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| 9:00am  | Workshops Introduction  |  | Workshops Session 03  |  | Workshops Session 05  |  | Acadia Session 1: Material Science I<br>Session Chair: Ellie Abrons<br>4 speakers + roundtable (C)   |  | Acadia Session 5: Geomimesis / Landforming<br>Session Chair: Dana Cupkova<br>4 speakers + roundtable (C)                       |  | Acadia Session 8: Robotics / R.E. III<br>SC: Sang Lee (C)   |  |
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| 11:00am |   |  |   |  |   |  | Lunch  |  | Lunch  |  | Acadia Session 10: Environmental Parametrics II<br>SC: Anton Harfmann<br>4 speakers + roundtable (C)  |  |
| 12:00pm |   |  |   |  |   |  | Keynote Lecture: <b>Stefan Behnisch</b><br>Hosted by UC SAID (B)   |  | Awards Lecture <b>Skylar Tibbits</b> (C)   |  | Acadia Session 11: Ecological Urbanism I<br>SC: Mark Mistur (B)                                       |  |
| 1:00pm  | Lunch   |  | Lunch   |  | Lunch   |  |  |  | Awards Lecture <b>Branko Kolarevic</b> (H)   |  | SHUTTLE SERVICE TO UC DAAP SAID   |  |
| 2:00pm  | Workshops Session 02  |  | Workshops Session 04  |  | Workshops Session 06  |  | Acadia Session 3: Biomimesis I<br>Session Chair: Adam Fure<br>4 speakers + roundtable (C)  |  | Acadia Session 6: Robotics / Responsive Environments I<br>Session Chair - Adam Marcus<br>5 speakers + roundtable (C)           |  | Lunch   |  |
| 3:00pm  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |  |  | Awards Lecture <b>Andrew Kudless</b> (A)  |  |
| 4:00pm  |   |  |   |  |   |  | Acadia Session 4: Biomimesis II<br>Session Chair: Nancy Diniz<br>4 speakers + roundtable (C)   |  | Acadia Session 7: Robotics / Responsive Environments II<br>Session Chair - Mara Marcu  |  | Awards Lecture <b>Kieran Timberlake</b> (A)   |  |
| 5:00pm  | SHUTTLE SERVICE TO KINGSGATE FOR PICK UP CALL 513.487.3800                                |  | SHUTTLE SERVICE TO KINGSGATE FOR PICK UP CALL 513.487.3800  |  |   |  | SHUTTLE SERVICE TO UC DAAP SAID  |  | SHUTTLE SERVICE TO UC DAAP SAID  |  | Acadia Session 12: Ecological Urbanism II<br>Session Chair: Ming Tang<br>4 speakers + roundtable (A)  |  |
| 6:00pm  |   |  |   |  |   |  | Exhibition Opening (E X R)   |  | Evening Keynote:<br>Hosted by UC SAID<br><b>Francois Roche</b> (D)   |  | EcoDIVERSITY Exhibition Panel (A)   |  |
| 7:00pm  |   |  | Opening Remarks from Dean <b>Robert Probst</b><br>Evening Keynote:<br>Hosted by UC SAID<br><b>Philippe Rahm</b> (D) |  |   |  | Evening Keynote:<br>Hosted by UC SAID<br><b>Cristina Díaz Moreno - Efrén García Grinda (amid.cero9)</b><br>SHUTTLE SERVICE TO 21c Museum Hotel |  | SHUTTLE SERVICE TO 21c Museum Hotel  |  | UC Campus Tour<br>Lecture Reception Hors-d'oeuvres (E U)  |  |
| 8:00pm  |   |  | SHUTTLE SERVICE TO KINGSGATE FOR PICK UP CALL 513.487.3800  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  | Evening Keynote: Hosted by UC SAID<br><b>Nader Tehrani</b> (D)  |  |
| 9:00pm  |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |  |  | Banquet Dinner provided by ACADIA<br>Awards Ceremony (G)  |  |
| 10:00pm |   |  |   |  |   |  | Suggested evening venue:<br>Rhinegeist   |  | Suggested evening venue:<br>Rooftop @ 21c Museum Hotel   |  | SHUTTLE SERVICE TO 21c Museum Hotel   |  |

(T) UC TUC Great Hall

(B) Aronoff Center 5/3rd Bank Theater

(A) UC DAAP Room 5401

(C) 21c Museum Hotel

(D) UC DAAP Room 4400

(G) UC DAAP Atrium/ 4000 Level

(H) Aronoff Center Rehearsal Hall

(U) University of Cincinnati Campus

(R) UC DAAP Reed Gallery

(X) UC DAAP Blue Box

(E) UC DAAP Reed Extension

THURSDAY 22ND - MORNING  
MATERIAL SCIENCE

|   |     |         |            |  |
|---|-----|---------|------------|--|
| 21c Museum Hotel                                | (C) | 8:00AM  |            | Conference Registration/Breakfast  |
|   |     | 9:00AM  |            | SESSION 1: MATERIAL SCIENCE I<br>Session Chair - <b>Ellie Abrons</b>   |
|   |     | 9:10AM  | SPEAKER 1: | <b>Rizkallah Charaoui - Ali Askarinejad</b><br>Anisoptera: Anisopteran Deformation and the Latent Geometric Patterns of Wood Envelopes |
|   |     | 9:25AM  | SPEAKER 2: | <b>Ata Sina - Shannon Pitt - Annalisa Meyboom - Mark Martinez - James Olson</b><br>Thermocatalytic Metafolds                           |
|   |     | 9:40AM  | SPEAKER 3: | <b>Glenn Wilcox - Anca Trandafirescu</b><br>C-Lith: Carbon Fiber Architectural Units   |
|   |     | 9:55AM  | SPEAKER 4: | <b>Faysal Tabbarah</b><br>Things in the Anthropocene   |
|   |     | 10:05AM | DISCUSSION | Round Table  |
|   |     | 10:25AM | BREAK      | Coffee Break   |
| 21c Museum Hotel                                | (C) | 10:45AM |            | SESSION 2: MATERIAL SCIENCE II<br>Session Chair - <b>Filip Tejchman</b>  |
|   |     | 10:55AM | SPEAKER 1: | <b>Ahmed Hussein</b><br>Sandworks: Sand Tectonic Prototype   |
|   |     | 11:10AM | SPEAKER 2: | <b>Kam-Ming Mark Tam - Caitlin Mueller</b><br>Stress Line Generation for Structurally Performative Architectural Design                |
|   |     | 11:25AM | SPEAKER 3: | <b>Ming Tang - Mara Marcu</b><br>Data Mapping and Ornament   |
|   |     | 11:40AM | SPEAKER 4: | <b>Ellie Abrons - Adam Fure</b><br>Texture Tectonics   |
|   |     | 11:50AM | DISCUSSION | Round Table  |
|   |     | 12:10PM | LUNCH      | Lunch is provided  |
| Aronoff Center: 5/3rd Bank<br>Black Box Theater | (B) | 12:30PM | KEYNOTE    | Keynote Lecture by <b>Stefan Behnisch</b>  |
|   |     | 1:30PM  | BREAK      | Coffee Break   |

THURSDAY 22ND - AFTERNOON  
BIOMIMESIS

|                      |     |        |            |  |
|----------------------|-----|--------|------------|--|
| 21c Museum Hotel     | (C) | 1:45PM |            | SESSION 3: BIOMIMESIS I<br>Session Chair - <b>Adam Fure</b>  |
|                      |     | 1:55PM | SPEAKER 1: | <b>Ali Askarinejad - Rizkallah Charaoui</b><br>Spatial Nets: The Computational and Material Study of Reticular Geometries  |
|                      |     | 2:10PM | SPEAKER 2: | <b>Tim Ireland</b><br>A Cell Inspired Model of Configuration   |
|                      |     | 2:25PM | SPEAKER 3: | <b>Dennis Lagemann</b><br>Abstract   |
|                      |     | 2:40PM | SPEAKER 4: | <b>Marco Poletto - Claudia Pasquero</b><br>Urban Algae Folly   |
|                      |     | 2:50PM | DISCUSSION | Round Table  |
|                      |     | 3:10PM | BREAK      | Coffee Break   |
| 21c Museum Hotel     | (C) | 3:30PM |            | SESSION 4: BIOMIMESIS II<br>Session Chair - <b>Nancy Diniz</b>   |
|                      |     | 3:40PM | SPEAKER 1: | <b>Ehsan Baharlou - Achim Menges</b><br>Towards a Behavioral Design System: An Agent-based Approach for Polygonal Surface Structures   |
|                      |     | 3:55PM | SPEAKER 2: | <b>Elif Erdine</b><br>Generative Processes in Tower Design: Simultaneous Integration of Tower Subsystems Through Biomimetic Analogies  |
|                      |     | 4:10PM | SPEAKER 3: | <b>Laia Mogas Soldevila - Jorge Duro Royo - Neri Oxman</b><br>Form Follows Flow: A Material-driven Computational Workflow For Digital Fabrication of Large-Scale Hierarchically Structured Objects |
|                      |     | 4:25PM | SPEAKER 4: | <b>Jenny Sabin - Martin Miller - Daniel Cellucci</b><br>ColorFolds - eSkin + Kirigami: From Cell Contractility to Sensing Materials to Adaptive Foldable Architecture                              |
|                      |     | 4:35PM | DISCUSSION | Round Table  |
|                      |     | 4:55PM | SHUTTLE    | Shuttle Service to UC DAAP SAID  |
| UC DAAP Reed Gallery | (R) | 5:30PM | EXHIBITION | Exhibition Opening<br>Lecture Reception<br>Hors-d'oeuvres  |
| UC DAAP Blue Box     | (X) |        |            |  |
| UC DAAP Room 4400    | (D) | 6:30PM | KEYNOTE    | Keynote Lecture by <b>Cristina Díaz Moreno - Efrén Garcia Grinda (amid.cero9)</b>  |
|                      |     | 8:00PM | SHUTTLE    | Shuttle Service to 21c Museum Hotel  |

