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The proposal is primarily for other beings, rather than humans, who have brought huge imbalances among the spheres of the Earth System. It fills the quarry dug for the prosperity of human activities with non-human activities to bring a virtuous cycle to spheres of the earth’s system, which lost its balance. The stratification of the Hudson River allows using two different sources of water. The power generated by pressure retarded osmosis (PRO) process sends the two purified water sources to the rods, machines for non-human activities, and over the thick mist freshwater around, capturing chemical pollutants in the atmosphere while developing the ecosystem of the quarry. When creepers and vines wind up the rod and its bud, finally, the machines will bloom. The only byproduct of electricity generation makes the turquoise-colored alkaline quarry water denser by hydration of limestone. Dynamic geological events made ample mineral deposits spread along the Hudson River estuary. Humans used these mineral deposits for human activities. The quarries ten times deeper than the Hudson River can accommodate flooded water. If a larger flood comes, it will flush the strong alkaline matter in the quarry collected by hydration, buffering the ocean acidification issue.
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Sulfur Dioxide (SO2) acidic matter
Calcium Carbonate (CaCO3) acidic range. (Purest water has a pH of 7.0 - Neutral)
Burnt fossil fuels for human activities generate the acidic chemicals becomes a source of acid rain, snow, sleet, hail, even fog.
The Hudson River is buffered against acid rain and has neutral a Ph of 7.8 due to its sediment containing high portion of Calcium carbonate, which is alkaline.

Multiple continental drifts created the stratas of the site. The compression tension created by the collision and separation made the great unconformity York state creating the Hudson River.

When giving special purpose for use to the quarry, a byproduct of human activity, as so far human beings have been taking advantage of controlling the hydrosphere for their own benefits, such as building dams for human use, locking up water, and using hydroelectric power, wouldn't it be possible to expose a small portion of the quarry to the Hudson River and to irrigate the water differently throughout the time by using the tide height that changes all the time? Would this bring new condition like marsh for new ecology?

Melted snow from fresh water systems, including the portion of the Hudson River north of Troy, makes its way south and decreases the River's salinity in the Park. On the other hand, during summer months, increased air temperature, drought and surface evaporation lower water levels, causing the overall salinity to increase.

As groundwater constantly leaks from the bottom of layering effect of fresh and salt water called 'stratification'.

Brackish and freshwater into different tank embedded between two tanks always be filled with water and induce attractive new information by floating something on the water and triggers sprinkling fountains?

One of the characteristic of the limestone is the high porosity and the permeability. Because of this characteristic, the water arises from the groundwater strata, aquifer, to the bottom of the quarry. On the other hand, the strata right under water.

Hudson River Depth: 30' (9m)
Quarry Depth: 275' (84m)
Quarry Water Depth: 100' (30m)

Tomkins Cove Quarry is about ten times deeper than the Hudson River. The quarry can accomodate water of 21,718,000 cubic yards.

PH Value of Rain: 4.5 to 5 (NY STATE)
PH Value of Quarry Water: 11
PH Value of Groundwater: 7.7 to 8.4
PH Value of Hudson River: 7.8

