

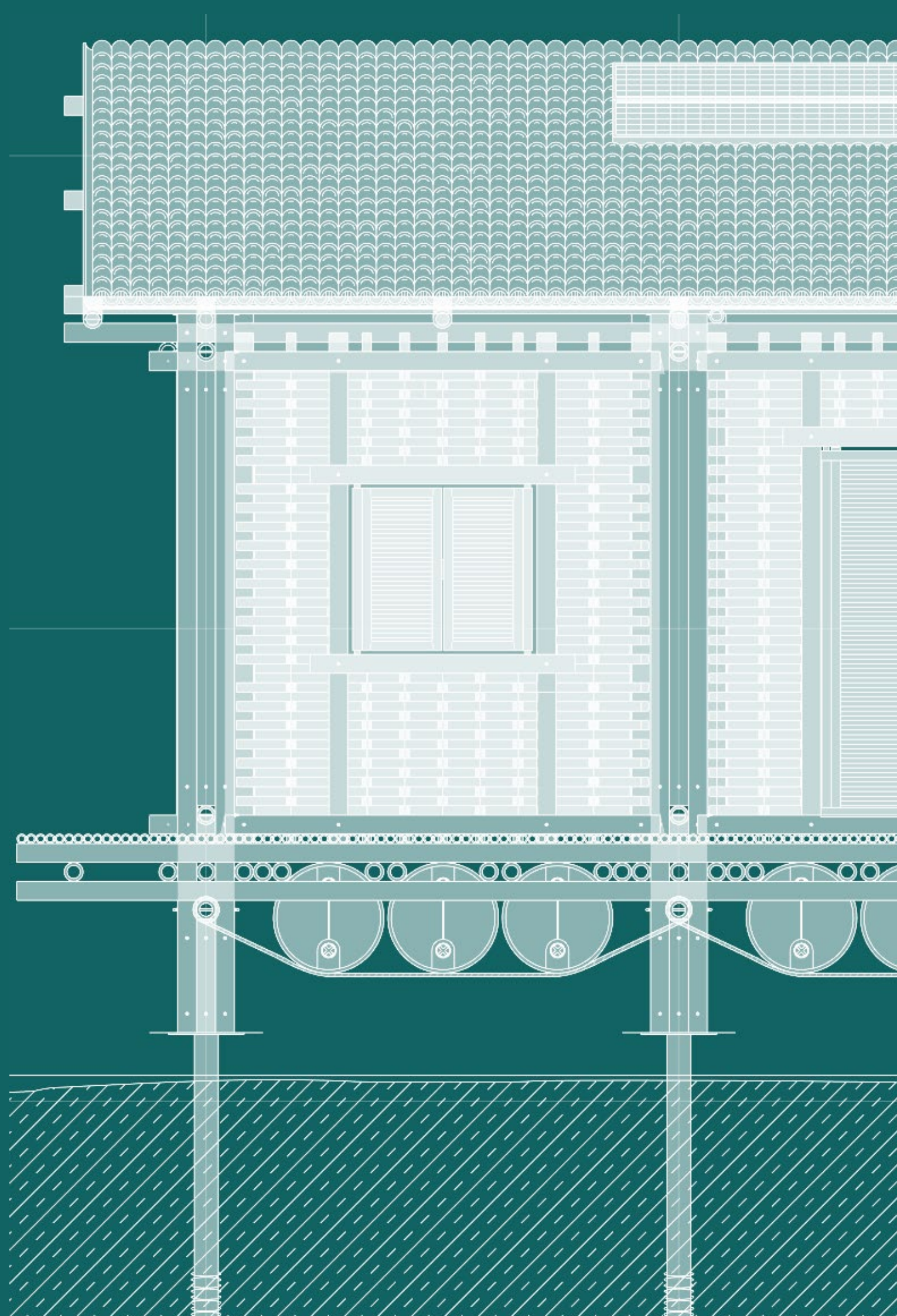
# Floating on Invisible Waters

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# Invisible Waters in a Sinking City

Exploring Adaptive Strategies for Jakarta Amid Land Subsidence



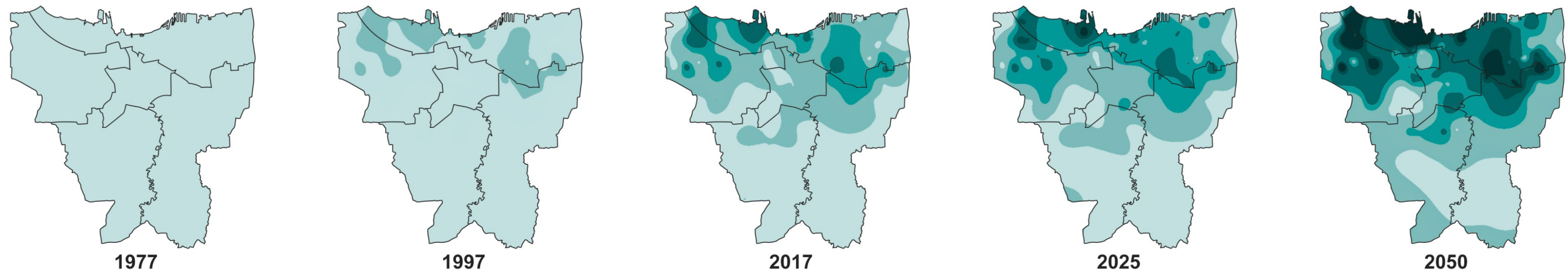
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# Jakarta is the fastest sinking city in the world



“(...) by 2050 about 95% of North Jakarta will be submerged.”

– Henri Andreas, Researcher from Bandung Institute of Technology

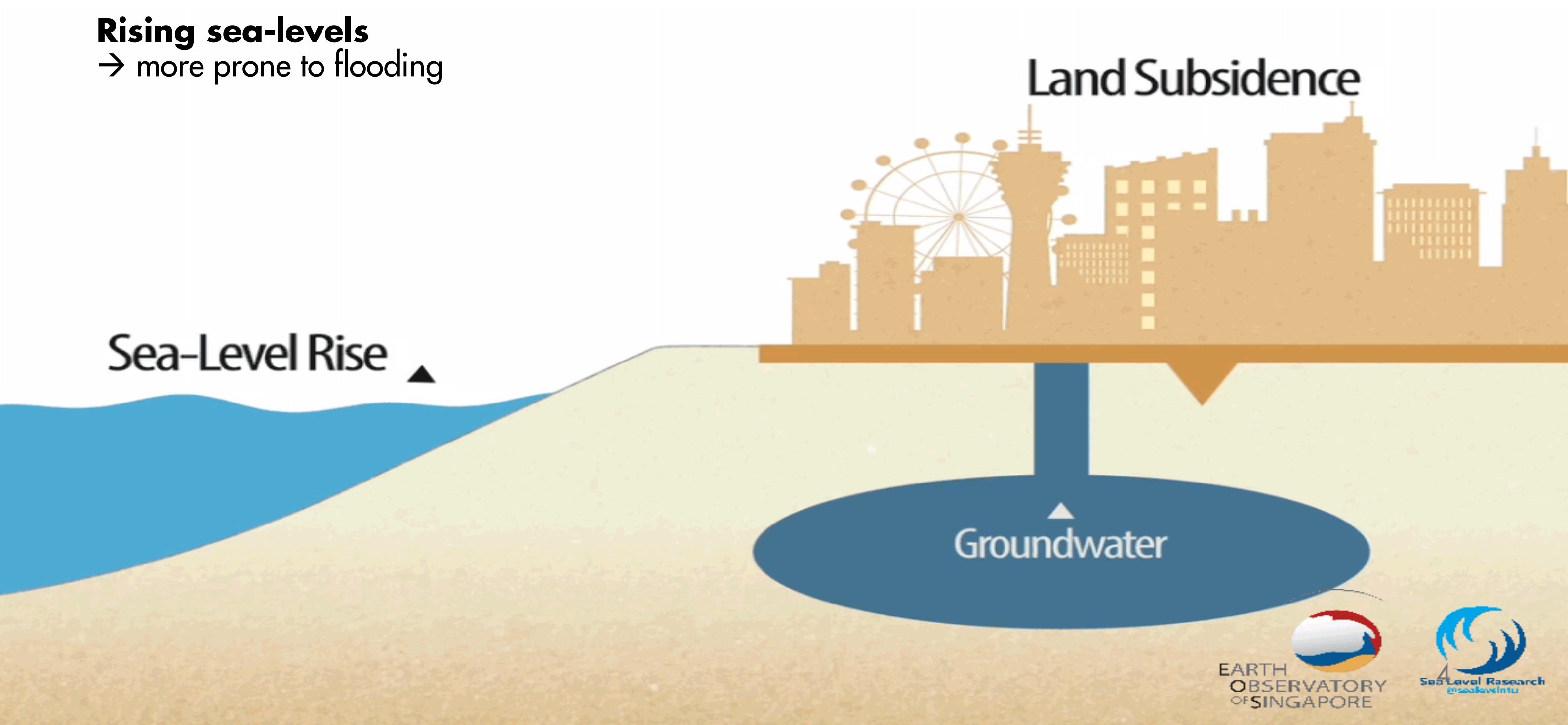


## Land subsidence due to:

- (Illegal) Overextraction of groundwater
- Overurbanization
- Not enough water refilled in the aquifers due to poor drainage systems and overuse of concrete

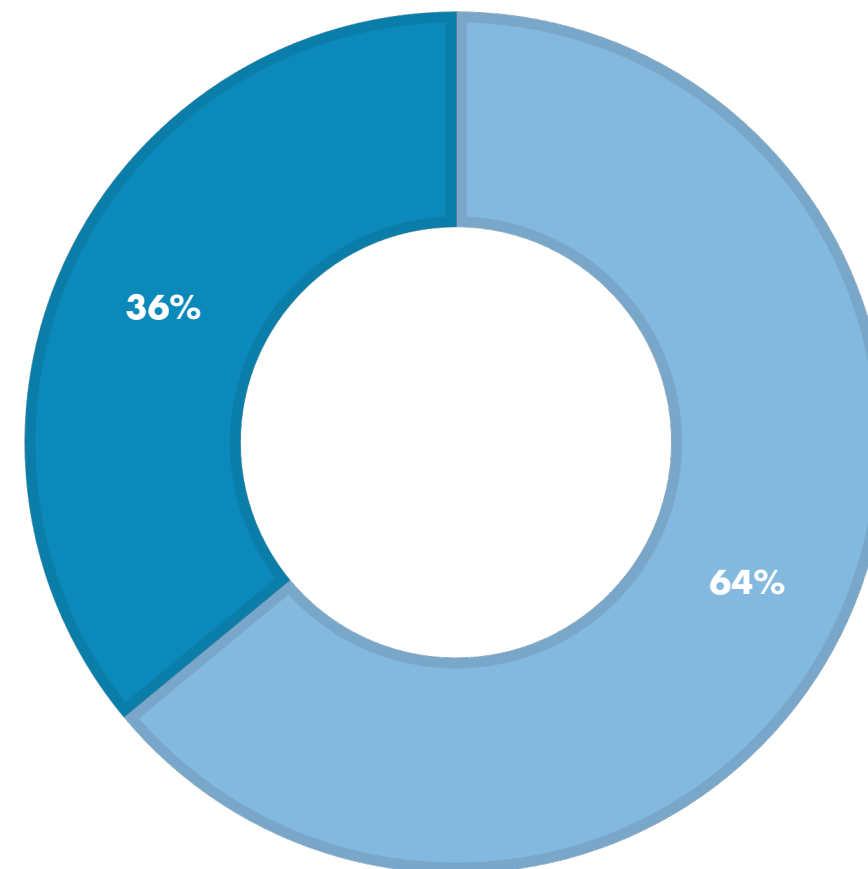
## Rising sea-levels

→ more prone to flooding





■ access to clean piped water   ■ no access to clean piped water



"Raw water sources in Jakarta, such as rivers, lakes, and ponds, cannot answer the supply for 36 percent of the people who have not been served," said PAM Jaya Service Director Syahrul Hasan.

PAM Jaya has targeted to expand the coverage to 100 percent by 2030. (TEMPO, 2022)







# Studio: **City of the Future**

Uncertain future for the sinking city Jakarta

*Who are most affected by this problem?*

*What is done to stop this now?*

- *Current strategies*
- *Global strategies*

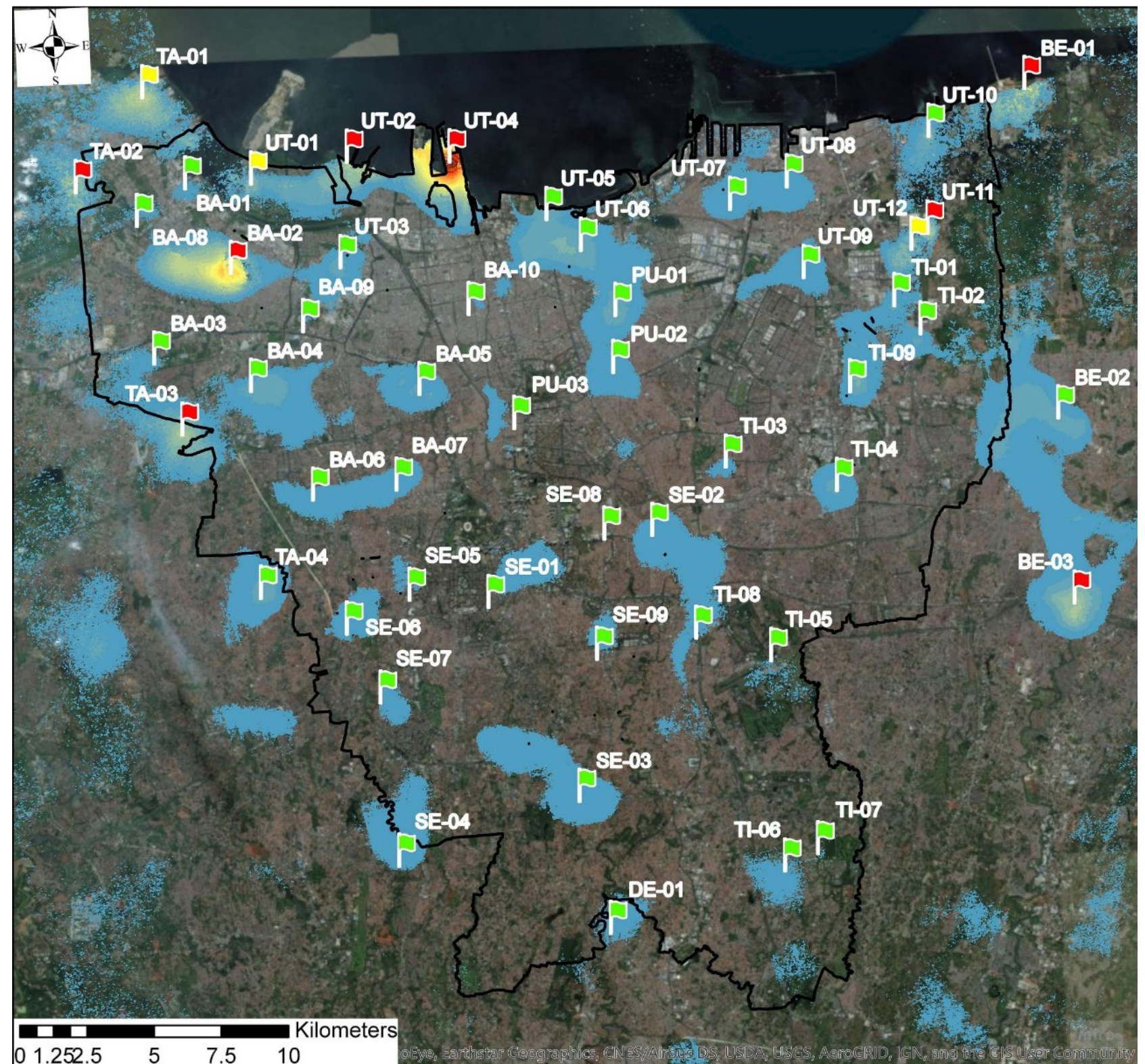
*What can we do better?*

- *Innovative solutions*
- *Speculative future*



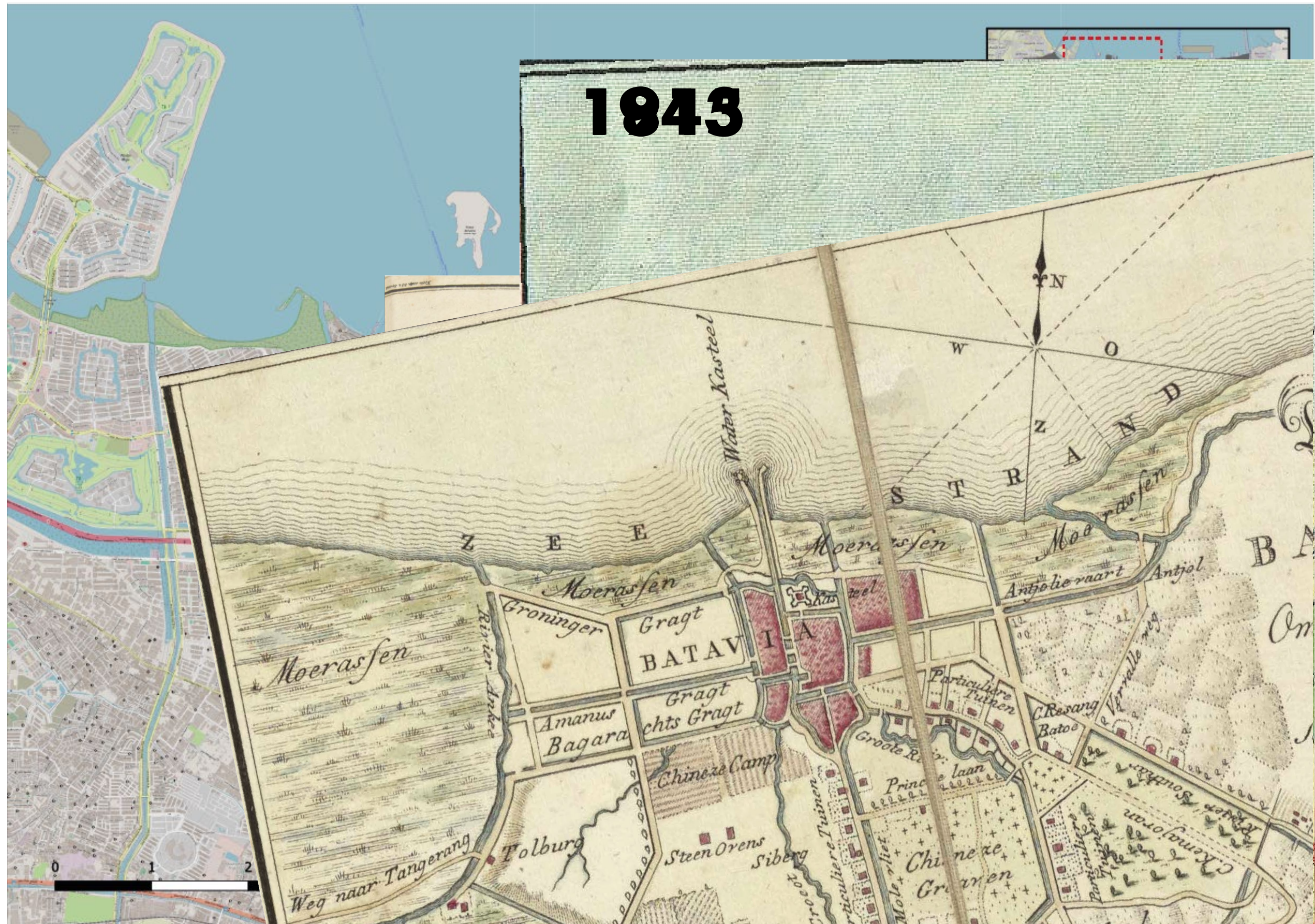
# Most affected areas and communities

- Coastal region is most affected by land subsidence
  - Huge part of the coast is reclaimed land
- Low-income communities who are heavily reliant on groundwater extraction





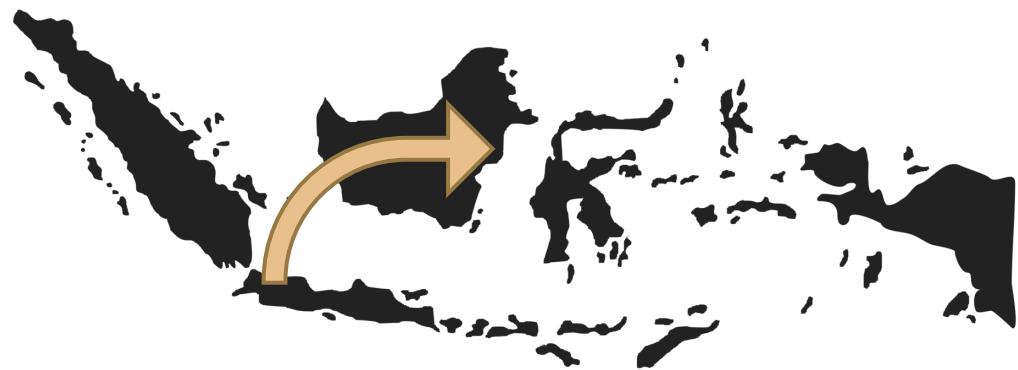
## Root cause of land subsidence (history)





# Current strategies

*Ineffective/temporarily effective*



1. Capital Relocation



2. Giant Seawall



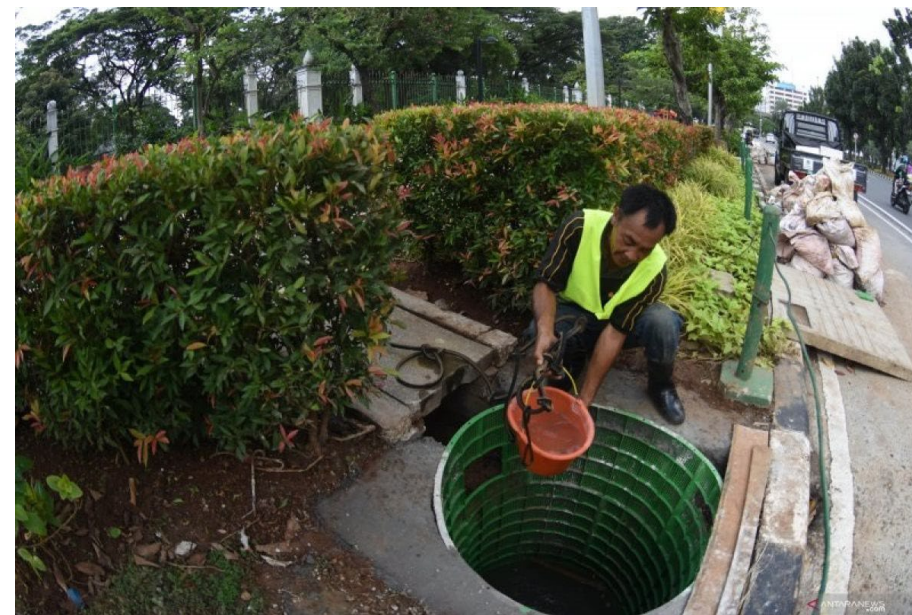
3. Policies and regulations

# Current strategies

*Not effective enough*



4. Expanding piped water system



5. Groundwater recharge through infiltration wells



# Current strategies

*Effective enough*



6. Mangrove reforestation



7. Flood-resilient houses

# Reference project:

Muara Angke fishermen village

stilt houses

floating houses

desalination facility

floating football field

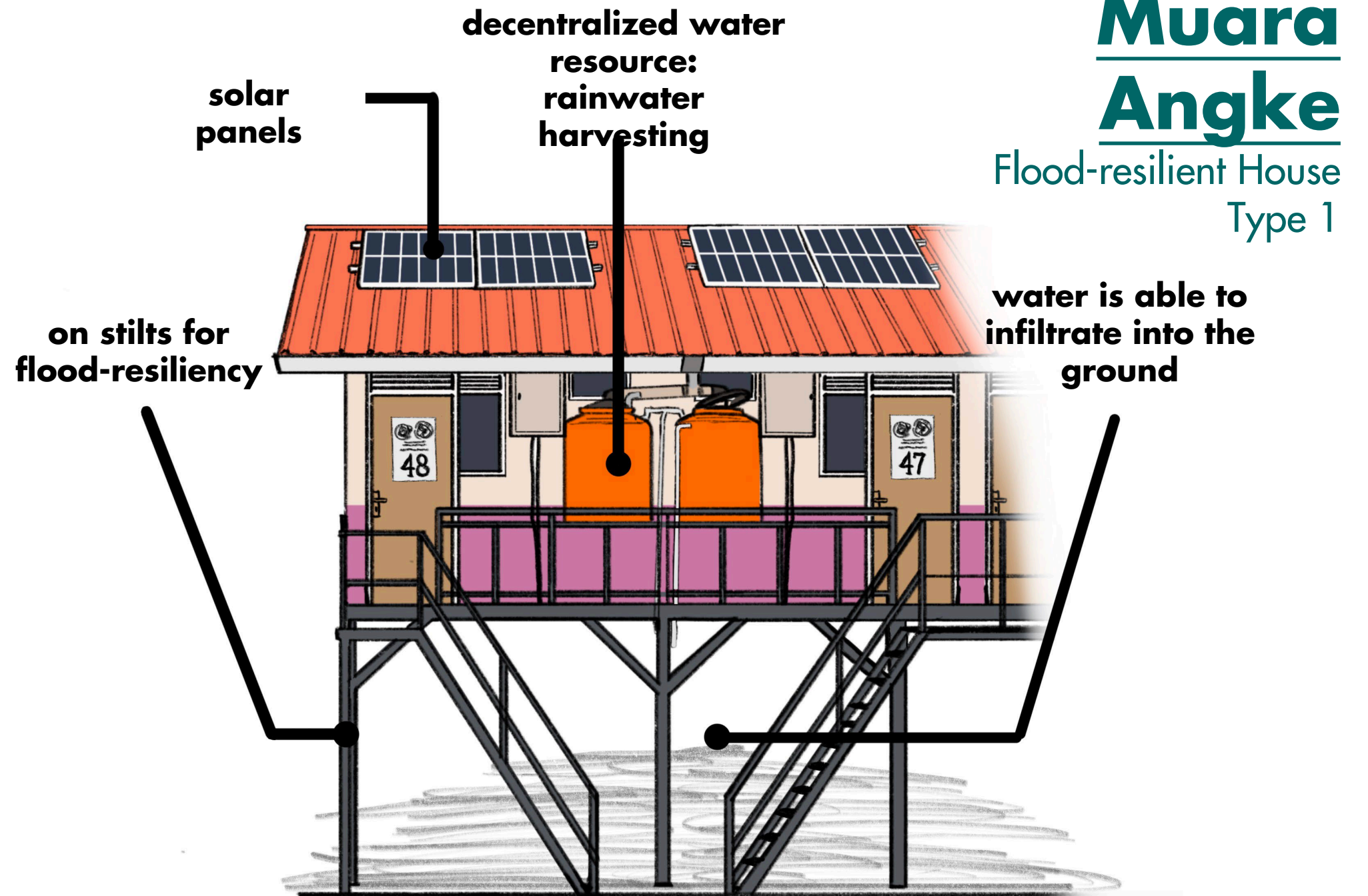
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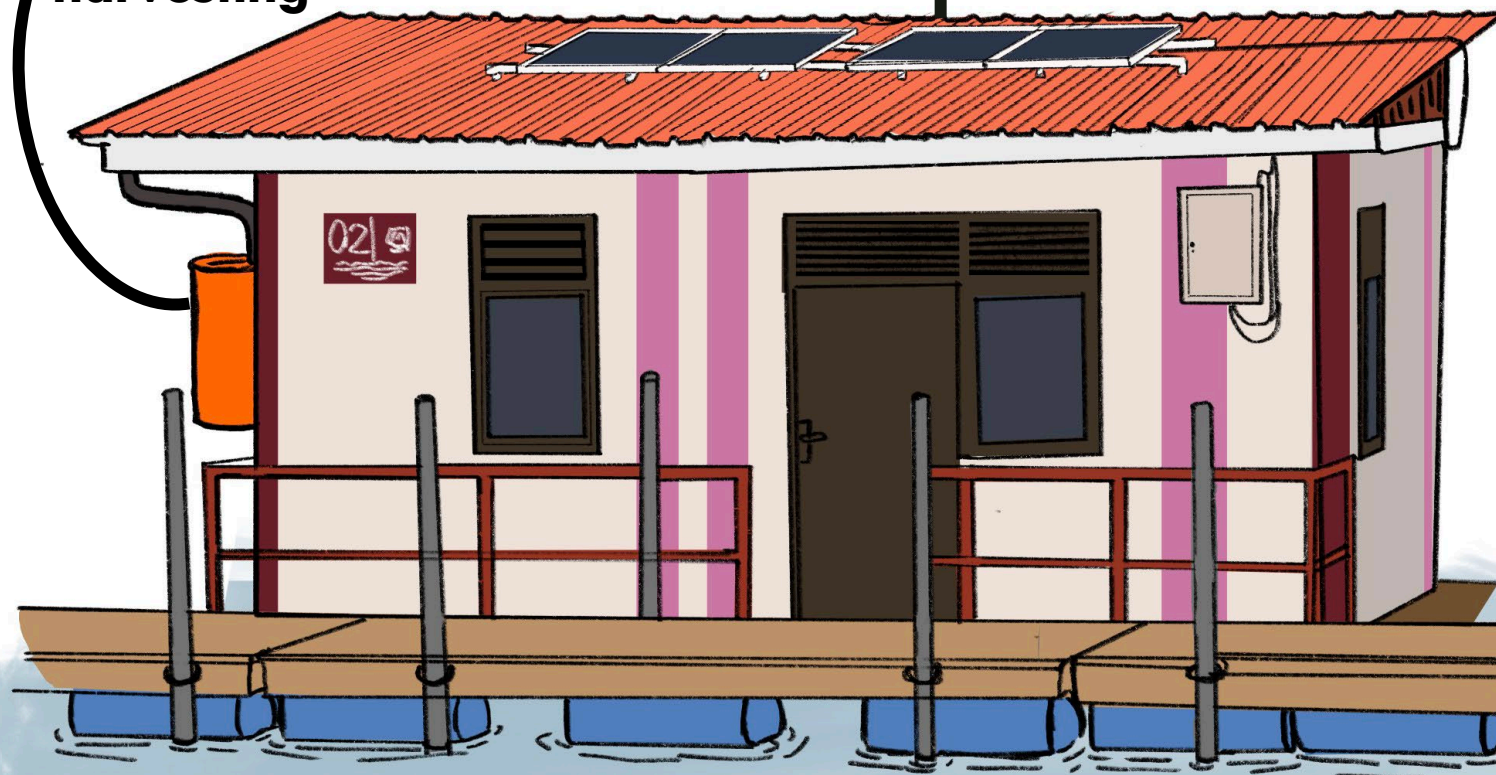


# Muara Angke

Flood-resilient House  
Type 2

decentralized  
water resource:  
rainwater  
harvesting

solar  
panels



**Floating  
drums/barrels for  
flood-resilient**  
connected to stilts so they don't  
float away



# Conclusion

*“While current strategies show a growing recognition of the crisis, many of the most visible solutions, such as the Giant Sea Wall or the planned capital relocation, **risk repeating the same patterns of exclusion that contributed to the problem in the first place.** These large-scale interventions are often framed as ambitious, forward-looking projects, yet they rarely engage with the communities most affected by land subsidence or flooding. Without **inclusive planning and long-term commitment to social equity**, such projects may protect infrastructure or elite developments while leaving informal settlements and vulnerable neighborhoods even more exposed.”*



# Design goal

- **participatory, community-led approach** that is supported by organizations and grounded in local knowledge.
- create conditions for residents to shape their own responses by prioritizing **autonomy, adaptability, and ecological integration.**
- intention is not to design for the community, but to **work alongside** them in a collaborative process that fosters shared learning



