

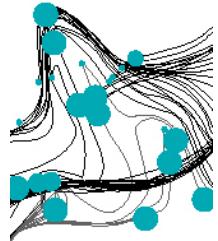
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# MAKING WAVES: VISUALIZING FLUID FLOWS

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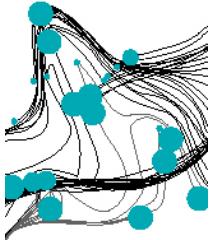
## OUTLINE

To create, calculate and predict:



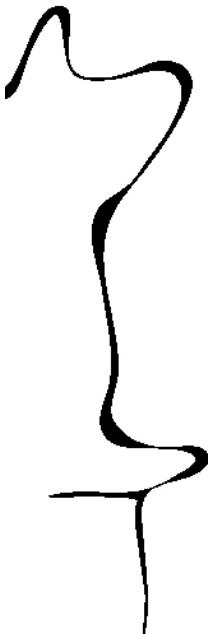
1. **Fluid Dynamics & Mathematics** (maths):
  - breaking waves on gravel beaches/a slice-of-beach
  - Bore-Soliton-Splash: a most extreme rogue wave
2. **Wave Sculptures & Design** (art):
  - Bore-Soliton-Steel Splash & 'time-lapse' sculptures
3. **Future Maths & Art:**
  - Nano furniture?
  - Wave benches?





## 1. MATHS: BREAKING WAVES ON A SLICE-OF-BEACH

Built a science demonstration:



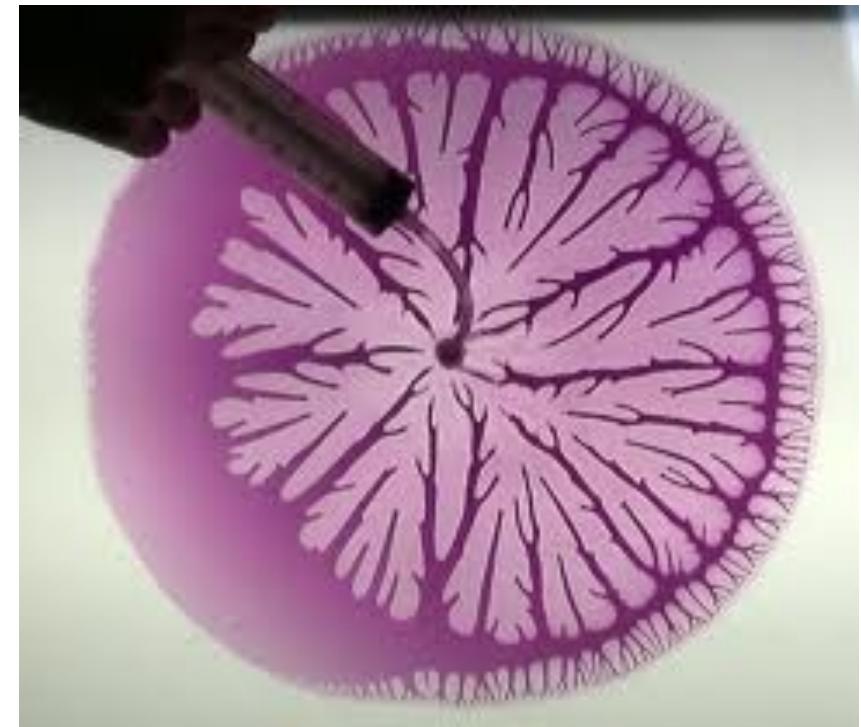
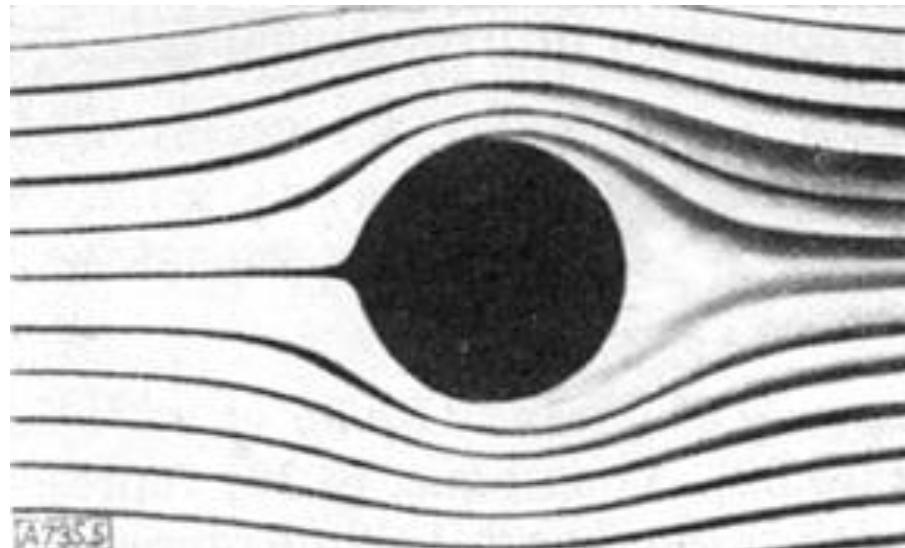
- For the general public in Qua Art Qua Science project  
**Fluid Fascinations** by Bokhove, Haveman, Zwart (2010)
- **Goals:**
  - public dissemination
  - stimulate new science.

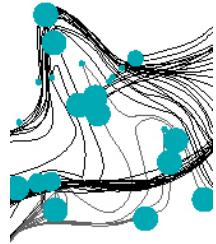


# 1. MATHS: HELE-SHAW SLICE-OF-BEACH

Classical fluid experiment by Hele-Shaw (1898):

- Visualize fluid flow between two closely-separated glass plates with one liquid/fluid & particle/dye for contrast.
  - Top views:

