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13 juni 2025



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- Reception/ tourist information/ community service desk
- Toilets; 6 + 6
- Bicycle rental & parking; 150 bikes (450-750 m2)
- Office and staff; 10-15 people (100-150 m2)

3. Theater/ kino (75 seats, 100 – 150 m2)

4. Guest accommodation
- 2-person rooms: 10 of 30 m2 (room + bathroom + kitchenette)
- reception/ support/ storage

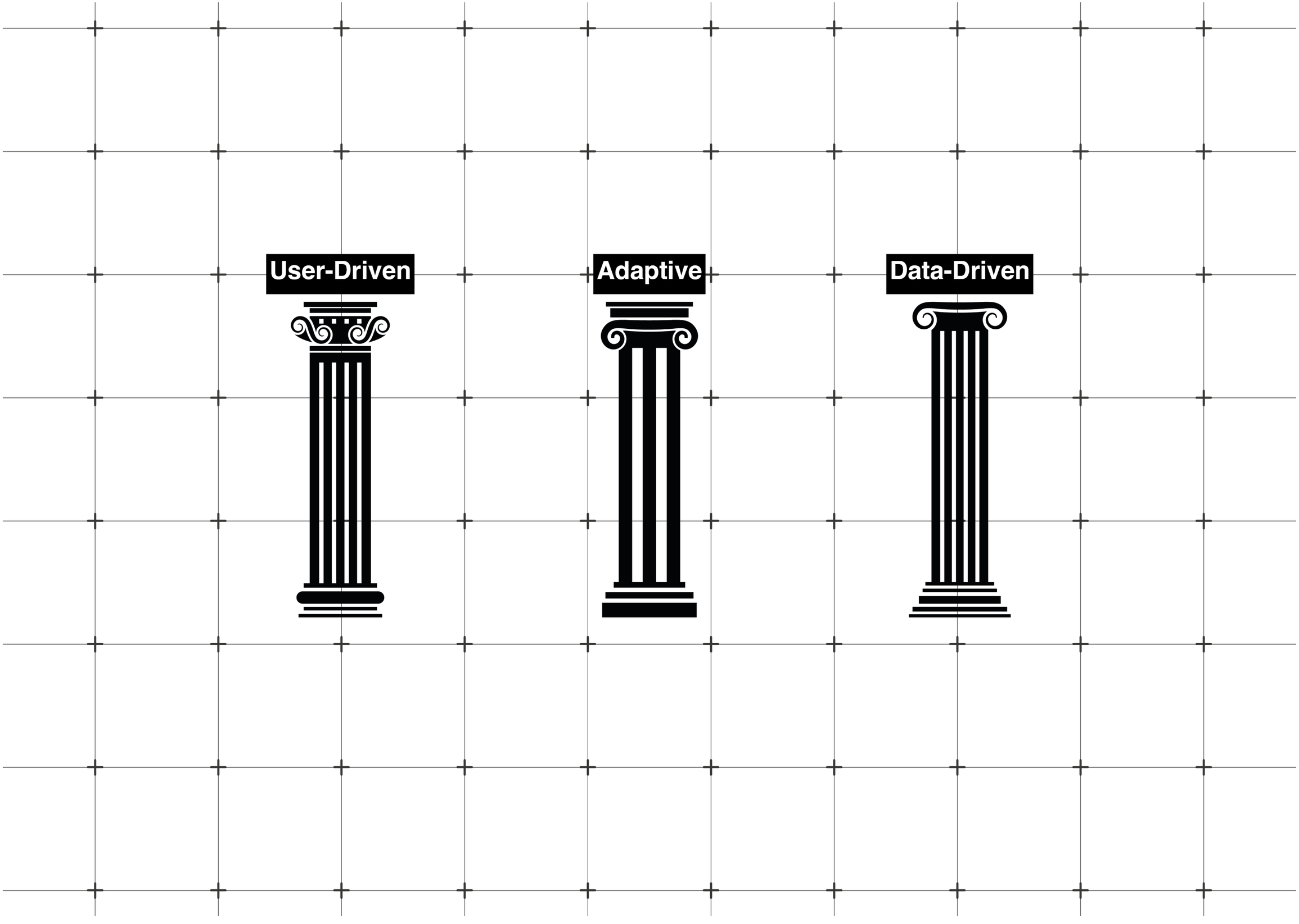
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User-Driven
Adaptive
Data-Driven





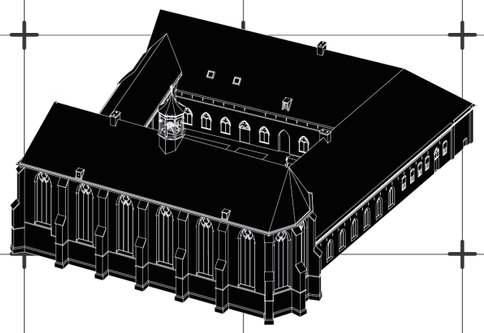


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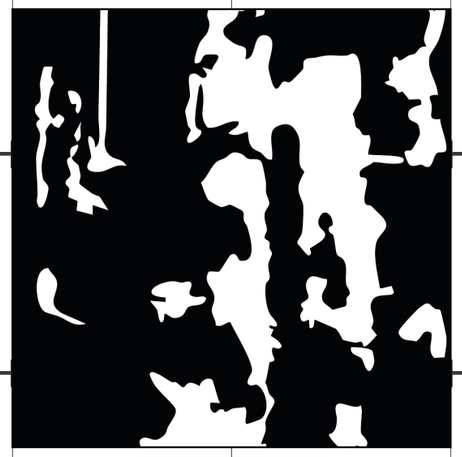
Ter Apel



Ruiten Aa



Monastery



Peat Landscape



Het Parool 85

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Nieuws

Ministerie sloeg hulp van stichting af bij aanpak opvangcrisis Ter Apel

Het ministerie van Justitie en Veiligheid heeft sinds juni meerdere keren hulp afgeslagen bij het opvangen van kinderen en kwetsbare asielzoekers bij het aanmeldcentrum in Ter Apel. Stichting Inlia bood aan om die mensen op te vangen in kerken.



Ter Apel

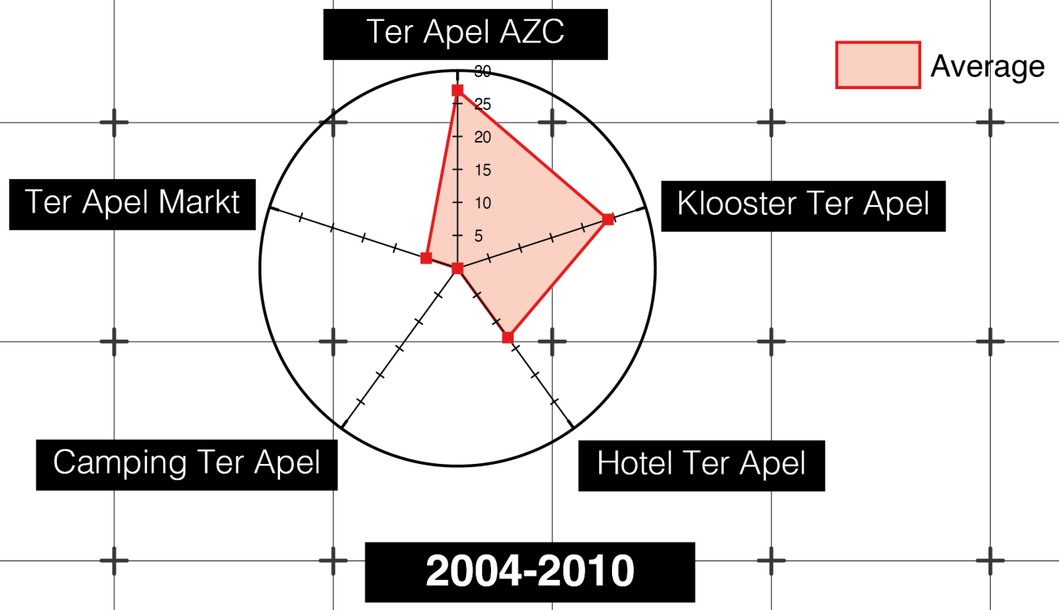


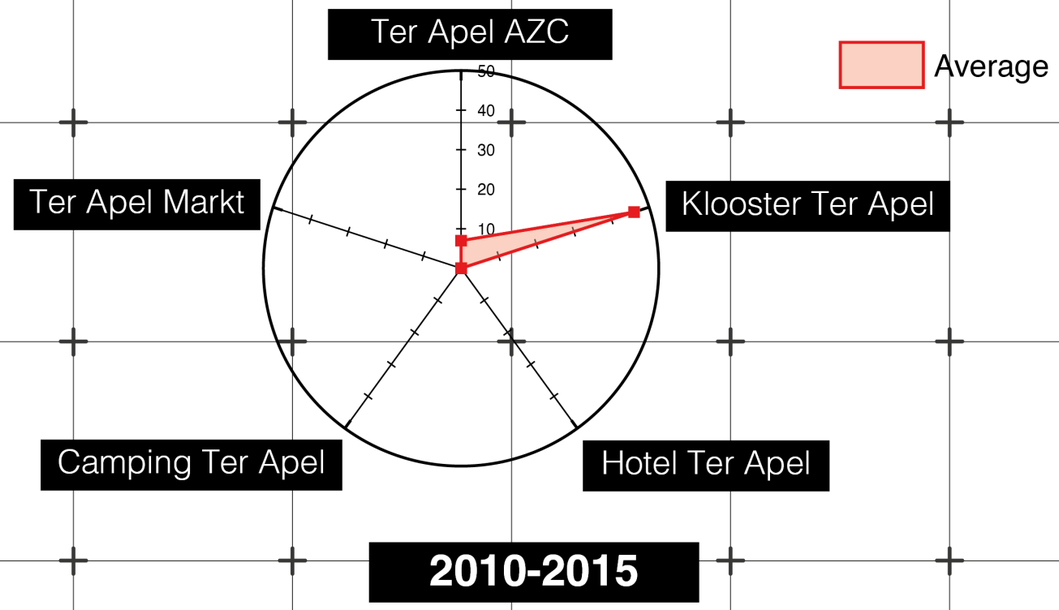
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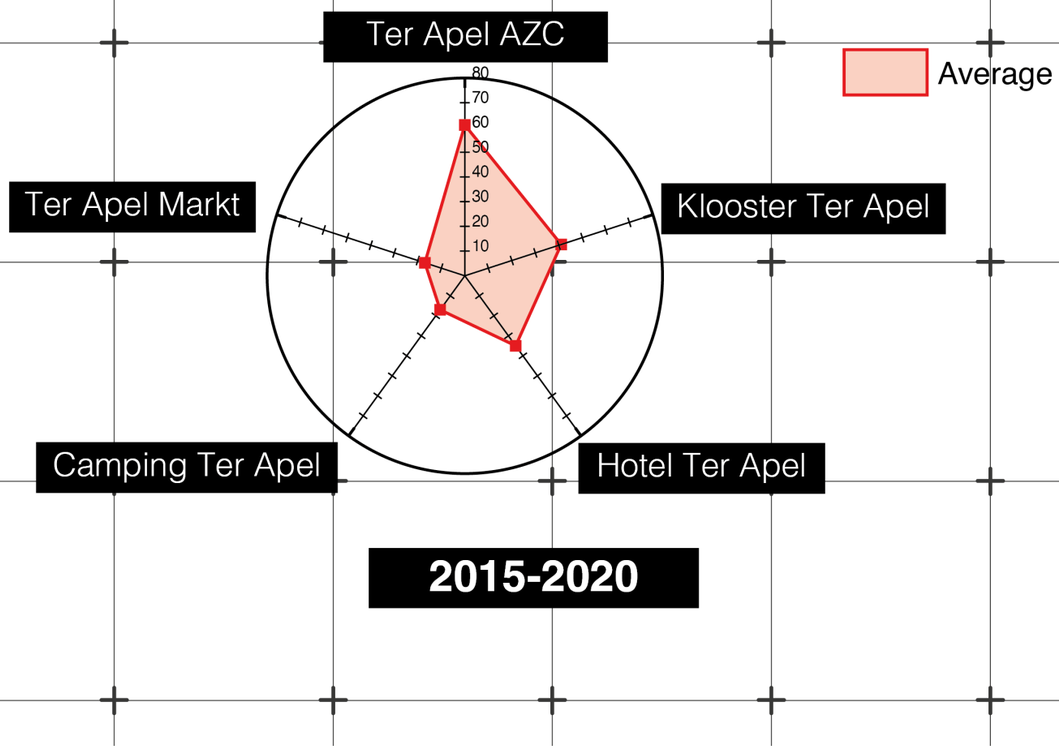
Situatie in Ter Apel 26 mei: Komende week nachtopvang in Stad ter verlichting van Ter Apel

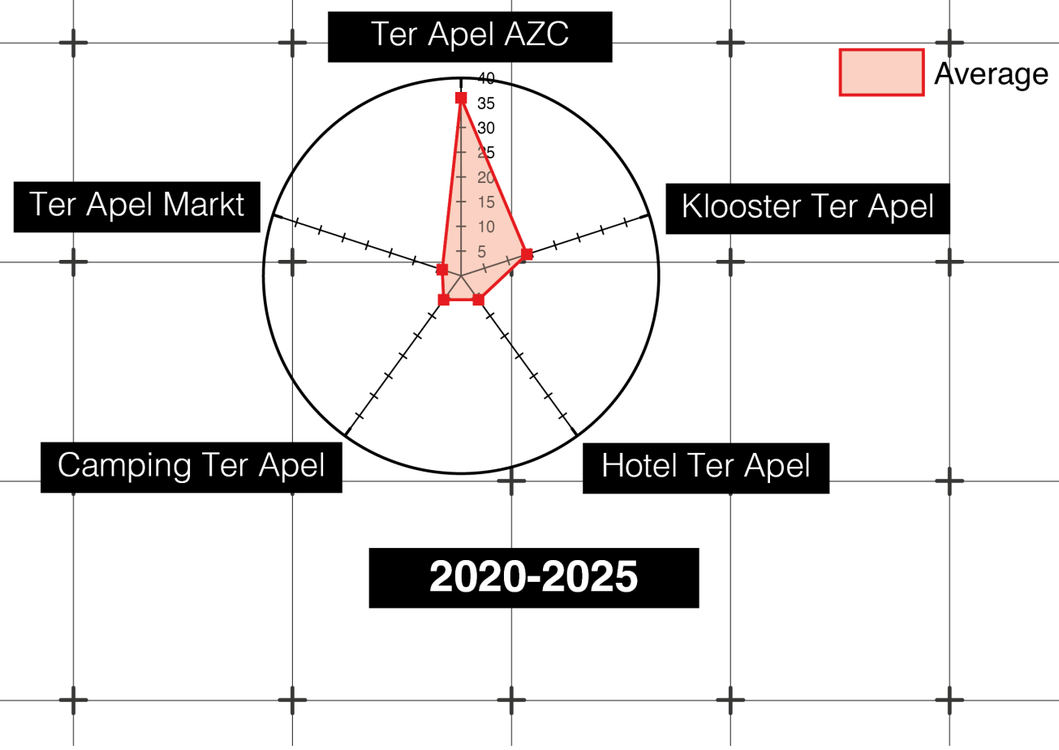
Wat is de situatie in Ter Apel? In dit liveblog volg je alle gebeurtenissen rond het overvolle aanmeldcentrum.

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Ter Apel AZC
Average
Ter Apel Markt
Klooster Ter Apel
Camping Ter Apel
Hotel Ter Apel
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2004-2010

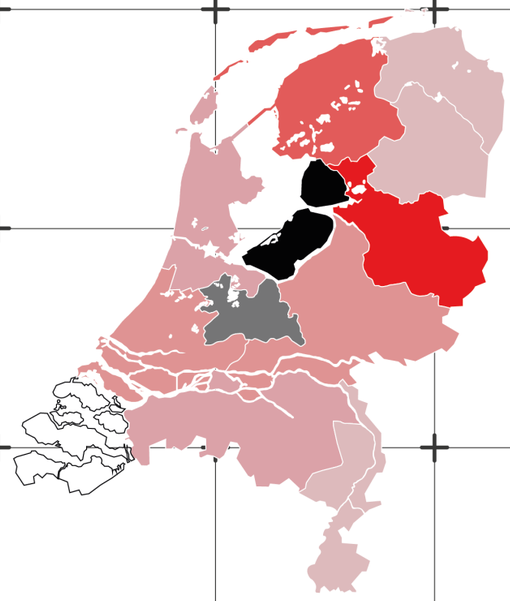

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2015-2020

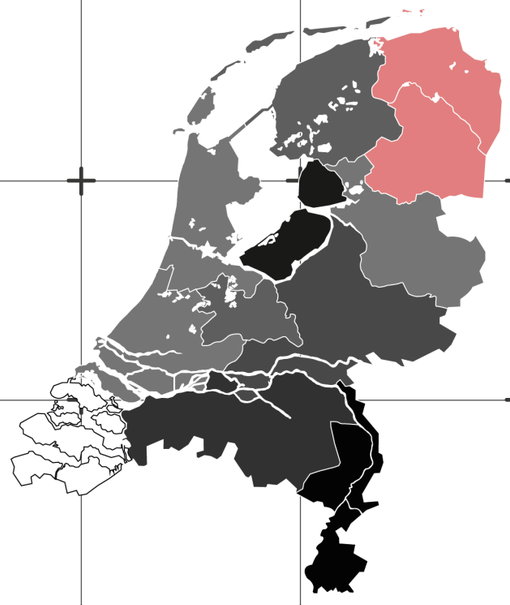

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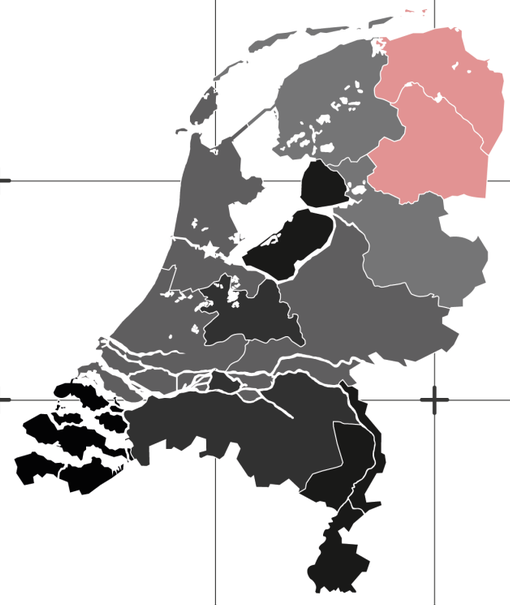
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Klooster Ter Apel

Ter Apel AZC



2020-2025

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I have a positive feeling about that place The Monastery, because, among other things, I took photos there when we got married. I think that is a very nice place.

It does have an impact. You keep a closer eye on your surroundings; you screen your environment, as it were. Look, I want to know where I am, but I also want to know where they are. That does something to your feeling; you are more alert.

I mean if you, if you have room for fifteen people at home, you don't invite fifty. Well, then this is exactly the same, isn't it? If you, you have 2000 sleeping spots, then you don't let 3000 people come, or ensure that 3000 people come. That is stupid, because you have no room for these people.

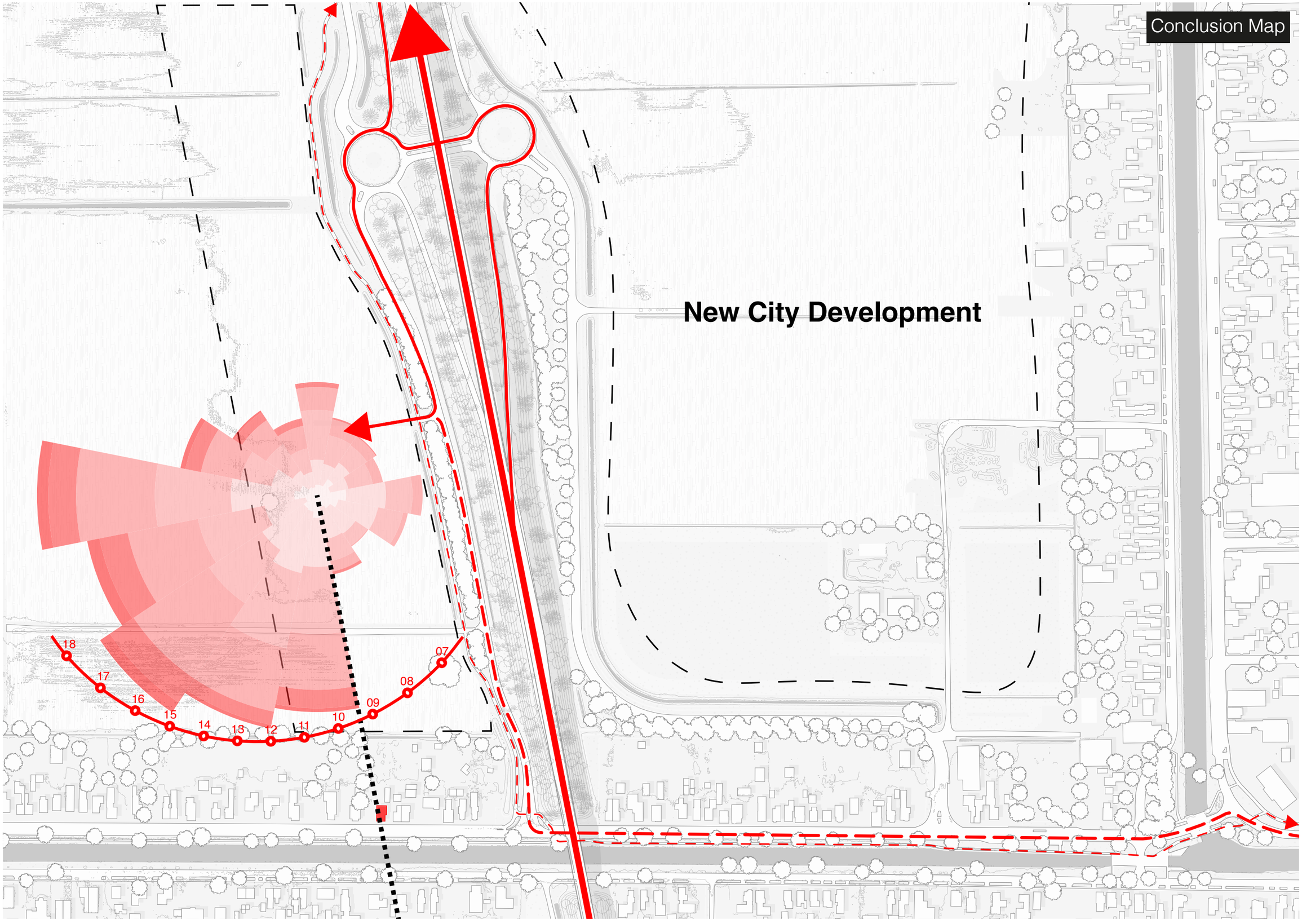
They show on television that they slept outside... but they don't show what kind of mess they left behind. Yes, I saw a photo of a portable toilet from my neighbor, you wouldn't want that at home either

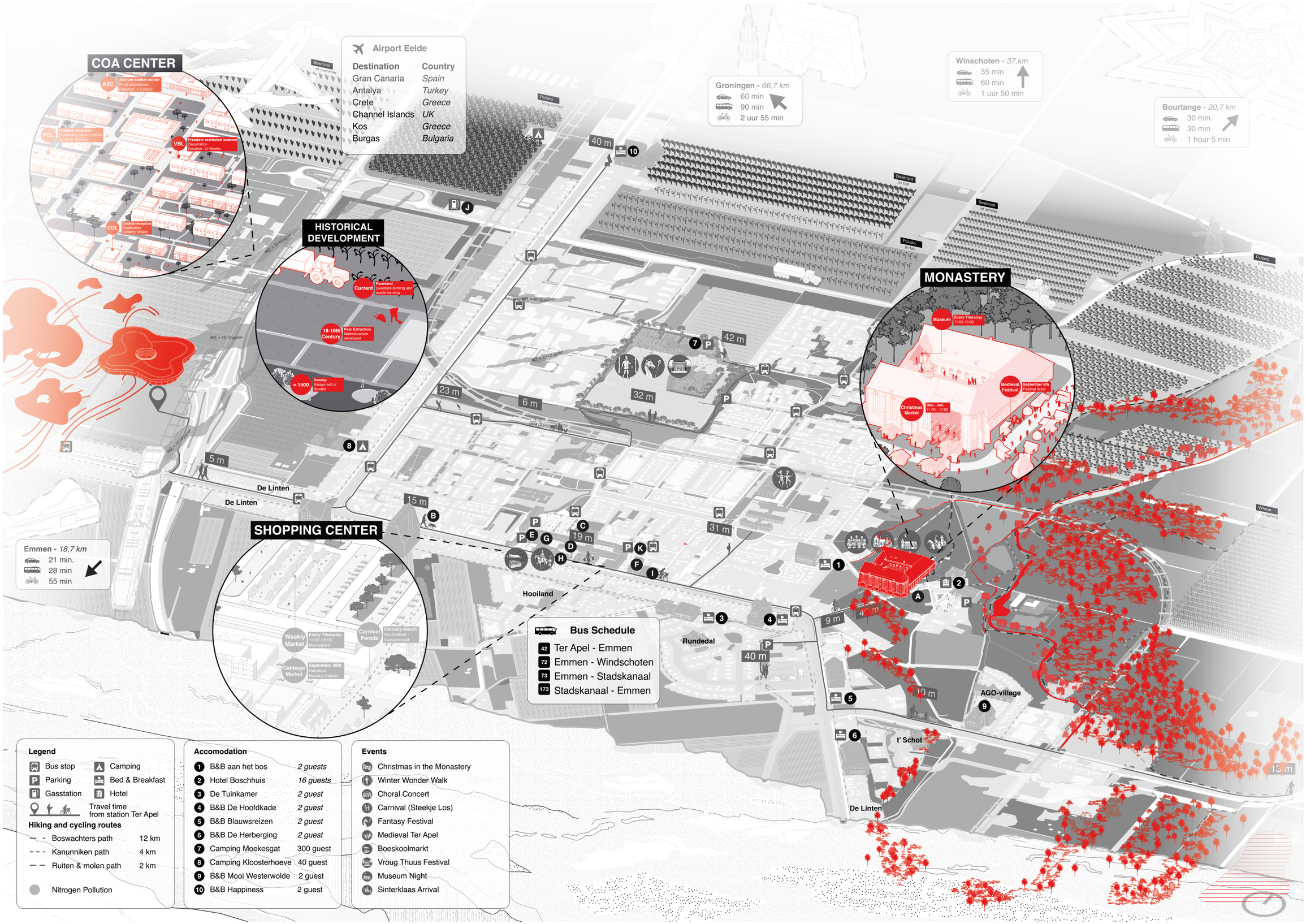

1,5 Hour Bus Drive

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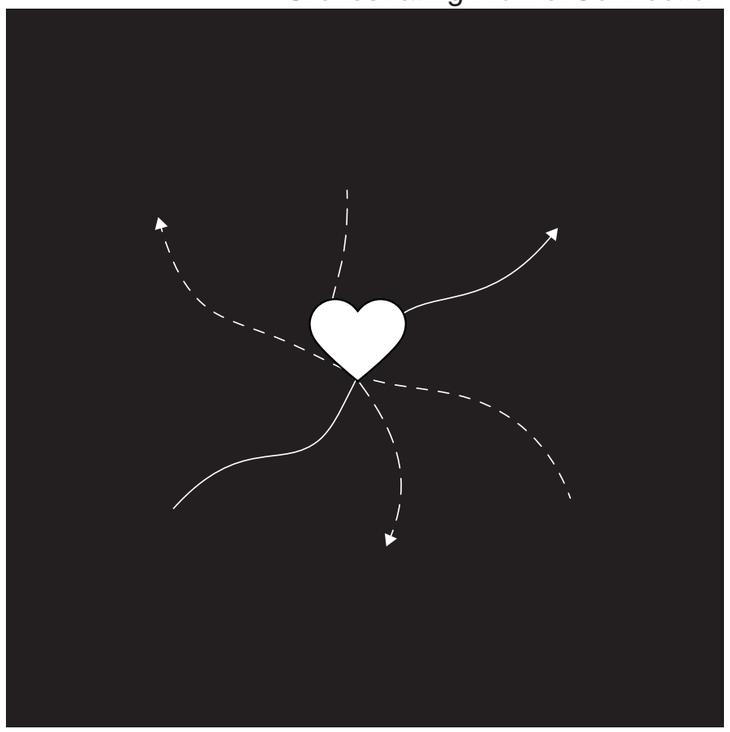

Conclusion Map
New City Development
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COA CENTER
AZC
Asylum seeker center
Final procedures
Duration: 1-2 years
POL
Process reception
Processing asylum claims
Duration: Months
VBL
Freedom restricted location
Deportation
Duration: 12 Weeks
COL
Central reception
Registration
Duration: Weeks
HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT
Current
Farmland
Livestock farming and arable farming
18-19th Century
Peat Extraction
Waterstructure developed
< 1500
Swamp
Always wet or flooded
SHOPPING CENTER
Weekly Market
Every Thursday
13:00-18:00
Marketplein
Carnival Parade
February-March
Hoofdstraat - Viaductstraat
Cabbage Market
September 26th
Sundays
Harvest market
MONASTERY
Museum
Every Thursday
11:00-15:00
Medieval Festival
September 5th
Festival ticket
Christmas Market
Dec - Jan.
11:00 - 17:00
Airport Eelde
Destination
Country
Gran Canaria
Spain
Antalya
Turkey
Crete
Greece
Channel Islands
UK
Kos
Greece
Burgas
Bulgaria
Groningen - 66,7 km
60 min
90 min
2 uur 55 min
Winschoten - 37,km
35 min
60 min
1 uur 50 min
Bourtange - 20,7 km
30 min.
30 min
1 hour 5 min
Emmen - 18,7 km
21 min.
28 min
55 min
Bus Schedule
42 Ter Apel - Emmen
72 Emmen - Windschoten
73 Emmen - Stadskanaal
173 Stadskanaal - Emmen
Hooiland
Rundedal
De Linten
AGO-village
t' Schot
Beetroot in summer
Potato in summer
Beetroot in fall
Potato in fall
Beetroot in winter
Potato in spring
Wheat in spring
40 m
42 m
32 m
23 m
6 m
5 m
15 m
19 m
31 m
9 m
10 m
13 m
Legend
Bus stop
Camping
Parking
Bed & Breakfast
Gasstation
Hotel
Travel time from station Ter Apel
Hiking and cycling routes
Boswachters path 12 km
Kanunniken path 4 km
Ruiten & molen path 2 km
Nitrogen Pollution
Accomodation
1 B&B aan het bos 2 guests
2 Hotel Boschhuis 16 guests
3 De Tuinkamer 2 guest
4 B&B De Hoofdkade 2 guest
5 B&B Blauwsreizen 2 guest
6 B&B De Herberging 2 guest
7 Camping Moekesgat 300 guest
8 Camping Kloosterhoeve 40 guest
9 B&B Mooi Westerwolde 2 guest
10 B&B Happiness 2 guest
Events
Christmas in the Monastery
Winter Wonder Walk
Choral Concert
Carnival (Steekje Los)
Fantasy Festival
Medieval Ter Apel
Boeskoolmarkt
Vroug Thuus Festival
Museum Night
Sinterklaas Arrival

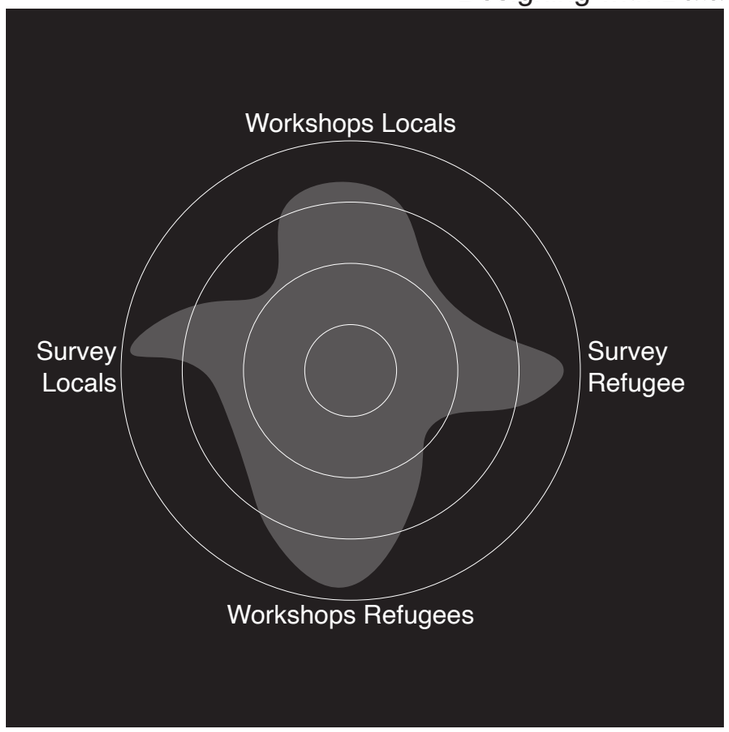
Ter Apel is **not** ready for **tourism.**

How can a **strategic** architectural **intervention** in Ter Apel support the **transformation** of local **identity** from a landscape of **crisis** to a place of dignified reception and community **function**, by spatially **mediating** the conflicting flows of locals, refugees, and tourists through **data-driven** design and agile **architecture** with flexible programming?

