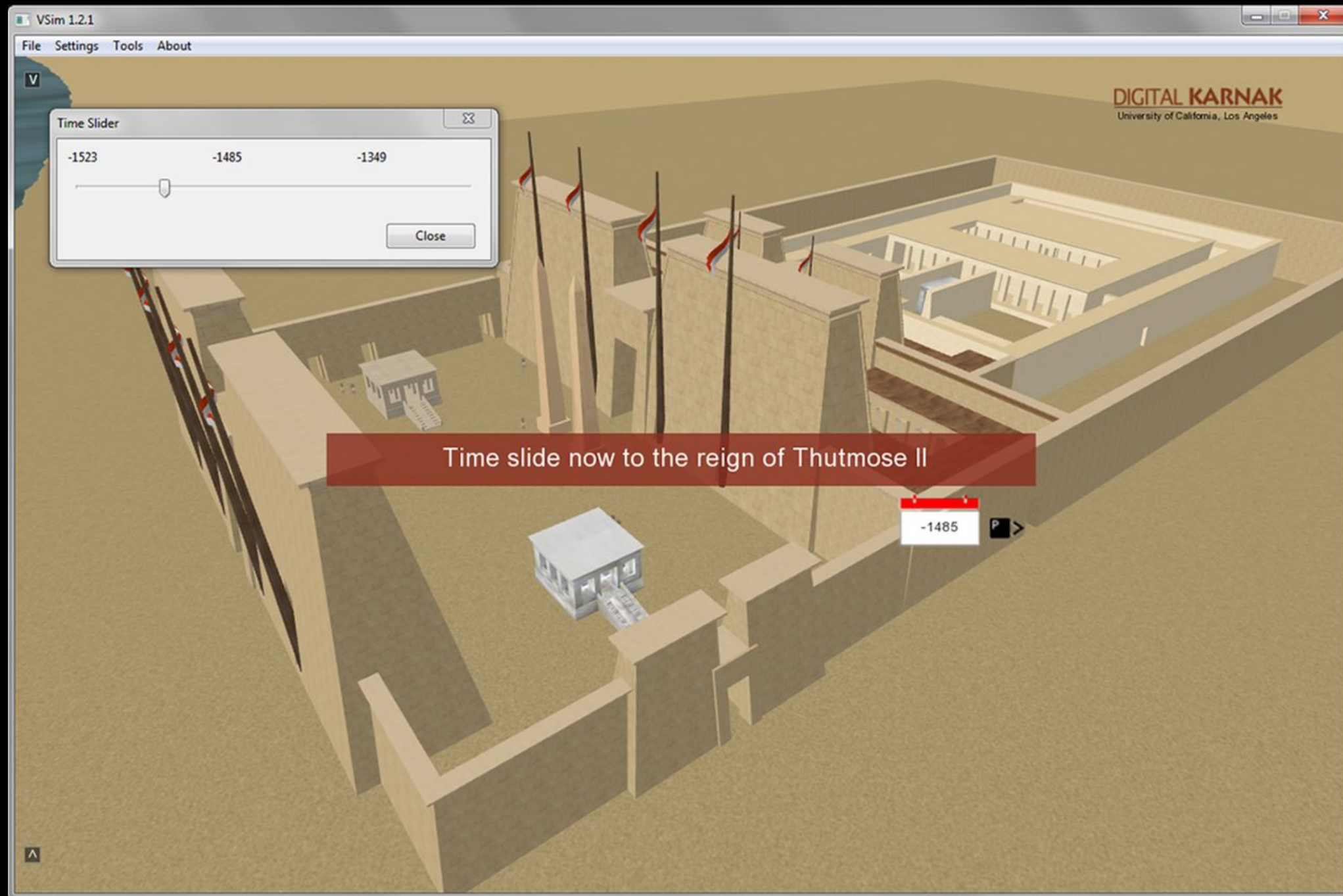


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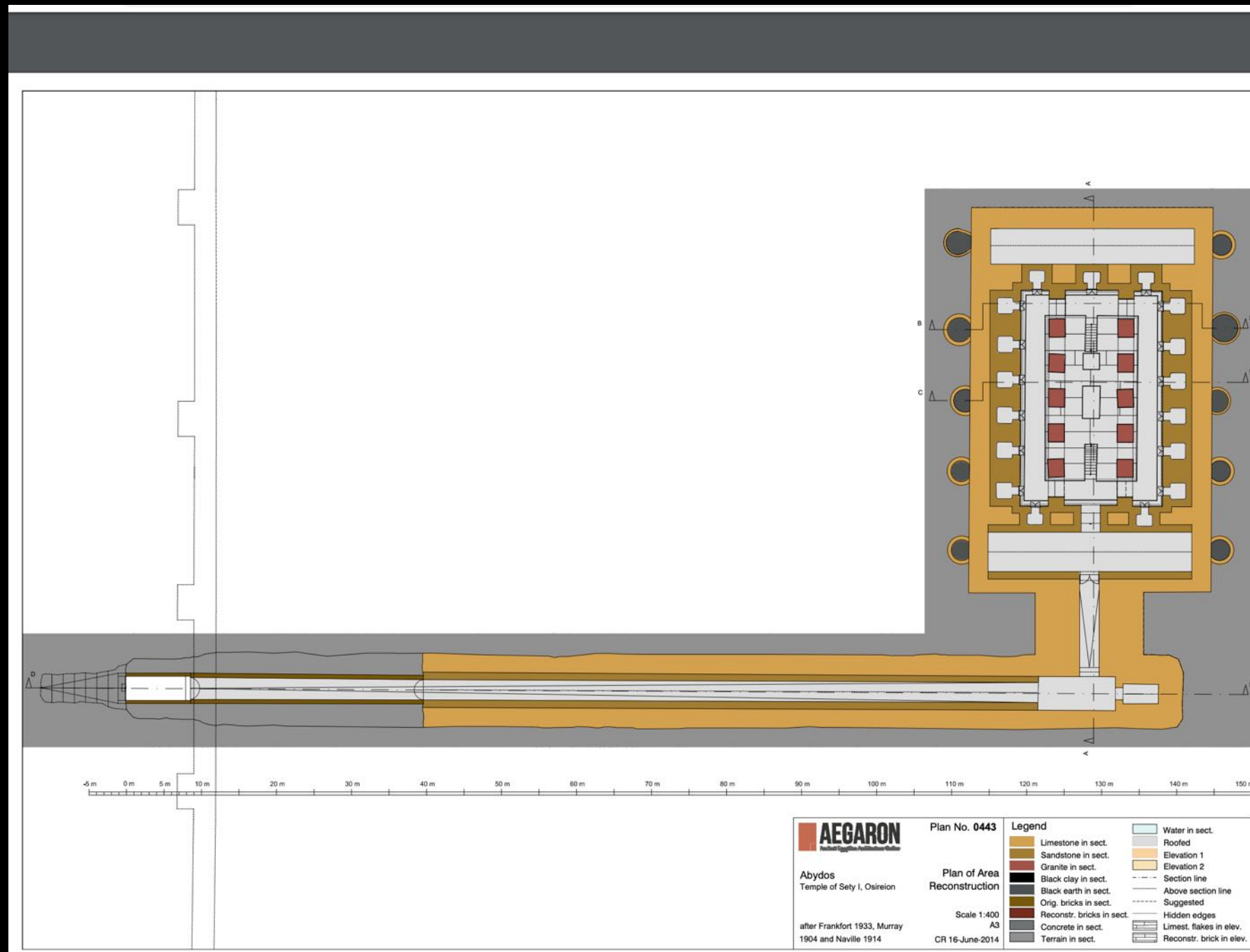


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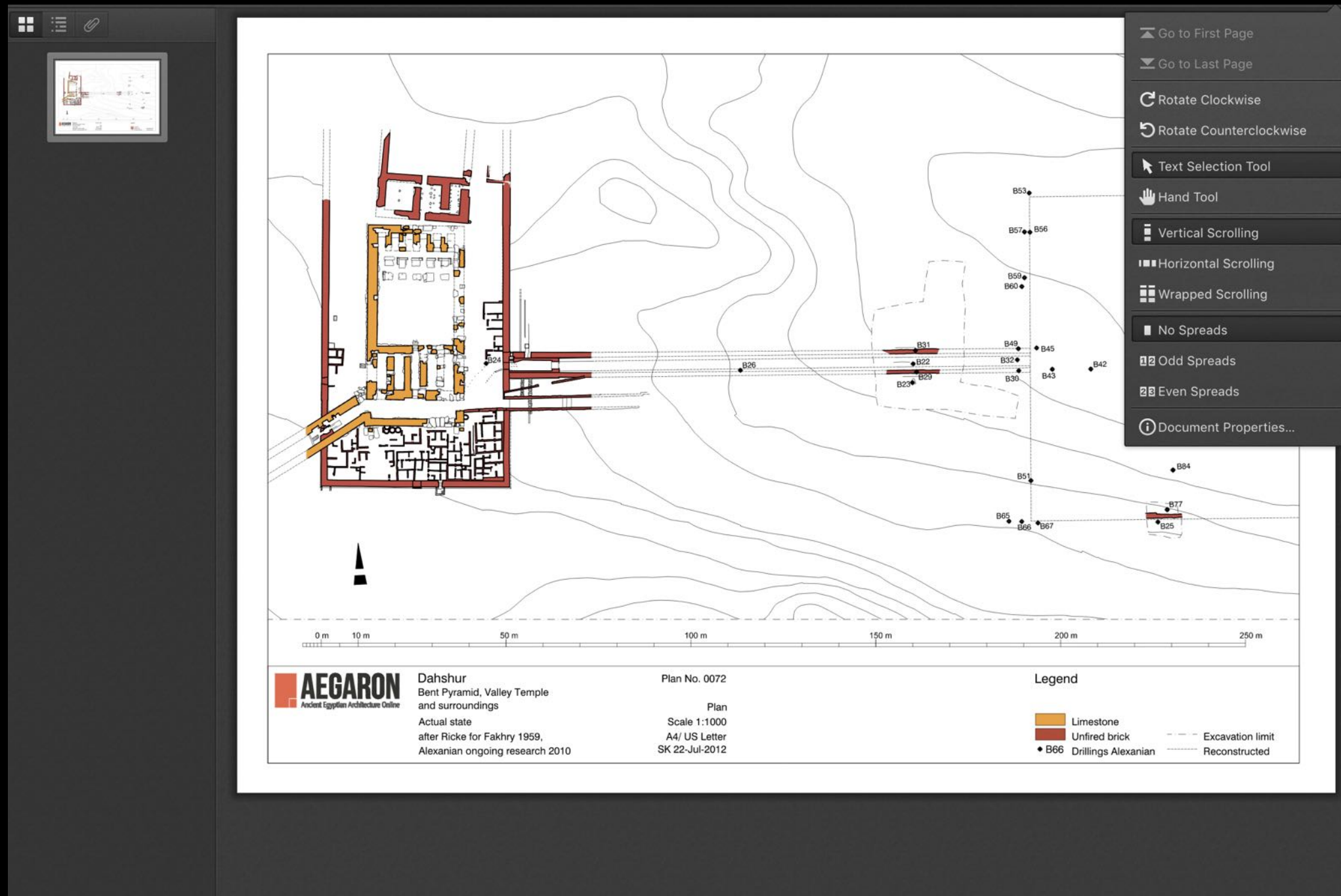


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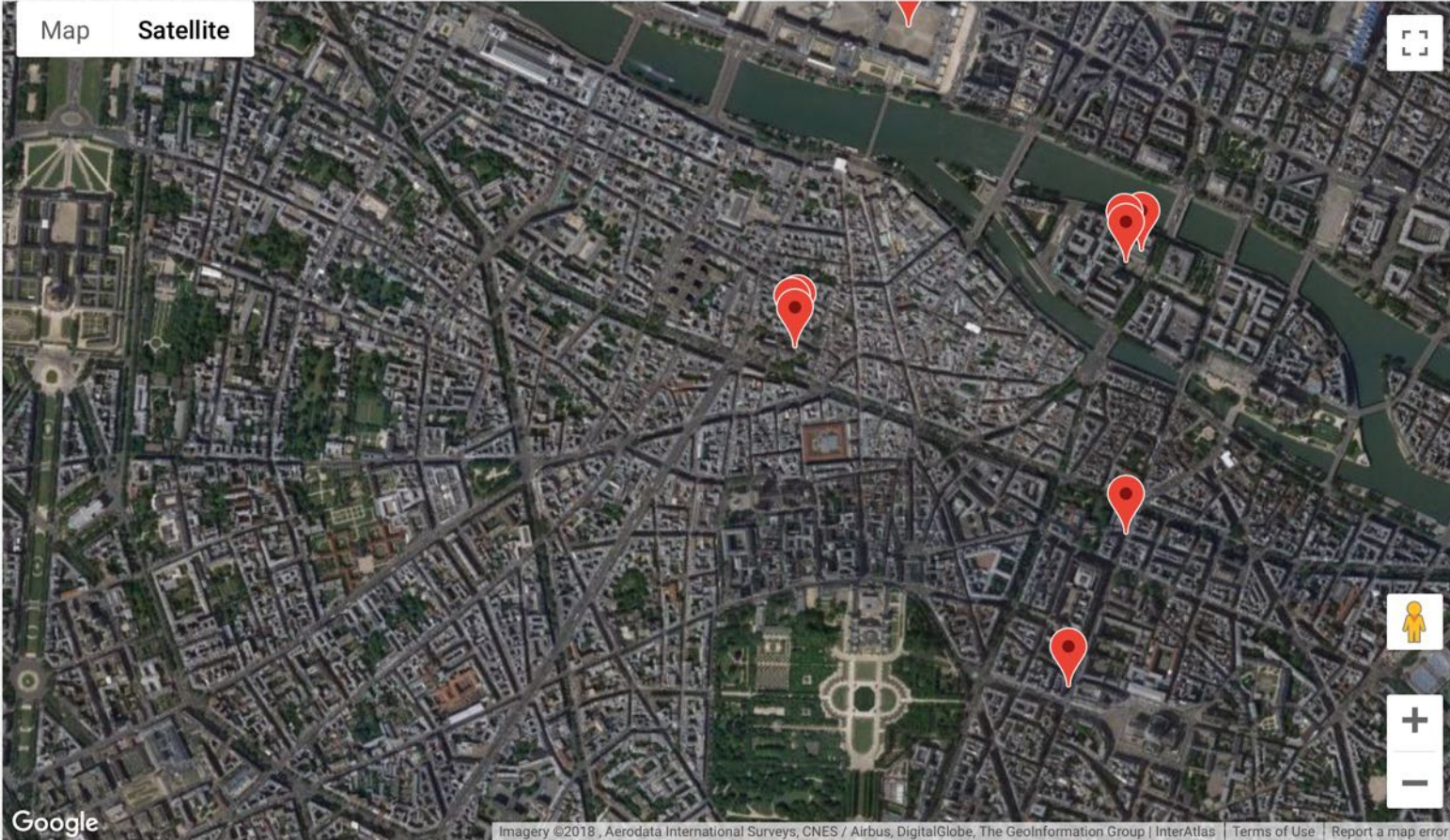


