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Liverpool School of Architecture - BA3 Studio 2 Yearbook - one of four

Edited by Sandy Britton, Marco Iuliano, Iain Jackson, Martin Winchester 'If you know your history, then you would know where you're coming from', is how the popular philosopher Robert Marley put it, and it is these wise words that Studio 2 have adopted throughout this year. What I've admired about this studio is its bold approach in taking on difficult and controversial sites and settings. Working in the shadows of Liverpool's Three Graces is not something to be taken lightly - whatever is proposed in this context will be controversial, it will stimulate debate and discussion. This studio has channeled these provocations into some fine proposals that are not afraid of suggesting something new, whilst at the same time recognising that an internationally important site needs to be handled with utmost care. In these projects you will observe a rare confidence that is not built on flippant form-making but scholarly understanding.

Second semester was equally adventurous. Although the studio was strongly advised not to take on the task of designing a new building for the Liverpool School of Architecture they did it anyway. This project is particularly timely as the School (as a result of its continued success and international expansion) is rapidly reaching capacity and requires new spaces that will respond to Abercromby Square as well as Professor Sir Charles Reilly's addition from the 1930s and King McAllister's rooftop basilica from the 1980s. This project has, of course, stirred some introspection but quickly moved from being a self-examining probe towards thinking about what the architecture of a university should be. Looking at the recent works on campus, it would appear the university needs all the help it can get and would be wise to consult some of the proposals made by Studio2.

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Not all students realise it but there is a theory behind their education. What happens at the LSA is not an accident. It is based on the ideas of A.N. Whitehead, mathematician and philosopher, colleague of Einstein and Russell.* He thought that education should be delivered in three stages:

- i. Romance ii. Precision
- iii. Generalisation

These stages are the basis of Years One, Two and Three at the LSA. In First Year you learn to love architecture, in Second Year you learn the rules, in Third Year you create something. In this album of graduate work we see what happened when the spark of first year set light to the rigour of second year. Explaining this in words is somehow insufficient, as architects we naturally prefer to show what happened with a picture.

* Alfred North Whitehead, "*The universities and their function*", in *The Aims of Education*. (New York: Free Press, 1929).

Andrew Crompton (Part 1 of 4)



Introduction

In an increasingly globalised setting the dominance of visual seductiveness and soulless technology has neglected the main value of architecture: providing an occasion to convey material and immaterial qualities. Studio Two's objective is to tackle the current trend. As well as working on theory, we aim to re-think space in a pragmatic manner, through the critical interpretation of historic and contemporary examples. To apply this philosophy, the first semester focused on the construction of a small maritime museum on the Canning Dock, paying particular attention to materials, their connection and the atmosphere they generate. The second semester was devoted to design a new Liverpool School of Architecture, in addition to the existing premises. Established in 1895, Liverpool is the first Architecture School in the United Kingdom accredited by the Royal Institute of British Architects. It currently stands as a combination of a Georgian Terrace, a Modernist building of the 30s and an extension completed in the 80s. Particular attention was paid to the impact of the project at an urban level, the community agenda and the conception of architectural space. The final projects have been generated through an unconventional methodology of three consecutive steps: conceptual mapping, experimentation via models and, at the end of the process, detailed design.

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Semester One Into the Docks: A Maritime Gallery

You employ stone, wood and concrete, and with these materials you build houses and palaces. That is construction. Ingenuity is at work. But suddenly you touch my heart, you do me good, I am happy and I say: *This is Beautiful.* That is Architecture'. (Le Corbusier, 1923)

The first semester of third year presented a challenge in which could only be used one main structural material to design a medium sized maritime gallery on the docks. For a thorough understanding of the construction principle and the materiality, the students were allocated one of the following materials: timber, stone, brick, steel, concrete. Glass and a secondary material were optional to use, so as to enhance the designs.

The design process was established as follows:

Analysis of precedents, materials and site;
 Brainstorming for space generation;
 Tectonics, to build a performing structure;
 Detailed design and rendering.

Semester Two Back and Forth: A New School of Architecture

The final project of third year was to design a new School of Architecture: students were given the freedom to connect their scheme to the existing building Furthermore, a conscious approach towards sustainable design was instilled, with particular attention to materials and conservation with a 'durable' outlook. To fully explore the functional and social qualities of the site a three-step methodology was devised.

 Conceptual Mapping: through a sensitive analysis on site the students were required to capture the spirit of the existing fabric, using their preferred medium

 e.g.: collage or photography. It led to an abstract representation of the site to form a driver for the project. A 1:100 model of a space the students felt relevant was also produced to physically relate to the human scale.

2. Space Modelling: the exploration between mass and void to find the compositional potential of each scheme was encouraged via models. Simultaneously, the students were expected to consider the functional and practical organization of the new school with sketches.

3. Detailed Design: in the last weeks the students focused on the technical and aesthetic detail of their design, considering the scheme as a whole.

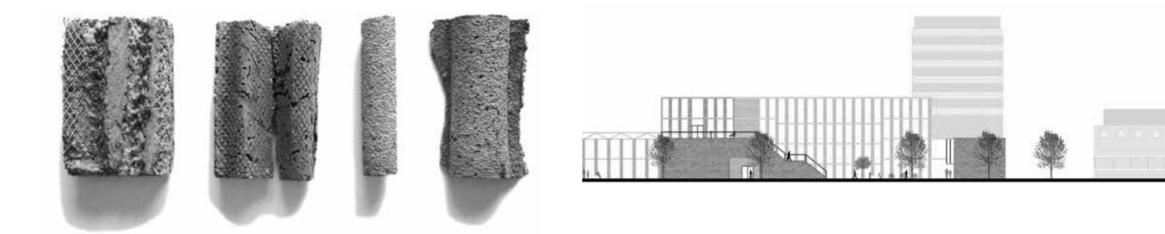


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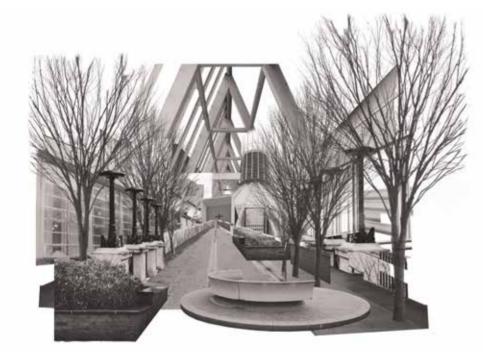


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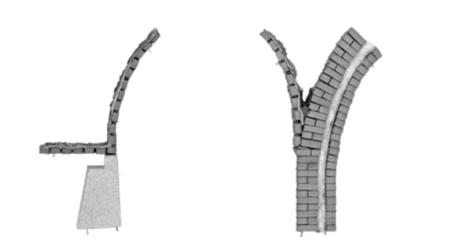