# Community Research Center

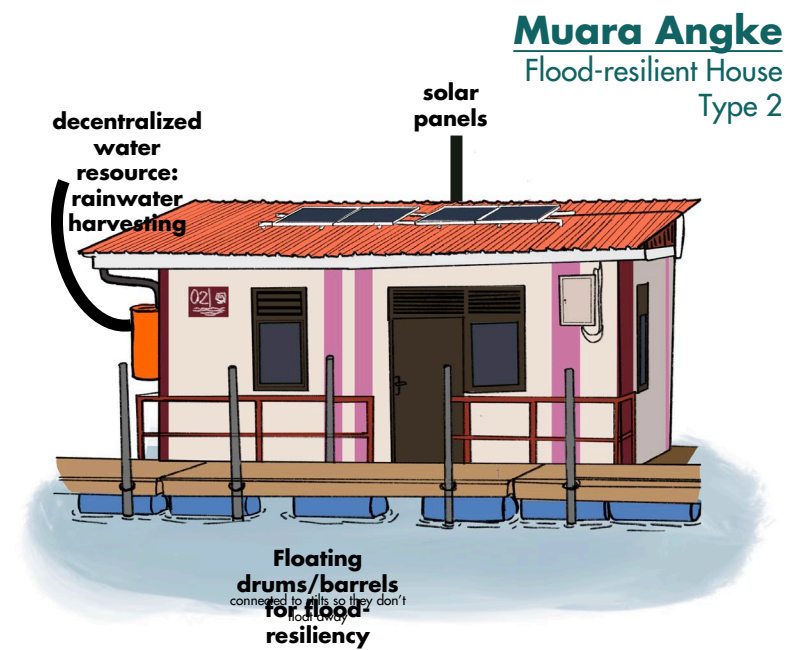
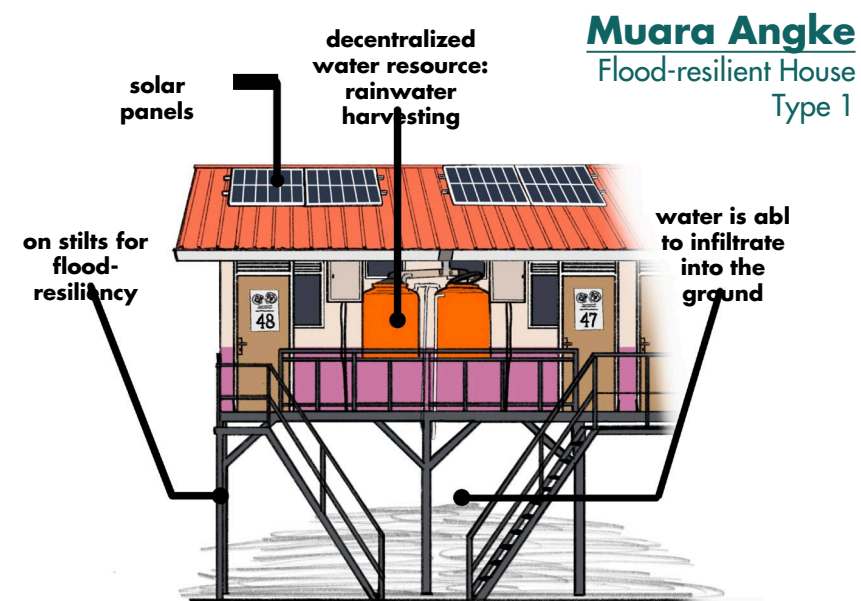
A place where the local community can learn and explore  
about land subsidence, mangrove reforestation, and  
building flood-resilient houses/structures without having to  
wait around for top-down solutions



# Design choices

- Flood-resilient structure
  - Architectural style
    - Material

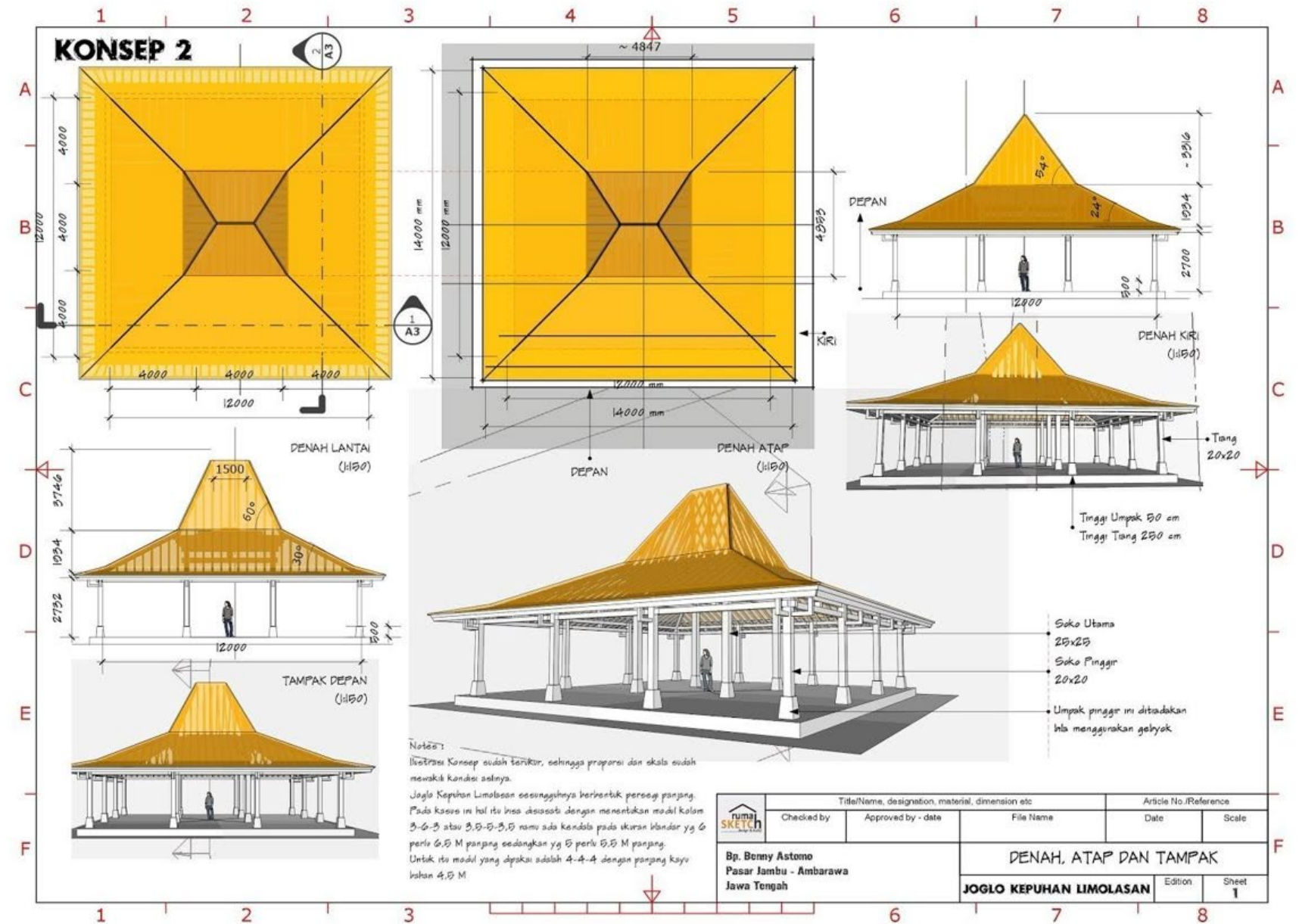
# Flood-resilient structure: Amphibious





# Architecture: based on local and traditional architecture *but make it modular*

Community Research Center  
as an example of building  
flood-resilient houses by  
having part of the  
construction be the same as  
a house that they learn to  
build in the center



# Main Material: Bamboo

- Sustainable
  - Regenerative
- Local
- Approachable building methods





# Program of requirements

## Community Research Center

### 2. Research and Monitoring Facilities



#### **Data Monitoring Center:**

Facilities for tracking and analyzing land subsidence, sea levels, and flood patterns. Real-time displays of monitoring data from local sensors.



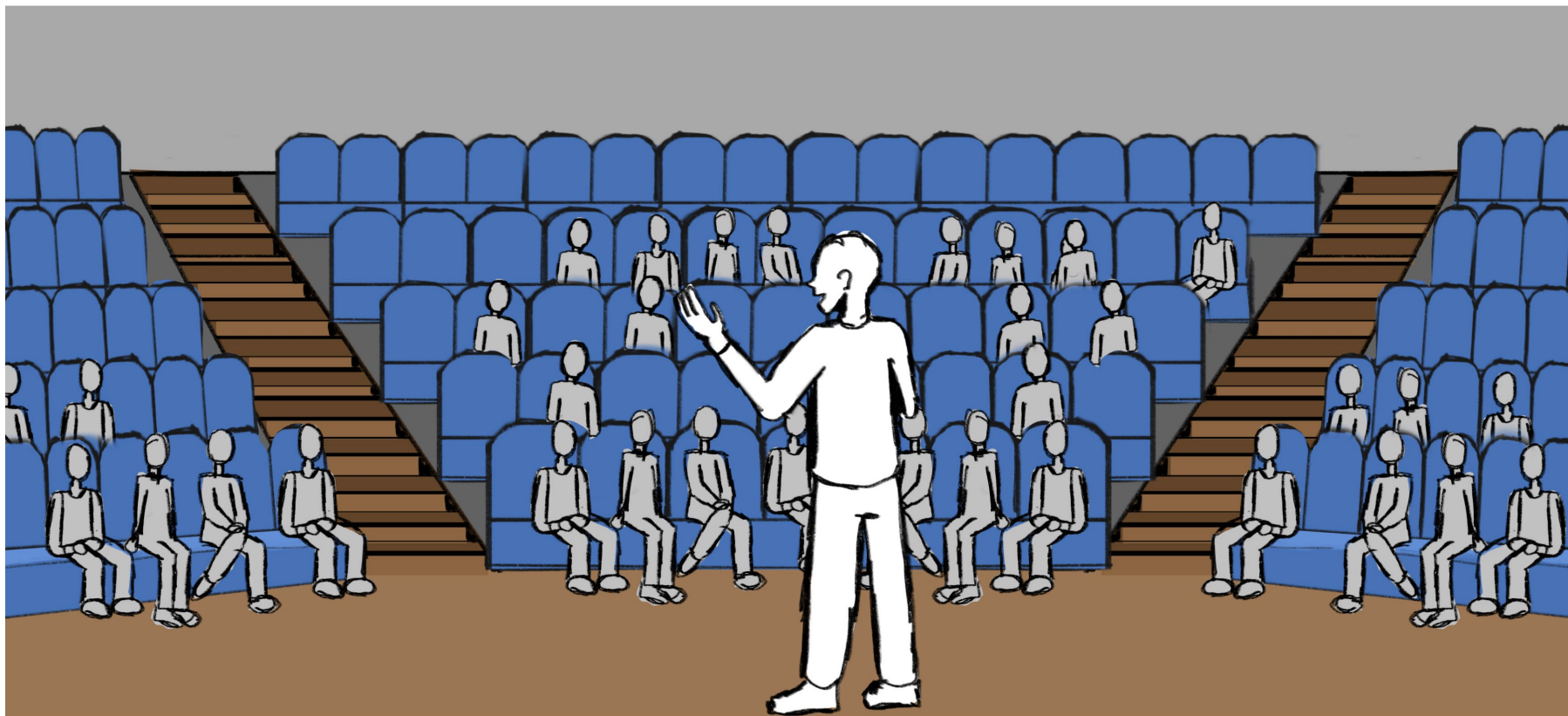
#### **Observation Towers:**

A viewing platform to observe mangrove forests and the surrounding coastal area. Integrated with sensors to monitor flooding and sea-level changes.

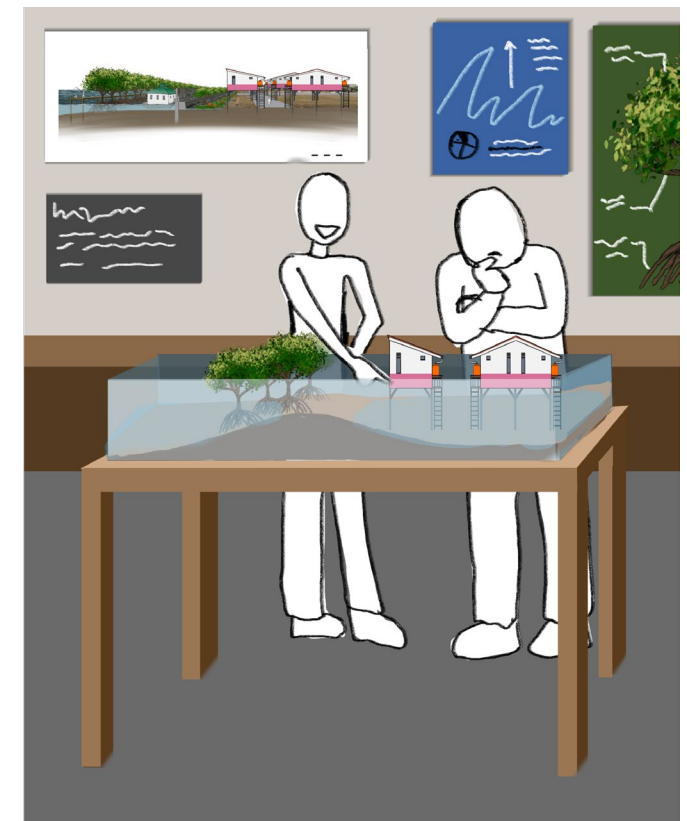
# Program of requirements

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### 3. Educational Spaces:



**Classrooms and/or Lecture Halls:**  
Flexible layouts for workshops, seminars, and lectures.



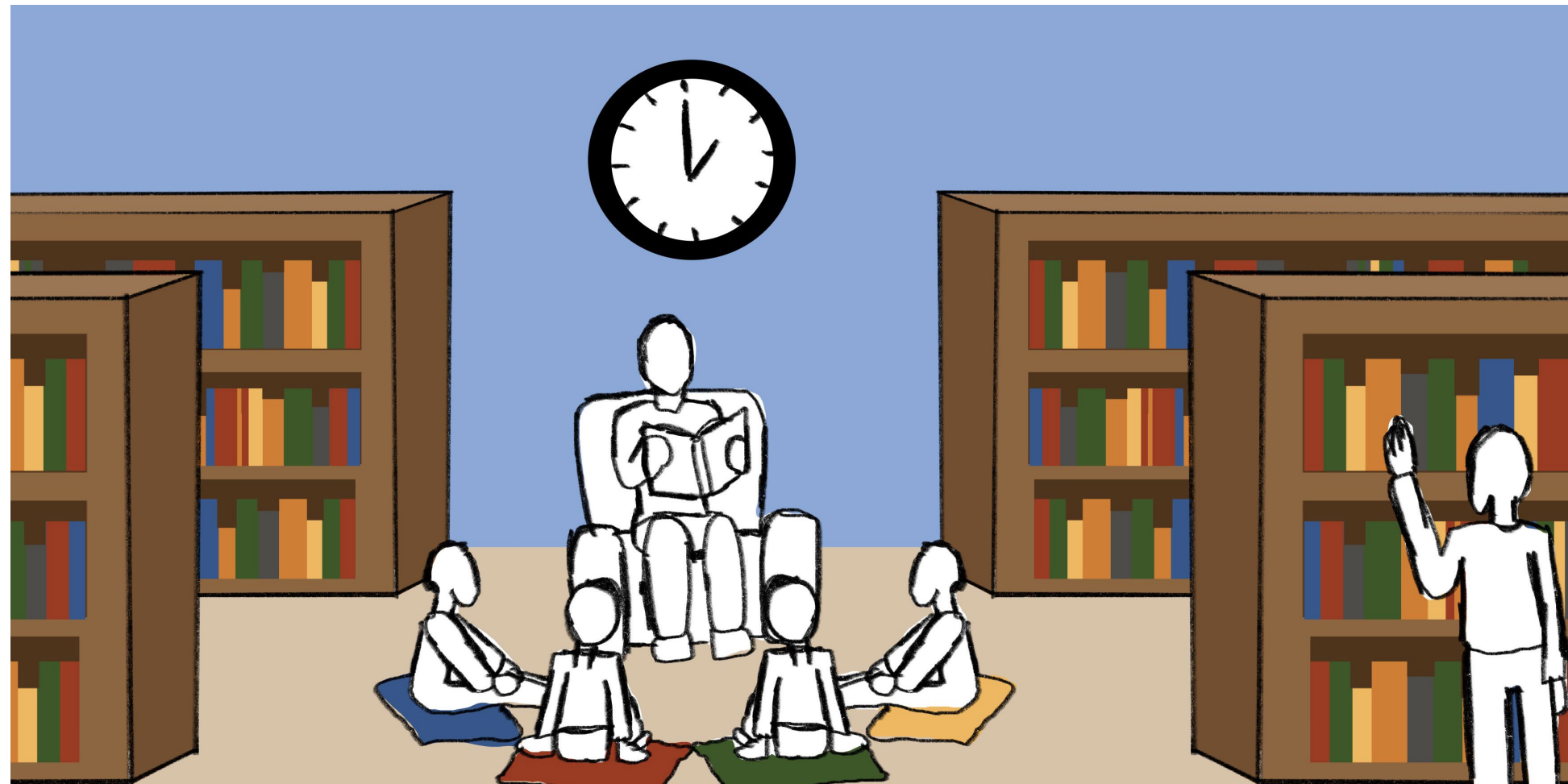
**Exhibition space:**  
Exhibits on land subsidence, flooding, and mangrove ecosystems.  
Models and simulations of flood-resilient structures and mangrove growth



# Program of requirements

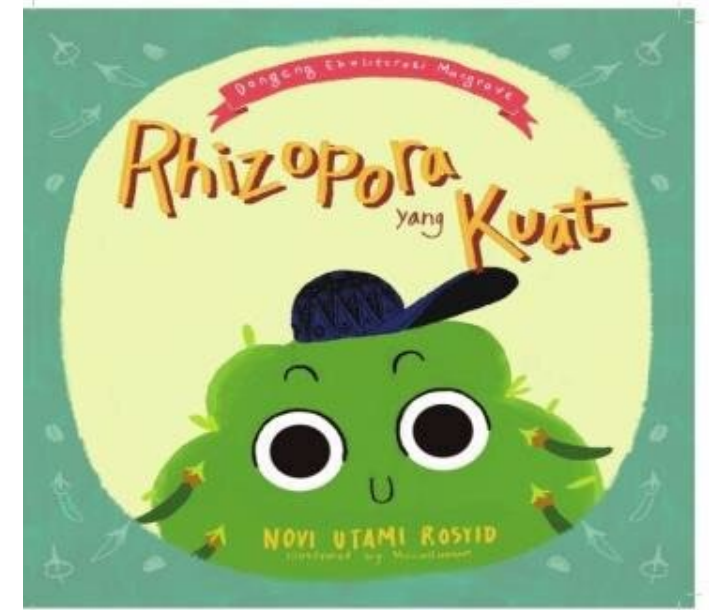
## Community Research Center

### 4. Community Spaces:



**Library**

Digital and physical resources on land subsidence, flood management, and sustainable practices.  
- accessible for all age groups.

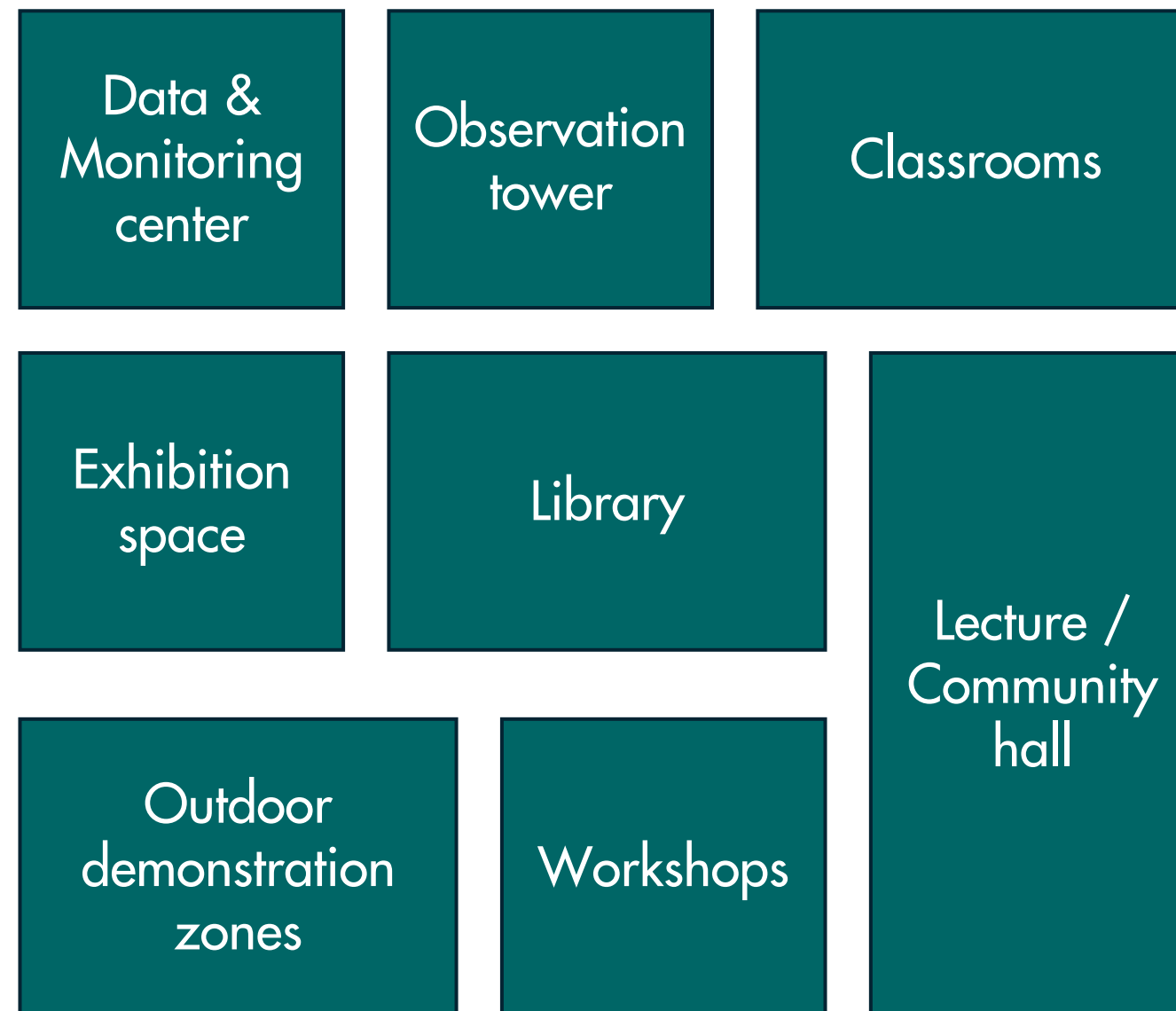


**Improving Coastal Children  
Eco-Literacy in Environmental  
Learning Through Mangroves  
Storytelling**

NU Rosyid, B Budiaman, U Hasanah,  
International Journal of Psychosocial  
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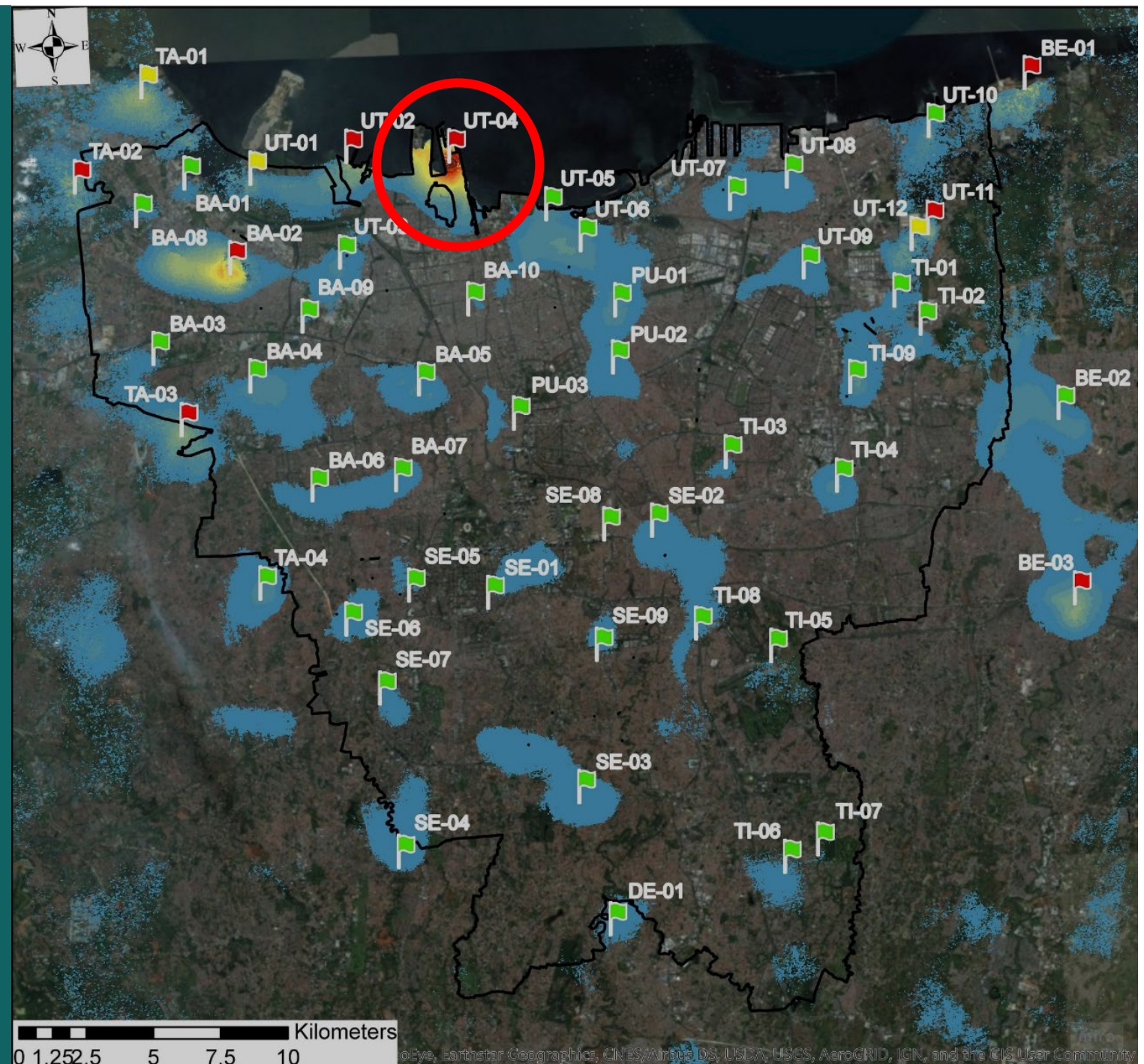
## Community Research Center





# Chosen design location: **Muara Baru**

One of the fastest sinking  
areas of Jakarta where  
flooding often occurs





## Chosen design location: **Muara Baru**

Used to be one of the first and most important docks during the colonial era

Houses a large fishing community at risk of losing their source of income and living environment due to the impacts of land subsidence







*Muara Baru, Jakarta*



# Specific site in Muara Baru





## Abandoned Mosque



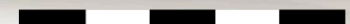
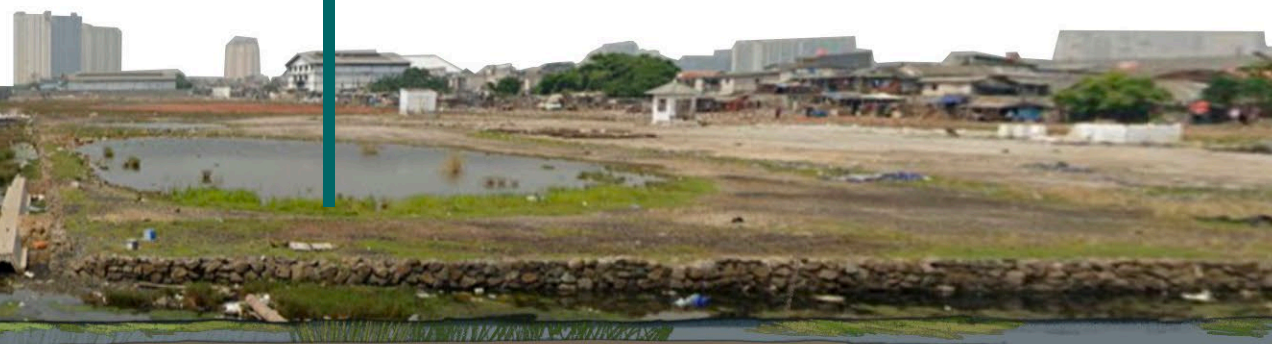
## Seawall

- sinking along with the ground
- water seeping through cracks in the wall

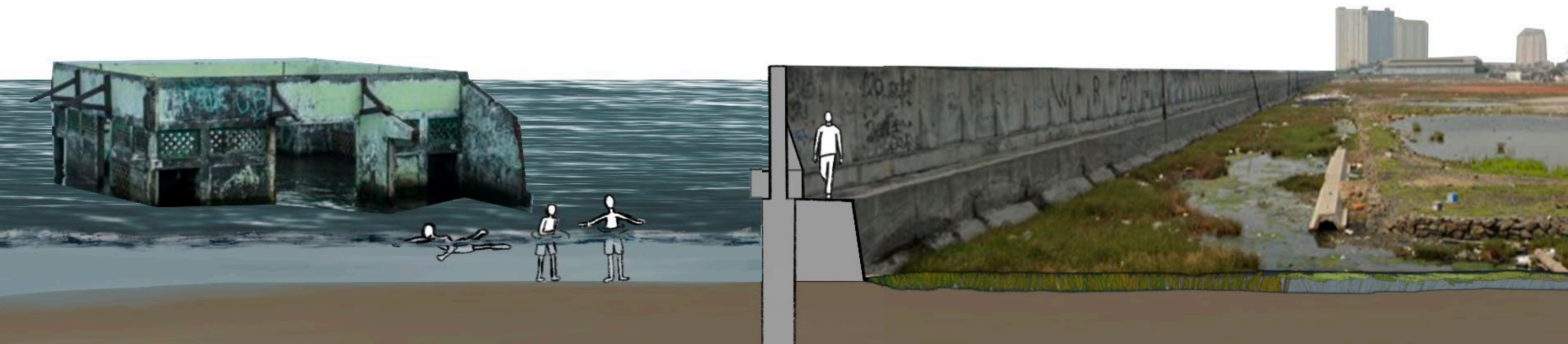


## Empty Abandoned Field

- Few goalposts put by local residents to play football
- Grazing goats

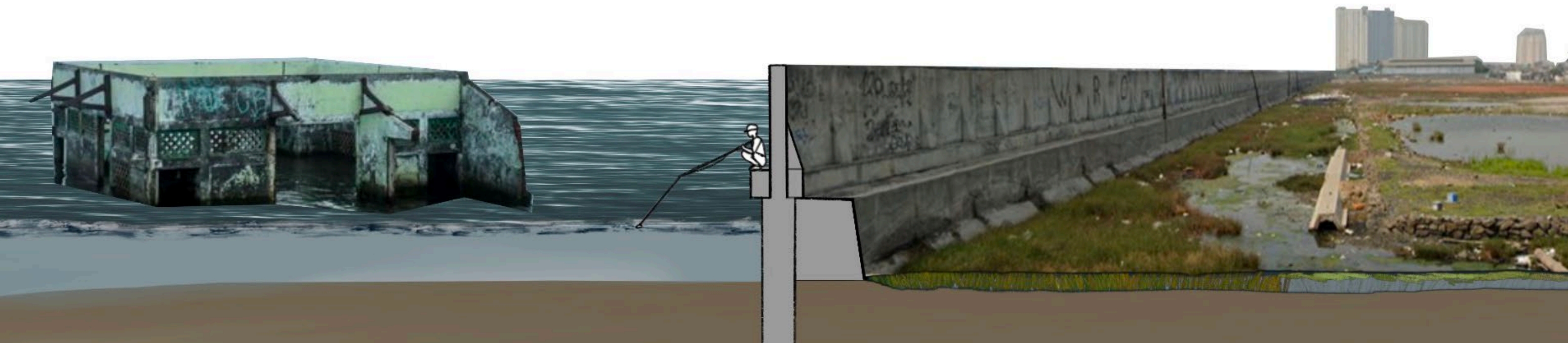


# Life among the Seawall



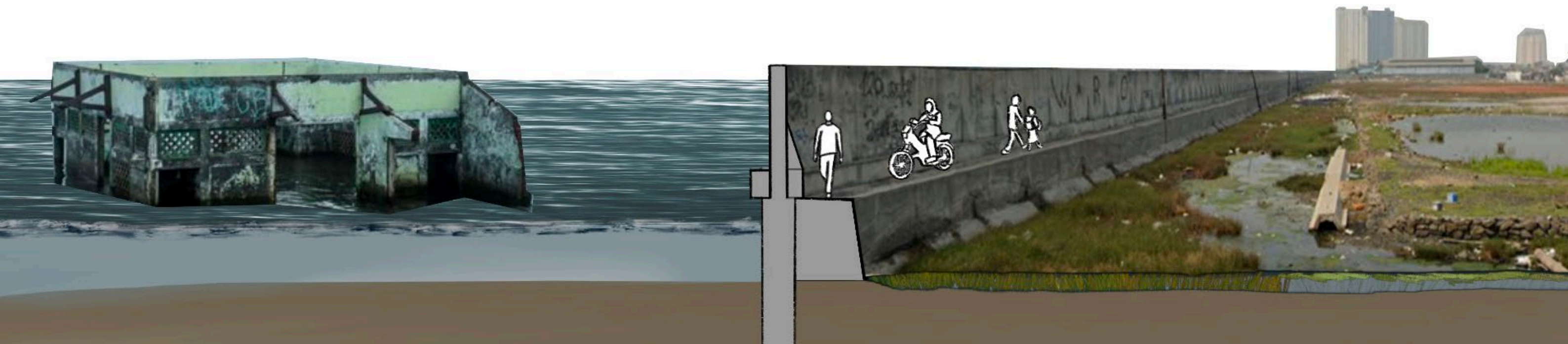


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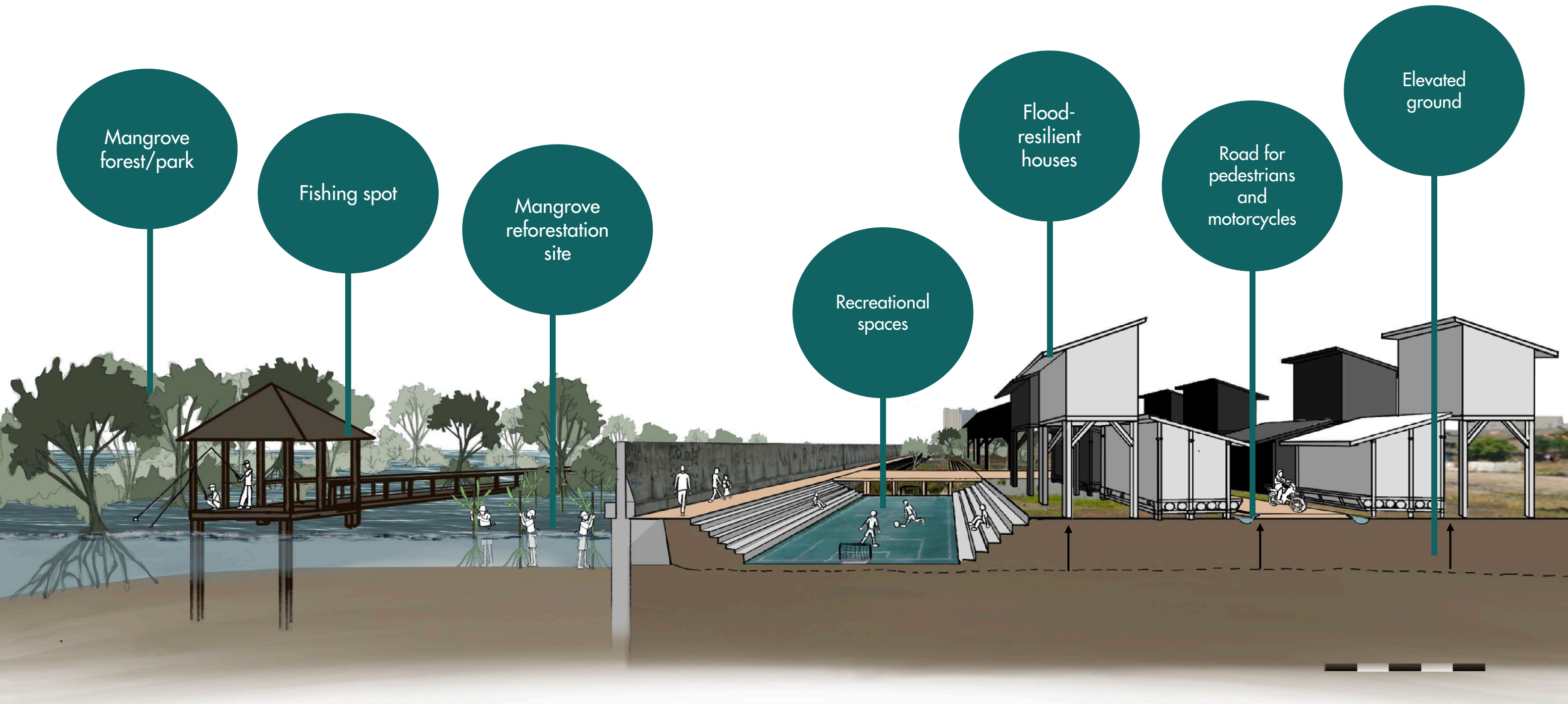


