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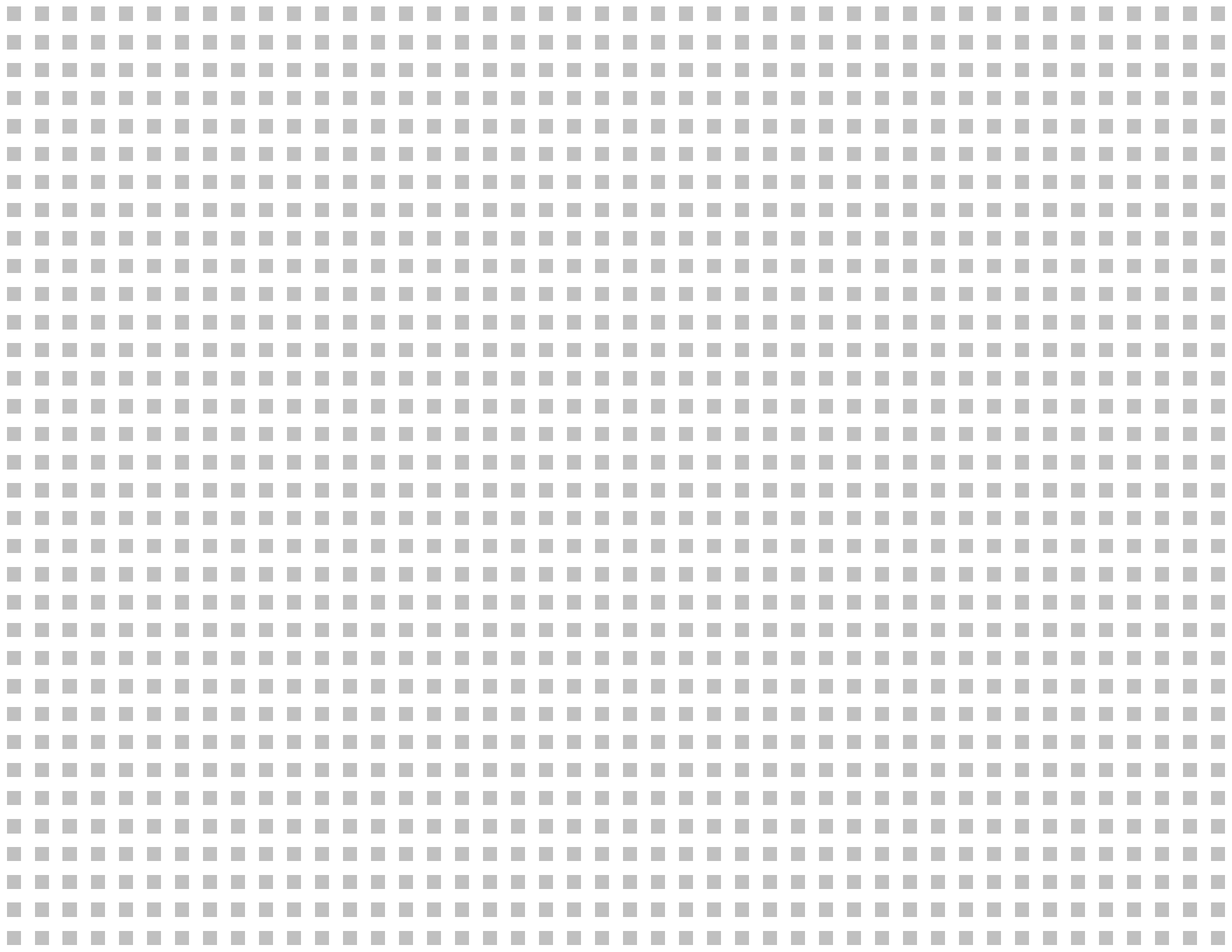
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CONCRETE
CONCEPTS
IN
THE
SHAPES OF

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GRAY :
CONCEPTS IN
CONCRETE

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Concrete is plastic and highly manipulatable. Its characteristics and the forms it takes are vastly diverse and its history as a building material is broken and nonlinear. By charting the trajectory of its manifestations and uses over time, as well as the trajectories of constituent things (chairs, pneumatic structures, blocks, and relevant artwork), I've reached an understanding of what some possible valuable futures for concrete might look like. I have proposed three of these possible futures in doodle form. The doodles appear later in this book.

W H A T
C O N C R E T E
I S

Concrete is the most abundant man-made substance on earth and is the most widely used building material. It is the definition of material and physical form as well as the definition of real. However, it remains a highly elusive building material with properties so varied that it is difficult to classify or describe its real architectural character. Its rapid and radical evolution, especially in contemporary practice, has broadened its horizons, giving each architect who uses it the power to define what it really is.¹



FIGURE 1



FIGURE 2



FIGURE 3



FIGURE 4



FIGURE 5



FIGURE 6

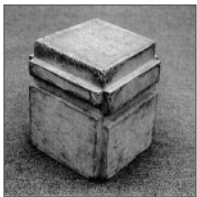


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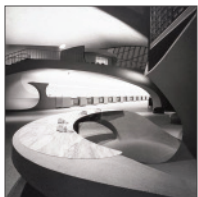


