# Yufan Xie Portfolio

2017-2020



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#### **EDUCATION**

2014 - 2019 Bachelor of Architecture

China Central Academy of Fine Arts(CAFA), SoA

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#### WORK

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Algorithm researches and digital fabrication

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3D printing research and pre-design

#### **EXHIBITION**

2019.12 Shenzhen Bi-City Binnale of Architecture and Urbanism (UABB)

"The Unknown City" in "Ascending City" section

## CATALOGUE

#### **RESIDENTIAL**

**FOLDS/HOLES** 

**Sharing the Wall** 

**Bit-Erosion** 

#### **DIGITAL**

**Self-Organizing** 

**Method Researches** 

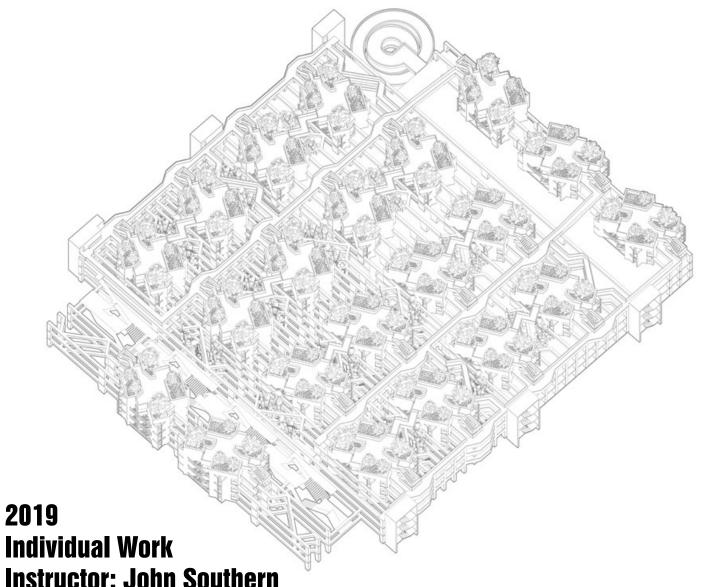
#### **Experimental**

GAP+

The Unknown City

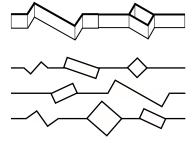


## FOLDs/HOLEs



**Individual Work Instructor: John Southern Tech: Grasshopper** 

#### **A Transition of Grid**



This project explores FOLDs and HOLEs - the typology of boundaries - through which a new community can be placed. The mixture of rigid and soft boundaries that results, produces a spatial pressure release for the students housed in the project, resulting in an architecture of "slow space" in the campus

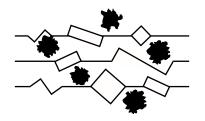
Industrial culture brought

us a landscape of GRIDs,

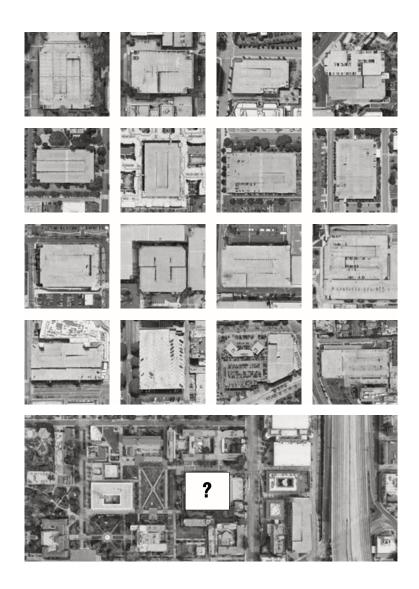
dominating the urban space

we are living in - and by that, it

shaped human and nature.

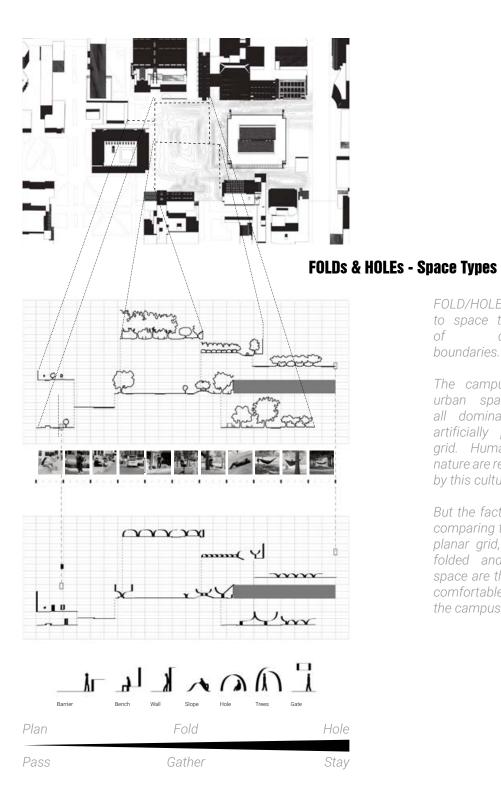


Upon the mixed grid and structure of old and new, trees and are introduced as a potential variable, softly shaping the space in turn gradually transforming it, into a new symbiotic system for plants and human. By that, the ruin of industrial culture can be re-shaped.



McCarthy is a typical type of parking structure that blocked urban life with its dense structural grid and noises of cars. In a forseeable future, the car usage will decline, leaving thousands of toxic ruin behind.

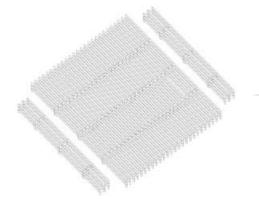
#### What is FOLD/HOLE?



FOLD/HOLE refers to space typology different boundaries.

The campus, and urban space are all dominated by artificially planned grid. Human and nature are reshaped by this culture.

But the fact is that, comparing to those planar grid, those folded and holed space are the most comfortable area in the campus.



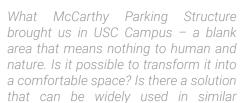
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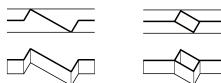
Dimension (I\*w\*h)

conditions?

2\*67.5\*9.5

Holes





Folds

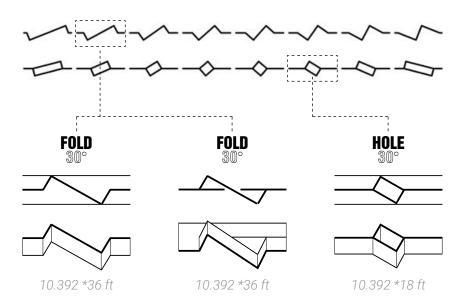
How do we slow down this structure to a comfortable space?

The challenge is the density - the beams of McCarthy are 67.5 ft wide, 9.5 high with an interval of only 9 ft.

#### **FOLDs/HOLEs - Beam Based Typology**

FOLDs/HOLEs are series of typologies operating on single beam and create rhythm of space. Structurally, the load of reshaped beam is shared by nearing beams.

Among several variations, the 30-degree type is the most efficient type which balanced between area and comfort. The module of single is larger than the original interval.







Pressure releasing element between units



**Vertical FOLD Landscape Element** 



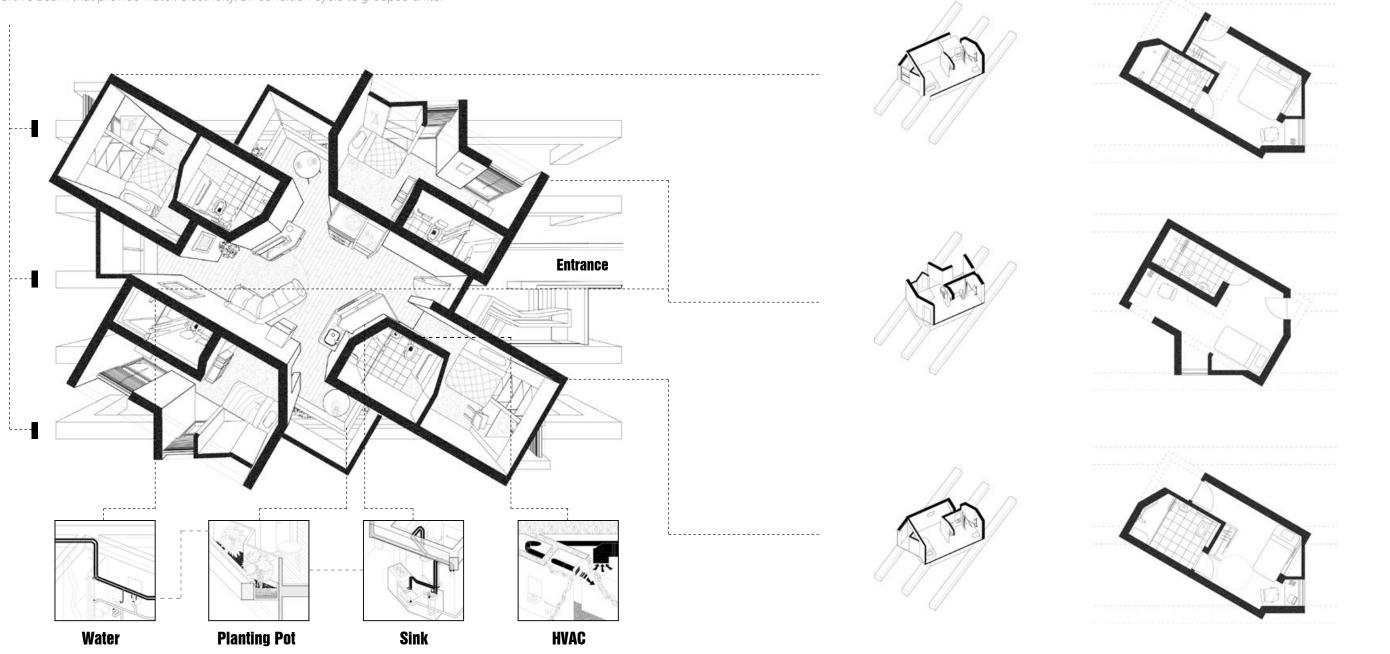
**HOLEs** 

**Housing Element** 

Uplifted landscape in Folds and holes are larger scale created in a micro level,

#### Structure/Power Supporting Beam

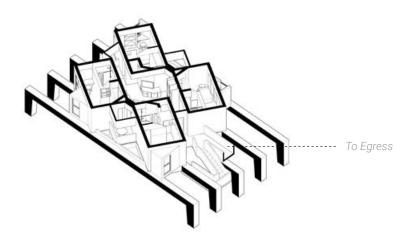
Supportive beam that provide water/electricity/air condition cycle to grouped units.



