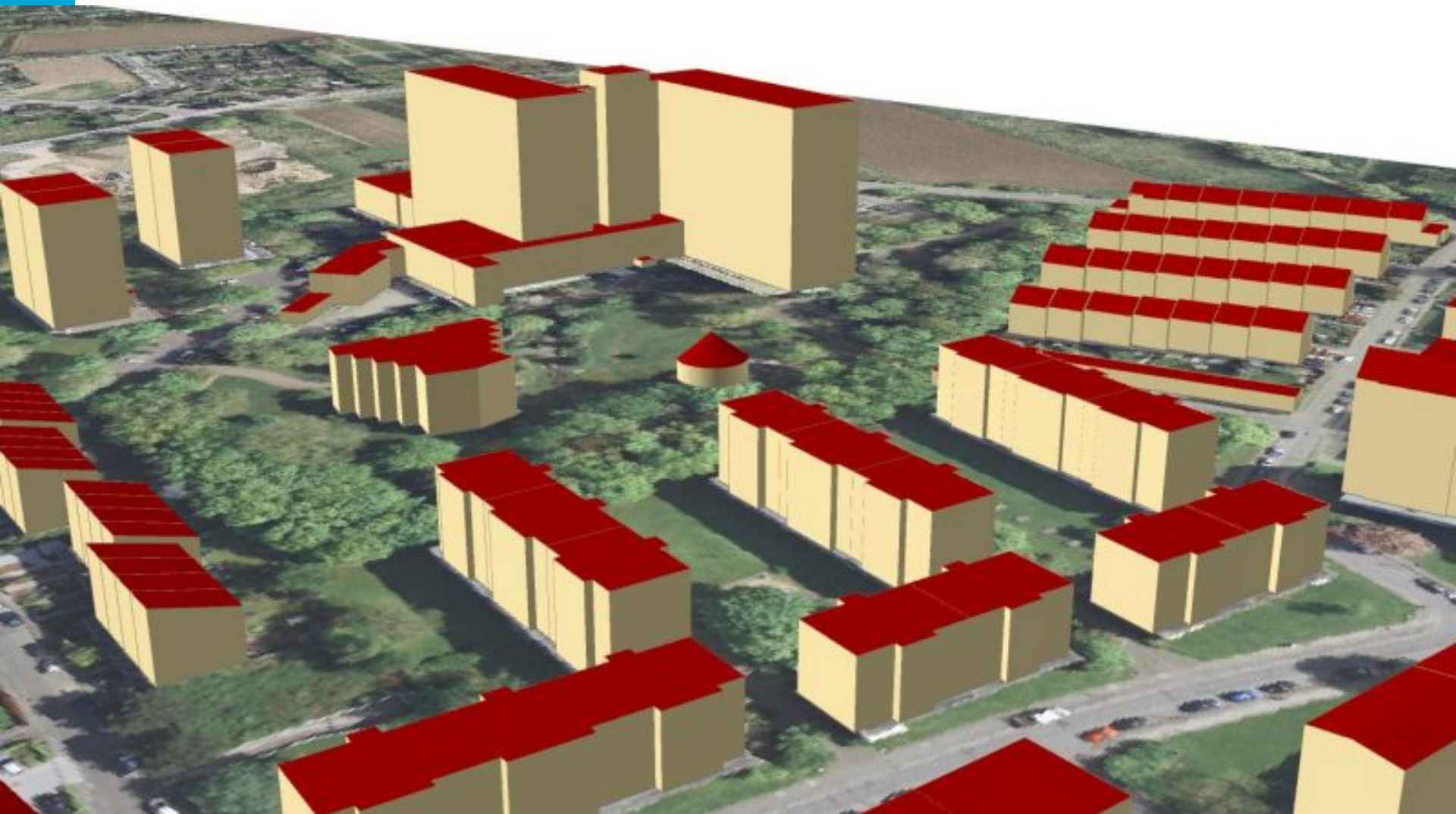




# Automatic generation of CityGML LoD3 building models from IFC models

*M.Sc. Geomatics P5 presentation by Sjors Donkers*

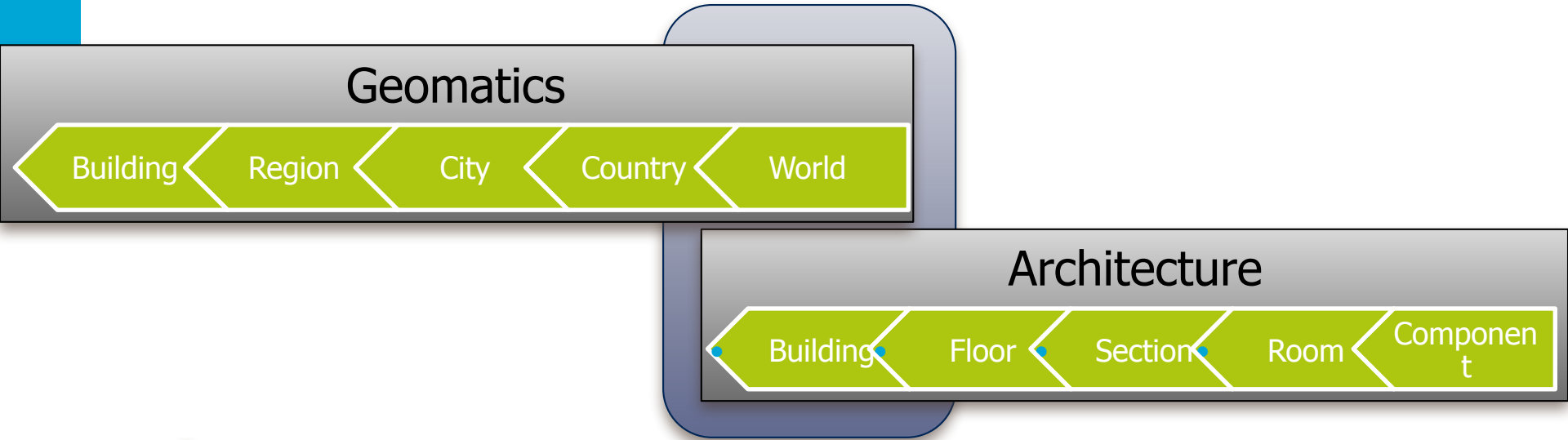
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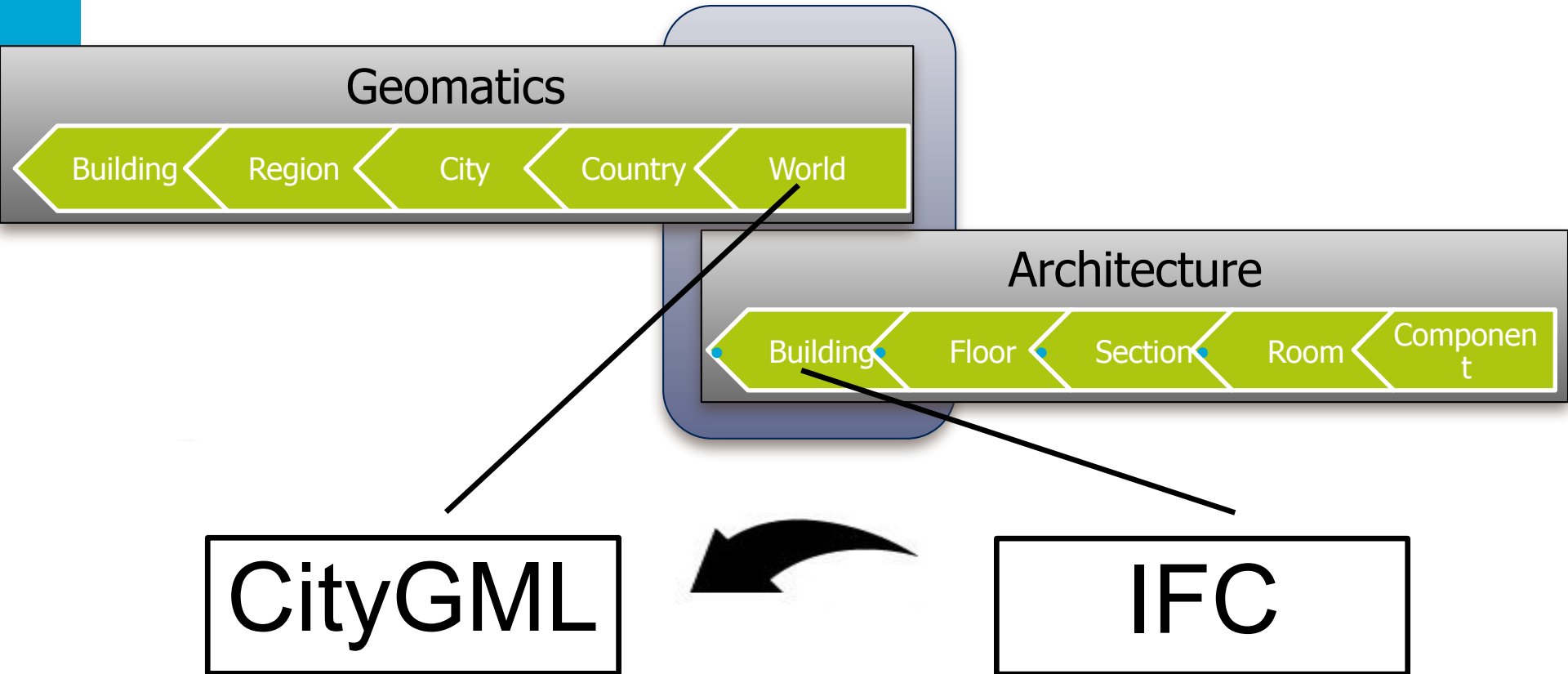
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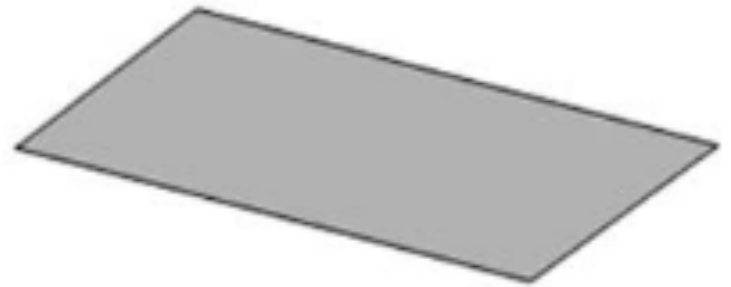


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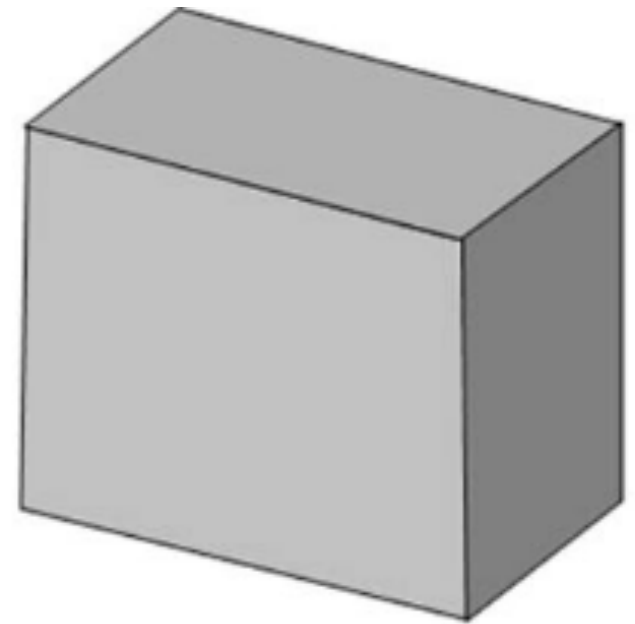
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LoD0



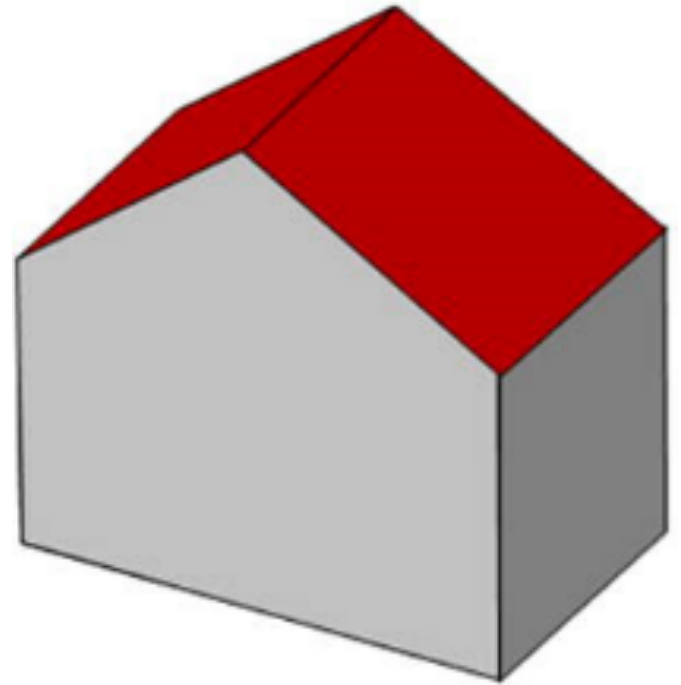
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**LoD1**



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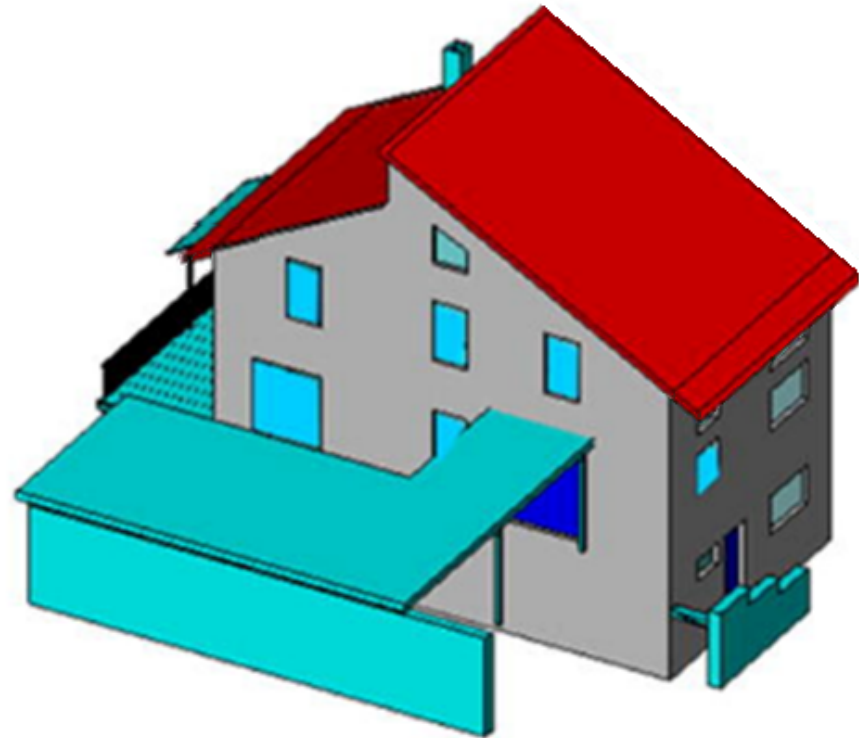




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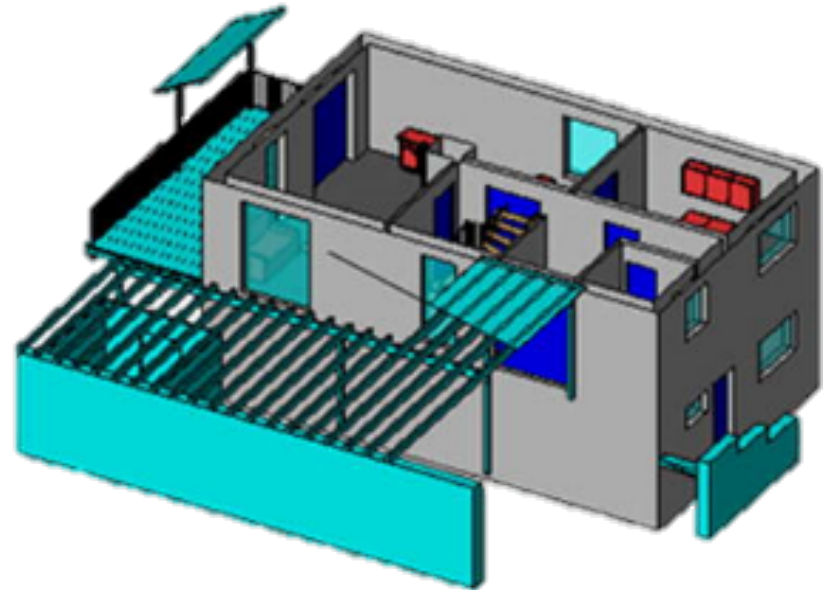
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# Research question

Is it possible to generate valid and semantically rich CityGML building models at LoD3 from IFC models, and can this method be extended to LoD4?

