

# The skyline's the limit: The future of architecture

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# Building Design

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# The construction problem....





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## Communication



Client

Supply chain

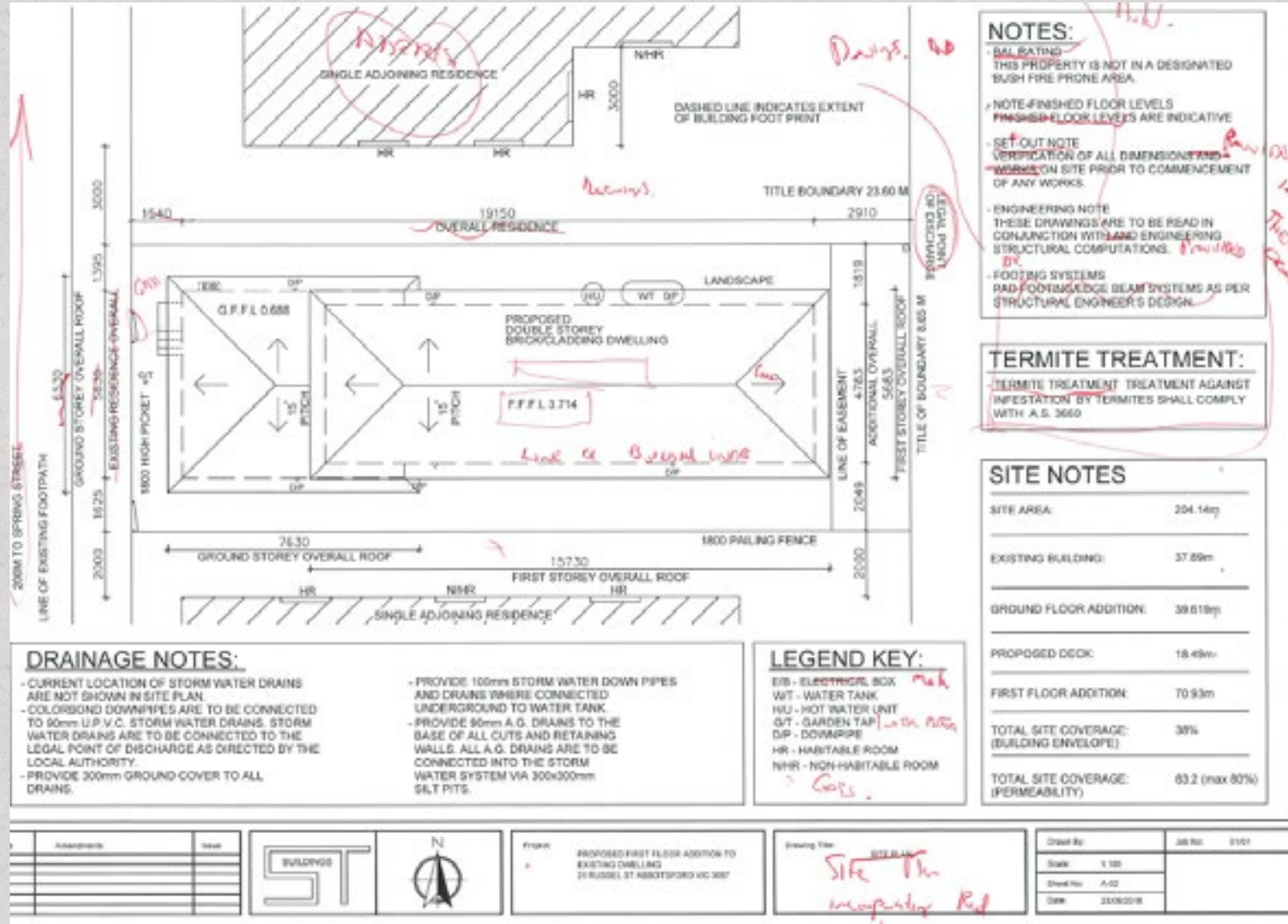
Regulators



# The construction **solution**....

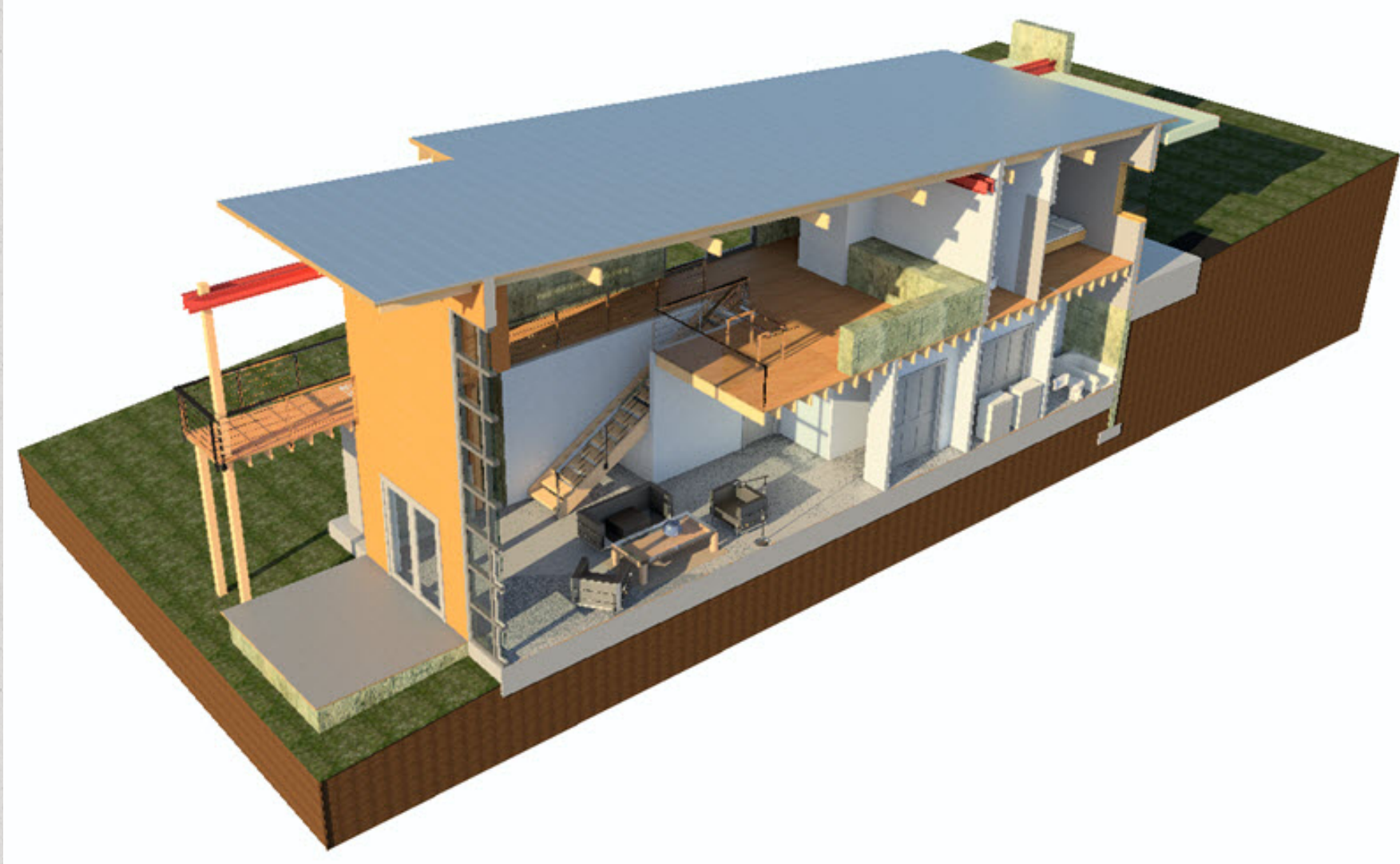
Using technology to improve communication