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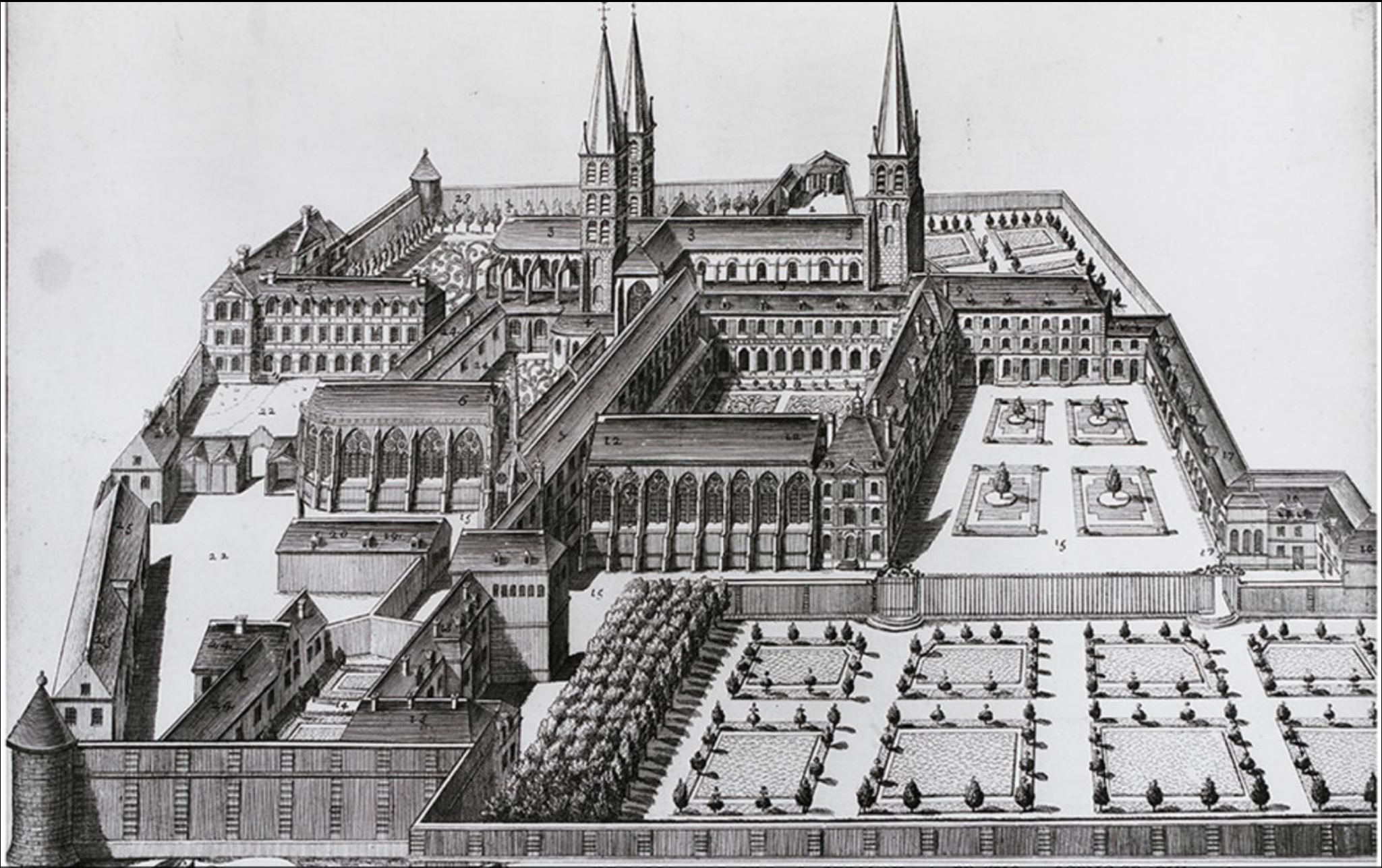
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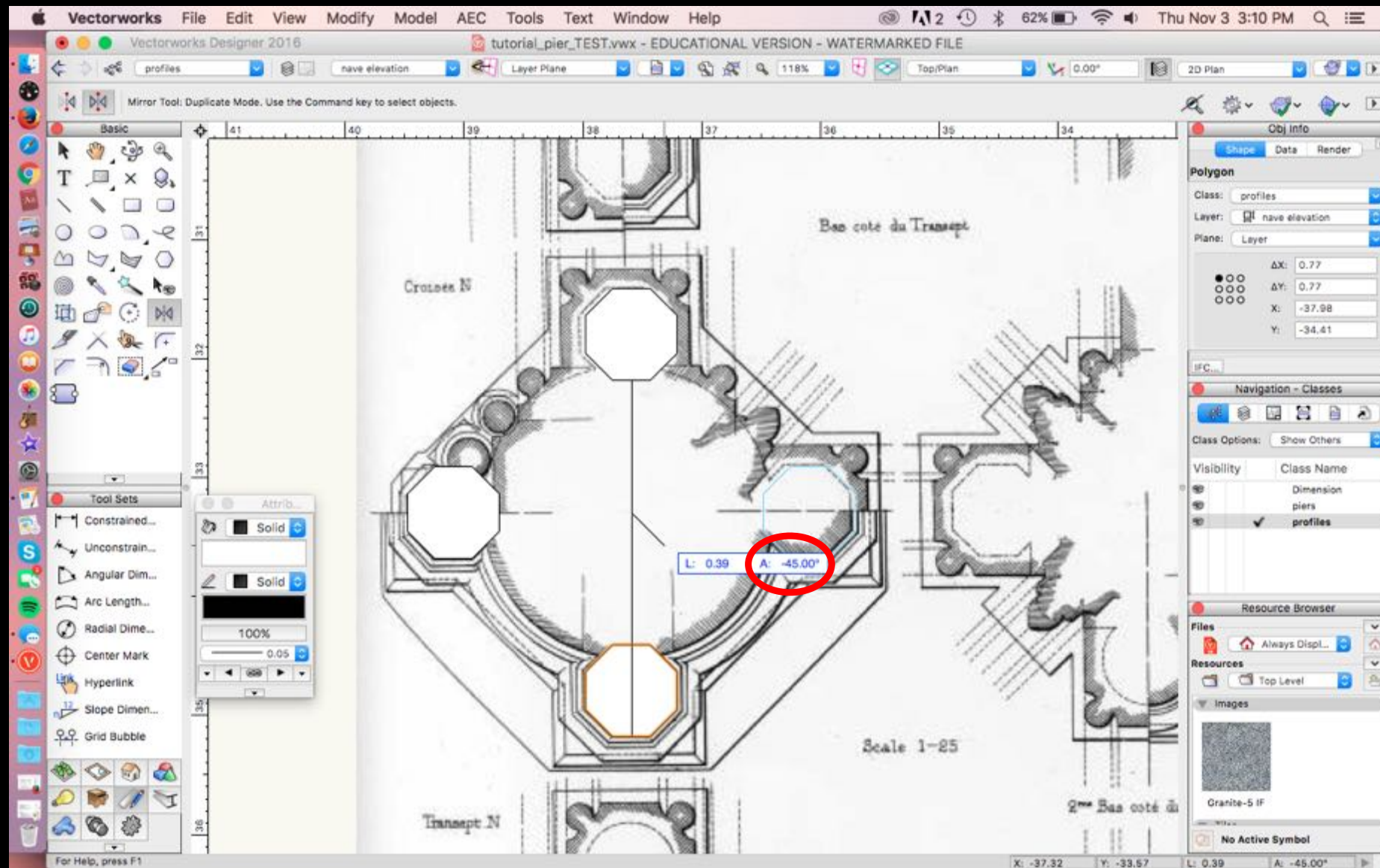
Lady Chapel Reconstructed dado arcade in Square Laurent Prache, Paris

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Boullart image of Saint-Germain des Pres monastic complex

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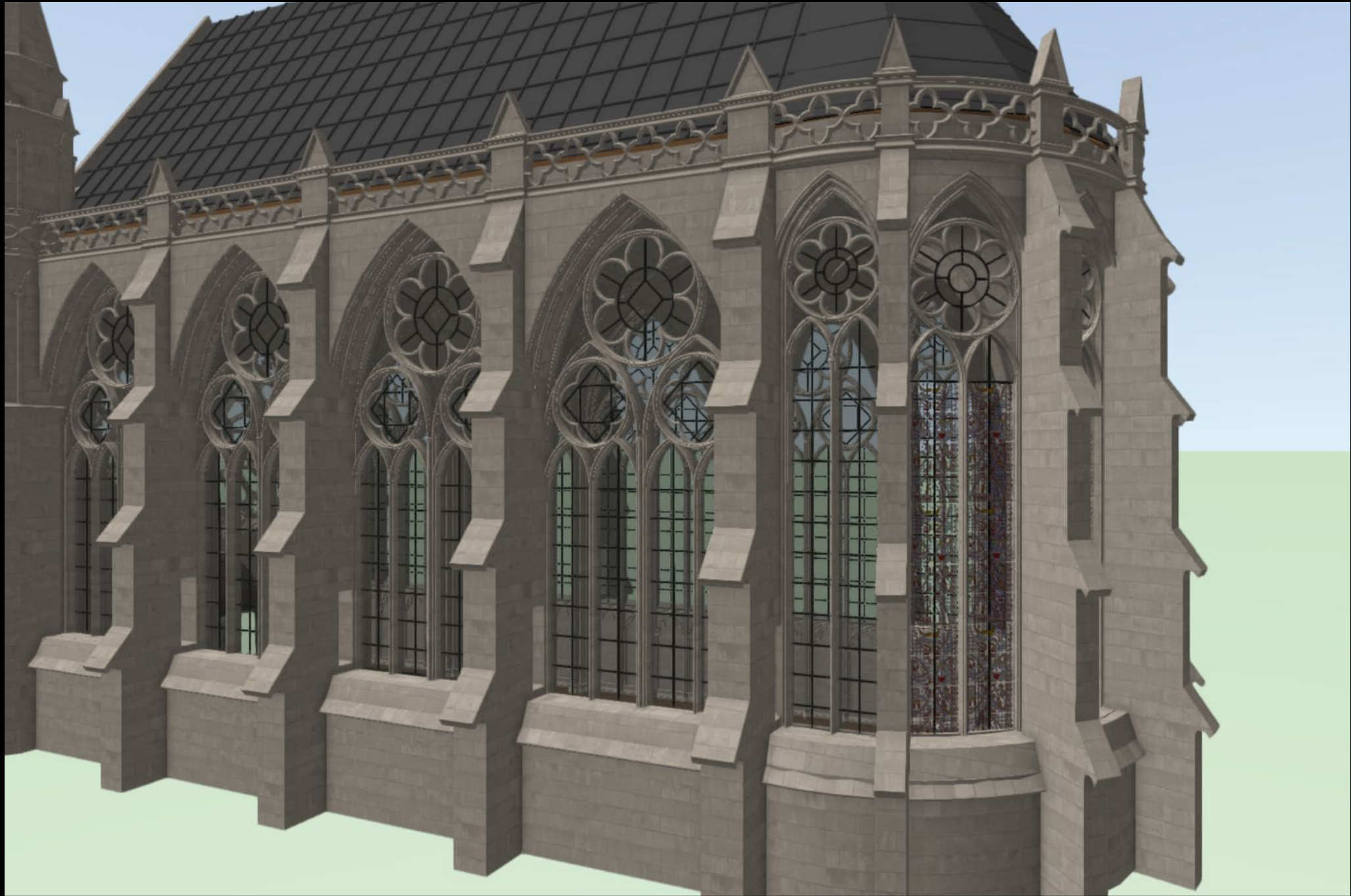
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Lady Chapel interior

