

1 Site: Hungary - Mezőkövesd Military Airport



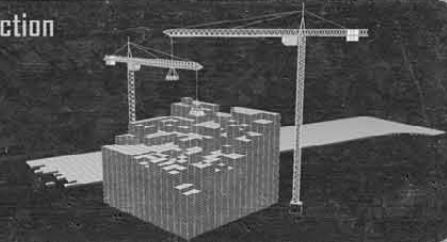
1 original 2D layout = airport (runway 3500mx80m)

5m x 5m x 1m
concrete block



X 18.500 = 463.000m³

2 construction



3 final 3D layout = cube

75m x 75m x 75m
solid concrete block



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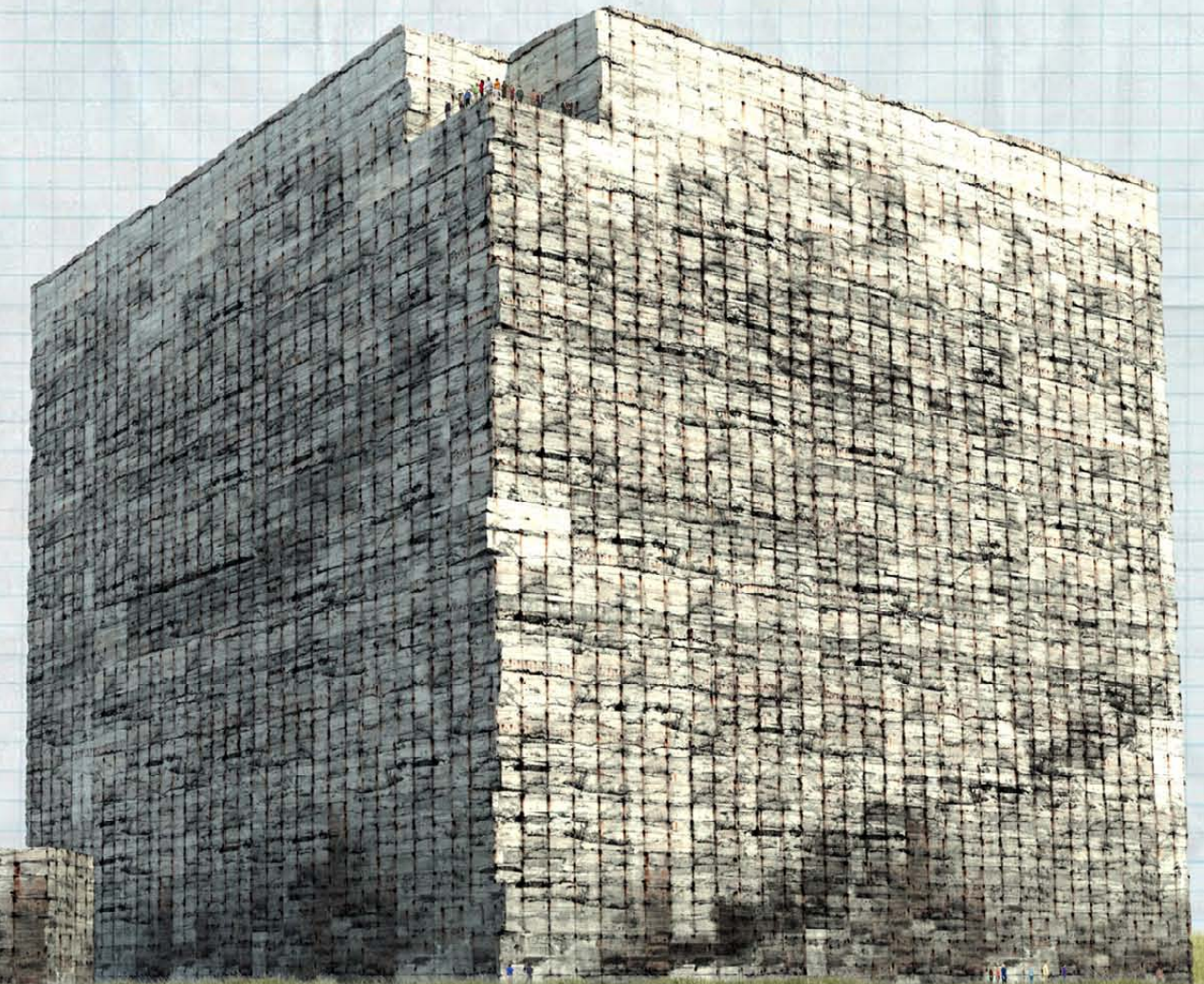
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CUBE

This plan is fiction. A serious fiction for a country which has lost its faith in everything. Although the economic crisis proved that the hedonistic way of living has ended, we keep on wasting our resources. The design tries to reveal this attitude by making the invisible visible.

