

# PATTERN AND SYSTEM

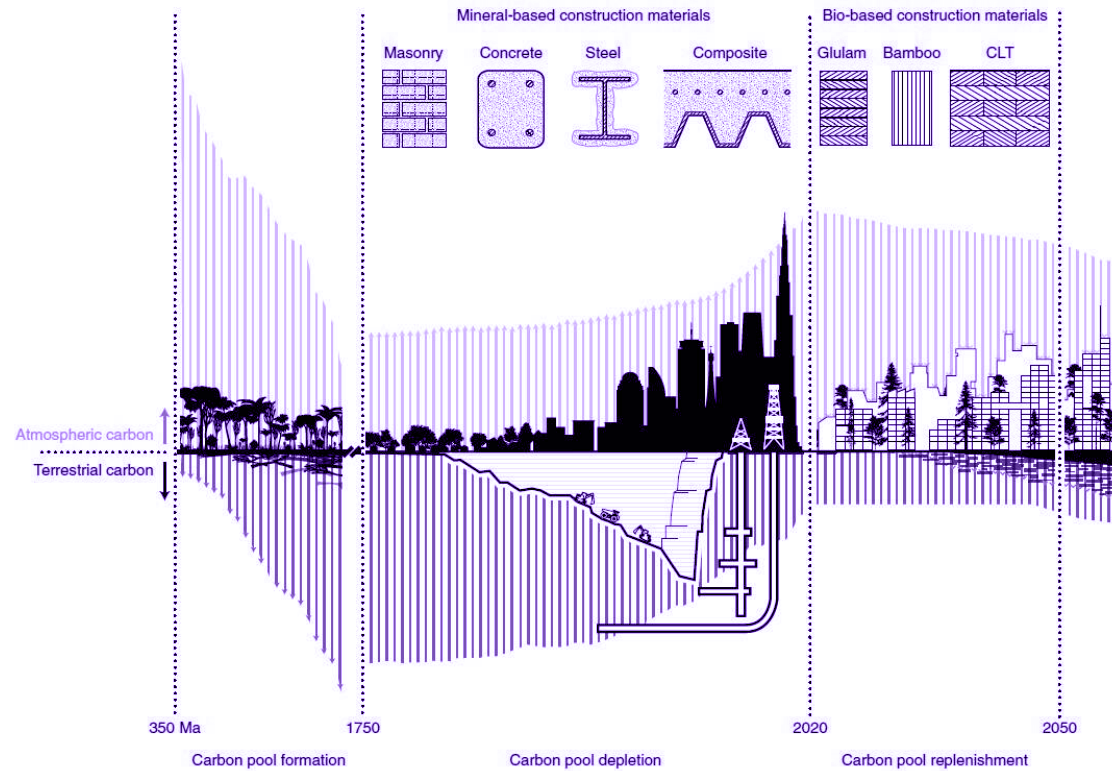
An automated approach to housing in the Minervahaven

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Architectural wood graduation studio

# *Introduction*

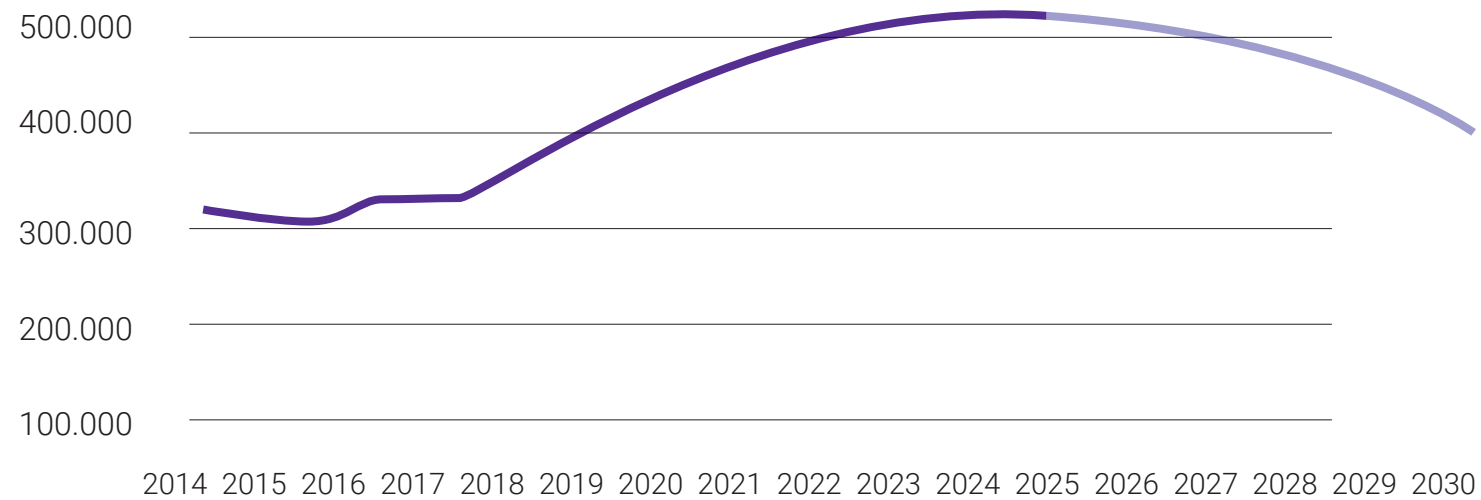




## “Timber for Urban Density

source: Churkina, G. et al. (2020). Decarbonizing construction. Buildings as a global carbon sink.

## Housing shortage Netherlands



source: CBS

Site  
Location





Site

# Minervahaven





Site

## Typical structures

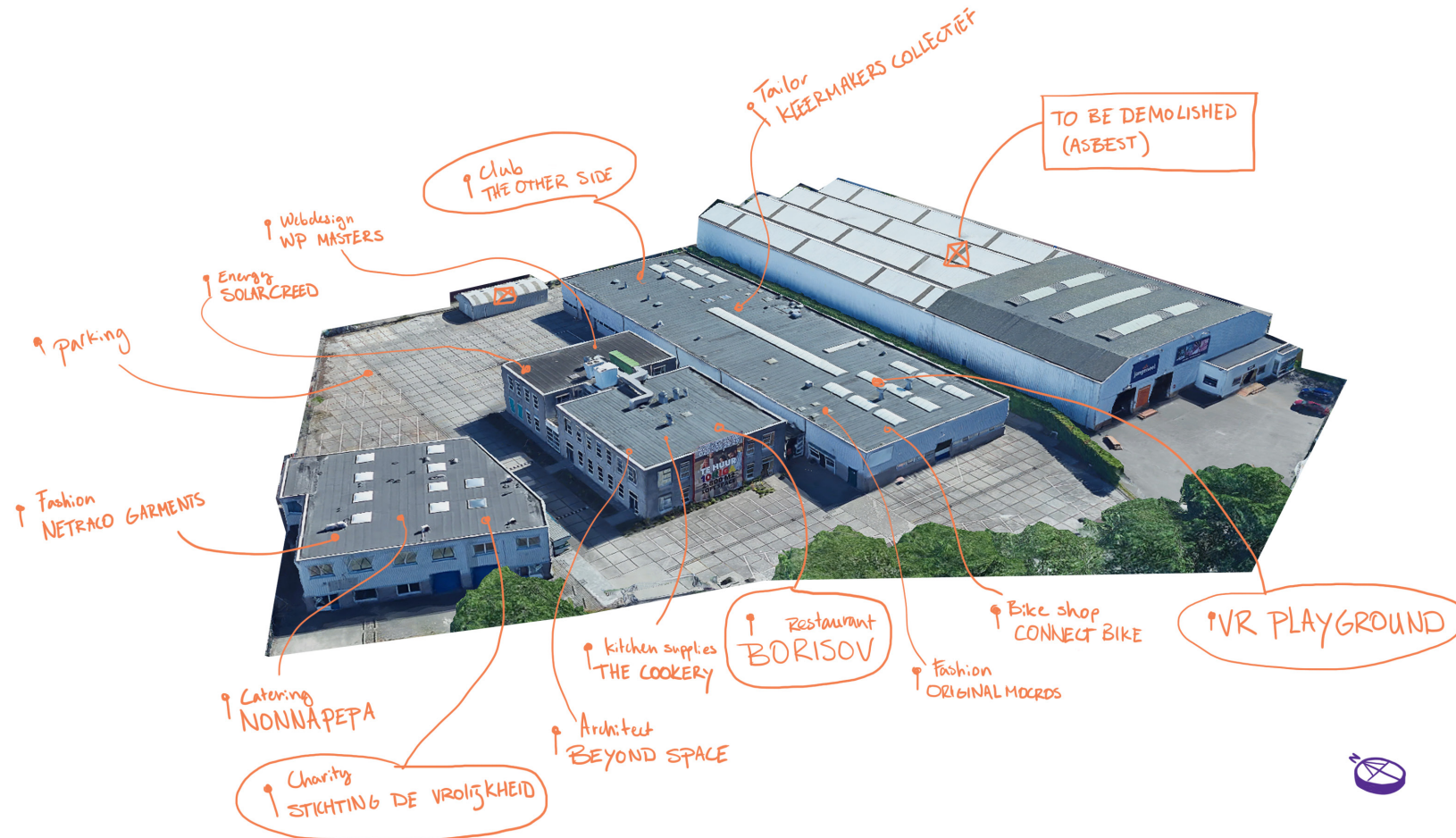




Site  
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Site  
Occupation





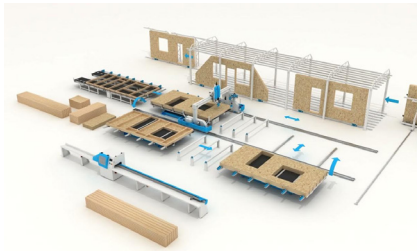
# *Approach*



Approach

# Modular construction

Modern machinery



& engineered timber



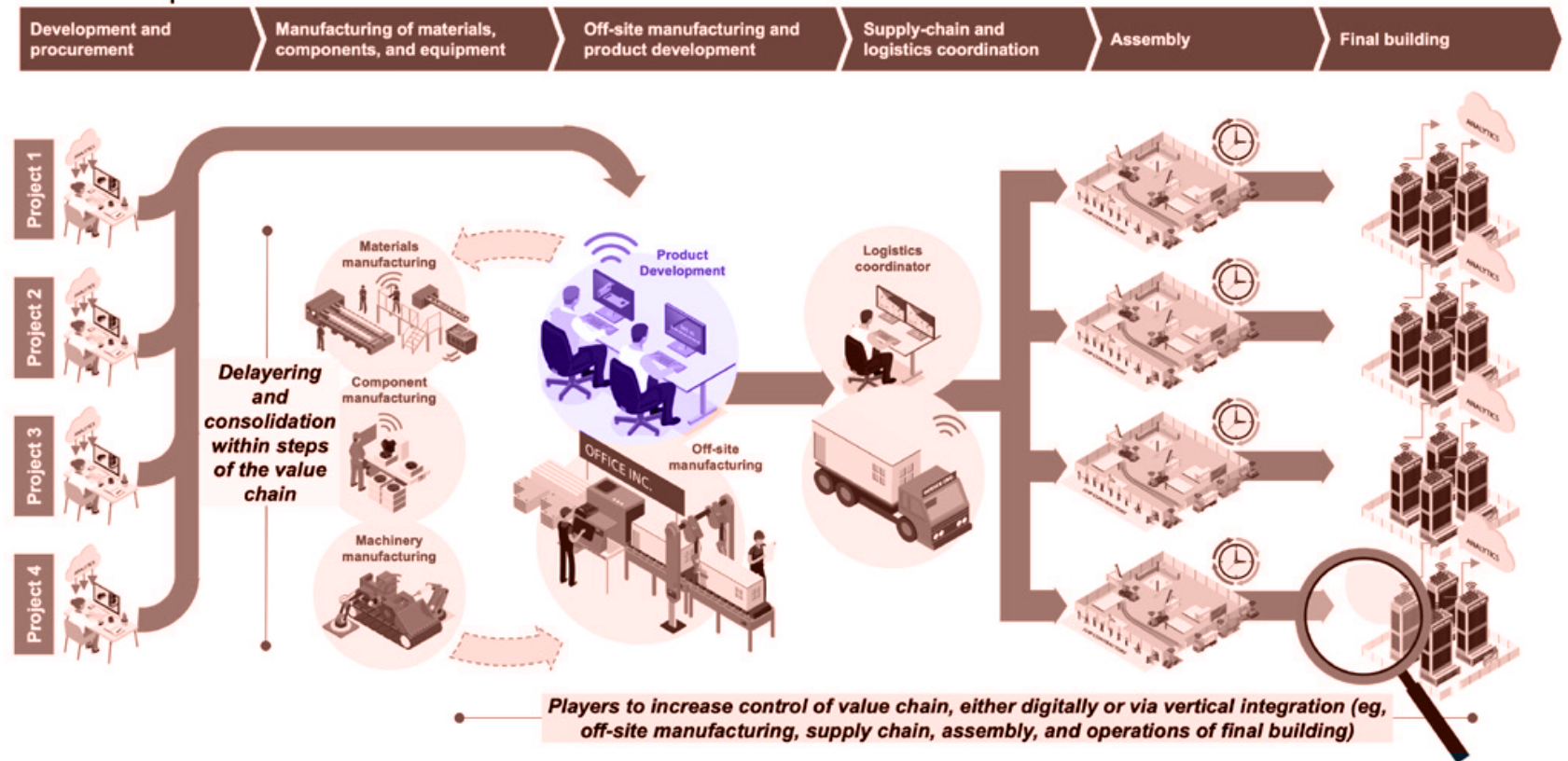
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## Commercial systems



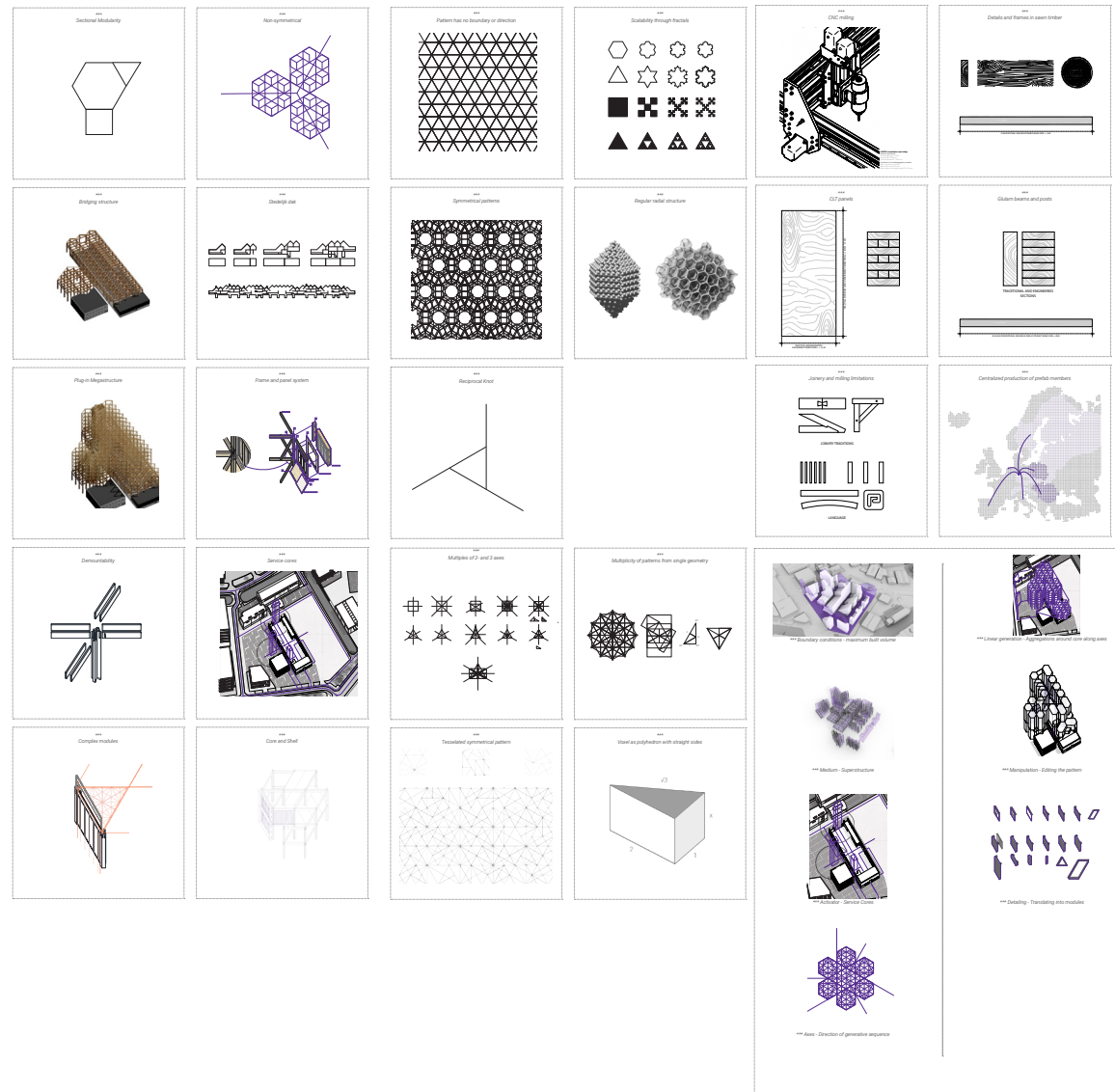
Approach

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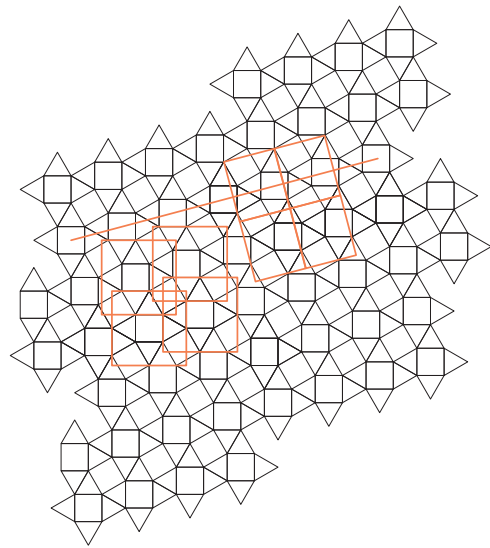


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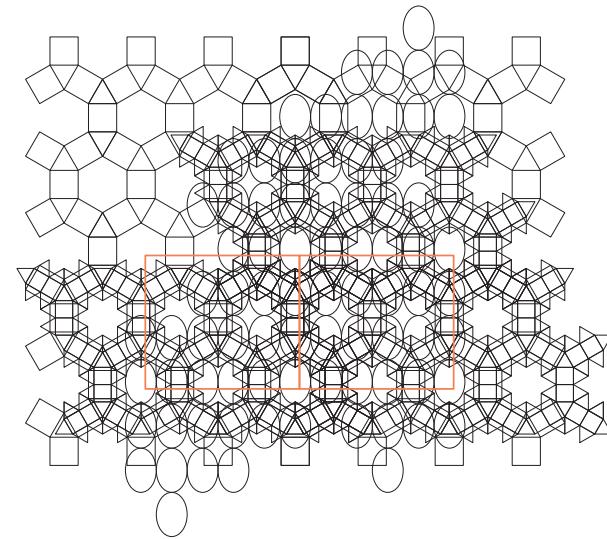
# Approach Design Patterns



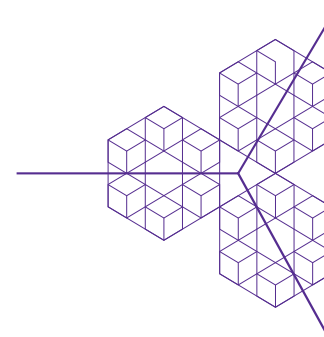
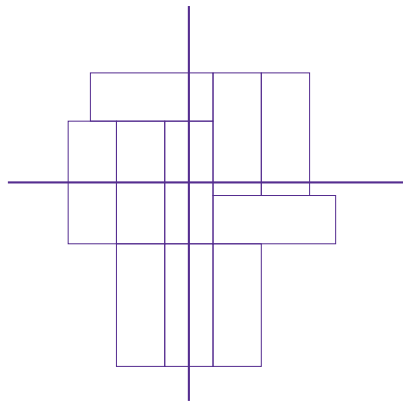
## Pattern geometry



Linear pattern

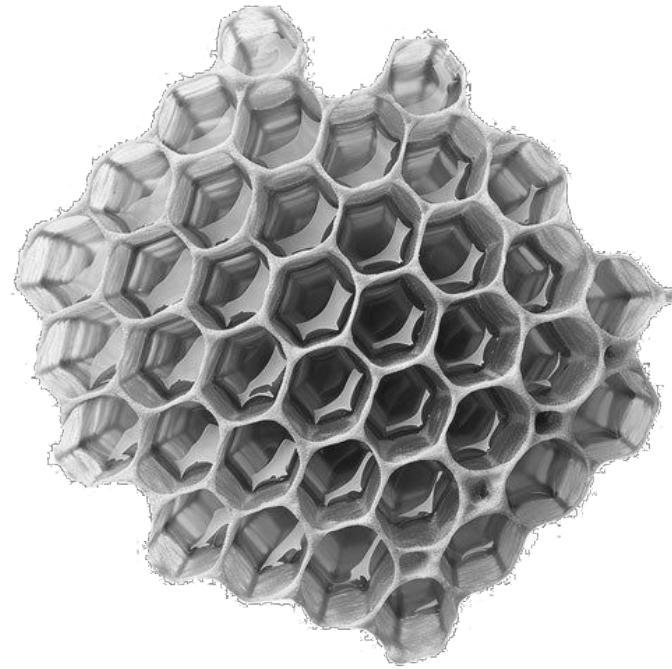
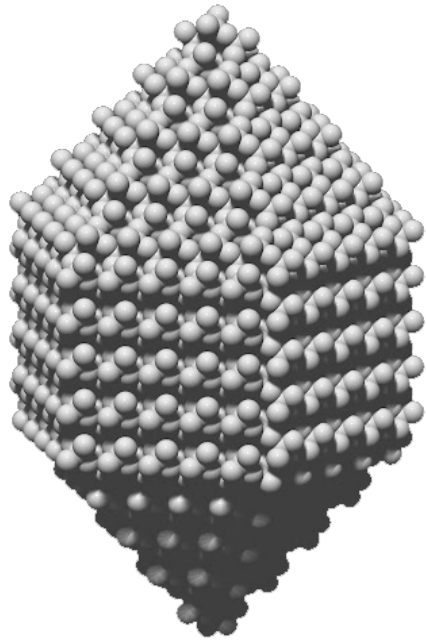


Radial pattern





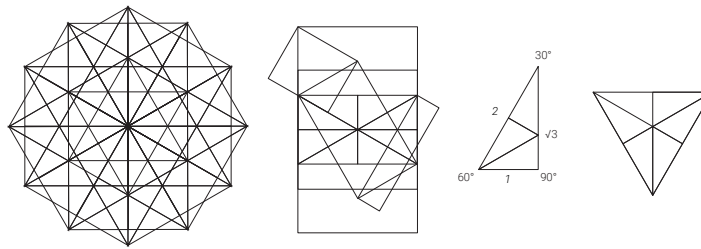
## Radial patterns in nature



# Geometric basis

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*Multiplicity of patterns from single geometry*

