

Valletta City Gate



The project intends to redevelop the main entrance area to La Valletta which was deeply transformed ever since Malta gained its independence from Britain and eventually becoming an independent Republic. The main concern was to bring the historical and architectural heritage of this powerful and symbolic place back to the fore. At the same time, it was necessary to create new cultural and civic spaces. RPBW worked on three fronts: the City Gate, the new building housing the Parliament and the restoration of the Royal Opera House, destroyed by bombs during the Second World War.

Dati Progetto

Design	2009 - 2011
Construction	2010 - 2015
Site area	40.000 m ²
Total Floor Area	Parlamento 7.000 m ² , Opera House 2.800 m ² (scena 1.800 m ² , backstage 1.000 m ²)
Height	19,70 m
Floors	Parliament 4 + 2 basements, Opera House 1 + 1 basement
Opera House	918 seats

Credits

Client	Grand Harbour Regeneration Corporation
Architects	Renzo Piano Building Workshop, architects in collaboration with Architecture Project (Valletta)
Consultants	Arup (acoustics, civil, structural and MEP engineering); Kevin Ramsey (stone consultant), Daniele Abbado (theatre consultant), Müller BBM (acoustics), Franck Franjou (lighting), Studio Giorgetta (landscaping), Silvano Cova (theatre special equipment).

Immagini



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Subject	The Parliament Building - view between the Office Building and the Chamber House
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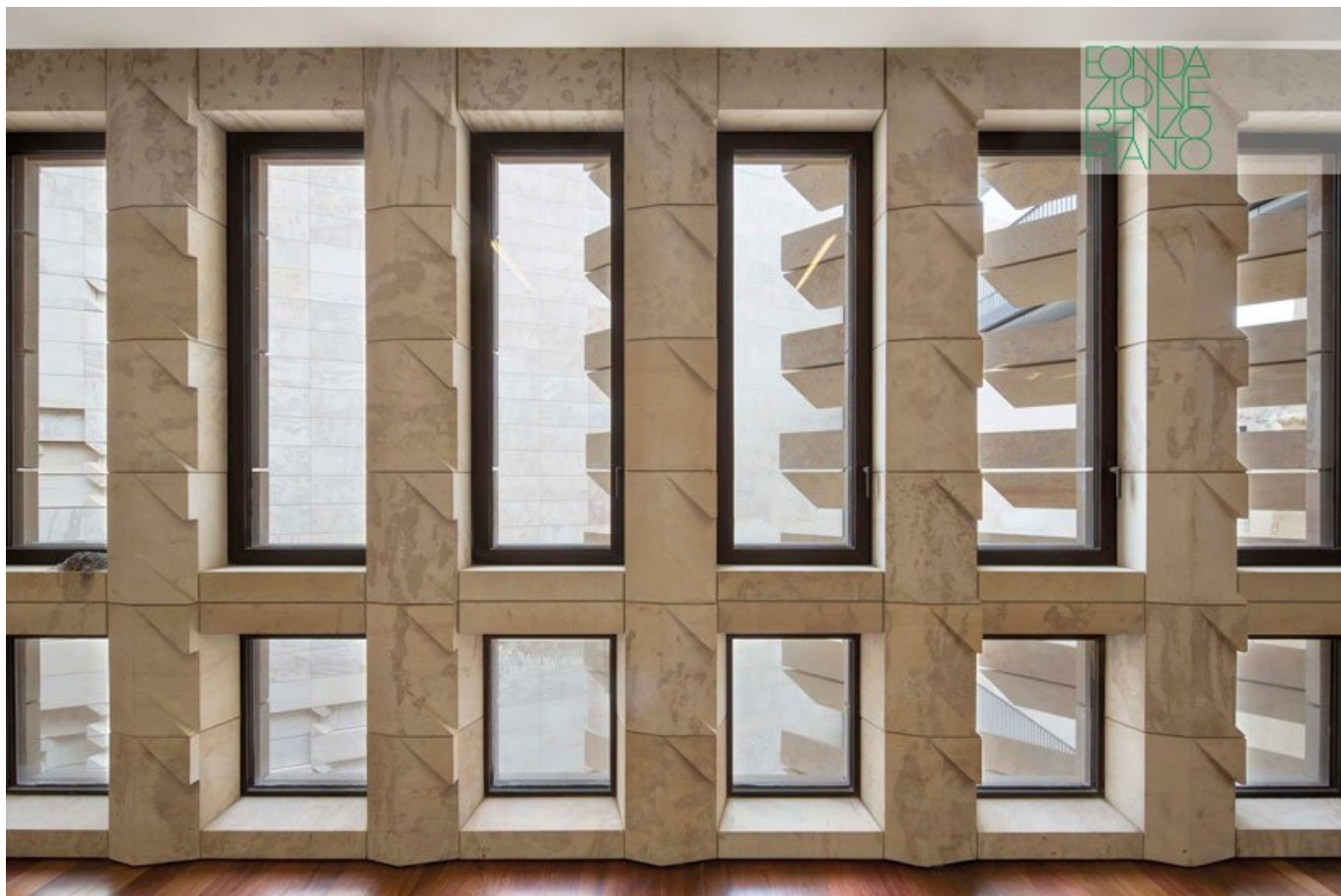
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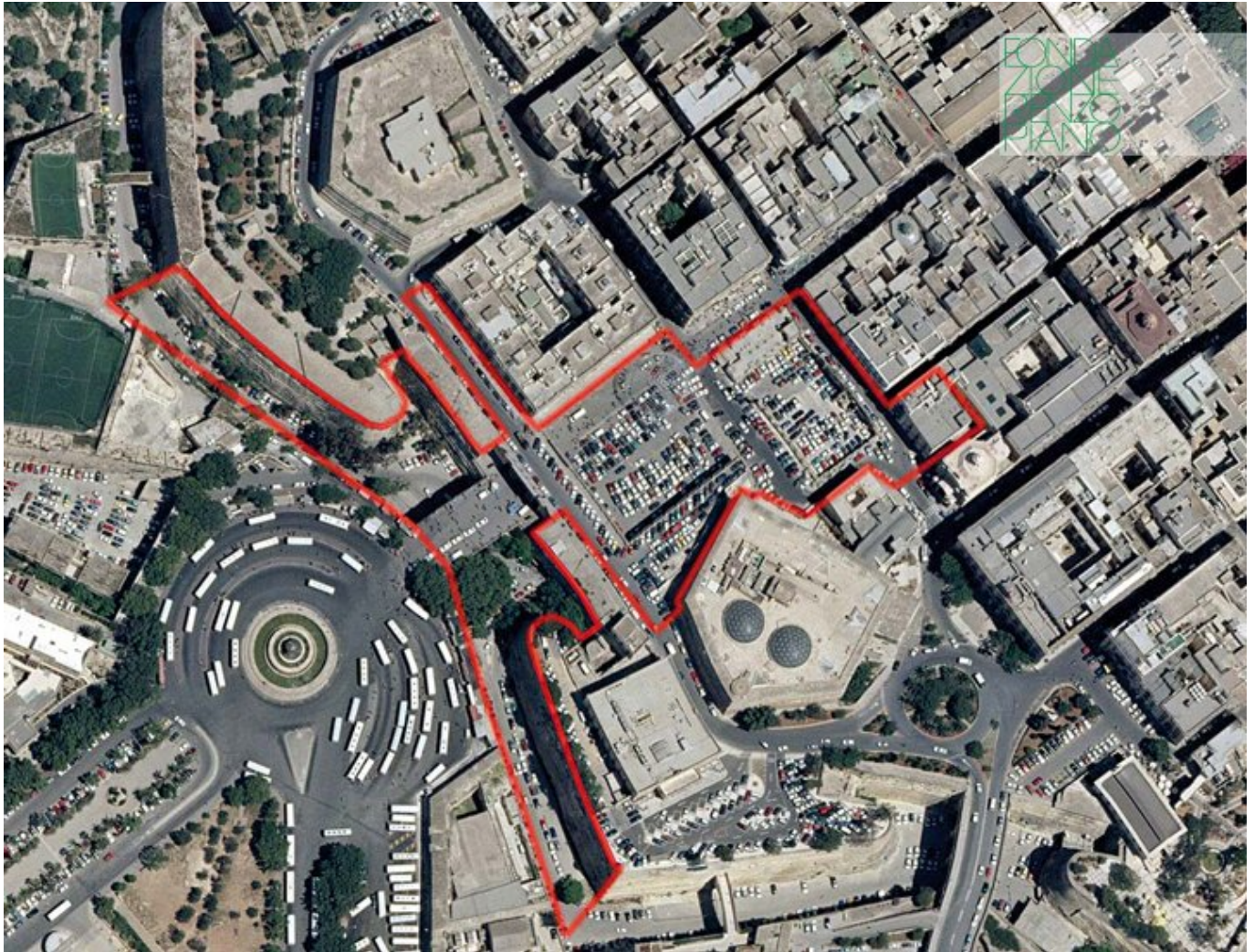
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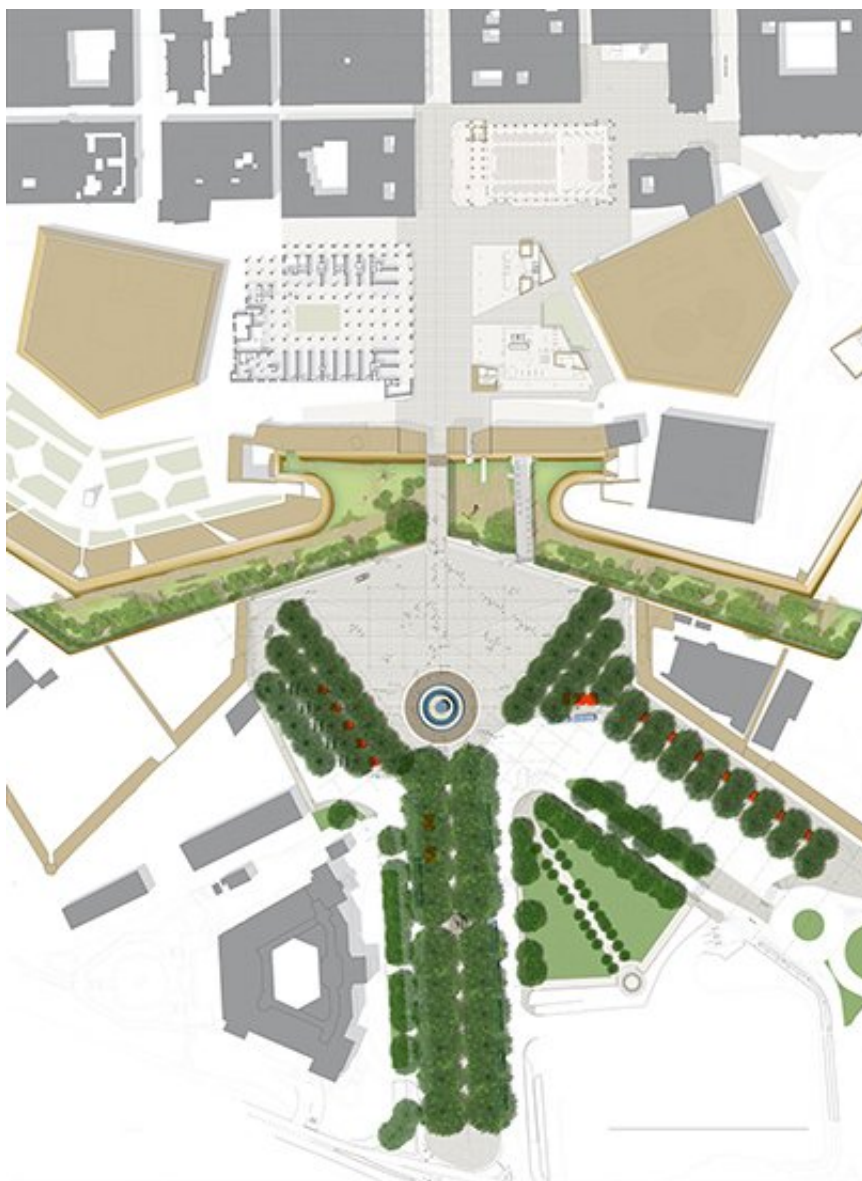


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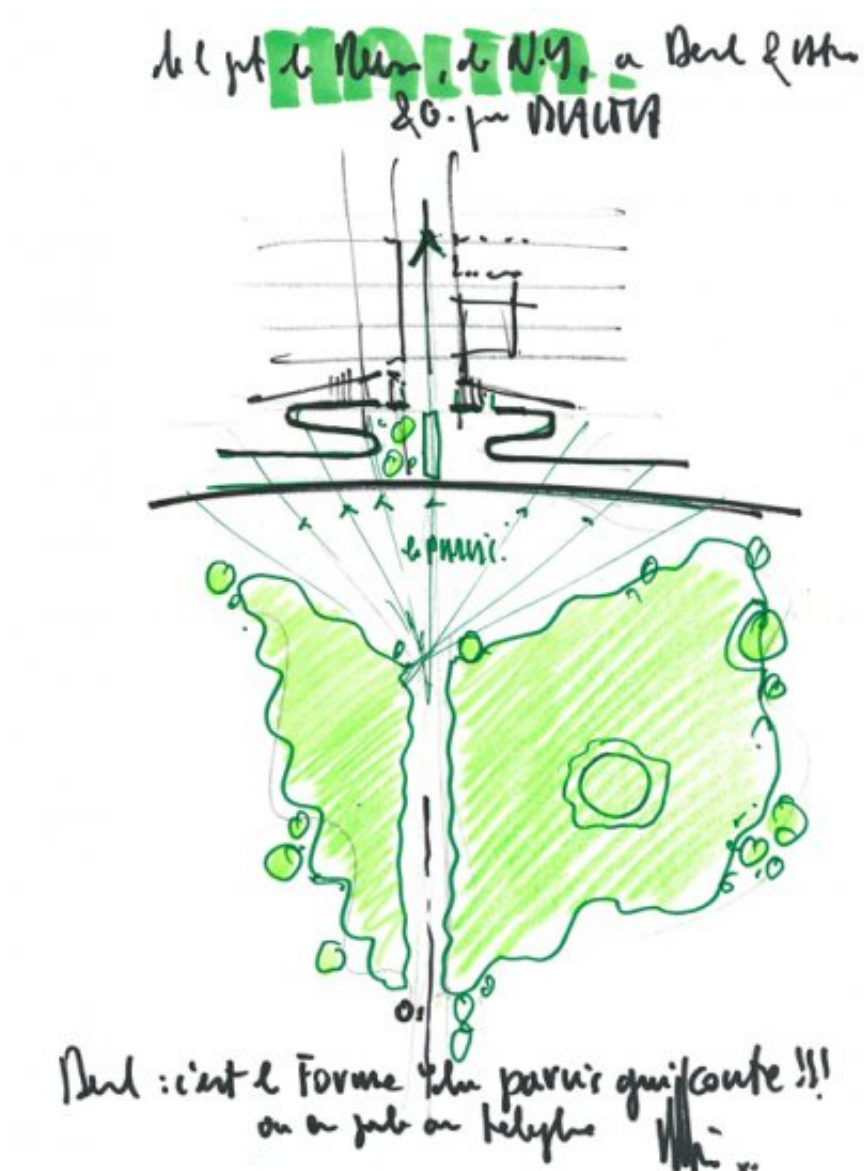