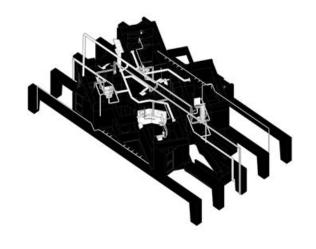
**Double Unit** 25% 205 Sq.Ft

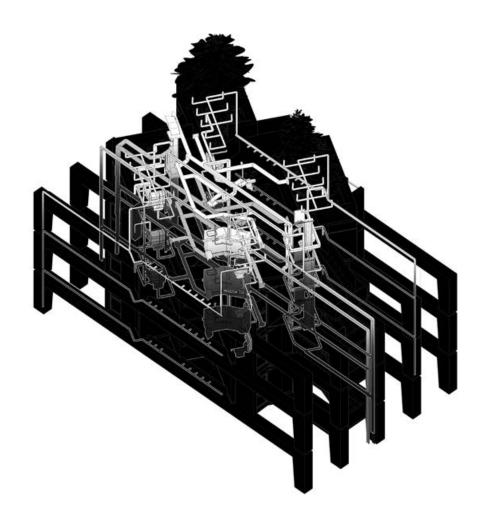
Single Unit 50% 177 Sq.Ft

ADA Unit 25% 190 Sq.Ft

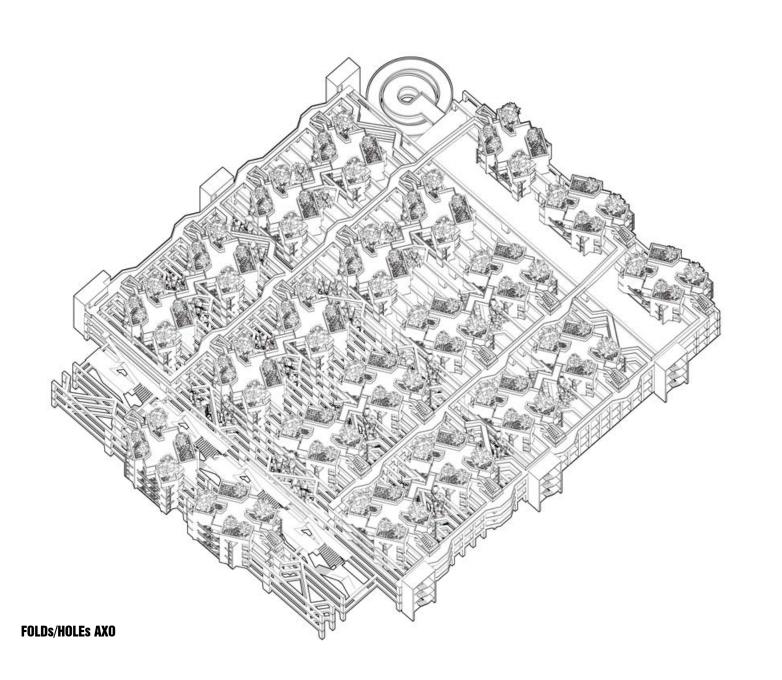


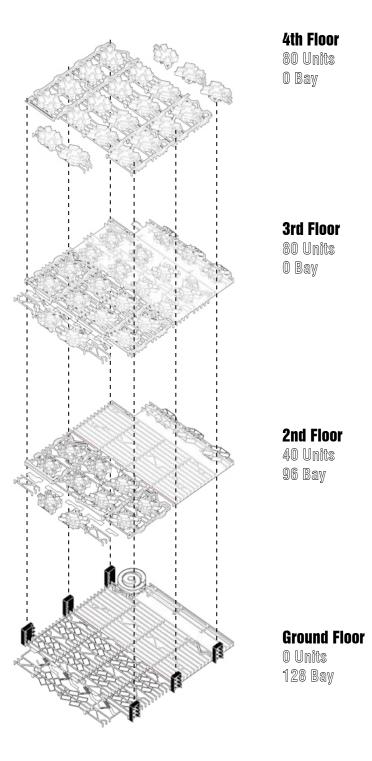
#### Single Floor

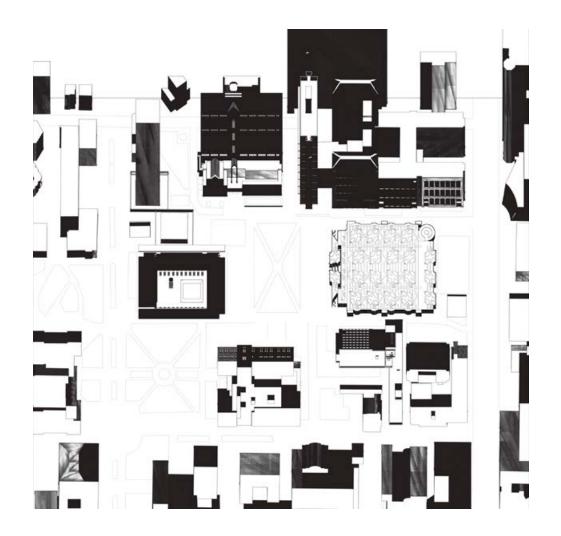




Single Floor









**Housing/Landscape** Parking



Housing/Rogue/ **Parking** Mechanical



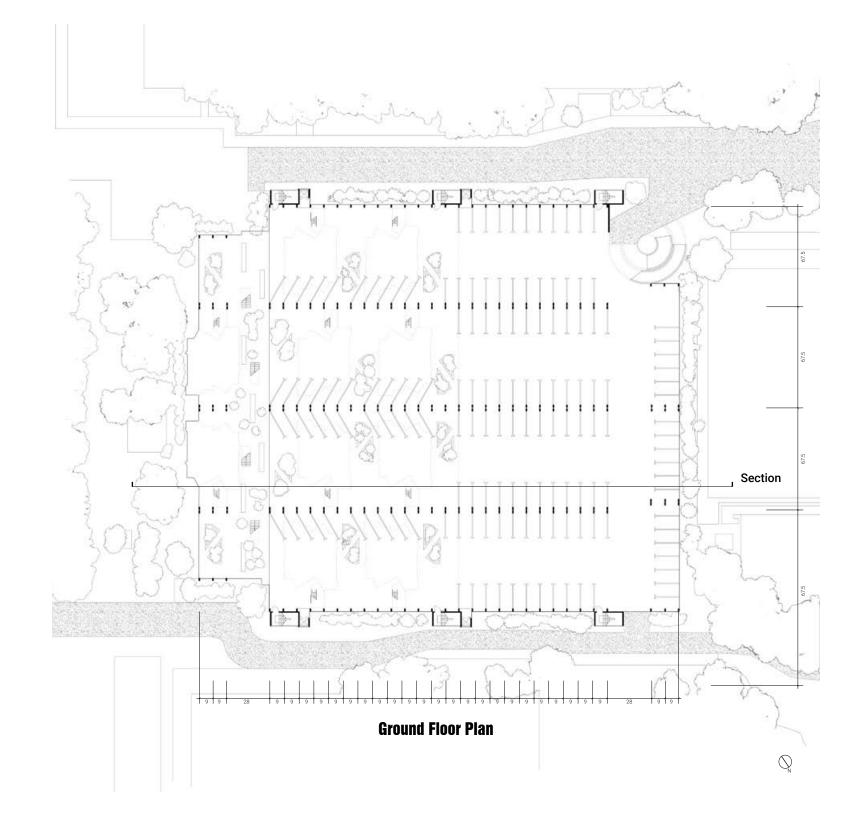


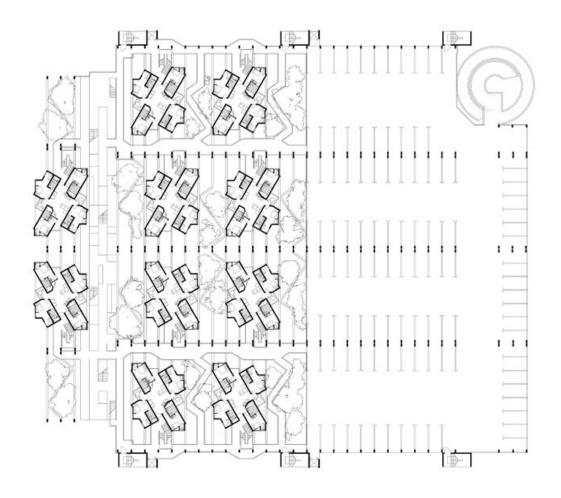
**Housing/Parking** Landscape

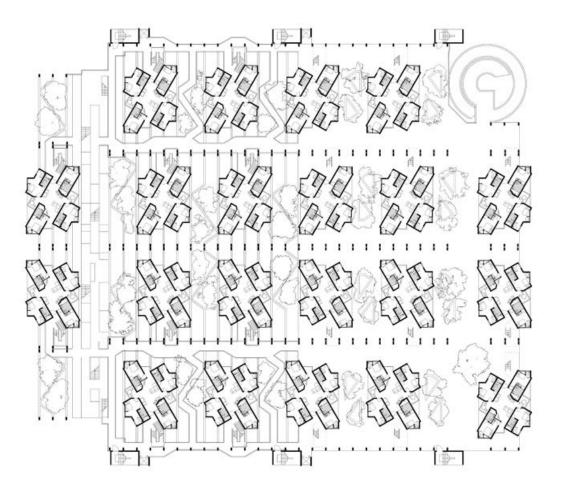




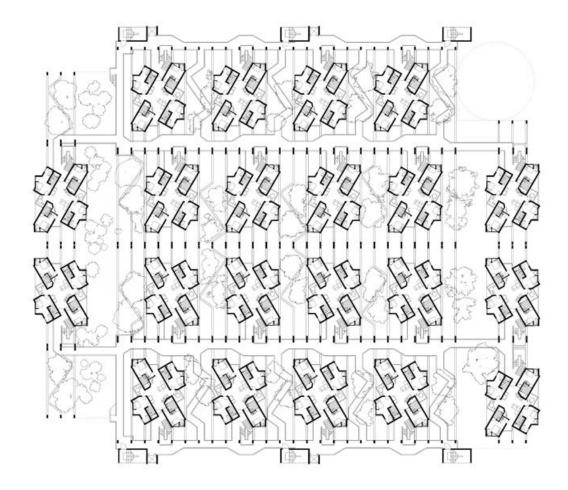
Space Circulation







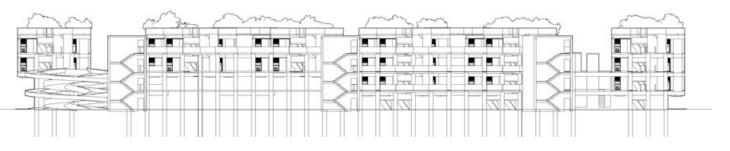
1st Floor Plan 2nd Floor Plan



**3rd Floor Plan** 



**South Elevation** 



**North Elevation** 



#### **West Side**

#### Lawn, Ground Landscape

East side is the entrance in campus, the original vegetation clusters connects new landscape, generate a slow space for pressure-releasing.



#### Center

#### Rooftop, Landscape Elemets

Landscape is scattered into pieces, mixed with living spaces. Corridors at rooftop connected unit groups, making the whole building a vertical sharing community.











#### **East Side**

#### Parking, Open Space

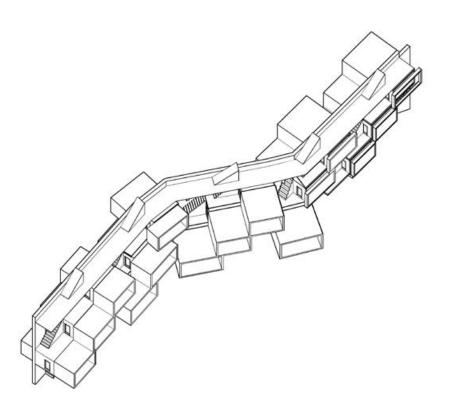
East side was the main entrance for cars, the original wide ramp is replaced with spiral speed ramp at corner.



# Sharing the Wall

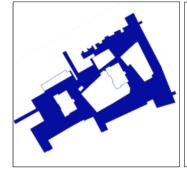
**London Geat Ormond Renewal** 

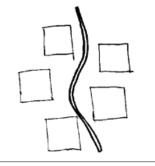
2018
Individual Work
Instructor: John Zhang
Tech: Grasshopper

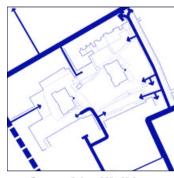


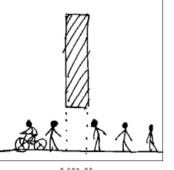
This project explores a high-adaptive linear housing model in high-density metropolis like London, New York. It was insert as a mediator between different groups in Great Ormond Community, without inteferring existing context.

