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Dissertation

**BIM, GIS AND WEB ENVIRONMENTS INTEGRATION  
FOR SOLVING MULTIFACETED PROBLEMS IN A  
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

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# *Problem Formulation*

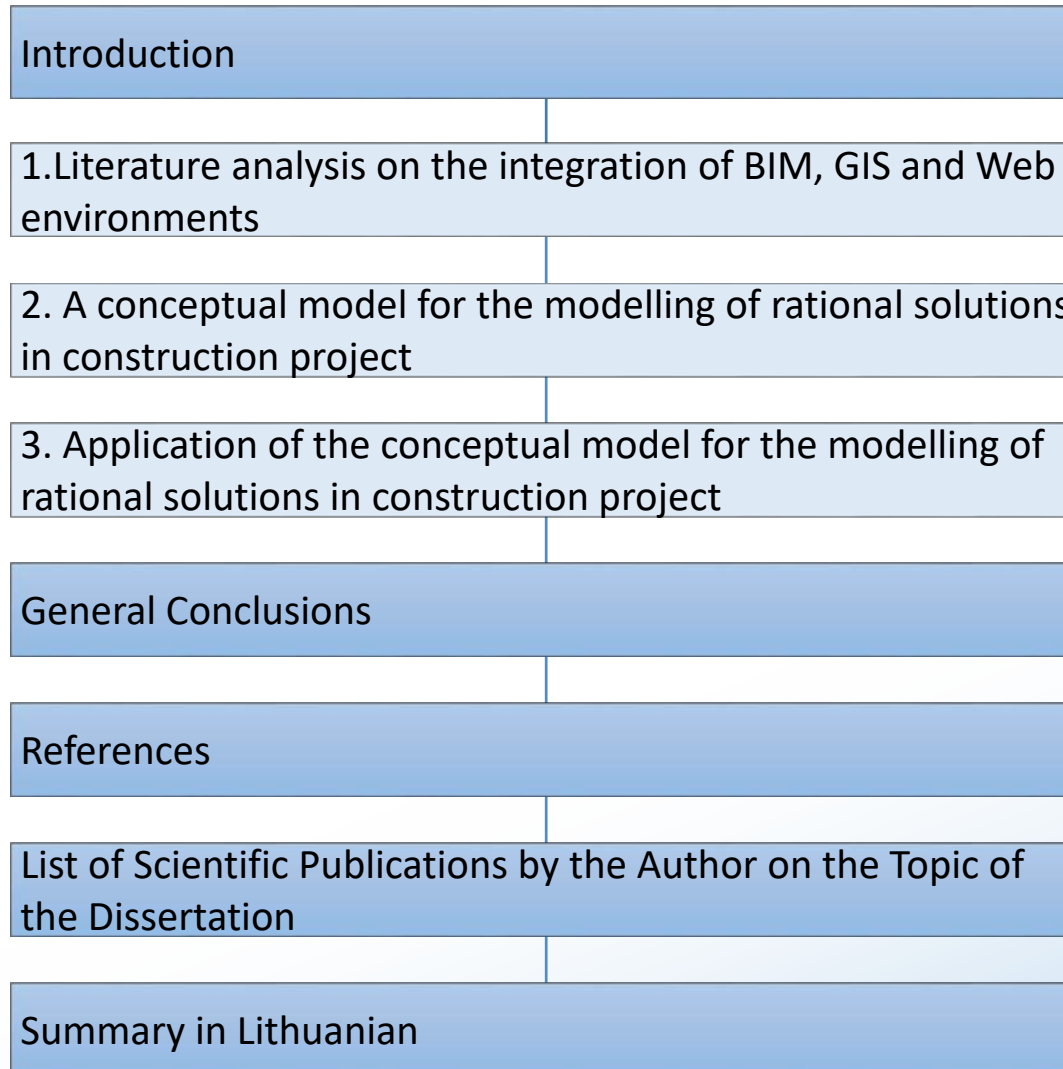
Real-world data is an essential component in the construction project used at all stages of a project's life cycle.

*Main issues in the integration of GIS and BIM environments:*

- Environment-native methods and technics, standards
- Data interoperability
- Datatype allowance restrictions
- Analyses implementation
- Difference of geometric data
- Difference of attributive data

*The research problem* of the dissertation is to improve the decision-making process by supplementing BIM models with real-world data, which is achieved by integration of BIM, GIS and geospatial analysis within a Web environment to be able to address problems in the construction field.

# *Structure of dissertation*



The volume of the work is 163 pages, the text contains 50 numbered formulas, 37 figures and 24 tables. When writing the dissertation, 328 literary sources were used.

## *Relevance of the Thesis*

The integration of BIM, GIS and Web environments became an important field of study in the scientific community, where the number of scientific articles has significantly increased in recent years.

*Main topics in the integration process:*

- The lack of methods and technics for processing BIM models inside the Web environment
- The standardization of the integration process
- The standardization of the data exchange
- Interoperability issues

*Main focus of the integration:*

- The implementation of the geospatial analyses
- The implementation of the geospatial databases
- The optimization of the processes in the construction project
- The optimization of the decision-making

There are no studies addressing problems in the construction field that rely on multi-criteria decision-making analysis using BIM models as a source of data, and real-world data presented by GIS or geospatial analysis inside the Web environment.

## *Research Object*

The integration of BIM, GIS, and Web environments for decision-making in a construction project.

## *Aim of dissertation*

To develop a conceptual model based on the integration of BIM, GIS, Web environments and multi-criteria decision-making methods to allow complex analyses for more efficient solutions in a construction project.

## *Objectives of the dissertation*

1. To conduct the state-of-the-art analysis related to the integration of BIM, GIS, and Web environments.
2. To develop a principal solution for relationships between in-model objects in a BIM model representation in the Web environment.
3. To develop a method (QUVIAS) for visibility analysis that uses BIM, GIS, and Web environments to mathematically calculate visibility and represent it by quantitative parameters.
4. To develop methodological and technological solutions to automate the data collection process in multi-criteria decision-making analysis addressing property attractiveness and building location problems.
5. To develop a method for solving the problems of selecting and operating a crane based on the integration of BIM, GIS and Web environments.
6. To demonstrate the practical application of the proposed model and methods in case studies.  
Development of a Web-based spatial decision-support system for construction projects.

# *Research Methodology*

## *Literature analysis:*

A bibliometric analysis, analytical methods, regression and numerical methods, scientific theoretical and comparative analyses.

## *In-model objects' relation and QUVIAS methods:*

Analytical methods, scientific theoretical methods, comparative and statistical methods, case study method.

## *Multi-criteria decision-making analysis:*

Delphi method, a concordance approach, fuzzy TOPSIS, fuzzy COPRAS, and fuzzy EDAS methods, QUVIAS method, in-model object's relation method, geospatial analyses, case study method.

## *Crane selection and operation, data collection:*

Geospatial analysis, QUVIAS method, buffers analysis, case study method.

*Web-based SDSS:* JavaScript, HTML, CSS (SCSS), WebGL, PHP, ThreeJS, Bootstrap, GLSL, OpenStreetMap API, ArcGIS API, SolarAtlas API, Overpass API, etc.

*The BIM models:* Autodesk Revit.

## *Defended Statements*

1. The proposed conceptual model enables the complex analysis of rational solutions in a construction project by integrating BIM, GIS, Web environments and multi-criteria decision-making methods.
2. Objects presented in the BIM model within the Web environment can be manipulated and analysed based on the in-model relations.
3. The QUVIAS method makes it possible to mathematically calculate a view from a window and present it by a quantitative parameter through the integration of BIM, GIS, and Web environments.
4. The visibility analysis performed inside the Web environment can improve the crane selection and operation process.
5. The integration of BIM, GIS, and Web environments allows for solving the property attractiveness problem.
6. The solution for automating multi-criteria analysis using data provided by BIM and GIS inside the Web environment allows fast and accurate estimation of appropriate and rational building location.



## *Scientific Novelty of the dissertation*

1. The original conceptual model was proposed for the complex analysis of rational solutions in a construction project with the integration of BIM, GIS, Web environments and multi-criteria analysis.
2. A novel method was developed to define a relations between objects presented by the BIM model inside the Web environment.
3. The new unique method (QUVIAS) for visibility analysis was created and validated by a case study. This method determines view quality in terms of quantitative parameters using mathematical calculations based on spherical coordinates and data from BIM and GIS environments within the Web environment.
4. A novel approach was proposed based on the QUVIAS method for solving the property attractiveness problem.
5. A new method was presented for automating multi-criteria decision-making analysis and validated in a case study on building location problems. The method uses data provided by BIM and GIS environments and performs geospatial analysis within the Web environment. A new method for crane selection and operation based on visibility analysis and buffer method was presented and validated in a case study.

## *Practical Value of the Research Findings*

The presented research proves the usefulness of the BIM, GIS and Web environment integration by solving problems in the construction project and increasing the accuracy of decision-making process.

- The developed methodology for BIM model processing enables the inclusion of BIM models into a geospatial analysis inside the Web environment.
- The proposed QUVIAS method for visibility analysis introduces a mathematical computation of the view that increases the accuracy of view calculations and presents it as quantitative criteria.
- The proposed automated multi-criteria decision-making analysis significantly decreases time consumption and increases the accuracy of the decision-making process with up-to-date real-world data.
- Practical implementation of all the results into a web-based spatial decision-support system developed in this dissertation.

The results of this study are related to digitalization in construction and the introduction of innovations in the construction industry, which can, directly and indirectly, affect the economic sector. The developed spatial decision-support system with methods proposed in this dissertation can support the decisions of municipalities, real estate and project developers for efficient design of the built environment, thus leading to sustainable construction

# *Approval of the Research Findings (List of scientific publications)*

## ***Publication in peer-reviewed journals***

1. Shkundalov, D., & Vilotienė, T. (2021). Bibliometric Analysis of Building Information Modeling, Geographic Information Systems and Web Environment Integration. *Automation in Construction*, 128, 103757. [www.doi.org/10.1016/j.autcon.2021.103757](http://www.doi.org/10.1016/j.autcon.2021.103757)
2. Shkundalov, D., & Vilotienė, T. (2022). Quantitative View Assessment (QUVIAS) method for window visibility analysis utilizing BIM, GIS and Web environments. *International Journal of Strategic Property Management*, 26(4), 287–304. [www.doi.org/10.3846/ijspm.2022.17754](http://www.doi.org/10.3846/ijspm.2022.17754)

