

A MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULING FOR RIGGING SHIP-HULL BLOCKS WITH PIPES

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2. Expression of the Pipes
3. Pipe Assembly Order
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Background

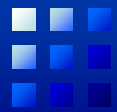
- In the precedence rigging of shipbuilding, most of the man-hour of rigging consists of piping work.
- About 1,000 pipes only in an engine room
- The assembly order is decided by skilled workers.
- The period of assembly : about six days

When all pipes are set in the same place...



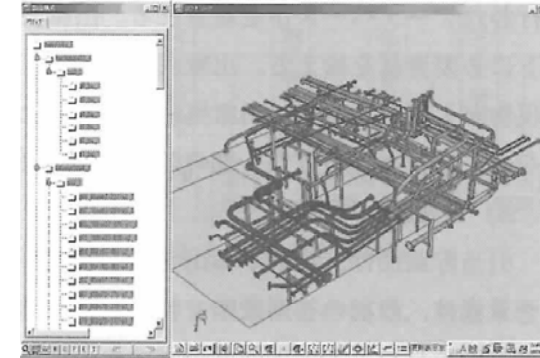
- ⊖ **Wide space** needed
- ⊖ Taking **long time** to find objective pipes



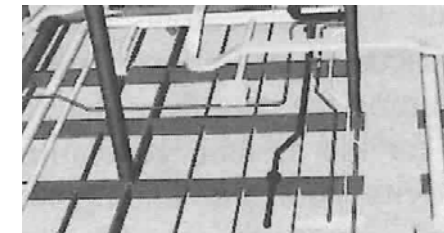


Related Works

- An assembly simulation system (Y Okumoto, 2009)
 - Very standard method
 - Confirming procedure of installation with animation



- Automatic scheduling system of outfitting process planning (Y Wei and U Nienhuis, 2009)
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 - Components' position, material, weight, ... is considered.
 - Deciding pipe assembly order automatically

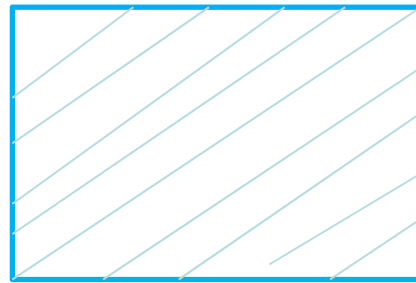


Our System: dividing the pipes into several groups automatically

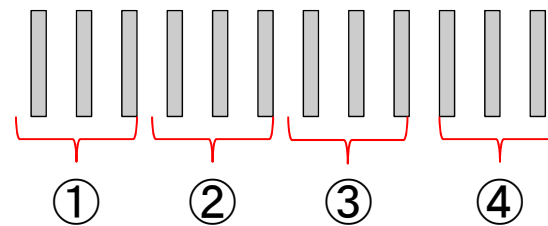


Purpose

- Dividing the pipes into several groups automatically assembly order depends on the period of the piping works



Temporary space



- Distributing pipes which assembly in one or two days at temporary space placed pipes



To reduce the burden of workers
To reduce temporary space which placed pipes



Pipe Data

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Main pipe

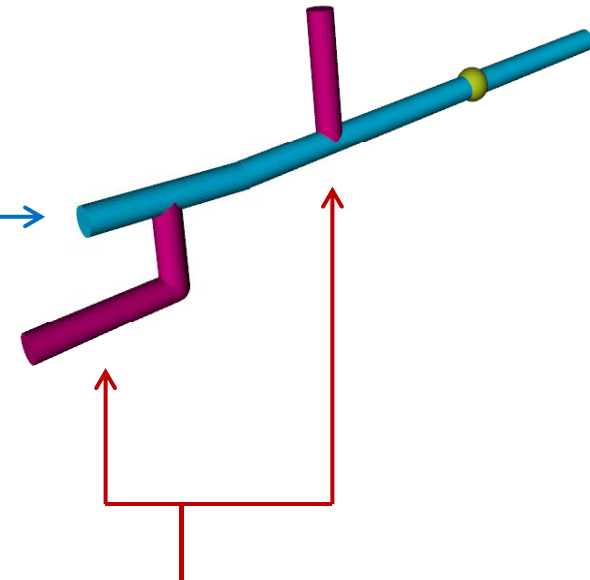
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Branch pipe

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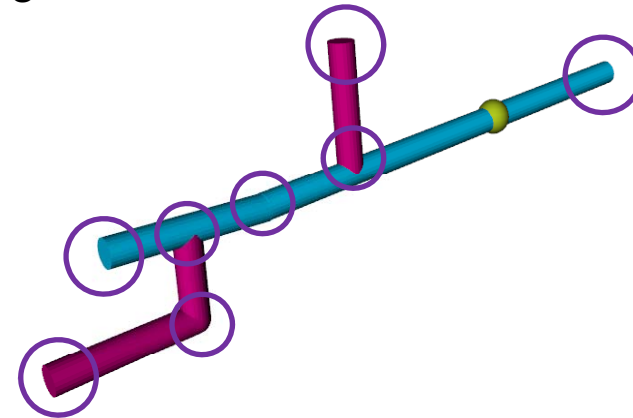
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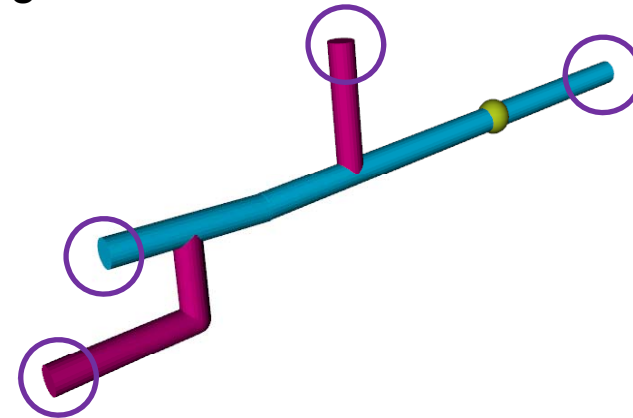
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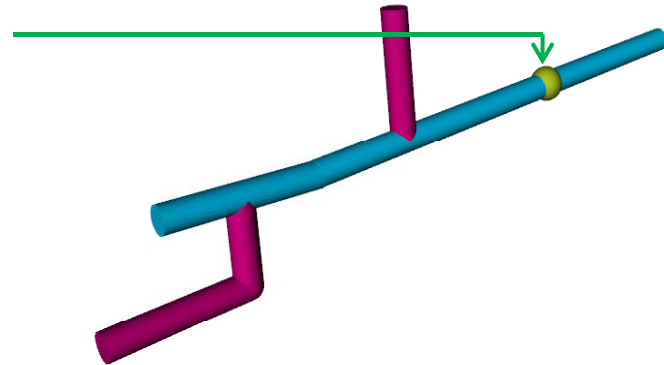
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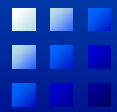
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Pipe Data

The type of penetration

- **Tight hole penetration** or **loose hole penetration**

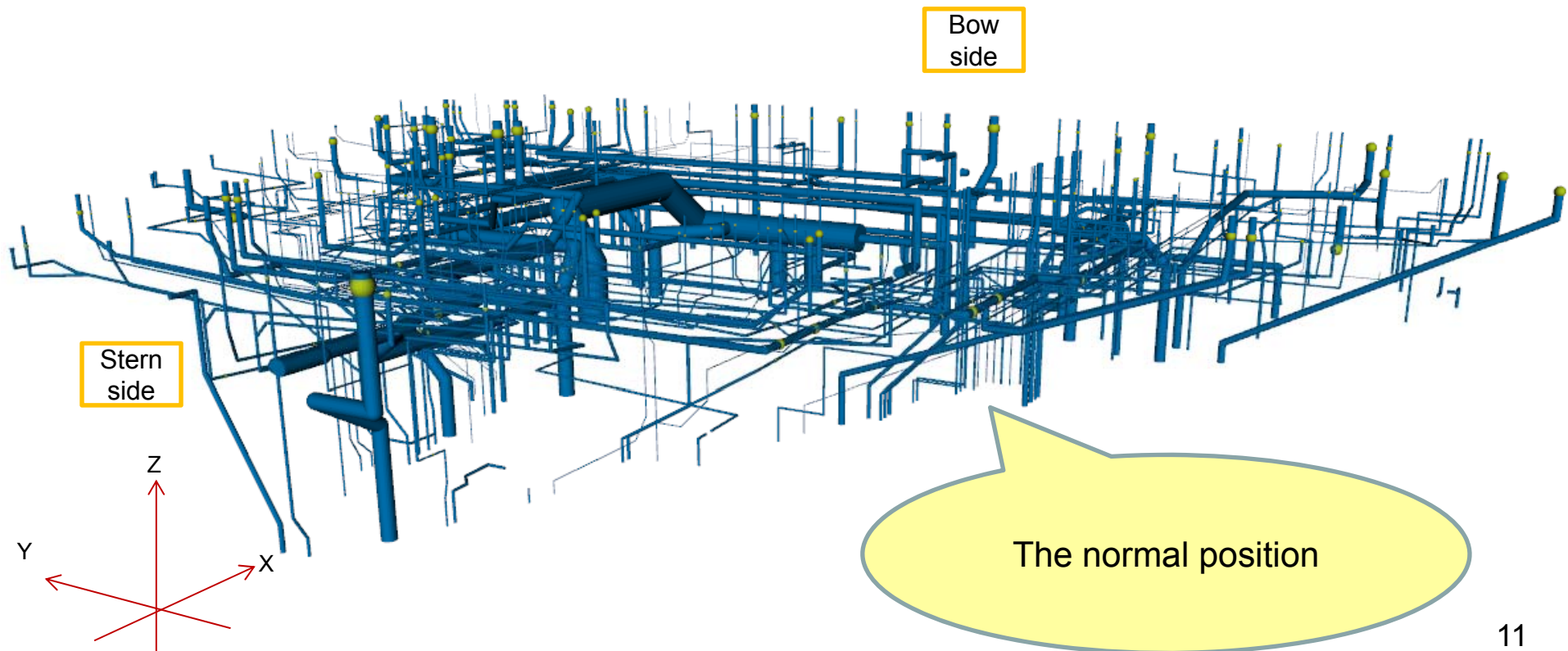
- penetrating sleeves
- pass through sleeves
- socket with inside screw
- scuppers
- side deep deck pieces
- doubling plates
- high pressure pipe penetration pieces
- focus points of tight hole penetration
- focus points of loose hole penetration





3D-Expression of the Pipes

- To understand pipes' information visually
- Data converter that loads pipes' data and generates X3D file
- X3D files are available with X3D viewer for free (e.g. Flux Player).