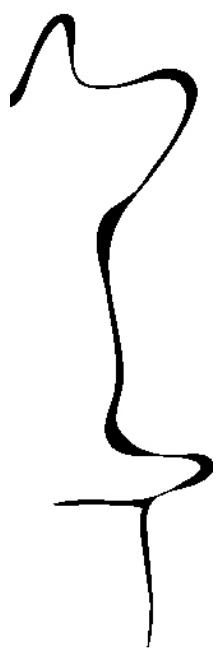




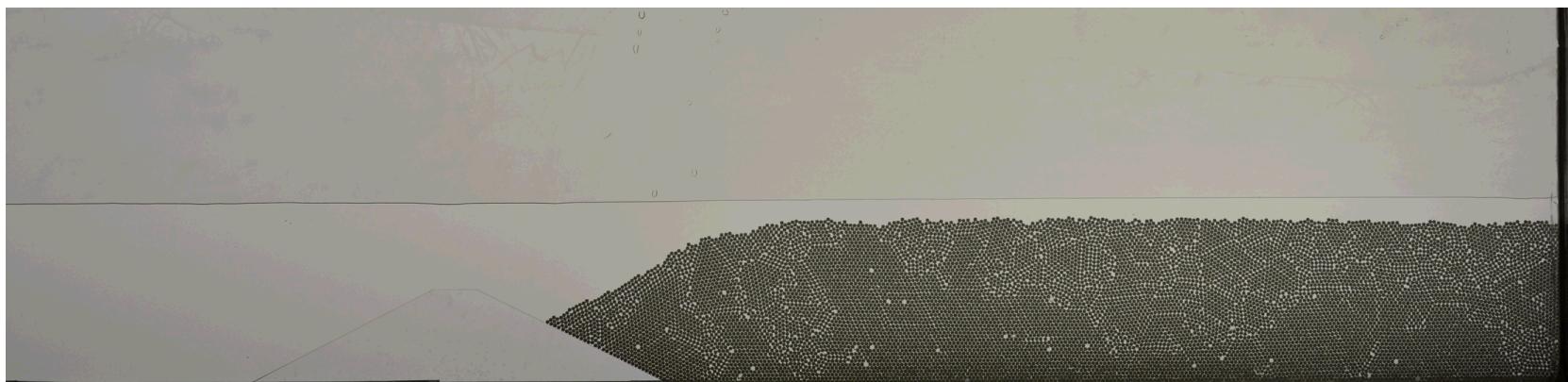
## 1. MATHS: HELE-SHAW SLICE-OF-BEACH

Calculated extension for **vertical** Hele-Shaw cell:

- with gravel/water/air
- applied mathematics required to estimate gap width
- 4 types of wave breaking (Movie1): *plunging/collapsing/spilling/surging*



- berm formation as on shingle/gravel beaches (hidden movie link):



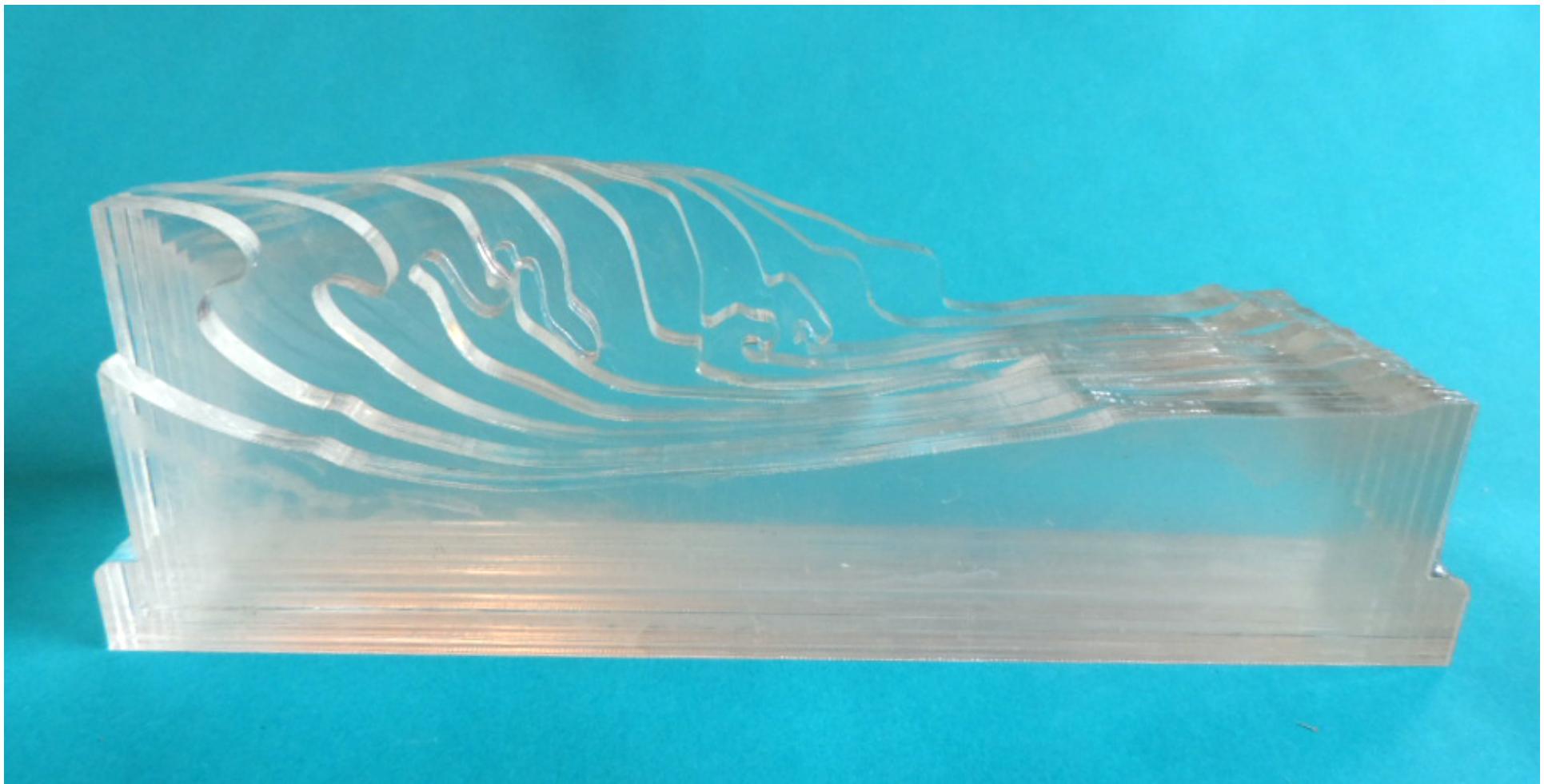
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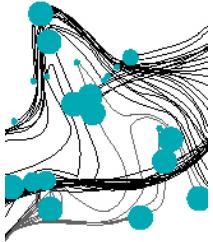
- Wooden plunging, collapsing, spilling and surging breakers:



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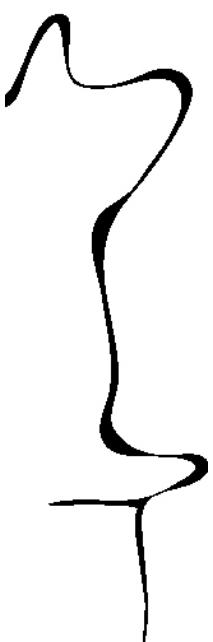
Perspex plunging breaker:



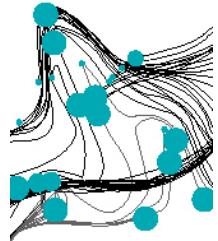


## 1. MATHS: A ROGISH BORE-SOLITON SPLASH

- **Rogue Wave** when [relevance to ships at sea]:  
-  $AI = (\text{'height' rogue wave}) / (\text{mean height ambient waves}) > 2.2$
- Our Bore-Soliton-Splash (Movie2) AI =10 with a **3.5-4m high** splash



- **Challenge:** CFD poorly predicts Splash!