## ***Conference publications in peer-reviewed conference proceedings***

1. Shkundalov, D., & Vilotienė, T. (2023). Automotive MCDA for Alternative Building Locations by Employing BIM and GIS. The 18th Colloquium New Trends in Construction Management, 39–69, [vb.vgtu.lt/object/elaba:160940601](http://vb.vgtu.lt/object/elaba:160940601)
2. Shkundalov, D., & Vilotienė, T. (2021). Selection of crane in Web environment based on visibility analysis. In *Research in Building Engineering EXCO'21*. Universitat Politècnica de València, 406–417, [exco.webs.upv.es/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/CATALOGUE\\_INTERNATIONAL\\_ITINERANT\\_EXHIBITION\\_IN\\_BUILDING\\_ENGINEERING\\_EXCO-21.pdf](http://exco.webs.upv.es/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/CATALOGUE_INTERNATIONAL_ITINERANT_EXHIBITION_IN_BUILDING_ENGINEERING_EXCO-21.pdf)
3. Shkundalov, D., & Vilotienė, T. (2020). Building management system in WebBIM environment. In 11th International Conference “Environmental Engineering”, 1–5. [www.doi.org/10.3846/enviro.2020.725](http://www.doi.org/10.3846/enviro.2020.725)
4. Shkundalov, D., & Vilotienė, T. (2019). A new approach for extending the possibilities of collaboration between BIM, GIS and Web environments to increase the efficiency of building space management. The 13th international conference “Modern building materials, structures and techniques”, Vilnius, 670–674. [www.doi.org/10.3846/mbmst.2019.057](http://www.doi.org/10.3846/mbmst.2019.057)
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6. Shkundalov, D. (2017). Development of visualization and manipulation methods for BIM and digital city models using Web graphic library. In 20th conference for junior researchers „Science – future of Lithuania, 1–6. [jmk.msk.vgtu.lt/index.php/geodezija/2017/paper/view/146](http://jmk.msk.vgtu.lt/index.php/geodezija/2017/paper/view/146)

# Conceptual model

**Literature analysis**  
 Software: VOSviewer  
 Bibliographic coupling: co-citation networks, co-authorship networks, co-occurrence map of keywords

Research

**Problem formulation**

<b>Main issues</b> Lack of standards and methods for processing BIM model presented inside the Web environment	<b>Main focuses</b> Geospatial analysis implementation , specifically visibility analysis, based on integration of BIM, GIS and Web environments	<b>Main observations</b> Lack of investigations into integration of MCDA with BIM, GIS and Web environments
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Methodology

**Objects' relations**

- Development of the method for determination of objects' relation sequences presented inside the BIM model representation
- Recalculation of the in-model objects' coordinates

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**Geospatial analysis**

Development of the visibility analysis method "quantitative view assessment" (QUVIAS) for mathematical calculation of the view and presenting it as a quantitative parameter

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**Automation of MCDA**

Development of the method for automation of the data gathering in solving MCDA problems, specifically building location problem

Practical application and case study

**Web-based Spatial Decision-Support System**

<p><b>Crane selection and operation</b> Implementation of objects' relations for processing objects inside the BIM model representation for crane selection and operation problems.</p> <p>↓</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crane visibility coefficient</li> <li>Crane reachability coefficient</li> </ul>	<p><b>Premise attractiveness</b> Implementation of the quantitative view assessment method for assessment of the premise attractiveness and building location problems</p> <p>↓</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Window view coefficient</li> <li>Premise view coefficient</li> <li>Building view coefficient</li> </ul>	<p><b>Building location</b> Implementation of the automatic data gathering method for solving MCDA problems, specifically building location problem.</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Most suitable building location problem solved</p>
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Building view coefficient

**BIM**

Software: Autodesk Revit

- BIM model
- Revit Families
- IFC classes

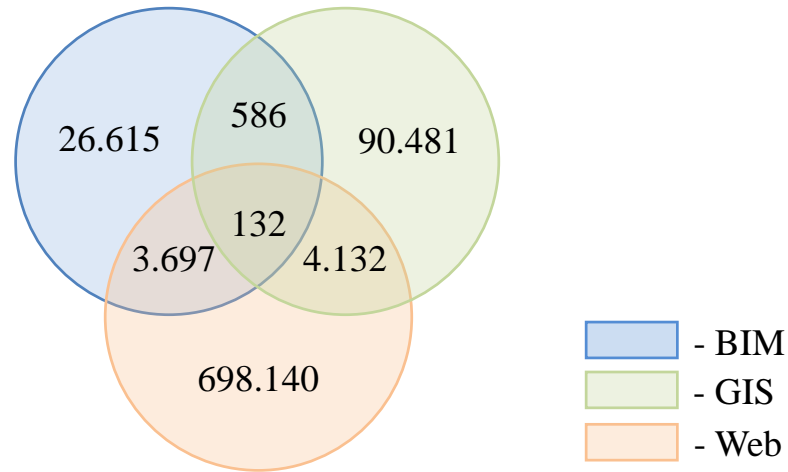
**GIS**

- GIS databases
- 3D batched model
- 2D map
- Line-of-sight
- Coordinate systems

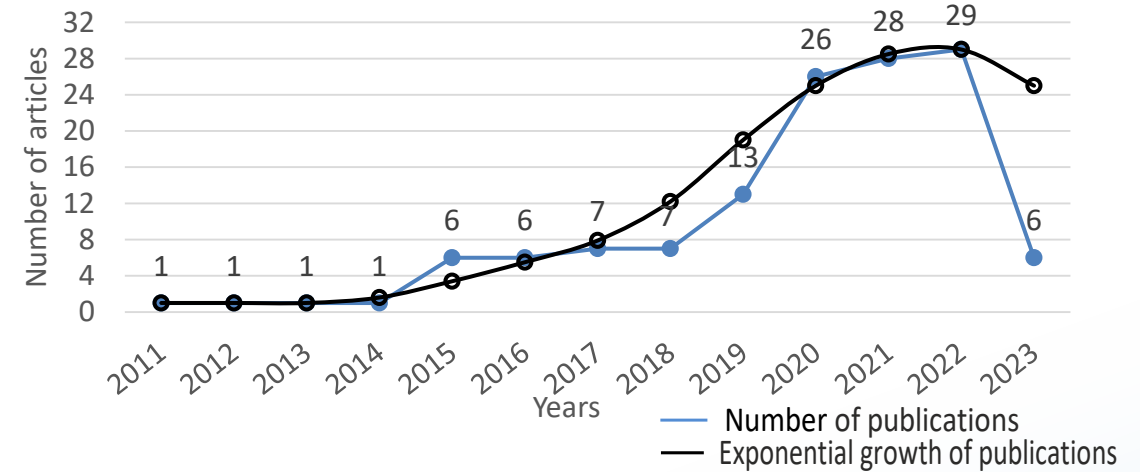
**Web**

- JavaScript
- WebGL
- HTML
- CSS (SCSS)
- Other

# Analysis of the state-of-the-art related to BIM, GIS and Web integration



**Fig. 1.** Number of scientific articles in each related environment and their integrations (developed by the author)

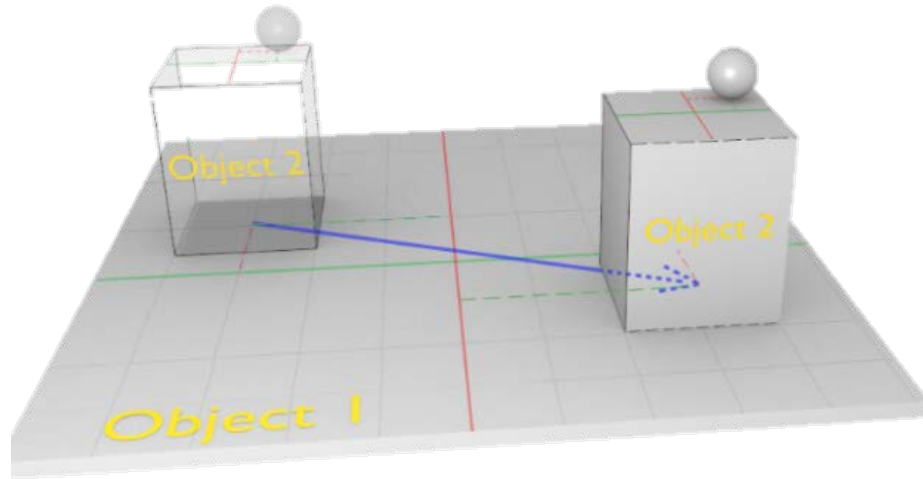


**Fig. 2.** Number of scientific articles related to BIM, GIS and Web integration (developed by the author)

**Table 1.** Research on state-of-the-art related to BIM, GIS and Web integration

- Main issues: lack of standards and methods for BIM model processing inside the Web environment
- Main focuses: GIS analyses, BIM model processing
- Main use cases: geospatial analysis, visibility analysis
- Lack of researches in BIM, GIS and Web integrations for solving MCDA problems

# Principal solution for in-model objects' relations of the BIM model representation in a Web environment



**Fig. 3.** The sequence of the object's relations in BIM model presented within the Web environment (developed by the author)

## Table 2. Tasks related to coordinate calculation

- Determination of the in-model relations.
- Calculation of the correlated coordinates for the objects.
- Creation of the relations of the objects.
- Recalculation of the objects coordinates in the WebGL environment coordinate system.
- The rebuilding of the BIM model based on new coordinates.

$$x_n^C y_n^C = \begin{bmatrix} (x_n - x_{n-1}) \\ \left( y_n - \frac{h_n}{2} - y_{n-1} + \frac{h_{n-1}}{2} \right) \end{bmatrix}$$

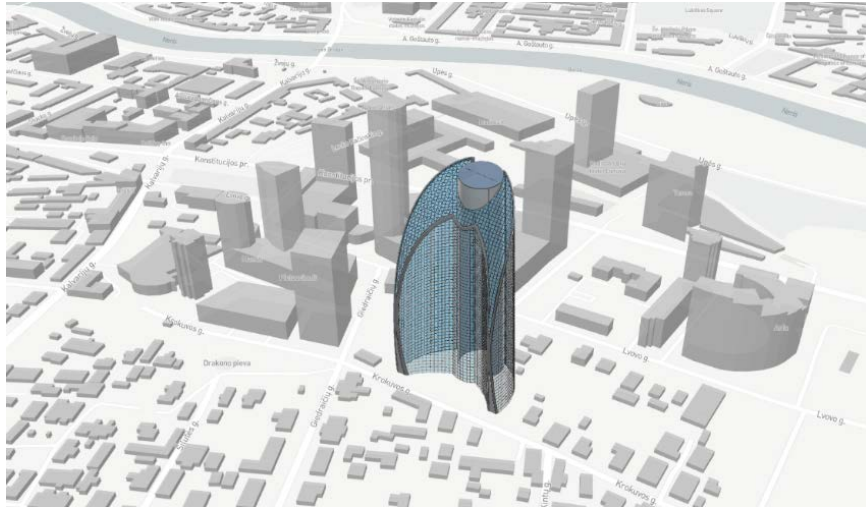
**Formula 1.** Object's coordinates correlated to the host object

$$y_n^S x_n^S = \sum_{i=2}^n \begin{bmatrix} x_i^C \\ y_i^C \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{h_n}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Formula 2.** calculation of the scene coordinates of the objects based on the sequence of hosts objects



## Coordinate specification for BIM, GIS and Web environments integration



**Fig. 4.** BIM model representation in GIS environment based on Web technology (developed by the author)

**Table 3.** Tasks related to coordinate conversion

- Specifying or detecting the model coordinates
- Converting the coordinates into web supportable coordinate system