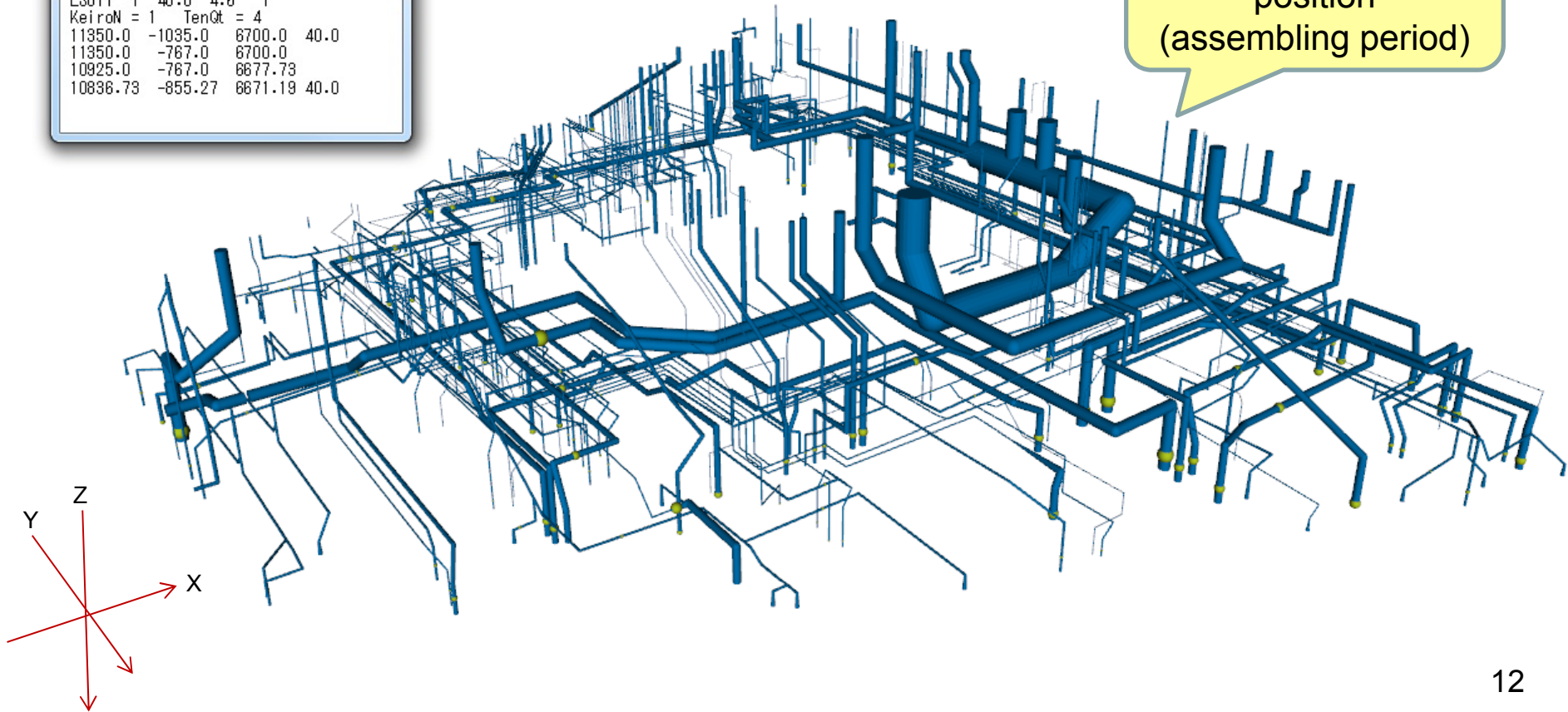


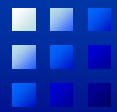
3D-Expression of the Pipes

function : Displaying the data of the pipe on which is clicked on the screen

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PipeN = 2
LS011 1 40.0 4.6 1
KeiroN = 1 TenQt = 4
11350.0 -1035.0 6700.0 40.0
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10925.0 -767.0 6677.73
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Upside-down position
(assembling period)



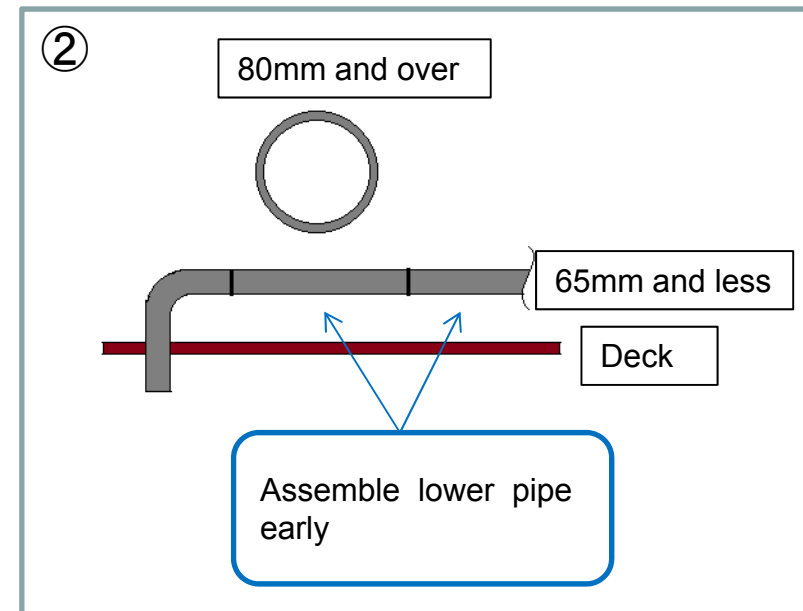


Pipe Assembly Order

it is difficult to decide detailed assembly order...

Priority

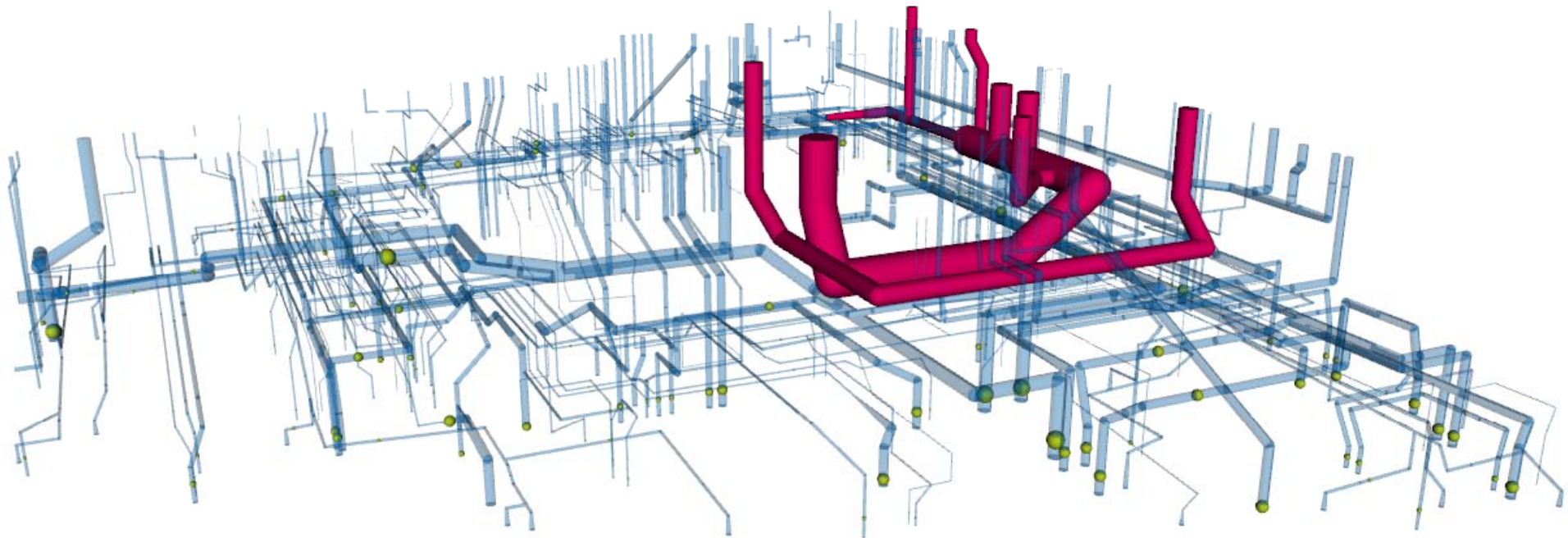
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Distribution Plan (Model Ship A)

- 250 mm and over pipes (red ones)



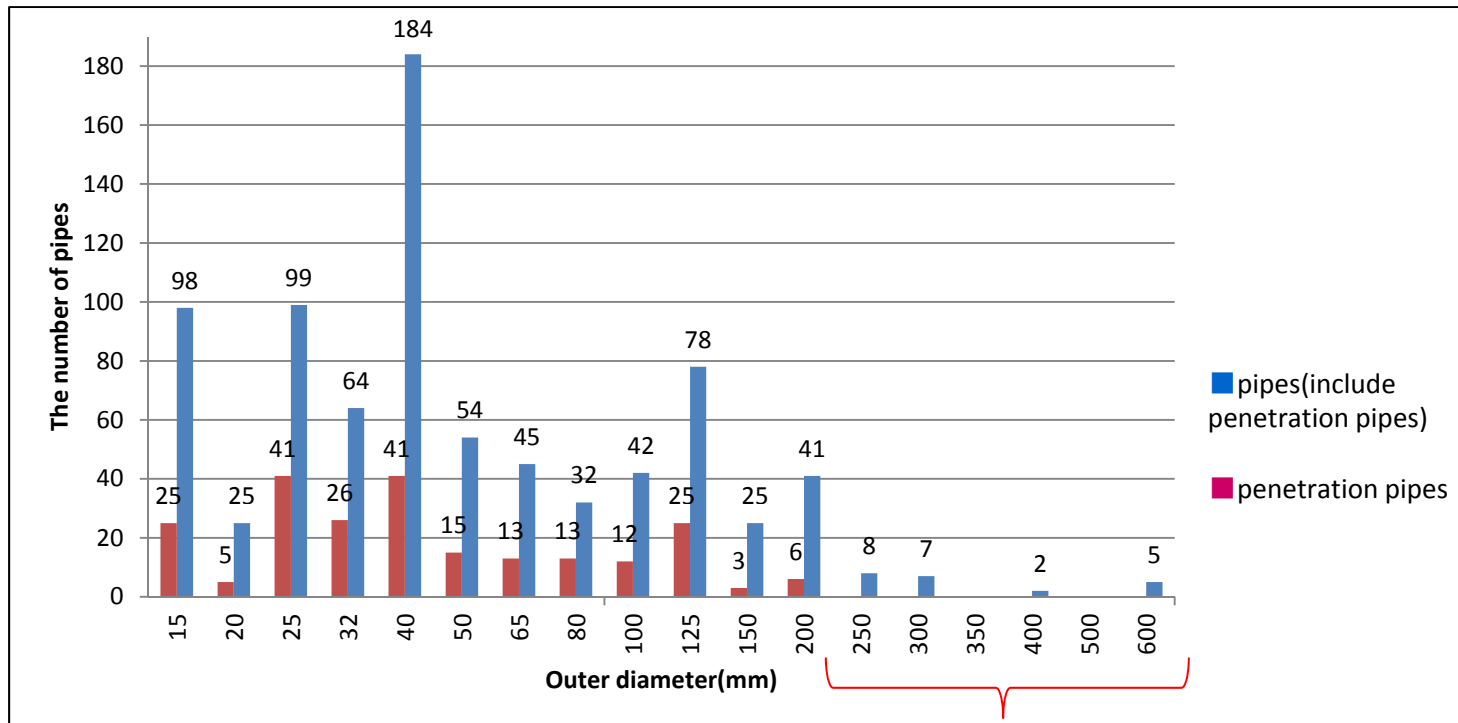
250 mm and over pipes later

→ Positioned high place, the pipes are assembled last
These pipes distributed different space from other pipes



Analyzing of Pipes

- Model ship A
The number of pipes by diameter



250mm and over pipes: **22** (2.7% of the whole pipes)
80-200mm pipes: 218 (26.9% of the whole pipes)
65mm and less pipes: 569 (70.3% of the whole pipes)
Total of penetration pipes: **225** (27.8% of the whole pipes)