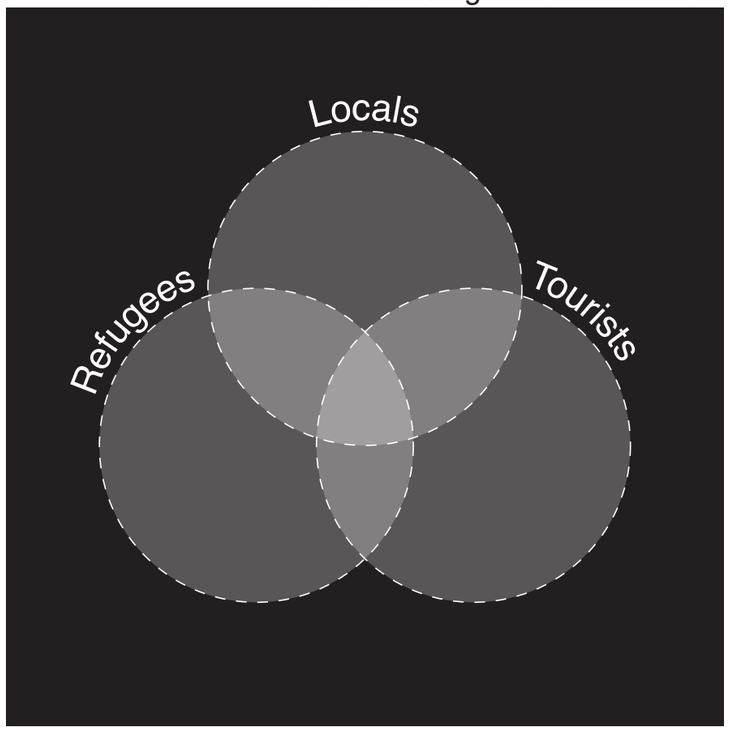
Orchestrating Flow & Connection



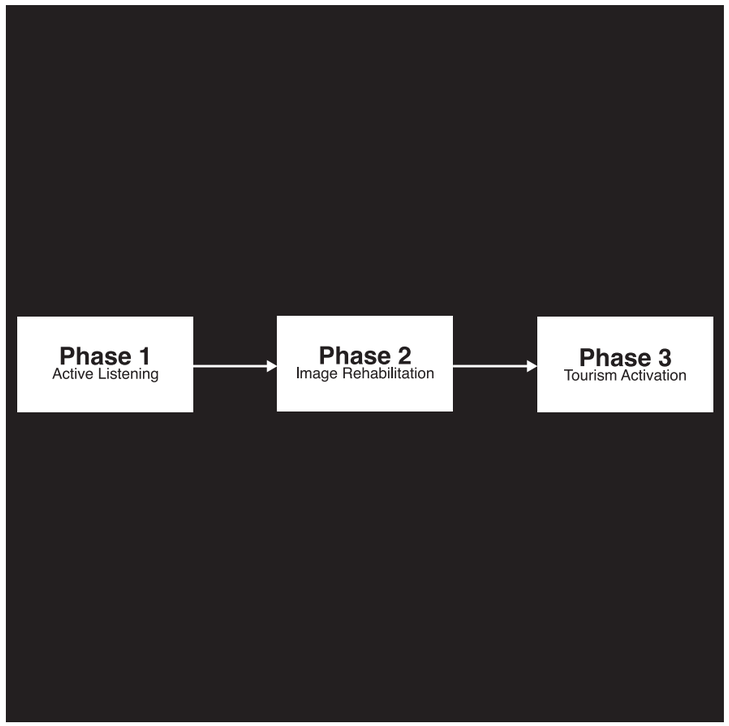
Designing with Data



The Convergence of Narratives



Phased Transformation



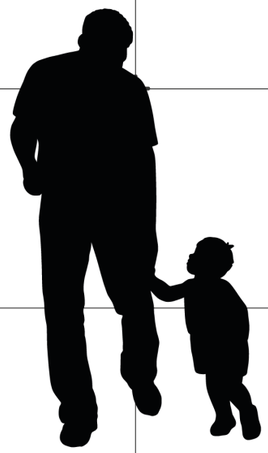
Tourists/ Outsiders



Refugees



Local Residents



The Spatial Mediator I Local Residents

Temporal Patterns

- Primary use: Evenings + weekends
- Working-age: After 17:00 weekdays
- Retirees: Daily afternoon/evening (koffie-uurtje tradition)
- Youth: After school + weekends
- Families: Weekend activities
- Complementary: Different times than tourists (daytime) & refugees (weekday)

Demographics

- Population: 9,000 residents Westerwolde municipality
- Age: All ages (emphasis: elderly retirees 65+ & youth 12-18)
- Background: Multi-generational village families
- Employment: Working-age commute out, elderly retired, youth students
- Community: Long-term residents, established social networks

Current Gaps

- No adequate café with consistent operating hours
- Limited evening social infrastructure
- Youth lack hangout spaces
- No community workshop facilities
- Dorpshuis functions absent in Ter Apel

Local Residents



Activities

- Daily coffee rituals, billiards, card games, TV watching together
- Fixed weekly routines (Monday cards, Wednesday coffee), familiar faces, passive socializing
- Music rehearsal (village bands, choirs), repair café (electronics/bikes/furniture), community dining (aanschuifmaaltijd)
- Evening after-work drinks, weekend family activities, volunteer
- Gaming, table tennis, social play, "chillen" space away from parents
- Band practice, gaming consoles + WiFi, informal peer group gatheringorganizing

Financial

- Budget: Moderate disposable income
- Spending: Daily coffee €2-4, evening meal €8-12
- Activities: Low-cost/free community programming
- Priorities: Value + social connection over luxury
- Support: Willing to pay for dorpshuis membership

Needs

- Daily café: Consistent hours, affordable coffee
- Social spaces: Billiards, cards, TV, comfortable seating
- Youth space: Active play, gaming, separate from elderly quiet zones
- Music rehearsal: Sound-isolated room for bands
- Repair café: Workbenches, tools, volunteer instruction
- Community dining: Shared meal preparation

Transportation

- Primary: Private car (rural necessity)
- Secondary: Bicycle for local errands
- Parking: Essential near facility
- Range: Village + surrounding farms (5km radius)
- Elderly: Walking distance preferred for daily café visits

Geographic Origin

- Primary: Dutch Randstad + northern provinces
- Secondary: German border region (Niedersachsen, Nordrhein-Westfalen)
- Tertiary (post-2035): Twente, Achterhoek, Hannover, Ruhrgebiet

Demographics

- Age: 40-70 years (peak: 55-70, active retirees)
- Education: Higher educated
- Mindset: Culture/nature/history oriented
- Values: Environmental consciousness, authenticity over convenience

Trip Characteristics

- Duration: Multi-day stays
- Seasonality: Year-round preference
- Pace: Slow, contemplative
- Pattern: Fewer locations, longer per place

Tourists/ Outsiders



Spending Behavior

- Budget: Higher disposable income
- Priority: Quality and authenticity over price
- Willingness: Pay premium for local/sustainable
- Food: Preference for regional products, visible preparation

Activities

- Primary: Walking, cycling (extensive route networks)
- Cultural: Heritage sites
- Food: Farm-to-table, streekproducten, visible production
- Contemplative: Museum retreats, mindfulness, nature immersion

Accommodation

- Type: Small-scale (B&Bs ≤6 rooms, camping ≤25 pitches)
- Style: Local/regional building traditions
- Quality: High-quality over budget options
- Setting: Integrated with landscape, not dominant

Transportation

- Current: Car-dependent (limited public transit)
- Preferred: Sustainable modes when available
- Future (2035+): Train + bicycle rental
- Cycling distance: Accommodation within bike range of station

Legal Status

- Type: Open reception center (vrij verkeer)
- Duration: 70-84 weeks average processing time
- Restriction: Meldplicht (reporting requirement)
- Freedom: Can leave center except for reporting times
- Uncertainty: Waiting for asylum decision

Demographics

- Population: 2,000 capacity at COA Ter Apelervenen
- Age: All ages (families with children 0-12, working age adults, elderly)
- Origins: Diverse national backgrounds (Syria, Afghanistan, Eritrea, etc.)
- Religion: Primarily Muslim (Islamic prayer facilities required)
- Family status: Singles, couples, families with children

Daily Pattern

- Unstructured time: Extensive waiting periods
- Movement: Walks to village center for shopping/services
- Constraints: Limited activities in center
- Temporal: Weekday daytime availability
- Routine: Meldplicht reporting + language classes

Refugees



Spatial Needs

- Privacy: Counseling rooms, confidential spaces
- Cultural: Qibla-oriented prayer spaces, gender separation
- Childcare: Safe play spaces while parents attend services
- Learning: Classroom setup with presentation equipment
- Informal: Casual seating for language café
- Accessible: Ground floor, no entry fees

Financial

- Budget: Minimal weekly allowance from COA
- Spending: Very limited (€5-10 per week approximate)
- Affordability: Entry fees prohibitive (Monastery = full week allowance)
- Access: Affordable meals essential
- Services: Free programming preferred

Activities

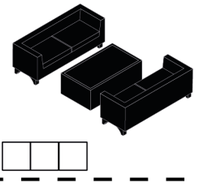
- Social: Group sports (KLABU programming)
- Practical: Repair skills, cooking, computer skills
- Education: Language learning (formal + informal)
- Cultural: Food preparation from home countries
- Recreation: Low-cost/free activities
- Community: Contact with locals and other refugees

Transportation

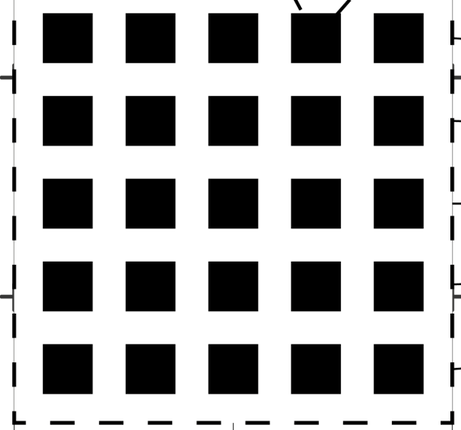
- Primary: Walking (no car ownership)
- Public transit: Limited bus service to/from Emmen
- Cycling: Bicycle rental/access needed for mobility
- Range: Walking distance from AZC (2km max)
- Barrier: Bus costs limit accessibility

Option 1

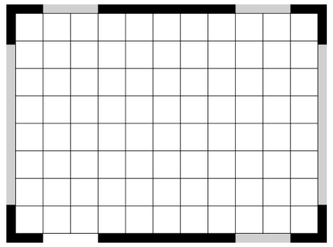
Furniture



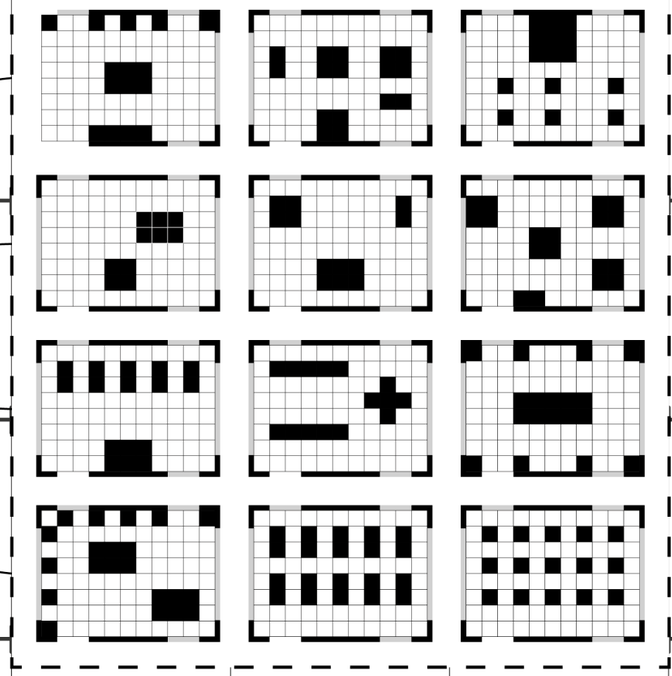
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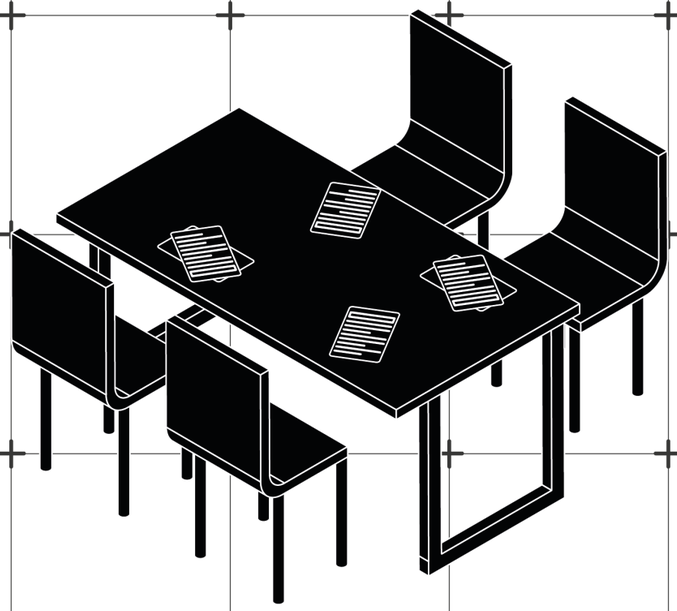


Workshop Floorplans

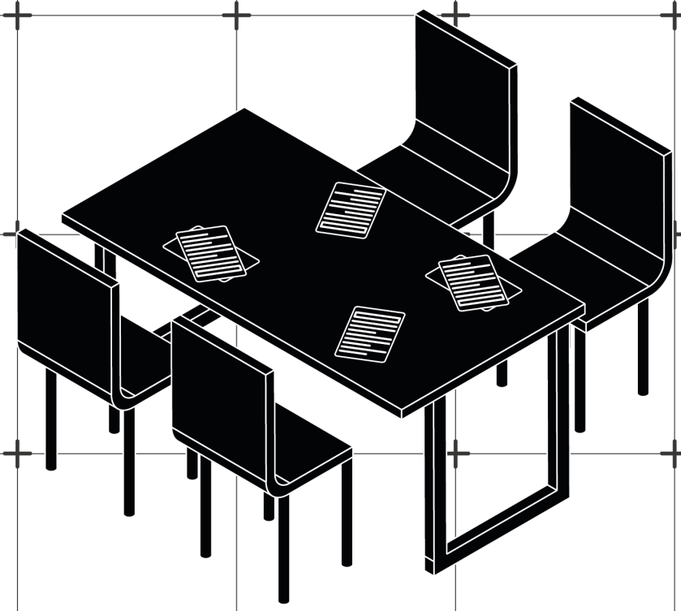


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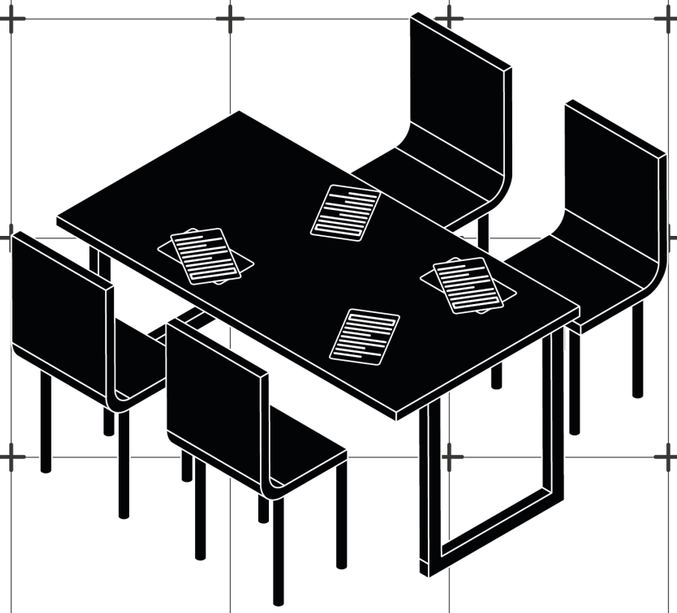




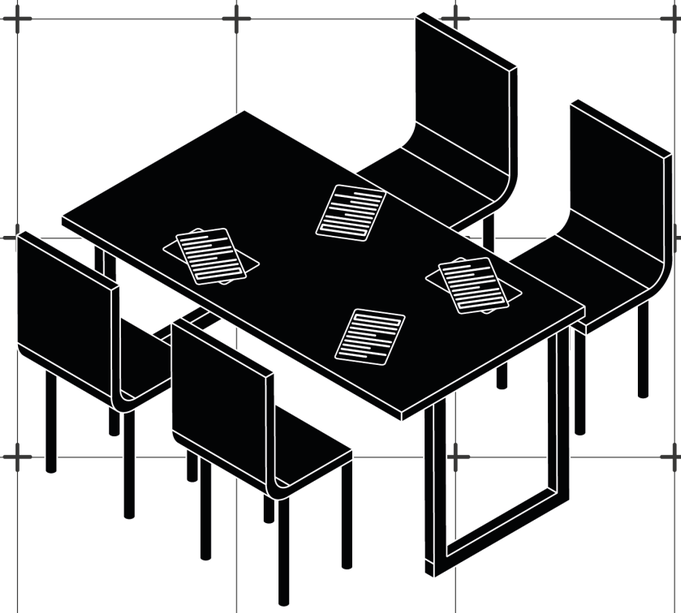
Language 1



Language 2



Language 3



Language 4

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INSIDE BUILDING 6

Café/Tea House
A place to drink coffee and tea with friends. You can have Syrian coffee, Afghan chai, Eritrean bun, Iraqi tea, or Somali shaah.
1

Eritrean Coffee Ceremony
Special room for Eritrean coffee ceremony. Women sit together for 2 hours, make coffee, burn incense, and talk.
2

Women-Only Social Room
Room only for women. You can relax, meet friends, and talk without men.
3

Community Hall for Ceremonies
Big hall for celebrations and parties. You can celebrate Eid, weddings, Torbat, or other special days here.
4

Hammam/Steam Bath Room
Traditional steam bath for relaxation and washing. Men and women use it at different times.
5

Traditional Craft Workshop
Room to make things with your hands. You can weave carpets, make baskets, or make pottery.
6

Music Rehearsal/ Performance Room
Room to play music and practice instruments. You can play oud, tanbur, or other traditional music.
7

Barber/Salon
Haircut place for men and women (separate rooms). You can get a haircut and meet friends.
8

Art Studio
Room to paint, draw, and make art. You can be creative and make pictures.
9

Music Room
Quiet room to practice music alone or with a group. Bring your instrument and play.
10

Language Café
Drink coffee and practice Dutch and English with others. Friendly classroom, just friendly talking.
11

Dutch Learning Space
Classroom to learn Dutch language. For people who want to study seriously.
12

INSIDE BUILDING 7

Reading & Writing Support
Get help learning to read and write. For people who are starting to learn letters and words.
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Language Help Desk
Get help with translating letters and documents. Someone helps you understand official papers.
14

Orientation Workshops
Learn how things work in the Netherlands. Learn about healthcare, banks, taxes, and rules.
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Homework Help Room
Local people help your children with school homework. Your kids get extra help with learning.
16

Computer/Digital Literacy Lab
Room with computers and internet. You can contact your family, search for jobs, or learn computer skills.
17

Commercial Kitchen Training
Learn to cook food for the café. You can learn restaurant work and cooking skills.
18

Cultural Food Preparation Kitchen
Kitchen to cook your traditional food. Make food for your family, friends, or special celebrations.
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Sewing/Repair Workshop
Room to sew and fix clothes. You can repair things with local people or make new clothes.
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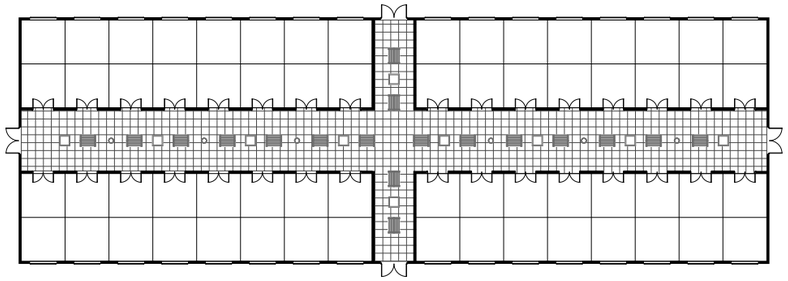
Entrepreneurship Incubator
Space to start your own small business. Get help with your ideas and plan your own boss.
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Indoor Play Space
Indoor playground for children to play. Safe place for kids age 0-10 to have fun.
22

Teen Zone
Special space for teenagers. You can play games, hang out, do sports, and hang out with friends.
23

Meditation/Quiet Reflection Room
Quiet room for meditation, prayer, or thinking. Go here if you want peace or a little calm space.
24

INSIDE BUILDING 8



OUTSIDE SQUARE 10

Outdoor Café Terrace
Tables and chairs outside the café. You can drink coffee or tea in the sun.
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Picnic Tables
Tables where you can eat your own food. Good for families and groups.
2

Tea Garden
Quiet corner with plants and benches. Traditional place to drink tea outside.
3

BBQ/Grill Spots
Public grills for community BBQ. Middle Eastern and Somali tradition.
4

Central Courtyard with Water Feature
Open space with fountain or small pool. Water, plants, and people mix. Traditional Middle Eastern courtyards.
5

Trees & Shade
Trees for shade and green space. Good for sitting under on hot days.
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Herb Garden
Traditional herbs like mint, basil, thyme. You can smell and maybe use the herbs.
7

Flower Garden
Beautiful flowers to look at. Makes the square peaceful and nice.
8

Prayer/Meditation Garden
Quiet corner with plants. Good for prayer or quiet thinking outside.
9

Covered Seating Area
Benches with roof. You can sit outside even when it rains.
10

Shaded Pergola
Wooden frame with climbing plants. Creates natural shade in summer.
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Public Benches
Simple benches around the square. Good for resting or watching people.
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OUTSIDE SQUARE 11

Outdoor Seating Amphitheater
Round bench arrangement. Good for group conversations and gathering.
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Community Gathering Pavilion
Large covered space for community meetings or shelter from weather.
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Children's Playground
Swings, slide, climbing frame for young kids. Safe outdoor play.
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Sand Play Area
Sand pit for small children to dig and build.
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Water Play Feature
Small fountains or spray jets. Kids can play in water on hot days.
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Outdoor Stage/Platform
Small stage for music, speeches, or performances during events like Eid.
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Market Stalls Space
Space for weekly market or special event stalls.
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Outdoor Cinema Wall
Blank wall or screen to project movies outside in summer evenings.
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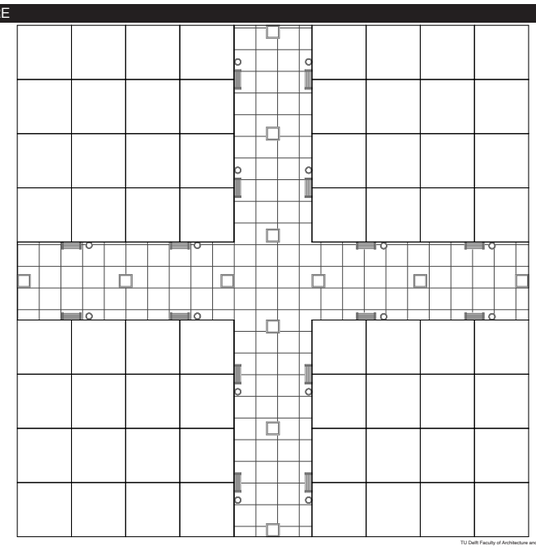
Outdoor Craft/Art Display Area
Space to show traditional crafts, pottery, or artwork from the community.
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Outdoor Exercise/Fitness Area
Exercise equipment outside. You can work out for free in fresh air.
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Outdoor Games Tables
Tables for chess, backgammon, dominoes. Traditional Middle Eastern and Afghan games. Good for socializing.
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Community Bread Oven
Traditional outdoor oven to bake bread together. Make Afghan naan, Syrian kaak, Eritrean injera, or Somali canjeero.
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OUTSIDE SQUARE 12

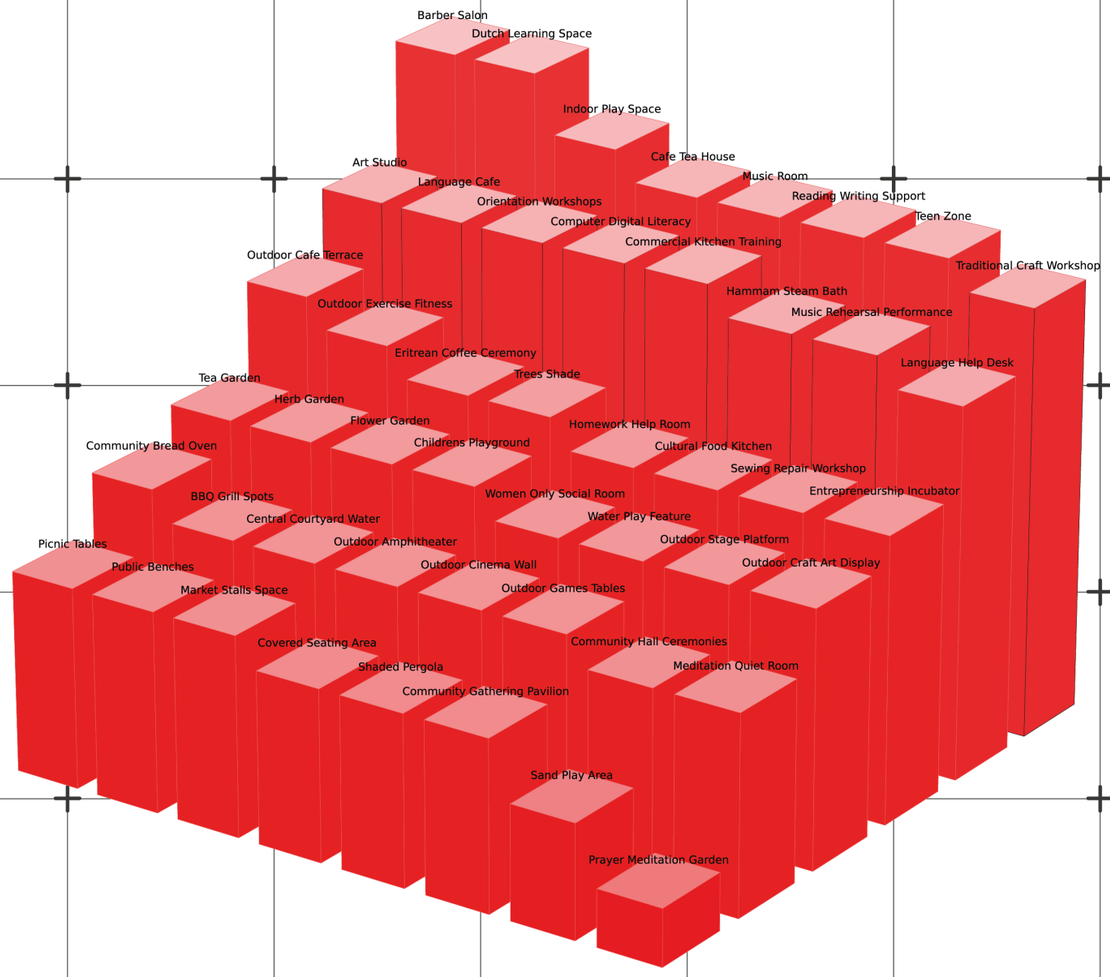


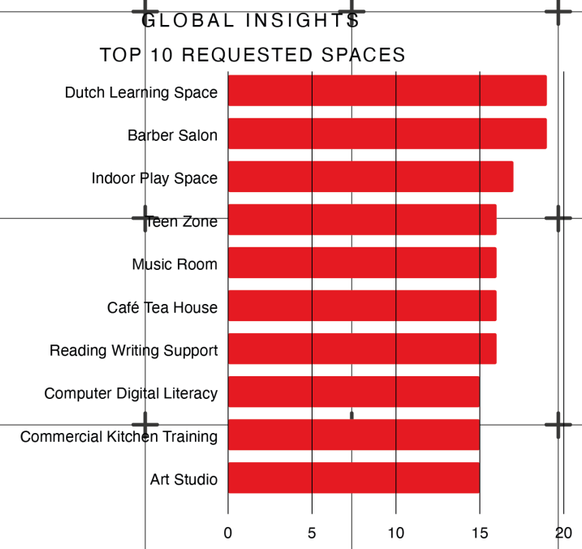


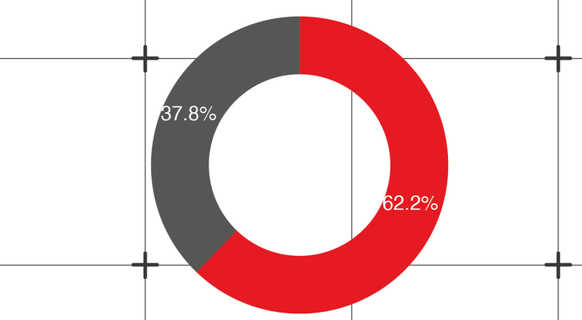


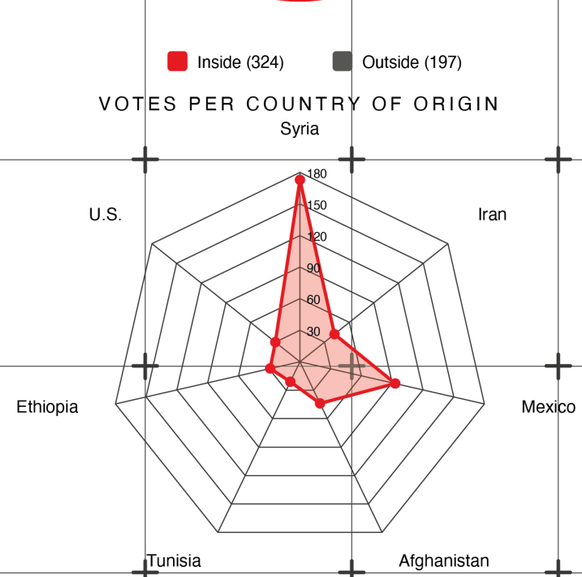





Barber Salon
Dutch Learning Space
Indoor Play Space
Cafe Tea House
Art Studio
Language Cafe
Music Room
Orientation Workshops
Reading Writing Support
Computer Digital Literacy
Teen Zone
Outdoor Cafe Terrace
Commercial Kitchen Training
Traditional Craft Workshop
Hammam Steam Bath
Outdoor Exercise Fitness
Music Rehearsal Performance
Eritrean Coffee Ceremony
Language Help Desk
Trees Shade
Tea Garden
Herb Garden
Homework Help Room
Flower Garden
Community Bread Oven
Childrens Playground
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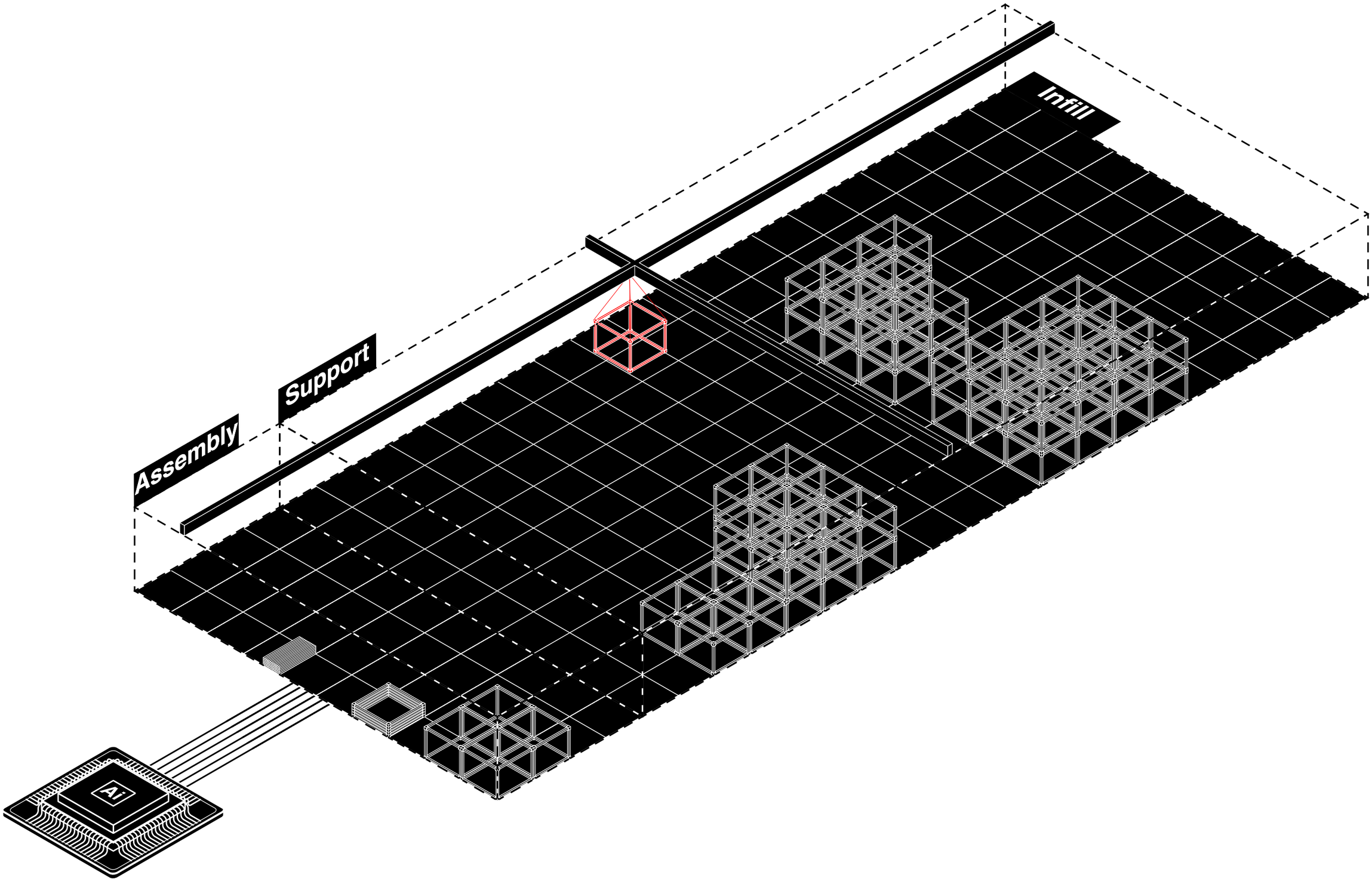

