

## Beyeler Foundation Museum



In 1991, Ernst Beyeler addressed Renzo Piano to commission the design of a museum to accommodate his outstanding collection of modern art. Beyeler's request is a museum entirely illuminated by natural light and surrounded by greenery. The building has a very strict plan: four masters of the same length, oriented in the north-south direction, run parallel to the wall of the enclosure and neatly mark the succession of the exhibition spaces that originate from the central atrium. Natural light penetrates through the filtering surfaces of the roofing system that "flies" above the walls. The roof is somewhat independent of the building: supported by the metal structure, it extends far beyond the perimeter defined by the walls.

## Dati Progetto

Design	1991 - 1994
Construction	1994 - 1997
Site Area	16808 m2
Total floor area	4636 m2
Height	8,25 m (4,8 m internal height in exhibition galleries)
Floors	1 + 1 basement
Total exhibition area	3764 m2
Collection	2496 m2
Temporary exhibition	1268 m2

## Credits

Client	Beyeler Foundation
Architect	Renzo Piano Building Workshop, architects in association with Burckhardt + Partner AG, Basel
Consultants	<p>Preliminary Design: Ove Arup &amp; Partners (structure and services)</p> <p>Phase One: Ove Arup &amp; Partners, C. Burger + Partner AG (structure); Bogenschütz AG (plumbing); J. Forrer AG (HVAC); Elektrizitäts AG (electrical engineering); J. Wiede, Schönholzer + Stauffer (landscaping)</p> <p>Phase Two: C. Burger + Partner AG (structure); Bogenschütz AG (plumbing); J. Forrer AG (HVAC); Elektrizitäts AG (electrical engineering);</p>

Schönholzer + Stauffer (landscaping)