## 2. ART: BORE-SOLITON-STEEL SPLASH

Aim:

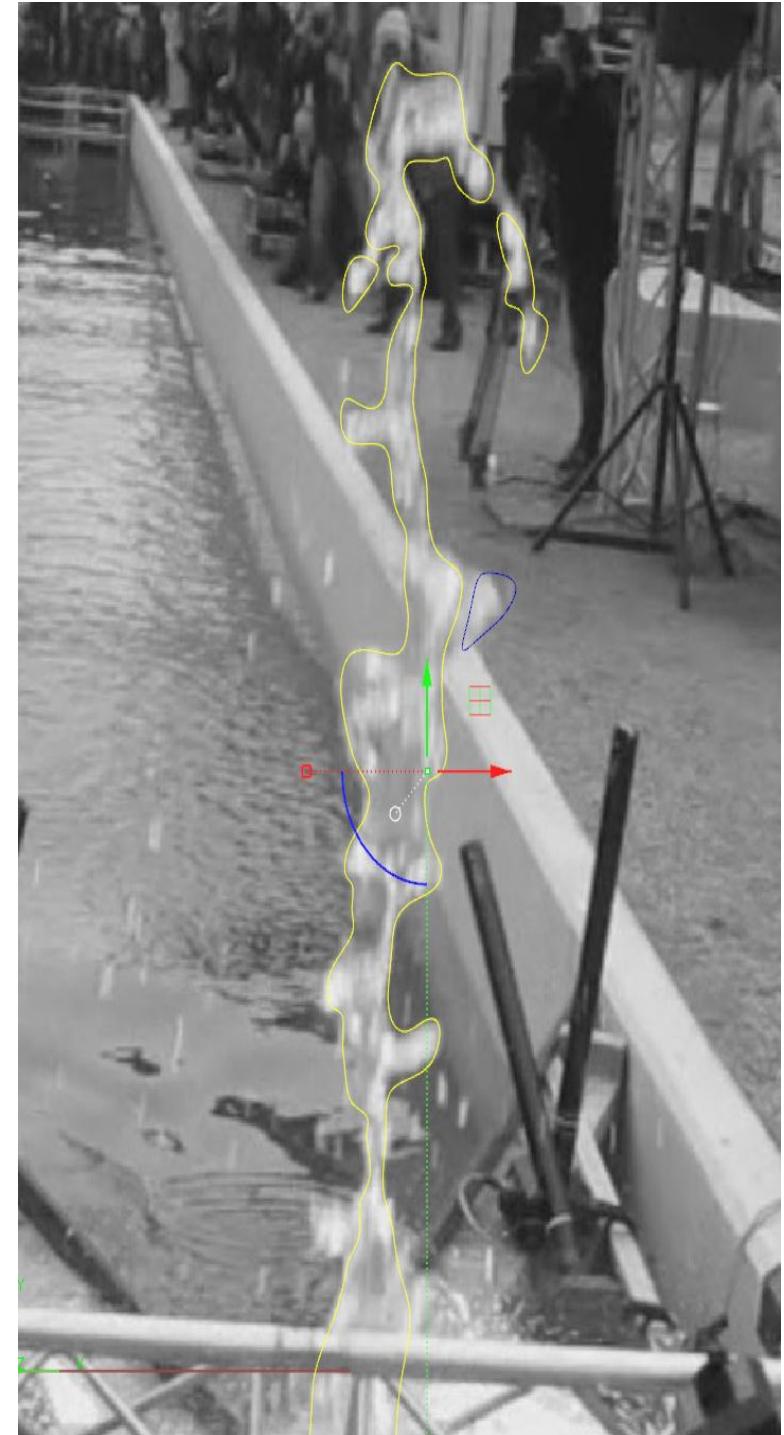
- to make a sculpture starting with the movie of the splash
- Find proper shape through **doing** various **form experiments**
- **Outlines from chosen set of video stills were traced by hand**
- **Inspired by the wooden waves from the beach experiment.**



## 2. ART: BORE-SOLITON-STEEL SPLASH

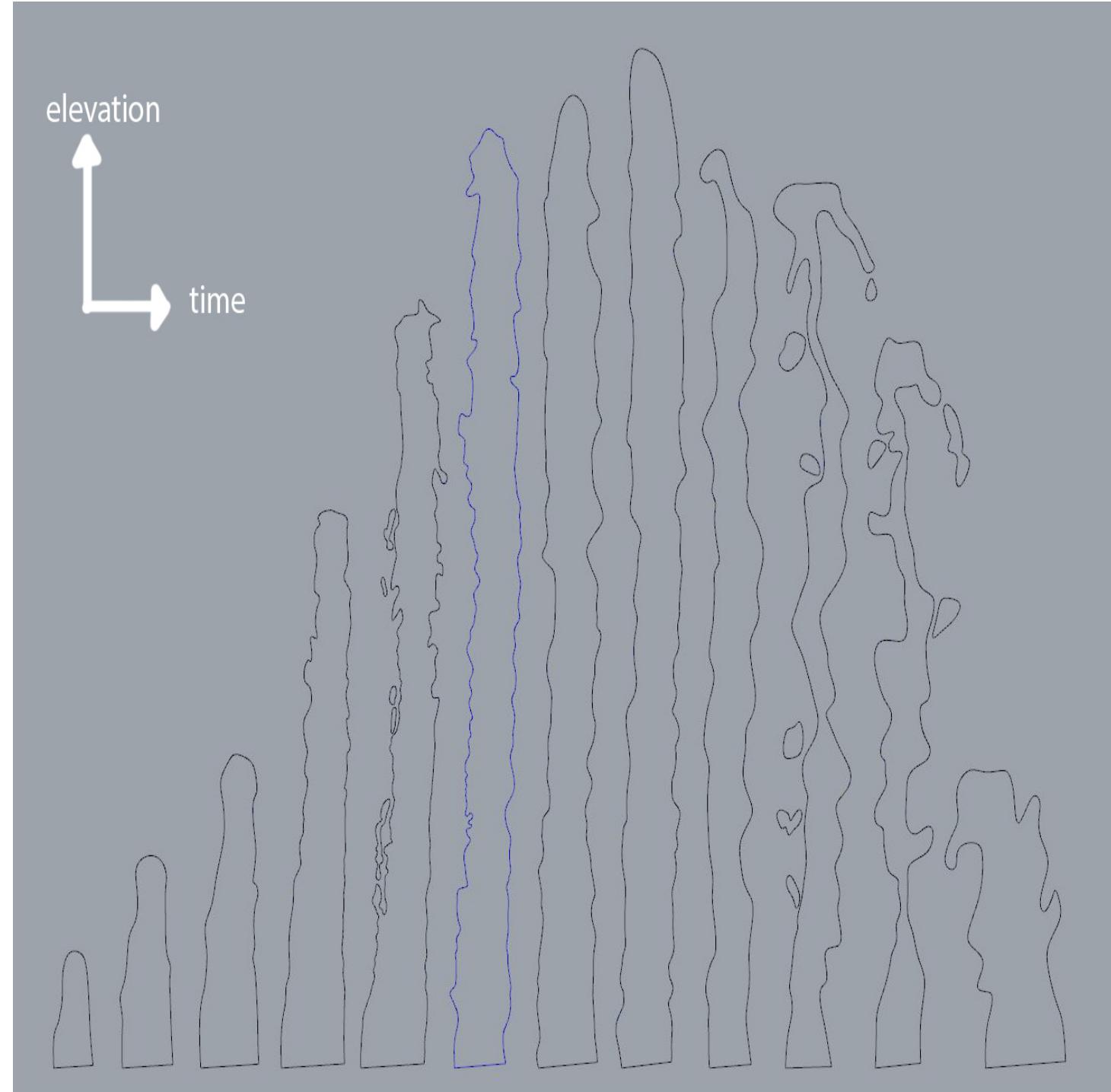
Hand-trace stilled video image in Rhino (CAD):