GLOBAL INSIGHTS
TOP 10 REQUESTED SPACES
Dutch Learning Space
Barber Salon
Indoor Play Space
Teen Zone
Music Room
Café Tea House
Reading Writing Support
Computer Digital Literacy
Commercial Kitchen Training
Art Studio
0
5
10
15
20


TOTAL VOTES: INSIDE VS OUTSIDE
37.8%
62.2%
Inside (324)
Outside (197)


VOTES PER COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
Syria
Iran
Mexico
Afghanistan
Tunisia
Ethiopia
U.S.
180
150
120
90
60
30

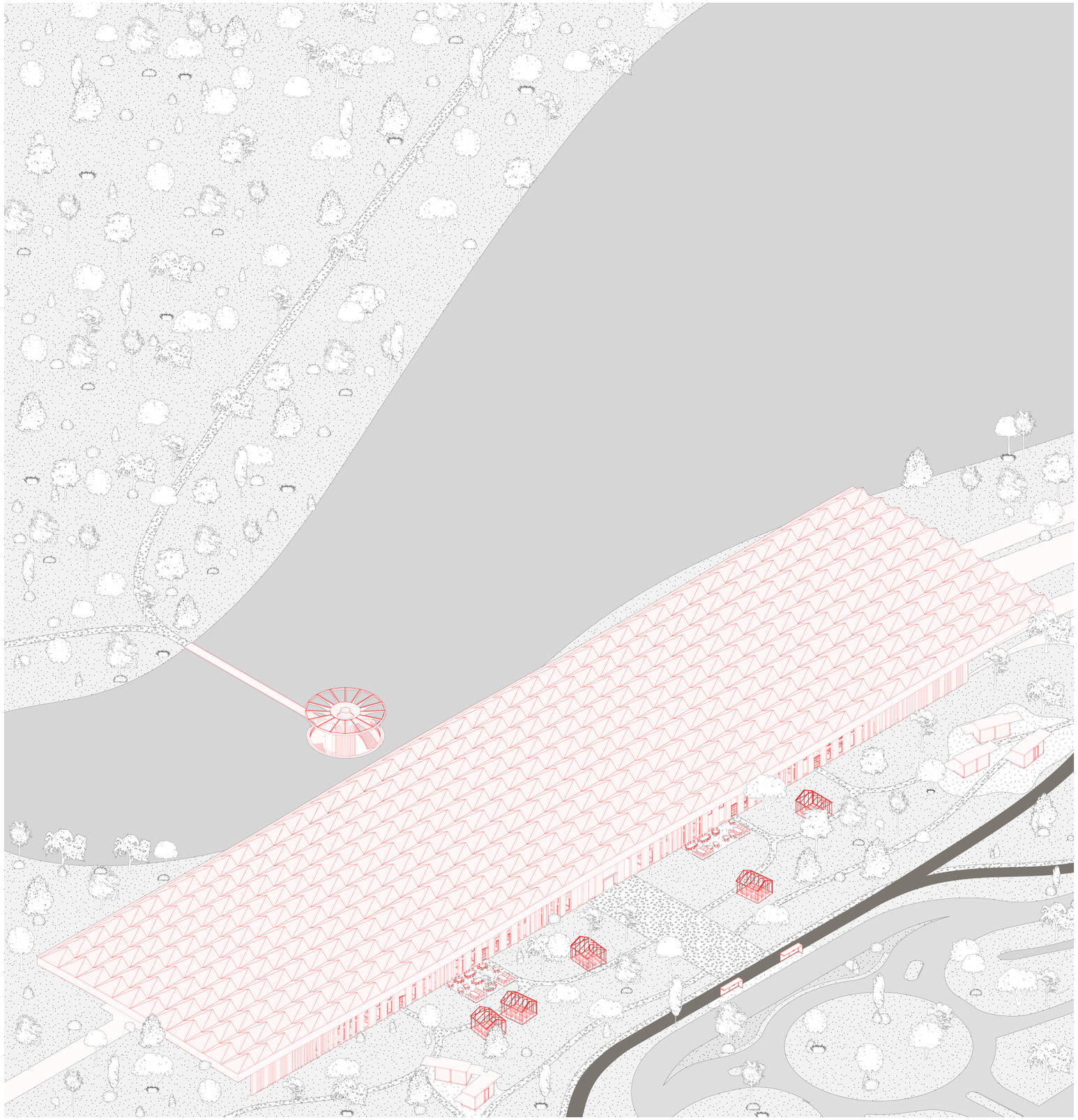
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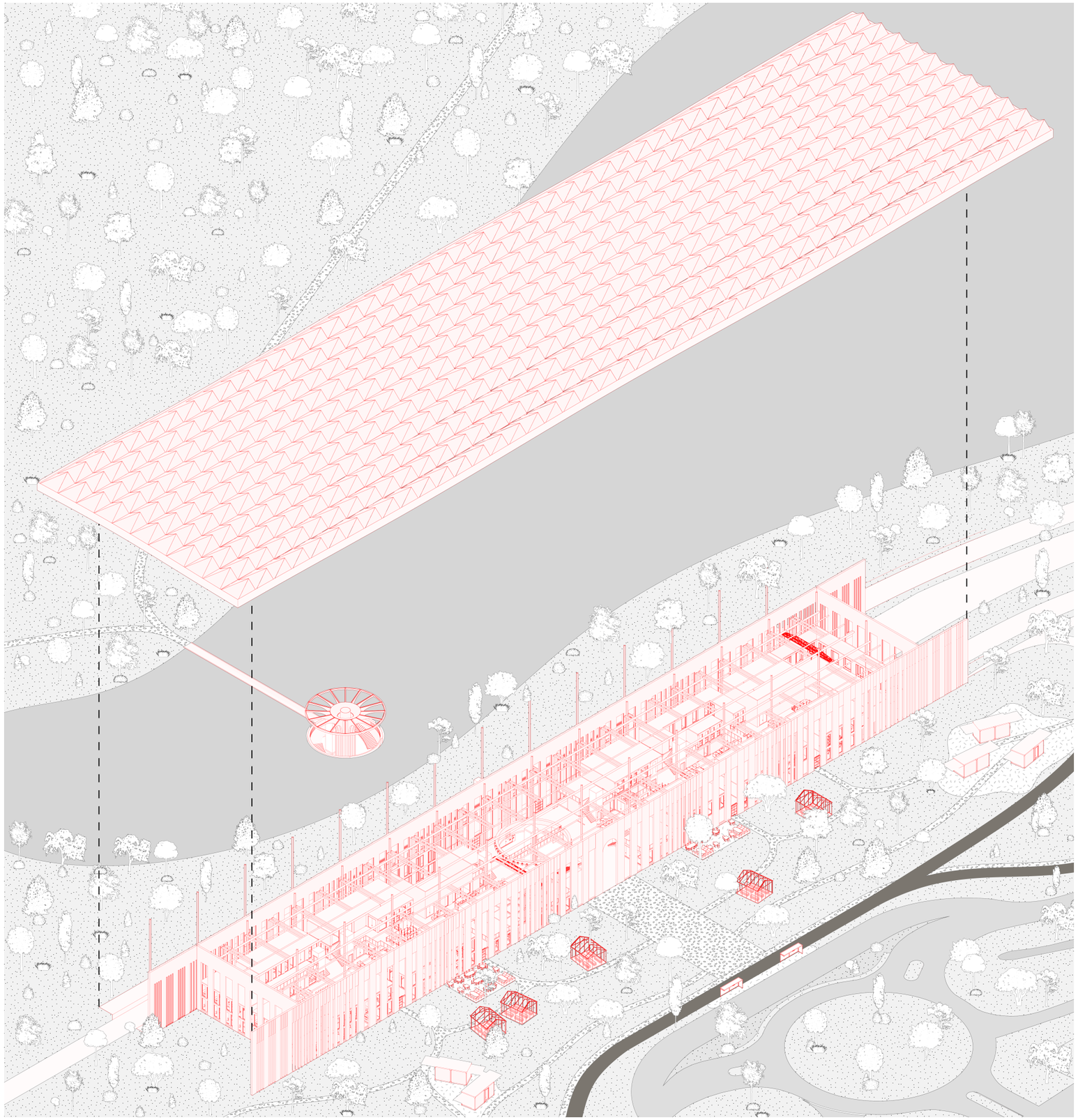
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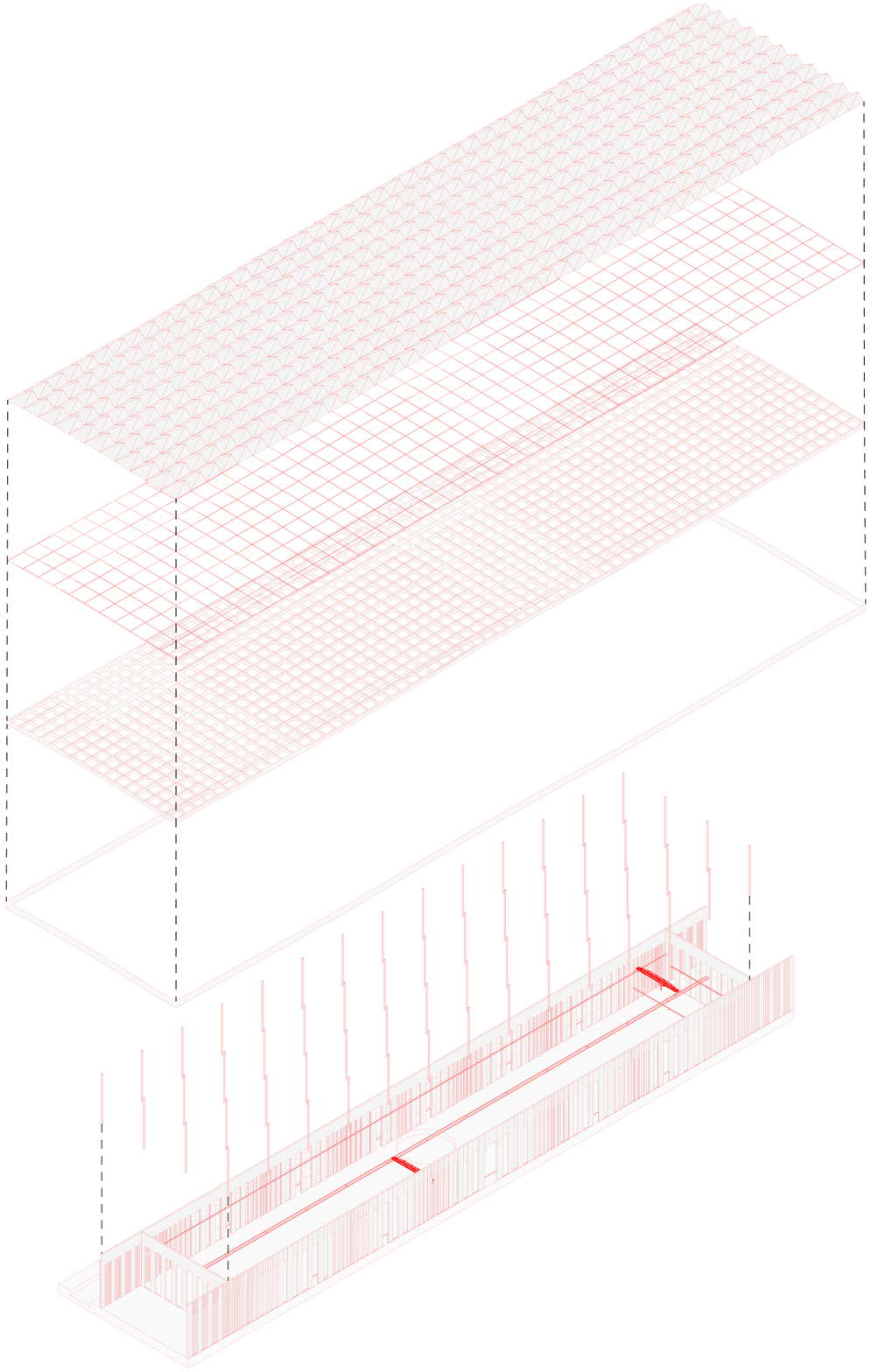

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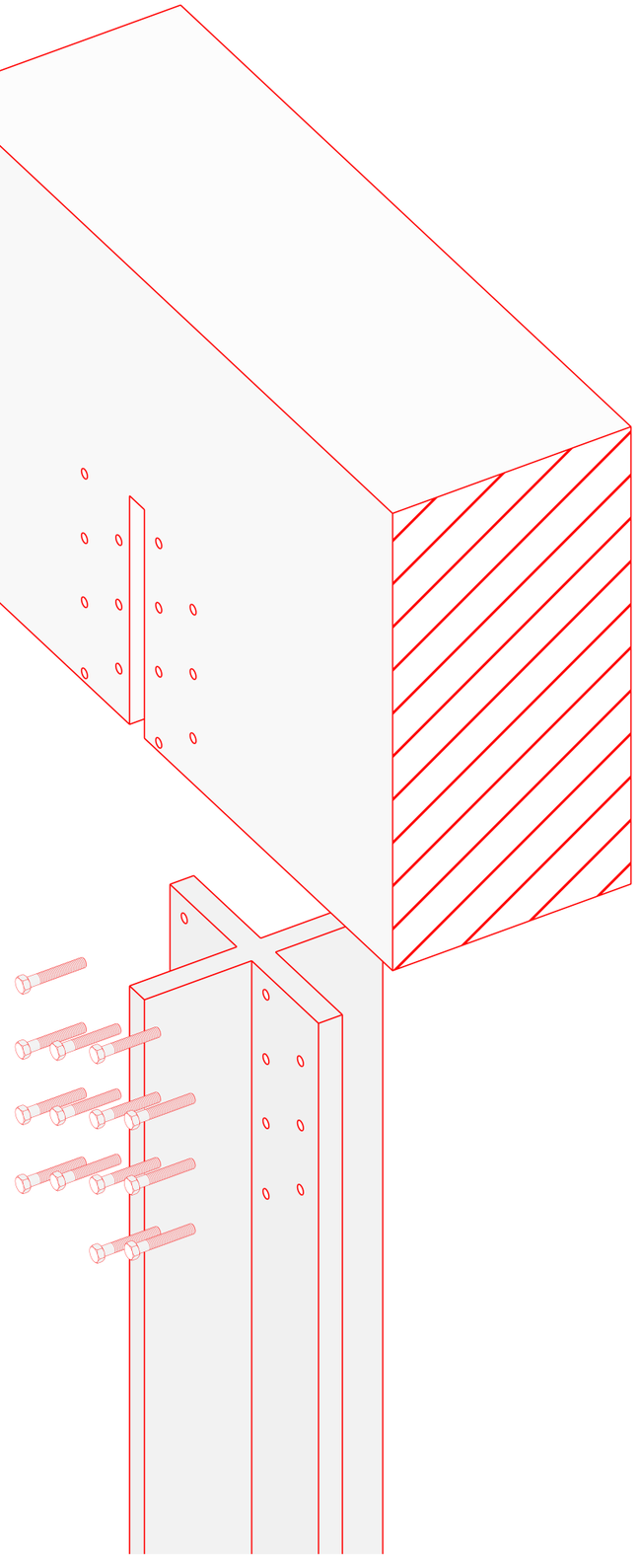
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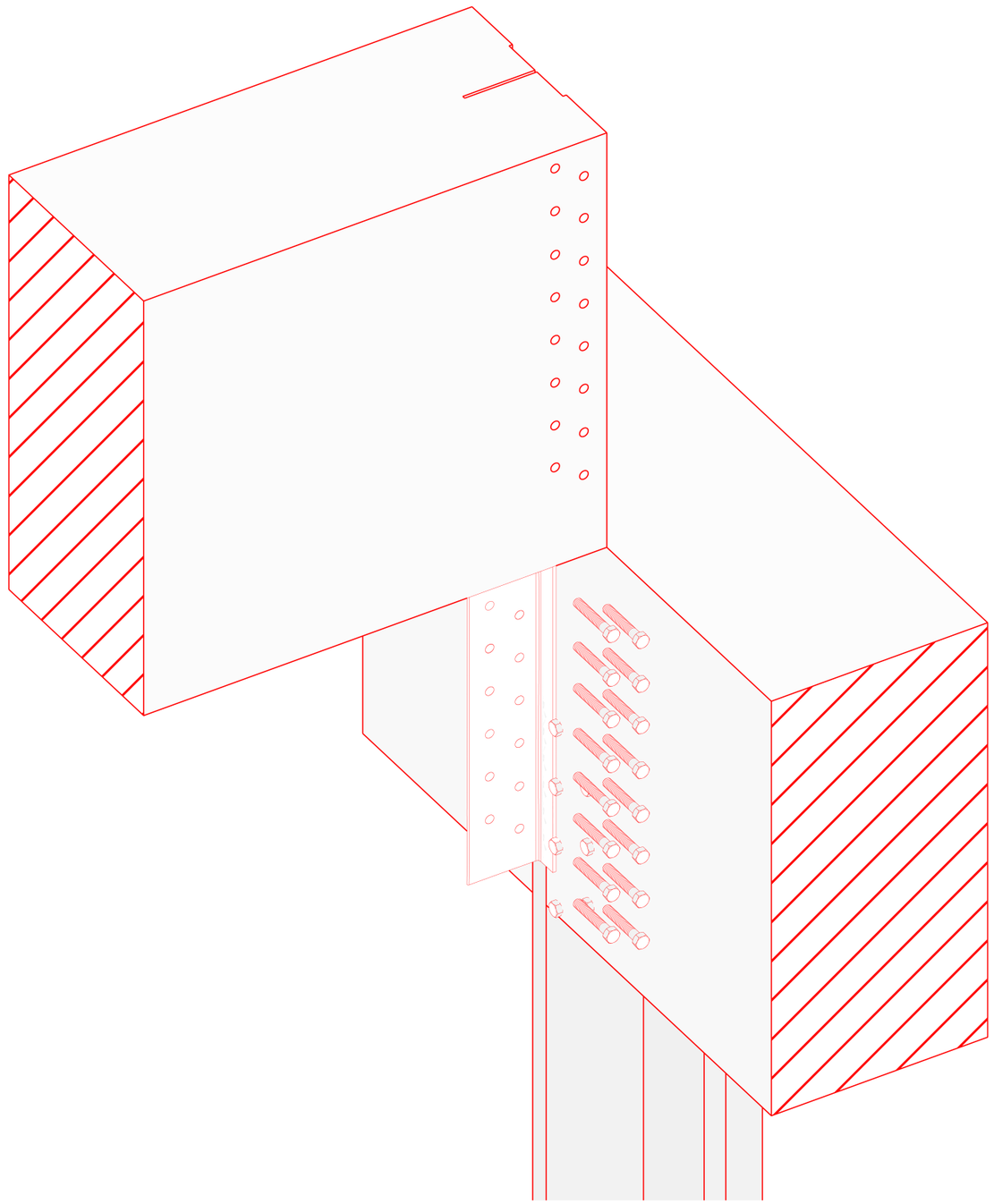
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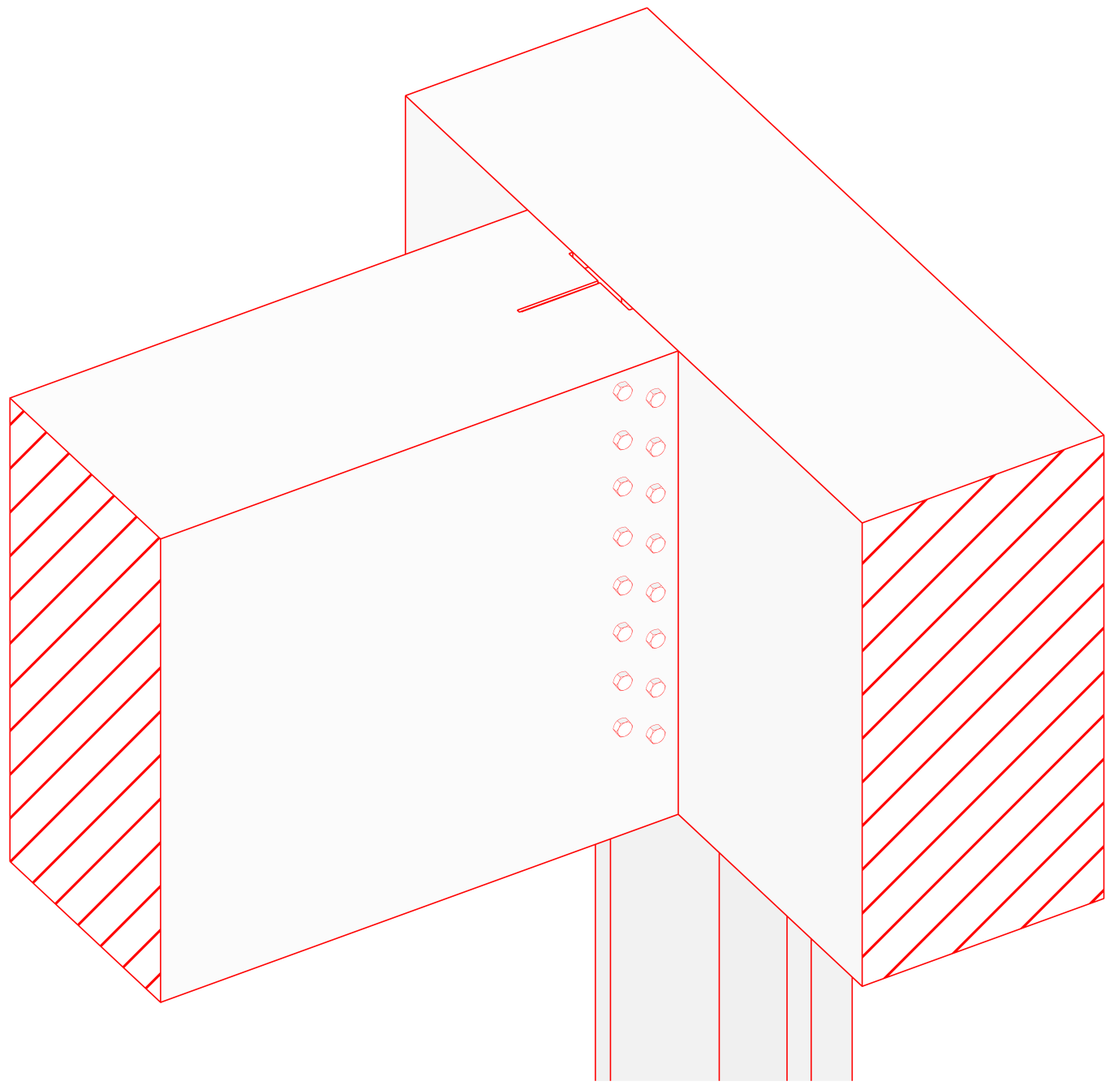