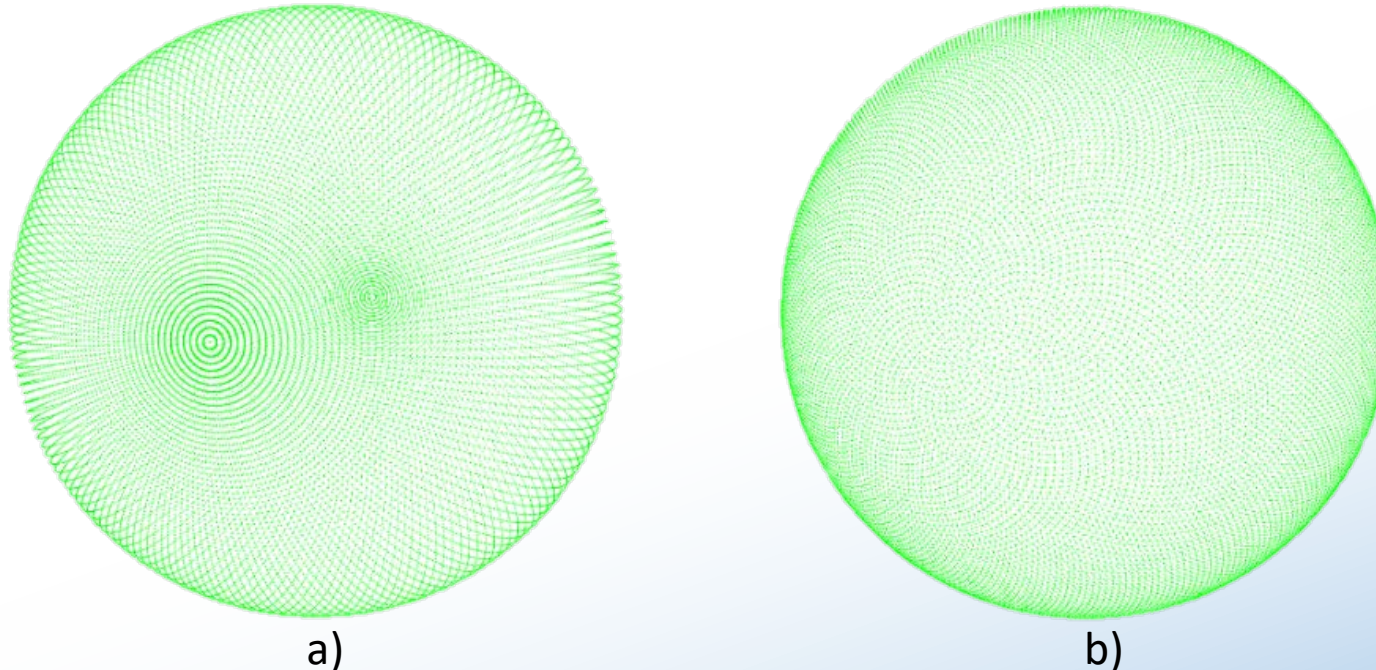
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda = \frac{X * 180}{\pi * R} \\ \phi = \frac{180 * (2 * \arctan(e^{\frac{Y}{R}}) - \frac{\pi}{2})}{\pi} \end{array} \right.$$

**Formula 3.** Conversion of the WGS84 into Web Mercator

# Quantitative View Assessment (QUVIAS) method method for visibility analysis in integrated BIM, GIS and Web environments

**Table 4.** Existing methods for window visibility analysis (developed by the author)

Method name	Distance	Clear view	Landscape area	Shape accuracy
QUVIAS	+	+	+	+
View dome	-	+	+	+
QLA360	-	+	+	-
Viewshed	-	-	+	+
Line-of-sight	+	-	-	Not applicable



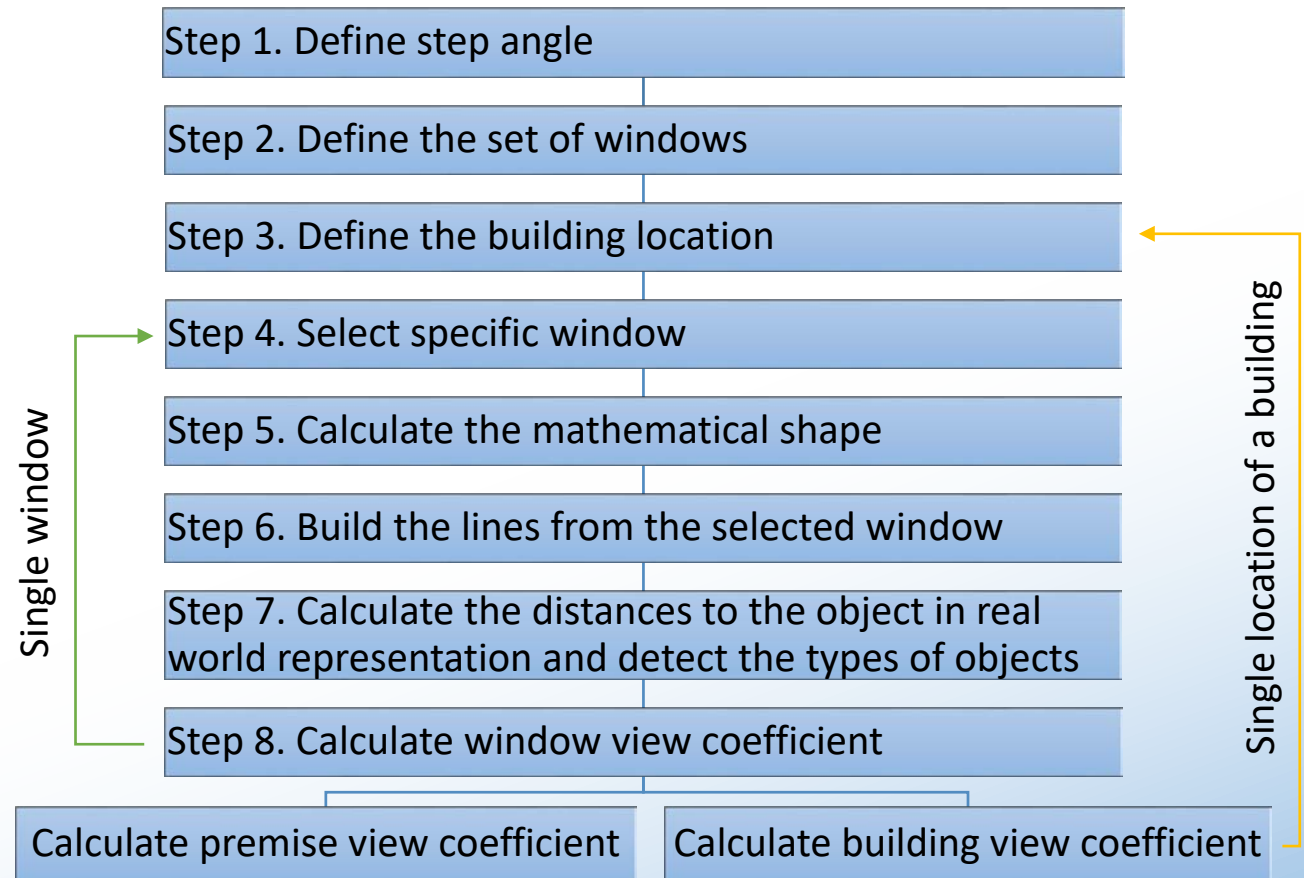
**Fig. 5.** The difference between the mathematical shapes of the view:  
 a - plane shape flattened on the sphere; b - spherical shape (developed by the author)



# Quantitative View Assessment (QUVIAS) method method for visibility analysis in integrated BIM, GIS and Web environments

**Table 5.** Comparative analysis of step angles from one window (developed by the author)

Angle step	Required duration	Result (distance based)	Result (Boolean variables)	Total iterations
180°	0 sec	0.00006	0	4
90°	0 sec	0.33337	33.33333	9
45°	0 sec	0.40031	40.00000	25
22° 30' 30.00"	0 sec	0.44513	44.44444	81
11° 15' 15.00"	0 sec	0.45094	44.98270	289
5° 37' 37.50"	0 sec	0.43101	42.97521	1089
2° 48' 48.75"	01 sec	0.42659	42.48521	4225
1° 24' 24.38"	05 sec	0.42543	42.34121	16641
0° 42' 42.19"	19 sec	0.42285	42.05514	66049
0° 33' 33.75"	33.38 sec	0.42161	41.92015	103041
0° 21' 21.09"	01:13 min	0.42159	41.90425	263169
0° 10' 10.55"	04:44 min	0.42163	41.88878	1050625
0° 05' 05.27"	18:28 min	0.42150	41.86401	4198401
0° 02' 02.64"	1:13:14 h	0.42157	41.86986	16785409
0° 01' 01.32"	4:51:06 h	0.42158	41.87237	67125249
0° 01'	12:16:56 h	0.42156	41.87108	116661601