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## Immagini



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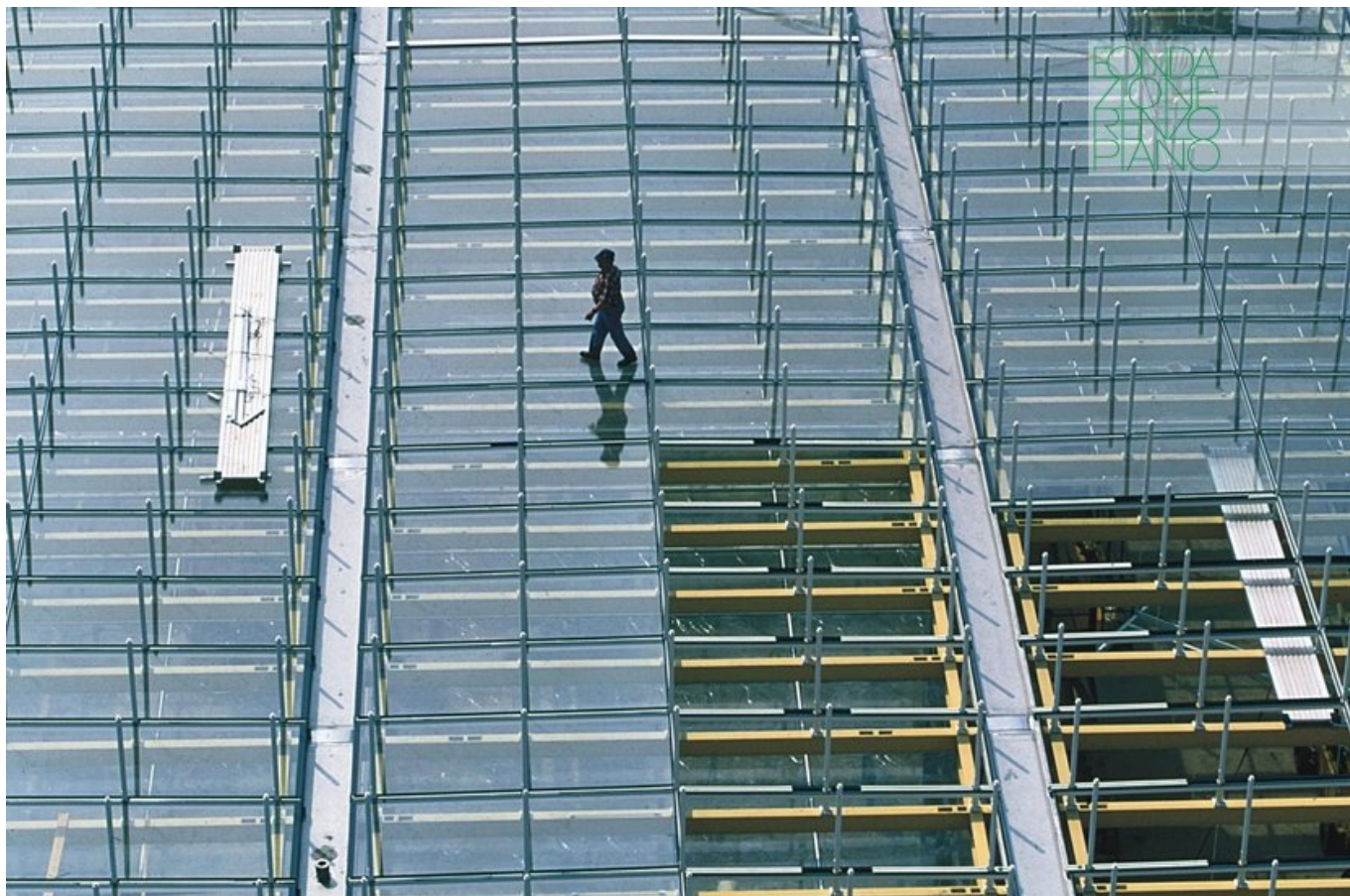
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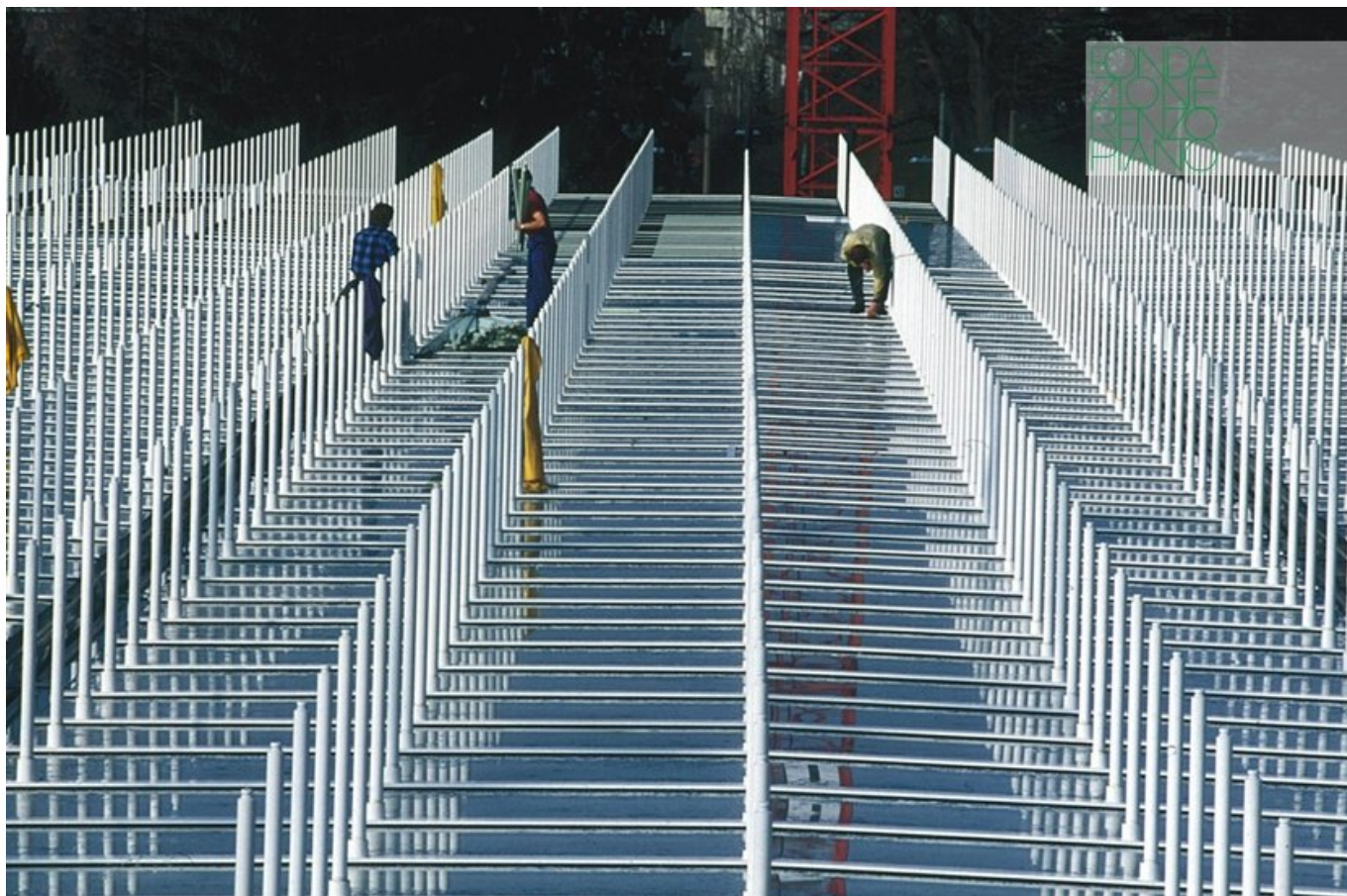
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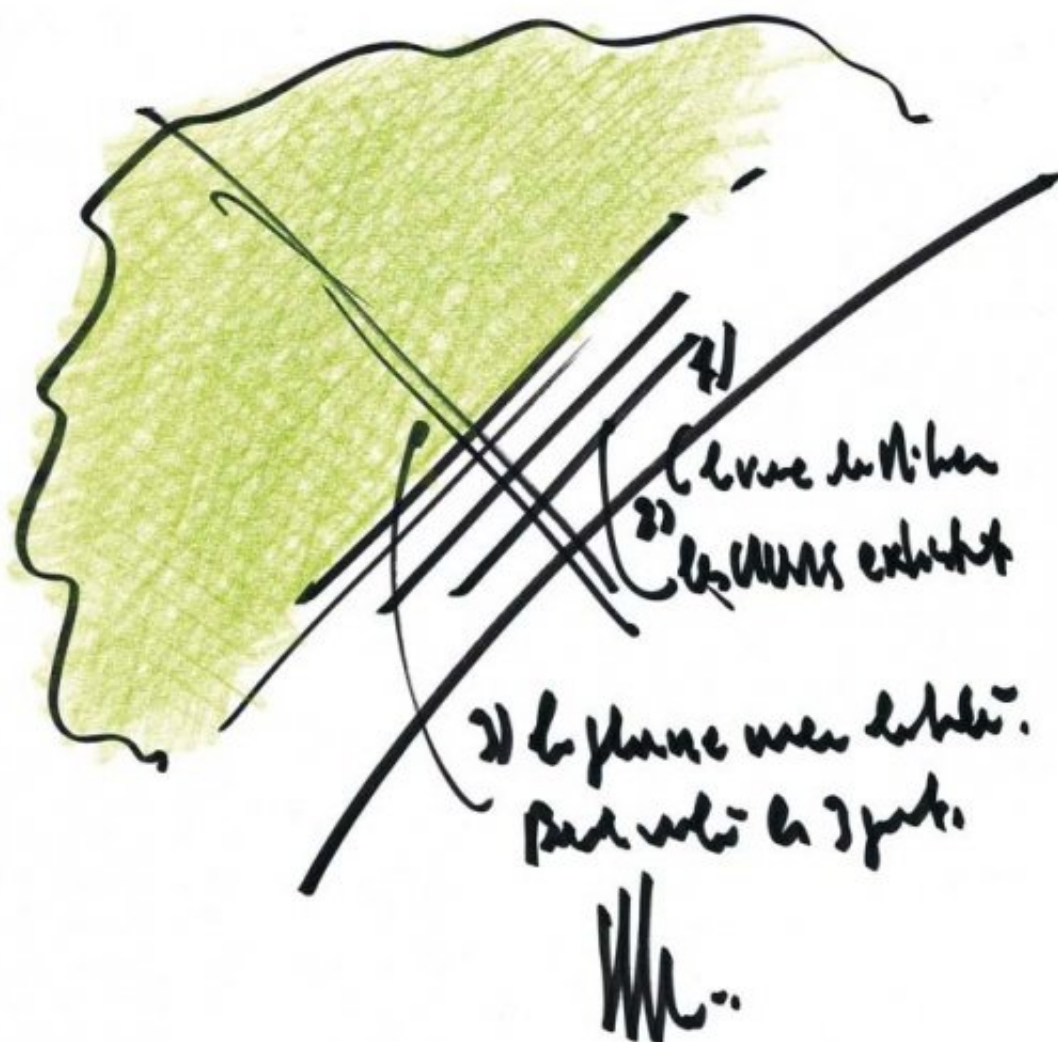
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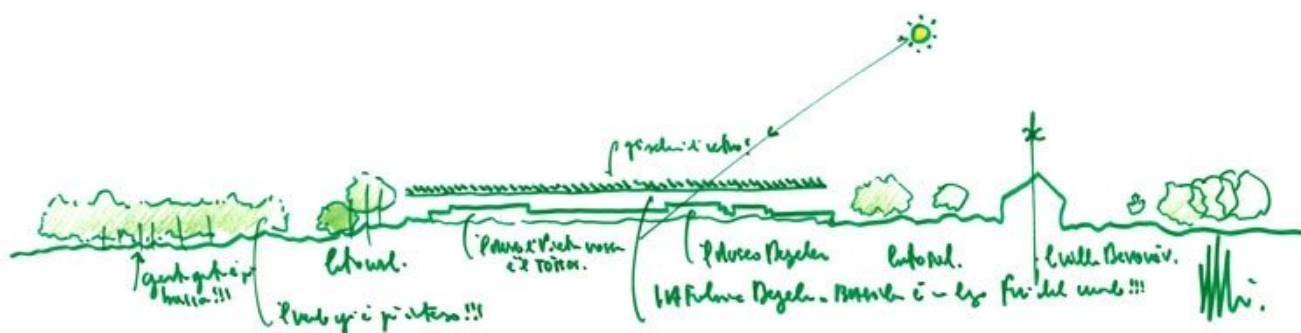
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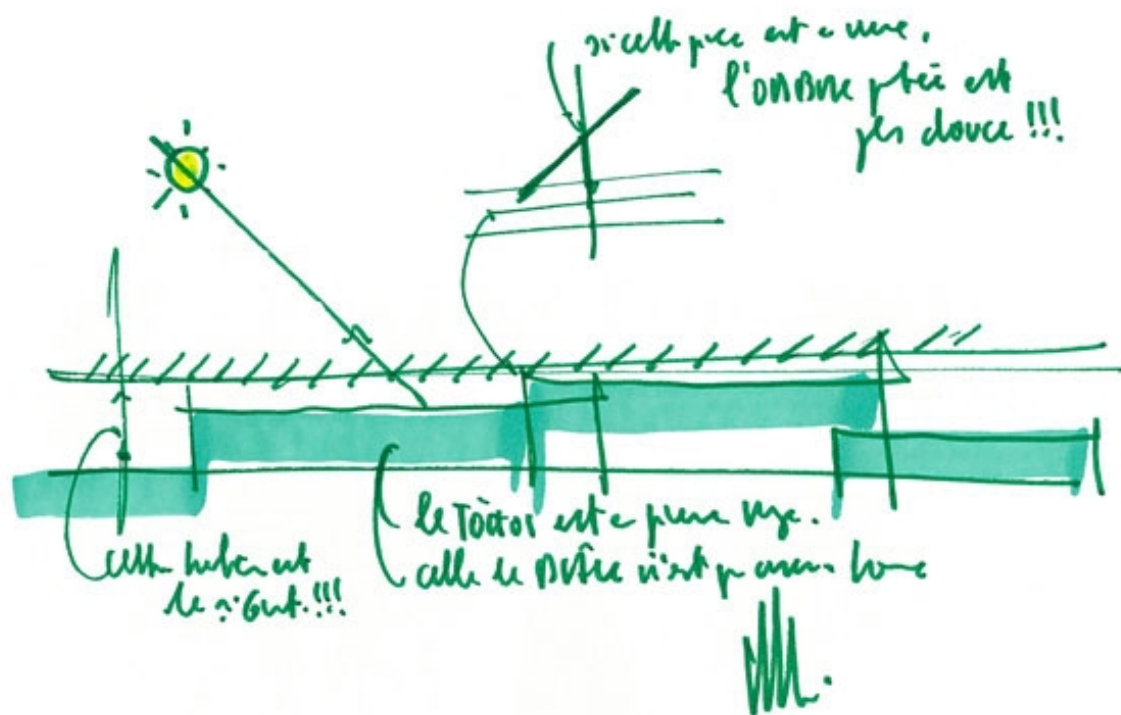
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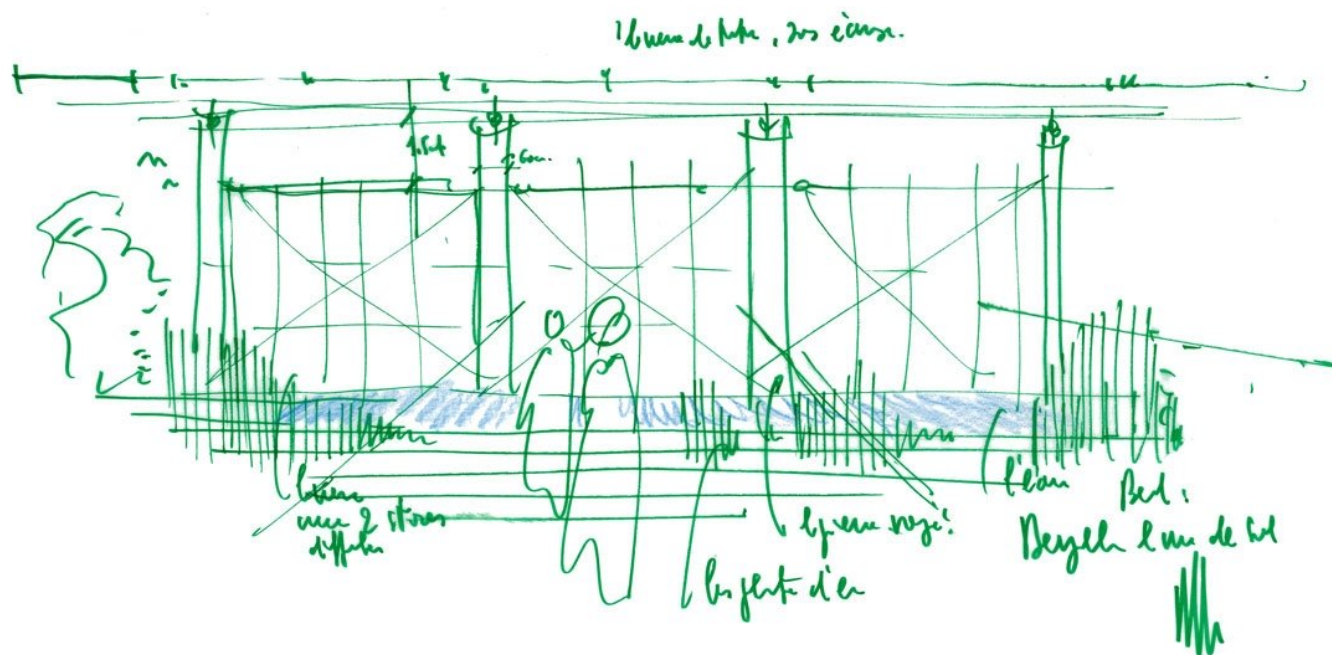