FIGURE 16



FIGURE 17



FIGURE 18



FIGURE 19



FIGURE 20

FIGURE 1

MORSE AND
EZRA STILES
COLLEGES

EERO
SAAFINEN

1 9 6 2

FIGURE 2

FUNDAÇÃO
IBERÊ

ALVARO SIZA

1 9 9 8

FIGURE 3

ERIE CANAL

CANVASS
WHITE

1 8 1 7

FIGURE 4

HOUSE

RACHEL
WHITEREAD

1 9 9 3

FIGURE 5

VILLA SAVOYE

LE CORBUSIER

1 9 3 1

FIGURE 6

DEITINGEN
SERVICE STA-
TION

HEINZ ISLER

1 9 6 8

FIGURE 7

A CAST OF THE
SPACE UNDER
MY CHAIR

BRUCE NAUMAN

1 9 6 5

FIGURE 8

TRUFA HOUSE

ANTON GAR-
CIA-ABRIL

2 0 0 6

FIGURE 9

INGALLS
BUILDING

ELZNER &
ANDERSON

1 9 0 3

FIGURE 10

EBERSWALDE
LIBRARY

HERZOG & DE
MEURON

1 9 9 8

FIGURE 11

TRANSLUCENT
CONCRETE

LICATRON

2 0 0 5

FIGURE 12

ROWBOAT

JOSEPH-LOUIS
LAMBOT

1 8 4 8

FIGURE 13

RICOLA
BUILDING

HERZOG & DE
MEURON

1 9 9 8

FIGURE 14

CAST HOUSE

THOMAS
EDISON

1 9 0 8

FIGURE 15

TENERIFE
CONCERT HALL

SANTIAGO
CALATRAVA

2 0 0 3

FIGURE 16

TWA TERMINAL

EERO
SAAFINEN

1 9 6 2

FIGURE 17

CHANDIGARH

LE CORBUSIER

1 9 6 2

FIGURE 18

WARD HOUSE

ROBERT MOOK

1 8 7 5

FIGURE 19

40 BOND

HERZOG & DE
MEURON

2 0 0 5

FIGURE 20

COLUMNS

MARK WEST

2 0 0 8

Concrete's basic ingredients are water, aggregate, and cement. Aggregate is usually sand and gravel, but can be any inert material with compressive strength. Cement is a combination of lime, ash, and small amounts of many other chemicals. When water is added to the mixture of cement and aggregate, it triggers a chemical reaction that causes the cement to bond the aggregate together. The final, essential, and often overlooked ingredient to concrete is its formwork. Concrete has no inherent formal qualities. It takes on the form of whatever vessel it is poured into and adopts the surface treatment of its mold. This directly opposes Adolf Loos' statement in *The Principle of Cladding* that "Every material possesses a formal language which belongs to it alone and no material can take on the forms proper to another."² Concrete has no formal language and depends completely on the formal logic of the materials of its formwork.³



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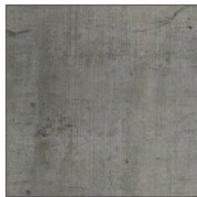
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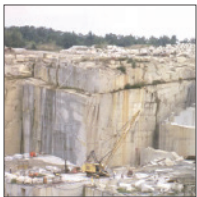
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C O N C R E T E

All building materials require some level of processing before they can be used. Lumber has to be cut from trees, stones are cut from larger rocks, and steel has to be made from iron ore and forged into desired shapes.⁴ Concrete requires more processing than other building materials as each element of its mixture has to be processed and then added together in precise proportions to yield a desired concrete. Also, though aggregate is usually sand and gravel, nearly anything can be added to the cement and water mixture to create many diverse forms of concrete.⁵



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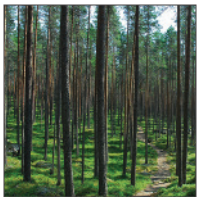


1.

CUT



S T O N E S



T R E E S



1.

2.

3.

CUT

DRY

CUT



L U M B E R



C L A Y



1.

2.

3.

4.

CRUSH

MIX

CAST

CUT



B R I C K S



I R O N O R E



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2.

3.

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5.

6.

INJECT

HEAT

REDUCE

HEAT

REFINE

CAST



S T E E L

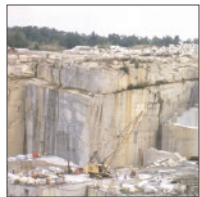


L I M E S T O N E

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 - 2. MIX
 - 3. GRIND
 - 4. HEAT
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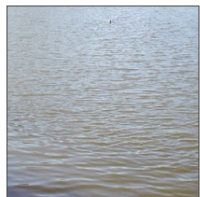


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- 1. FILTER
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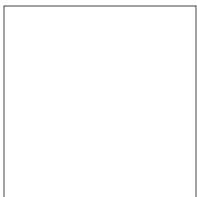


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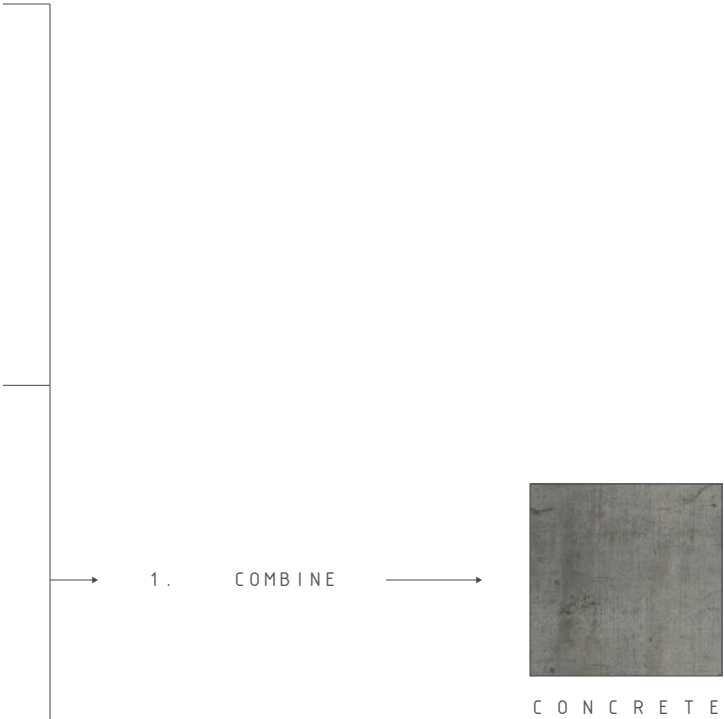


