REDEFINING DESIGN LANDSCAPES:

Exploring Generative Al's Impact Across Visual, Spatial and Semantic Realms

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HOLISTIC SERVICE OFFERING



ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN reating the world's most iconic sports, entertainment, events and COEX buildings



INTERIOR DESIGN Experience driven and inspiring interior environments



LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE Creating unique event landscapes, which seamless integrate ven into the local community



BRAND ACTIVATION Immersive storytelling and experience creation for brands in S&E environments



EVENTS Designing and delivering spectacular major events from start to finish



URBAN DESIGN ng a long-term vision for cities, communities and campuses





WAYFINDING Insight-driven user flow analysis and fully-integrated signage systems

SUSTAINABILITY Environmentally responsive and impactful sustainable design solutions



PRODUCT DESIGN Bespoke furniture and products for the sports and entertainment industry



EXPERIENCE STUDIOS Bringing people together through exceptional experiences





DESIGN & BUILD Turnkey delivery of sports, entertainment and hospitality environments

Las Vegas, Nevada

TECHNOLOGY DRIVERS

- Industry at peak of Gen AI Hype Cycle
- Ready access to technology
- All use-cases are open to exploration

INDUSTRY DRIVERS

- Complexity is increasing
- Client demands are increasing
- Large market / small world
- Competition is getting more intense
- Many clients are sophisticated data-wise

POPULOUS DRIVERS

- We work in very specific market segments
- We generate and consume a large amount of specialized data
- We operate along the entire asset lifecycle
- Our culture is one of experimentation, entrepreneurship, and innovation.

Introduction CONTEXT + ARGUMENT

TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGES

- True value and use-cases are not well fleshedout
- Technology Costs we are not a FAANG company
- Uncertainty about legal / regulatory ramifications
- Immaturity of some aspects (ie Hallucinations)

Introduction CONTEXT + ARGUMENT

INDUSTRY CHALLENGES

- Huge range of digital maturity
- Slow to adapt
- An industry of cottage industries
- Complicated Systems / Regulations
- Complex RACI arrangements

