



AR3B011: EARTHY

Generative Design for Earth & Masonry Architecture

Course Introduction



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Course Coordinator:

- Developing the syllabus
- Teaching maths
- Teaching programming
- Teaching computational design
- Teaching earth architecture
- Playing with mud
- Getting my hands dirty
- Shovelling dirt
- Etc.

Learning Goals

Teachers

Generative Design

Earth Architecture

Motivation: EA

Motivation: GD

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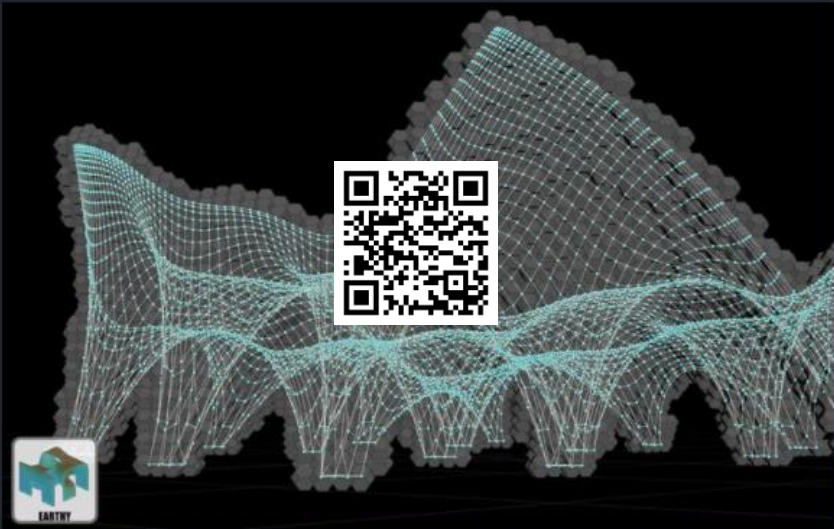
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EARTHY: Generative Design for Earth and Masonry Architecture

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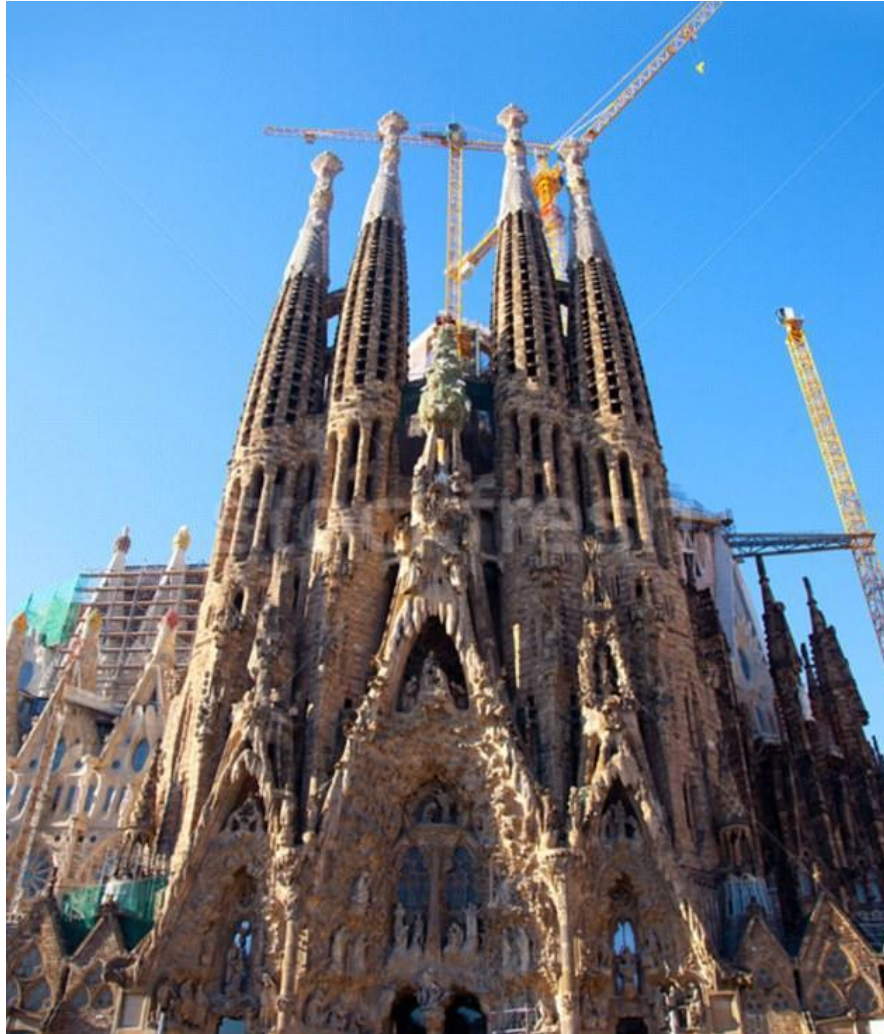


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Having successfully finished the course, the student is expected to be able to:

- ❑ 0) systematically develop open-science content (including but not limited to open-source software) towards producing open, explainable, and reproducible knowledge.
- ❑ 1) analytically develop an urban/architectural configuration though analysing the urban context of the given site in terms of access to opportunities, diversity of activities, and usage intensities (considering social, cultural, and ethical aspects); making a synthesis of these analyses; and accordingly proposing an idea for a building specified in a functional configuration with an added value for the context.
- ❑ 2) develop a computational workflow consisting of procedures/algorithms to generate a masonry architectural form, satisfying both the spatial/configurational and structural requirements; optimize it for a desired structural performance given material properties; and propose a construction approach for building the form.
- ❑ 3) construct a Finite Element Model of the building as a masonry structure for performing structural analysis and validation; proposing a building method for the designed vaults through a low-tech construction process (relying on low-cost, recycled, reused materials, and local labour); and checking the stability of the structure throughout the proposed construction process.

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The objectives of the course are:

- ❑ 0) to learn to develop open-science content
- ❑ 1) to learn to analytically develop an urban/architectural configuration
- ❑ 2) to learn to utilize complex geometry and topology in designing form-effective and functional buildings and settlements by means of (visual) programming, Python (NumPy), C#, or MATLAB.
- ❑ 3) to learn and utilize the physical relation between structural functionality of forms and structural properties of materials

What not

- it is about things that do not exist (methods and tools), so inherently a WIP (always)
- not about pushing buttons, but learning how to build your own tools
- not about making the simplest structure but the most elegant, human, and dignified
- we do not have all the answers and solutions; we will find/create them together

EARTHY TEACHERS



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*Lecturer of Design of
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Matierra

- Ir. Pietro Degli Esposti

Arup Amsterdam

- Dr. Michele Palmieri
- Ir. Shibo Ren
- Ir. Kotryna Valeckaite

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- Ir. Nour Abu Zaid

Block Research Group

- Prof. Philippe Block
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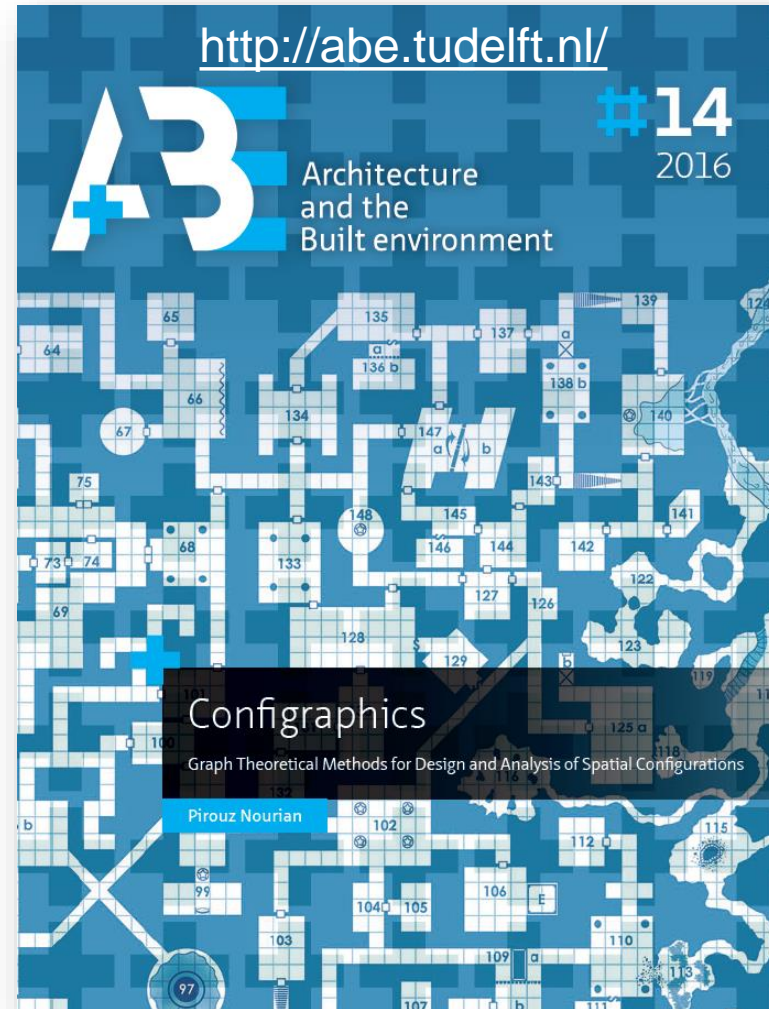
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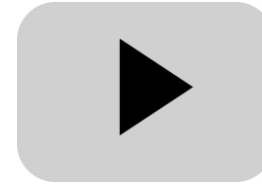
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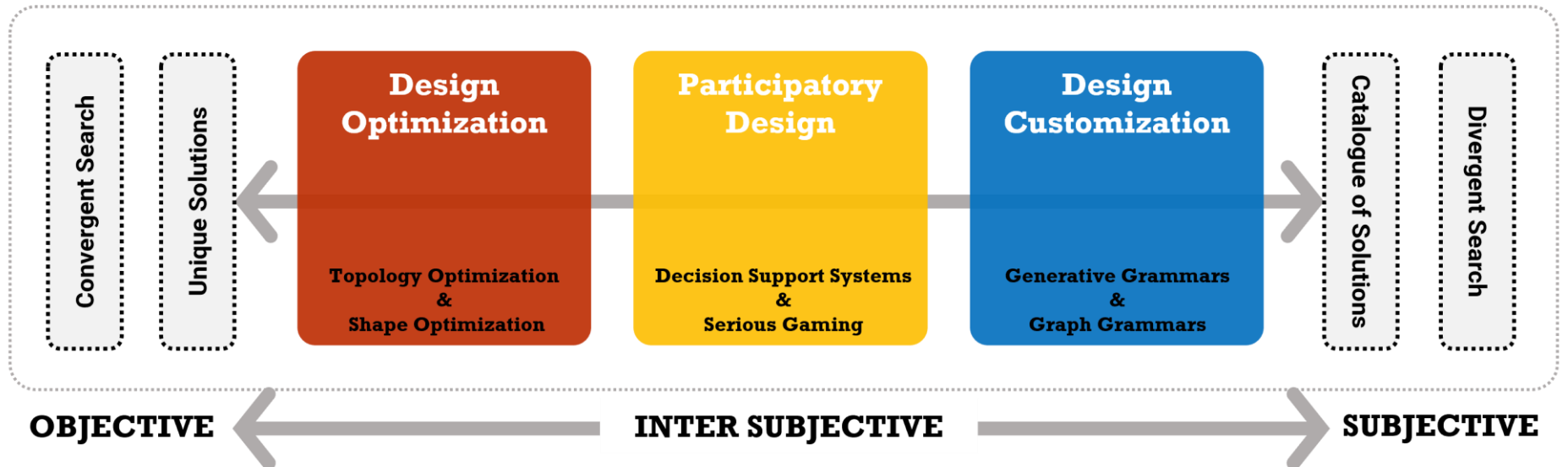
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GENERATIVE DESIGN



GENERATIVE DESIGN SPECTRUM



GAMIFICATION



<https://genesis-lab.dev/about/>

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COURSES ON GENERATIVE DESIGN

Applications: Computational Design (Spatial Analysis, Synthesis, Simulation, Evaluation, and Optimization)

Methods: Linear Algebra, Computational Geometry, Topology, and Graph Theory), Programming (C#, Python)