# Building plans: Our core job role



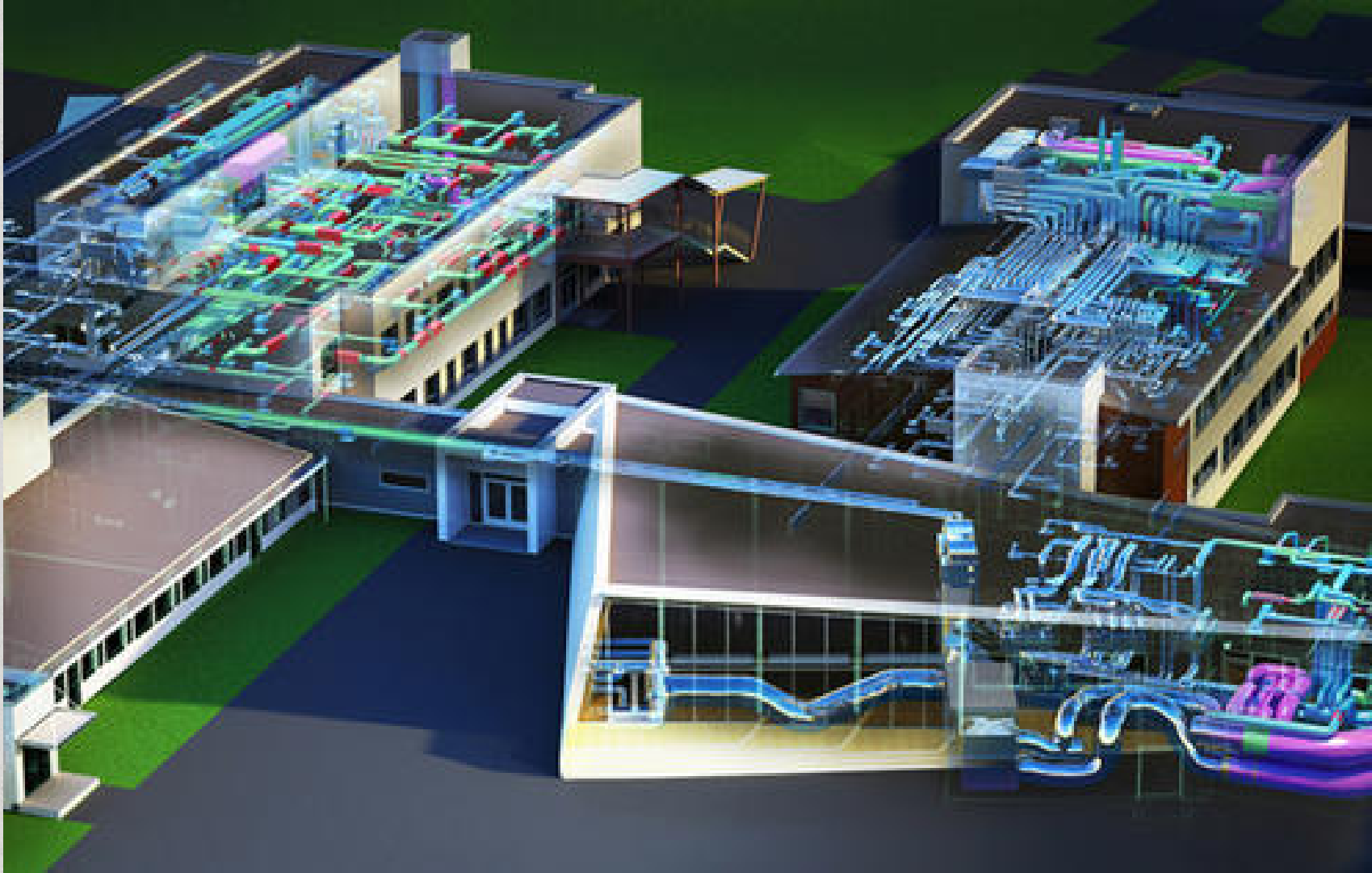


# 3D modelling: Communication





# Complicated communication



# Technological tools: Communication





# Technological tools



# Technological tools: Drones





# Technology: AI



Wait! Are you seriously teaching  
this?

Are there jobs?