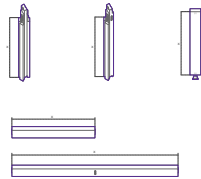


Parts

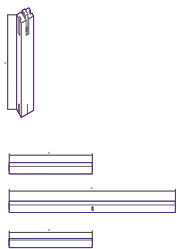
# Kit of Parts

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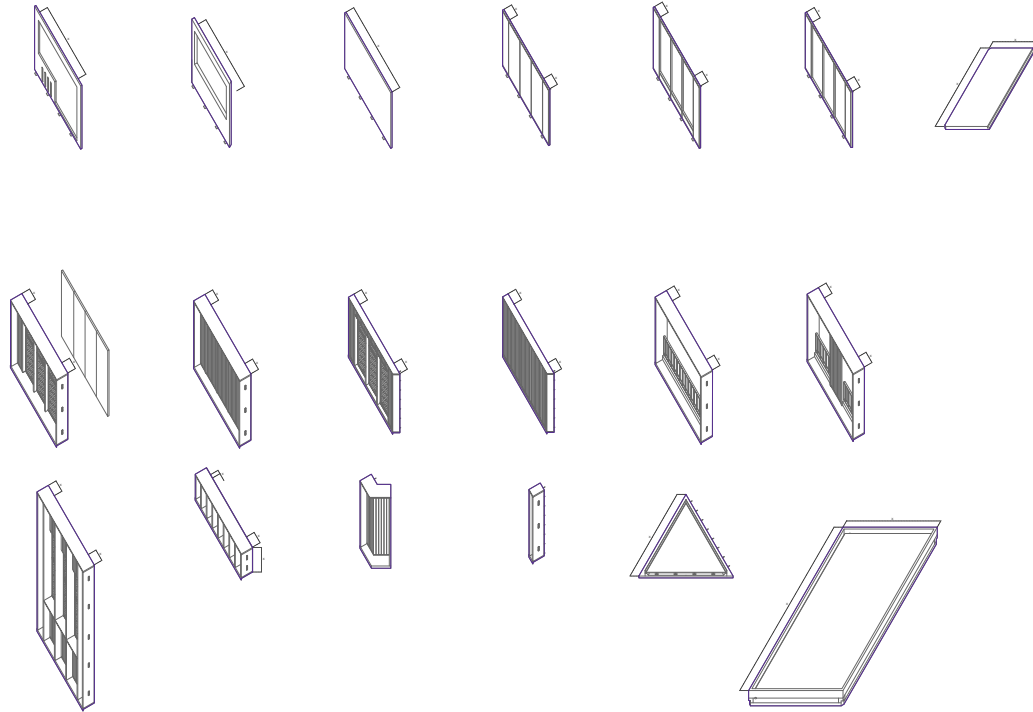
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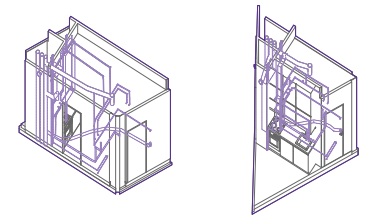
EXPOSED



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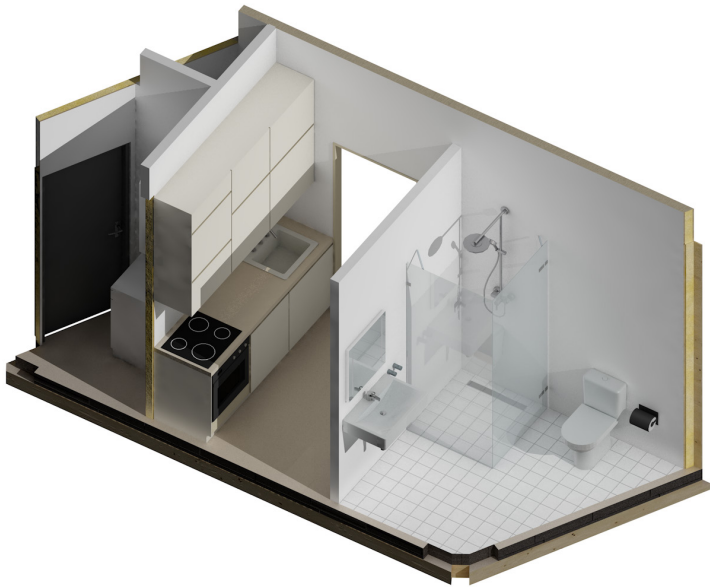


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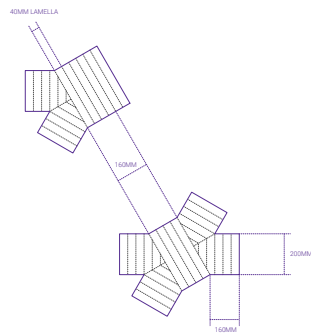




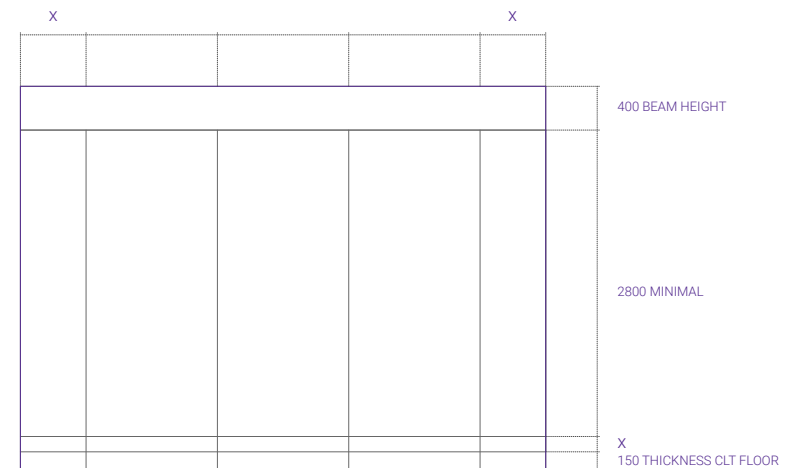
Parts  
Kit of Parts



# Dimensioning principles

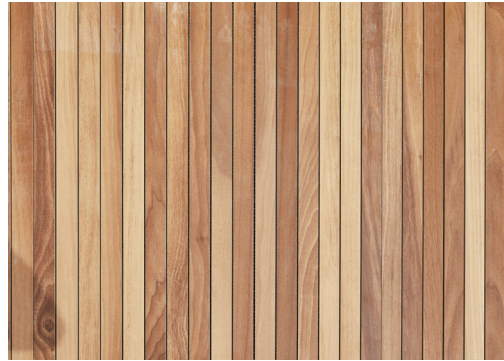


Section main columns



Wall frames

## Main materials



Robinia - All exposed members, cladding



Mycelium composite - Insulation



Spruce - wall frames



Spruce GLT - Beams and columns interior



Spruce CLT - Solid panels

## Material sourcing

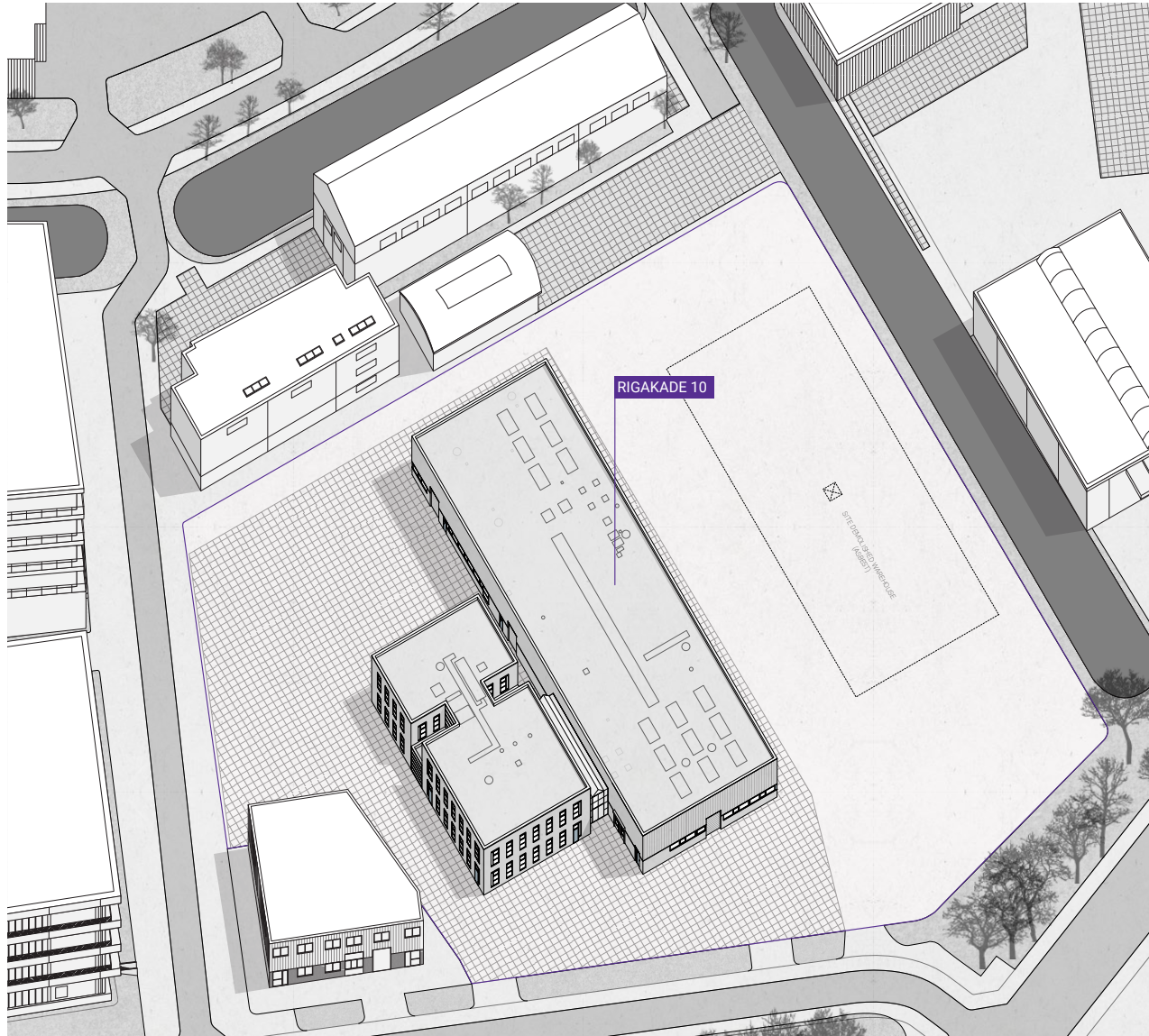


# *Generation of space*

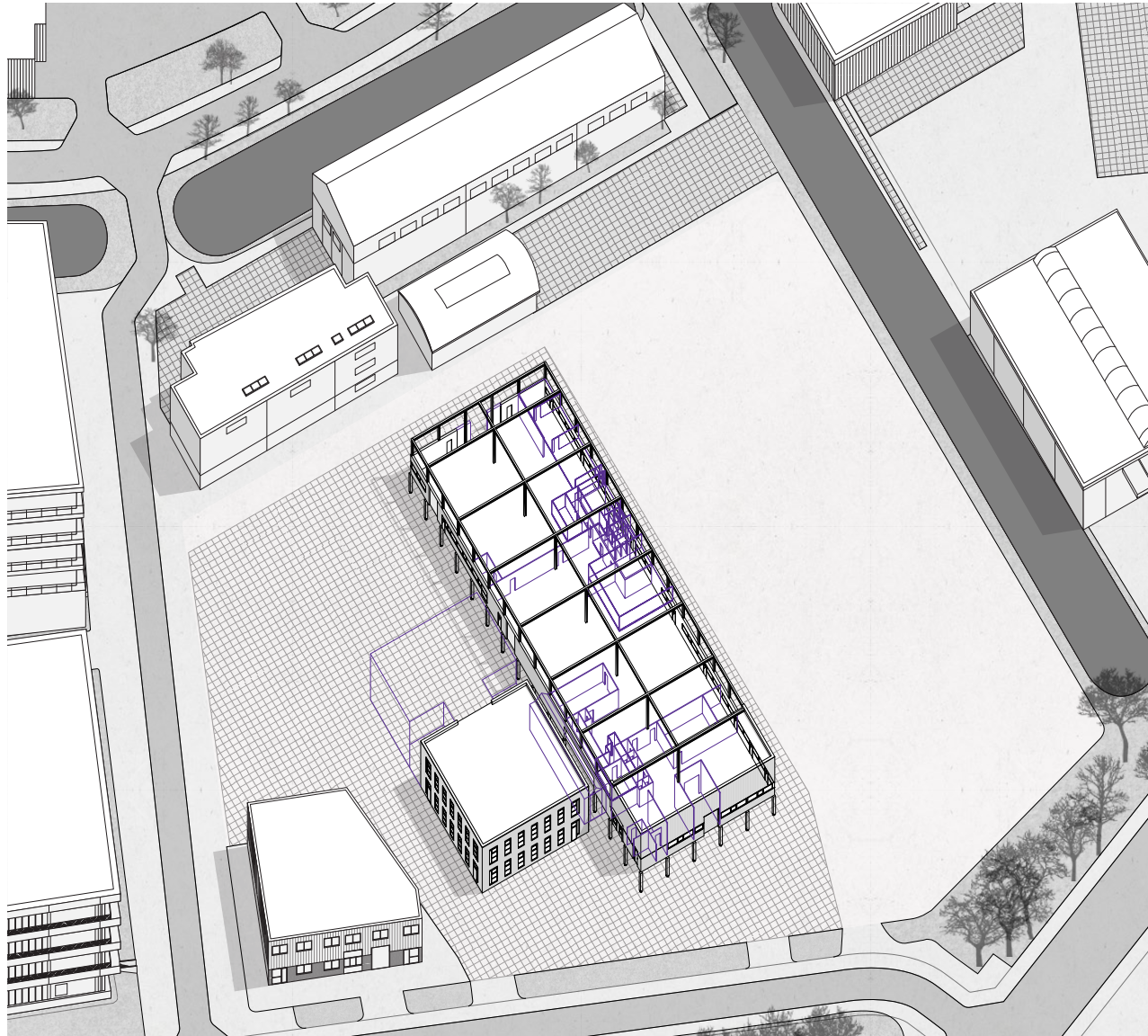


Top-up

## Existing building



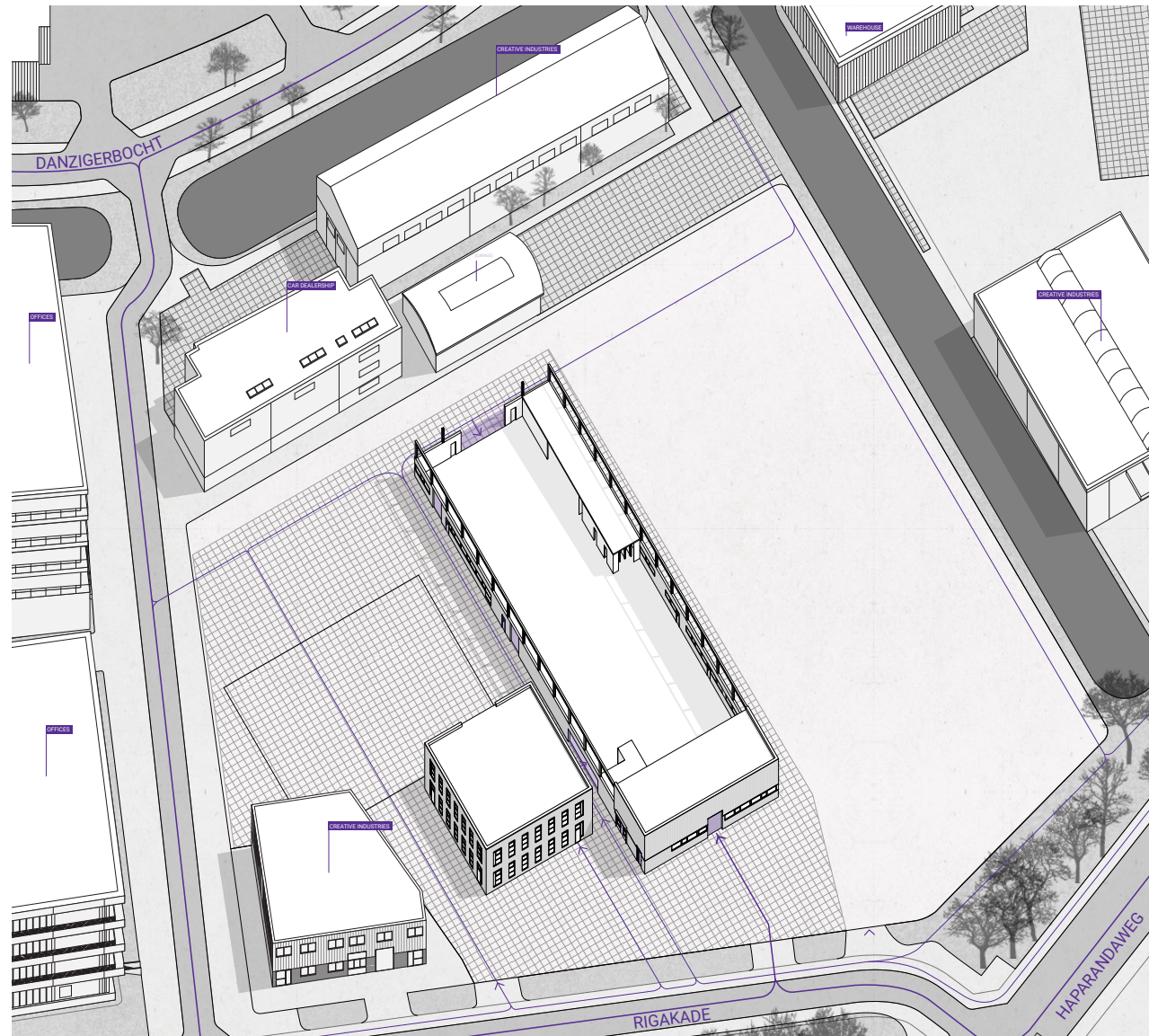
## Interior existing building





Top-up

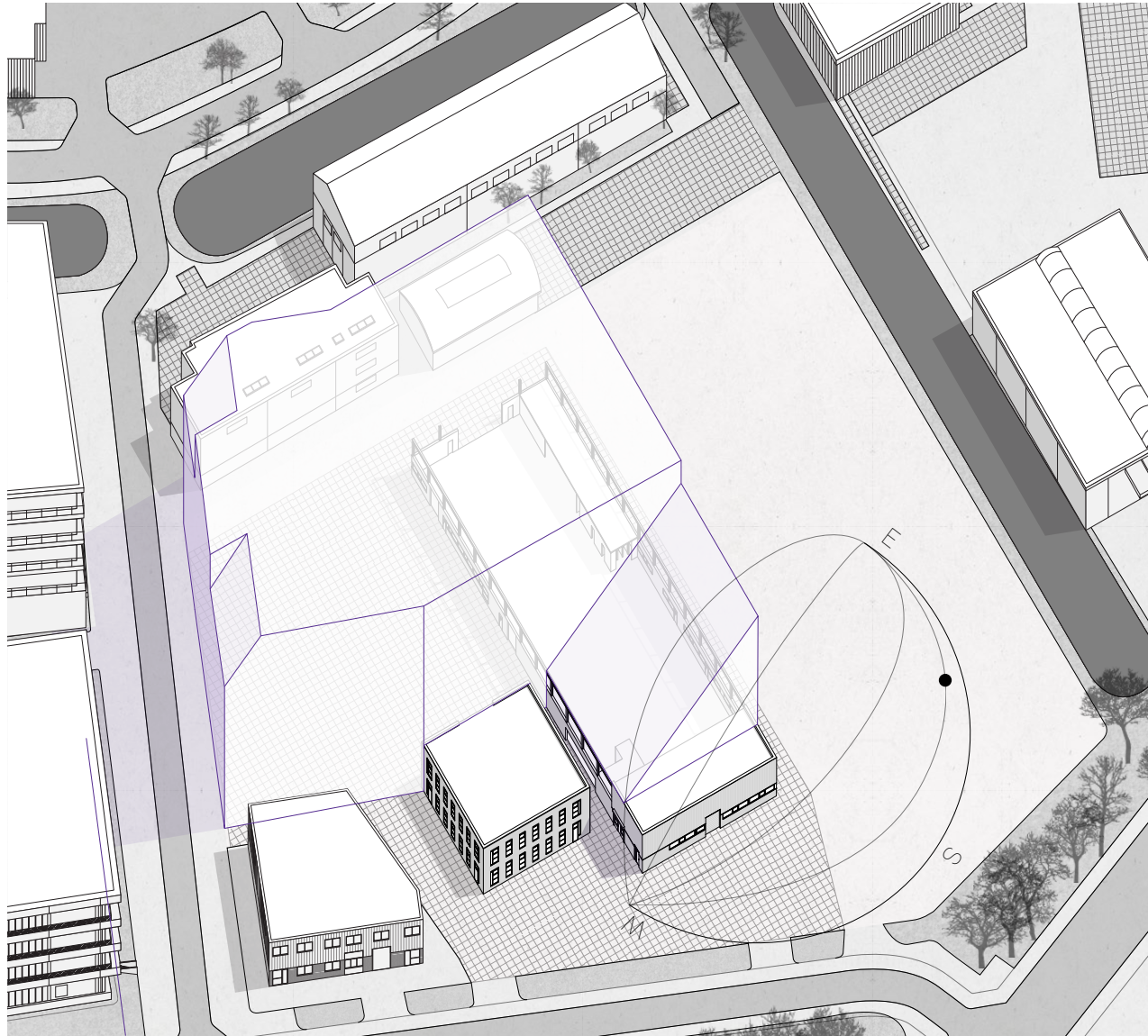
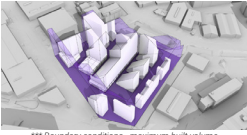
## Creating opportunities





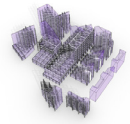
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## Maximum built volume