The Hudson is also influenced by the interactions of freshwater and brackish water, because brackish water is heavier than freshwater. Consequently, while freshwater flows downriver over the top. There is some mixing of the fresh and salt during spring tides or high freshwater flows, but usually there is a
The Hudson River, which was formed after mankind appeared to the earth, is geologically special. The Appalachian Mountains in Northeastern America are created by multiple continental drifts caused by ancient continents including two major continents, Laurentia (proto-North American continent) and Baltica (proto-European continent). As the crust underneath the sea created by the continent separation went thinner, the magma underneath the crust rose, making the in-between sea warm. While the earth has passed through multiple glacial and interglacial periods, single and multiple cell organisms, which were given birth by the warm sea, became dead bodies. The accumulated bodies of ancient organisms became limestone formation stratum. The porosity and permeability of limestone originated from the characteristics of organism body. In the Appalachian Mountains, the pressure of continental rift caused the old strata, including limestone formation stratum, to be placed above the younger strata. Later, several glaciers slid down the Northeastern America continent scratching its surface, and the trace formed by the glaciers became rivers including Hudson River. Corresponding to this geological history, a lot of mineral deposits are located along the Hudson River estuary. The Hudson River estuary meets with the Atlantic Ocean, allowing the ebbs and flows created by the gravitational and centrifugal force of the sun and moon. The river changes its flow every six hours, forming waves of three to six feet when water enters the river from the Atlantic Ocean. The tides from the Atlantic Ocean travel up the Hudson all the way to Troy dam. The river has both brackish and fresh water because it meets with the river harbor connected with the Atlantic Ocean. Brackish water has a higher density than fresh water, which means that brackish water is heavier. Consequently, brackish water flows upriver from the ocean along the bottom of the river, while freshwater flows downriver over the top. There is some mixing of the fresh and salt during spring tides or high freshwater flows, but usually, there is a layering effect of fresh and brackish water called ‘stratification’. Tomkins Cove Quarry The Tomkins Cove Quarry was used to mainly dig for limestone, which has high porosity and permeability. Because of this characteristic, the groundwater arises from the ground layer exposed to the bottom of the quarry. The low porosity gneiss stratum underneath the limestone stratum sustains water from leaking out of the limestone stratum. Thus, the quarry water directly originated from the ground layer of the limestone stratum. The turquoise color of quarry water can be illustrated by compounds of limestone. Limestone contains a crystal form of calcium carbonate called calcite with the other compounds. When calcium carbonate meets with water, chemical hydration occurs. The calcium carbonate of limestone in quarry gets hydrated by rain. These hydrated mineral deposits get refined over time, and only the light and refined crystals float on the surface of the water. The most refined calcite crystal on the surface of the water reflects the sunlight differently, making our vision receive its color as turquoise. Calcite, pure CaCO3, is alkaline matter. Thus, turquoise water that contains hydrated calcium carbonate has strong alkalinity, which could be about the same pH as ammonia.

As the compounds from limestone get hydrated, it leaves good nutrients suitable for plant growth, such as iron oxide and aluminum oxide. As more limestone gets hydrated, more ingredients will be left on the surface of the quarry mixing with the soil from the upper ground.
The stratification of Hudson River allows to use two different sources of water. The water pump at the top of Hudson River will draw fresh water to the upper tank, and the pump at the bottom will draw brackish water to the bottom tank. PRO electricity generation uses osmosis pressure generated on a semi-permeable membrane between freshwater and brackish water tank. The generated osmosis pressure turns the turbine, generating power. This electricity generation makes a small ecological footprint and does not need to carry the material for electricity generation.

For more proficiency in creating electricity, the membrane should not be contaminated by bacteria and others. So, the water needs to be filtered. The water passes through preceding three tanks, filtering 25, organisms, etc. After chlorination, the last tank will be filled up with filtered fresh water and salt water.

After filtering, the electricity generated by the osmosis pressure runs the water pump. The pump distributes the water to the containers of rods in the site. The rods are a generator and a machine for non-human activity. The rods are located where soil from the upper ground exists, where plants are already growing, or niches that birds may nest in. Marvelously, the quarry is a place where the various lives bloom by the limited human access. Rods are designed primarily for flourishing in presences other than humans. Just as the machine will flourish the existing natures in the quarry, the top of the rod will be a similar form of bud that is about to bloom. Two containers under the buds will be filled up with salt water and fresh water from the water tanks through the pipes. The semi-permeable membrane between two containers generates osmosis pressure, and the pressure will discharge diluted salt water out of the container. As the saltwater drains out, it rotates two turbines in the same direction. The byproduct left after electricity production, diluted salt water, will be drained to the bottom of the rod. The drained water will hydrate lime on the surface of the quarry and be drained into the quarry water, making it more alkaline. The byproduct of electricity generation will make the quarry water denser than alkaline water. The turbid water in the middle of the quarry now becomes a drainage.

As caliche from the limestone gets hydrated from the surface of the quarry, it leaves good ingredients for plant growth, such as iron oxide. These components will be mixed with the soil from above, becoming a source for plant growth.

The generated electricity is used to pump the fresh water as mist through the tip of the buds. Mist takes two roles. First, this mist is sprayed in the atmosphere to the surface of the upper part of the quarry where lives, mainly exist, promoting growth. Second, it purifies atmosphere condition by capturing dust and toxic chemical compounds drifted from the urbanized city.

Over time, the site will be filled up with various creatures and plants. When the creepers and vine wind up the rod and its bud, at last, the man-made machine will bloom. The path lightly placed on the buds allows humans to visit, hoping they could find value other than satisfaction from this architectural media.
Flooding is one of the significant environmental issues in Manhattan and New York. The submerged city by the overflowing Hudson River drains chemical compounds and pollution generated by human beings into the sea. The Tomkins Cove Quarry is about ten times deeper than the Hudson River. The capacity of the quarry is 21,718,000 cubic yards. If there are several tunnels connecting the Hudson and the Quarry above the river level, it will drain flooded water from the Hudson River, preventing the land from getting submerged. Furthermore, there are a lot of quarries located along the Hudson River estuary. Not only Tomkins Cove Quarry, but these are also all potential sites for this macroscopic infrastructure design proposal.