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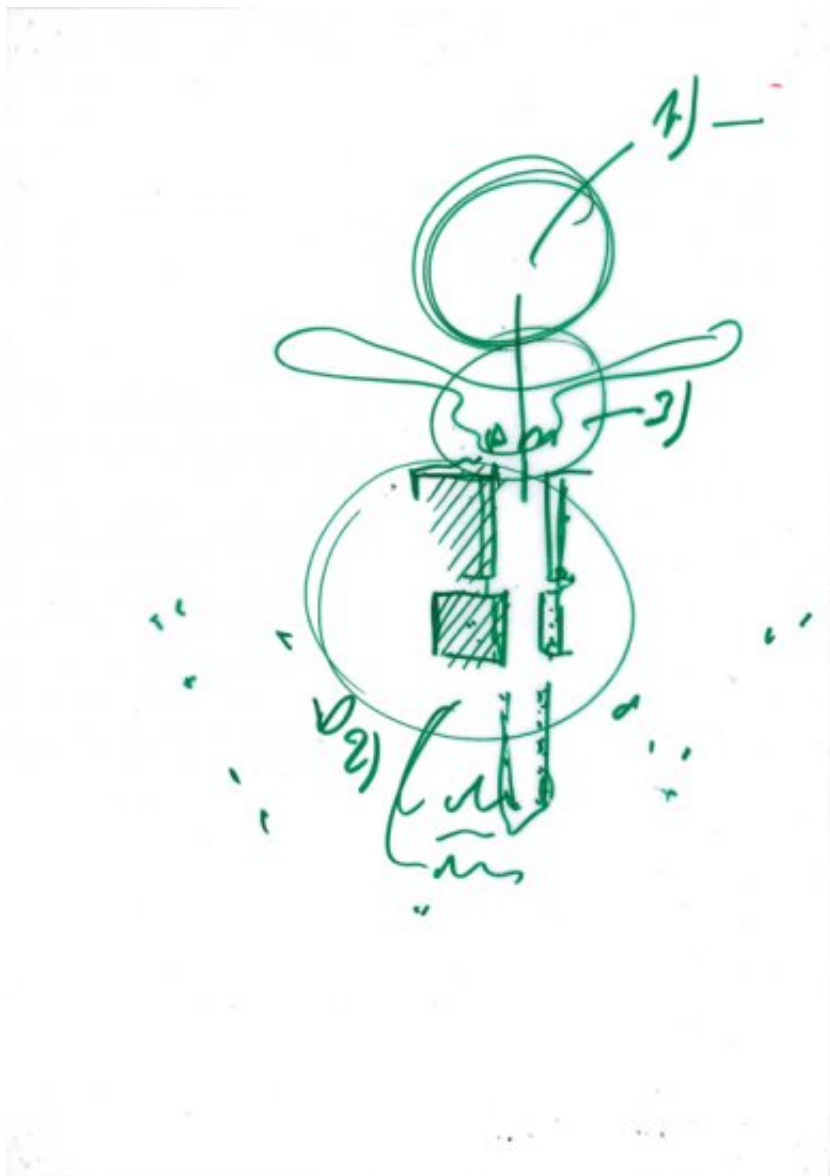
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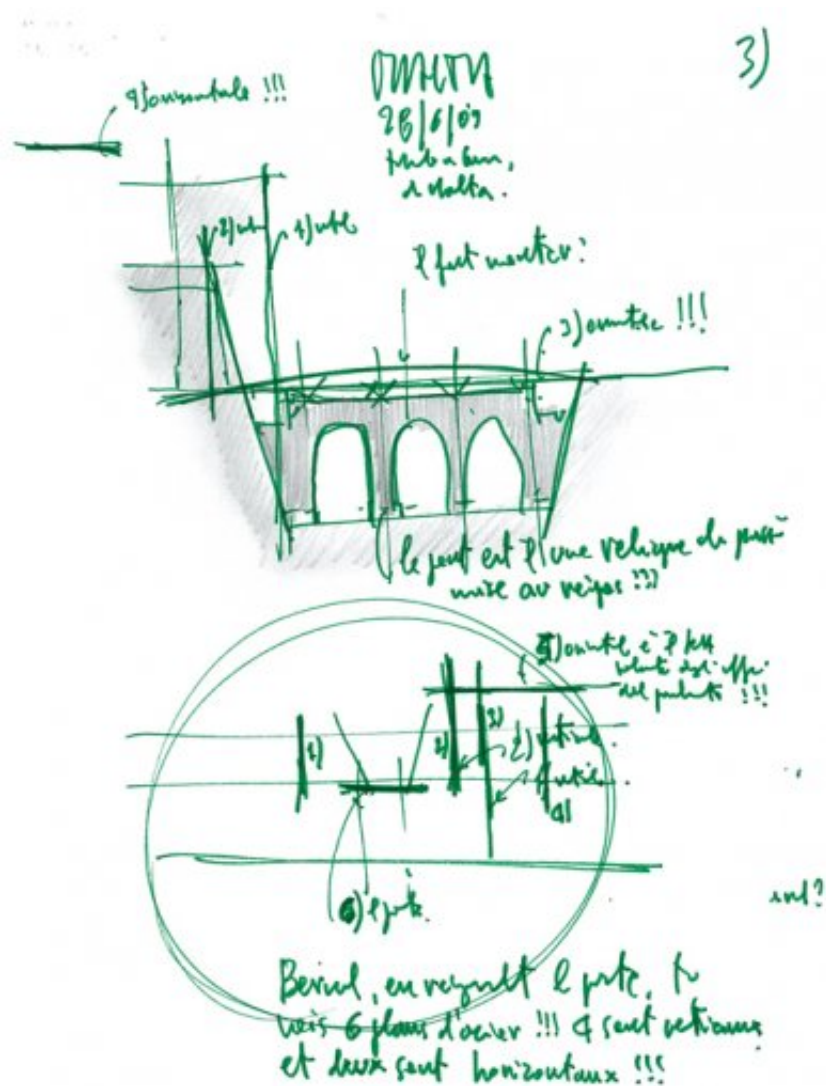
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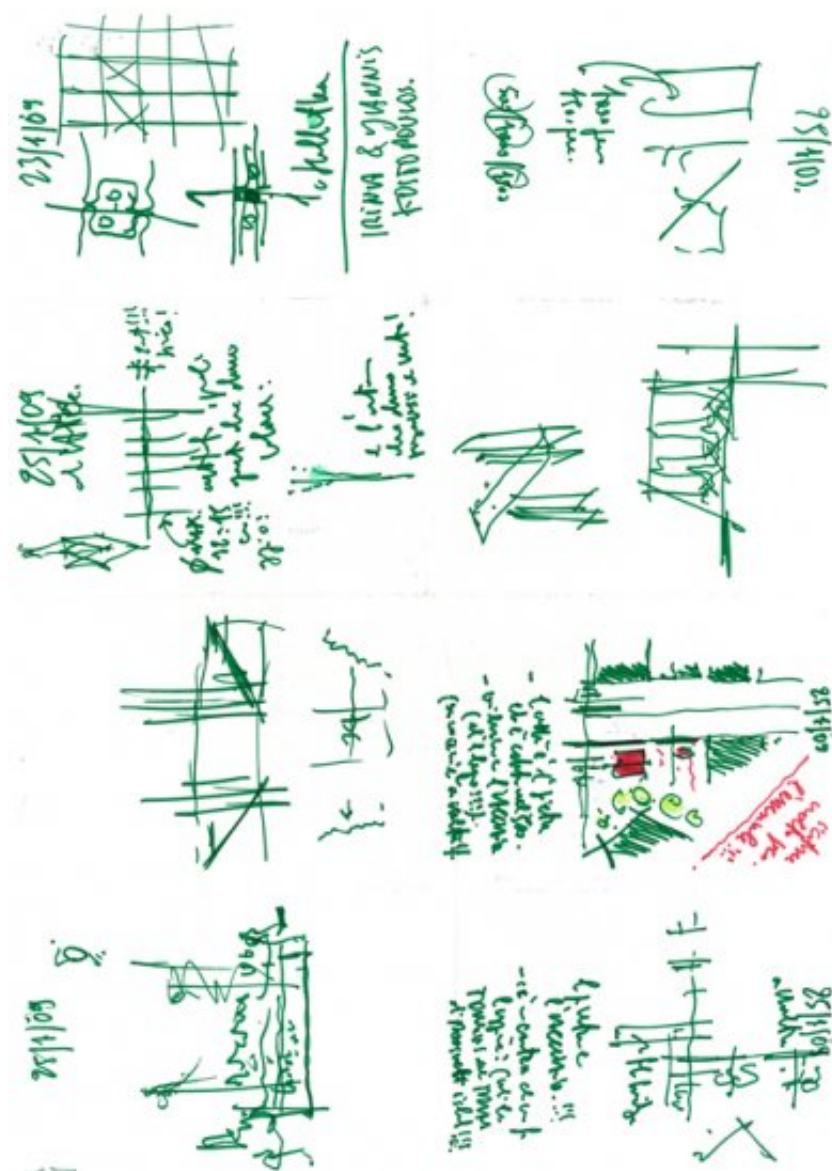
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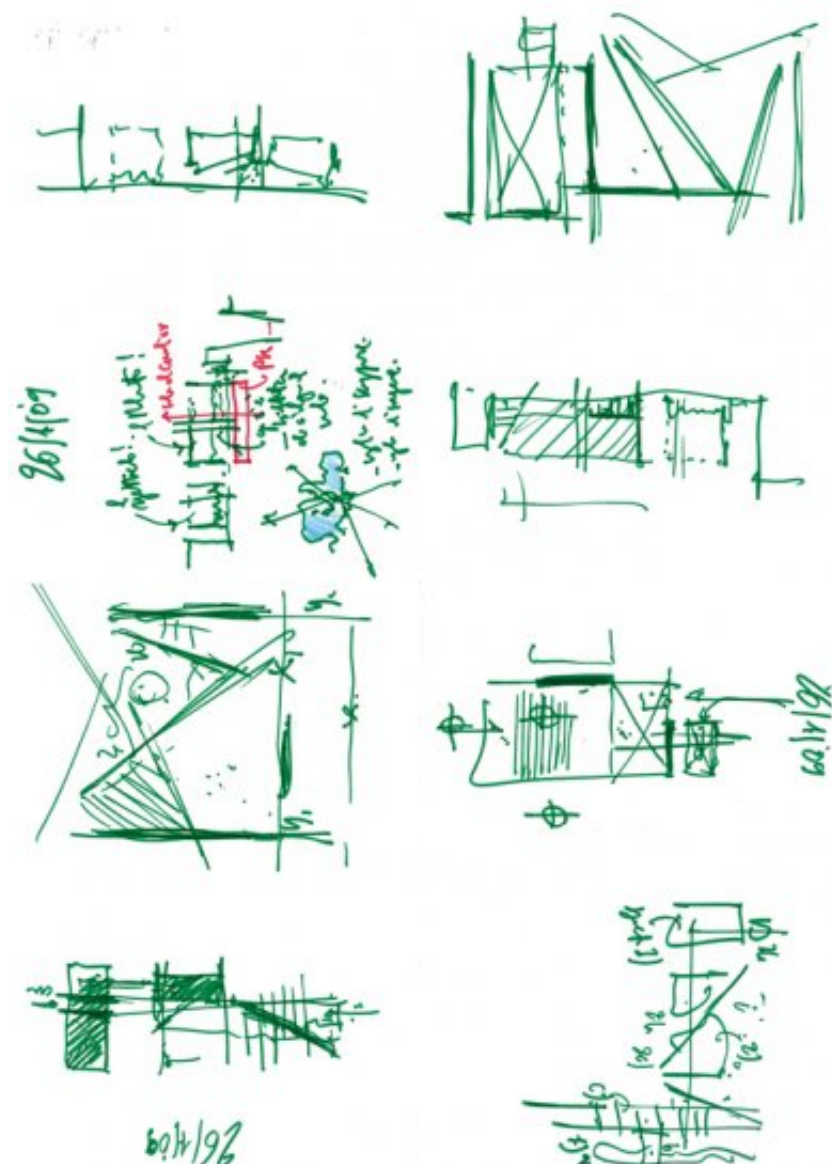
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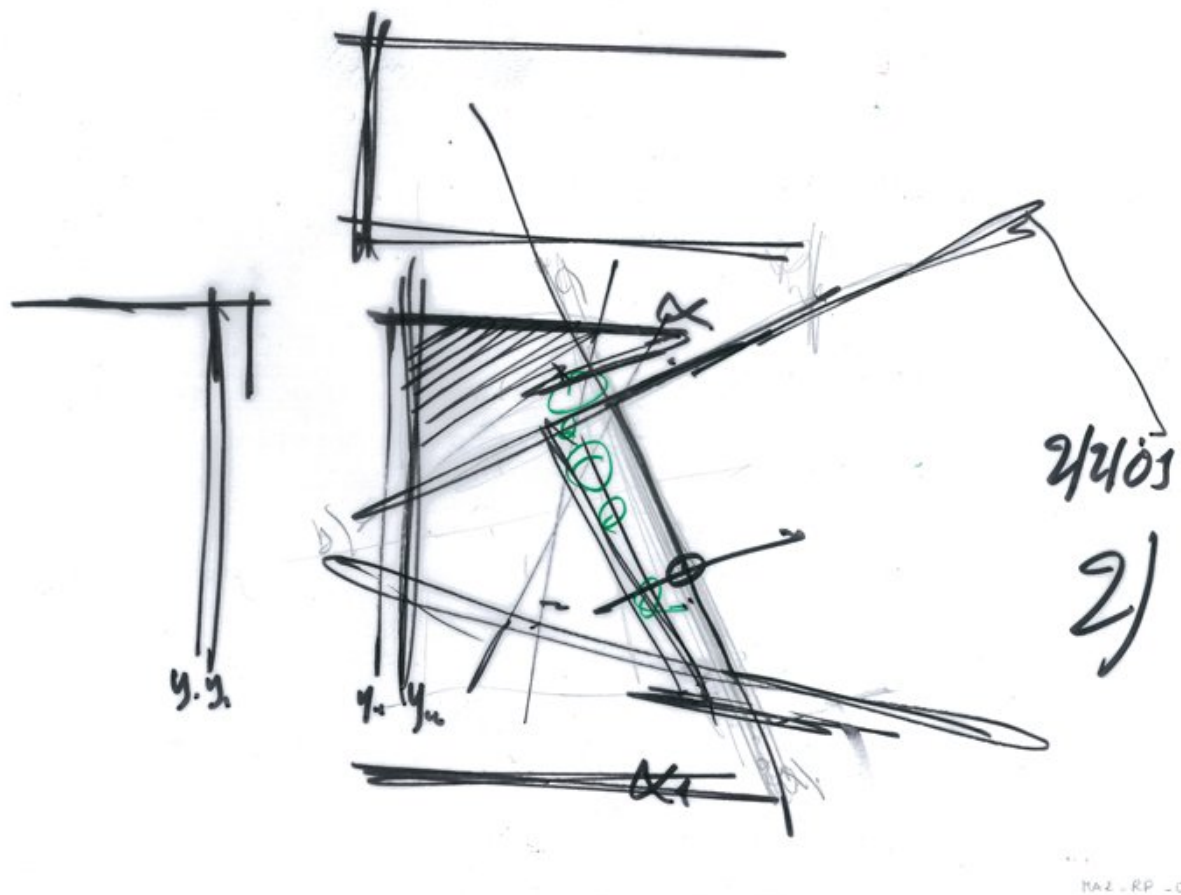
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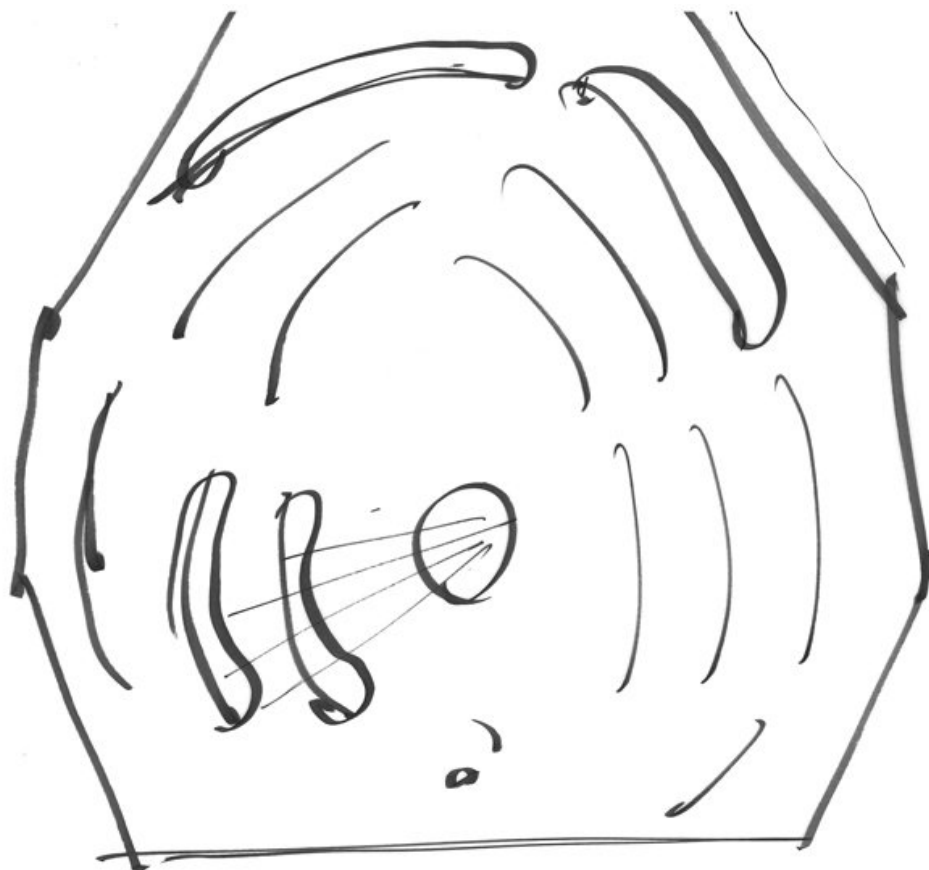