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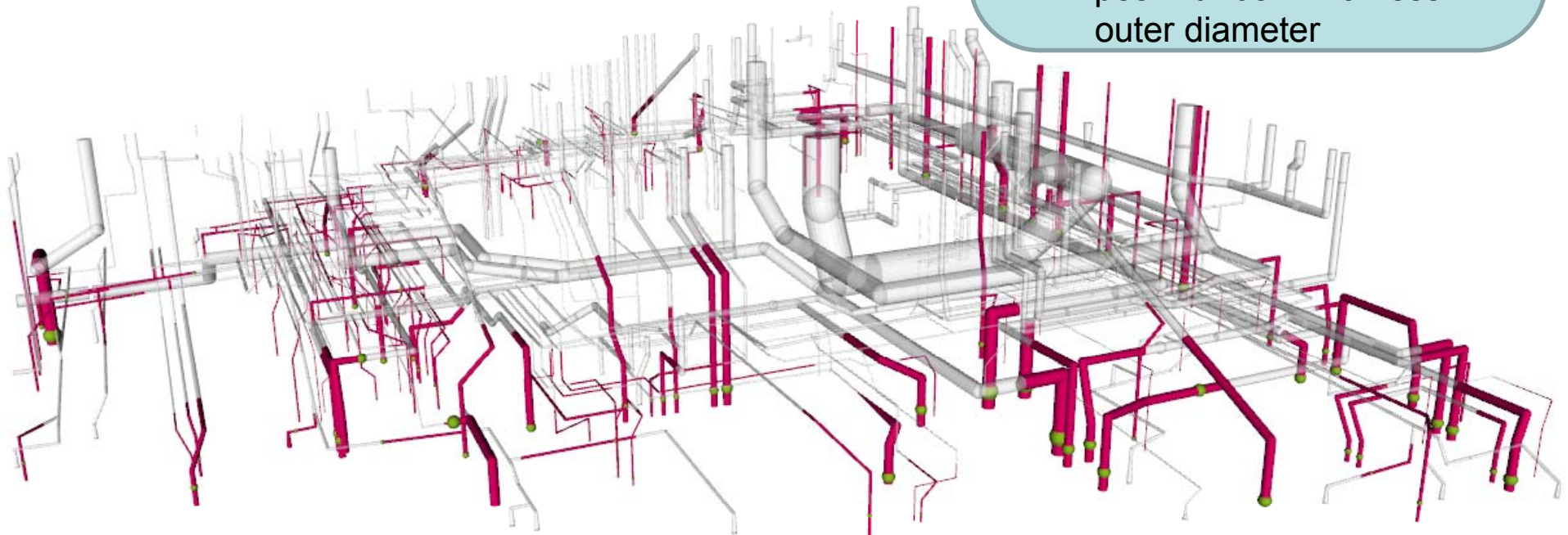
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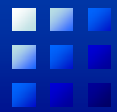
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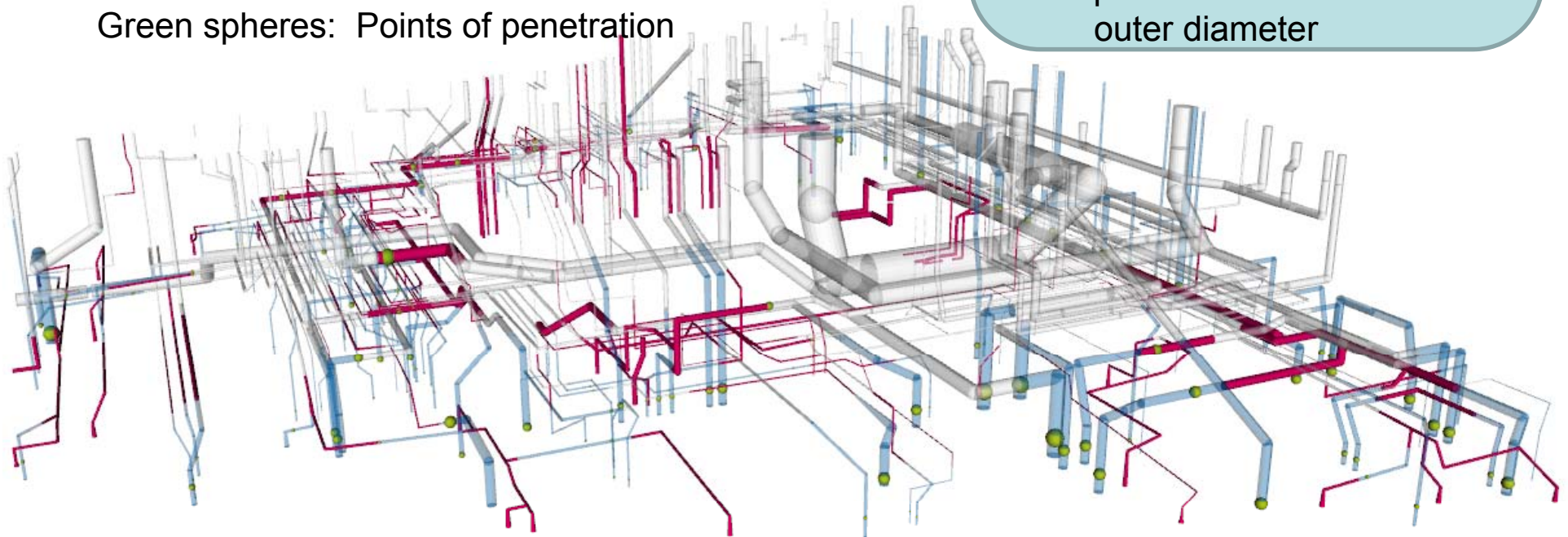
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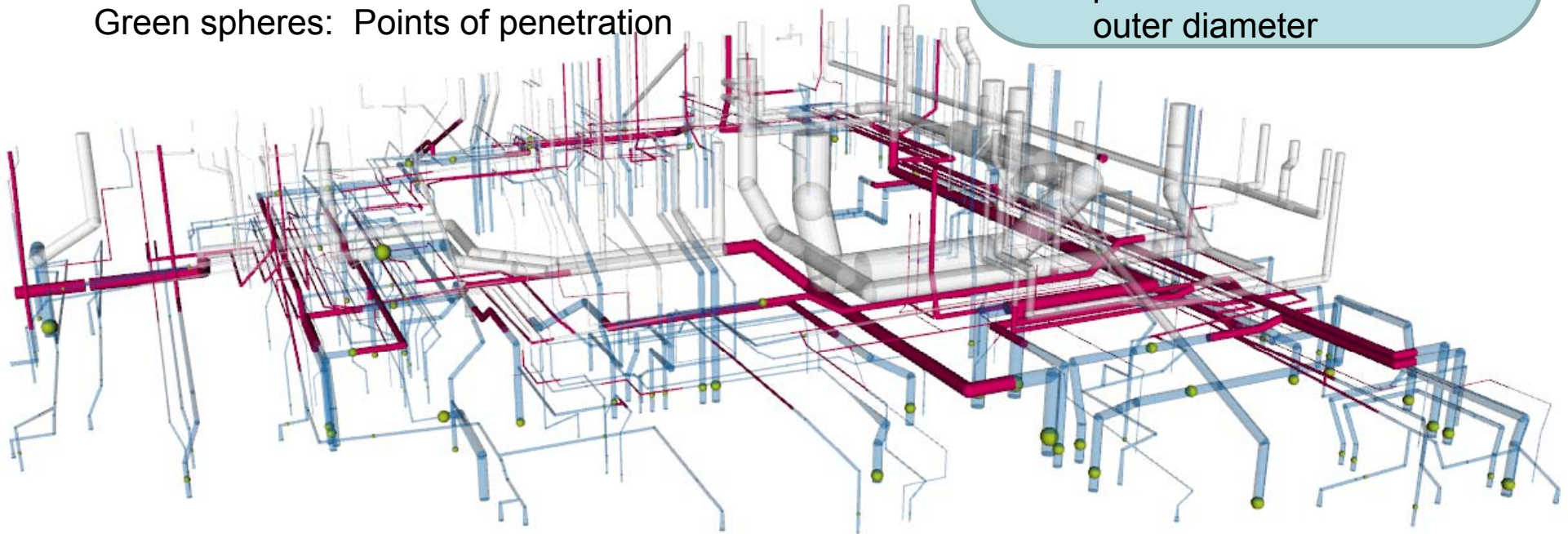
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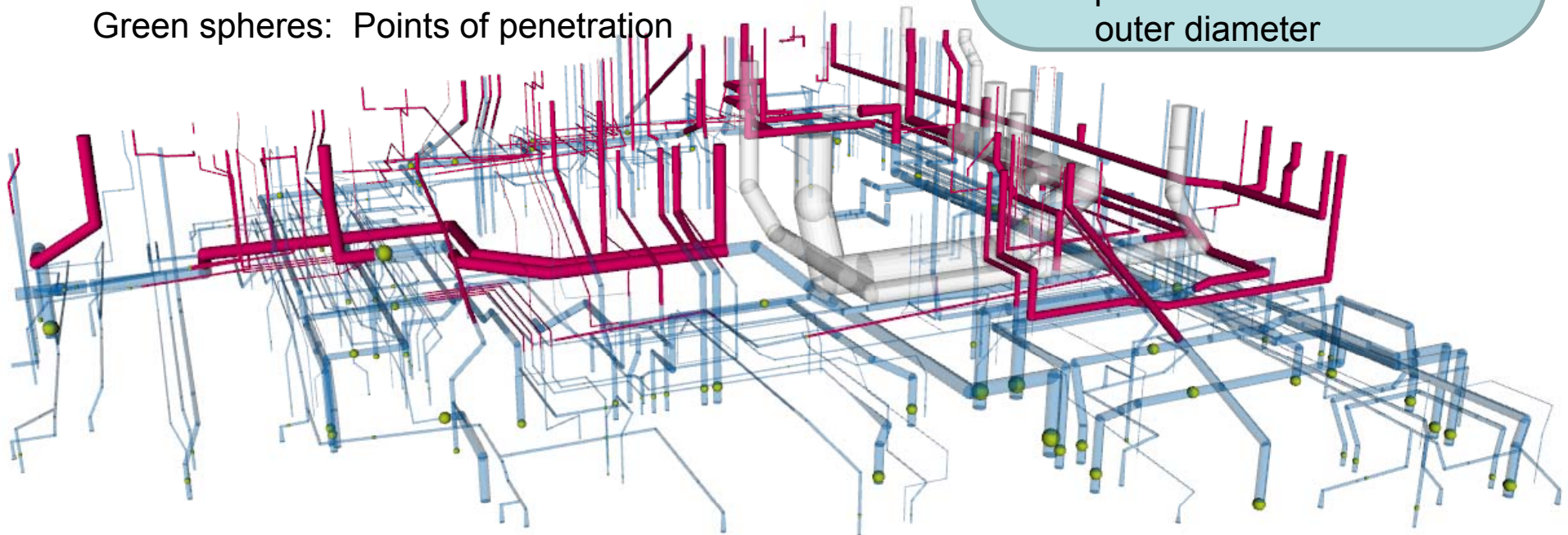
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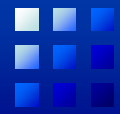
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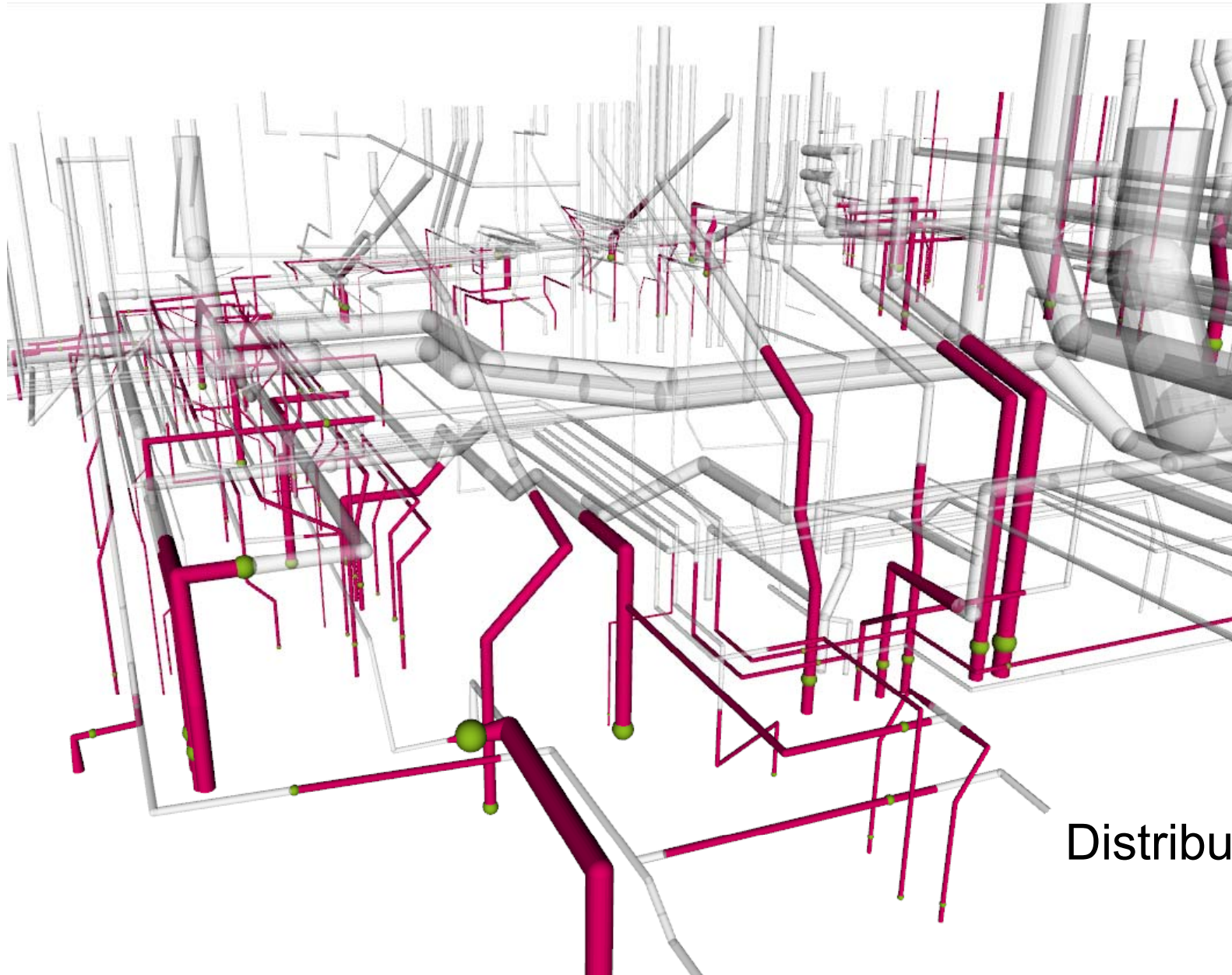
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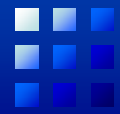