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Mathematics



NumPy



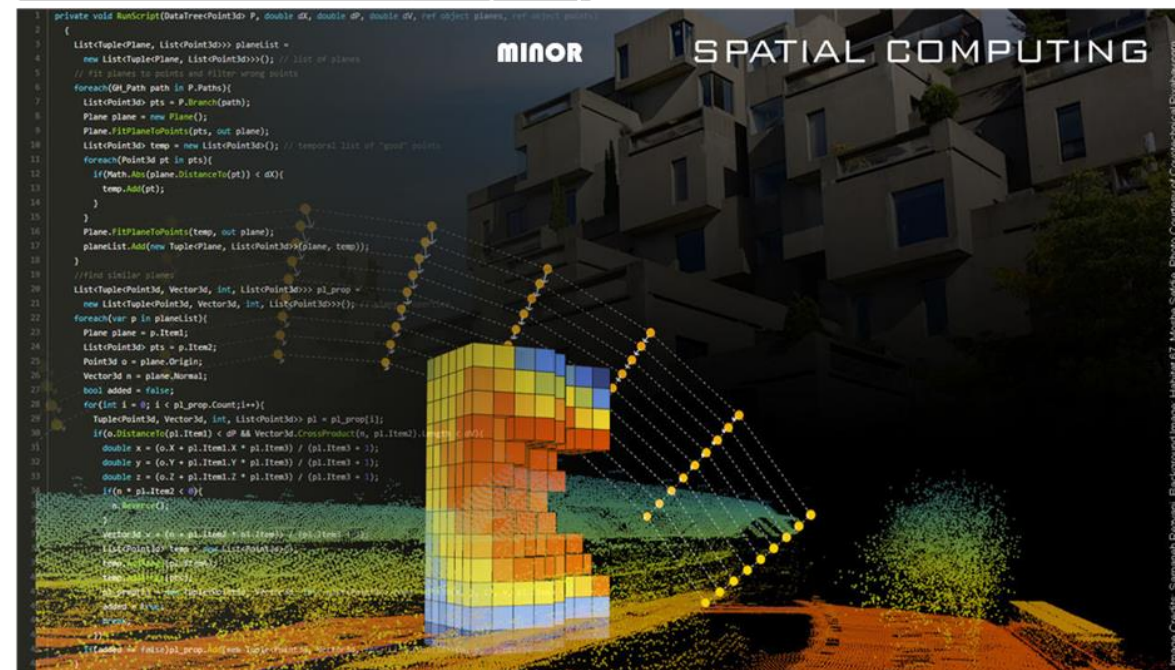
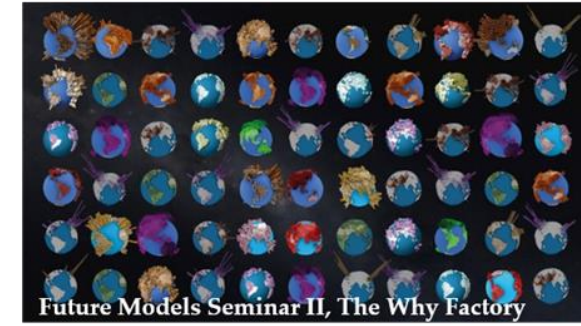
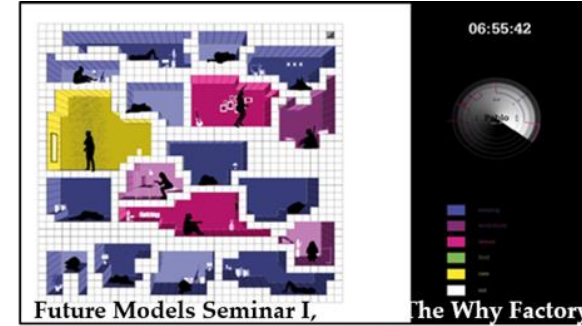
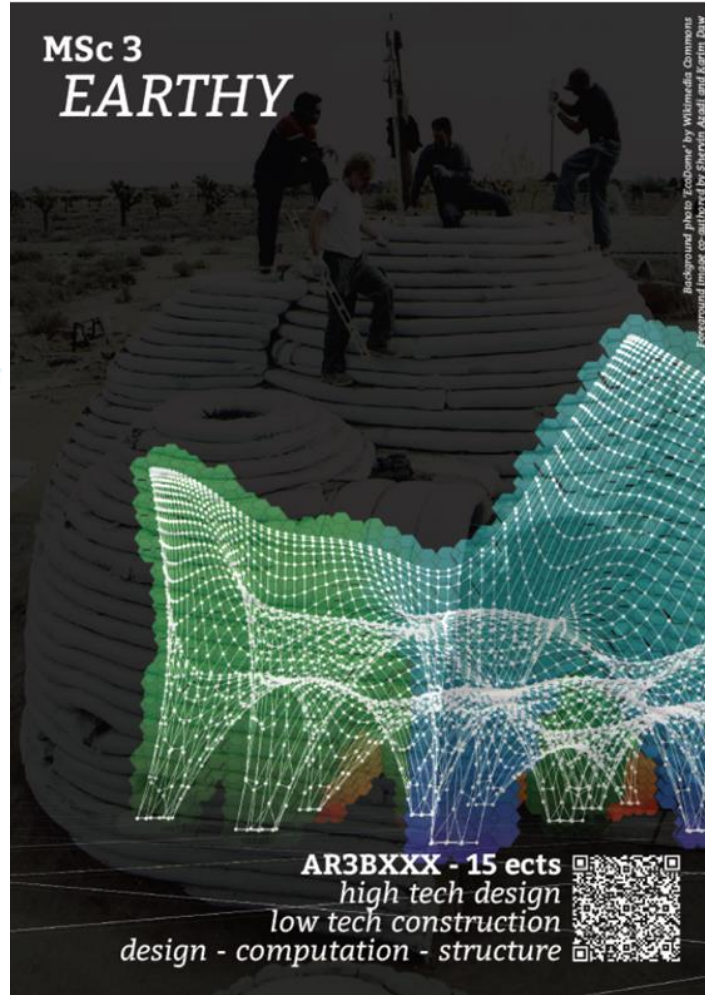
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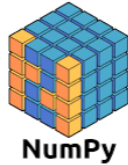


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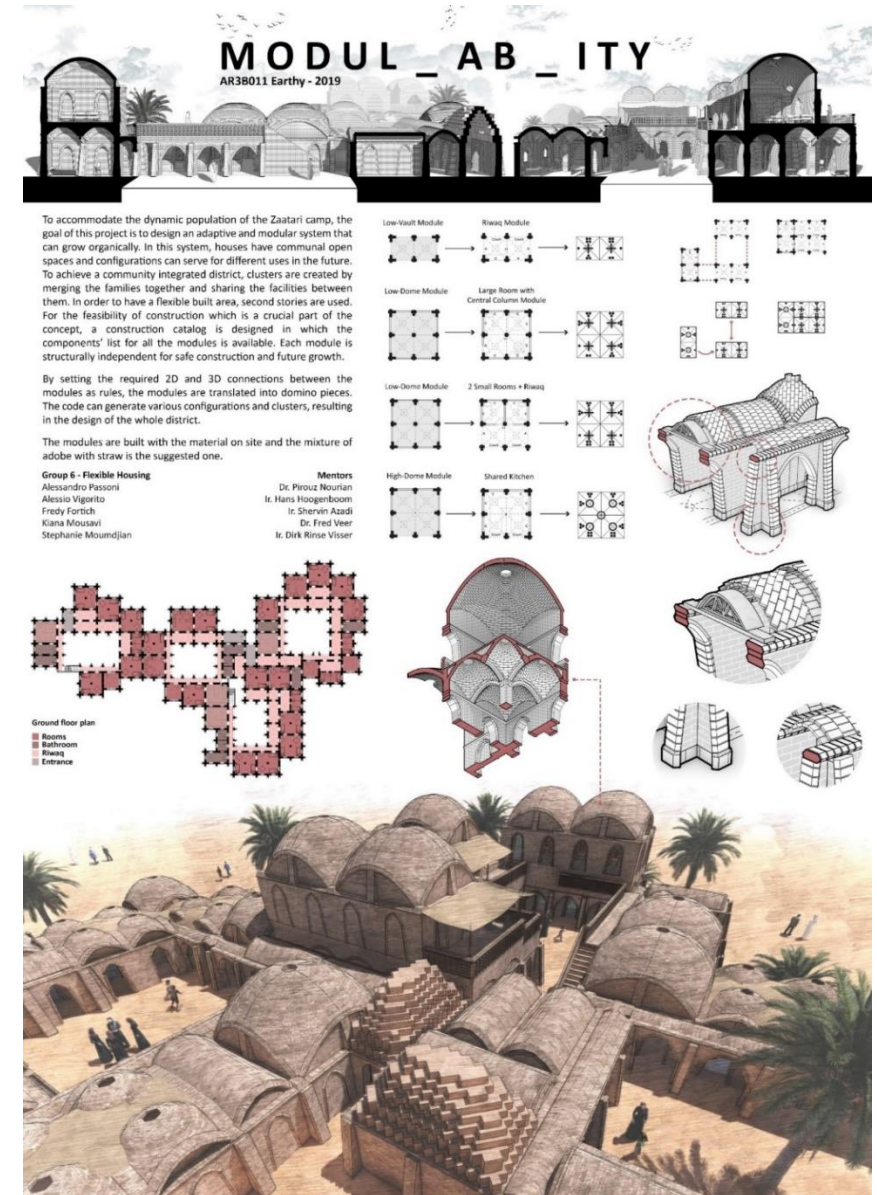
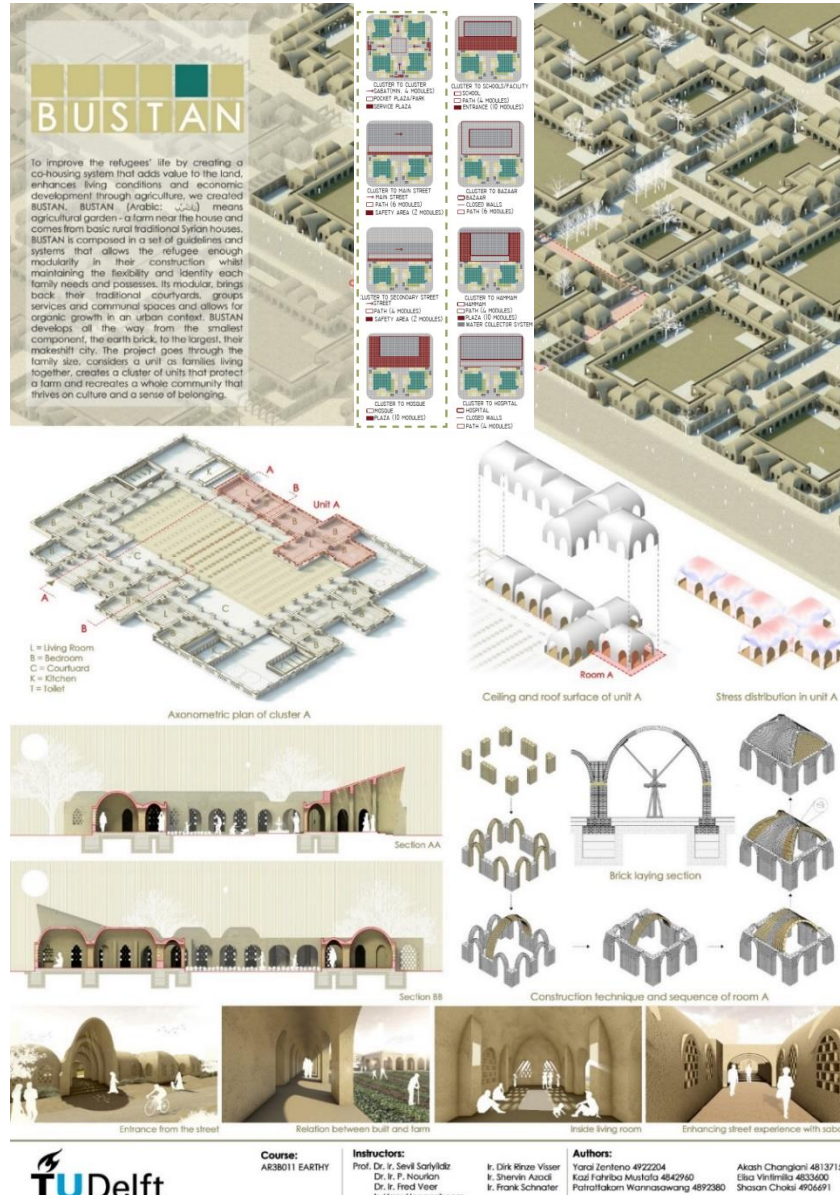
Student Work Samples from EARTHY 2019: **BUSTAN**
Akash Changiani, Shasan Chokshi, Kazi Fahriba Mustafa, Thai Wannasawang, Yarai Z. Montemayor, Elisa Vintimila Salas

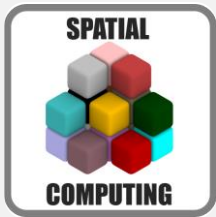
Student Work Samples from EARTHY 2019: **MODULABITAT**
Alessandro Passoni, Alessio Vigorito, Kiana Mousavi, Fredy Fortich Mora, Stephanie Moumdjian



GENERATIVE DESIGN FOR EARTHY ARCHITECTURE

In collaboration with the Chair of Structural Design & Mechanics, AET, ABE





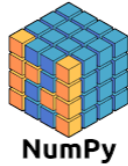
SPATIAL COMPUTING DESIGN STUDIO

In collaboration with the Chair of Computer Graphics & Visualization, EEMC

Student Work Samples from EARTHY 2019: COHO
Fé van Lookeren Campagne, Max Ketelaar, Ruben Schoneville



Mathematics



NumPy



Microsoft
.NET



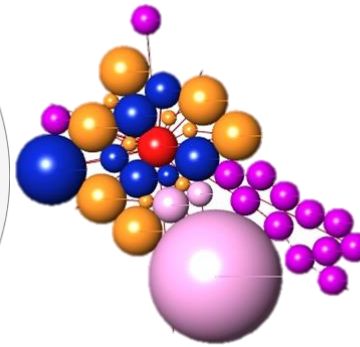
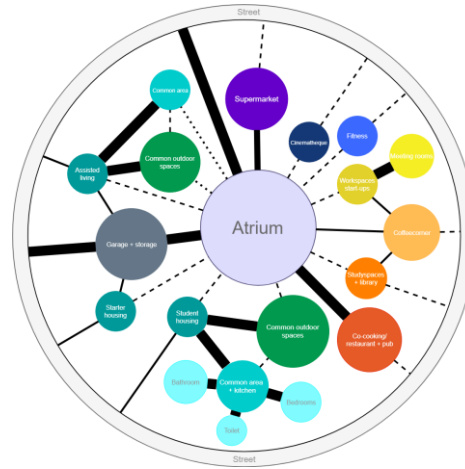
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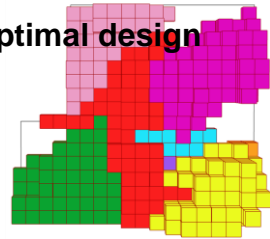
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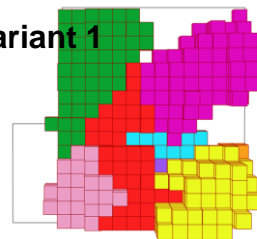
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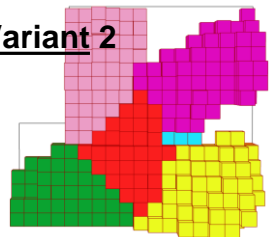
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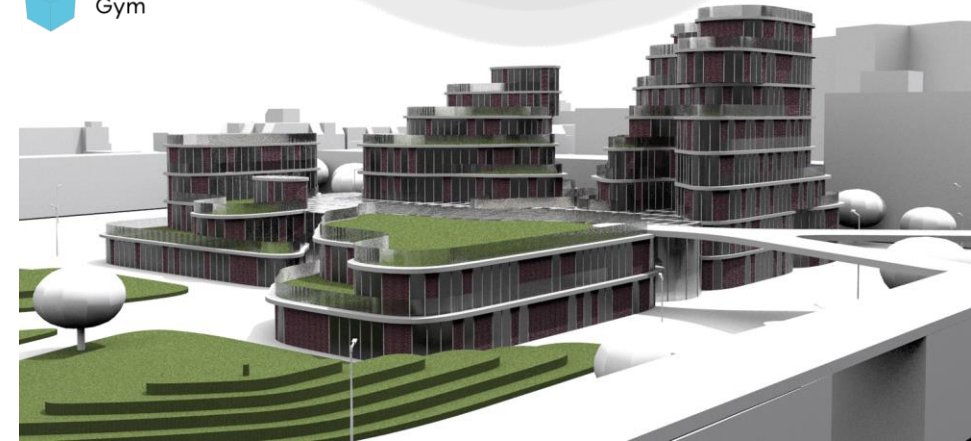
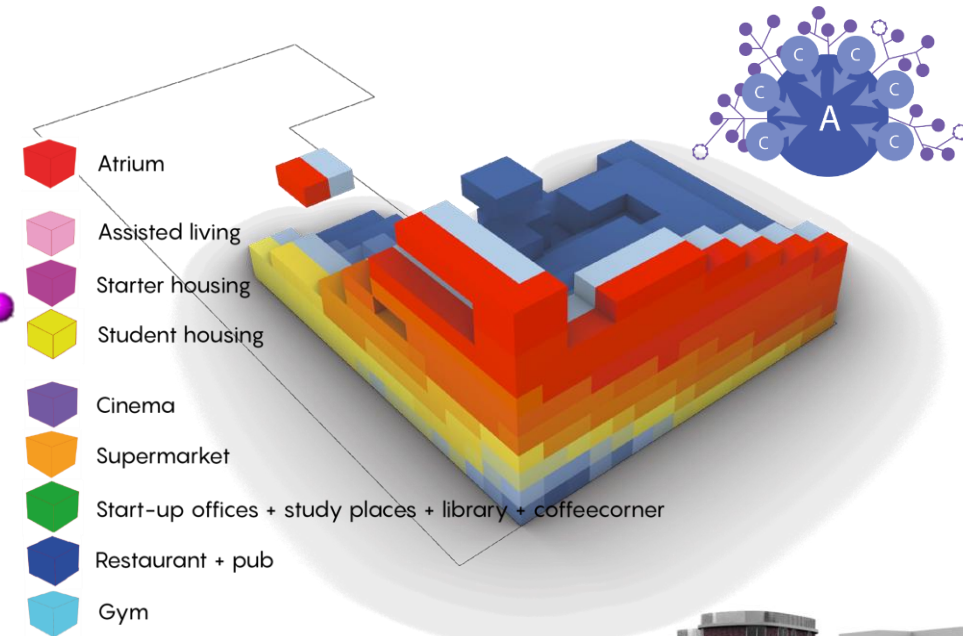
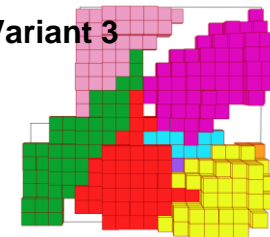
Variant 1



