

# COMPUTING COMPLEXITY

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**PROTOTYPING SOLAR OPTIMISED GREEN GROWTH FRAMEWORKS**

# PROBLEM

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An Morphological constraints of the built environment impacts the benefits of natural light in our daily lives.

Voids between buildings often suffer from limited natural light. This can cause an ineffective or heavily restricted green growth infrastructure.







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# ABSTRACT

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An Green growth is vital in the urban environment, through understanding photosynthesis, that plant life requires light to generate its own energy, we can abstract that natural light is a key indicator for green growth. The morphological makeup of urban cityscapes such as green growth, lack of space, large shading and un-natural materials, thus leading to ineffective implementation of green plantation.

An improved comprehension of the relationship between the light, the space, and the green growth can be provided by solar study. Utilizing Ladybug, an environmental plugin for Grasshopper, with real time weather, location, and time data with set parameters to create a site specific solar study along with graphical display.

Through integrating solar analysis with a generative design algorithm, we can optimize a structure to maximize plant growth potential within an urban canyon, whilst minimizing the structures impact on the existing light in the canyon.



# HYPOTHESIS

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By mapping the exposure of natural light in a predefined urban environment through computational modelling, we can optimise a structural greening of the area to utilise the natural light more effectively.

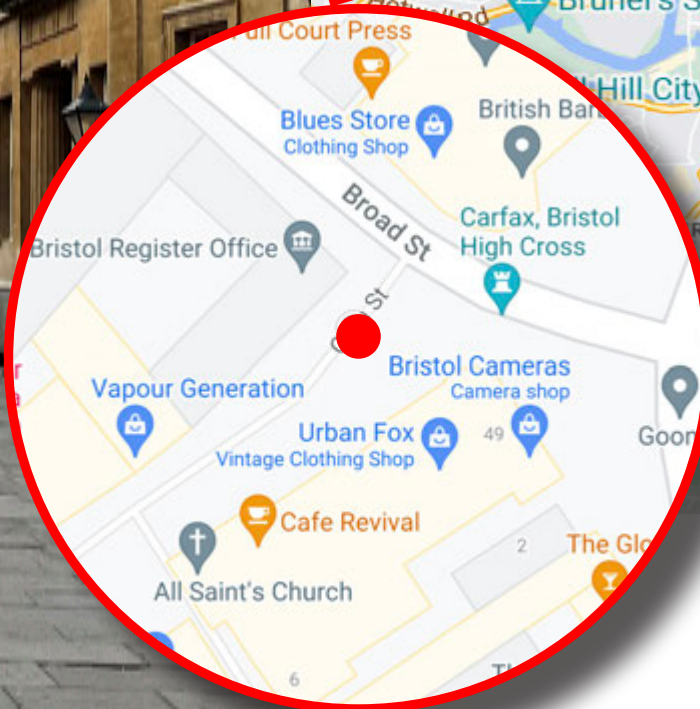
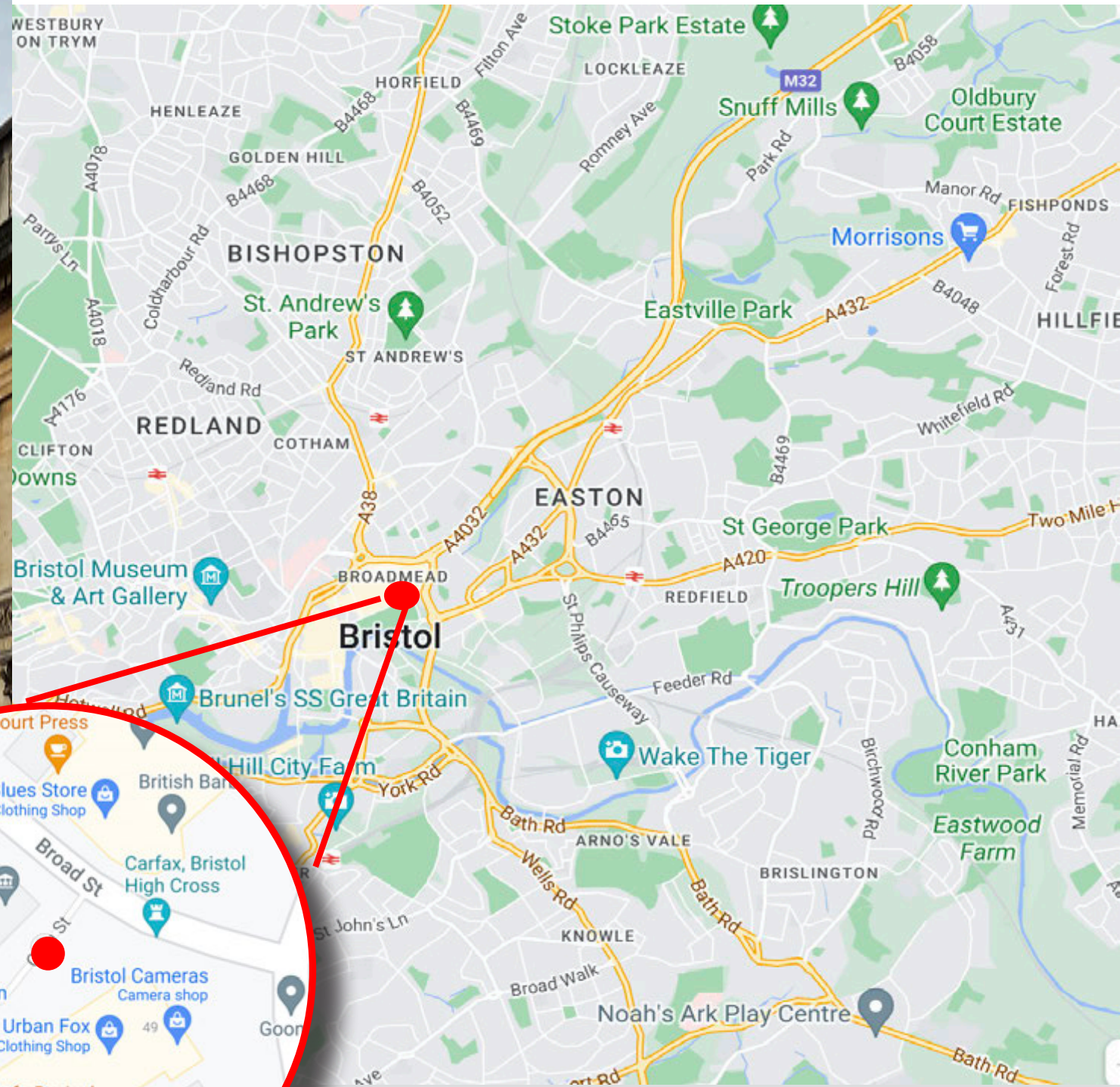
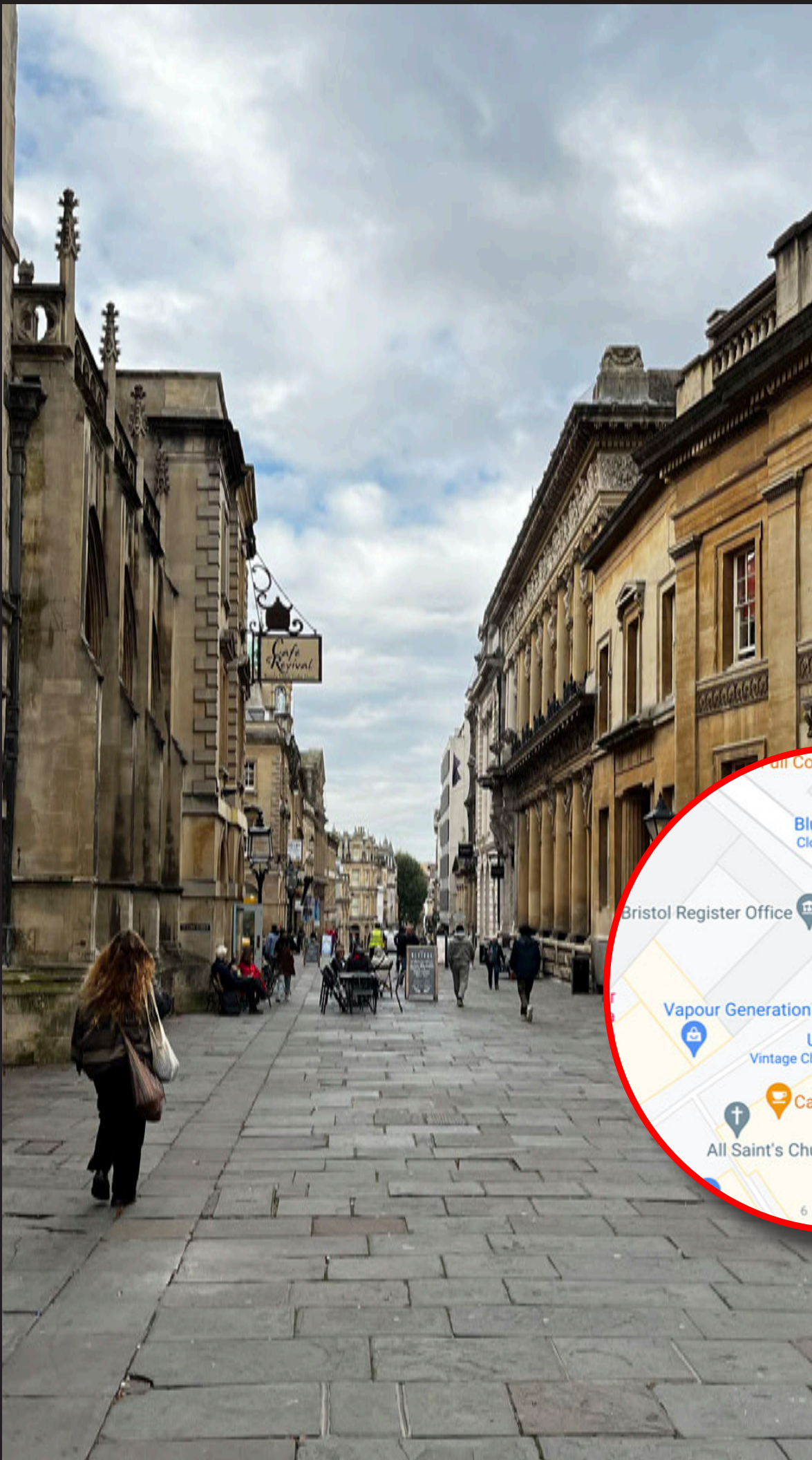
An interactive rapid prototype situation with human-computer interaction can facilitate an effective design process, allowing the physical design interference to manipulate the results of the parametric solution.