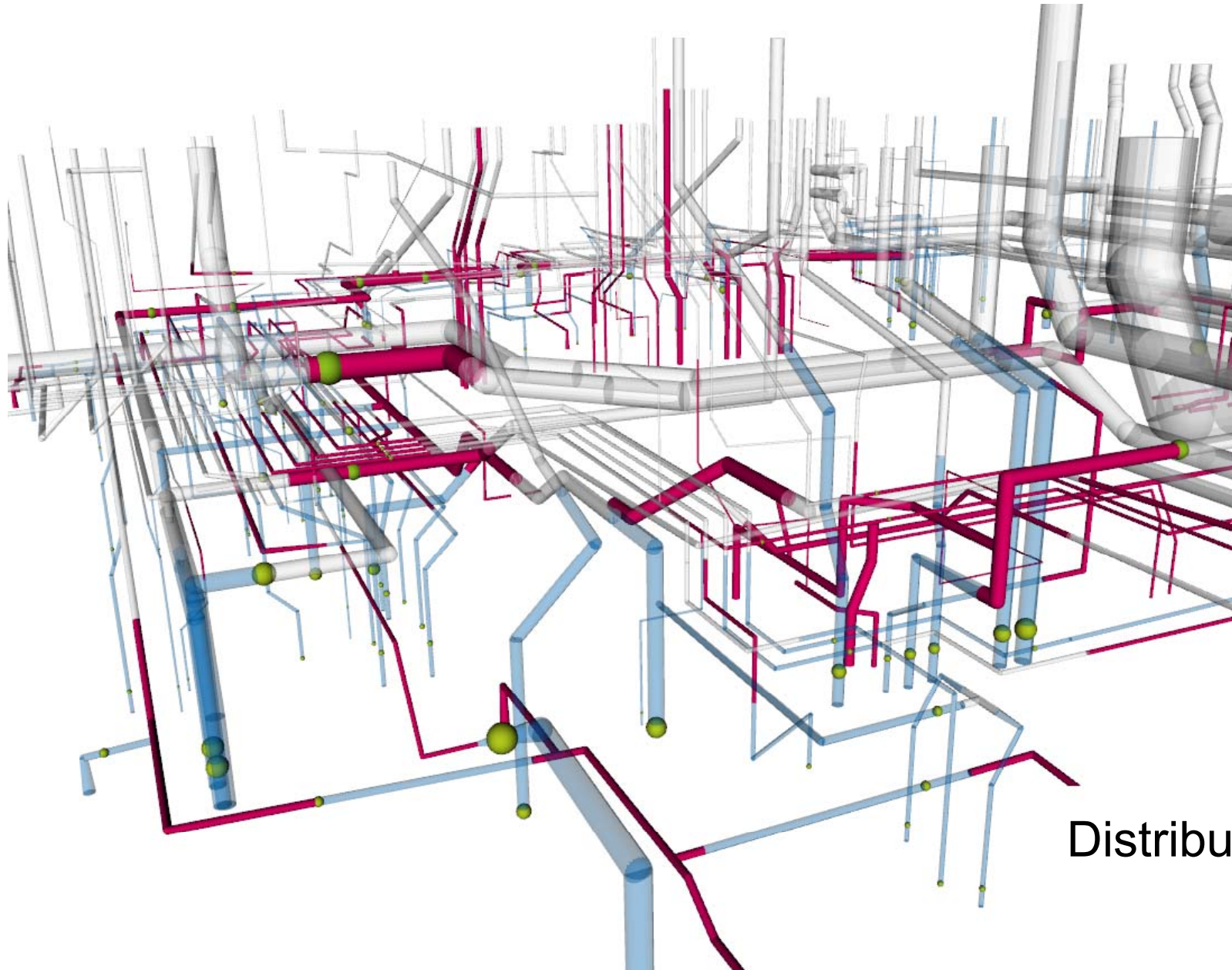
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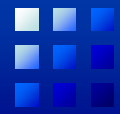
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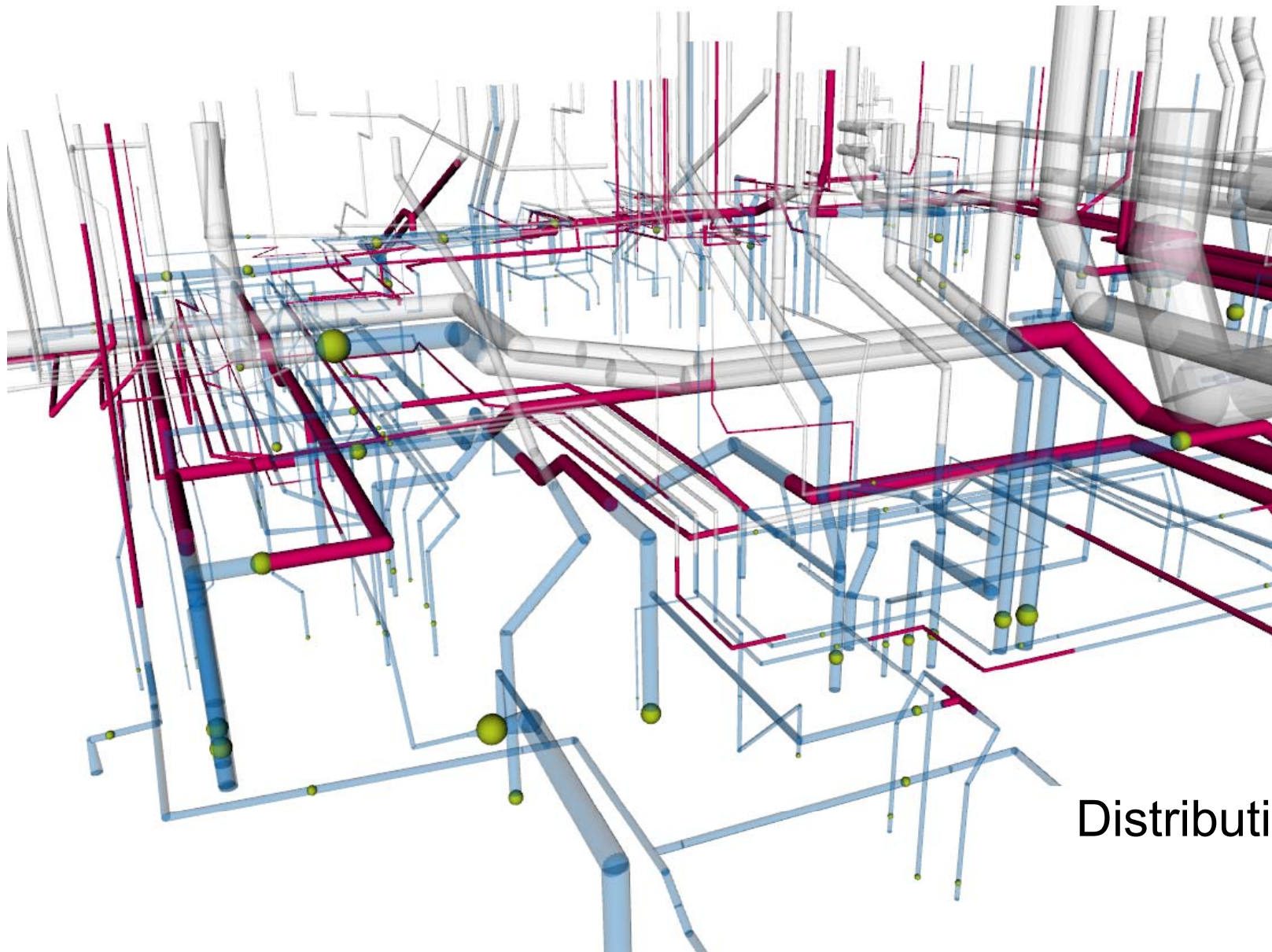
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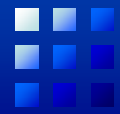
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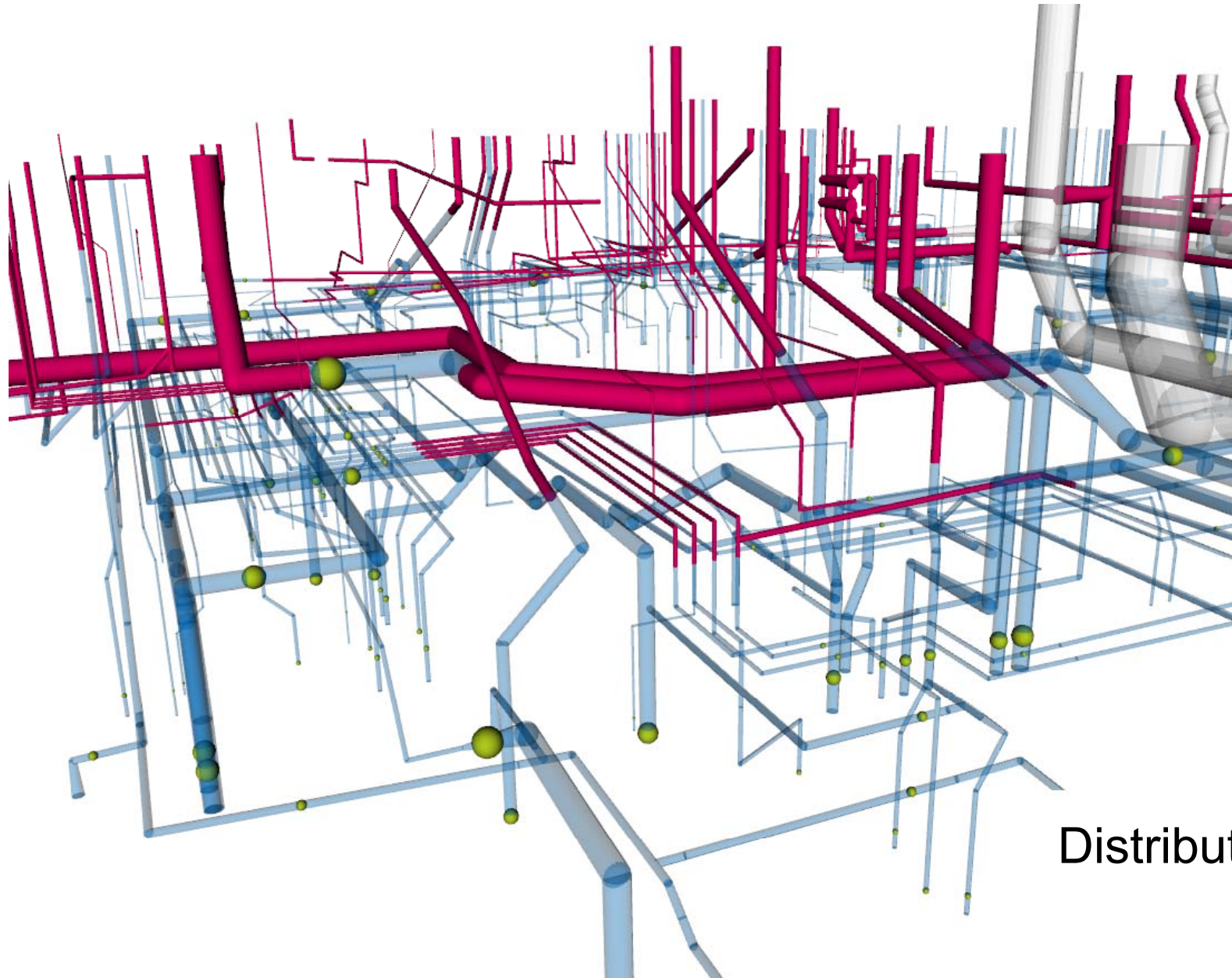
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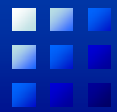
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Enlarged View of Model Ship A