M A T E R I A L S

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- 1. PROCESS
 - 2. CONSTRUCT
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F O R M W O R K



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C O N C R E T E



Adding to its enigmatic quality, concrete has a broken and nonlinear history. The ancient Egyptians used crude forms of it to build the pyramids, and it was an essential part of Ancient Roman architecture. When the Roman Empire fell, their recipe for concrete was lost, and it disappeared from building practice until around the early 19th century. Upon resurfacing as a building material, concrete was used to form canals, sewer systems, and boats. During the latter half of the 19th century, engineers and architects began to reinforce concrete with steel rebar. The tensile strength of the steel complimented the compressive strength of the concrete to create a more structurally sound and versatile material. In the 20th century, modern architects generally praised concrete for its neutrality and ability to make “abstract,” un-ornamented surfaces, complicated curves, and uniform floor slabs. In the 1930’s, German architects were able to achieve wafer thin shell structures by reinforcing concrete with fiberglass.⁶ In contemporary architecture, concrete’s properties are even more widely varied. By impregnating the mix with steel fibers, concrete can be made incredibly strong without the need for reinforcing rods. Architects and engineers are now experimenting with processes to make concrete lighter, change its color, and even change its opacity.⁷

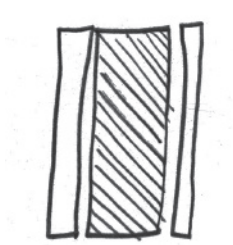
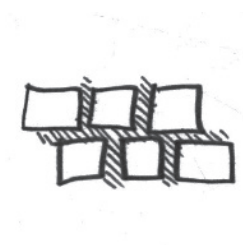


FIGURE 21
2500 BC
EGYPTIANS USE
CONCRETE AS
MORTAR FOR
BRICKS



FIGURE 22
600 BC
GREEKS DEVELOP
NEW CONCRETE
MIXTURES

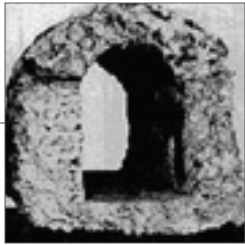
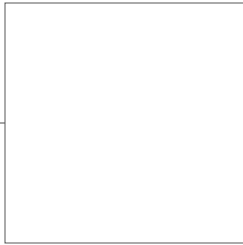


FIGURE 23
75 BC
ROMANS USE CON-
CRETE TO CREATE
FORMS



475 AD
THE ROMAN EMPIRE
FALLS, AND THE
RECIPE FOR CON-
CRETE IS LOST



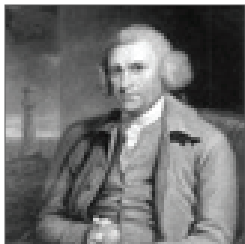
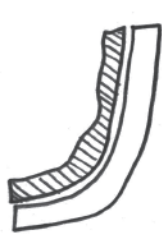
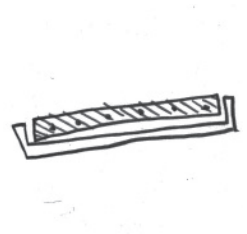
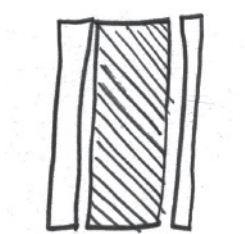


FIGURE 24
1756 AD
JOHN SMEATON
REDISCOVERS CON-
CRETE



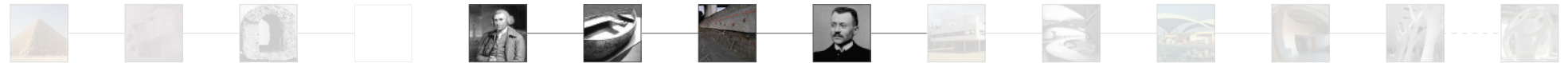
FIGURE 25
1848 AD
JOSEPH-LOUIS
LAMBOT DEVELOPS
STEEL-REIN-
FORCED CONCRETE



FIGURE 26
1911 AD
CARL AKELEY
DEVELOPS SHOT-
CRETE

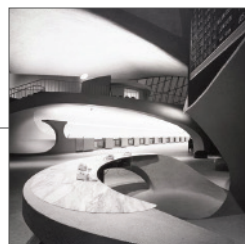


FIGURE 27
1927 AD
EUGENE FREYSSI-
NET DEVELOPS
PRE-STRESSED
CONCRETE





LE CORBUSIER
DEVELOPS A NEW
ARCHITECTURE
USING CONCRETE



EERO SAARINEN
DEVELOPS NEW
FORMS IN CON-
CRETE



HEINZ ISLER
DESIGNS THIN
CONCRETE SHELLS



MASSIE ARCHITECTURE USES JIGSAW - PUZZLE PIECES AS FORMWORK



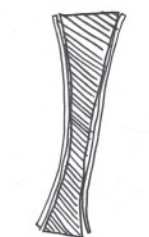
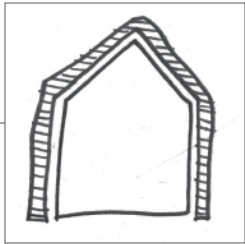


