

## **CABINET OF INFINITY**

**Wunderkammer 4.0 / Cabinets of wonder“  
Schloss Friedenstein Gotha.  
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## About The Project:

The fundamental concept of our design was to refer to baroque architecture in terms of highly decorative interior space in a new and contemporary way.

We decided to use the minimal surface equation in grasshopper to develop our geometry models. These forms are going to work as a media environment to show some photo collections and also as an interactive place for the visitors.

The software Touchdesinger, the Arduino Uno, and gesture sensor is used as media technology to make the space interactive.

During the design process, we developed 4 modules that are related to the chosen collection of photos, sculptures, paintings, and objects of Gotha museums.

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## Cube inspired by Baroque Cabinet of Wonder

The main idea of the cube is as follows:

- Layered architecture of baroque style that is represented by transparent papers layers.

- Movement as one of the important aspects of baroque architecture is represented by paper positions(how to place the papers)

- The word baroque itself means unconventional; a collage of screenshots that seem pointless with museum objects was used to represent this concept.

- The harmony and norm among various and intertwined elements and themes is shown by creating a collage with the concept of two irrelevant images

- Light as an important component in Baroque paintings and images is used.



- Layered architecture
- Movement
- Unconventional collage of screenshots
- The harmony and norm among various and intertwined elements and themes
- Light



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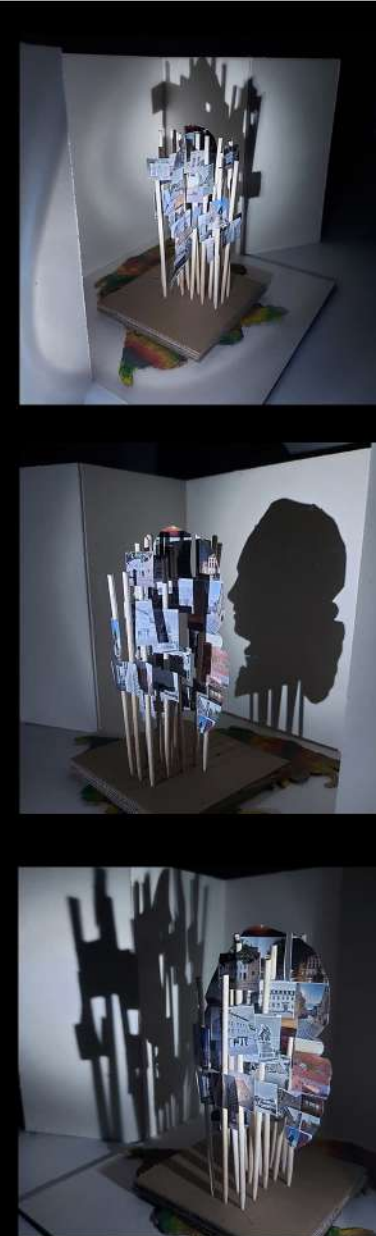
The personal interpretation of an art piece is different for each visitor.

The visitor's background and experiences and memories make each person's personal perception **u n i q u e**. This cube shows the collection of photos that I took during my stay in Weimar.

In this cube, the light represents the visitor's eye. The shadow behind represents the individual perception of each visitor.

By changing the position of light (different visitors point of view) the shadow behind changes accordingly.

Since the most strong memory from Weimar could be the "Johann Wolfgang von Goethe", the pictures have been arranged in a way that the central shadow behind the collection shows a famous



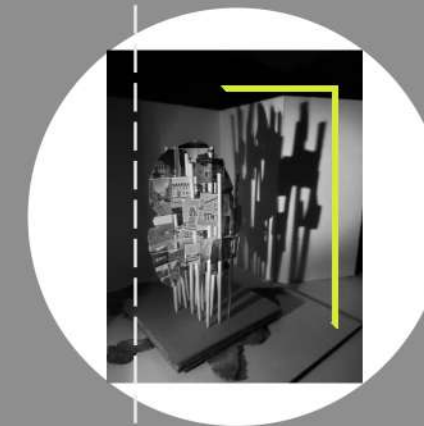
Constant movement and change of the shadow behind the photo collection (art piece) represent a uniquely personal interpretation of each visitor.



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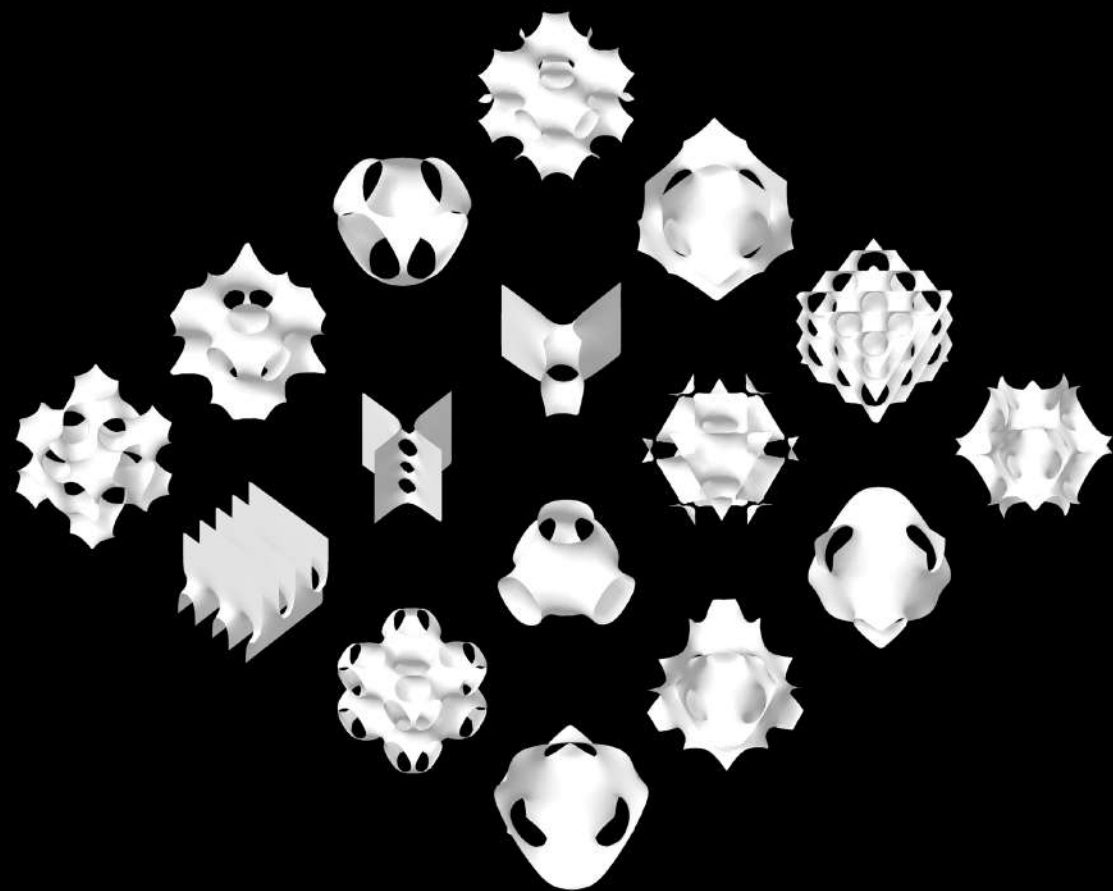
Light \_\_\_\_\_ Shadow  
Movement  
Layers

- The common concepts between the two Cubes can be summarised as follows :
- The layers of pictures
- The element of movement and constant change
- The Light as a source
- The shadow that is a non-separable entity from light

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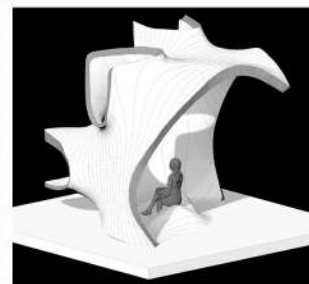
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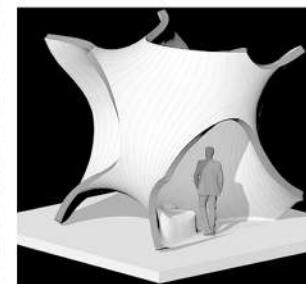
## Alternative Development Process

In order to find a form that fitted best to our design goals, we have used six minimal surface equations to develop a variety of alternatives.