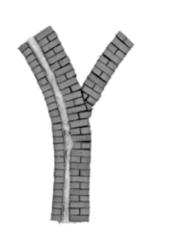


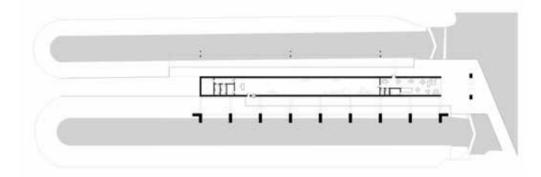
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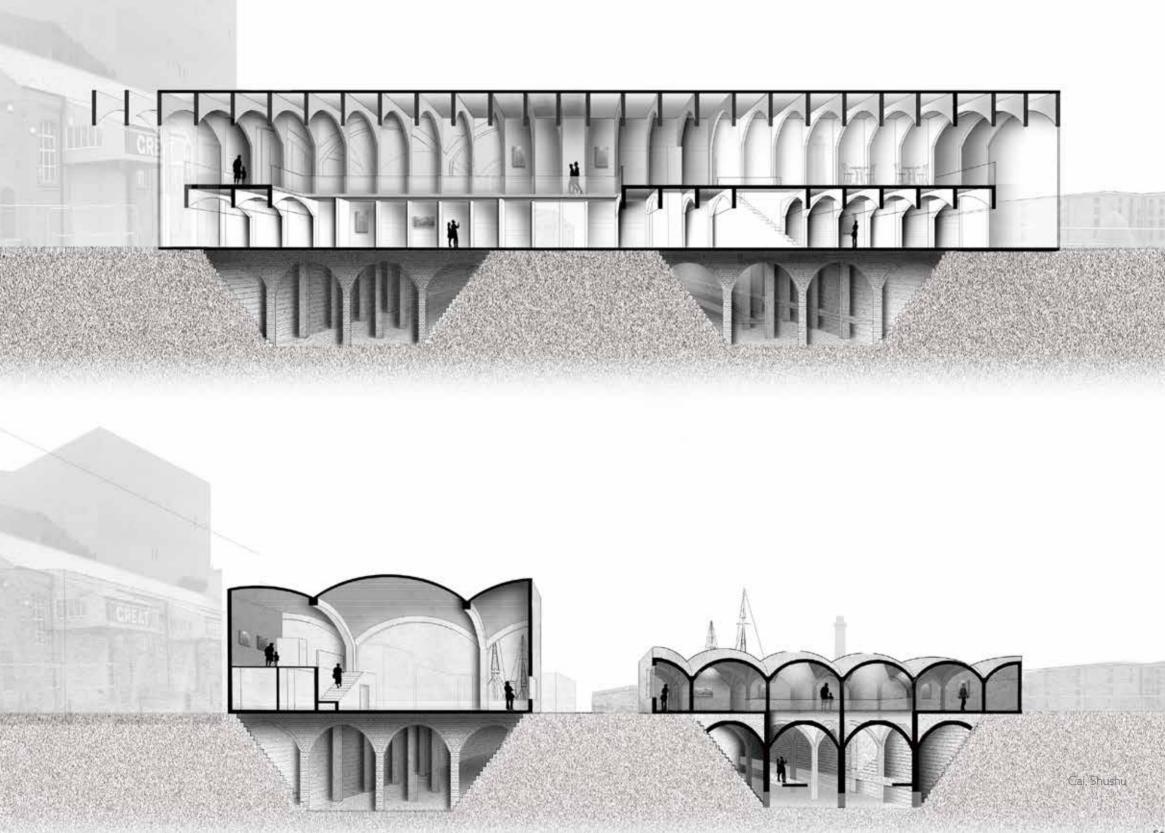


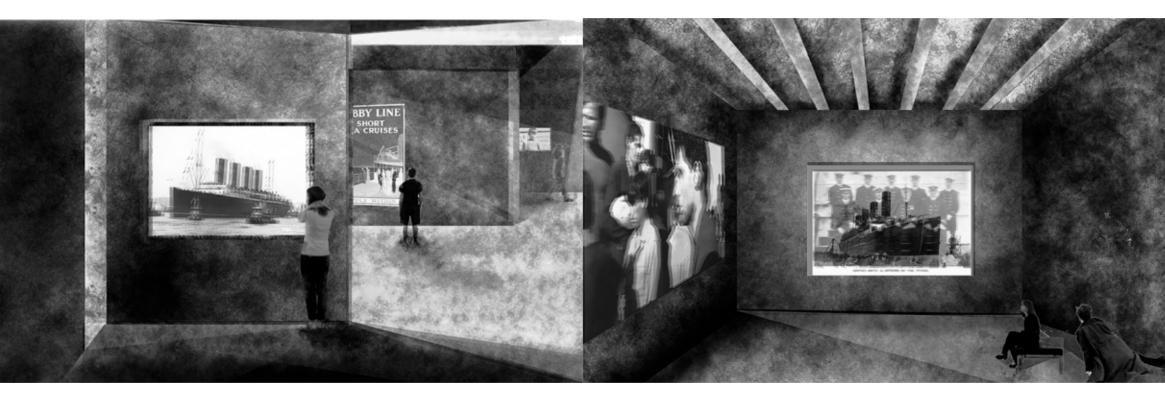




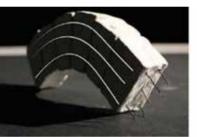


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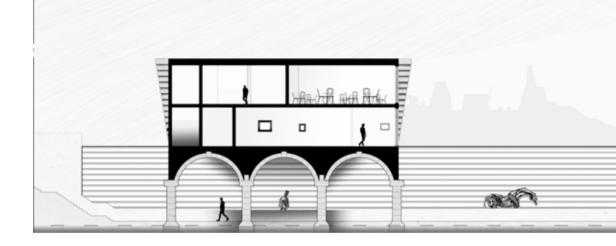




