PORFOLIO SELECTED WORK 2017 - 2021

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B.Arch 2022 | Minor: Interior Design

+ Profile

experiences. I am also enthusiastic to meet other innovative thinkers who

+ Experience

Academic experiences

Rapid Prototyping | Laser Cutting Lab Monitor

Pratt Pi - Fab Digital Fabrication Labs Monitor

The responsibilities include operating all related machines at all associated fabrictaion labs while working on self motivated projects using the

Consortium Research & Robotics | Robotic Lab Monitor

The work consists of exploring fabrication methodology through robotic arm 3D Printing and generating form work using Rhino grasshopper.

Collective experiences

AIAA 2021 ASCEND Conference | Speaker

Was choosen to representing the FA20 - SP21 NASA X-Hab spcae studio to present its 1 year-long project. Presentation given was succinctly and deliberatly framed into a 5 minete prestentation at the Mars Habitat

Pratt Buddy Program | Student Mentor

an experienced upperclassman and to serve as intermediate for the

AAPI Heritage Month Community Art Event | Volunteer

the event onsite, participating art work desmonstration lectures, and

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+ Education

Pratt Institute School of Architecture B. Arch GPA: 3.49 Minor: Interior Design

The New School Parsons School of Design B. FA GPA: 3.44 New York, NY | 2016-2017

J.N. Burnett Secondary School

+ Honors / Publications

President's List Recipient

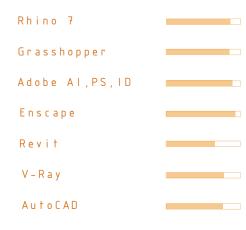
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Class Projects Archived Publication: In Progress





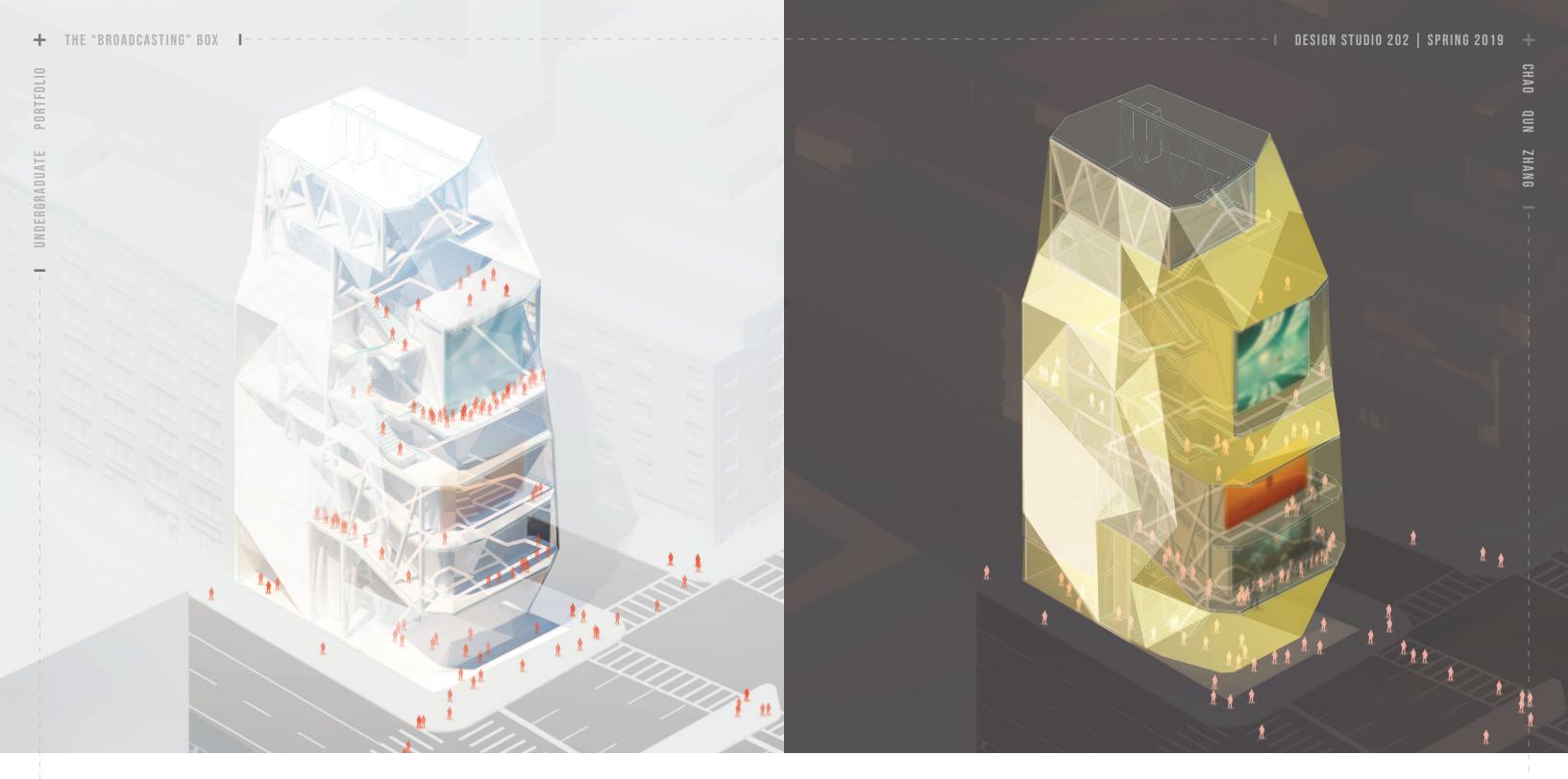
+ Skills



Digital Fabrication Skills

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THE "BROADCASTING" CRYSTAL

A monumental glass tower of cinematics

Program | Film Production Company Tower Location New York, New York

This project is defined by a request to propose a contemporary film production company and theatre tower. My approach is to create a monumental tower for modern movie culture. According to the screening schedule, people from the street would constantly see attending audiences swarming up and down the building. This phenomenon explicitly created through the tower typology and architectural organization establishes a cinematic context at the streetscape scale, setting the pedestrian into this monumental atmosphere through their visual connection with the tower. The circulation is specifically designed to channel the attendees to spiral on the building's edge, so their movement is visible from the street, enhancing the perceived phenomenon. The film projects onto a twoway screen that blurs images of the movies from the outside. The building is perceived as a semi-transparent glasshouse with the installed fritted glass facade during the daytime. When seen at nighttime, the building becomes a lited glasshouse with light in a gradient

of shades created through different transparency in the fritted glasses facade. The theater rooms are perceived as hanging dark boxes within the structure.

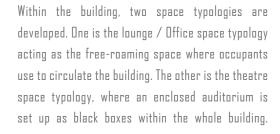
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STRUCTURE FREE

CROSS STACKING

The developed structural strategy allows large areas within the building to be the structure-free area where no additional structural elements need to be introduced. These areas resemble Le Corbusier's domino house and remove all its necessary columns. This is achieved through a cross stacking of linear trussed massing. The trussed structure pulls the floorplates in stress load within each trussed massing as they are also the ceiling hanged for space below it.

DESIGN STRATEGY



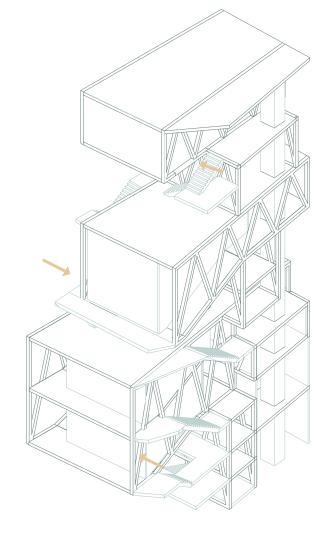
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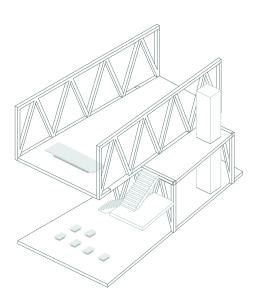