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#3=IFCSITE('abc103', #103, $, $, $,  
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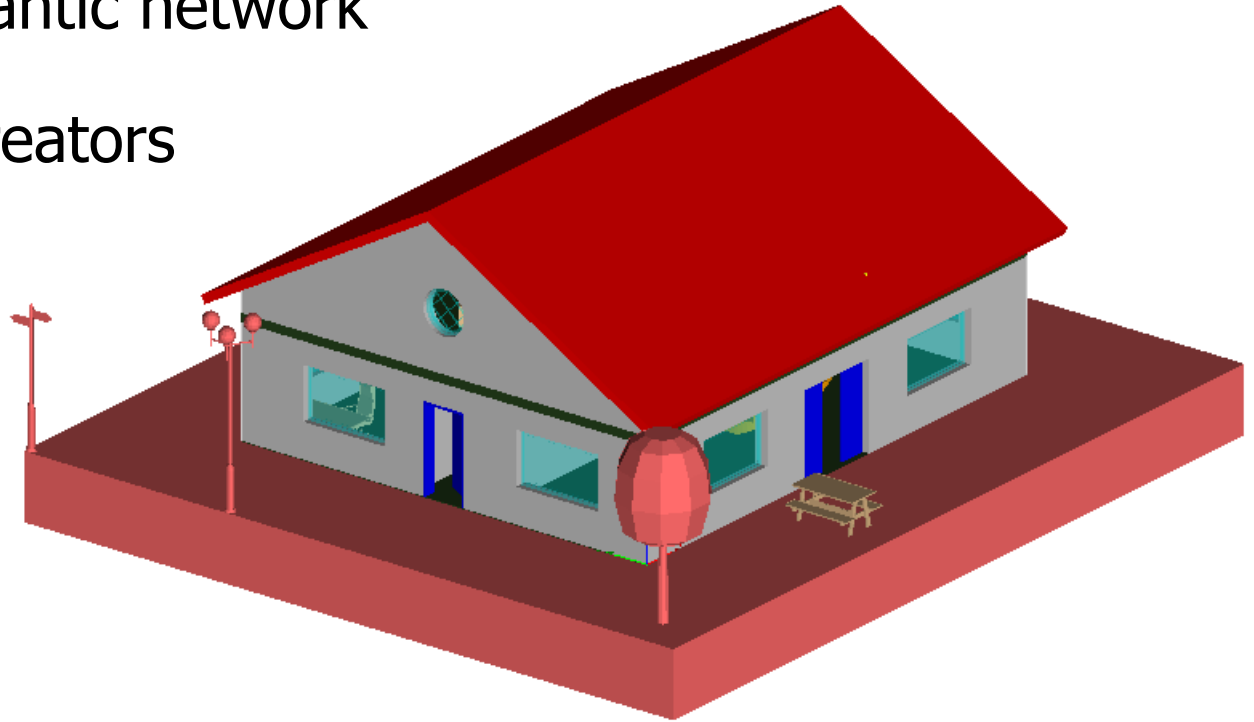
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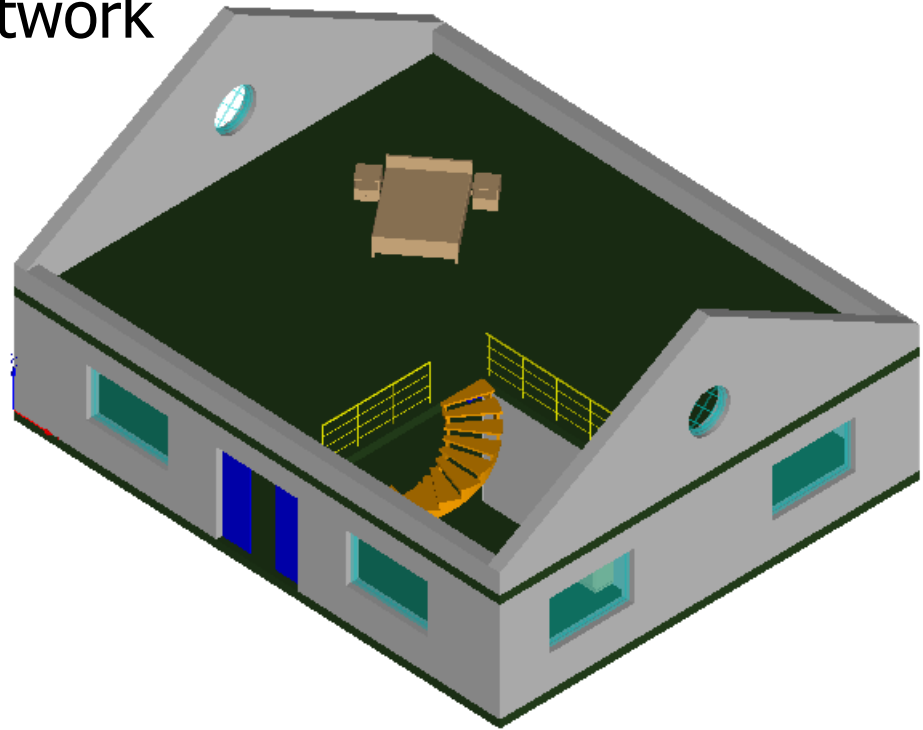
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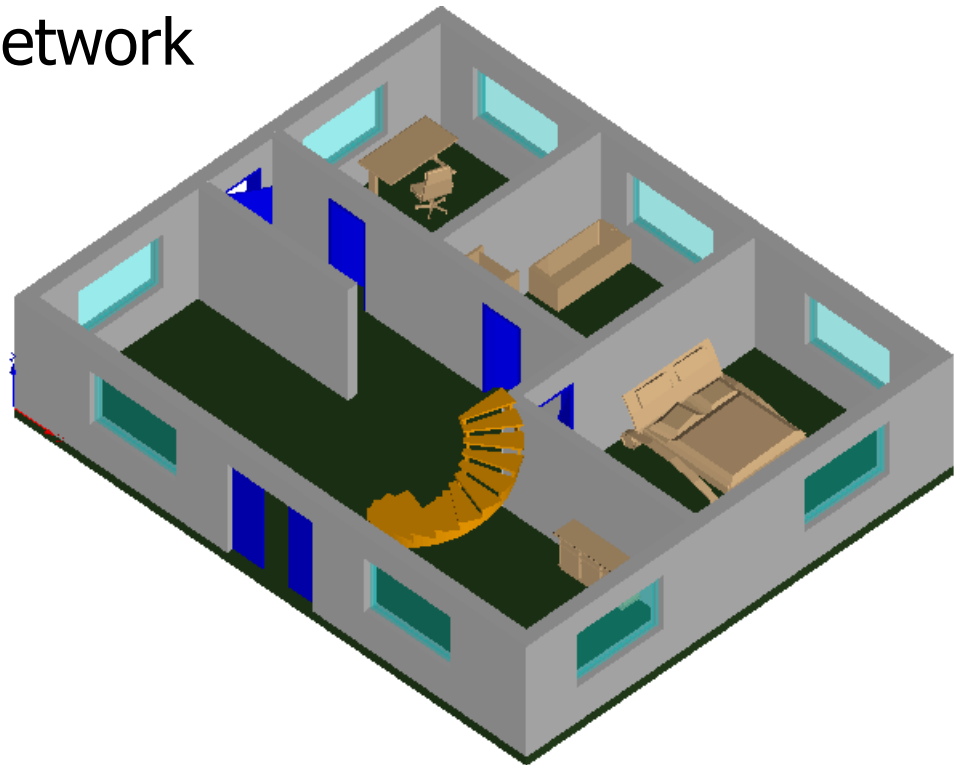
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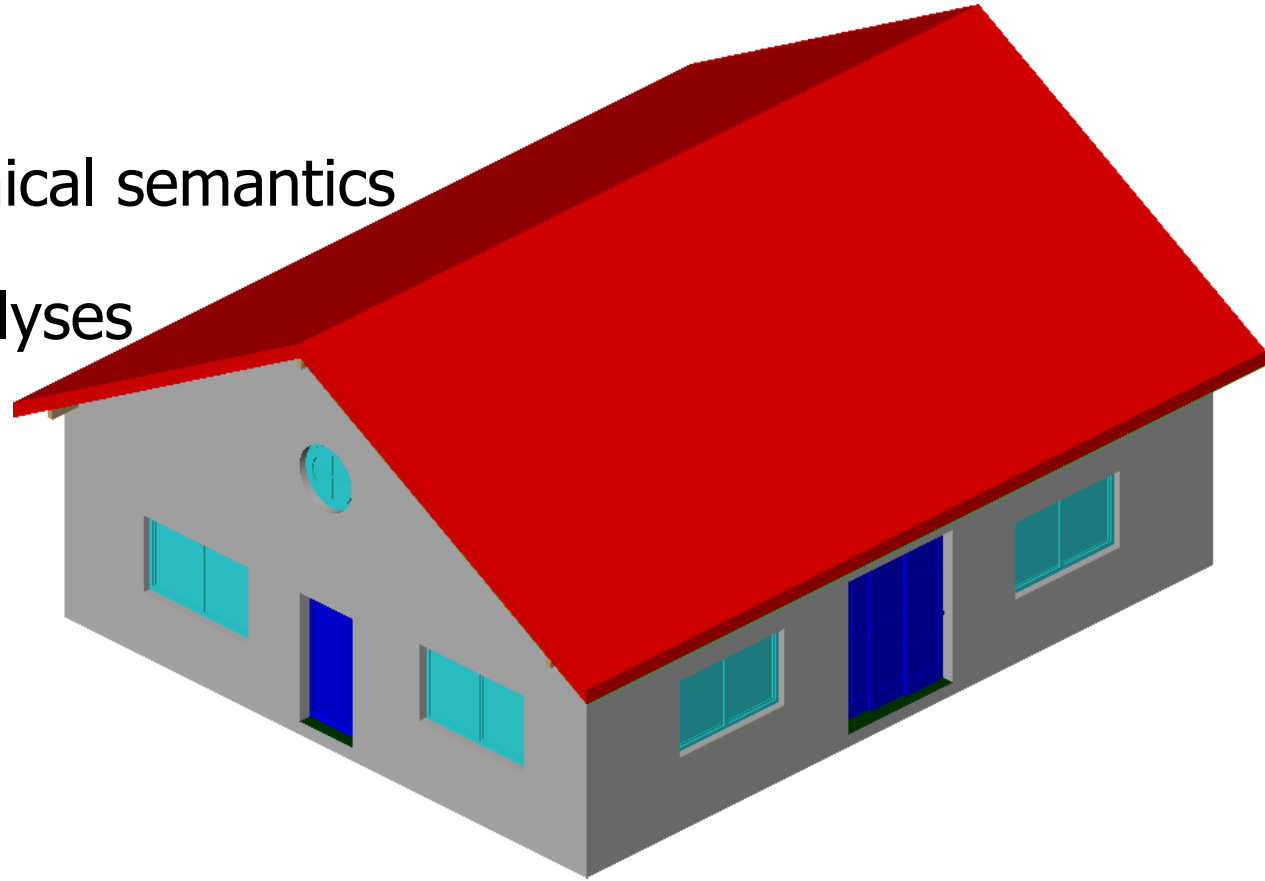
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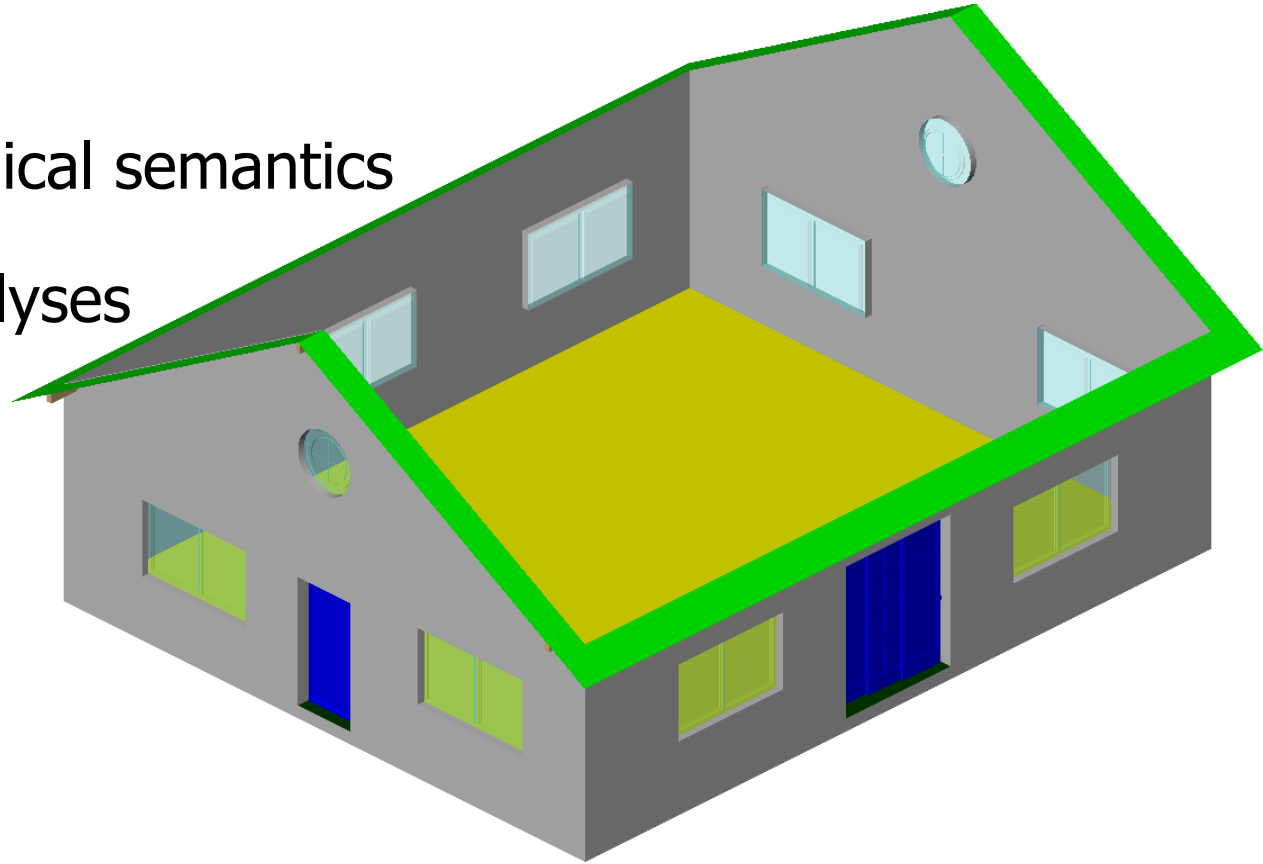
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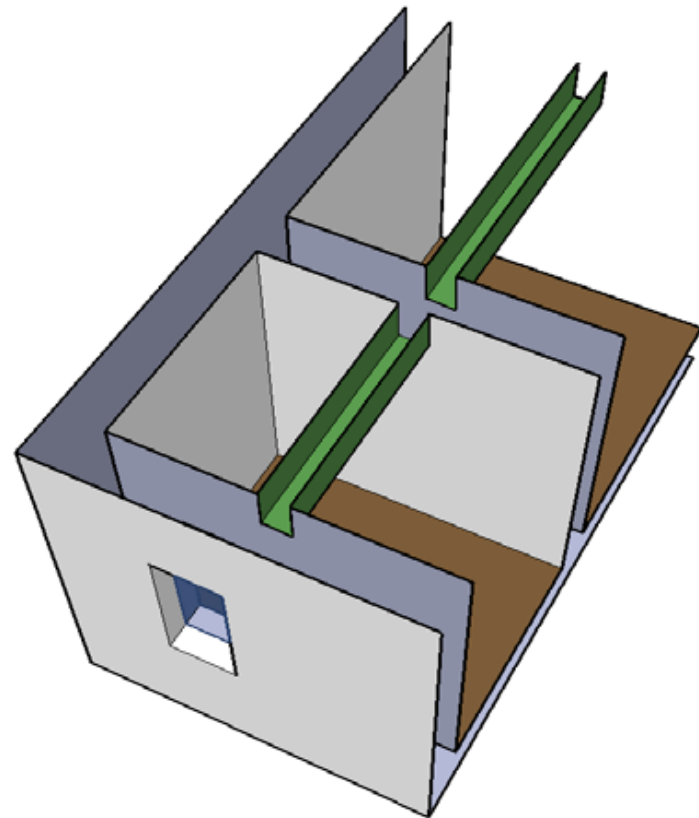
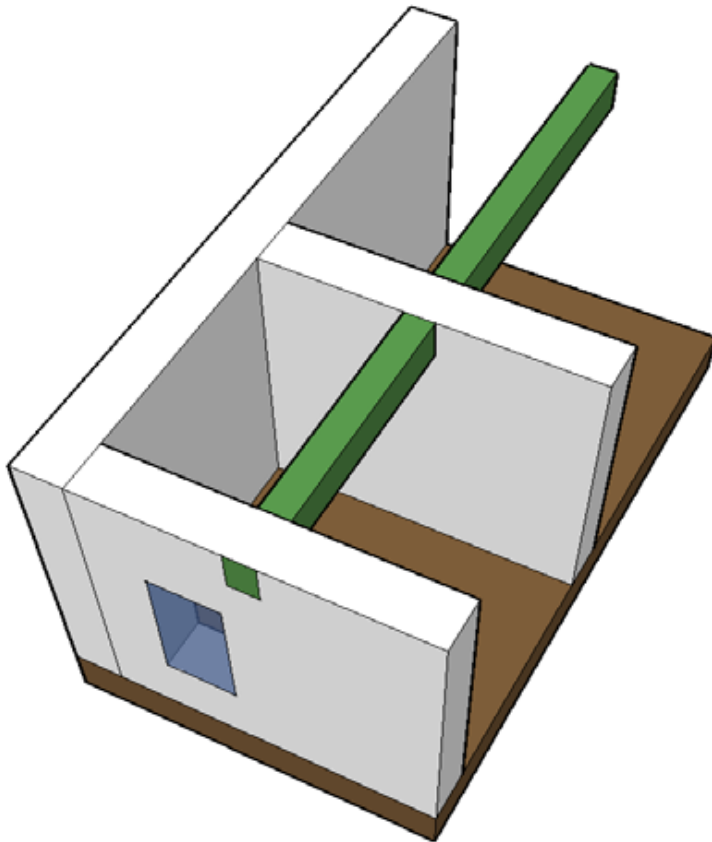
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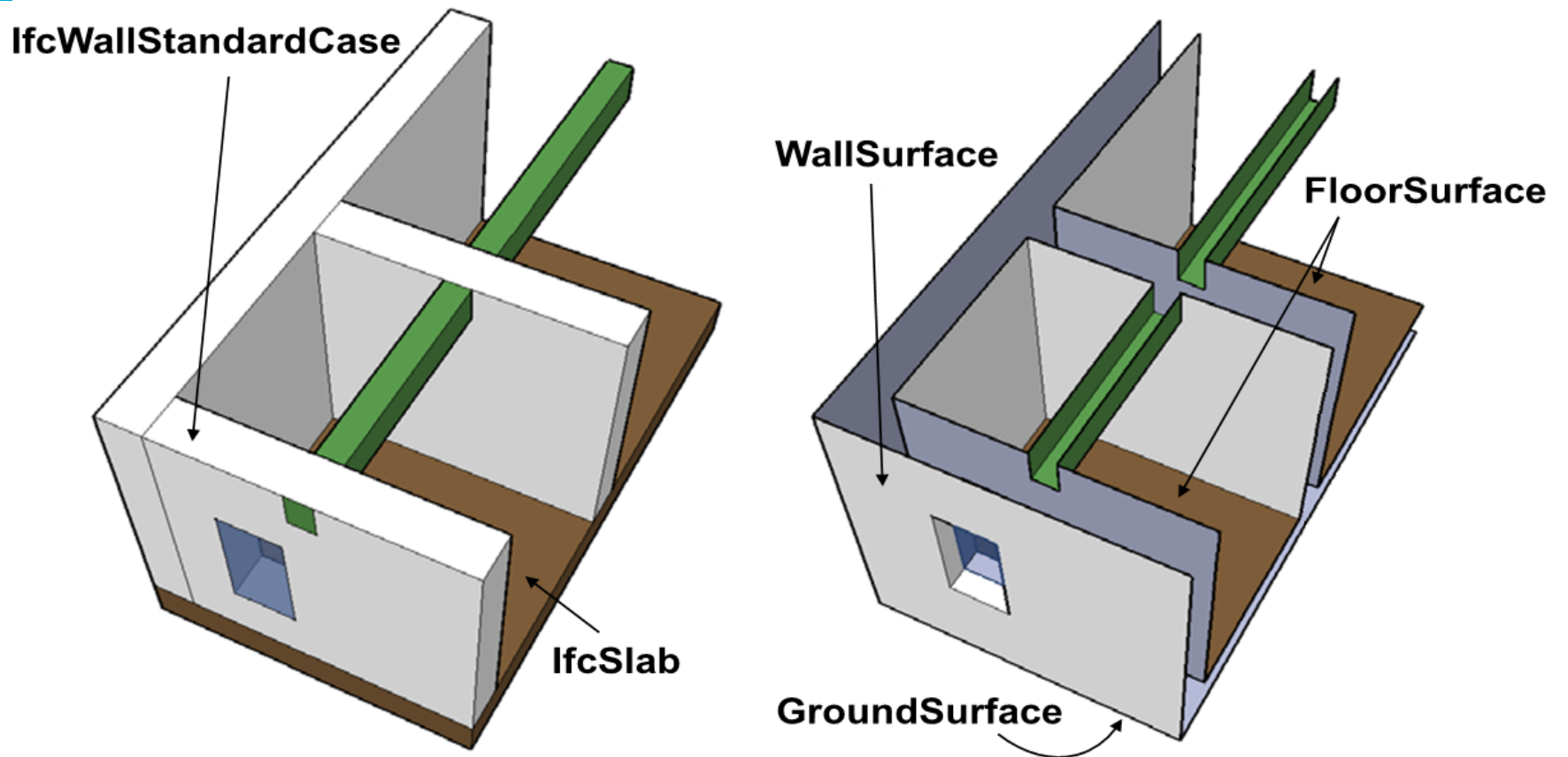
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OuterFloorSurface	Only up

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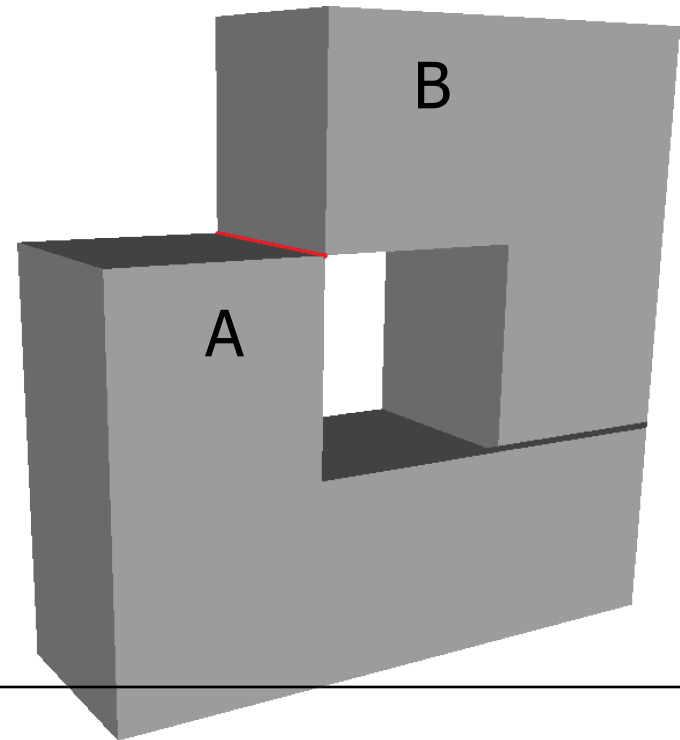
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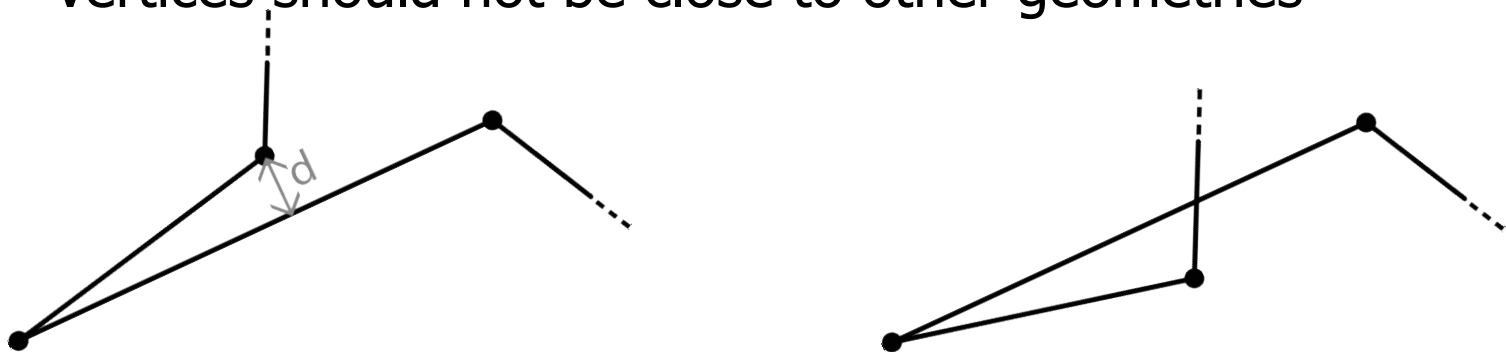
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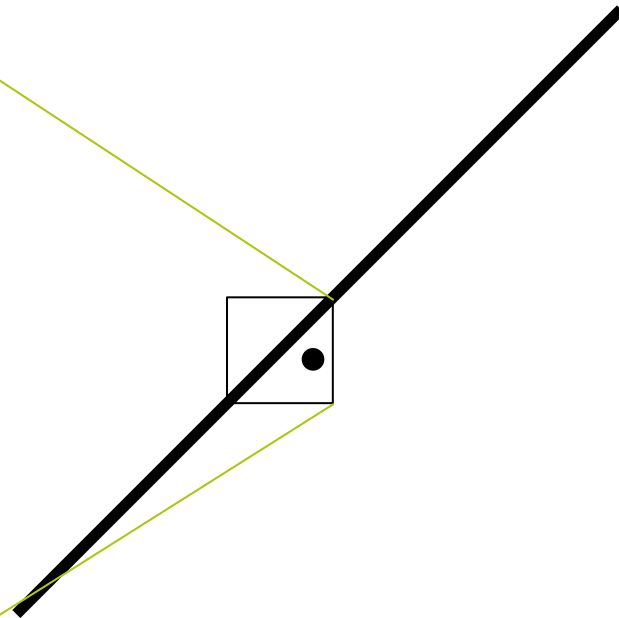
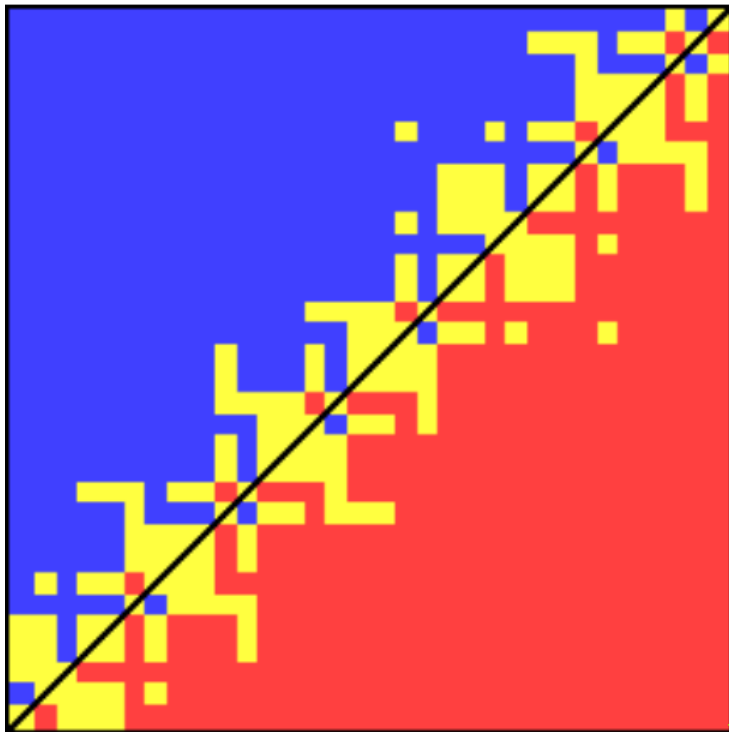
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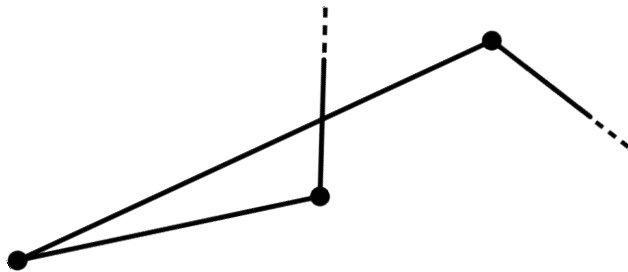
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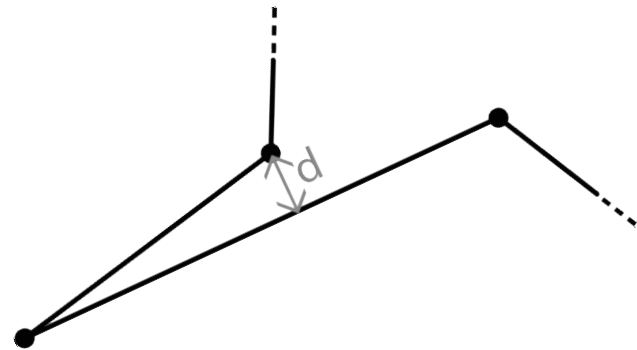


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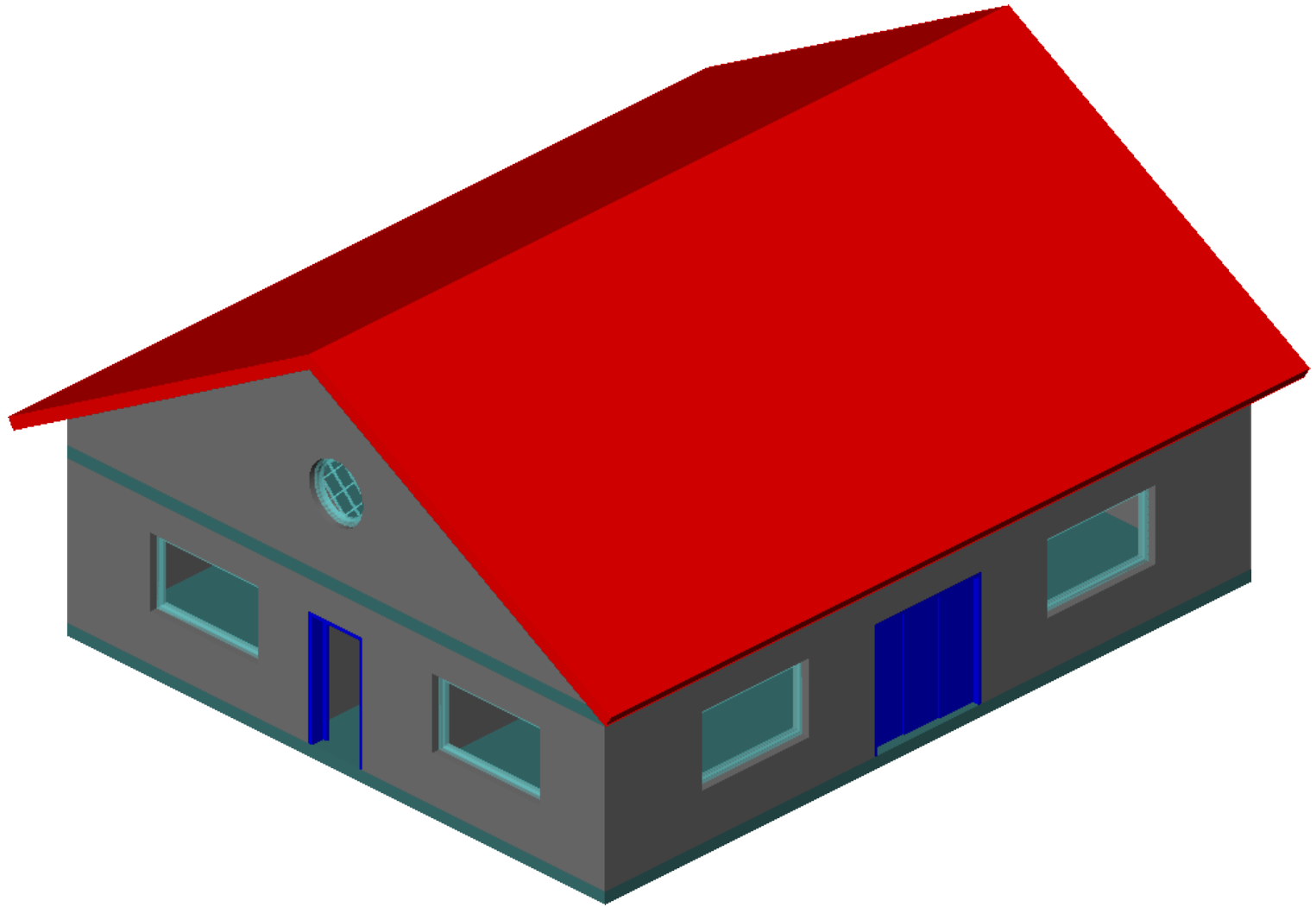
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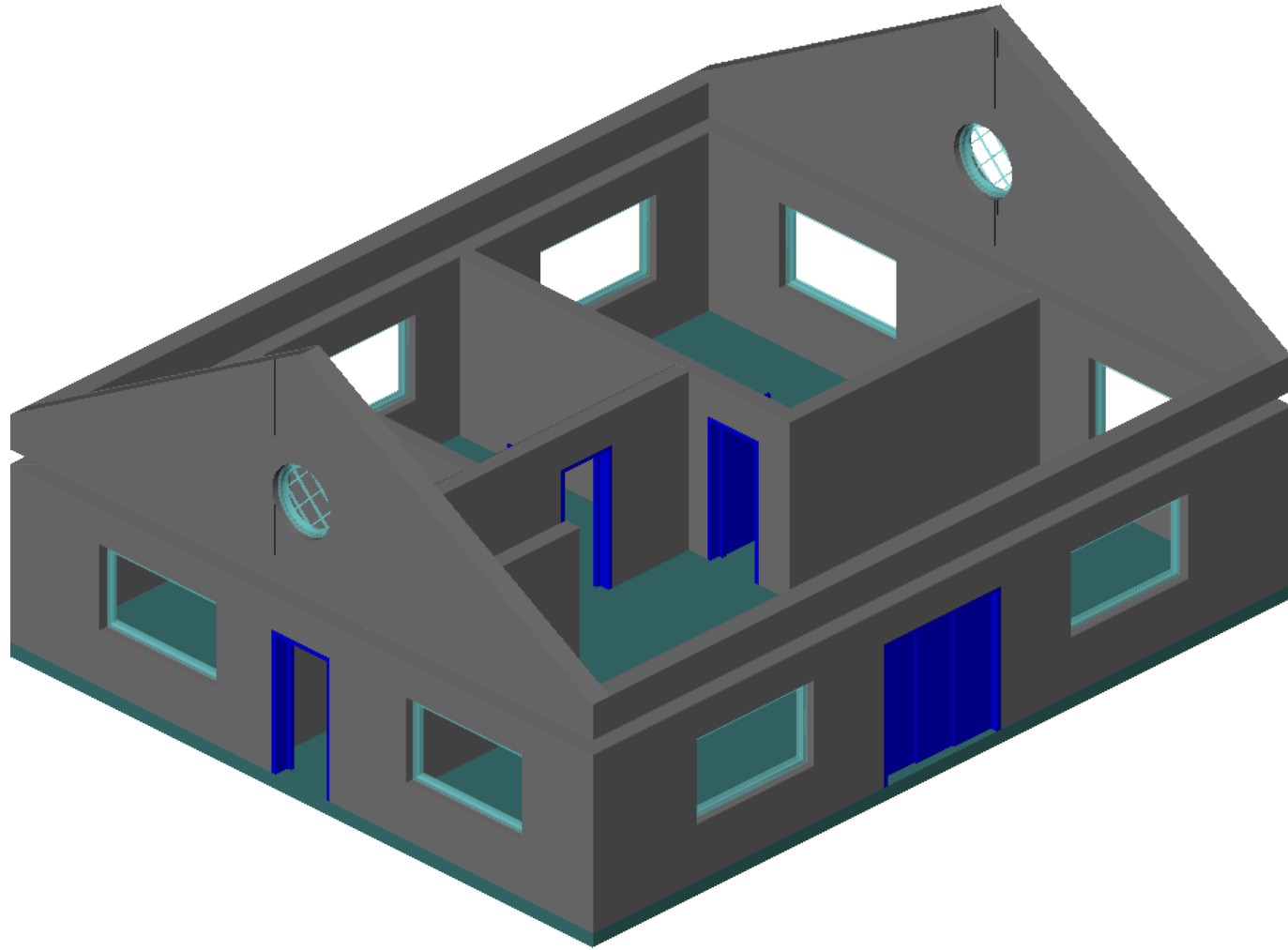
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Float-orientation  $\neq$  Exact-orientation  
Distance  $d = 0$  (float or exact)



