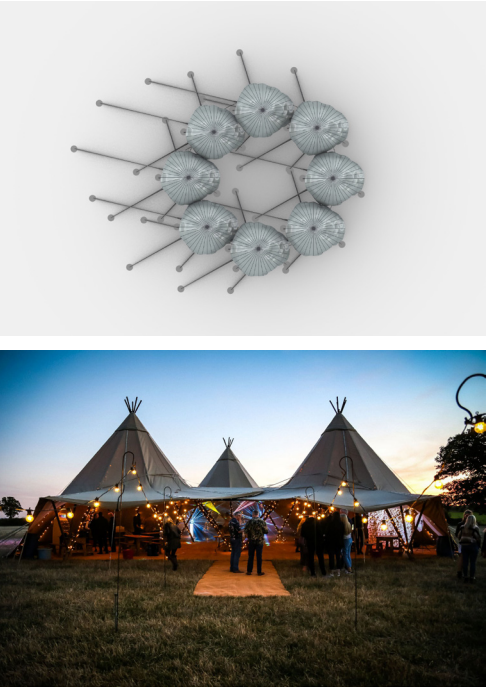
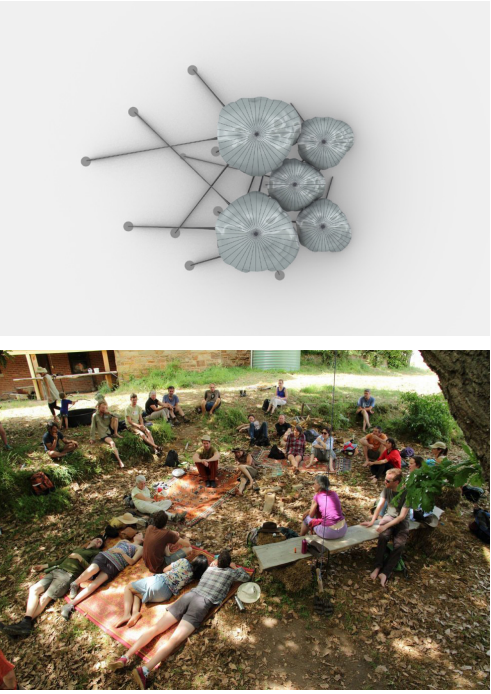
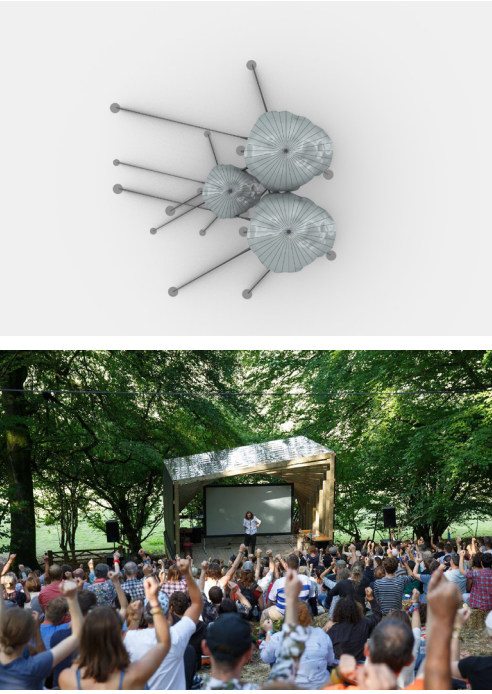
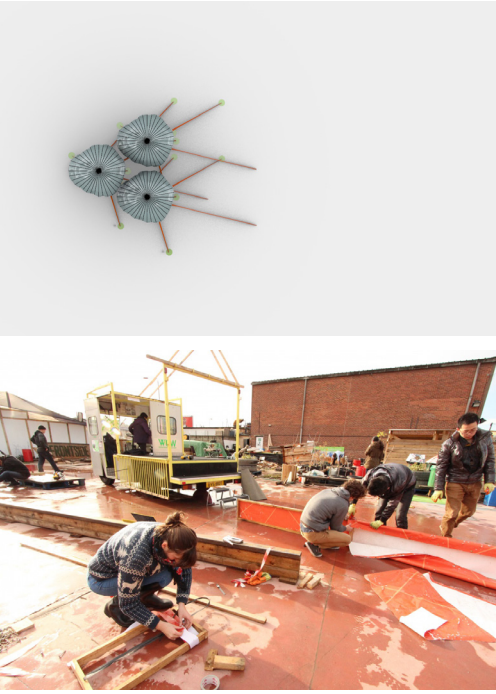
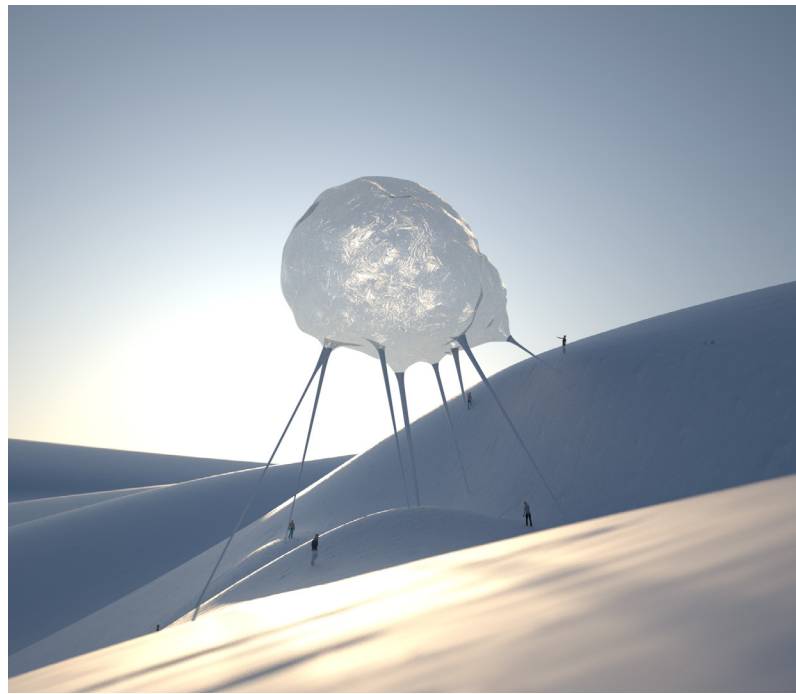