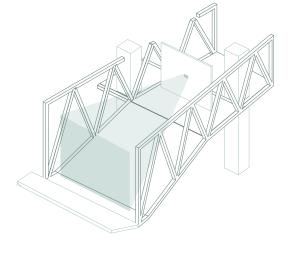
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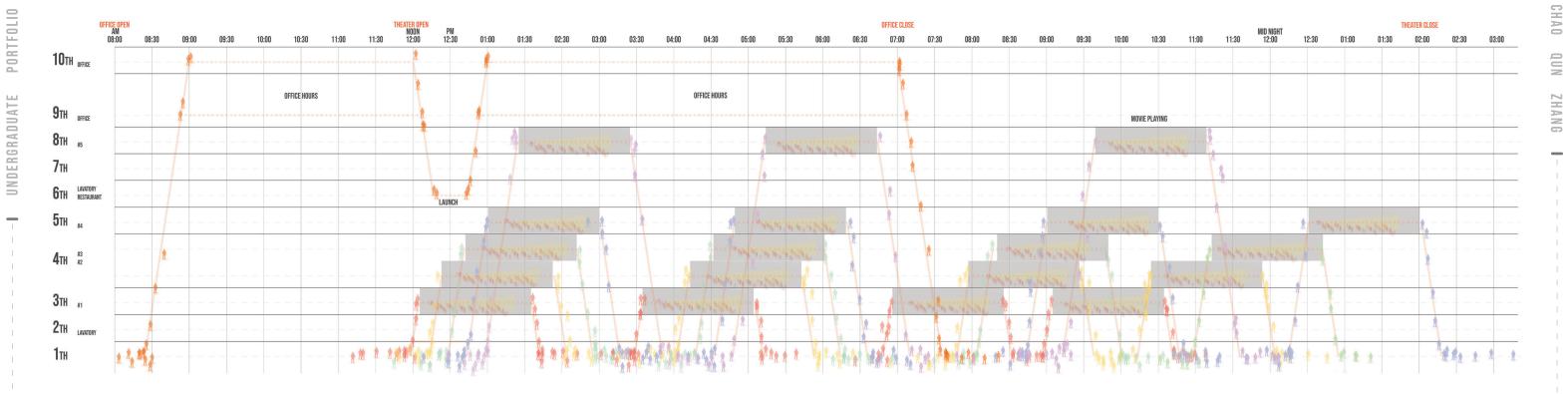
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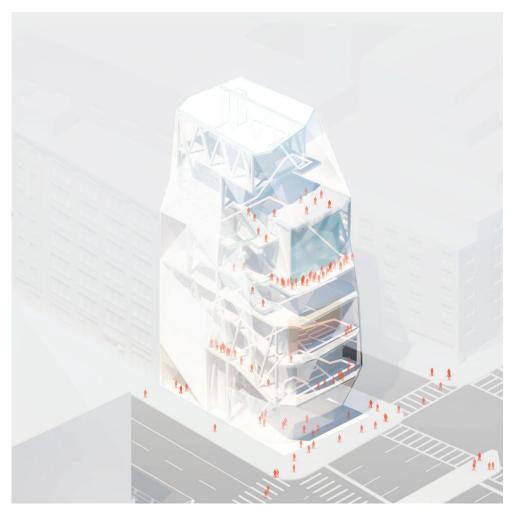
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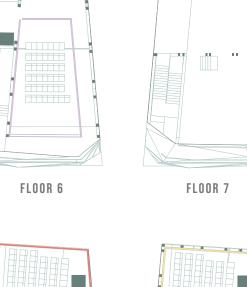


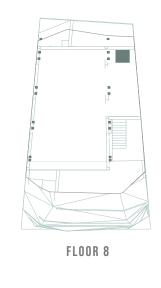
With the need to design the circulation enhancing the phenomenon of occupants circulating up and down the building, a movie scheduling system is developed. Crowds attending the movies can be seen circulation each half-hour throughout the day. The phenomenon starts at noon when the first movie is scheduled and ceases at 2: 00 AM when the last movie is scheduled.

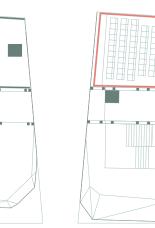


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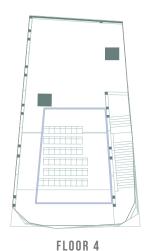




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FLOOR 3



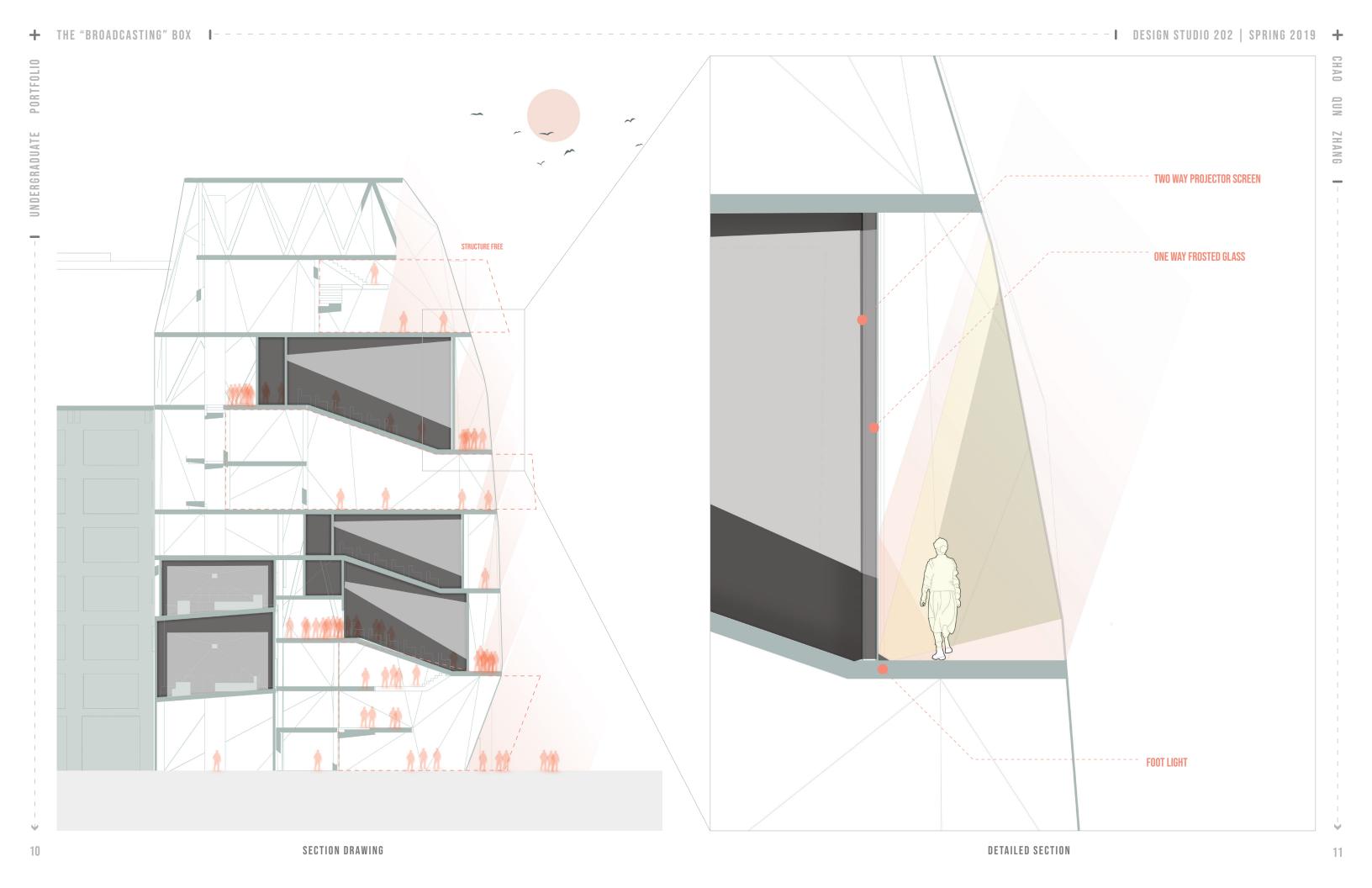
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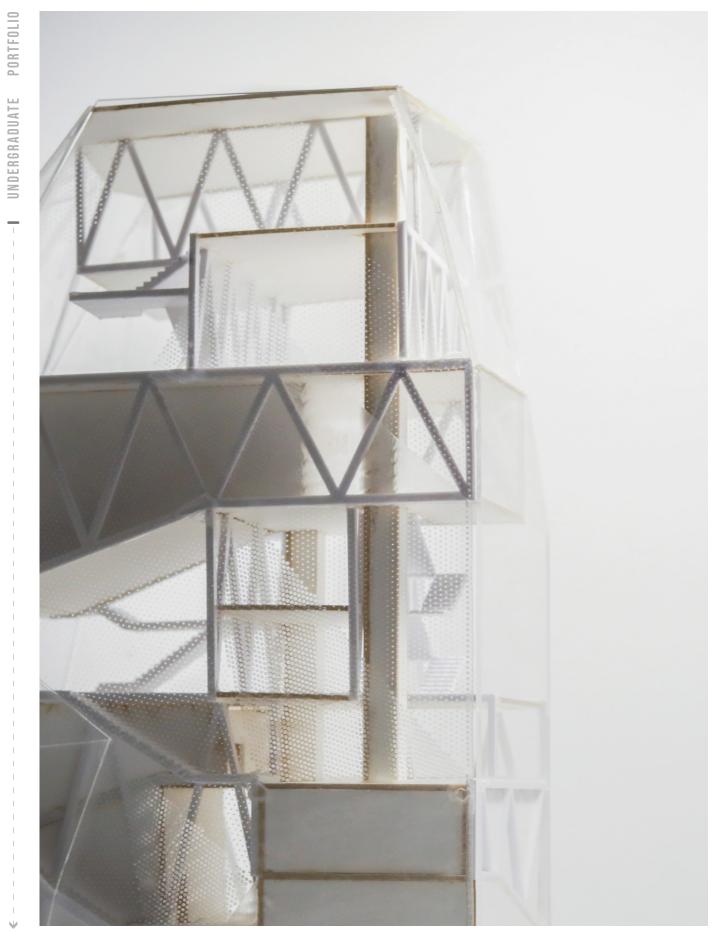
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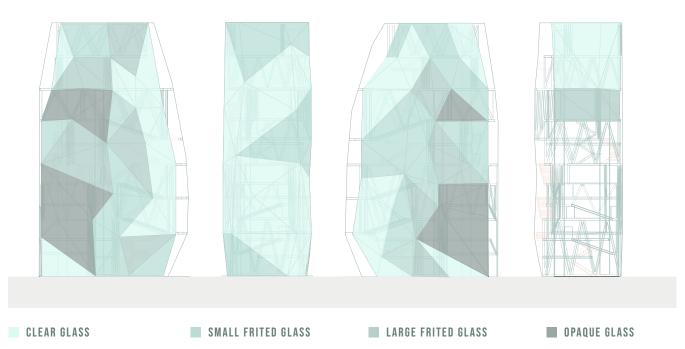
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THE "BROADCASTING" BOX 1-

