

# Portfolio



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"If you give people nothingness, they can ponder what can be achieved from that nothingness."

- TADAO ANDO

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# 01

## ARCHITECTONICS OF MUSIC

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Prof. Steven Holl, Prof. Dimitra Tsachrelia

Group Project : Jin Woo Jung

Known for its immersive and expansive sonic landscape, 'Become Ocean' captures the essence of the ocean with a haunting orchestral sound, suggesting relentless tidal movements that allows individuals to immerse themselves in a contemplative and expansive environment, reminiscent of the vastness and beauty of the ocean.

Along with the subtle transition the design seeks to create an immersive environment by showing various overlapped layers of relationships such as flow of water, space, light and acoustics that prompt contemplation and connection to the broader ecological narrative thereby stimulating the spiritual aspects of emotions.



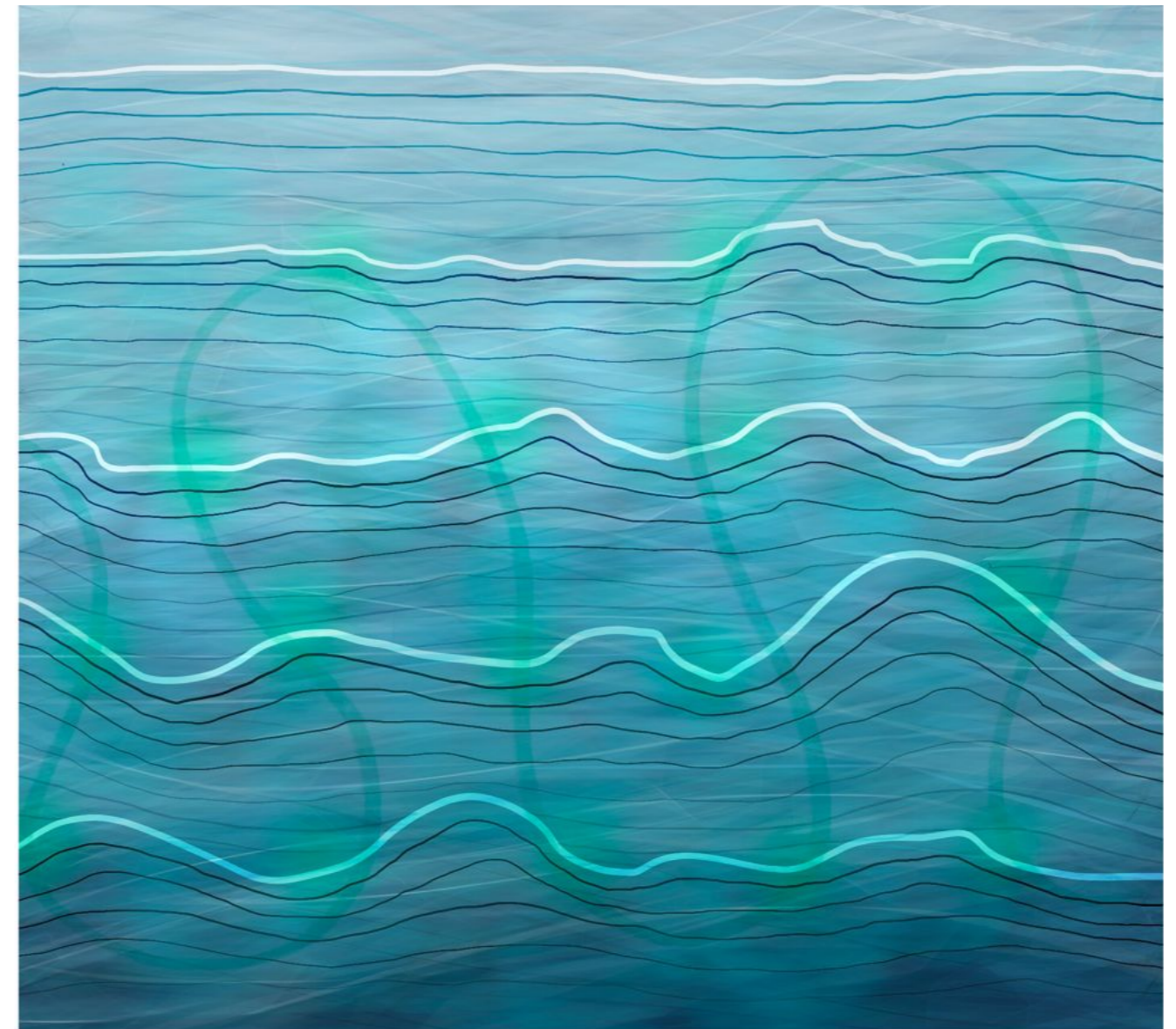
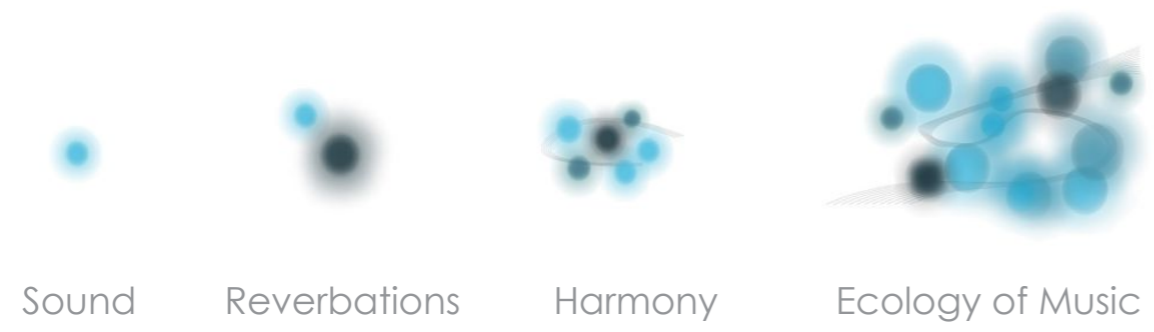
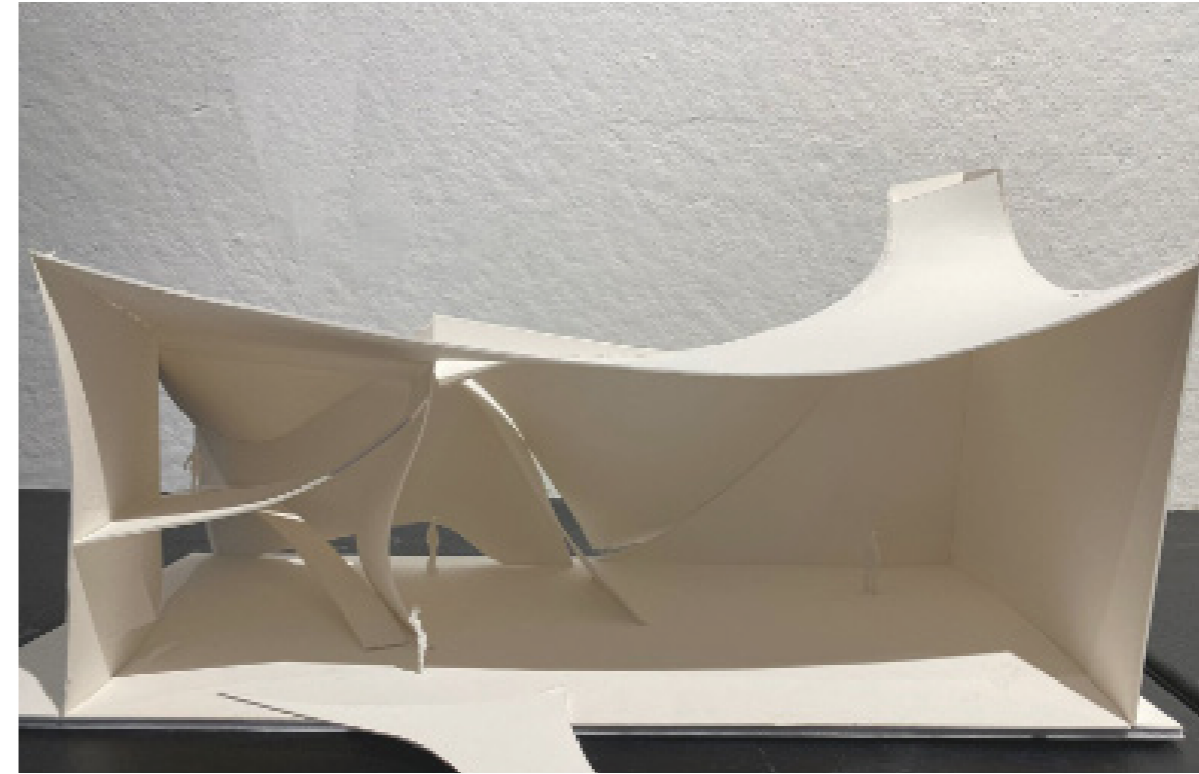
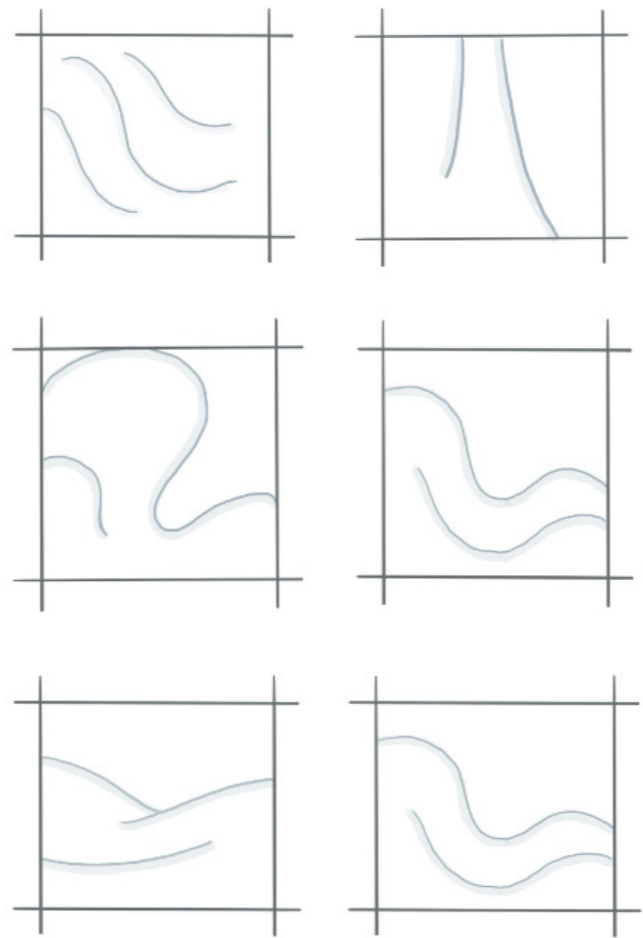
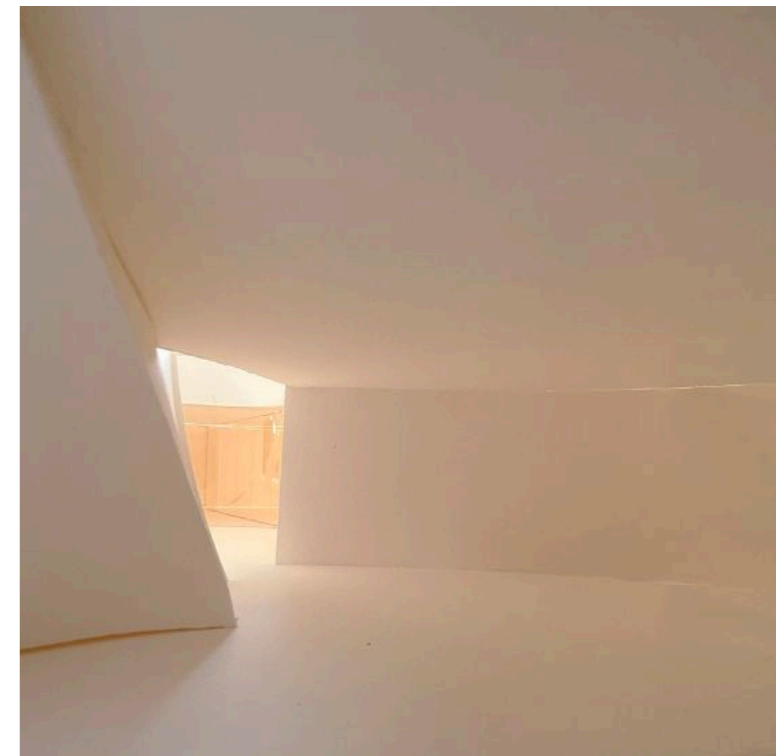
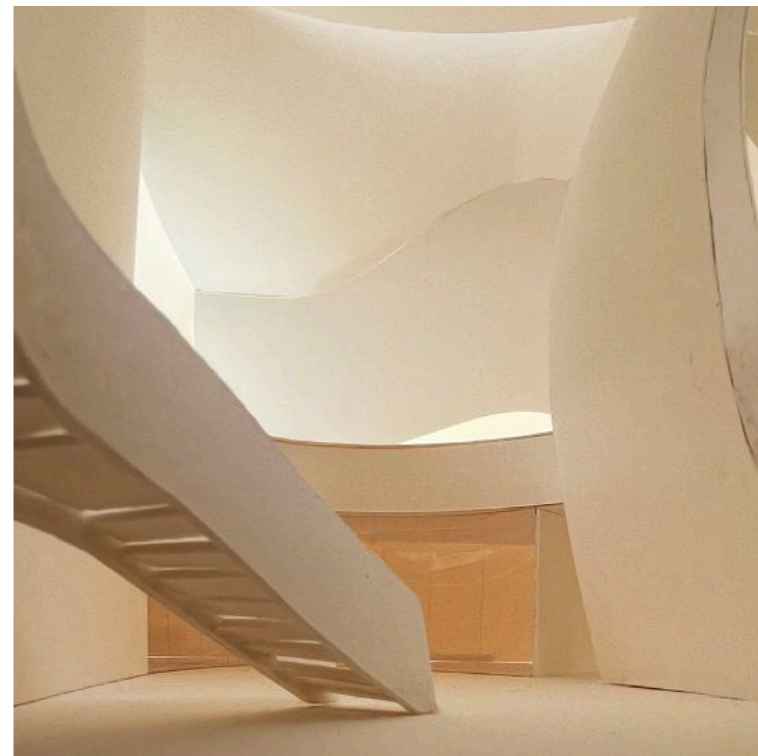