FRIDAY 23RD - MORNING  
GEOMIMESIS / LANDFORMING

|                               |     |         |                |   |
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| 21c Museum Hotel              | (C) | 8:00AM  | BREAKFAST      | Breakfast provided by 21c Metropole   |
|                               |     | 9:00AM  |                | SESSION 5: GEOMIMESIS / LANDFORMING<br>Session Chair - <b>Dana Cupkova</b>  |
|                               |     | 9:10AM  | SPEAKER 1:     | <b>Philip Belesky - Rosalea Monacella - Jane Burry - Mark Burry</b><br>A Field in Flux  |
|                               |     | 9:25AM  | SPEAKER 2:     | <b>Elissa Ross and Daniel Hambleton</b><br>Exact Face-offsetting for Polygonal Meshes   |
|                               |     | 9:40AM  | SPEAKER 3:     | <b>James Melsom - Ilmar Hurkxkens - Christophe Girot</b><br>Directed Deposition: Exploring the Role of Simulation and Design in Erosion and Landslide Processes |
|                               |     | 9:55AM  | SPEAKER 4:     | <b>Adam Marcus - Molly Reichert - John Kim - Daniel Dean</b><br>Meander: Spatializing Geography, Cartography, and Environment                                   |
|                               |     | 10:05AM | DISCUSSION     | Round Table   |
|                               |     | 10:25AM | BREAK          | Coffee Break  |
| 21c Museum Hotel              | (C) | 10:45AM | SPECIAL PANEL  | Pioneers of Design Computation<br>Panel Moderator - <b>Robert Aish</b><br>Panelists: <b>Chuck Eastman - Don Greenburg - Tom Maver</b>                           |
|                               |     | 12:15PM | LUNCH          | Lunch is provided   |
| 21c Museum Hotel              | (C) | 12:30PM | AWARDS LECTURE | Acadia 2015 Awards Lecture by <b>Skylar Tibbits</b>   |
| Aronoff Center Rehearsal Hall | (H) | 12:30PM | AWARDS LECTURE | Acadia 2015 Awards Lecture by <b>Branko Kolarevic</b>   |
|                               |     | 1:00PM  | BREAK          | Coffee Break  |

FRIDAY 23RD - AFTERNOON  
ROBOTICS / RESPONSIVE ENVIRONMENTS

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| 21c Museum Hotel | (C) | 1:30PM |            | SESSION 6: ROBOTICS / RESPONSIVE ENVIRONMENTS I<br>Session Chair - <b>Adam Marcus</b>  |
|                  |     | 1:45PM | SPEAKER 1: | <b>Michael McKay</b><br>Relative Positioning   |
|                  |     | 2:00PM | SPEAKER 2: | <b>José Pedro Sousa - Germano Veiga - António Paulo Moreira</b><br>Robotic Fabrication with Cork: Emerging Opportunities in Architecture and Building Construction   |
|                  |     | 2:15PM | SPEAKER 3: | <b>Johannes Braumann - Sigrid Brell-Cokcan</b><br>Towards Adaptive Robot Control Strategies  |
|                  |     | 2:30PM | SPEAKER 4: | <b>Simon Kim - Mark Yim - Kevin Alcedo - Michael Chung - Billy Wang - Hyeji Yang</b><br>Soft Robotics Applied to Architecture  |
|                  |     | 2:45PM | SPEAKER 5: | <b>Future Cities Lab / Jason Johnson - Nataly Gattegno - Ripon DeLeon</b><br>Lightswarm  |
|                  |     | 3:55PM | DISCUSSION | Round Table  |
|                  |     | 3:15PM | BREAK      | Coffee Break   |
| 21c Museum Hotel | (C) | 3:30PM |            | SESSION 7: ROBOTICS / RESPONSIVE ENVIRONMENTS II<br>Session Chair - <b>Mara Marcu</b>  |
|                  |     | 3:40PM | SPEAKER 1: | <b>Nancy Diniz</b><br>The Anatomy of a Prototype   |
|                  |     | 3:55PM | SPEAKER 2: | <b>Daniel Fougere - Ryan Goold - Kathy Velikov</b><br>Pneuma-Technics: Methods for Soft Adaptive Environments  |
|                  |     | 4:10PM | SPEAKER 3: | <b>Michael Silver</b><br>(Un) Building Codes: Architecture and the Limits of Artificial Intelligence   |
|                  |     | 4:25PM | SPEAKER 4: | <b>Lauren Vasey - Ehsan Baharlou - Moritz Doerstelmann - Valentin Koslowski - Marshall Prado - Gundula Schieber - Jan Knippers - Achim Menges</b><br>Behavioral Design and Adaptive Robotic Fabrication of a Fiber Composite Compression Shell with Pneumatic Formwork |
|                  |     | 4:40   | SPEAKER 5: | <b>Gianluca Tabellini</b><br>Mycelium Tectonics  |
|                  |     | 4:50PM | DISCUSSION | Round Table  |
|                  |     | 5:10M  | SHUTTLE    | Shuttle Service to UC DAAP SAID  |
| UC DAAP 4400     | (D) | 6:00PM | KEYNOTE    | Keynote Lecture by <b>Francois Roche</b>   |
|                  |     | 7:30PM | SHUTTLE    | Shuttle Service to 21c Museum Hotel  |

SATURDAY 24TH - MORNING  
 ROBOTICS / RESPONSIVE ENVIRONMENTS  
 ENVIRONMENTAL PARAMETRICS / ECOLOGICAL URBANISM

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| 21c Museum Hotel | (C) 8:00AM  | Breakfast provided by 21c Metropole   |
|                  | 9:00AM      | SESSION 8: ROBOTICS/RESPONSIVE ENVIRONMENTS III<br>Session Chair - <b>Sang Lee</b>  |
|                  | 9:10AM      | SPEAKER 1: <b>Sean Ahlquist</b><br>Social Sensory Architectures: Articulating Textile Hybrid Structures for Multi-sensory Responsiveness and Collaborative Play |
|                  | 9:25AM      | SPEAKER 2: <b>Chandler Ahrens</b><br>Klimasymmetry: Locating Thermal Tactility  |
|                  | 9:40AM      | SPEAKER 3: <b>Stanislav Roudavski</b><br>Sketching with Robots: Props for Autonomous Architecture   |
|                  | 9:55AM      | SPEAKER 4: <b>Nicole Koltick</b><br>Autonomous Botanist: The Poetic Potentials of a New Robotic Species   |
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|                  | 10:30AM     | BREAK Coffee Break  |
| 21c Museum Hotel | (C) 10:45AM | SESSION 10: ENVIRONMENTAL PARAMETRICS II<br>Session Chair - <b>Anton Harfmann</b>   |
|                  | 10:55AM     | SPEAKER 1: <b>Dongil Kim - Seojoo Lee</b><br>A Systemized Aggregation with Generative Growth Mechanism in Solar Environment                                     |
|                  | 11:10AM     | SPEAKER 2: <b>Ramon van der Heijden - Evan Levelle - Martin Riese</b><br>Parametric Building Information Generation for Design and Construction                 |
|                  | 11:25AM     | SPEAKER 3: <b>Kelly Winn</b><br>Transient Thermal Surfaces and Developmental Form for Tactile Surfaces  |
|                  | 11:40AM     | SPEAKER 4: <b>Julie Larsen - Roger Hubeli</b><br>dis-FIGURE   |
|                  | 11:50AM     | DISCUSSION Round Table  |
|                  | 12:10PM     | SHUTTLE Shuttle Service to UC DAAP SAID   |