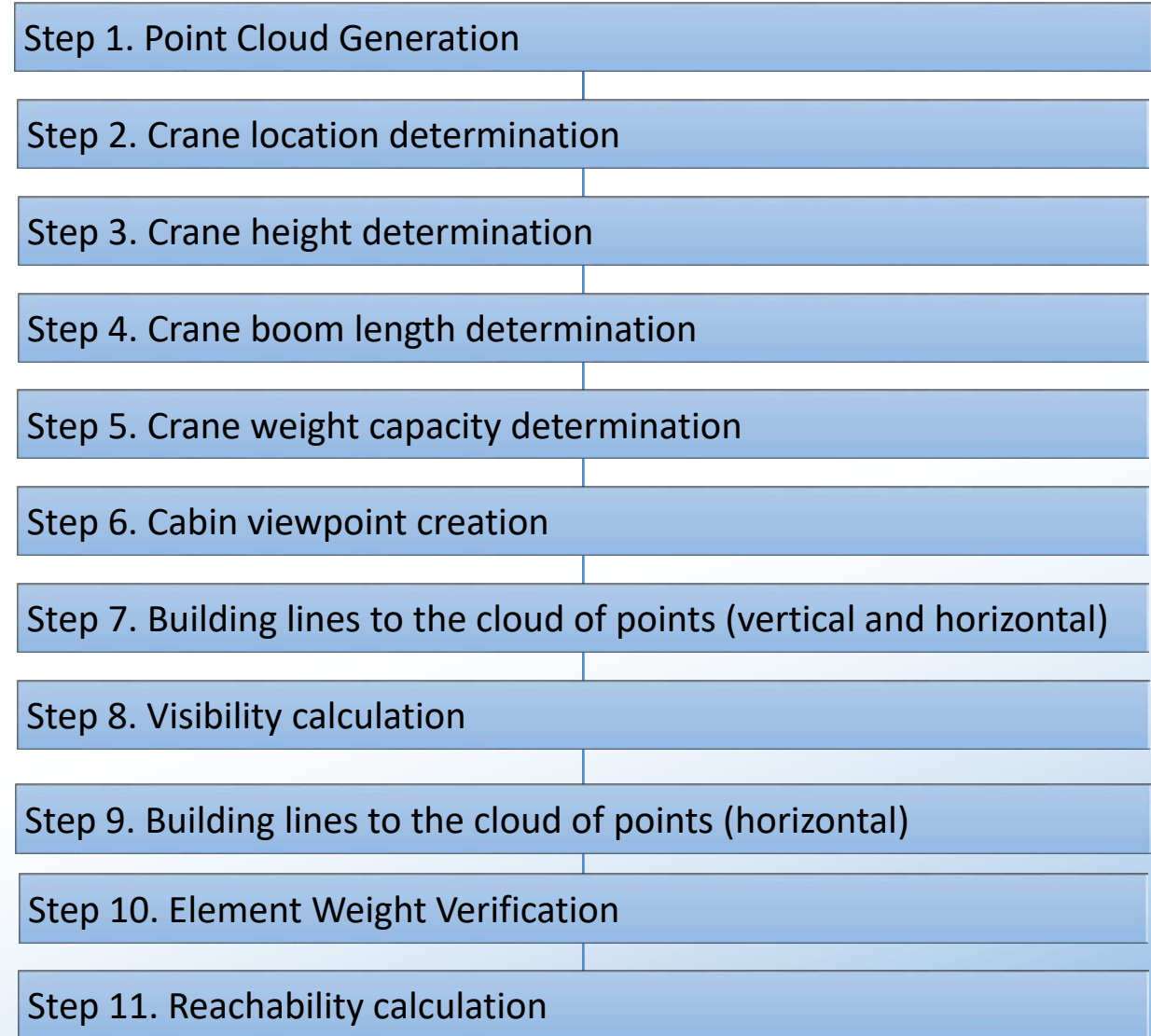


**Fig. 6.** Methodological scheme of the QUVIAS method for window visibility analysis (developed by the author)

# Crane selection and operation methods based on the integration of BIM, GIS and Web environments

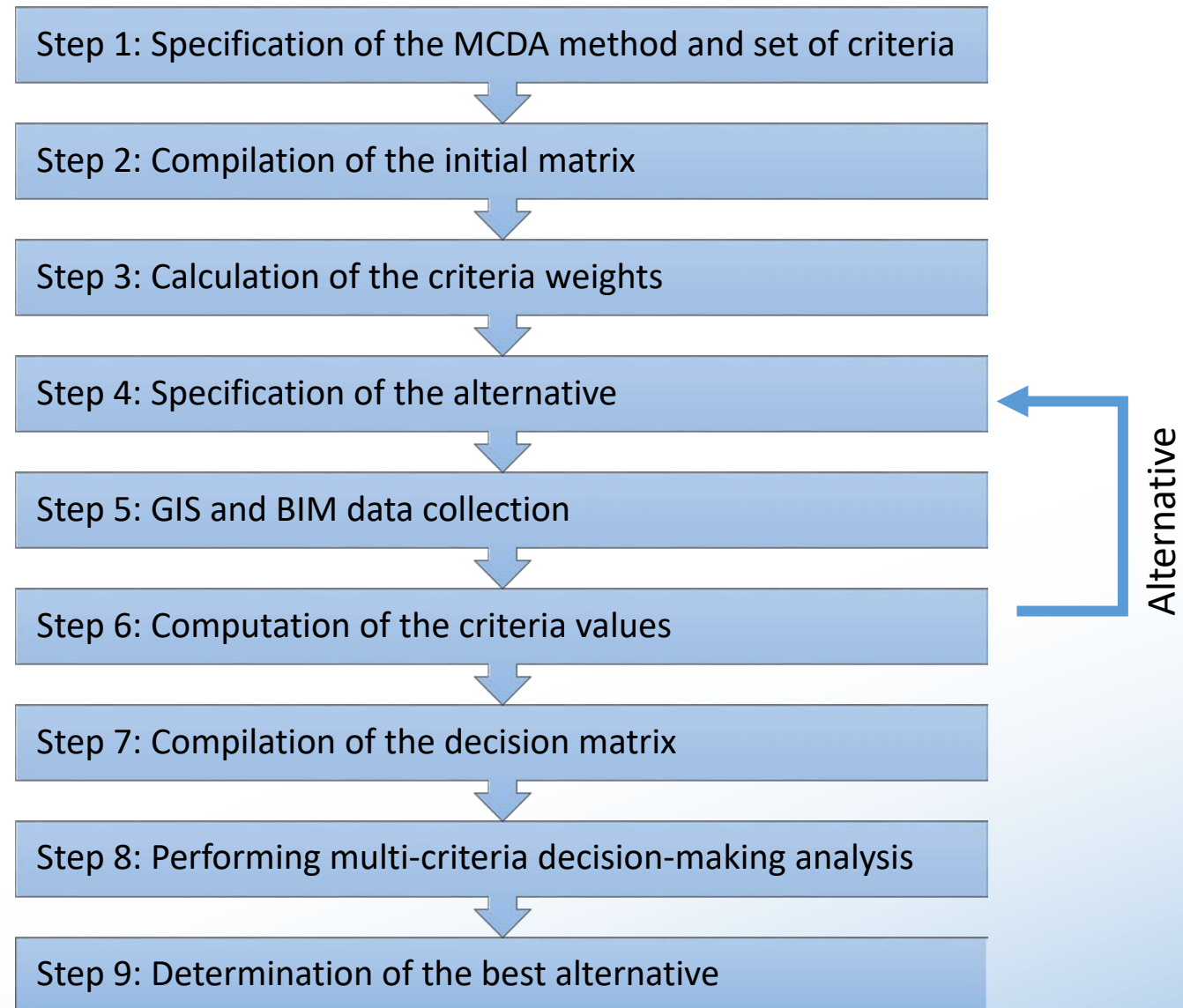
**Table 6.** Crane selection and operation tasks  
(developed the by author)

Group of tasks	Articles
<b>Detection of the most suitable number of cranes, crane types and required specifications</b>	(Abdelmegid, Shawki, & Abdel-Khalek, 2015) (Al Hattab, Zankoul, & Hamzeh, 2017) (Al Hattab, Zankoul, Barakat, & Hamzeh, 2017) (Han, Bouferguene, Al-Husseini, & Hermann, 2017) (Hermann, Hendi, Olearczyk, & Al-Husseini, 2010)
<b>Optimization of crane and storage locations</b>	(Pan, Guo, & Li, 2017) (Tam & Tong, 2003) (Moussavi Nadoushani, Hammad, & Akbarnezhad, 2016) (Hermann, Hendi, Olearczyk, & Al-Husseini, 2010) (Younes & Marzouk, 2018) (Lewis & Bejczy, 1973) (Wang X. , Zhang, Wu, & Gao, 2011) (Safouhi, Mouattamid, Hermann, & Hendi, 2011) (Astour & Franz, 2014) (Wang J. , et al., 2015) (Alkriz & Mangin, 2005) (Irizarry & Karan, 2012)
<b>Coordination of multiple cranes</b>	(Al Hattab, Zankoul, & Hamzeh, 2017) (Al Hattab, Zankoul, Barakat, & Hamzeh, 2017) (Alkriz & Mangin, 2005) (Irizarry & Karan, 2012) (Al Hattab, Zankoul, & Hamzeh, 2014) (Ali, Babu, & Varghese, 2005) (Zhang, Harris, Olomolaiye, & Holt, 1999)
<b>Lifting or erection path planning</b>	(Hornaday & Haas, 1993) (Lozano-Perez & Wesley, 1979) (Goldobina, Demenkov, & Trushko, 2019) (Zhou, Guo, Ma, Zhang, & Skitmore, 2021) (Souravik, Yiyu, Lihui, & Jianmin, 2020)
<b>Visualization and simulation of the crane operations</b>	(Zavichi, Madani, Xanthopoulos, & Oloufa, 2014) (Han, Bouferguene, Al-Husseini, & Hermann, 2017) (Hermann, Hendi, Olearczyk, & Al-Husseini, 2010) (Younes & Marzouk, 2018) (Wang X. , Zhang, Wu, & Gao, 2011) (Astour & Franz, 2014) (Irizarry & Karan, 2012) (Al Hattab, Zankoul, & Hamzeh, 2014) (Goldobina, Demenkov, & Trushko, 2019) (Han, Hasan, Bouferguène, Al-Husseini, & Kosa, 2015)