#### WALL - in a limited community







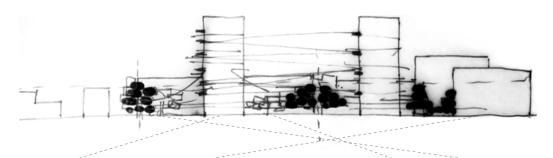


**Limited Space** 

**Snake Wall** 

**Ground for Walking** 

Lift Up







**Immigrants** 

Seniors

Mid-East immigrant Old people with families, mostly with leg issues, who live



Young workers and Kids



Sick Kids and their families/nursing

Addtionally for patients from other

BRIDGE - between mixed groups

#### Finding the WALL







Wall space prototype Units plugged into the wall, extended to face inside

















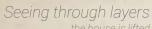


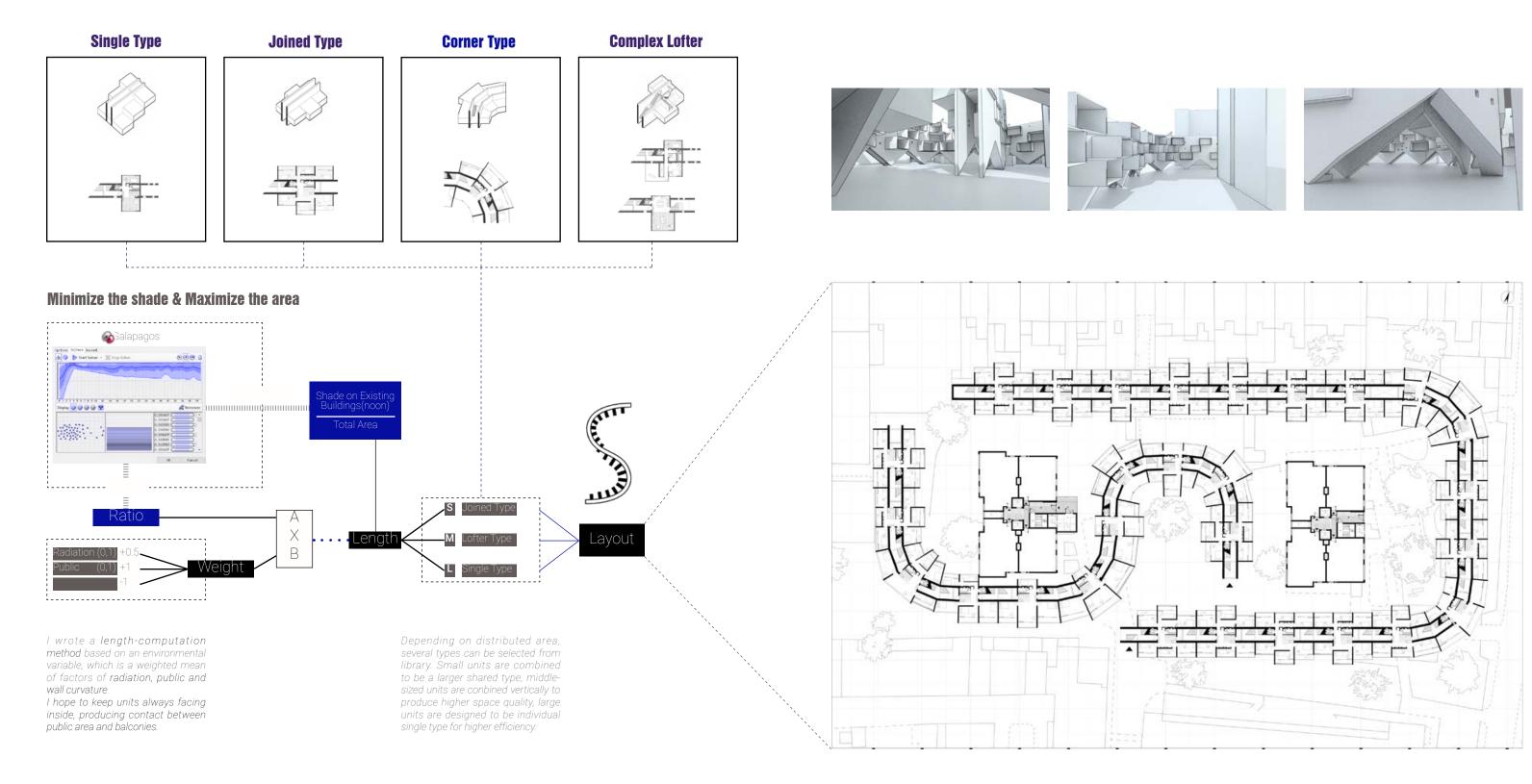


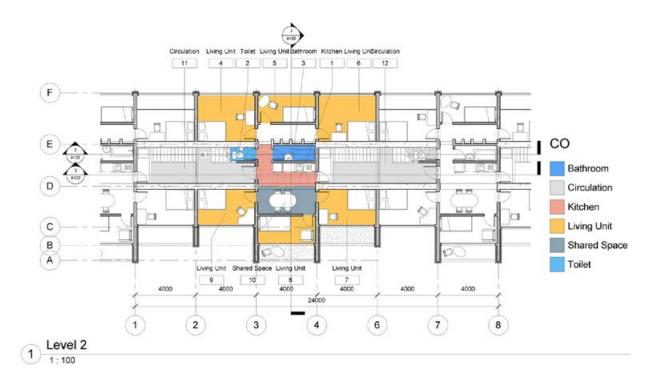






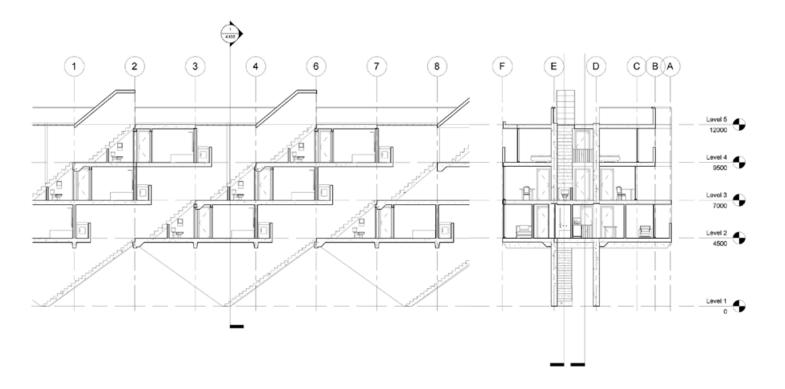




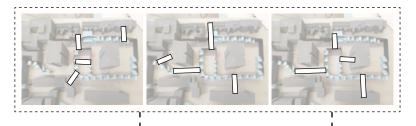




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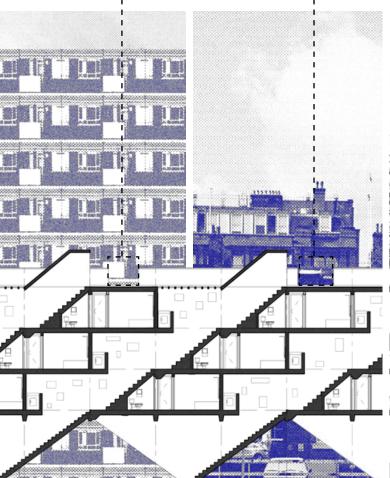


#### Finding the BRIDGE

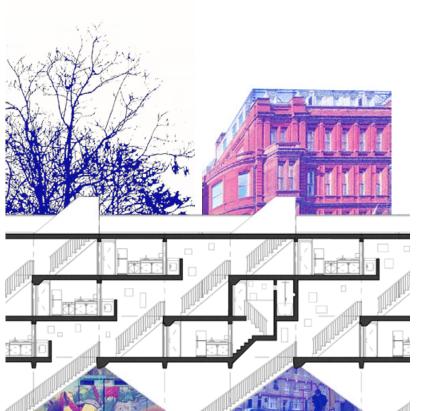


lower spaces could be an extended there, too. balcony of upper ones, and top roof could be expanded then. A thin wall turned to be a open space in the air.

It's not an isolated wall, life within the wall is integrated to the community, by bridges on the roof and lifted The ground level is totally free for existing residents, such as childrens and elder ones. Patients from arches of the wall. The roofs of hospitals nearby can play down



Apartment(linked)

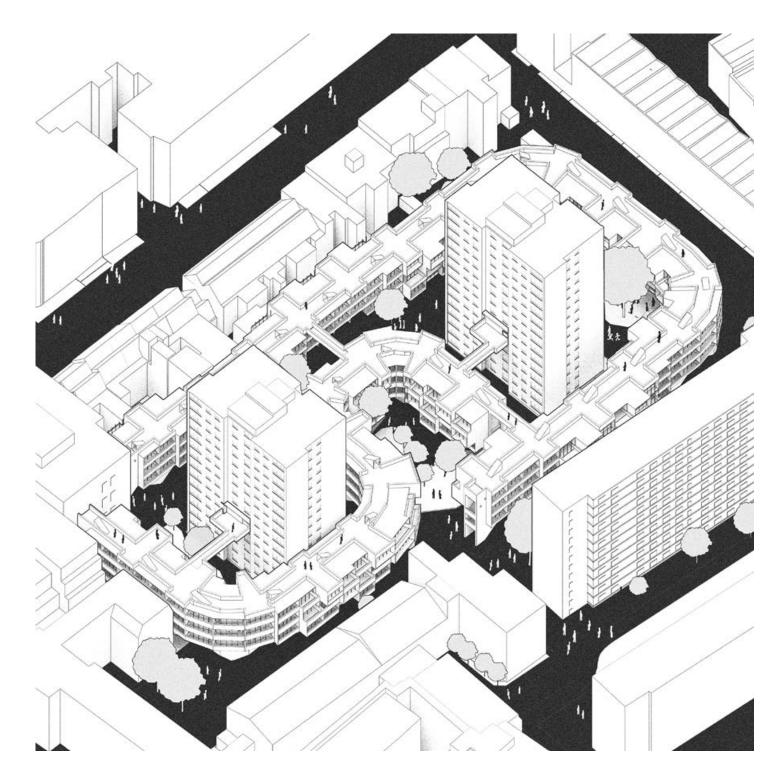


Hospitals



Playground

Flat(linked)





Old roof and new roof, turns to be a whole. Seniors with leg issues can hang out directly from the floor they live in.

#### LIVE WITH THE WALL

The ground level would be a free space for walking and cycling under arches - patients from hospitals nearby could also hang out around.

Down on the Ground



When I walk inside the wall The shimmering light runs through holes on the wall producing a cosy atmosphere

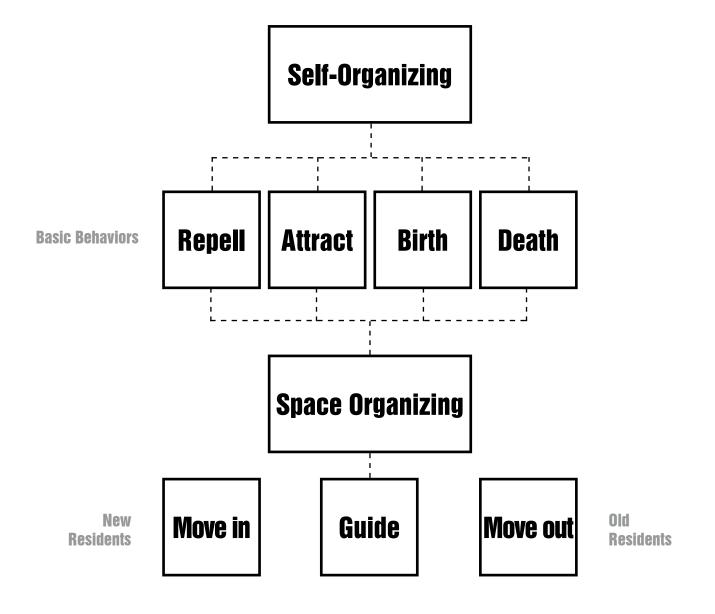
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**Beijing Fuguoli Community Renewal** 

2019 Single Work

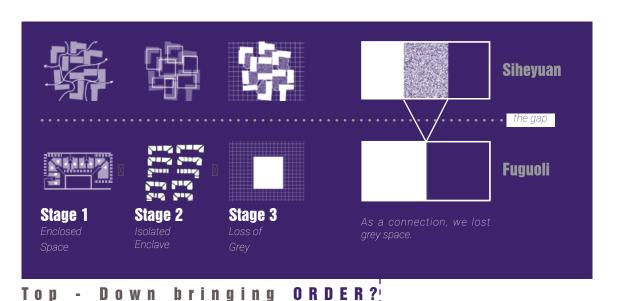
Instructor: Keren He, John Zhang, David Porter, Siyong Liu

**Tech: Grasshopper** 



This project proposed a bottom-up solution of Self-Organizing to guide community renewal and development.