SATURDAY 24TH - MORNING  
 ROBOTICS / RESPONSIVE ENVIRONMENTS  
 ENVIRONMENTAL PARAMETRICS / ECOLOGICAL URBANISM

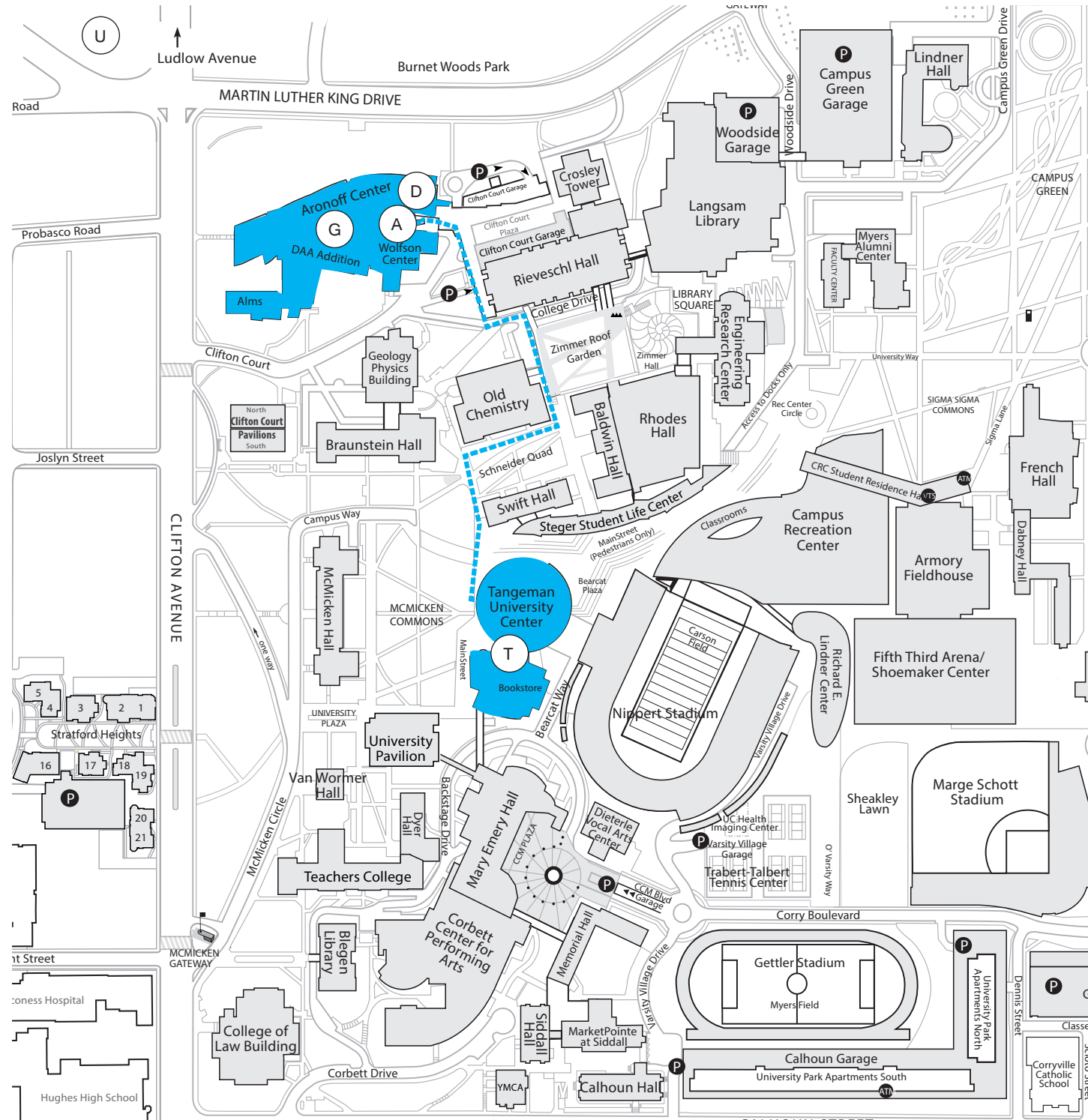
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| Aronoff Center: 5/3rd Bank<br>Black Box Theater | (B) 8:00AM  | Breakfast provided by 21c Metropole   |
|   | 9:00AM      | SESSION 9: ENVIRONMENTAL PARAMETRICS I<br>Session Chair - <b>Stephen Slaughter</b>  |
|   | 9:10AM      | SPEAKER 1: <b>Yassin Ashour - Branko Kolarevic</b><br>Heuristic Optimization in Design  |
|   | 9:25AM      | SPEAKER 2: <b>Navid Hatefnia - Marjan Ghobad</b><br>Computing Outdoor Comfort Based on CBE Thermal Comfort Calculation for Ashrae-55                                  |
|   | 9:40AM      | SPEAKER 3: <b>Wassim Jabi</b><br>The Potential of Non-manifold Topology in the Early Design Stages  |
|   | 9:55AM      | SPEAKER 4: <b>Filip Tejchman</b><br>The Cave is the Campfire: Thermal Forms in Architecture   |
|   | 10:10AM     | DISCUSSION Round Table  |
|   | 10:30AM     | BREAK Coffee Break  |
| Aronoff Center: 5/3rd Bank<br>Black Box Theater | (B) 10:45AM | SESSION 11: ECOLOGICAL URBANISM I<br>Session Chair - <b>Mark Mistur</b>   |
|   | 10:55AM     | SPEAKER 1: <b>Stefano Andreani - Allen Sayegh</b><br>Parametric Spatial-Structural Optimization in the Conceptual Design Stage of Projects                            |
|   | 11:10AM     | SPEAKER 2: <b>Aurgho Jyoti</b><br>High Rise Morphologies: Architectural Form Finding in a Performative Design Search Space of Dense Urban Contexts                    |
|   | 11:25AM     | SPEAKER 3: <b>Philip Speranza - Robert Kiesler - Jiawei Vincent Mai</b><br>Social Interaction and Cohesion Tool: A Dynamic Design Approach for Barcelona's Superilles |
|   | 11:40AM     | SPEAKER 4: <b>Michael Fox - Victor Zhang</b><br>Shattered Communities   |
|   | 11:50AM     | DISCUSSION Round Table  |
|   | 12:10PM     | SHUTTLE Shuttle Service to UC DAAP SAID/Lunch is provided   |

SATURDAY 24TH - AFTERNOON  
 ECOLOGICAL URBANISM

|                            |            |                |   |
|----------------------------|------------|----------------|---|
| UC Reed Extension          | (E) 12:45  | LUNCH          | Lunch is provided   |
| UC DAAP Room 5401          | (A) 1:15PM | AWARDS LECTURE | Acadia 2015 Awards Lecture by <b>Andrew Kudless</b>   |
|                            | 1:45PM     | AWARDS LECTURE | Acadia 2015 Awards Lecture by <b>Kieran Timberlake</b>  |
|                            | 2:15PM     |                | SESSION 12: ECOLOGICAL URBANISM II<br>Session Chair - <b>Ming Tang</b>  |
|                            | 2:25PM     | SPEAKER 1:     | <b>Biayna Bogosian - Maider Llaguno</b><br>Sensing Urban Microclimates  |
|                            | 2:40PM     | SPEAKER 2:     | <b>Carlos Sandoval Olascoaga - John Victor-Faichney - Scott Ewart</b><br>Flows, Bits, Relationships: Construction of Deep Spatial Understanding |
|                            | 2:55PM     | SPEAKER 3:     | <b>Jose Sanchez</b><br>Temporal and Spatial Combinatorics in Games for Design   |
|                            | 3:10PM     | SPEAKER 4:     | <b>Richard Garber - Zeyuan Qiu - Sabrina Raia</b><br>Zhangdu Lake Farm  |
|                            | 3:20PM     | DISCUSSION     | Round Table   |
| UC Reed Extension          | (E) 3:40PM | BREAK          | Coffee Break  |
| UC DAAP Room 5401          | (A) 4:00PM | AWARDS LECTURE | Acadia 2015 Awards Lecture by <b>Achim Menges</b>   |
|                            | 4:30PM     | SPECIAL PANEL  | EcoDIVERSITY Exhibition Round Table   |
|                            | 5:30PM     | TOUR           | University of Cincinnati Campus Tour  |
| UC Reed Extension          | (E) 6:00PM | RECEPTION      | Lecture Reception and Hors-d'oeuvres  |
| UC DAAP Room 5401          | (D) 6:30PM | KEYNOTE        | Keynote Lecture by <b>Nader Tehrani</b>   |
| UC DAAP Atrium/ 4000 Level | (G) 7:30PM | DINNER         | ACADIA 2015 Dinner/ Awards Ceremony   |
|                            | 9:30PM     | SHUTTLE        | Shuttle Service to 21c Museum Hotel   |



# LOCATIONS - UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI CAMPUS



A UC DAAP Room 5401

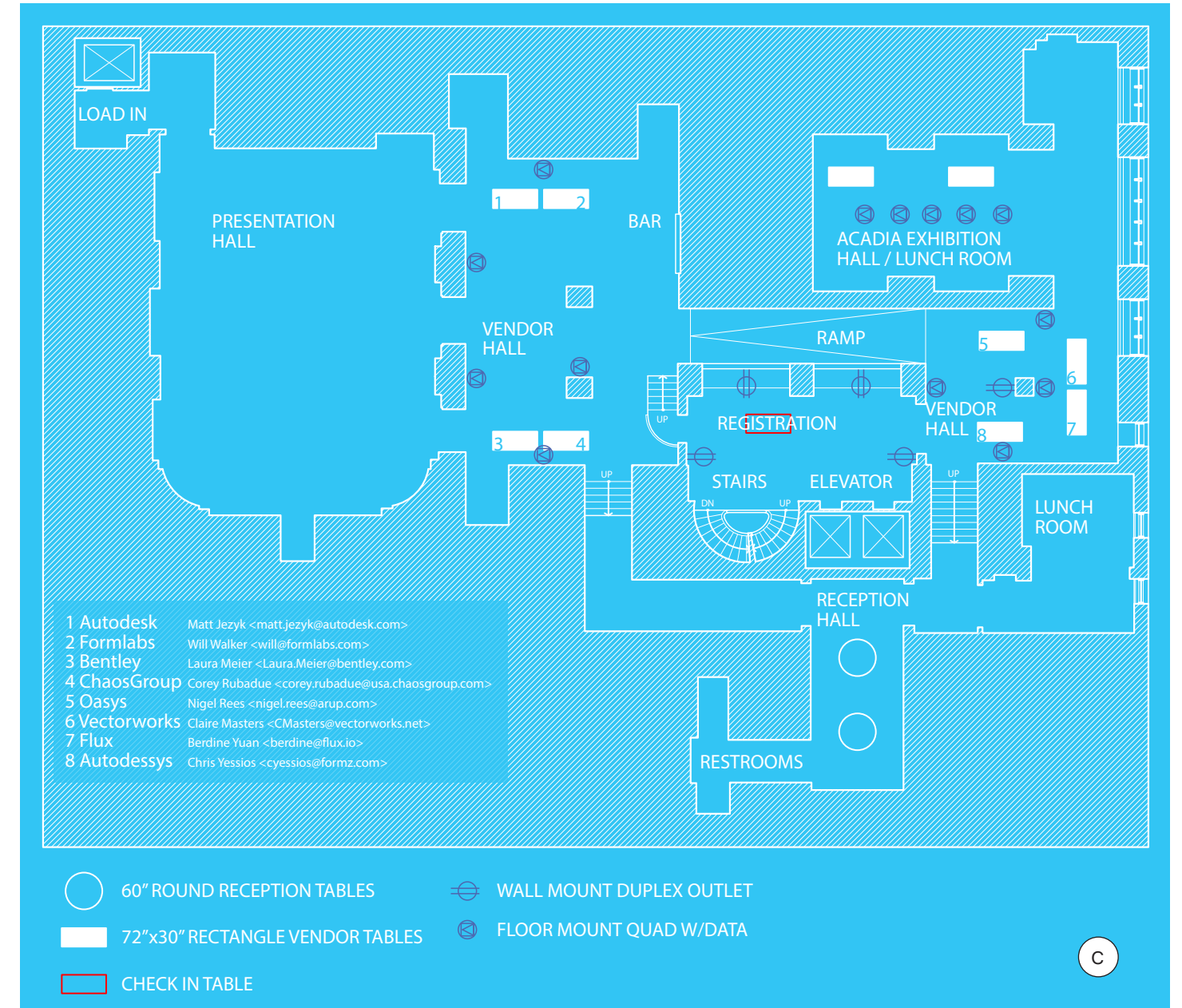
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U University of Cincinnati Campus

