

A detailed architectural sketch of a building's structural framework, showing a complex network of intersecting lines representing beams, columns, and floor slabs. The drawing is done in a perspective view, with lines converging towards the top right. The lines are drawn in a dark ink or paint, with some areas being thicker and more prominent than others, creating a sense of depth and three-dimensionality. The overall style is technical and precise, typical of architectural drawings.

ARCHITECTURE ENGINEERING

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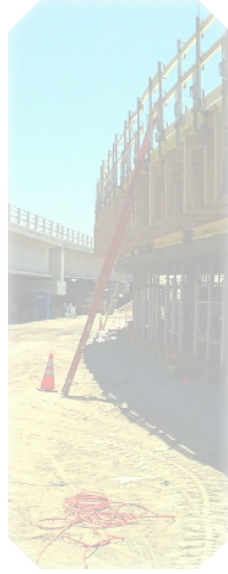
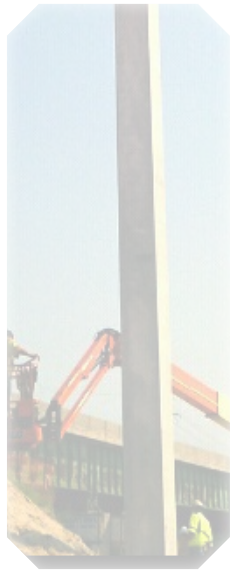
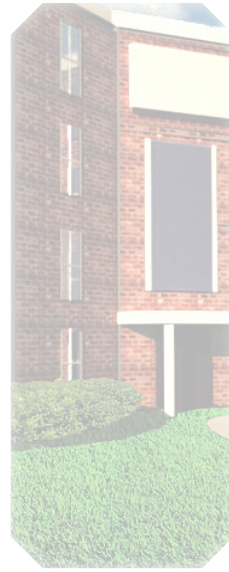
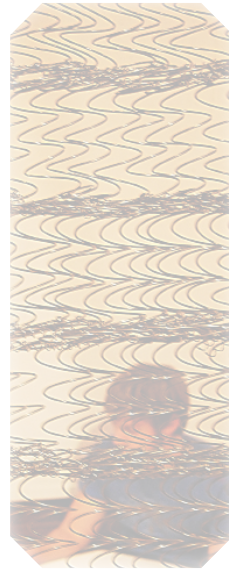
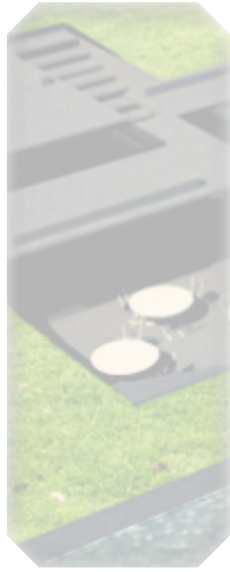
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Preface

“Form follows function.” - Horatio Greenough

I never wanted to be an engineer. Engineers crunch numbers and record data. They are bound by equation sheets and TI-89's. That's no fun. Where's the art in that? I was always driven by my hunger to create and my thirst for imagination. It was this demiurgic zeal that led me to architecture. My desire for inventiveness was, however, stifled by dictation; My competencies in physics and scientific analysis seemed to break my fall. I became an engineer after all.

The aforementioned quote, the idea of beauty resulting from functionality, has governed modern architecture at the turn of the 20th century. If form truly follows function, then architects and engineers are one in the same. Design is universal. What once seemed like a fallback plan has become a passion. I'm a structural engineer and I'm proud to present the following pages as a creative portfolio.

The rules were meant to be broken.

Push the envelope.

Watch it *bend*.

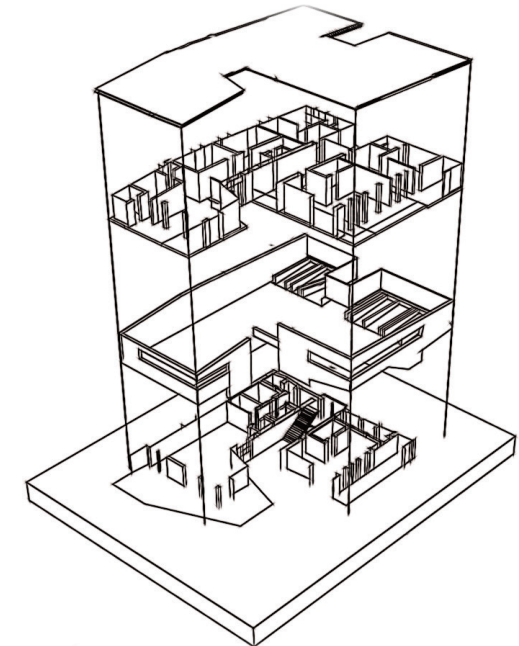
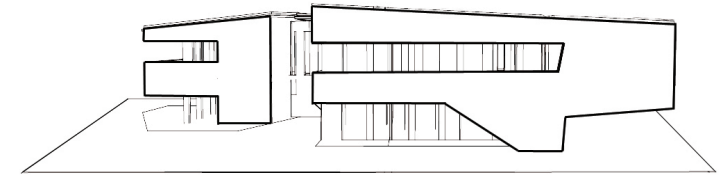


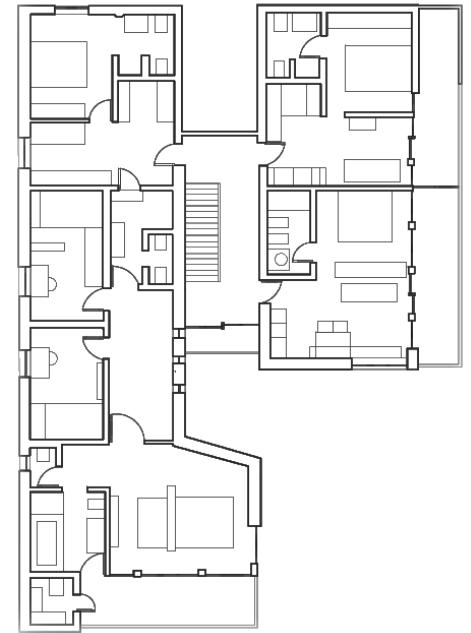
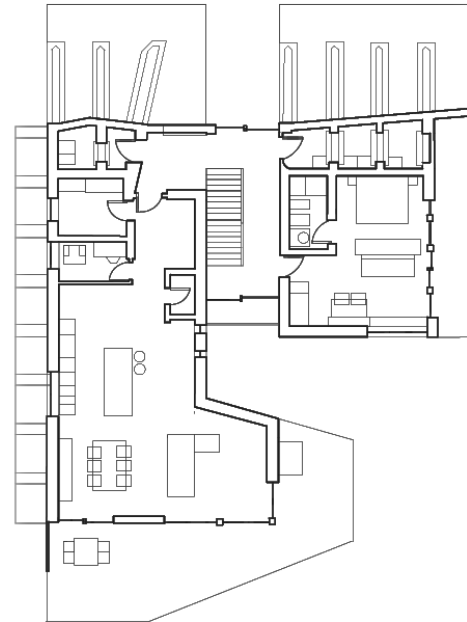
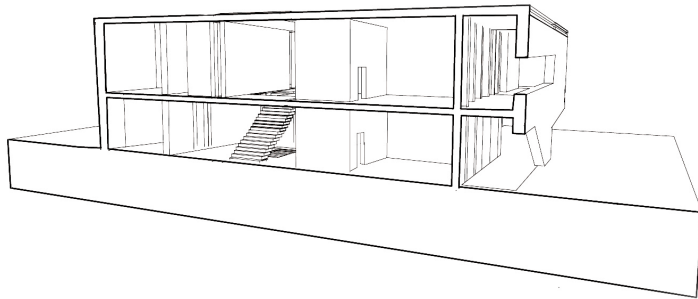
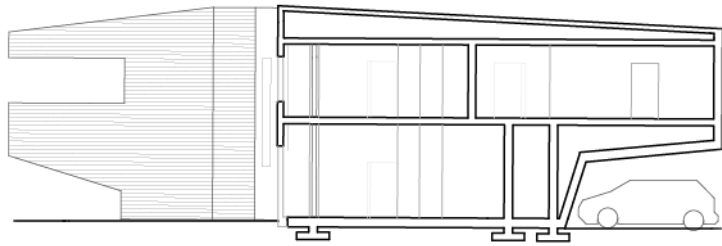
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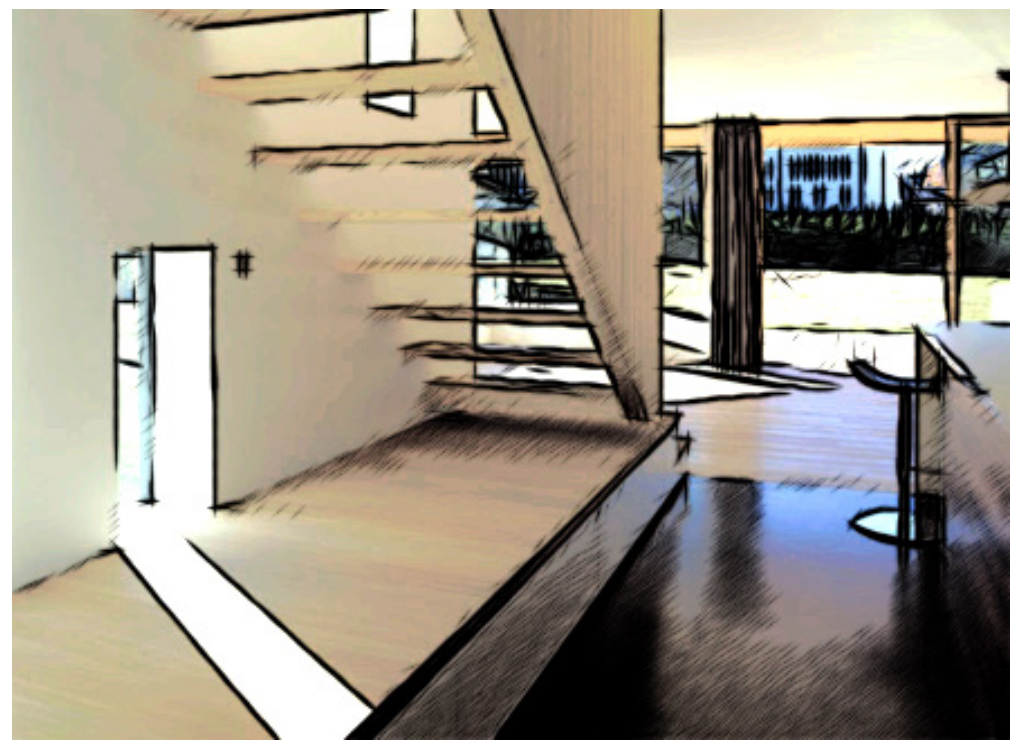
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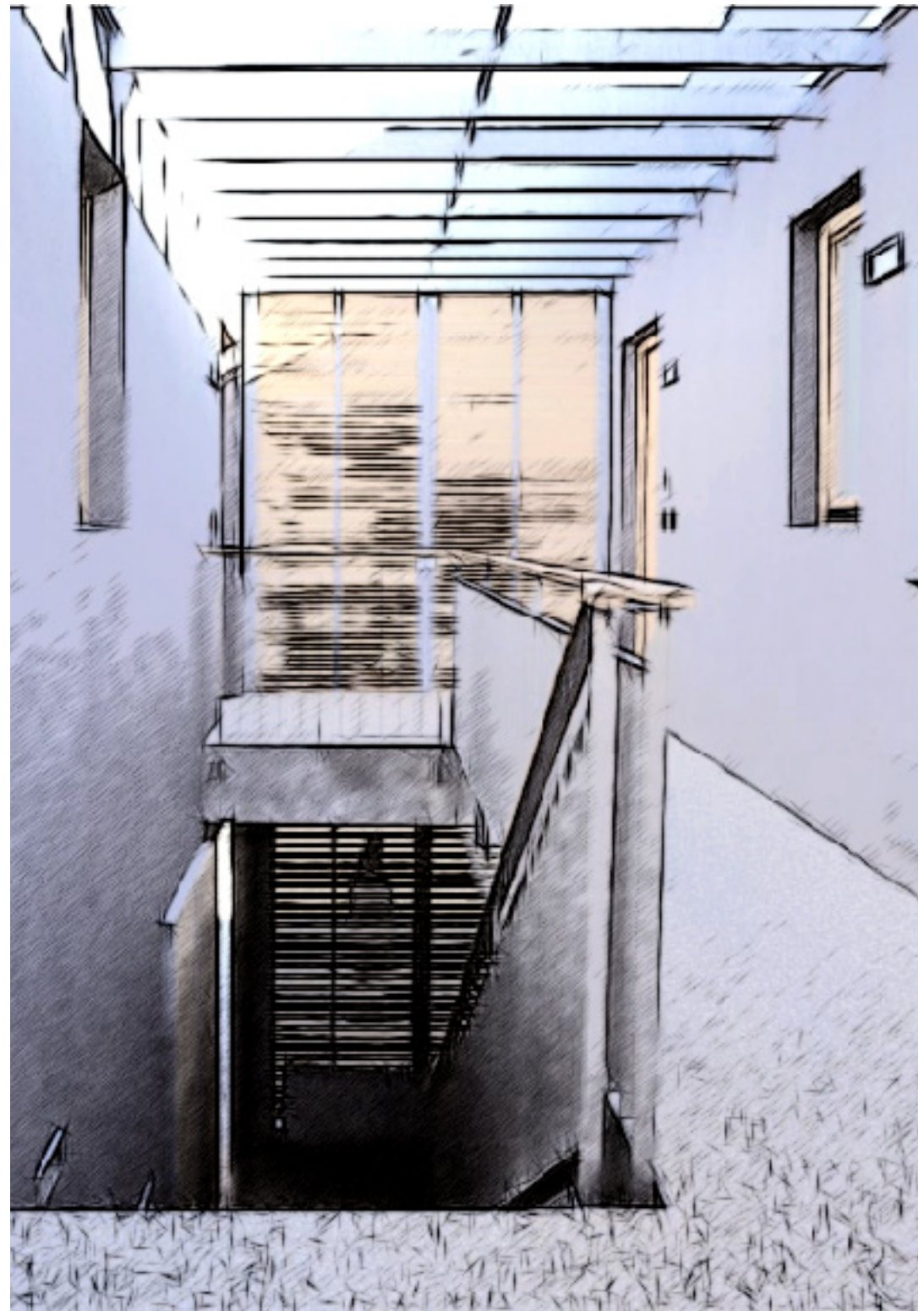
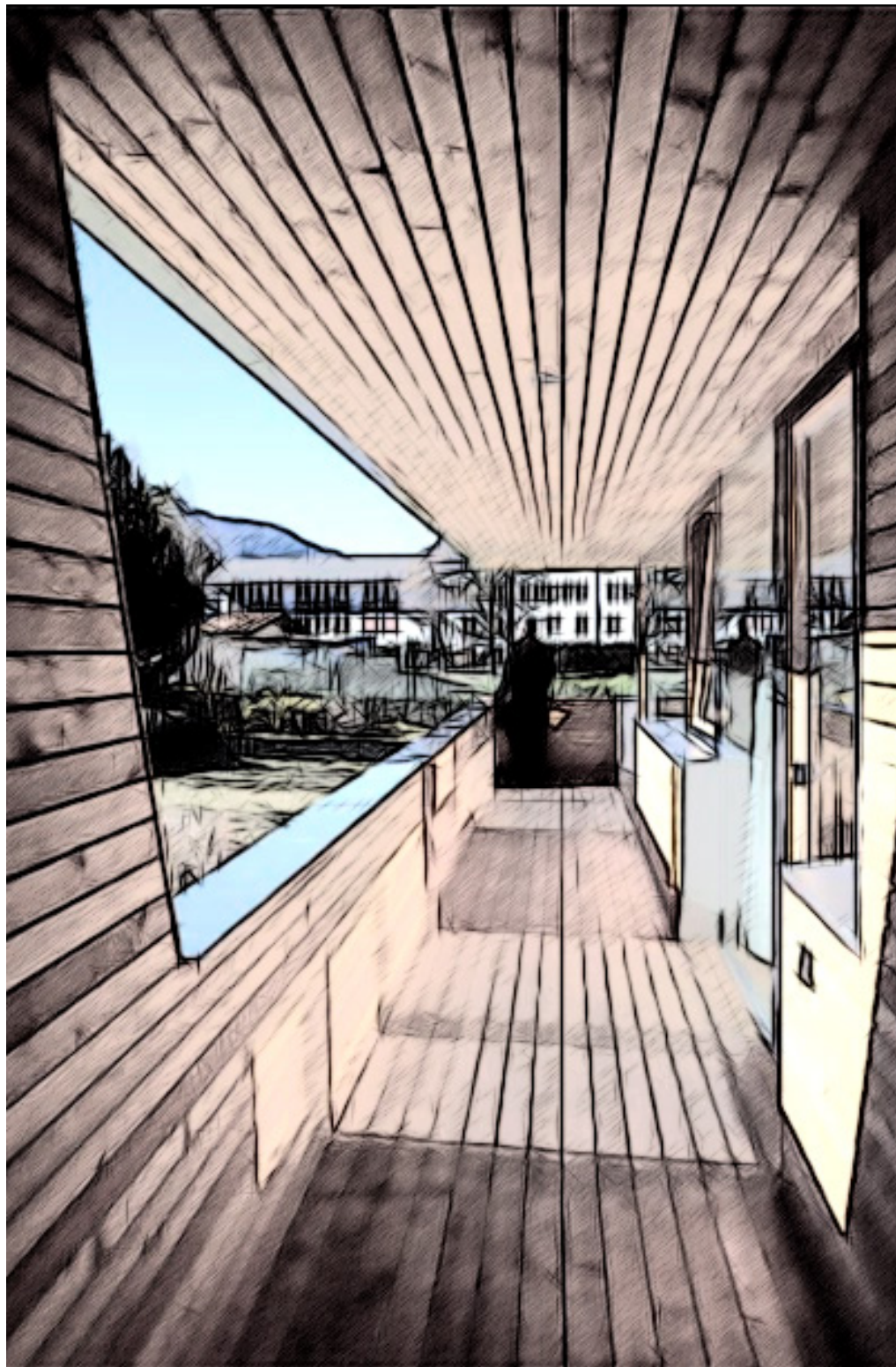
"Tetris House is derived from turning very pragmatic parameters into a spatially engaging concept: multiple programmatic demands (five self-contained units, parking space and other covered exterior areas) have initiated two volumes. L-shaped in plan and section they are spatially interwoven as to produce a range of dynamic in-between spaces."

