Lesson 3.1
Three-dimensional geometries in geoinformation

GEO1004:
3D modelling of the built environment

https://3d.bk.tudelft.nl/courses/geo1004

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About GIS standards

Standardisation organisations

- **ISO**: International Standardisation Organisation
- **OGC**: Open Geospatial Consortium
- **INSPIRE**: **In**frastructure for **S**patial **I**nfo**r**mation in **E**urope
- **NEN**: *normalisatie en normen* (“Dutch ISO”)

ISO 191xx series of geographic information standards

- A main goal of the ISO 191xx series is to facilitate the interoperability of geographic information systems, i.e. ability to discover, access, understand and use the information and tools, independently from the platform supporting them
- Structured set of standards specifying methods, tools and services for the management of geographic information, including:
  - Definition of data,
  - Access to data
  - Presentation of data
  - Transfer between users
- weirdly, and annoyingly, one has to pay to read these 😩 (but free if TUDelft student!)

ISO 191xx series of geographic information standards

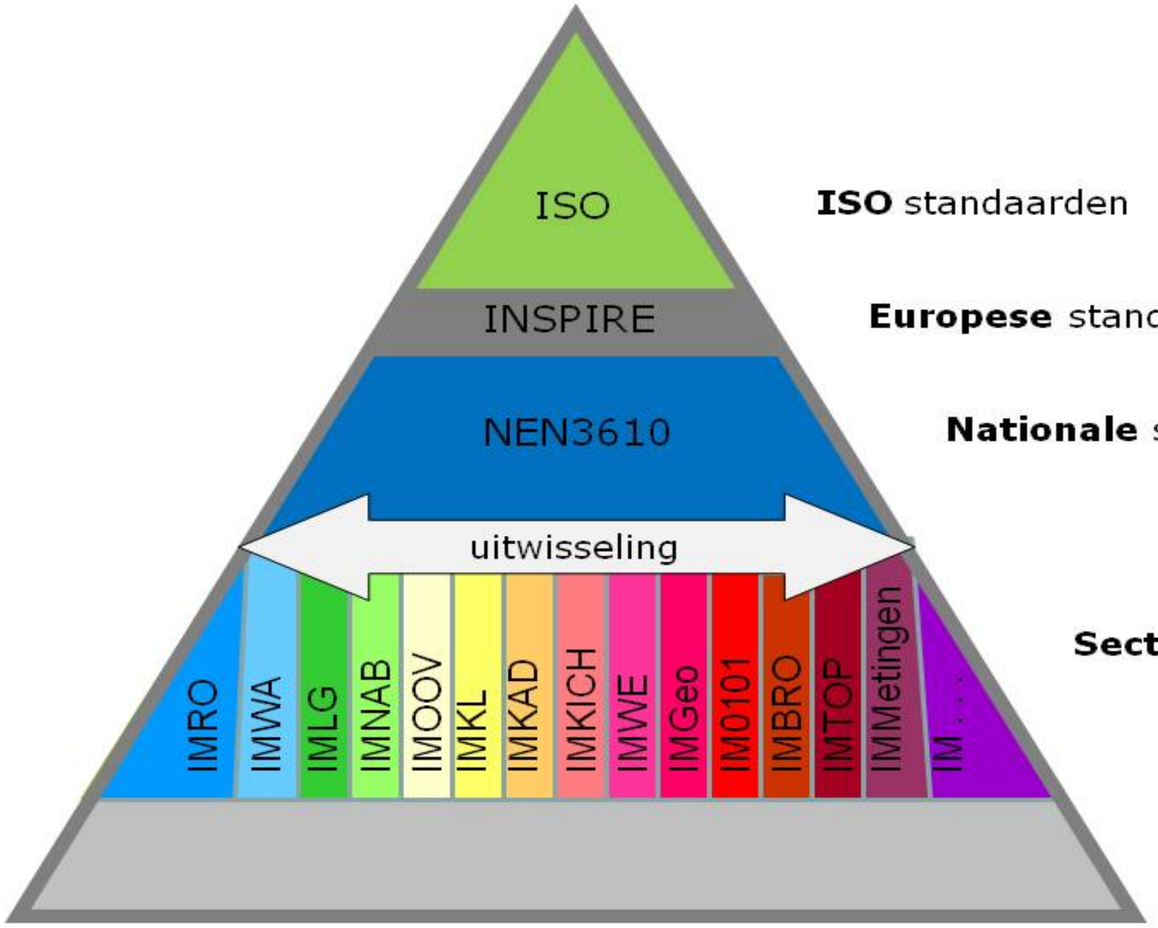
6709 - Standard representation of latitude, longitude and altitude for geographic point locations	19122 - Qualifications and Certification of personnel
19101 - Reference model	19123 - Schema for coverage geometry and functions
19101-2 - Reference model - Part 2: Imagery	19124 - Imagery and gridded data components
19103 - Conceptual schema language	19125-1 - Simple feature access - Part 1: Common architecture
19104 - Terminology Introduction	19125-2 - Simple feature access - Part 2: SQL option
19105 - Conformance and testing	19126 - Profile - FACC Data Dictionary
19106 - Profiles	19127 - Geodetic codes and parameters
19107 - Spatial schema	19128 - Web Map server interface
19108 - Temporal schema	19129 - Imagery, gridded and coverage data framework
19109 - Rules for applicaiton schema	19130 - Sensor and data models for imagery and gridded data
19110 - Methodology for feature cataloguing	19131 - Data product specifications
19111 - Spatial referencing by coordinates	19132 - Location based services - Reference model
19112 - Spatial referencing by geographic identifiers	19133 - Location based services - Tracking and navigation
19113 - Quality principles	19134 - Multimodal location based services for routing and navigation
19114 - Quality evaluation procedures	19135 - Procedures for registration of geographical information items
19115 - Metadata	19136 - Geography Markup Language

19115-2 - Metadata - Part 2: Extensions for imagery and gridded data	19137 - Generally used profiles of the spatial schema and of similar important other schemas
19116 - Positioning services	19138 - Data quality measures
19117 - Portrayal	19139 - Metadata - Implementation specification
19118 - Encoding	19140 - Technical amendment to the ISO 191** Geographic information series of standards for harmonization and enhancements
19119 - Services	19141 - Schema for moving features
19120 - Functional standards	
19121 - Imagery and gridded data	

OGC: Open Geospatial Consortium®

- many standards are aligned with ISO's (ie, they are exactly the same)
- OGC usually standards closer to implementations then ISO
  - GML
  - KML
  - netCDF
- abstract specifications = ISO
- implementation specification = OGC
- unlike ISO's, OGC's documents are free for everyone 😊

The standards from a Dutch point-of-view



ISO standaarden

Europese standaarden

Nationale standaarden

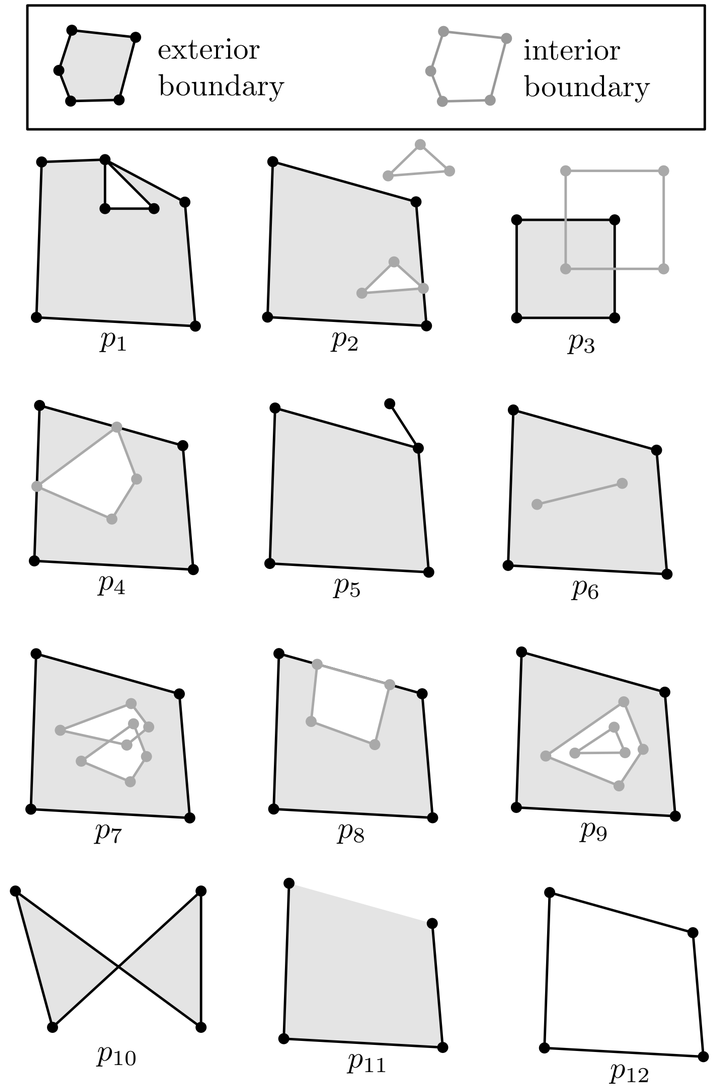
Sector standaarden

Organisatie specifieke afspraken

Rules for validation in 2D

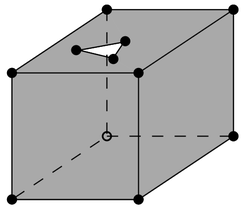
OGC Simple Features and ISO19107 rules:

1. no self-intersection
2. closed boundaries
3. rings can touch but not overlap
4. no duplicate points
5. no dangling edges
6. connected interior
7. etc



Rules for validation in 2D: standard implementations available

In 3D it's way more complex...



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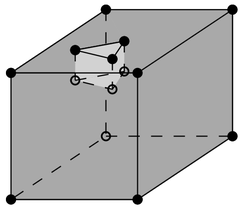

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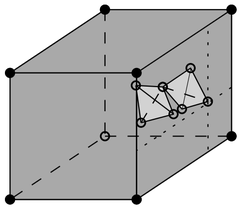

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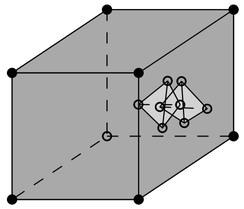

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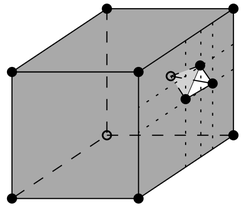

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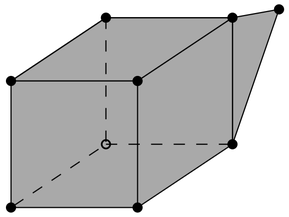

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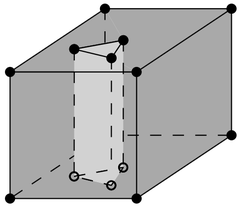

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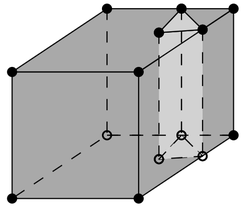

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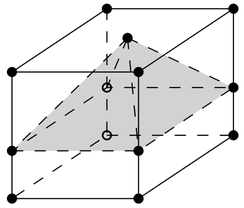

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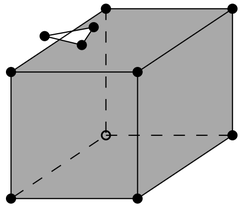

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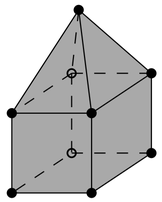

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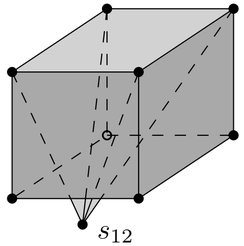

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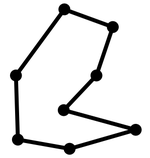
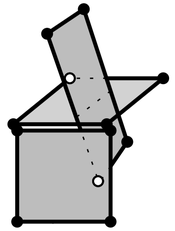


`LinearRing`

`Polygon`



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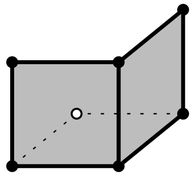

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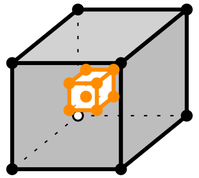

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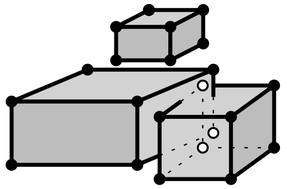

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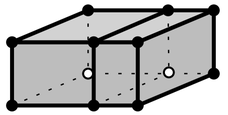

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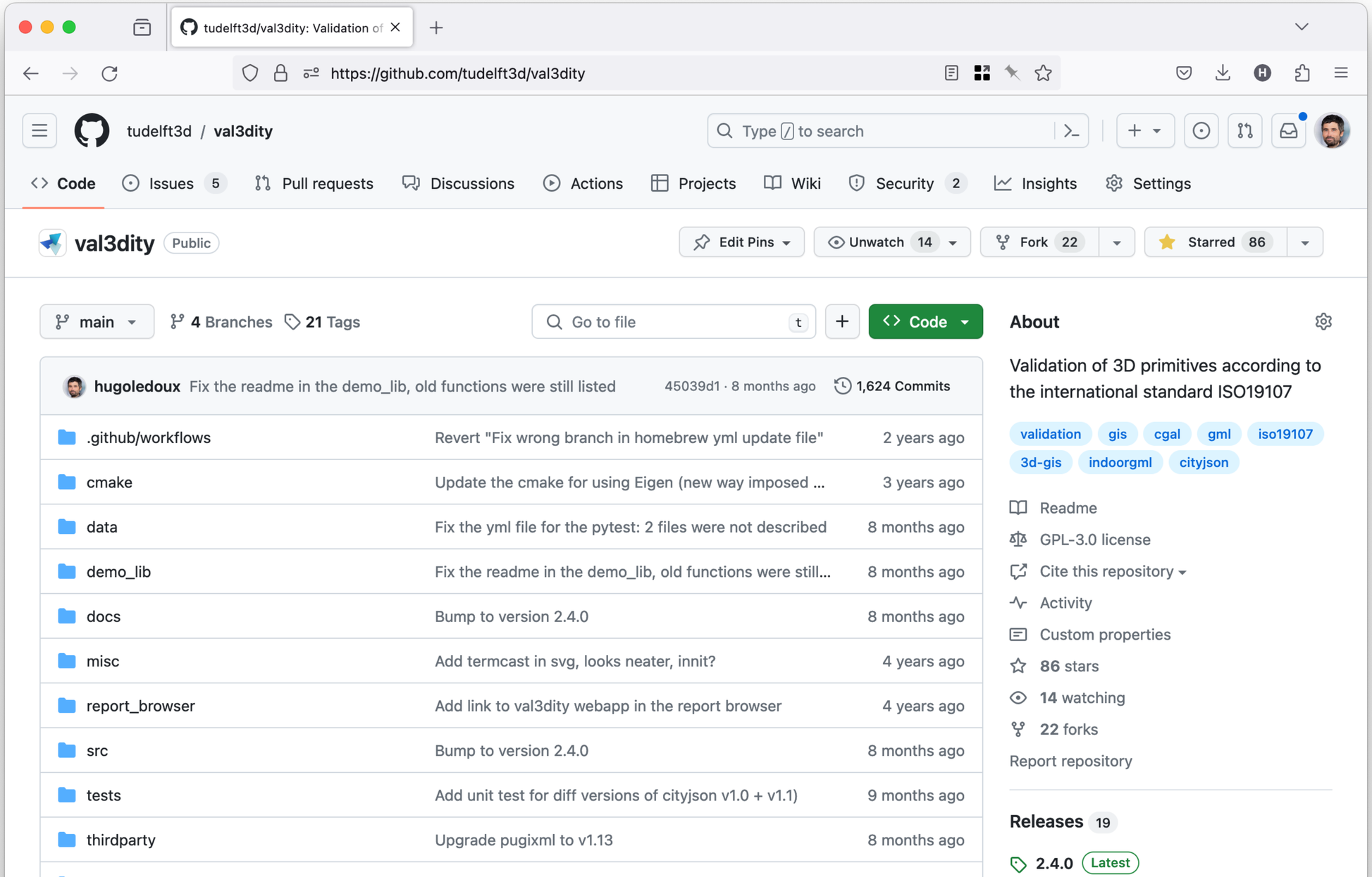
In 3D it’s way more complex… and no GEOS/PostGIS implementation



Quiz time

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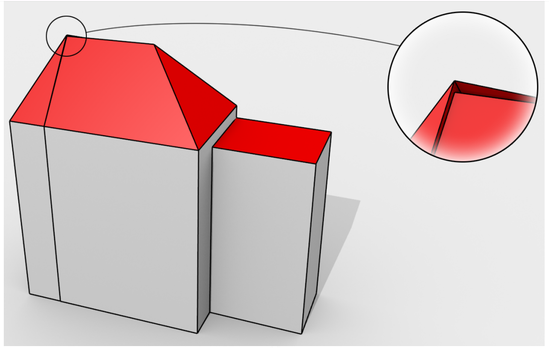
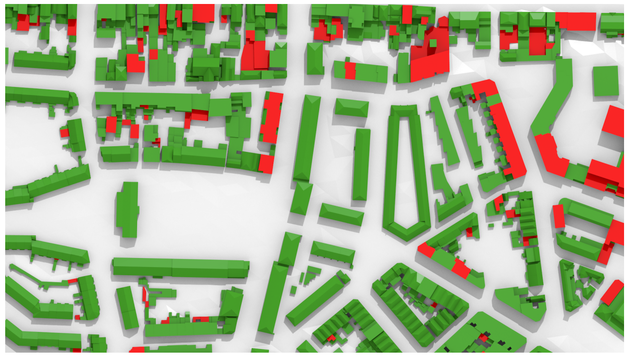
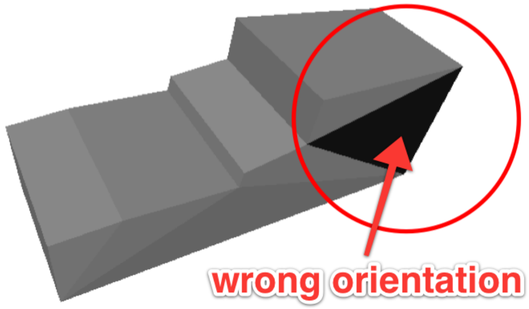
Do current 3D city models often contain these geometric errors?