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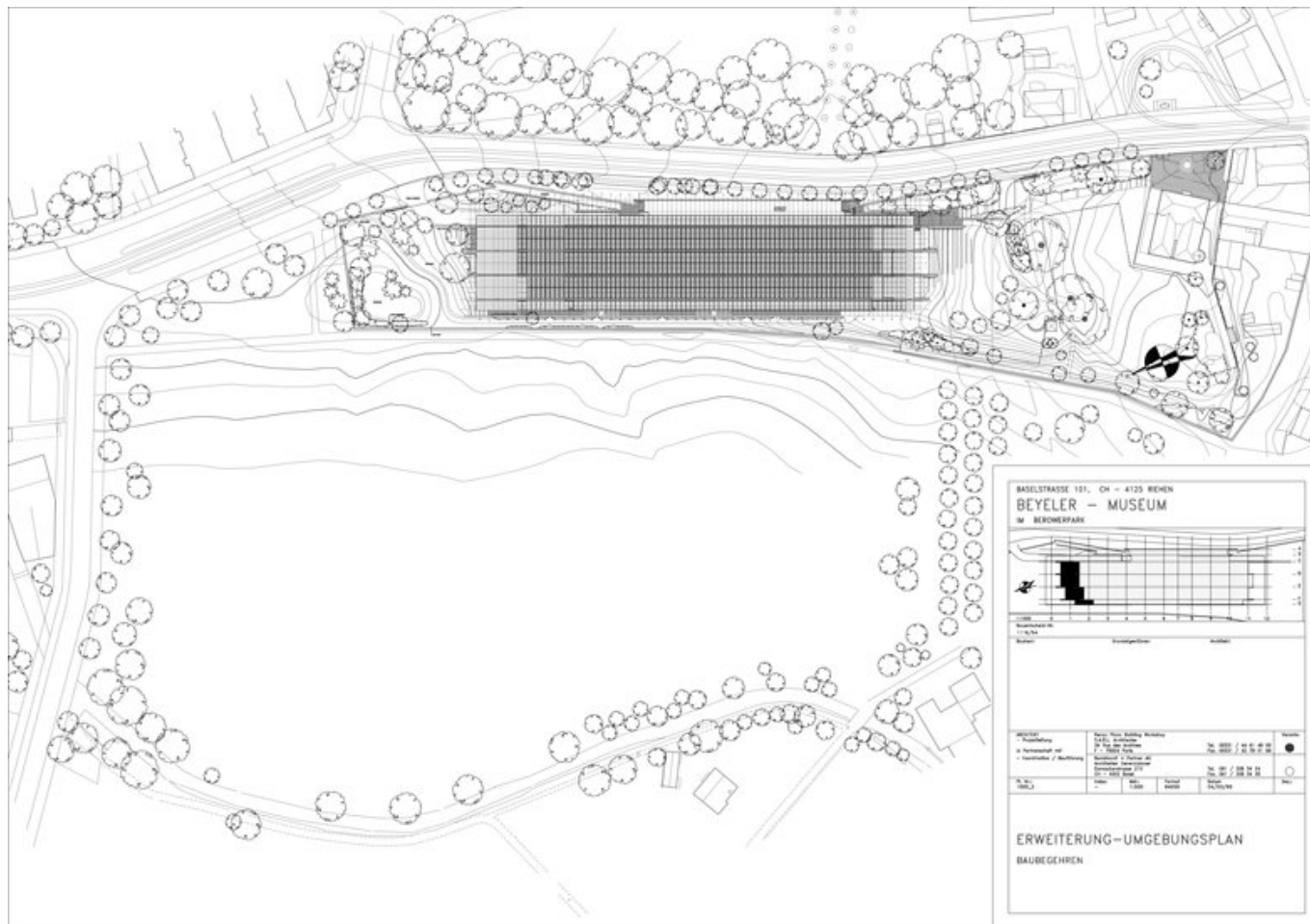
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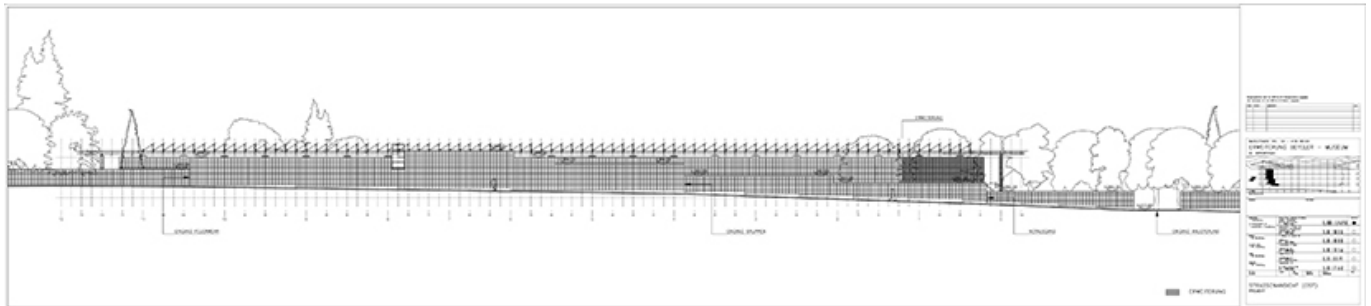