Illustration depicting the ecology of music



Typology of waves portraying ecology of music

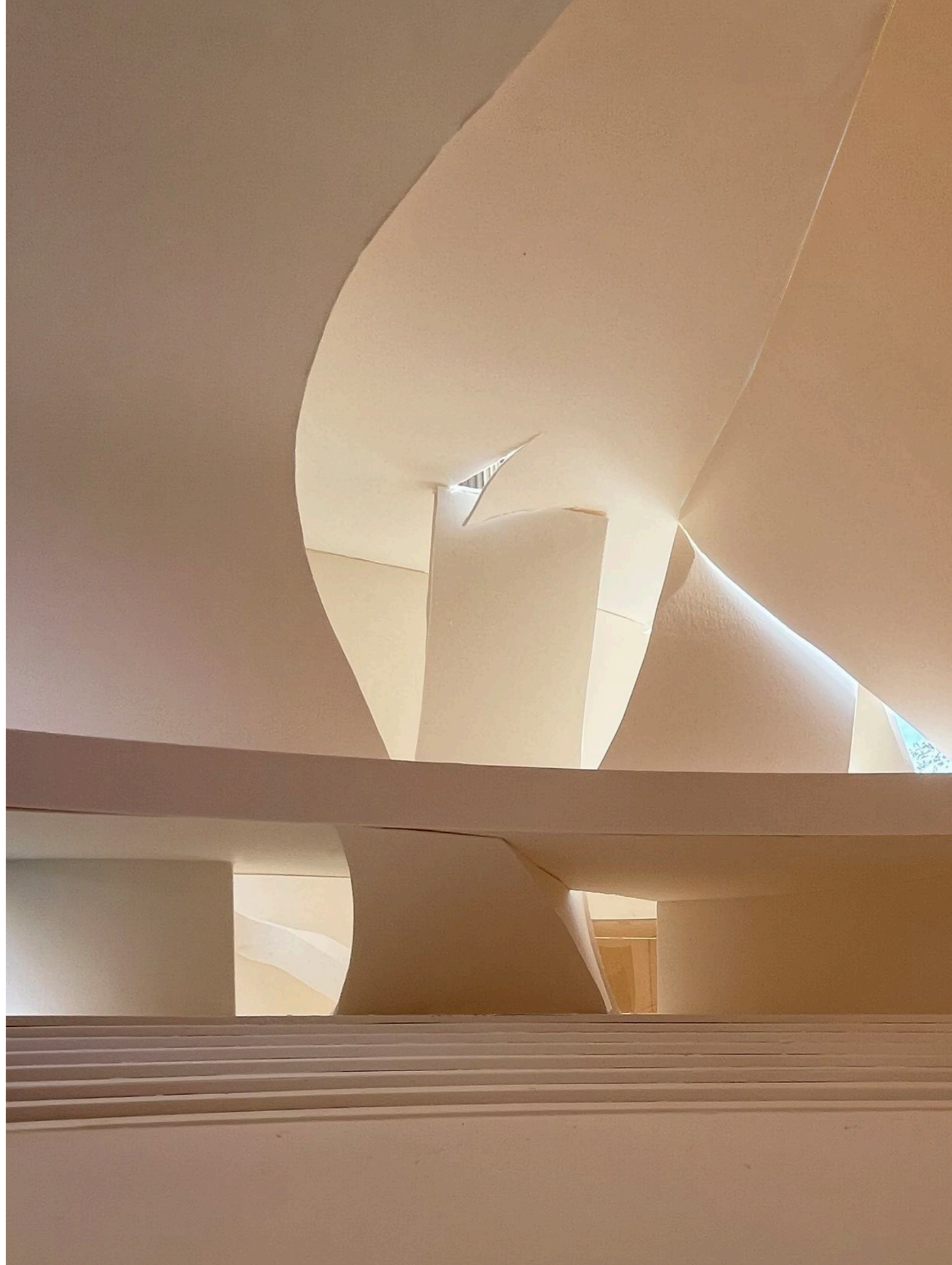


View of the entrance lobby



Lounge area

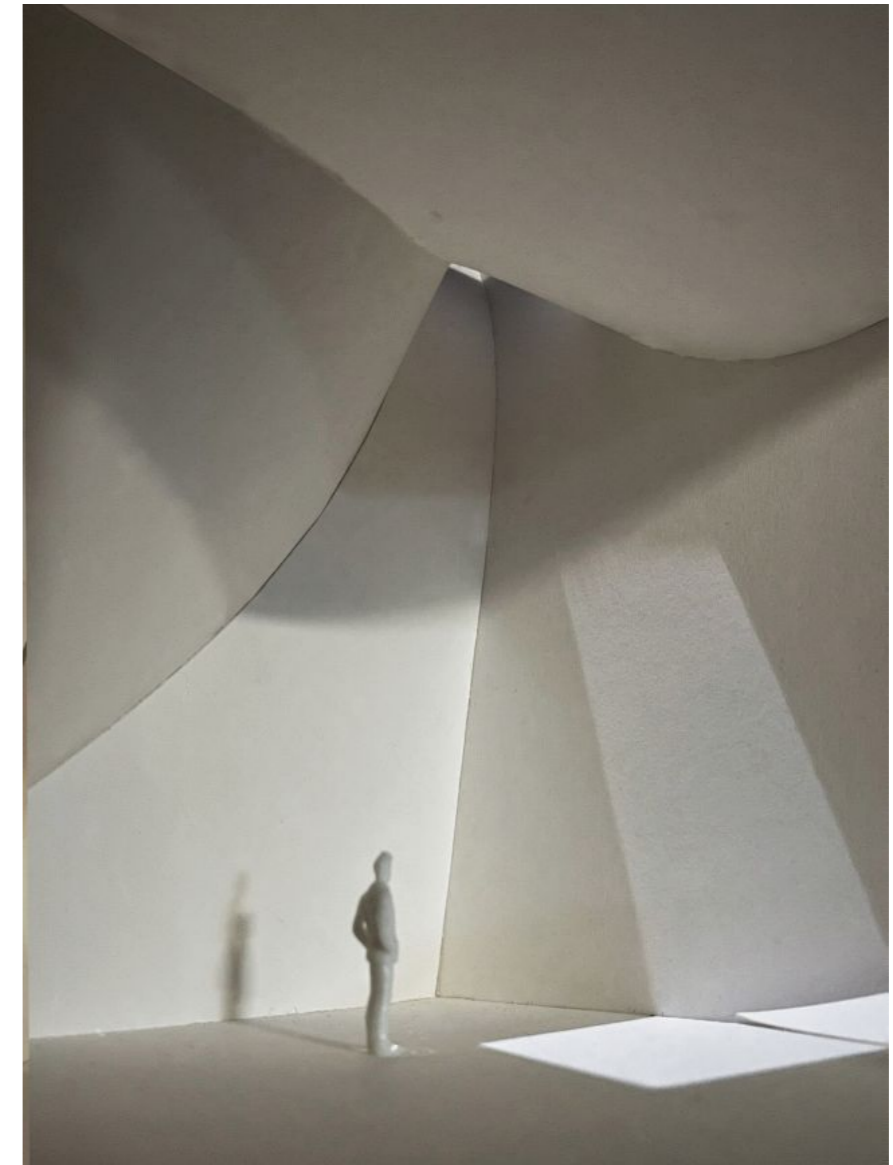
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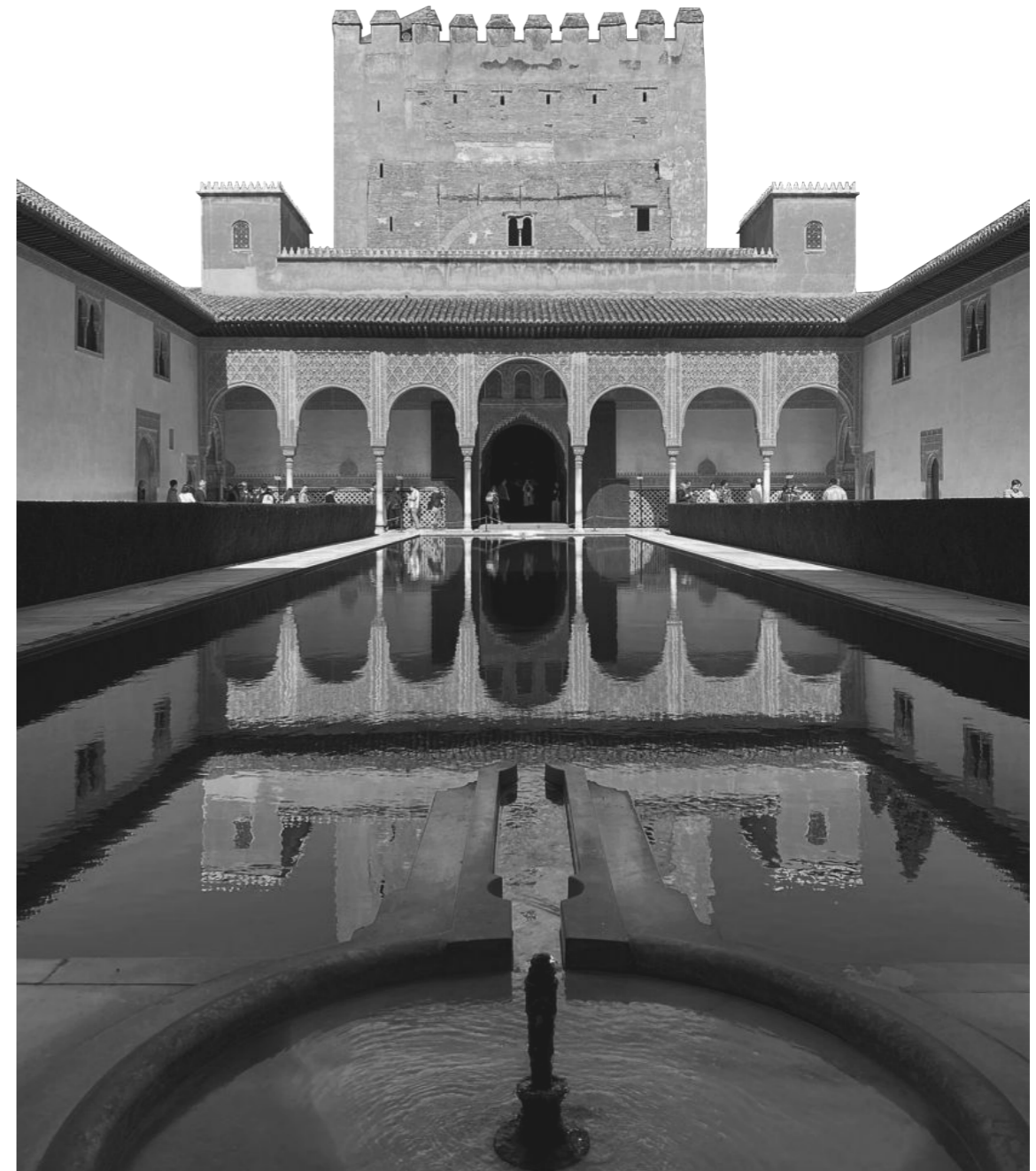
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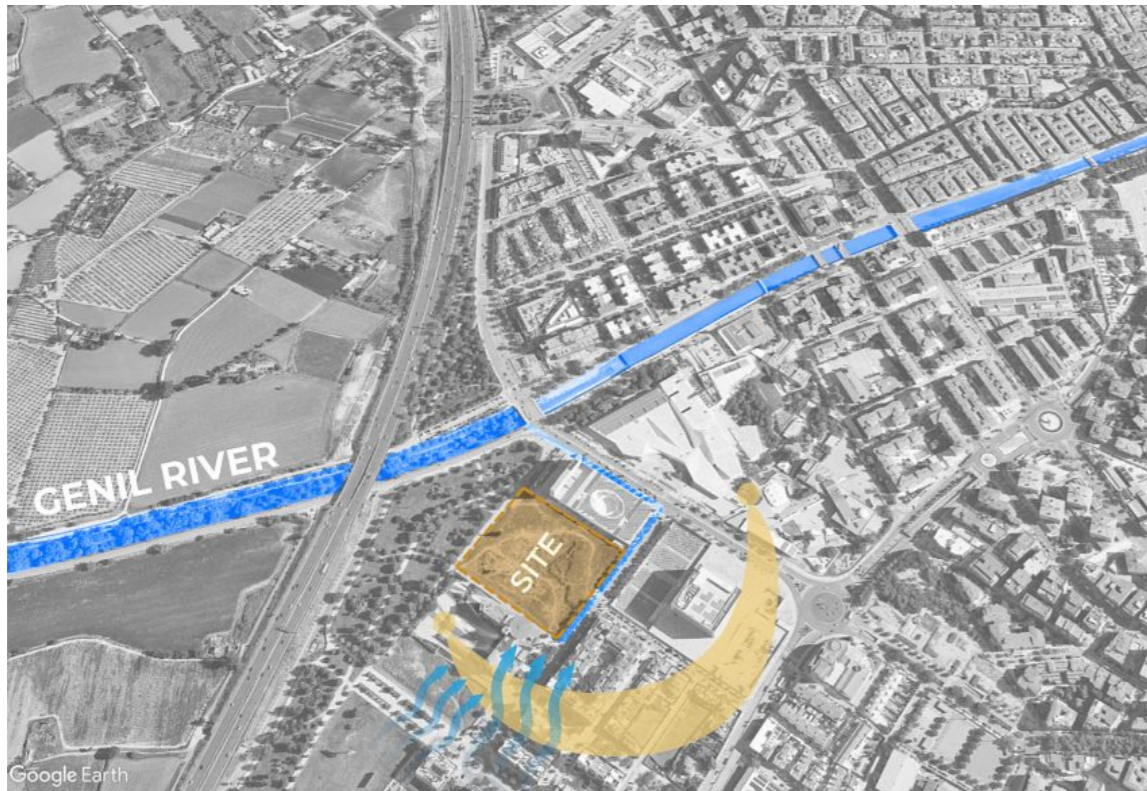
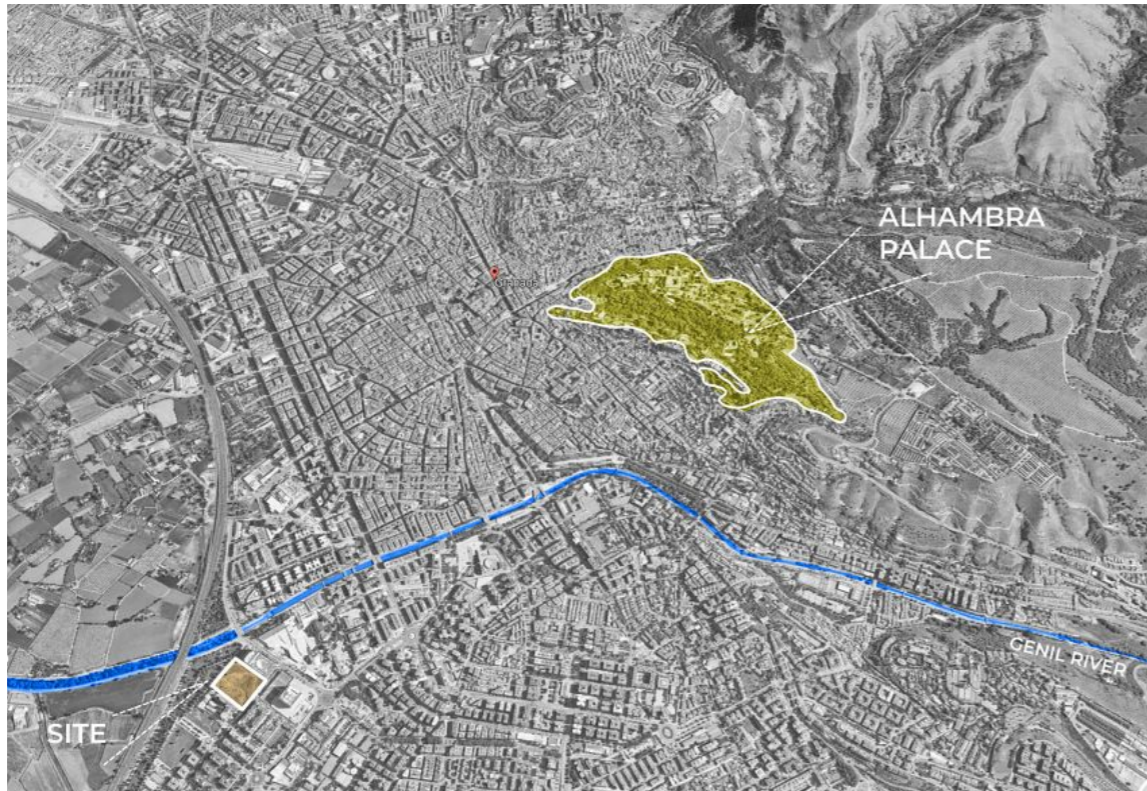
Chamber of Music, interplay of light



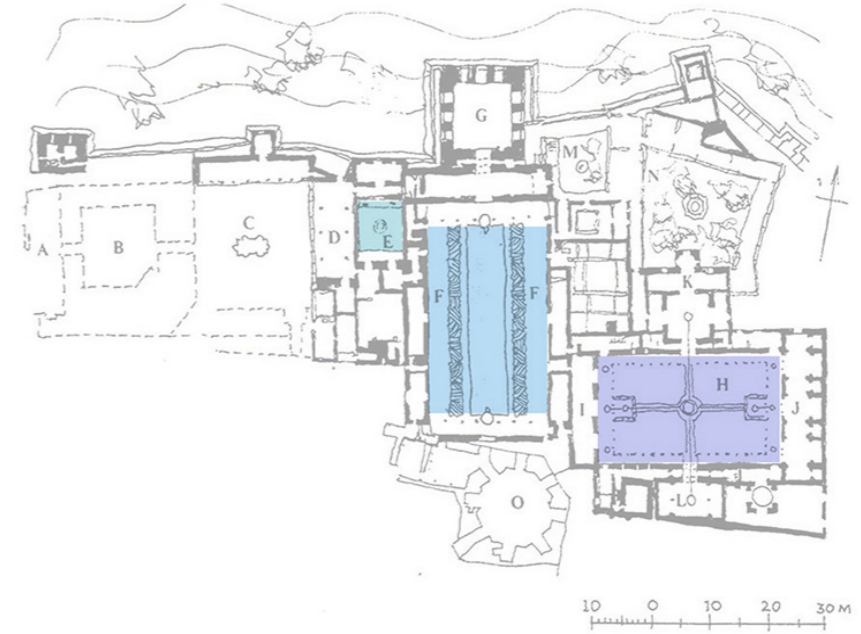
Reflections, Interplay of light, Flow of water



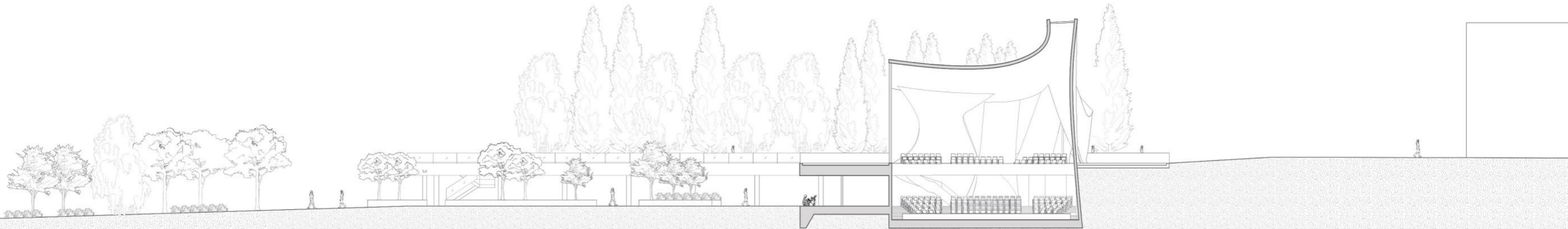
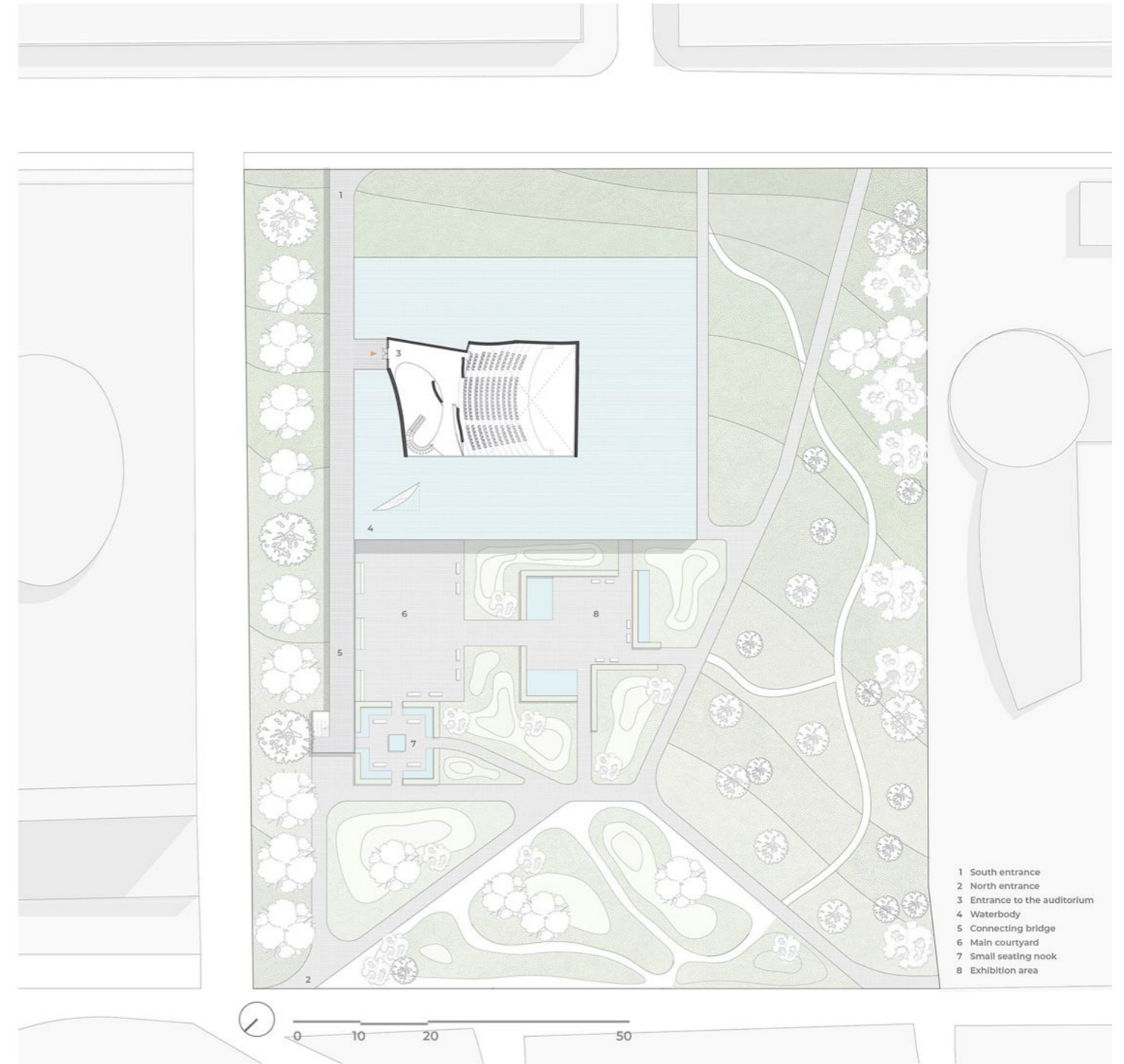
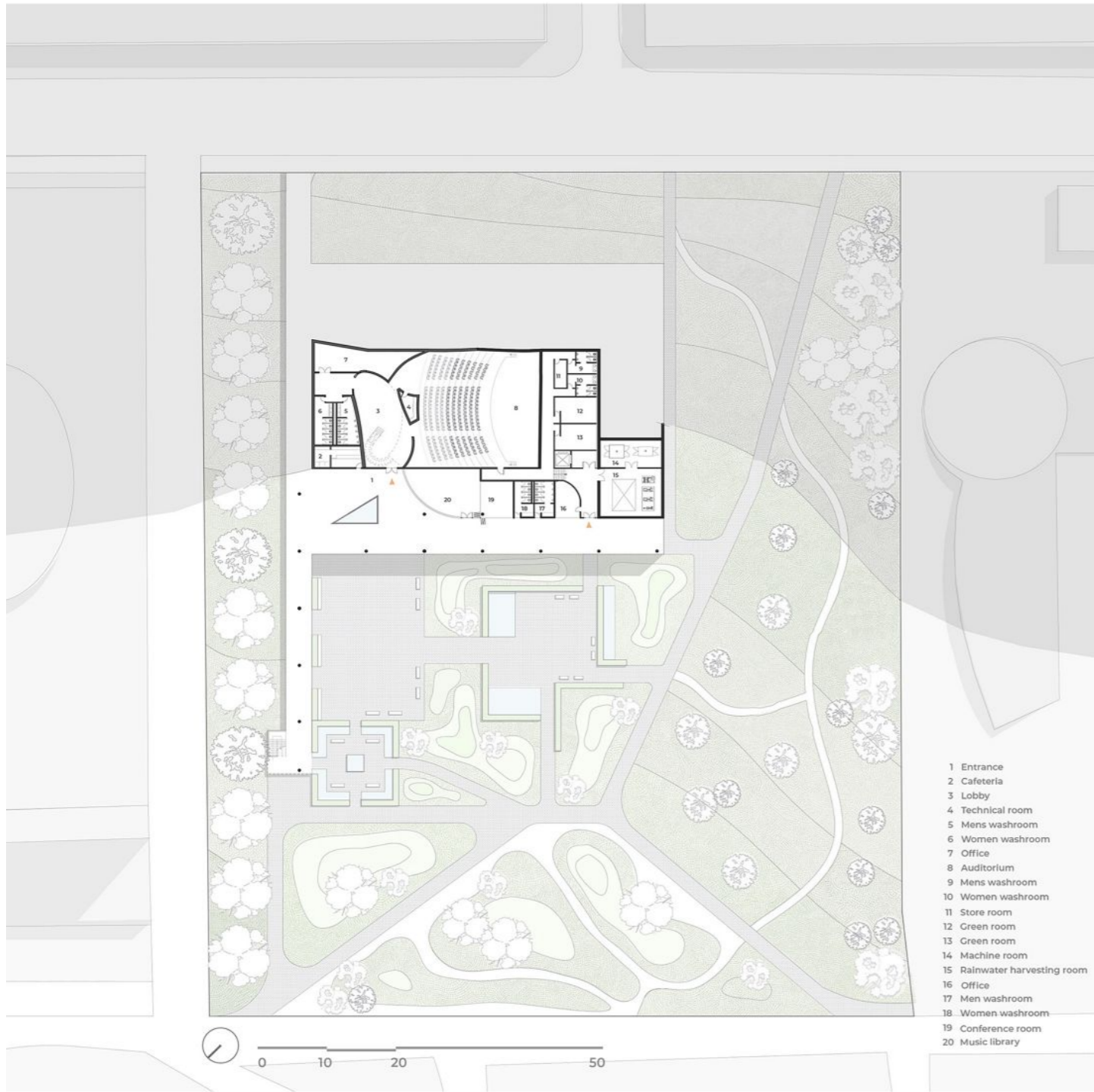
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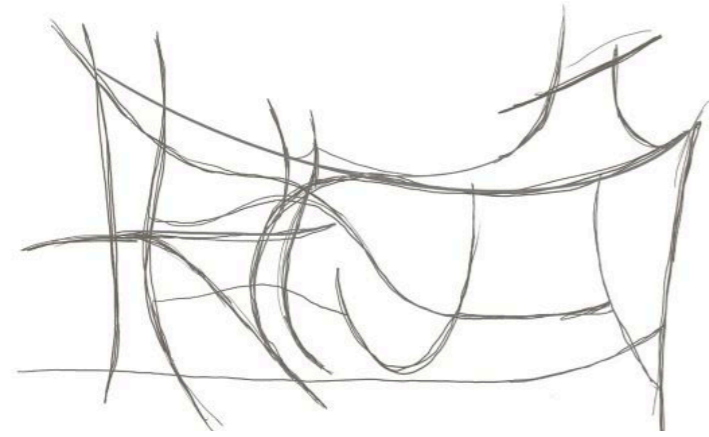
T- Location of Alhambra Palace  
 B - Site analysis



