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## UNIVERSITY AS A MARKETPLACE OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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# Topic, Context, Conclusion, Design

The Design is rooted in the specific context (Where?) in combination with the general topic of university teaching, particularly a vertical campus (What?). The conclusion is articulated in a design agenda to be fulfilled, based on the previous two topics and a general approach to 21st-century architecture and current societal challenges (How?).



**1. Topic (WHAT?)**

University



**2. Context (WHERE?)**

The Hague



**3. Conclusion (HOW?)**

Agenda



**4. Design**

Marketplace of Ideas

# What?

What should a university be?

Where?

Conclusion

DESIGN



# STUDIO INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2023-24 Graduation Studio of the Public Building Group!

Every academic year, the Public Building Graduation Studio investigates a new building type that is emerging from the ceaseless densification of our cities. In the next two semesters, we will explore the **Vertical Campus** for universities and institutes of higher education.

New building types often result from the **hybridization** of existing types that may have existed for decades and even centuries. Under the influence of today's lifestyles, digitalization, market economy, and climate change, historical paradigms of architecture are shifting. We will investigate the campus architecture of **higher education** that ventures out to other cities because the existing traditional university cities are unable to cope with the ever-increasing number of students and the limits to horizontal expansion. We will investigate how **learning and teaching** are changing because of new concepts arising from digital tools and virtualization, and what they mean for the types of architecture we need. We will also explore the possibility of various institutions and functions sharing buildings and facilities.

This studio will specifically focus on how to blend vertically configured educational buildings and facilities into The Hague's fast-growing center of the Dutch national government and international institutions around **The Hague Central Station**.

The verticality may provide a more sustainable way to build by enabling multiple use of spaces on a limited footprint. We will also tap into the need for **lifelong learning** and continuing education of for example government officials, educators, and professionals. Today, universities are particularly interested in ensuring that students, teachers and researchers are embedded more in society. Therefore, they invest in and create, close to campuses, possibilities for start-ups and other businesses for the application of research and hands-on training.

What can this new way of thinking of a university, growing on top, inside, and together with a government center embedded in a Dutch city center, look like? We will adopt an umbrella term **campus** for this. This is sometimes called the "fifth generation" campus. This means in particular campuses should be more integrated into daily life than in the past. When universities started centuries ago, they were also quite integrated into cities. In order to retrace the origin of universities,

we will first take an excursion to Great Britain where the concept of university, college, and (at a later stage) campus was partly invented. We will visit **Oxford** to learn about the medieval model and **London** where very modern universities are integrated into the city's fabric.

For the construction and materialization part in this studio – as an integral part of your architectural design – with the help of Technical Building Design instructors, we urge you to follow the concepts of **circular design** and find a way to minimize energy use and greenhouse gas emissions in order to help counter adverse climate conditions in cities. Through workshops, we will also encourage and support the use of **digital design tools** including coding and scripting for both urban research and mapping, as well as for making your own architectural design.

In addition, **Atelier Rijksbouwmeester** (Studio of the Chief Government Architect) will support us based on its current study of how to redevelop and expand the government center of the future both by re-use and creating new buildings. The Public Management group of **Real Estate Management** at BK will also help us along the way on the (multiple) usage of spaces, densities, and related data. With all the above in mind, we expect a high level of design in **Multiplicity**.

In this studio, you can really help invent the new types of **Vertical Campus** appropriate for our time and the coming future. The cities and their universities only now begin to develop such new concepts.

I am very much looking forward (and upward) to the results of the Vertical Campus Graduation Studio!

**Nathalie de Vries**  
Head of Public Building Group

Roy and Diana Vangelos Education Center, Diller Scofidio + Renfro, New York, USA, 2016.  
Photo: Iwan Baan



# REASONING

Syllabus: "...Today universities are particularly interested in ensuring that students, teachers and researchers are embedded more in society. Therefore, they invest in possibilities for start-ups and other businesses for the application of research and hands-on training."

I grew up loving to work with my hands and had an interest in how things fit together. This led me to start studying mechanical engineering, but I missed the creative aspect. So, I switched to an apprenticeship in product design at a school that had a similar approach to the Bauhaus, where practical trades like masonry and carpentry are taught in the same facilities. I decided to pursue architecture because it combines my diverse interests and has the ability to cre-



# POTENTIALS OF UNIVERSITY TEACHING

## 1. Hands-on work.

Specialized tools and addressing contemporary social challenges.



## 2. Mentoring.

Personal guidance and growth, contrasting with generic online courses.



## 3. Networking

Interdisciplinary work and learning from other disciplines.

## 4. Projects that live-on.

Real-world application of research and project output.

# SHORTCOMINGS OF UNIVERSITY TEACHING

## 1. Theoretical and one-sided

## 2. Isolated study-subjects

## 3. Isolated from city and public.

## 4. Few real world applications



## UNIVERSITY → RESEARCH QUESTION 1/2

This already concludes to the first part of my research question, based on diverse educational systems and situations and the general potentials, that can be seen in University teaching.

How can The Hague's new campus fosters practical learning and real-world application?

What?

## Where?

What does the location offer?

Conclusion

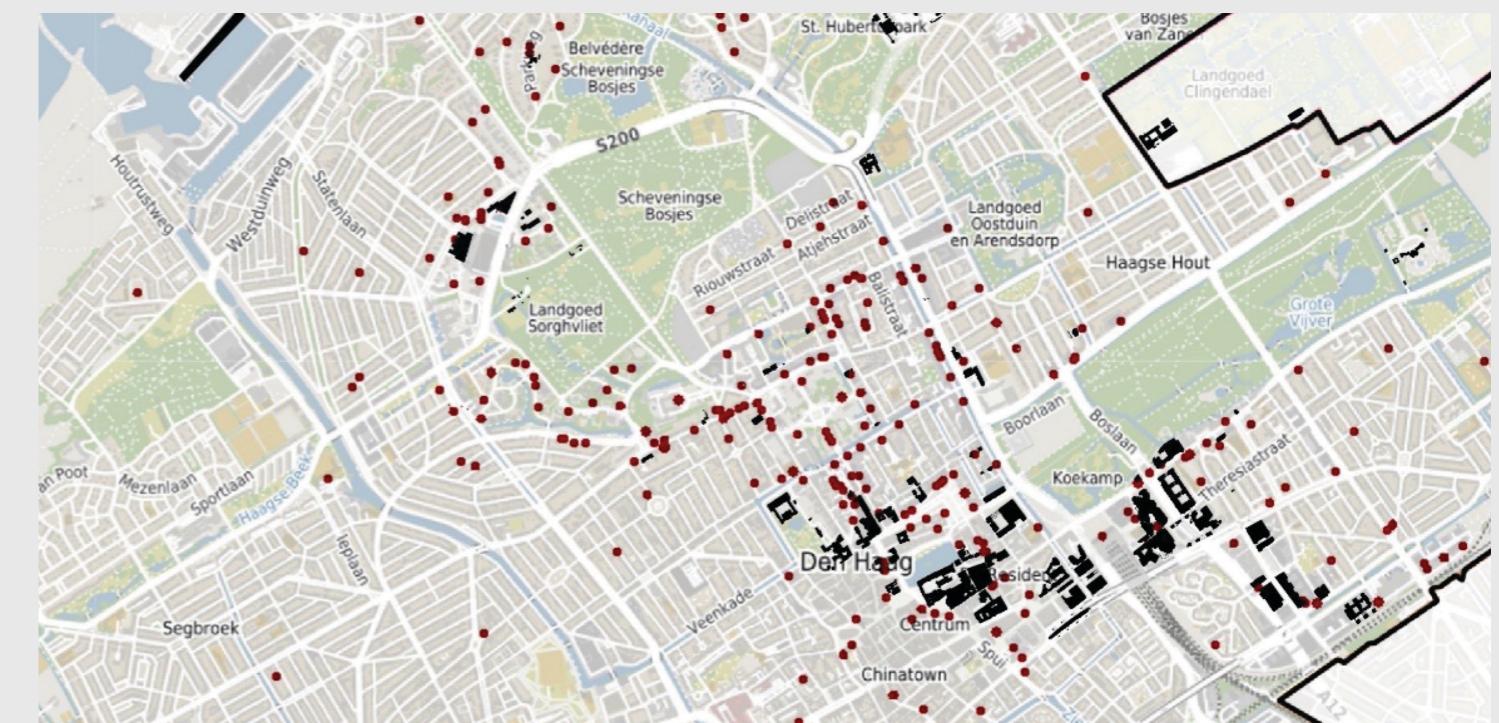
DESIGN





# THE HAGUE: THE CITY OF PEACE AND JUSTICE

1. International Court of Justice (ICJ)
2. International Criminal Court (ICC)
3. Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)
4. Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)
5. The Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH)
6. Eurojust
7. Europol
8. Special Tribunal for Lebanon
9. International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals
10. The Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court
11. Dutch House of Representatives
12. Dutch Senate
13. Ministry of Justice and Security
14. Ministry of Foreign Affairs
15. Ministry of Defence
16. Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations
17. The Netherlands Supreme Court
18. International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP)
19. The Hague Institute for Global Justice
20. The Hague Academy of International Law
21. NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCI Agency)
22. The Netherlands Institute of International Relations 'Clingendael'
23. The Peace Palace Library
24. The Hague Program for Cyber Norms



# CENTER OF INNOVATION AND STARTUPS

International orientation and vibrant start up culture top 5 fastest growing tech hub

more than 1500 start ups

50.000 internationals

over 200+ international organisations

## New Energy

For decades leading multinational energy companies such as Shell, Orsted, Q8, Aramco and Total and numerous engineering companies have chosen to be located in The Hague.

There are many initiatives in The Hague that actively support the development of sustainable solutions ensuring the **transition to renewable forms of energy** in the near future.

Some of these solutions, such as the blinking lights of **offshore wind farms** that can be seen at night from The Hague beach in Scheveningen or the **solar panels** on roofs, are already visible to the eye. Other, less visible solutions such as the **geothermal** generation of energy, have become a cornerstone of The Netherlands' energy transition.

## Finance

Ongoing investments and funding are vital for innovation and business growth. Here in The Hague, established financial industry with major multinationals headquartered in the city - **Nationale-Nederlanden, Aegon, MN Services, NIBC and FMO** together with key financial institutions based in The Hague make up a solid foundation for a healthy business climate critical for the startups and business success. This strong financial infrastructure makes our city a very attractive place for finance-related businesses and startups.

## Cyber Security

The Hague is a major and rapidly expanding **cybersecurity hub** in Europe. In The Hague, we believe that new technologies are imperative in accelerating and maintaining peace, justice and security worldwide.

Major international advancements and breakthroughs in the fields of cybersecurity, forensics, national security and critical infrastructure are developed in The Hague area, forming an unparalleled **ecosystem of cybersecurity** companies.

Our city drives **global initiatives** on the ethical and legal challenges related to the internet, big data, artificial intelligence (AI) and robotics.

## NGOs & Social Enterprises

The Hague is becoming more and more known as an **Impact City**, where impact investors are looking for **promising businesses** and projects to make the world more sustainable and more innovative. A city, where entrepreneurs, governmental institutions, academic and business communities together are working towards a **better, safer and more just world**. We believe that economic success can go hand in hand with solutions for a better world. Under the motto "doing good and doing business" we concentrate talent in the city to address the global challenges.

## IT & Technology

As a global hub for innovation and entrepreneurship, The Hague is a centre of IT & Tech expertise.

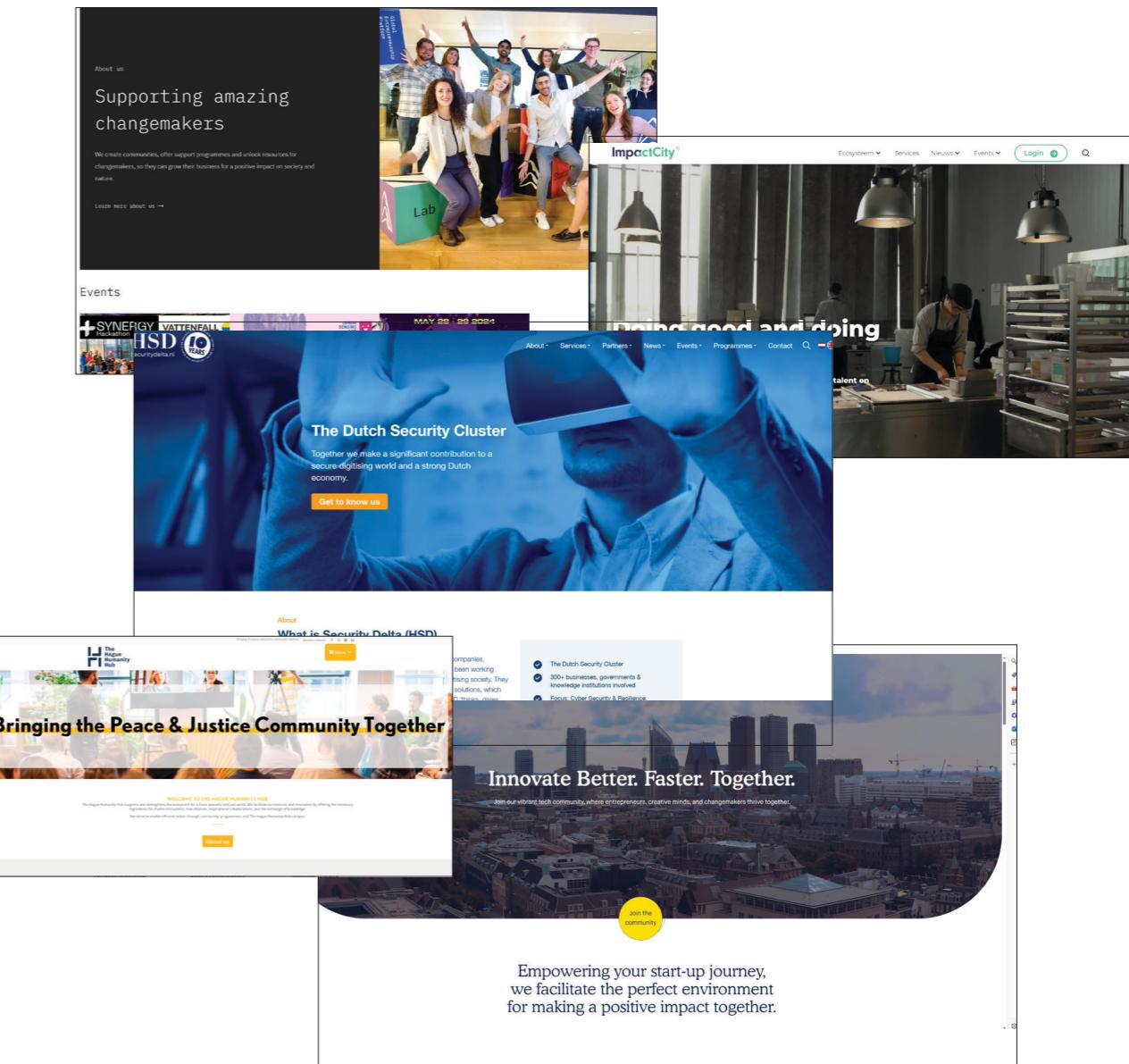
At the national level, The Hague is home to the new **Strategic Action Plan for Artificial Intelligence** and initiatives and organisations, such as:

- ImpactCity
- The Hague Humanity Hub
- The Hague Security Delta
- The Hague Tech
- YES!Delft
- World Start-up Factory

Together they form a strong tech ecosystem in The Hague that attracts industry leaders as well as young IT talent.

## Legal & Policy

The Hague, as the International City of Peace Justice, has a strong Legal & Policy cluster due to the well-established community of policymakers, commercial firms and public institutions. The Hague opens many opportunities to foreign direct investments in order to further strengthen its Legal & Policy cluster.



# POTENTIALS OF A UNIVERSITY CAMPUS IN THE HAGUE

## 1. Political Center

Students gain firsthand exposure to international politics and diplomacy, enhancing their understanding and potential career opportunities in governmental and diplomatic fields.



## 2. Center of Peace and Justice

The presence of major international courts enables specialized programs in international law and human rights, utilizing local expertise and institutions.



## 3. Endless Initiatives and Organizations

The city's multitude of initiatives and organizations offers vast opportunities for engaging with global projects and networks.

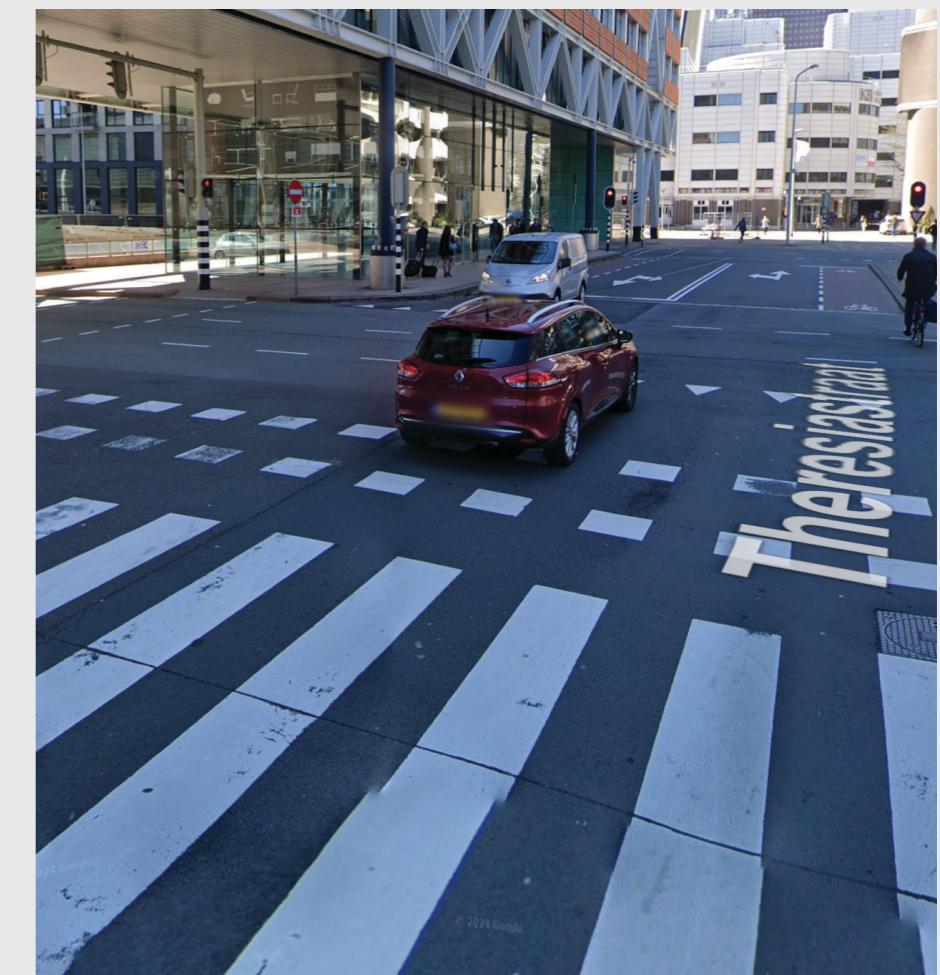
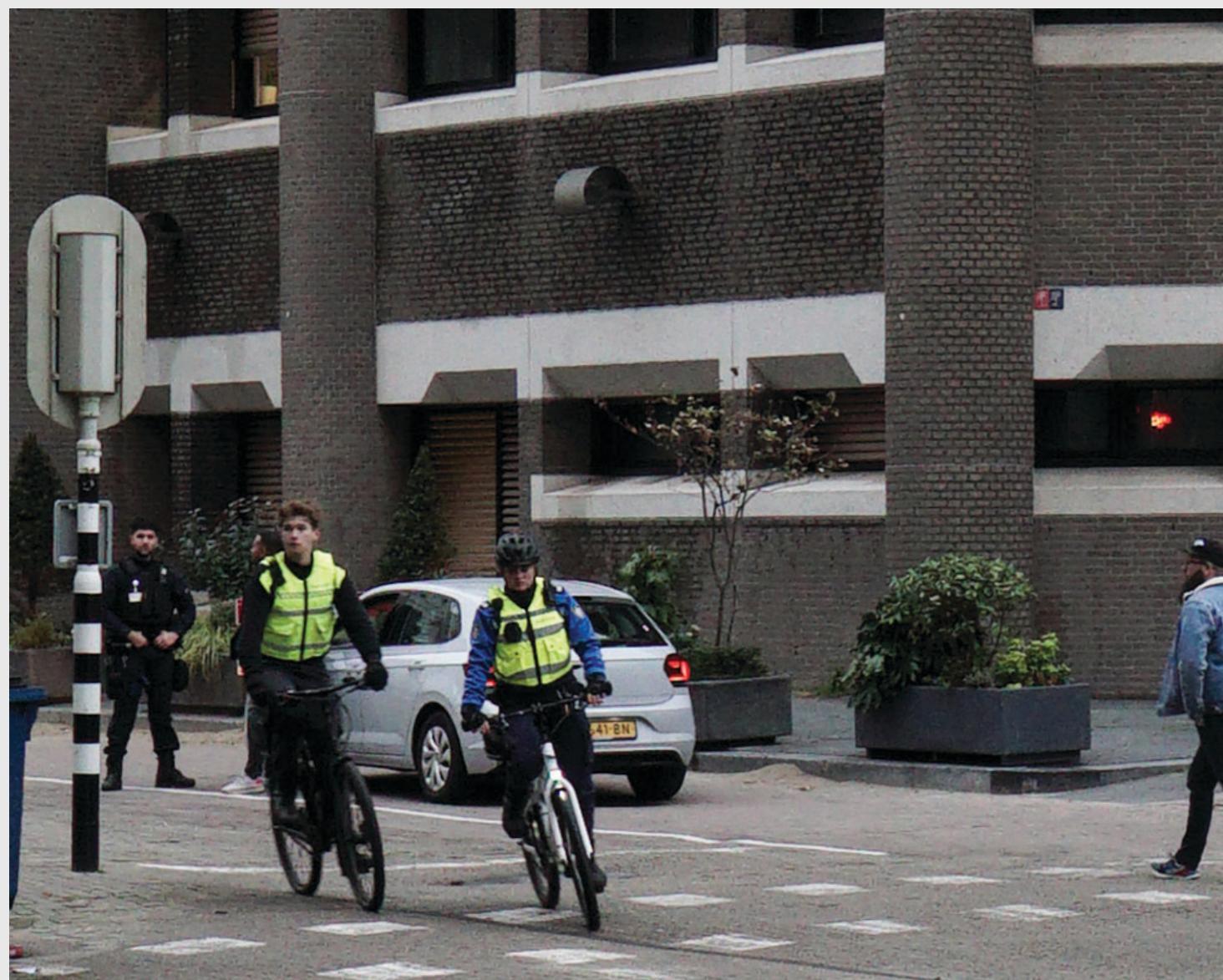


## 4. Innovation and Entrepreneurship

The Hague's focus on innovation provides valuable resources for students interested in entrepreneurship, connecting them with tech startups and business incubators.



# THE REALITY OF THE HAGUE'S CENTRAL INNOVATION DISTRICT



# CONTEXT → RESEARCH QUESTION 2/2

Taking into account the distinctive context of The Hague, the other part of the question explores the unique opportunities this particular area of the city offers. It searches for the potential role of a university in the unique context of The Hague, considering its distinct political, educational, and cultural landscape.

1. the potentials of The Hague
- 2: the potentials of a "physical" learning environment



**WHERE?**



- (1.) How can The Hague's new campus be a dynamic, cross-disciplinary forum between the public, industry and politics (2.) that fosters practical learning and real-world application?

**WHAT?**



What?

Where?

**HOW?**

DESIGN

What is the resulting Agenda?

# RESULTING AGENDA

A high-rise university should be a dynamic hub of knowledge, embodying a network of learning where educational, political, residential, and commercial activities coexist to enhance the educational experience. Open to the public. Anyone can learn, teach or participate in discussions.

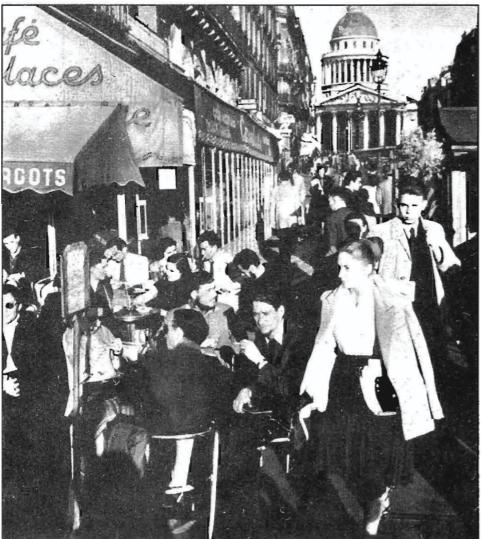
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"A pattern language", Christopher Alexander, Sara Ishikawa and Murray Silverstein

### 43 UNIVERSITY AS A MARKETPLACE



## A PUBLIC FORUM

Incorporating the Political context: how to construct a public forum for exchange of political ideas

## A SYMBOL OF COMMUNITY - NOT POWER

High-rise buildings should prioritize community instead of a representation of power. They should embrace sustainable materials and use low-tech construction methods and reversible connections that allow for adaptability.

## CONNECTING THE CITY.

First horizontal, then vertical. Less borders, more street activities and interaction. Including nearby governmental buildings into the urban approach.

## TO DO's:

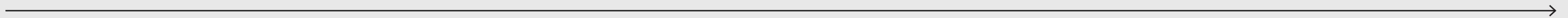
1. Publicly accessible
2. Local industry involvement
3. Political involvement
4. Active street scene
5. Interdisciplinary collaboration
6. Responsive to societal changes
7. Diverse educational offerings
8. Sustainability-focused

What?

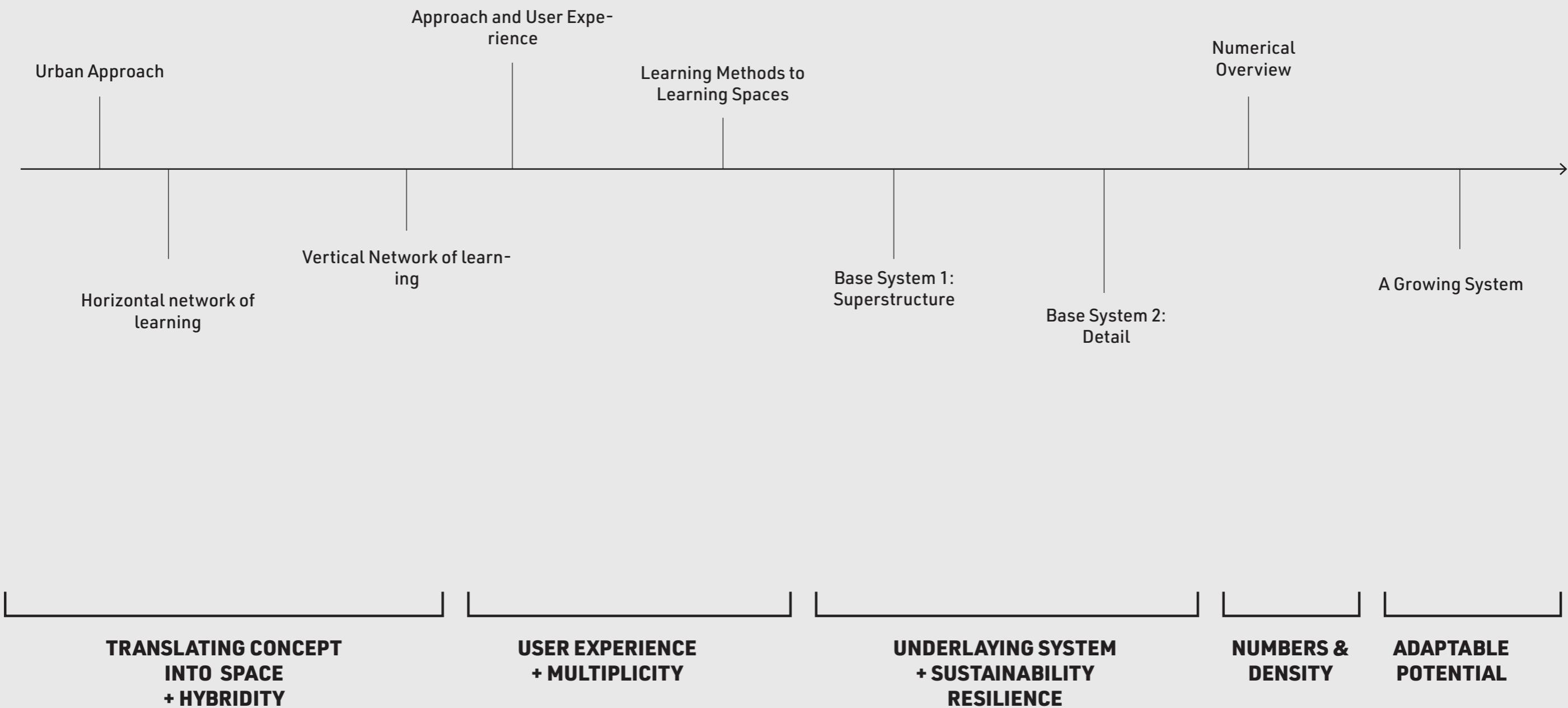
Where?

Conclusion

**DESIGN**



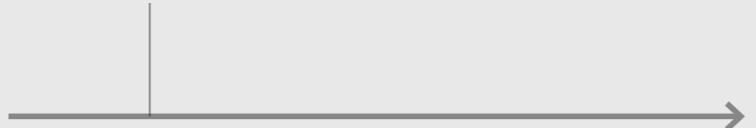
# DESIGN CHAPTER OVERVIEW

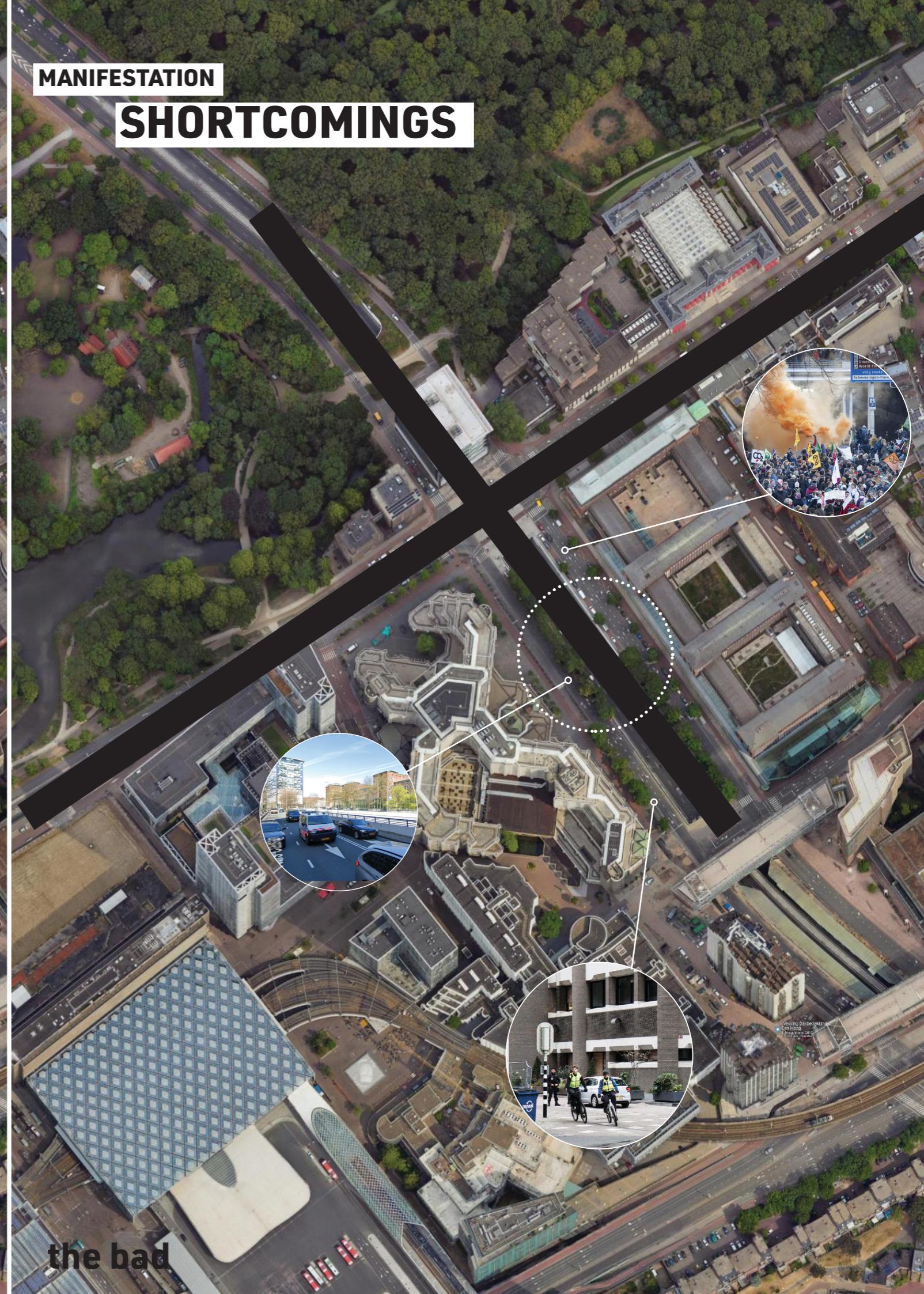


## URBAN APPROACH

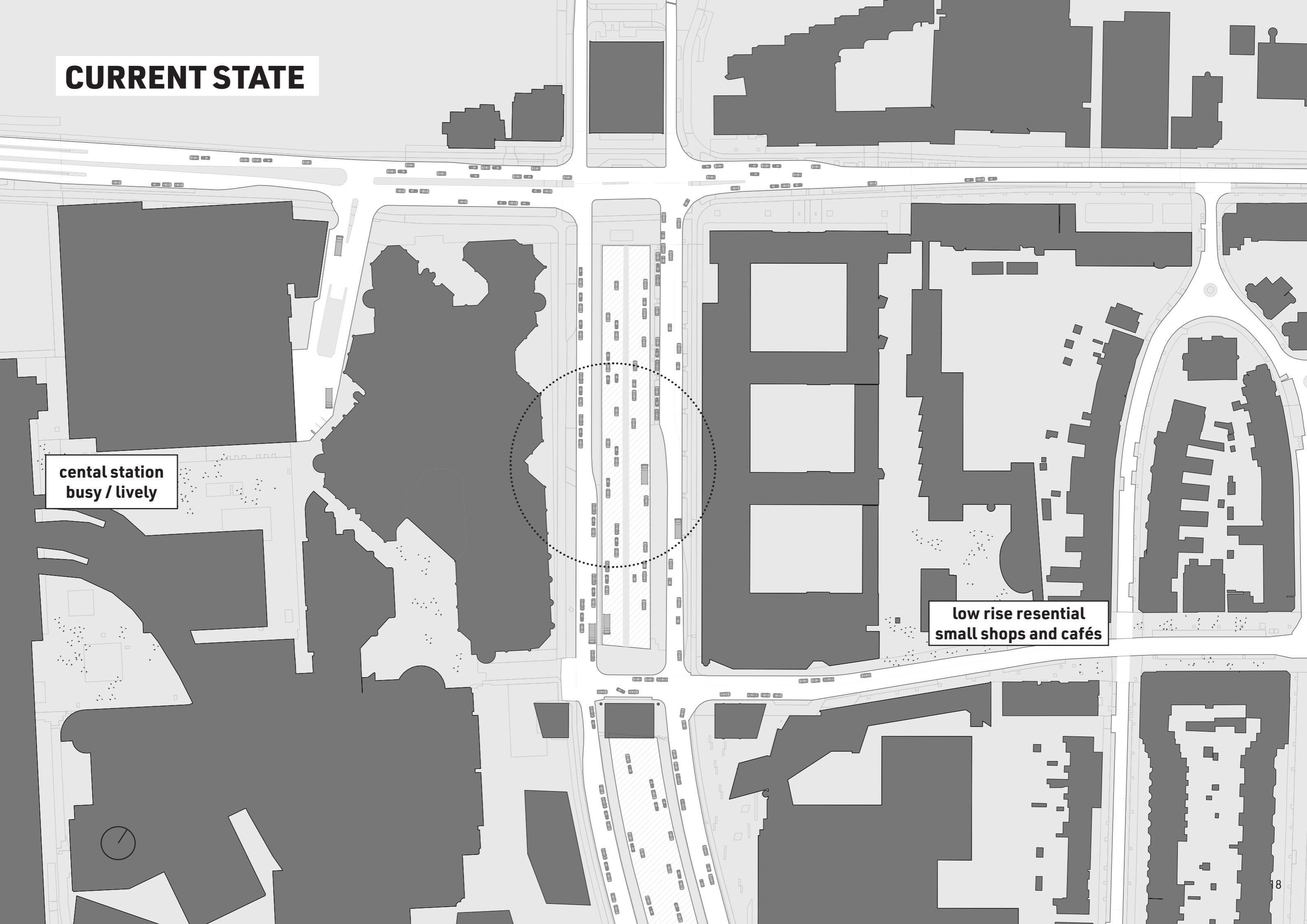
Choice of Location

Laying the foundation for an urban campus.



**MANIFESTATION****POTENTIALS****MANIFESTATION****SHORTCOMINGS****the good****the bad**

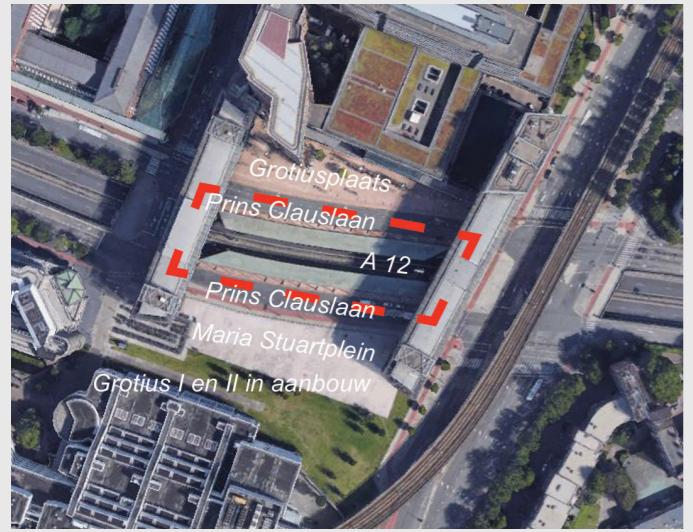
# CURRENT STATE



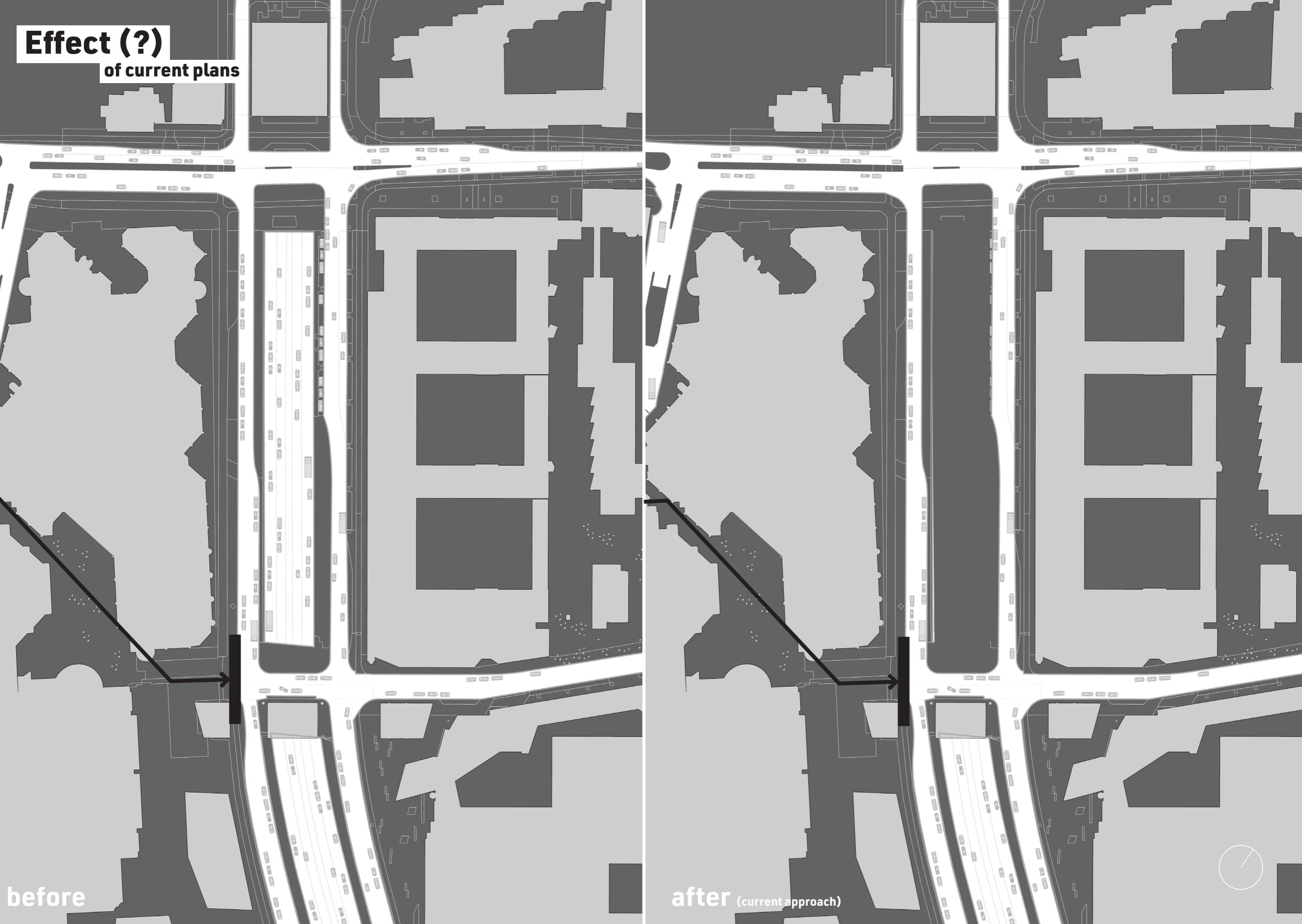
# CURRENT PLANS

Francesco Veenstra noted (Rijksbouwmeester)...  
...the need to extend development efforts beyond the immediate vicinity of The Hague's main station to surrounding areas.