# Second year



# Technological tools: VR





# Oculus Rift

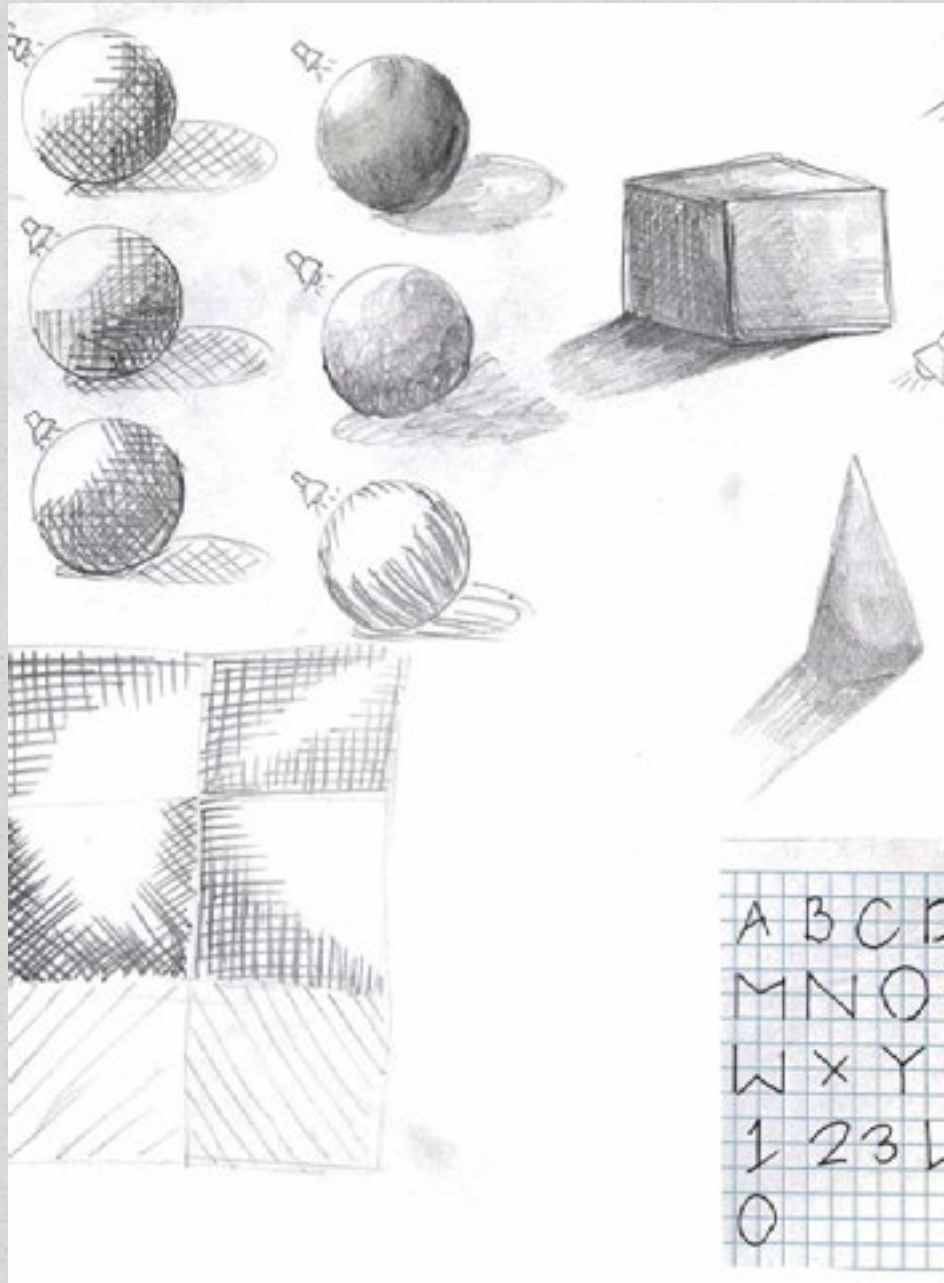


# Design theory





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# Working drawings

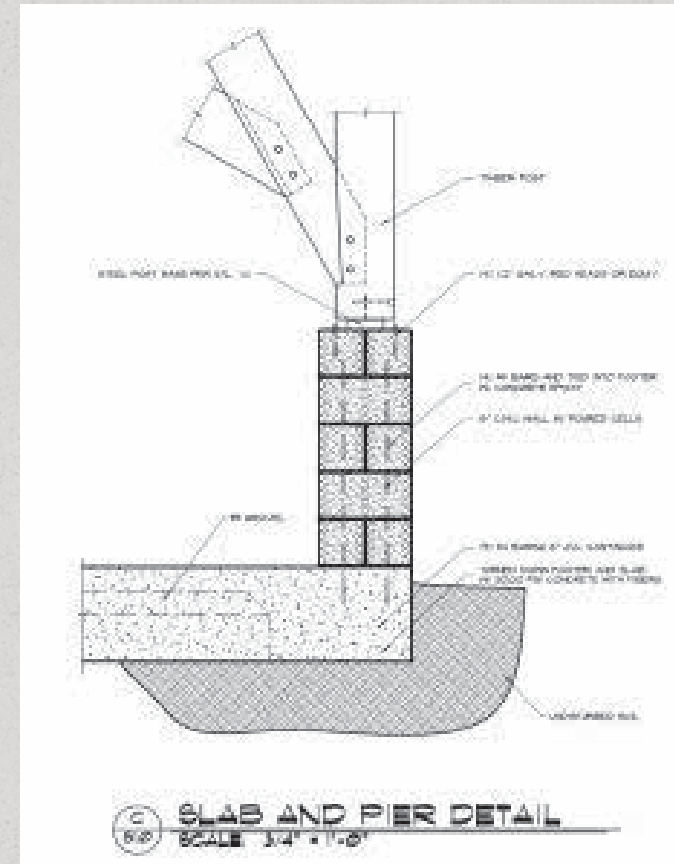
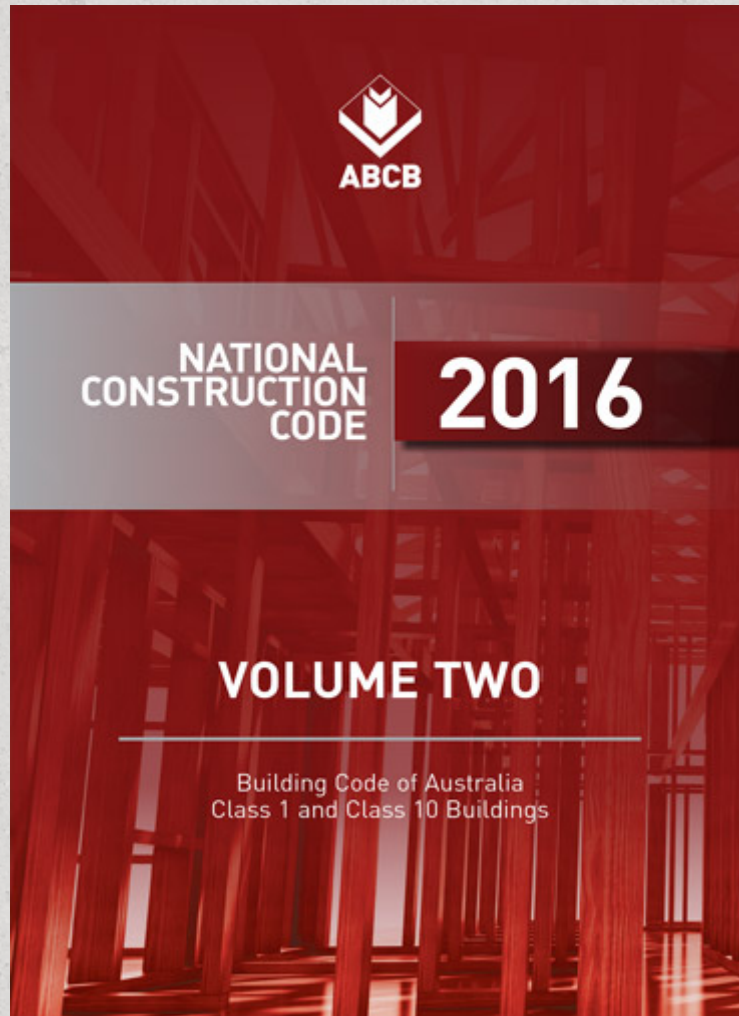