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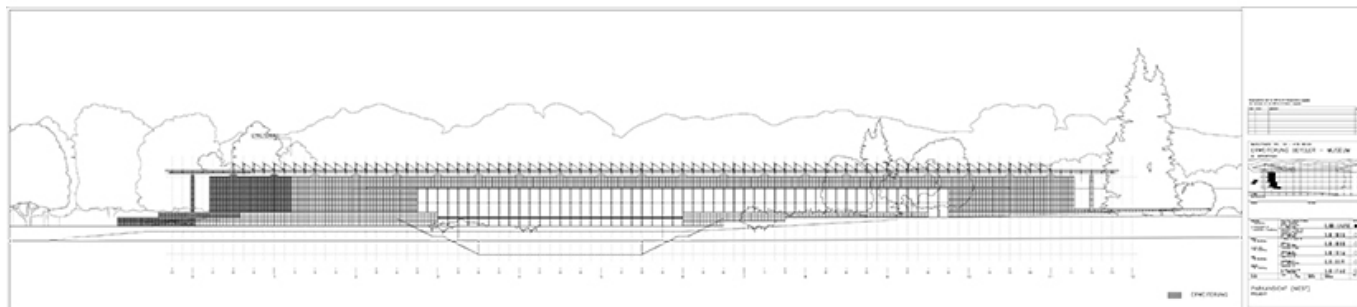