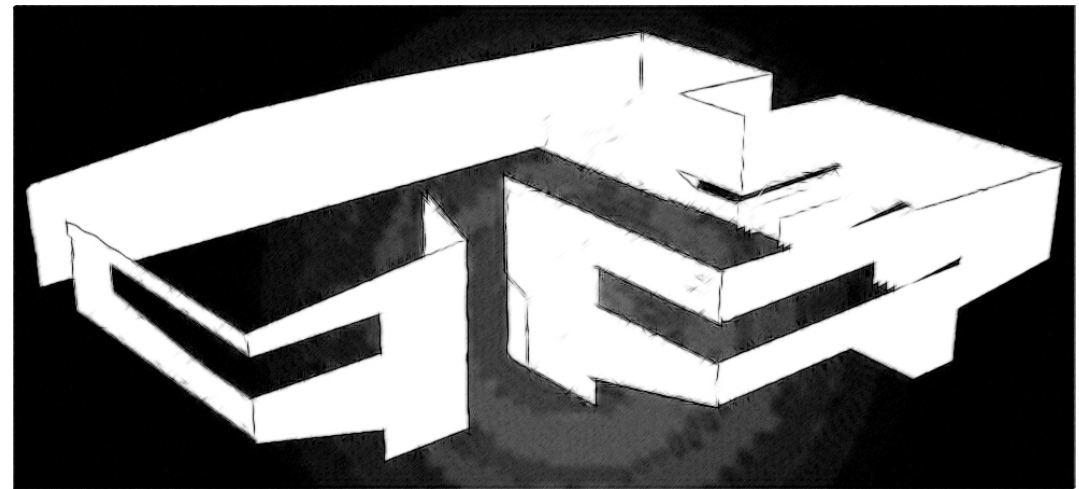
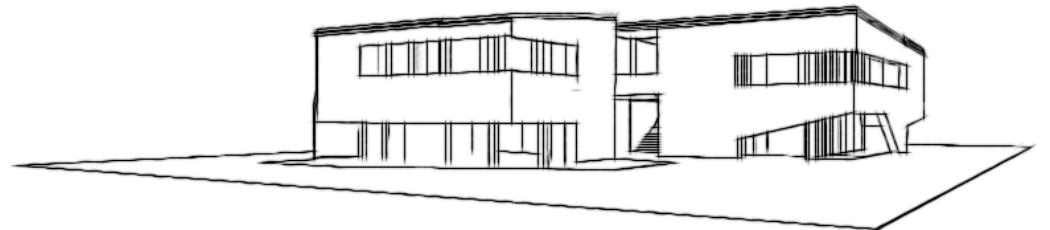
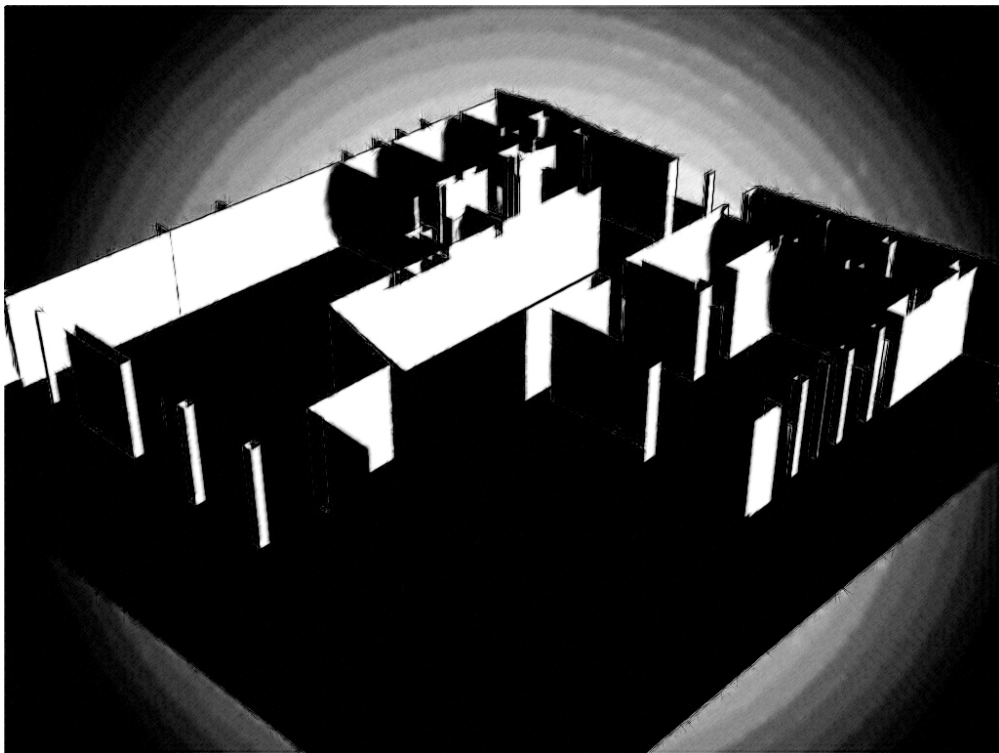
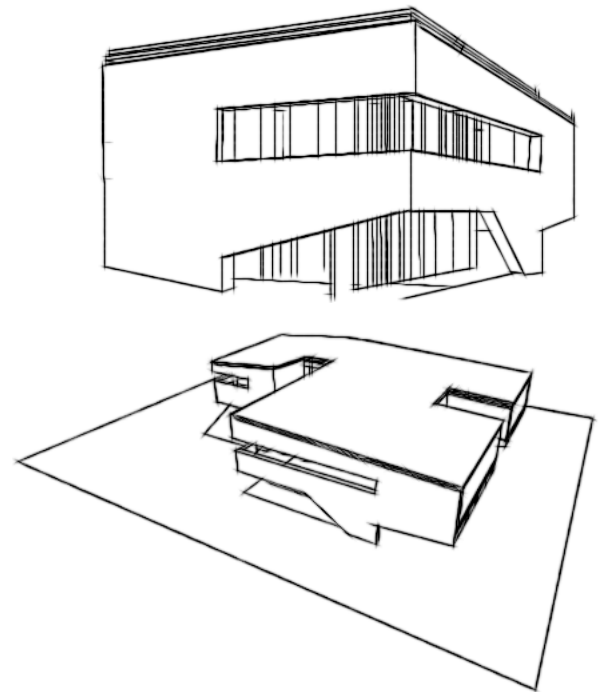
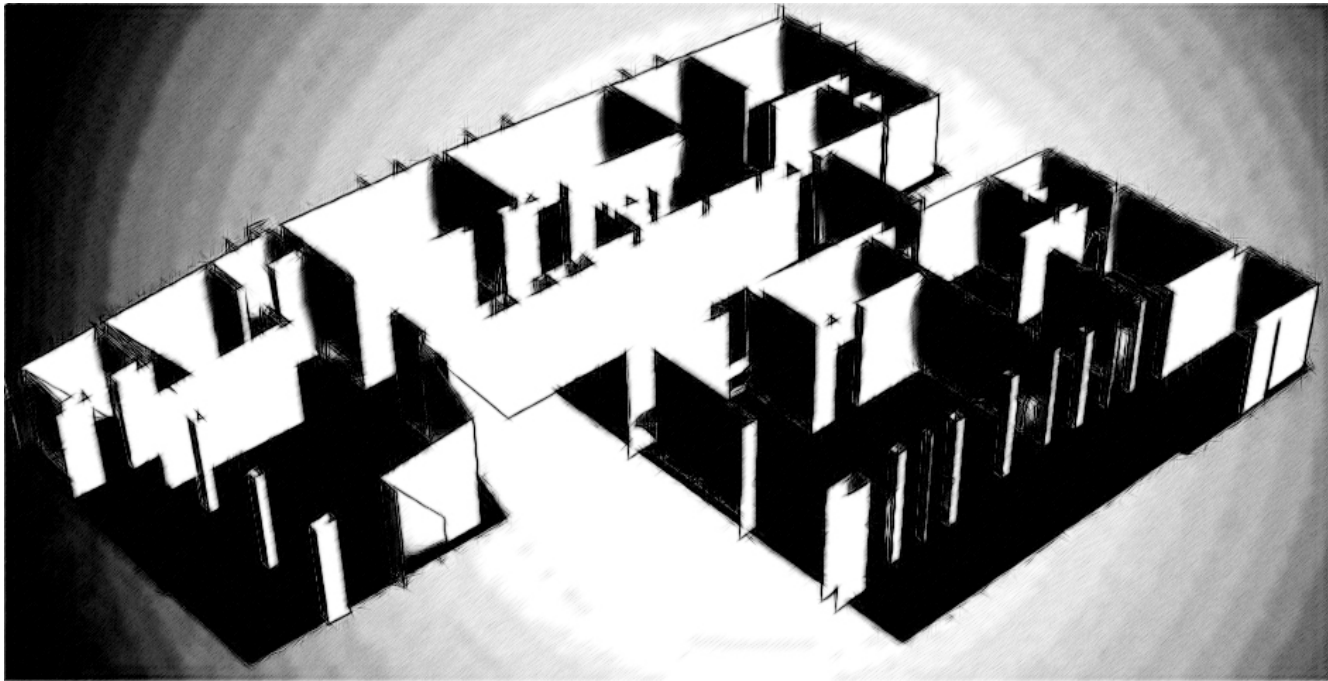
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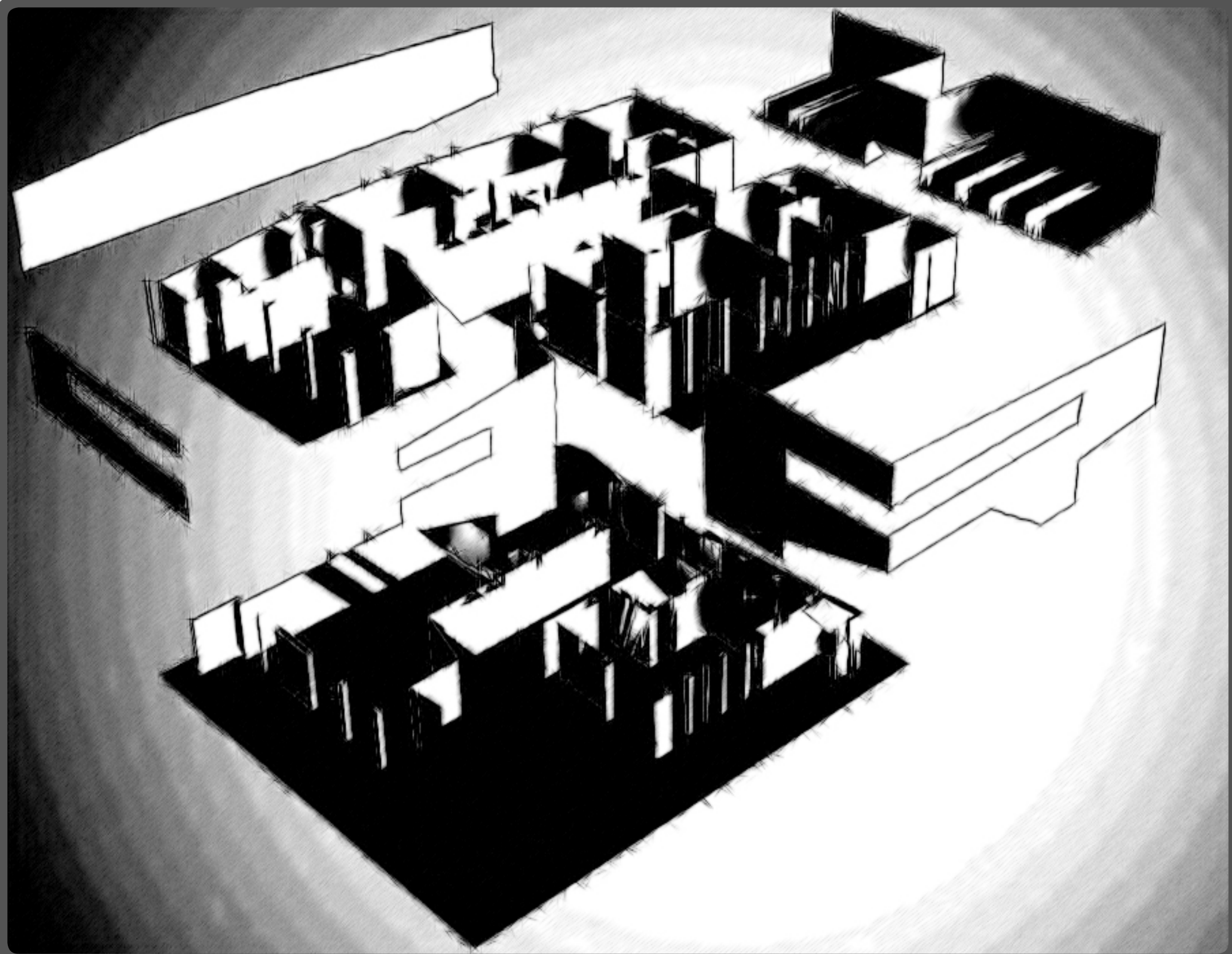


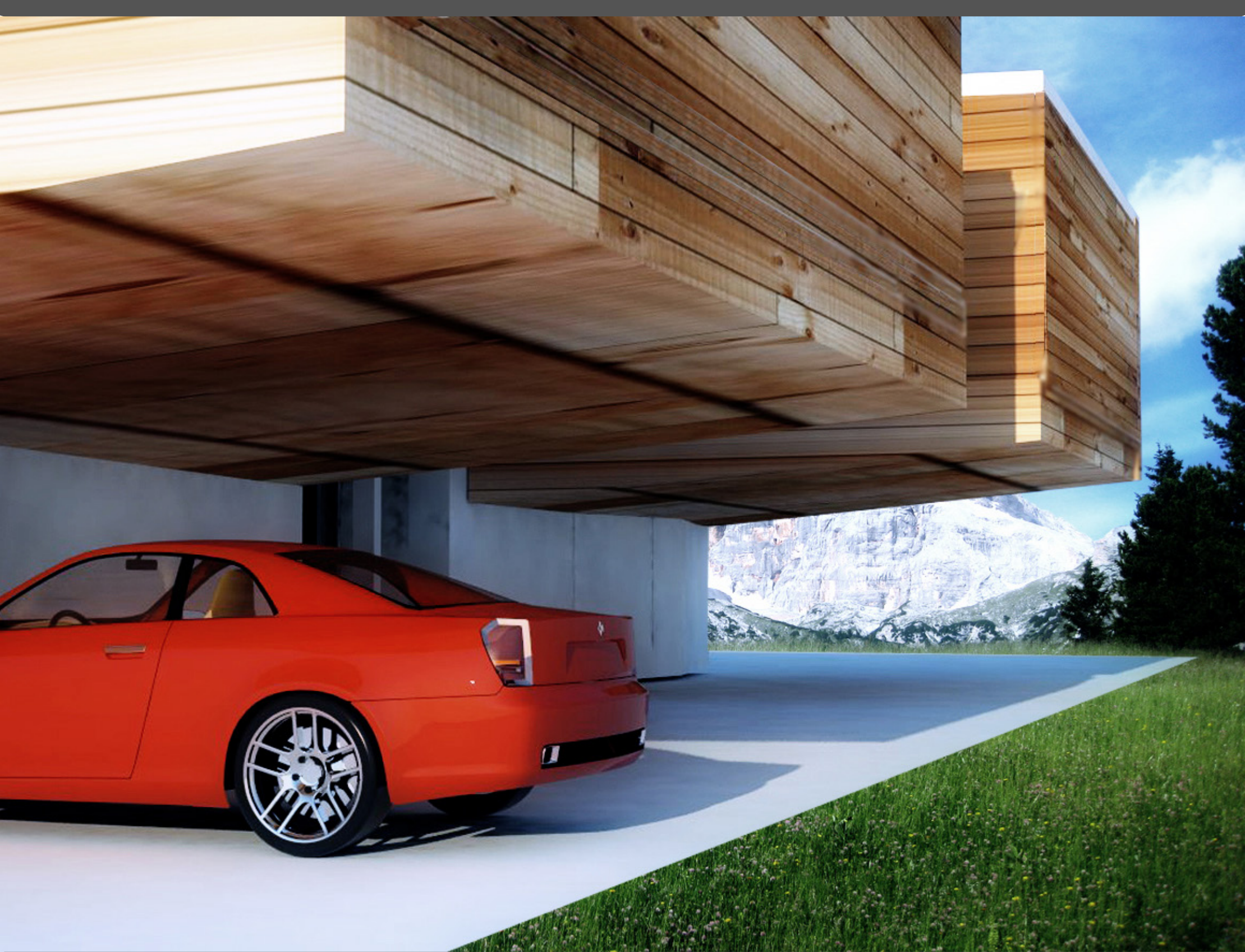




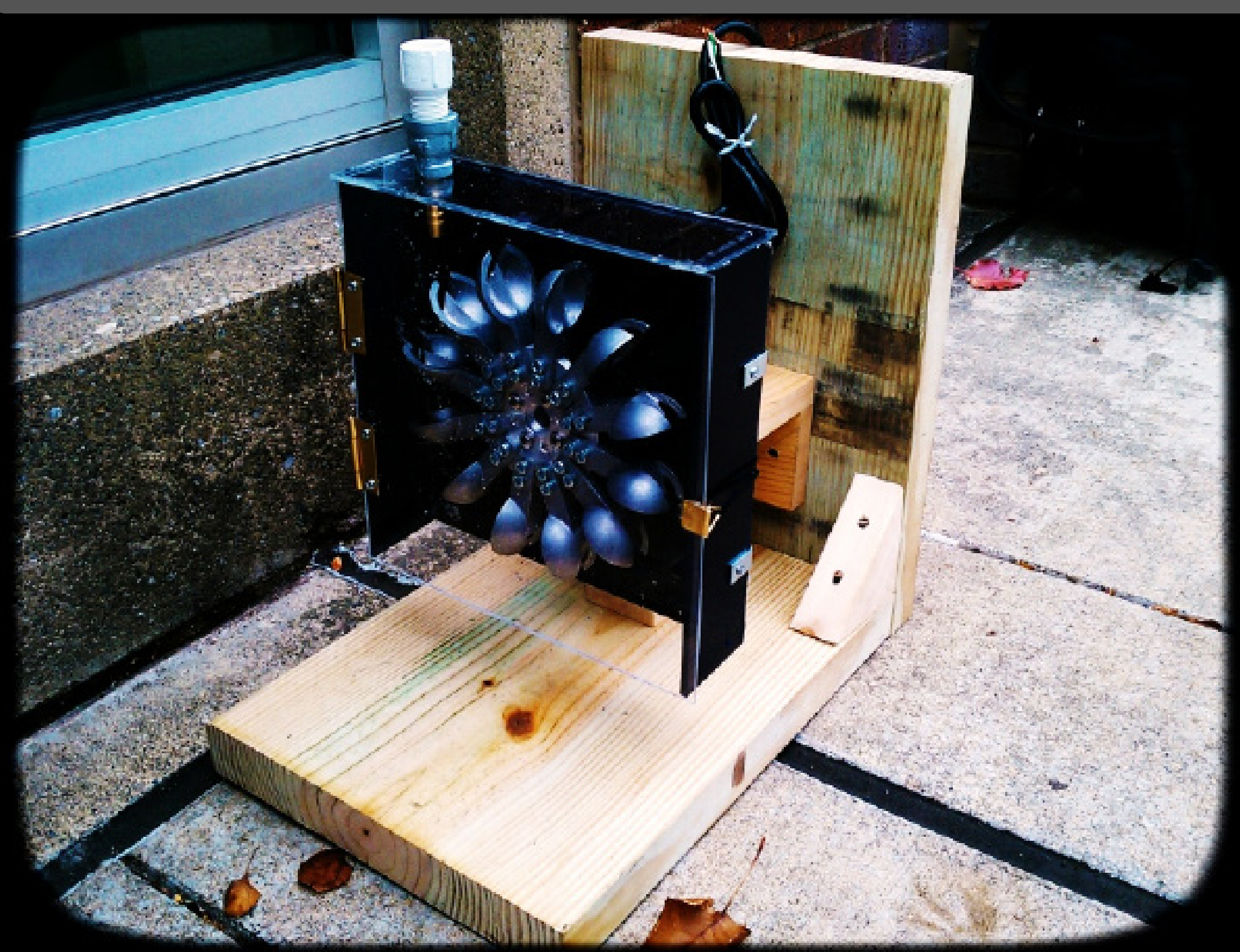






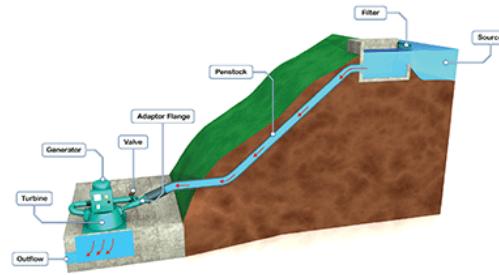
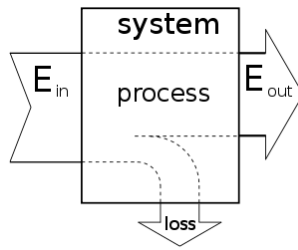