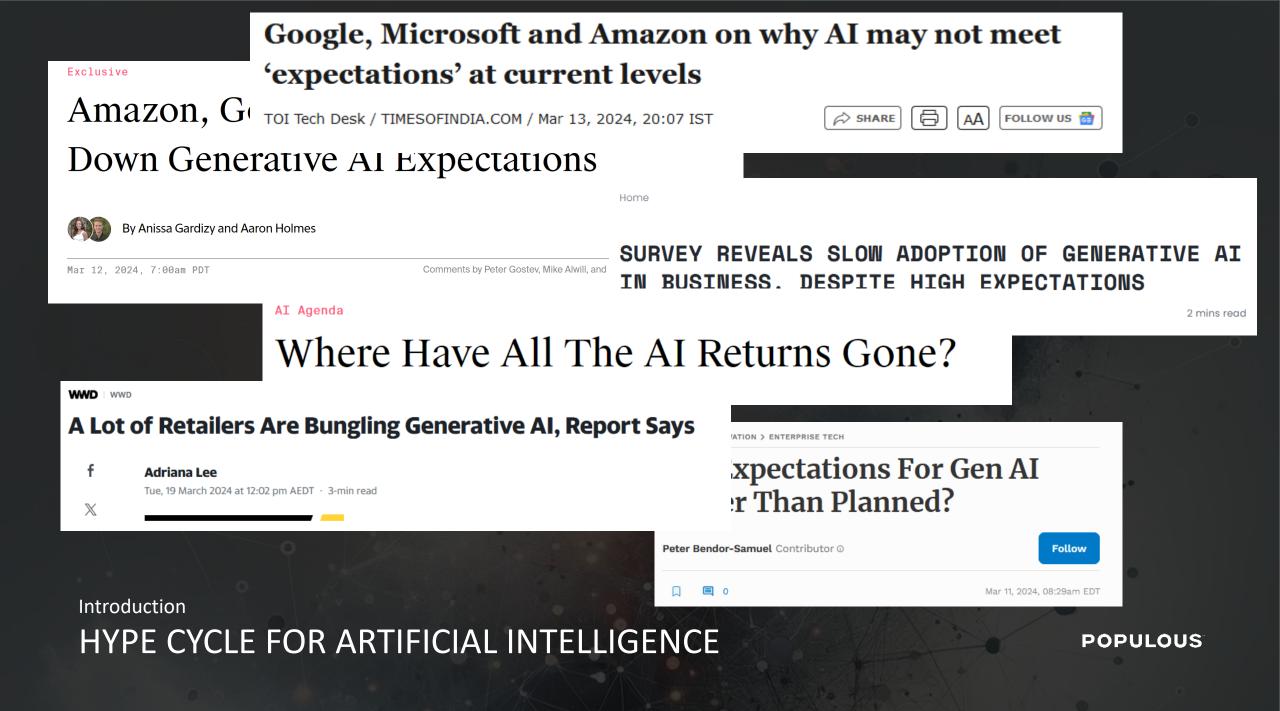
POPULOUS CHALLENGES

- What is the story we tell our clients?
- How do we govern usage internally?
- How do we incorporate with our partners / consultants?
- What are the new risks involved?



Introduction

HYPE CYCLE FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



- 3d Model Generation + Manipulation
- Spatial Layouts
- Documentation
- Visual Analysis

SPATIAL n-Dimensional Processes VISUAL Graphic/Video Processes

- TXT:IMG + IMG:IMG
- 2d Image Generation + Manipulation
- Video Generation

- TXT:TXT + IMG:TXT
- Vector Search
- Knowledge Graphs

Introduction CONTEXT + ARGUMENT SEMANTIC Text/Numeric Processes

- Knowledge Capture
- Data Analysis
- Agents & Assistants

We use a 3-stage process for finding use-cases and working with technology vendors and partners

1. Value Discovery

Rapid experimentation (POCs) on a variety of topics and data with any available technology. Continual surveys of product Landscape

2. Prioritization

Rank POCs by value and apply Make/Buy/Partner framework.

3. Scaling and Rollout

Work with infrastructure partner to scale internally or move to formal product/service.

Introduction
PRODUCTS & PARTNERS



Bridging the gap between human communication and machine understanding to allow a more sophisticated interaction between the two.

Research SEMANTIC AI

- Enhance Design Research + Benchmarking
- Improve Information Management, Documentation and Quality Assurance
- Enhance Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing
- Analyse, Optimise and Accelerate Business Practices

SEMANTIC AI OPPORTUNITIES

- Data Privacy and Security
- Bias and Ethical Concerns
- Dependence on Data
- Integration with Existing Systems
- Co-creation and Finding Balance

SEMANTIC AI CHALLENGES

⁶⁶ You can think of the Large Language Model as an over-enthusiastic new employee who refuses to stay informed with current events but will always answer every question with absolute confidence ⁹⁹

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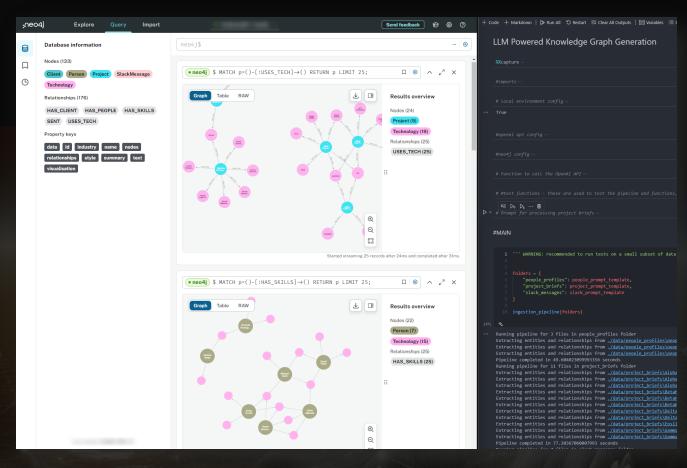
Leveraging LLMs for data modelling and code generation to automate Knowledge Graph creation

Data Ingest Tool

LLMs used to analyse and classify the entities, relationships and properties of a large dataset, generate cypher queries to model the data as a Knowledge Graph, creating a feedback loop.

Core Goals

- Increase reliability and accuracy of agents and assistants.
- Accelerate the initial generation and merging of Knowledge Graphs across departments datasets
- Rapidly build explorable benchmarking datasets of Building Information Models to enable further analytics and quality assurance workflows.



SEMANTIC AI GENAI + KNOWLEDGE GRAPHS

Role Specific Agents & Assistants with Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG)

Tailoring the system prompting of current generation foundation models to better guide responses for specific roles and applications.