Plans are in place to close off the highway in the middle and create a park on top, forming an island surrounded by streets. There is also a design proposal, for example by Mecanoo, which suggests placing towers above the road. Additionally, there are already several structures that hover over the roadway or sit atop the underlying highway.



# Effect (?) of current plans



# A City for People

My proposal aims to reimagine this part of The Hague by taking an additional step: what if we move the two remaining surface lanes underground, alongside the already existing lanes, to free up space for the city and its residents? This people-centric approach would connect the bustling areas around the main station with the residential zone to the east.

Significant development is occurring within 400 meters of the train station, and the government is currently looking to expand this area, which aligns with the direction of this proposal.

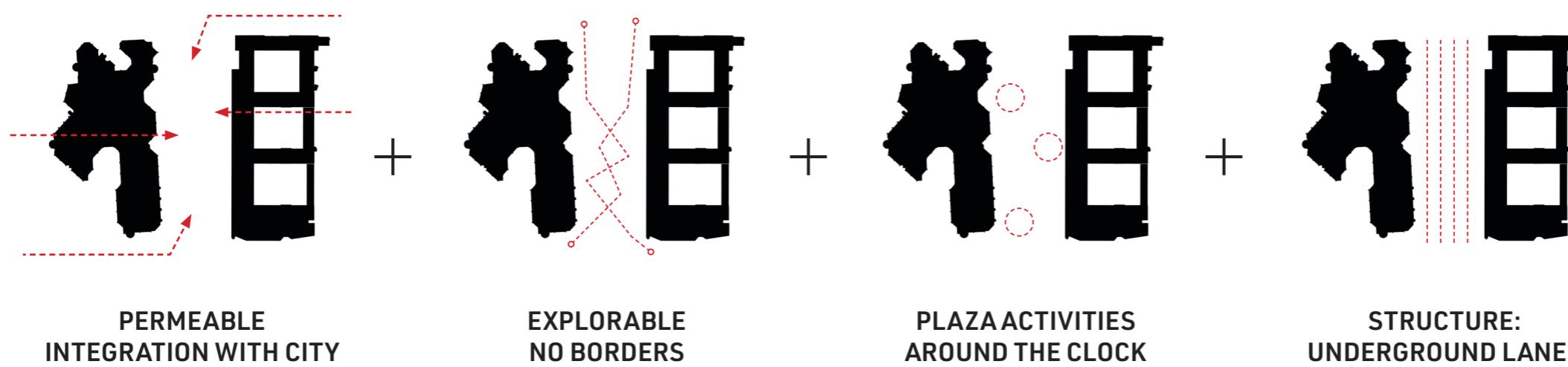
before



after (proposal)



## HORIZONTAL PRINCIPLES SIMILAR TO A MARKETPLACE



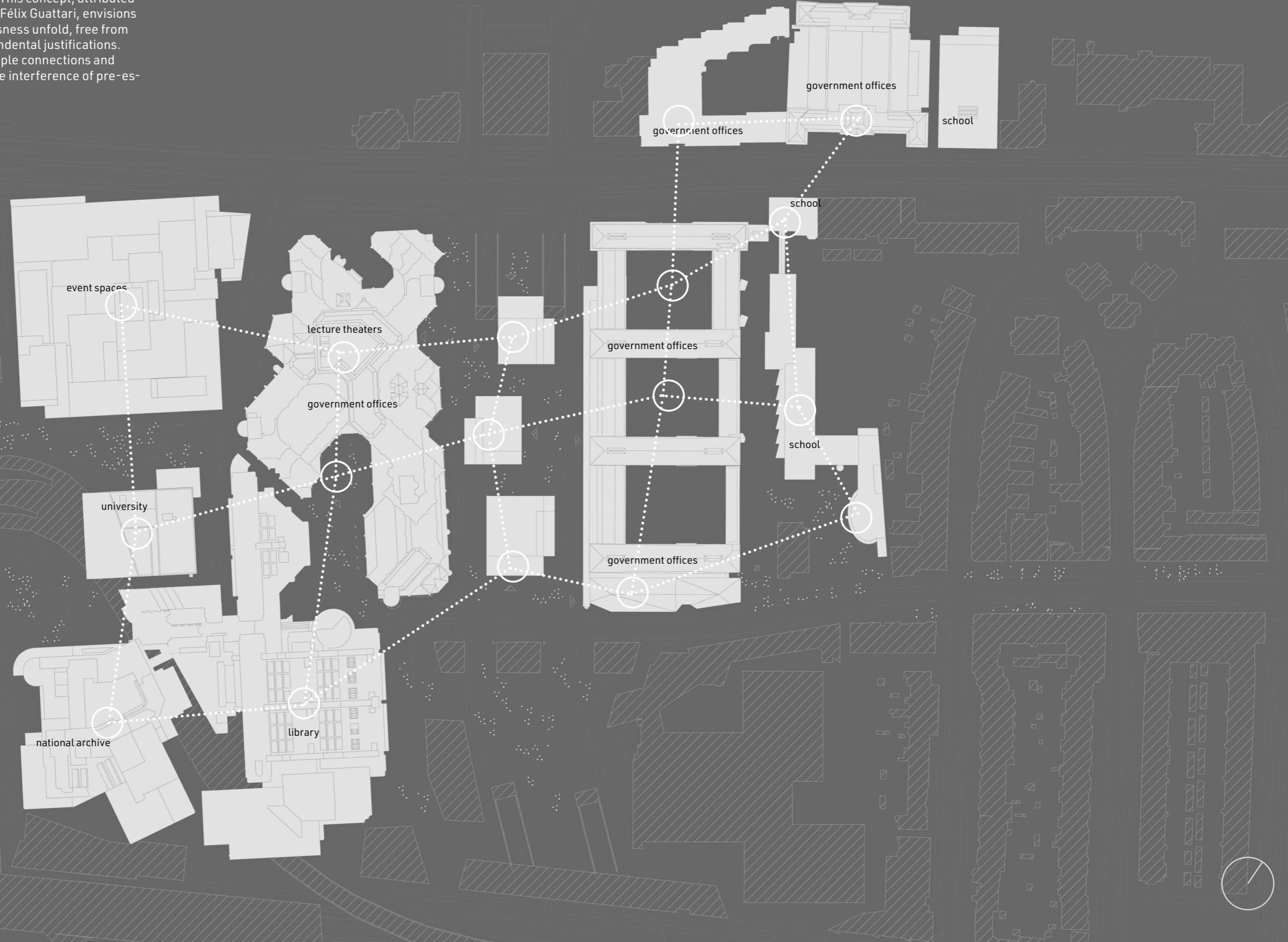
# THE CITY BECOMES THE CAMPUS

Not only the Building itself acts as a University building/the Campus. The whole area east of the train station is acting as one large campus plane, integrated with the city.



# The plane of immanence

By adopting this urban approach with the campus building and integrating neighboring structures, the campus will incorporate buildings from political, business, and educational sectors. Together, they create a plane of possibilities known as the plane of immanence. This concept, attributed to philosophers Gilles Deleuze and Félix Guattari, envisions a space where all life and consciousness unfold, free from hierarchical distinctions or transcendental justifications. It serves as a backdrop where multiple connections and expressions can emerge without the interference of pre-established categories.



Urban Approach

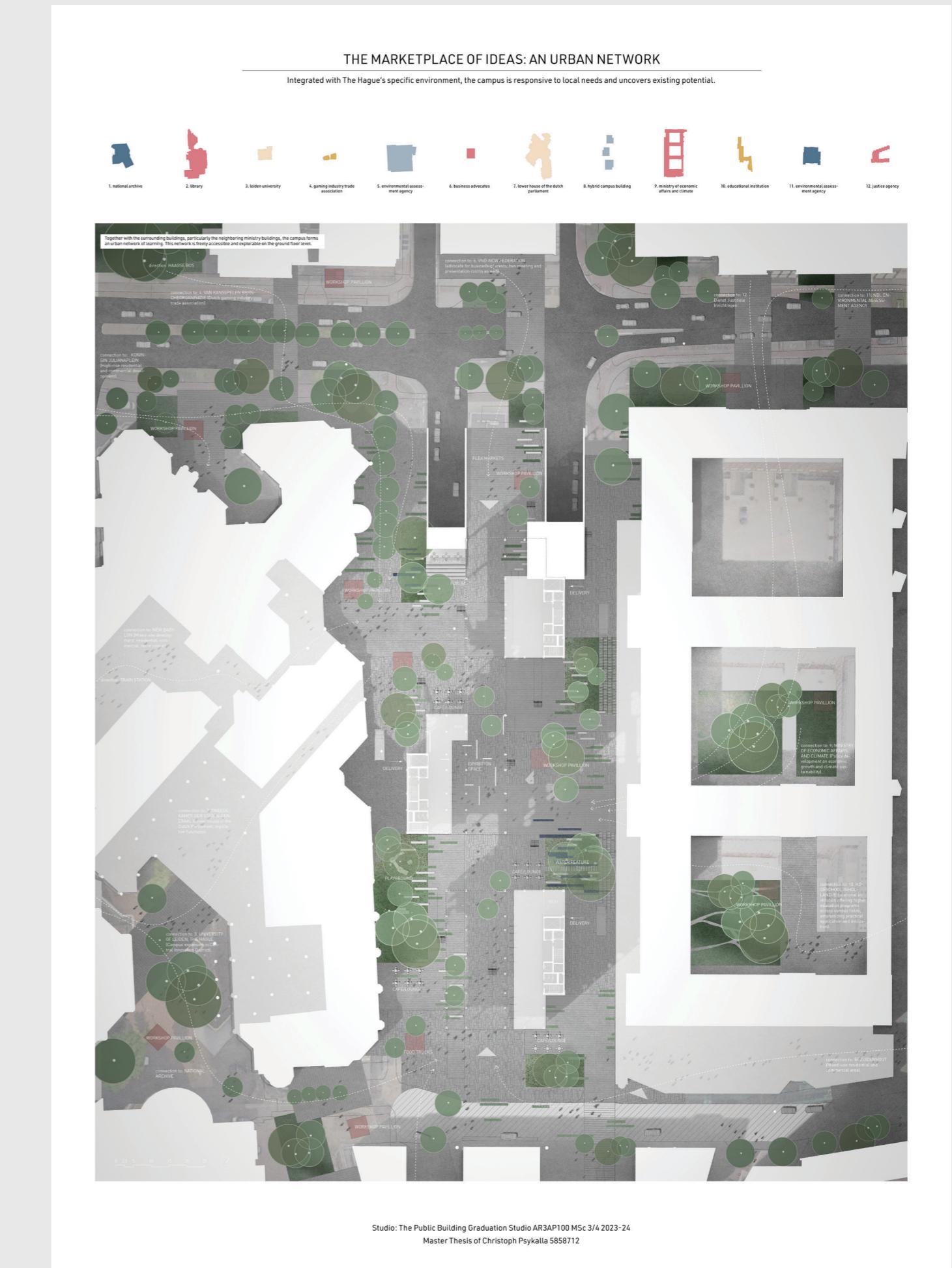


## **HOIZONTAL NETWORK OF LEARNING**

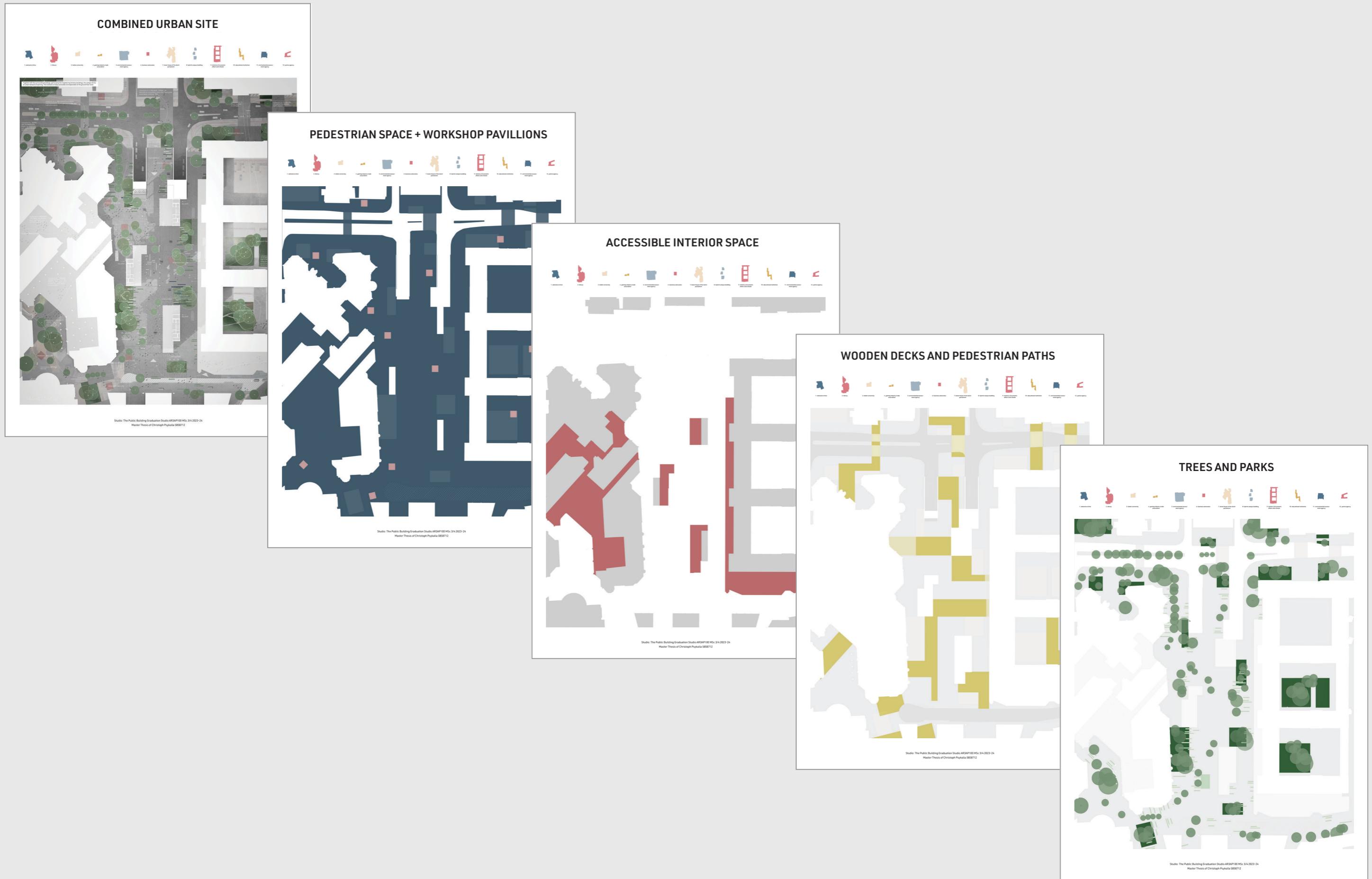
Integrating Qualities of the Central Innovation District  
New Urban center

## The Network of Learning: Horizontal

Here are some of the close neighbors shown that could be integrated into the campus design. Fully integrated spaces or simply shared office spaces to maximize occupancy rates. Only minor adjustments are needed in the urban setting to achieve significant changes in urban life. Parks will be established, roads will be restricted, and workshop pavilions will be distributed like a net across the area. Additionally, features such as wooden decks and seating/assembly areas will be constructed. In combination with similar paths and pavements, the campus will extend towards the neighboring buildings.



# MAIN ELEMENTS



# PATHS

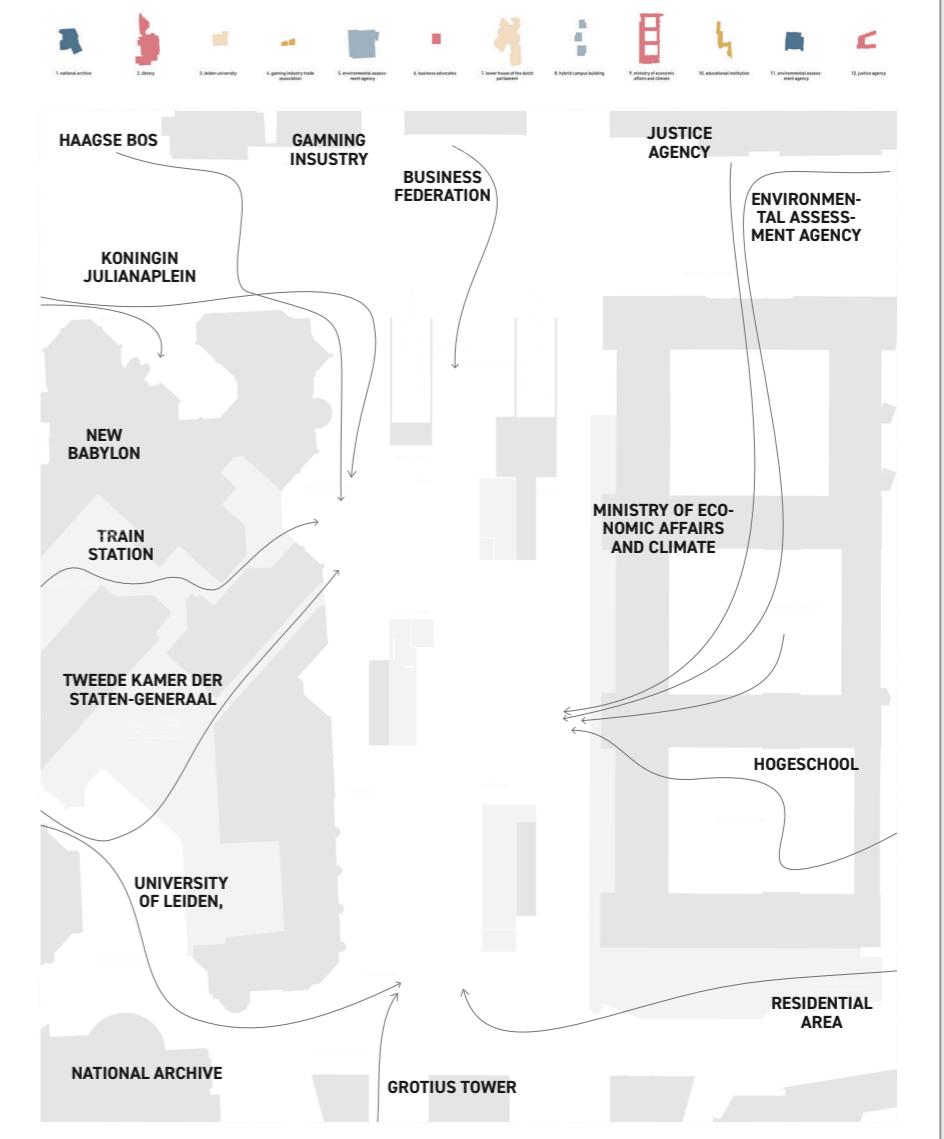
## COMBINED URBAN SITE

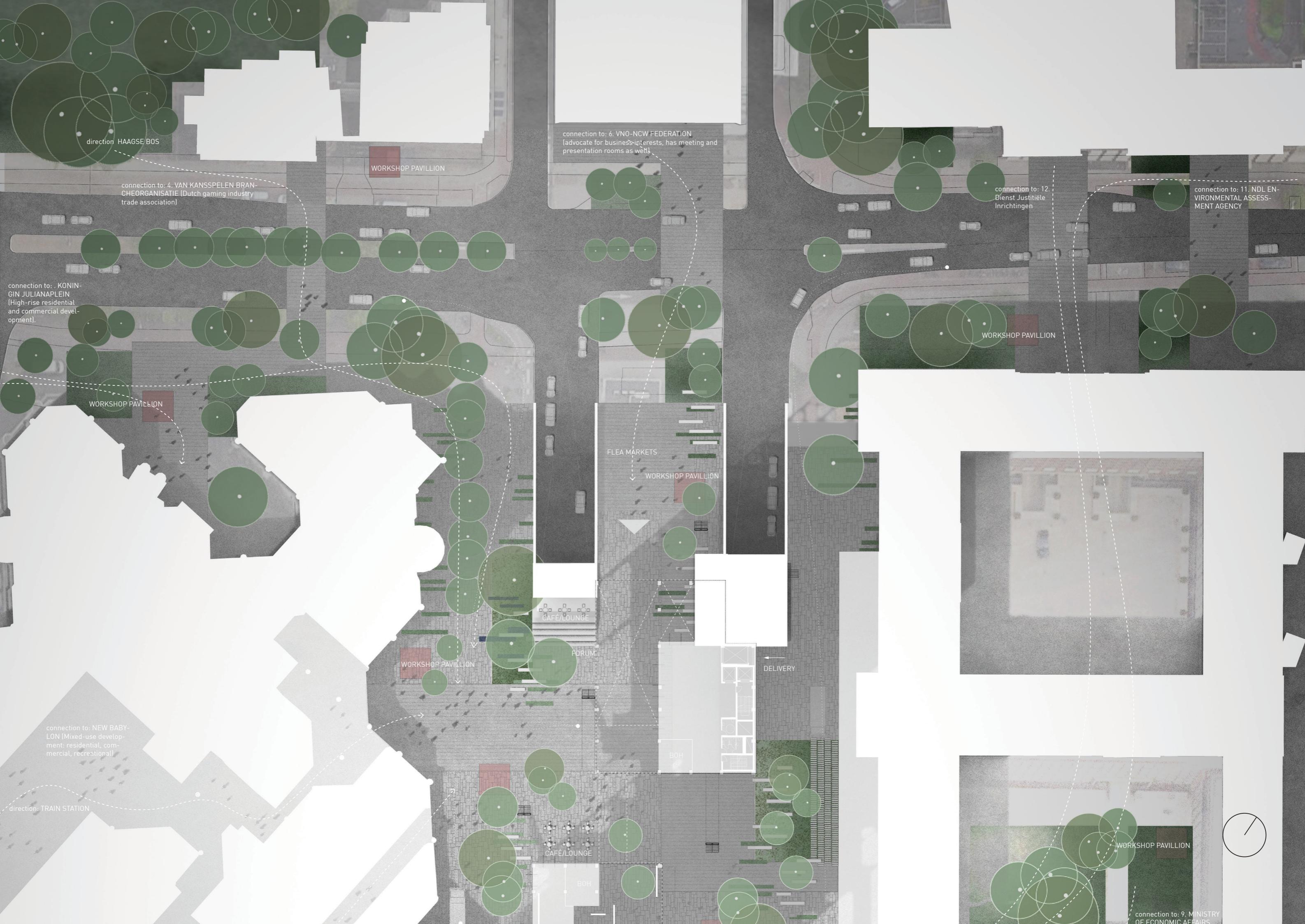


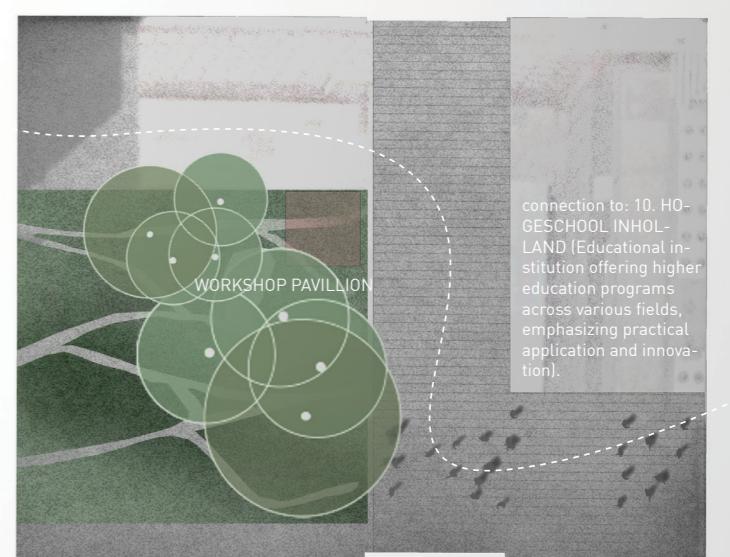
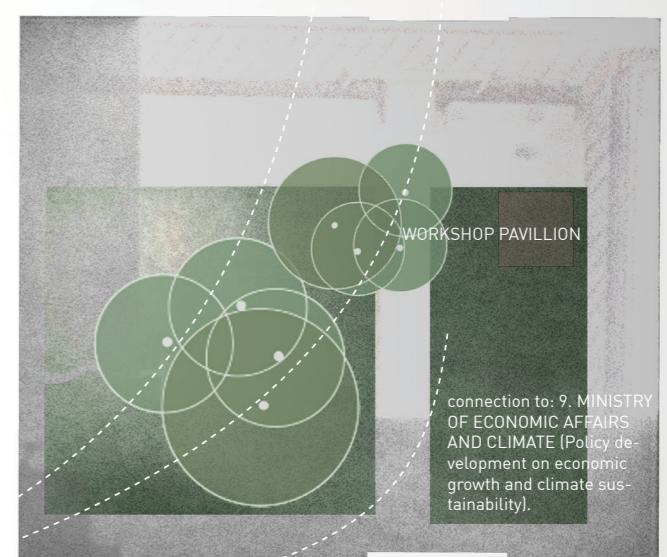
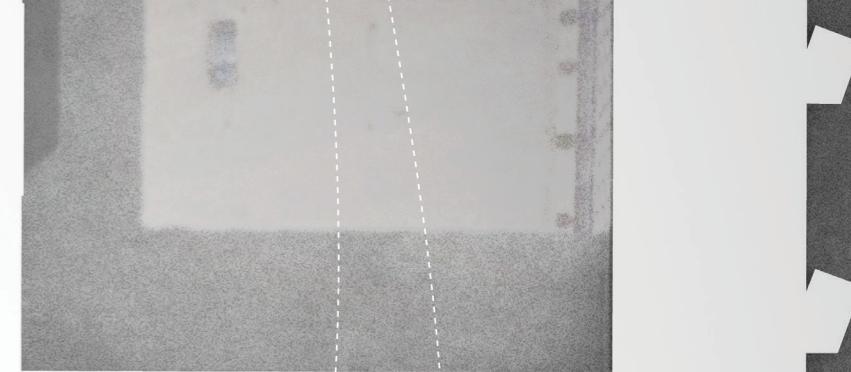
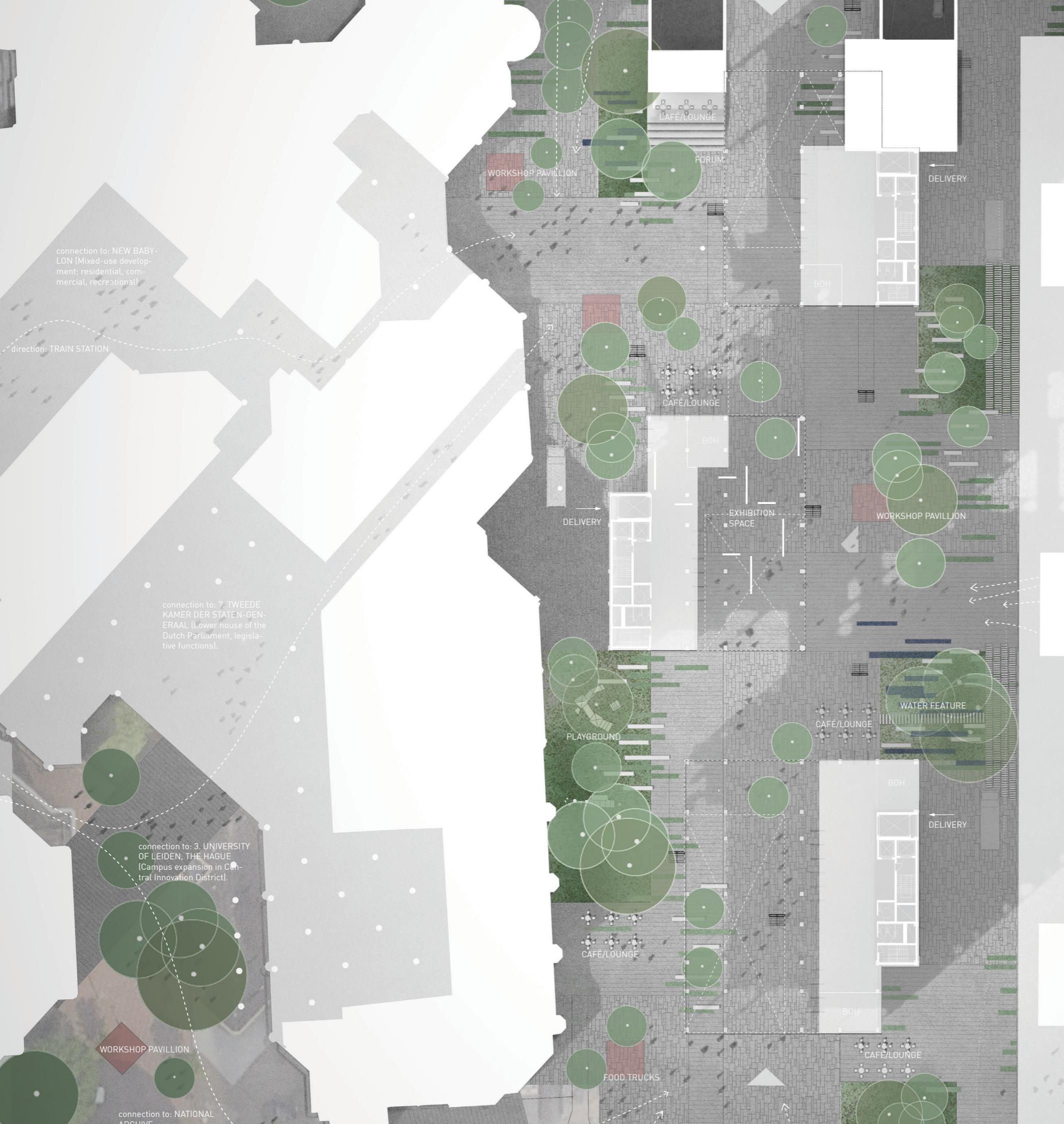
## PATHS: DELIVERY



## PATHS: TO/FROM NEIGHBOURS







DEFIN

connection to: 3. UNIVERSITY OF LEIDEN, THE HAGUE (Campus expansion in Central Innovation District).

## WORKSHOP PAVILLION

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#### WORKSHOP PAVILION

## PLAYGROUND

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CAFÉ/L

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ONOMIC AFFAIRS  
CLIMATE (Policy de-  
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and climate sus-  
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connection to: 10. HO-GESCHOOL INHOL-LAND (Educational in-stitution offering higher education programs across various fields, emphasizing practical application and innova-tion).

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#### WORKSHOP PAVILLION

connection to: NATIONAL  
ARCHIVE

WORKSHOP PAVILLION

connection to: GROT  
TOWERS (Sustainable  
dental development  
amenities).

## WORKSHOP PAVILL

PLAYCE

#### WATER FEAT

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100

E/LOUNGE

#### WORKSHOP PAVILLION

connection to: 10. HOGESCHOOL INHOLAND (Educational institution offering higher education programs across various fields, emphasizing practical application and innovation).

connection to: BEZUIDENHOUT  
(Mixed-use residential and  
commercial area)



Base System 1:  
Urban Approach



Horizontal network  
of learning

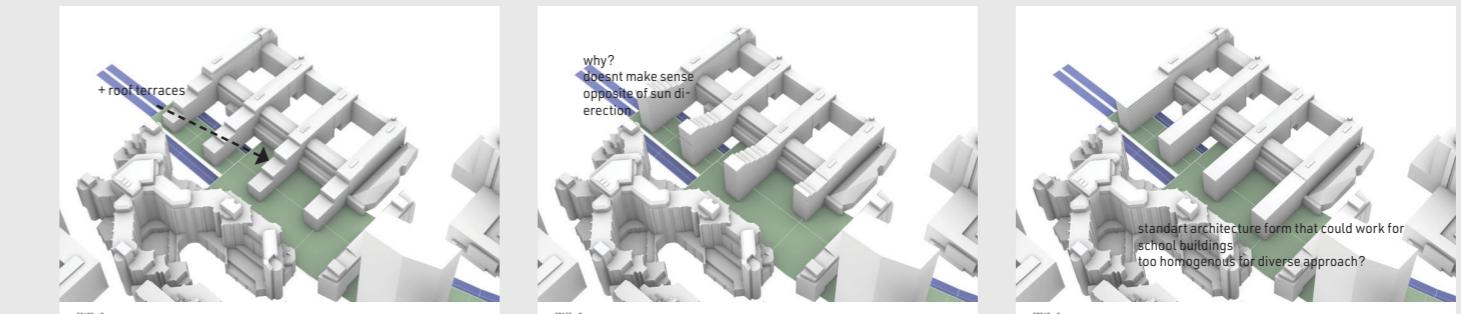
## VERTICAL NETWORK OF LEARNING

Collaboration between students.  
Exploring new disciplines.

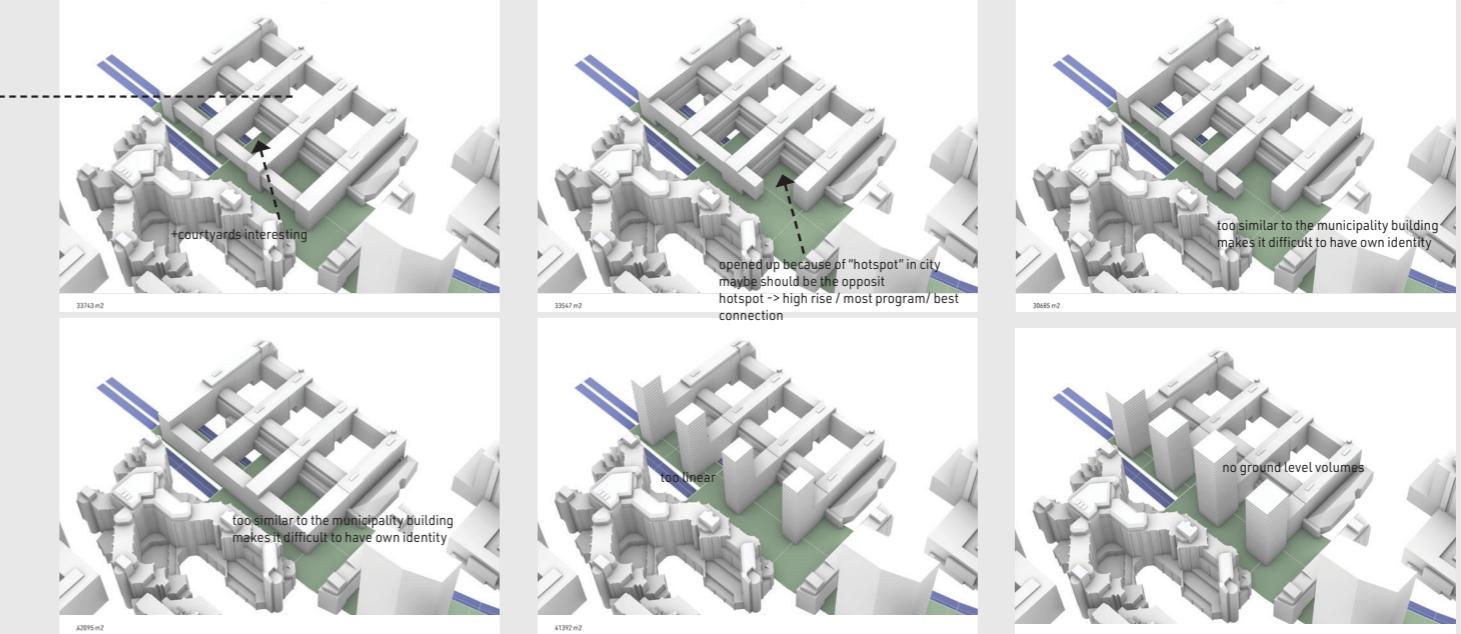
## STUDIES:

## A SHORT OVERVIEW

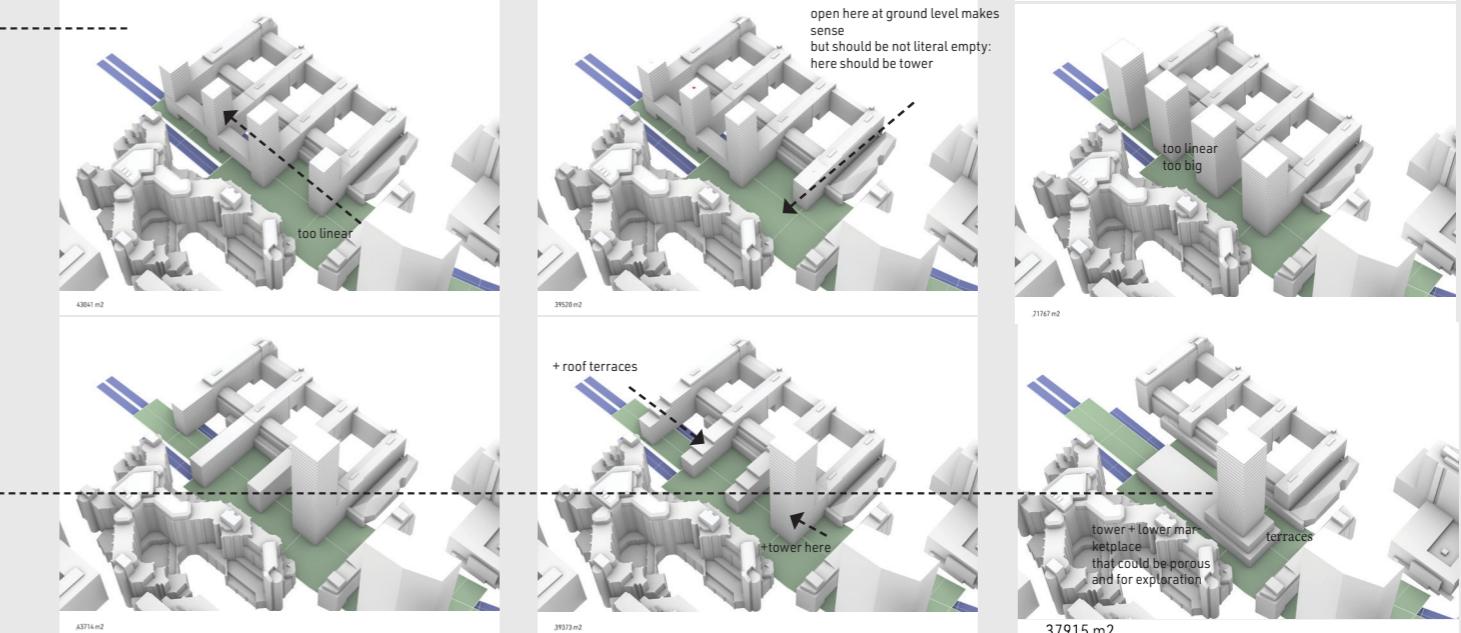
low volumes and integration with ministry building



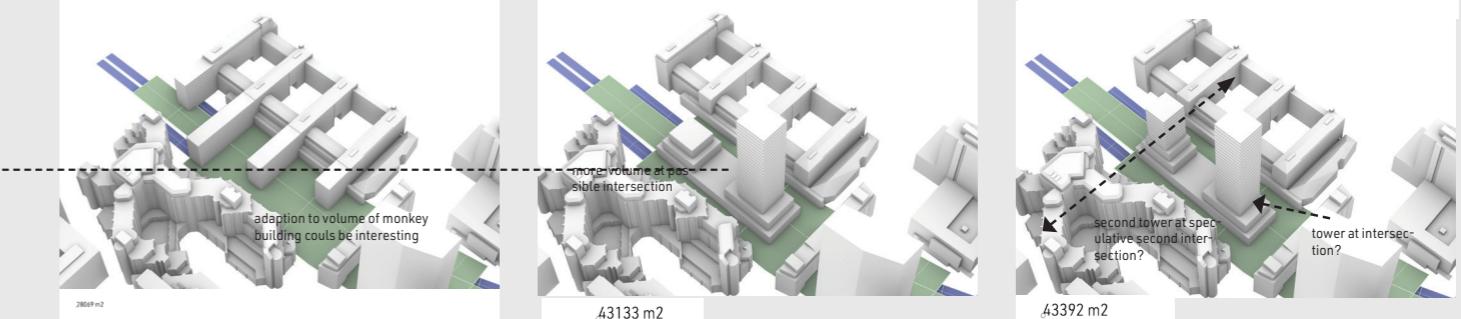
multiple towers



division of horizontal and vertical



multiple towers +  
division horizontal / vertical



# CONCEPTUAL APPROACH

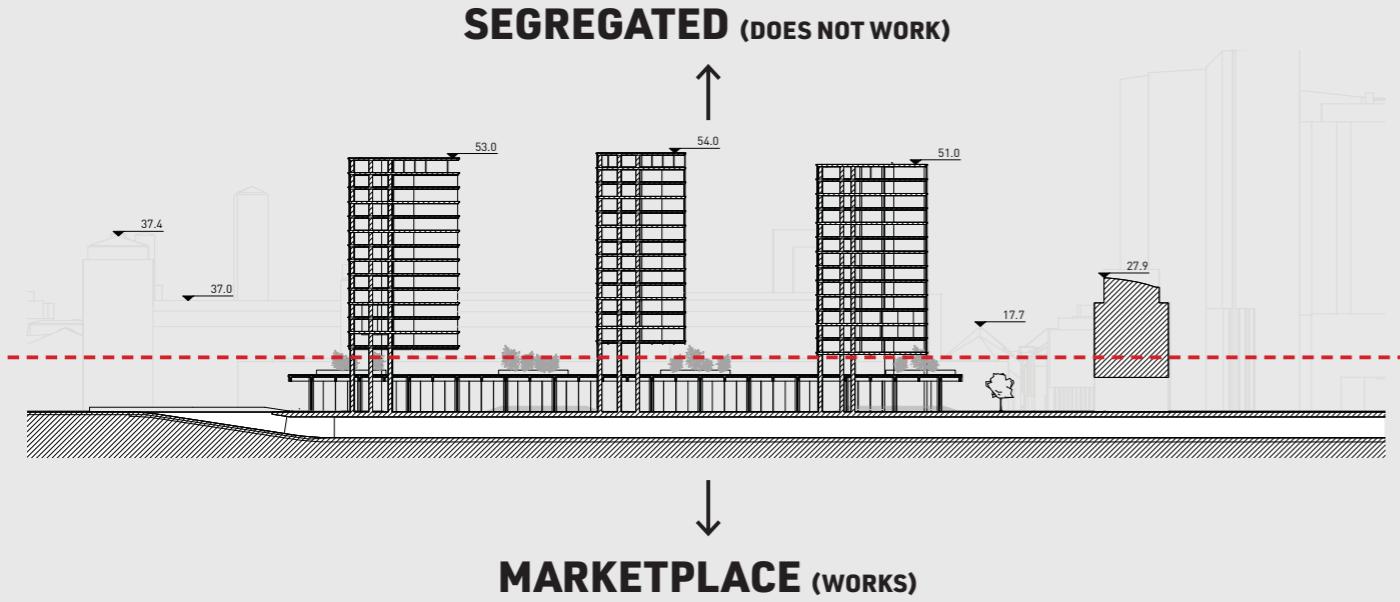
My initial design focused on developing a horizontal "marketplace" for idea exchange and a vertical component that offered dense atmospheres conducive to study and research.