Engineering Design

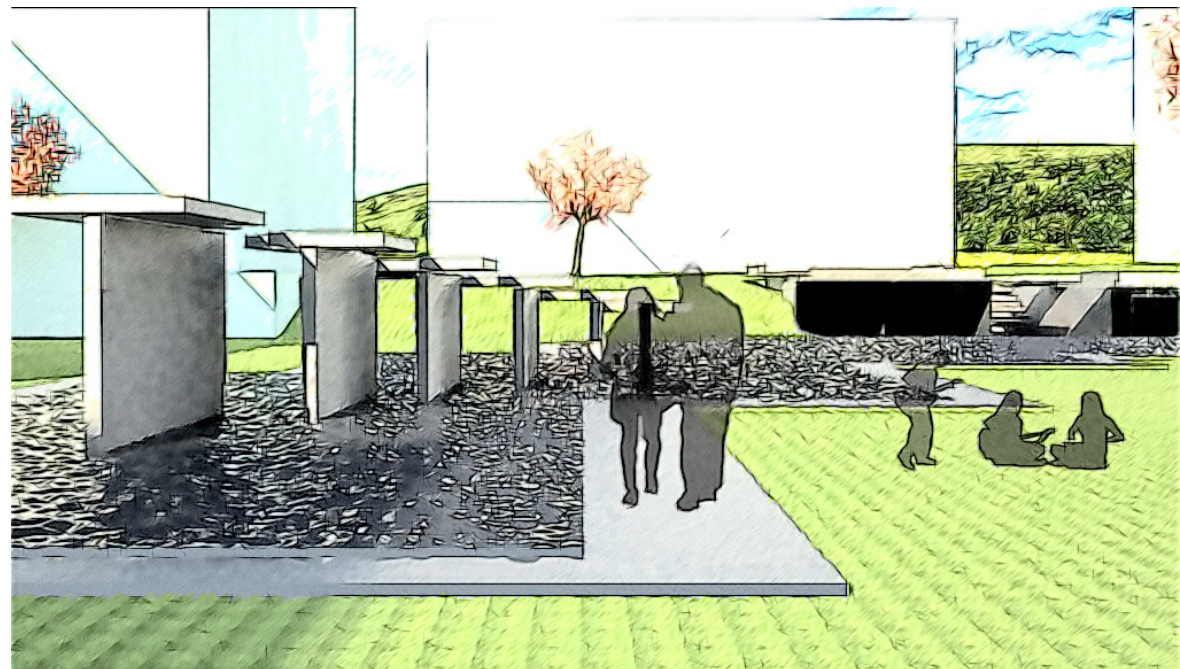
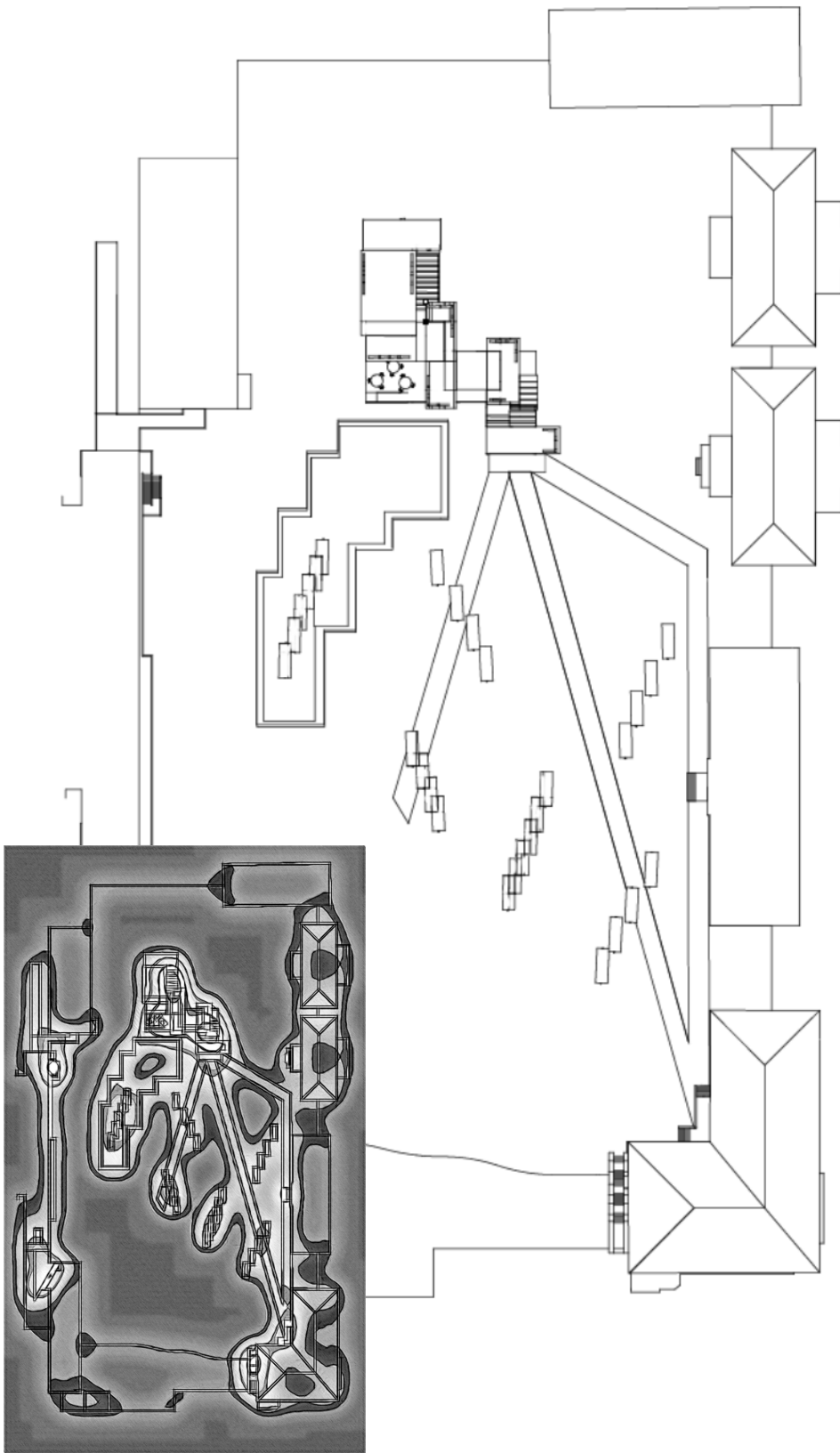
The main concept of this project was conservation. There were many example projects to choose from, but our group decided to develop a unit that locks into a gutter system of a house and turns running rainwater into mechanical energy by spinning a turbine and ultimately to electrical energy by powering an attached motor. The energy was then able to be stored in batteries and saved for later use.

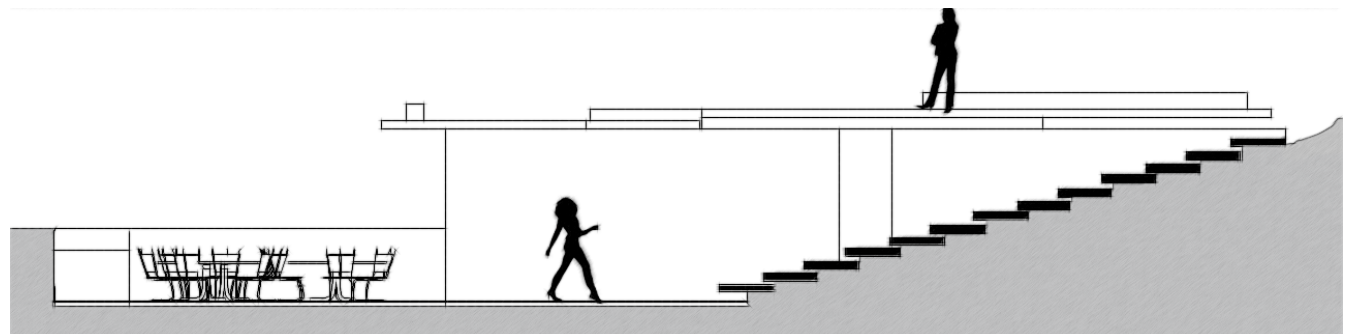
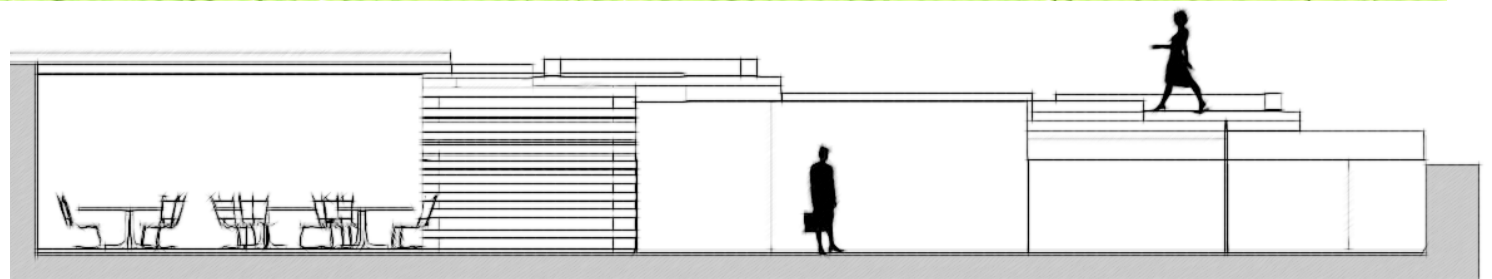
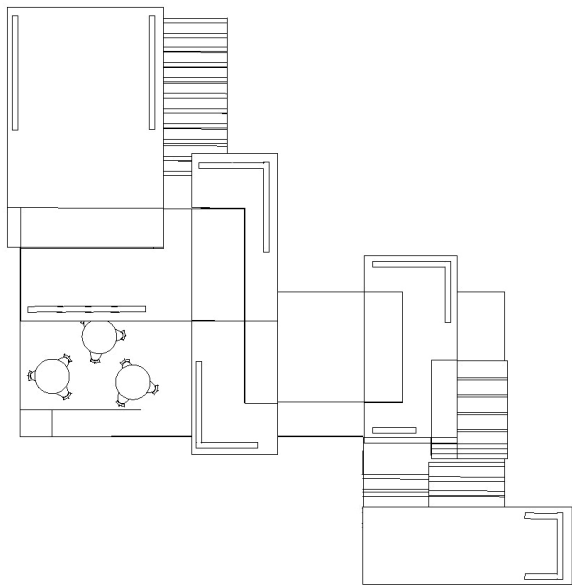
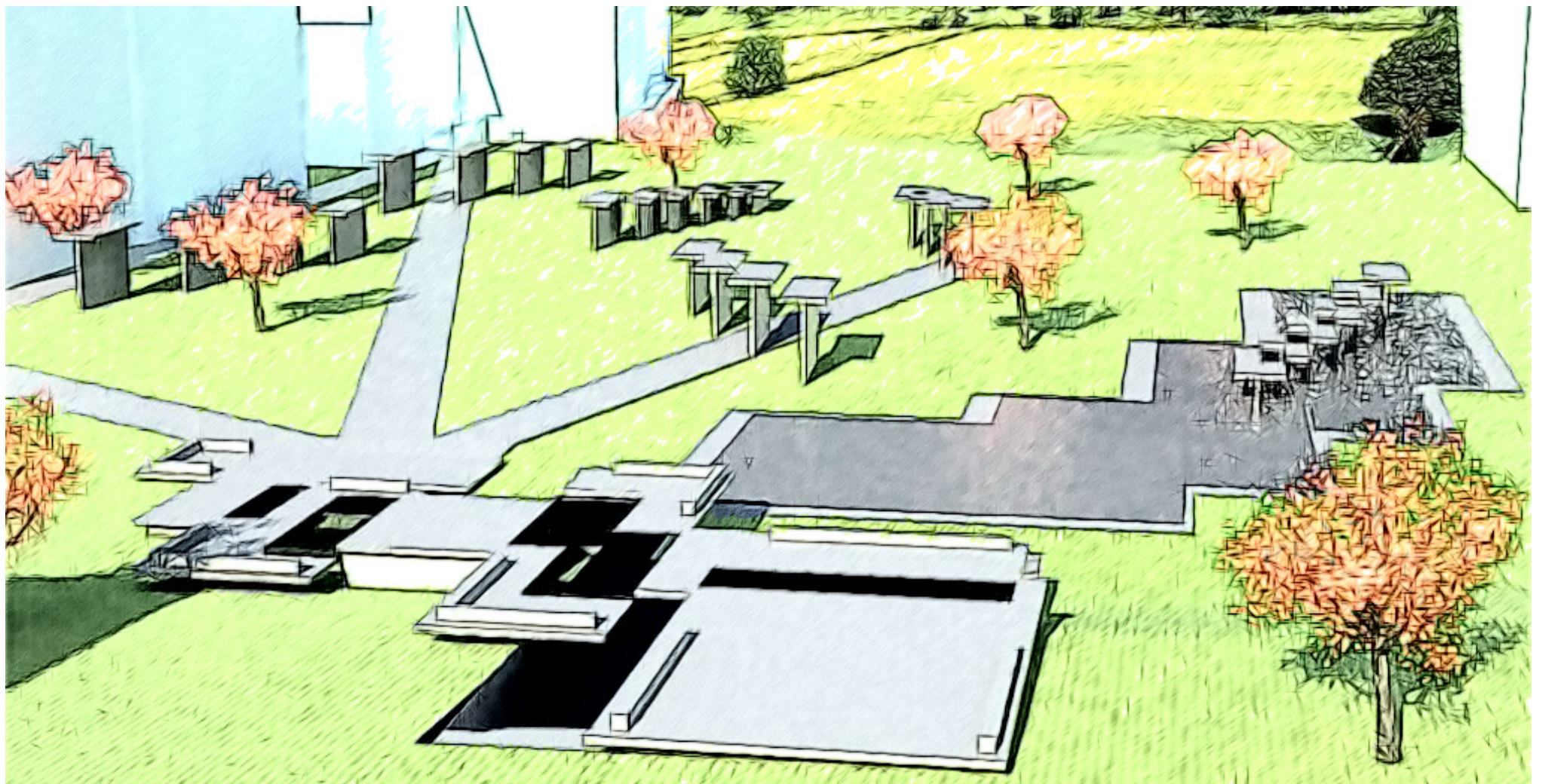


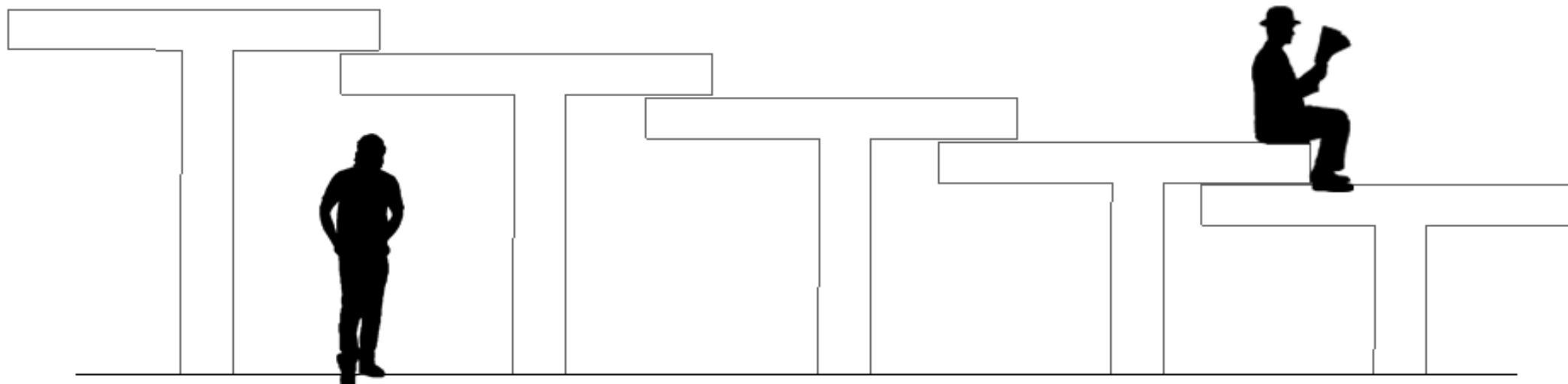
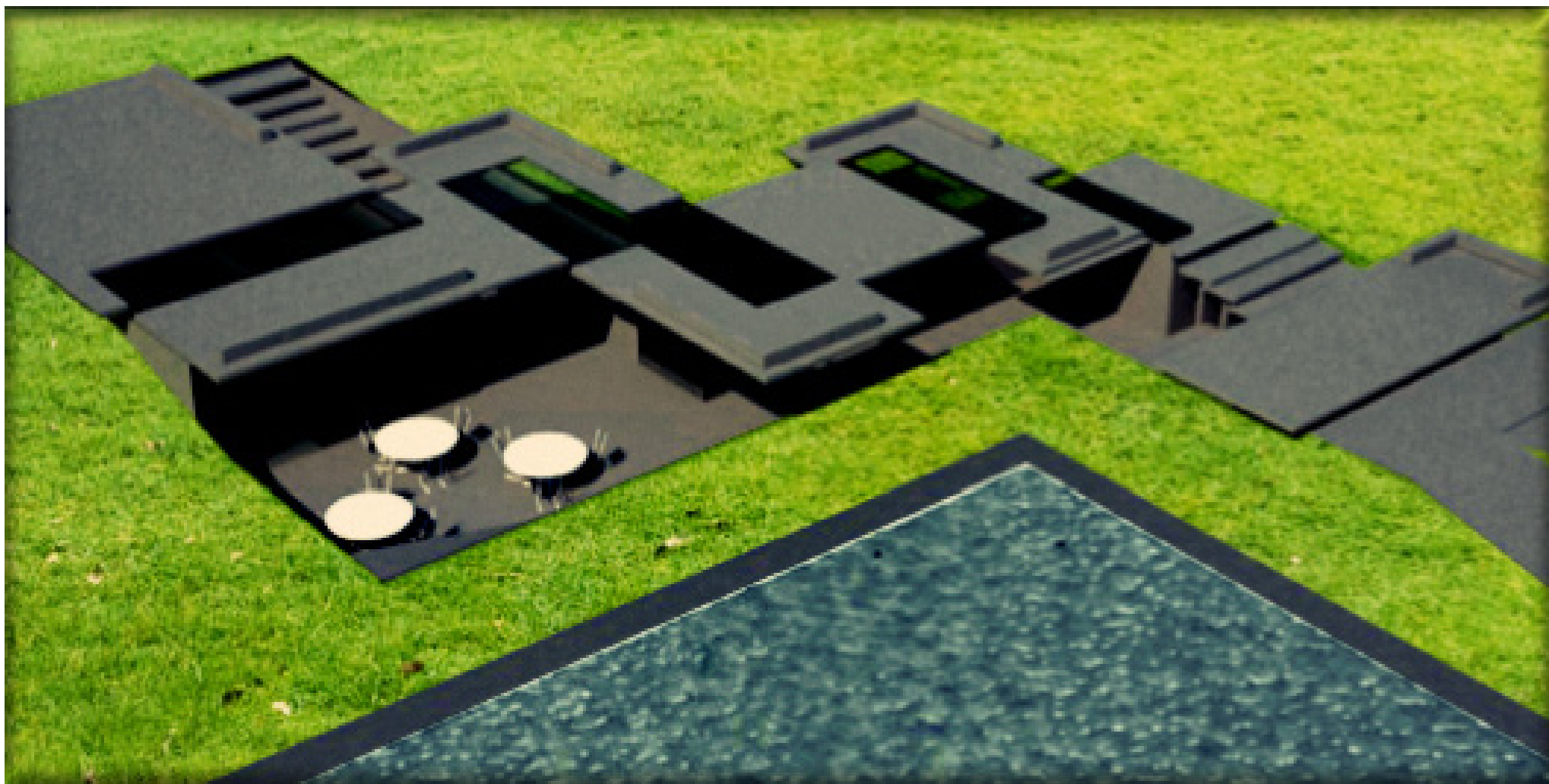
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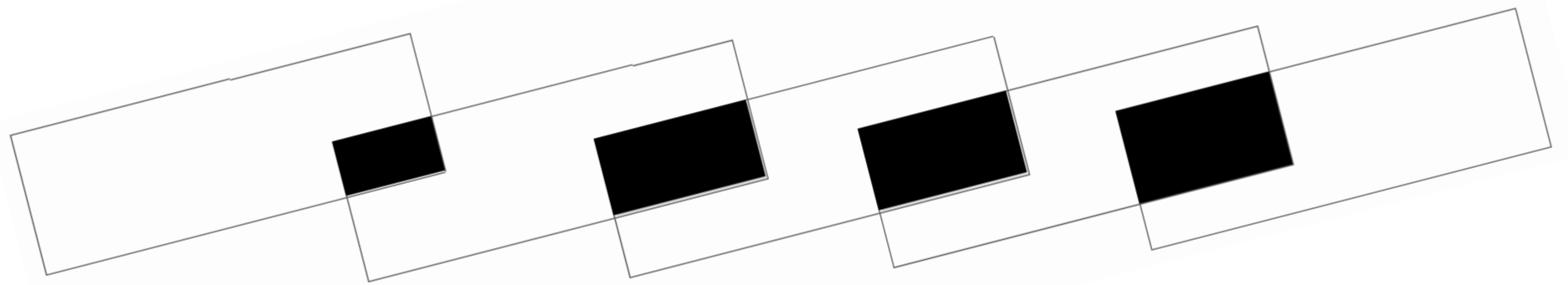
An aleatory condition is one that is random in nature - chance. This project explored using aleatory field conditions to reinvent the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute '86 field via the design of a park. Pragmatically, the park needed to facilitate all of the major paths of circulation and needed to include a student center and a body of water. The methods of construction could only be concrete planes and the field could only be populated with trees and T or L-shaped sculptures. The trope of my design is the change of materiality from concrete to glass as the planes overlapped, which is evident in the design of the student center and the T-shaped sculptures. The sculptures all faced in one axial direction and forced aleatory human interaction as the paths of circulation intersected them at angles, creating perspectival interest. The geometry of the lake was also derived from the overlapping planes and harmoniously facilitates the concrete sculptures amidst it.