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Variant 3



DIGITALIZATION OF DESIGN

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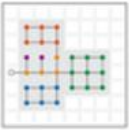
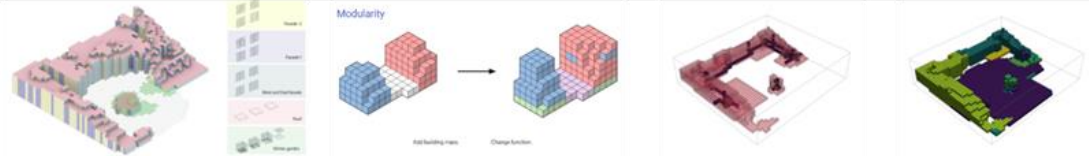


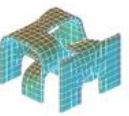




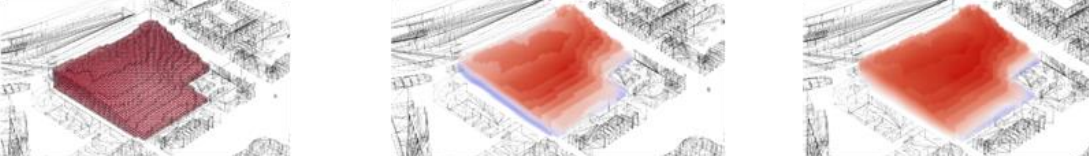



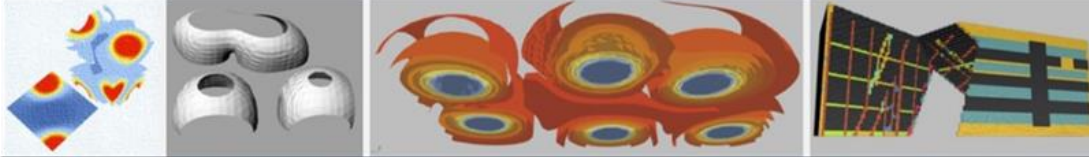


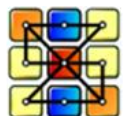




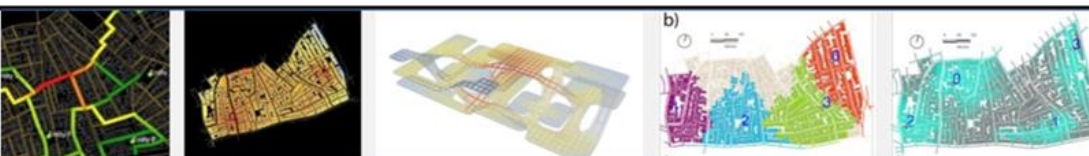
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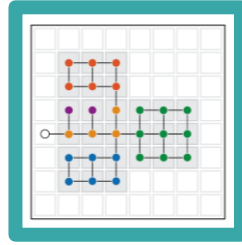
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Tools	Applications
  	<p><i>A python library for topological voxelization & synthesis of configurations (2020 onward)</i></p> 
  	<p><i>Vecotorized Dynamic Relaxation for Masonnry Shape Optimization (2019 onward)</i></p> 
  	<p><i>Vecotorized Solar Evaluation Tools for Generative Design (WIP)</i></p> 
  	<p><i>Raster3D tools for voxel field modelling and Isosurface Design (2014 onward)</i></p> 
  	<p><i>Space Syntax for Generative Design (2013 onward)</i></p> 
  	<p><i>Urban Configuration Analysis for Walking and Cycling Accessibility (2012 onward)</i></p> 



TOPOGENESIS



Title: topoGenesis: a python library for topological voxelization and voxel generative design

Type: Research Software Development

Year: April 2020-Present

Team: Ir. Shervin Azadi & Dr. Pirouz Nourian

Page: <https://genesis-lab.dev/products/topogenesis/>
[GitHub Repository](#), [Documentation](#)

Nexus: [Spatial Computing](#), [GoDesign](#), [EquiCity](#), [Earthly](#), [RasterWorks](#)



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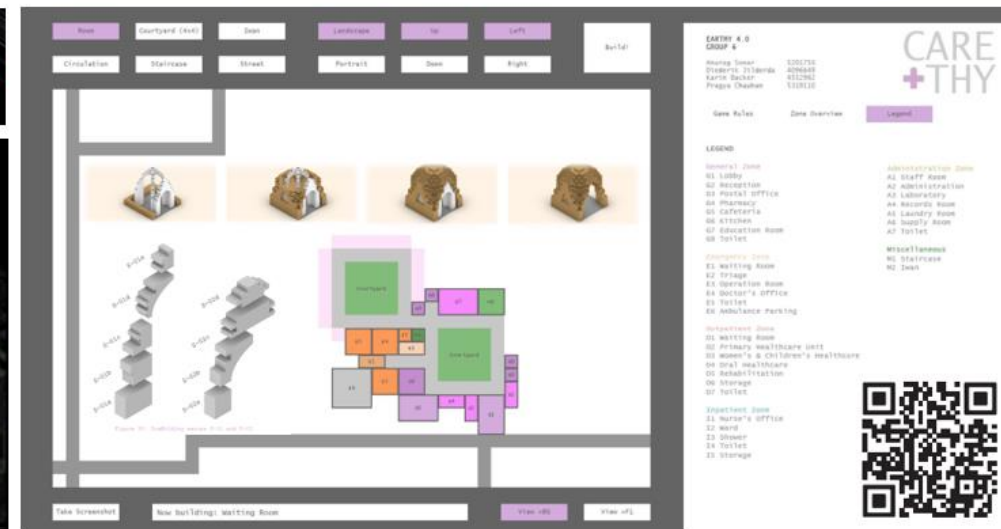
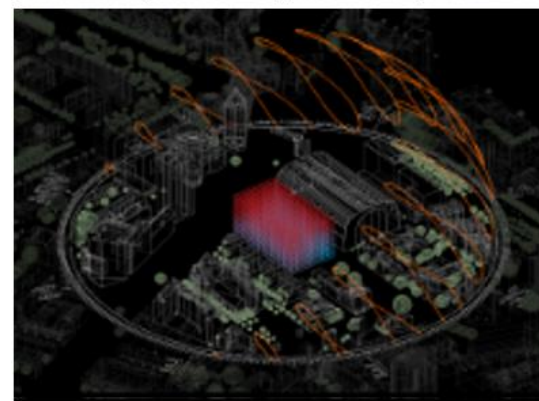
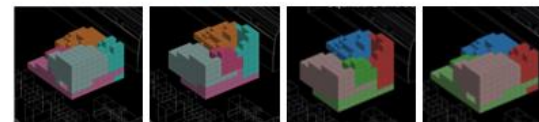
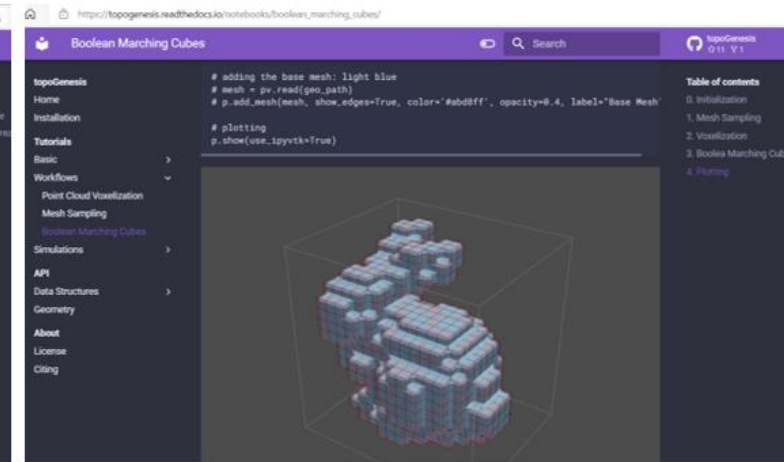
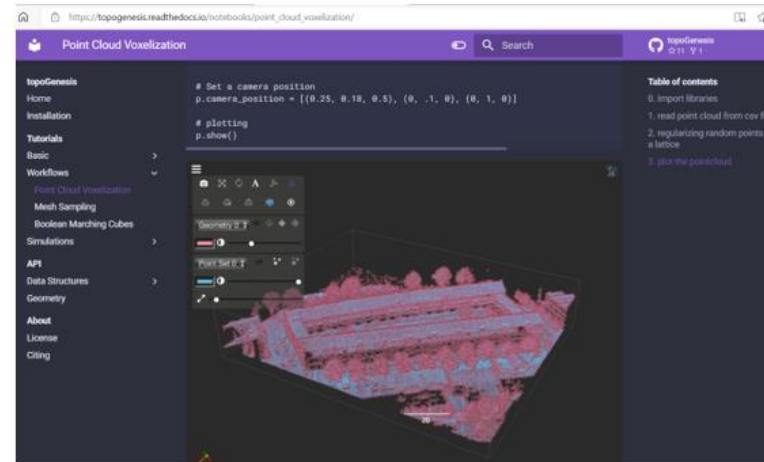
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EARTHY ARCHITECTURE



- domes & vaults
- wattle & daub
- rammed earth
- cave architecture (e.g. Cappadocia)
- adobe
- earth blocks, gypsum, lime
- brick and/or stones



EARTHY ARCHITECTURE

NOT ABOUT WALLS; IT IS ABOUT CEILINGS!

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MODEULAR EARTHY ARCHITECTURE

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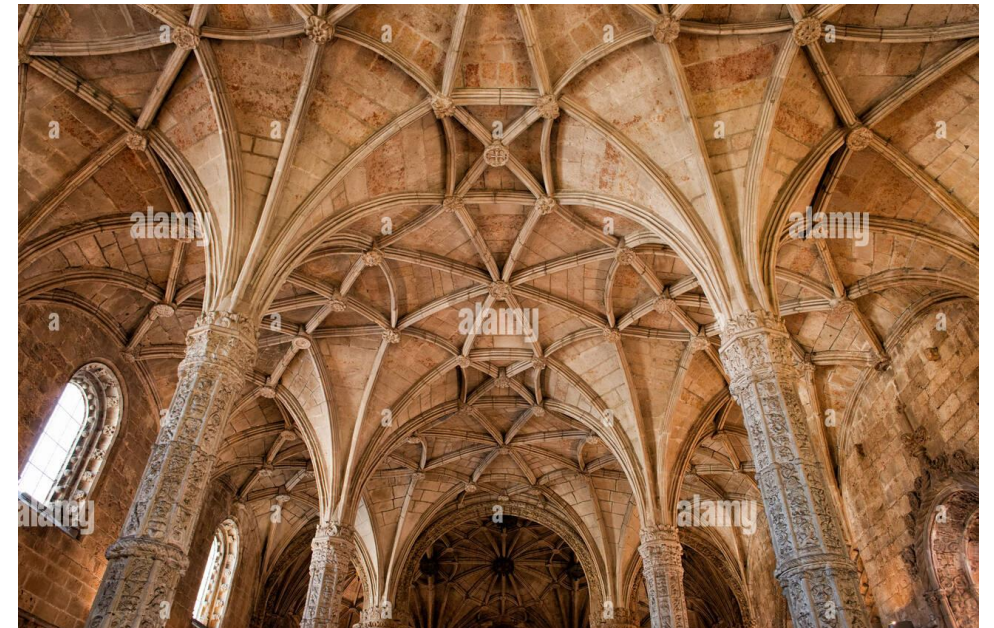
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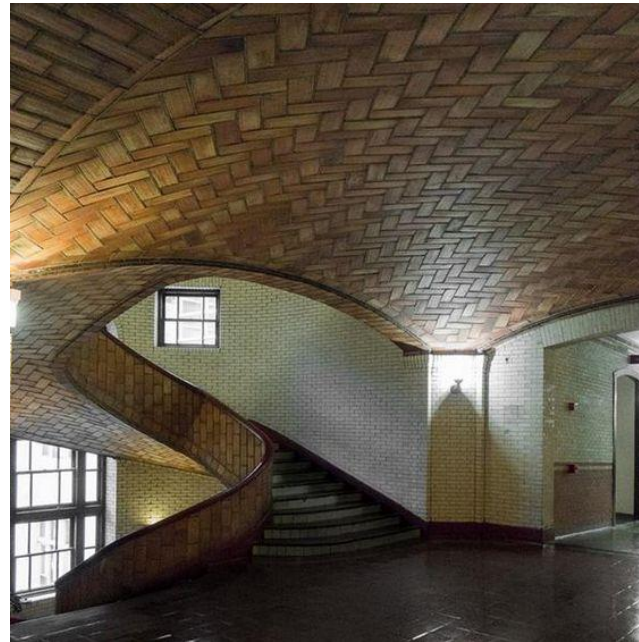
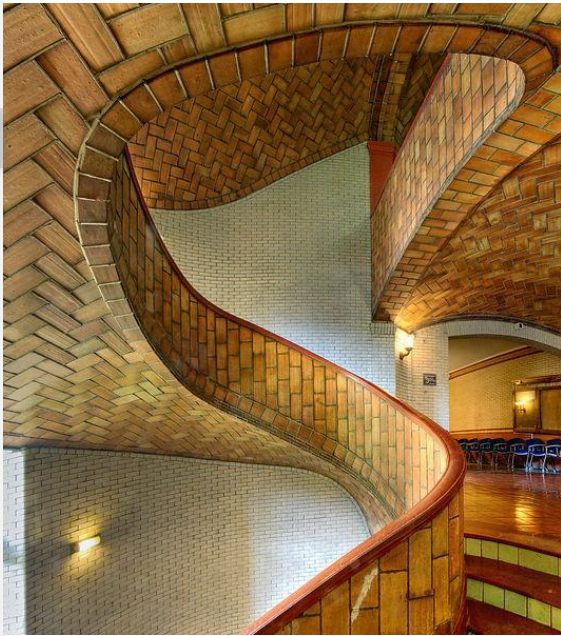