Leveraging the developing collection of Knowledge Graphs and Vector Databases to improve grounding and provide access to in-house knowledge for AI Agents & Assistants. Fast and lightweight framework to rapidly test, iterate and deploy locally or in the cloud.

Benefits & Goals:

- Reduce the time involved in searching, analysing and synthesising information from documents
- Test, monitor, evaluate and refine LLM Models to find the best fit for supporting staff roles

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what are the key criteria for success in this RFP

Based on the provided context, the key criteria for success in the REP can be identified as

- Design proposal: This criterion assesses the respondent's design proposal, including appeal, functionality, and compliance with the DBFM Project's technical requireme
- Design and build project management: This criterion evaluates the respondent's pro nt skills and experience in delivering complex projects, including their ab risks, timelines, and budgets,
- Qualitative and quantitative criteria: These criteria assess the respondent's technical acity, and compliance with relevant regulations and standards. They al ent's commitment to sustainability, innovation, and community engagement

By evaluating these criteria, the State can determine which respondent is best position DBFM Project successfully

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can you summarize the items marked high importance

- Based on the provided context, the following items are marked as high importance
- 1. Verifying compliance of qualifications for BIM Modeler
- 2. Providing training syllabus for review and submission
- 3. Producing drawings in *.dwf(x) format for one submission (HK mandate or stij project).
- 4. Developing the BIM model to LOD350 and 400 right (principle should be further developing design stage BIM model)
- 5. Confirming ownership/copy monitor of fire extinguisher, hose reels, and fire hydran architect (modelled by MEP and coordinated by architect).
- Adhering to the requirement for architectural / structural elements to be built as per category, and MEP elements to be built with MEP system (Populous will adhere to th elements)
- 7. Simulating construction activities with very high to extreme risk level identified from Risk Management (SRM) (all comments regarding construction simulation and seque

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can you make some recommendations on how to condense this policy into a single page

Based on the provided context, I can see that the policy is quite extensive and covers various aspects of the company's operations. To condense it onto a single page, here are some recommendations

- Use a clear and concise format: Use headings, subheadings, bullet points, and short paragraphs to make the policy easy to read and understand
- 2. Prioritize key elements: Identify the most critical aspects of the policy and highlight them nently. This could include the company's values, goals, and key responsibilities.
- 3. Use visual aids: Consider using diagrams, flowcharts, or other visual aids to help illustrate complex concepts and relationships within the policy
- 4 Provide examples: Offer concrete examples of how the policy applies in different situations to employees understand how to follow it
- Keep it simple: Avoid using overly technical language or jargon that may be difficult for non-experts to understand. Use plain language and avoid unnecessary comp
- Make it interactive: Consider adding interactive elements, such as guizzes or checklists, to hel employees engage with the policy and retain the information better
- Provide resources: Offer additional resources, such as links to relevant documents or training materials, to help employees understand the policy and its implications in more detail
- 8. Review and update regularly: Set a schedule for reviewing and updating the policy to ensure it remains relevant and effective over time.

By following these recommendations, you can create a concise and user-friendly policy document that effectively communicates the company's values and expectations to its employees

SEMANTIC AI **ROLE SPECIFIC RAG AGENTS & ASSISTANTS**

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Software Development teams using LLMs to assist in development.

Working Between Platforms and building on top of Systems

Multiple platforms is the de facto state of our industry and compatibility and interoperability are key to success. Using baseline LLM functionality allows us to quickly write code and apps across multiple SDKs, Languages, APIs, and Libraries.

Value Proposition of AI Pair Programming

- Building a Self-feeding process: developers using GPTs to build tools to utilize GPTs better.
- Useful across common languages and tools for web, server and desktop development.
- Usefulness scales with expertise!