Aleatory - Depending on the throw of a die or on chance; random.



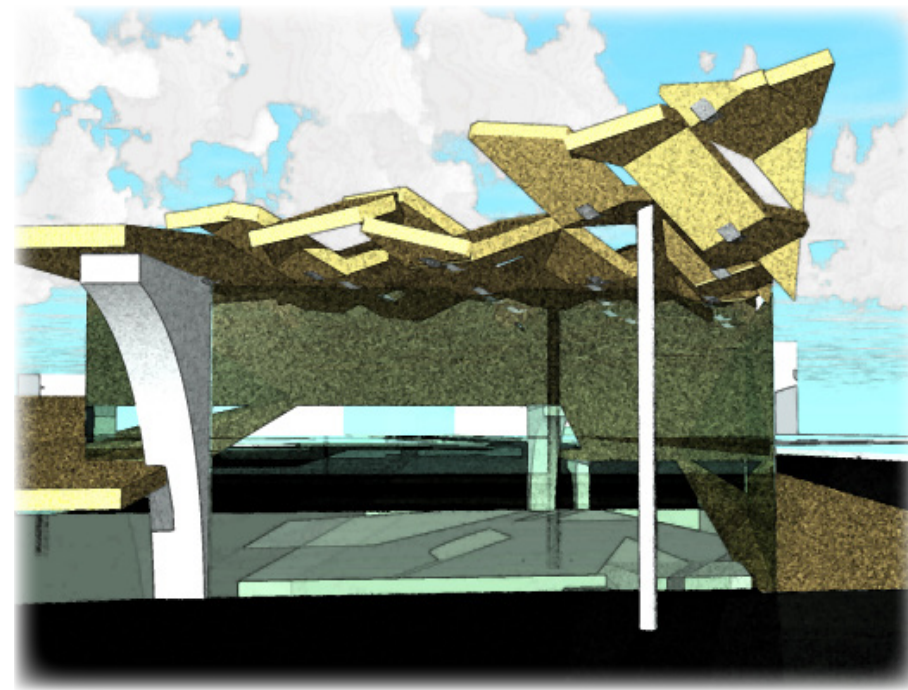
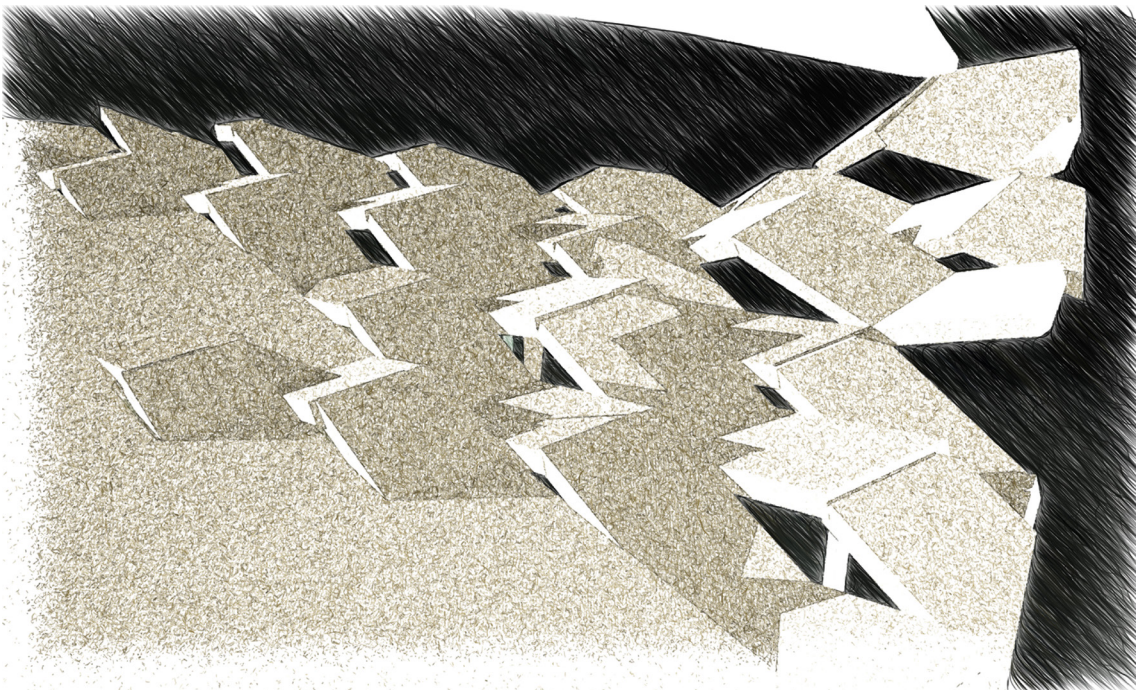
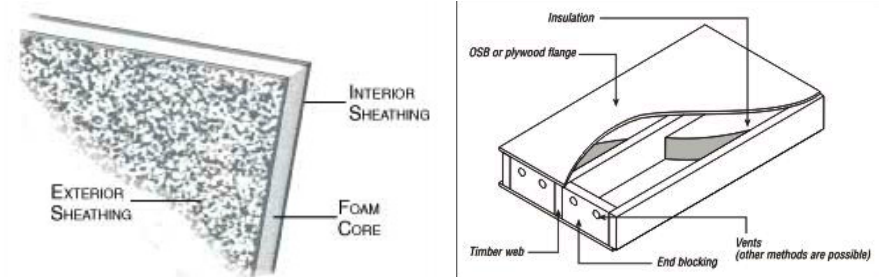
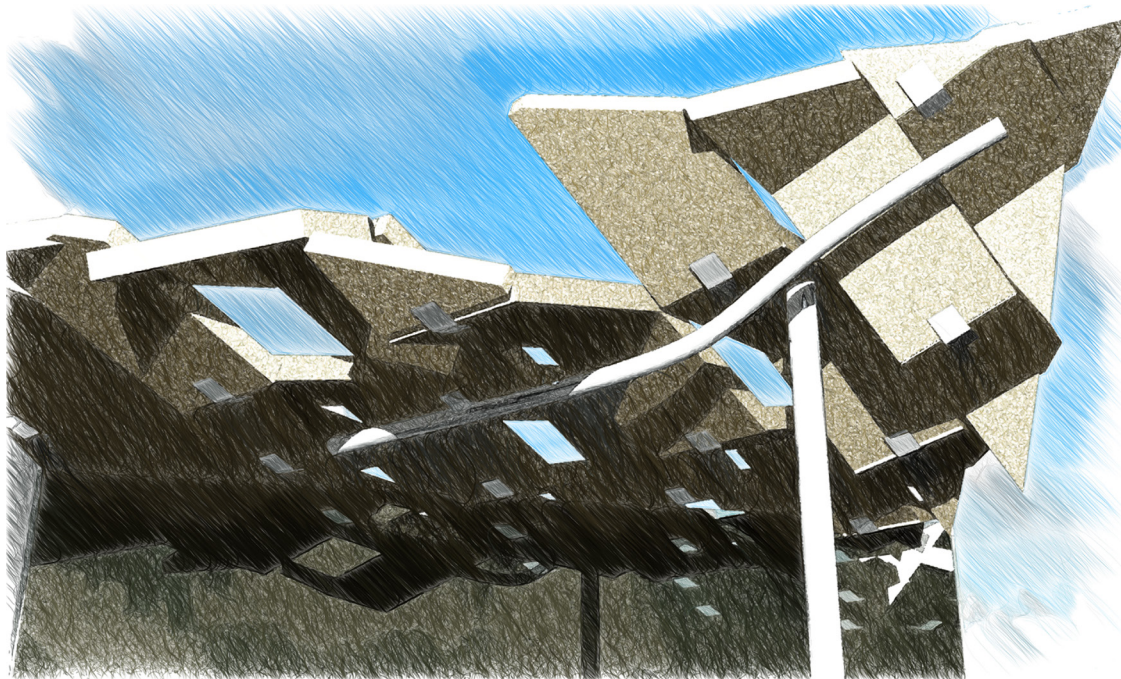






Trellis Study

This project is based around the design of a trellis system on the edge of a solid plain. The trellis is constructed out of lightweight stress-skin panels. The stress-skin panels are constructed out of foam laminated wood. Each stress-skin panel acts as a single module and is attached at slowly increasing angles via an L-bracket and a steel dowel pin connection. The system of panels also slowly begins to bend upwards to exemplify it's lightweight nature. This allows light to filter through in an increasingly dramatic fashion. The trellis is supported by a solid steel column and a cambered steel beam.



STRUCTURE: SPAN + SUPPORT

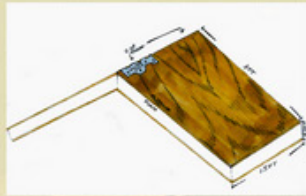
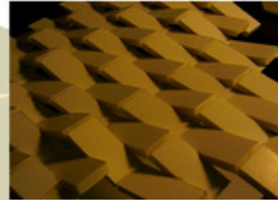
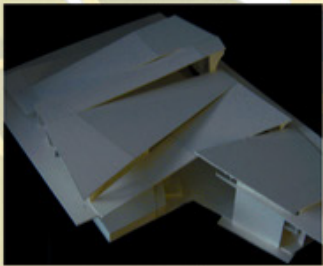
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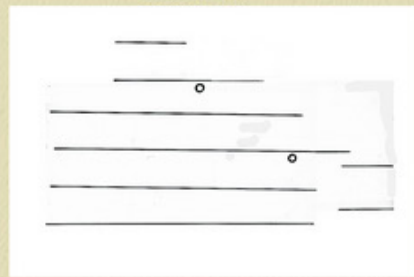
The Project is based on planes lifting up to allow light to filter through. This concept was carried over to the design of the trellis, which lifts out of the plane and becomes it's own entity. The plane appears to disintegrate, and then become the trellis.



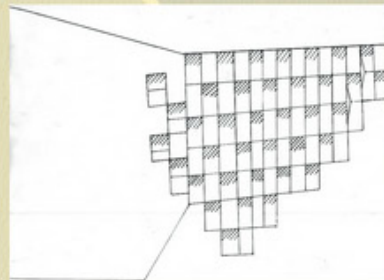
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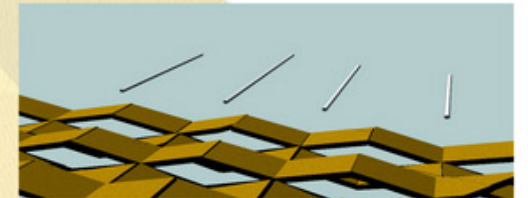
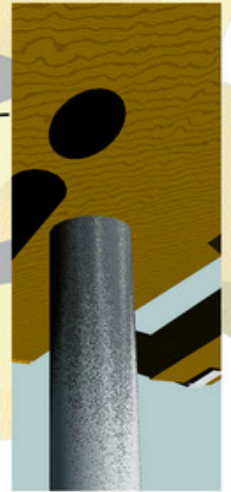
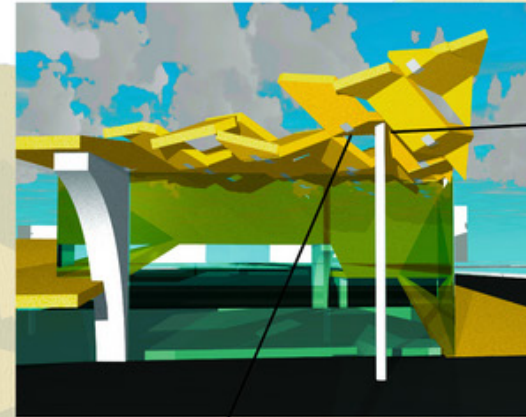


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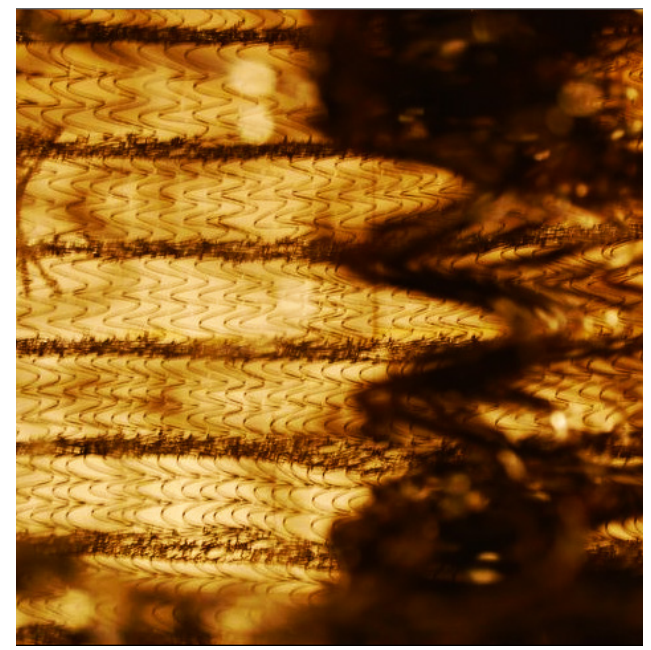
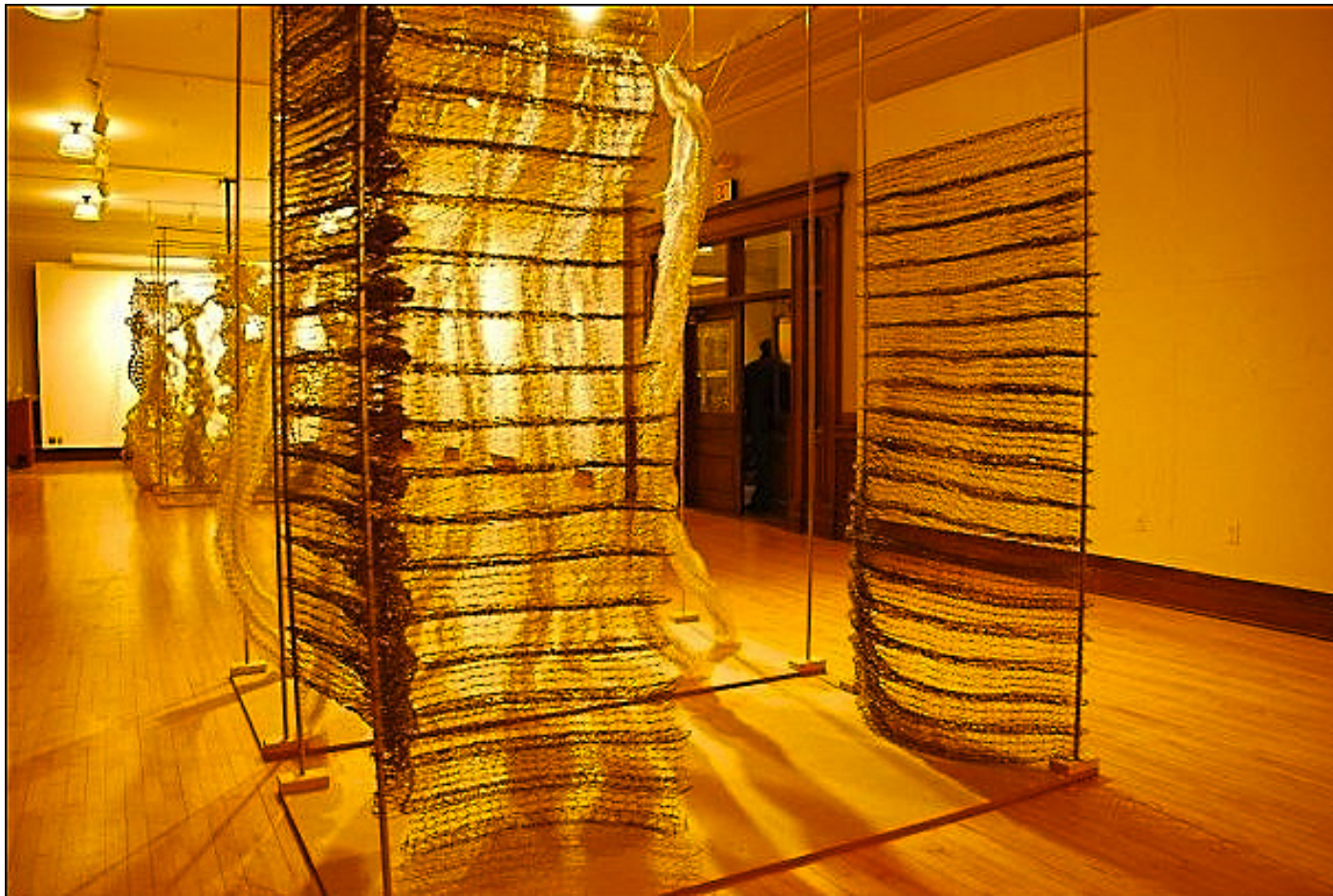
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ATTACHMENT SYSTEMS



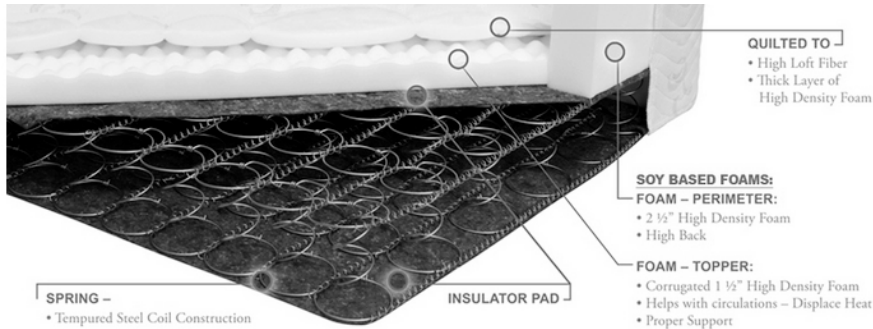
STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS





Spring Construction

Without getting too architectural with the language, the project was simply about making secure connections. We were told to go dumpster diving and find old recycled materials and break them down into connectable modules. The recycled material I chose were bed mattresses. I cut them down until I just had the spring bed, and then further cut apart each individual spring. I found that these spring connect beautifully in sheets by intertwining them in each other and produce a lot of gradient visual qualities.



Capstone Design

The Civil Engineering students are first broken into teams. There are building teams with structural engineers and geotechnical engineers and then there are teams of environmental engineers and transportation engineers. The goal of each building team is to develop a structure in its entirety, ours being a hotel. Analysis of zoning codes for our plot of land was the first element researched before even thinking about loads. A full analysis of the live and dead loads to be expected in a hotel were to be calculated and allowed us to find and locate where the steel skeleton beams and columns should go. This project required a lot of teamwork and cooperation as the transportation teams were designing the roads and parking lots for the hotel and the environmental team did site analysis. Finally, after the loads were known and the steel columns and beams had been sized, the geotechnical portion of our team developed the foundation. We utilized computer programs such as RISA 3D, Revit, and Robot Structural Analysis to aid us in the design.