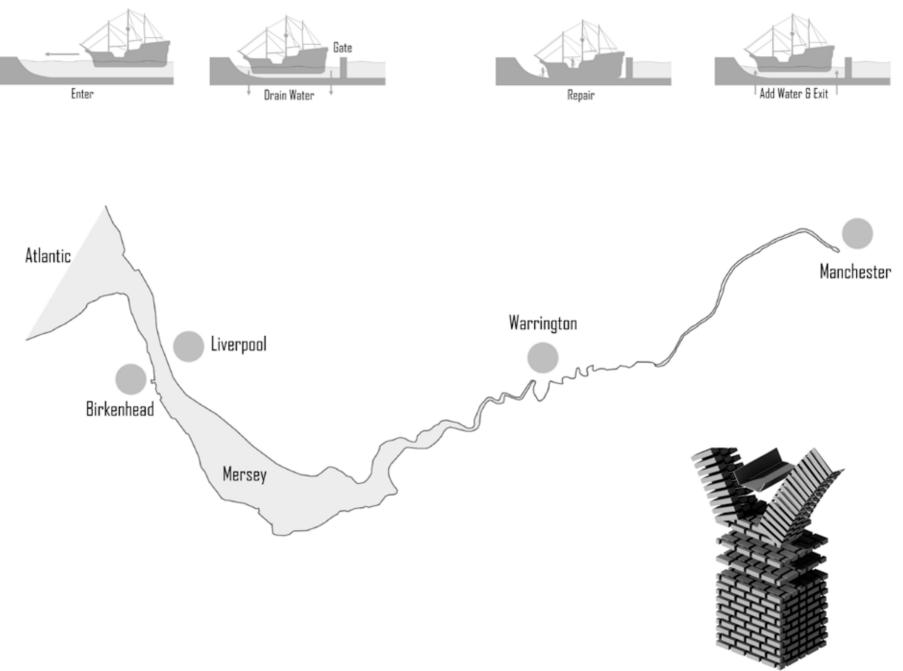


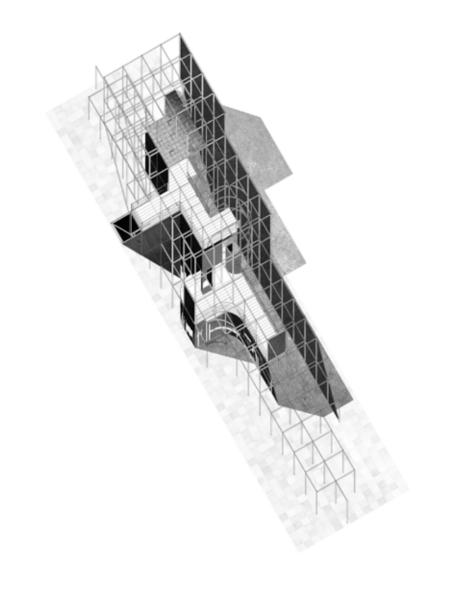


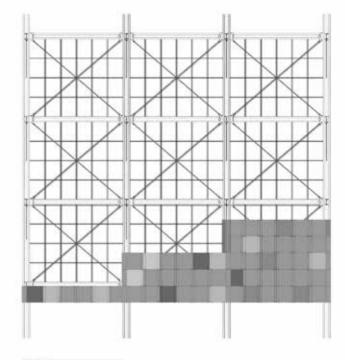






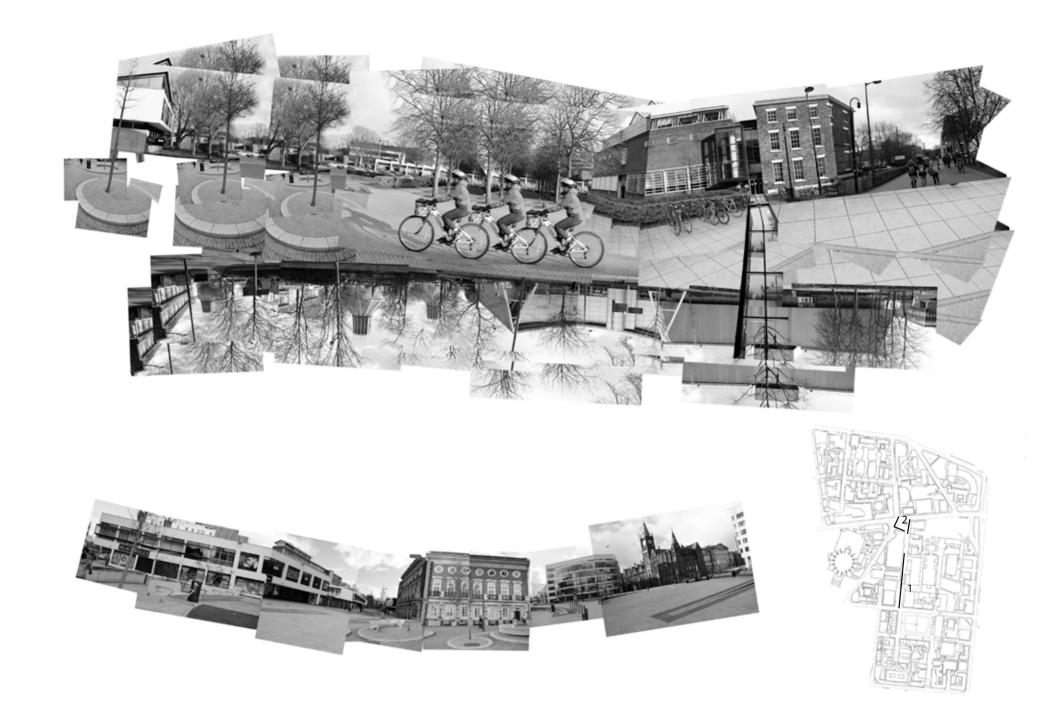


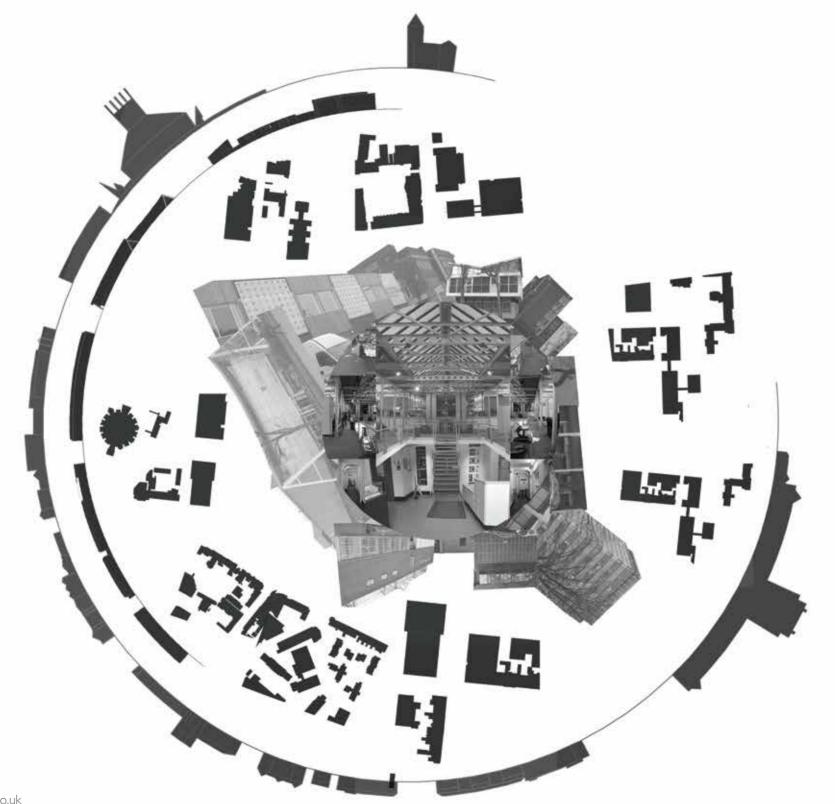




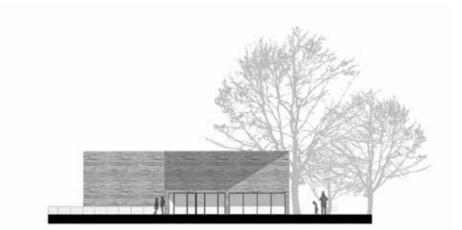
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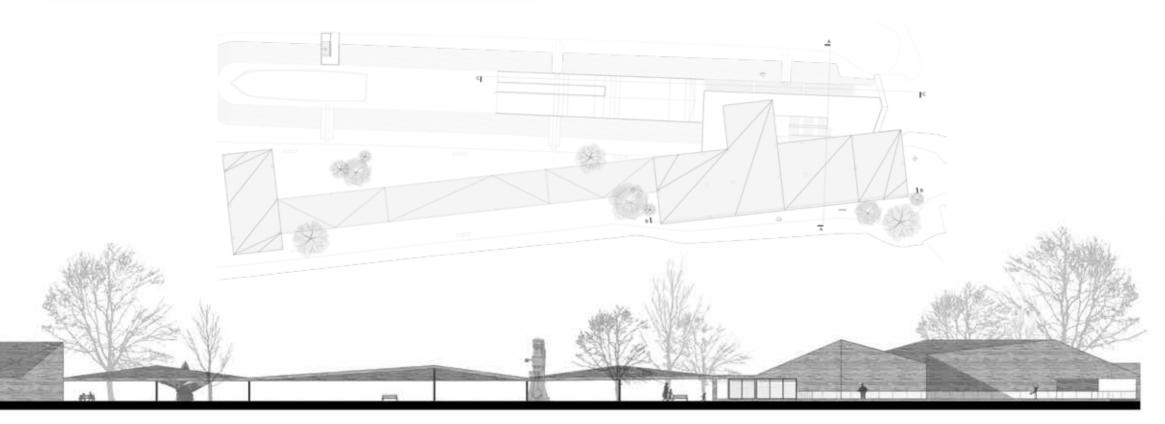
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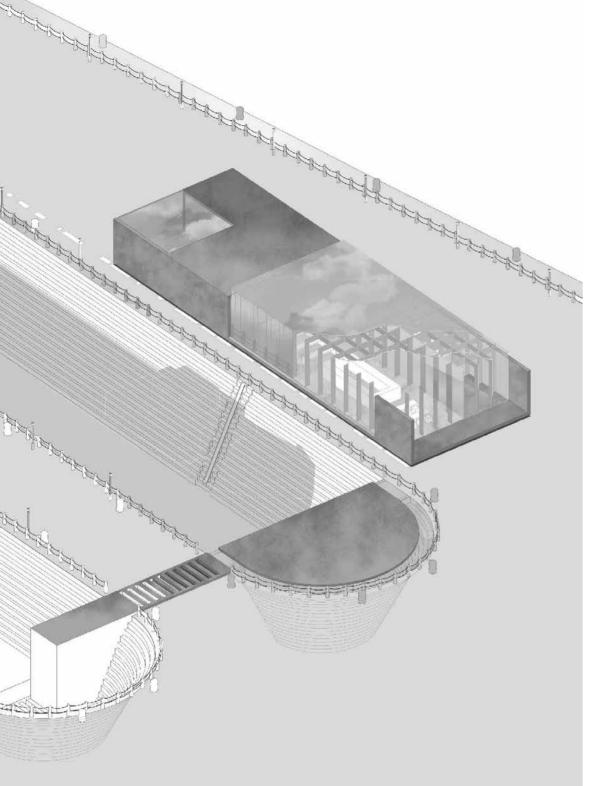