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Lady Chapel exterior

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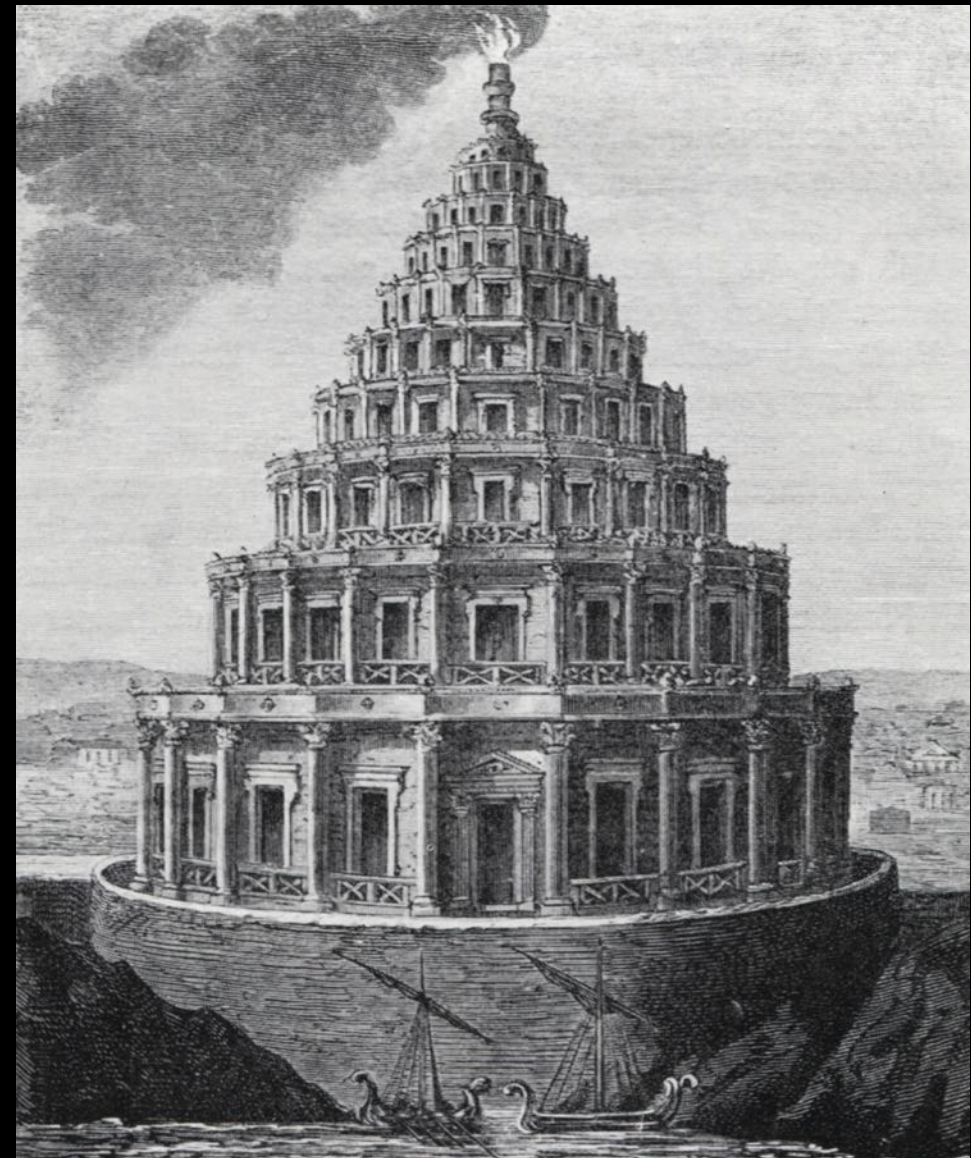
Portal for the Lady Chapel now installed at the Musée de Cluny

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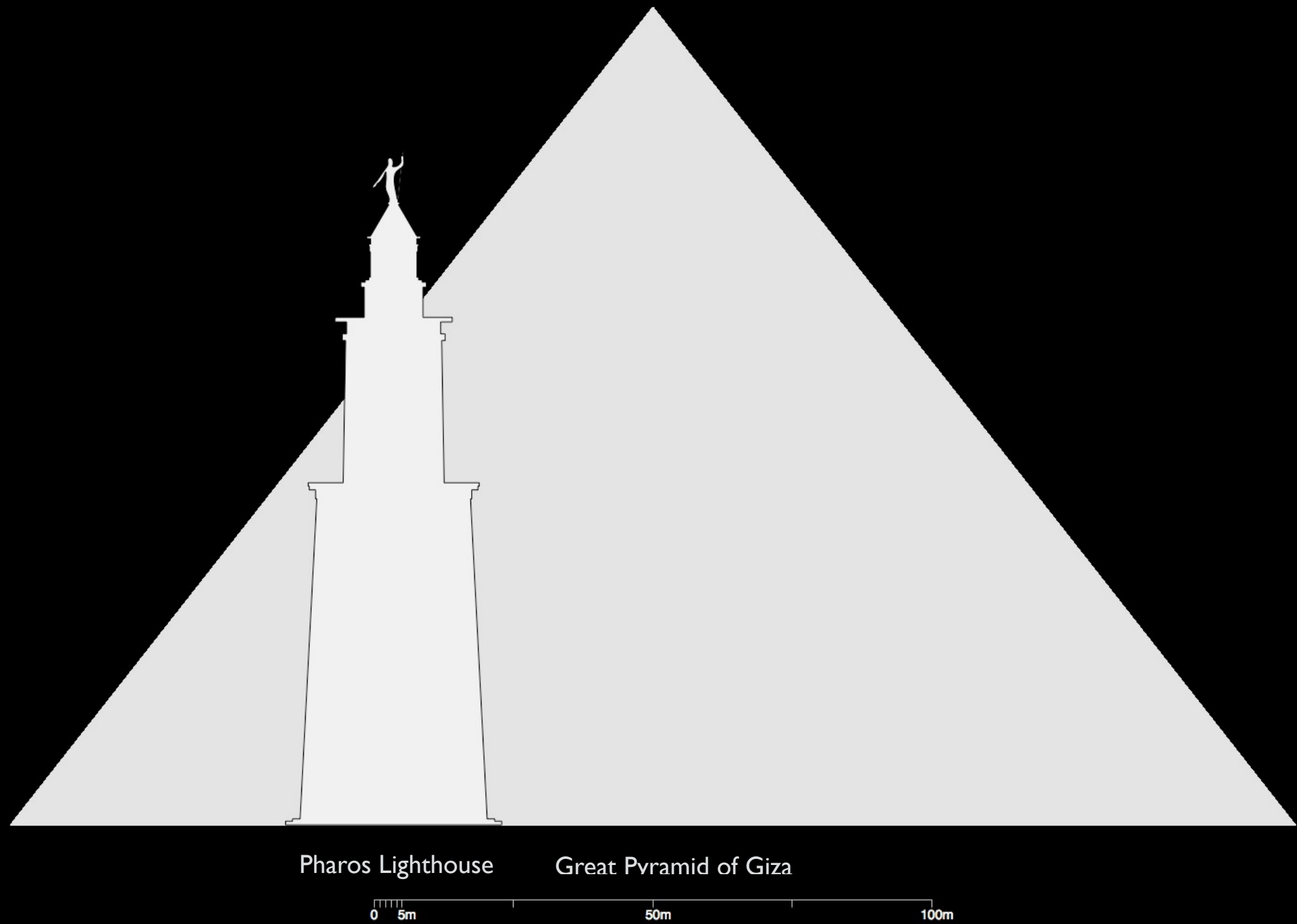
Fragment inserted into model

Reconstruction of the
Pharos Lighthouse
of Alexandria



Team: Professor Diane Favro, Associate Professor Ertugrul Taciroglu, Anthony Caldwell

Pharos Lighthouse



Pharos Lighthouse



Timeline of observers

Pharos Lighthouse

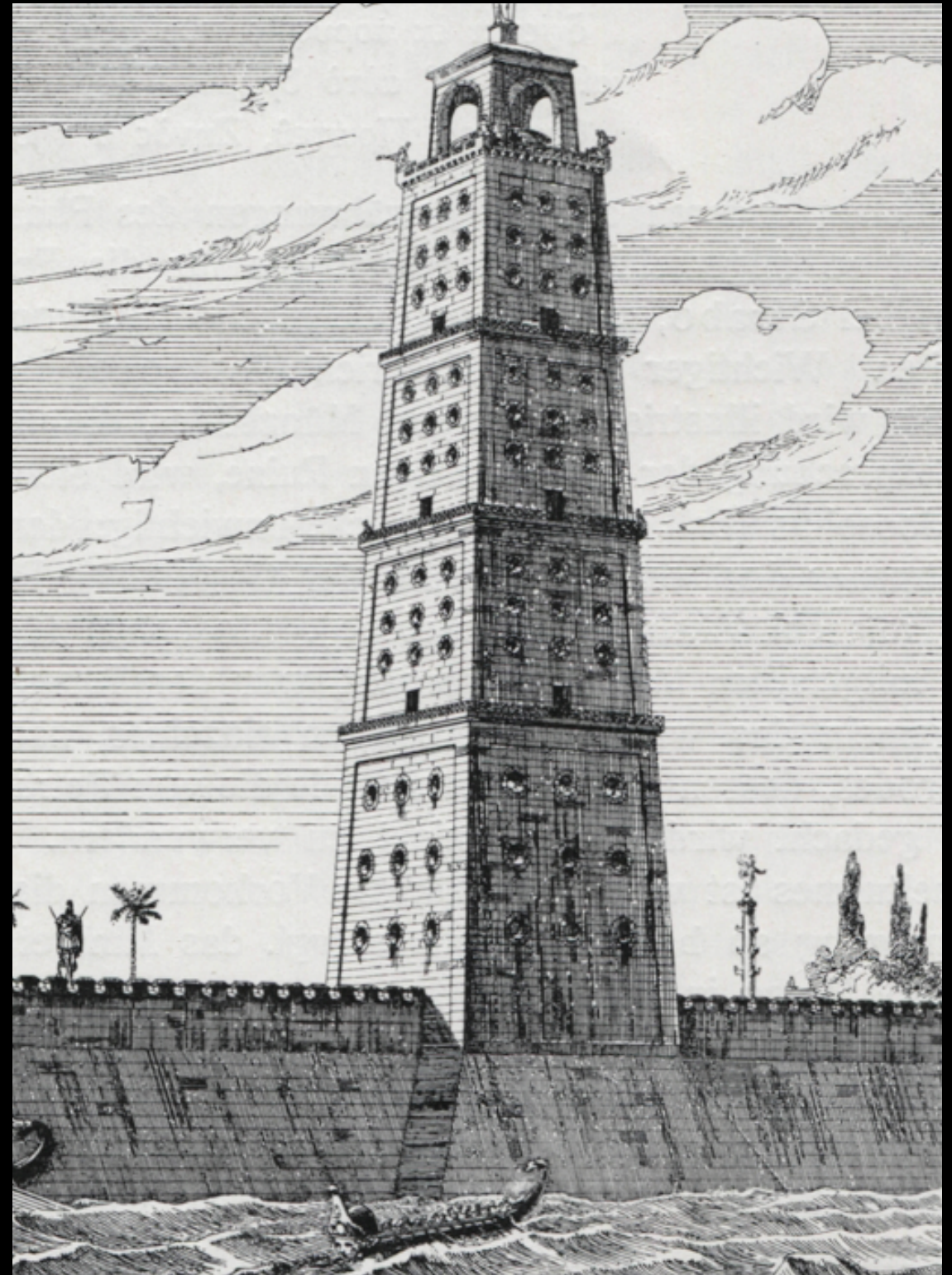
Architectural program:

Basic assumptions:

The lighthouse existed.

There was a light on top.