Distribution: 4/4



Distribution plan(Model ship B)

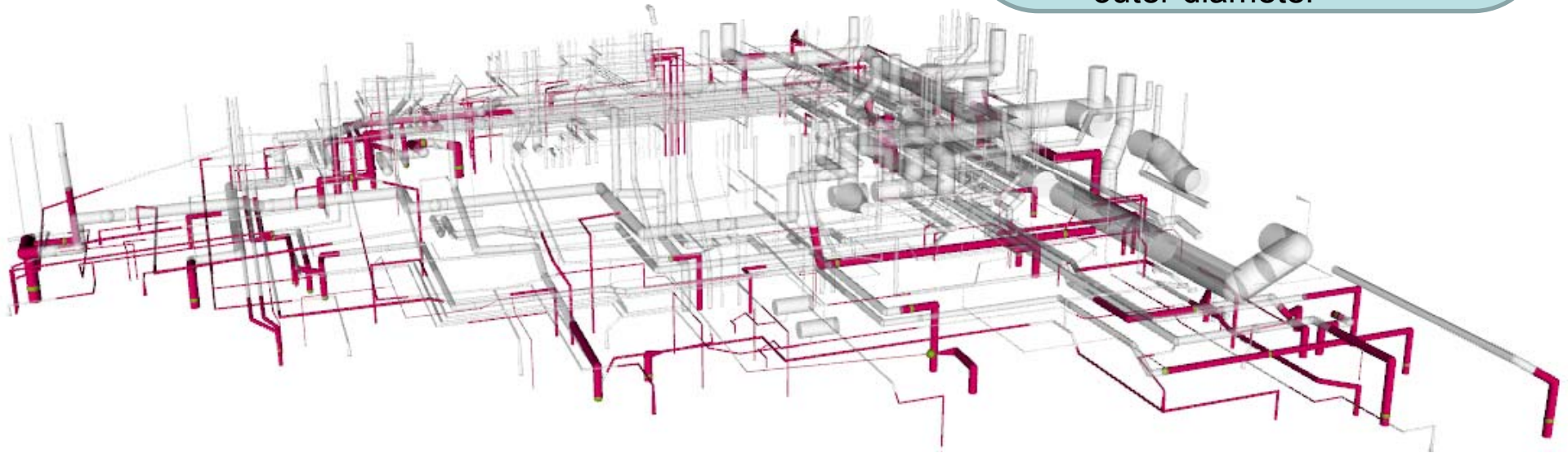
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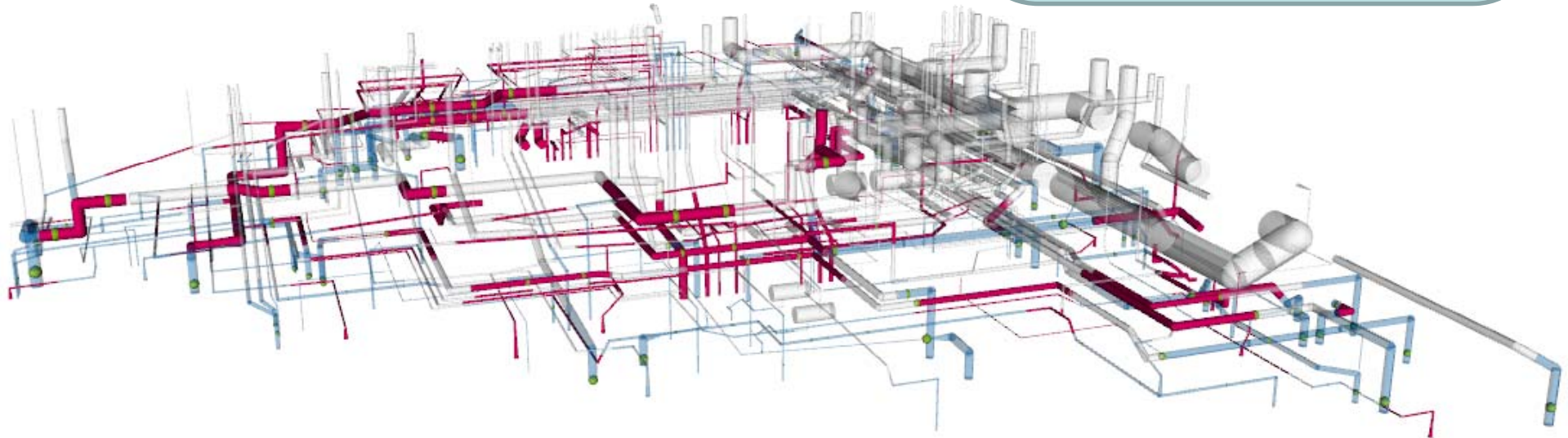
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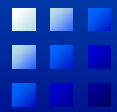
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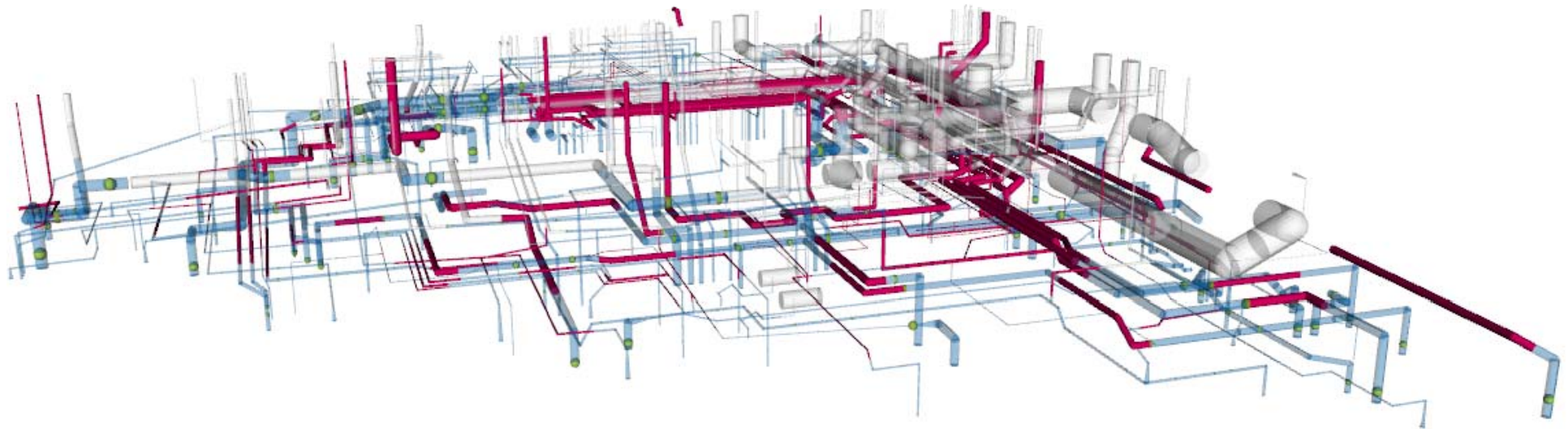
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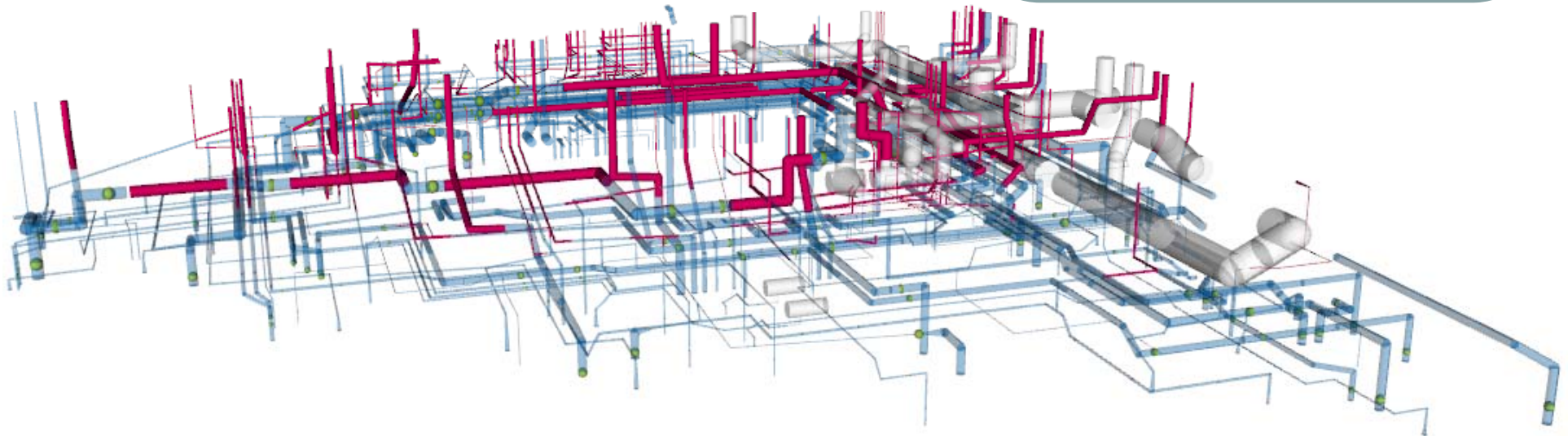
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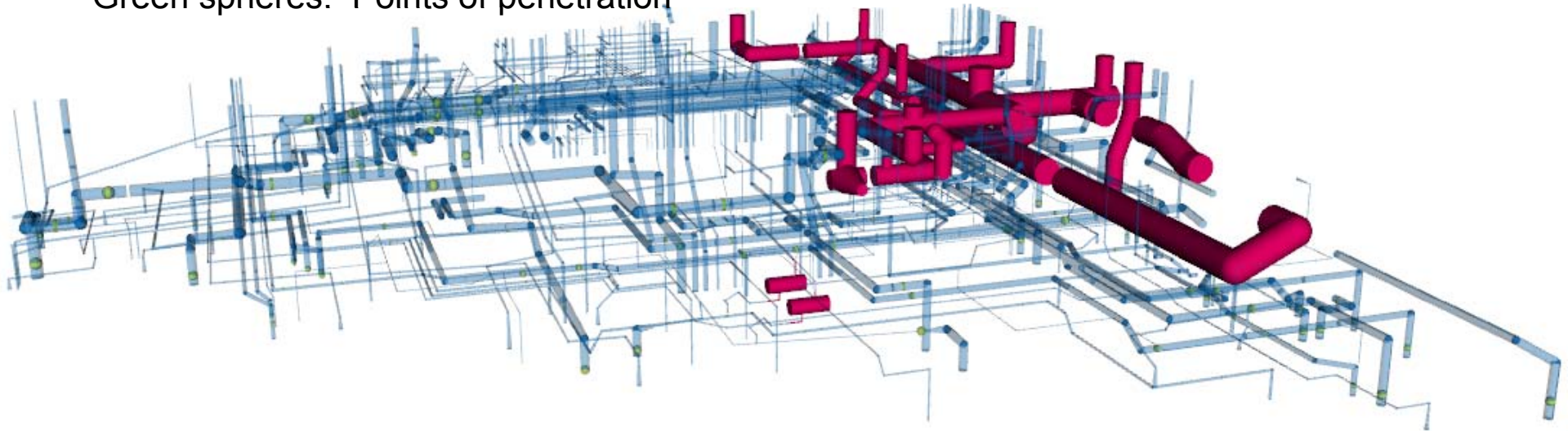
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This study's features and the evaluation