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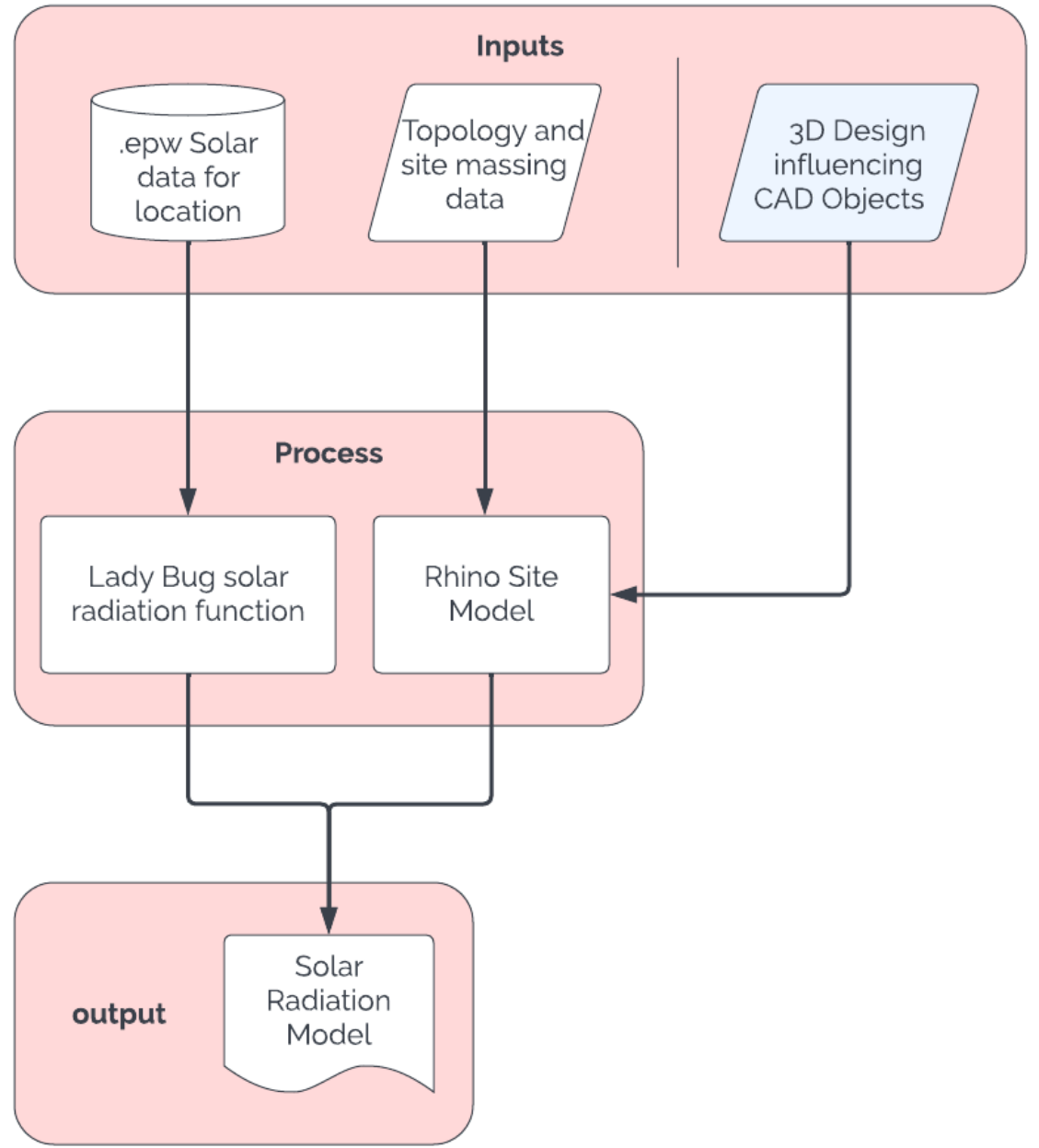
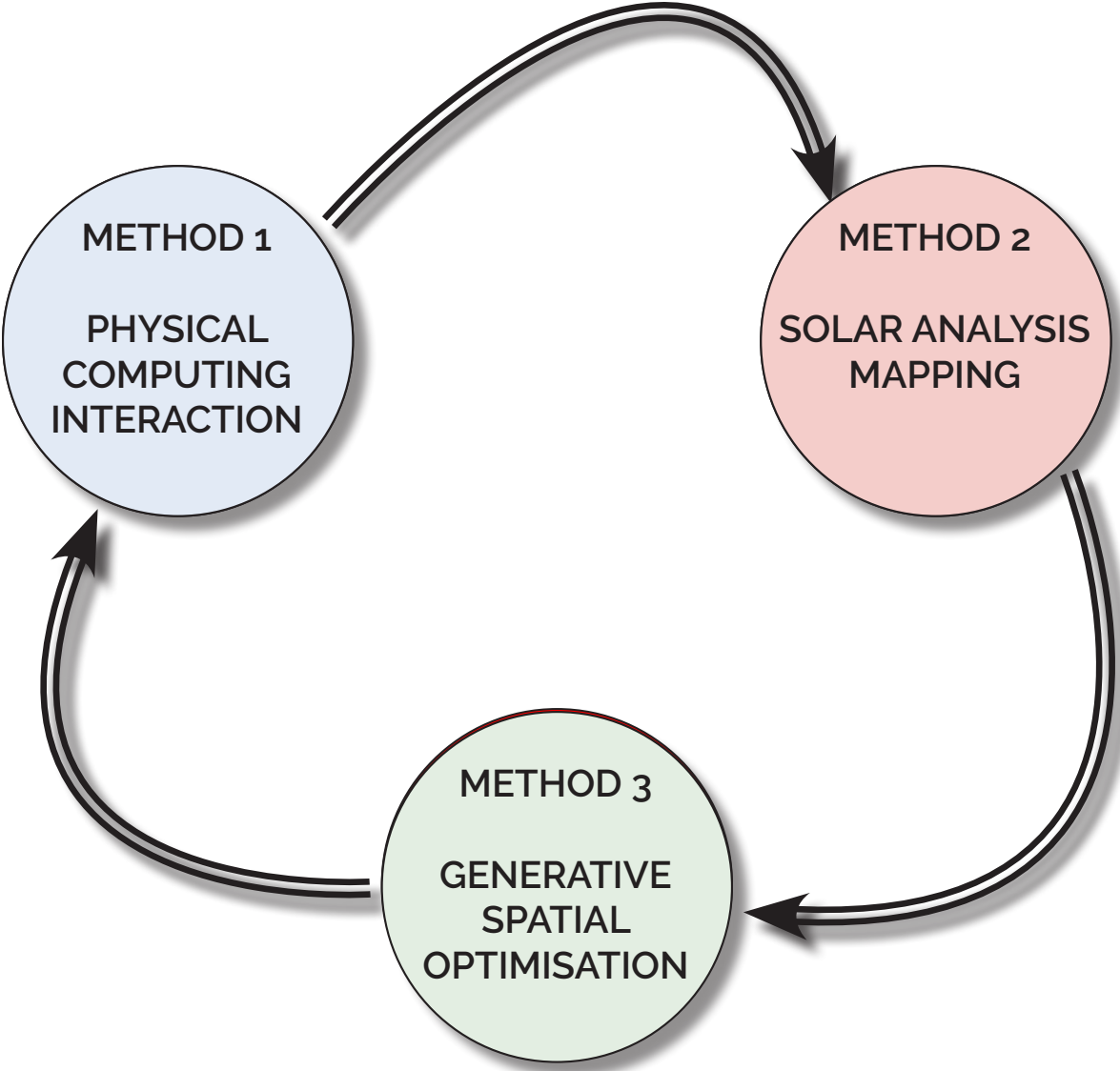
SITE LOCATION



Site Location:  
Corn Street, Bristol, BS1



# SOLAR ANALYSIS



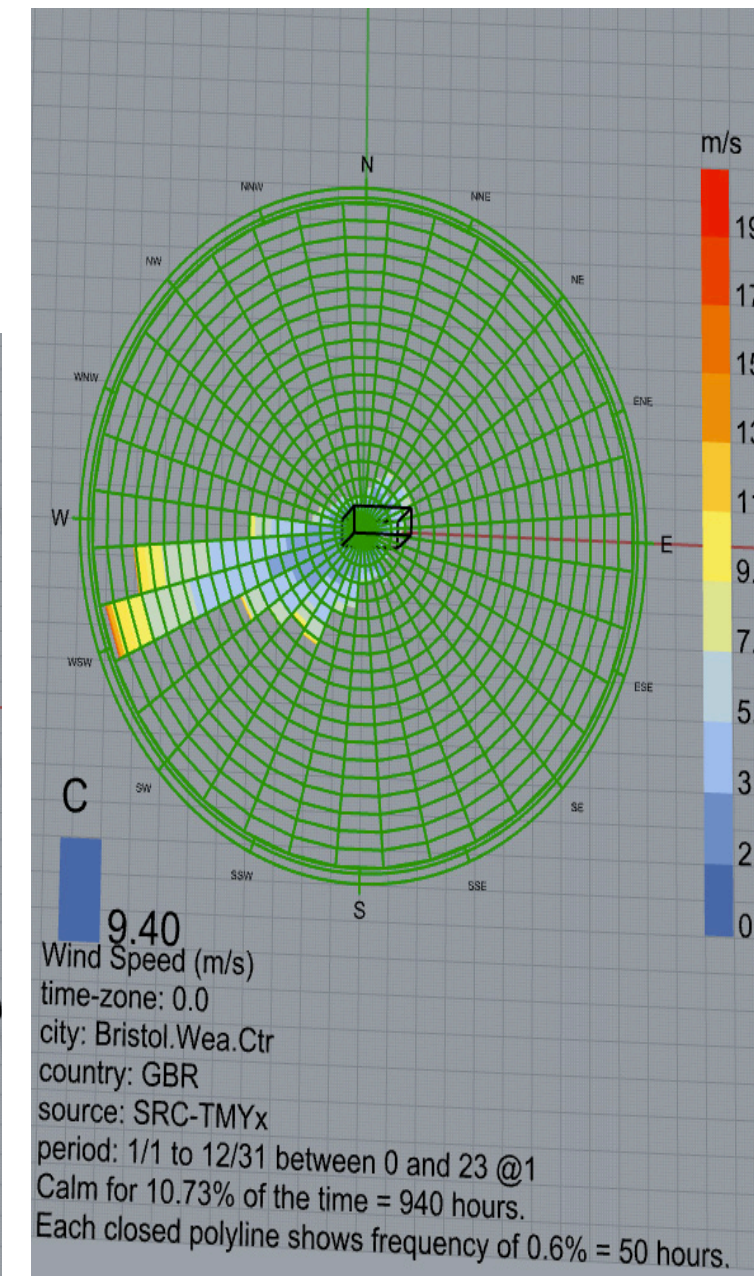
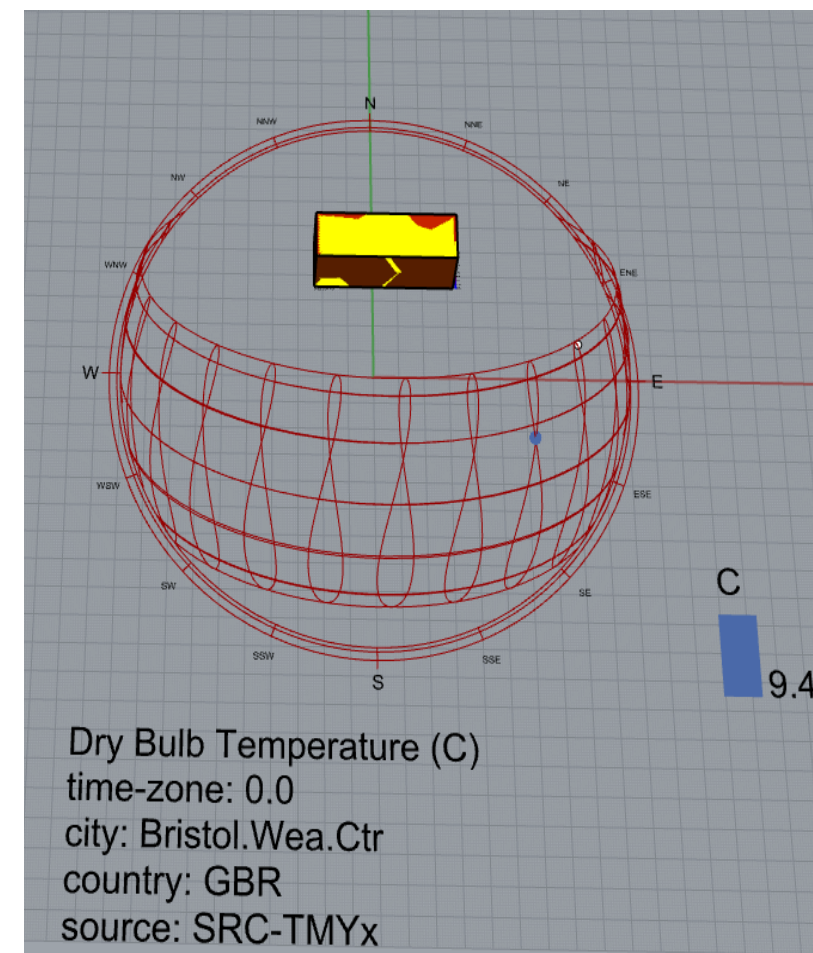
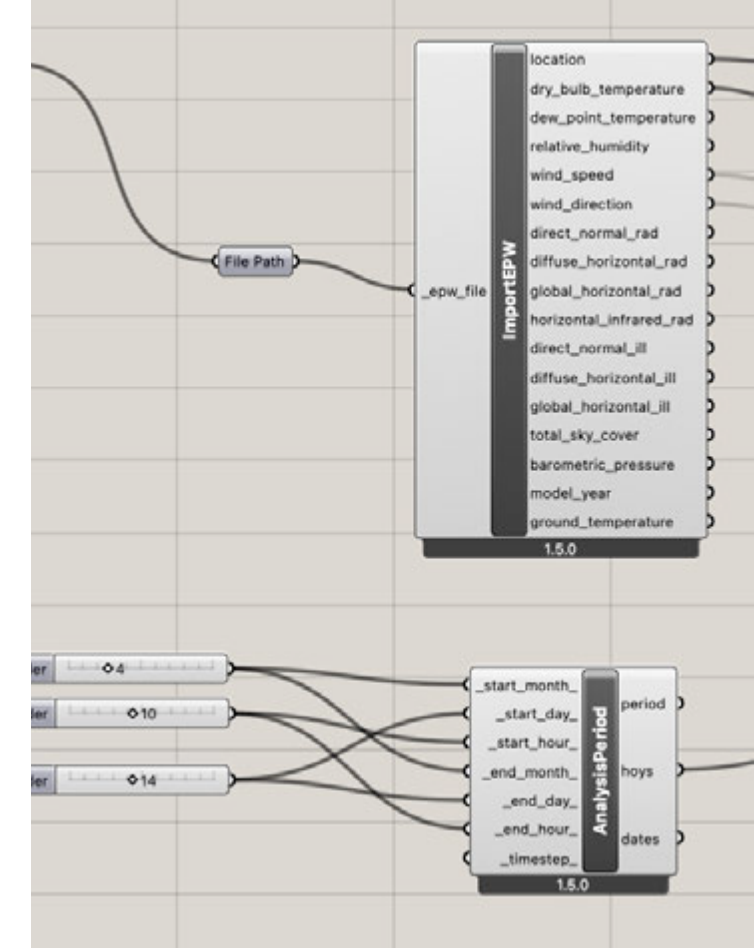
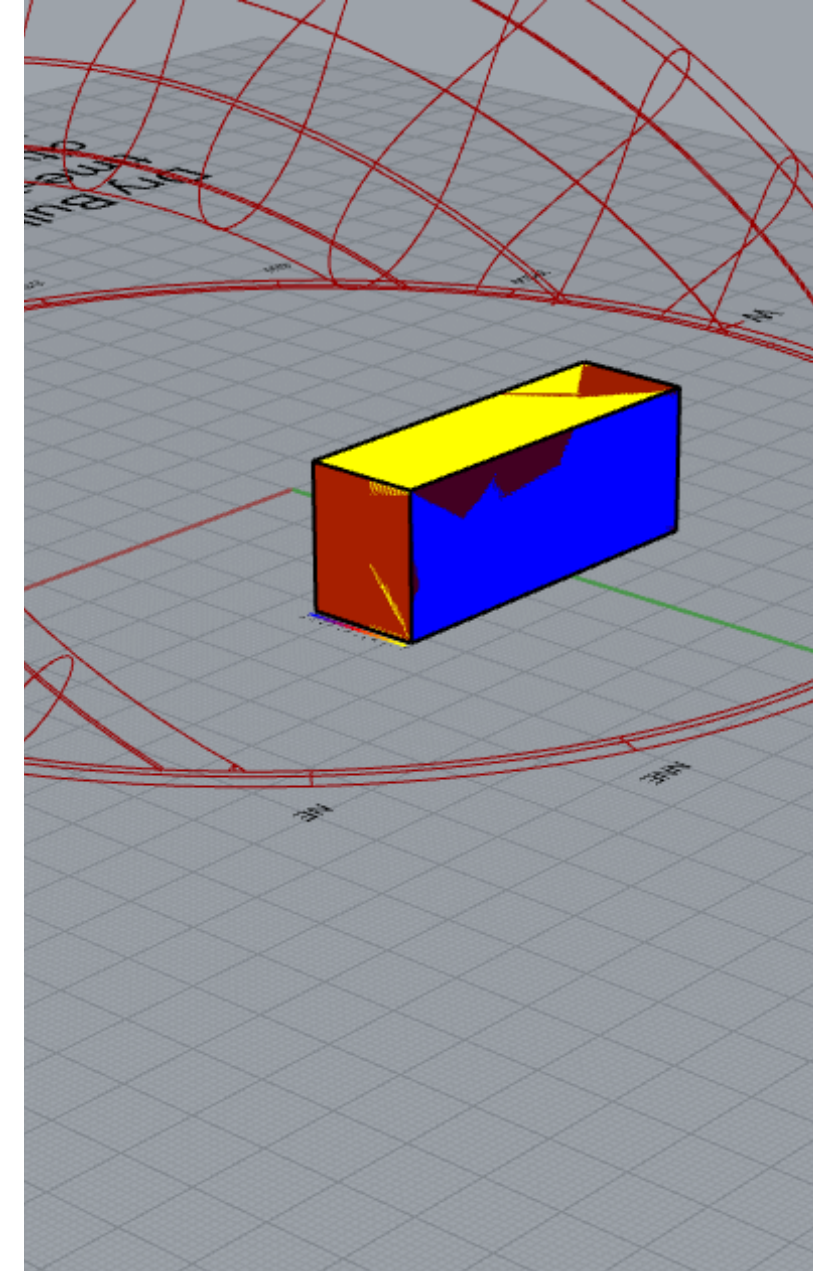