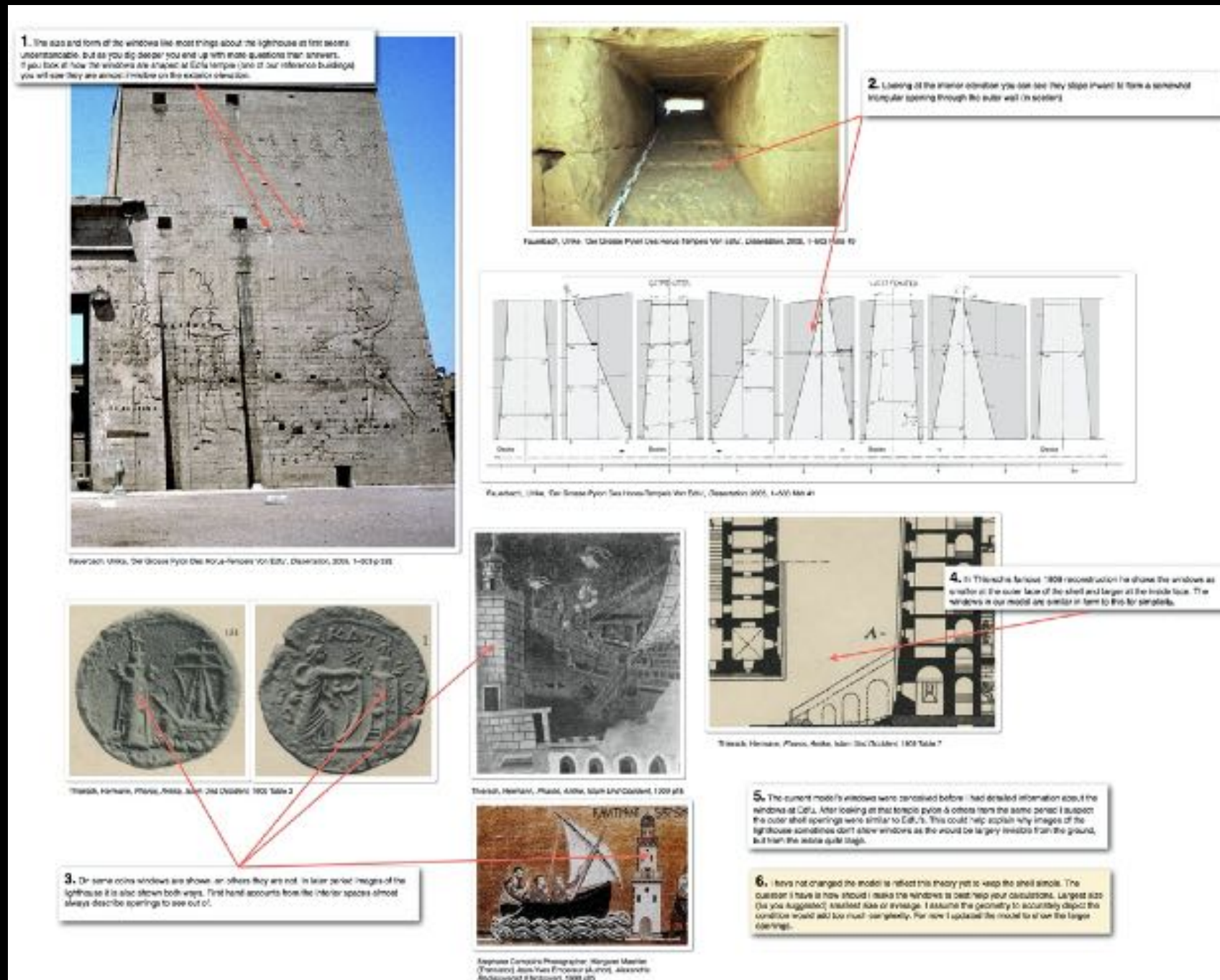
The lighthouse was located in one of the two harbors at Alexandria.



Visual board of the site

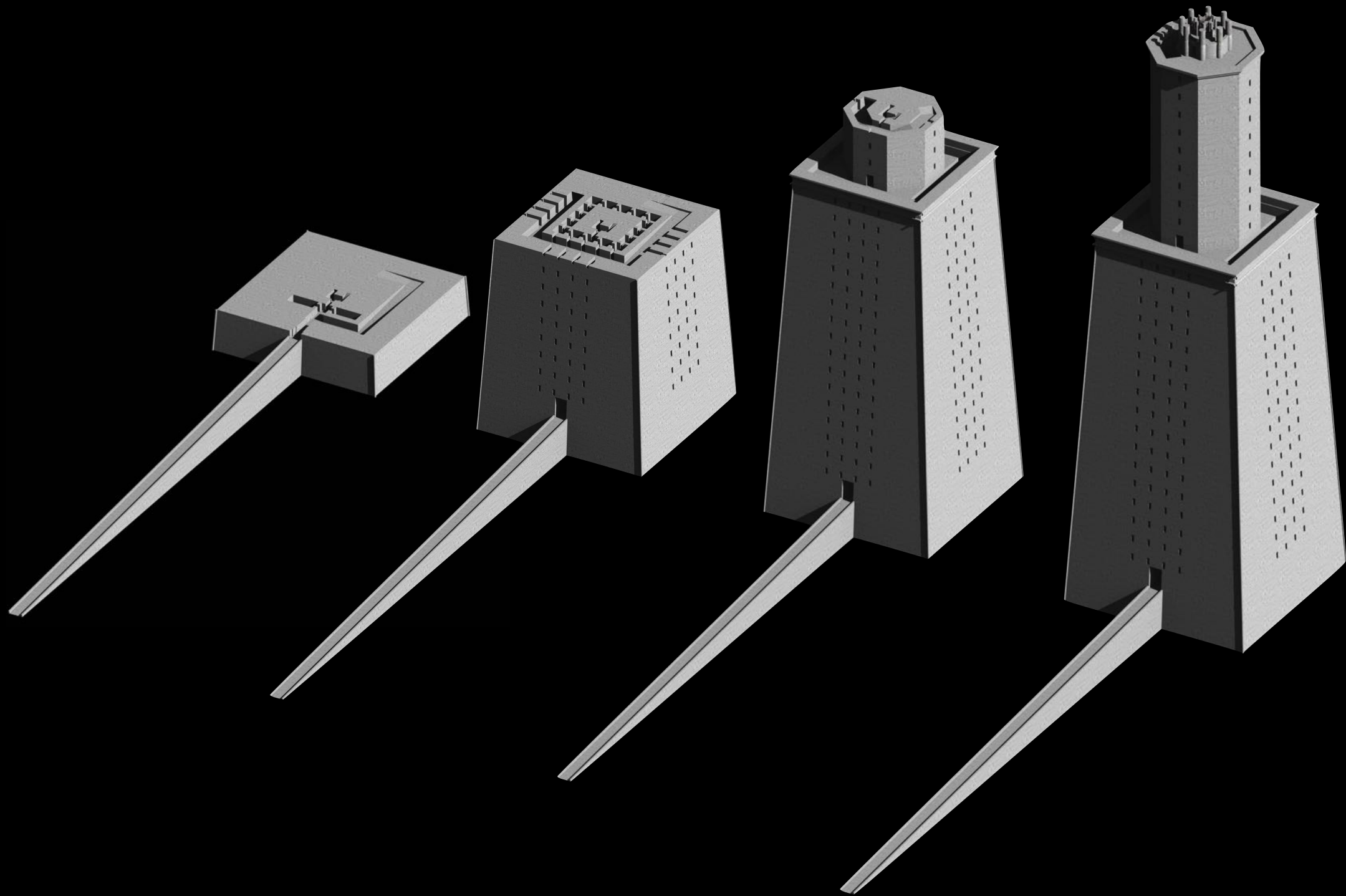
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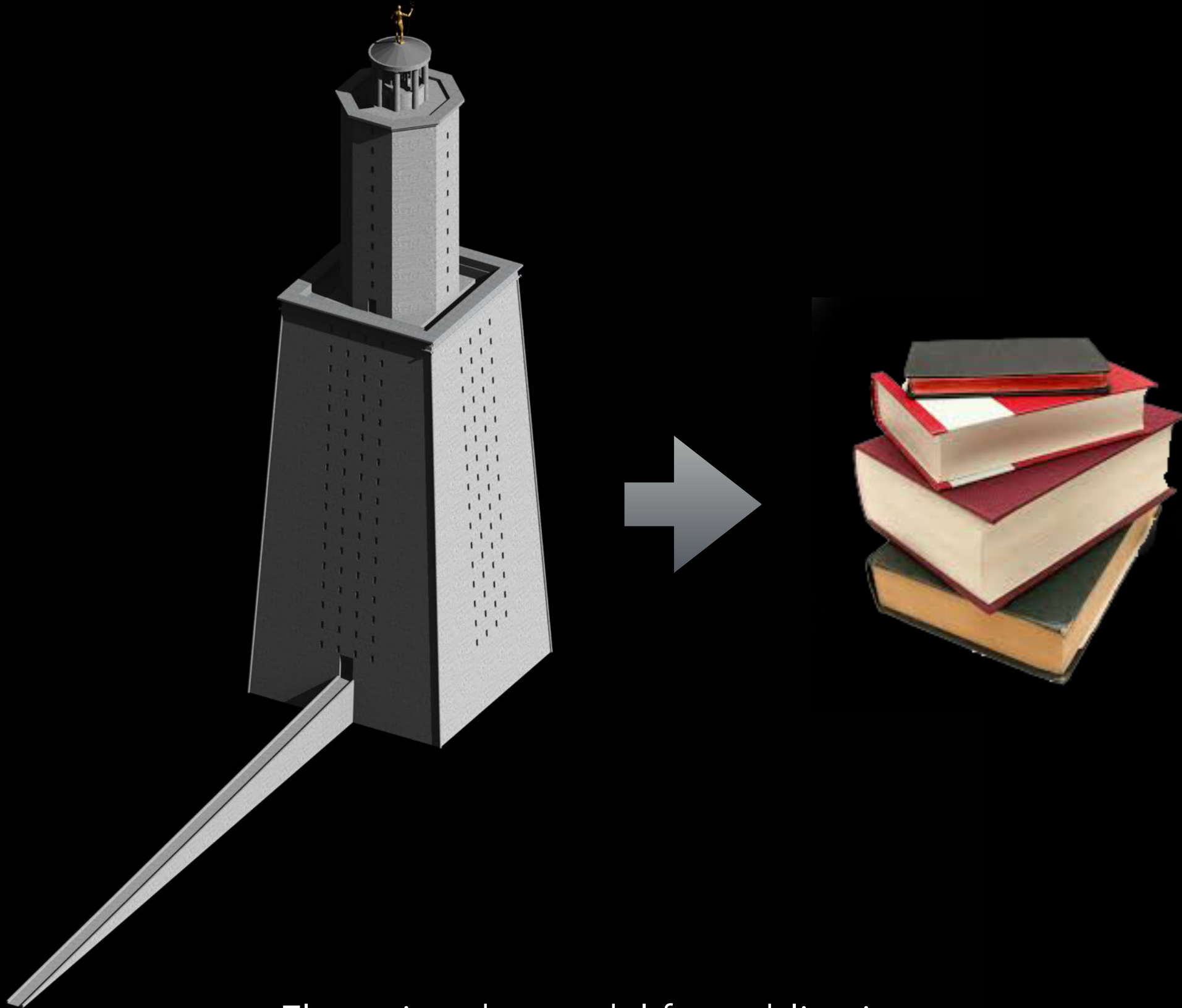
Visual board of the structure

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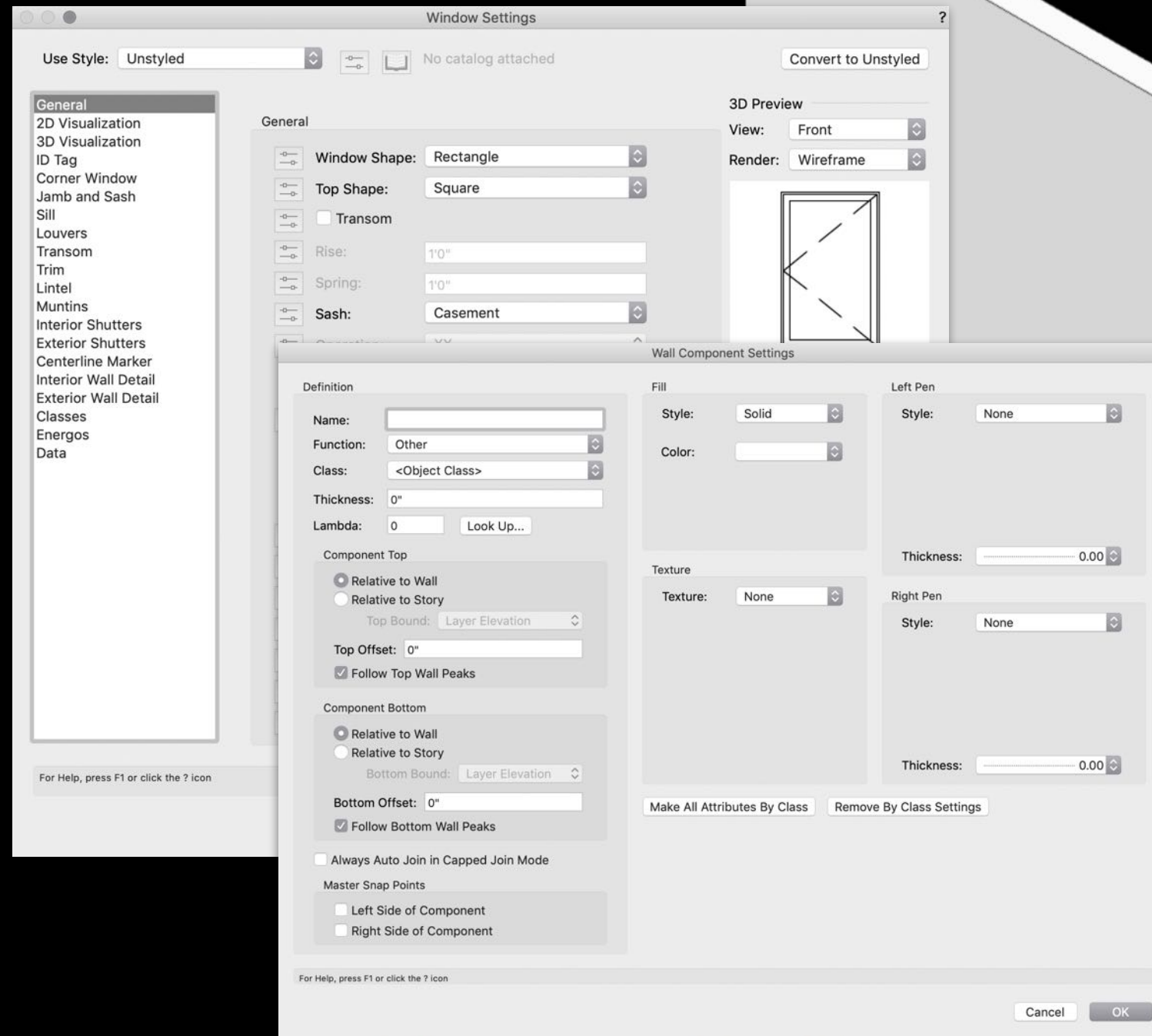
Version 4 model