Under a self-adaptive mechanism, we can balance between personal need, density, price and privacy, to provide low-rent housing for young generations.





Barriers everywhere

Blocked neighbors Road as laundry space

Bikes abandoned for years Community, a dump area .awn? Courtyard?

Bottom - Up causing MESS?



### Top-down planning deviated from habit weakened vitality of community

Alert

Missing

Miss my neighbors...

Leaving

Don't remove my house anymore! It's a trouble to go downstair

#### Space **Left Behind**



Framework



Most part of shady ooms(mainly on east west side of building) divided into tiny units aged owners for rent. are kept, walls are changed for space.



#### **Outward Space**

Self-built structures of round floor residents to expand their balcony and basement. It inpired me where the new structure





#### BIT - Workers

Leaving Residents

Many aged residents wish

living in high apartments is a

As for middle-aged residents whose families have children, will stay longer in this community, they are expecting changes to this

to move away to

trouble for them

There are over 20 million workers from other provinces in beijing, most of them were born in 80's and

The power of young workers, might bring more passion and possibilities to this community.

#### Transportation

I spend 4 hours on the road everyday month

#### Environment

If possible

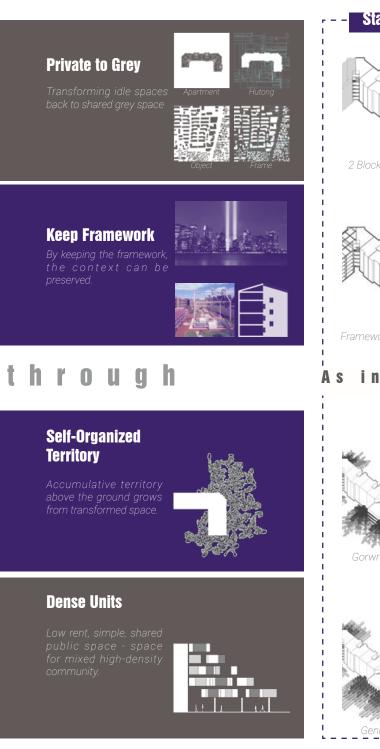
#### A place to stay

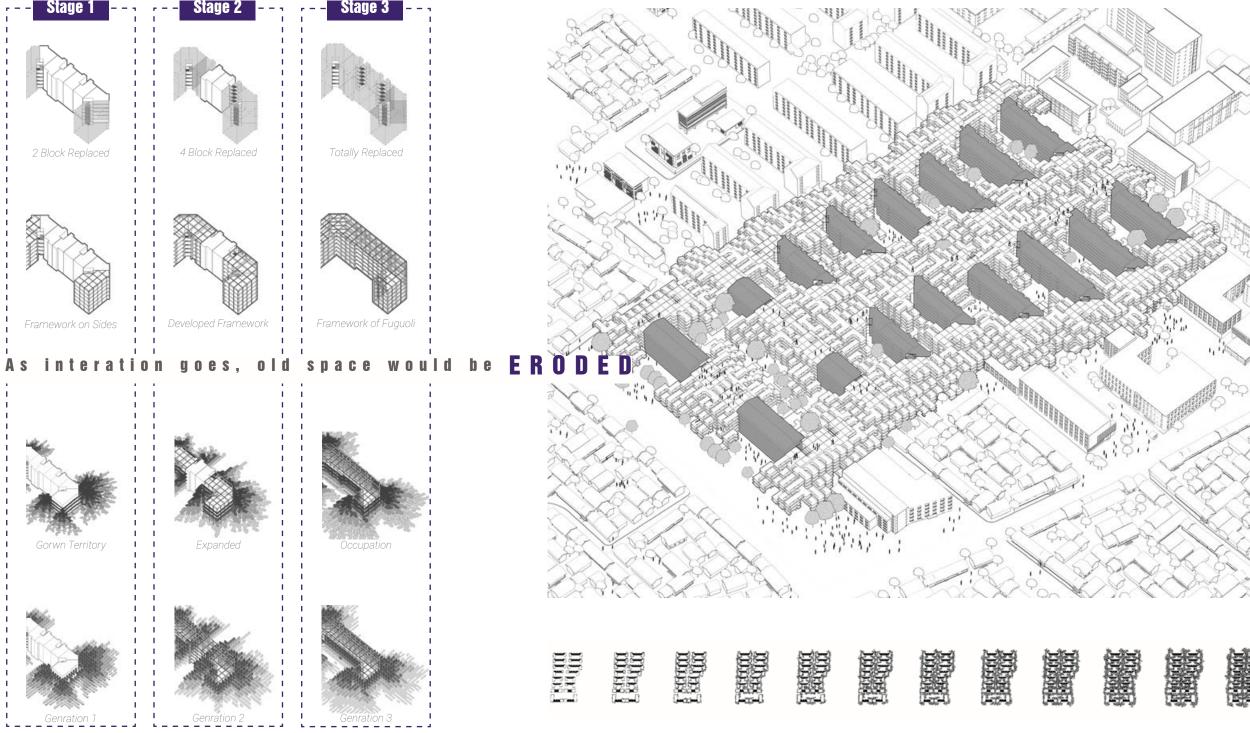
The government is removing old

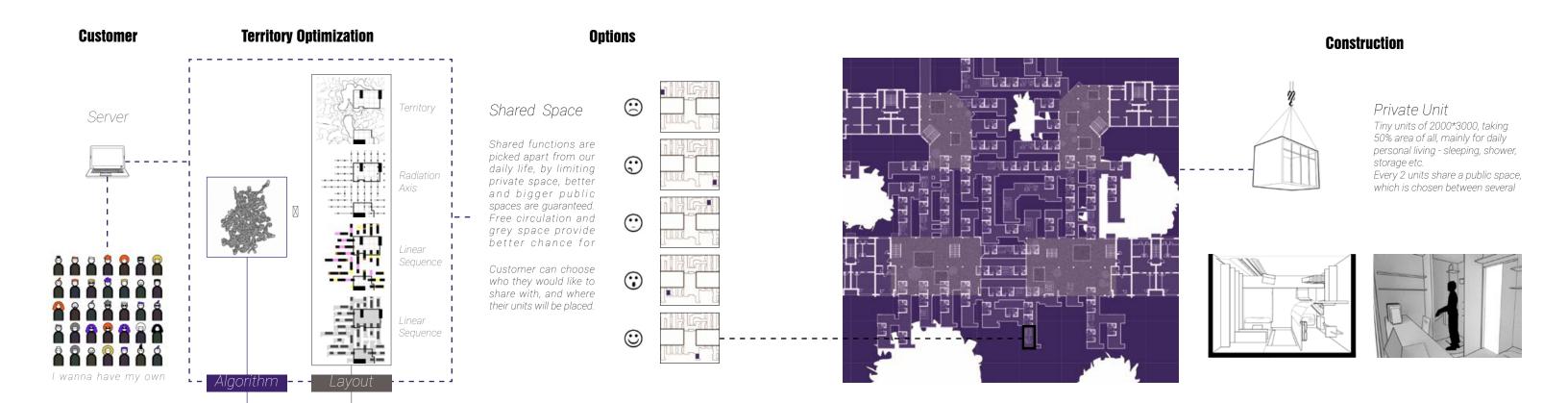
Now we got no where to go....

### **Terrirory New Generation**









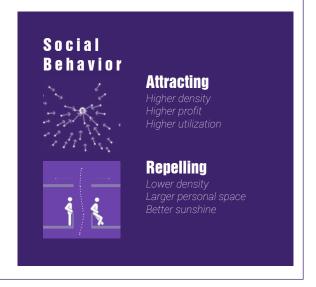
#### **Power-driven Algorithm**

The SELF-ORGANIZING SYSTEM is implemented to be the tool for generating space.

On existing structure, the new territory grows. Architecture itself is a hierachy of power and behavior, the "growth" is a process driven by political and spatial behaviors, will keep growing dynamicaly, finally reach a balanced space form.

The explicit form is a result of implicit balanced power.





#### **Linear Sequence**

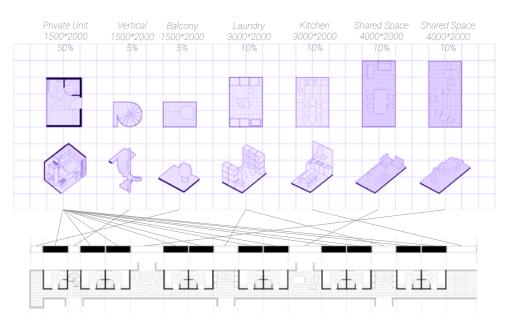
A repeated pattern is applied to linear space, every 2 private space share a public space chosen from

Private

Shared

For neighboring shared space, paths will connect them across lines, to increase communication.







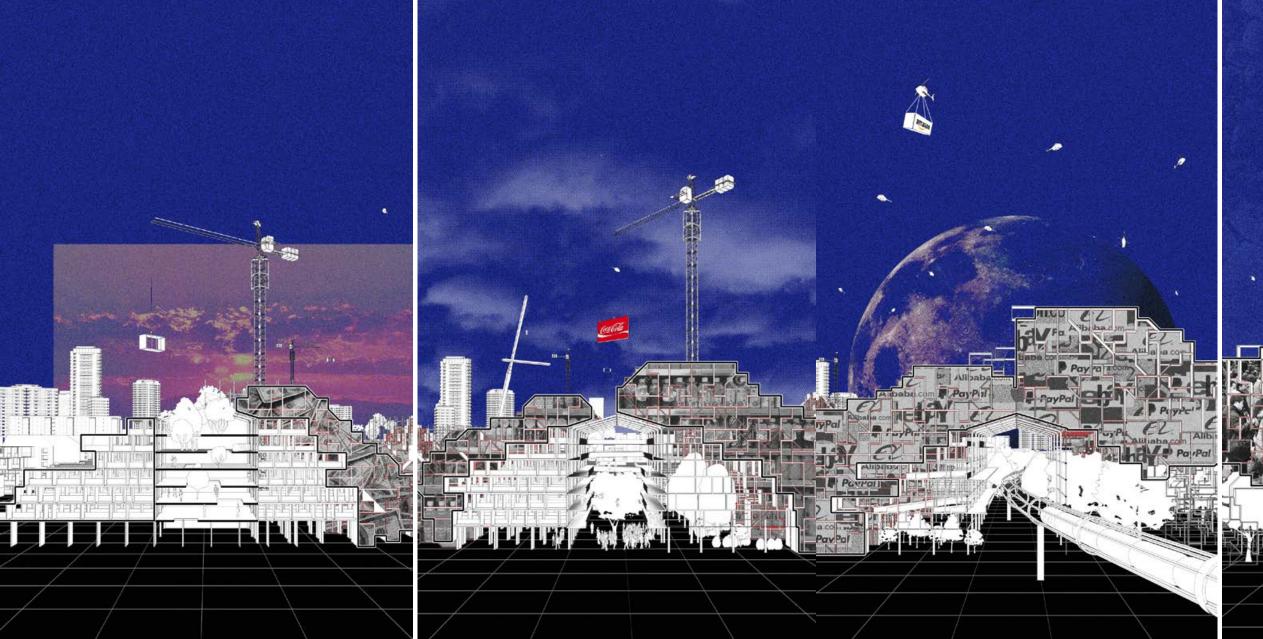
On rocks live the corals they reproduce aggregate die and calcify

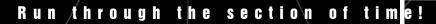
lives turns to rock on which new ones rise

Have we ever return the space we borrowed?



Run! Run! Fuguoli! Run into the sky!





Power of capital will automatically drive it as a self-organization.

As generation changes, "new" community turns to be a history, eroded by newer generations. And itself becomes a framework like Fuguoli, supporting our future life.

One day, newer generation would pass, eroded by units with higher density. Our community, our city turns to be hollow shell, the ground would be free, returned to the earth.