The site, Mezőkövesd is a rather quiet provincial city in the Hungarian lowland mainly known for its world famous „matyo“ embroidery. But besides this, the city could have played a key role in an atomic war between the east and west during the cold war era. Its airbase served as a spare supply airport of the Warsaw Pact, opened in the early 1950's and operated until the mid 1980's. In case of a war conflict, Soviet nuclear long-distance bombers could have settled here - therefore it was featured as a top-secret military base. During the construction works, the detailed plans were smuggled to the west - because of this security breach, the project was never completed. Only the 3500m long / 80m wide main runway was finished. The sky became busy twice a year: when the Soviet troops changed shift; it was also popular among the Hungarian military officers, who wanted to avoid the custom control of Budapest airport. Today it's the property of local government, but left abandoned.

Since the airport was never really used, its realization wasted a lot of energy, material and money. Its 1m thick strip contains almost half a million cubic meters of concrete. The design is a recycling fantasy of this invisible monument. This shocking mass of waste could form a 75m x 75m x 75m solid concrete cube which could give new identity to the region. Visitors could enter the CUBE which could dominate the horizon of the Hungarian Plain and as a giant Rubik cube might become a new icon of the country.



146m
480ft

143m
470ft

85m
280ft

102m
335ft

100m
328ft

96m
315ft

96m
315ft

93m
305ft

75m
246ft

74m
242ft

65m
213ft

65m
213ft

62m
203ft

50m
164ft

41m
134ft

The pyramids of Giza: Cheops, Chefren, Mycerinus

Atomium - Brussels

St Adalbert Basilica - Esztergom

Big Ben - London

The Hungarian Parliament Building - Budapest

Statue of Liberty - New York

Cube - Mezőkövesd

Matthias Church - Budapest

Opera house - Sydney

