Digital Installing software to your brain Lools as strategies for Architectural Design Parametric design 18-22.09.2011

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Synopsis

The workshop "Digital tools as Strategy for architectural design" organized by MAG LAB in collaboration with AIU ,was an exploration of the potential, range and capacity of this broad world digital tools are not just intended for drawing but as consistent and powerful design strategy Ideas, processes, strategies and conditions interacted and intertwined throughout the whole design path, in order to translate information processing into a special architectural outcome





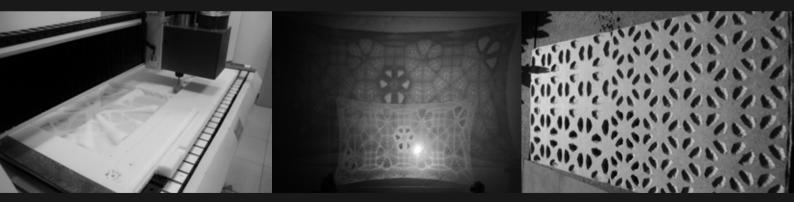
Workshop structure

Students attended configured lectures followed by Autodesk® 3D Studio Max tutorial classes which interweaved practical work throughout a 5 day intensified workshop. They were introduced to the concept of Pavilion design; its concept, definition & practicality The final presentation was presented with jury critics and evaluation



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The students were introduced to digital fabrication processes such as the laser cutter, 3D printer and the CNC machine. They were able to produce experimentations of their prototypes based on their pavilion design using the CNC machine. These experimentations were very useful because the students gained an insight on the reality of the construction process





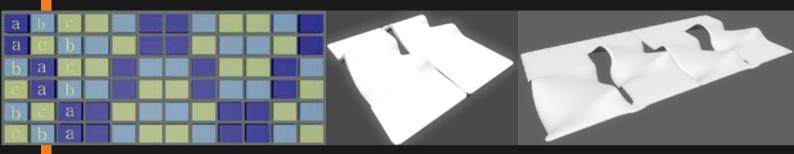
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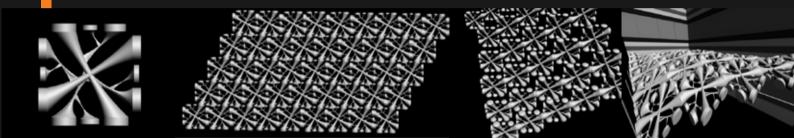


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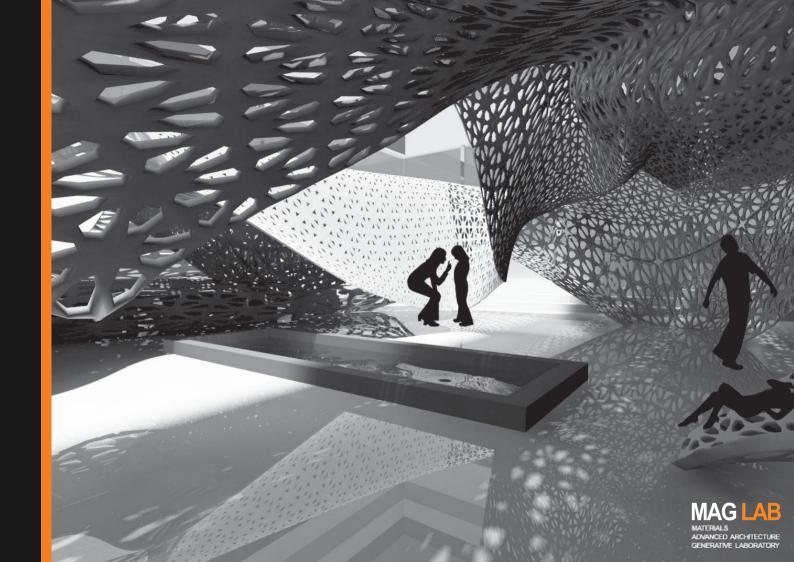