T UC TUC Great Hall

G UC DAAP Atrium Level 4000

# LOCATIONS - 21c MUSEUM HOTEL



○ 60" ROUND RECEPTION TABLES

⊕ WALL MOUNT DUPLEX OUTLET

▭ 72"x30" RECTANGLE VENDOR TABLES

⊗ FLOOR MOUNT QUAD W/DATA

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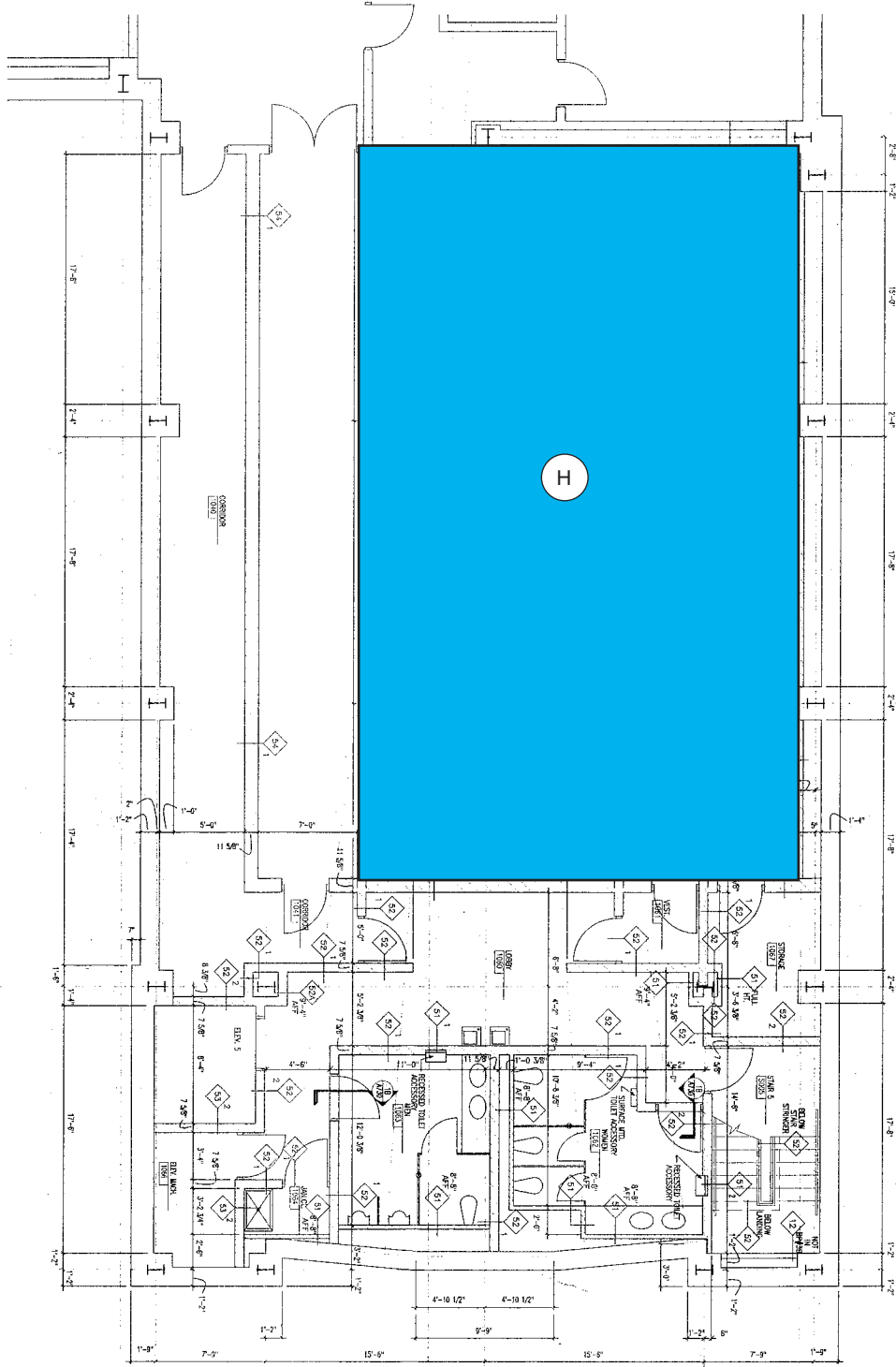


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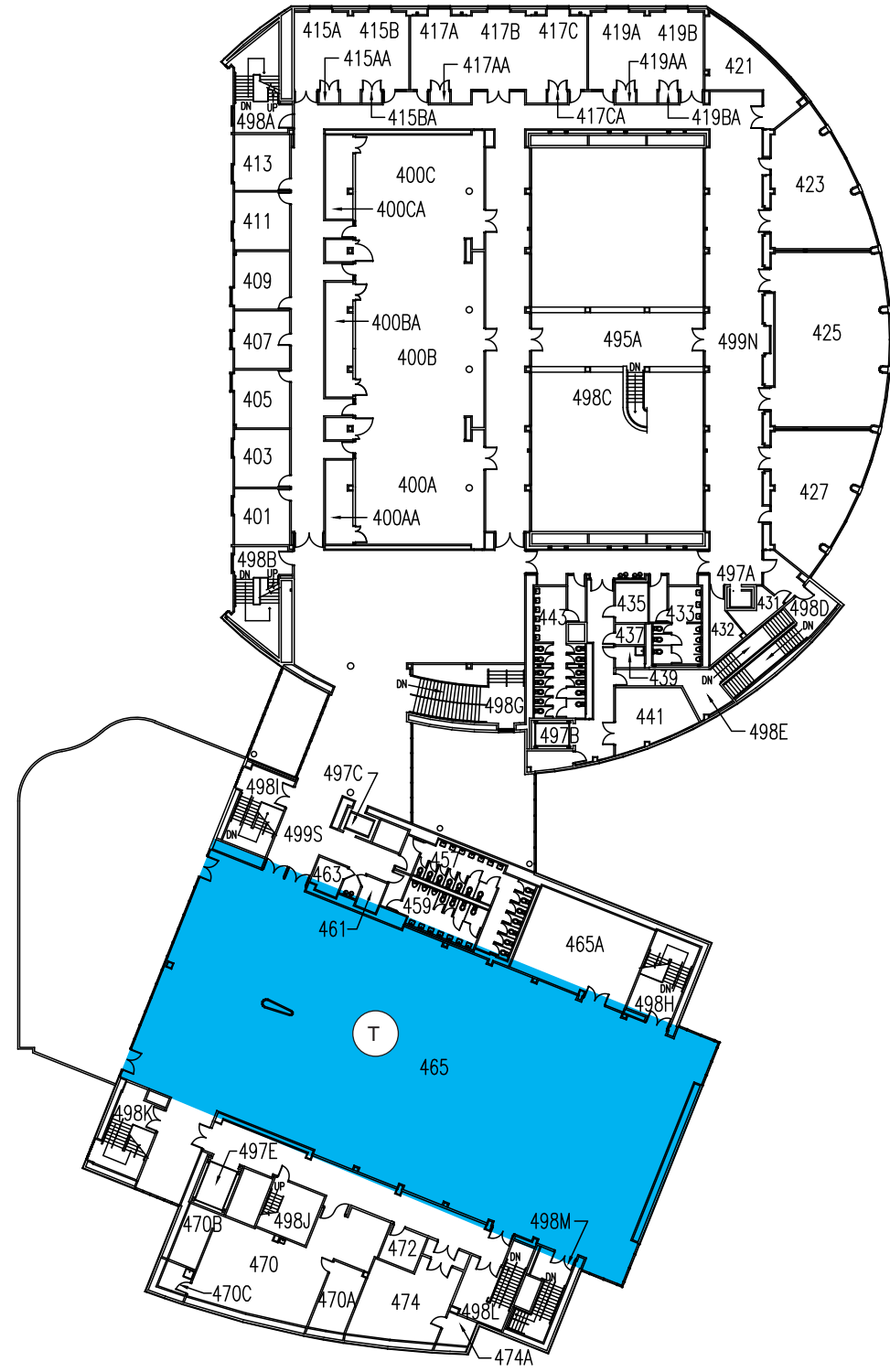
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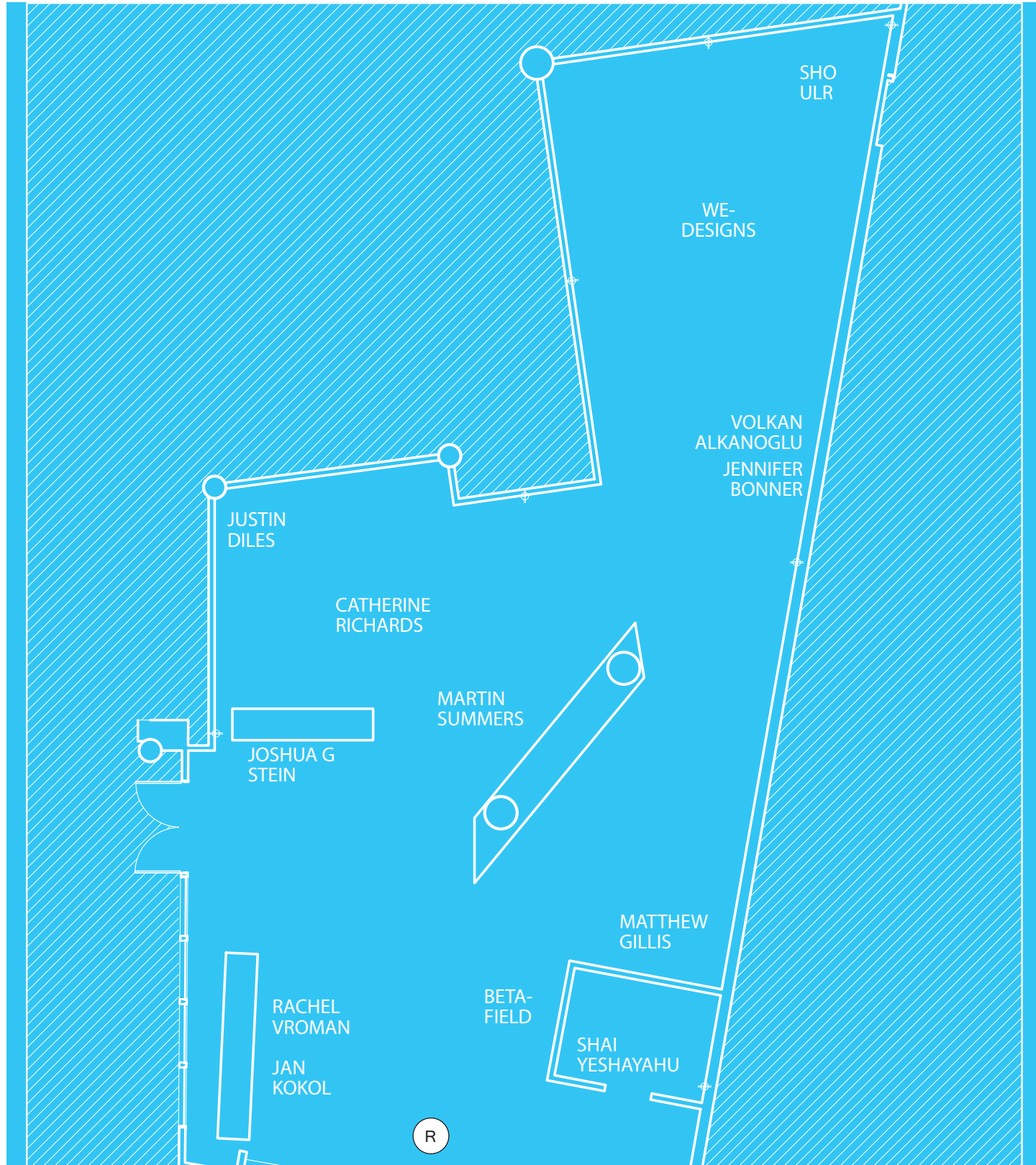