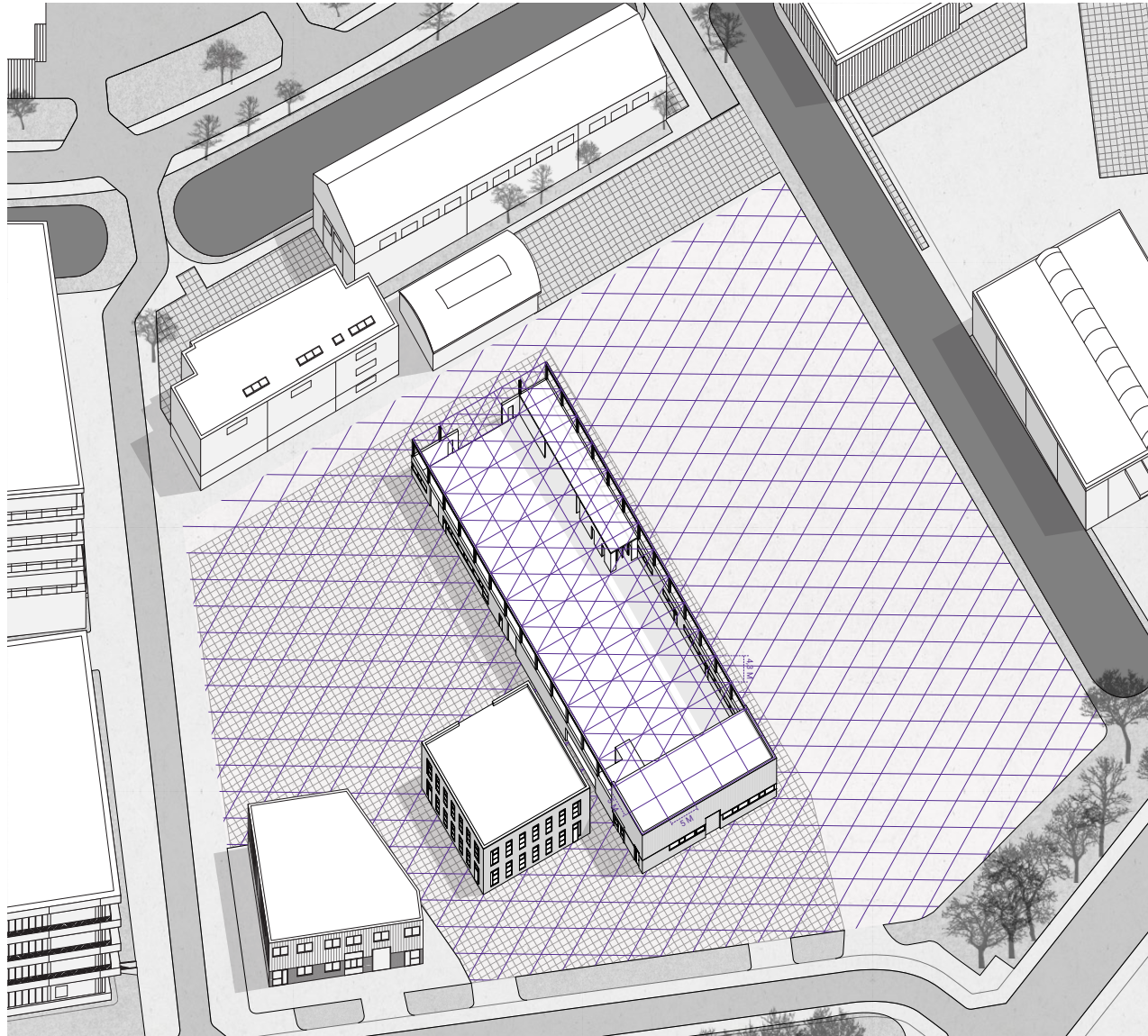


Top-up

## Matching pattern grid

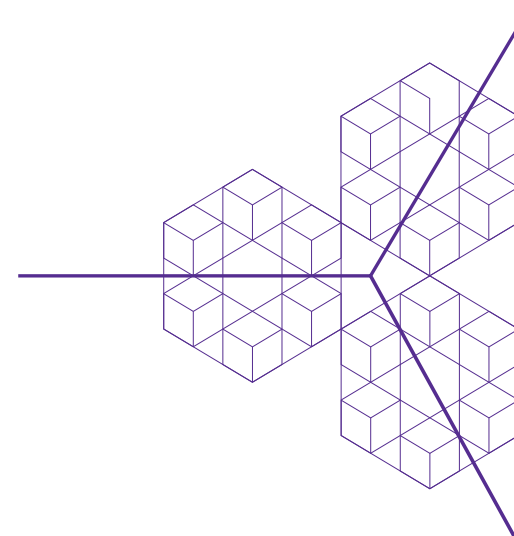
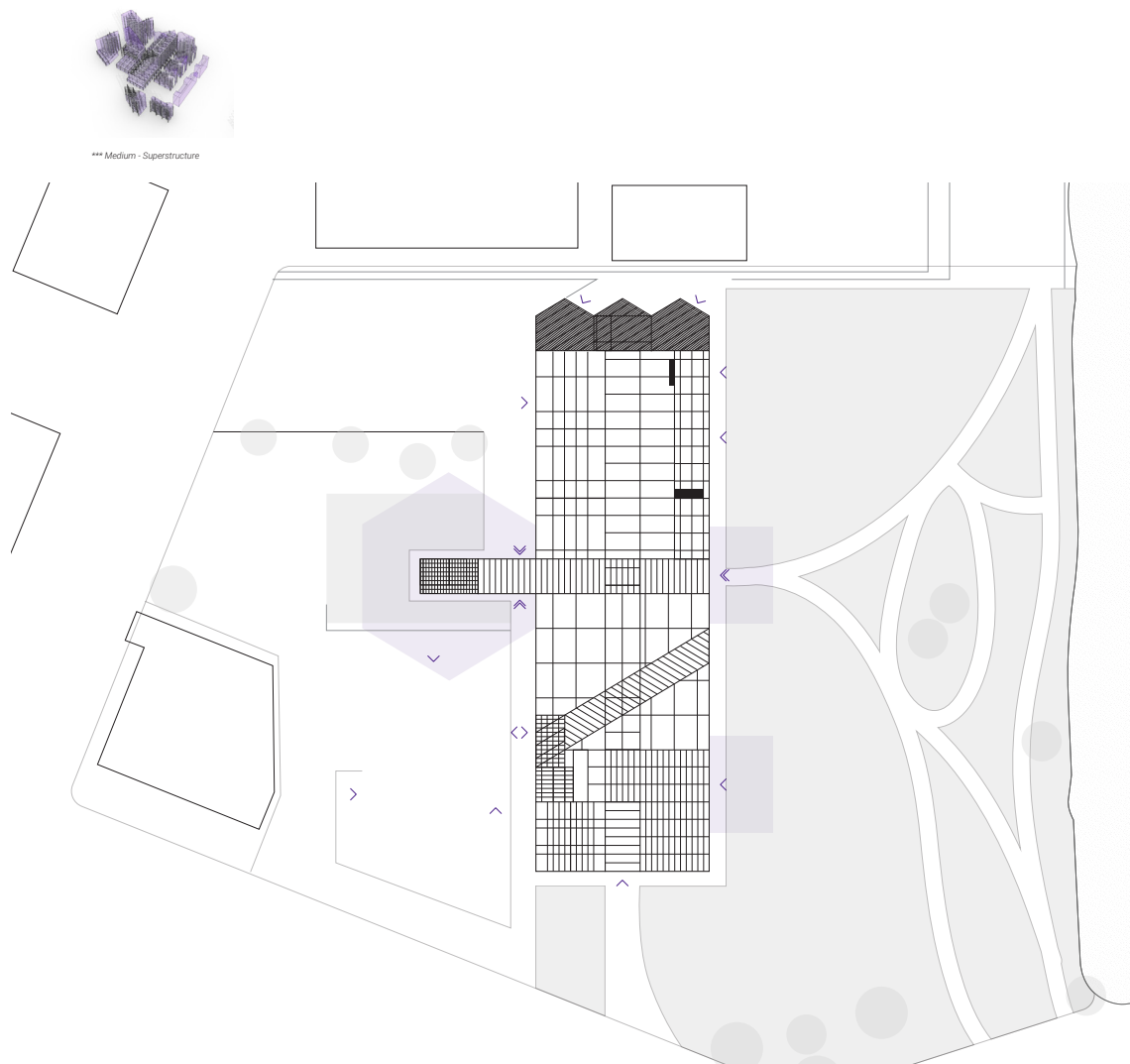


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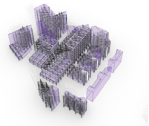
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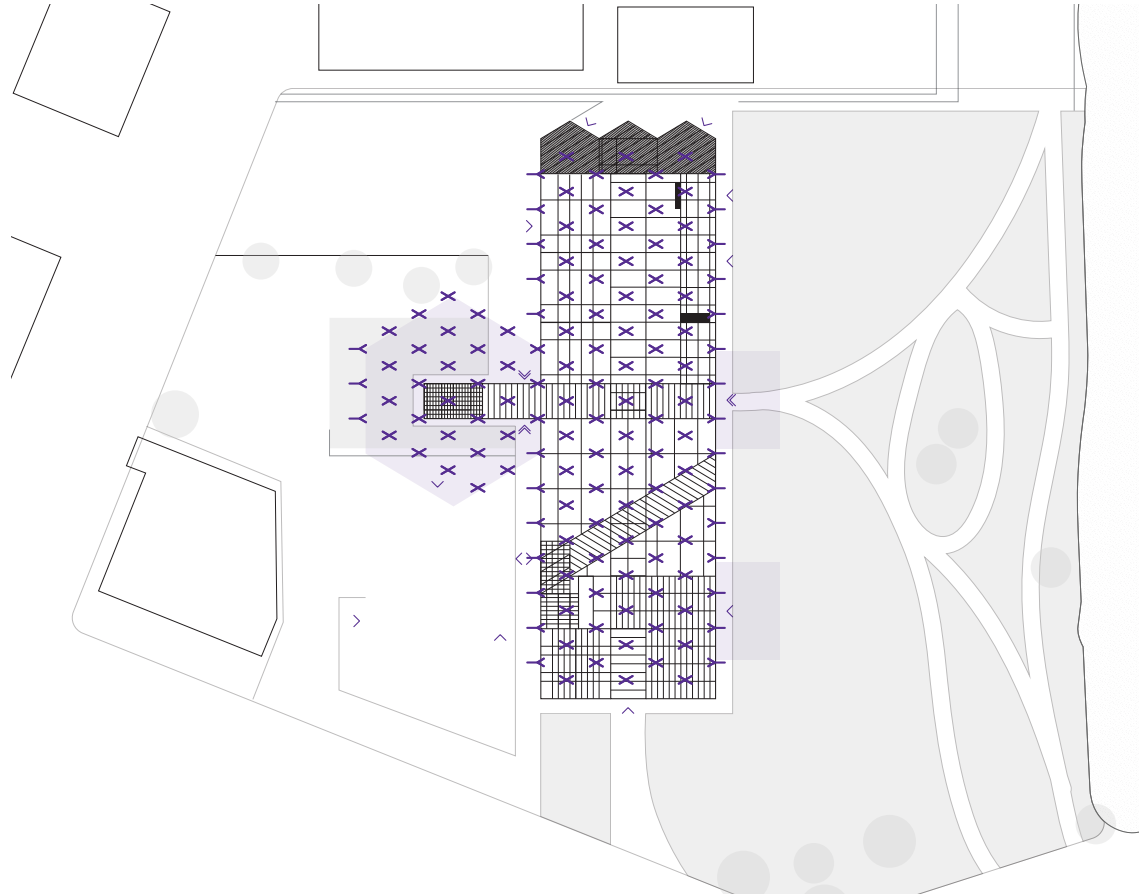


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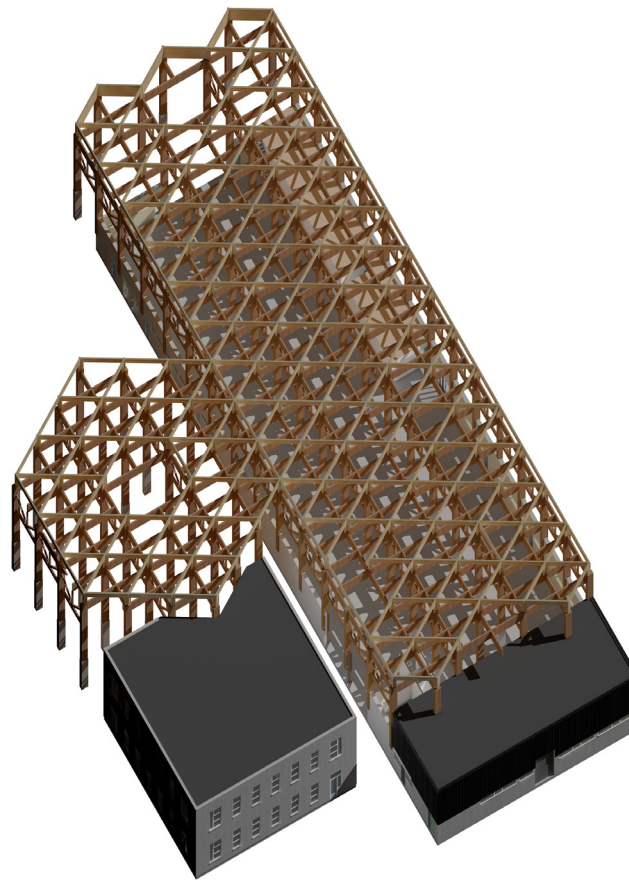
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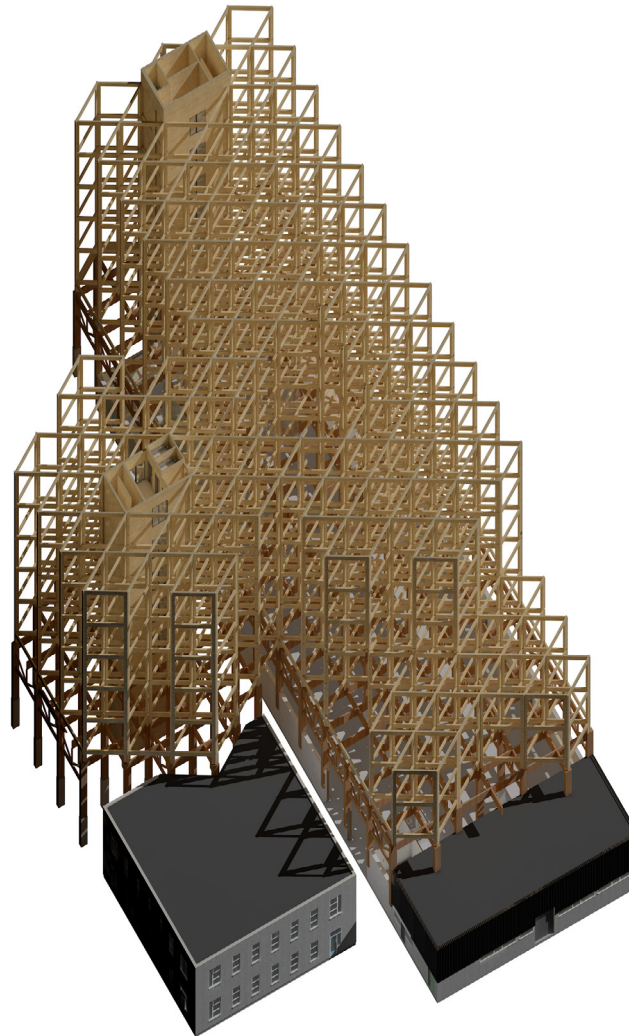
*Top-up*

## Glulam Table structure



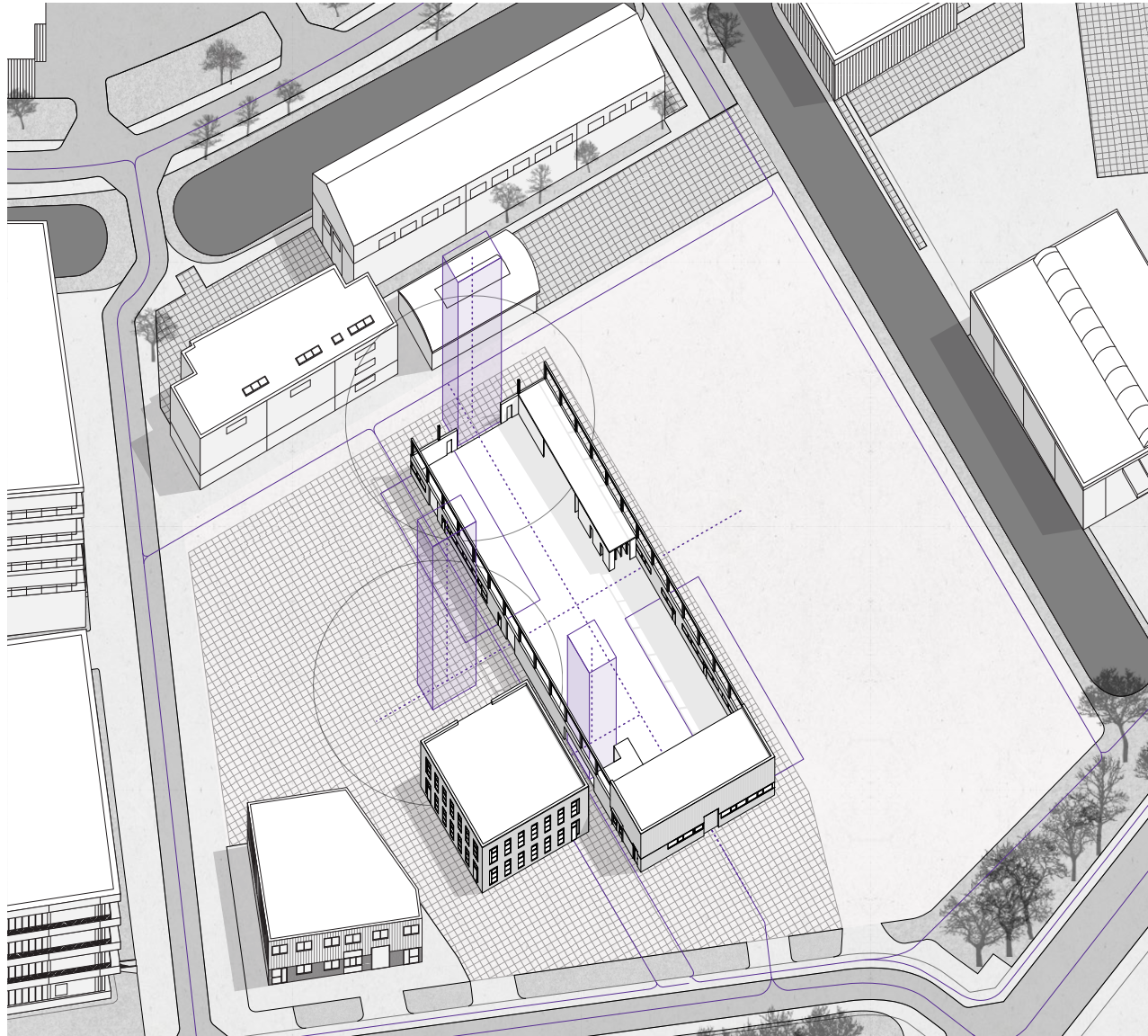
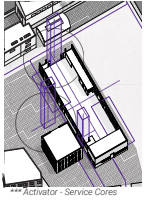
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## Glulam frame



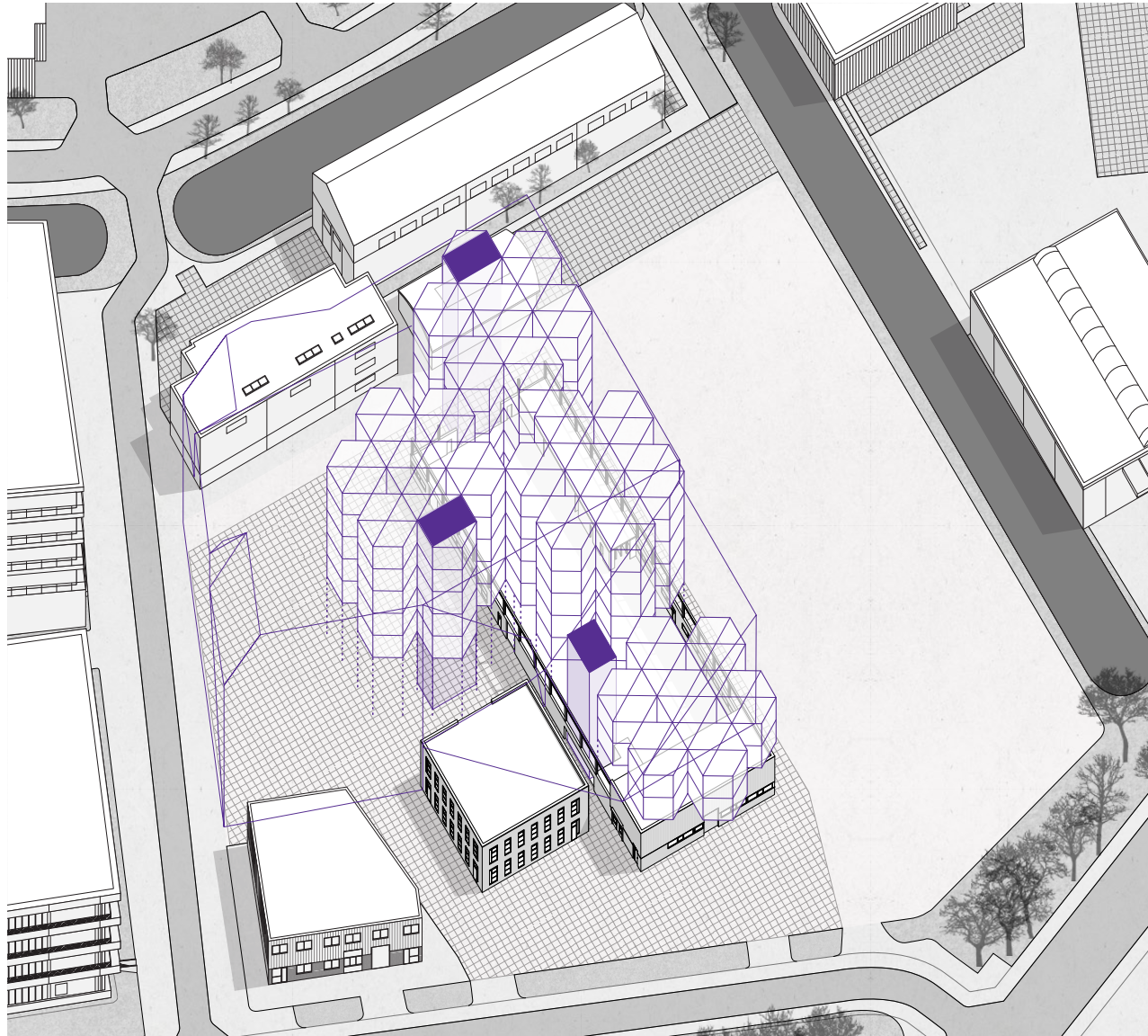
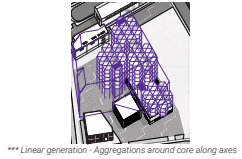
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## Cores and Axes





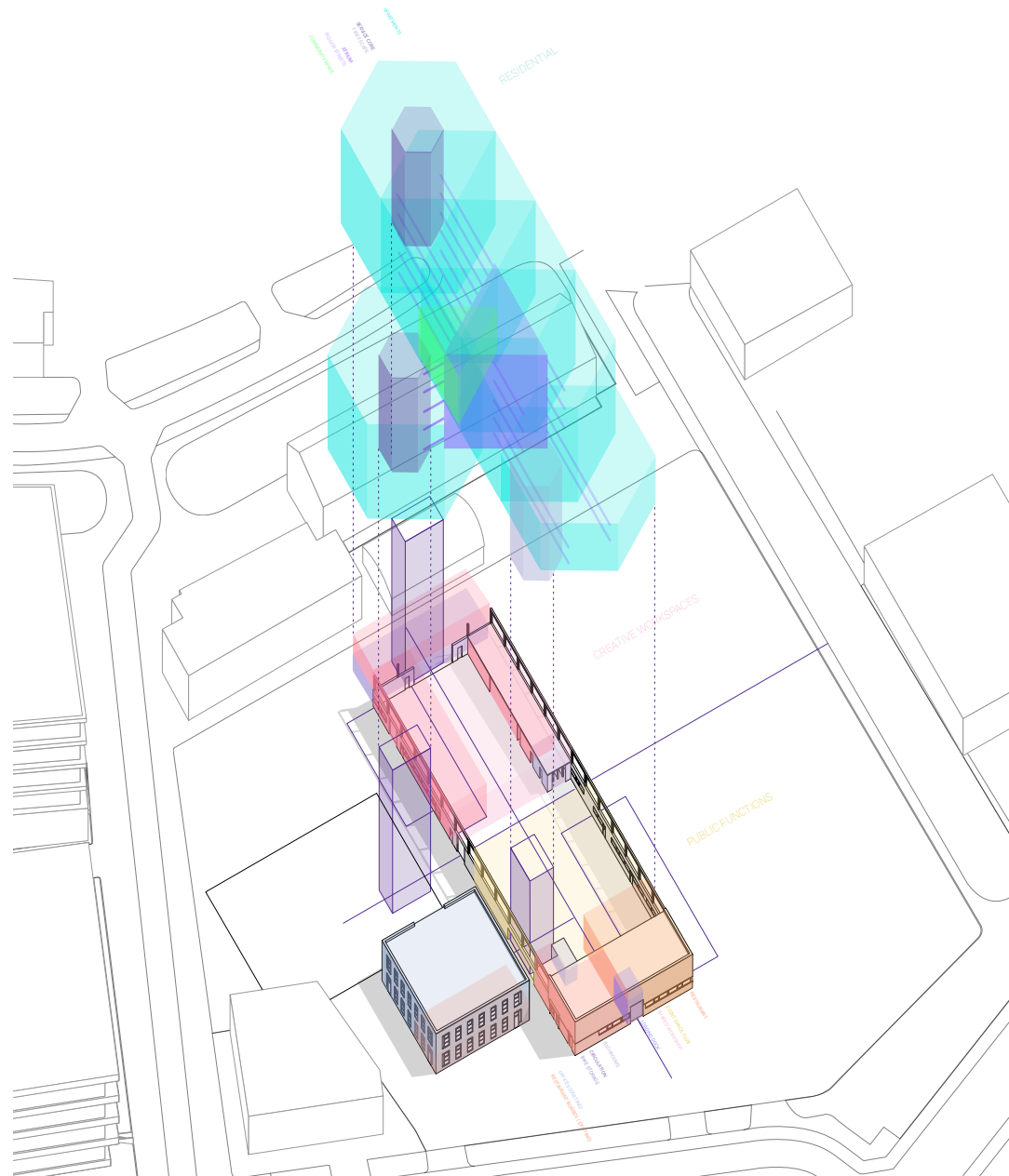
Top-up  
Basic pattern



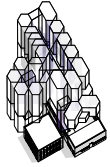


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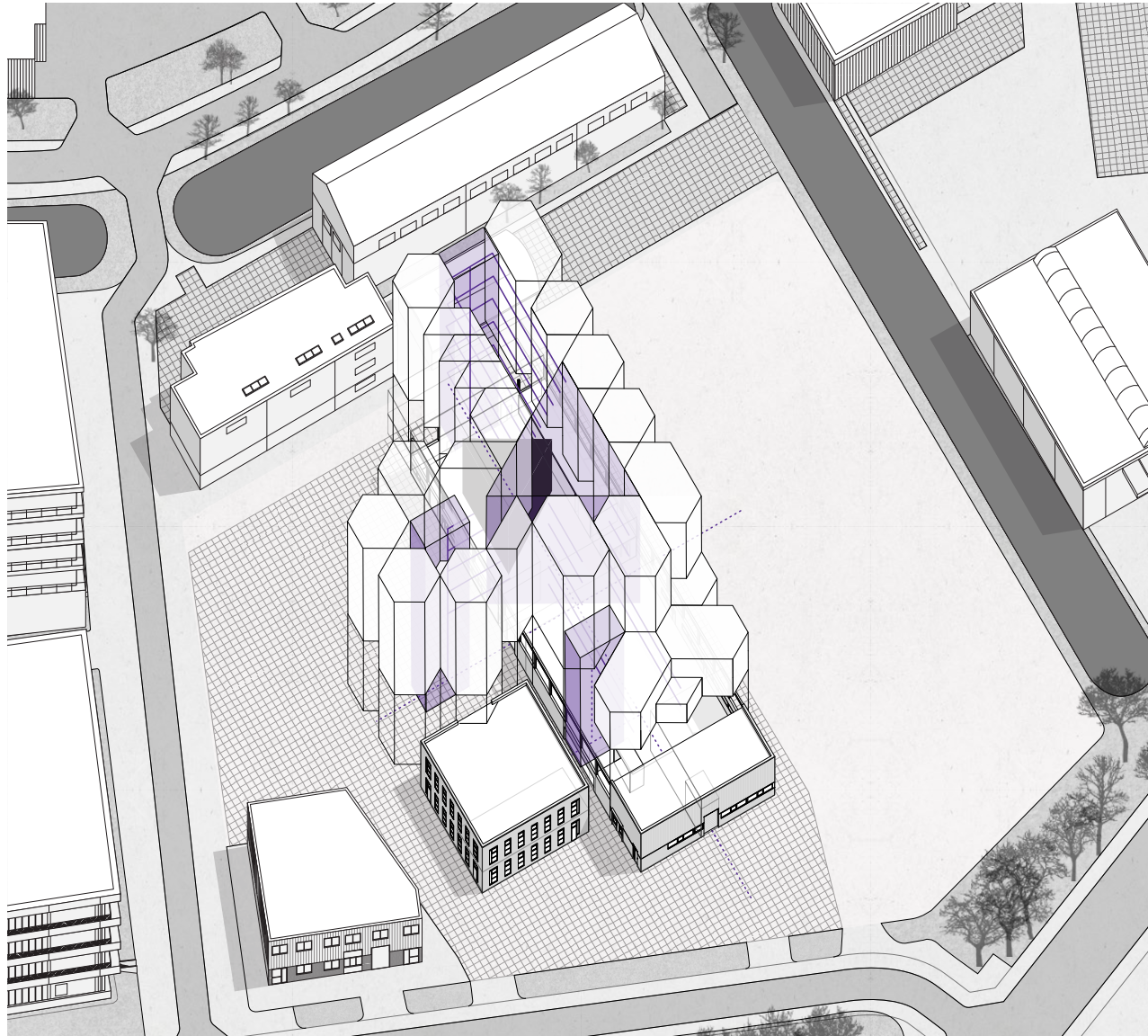
# Function diagram