Upon reevaluating my ambitions, I realized that while the lower part of the building achieved the qualities I sought, the vertical section felt secluded, private, and isolated from the rest. The revised concept involves a more interwoven system

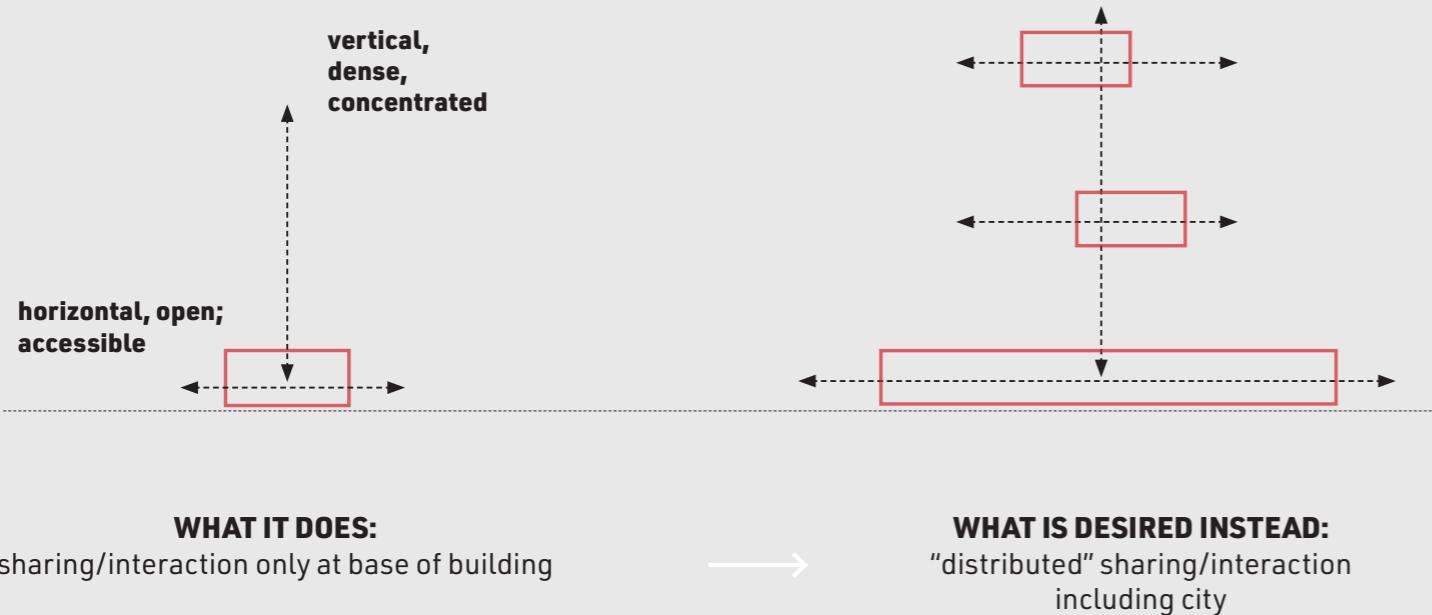
combining open "marketplace" situations with dense innovation spaces. The sharing and discovery of knowledge, along with the exploration of the educational landscape, should occur across all levels of the building.

The picture on the right, created by the author, interprets a vibrant urban space with varying densities. This image served as inspiration for the conceptual approach.

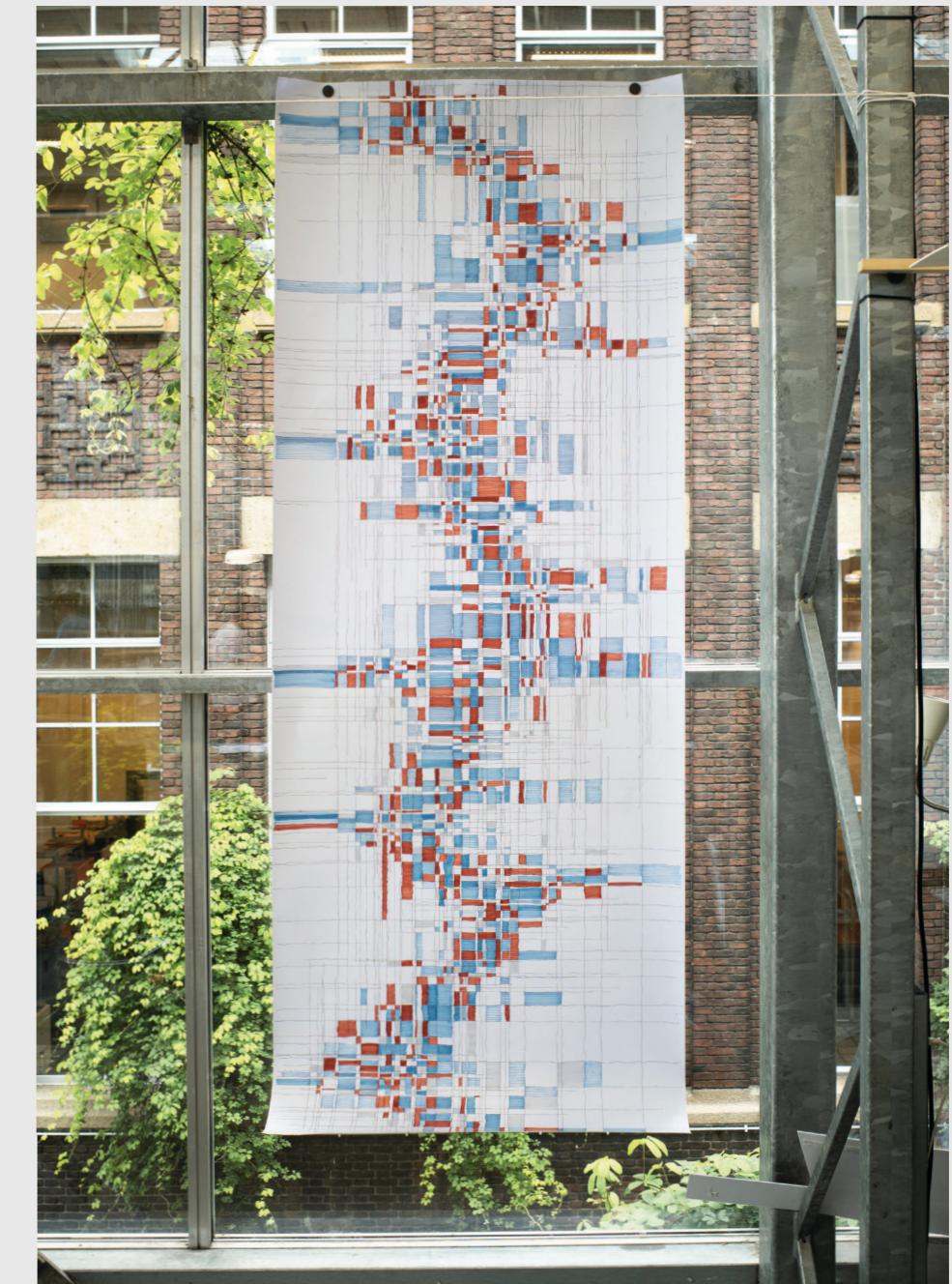
## FIRST APPROACH



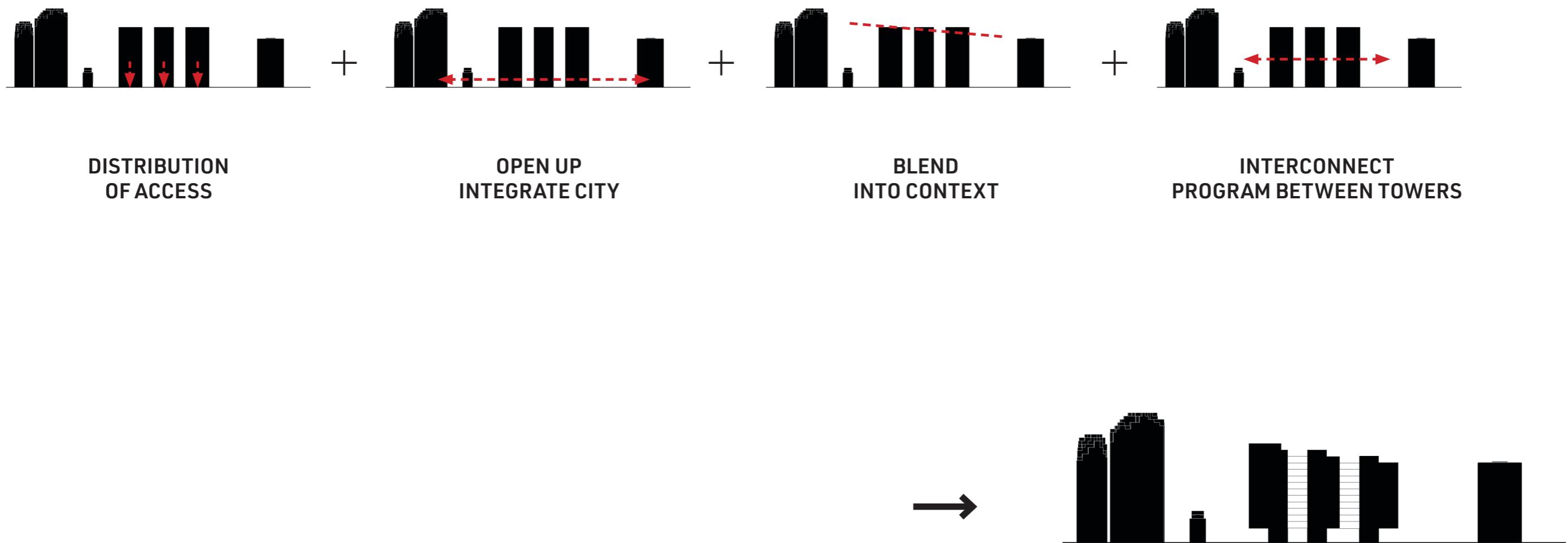
## FINDINGS



## INSPIRATION



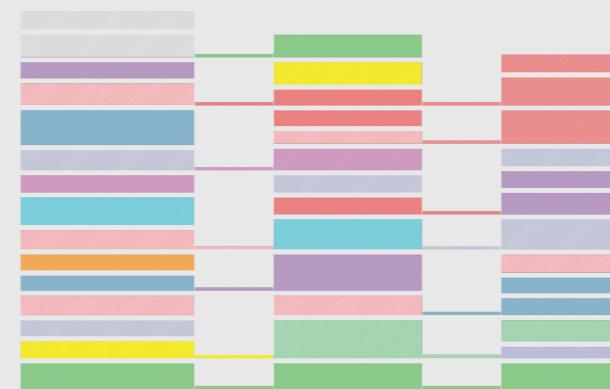
# VERTICAL PRINCIPLES



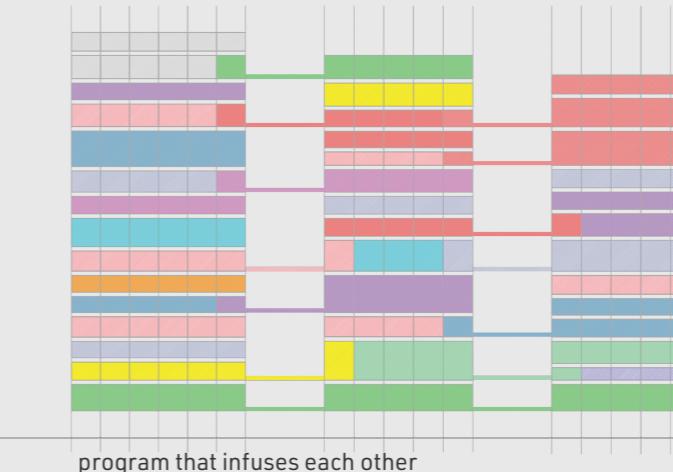
## The vertical approach: Interconnected Program



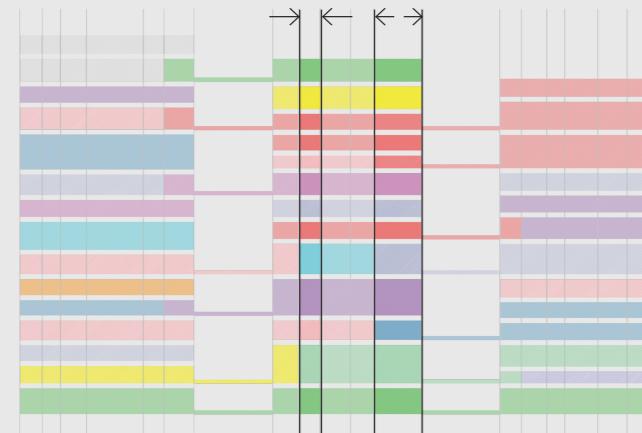
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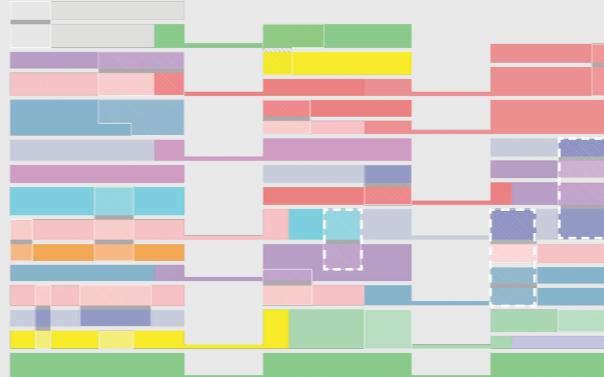
connecting more program with each other



program that infuses each other



establishing varying grid sizes to establish different sized spaces



establishing regions where there will happen a vertical intersection of program

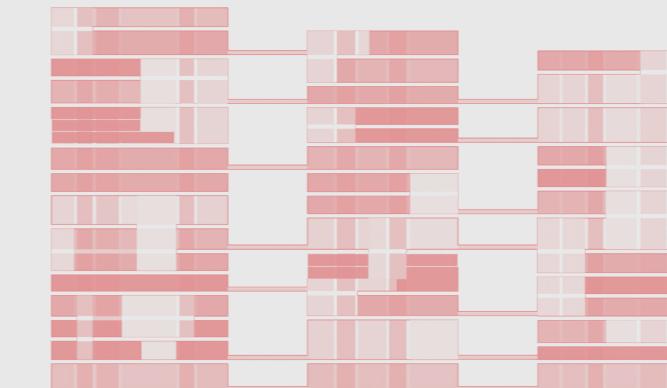
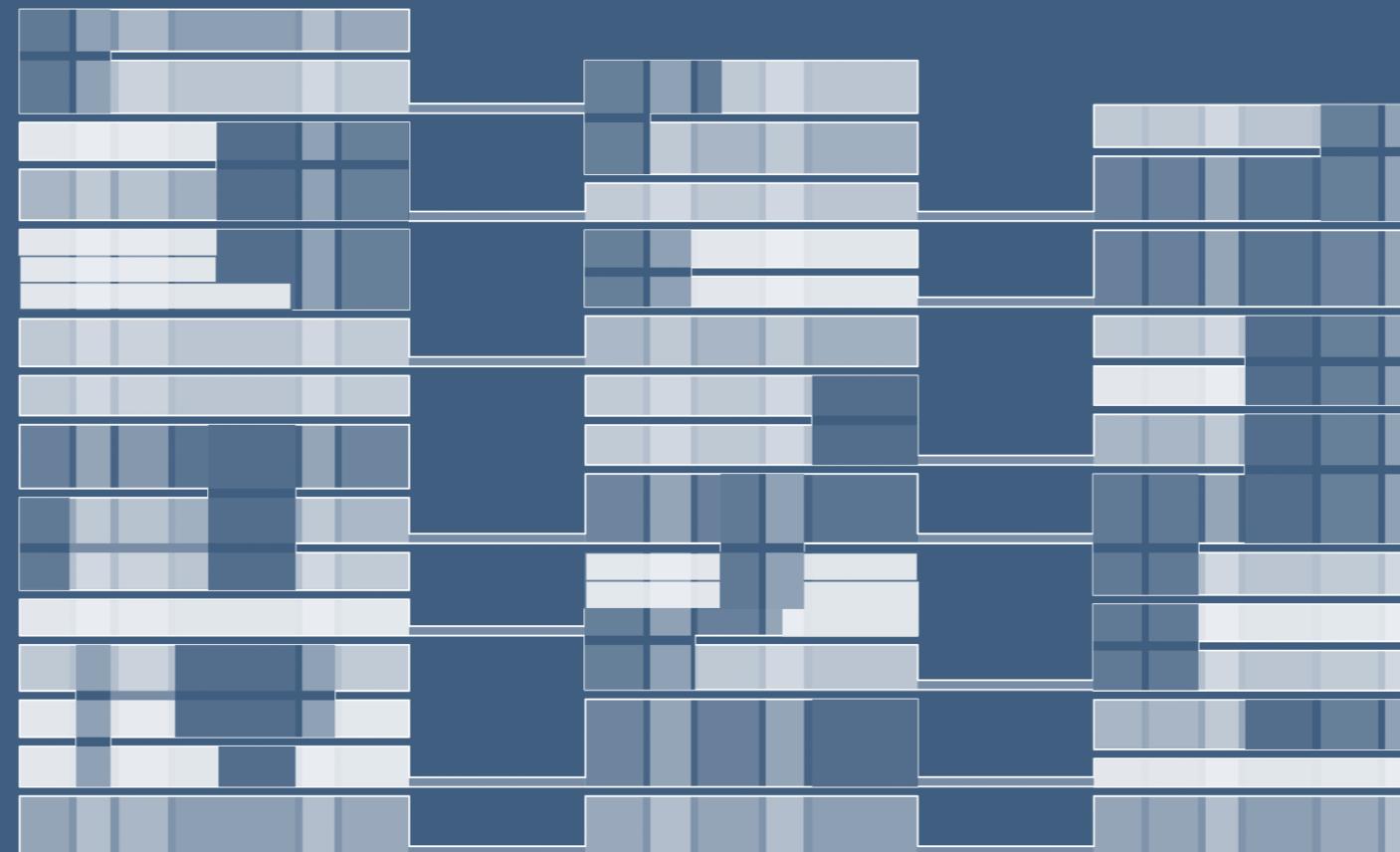


diagram of the resulting densities within the building

FROM DENSE  
**TO SPACIOUS**



# SPATIAL CONTINUITY





## PROGRAMMATIC SECTION



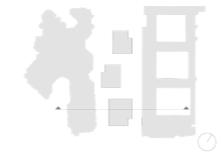
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**TRANSLATED INTO SPATIAL LAYOUT**

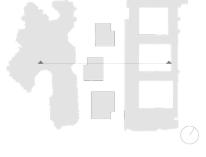
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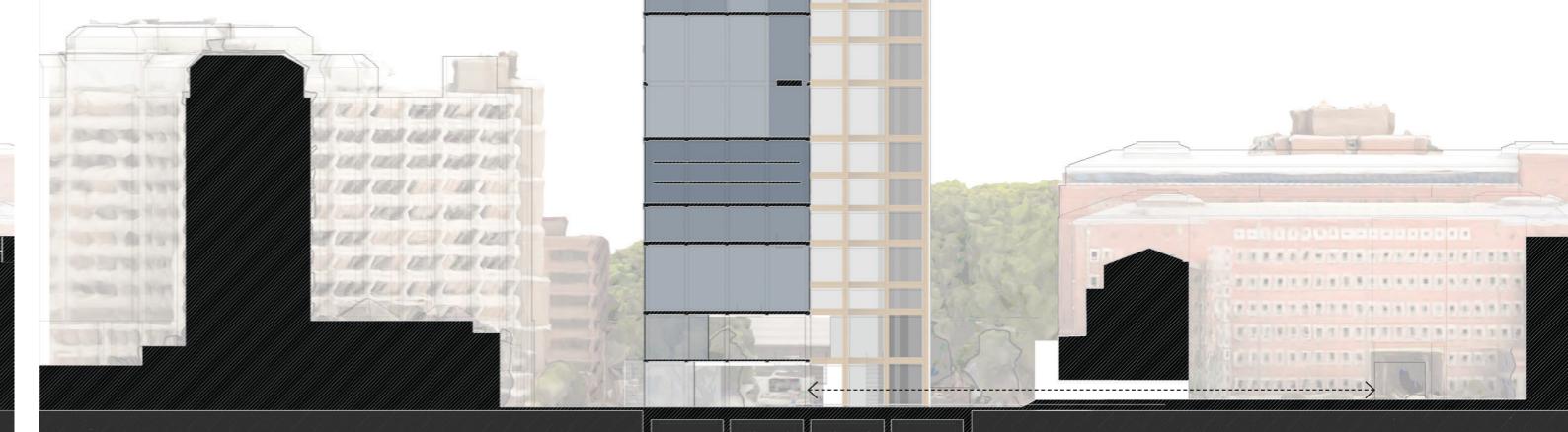


Section B - B

Connection to ministry of economic affairs, hogeschool in holland...



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Section C - C

Connection to tweede kamer der staten generaal, train station, University of Leiden...

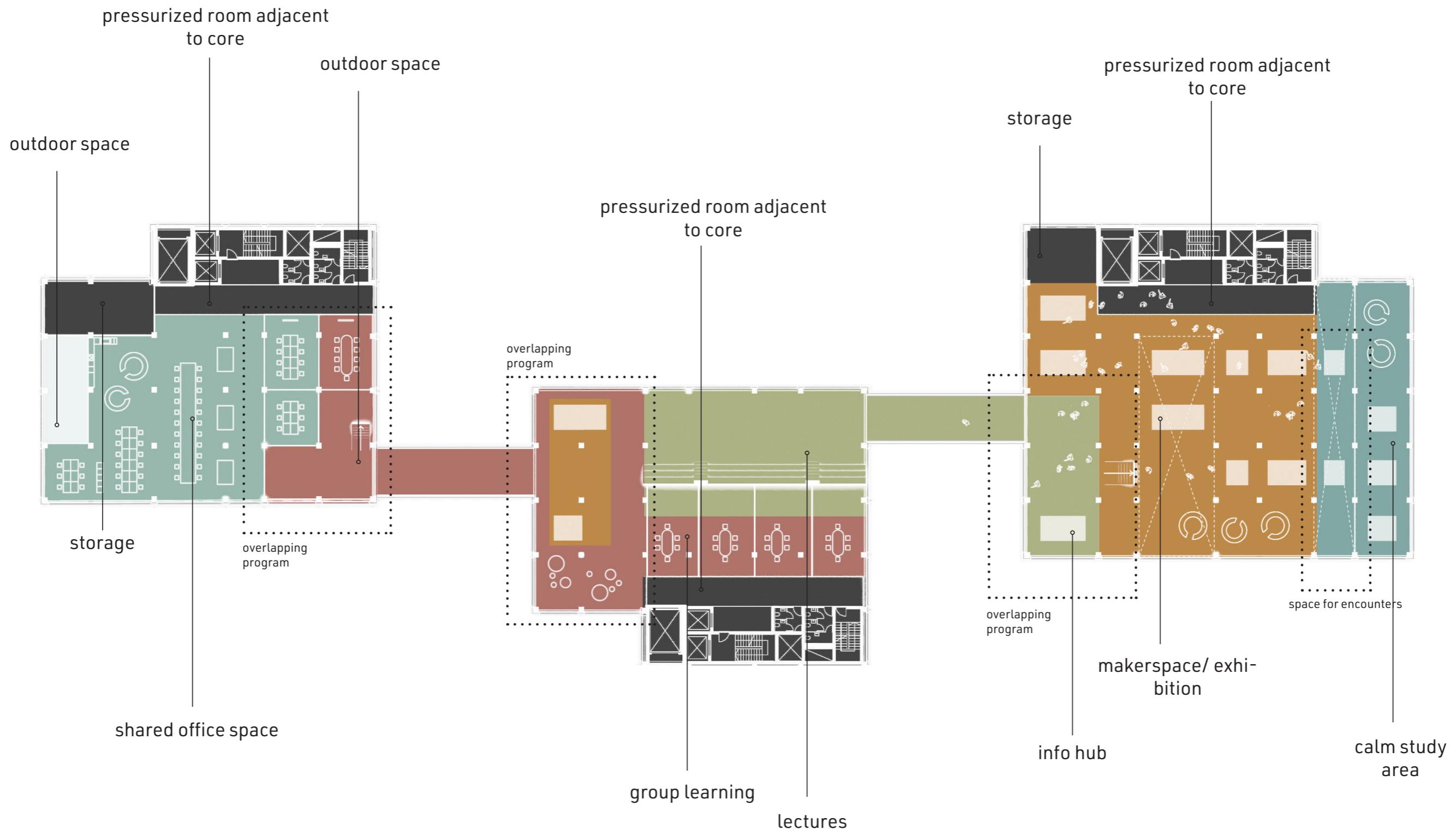
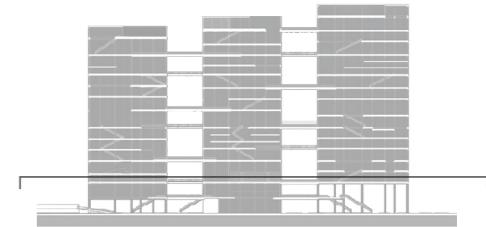


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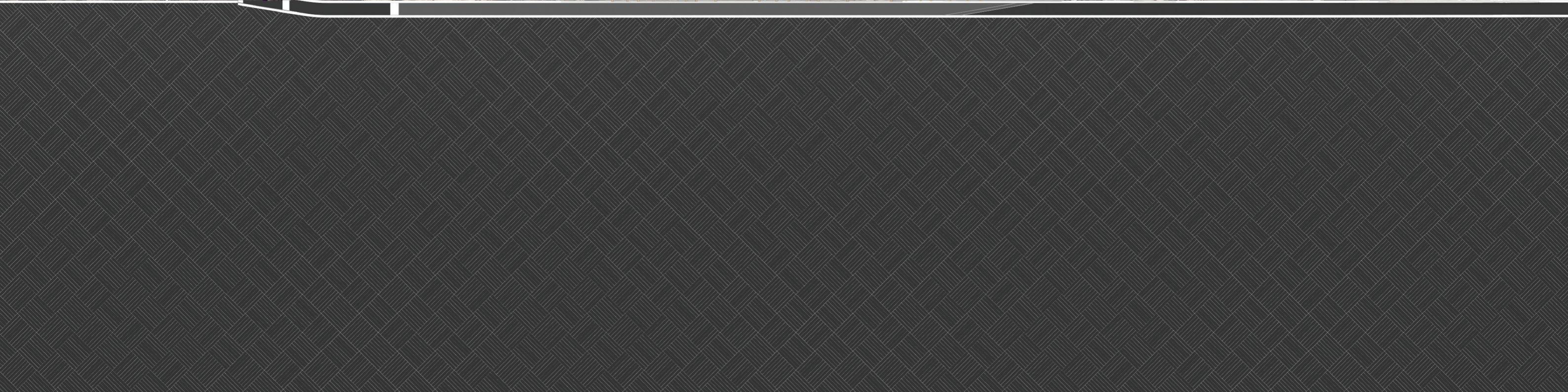
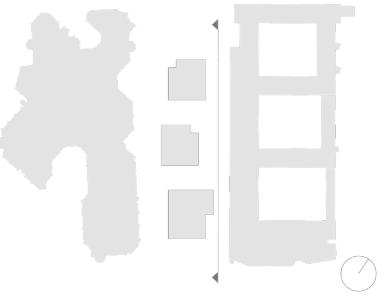


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# SHARING AND DISCOVERY: LAYOUT EXAMPLE



# ELEVATION

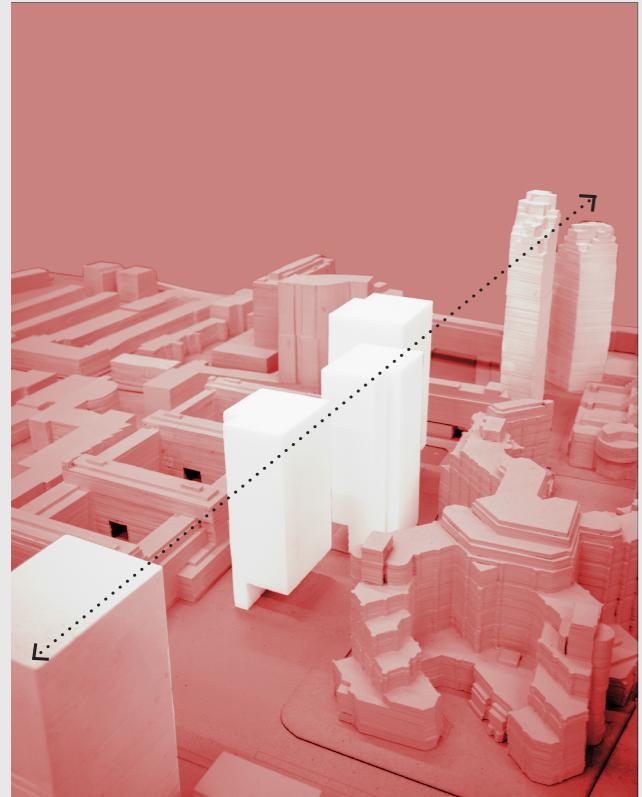




# HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL NETWORK OF LEARNING



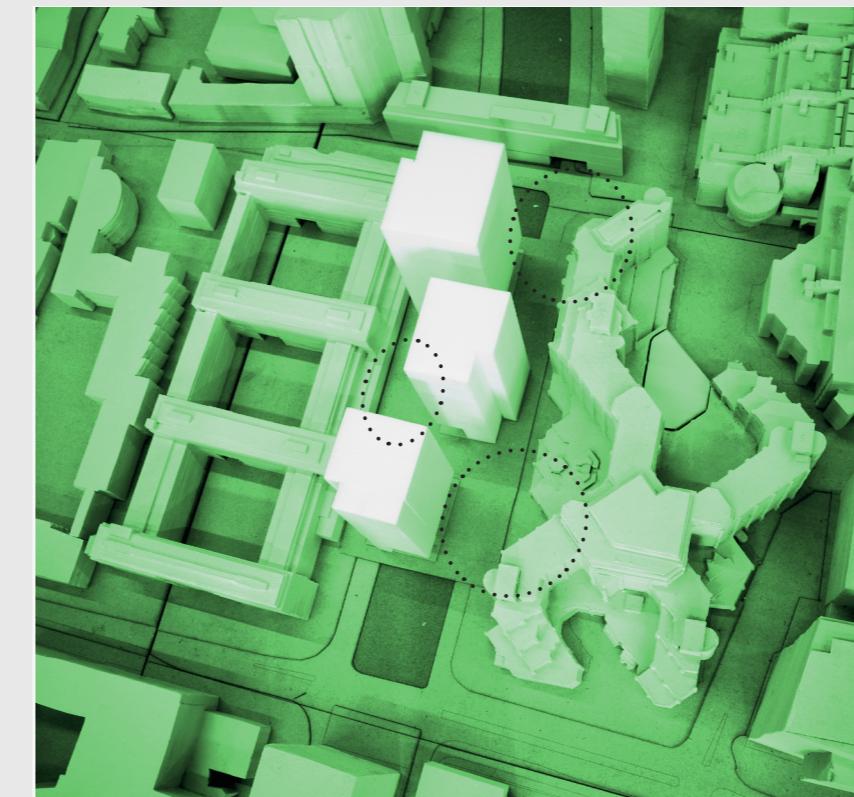
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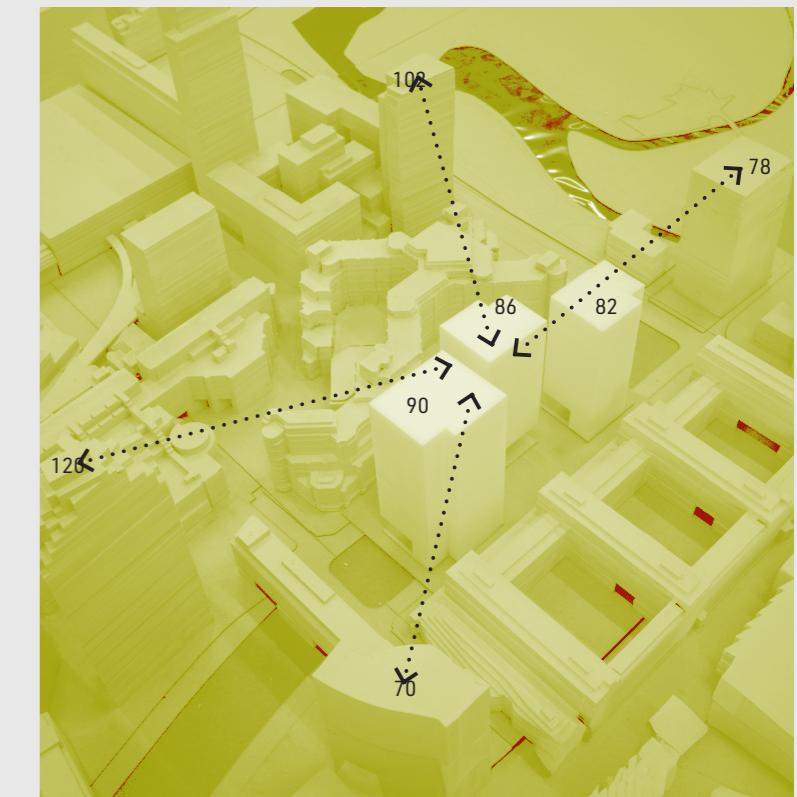
Reference to buildings next or above the highway.



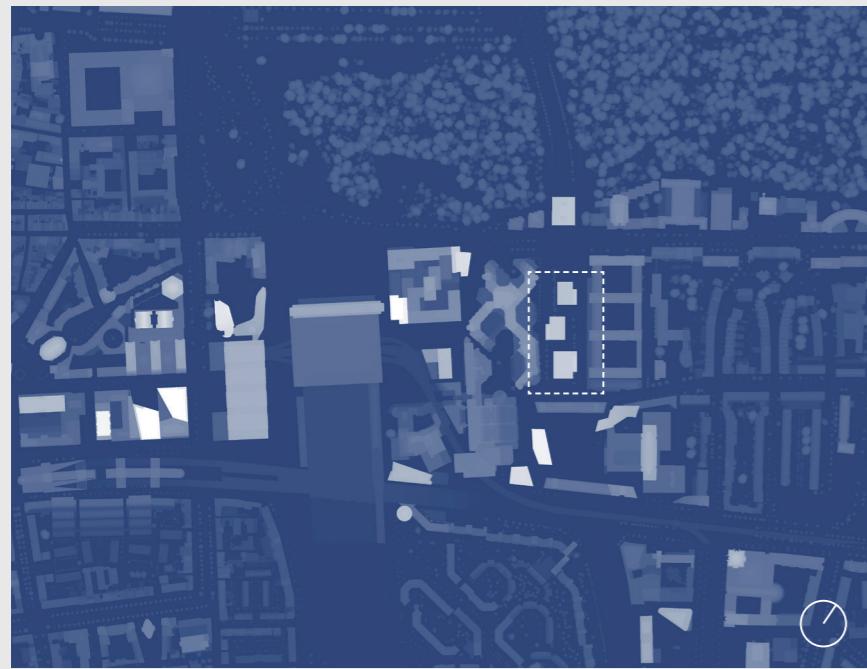
Shift as reference to neighbouring buildings.



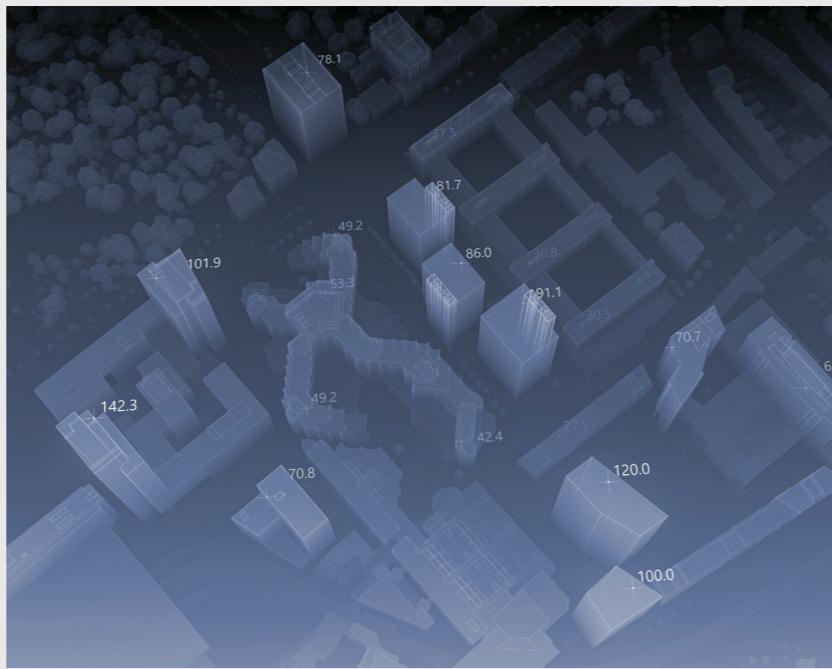
Shifting to achieve pockets with open spaces.



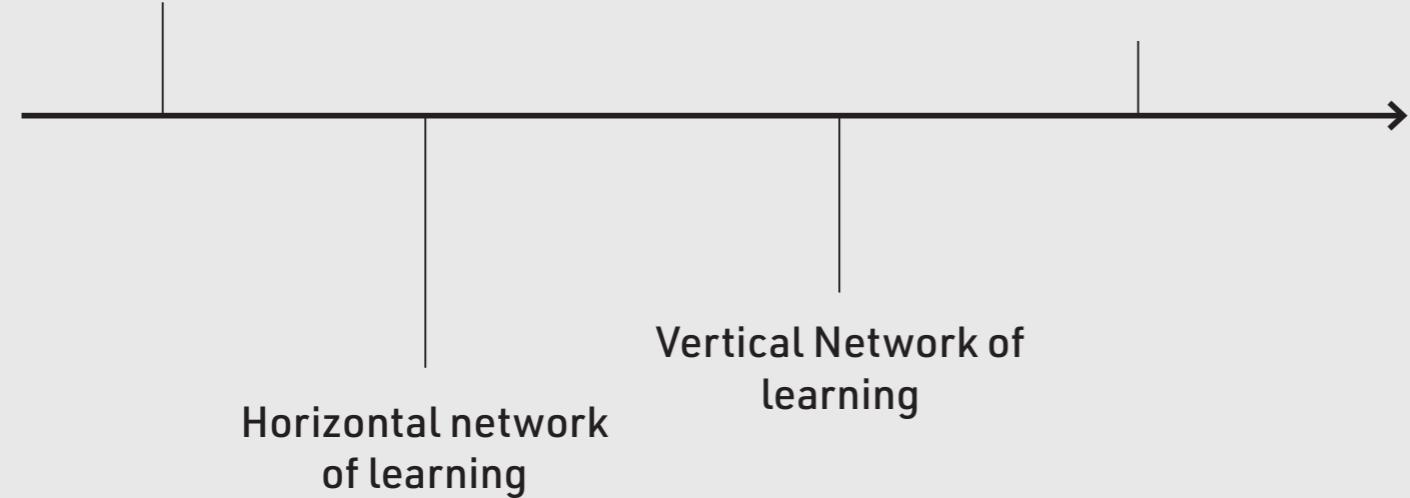
Similar heights in this area.



The Campus extends The Hague's High Rise Area towards north-east.



Urban Approach



## APPROACH AND USER EXPERIENCE

The marketplace where people and ideas intersect.

# PERSONAS

## THE FUTURE USERS



**Linda Jansen, 52 years old**

**About me**  
I am a *teacher* at Hogeschool Inholland in the Hague. I have lived in The Hague my entire life.

**Goals**  
By teaching my students I hope to not only teach them the required knowledge to graduate, but also fully prepare them for the workfield that is waiting for them.

**Pain points**  
I often only do work related stuff at university, but when I do take a break, I like to go outside. I would probably do this more often if the square in front of our entrance was not so uninspiring. The university does have a garden, but it is not easily accessible and therefore often left unused.

**Gain points**  
The square could use more greenery and some coffee or food trailer. The garden should be easily accessible, and I also think connecting greenery and parks throughout the city would also cause people to connect more.

**Motivation**

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**Personality traits**

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TEACHER



**Sofia Bianchi, 25 years old**

**About me**  
I am an *international business student* at Hogeschool Inholland in the Hague. I live in The Hague, but I grew up in *Italy* where I graduated from my bachelors.