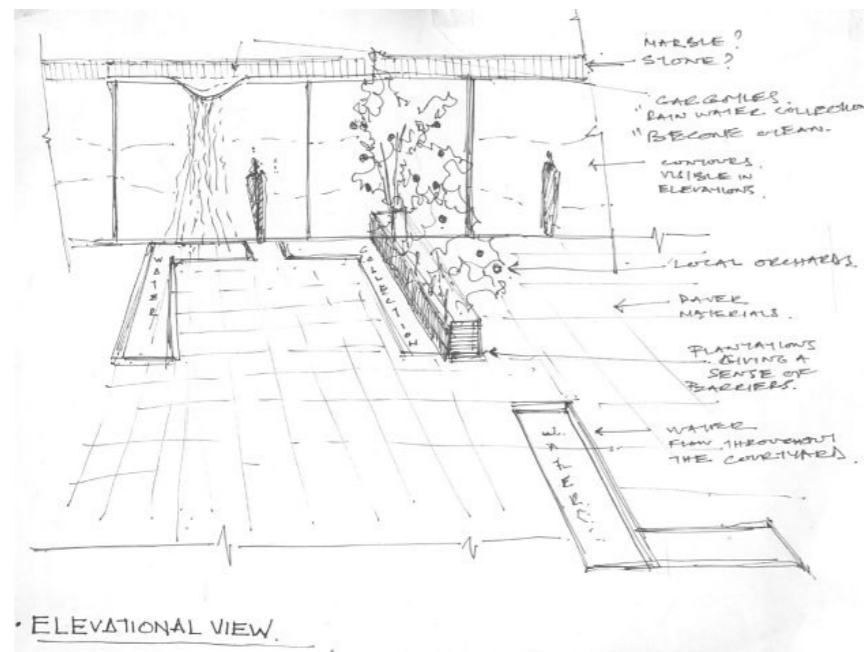
T - Scale and proportion of inside and outside spaces of Alhambra Palace, B - Site Plan comparison







Conceptual sketch of the building



Conceptual sketch of the garden



# 02

## THE MAISON STUDIO

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Prof. Gordon Kipping

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Group Project : Simar

The Maison Studio addresses the climate crisis by exploiting emerging building technologies to propose solutions for building more sustainably. The climate crisis has challenged us to change how we build and what we build in an effort to reverse the climate disaster we are facing.

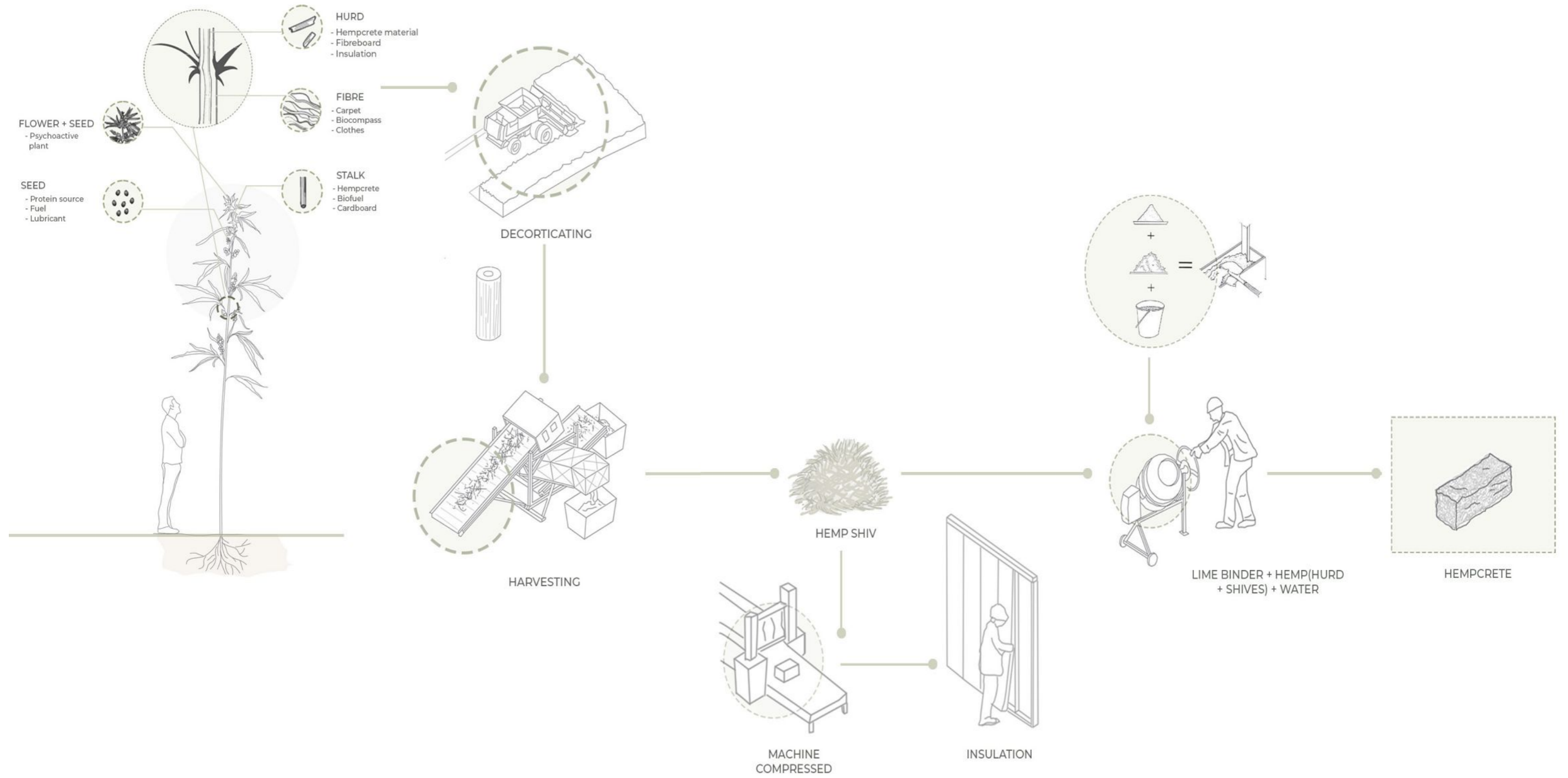
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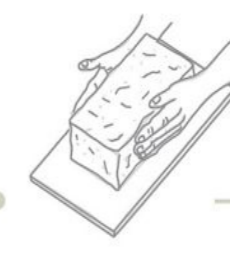
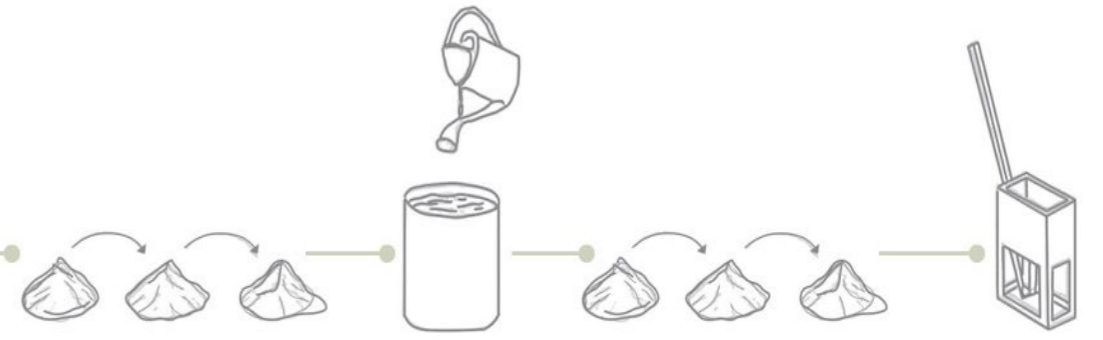
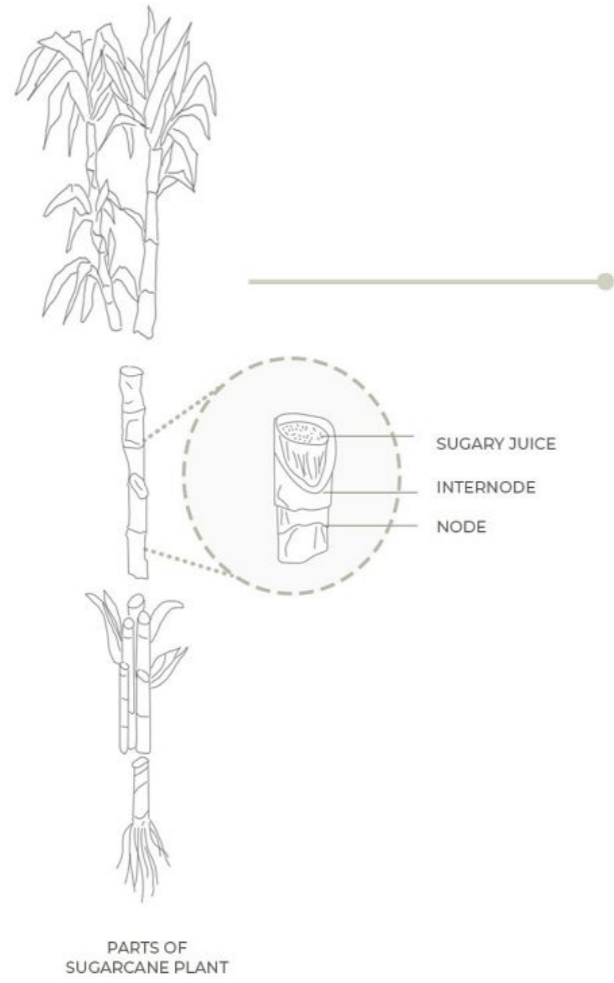


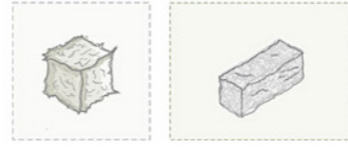
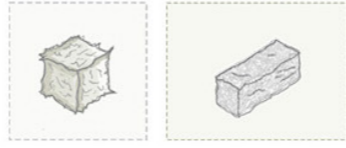
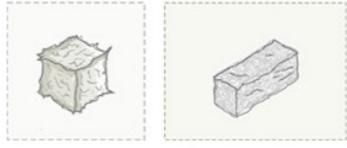


# HEMPCRETE PRODUCTION



# SUGARCRETE PRODUCTION

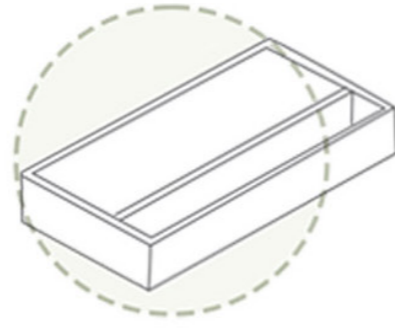




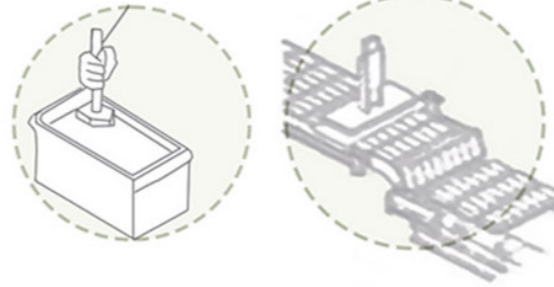
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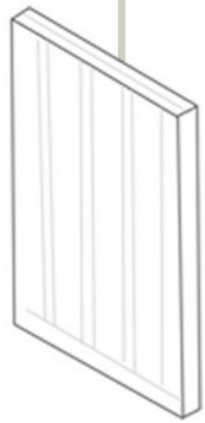
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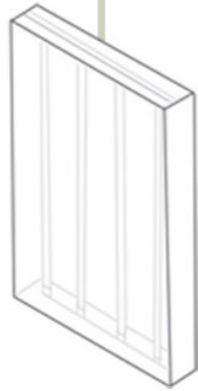
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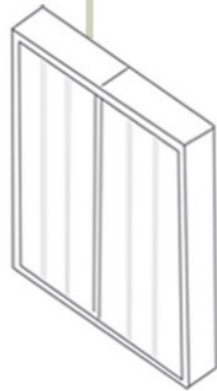
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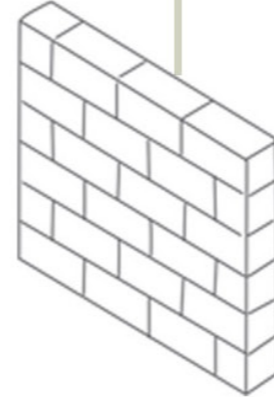
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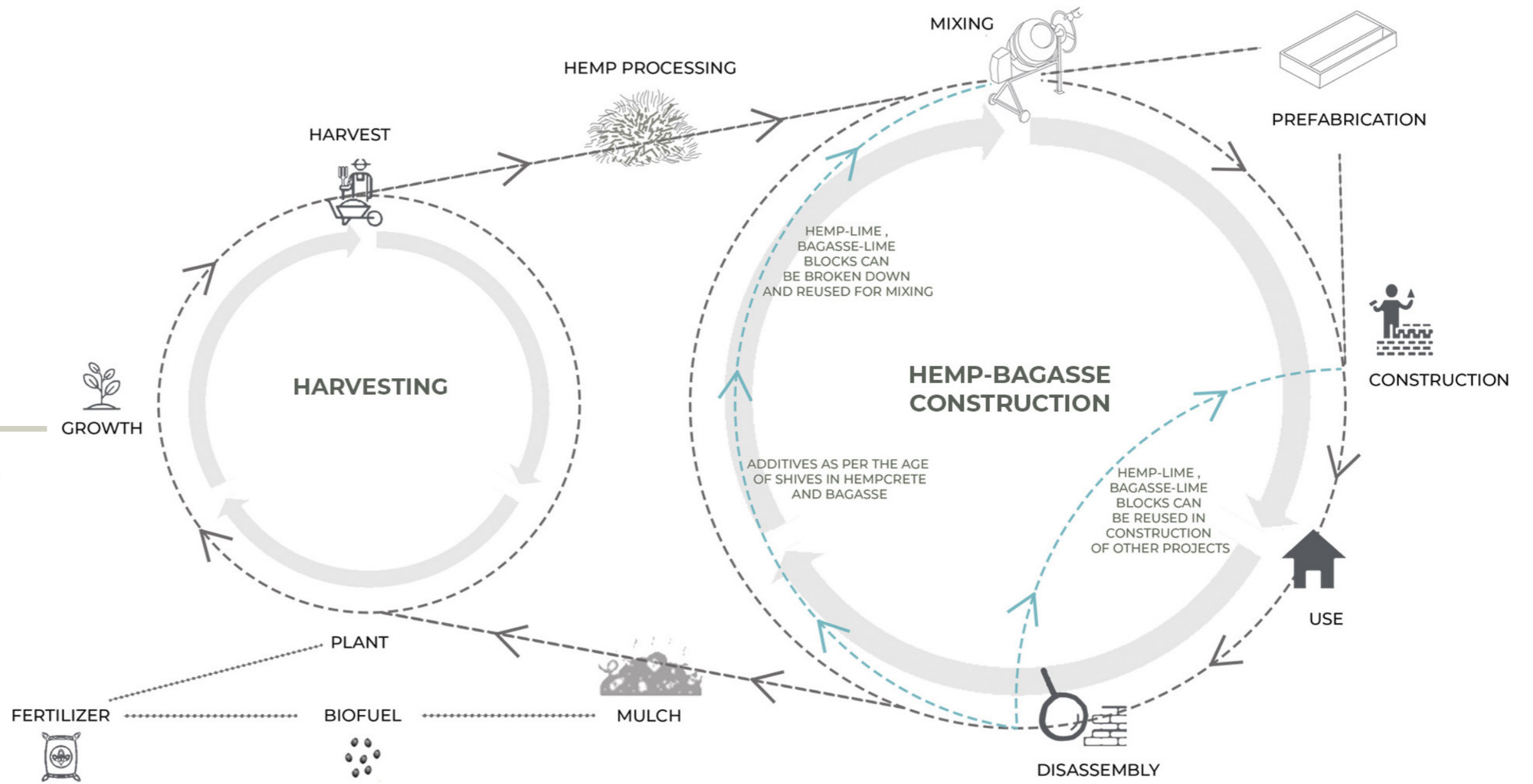
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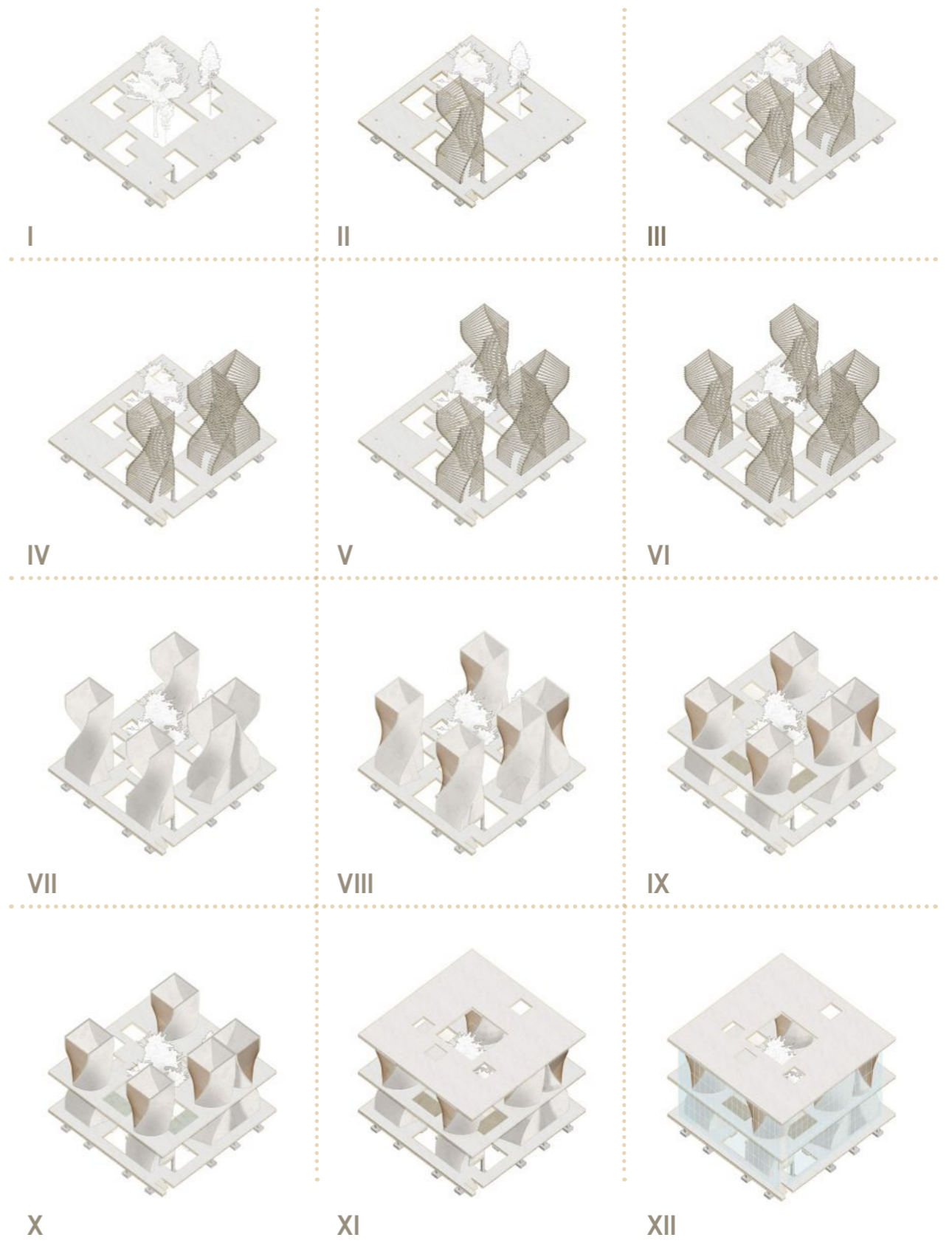