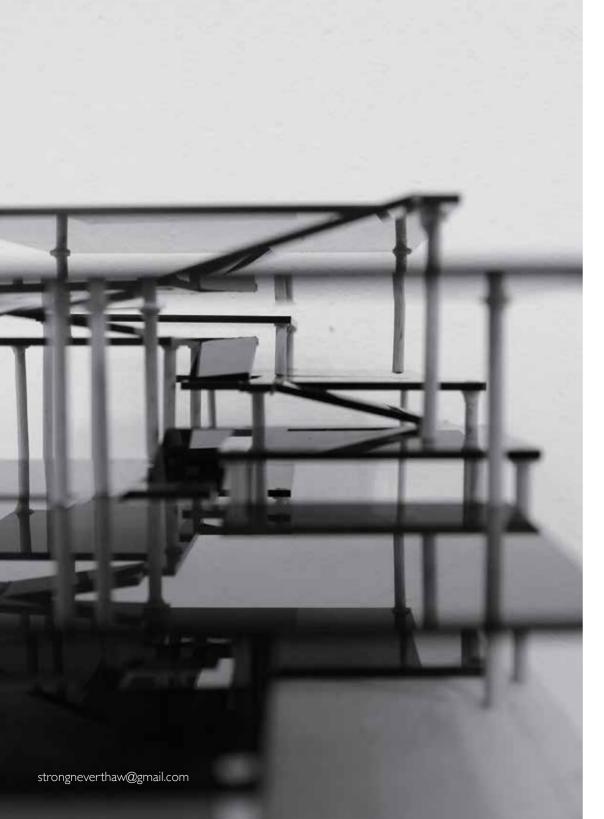






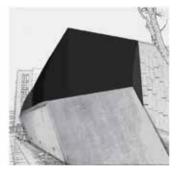


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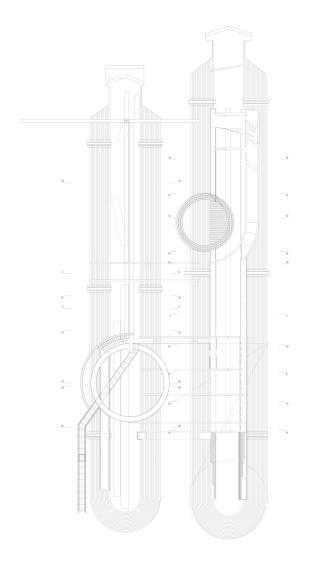
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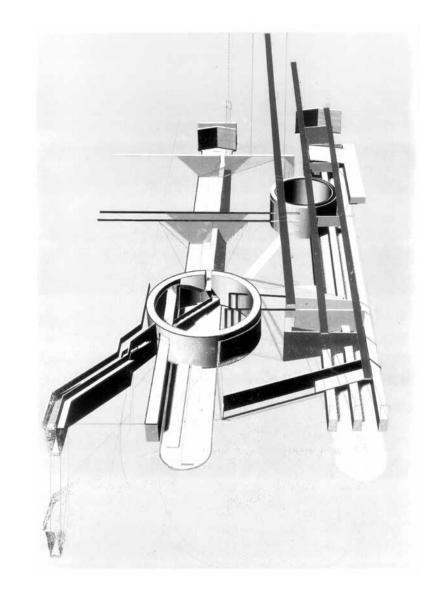