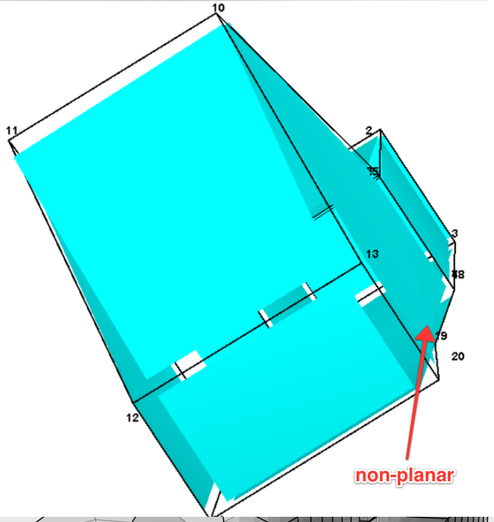
tl;dl: **YES.**

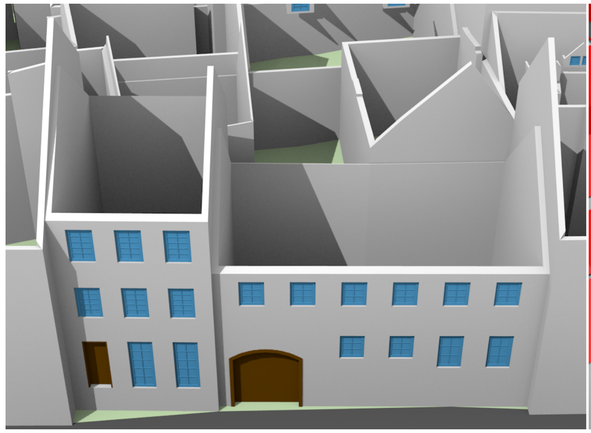
Errors are *very* common in 3D city models: my wall of shame

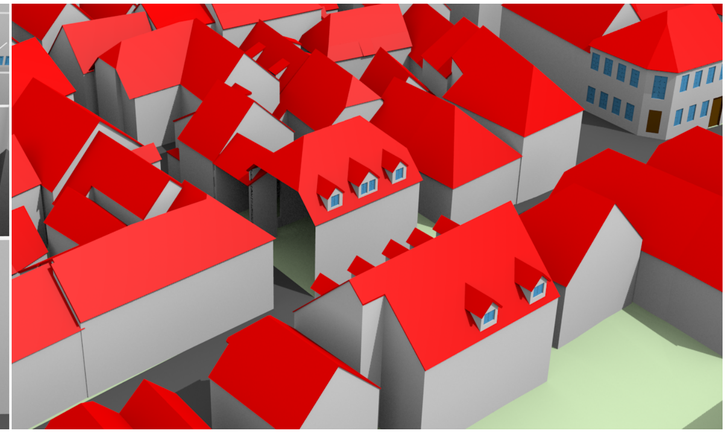


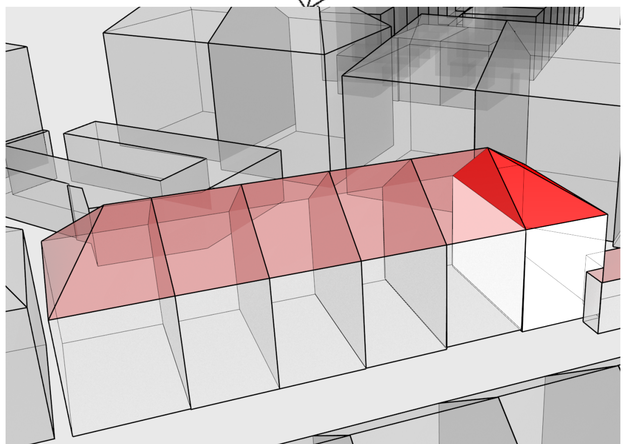


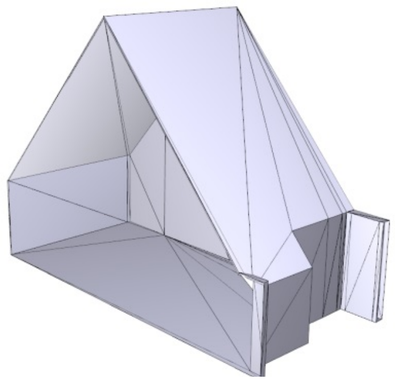


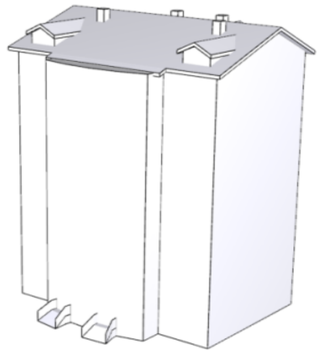


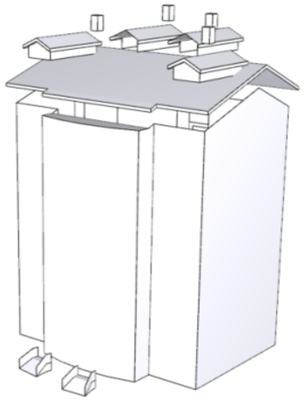










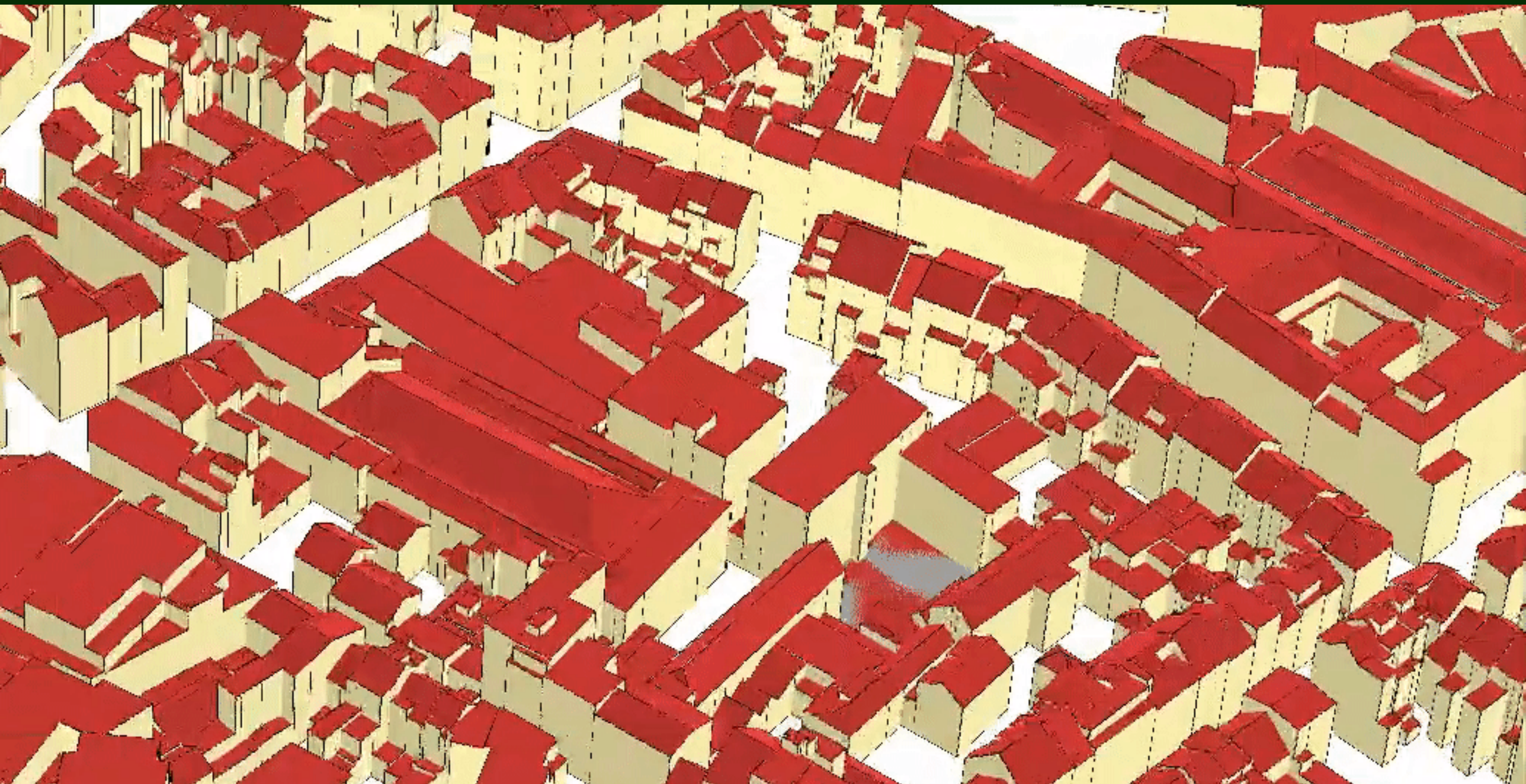


Should we care?

YES!

(especially if you want to pass this course 😅)

Visualisation — duplicated surfaces == annoying



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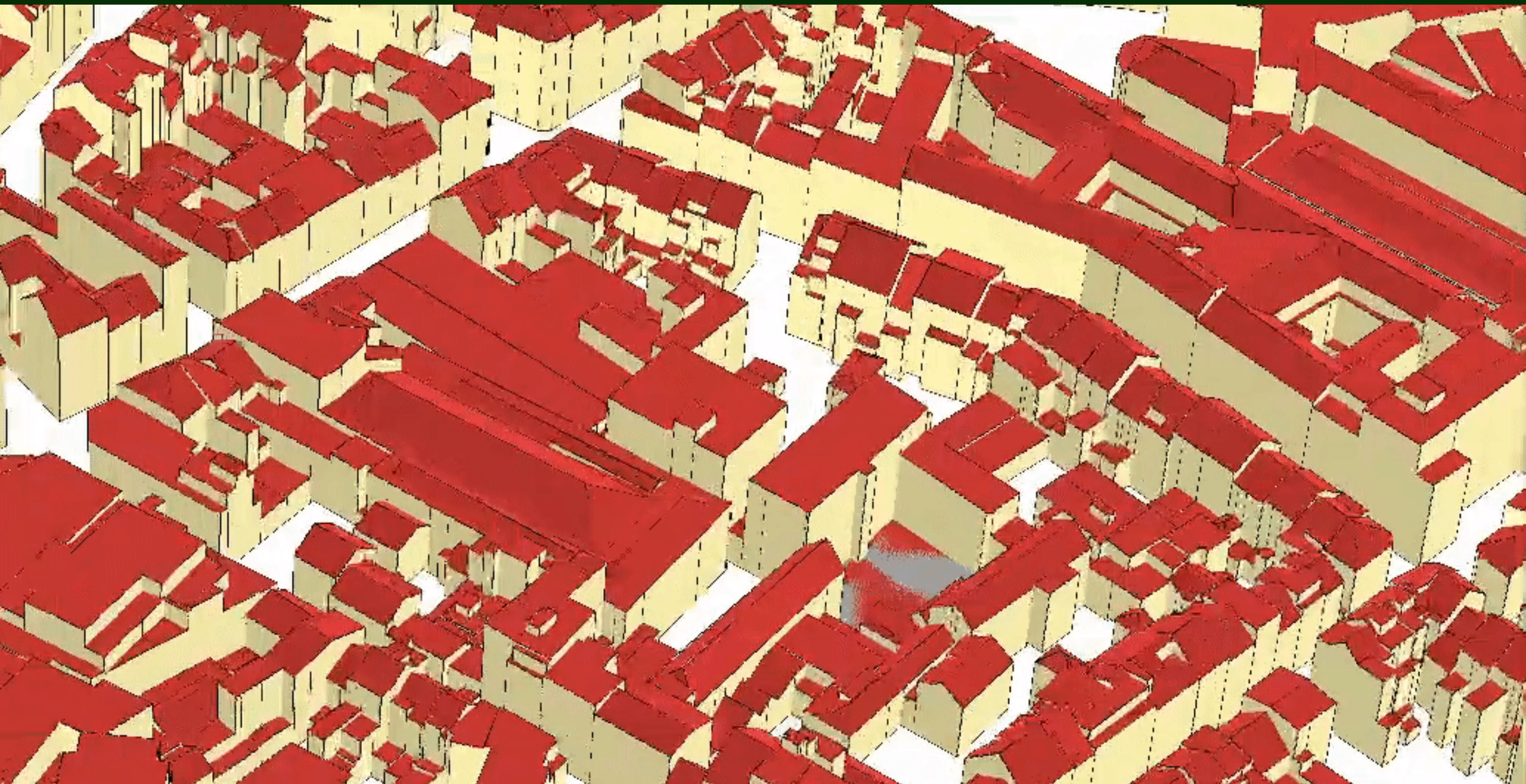

Visualisation — duplicated surfaces == distracting

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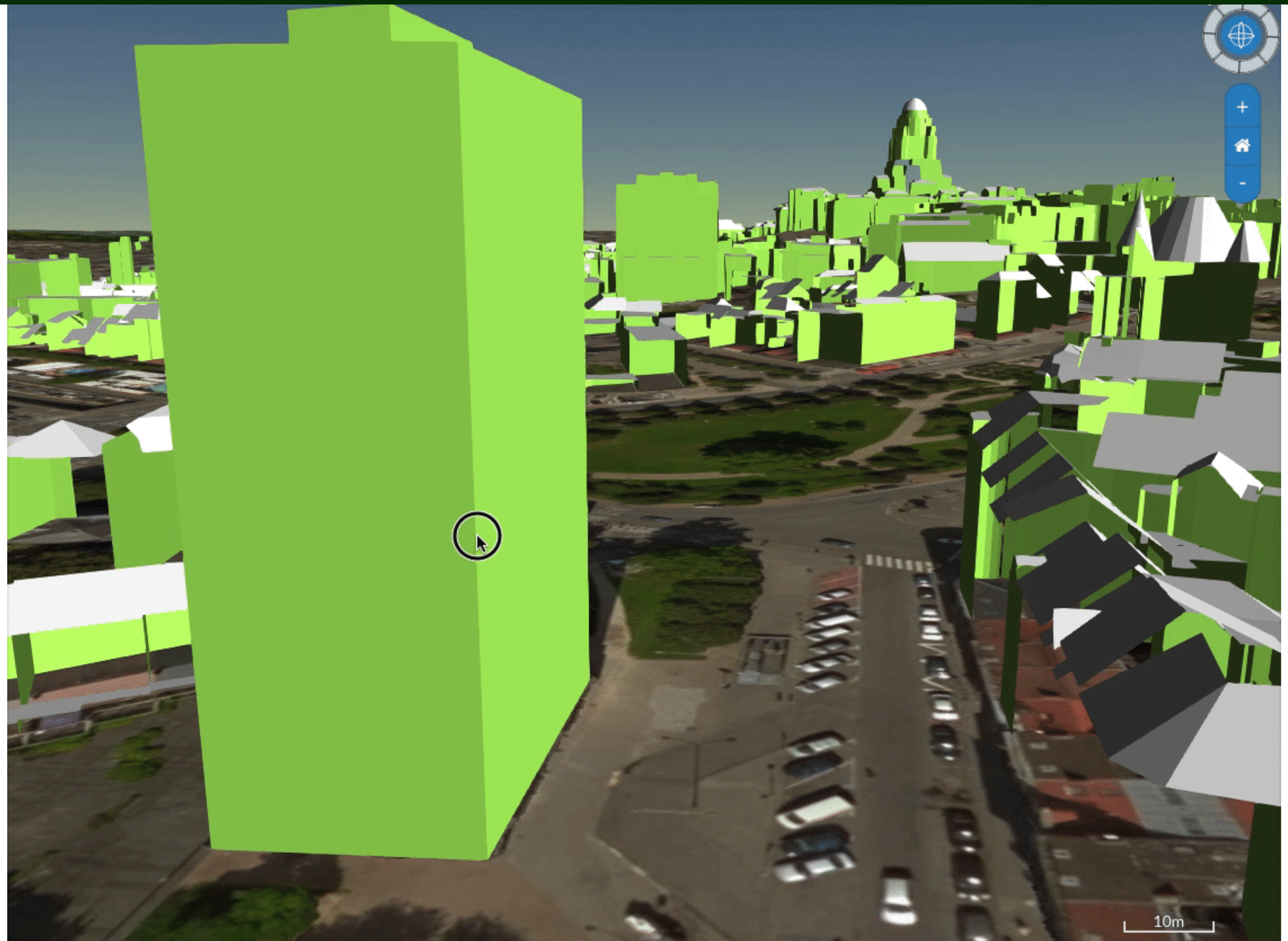
Visualisation — wrong orientation == missing faces



