

XOCHIMILCO

COSMOS AND MULTISPECIES MUTUALITY

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"Indeterminacy, the unplanned nature of time, is frightening, but thinking through precarity makes it evident that indeterminacy also makes life possible."
Anna Tsing, *Mushroom at the End of the World*.

"Becoming is more beautiful than being"
Paul Klee

This project looks at Xochimilco chinampas, in Mexico City, from a thermodynamic point of view. As the most efficient human made agricultural site in the Aztec Empire, these floating islands demonstrate how more-than-human interactions contribute to the equilibrium of the whole system, from starlight to chemical energy, from the cosmos to cyanobacteria. Chinampas design fed a city of 400,000 in the 14th century, proving that it is possible to live in mutuality in a multispecies world. Xochimilca people and the whole Mesoamerican cultures, looked at the energies of the sky to measure time and energy on Earth, because they understood that life on Earth exists through the dissipation of energy in different scales and in with various cycles.

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Time's Arrow Time's Cycle
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