[Chehel Sotoun Palace. Isfahan, Iran](#)



[Jeronimos Monastery Church of Santa Maria in Lisbon, Portugal](#)

- Masonry-only structures: domes & vaults



Carnegie Mellon University Hall, Architect: Rafael Gustavino

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earth_structure

<https://www.designboom.com/architecture/earth-a-building-material-of-the-future/>

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- External: designing decent dwellings for displaced communities
- Internal: learning math, programming, and structural design



<http://www.calearth.org/>

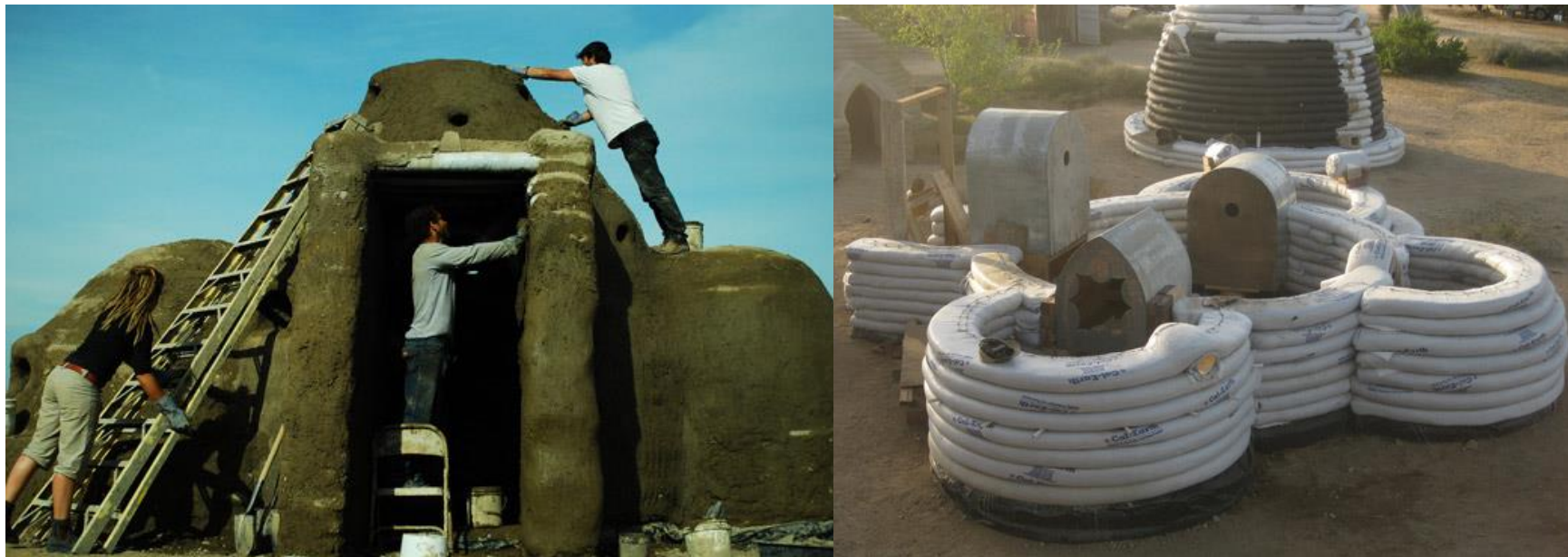


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WHY EARTHY ARCHITECTURE?

Mid-term Alternative to Tents for Displaced Communities

- External: designing decent dwellings for displaced communities



Haiti Prototype by Cal Earth Institute

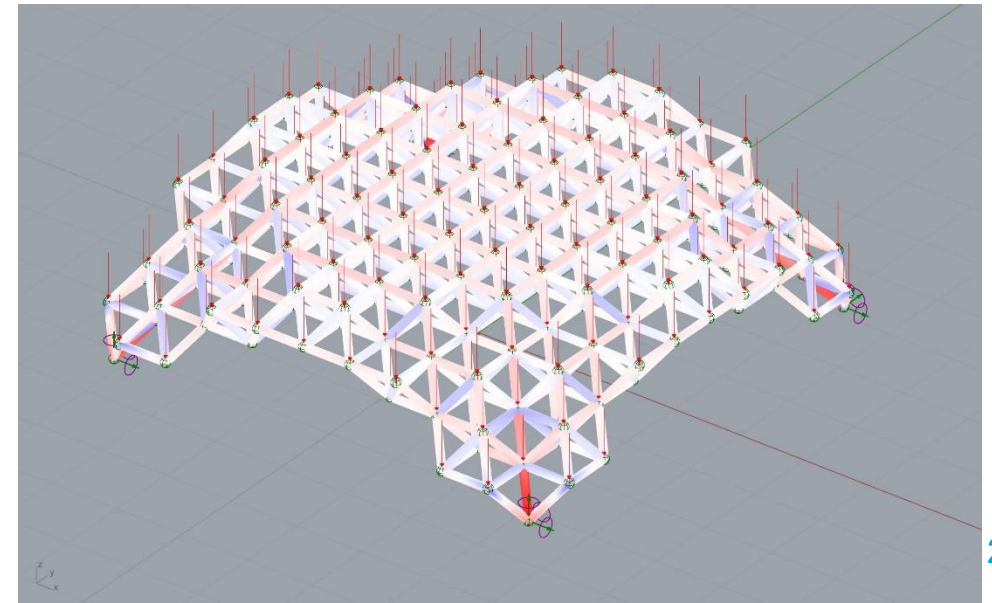
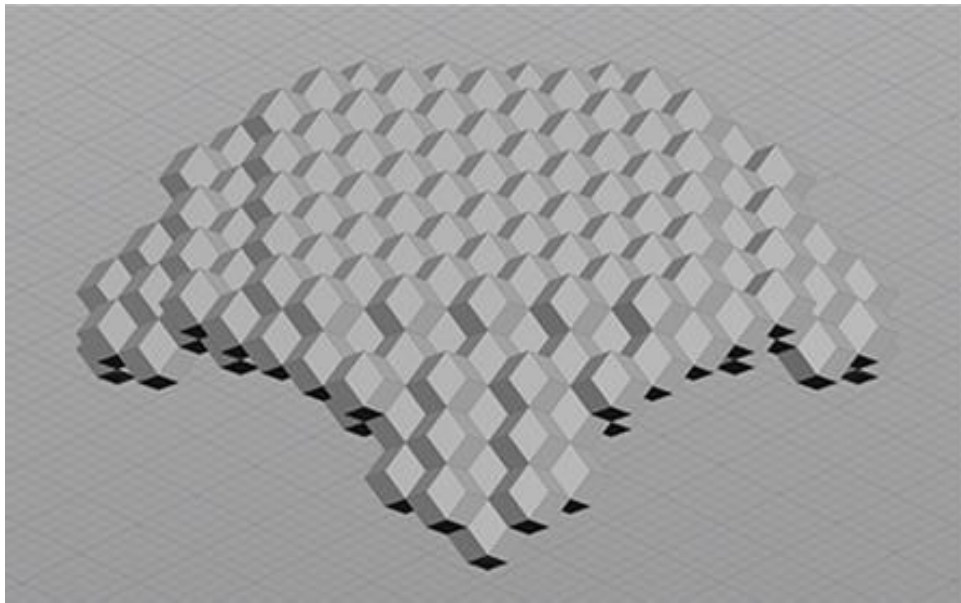
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WHY EARTHY ARCHITECTURE?

- Internal: learning math, programming, and structural design
- Computational Design (form-finding)
- Finite-Element-Method

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WHY GENERATIVE DESIGN? METHODS & TOOLS

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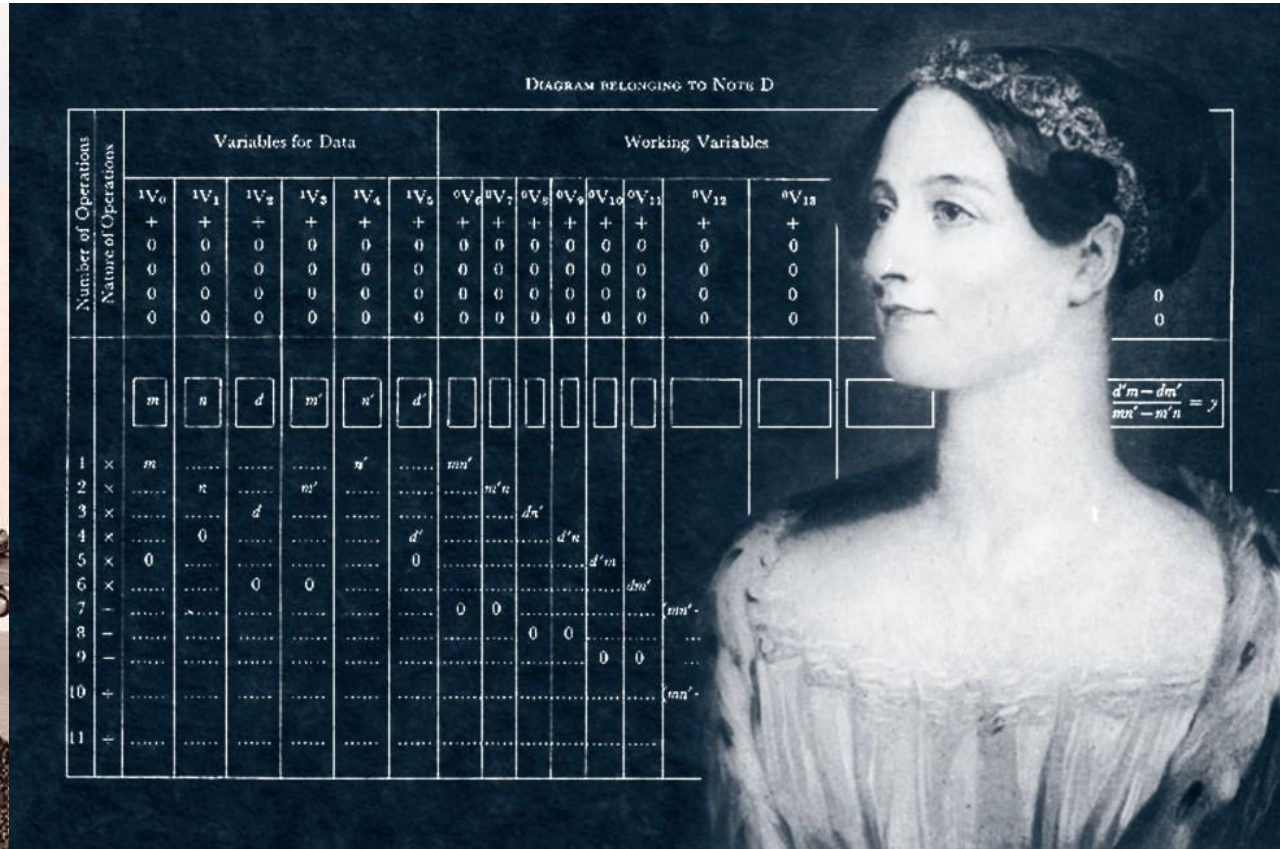
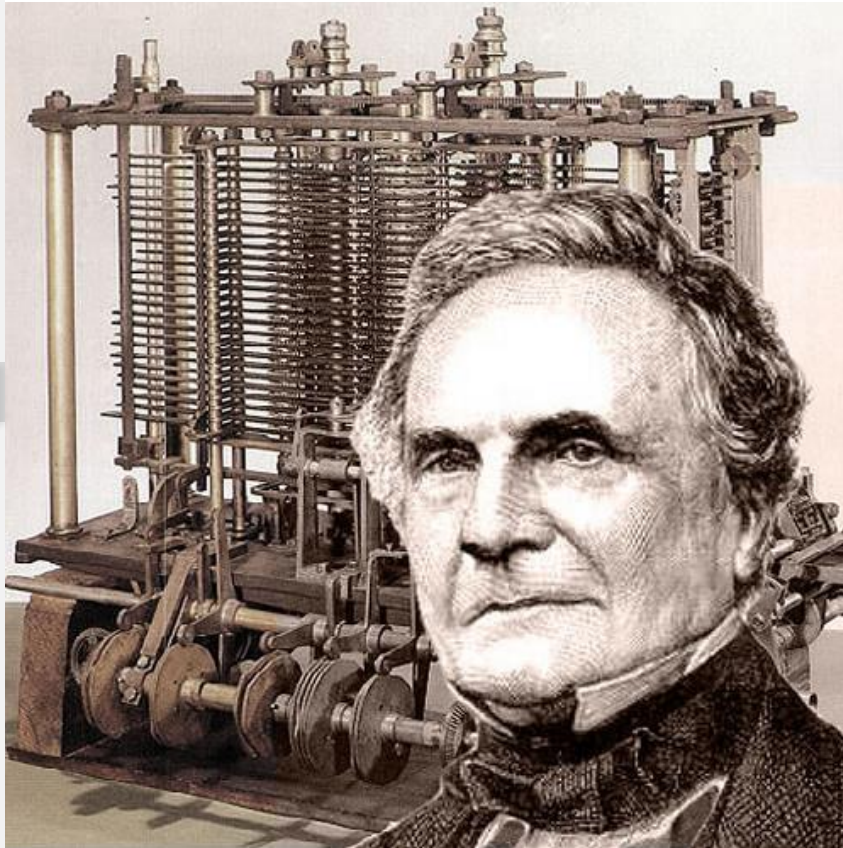
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- Topology Optimization (a.k.a. Generative Design)
- Shape Optimization (a.k.a. Form-Finding)
- Discrete Construction Design (for ultimate constructability)
- Elegance, Repeatability, Process-Documentation