FIGURE 32
2008 AD
MARK WEST DEVEL-
OPS FAB-
RIC-FORMED CON-
CRETE



FIGURE 33
FUTURE
BUILDINGS ARE
PRINTED BY
ROBOTS



FUTURE
EXISTING FORMS
SERVE AS FORM-
WORK FOR NEW
CONCRETE ARCHI-
TECTURE



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Chairs, besides them being seating objects, often serve as microcosms of architecture. They can express architectural ideas on a small and intimate scale. Early man most likely sat on rocks and logs, and later, these materials were processed to better serve the function of seating. In the 19th century, some chair designs were standardized and mass-produced. In the 20th century, chairs became lighter and their structures became more efficient. At the Bauhaus, Marcel Breuer predicted that the structure of the chair would be reduced so much so that in the future, we would be sitting on columns of air. Though this hasn't happened, there are inflatable chairs that are very light with minimal structure. Concrete chairs have also been made that are very light and strong.⁸



FIGURE 34
120,000 BC

EARLY MAN SITS
ON STONES



FIGURE 35
2500 BC

EGYPTIANS CREATE
ORNATE CHAIRS



FIGURE 36
1000 BC

ROMANS BEDS WERE
ALL PURPOSE
SEATING



FIGURE 37
1859 AD

MICHAEL THONET
CREATES THE
FIRST MASS PRO-
DUCED CHAIR





FIGURE 38
1926 AD

MART STAM CRE-
ATES THE FIRST
CANTILEVER CHAIR

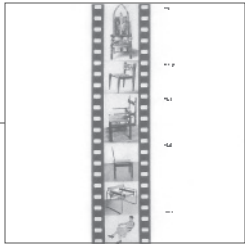


FIGURE 39
1928 AD

MARCEL BREUER
CHARTS THE EVO-
LUTION OF THE
CHAIR



FIGURE 40
1960 AD

VERNER PANTON
INVENTS THE
FIRST INFLATABLE
CHAIR



FIGURE 41
1967 AD

VICO MAGISTRETTI
DESIGNS THE MOST
UBIQUITOUS CHAIR
EVER





FIGURE 42
2009 AD

OMER ARBEL
DESIGNS A LIGHT-
WEIGHT CONCRETE
CHAIR



FIGURE 43
2010 AD

TEJO REMY MAKES
CONCRETE LOOK
INFLATABLE



FIGURE 44
FUTURE

AS PREDICTED BY
MARCEL BREUER,
CHAIRS ARE COL-
UMNS OF AIR



FUTURE

PNEUMATIC STRUC-
TURES SERVE AS
NEW FORMWORK FOR
CONCRETE CHAIRS



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S T R U C T U R E S



Using air as the structure for a membranous wrapper is a lightweight and efficient way to create forms. The ancient Chinese began developing small hot air balloons made of paper for military purposes. Later, these hot air balloons were scaled up, and made big enough to transport people in. In the mid-20th century, Walter Bird began experimenting with using pneumatic structures as enclosures ranging in scale from houses to airplane hangars. This idea sparked much interest in the 1960's.⁹ Buckminster Fuller experimented a lot with pneumatic structures not only as enclosures, but as lightweight structural supports too, with the membrane made of aluminum alloys. NASA was also interested in the efficiency of these structures, and began making Mylar balloons for satellites. The difficulty was that the membranes of these balloons could not be made strong enough to hold up against impacts from small meteorites. In the 1970's, pneumatic structures were used often as enclosures for pavilions and temporary exposition spaces. Though pneumatic structures are still used today, the craze that surrounded them in the 60's and 70's eventually died away.¹⁰



FIGURE 45
220 AD

CHINESE DEVELOP
HOT AIR BALLOONS



FIGURE 46
1783 AD

THE MONTGOLFIER
BROTHERS FLY A
PASSENGER IN A
HOT AIR BALLOON



FIGURE 47
1941 AD

WALTER BIRD
DEVELOPS PNEU-
MATIC STRUCTURES



FIGURE 48
1960 AD

NASA DEVELOPS
NEW PNEUMATIC
STRUCTURES





FIGURE 49
1970 AD

PNEUMATIC STRUC-
TURES ARE FOR
PAVILIONS



FIGURE 50
2000 AD

PNEUMATIC STRUC-
TURES BECOME A
NOVELTY



FUTURE

PNEUMATIC STRUC-
TURE SERVE AS
ARMATURE FOR
CONCRETE BLOCK
CONSTRUCTION



FUTURE

PNEUMATIC STRUC-
TURES SERVE AS
NEW FORMWORK FOR
CONCRETE



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The ancient Egyptians used a crude form of concrete to adhere clay bricks together. Then the romans perfected a concrete recipe, and began building forms with concrete alone. It wasn't until the 1830's, however, that blocks of concrete were cast and used in building construction. In the early 20th century, Frank Lloyd Wright made his own custom concrete blocks for use in several houses he designed. Recently, 3-d printing with concrete has become possible, and custom concrete bricks can be printed that, when aggregated, can create a diverse array of forms.¹¹