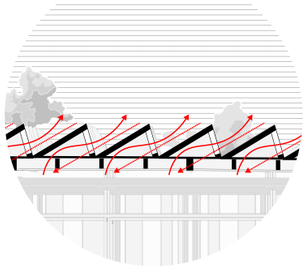


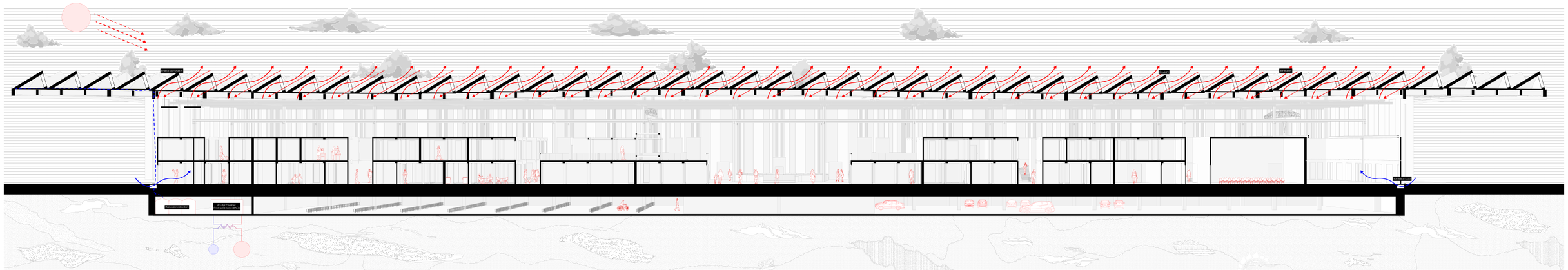


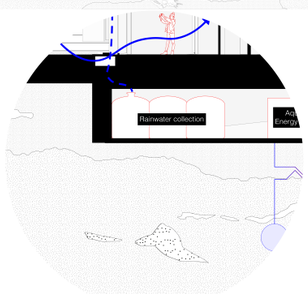


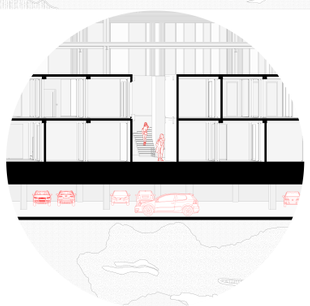


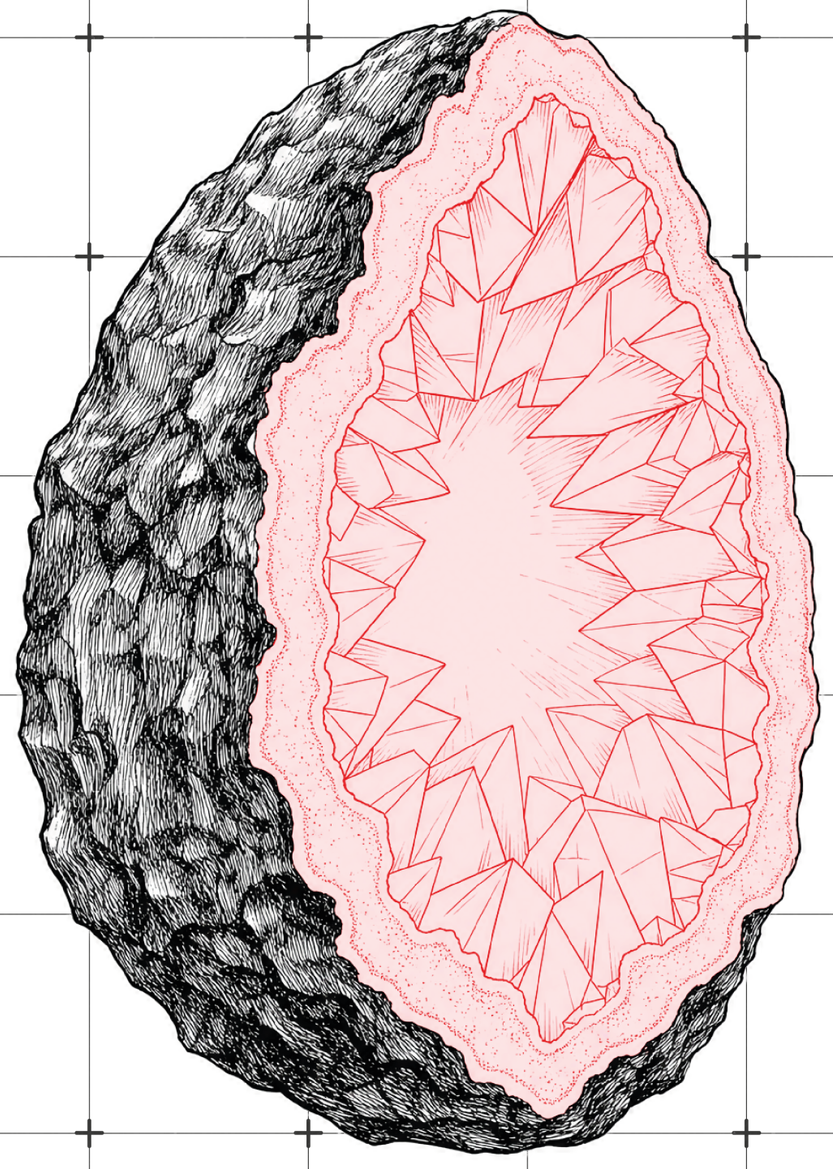


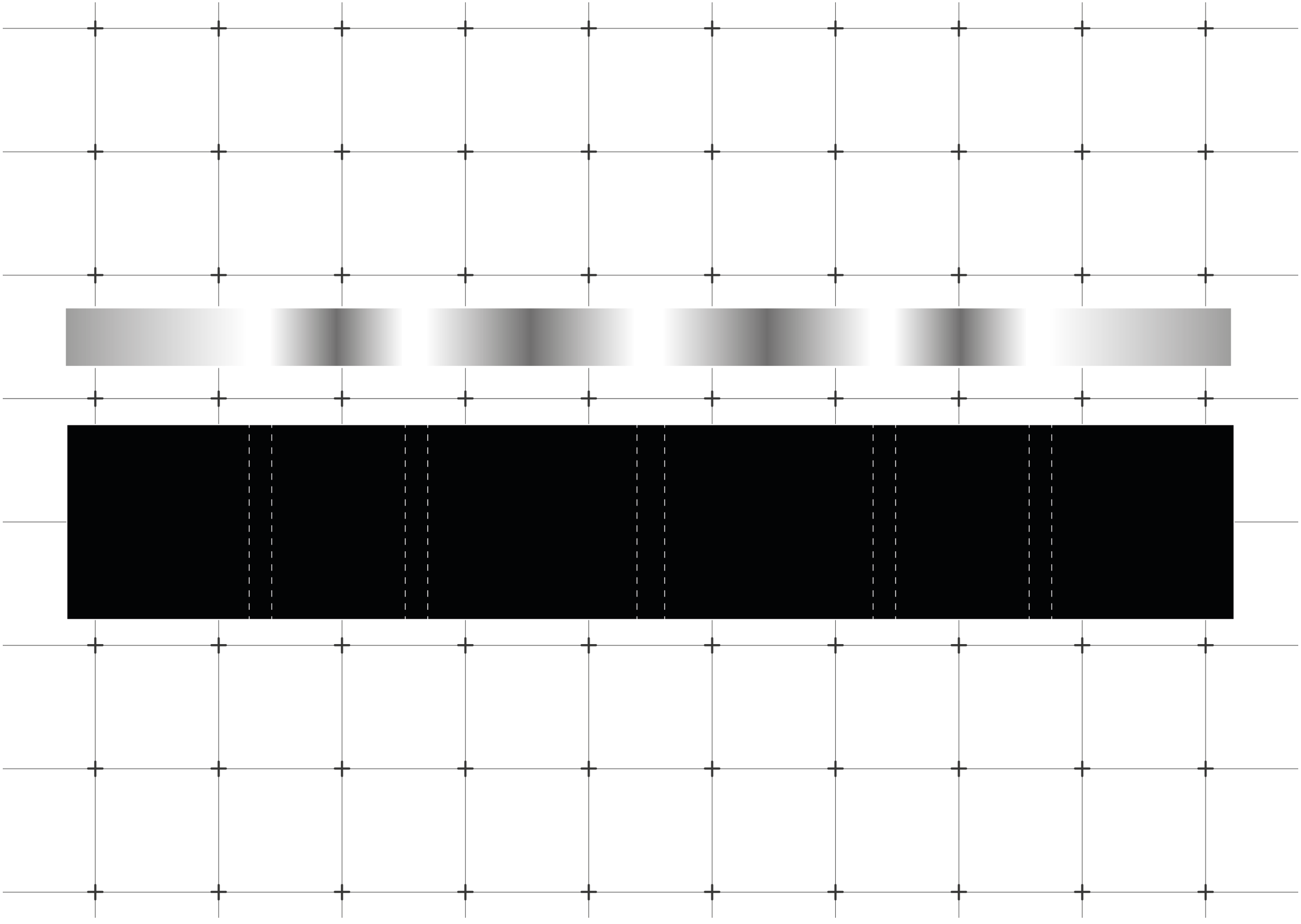


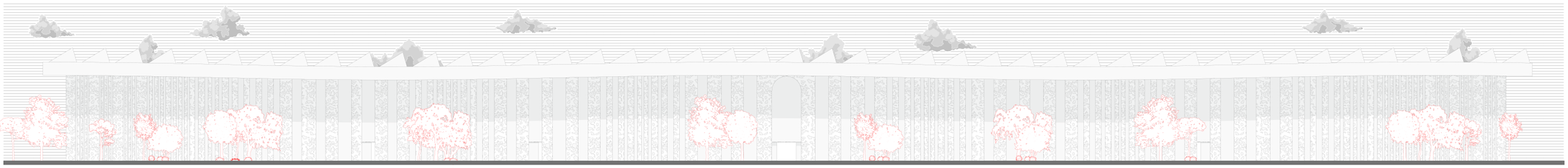

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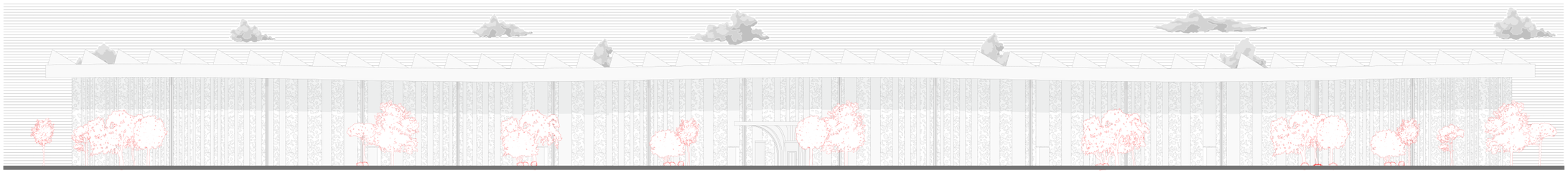


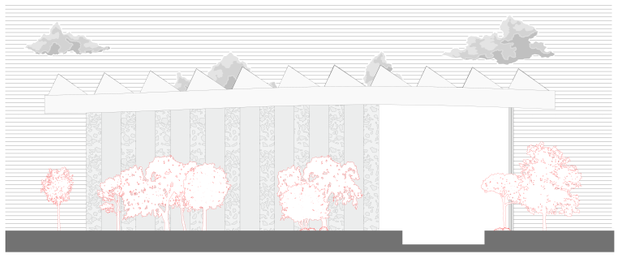


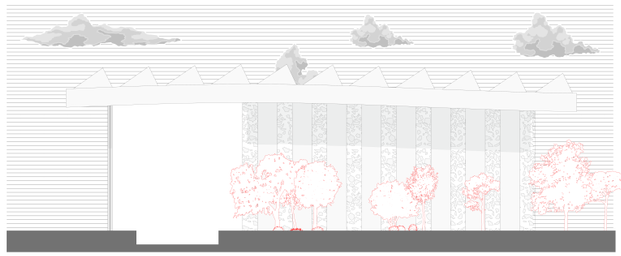


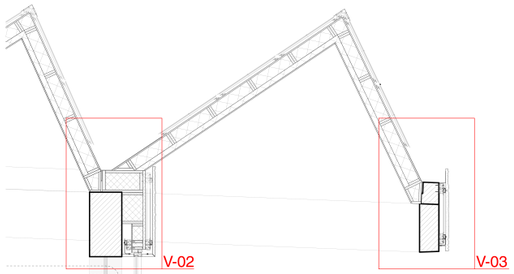


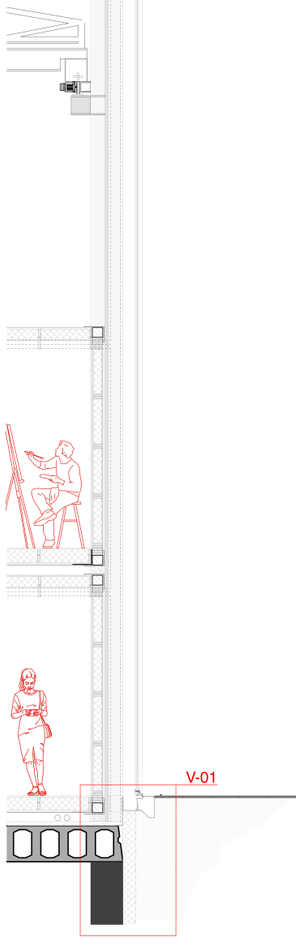


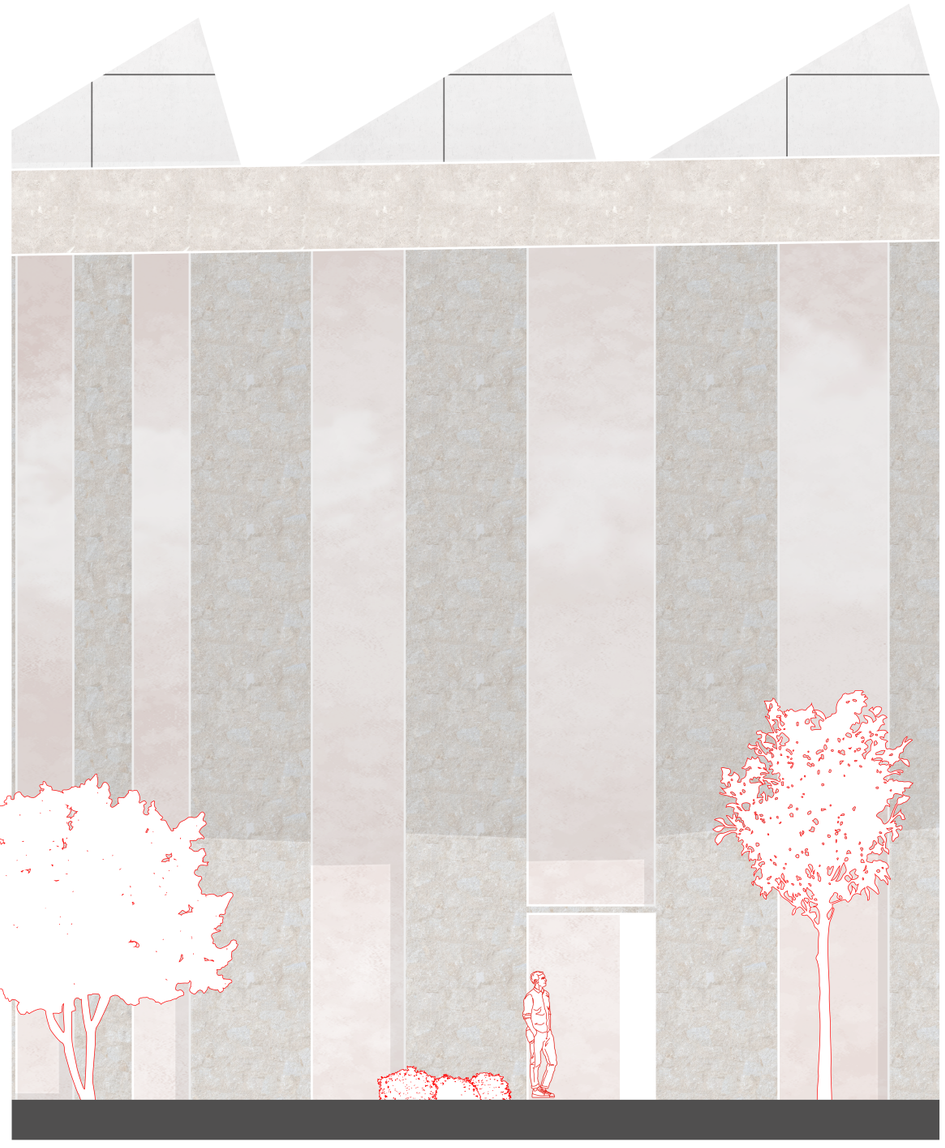


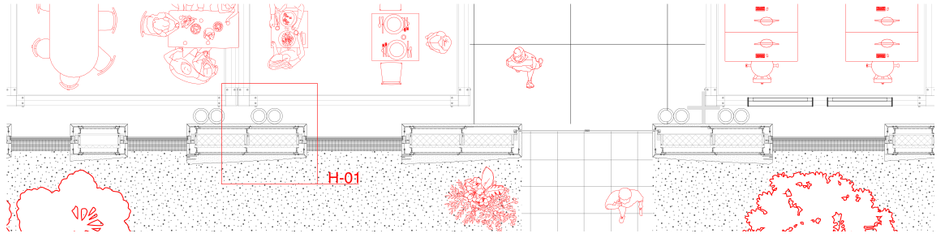


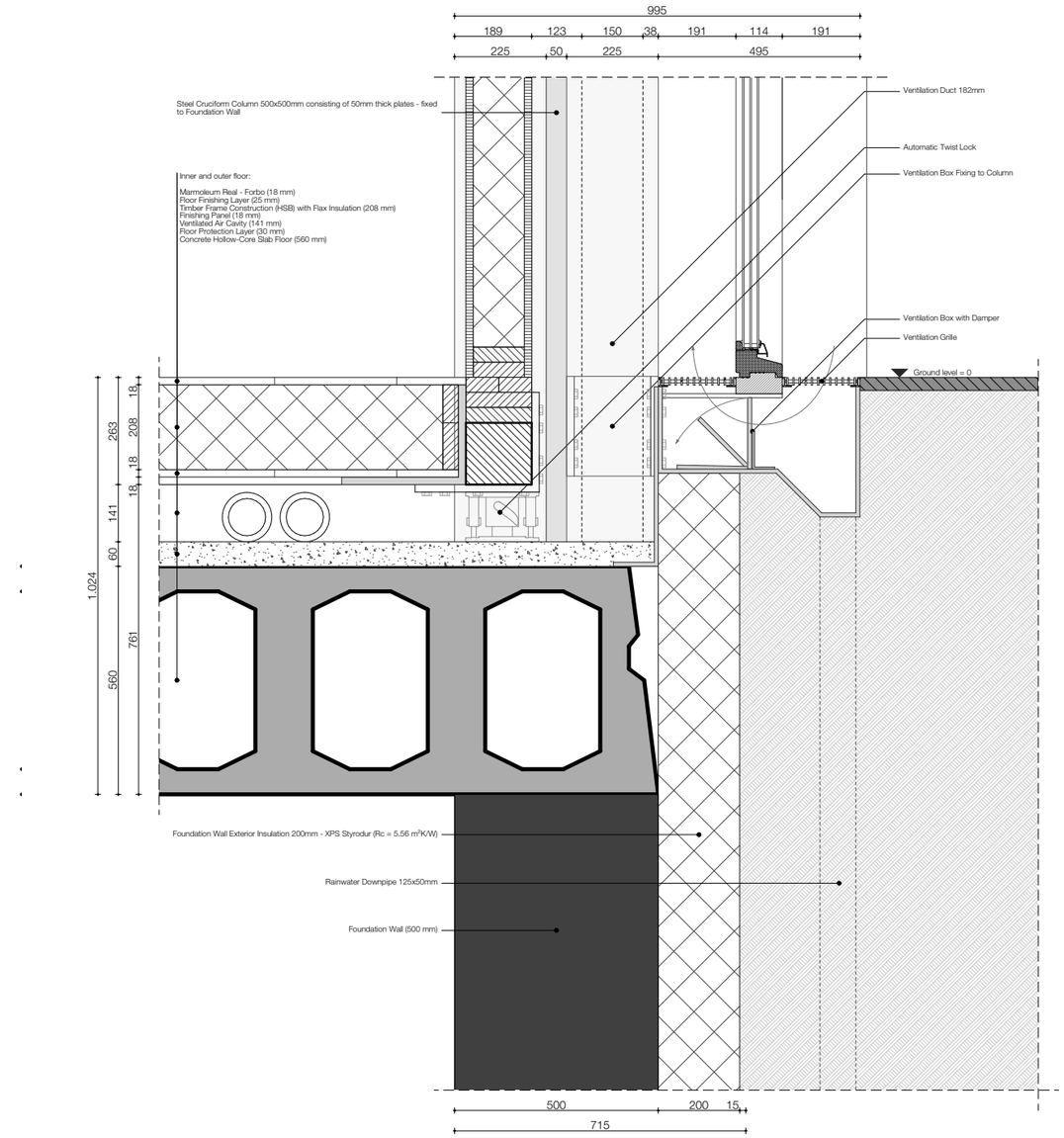


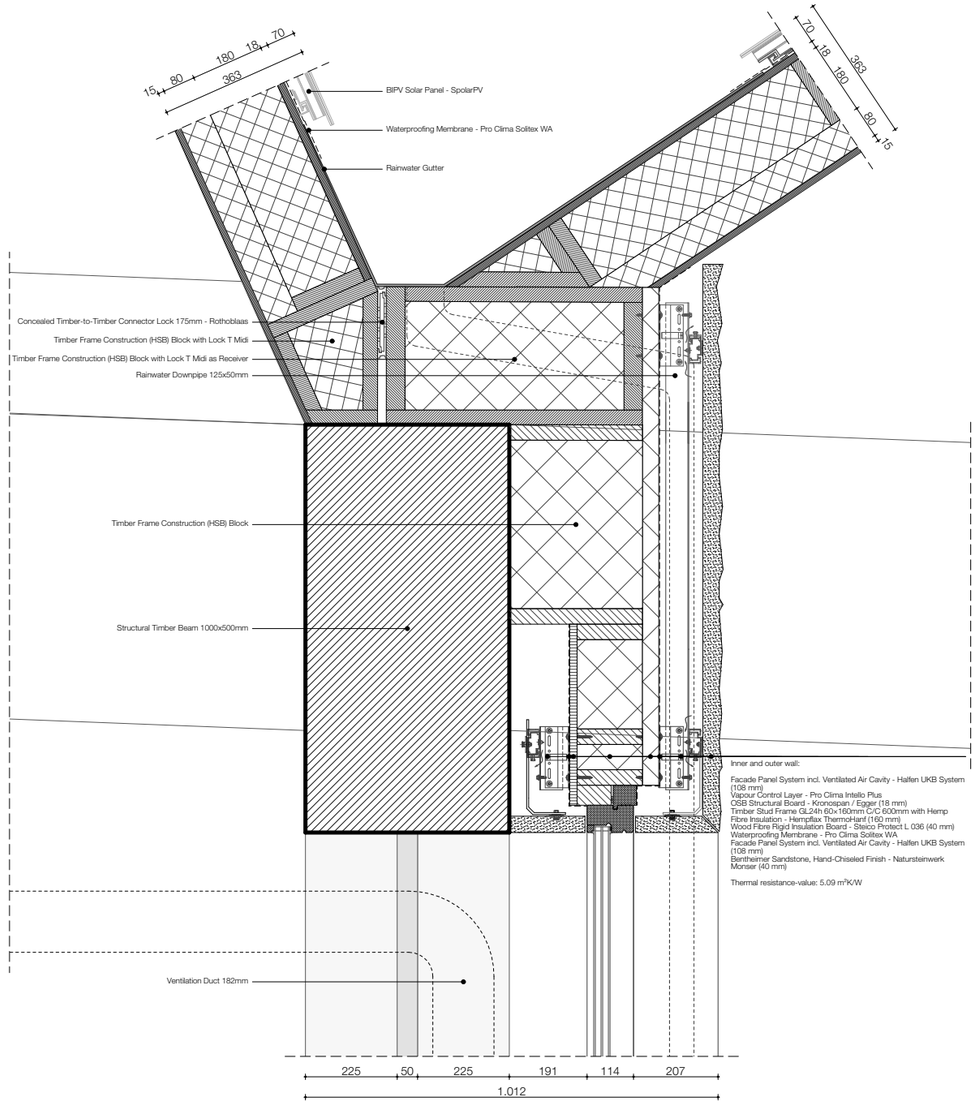

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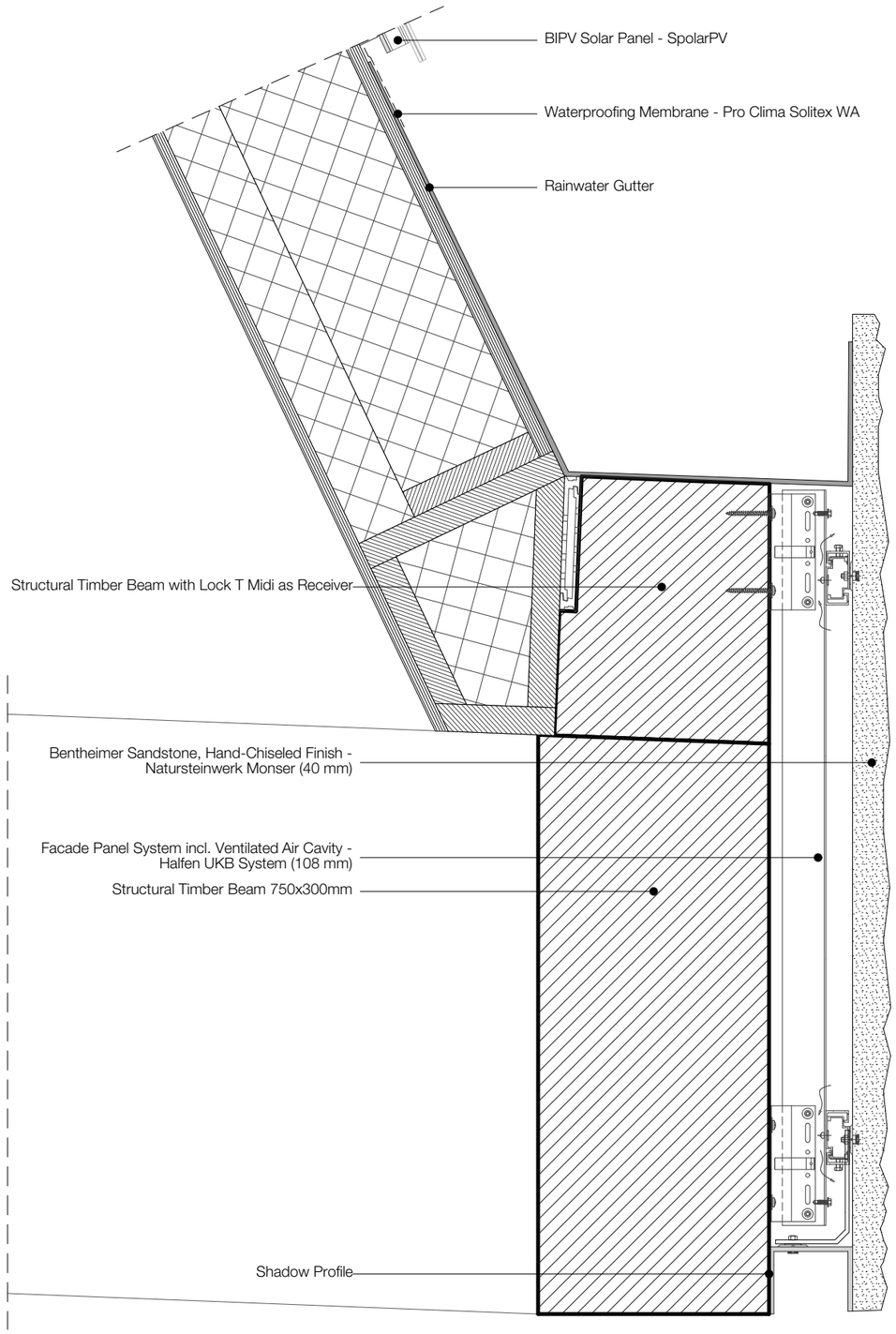

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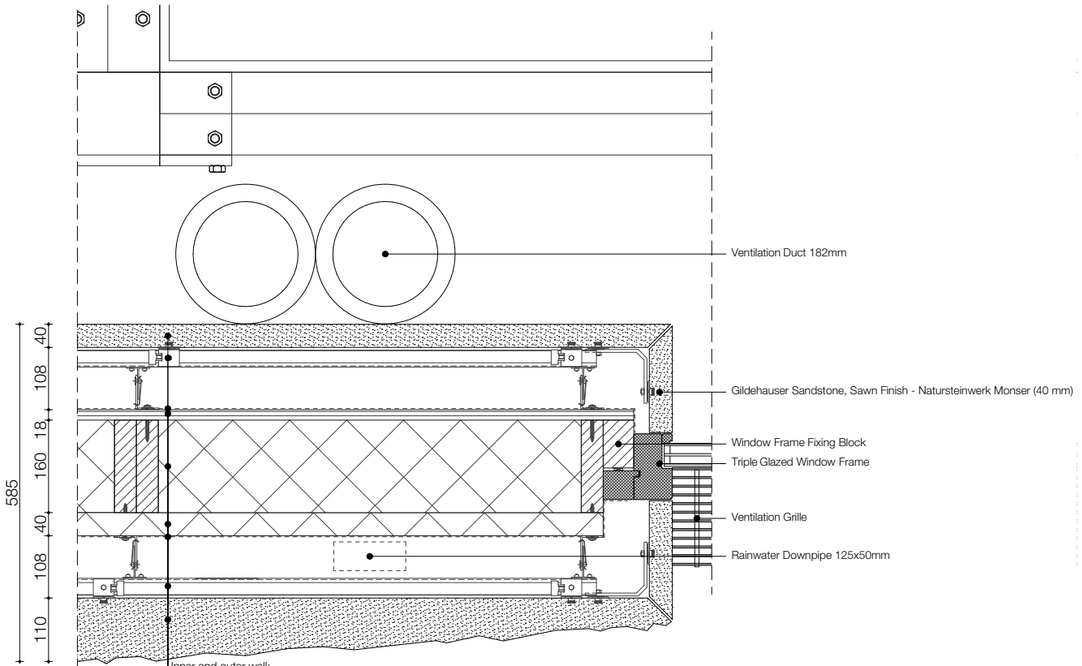