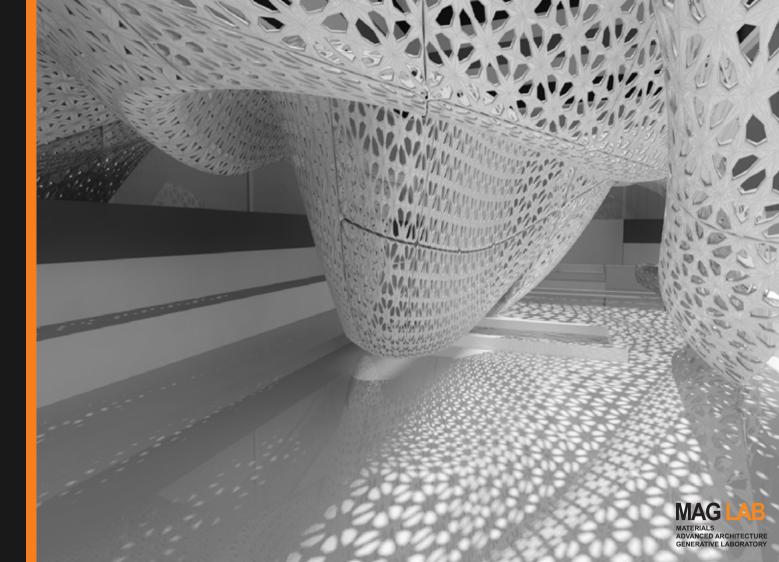








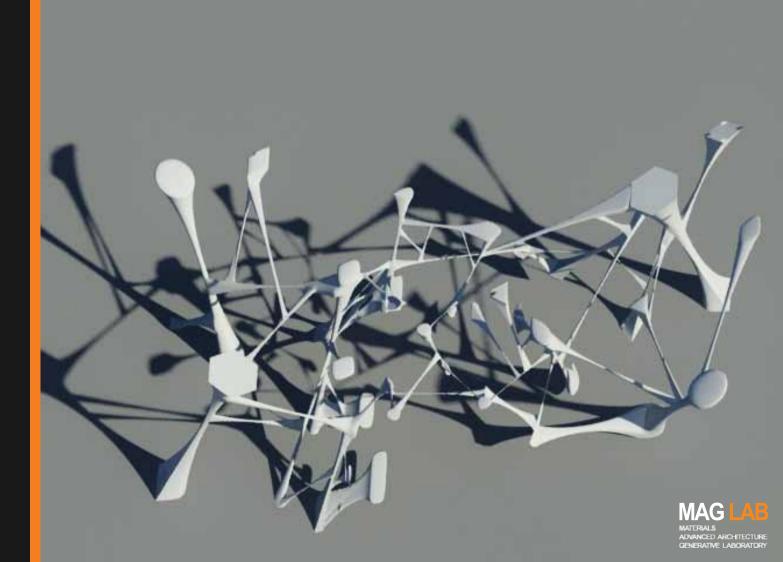






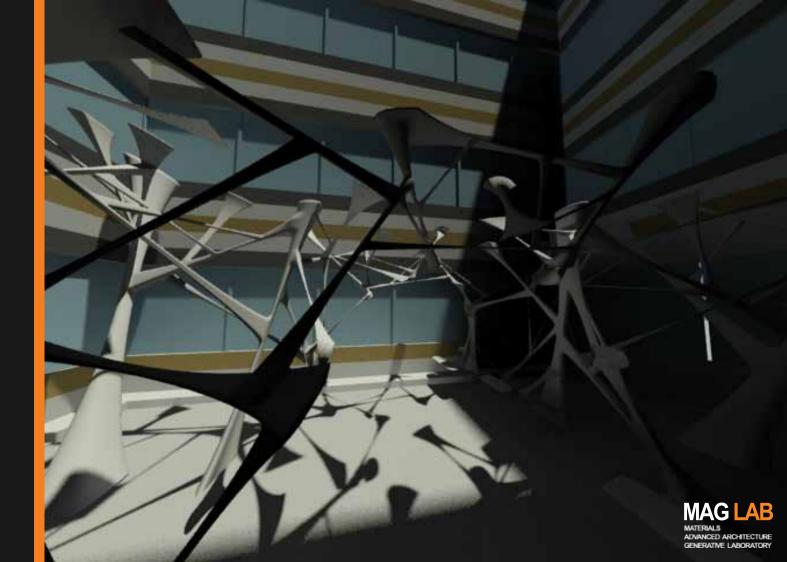
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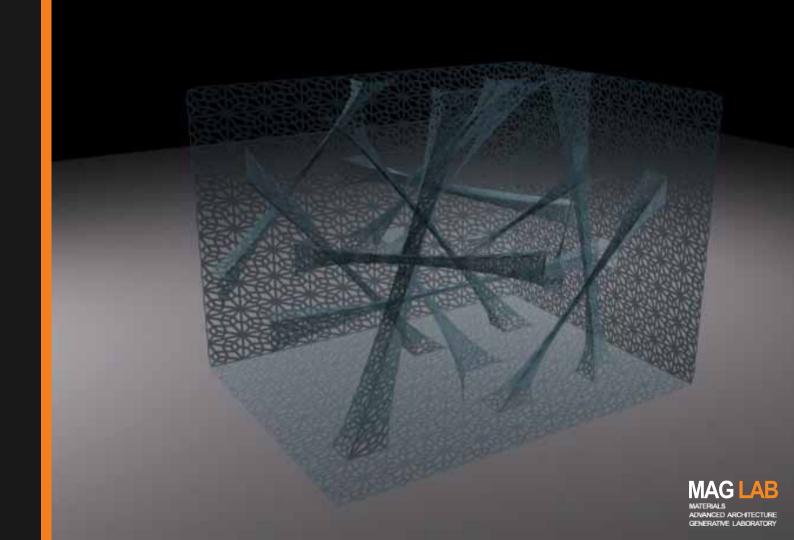