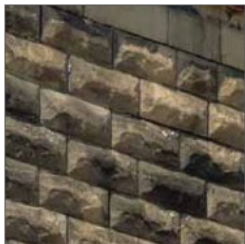
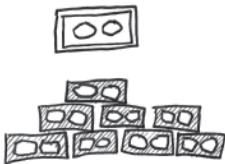


FIGURE 51
1830 AD

FIRST CONCRETE
BLOCKS ARE USED

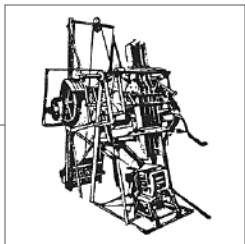


FIGURE 52
1900 AD

HARMON S. PALMER
DEVELOPS A NEW
BLOCK-MAKING
MACHINE

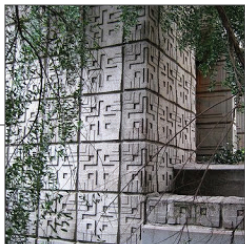


FIGURE 53
1923 AD

FRANK LLOYD
WRIGHT DESIGNS
CUSTOM CONCRETE
BLOCKS

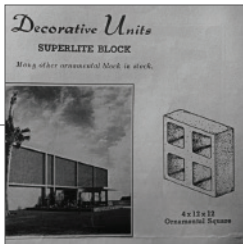


FIGURE 54
1955 AD

SUPERLITE
MASS-PRODUCES
CONCRETE BLOCKS





FIGURE 55
1965 AD

CONCRETE BLOCKS
ACCOUNT FOR 80%
OF WALL CON-
STRUCTION

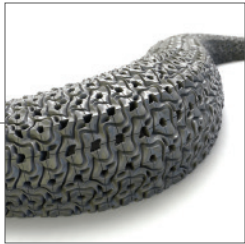


FIGURE 56
2011 AD

RAEL SAN FRATEL-
LO USES
3D-PRINTED CON-
CRETE BLOCKS



FUTURE

PNEUMATIC STRUC-
TURE SERVE AS
ARMATURE FOR
CONCRETE BLOCK
CONSTRUCTION





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In the 20th century, art began to overlap with and directly comment on architecture in thought-provoking ways. In 1965, Bruce Nauman cast the space under a chair to demonstrate the possibility of solidifying a perceived volume.¹² In the 1970's, Gordon Matta Clark began directly affecting and altering architecture by splitting and cutting holes through buildings, revealing new and unique spatial connections.¹³ Rachel Whiteread, launching off of Bruce Nauman's piece, began casting the interior volumes enclosed by cabinets and houses. One of her most famous works, *House*, was made by filling the interior of a condemned house with concrete and then removing the house, revealing an exact cast of its interior volume.¹⁴

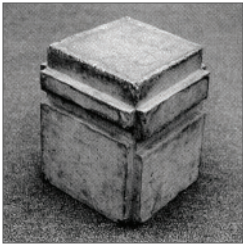
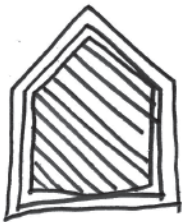


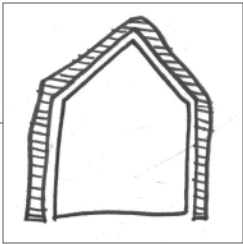
FIGURE 57
1965 AD
BRUCE NAUMAN
SOLIDIFIES THE
SPACE UNDER A
CHAIR



FIGURE 58
1974 AD
GORDON MATTA
CLARK SPLITS A
HOUSE



FIGURE 59
1993 AD
RACHEL WHITEREAD
SOLIDIFIES THE
ENCLOSED VOLUME
OF A HOUSE



FUTURE
THE EXTERIOR
VOLUME OF A
HOUSE IS SOLIDI-
FIED IN A CON-
CRETE SHELL

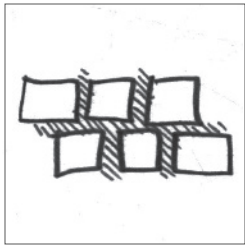




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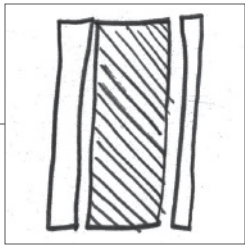
With such a rich and diverse history, the future of concrete is broad. In understanding where concrete fits into the histories of constituent things (chairs, pneumatic structures, artwork), I contend that three valuable and very plausible futures of concrete are:

- I. Pneumatic-formed concrete, using new concrete with added tensile strength so as to enable more diverse form making
- II. Lo-tech, fabric-formed, pneumatically supported concrete modules that can aggregate into different shell structures
- III. Cast-in-place concrete shells over forms that no longer serve their function and can be removed from the cast to yield useful architectural void spaces