H-01


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Steel Cruciform Column 500x500mm consisting of 50mm thick plates - fixed to Foundation Wall
Inner and outer floor:
Marmoleum Real - Forbo (18 mm)
Floor Finishing Layer (25 mm)
Timber Frame Construction (HSB) with Flax Insulation (208 mm)
Finishing Panel (18 mm)
Ventilated Air Cavity (141 mm)
Floor Protection Layer (30 mm)
Concrete Hollow-Core Slab Floor (560 mm)
Ventilation Duct 182mm
Automatic Twist Lock
Ventilation Box Fixing to Column
Ventilation Box with Damper
Ventilation Grille
Ground level = 0
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263
208
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1.024
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560
Foundation Wall Exterior Insulation 200mm - XPS Styrodur (Rc = 5.56 m²K/W)
Rainwater Downpipe 125x50mm
Foundation Wall (500 mm)
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BIPV Solar Panel - SpolarPV
Waterproofing Membrane - Pro Clima Solitex WA
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Concealed Timber-to-Timber Connector Lock 175mm - Rothoblaas
Timber Frame Construction (HSB) Block with Lock T Midi
Timber Frame Construction (HSB) Block with Lock T Midi as Receiver
Rainwater Downpipe 125x50mm
Timber Frame Construction (HSB) Block
Structural Timber Beam 1000x500mm
Ventilation Duct 182mm
Inner and outer wall:
Facade Panel System incl. Ventilated Air Cavity - Halfen UKB System (108 mm)
Vapour Control Layer - Pro Clima Intello Plus
OSB Structural Board - Kronospan / Egger (18 mm)
Timber Stud Frame GL24h 60x160mm C/C 600mm with Hemp Fibre Insulation - Hempflax ThermoHanf (160 mm)
Wood Fibre Rigid Insulation Board - Steico Protect L 036 (40 mm)
Waterproofing Membrane - Pro Clima Solitex WA
Facade Panel System incl. Ventilated Air Cavity - Halfen UKB System (108 mm)
Bentheimer Sandstone, Hand-Chiseled Finish - Natursteinwerk Monser (40 mm)
Thermal resistance-value: 5.09 m²K/W
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BIPV Solar Panel - SpolarPV
Waterproofing Membrane - Pro Clima Solitex WA
Rainwater Gutter
Structural Timber Beam with Lock T Midi as Receiver
Bentheimer Sandstone, Hand-Chiseled Finish - Natursteinwerk Monser (40 mm)
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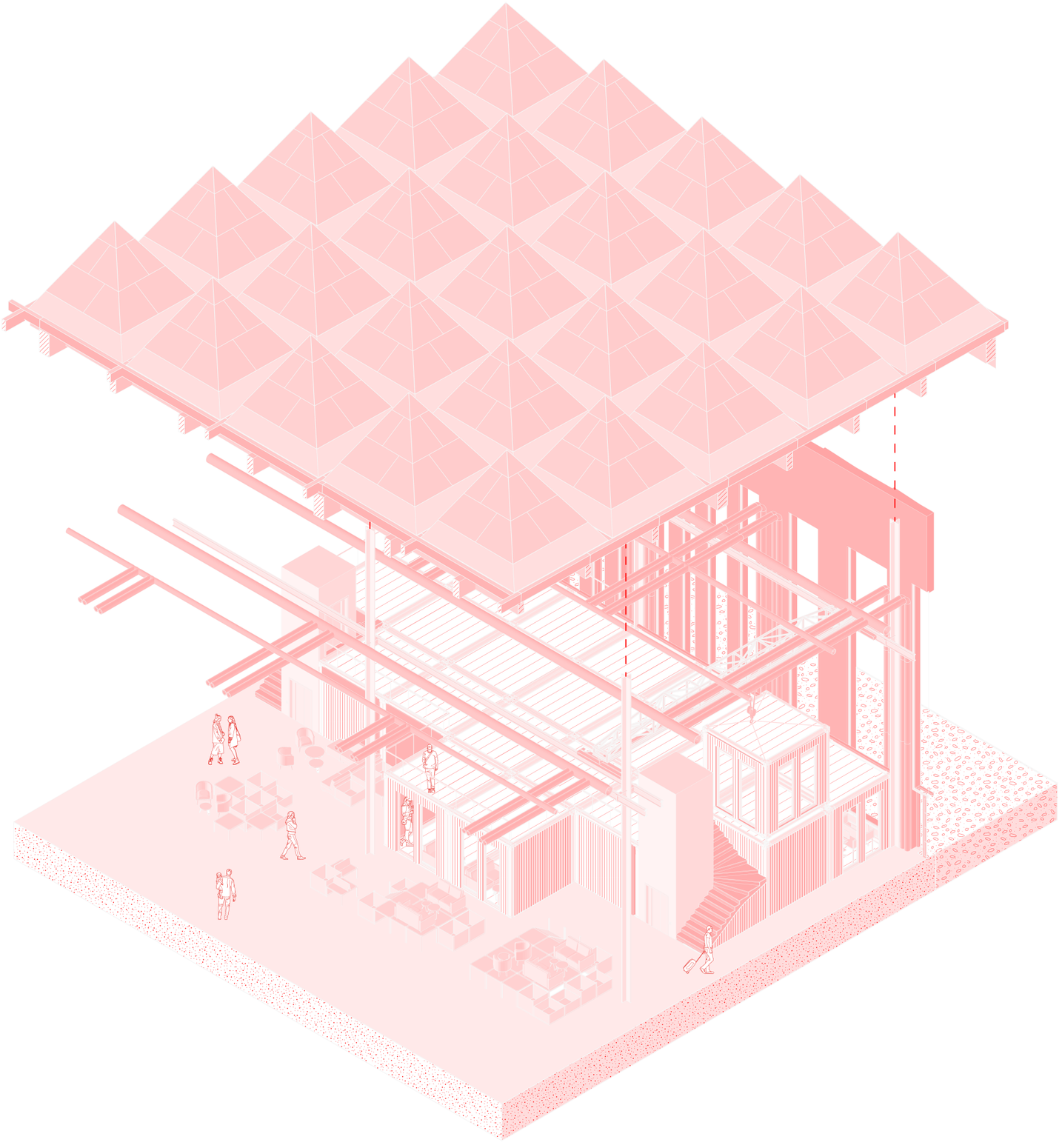
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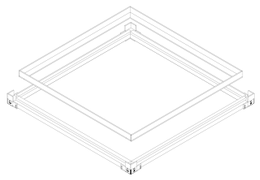
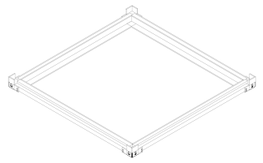
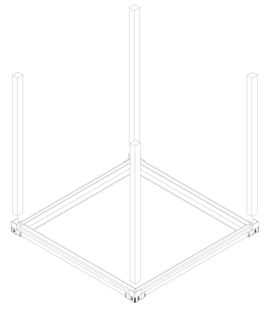
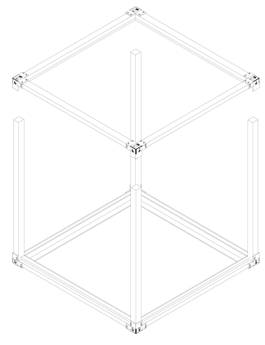
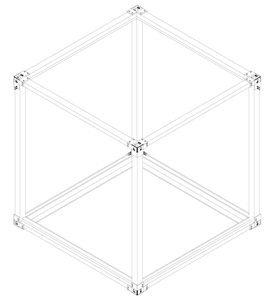
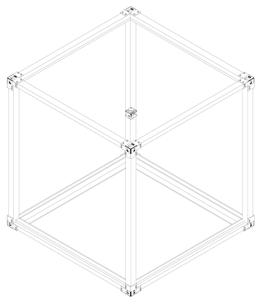
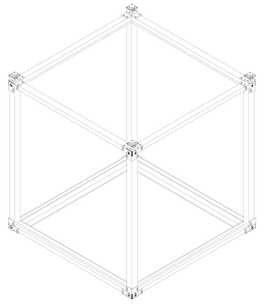
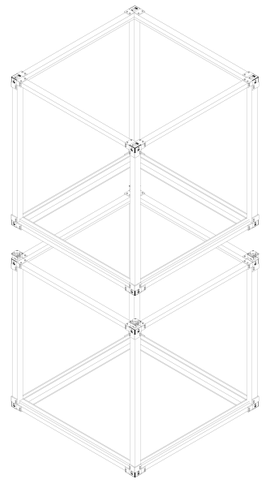
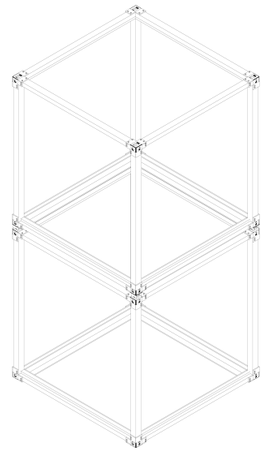
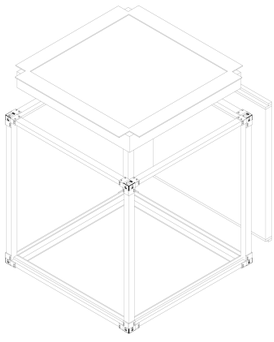
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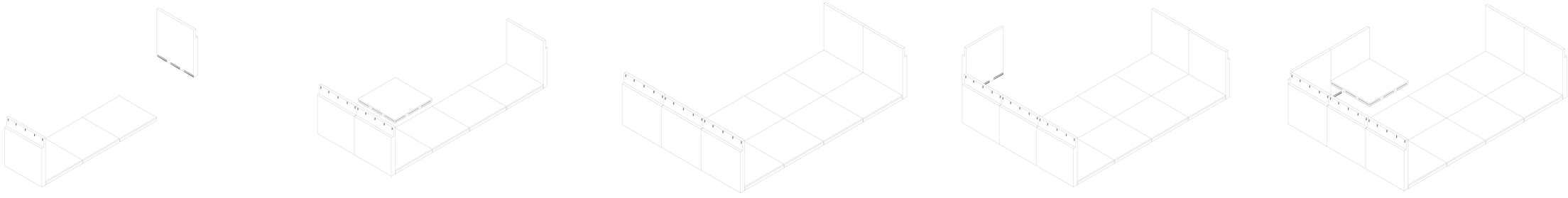
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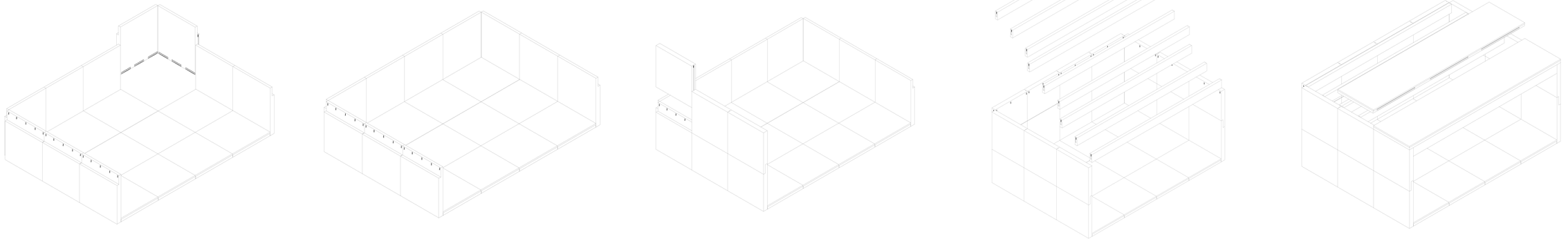
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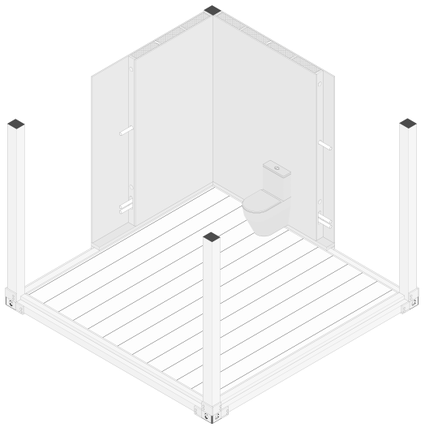
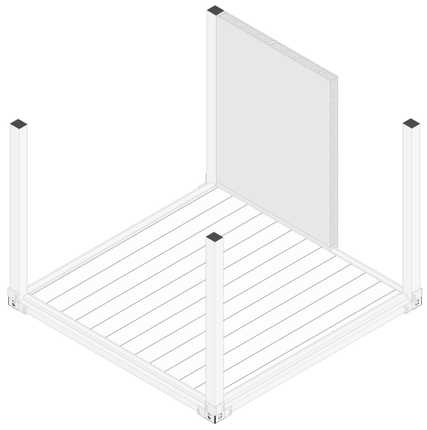
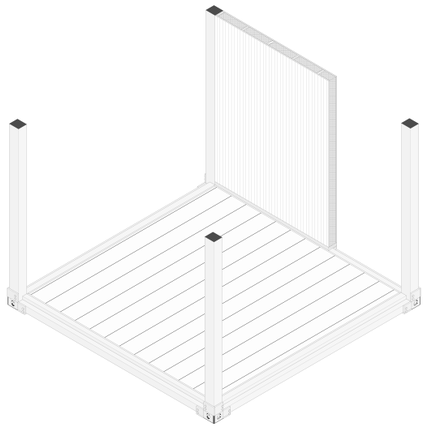
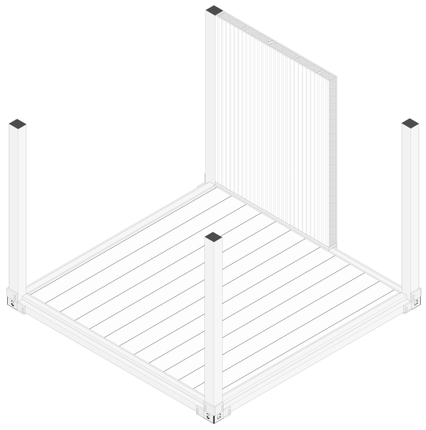
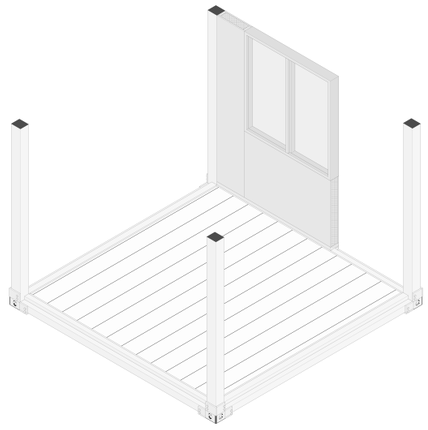
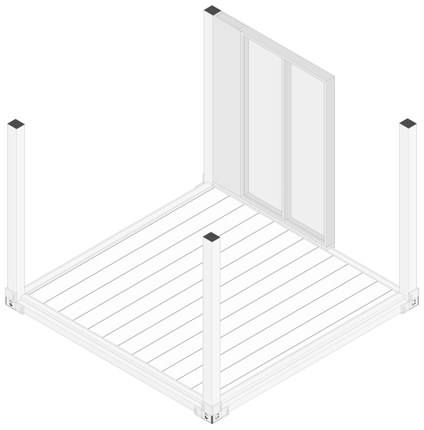
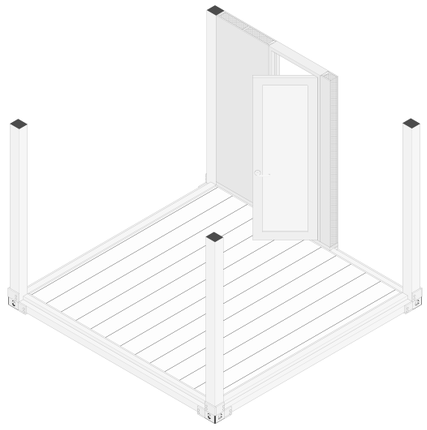
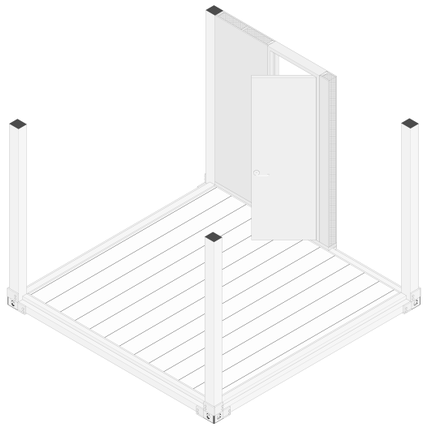
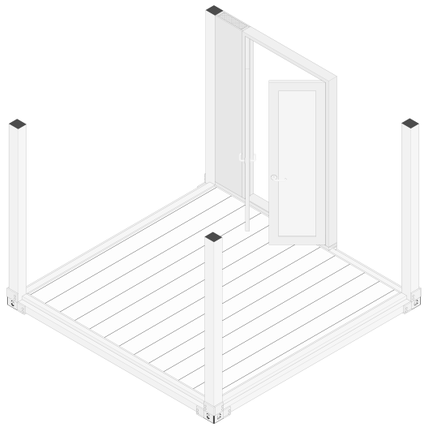
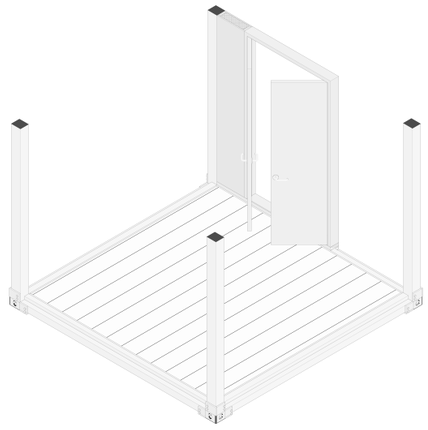