**Fig. 7.** Scheme of crane selection and operation method  
(developed by the author)

# *Automation of MCDA for solving a building location problem using BIM, GIS and Web environments*



**Fig. 8.** Methodology for automatic multi-criteria decision-making analysis (developed by the author)

**Table 7.** Common criteria presented in the relevant scientific articles (developed by author)

Criteria	Sources
<b>Selling price</b>	(Kaklauskas A. , Zavadskas, Banaitis, & Datkauskas, 2007) (Maliene, 2011) (Zavadskas E. , Kaklauskas, Bausys, Naumcik, & Ubarte, 2021) (McCluskey, Deddis, Mannis, McBurney, & Borst, 1997) (Chou, Hsu, & Chen, 2008) (Achillas, Vlachokostas, Moussiopoulos, & Banias, 2010)
<b>Prestige of locality</b>	(Kaklauskas A. , Zavadskas, Banaitis, & Datkauskas, 2007) (Maliene, 2011) (Jegelaviciute, 2017) (Natividade-Jesus, Coutinho-Rodrigues, & Antunes, 2007) (Achillas, Vlachokostas, Moussiopoulos, & Banias, 2010)
<b>Accessibility</b>	(Kaklauskas A. , Zavadskas, Banaitis, & Datkauskas, 2007) (Maliene, 2011) (Jegelaviciute, 2017) (Wyatt, 1997) (Chou, Hsu, & Chen, 2008)
<b>Environmental aesthetics</b>	(Kaklauskas A. , Zavadskas, Banaitis, & Datkauskas, 2007) (Zavadskas E. , Kaklauskas, Bausys, Naumcik, & Ubarte, 2021) (Natividade-Jesus, Coutinho-Rodrigues, & Antunes, 2007)
<b>Interior</b>	(Kaklauskas A. , Zavadskas, Banaitis, & Datkauskas, 2007) (Maliene, 2011) (Zavadskas E. , Kaklauskas, Bausys, Naumcik, & Ubarte, 2021) (Natividade-Jesus, Coutinho-Rodrigues, & Antunes, 2007)
<b>Public transport</b>	(Maliene, 2011) (Jegelaviciute, 2017) (Zavadskas E. , Kaklauskas, Bausys, Naumcik, & Ubarte, 2021) (Chou, Hsu, & Chen, 2008) (Achillas, Vlachokostas, Moussiopoulos, & Banias, 2010)
<b>Year of construction</b>	(Kaklauskas A. , Zavadskas, Banaitis, & Datkauskas, 2007) (Jegelaviciute, 2017) (Natividade-Jesus, Coutinho-Rodrigues, & Antunes, 2007)
<b>Distance from city center</b>	(Maliene, 2011) (Din, Hoesli, & Bender, 2001)
<b>The need for renovation</b>	(Kaklauskas A. , Zavadskas, Banaitis, & Datkauskas, 2007) (Maliene, 2011) (Jegelaviciute, 2017) (Din, Hoesli, & Bender, 2001) (McCluskey, Deddis, Mannis, McBurney, & Borst, 1997) (Natividade-Jesus, Coutinho-Rodrigues, & Antunes, 2007)
<b>Window View</b>	(Maliene, 2011) (Jegelaviciute, 2017) (Zavadskas E. , Kaklauskas, Bausys, Naumcik, & Ubarte, 2021) (Din, Hoesli, & Bender, 2001)
<b>Social environment and crimes</b>	(Maliene, 2011) (Jegelaviciute, 2017) (Zavadskas E. , Kaklauskas, Bausys, Naumcik, & Ubarte, 2021) (Din, Hoesli, & Bender, 2001) (Natividade-Jesus, Coutinho-Rodrigues, & Antunes, 2007) (Chou, Hsu, & Chen, 2008) (Chou, Hsu, & Chen, 2008)
<b>Engineering solutions and communications</b>	(Kaklauskas A. , Zavadskas, Banaitis, & Datkauskas, 2007) (Maliene, 2011) (Jegelaviciute, 2017) (Natividade-Jesus, Coutinho-Rodrigues, & Antunes, 2007)
<b>Parking and garages</b>	(Maliene, 2011) (Jegelaviciute, 2017) (Wyatt, 1997) (McCluskey, Deddis, Mannis, McBurney, & Borst, 1997) (Chou, Hsu, & Chen, 2008)
<b>Exterior</b>	(Kaklauskas A. , Zavadskas, Banaitis, & Datkauskas, 2007) (Maliene, 2011) (Zavadskas E. , Kaklauskas, Bausys, Naumcik, & Ubarte, 2021) (Natividade-Jesus, Coutinho-Rodrigues, & Antunes, 2007)
<b>Heating method</b>	(Kaklauskas A. , Zavadskas, Banaitis, & Datkauskas, 2007) (Jegelaviciute, 2017) (Zavadskas E. , Kaklauskas, Bausys, Naumcik, & Ubarte, 2021) (McCluskey, Deddis, Mannis, McBurney, & Borst, 1997)
<b>Residential space and area of land plot</b>	(Kaklauskas A. , Zavadskas, Banaitis, & Datkauskas, 2007) (Maliene, 2011) (Jegelaviciute, 2017) (Zavadskas E. , Kaklauskas, Bausys, Naumcik, & Ubarte, 2021) (McCluskey, Deddis, Mannis, McBurney, & Borst, 1997)
<b>Floor</b>	(Jegelaviciute, 2017) (Zavadskas E. , Kaklauskas, Bausys, Naumcik, & Ubarte, 2021) (Wyatt, 1997)
<b>Equipping of a territory</b>	(Kaklauskas A. , Zavadskas, Banaitis, & Datkauskas, 2007) (Zavadskas E. , Kaklauskas, Bausys, Naumcik, & Ubarte, 2021) (Natividade-Jesus, Coutinho-Rodrigues, & Antunes, 2007)
<b>Assessment of market conditions</b>	(Kaklauskas A. , Zavadskas, Banaitis, & Datkauskas, 2007) (Maliene, 2011) (Zavadskas E. , Kaklauskas, Bausys, Naumcik, & Ubarte, 2021)
<b>Type of area</b>	(Kaklauskas A. , Zavadskas, Banaitis, & Datkauskas, 2007) (Zavadskas E. , Kaklauskas, Bausys, Naumcik, & Ubarte, 2021) (Din, Hoesli, & Bender, 2001) (Natividade-Jesus, Coutinho-Rodrigues, & Antunes, 2007)
<b>Balcony</b>	(Jegelaviciute, 2017) (Zavadskas E. , Kaklauskas, Bausys, Naumcik, & Ubarte, 2021)
<b>Number of floors</b>	(Jegelaviciute, 2017) (Zavadskas E. , Kaklauskas, Bausys, Naumcik, & Ubarte, 2021) (Wyatt, 1997)
<b>Construction design</b>	(Maliene, 2011) (Jegelaviciute, 2017) (Zavadskas E. , Kaklauskas, Bausys, Naumcik, & Ubarte, 2021) (Natividade-Jesus, Coutinho-Rodrigues, & Antunes, 2007)
<b>Layout of premises</b>	(Kaklauskas A. , Zavadskas, Banaitis, & Datkauskas, 2007) (Zavadskas E. , Kaklauskas, Bausys, Naumcik, & Ubarte, 2021) (Natividade-Jesus, Coutinho-Rodrigues, & Antunes, 2007)
<b>Number of Auxiliary buildings</b>	(Kaklauskas A. , Zavadskas, Banaitis, & Datkauskas, 2007) (Maliene, 2011) (Zavadskas E. , Kaklauskas, Bausys, Naumcik, & Ubarte, 2021)
<b>Public welfare and culture</b>	(Kaklauskas A. , Zavadskas, Banaitis, & Datkauskas, 2007) (Zavadskas E. , Kaklauskas, Bausys, Naumcik, & Ubarte, 2021) (Din, Hoesli, & Bender, 2001) (Natividade-Jesus, Coutinho-Rodrigues, & Antunes, 2007) (Chou, Hsu, & Chen, 2008) (Achillas, Vlachokostas, Moussiopoulos, & Banias, 2010)
<b>Trees and vegetation</b>	(Zavadskas E. , Kaklauskas, Bausys, Naumcik, & Ubarte, 2021) (Natividade-Jesus, Coutinho-Rodrigues, & Antunes, 2007)
<b>Assessment of air conditioning</b>	(Maliene, 2011) (Jegelaviciute, 2017) (Zavadskas E. , Kaklauskas, Bausys, Naumcik, & Ubarte, 2021) (Natividade-Jesus, Coutinho-Rodrigues, & Antunes, 2007)
<b>Basement</b>	(Jegelaviciute, 2017) (Zavadskas E. , Kaklauskas, Bausys, Naumcik, & Ubarte, 2021)
<b>Distance from public transport stops</b>	(Maliene, 2011) (Din, Hoesli, & Bender, 2001) (Chou, Hsu, & Chen, 2008) (Achillas, Vlachokostas, Moussiopoulos, & Banias, 2010)
<b>Number of telephone lines</b>	(Kaklauskas A. , Zavadskas, Banaitis, & Datkauskas, 2007) (Maliene, 2011)
<b>Location with respect to parts of the world</b>	(Maliene, 2011) (Zavadskas E. , Kaklauskas, Bausys, Naumcik, & Ubarte, 2021)

## *Delphi method*

Based on Paniotto (Vveinhardt & Petrauskaite, 2013) equation the required number of experts was calculated and is equal to **17**

**Table 8.** Experts who participated in Delphi analysis (developed by the author)

<b>Experts</b>	<b>Position, organisation</b>	<b>Experience (years)</b>
<b>Expert 1</b>	PhD, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University	6
<b>Expert 2</b>	Head of building structures department, OAO "Giprojivmash"	35
<b>Expert 3</b>	Civil engineer	21
<b>Expert 4</b>	PhD, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven	7
<b>Expert 5</b>	Construction project manager, consultant	22
<b>Expert 6</b>	Professor, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University	20
<b>Expert 7</b>	Project manager	21
<b>Expert 8</b>	Researcher, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University	20
<b>Expert 9</b>	Assoc. prof., Vilnius Gediminas Technical University	20
<b>Expert 10</b>	Assoc. prof., Vilnius Gediminas Technical University	19
<b>Expert 11</b>	Urban planning, Kyiv National University of Construction and Architecture	7
<b>Expert 12</b>	Assoc. prof., Vilnius Gediminas Technical University	20
<b>Expert 13</b>	Professor, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University	20
<b>Expert 14</b>	Professor, Kyiv National University of Construction and Architecture	21
<b>Expert 15</b>	Owner, real estate agency	27
<b>Expert 16</b>	Real estate agent	16
<b>Expert 17</b>	PhD, Kyiv National University of Construction and Architecture	6



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**Table 9.** Final set of criteria for building location problem selected by experts through Delphi study

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Sub-criteria</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Type (Max/Min)</b>
<b>Window View</b>	View landscape	Number	Max
	Type of view	Number	Max
<b>Trees and vegetation</b>	Trees and vegetation	Number	Max
	Forests and green areas	Distance	Min
<b>Type of area</b>	Distance to industrial facilities	Distance	Min
<b>Parking and garage</b>	Distance to parking and garage	Distance	Min
<b>Location with respect to parts of the world</b>	Solar insolation	Number	Max
<b>Distance from the city center</b>	Distance from city center	Distance	Min
<b>Public transport stops</b>	Public transport stops	Number	Min
<b>Public culture</b>	Sustenance	Number	Max
	Education	Number	Max
	Financial	Number	Max
	Entertainment, art and culture	Number	Max
	Worship	Distance	Min
	Sport activities	Number	Max
<b>Public welfare and service</b>	Hospital and medical clinic	Distance	Min
	Fire station	Distance	Min
	Police station	Distance	Min
	Post office	Distance	Min
<b>Public transport</b>	Number of public transport routes	Number	Max

# Delphi method

**Table 10.** Weights of the criteria defined by the experts (developed by the author)

Criteria	Experts													
	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	E8	E9	E10	...	E15	E16	E17
<b>View landscape</b>	10	10	10	10	9	7	7	7	9	9	...	10	7	10
<b>Trees and vegetation</b>	9	8	9	9	7	9	9	8	9	9	...	9	9	9
<b>Distance to industrial facilities</b>	7	10	8	8	8	8	9	9	10	8	...	8	9	8
<b>Type of view</b>	10	9	10	9	7	6	7	6	10	9	...	9	7	9
<b>Forests and green areas</b>	6	6	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	8	...	9	9	6
<b>Parking and garage</b>	6	8	7	8	10	6	9	6	10	8	...	8	9	10
<b>Simplified Solar insolation</b>	9	10	7	8	9	7	9	7	9	7	...	8	9	6
<b>Police station</b>	6	8	8	6	10	9	9	9	10	6	...	6	9	7
<b>Distance from city center</b>	8	5	7	8	8	7	8	6	10	10	...	8	8	8
<b>Distance to public transport stops</b>	9	5	6	8	8	8	8	8	10	8	...	8	8	7
<b>Public transport</b>	7	3	6	7	10	8	9	3	10	8	...	7	9	9
<b>Sustenance</b>	6	4	9	8	7	7	9	7	10	6	...	8	9	5
<b>Education</b>	7	3	5	5	8	8	9	10	10	7	...	5	9	6
<b>Healthcare</b>	8	8	6	5	9	9	9	3	10	6	...	5	8	5
<b>Entertainment</b>	2	6	6	7	8	9	8	7	10	6	...	7	8	7
<b>Sport activities</b>	2	7	6	7	3	9	10	8	10	7	...	7	9	6
<b>Fire station</b>	4	4	9	7	9	7	9	2	8	6	...	7	8	7
<b>Worship</b>	3	8	4	5	8	6	7	8	8	7	...	5	7	6
<b>Financial</b>	4	1	5	4	5	8	8	8	7	6	...	4	7	6
<b>Post office</b>	5	4	2	1	3	6	6	3	5	5	...	2	6	4

Concordance coefficient (Podvezko, 2005) was calculated based on Pearson (Pearson, 2009) formula,  $\chi^2 = 131.7$

According to Chi-Square Probabilities (Plackett, 1983) for degree of freedom 19,  $\chi^2 = 30.144$ .