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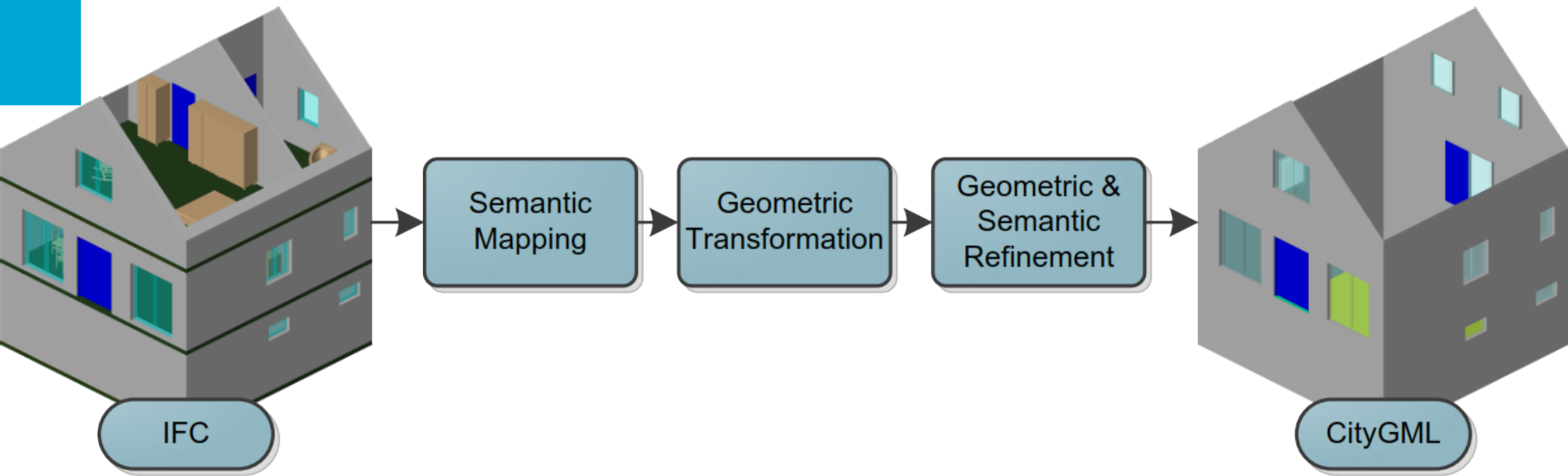
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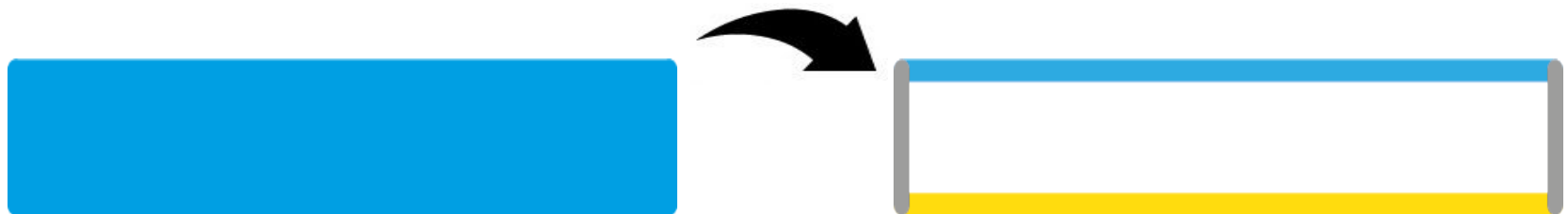
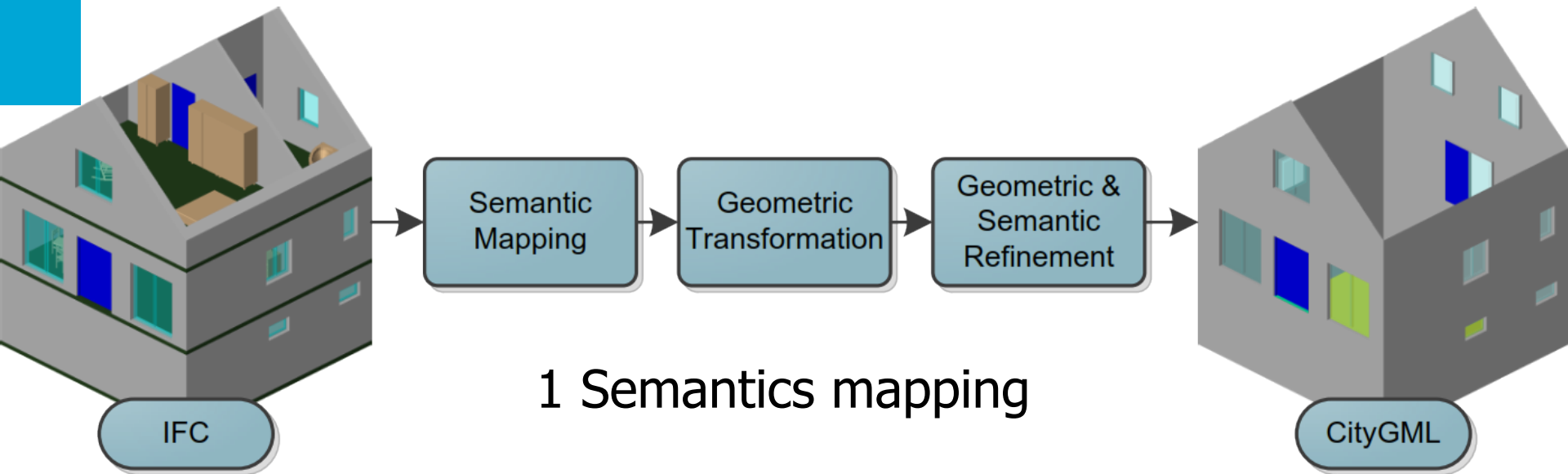
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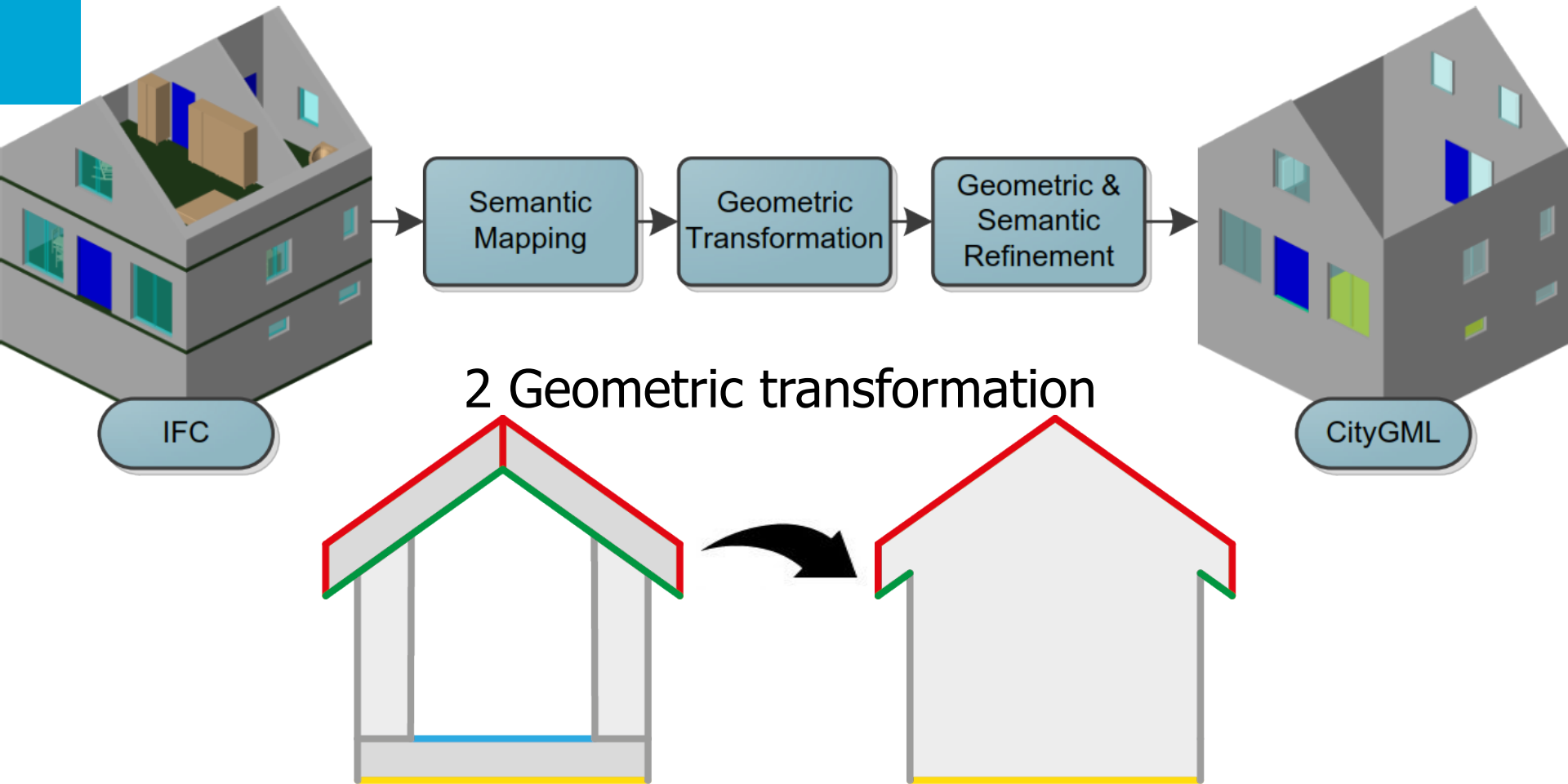
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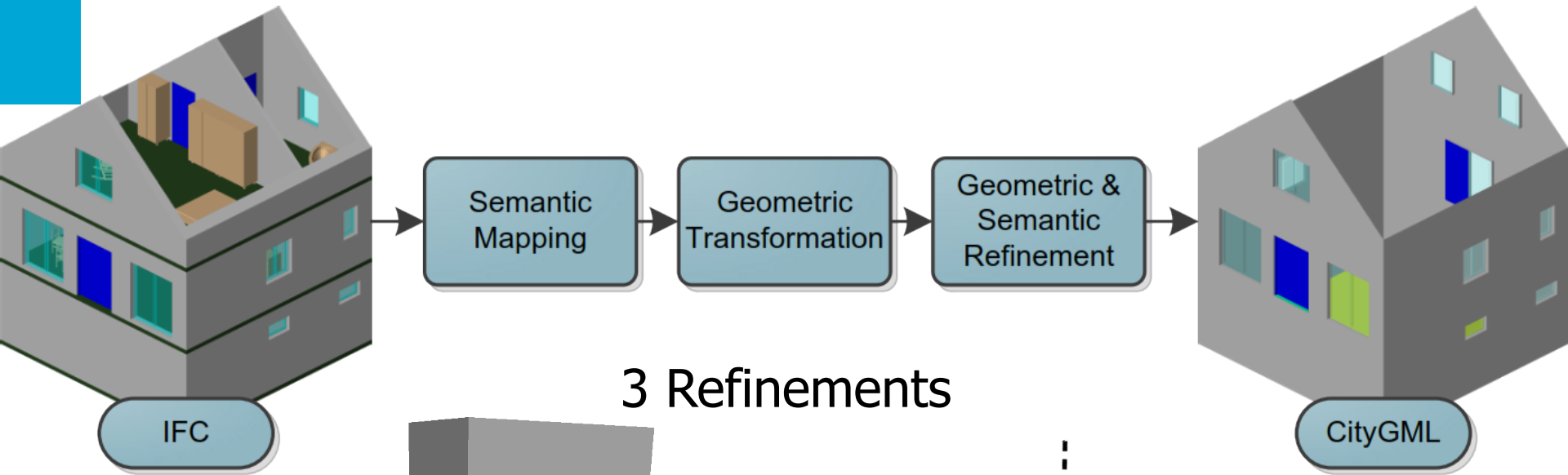
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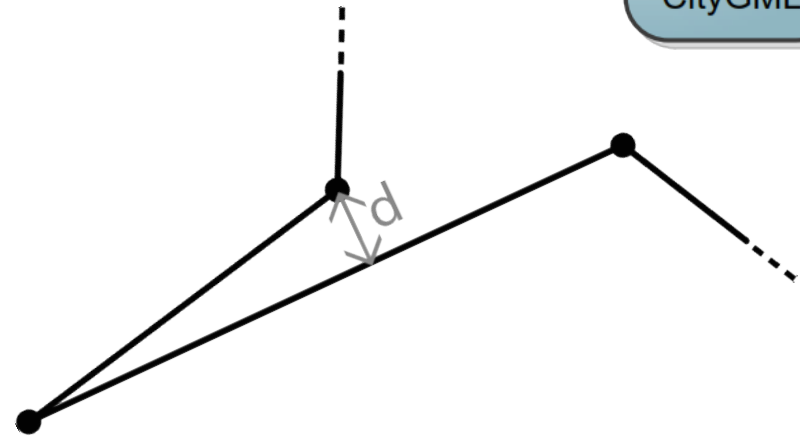
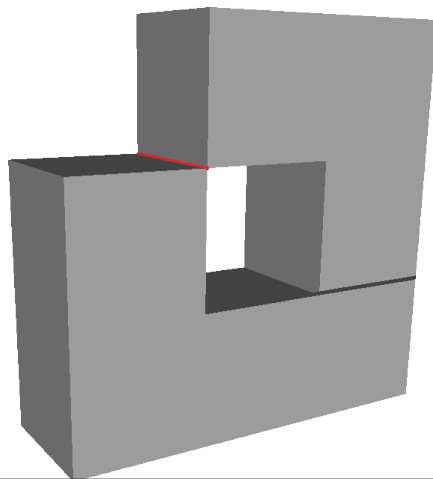
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3 Refinements



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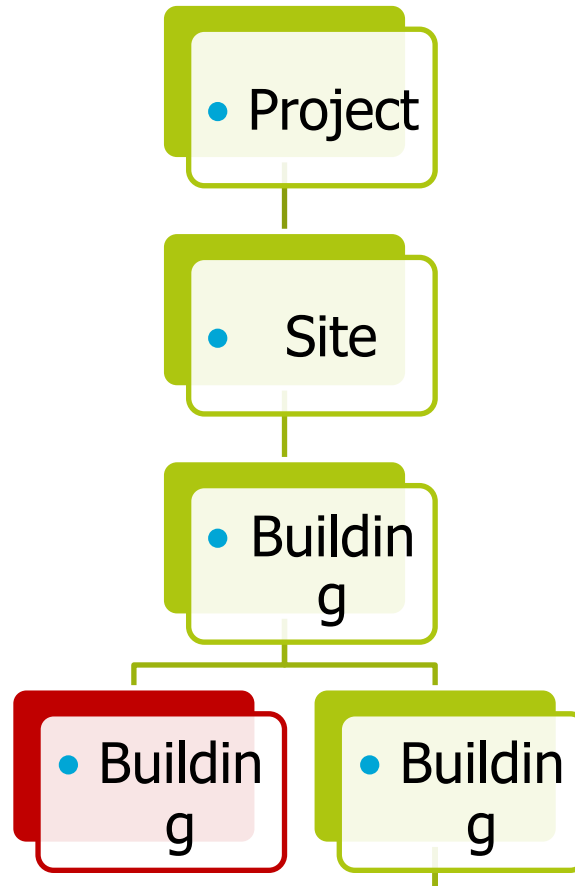
CityGML has semantics for and between:

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  - Trivial attributes
- Faces
  - Boundary surfaces (But not limited to only boundary surfaces!)
- Curves
  - Requires the terrain which is out of scope



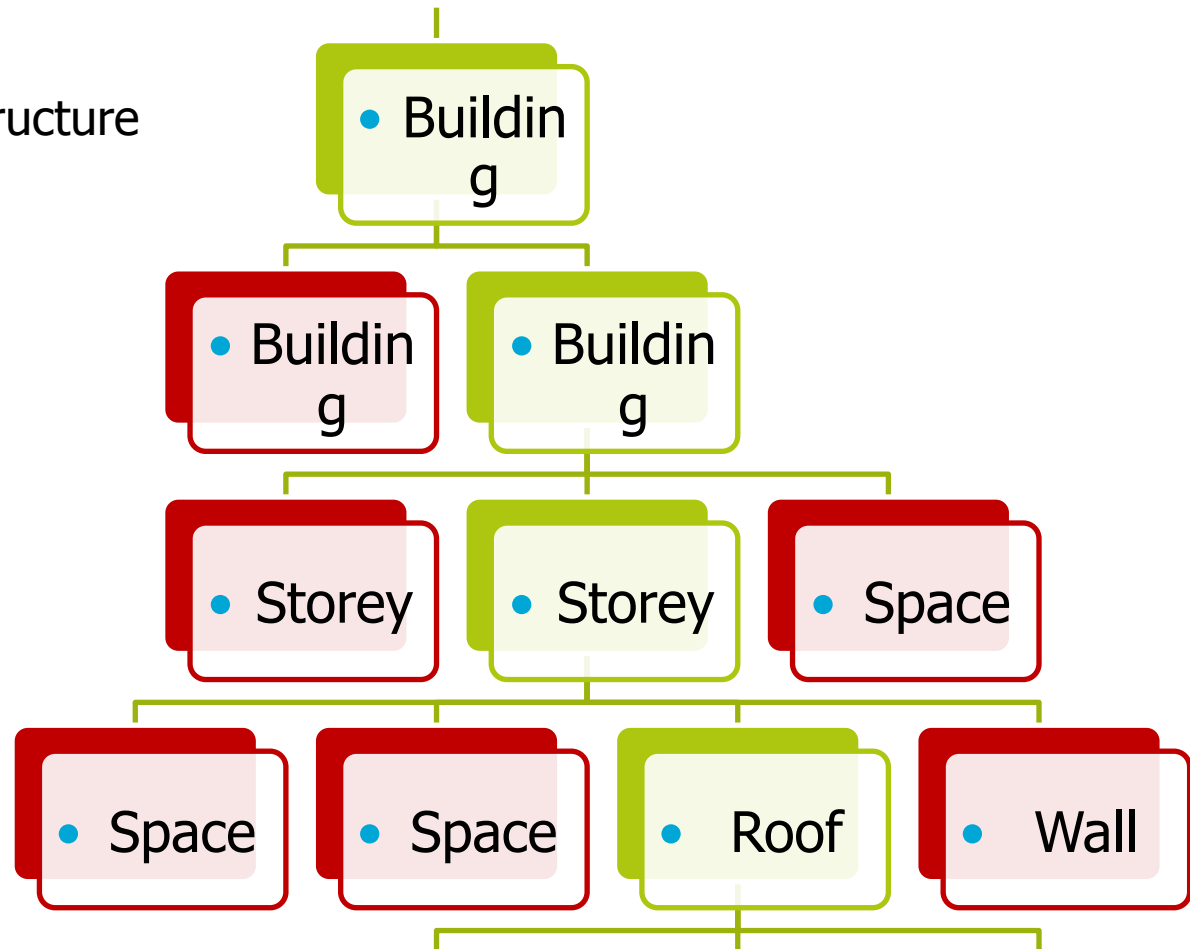
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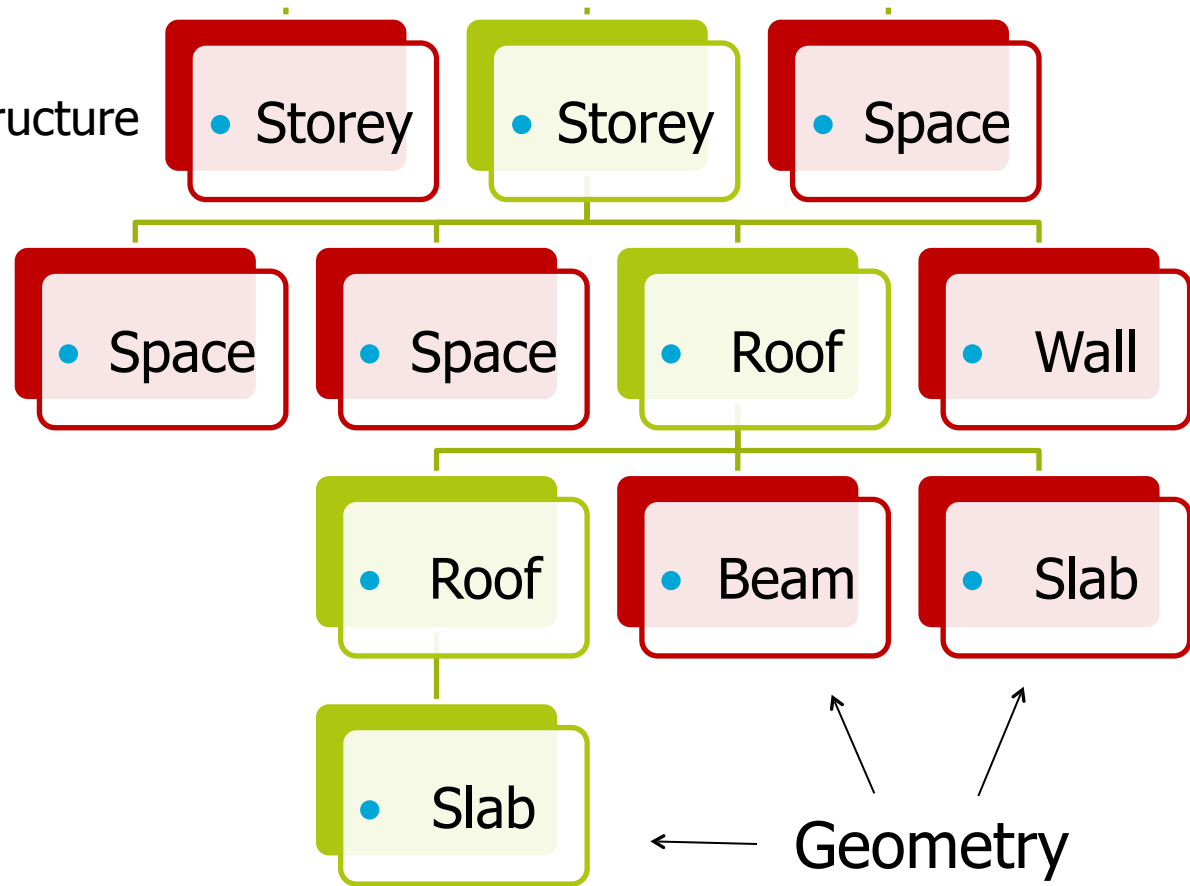
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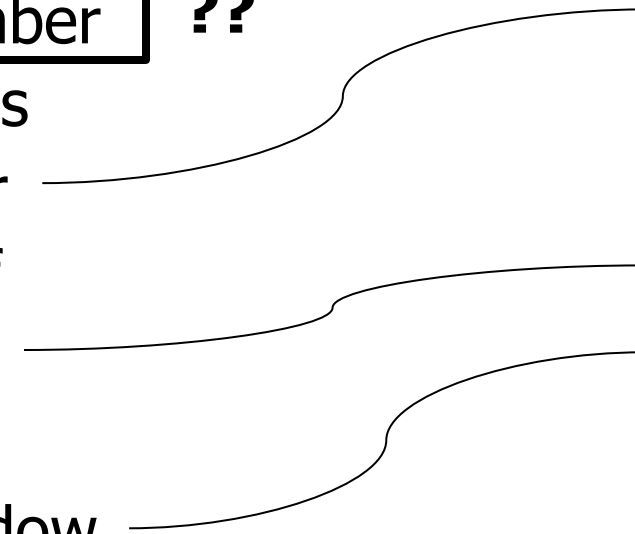
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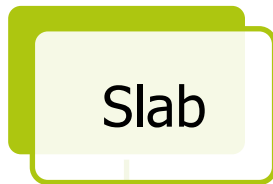
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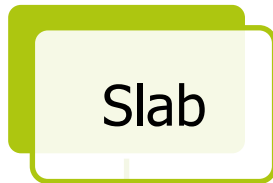
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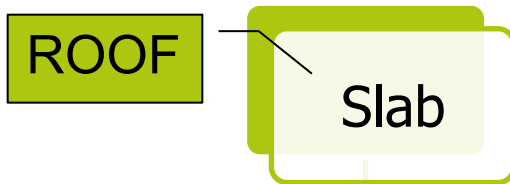


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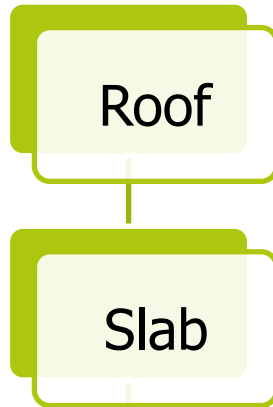




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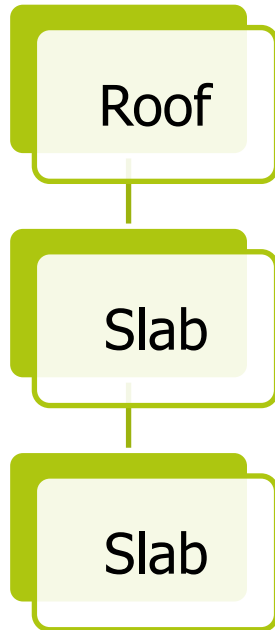
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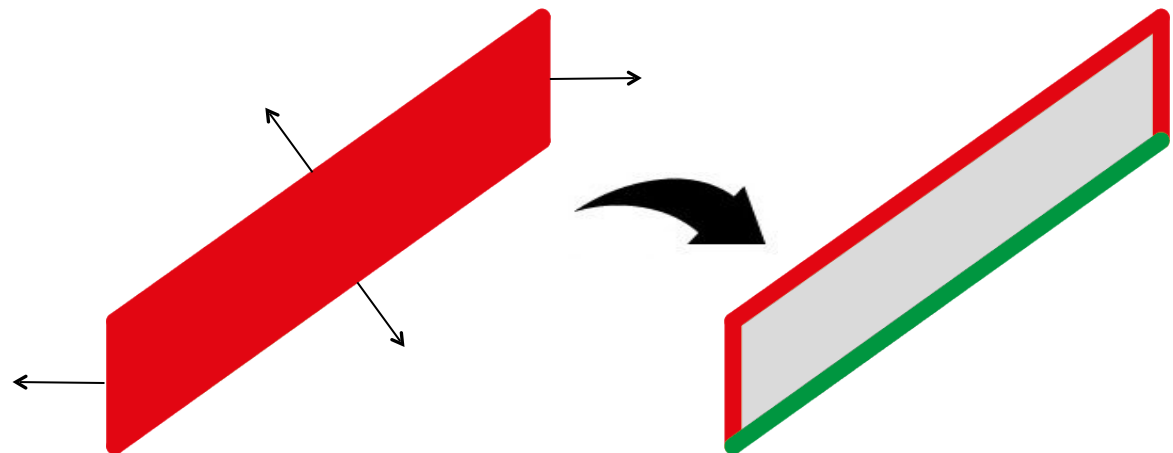
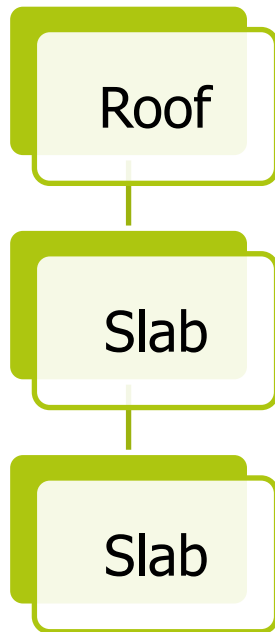
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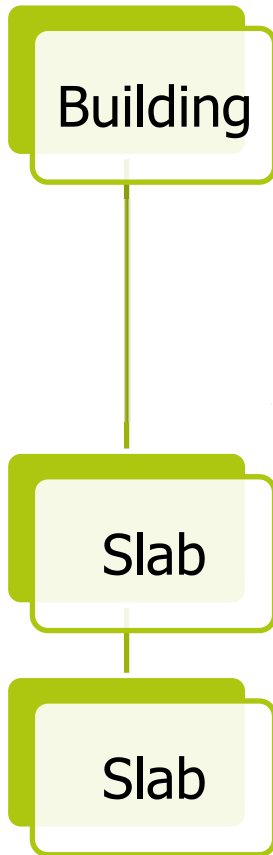
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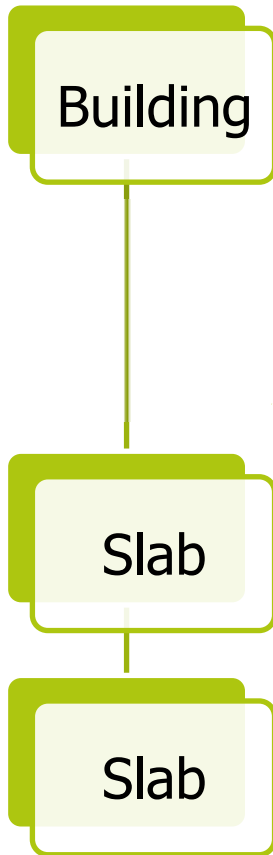