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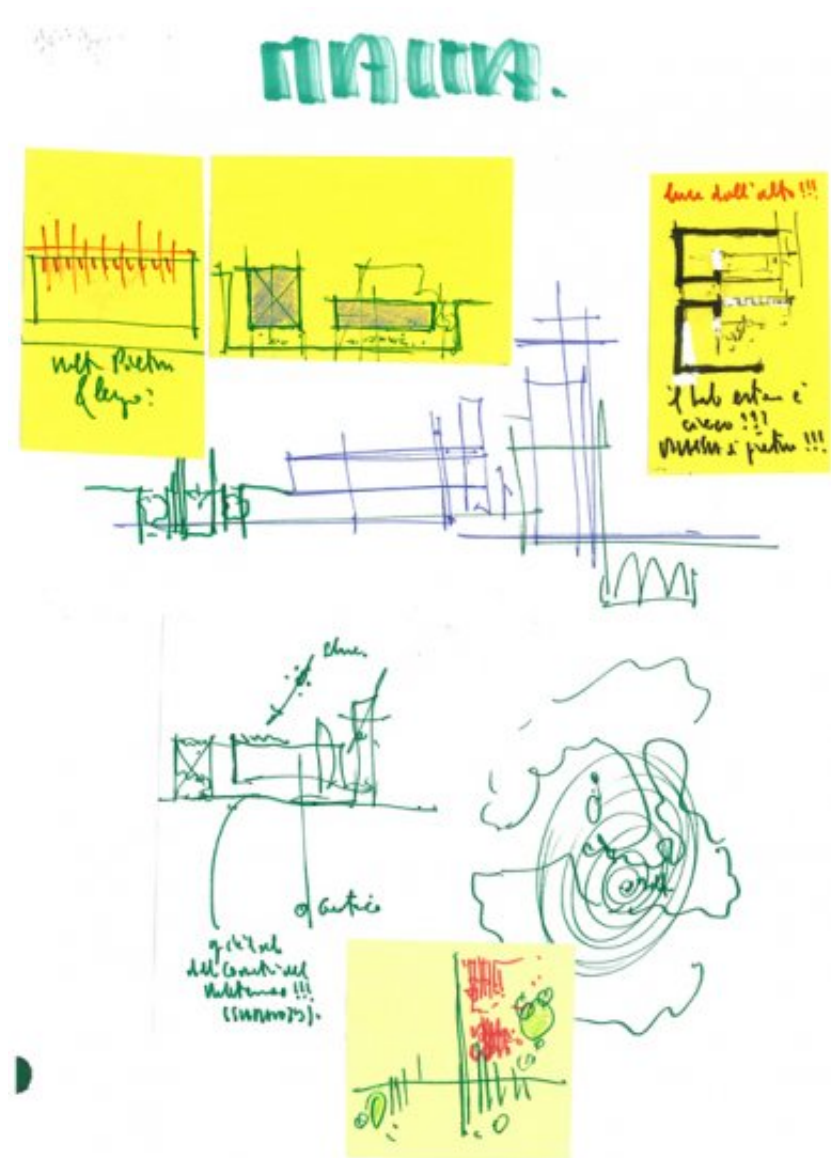
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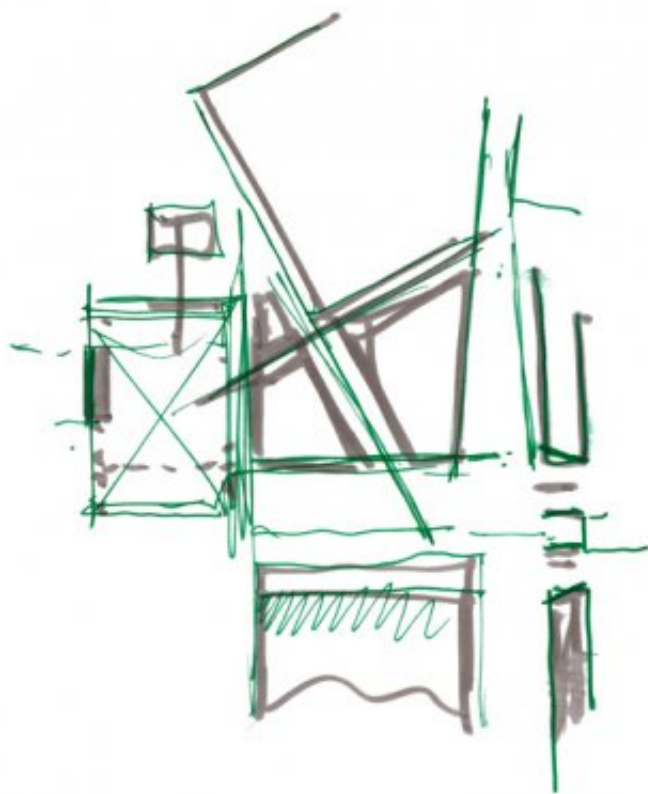
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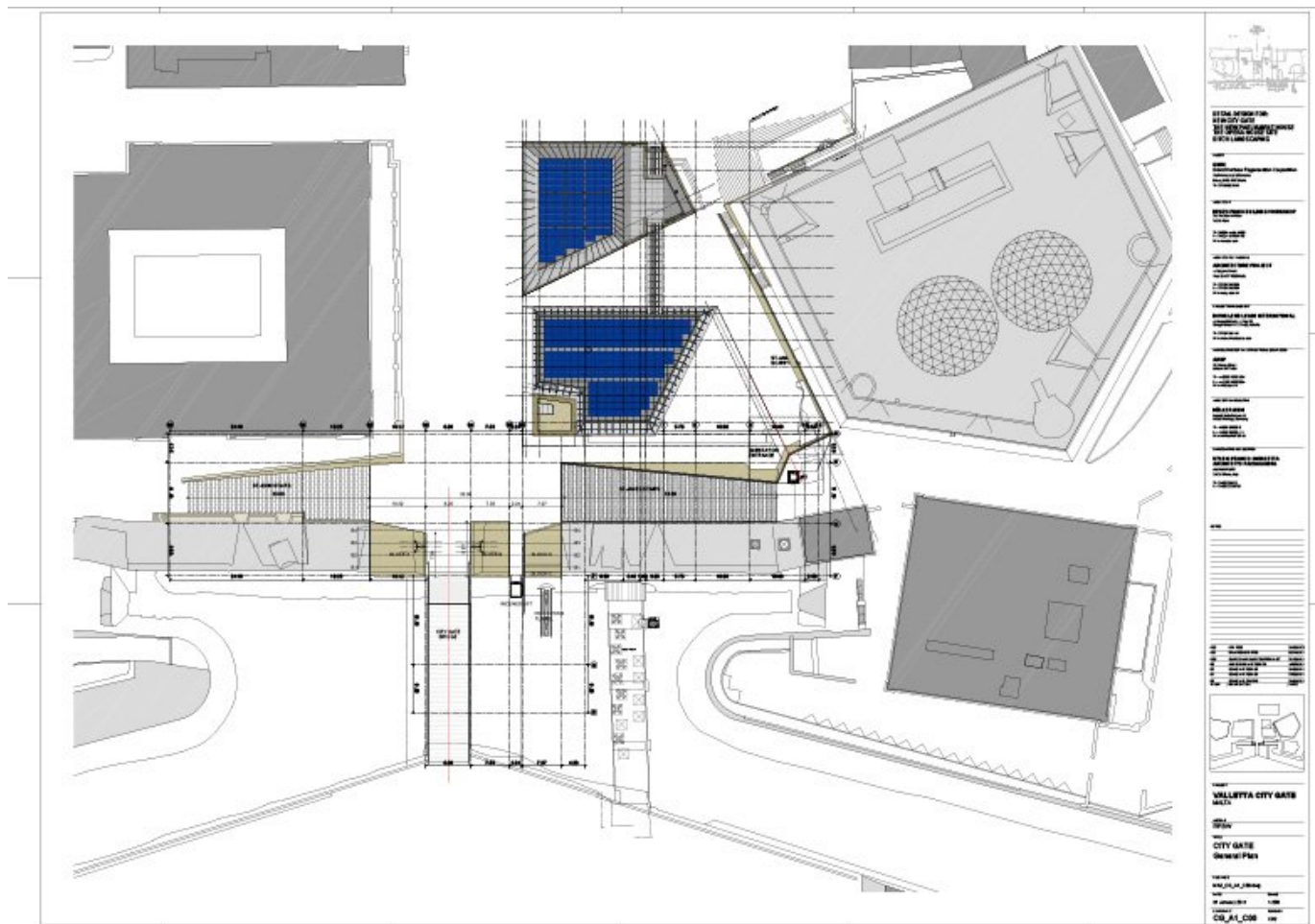
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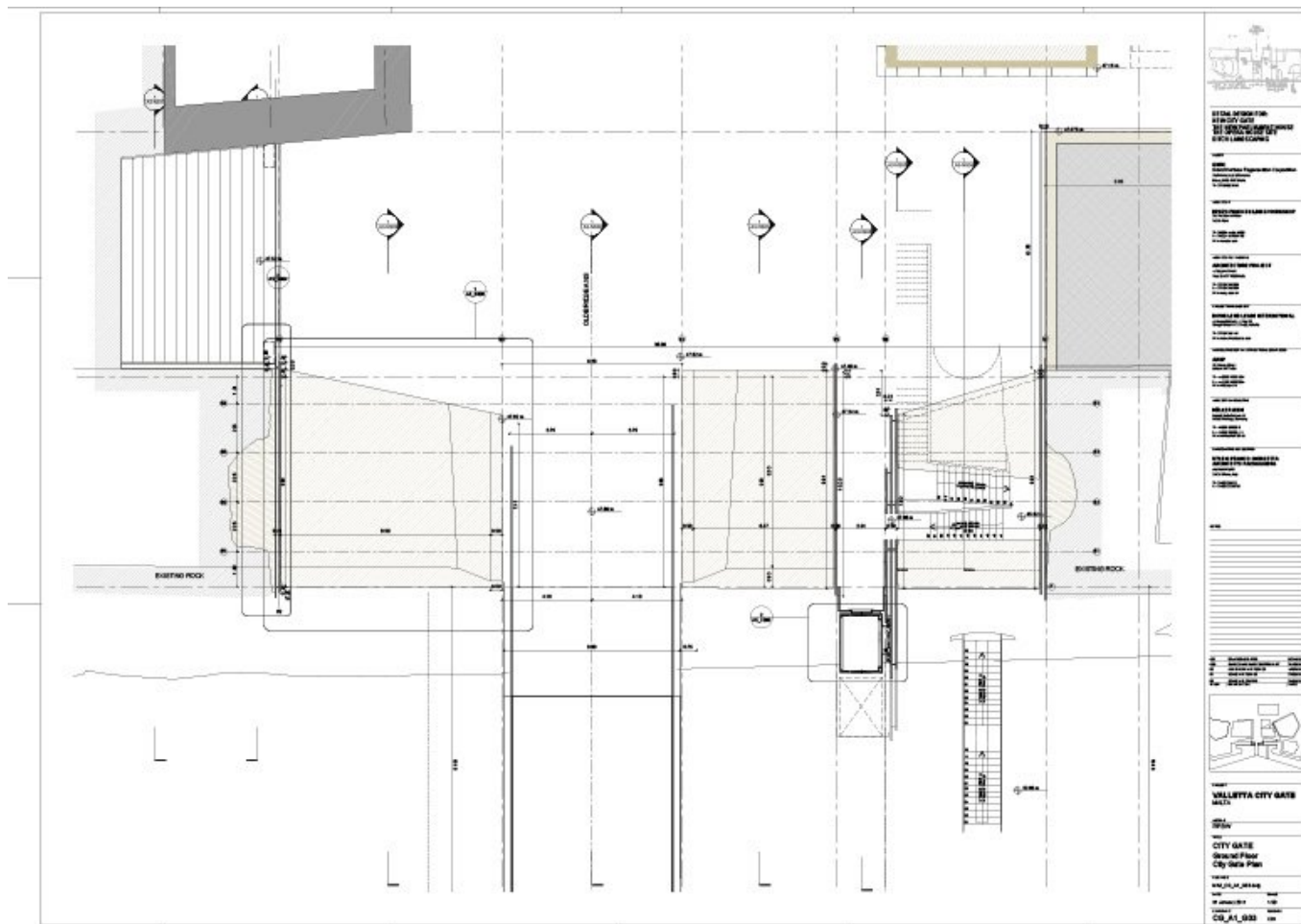
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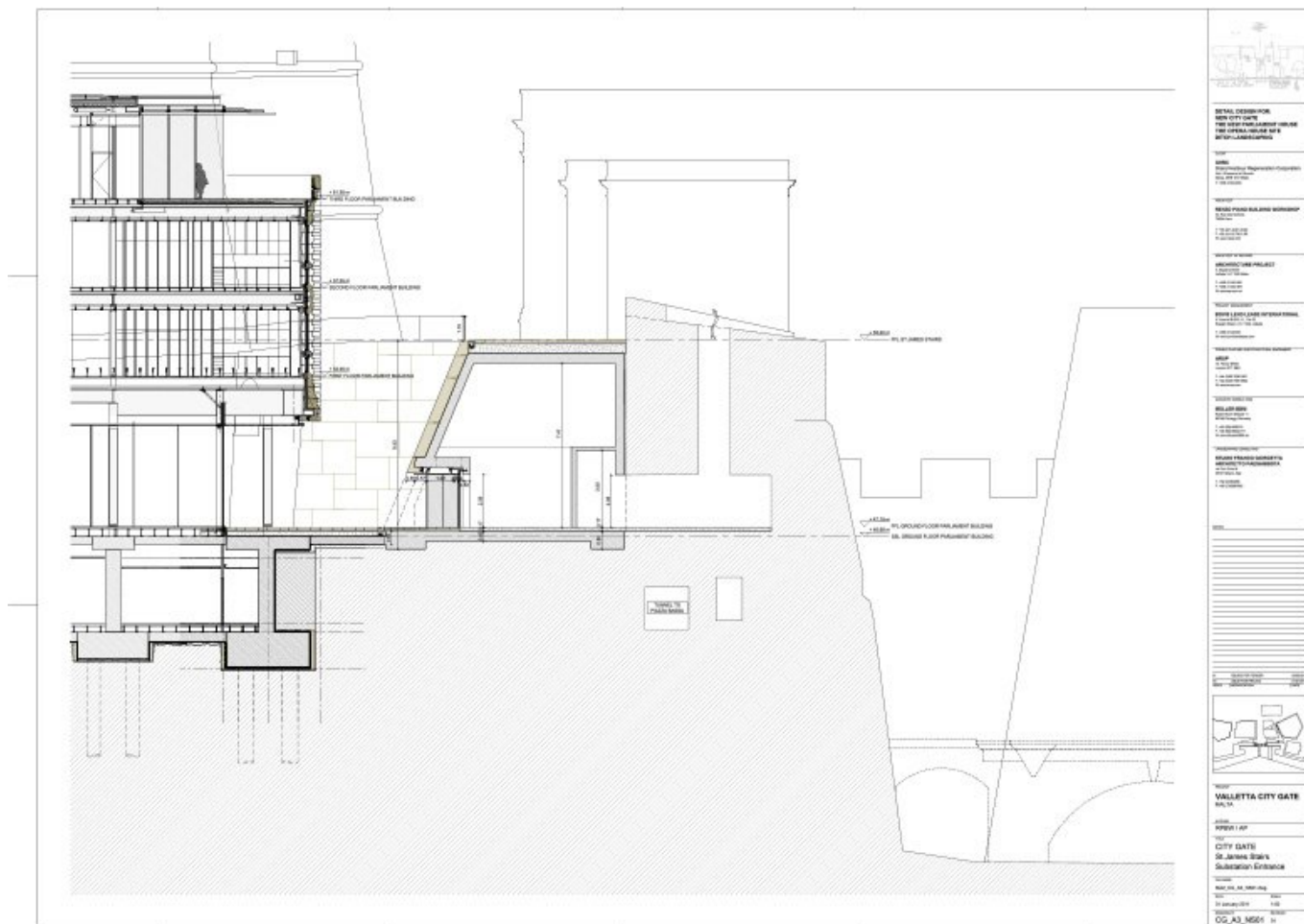
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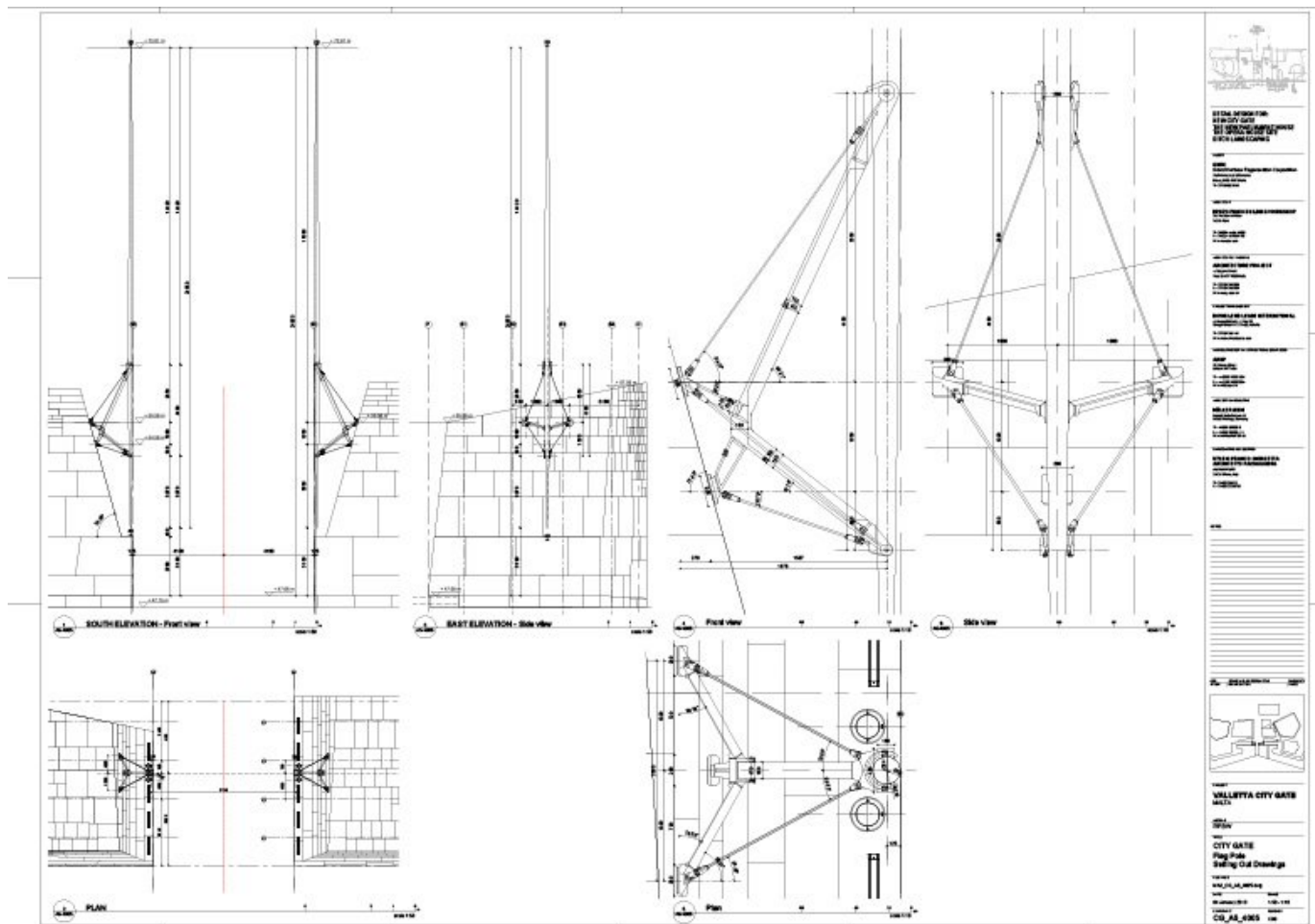