# SOLAR ANALYSIS USING LADYBUG IN GRASSHOPPER

## LADYBUG

Ladybug allows you to visualize and analyse weather data in Grasshopper. This includes diagrams like the sun path, wind rose, psychometric chart, etc., as well as studies of geometry like radiation analysis, shadow studies, and view analysis. (<https://www.food4rhino.com/en/app/ladybug-tools>)

Using the ladybug plugin within Grasshopper in Rhino, .epw file of Bristol containing all the weather data was imported in.





< EDIT MAP

## Map near Bristol, England, GB

File Type: Rhino 5 3DM

Area: 0.047 km<sup>2</sup>

Buildings: 128 total, 43 with height value (34%)

Topography: Included, 11.00 m above sea level

Settings: Road centerlines, 3D buildings, 10 m contours

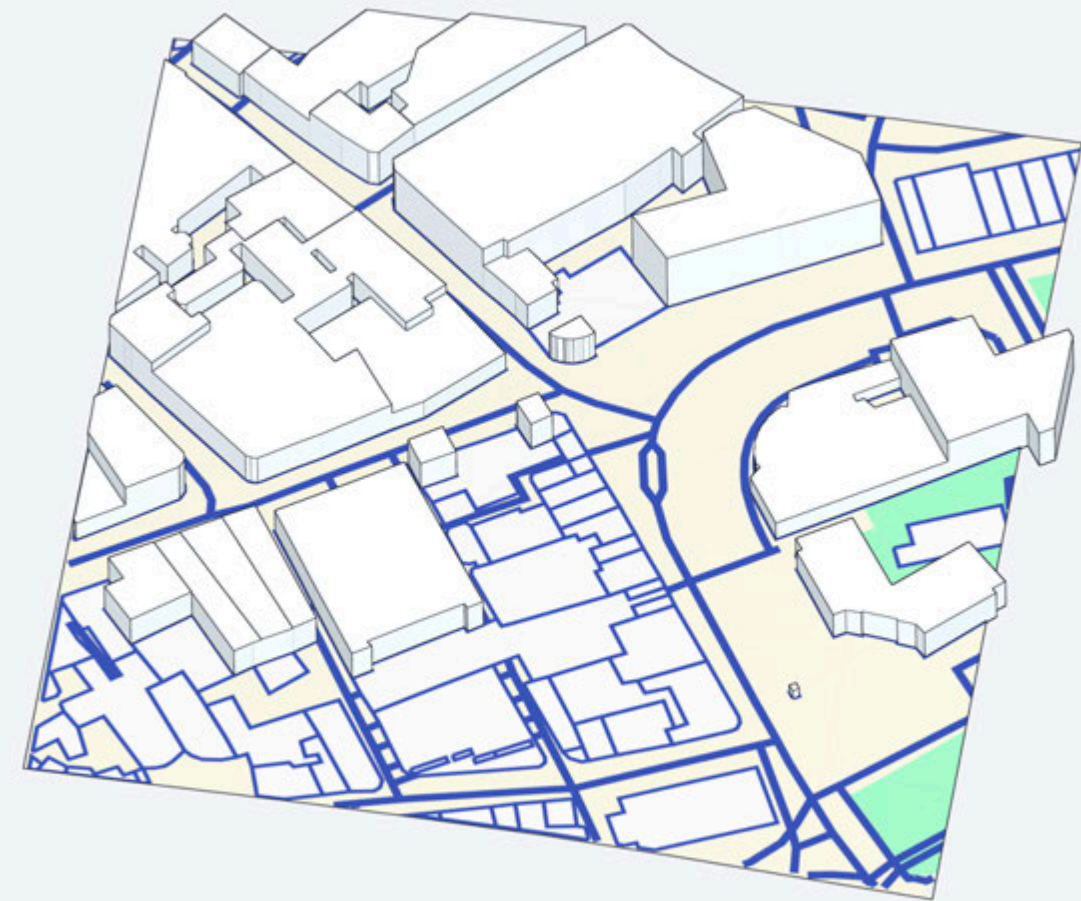
Spatial Reference System: Meters; UTM zone: 30, easting: 528175.20, northing: 5700372.49