BLOCK WALL

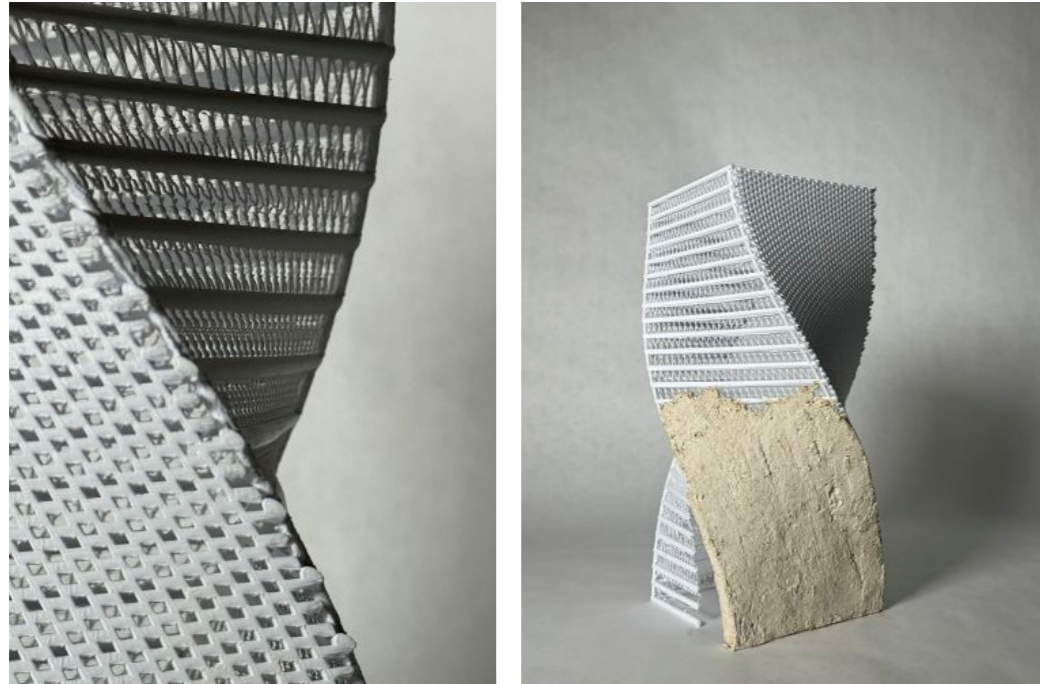
## APPLICATIONS

# LIFE CYCLE

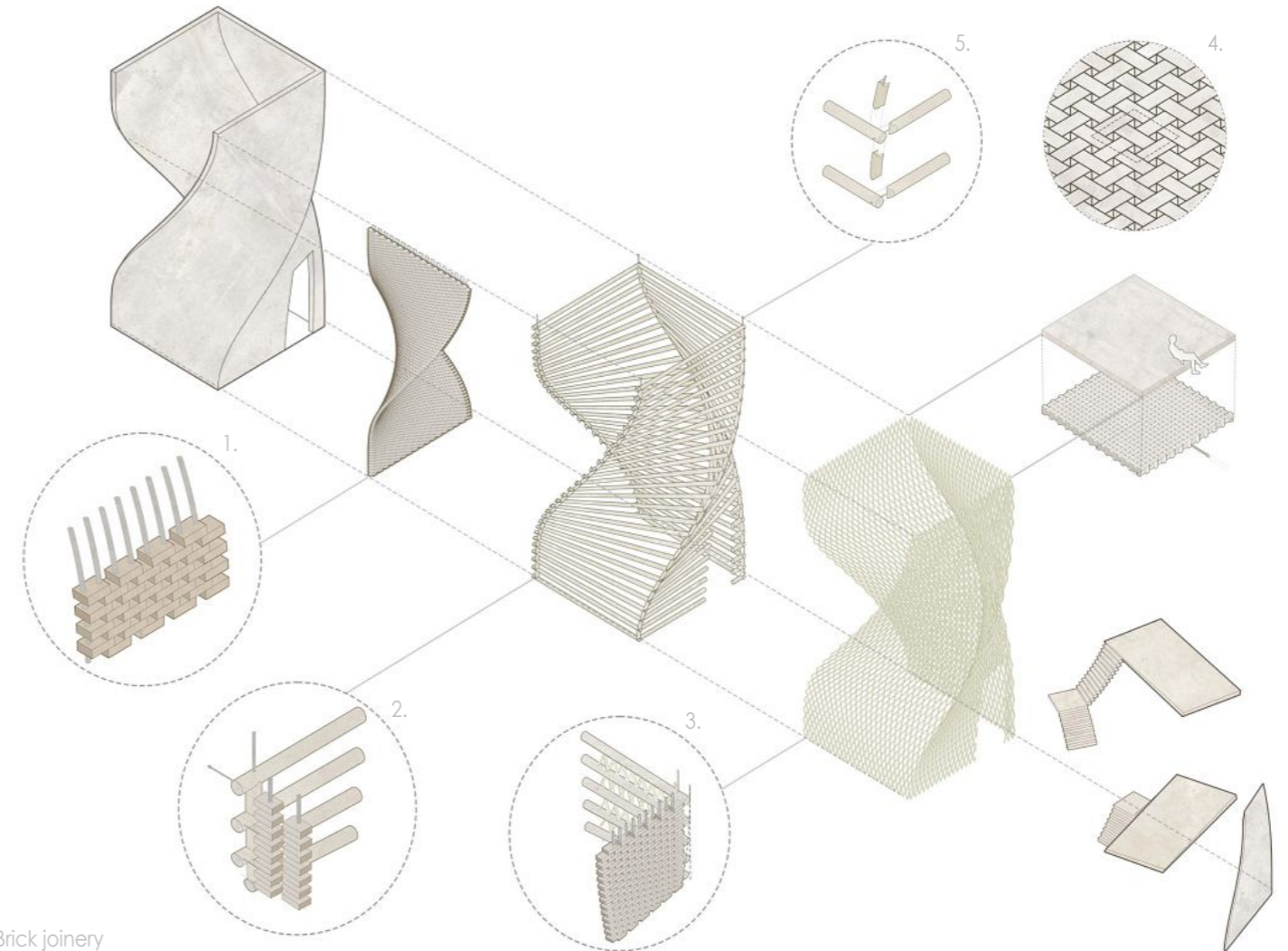




Conceptual study and construction of Maison Dom-Iino



Physical Model - Facade study and exterior views

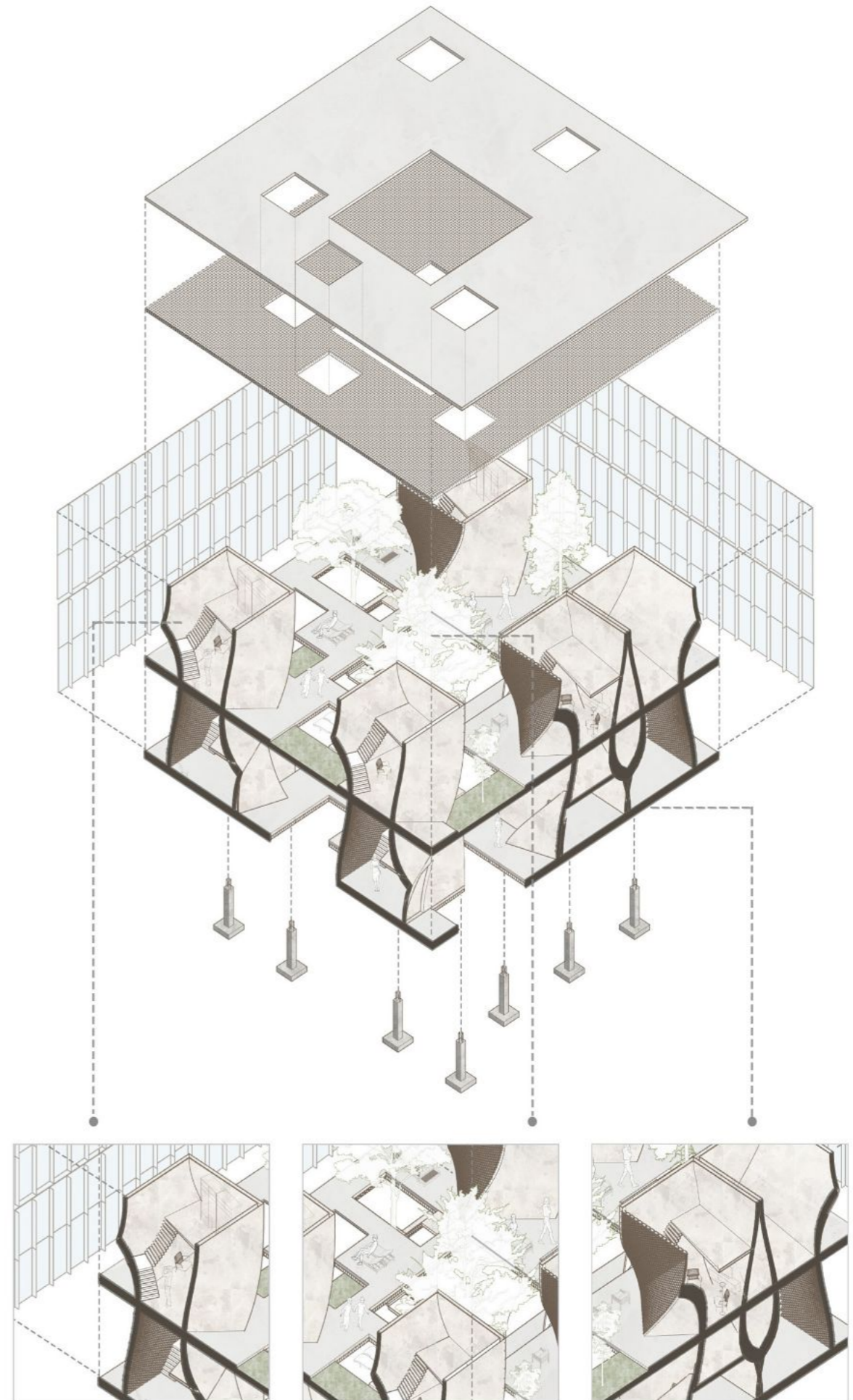


1. Brick jointery
2. Bamboo brick jointery
3. Bamboo brick webbing jointery
4. Sugarcrete slab  
Bamboo jointery
- 5.

Exploded view of the structural components - Hempcrete and Sugarcrete



Interior views of the module

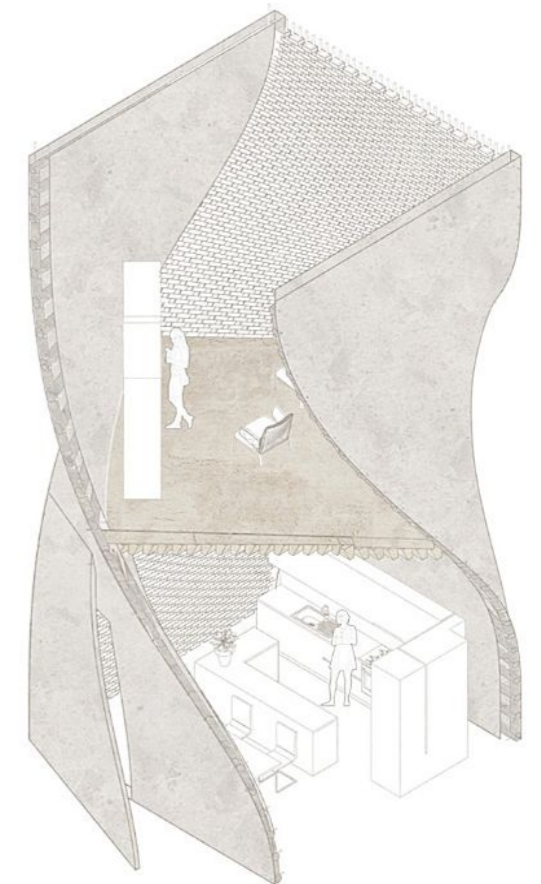


Exploded axonometric view with interiors of Maison Dom-Ino



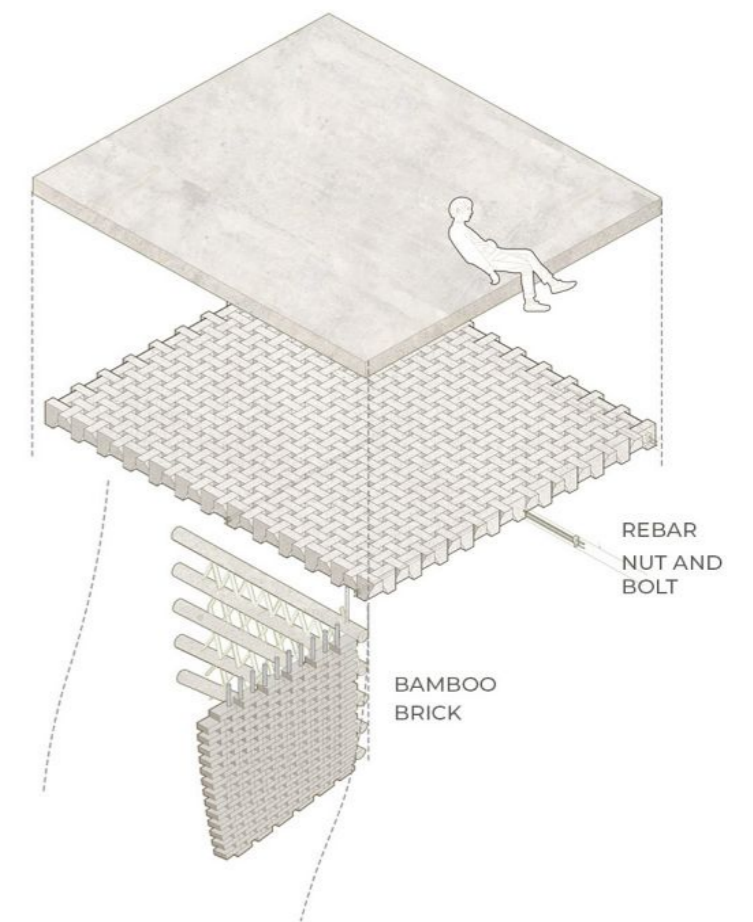
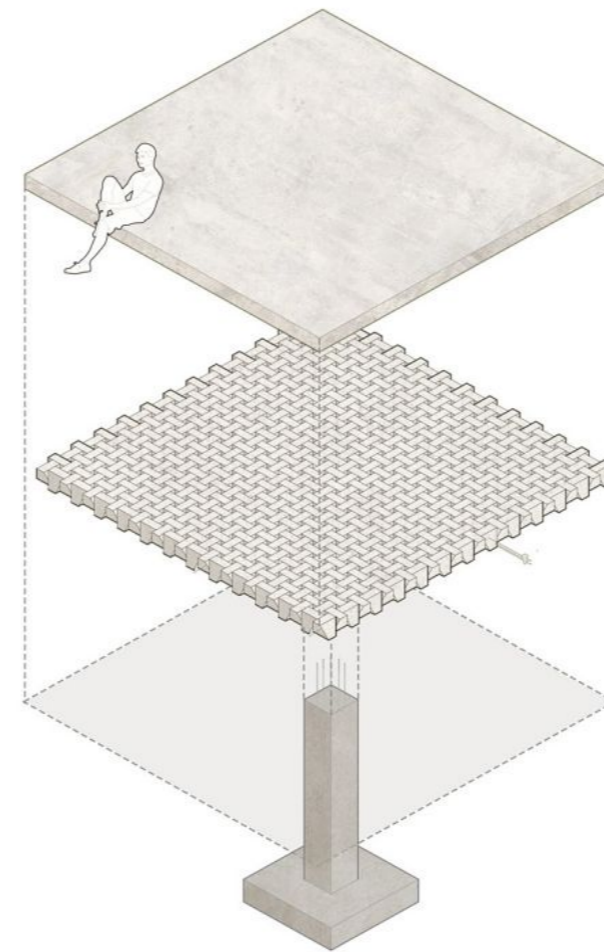
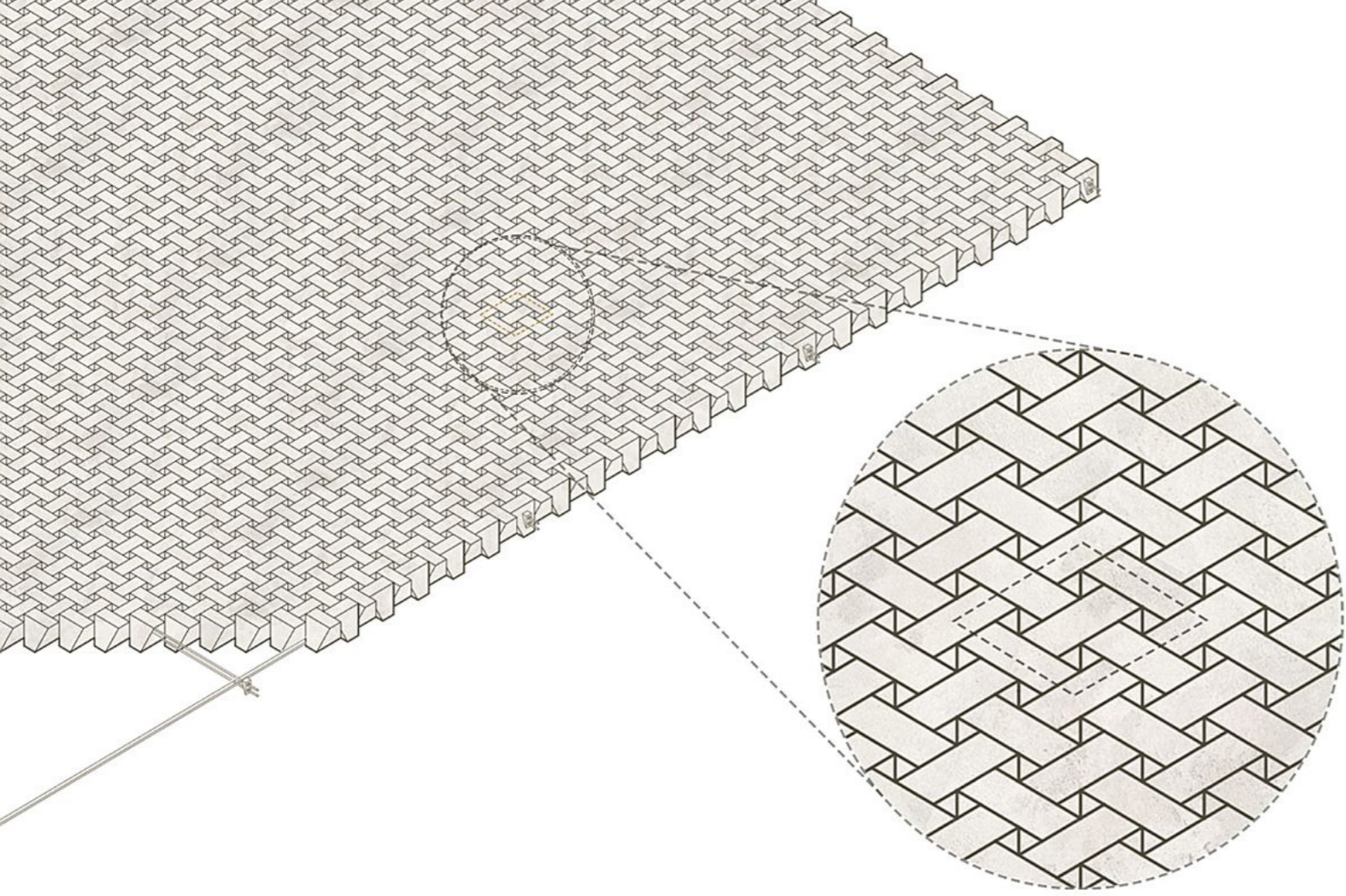


