Zaha Hadid Architects' pavilion design for Chicago's Burnham Plan Centennial celebrates the city's ongoing tradition of bold plans and big dreams.

The project encourages reinvention and improvement on an urban scale and welcomes the future with innovative ideas and technologies whilst referencing the original organizational systems of Burnham's plan. The design aims at continuing Chicago's renowned tradition of cutting edge architecture and engineering, at the scale of a temporary pavilion. It triggers the visitors' curiosity and encourages them to consider the future of Chicago.

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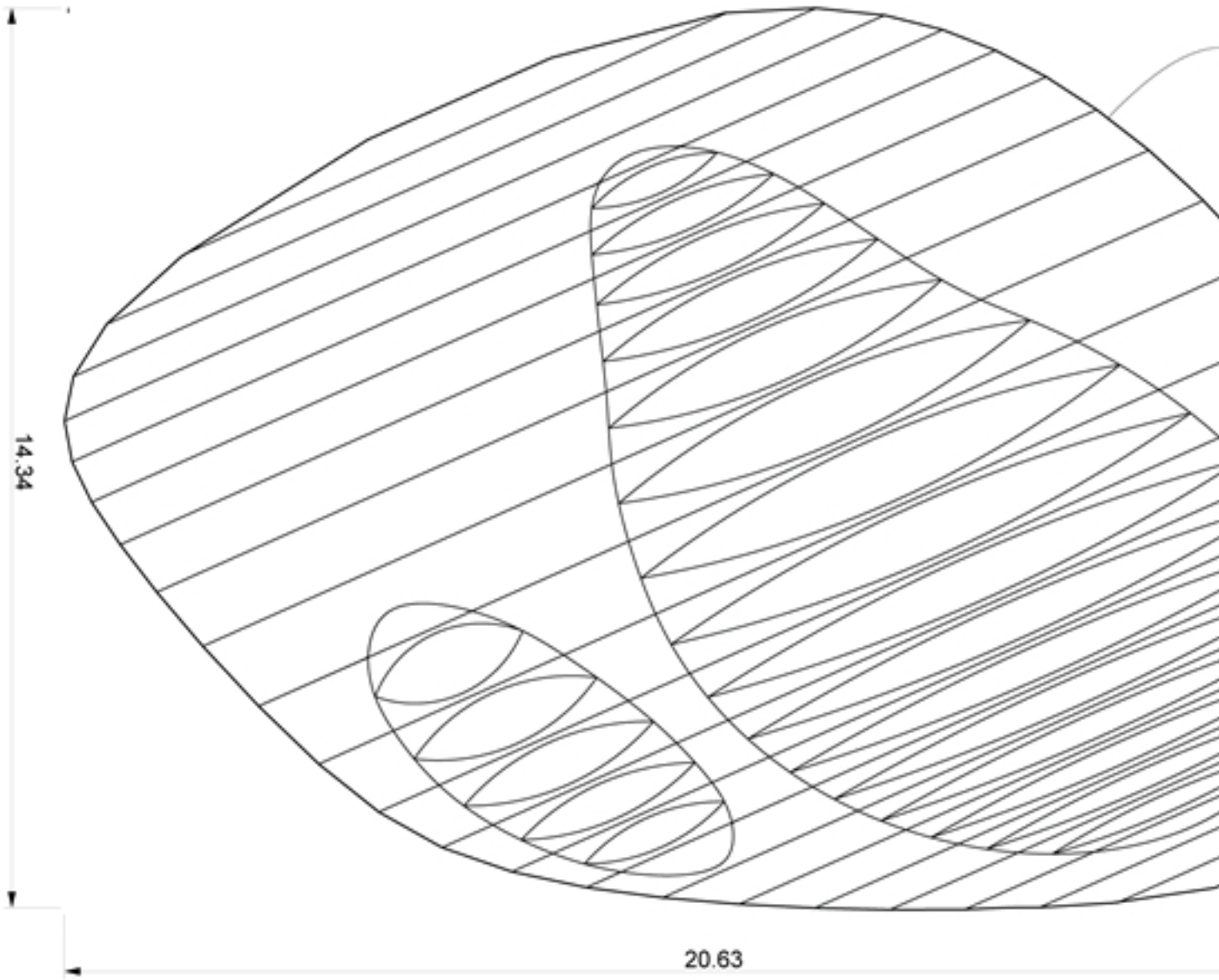
The design merges new formal concepts with the memory of bold historic urban planning. Superimpositions of spatial structures with hidden traces of Burnham's organizational systems and architectural representations create unexpected results. By using methods of overlaying, complexity is build up and inscribed in the structure.