H Aronoff Center: Reception Hall

**LOCATIONS - Tangeman University Center (TUC)**  
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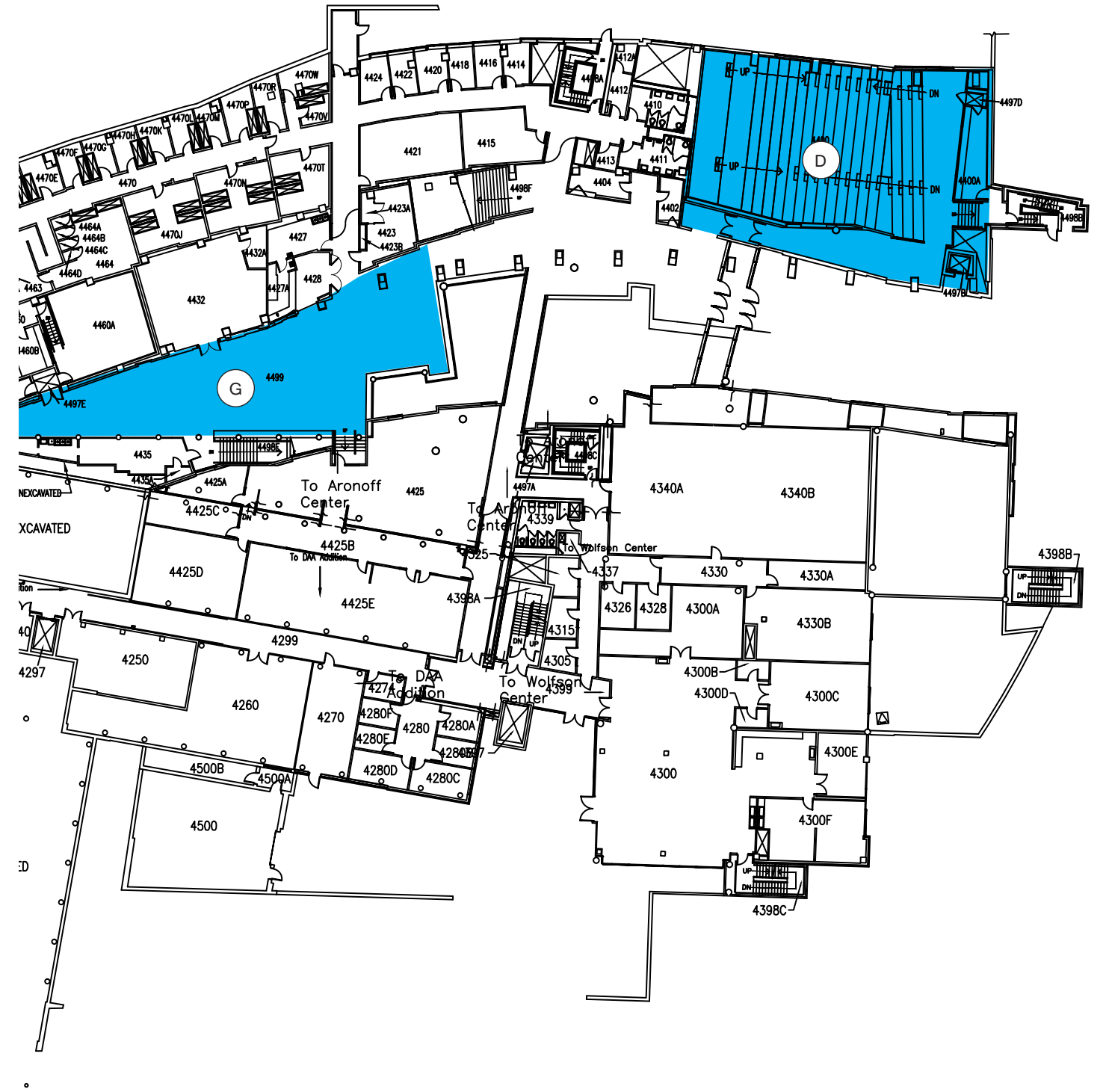


LOCATIONS - UC REED GALLERY



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LOCATIONS - UC DAAP 4TH FLOOR



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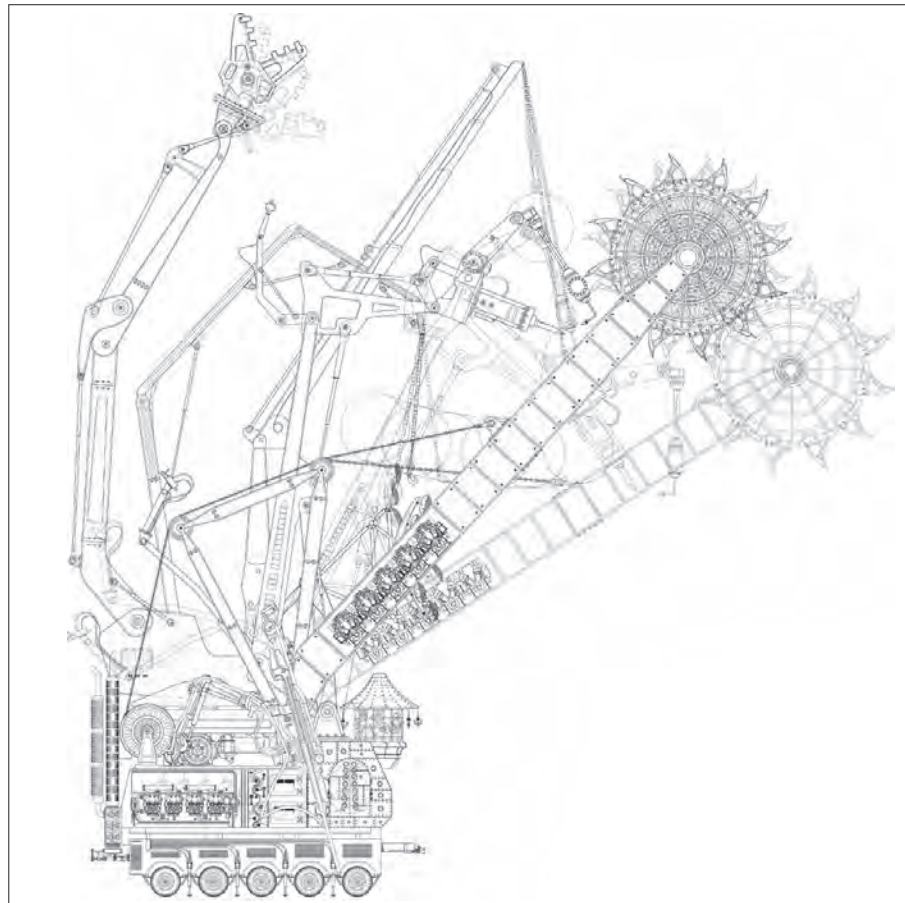
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**CRISTINA DÍAZ MORENO  
EFRÉN Gª GRINDA**

Cristina Díaz Moreno and Efrén Gª Grinda are both architects and founders of the Madrid-based office amid.cero9. They are Unit Masters in the Diploma sequence at the Architectural Association School of Architecture (AA) in London and are also directing an Option Studio at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. They both held professorships in Vienna at the Institut für Kunst und Architektur Akademie der Bildenden Künste from 2013 to 2014. While teaching together in Madrid from 1998 to 2013 (in parallel at ETSAM and ESAYA UEM) they have been visiting professors and lecturers throughout Europe, Asia and the United States. Their projects have been widely disseminated, and they have won more than forty prizes in national and international competitions. Their projects and writings of the last fifteen years were documented in 2014 in an exhibition at the AA and published in "Third Natures, A Micropedia". They have recently built the renowned Institución Libre de Enseñanza headquarters in Madrid.