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**Table 11.** Functions of criteria data gathering (developed by the author)

Criteria	Sources of data
<b>View landscape</b>	The relevant coefficients was calculated by visibility analysis using QUVIAS method implemented in the developed web-based SDSS. This criterion represents the view that can be seen from the windows of the building in certain location.
<b>Type of view</b>	The value was calculated as difference between normalised negatively and positively influence of the objects that can be seen in the view determined by QUVIAS method based on the data gathered from GIS databases OpenStreetMap and ESRI. Where, according to the multiple researches (Souravik, Yiyu, Lihui, & Jianmin, 2020) (Benson, Hansen, Schwartz, & Smersh, 1998) (Irizarry & Karan, Optimizing location of tower cranes on construction sites through GIS and BIM integration, 2012) (Paterson & Boyle, 2002) (Medendorp & Semwal, 2019) (Yuan, Wu, Wei, & Wang, 2018) (Zhou, Guo, Ma, Zhang, & Skitmore, 2021) (Shkundalov & Vilutiene, Building management system in WebBIM environment, 2020) (Baranzini & Schaerer, 2011), oceans, green areas, rivers and lakes are considered as an objects with positive influence, and other objects presents a negative influence, such as roads, buildings, parking, etc. Objects that are not defined in the GIS database was excluded from the calculation.
<b>Solar insolation</b>	The values was calculated according to the (Bird & Hulstrom, 1980) (Kamali, Moradi, & Khalili, 2006) (Honsberg & Bowden, 2019) and based on the direct normal irradiation and diffuse horizontal irradiation gathered from the Global Solar Atlas (Global Solar Atlas, 2022) and European Commission (European Commission: Photovoltaic Geographical Information System, 2022) databases in certain location.
<b>Trees and vegetation</b>	
<b>Forests and green areas</b>	
<b>Distance to industrial facilities</b>	
<b>Distance to parking and garage</b>	
<b>Distance from city center</b>	
<b>Public transport stops</b>	
<b>Sustenance</b>	The data was gathered from OpenStreetMap and ESRI databases.
<b>Education</b>	The requests for OpenStreetMap includes three types of objects, specifically “node”, “way” and “relation”. The used parameters for the requests are as follows: amenity, leisure, boundary, tourism, natural, landuse, landcover, route, route_master, aerialway, railway_routes, train_routes,
<b>Financial</b>	highway, public_transport, communication, telecom.
<b>Entertainment, art and culture</b>	
<b>Worship</b>	The categories used in requests for ESRI database correlates with the date that is required, therefore the similar categories are applied.
<b>Sport activities</b>	
<b>Hospital and medical clinic</b>	
<b>Fire station</b>	
<b>Police station</b>	
<b>Post office</b>	
<b>Number of public transport routes</b>	



# Developed web-based spatial decision-support system

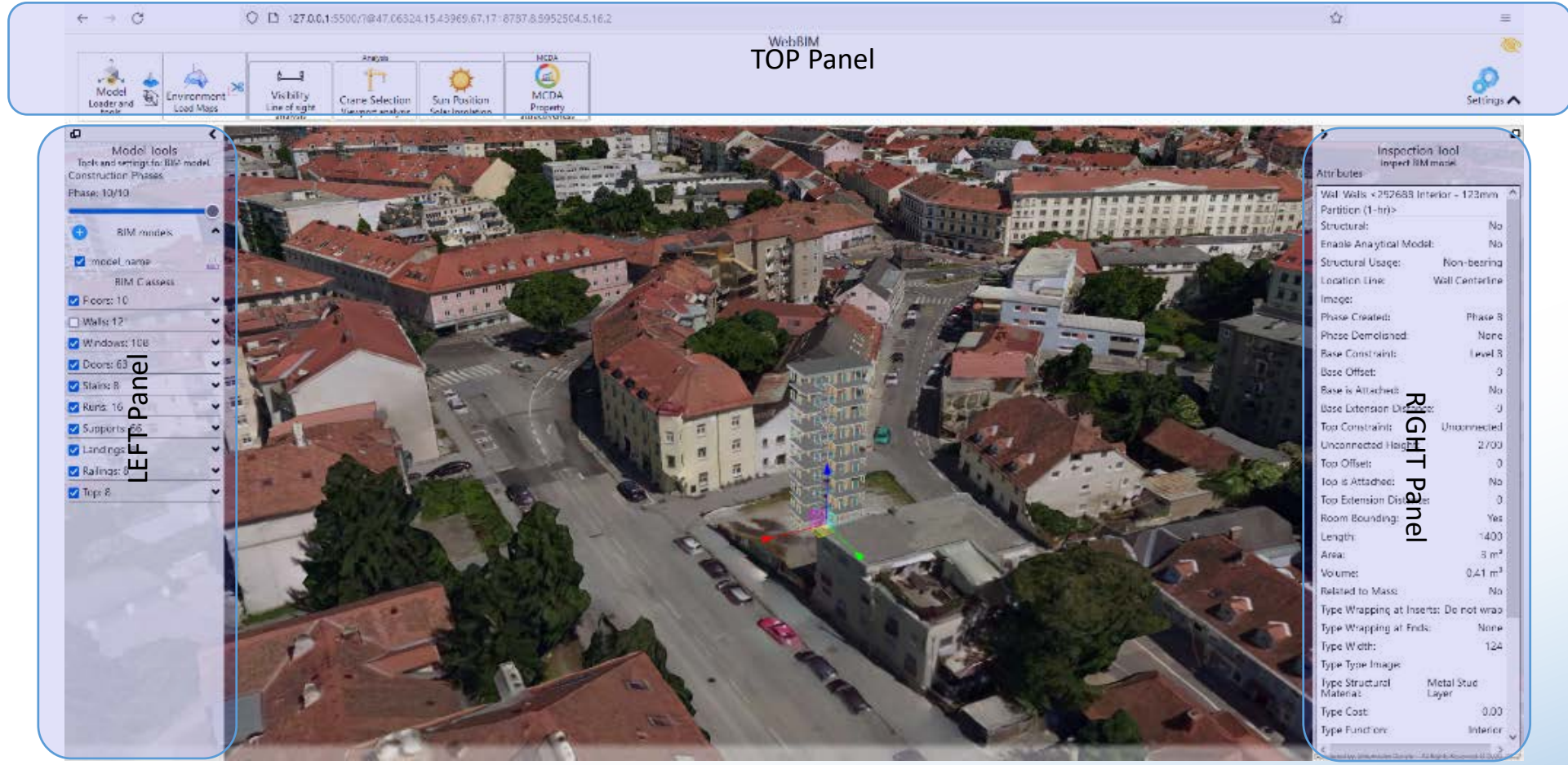
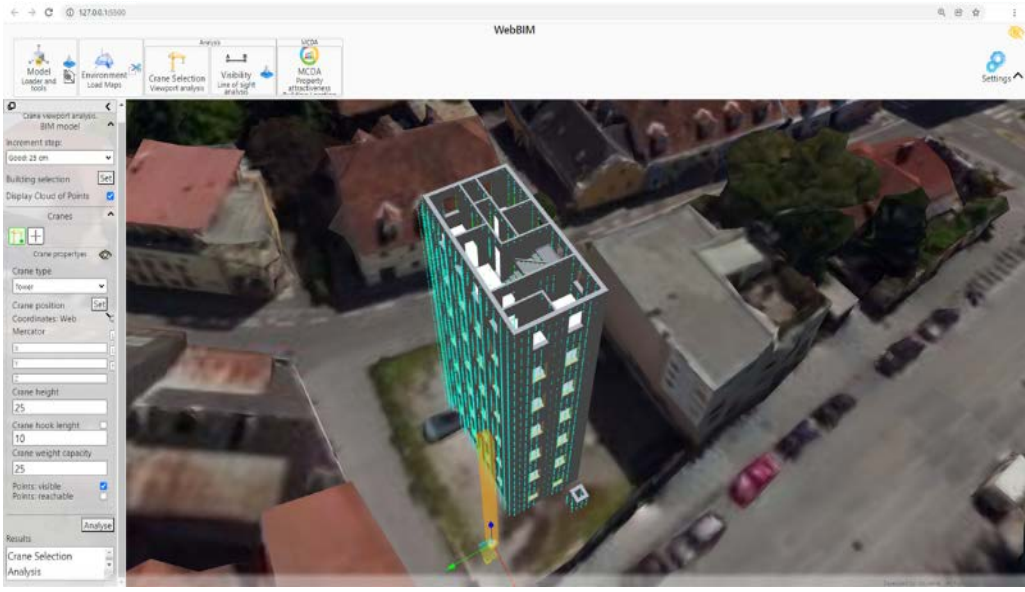


Fig. 9. Web-based spatial decision-support system (developed by the author)

# Case study 1. Modelling optimal crane operation



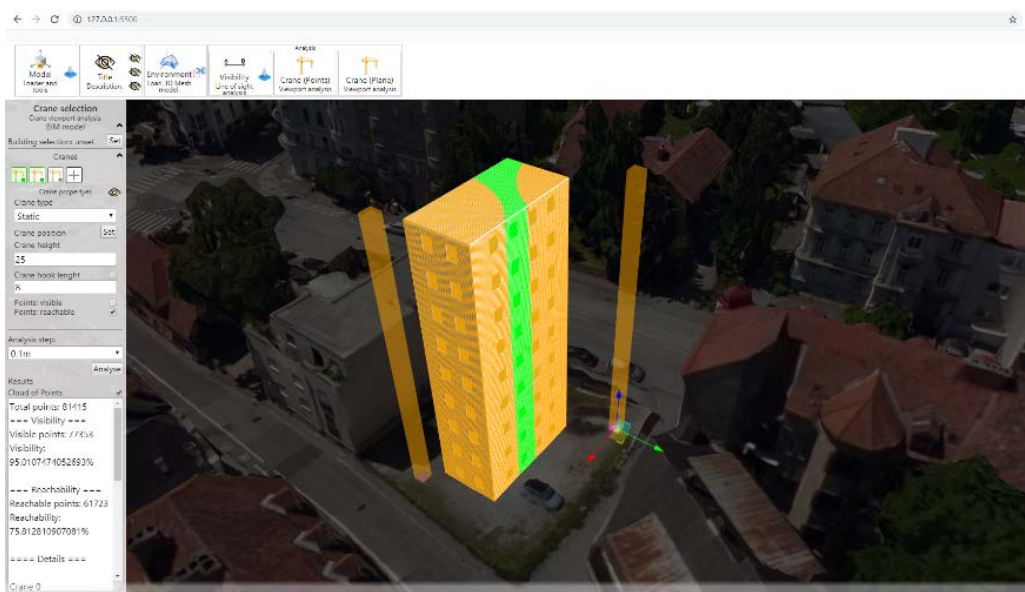
**Fig. 10.** Crane visibility rate (developed by the author)

**Table 12.** Results of the crane selection and operation analysis: visibility

Visibility : 95% (77353 points).