- Splash-shapes harder to trace than waves due to irregular form
- Shapes simplified
- Mental image how a splash interferes with actual shape
- Solutions, make separate forms of
  - stacked contours wood/acrylic
  - 3D prints of contours
- Change resulting shapes to make them attractive & informative.



## **2. ART: BORE- SOLITON- STEEL SPLASH**

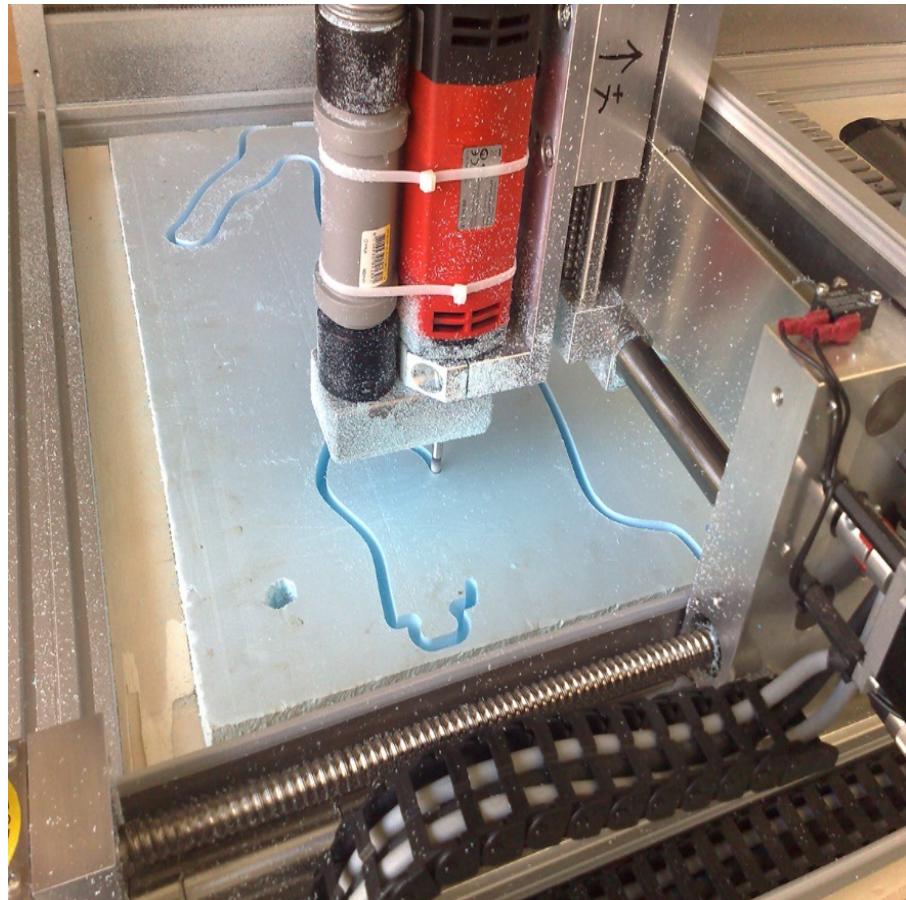
**Sequence  
of  
tracings:**



## 2. ART: BORE-SOLITON-FOAM SPLASH

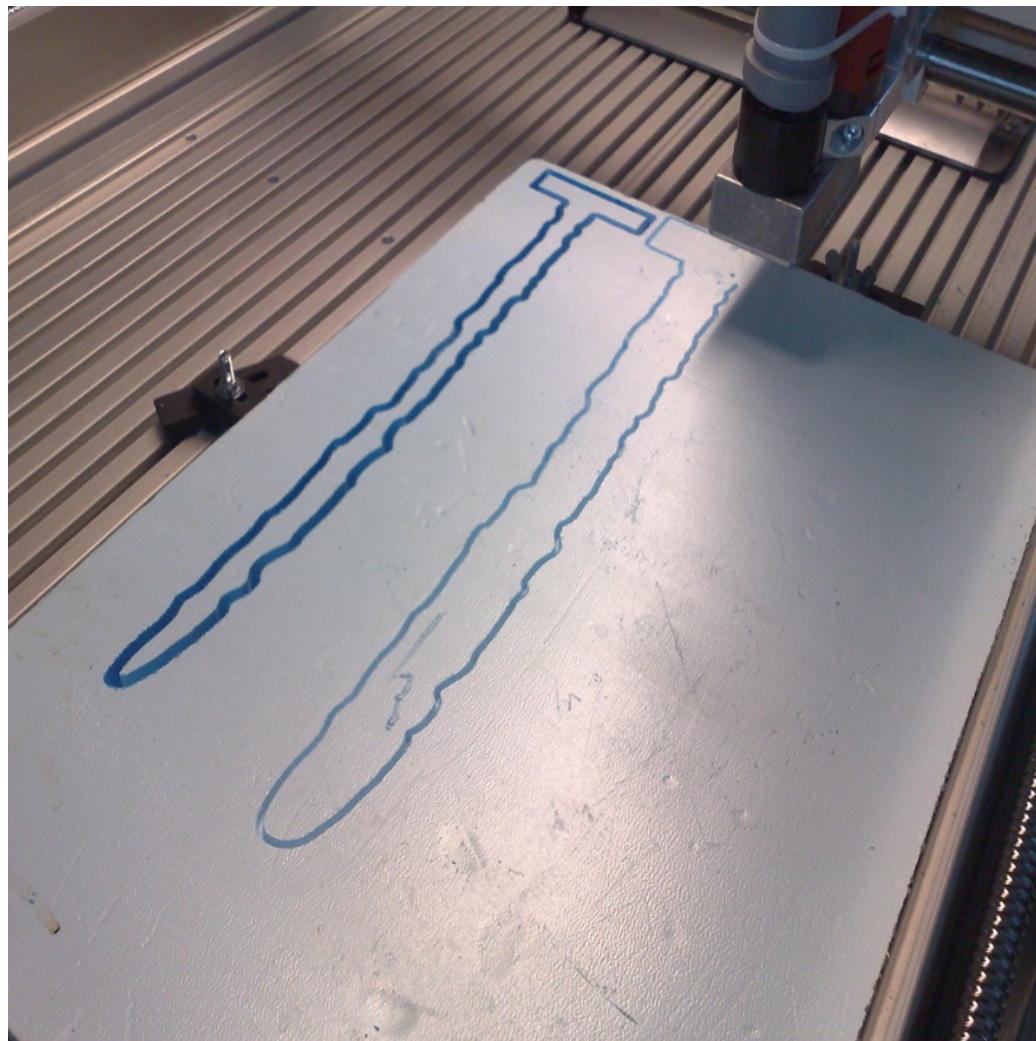
Foam **form study**:

