a hot spring in tamina gorge

BEYOND SUBJECT - BEYOND OBJECT
'In western culture... it is considered important to clearly differentiate between any two distinct phenomena. But by dividing all existence into either yes or no, interior or exterior, mind or body, the warmth that lies at the border between the two extremes is lost, sacrificed to rationality.'

'We are composed of matter and live in the midst of matter. Our objective should not be to remove matter, but rather to search for a form of matter other than objects. What that form is called – architecture, gardens, computer technology – is not important. Until a new name is given to that form, I will call it the Anti-Object.'
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- Kengo Kuma

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- In sympathy with Kuma
AN ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ANTI-OBJECT DOMAIN

Concealment of the building, or site, through its placement in the terrain, or enclosure by other unrelated objects.
Discreet/ masking points of entry.
Prevention of overall views, from within the site or its buildings.

A SENSORIAL CREATION OF THE ANTI-OBJECT

Darkness.
'Distracting' sensorial contact.

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ENGAGEMENT WITH EXISTING CONTINUA OF NATURE

Minimisation of structure.
Resonance of the structure with surroundings.
Softening of separating edges.

A STRUCTURAL CREATION OF THE ANTI-OBJECT

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* ANTI-OBJECT TECHNIQUES

A summary of the anti-object techniques found in *Ginzan Onsen Fujiya and Horai Onsen Bath House*
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A charged leaving behind of the outside world, and an entry into an unknown one.
A charged moment of darkness and enclosure before the expansion at the Horai bathing house.

(STRIPPING) A STRIPPING OF THE PERSONAL, FROM MEMORY.

Staying away from home.
Time spent in non-personal space
Views avoid anything that would remind of a previous life.

(STRIPPING) A STRIPPING OF THE PERSONAL, PHYSICALLY

Distance from home environment and belongings.
Leaving of shoes at entrance.
Minimal space for the display of personal items.
Abandonment of clothes to bathe.
Separation of the storing of clothes and the bathing area.

(CONTACT) A DIRECT, SENSORIAL CONNECTION WITH SURROUNDINGS.

Material texture on bare skin, splashed water on skin, steam, temperature change, water pressure on the body..
Dimensional constraints - or 'felt' pressure.

A LAYERING ON OF THE NON-PERSONAL.

Bathing minerals are kept on the body after bathing.
Communal clothes may potentially be worn.
Locally grown food may be ingested.
POTENTIAL
The geothermal fluids are arranged by their geochemical type and by decreasing temperature. The field "Location" gives the site and sample point names. The sample number is the same as that shown in Fig. 4.

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