- I DESIGN STUDIO 202 | SPRING 2019 +





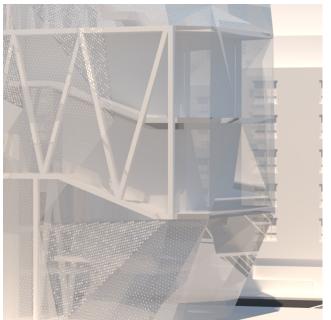
To further optimize the designed phenomenon, The facade glazing varies in transparency, drawing the pedestrian's eye onto the most transparent side, the front side, also the side where blurred images of movies are broadcasted to the street. The gradient is achieved through the density difference in the fritted glass.

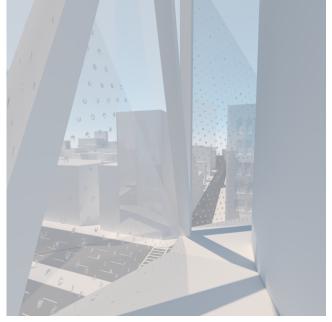
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ABOVE WATER

A way to adapt the climate change

Program | Community center / Gymnasium Partner | Leon Yang

In an era of climate change, more robust storms have been witnessed worldwide. During the 2012 Hurricane Sandy, a large portion of new york's coastal area was severely flooded, raising designers' attention to include consideration of the changing climate context in their design. In this community center project, the FEMA regulation requirement was added to the design criteria. Methods of addressing the potential flooding issues have to be considered, and ways to convert this community center into

an emergency shelter need to be developed. In response to the high flood elevation, the existing ground floor elevation that is 6 ft above sea level is further elevated by 8 ft to surpass the 13 ft requirement. This grand design decision in this project limits the flooding area to only the outdoor sports area while all other indoor programs remain functioning. During nonemergency periods, the community center draws the population from the surrounding community by offering a community-friendly sports center where a

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climbing gym, skateboard palace, and basketball court are included.

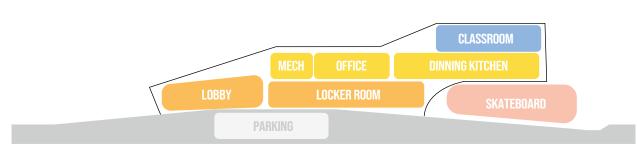
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As we analyzed the site, we discovered the noise and quiet difference in different locations based on the amount of traffic vs. pedestrians exposed. On the quieter side, the south side, sports programs such as climbing gym, basketball court, and skateboard park are placed next to each other, creating a zone of sport. A bike lane is placed on the boundary of this sports zone which separates the walking zone of the park from the sports zone. Right next to it, a ramp faces towards the subway station that draws people to the main entrance of the building. With these design decisions, we aim to create a people-gathering zone between the subway station and the building.

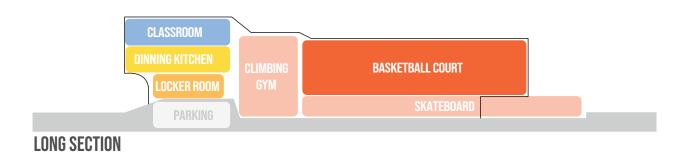
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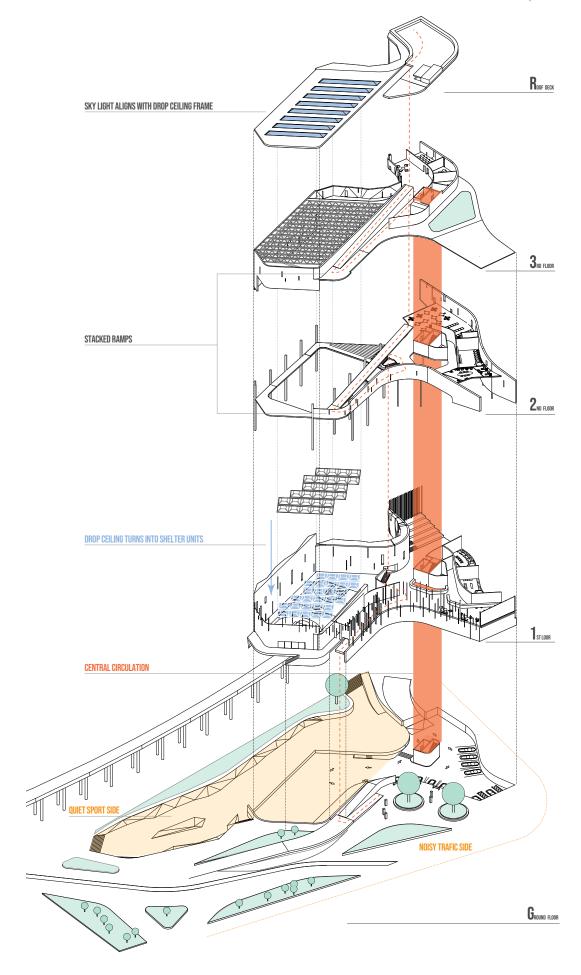
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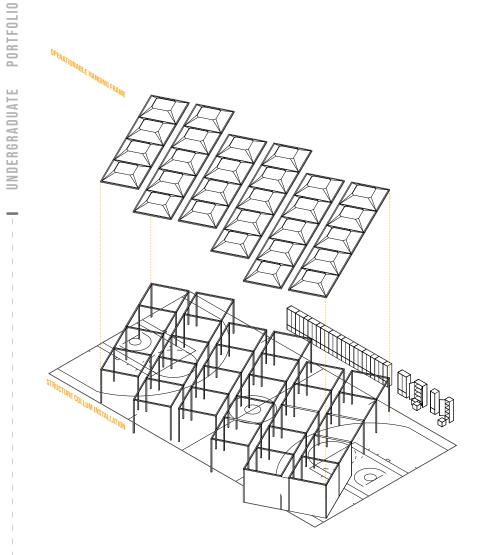
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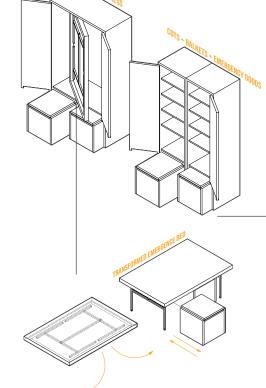


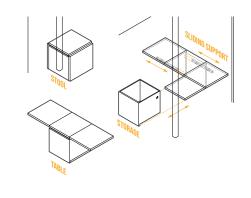
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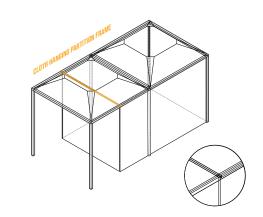










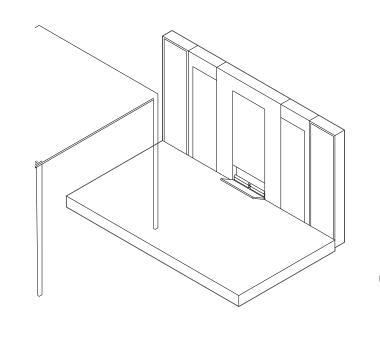


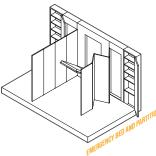


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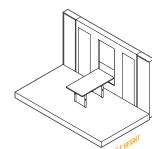
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With the need to transform the building into an emergency shelter, a pulleyed "shelter grid" system was designed. The grid is lower and anchors on the ground of the basketball court. The frames act as the framework for the living space of the shelter. During normal circumstances, this pulleyed ceiling would be attached to the skylight providing diffused natural light. Multipurpose foldable furniture is placed on the edge of the basketball court for shelter use. A foldable wall system was also developed to transform classrooms into emergency medical units.