# Digital apps: CAD/Revit



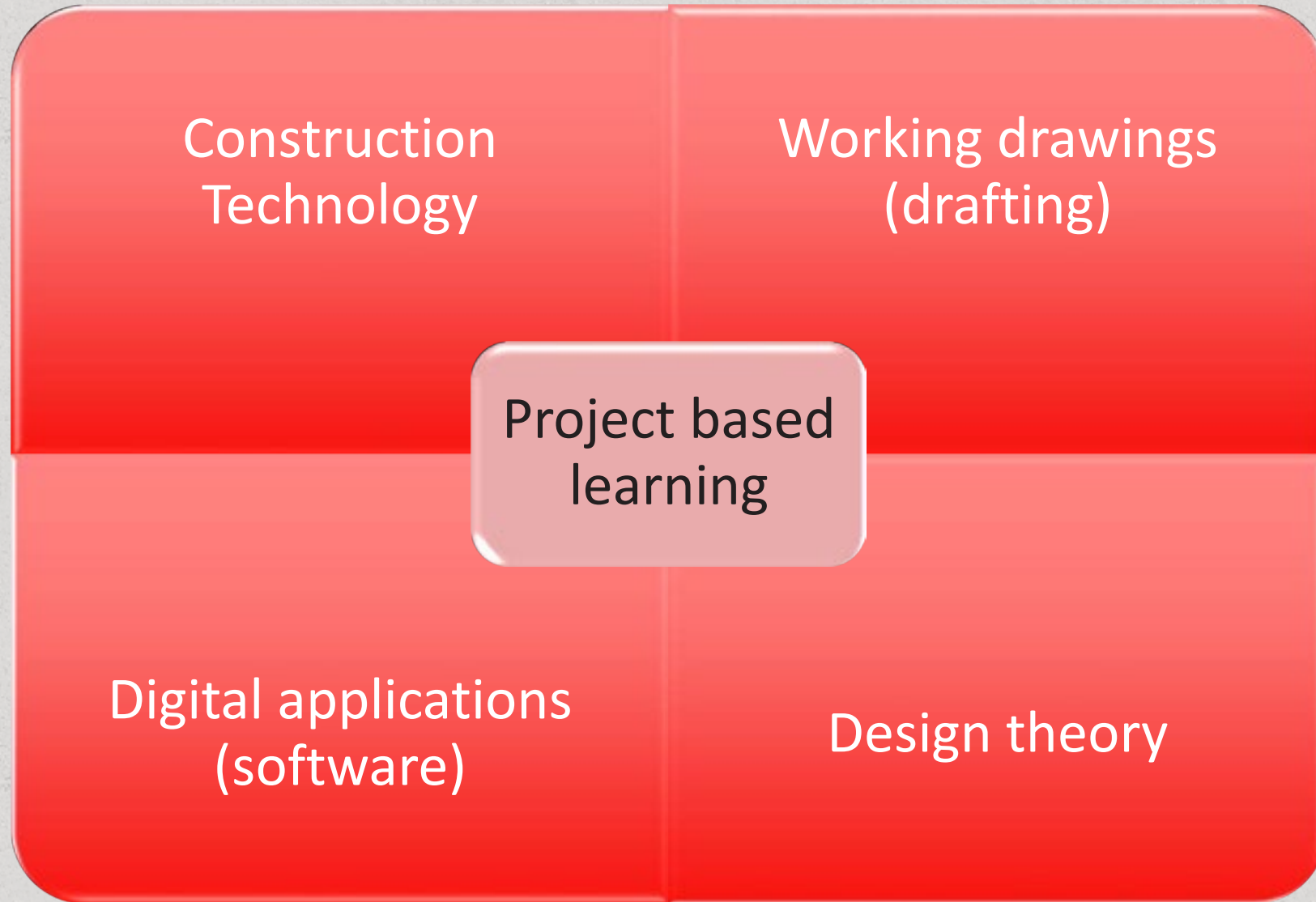


# Construction technology and legislation





# Course structure



# Building Design: Key Facts

## Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural)

- 2 years full time (3 days per week)
- No ATAR score required
- Pathway to:
  - Employment
  - Contract work
  - Bachelor of Architecture

Thank you

Questions?



# Bachelor of Design (Architecture)

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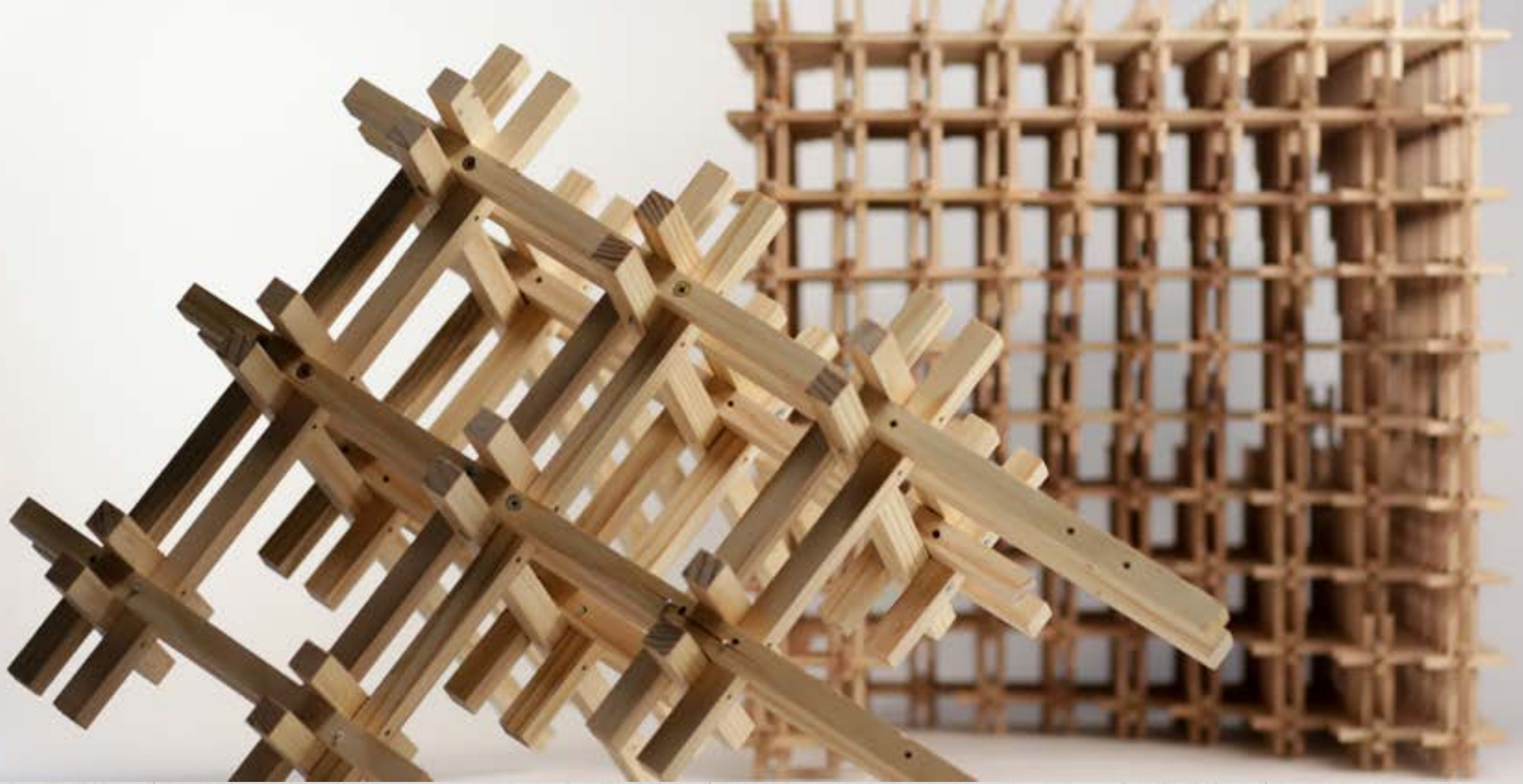


Architecture is about how we  
imagine, conceptualise, organise,  
detail and construct our habitat



Architecture is concerned with both form and space, process and performance, mass and light, perception and comfort, values and expectations





Architects thus must learn  
to think at a variety of  
scales from the city...