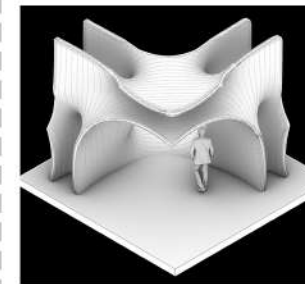
Four modules which both aesthetically and functionally could fulfill the design, were finally chosen.



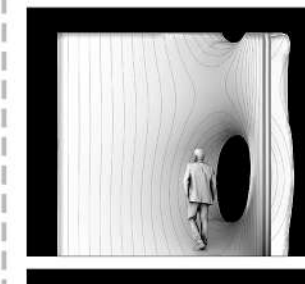
A new interpretation of the **“Object”** collection of the Gotha museums in form of collage pictures is shown in this module.



A contemporary collage made of the **“SCULPTURES”** of Gotha museums collection is shown in this module.



In this module, the visitor can enjoy watching the valuable **“PAINTINGS”** of Gotha museums in a new way.

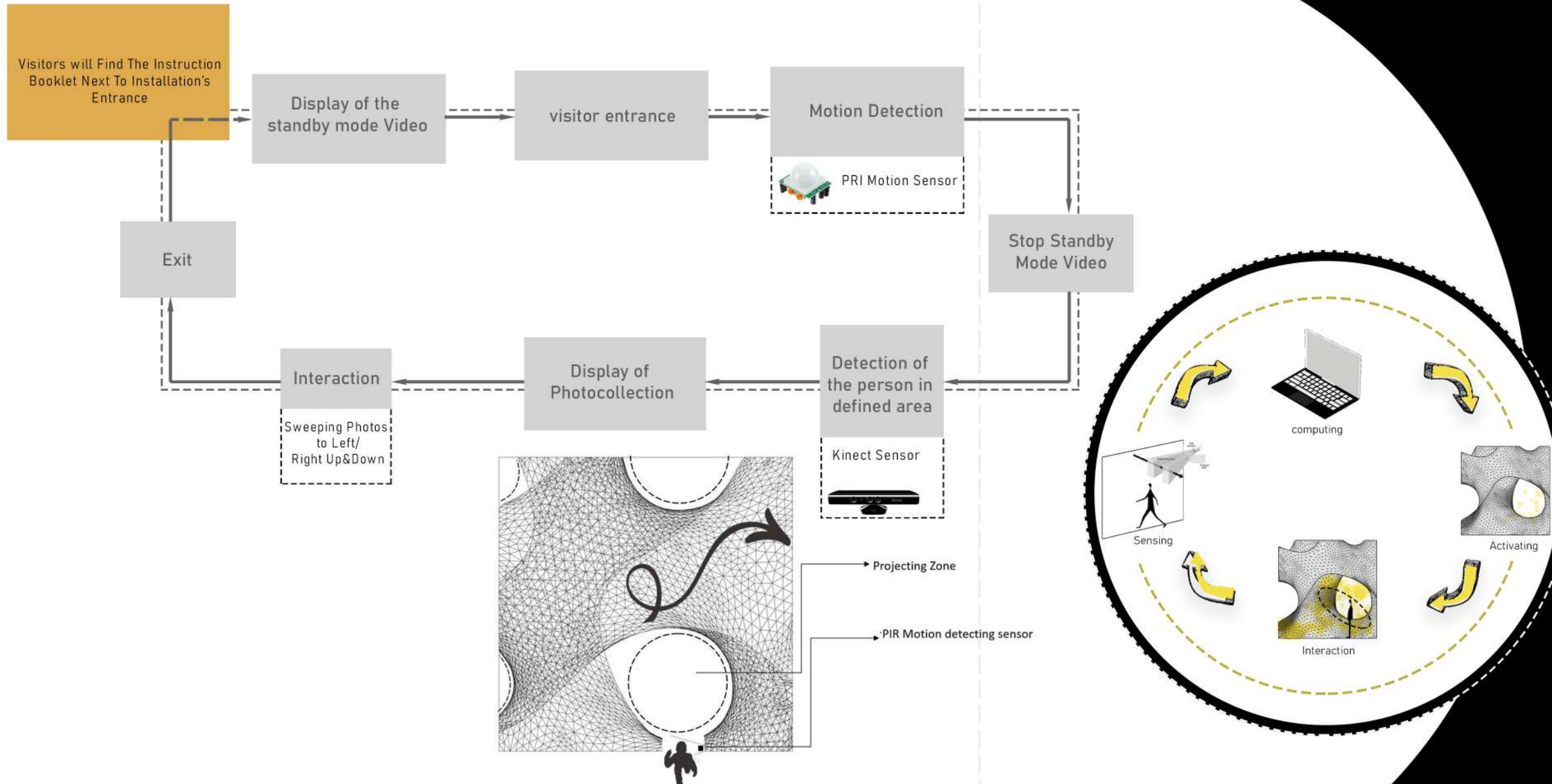


“The beautiful **“PATTERNS”** and ceilings of Gotha museums are shown to the visitors in this module.

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In order to make the space interactive, a gesture sensor (for the prototype) is used. In the real project, Kinect cameras would be a more appropriate technology to be used.

A standby mode picture that mainly emphasizes the beauty of the form is displayed by default, when a visitor enters the space the motion detector detects the motion and the standby mode display would be stopped after certain minutes, then the presence of the person would be detected by the Kinect camera and in the next step, a photo collection would be displayed on the interior surface.

the Kinect camera gives the visitor the freedom to sweep the photos in different directions (right-left-up-down). the visitor also is able to zoom in and zoom out the photos. the main concept for this interaction is to give a visitor a sense of control over the displayed photos.

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The fundamental design concepts of this two-layer pavilion is based on the baroque architecture concept of high decorative interior design and relatively simpler faced. The intention is to show pictures of art pieces through interactive LED screens and give the visitor the joy of moving the displayed photo collection by themselves. we have chosen four modules to show four categories of art pieces which are: Sculpture, Paintings, Patterns, and Objects.