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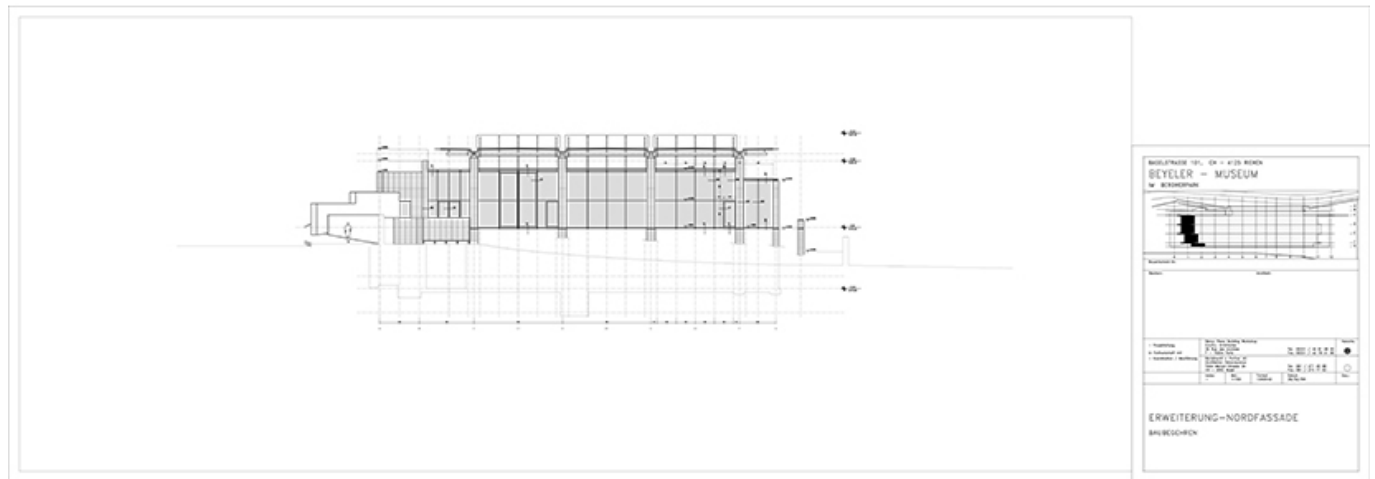


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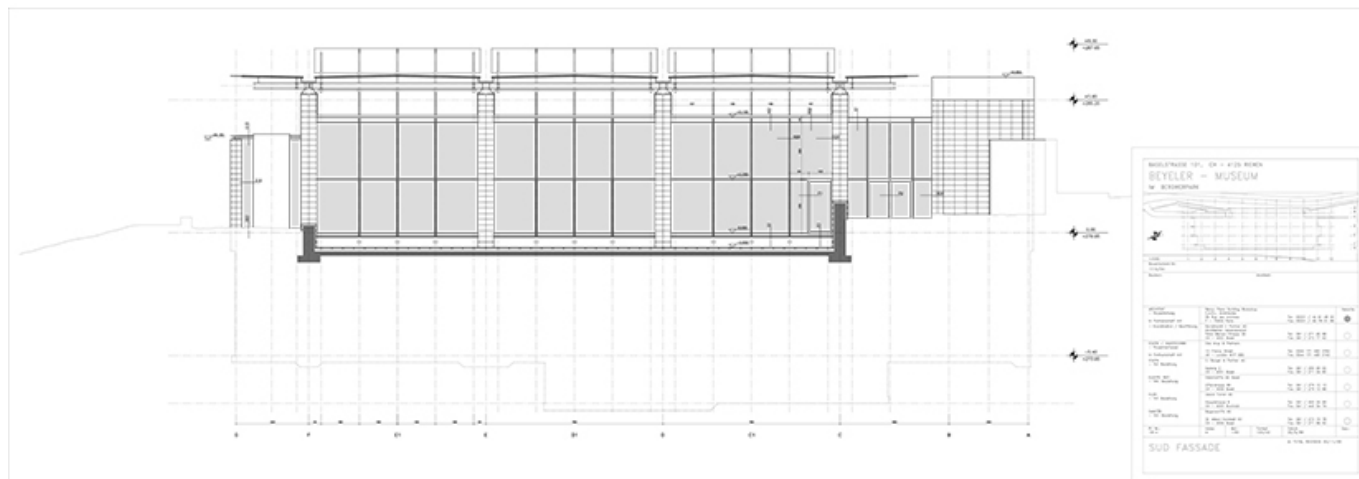


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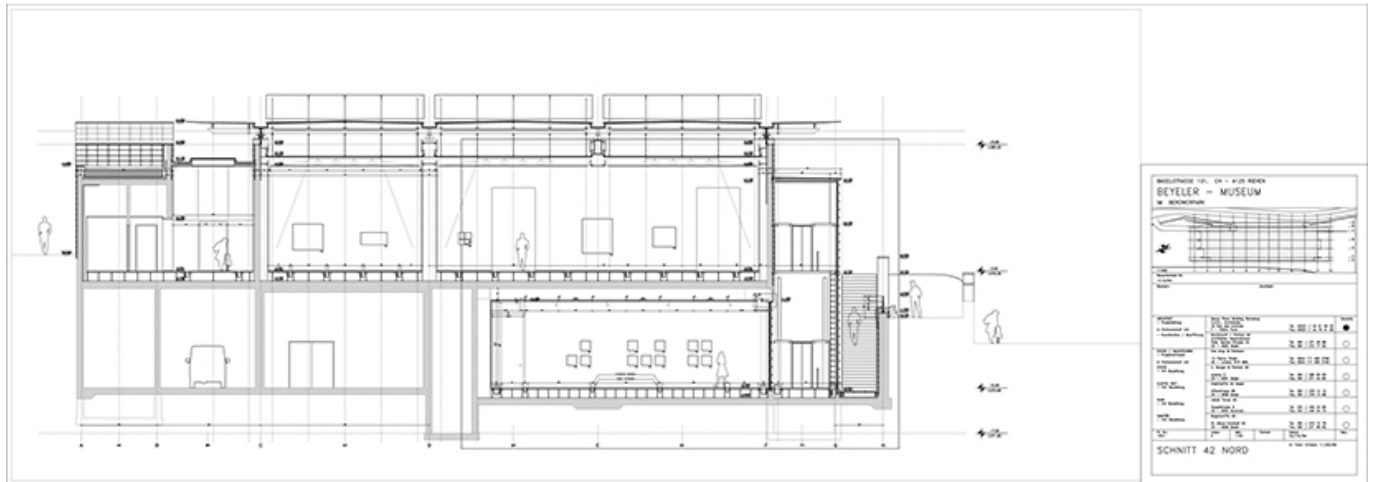