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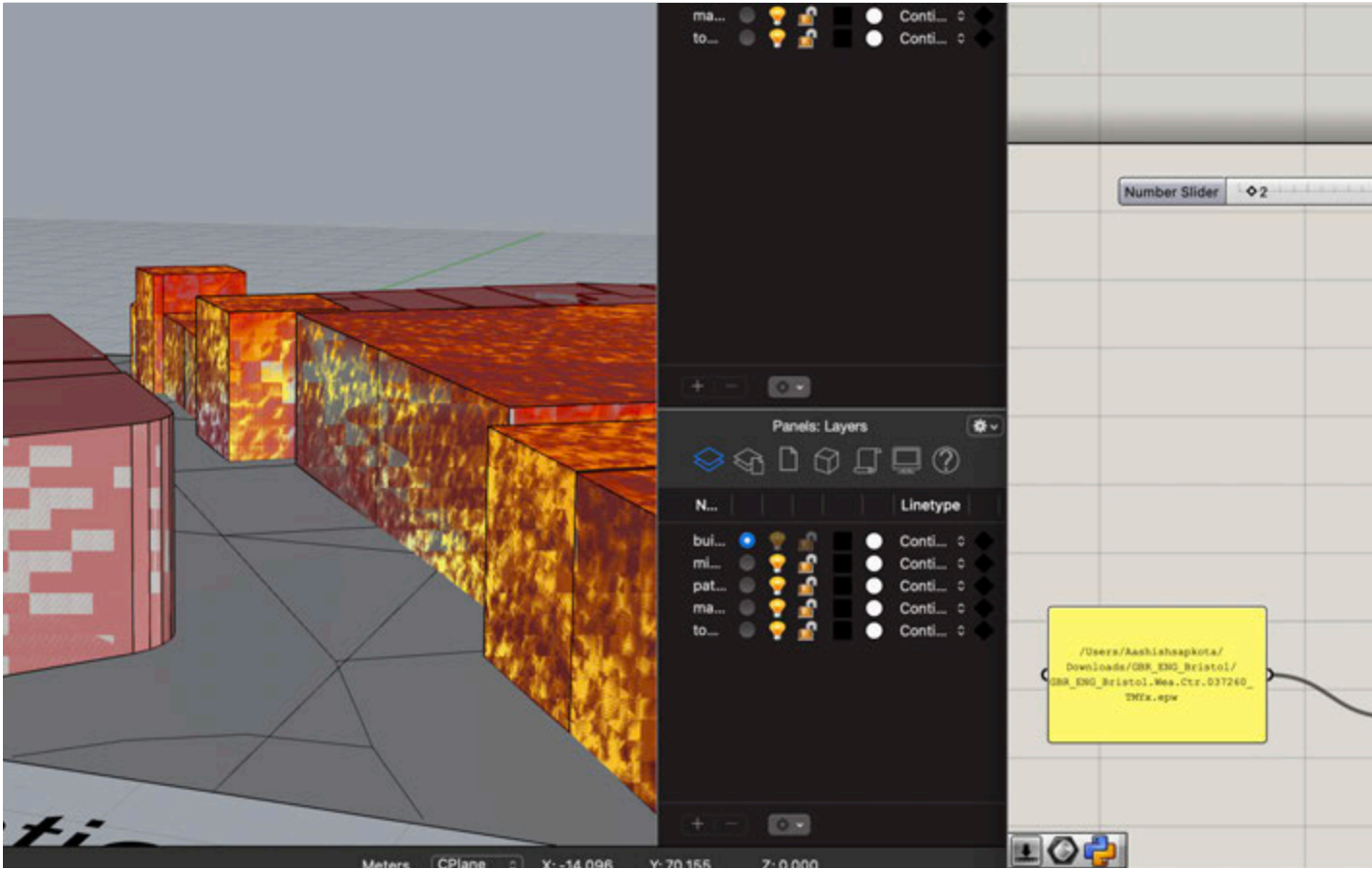
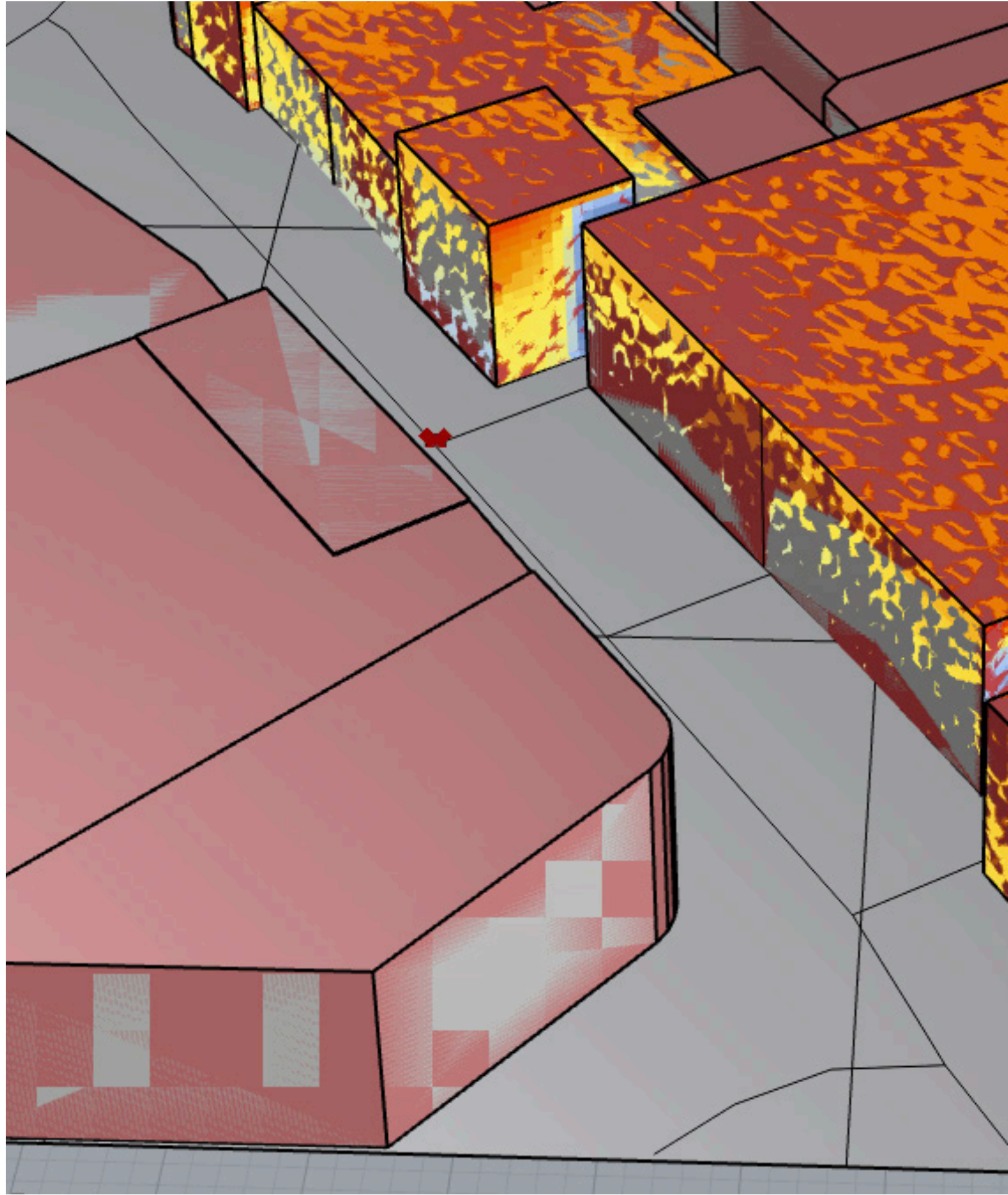
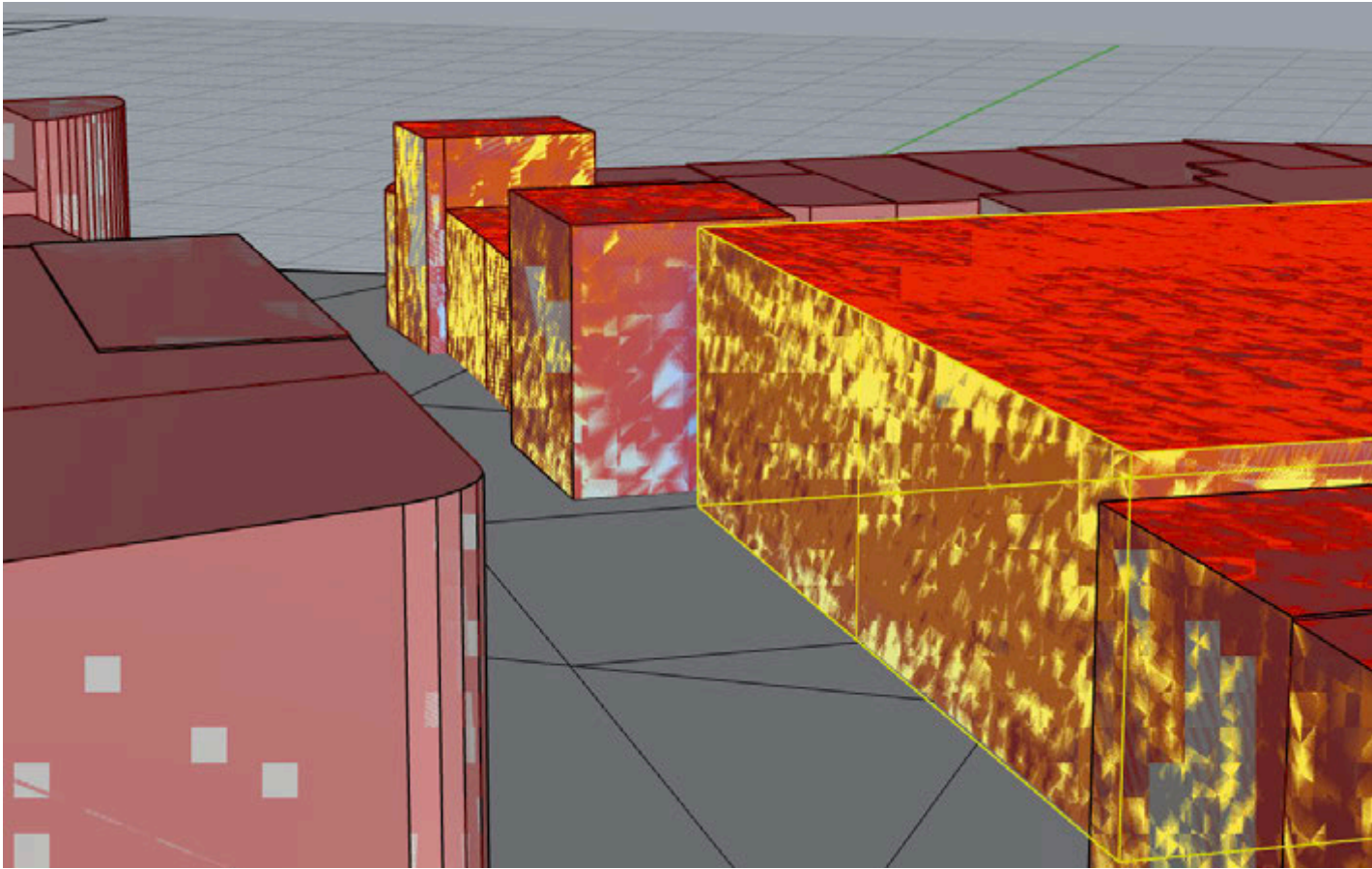
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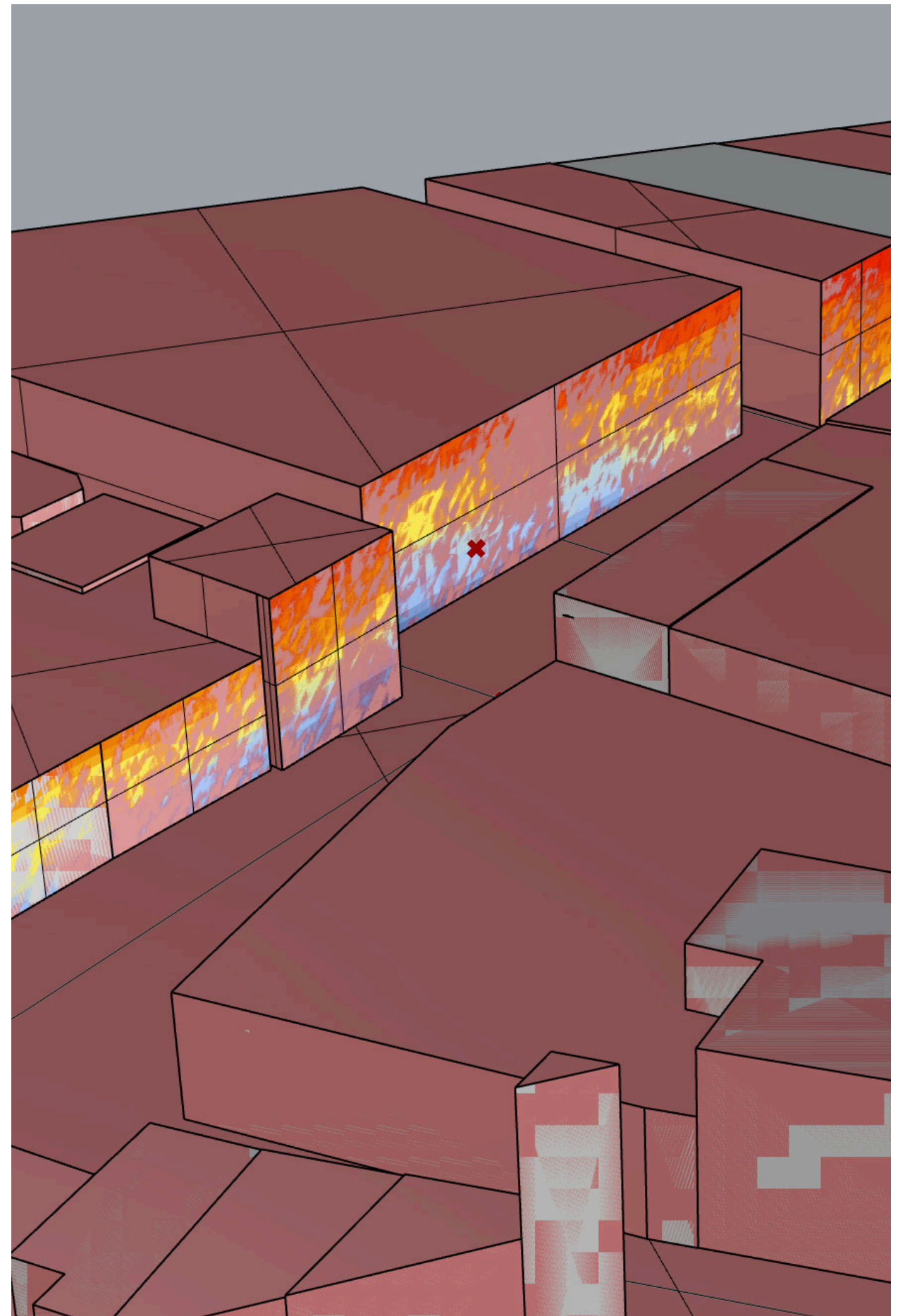
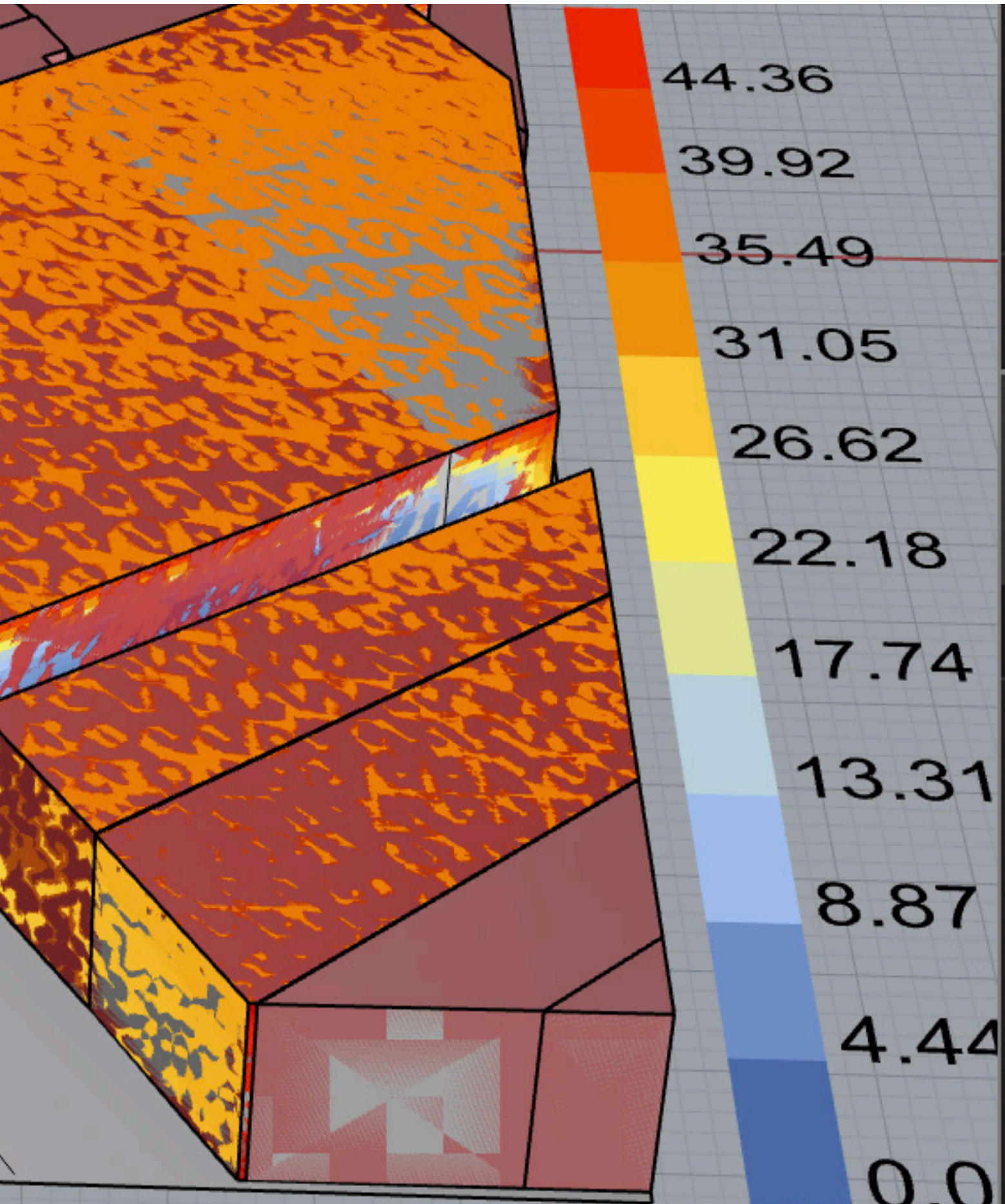
## CADMAPPER