**Goals**  
After my masters I would love to stay in the Netherlands and find a job here. I appreciate the structure and calmness this country offers unlike Italy.

**Pain points**  
Being a busy student I value the breaks we get during lectures. However, my university does not offer a qualitative outside space to properly enjoy. For example, the square in front of the entrance is grey and boring, there are only few seating areas, and no shelters. Because of this, I spend most of my breaks away from university, sometimes going to de Spui.

**Gain points**  
My university would gain and have more time spent at if they were to redesign the square so that it would be more attractive to stay at. For example, adding greenery, seating areas, and shelters.

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STUDENT



**Robin de Jong, 38 years old**

**About me**  
I work for the *Ministry Of Agriculture*. I live in Rotterdam.

**Goals**  
The goal of our Ministry is to ensure good prospects for the Dutch farming, horticulture and fishing sectors, which are renowned worldwide for producing good-quality food that is safe and affordable. We want to restore and maintain natural areas.

**Pain points**  
Public transportation is very busy as it is right now. An increased number of commuters using public transportation would result in a more crowded train or bus for me on my way to work.

**Gain points**  
Building a campus vertically means it reserves only a small footprint in the city. This saves space to maintain natural areas. Also, I think there might be opportunities for cooperation with an educational institution to show students the importance of agriculture.

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POLITITIAN



**Peter van Dam, 45 years old**

**About me**  
I work as a *train conductor* for NS. I live in Dordrecht, but I travel to the Hague Central Station multiple times a day.

**Goals**  
The goal of NS is for our passengers to be able to go where they want, as comfortably as possible. We see travel time as time gained. Time that you can use as you wish: to have a conversation, work, study, rest or to reflect on your day.

**Pain points**  
NS is currently struggling with a shortage of staff. A new educational institution would presumably increase the number of commuters, which means NS might have to employ more staff.

**Gain points**  
A new university, bringing together students from multiple educational institutions, means that there will probably be more train traffic towards the Hague Central Station. Also, I think such an innovative campus might even attract more tourists.

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NS WORKER



**Martin van Dijk, 34 years old**

**About me**  
I am a *father* of two daughters, 6 and 8, and together with my wife we live in the Hague, where I also grew up myself. I work at a *contractor* in the city.

**Goals**  
I want for our children to be able to attend primary school and visit playgrounds in a safe environment. Regarding myself, I want to keep working my job to provide for my family.

**Pain points**  
My family and I live in a rented house. A new educational institution would mean more students looking for housing in The Hague, so a higher demand, which means that probably our rent would increase.

**Gain points**  
A new educational institution would give our children more options to explore in the area once they are ready for high school or university.

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RESIDENT / FAMILY



**Linda Visser, 48 years old**

**About me**  
I work for an *investment company* in the neighbourhood of The Hague Central Station and I live in The Hague.

**Goals**  
Every month our team has a few meetings in conference center New Babylon. Our goal is to keep this going and get other offices to do the same. I think the occupancy rate of buildings in this area would be much higher if such spaces would be shared more.

**Pain points**  
A lot of office buildings in the area are only partly occupied during the week, there is a lot of unused office space.

**Gain points**  
A new educational institution would offer opportunities for some offices to move and settle there, so that in buildings left unused new investments can be made.

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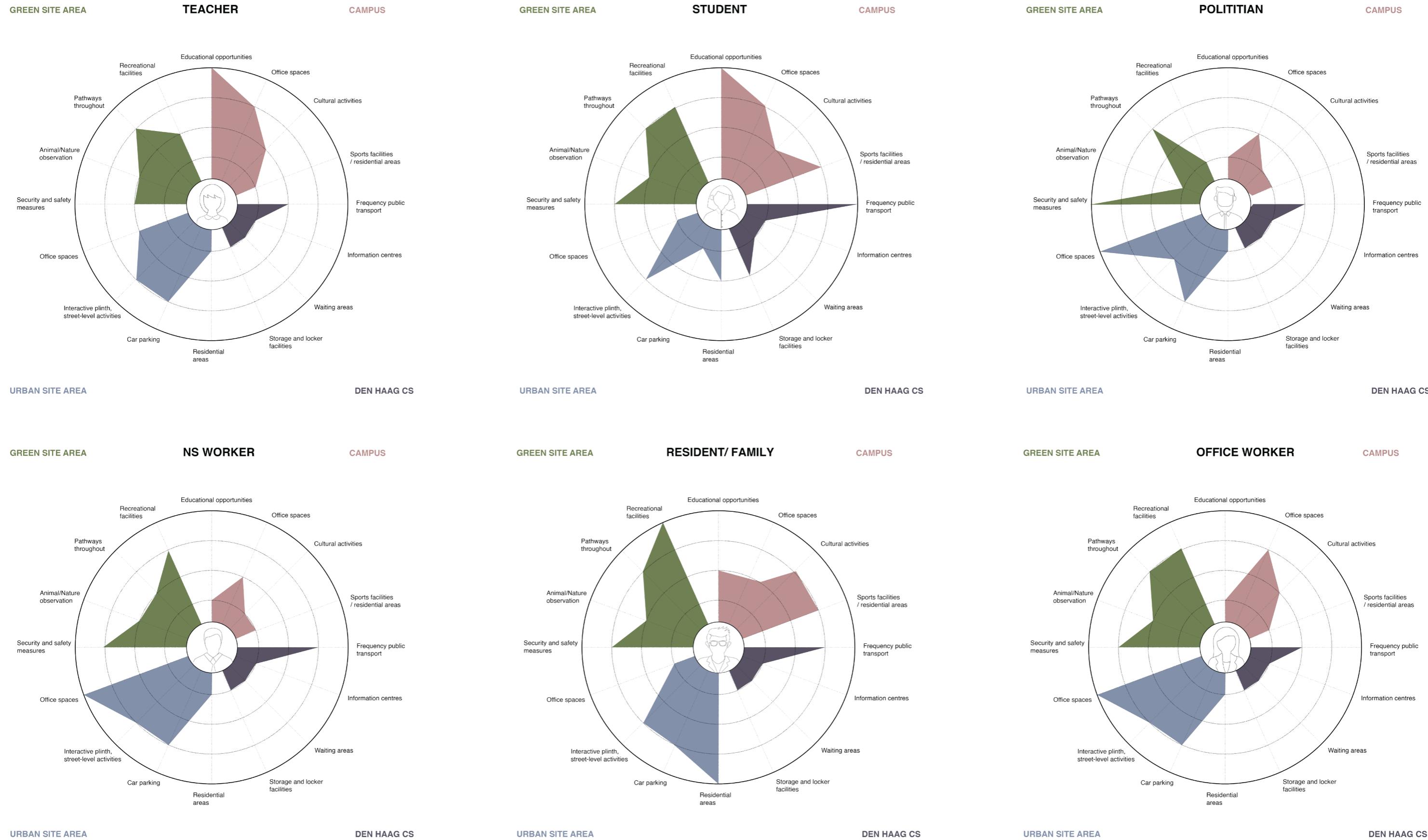
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OFFICE WORKER

# USERS ANALYSIS

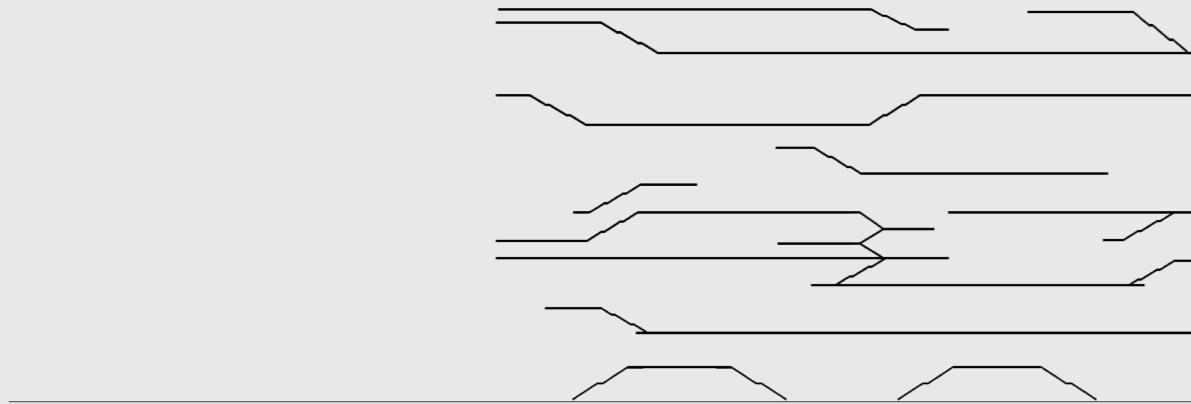
## BUTTERFLY DIAGRAMS



# Meet Alex

Alex de Jong represents a typical student at a university in The Hague, a city celebrated for its vibrant tech scene. At 22 years old, Alex is a third-year student pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. Despite being somewhat introverted, Alex embodies a curiosity and eagerness to engage with new technologies. With his analytical mindset, he thrives on solving complex problems and is meticulous in his project work. His academic pursuits focus on artificial intelligence and machine learning, with active participation in coding bootcamps and hackathons aimed at developing sustainable software solutions.

The university campus serves as a dynamic environment that helps Alex broaden his horizons and discover unforeseen passions, particularly through its effective use of space which promotes interaction among students. This setting is crucial for someone like Alex, who, while introverted, values collaborative projects and teamwork. He regularly attends tech meetups and engages in university social events, which fosters his involvement in the tech community. The campus design, illustrated by the conceptual paths through the university, facilitates these interactions, enabling students to connect with others they might not otherwise meet, thus enriching their educational experience and social life.



## Alex de Jong (22)

Study: BSc in **Computer Science**, 3rd Year

Traits: analytical, organized, **introvert**

Interests: AI, **machine learning**, Programming languages

Activities: **Robotics club**, teaches coding, enjoys cycling

Career Goals: **Tech startup** in AI, further studies in data science

Social: Teamwork, tech meetups, **not much time** besides university

Languages: Dutch (fluent), English (fluent), German (basic)



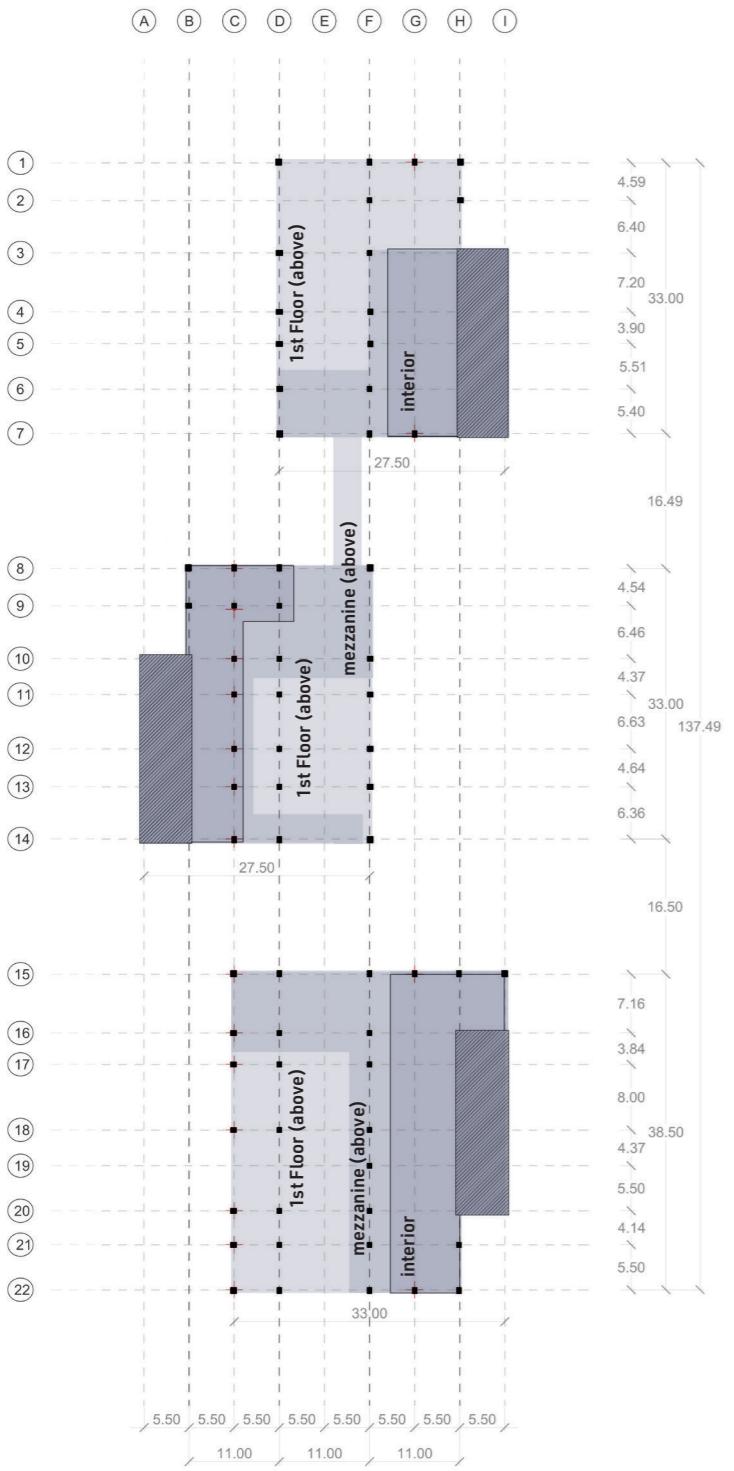
Alex (not to scale)

TIME: 9:00

ARRIVING AT THE

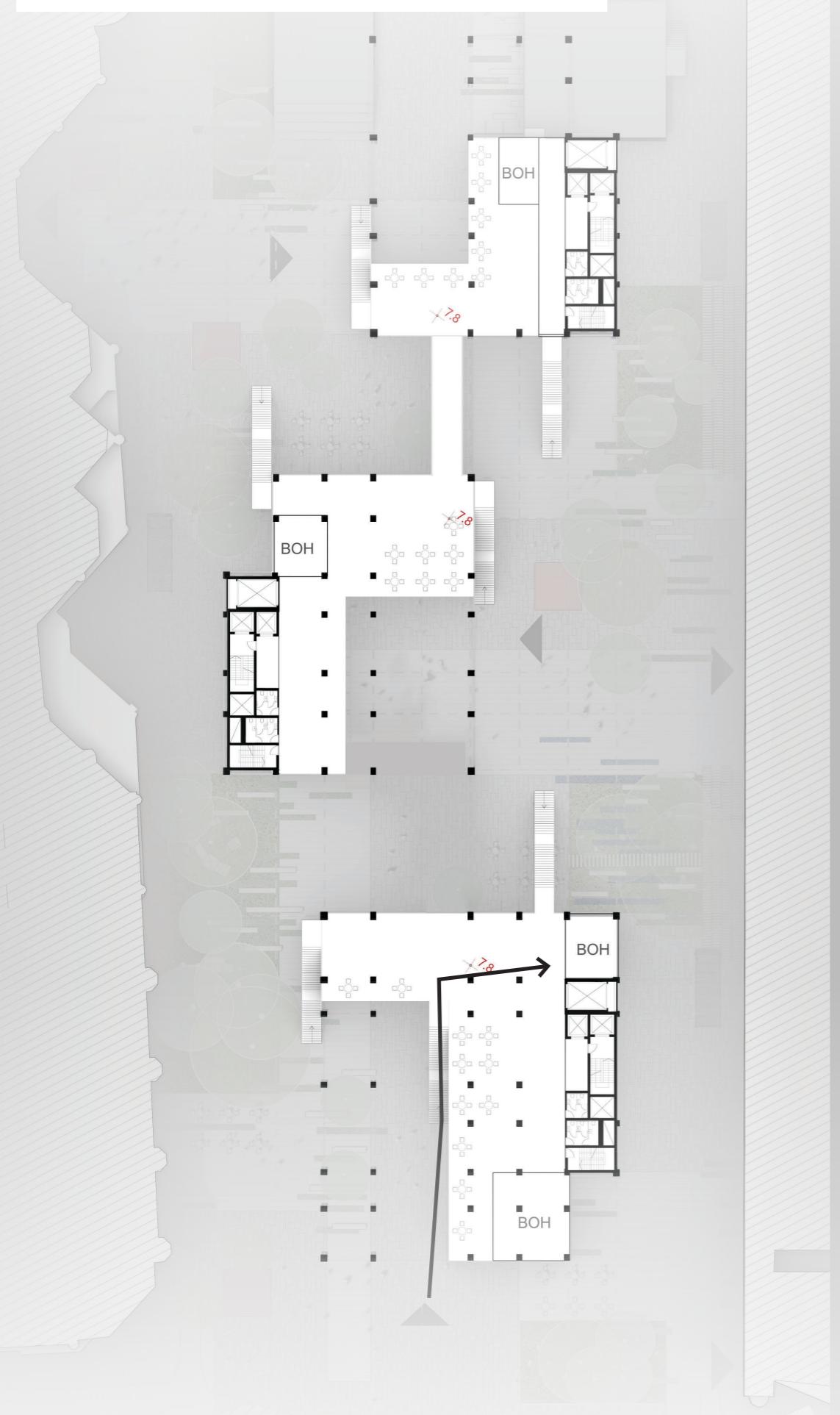
# MAIN ENTRANCE..

The retraction from the mezzanine level and the interior space towards the core which itself is set off to the side results in a fluid transition from outside to inside.



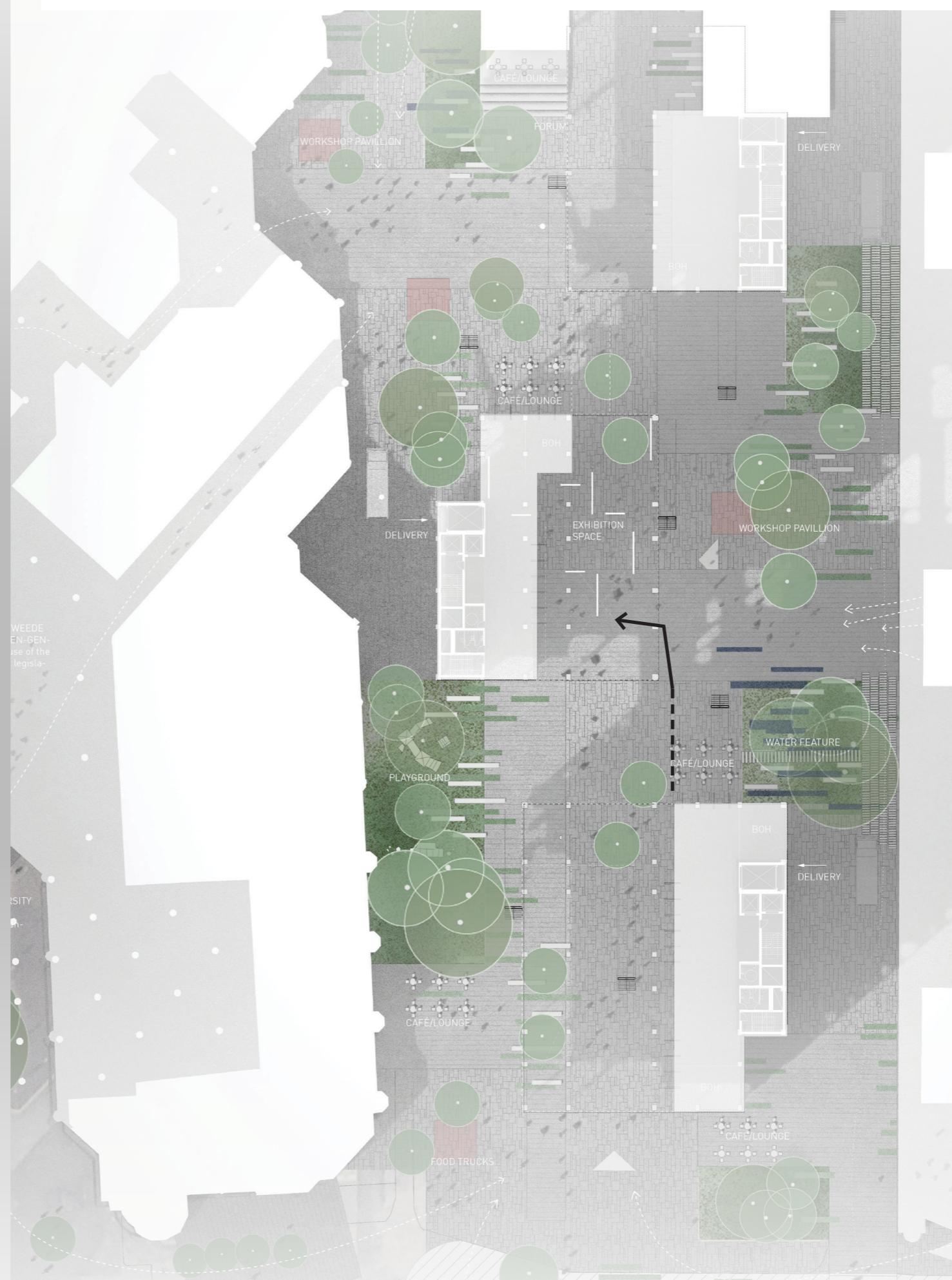
TIME: 9:00

**GOING FOR COFFEE..**



TIME: 9:10

**ENDED UP JOINING A POLITICAL DEBATE**



TIME: 9:25

## THE FORUM PLAZA

The protagonist, Alex, encounters a public discussion about the implications of digital surveillance on human rights, held at the ground level in front of Tower Two. Initially indifferent due to his primary focus on computer science rather than political topics, he stops to listen for a few minutes. Although the debate is not directly related to his field of artificial intelligence and machine learning, it touches on concerns about privacy and data usage—areas that are tangentially connected to his studies. Intrigued by this broader perspective, Alex considers the potential overlaps with his own work and thinks about joining the discussion next time to explore how these broader issues might impact his field.



TIME: 9:30

## LATE FOR GROUP WORK

TIME: 13:00

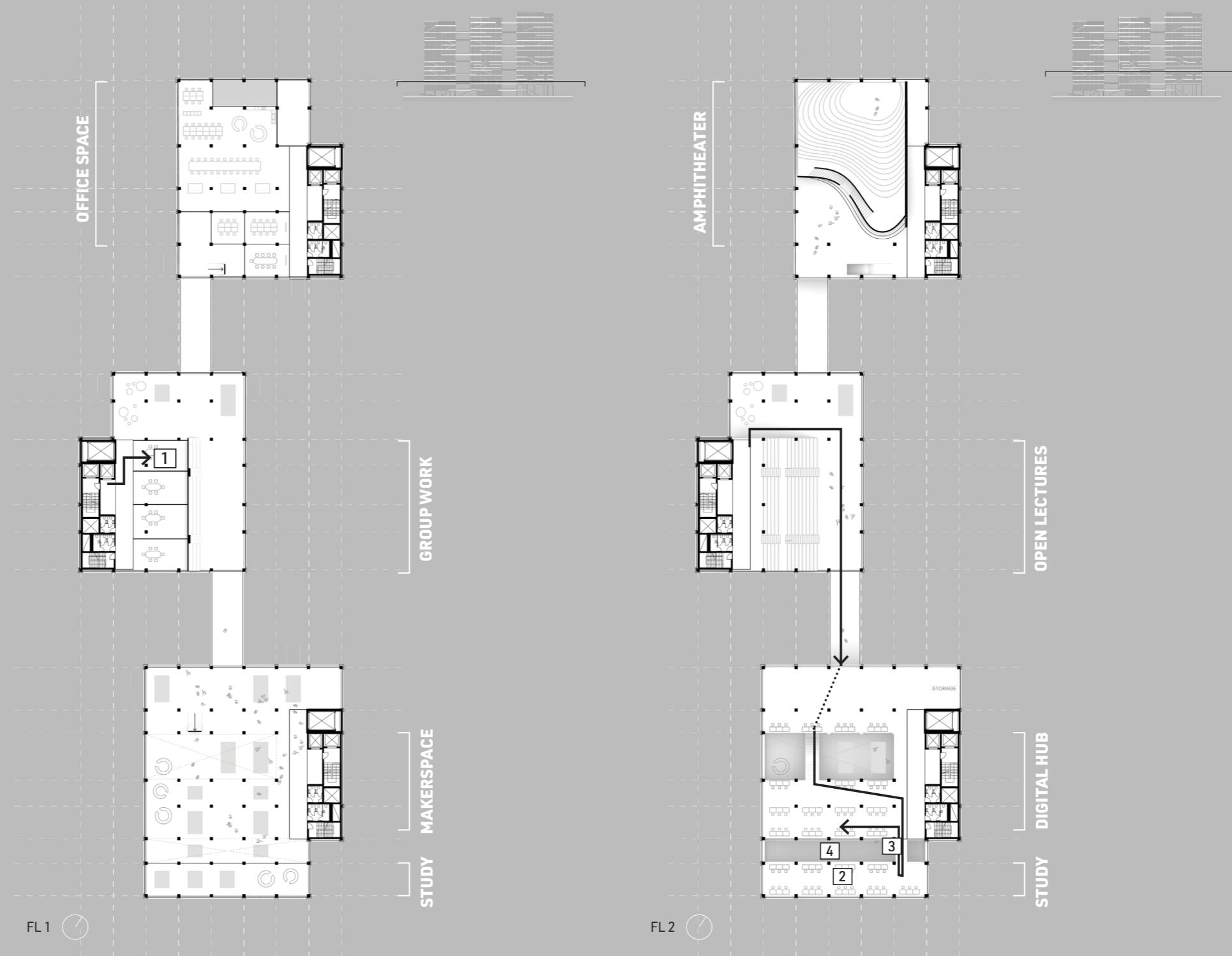
## WENT TO STUDY

ENDED UP PROTOTYPING

FL1 (left)  
Alex arrives a bit late to his **GROUP WORK (1)** in the dedicated meeting rooms in Tower Two.

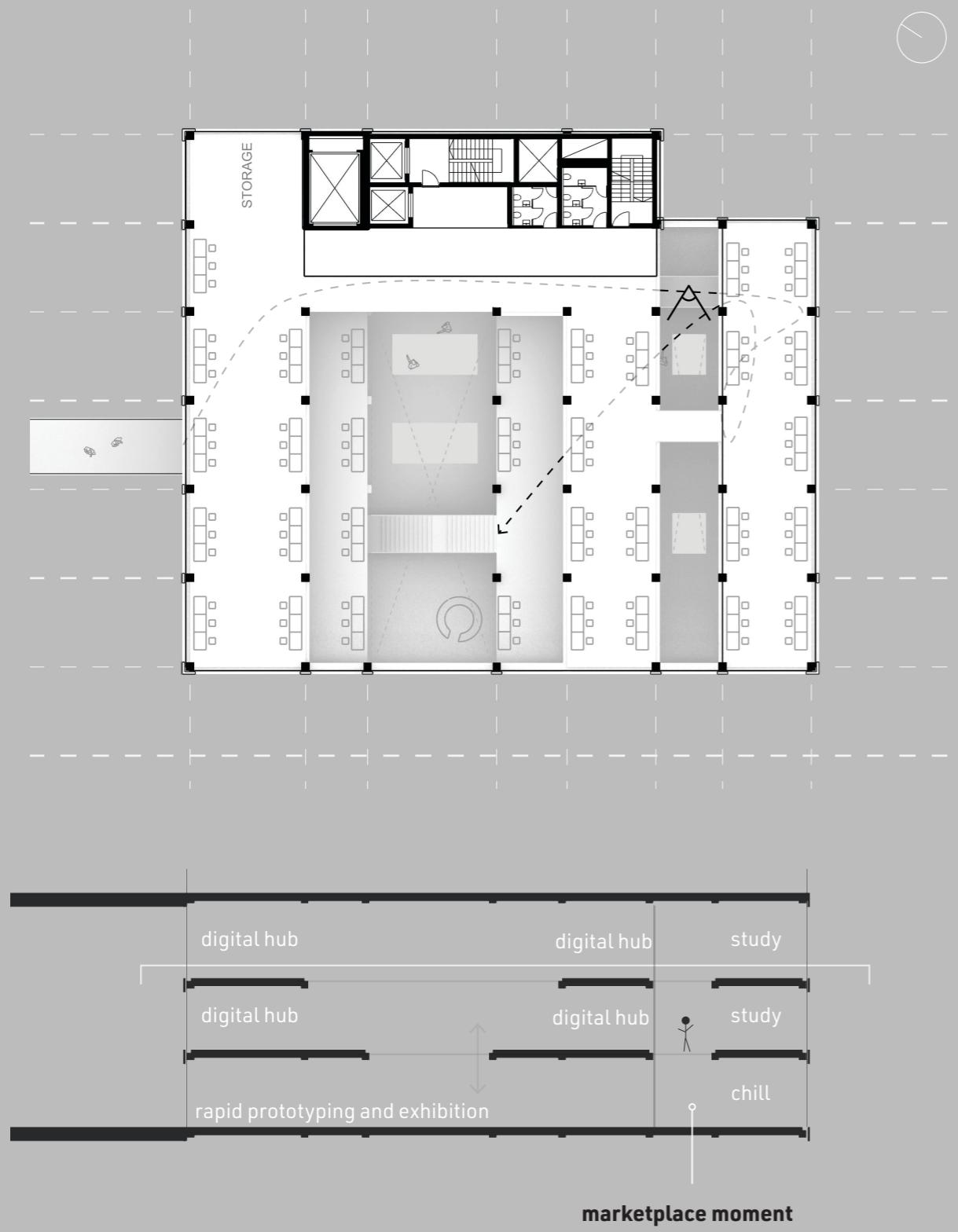
FL2 (right)  
After deciding to work on one of his coding projects, Alex headed to his favorite spot—a calm **STUDY (2)** area with better sound insulation. To get there, he crossed an interior bridge 3), which offered a view into an exhibition space (4) displaying prototyping results from the adjacent maker lab. This view from the bridge represents the critical "**MAR-KETPLACE MOMENT**" where various intentions and programs intersect in a shared space.

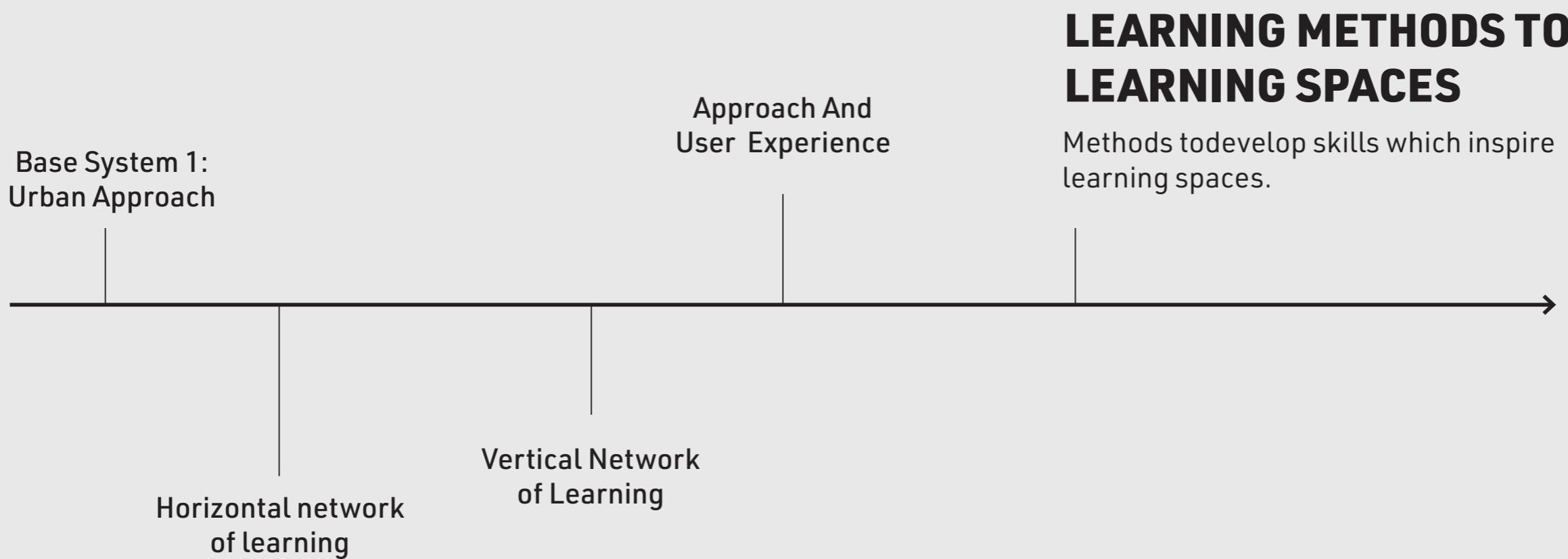
Intrigued by the displays, Alex resolved to take a closer look at the exhibition after finishing his project. This spontaneous interaction underscored the importance of such open spaces in promoting collaborative learning and connection within the university setting.



SHARING AND DISCOVERY:

# THE MARKETPLACE MOMENT

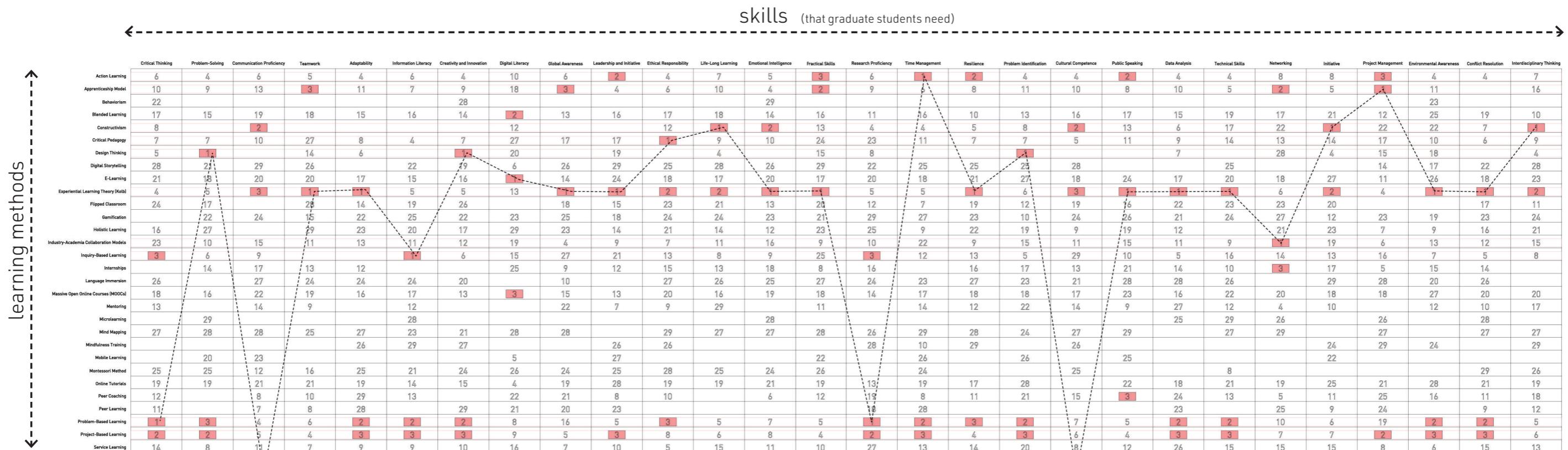
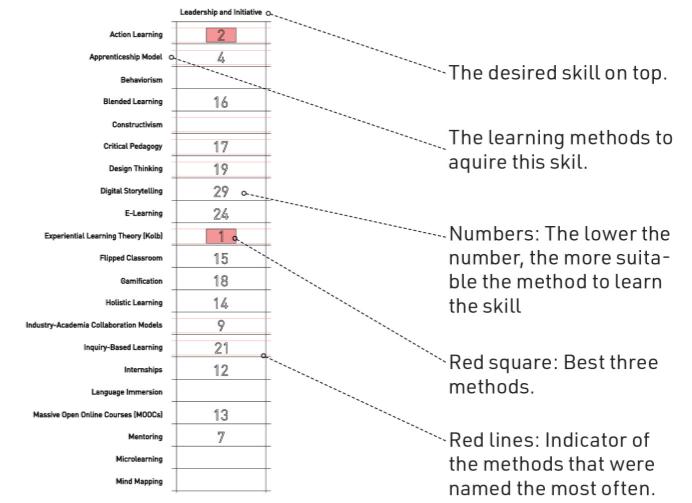




# LEARNING METHODS TRANSLATED INTO LEARNING SPACES

This table shows an evaluation of learning methods to develop the required skills in graduate students. Initially, the methods are assessed, and subsequently, the best-performing ones are selected to create learning spaces based on these theories.

Further Explanation can be found in Booklet A1.