CIRCULATION DIAGRAM

SHELTER GRID TRANSFORMATION FURNITURE TRANSFORMATION MEDICAL UNIT TRANSFORMATION

PORTFOLIO

UNDERGRADUATE

6" RIGID INSULATION

METAL PANEL.

VAPOR BARRIOR

METAL CLIPPING

_ ALU.MULLION

.6" CONC. SLAB

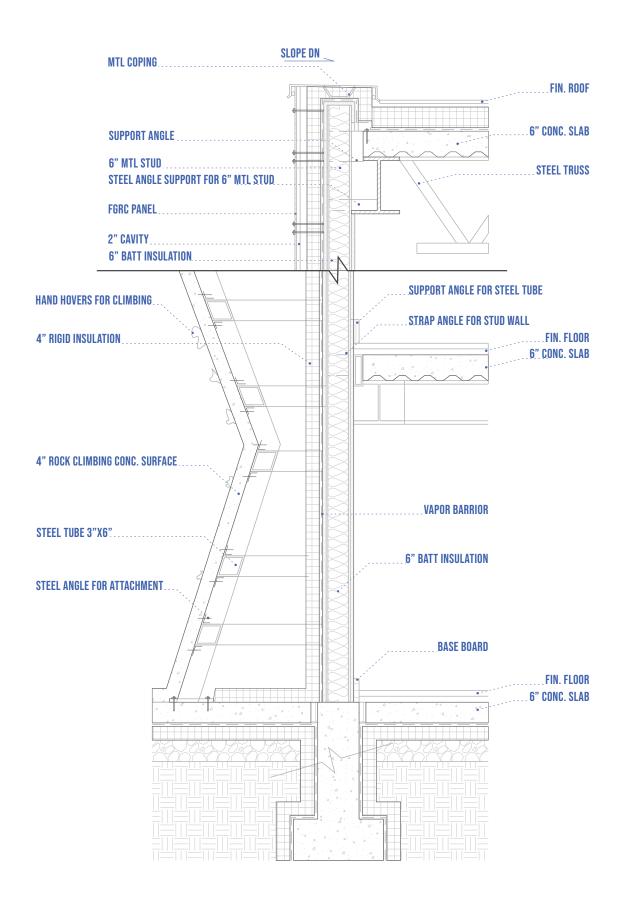
1" INSULATED GLASS W. 1/8"

LAMINATED TOP LAYER

SKYLIGHT DEATIL SECTION

- 6" METAL STUDS





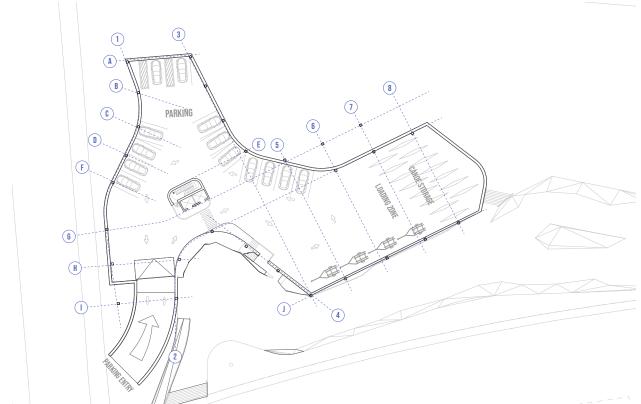
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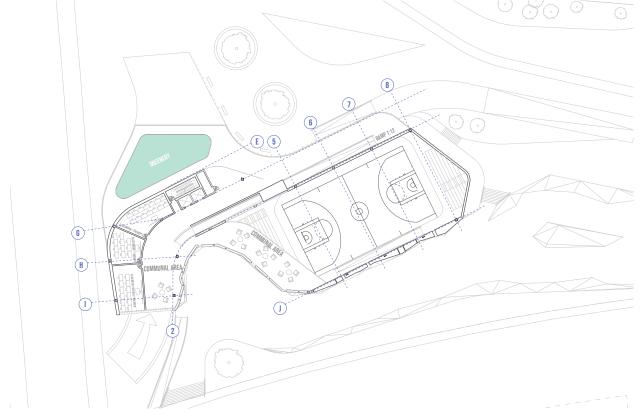
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Location | Shackleton Crator, Moon (Physical Model: Brooklyn, NY)

single project in the second semester. The ideas we brought forward are the 3D printed protective diagrid structure that uses in situ lunar regoliths as the construction material and the pressurized modular

The proposed habitat named the lunar casis is derived from the concept of the NASA precedent RLSD

Team Members | 20 students from 2 consecutive semesters

THE LUNAR OASIS

This project is a lunar habitat proposal for NASA's Artemis program, It serves as a trajectory for NASA to use the moon as a jump pad for deep space exploration ultimately reaching Mars. During the first

semester, we researched and investigated the precedents and existing conditions of the moon, and made 2 schematic proposals for a lunar habitat each with valuable aspects that we adopted to formalize a

habitat assemblage that's launched and brought from earth. In the second semester, we developed this proposal further by outfitting the interior of the habitat and later built a quarter-scale prototype model.

II(Robotic Lunar Surface Operation 2). The idea is to excavate the perma-frozen regolith inside RLSO's site Shackleton Crater at the south pole to extract water out of its volatiles. For the RLSD, the water

extracted can be used to produce Liquid Hydrogen and Oxygen propellant for future Mars launch missions.

For our habitat, it provides the water source for irrigating the hydroponic farms and it is where the

name Lunar Dasis is derived from. The regolith excavated is also used as a construction material through

regolith sintering robots printing the diagrid protective layer of the habitat. This protective layer address several threats including, meteorites impacts, radiation exposure, frequent and long-lasting seismic

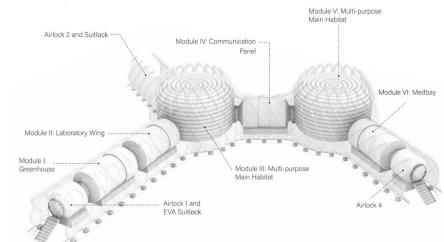
activity with the highest magnitude recorded at 6, and extreme thermal differential that shifts from 120

degrees Celsius to negative -130 degrees Celsius.

THE LUNAR "OASIS"

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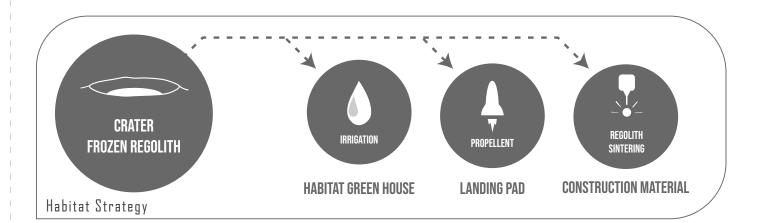
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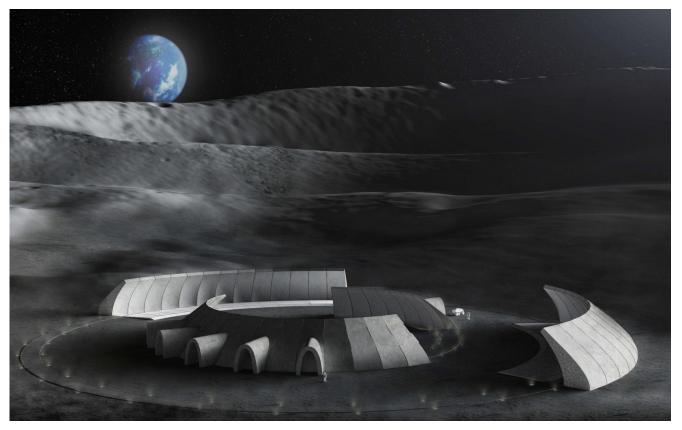


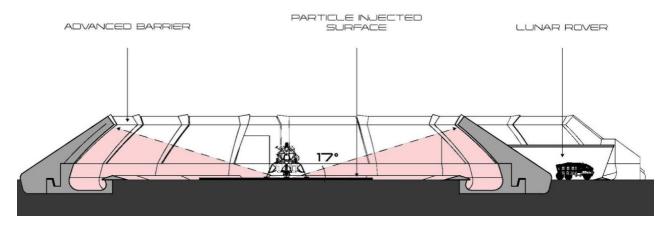


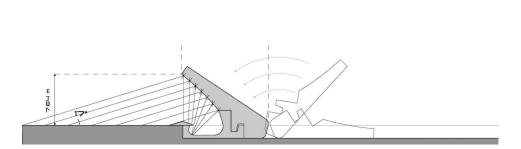
As we researched and investigated the Shackleton crater, we proposed a site location with several requirements. First, a consistent source of solar energy is required. At the Shackleton crater, a large portion of the crater rim is exposed to sunlight most of the year, with its location at the south pole of the moon and the highest solar angle at 4 degrees. This condition provides efficient solar energy for the habitat to remain functioning. Second, a relatively close distance to the ice reserve in the crater is required. Thus an offset distance of 2 km, the optimal length for a current lunar rover to travel, which zones a ring of the desired location around the crater. Third, an area where the terrain slope is closest to flat is also desired for a more efficient habitat construction process. Lastly, a suitable shallow creator needs to be adjacent to the site as these craters are natural lunar dust barriers for a lunar landing pad.