LIVING ROOM

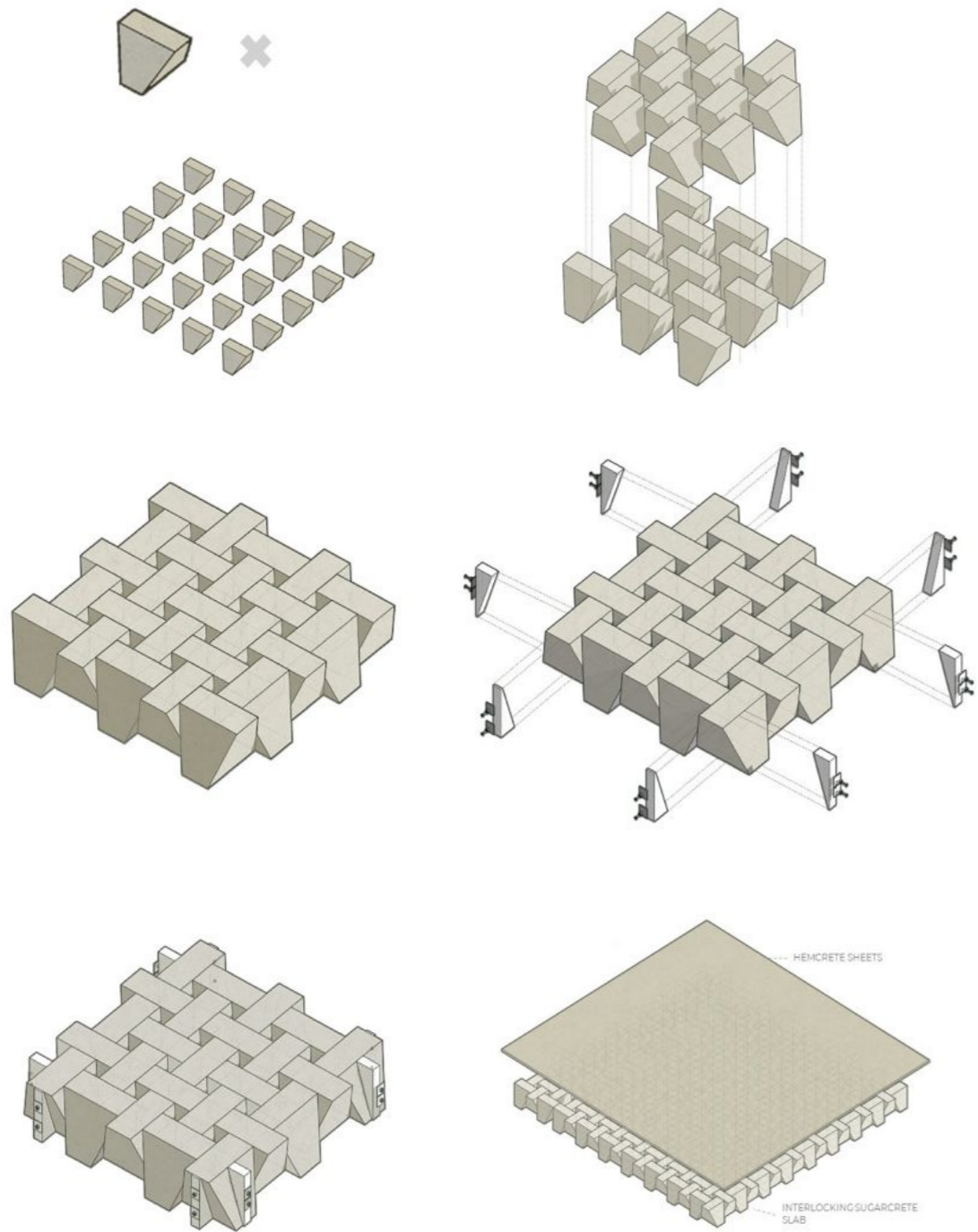


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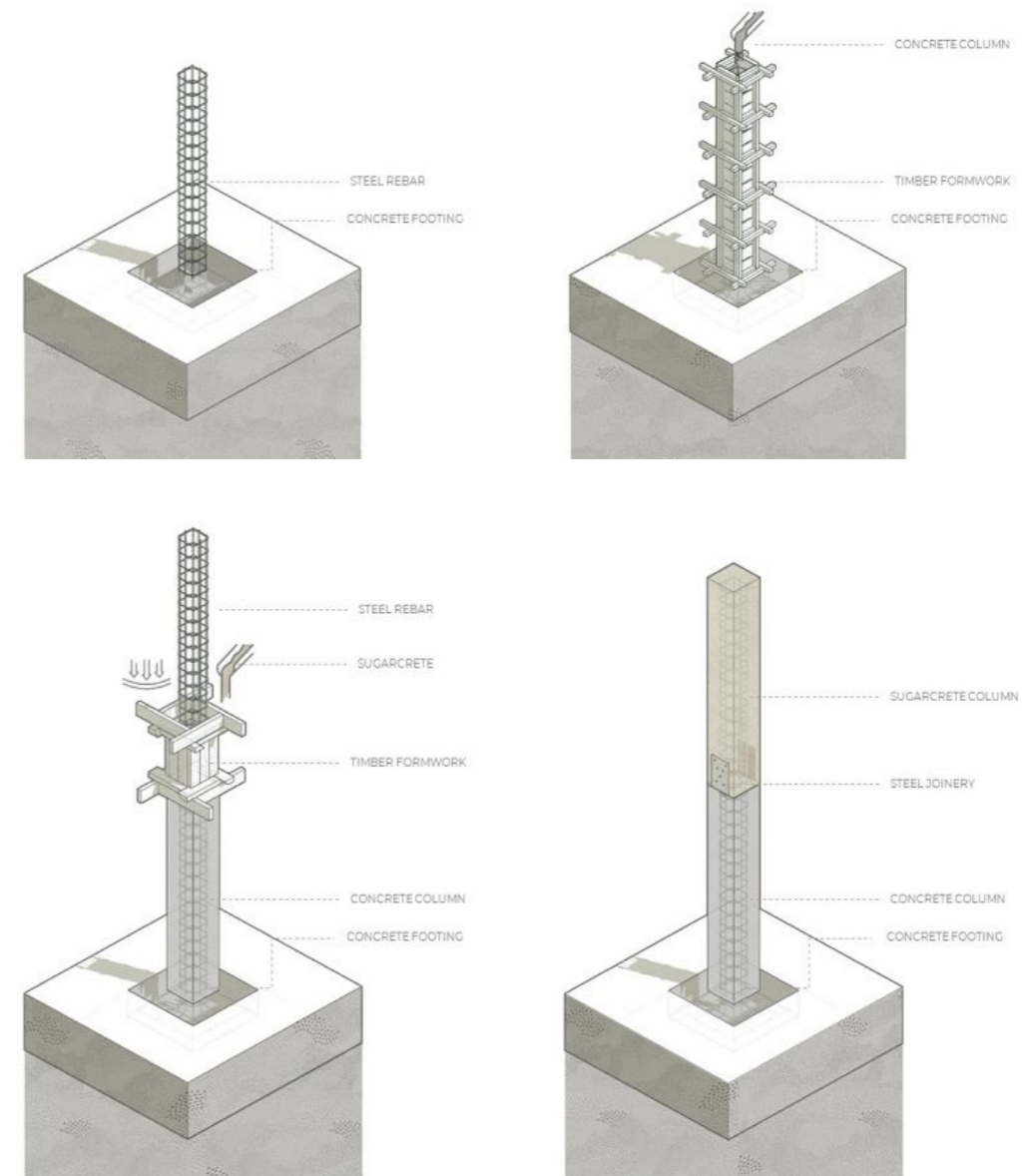
T - Section AA  
 B - Interior view of the twisted module



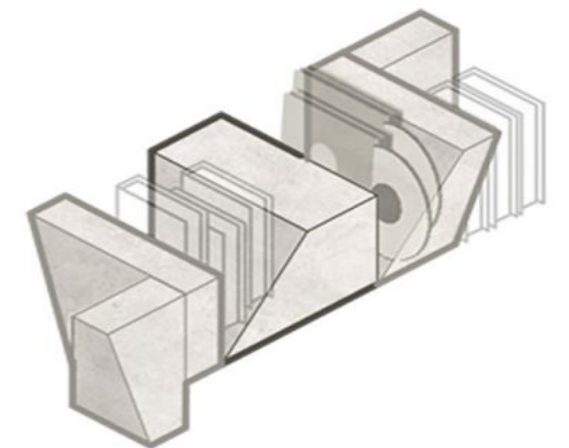
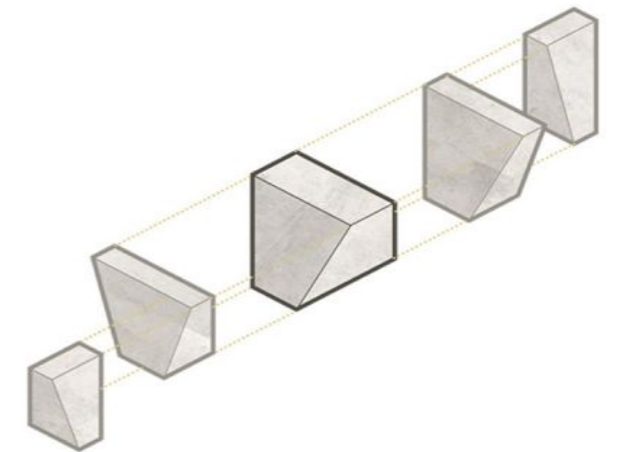
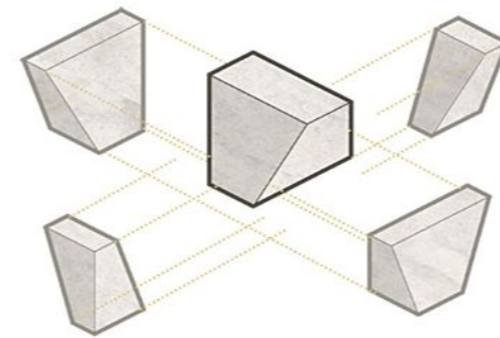
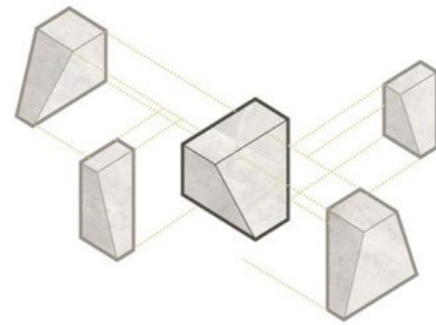
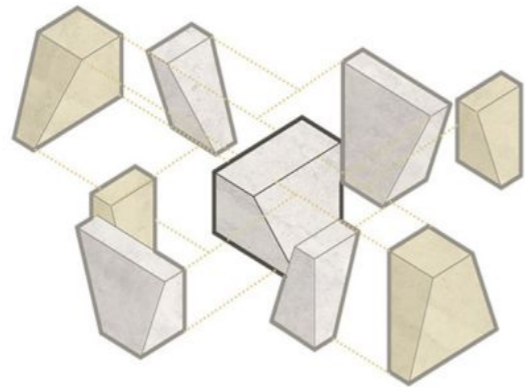
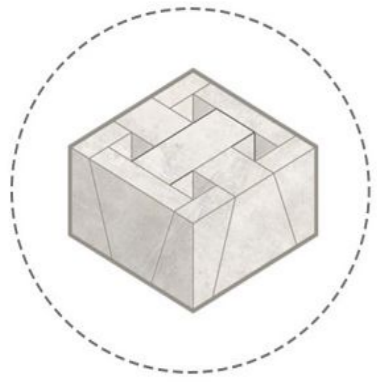
T- Sugarcrete slab detail, fragment  
 R- Hempcrete and Sugarcrete construction detail



Process of Sugarcrete slab construction



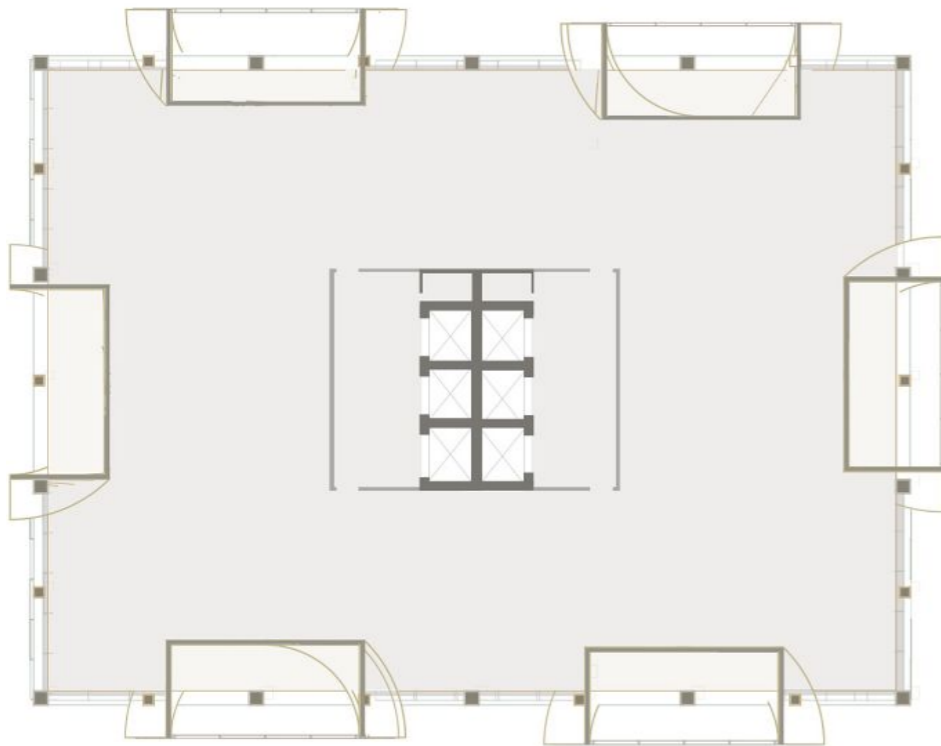
Concrete foundation construction details



Selection of fragments from sugarcrete slabs to create furniture products



Sectional perspective of the module tower



Conceptual plan of the module tower



# 03

## SPECULATIVE CITY ISLANDS, CONEY ISLAND

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Prof. David Eugin Moon

Group Project : Harshil Shah

Coney Island, a site of speculation and historical significance, sometimes an escape for weary urbanites or the inspiration for imaginative writers, filmmakers, and artists and inspired by an era of great exhibitions and festivals.

The Island has been a site of speculation and in some ways a miniature version of Manhattan itself



**1877**  
Manhattan Hotel, the first luxury hotel, opens at Coney's far eastern end

**1880**  
The New Iron Pier is built to handle arriving steamships from Manhattan

**1897**  
Steeplechase amusement park opens

**1903**  
Luna Park opens and the Bowery burns

**1907**  
Steeplechase amusement park burns

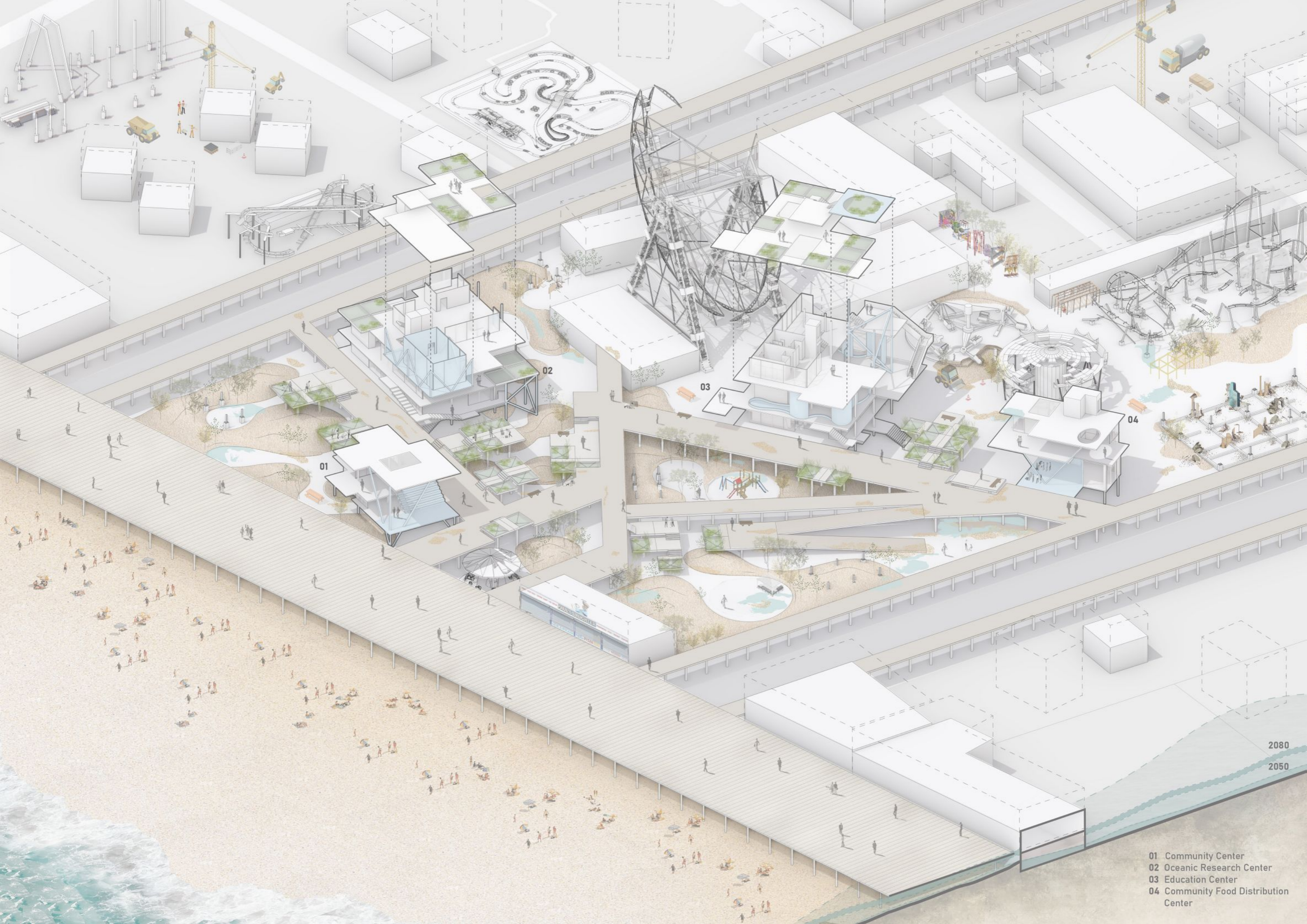
**1911**  
Dreamland amusement park burns



**1923**  
The Boardwalk opens and 175 businesses razed to widen Coney's streets

**1939**  
The Parachute Jump was originally built for New York World's Fair

Historic timeline of events that occurred at Coney Island



2080  
2050

- 01 Community Center
- 02 Oceanic Research Center
- 03 Education Center
- 04 Community Food Distribution Center

# RISING SEAS

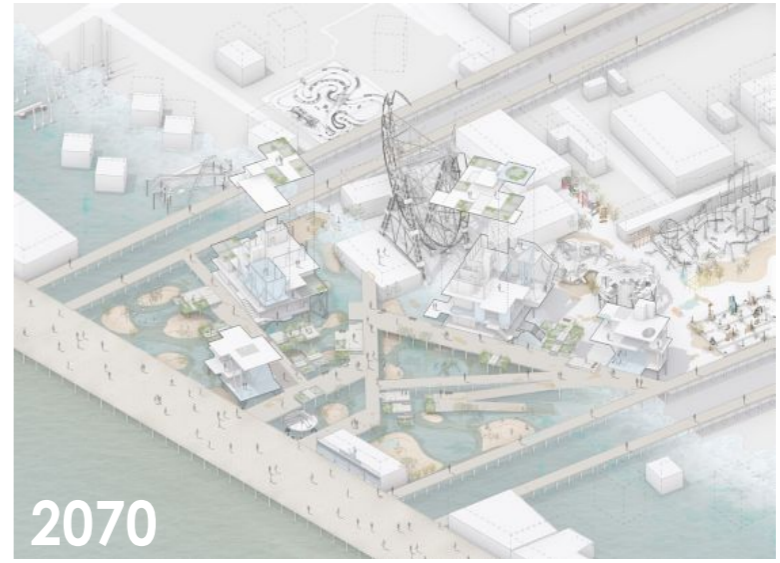
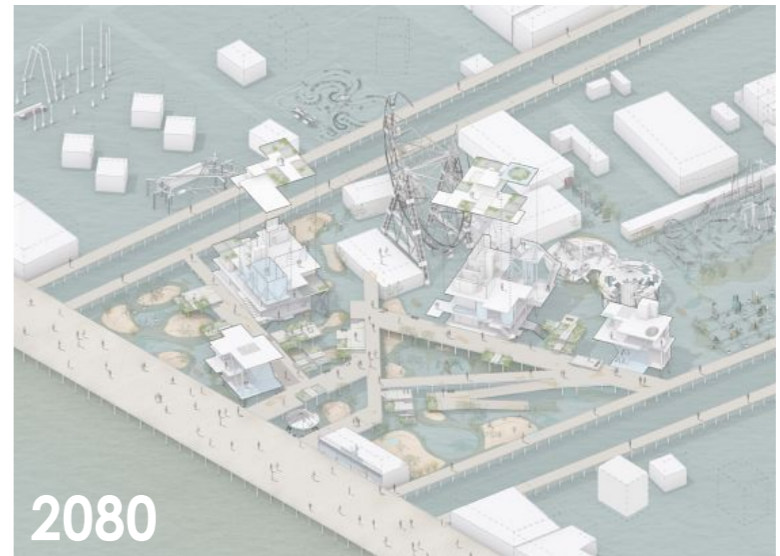
Coney Island's waterfront was divided among private entities in the 19th century. Plans for a boardwalk emerged in the late 1890s to unite the island and revitalize the area. The boardwalk represents tolerance, inclusivity, and equity, attracting people of all ages for leisure activities. However, Coney Island faces the threat of being underwater due to climate change.