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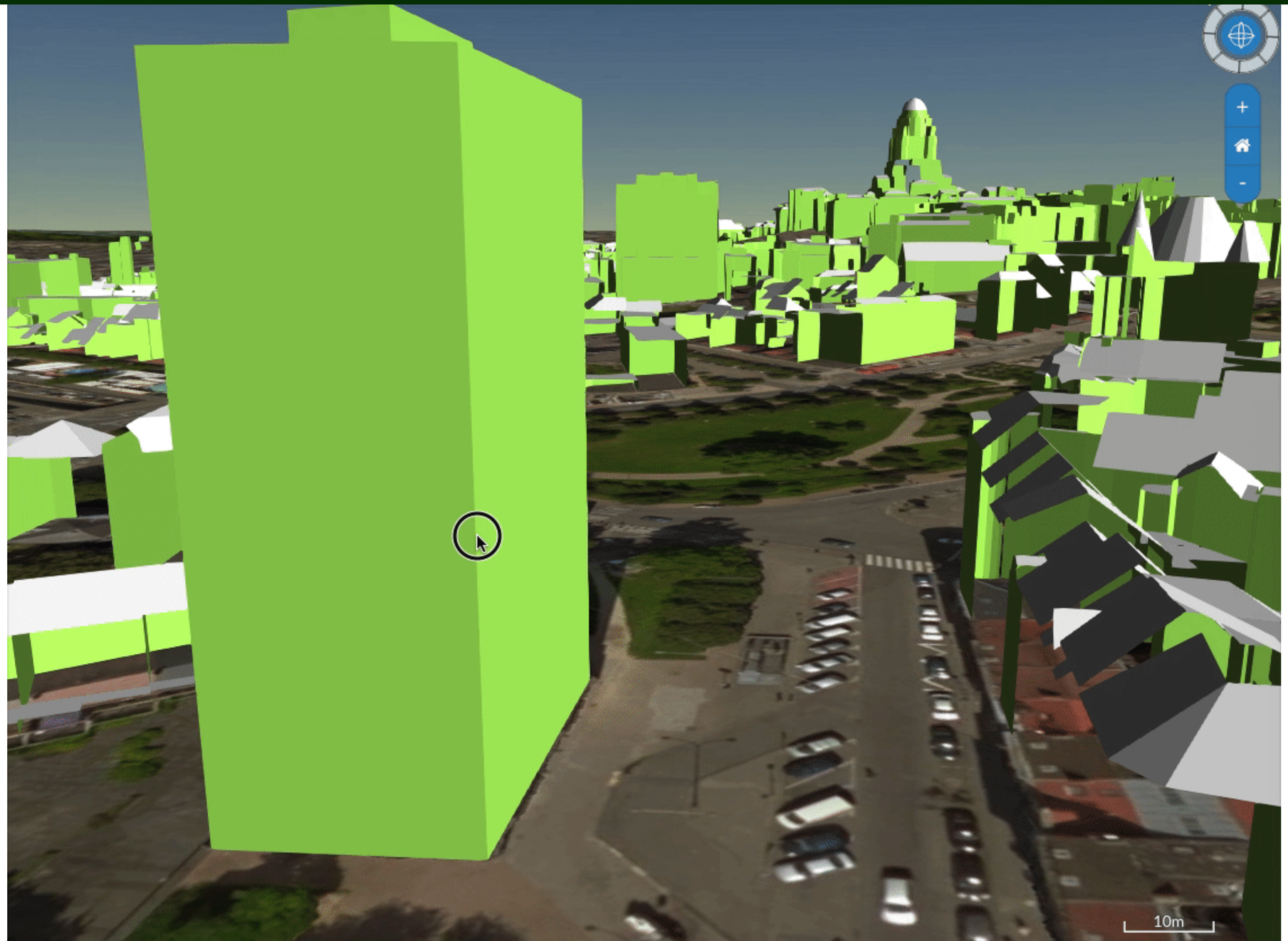
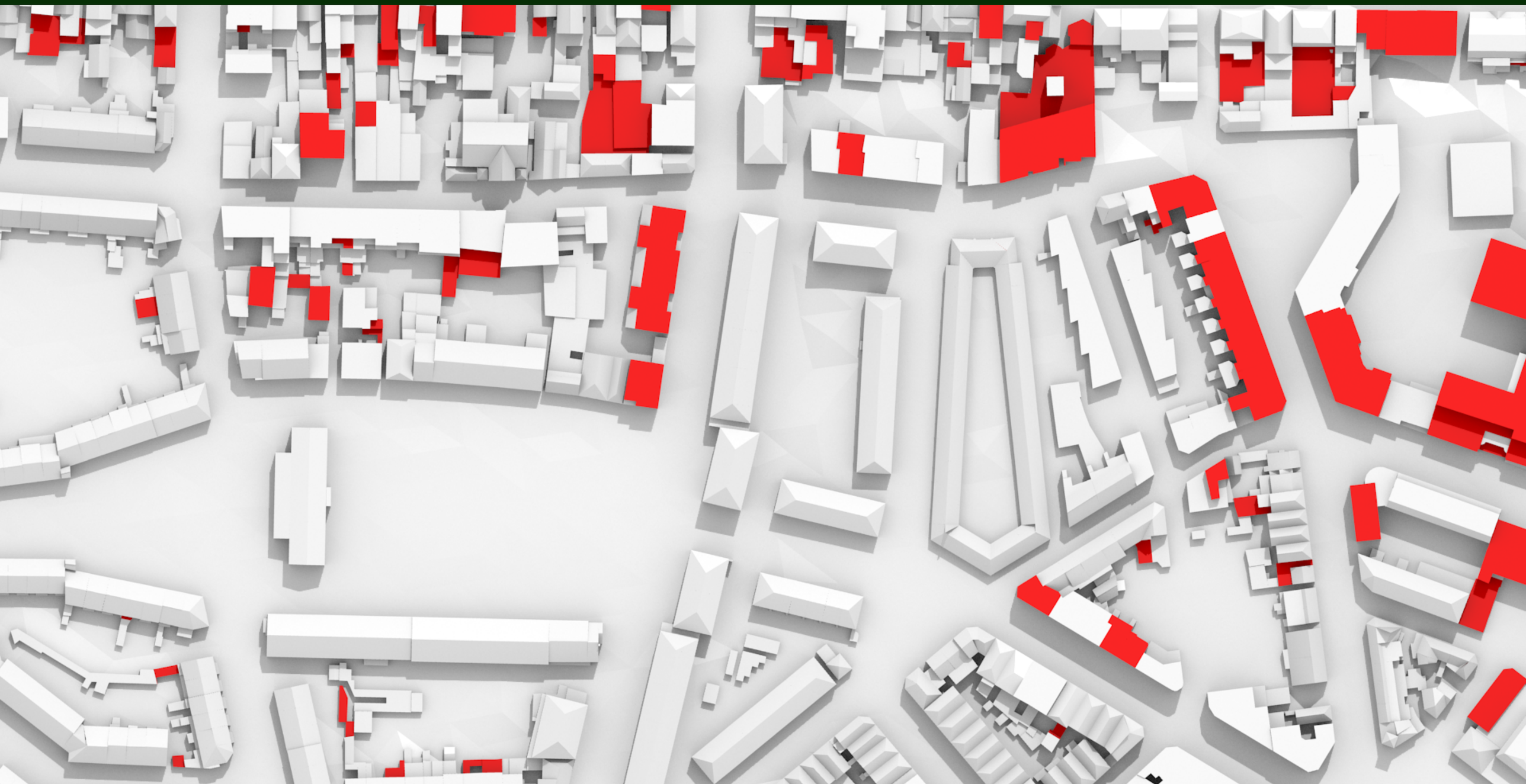
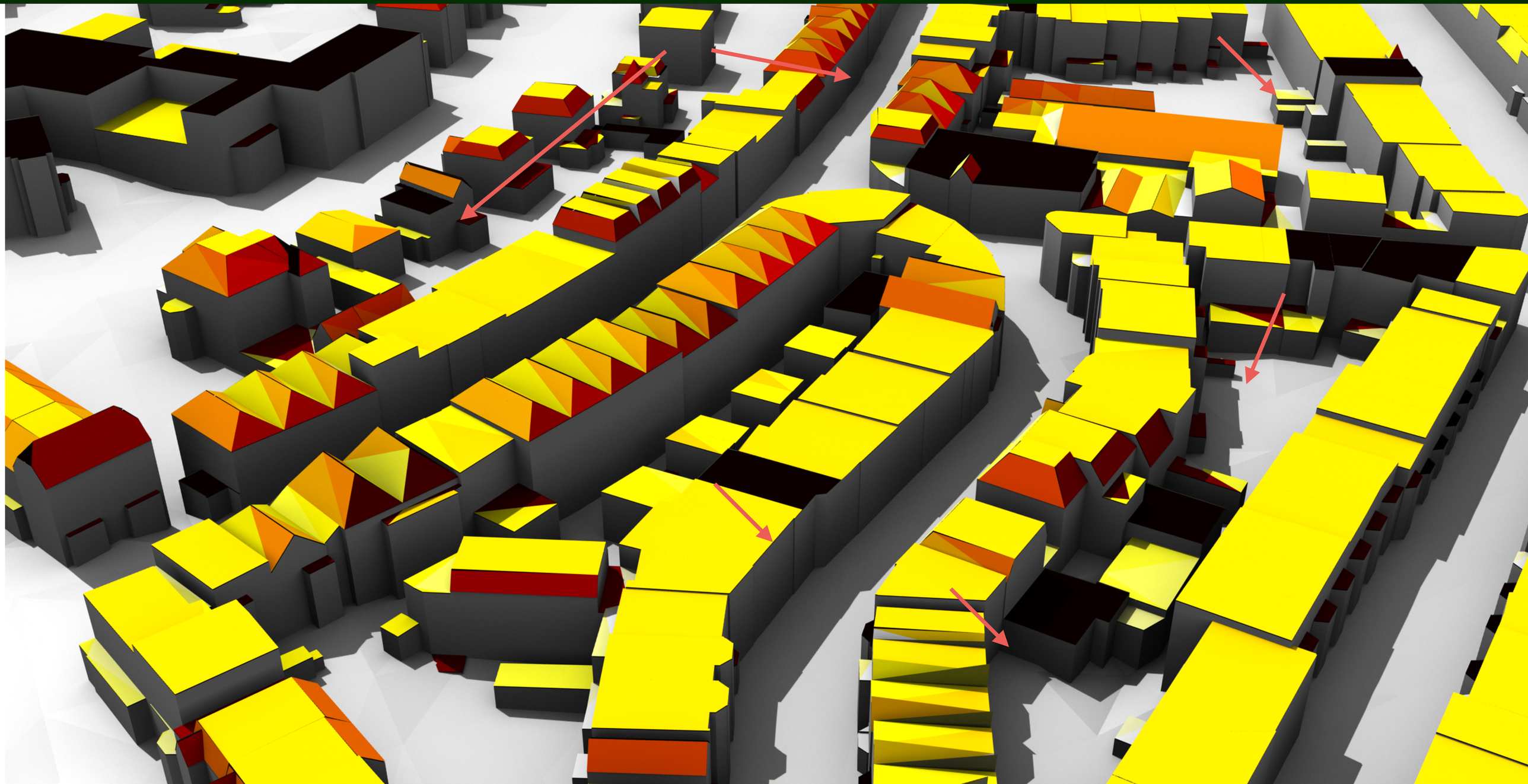


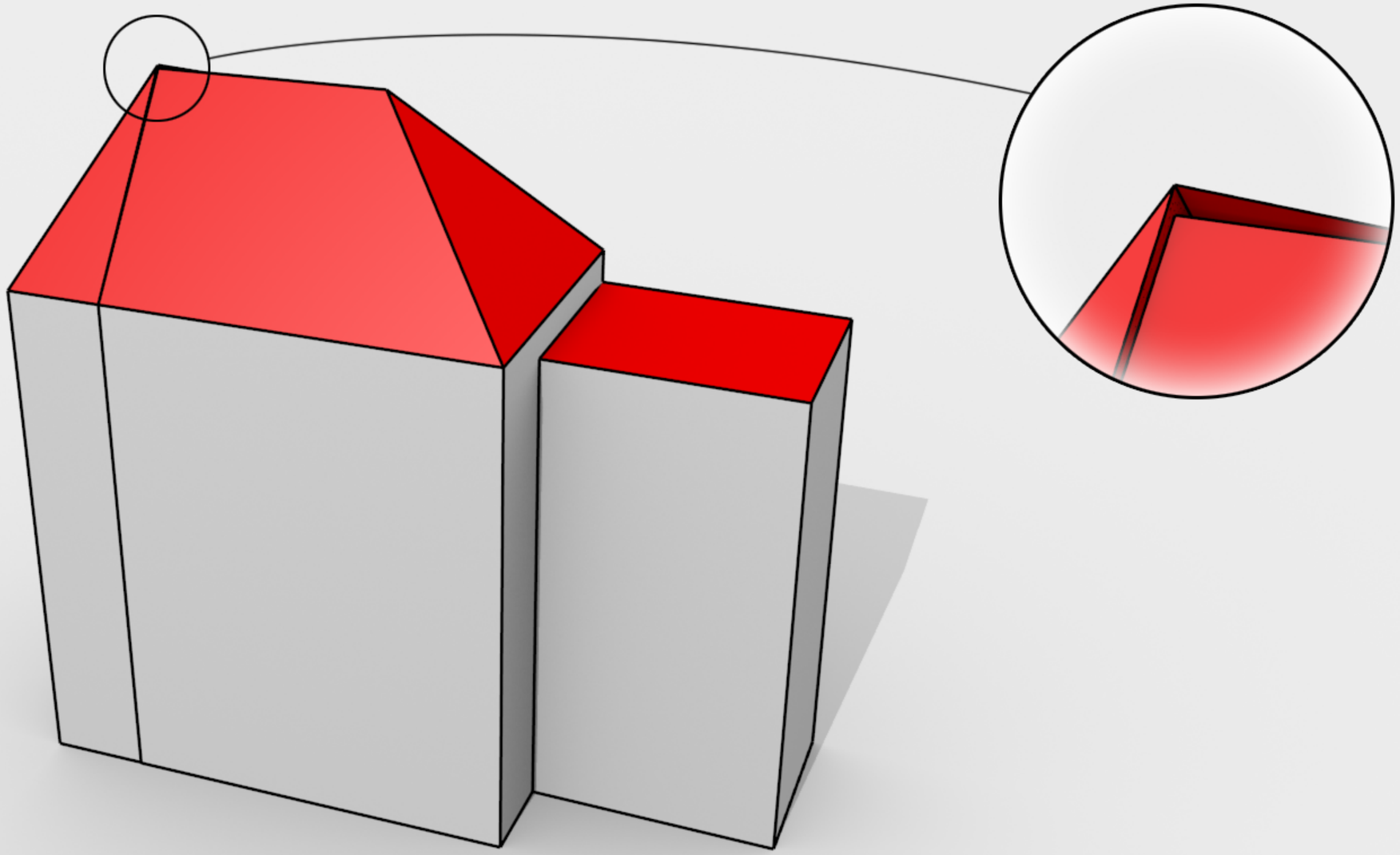
Visualisation – wrong orientation of surfaces (red ones)