Extended version on next pages

	Critical Thinking	Problem-Solving	Communication Proficiency	Teamwork	Adaptability	Information Literacy	Creativity and Innovation	Digital Literacy	Global Awareness	Leadership and Initiative	Ethical Responsibility	Life-Long Learning	Emotional Intelligence	Practical Skills
Action Learning	6	4	6	5	4	6	4	10	6	2	4	7	5	3
Apprenticeship Model	10	9	13	3	11	7	9	18	3	4	6	10	4	2
Behaviorism	22						28						29	
Blended Learning	17	15	19	18	15	16	14	2	13	16	17	18	14	16
Constructivism	8		2					12			12	11	2	13
Critical Pedagogy	7	7	10	27	8	4	7	27	17	17	1	9	10	24
Design Thinking	5	1			14	6		20		19		4		15
Digital Storytelling	28	21	29	26		22		19	6	29	25	28	26	29
E-Learning	21	18	20	20	17	15	16	1	14	24	18	17	20	17
Experiential Learning Theory (Kolb)	4	5	3	1	1	5	5	13	1	1	2	2	1	1
Flipped Classroom	24	17		28	14	19	26		18	15	23	21	13	20
Gamification		22	24	15	22	25	22	23	25	18	24	24	23	21
Holistic Learning	16	27		29	23	20	17	29	23	14	21	14	12	23
Industry-Academia Collaboration Models	23	10	15	11	13	11	12	19	4	9	7	11	16	9
Inquiry-Based Learning	3	6	9			1	6	15	27	21	13	8	9	25
Internships		14	17	13	12			25	9	12	15	13	18	8
Language Immersion	26		27	24	24	24	20		10		27	26	25	27
Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)	18	16	22	19	16	17	13	3	15	13	20	16	19	18
Mentoring	13		14	9		12			22	7	9	29		11
Microlearning		29				28								28
Mind Mapping	27	28	28	25	27	23	21	28	28		29	27	27	28
Mindfulness Training				26	26	29	27			26	26			
Mobile Learning		20	23					5		27				22
Montessori Method	25	25	12	16	25	21	24	26	24	25	28	25	24	26
Online Tutorials	19	19	21	21	19	14	15	4	19	28	19	19	21	19
Peer Coaching	12		8	10	29	13		22	21	8	10		6	12
Peer Learning	11		7	8	28		29	21	20	23				
Problem-Based Learning	1	3	4	6	2	2	2	8	16	5	3	5	7	5
Project-Based Learning	2	2	5	4	3	3	3	9	5	3	8	6	8	4
Service Learning	14	8	11	7	9	9	10	16	7	10	5	15	11	10
Simulated Environments	29	24	25	22	20	26	18	11	29	20	22	22	22	6
Socio-Cultural Theory (Vygotsky)	9	11	1	2	7	8	8	14	2	6	11	3	3	14
Traditional Classroom Learning	20	26	18	17	18	18	25	24	12	22	16	20	15	
Virtual Reality (VR) Learning		23	26	23	21	27	23	7				23		
Work-Integrated Learning (WIL)	15	13	16	12	10	10	11	17	8	11	14	12	17	7

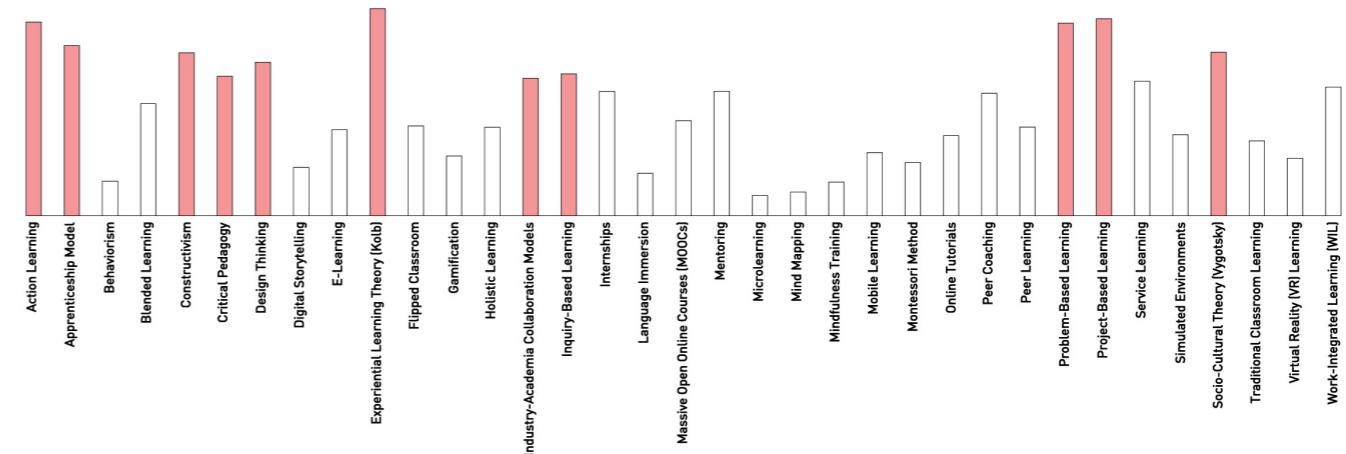
	Research Proficiency	Time Management	Resilience	Problem Identification	Cultural Competence	Public Speaking	Data Analysis	Technical Skills	Networking	Initiative	Project Management	Environmental Awareness	Conflict Resolution	Interdisciplinary Thinking
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Constructivism	4	4	5	8	2	13	6	17	22	1	22	22	7	1
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Internships	16		16	17	13	21	14	10	3	17	5	15	14	
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Mentoring		14	12	22	14	9	27	12	4	10		12	10	17
Microlearning						25		29	26		26			28
Mind Mapping	26	29	28	24	27	29		27	29		27		27	27
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# AN EXAMPLE

## 1. EVALUATION

	MENTIONS	AVERAGE
Action Learning	28	4.75
Apprenticeship Model	27	7.81
Behaviorism	4	25.5
Blended Learning	28	15.39
Constructivism	21	8.76
Critical Pedagogy	28	11.82
Design Thinking	17	10
Digital Storytelling	23	23.7
E-Learning	28	18.79
Experiential Learning Theory (Kolb)	28	3
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Inquiry-Based Learning	26	11.5
Internships	23	13.78
Language Immersion	23	24.48
Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)	28	17.61
Mentoring	21	13.76
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Mind Mapping	24	26.92
Mindfulness Training	13	25.62
Mobile Learning	9	21.78
Montessori Method	19	23.05
Online Tutorials	27	19.56
Peer Coaching	25	14.04
Peer Learning	16	18.44
Problem-Based Learning	28	4.89
Project-Based Learning	28	4.32
Service Learning	28	12.46
Simulated Environments	27	19.44
Socio-Cultural Theory (Vygotsky)	28	8.68
Traditional Classroom Learning	24	20.25
Virtual Reality (VR) Learning	16	22.5
Work-Integrated Learning (WIL)	27	13.22

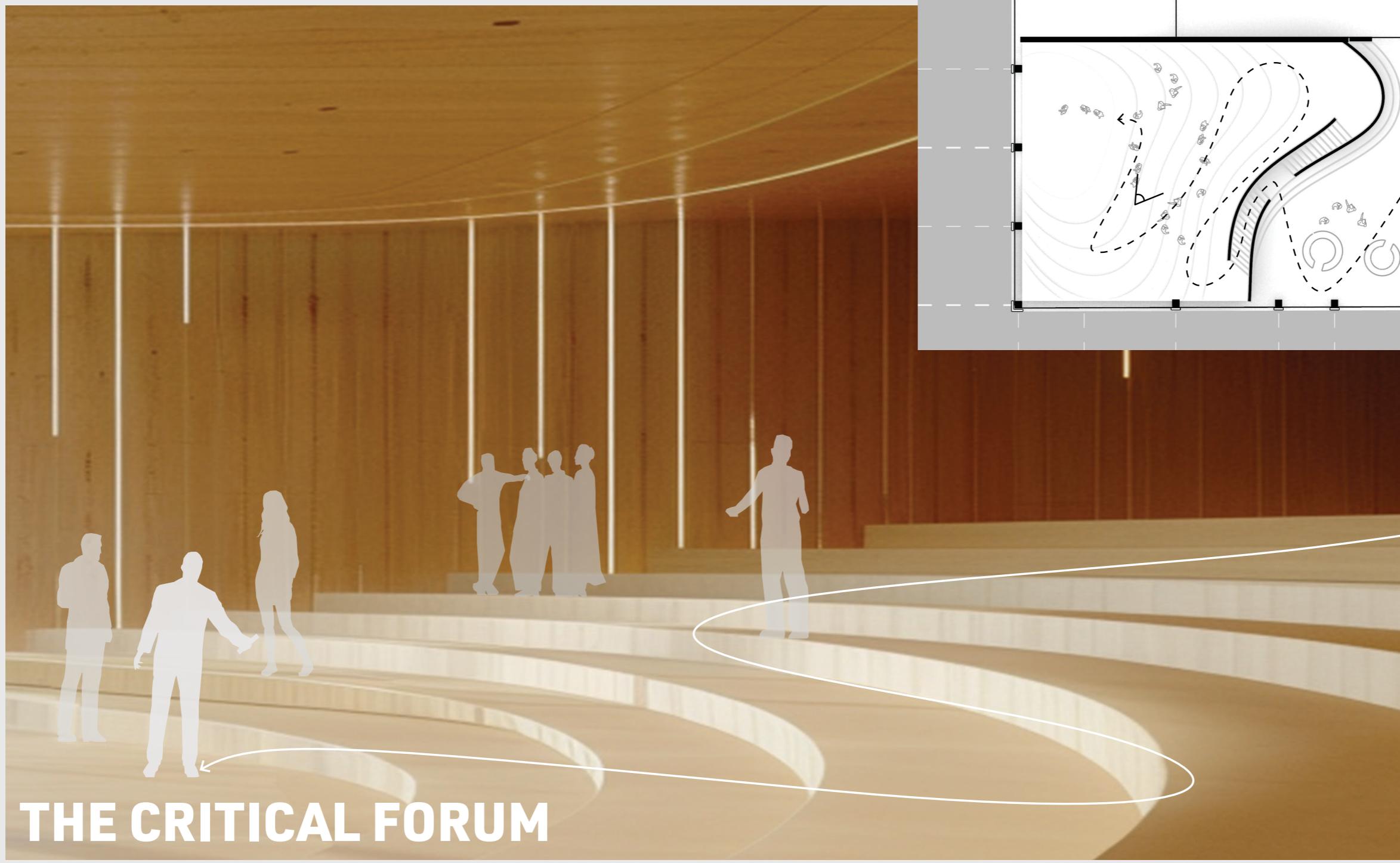
## 2. COMPARISON



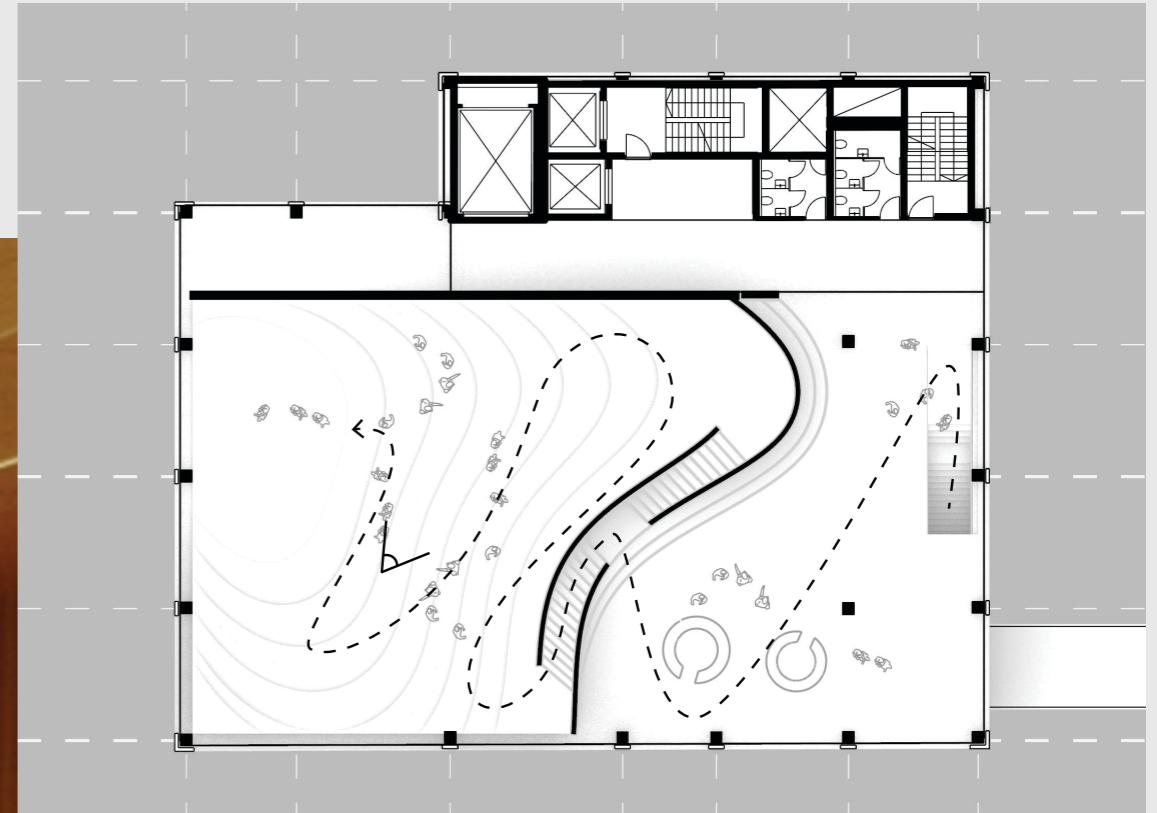
## 3. CHOOSING SUITABLE METHOD BASED ON USER GROUP AND SKILLSET TO DEVELOP

	Critical Thinking	Problem-Solving	Communication Proficiency	Teamwork	Adaptability	Information
Project-Based Learning	2	2	5	4	3	3
Service Learning	14	8	11	7	9	9
Simulated Environments	29	24	25	22	20	20
SOCIO-CULTURAL THEORY (VYGOTSKY)	9	11	1	2	7	8
Traditional Classroom Learning	20	26	18	17	18	18
Virtual Reality (VR) Learning		23	26	23	21	21
Work-Integrated Learning (WIL)	15	13	16	12	10	10

## 4. DESIGN BASED ON THEORY OF THE METHOD (following pages)



**Sociocultural theory by Vygotsky**  
**Embracing participation and initiative**  
**Transition from "being a spectator" to "active participant"**



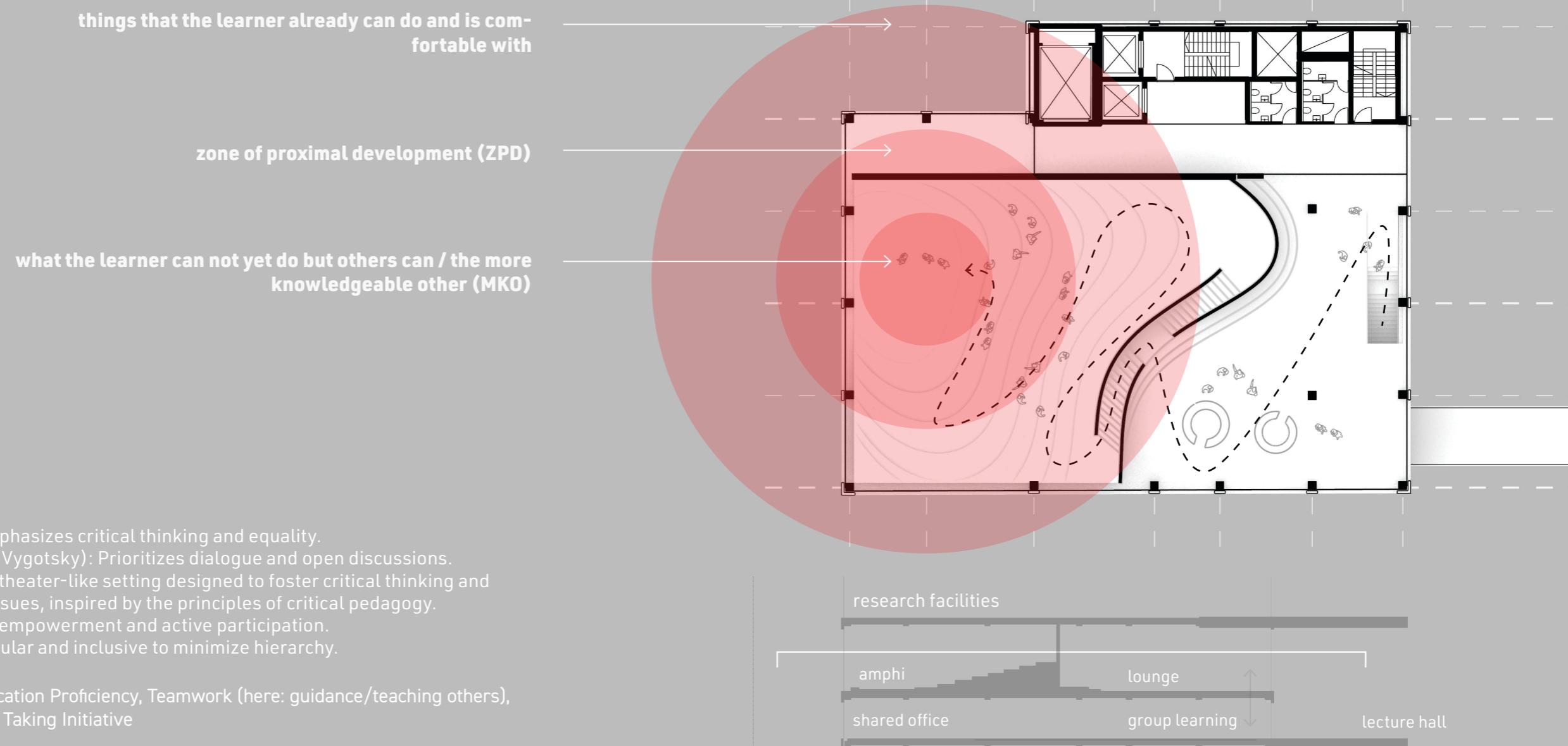
# VYGOTSKY: ZONE OF PROXIMAL DEVELOPMENT

The design of an amphitheater, is based on Vygotsky's Sociocultural Theory. This theory underscores the importance of social interactions in cognitive development, suggesting that learning occurs through mediated relationships as individuals engage with cultural and institutional aspects of their environment.

ment. Key components of this theory, such as the More Knowledgeable Other (MKO) and the Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD), are depicted in the diagram. In the ZPD, learners can achieve higher cognitive functions under the guidance of someone more skilled.

The critical forum incorporates this principle in a spatial configuration where the focus—the person or people speaking on a topic—is placed in the center of the forum, representing the challenges the learner has yet to master. The outer areas of the forum provide a space for learners to observe the discussion

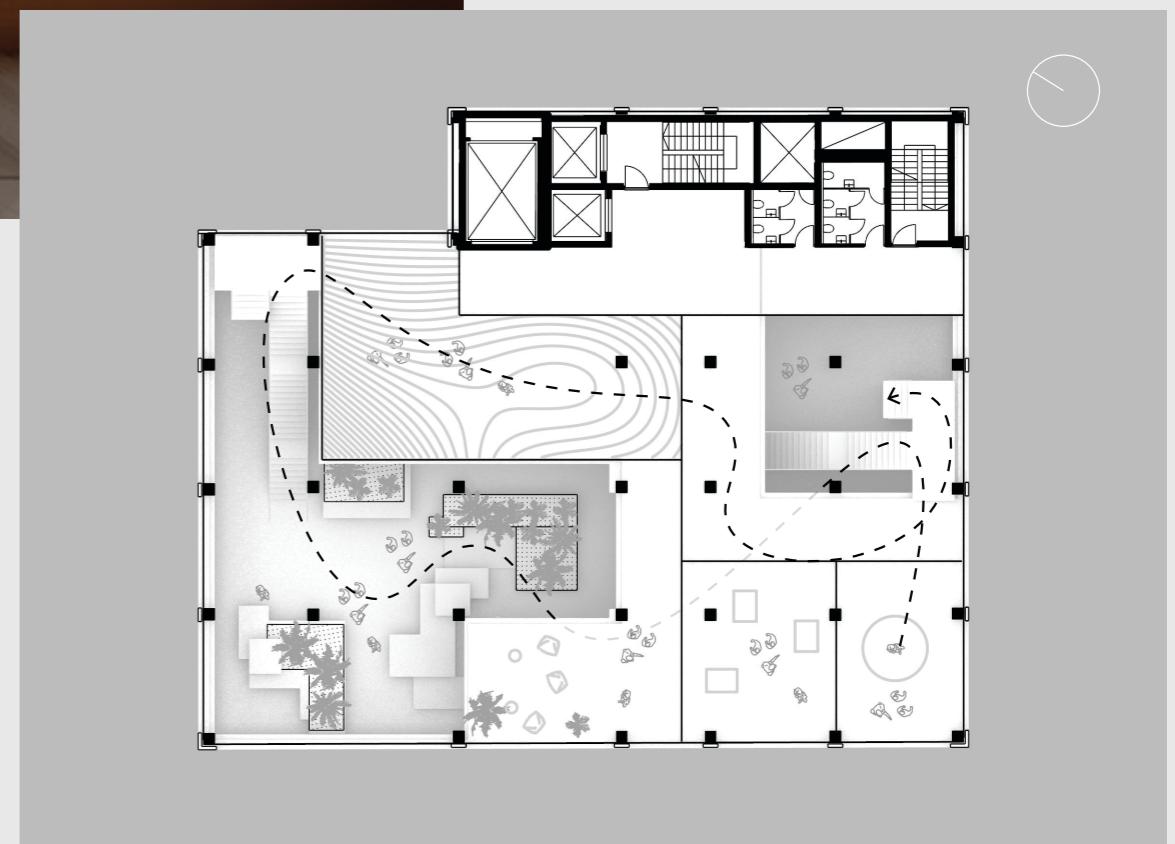
without direct involvement. As a speaker gains confidence, they may choose to gradually move towards the center to actively participate in the discussion.





## EXPERIENTIAL GARDENS

**Experiential Theory by Kolb**  
**Immersive Lab Studios with central group**  
**reflection space (gardens)**



# EXPERIENTIAL GARDEN

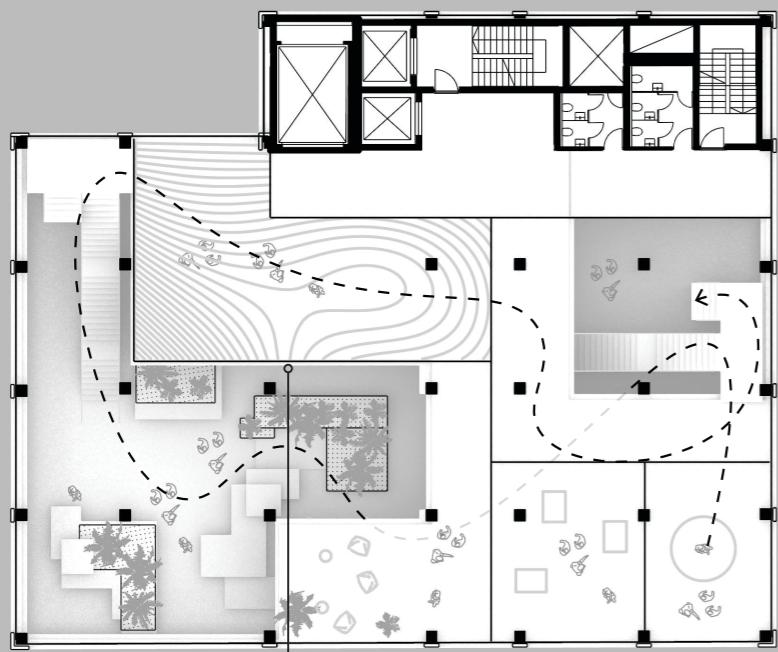
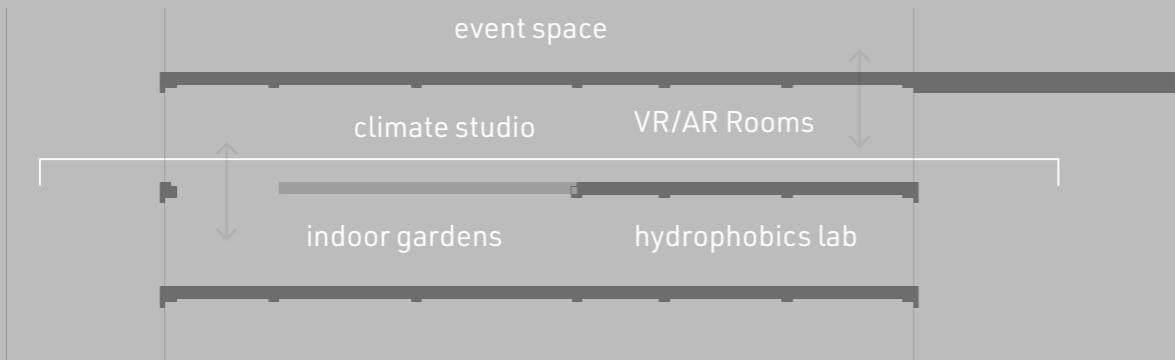
This lab's design aligns with Kolb's theory of Experiential Learning, emphasizing sensory experiences and learning through deep immersion. The space is designed to facilitate sensory engagement, allowing learners to immerse themselves fully in interactive experiences.

Experiential Learning (Kolb) Sensory experiences and learning through immersion.

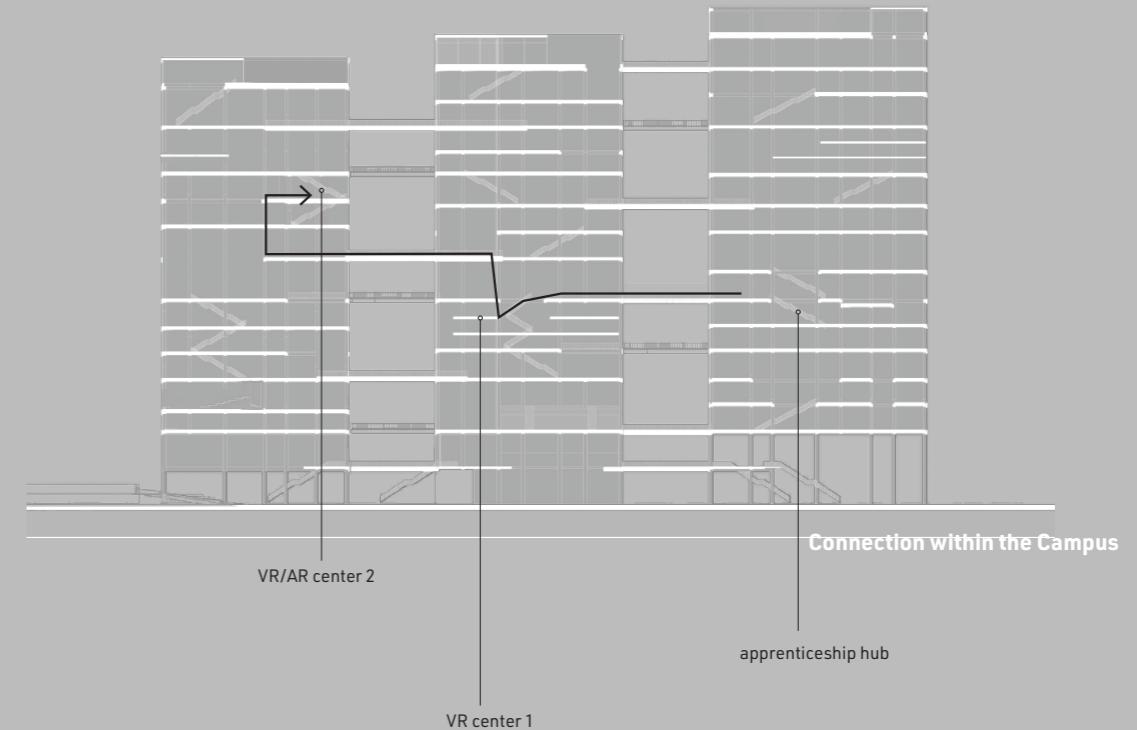
Description: A setting that offers sensory experiences, inspired by Kolb's experiential learning theory.

Principle: Experience

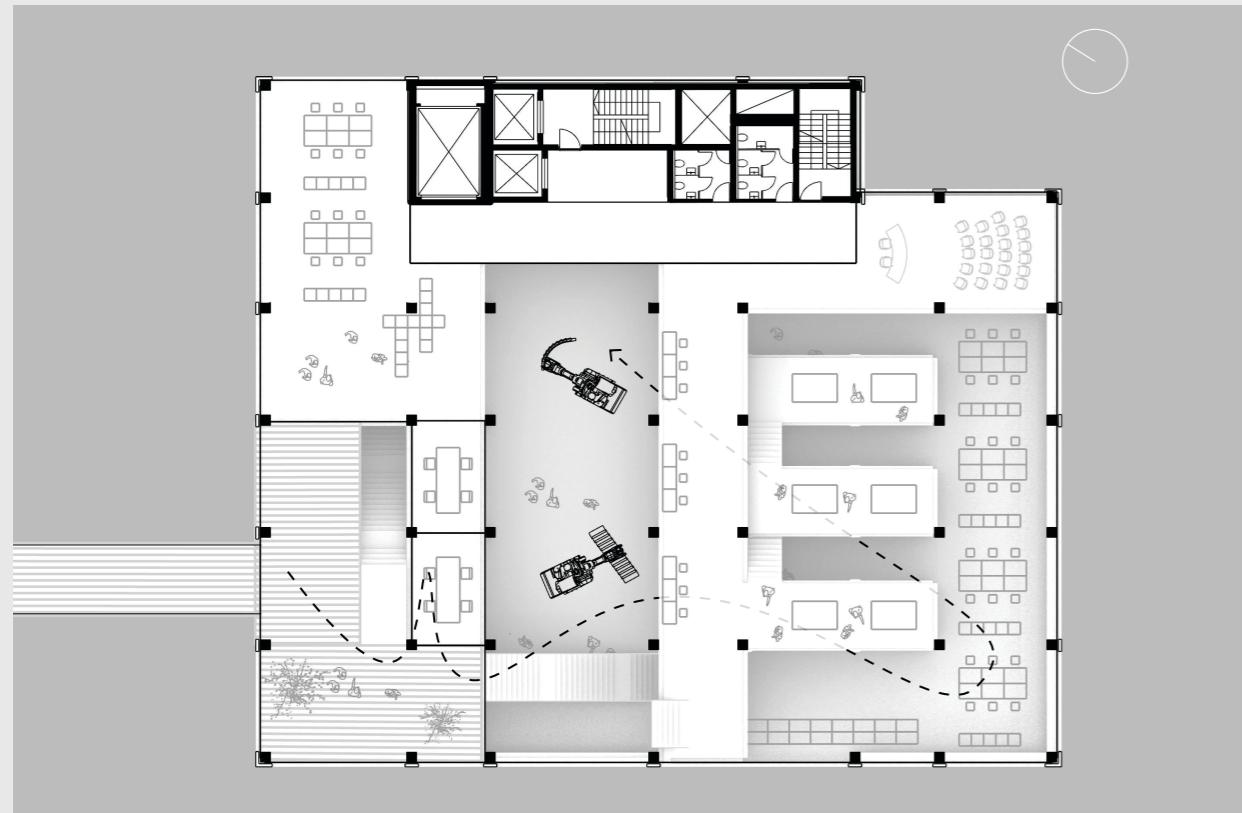
Orientation: Immersion



inwards focussed immersion



opening up the space

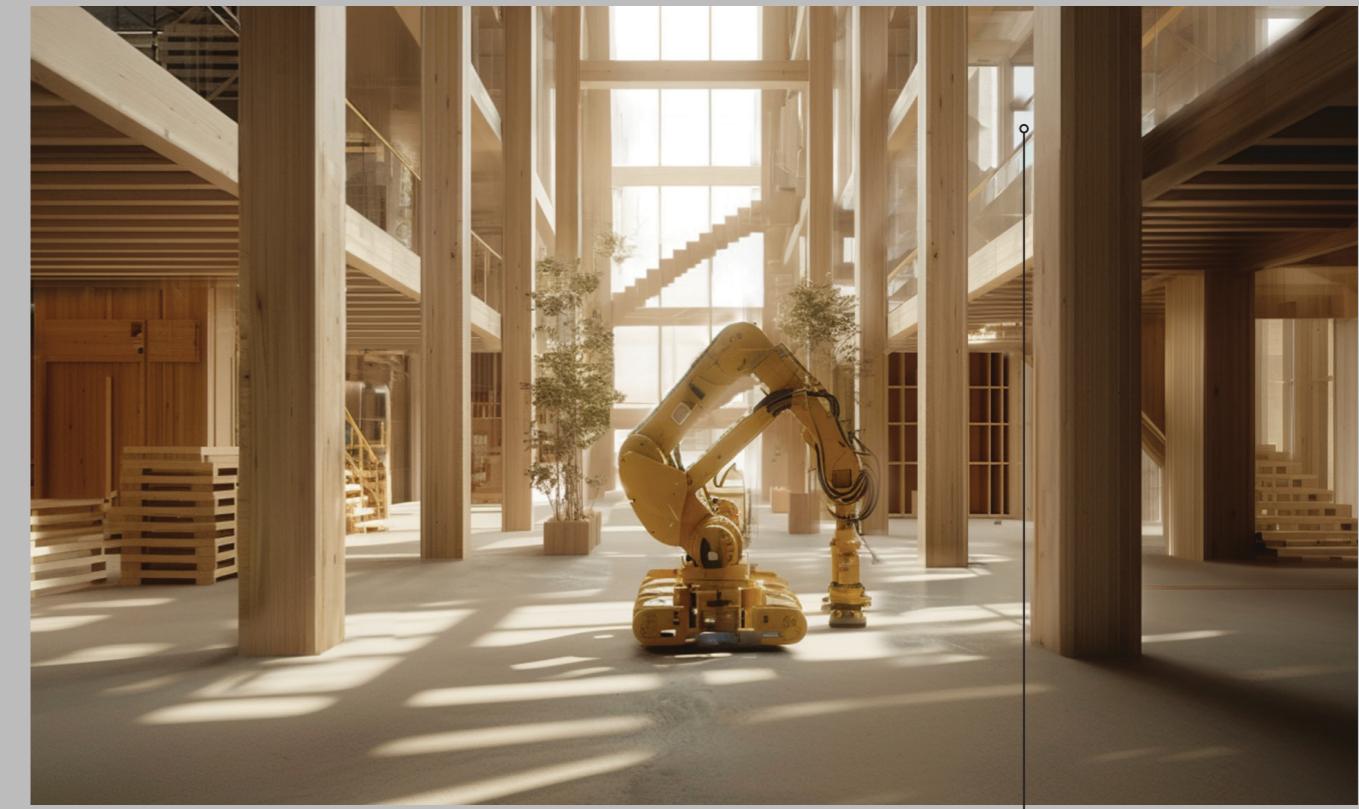
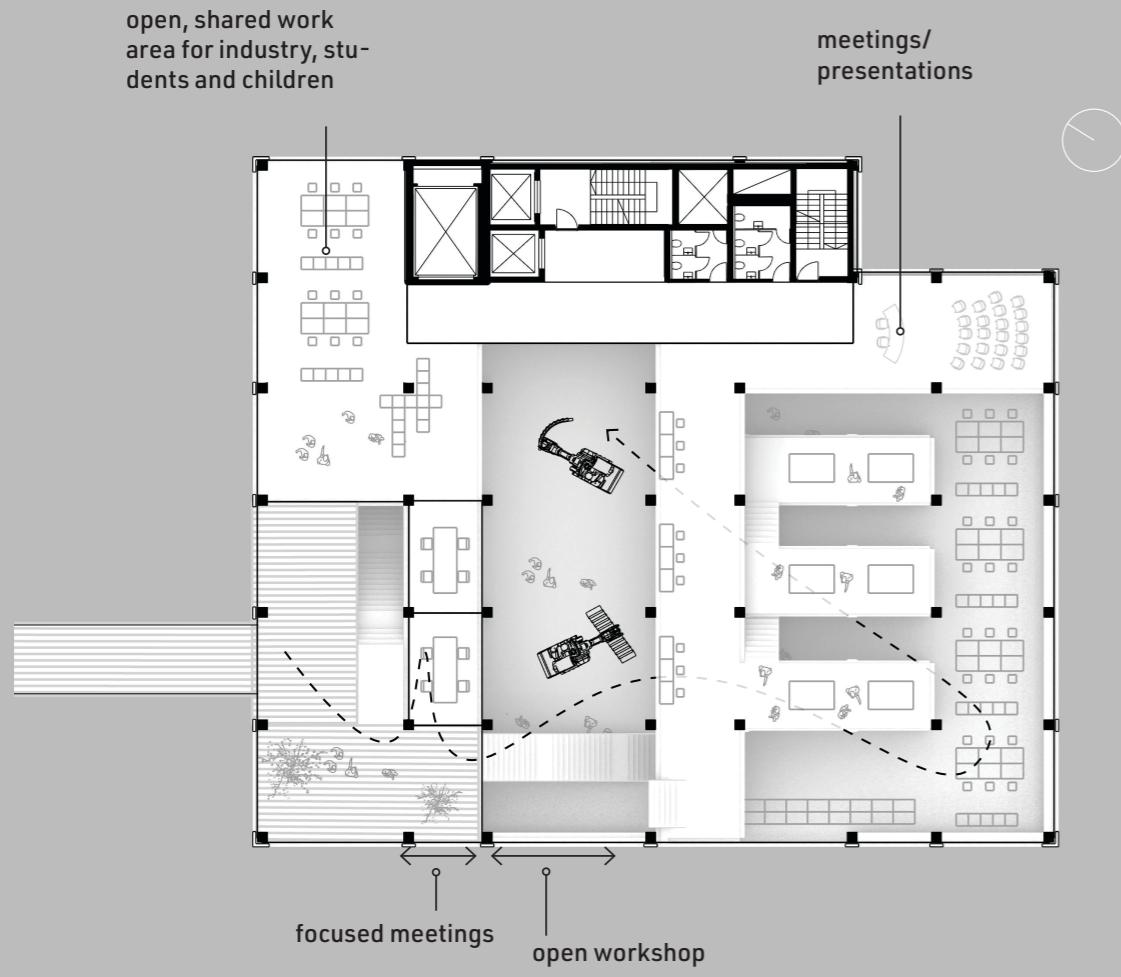
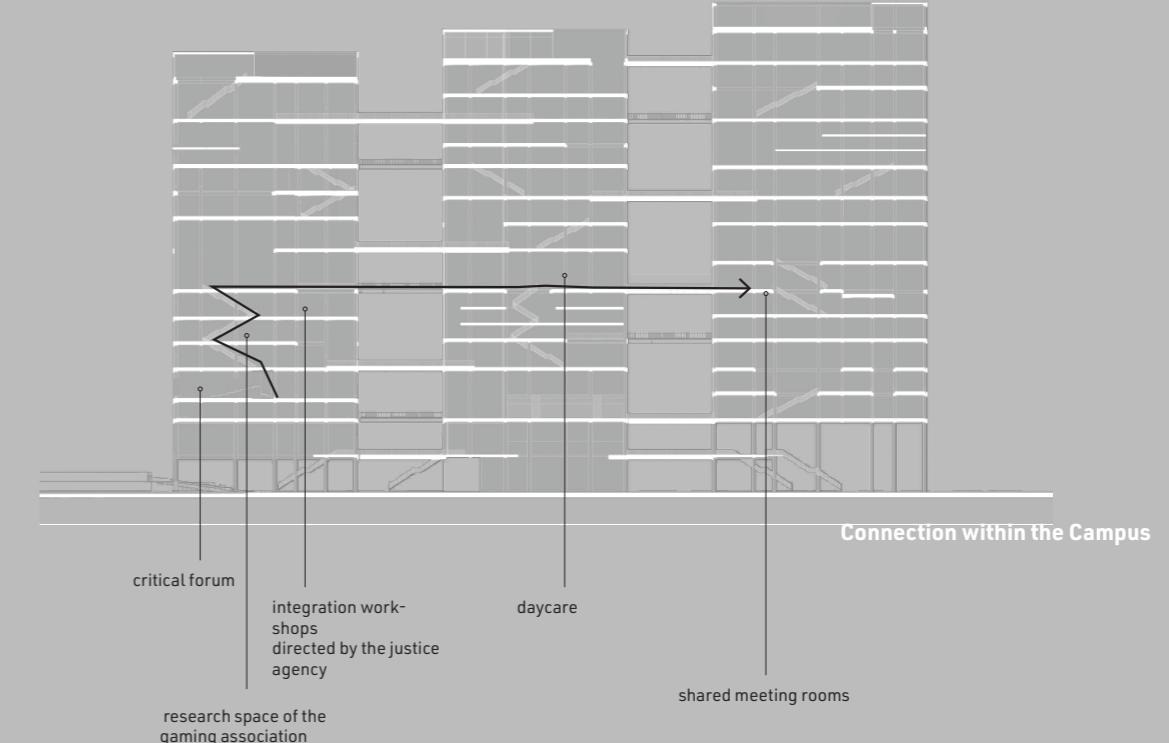
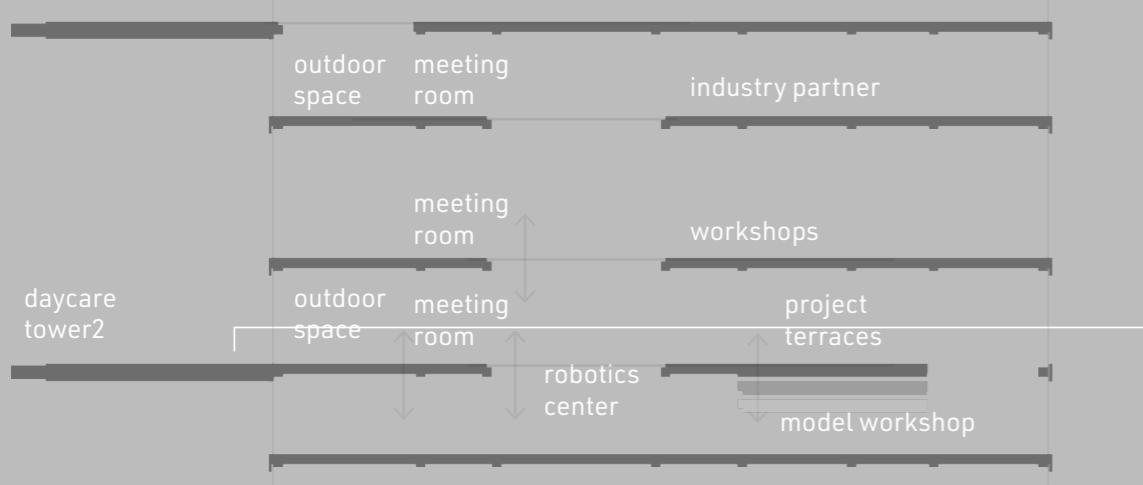


## THE APPRENTICESHIP HUB

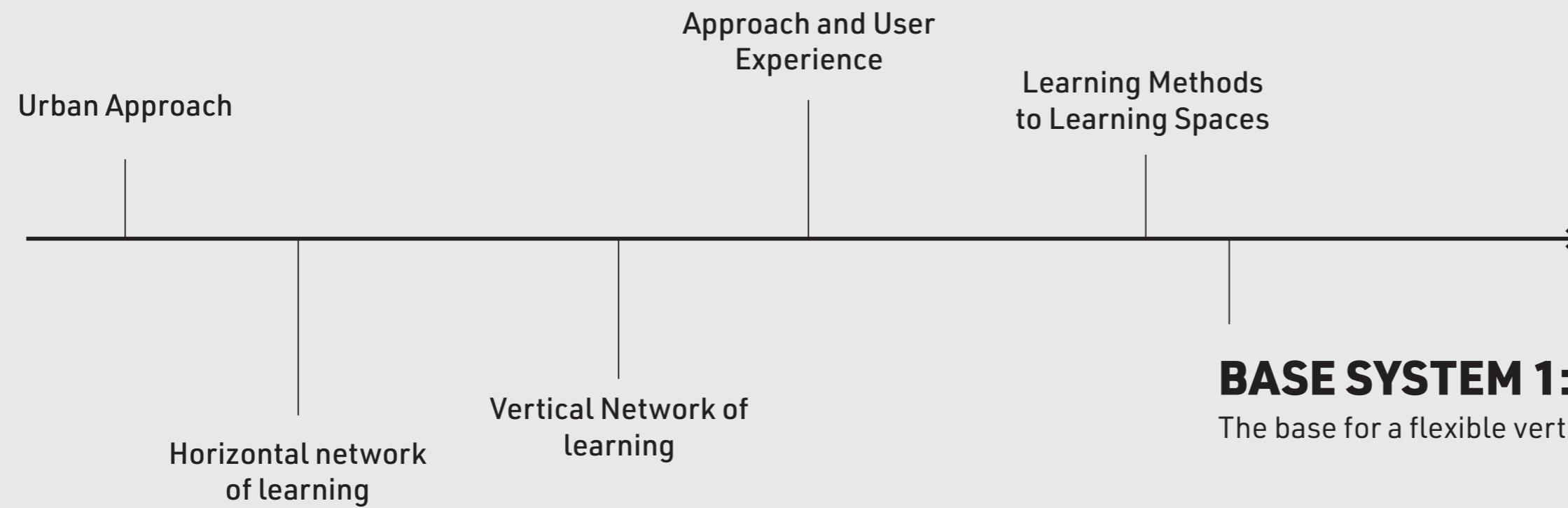
Problem/Project Based Learning  
Industry-Academia Collaboration  
Mentorship and Interdisciplinary work

# THE HANDS ON APPRENTICESHIP HUB

Apprenticeship model for up to date know-how and a project-based learning approach. Learning by doing.  
 Description: Open-plan workshop that integrates office area, meeting rooms, a safe experience area for the youngest....  
 Principle: Mentorship  
 Orientation: Multi Layered