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## KEYNOTE



**Stefan Behnisch  
BEHNISCH ARCHITEKTEN**

Behnisch Architekten was founded in 1989 and works out of three offices – Stuttgart, Munich, and Boston. These offices are directed by Stefan Behnisch and his partners Robert Höhle (Munich), Robert Matthew Noble (Boston) and Stefan Rappold (Stuttgart). From the outset, the social dimension of architecture has been a fundamental aspect of the firm's design philosophy. The search for innovative and sustainable solutions making optimum use of natural resources has produced a rich variety of buildings, each of which responds to specific user requirements and site conditions. Behnisch Architekten realized such signature projects as the LEED Platinum Genzyme Center in Cambridge, MA (2004); the new Unilever Headquarters (2009) and the Marco Polo Tower in Hamburg's HafenCity (2010). The most recently completed major construction projects are the John and Frances Angelos Law Center in Baltimore, MD, USA (2013) and the new conference hall for the World Intellectual Property Organization WIPO in Geneva (2014). Over the years the practice has established an international reputation as a firm that combines design excellence with advanced expertise in sustainability.

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## KEYNOTE



NADAAA is a Boston-based architecture and urban design firm led by Nader Tehrani in collaboration with partners Katherine Faulkner and Daniel Gallagher. NADAAA has evolved over three decades as a multi-disciplinary practice dedicated to bridging between design disciplines; from landscape to urbanism, architecture to interiors, and industrial design to furniture. The work of NADAAA demonstrates a commitment to new forms of knowledge through making. With an eye towards integrated thinking, we enter the discourse on technology, aesthetics, and building protocols as part of a holistic process. Design excellence is core to all pursuits and the firm boasts sixteen Progressive Architecture Awards, the 2007 Cooper-Hewitt National Design Award in Architecture, the 2002 American Academy of Arts and Letters Architecture Award, the 2007 United States Artists Award, the 2002 Harleston Parker Award, the 2012 Hobson Award, the 2014 Holcim Foundation Sustainability Award, as well as multiple Chicago Athenaeum, BSA and ID Awards. In 2013 and 2014, NADAAA was ranked number one in design in Architect Magazine's Top 50 Firms in the United States.

**NADAAA**  
Nader Tehrani

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## KEYNOTE



Laboratory of research (New-territories.com) Institute for contingent scenario (Bangkok) MindMachineMakingMyths LLC (NYC). Through those different structures, their architectural works and protocols seek to articulate the real and/ or fictional, the geographic situations and narrative structures that can transform them. Architectural designs and processes have been show at, among other places, ICA, Mori Art Museum, SF MOMA, Centre Pompidou, MAM, Tate Modern, ArchiLab, at the Venice Architecture Biennales, French pavilion in 90, 96, 2000, international section in 2000-04-08-10, and the last two in 2012 (Dark Side, Slovenian Pav., Writing Architecture) and in 2014 in Bembo Pavilion. F. Roche was guest professor among others at Bartlett, TU, ES-ARQ, UPENN, Angewandte, USC, GSAPP... and Camille Lacadee at Thammasat, Inda (Chulalongkorn) and both they are guest at RMIT, Michigan Ann-Arbor in 2014-15.

**New-Territories**  
Francois Roche

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## KEYNOTE



Philippe Rahm is a Swiss architect, Principal in the office of Philippe Rahm architectes, based in Paris, France. His work, which extends the field of architecture from the physiological to the meteorological, has received an international audience in the context of sustainability. He has taught architectural design at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. In 2002, Mr. Rahm was chosen to represent Switzerland at the 8th Architecture Biennale in Venice and was one of the 25 Manifesto's Architects of Aaron Betsky's 2008 Architectural Venice Biennale. He has lectured widely, including at Yale, Cooper Union, UCLA, and ETH Zürich. His recent work includes the First Prize for the seventy hectares Taichung Gateway Park in Taiwan currently under construction. Monographic book include Physiological Architecture (Birkhäuser 2002), Distortions (HYX 2005), Environ(ne)ment: Approaches for Tomorrow (Skira 2006), Architecture Météorologique (Archibooks 2009) and Constructed Atmospheres (Postmedia, Milan 2014).

Philippe Rahm architectes  
Philippe Rahm

## AWARD



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**AWARD**



**Branko Kolarevic**

Branko Kolarevic is a Professor of Architecture at the University of Calgary Faculty of Environmental Design, where he also holds the Chair in Integrated Design and co-directs the Laboratory for Integrative Design (LID). He has taught architecture at several universities in North America and Asia and has lectured worldwide on the use of digital technologies in design and production. He has authored, edited or co-edited several books, including "Building Dynamics" (with Vera Parlac), "Manufacturing Material Effects" (with Kevin Klinger), "Performative Architecture" (with Ali Malkawi) and "Architecture in the Digital Age." He is a past president of the Association for Computer Aided Design in Architecture (ACADIA) and a recipient of the ACADIA Award for Innovative Research in 2007. He was also recently President of the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB), which accredits professional programs in architecture in Canada. He holds doctoral and master's degrees in design from Harvard University and a diploma engineer in architecture degree from the University of Belgrade.

**AWARD**



**Andrew Kudless**

Andrew Kudless is a designer based in San Francisco where he is an Associate Professor at the California College of the Arts. In 2004, he founded Matsys, a design studio exploring the emergent relationships between architecture, engineering, biology, and computation. He holds a Master of Arts in Emergent Technologies and Design from the Architectural Association and a Master of Architecture from Tulane University. The work of Matsys has been exhibited internationally and is in the permanent collections of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Centre Pompidou in Paris, and the FRAC Centre in Orleans, France.



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## AWARD



**Achim Menges**

Achim Menges is a registered architect and professor at Stuttgart University, where he is the founding director of the ICD Institute for Computational Design and the co-director of the ITech MSc programme. He also is Visiting Professor in Architecture at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design.

He graduated with honors from the AA School of Architecture in London where he subsequently taught as Studio Master of the Emergent Technologies and Design Graduate Program and as Unit Master of Diploma Unit 4. In addition he was Professor for Form Generation and Materialisation at the HfG Offenbach University for Art and Design in Germany.

Achim Menges teaching and research focuses on the development of integral design processes at the intersection of design computation, biomimetic engineering and robotic fabrication that enables a highly articulated, performative built environment. His work is based on an interdisciplinary approach in collaboration with structural engineers, computer scientists, material scientists and biologists. He has published several books on this work and related fields of design research, and he is the author/co-author of numerous articles and scientific papers. His projects and design research have received many international awards and have been exhibited worldwide.



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## AWARD



**Skylar Tibbits**

Skylar Tibbits is the director of the Self-Assembly Lab housed at MIT's International Design Center. The Self-Assembly Lab focuses on self-assembly and programmable material technologies for novel manufacturing, products and construction processes.

Skylar is faculty in the Department of Architecture where he teaches graduate and undergraduate design studios and co-teaches How to Make (Almost) Anything, a seminar at MIT's Media Lab with Neil Gershenfeld. Skylar was recently named a 2015 National Geographic Emerging

Explorer, 2014 Inaugural WIRED Fellow, 2014 Gifted Citizen, 2013 Fast Company Innovation by Design Award, 2013 Architectural League Prize, The Next Idea Award at Ars Electronica 2013, Visionary Innovation Award at the Manufacturing Leadership Summit, 2012 TED Senior Fellow and was named a Revolutionary Mind in SEED Magazine's 2008 Design Issue.

Previously, he has worked at a number of renowned design offices including: Zaha Hadid Architects, Asymptote Architecture and Point b Design. He has designed and built large-scale installations at galleries around the world, has been published extensively in outlets such as the New York Times, Wired, Nature, Fast Company as well as various peer-reviewed journals and books. Skylar has a Professional Degree in Architecture and minor in experimental computation from Philadelphia University. Continuing his education at MIT, he received a Masters of Science in Design Computation and a Masters of Science in Computer Science under the guidance of; Patrick Winston, Terry Knight, Erik Demaine and Neil Gershenfeld. Initiated in 2007, Skylar Tibbits is also the founder and principal of a multidisciplinary design practice, SJET LLC.

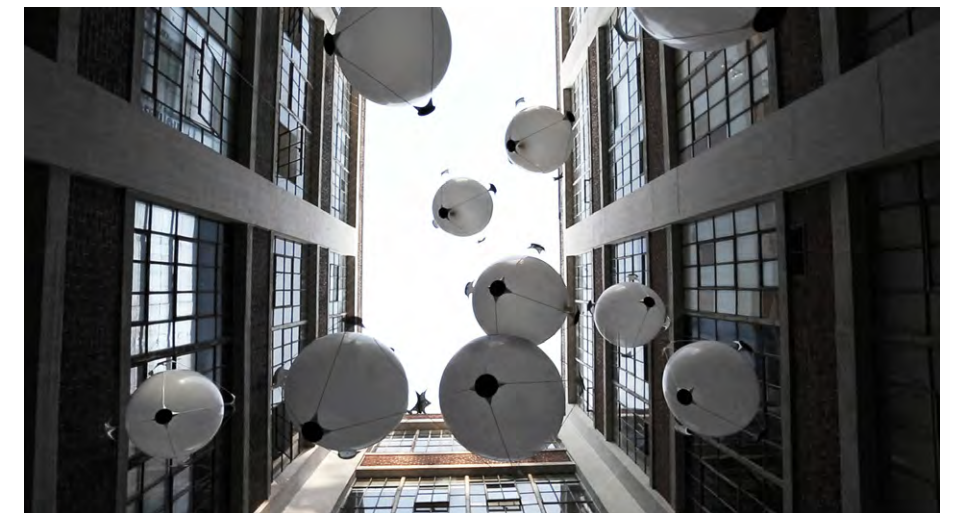


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## SPECIAL PANEL: “Pioneers of Design Computation”

Chaired by **Robert Aish**

with **Chuck Eastman**  
**Don Greenberg**  
**Tom Maver**

This panel session brings together three of the most influential pioneers whose work has defined architectural computing. The session will provide an opportunity to discuss issues of historic, present and future interest, ranging over research, practice and education. The central theme of the panel discussion is the role of software in architecture: at its best it is an enabler of the intellect and the imagination, but at other times software appears to act as a conservative constraint on creative expression. Amongst the three panelist are the founder members of ACADIA, eCAADe and CAAD Futures and together they bring a unique perspective on the issue of architectural computing.