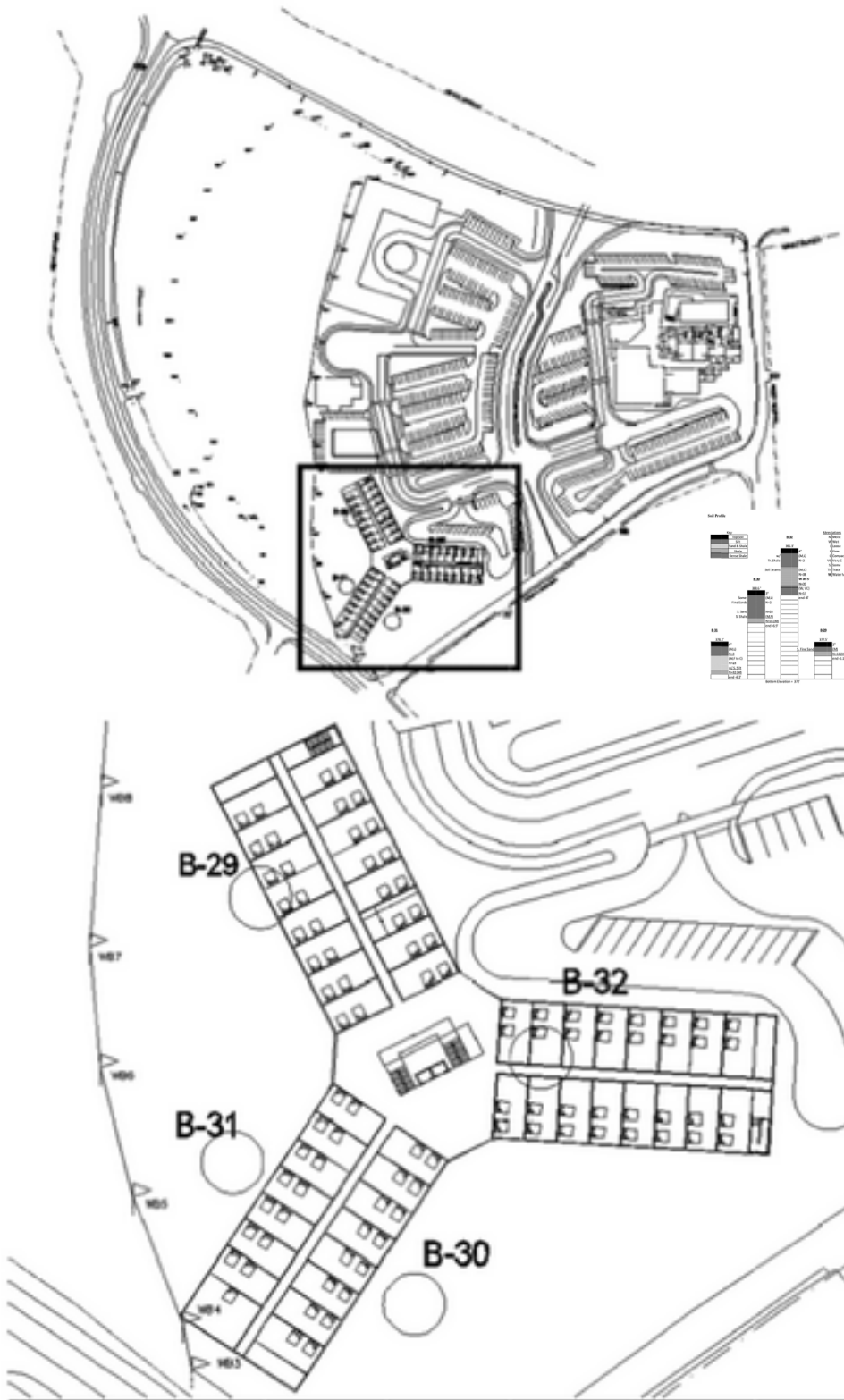


Figure _ : Concrete Structure With 12 in x 12 in Columns, 12 in x 24 in beams, and 3 ft Wide Pre-cast, Post-Tension Plank Floor System

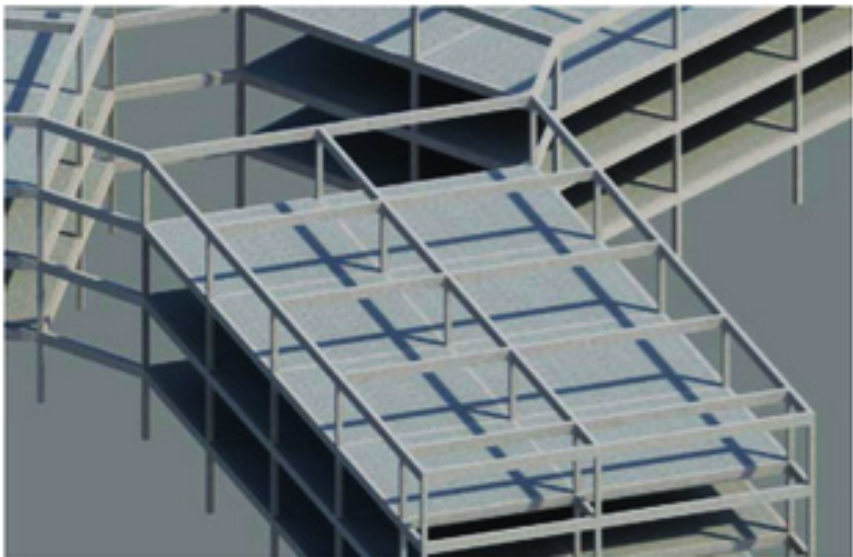


Figure _ : Deflections Caused by Dead Load (in)

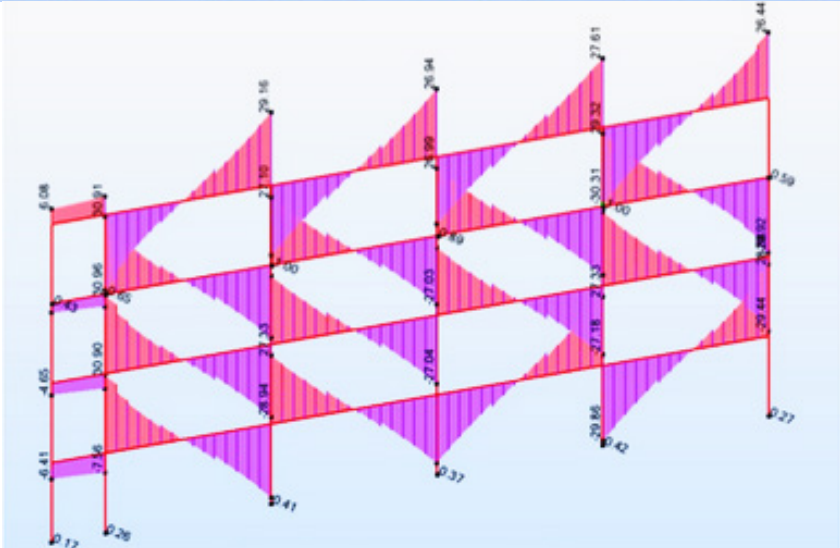
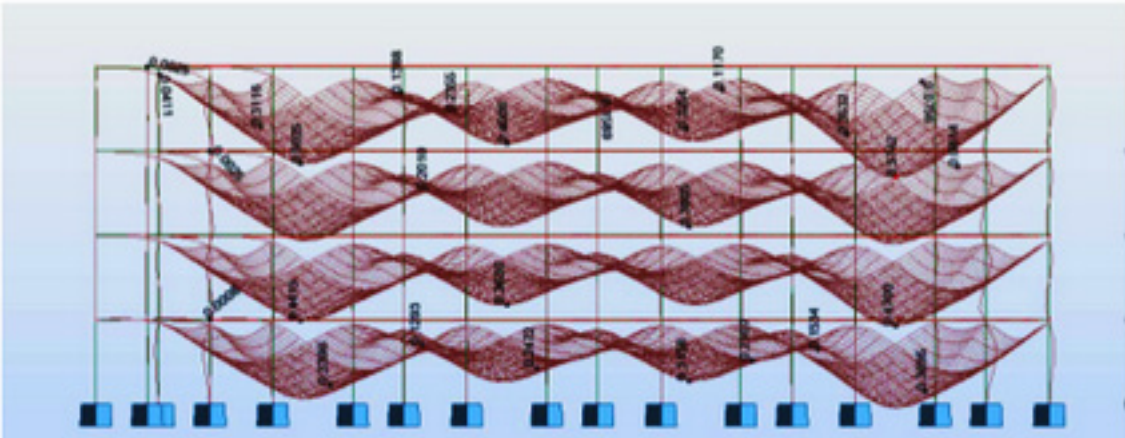


Figure _ : Moments About the Local Y Axis for Beams and Girders (kip*ft)

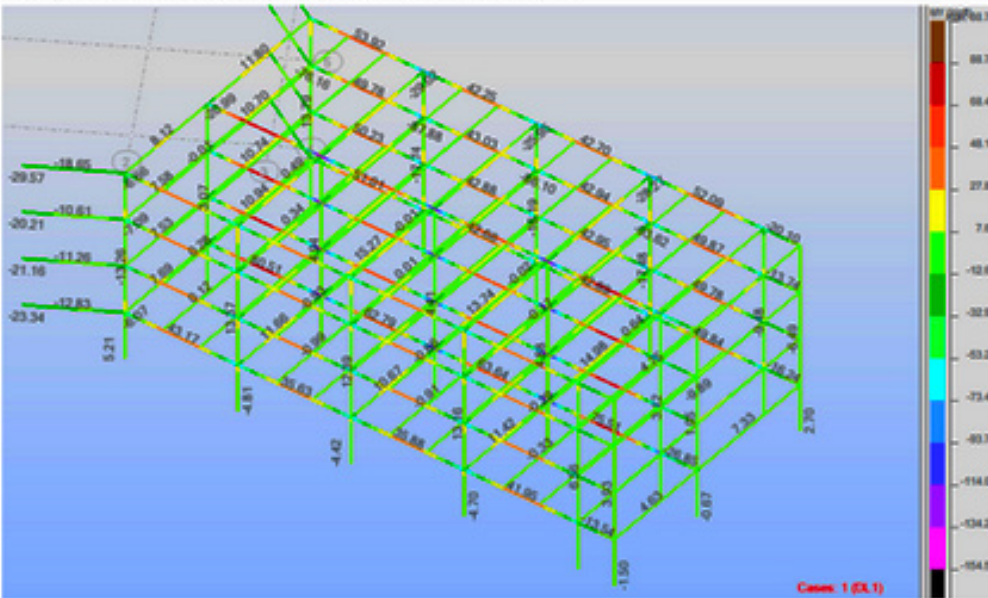


Figure _ : Global Z Axis Reactions for Columns (kip)

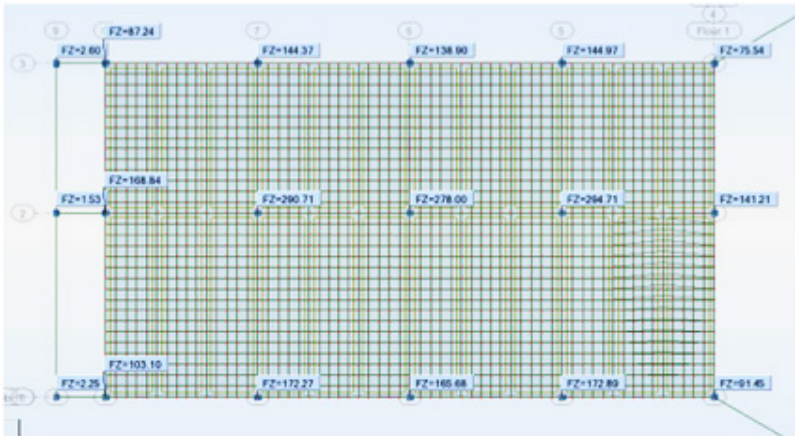
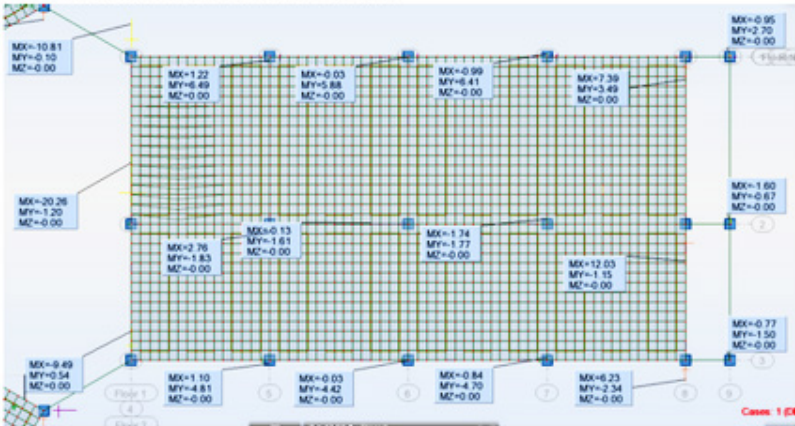
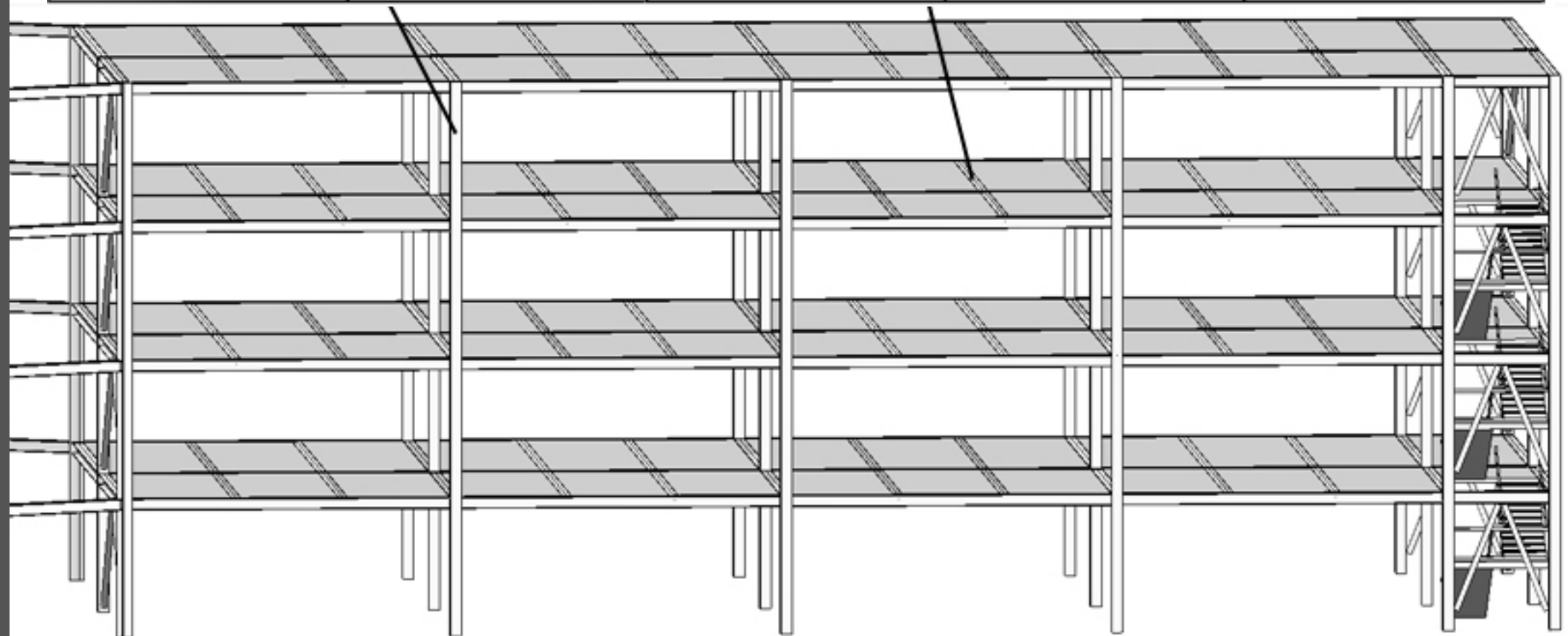


Figure _ : Moment Reactions in Global X, Y, and Z Axes (kip*ft)

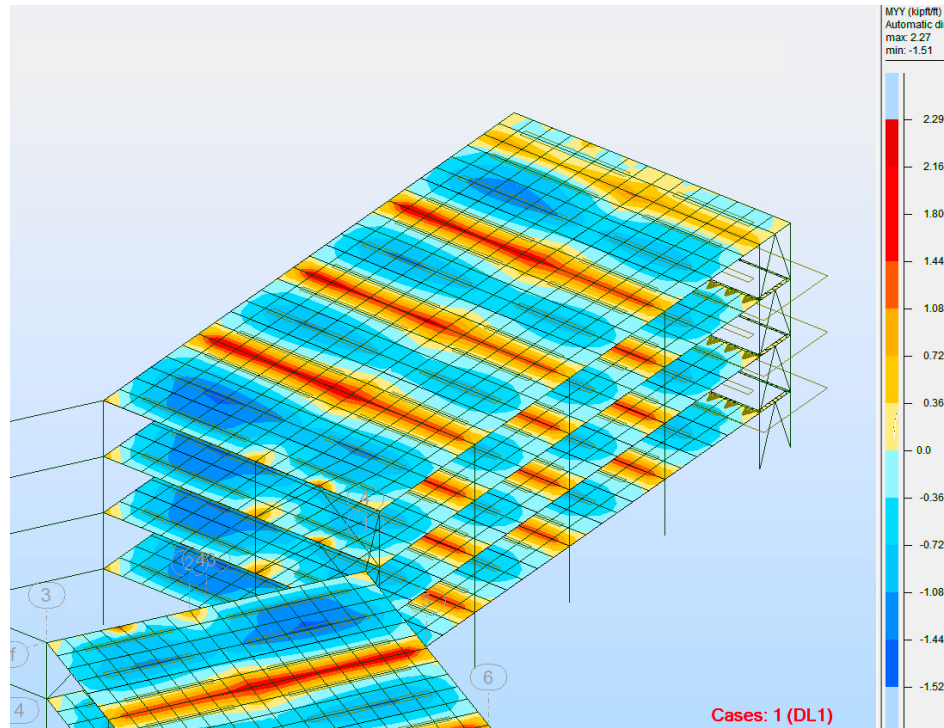


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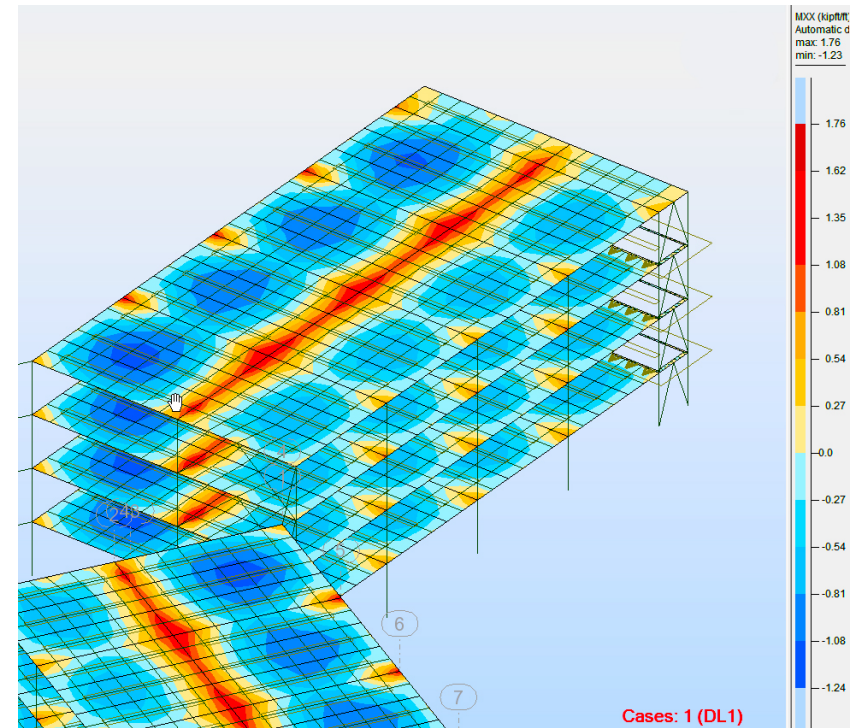
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A992	W14X82	408	8844	725.3
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A992	W27X178	333	3466.3	616.9
Total HR Steel		1849	27716.9	2655.9