Solar potential — wrong orientation == no potential assigned



Volume calculation — tiny problems == some methods do not work



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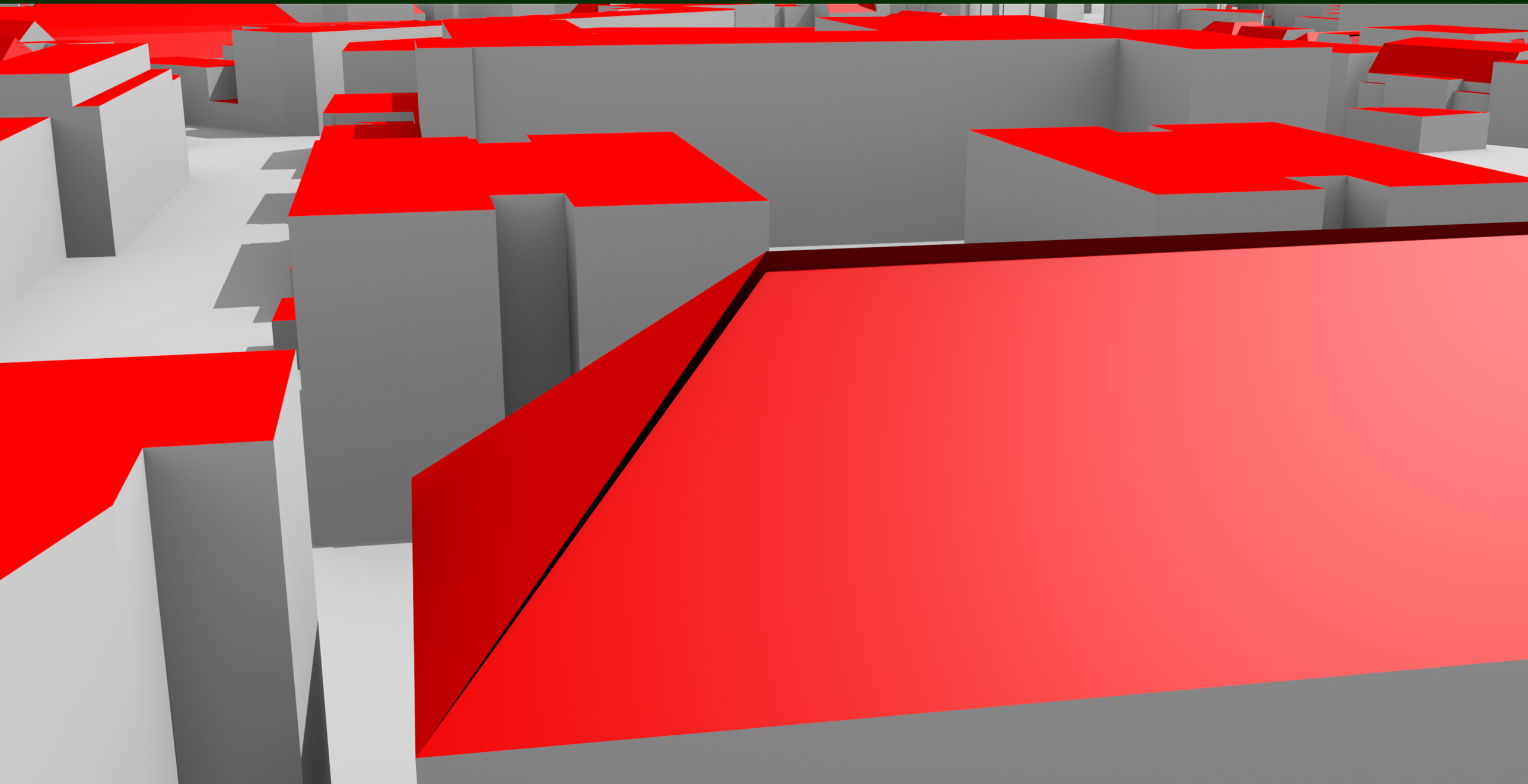

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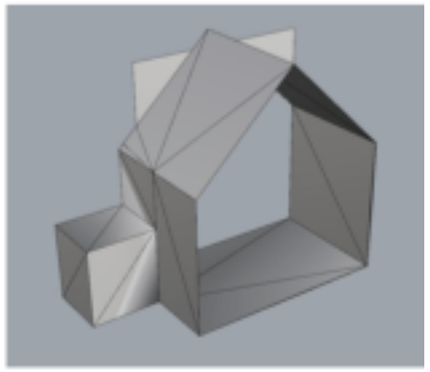
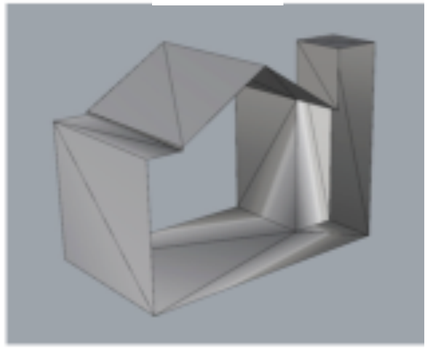
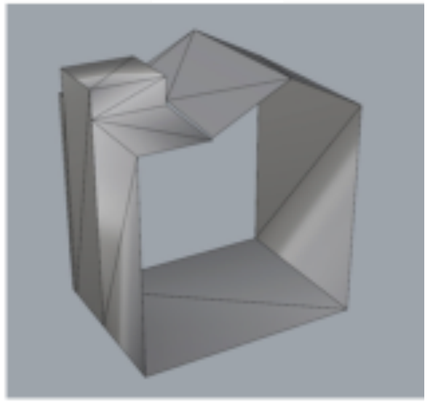
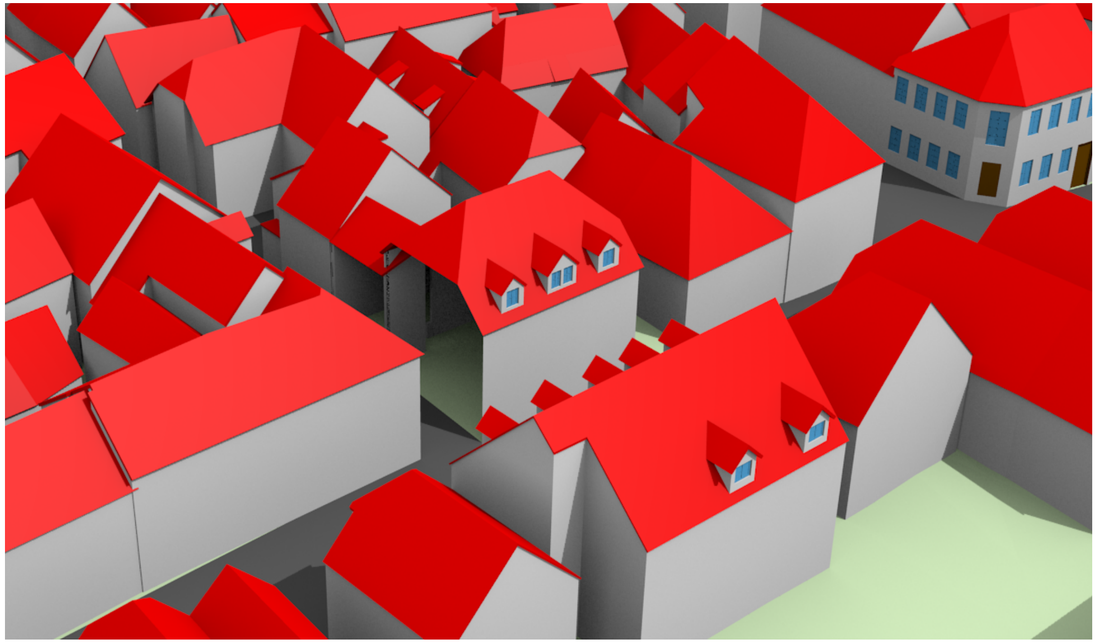
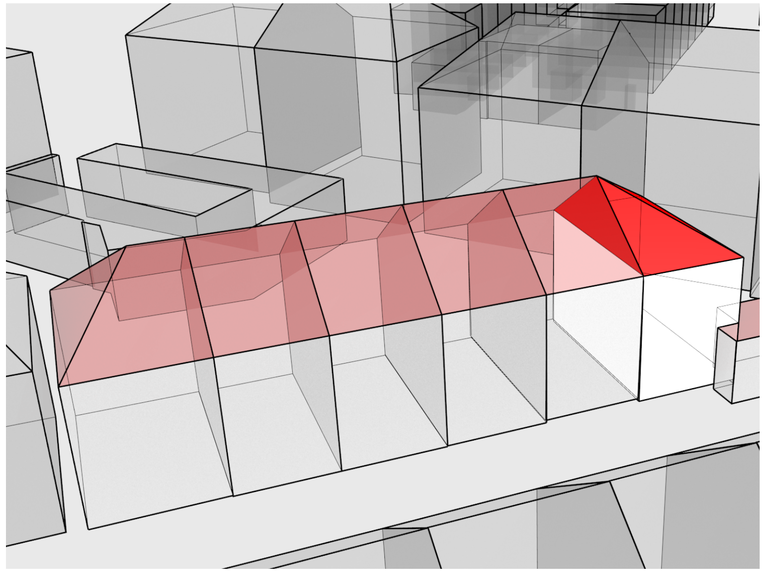


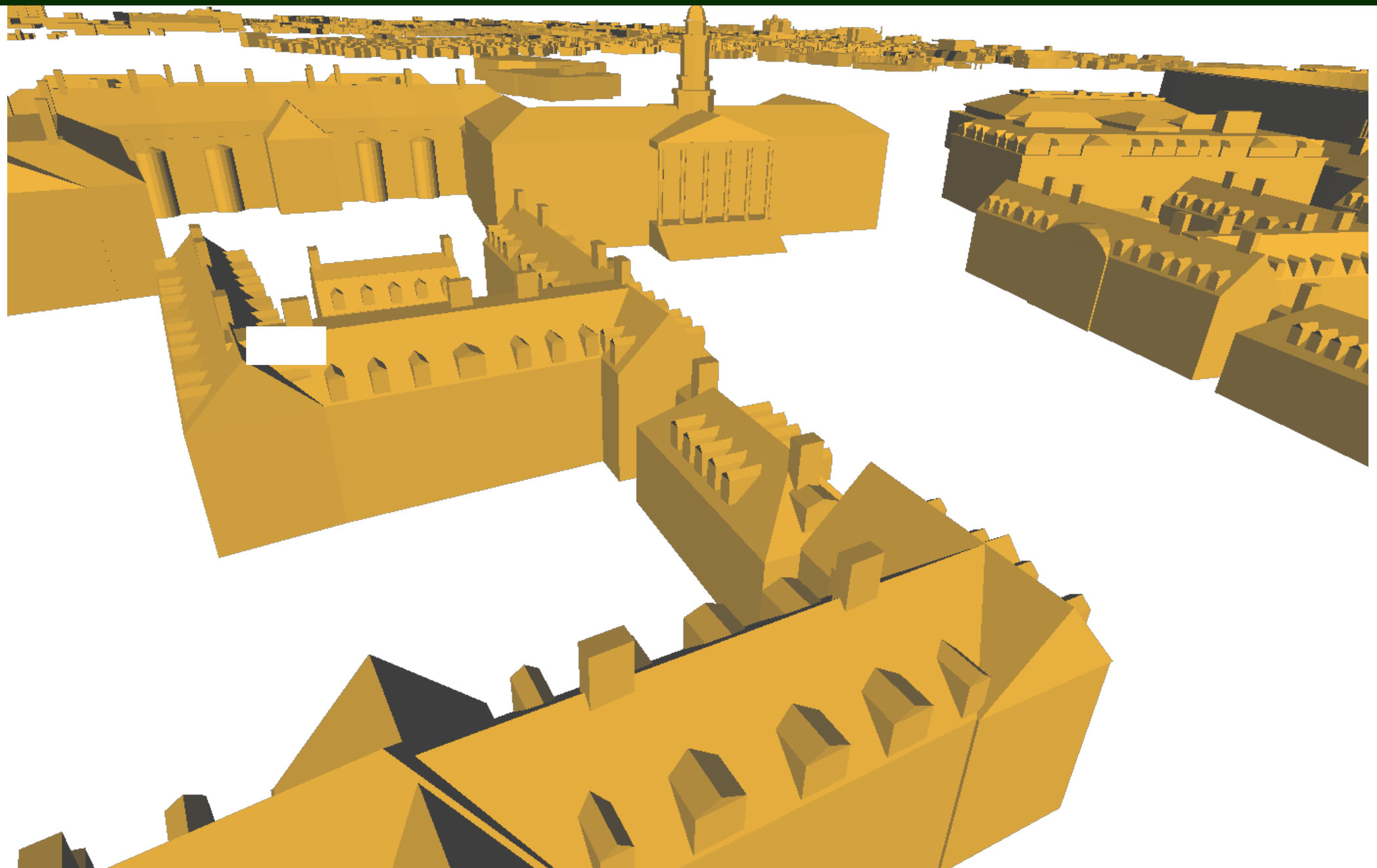








Volume calculation — superstructures not topologically connected



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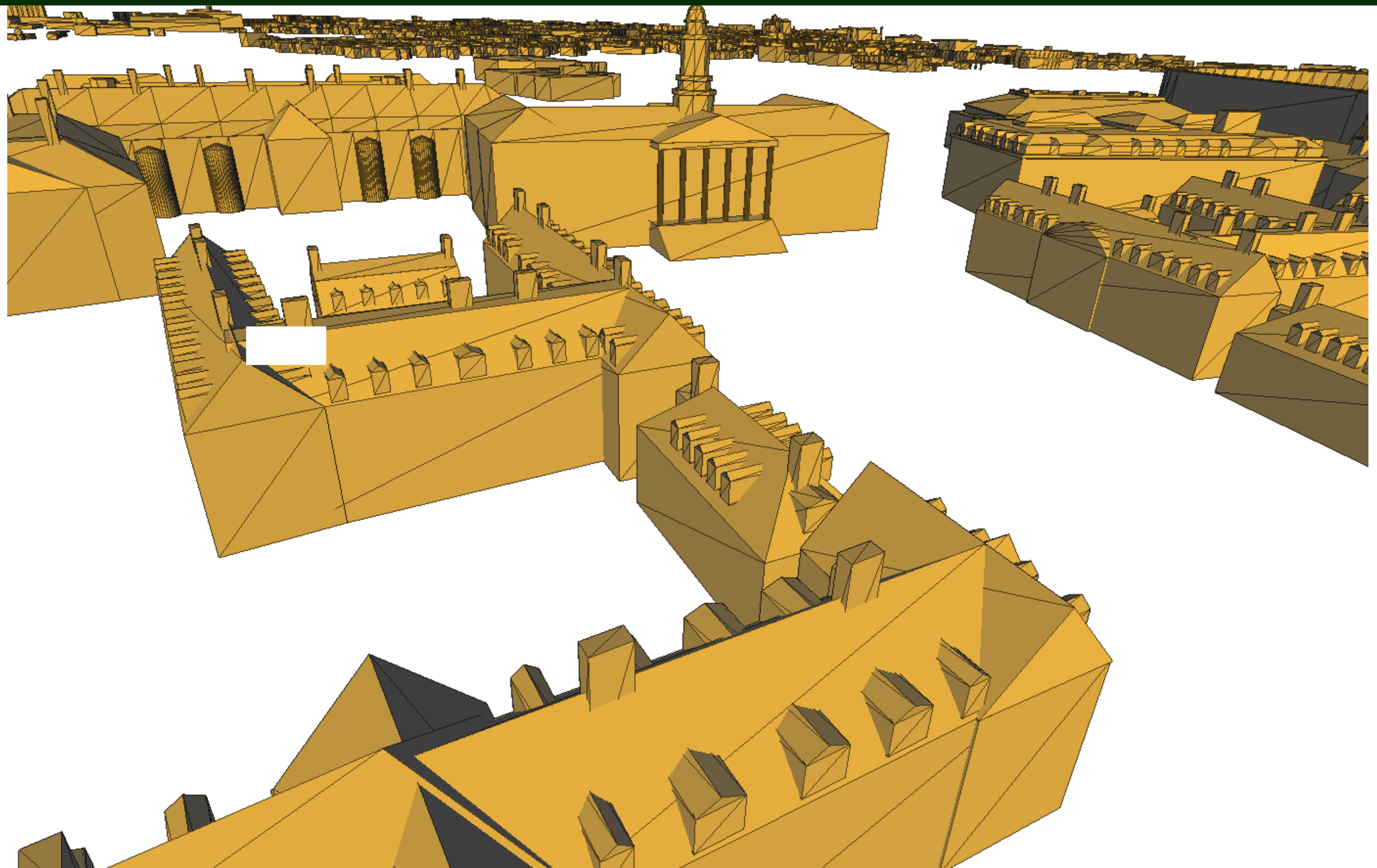