SEMANTIC AI ACCELERATING PRODUCTIVITY

using System.Nuncime, using System.Text; using System.Threading.Tasks;

namespace CarverComponents

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L {
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public class SectionToolOverride : GH_Component

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public SectionToolOverride()

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protected override void RegisterInputParams(GH_Component.GH_InputParamManager pManager)

JsonHelper data = new JsonHelper(); SectionToolSettings settings = data.LoadDefaultJSONData(); int units = Units.UnitTypeNumber();

string[] propertyNames = {

"Eye_Point_Height", "Eye_Point_Offset_From_Back", "Minimum_Riser_Height", "Riser_Height_Increment", "Maximum_Raker_Angle", "Minimum_Intermediate_Step", "Maximum_Intermediate_Step",

Data Extraction, Classification and Pipeline Construction using LLMs

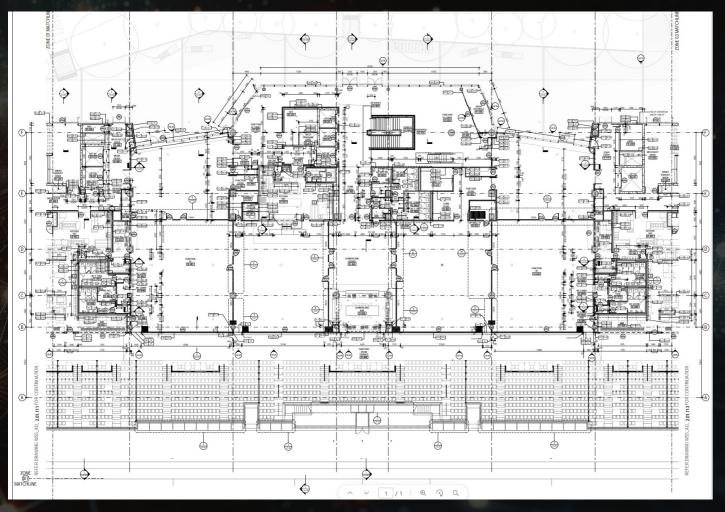
Streamlining ingest of data from external providers

We are building an ETL and analysis pipeline to ingest, extract, and analyze data in multiple formats for end-to-end processes used in assessing long, complex documents, sourced from fragmented external sources.

Value Proposition

- Extracting useful data from Drawings (difficult!)
- Extracting data from sources with self-similar formatting (contracts, emails, estimates, and specifications) from other parties.
- Reduces time required to organise data to align to Populous systems for use on projects.

SEMANTIC AI DATA CLASSIFICATION



Machine learning for predictive analysis of valueengineering opportunities

Reusing legacy data to inform current solutions

Using historic data to guide current project data we can efficiently target areas for the inevitable value-engineering process.

This data is aggregated via knowledge graphs and GPTs from a variety of sources including estimates, BIM models, specifications, etc.

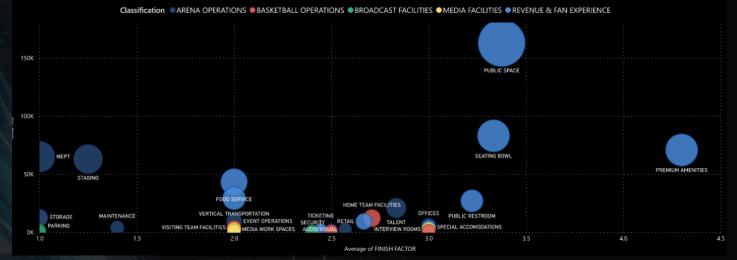
Value Proposition

- Maintain design intent through VE process
- Ensure user experience remains at expected levels
- Increase cross-party coordination and buy-in





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Visual AI Tools allow for a new variation on the traditional design process; it is an amazing extension of a designer's thought process and an equalizer of form and definition, regardless of drawing skill.

Research VISUAL AI

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Explore the "Fuzzy Front End"

The design process is highly abstract and conceptual at the outset. Exploring in ideas in various levels of detail helps designers clarify their guiding themes and concepts early.

Rapid Iteration

Design is also about iteration; using AI tools helps designers 'riff' on concepts much faster and more freely than ever before.

Converge on a Design Vision Faster

Visual AI tools have been instrumental in aligning the vision of the design teams and the clients much earlier in the process.

Rapid Fine-Tuning

The ability to make small but meaningful changes to parts of a design

VISUAL AI OPPORTUNITIES

Client Expectations

Response from clients exists within a very wide domain, from "why can't you give me 1000 options" to "what are we paying you for"

Intellectual Property / Copyright

Lack of overall legal precedent means this is the 'wild west' from an IP standpoint; both as a service provider and a client. This makes it difficult to share or publicly reveal content.

Buildability

There is still no guarantee of relative 'buildability' (either financially or physically) in generation of images – this still relies on the expertise of experienced personnel.

Tech Maturity

This is still rapidly developing and evolving technology so while the barrier to entry is low, generating high quality output requires significant training and expertise.