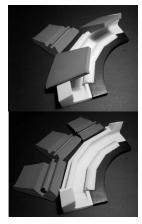
The technology of sintering regolith allows us to construct complex and biomimetic geometries to address different problems and challenges we had to face. We designed a lunar landing pad for future landing and launching missions with this technology available. Landing rockets on the moon will cause lunar dust to eject at a supersonic speed, and this may cause a threat to satellites and adjacent habitats. Thus we designed barriers that surround the landing site to mitigate this threat. The form of the barriers is designed to deflect lunar dust downwards into a trench where robots collect the dust.



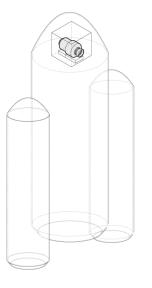




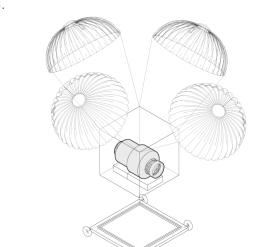


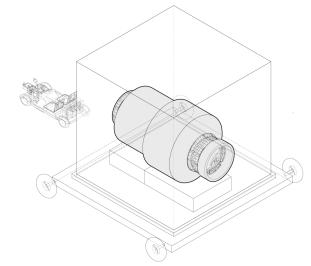


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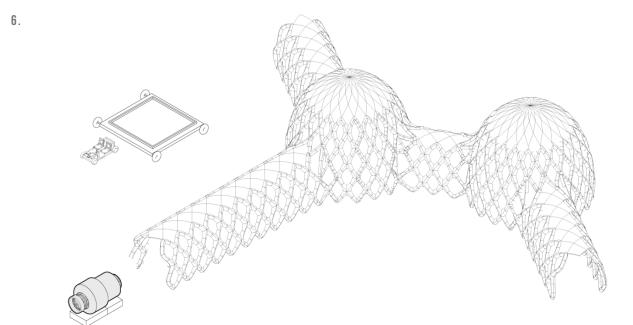
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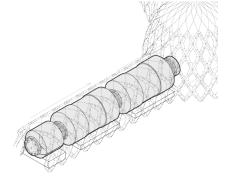


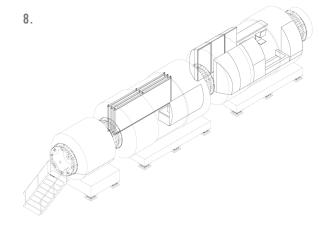


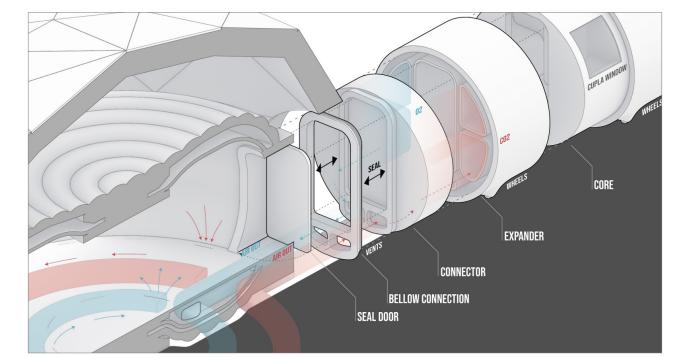


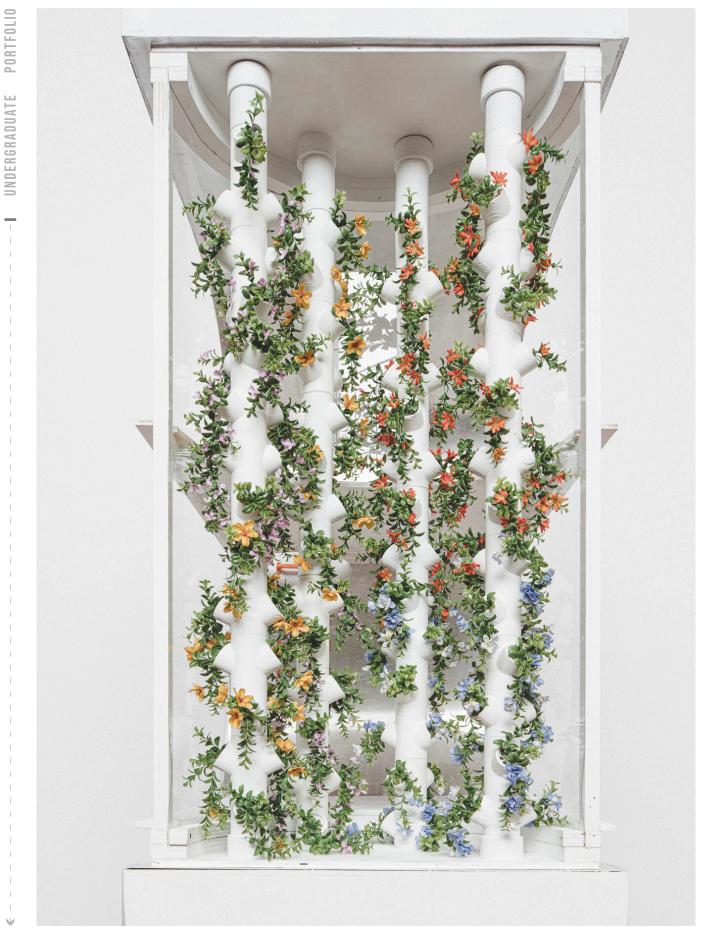
The construction of the habitat consists of pressurized modular chambers that are brought from the earth. The modules are packed and shipped to the moon through rocket launching missions. When they land on the moon, they are brought to the habitat site from the landing pad with robots and robotic gantry. The robots and gantry play the role of assembling the units on the site in place. The outfitting of the units is then unfolded automatically once in place. A system of expandable chambers was developed to incorporate connecting airflow and Environmental Control and Life Support System (ECLSS) while functioning as the connection between the larger circular expandable modules.

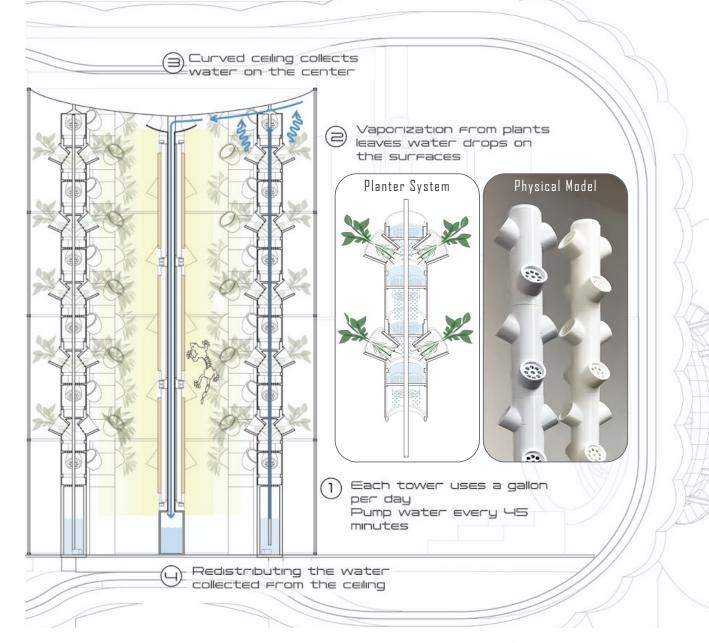






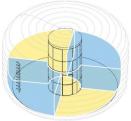






The desolate and lifeless environment on the moon will be detrimental to the psychological health of the astronauts in the habitat. We aim to mitigate this by integrating a zen garden in our habitat easis project. The zen garden is located at the center of the inflatable module in a courtyard arrangement. We studied chromotherapy and incorporated color coding to enhance the specific program in the space adjacent to the garden. LED lights and Plants in green and purple are used at the dwelling space since green creates a sense of healing and purple promotes socialization. Whereas blue and yellow are used in the workstation area as yellow and blue promote Creativity and Productivity. Within the garden, the modular planter system is fabricated using onsite 3D printers. These planters stack into pillars that situate around the central water tower where water is distributed to each plant through a vertical water pumping system. As the plants photosynthesize while exposed to artificial light, fresh oxygen is also supplied to the astronauts.