THE VERNACULAR & THE MODERN

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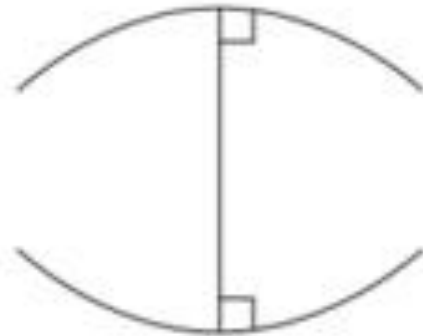
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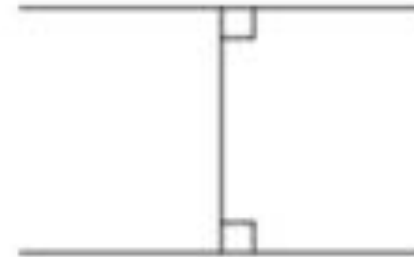
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Right: Armadillo Vault, Block Research Group, Image courtesy of [BRG](#)

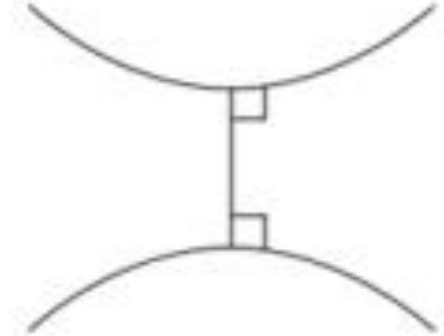
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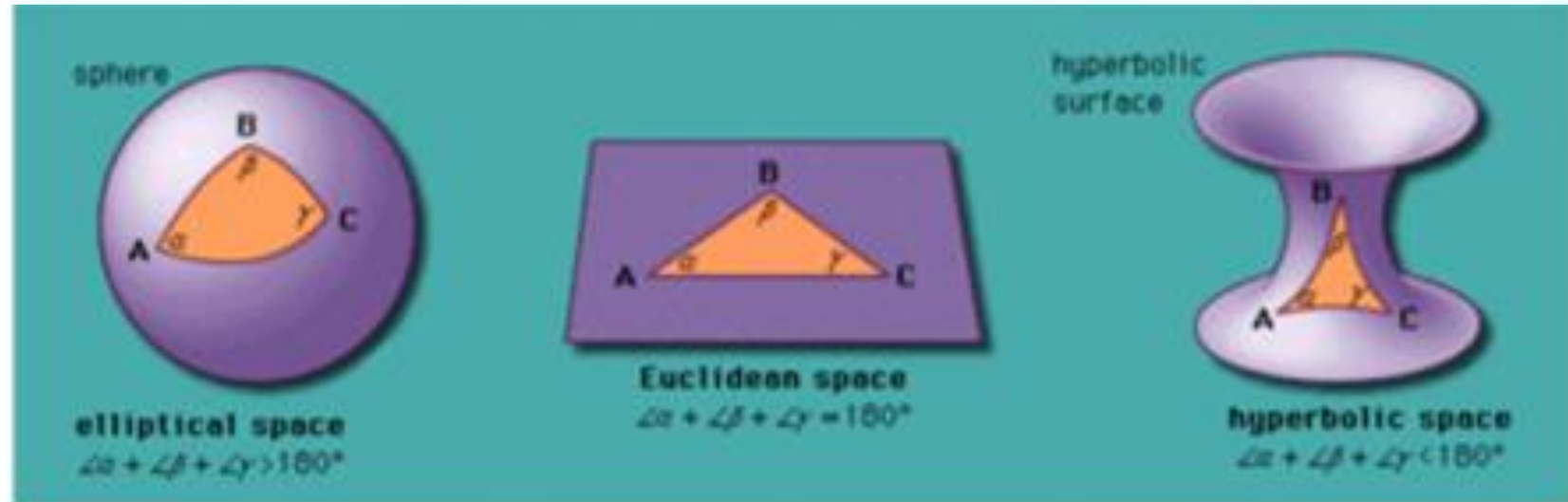
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Hyperbolic



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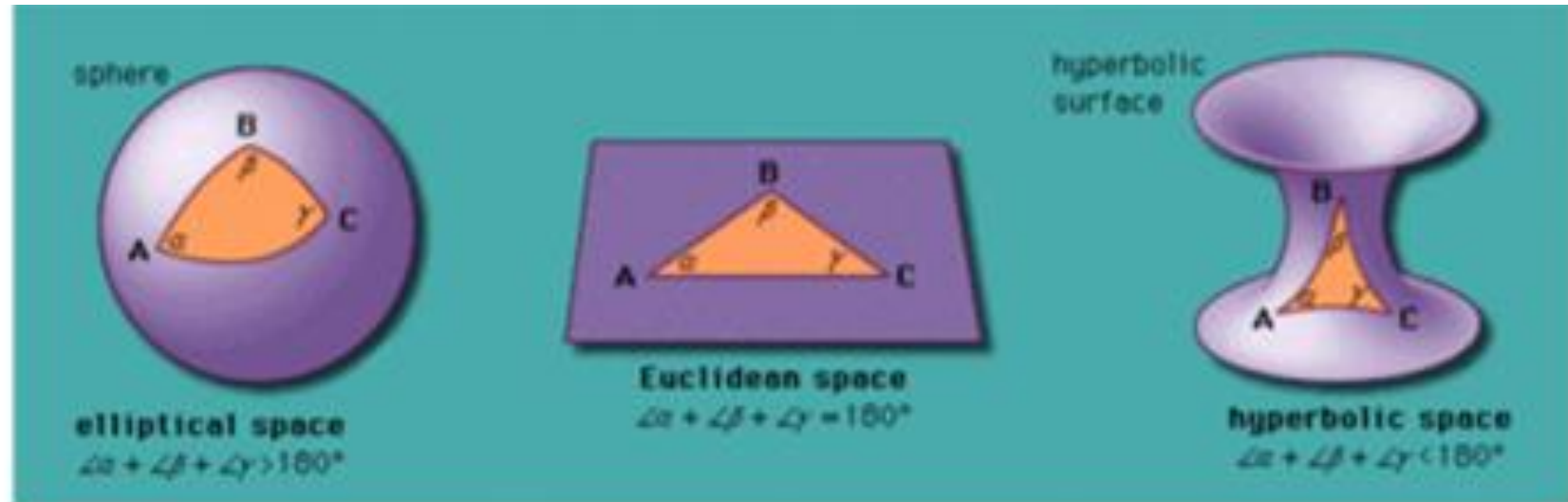
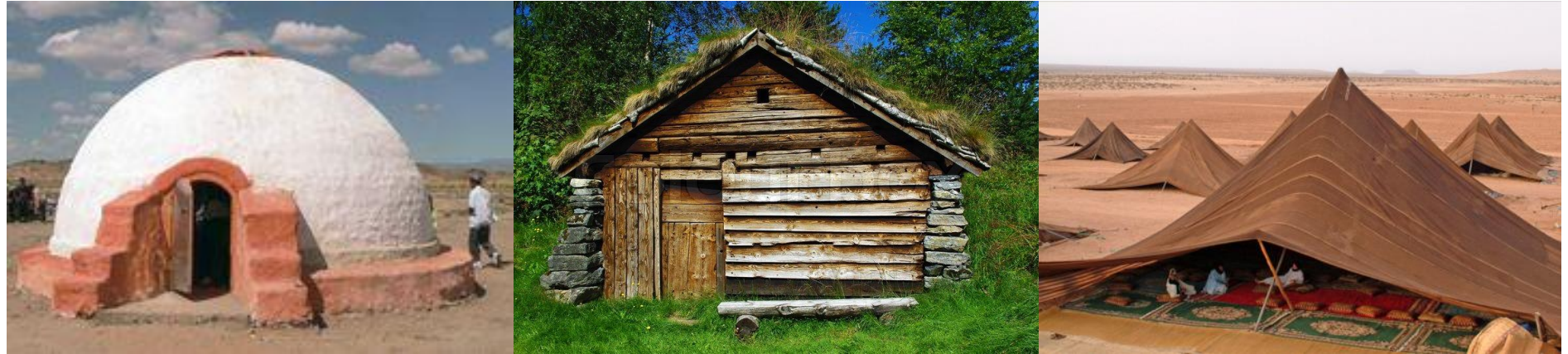
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WHAT WE DO IN THE COURSE EARTHY

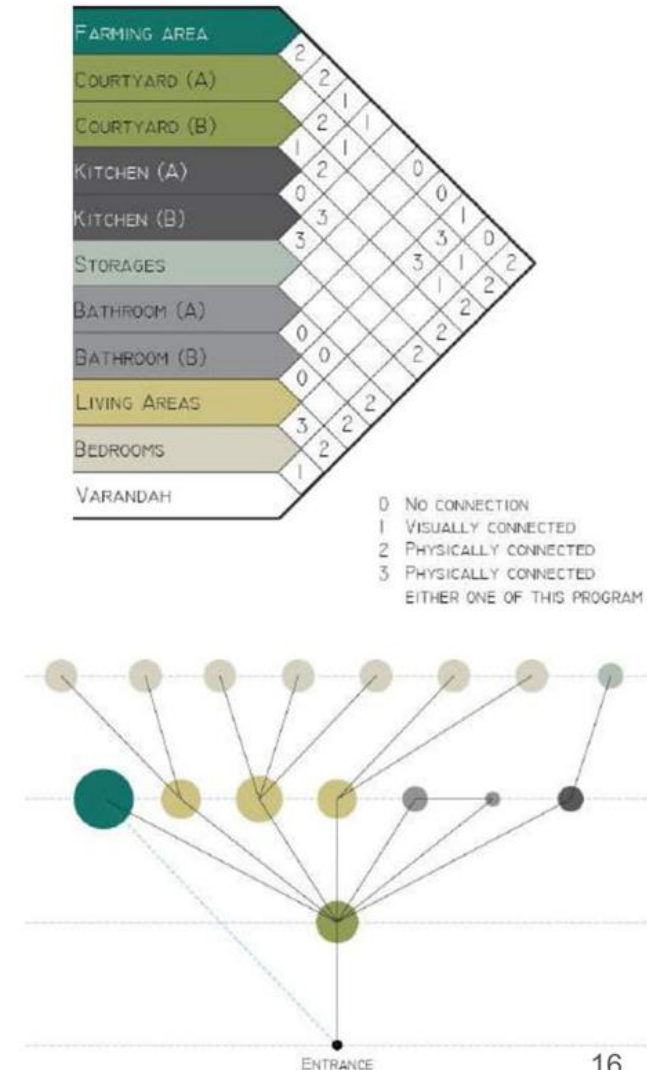
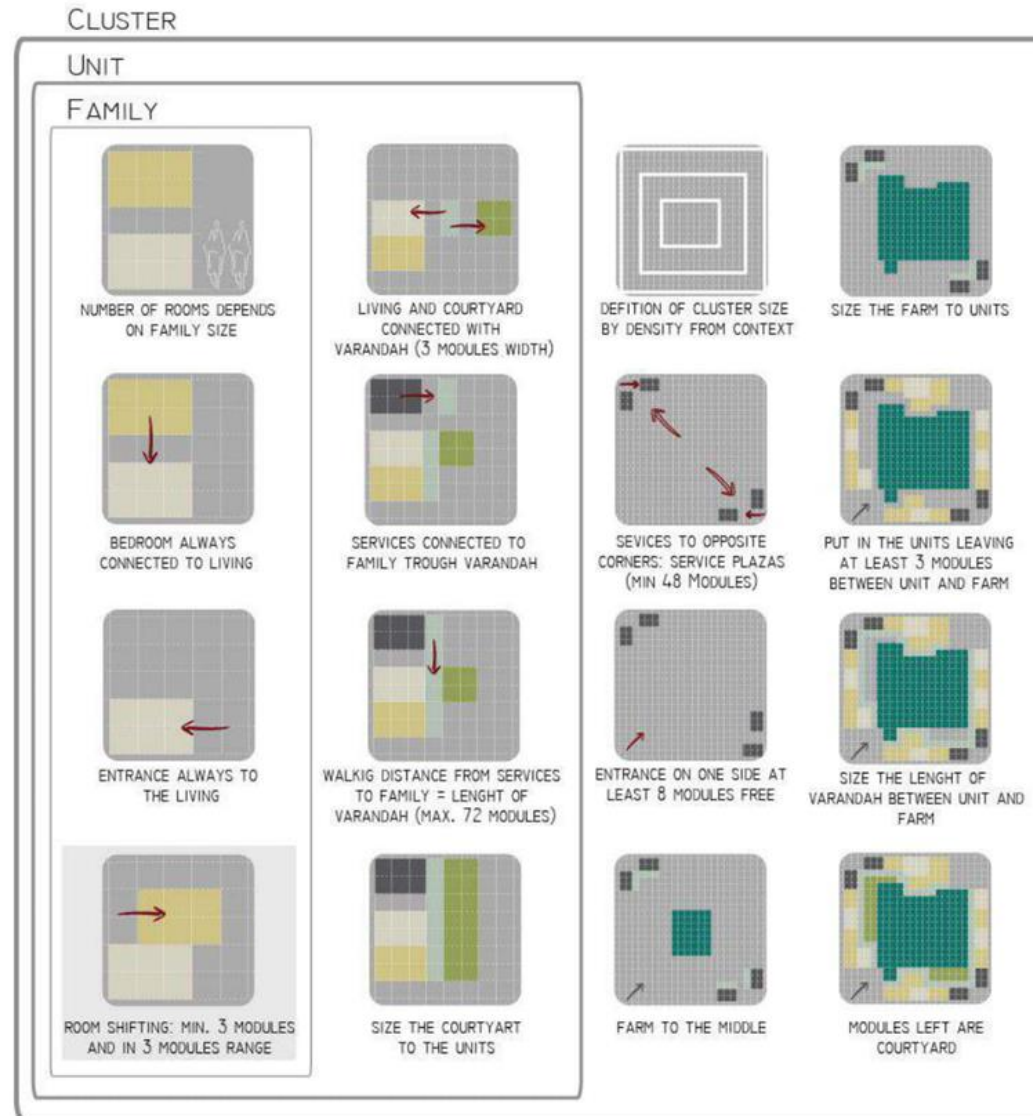
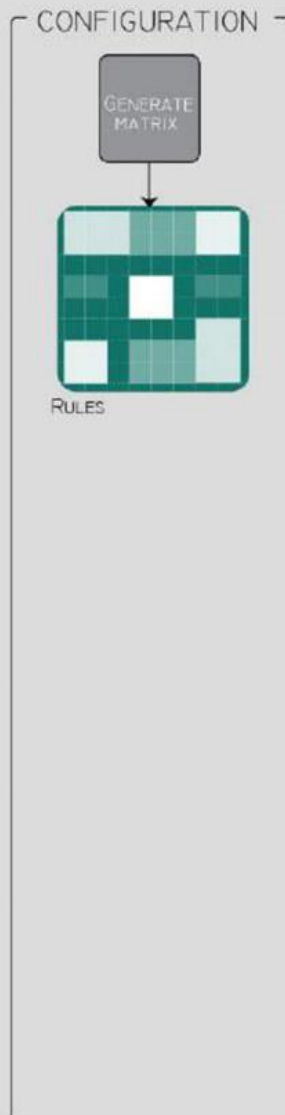
1. **Configuring:** arrangement of a settlement for a displaced community considering accessibility of amenities, and functional layout of communal/public buildings;
2. **Forming:** devising the 3D shape of the buildings based on their functional configuration, climatic functionality, and structural performance;
3. **Structuring:** construction design of an earth building for a zero-waste circular construction process.