In another scenario, when a larger flood comes to the site, the quarry will be fully filled up with flooded water. And the alkaline matters in the turquoise quarry water, which could accumulate a lot of alkaline matter due to non-human activity from the rods, will be flushed out to the Atlantic Ocean. Once the gigantic amount of flooded water submerges the city, the water flushes all the chemicals and pollutants into the ocean, contaminating the Ocean. Alkaline matter from the quarry water will neutralize the chemicals and Ocean Acidification. Already, the United Nations and many countries, including the United States, have been working on Ocean Alkalinity Enhancement project since 2017. Literally, the Ocean Alkalinity Enhancement project operates by pouring alkaline matter obtained from mine or quarry into the ocean. The project reduces the significant amount of carbon dioxide generated in the ocean. However, the macroscopic design of the proposal is a concept using the disaster as a factor of a virtuous cycle of nature reversely.

MACROSCOPIC DESIGN - solution for flooding issue of New York and New Jersey states
The truck industry is going to be automated after proper infrastructure and social agreement is built. What I am presenting is the idea of Truckstop that could fix the complicated driving machine, and potential of creating new operations and job opportunity, and gets connected with the people and future transportation, drones. The service will be provided as the driverless containers park. The vehicle will be descended by the lifter, and the container opens its long side upward, the side of the containers will be spatially connected with the ceiling of the architecture. And the base of the container will be connected to the wood floor of the architecture. Spatially the container becomes part of architecture. As the long side of the container opens up, container will be connected to the wooden roof inside the building, and the bottom of the container expands the scaffolding and connects to the interior floor, creating an extended floor.

The automated distribution industry will take a large number of jobs. However, this will eventually create more jobs, and the truckers will take on different roles of the society. I thought that the driverless container has the potential of mobile service that can move one spot to another spot. In the future, these driverless containers will not only be a part of distribution channel, but mobile architectures that could give social service such as movie theatre, bathing facilities, and general services like retail and restaurants. This transformed stop not only charges the batteries of automated driving devices, but also tires and engine repairs, and furthermore, it will generate new type of culture.
I chose the location of the hub of new culture, truckstop nearby the Walmart Distribution Center at Shafter. Not only Walmart and Amazon, there are many fulfillment centers. The potential visitors of the site are people lives nearby the site, mainly families of workers, and the travelers. Without walls of restaurants or retails that divides preparing area and seating area, this long vernacular architecture of the site will provide all kinds of services from the parked trucks inside and outside. Not only this site, I thought all the stops like one small truck wash nearby LA can also be the potential site of the infrastructure.
Three different materials are covering the floors of the design. Inside the building where people are mainly located, it will be covered by the wood material floated by vibration reducers. The lifters will be covered by carbon fiber on the steel frame. The carbon fiber is lighter, stronger and less heat conductive material than steel and asphalt. And the underground space is covered by metal material that can reflect the electric signals without disturbance of magnetic field from the outside.

To prevent the interior of the architecture from the vibrance of the various devices including vehicles and lifters, several devices are installed inside the architecture.

First, ladders on the roof that move aligned with the row of the vernacular architecture have installed vibration absorber just as vehicle’s suspension. The elevator vehicles in the site will lift the loads to the ladders, and the ladders will move the loads perpendicular way to the architecture. The drone station is located at the end of the ladders.

The interior floor of the architecture is separated from the lifters by translucent rubber made sidings to minimize the large vibration caused by the vehicles. This reduce the vibration transmitted to the internal space where humans are located and at the same time allow some natural light into the underground space, which is the service area occupied by the robots. With this also the floor is lifted by the vibration reducers made by rubber and springs. The main design, lifter, can create an inclination for the car to move with a pneumatic pipe, and vertical movement is also possible. As the lifter descends, the guardrail will be risen by the tension of the cable and pulley connected in front of the double transparent pvc membrane and the siccor mechanism opens the cover of the lifter, and allows the robot put their arms into the vehicle to fix, charge and import or export data from the computer of the vehicle.

As technology develops, the mass of the devices gets smaller, this means that the same size truck in the future can contain more contents in the future.