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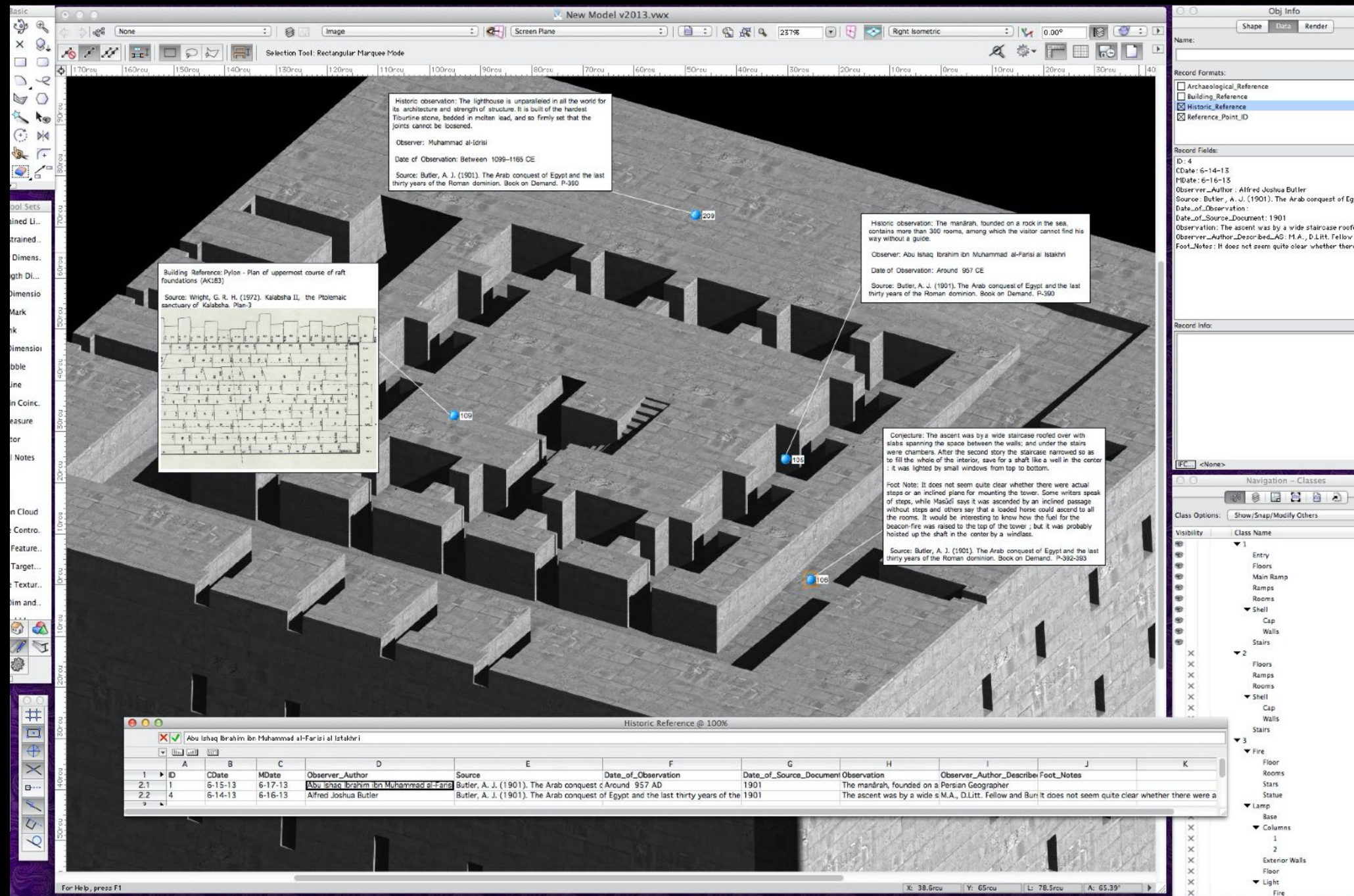
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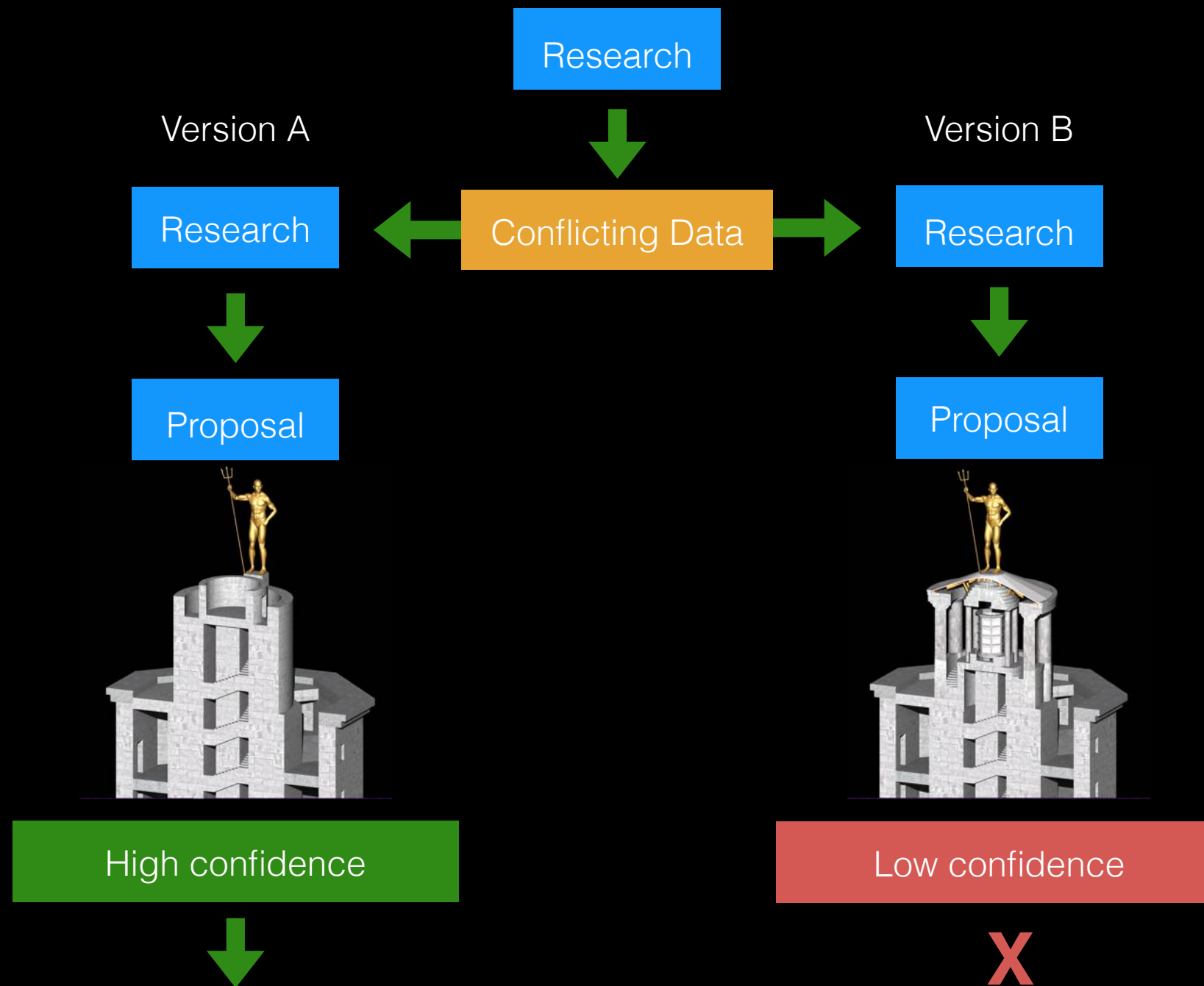


Parametric models and BIM

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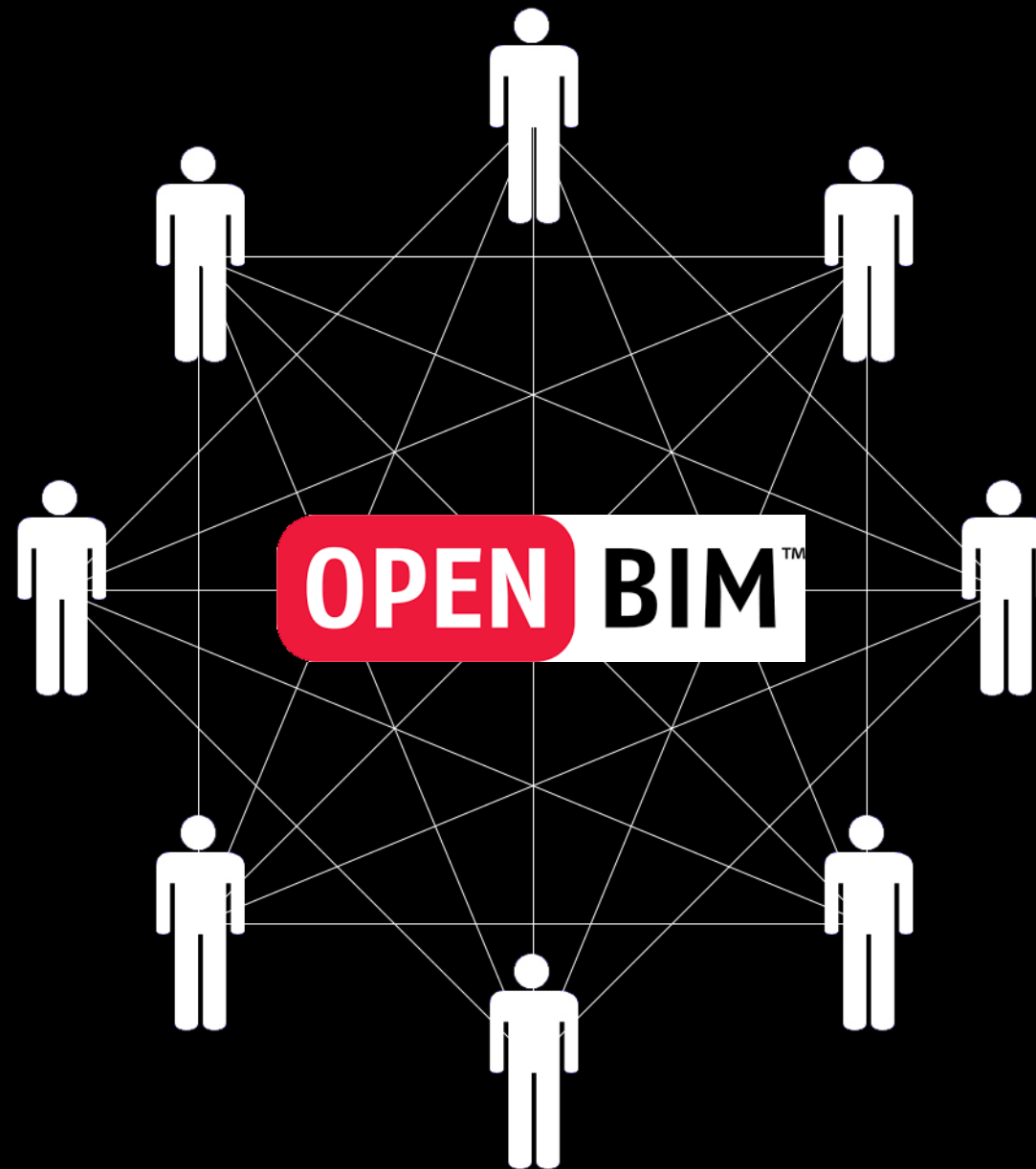