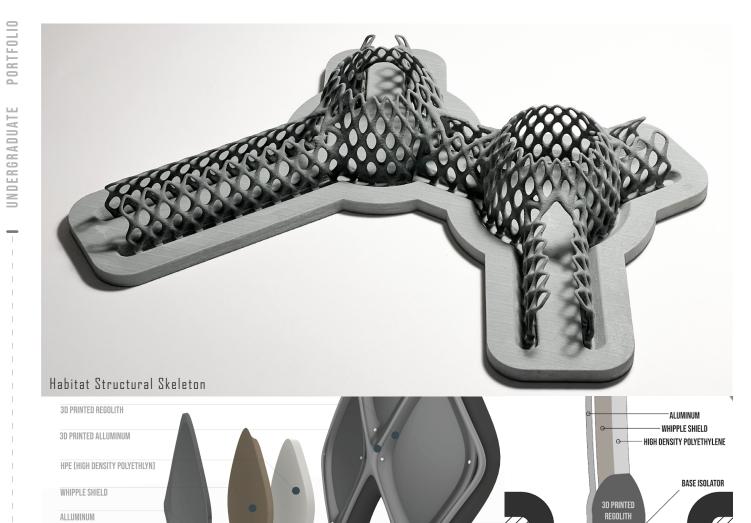




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BASE ISOLATOR



The protective layer of the habitat is shaped to cover and protect the core habitat. It is intentional that we designed it as a porous shell so that we can incorporate delivered protective panels to promote efficiency by reducing the overall construction time. These panels have several layers addressing different threats to the habitat. The assemblage of the panel includes a layer of aluminum for thermal protection, a layer of ballistic Whipple shield designed by NASA for meteorites protection, and a layer of polyethylene for radiation protection. Base isolators are also installed at the root part of the structure to address the constant seismic activity on the moon.

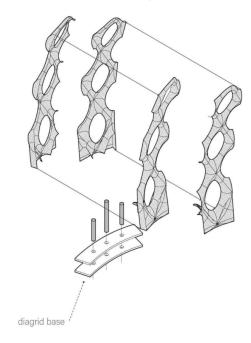


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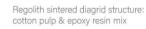


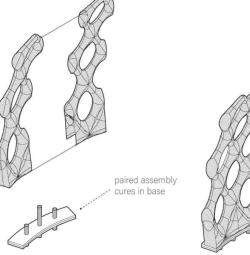
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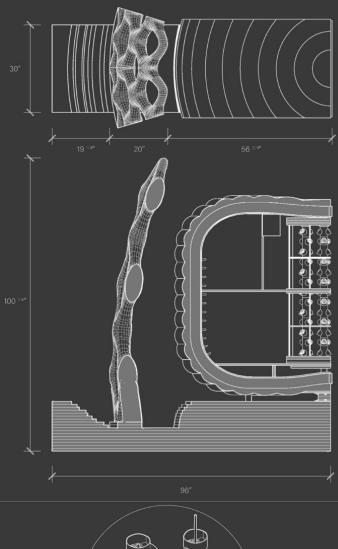


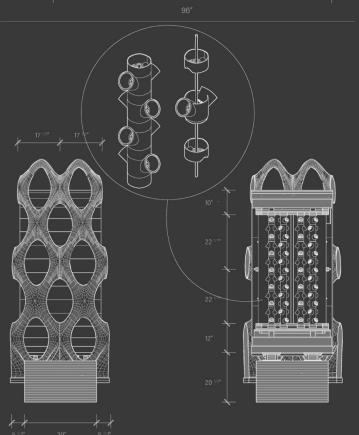
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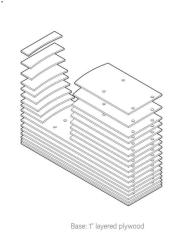


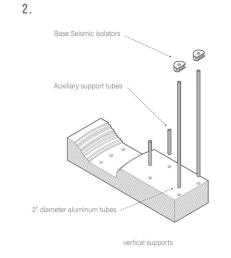


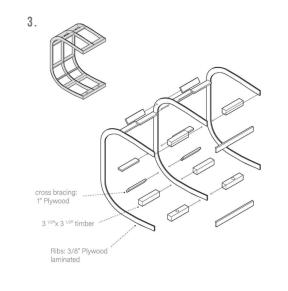


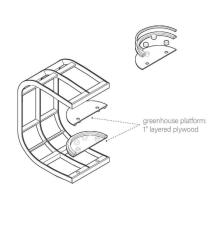


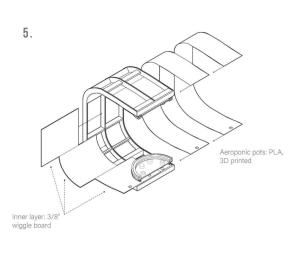




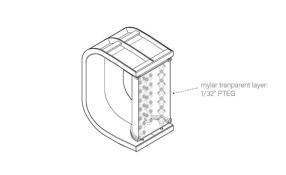


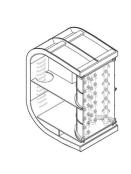


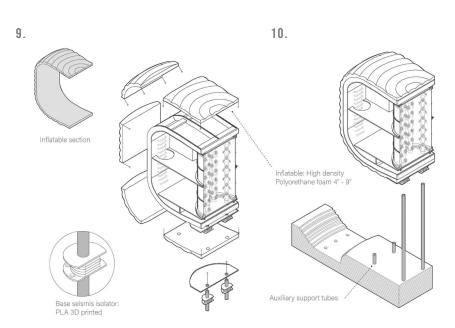


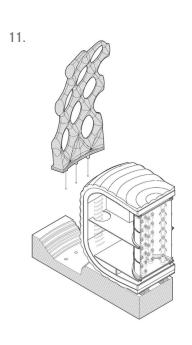


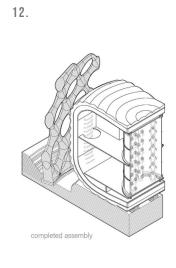














A "SOUNDLESS" HOME

Program | Residential housing Location | Brooklyn, New York In this project, a townhouse residence is designed for my clients: a family of 3, Susie, Dirk, and Ray. Susie works in the hospital who takes night shifts occasionally. With the context of a post-COVID domestic reality, a novel lifestyle style is anticipated where productivity and leisure space coexist within a domestic environment. Dirk is a photographer who works in a home studio. Ray is the child of the family who is born deaf and sensitive to light. These unique qualities require a universal design approach to suit the needs of different light modes that address the family's sensitivities in light. The keyspaces and conditions within my urban dwelling that exemplify and expand this design approach include designated productivity space, Sight increasing wall corners, and switch of uninterrupted

lighting mode and illuminative lighting mode.

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Ray goes to St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf. He walks to school everyday.

He also likes fish and has a fish tank maintain by his father Dirk.



hospital since 2014 and got promoted in 2019. Because of the current pandemics, Susie sometimes works more than 50 hours per week. As the head of the nurse at the Brooklyn hospital, Susie takes 5 shifts a week and 8 hours each shifts.

Susie loves sports. She likes to try all types of sports with her family, and among all sports her favorite is swimming. Susie is very much into coffee as she has worked as a barista during college. She would sometimes even bake her own coffee beans for daily consumptions of her and her husband.

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday to Friday Occasionally takes Night Shifts

Saturday movie nights at home.

Dirk is a freelance photographer at an age

of 38. Dirk loves photography with a passion

and have been working as a freelance

photographer since high school. He works

on both analogue media and digital media

so studio with darkroom would be required.

Sometimes when its shooting day he will

go out and take photos with model, and

sometimes he would stay home washing

Besides photography, Dirk is also into

mixologies that he would sometimes make

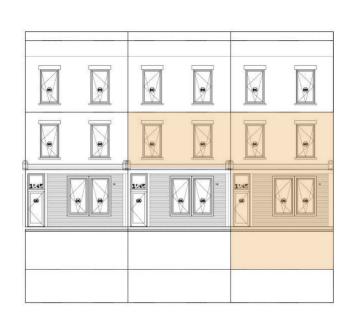
cocktails for him and his wife Susie in

films or editing photos.