Selected area of site location downloaded as a Rhino .3DM file and imported into Rhino

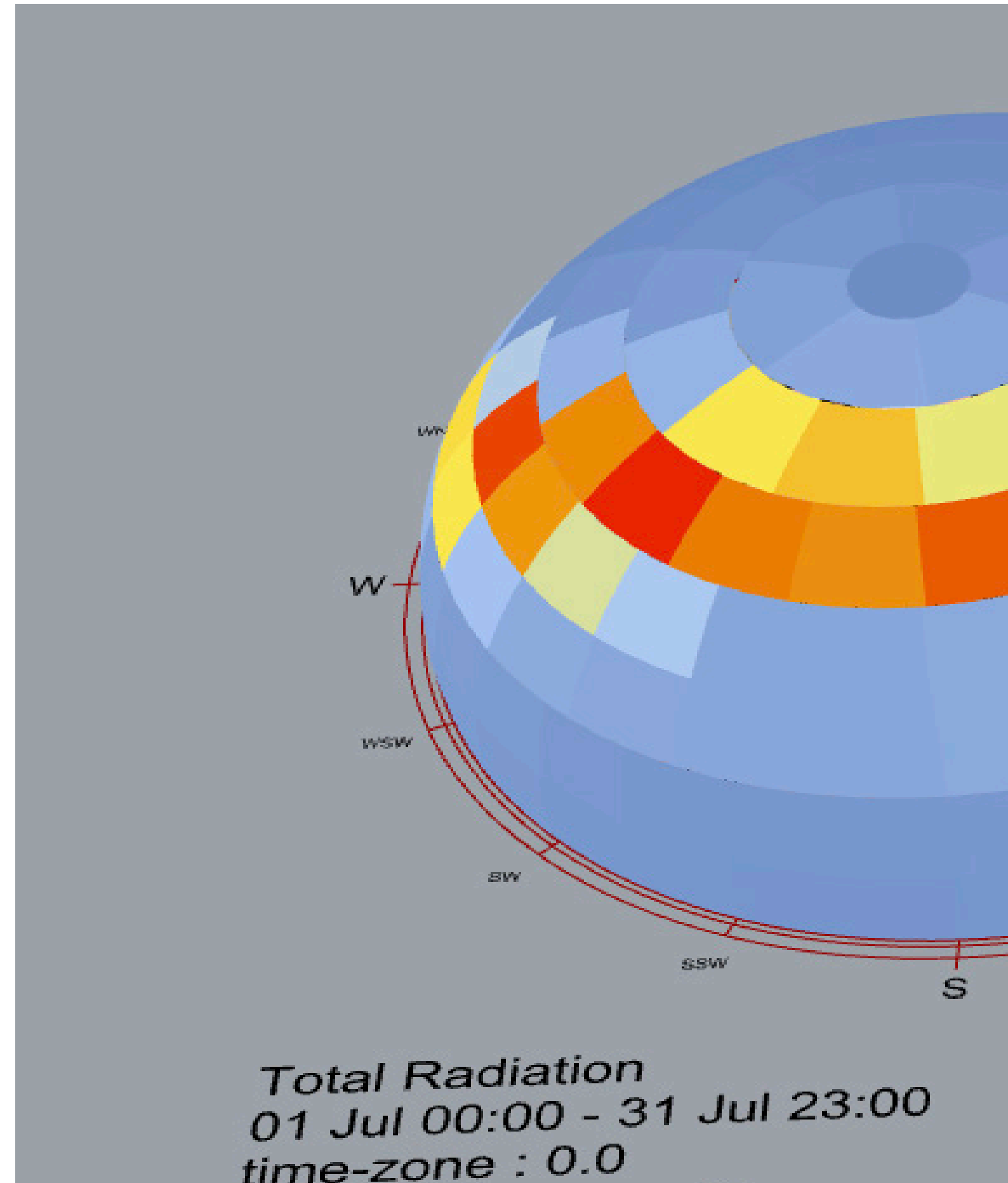
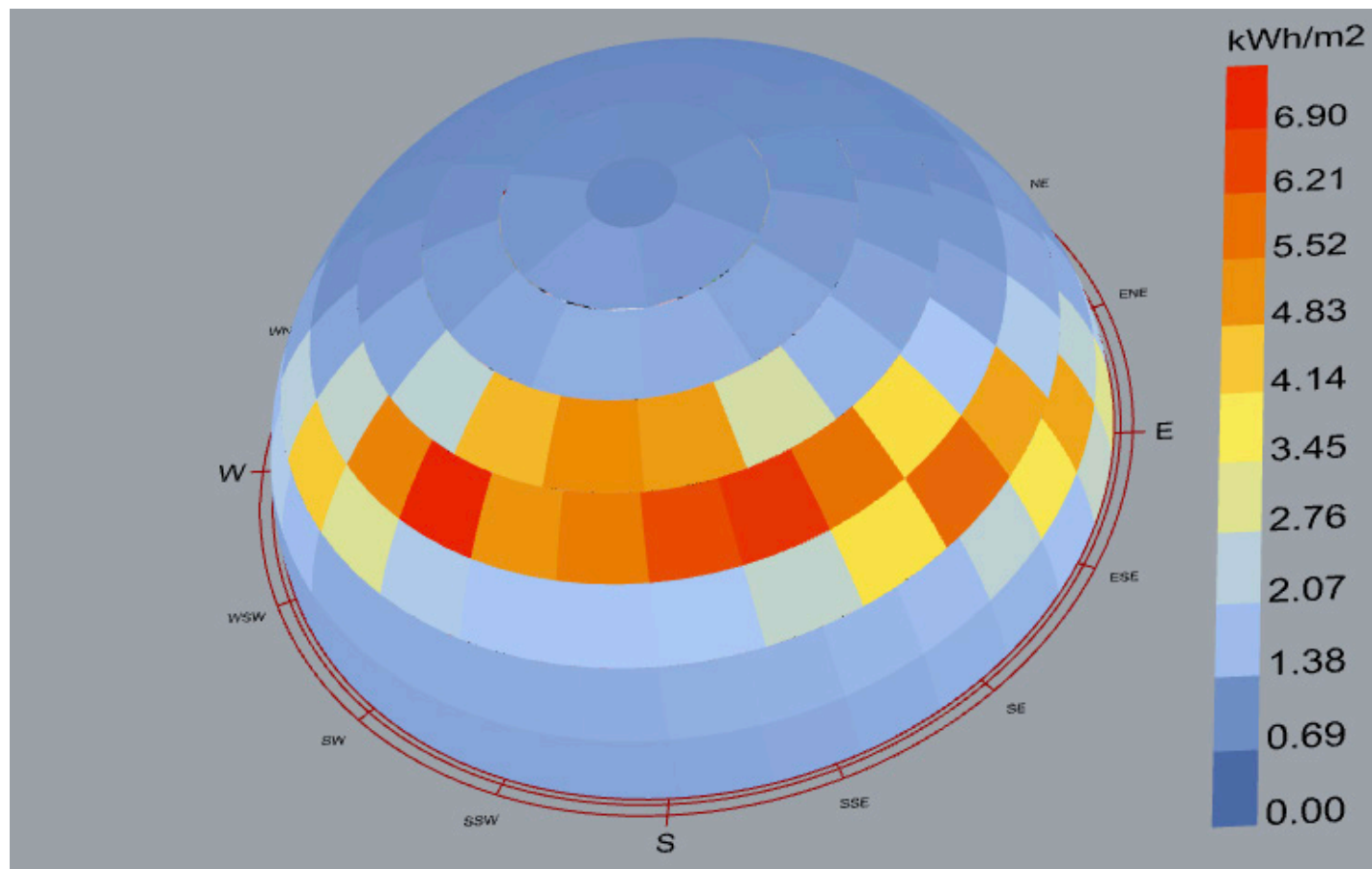
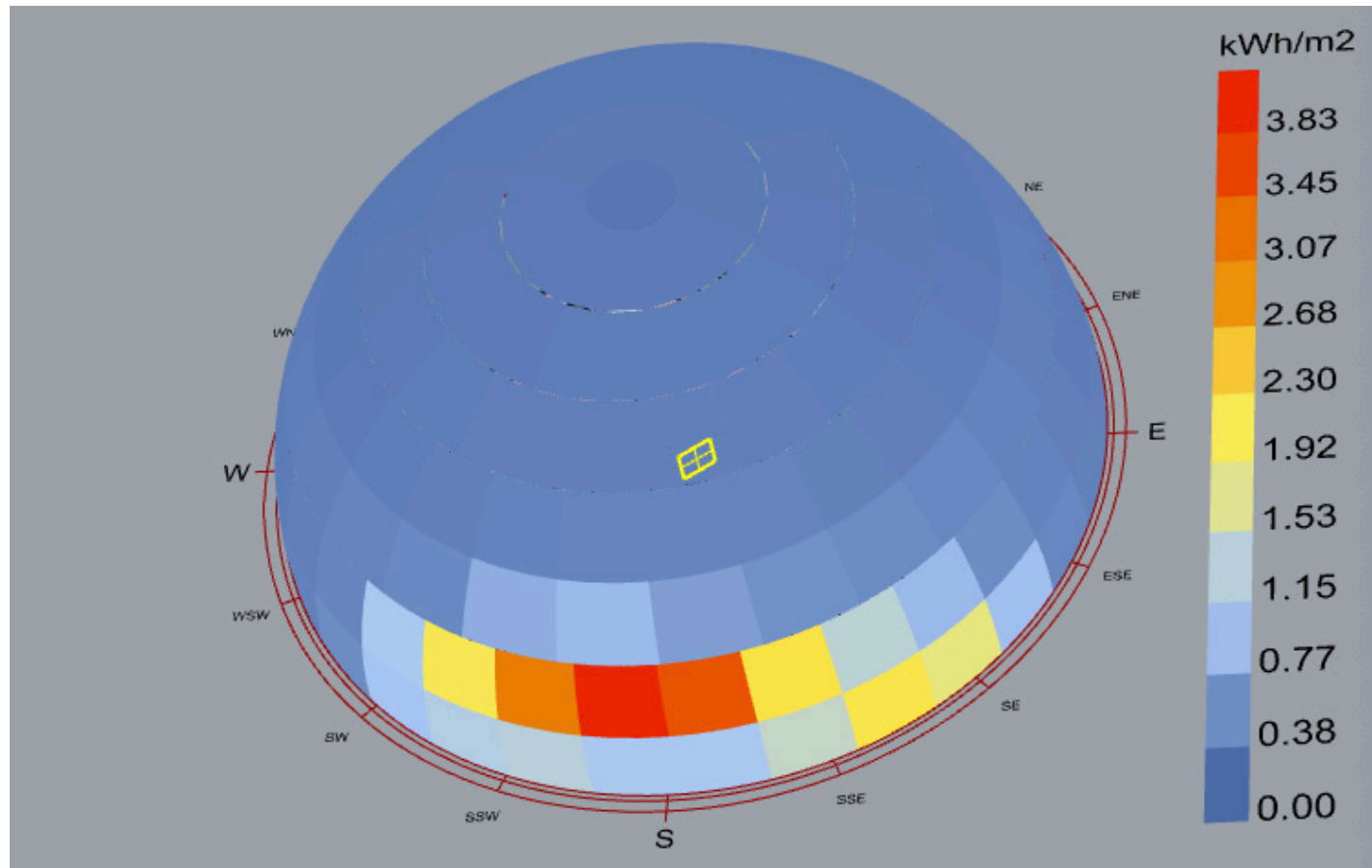