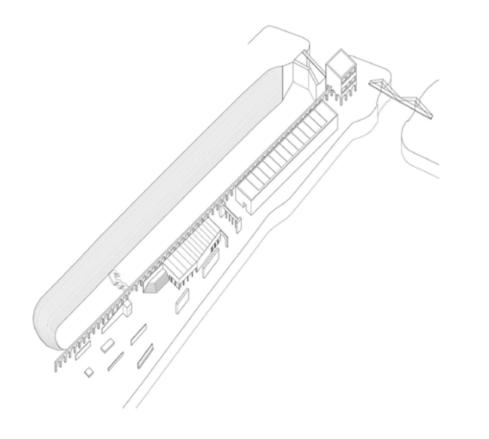


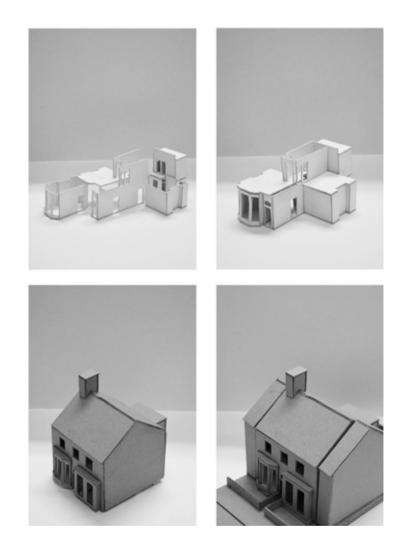


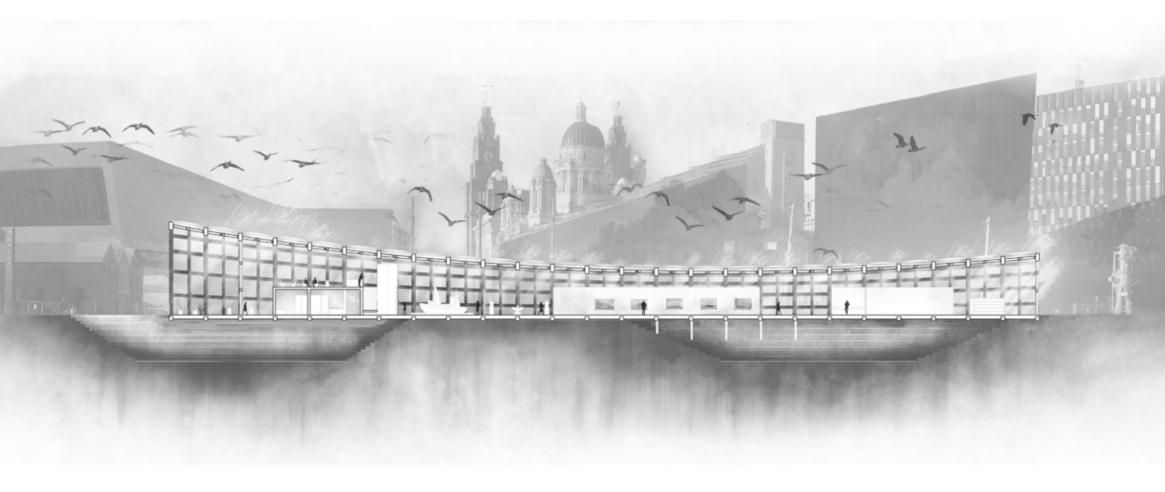


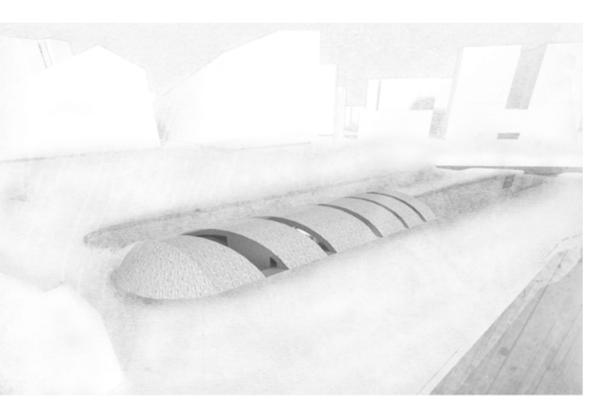








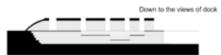




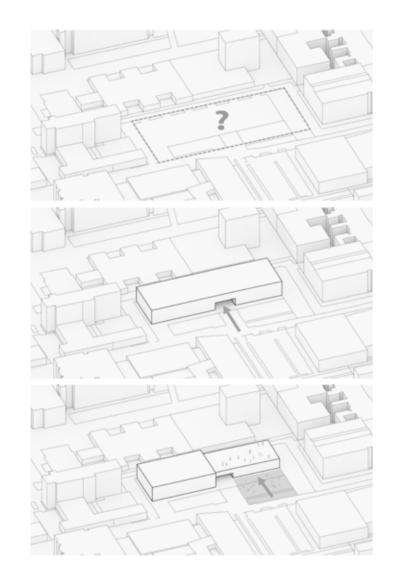


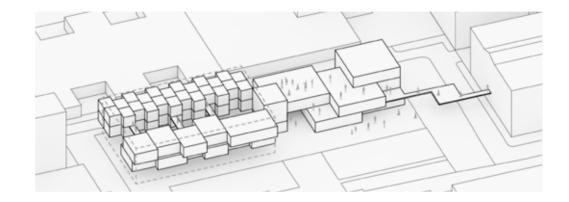


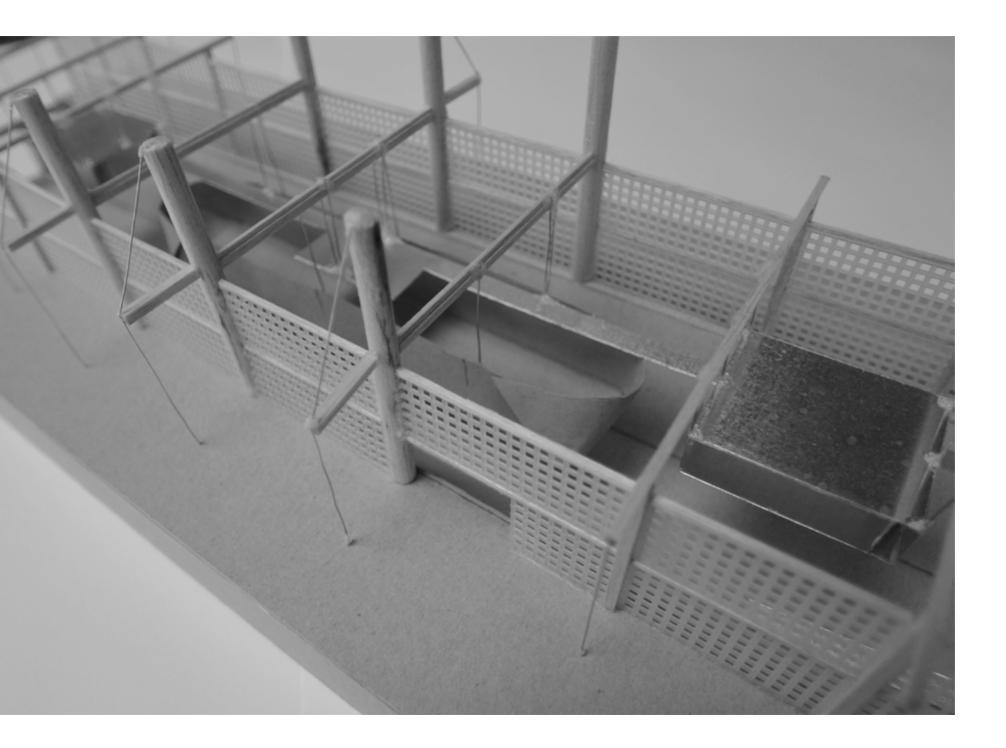




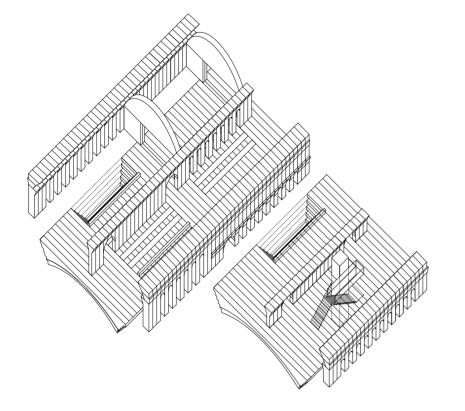


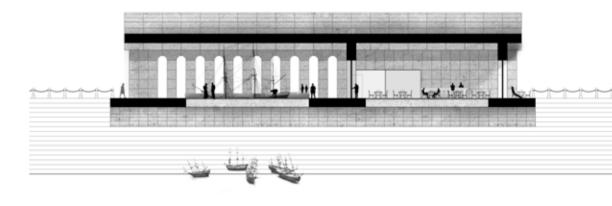