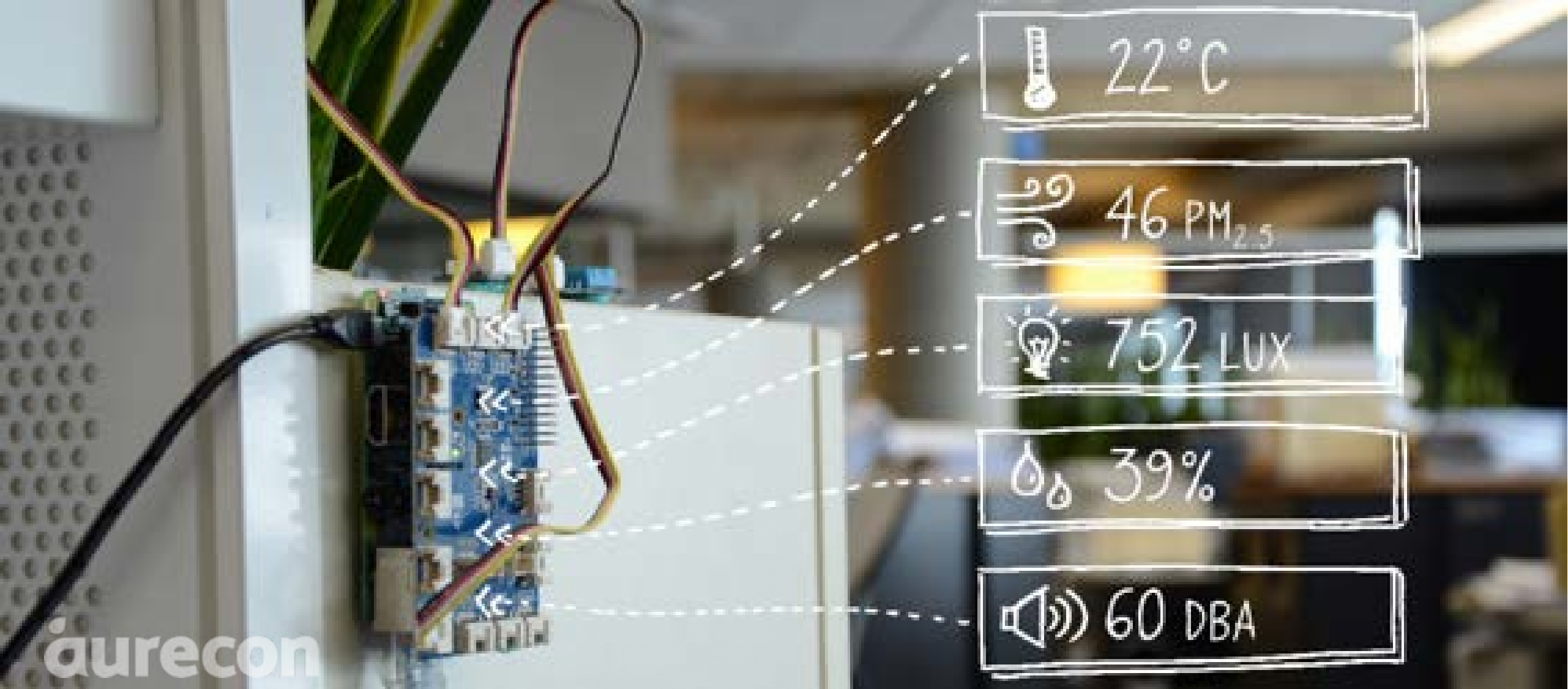


... down to the individual  
human down to the water  
molecule



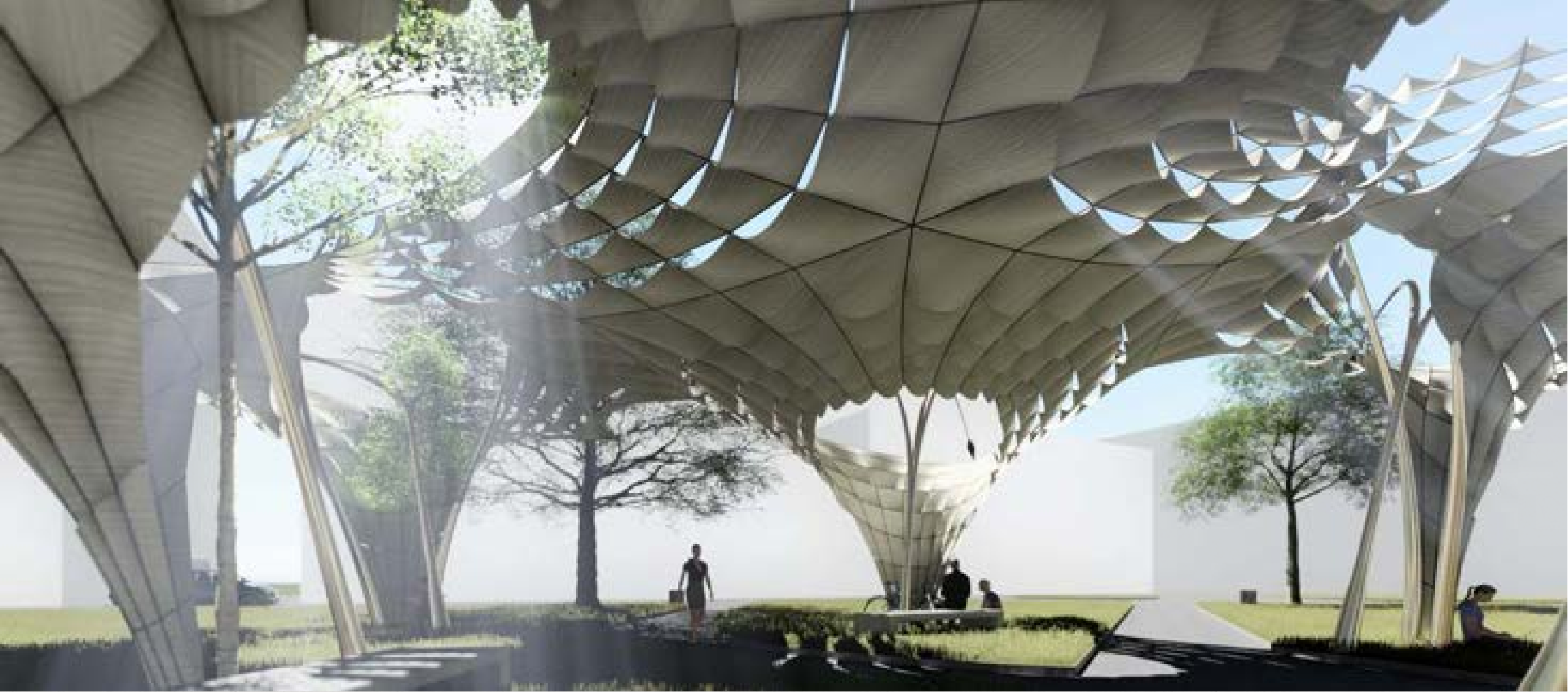


Architects arrange materials in response to the flow of forces and the logistics of construction



Architects think about health and comfort, and how we manage our environments





Architects think in  
terms of systems



Tooling for bespoke bending of plywood

Architects must also think about processes: how do we build? How do we orchestrate often oppositional forces to create useful and pleasing wholes?



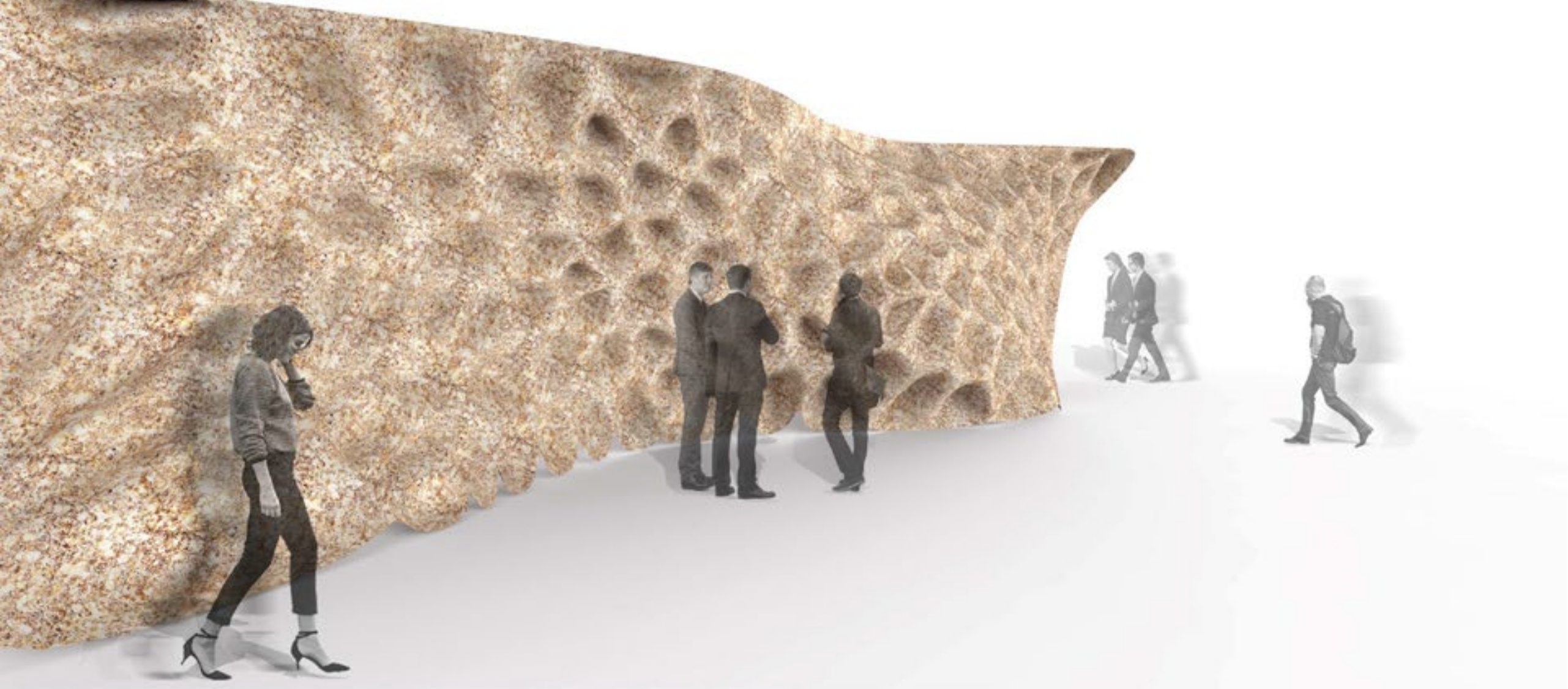


Architects must even think  
about the materials we use  
to build

Mycelium study

Intensive Workshop: IaaC GSS Biodigital Futures: From Coding to  
Cultivating





Architects must think about  
changing the paradigms of  
practice

Mycoustic project

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Architects work in  
spaces like this