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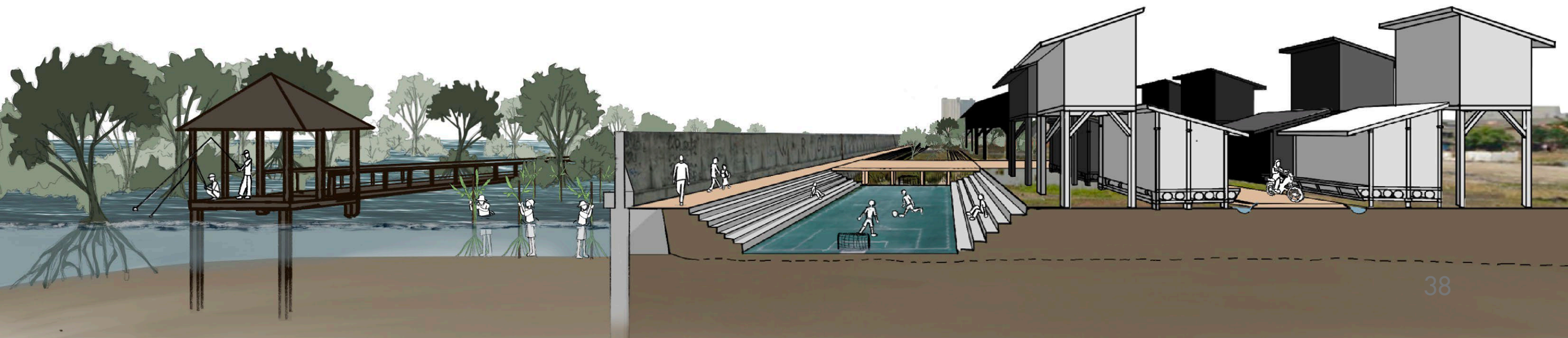


# P2 Vision Muara Baru



**How can we bridge the border  
between land and sea?**

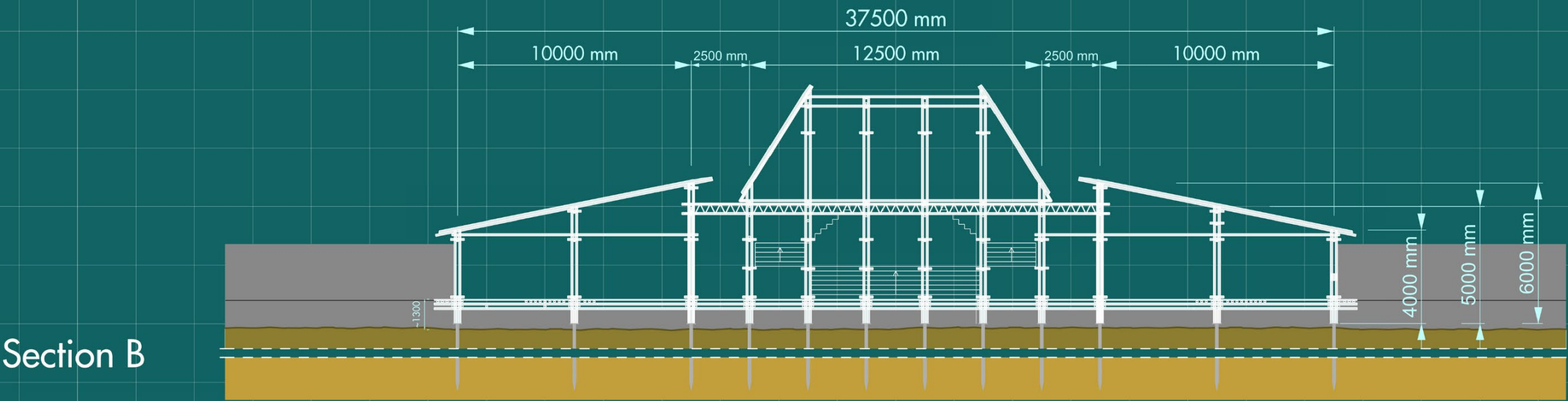
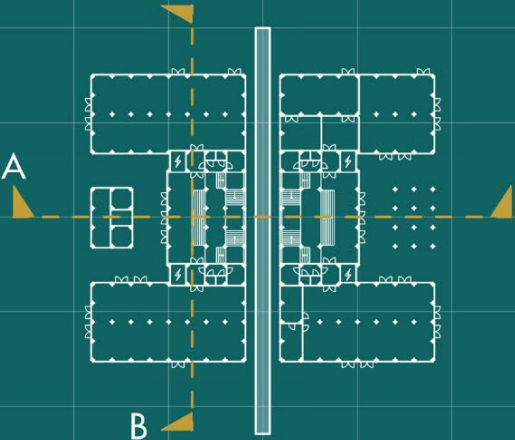
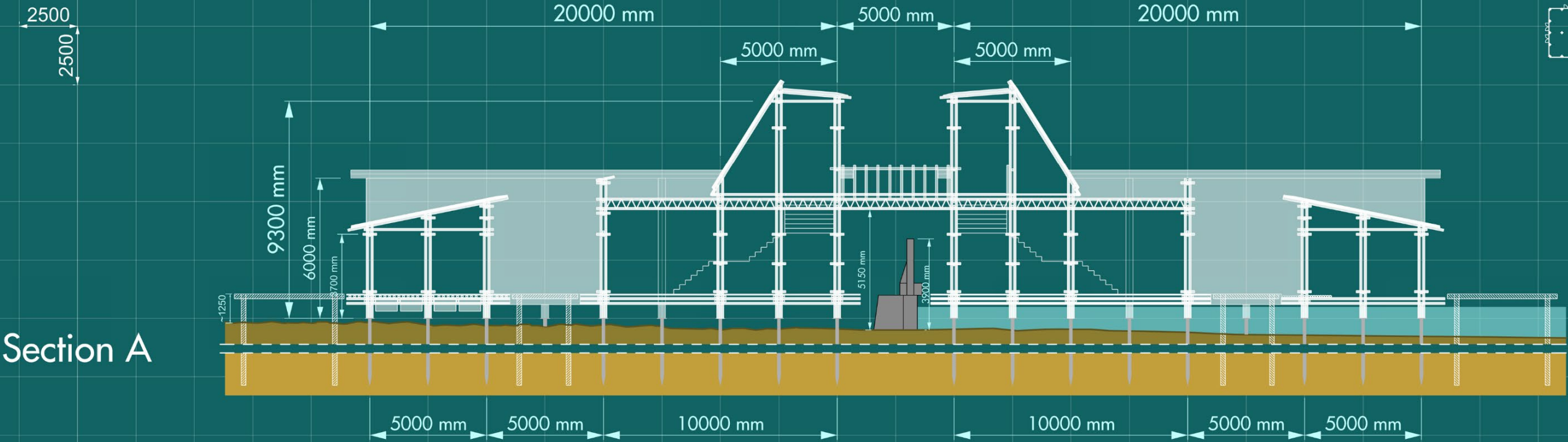
**Where will the Community  
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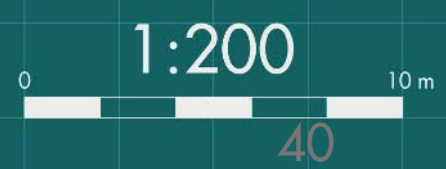
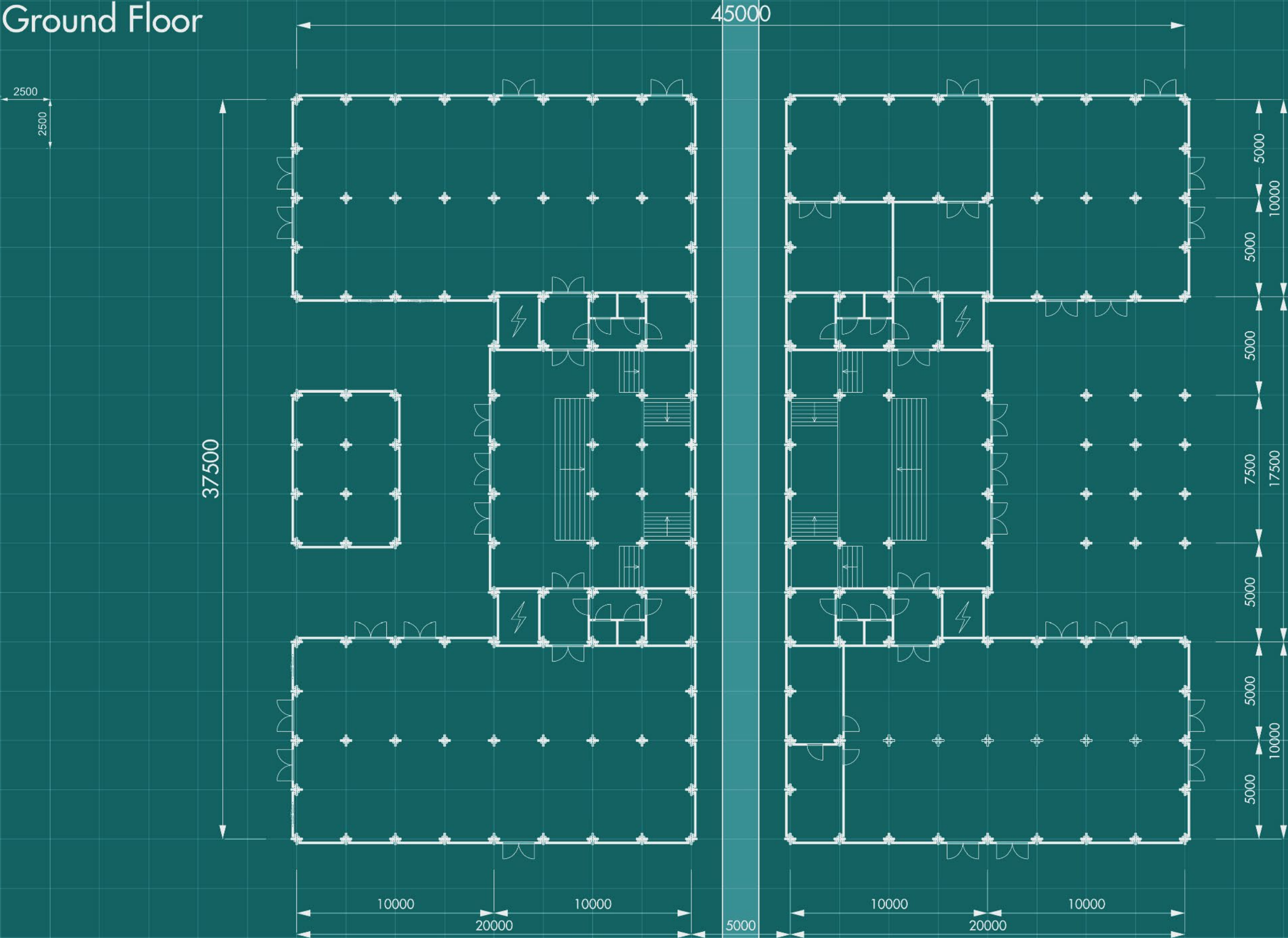
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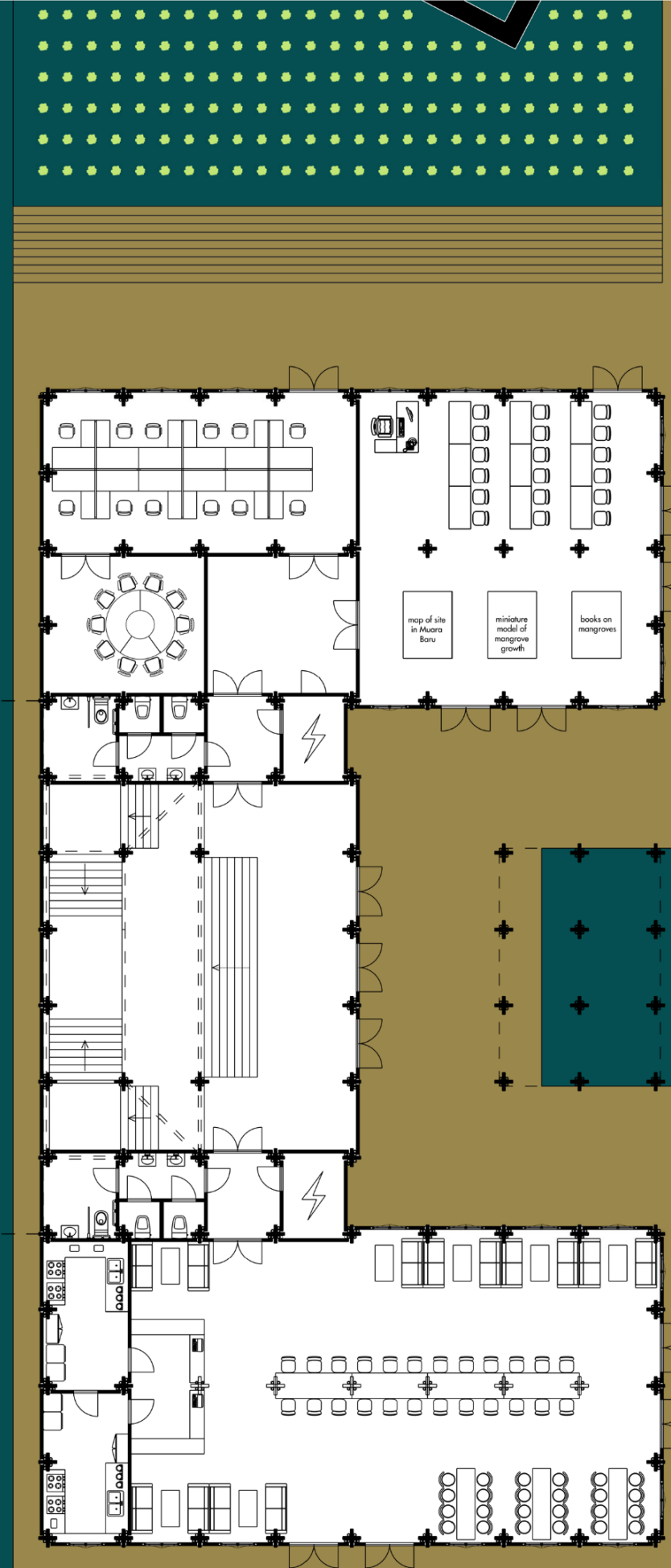
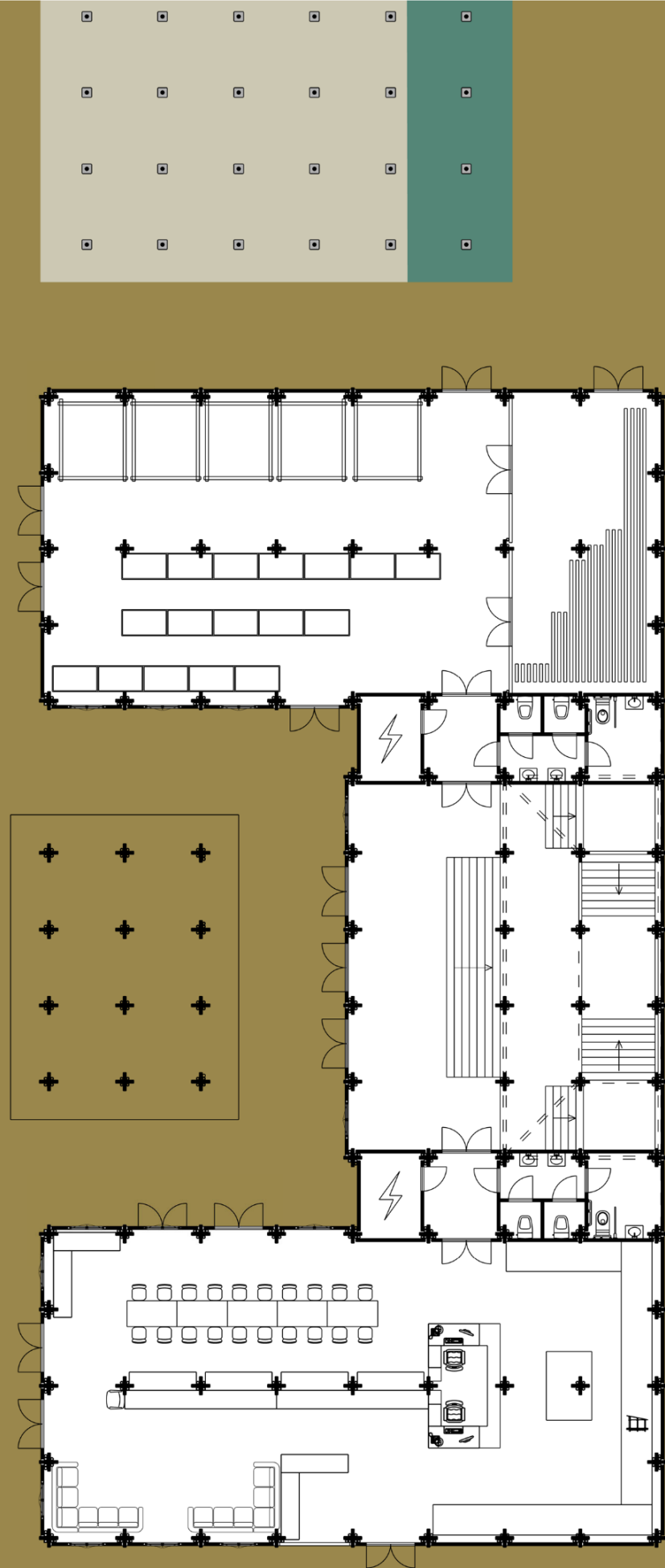
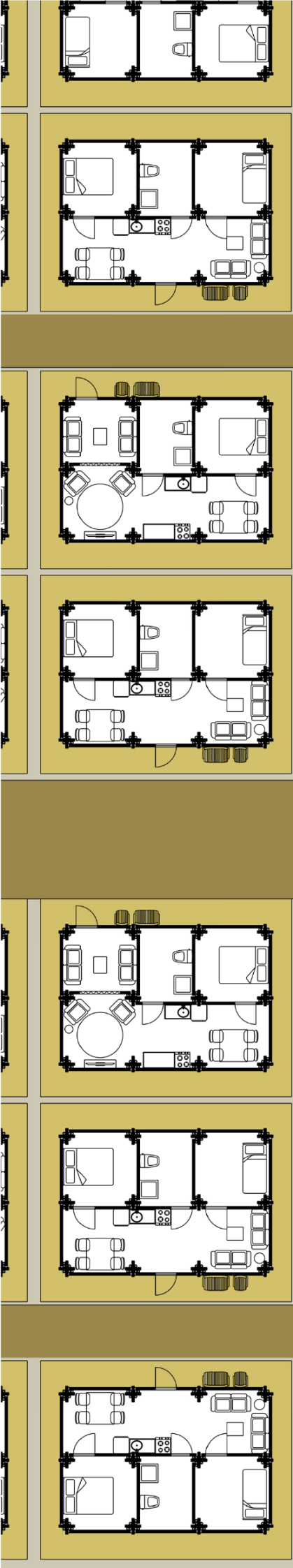


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## Ground Floor

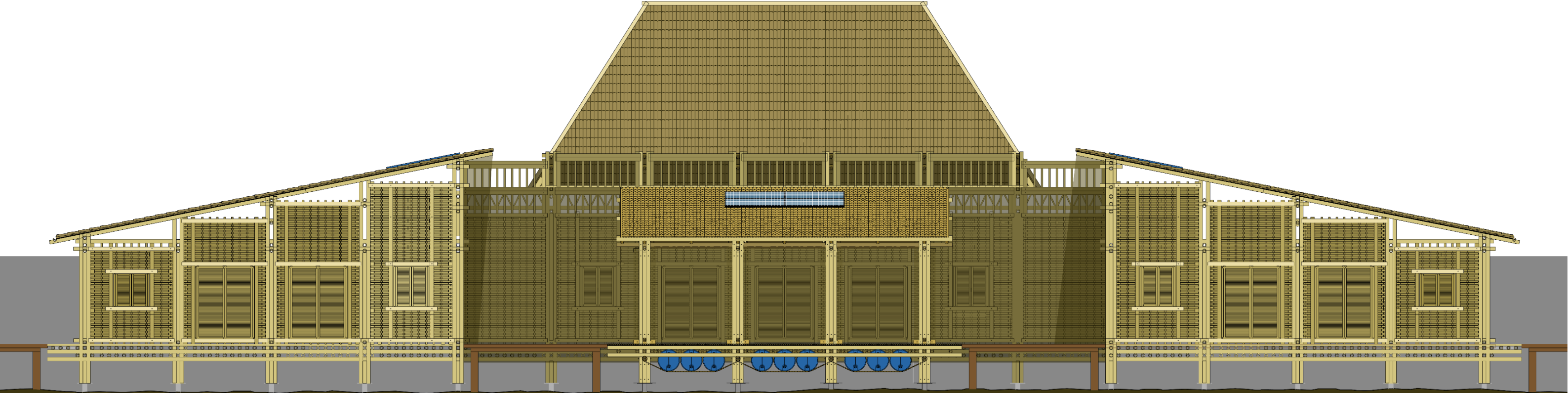






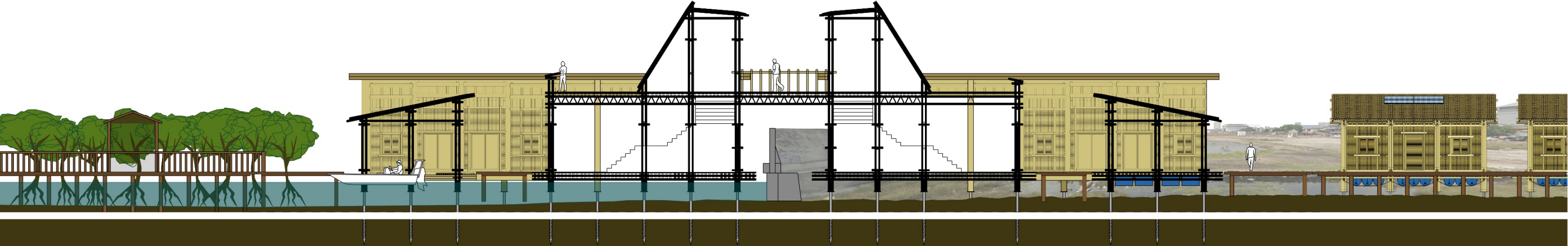
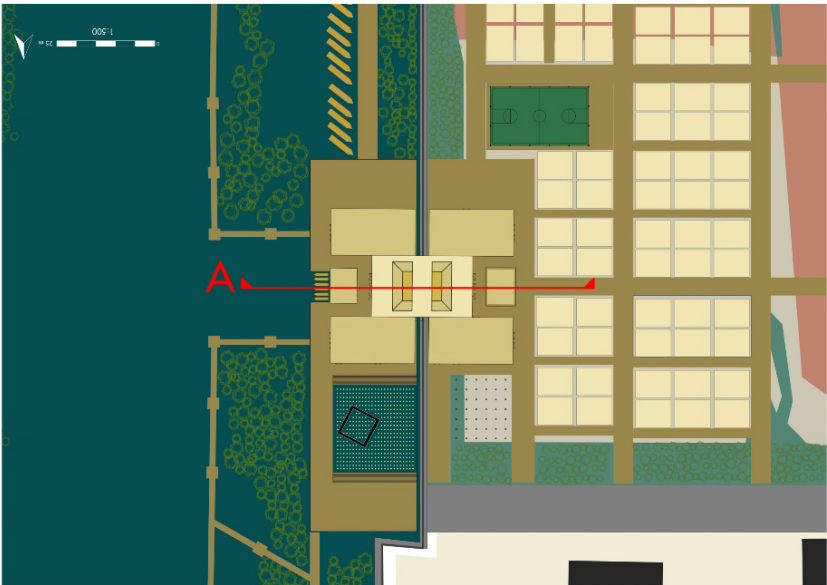
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Elevation





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Section A

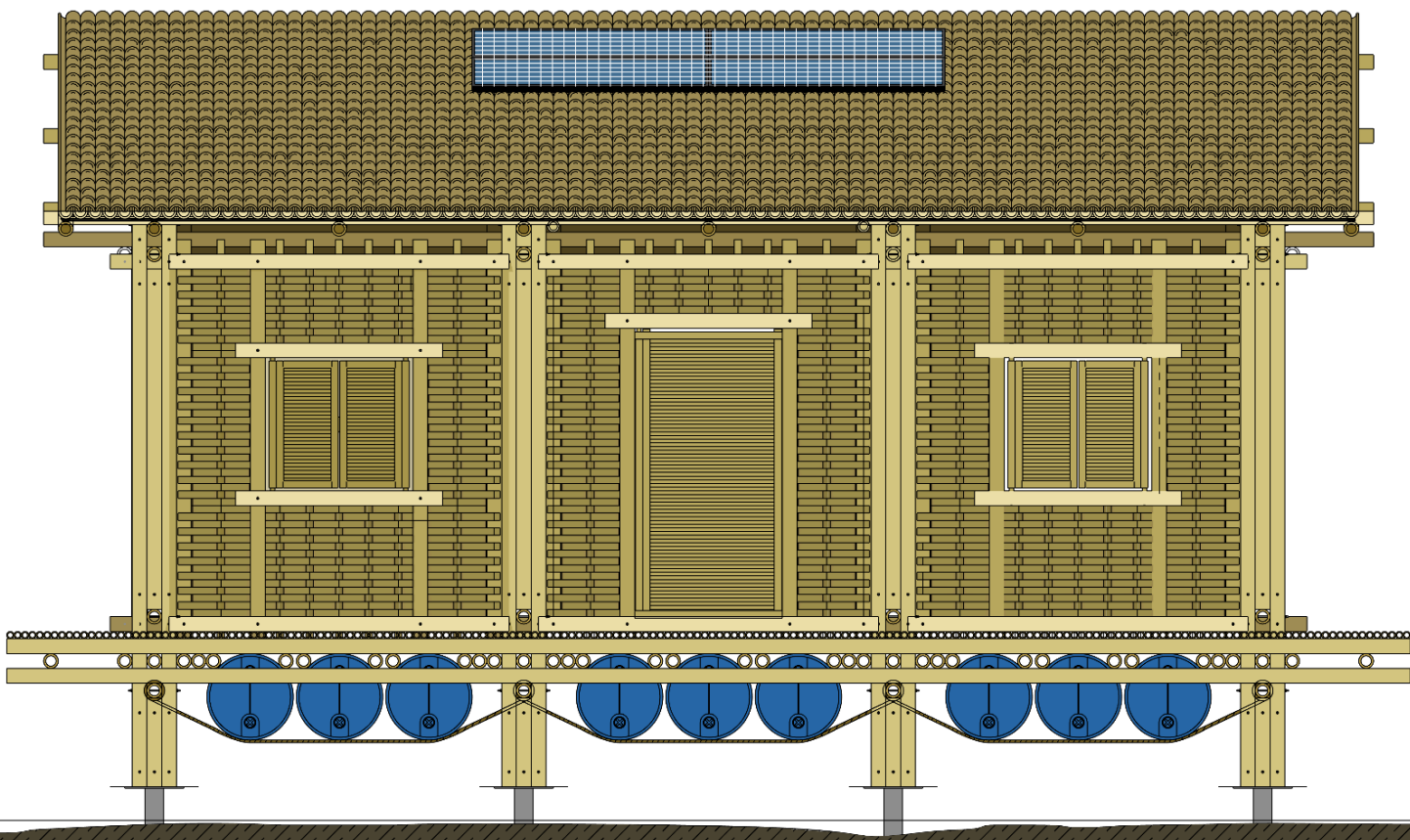
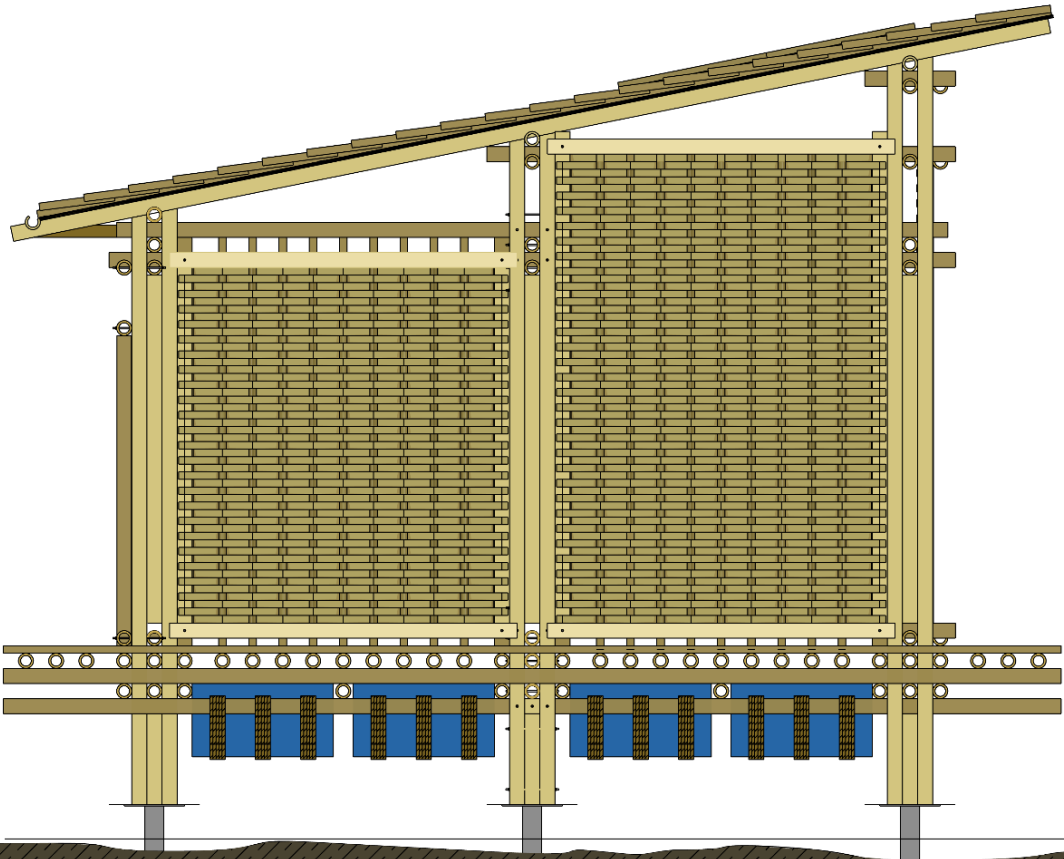