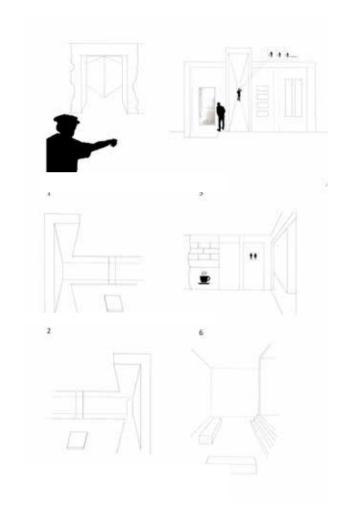


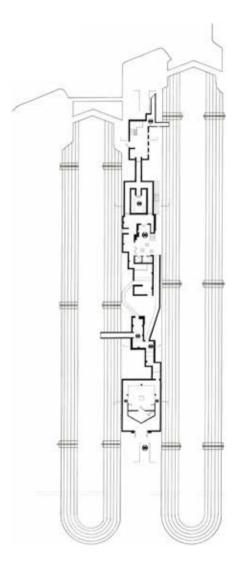


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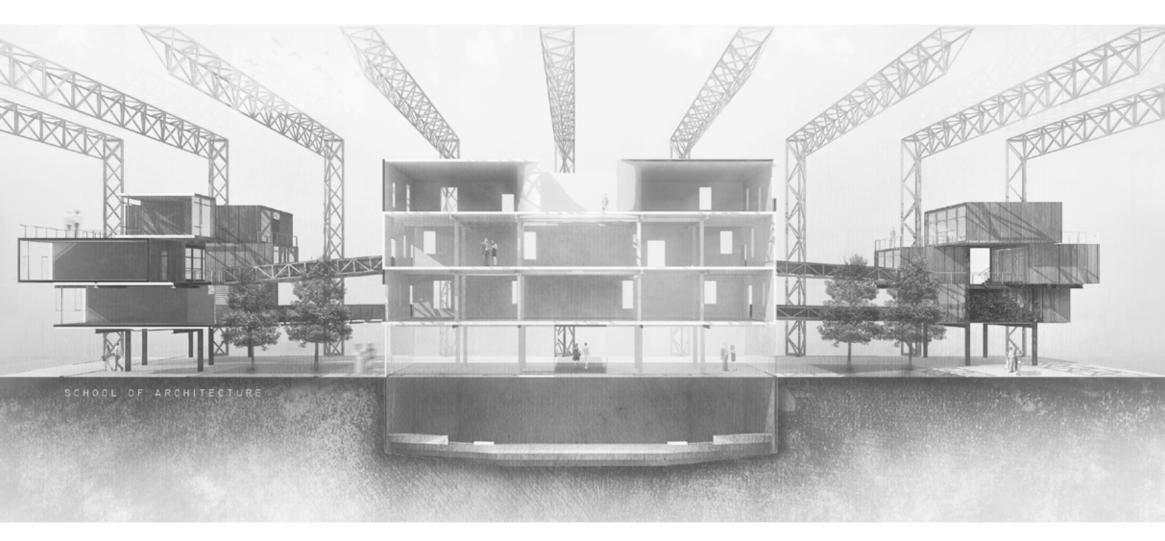




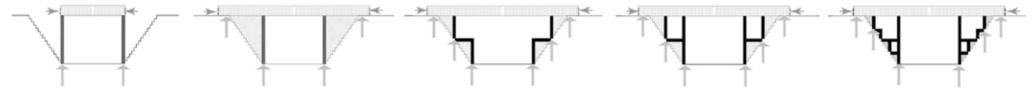


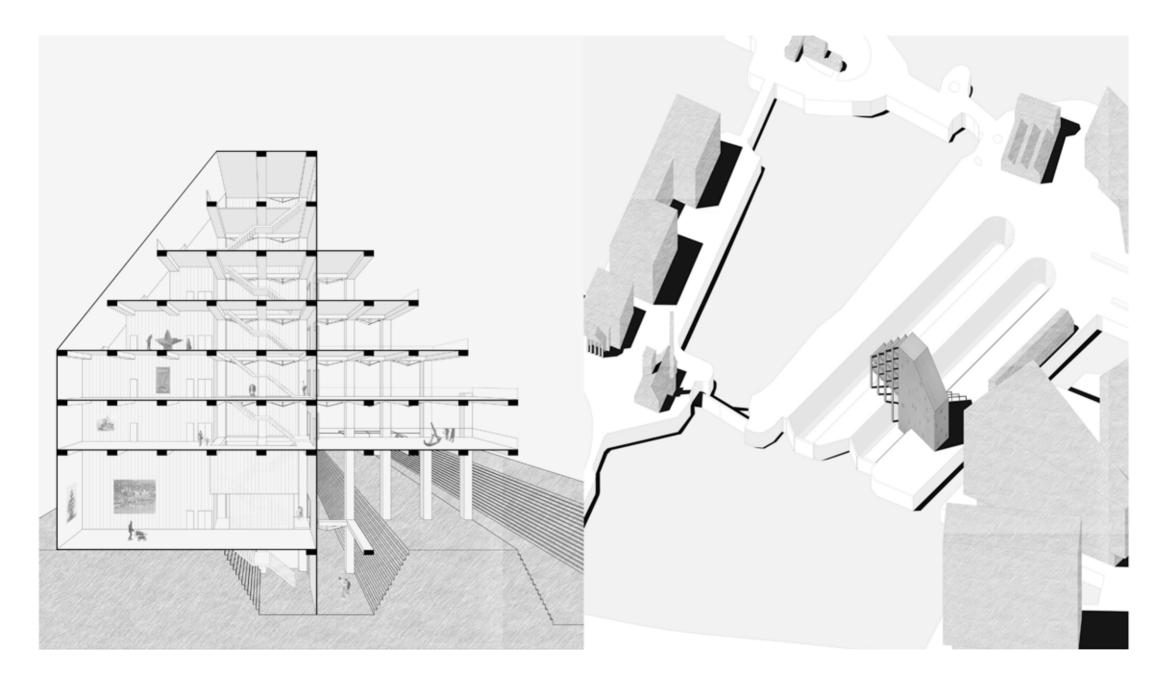


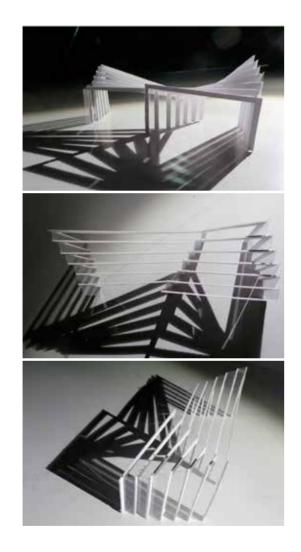
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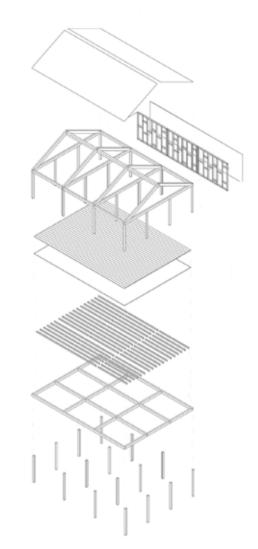