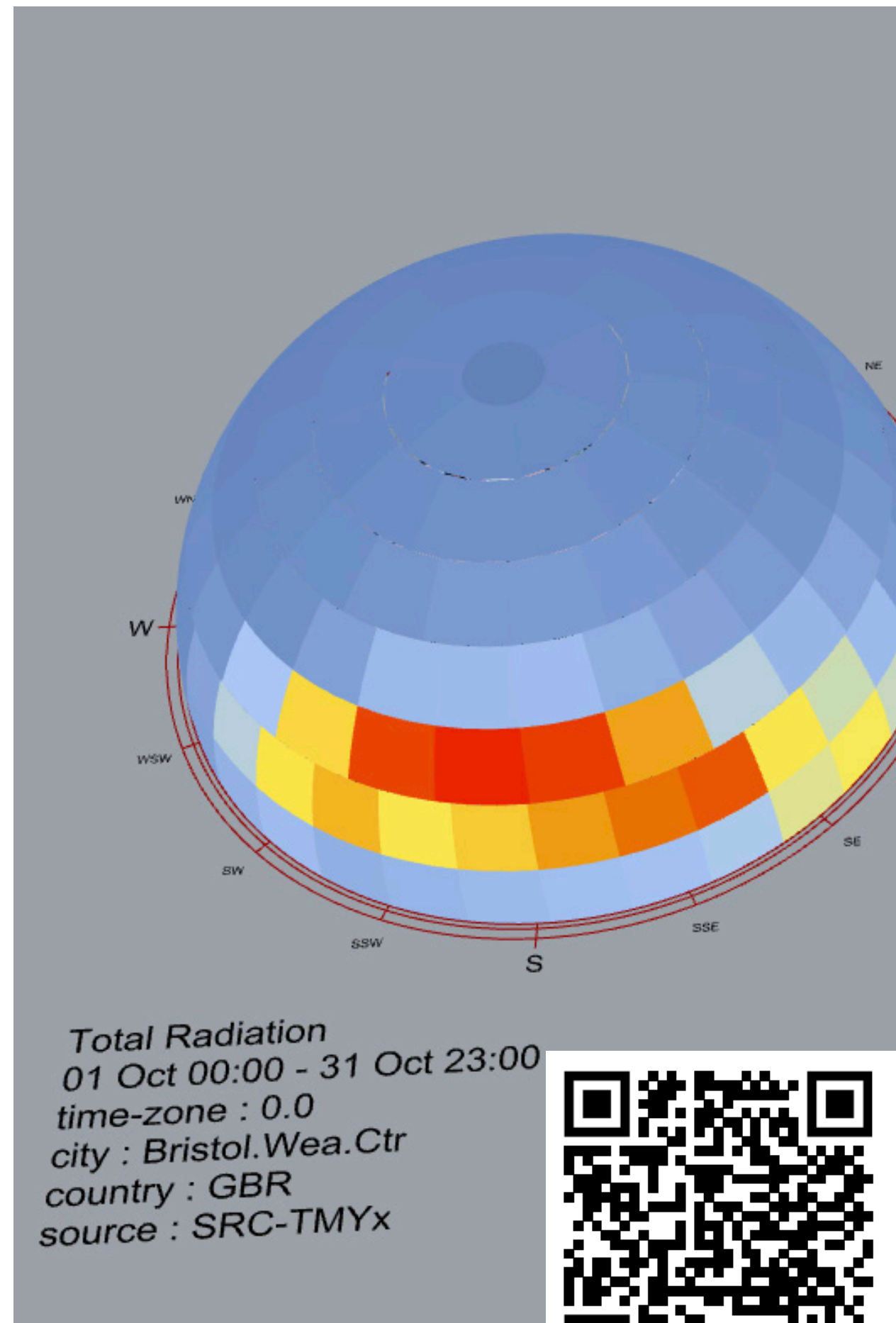
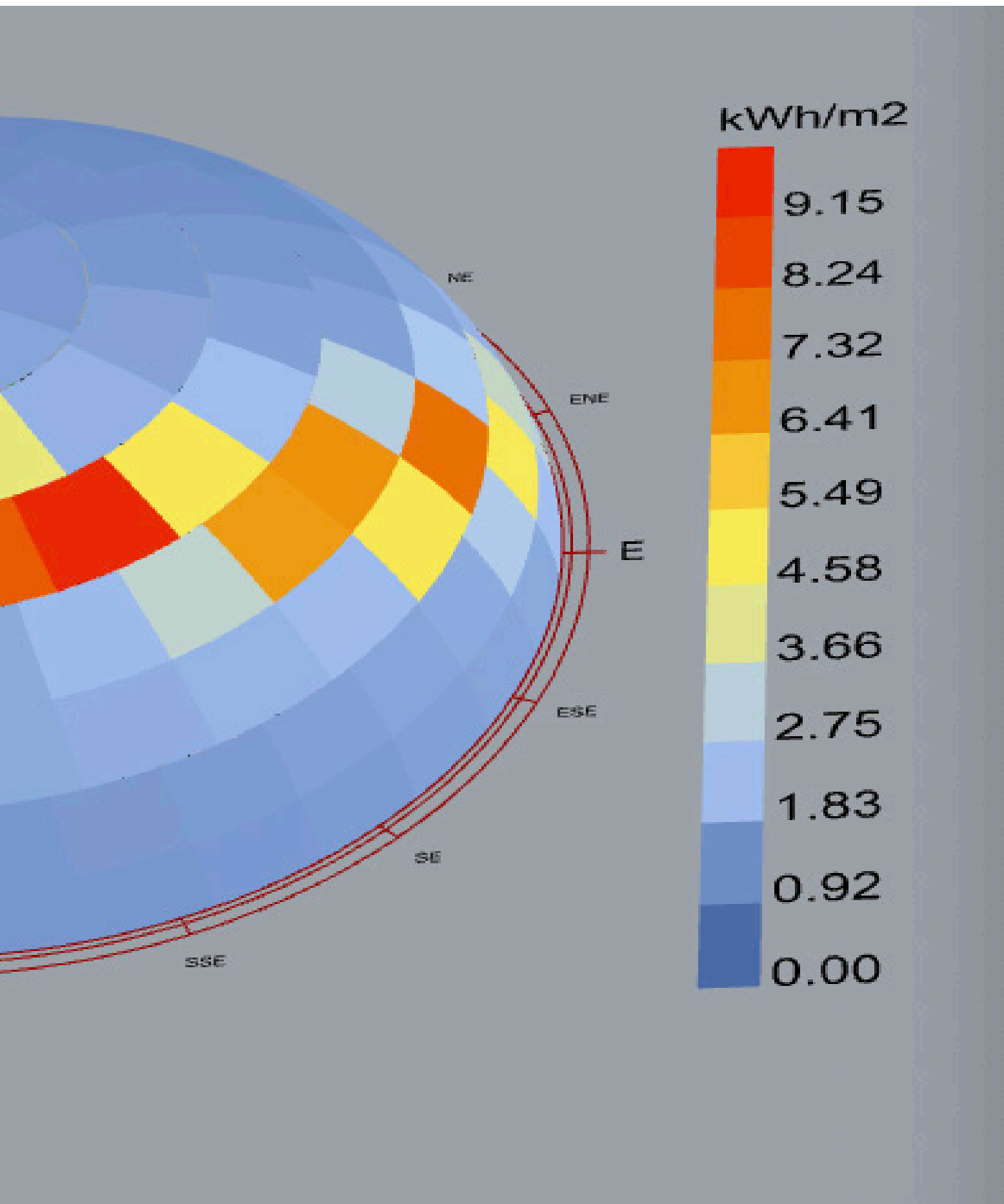