THE UNIT

EPHEMERAL STATION is a self-supporting object that is able to provide energy, water and sun protection to its users in any remote location where it is located. The idea is that the prototype is not only a communal resources collector, but also a sculptural and iconic element that will work as a gathering point for people from the area and users in general.



EPHEMERAL STATION A COMMUNAL RESOURCE COLLECTOR



THE CONCEPT

The object was the result of the two different source of inspiration. The first one is related with the social intention, which is the banyan tree. The second one, is related it's function, this one the hot air balloons. Banyan trees are considered as iconic meeting points to gather communities with different purposes such as the following:

- Share a protection for climatic extreme conditions.
- Communal meetings. Shared environment to gather, and exchange elements, knowledge and take decisions.

Hot balloons, on the other hand, symbolises contained energy that is able to generate more energy. In the balloon case, it becomes movement. In the Ephemeral Station instead, this energy could become uncountable things and activities.



SCULPTURAL OBJECT

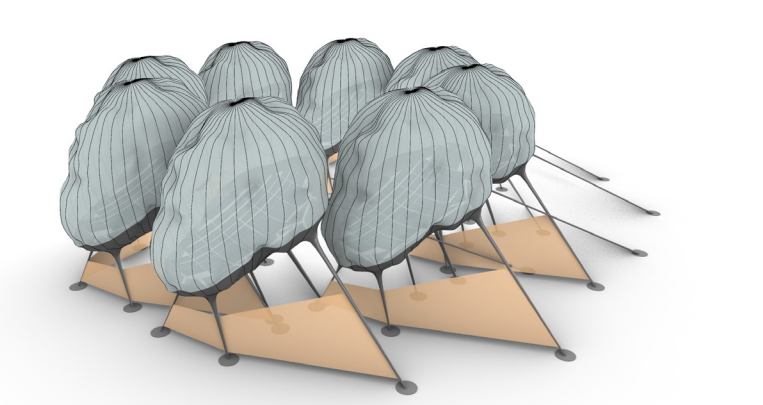
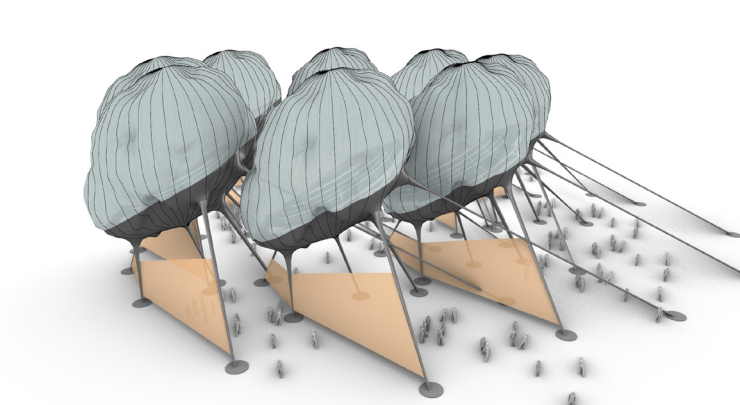
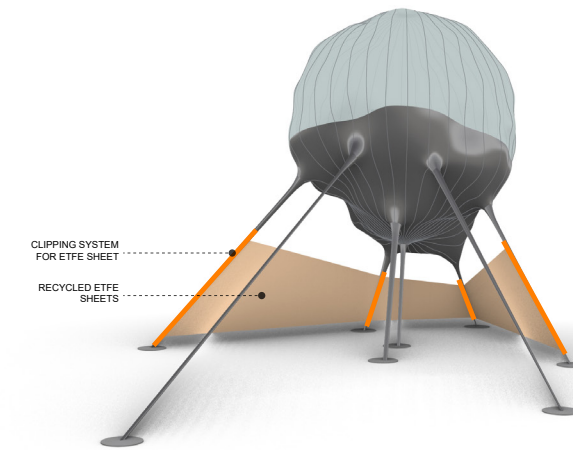
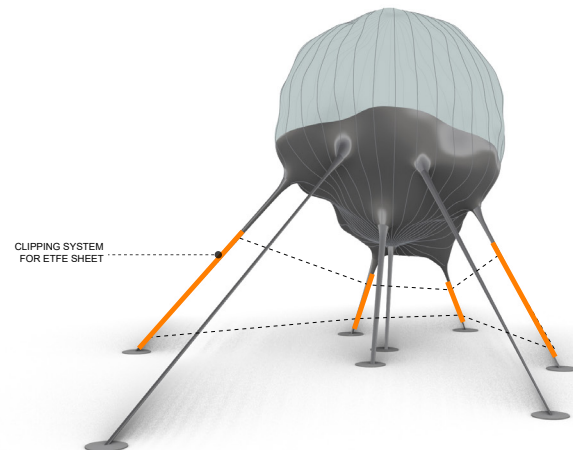
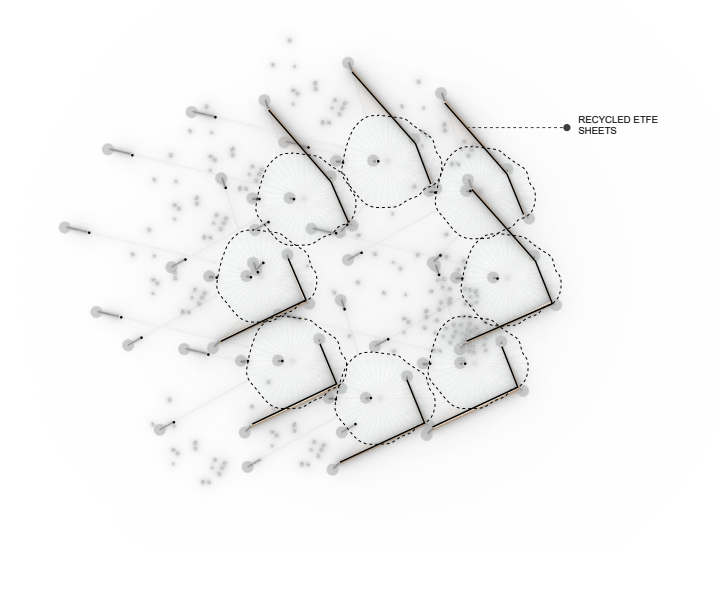
The object won't generate any impact in nature and environment, but it is to create a strong impact in its users. From a long distance, it will represent an iconic sculptural object in space. From a shorter distance instead, it will create a very special feel to its close environment. The object is not static. As part of the environment, it will be moving and transforming as a consequence of the natural conditions to which it is exposed. This will modify the way in which people perceive it. The superior "cloud" of the object, will have some movement. It will expand and contract as its internal temperature changes. This movement, will give the idea the object is alive and constantly breathing. Just like a living organism that produces and consumes energy.



SCALE AND SIZE

Ephemeral station can be perceived as a unit, but its proportion and configuration can grow depending on the application, use and requirements. In other words, It can work by itself or be part of a major configuration. Its scale it is also variable. When the object it's bigger, more energy and water can be collected. In this way, bigger events could be powered. Ephemeral Station will be an innovative shelter that will give place to huge variety of uses and functions providing everything they need to function and operate. Some examples of uses are the following:

Workshops , Talks , Camp-out, Theatrical Performance, Musical Events, Market



Exchanges of food or goods, Temporarily settlements, Sports centres, eating areas in bigger events and any activity that requires shelter. Some uses may require incorporating some internal partitions. This is a possibility has also been studied together with the possibilities that

different arrangements and layouts generate. These internal partitions may allow partial internal divisions, dividing public from private areas, they can work as sun and wind protection, they can contain sound and acoustic or simply subdivide the space into smaller parcels for different users.