# Architectural Education: 3 + 2 Structure

- Architectural education consists of two parts
- 3 year undergraduate degree
- 2 year postgraduate degree
- Both are needed for the professional qualification
- Education is only one part of professional qualification as an architect
- Professional qualification also requires work experience, an exam and an interview

# Architecture Key Facts

## Bachelor of Design (Architecture) *foundation for Master of Architecture*

- Hawthorn Campus
- 3 years full-time
- Guaranteed Entry ATAR: Range of Criteria

### Course Content

- Design Studio
- Construction
- Communication
- Contextual Studies (History/Theory)
- Electives (possible minor)



# Postgraduate courses launching in July 2019

## **Master of Architecture**

- Hawthorn Campus
- 2 years full-time

## **Master of Urban Design**

- Hawthorn Campus
- 2 years full-time

## **Master of Architecture and Urban Design**

- Hawthorn Campus
- 2 years full-time





# Engineering (Architecture) Key Facts

## **Bachelor of Engineering (Architecture) (Honours)**

foundation for Master of Architecture

- Hawthorn Campus
- 4 years full-time
- Guaranteed Entry ATAR:
  - Bachelor of Engineering (Architecture) (Honours): 75
  - Bachelor of Engineering (Architecture) (Honours) (Professional): 85

### Course Content

- Design Studio
- Structural Engineering
- Mathematics + Physics
- Environmental Performance
- Electives (possible minor)







Our learning takes a variety of forms  
and happens in a variety of places,  
from classroom to workshop...