First crane: 51.9% (42287 points)

Second crane: 49.7% (40463,57 points)



**Fig. 11.** Crane reachability rate (developed by the author)

**Table 13.** Results of the crane selection and operation analysis: reachability

Reachability of the first crane – 27% (21976 points)

Reachability of the second - 48,8% (39747 points)

*Single crane task:*

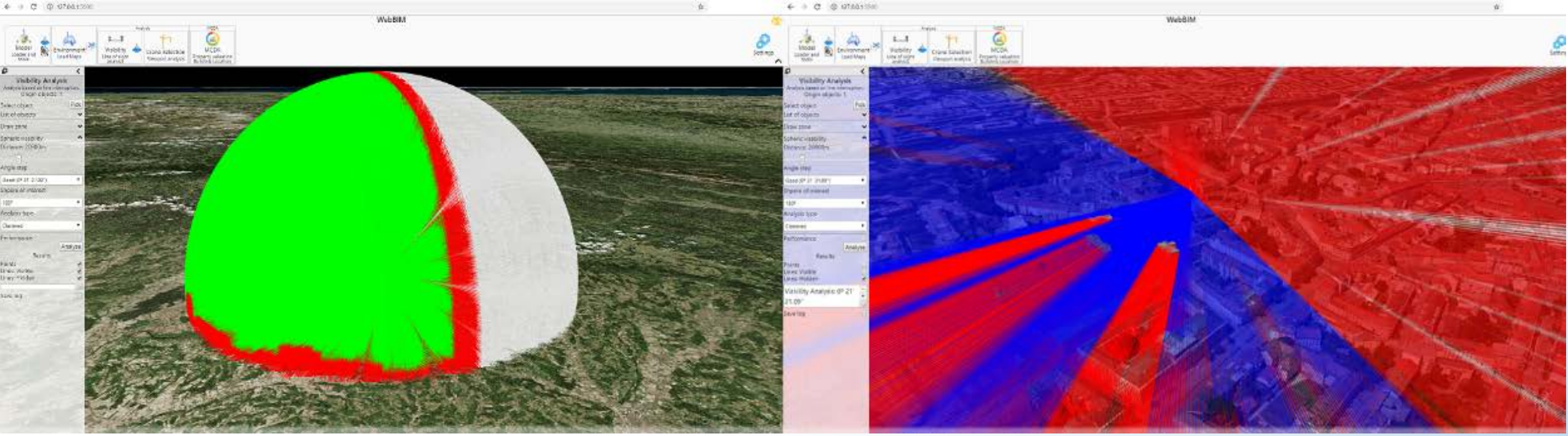
Second crane location is 21,8% more effective compared to the first location

*Multiple cranes task:*

Not suitable locations (24,3% not reachable)



# Case study 2. Utilization of visibility and geospatial analysis for the assessment of property attractiveness and building location problems: view analysis

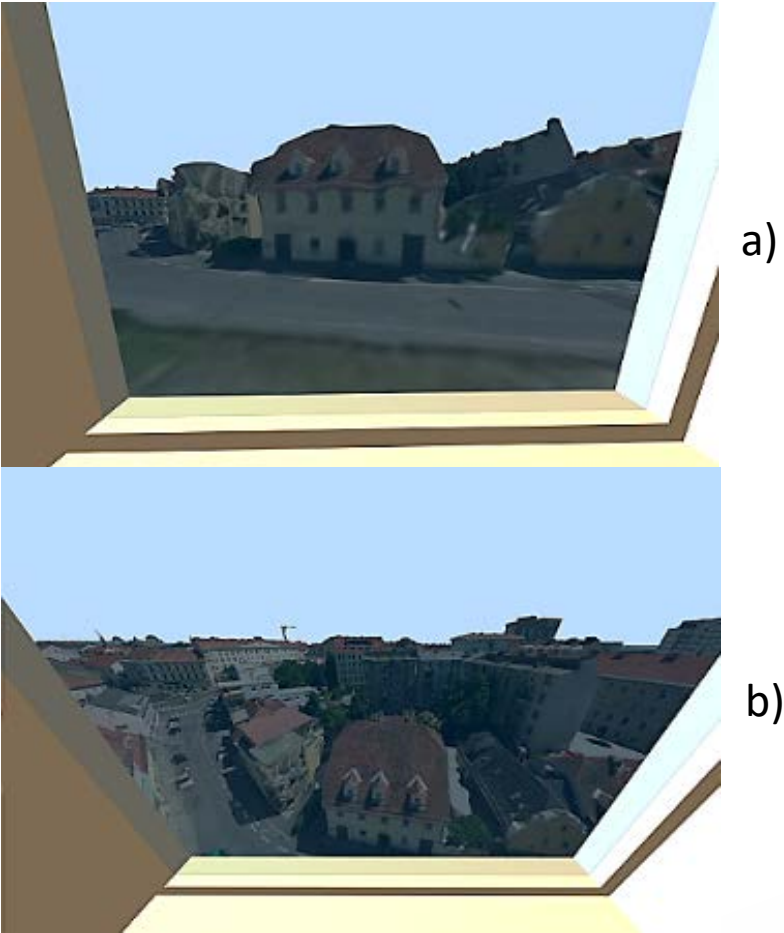


a)

b)

**Fig. 12.** Visualization of the QUVIAS method: a - view sphere presented by lines; b - part of the view sphere (developed by the author)

*Case study 2. Utilization of visibility and geospatial analysis for the assessment of property attractiveness and building location problems: window view coefficient*



**Fig. 13.** Practical research of proposed window visibility analysis: a - the view from the second floor; b - the view from the ninth floor (developed by the author)

Benefits of applying the window view coefficient:

- No on-site measurements;
- Removes subjective judgments;
- Reduces time consumption.

**Table 14.** Results of the visibility analysis utilizing QUVIAS method: Window view coefficients

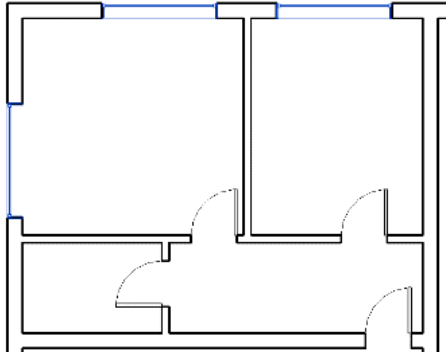
<b>Second floor:</b>		<b>Ninth floor:</b>
Window view coefficient :	Difference:	Window view coefficient:
0.24730;	63,4%	0.40399;
Types of the objects:	Difference:	Type of objects:
0.11266 (or 45.6%) roads;	29.5%	0.06509 (or 16.1%) roads;
0.03710 (or 15%) buildings;	13.8%	0.11671 (or 28.8%) buildings;
	0.4%	0.00180 (or 0.4%) green areas;
0.01030 (or 4.2%) undefined.	1.9%	0.02469 (or 6.1%) unknown.



*Case study 2. Utilization of visibility and geospatial analysis for the assessment of property attractiveness and building location problems: premise view coefficient*



**Fig. 14.** Windows view coefficients for all floors (developed by the author)



**Fig. 15.** Required windows for the calculation of the premises view coefficient (developed by the author)

**Table 15.** Results of the visibility analysis utilizing QUVIAS method

<b>Second floor:</b>		<b>Ninth floor:</b>	
Premises view coefficient :	Difference:	Premises view coefficient:	
0.19816;	113,0%	0.42199;	
Types of the objects:	Difference:	Type of objects:	
0.067772 (or 34.2%) roads;	24.4%	0.041355 (or 9.8%) roads;	
0.046767 (or 23.6%) buildings;	8.3%	0.134613 (or 31.9%) buildings;	
0.036264 (or 18.3%) parking;	17.2%	0.004642 (or 1.1%) parking;	
0.000396 (or 0.2%) green area;	0.7%	0.003798 (or 0.9%) green area;	
0.003567 (or 1.8%) undefined.	5.8%	0.032071 (or 7.6%) unknown.	

*Case study 2. Utilization of visibility and geospatial analysis for the assessment of property attractiveness and building location problems: building view coefficient*



**Table 16.** Results of the visibility analysis utilizing QUVIAS method: Building view coefficients

a)	<b>First location:</b>		<b>Second location:</b>
	Building view coefficient :	Difference:	Building view coefficient:
	0.29847;	6,9%	0.31904;
	Types of the objects:	Difference:	Type of objects:
	0.06865 (or 23%) roads;	15.2%	0.02489 (or 7.8%) roads;
	0.08283 (or 27.8%) buildings;	6.1%	0.06939 (or 21.75%) buildings;
	0.01448 (or 4.85%) parking lots;	4.85%	
	0.00164 (or 0.55%) green area;	17.35%	0.05711 (or 17.9%) green areas;
b)	0.01851 (or 6.2%) undefined	1%	0.01659 (or 5.2%) undefined

**Fig. 16.** Web-based SDSS - alternative locations of the building: a) first alternative; b) second alternative (developed by the author)

# Case study 3. Solving the building location problem by applying multi-criteria decision-making analysis

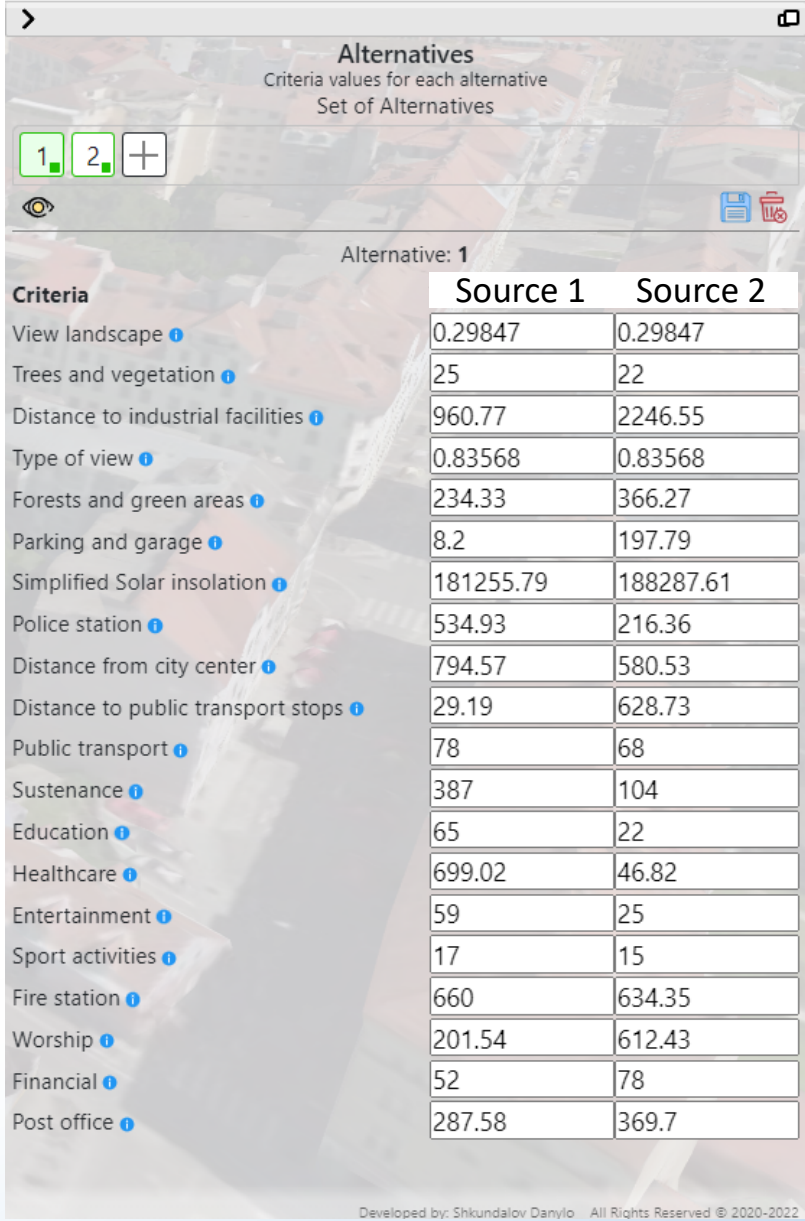


Fig. 17. Comparison of data gathered from different GIS databases for the first alternative (developed by the author)