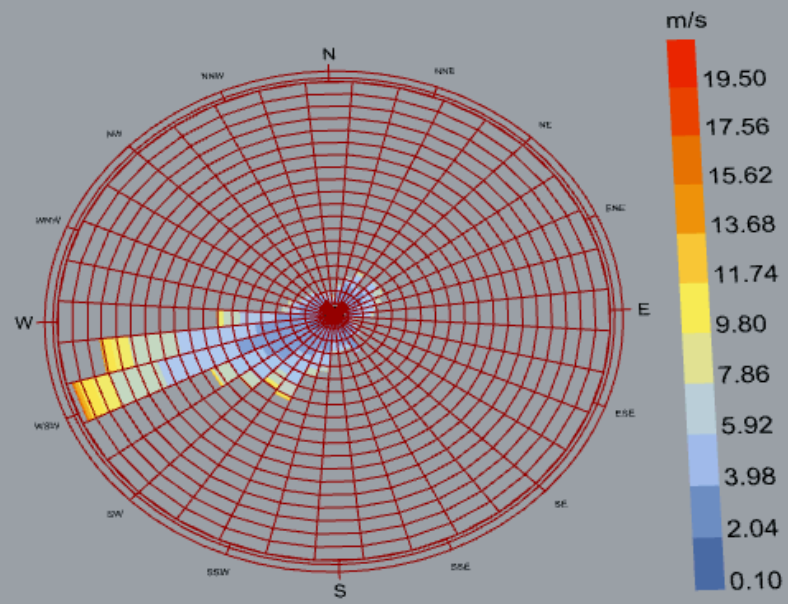




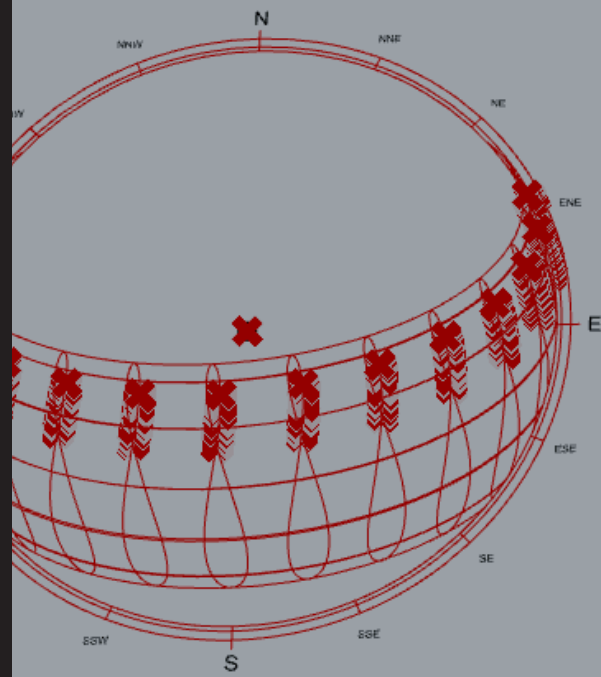




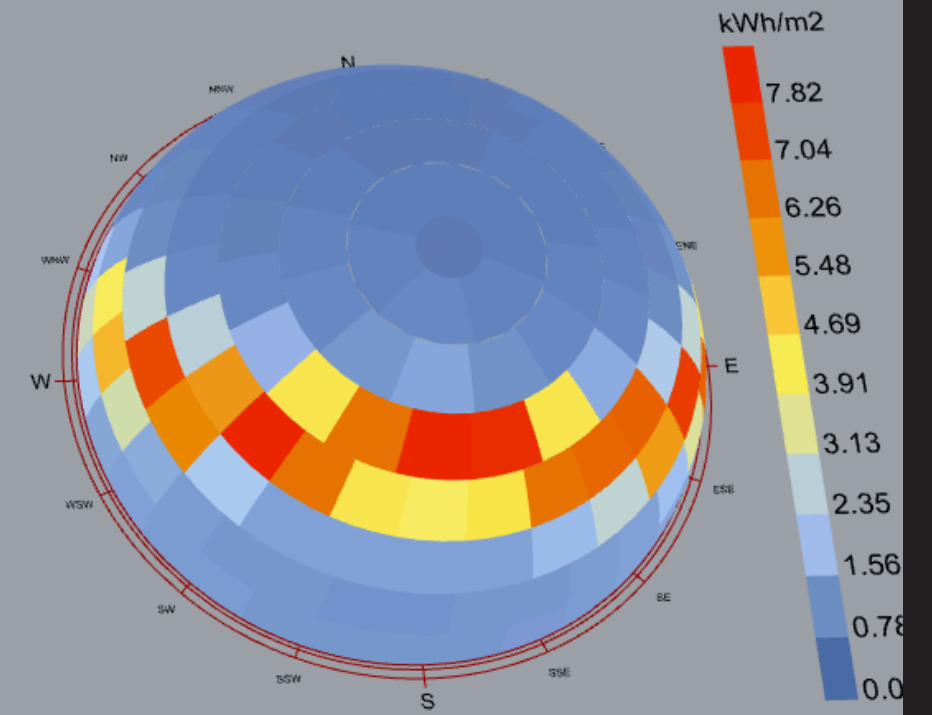




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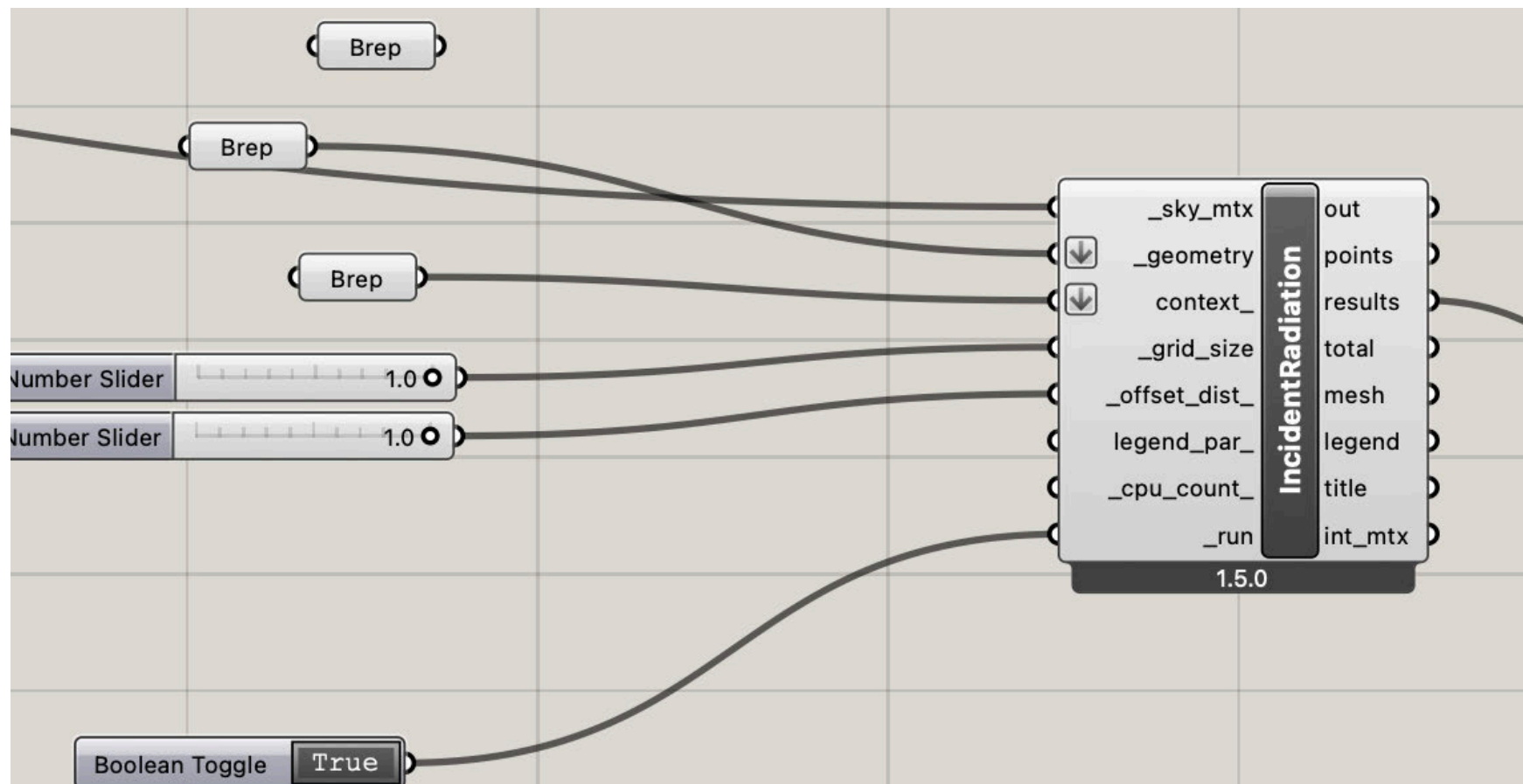
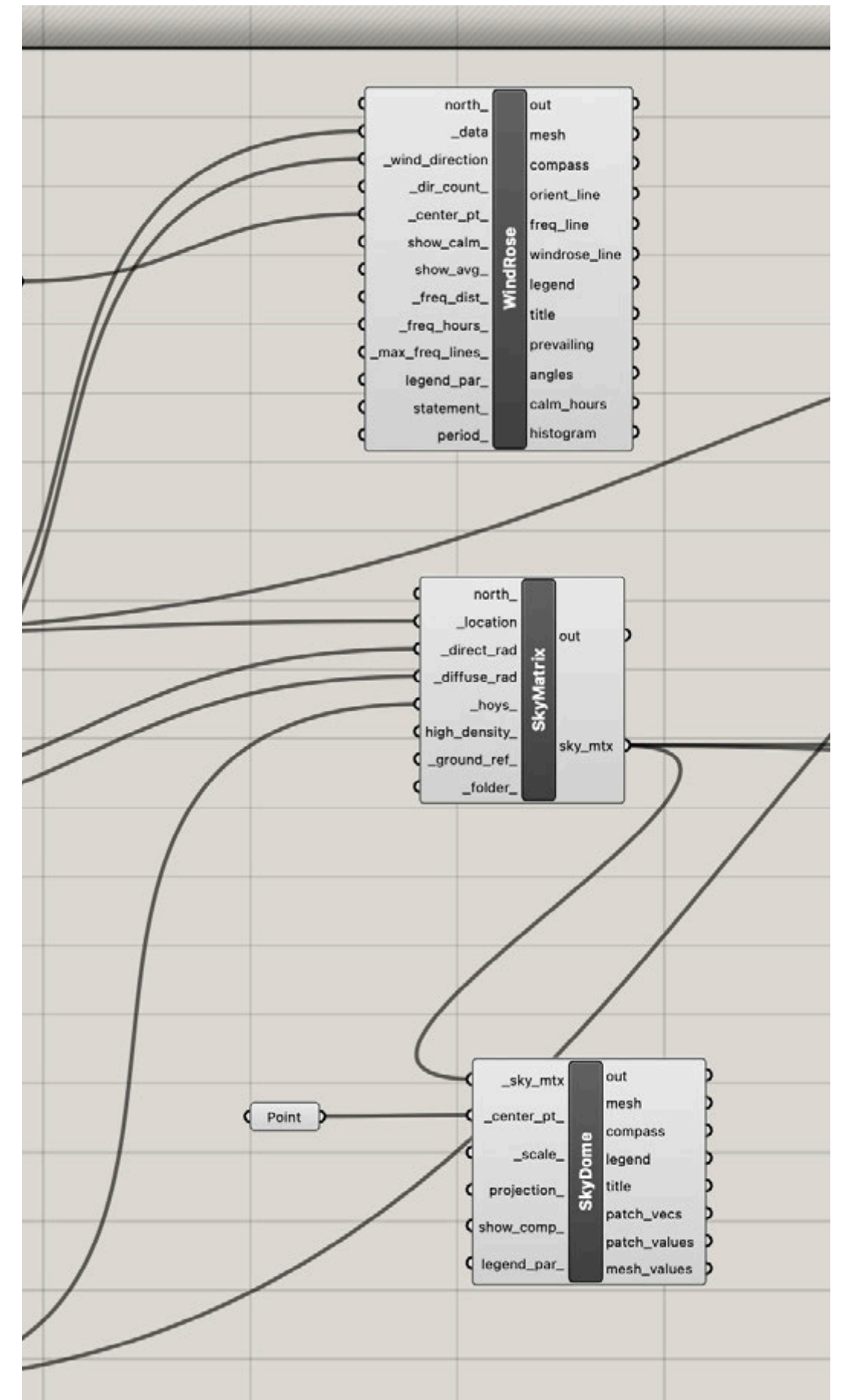
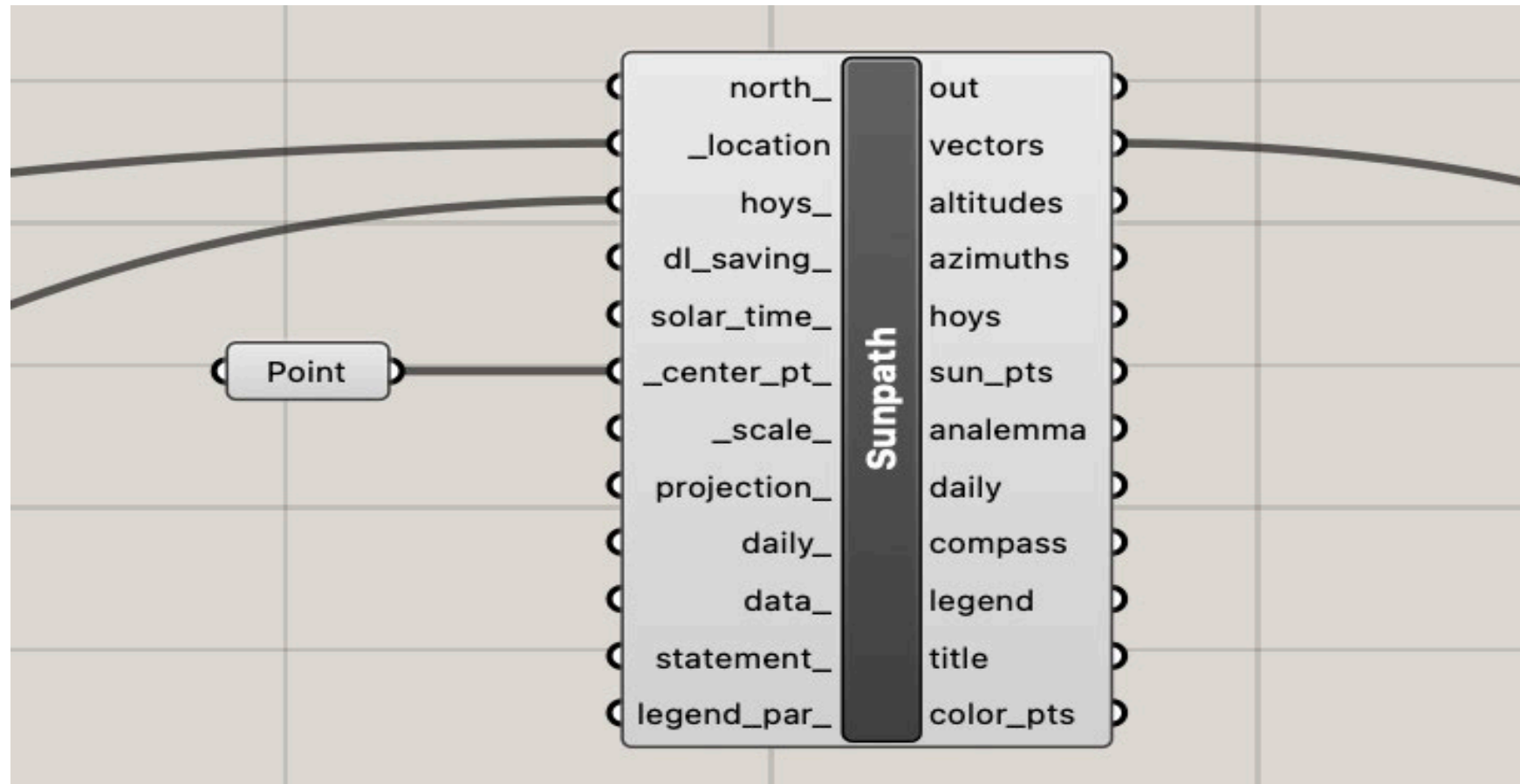


