

# Scenes in a Concrete Deserta by Sergio López-Piñeiro

Factories are uniquely powerful spaces defined by an interior and virtual horizon line produced by the protective extra coat of paint located in the lower half of the columns and reaching up to a person's eye-level. This accidental datum, unique to this type of building when it is completely empty, makes the visitor feel as if in an interior desert. *Scenes in a Concrete*

*Deserta* explores mismatching encounters as described by Reyner Banham in *Scenes in America Deserta* (1982) and *A Concrete Atlantis* (1986) through the manipulation of this interior space by transforming the virtual horizon line into a series of homogeneously distributed virtual volumes. X

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Note: For complete documentation of this project, see "Scenes in a Concrete Deserta" in *Banham in Buffalo*, ed. Mehrdad Hadighi (Oro Editions, 2011), 30-49

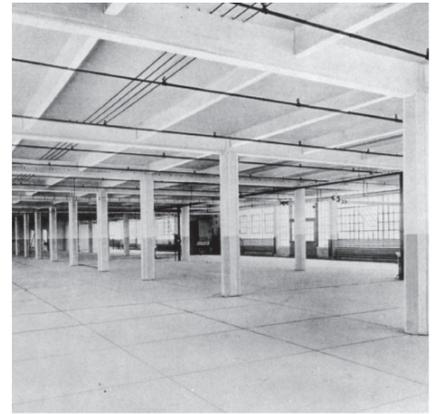
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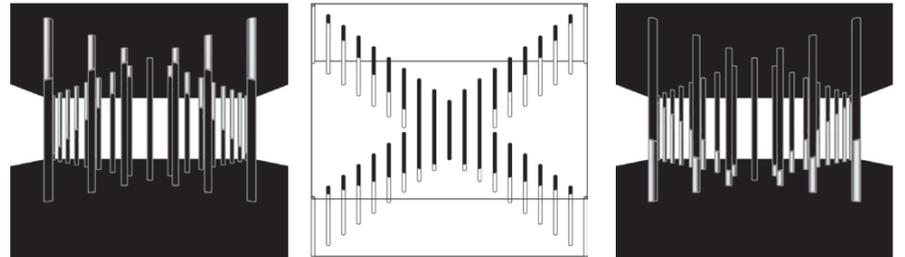
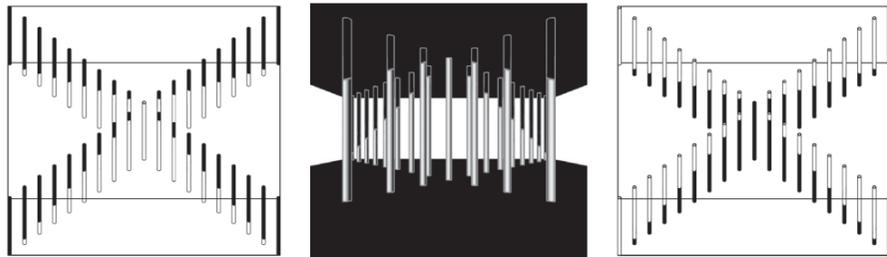
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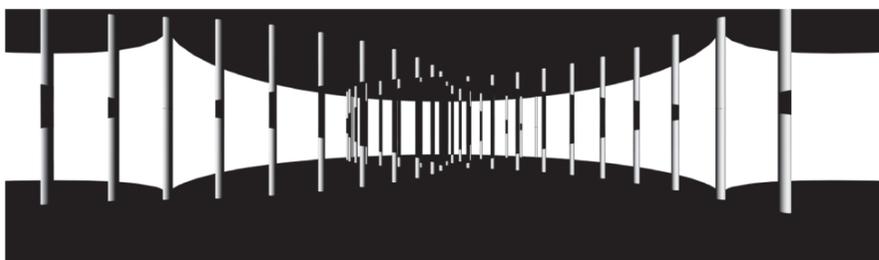
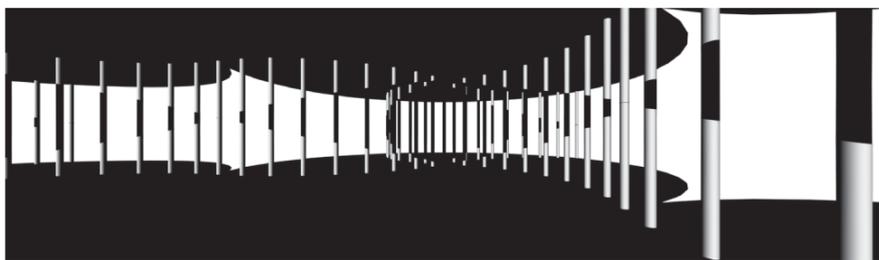
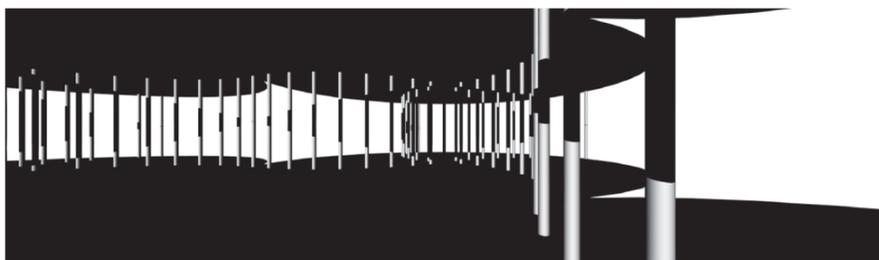
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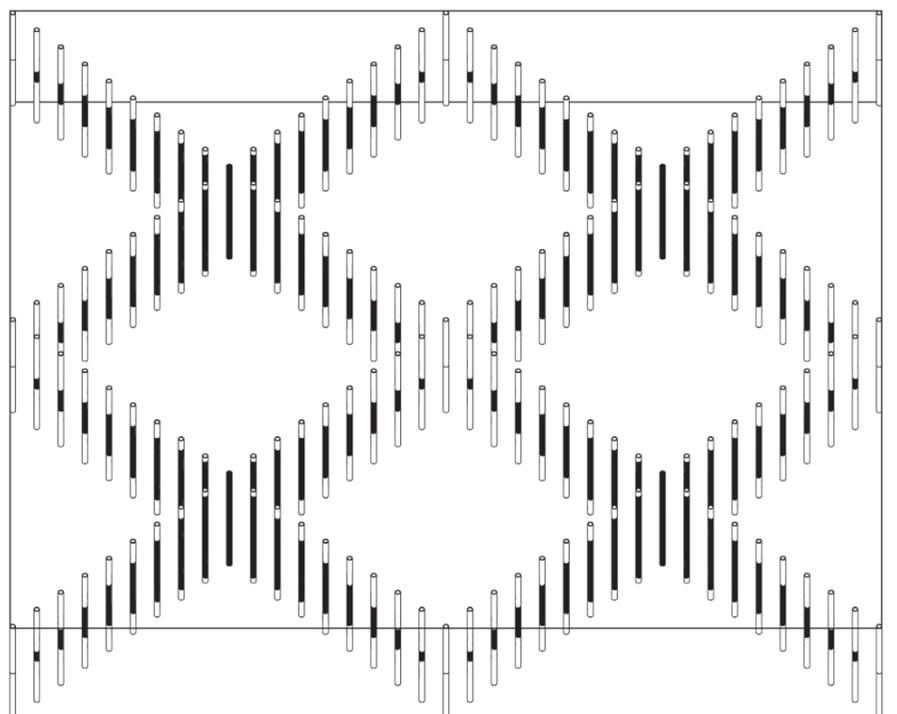
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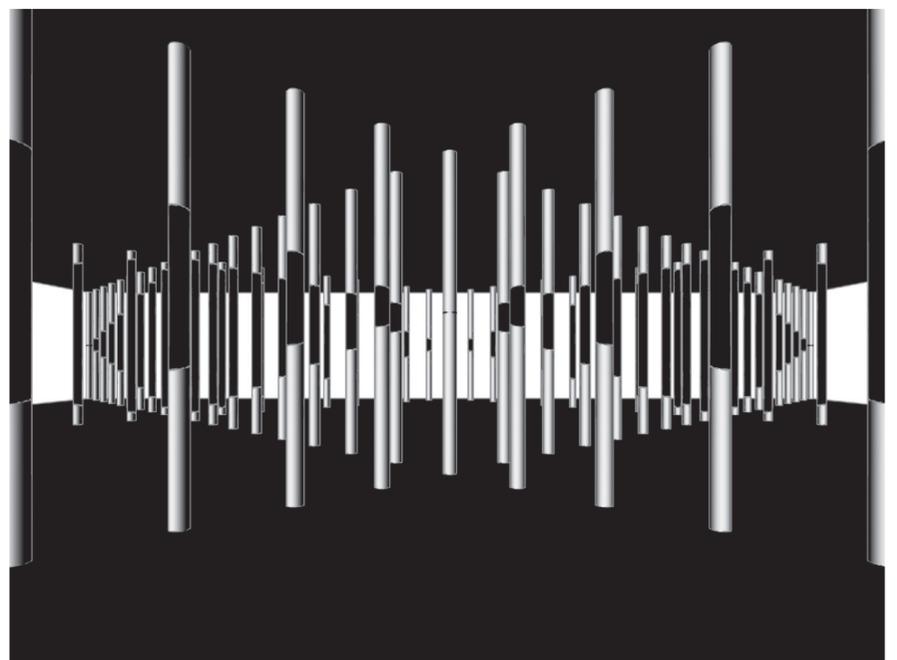
Three sets of axonometrics, along with their perspectival views, showing three variations of a virtual volume.



1-5: Set of images showing how one of these virtual volumes would be perceived by a person moving through the space.



Axonometric showing four virtual octahedrons.



Perspectival view of four virtual octahedrons.