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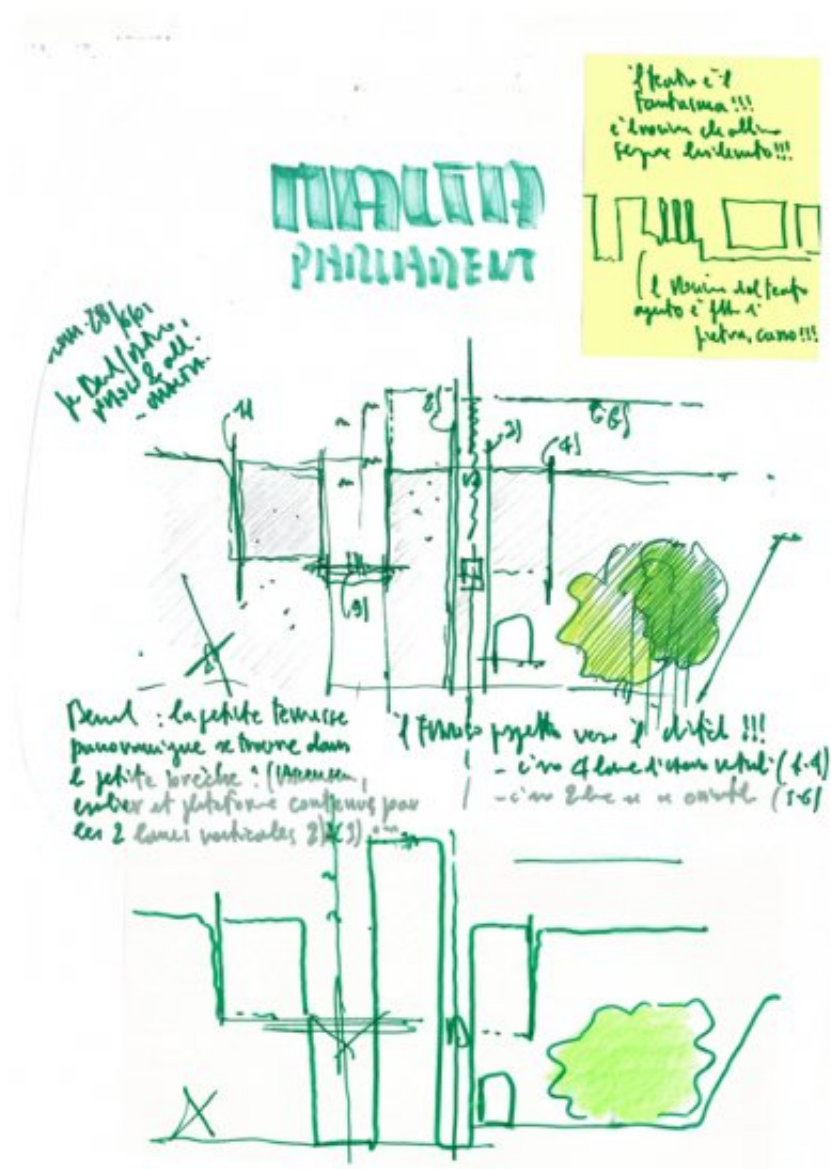
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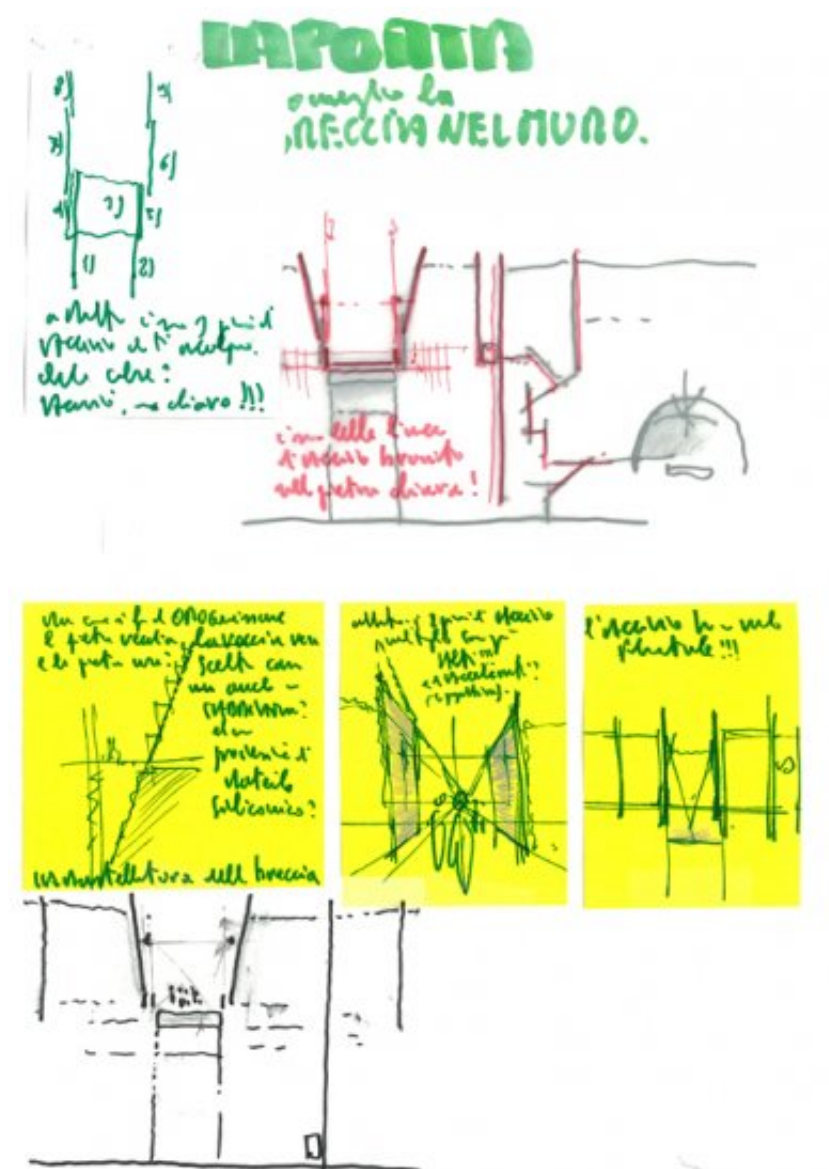
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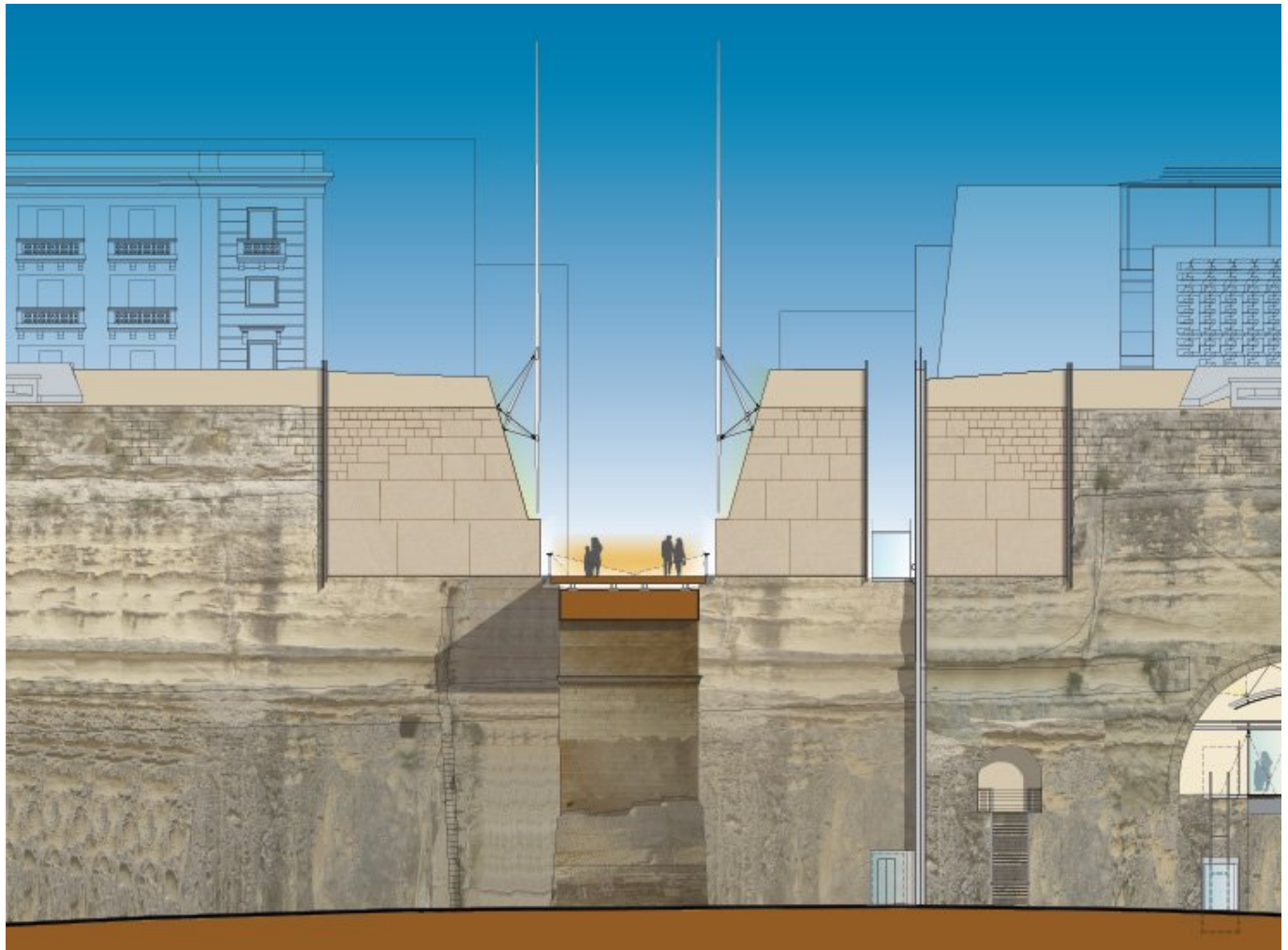
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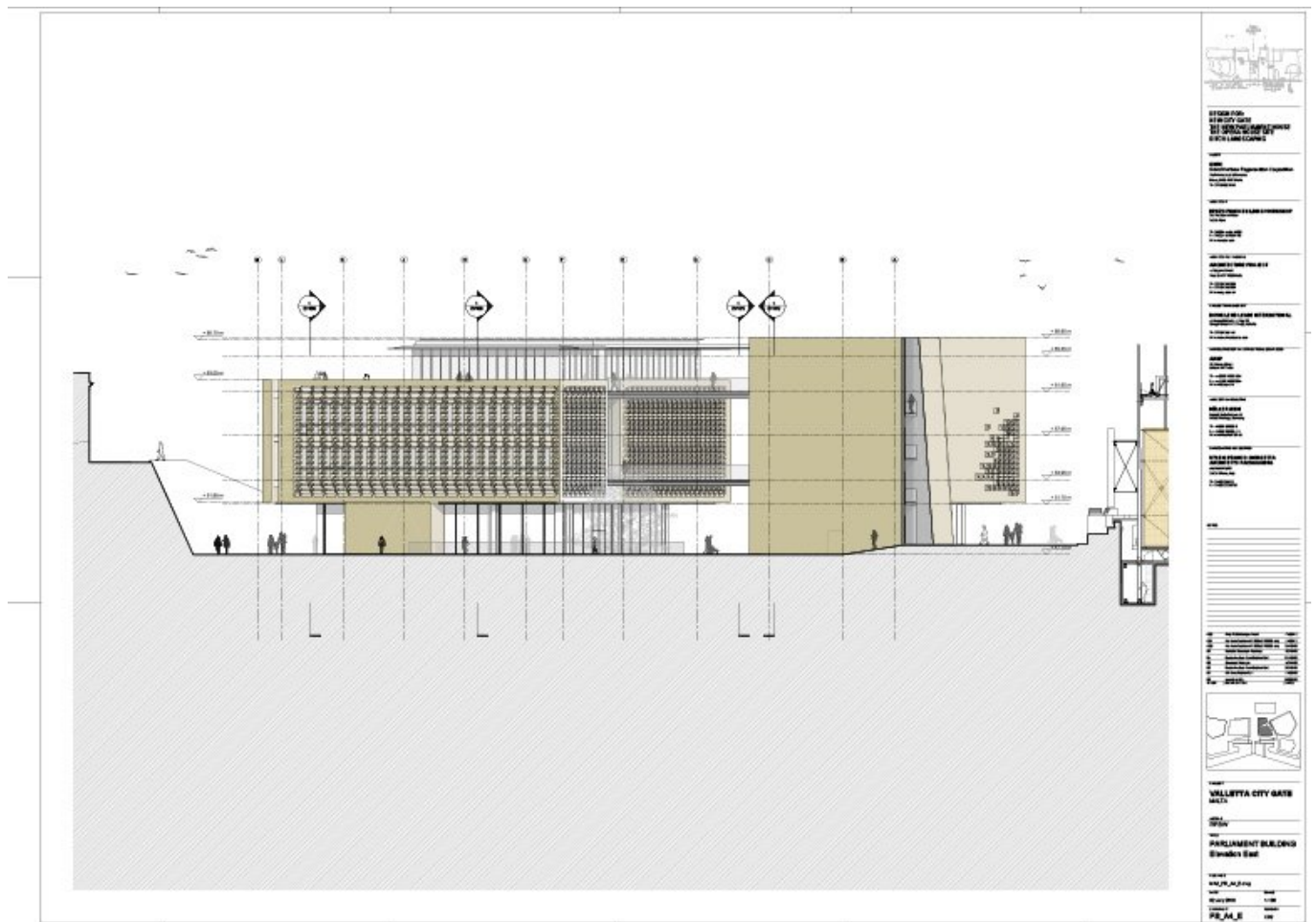
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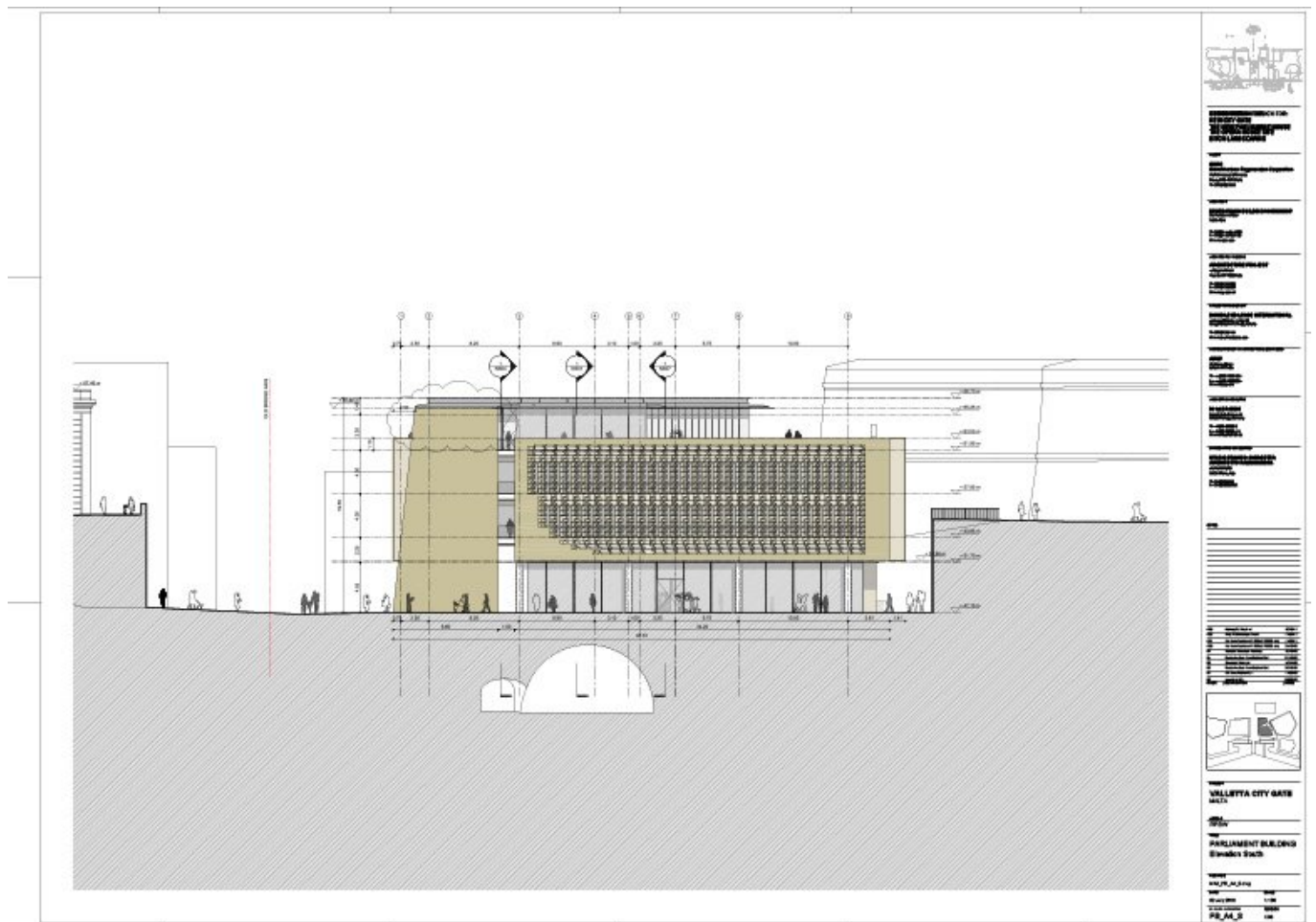
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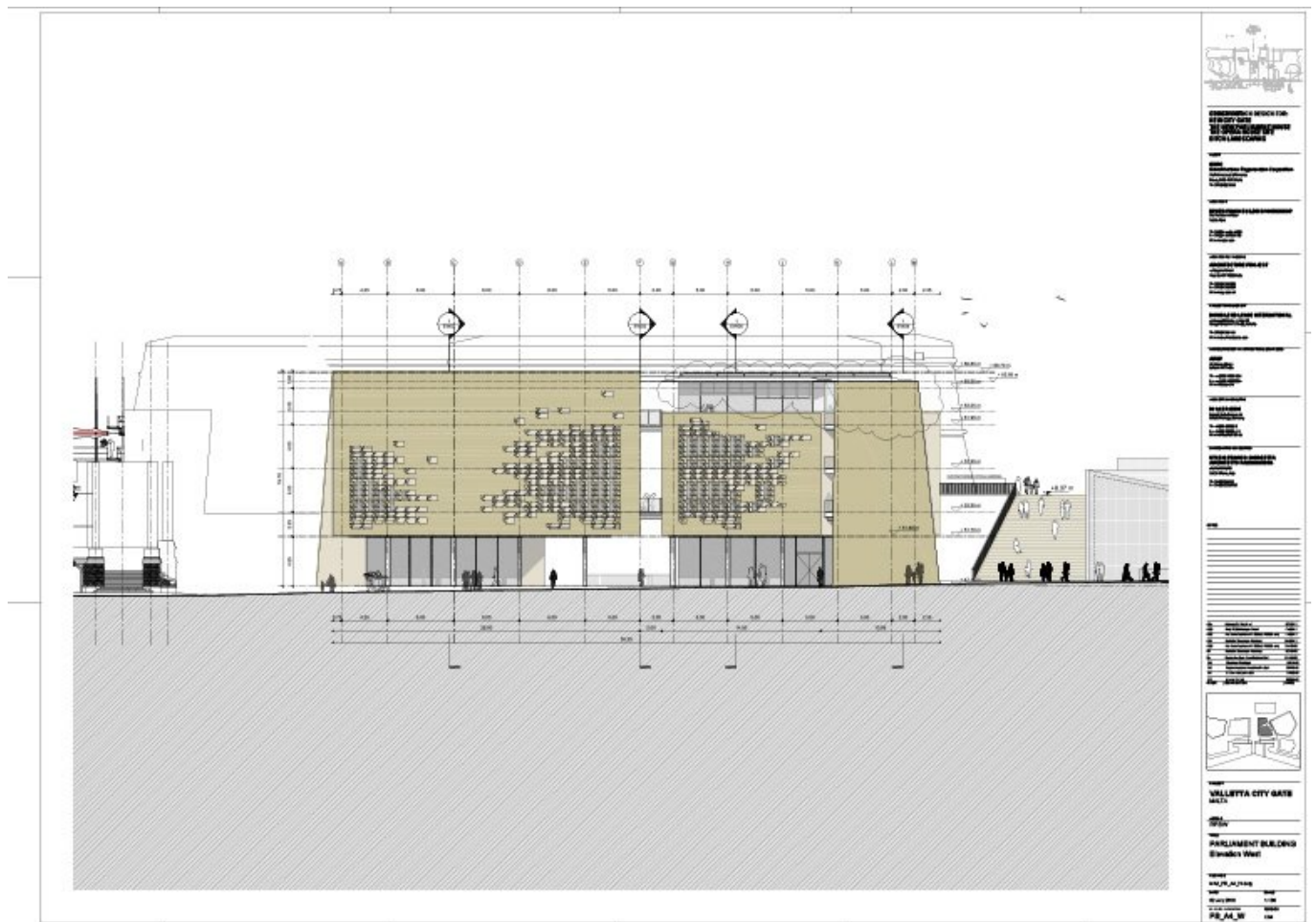
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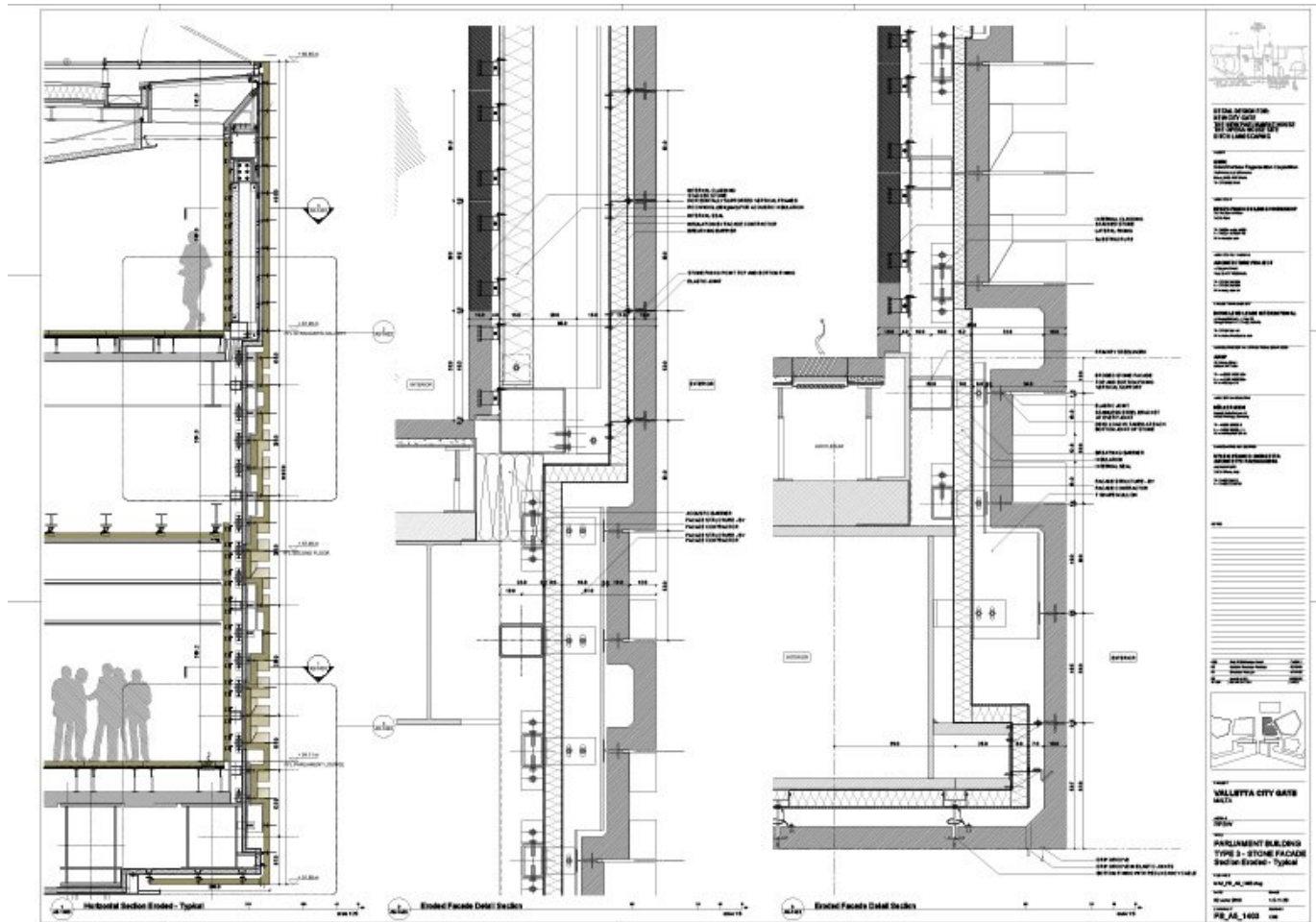