Photo Category: Sculpture

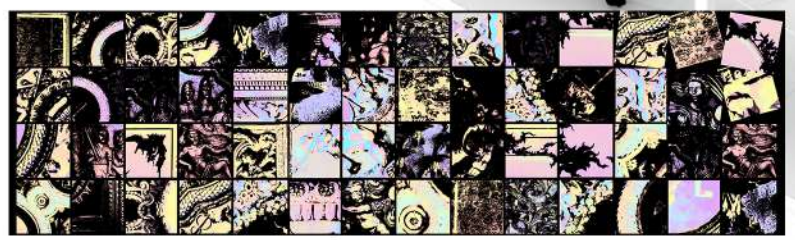


Photo Category: Pattern

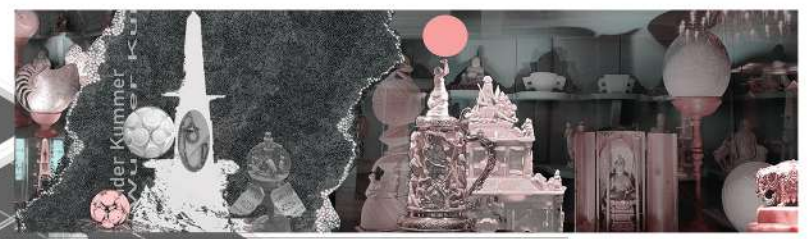
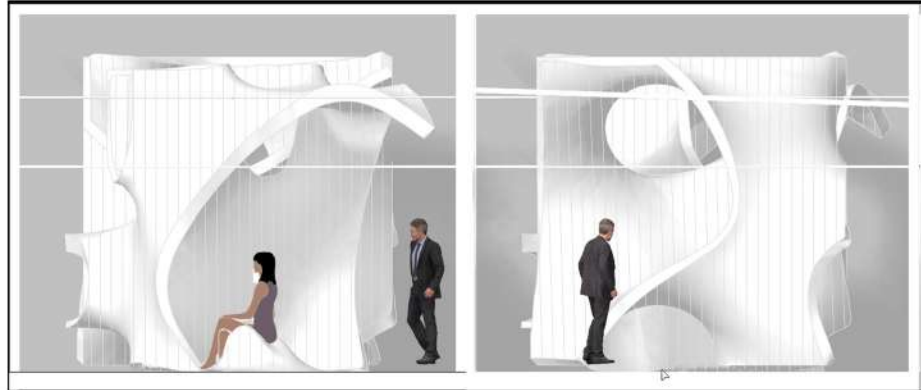
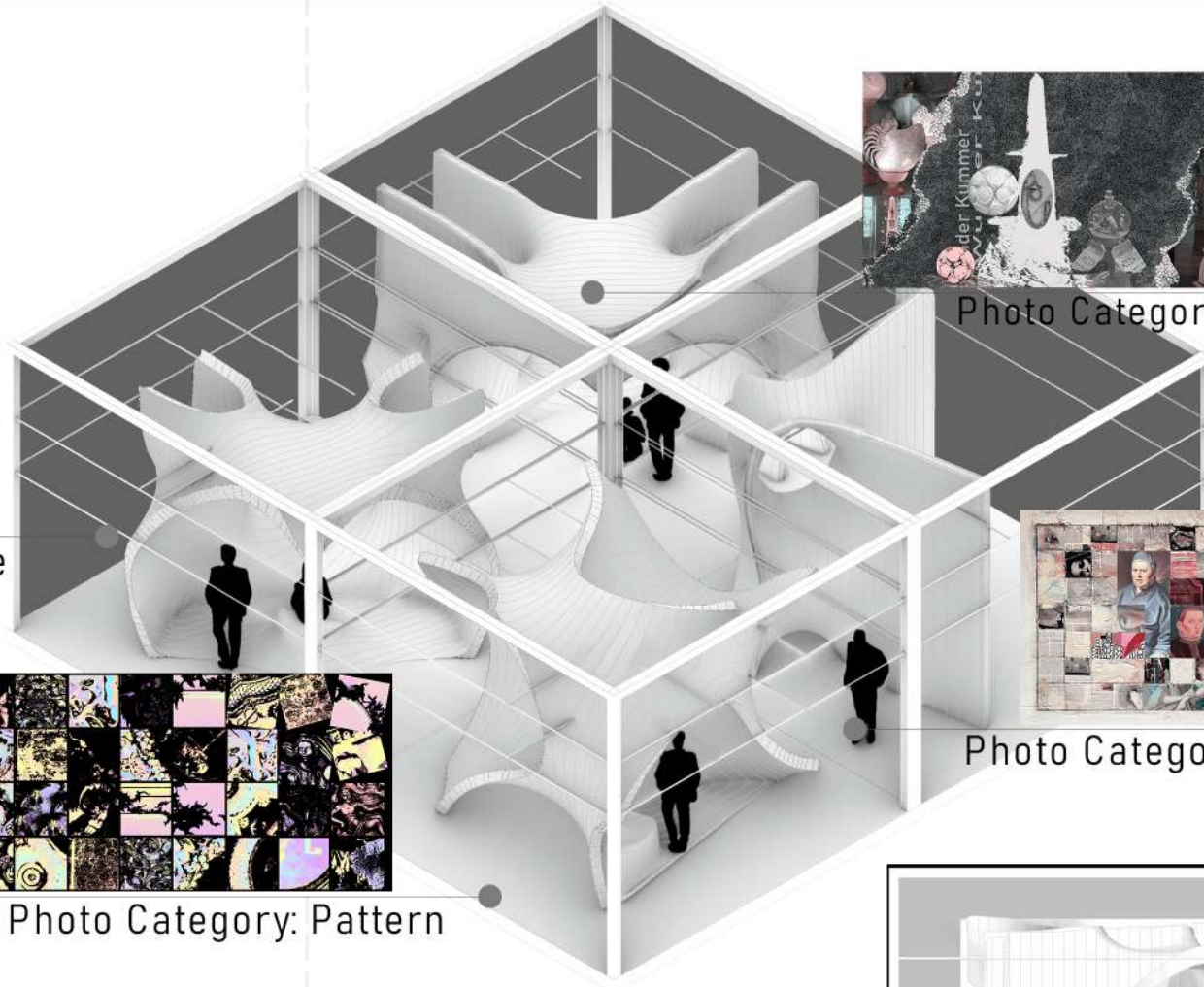


Photo Category: Objects

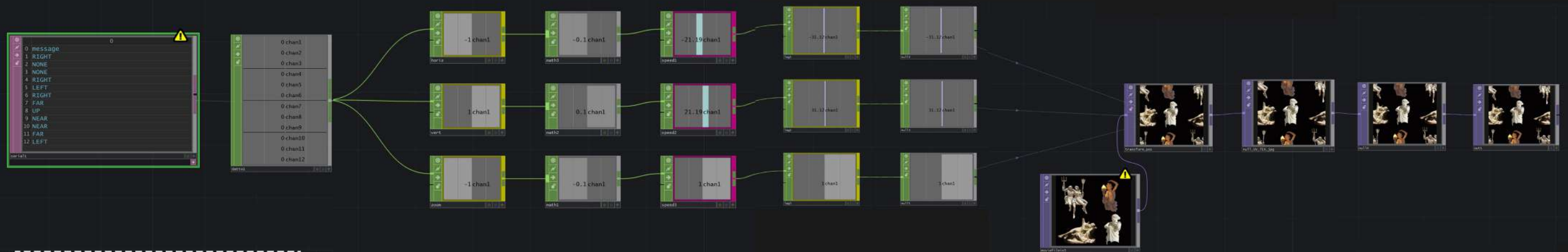


Photo Category: Painting





**Touch Designer inner shell code**



```

1 # me - this DAT
2
3 # dat - the DAT that received the data
4 # rowIndex - the row number the data was placed into
5 # message - an ascii representation of the data
6 #
7 # Unprintable characters and unicode characters will
8 # not be preserved. Use the 'bytes' parameter to get
9 # the raw bytes that were sent.
10 # bytes - byte array of the data received
11
12 def onReceive(dat, rowIndex, message, bytes):
13     #message = op('select1')[0,0]
14     #print(message)
15     if message == "RIGHT":
16         op('horiz').par.value0 = 1
17     elif message == "LEFT":
18         op('horiz').par.value0 = -1
19     elif message == "UP":
20         op('vert').par.value0 = 1
21     elif message == "DOWN":
22         op('vert').par.value0 = -1
23     elif message == "NEAR":
24         op('zoom').par.value0 = 1
25     elif message == "FAR":
26         op('zoom').par.value0 = -1
27     elif message == "NONE":
28         op('horiz').par.value0 = 0
29         op('vert').par.value0 = 0
30         op('zoom').par.value0 = 0
31
32     return
    
```

The code to connect the arduino to Touchdesinger and convert the input data ( from sensor) to move the photo on geometry