VISUAL AI CHALLENGES

TEXT-TO-IMAGE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

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Generating multi-dimensional forms that bridge spatial understanding with artificial creativity to go beyond selling a still vision to create identifiable objects.

process architectural forms and 2D plans to create meaningful spaces, deep learning models are able to draw relationships between design inputs.

Spatial generation asks for a deeper understanding of form and the interconnectivity of the human experience.

Research
SPATIAL AI

Accelerate & Enhance Design Workflows

Generating both 3D and 2D forms has the potential to accelerate the design process while increasing accuracy and efficiency of spaces. We are able to ideate forms and designs faster and create a truly co-creative design process.

Criteria-based generation

Further, by layering spatial analysis tools and regulatory frameworks we are able to support designers to create more efficient designs and layouts that are always compliant to regulation.

SPATIAL AI OPPORTUNITIES

Accurate Generation

Generating 3D data is still in early stages of development, with Computer vision lagging behind the rapid advancement in 2D generation.

Scalability and Data

Large scale databases of 3D architecture and space plans are critical, however it is difficult to ensure the accuracy and quality of datasets of this scale. Further, large-scale architecture must be broken up into smaller subsets of a building for the near future, as 2D generation is limited to around 1024x1024. Both 2D and 3D spatial models are extremely demanding to train compared to more popular image generation models.

SPATIAL AI CHALLENGES

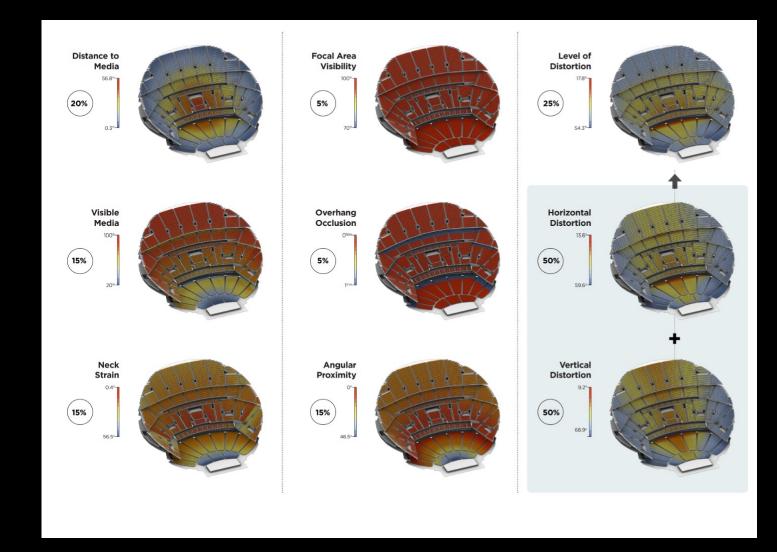
Leveraging BIMs to support RAG and speed development of Digital Twins

Spatial Planning for the next Generation

With our large base of BIMs and drawing sets we can run in-house custom analysis tools to build large datasets for use in Knowledge Bases and ML driven analytics

Value Proposition

- Accelerated Ideation and Optioneering
- Effectively mix flexibility, compliance, and experience.



SPATIAL AI

Data Generation – Toolsets to feed RAG & Analytics

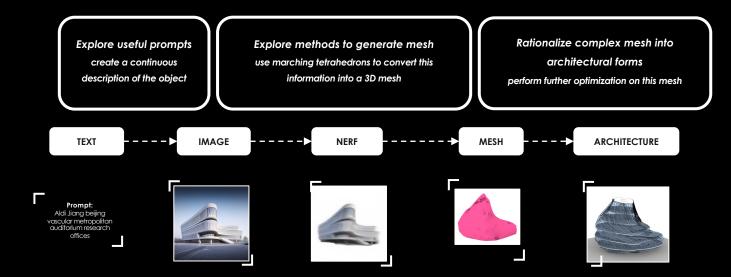
Capturing the 3D object generation process and leveraging it for architectural form finding.

The future of ideation in 3D

Leveraging Neural Field Representation to recreate 3D objects from 2D imagery can be used to reconstruct existing objects from photographs. However, we take that a step further by generating hundreds of frames from one image, allowing us to use AI generated imagery and convert it into 3D models.