- a model was made out foam.



## **2. ART: BORE-SOLITON-FOAM SPLASH**

Error resulting in molten foam:



## 2. ART: BORE-SOLITON-WOOD SPLASH

Sculpture study:

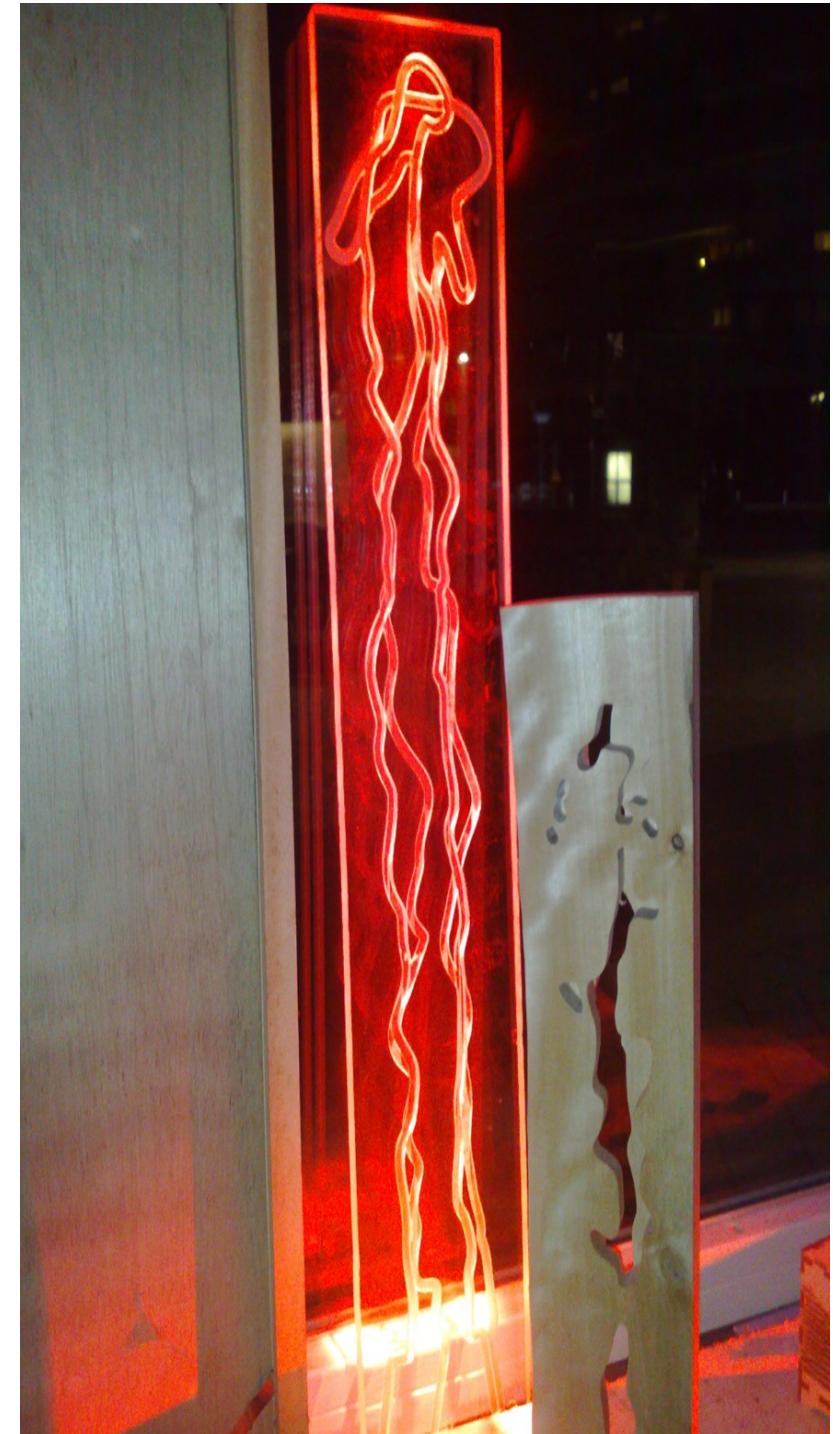
- Model made in wood.



## **2. ART: BORE-SOLITON-PERSPEX SPLASH**

Sculpture **study**:

- Model made in **plexiglass**
- A plexi-glass sheet was cut with the **outlines** and **lit from the side**.



**2. ART:  
BORE-  
SOLITON-  
PERSPEX  
SPLASH**



## 2. BORE-SOLITON-SPLASH ART EXPERIMENT

- The whole **process** is an **experiment** and **investigation** into what can be done with a scientific result
- The **most surprising results** were:
  - the acrylic sheets and
  - the molten foam which reminds us of the fluidity of the original material
- **Steel** literally reflects the water, just as the necessary simplification of the rounded shapes **evokes its fluidity**.