### **Chuck Eastman:**

Chuck Eastman is Professor, College of Architecture and the College of Computing at Georgia Tech and Director, Digital Building Lab. As a pioneer of AEC CAD, he developed experimental solid and parametric modeling systems for the building industry starting in the early 1970's, including one of the first solid modelers in 1974 and what would be called today a BIM authoring tool. He has consulted for Boeing, General Motors, SDRC and others on solids and parametric modeling.

Previously, he was a faculty member at Carnegie-Mellon University and UCLA. In 1982 he co-founded Formtek, a parametric modeling start-up, which was eventually sold to Lockheed Corporation. In his current position at Georgia Tech, he directs the Digital Building Laboratory which is sponsored by fifteen AEC companies including Bechtel, Turner Construction, DPR, Skanska, Beck, HOK, Perkins-Will, Oldcastle, Component Assembly Systems, Autodesk, Tekla, BIMsmart, Nematschek Vectorworks and the Smithsonian Institute. In addition, Eastman carried out research for GSA for five years automating design reviews, especially for courthouses. He currently has projects with the Precast Concrete Institute and the Charles Pankow Foundation, the American Institute of Steel Construction and the American Concrete Institute, defining BIM exchange standards for these industry domains. He is also co-author of the BIM Handbook, now translated into Mandarin, Korean and Portuguese (in Brazil). He is author of more than 100 papers and conference presentations dealing with BIM, and its transformative impacts on the AECO industries.

Issues for discussion:

### **History:**

In the earliest days of CAD (1970s), all areas were integrated- mechanical, aerospace, process industries electronics, buildings, ships. All had shared modeling issues: display, modeling geometry, user interaction. The Design Automation Workshops, organized by IEEE, had sessions in all the above areas. As the field grew, separate organizations emerged and the open collaboration slowly turned into stovepipes. Some business areas saw the strategic value of virtual design and invested in tailoring CAD to its needs - electronics, and manufacturing in particular and quickly worked the technical issues to model the object itself, not the drawing representation of the object. In the early 1980s the various fields and industries adopted one of these basic approaches. Architecture and most construction adopted the model the drawing approach, while electronic, manufacturing and aerospace adopted virtual objects as their output. It took building industry another 25 years to span that transition.

### **Semantics:**

What are the semantics of a building? What do the objects and composition 'say'? Some architects lament that BIM supports construction aspects of design, not the historical, cultural and intentional aspects they are interested in. BIM can support cost estimation, it can do a carbon count for all materials. Why can't it address historical features and cross reference different symbolic and cultural aspects? Is an aesthetic model one that has features reflecting historical analogies? The construction model has its purpose; the historical model has its purpose. BIM can evolve to support many kinds of interpretation.

### **Don Greenberg:**

Don Greenberg is the Jacob Gould Schurman Professor of Computer Graphics at Cornell

University. He has been researching and teaching in the field of computer graphics since 1966. During the last 15 years, he has been primarily concerned with research advancing the state-of-the-art in computer graphics and with utilizing these techniques as they may be applied to a variety of disciplines. His specialties include real time realistic image generation, color science, and computer-aided architectural design. He presently teaches the computer graphics courses in Computer Science, computer-aided design for the Department of Architecture, computer animation for the Department of Art, and technology strategy in the Business School. He received his B.C.E. from Cornell in 1958 and his Ph.D. in 1968. Greenberg also studied at Columbia University.

Issues for discussion:

### **Architectural curricula:**

One of the important issues that I think is worthwhile is to talk about the topics which are necessary for architectural education and future practice. Not only do I think that it is so difficult to change architectural curricula but today's students do not learn the fundamentals behind the currently available software environments. They have great difficulty in being able to predict their future changes. In this respect, discussing what the three of us and others tried to do in the 60's, 70's, and 80's, and the resistance which we had, is important for the next generation of architects to understand. It is not that we did anything special but today they can look at the folly of the resistance of the profession and why we are in a position where the AIA and other organizations inhibit progress.

### **Rendering:**

A second issue which I feel qualified to talk about is certainly rendering, the future of rendering, and what is necessary to make it an easier design tool to use. A particular emphasis would be on the importance of "light" and "space" and the ability to walk through three dimensional environments.

### **Computing environments:**

A third topic, which would be easy for me to merge with either of the first two would be the change in the computing environments, not just the exponential increase in computer power but the portions of the digital world which have not changed as rapidly.

### **Tom Maver:**

Tom Maver is currently Research Professor in the Mackintosh School of Architecture at the Glasgow School of Art. He is also Emeritus Professor of the University of Strathclyde where, for some 40 years, he was Director of the Architecture and Building Aids Computer Unit, Strathclyde (ABACUS) – a research group that pioneered the application of computing to architectural design and received the top UK award of 5\* in the UK Research Assessment Exercise. Tom is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland and has life-time/long-service awards from the DRS, IBPSA, eCAADe, etc. He founded eCAADe and CAADFutures.”

Issues for discussion:

### **Design Decision making:**

How can computer-based simulation and performance evaluation inform design decisions which affect the cost/performance characteristics of emerging design solution? He remains (increasingly) optimistic that R+D in the field – in academia and practice – will answer these questions.

### **Robert Aish [chair]**

Robert Aish is Visiting Professor of Design Computation at the Bartlett School of Architecture. Previously he was Director of Research at Bentley where is lead the development of GenerativeComponents and Director of Software Development at Autodesk where he lead the development of DesignScript. He is also a cofounder of the SmartGeometry group.

## SPECIAL PANEL: “EcoDIVERSITY Exhibition Panel”

Chaired by **Mara Marcu**  
**Stephen Slaughter**  
**Ming Tang**

with **Jennifer Bonner**  
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**Wendy Fok**  
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**Jan Kokol**  
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**Shai Yesayahu**  
**Joshua Stein**  
**Justin Diles**  
**Catherine Richards**  
**Martin Summers**  
**Jacob Marsico**

### **Ecodiversity, Computation and Identity**

The School of Architecture and Interior Design, at the University of Cincinnati’s College of Design Architecture Art and Planning is honored to host ACADIA’s 2015 Annual Conference and convene, simultaneously, an exhibition and symposium, as an expansion of the conference theme “Computational Ecologies: Design in the Anthropocene.” Our objective is to address the role of the individual within the vast ecology of computation, through the lens of how one’s geography, identity, and philosophy influences the positioning of their work in reaction to, or in accordance with the emergence of the Anthropocene.

As the conference’s host committee, we are committed to expanding the forum for discourse at ACADIA, and so in conjunction with ACADIA’s usual compendium of workshops, presentations, and panel discussions, we are pleased to contribute an exhibition featuring the work of designers whose productive output engages the topic of identity.

By providing the 35th Annual ACADIA Conference with an auxiliary exhibition and symposium, we hope to interject into the discussion of computational design in architecture, voices that advance the discourse from a position not typically given a platform by the academy nor the profession, allowing for a forum that both questions, and offers alternative perspectives in computational design.

### **Style and Identity**

The prescription for inclusion in today’s architectural avant-garde is the virtuous execution of advanced computational technique in the design, representation and fabrication of work, realized or speculative. The reigning pinnacle of the contemporary vanguard, both in practice and in discourse, is Parametricism. As defined by the movements advocate general, Patrik Schumacher, the development of Parametricism “was facilitated by the attendant development of parametric design tools and scripts that allow the precise formulation and execution of intricate correlations between elements and subsystems.

The shared concepts, computational techniques, formal repertoires, and tectonic logics that characterize this work are crystallizing into a solid new hegemonic paradigm for architecture.” For Schumacher, the emergence of design technique predicated on computation was not only mere methodology, but also an epoch and continuation of the early modernist discourse on “style”. Ingeborg Rucker in her Log essay “Apropos Parametricism: If, In What Style Should We Build?” (Fall 2009) writes: “For Schumacher, styles are ‘design research programs.... Style serves as a cohering research program that allows for the construction of a systematic series of design experiments.’ Those experiments are based on methodological rules defining paths of research to avoid (negative heuristics) and paths to pursue (positive heuristics). For him, today’s architecture is marked with a new style, a new design research program, the style of parametricism, ‘the first large style that occurred after modernism.’” So in today’s dialectic, contemporary practice in advanced computation mandates an aggressive revisionist understanding of the translation of the modernists’ project from its inception to the present. What’s not clear is how the modernists’ agenda, as canonized in the series of conventions held between 1928 and 1959 by the Congrès International d’Architecture Moderne, translate as well. An allusion to this problem was addressed in the one day conference held at the Red Cat Theater in Los Angeles in 2013, “The Politics of Parametricism, Digital Technologies and the Future(s) of Sociality.” In a press release for the then pending conference, Matthew Poole & Manuel Shvartzberg elaborated on these issues in their description of the meeting’s topic engagement: To date, critiques of the proliferation of parametric design processes have focused on the central issue of a technocratization of social relations intrinsic to the Parametricist design ethos. These critiques principally observe and raise alarm that Parametricist design processes actively quantify bodies, subjects, and the coding of spaces in full acquiescence with the logic of Neoliberal socioeconomics, gesturing towards a collapse of political potential and the destruction of social bonds and forms of dissent by such means. Such criticisms focus on Parametricism’s apparently seamless coextensive integration of social relations, technological automatization, and Neoliberal governmentality. Here, the political forces that affect social relations are seen as being reduced by Parametricism to purely technoeconomic, instrumental imperatives, and hence to the imperatives of the structures of late-stage capitalism that appear to govern such technological innovations.