Value Proposition of Text2Mesh

- Create 3D forms at the same speed as generating a single AI image
- Iterate designs faster rather than remodelling
- Generate artefacts for animation and renders



SPATIAL AI Text2Mesh - 3D Artifact Generation

Automating Architectural Layouts by embedding regulation

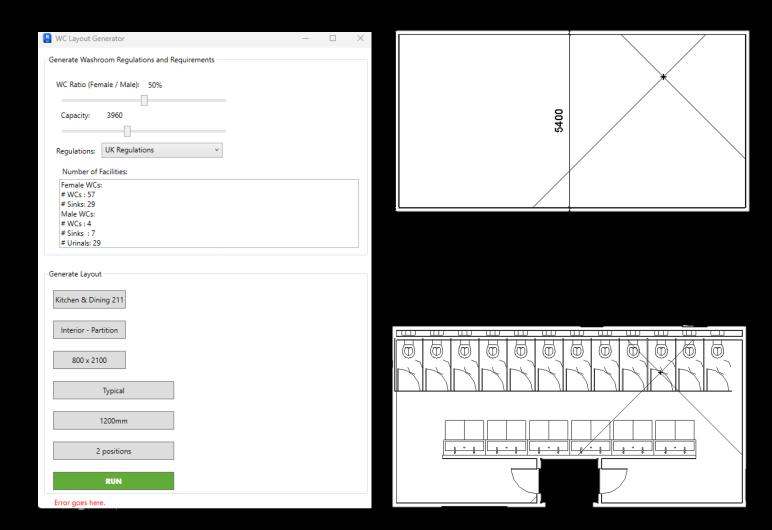
Internal Layouts Optimised

Graphical representations of 3D and 2D objects allow us to analyse and automate internal layouts of spaces, and ensure they are always compliant to regulation.

Value Proposition of Internal Layouts

- Optimised and fast layouts
- Always comply with regulation
- Iterate over options quickly
- Integration into BIM allows object information to be generated with layouts
- Can work with Prescriptive and Performance-based codes.

SPATIAL AI Automated Internal Layouts



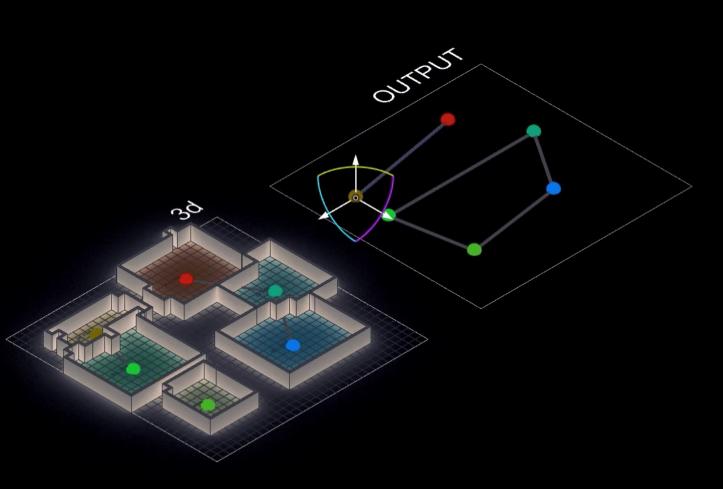
Powered by Big-Data, Specialised through Sports Architecture Knowledge

Spatial Planning for the next Generation

Use Transformer-based multimodal learning with attention to embed spatial graph information, such as location, area, and adjacency, into a Vector Quantised-Variational Autoencoder (VQ-VAE) to generate architectural spaces

Value Proposition of Spatial Planning Generation

- Accelerated Ideation Process
- Less reliance on data, more weight placed on user input and creating viable spaces
- Ability to generate complex but self-similar spatial programmes and organizations.