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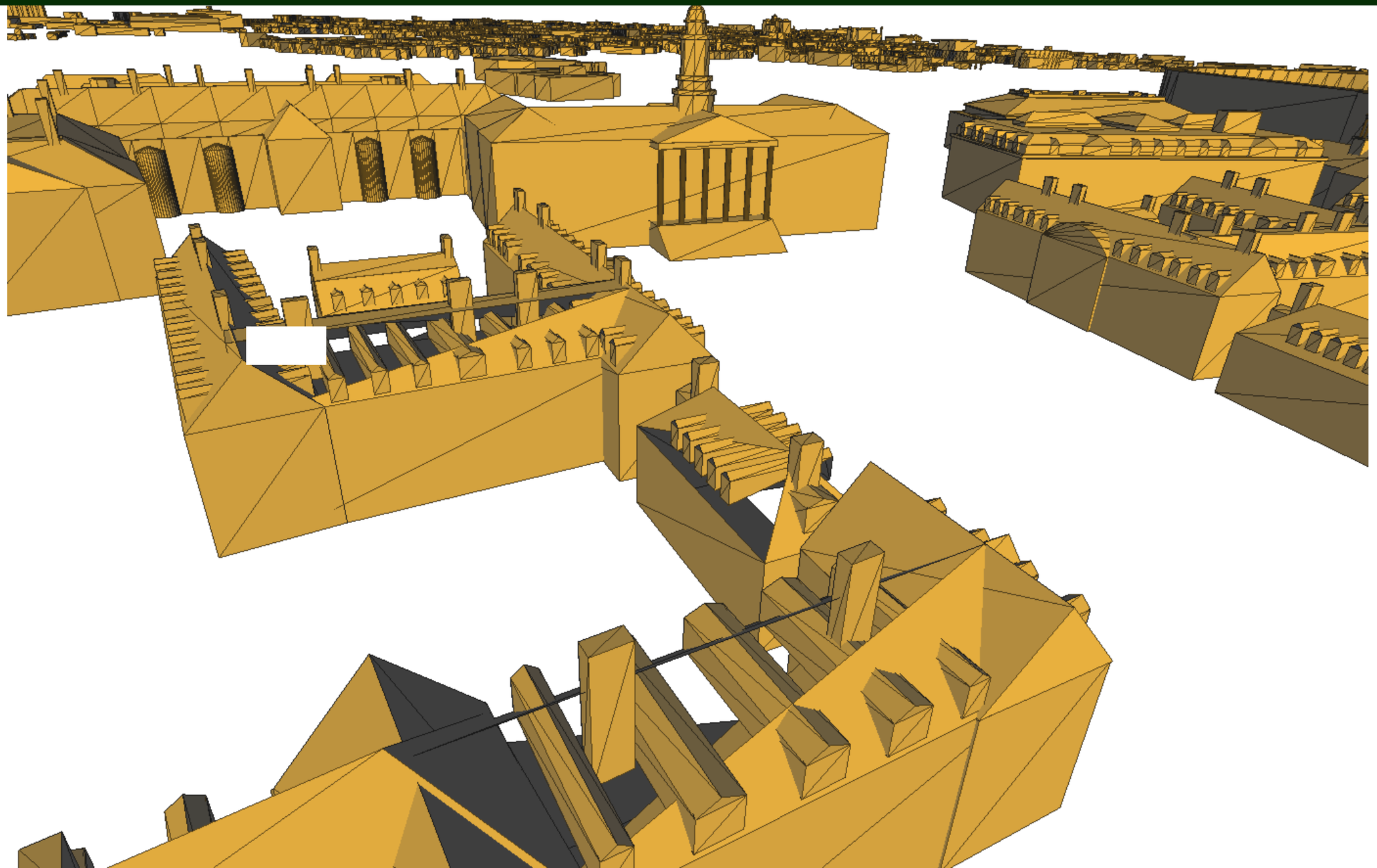
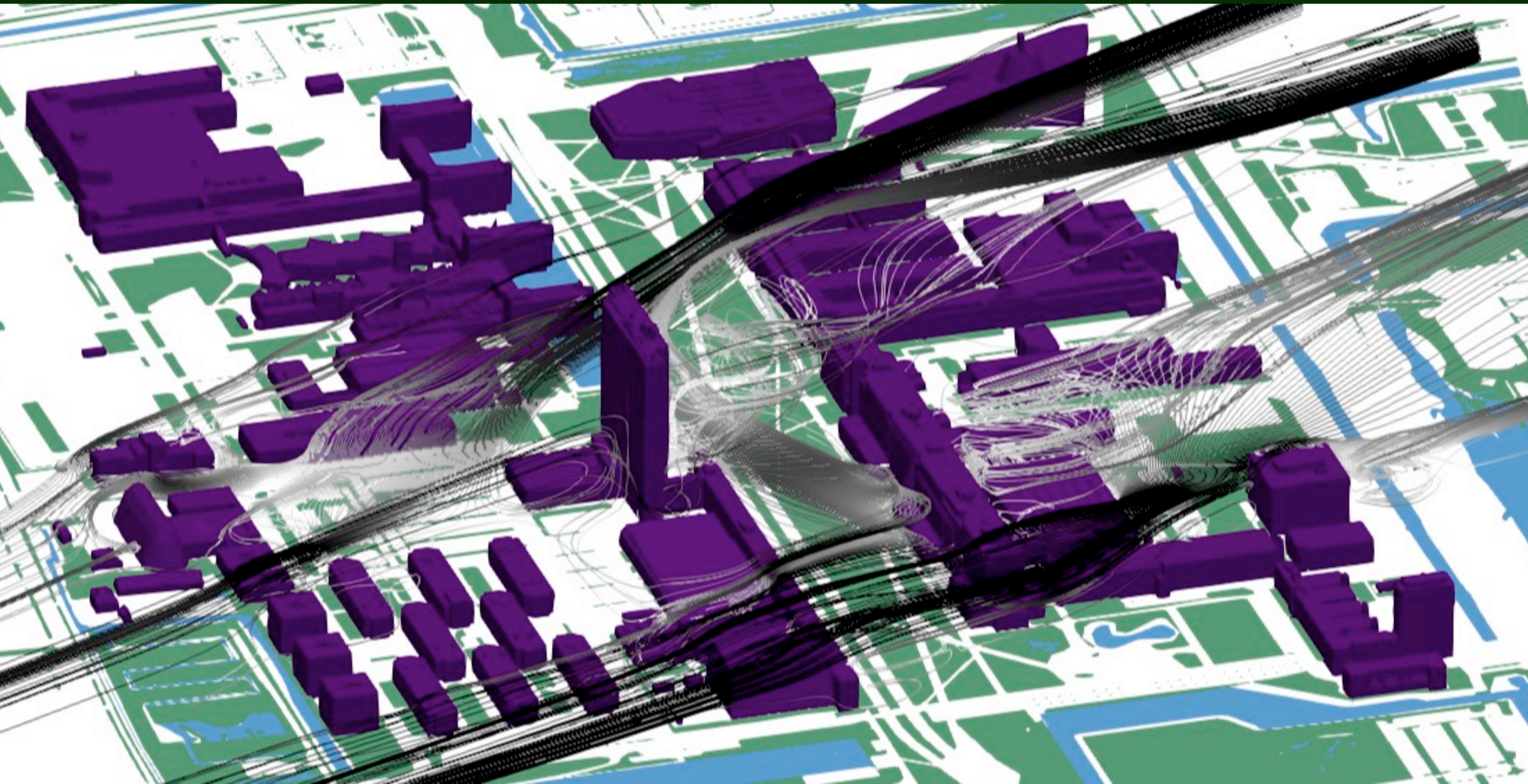


Advanced simulations — wind comfort for pedestrians



Advanced simulations — CFD methods: subdivision of volume (mesh)

computational fluid dynamics

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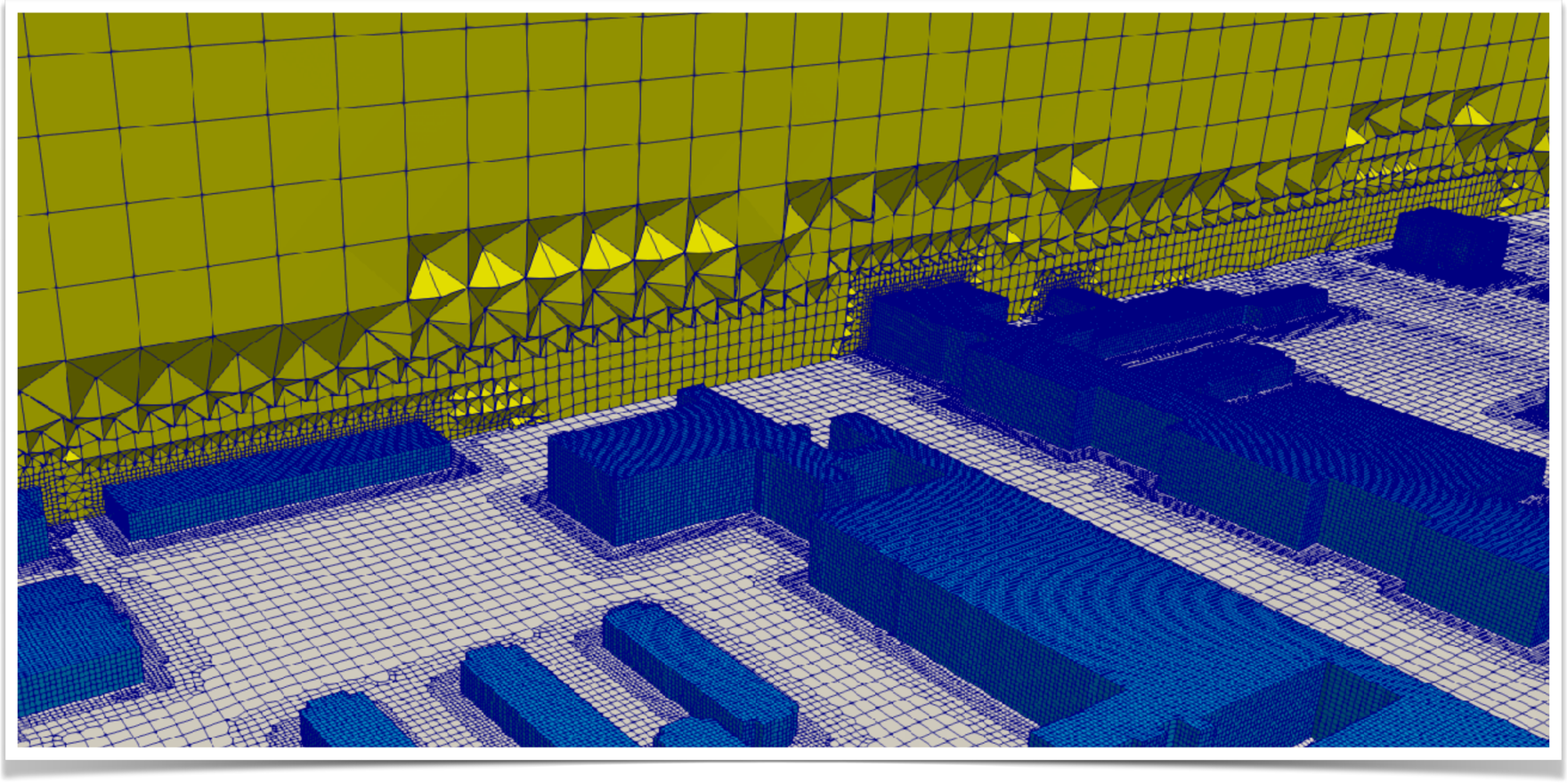

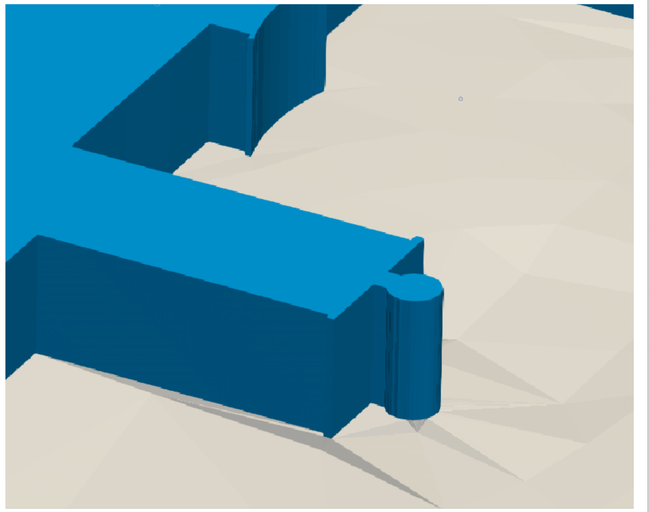

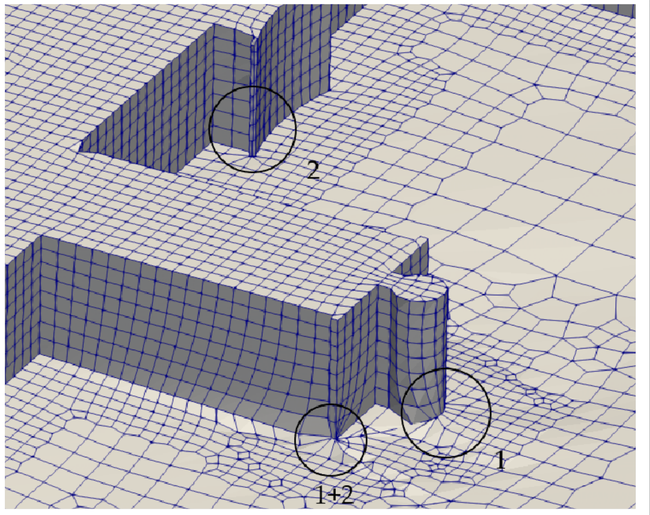

Advanced simulations — very strict input requirements

- no holes
- no intersection
- triangles must have certain shape (no *slivers*)
- a “perfect” model is thus required
- in practice, that usually means days or even weeks of (semi-)manual repair for an area like the TUDelft campus

An old-ish study we made

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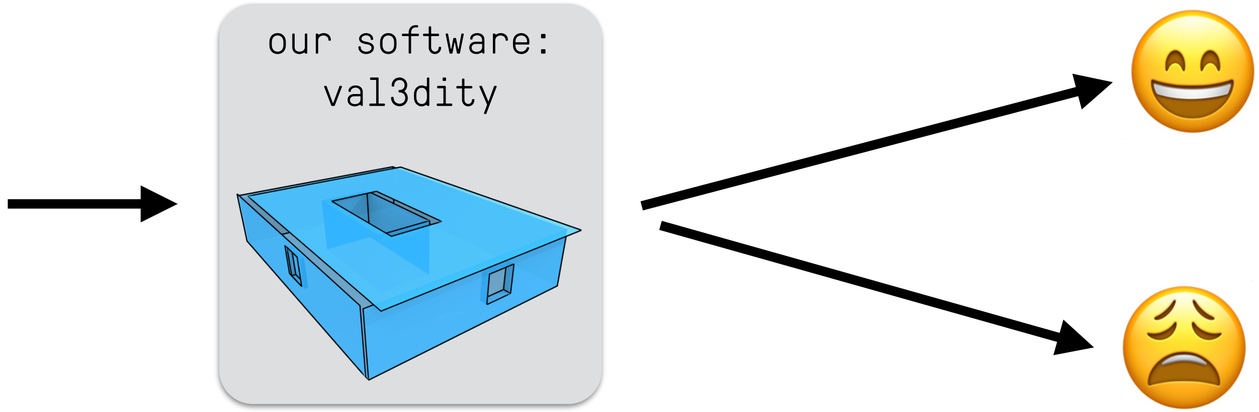