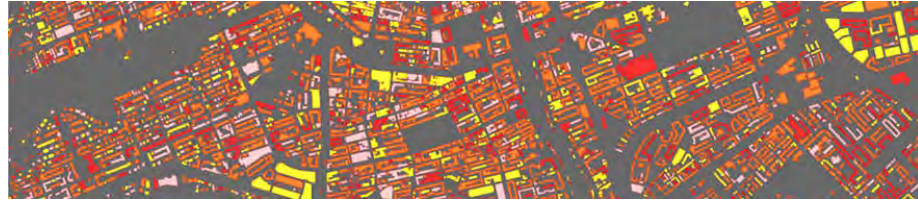
Although an interesting counterpoint to both the historical and social Parametricism positions, and a clear address to the schism between the ambitions of modernism and the politically neutral stance Parametricism has to capital and the public, no argument has yet to situate its defense or advocacy of the movement on the aspect of the design process that neither engages the technical or procedural realm of computation nor the posthumous critique of affect after the design process has concluded. We believe that what is absent from the current discussion in contemporary computational design is the imperative of the author. In a movement that is defined by the “heterogenous society of the multitude” and champions “continuous differentiation”, both the agent and their role in the design process is either overwhelmed by computational tactic or strategically subordinated to the point of complete erasure.

With “EcoDiversity, Computation and Identity” we are interested in: engaging a discussion; promoting evident work that attempts to arrest from the perception of computational automatization the authority of individual or collective; and reinstating the preeminence of the author within digital design. The relationship of identity to one’s body of work is a valued element of critical thinking. To seek alternative methods, to accept alternative perspectives critical of established dogma, is intrinsic to the culture of University of Cincinnati and permeates the approaches of faculty, staff and student at the school. Providing a forum that not only questions but also offers alternative arguments for computational design’s raison d’être is essential to the mission of the school and an invaluable experience that we hope to provide to all that will be in attendance and participating in the conference. The selected installations use computation in their conception, design, and fabrication to explore how identity; place, family, culture and/ or gender, helps define and situate their contribution to the built environment. We are proud to provide this venue and forum for discussion at ACADIA 2015, and hope it challenges those who engage the work and attend the symposium, to think on the topic of computer-aided design in architecture, more inclusively.

**Stephen Slaughter**  
University of Cincinnati



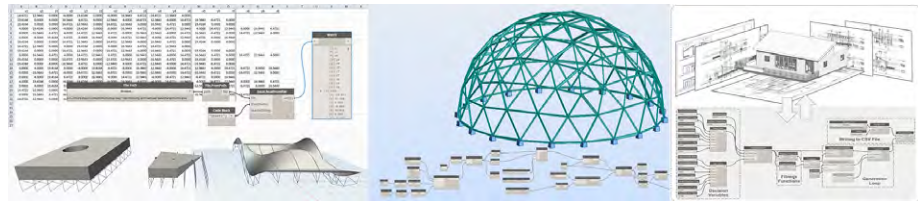
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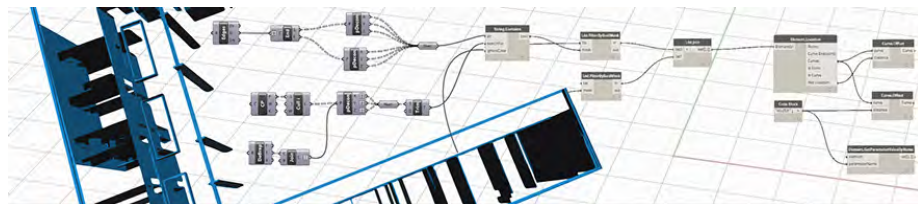
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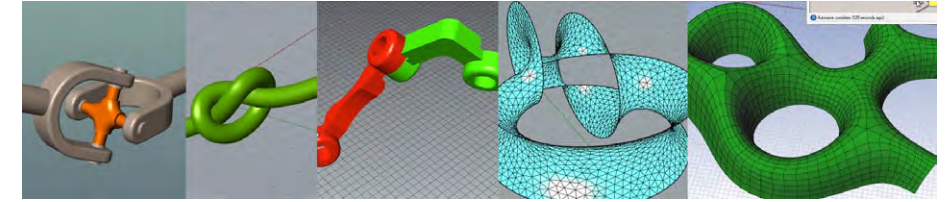
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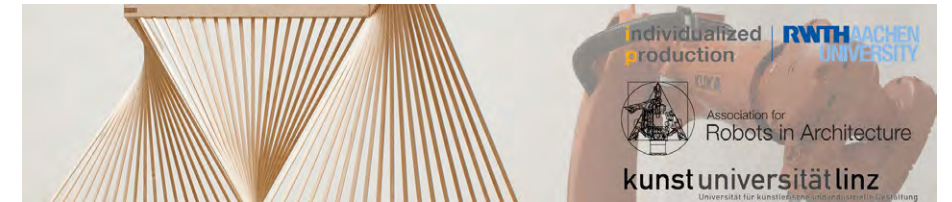
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ACADIA is an international network of digital design researchers and professionals. We facilitate critical investigations into the role of computation in architecture, planning, and building science, encouraging innovation in design creativity, sustainability, and education.

ACADIA was founded in 1981 by some of the pioneers in the field of design computation including Bill Mitchell, Chuck Eastman, and Chris Yessios. Since then, ACADIA has hosted over 34 conferences across North America and has grown into a strong network of academics and professionals in the design computation field.

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Lonn Combs is an educator and a practicing architect with degrees from Columbia University (MScAAD 2001) and the University of Kentucky (B.Arch 1992). Lonn Combs was awarded the Rome Prize in Architecture in 2012.

Lonn Combs co-founded EASTON+COMBS with partner Rona Easton in 2004. EASTON+COMBS is focused on innovative building strategies through the convergence of material practice, digital methodology and applied architectural research. Among other awards, EASTON+COMBS received the Architecture League of New York award for emerging practices in New York City (2010).



### **Chris Perry** Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Chris Perry holds a Master of Architecture from Columbia University where he received an Award for Excellence in Design. After two years working as a project designer for Stan Allen (SAA) and ten years as principal of his first design practice servo, he co-founded his current practice pneumastudio in 2011.

Formed in 2011, pneumastudio has exhibited its work at the Design Museum in Barcelona and New York University's Gallatin School of Individualized Study. Perry is a recipient of the Architectural League of New York's Prize for Young Architects and Designers and The MacDowell Colony Fellowship.



### **William Williams** University of Cincinnati

William Williams received his Master of Architecture from Harvard GSD in 1991 and his undergraduate degree from the University of Houston in 1989. Prior to joining the University of Cincinnati he taught at the University of Virginia, Rice University, University of Houston, UC Berkeley, and UCLA.

His teaching and research focus on affordable housing. In 2004 he co-authored ROW: Trajectories through the Shotgun House. His work has been funded by the National Endowment for the Arts in 1995, 2000, and 2006, and by the Graham Foundation in 2005.

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### **Mara Marcu** University of Cincinnati

Mara Marcu received her Master of Architecture from Harvard GSD in 2009 and her undergraduate degree from the University of Houston in 2005. She is also a graduate of the International Master Class with Glenn Murcutt - Australia and Ghost Lab 7 with Brian MacKay-Lyons - Canada.

Her teaching and research focus on providing for a digital and material workflow that connects design, fabrication, and culture-specific topics. Mara was awarded the Best in Show Design Award upon graduation by the University of Houston and is the recipient of the University of Virginia Fellowship in 2011.



### **Brian Ringley** Woods Bagot

Brian Ringley is on the Global Design Technology Team at Woods Bagot where he leads efforts around Rhino, Grasshopper, fabrication, and analysis workflows, curates and develops custom digital toolsets, and provides intensive project assistance for globally significant projects with high degrees of complexity.

He taught at City Tech (CUNY) and currently teaches at Pratt Institute's GAUD. Prior to Woods Bagot, he worked for KPF in New York and London, Dellekamp Arquitectos in Mexico City, and R&S(n) in Paris. He is a regular contributor to Designalyze.com, a design computation education site, and AEC-APPS.com, an award-winning AEC software database community.



### **Stephen Slaughter** University of Cincinnati

After graduating with a Masters of Architecture from The Ohio State University, Slaughter has initiated his career in Thom Mayne's studio, Morphosis. As a professional, with nearly 20 years in practice, his experience spans a wide range of projects.

In 2004 he co-founded PHAT, which has exhibited at the Studio Museum in Harlem, the National Gallery of Victoria, and ArchiLab in Orléans. His teaching synthesizes technical expertise with a research agenda pursuant of innovative and unconventional design solutions to real world problems facing the underserved.



### **Ming Tang** University of Cincinnati

Ming Tang is an Assistant Professor at the University of Cincinnati, a registered architect, and founding partner of Tang & Yang Architects. The firm has won numerous design awards, including first place in d3 Natural System Competition, IAAC self-sufficient housing contest, and Chichen Itza lodge museum design competition.

His research includes parametric design, digital fabrication, building information modeling, virtual reality, human-computer interaction (HCI), and performance-driven design. His book, Parametric Building Design with Autodesk Maya was published by Routledge in 2014.

## HACKATHON

Hosted by V-Ray CHAOSGROUP, with FLUX, PROVING GROUND, VIMtrek, and DAAP Rapid Prototyping Center



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To conclude ACADIA 2015, we will host a HACKATHON event that will encourage every participant of the conference to open their laptops to code, collaborate, and problem-solve during an exciting one-day event hosted by the DAAP Rapid Prototyping Center and powered by Chaos Group V-Ray, Flux, Proving Ground and VIMtrek.

The event will host a number of computational ecologies “champions” around which we will form teams and explore different workflows. The participants will be invited to join any of the groups or wander around, absorbing the amazing range of critical design approaches of our skilled participants

The hackathon celebrates a culture of making and sharing. While we will give juried prizes to the best outputs at the end of the day, every participant will gain insight from how designers behind key practices and institutions critically engage industry problems.

The event invites all design disciplines to work together under one roof. The event will be free to all ACADIA 2015 ticket holders and may also be purchased separately for those unable to attend the ACADIA 2015 conference.

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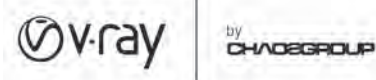


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