# Housing Unit

## Elevations

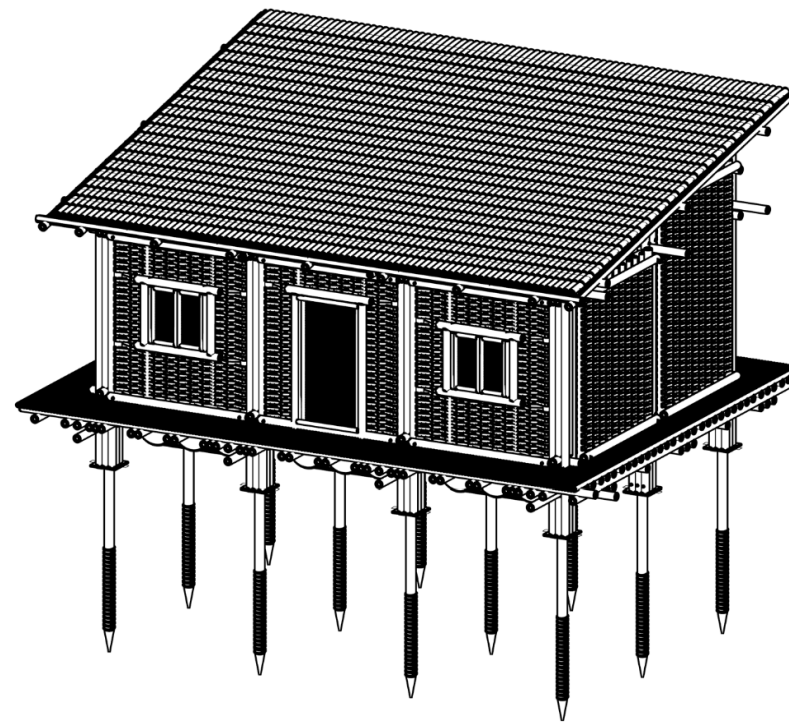
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# AMPHIBIOUS BAMBOO HOUSE

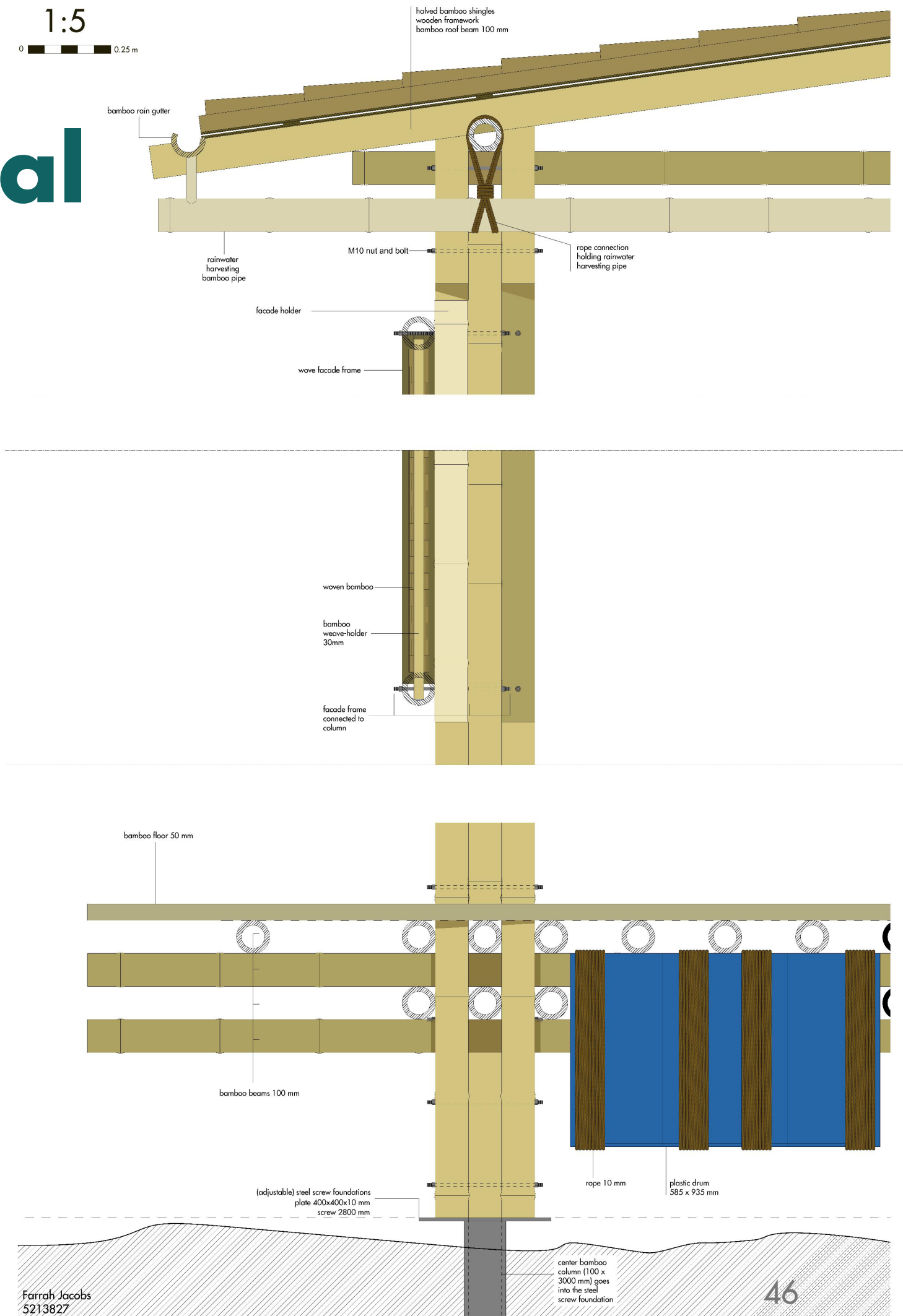


**Prototype Manual**  
version **2**  
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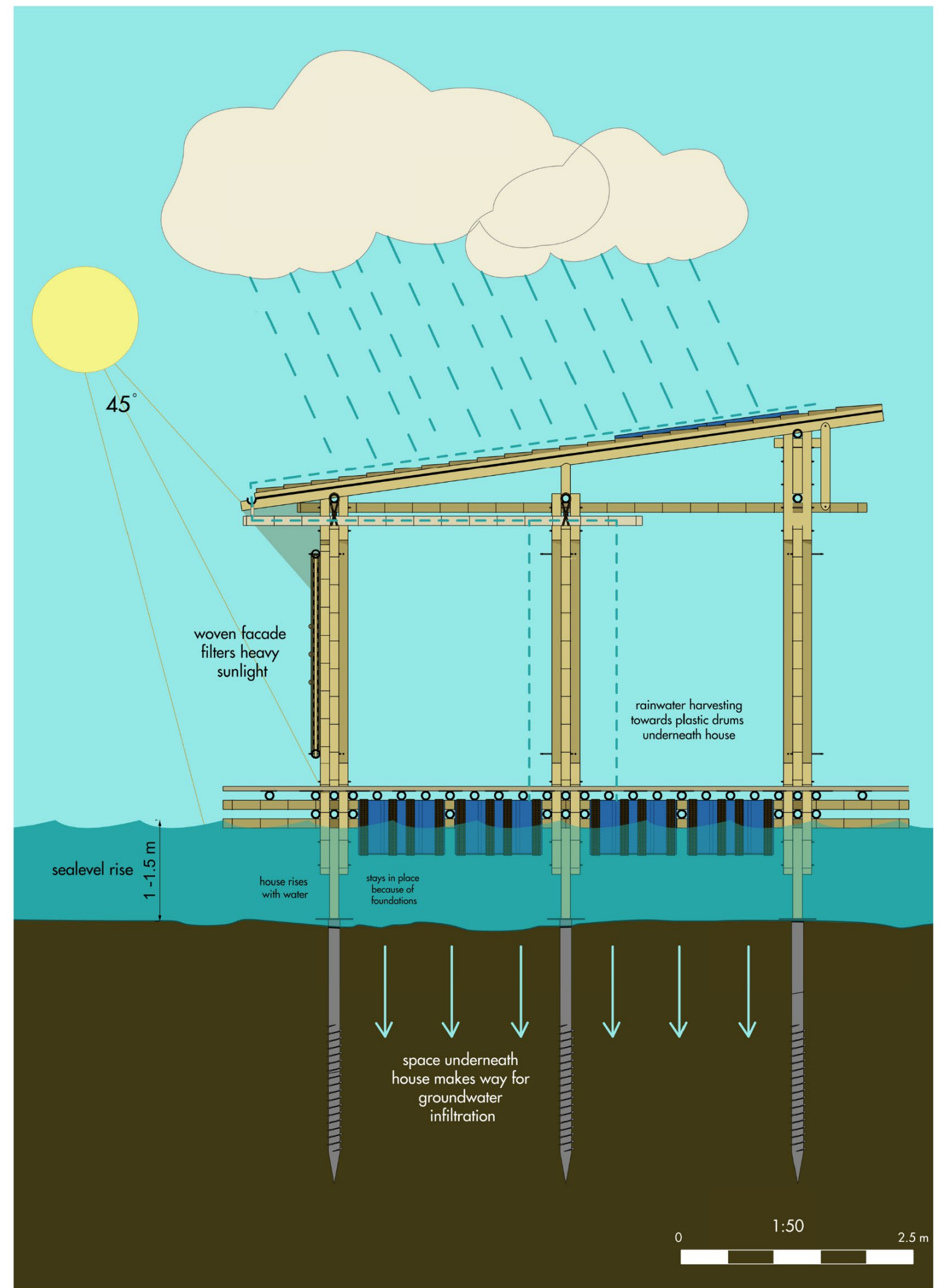
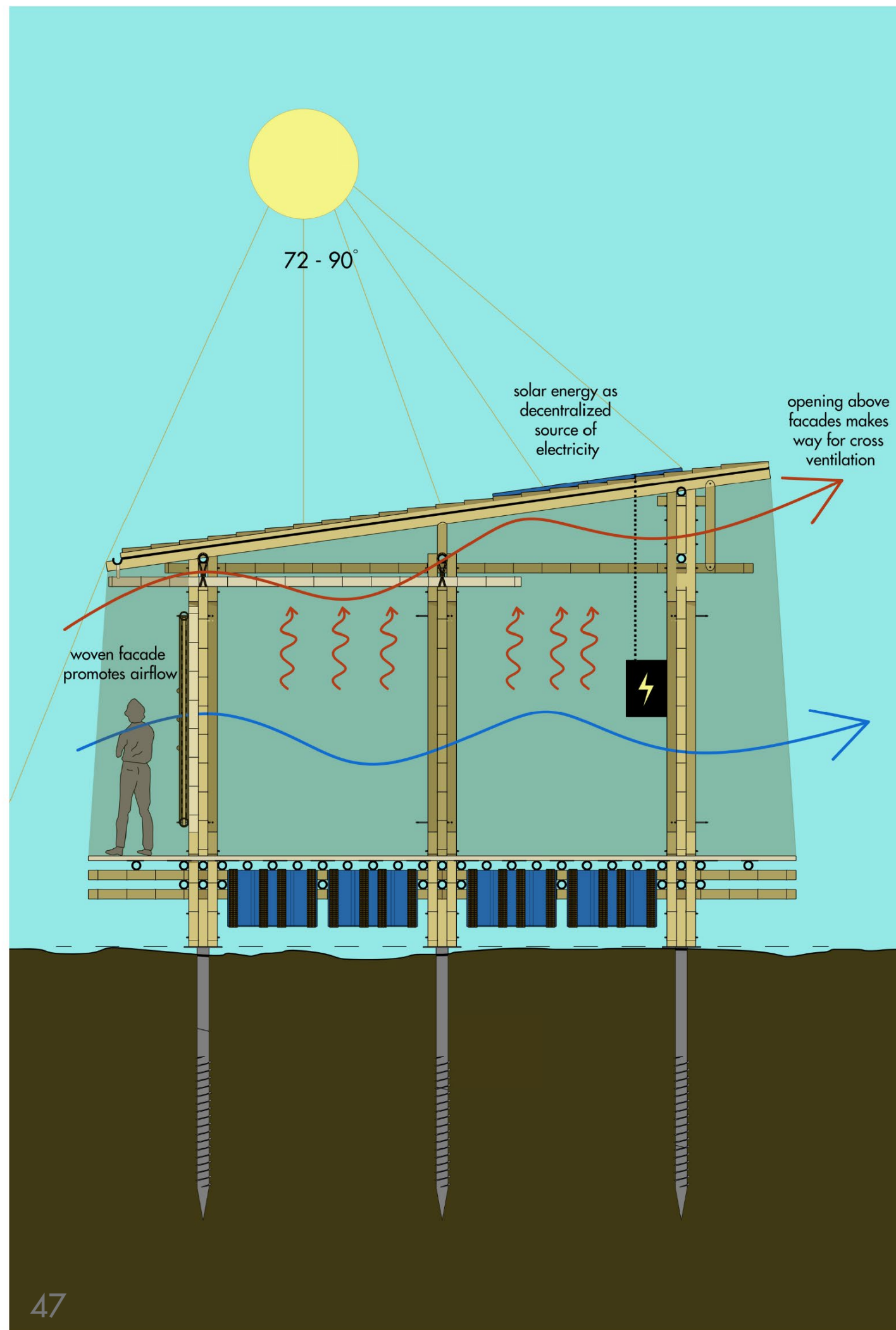
# Construction Manual

## Contents

1. Amphibious House
2. List of Materials
3. Foundation
4. Column
5. Floor
6. Roof
7. Walls
8. Building Order



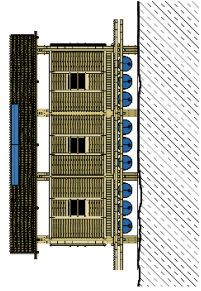




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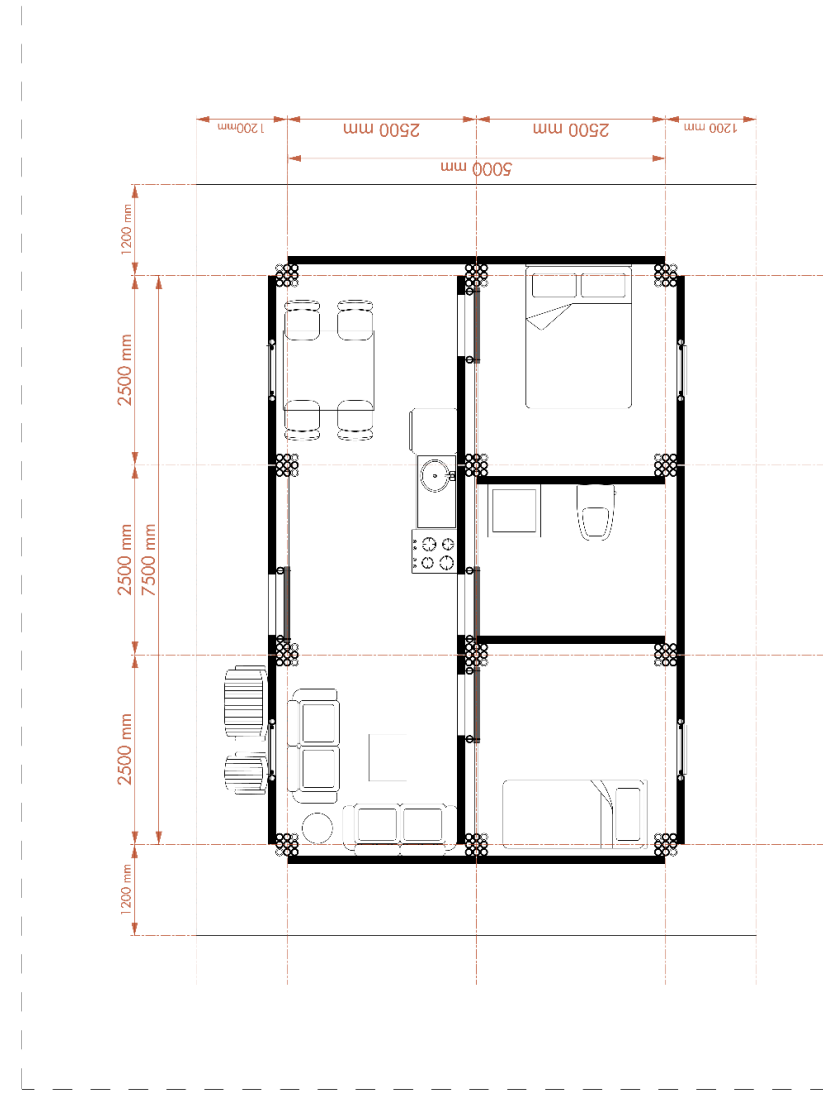
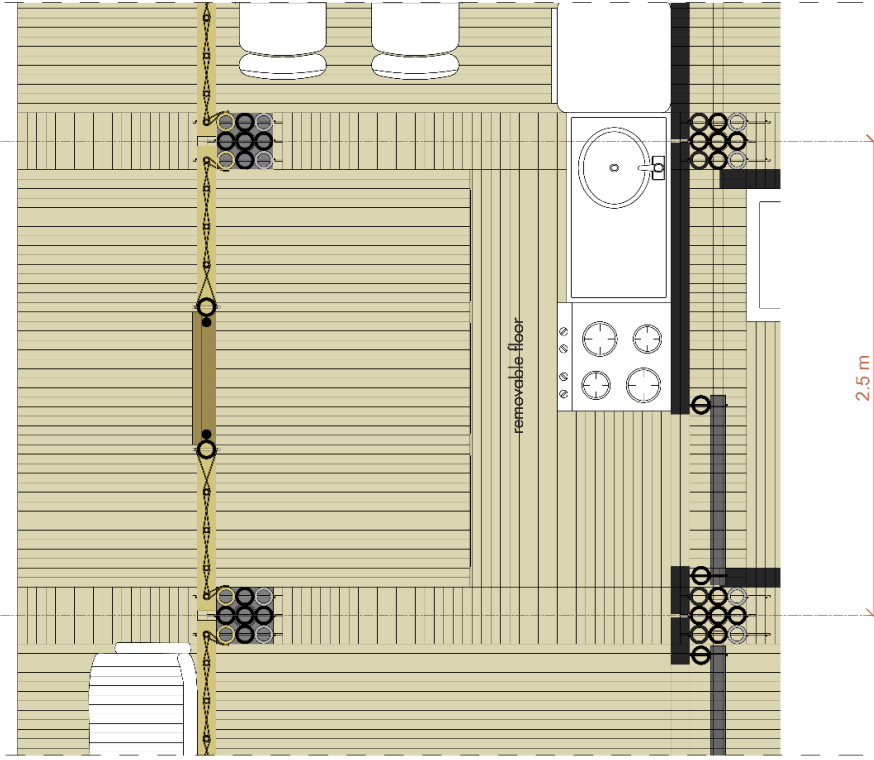
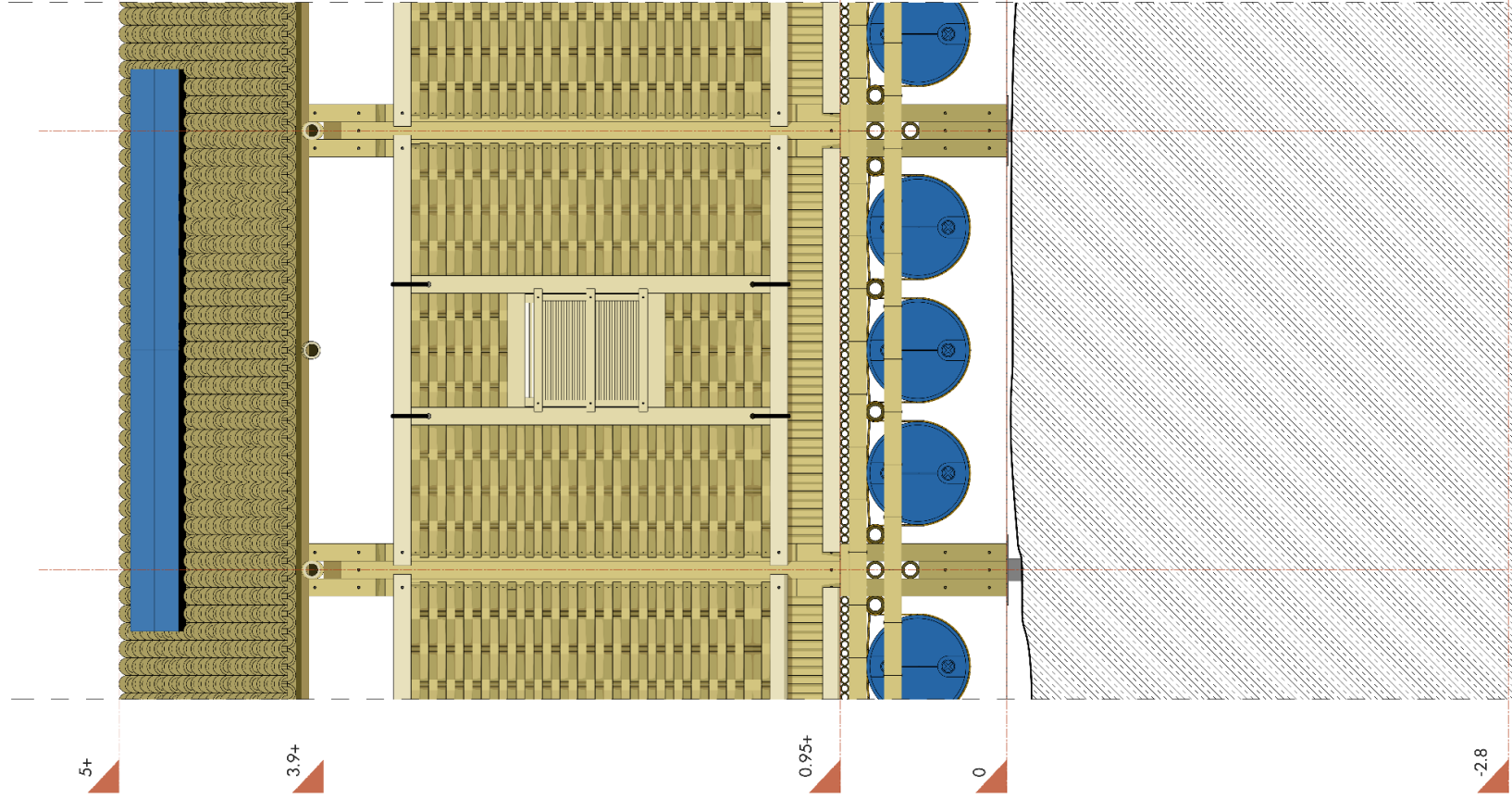
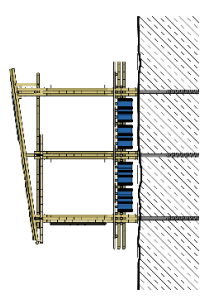
Material	Measurements	amount
Bamboo column stabilizers	100 x 600 mm	2 + 4 for short columns
		3 + 4 for middle to tallest columns
	100 x 2300 mm	5 per column
Bamboo Columns	100 x 4000 mm 100 x 4500 mm 100 x 5000 mm	4 per column
Bamboo wall sticks for weaving	diameter: 30- 50 mm	
Bamboo floor	50 x 9500 mm 50 x 7000 mm	
Bamboo weaving strips	-	
Bamboo halved shingles	diameter: 100 mm length: 500 mm	
Wooden roof board	-	
drums	585 x 935 mm	36 per unit
rope	5 - 10 mm	-
steel bolts with washers and nuts	M10 or M12	
waterproofing membrane sheets	500 x 700 mm	





# 1:20 Housing Unit

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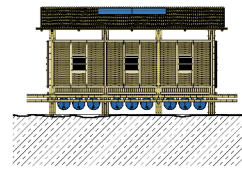
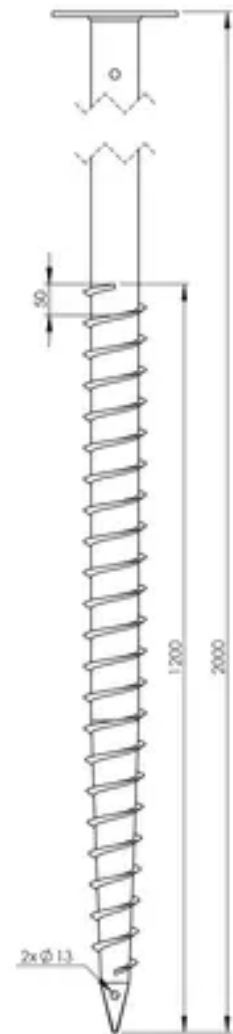
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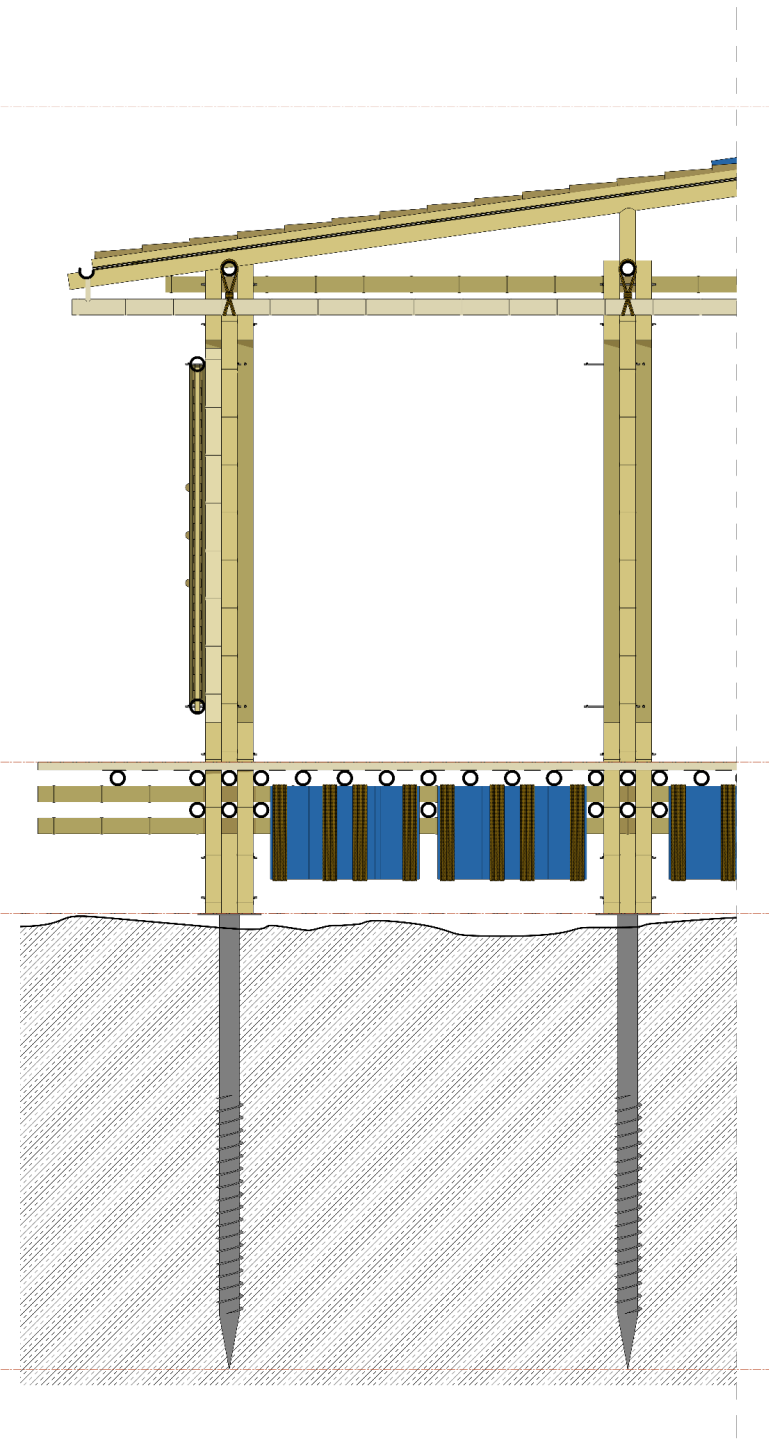
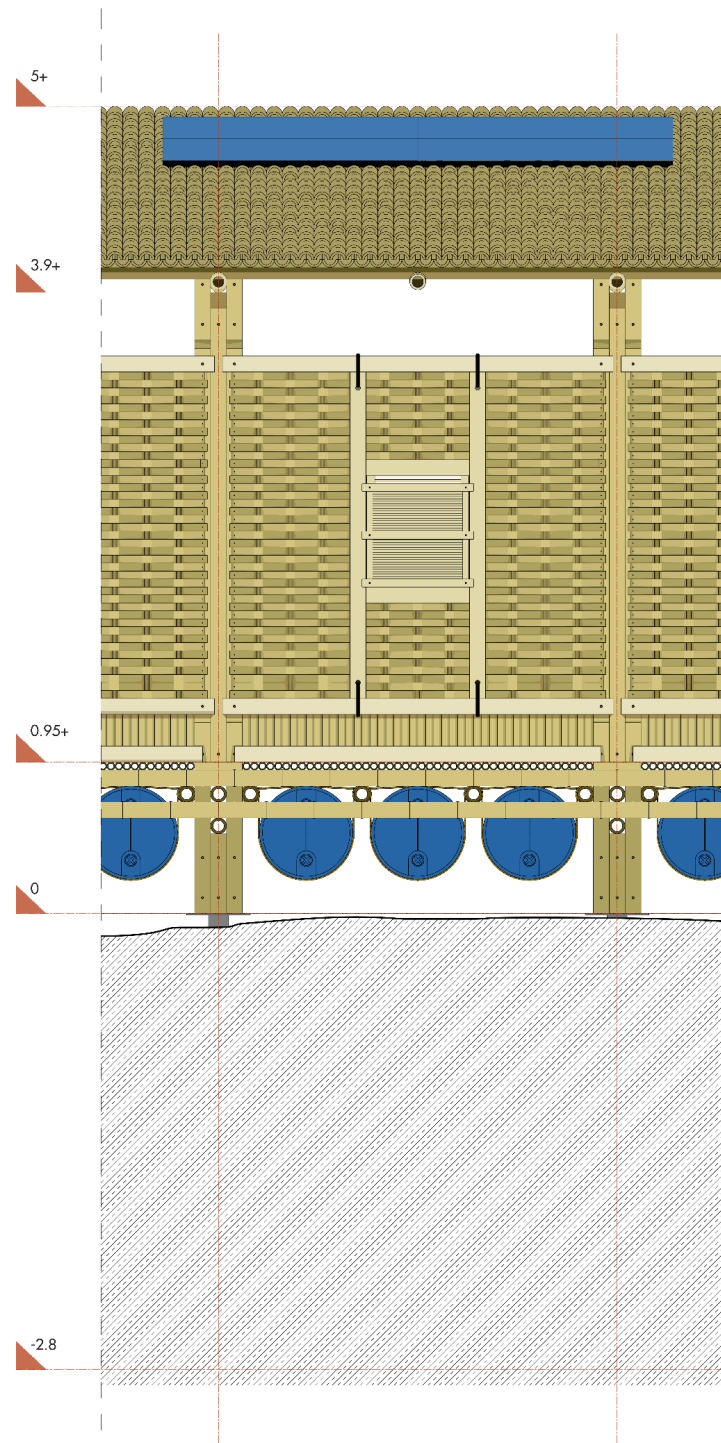
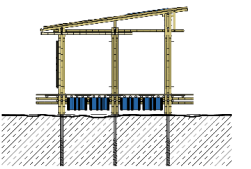
# 3. Foundation

Screw foundation:  
Residents can screw the foundation themselves into the ground. Because the ground is quite uneven, the foundation sometimes sticks out.