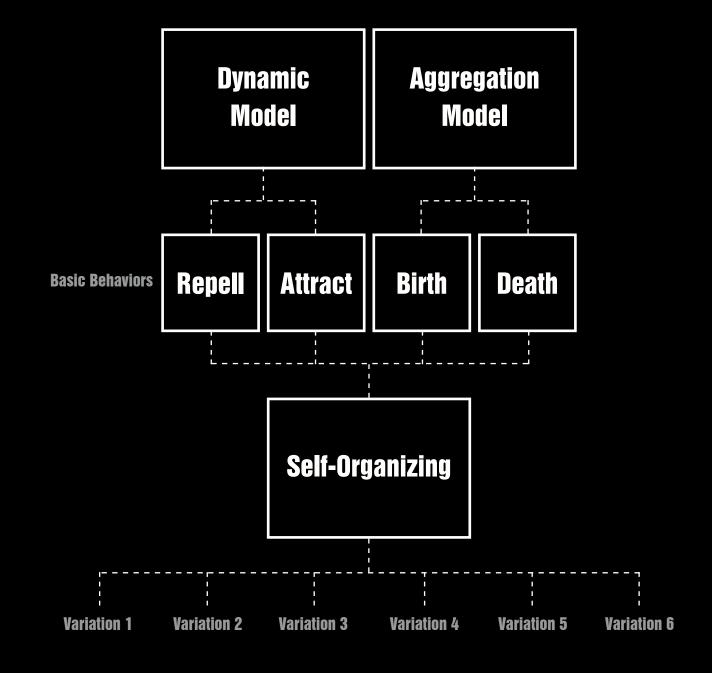
Human city would be a illusion. Only from frameworks they left we can see our past, above which our new city could be built. It's a stratum, we left our trace behind, why not return something we borrowed from the earth?



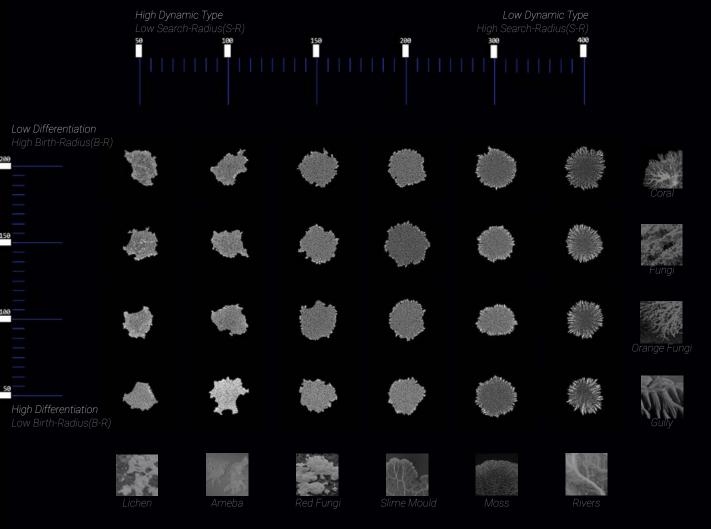
# Self-Organizing

**System of Basic Behaviors** 

2017 Personal Research Tech: C#



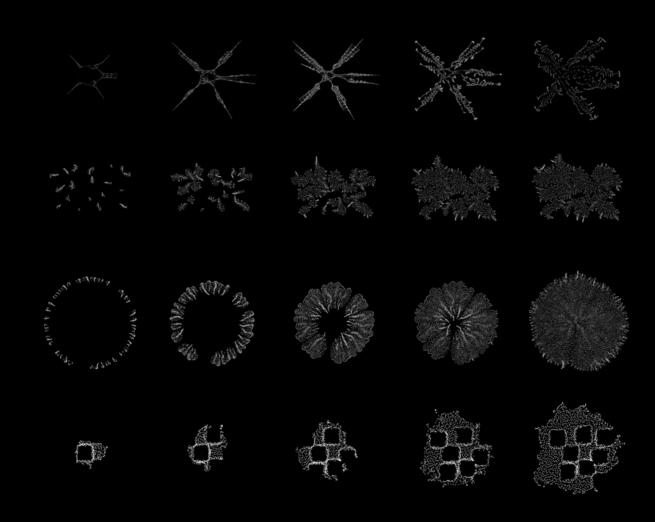
This research extract basic behaviors of several prototypes, to construct a comprehensive model - Self-Organizing. By changing variables - portion of behavior, environment information and colony distributions, various form is produced. In results we can see different feature of original models, and adapt them to different context.



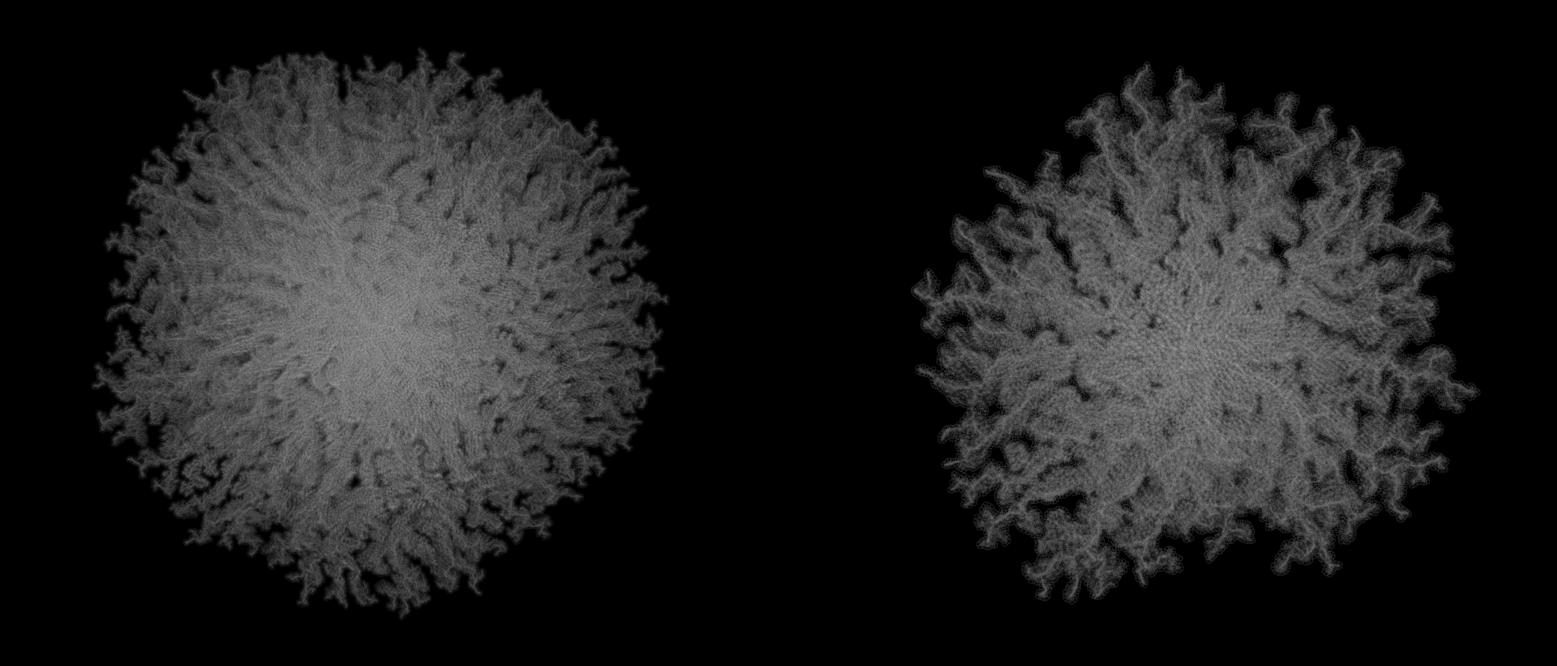
According to portion of behavior, the system will show more feature of a specific prototype.

Behavior Portion Control

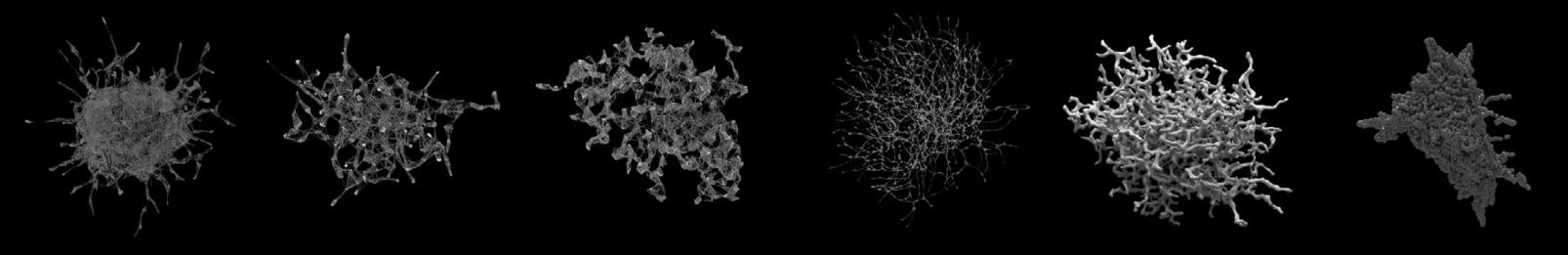
#### **ENVIRONMENT** as a variable



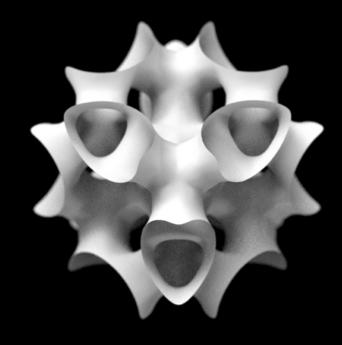
By changing variables of environment, the system shows intelligence and responds to surrounding, adapting themselve to field and environment.



