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IMMERSIVE LANDSCAPES

TYPE: ACADEMIC AUTHORSHIP: GROUP (TEAM: YINHUI DONG, QIAN CHEN) TERM: SUMMER 2024 INSTRUCTOR: MICHIEL HELBIG& CORNEEL CANNAERTS

The project addresses ecological crises by using digital technologies to create immersive "Imagined Landscapes" that foster environmental stewardship and social transformation through virtual engagement with nature.

The ecological crises demand a reevaluation of the boundaries between natural and artificial, grown and made, and wild and controlled. Digital technologies amplify this blurring, challenging distinctions like local versus global and interior versus exterior. This project envisions a future where artificial images drive social change and environmental stewardship. Using tools like AR, VR, game engines, and generative AI, it explores media ecologies that foster nature conservation by redefining the relationship between human activity and natural habitats. Instead of disrupting fragile landscapes, immersive digital recreations allow humans to engage with nature. Drawing from 3D scans, Google Maps, drone footage, and 360-degree cameras, it creates reconstructed virtual landscapes that reflect human-influenced environments. These "Imagined Landscapes" leverage interactive media to challenge traditional representations and inspire new ways to experience and understand nature.

RTIFICIAL

ATURAL

HYBRID









VIDEO SELECTED LANDSCAPE











SUPERCODUCTING SUPER COLLIDER HOLOBIONT

TYPE: ACADEMIC AUTHORSHIP: GROUP (TEAM: KEXIN XU,WENYI XU) TERM: FALL 2024 INSTRUCTOR: LINDY ROY

The project combines a cooling system and evolving shade design at Shaft S40 to enhance energy circulation, ecological resilience, and sustainable connections.

The Superconducting Supercollider territory functions as a sophisticated information exchange system at both macro and micro scales, facilitating the flow of biotic and abiotic components to sustain ecological balance. Inspired by this interconnected system-where humans, plants, animals, and microorganisms coexist through symbiotic relationships-the project explores innovative strategies to enhance natural energy circulation and ecological resilience. Central to the design is a cooling system that utilizes the site's shafts and underground tunnels to generate cold airflow, drawing inspiration from ancient wind-catching structures in the Gulf Basin. This system incorporates a tower that captures warm air from above, converting it into a cooling mechanism for the surrounding environment. Building on this concept,

the intervention at Shaft S40 introduces an evolving shade system that integrates strategic planting and a thoughtfully designed pavilion, designed to adapt over time to promote natural cooling and foster environmental and social connections across the broader territory. By merging architectural and ecological solutions, the project addresses the dual challenges of climate regulation and community engagement, creating a scalable framework for sustainable development. Ultimately, it presents a forward-looking vision of ecological and social integration, contributing to long-term climate adaptation, fostering ecological equilibrium, and serving as a replicable model for environmentally conscious design.





PROCESS



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SUSTAINABLE COOLING STRATEGY





Propose a pavilion above the magnet shaft. With the terrain sloping northward and winds blowing south, the pavilion's lower north and higher south structure boosts airflow and provides dynamic views. 3. Pavilion Design



Design a labyrinth-like structure with winding paths to slow down air movement, allowing more time for cooling.

4. Cooling Panel Labyrinth



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GROWTH HEIGHT & CANOPY RADIUS

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SIPHON SYMPHONY

TYPE: ACADEMIC AUTHORSHIP: INDIVIDUAL TERM: SPRING 2025 INSTRUCTOR: LYDIA KALLIPOLITI

This building uses siphoning techniques inspired by Athens to create an energy-efficient, climate-responsive system where water and heat interact dynamically to enable natural heating, cooling, and ventilation.

This building integrates siphoning techniques common in Athens to form a self-regulating system for heating, cooling, and ventilation. By harnessing natural water flow and thermal exchange, it reduces reliance on mechanical systems and instead uses passive strategies to create comfortable microclimates. The design minimizes energy use and carbon emissions, reimagining urban infrastructure as a living system in harmony with natural forces. It offers a sustainable model for water and energy management, promoting ecological balance and climate-responsive urban living.

WATER PATH ANALYSIS



Rainwater is collected through bamboo spouts, filtered via semi-circular containers, and then directed into underground reservoirs.

Water is pumped uphill using siphon and thermosiphon principles, then distributed to individual housing units.

MATERIAL ANALYSIS & ENERGY CALCULATION









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