Top-up  
Manipulation

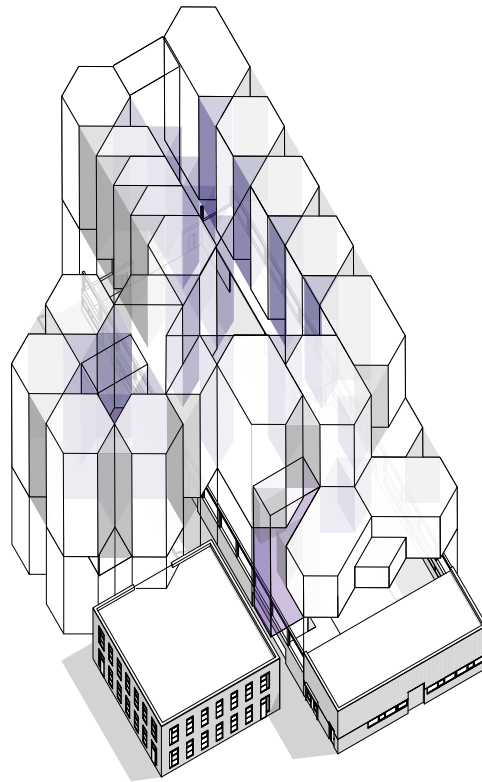


\*\*\* Manipulation - Editing the pattern



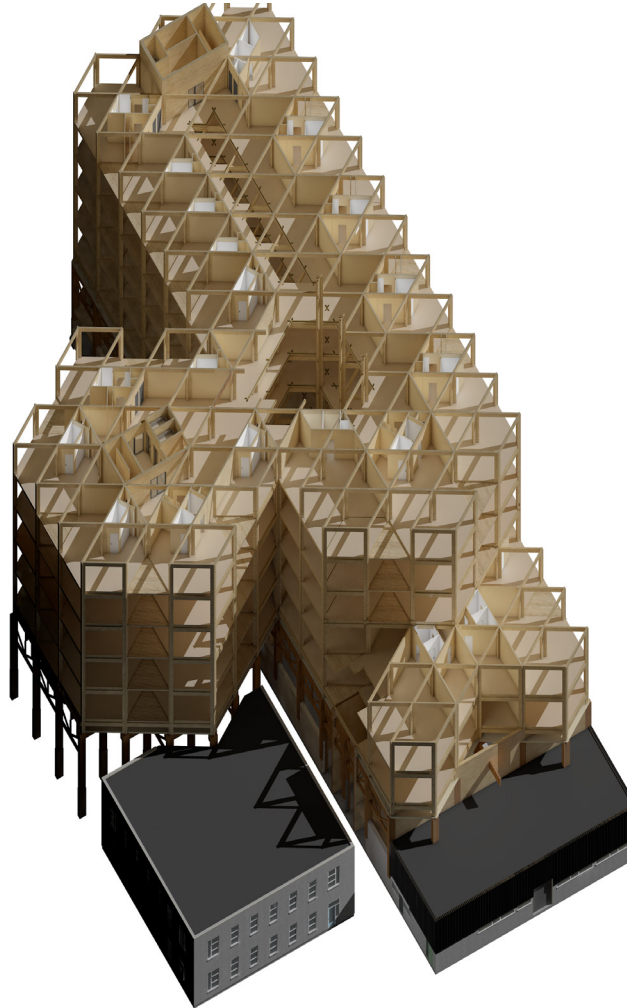
Top-up

## Final volumes



*Top-up*

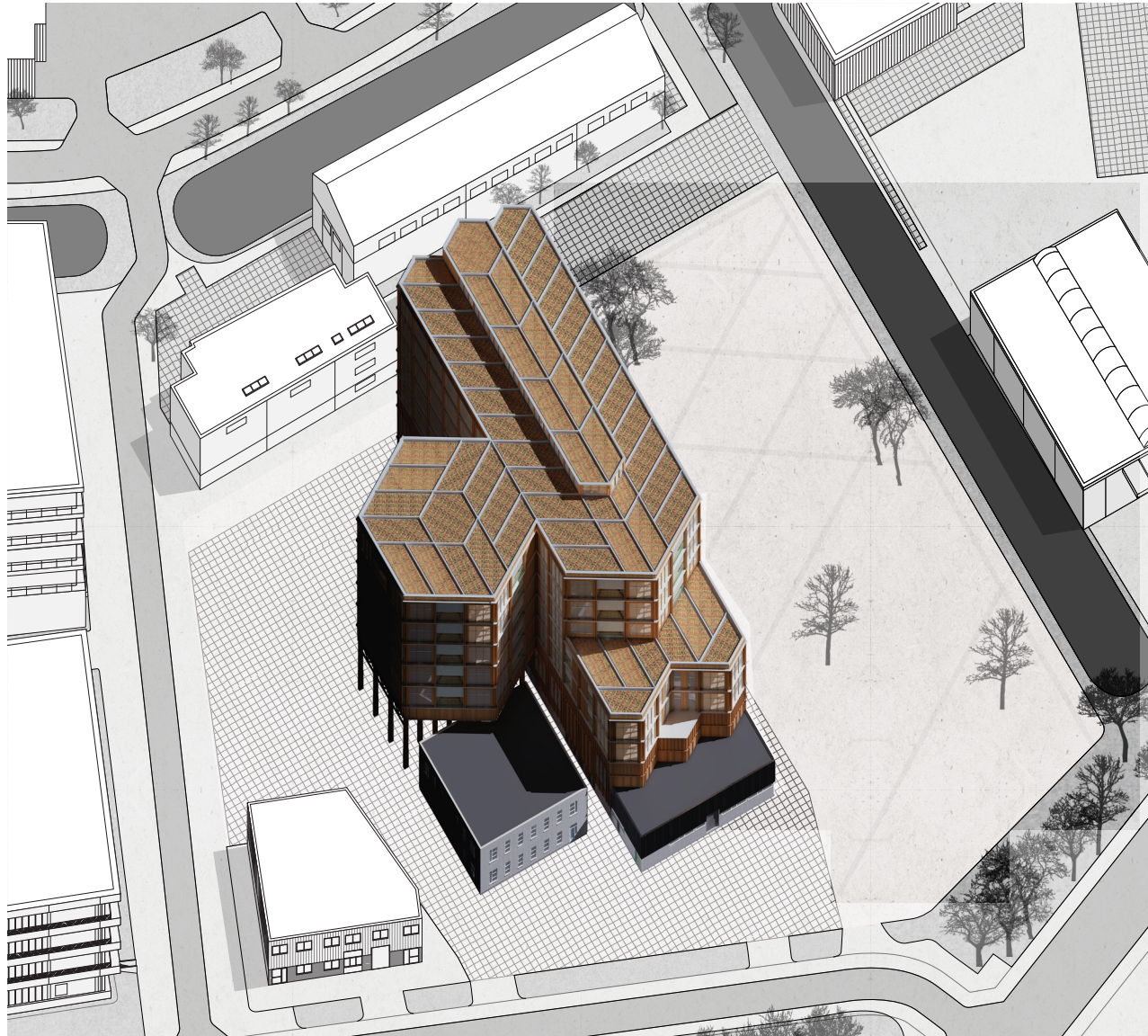
## Interior modular fill





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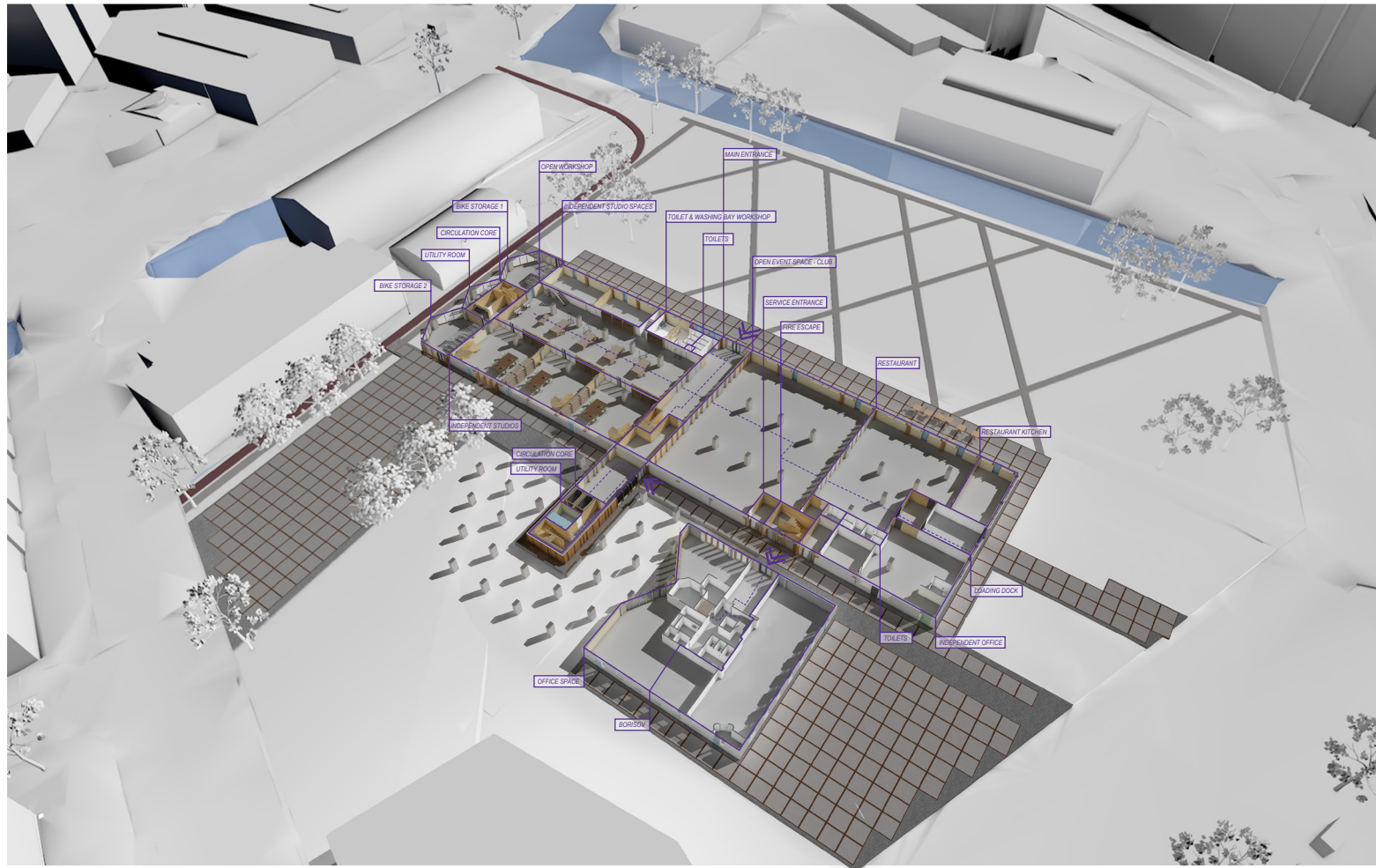
## Final volume



# *Proposal*

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## Ground floor





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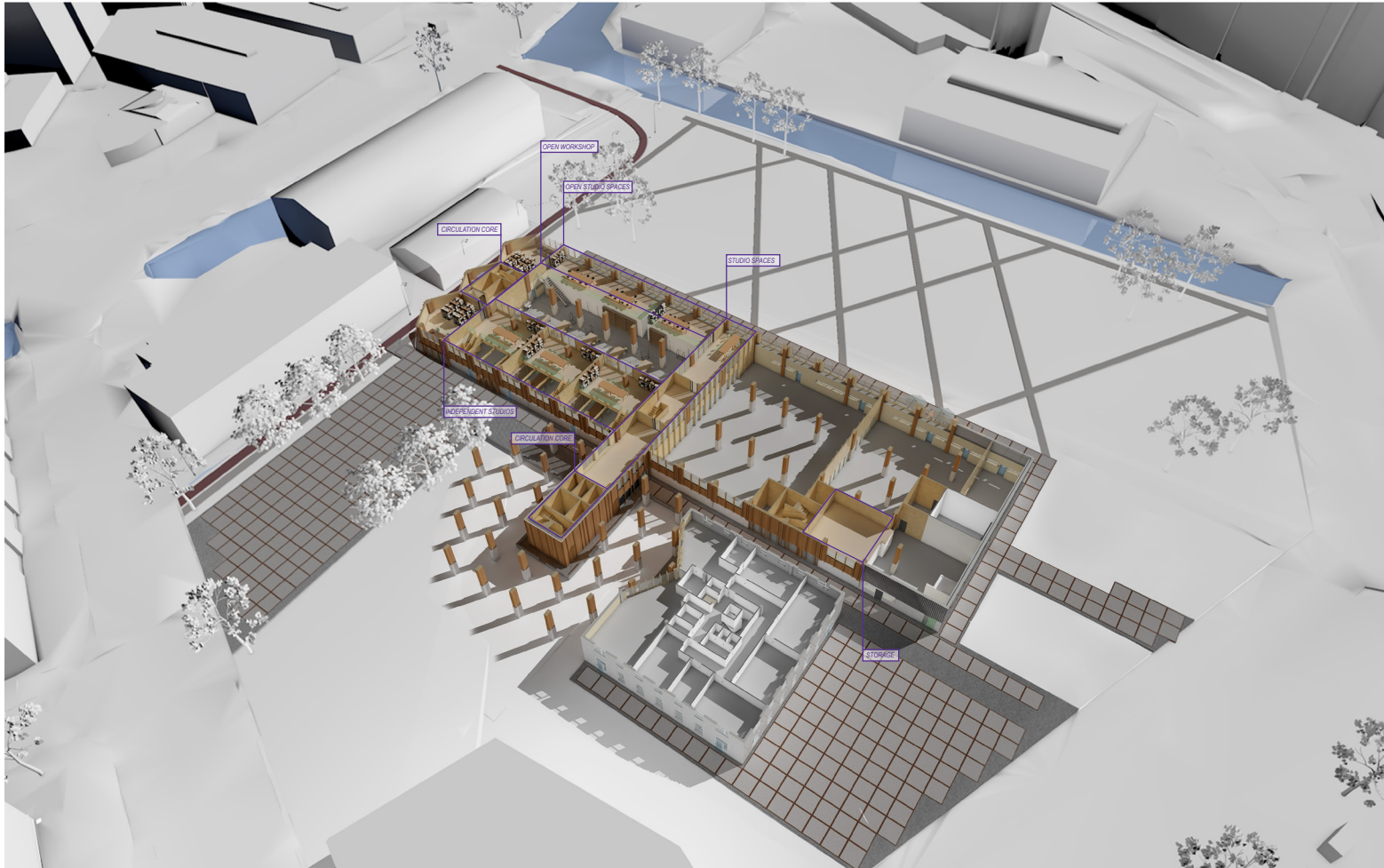
## Main entrance





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## First floor



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# Open workshop





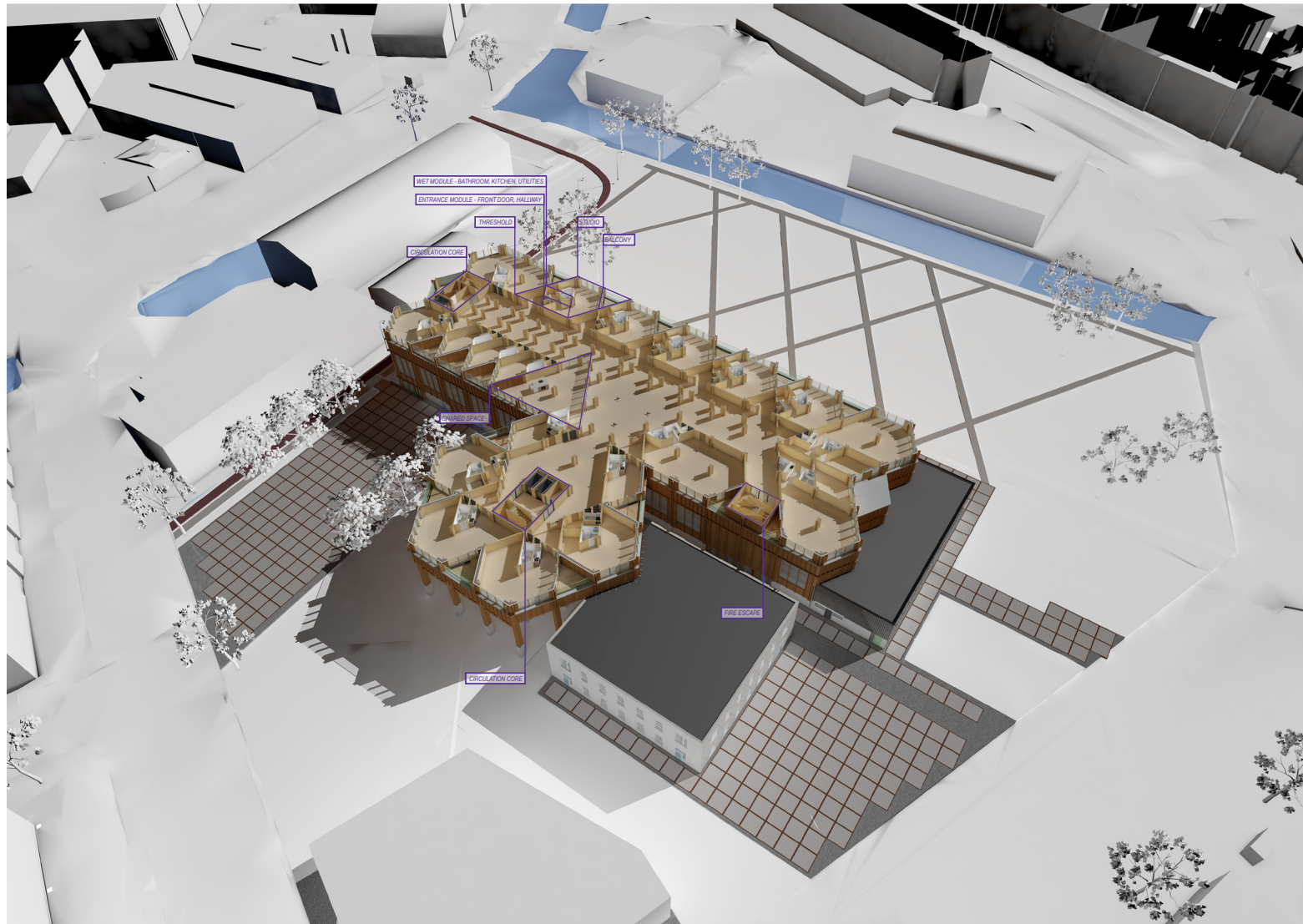
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# Open workshop