Self-Organizing 3D - Variations of System

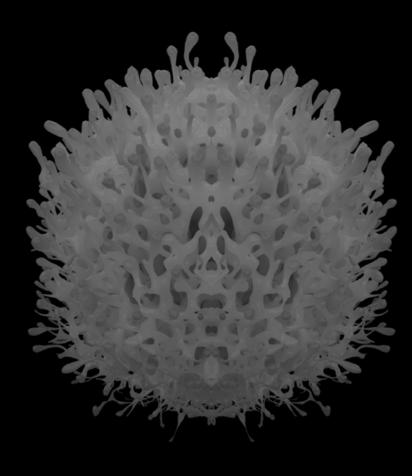


## Method Researches



2015-2020 Personal Research Tech: Varies

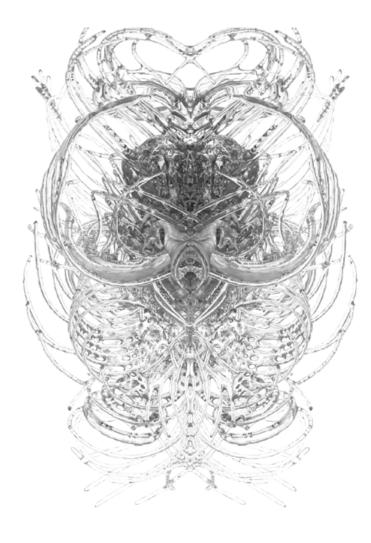
2015 / Mininal Surface Study



2017 / Particle Aggregation System

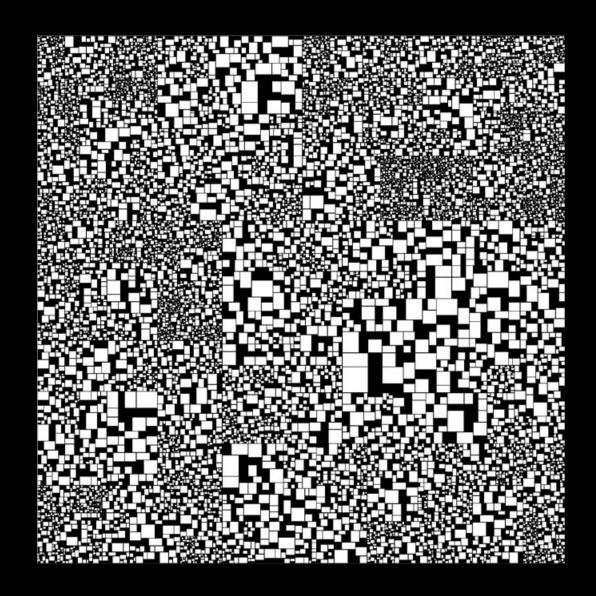


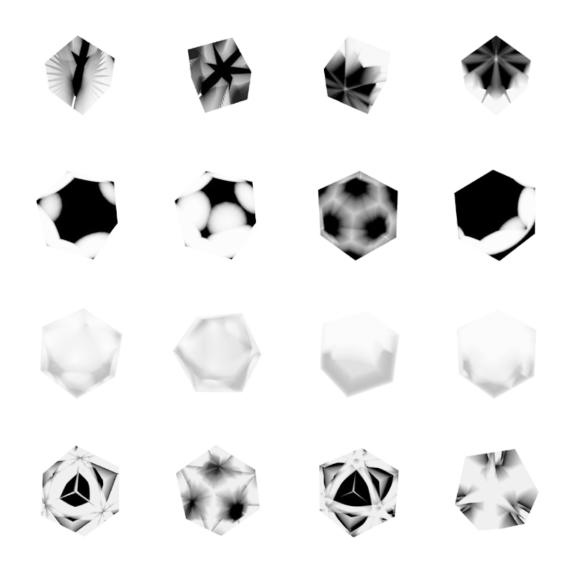
2018 / Diffusion Limited Aggregation





2018 / Field Curve 2018 / Differential Growth



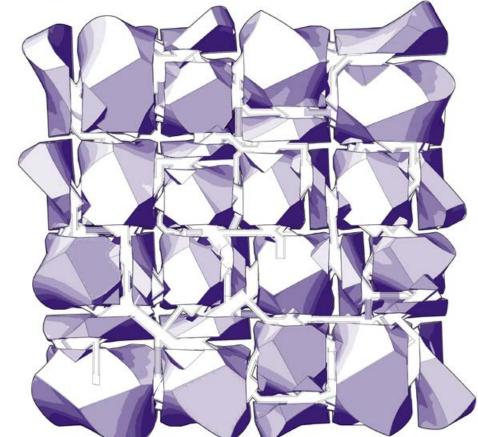


2019 / KD Tree 2019 / Volume Depth Fog



### GAP+

an Architecture of Sound

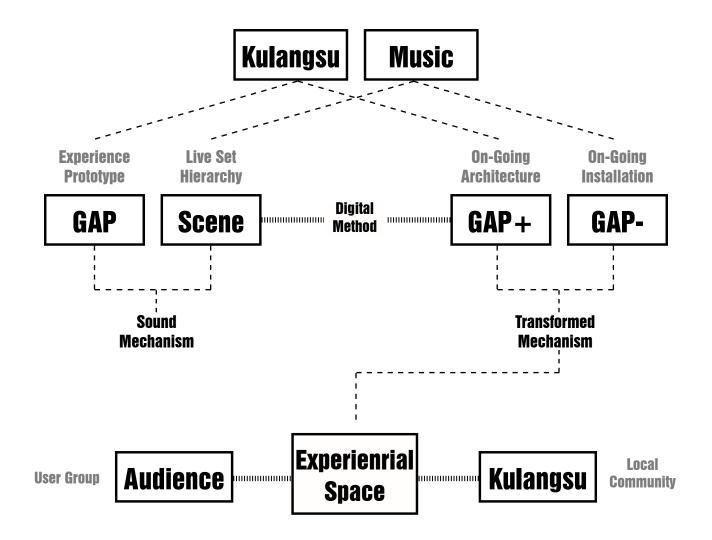


2019 Individual Work

**Instructor: Yufang Zhou, Wendong Wang, Zigeng Wang, Huanyu** 

Wang

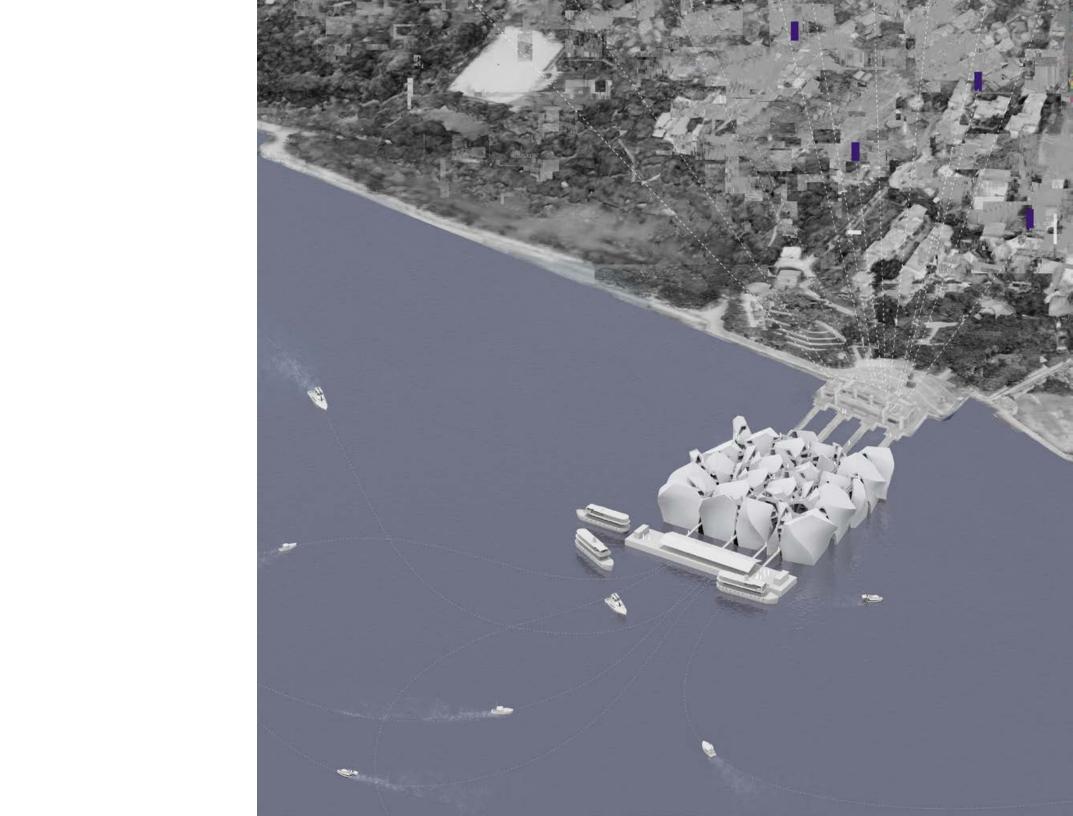
**Tech: Varies** 



This project explores the mixing mechanism of soundscape.

By abstracting personal experience in GAPs on Kulangsu as a prototype
the hierarchy and mechanism of soundscape on Kulangsu is deconstructed and re-composed
with the structure of "Scene" in Live Set (Electronic Music) and digital method

I transformed it into an architecture of sound
to generate two parts - GAP+ and GAPThey both are, wandering projection out of Kulangsu
Thus, a transformed experience is produced to link "here" and "there".



## **#1 GAP - The prototype**





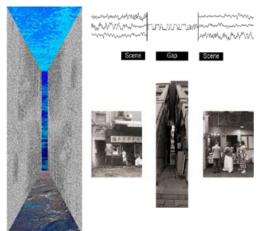


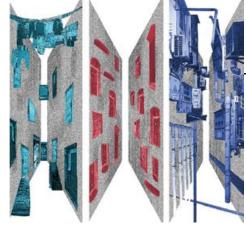


3D? k -D?

#### Kulangsu, an island of GAPs.

As you walk through the GAP, sounds fade in, and out Spaces are connected ambiguously.





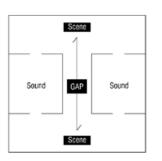
#### **GAP** - inside

piles of infrastructures, machines and It is the intersection of different scenes, a data streams, is the most sophisticated element inside the gigantic sound machine of commercial Kulangsu.

#### **GAP** - outside

The GAP is a filter, compressor and mixer of The space inside GAP, which holds soundscape.

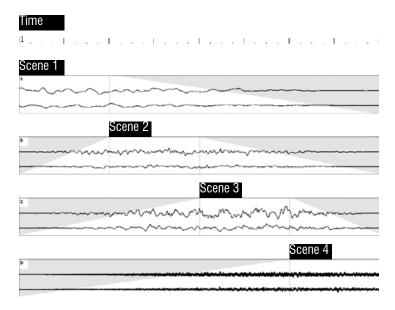
devisualized aural structure.



As a medium of sound mixing can GAP generate new aural space?

What is connected and divided by GAPs?

# **#2 Scene - Hierarchy**



# Scene 1

#### As a structure of Live Set, can SCENE produce an "on-going" space?

#### Scene - Live Set

Scene - Kulangsu Set

When we walk through GAPs,

we walk through on-going

The GAP is the key part of

Our experience replaced time, becoming the live set storyline

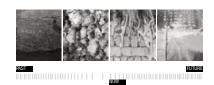
scenes and ambiences.

mixing.

of Kulangsu

Real-time and cyclical - by going through looping scenes of clips, the ambient of live-set is rendered to move forward.

#### **Kulangsu of Past**



Whatever the past or future is, whatever lived and died on this island. History has past, the space just goes on, as a non-

#### **-Kulangsu of Happening**

It is the enormous "now" composed Kulangsu.

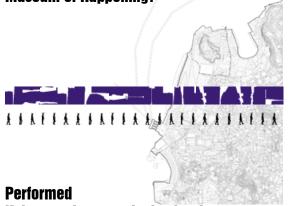




**Museum of Past?** 

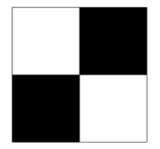
**Exhibited Piano that nobody plays** 

#### **Museum of Happening?**

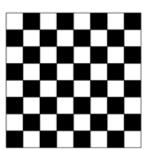


Kulangsu that everybody plays!

# #3 GAP + Architecture of Sound



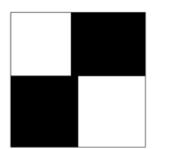
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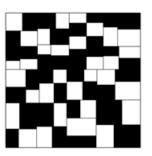
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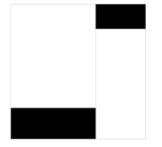
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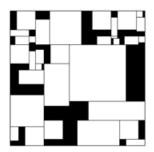
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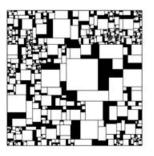
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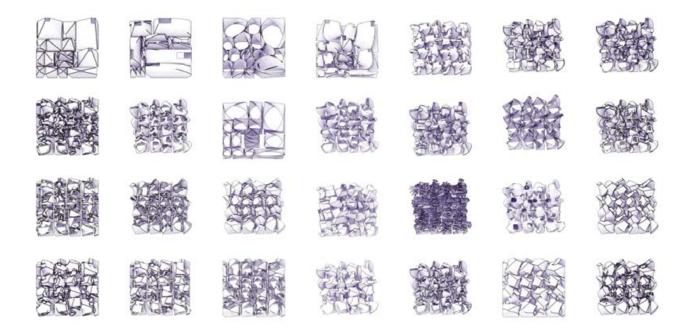


