

In search for nomadic application of aluminium from urban mining in the design of a recycle learning center

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Morphological analysis









Edge 1/

Bound by the railway, inanimate walls and gates and chaotic parking, creating a hostile atmosphere.



Edge 2/

The interface between working and living spaces. The void separates the working and living groups with circulation, dumpsters and rows of fences.



Edge 3/

An institutional street filled with kids and their parents. However, the park confronting the schools is densely gated which make a lot of kids playing on the street.



Edge 4/ A residential side usually filled with unwanted furniture and rubbish.







Node 1



Node 3



Node 5

Legend

Circulation —— fast-

fast-moving pedestrian route
 pedestrian route
 public
 main car road
 outdoor
 vehicle route

outdoor sitting

extended commercial activities



Node 2



Node 4



Node 6



1. Demolishing poorly conditioned buildings, modifying the private slab houses to open up the plot entrance and extending the Rotor building.



Urban Strategy

Legend

- major pedestrian circulation

- - - - secondary pedestrian circulation

car circulation

node

train



bus



spatial transition



facade of public space



entrance of public interior



2. Redrawing the boundaries of public and private in response to edges and nodes. A public private alley-yard is created. Existing built surfaces are used as spolia as different roles.



3. The inner plaza is further differentiated into two, one dedicates to Recyclage and the other one to Le goujon. The two plazas are narrated with progressive uncovering of the water of Senne. Pedestrians are always meandering with the presence of water, the old and the new.







Insertion of modular systems





Rotor







New facade

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Functional neutrality

In-situ recycling

Tictac



New roof







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Furniture as zoning & axis











Informal Urban Mining



1. Functional change of office buildings in Brussels from 1997 to 2017



2. Distribution of the recycle park, main centers for the collection / sorting of waste in the Brussels

Legend

1. Office buildings converted to:

Housing
Industrial
Commercial
2. ODW collection/sorting centers
Recycle park



Zoning and Material Flow

Legend

Landuse



residential



R) research

* reinvention

(display

trade

commercial

Material flow



sorting

extraction

storing



reassembly XL/ Second-hand furniture L/ Salvaged building components M/ Reassembled secondary products S/ Primary raw materials





- new buildings
 - existing buildings which are partially adapted



Section AA' 1:500



Section BB' 1:500



Legend

Urban planning

- 1. Existing residential building
- 2. Extraction and shredding plant
- 3. Loading/unloading
- 4. Warehouse
- 5. Flea market







Structural Grid

What are the following form of aluminium do you prefer it to have interaction interaction with?	Where do you expect aluminium is applied in a building? INTERIOR	How is aluminium related to Belgium/Brussels/ the neightbouhood?	ALUMINIUM
urved and wavy image: set of the s	INTERIOR SPACE PLAN: walls, ceilings, doors and windows INTERIOR STUFF: furniture and decoration SKIN STRUTURE	<i>What is your first memory with aluminium? Where was it located?</i>	
		What is the unique quality of the material?	
colour coated corrugated #5	#6	#7	
How would you interact with the material?	How would you describe the material?	What is the meaning of the material to you?	What are the following appearances do y
How do you touch it?	 hard smooth o flat o o glossy non-reflective o o	 toy-like/professional humble/aggressive cozy/hostile ordinary/futuristic ancient/modern elegant/vulgar masculine/feminine nostalgic/futuristic Do you like traces on the material? Why or why not?	have?
Yes/No How do you touch the trace/ defect? \$\delta stroke \$\delta pat \$\delta push \$\delta rub \$\delta knock \$\delta compress \$\delta scratch \$\delta peel \$\delta graze \$\delta press \$\delta fiddle \$\delta	 corrosion/ bend on surface scratch abrasion 	What form of imperfection do you want to keep?	NEGATIVE 0 ◊ disgust \$ ◊ shame \$ ◊ fear \$ ◊ boredom \$ ◊ sadness \$ ◊ disappointment \$ ◊ rejection \$ ◊ frustration \$ ◊ discomfort \$
#1	#2	#3	



you prefer it to

POSITIVE

- ◇ desire
 ◇ curiosity
 ◇ hope
 ◇ happiness
 ◇ pride
 ◇ calm
 ◇ surprise
 ◇ respect
 ◇ comfort

Pedagogical environment for recycling learning

Knowledge acquisition	1. auditorium 2. classrooms 3. material library	
Inspiration	4. courtyard/roof terrace 5. cafe/retail for prototype	
Realization	6. group workshop 7. flexible makerspace 8. gallery 9. seminar room	
Support	10. co-working space for researchers 11. material archive administration back of house	



330 m²



Total area: 2366 m²





Legend

- Reception
 Material library
 Classroom
 Auditorium
 Gallery
 Cafe/ retail for prototype
 Group workshop
 Makerspace (Wood/ metal)
 Courtyard
 Storage
 Mechanical room

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1/F Plan

Legend

Material archive
 Open workstation for researchers
 Breakout space
 Makerspace (digital)
 Conference room

17. Roof terrace

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Legend

Urban planning

- 1. Workshop
- 2. Conceptual store/working studio
- 3. Plaza

Recyclage

- Cafe/ retail for prototype
 Makerspace (digital)
 Group workshop
 Makerspace (metal/wood)
- 8. Classroom
- 9. Open workstation for researchers





Legend

- *Urban planning*1. Renovated slab housing
- 2. Entrance gate 11. Le Goujon

- *Recyclage* 3. Reception
- 4. Material library
- 5. Gallery
- Group workshop
 Makerspace (digital)
 Material archive
- 9. Sitting steps 10. Courtyard



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Aluminium extrusion/ they are mainly tubes and pipes. *Dirty aluminium profiles /* they are mainly window frames with small amounts of plastic or steel attached.