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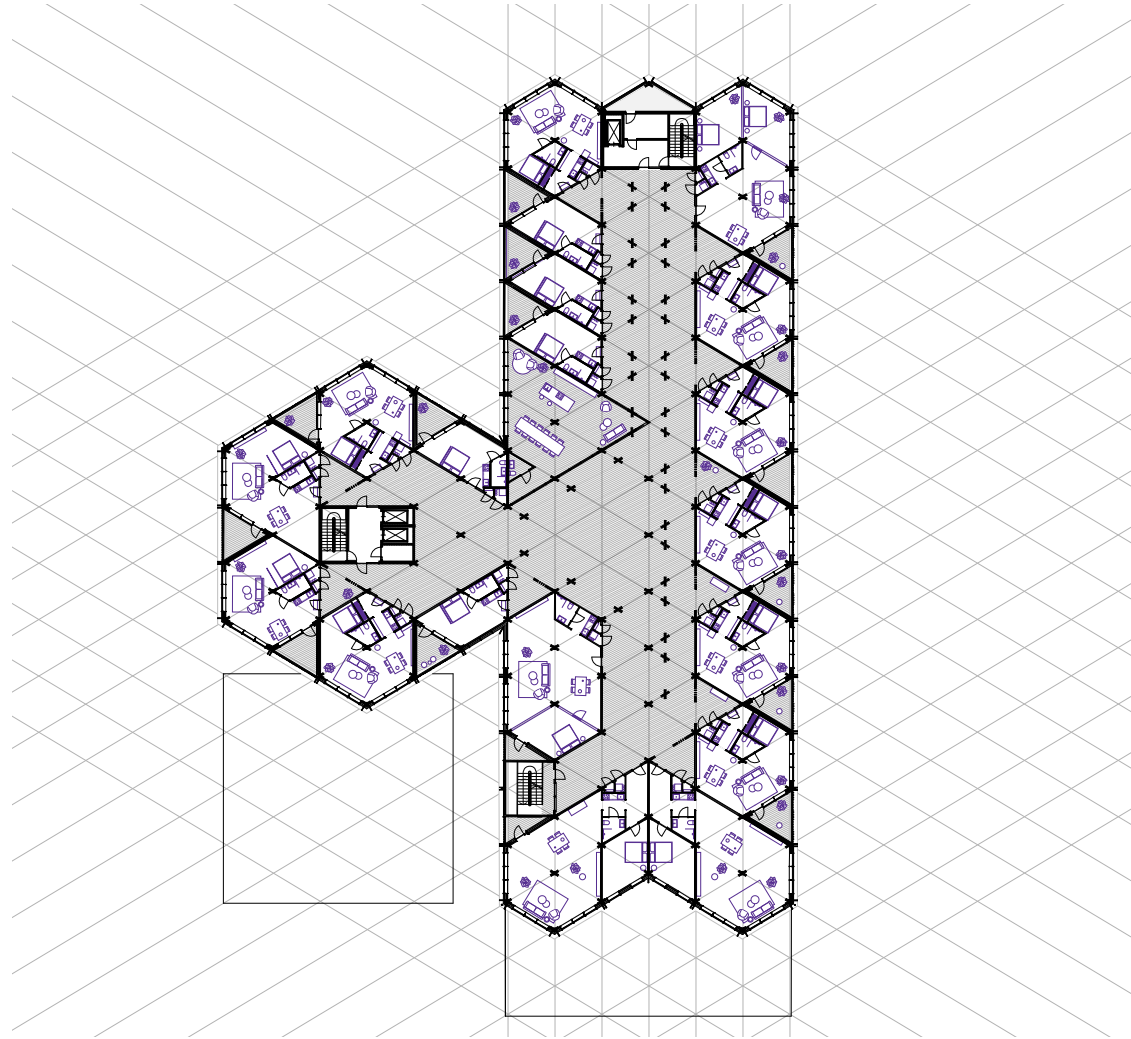
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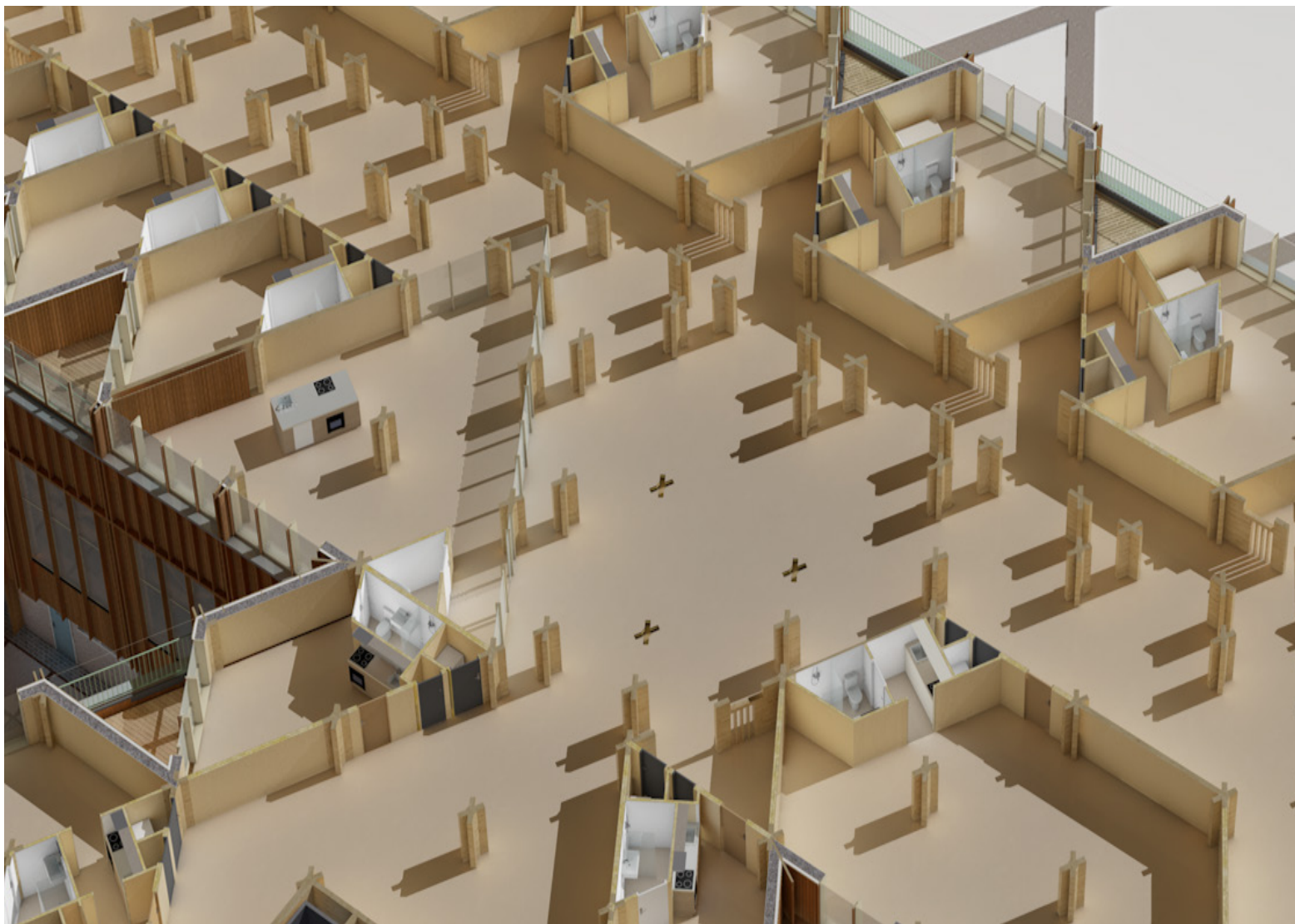
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## Second floor plan



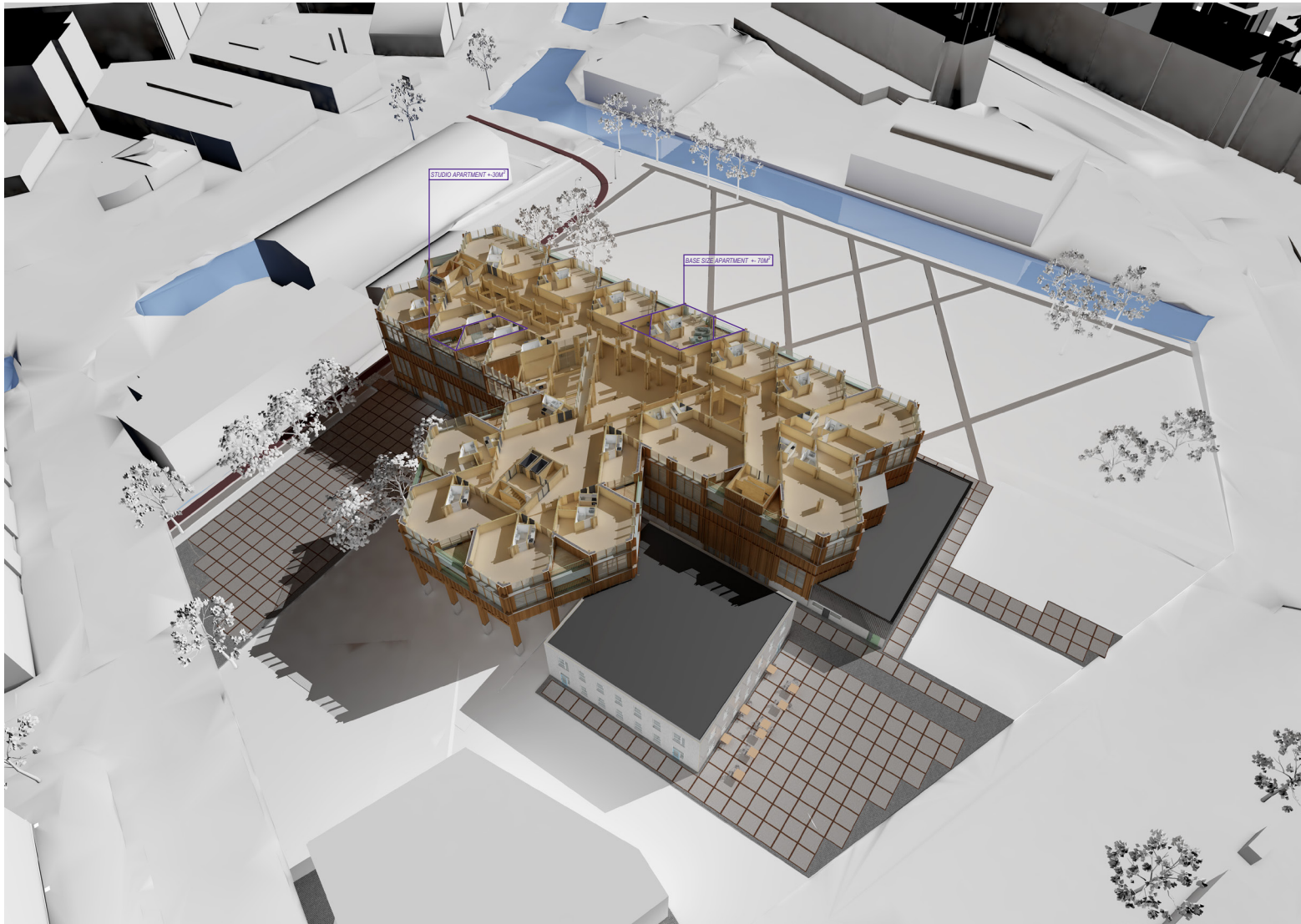
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## Common space



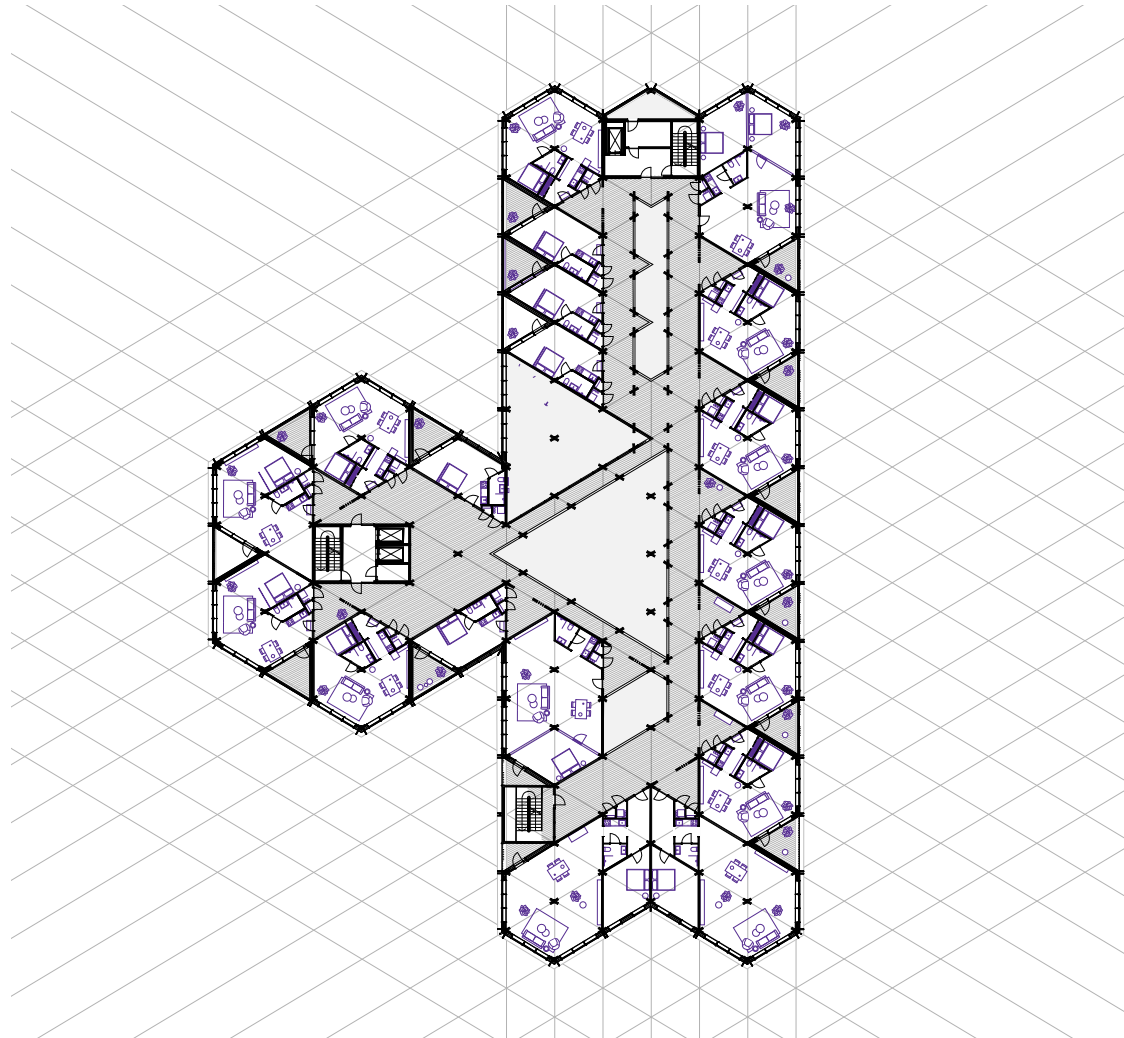
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## Third floor



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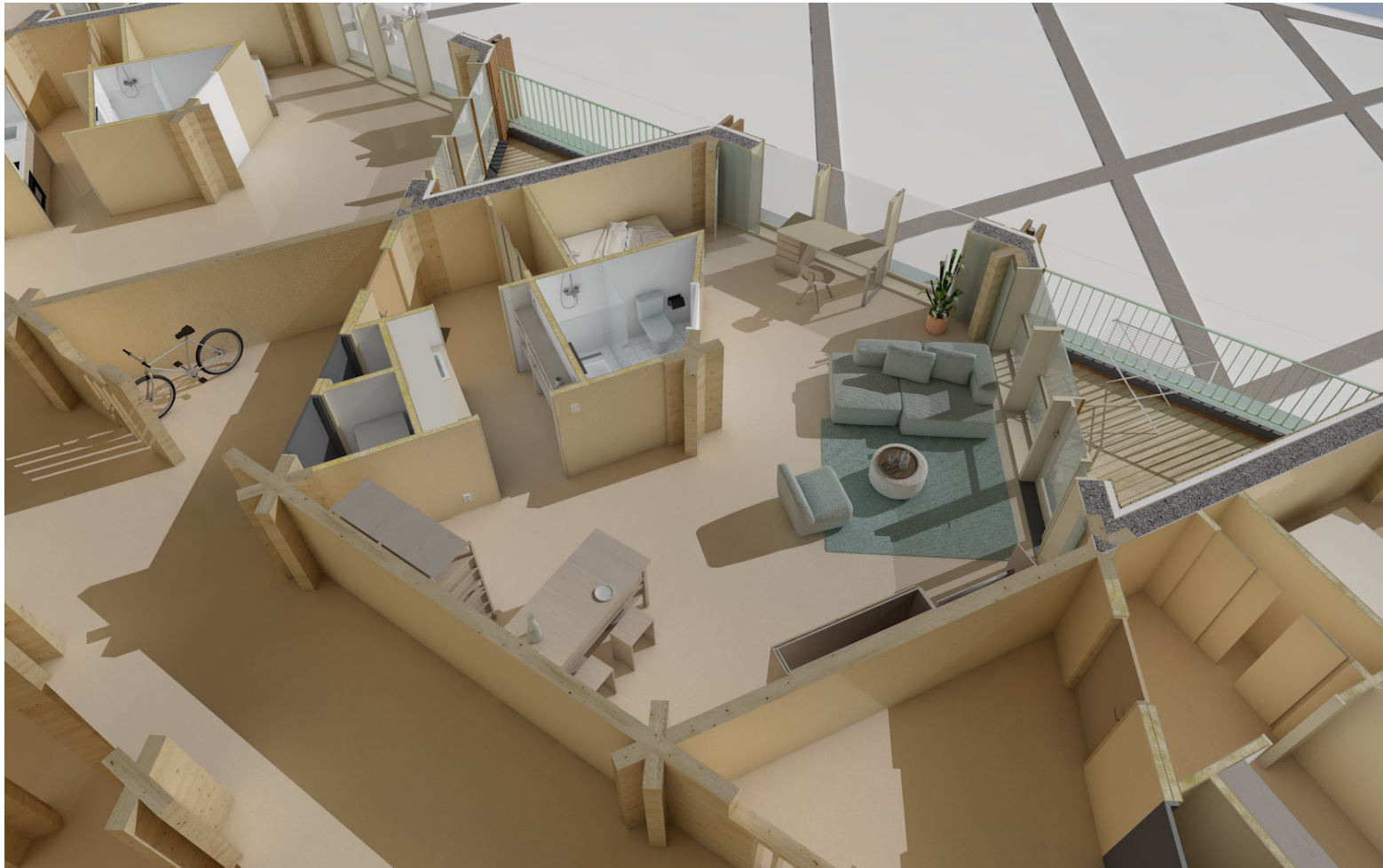
## Third floor plan





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## Average apartment



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## Average apartment





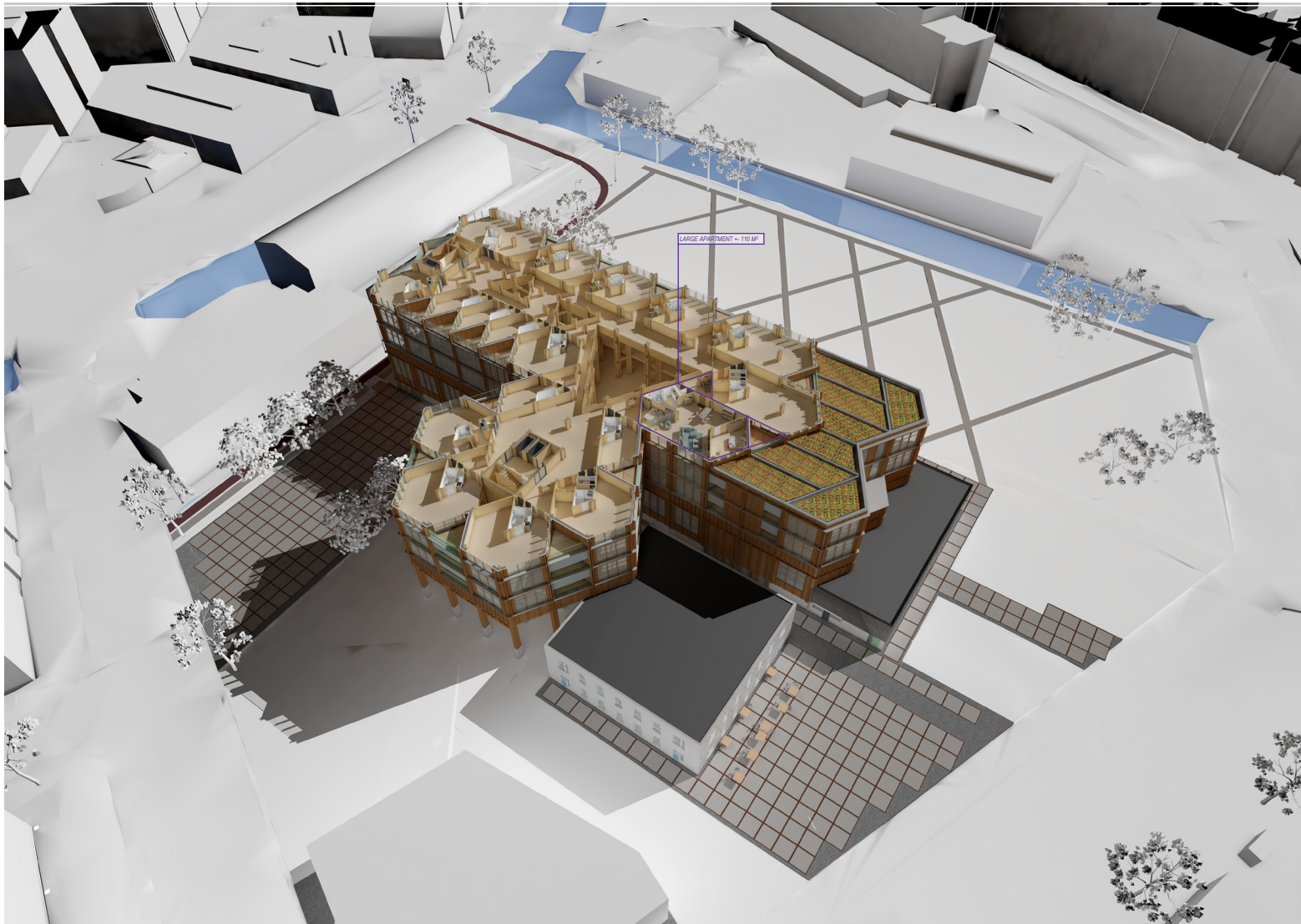
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# Studio Apartment



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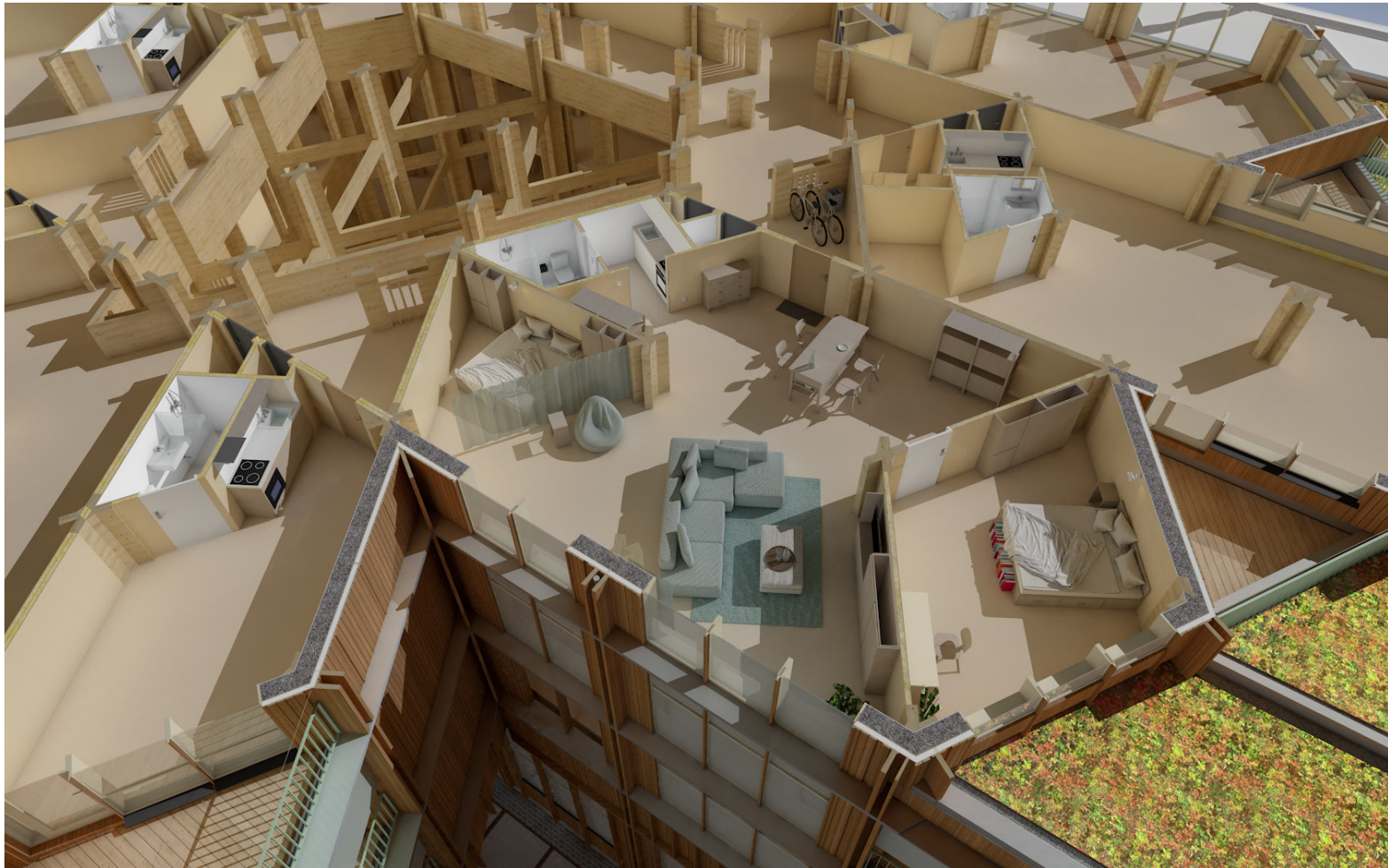
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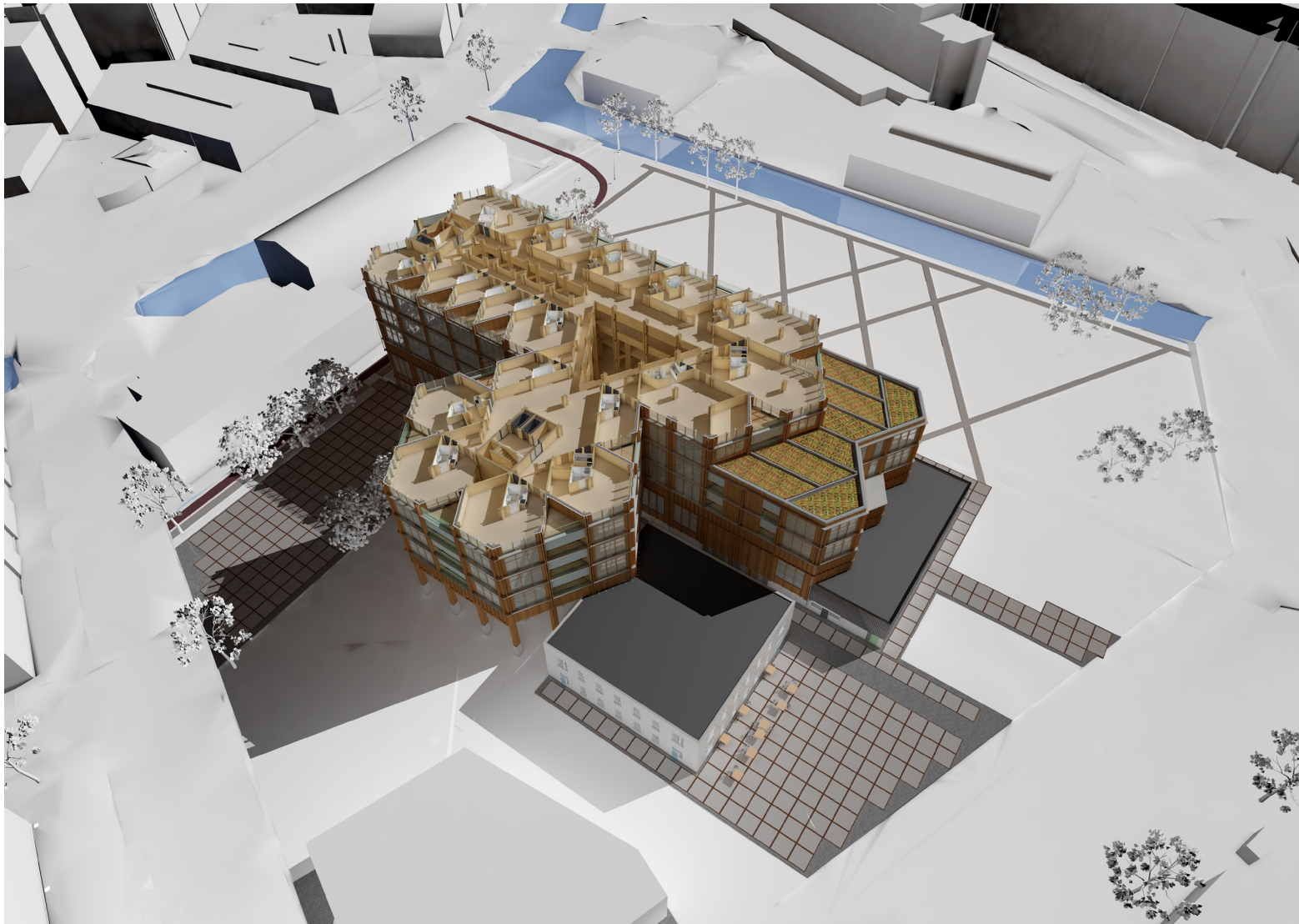