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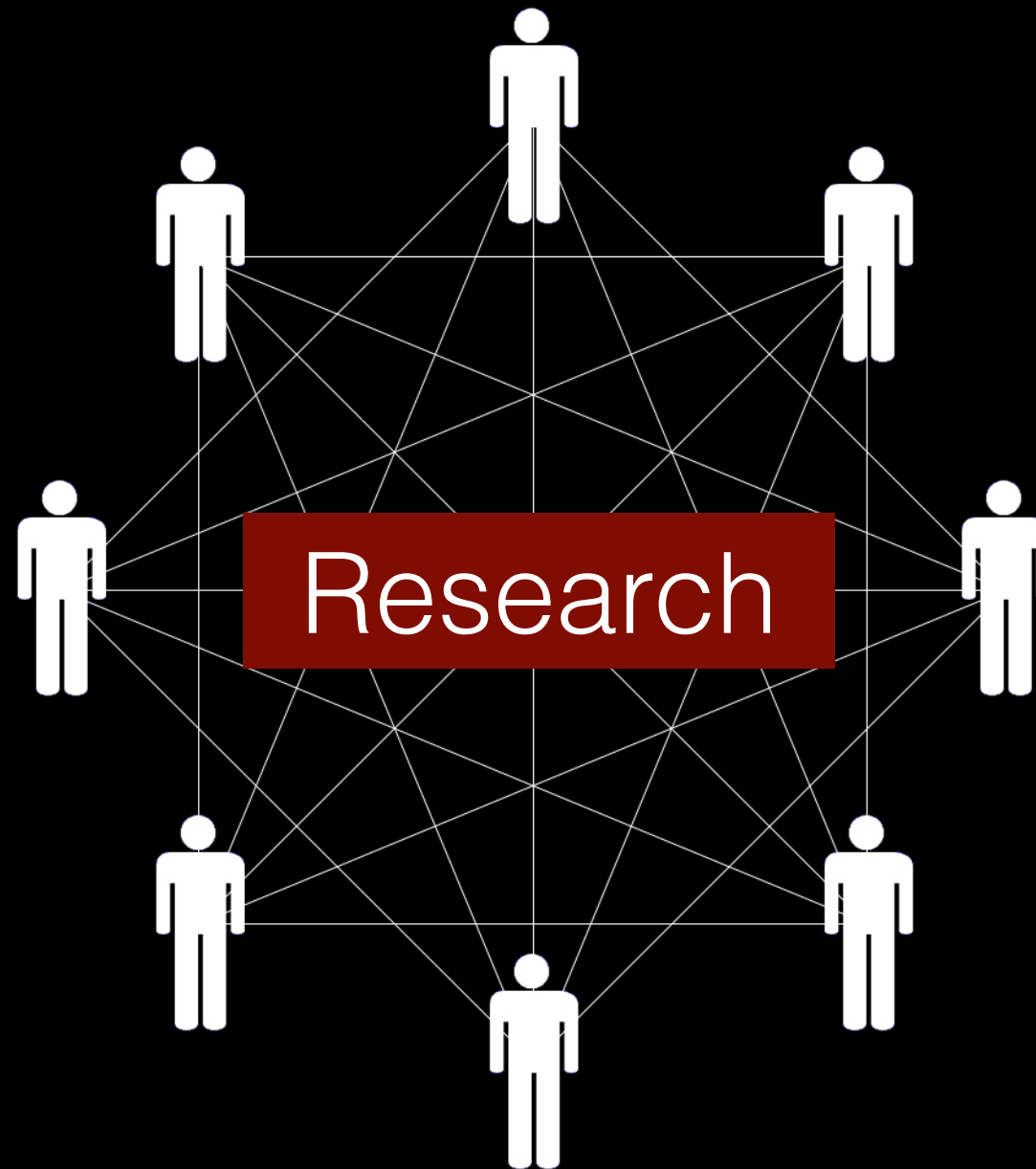
Decision trees

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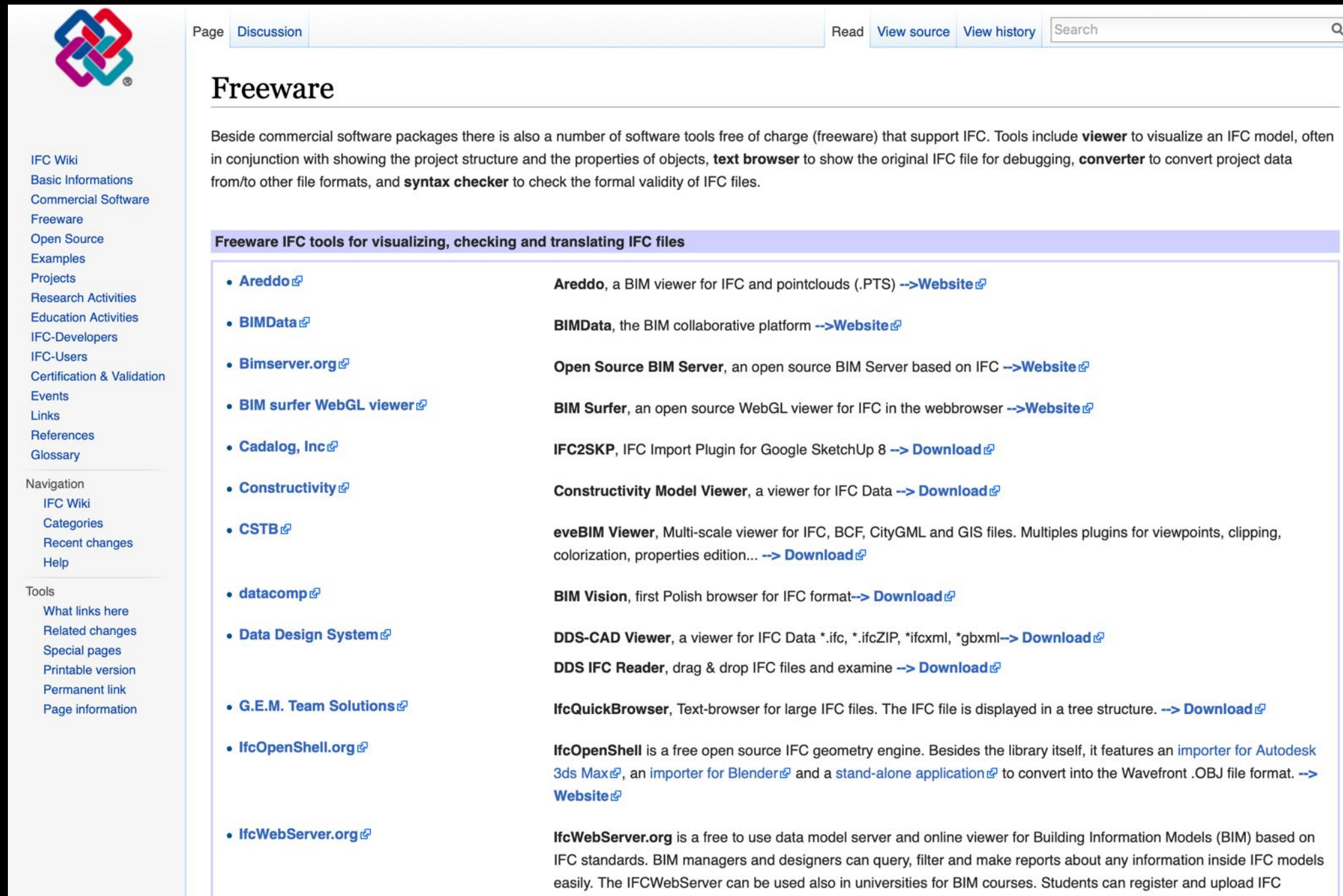
Industry Foundation Classes (IFC)

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Open sharing of research projects

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The screenshot shows the 'Freeware' page on the IFC Wiki. The page has a sidebar on the left with navigation links and a main content area on the right. The sidebar includes links for IFC Wiki, Basic Informations, Commercial Software, Freeware, Open Source, Examples, Projects, Research Activities, Education Activities, IFC-Developers, IFC-Users, Certification & Validation, Events, Links, References, Glossary, Navigation, IFC Wiki, Categories, Recent changes, Help, Tools, What links here, Related changes, Special pages, Printable version, Permanent link, and Page information. The main content area has a header with 'Page Discussion' and 'Read View source View history' buttons, and a search bar. The title 'Freeware' is prominently displayed. Below the title, a paragraph explains that besides commercial software, there are free tools for IFC, including viewers, text browsers, converters, and syntax checkers. A section titled 'Freeware IFC tools for visualizing, checking and translating IFC files' lists various tools with their descriptions and links to their websites or download pages.

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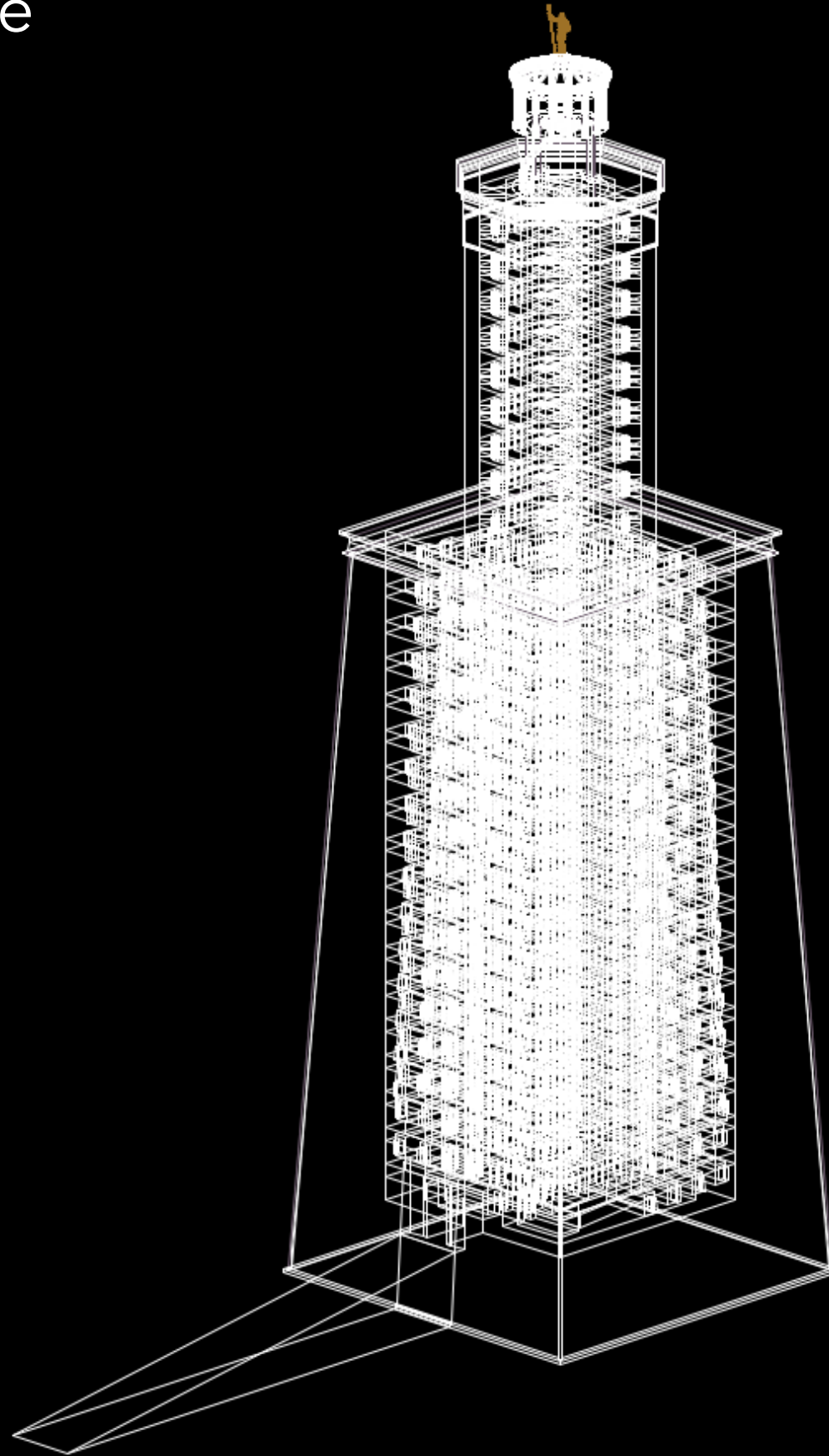
Beside commercial software packages there is also a number of software tools free of charge (freeware) that support IFC. Tools include **viewer** to visualize an IFC model, often in conjunction with showing the project structure and the properties of objects, **text browser** to show the original IFC file for debugging, **converter** to convert project data from/to other file formats, and **syntax checker** to check the formal validity of IFC files.