Climate scientists predict that the entire island will be underwater in a matter of decades. Urban planners and government officials are working towards a shorter timeline. They think if we protect the island from 2030 to 2050, then that buys us time to think of a strategy for 2060 to 2090. Currently, only 4% of the buildings meet flood-resilience standards. Officials were banking on future technological innovations that could allow people to live in areas dramatically reshaped by climate change.

- High-risk flood zone
- Moderate-risk flood zone
- Low-risk flood zone
- Shoreline during low tide
- Phase 1 Redevelopment
- Phase 2 Redevelopment
- Proposed Site
- Phase 1 Elevated Roads

**Prediction for 2080**  
By 2080, less than 60 years, the island will be flooded during high tides and by the end of the century, it will be underwater.

**Prediction for 2050**  
Over the next 15 years, water will rise by 6 inches, and every inch of sea level rise translates to a loss of 100 inches of coastal land. By 2050, the total sea level rise will be around a foot which, when combined, translates to a total loss of 100 feet of shoreline.



Site getting affected by rising sea levels





L : Collages of scene from the post destruction era - post 2080  
R: Interior view of recreational deck area

# 04

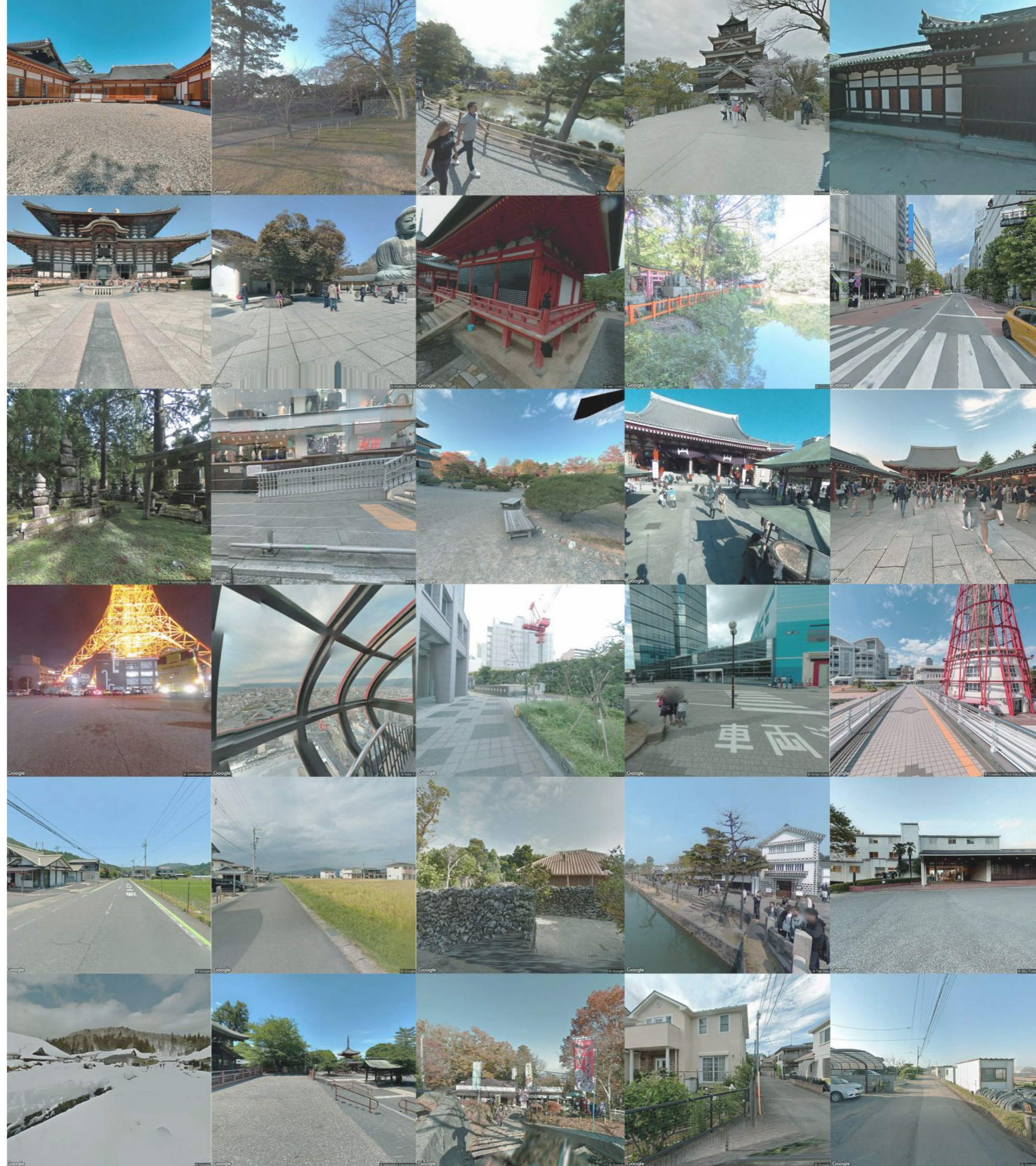
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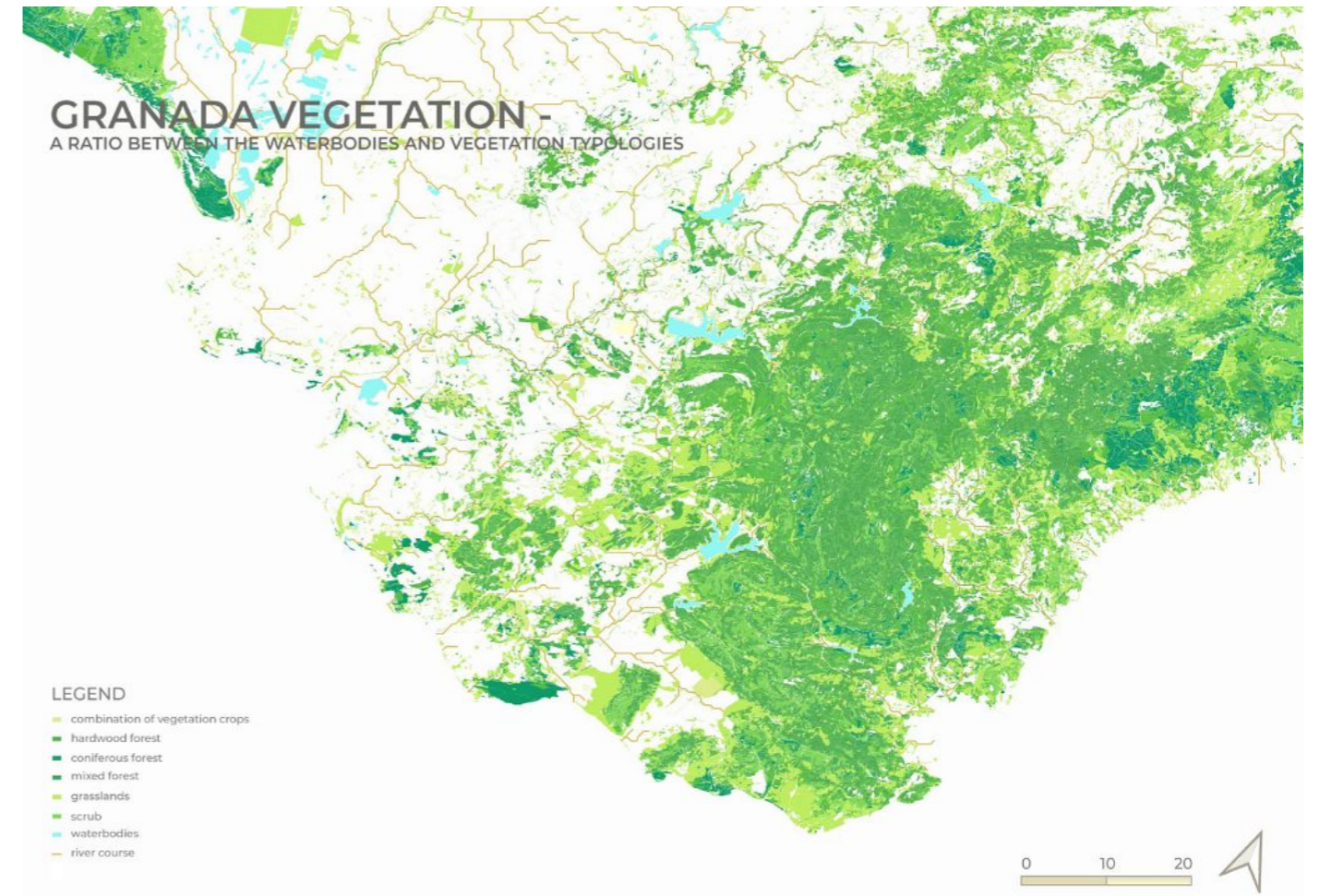
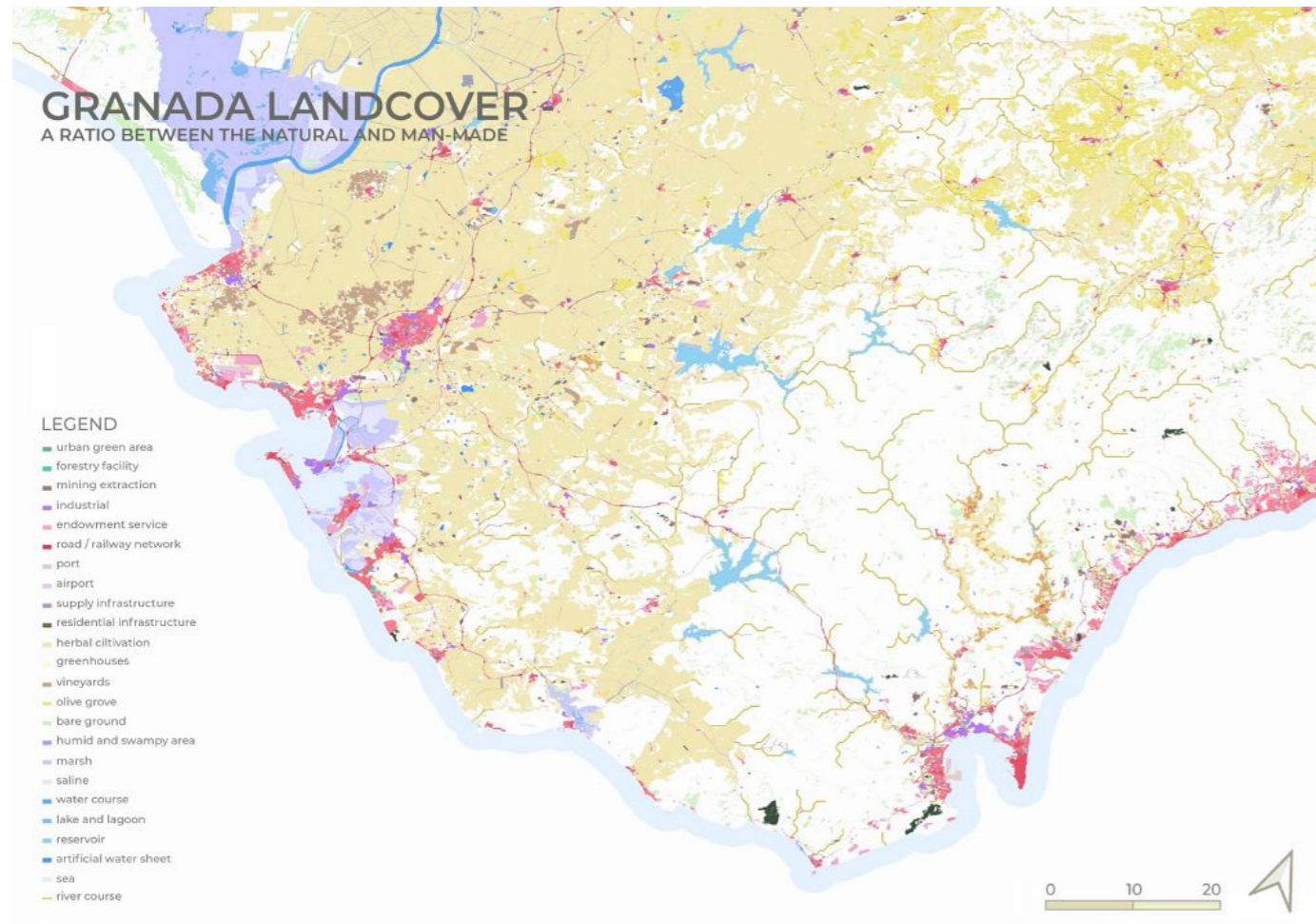
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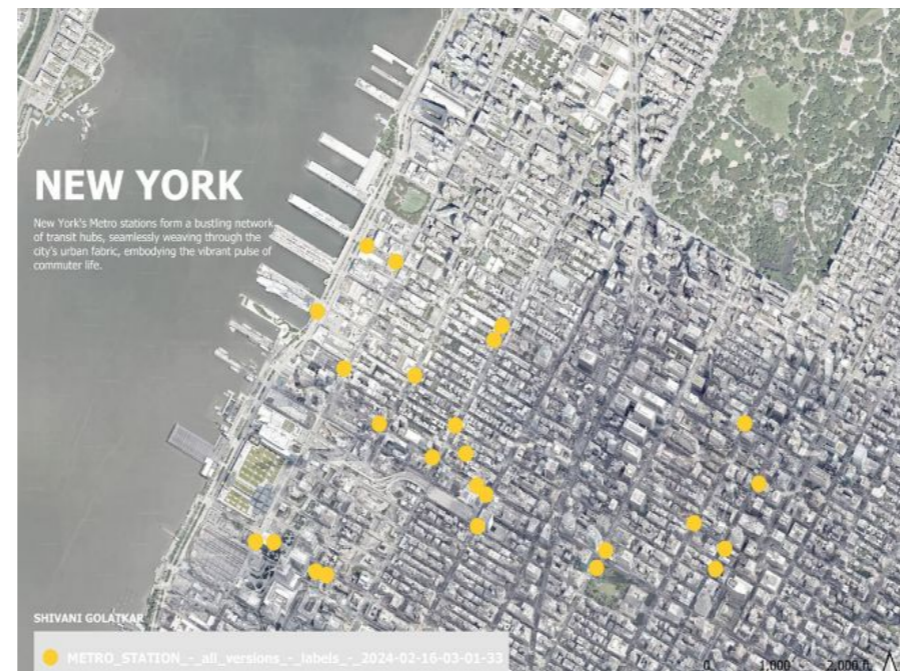
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Japan's distinct appeal is derived from a tapestry of palaces, tourist destinations, and scenic landscapes that collectively form the country's identity. In contrast to the sleek modernism of cities like Tokyo and Osaka, the royal palaces, like the Tokyo royal Palace, remain as eternal monuments of Japan's rich history and cultural legacy. However, calm natural settings like Mount Fuji and the Arashiyama Bamboo Forest provide peaceful getaways from the bustle of the city. Japan's character is defined by the seamless fusion of modern and traditional architecture with breathtaking natural beauty, which captivates tourists with its timeless charm and startling contrasts.





The map functions as a geographical analysis tool and a call to action for balancing urban growth with environmental protection using strategic design components derived from past projects.



1 - This revised map supports disaster management plans, urban planning, and the study of hydrological trends. It offers vital insights for sustainable development and resilience-building initiatives in New Jersey's communities by concentrating on the dynamics of water flow and flood threats.

2 - Considering ecological, historical, artistic, and socioeconomic viewpoints is necessary while examining NYC's tree population. Color-coded overlays, annotations, and different symbol sizes were used as a visual aid to convey the advantages and disadvantages of each viewpoint.

3 - A unique interaction between environmental sustainability and urban development can be seen when mapping reclaimed airports in China and Japan.

4 - Subway station mapping could improve knowledge to support accessibility and urban planning activities, promoting equitable transportation and raising local standards of living.

# 05

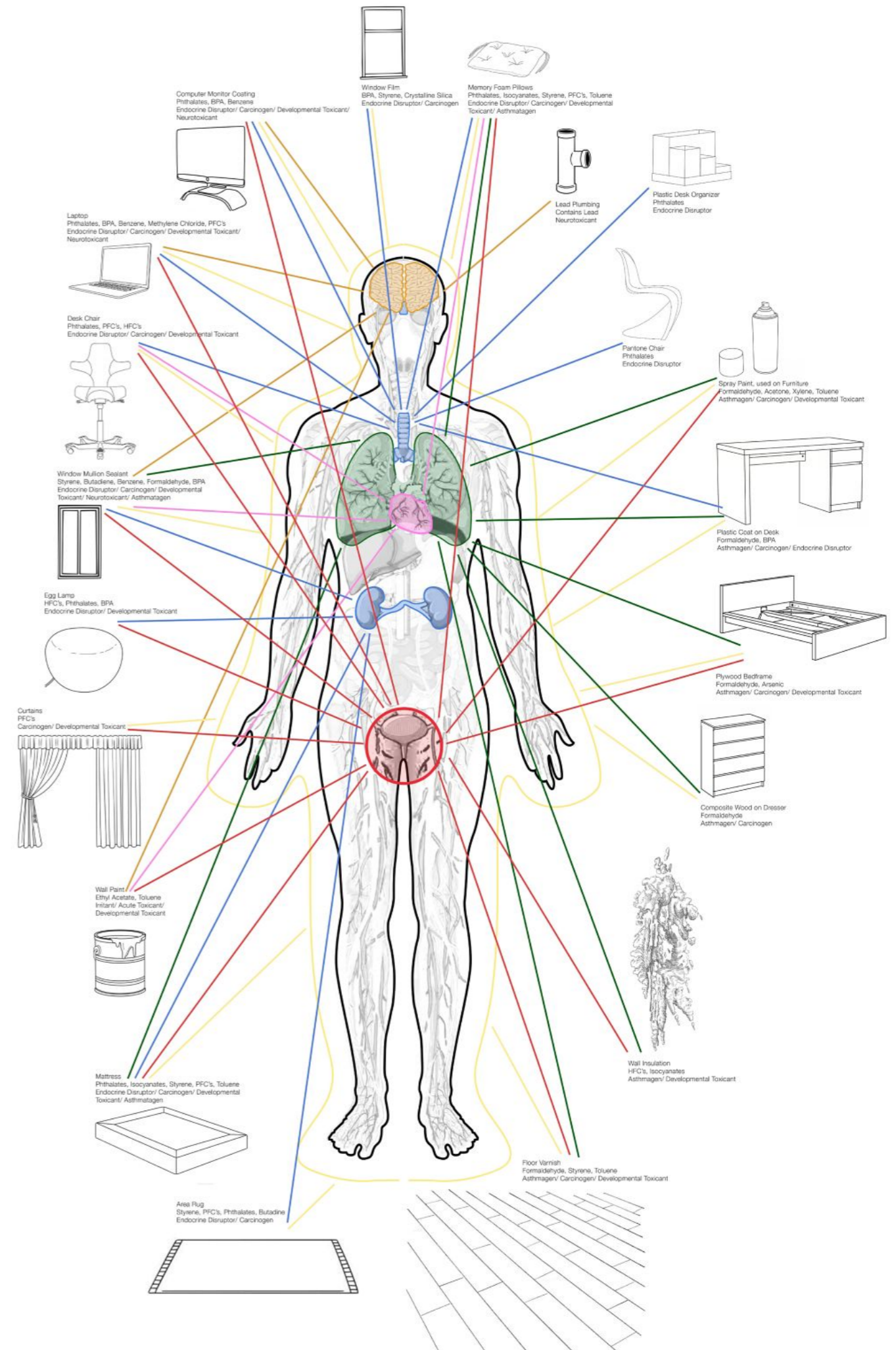
## HOME IS WHERE THE TOXICS ARE

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Prof. Marta Wisniewska

Group Project : Boris

Inspired by the wide range of smart, carbon-free, regenerative, healthy, circular, durable and/or affordable alternatives, the seminar addressed the stated design problem through material research and product design. The majority of the semester was dedicated to hands-on experimentations, connecting to (local) resources and designing a low-tech production processes.



**Silicon sealants for bathrooms**

- contain isocyanates and phthalates
- cause stomach irritation, nausea, and vomiting if inhaled or swallowed

**Toilet paper**

- Source of 'Forever chemicals' PFA's
- poly-fluoroalkyl substances

**Insulation foam boards**

- contain isocyanates and HFRs

**Light**

**Bed cushions**

**Sofa fabric**

- benzene, toluene, and formaldehyde

**Carpet**

- beyond the off-gassing of VOCs—they are a sink of pollutants that remain in the home

**Vinyl floor panels**

- contains high VOC levels
- cause headaches, eye, nose and throat irritation, and dizziness in the short-term

**Varnish on furniture**

**Wood preservative coatings**

- contains inorganic arsenicals
- can irritate and burn the skin, eyes, nose and throat and cause dizziness and muscle spasms.