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Total Radiation  
 01 Aug 00:00 - 31 Aug 23:00  
 time-zone : 0.0  
 city : Bristol.Wea.Ctr  
 country : GBR  
 source : SRC-TMYx







Perspective



No data was collected.

### Galapagos Editor

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Start Solver Stop Solver

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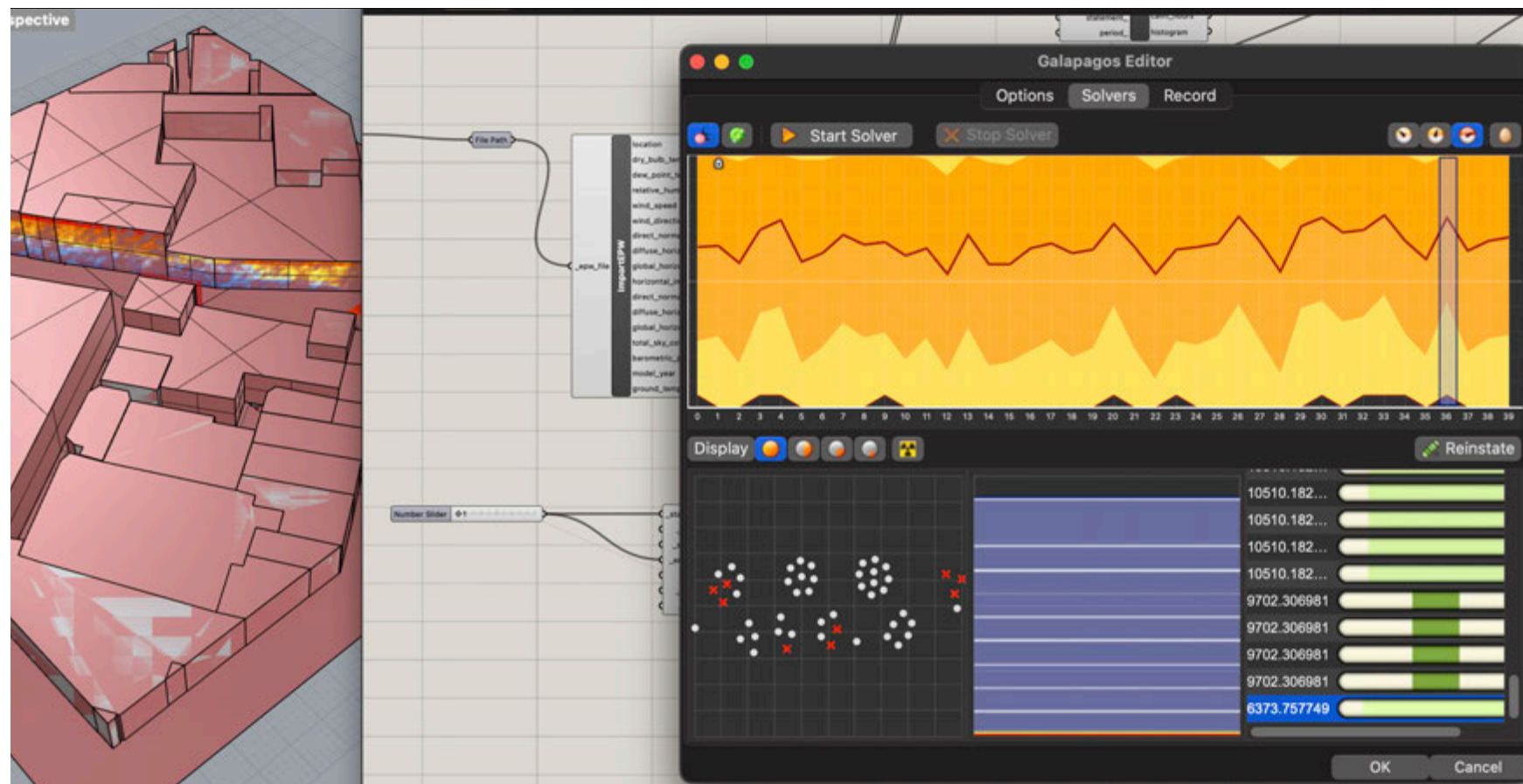
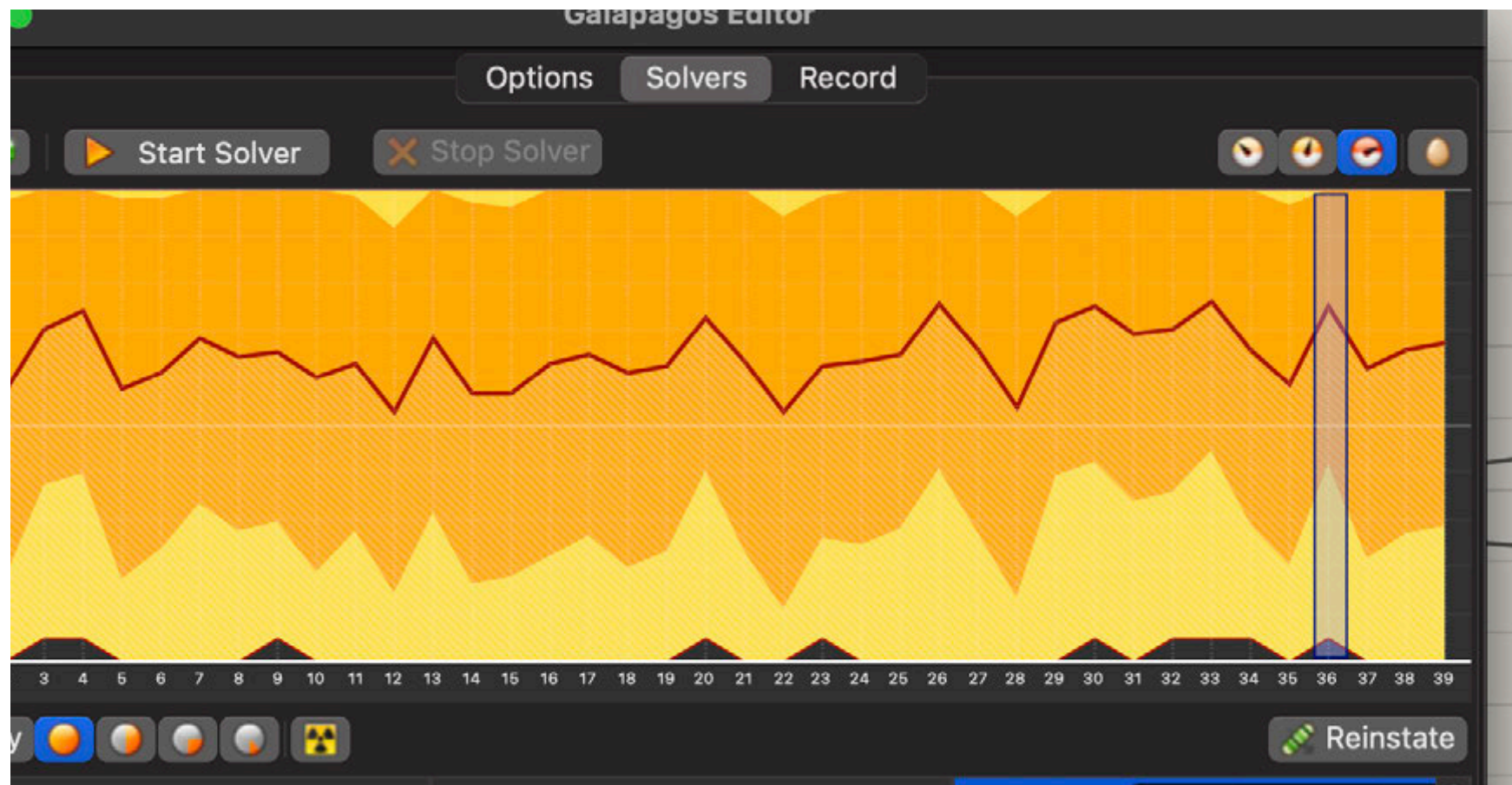
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OK Cancel

The Galapagos Editor window is a dark-themed interface. It features a title bar with standard macOS window controls. Below the title bar are three tabs: 'Options', 'Solvers', and 'Record'. The 'Solvers' tab is active. The main area contains a 'Start Solver' button (a play icon) and a 'Stop Solver' button (a red X icon). Below these buttons is a line graph with a purple line fluctuating over a yellow background. The x-axis is labeled with integers from 0 to 8. Below the graph is a 'Display' section with several icons, including a radiation symbol. To the right of the graph is a 'Reinstate' button. The bottom section of the window displays a list of numerical values, each followed by a horizontal progress bar. The values range from 32602.287 to 32358.242. At the bottom right are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.





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