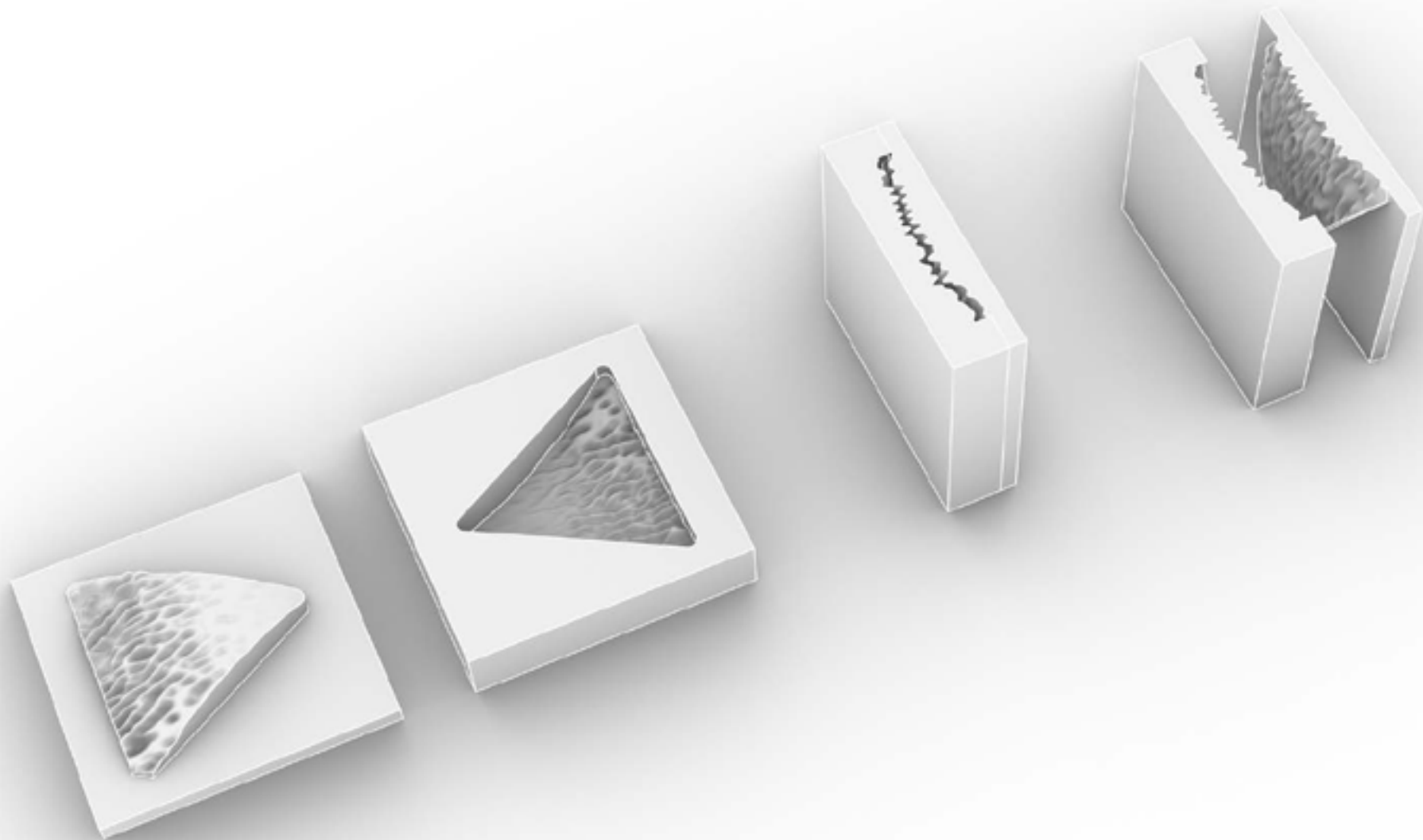
... to the design studio



# Studying Architecture at Swinburne

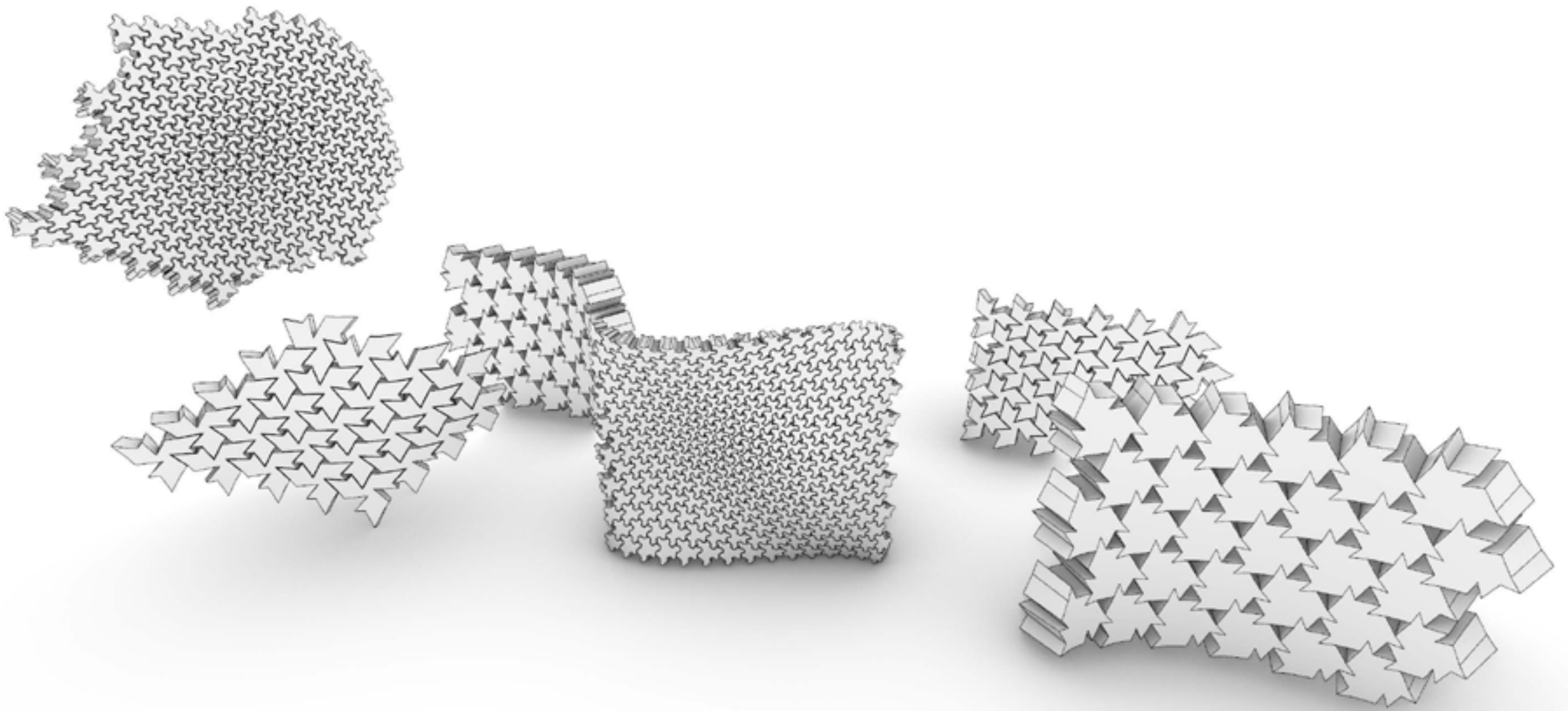
- Face-to-face, project-based learning including:
  - lectures
  - seminars
  - studios
  - maximum 24 students: 1 instructor
- Active, participatory learning
- Studio-based learning
  - students work on practical projects
  - learn to develop cohesive proposals out of often disparate, complex, competing interests
  - propose ideas verbally, graphically, and three-dimensionally
  - receive immediate verbal feedback from a panel of jurors





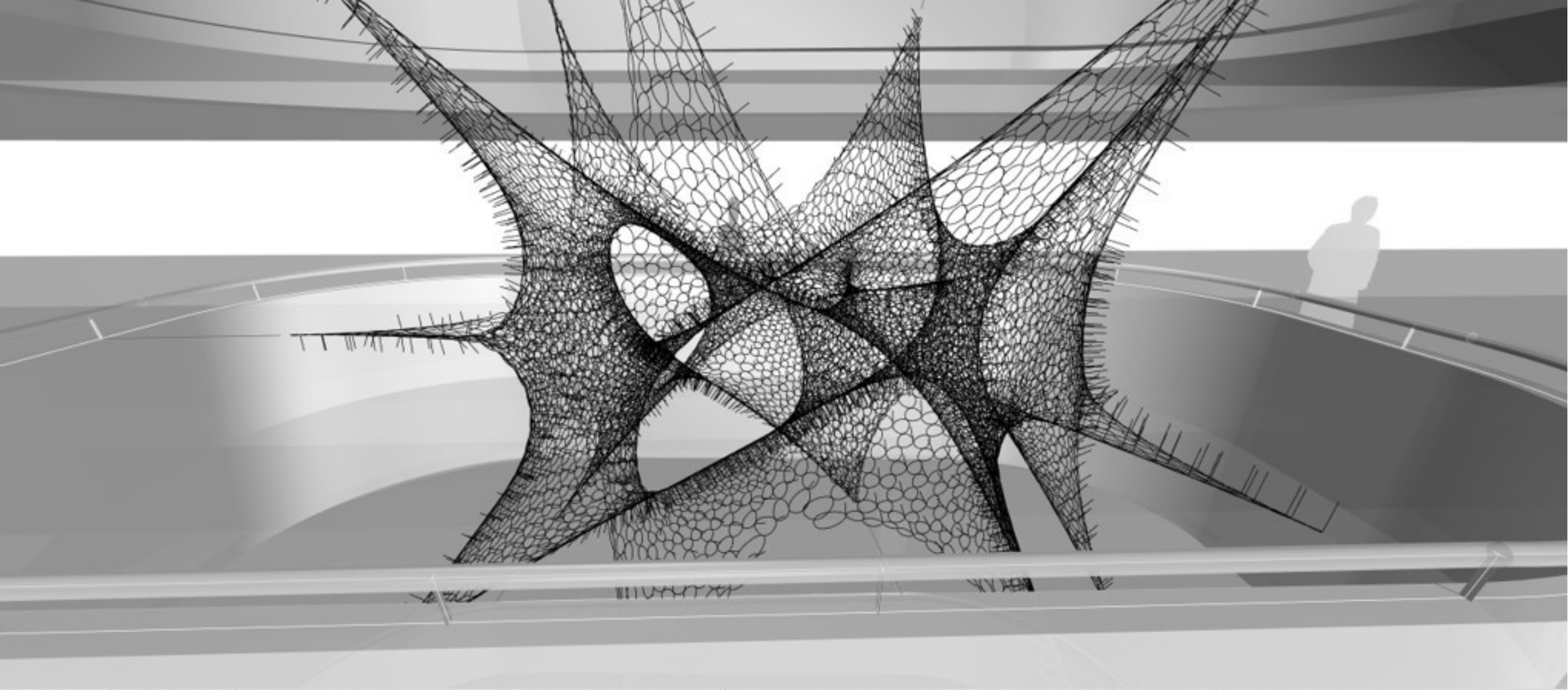
We use a variety of  
media and methods...





from computation...





to visualisation...



to drawings and  
templates...





to manual making...



to digital fabrication





These are our exams...





we call them crits





Students present their proposals...