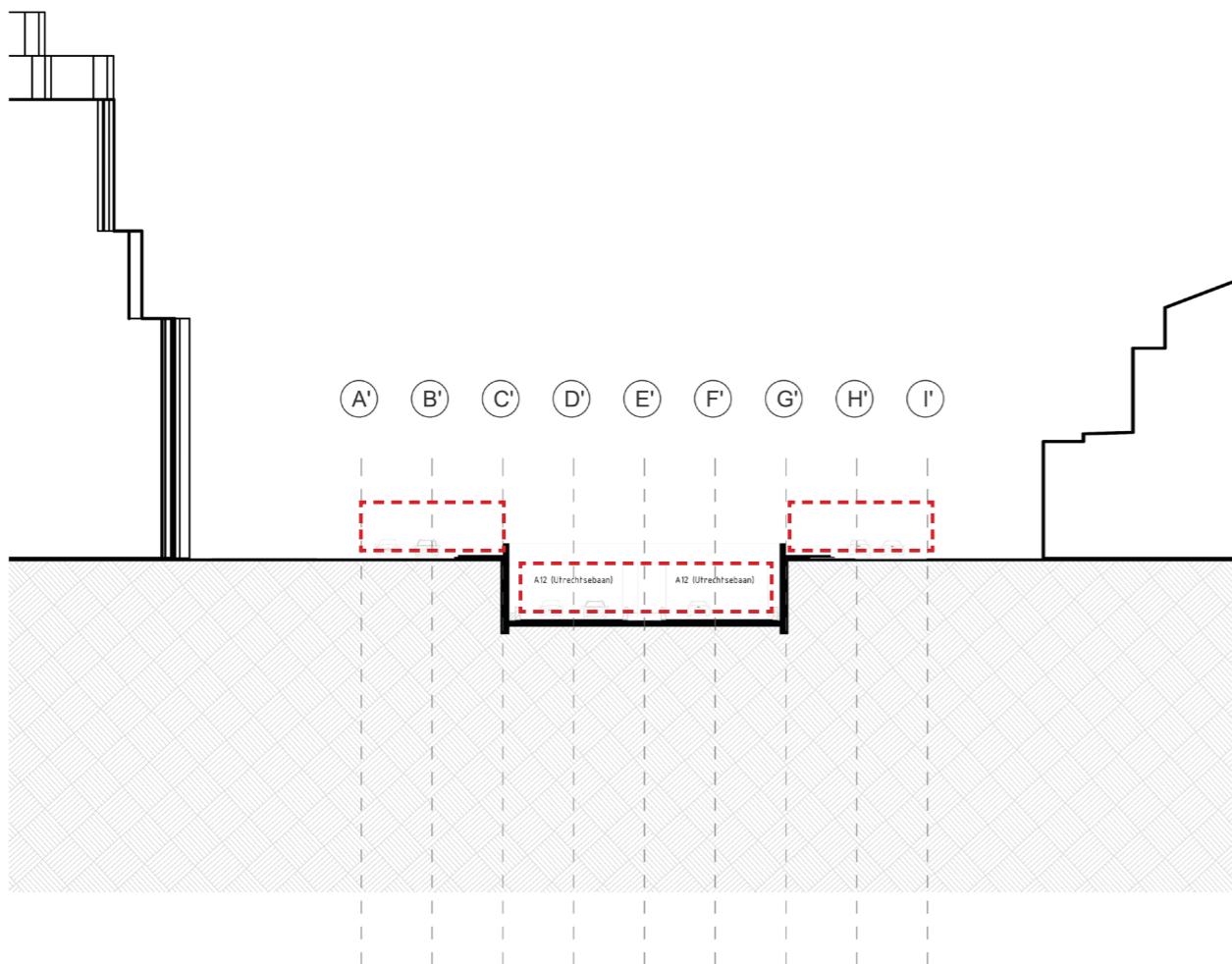
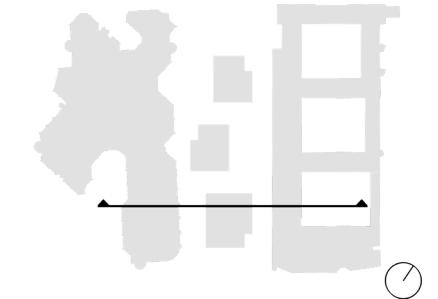
meeting rooms sound proof but with view into the center



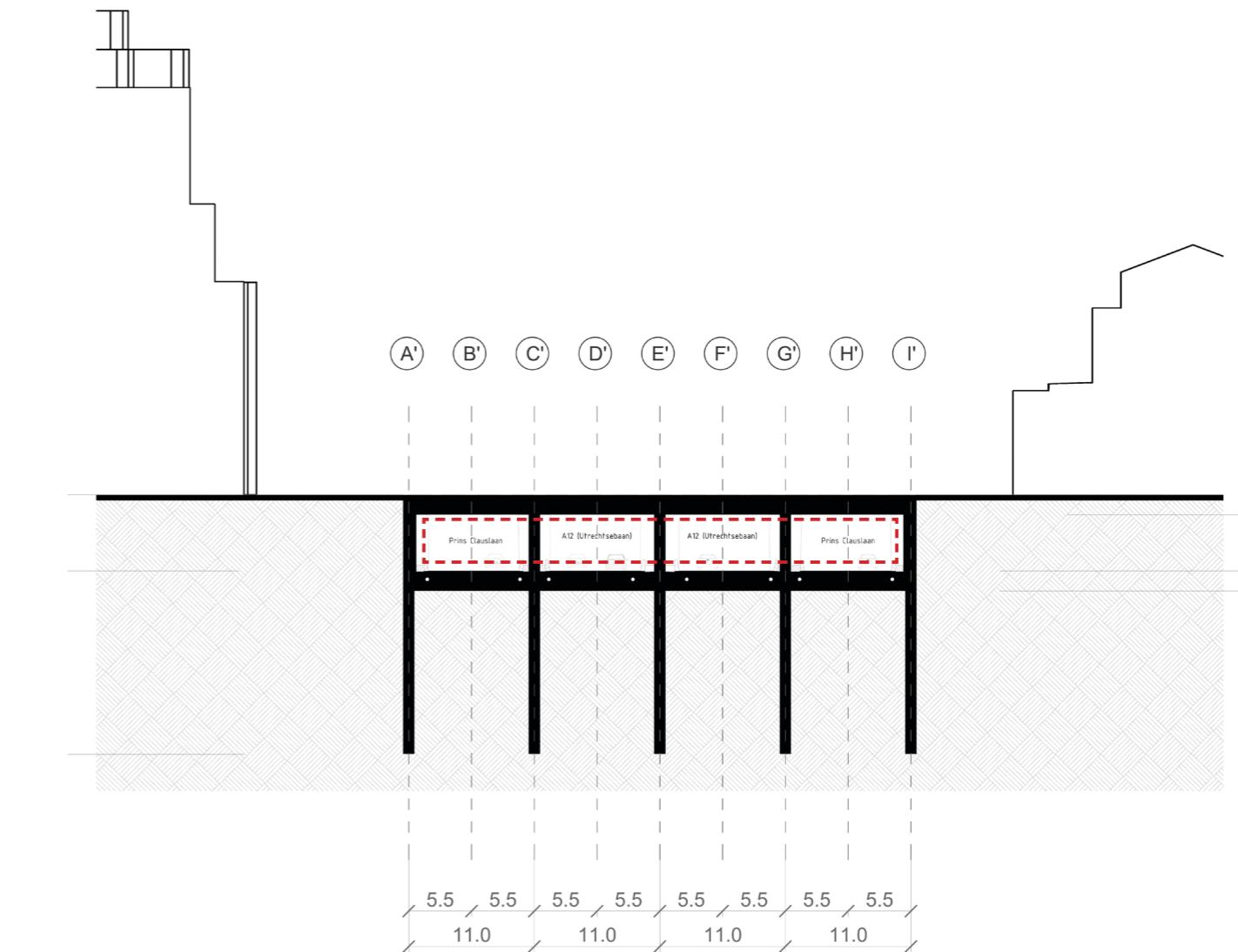
## **BASE SYSTEM 1: SUPERSTRUCTURE**

The base for a flexible vertical campus.

# THE FOUNDATION



before



after

# CONSTRAINED

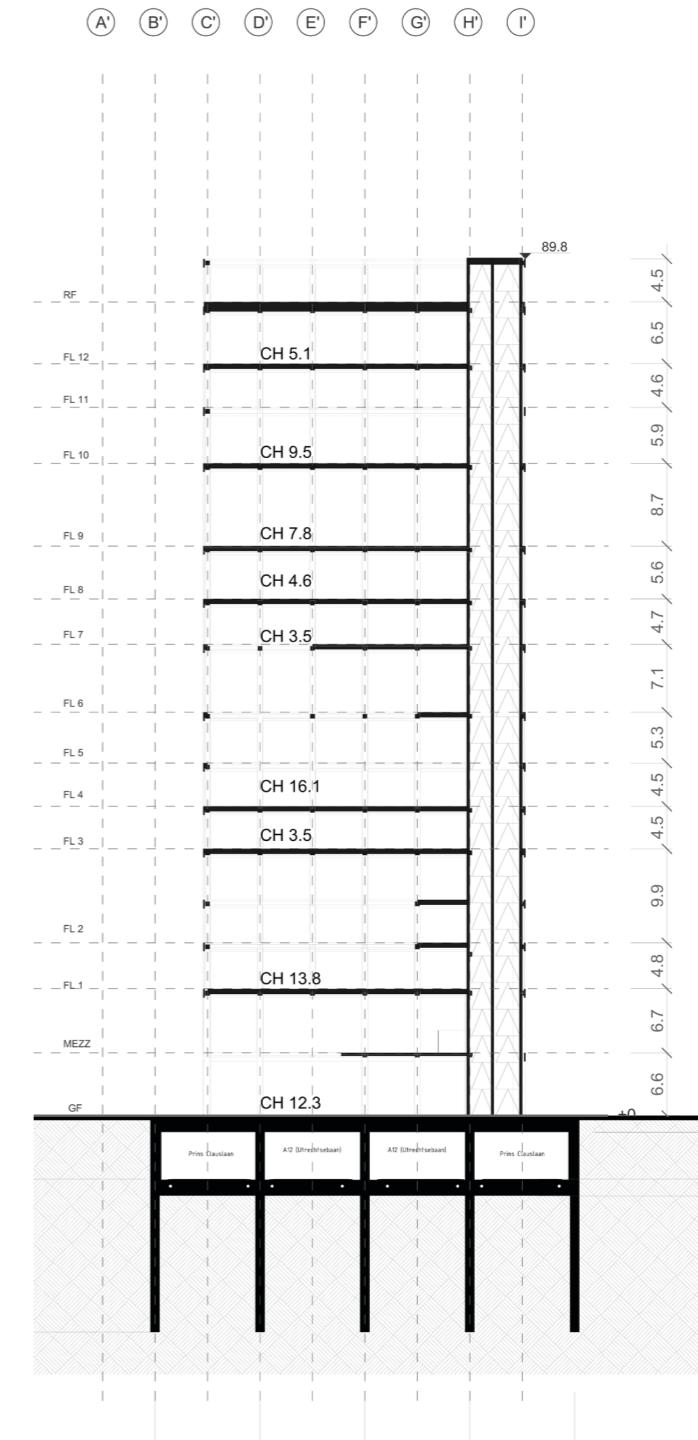
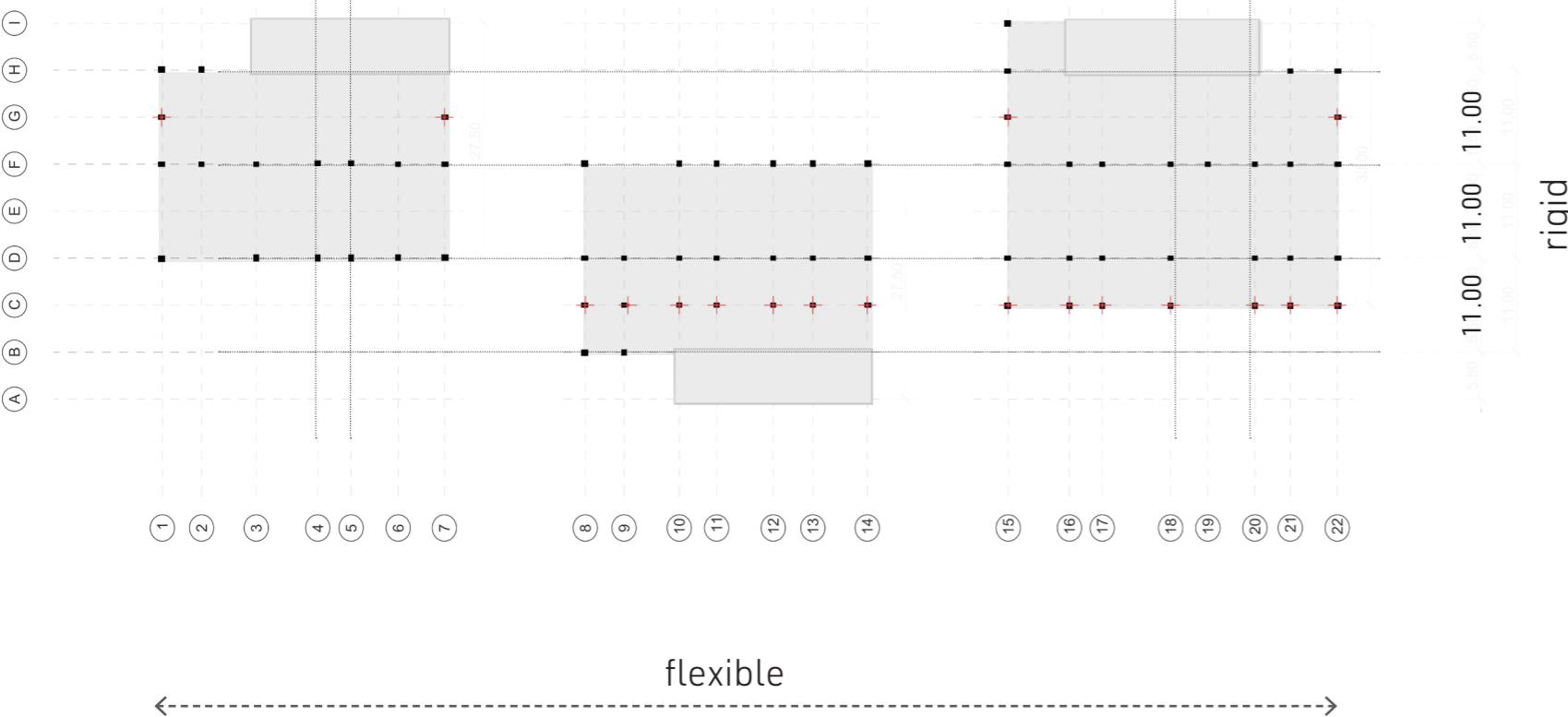
## v.s.

# FREE

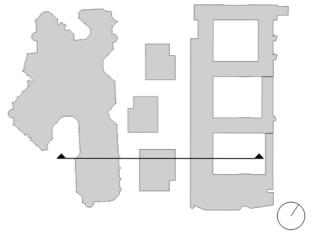
Due to the underground lanes, the grid in the longitudinal direction was kept as rigid as possible in the other direction it is expanded and reduced, deviating from a standard grid.

Only the columns, which are marked in red, were not placed efficiently due to constraints from the spatial ar-

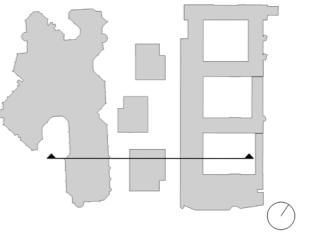
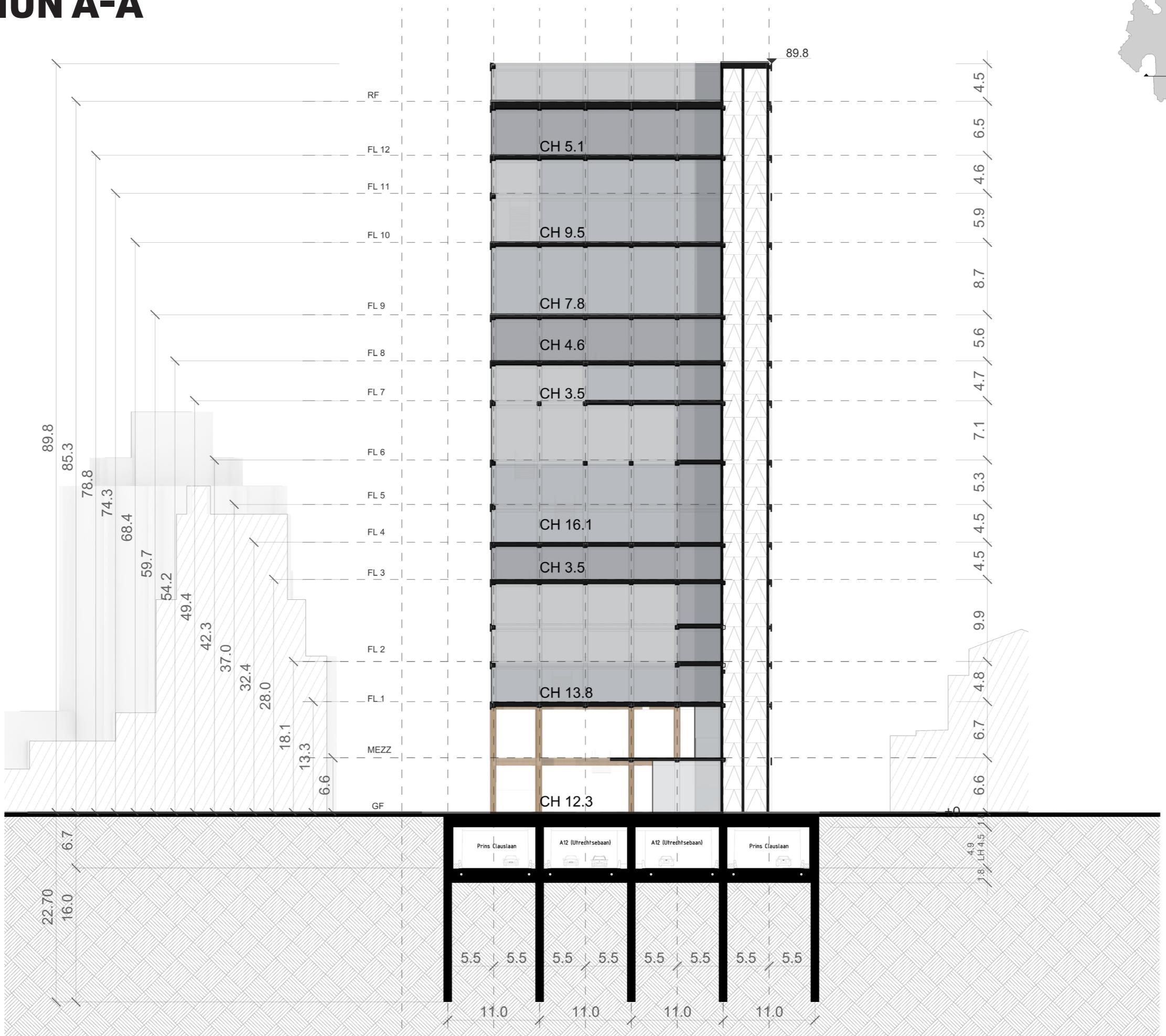
angement above. This represents a compromise between efficiency and flexibility. As a consequence, the areas with red columns will require reinforcements between the ground level and the underground lanes.



rigid

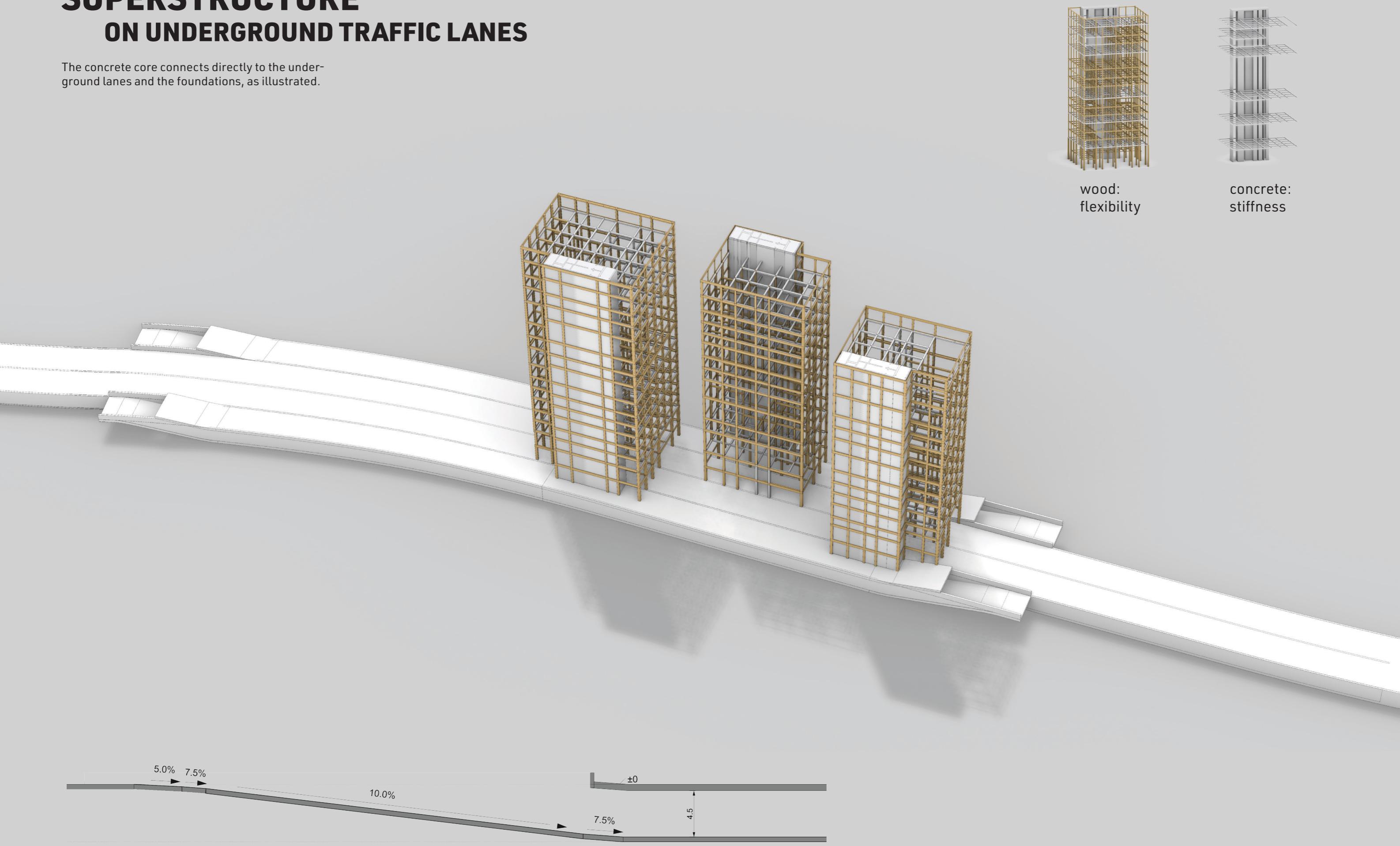


# FULL SECTION A-A



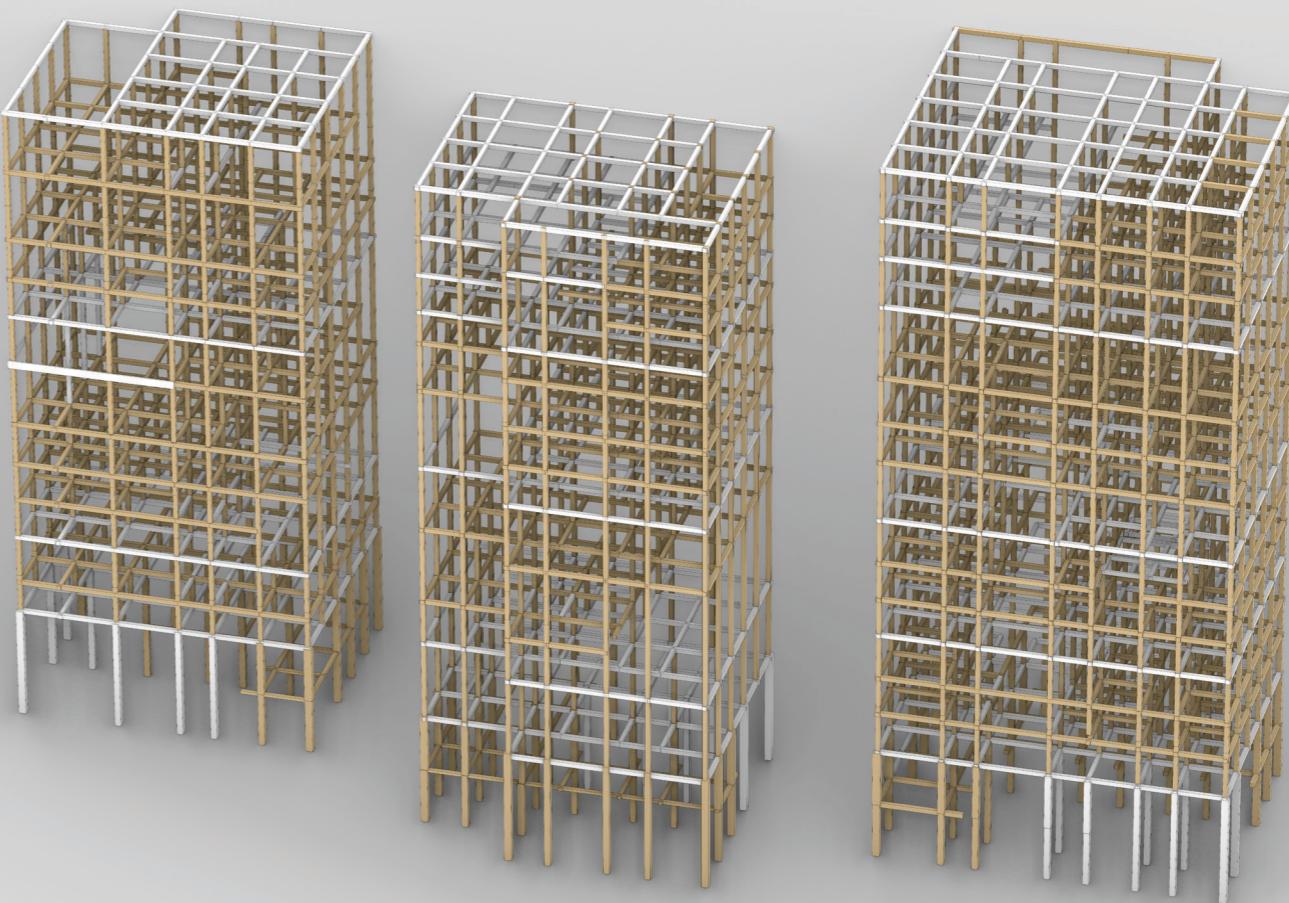
# SUPERSTRUCTURE ON UNDERGROUND TRAFFIC LANES

The concrete core connects directly to the underground lanes and the foundations, as illustrated.



# ADAPTABLE AND EFFICIENT

To maximize efficiency, the primary wooden superstructure is complemented by concrete elements in critical areas, providing lateral stability.

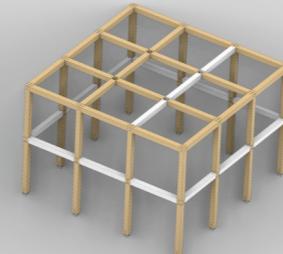
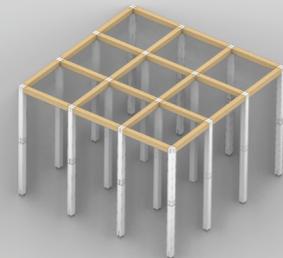
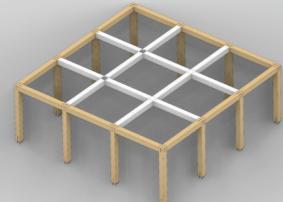
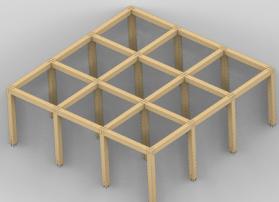


1. wooden skeleton

2. concrete beams for long spans

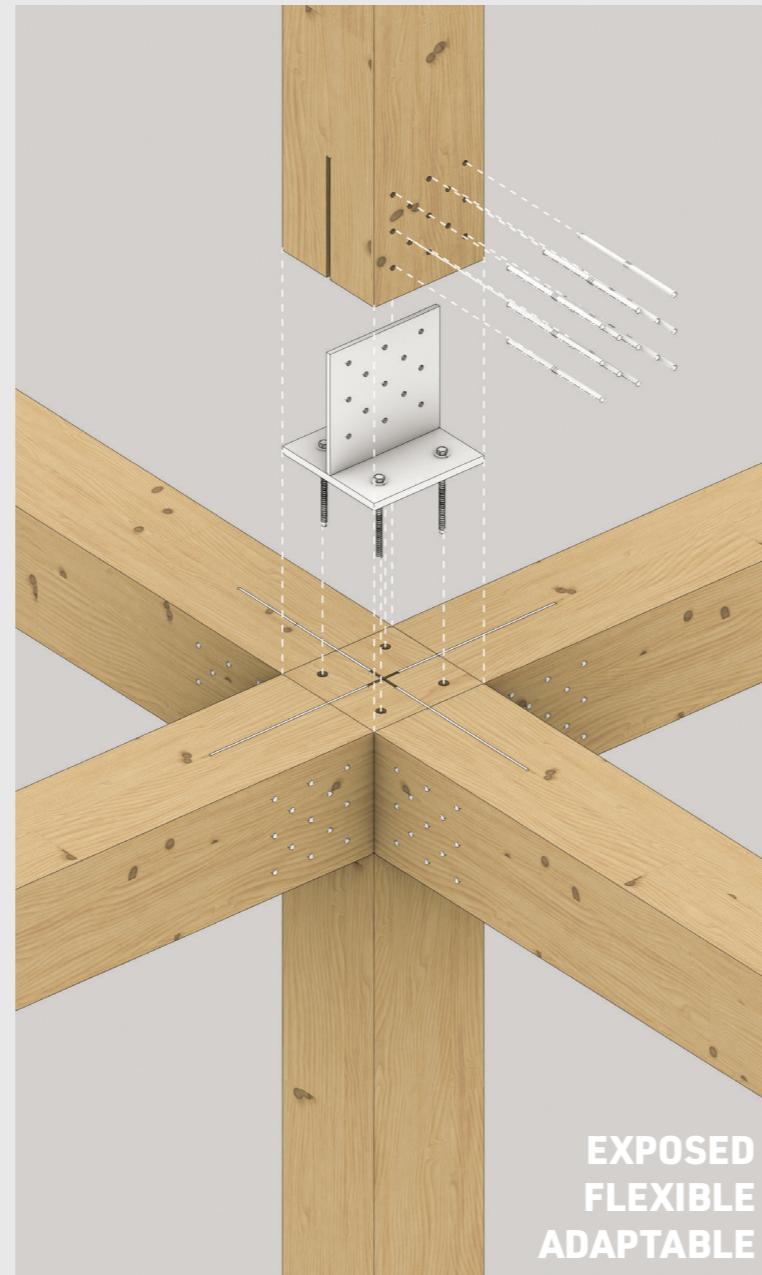
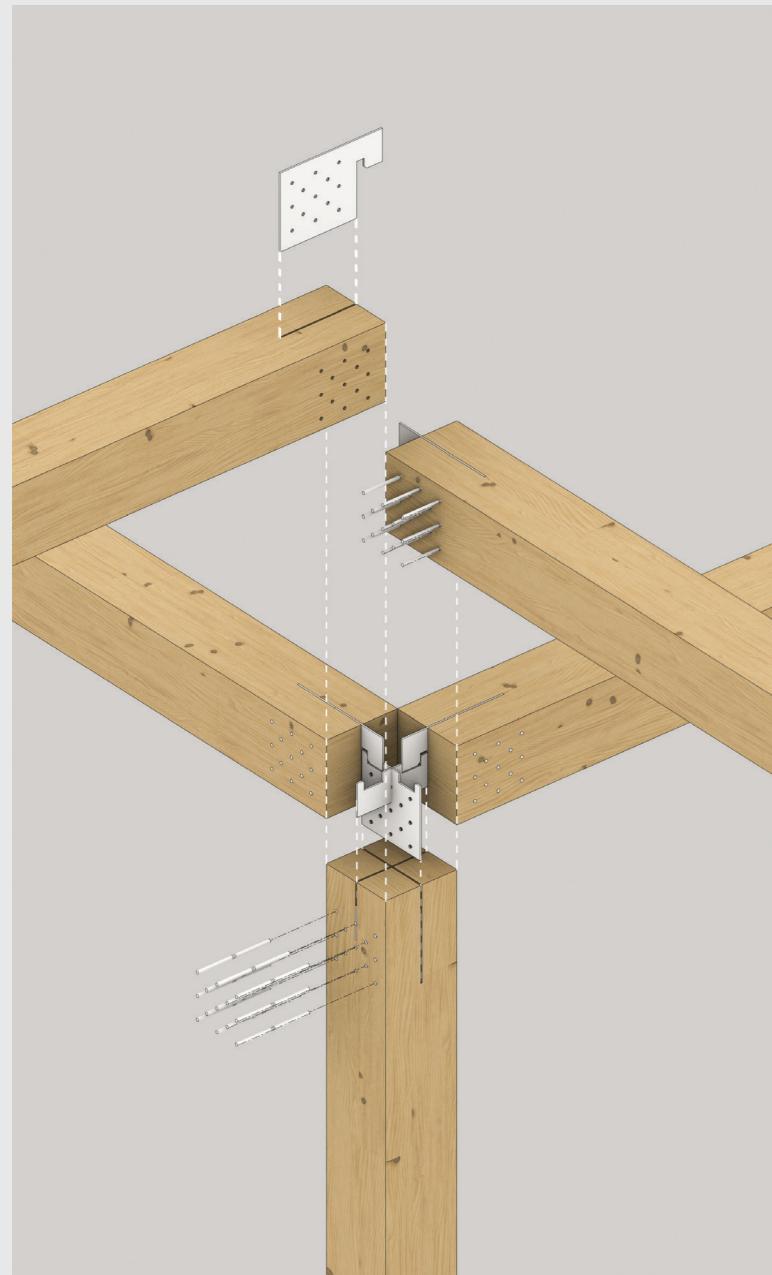
3. concrete columns at long buckling lengths

4. hybrid system for maximal flexibility and efficiency



concrete  
wood

# REVERSIBLE WOODEN CONNECTIONS AND PREFABRICATION

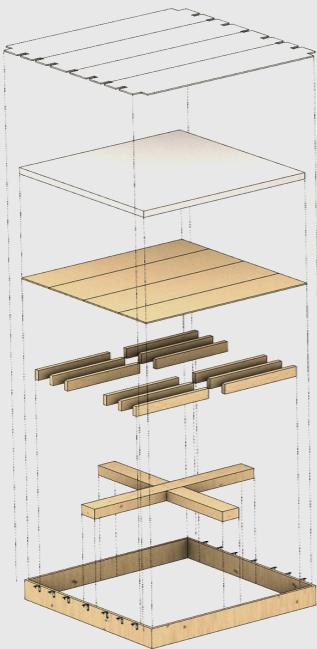


# MODULAR CATALOGUE

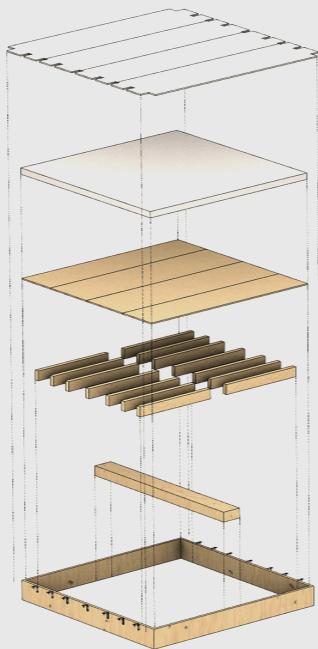
## SHOWCASING "HOW IT IS MADE", AESTETIC DRIVER, COST REDUCTION, RESILIENCE

The timer frame allows for a wide range of different expressions which are directly developed out of differing structural solutions - a few are shown here. The structure is the main aesthetic driver here. An educational and flexible way of designing the element. Another benefit is the reduction of construction costs and duration.

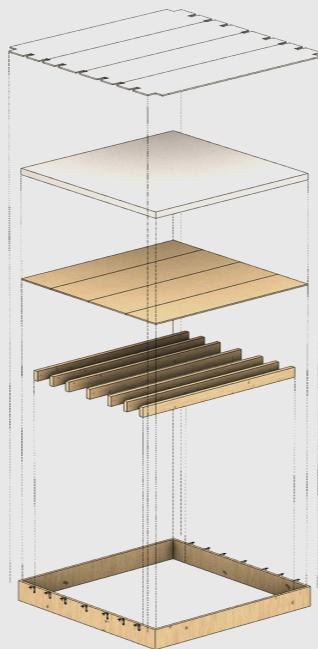
Three-layer-panel



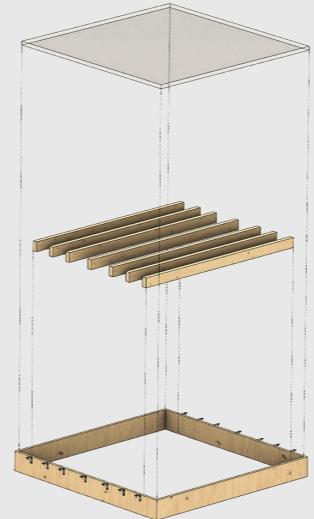
Wood fiber insulation board



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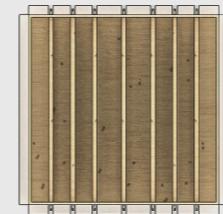
Structural wood



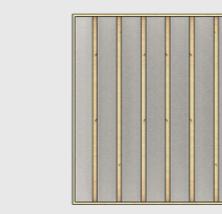
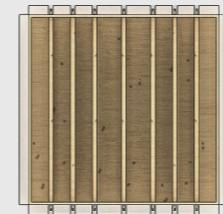
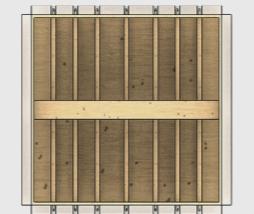
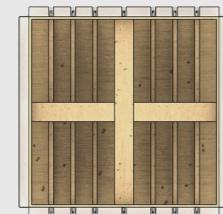
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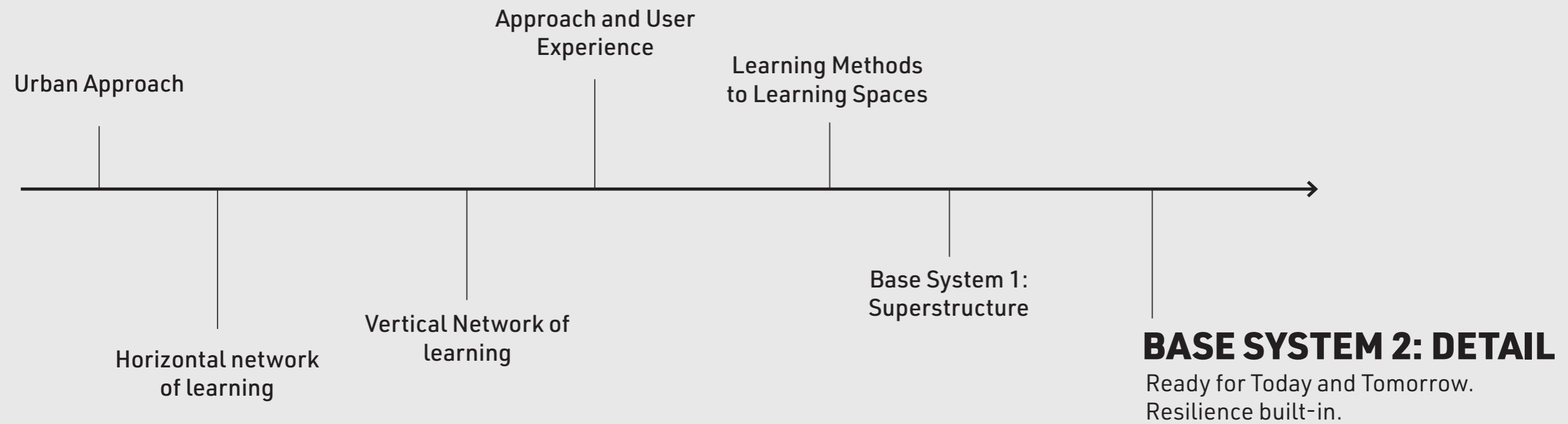