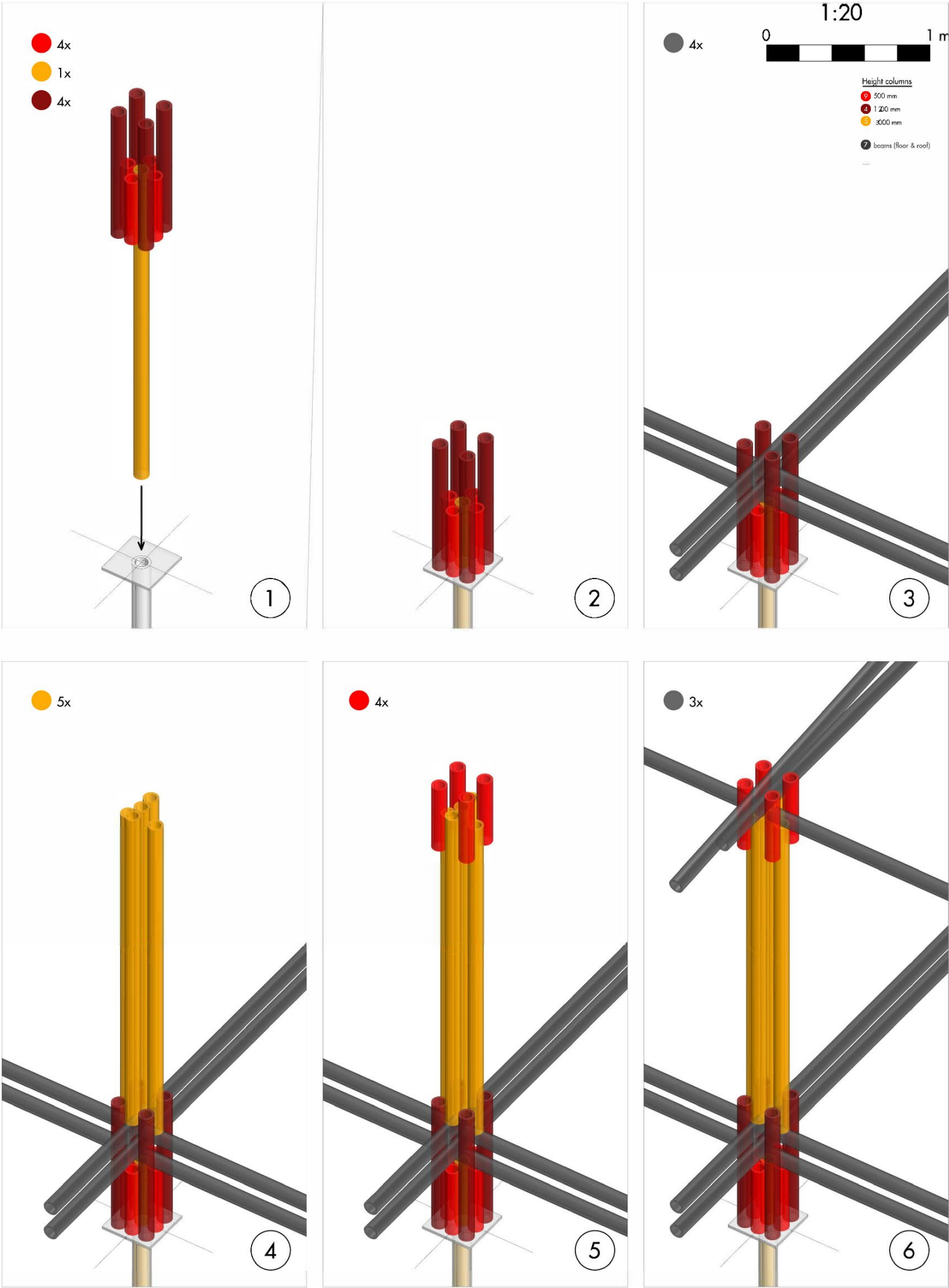
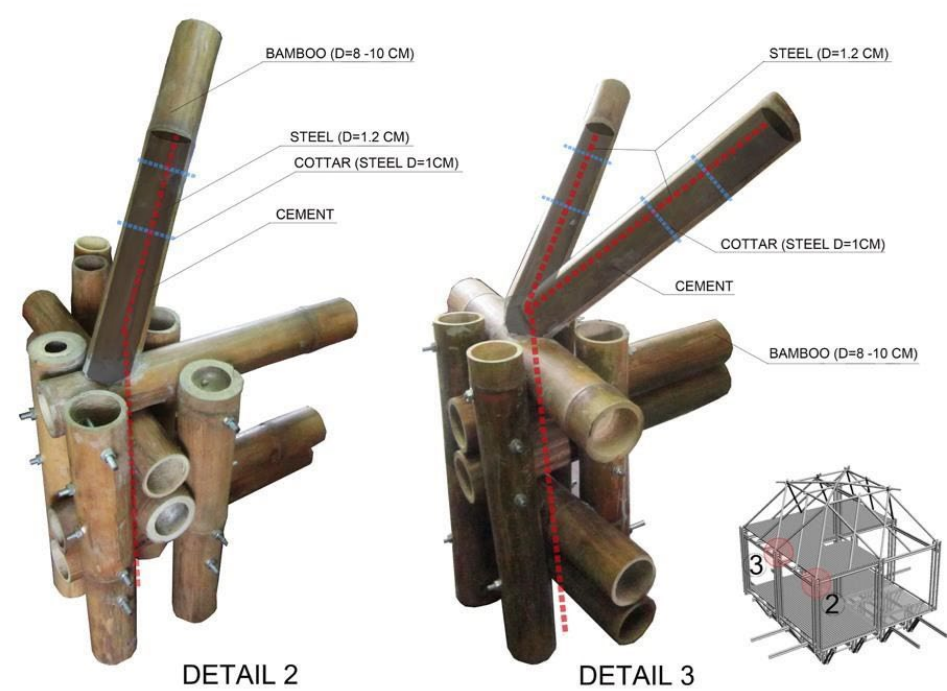
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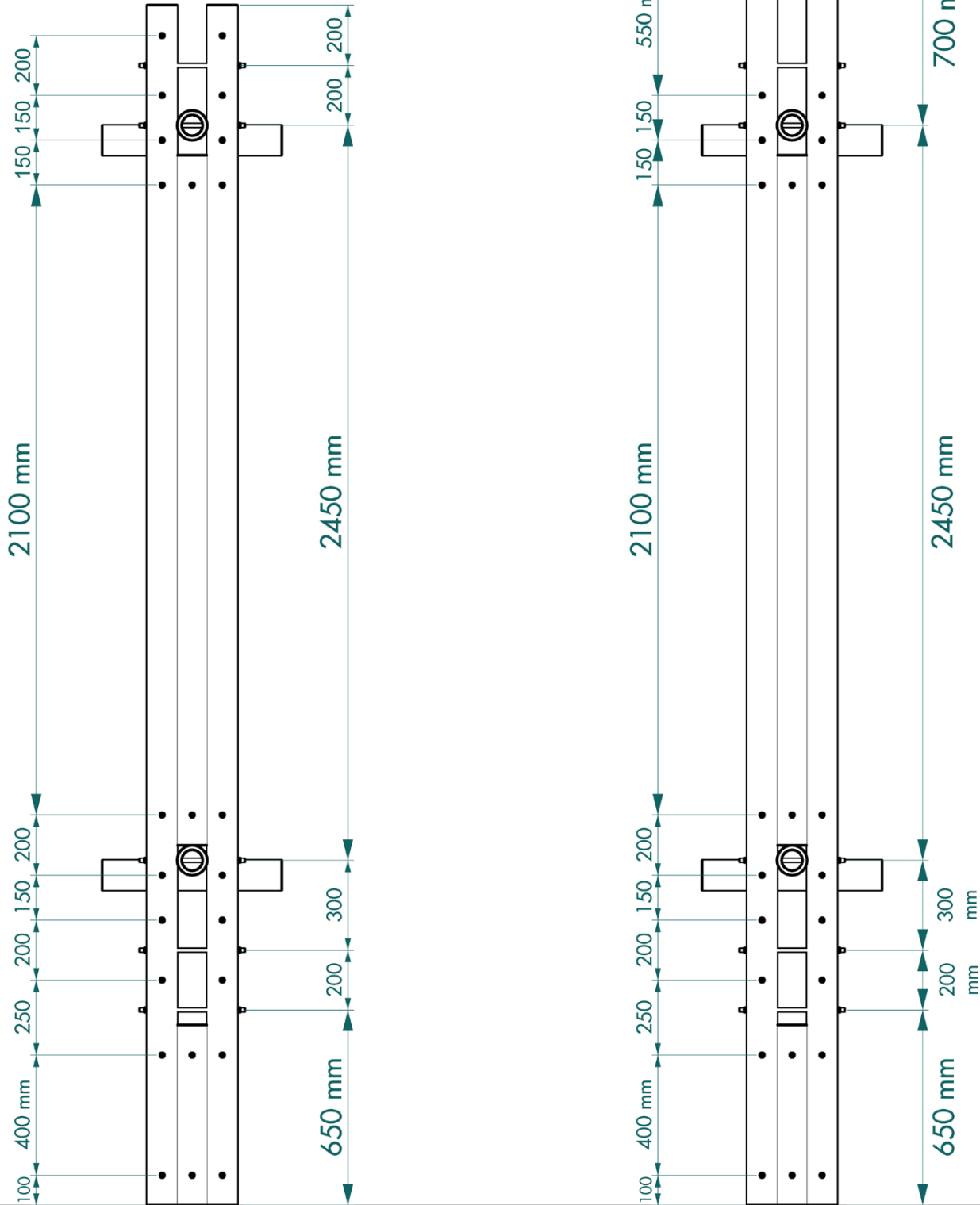


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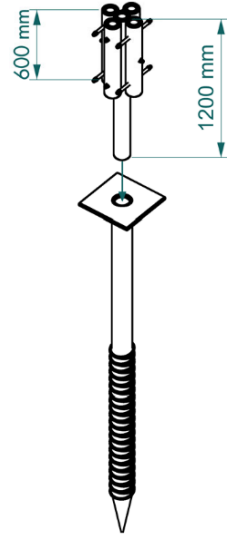


## Columns - Prototype 2

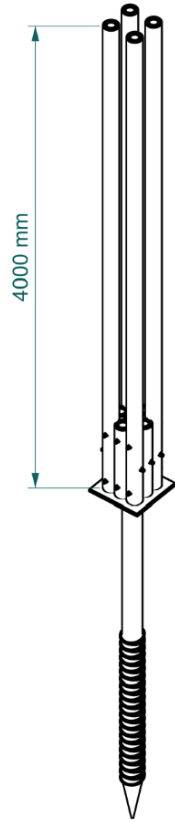
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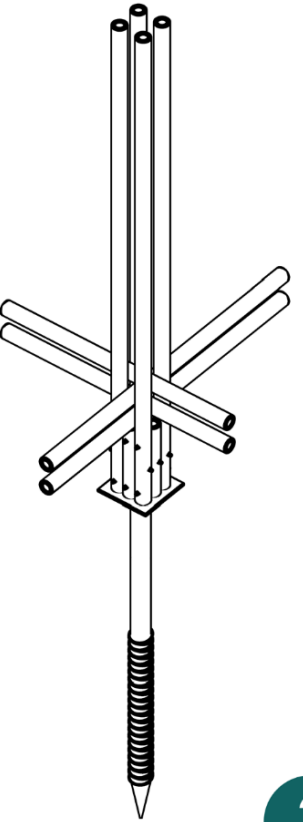
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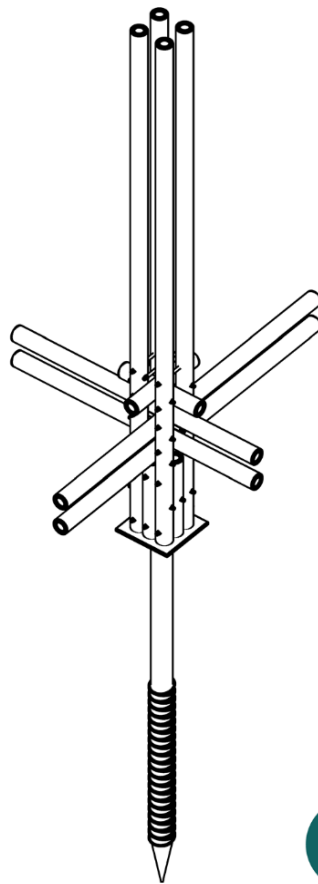
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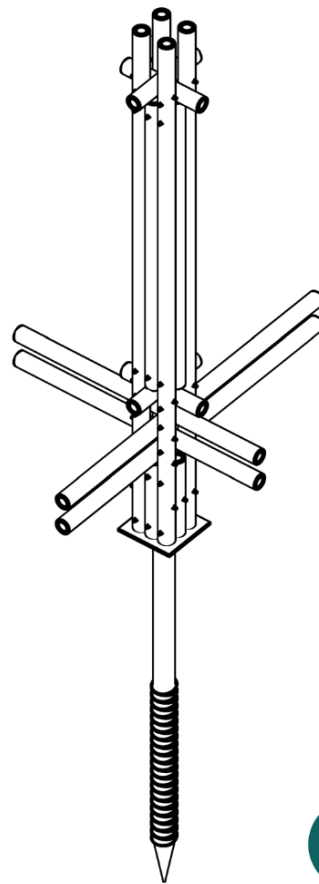
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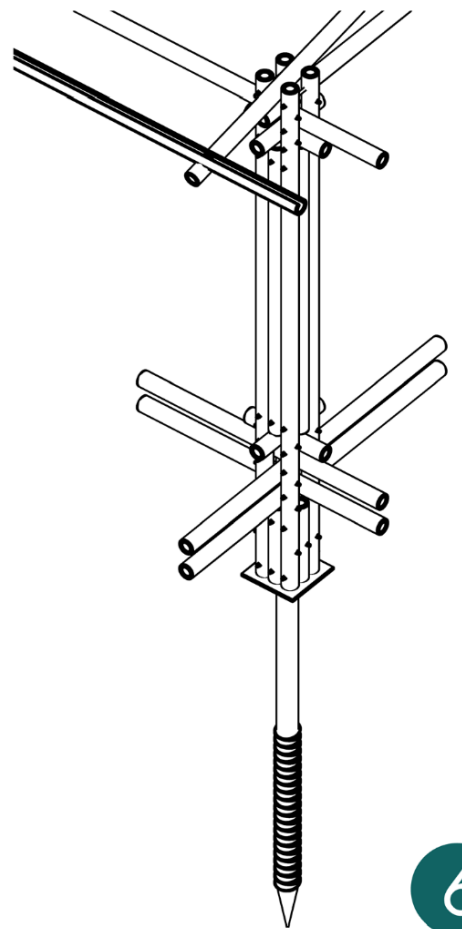
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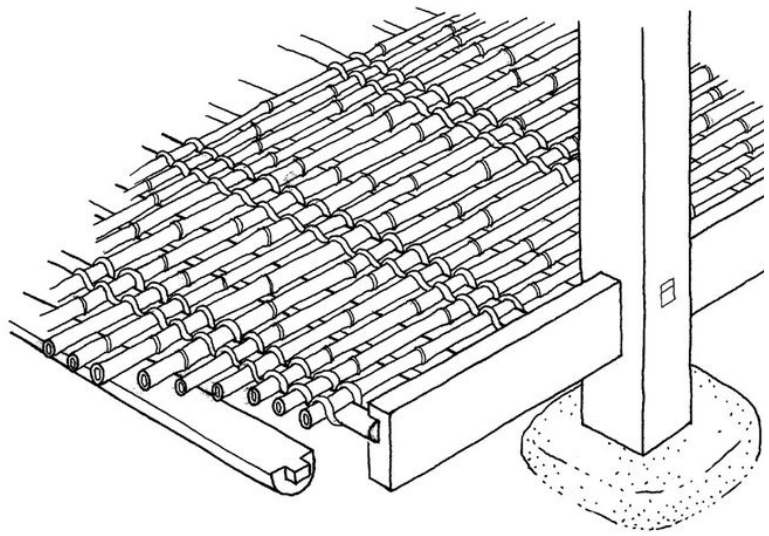
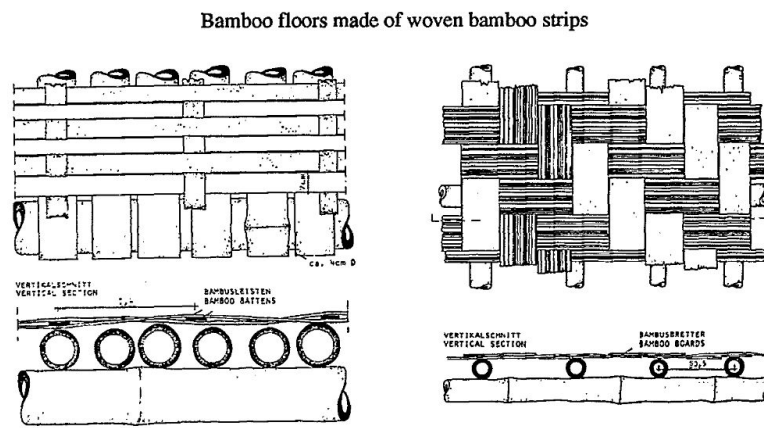
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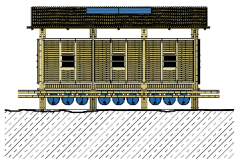


## A vertical photograph showing a large stack of bamboo poles, some bundled together, against a background of green foliage and a brick wall under a blue sky. The bamboo poles are arranged in a way that shows their circular ends, creating a pattern of many small circles. A metal rod or wire runs diagonally across the stack. The background features a brick wall and dense green trees and bushes. The sky is blue with some white clouds.



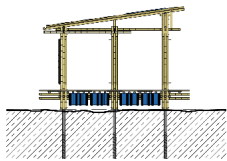


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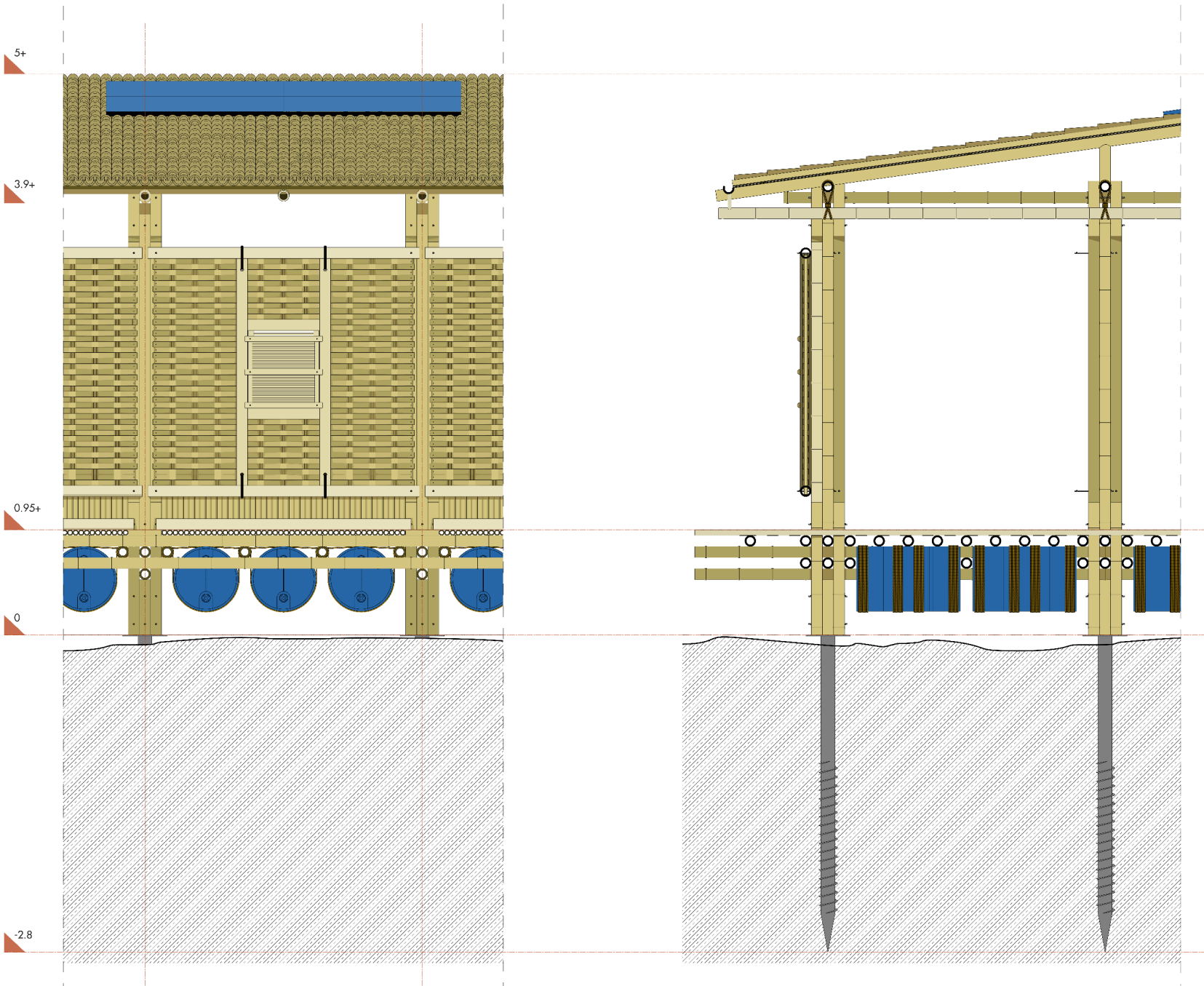
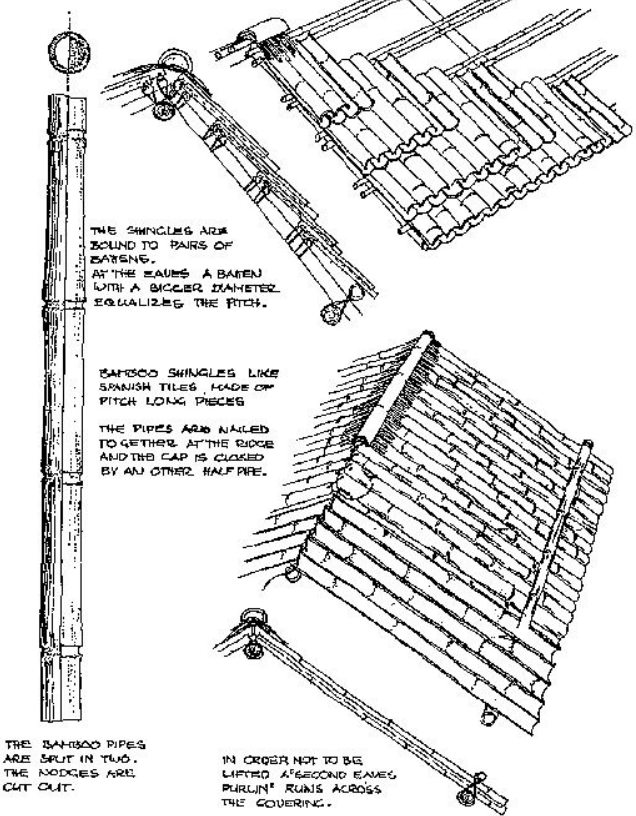


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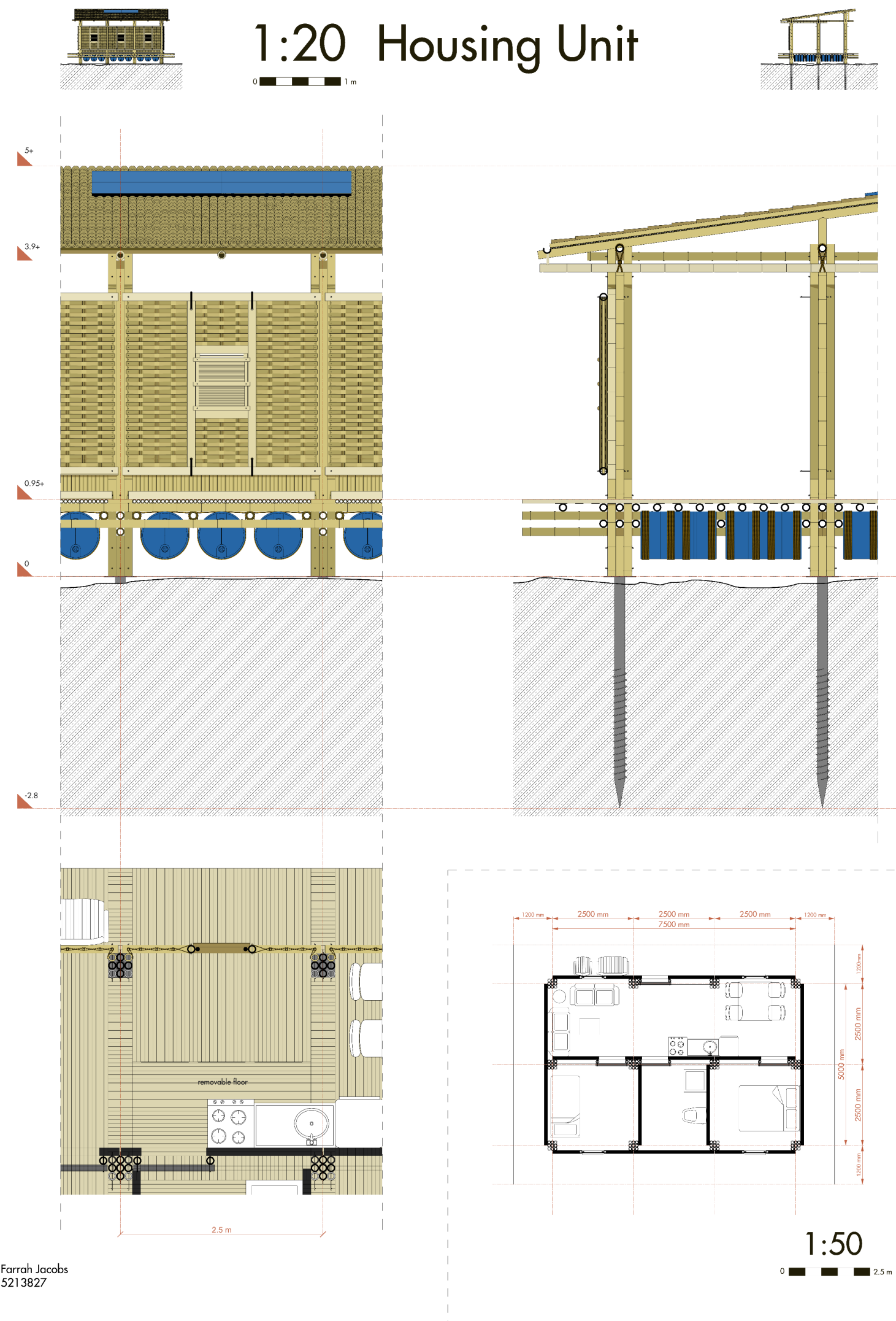
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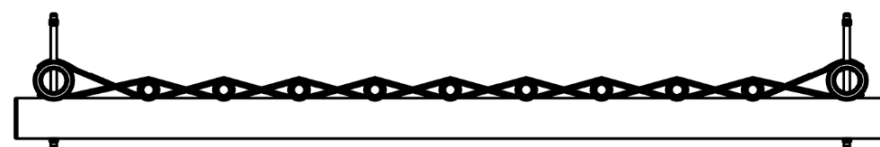
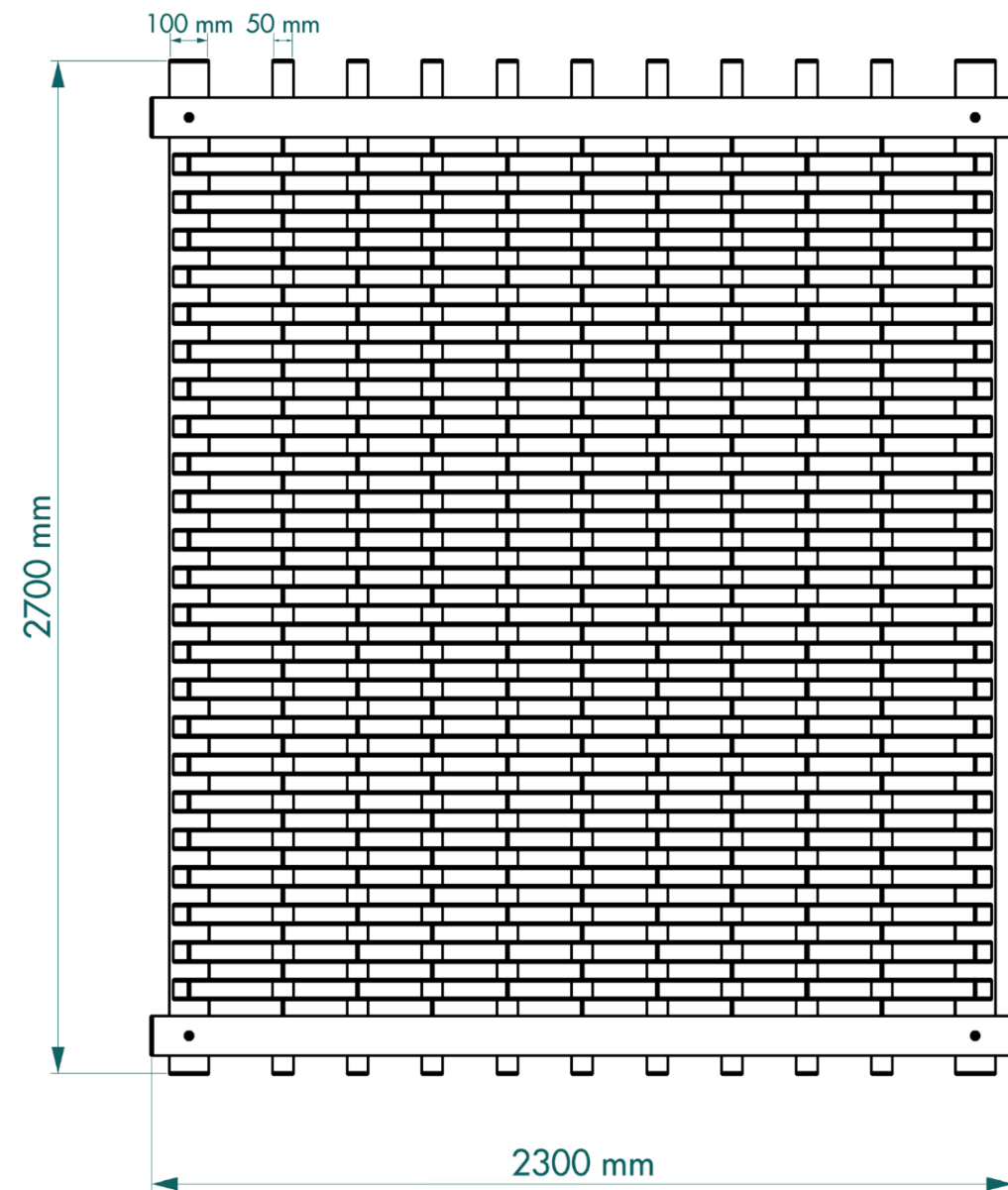
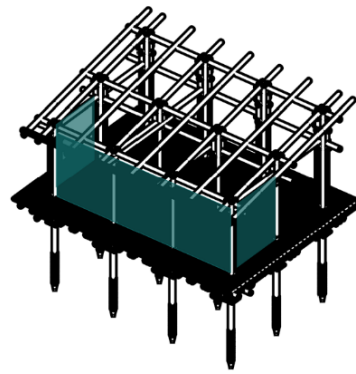