Sheet Aluminum/ they are mainly aluminum gutters and siding salvaged by roofers and contractors.



Aluminium wires/ insulated aluminum wire is commonly used in all types of electrical work from residential to commercial.



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Aluminium cans & beverage cartons/ they consists of soft drink and food cans.







1500W x 2250H



1000W x 2150H



500W x 500H



1540W x1450H



700W x 1200H



1250W x 1440H



2990W x 2090H



2359W x 2570H



1030W x 1300H



1120W x 1190H



1080W x 1200H



1240W x 1330H



1310W x 1570H



950W x 2200H



950W x 2730H







Process of materials/ Materials/



double facade with reclaimed wood lumber



REUSE

REUSE +REPURPOSED







salvaged aluminium window and door frames

Reference/



Quartier Des Spectacles / Ædifica



Collage House / S+PS Architects

Process of materials/ Materials/



TRANSFORMED

RECONFIGURED

aluminium foam







patchwork panels with aluminium scrap

Reference/



Evangelical Temple in Terrassa / OAB



Scrigno del Cielo, architecture in a window"/ Cherubino Gambardella and Simona Ottieri








- Strip foundation
 Steel portal frame
 Knee bracing
 Apex haunch
 Sidewall grit
 Bottom haunch



Structural Design



Aluminium pipe partition

- 1. Deconstruction
- 2. Cutting of salvaged aluminium pipes
- Deburring of the cut sections
 Shelves can be plugged into the pipe partition
 Sections are stacked to infill the wall opening

'Patchwork' cladding

- 1. Deconstruction

- Deconstruction
 Cutting of salvaged aluminium profiles , corrugated and flat cladding sheets
 Hardware components such as hinges, locks and brackets are retained
 Corrugated sheets and profiles are fastened on the flat back panels with slats
 The reconfigured panels are hung on the steel profiles
 Clips on the steel back frame allow refitting and dismounting



Aluminium open-cell ceiling

- Deconstruction
 Cutting of salvaged aluminium sheets
 The blades are hung onto the carrier profiles in multiple directions. Each row of blades can be folded down and removed individually.







Cafe & Retail for Prototype







Winter (passive + mechanical heating & mechanical ventilation)

- 1. Twin-face facade creates air buffer which works as a barrier to heat loss. Sun-heated air contained in the cavity can heat spaces outside the glass, reducing the demand for indoor heating systems.
- 2. Radiant floor heating
- 3. Natural illumnation and heat gain from skylight
- 4. External air filter
- 5. Heat pump to enable hybrid ventilation with heat recovery for days in which the weather does not allow natural ventilation.
- 6. Solar thermal collectors for domestic hot water, room heating and seasonal storage. During summer solar cooling works with heat pump.
- 7. Seasonal storage of heat undergraound can store energy in summer which is to be used in winter.

Summer (passive + mechanical cooling & ventilation)

- 1. Double skin facade reduces solar gain
- 2. The cavity twin-face facade can be vented outside the building to mitigate solar gain and decrease the cooling load. Excess heat is drained with chimney effect, where differences in air density create a circular motion that causes warmer air to escape. As the air temperature in the cavity rises, it is pushed out, bringing a slight breeze to the surroundings while isolating against heat gain.
- 3. Cross ventilation and stack effect ventilation
- 4. Reflective roof cladded with corrugated aluminum
- 5. Mechanical cooling and ventilation
- 6. Ceiling fan to facilitate stacking ventilation
- 7. Water tank to collect rain water for storm water reuse





Hybrid Ventilation- Mechanical Ventilation







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- 1. Rooftop cap
- Roof construction: 4mm tuff roof/ corrugation: 45mm 200mm rock wool insulation sub-purlin 50mm structural deck
- 3. 120/ 240 mm IPE 240 steel I-beam
- 4. Rainwater down pipe
- 5. Stainless steel grated channel
- 6. Glazing with aluminium profiles with motorized opening part
- 7. 75/150 mm steel RHS beam
- 8. Fixed single glazing panel :12mm lam. safety glass
- 9. 30mm reclaimed barn wood panel
- 10. 25 + 20 mm gypsum panels
- 11. Reclaimed double-glazed aluminium window
- 12. Linear graze luminaire
- 13. Aluminium grating catwalk for maintenance
- 14. Floor construction:
 20mm oak parquet
 60mm raised floor system floor underfloor heating pipes
 160mm precase concrete slab
- 15. Floor convector
- 16. 25mm aluminium foam cladding
- 17. Dropped open-cell ceiling with reclaimed alumnium blades
- 18. 120mm rockwool insulating panels
- 19. HVAC system
- 20. 100mm dia. PVC pipe connectd to storm drain
- 21. Pendant line luminaire





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- 1. 6mm dia. threaded rod
- L-shaped primary carrier
 Carrier-U

- Spring panel hanger
 Reclaimed aluminium blade



1: 20 Plan





- 1. 230/240 mm HE240A steel column
- 2. 65/150 mm metal stud
- 3. 30mm reclaimed wood panel
- 4. clip
- 5. reclaimed double-glazed aluminium window
- 6. 2x 10 mm gypsum panel
- 7. 20/65 mm metal stud
- 8. 75/75 mm SHS steel profile
- 9. 6mm laminated glazing
- 10. 20mm dense mineral wool panel
- 11. Cavity filled with mineral wool
- 12. 2mm aluminium casing