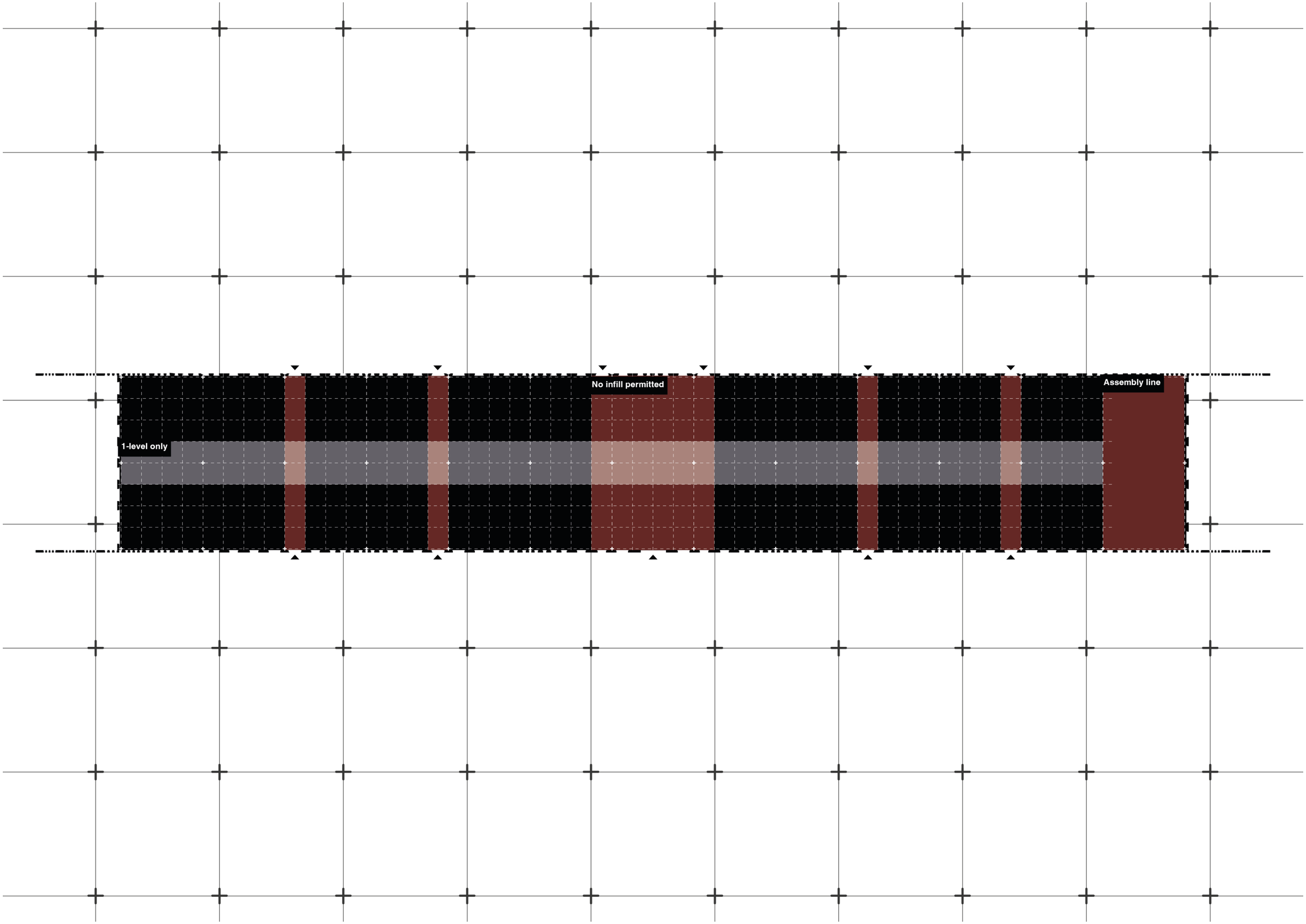


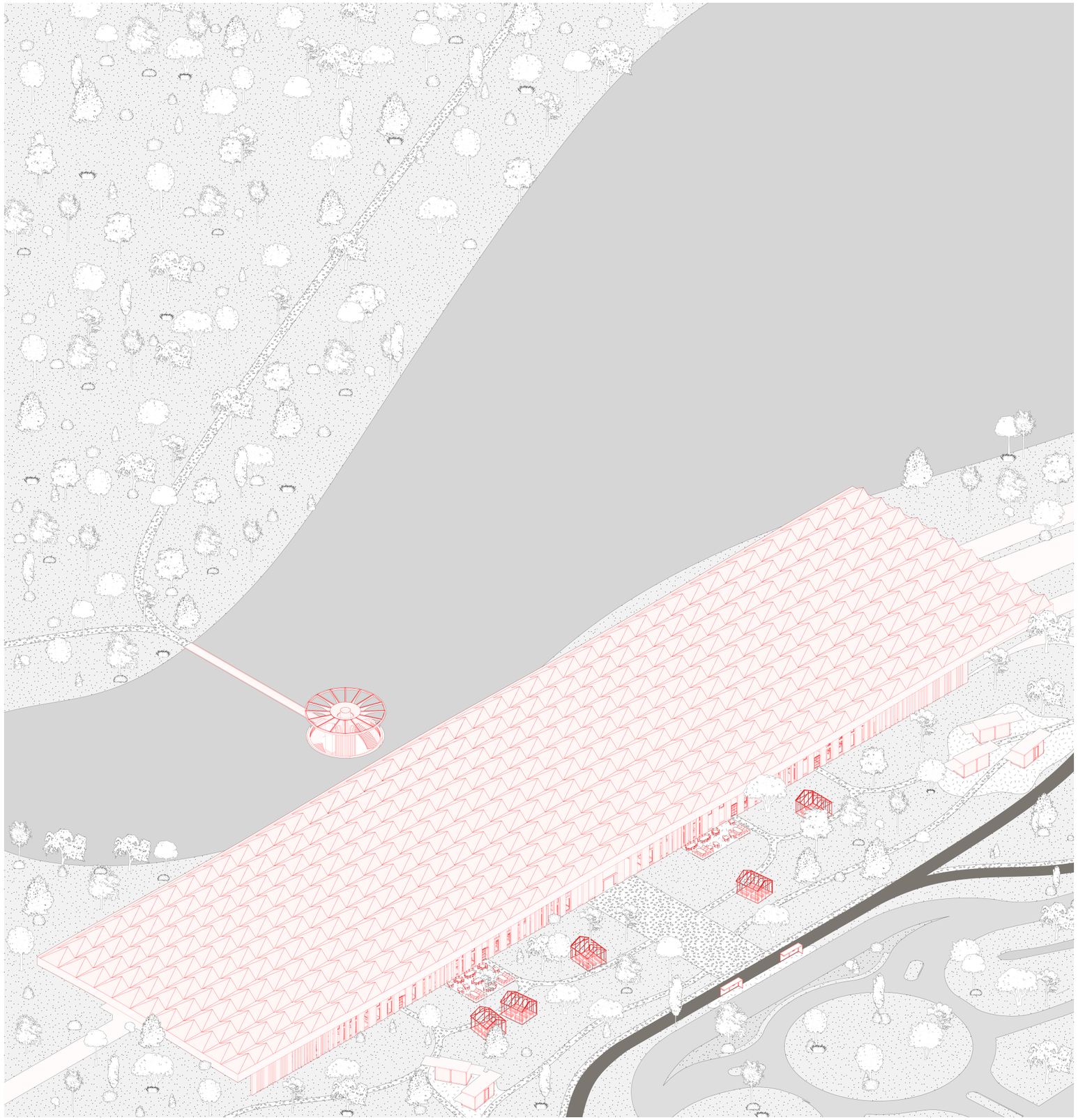











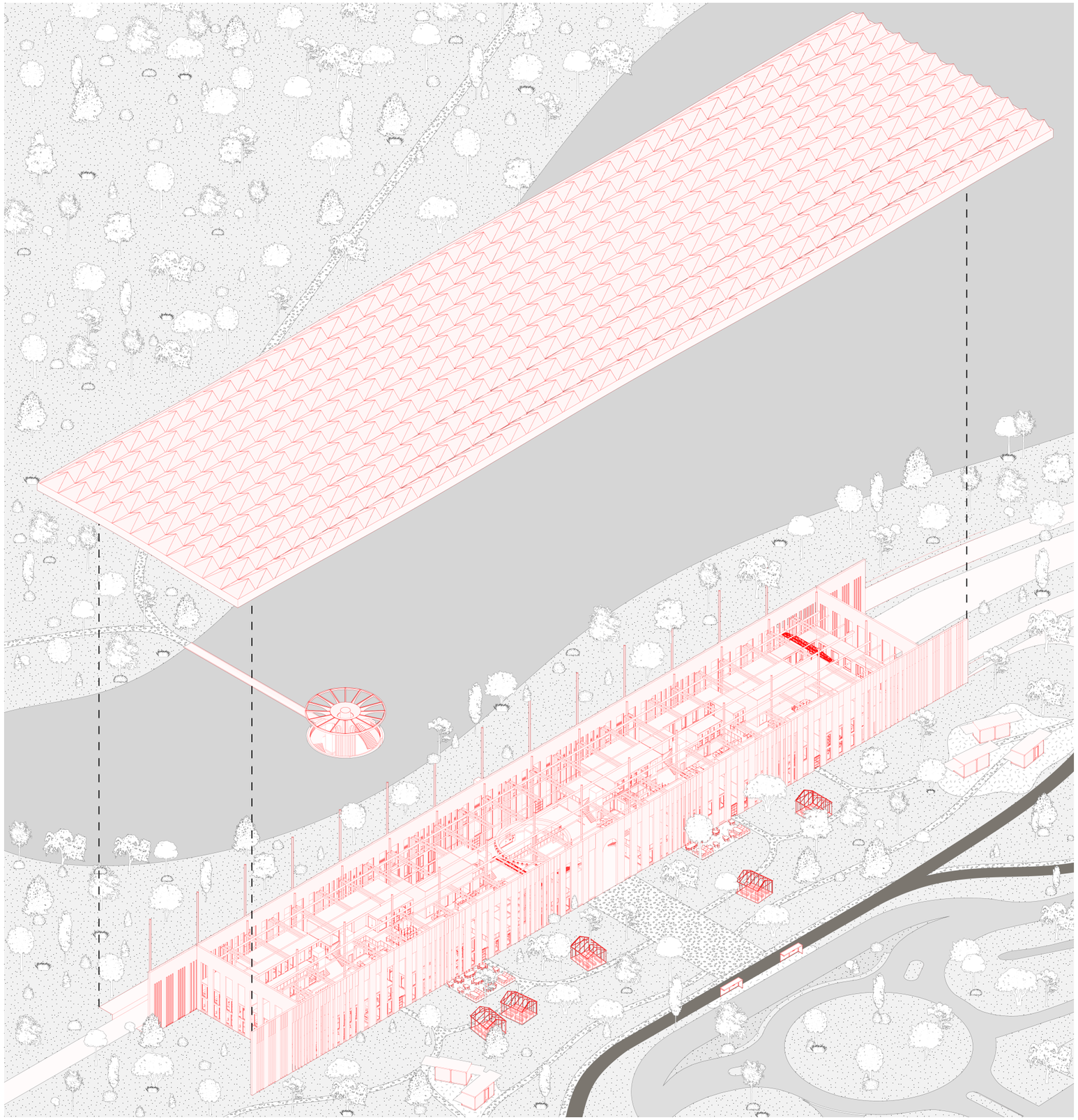


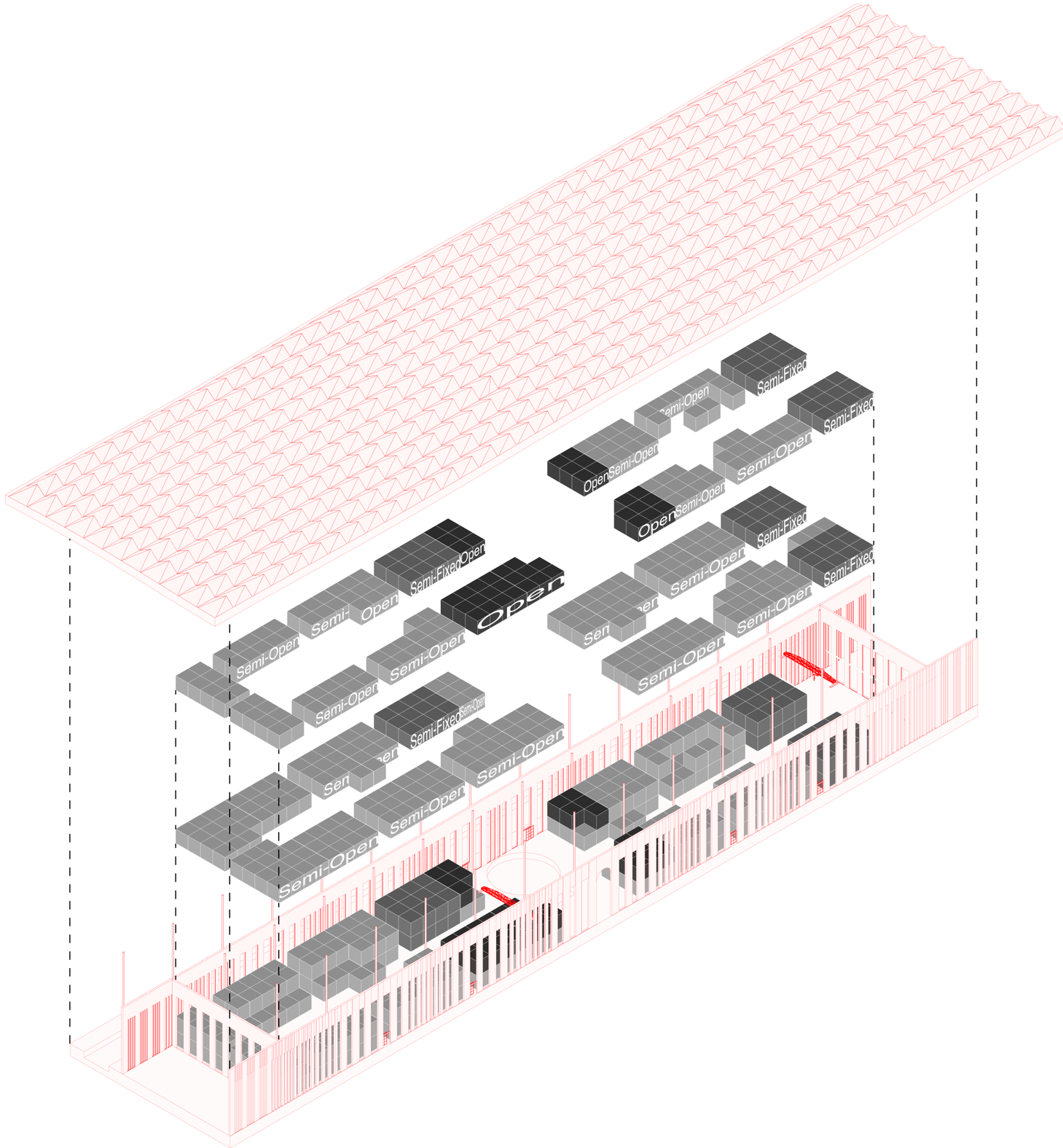


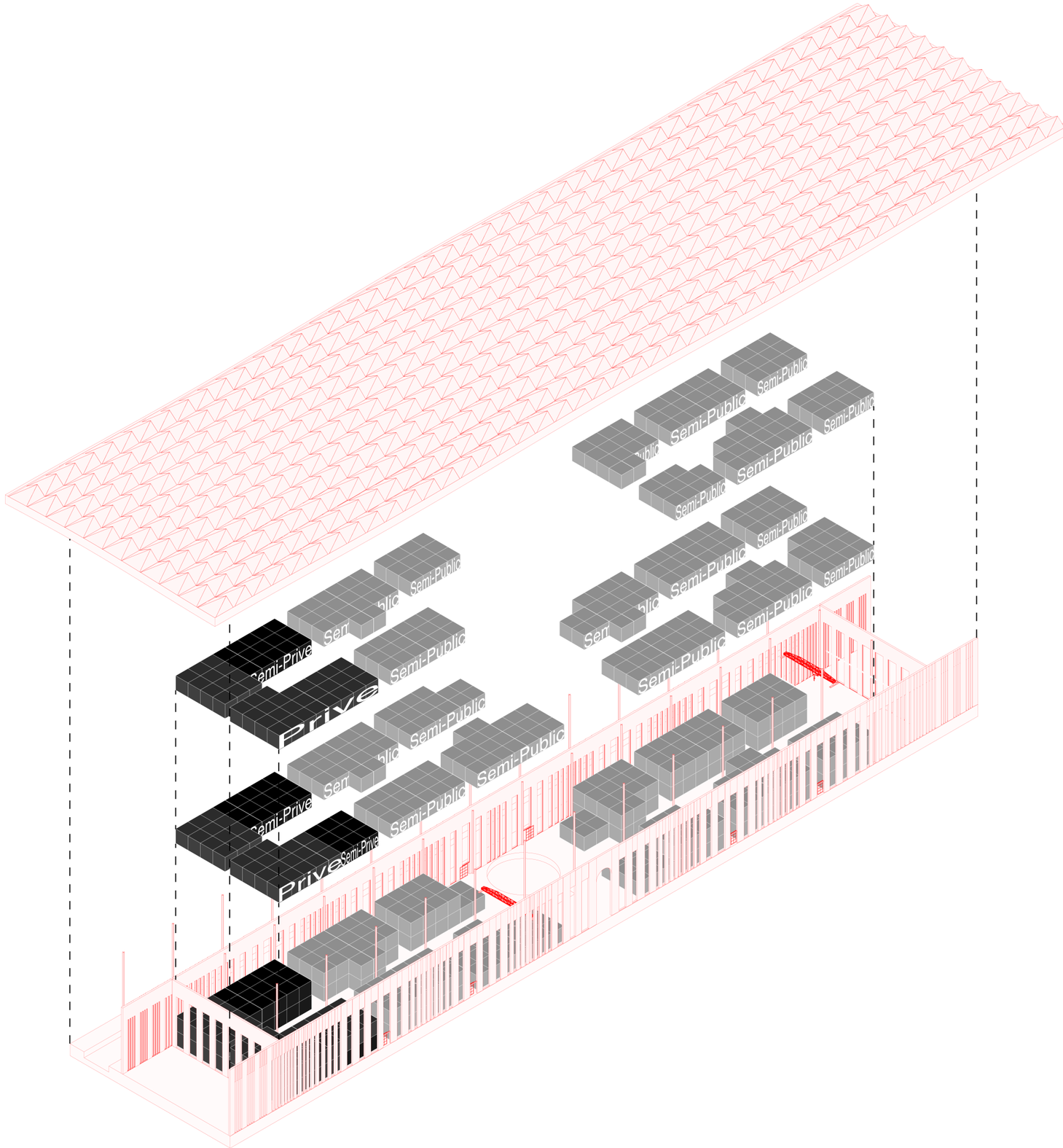











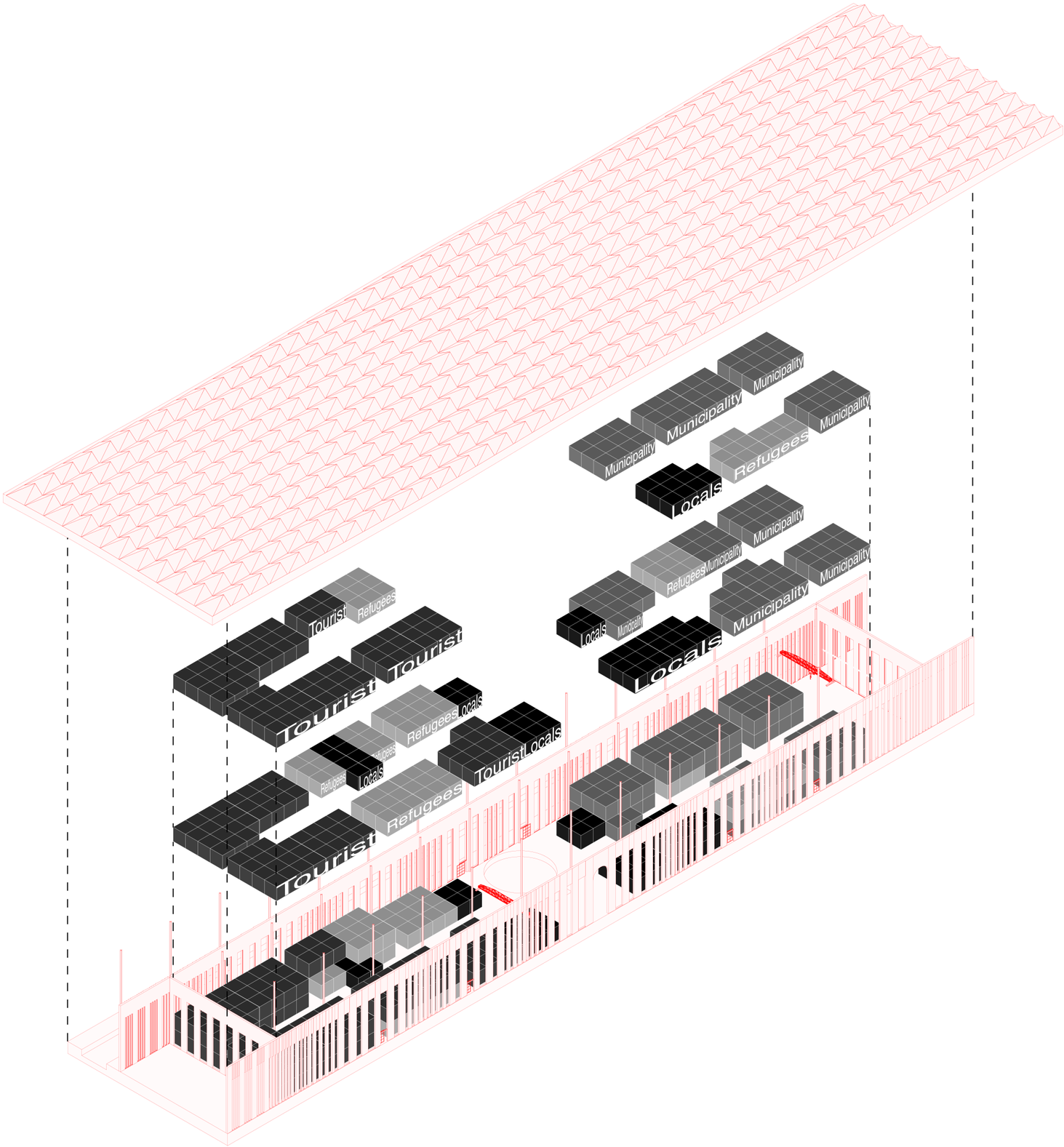

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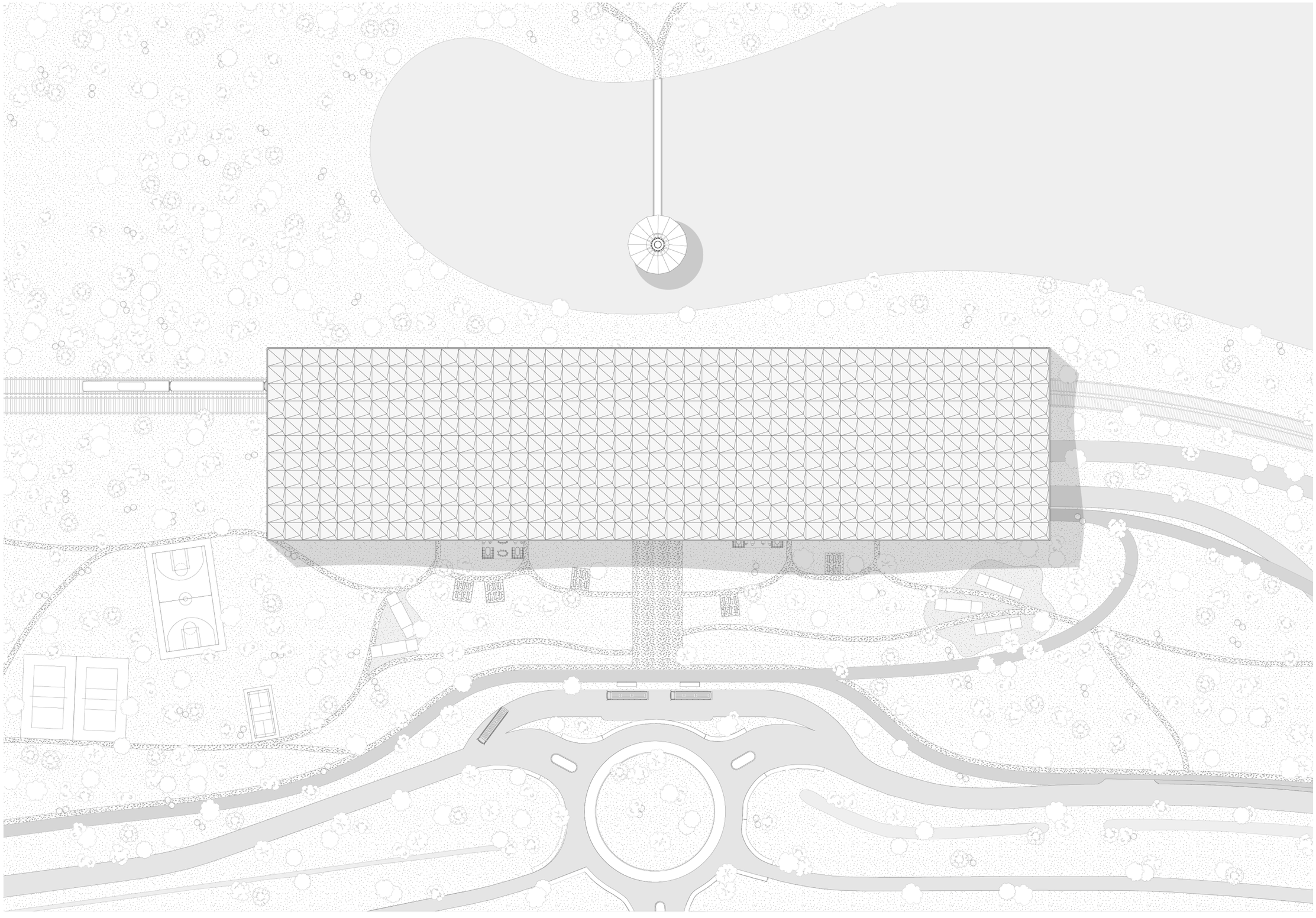


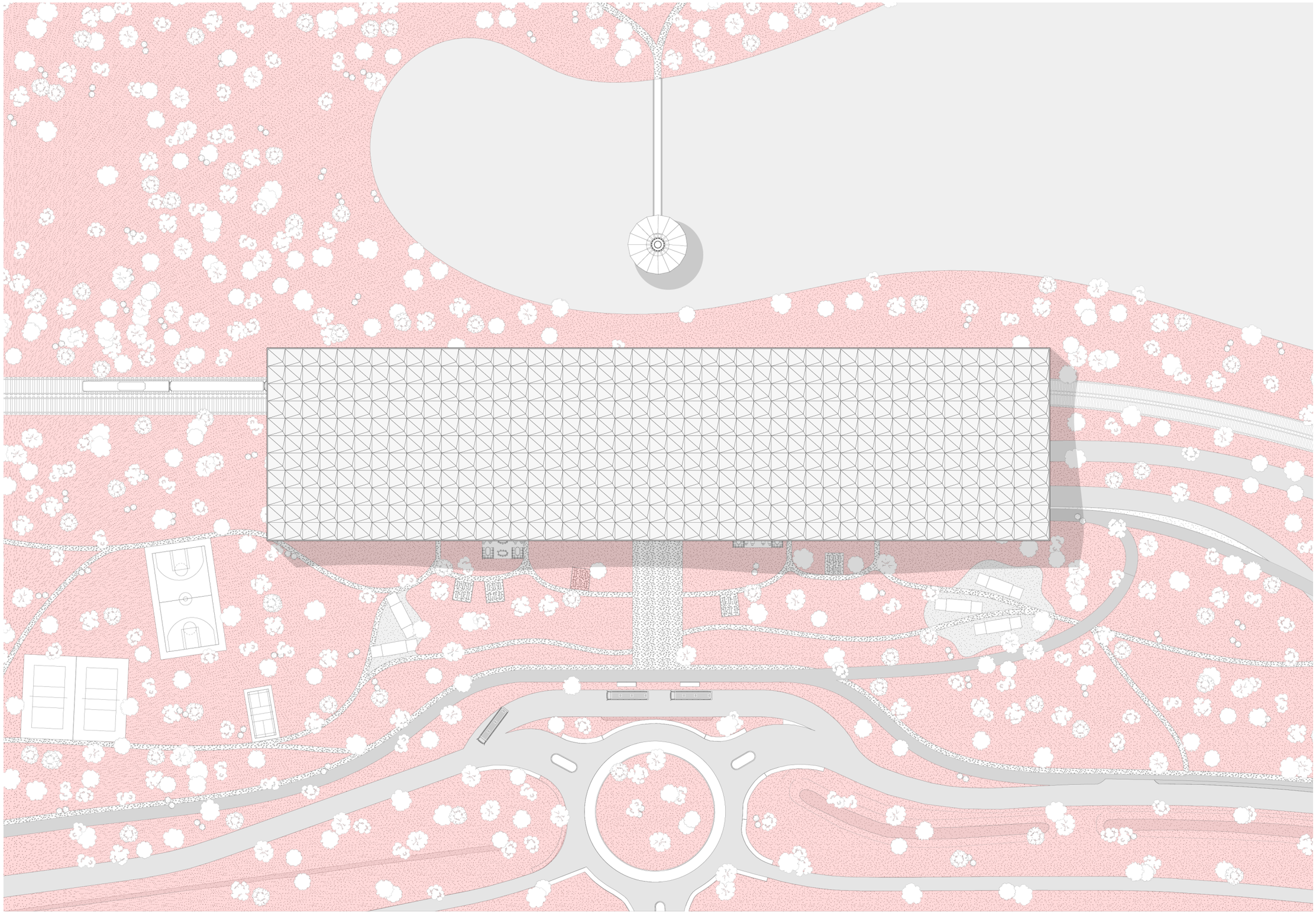

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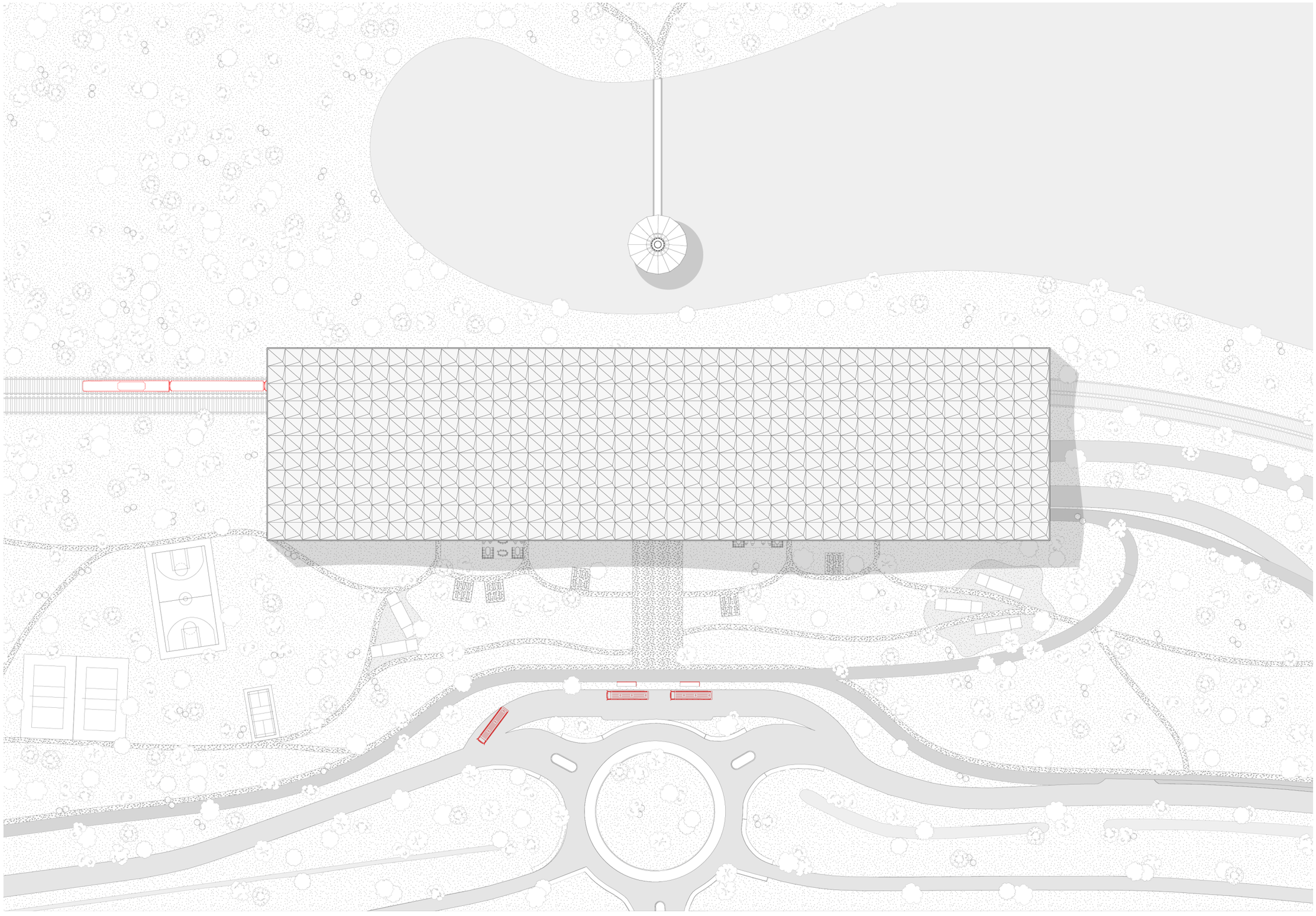

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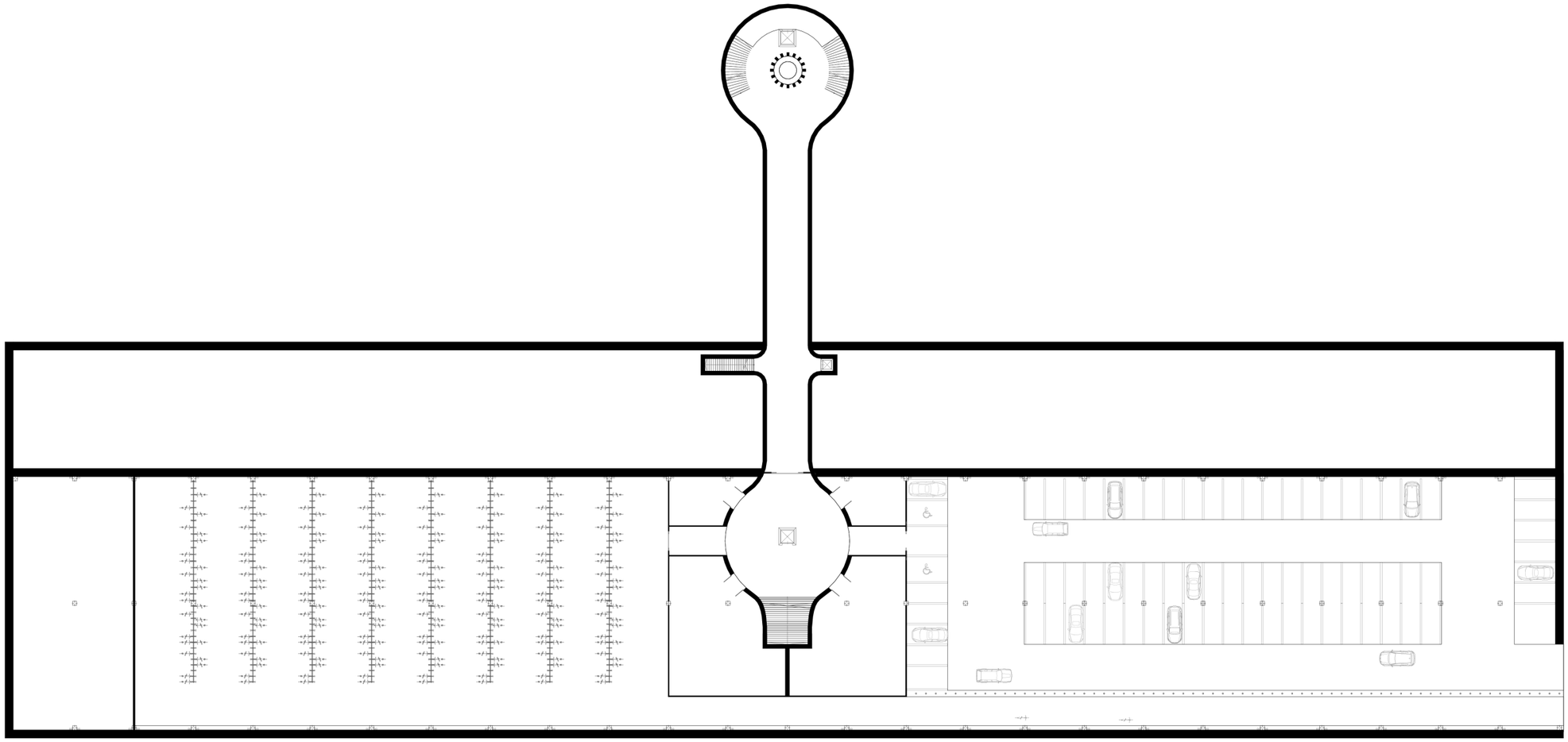