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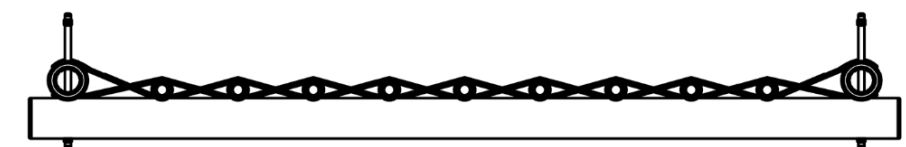
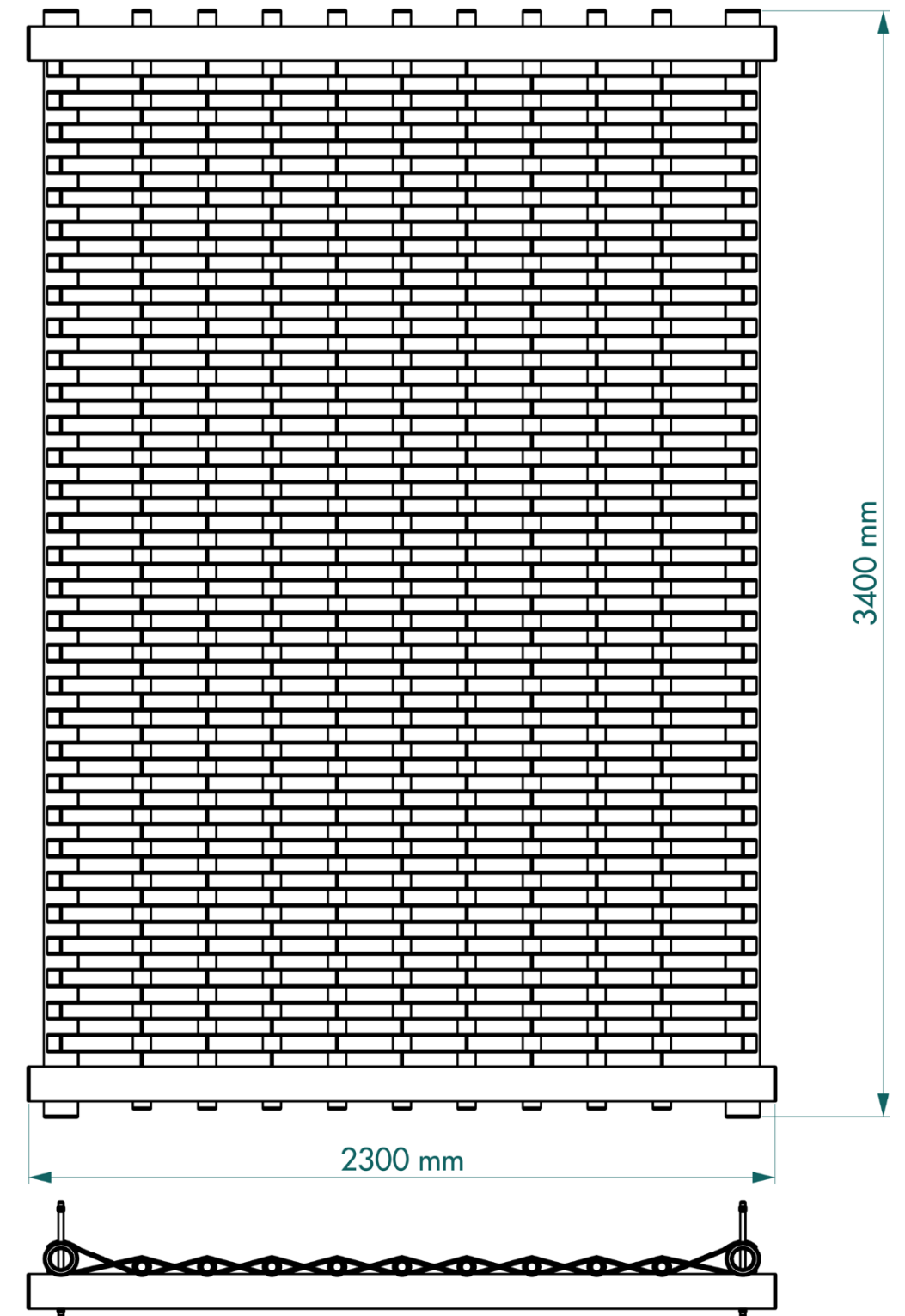
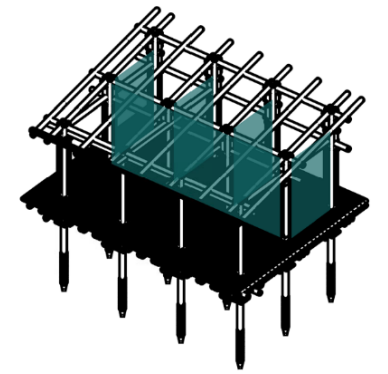
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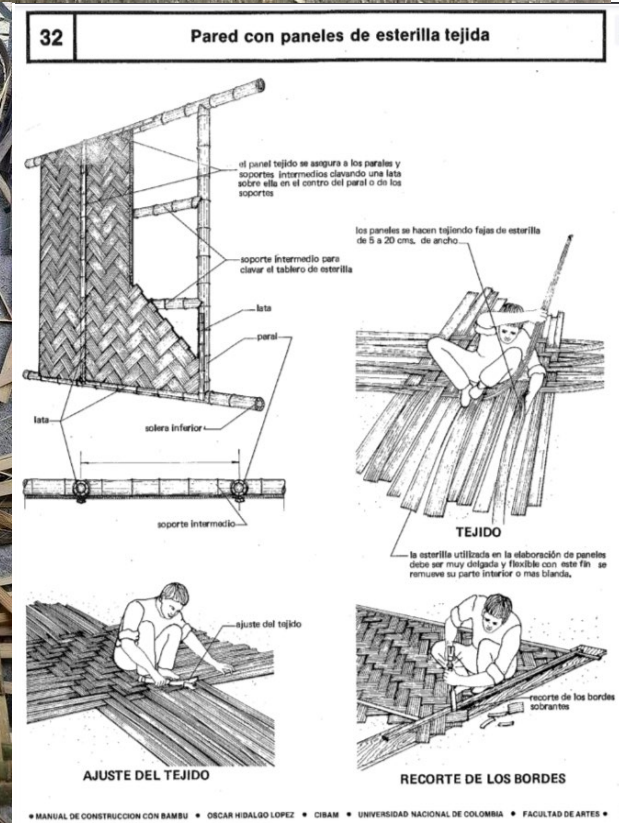
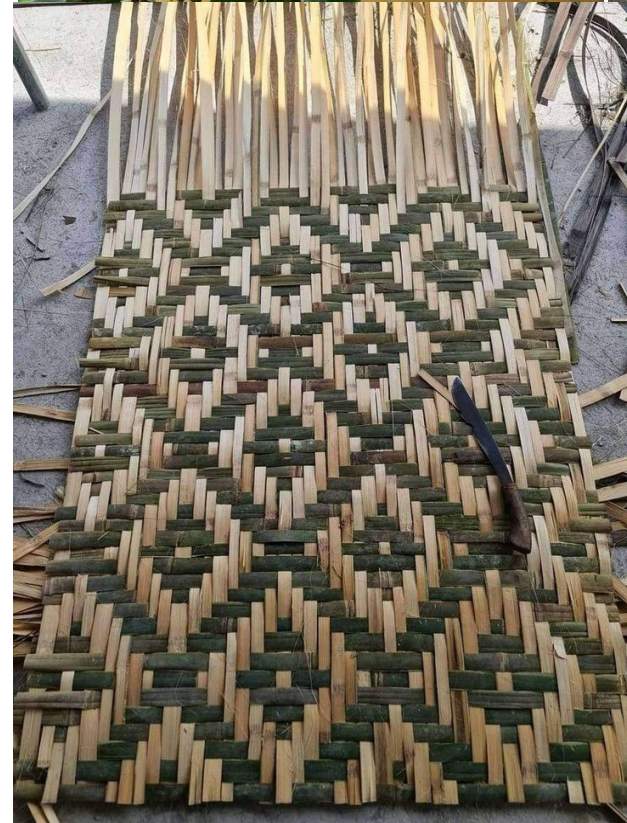
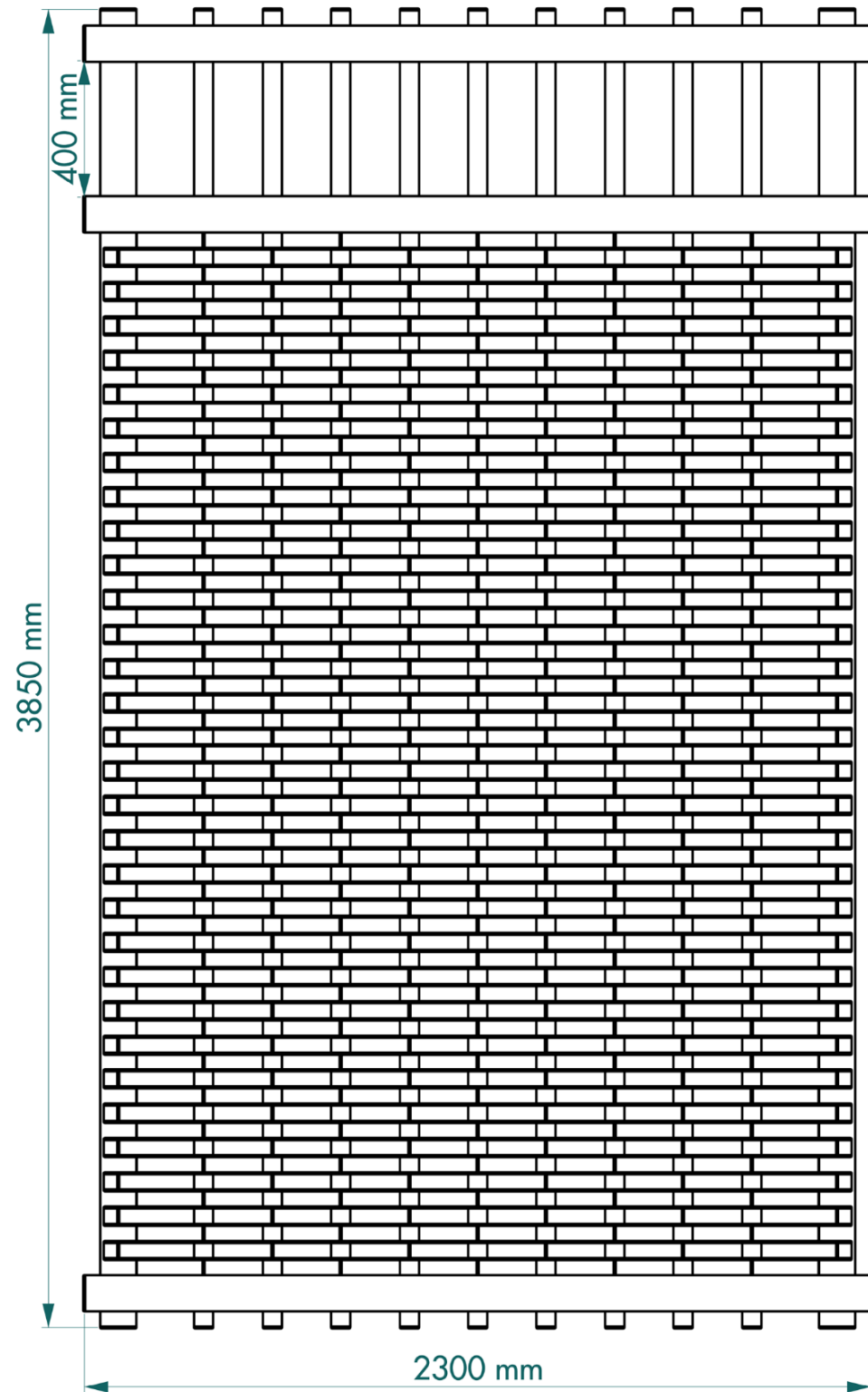
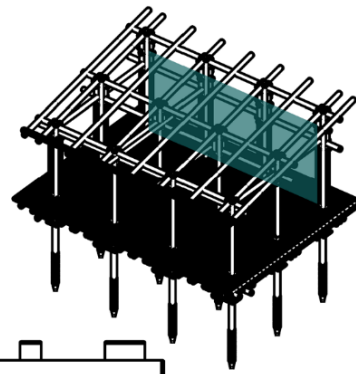


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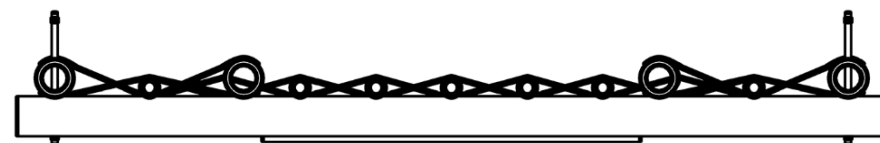
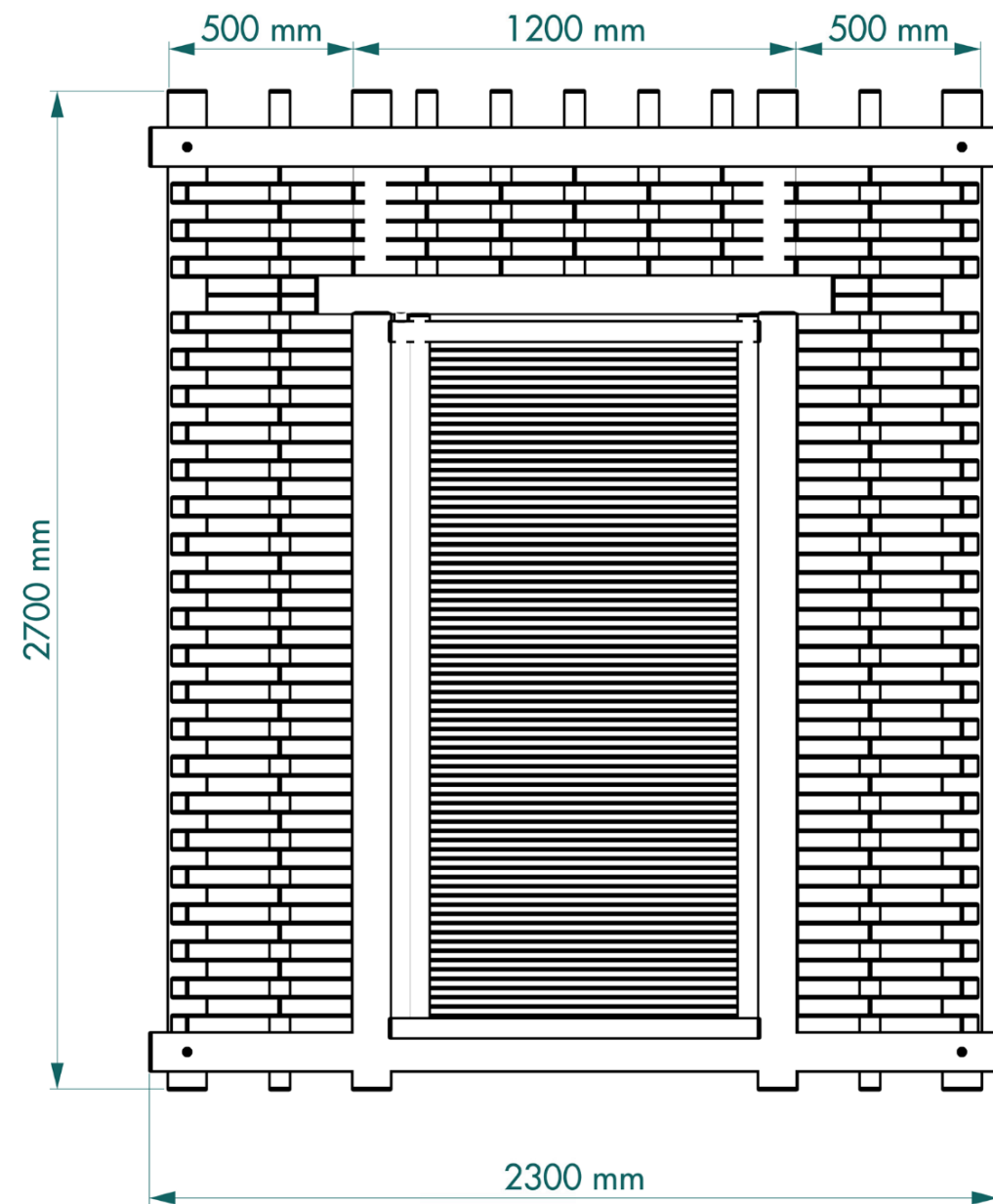
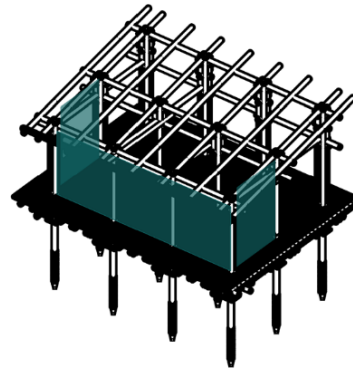




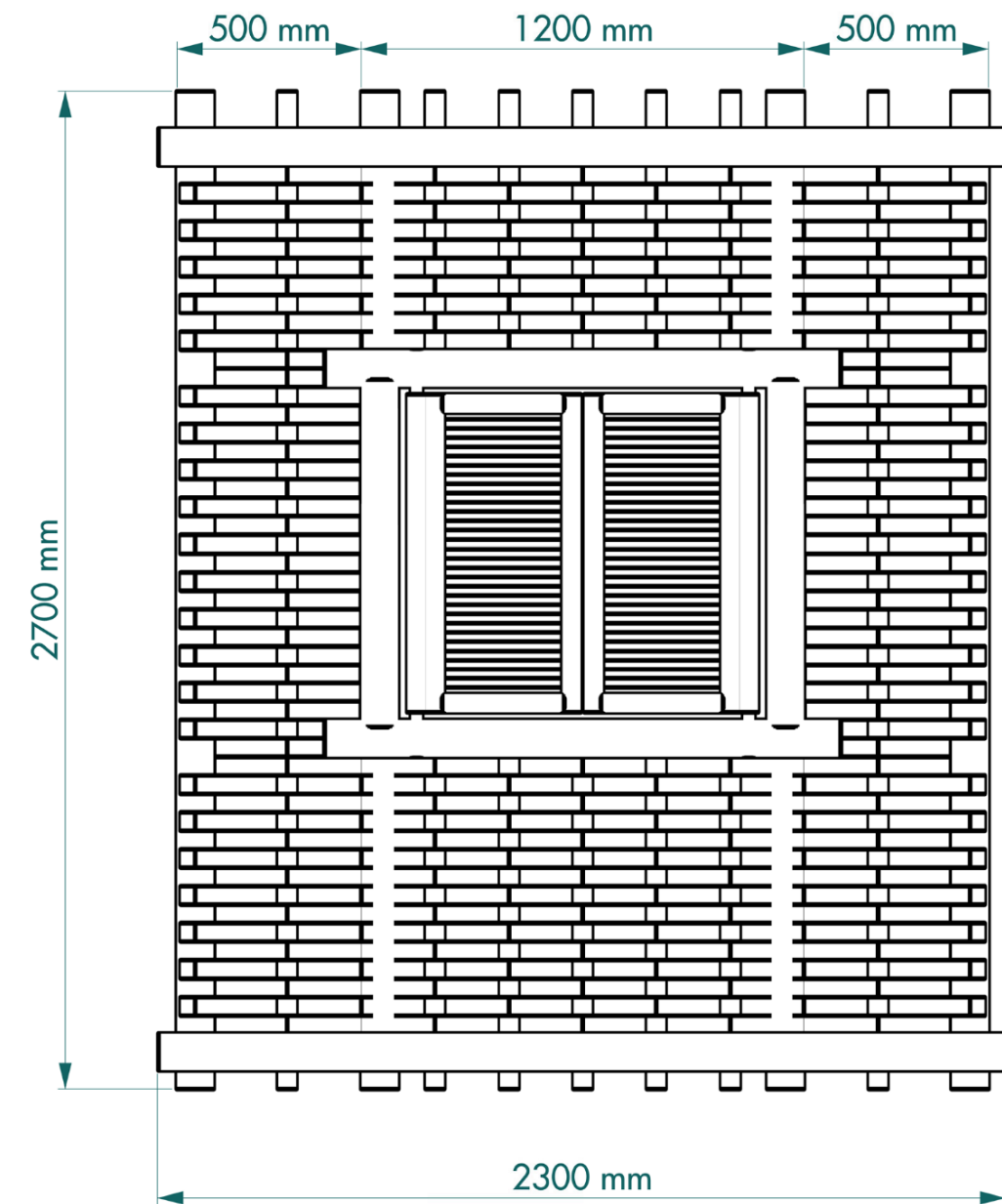
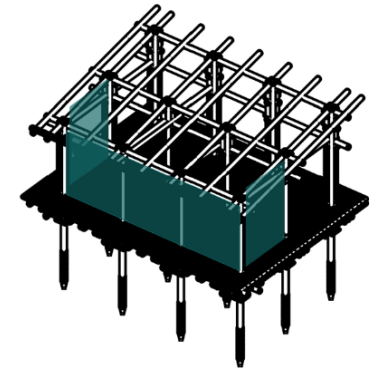
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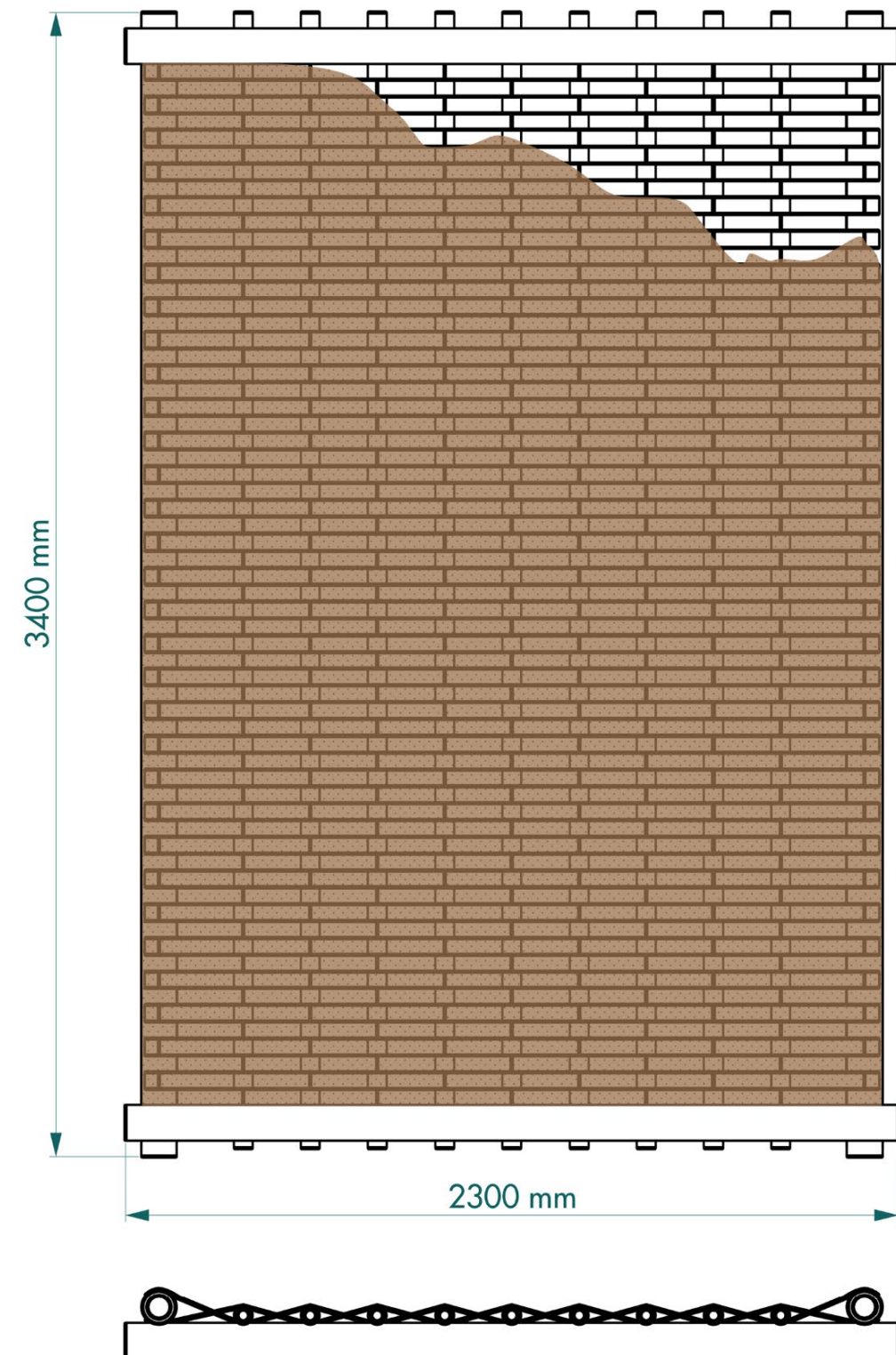
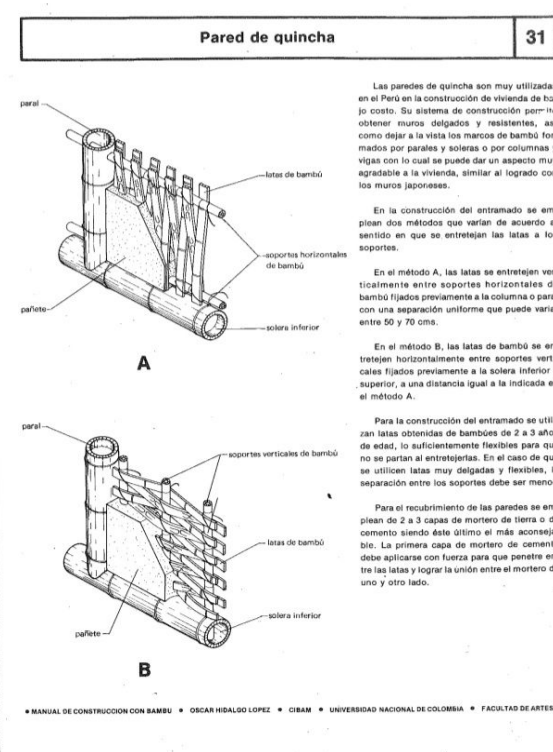
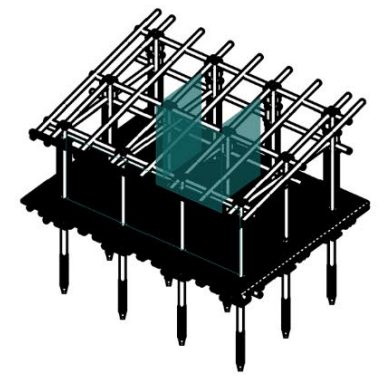
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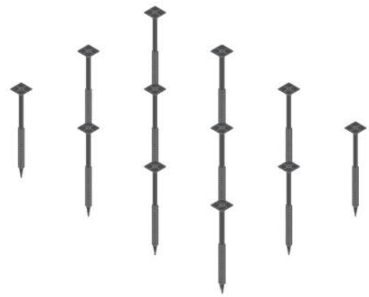
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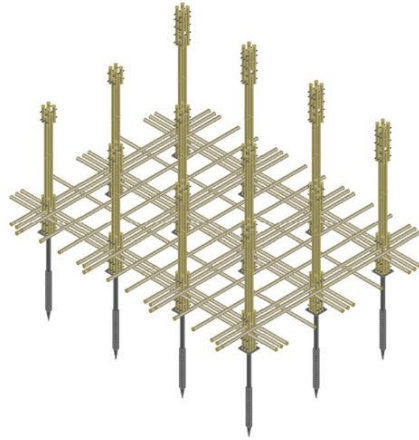


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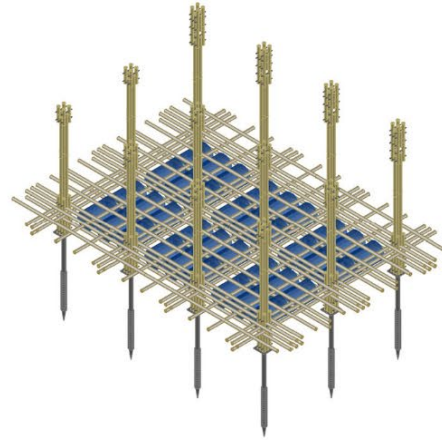
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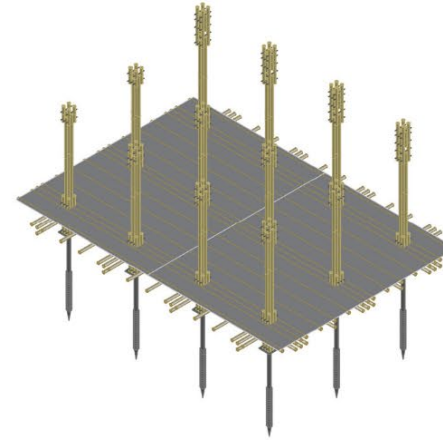
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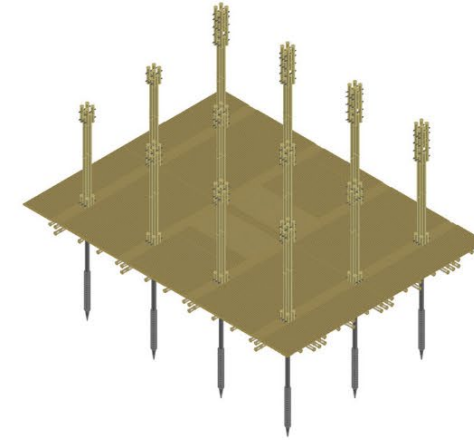
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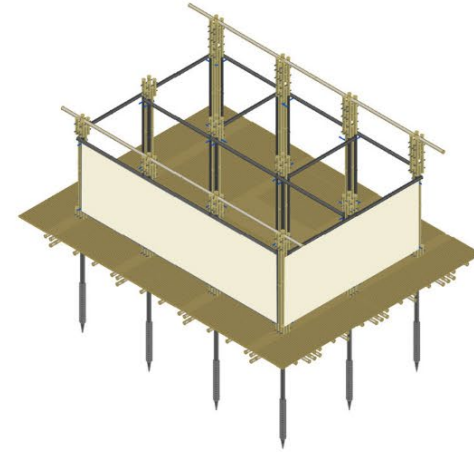
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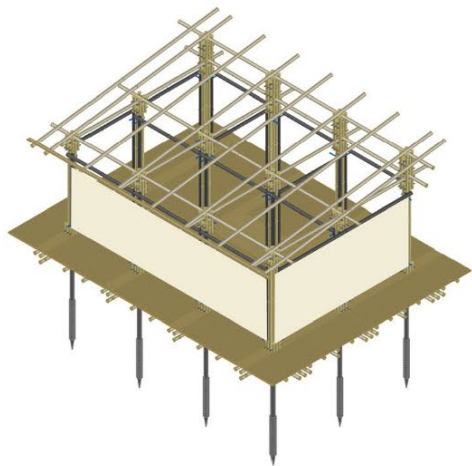
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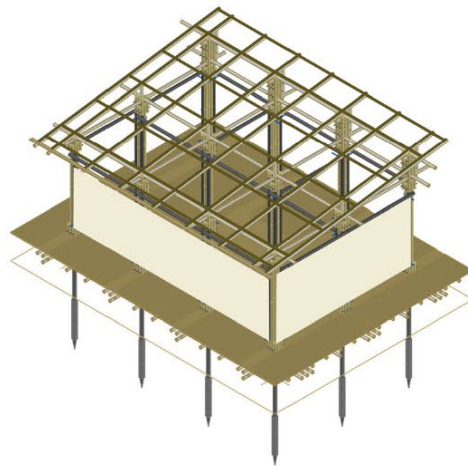
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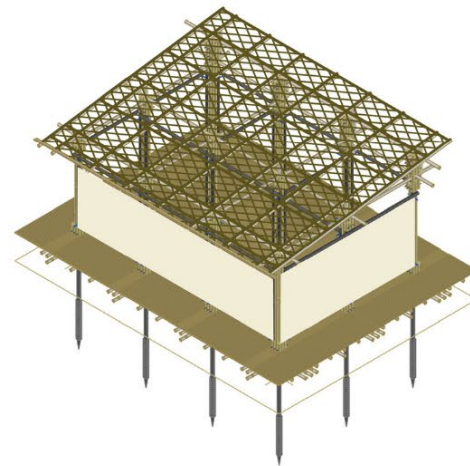
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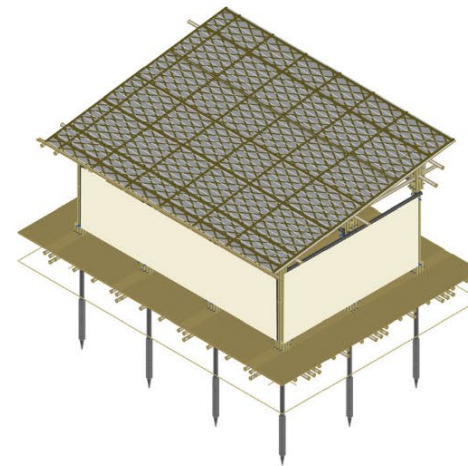
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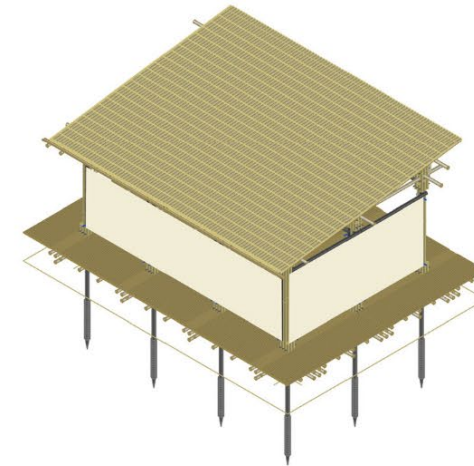
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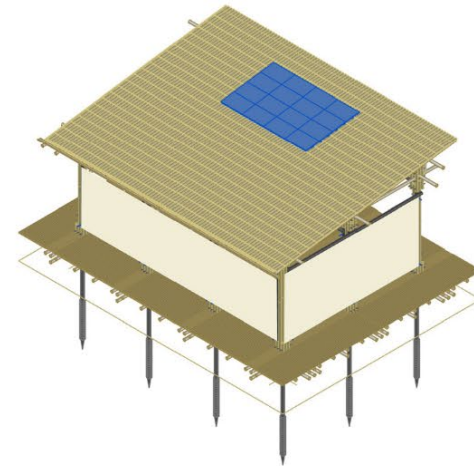
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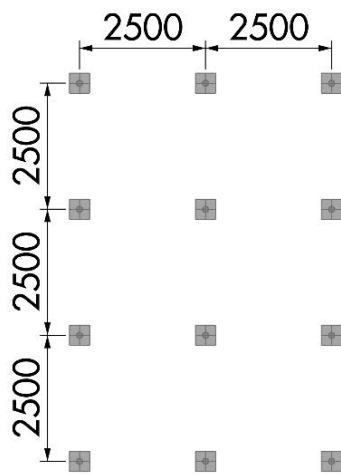


