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KEYWORDS: *Exploring and controlling materials and processing of materials. Translations between the two- and the three-dimensional.*

BACKGROUND Workshop: THREE-DIMENSIONAL ITERATIONS together with Kasper Riis for 2nd year students

Description:

This course aims to establish an iteration based workflow of designing and realising in scale 1:1. The methodology of iterative project development is introduced through a loop of digital design, digital manufacturing and digital data collection. Each loop will generate an iteration and knowledge consisting of a representation, a realisations and an evaluation. Each iteration will be the take-off for the next.

LECA - WATERJET - 3D SCAN





KEYWORDS: Iterative design.

Connecting the digital representantion to the physical realisation. Combining real materials and digital fabrication to as 'sketch'-like process.

The project wishes to investigate the potentials of digital fabrication methods within the field of material processing. The project will focus on three materials - steel, concrete and wood - and explore processing opportunities, property modification and potentials through digital fabrication.

The project revolves around the use of digital fabrication as a generator for a real process of development where design and realisation happens coherent instead of being apart - integrating the digital fabrication tools in the development and sketching process.

Q: How can digital fabrication tools establish an iterativ process of realisation in a material focused, architectural strategy of development?

The project seeks to integrate the use of digital fabrication into the iterative nature of a ongoing sketching or development process.

AN ITERATIVE PROCESS: Allows an fast-evolving, flexibel,





DIGITAL FABRICATION WORKFLOW1:

Transform the digital representation to real physical object

$$CAD \rightarrow \underset{(.igs, .dxf, .stl ...)}{Geometry Exchange} \rightarrow CAM \rightarrow \underset{(.gc, .nc, .iso ...)}{G-code} \rightarrow \underset{(.gc, .nc, .iso ...)}{CNC-} \rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{CNC-Machine}{+}}_{Material} = Object$$

DIGITAL FABRICATION IN AN ARCHITECTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

POTENTIAL:

- Existing design and representation tools CAD initiates the digital fabrication workflow
- Digital fabrication allows large scale and real materials
- Fabricated objects can be evaluated on real conditions and inform further development

Architectural representation can be linked directly to realisation. Representation and realisation can inform each other through the design process

ITERATIVE REALISATION:

(under construction)



Fabrication is consisting of method/ technology and material. The focus on these parameters will be central for the project, since the realisation and evaluation depends on the fabrication output.

MATERIALS: From homogeneous to heterogeneous From the solid to the liquid







WOOD solid, heterogeneous



CONCRETE liquid, homogeneous

PROCESSING METHODS:

The methods are derived from tangible digital fabrication machinery, but are not necessarily seen as machine specific or limited to machine processing.



STUDY FRAME AND STUDY SPACES:

Materials and processings methods together forms a matrix - a study frame - with study spaces planned inside. The study spaces have different composition of materials and methods, different levels of complexity and different design agenda.

(Study spaces, their agendas and names are not frozen yet)



Space 1 - Gradient

Q: How can a sheet of steel be processes to gradually, fluidly change materials proporties?

Space 2 - Interchange

Q: How can concrete, steel and wood meet each other in a interchange of material properties and qaulities?

Space 3 - Composite

Q: How can a combination of concrete, steel and wood be processes to wholes where the induvidual material proporties support each other?

 $Time \longrightarrow$



STUDY SPACE 1 - GRADIENT - 6MM 6mm steel sheet tests. Testing tolerancens for materials and fabrication tool. From solid sheet to flexible elements... 7

STUDY SPACE 1 - GRADIENT - 1MM

1mm steel sheet experiment. Stretching geometry. From thin 2D sheets to stiff 3D structures









FUTURE:

Experiment (Space 1): Further development of Gradient experiment. Gain full control of geometry and postprocessing. Larger scale. Develop evaluation

Future experiments: *Refinement of study spaces and their agenda. Schedule and experiment circumstances*

Contextualisation:

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Existing experiments and articles Relevant overalls discussions and meta-layers Broader discussion of the potetial of digital fabrication in the hands of architects