**Paint**

- contains lead, benzene, toluene, chlorinated solvents
- lead, benzene, toluene, chlorinated solvents
- carcinogen

**Kitchen cabinet sealant**

- release PCB
- carcinogens and neurotoxins, and can affect hormones and fat metabolism

**Nickel painted door knobs**

- 15% lead

**MDF furniture cabinet**

- formaldehyde
- carcinogen
- irritate the skin, eyes, and respiratory systems

**Wooden dresser**

- adhesives contain formaldehyde

**PVC blinder**

- (VOCs), Phthalates
- visual disorders, liver, kidney damage

**Electric wires**

- contains PBTE flame retardants
- endocrine and thyroid disruption

**Upholstered furniture**

- carcinogenic
- reproductive problems, hormone dysfunction

**Mattress adhesive**

- contains Formaldehyde

**Metal bed frame**

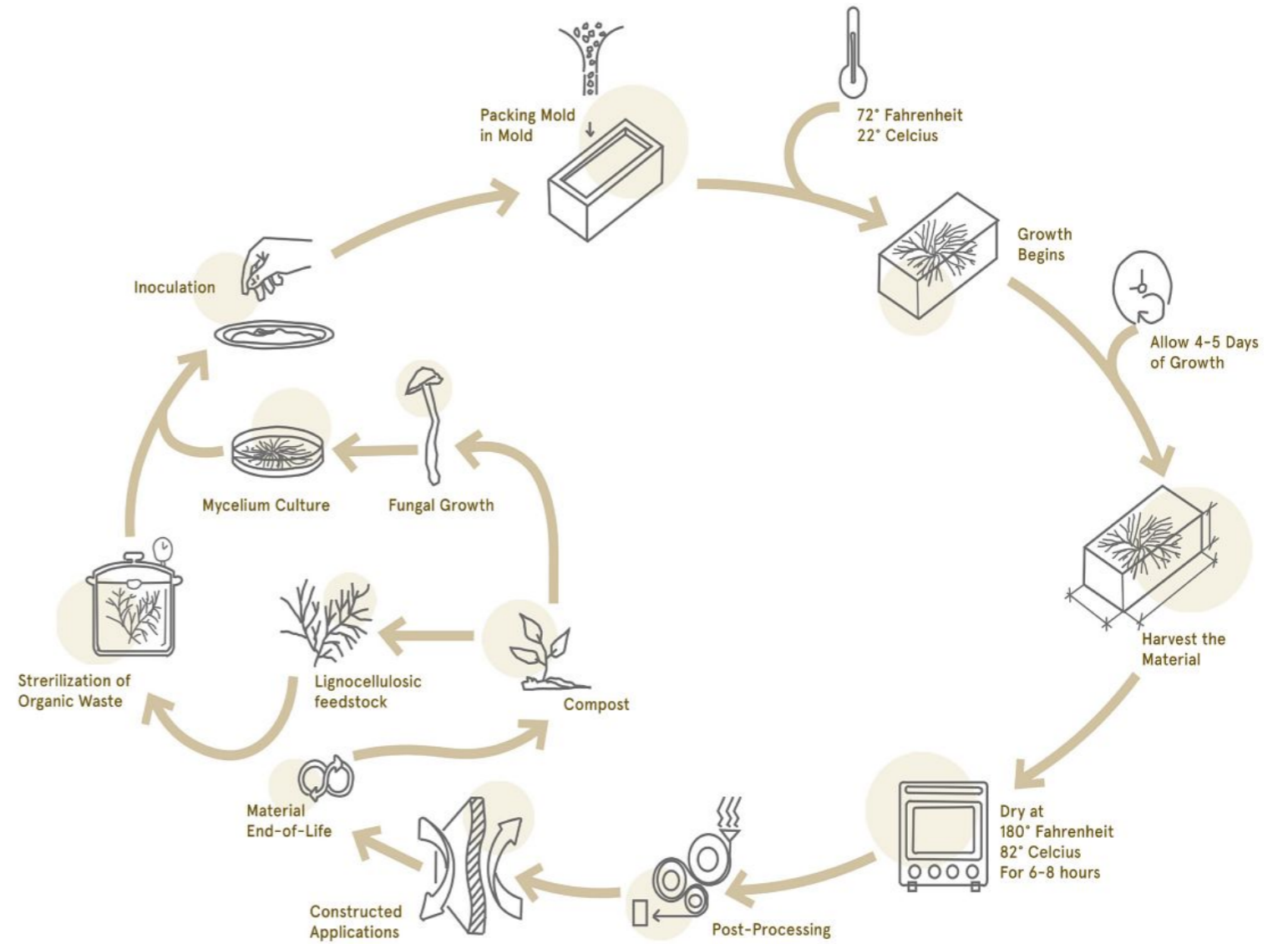
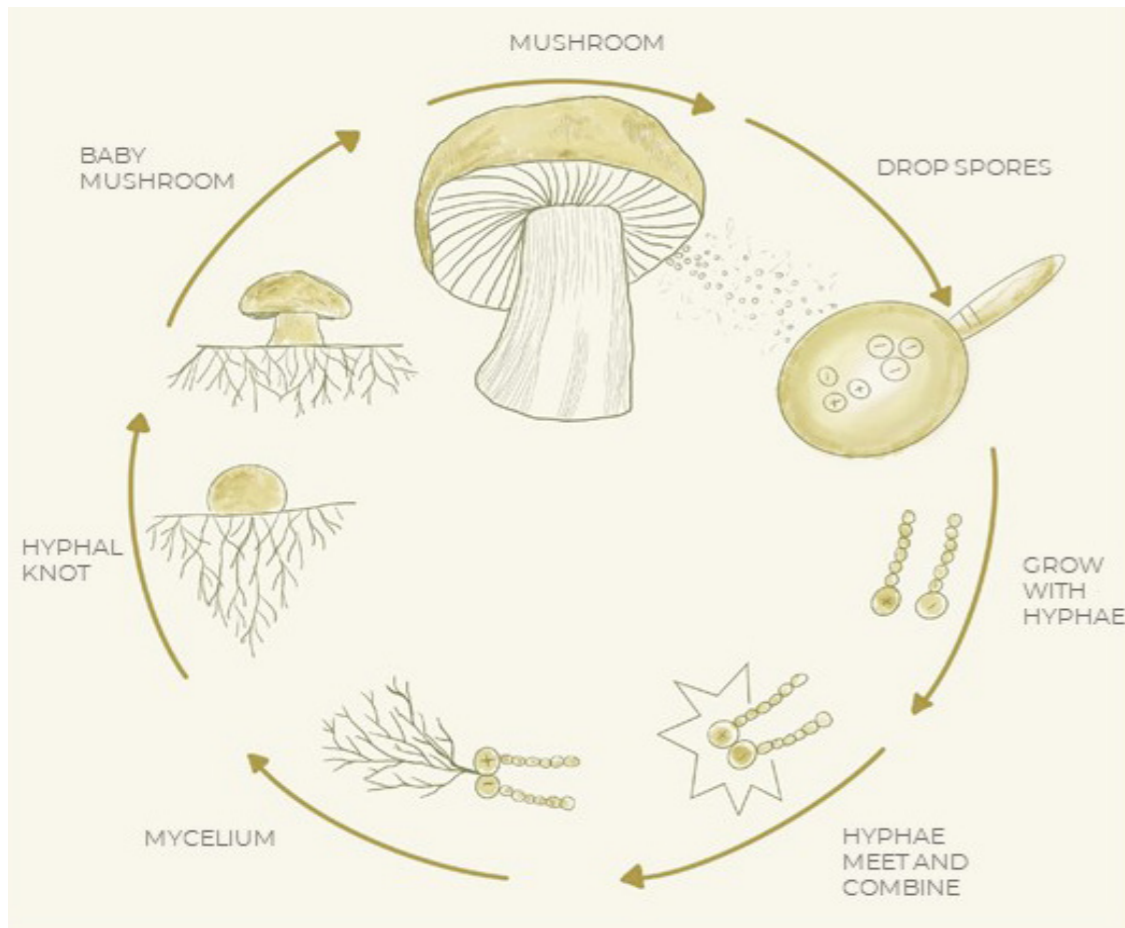
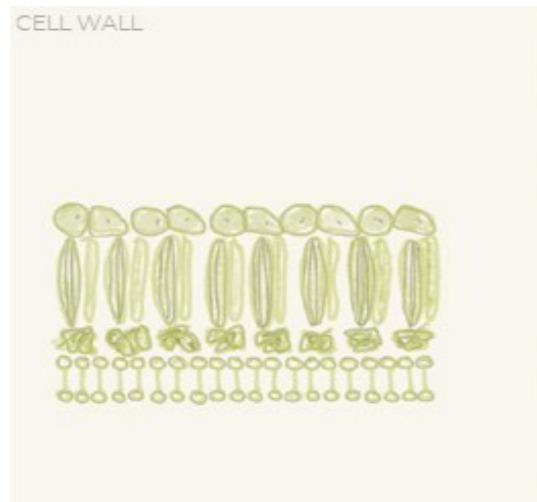
- contains Formaldehyde, Methylene Chloride

**Scented candles**

- adding VOCs and other chemicals to the mix

**Fabric sheets**

- contains Azo dyes
- carcinogens



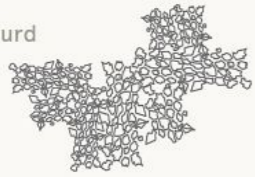
Mushroom growth cycle

# MYCELIUM ACOUSTIC INSULATION

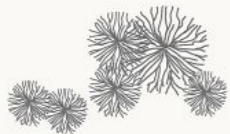
Assembly instructions for a mycelium and sheep wool acoustic insulation.

## Included Components:

Hemp Hurd



Mycelium



Sheep's Wool



## You'll additionally need:

Water



Latex Gloves



Scissors



Mixing Bowl



Zipper Bag



Whisk



Oven



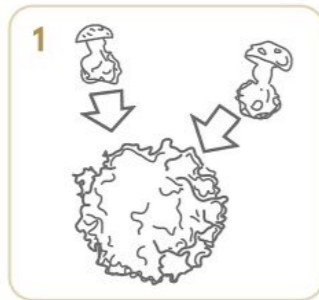
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Plastic Wrap



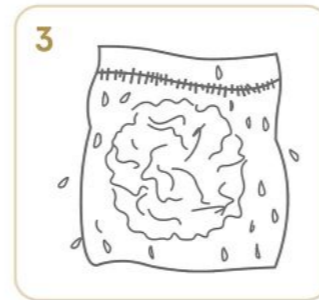
Formwork



1 Mix Mycelium and Hemp Hurd at a 10:5 Ratio.



2 Mix in Water and Flour at a 3:1 Ratio, corresponding to the ratio in Step 1.



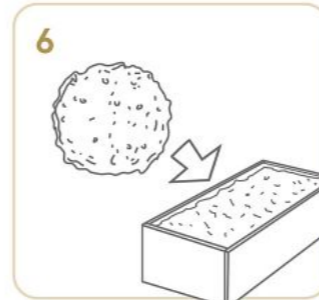
3 Let inoculate for 3-4 days. Allow for one additional day if growth does not occur.



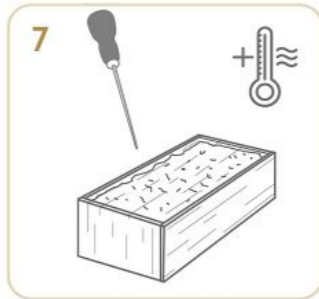
4 Break up the Initial Growth.



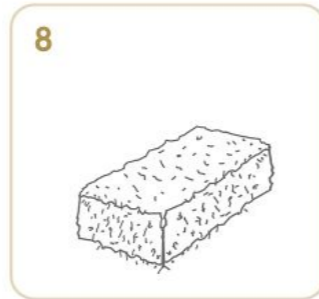
5 Mix in Flour and Sheep's Wool at a 1:1 ratio corresponding to Steps 1-2.



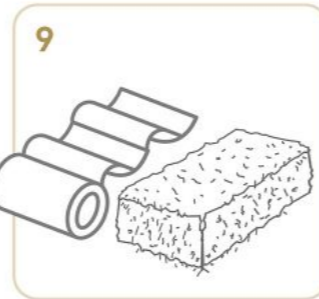
6 Pack into the Mold. Compress enough to ensure the Substrate enters every Nook.



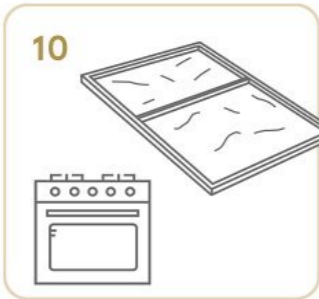
7 Tightly cover in Plastic Wrap. Poke a few holes. Let grow 5-6 days at 72° Fahrenheit- 22° Celcius.



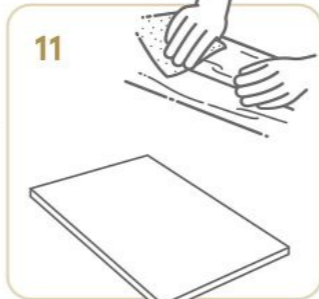
8 Remove Formwork.



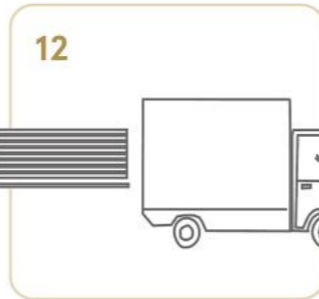
9 Let grow for one day outside of the formwork. Loosely cover with Plastic Wrap.



10 Bake at 180° Fahrenheit- 82° Celcius for 6-8 Hours



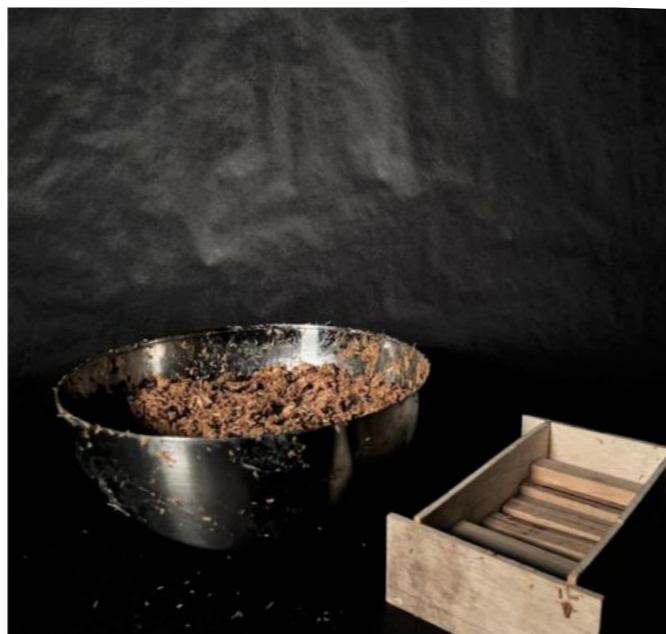
11 Post-Produce.



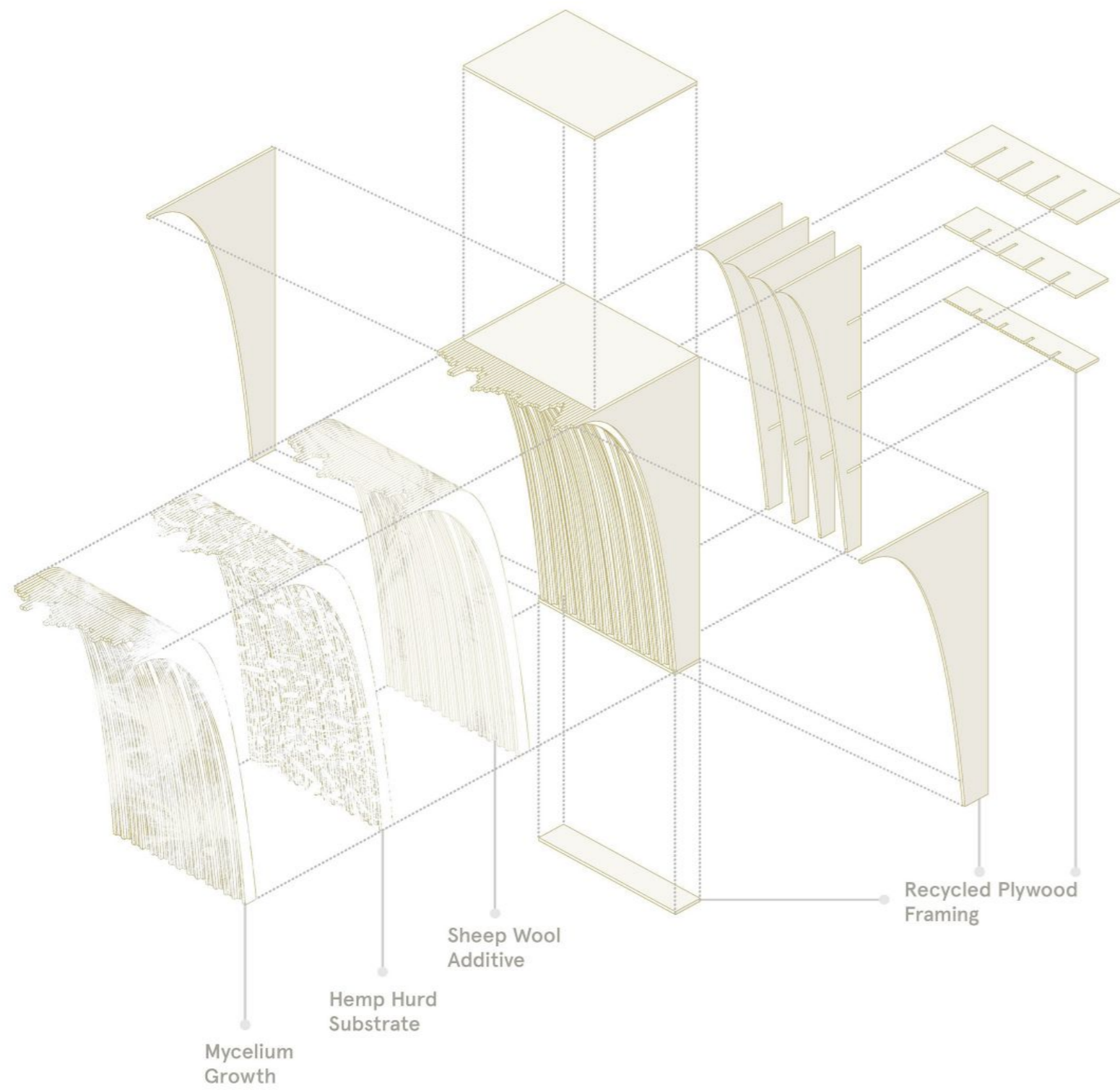
12 Ship Away.

As the mushroom fruit body matures, gills (or pores in some cases) begin to become visible on the underside of the mushroom. Some mushrooms have a 'veil' or a ring around the stem protecting the gills during early growth. But eventually as the cap of the mushroom grows, the gills become exposed and begin to release spores. Sometimes spores can be released in such vast quantities that they appear as wisps of smoke wafting from the mushrooms gills.