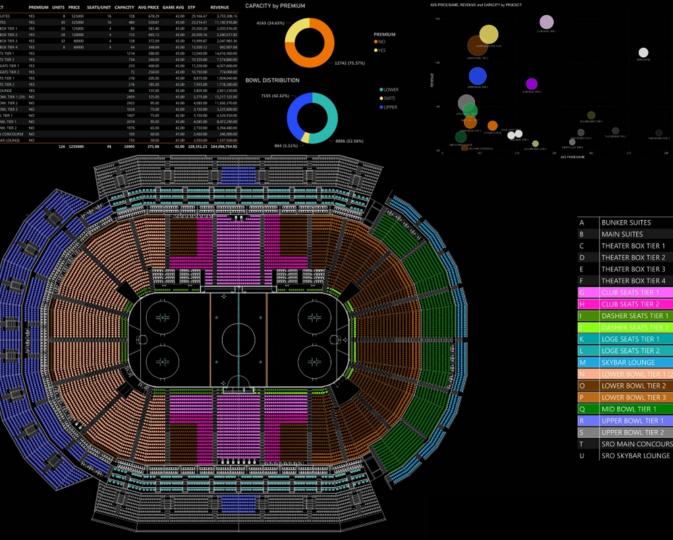


SPATIAL AI DALL-G - Automated Space Planning

Data-driven venue design optimization using inhouse data and ML

Optimization of Capacity / Revenue / Quality

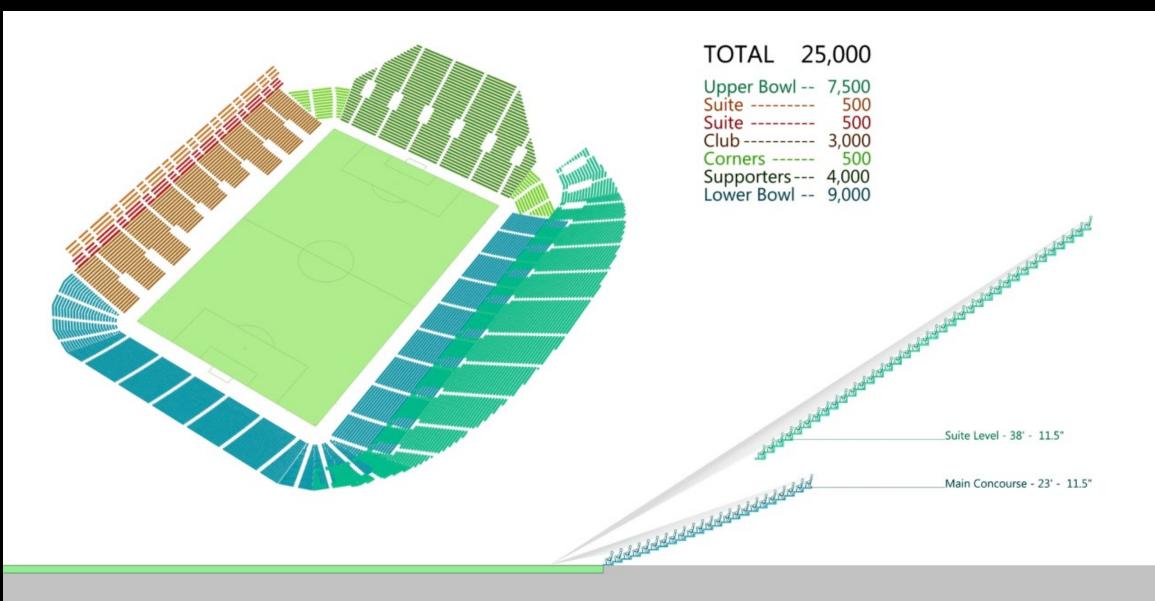
Using multiple sources of date from historical sales, market demographic, and live-designs we can help optimize the customer experience and value proposition.



Use Cases

- Machine Learning Optimization of ticket grades.
- Multi-event optimization for venues.
- Streamlined business-cases for revenue management.

SPATIAL AI AI-Based Revenue /Seating Manifest Optimization



Populous AI CONCLUSIONS

Good Data is key. Establish a data estate sufficient to support RAG through Knowledge Bases and Semantic Search, Machine Learning, etc.

Get sharp about what data and knowledge we are handing over to others that supports AI workflows. Also what data we gather from others...

CONCLUSIONS DATA

The Technology Landscape is rapidly evolving with regards to tools, services, products.

Use cases and business value will come from our industry, but we aren't leading technological development at scale and we probably won't be.

Partnership(s), investments, and research with companies across aec vendors and tech vendors (mfst, aws, g ++ startups)

CONCLUSIONS INDUSTRY

The Iceberg Effect; We don't know what we don't know and we need to have a solid framework of experimentation.

Finding a balance between experiments and testing of open source and commercial products & services.

These are just tools at the end of the day. Humans are still a fundamental part of the process.

Quality of the final deliverables is what we will ultimately be judged by, not the tools we use to create them.

CONCLUSIONS PROCESS

THANK YOU

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