## **2. ART: BORE-SOLITON-STEEL SPLASH**

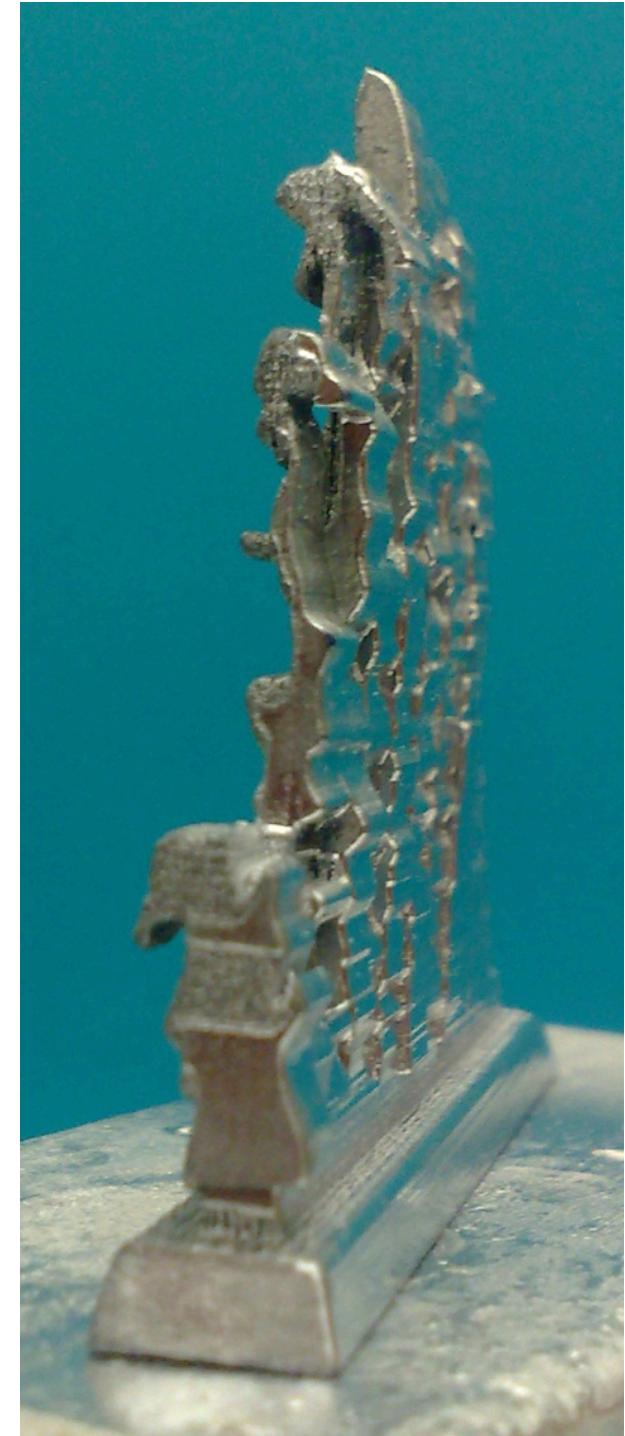
- Hence, smaller 1:3 **steel sculpture** was made
- A **steel sculpture** would be a great object to locate **at the original spot** of the Bore-Soliton-Splash (educational square UT)
- **Too ambitious** to realize in a couple of months.



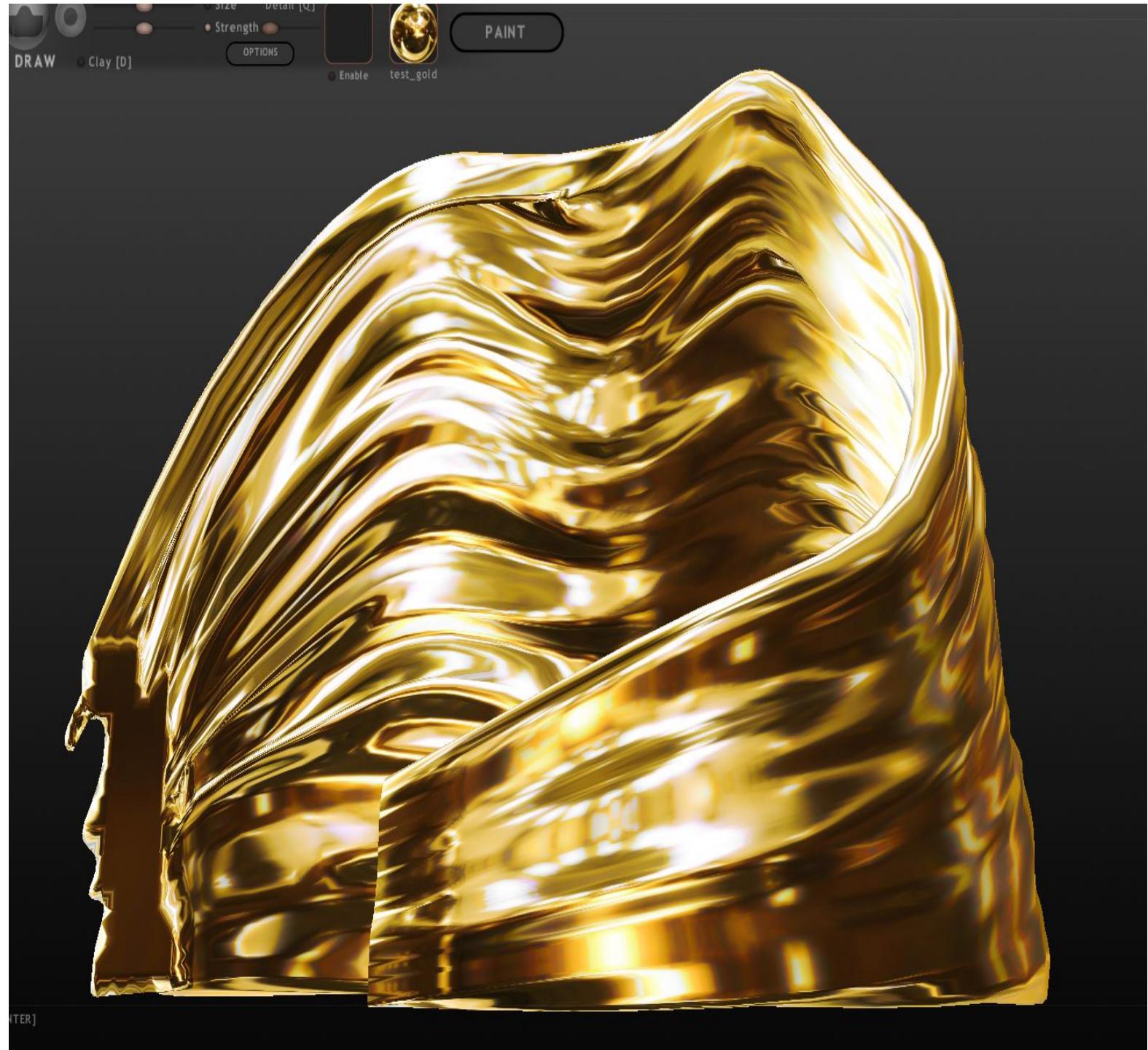


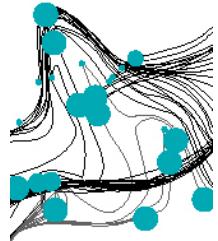
## 2. ART: BORE-SOLITON-SPLASH PRINTS

- A form study using all time silhouettes was made using **3D-printing**:
- The **accuracy** of curves and their use as scientific visualizations are limited
- With a better recording a **more accurate visualization** will be possible.