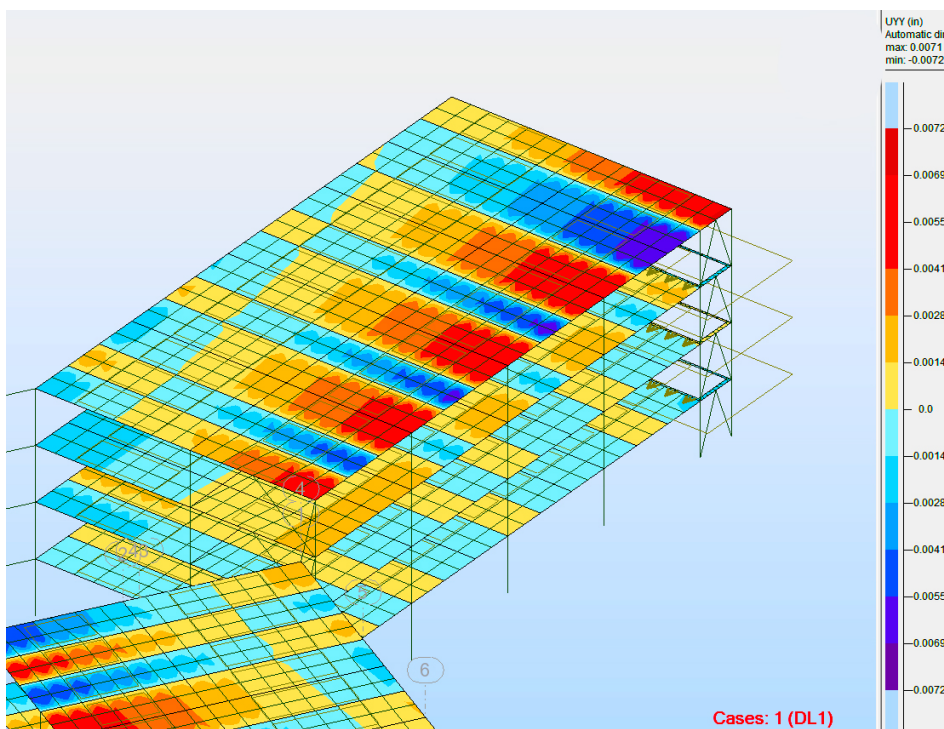
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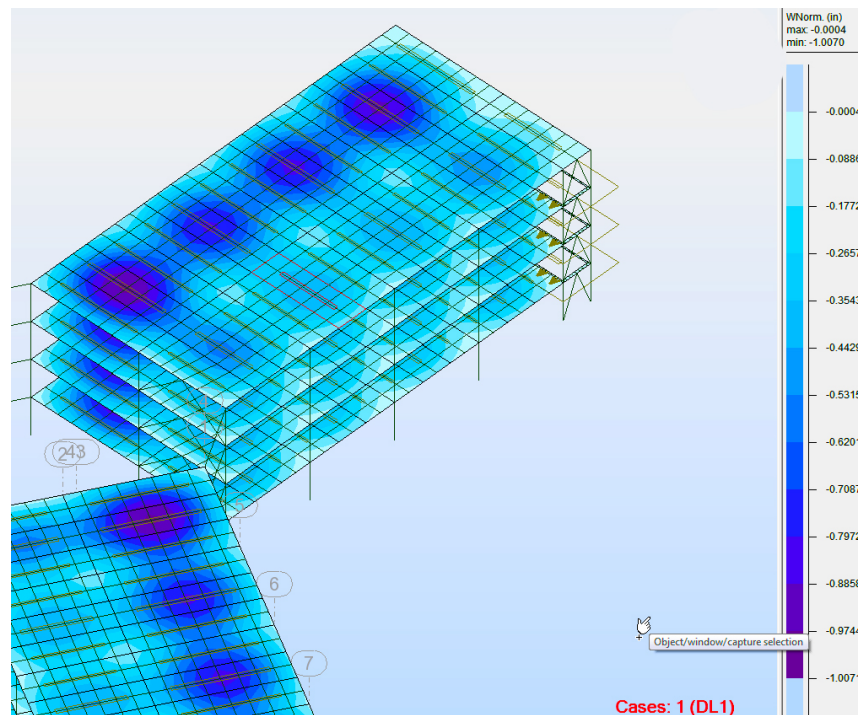
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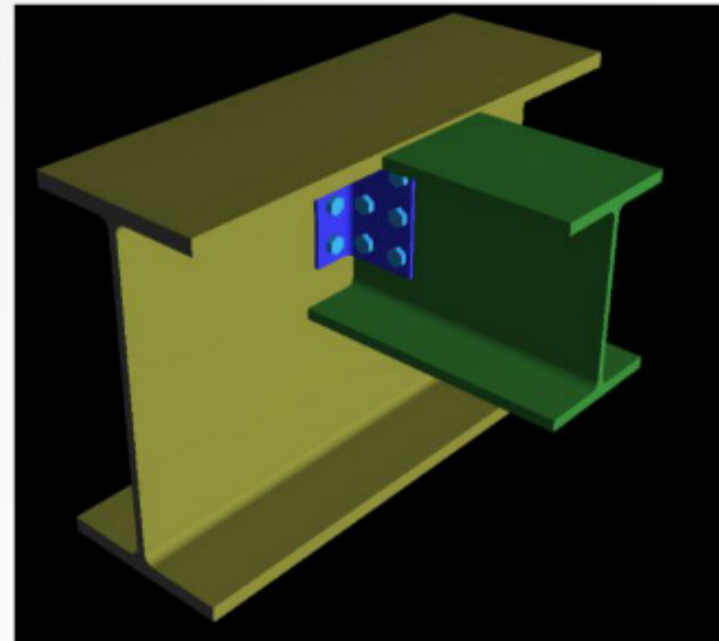
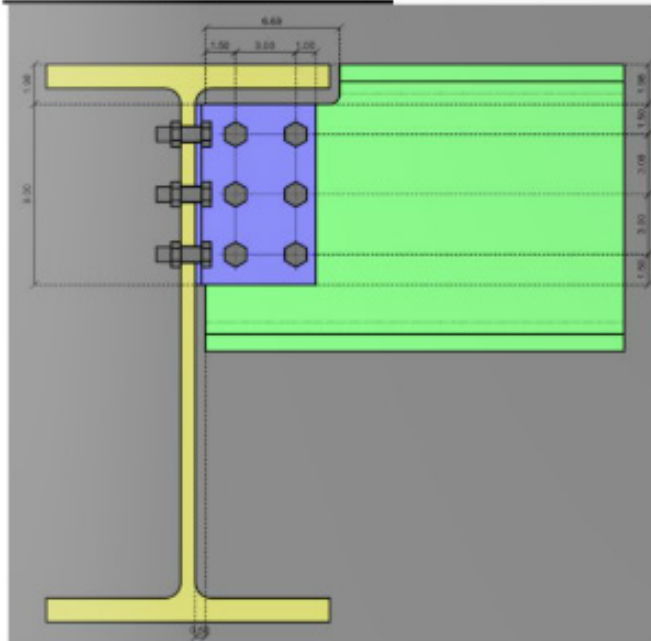


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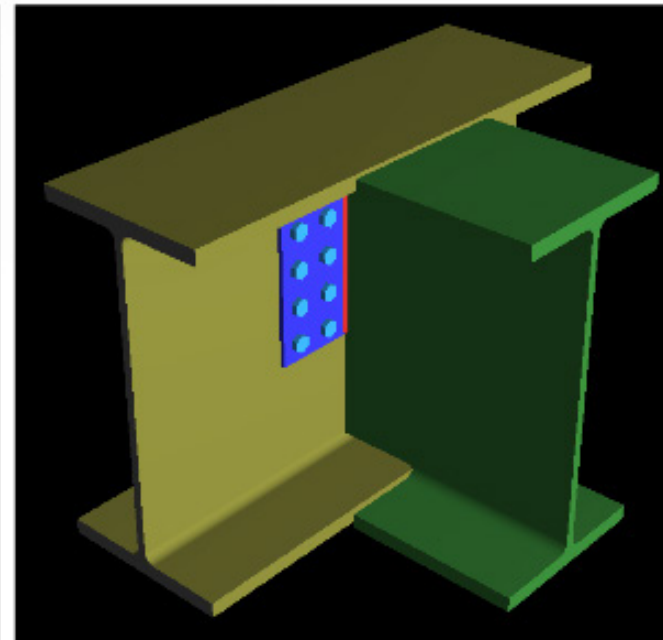
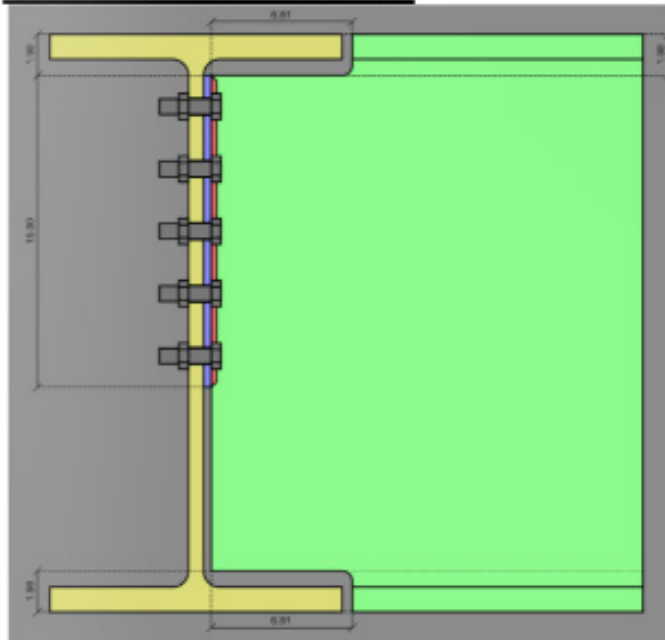


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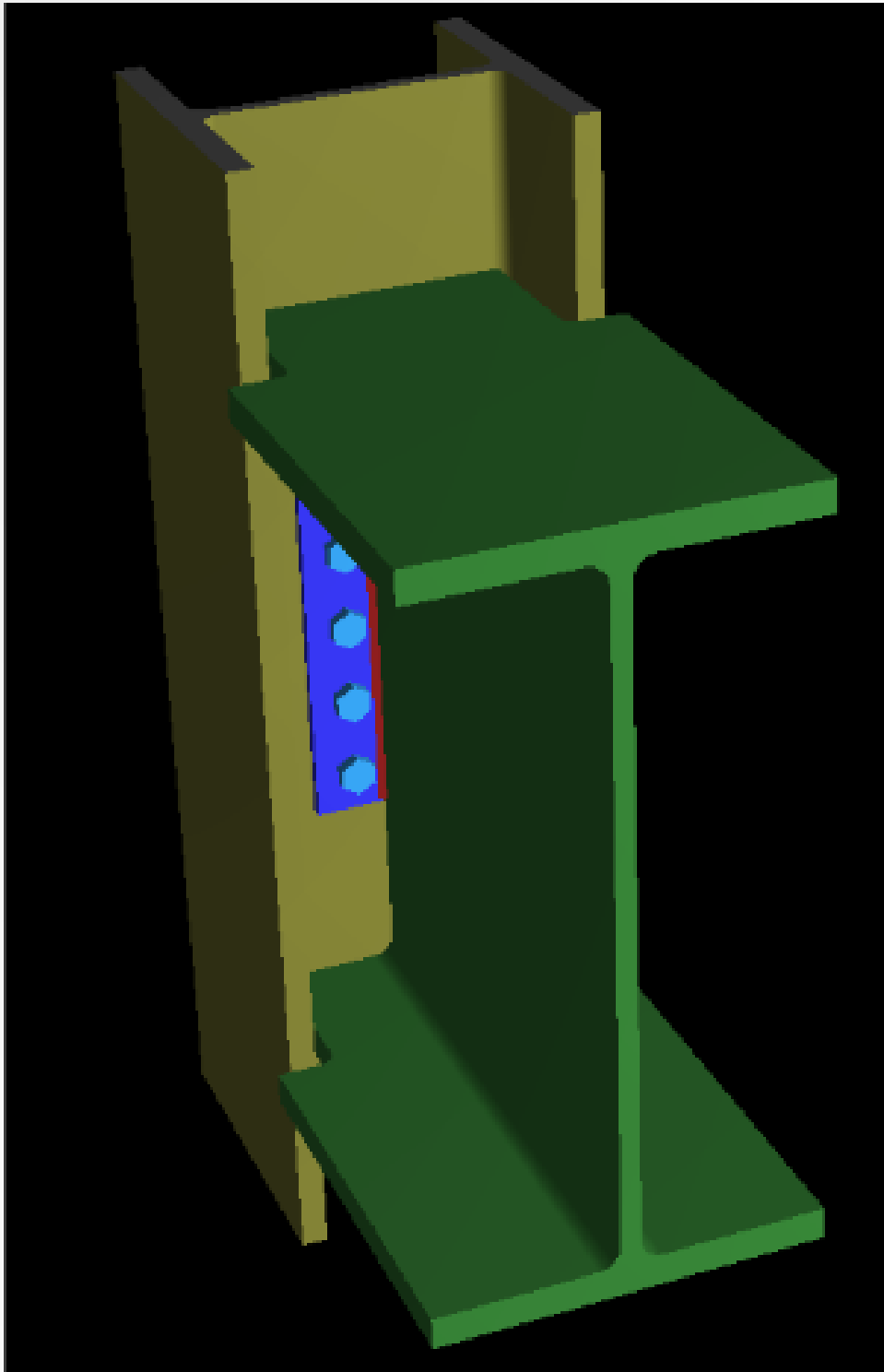
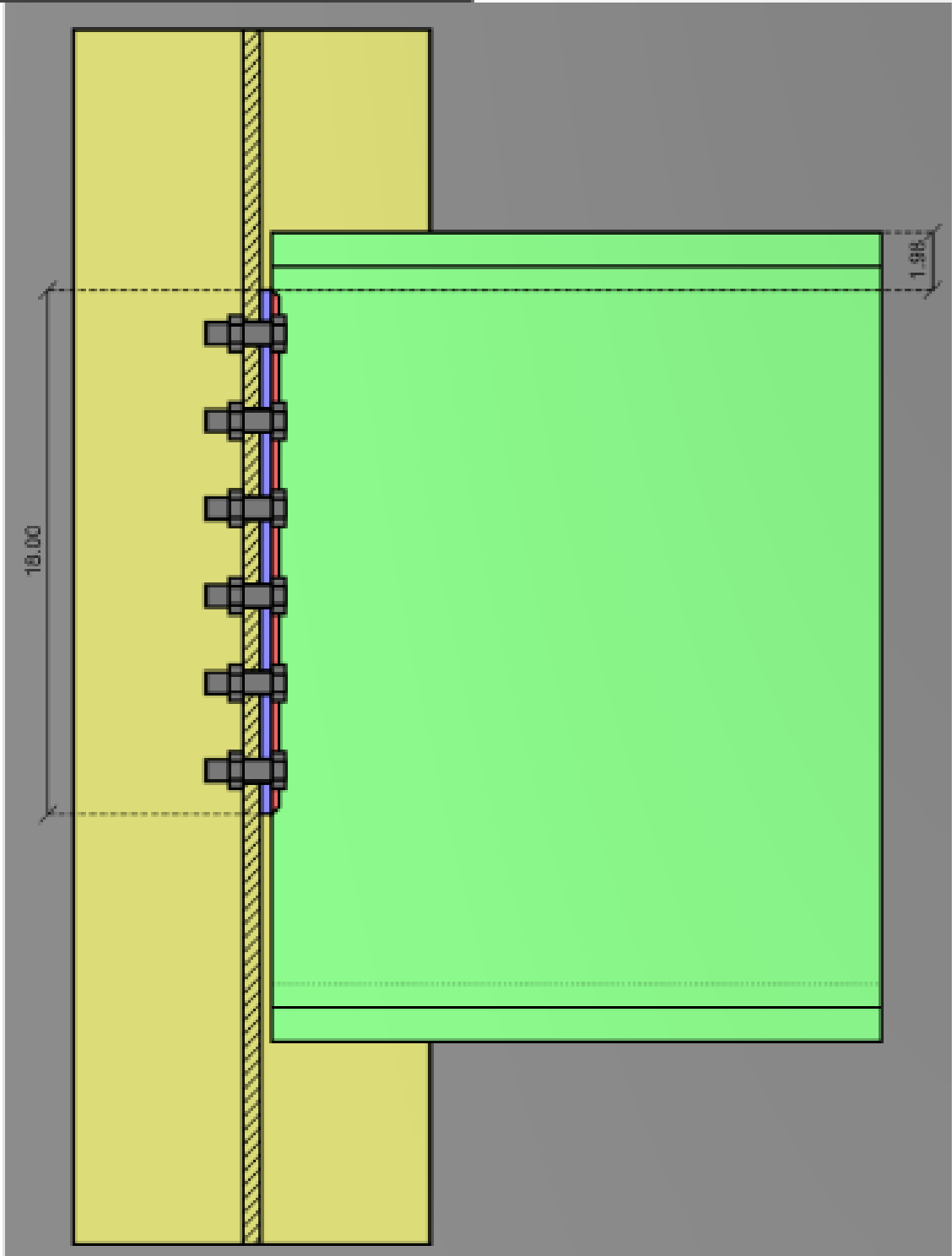
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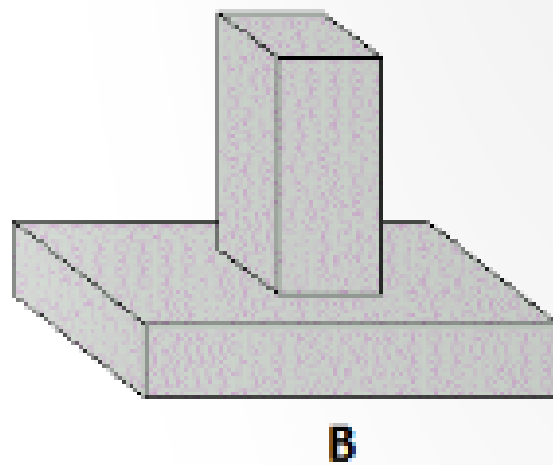


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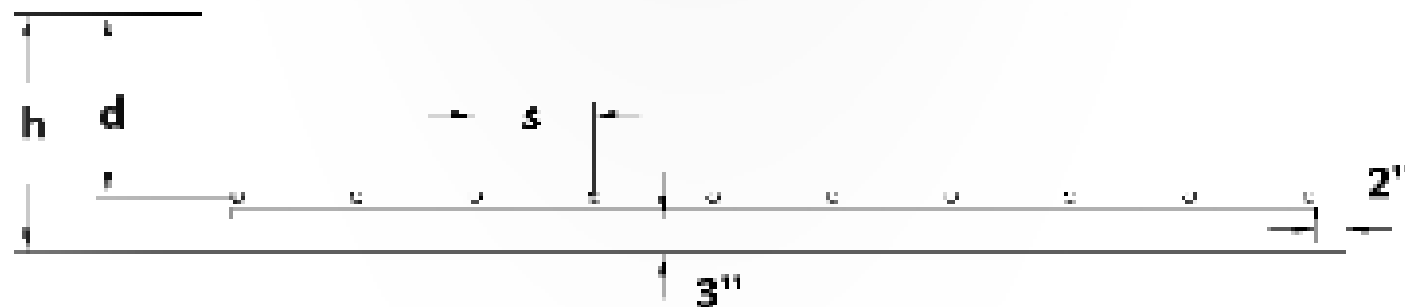