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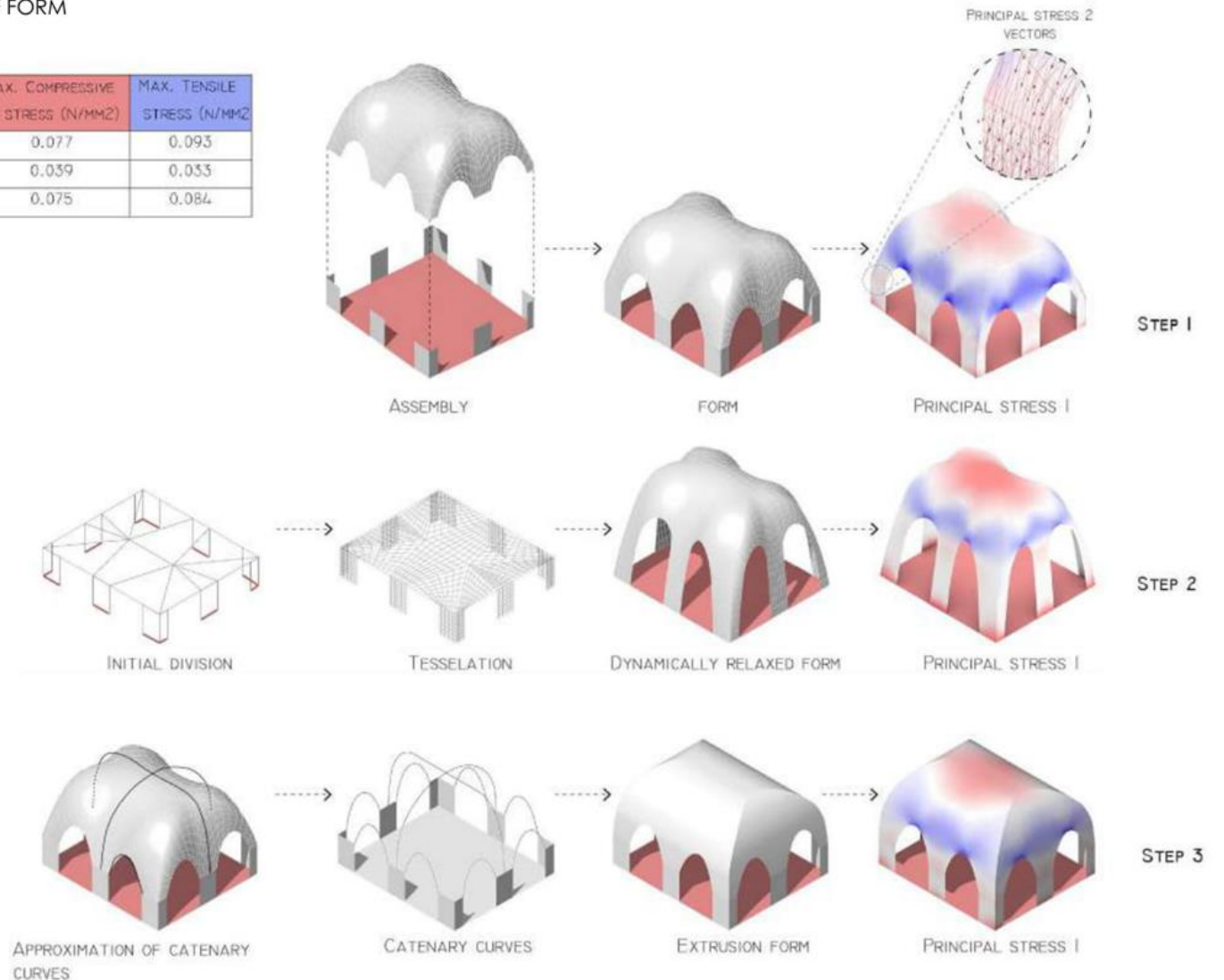
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SIMPLIFICATION OF FORM

	DEFLECTION (cm)	MAX. COMPRESSIVE STRESS (N/MM ²)	MAX. TENSILE STRESS (N/MM ²)
STEP 1	0.25	0.077	0.093
STEP 2	0.22	0.039	0.033
STEP 3	0.32	0.075	0.084



Structuring

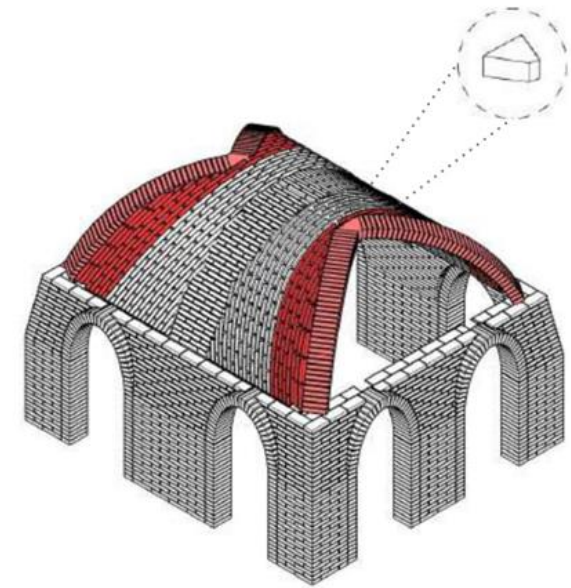
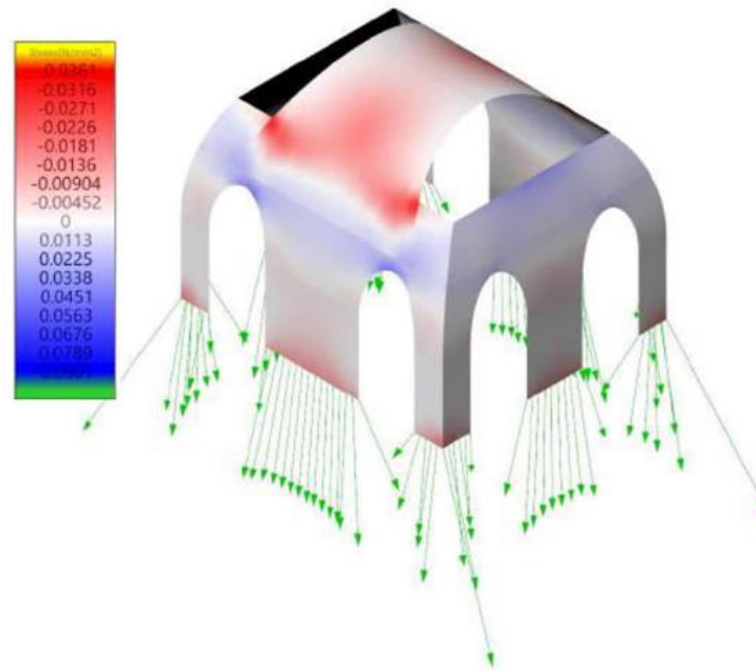
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STEP 6: THE CORNER RIB ARCHES ARE MADE WITH COMPASS.

JUNCTION OF THE TWO RIBS ARCHES FROM OPPOSITE SIDES CLOSED WITH A TRIANGULAR BRICK

WHAT WE DO IN THE COURSE EARTHY

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- participatory planning and design;
- form-follows-function (structure, climate, ergonomics);
- shape-active structures;
- masonry/compression-only materials;
- not making the thinnest shell, but making the most liveable building;
- participatory construction;
- learning spatial mathematics & computation;
- mass-customization with 'DIY robotics';
- making prototypes with real materials;
- open-source development;
- tool-development;

PRACTICAL MATTERS

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- Groups of 3-5 students, with clear-cut responsibilities (not roles)
- Check the online [course description](#).
- There will be some costs for making the prototypes; but we will do our best to keep the total cost low.
- You do not have to be an expert in programming or structural design; but you have to be interested to learn these skills.

Week No.	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45
Quarter	Quarter 1									
Teaching week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Monday	31-Aug	07-Sep	14-Sep	21-Sep	28-Sep	05-Oct	12-Oct	19-Oct	26-Oct	02-Nov
Tuesday	01-Sep	08-Sep	15-Sep	22-Sep	29-Sep	06-Oct	13-Oct	20-Oct	27-Oct	03-Nov
Wednesday	02-Sep	09-Sep	16-Sep	23-Sep	30-Sep	07-Oct	14-Oct	21-Oct	28-Oct	04-Nov
Thursday	03-Sep	10-Sep	17-Sep	24-Sep	01-Oct	08-Oct	15-Oct	22-Oct	29-Oct	05-Nov
Friday	04-Sep	11-Sep	18-Sep	25-Sep	02-Oct	09-Oct	16-Oct	23-Oct	30-Oct	06-Nov
Saturday	05-Sep	12-Sep	19-Sep	26-Sep	03-Oct	10-Oct	17-Oct	24-Oct	31-Oct	07-Nov
Sunday	06-Sep	13-Sep	20-Sep	27-Sep	04-Oct	11-Oct	18-Oct	25-Oct	01-Nov	08-Nov
What you do in these weeks	Programming	Configuring	Shaping			Structuring		Documenting	Making	Final Evaluation
	A0	A1	A2			A3		Document	Present	Rest
	0 Pts	15 pts	25 pts			30 pts		10 pts	20 pts	100 pts
	due dates	04-Sep	11-Sep			02-Oct		16-Oct	23-Oct	30-Oct

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Week	Day	Date	To Do	AM1 (9:00-9:45)	AM2 (10:00-10:45)	AM3 (11:00-11:45)	AM4 (12:00-12:45)	Break	PM1 (14:00-14:45)	PM2 (15:00-15:45)	PM3 (16:00-16:45)	PM4 (17:00-17:45)				
1	Tuesday	01-Sep	A0: warmup	Course Intro. and grouping, PZN		Configuring Earth & Masonry Architecture, Nour Abuzaid			Rudiments of Linear Algebra and Computer Graphics, PZN		Earth Arch., Ir. Juriaan van Stigt, LEVS Architecten					
	Thursday	03-Sep		Computer Geometry & Topology, PZN		Programming I: Introduction to Python, SAZ, HHG, PZN			Design Studio: Ideation (Configuring)							
2	Tuesday	08-Sep	A1: Configuring	Earthship Architecture, SSZ		Programming II: Python and Voxels, SAZ, HHG, PZN			Design Studio: Consultation (Configuring)							
	Thursday	10-Sep		Graphs & Fields, PZN		Programming III: Digital Brick-Laying, PZN, SAZ, HHG			Programming IV: Functions & Calculus, HHG, SAZ, PZN							
3	Tuesday	15-Sep		Material Science of Earth, FVR		Bricking Lecture and Workshop, Ir. Koen Mulder			Karamba Workshop, Ir. Shibo Ren, ARUP							
	Thursday	17-Sep		FEM for Earthy Buildings, FVR		Structural Design with Earth, DRZ			Design Studio: Consultation (Forming)							
4	Tuesday	22-Sep		Dynamic Relaxation, PZN		Programming V, NumPy and Dynamic Relaxation, SAZ & Kotryna Valeckaite			Design Studio: Consultation (Forming)							
	Thursday	24-Sep		FEM and Research, FVR		Graphical Equilibrium Analysis, Prof. Philippe Block, BRG			Programming VI: COMPAS, Dr. Tom van Mele, BRG							
5	Tuesday	29-Sep	A2: Shaping	Research, Design and Development					Design Studio: Consultation (Forming & Structuring)							
	Thursday	01-Oct							Midterm Review (Pinup Presentation)							
6	Tuesday	06-Oct	A3: Structuring						Design Studio: Consultation (Structuring and Forming)							
	Thursday	08-Oct							Design Studio: Consultation (Structuring)							
7	Tuesday	13-Oct							Design Studio: Consultation (Construction Design)							
	Thursday	15-Oct							Design Studio: Consultation (Structuring)							
8	Tuesday	20-Oct	Documenting										Design Studio: Consultation (Code Documentation)			
	Thursday	22-Oct											Design Studio: Consultation (Shareable Technical Reports)			
9	Tuesday	27-Oct	Making & Presenting													
	Thursday	29-Oct							Final Presentations and Feedback							
10	Tuesday	03-Nov	Evaluation	final submission deadline												
	Thursday	05-Nov		grading by instructors												

RUBRIC

Grade Constituents

$$0(\underline{A0})+15(\underline{A1})+25(\underline{A2})+30(\underline{A3})+10(\underline{D}) +20(\underline{P})= 100 \text{ pts}$$

Grading Rubric

<i>Label</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Explanation</i>
Wretched	1-2	There is not enough evidence for assessing any meaningful contribution attributed to the individual in question.
Poor	3-4.5	Has done things sporadically but has not had a sufficiently meaningful contribution to the project.
Deficient	5-5.5	Has contributed to all deliverables but not done enough to reach a sound design, has not fully taken the complexity of the assignment into account, and thus the final results, as well as processes lack sophistication.
Sufficient	6-6.5	Has done everything necessary at a basic level to get to a sound design but the result as well as the process do not present any innovation. The complexity of the problem has been not been taken into account and the results are primitive or incomplete.
Fair	7-7.5	Has adequately utilized existing techniques to produce sound designs, however, the approach is still simplistic and does not fully take into account the complexity of the problem. There are a few useful methods developed in GH or in Python.
Good	8-8.5	Has gone at least a few small steps beyond existing techniques and attempted to achieve not only sound but also elegant designs. A few useful and noteworthy methods are developed and well documented in GH or in Python.
Excellent	9-10	Has gone quite a few steps beyond existing techniques, extended the presented knowledge, and achieved not only sound but also elegant designs. There are noteworthy technical contributions in GH or in Python.