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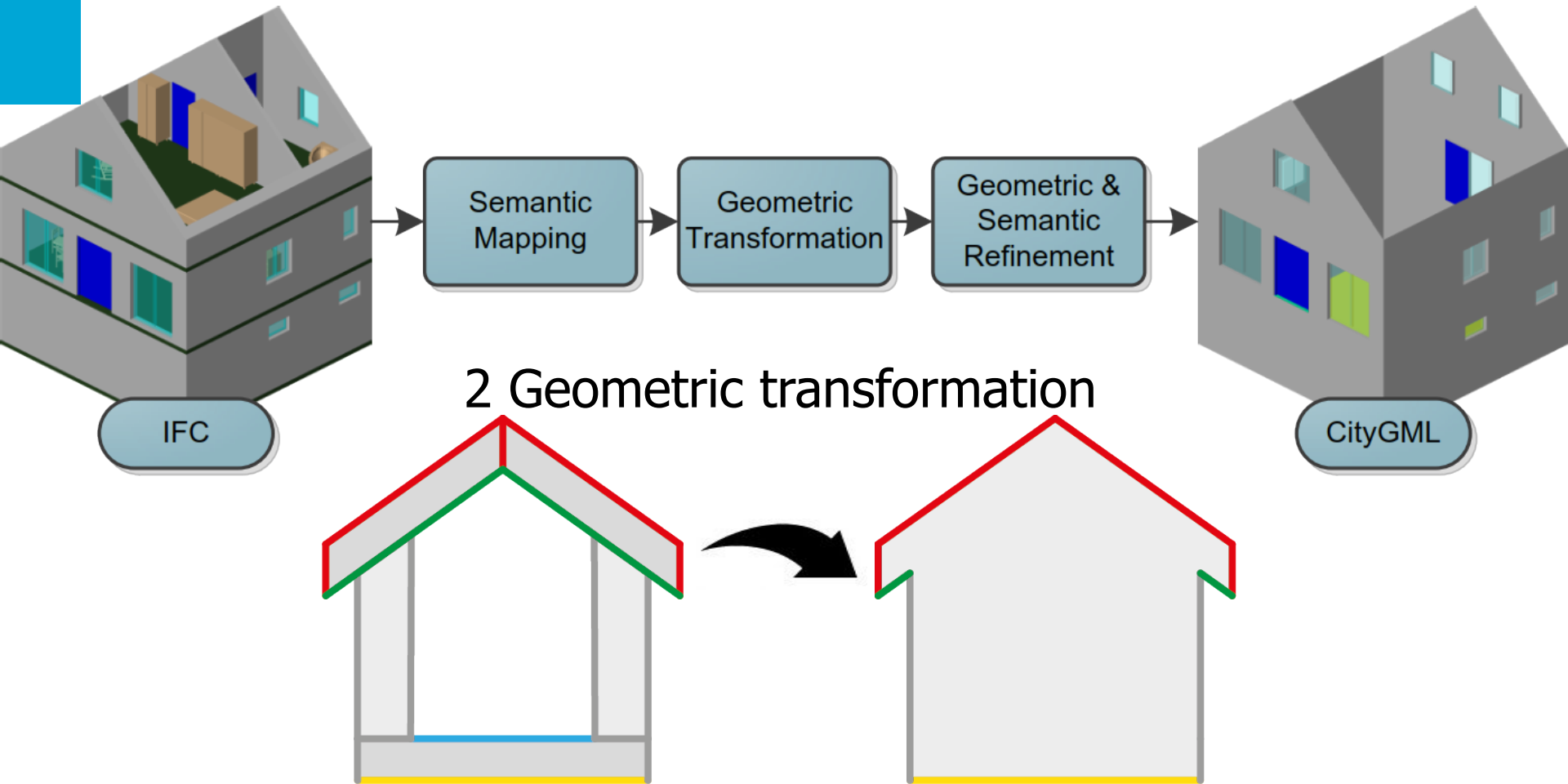
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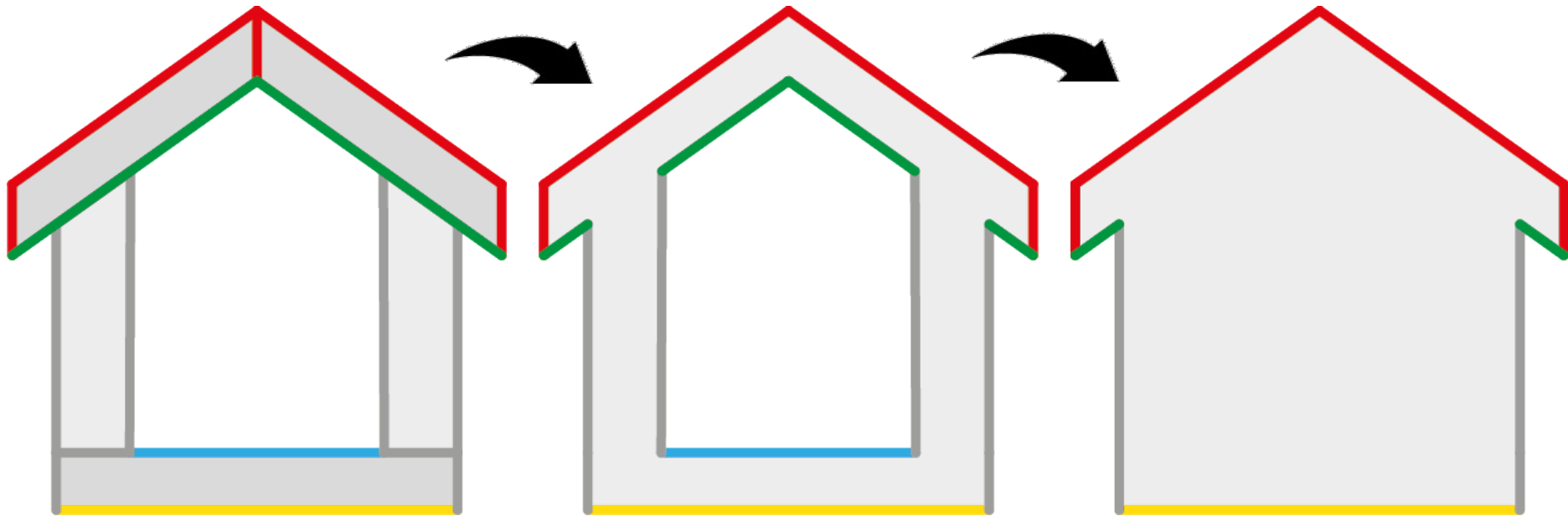


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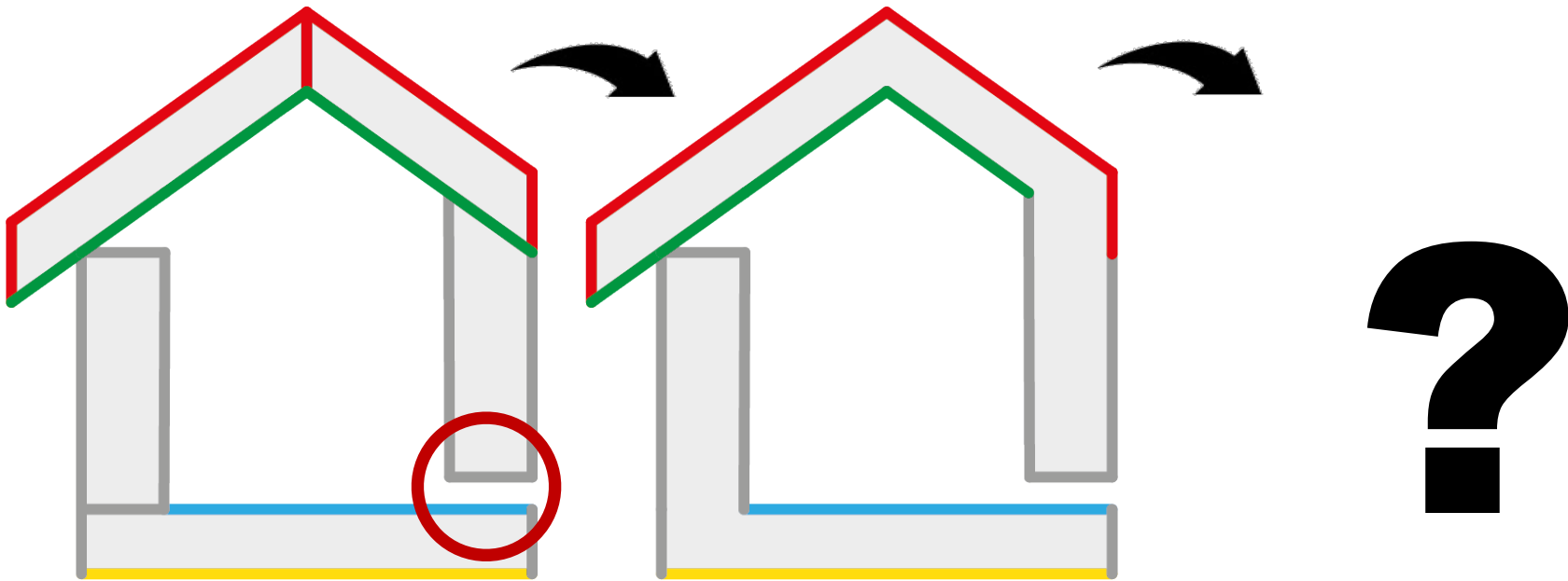
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Real buildings are not watertight !



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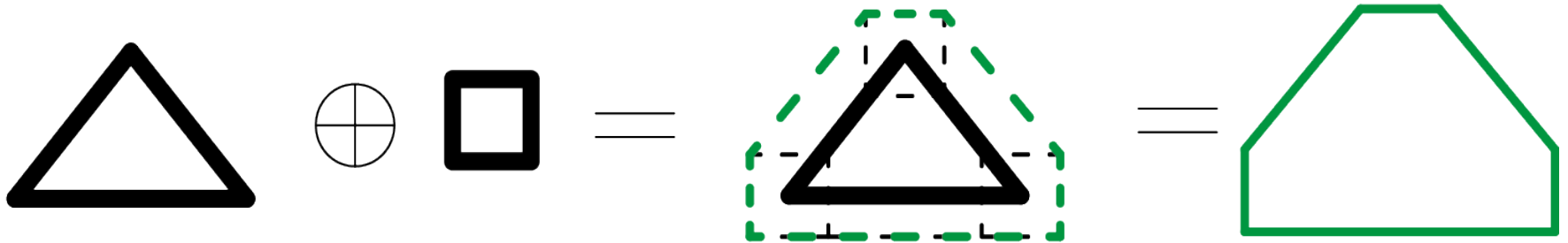
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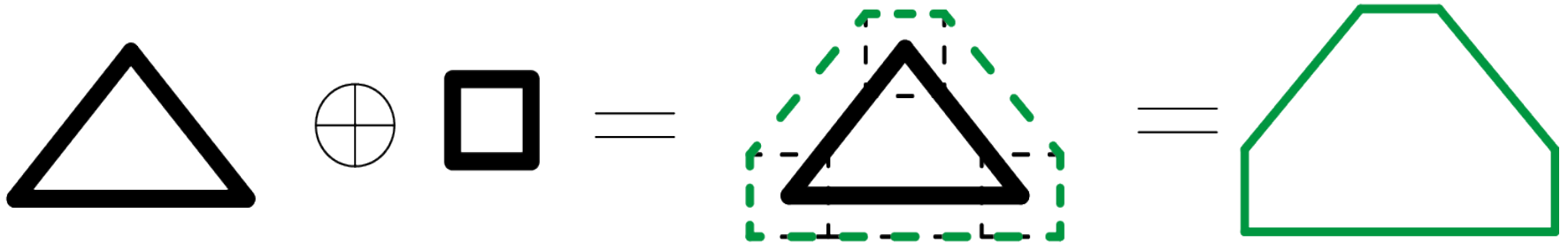
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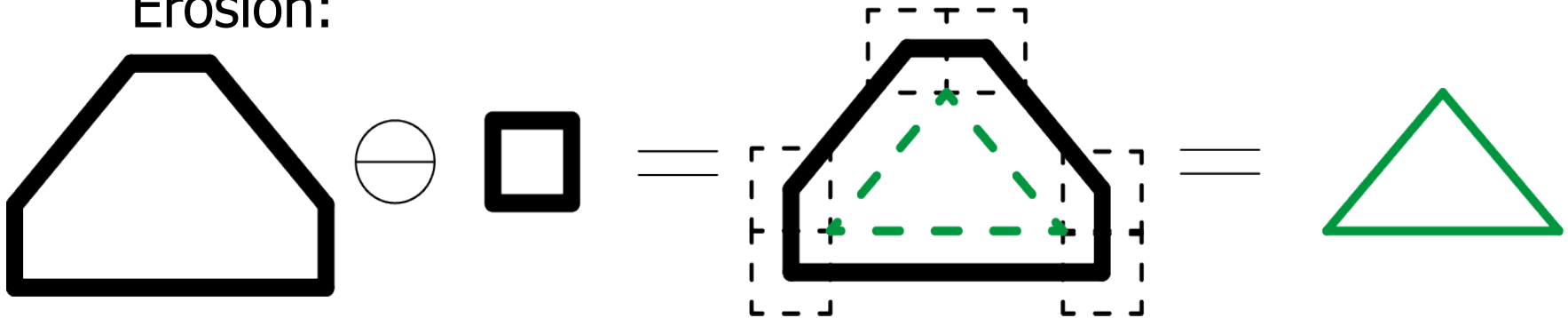
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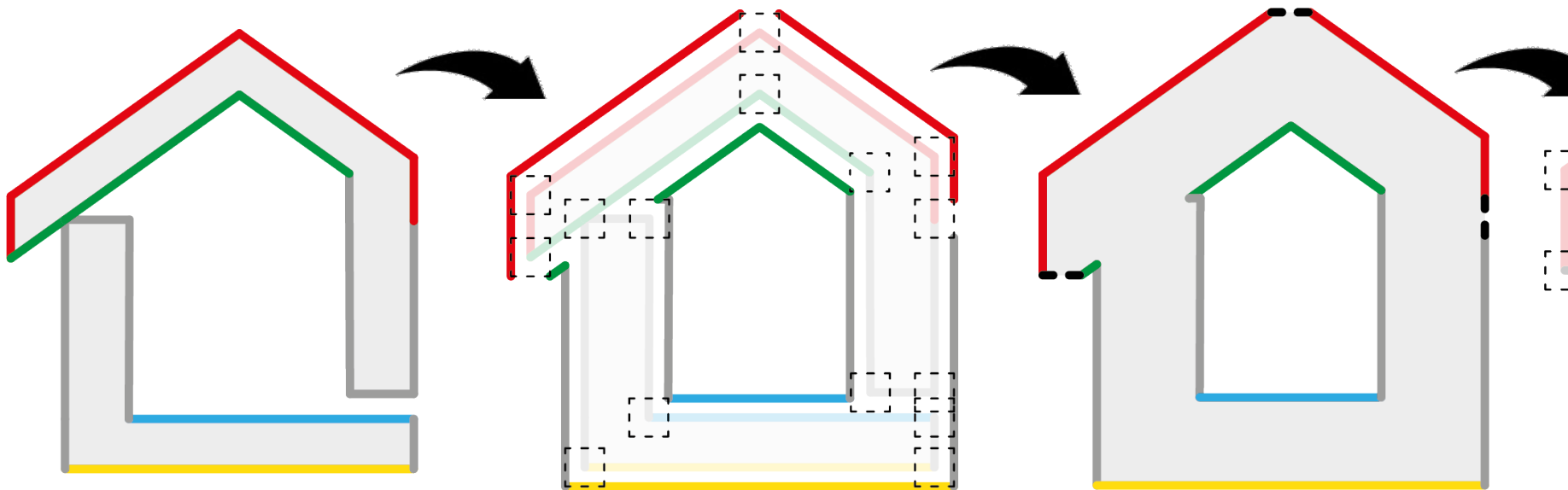
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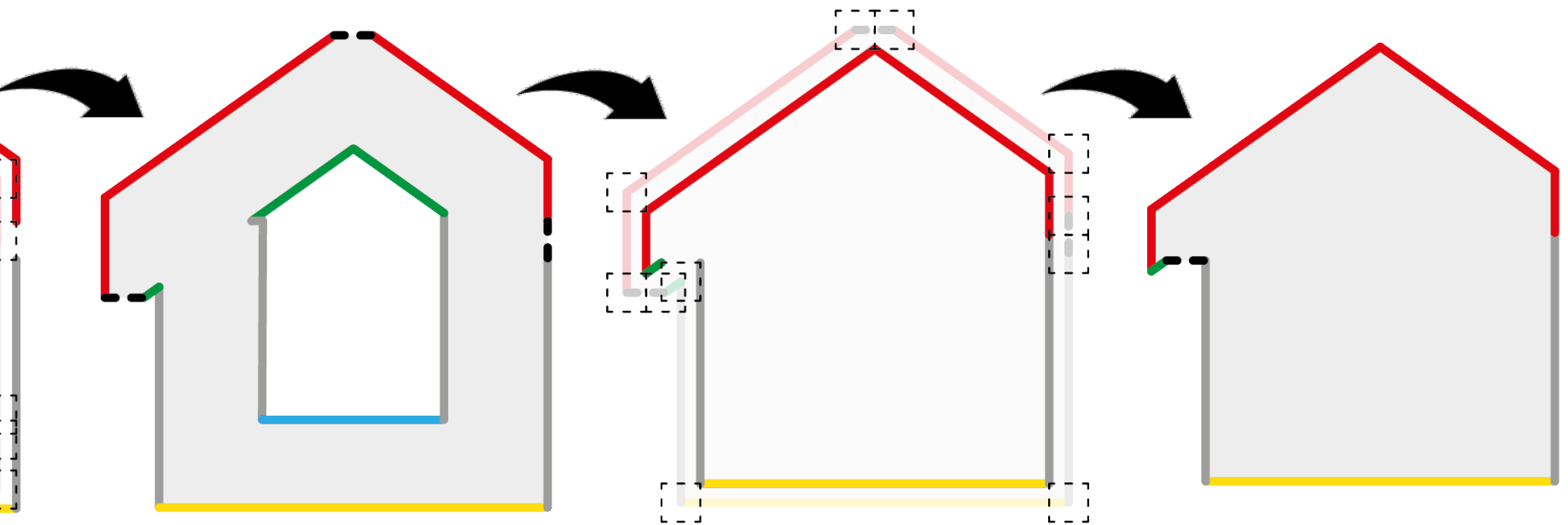


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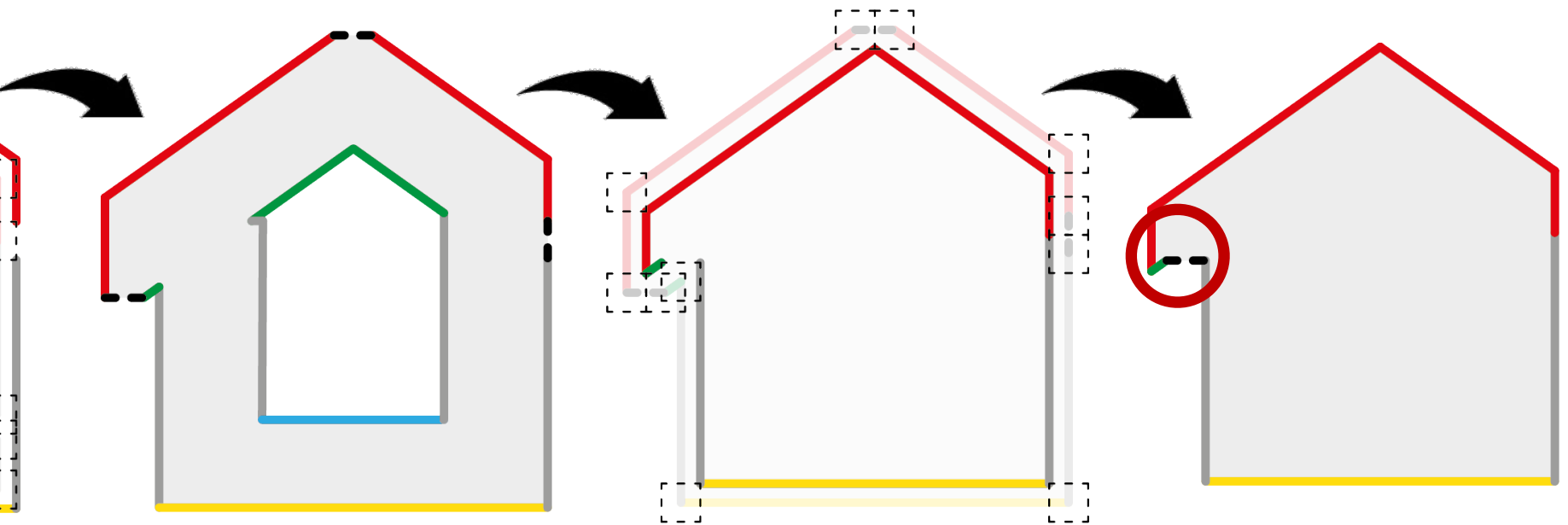
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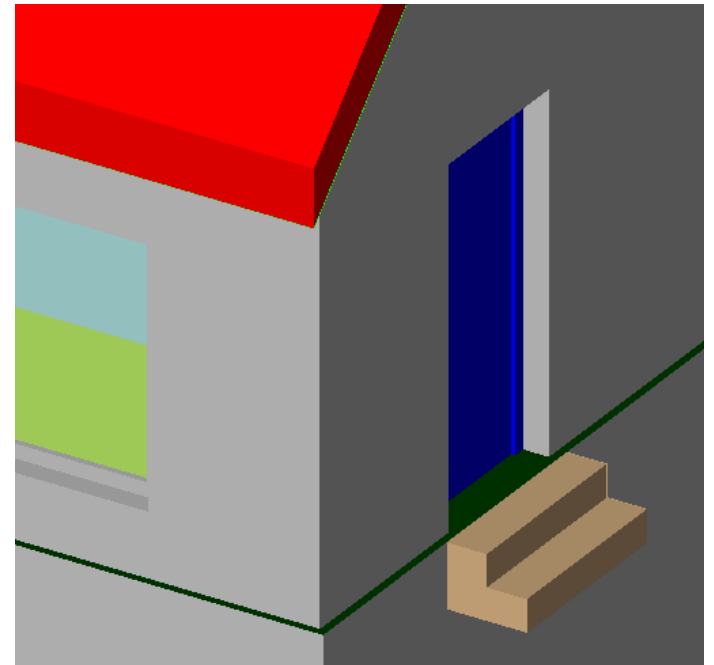
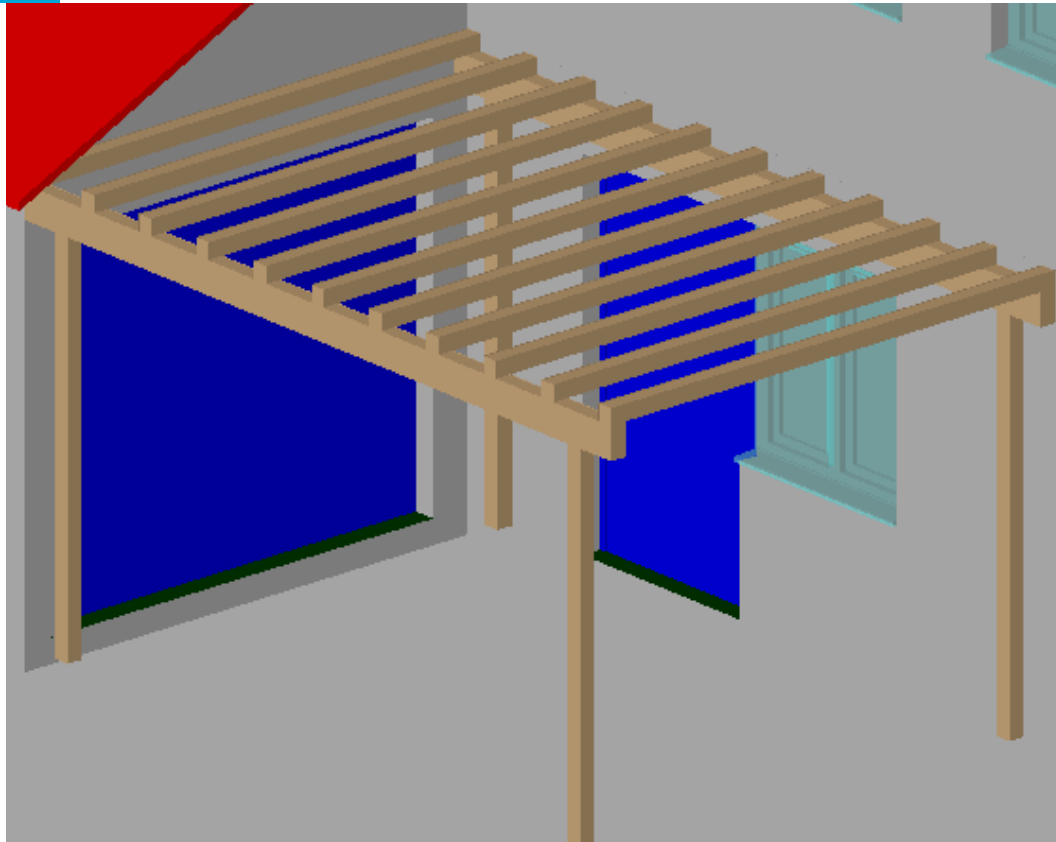
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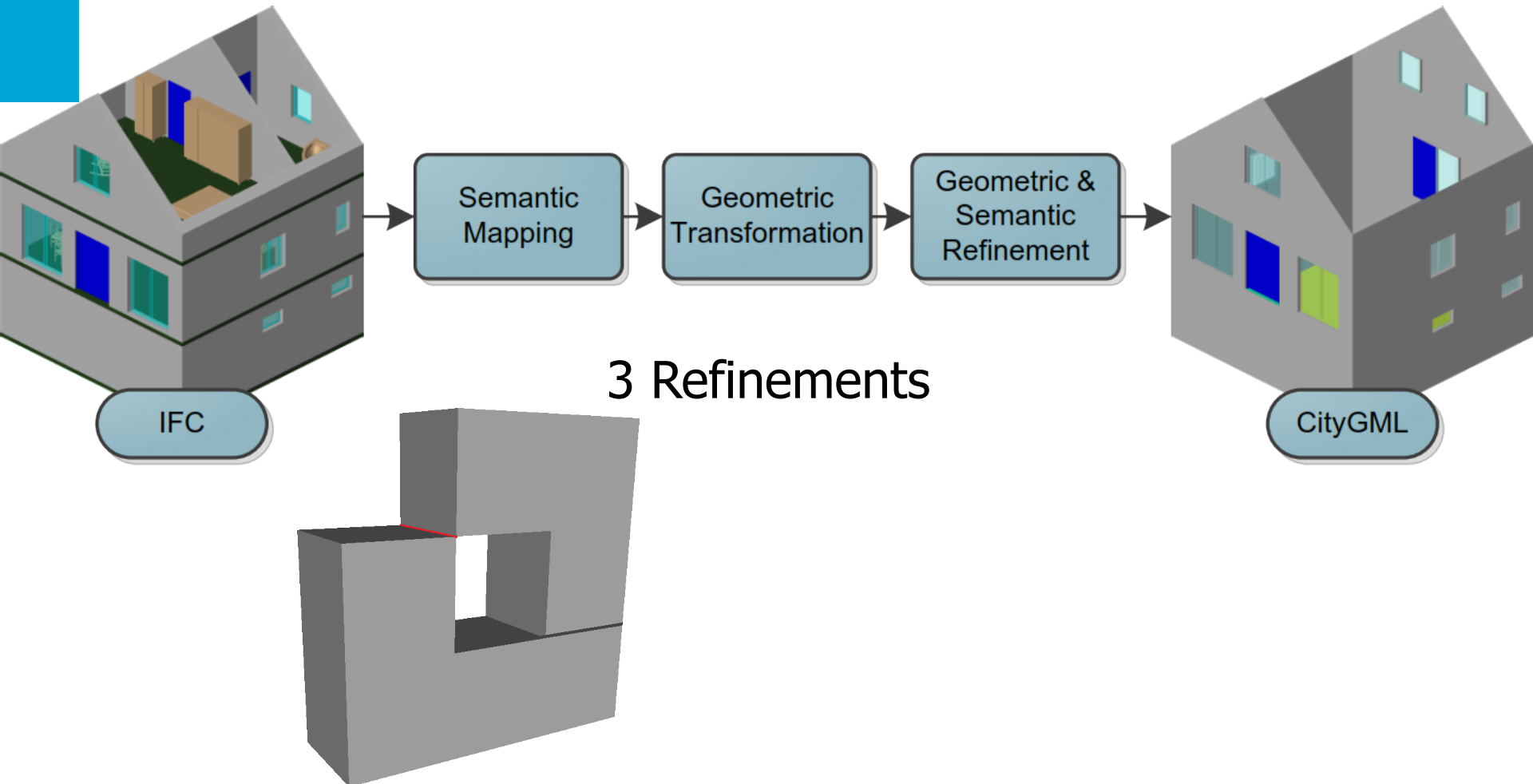