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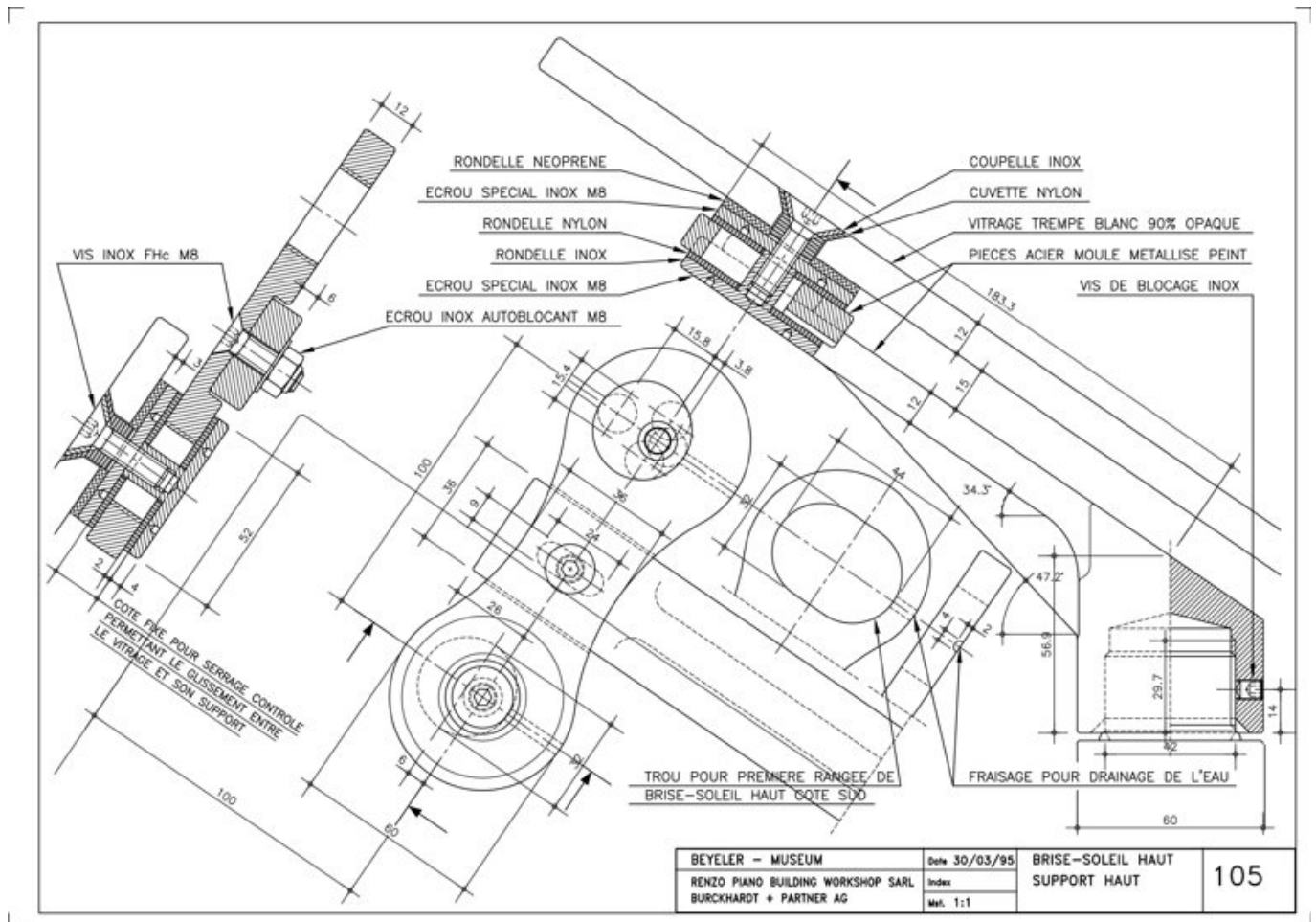




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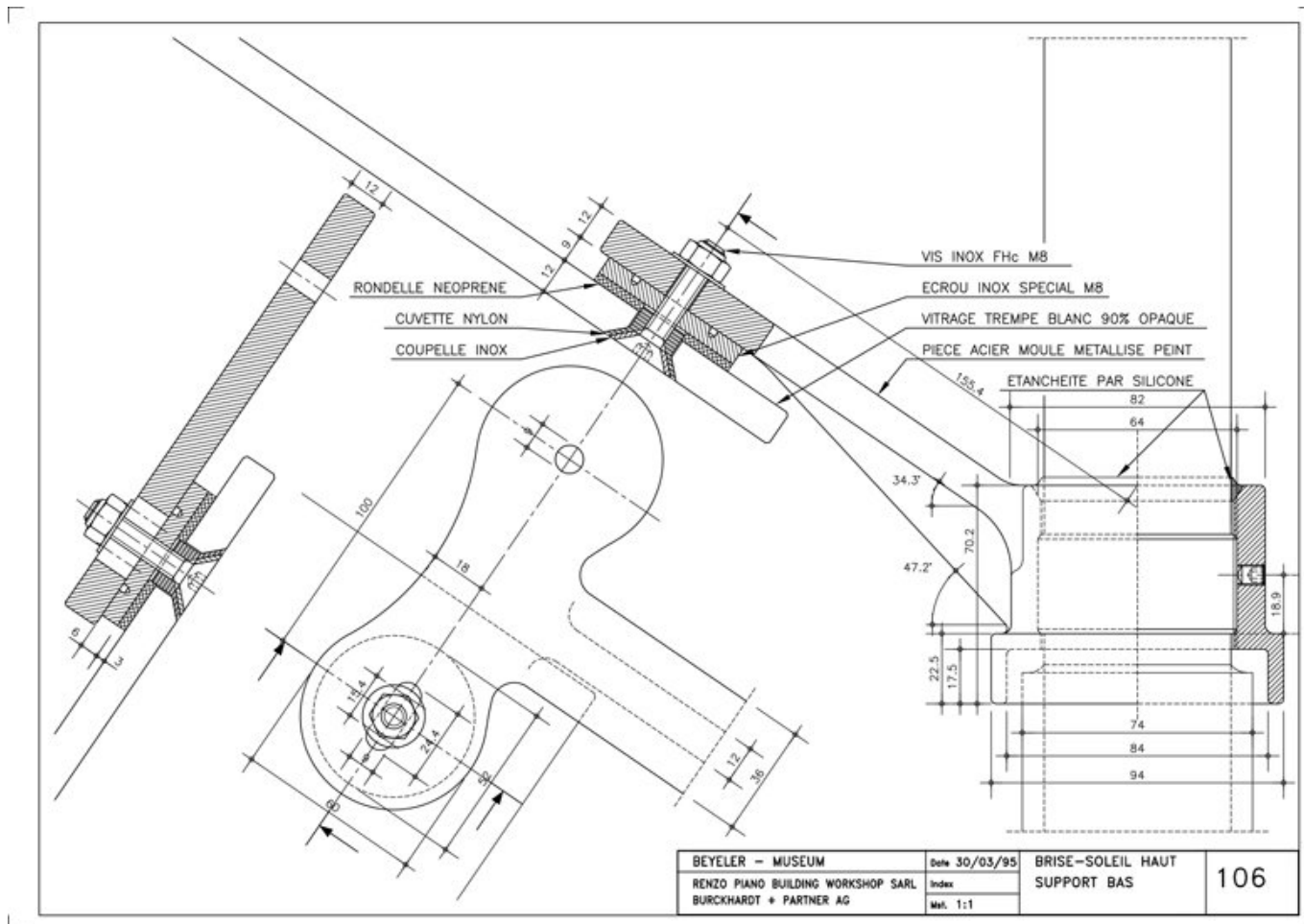