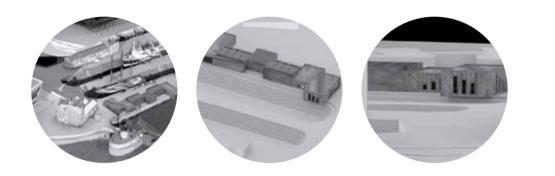




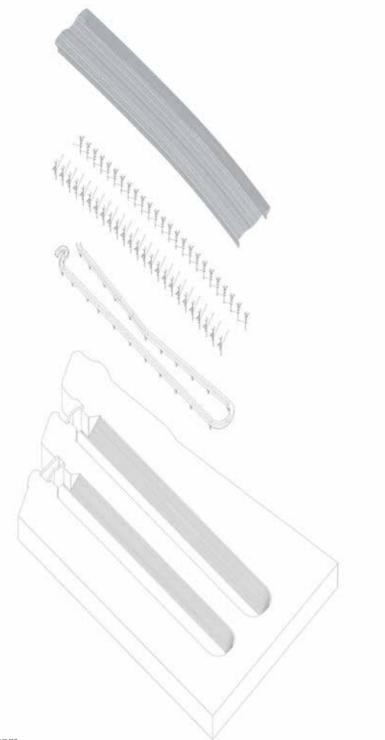


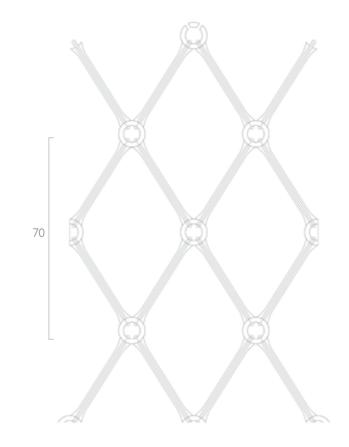


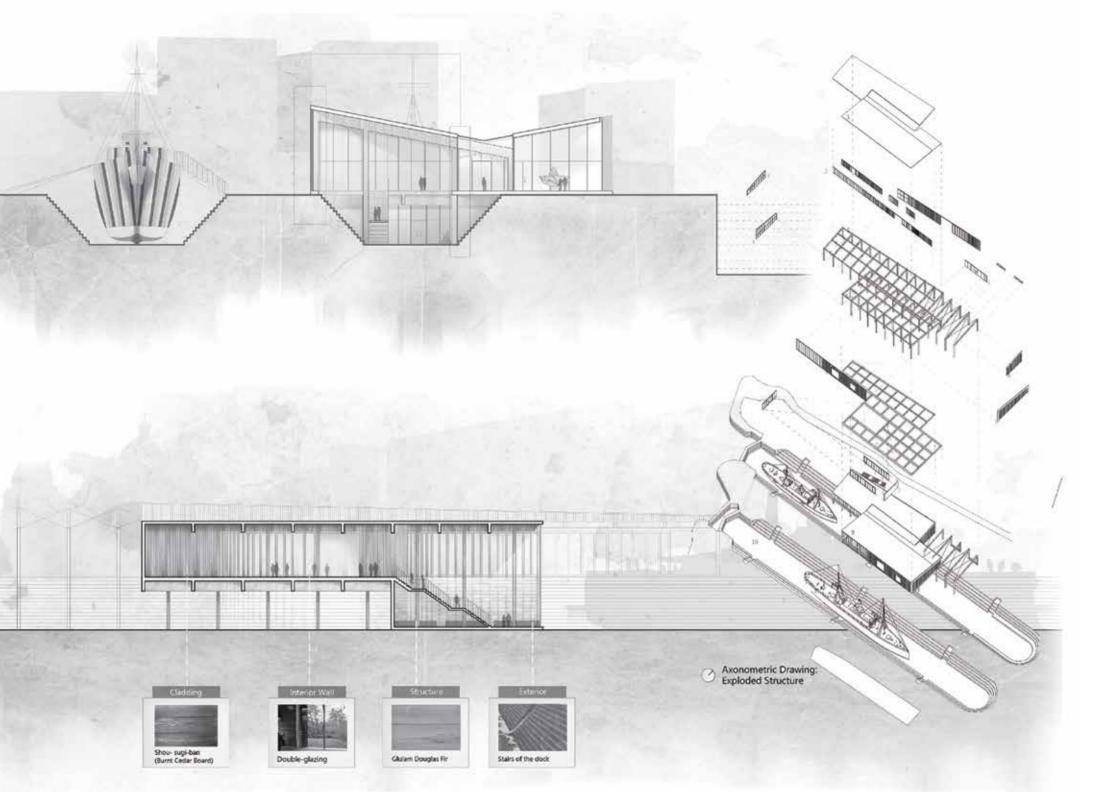


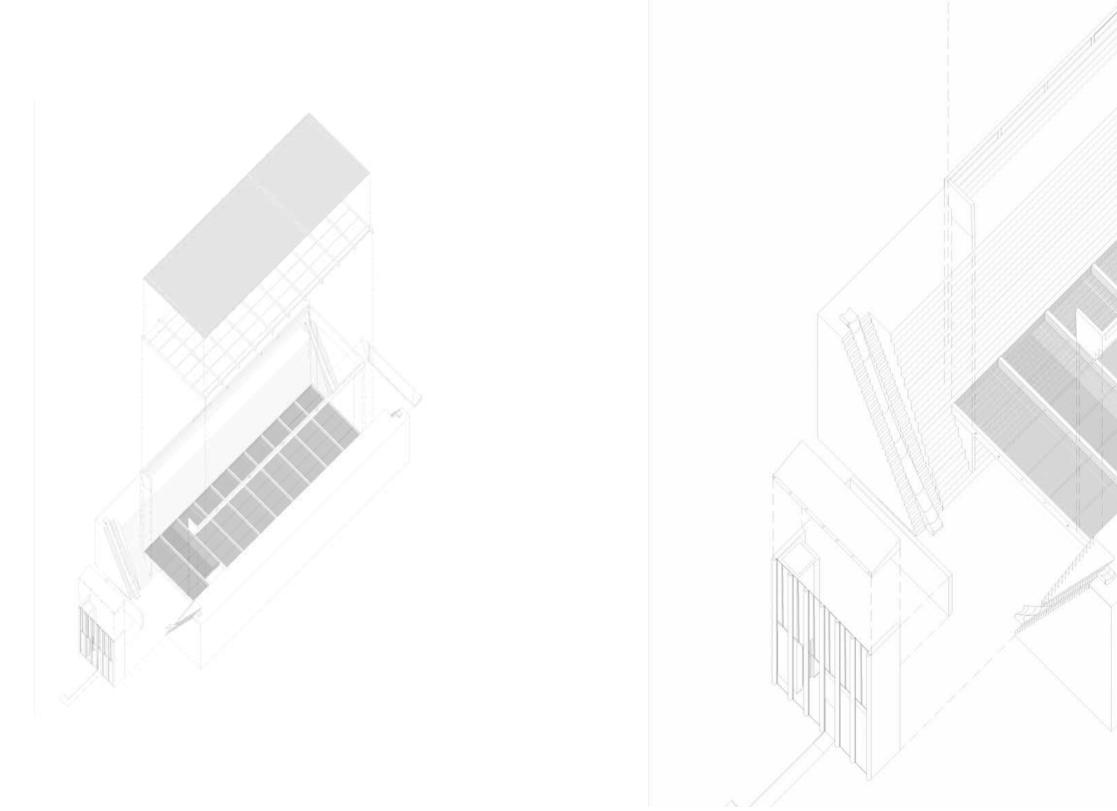


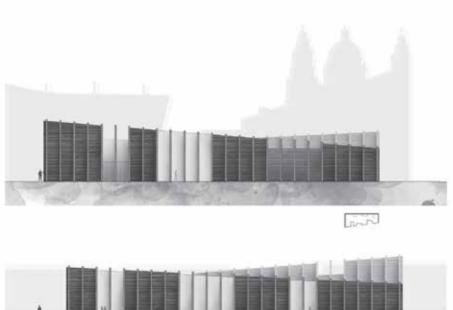












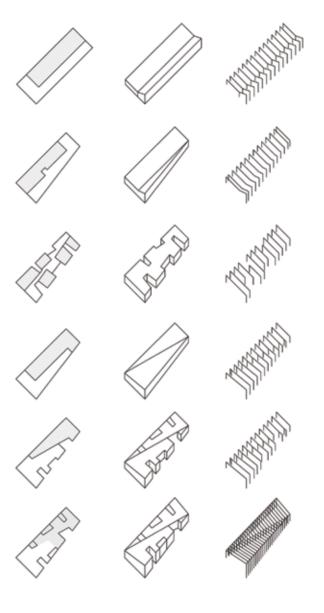


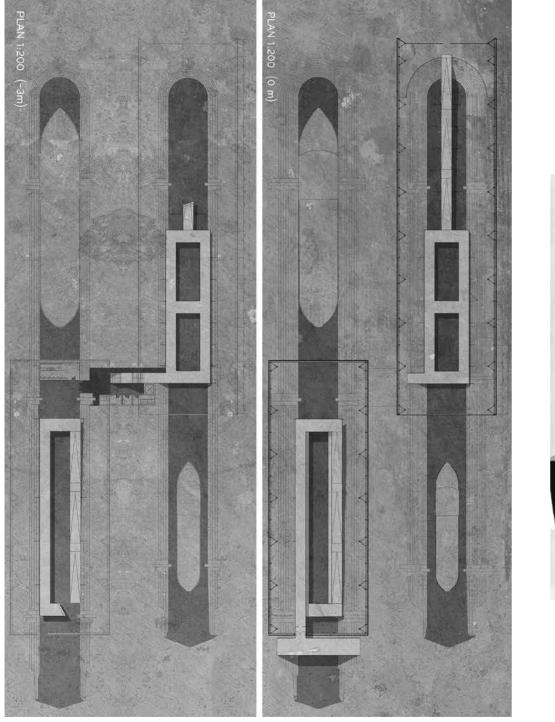
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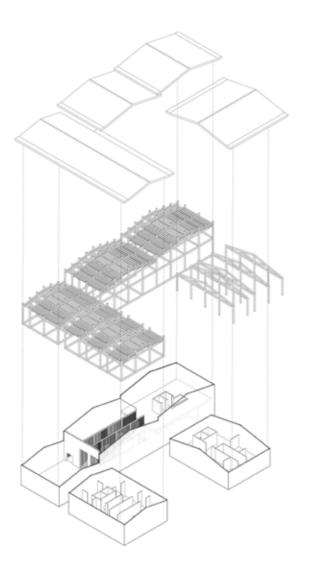










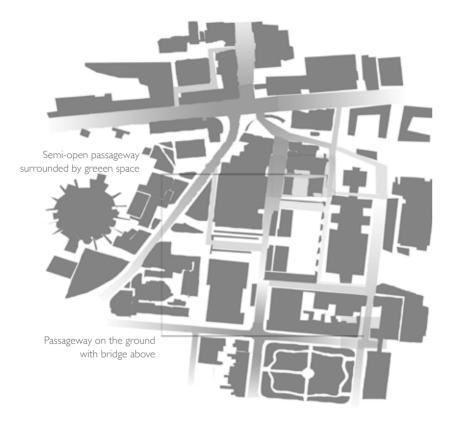


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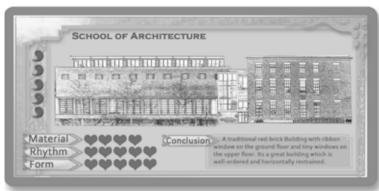