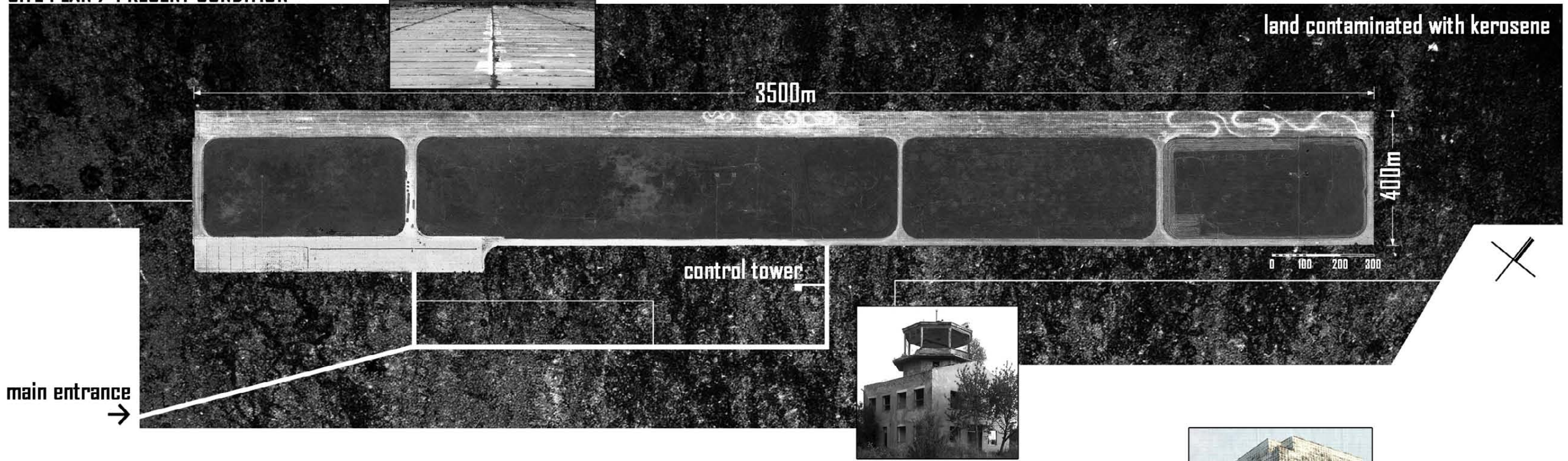
Taj Mahal - Agra

Step pyramid of Djoser - Saqqara

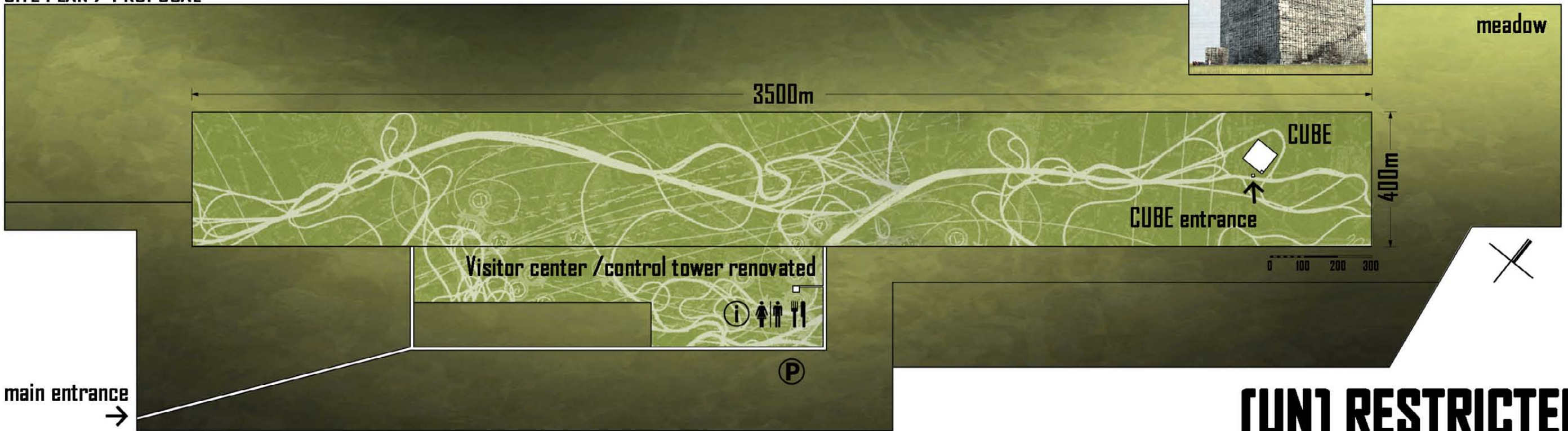
Triumphal arch - Paris

Heroes Square - Budapest

SITE PLAN / PRESENT CONDITION



SITE PLAN / PROPOSAL



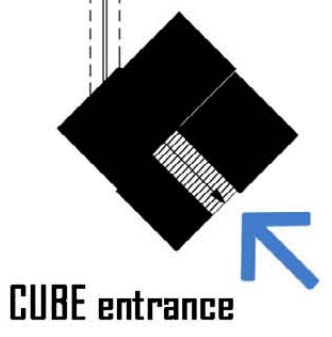
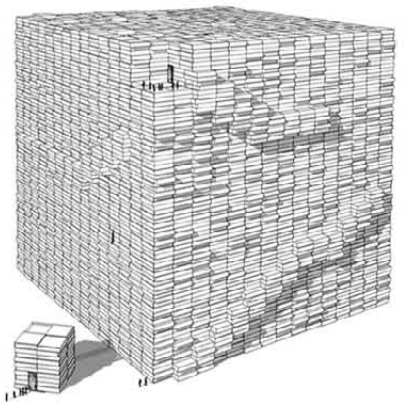
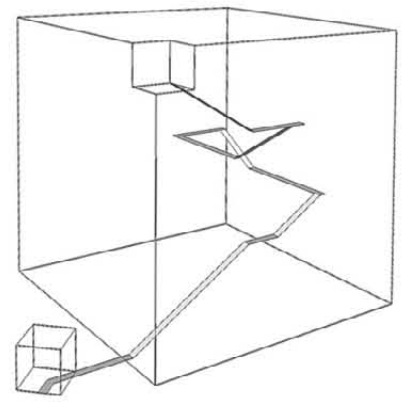
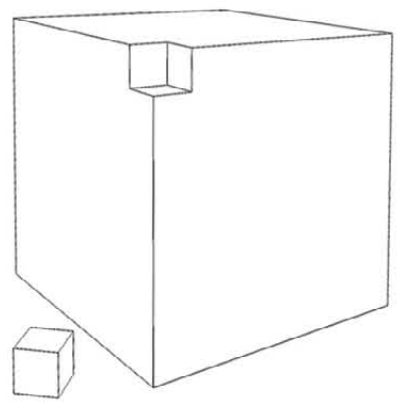
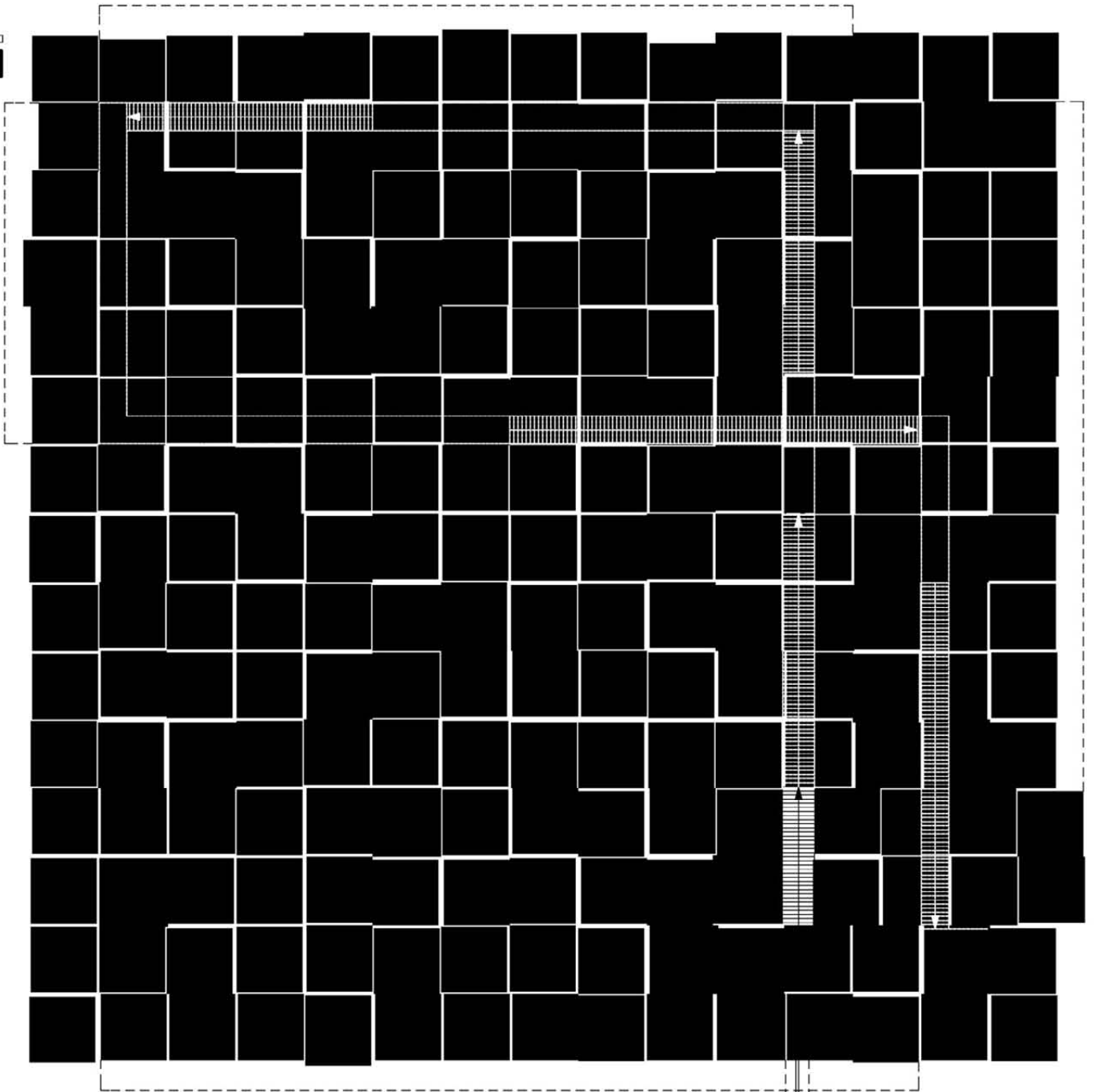
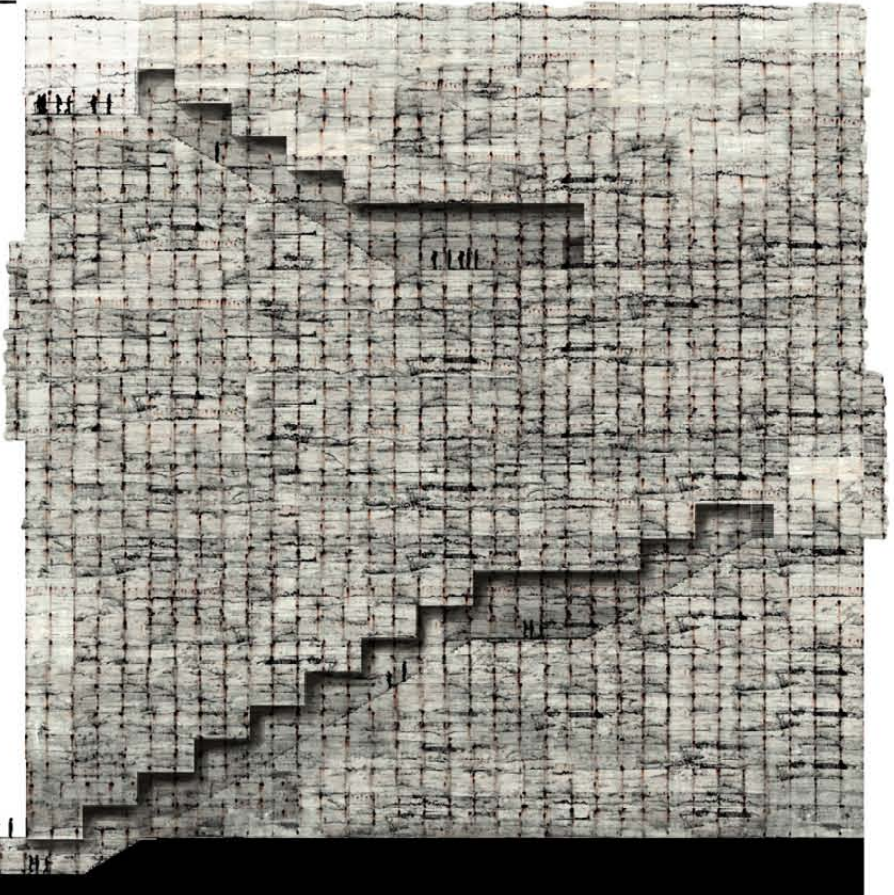
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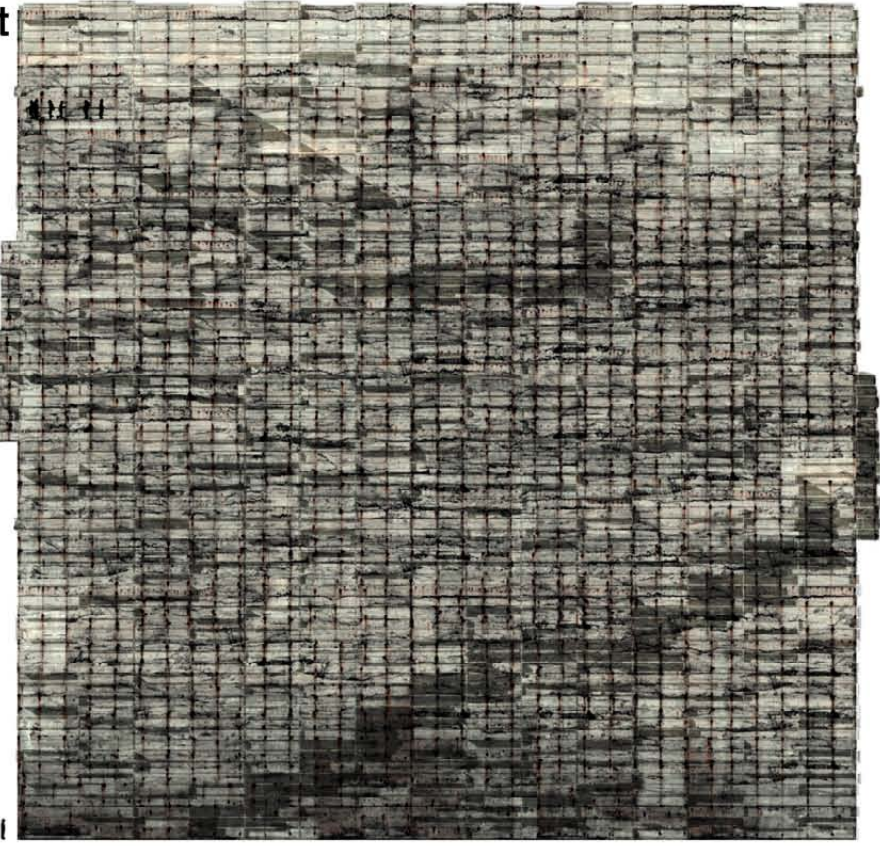
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GROUND FLOOR PLAN
0 5 20