Typical routine: 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM Work schedule is flexible.

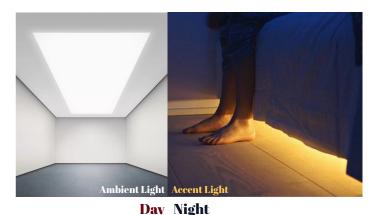
8:00 AM to 3:30 PM Monday to Friday.



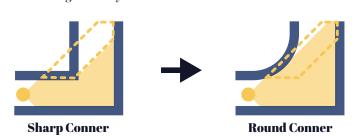


- Access to Cellar Space for Dirk's Darkroom Studio
- **Better Privary on Higher Floors**

1. Undisturbed Night for Susie's Shifts



2. Increase Line of sight for Ray



2nd Fl. Ray' Bedroom Master Bedroon **Family Room** Kitchen Dinning room

1st Fl. + Cellar

- Foyer Bar (Cocktail & Coffee)
- Living Room

Productivity

- *Home Office
- *Library (Meditation)
- *Dirk's Studio
- *Dirk's Darkroom

Rear Yard

Patio Space - Swimming Pool

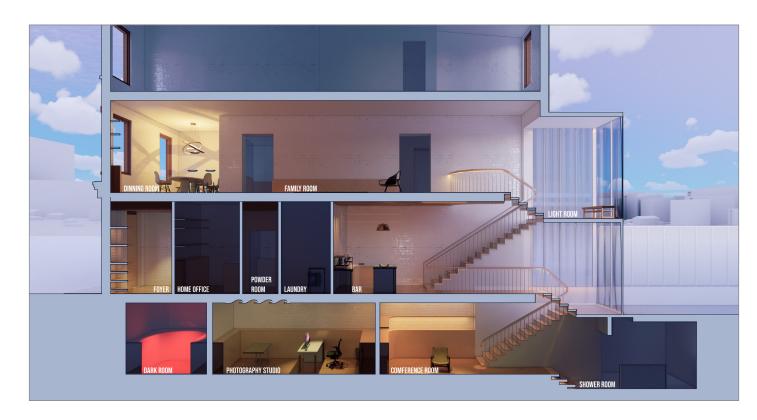


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PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO

FAMILY ROOM







MOB BALLET LIBRARY

Program | Public library / Ballet Theatre / Community Center

Date Fall 2022

Location | Brooklyn, New York

This project is a renovation and expansion project of the existing Arlinton Branch Brooklyn Public Library. The client for this project is the founder of a non-profit community arts organization called The Memoirs of Blacks in Ballet (MOB Ballet) Foundation. The MOB Ballet was established by renowned ballet dancer, educator,

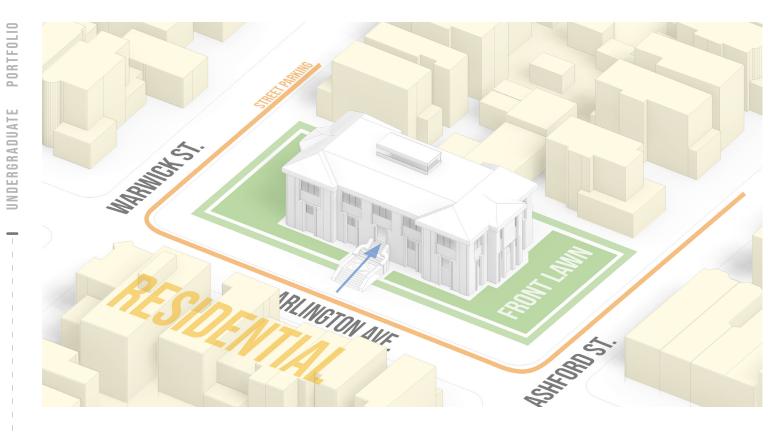
diversity strategist, and consultant, Theresa Ruth Howard. With the client's desire, a new type of library is develop where the blacks in ballet and the ballet culture is celebarated while the surrounding community are wellcomed with the existing library program.

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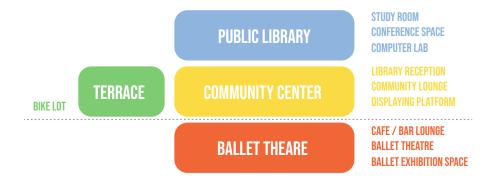
summarized into 2 major groups, one is the ballet community that's composed of performers and general audiences who enjoy the ballet culture, and the other is the local community members and researchers who enjoys the additional space provided by the library. Both these end users of the library are attracted and guided into this community library / MOB ballet theatre through an expanded and renovated entry that gathers and redirected people into several designated spaces. Within this renovated Carnage library, also known as the temple of knowledge, a book tower that both emphasis the symbolic meaning of books and the phenomenon of users circulating it and absorbing the knowledge is centralized as the core of the library. In addition to that, the ballet culture is layered in

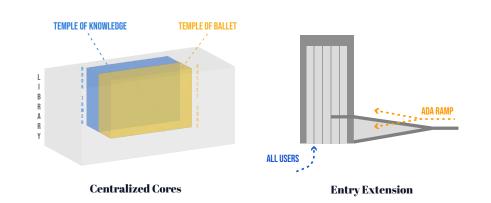
front of the book tower as an dance exhibition