Important change compared to the previous rubric:

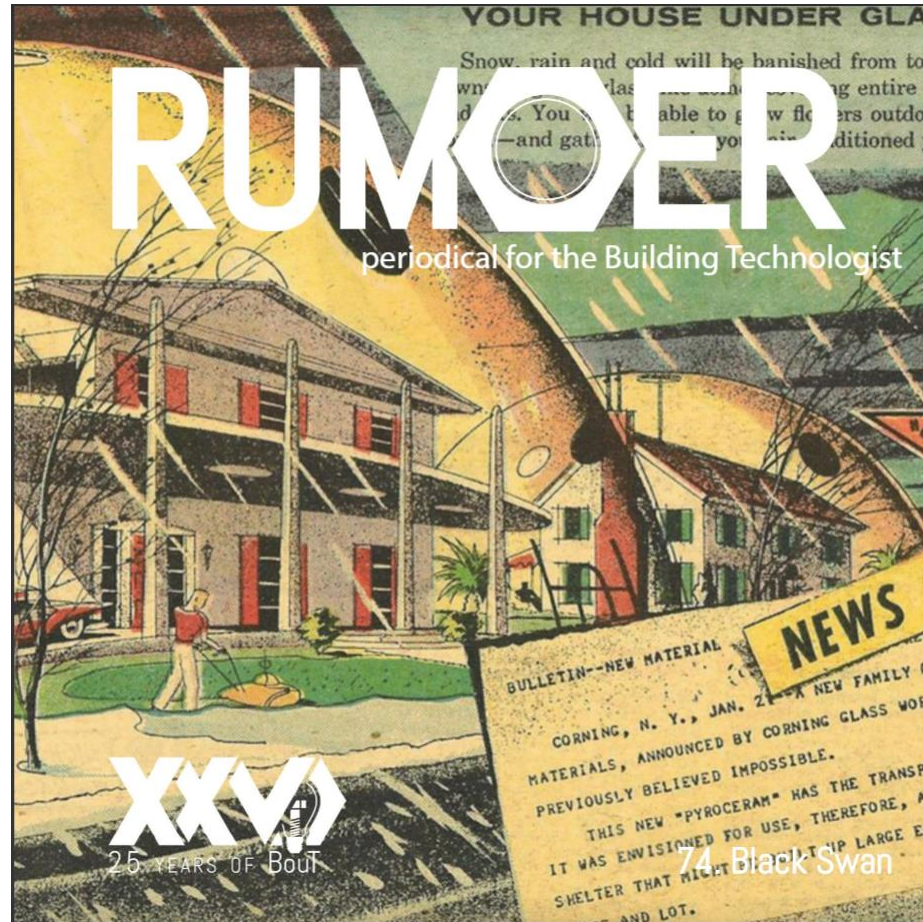
Learning programming and delivering assignments in Python/MATLAB is optional
(highly appreciated but not mandatory or necessary even for getting the highest grade)

Peer Evaluation

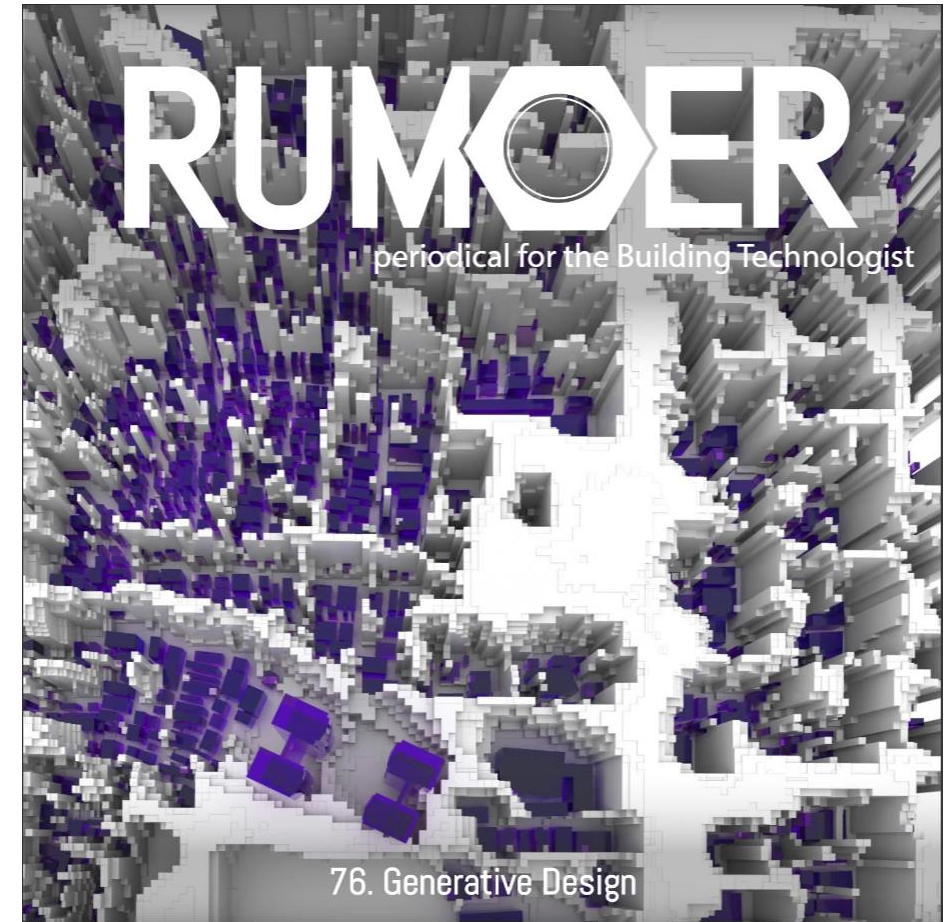
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Gamification of Design

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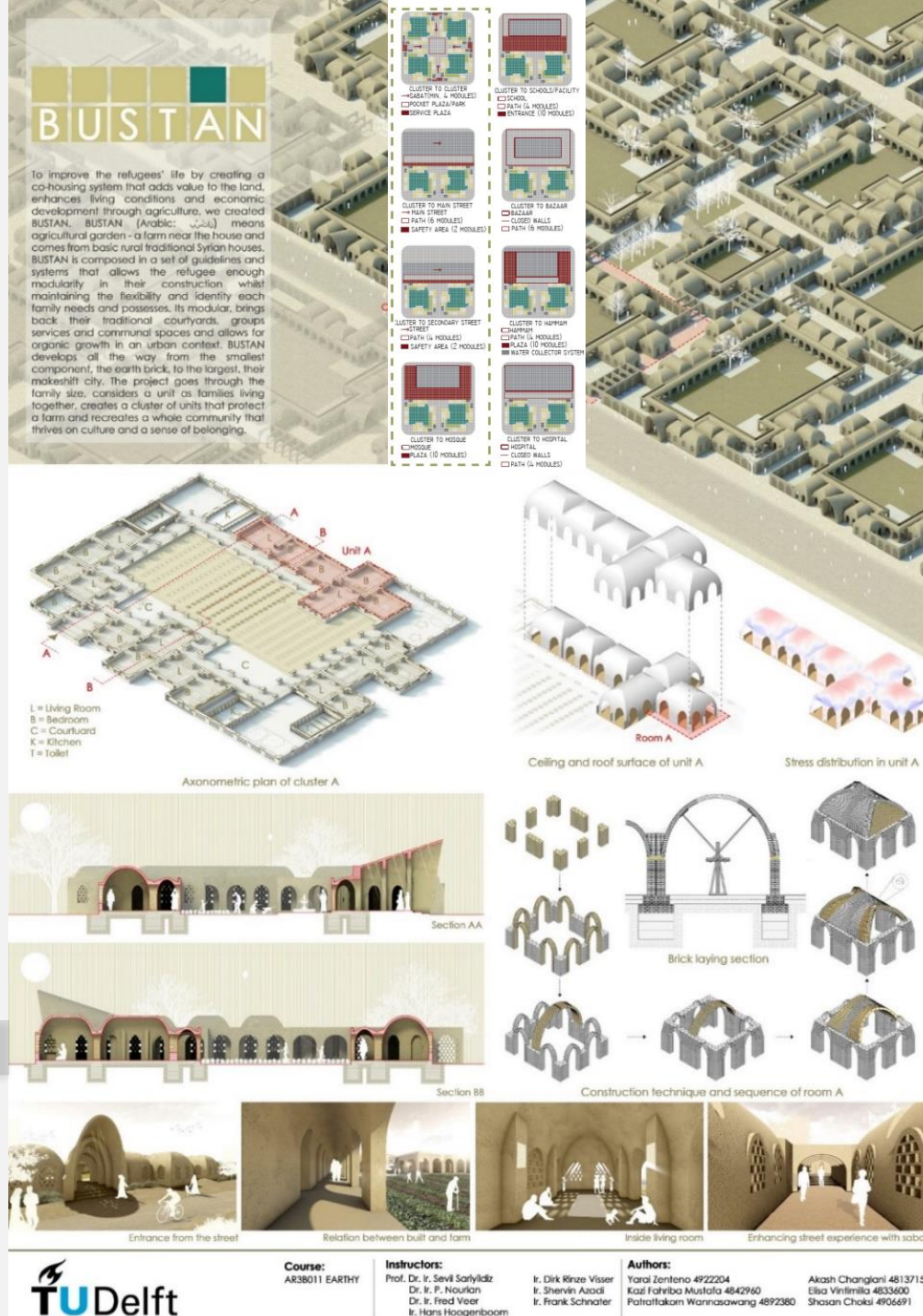
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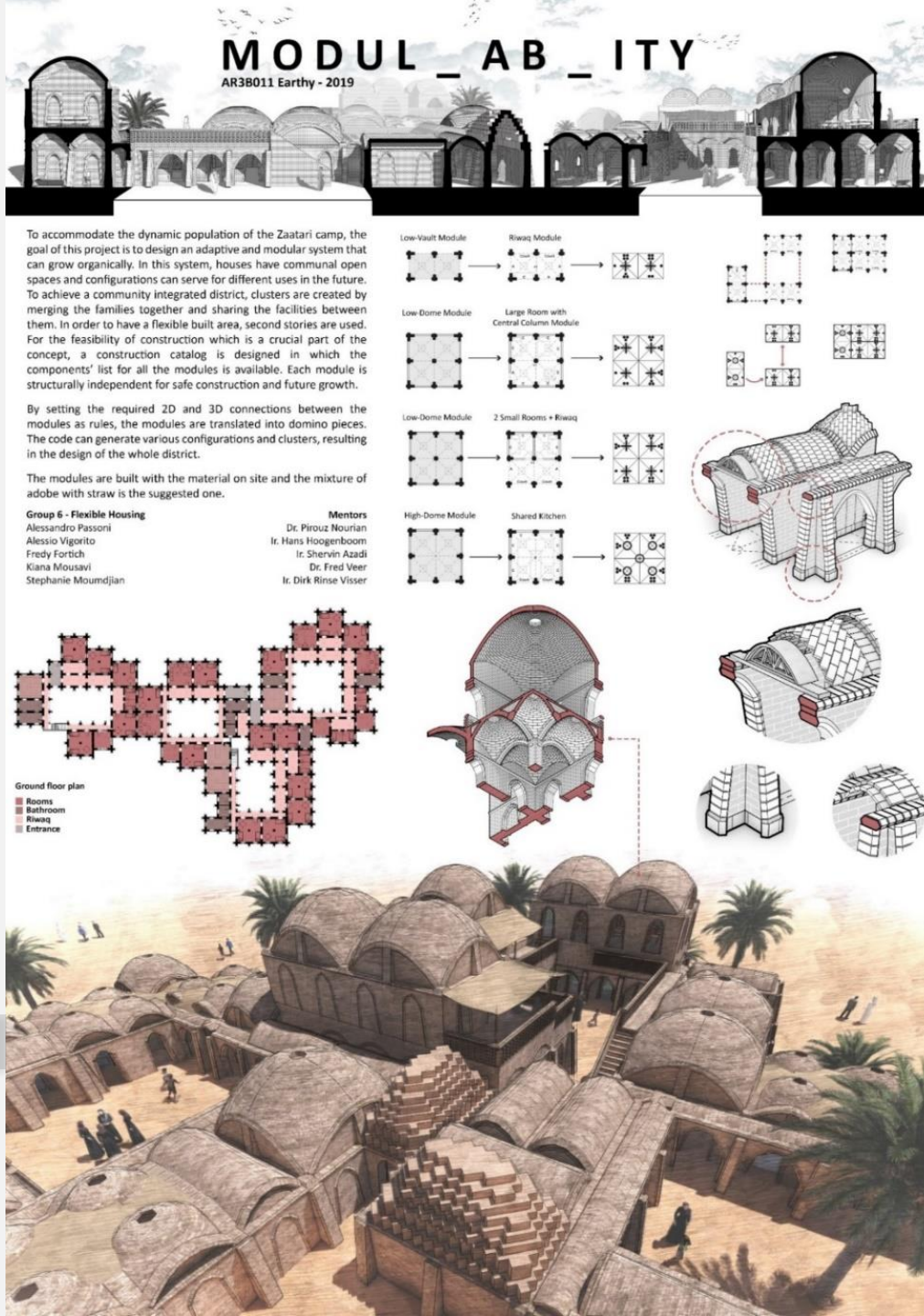
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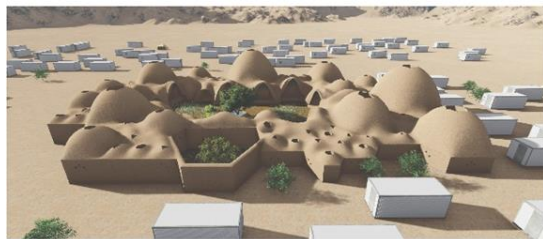


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A RETREAT FROM EVERYDAY LIFE

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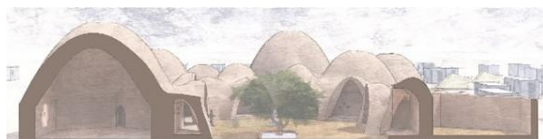
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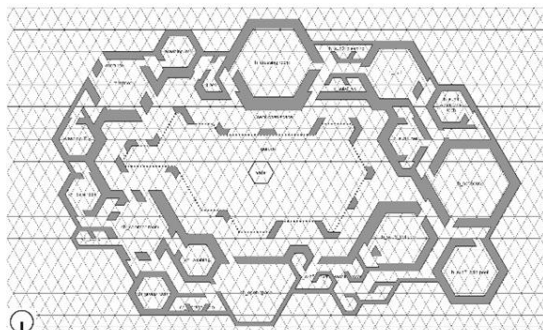
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longitudinal section



cross section



floor plan

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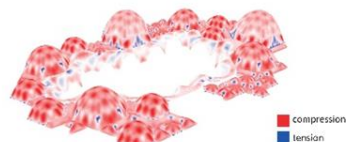


site plan

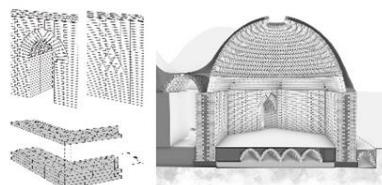
During the design process of the project the emphasis was placed on the use of the computational approach, as we set out to designing a methodology of designing a hammam that could be used in other locations not just for this camp. This made it so that the construction will not be the easiest thing to realize, with the large spans and the irregular shapes we are trying to push the limits of what one can build with adobe.