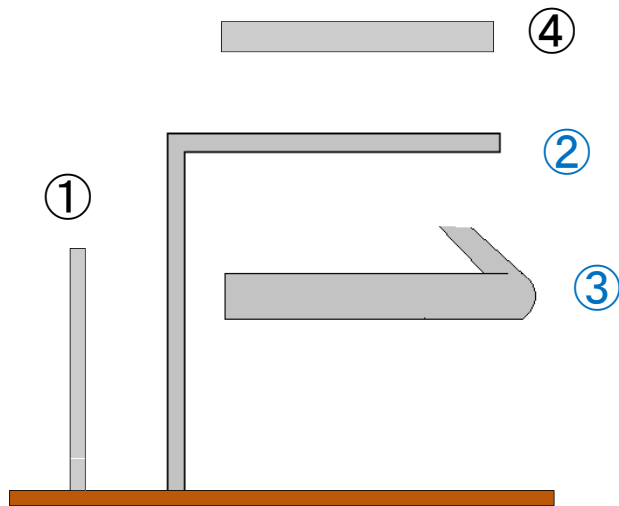
- Loading pipes' data
- Distribution according to the priority
- Generating X3D file



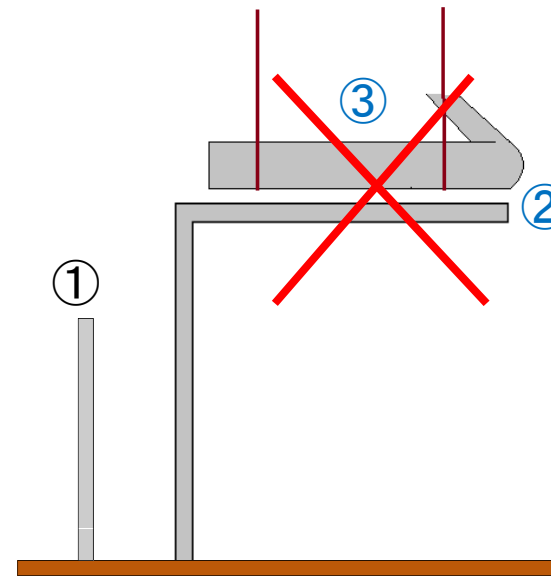
- ◆ The on-site supervisors in this shipyard comment...
 - Almost practical level
 - Preferable to use it for free
 - Trying it in practice and confirming usefulness



Interference of pipes and handling of it



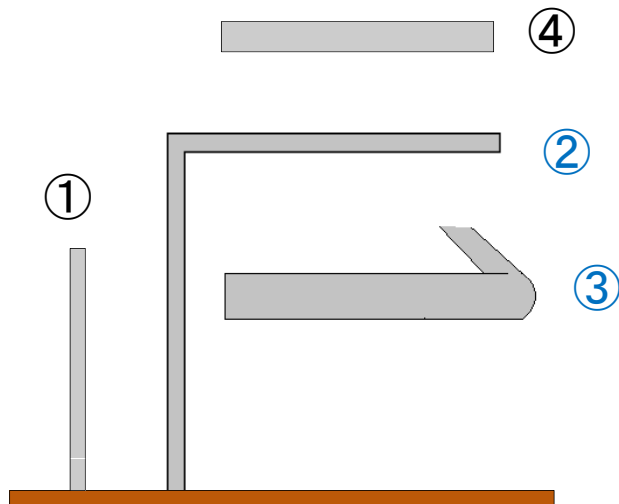
Assembly order
① → ② → ③ → ④



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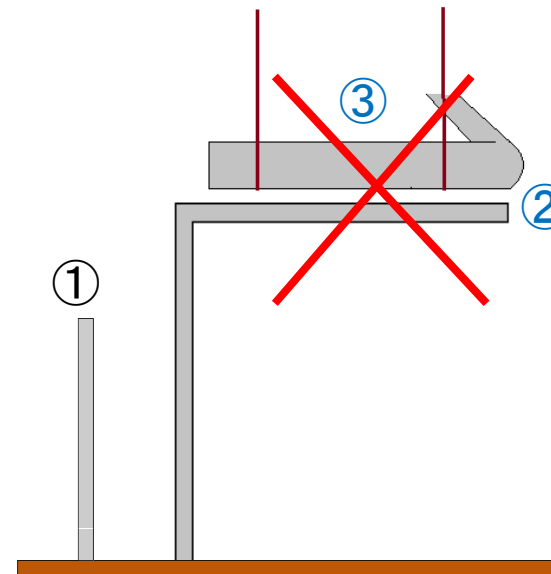


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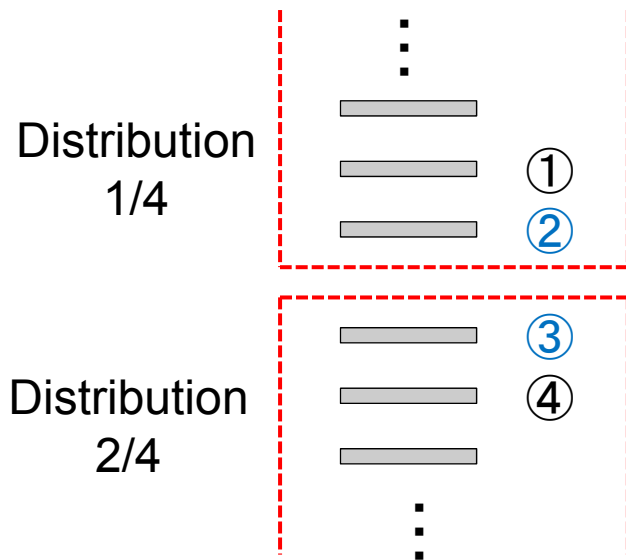


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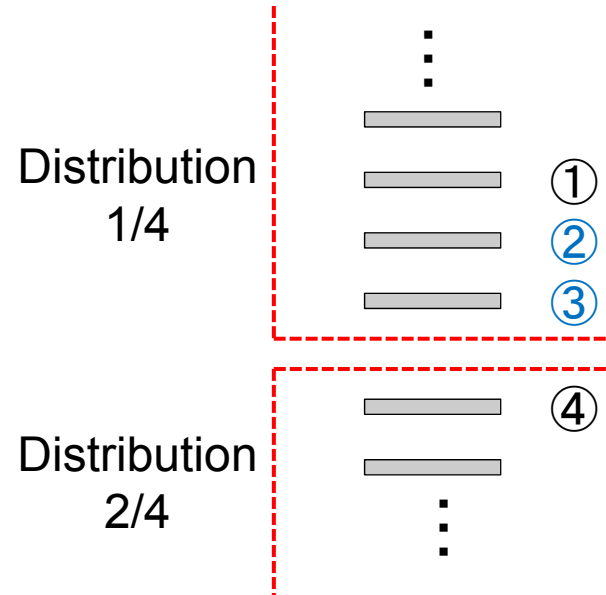
It is desirable to be possible to change order of pipe ② with that of pipe ③



Interference of pipes and handling of it



impossible to exchange ② and ③ order



possible to exchange ② and ③ order

- The pipe which it is hard to attach later have to be grouped with interfered pipes



Pipes interference check function

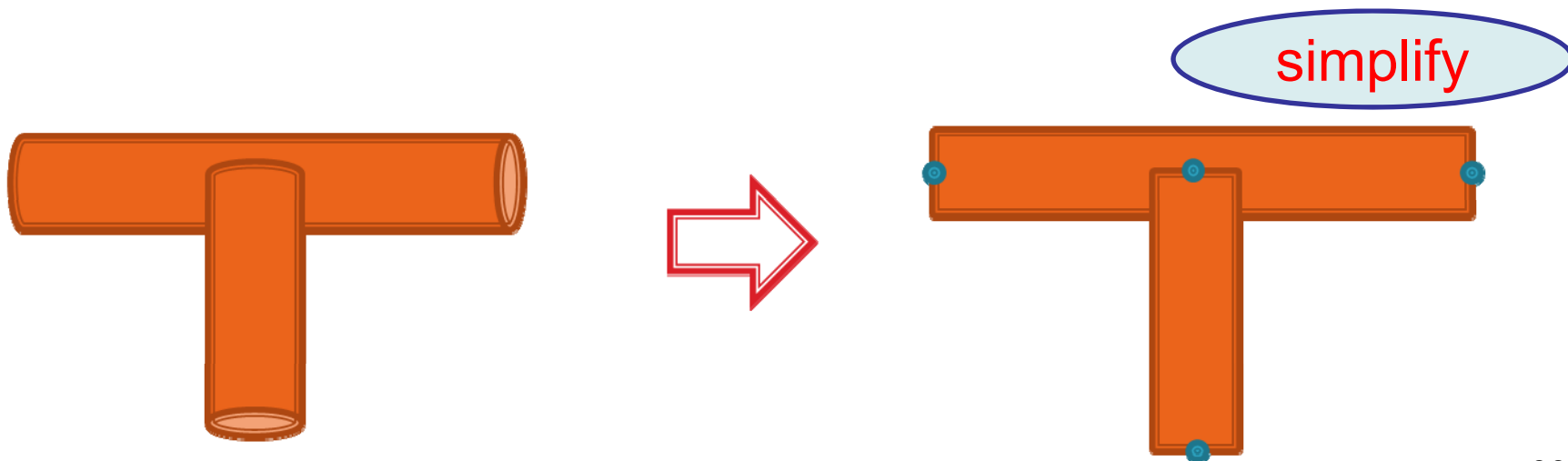
the assumption that pipes are installed by cranes

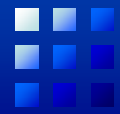


projecting pipes on the X-Y plane



- 3-D interference problem into 2-D problem
- Cylinders into rectangles



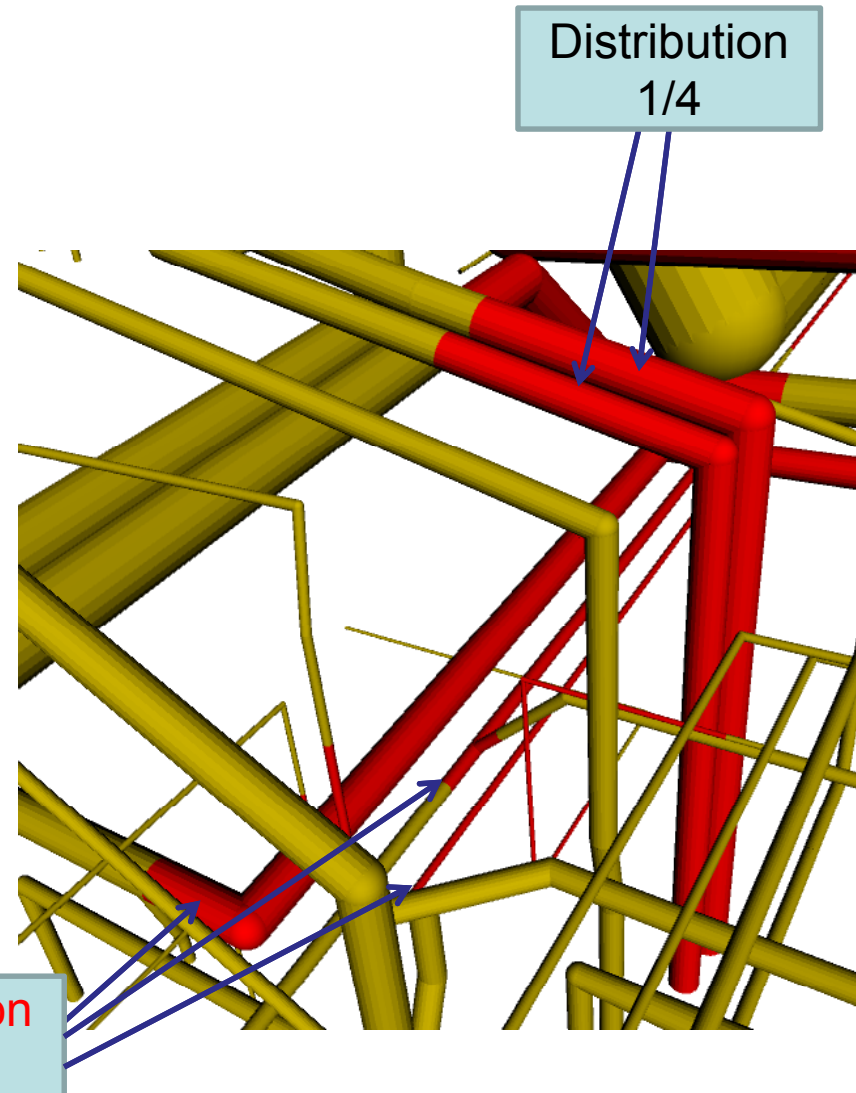


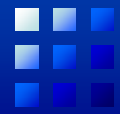
Test of this function

- Model ship A
- Red pipes are interfered
- These pipes belong to different groups...