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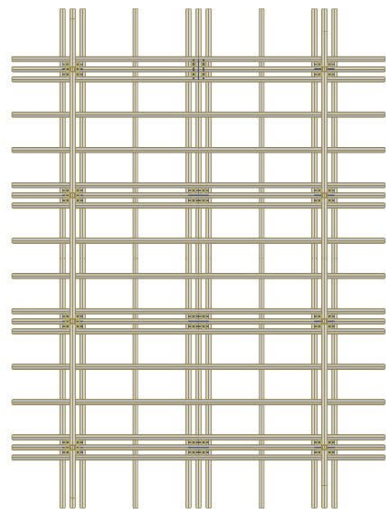
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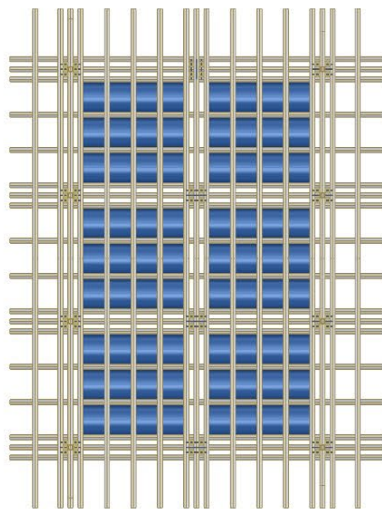
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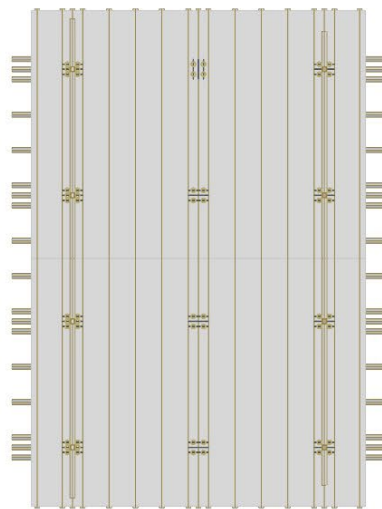
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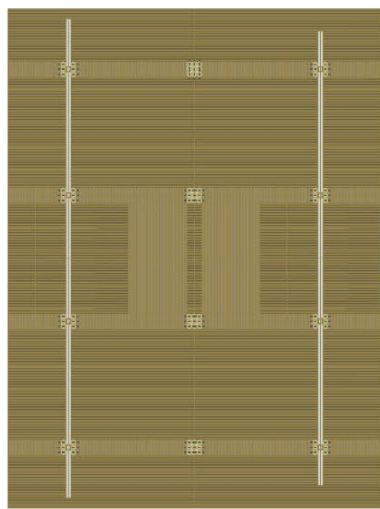
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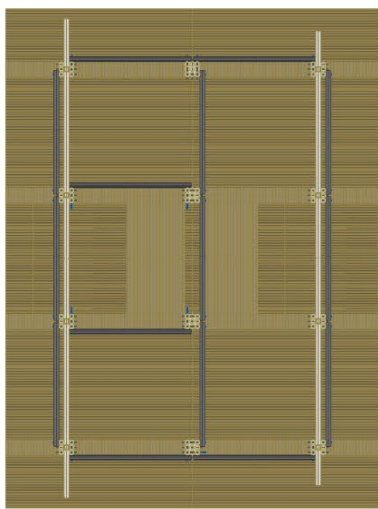
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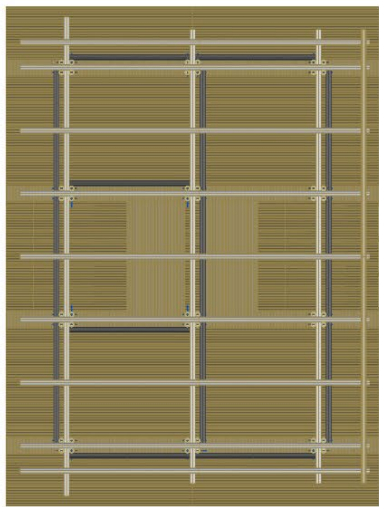
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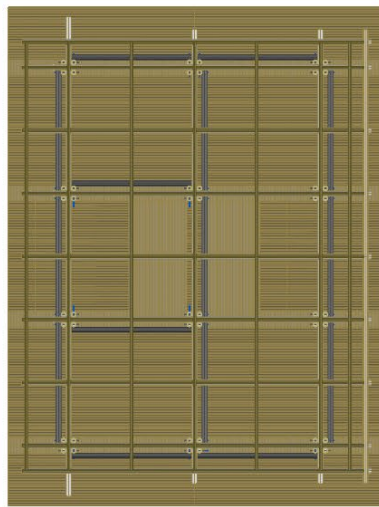
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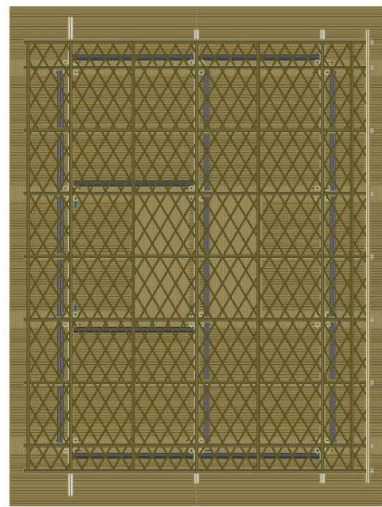
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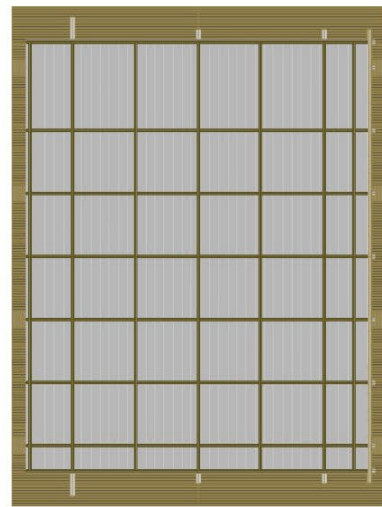
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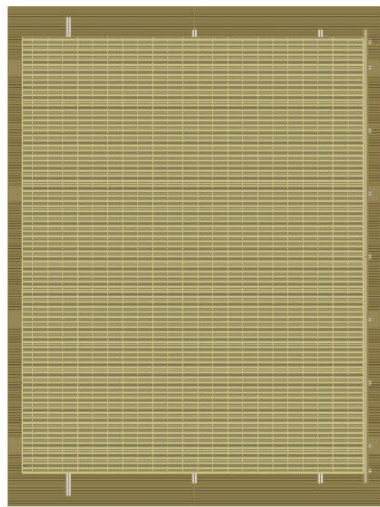
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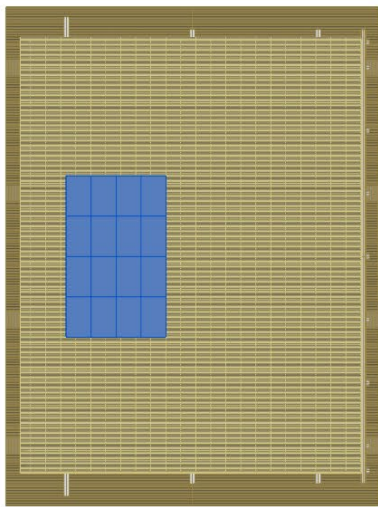
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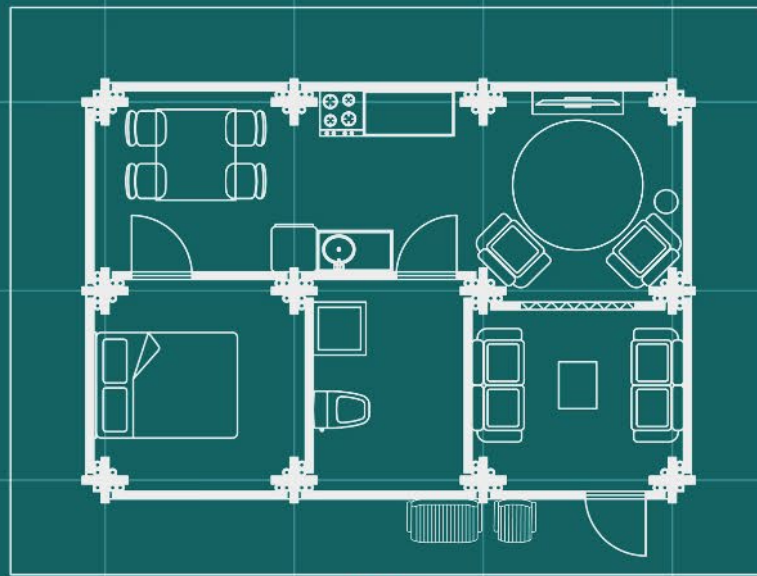


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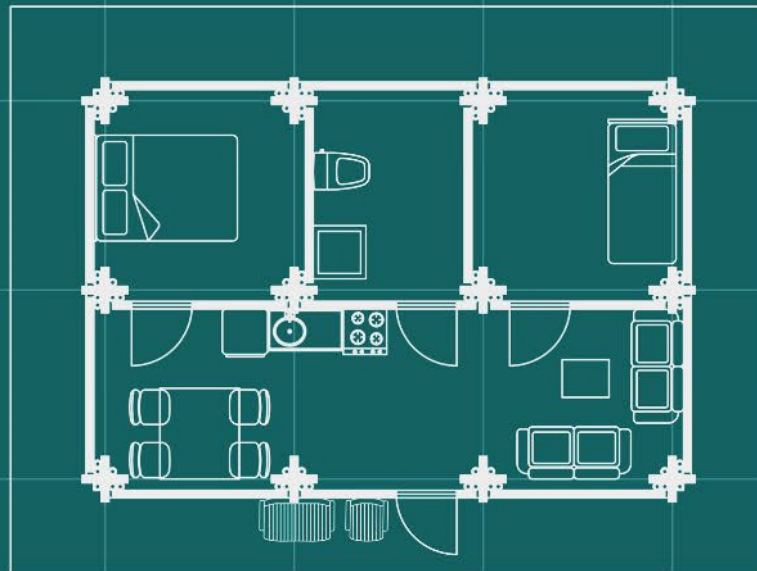


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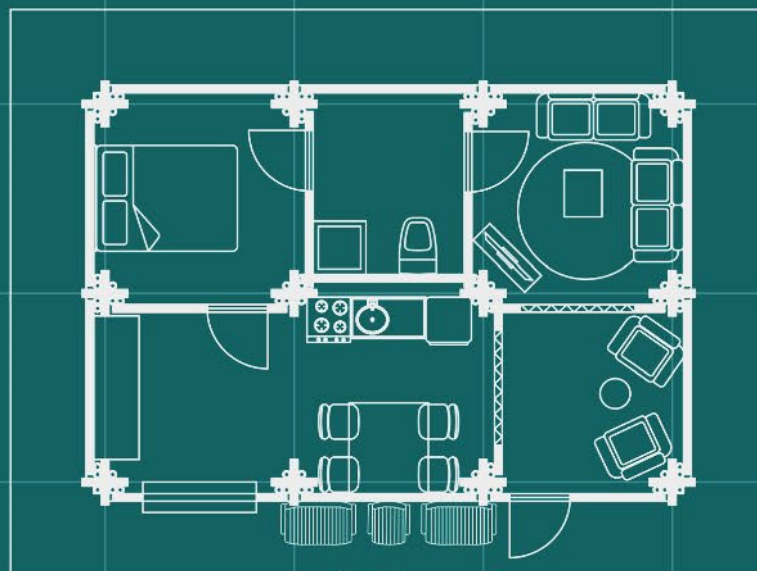




*possible lay-out 1*



*possible lay-out 2*



*possible lay-out 3*

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7500 mm

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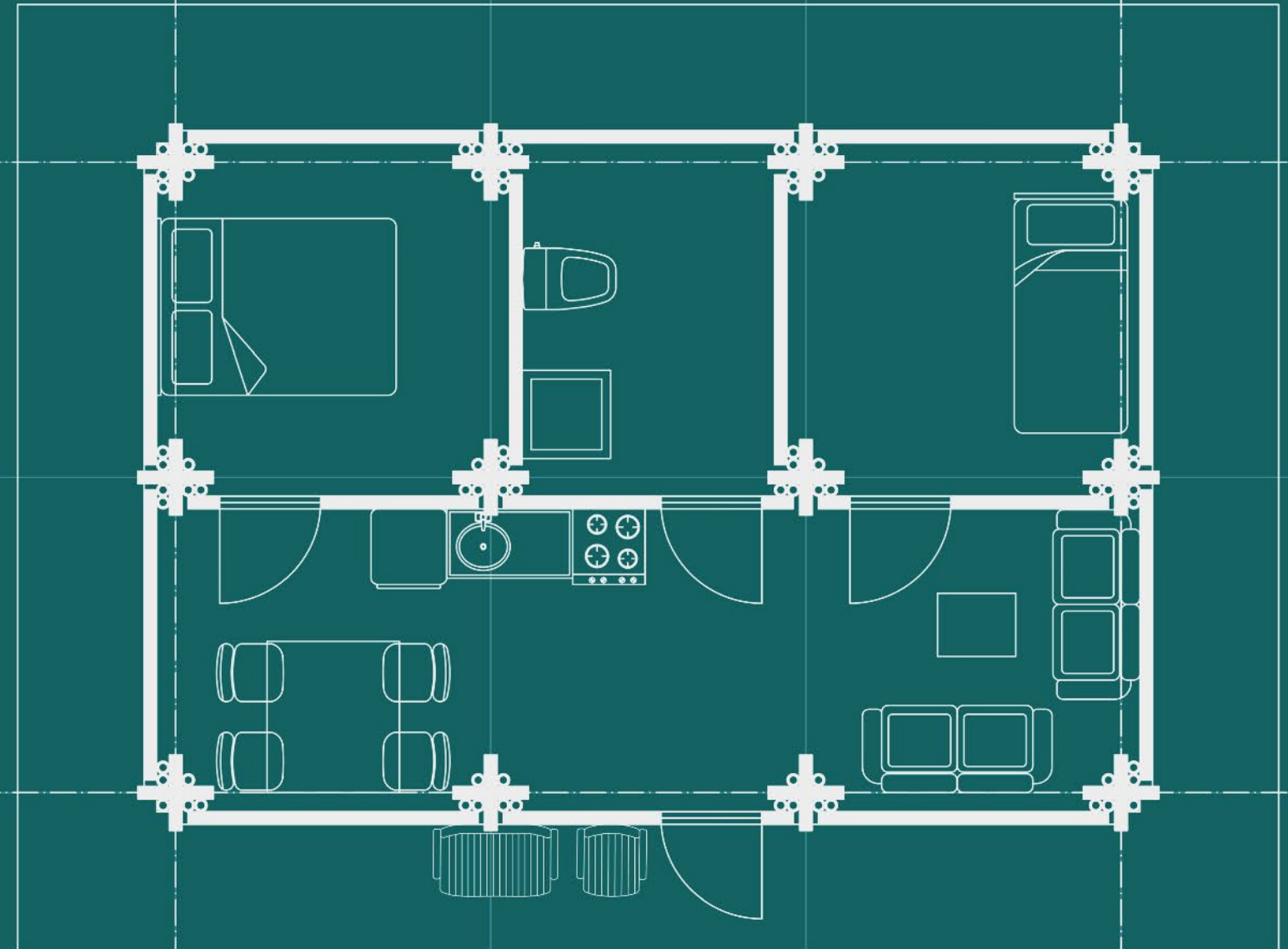
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## Housing Unit Lay-out Variations



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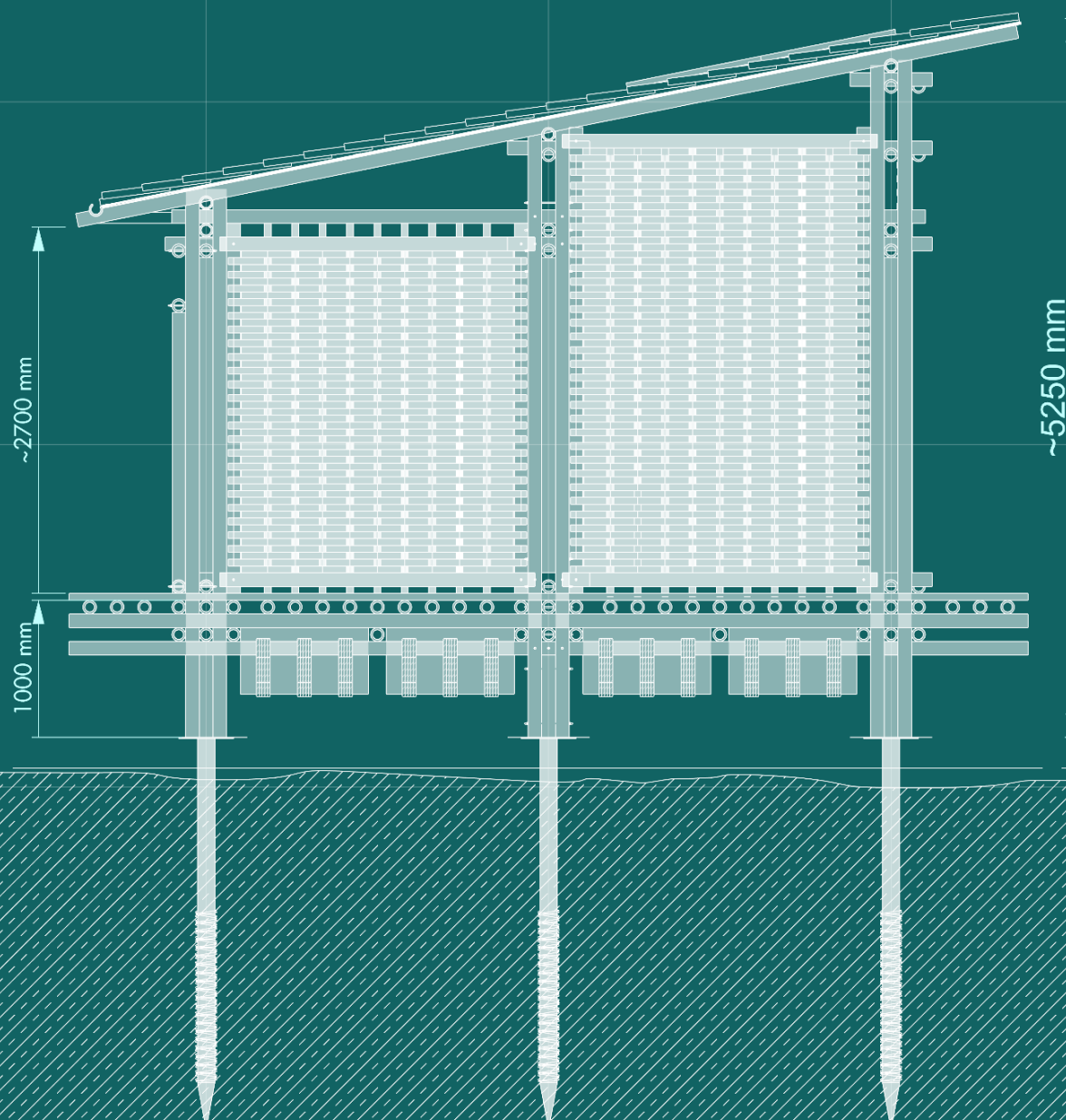
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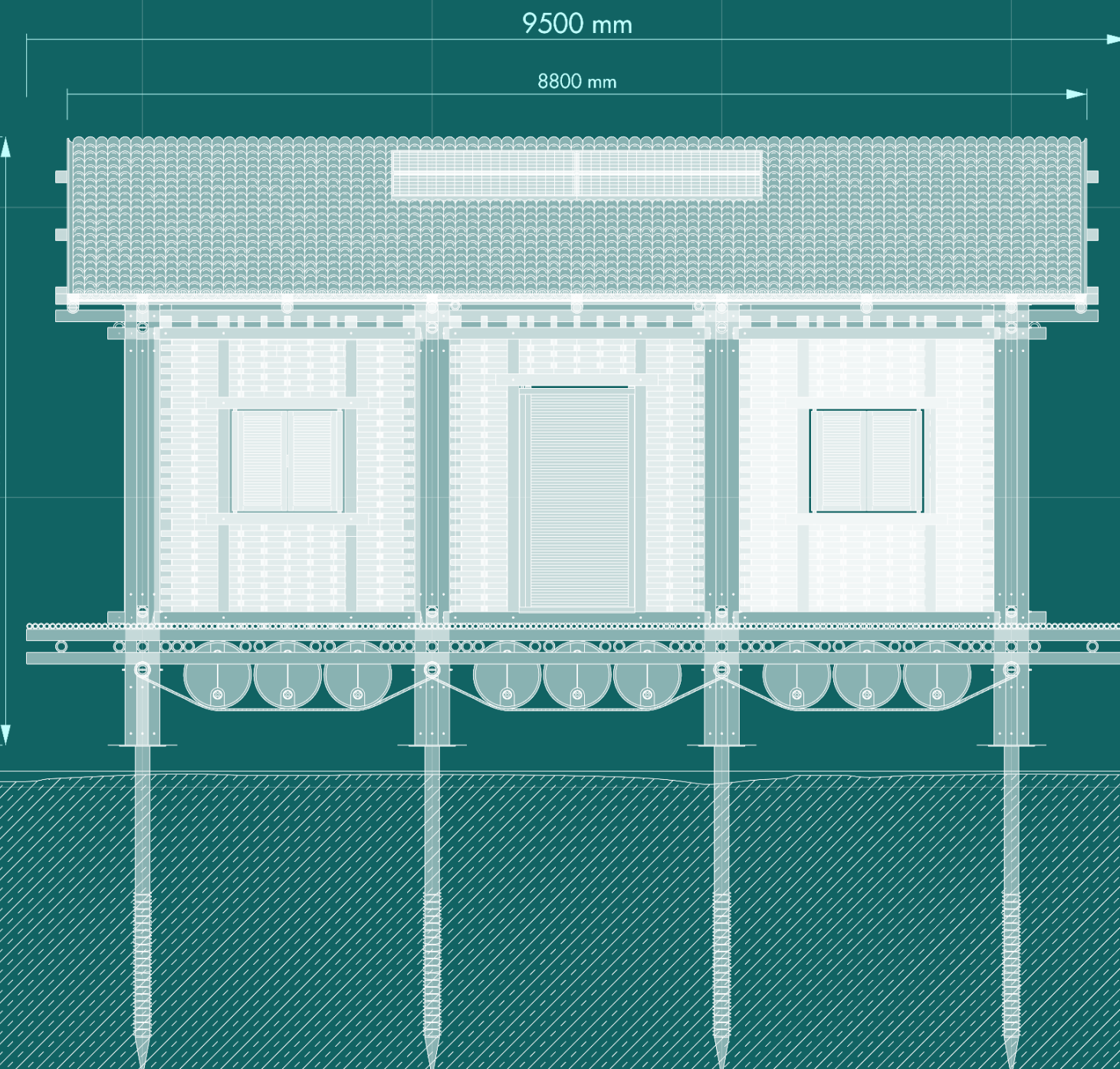
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# Housing Unit Elevations



~5250 mm



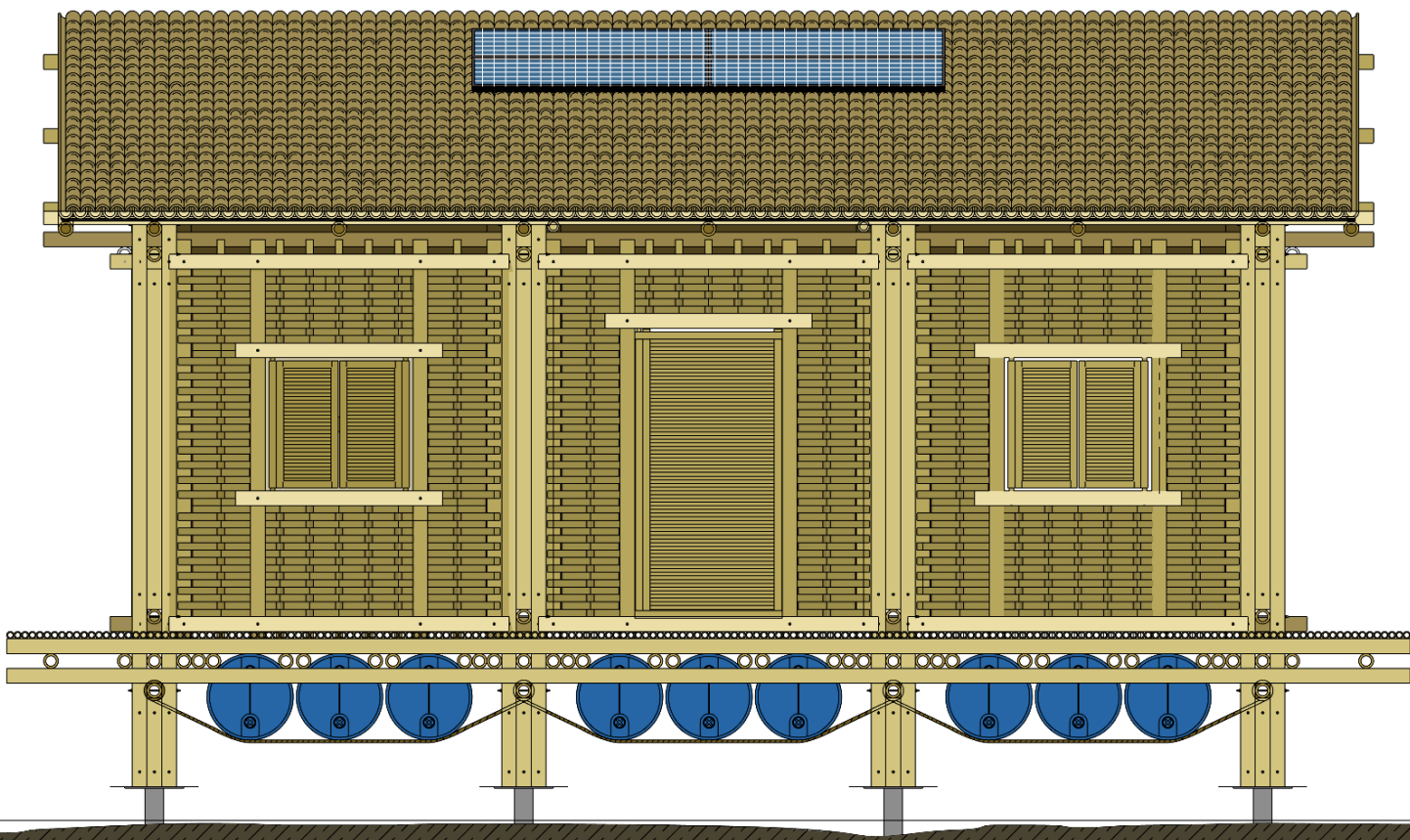
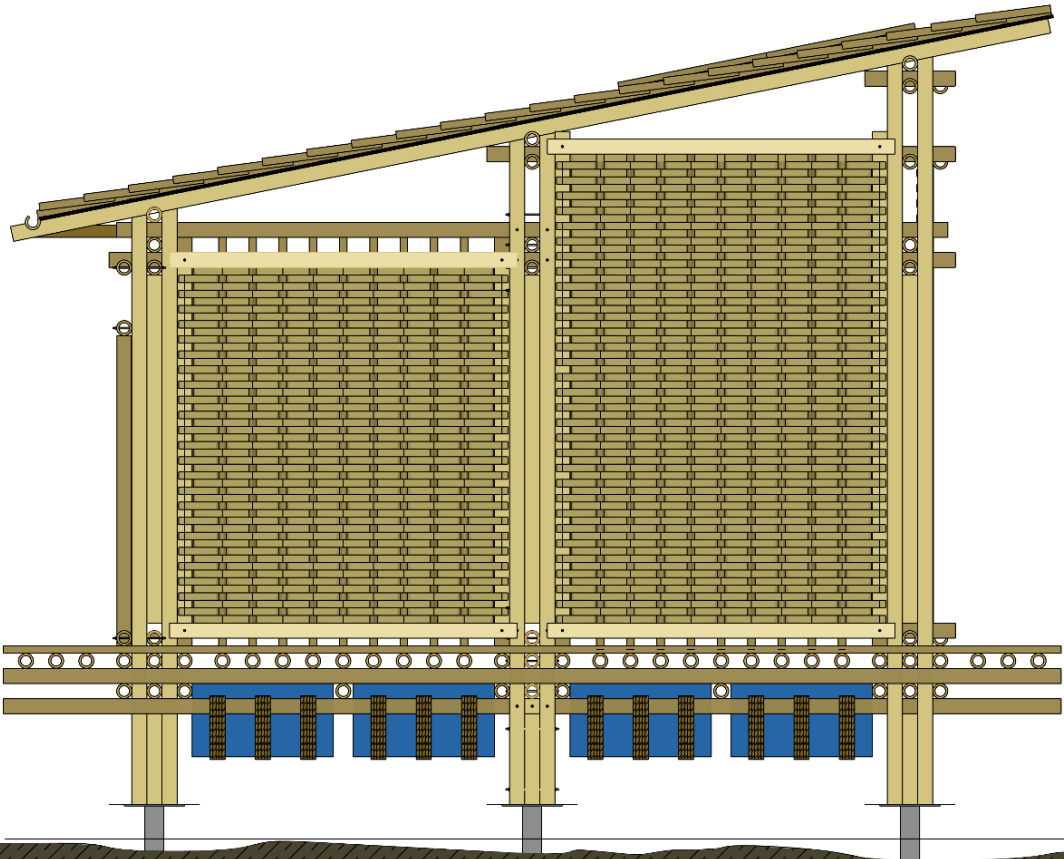


# Housing Unit

## Elevations

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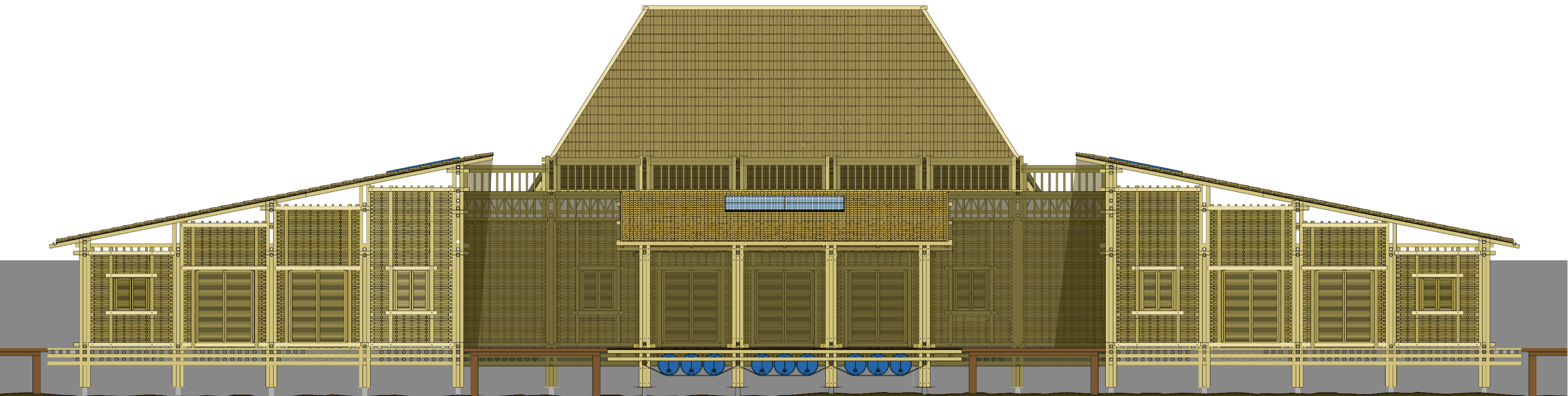
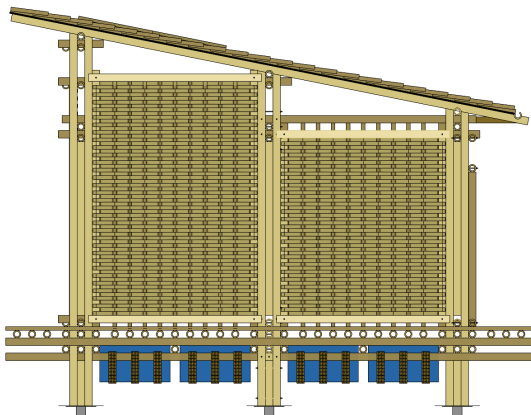
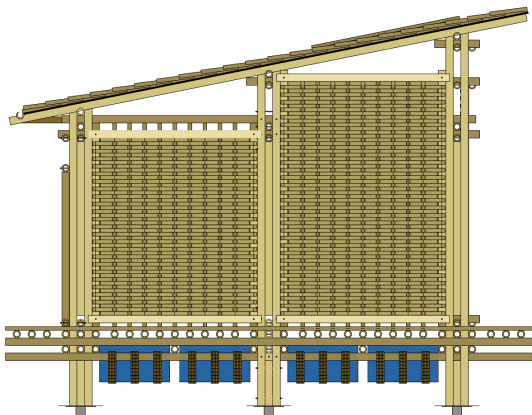
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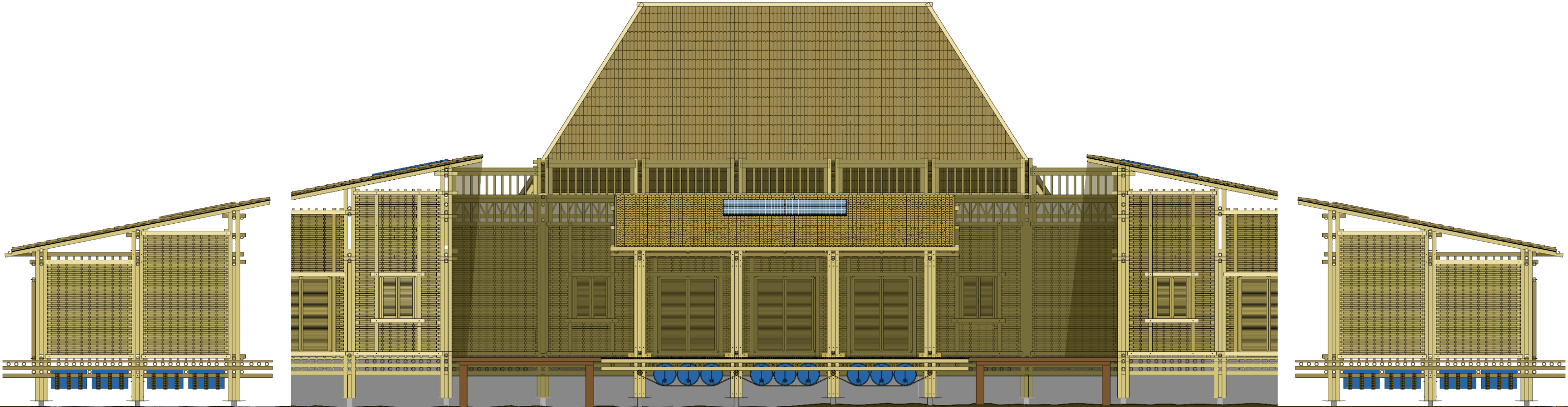
# Community Research Center