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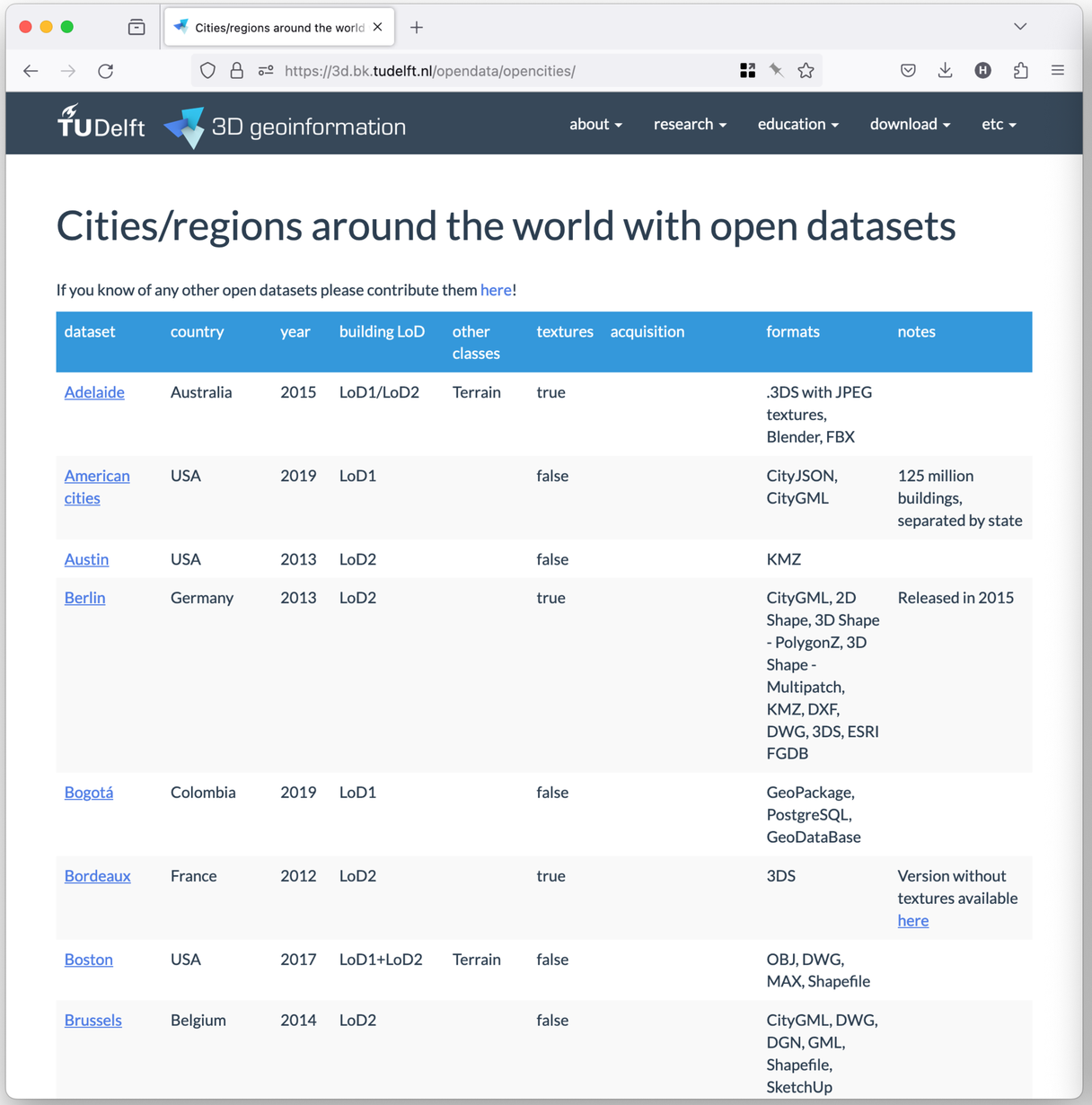
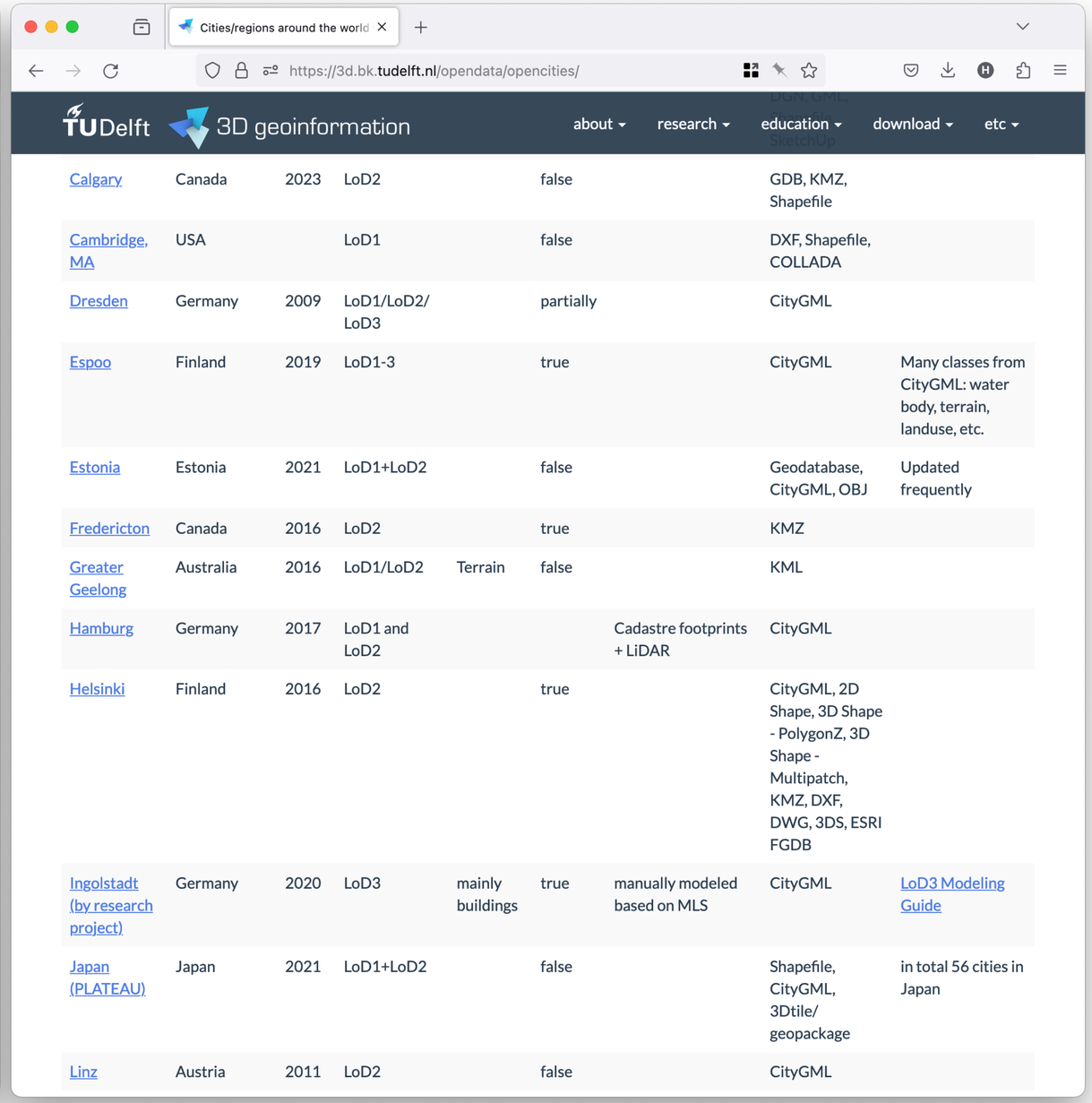


Cities/regions around the world with open datasets

If you know of any other open datasets please contribute them here!

dataset	country	year	building LoD	other classes	textures	acquisition	formats	notes
Adelaide	Australia	2015	LoD1/LoD2	Terrain	true		.3DS with JPEG textures, Blender, FBX	
American cities	USA	2019	LoD1		false		CityJSON, CityGML	125 million buildings, separated by state
Austin	USA	2013	LoD2		false		KMZ	
Berlin	Germany	2013	LoD2		true		CityGML, 2D Shape, 3D Shape - PolygonZ, 3D Shape - Multipatch, KMZ, DXF, DWG, 3DS, ESRI FGDB	Released in 2015
Bogotá	Colombia	2019	LoD1		false		GeoPackage, PostgreSQL, GeoDataBase	
Bordeaux	France	2012	LoD2		true		3DS	Version without textures available here
Boston	USA	2017	LoD1+LoD2	Terrain	false		OBJ, DWG, MAX, Shapefile	
Brussels	Belgium	2014	LoD2		false		CityGML, DWG, DGN, GML, Shapefile, SketchUp	



Calgary	Canada	2023	LoD2		false		GDB, KMZ, Shapefile	
Cambridge, MA	USA		LoD1		false		DXF, Shapefile, COLLADA	
Dresden	Germany	2009	LoD1/LoD2/ LoD3		partially		CityGML	
Espoo	Finland	2019	LoD1-3		true		CityGML	Many classes from CityGML: water body, terrain, landuse, etc.
Estonia	Estonia	2021	LoD1+LoD2		false		Geodatabase, CityGML, OBJ	Updated frequently
Fredericton	Canada	2016	LoD2		true		KMZ	
Greater Geelong	Australia	2016	LoD1/LoD2	Terrain	false		KML	
Hamburg	Germany	2017	LoD1 and LoD2			Cadastre footprints + LiDAR	CityGML	
Helsinki	Finland	2016	LoD2		true		CityGML, 2D Shape, 3D Shape - PolygonZ, 3D Shape - Multipatch, KMZ, DXF, DWG, 3DS, ESRI FGDB	
Ingolstadt (by research project)	Germany	2020	LoD3	mainly buildings	true	manually modeled based on MLS	CityGML	LoD3 Modeling Guide
Japan (PLATEAU)	Japan	2021	LoD1+LoD2		false		Shapefile, CityGML, 3Dtile/ geopackage	in total 56 cities in Japan
Linz	Austria	2011	LoD2		false		CityGML	

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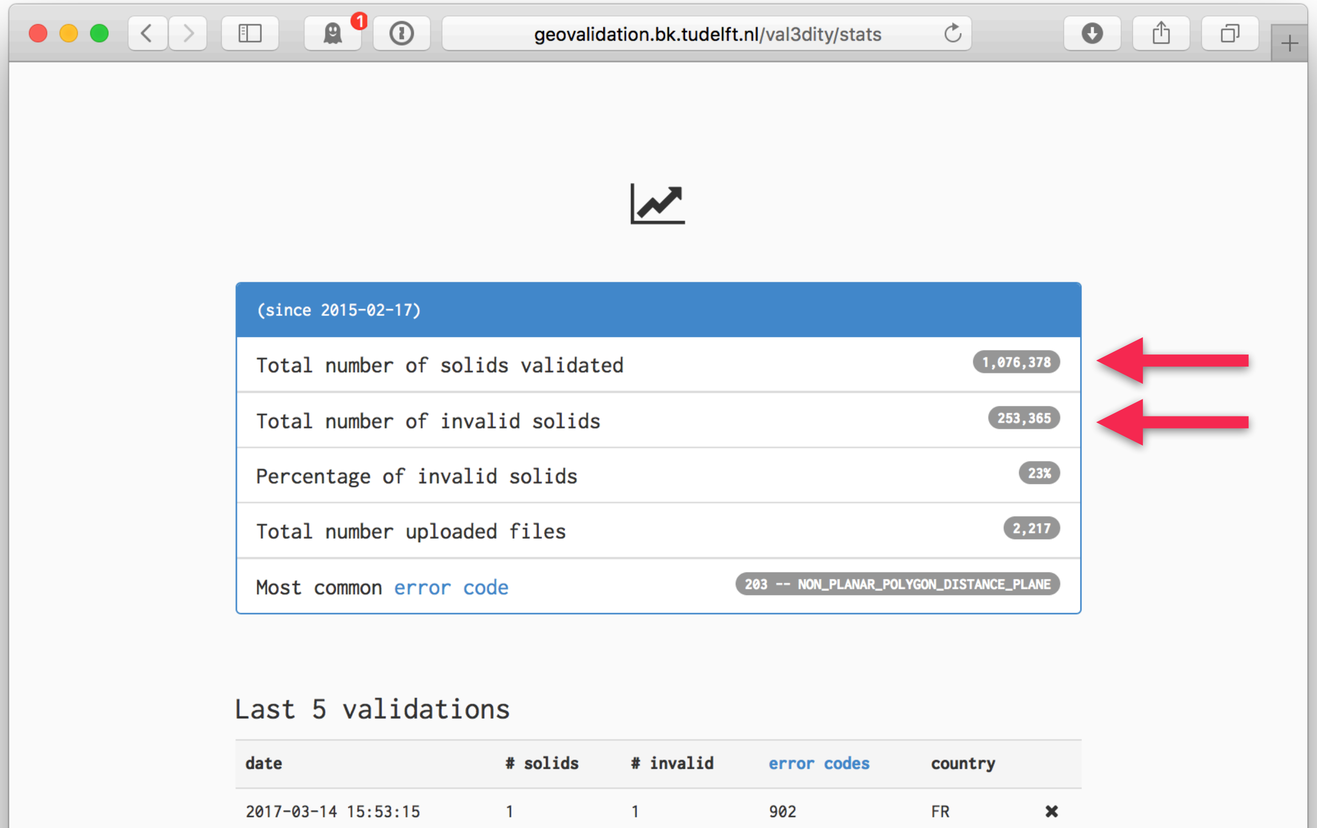

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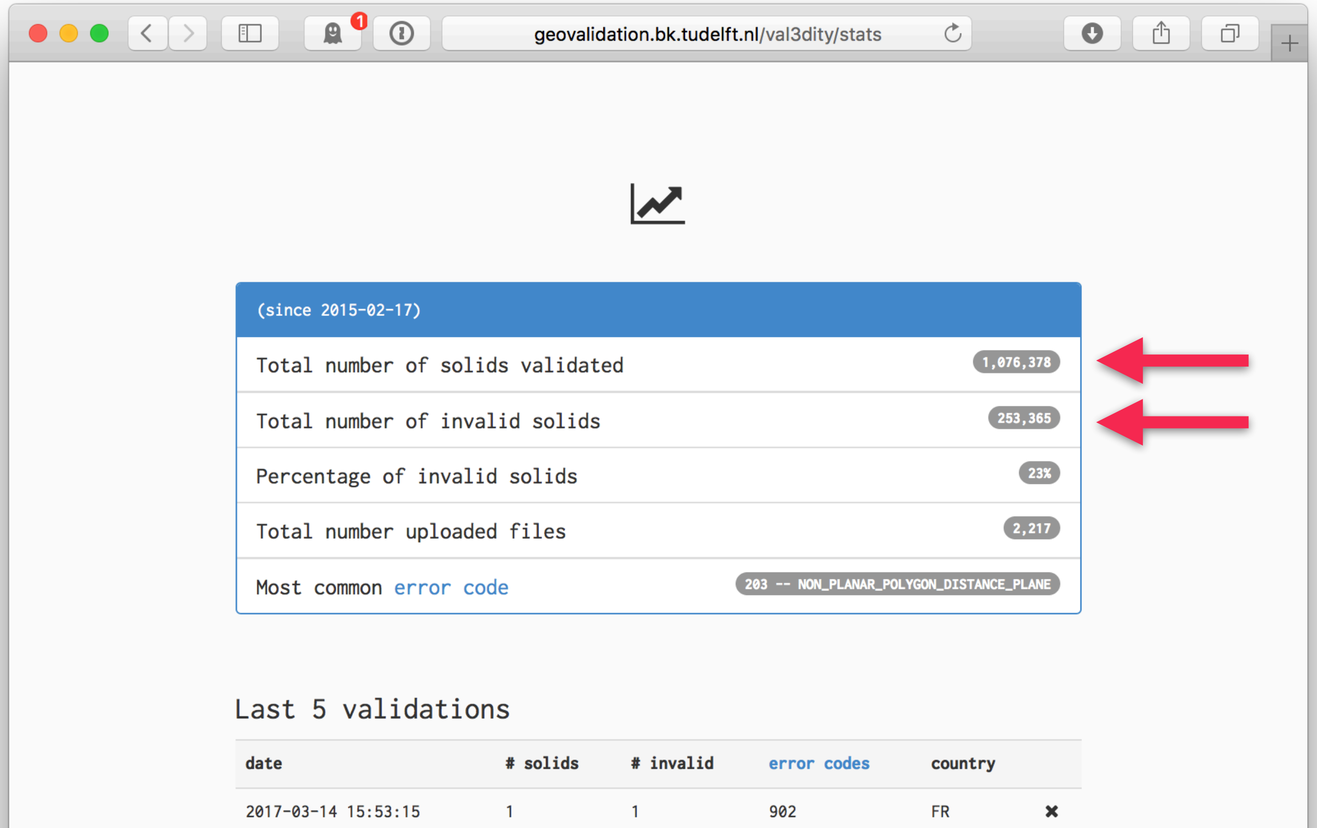

The Levels-of-details (LoDs)