# Case study 3. Solving the building location problem by applying multi-criteria decision-making analysis

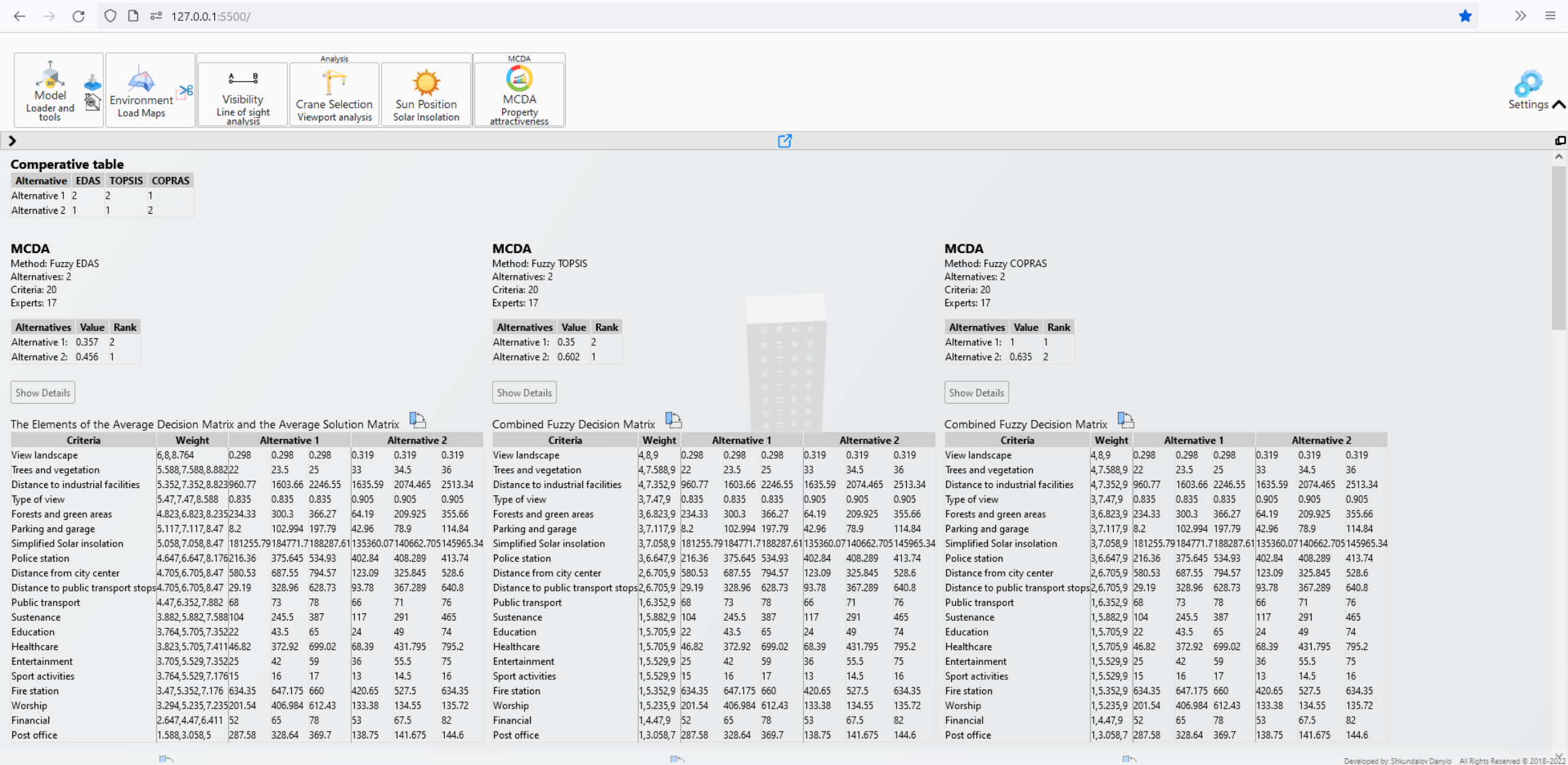


Fig. 18. Multi-criteria decision-making analysis in web-based SDSS (developed by the author)



## Case study 3. Solving the building location problem by applying multi-criteria decision-making analysis



a)



b)

**Fig. 19.** Web-based SDSS - alternative locations of the building: a) first alternative; b) second alternative (developed by the author)

**Table 17.** Comparison of the ranks determined by different multi-criteria decision-making methods (developed by the author)

Alternatives	Fuzzy TOPSIS <sup>*1</sup>	Fuzzy COPRAS <sup>*2</sup>	Fuzzy EDAS <sup>*3</sup>
Alternative 1	2	1	2
Alternative 2	1	2	1

<sup>\*1</sup> - The Technique for Order Preference by Similarity to Ideal Solution;

<sup>\*2</sup> - The COmplex PROportional ASsessment;

<sup>\*3</sup> - The Evaluation based on Distance from Average Solution;

# Conclusions (I)

1. Deep research on the state-of-the-art related to BIM, GIS, and Web environments integration was conducted. According to the analysis results, the integration process of BIM, GIS, and Web environments faces many obstacles, where the most pressing issues are related to the implementation of the standards and methods for processing the data. Mainly, this issue is linked to the processing of the BIM model since no unified standard can be found that would present a method for data storing and managing that would be sufficient for all three environments.
2. The proposed method for determining the sequence of the objects' relation allowed recompiling the BIM model representation and processing it in a more BIM-native manner, where the recalculated coordinates were utilised in the geospatial analysis. The proposed method was used multiple times in other analyses presented in the dissertation. The proposed method has shown its value and usefulness according to the results of the development.
3. The proposed methodology for crane selection and operations has shown high accuracy of the calculation allowing analysis of single cranes as well as their groups. According to the analysis results, the proposed method allowed for differentiating the alternatives of the crane locations considering the visibility and reachability of the cranes.

# Conclusions (II)

4. The proposed Quantitative View Assessment (QUVIAS) method for visibility analysis, which allows calculating the view mathematically, has shown high accuracy of the calculations and provided the following conclusions:
  - a) The comparison of the existing and proposed methods for visibility analysis revealed a sufficient difference in accuracy and proved the value of the QUVIAS method.
  - b) The window view coefficient allowed for determining the precise difference between the views of the windows, which proves the accuracy of the proposed method for quantitative view assessment.
  - c) The proposed premise view coefficient revealed a significant difference in clearance of the views related to the two premises. The premise view coefficient has shown its potential to be used in the assessment of the premise attractiveness.
  - d) The building view coefficient revealed a sufficient difference between the two views, which are related to alternative locations of the building. The analysis has shown that the proposed building view coefficient is suitable to be used for solving a building location problem by providing a quantitative representation of the view in the calculation.
5. The proposed conceptual model and methodology for multi-criteria decision-making analysis were applied to the case study for automation of solving a building location problem. The whole process of data gathering and MCDA problem solving was performed inside the developed Web-based SDSS. Achieved results proved the usefulness of BIM, GIS, and Web integration for solving problems in the construction field as well as proved the use of results obtained by the QUVIAS method.
6. The Web-based spatial decision-support system was developed, including all proposed methods and approaches and was approved in the case study. The main obstacle in development was found in a lack of sources and GIS databases for gathering the data for multi-criteria decision-making analysis. This issue is related to the dissociation of the databases presented by institutions. The databases are inaccessible most of the time, which leads to the lack of data for performing multi-criteria analysis.

Thank you

# *Additional: Results of the analysis of the state-of-the-art related to BIM, GIS and Web integration*

**Table 1. Countries \***

Country	Articles
China	44
USA	18
Australia	14
England	10
Italy	10
India	8
Germany	6
South Korea	6
Canada	5
Malaysia	5
Saudi Arabia	5
Spain	5
Belgium	3
France	3
Indonesia	3
Netherlands	3
Turkey	3
Lithuania	2
⋮	⋮

**Table 2. Institutions \***

Institution	Articles
Curtin University (Australia)	6
Rluk Research Libraries (UK)	4
Shenzhen University (China)	4
Tianjin University (China)	4
Chinese Academy of Sciences (China)	3
Ghent University (Belgium)	3
National Institute of Technology (India)	3
Qingdao University (China)	3
Shenzhen Institute of Advanced Technology (China)	3
Southeast University China (China)	3
State University System of Florida (US)	3
Tongji University (China)	3
University College London (UK)	3
University of London (UK)	3
Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (Lithuania)	2
⋮	⋮

**Table 3. Authors \***

Author	Articles
Wang Xiangyu	5
Lv Zhihan	5
Zhu Junxiang	4
Zhang Sherong	3
Li Xiaoming	3
Vilutienė Tatjana	2
Shkundalov Danylo	2
⋮	⋮

**Table 4. Scientific journals \***

Name of the journal	Articles
International Journal of Geo Information	16
Automation in Construction	11
Sustainability	7
Buildings	6
Information Technology in Construction	4
Remote Sensing	4
Applied Sciences Basel	3
⋮	⋮

\* – Number of articles more than 2



## *Additional: Potential uses of BIM, GIS and Web integration*

**Table 1.** Construction project lifecycle phases and virtually integrated Design, Construction and Operation\*

<b>Planning and Design Phase</b>
<u>Programming, conceptualization</u> and cost planning
<u>Architectural</u> , structural and systems design
<u>Analysis</u> , documentation, coordination and specification
<b>Construction Phase</b>
Construction planning and construction detailing
Manufacturing and construction
<u>Commissioning</u> , handover
<b>Operations Phase</b>
Occupancy and operations
Asset management and facility maintenance
Decommissioning and major re-programming

**Table 2.** BIM uses achievable on the current state of the BIM, GIS and Web integration

<b>BIM uses</b>
<u>Visualization</u>
Urban Planning
<u>Conceptualization</u>
<u>Space Programming</u>
<u>Selection and Specification</u>
<u>Site Analysis</u>
<u>Solar Analysis</u>
Accessibility Analysis
Safety Analysis
Security Analysis
<u>Relocation Management</u>
Building Inspection
Real-time Utilization
<u>BIM/GIS Overlapping</u>
<u>BIM/Web Overlapping</u>
VR/AR
<u>Decision-making</u>
<u>Property attractiveness</u>
<u>Crane selection and operation</u>

\* - According to (Ustinovičius, Rasiulis, Nazarko, Vilutienė & Reizgevičius, 2015), “BIM Framework” and “BIMe Initiative”

## *Additional: Assessment of the property attractiveness*

**Table 1.** Commonly used criteria presented in scientific articles related to property attractiveness \*

<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Criterion</b>
Selling price	Floor
Prestige of locality	Equipment of a territory
Accessibility	Assessment of market conditions
Environmental aesthetics	Type of area
Interior	Balcony
Public transport	Number of floors
Year of construction	Construction design
Distance from the city centre	Layout of premises
The need for renovation	Number of Auxiliary buildings
Window View	Public welfare and culture
Social environment and crimes	Trees and vegetation
Engineering solutions and communications	Assessment of air conditioning
Parking and garages	Basement
Exterior	Distance from public transport stops
Heating method	Number of telephone lines
Residential space and area of a land plot	Location with respect to parts of the world

- - According to:  
Zavadskas, Kaklauskas, Bausys, Naumcik & Ubarte, 2021;  
Jegelavičiūtė, 2017;  
Maliene, 2011;  
Achillas, Vlachokostas, Moussiopoulos & Banias, 2010;  
Chou, Hsu & Chen, 2008;  
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Din, Hoesli & Bender, 2001;  
Wyatt, 1997;  
McCluskey, Deddis, Mannis, McBurney & Borst, 1997;