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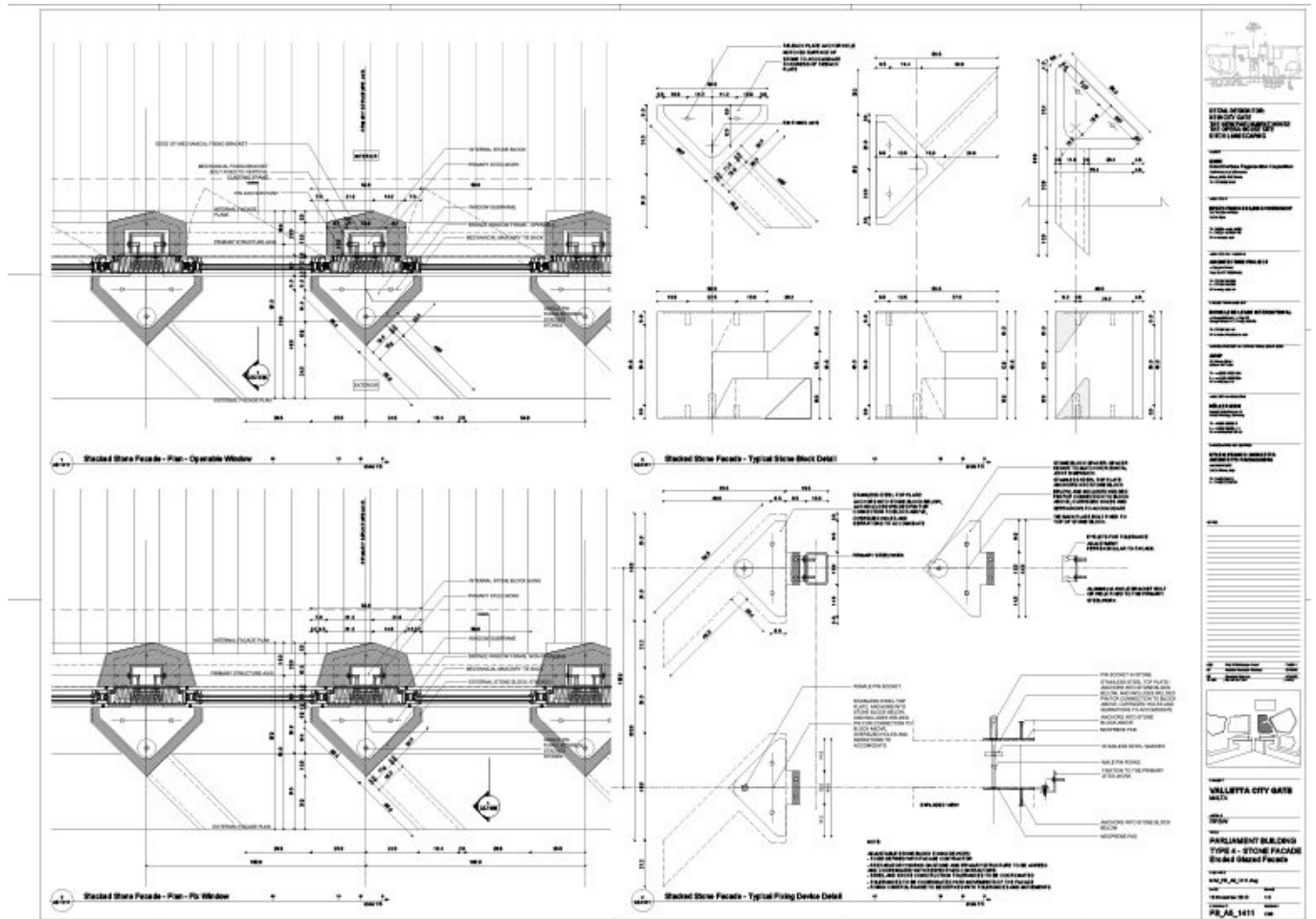
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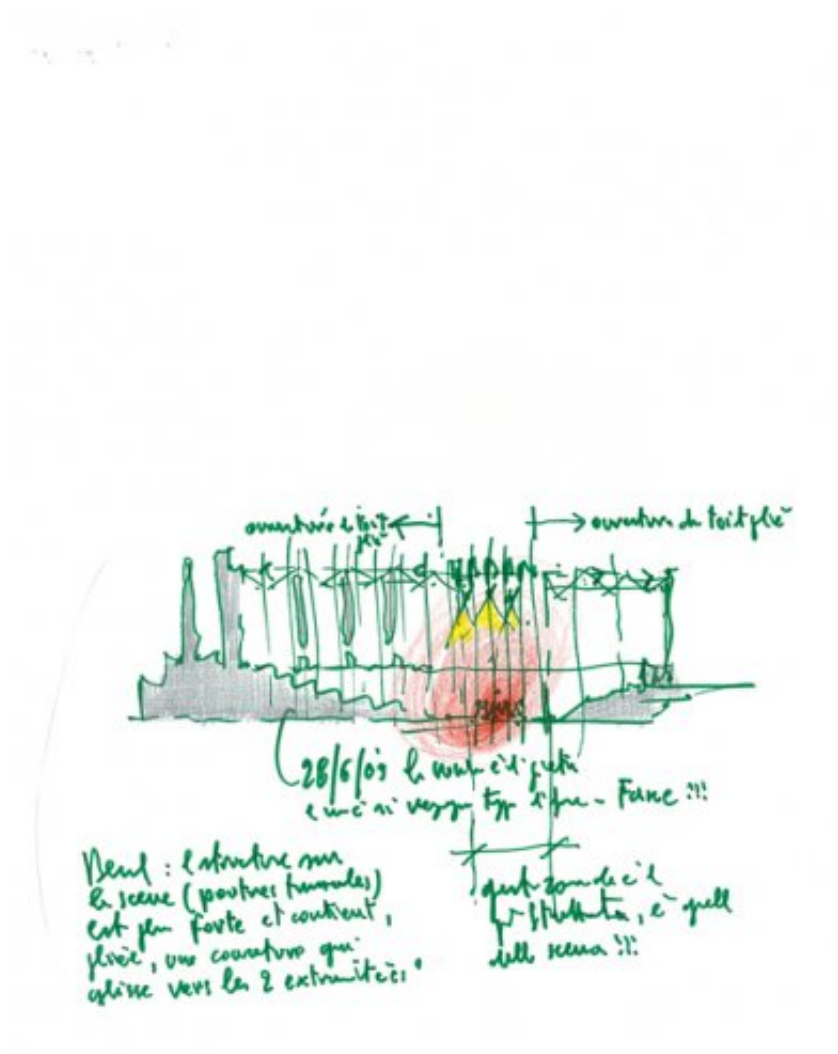
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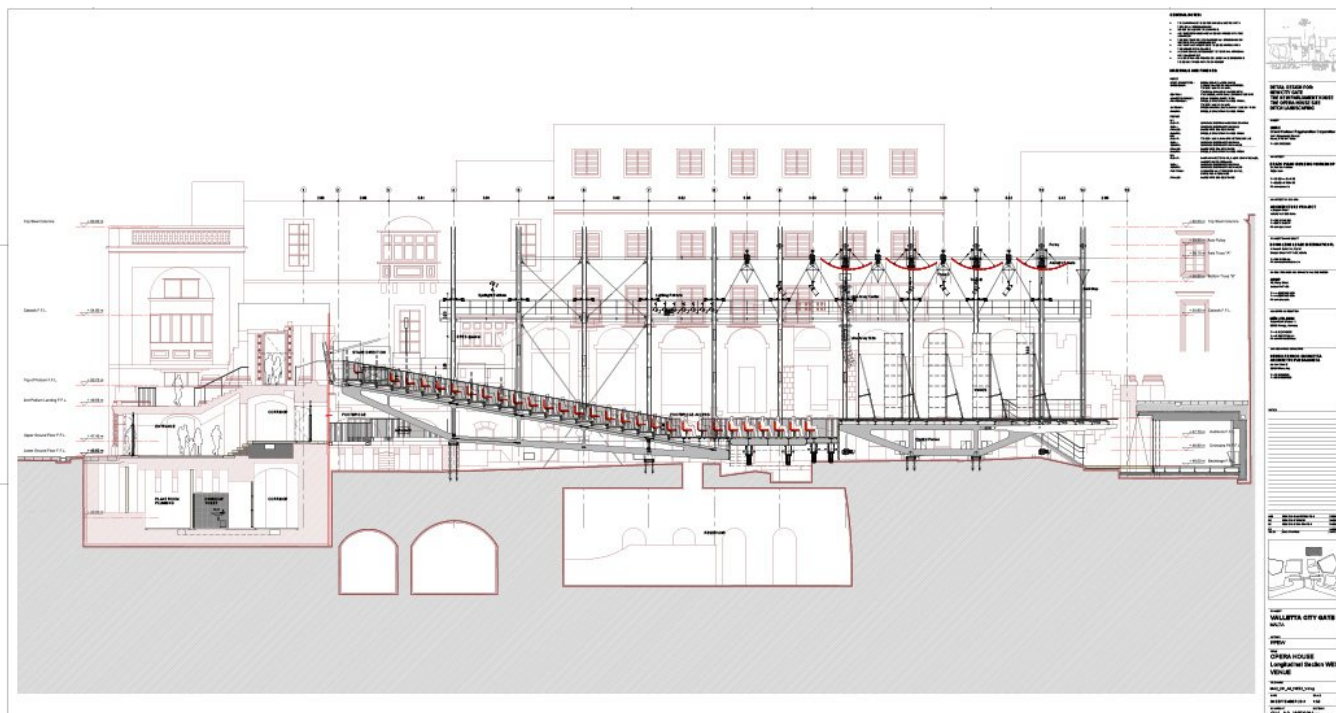
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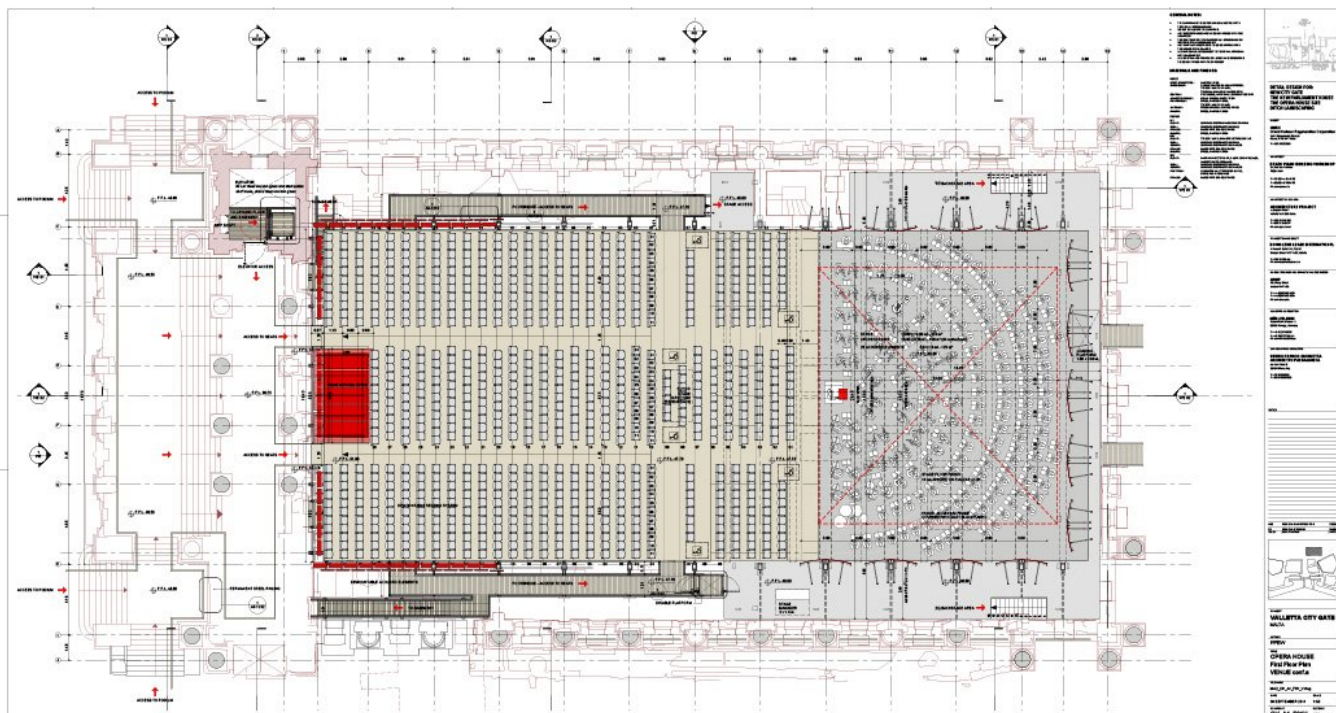
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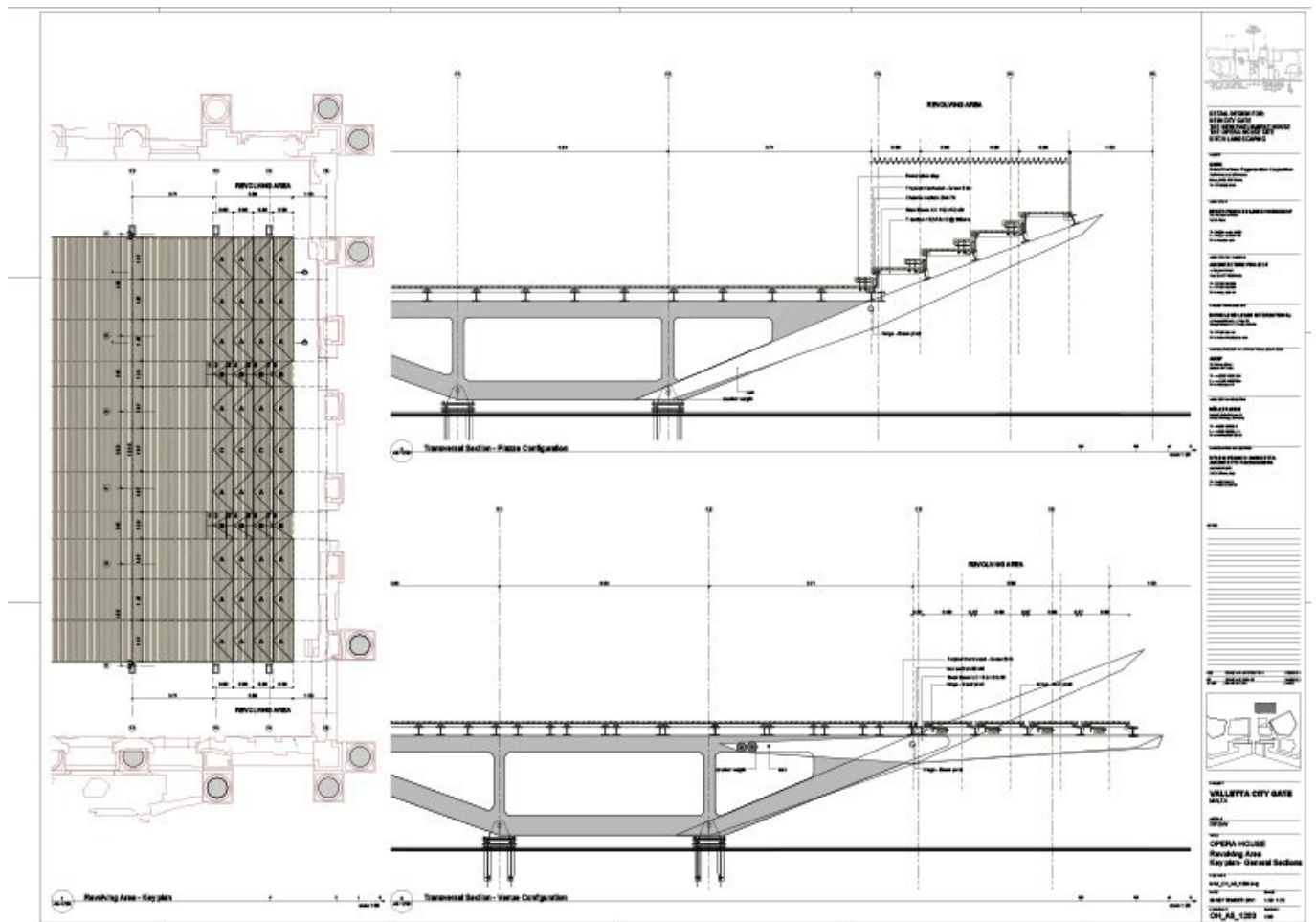
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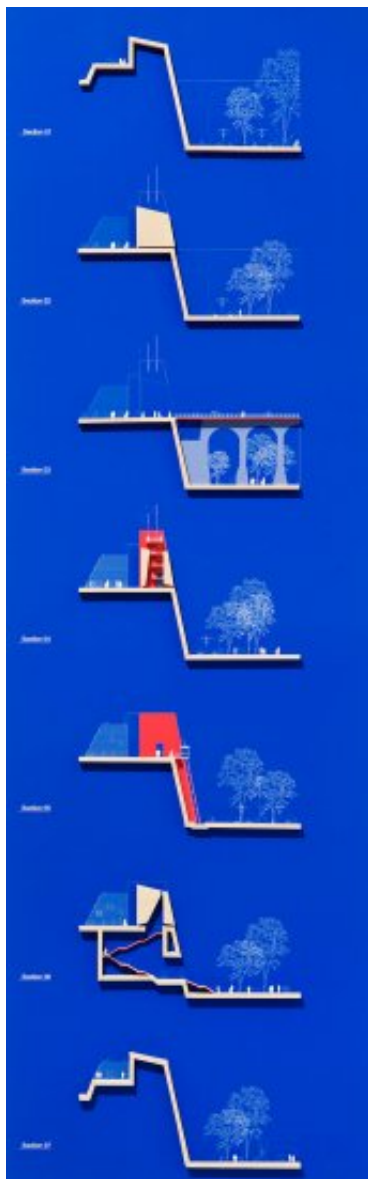