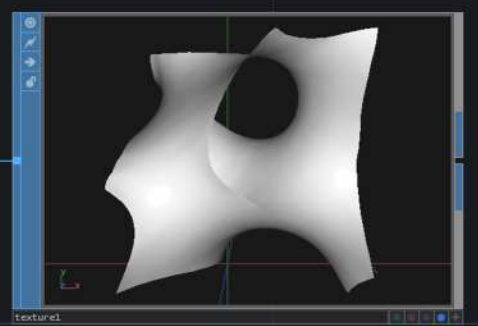
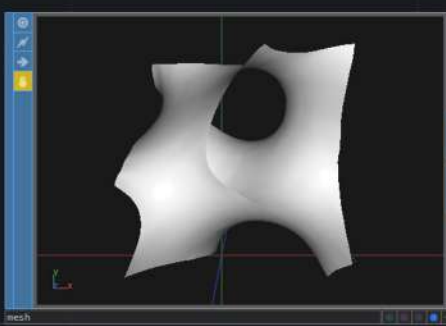
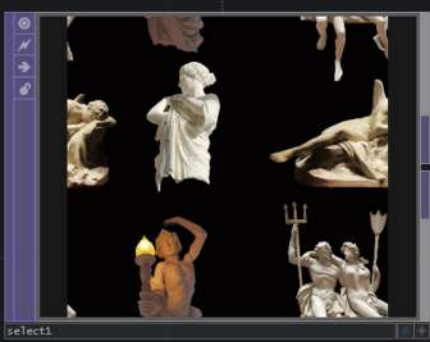
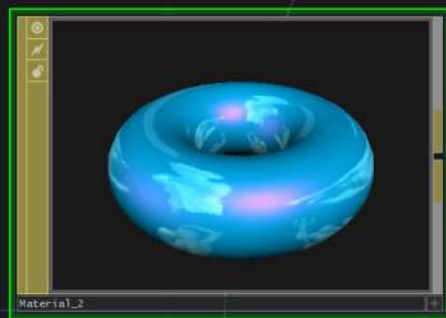
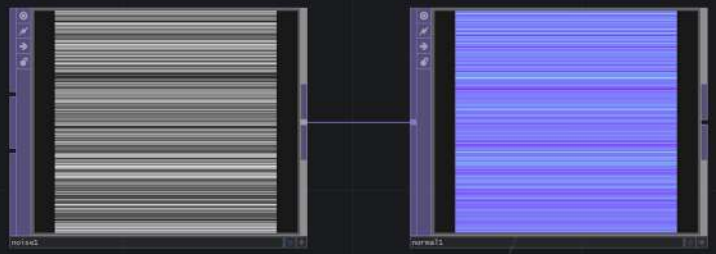
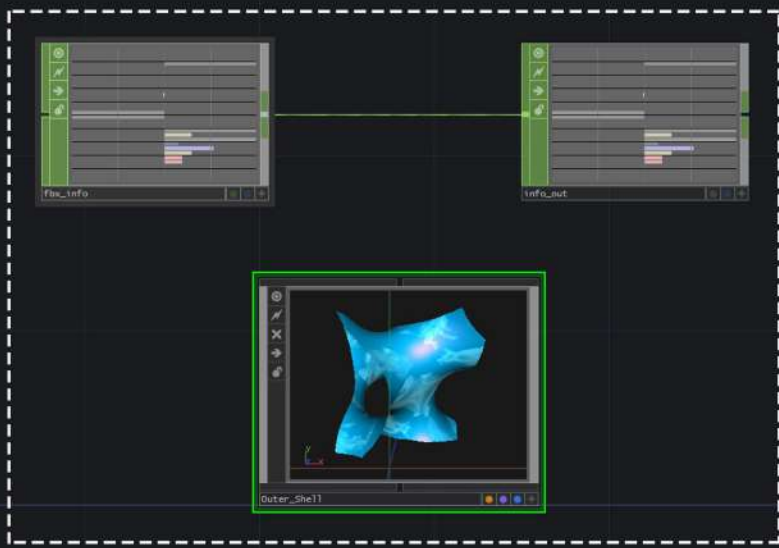
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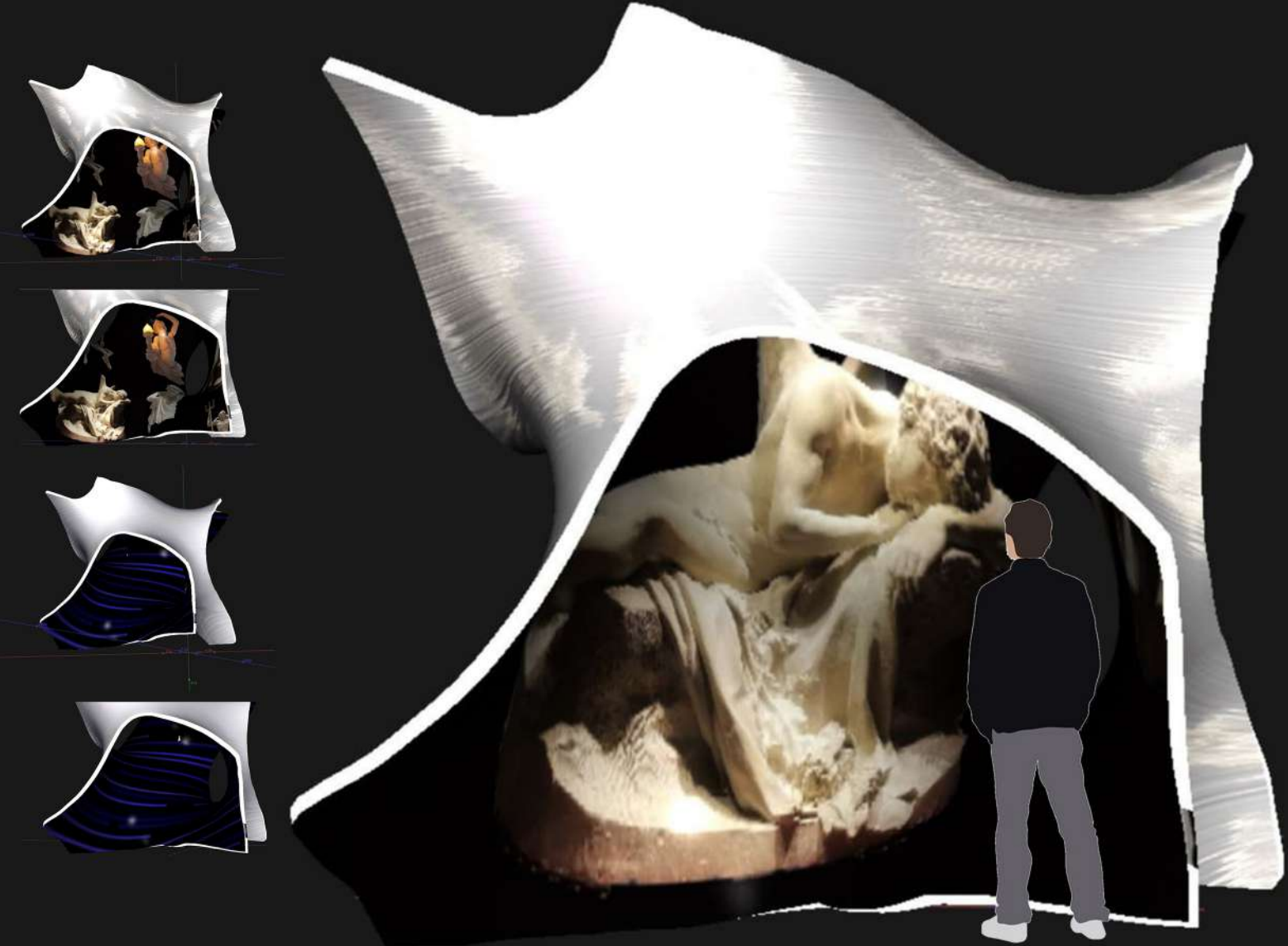
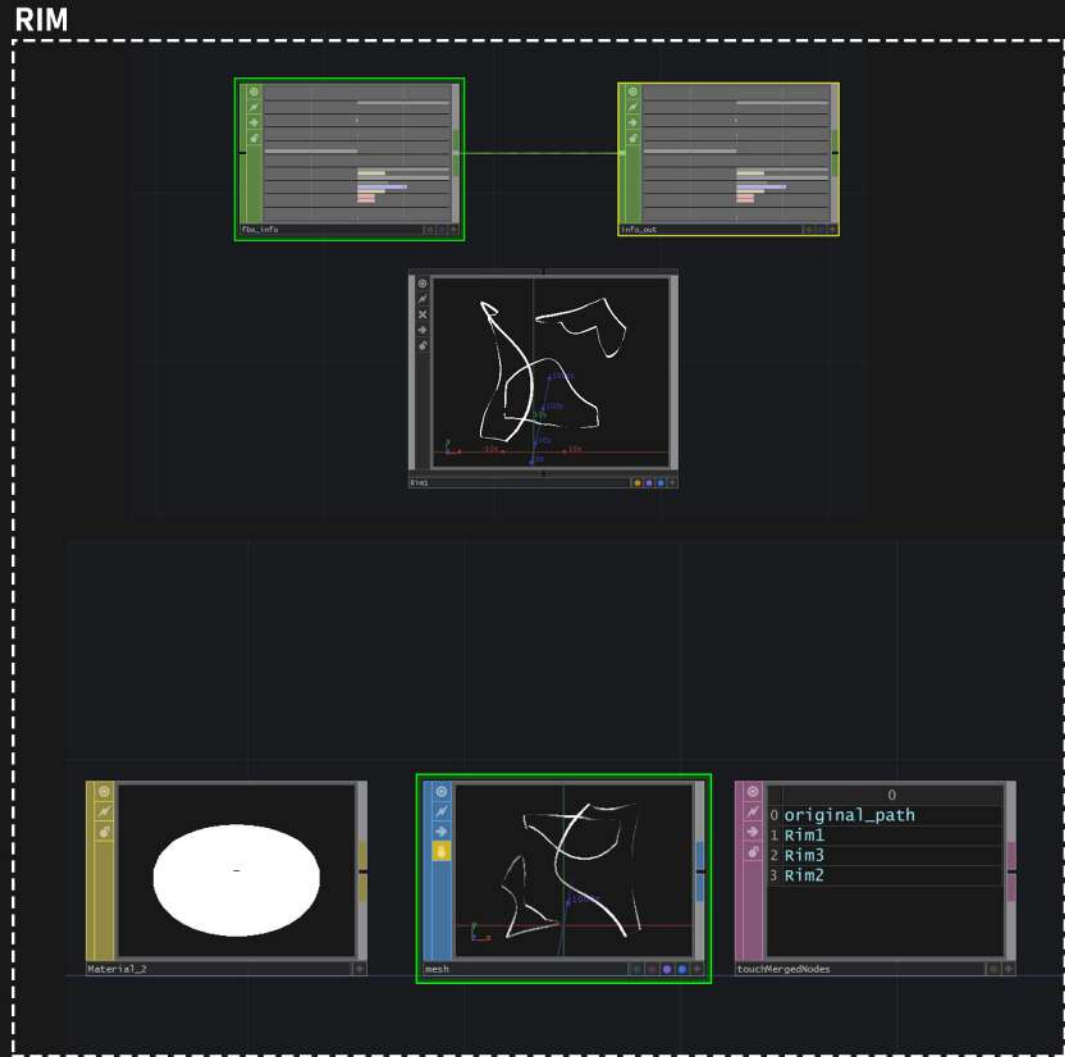
1 # me - this DAT
2
3 # channel - the Channel object which has changed
4 # sampleIndex - the index of the changed sample
5 # val - the numeric value of the changed sample
6 # prev - the previous sample value
7 #
8 # Make sure the corresponding toggle is enabled in the CHOP Execute DAT.
9
10 def onOffToOn(channel, sampleIndex, val, prev):
11     op('speed1').par.resetpulse.pulse()
12     op('speed2').par.resetpulse.pulse()
13     op('speed3').par.resetpulse.pulse()
14
15     return
16
17
18 def whileOn(channel, sampleIndex, val, prev):
19     return
20
21 def onOnToOff(channel, sampleIndex, val, prev):
22     return
23
24 def whileOff(channel, sampleIndex, val, prev):
25     return
26
27 def onValueChange(channel, sampleIndex, val, prev):
28     return
29
    