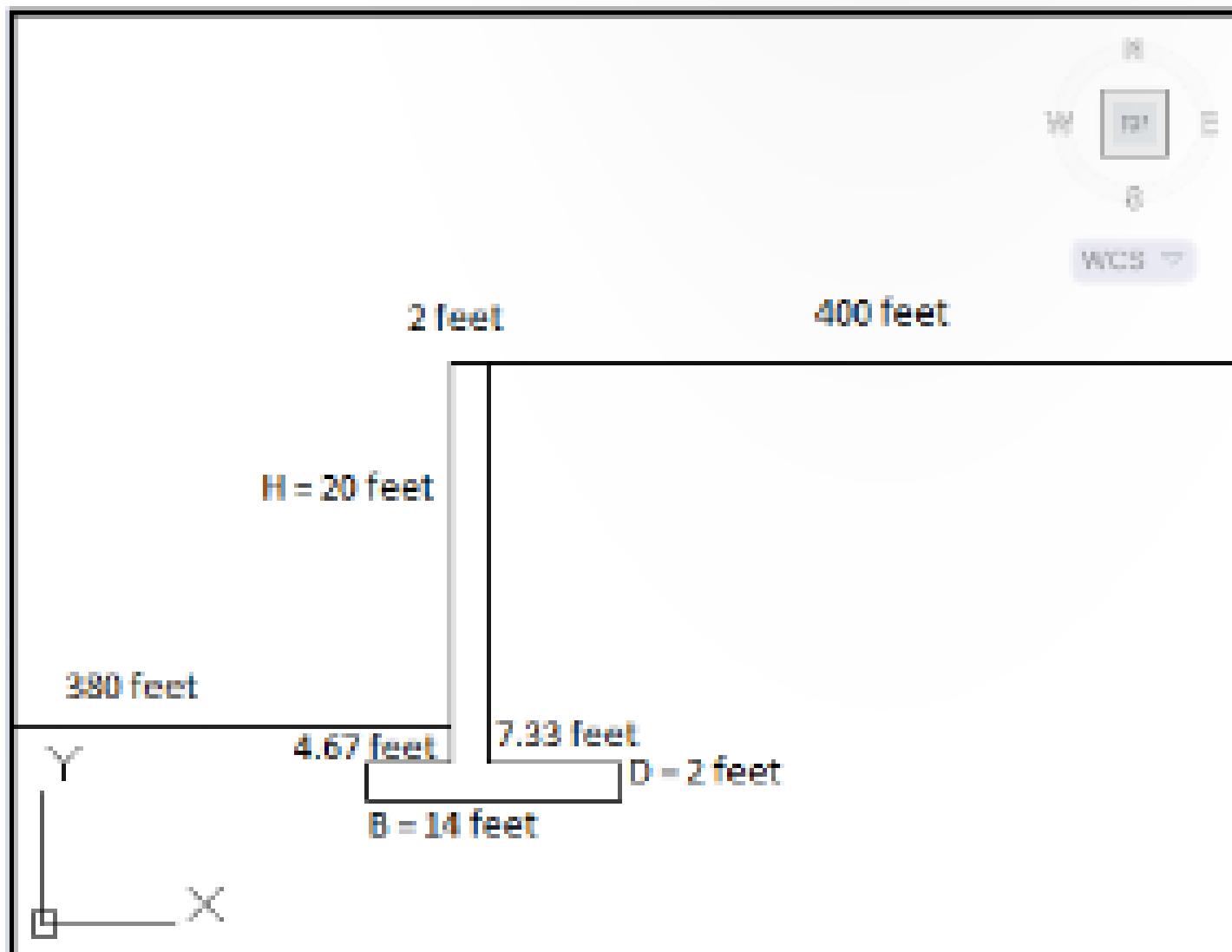
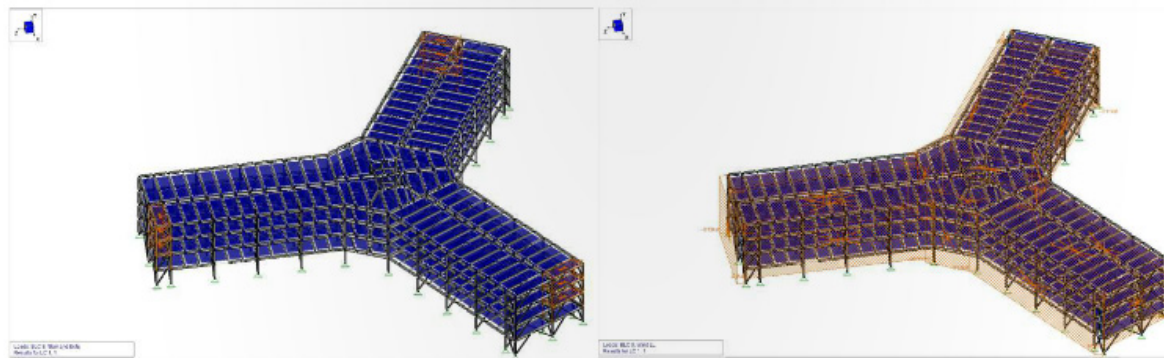
Final Foundation Plan

Each column will have its own square spread footing, which will be placed at a depth 4 feet below the surface. This depth will keep the footing stable and protect from frost penetration. From the three column loads, a footing was designed. The ACI code was used almost exclusively. The results of this analysis are shown in the table and diagram below.



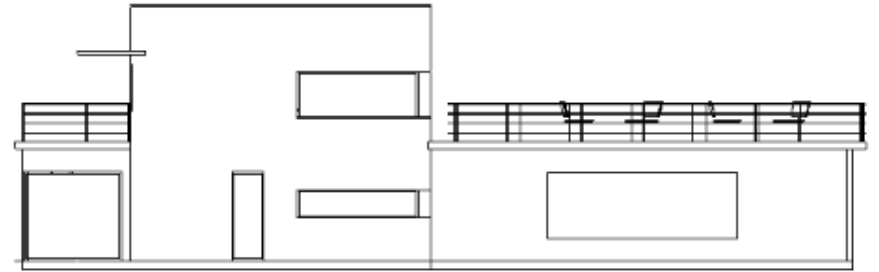
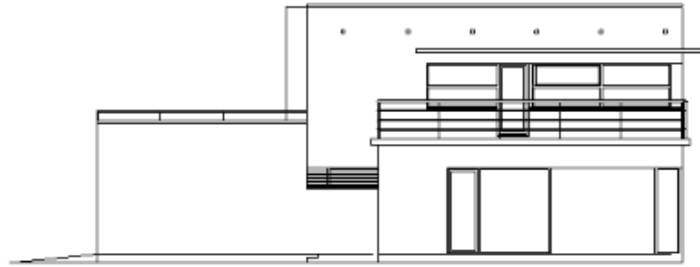
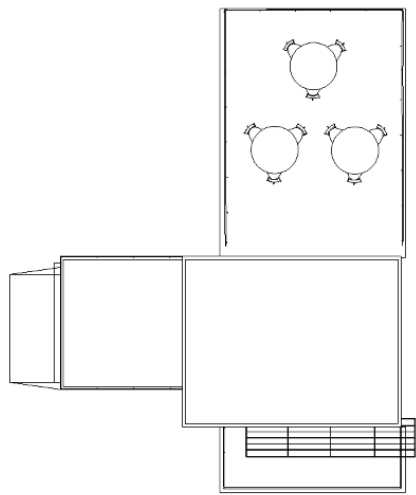
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d	18 inch	26 inch	32 inch
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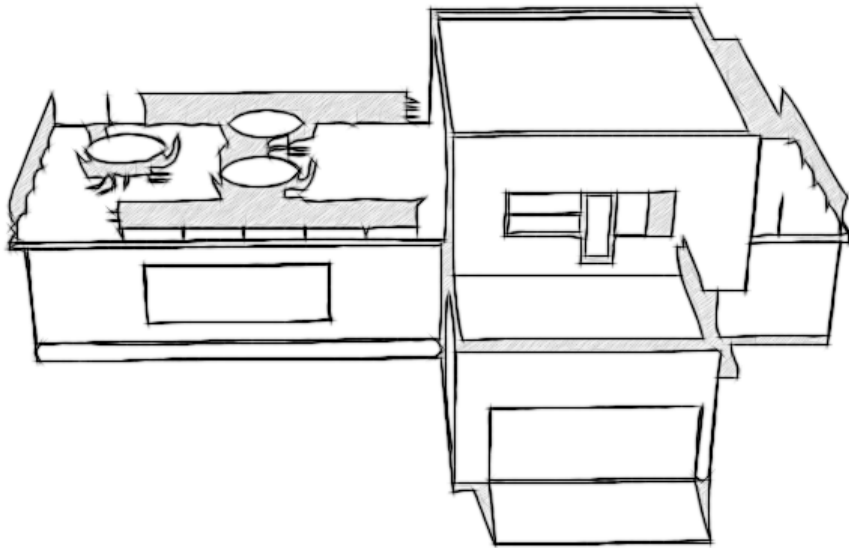


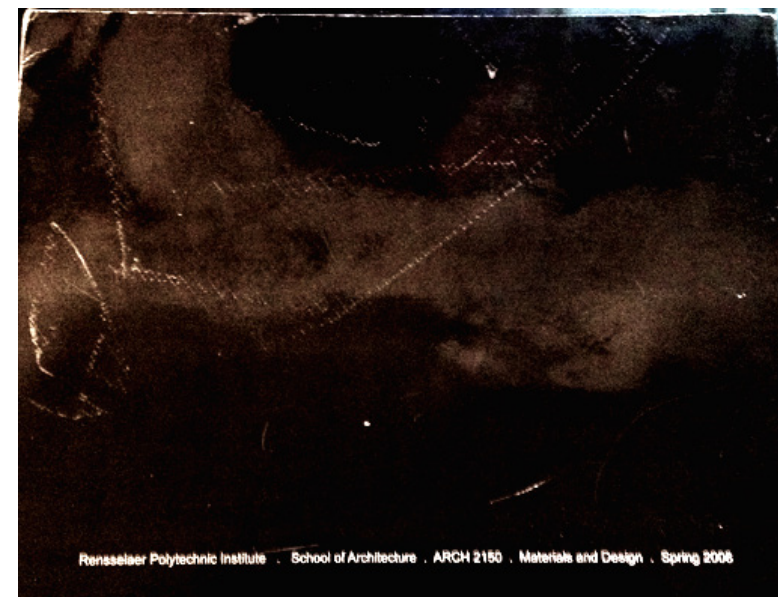
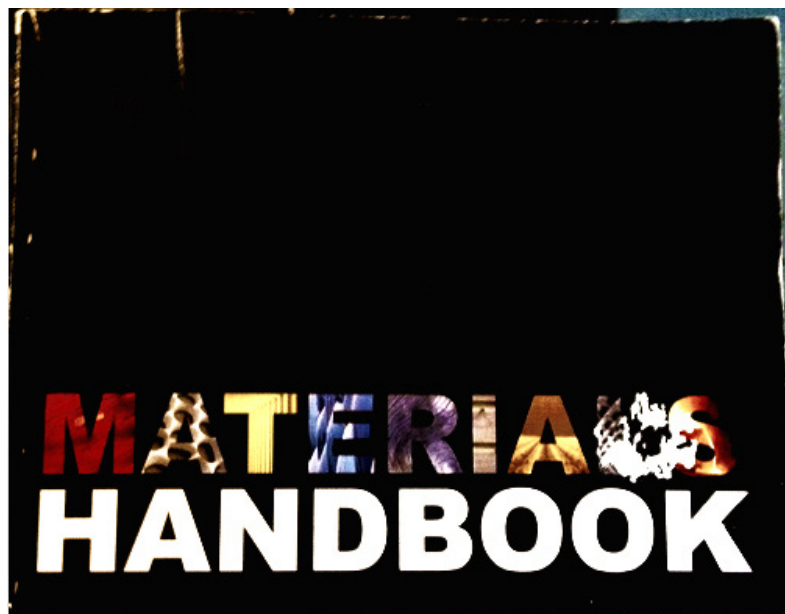




Cubic Cabin

A modern house inspired by the famous, austere "cube" furniture and buildings of Le Corbusier.





Materials Book

This publishing is a compilation of materials research developed by the ARCH 2150, Materials and Design, Spring 2008 class at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, School of Architecture. It is intended to serve as a manual help early architecture students with the understanding of materials and their implementation in design. The 14 materials divided into 4 categories are formatted in a manner that would tell a designer everything they need to know to make informed decisions.

1.3 Copper

Extreme Qualities

Copper has a wide range of applications that allow for interesting aesthetic appeal as well as pure functionality. The first image is of a copper roof that has been allowed to age for nearly 100 years. Other copper roofs are shown in various states of patina. This application demonstrates the interesting patina that develops over time.

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Born Qualities

Since before the Renaissance, people have been creating steel, and today, it is one of the most common materials in the world. Steel is composed of iron and carbon gaining its classification as a metal. Over 97% of iron ore is used to form steel. The United States alone has over 100 billion tons of iron ore making it a readily available resource. Iron is less strong than steel which makes iron less practical to be used in construction.


Steel is often magnetic because it is composed of iron which is one of the few naturally magnetic elements. On the Mohs scale of hardness, steel is an eight with a diamond ranking at a ten. Steel has a melting point between 1300 and 1400 degrees Celsius, and a tensile strength ranging from 700 to 1800 Pa.

There are four main types of steel: Plain Carbon steel is an alloy of iron and carbon. Mild carbon steel is the most common form of steel and is neither brittle nor ductile and is malleable when heated allowing it to be forged.


Stainless Steel is an iron-carbon alloy that also contains chromium. It stains less than ordinary steel and does not rust or corrode as easily.

High Strength Low Alloy steel is stronger than plain carbon and is more rust resistant. It contains very minute elemental additions which add strength.


Tool steel has the ability to hold a cutting edge and is resistant to deformation, making it perfect in the construction of tools. It is made with a number of different grades that suit it for specific applications.




Steel wool on fire.




Steel cage.




Antony Gormley's Angel of the North, Gateshead, UK.



Bruce Graham's Sears Tower, Chicago, IL.



Daniel Libeskind's Connection in the Royal Ontario Museum.



Steel machines mining iron ore.

1.1 Steel

Components • Elements Characteristics

Steel is very strong in both compression and tension. It is the most widely used material in construction on all levels of infrastructure. Its unparalleled range of mechanical properties is one of the main reasons for its popularity.

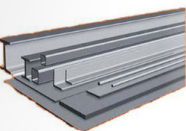
Steel is often used to create large open space using steel frame. The steel frame increases the flexibility of interior. With various truss systems, the steel frame can be structured like a skeleton.

Different types of steel elements have different ranges of dimensional constraints. Sections and H-sections are called wide flanges and they range between 8" and 30" in height. Channels, which are made in a "C" shape, range between 2" and 6" horizontally and between 3" and 24" vertically. The angle (L-shaped), structural tee (T-shaped), solid bar, and steel plates are also available in various dimensions, which are structurally engineered.

There are several thousand types of steel. By varying the chemical components or cooling process, some characteristics of steel may be reinforced.



Connection between I-beam and H-section columns.



Steel products.

Lightweight steel 0.07% carbon
High yield steel 0.07% - 0.12%
High strength steel 0.12% - 0.20%
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Effect of carbon content on the physical properties of steel.




Henry de Meuron's Beijing National Stadium.



Renzo Piano's Paul Klee Center, Bern, Switzerland.



Frank Gehry's Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum, Minneapolis.



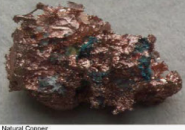
Michael Jantzen's Wind Tunnel Footbridge.

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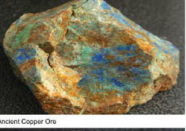
Natural Copper.




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Liquid Copper.



Ancient Copper Ore.



Feathered Copper Crystals.



Native Copper.

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Domesticated Properties

Modern steel production was really begun with the invention of the Bessemer Steelmaking Process by Henry Bessemer in the mid-19th century, which involves the use of a large, egg-shaped vessel into which molten iron is poured and heated to remove impurities. This afforded a cheap, effective way of making quality steel.

This process was largely - nearly completely - replaced in the 1960s by the introduction of the Basic Oxygen Process. This technique works by injecting oxygen into the superheated, liquid metal. The oxygen instantly ignites, burning off carbon and other impurities. Basic oxygen steelmaking was able to replace older methods due to its efficiency and extremely consistent outcome.

Other current steelmaking processes use more modern, advanced technologies, such as electric arcs and micro-waves. Microwaves, or the High-Frequency Process, is highly desirable but also very expensive, as it produces high-quality, pure, extremely uniform steel.

Steel can be and is used for an extremely wide array of purposes, from framing to shipbuilding to kitchen appliances. Its use is often influenced by its production process, which determines the strength, purity, and luster. Stronger, less lustrous steel would be used for non-visible framing while highly lustrous stainless steel may be used for decoration, railings, or silverware.



Bessemer process.



Stainless steel wall panels.



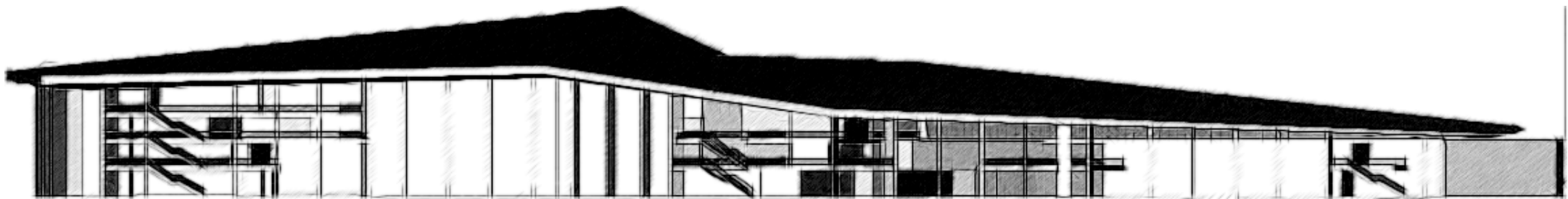
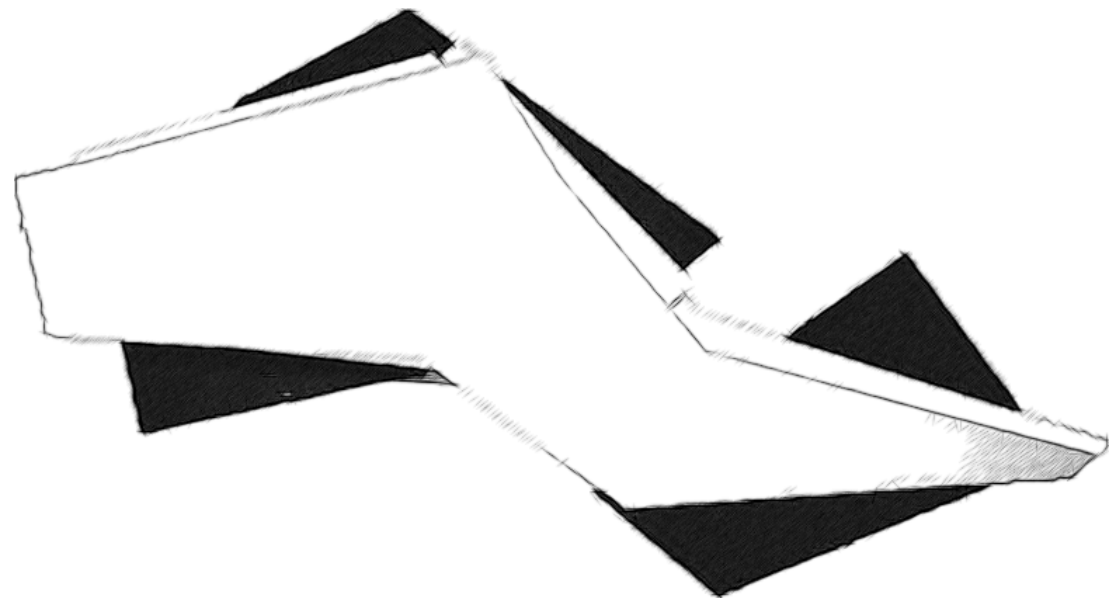
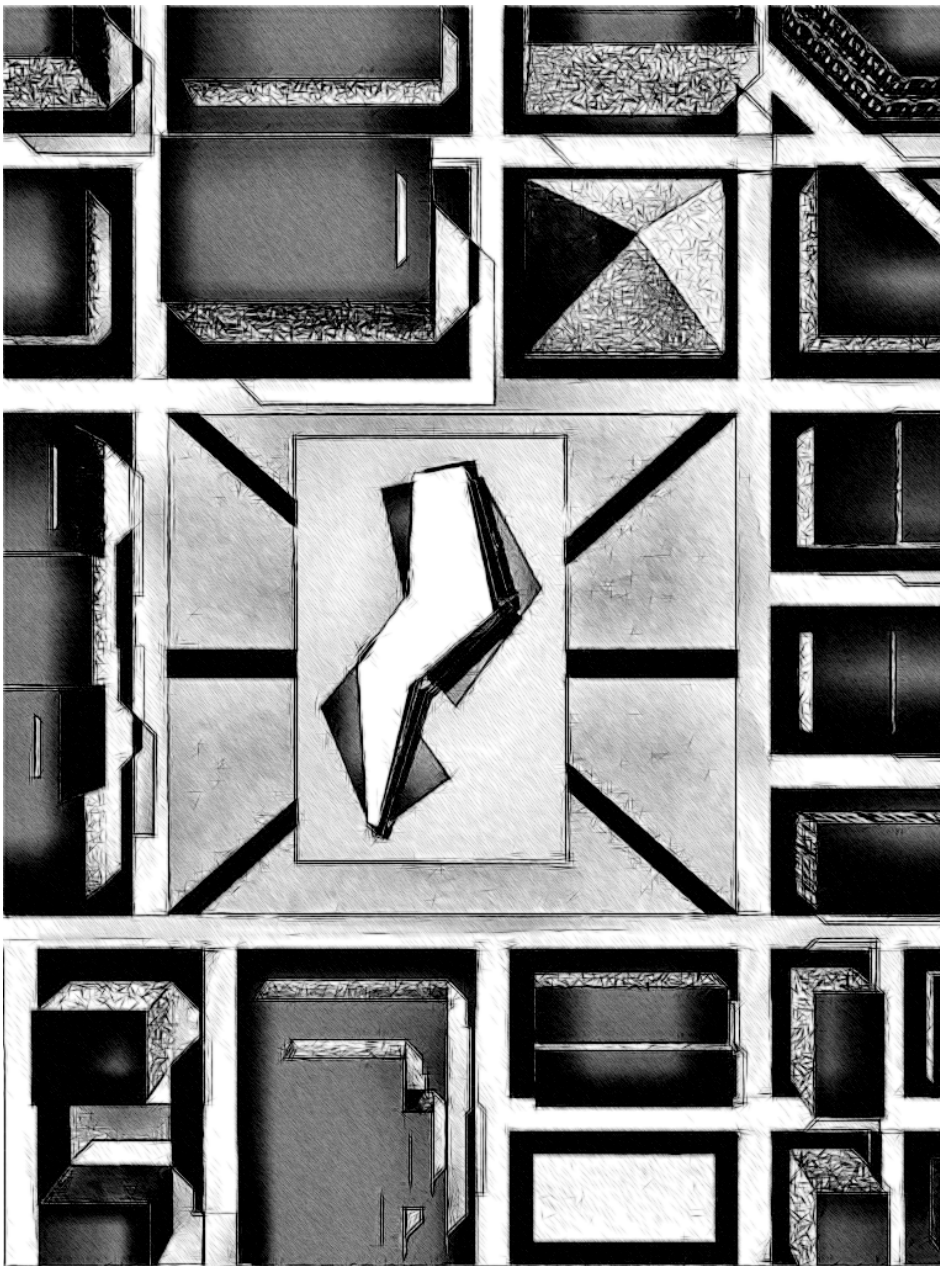
William Van Allen's Chrysler Building (stainless steel; decorative).