Timber frame

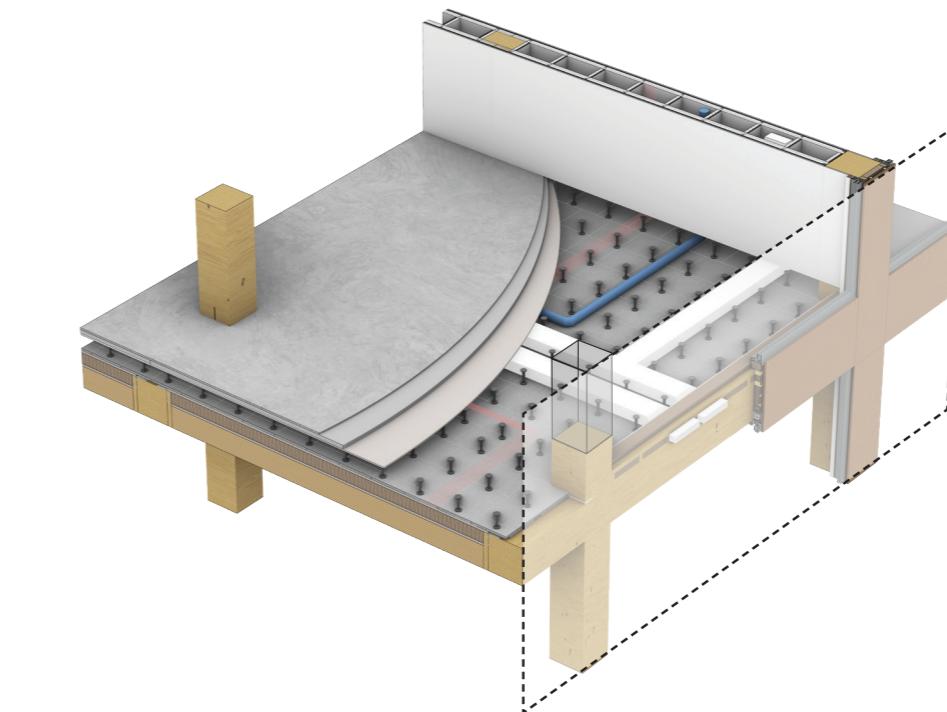
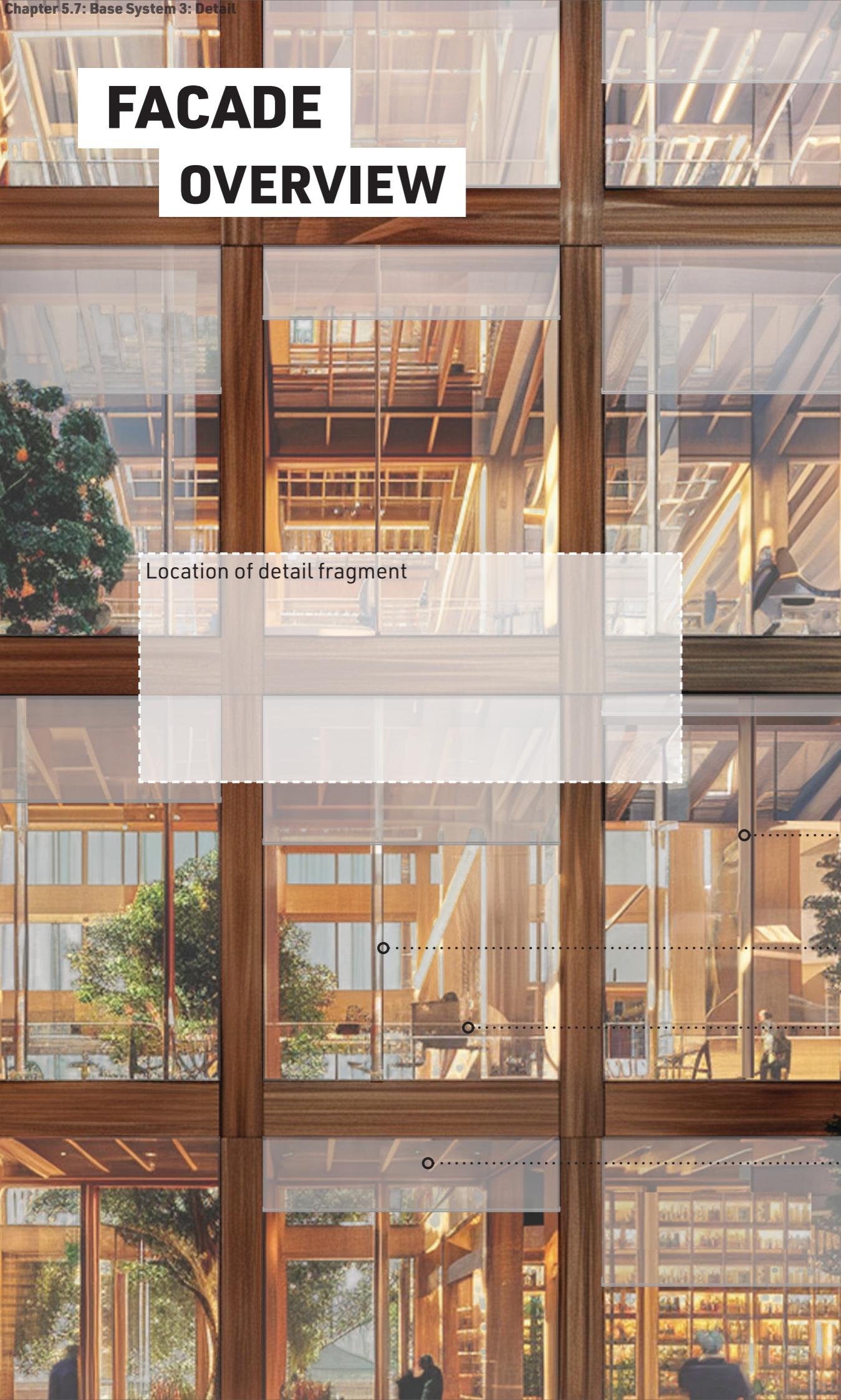


Laminated Glass  
(2-3 layers of 10mm depending on span)





# FACADE OVERVIEW



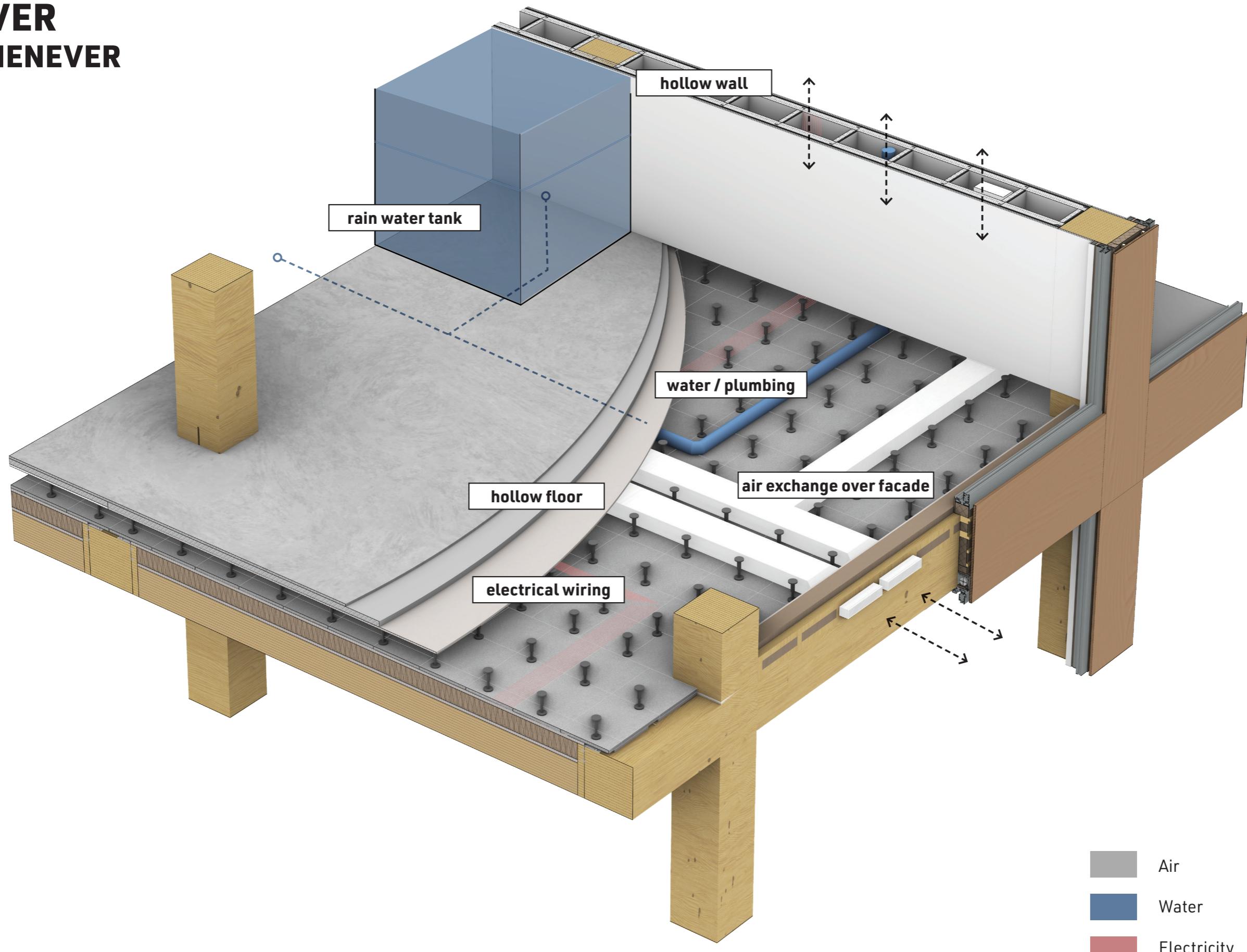
Fixed window element

Sliding door element

Railing (indoor)

Variation of prefab element in ceiling

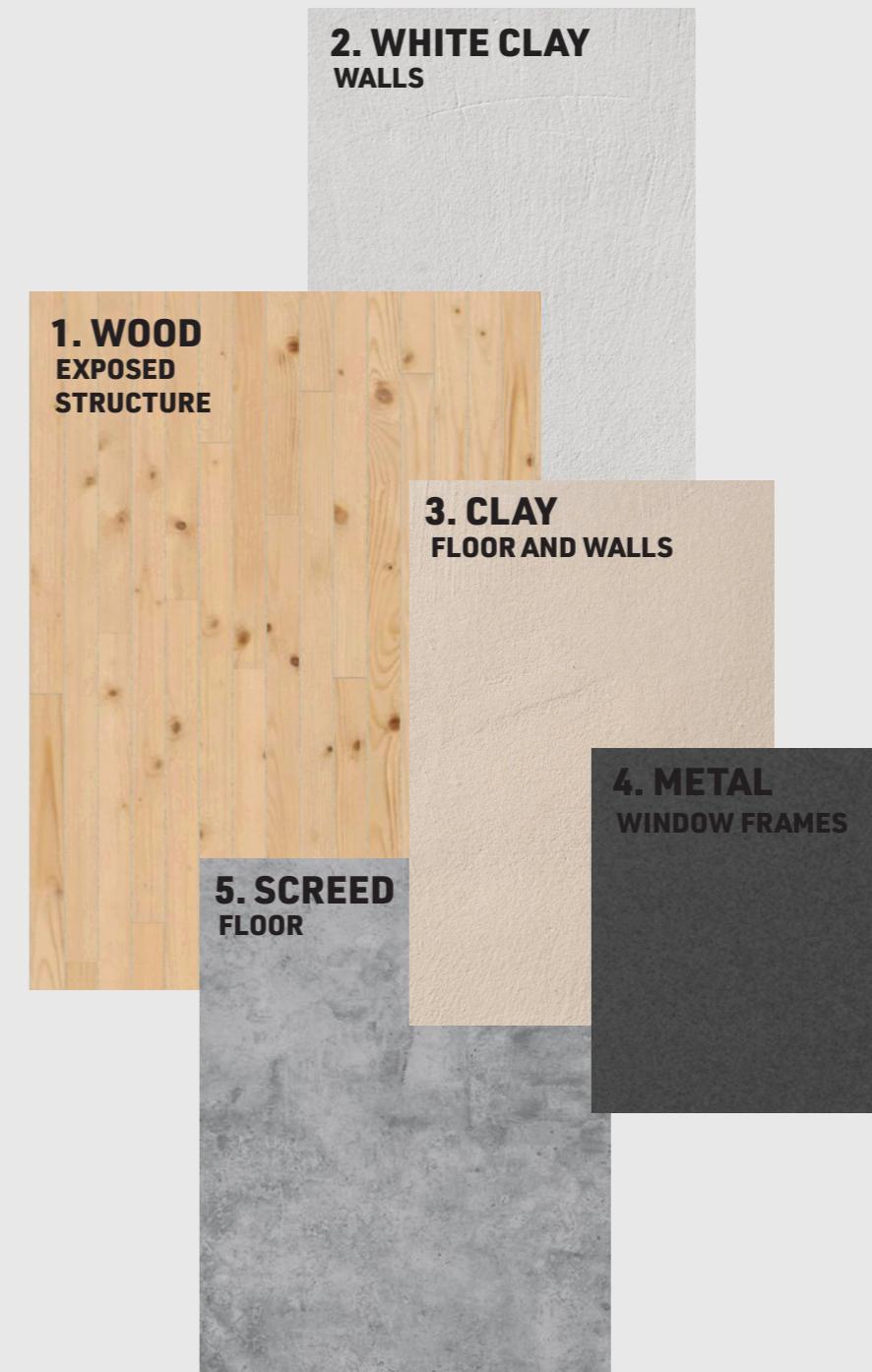
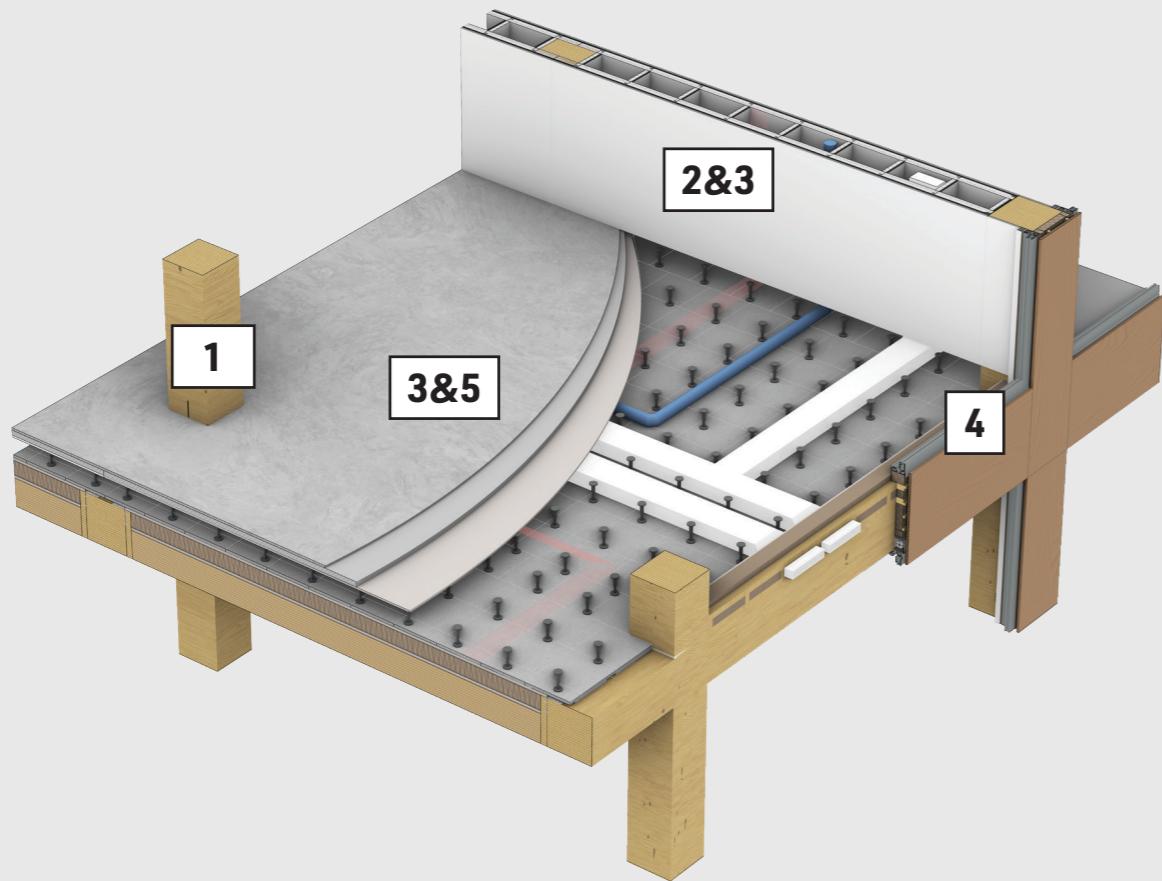
**WHATEVER  
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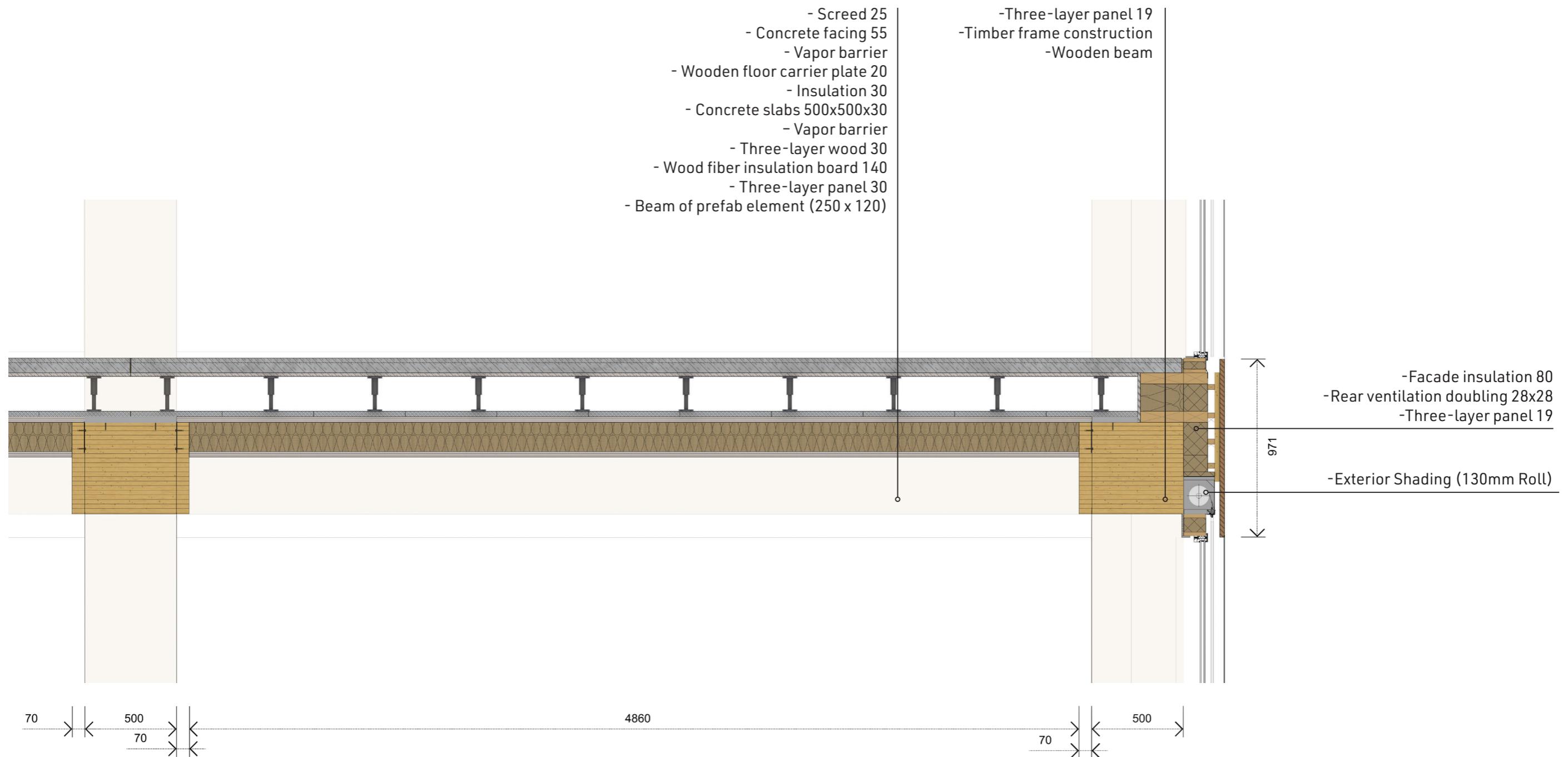
# RAW MATERIALITY

## HANDS-ON WORKING SPACES

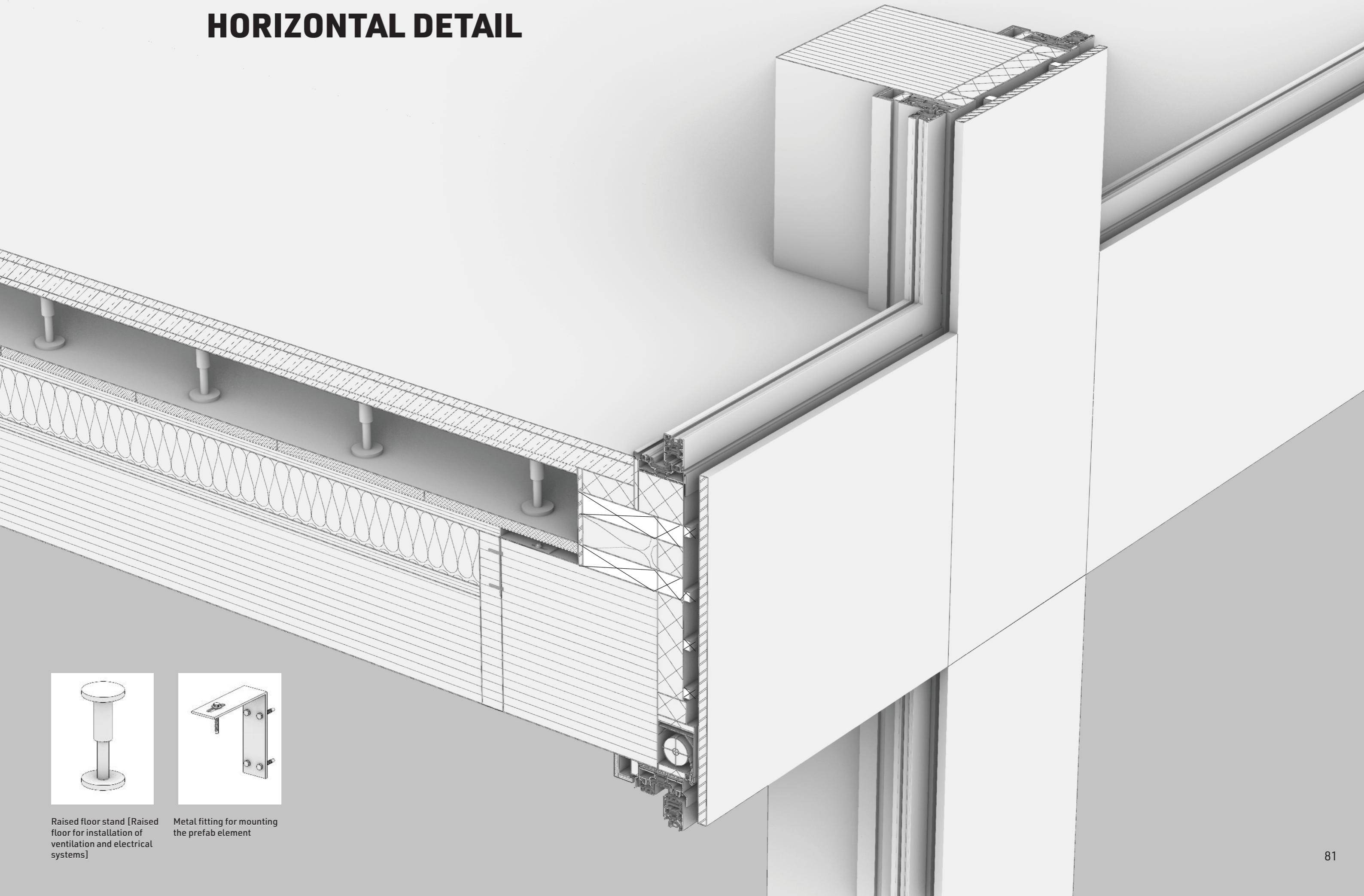
### REMODELLING ENCOURAGED



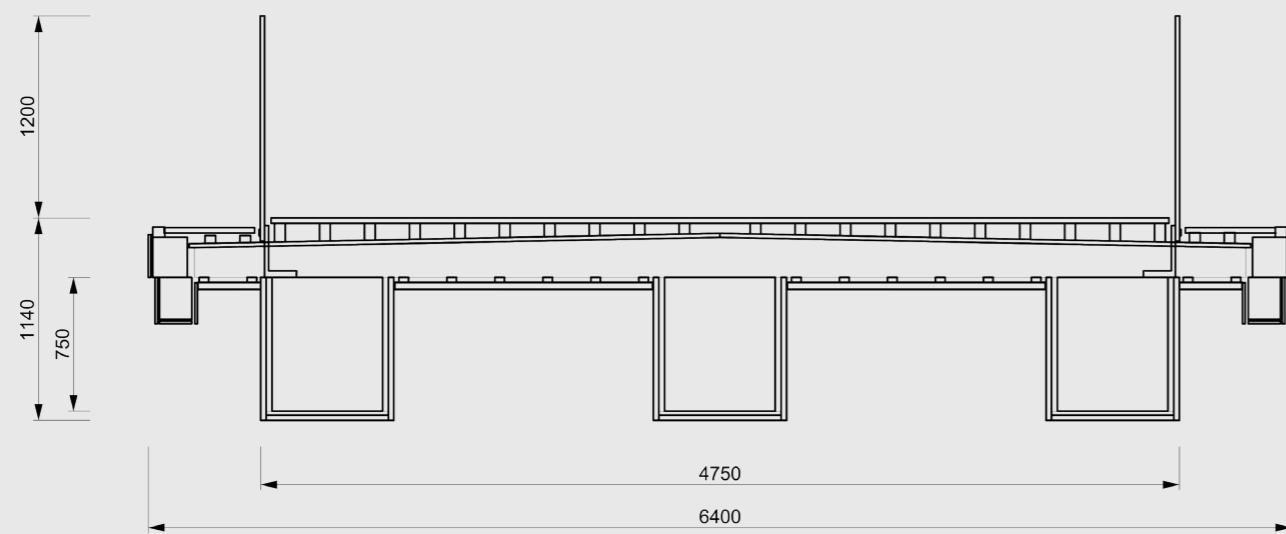
# TYPICAL DETAIL



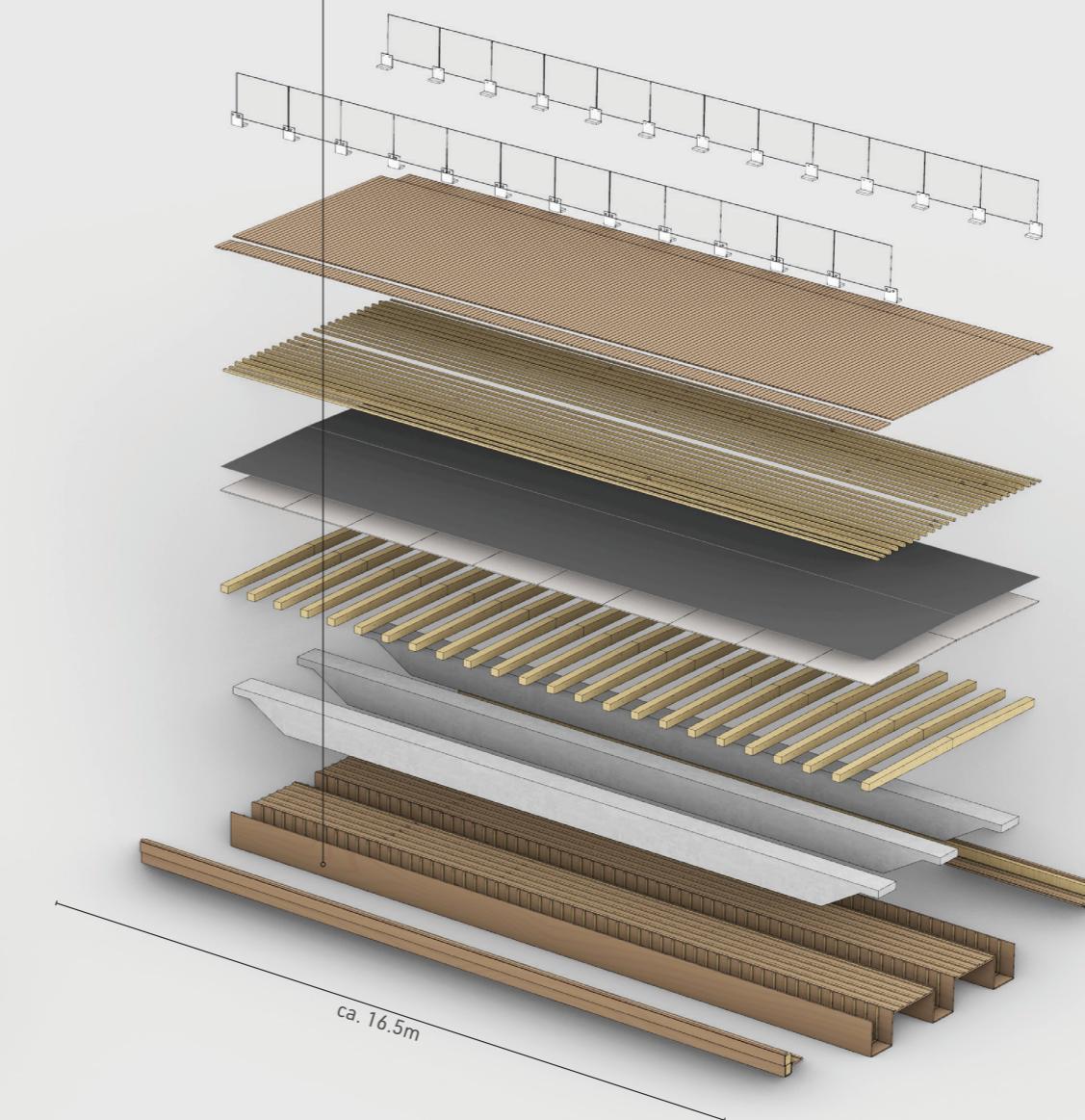
# SECTION OF VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL DETAIL



# CONNECTING BRIDGE: CONSTRUCTION



Wooden planks 34mm  
Wooden substructure 60x60 to 100x60 (varying heights)  
Water barrier 3mm  
Wooden board 30mm  
Structural wooden beams with gradient 200x250 to 80x250  
Concrete beam 750 x 600  
Three-layer outer paneling with wooden substructure

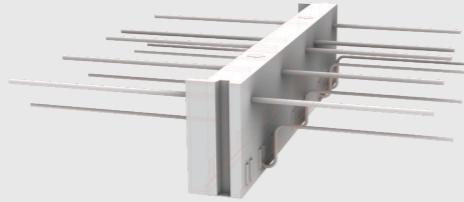


# BRIDGE: VERTICAL SECTION



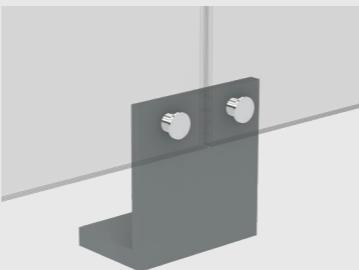
## Spherical bearing:

Dynamic forces like wind and thermal expansion can shift bridge towers. A spherical bearing, which allows for movements in all directions, is crucial to maintain stability and integrity under such conditions.



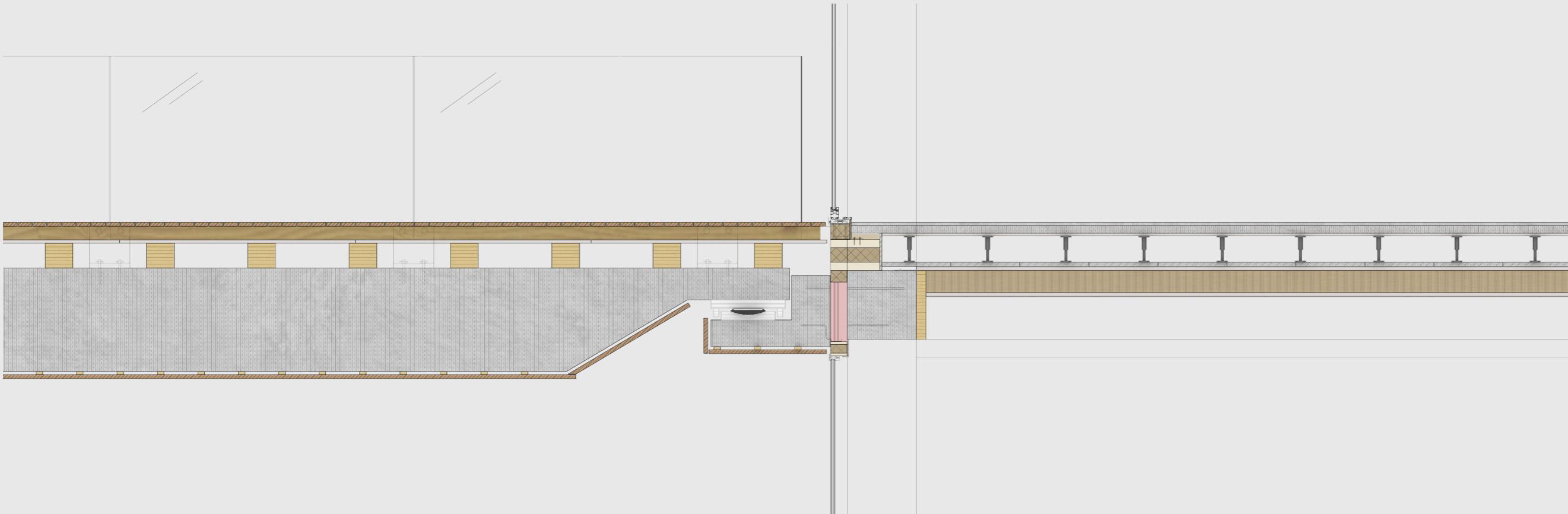
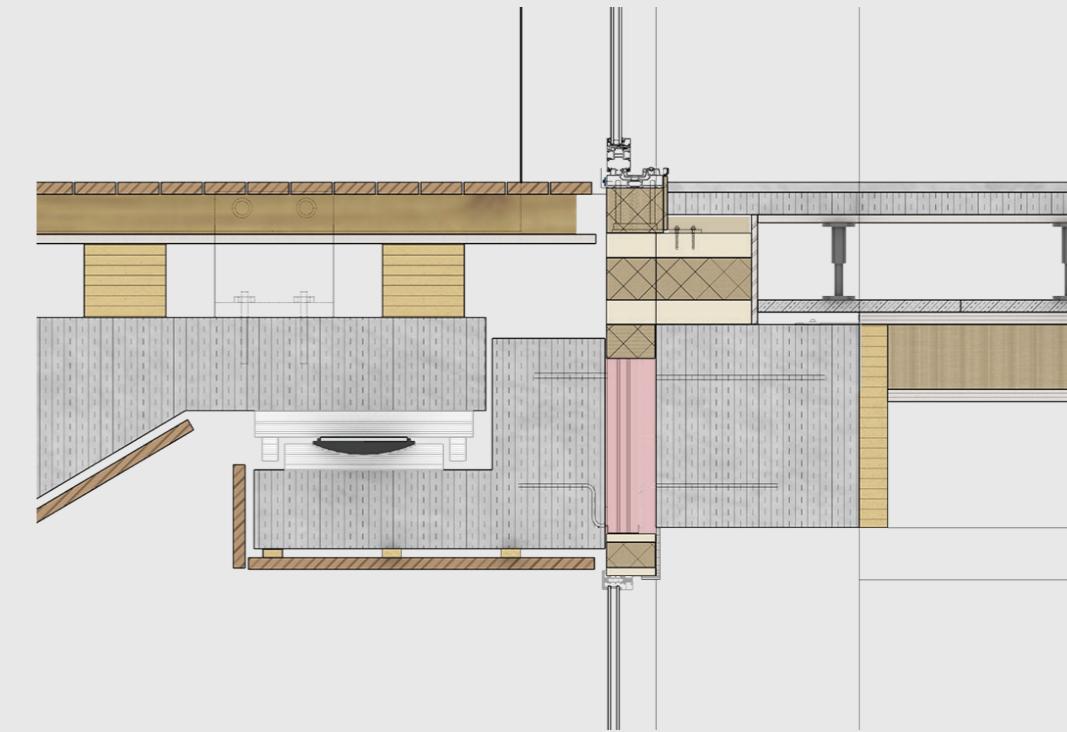
## Isokorb:

To avoid thermal bridges, an Isokorb is used.

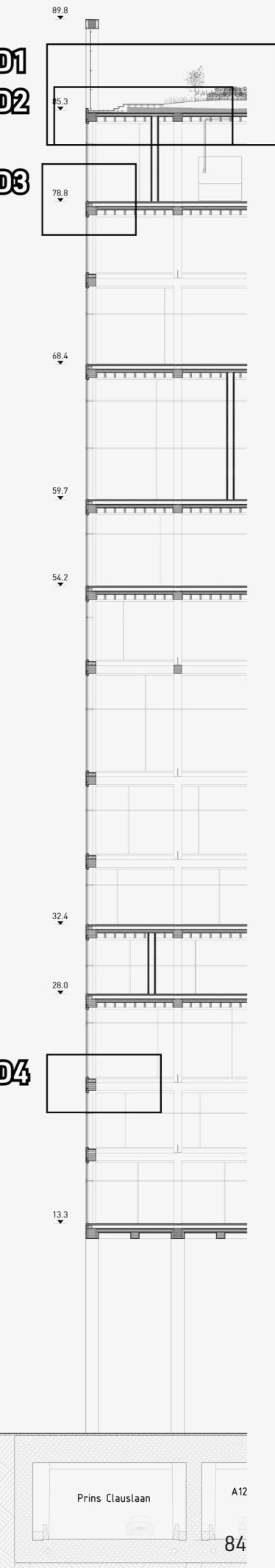
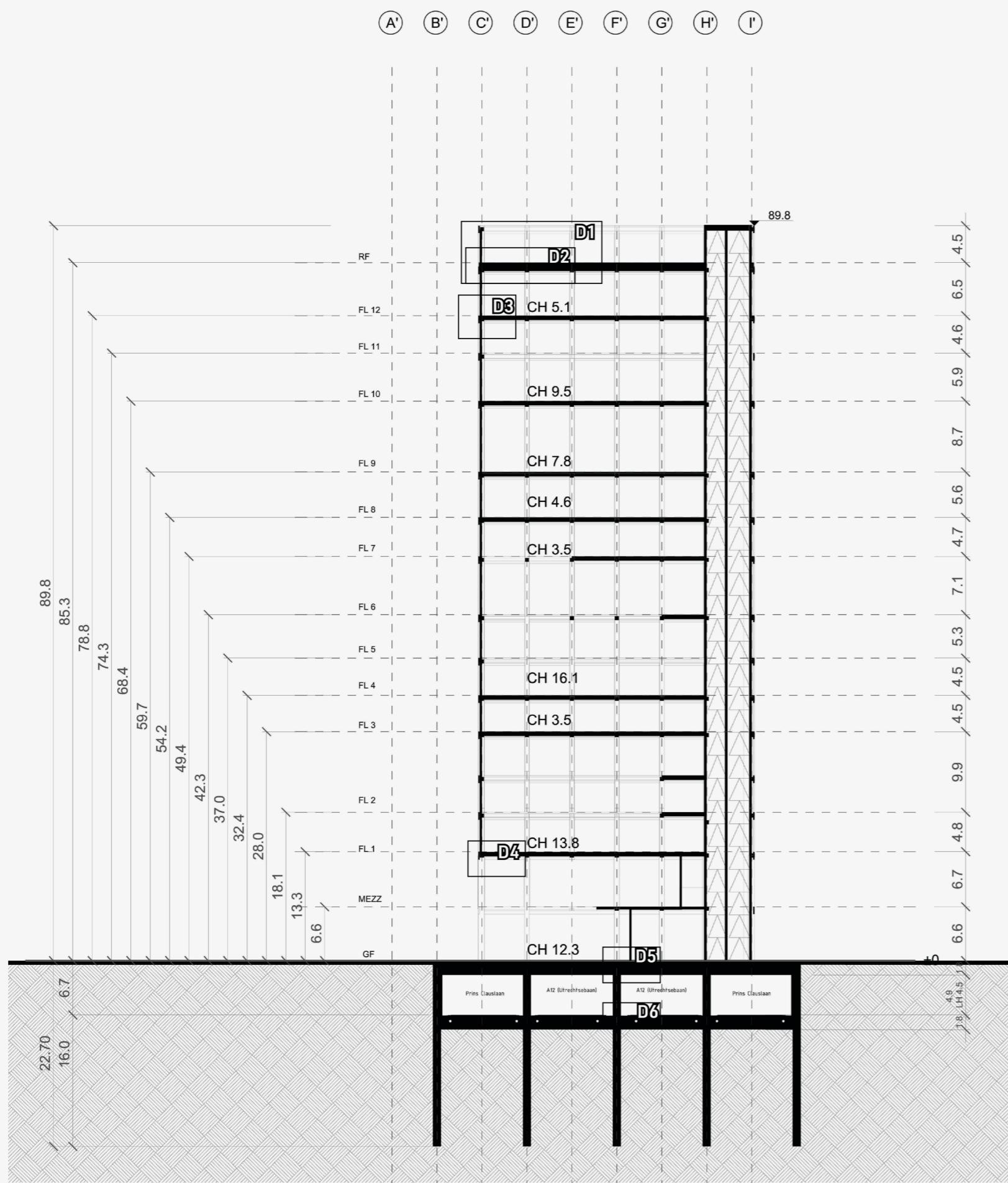


## Hidden glass mount:

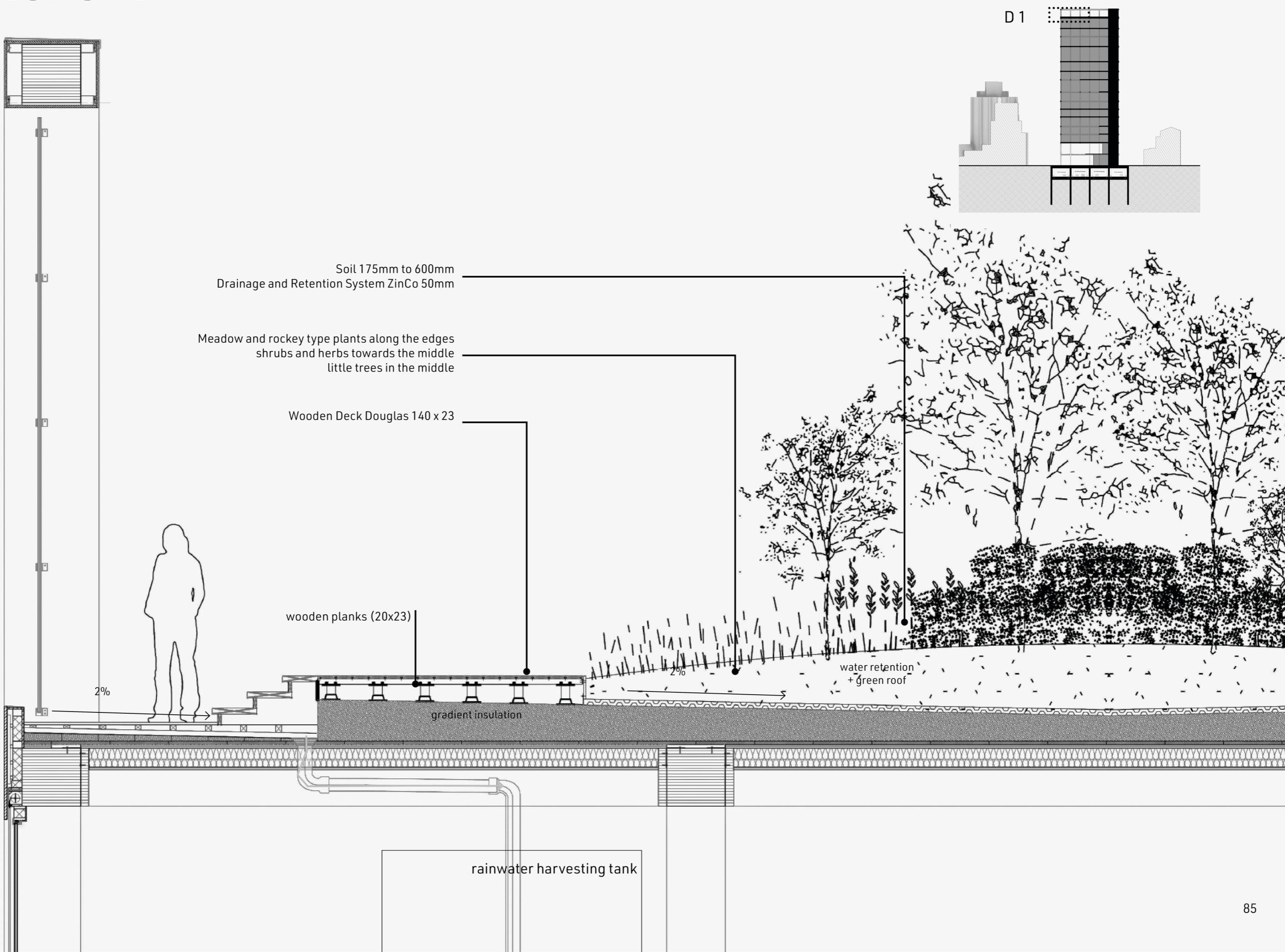
This is the metal fitting that holds the glass panels, it is concealed within the wooden substructure or wooden paneling.