symbolizing the ballet performance part of the

temple ---- Temple of Ballet

In this MOB Ballet Library, the end users can be

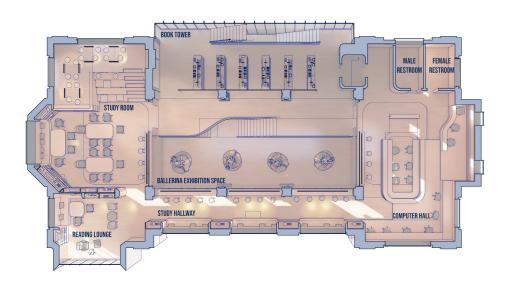




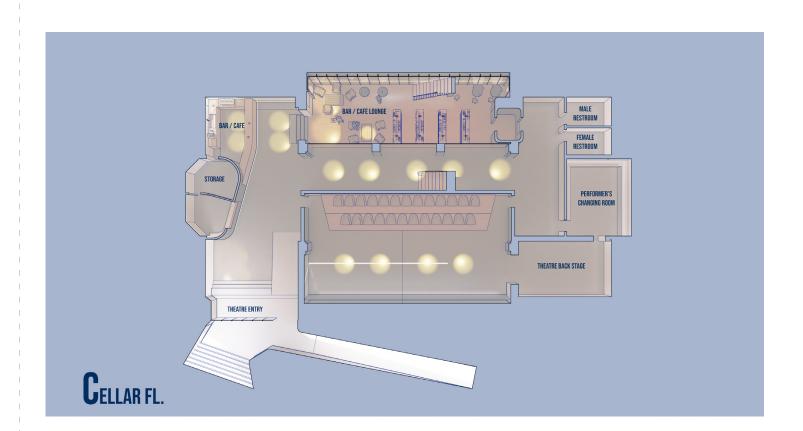


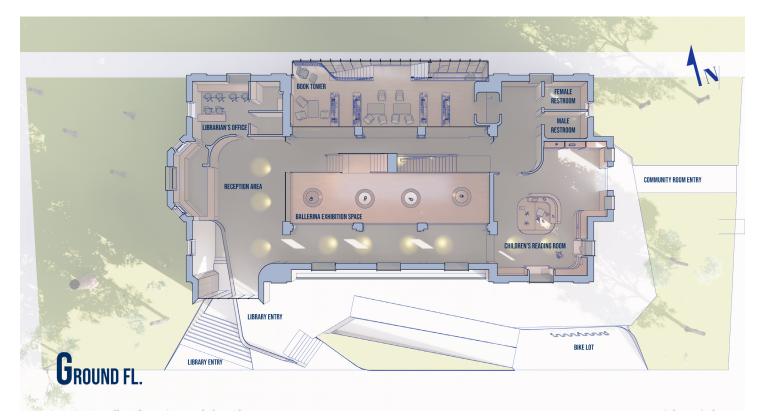


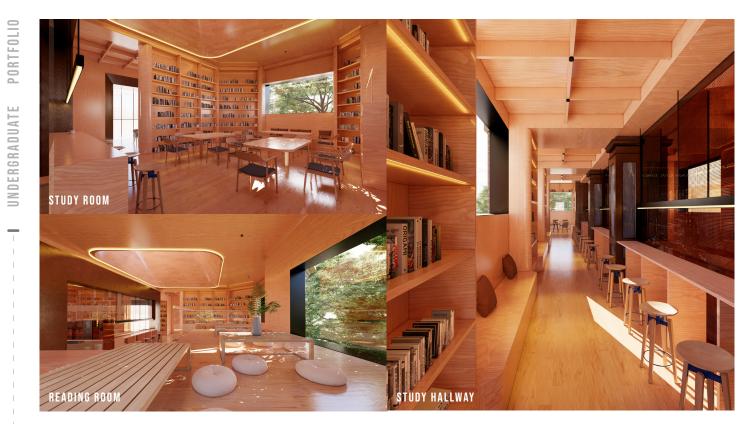




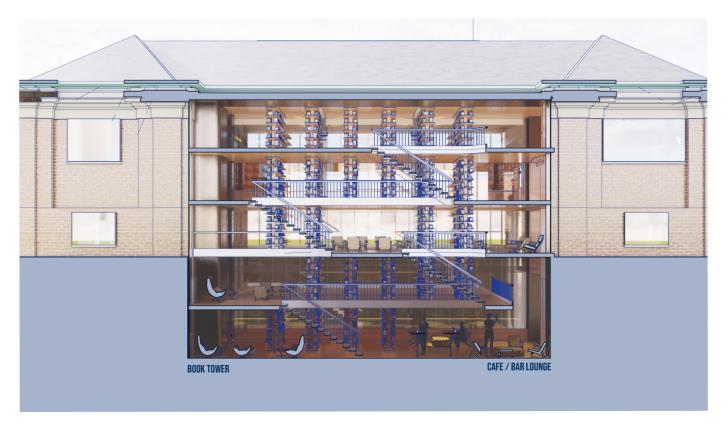
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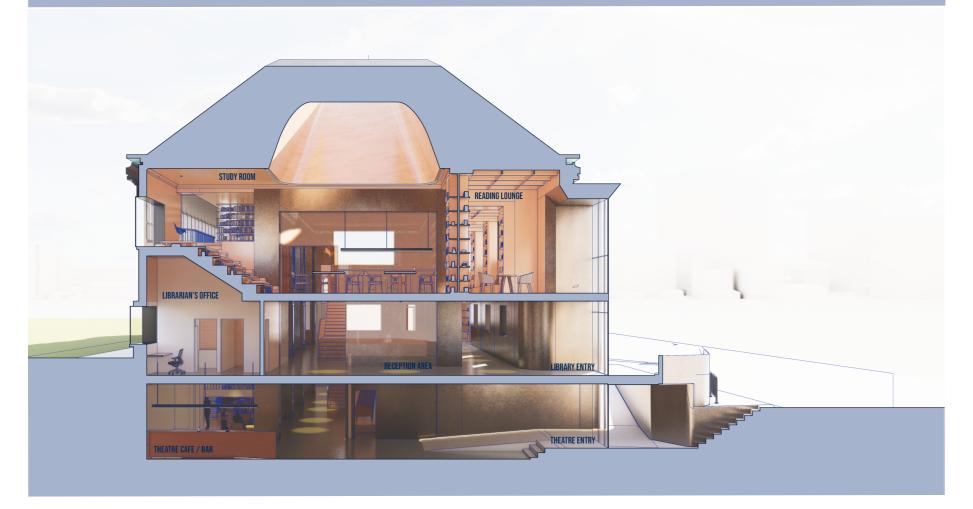




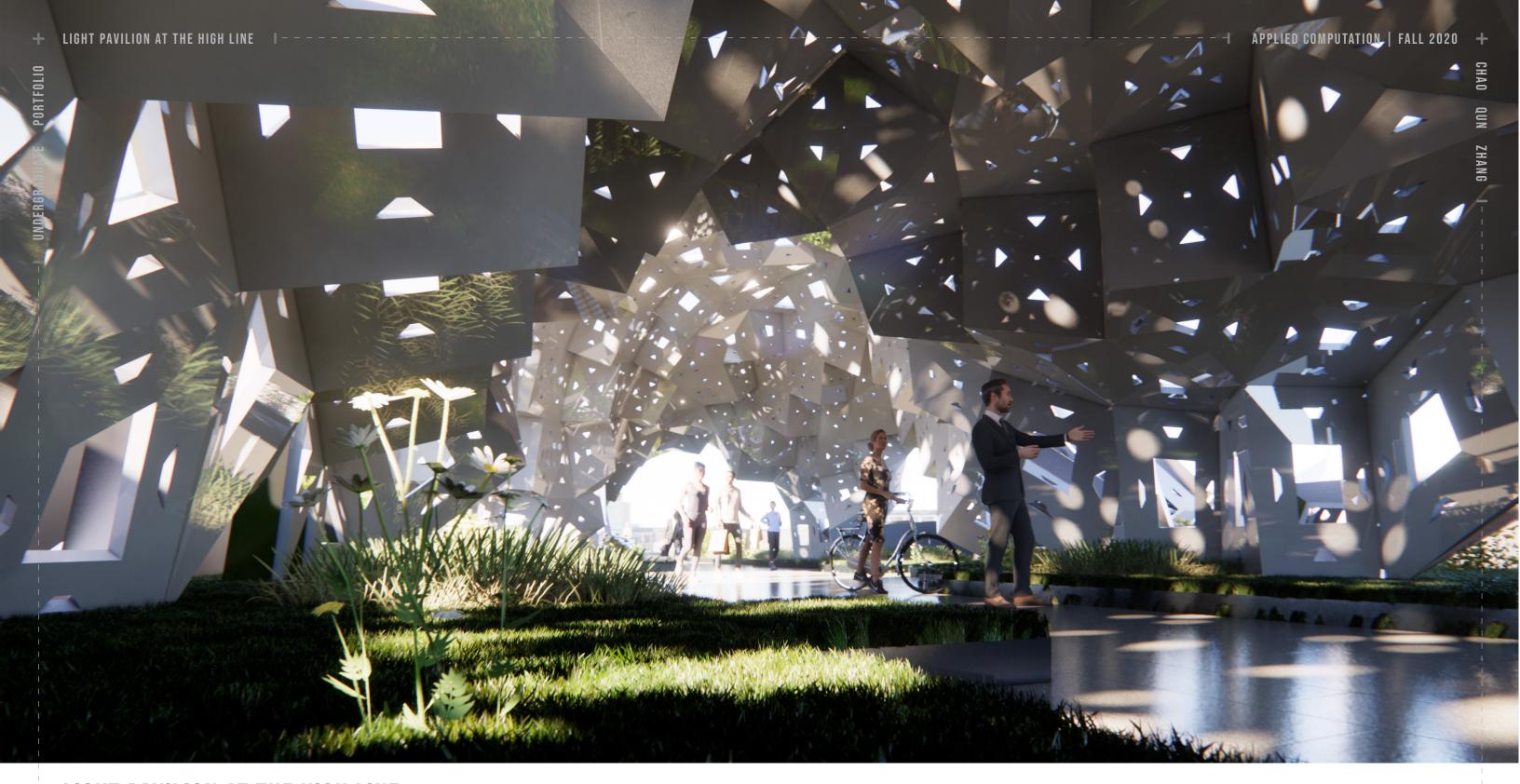












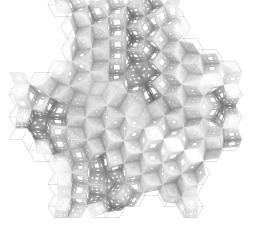
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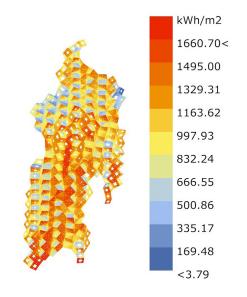
Program | Paramatrically Designed Pavilion Location | High Line, New York, New York

Parametrical or computational language extends the possibility of architectural design. This digital mindset in space design removes many analog design restrictions caused by over-tedious procedures. In this project, a parametrically formed pavilion was designed to create a unique experience in an existing context. Led by an industry leader, Professor David Mans, this pavilion was developed, starting from planar tesselations to a structurally integrated light pavilion. The occupants experience a kaleidoscopic view through the light permeating from the panel openings and reflection on the surfaces.

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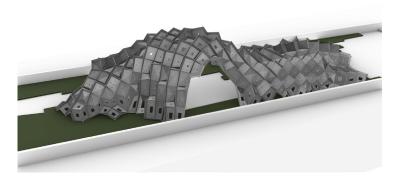
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structure and leaving the inside of the structure a cleaner surface.

This shell is created by applying the Ngon frame on the cellular mesh twice. The outcome of this is a small pavilion with planar panels. There are five openings

on each panel, consisting of 4 smaller ones and one larger one. The larger one follows a modifier in which the highest point and the middle of the height are the largest. The small ones follow another modifier in which the closer to the bottom, the larger it gets. The material of this structure could potentially

be metal panels as the planes are all flat. The structural plates are applied on the exterior of the whole assembly hiding from the end-user underneath the





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