SECTION 75m

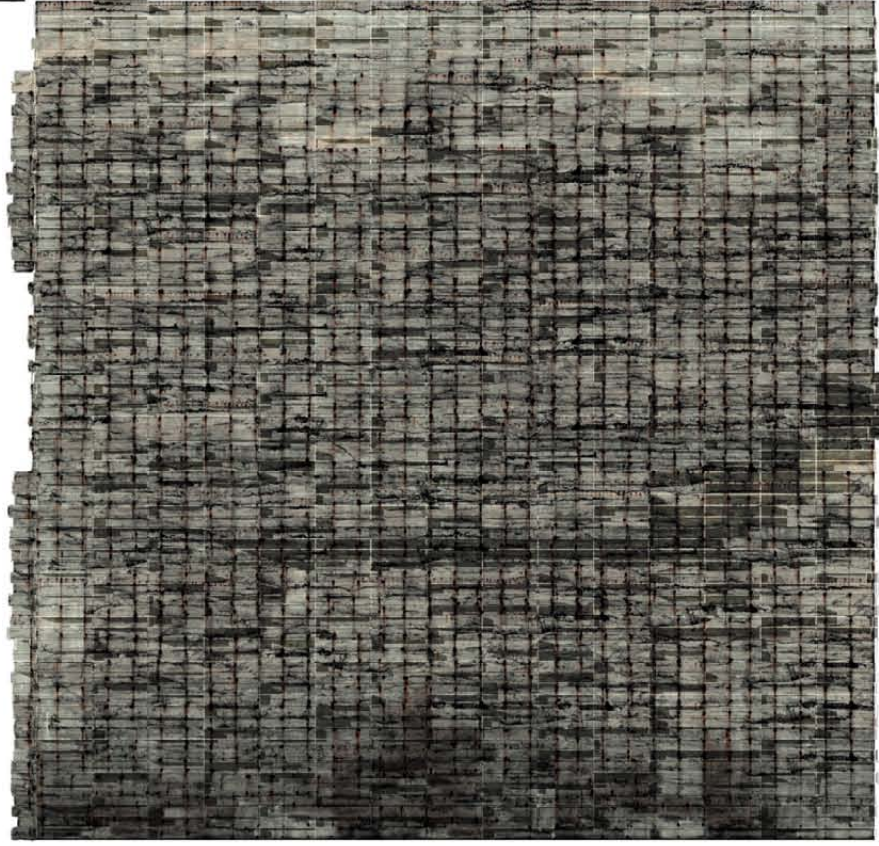


east



75m

north

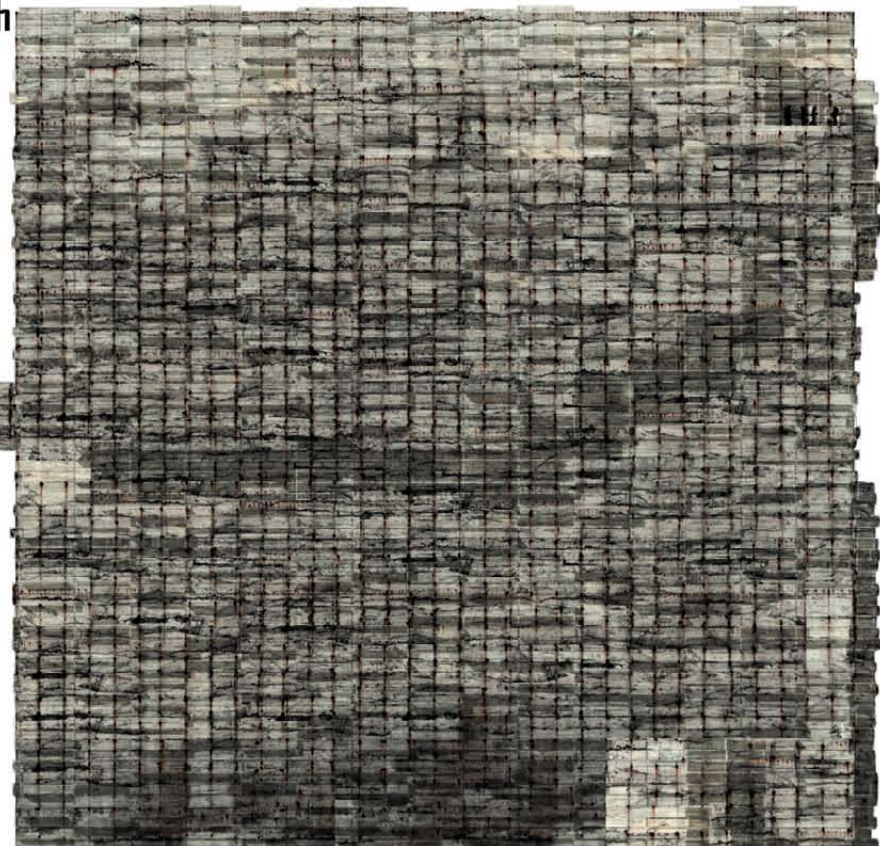


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