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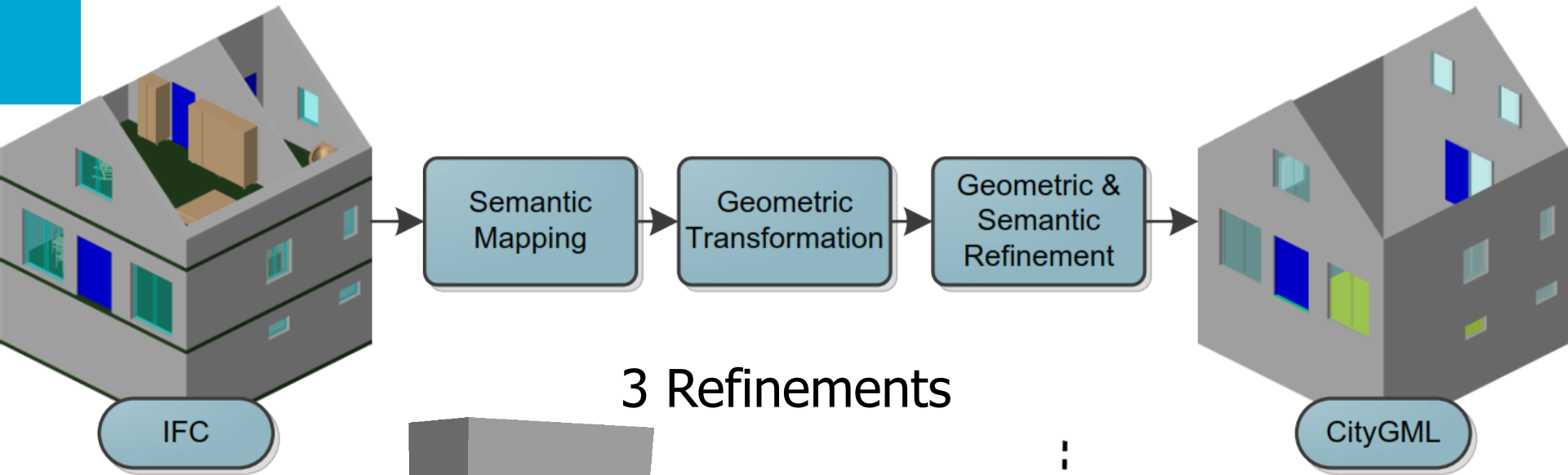
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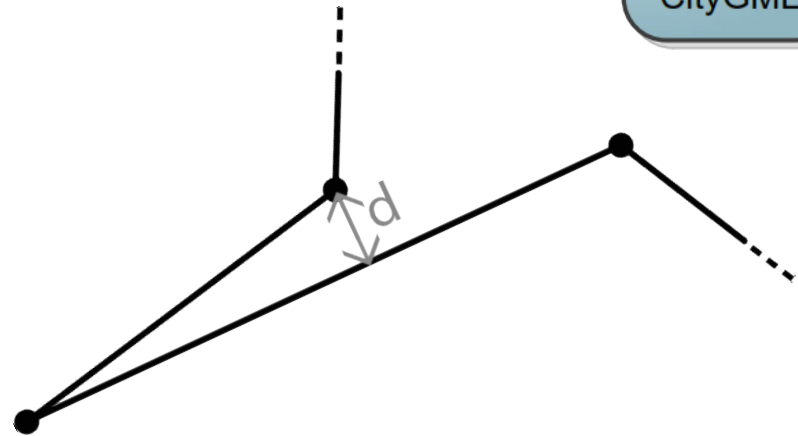
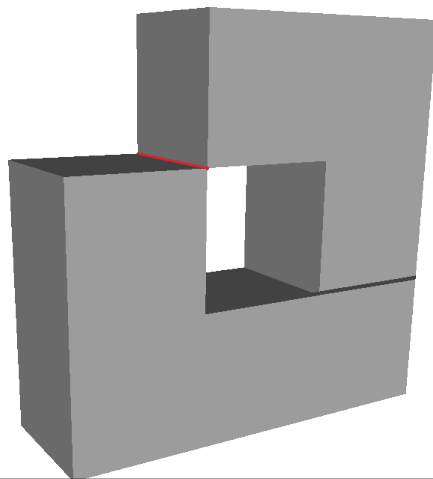
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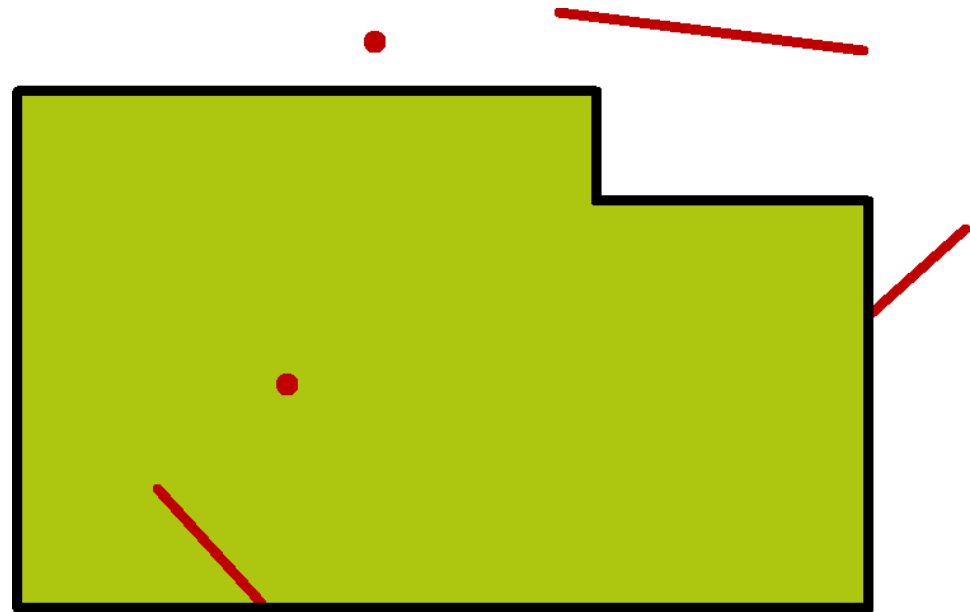
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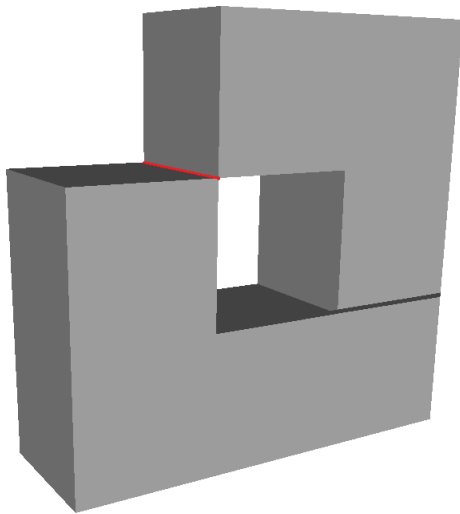
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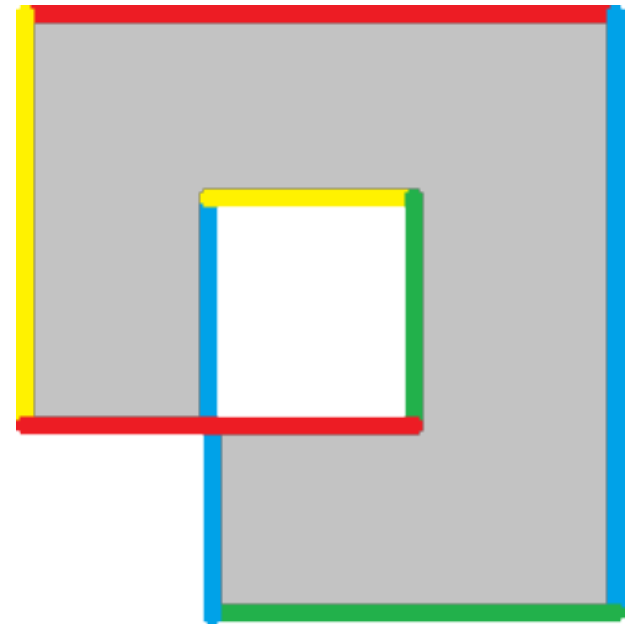
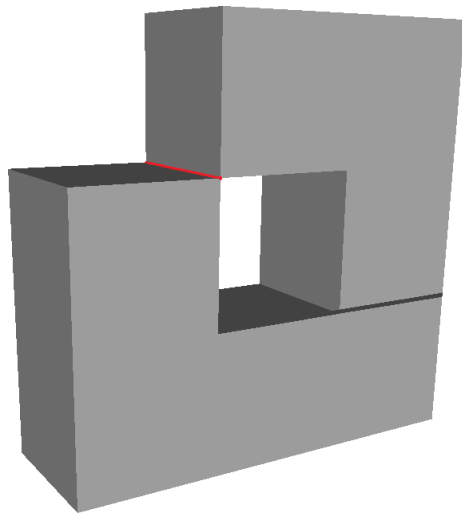
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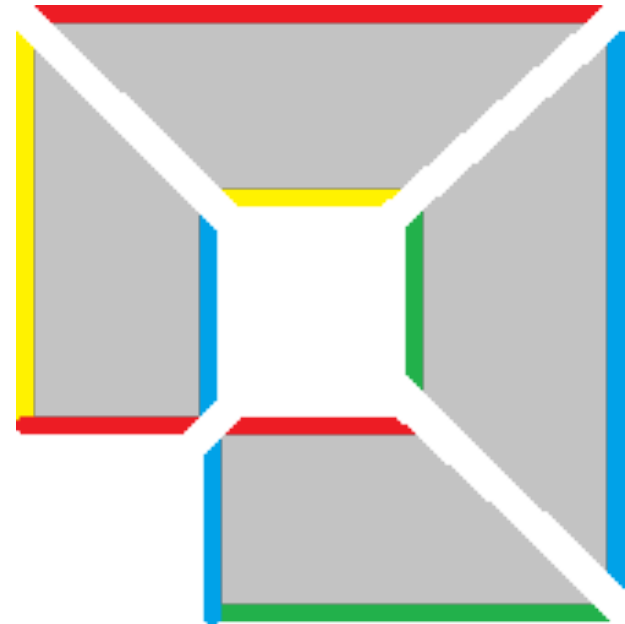
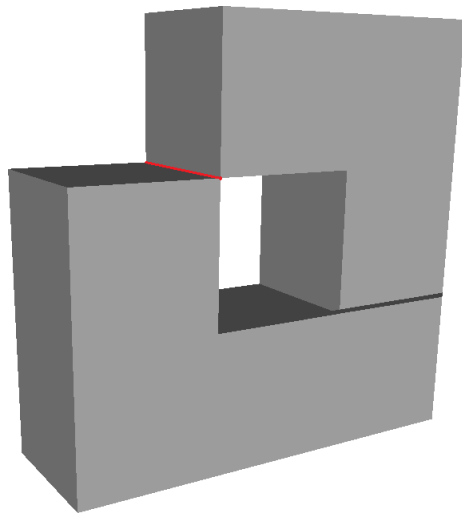
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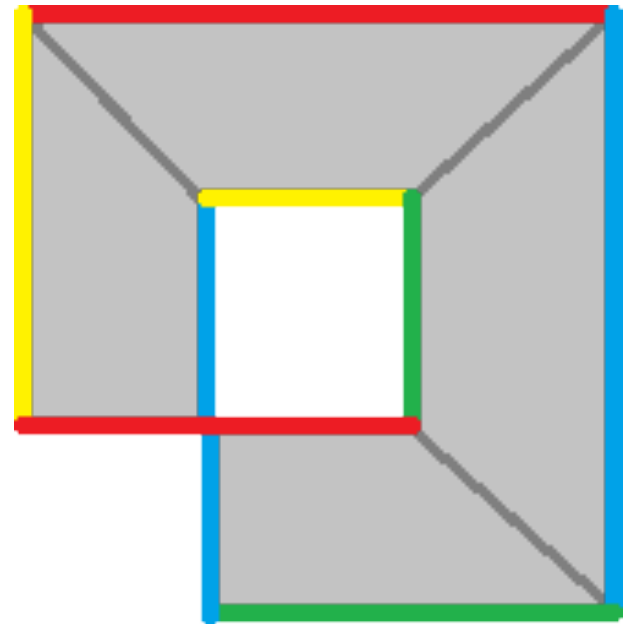
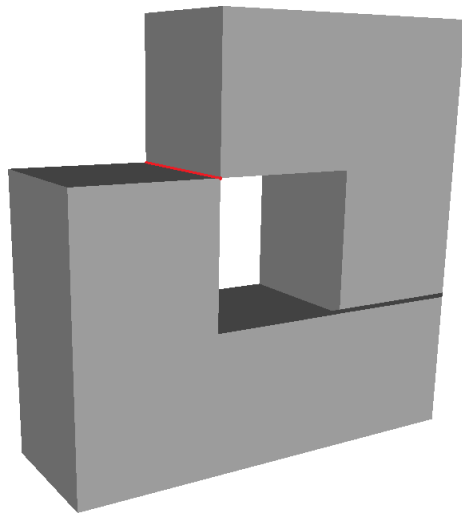
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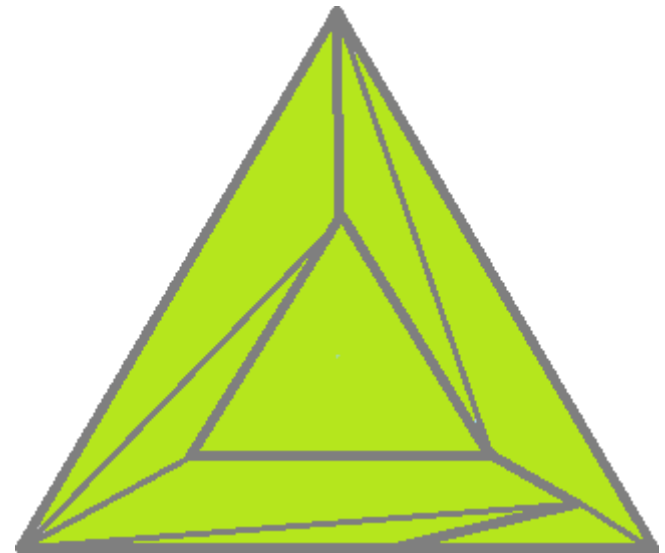
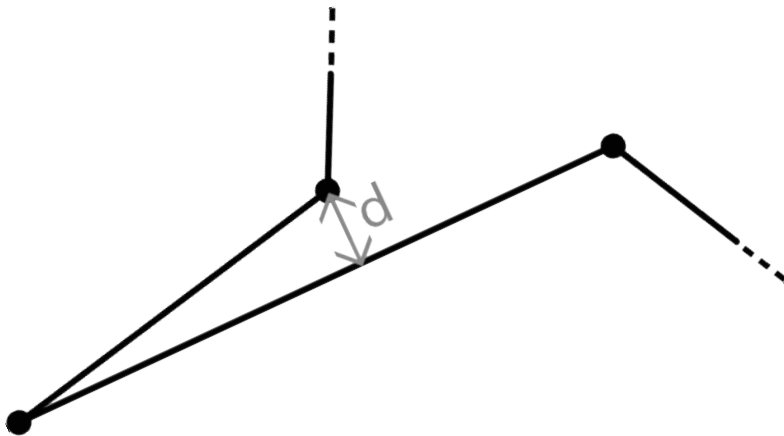
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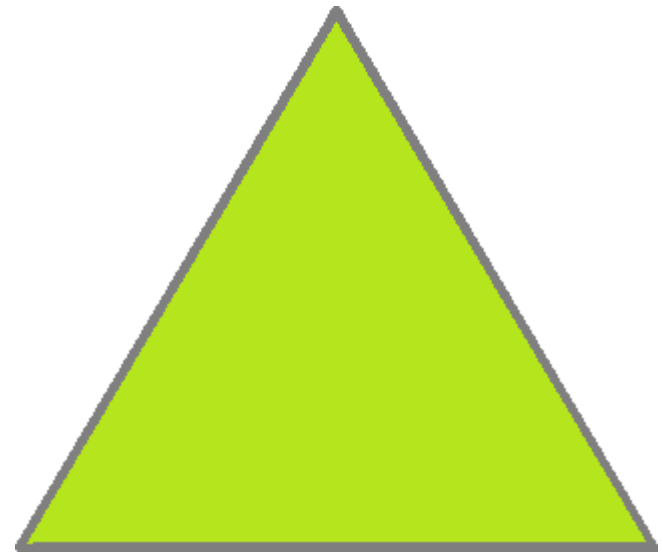
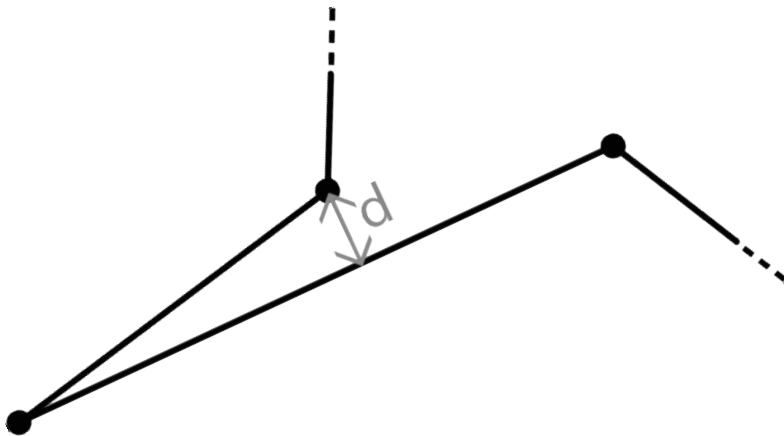
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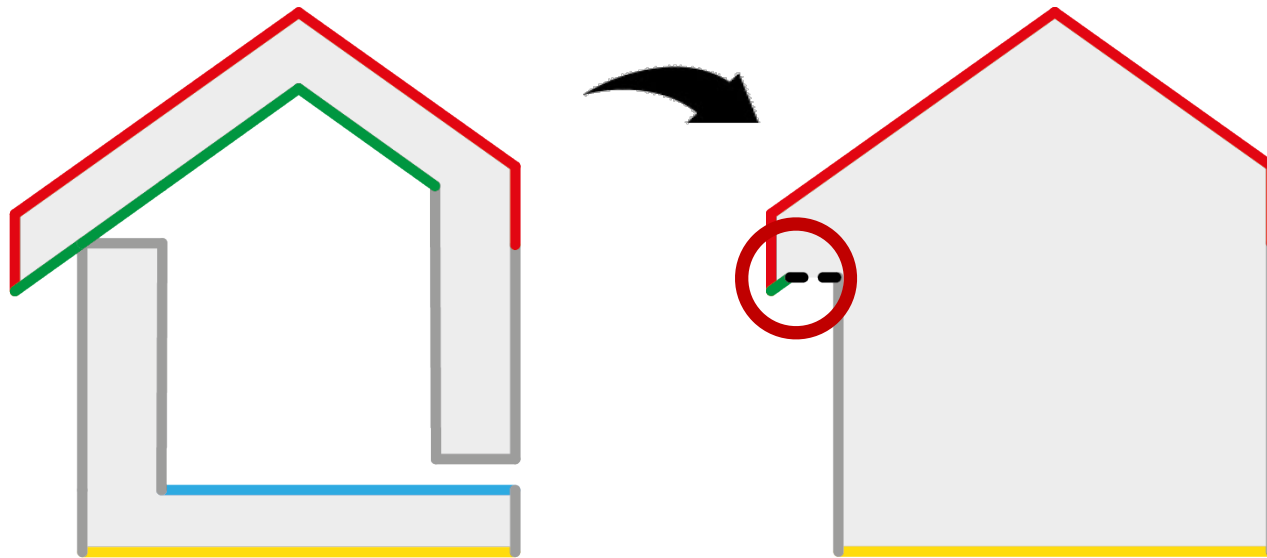
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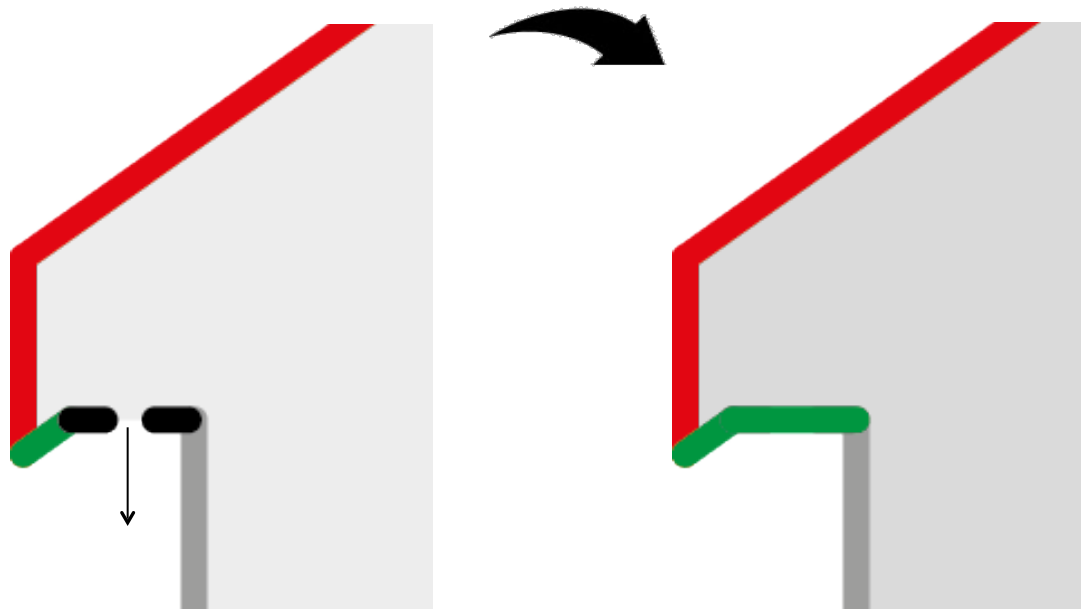
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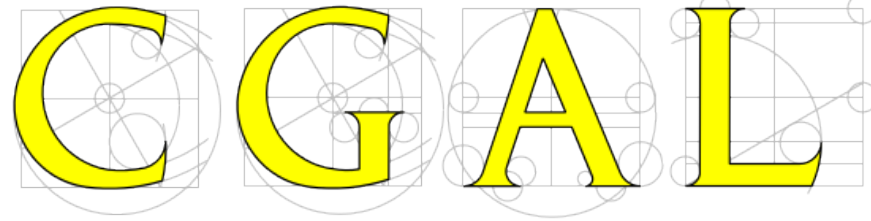
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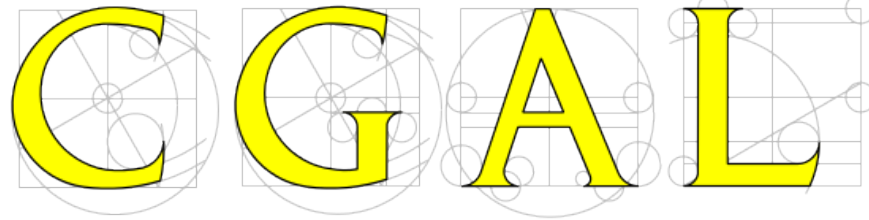
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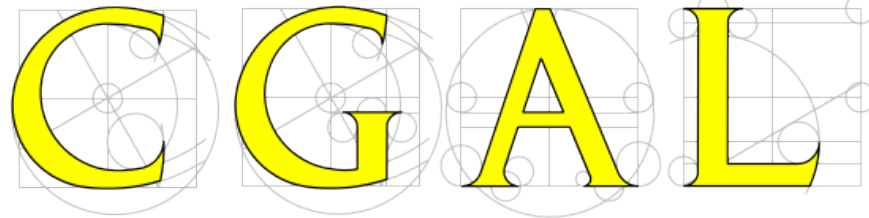


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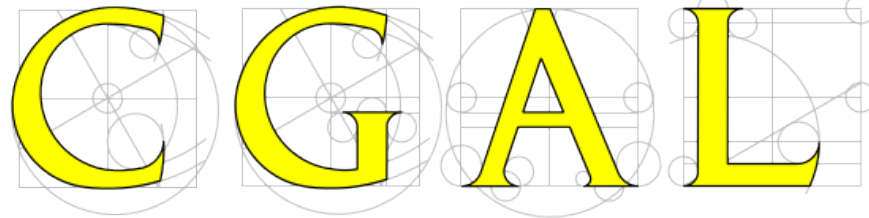


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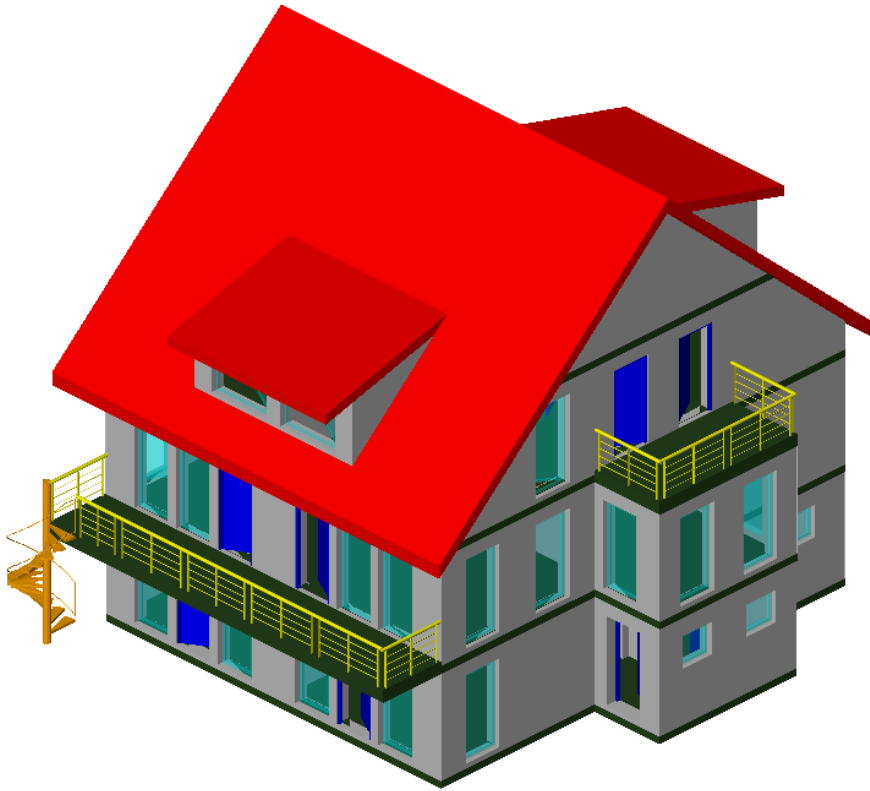