Freeware IFC tools for visualizing, checking and translating IFC files

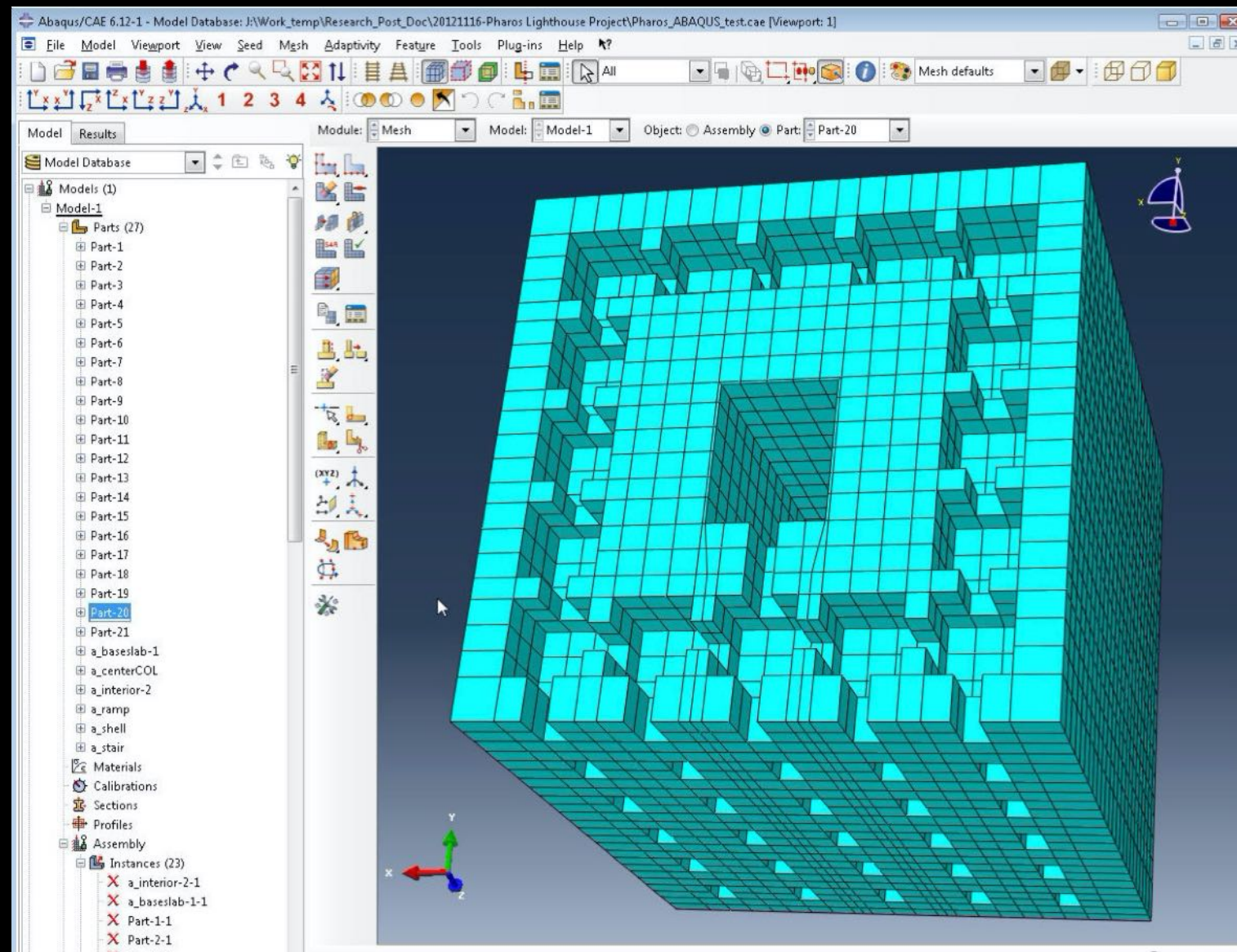
- [Areddo](#) [↗](#) **Areddo**, a BIM viewer for IFC and pointclouds (.PTS) -->[Website](#) [↗](#)
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- [Bimserver.org](#) [↗](#) **Open Source BIM Server**, an open source BIM Server based on IFC -->[Website](#) [↗](#)
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DDS IFC Reader, drag & drop IFC files and examine --> [Download](#) [↗](#)
- [G.E.M. Team Solutions](#) [↗](#) **IfcQuickBrowser**, Text-browser for large IFC files. The IFC file is displayed in a tree structure. --> [Download](#) [↗](#)
- [IfcOpenShell.org](#) [↗](#) **IfcOpenShell** is a free open source IFC geometry engine. Besides the library itself, it features an [importer for Autodesk 3ds Max](#) [↗](#), an [importer for Blender](#) [↗](#) and a [stand-alone application](#) [↗](#) to convert into the Wavefront .OBJ file format. --> [Website](#) [↗](#)
- [IfcWebServer.org](#) [↗](#) **IfcWebServer.org** is a free to use data model server and online viewer for Building Information Models (BIM) based on IFC standards. BIM managers and designers can query, filter and make reports about any information inside IFC models easily. The IFCWebServer can be used also in universities for BIM courses. Students can register and upload IFC

IFC Wiki

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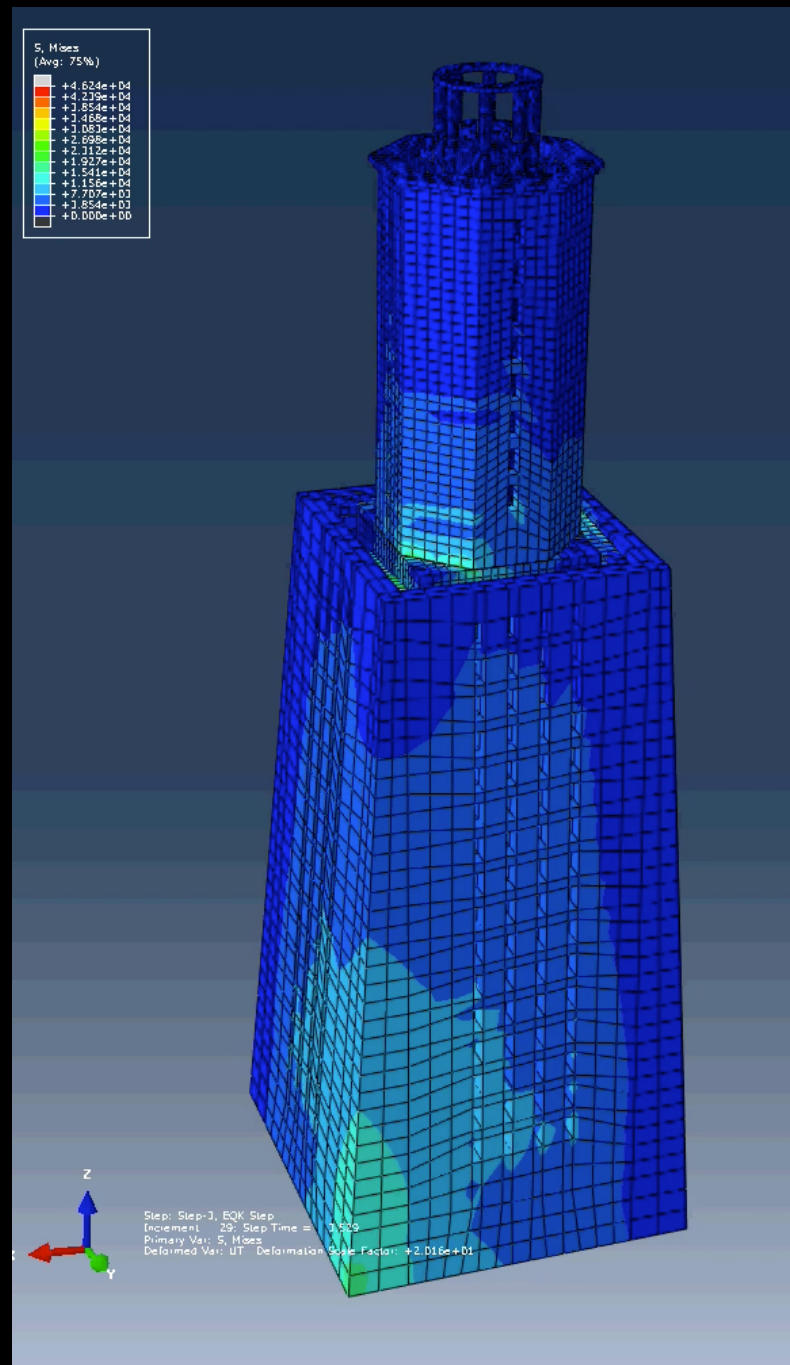


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3D Finite Element Model

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Discrete element simulation

What research projects are suited to
3d modeling?

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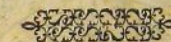
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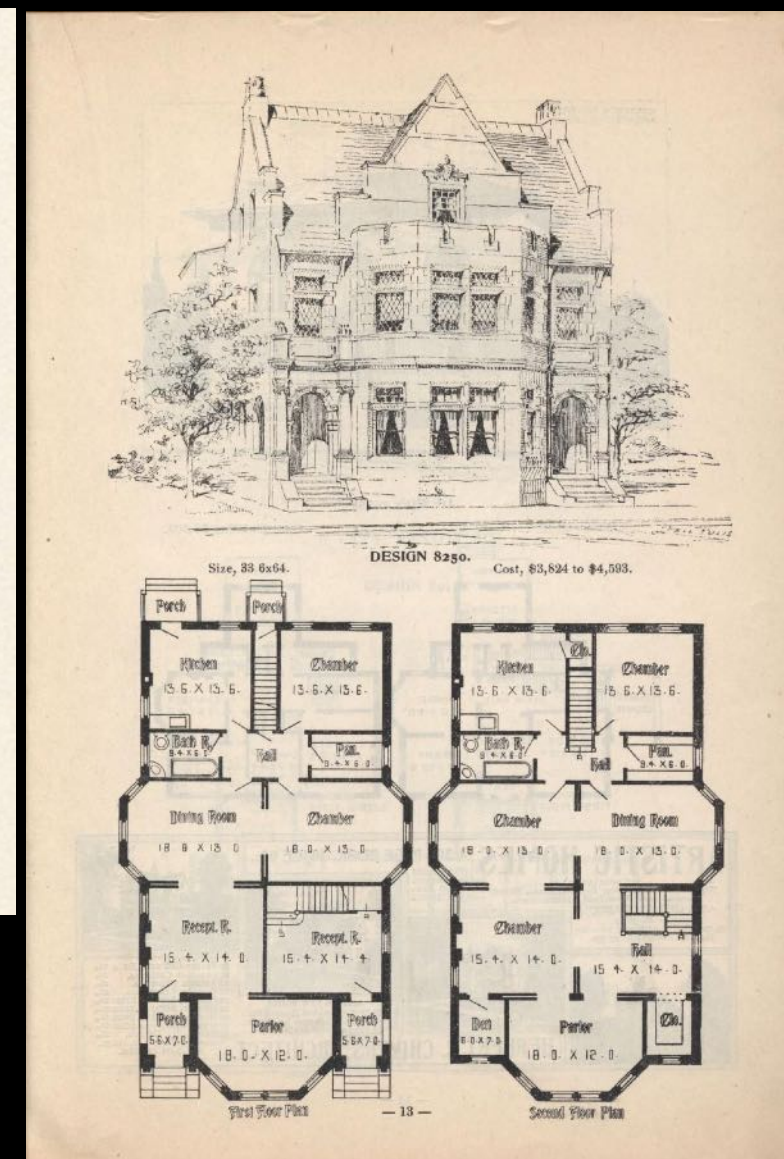
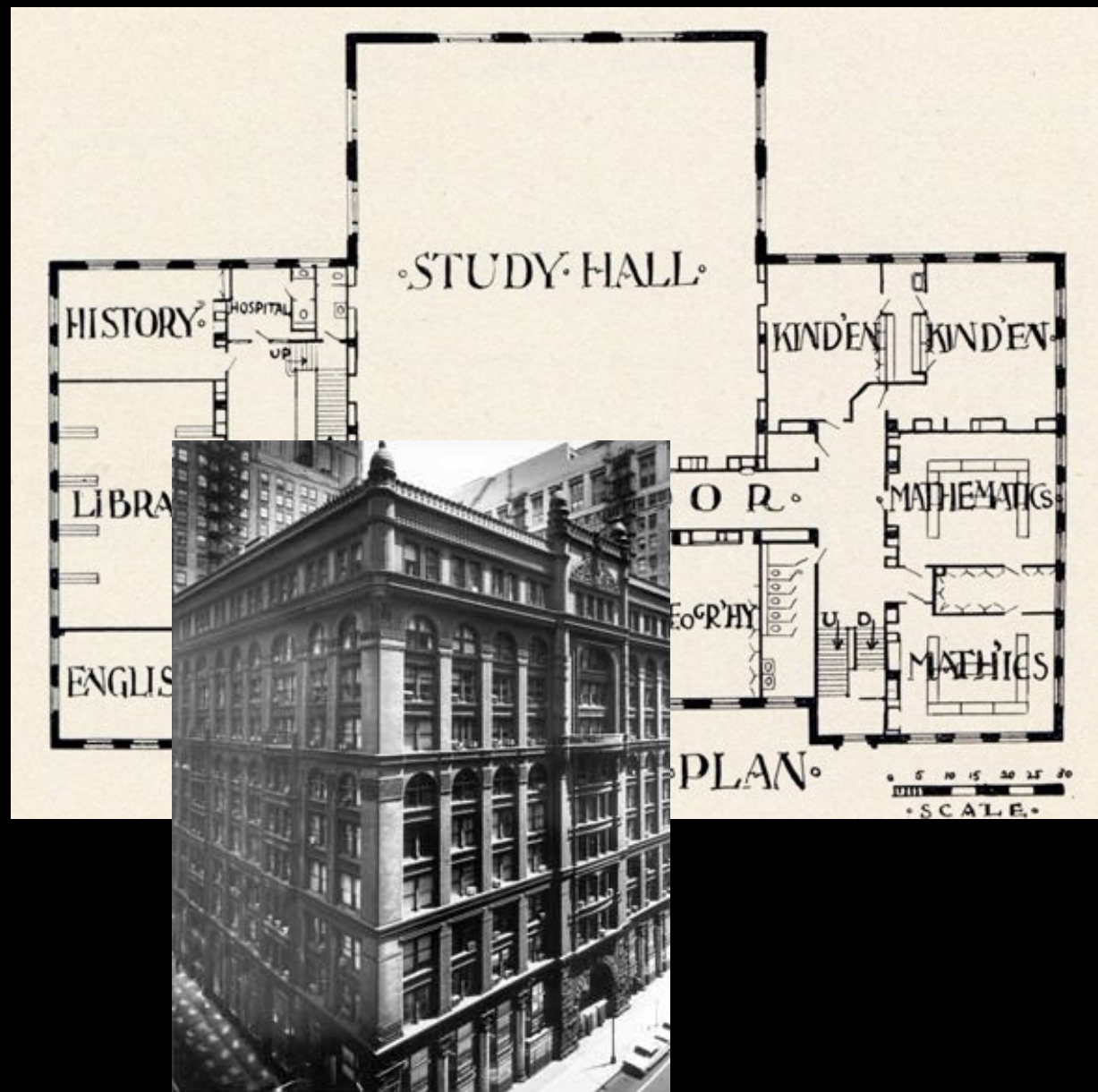