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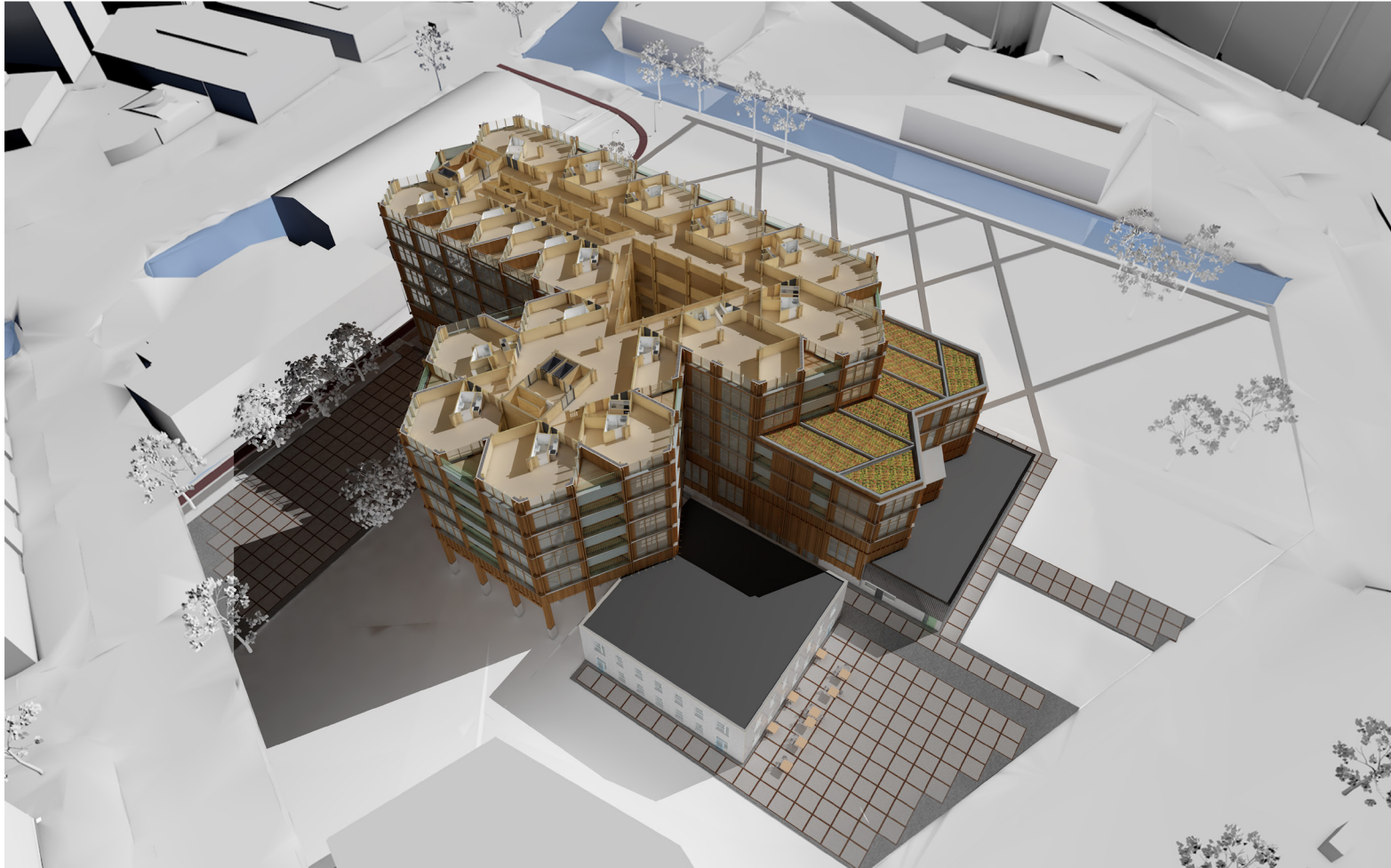


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Fifth floor





Proposal  
Sixth floor

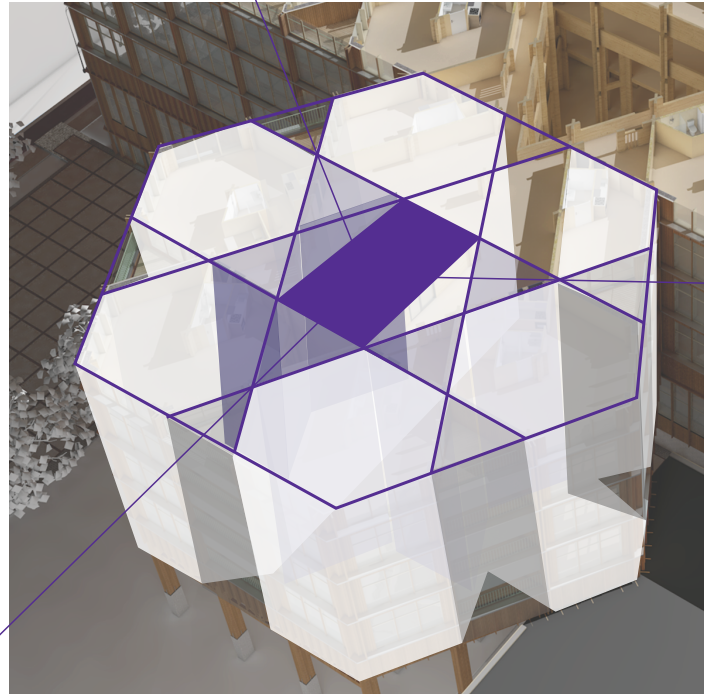


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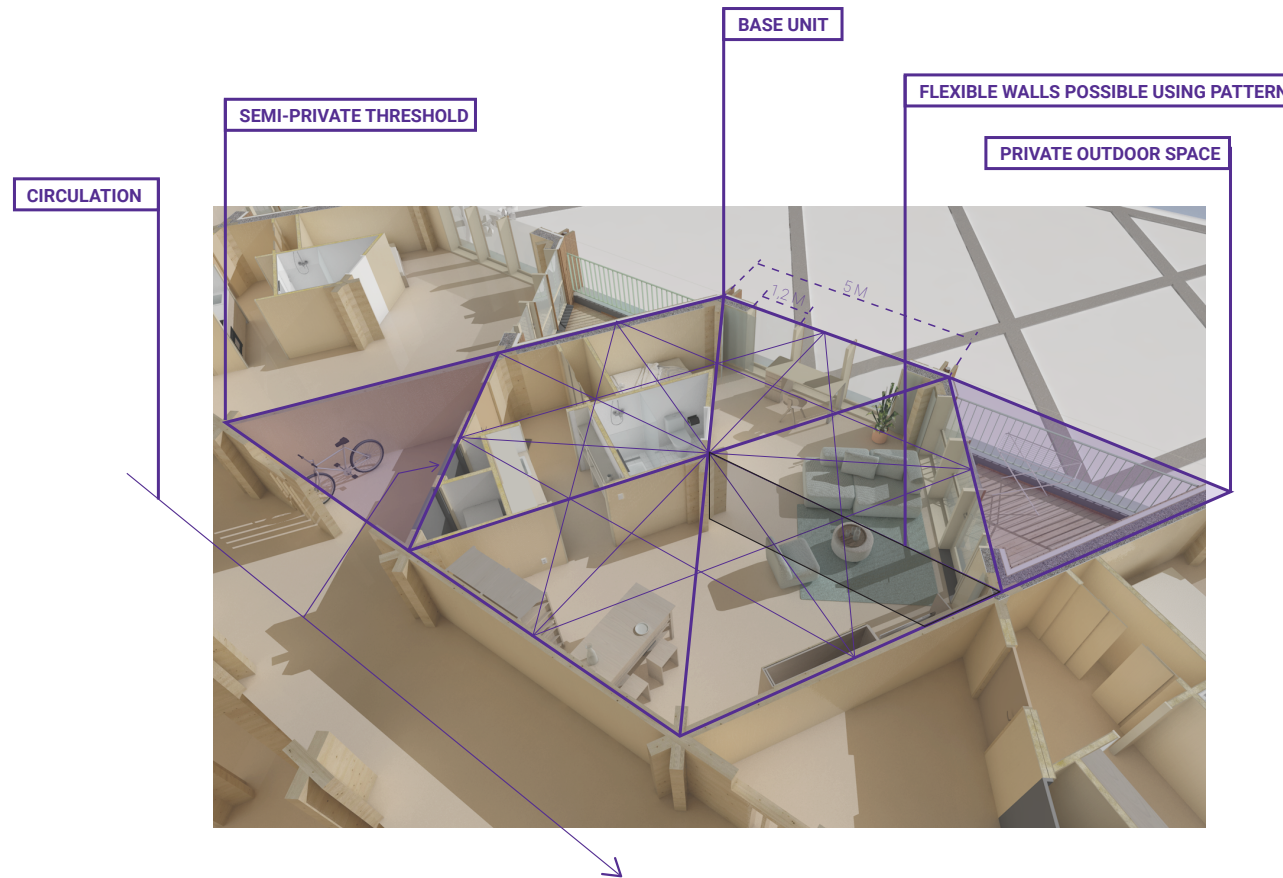


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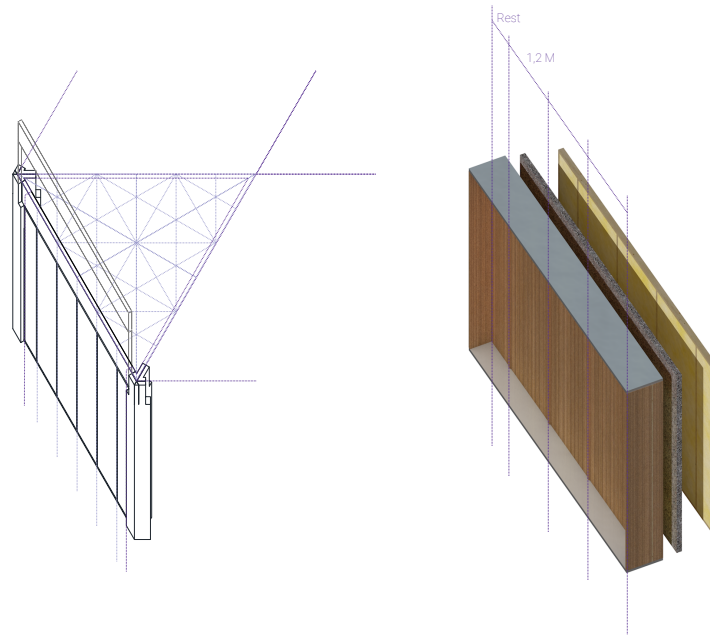
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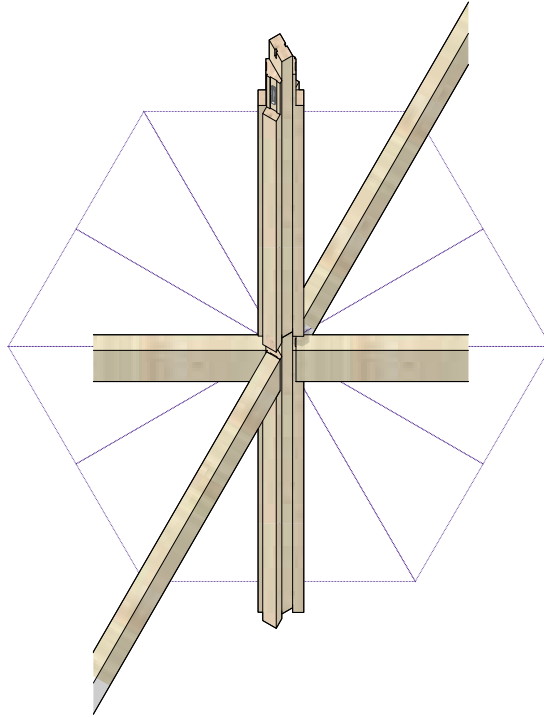
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# Element



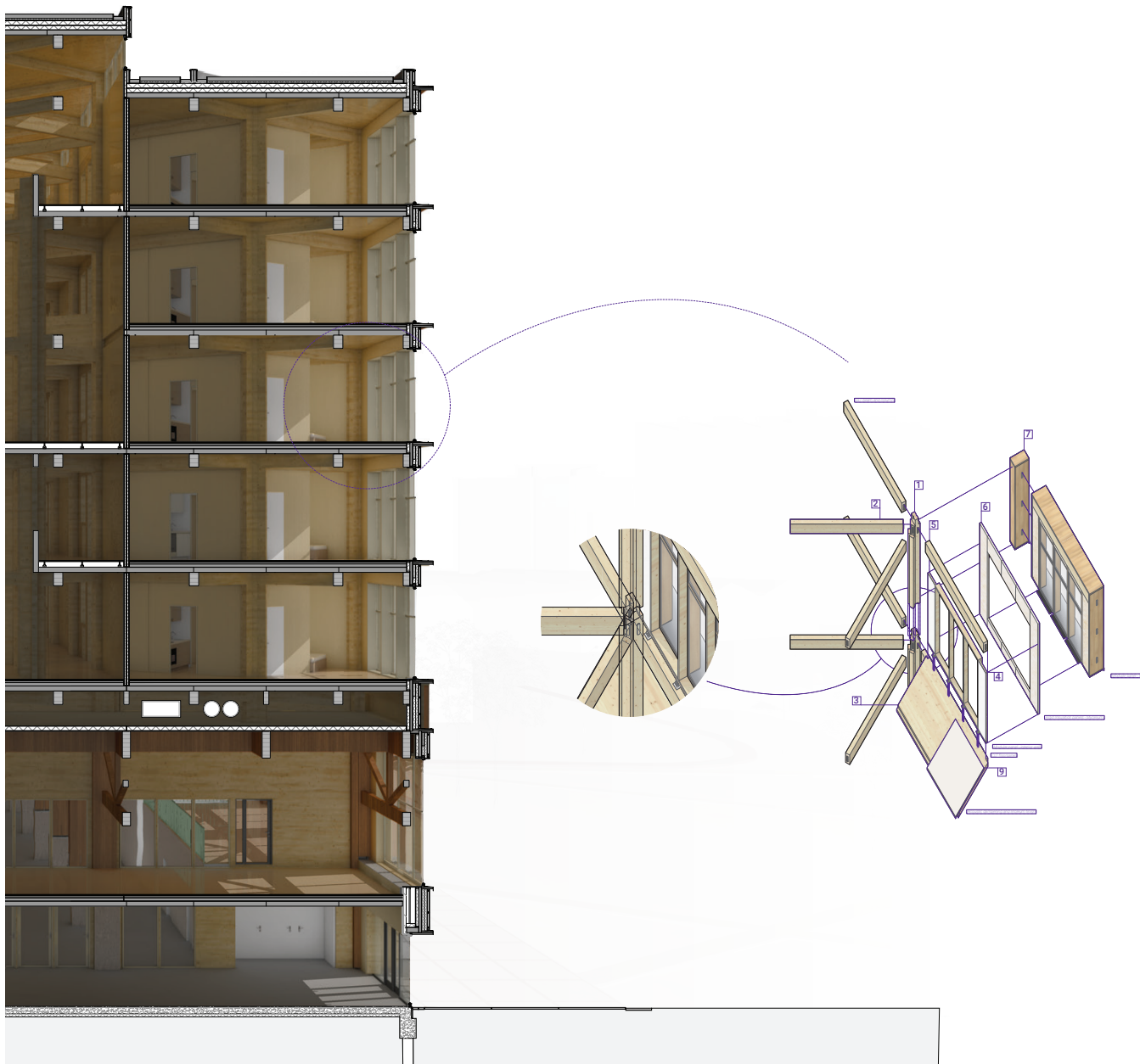
## Detail





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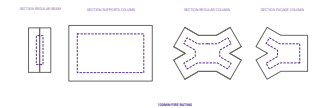
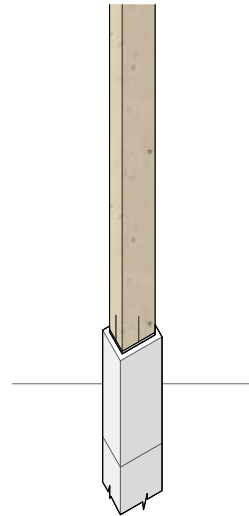
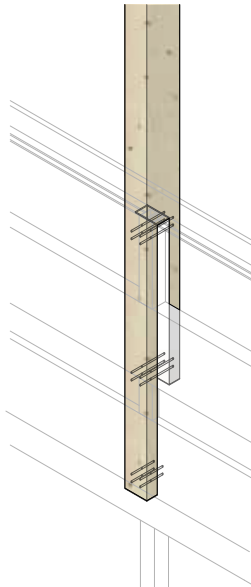
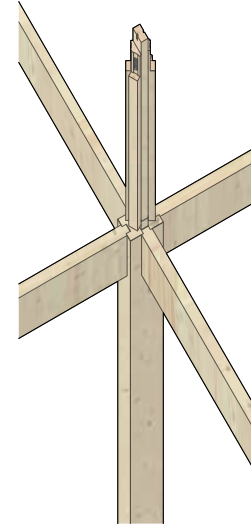
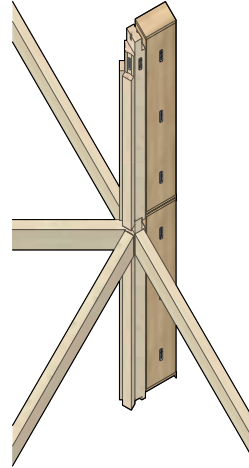
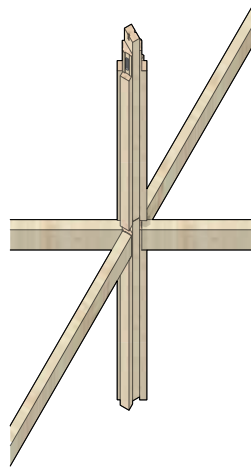
## Façade construction



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Façade



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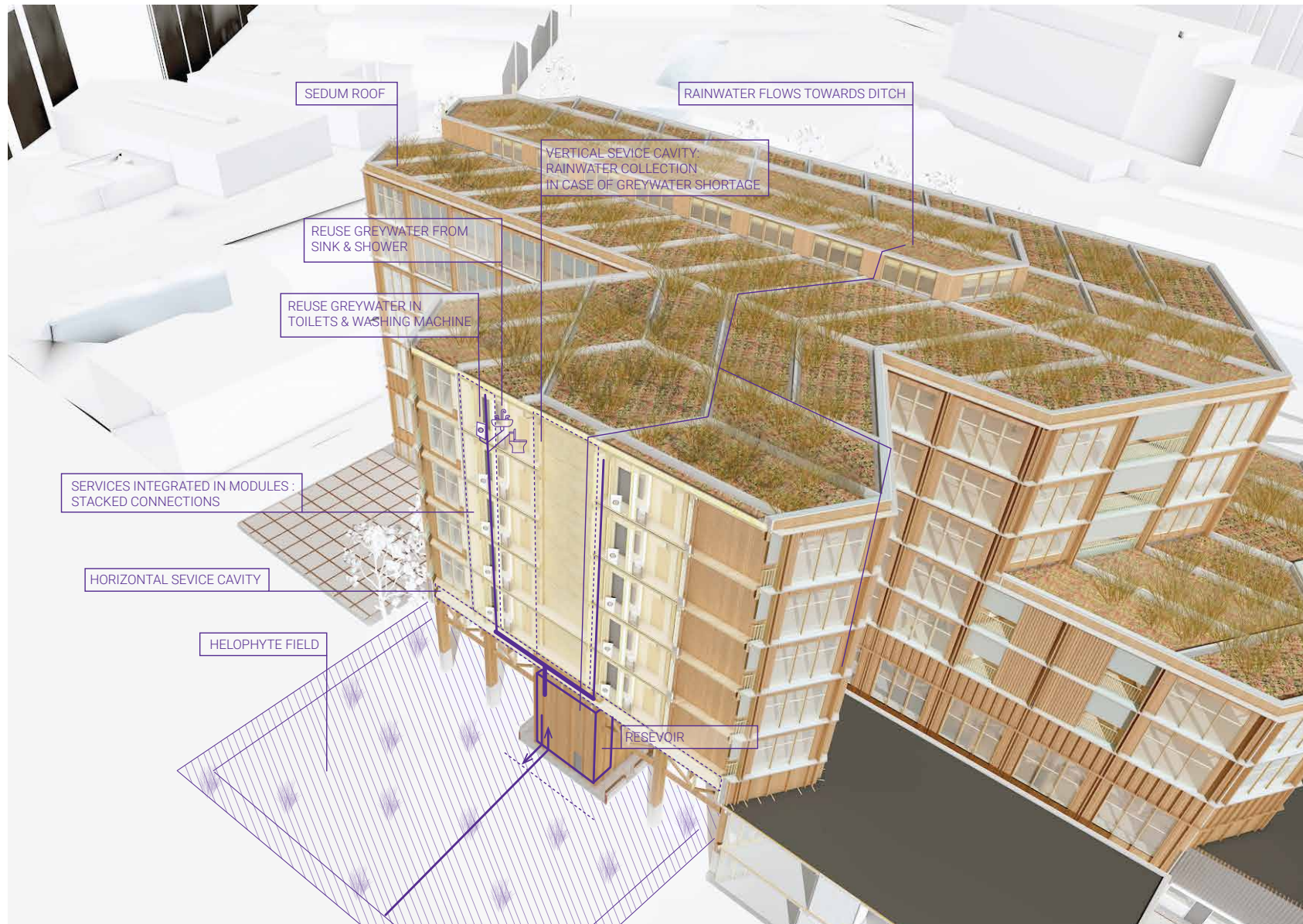