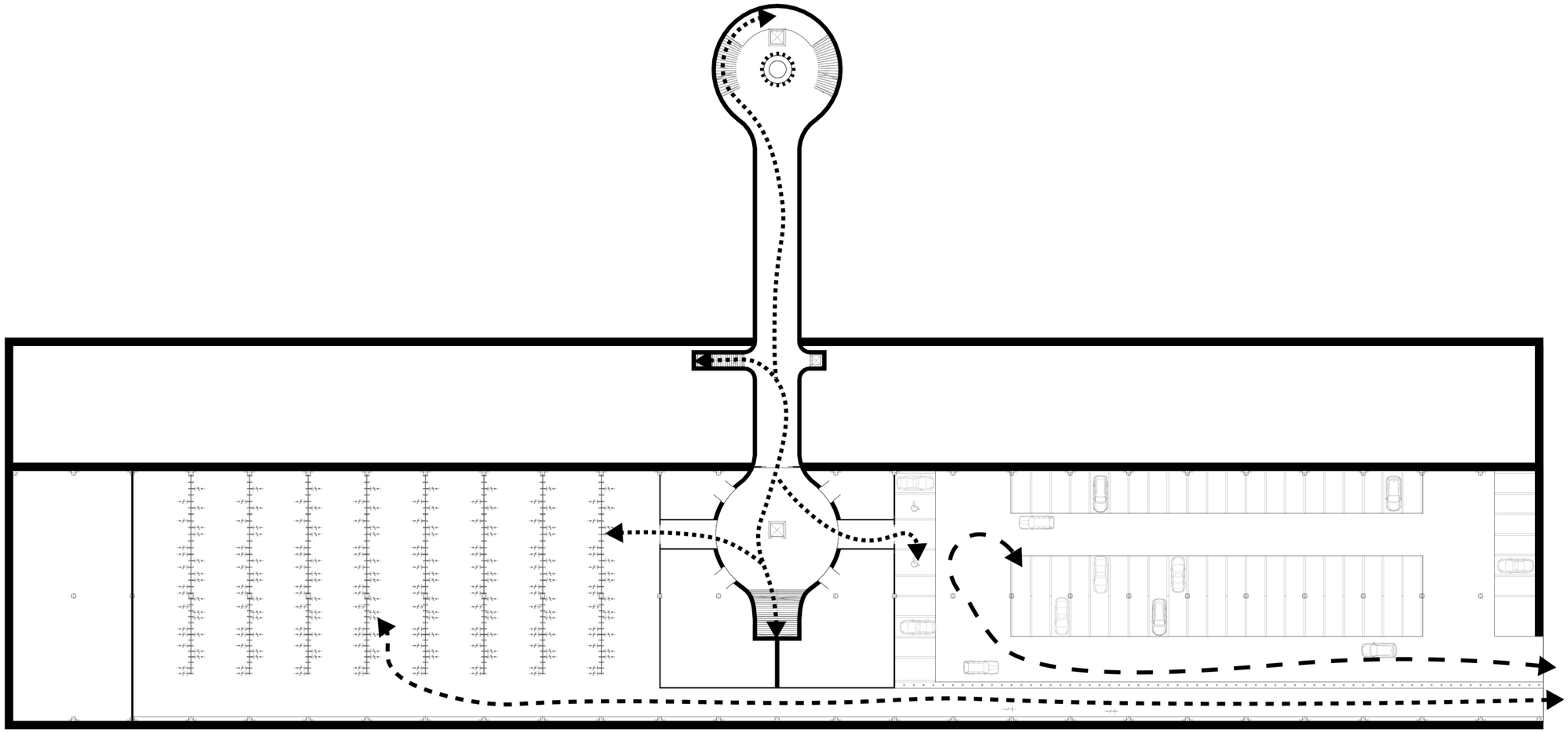


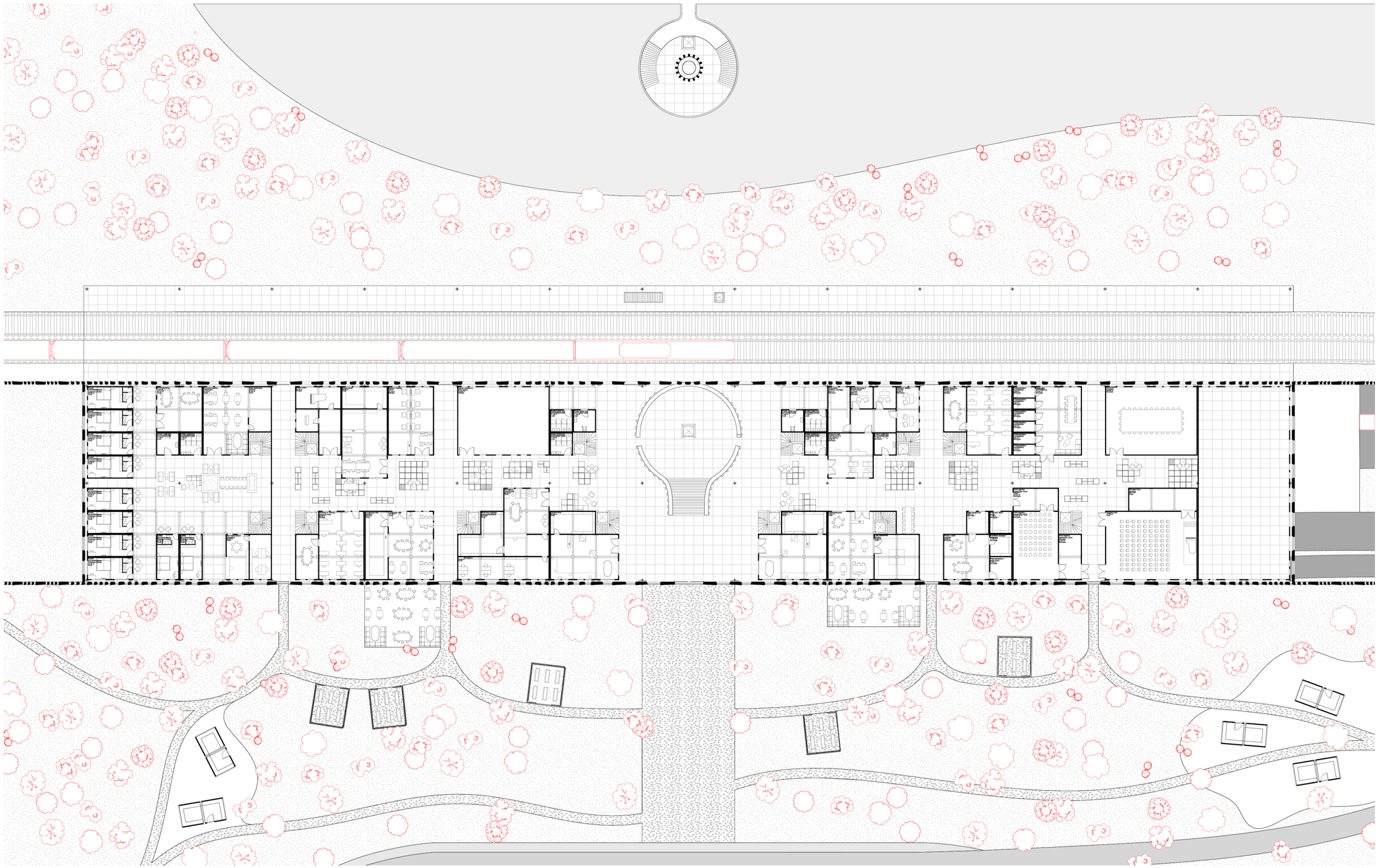


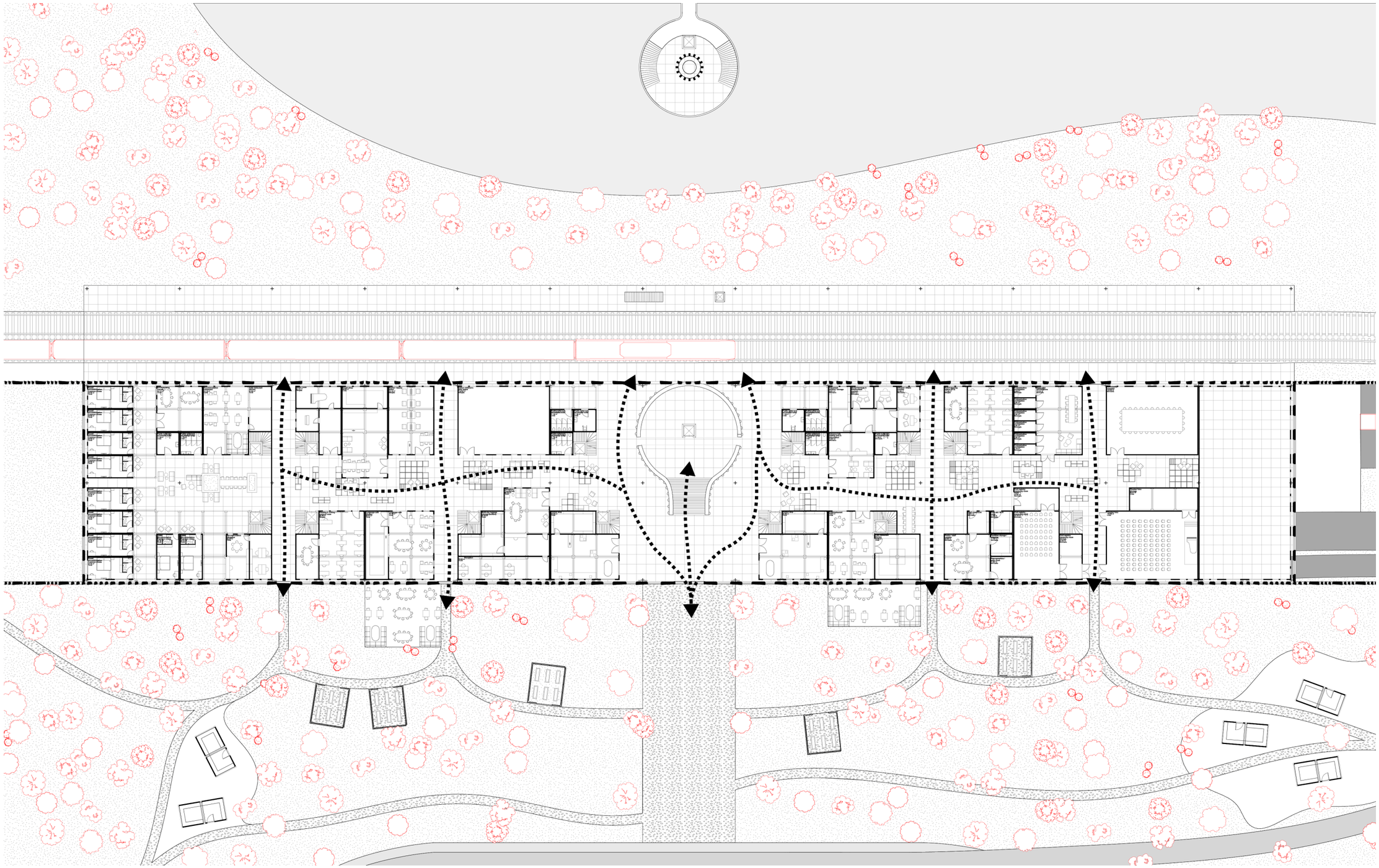




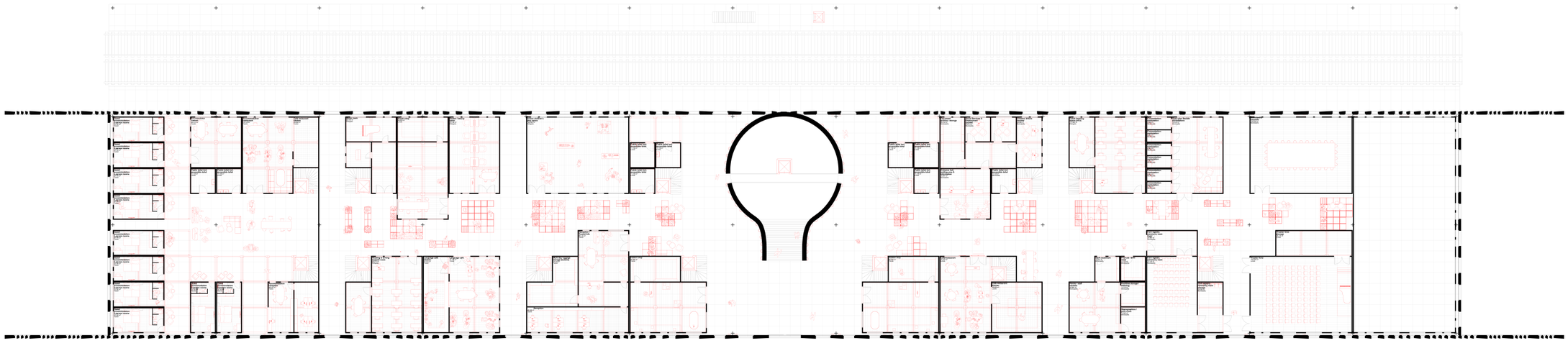


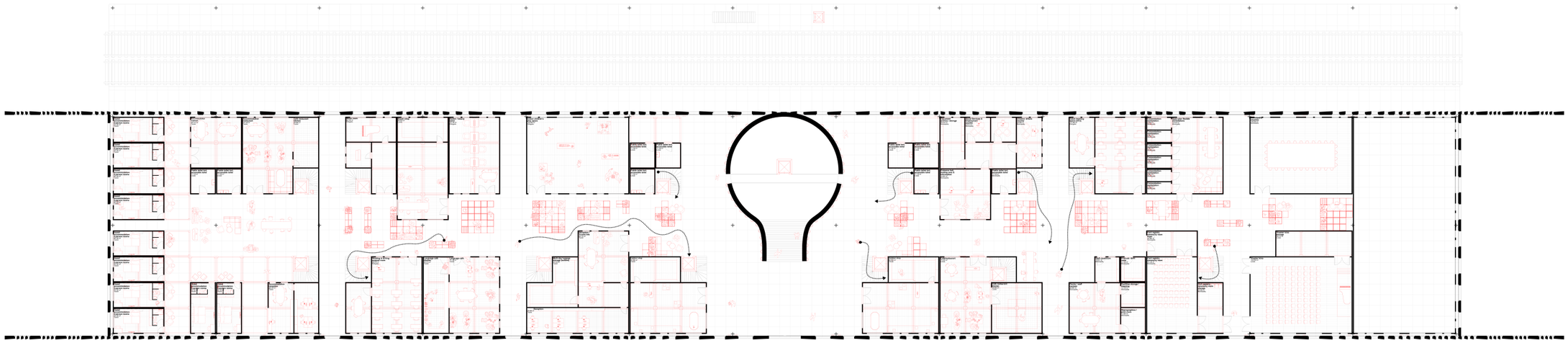


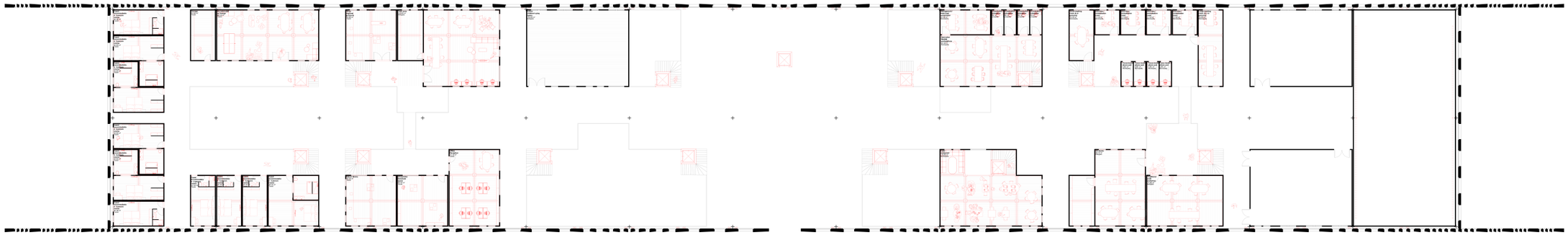


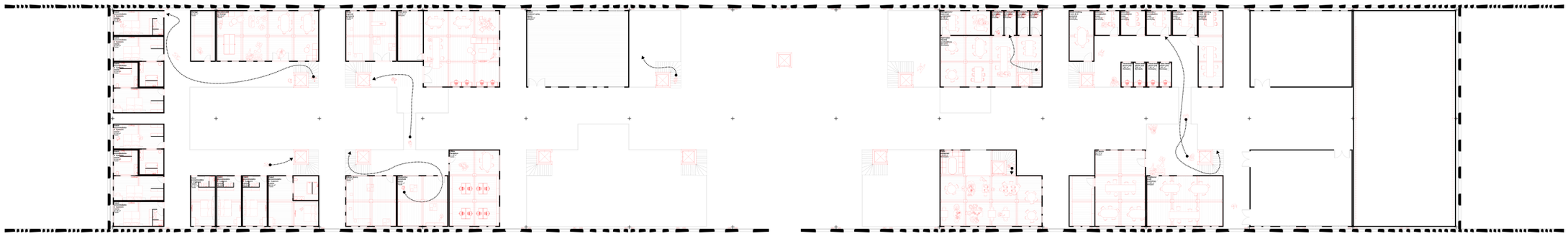




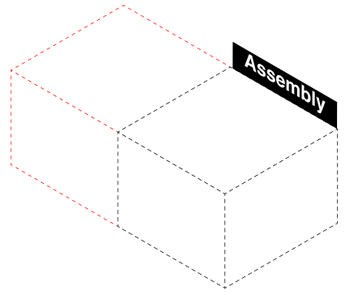


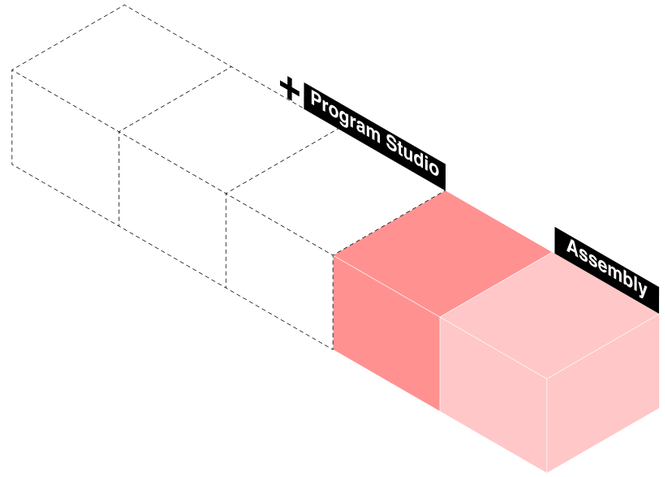




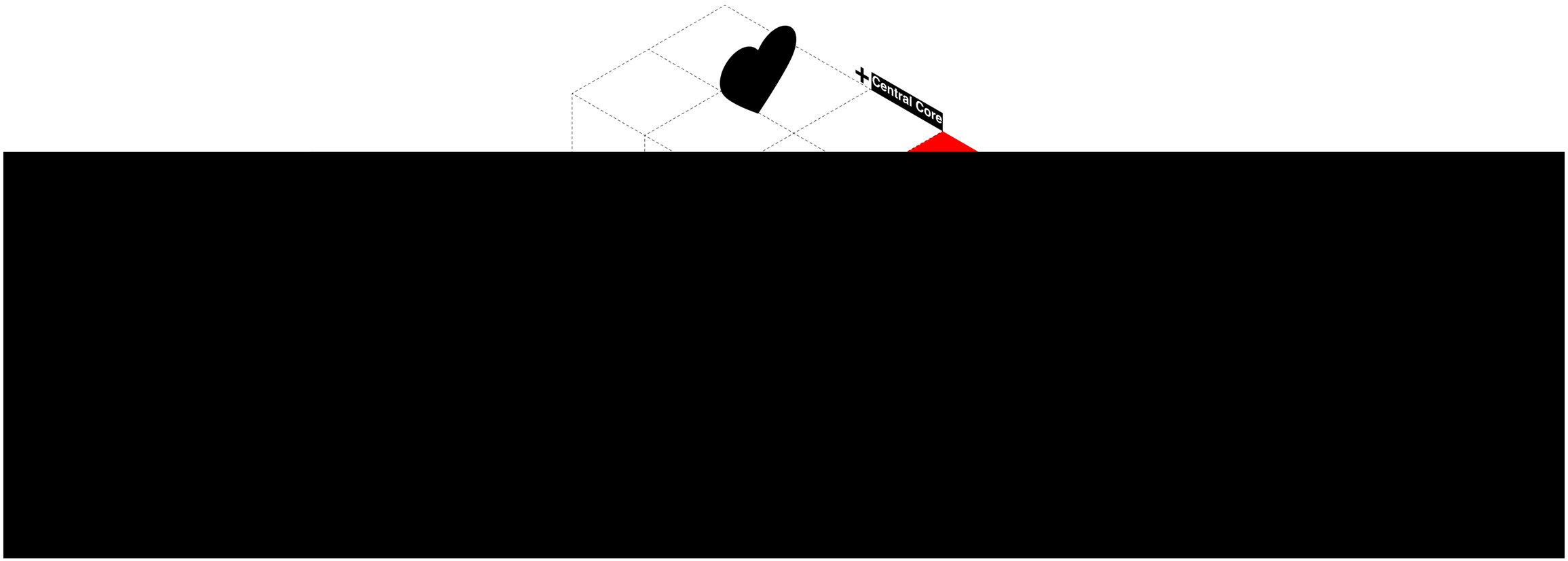


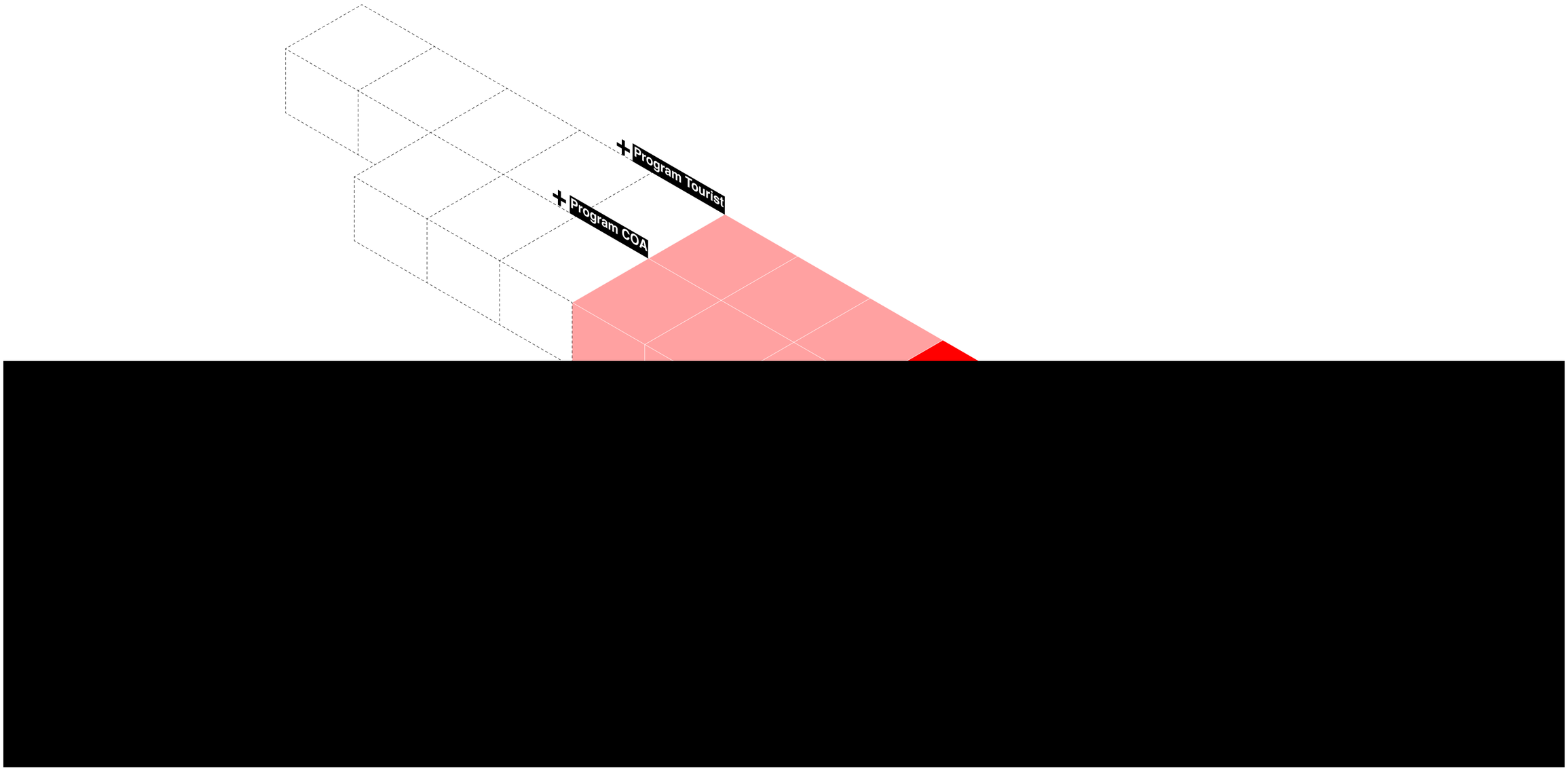


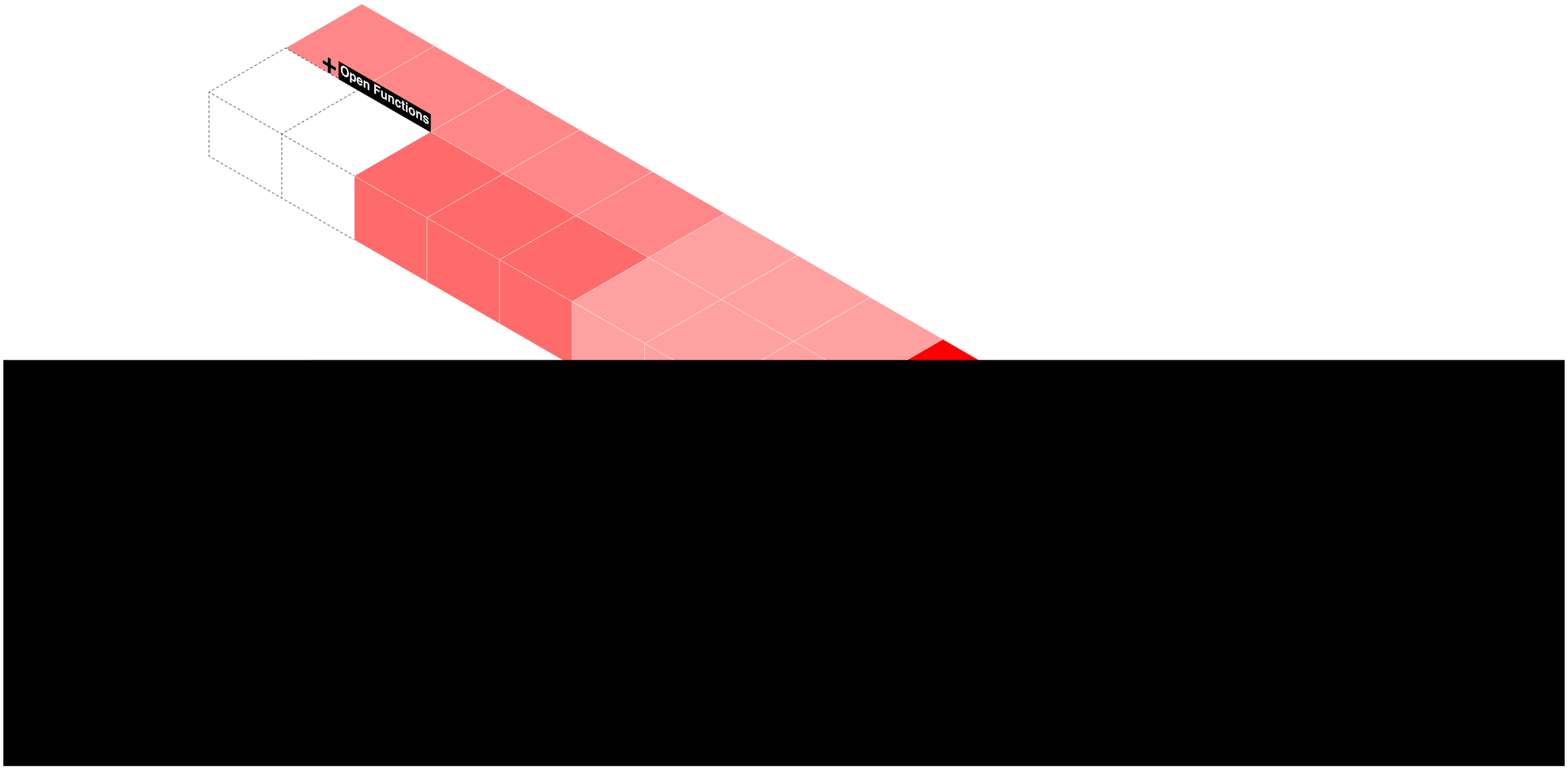

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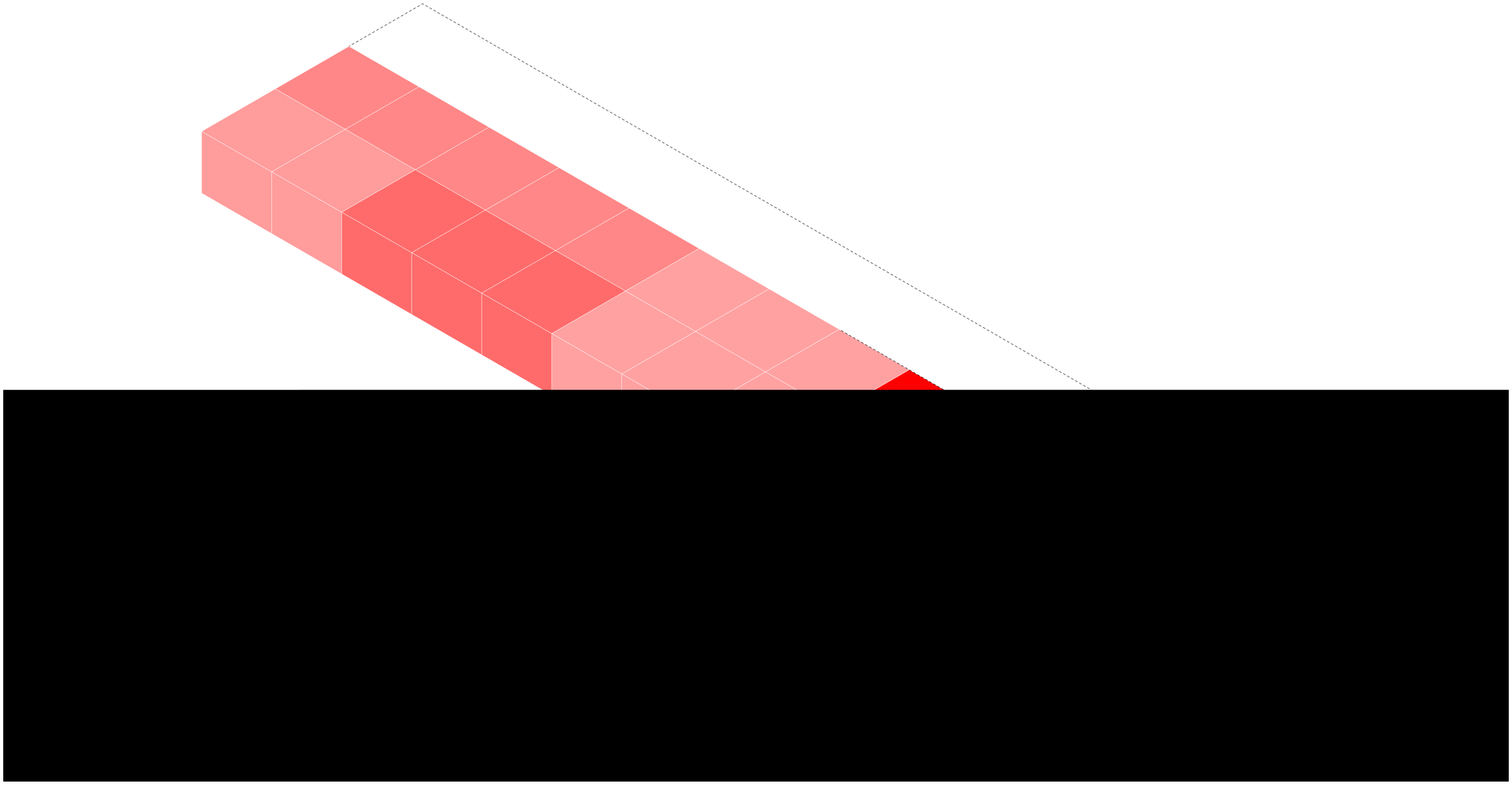

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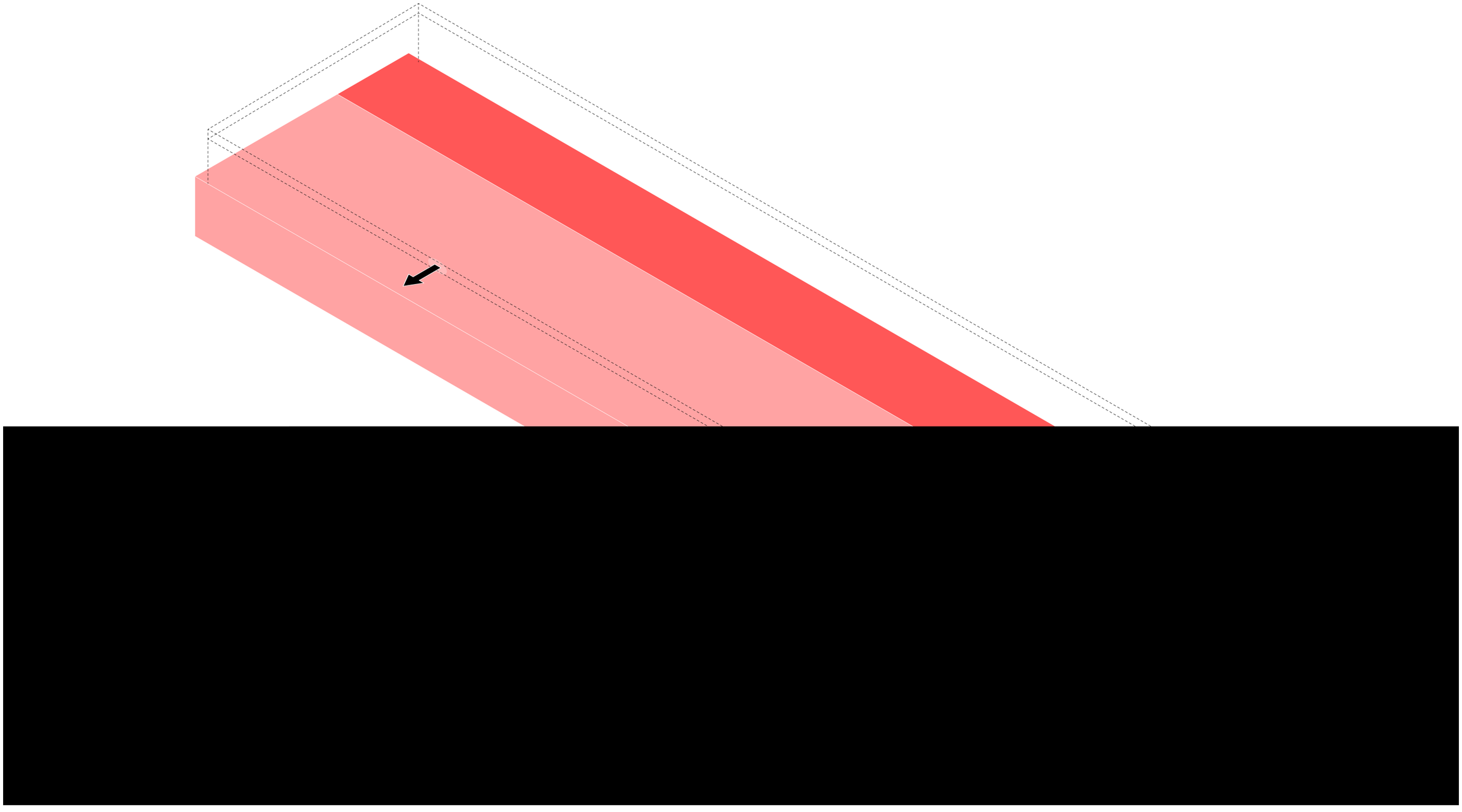


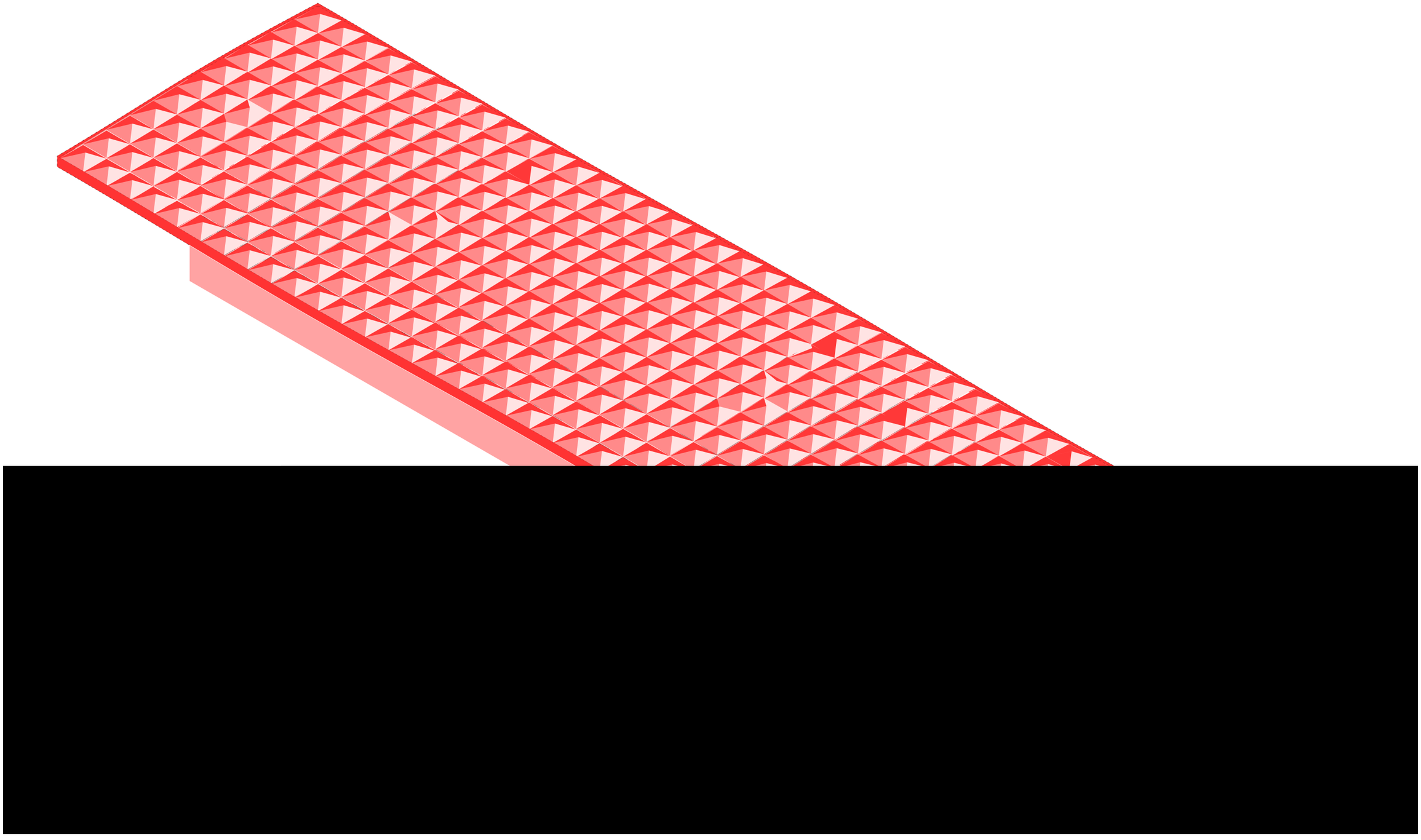

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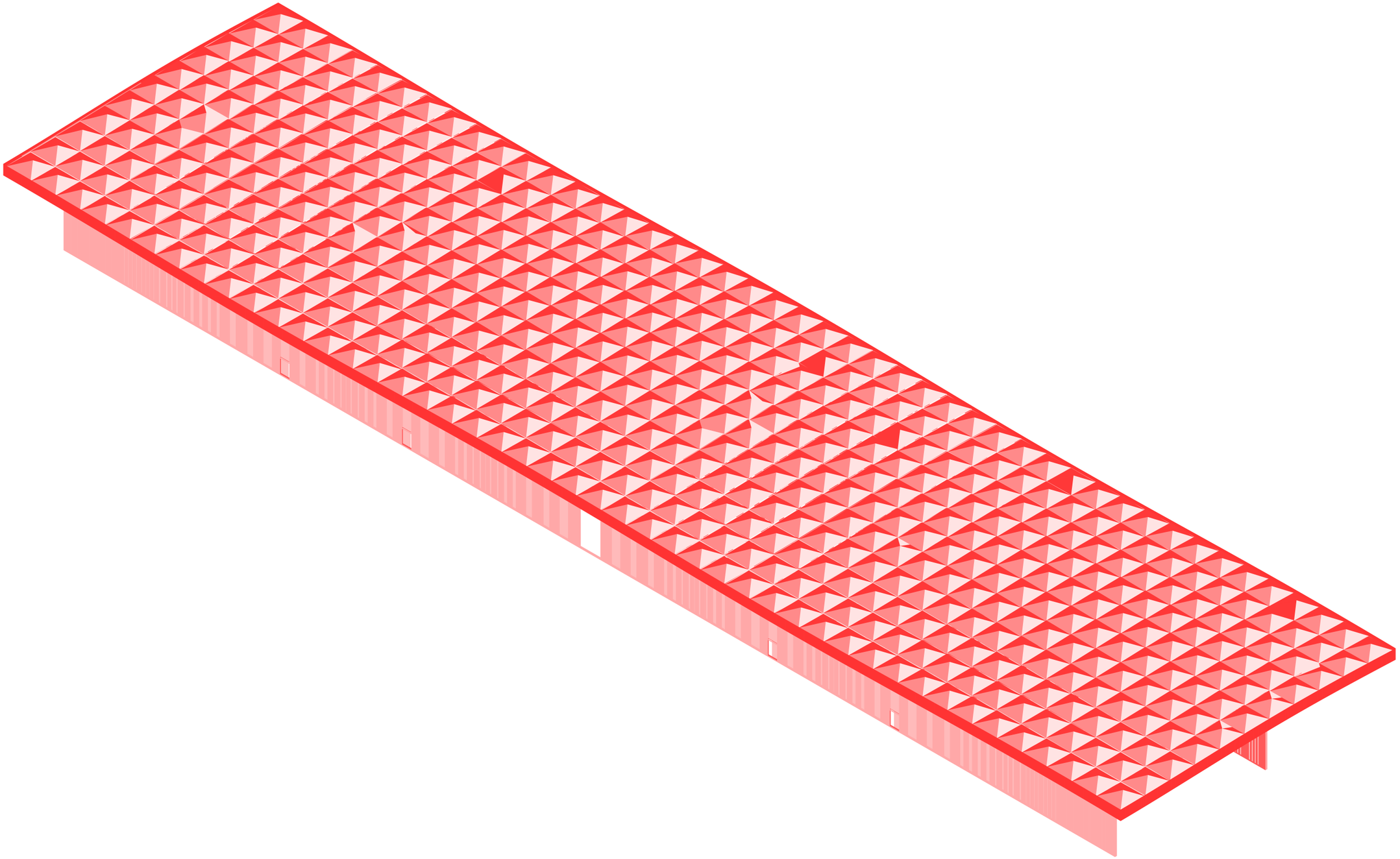