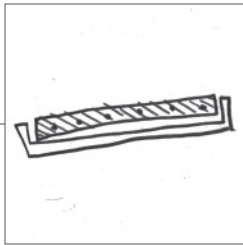
2500 BC

CONCRETE MORTAR AS FOR BRICKS



1756 BC

CONCRETE AS FORM WITH FORMWORK



1848 AD

REINFORCED CONCRETE AS FORM WITH FORMWORK



120,000 AD

STONE AS SEAT



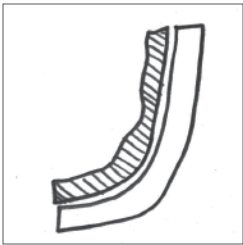
1926 AD

OPTIMIZED STRUCTURE AS SEAT



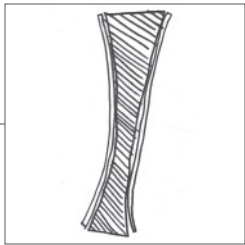
1783 AD

PNEUMATIC STRUCTURE AS CARRIER



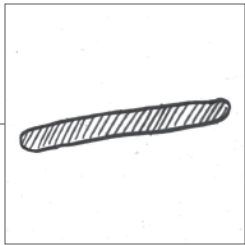
1911 AD

SHOTCRETE AS
FORM WITH 1-SID-
ED FORMWORK



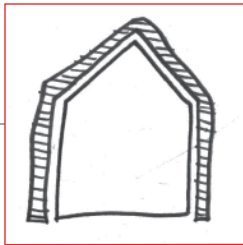
2008 AD

CONCRETE AS FORM
WITH FABRIC AS
FORMWORK



FUTURE

PRINTED CONCRETE
REQUIRES NO
FORMWORK



FUTURE

PROPOSITION I:
SHOTCRETE WITH
EXISTING FORM AS
FORMWORK



1960 AD

PNEUMATIC STRUC-
TURE AS SEAT



2009 AD

LIGHTWEIGHT CON-
CRETE AS SEAT



FUTURE

AIR AS SEAT



FUTURE

PROPOSITION II:
CONCRETE WITH
PNEUMATIC FORM-
WORK AS SEAT



1941 AD

PNEUMATIC STRUC-
TURE AS ENCLO-
SURE



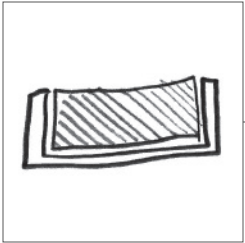
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CONCRETE WITH
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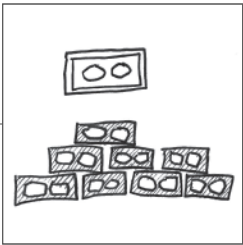
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PNEUMATIC STRUC-
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RARY STRUCTURE
FOR CONCRETE
BLOCKS



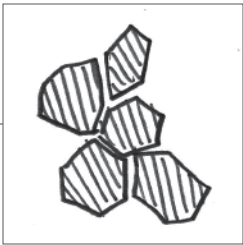
1830 AD

CAST CONCRETE
BRICKS



1955 AD

MASS-PRODUCED
CAST CONCRETE
BRICKS



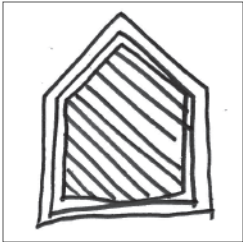
2011 AD

PRINTED CONCRETE
BRICKS



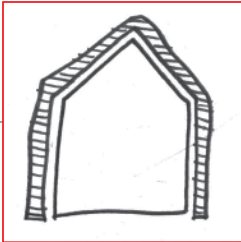
FUTURE

PROPOSITION III:
PNEUMATIC STRUC-
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FOR CONCRETE
BLOCKS



1993 AD

HOUSE AS FORM-
WORK FOR VOLUME
OF INTERIOR



FUTURE

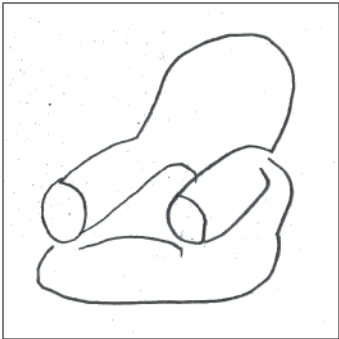
HOUSE AS FORM-
WORK FOR CON-
CRETE SHELL



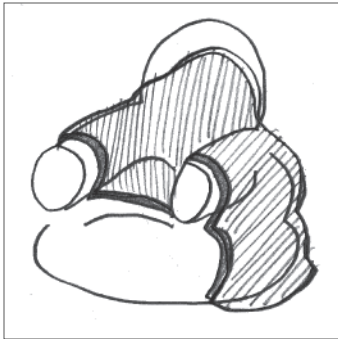
SCALE - 1 : 1
SITE - UNDER YOUR ASS
PROGRAM - SEAT

Pneumatic-formed concrete chair:

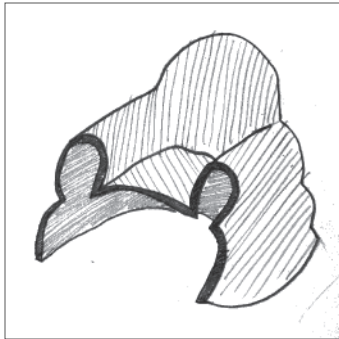
Air is the structure of an inflatable chair. I will demonstrate the ability to use pneumatic structures as formwork for cast-in-place concrete architecture by casting fiberglass-reinforced concrete over an inflatable chair and then deflating the chair, leaving a concrete shell bearing the form of the chair.