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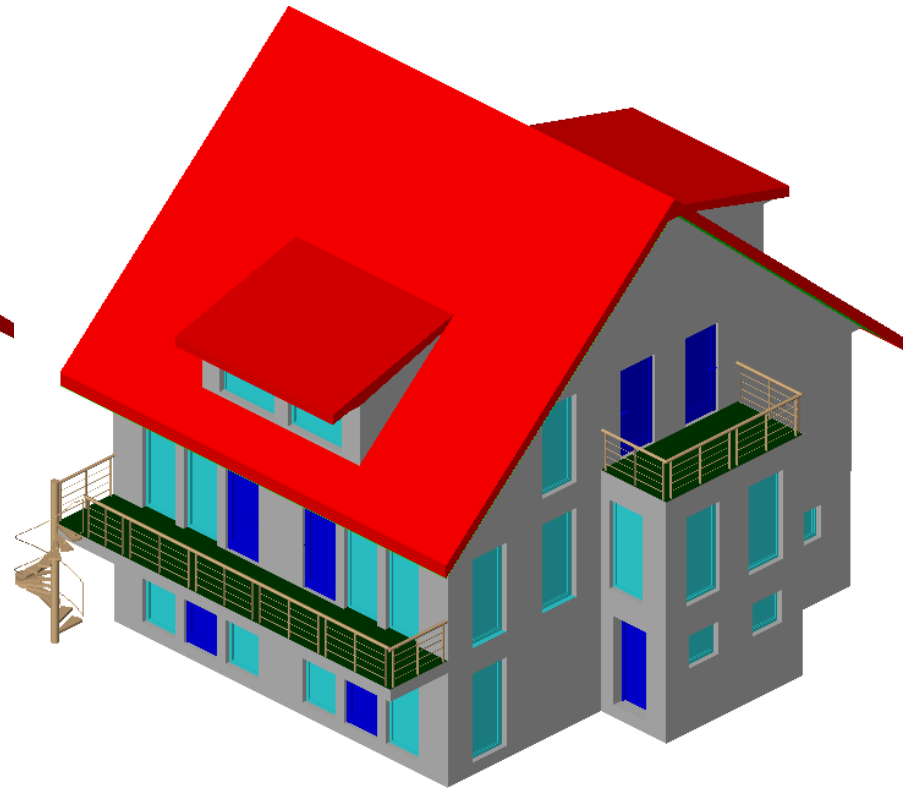
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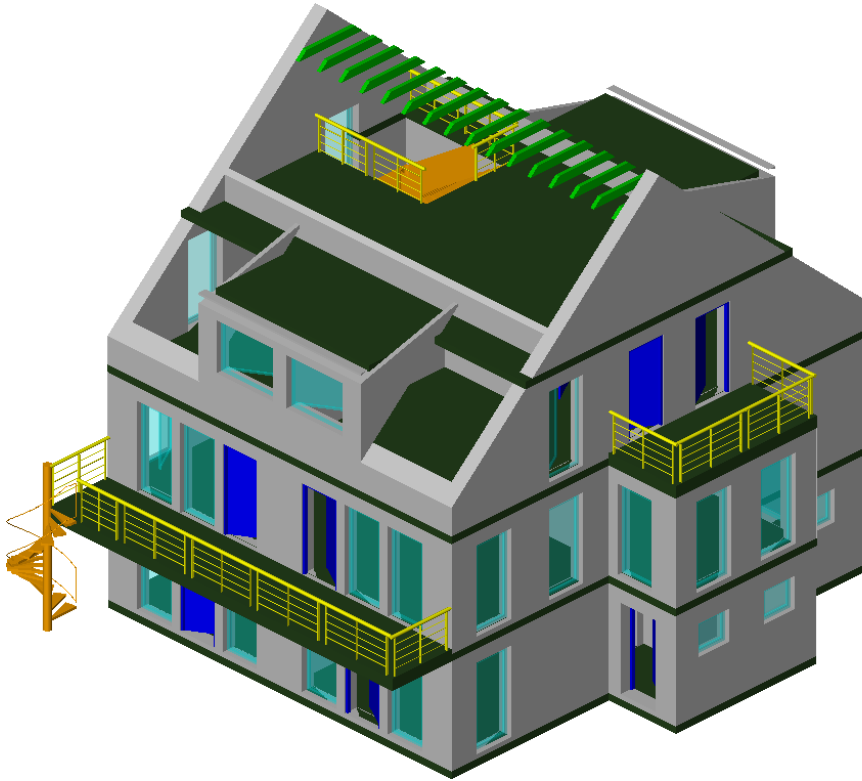
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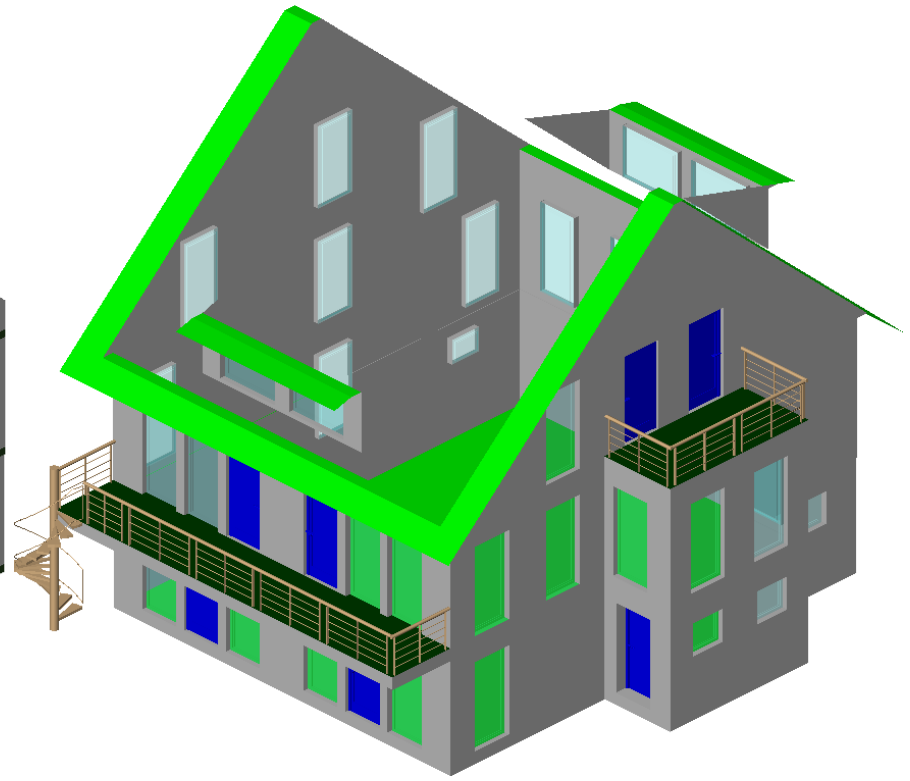
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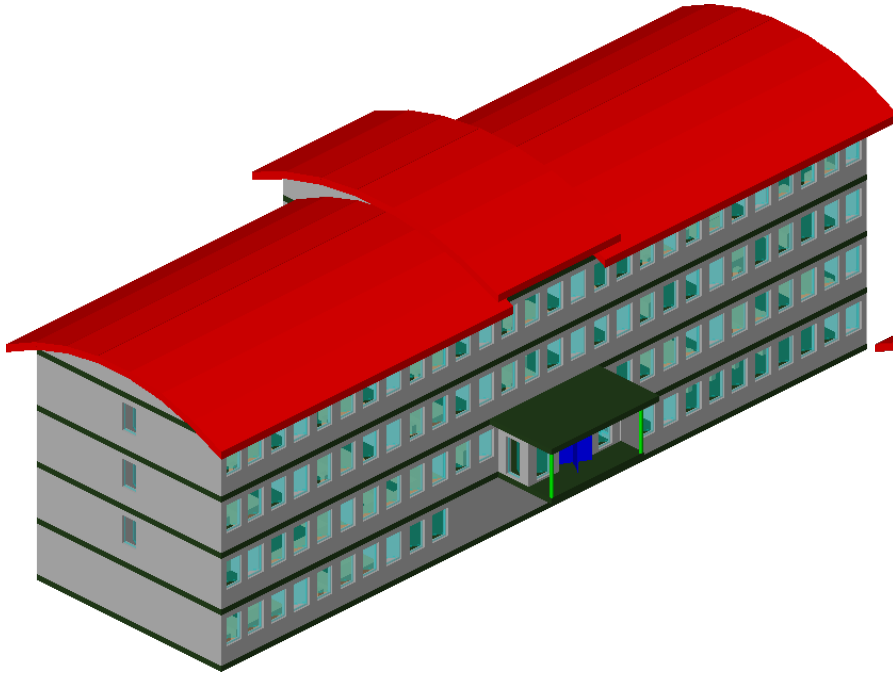


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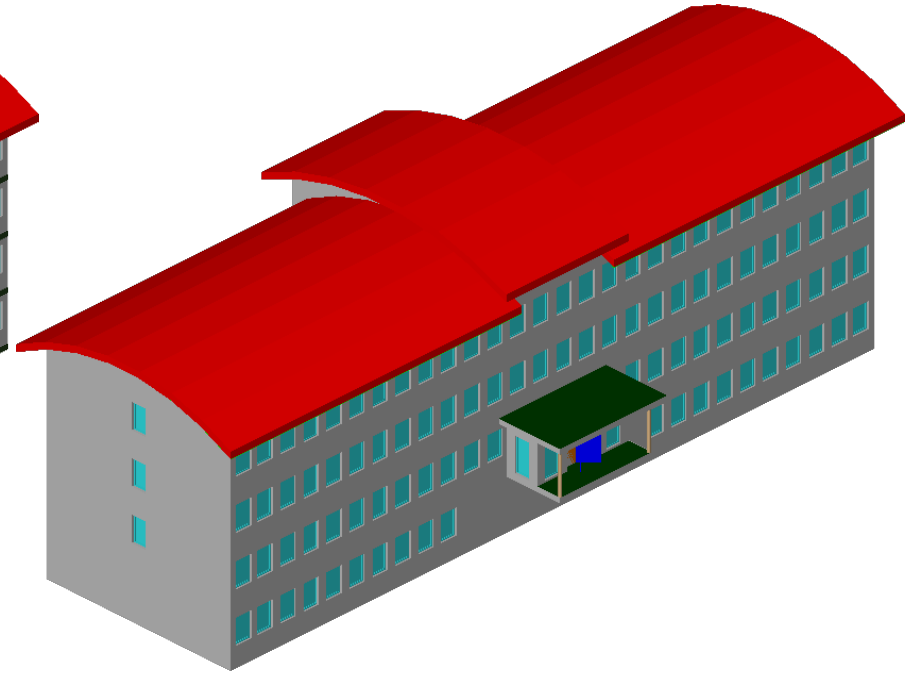


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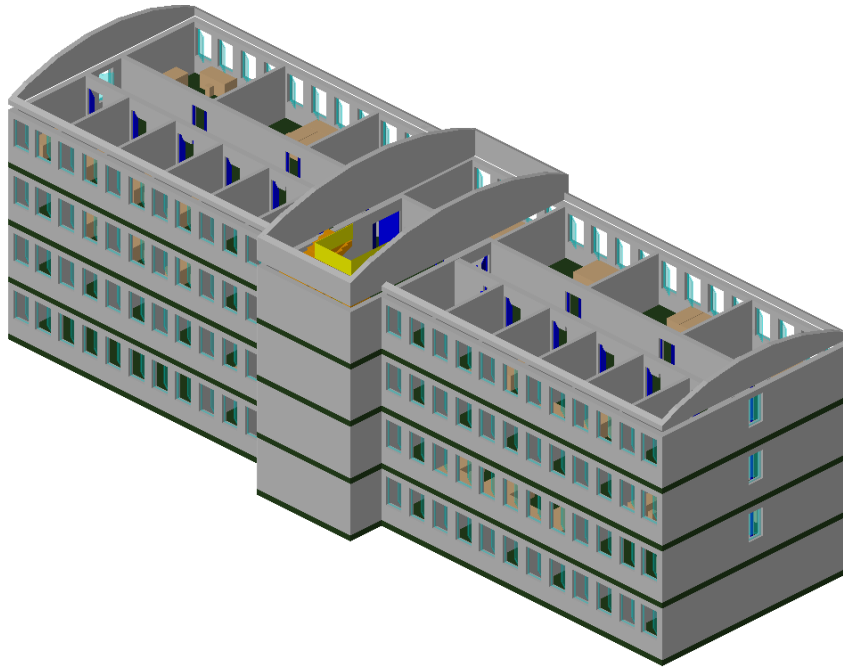


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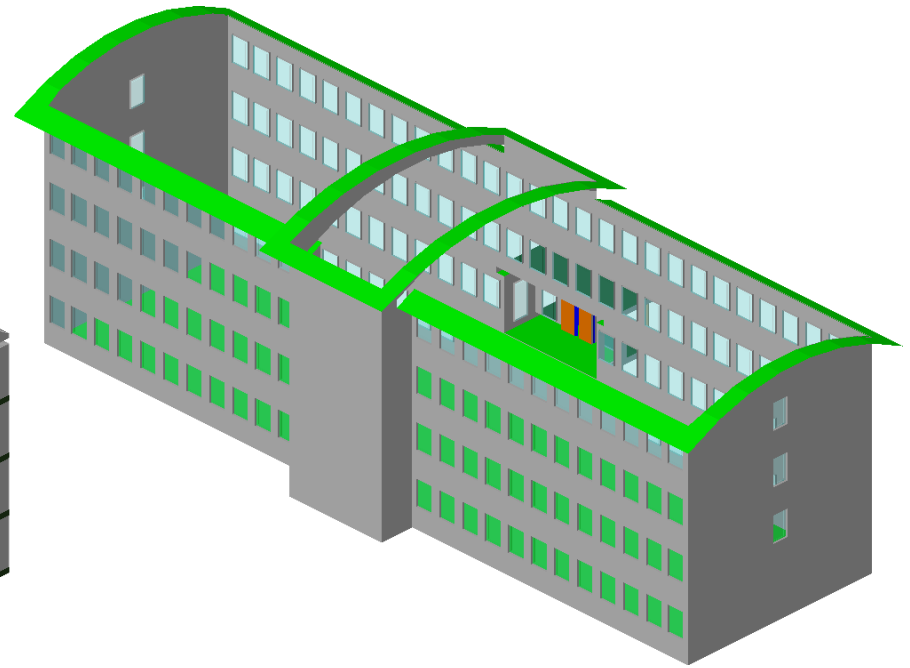


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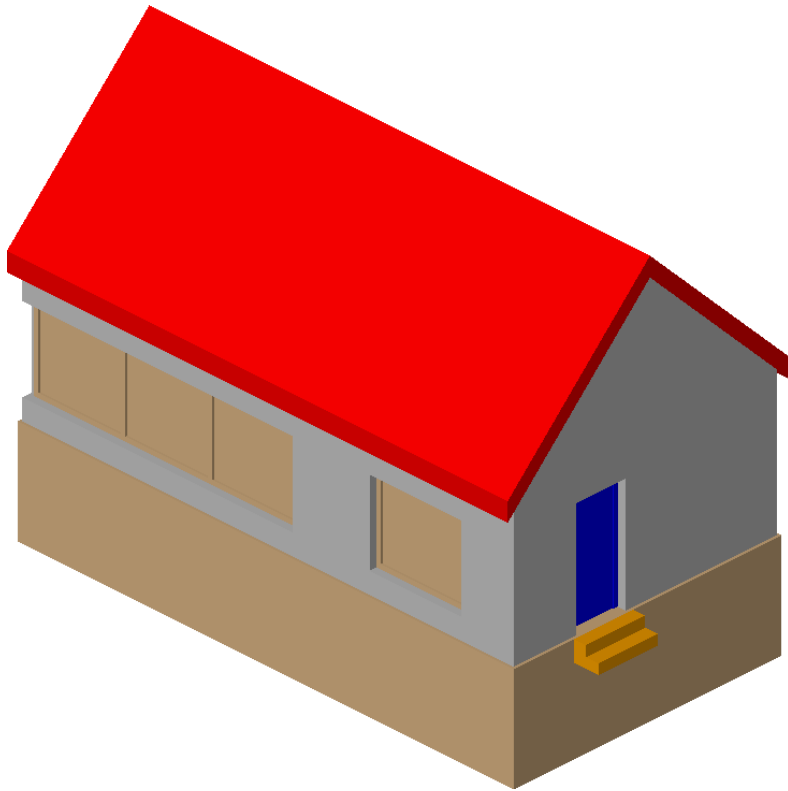


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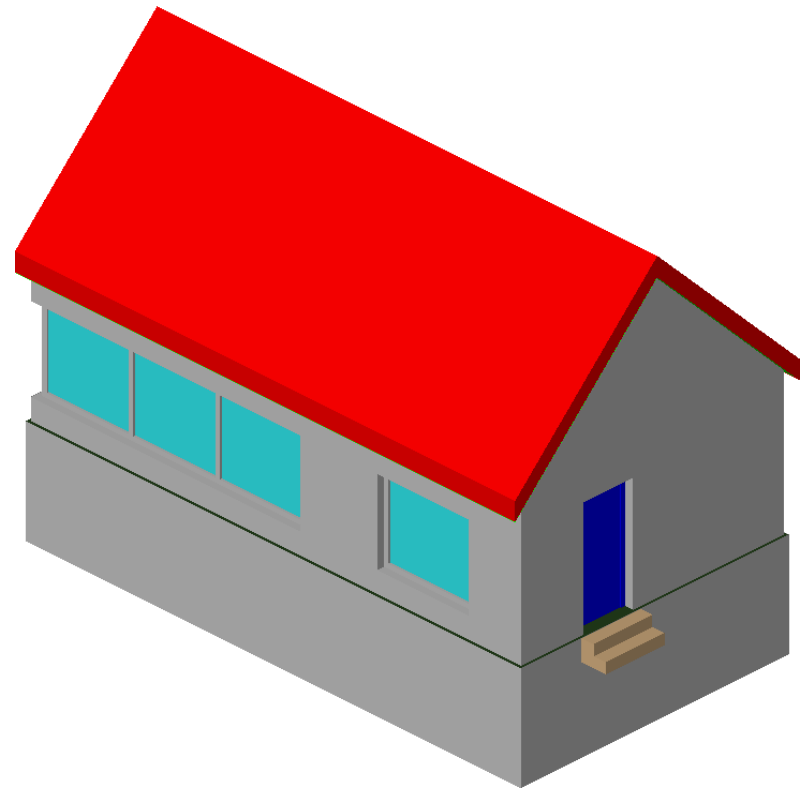


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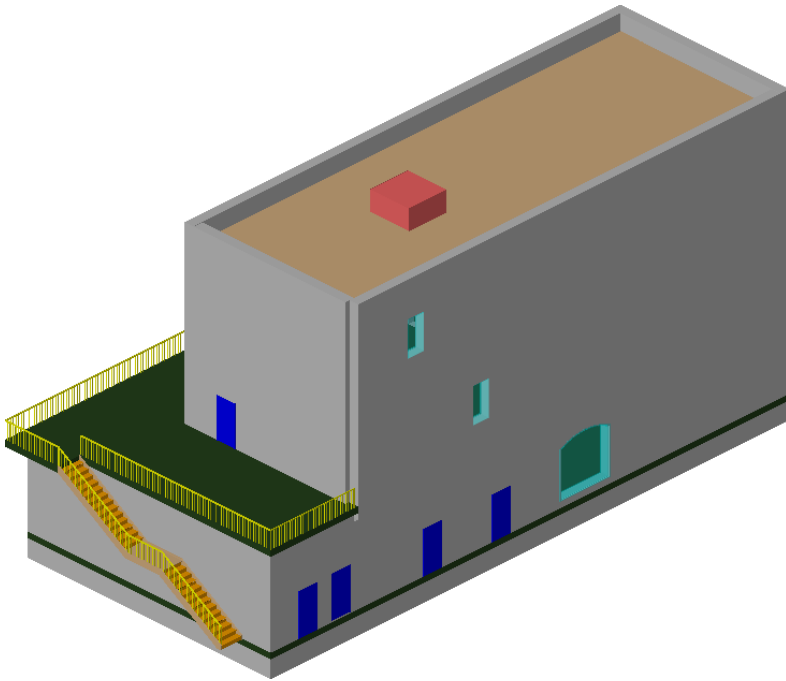


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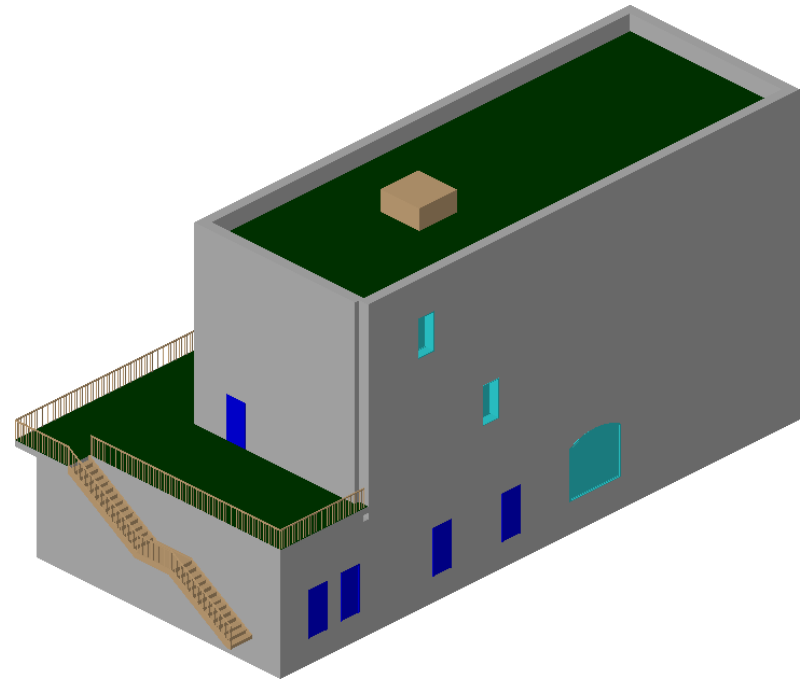


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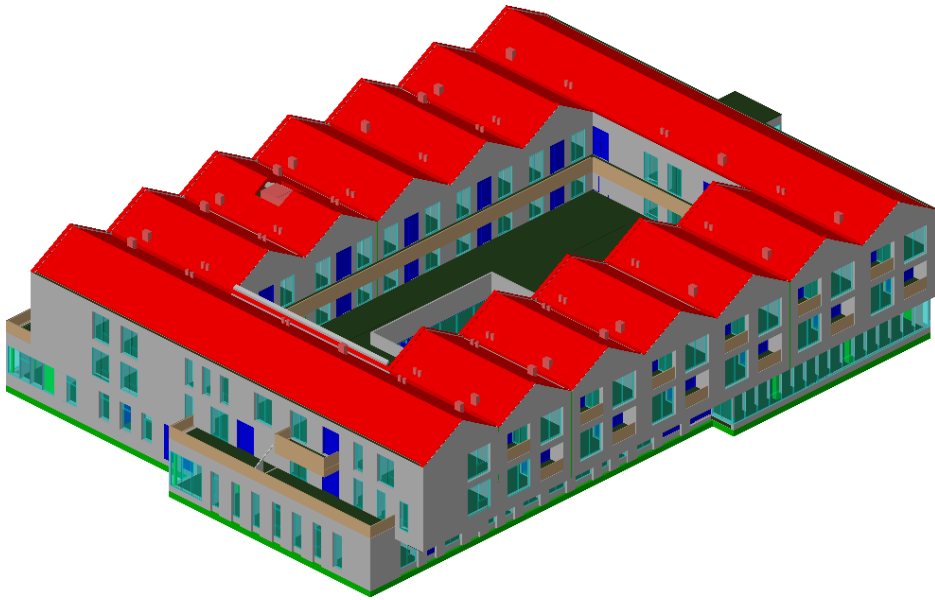


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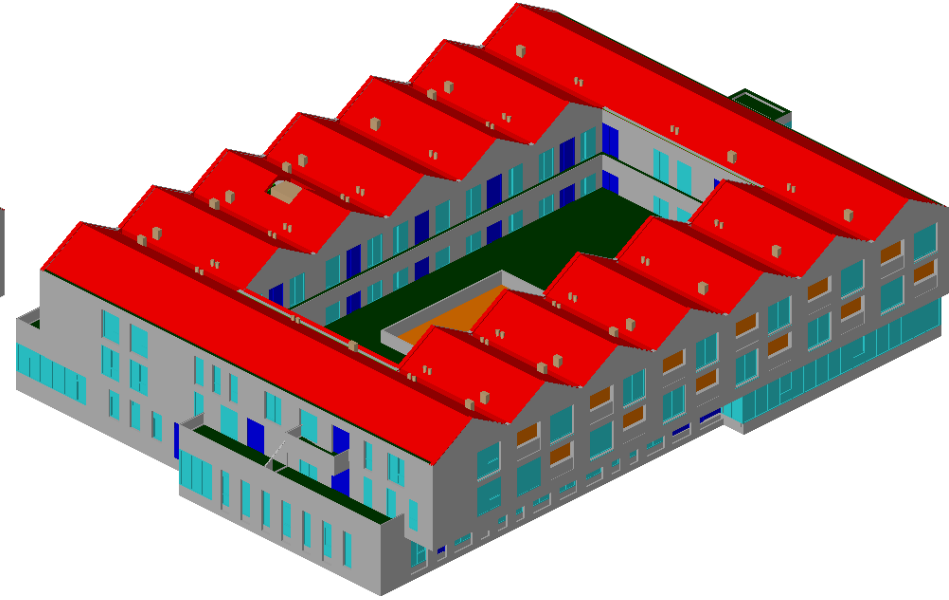


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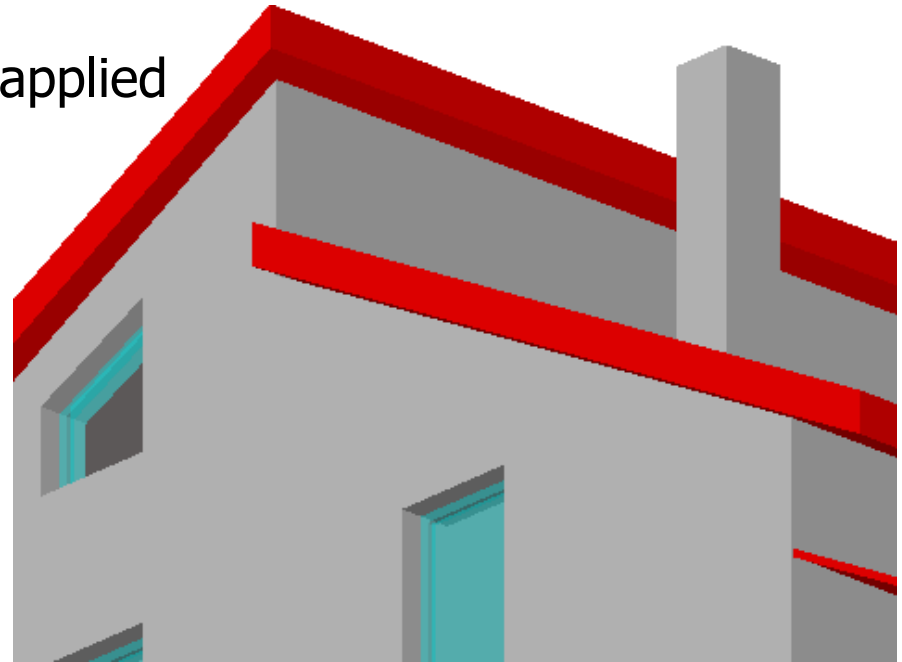