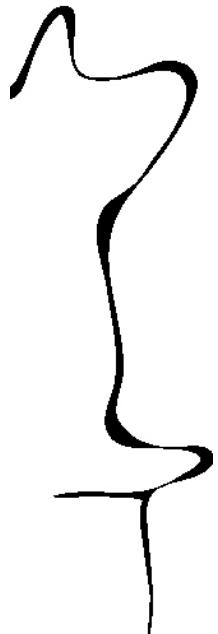
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### 3. FUTURE MATHS & ART

Future work/requests/discussion?

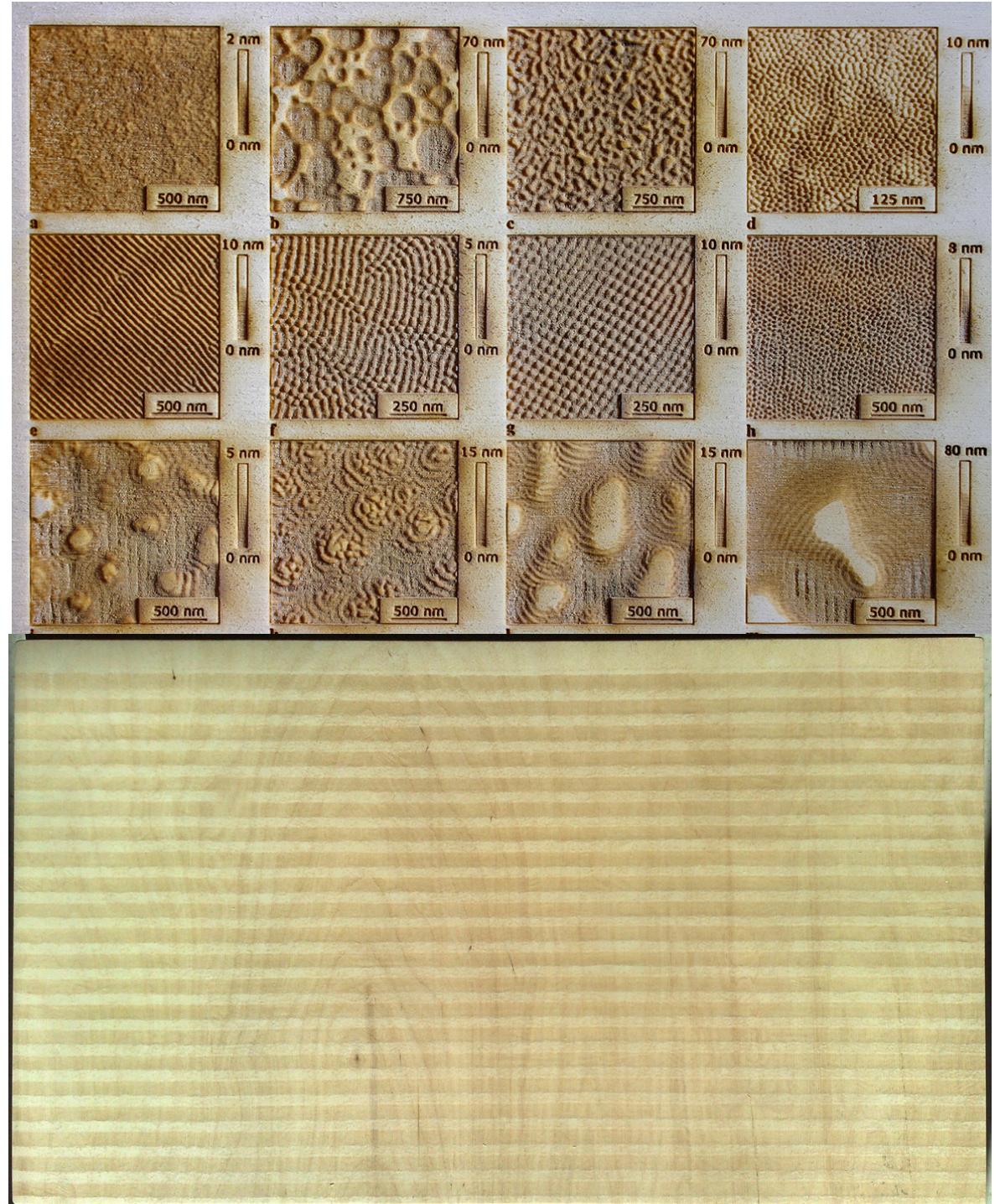


- Maths:
  - analytical & numerical modelling ion-beam sputtering &
  - surface patterns akin to beach patterns
- Fluid Dynamics (OB&WZ):
  - Design & testing of wave energy devices starting this week!
- Art & Design:
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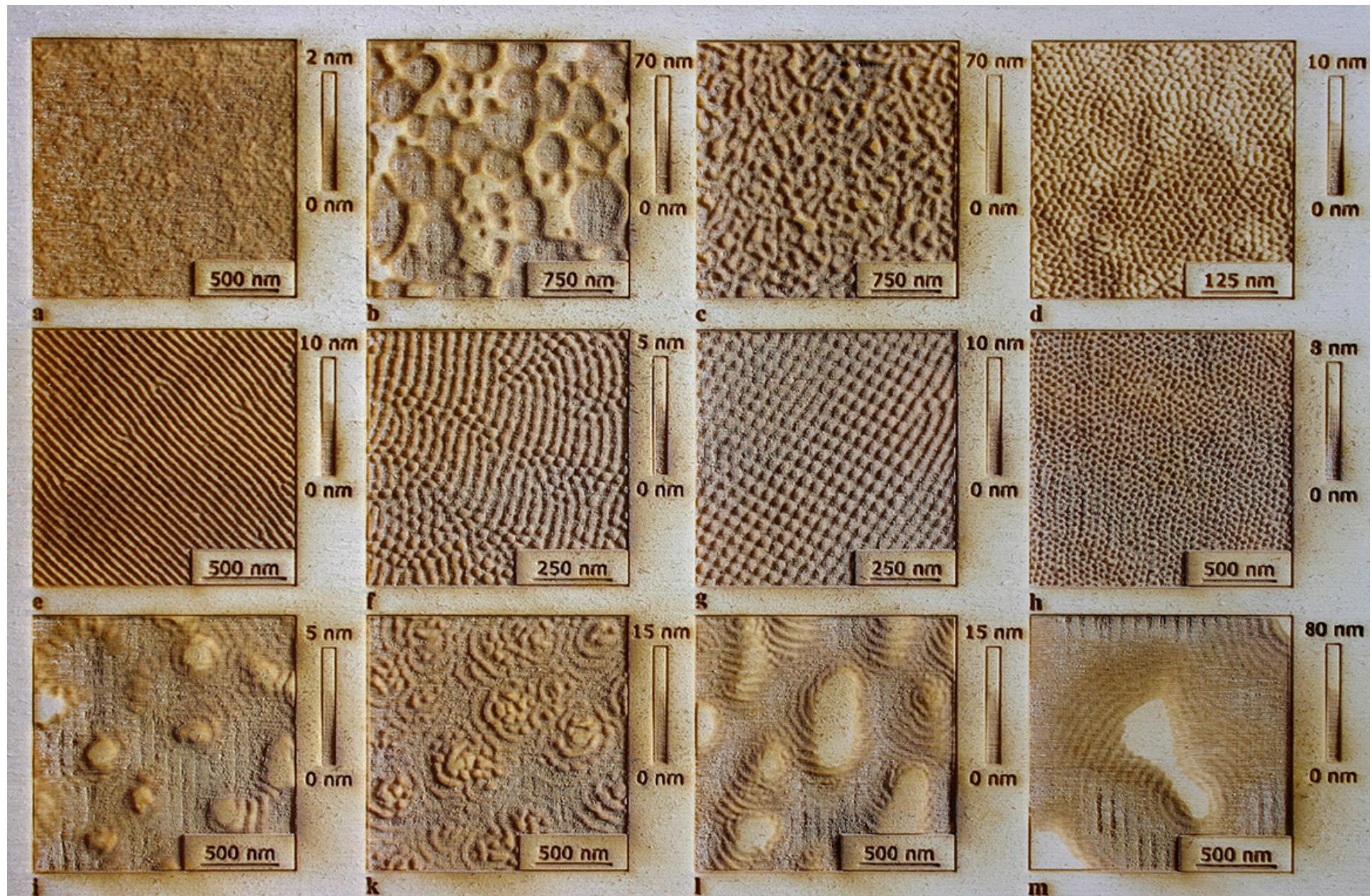
## Art & Design?

- From Frost et al. (2000):
- Panels for Fred Bijkerk's new nano lab:
- What happens when we use nano patterns in design?