The same group is preferable



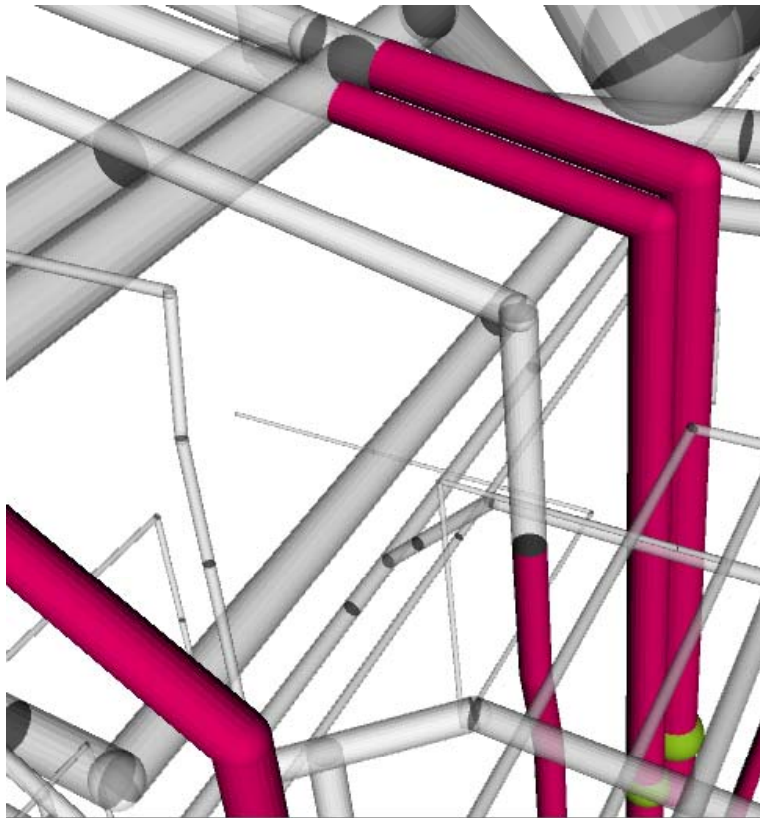


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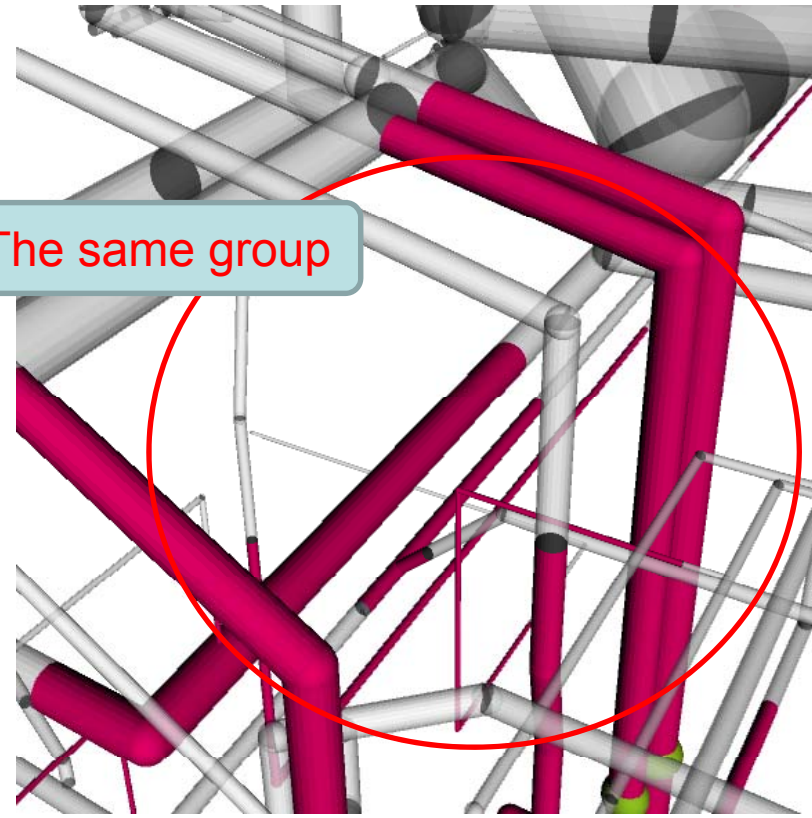
Before