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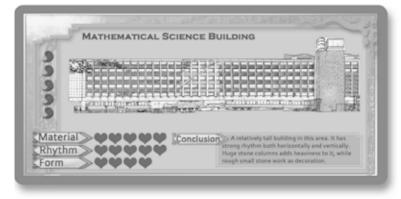
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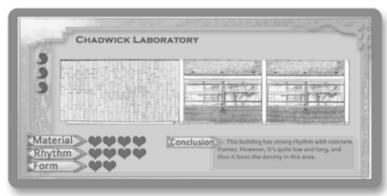


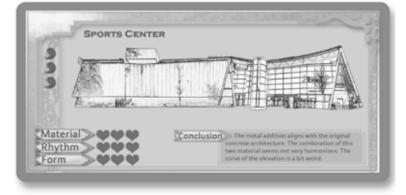
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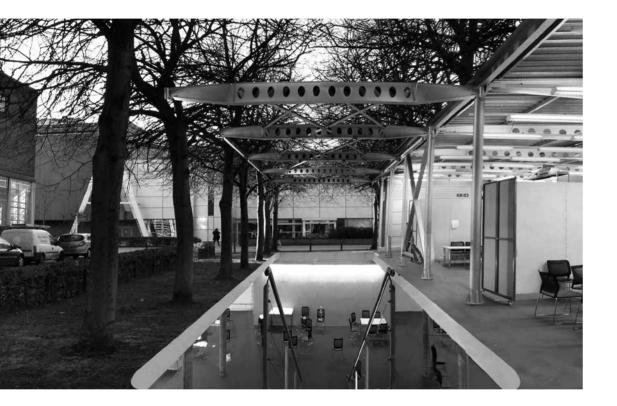
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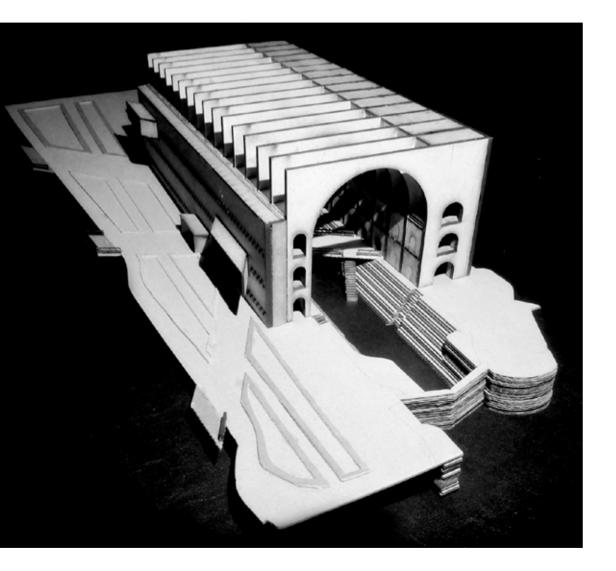


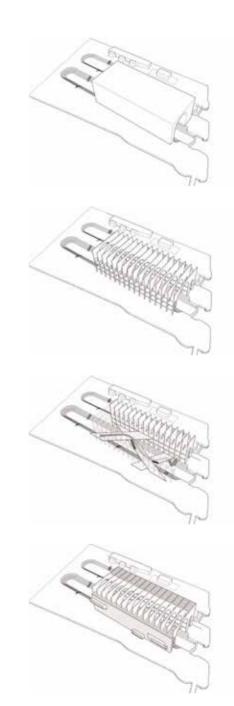












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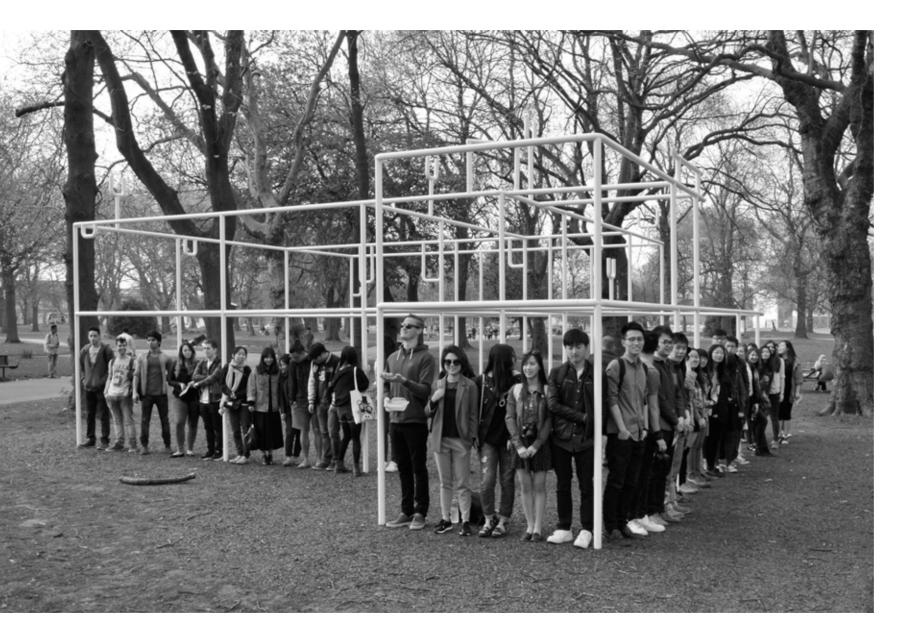








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