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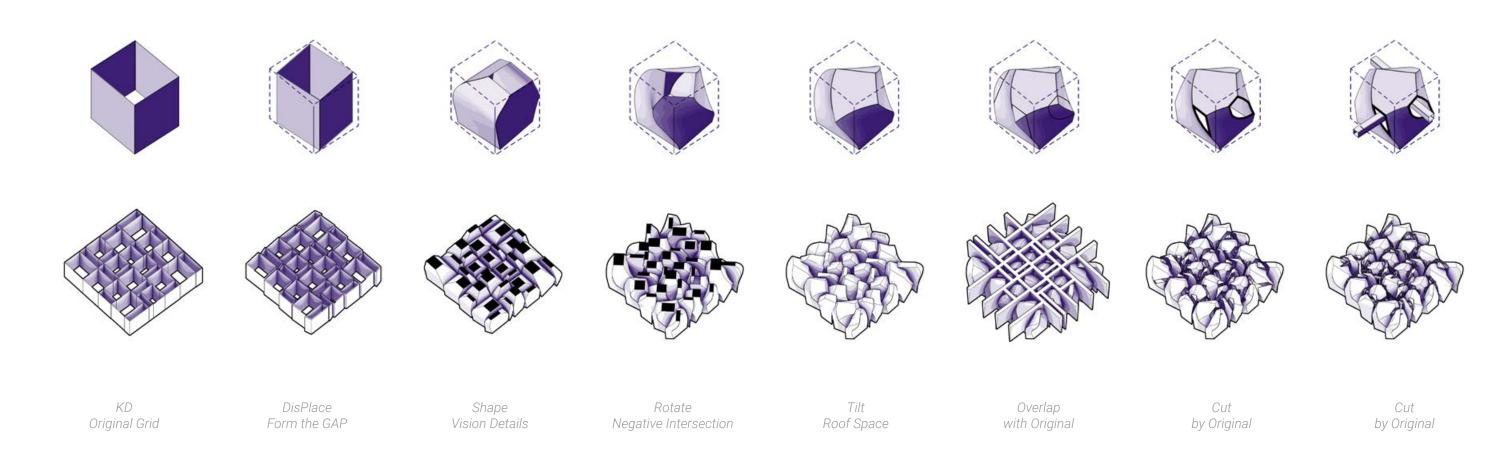
#### Urban space - Binary Pattern - Algorithm

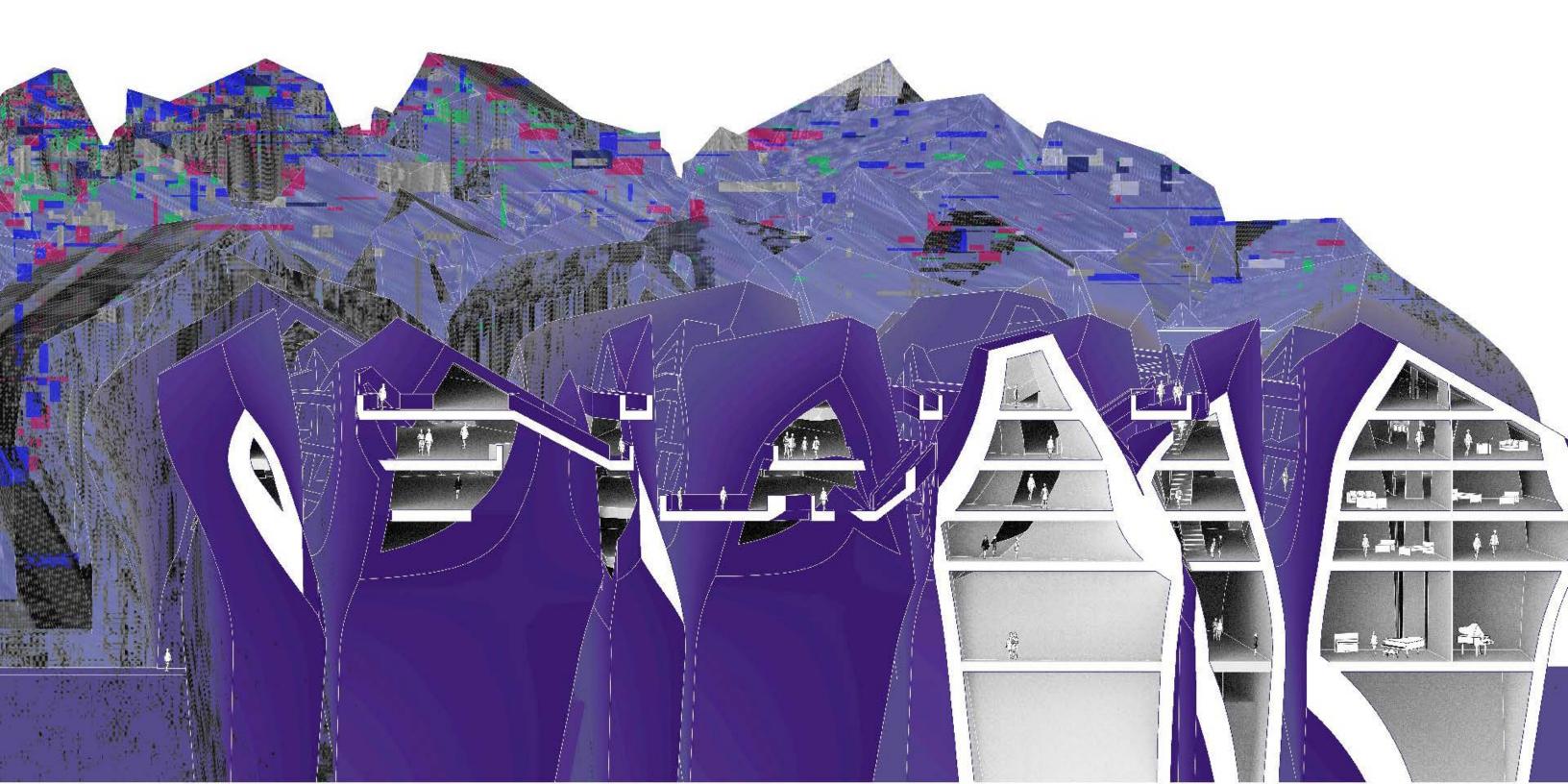


The K-D Tree, a type of Binary system is used for generating binary space system of diversified and controlled hierarchy a space consists of GAPs - a microcosm of Kulangsu.

#### **Generative Binary Space**

By overlapping the twisted grid with the original grid, a complex system of holes and tunnels is generated. From bottom to the top, single spaces are gradually open and mixed together.

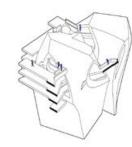




# **16 Instrument + 16 Sampler**

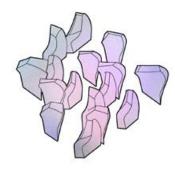








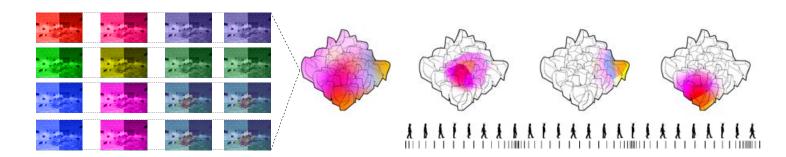












# **Group of Scene**

Walk through GAP+
We walk through a Live Set!



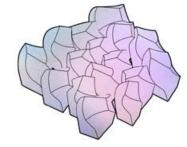






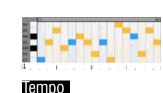




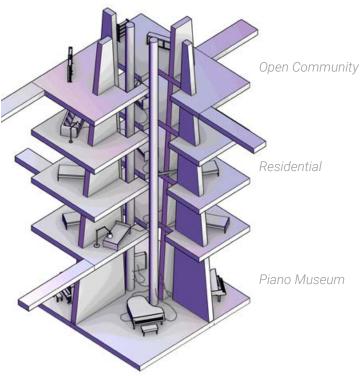


**Community Space** 









# **Residents Triggered the Space, and Nver Stop!**

#### **Inside GAP**

Attracting Crossing the GAP



Enter

Through holes on GAP user step into interior



Rise

As you rise, up to rooftop The space opens gradually Sound becomes



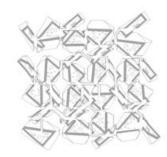
Bottom-Plan Mix: Low



Mid-Plan Mix: Mid



Top-Plan Mix: High

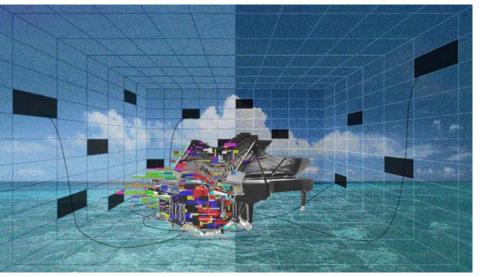


#### Join

Jnit Space is awaiting



New residents can automatically take part in the performance.



Back to Loop

The museum is a live space triggerred by people. The live set of Kulangsu never stop, as there is still tourist.



End

Start

End

Start

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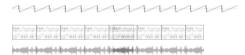
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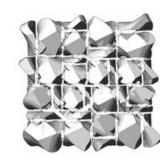
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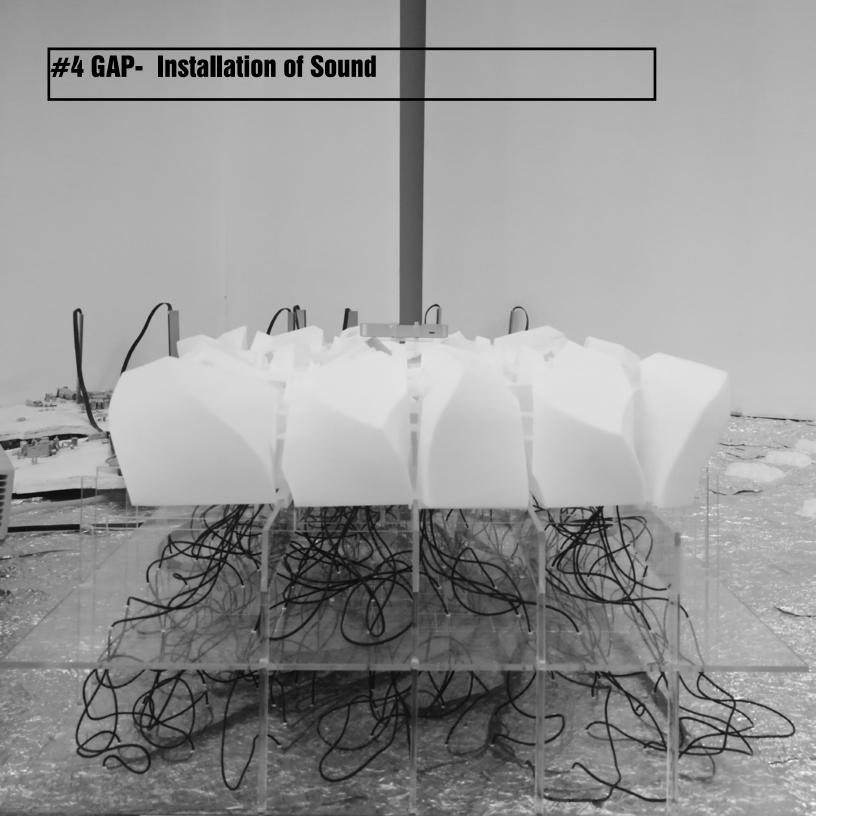
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Top - Open Roof