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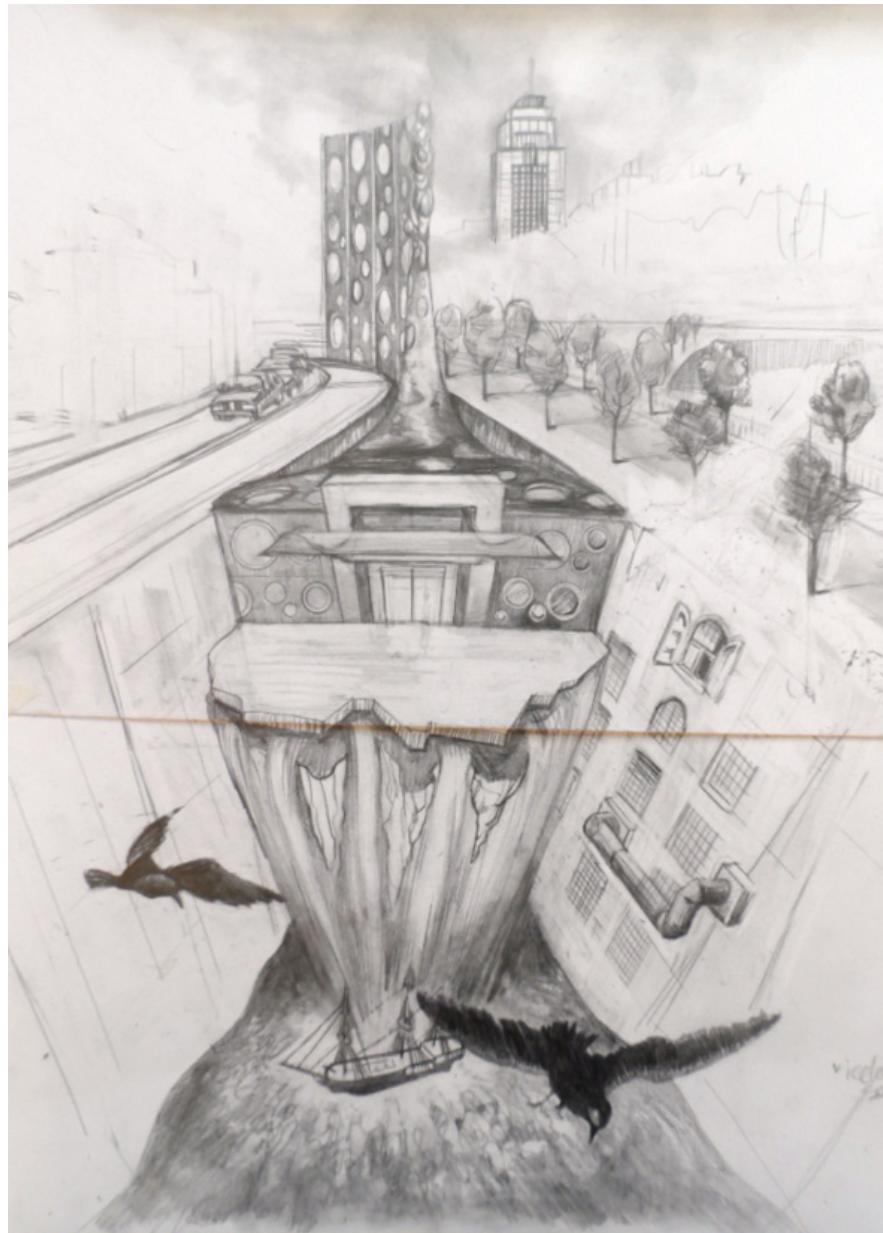


## Art & Design?

- **Panels** surrounding computer screens for Fred Bijkerk's new nano lab:



# Questions?



### 3. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- Art for sale & on display at FabLab
- Aug: Wout Zweers' Rozendaal Studio
- Movie1 wave types:  
[www.obardvantwenhe.eu/public/golbakonno2.avi](http://www.obardvantwenhe.eu/public/golbakonno2.avi)
- Movie2  
“Soliton splash opening O&O plein UTwente” at:  
<http://www.youtube.com/user/woutzweers> &  
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