PNEUMATIC FORMWORK



CAST-IN-PLACE



FIBERGLASS REINFORCED
CONCRETE



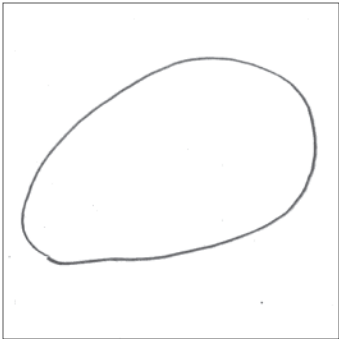
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SITE - SLOCUM 4TH FLOOR

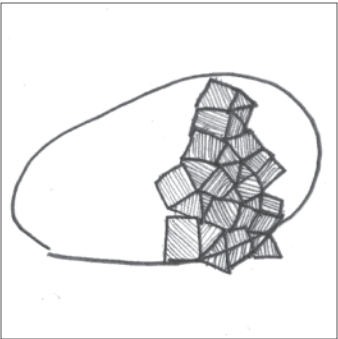
PROGRAM - PRESENTATION SPACE

fabric-formed concrete modules:

Since concrete is highly manipulatable, it can be very expressive. By handcrafting concrete modules that key together and aggregate into various shell forms, I can create a façade system that shows its handedness, and can be implemented architecturally on a large scale. Pneumatic structures can be used as temporary structure for this cladding system.



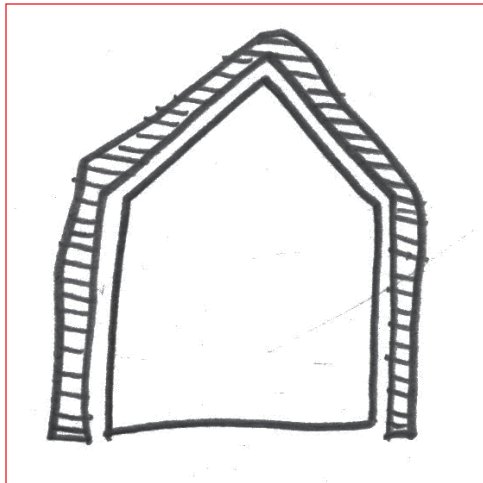
PNEUMATIC STRUCTURE



MODULAR KIT



FABRIC-FORMED, STEEL
FIBER REINFORCED CON-
CRETE



SCALE- 3/4" = 1' REPRESENTATIONAL

SITE- HUDSON RIVER VALLEY

PROGRAM- LIVE/WORK DWELLING

lost-house shotcrete shell cast:

Things that no longer serve their function, but still have valuable architectural forms can be used as formwork for concrete shell casts. A condemned house can be covered in concrete, and the house could be removed from the inside after the concrete sets. This will yield a concrete shell with an interior volume that is the exact form of a house.



EXISTING HOUSE AS
FORMWORK



LOST - HOUSE ,
CAST-IN-PLACE



FIBERGLASS REINFORCED
GUNITE



NORTH AMERICA



NEW ENGLAND



NEW YORK



HUDSON RIVER
VALLEY

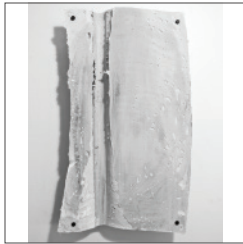
I propose designing a house in the Hudson River Valley that can support a self-sufficient, pastoral/artisanal lifestyle for a contemporary couple. William is a writer and editor, as well as a beekeeper, whisky distiller, and cheese maker. Jessi designs graphics, websites, and apps, and is an avid home-brewer, pickler, and reader.

Their house will include facilities for farming, beekeeping, cheese making, beer brewing, whisky distilling, and bread making, and will have studios for writing and design. The house's character will be derived from serving these food and drink production functions. Situated in the Hudson River Valley, William and Jessi will be close enough to New York City to support their careers as a writer and designer, but will still be able to live autonomously and lightly off of the land.

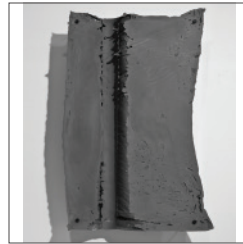


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A N D
D E V E L O P M E N T

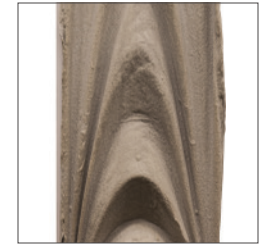
Most of the research I've done has been in the form of directly testing concrete's properties and characteristics. From the beginning of the semester, I've been exploring the relationship between concrete and its formwork. In addition to experimenting with different concrete mixtures, I started by painting with concrete (page 51) and making concrete forms that express concrete's uniformity and homogeneous makeup (pages 52-53). I tried casting concrete without using external formwork (page 49), and started experimenting with using pneumatic structures as the formwork for concrete (pages 56-58). Through researching by doing, I got a good, hands-on grasp on what concrete is capable of.



I MADE THESE
WORKS BY SATU-
RATING FABRIC
WITH CONCRETE
AND HANGING IT
TO DRY

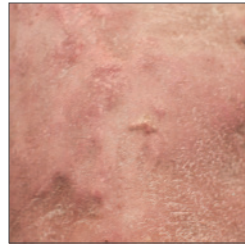


THEY DEMONSTRATE
A WAY TO CON-
STRUCT CONCRETE
FORMS WITHOUT
USING EXTERNAL
PHYSICAL FORM-
WORK





I ADDED GRAPHITE
TO A CONCRETE
MOLD AND IT
IMPRINTED ON THE
CONCRETE WHEN IT
SET



I USED FABRIC
DYE TO COLOR THE
SAND IN CONCRETE
TO MAKE IT PINK



I USED SAWDUST
AS AN AGGREGATE
TO YIELD A CON-
CRETE PANEL 20%
LIGHTER THAN
TYPICAL CONCRETE



I USED FOAM
BLOCKS AS AN
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YIELD A CONCRETE
PANEL 30% LIGHT-
ER THAN TYPICAL
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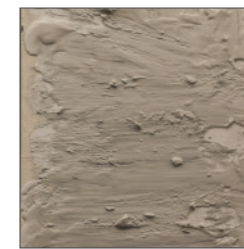
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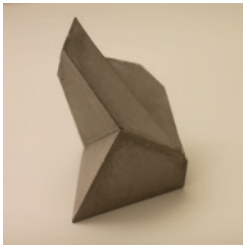
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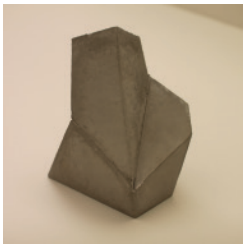
I APPLIED PINK
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THE PROPERTIES
OF THE ROLLER