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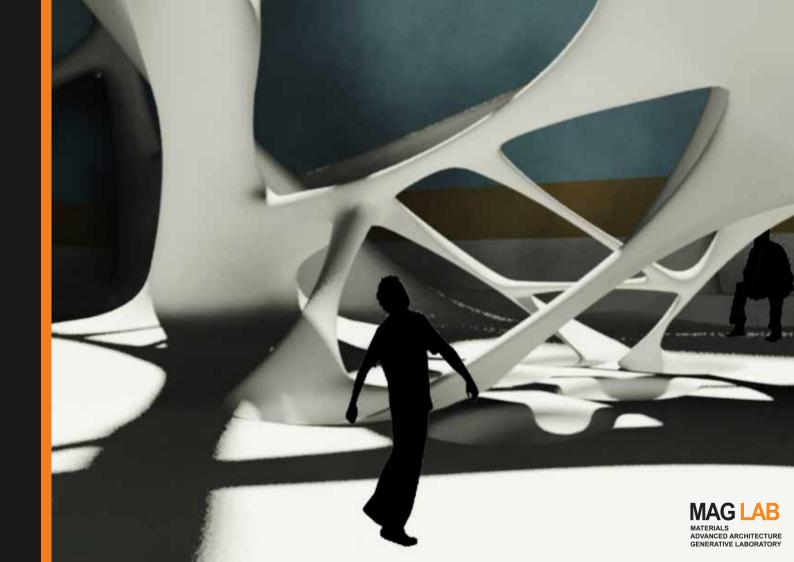
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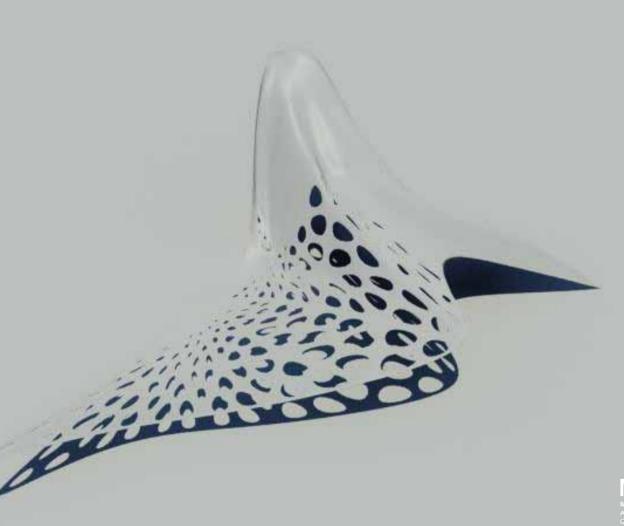