Refined LoDs for CityGML Build

https://3d.bk.tudelft.nl/lod/

TUDelft 3D geoinformation

about research education download etc

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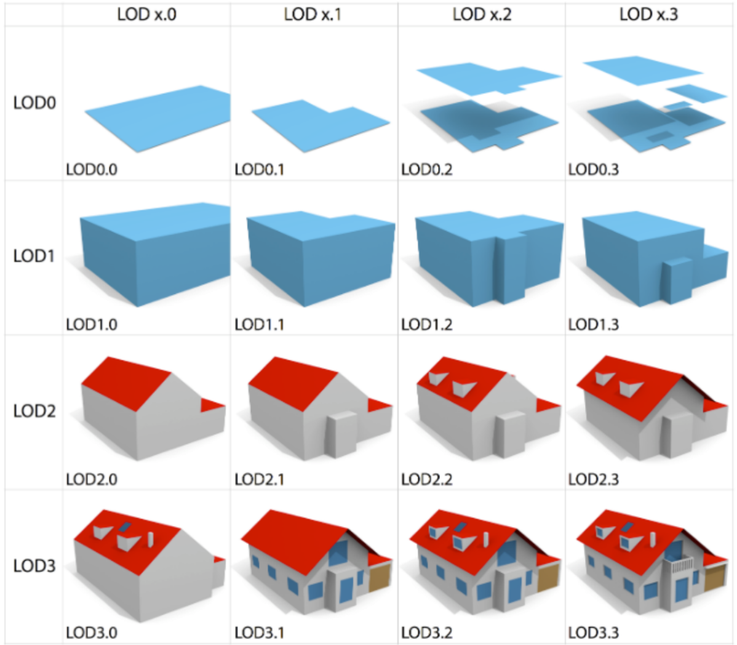

An improved LOD specification for 3D building models. Filip Biljecki, Hugo Ledoux, and Jantien Stoter. *Computers, Environment and Urban Systems*, 59: 25–37, 2016.
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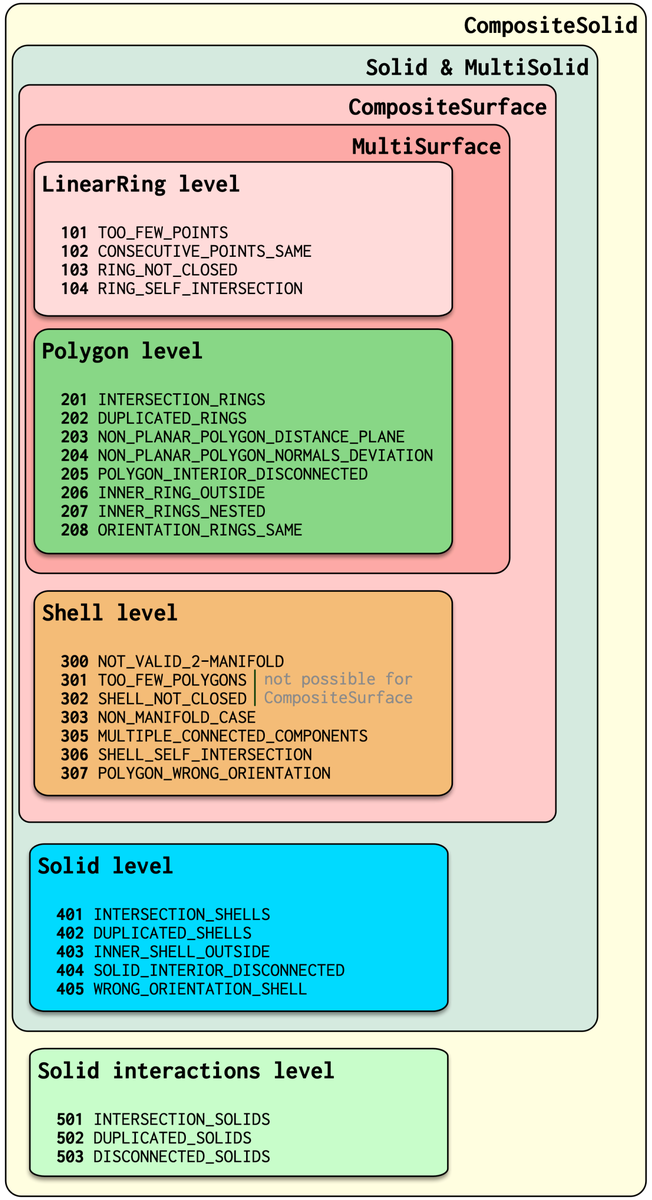
val3dity reports with a specific error code



CityGML Objects

601 BUILDINGPARTS_OVERLAP

IndoorGML Objects

701 PRIMAL_CELLS_OVERLAP
702 DUAL_VERTEX_OUTSIDE_PRIMAL_CELL
703 PRIMAL_DUAL_XLINKS_ERROR
704 PRIMAL_DUAL_ADJACENCIES_INCONSISTENT

Others

901 INVALID_INPUT_FILE
902 EMPTY_PRIMITIVE
903 WRONG_INPUT_PARAMETERS
904 FORMAT_NOT_SUPPORTED
906 PRIMITIVE_NO_GEOMETRY
999 UNKNOWN_ERROR

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val3dity cube_flipped.obj --report r.json
Validation of 1 feature(s):
[================================================] 100%

+++++++++++++++++++ SUMMARY +++++++++++++++++++
INVALID :(
+++++
Input file type:
  OBJ
+++++
Total # of Features:          1
  # valid:                    0 (0.0%)
  # invalid:                  1 (100.0%)
Types:
  GenericObject
+++++
Total # of primitives:        1
  # valid:                    0 (0.0%)
  # invalid:                  1 (100.0%)
Types:
  Solid
+++++
Errors present:
  303 -- NON_MANIFOLD_CASE
         1 primitive(s)
  307 -- POLYGON_WRONG_ORIENTATION
         1 primitive(s)
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Validation report saved to "/Users/hugo/stacktmp/teaching/2024/iso19107/r.json"
Browse its content:
==>http://geovalidation.bk.tudelft.nl/val3dity/browser/

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e303

e307

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THE MOST COMMON GEOMETRIC AND SEMANTIC ERRORS IN CITYGML DATASETS

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ABSTRACT:

To be used as input in most simulation and modelling software, 3D city models should be geometrically and topologically valid, and semantically rich. We investigate in this paper what is the quality of currently available CityGML datasets, i.e. we validate the geometry/topology of the 3D primitives (`Solid` and `MultiSurface`), and we validate whether the semantics of the boundary surfaces of buildings is correct or not. We have analysed all the CityGML datasets we could find, both from portals of cities and on different websites, plus a few that were made available to us. We have thus validated 40M surfaces in 16M 3D primitives and 3.6M buildings found in 37 CityGML datasets originating from 9 countries, and produced by several companies with diverse software and acquisition techniques. The results indicate that CityGML datasets without errors are rare, and those that are nearly valid are mostly simple LOD1 models. We report on the most common errors we have found, and analyse them. One main observation is that many of these errors could be automatically fixed or prevented with simple modifications to the modelling software. Our principal aim is to highlight the most common errors so that these are not repeated in the future. We hope that our paper and the open-source software we have developed will help raise awareness for data quality among data providers and 3D GIS software producers.

1. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, several cities around the world have released their

Related work considers additional aspects, e.g. resolvability of `XLinks`; application-specific rules, such as that a building is required to have a ground floor to form a volume (which is, surprisingly, not mandatory in CityGML); and the redundancy of the

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		4	0	0	0	0	0	–	✓
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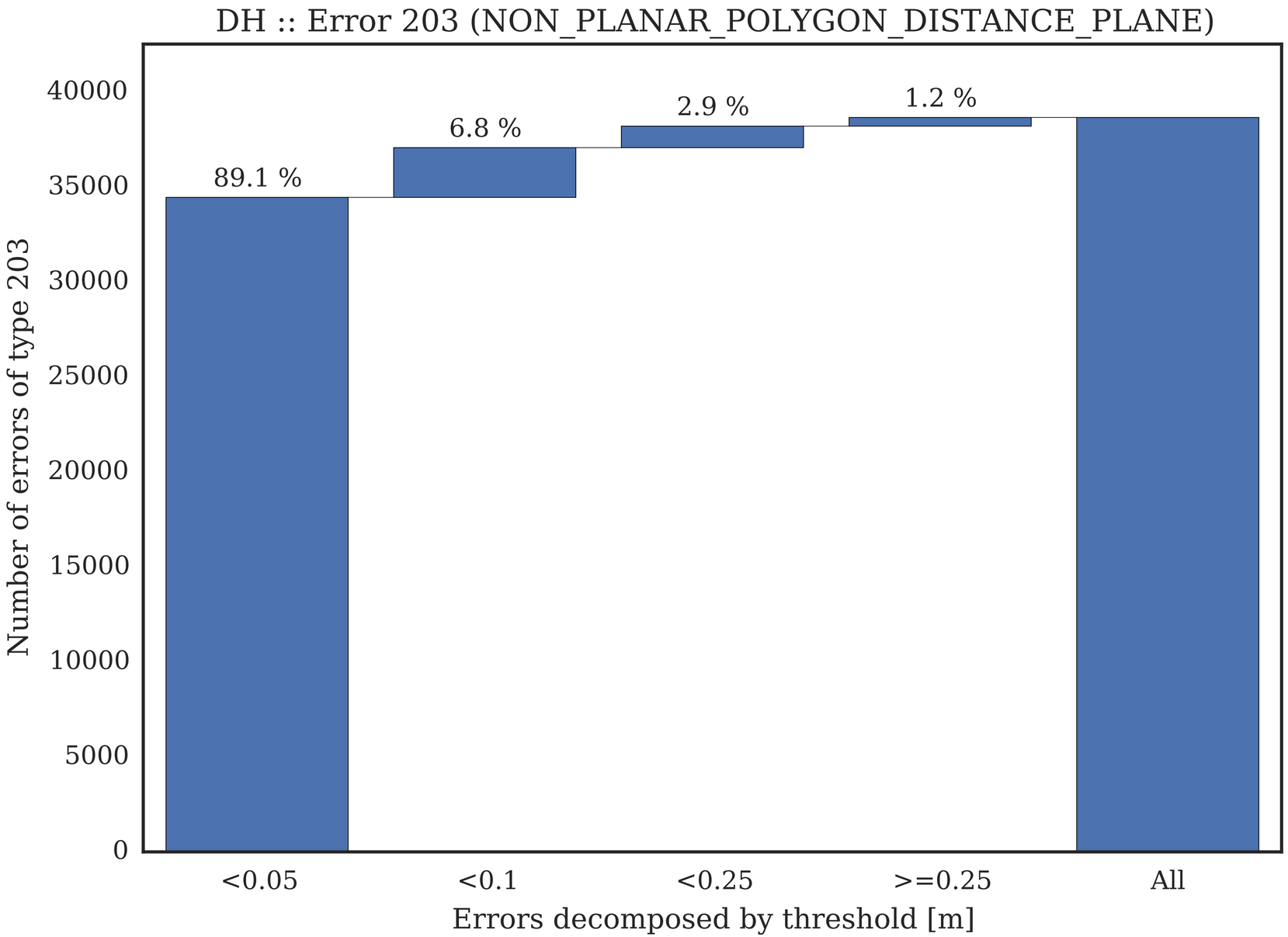
Most common error: non-planar surface



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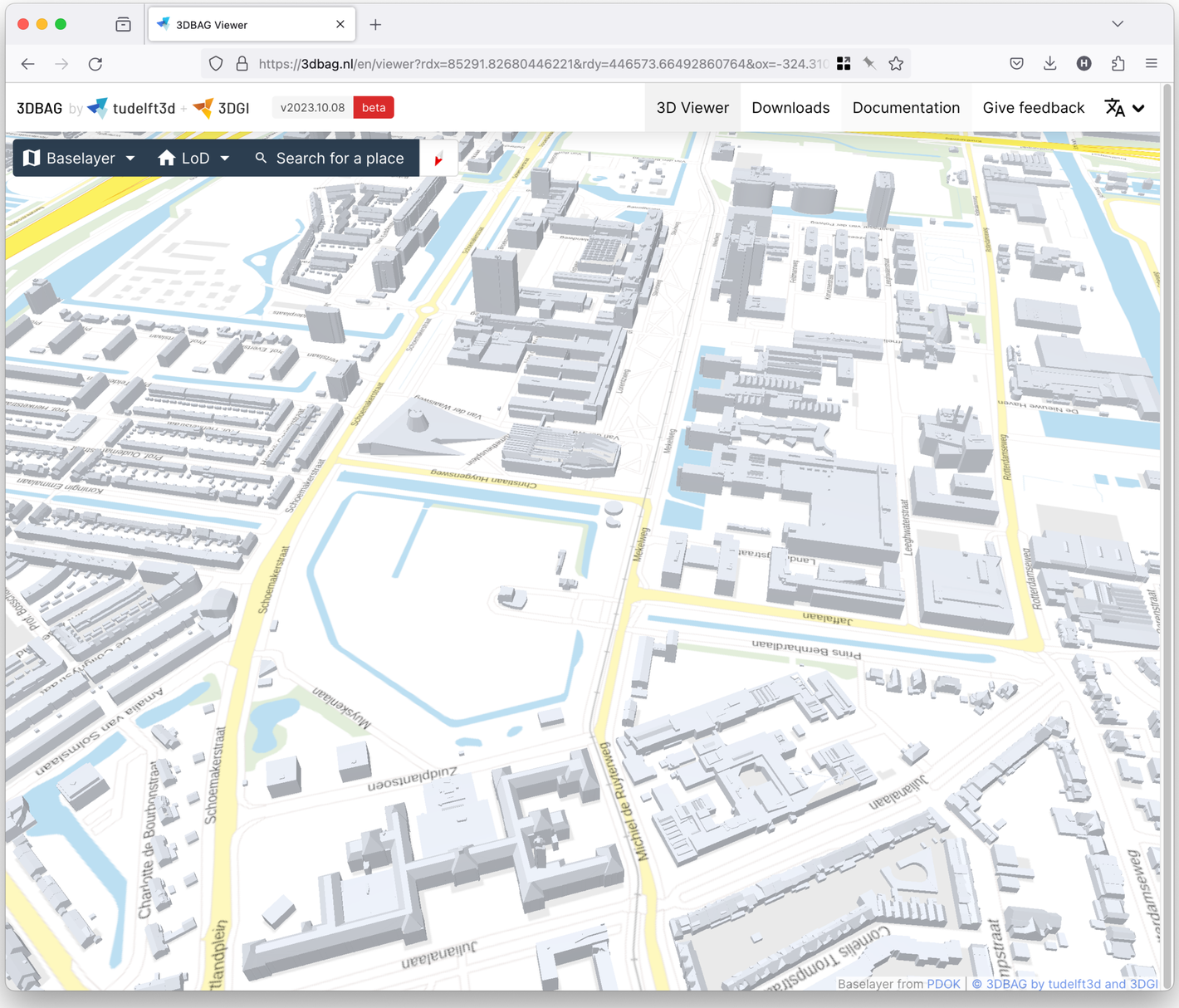