## Transverse section





## Building services











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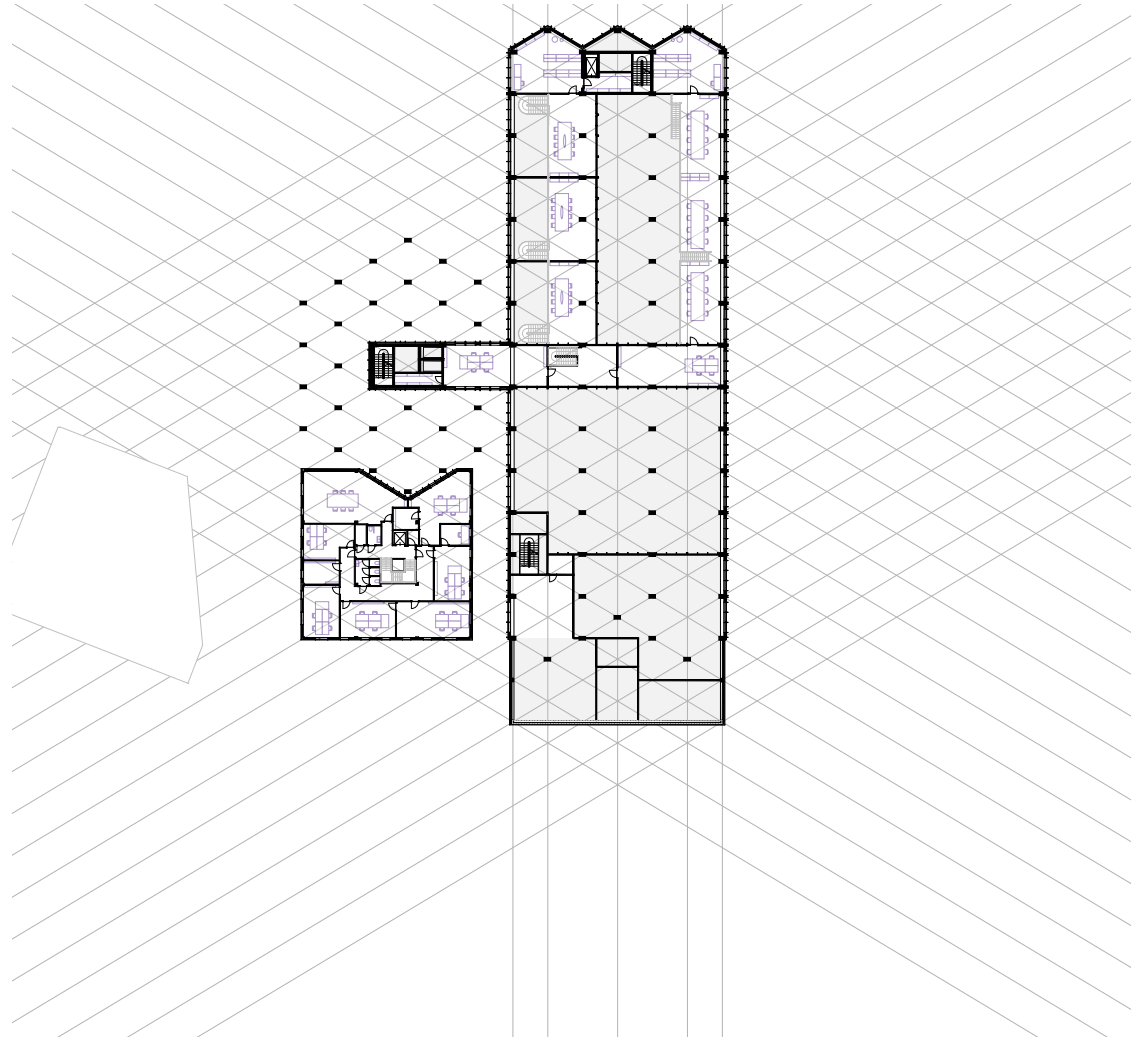
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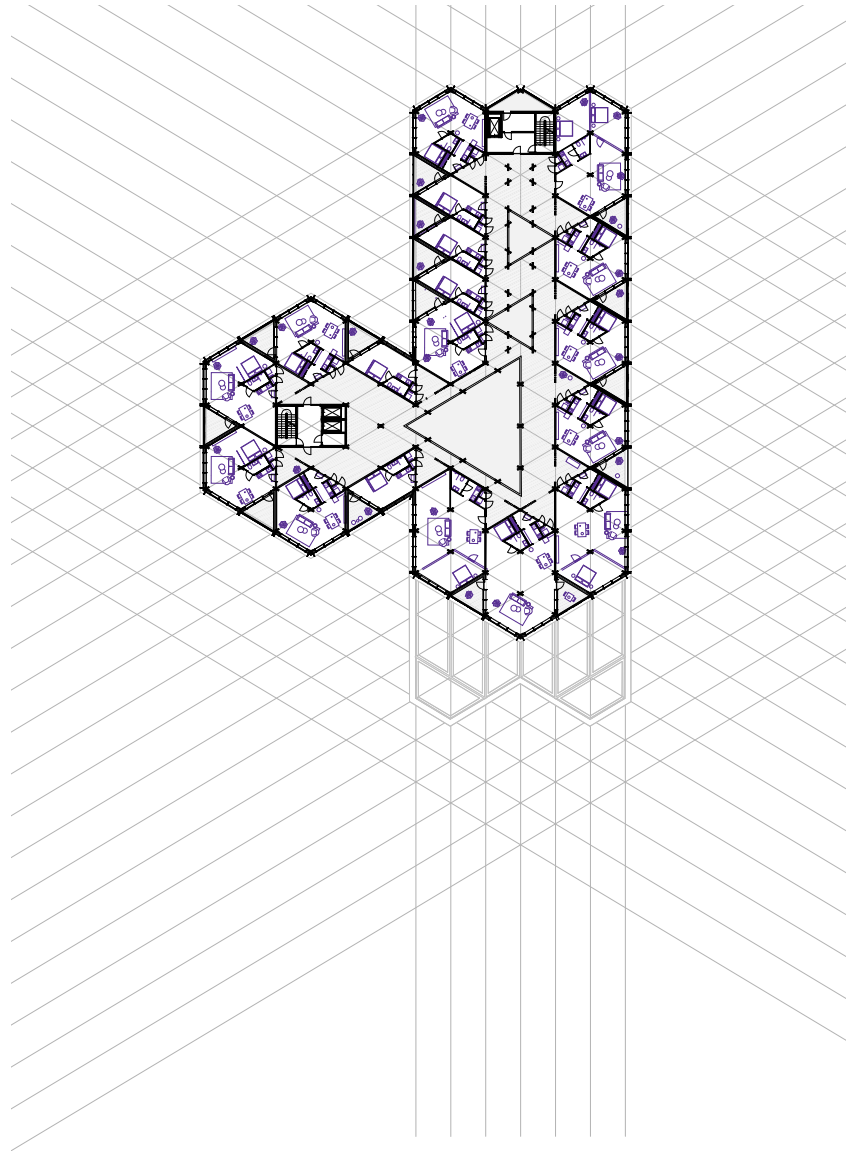




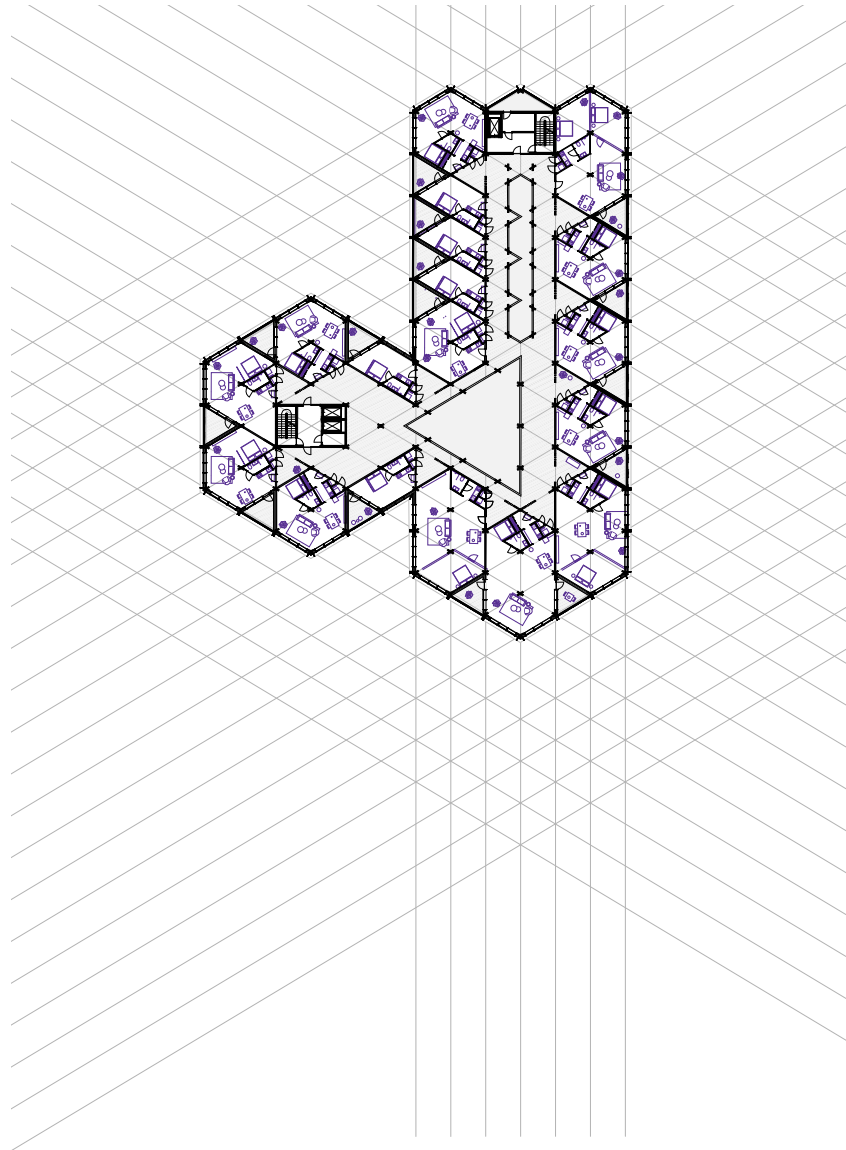
## First floor plan



## Fourth floor plan

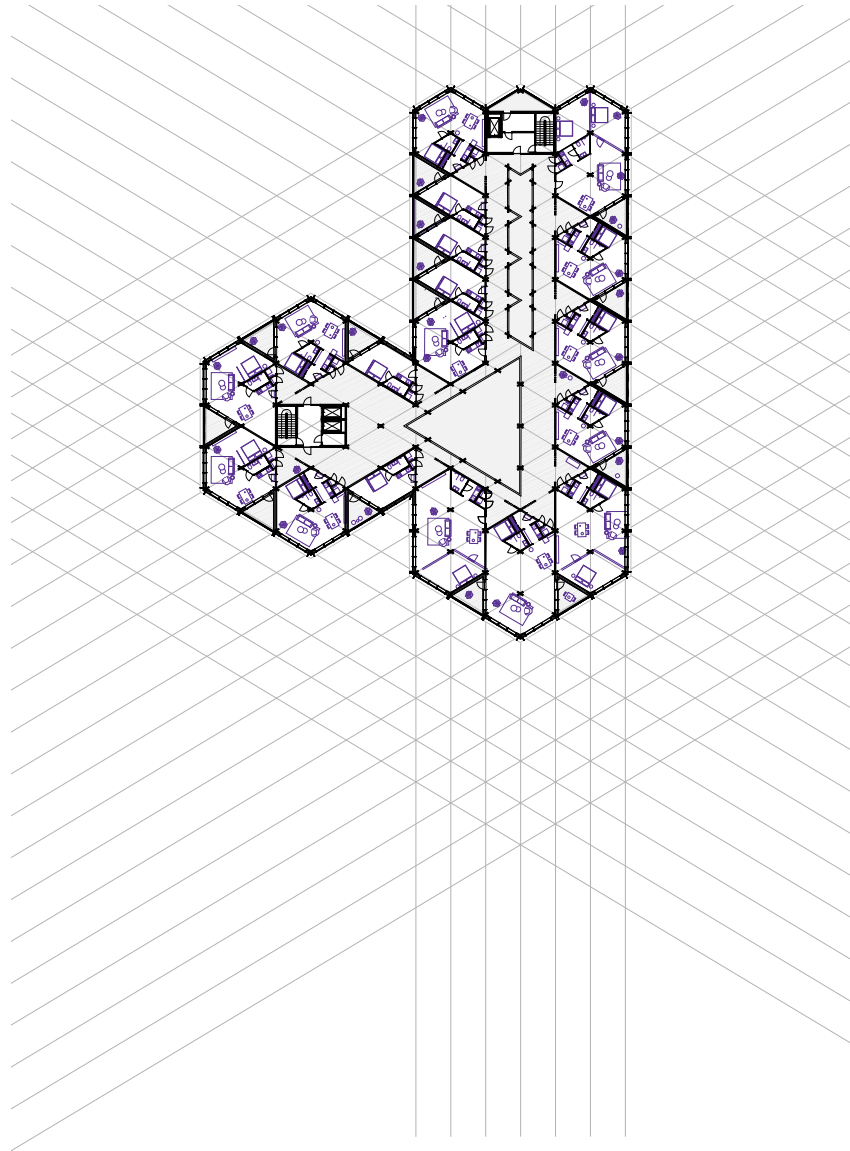


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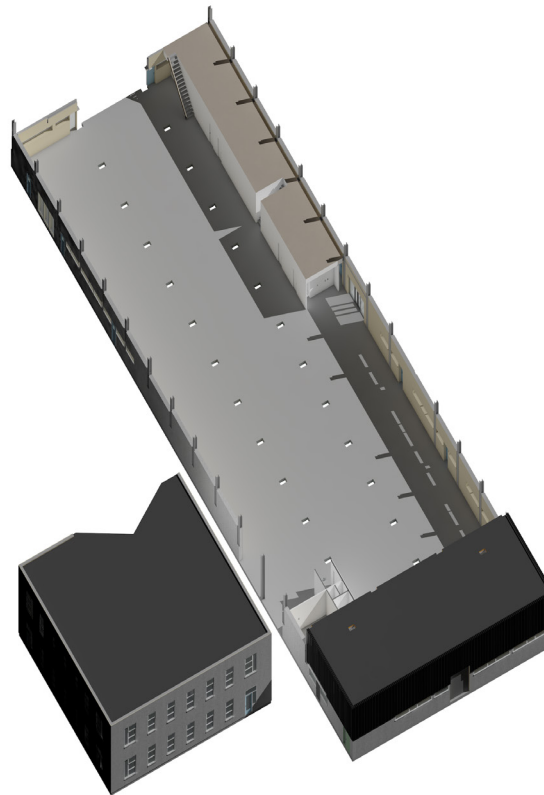




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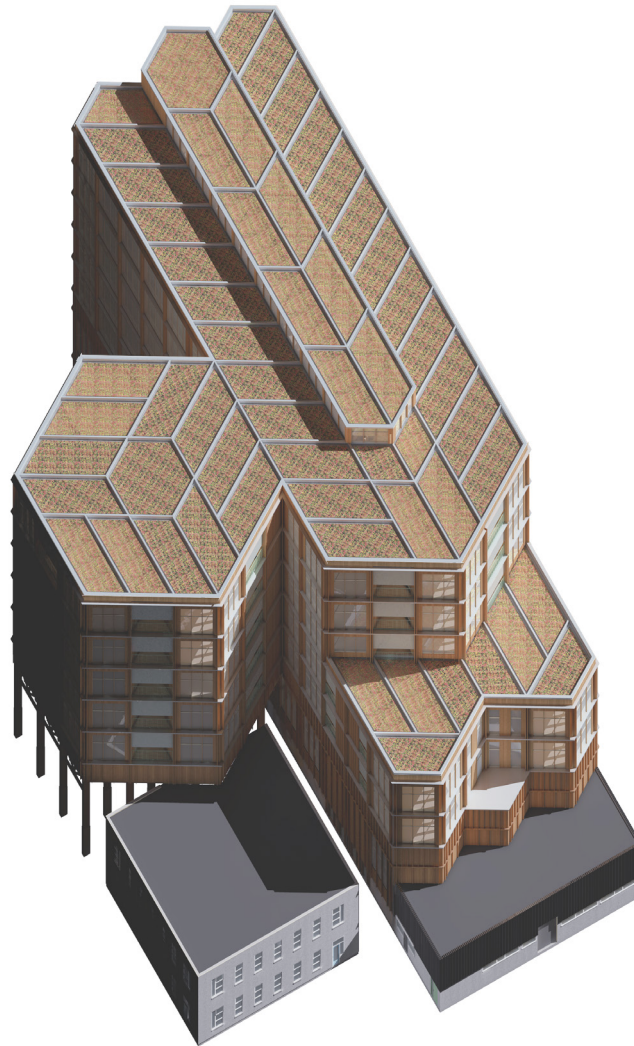


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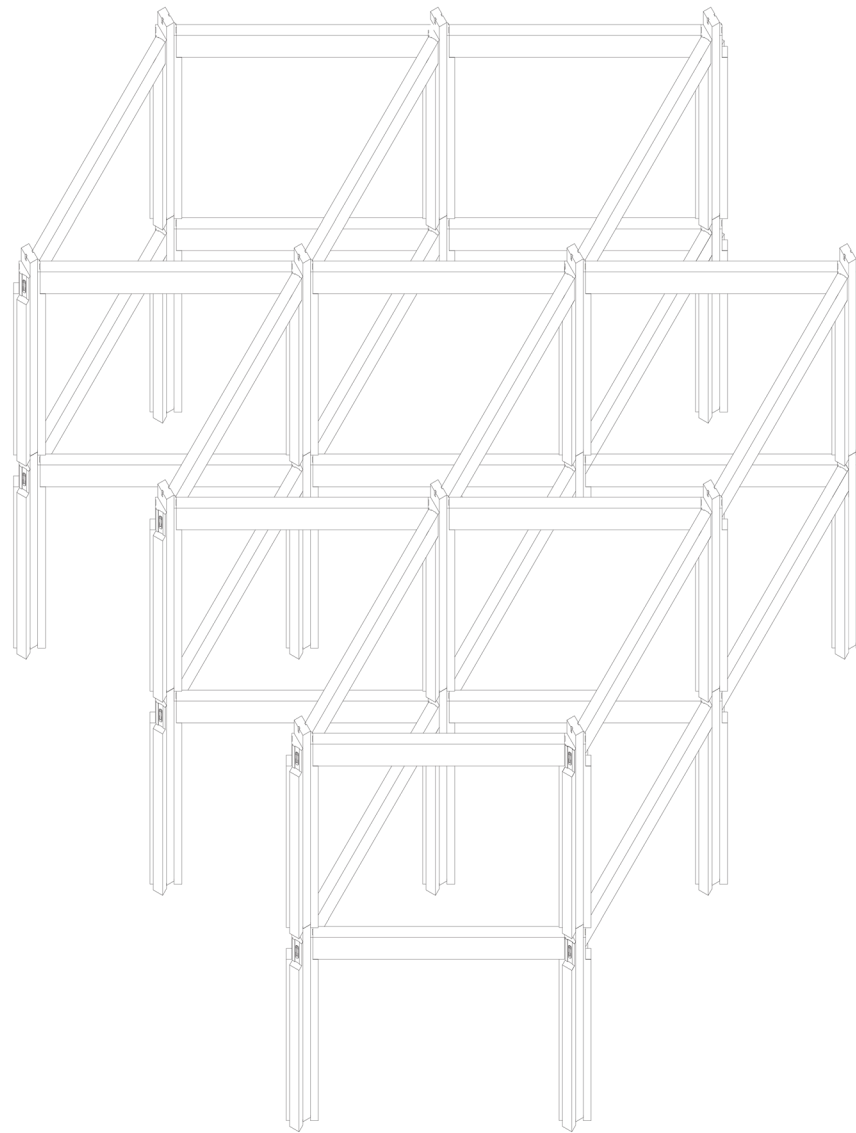
*Top-up*

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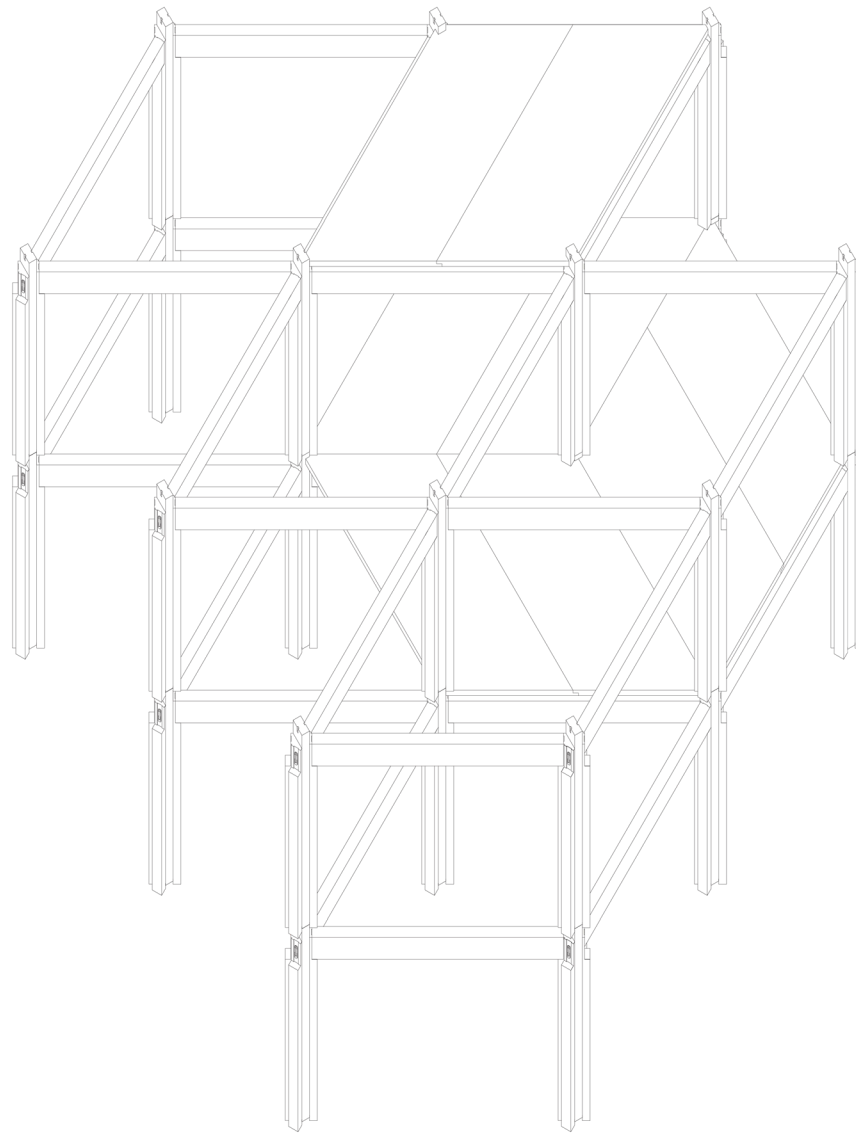