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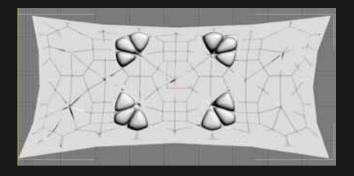


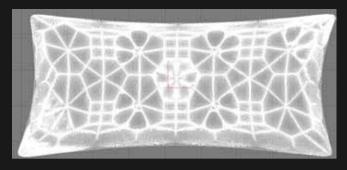


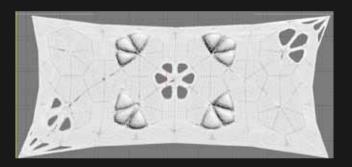


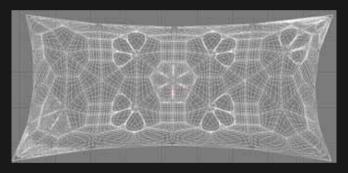
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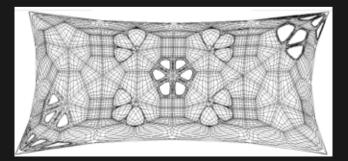


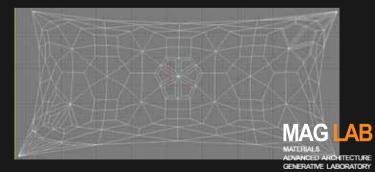


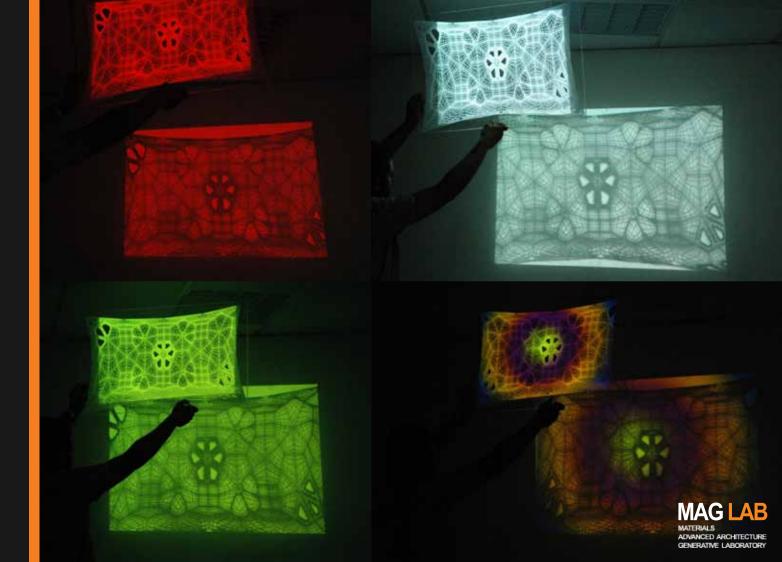


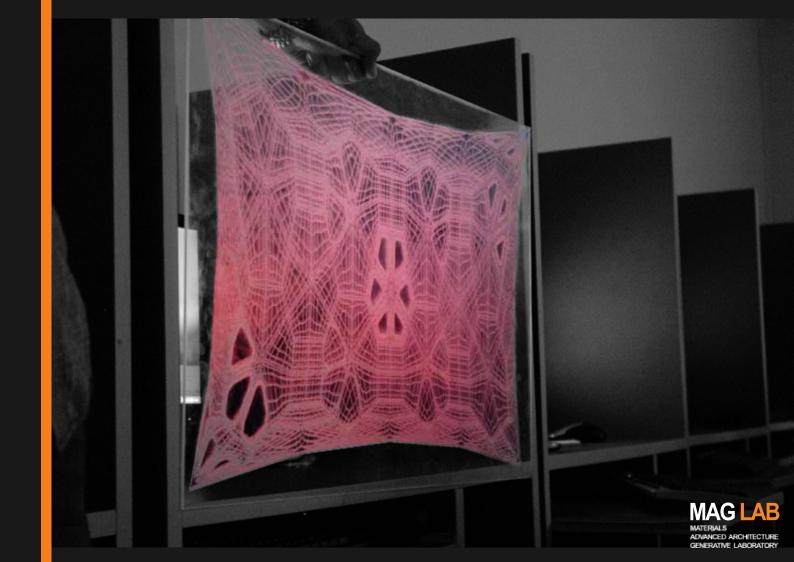






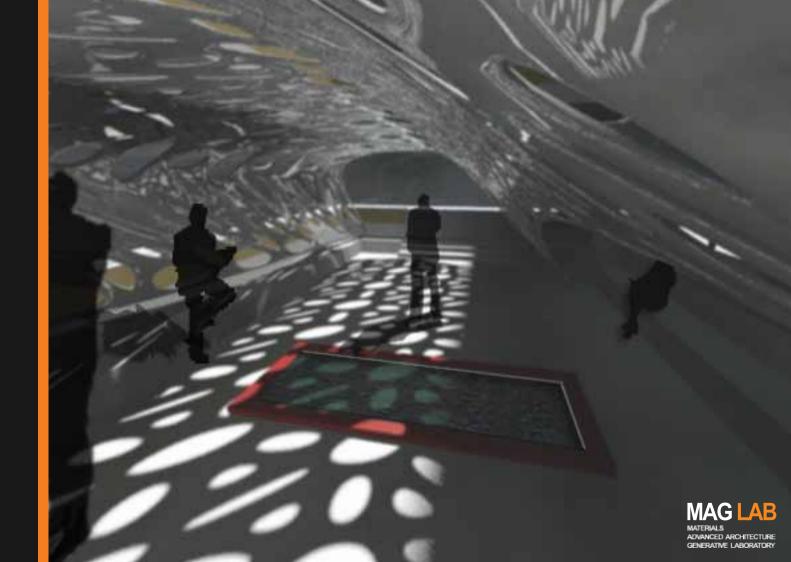


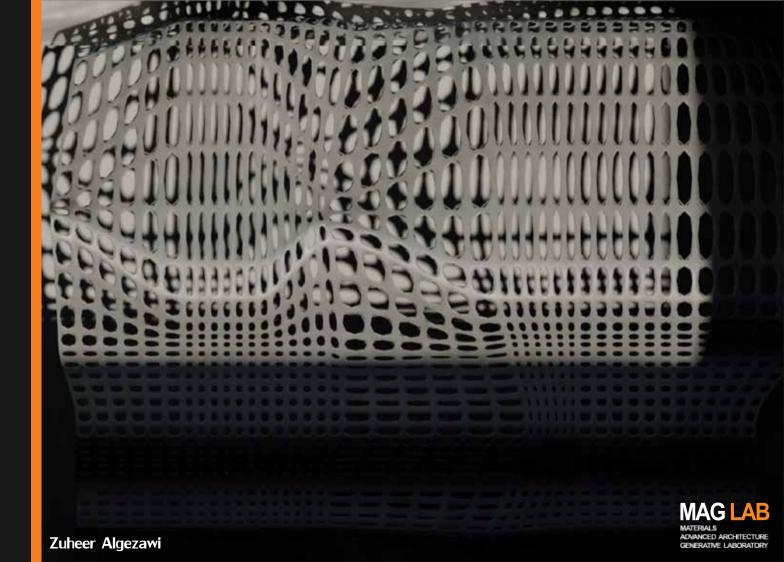




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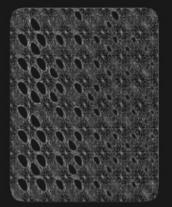






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By the end of the workshop students had a ground knowledge concerning both issues of the digital design process and that of the contemporary architecture. The main objective was to extract the information from the research as an input in order to generate a new 3D spatial output

The workshop was held over a period of 5 days and was directed to undergraduate students (4th & (5th year, Faculty of Architecture, AIU





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