```

The code used to reset the data

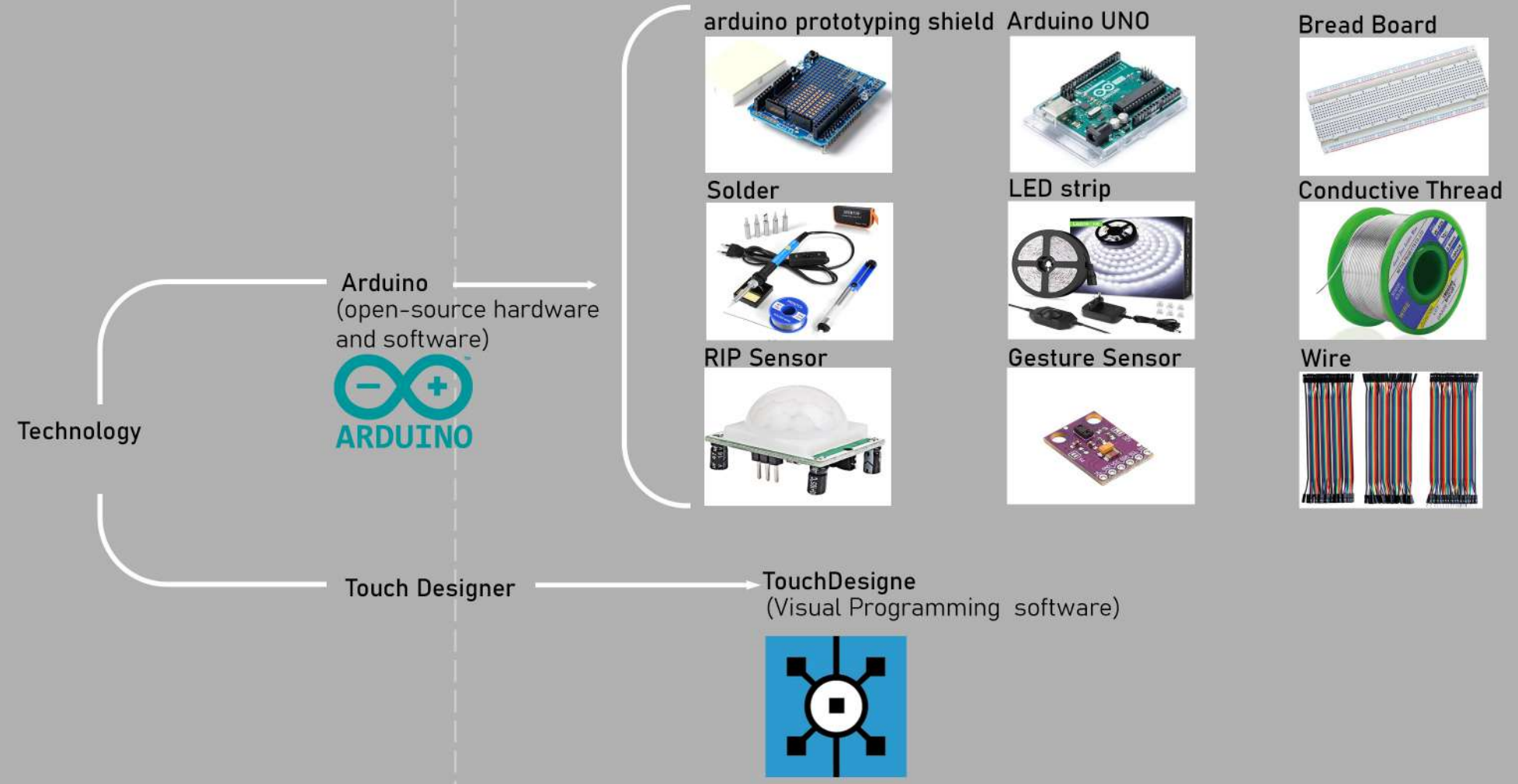


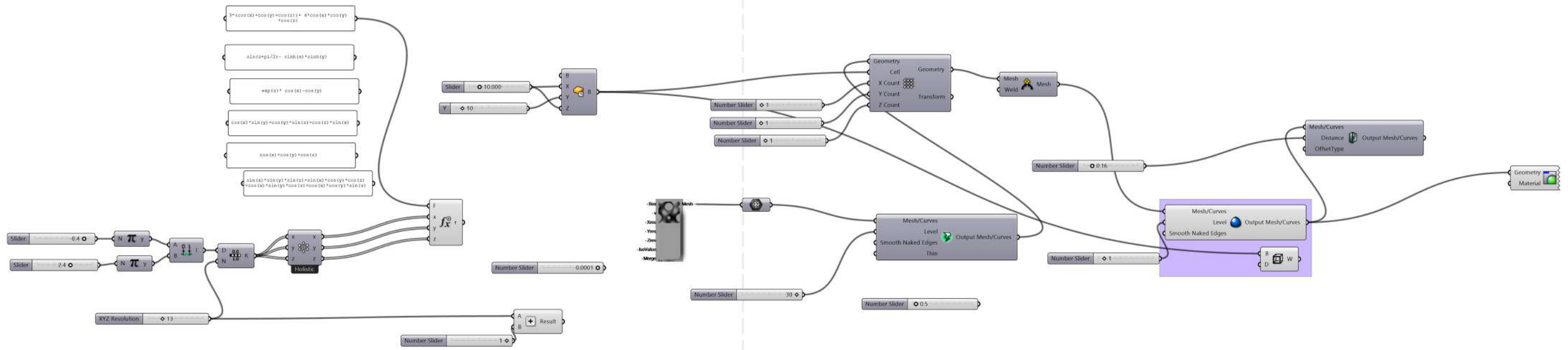
**Outer Shell**





Technology





**Minimal surface**

In mathematics, a minimal surface is a surface that locally minimizes its area. This is equivalent to having zero mean curvature. The term "minimal surface" is used because these surfaces originally arose as surfaces that minimized total surface area subject to some constraint. Minimal surfaces can be defined in several equivalent ways in R3. The fact that they are equivalent serves to demonstrate how minimal surface theory lies at the crossroads of several mathematical disciplines, especially differential geometry, calculus of variations, potential theory, complex analysis and mathematical physics.

Source :  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minimal\\_surface](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minimal_surface)

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```
#include <Wire.h>
#include <SparkFun_APDS9960.h>

// Pins
#define APDS9960_INT 2 // Needs to be an interrupt pin

// Constants

// Global Variables
SparkFun_APDS9960 apds = SparkFun_APDS9960();
int isr_flag = 0;

void setup() {

  // Set interrupt pin as input
  pinMode(APDS9960_INT, INPUT);

  // Initialize Serial port
  Serial.begin(9600);
  Serial.println();
  Serial.println(F("-----"));
  Serial.println(F("SparkFun APDS-9960 - GestureTest"));