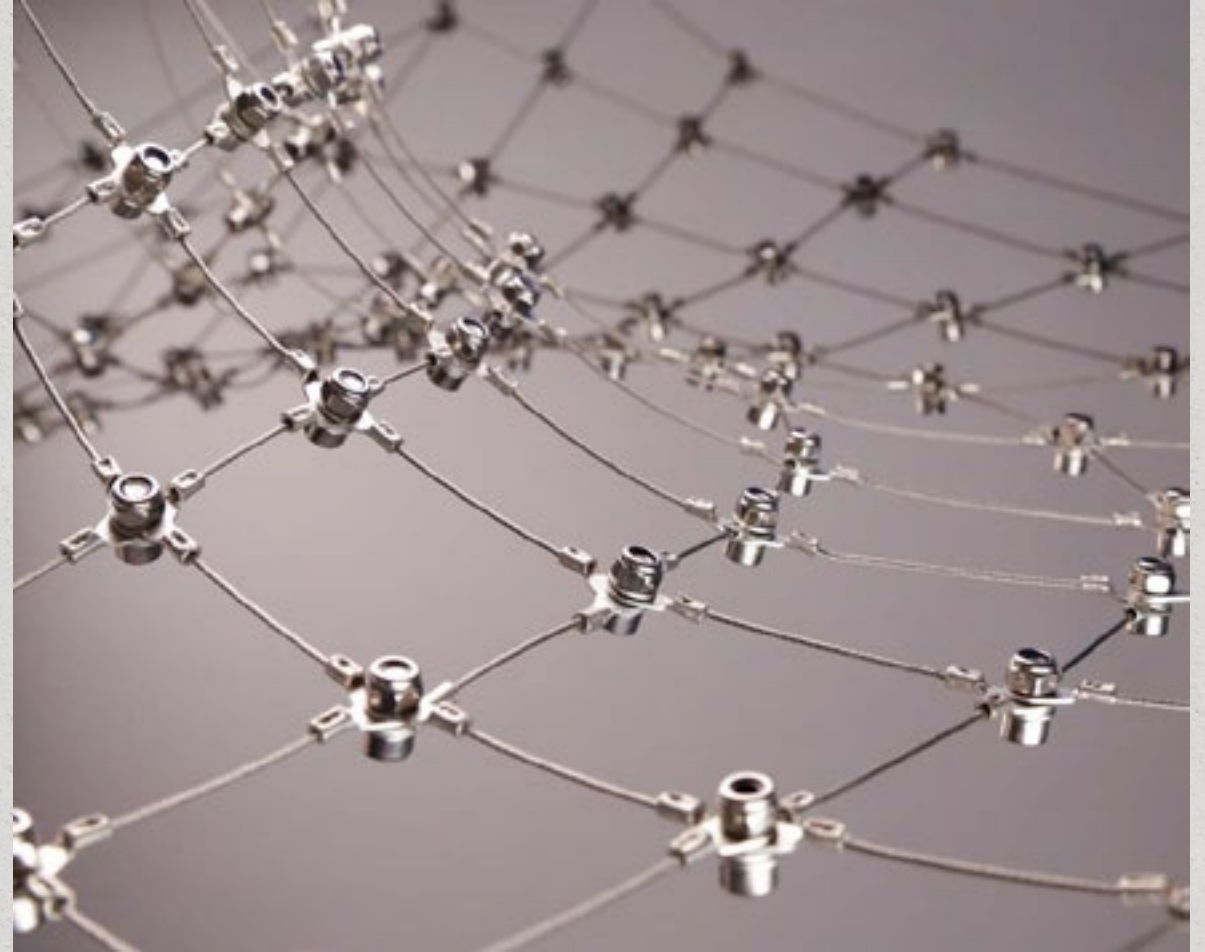


and receive comments  
on them



# Architectural graduates

- Have the ability to:
  - Critically and creatively think, represent and analyse buildings, correlate diverse and often discrepant demands and interests, manage diverse teams of experts and stakeholders
- Can attain roles as:
  - Architects in large and medium-sized practices
  - Sole proprietors of architectural practices
  - Architects within government and non-government agencies
  - Academics/Researchers/Educators



# Why Architecture at Swinburne?

- Studio-centric curriculum with opportunities to focus on particular research topics that align with student interest
- Small cohort surrounded by excellent academic staff
- World class technology and facilities
- Opportunity to learn about all scales from the fabrication of the detail to the interface with the city
- Industry engagement in day-to-day teaching, regular critiques, and invited lectures
- Preparation for the future of practice locally and globally, such as Industry 4.0
- Potential to work with the Design Factory Melbourne and its global network through electives



# World Rankings

- Rated among the top 1/5 of design schools in the world
- Rated among the highest for student experience in the country
- Rated the highest for student experience in Architecture and Built Environment in Victoria







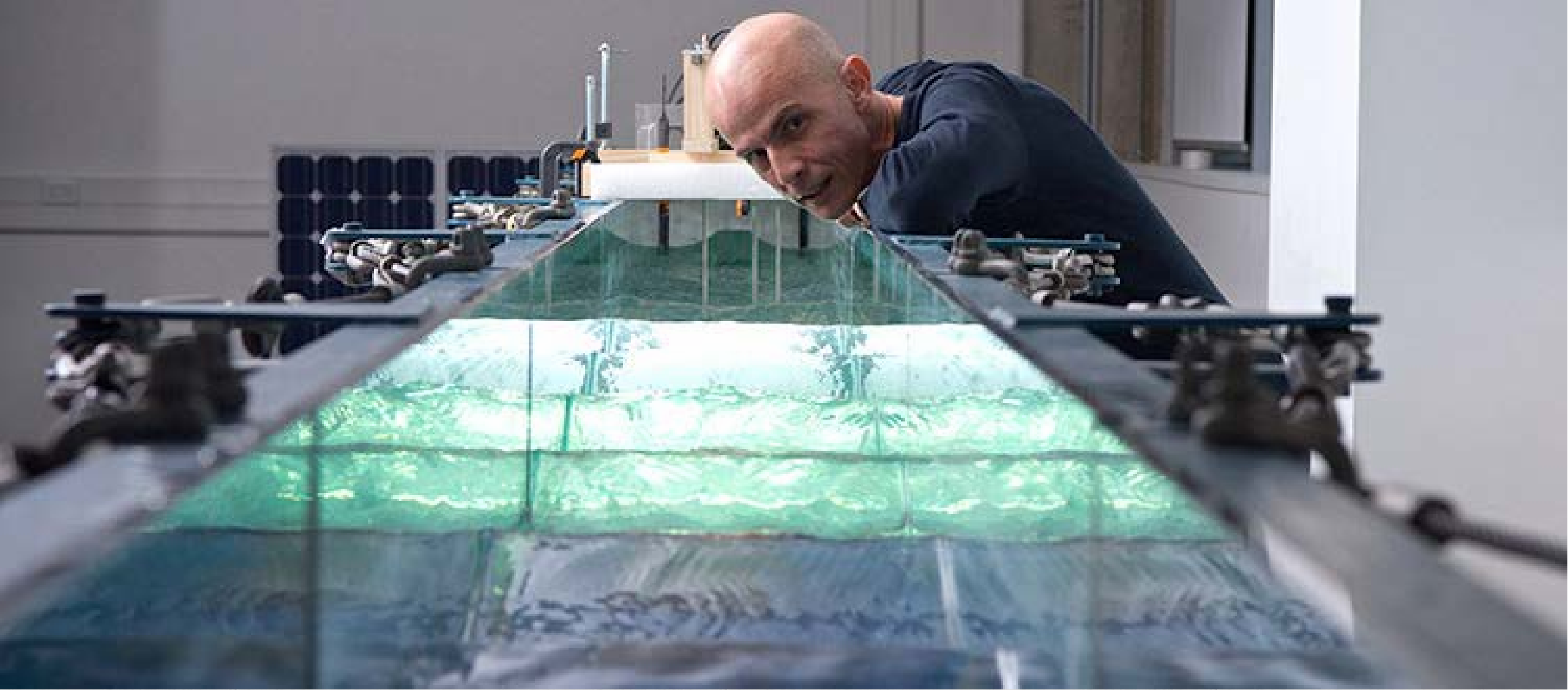
Soft prototyping lab with robotic, laser and additive fabrication and physical computing facilities

## Fabrication Facilities





Factory of the Future



Energy Transformation  
Lab





Smart Structures Lab



# Interdisciplinary Collaboration

Mycelium studies in collaboration with biological sciences

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# Course Advisory Committee



Neil Stonell



Ann Lau



Debbie Ryan



Andrew Maher

**GRIMSHAW**

**hayball**

**m-rr** McBride Charles Ryan  
Architecture + Interior Design

**aurecon**

# Career Outcomes

- Professional architectural practice
- Multi-disciplinary building services practices
- Government advisor
- Regulatory agencies
- Non-government organisations
- Set design
- Designers of virtual environments
- Fabrication
- Project management







Questions?