The process of making mycellium-brick



Mycellium acoustic panels design

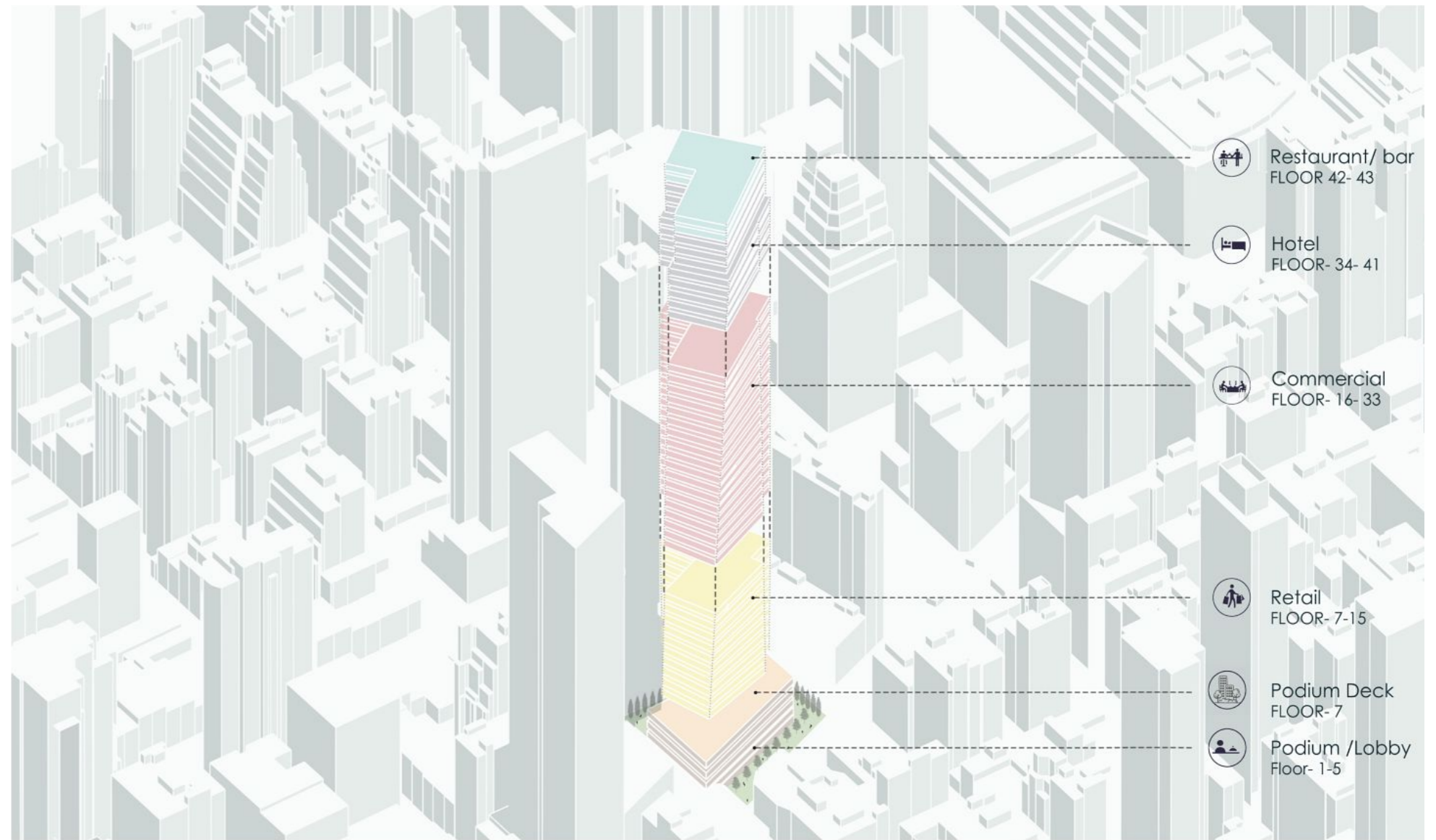
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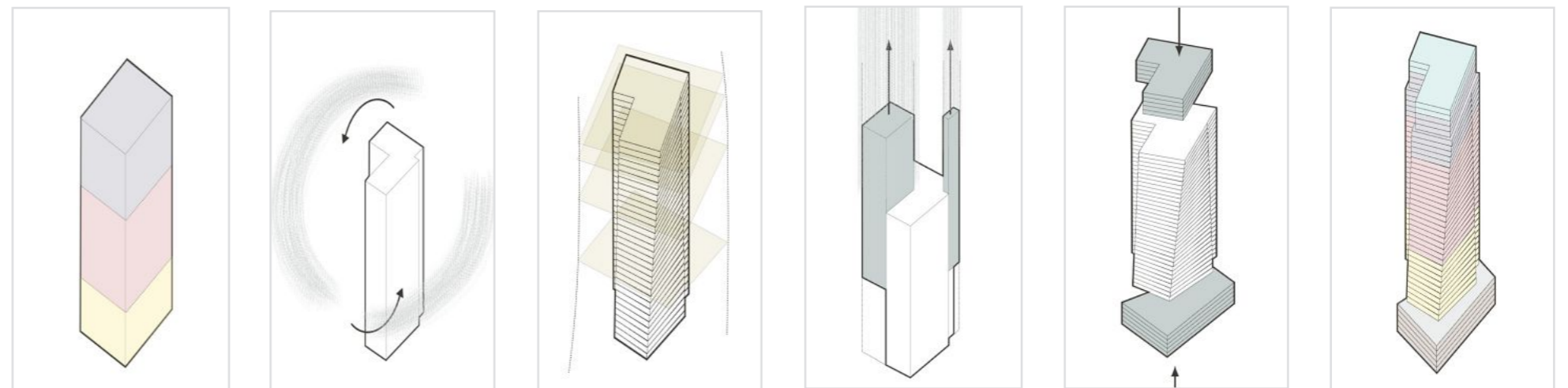
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The elective focused on BIM's role in project management, from conceptualization to construction. It delved into parametric modeling, scripting, and data-driven design to push the boundaries of what BIM can achieve, elevating design possibilities.

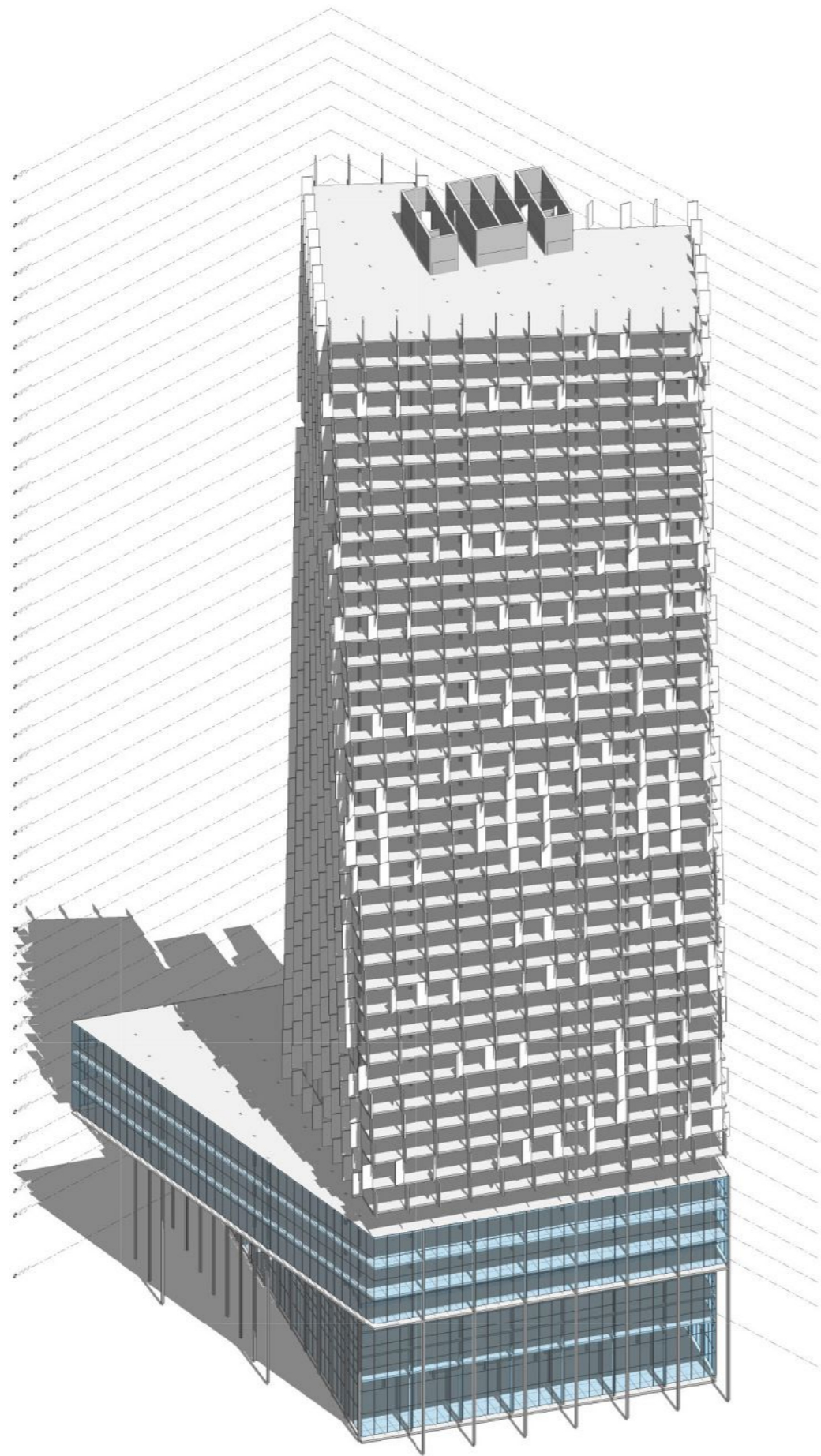
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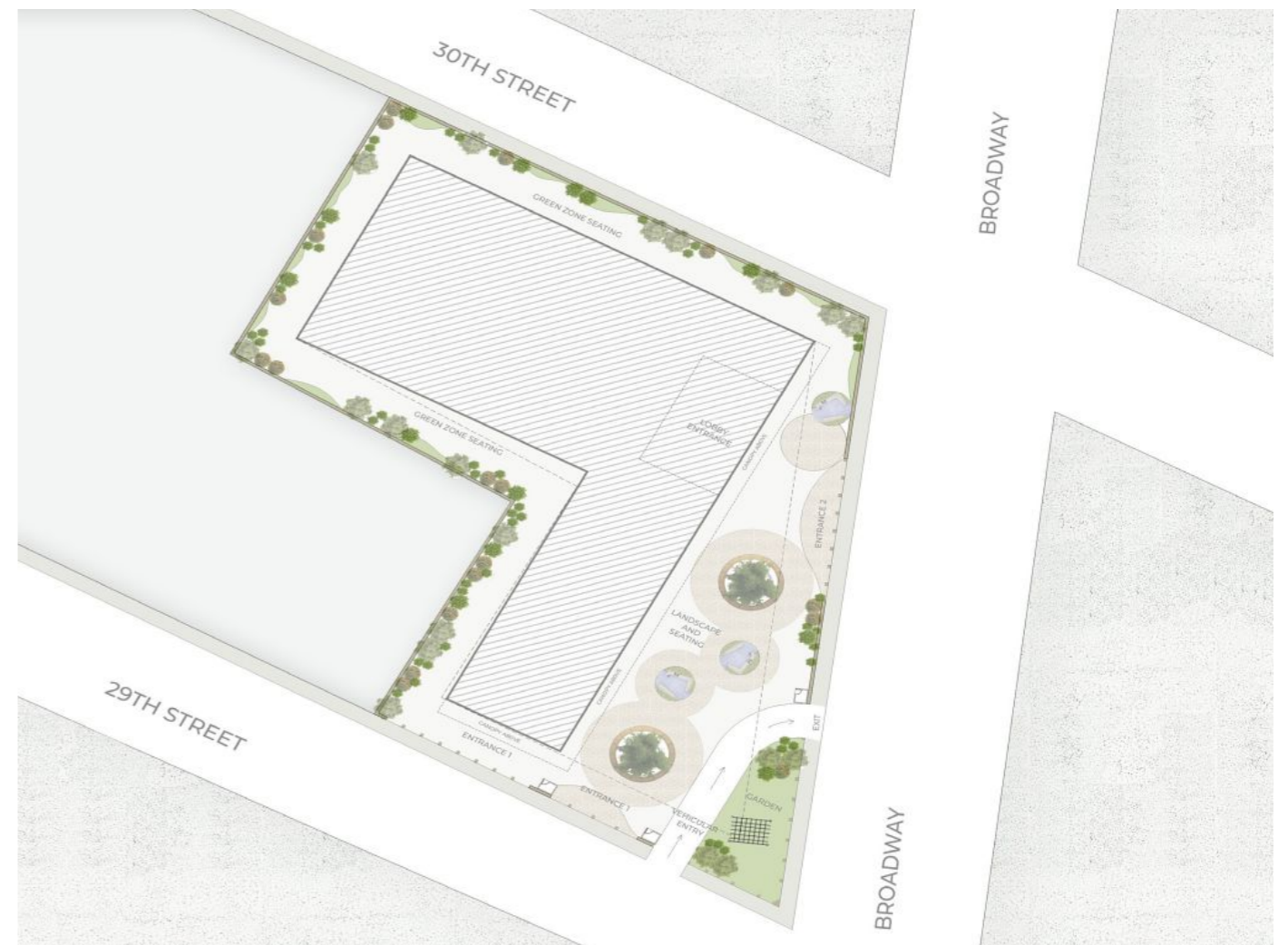
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Facade design - Sun shading device study



Site Plan



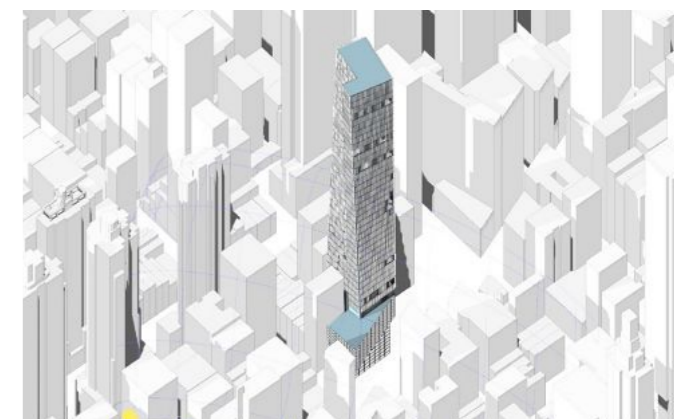
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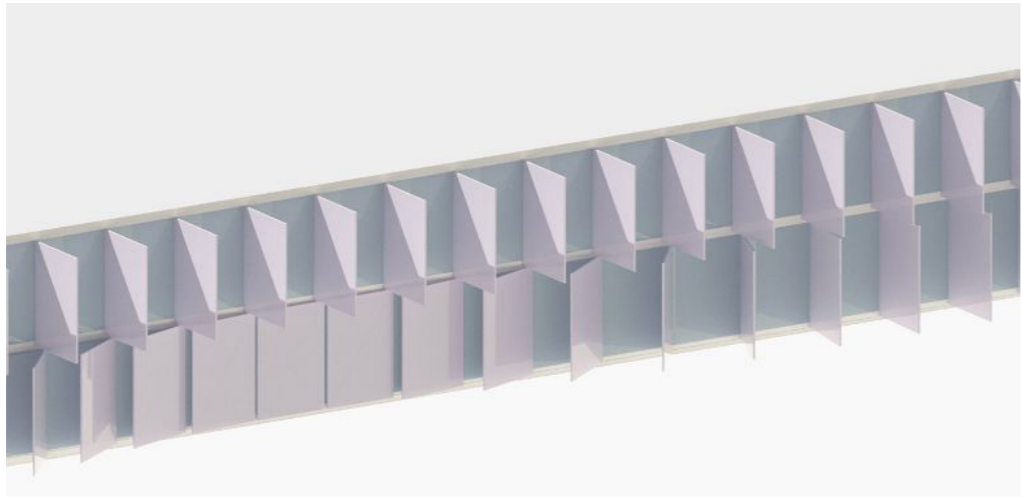
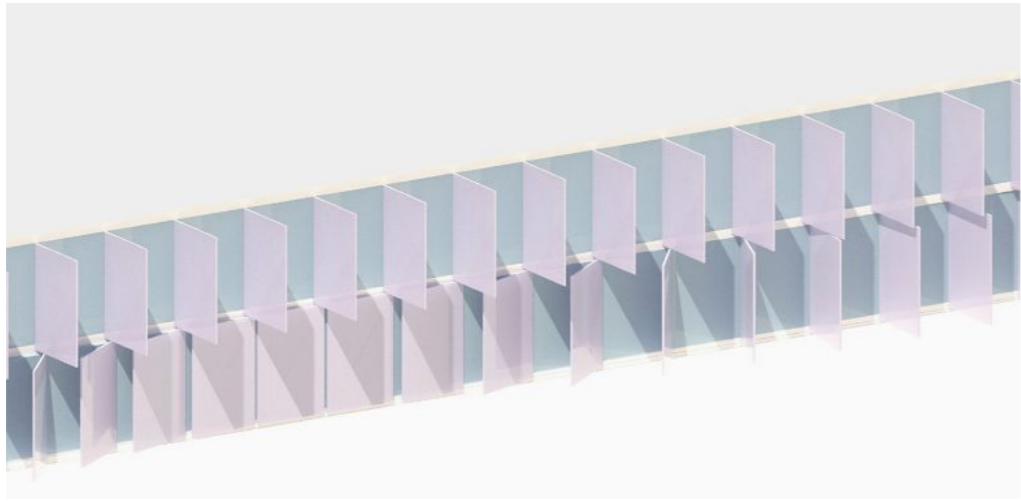
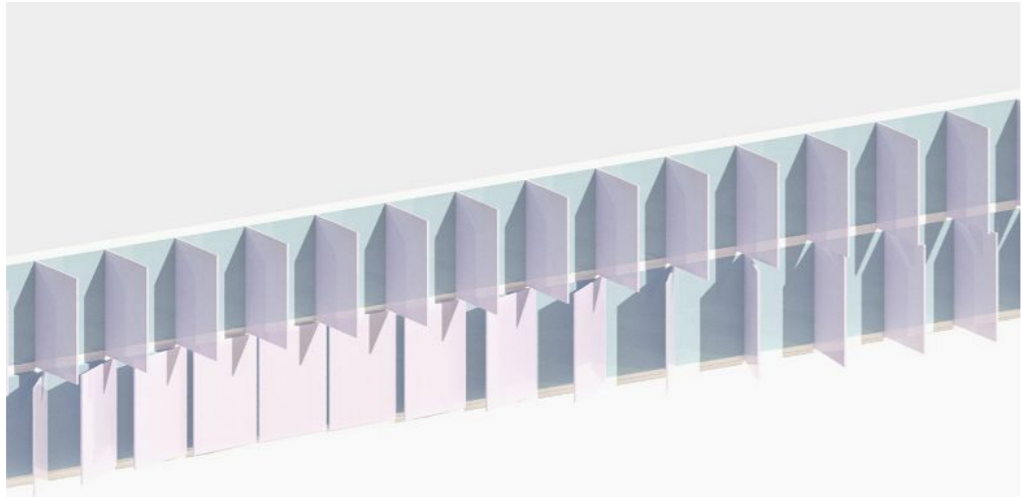
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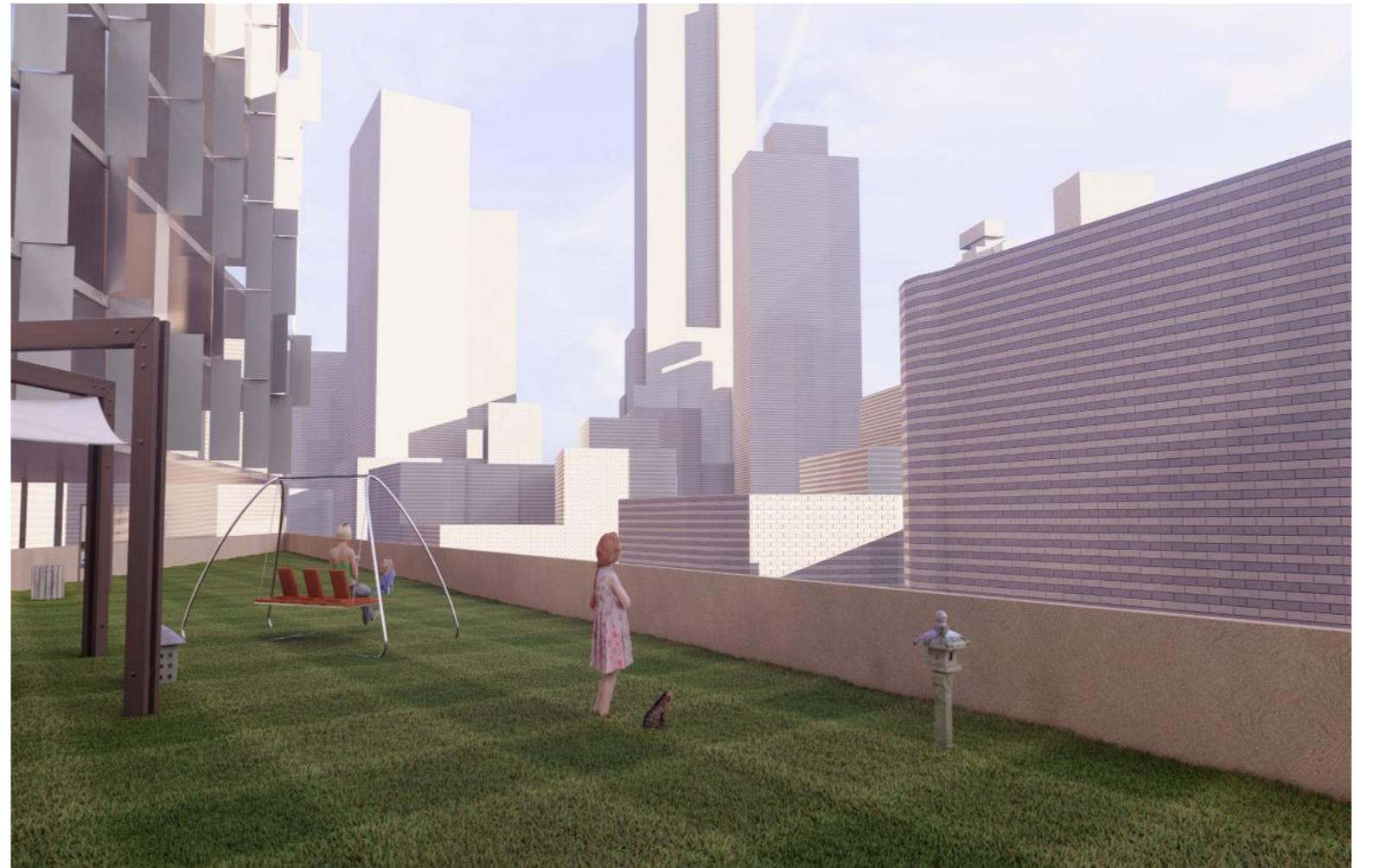


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Interior views of the building

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