  Serial.println(F("-----"));

  // Initialize interrupt service routine
  attachInterrupt(0, interruptRoutine, FALLING);

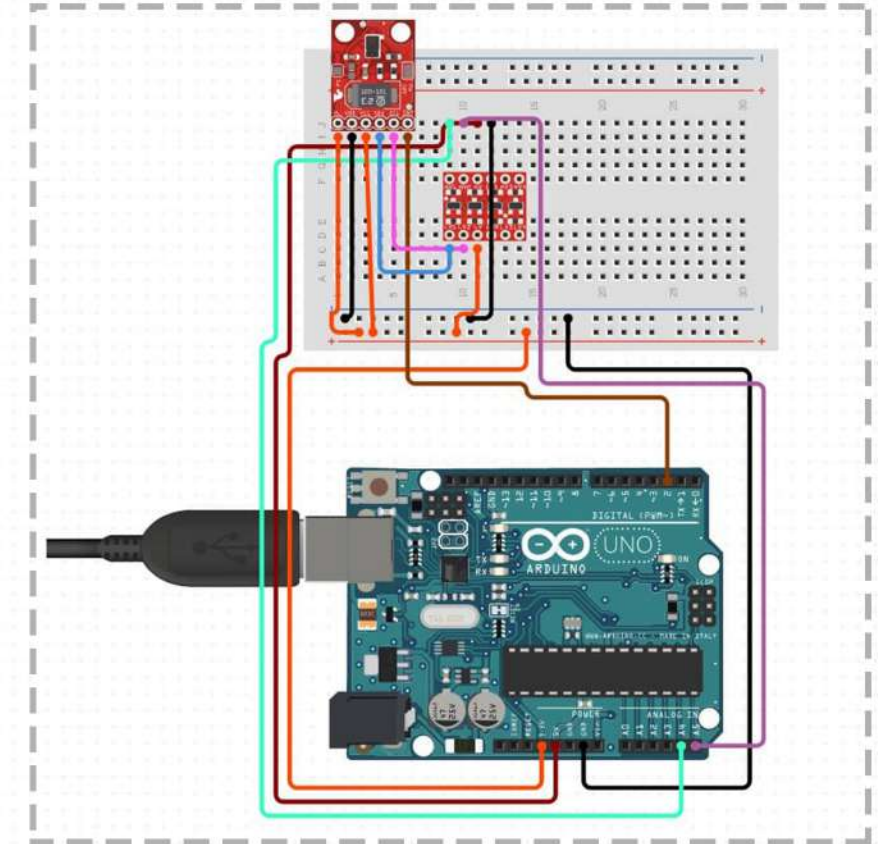
  // Initialize APDS-9960 (configure I2C and initial values)
  if ( apds.init() ) {
    Serial.println(F("APDS-9960 initialization complete"));
  } else {
    Serial.println(F("Something went wrong during APDS-9960 init!"));
  }
}
```

```
// Start running the APDS-9960 gesture sensor engine
if ( apds.enableGestureSensor(true) ) {
  Serial.println(F("Gesture sensor is now running"));
} else {
  Serial.println(F("Something went wrong during gesture sensor init!"));
}

void loop() {
  if( isr_flag == 1 ) {
    detachInterrupt(0);
    handleGesture();
    isr_flag = 0;
    attachInterrupt(0, interruptRoutine, FALLING);
  }
}

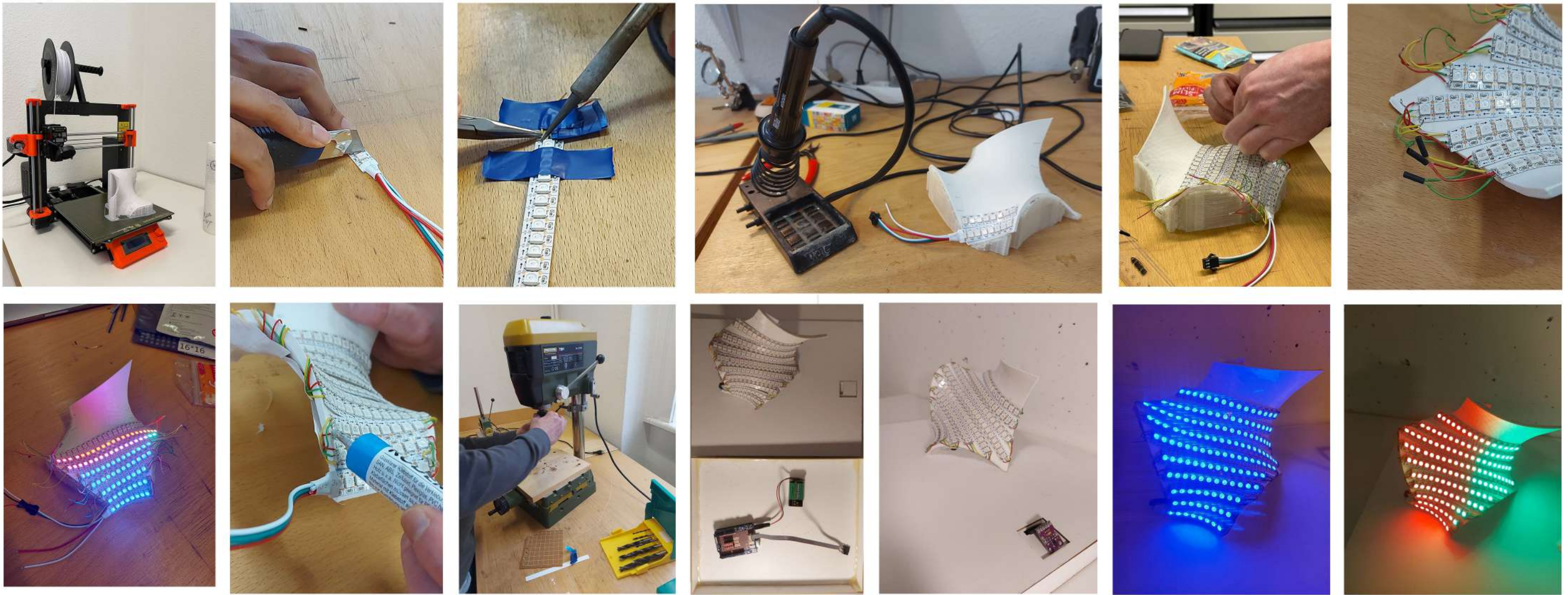
void interruptRoutine() {
  isr_flag = 1;
}

void handleGesture() {
  if ( apds.isGestureAvailable() ) {
    switch ( apds.readGesture() ) {
      case DIR_UP:
        Serial.println("UP");
        break;
      case DIR_DOWN:
        Serial.println("DOWN");
        break;
      case DIR_LEFT:
        Serial.println("LEFT");
        break;
      case DIR_RIGHT:
        Serial.println("RIGHT");
        break;
      case DIR_NEAR:
        Serial.println("NEAR");
        break;
      case DIR_FAR:
        Serial.println("FAR");
        break;
      default:
        Serial.println("NONE");
    }
  }
}
```