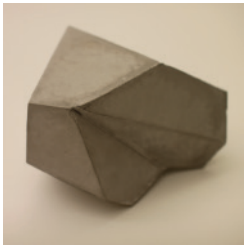
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THING 2



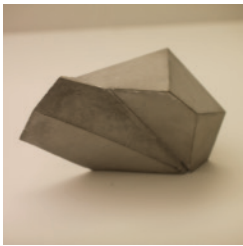
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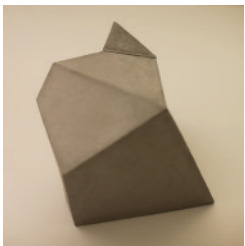
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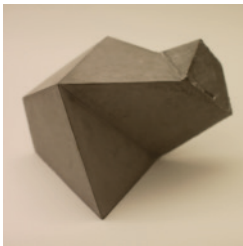
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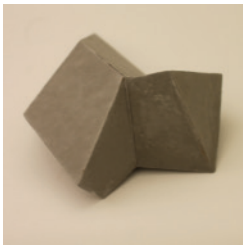
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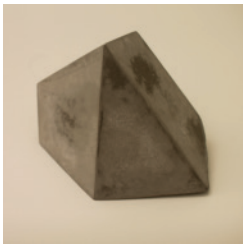
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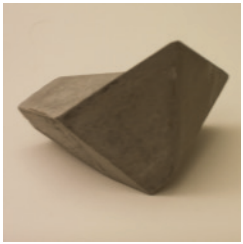
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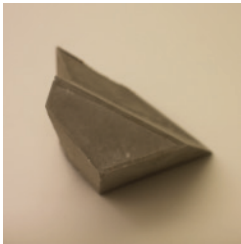
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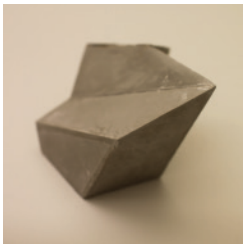
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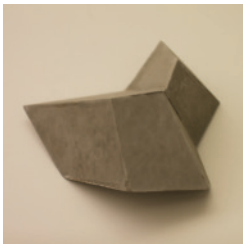
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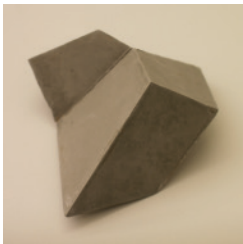
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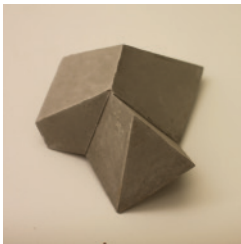
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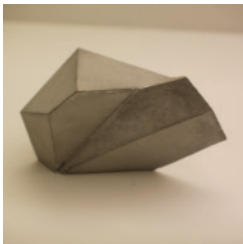
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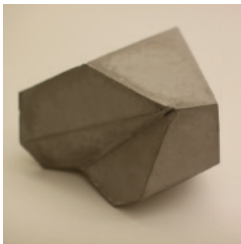
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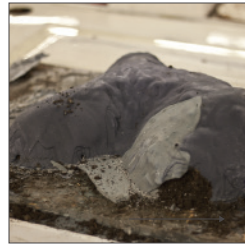
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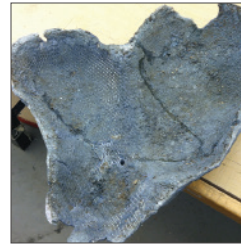
THING 24



REBAR MESH IS
ADDED OVER THE
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OVER THE DIRT



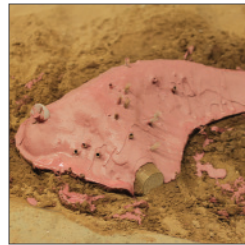
THE DIRT IS
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A HABITABLE CON-
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LIGHT TUBES AND
DOOR FRAMES ARE
ADDED TO AN
EXISTING SAND
DUNE



A MIX OF SAND,
CEMENT, WATER,
AND RED DYE IS
POURED OVER TOP
OF THE SAND DUNE



THE SAND IS
EXCAVATED FROM
WITHIN THE SHELL



A HABITABLE CON-
CRETE SHELL
BEARING THE FORM
OF A NATURALLY
EXISTING SAND
DUNE REMAINS



A PNEUMATIC
STRUCTURE IS
INFLATED



A MIX OF CEMENT,
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THE PNEUMATIC
STRUCTURE IS
DEFLATED YIELD-
ING A HABITABLE
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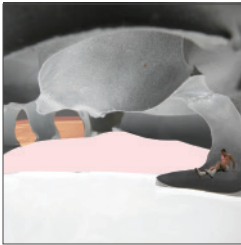
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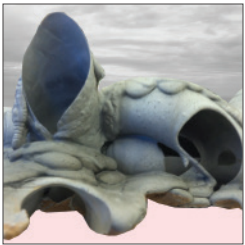


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