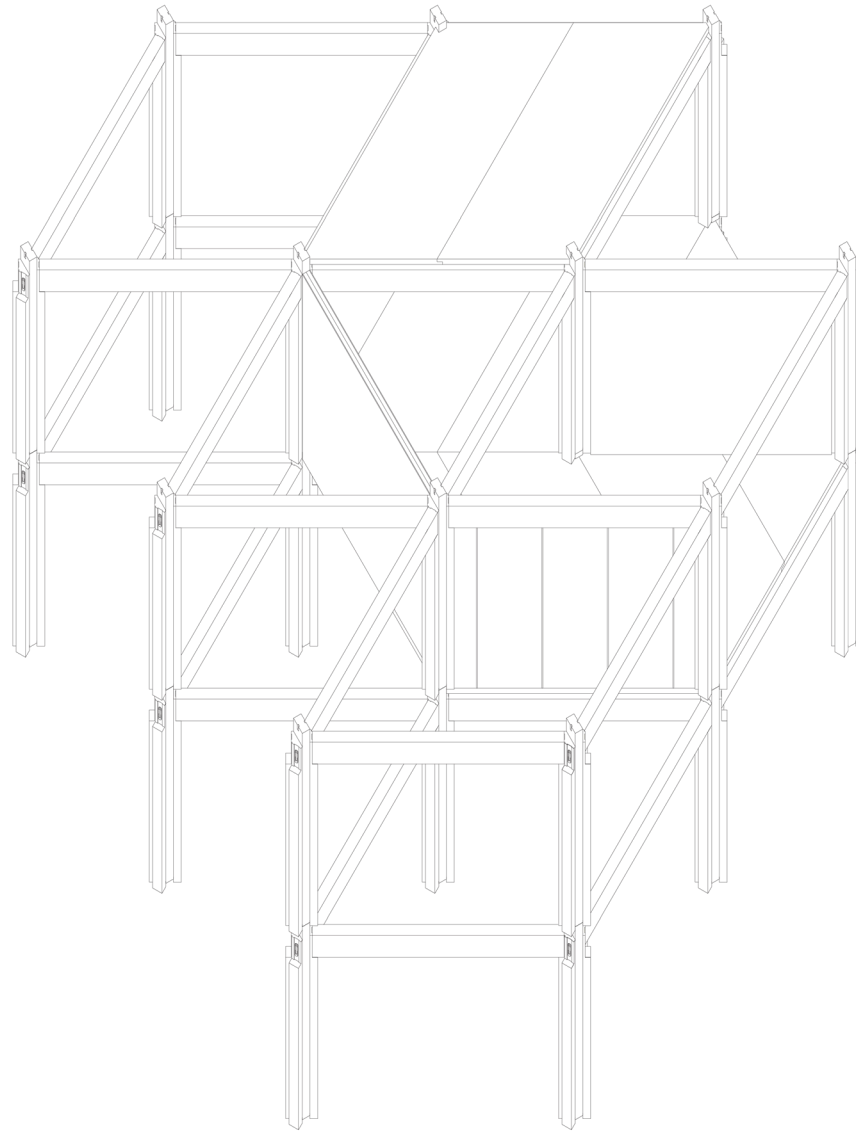
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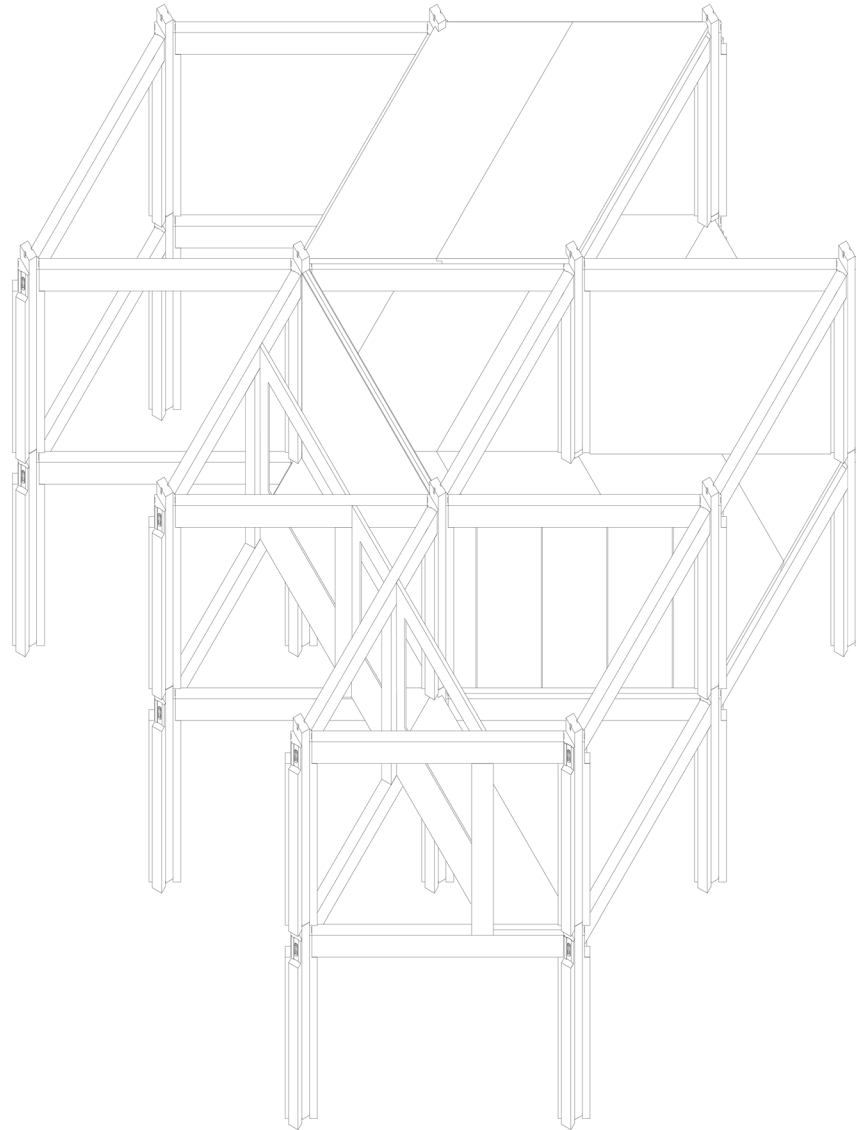
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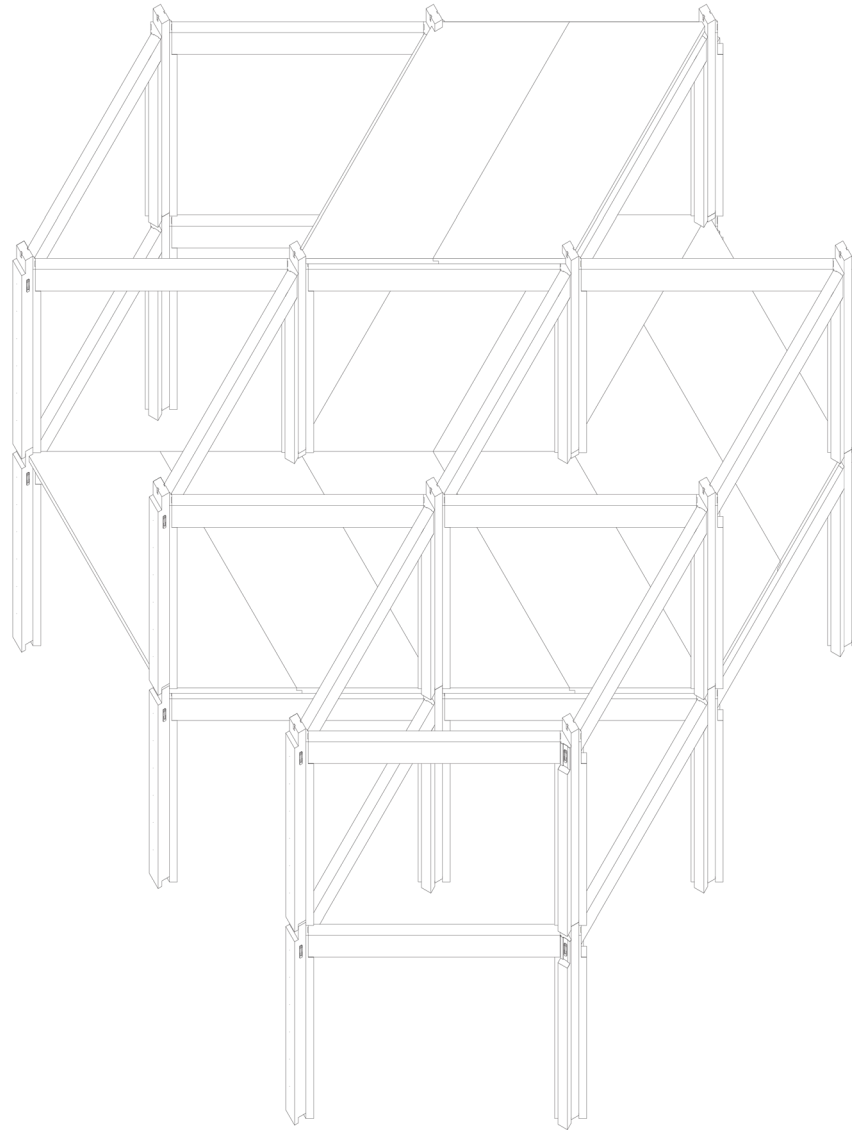


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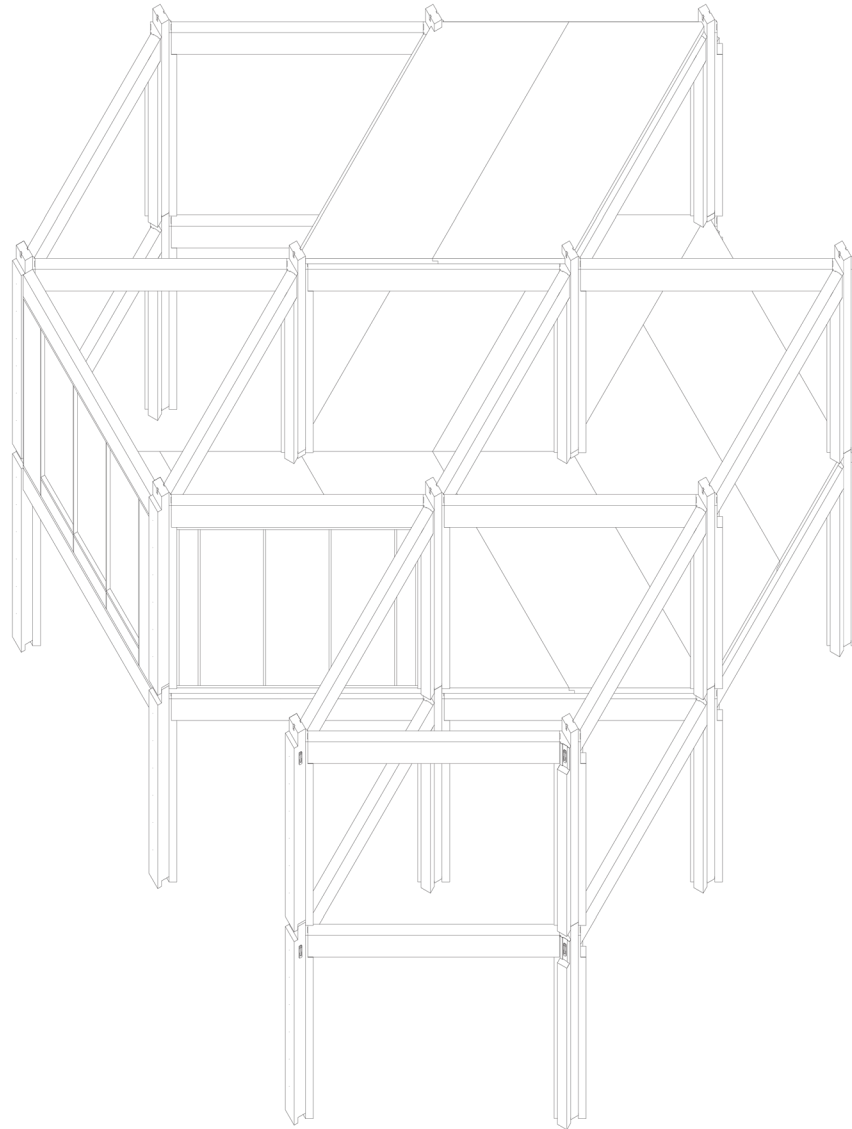




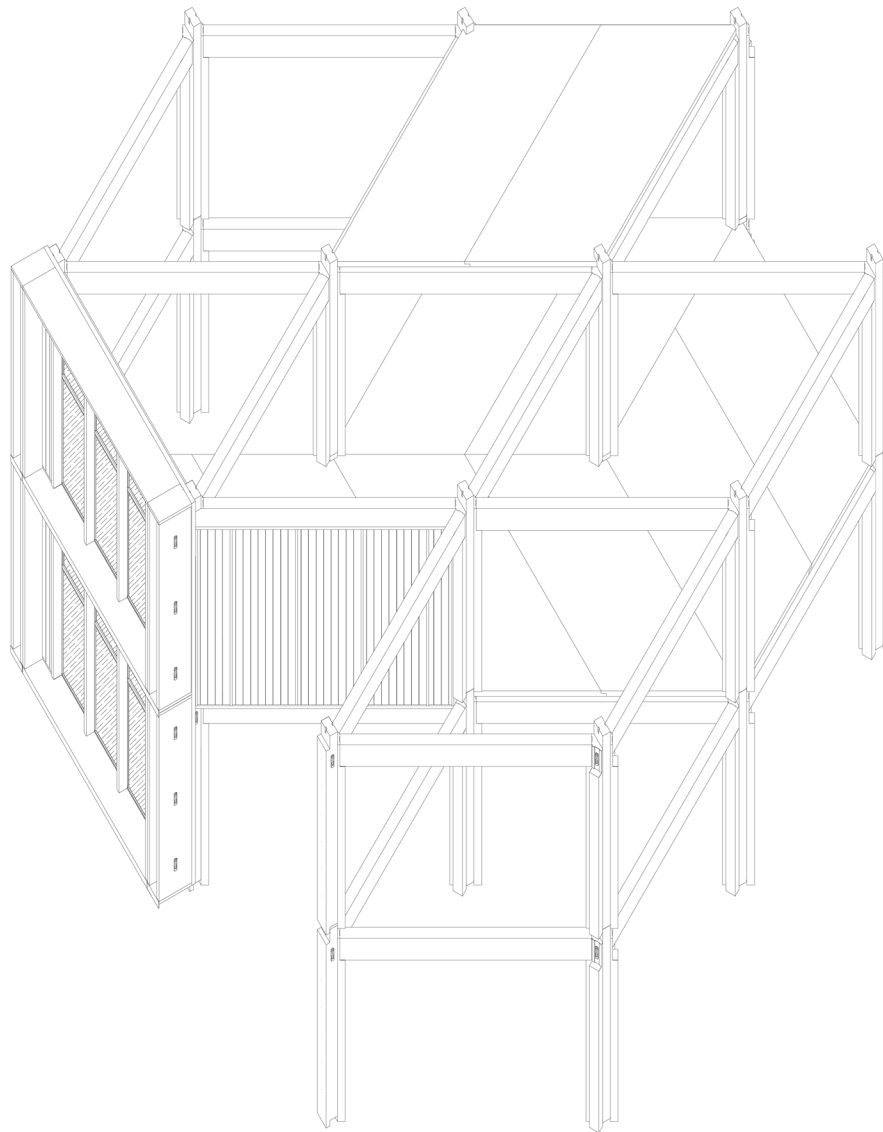
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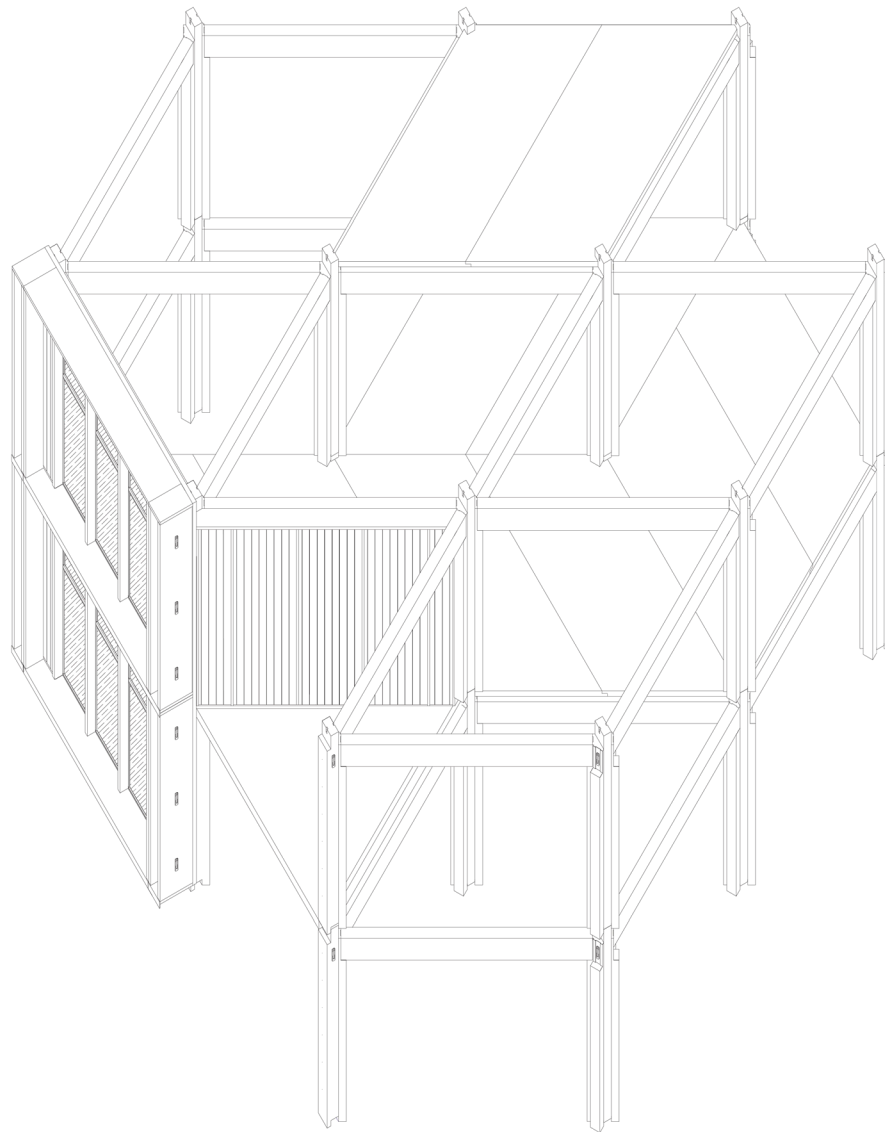
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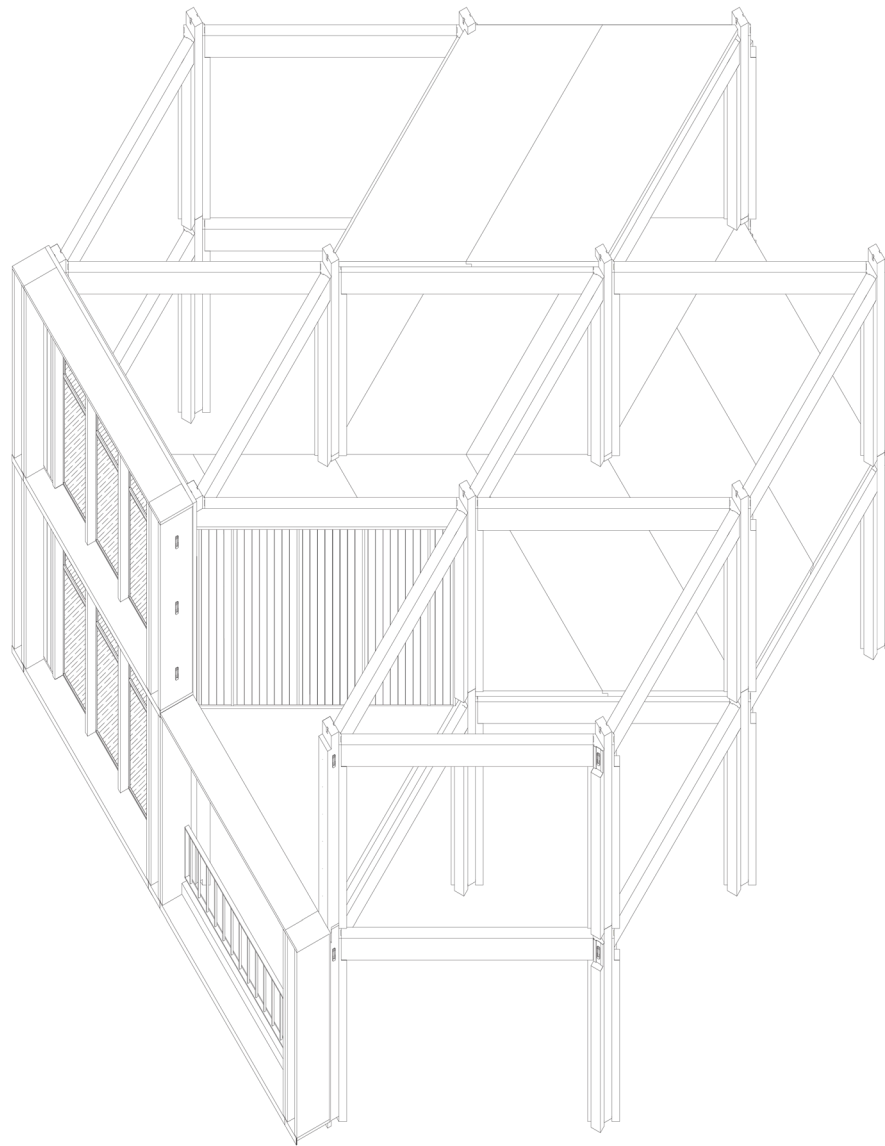


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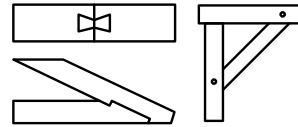
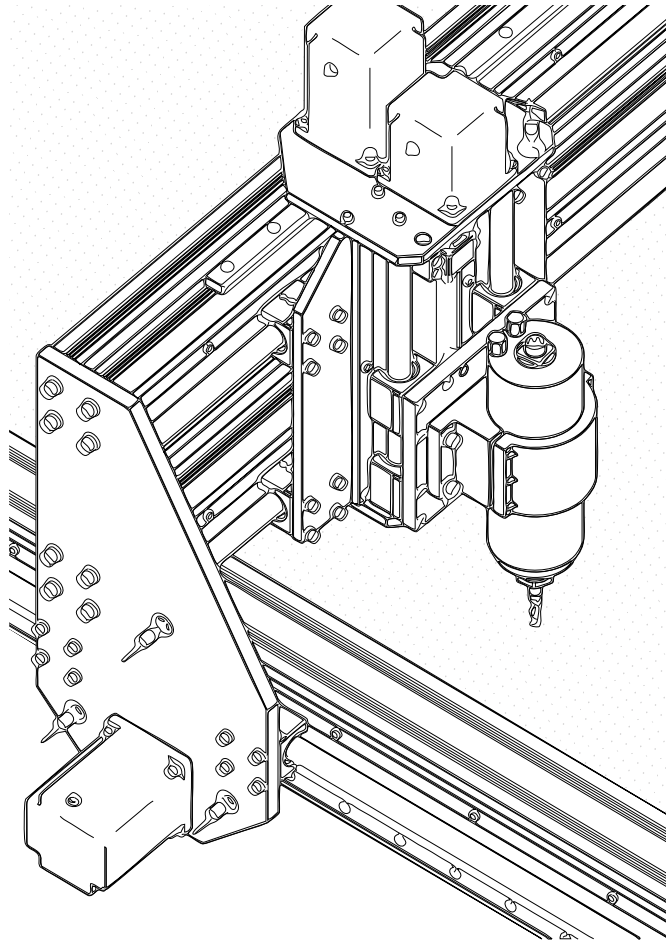


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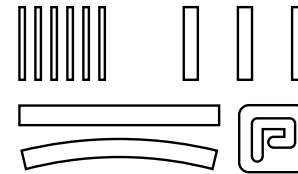


Research

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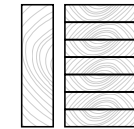
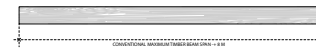


JOINERY TRADITIONS



LANGUAGE

**PONTEC assemblyline style bridge;**  
 Element constraints  
 Travel length max. 12.8 m  
 Panel width 3000 mm  
 Panel thickness 50 - 400 mm  
 8 positions for tools & aggregates possible  
 Basic spiral tool ø 16 mm  
 Basic saw unit ø 250 mm  
 Basic stapler unit staple length 26 - 65 mm



TRADITIONAL AND ENGINEERED SECTIONS