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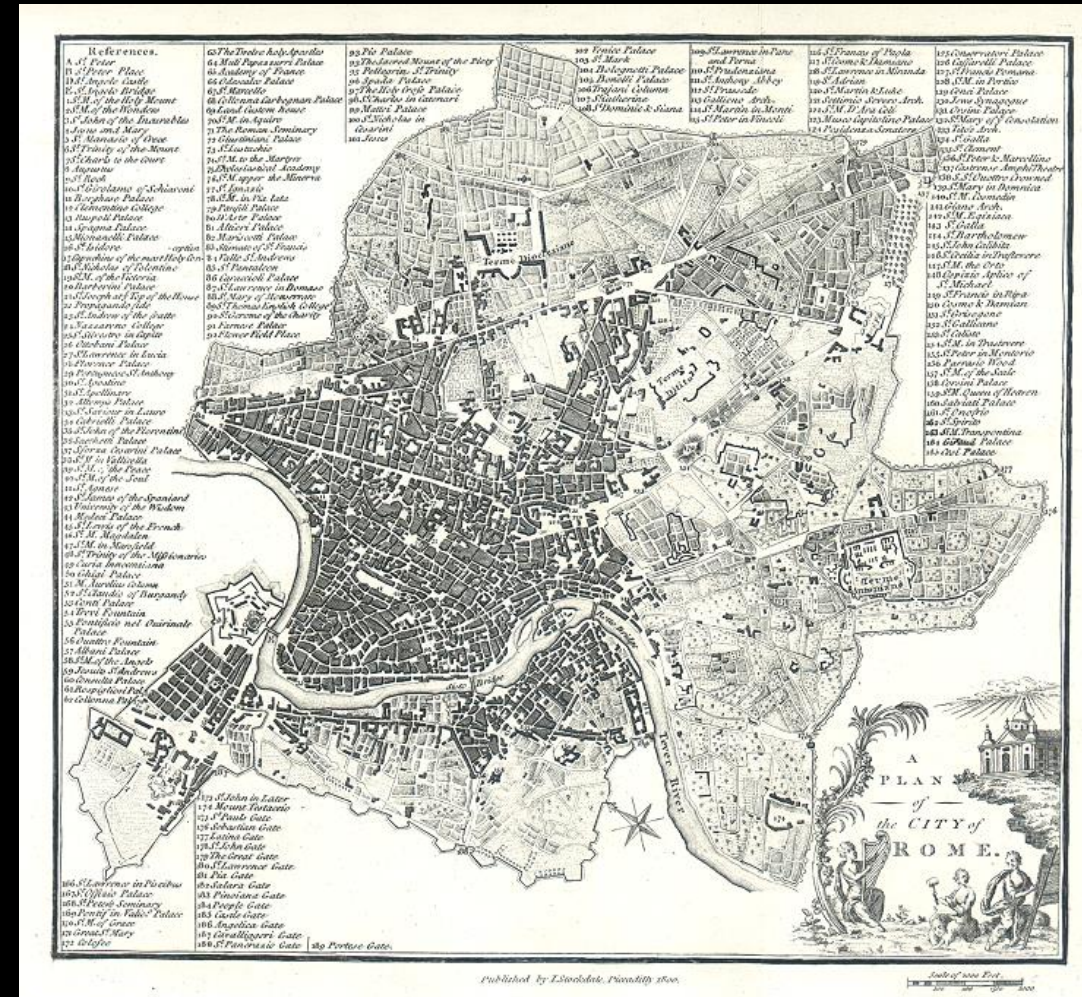
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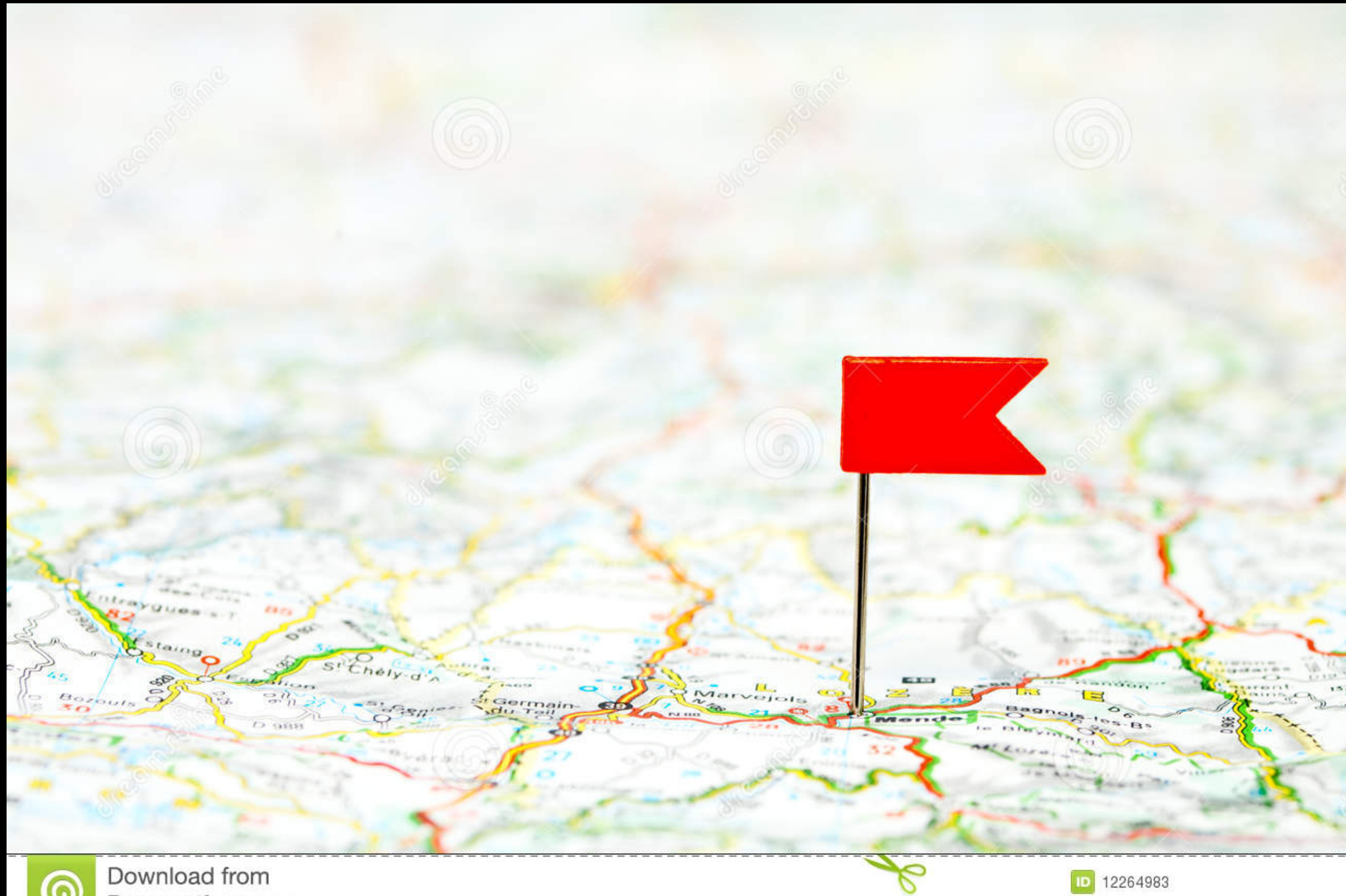


Manageable scale



Best practices for modeling projects

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Think about your Destination

Best practices for modeling projects



Focus on content not platform

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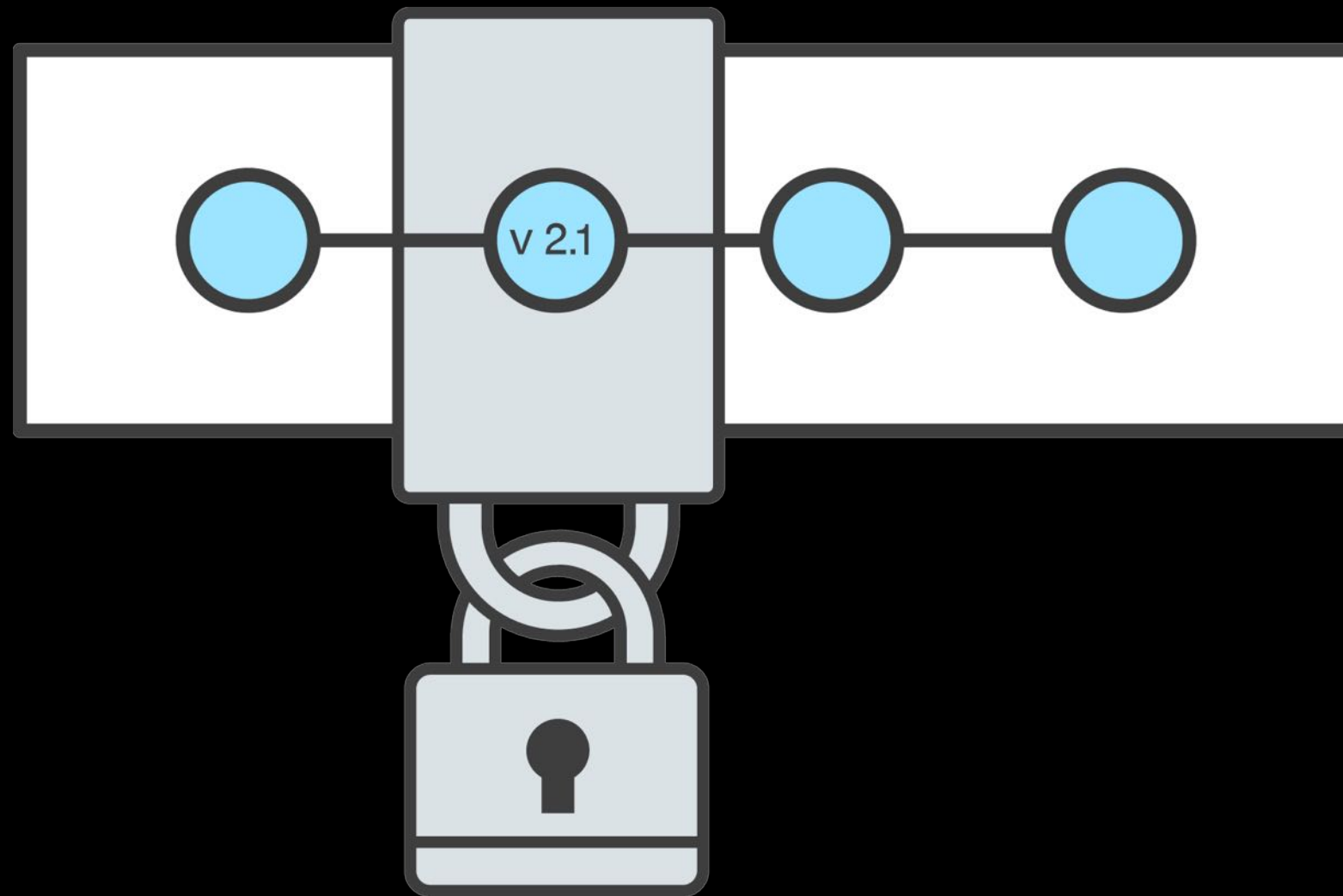
Software & hardware

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Teams and skills

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Version control

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Backup

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Archiving

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Project longevity and sustainability

Modeling Software

Title	Licence	Free Version Available	Uses (Partial List)	BIM Support	URL	Cross-platform
AutoCad	Commercial	Yes	2D/3D Modeling with many specialized toolsets	Yes	https://www.autodesk.com	Yes
Blender	Open Source	Yes	Modeling, rigging, animation, simulation, rendering, compositing, motion tracking, and video editing and game	N/A	https://www.blender.org	Yes
Rhinoceros 3D	Commercial	No*	NURBS based 3D modeling with focus on producing complex curves and freeform surfaces.	Plug-in	https://www.rhino3d.com	Yes
Sketchup	Commercial	Yes	Web-based 3D modeling for architectural, interior design, landscape architecture, civil and mechanical engineering, film	Plug-in	https://www.sketchup.com	Yes
Solidworks	Commercial	No*	Engineering focused 3D solid/parametric modeler	Yes	https://www.solidworks.com	No
Unity	Commercial	Yes	Game engine used to create both three-dimensional and two-dimensional games as well as simulations for its many	N/A	https://unity3d.com	Yes
Vectorworks	Commercial	Yes	2D/3D solid/parametric modeling, digital terrain modeling, GIS, Rendering, and animation	Yes	https://www.vectorworks.net/en	Yes
VSIM	Educational	Yes	Real-time exploration of highly detailed, 3D models in both formal and informal educational settings.	N/A	https://idre.ucla.edu/research/active-research/vsim	Yes

Questions?

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