#### another derivative wandering out of Kulangsu an interface between audiences and Kulangsu





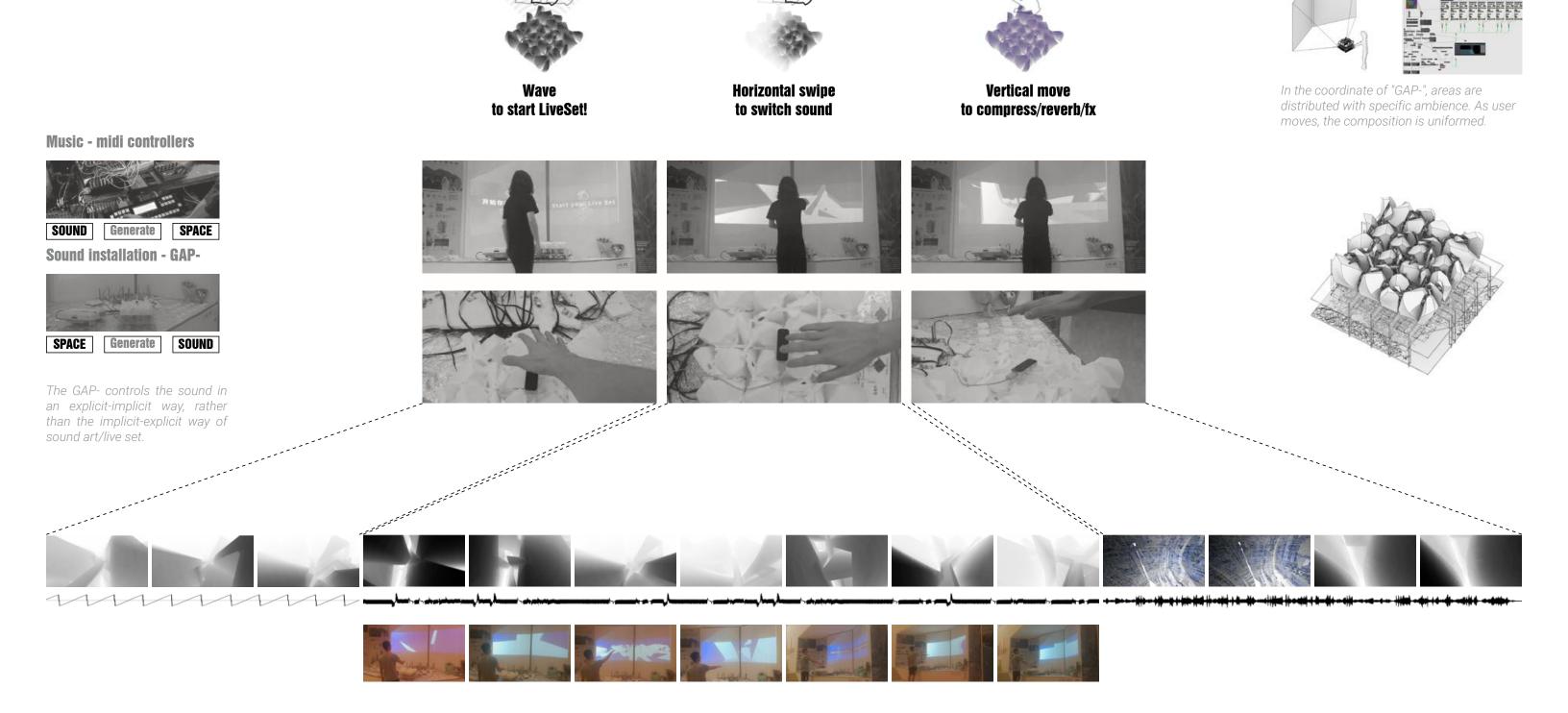






With sensors, it transforms space information to generate visual and sound. By collecting sound in Kulangsu, what we play on GAP- HERE, is connected to THEREs on Kulangsu.

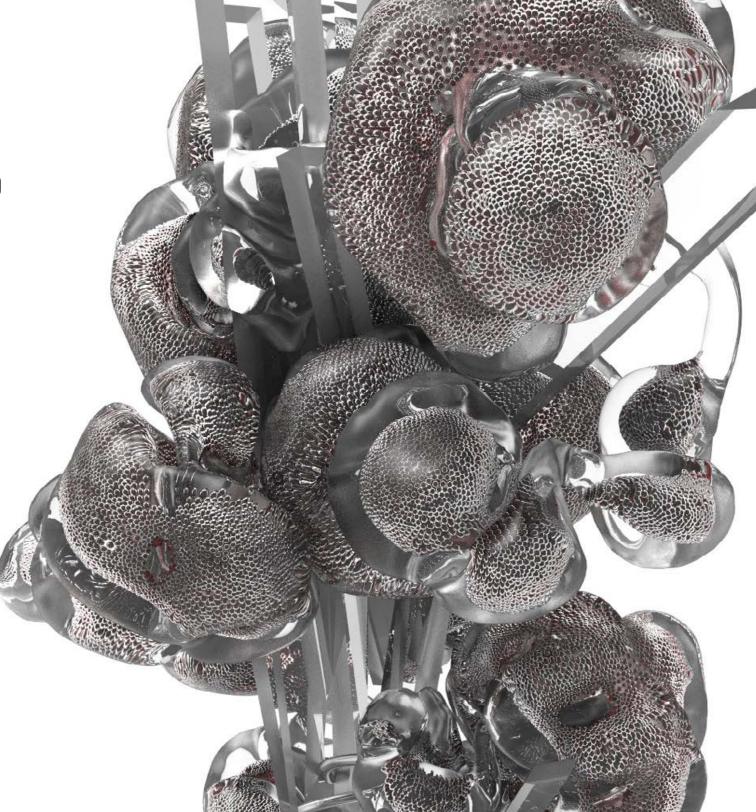
By waving our palm, gigantic mixed sound from Kulangsu evolves from the gap behind. People experience Kulangsu from distant.



# The Unknown City

**2019 Shenzhen-Hongkong Urbanism Bi-City Binnale(UABB)** 

2019
Yufan Xie, Yan Wu, Yu Chen
Tech: C#, Grasshopper
Material: 3D Printing



The project is series of 3d-printing based on fiction "9 City, Millions of Future" by Yan Wu. The fiction discribed a process of returning territory from city to nature, transitting the earth to a planet of nature

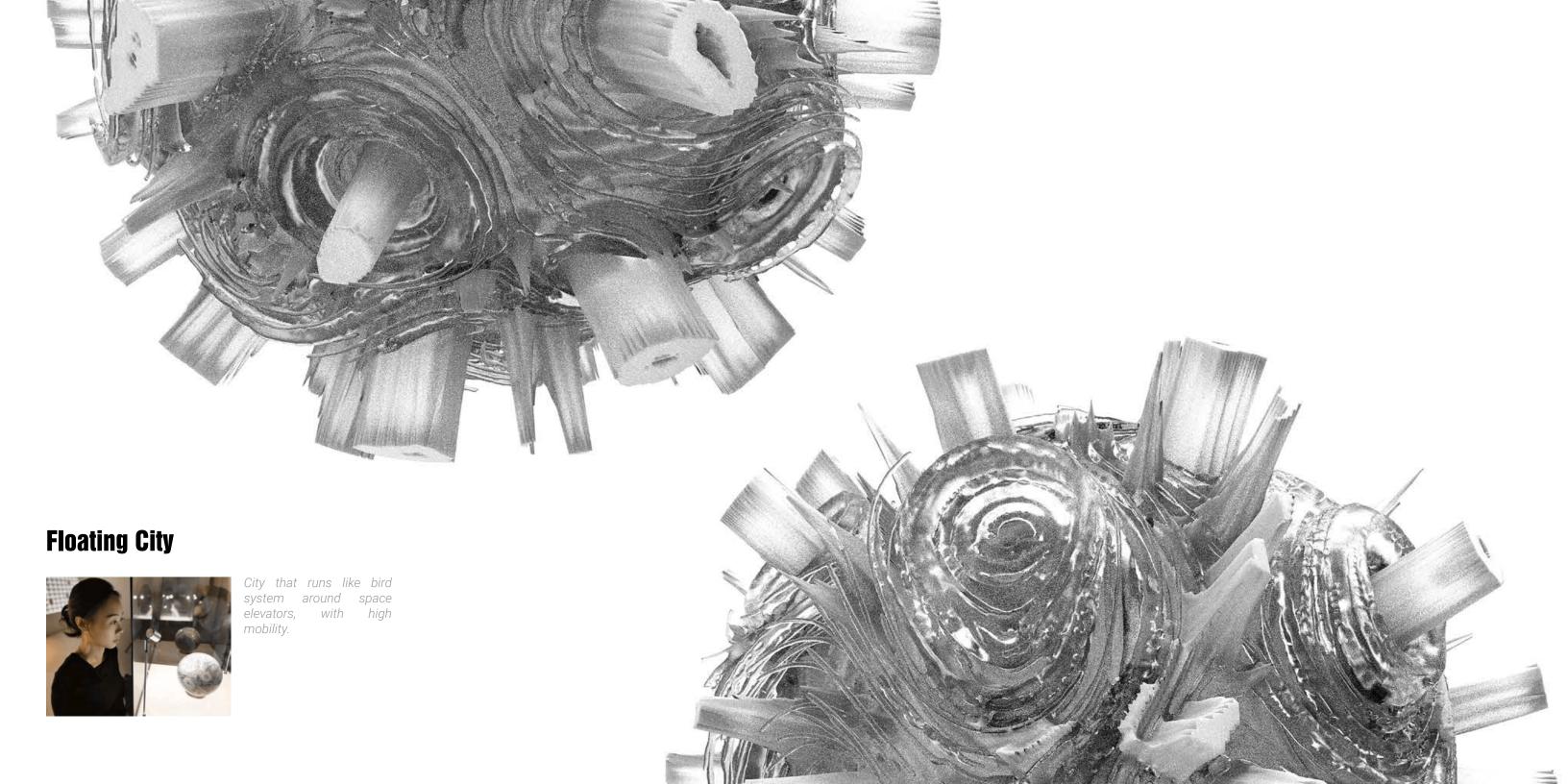
After several fascinating and upset seasons, we finally find a proper way of "returning" and ways to compress, transmit and expanding cities on new planets.



# **City of Tree**

In the future people find a method to build city with pipes and tunnels. Living space are arranged along tunnels, and expanded as green house. Pipes dive into underground to gain nutrition for the whole city.



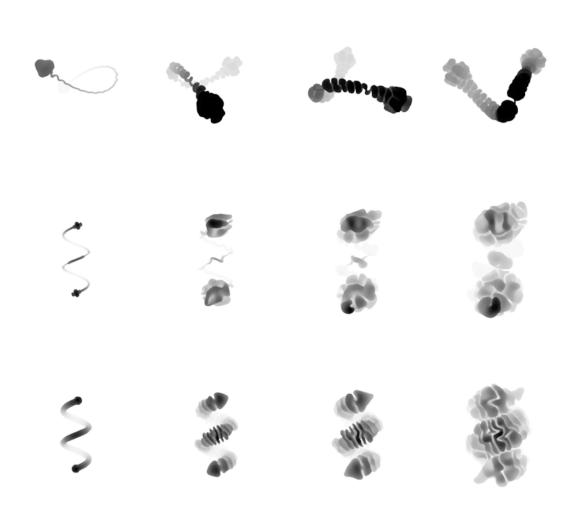






**Symbiotic City** 

City built under the sea. In future, human find a way of co-living with deepsea creatures. By sharing nutrition, the city runs as a symbiotic system.





# **Vertical City**

Self-organized high-density city along artificial spines. This method can achieve highest-utility in limited space, to solve residential problems.

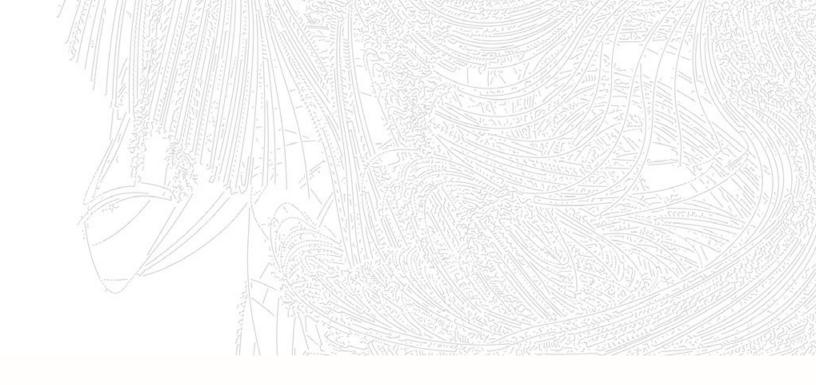


"我们将在这里逝去,然后,在那里重生。逝去的过程并不痛苦,季节的 创伤将会被抚平。重生充满希望,因为水晶的瞳孔看不到自然光,却能看 到宇宙深处的执着的思想。"

### 《九城万末》

rauma will be here. Dying is not painful, and crauma will be here. The full of hope as the eye of crystal can see the eye of in the universe."

From Nine Cities, Man as of Futures



# Thank you for reading!