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physical prototype procedure



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## physical prototyping arduino code

```
//Neopixel stuff
#include <Adafruit_GFX.h>
#include <Adafruit_NeoMatrix.h>
#include <Adafruit_NeoPixel.h>
#ifdef PSTR
#define PSTR // Make Arduino Due happy
#endif

#define PIN 6

//Gesture sensor stuff
#include <Wire.h>
#include <SparkFun_APDS9960.h>

// Pins
#define APDS9960_INT 2 // Needs to be an interrupt pin

// Constants

// Global Variables
SparkFun_APDS9960 apds = SparkFun_APDS9960();
int isr_flag = 0;
// end of Gesture sensor stuff

// Setting up the matrix
Adafruit_NeoMatrix matrix = Adafruit_NeoMatrix(21, 10, PIN, 0, NEO_GRB + NEO_KHZ800);

const uint16_t colors[] = {
  matrix.Color(255, 0, 0), matrix.Color(0, 255, 0), matrix.Color(0, 0, 255) };

const int16_t YourGrid[] = {
  -1,-1,141,140,139,138,137,136,135,134,133,132,131,130,129,128,127,-1,-1,-1,-1,
  -1,110,111,112,113,114,115,116,117,118,119,120,121,122,123,124,125,126,-1,-1,-1,
  109,108,107,106,105,104,103,102,101,100,99,98,97,96,95,94,93,92,91,90,-1,
  69,70,71,72,73,74,75,76,77,78,79,80,81,82,83,84,85,86,87,88,89,
  -1,68,67,66,65,64,63,62,61,60,59,58,57,56,55,54,53,52,51,-1,-1,
  -1,-1,37,38,39,40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,
  -1,-1,-1,36,35,34,33,32,31,30,29,28,27,26,25,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,
  -1,-1,-1,-1,-1,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,
  -1,-1,-1,-1,-1,15,14,13,12,11,10,9,8,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,
  -1,-1,-1,-1,0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1
};

void setup() {

  // setting up the gesture sensor
  if( isr_flag == 1 ) {
    detachInterrupt(0);
    handleGesture();
    isr_flag = 0;
    attachInterrupt(0, interruptRoutine, FALLING);
  }
}
```

```
// setting up the matrix
matrix.begin();
matrix.setTextWrap(false);
matrix.setBrightness(40); // brightness
matrix.setTextColor(colors[0]);
matrix.setRemapFunction(circleGrid);

// Gesture sensor
// Initialize interrupt service routine
attachInterrupt(0, interruptRoutine, FALLING);

// Initialize APDS-9960 (configure I2C and initial values)
if ( apds.init() ) {
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} else {
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  Serial.begin(9600);
  Serial.println();
  Serial.println(F("-----"));
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  Serial.println(F("-----"));
}

int x = matrix.width();
int pass = 0;

void loop() {
  //matrix.fillScreen(0);
  if( isr_flag == 1 ) {
    detachInterrupt(0);
    handleGesture();
    isr_flag = 0;
    attachInterrupt(0, interruptRoutine, FALLING);
  }
}

// Brute force address conversion, XY to live pixels
uint16_t circleGrid(uint16_t x, uint16_t y) {
  y = y * 21 + x; // Compute index number based on 21x10 matrix
  return YourGrid[y];
}
```



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void handleGesture() {
  if ( apds.isGestureAvailable() ) {
    switch ( apds.readGesture() ) {
      case DIR_UP:
        Serial.println("UP 2");
        effect2();
        break;
      case DIR_DOWN:
        Serial.println("DOWN 1");
        effect();
        break;
      case DIR_LEFT:
        Serial.println("LEFT 3");
        effect3();
        break;
      case DIR_RIGHT:
        Serial.println("RIGHT 4");
        effect4();
        break;
      case DIR_NEAR:
        Serial.println("NEAR");
        break;
      case DIR_NEAR:
        Serial.println("NEAR");
        break;
      case DIR_FAR:
        Serial.println("FAR");
        break;
      default:
        Serial.println("NONE");
    }
  }
}

void effect() {
  for(int k=0; k<3; k++) {
    for(int j=0; j<=10; j++) { // height
      for(int i=0; i<=21; i++) { // width
        if (k == 0) {
          matrix.drawPixel(i,j, matrix.Color(255, 0, 0));
        }
        else if (k == 1) {
          matrix.drawPixel(i,j, matrix.Color(0, 255, 0));
        }
        else {
          matrix.drawPixel(i,j, matrix.Color(0, 0, 255));
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