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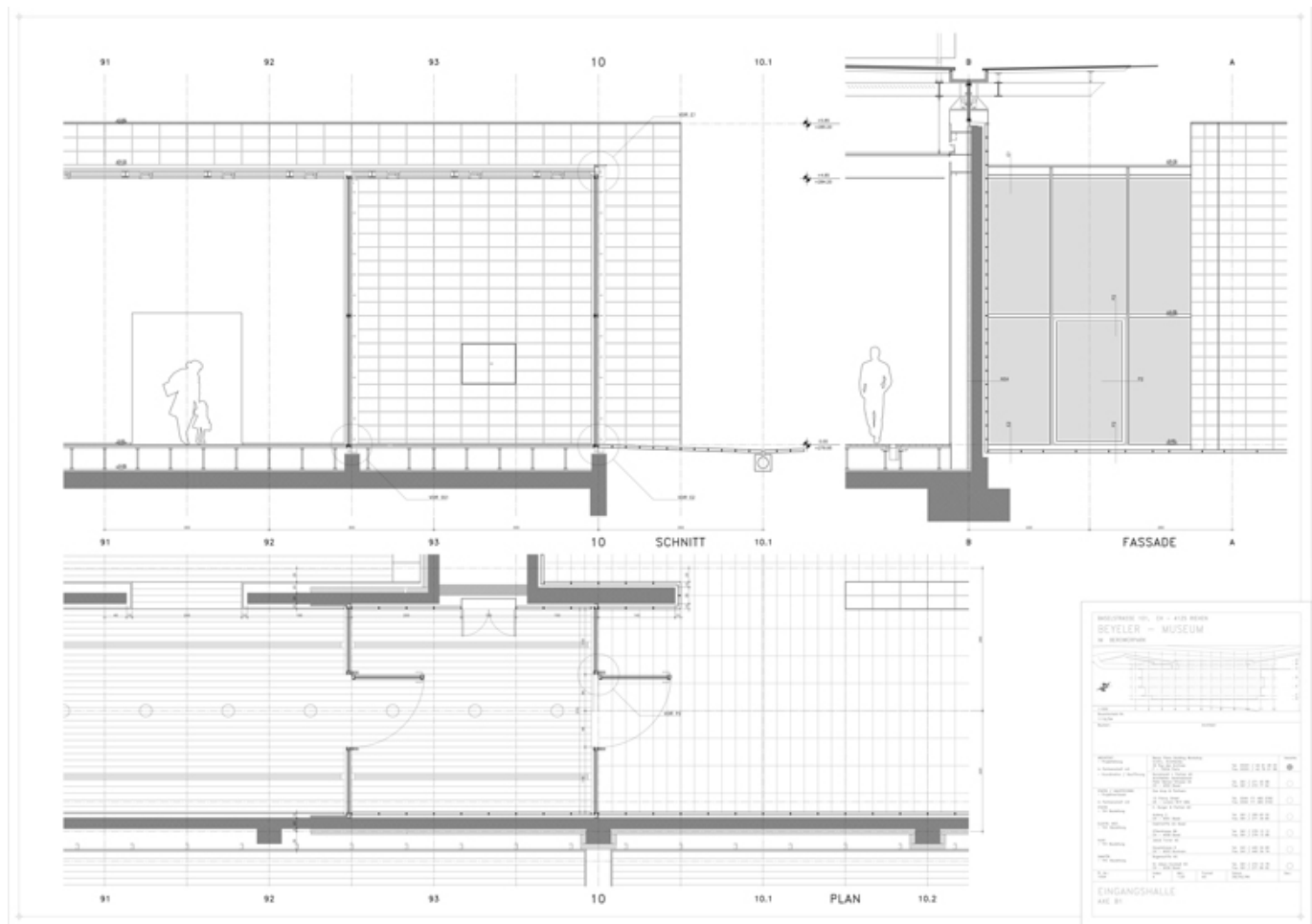