after



Distribution 1/4



The same group

Distribution 1/4



An Issue of this function

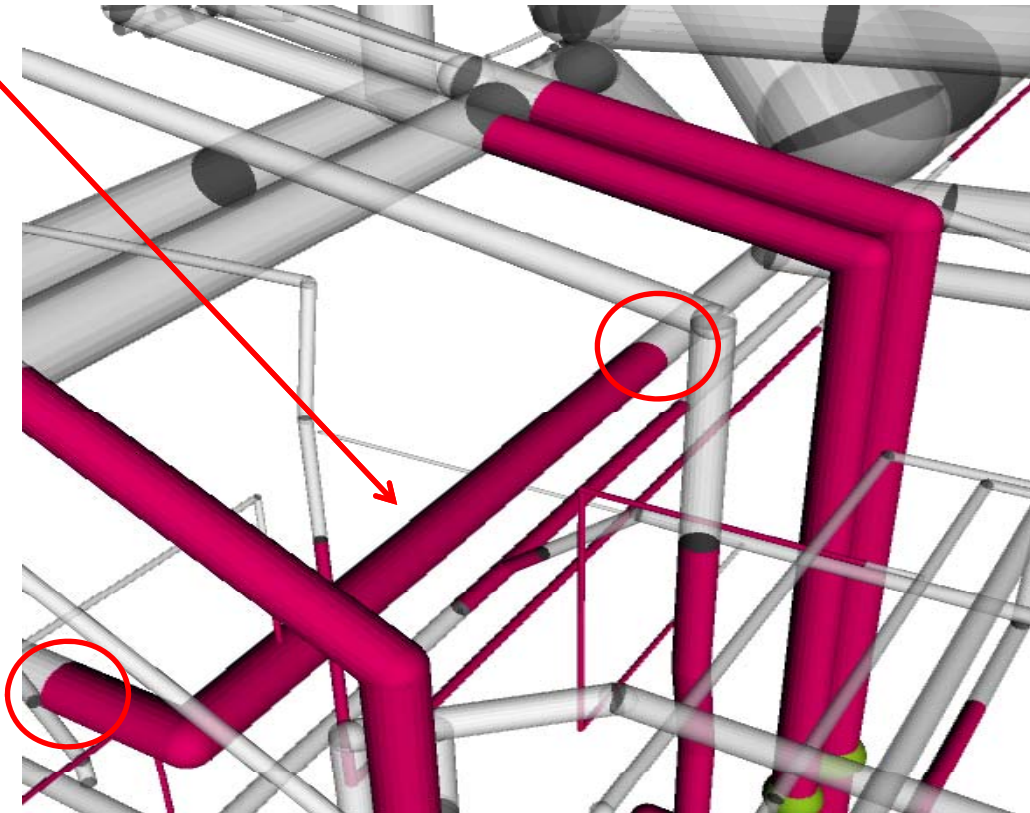
Pipes are
floating in
the air

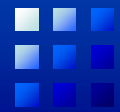


Fixed pipe group
as the same
group too



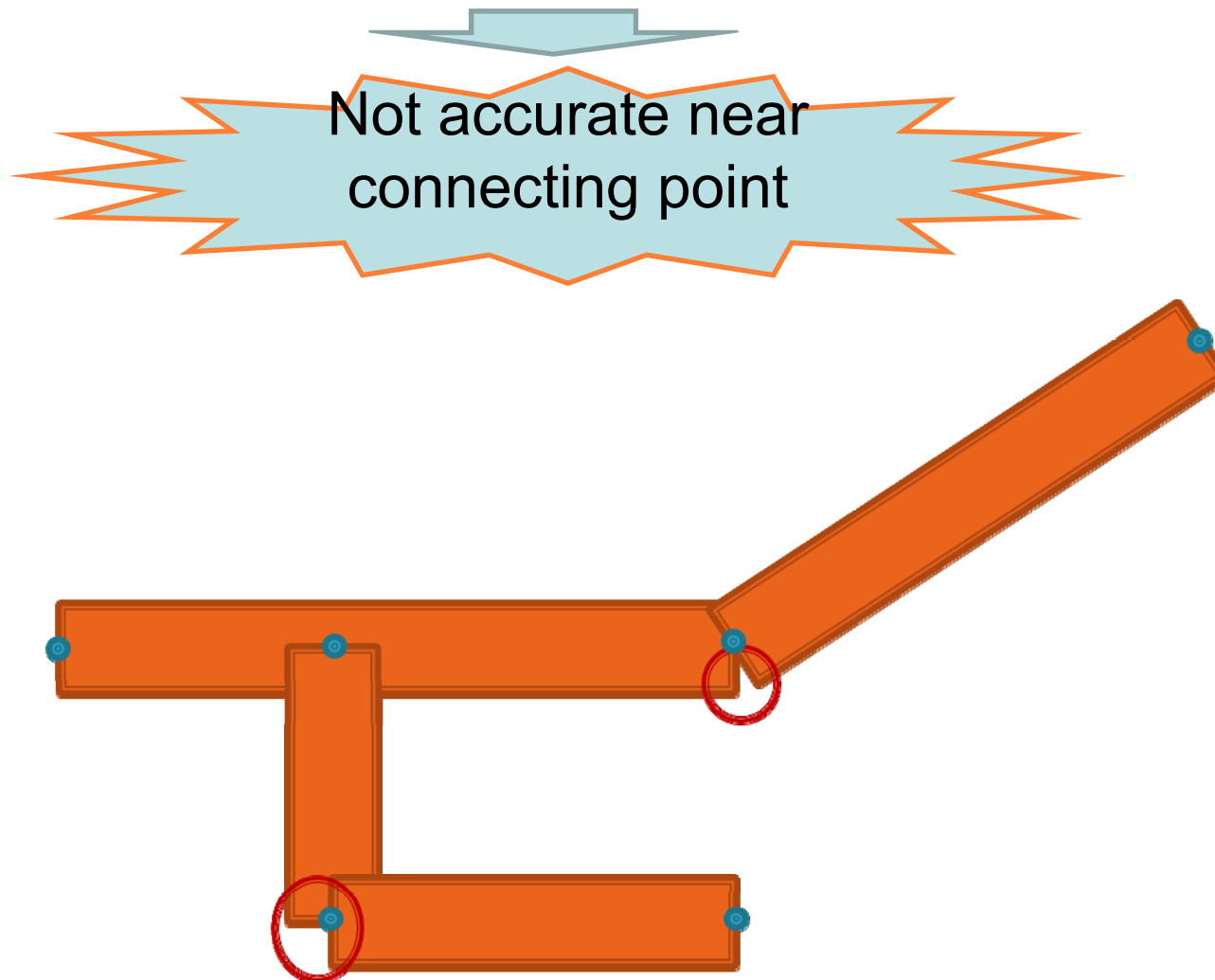
Pipe support information
is needed





Precision of approximation

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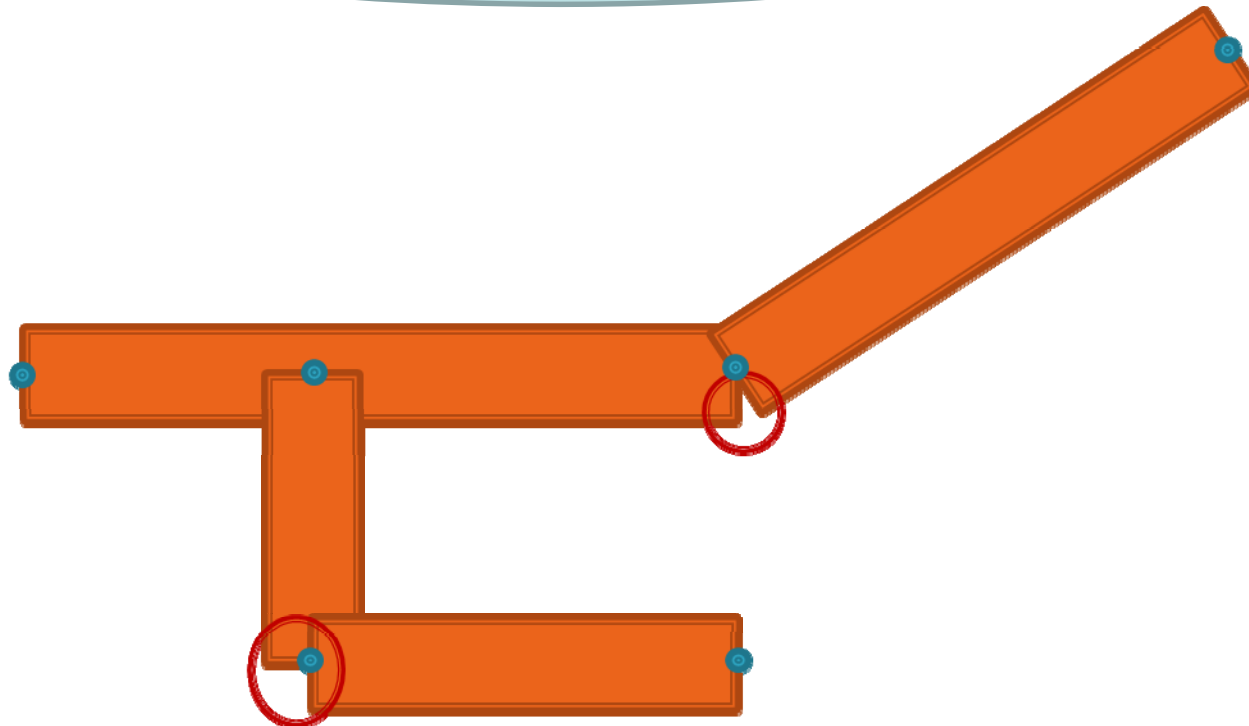


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But...

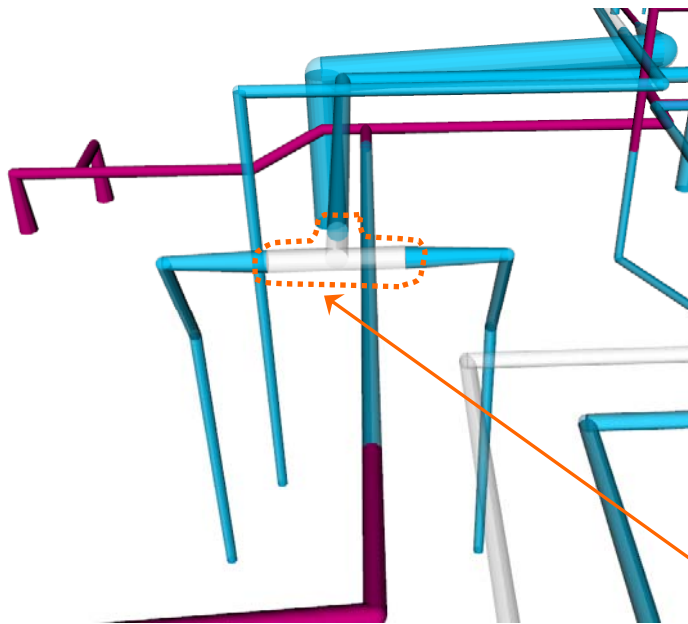
On-site workers deal with pipes are a little interfered





Discussion 1. Problem of assembly order

Figure of Distribution 2/4



Blue pipes : pipes assembled at distribution 1/4

Red pipes: pipes assembled at distribution 2/4

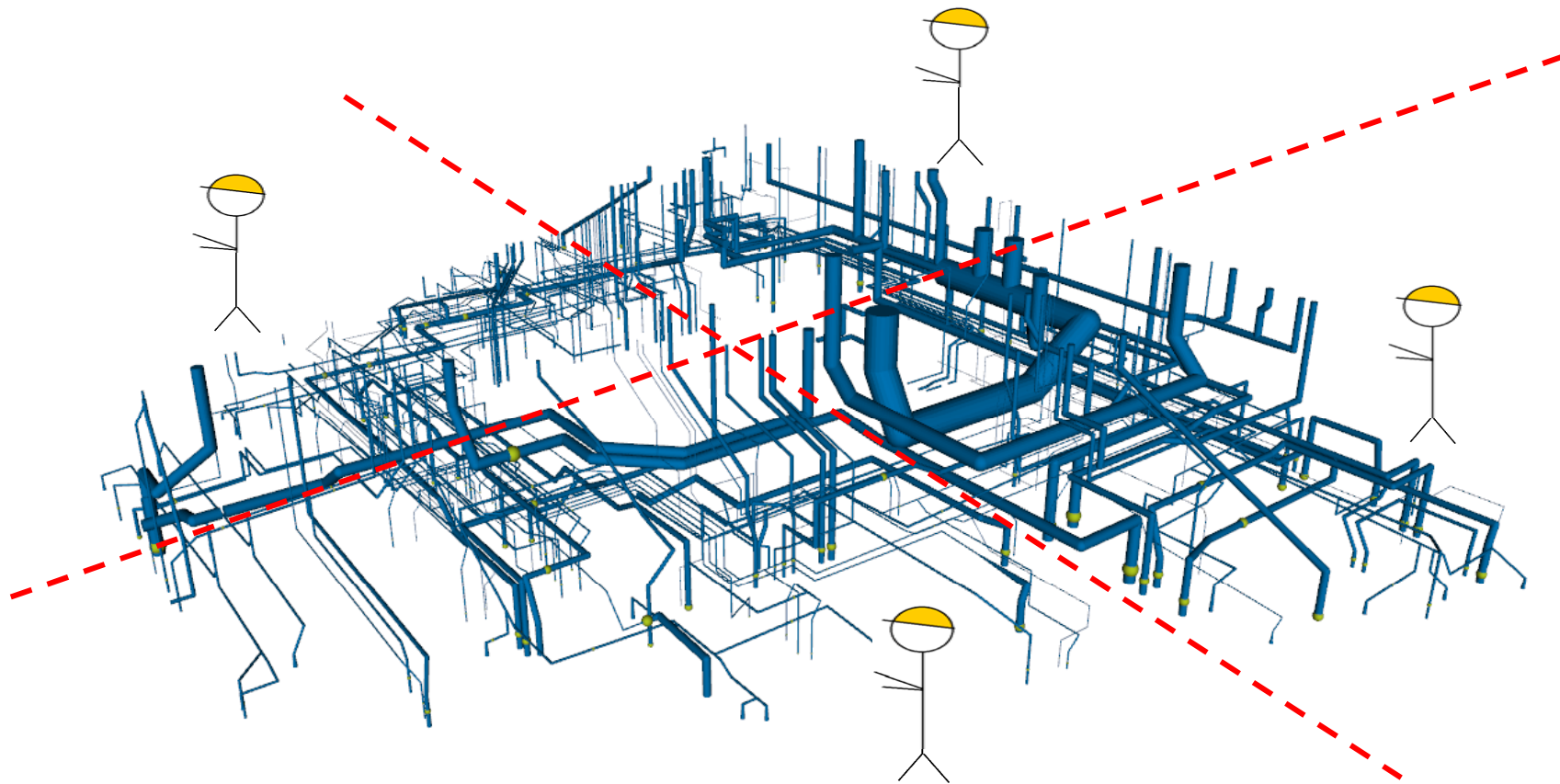
Transparent pipes : pipes assembled after 2/4

- Only this pipe belongs to distribution $\frac{3}{4}$
- This pipe should be in same group as the right and left pipes
- We need the system that last pipe is grouped as the other pipes



Discussion 2. Area division

- Dividing an engine room to some parts (4-6)
- Assign one worker to one area
- Work in parallel





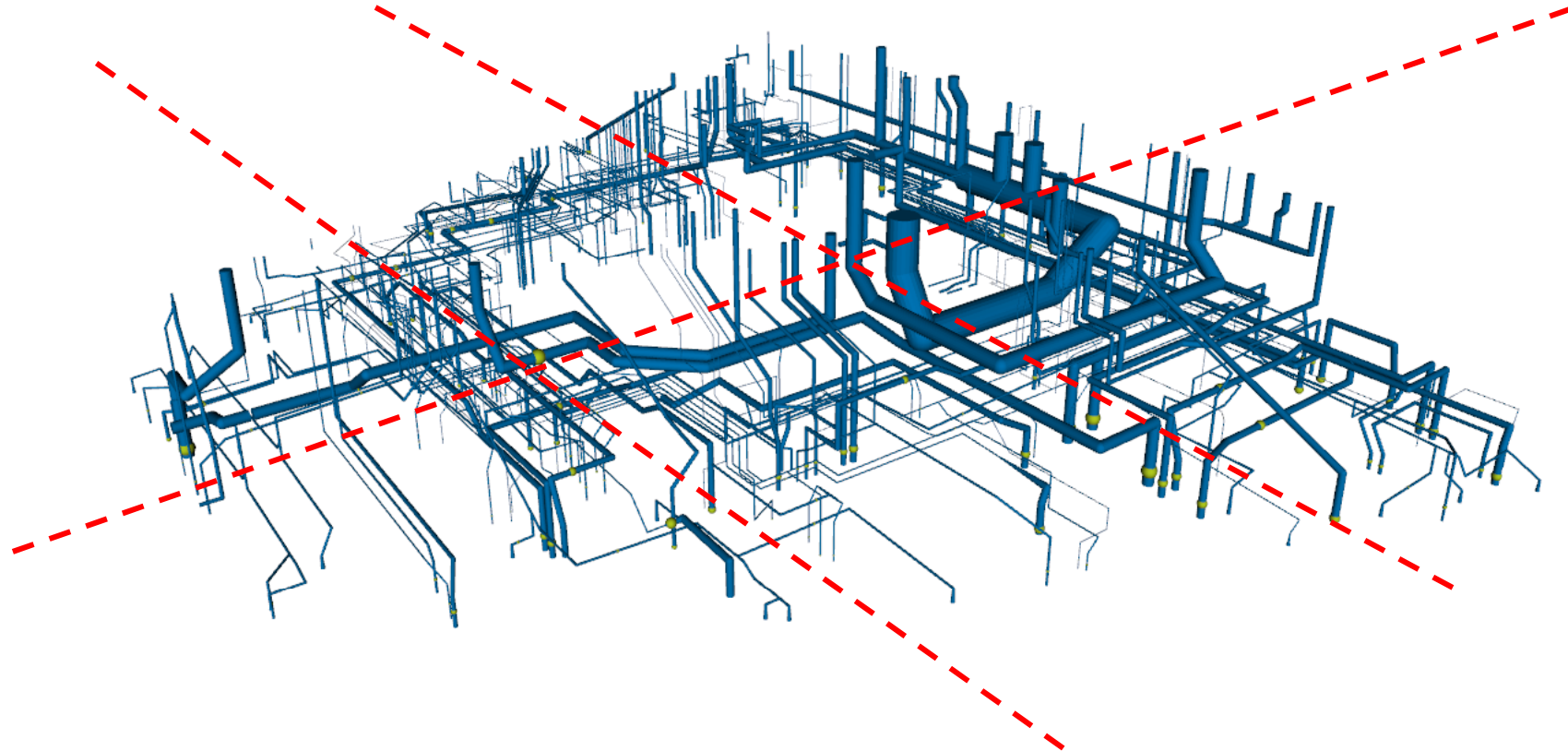
Discussion 2. Area division

- Positions of division borders are depend on positions of bulkheads



It varies according to ships

- It is favorable to be able to deside the number of partitions and position of theirs manually





Conclusion & future works

Conclusion

- A new system that divides the pipes into several groups considering the assembling order that skilled workers adopt
- Pipes interference check function
- 3-D display of distributed pipes



the burden of workers is reduced

Future works

- Blushing up pipes interference check function
- Study of further rules of grouping
- Area division
- Discovering further problems in practice