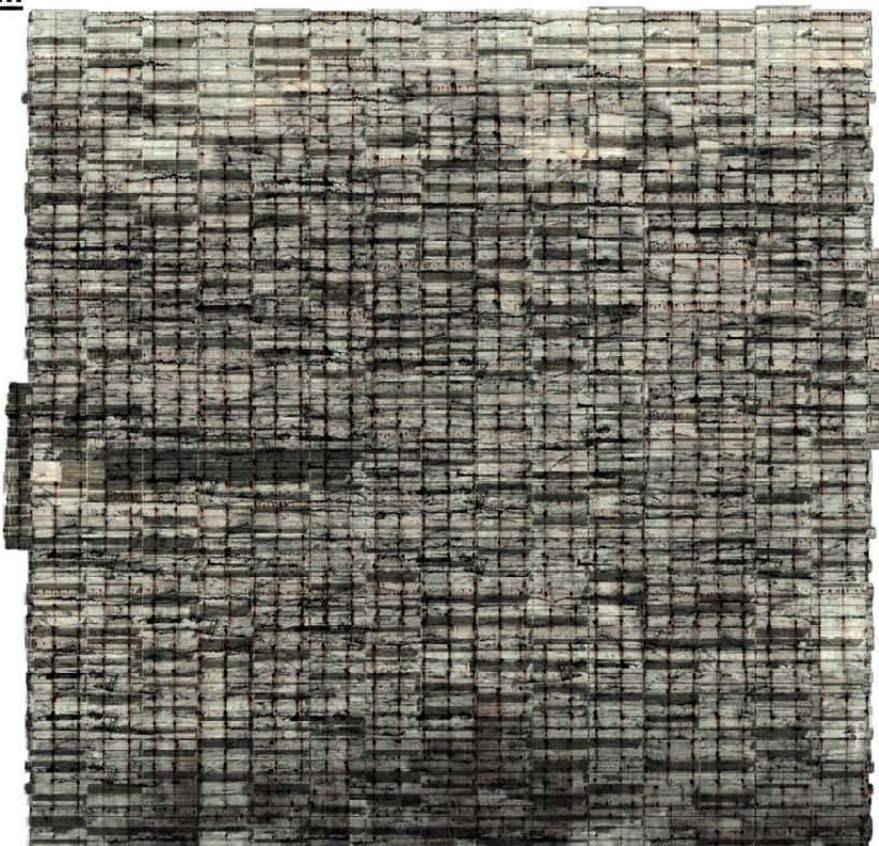
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south



75m

west



ELEVATIONS
 0 5 20