Without walls of restaurants or retails that divides preparing area and seating area, this long vernacular architecture of the site will provide all kinds of services from the parked trucks inside and outside. On the roof of the architecture, the ladders will be moving along the row of the architecture, elevator cars and the ladder will move the packages. Also the packages will be distributed to the drone station on the west side.
The truck driven by truckers will gradually become a driverless container. The absence of the driver created more space to accommodate batteries. The heavy batteries will be stacked in the middle of the vehicle. This heavy load of battery will make more stable drive by locating its central gravity in the center of the vehicle. The driverless container does not have a front and back. The face of the vehicle is identical, and it can be steered from both sides of the heads. This doubled steering can create steeper turn angle, which could alleviate the large turn angle of current truck.

This about 20 feet long vehicle can lift 20 feet long containers, and wirelessly connected two vehicles can lift 40 or even far longer containers too.

Not only this site, I thought all the stops like one small truck wash nearby LA can also be the potential site of the infrastructure.

Design development modeling (Study)
Design can be differed. Stop might not have to have whole architecture. It could be only canopy covering the stop. For the smaller truck stop like truck wash, simple canopy could fit better than the whole architecture.

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Lift

Pathway for Movable Ladders

Aperture

Create best interior environment for the events by controlling the amount of light. Also, Aperture as used to control visibility for safety.

Drone Station

Create the possibility for the robots to perform their designated tasks from the entrance. The drone station will be an essential part of the process to ensure the smooth operation of the system.

Horizontal Ladder

Fills the gap and makes possible the use of the interior space for the events. The horizontal ladder system is designed to move parallel to the architecture and allows the transportation of loads to and from the drone station.

Egress

The system is located between the two-story mode plane. By using this system, the access is located between the barns where trucks pass by.

Canopy Door

The panel reduces the vibration from the Lifters to the interior floor slab. It is a solution to combine vehicle into human occupied architecture.

Vibrance Reducing Device

Same material used as curtain at Carwash. Air between two layers curtain works as insulation. It is continuous door for vehicle and human covering the whole design.

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The transparency allows certain amount of light for robots working underground.

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In recent decades, people thought about justice and equality and planned to locate affordable housing in the middle of the city. The current design of public housing gives disparity to society by making wealth inequality more significant. Everything needs to be refined as technology is developed, and our standards have changed.

Distance working and education are now indispensable culture. Advanced technology will constantly change our lifestyle in the future. Virtual reality can now be perceived more realistically. Marc Zuckerberg presented the Metaverse recently, elaborating on how life can expand its boundary in the future. If technological development can support virtual reality further, we may not distinguish virtual reality from the real world. The housing of the capitalists would get larger because the accumulated wealth would bring more significant revenue. On the other hand, each apartment in the socialist public housing will get smaller because of the skyrocketing estate price.

Eventually, housing will be more like a cell with virtual reality goggles and a treadmill. The small cells of a small-elevator scale imprison people living in public housing. The octagonal plan of the cell allows people to engage with others socially. Cell can be opened in every direction, through folding its 12 doors. The small boxes in the floor slab will deliver furniture, food, a toilet, a chair, and a shower head. Residents in the cell can obtain items in the box by reaching one’s body part to grab it. These boxes can contain various items compared to their scale because technology is making everything smaller and lighter with better performance. Chemical matter creating hallucination comes from the grille on the ceiling of the cell. The grille can be a speaker, humidifier too. The cells are the house of people living in hallucination, and the design can achieve the impossible communist equality by delusion. What makes it possible is advanced technology.
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The proposal designs a council as a new public sphere across the current UNHQ to replace the north lawn that lost its role. It reverses the current UNHQ design by letting the public occupy the new climate council and inviting UN staff to the council meeting. In this way, the United Nations would develop climate policies that reflect public opinion more actively. The design aims to re-invent the public sphere reminiscent of a French Salon, where the public can exchange their ideas with UN officials.

Programs like a gallery and library will draw the public to a series of exterior in-between spaces that have occupiable staircases. Just as with the opposing seating of the British Parliament, the direction of staircases will lead the public to face UN staff, encouraging public engagement. While UN staff can hear public opinion, they can also present lectures to the public in either interior or exterior spaces.

The translucent material allows the public to see inside the chamber, and people in the chamber can see the public’s presence outside. These visual connections will encourage the public to have more interest in the UN, while making UN staff realize the importance of public opinion in their decision-making.
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