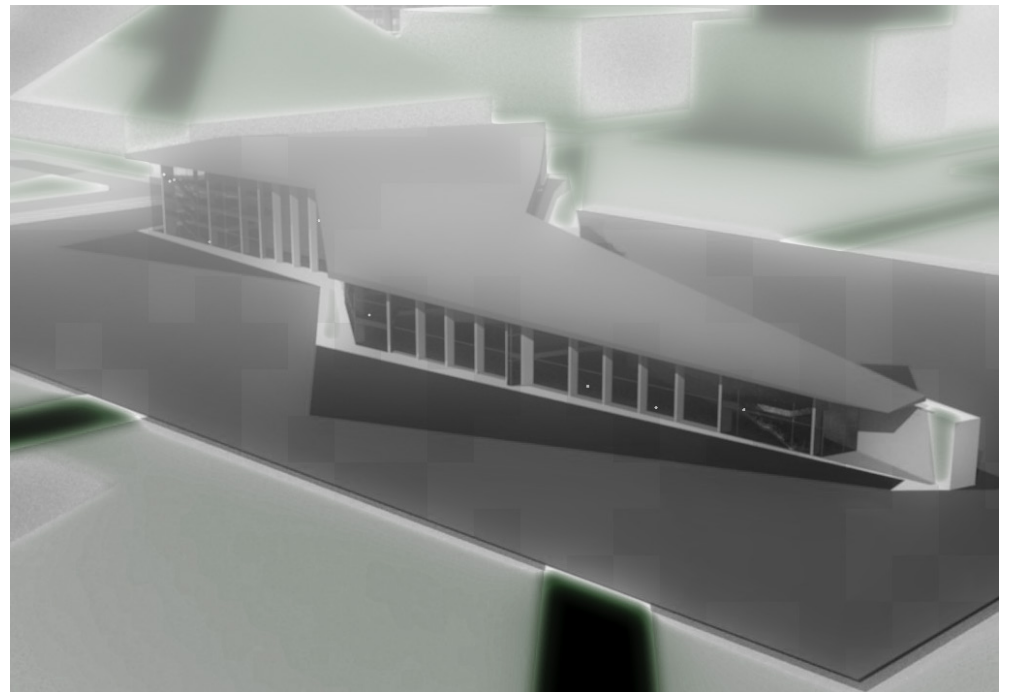
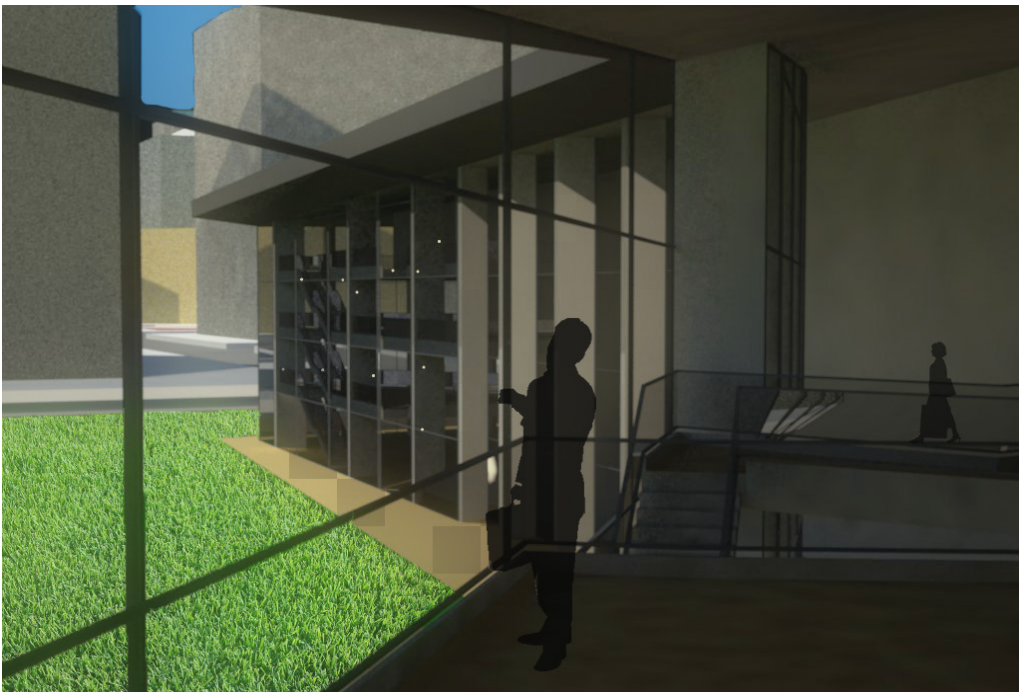
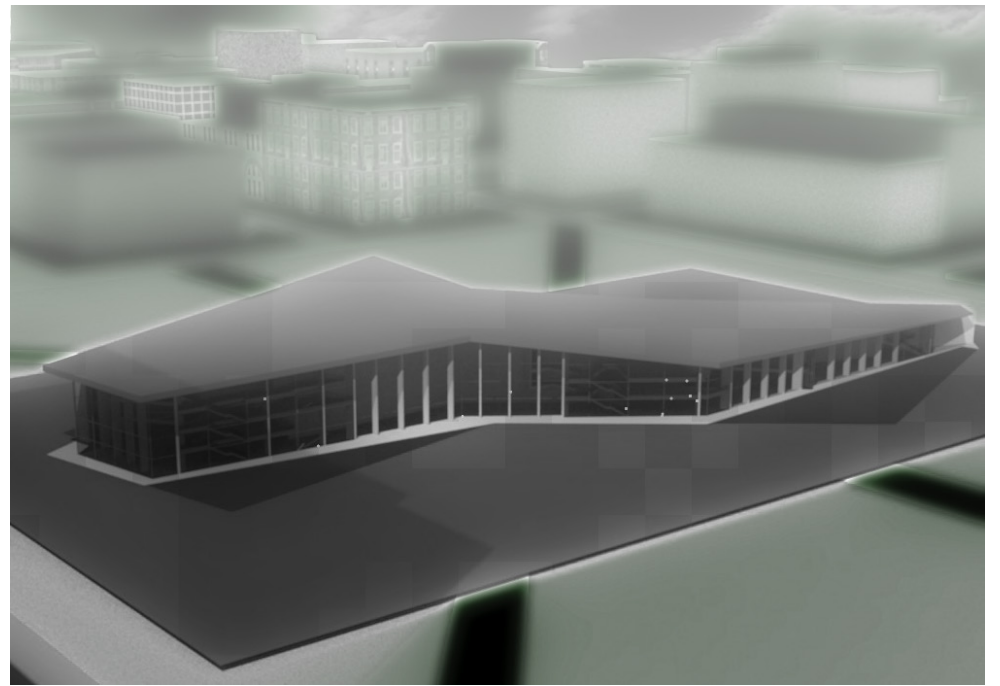


Structural steel framing.

Slither

This snake-like convention center was based around the interaction of depth and perception and was inspired by Zaha Hadid's Vitra Fire Station. The site is a central field within a city and therefore perspectival interest from every angle is imminent. In section and in plan the project consists of three dynamic shifts in direction to create false perceptions of depth which registers via a system of consistently varying column heights. Pragmatically, the structure facilitates various meeting rooms and features a glass phasod which grants visibility to and from the city, coinciding with its public nature.





Bass River

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority prepared a major Coastal Permit to widen nearly 50 miles of Garden State Parkway between Milepost 30 and Milepost 80. This includes replacement of the Bass River Bridge.

Pile Driving Analysis

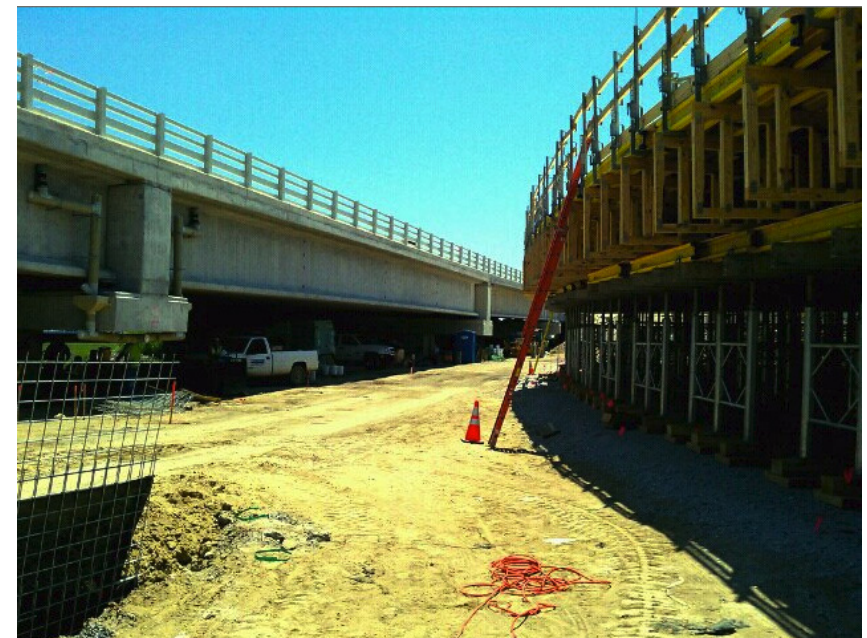
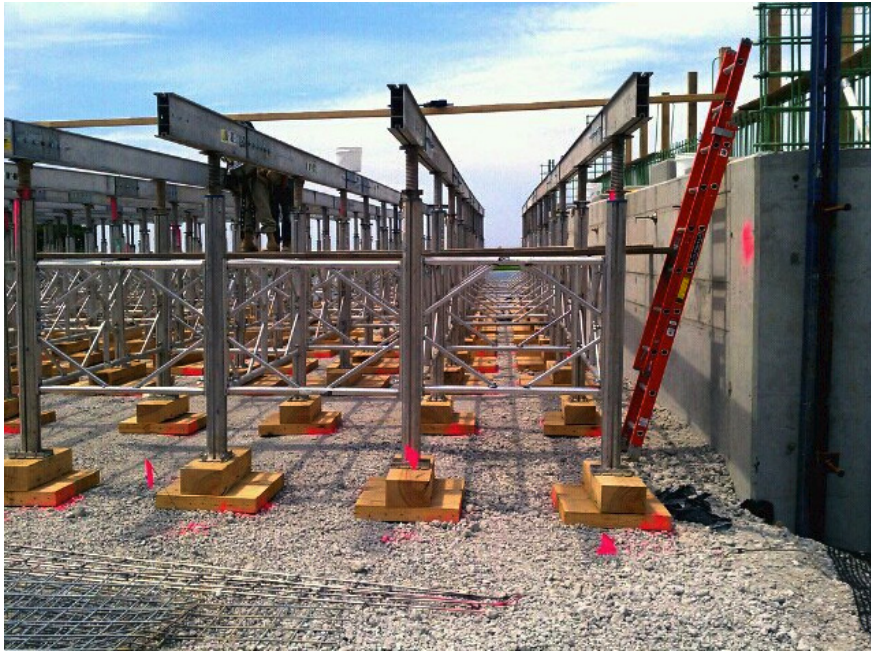


Static Load Test



Ocean City

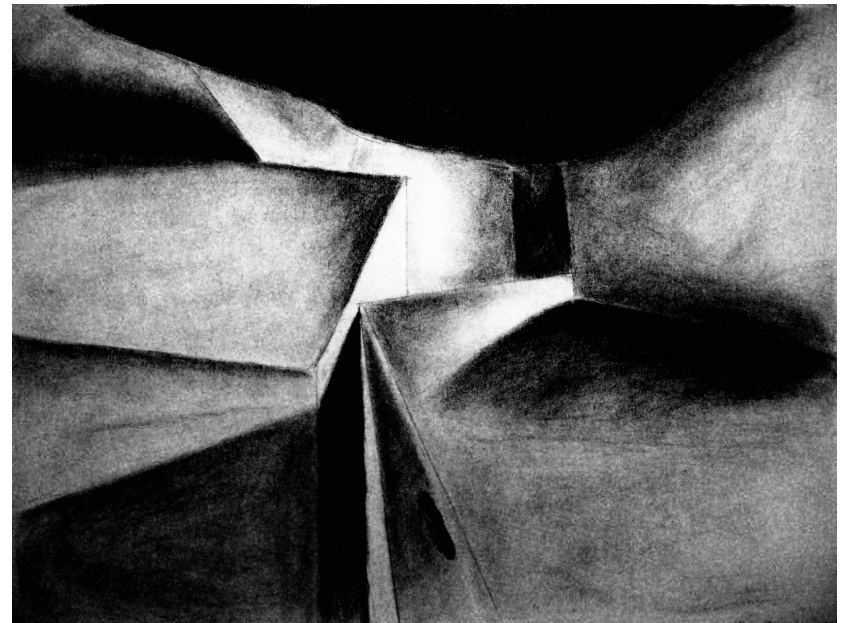
The Route 52 Causeway reconstruction project in Ocean City, NJ involves the replacement of existing bridges supported on combination of timber and pre-cast reinforced concrete piles.

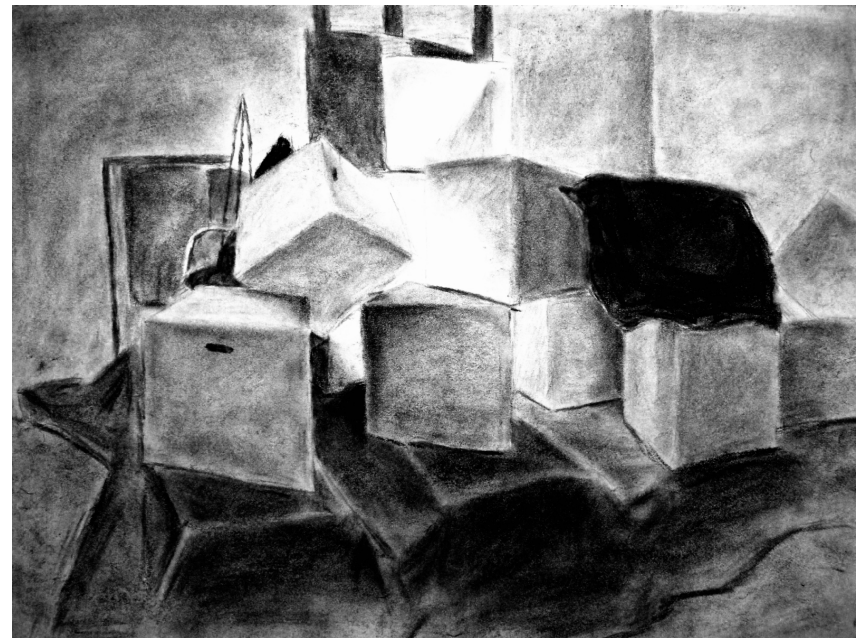


Drawings

"Drawing is giving a performance; an artist is an actor who is not limited by the body, only by his ability and, perhaps, experience."

-Marc Davis

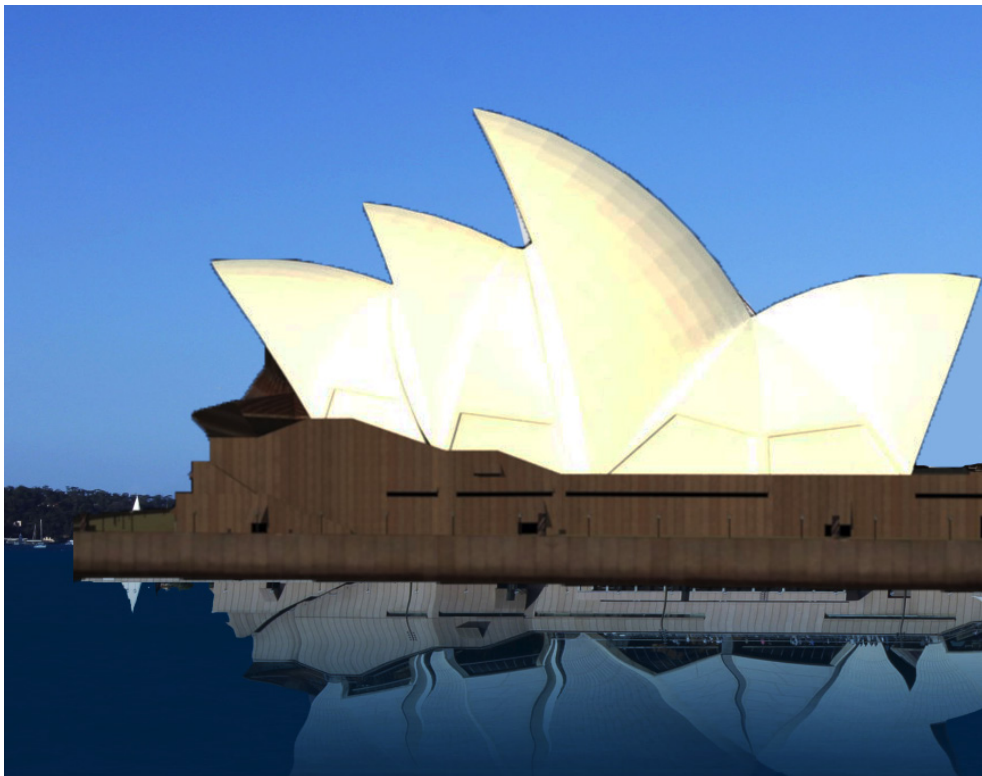






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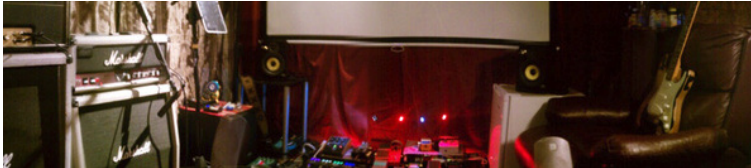
A series of renders of famous works of architecture compiled using Rhinoceros, V-Ray and Photoshop. All 3D models were supplied by Google Sketchup 3D Warehouse.





Music

Engineering specification meets creative expression - I have taken the time to catalog over 300 pages of information on the equipment and setups of my favorite guitarists and their respective settings and specifications. This was derived from an urge to be capable of reproducing exactly the same tones as can be heard on recordings. The full catalog of information can be viewed on my website at paulstew.prosite.com





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