Chosen Mixture	Material properties used in structural calculations [Mpa]
clay 30%	Young's modulus 7,6
fine sand 30%	maximum compressive strength 1,88
coarse sand 40%	maximum compressive strength after safety factor 1,27
water 0,1%	maximum tensile strength 0,254

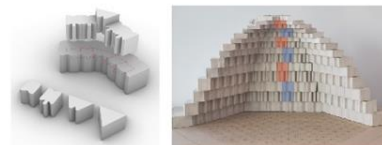
material properties



karamba analysis of ceilings



construction method



muqarnas elements and dome

Located in the north of Jordan the Za'atari camp houses over 80.000 Syrian refugees for and undetermined period of time. The main idea behind this project was to give the inhabitants of Za'atari a temporary retreat from their daily lives in the camp. Hammams are a big part of Islamic culture, they serve as a place of relaxation and purification. By introducing hammams into the camp we want to give the inhabitants back something they lost during the war.

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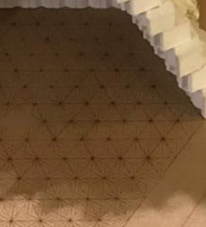
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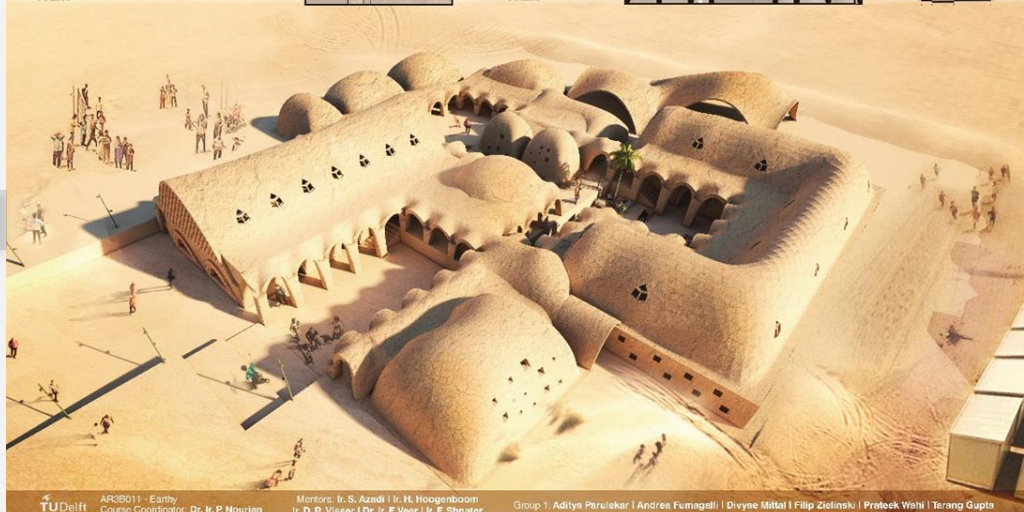
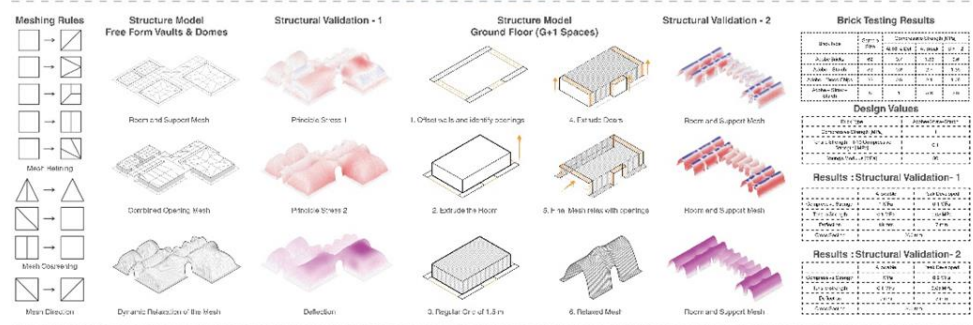
Adobe Creative Community

A Skill based Community Center

Adobe Creative Community is a vocational and technical training center for unskilled people, located in the refugee camp Zaatari in Jordan. This center aims to help unskilled youth in improving their stature based on Maslow's Pyramid of basic needs and, simultaneously, in contributing to the community.

Computational means were applied in the design process in order to find only-compressive structure, whilst considering both spatial connectivities, mechanical properties of adobe bricks and construction techniques. Orientation, connectivity and adjacency were translated into computational parameters to determine a rough layout plan. Topological tessellation rules were applied to the mesh to structurally optimize the final shape. In the construction process, firstly the main ribs are built by using bent steel rebars to define the shape and, then, bricks are laid to fill the remaining parts.

As a result, Adobe CC is a free-form and only-compressive structure where people can not only learn and practice masonry skills, but also see what it is possible to achieve through them.



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Sandcastle - Elementary School

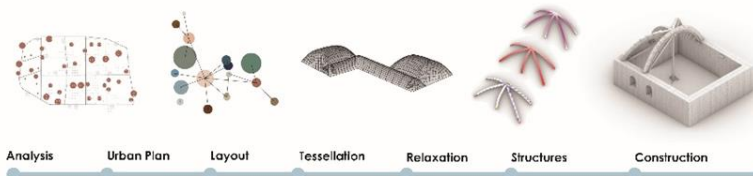
Abstract

Proposed are urban and architectural solutions for the Syrian refugees in Zaatari Camp, Jordan. An urban master plan of school placements and upgrades was determined based on number of unenrolled children within 400m and proximity to other facilities.

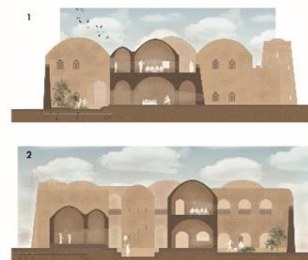
Earthy architecture can provide a high quality solution, and yet a temporary structure since it's "dismountable"/destructible and circular. However, earth can only be used in compression-only structures.

One school project has been elaborated into a detailed design embracing a castle style typology. The castle design would create a sense of belonging and a safe school environment that kids would be motivated to go to.

The graph theoretical method for the layout of spatial configurations of floor plans was used first. This included RFI charts and bubble diagrams. Later, modeling, weaving, and grasshopper tessellation, Ansys and Karamba 3D structurally verified the dynamically relaxed ceilings by Kangaroo. Python was used for bricklaying patterns.



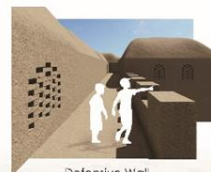
Final - Ground Floor



Final - Sections



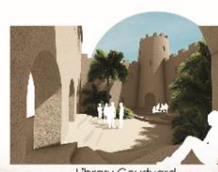
L'wan, Central Courtyard



Defensive Wall



Elevated Gallery



Library Courtyard



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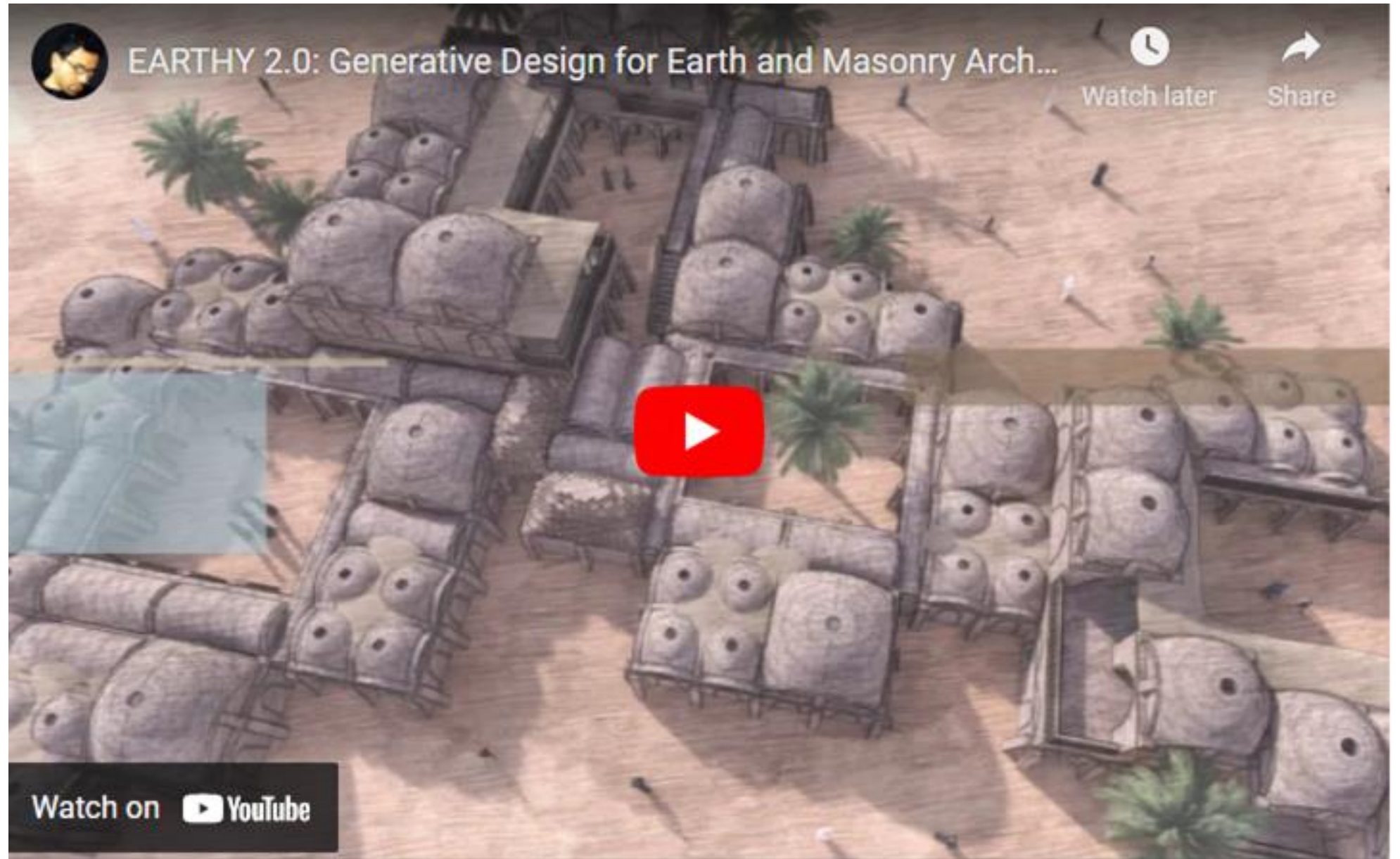
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THE CASE

EARTHY 3.0: Generative Design for Earth and Masonry Arch...

...to explain how the configuration tool works, a case that considers when a communal dwelling is to be made for 13 people. The dwelling is adjacent to the market street, hence the communal house turns into a hybrid typology which will accommodate the market function on the ground floor of the building on the side facing the market street.

The complete logic (Geometry + Code) behind the configuration of this house will be explained step by step simultaneously in the report.

As a first step among the 13 people the decision makers for the families involved in the competition are chosen to play the game (players marked in red).

The selected players have to represent the interests of their individual families in the participatory game.

The participants have to choose two things. The preference of the spaces in the house according to them and the orientation of the rooms (East, West, North, South) as per their needs.

If the participant doesn't choose the preference or priority for the choices then the rest of the data required for the script is auto-completed based on the Architects choice of options.

The Architects choice of decisions is based on the Parameters which show the relationship between the spaces and the below diagrams which indicate connectivity between spaces and the level of privacy.

The orientation of spaces is done as per chronological needs of the spaces as analyzed by the architect.



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Terra Tetris



Rule 1: Preference of arrangement

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Urban Analysis
Spatial Planning
Configuring
Shaping: Dynamic Relaxation
Shaping: Marching Cube

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+ Code + Markdown | ▶ Run All | Clear Outputs of All Cells | Restart | earthy (Python 3.8.5)

Main Tessellation

Quad Sub-division
Constant level - 3

Dynamically Relaxed Mesh
Length factor - 0.5
Strength - 7.5
Vertex load - 0.05

Shaping: Marching Cube

```
1 # loading the lattice from csv
2 lattice_path = os.path.relpath('data/voxelized_bunny.csv')
3 envelope_lattice = tg.lattice_from_csv(lattice_path)
```

Python

1 cube_lattice = envelope_lattice.hoopless_marching_cube()

topoGenesis
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