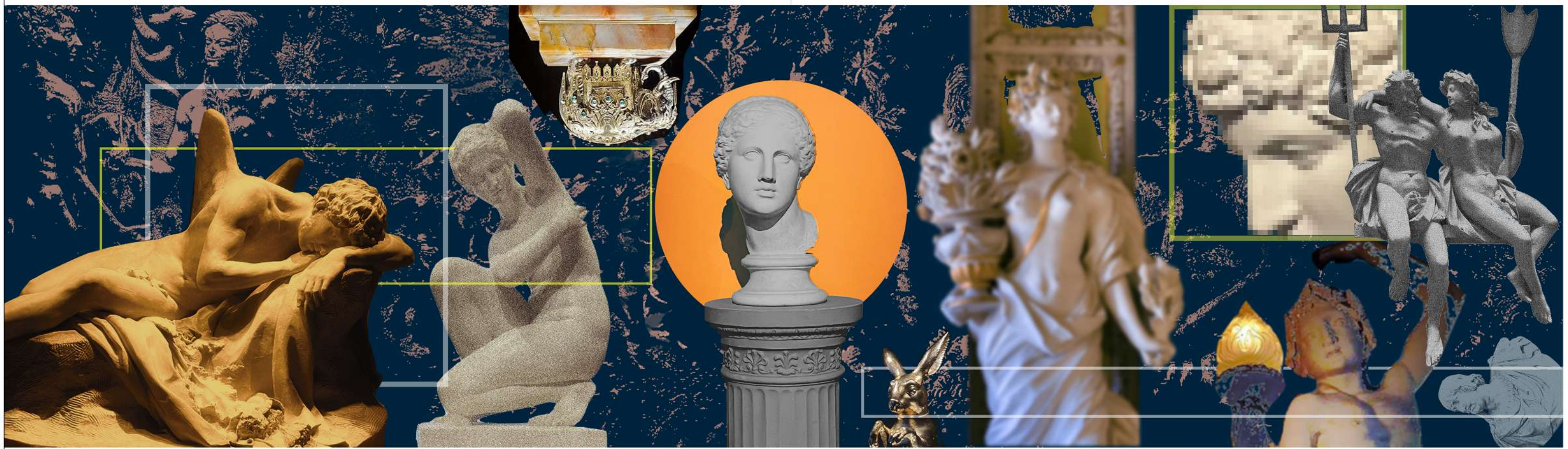
```
matrix.show();
delay(30);
}
}

void effect2() {
  for(int k=0; k<3; k++) {
    for(int j=10; j>=0; j--) { // height
      for(int i=21; i>=0; i--) { // width
        if (k == 0) {
          matrix.drawPixel(i,j, matrix.Color(255, 0, 0));
        }
        else if (k == 1) {
          matrix.drawPixel(i,j, matrix.Color(0, 255, 0));
        }
        else {
          matrix.drawPixel(i,j, matrix.Color(0, 0, 255));
        }
      }
    }
    matrix.show();
    delay(30);
  }
}

void effect3() {
  for(int k=0; k<3; k++) {
    for(int i=21; i>=0; i--) { // width
      for(int j=10; j>=0; j--) { // height
        if (k == 0) {
          matrix.drawPixel(i,j, matrix.Color(255, 0, 0));
        }
        else if (k == 1) {
          matrix.drawPixel(i,j, matrix.Color(0, 255, 0));
        }
        else {
          matrix.drawPixel(i,j, matrix.Color(0, 0, 255));
        }
      }
    }
    matrix.show();
    delay(30);
  }
}
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First collection- sculpture



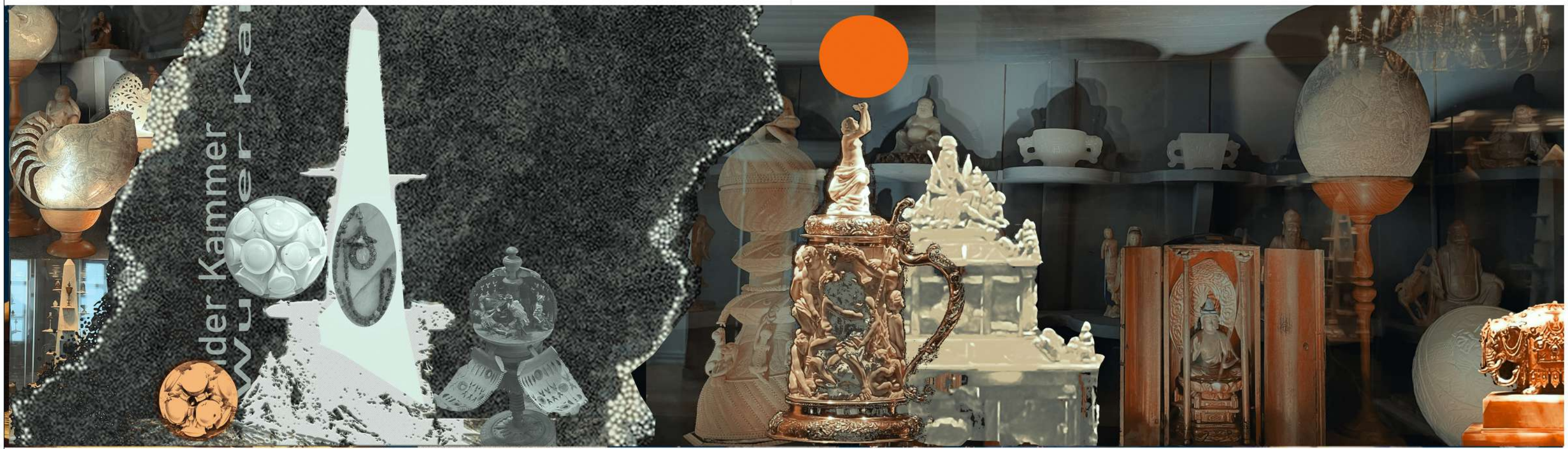
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Second collection- Paintings



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Third collection- Objects



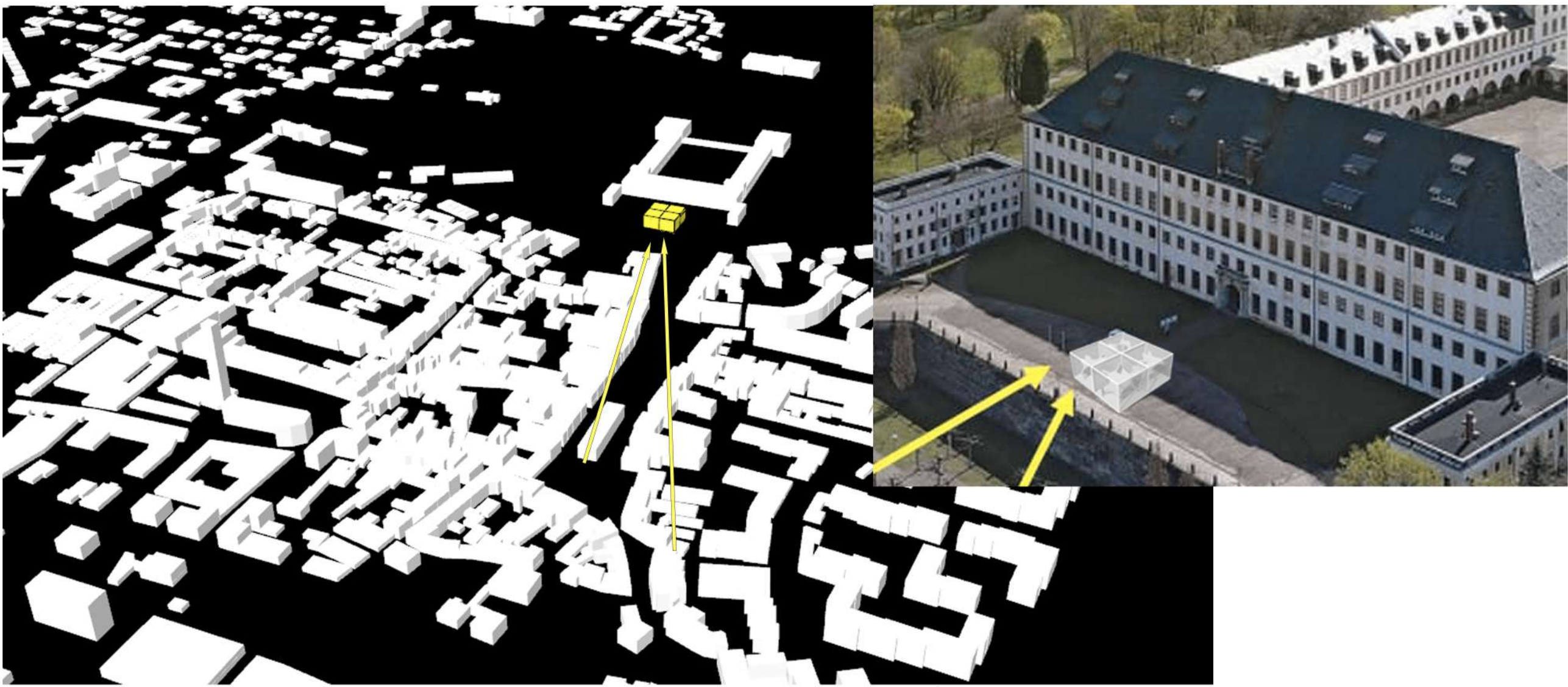
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Site Plan



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