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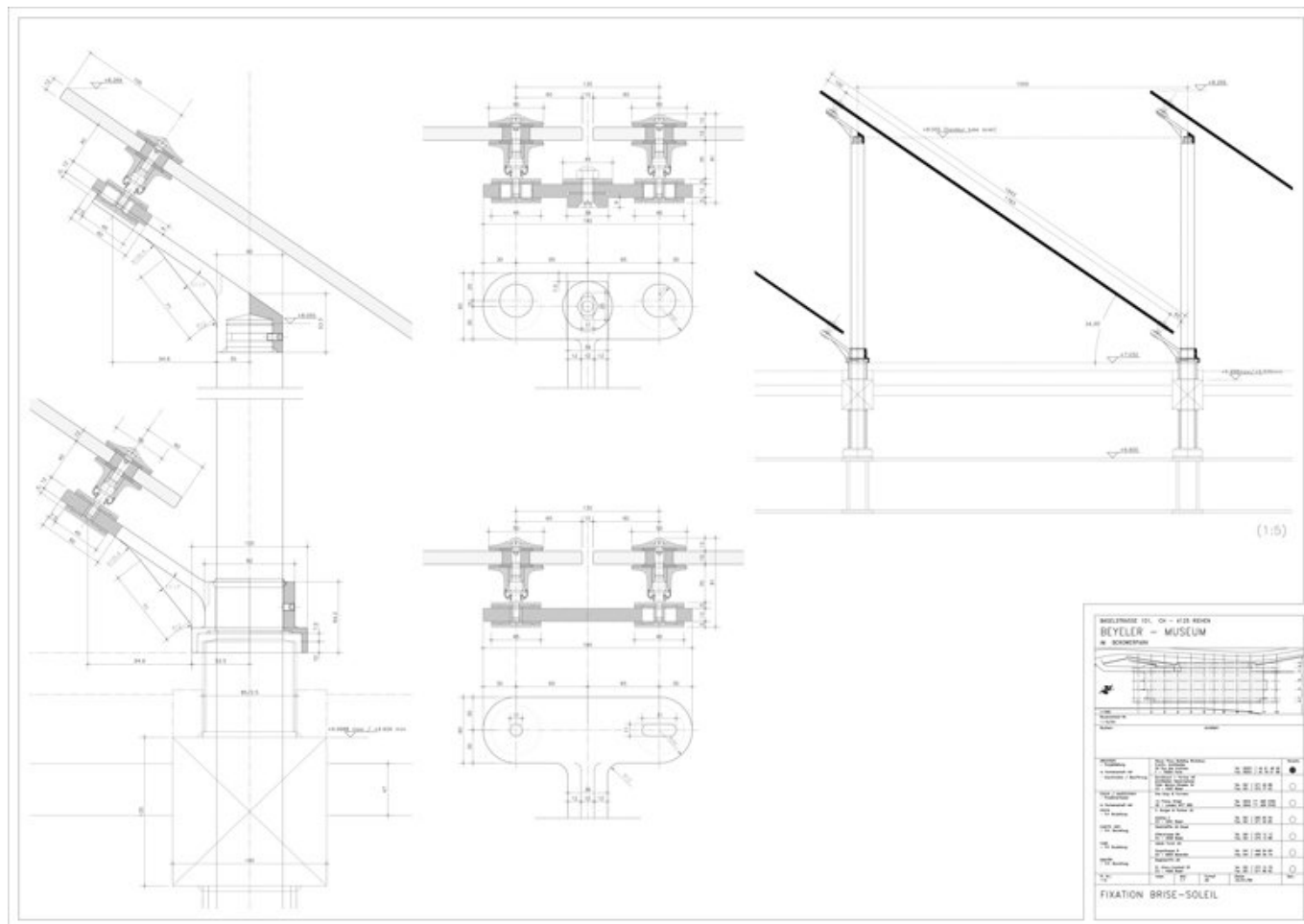




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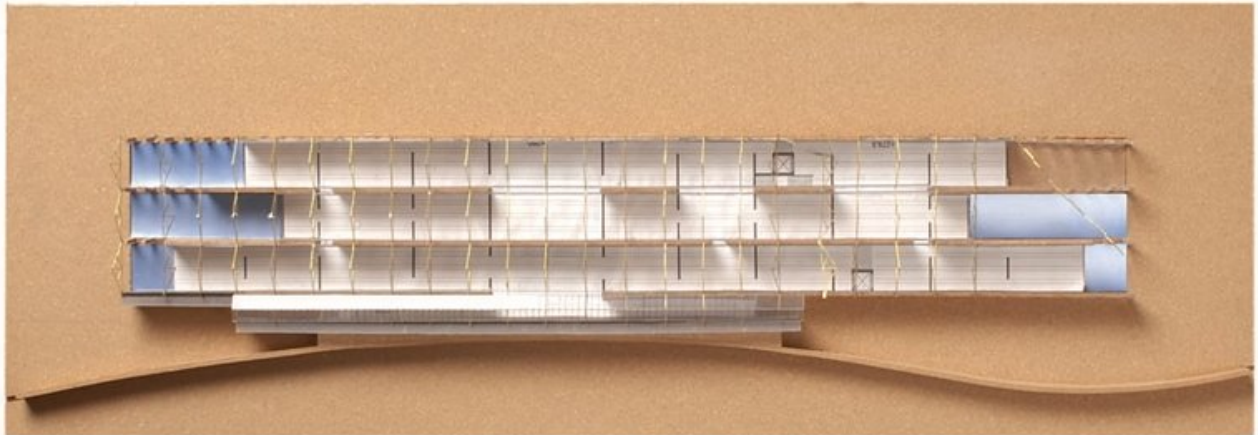
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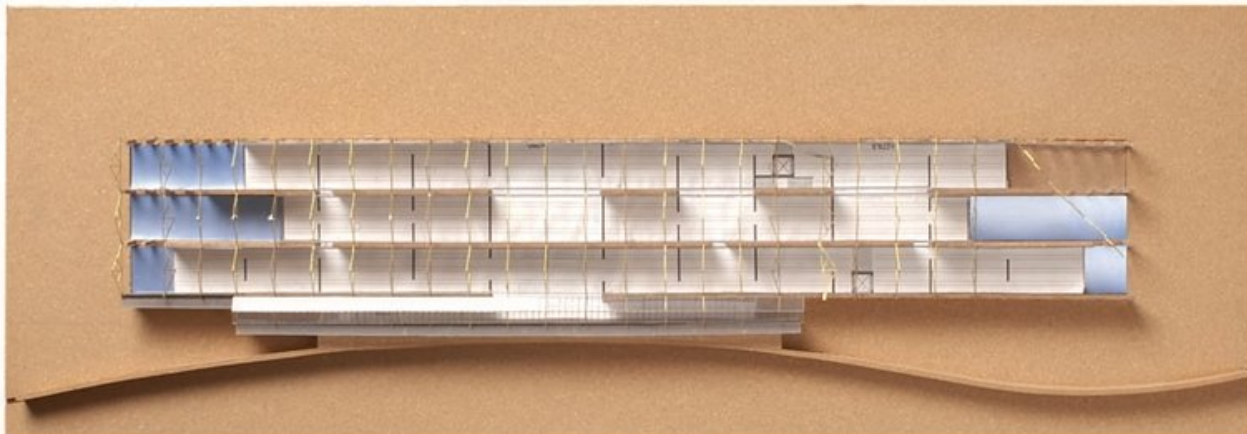


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