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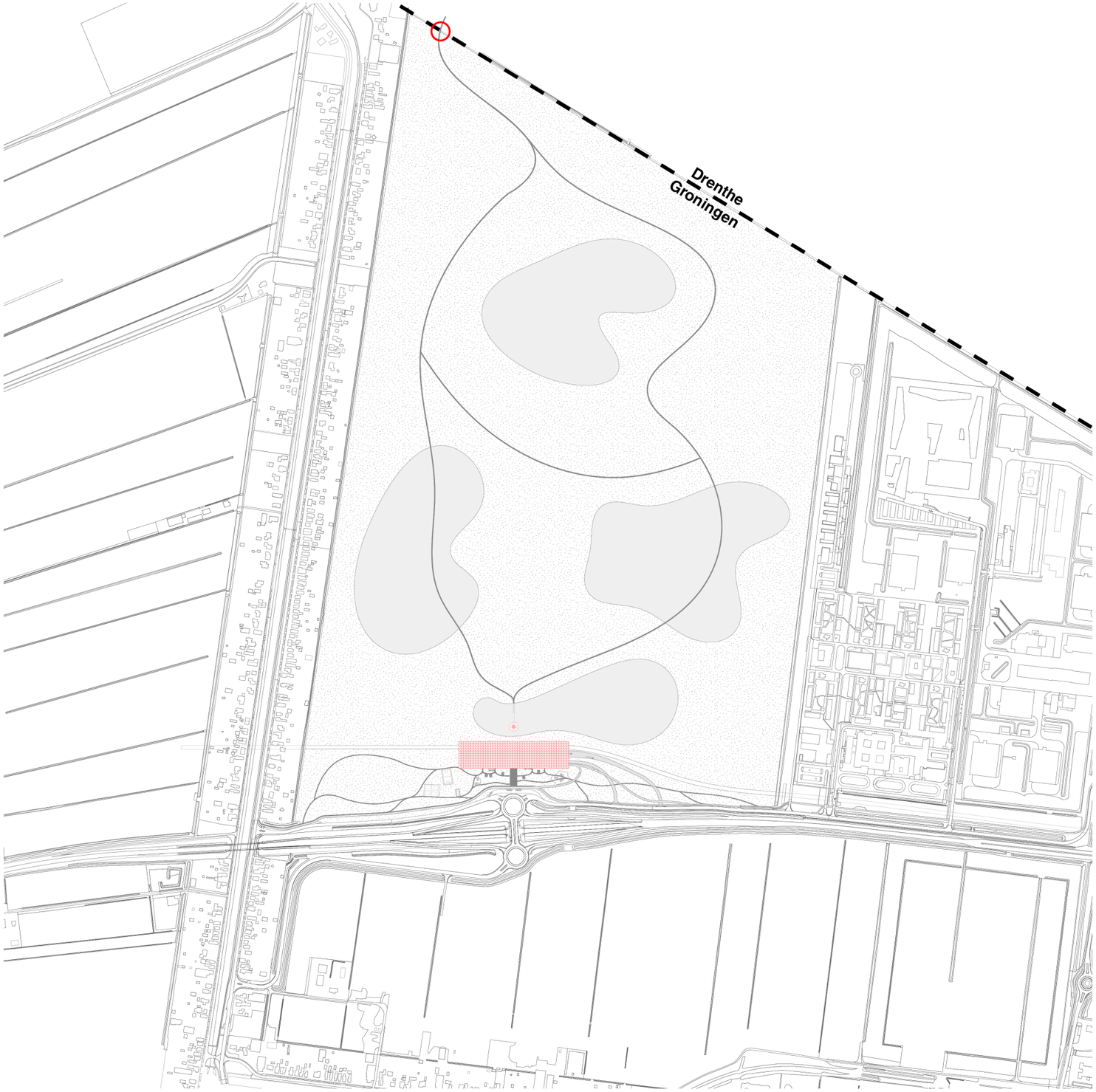

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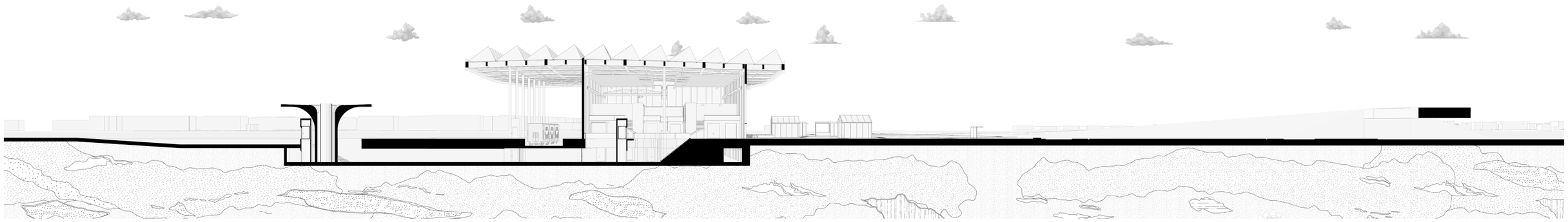


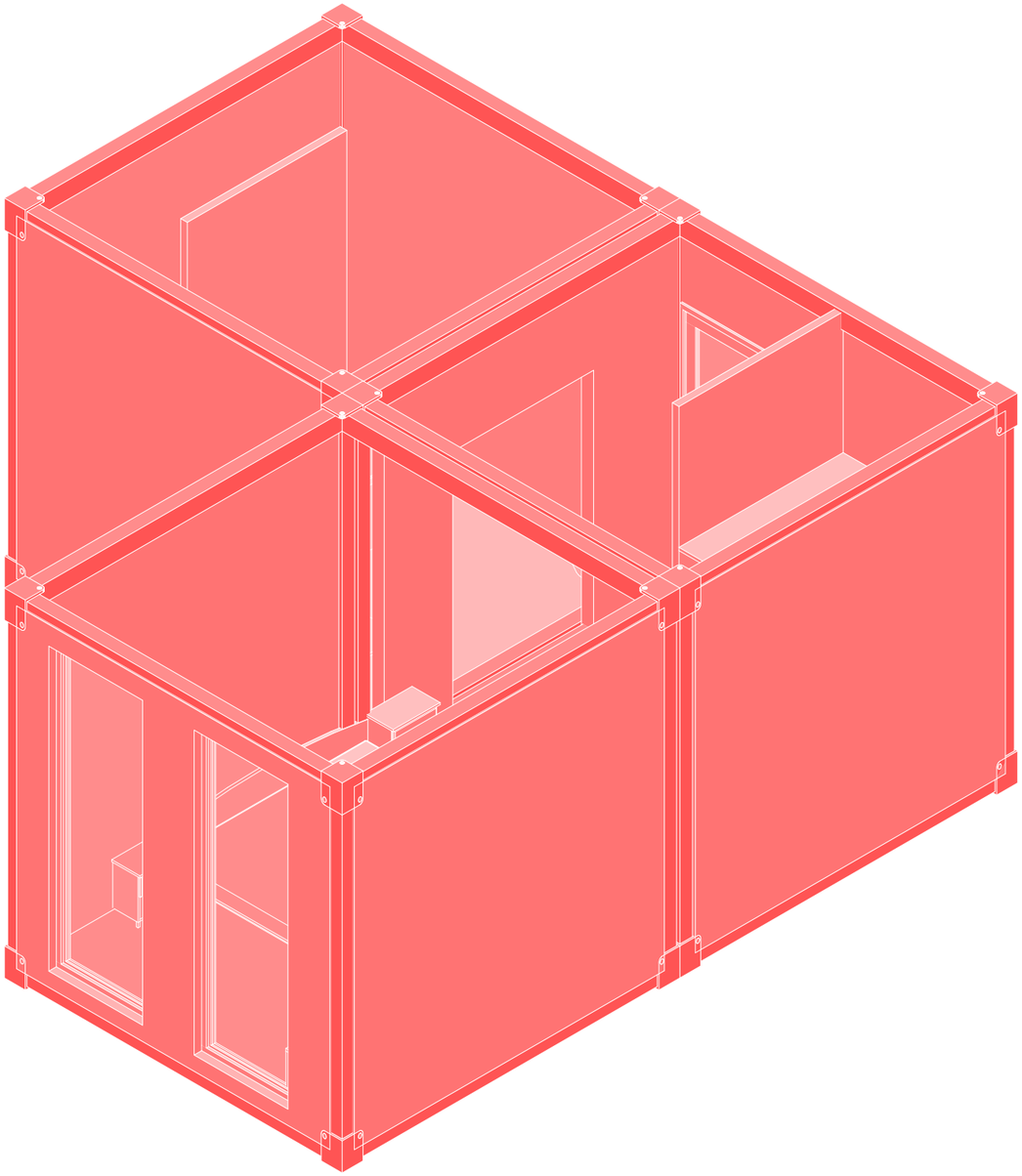


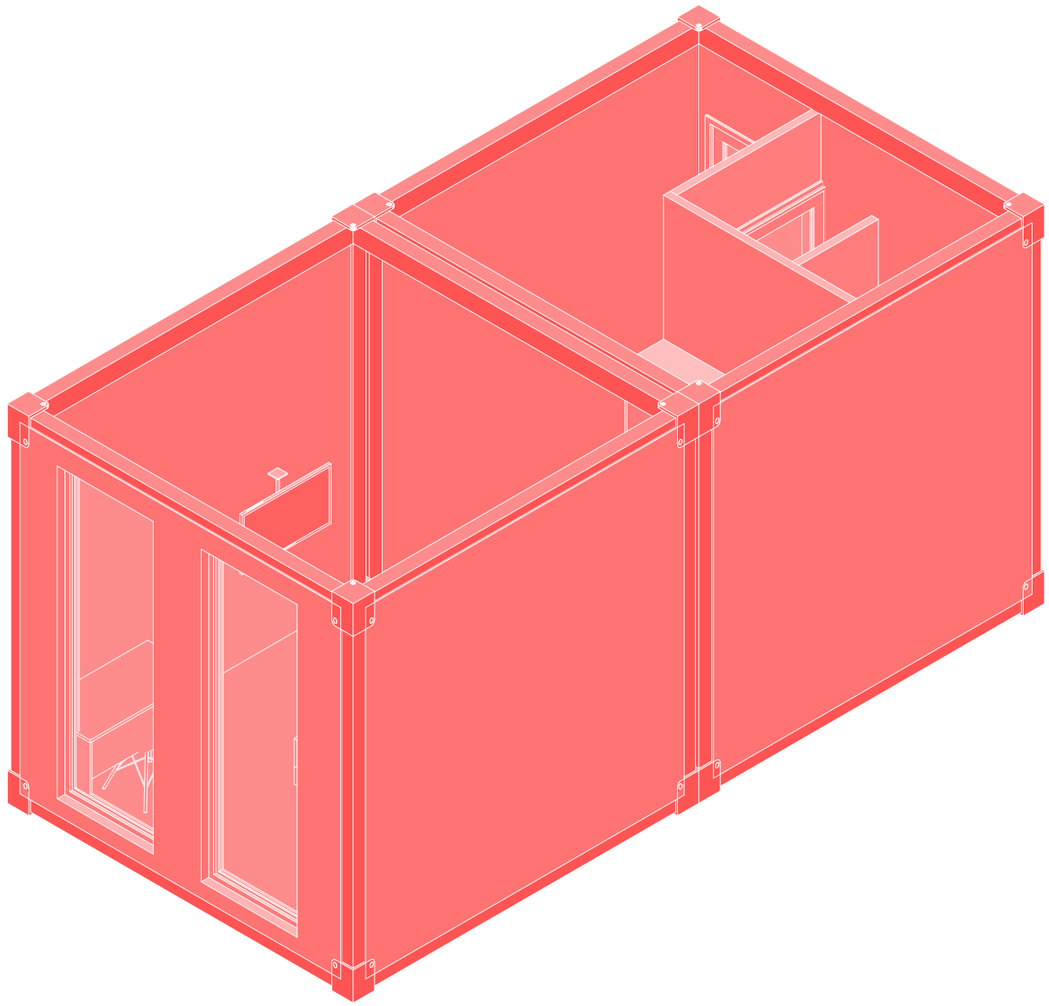



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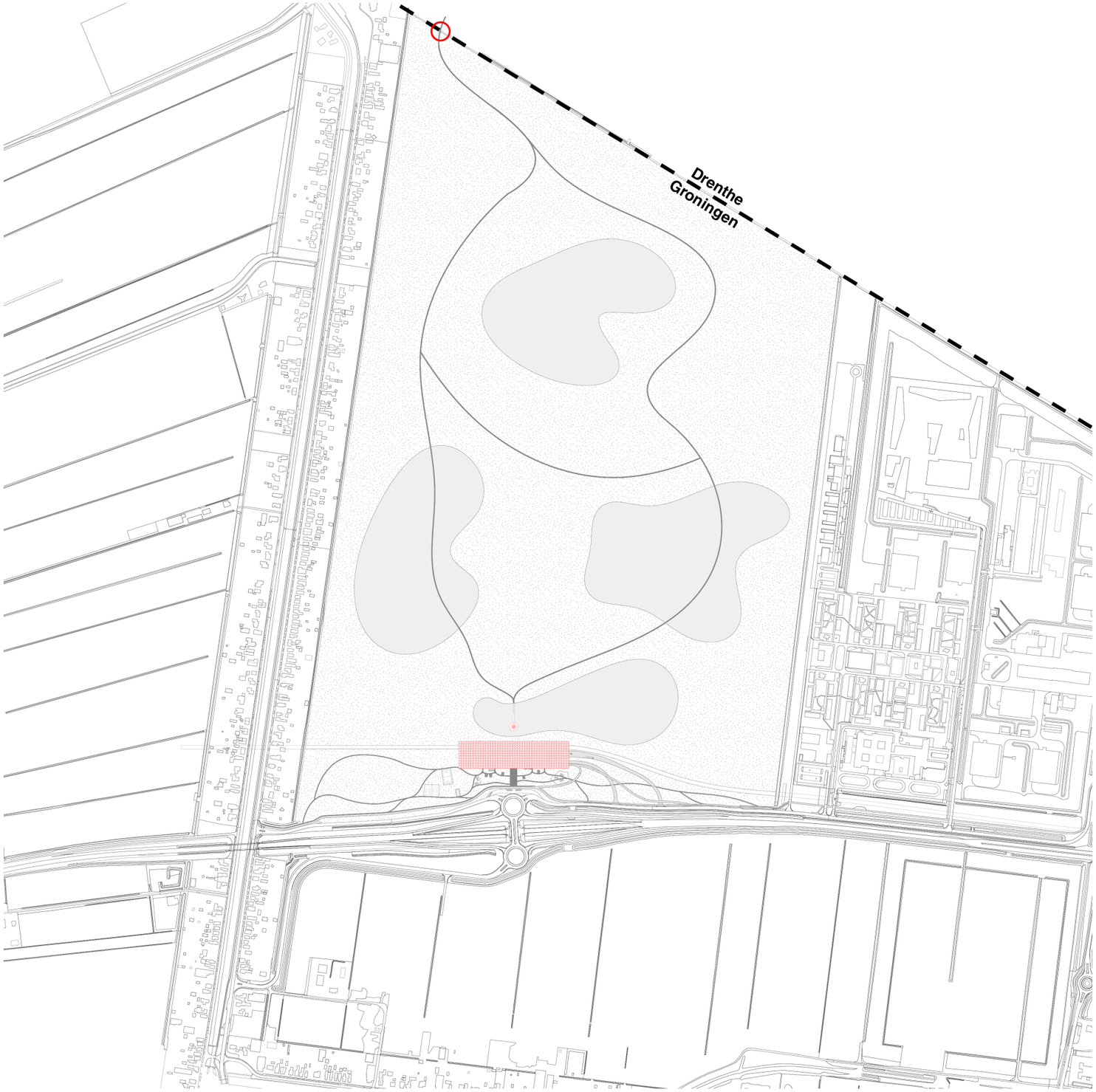




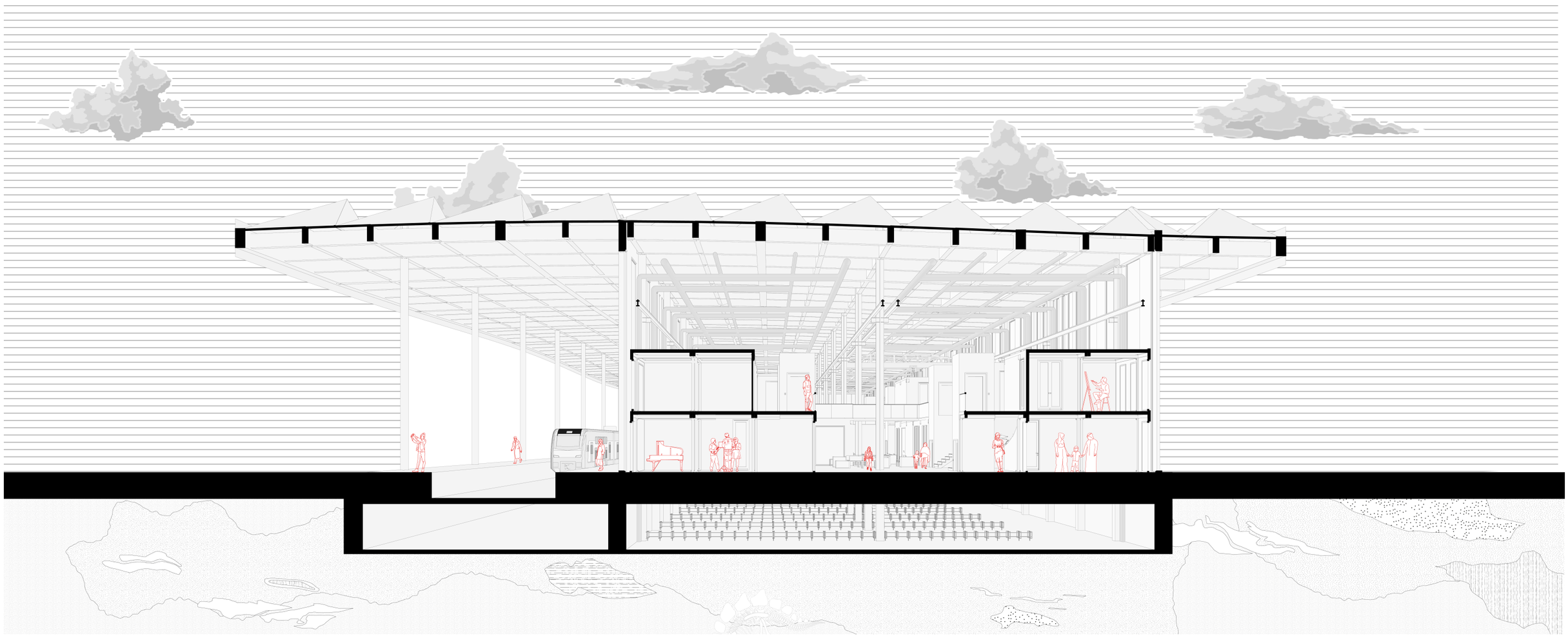






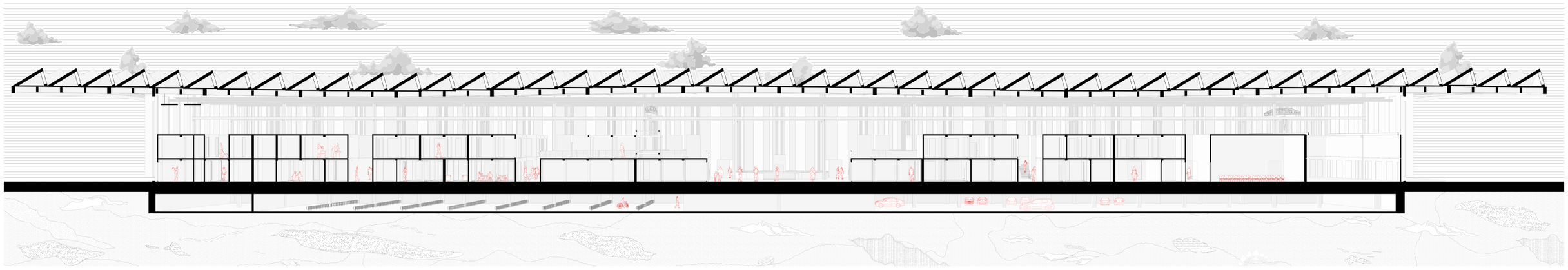

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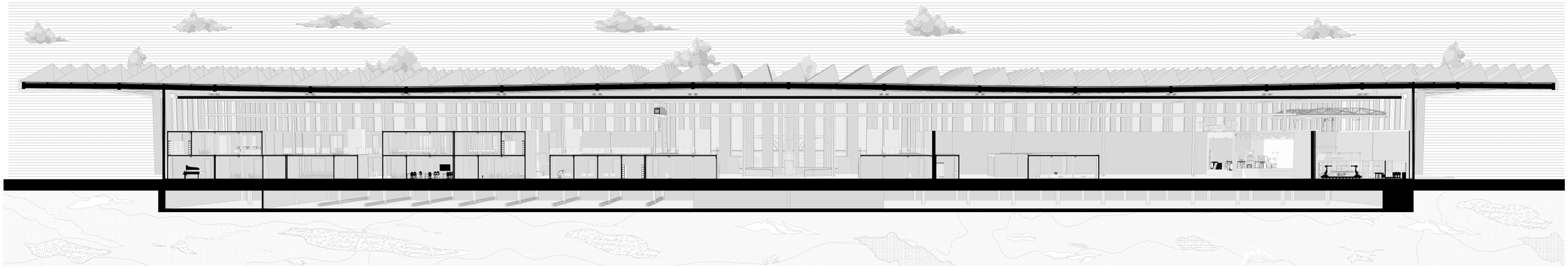


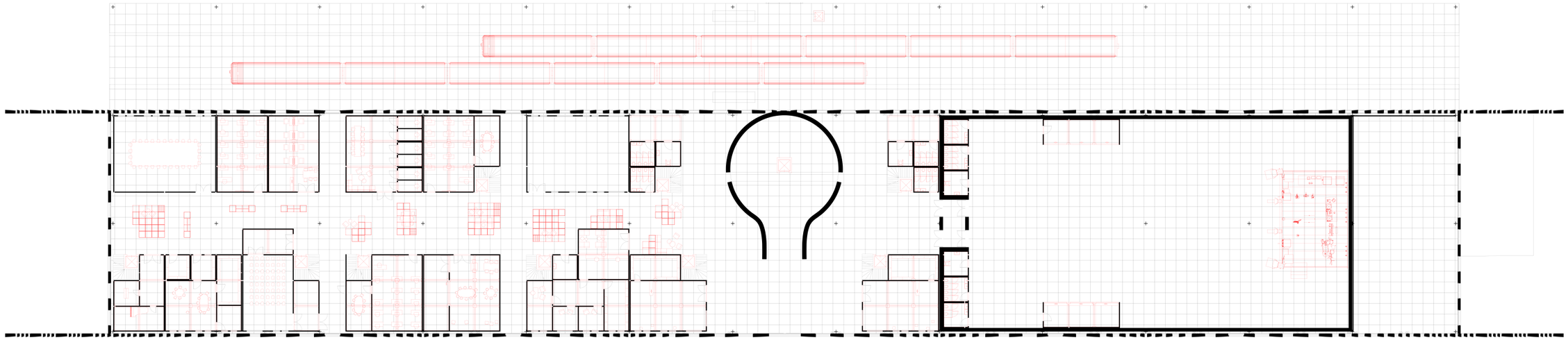




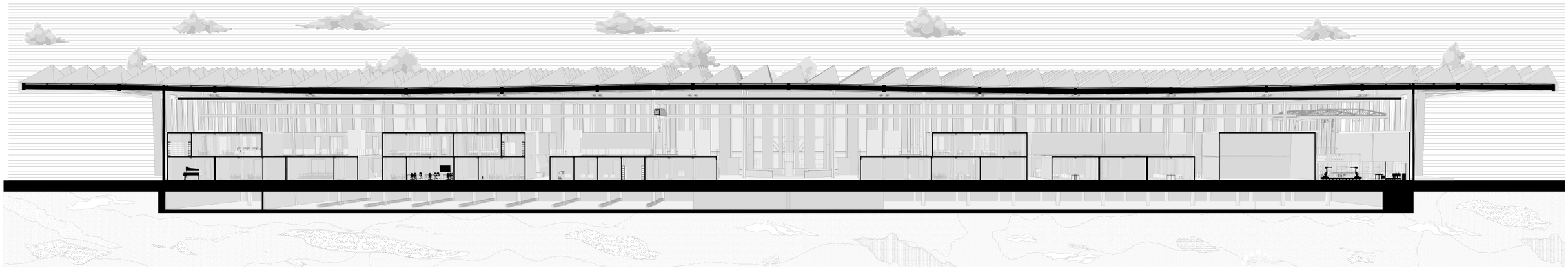
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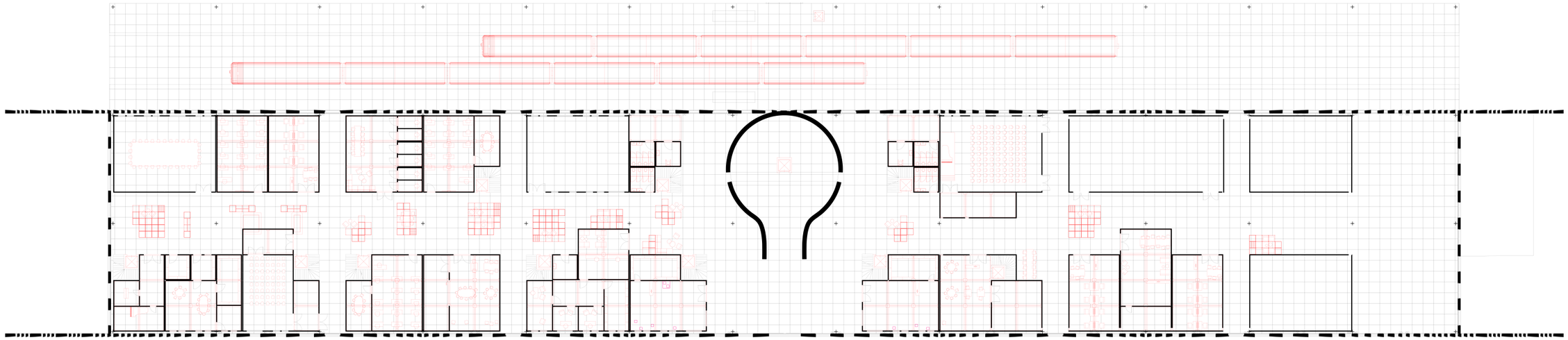




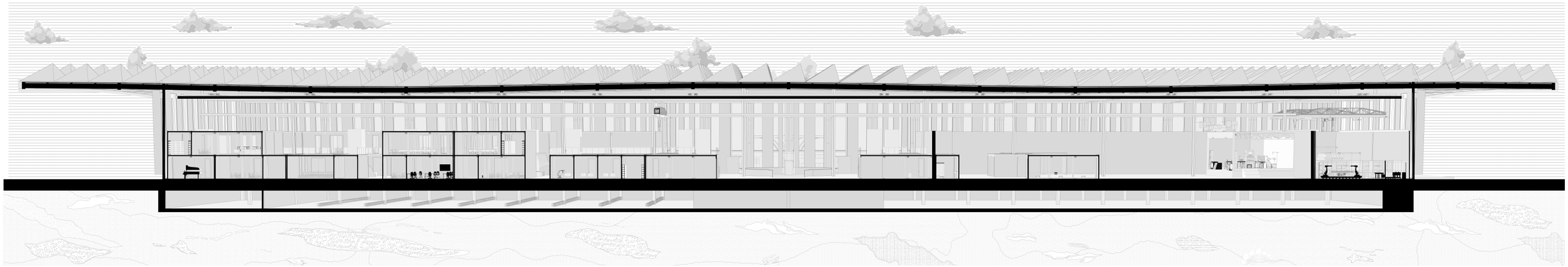


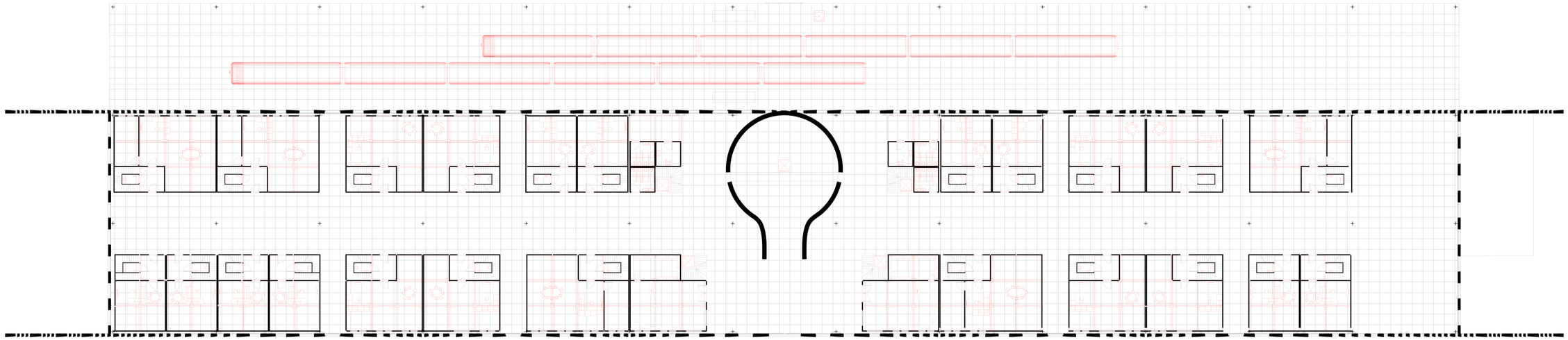




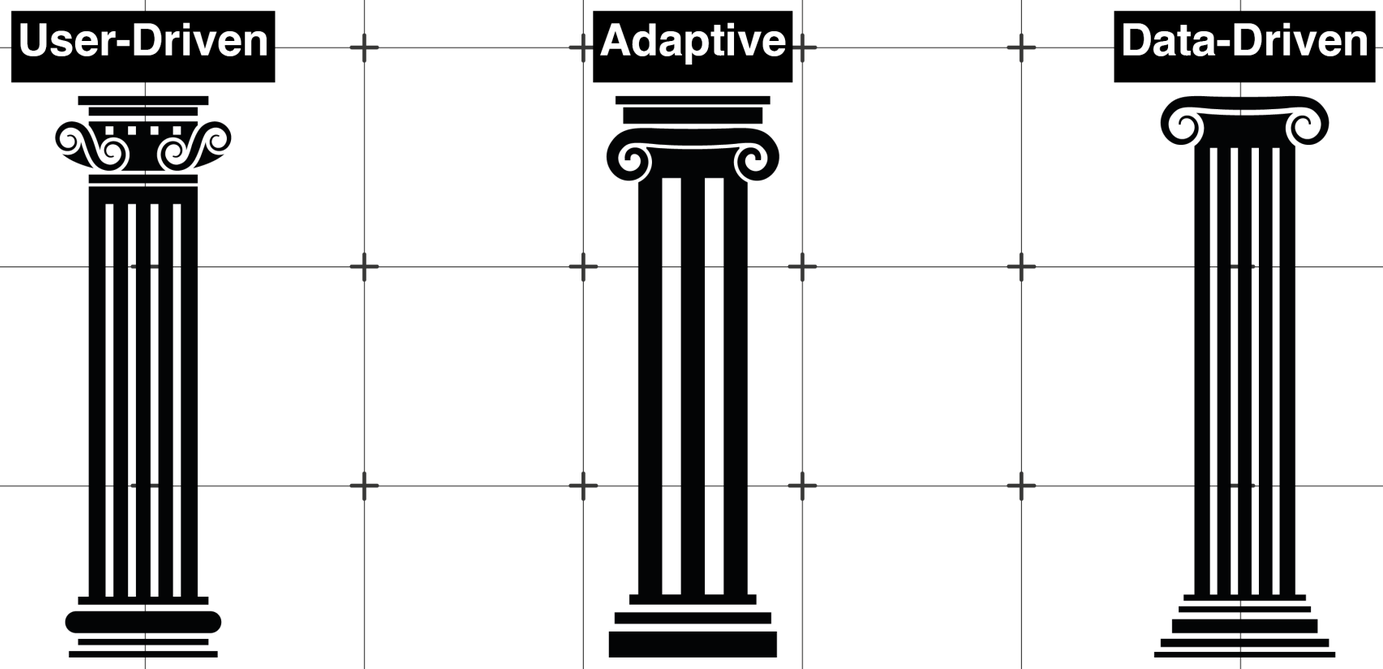











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But how can users shape this building?