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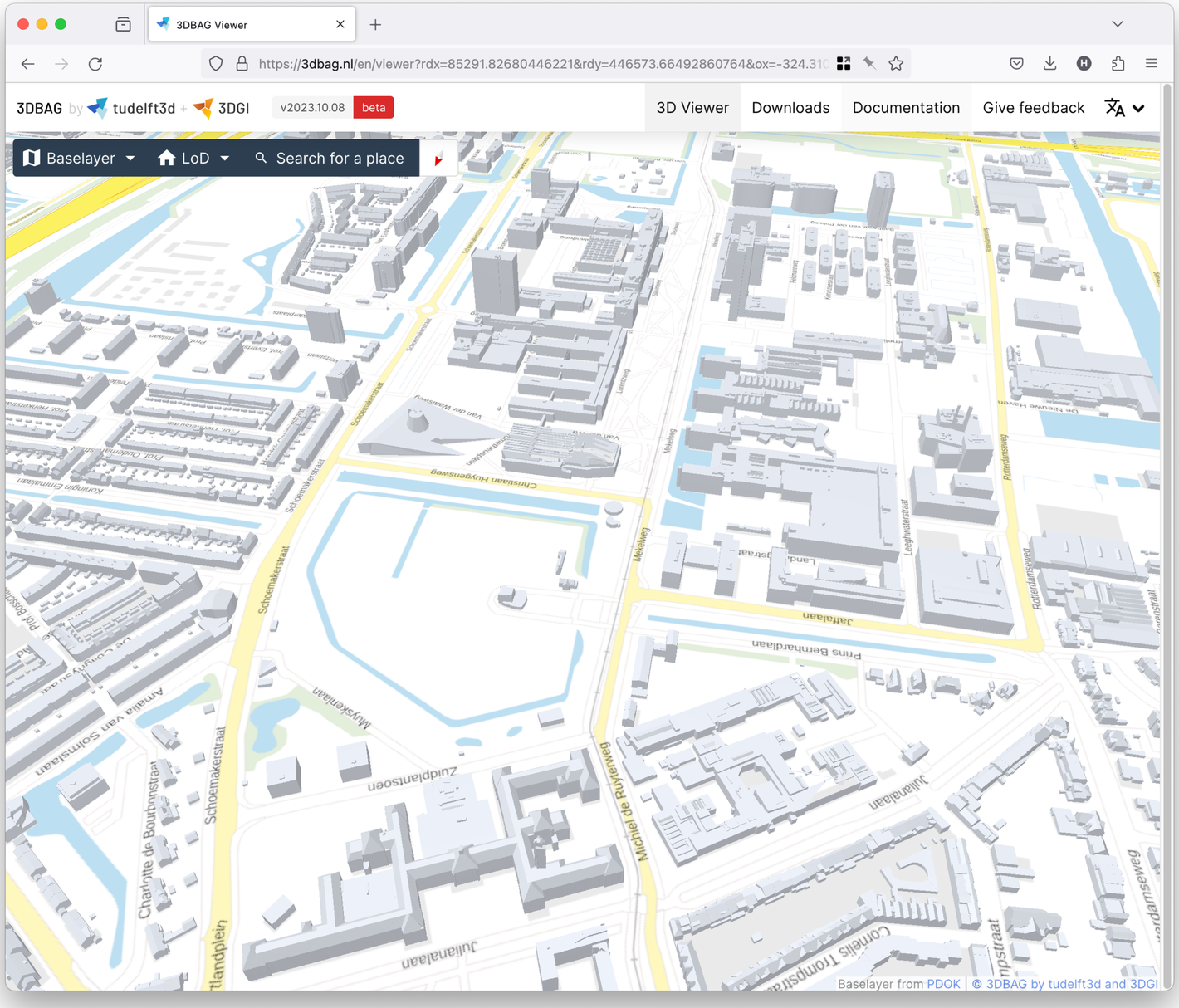

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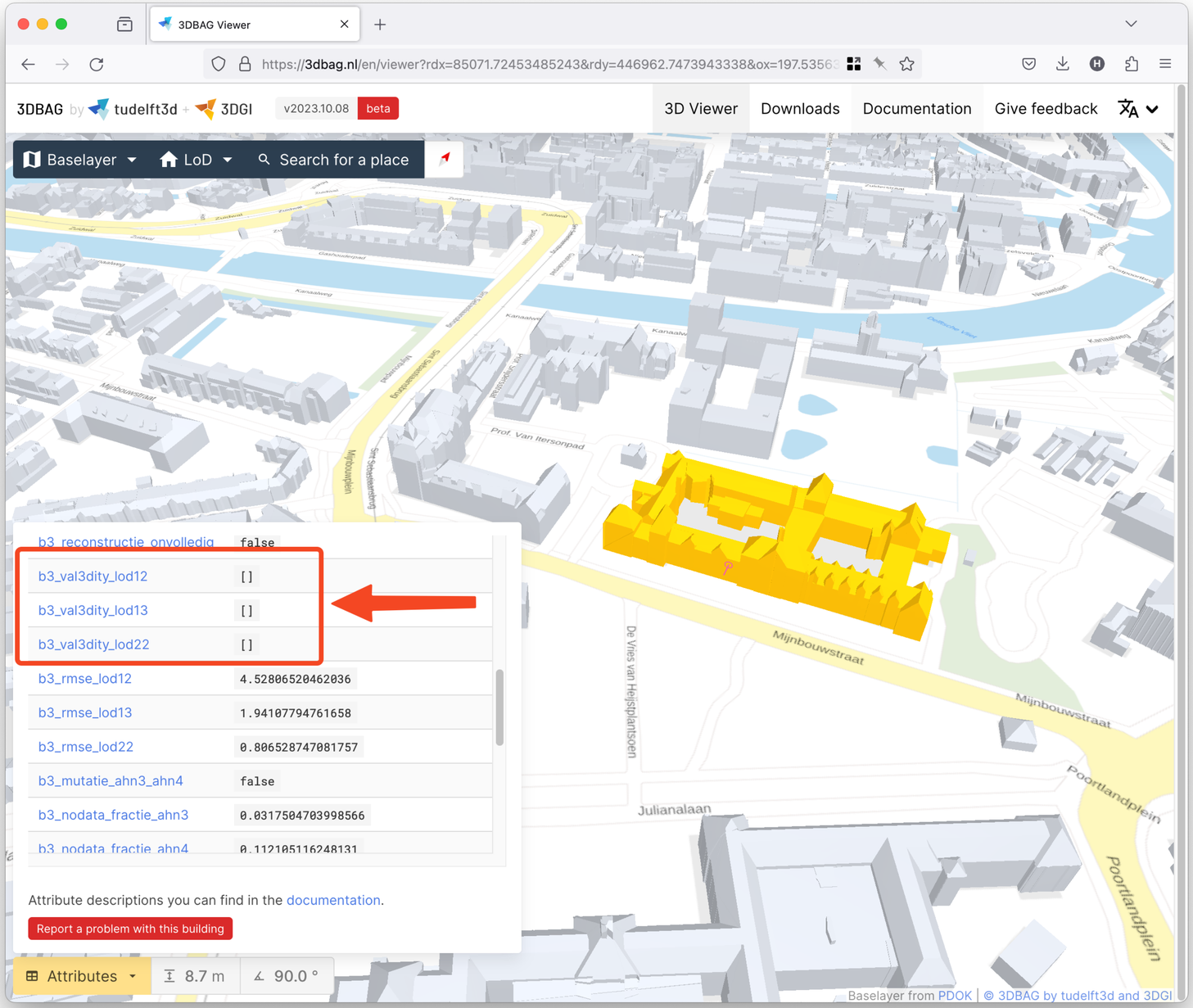

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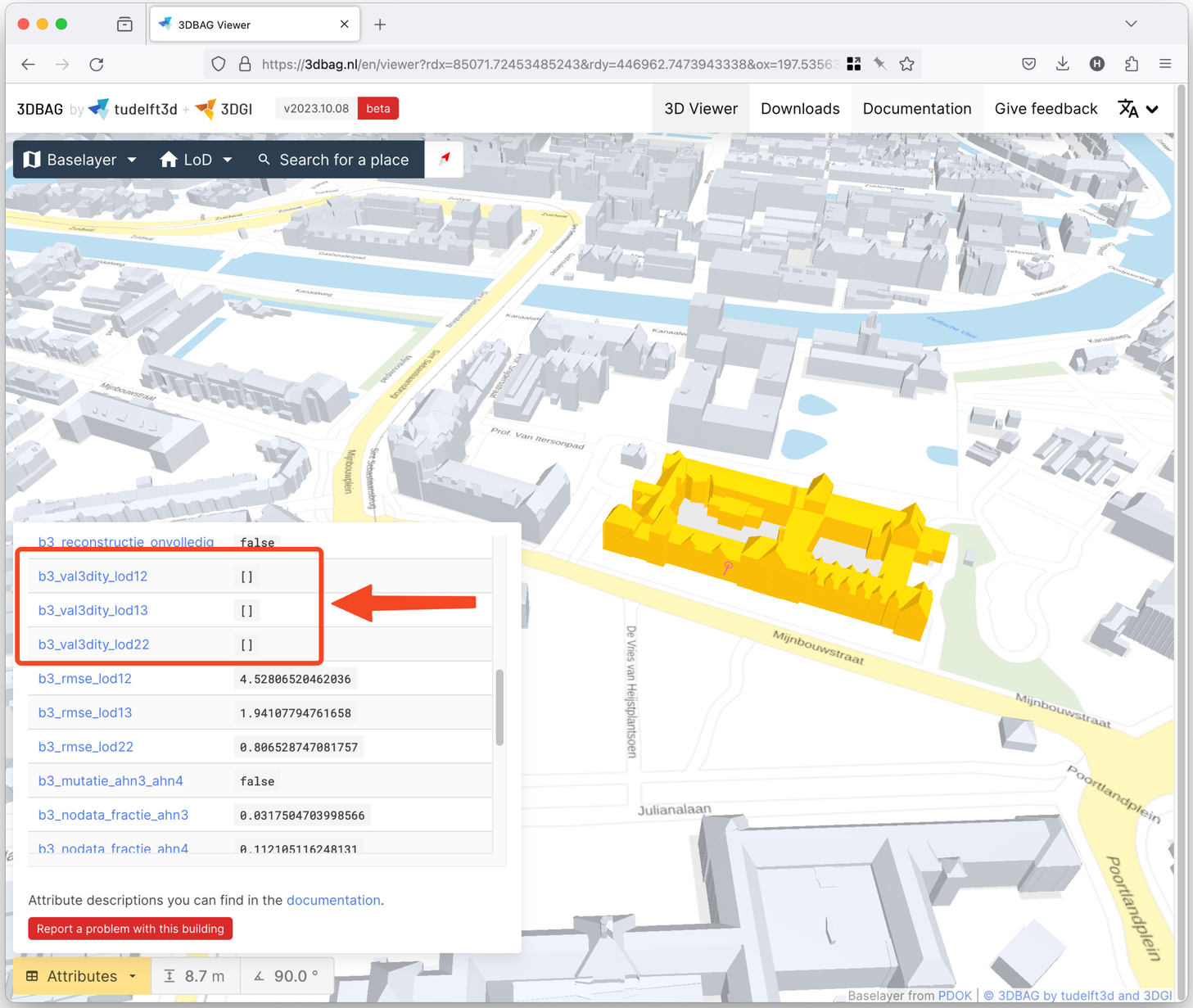

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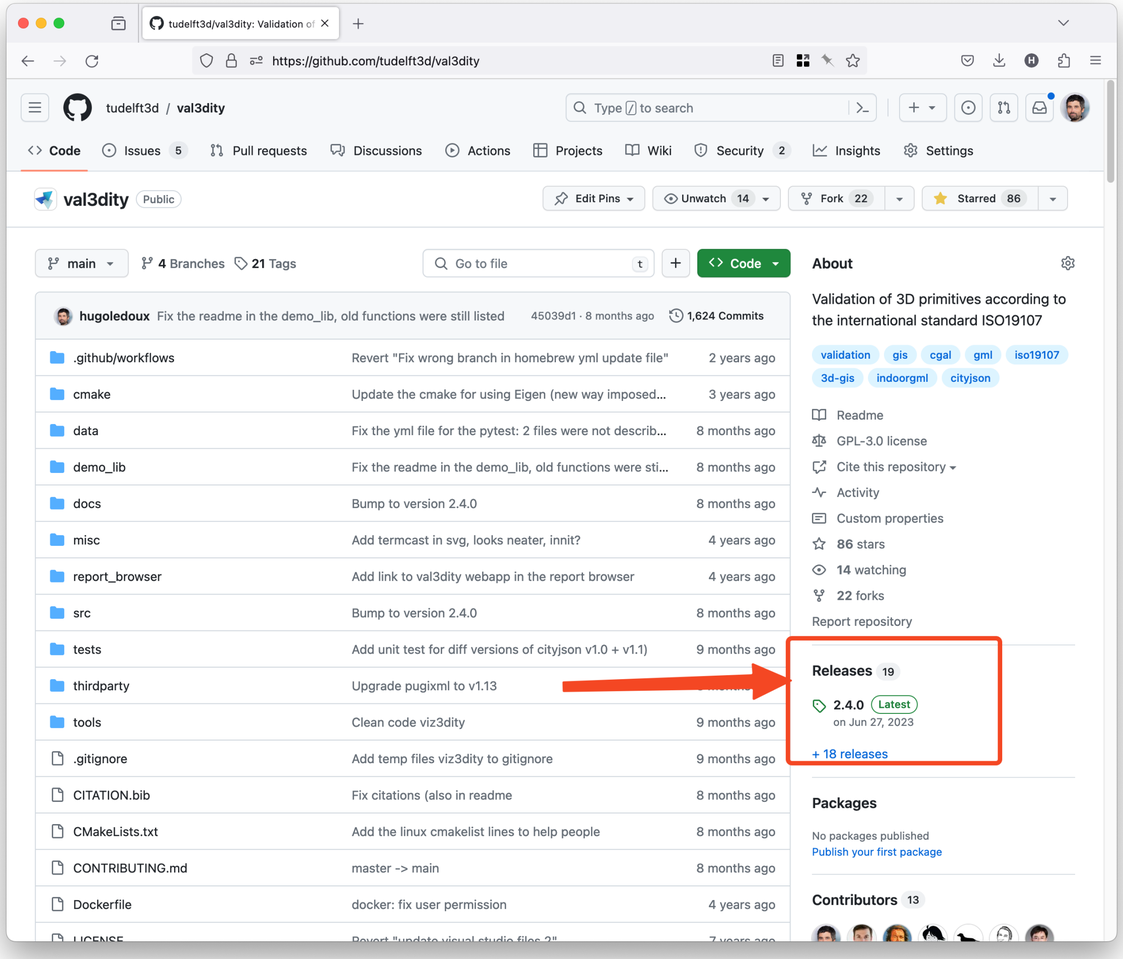

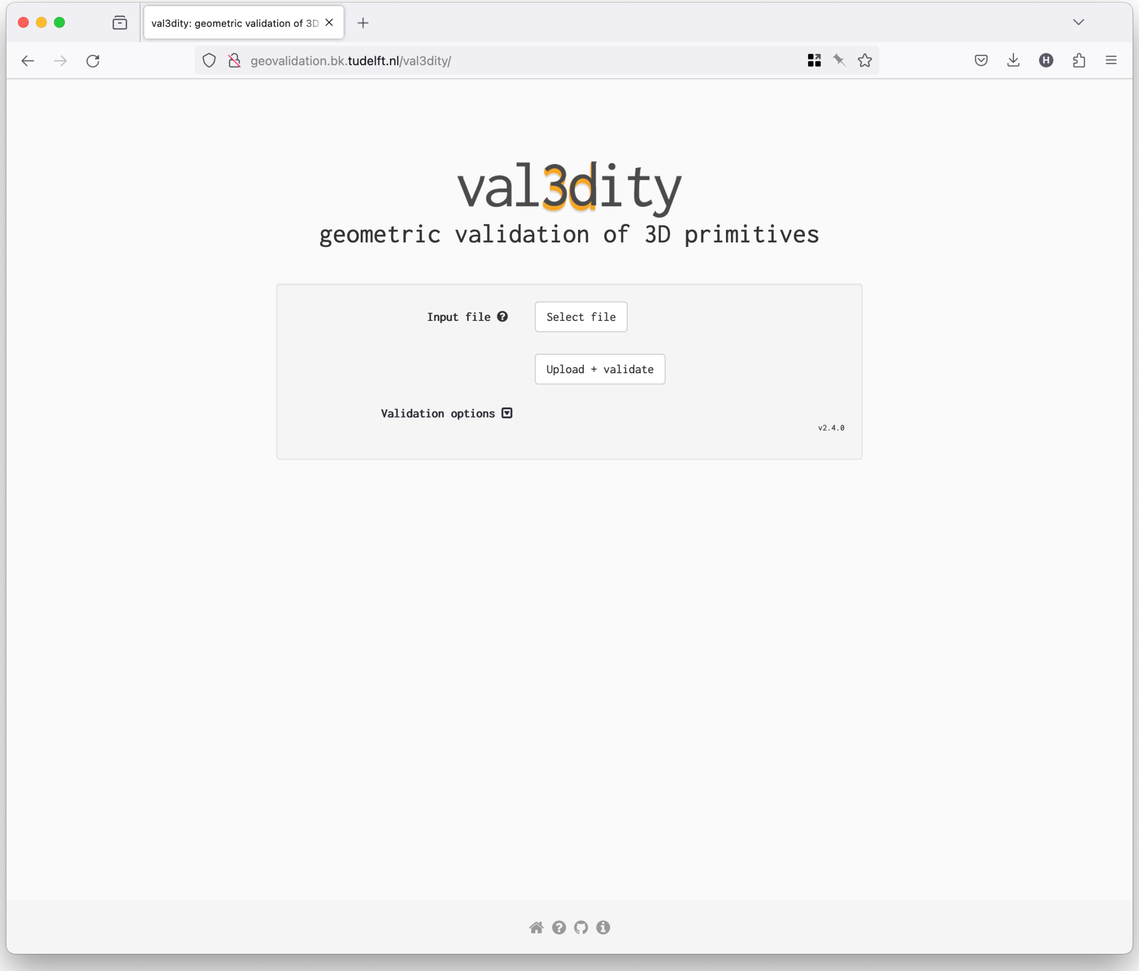

CLI
(compile or download Window binary)

web-application

Using val3dity as a library in C++