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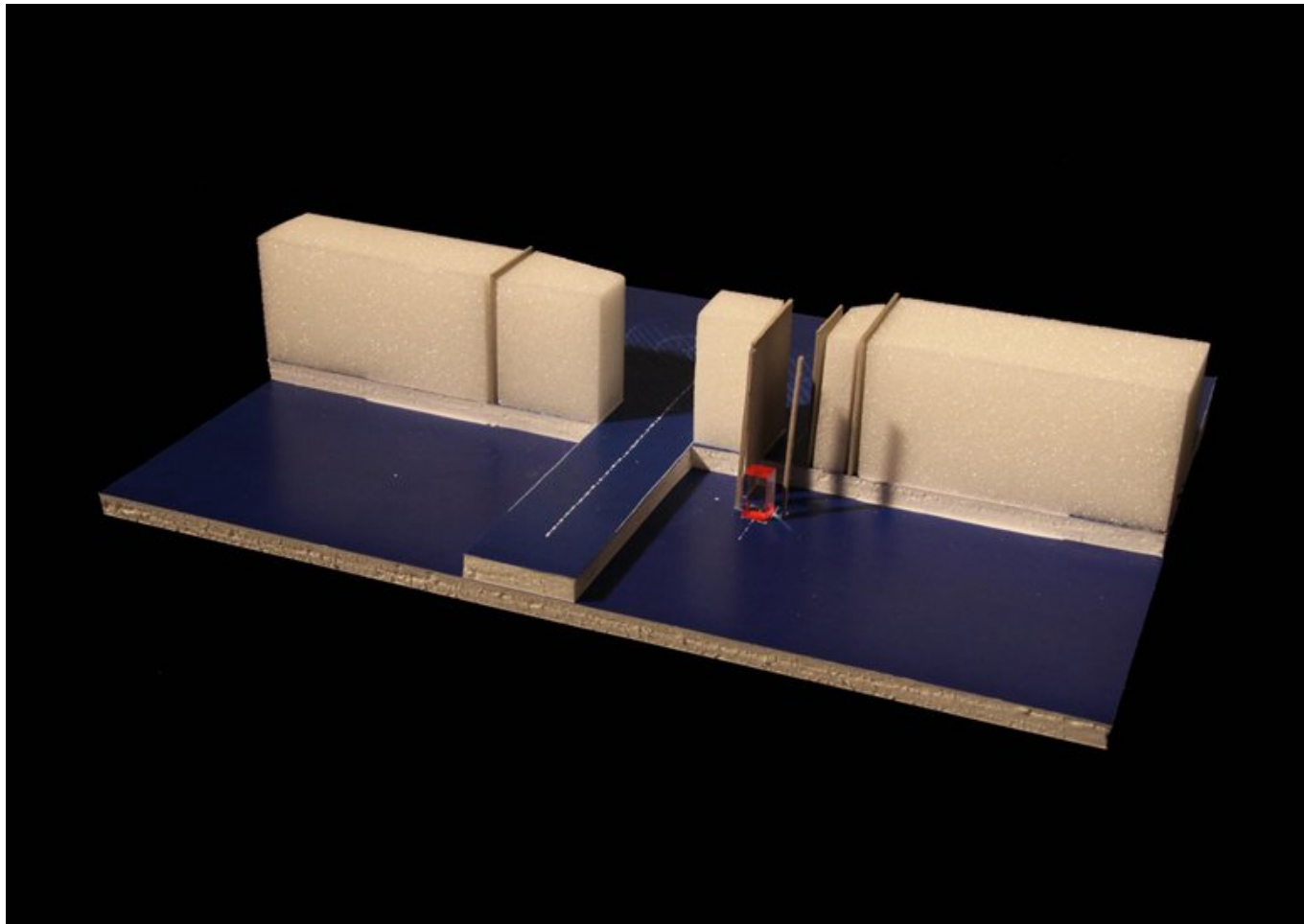


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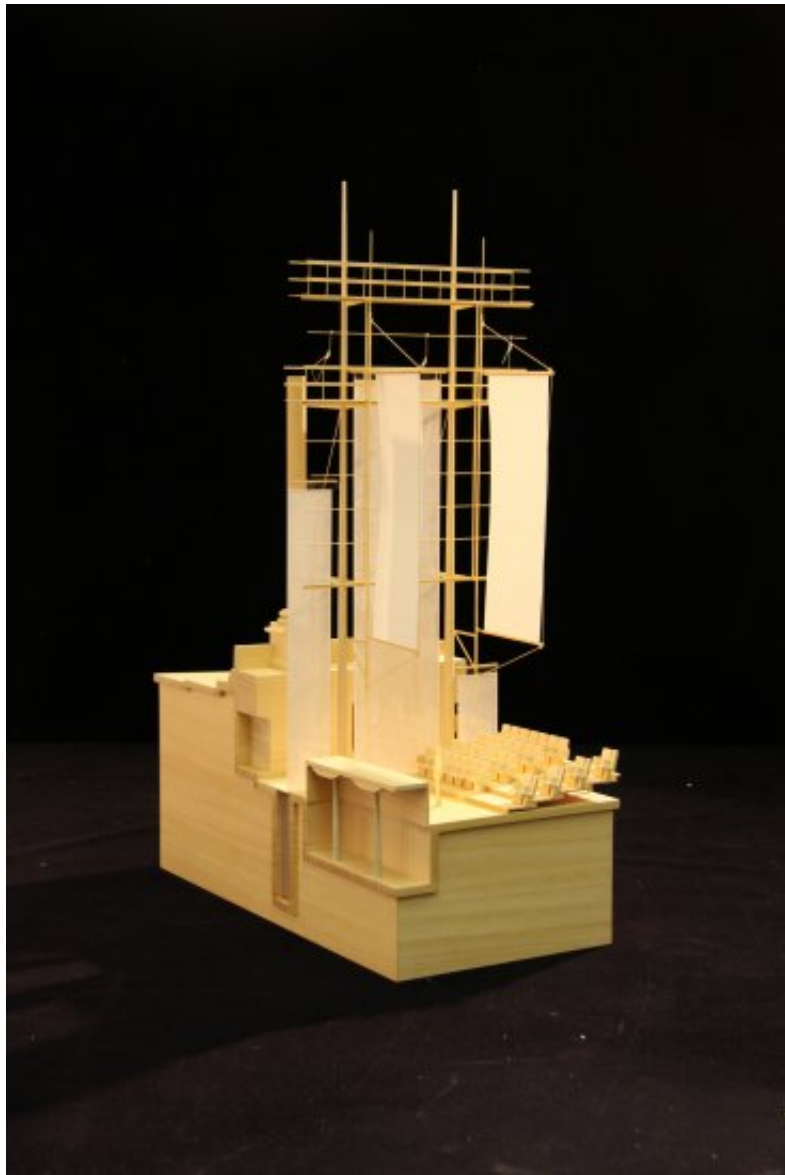
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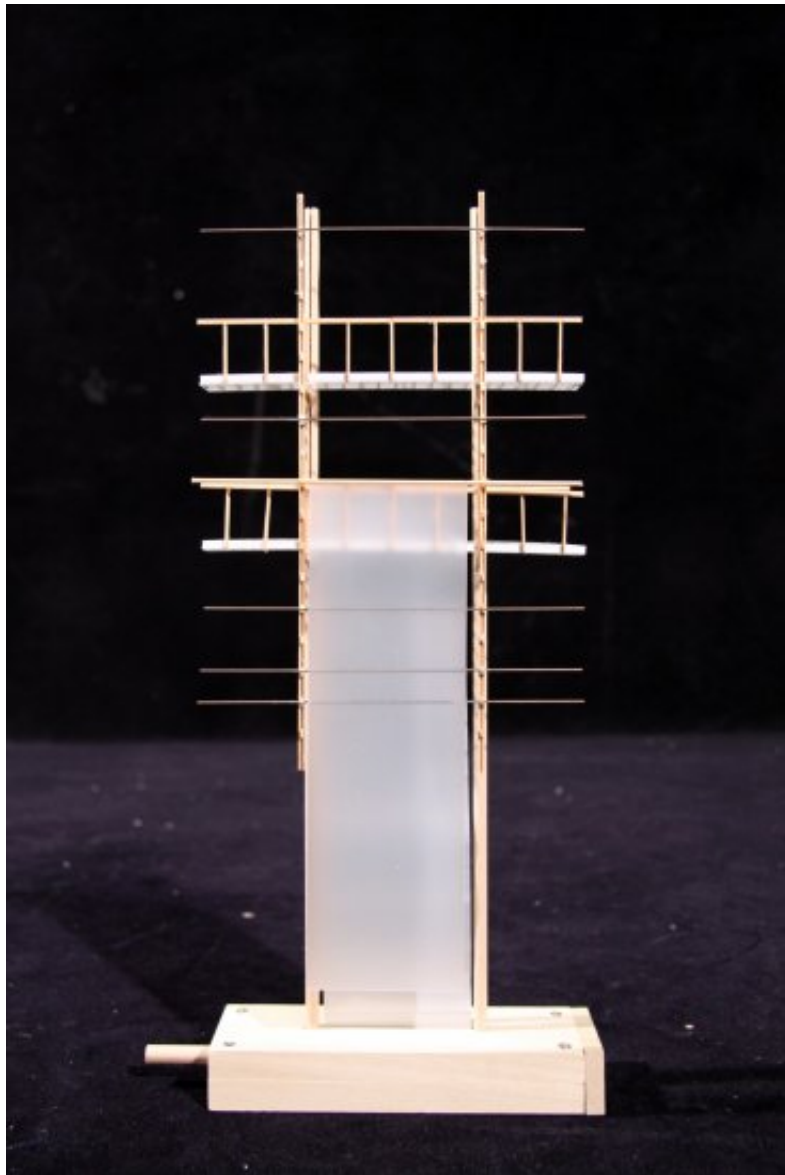
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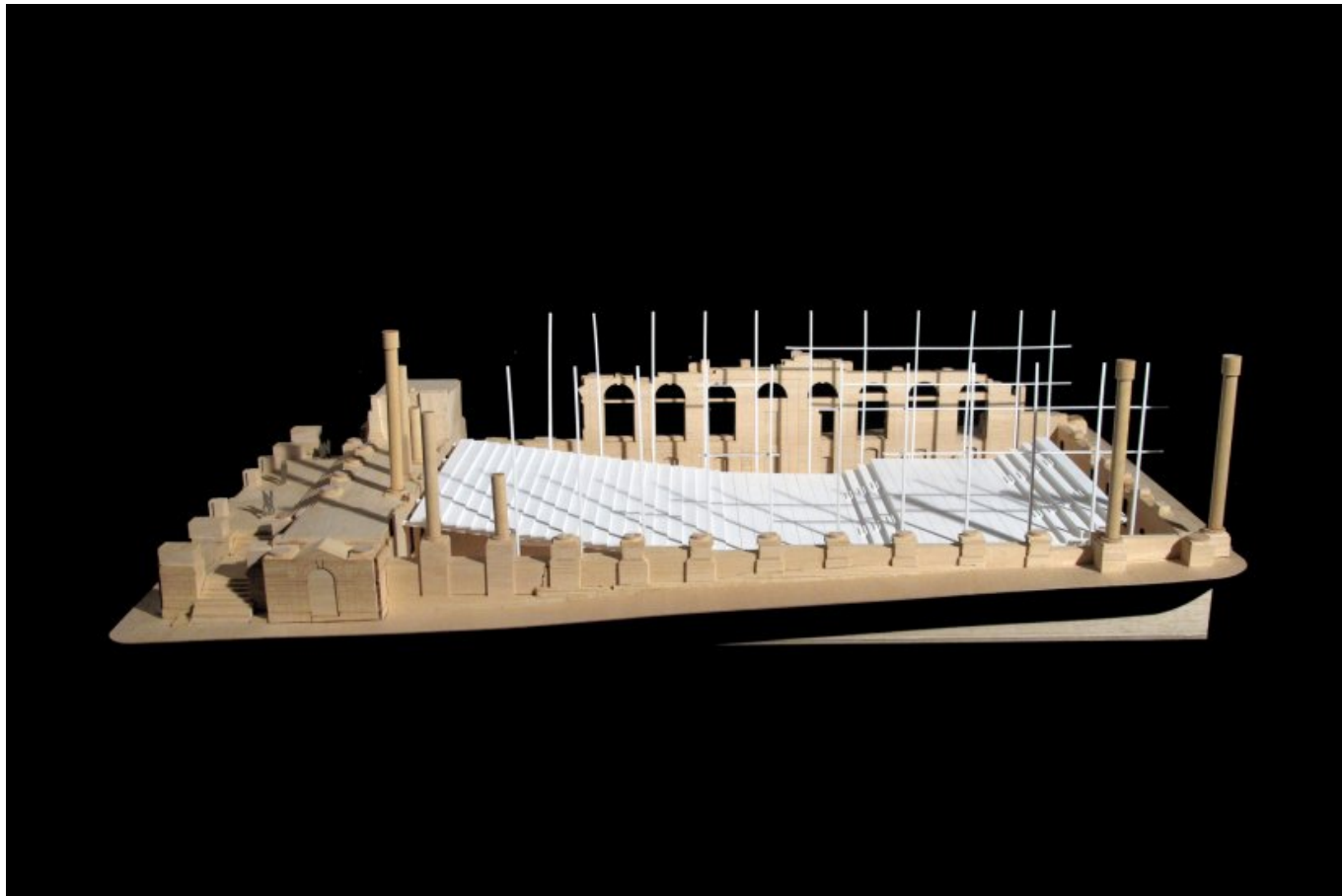
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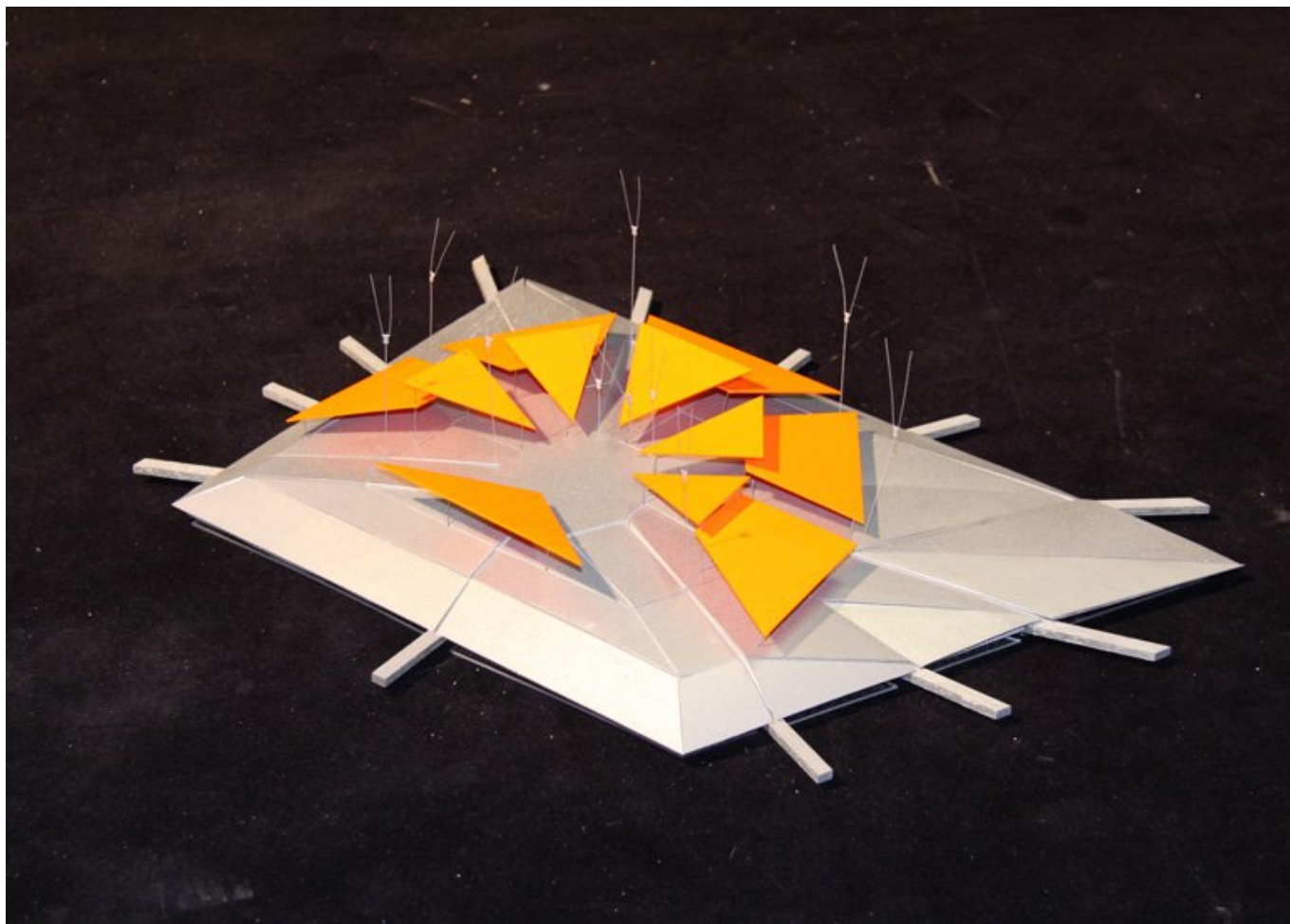
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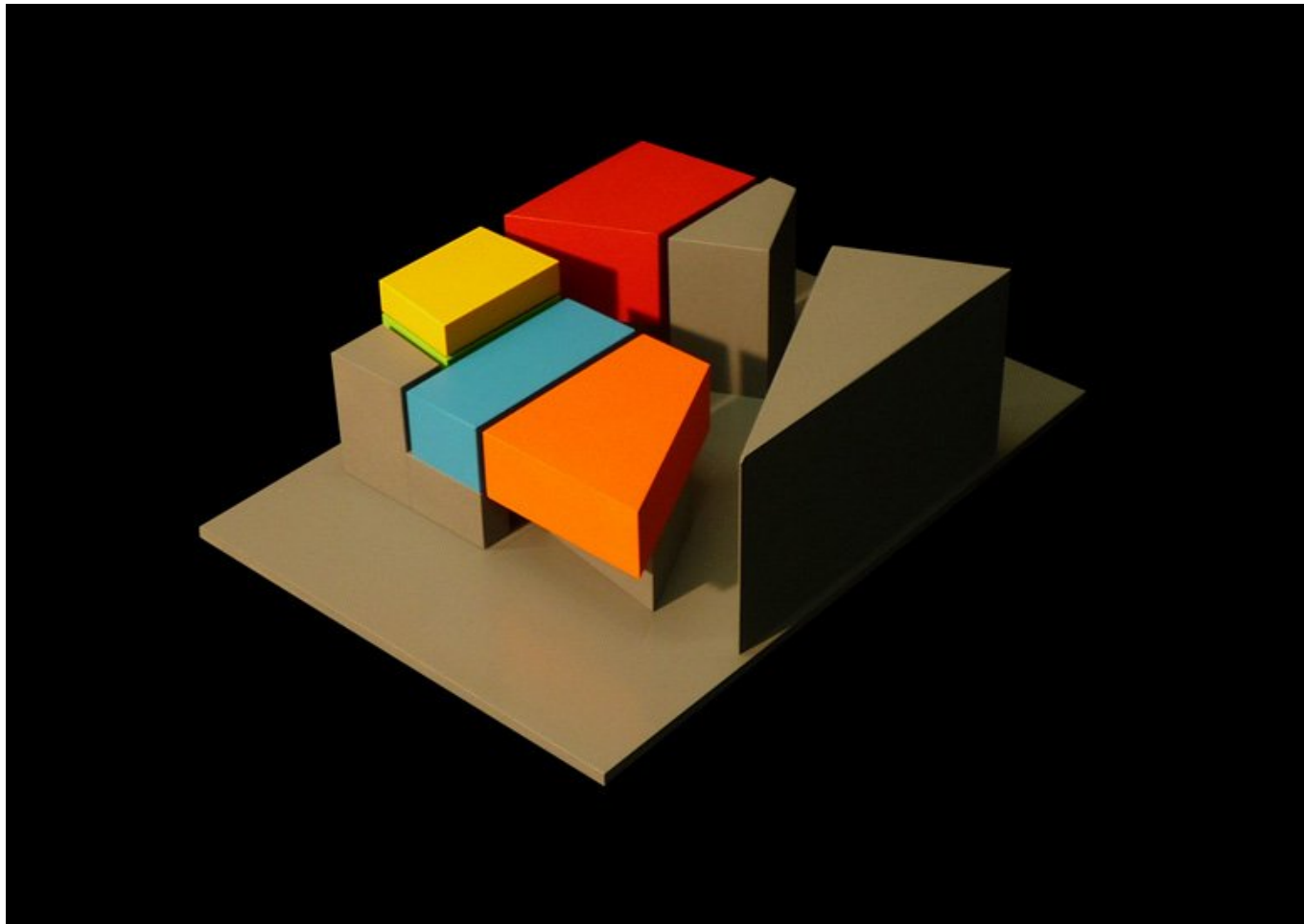
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