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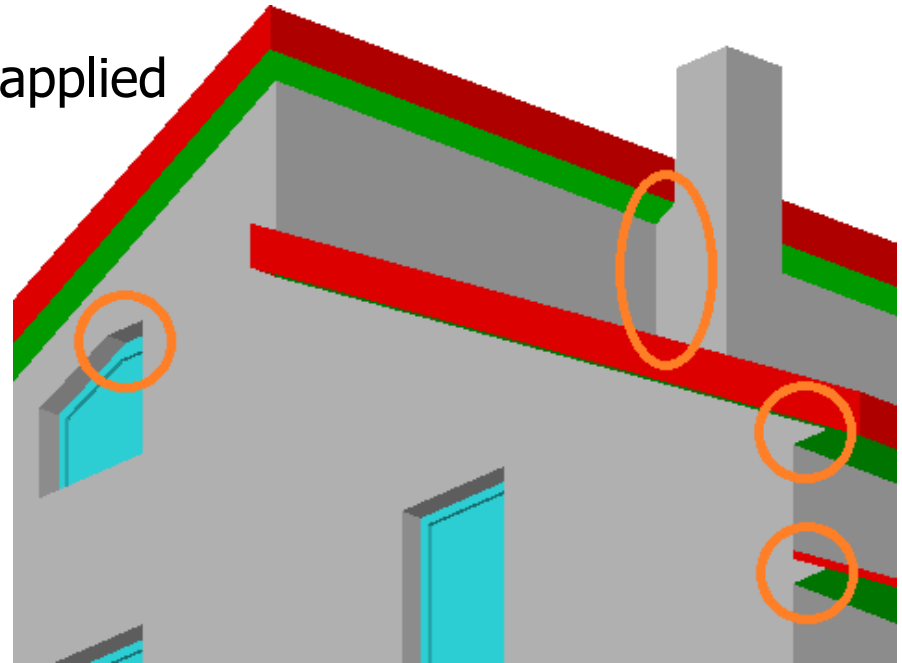
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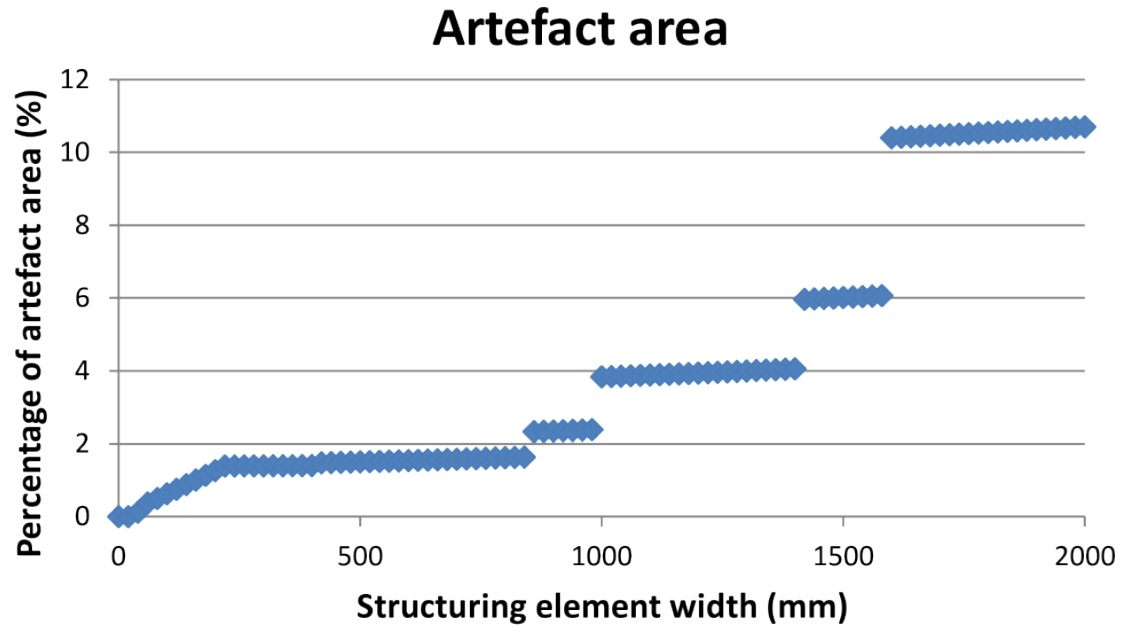


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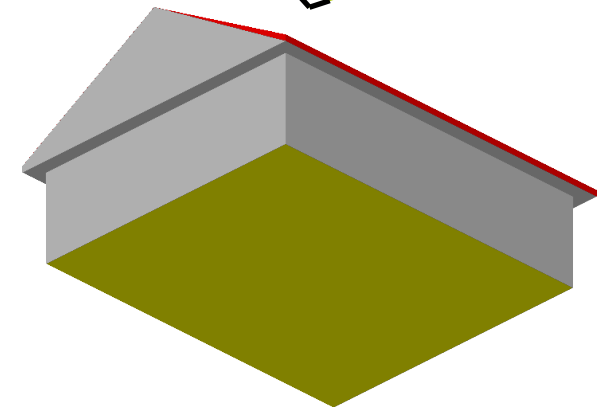
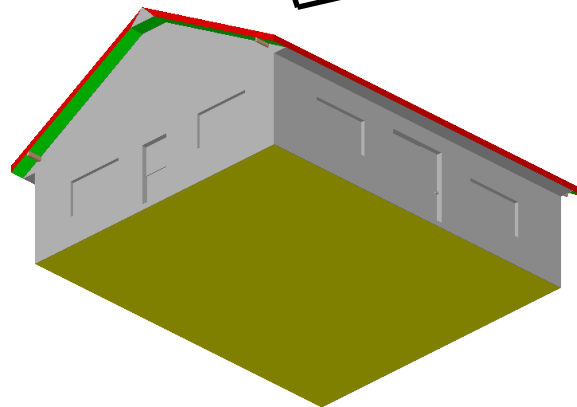
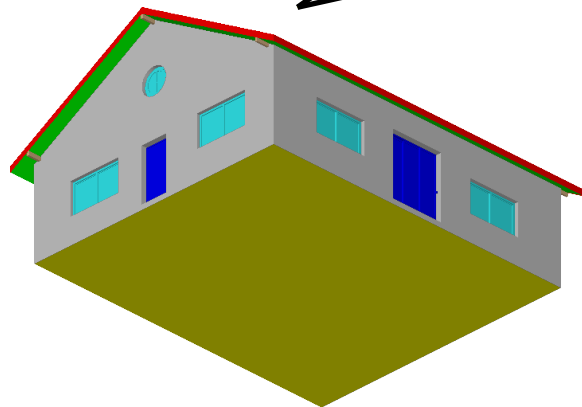
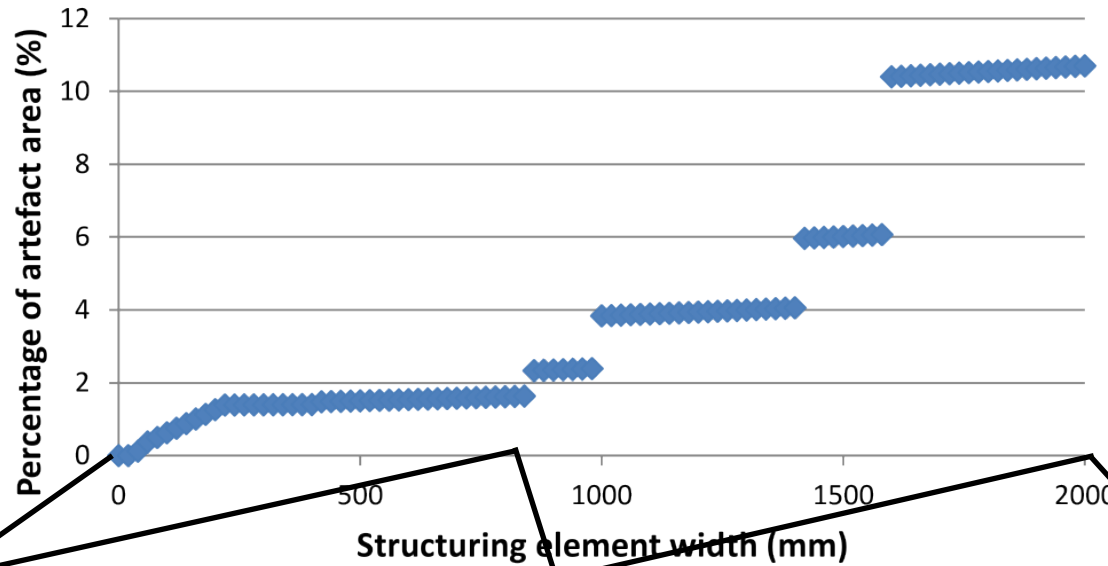


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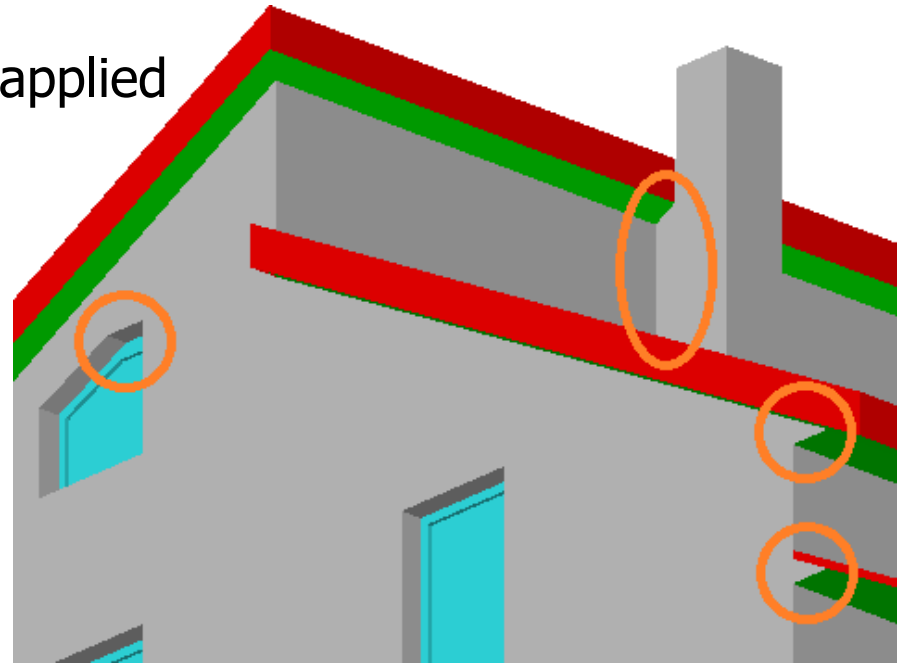
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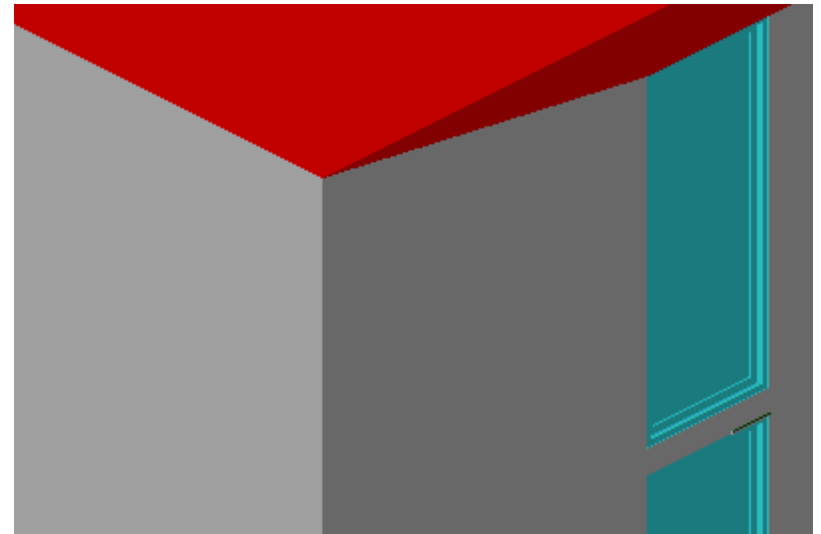
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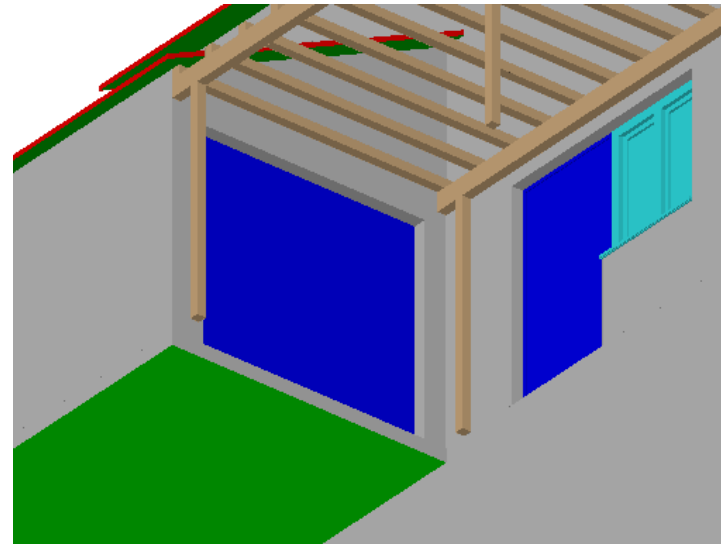
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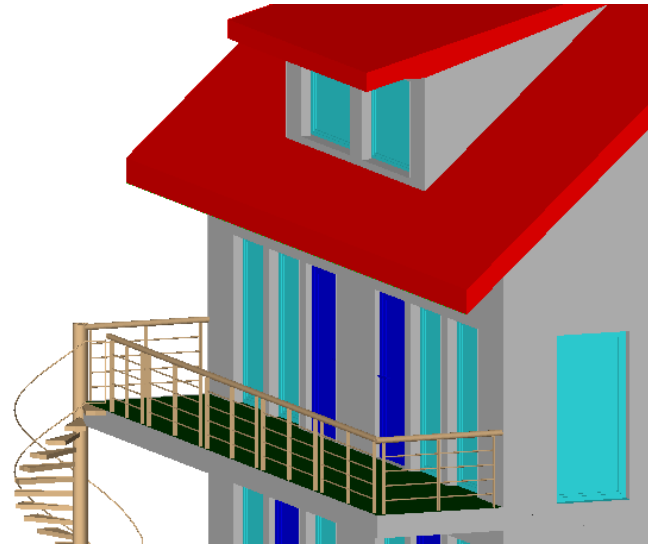
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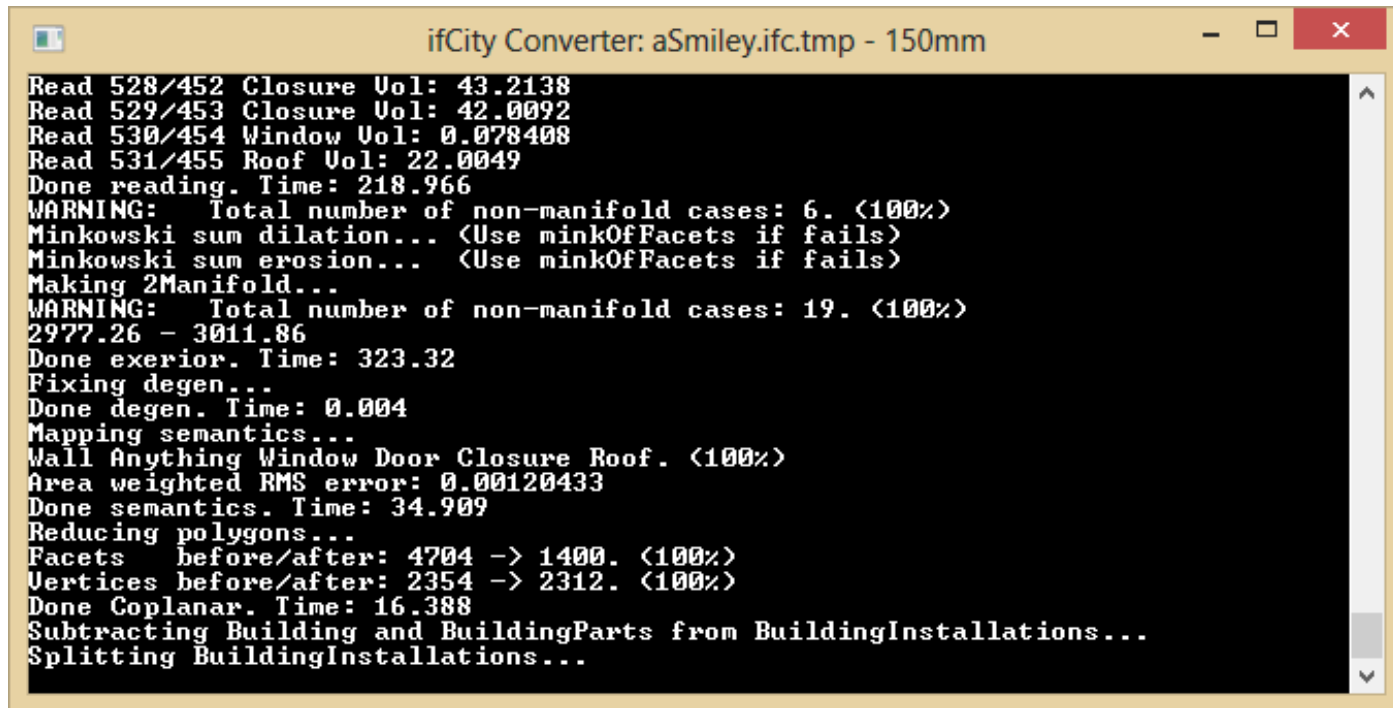


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Done reading. Time: 218.966
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Fixing degen...
Done degen. Time: 0.004
Mapping semantics...
Wall Anything Window Door Closure Roof. <100%>
Area weighted RMS error: 0.00120433
Done semantics. Time: 34.909
Reducing polygons...
Facets before/after: 4704 -> 1400. <100%>
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Done Coplanar. Time: 16.388
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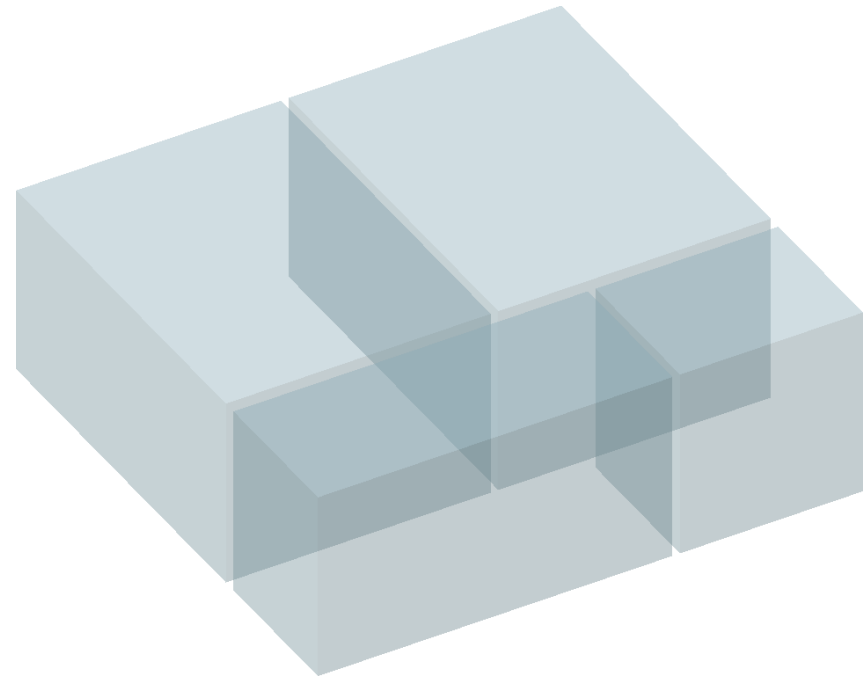
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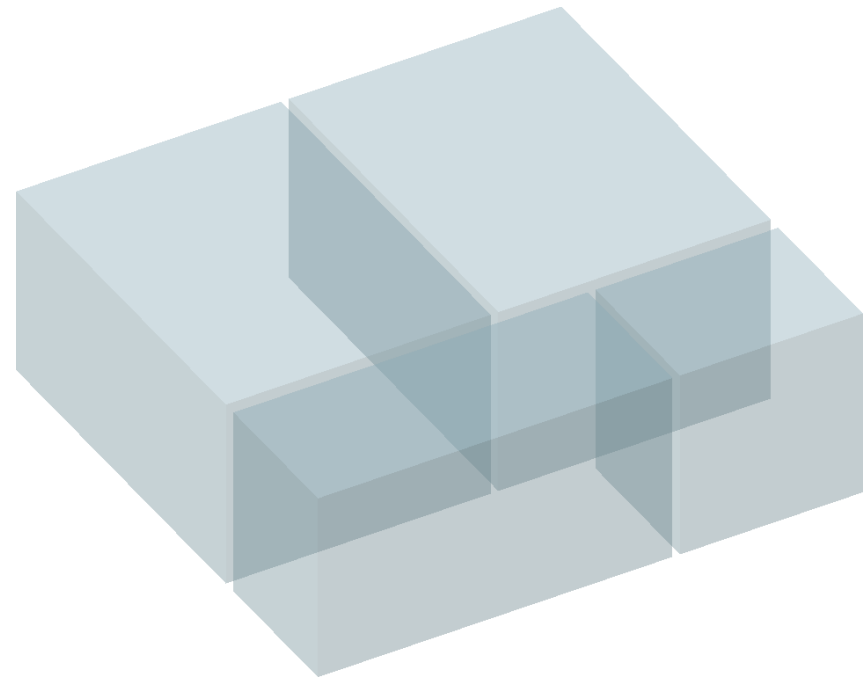
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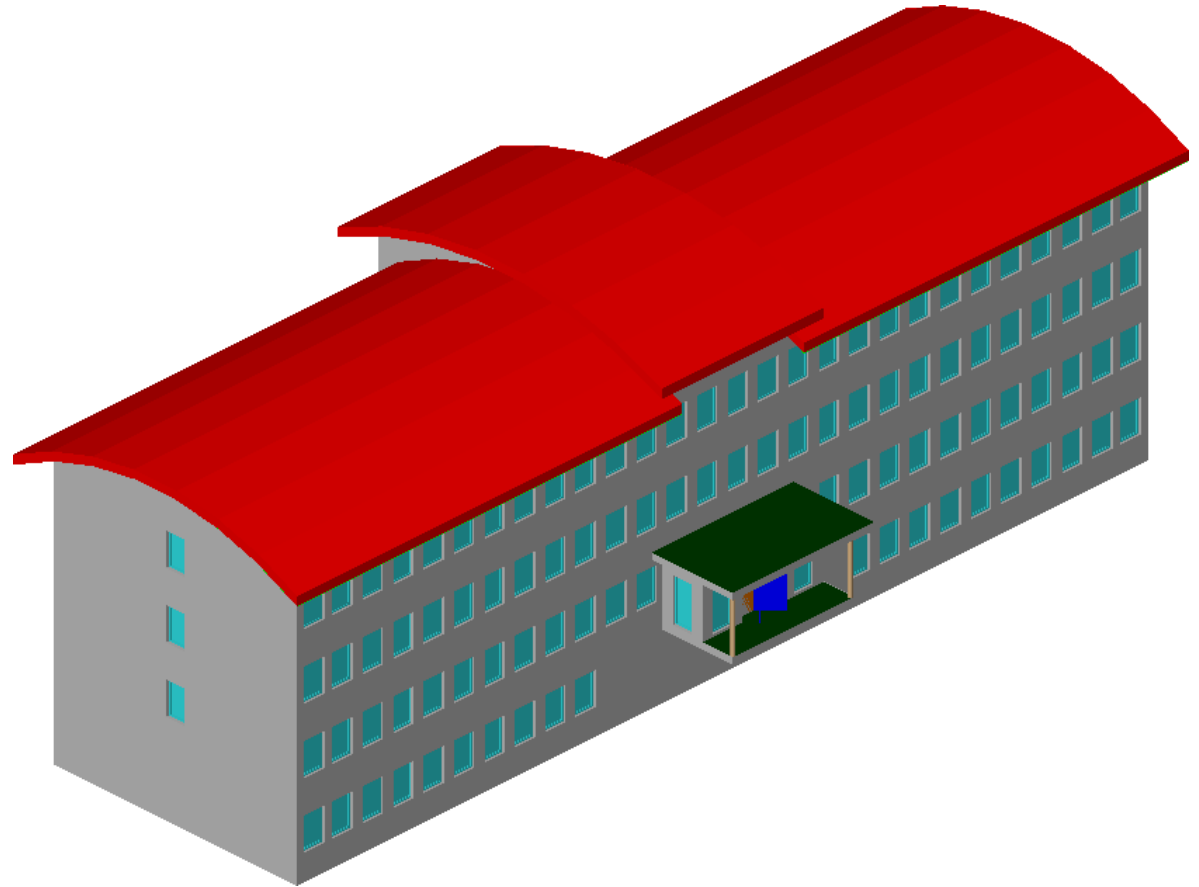