Elevation

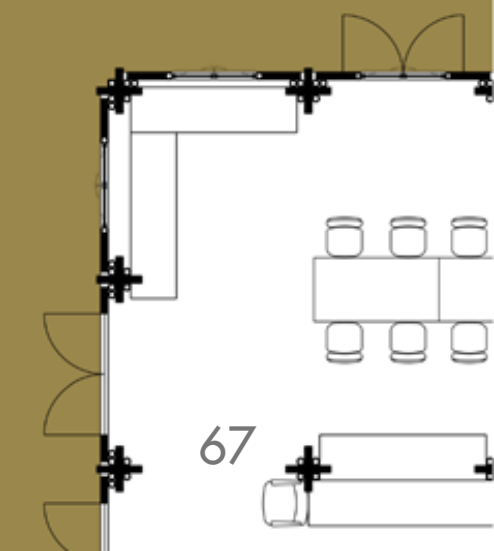
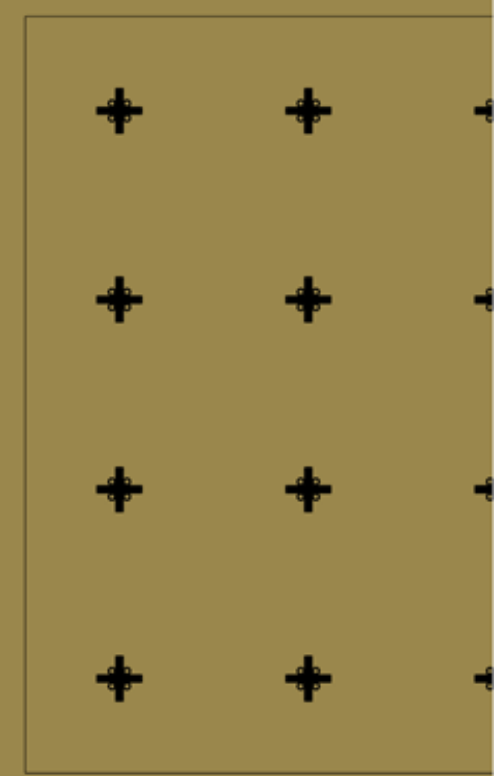
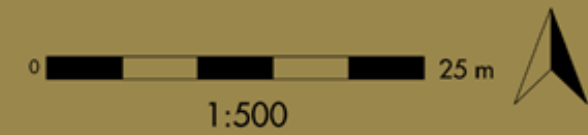
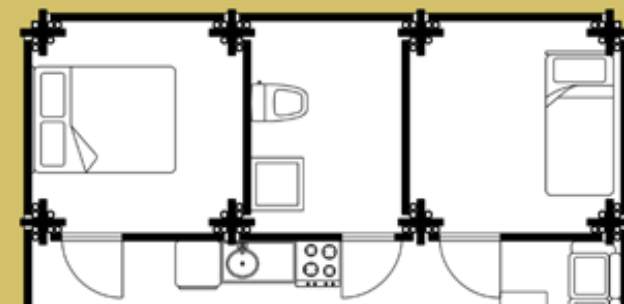
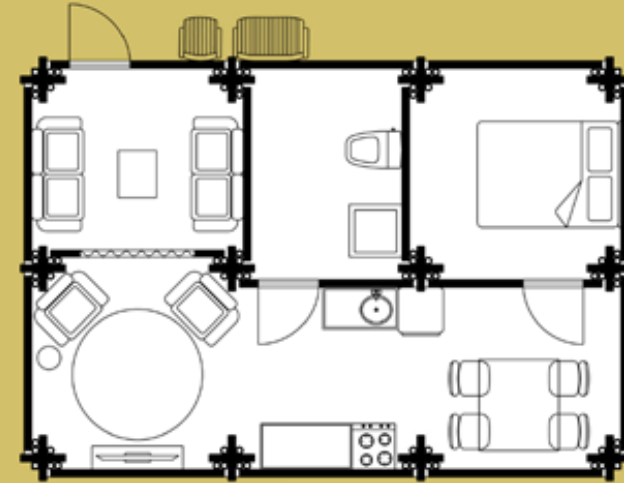
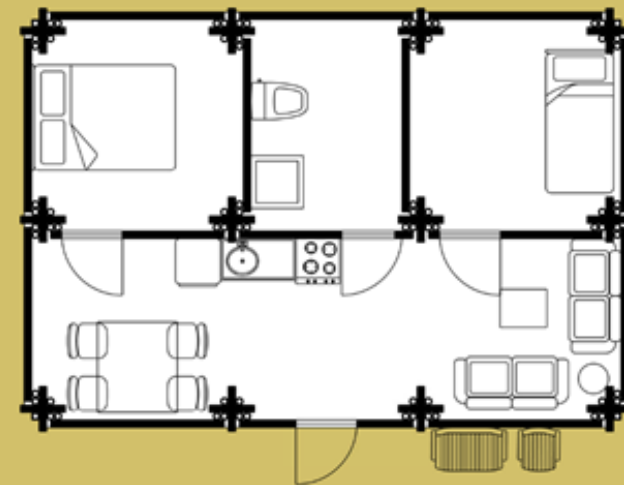
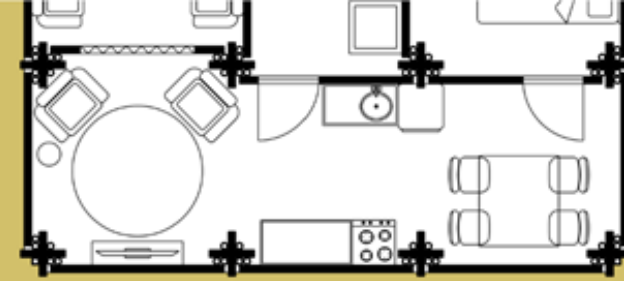
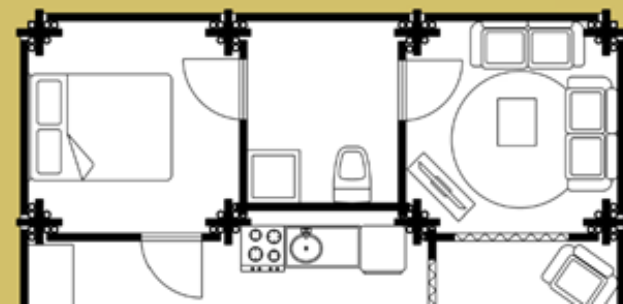
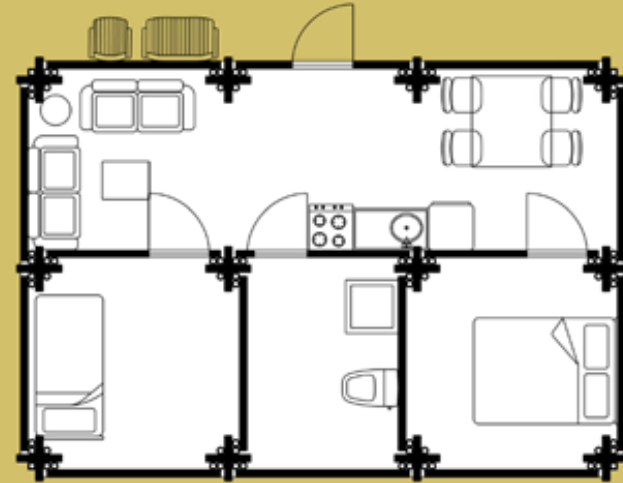
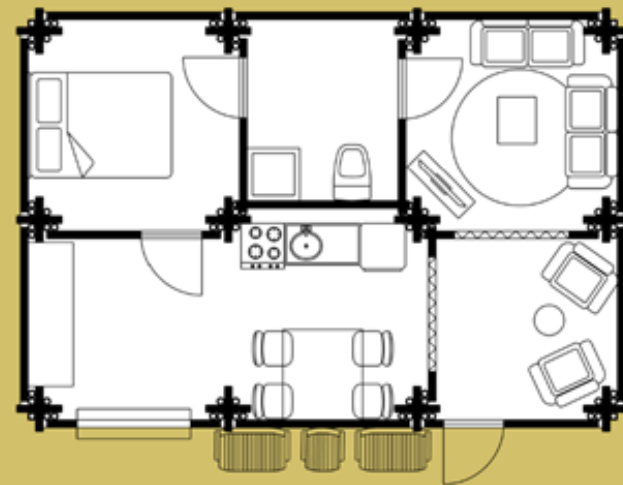
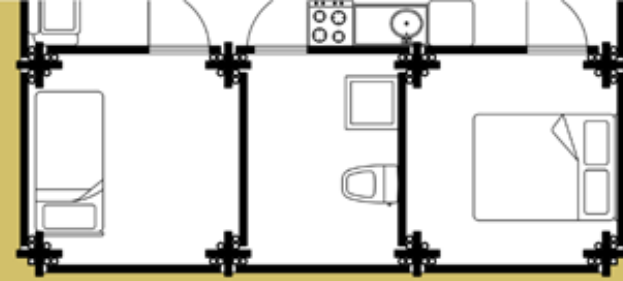
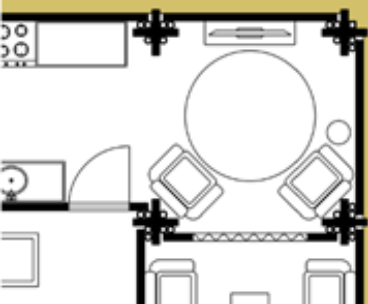
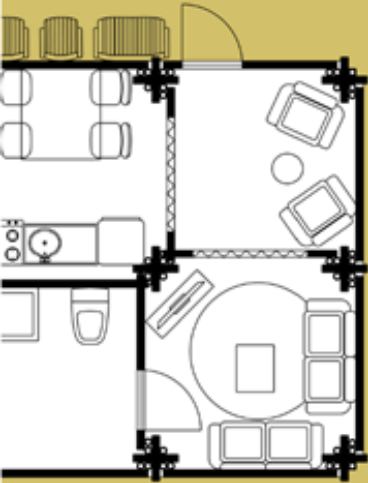
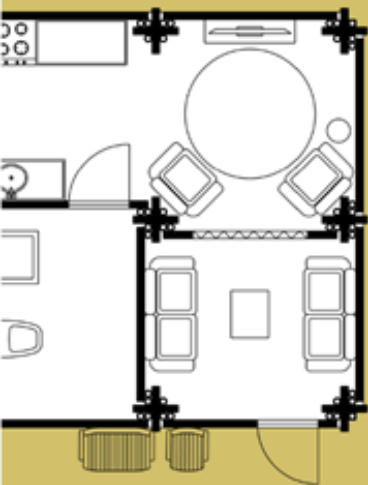
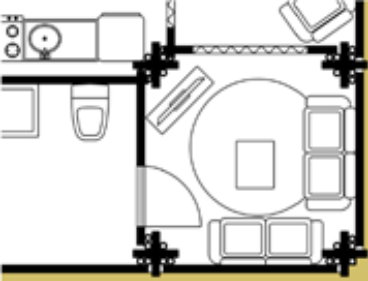


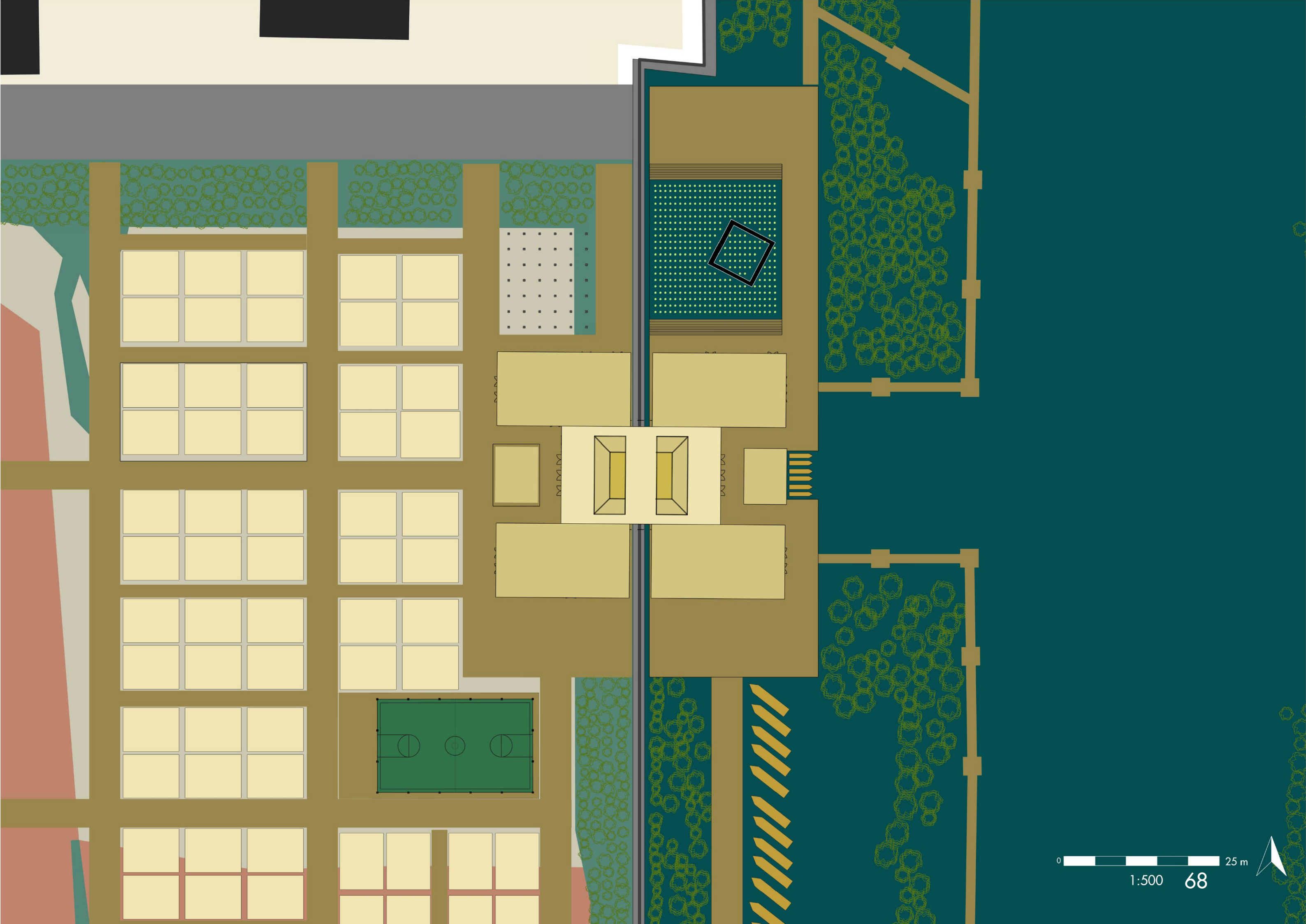
1:100  
0 10 m  
65

Community Research Center  
Elevation











# Phasing strategy (2025-2050)

How will this plan develop over the years?

0 100 m  
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greenery/trees



buildings



wet ground



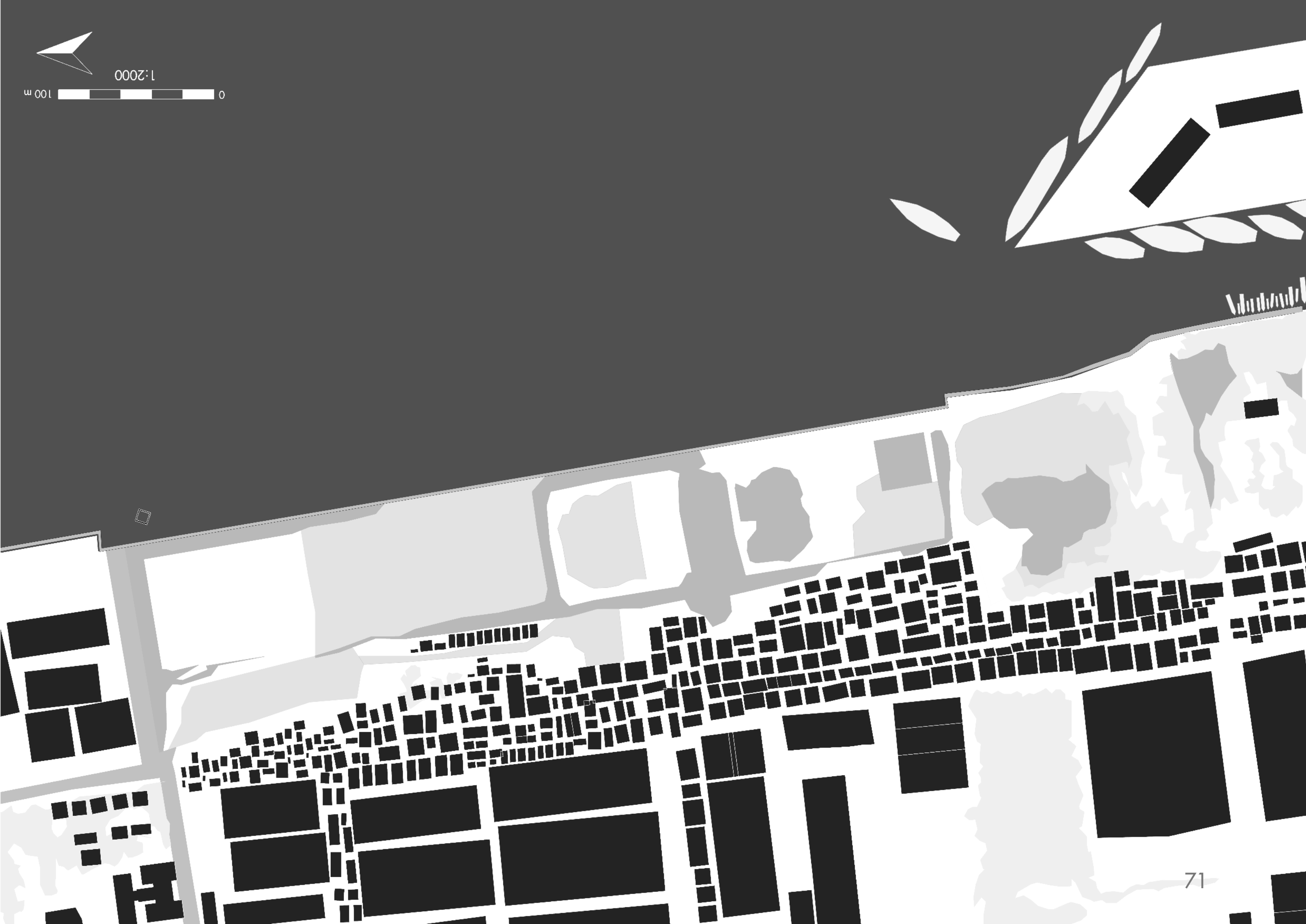
soft soil



semi-hard soil

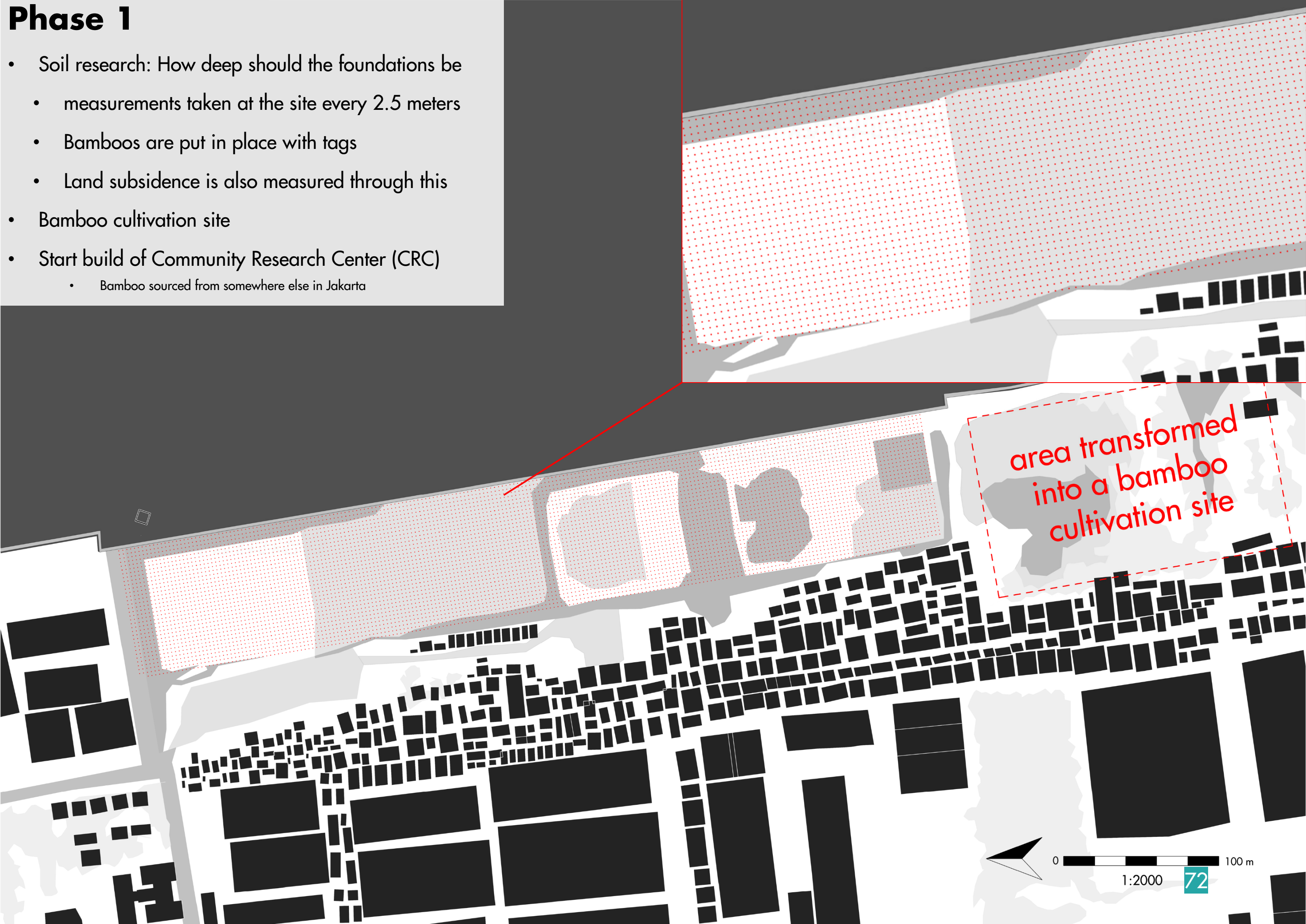






# Phase 1

- Soil research: How deep should the foundations be
  - measurements taken at the site every 2.5 meters
  - Bamboos are put in place with tags
  - Land subsidence is also measured through this
- Bamboo cultivation site
- Start build of Community Research Center (CRC)
  - Bamboo sourced from somewhere else in Jakarta



area transformed  
into a bamboo  
cultivation site

1:2000

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## Phase 2 (1-2 years after first phase ~2027)

- CRC finished
- First mangroves are planted (behind the wall)
- Amphibious football field built next to CRC to attract local community
- Local community learns about building amphibious houses and mangrove forestation
- Road decks are constructed

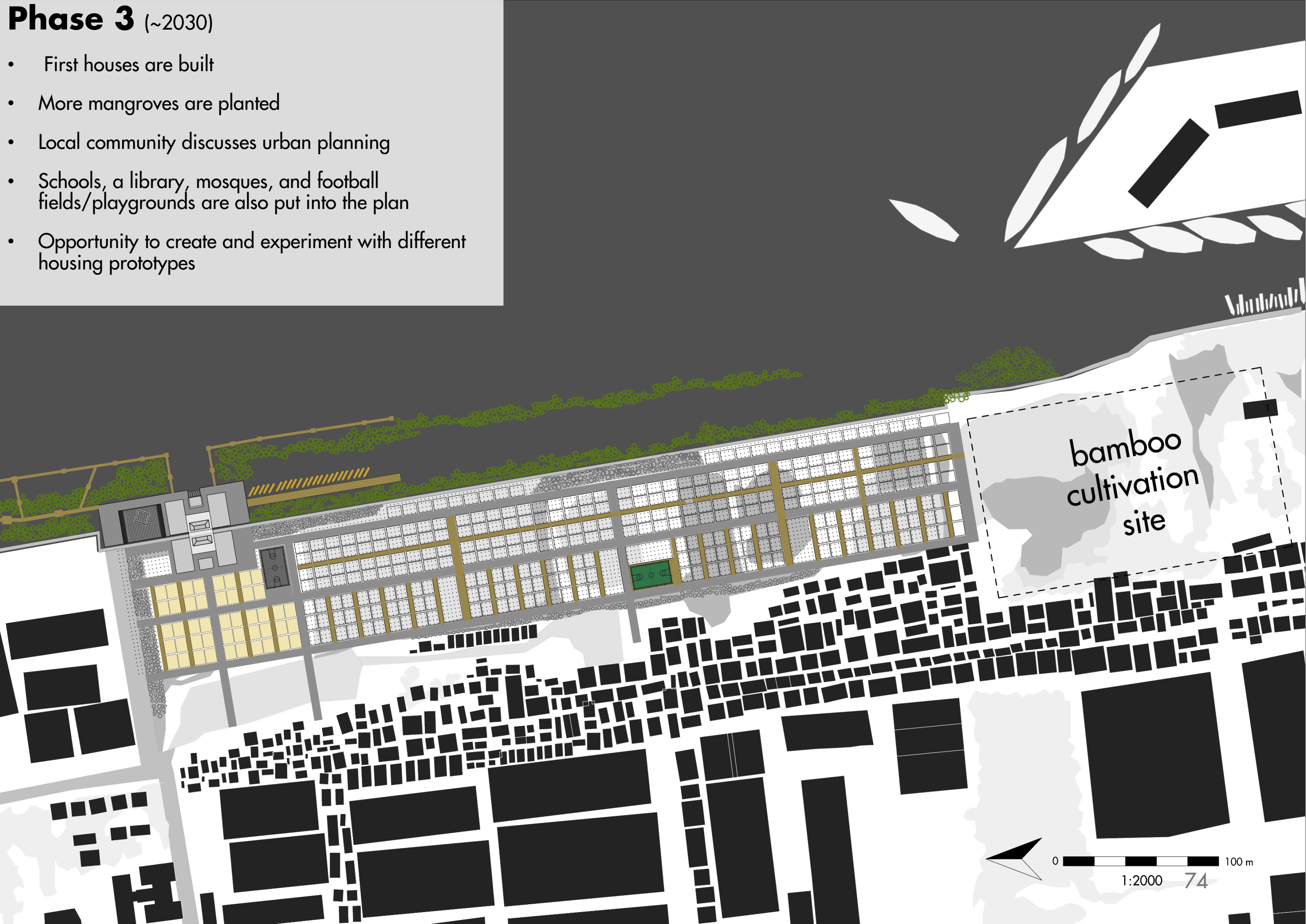


bamboo  
cultivation  
site

0 100 m  
1:2000 73

# Phase 3 (~2030)

- First houses are built
- More mangroves are planted
- Local community discusses urban planning
- Schools, a library, mosques, and football fields/playgrounds are also put into the plan
- Opportunity to create and experiment with different housing prototypes



bamboo  
cultivation  
site

0 100 m  
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# Phase 4 (~2040)

- The site is fully built
- Mangroves have fully matured
- Community Learning Center and Houses are inspected in case replacements are needed
- Knowledge is passed on to other coastal communities





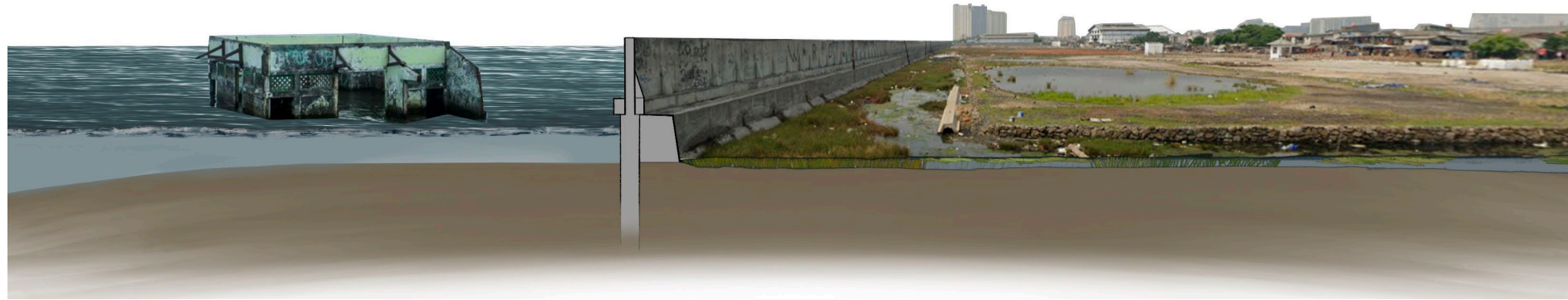
# Phase 5 (2050)

- Seawall has completely sunk or deteriorated
- The site has become a tidal zone
- A bridge on the ground floor between the two sides of the community research center is made

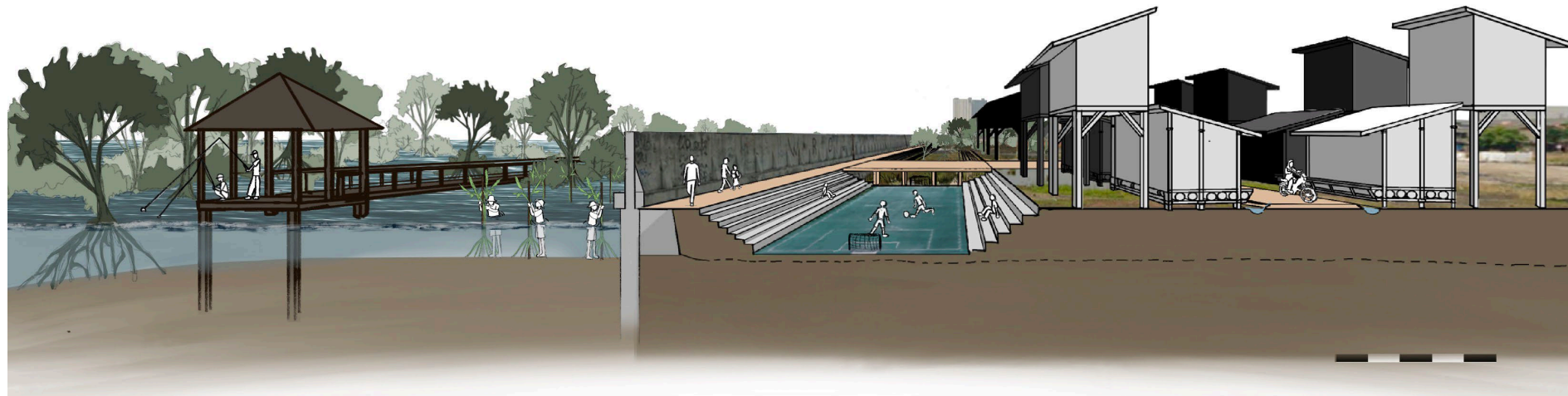




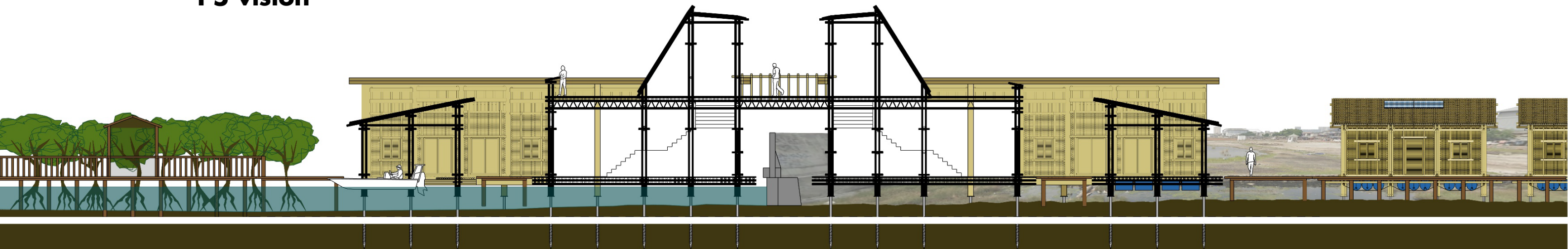
**Current  
situation**



**P2 vision**



**P5 vision**



**Questions?**