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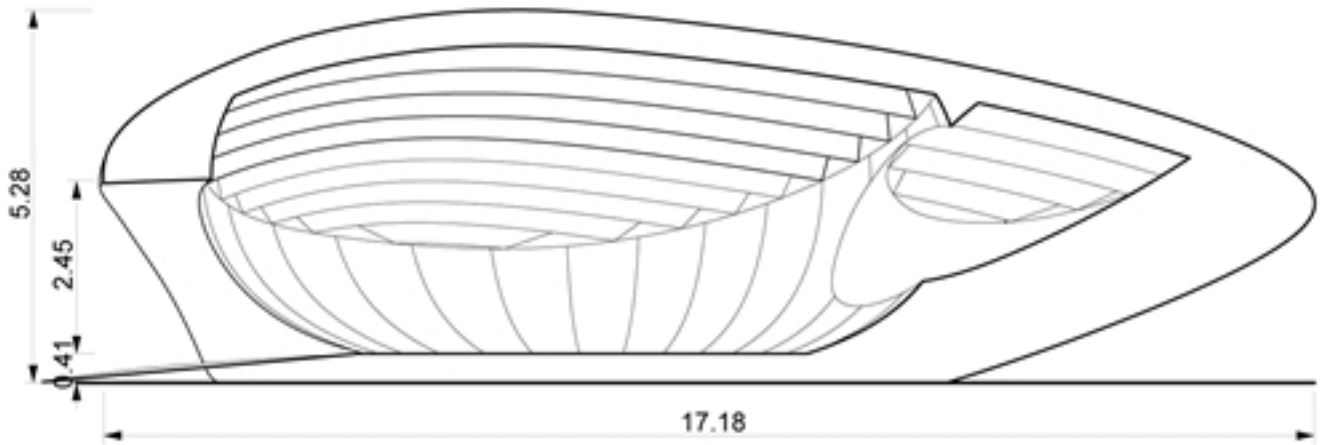

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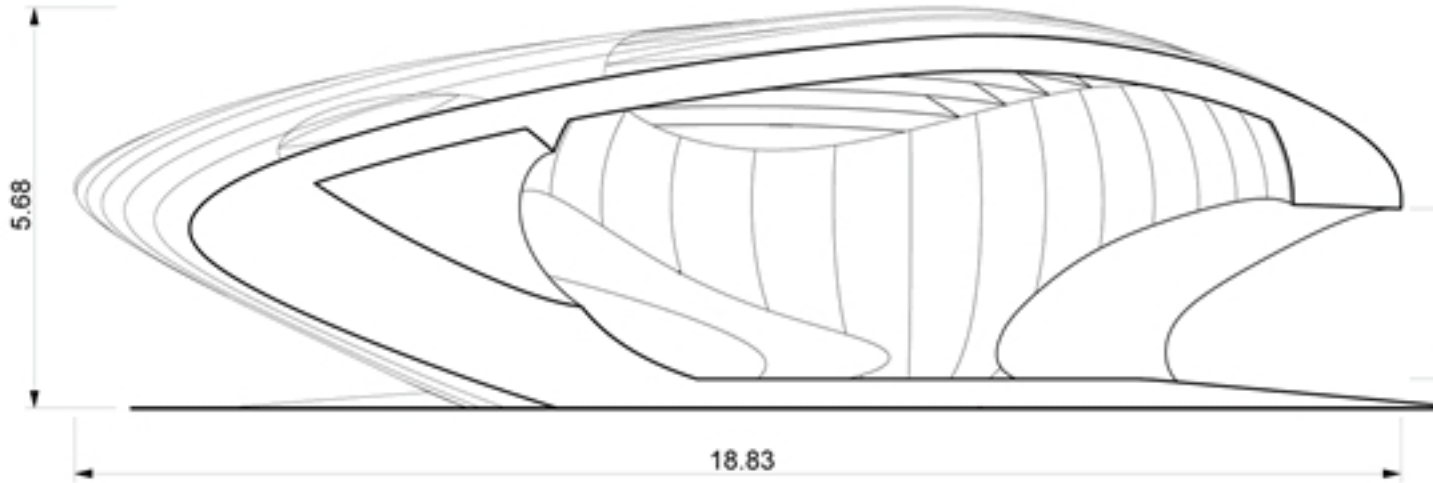

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