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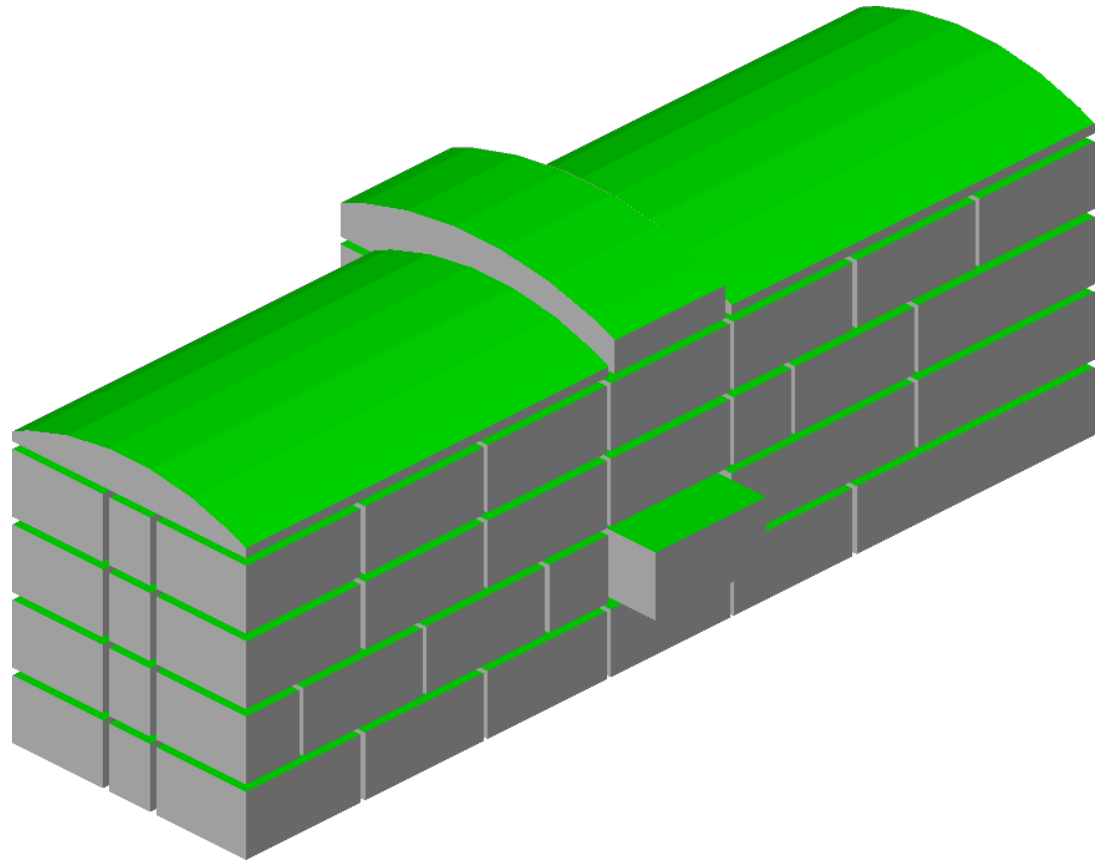
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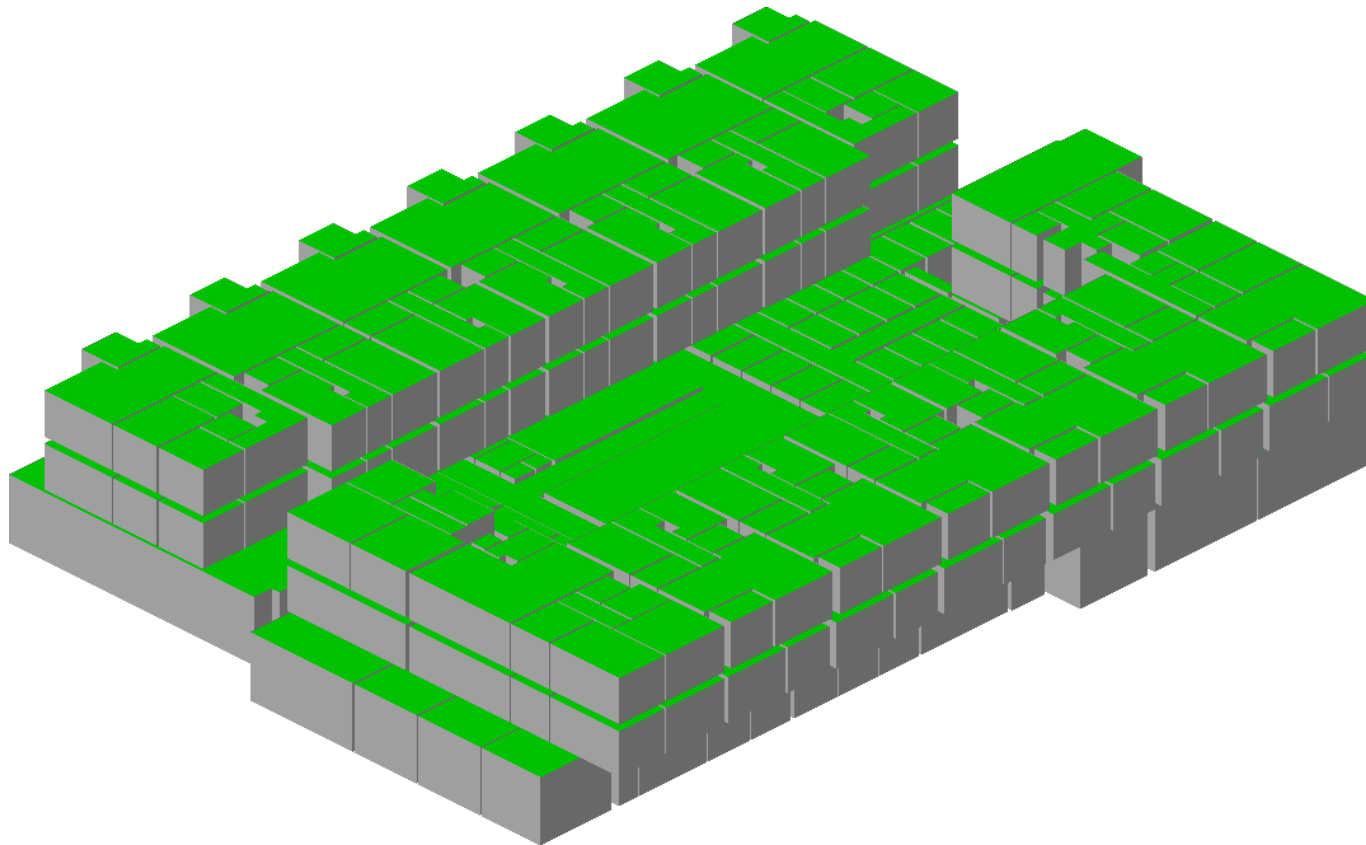
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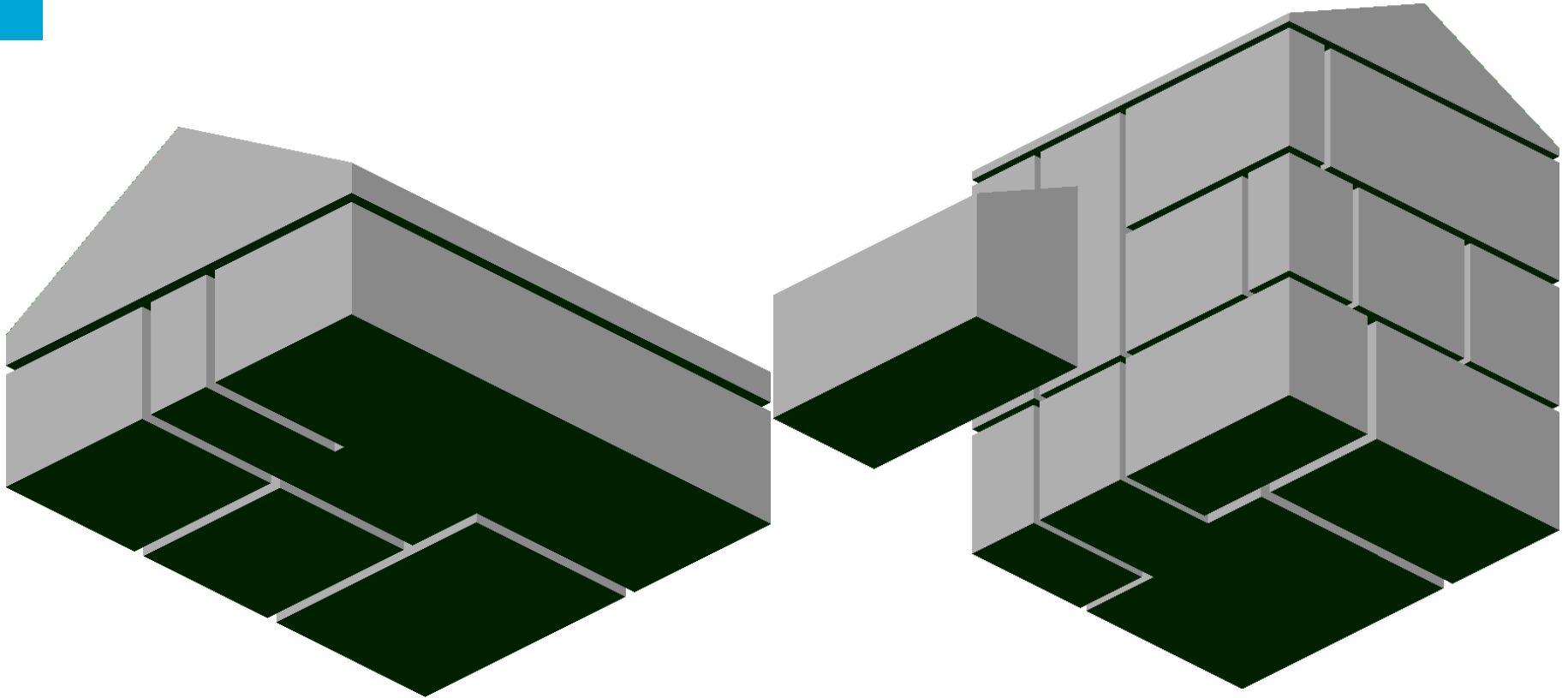
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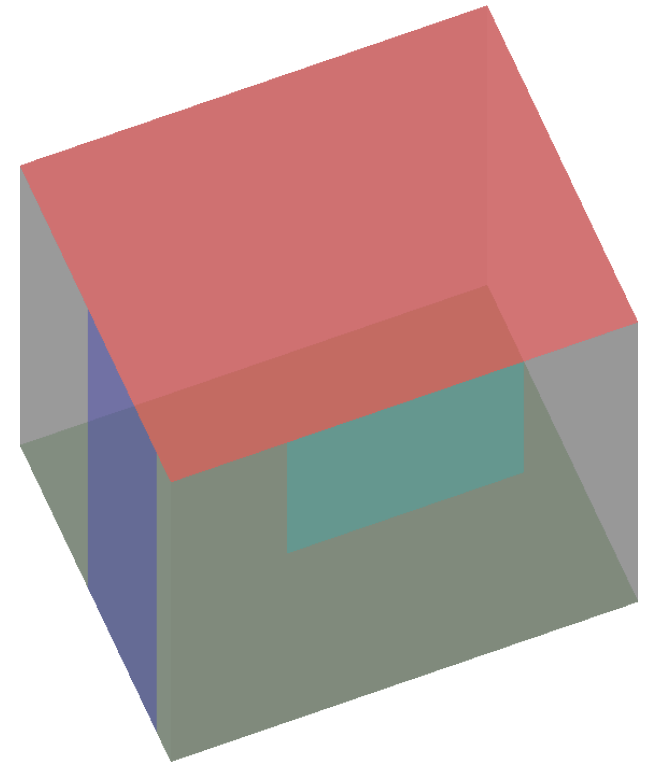




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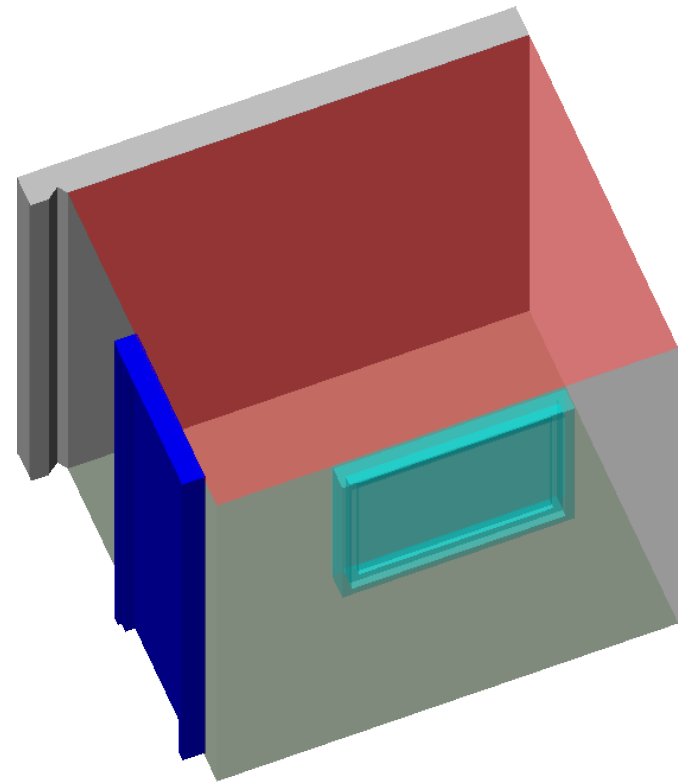
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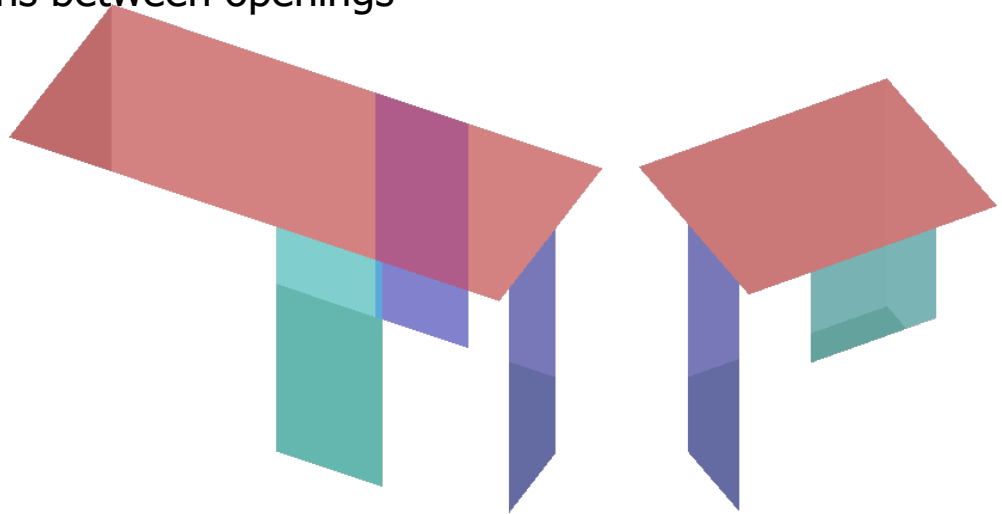
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Other uses of this research:

- Semantic mapping for use in a reverse conversion or UBM
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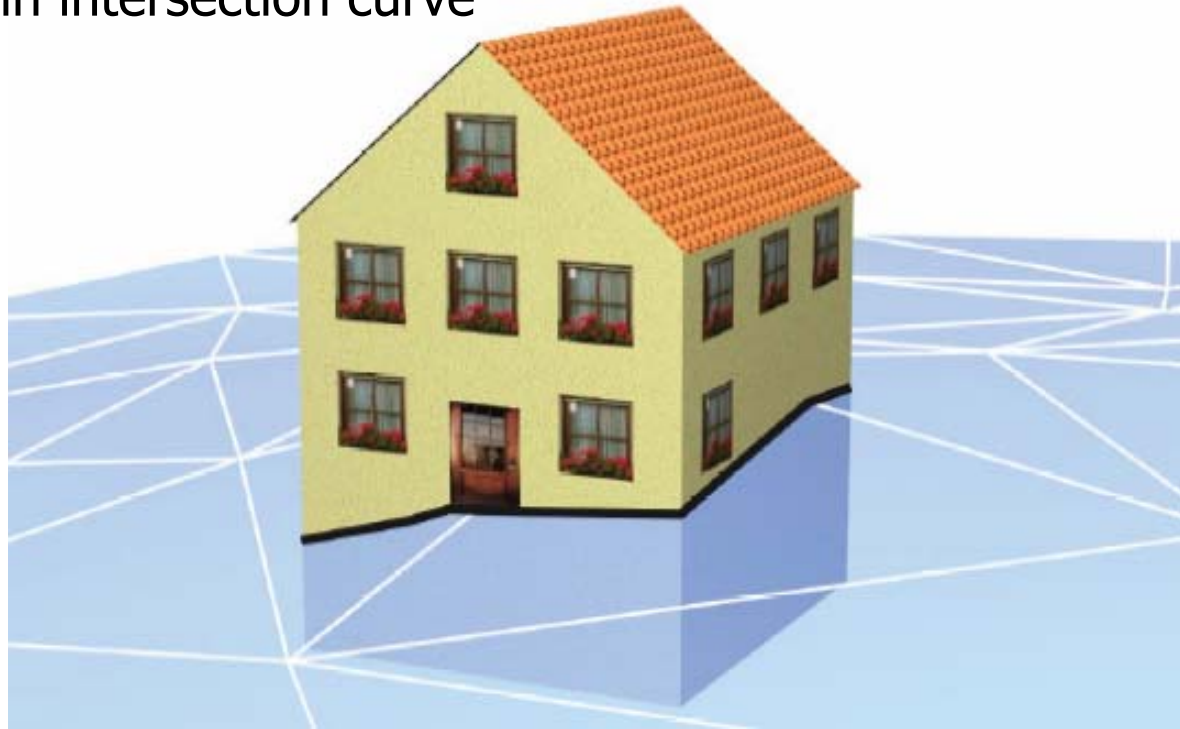
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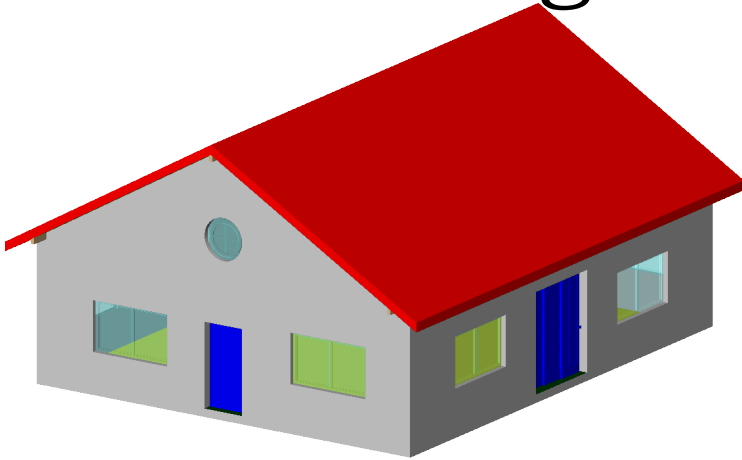


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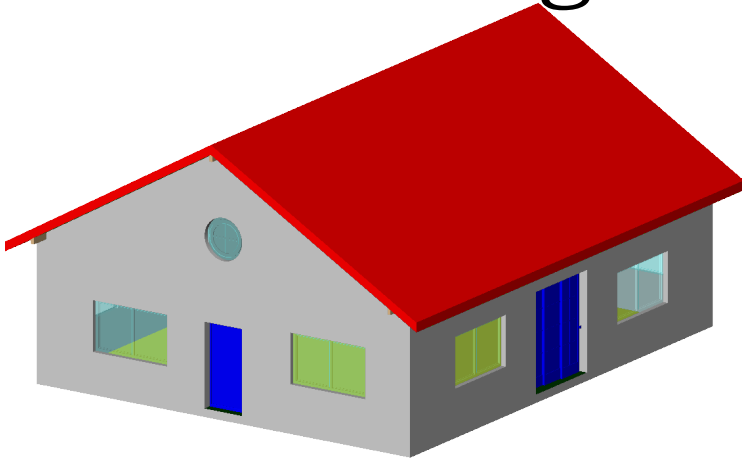
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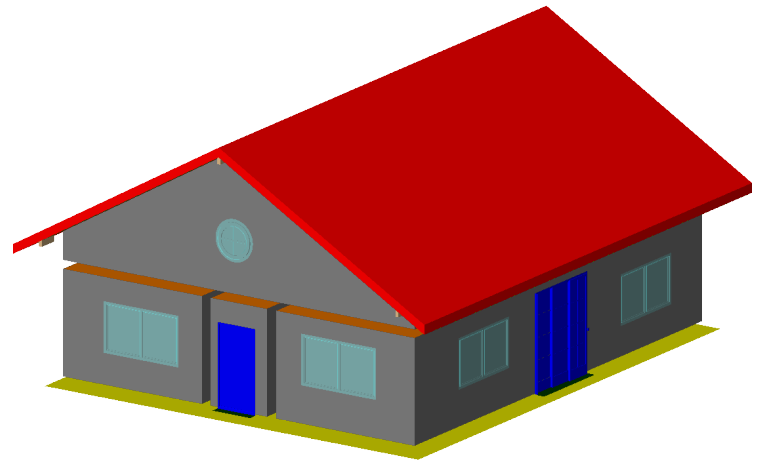
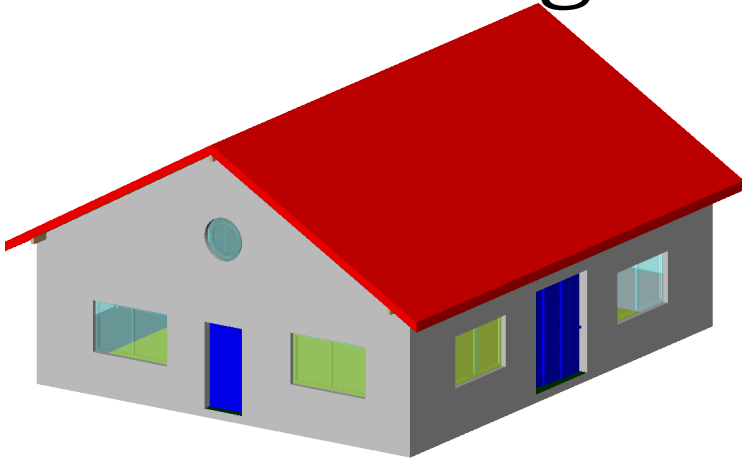
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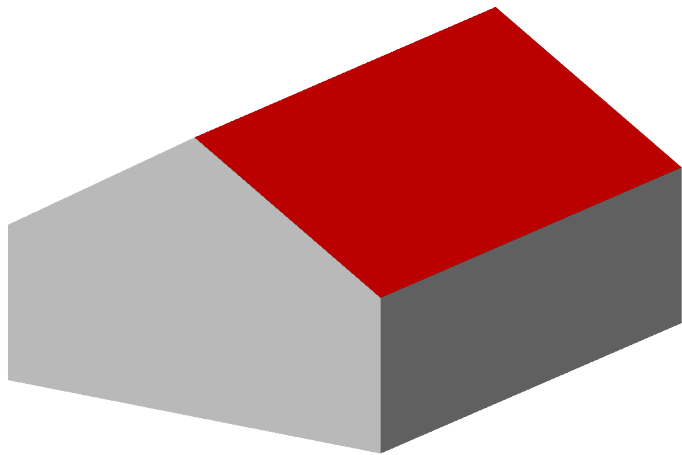
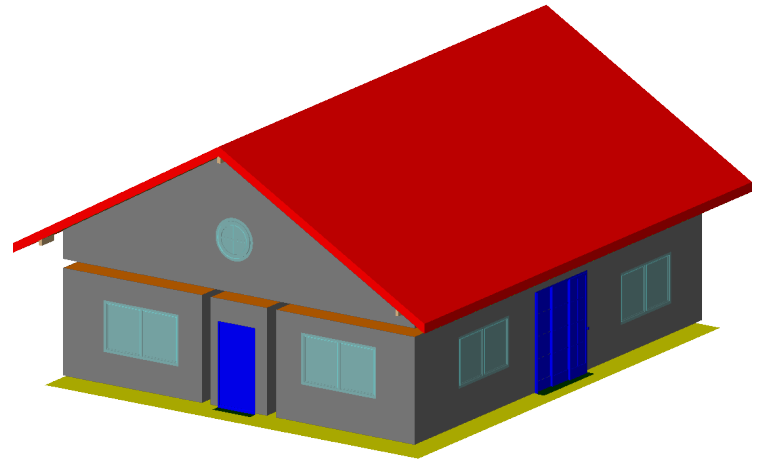
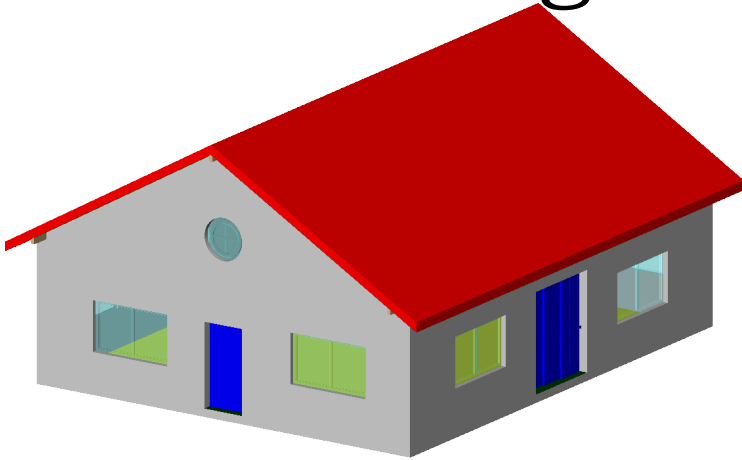
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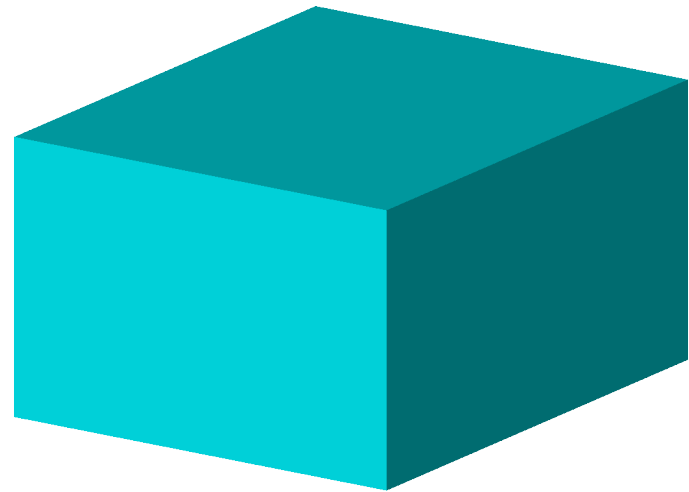
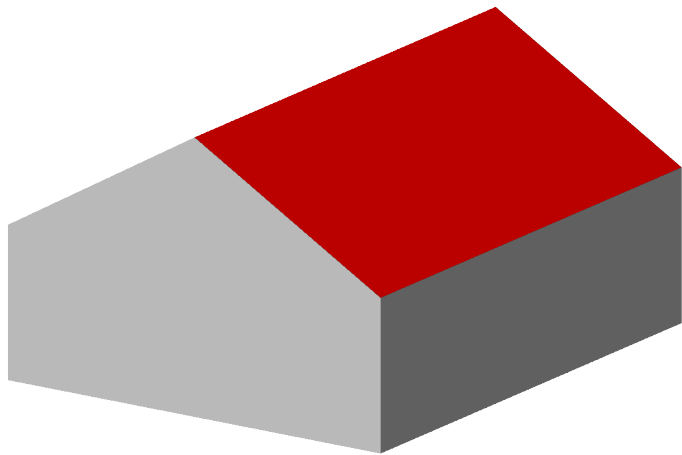
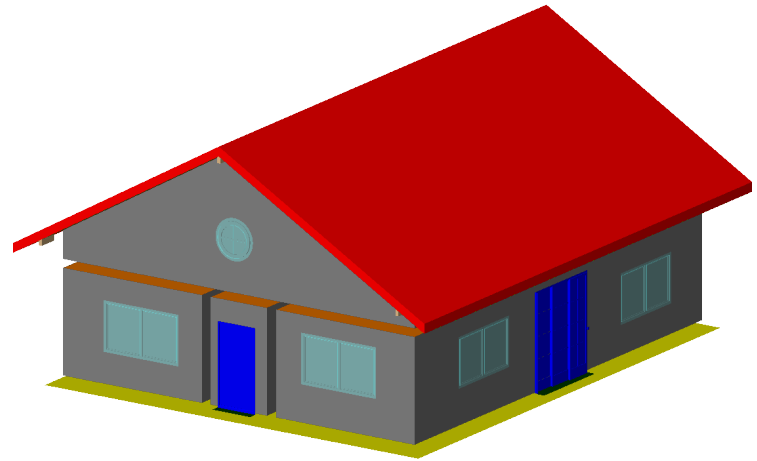
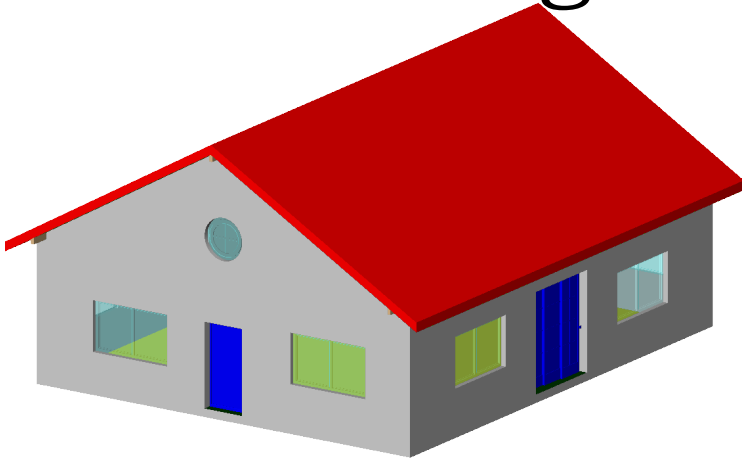
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# Automatic generation of CityGML LoD3 building models from IFC models

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