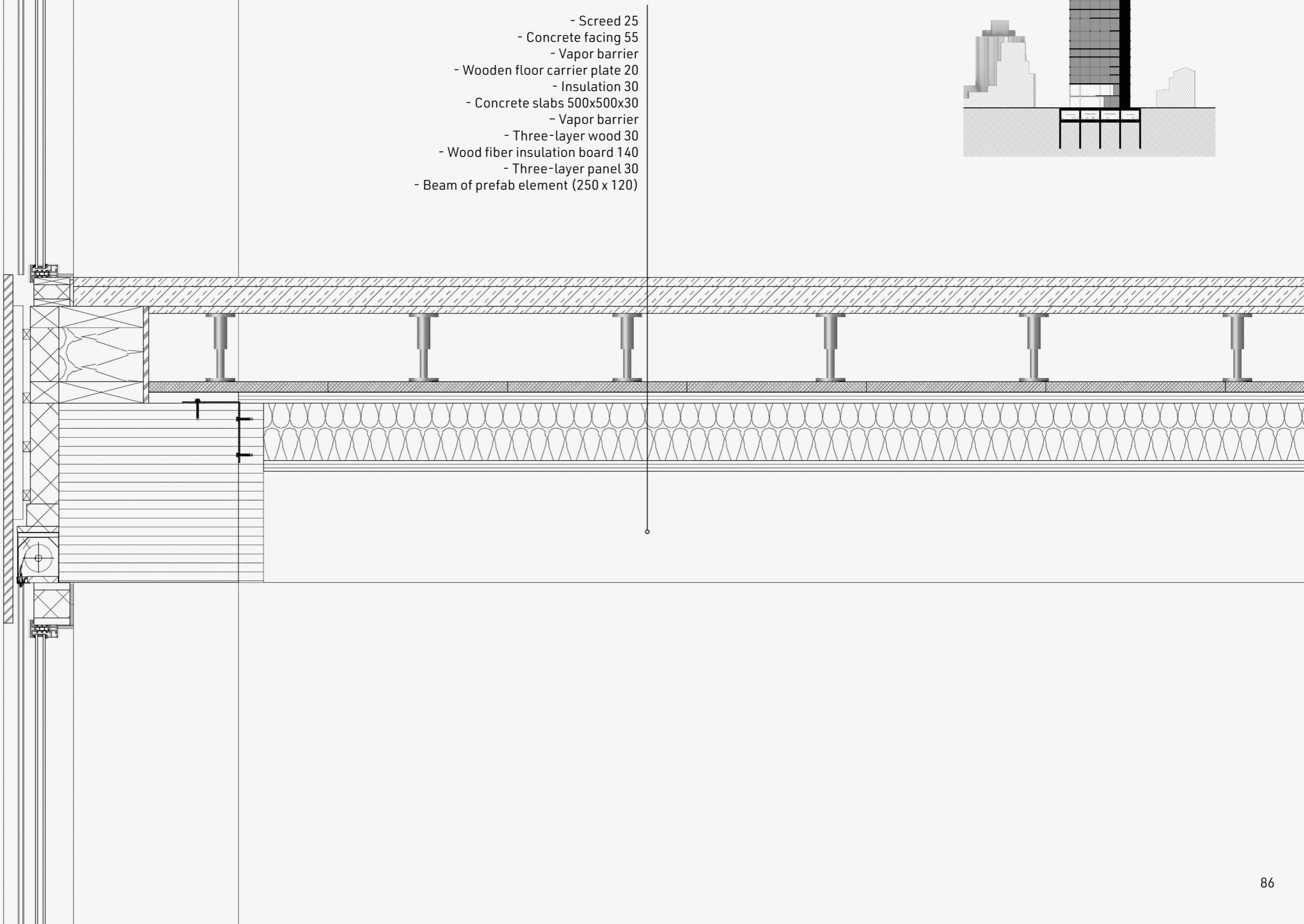
# FRAGMENT



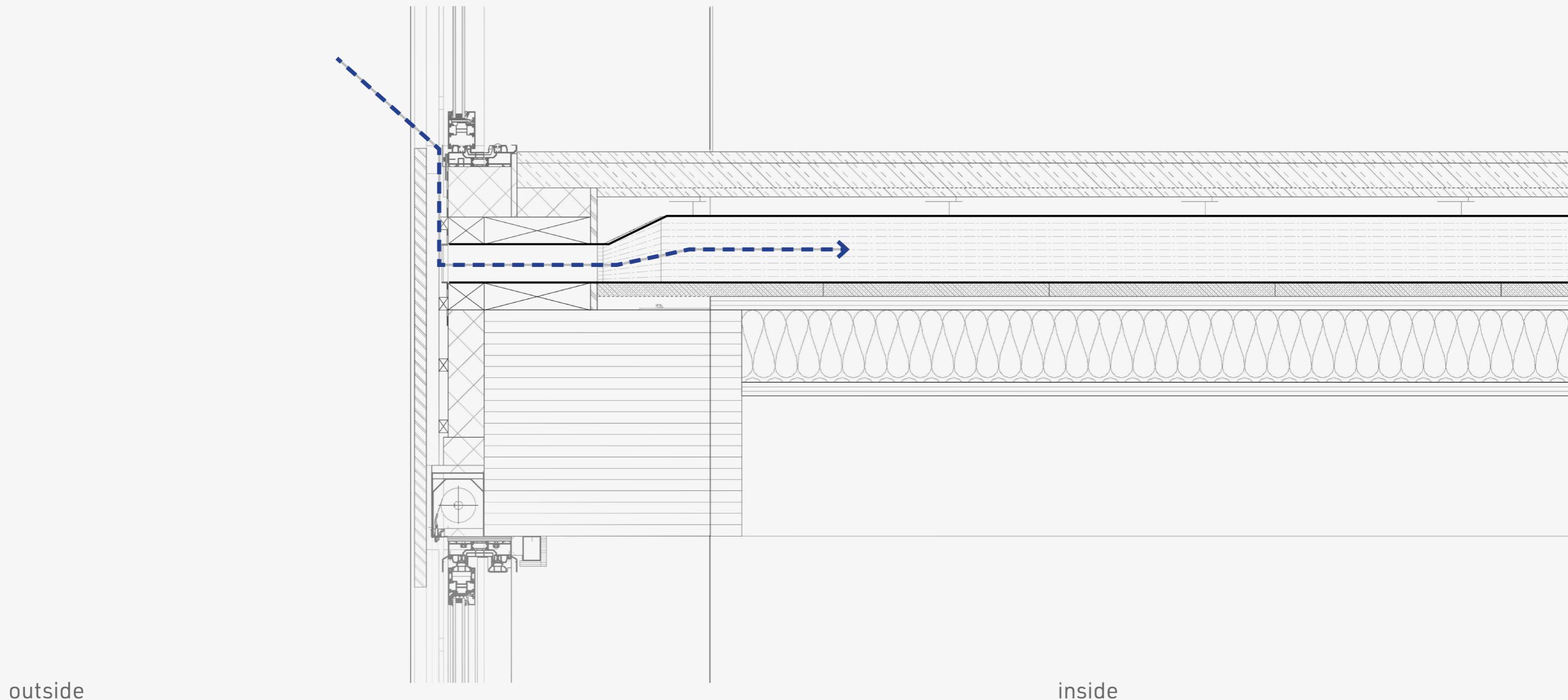
# ROOF SECTION D1



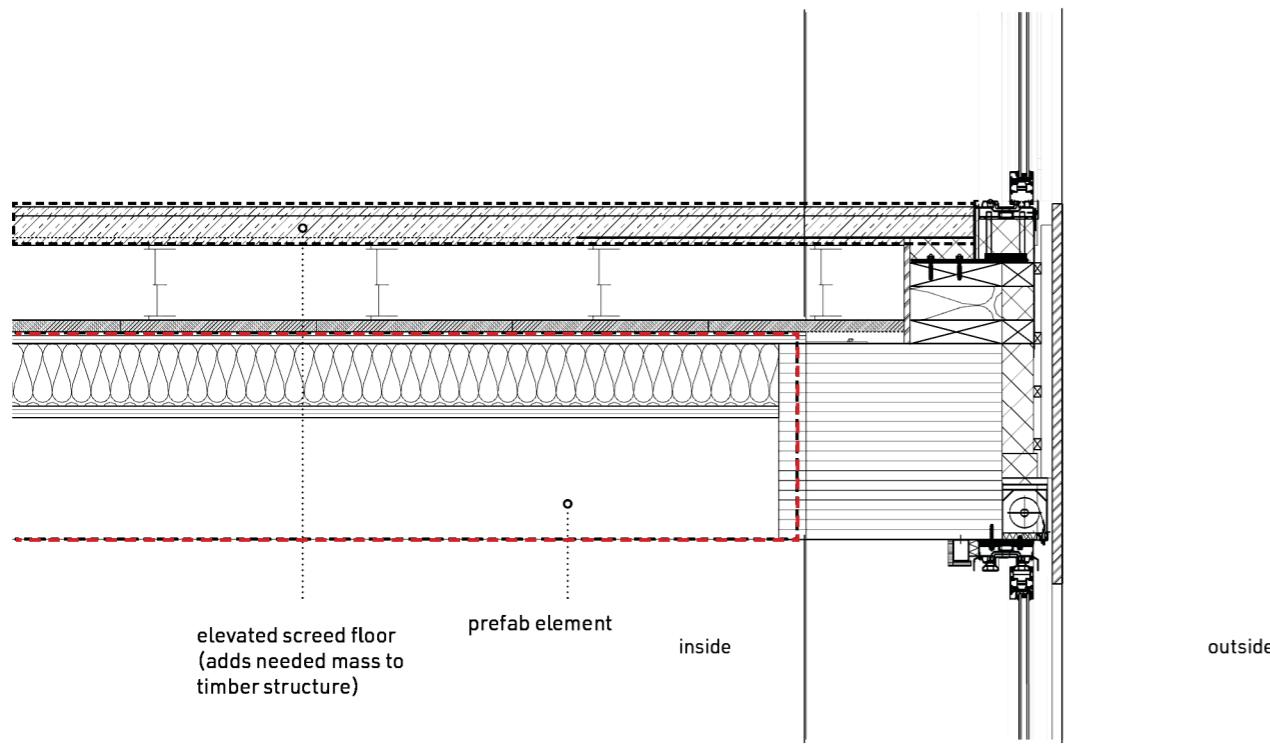
# REGULAR FLOOR SECTION D2



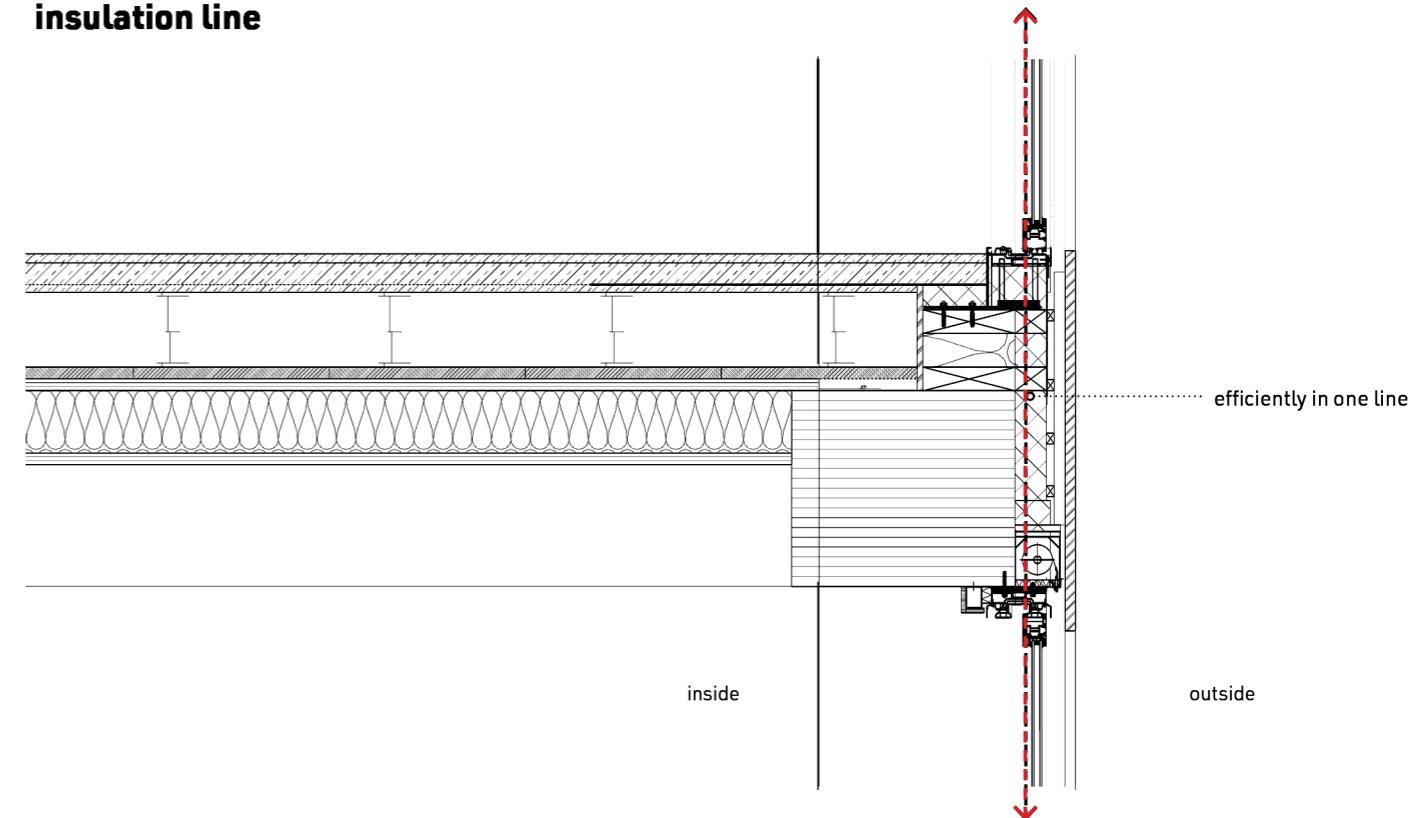
# DECENTRALIZED VENTILATION SYSTEM



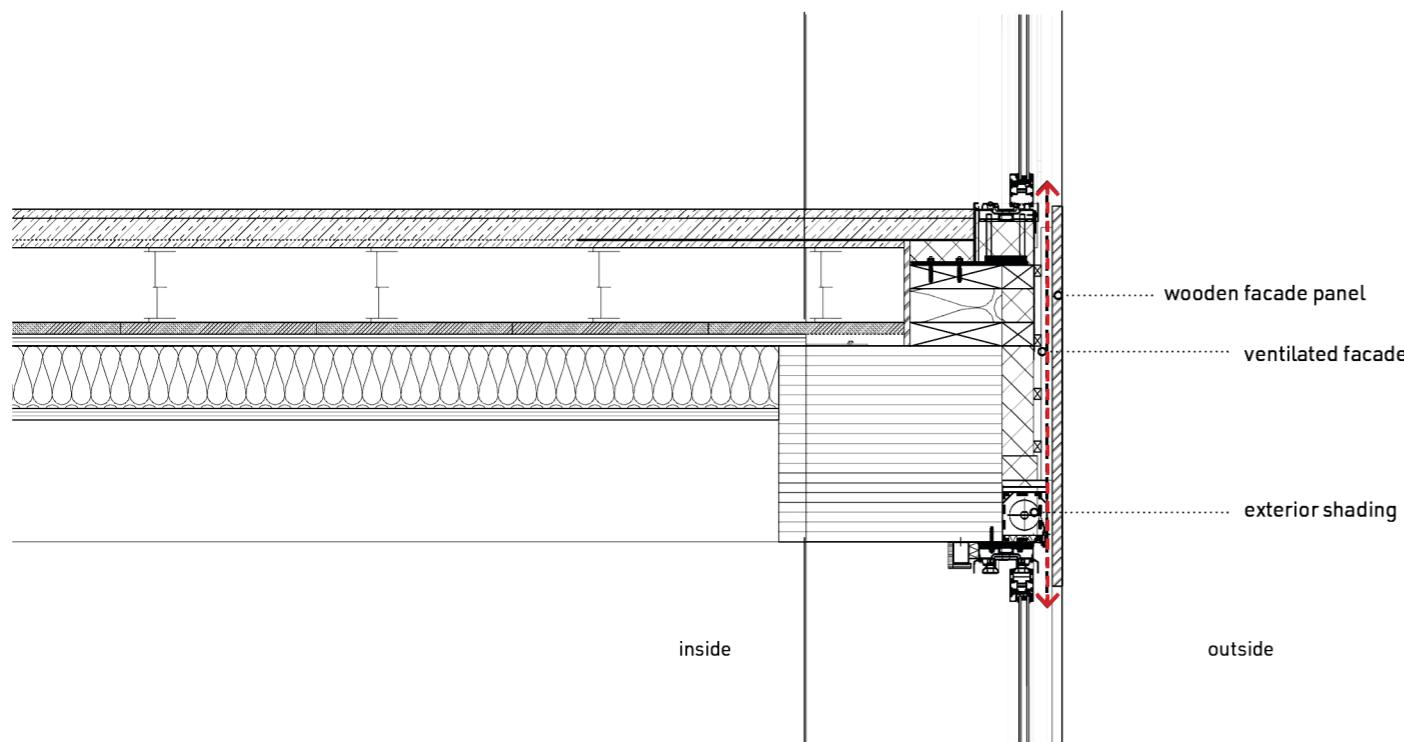
### location of prefab element



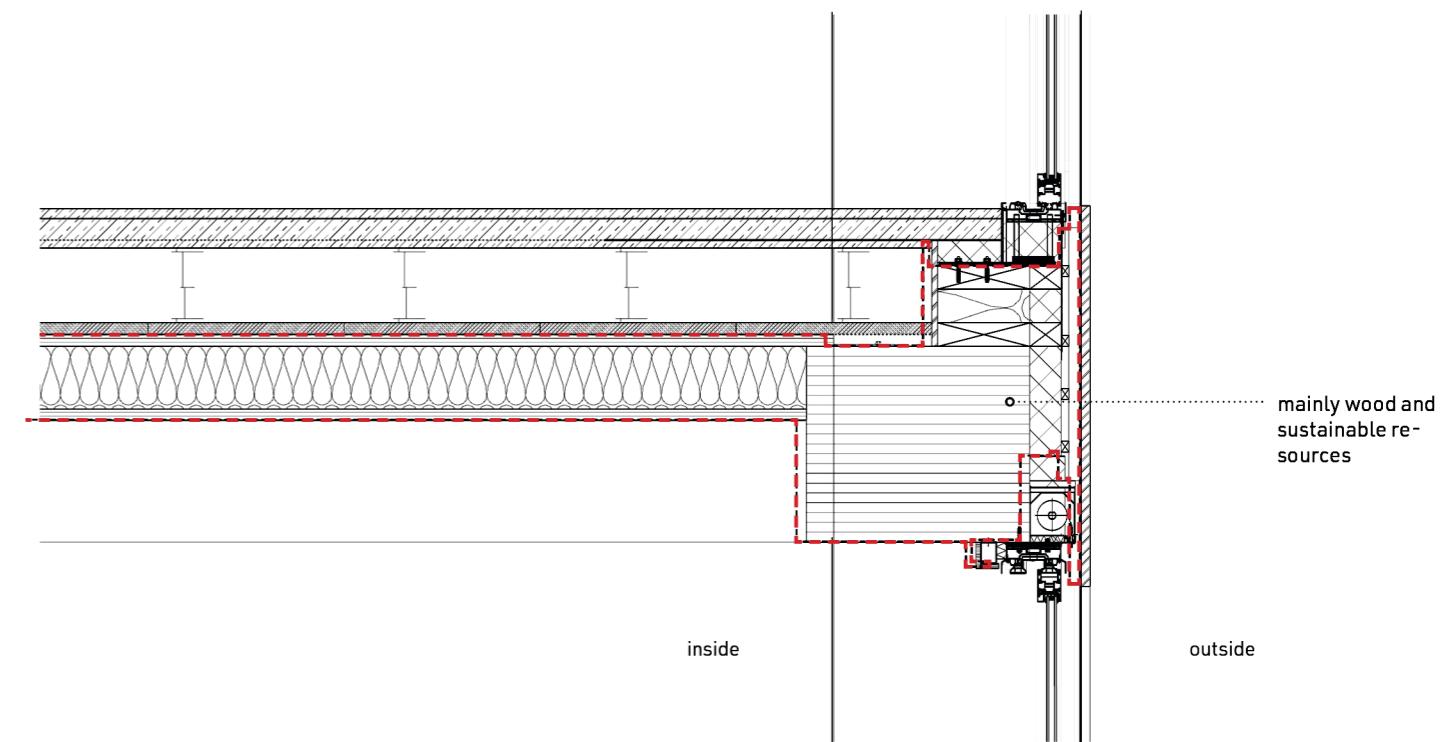
### insulation line



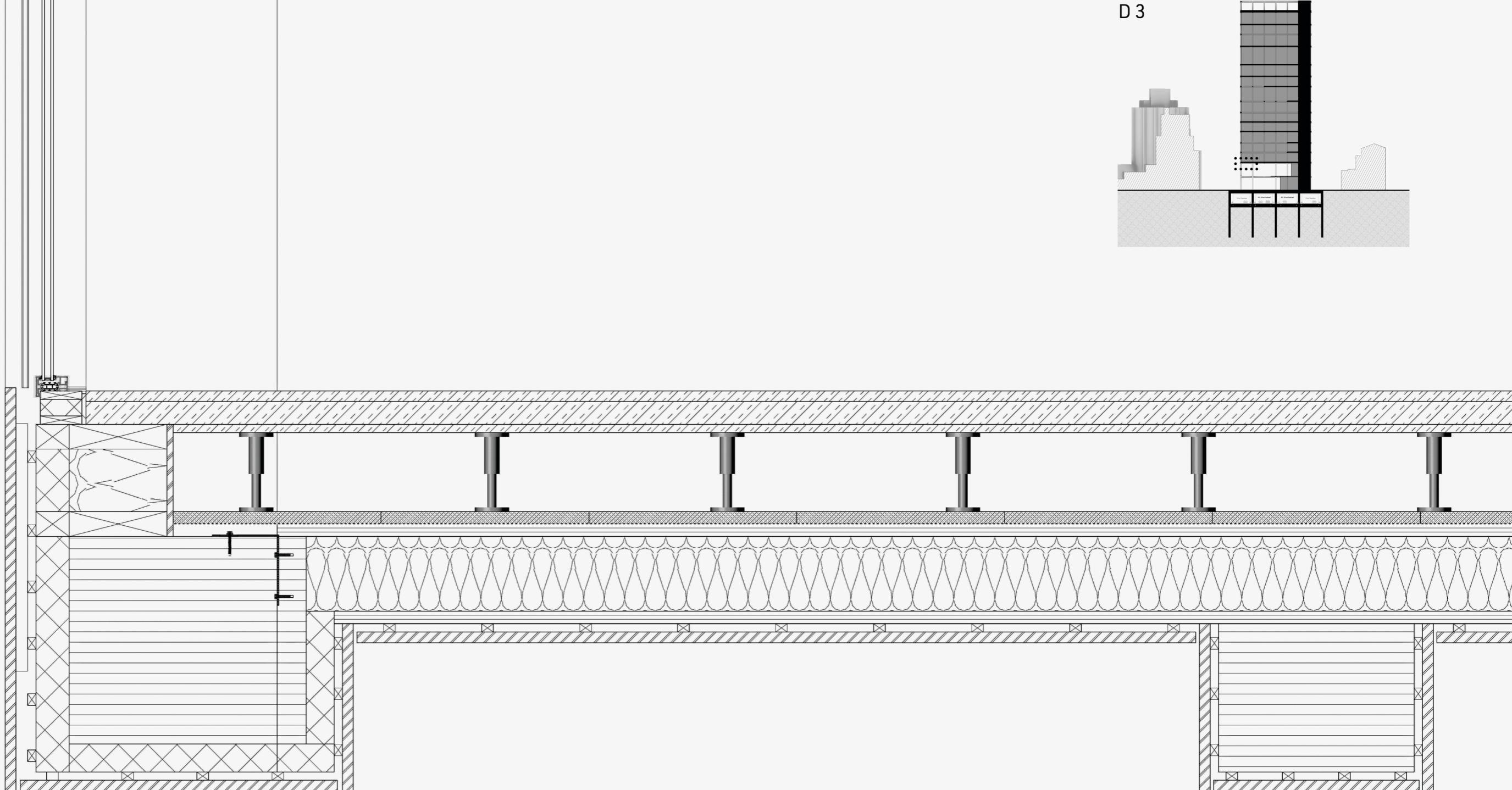
### ventillated facade



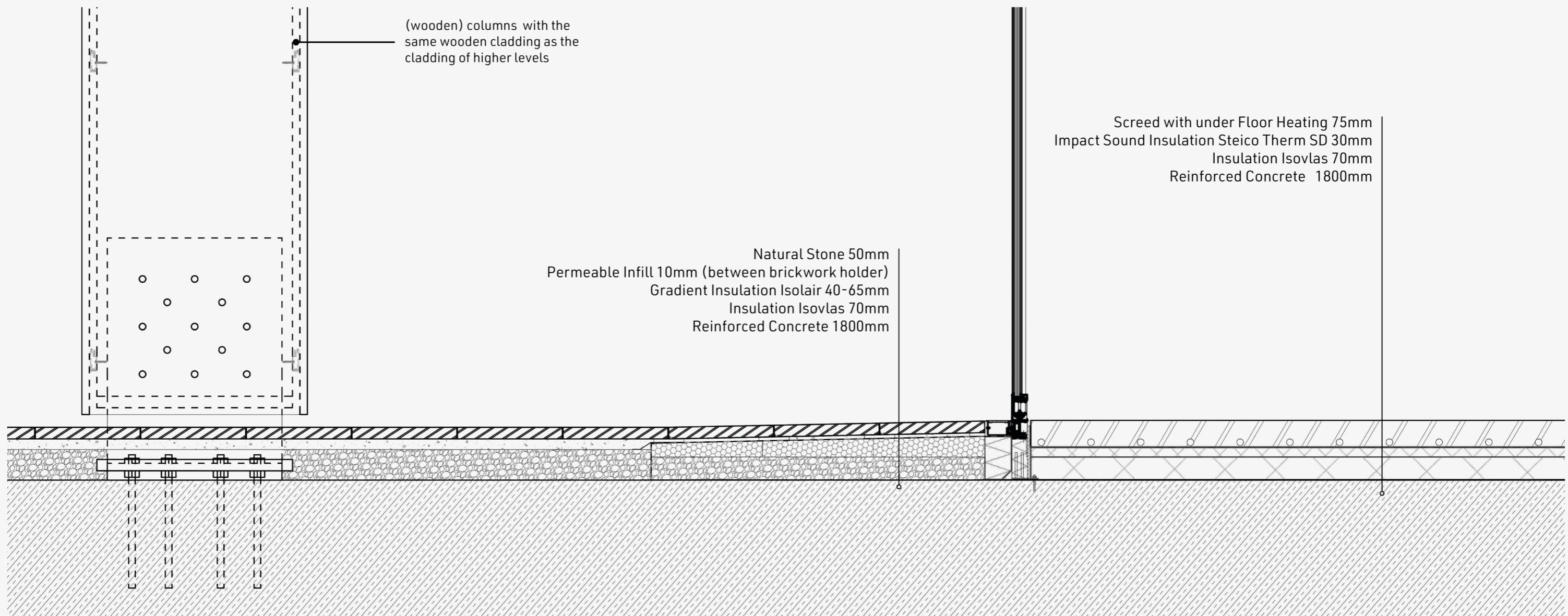
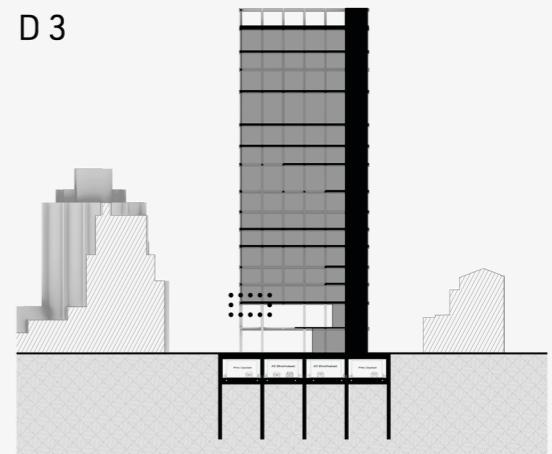
### Embracing Sustainable Materials



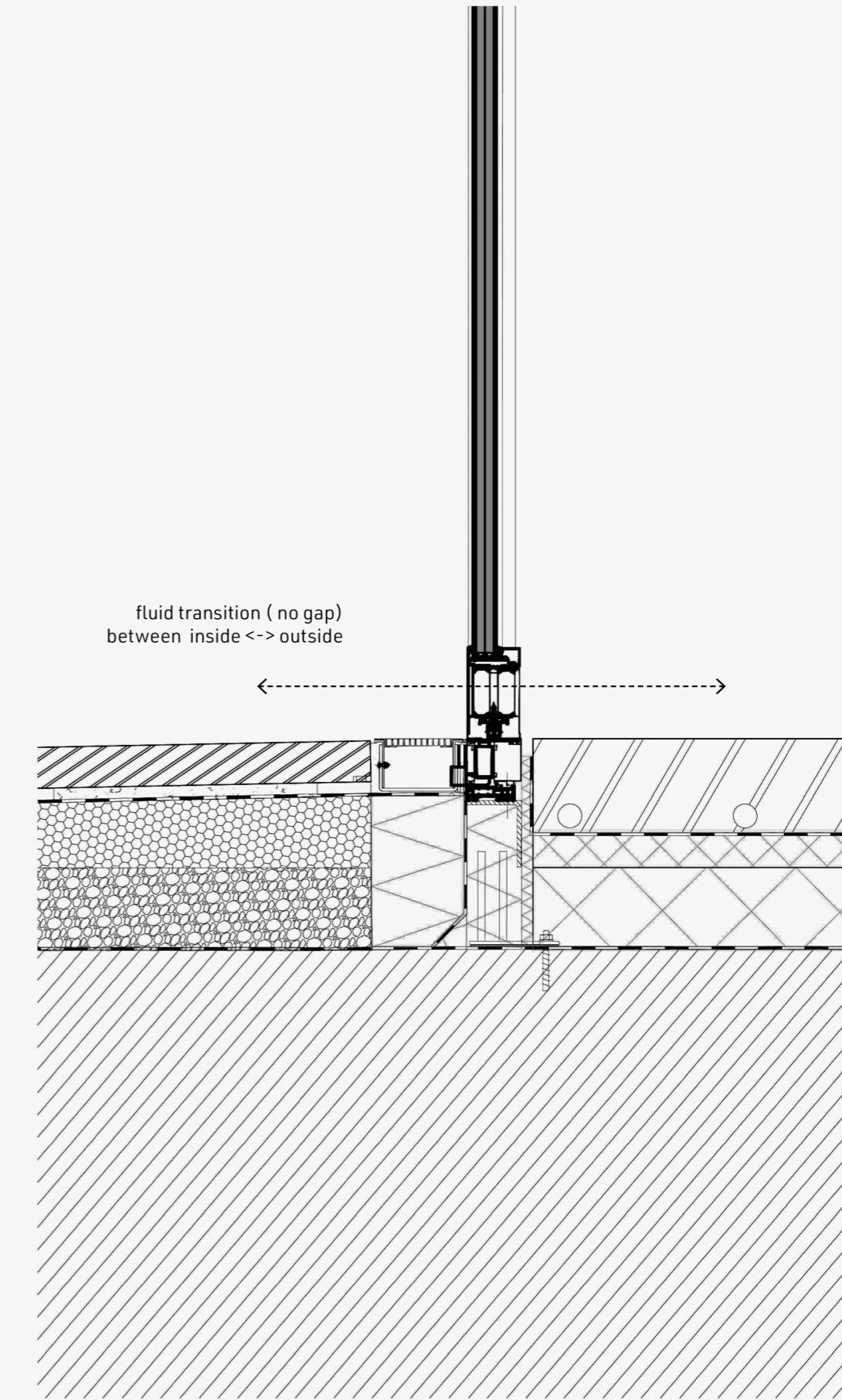
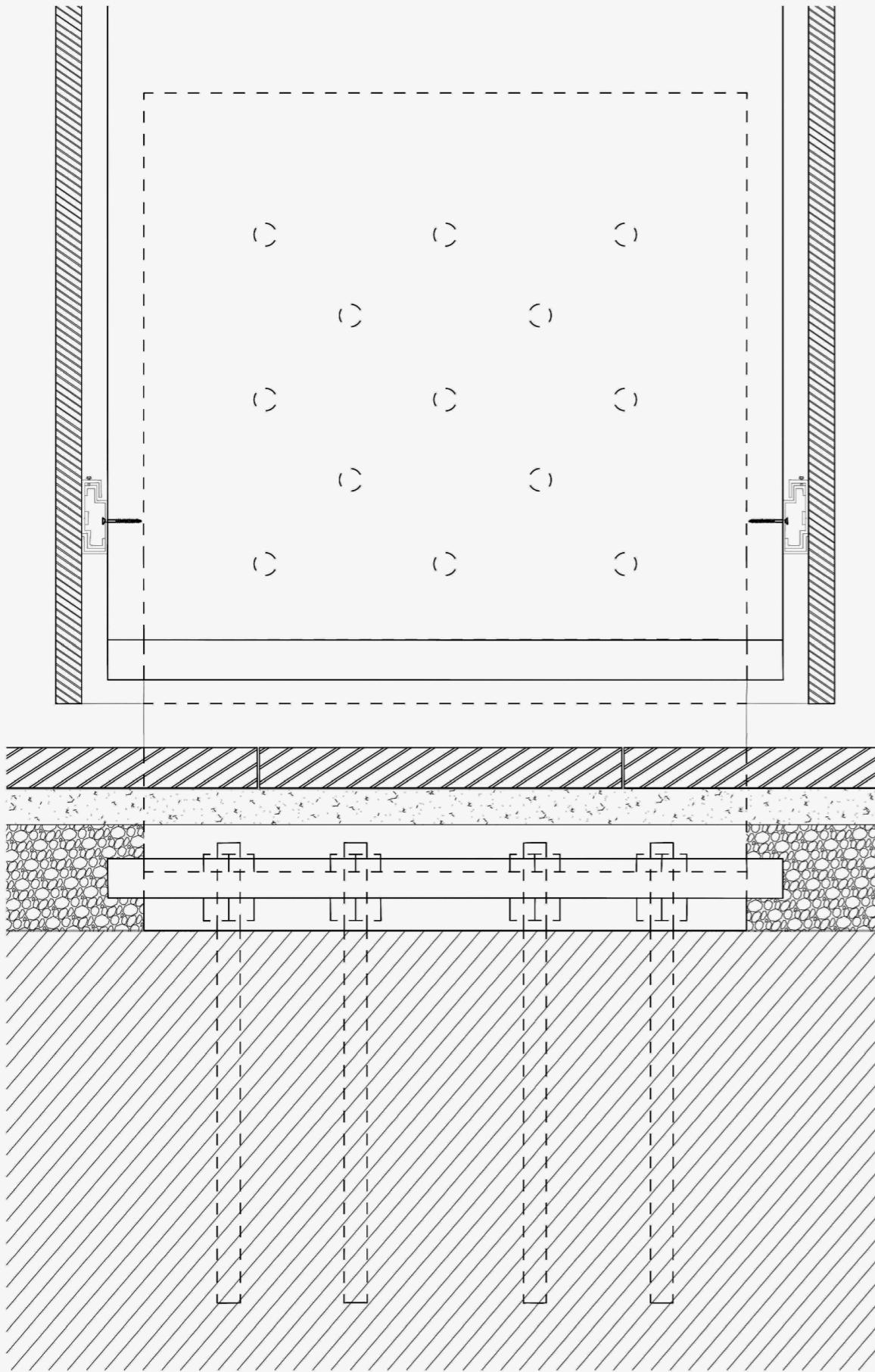
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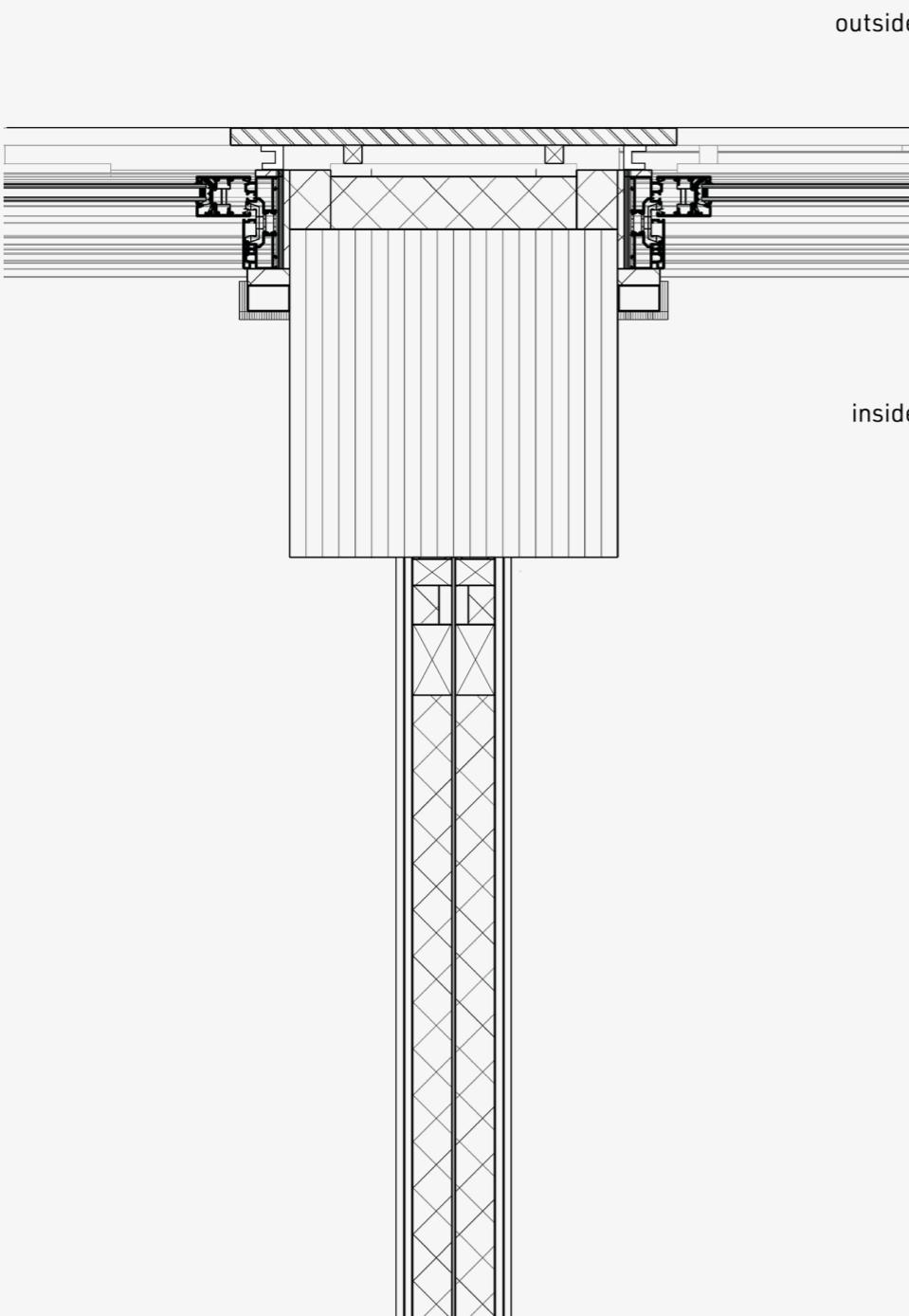
# SECTION D5 GROUND FLOOR



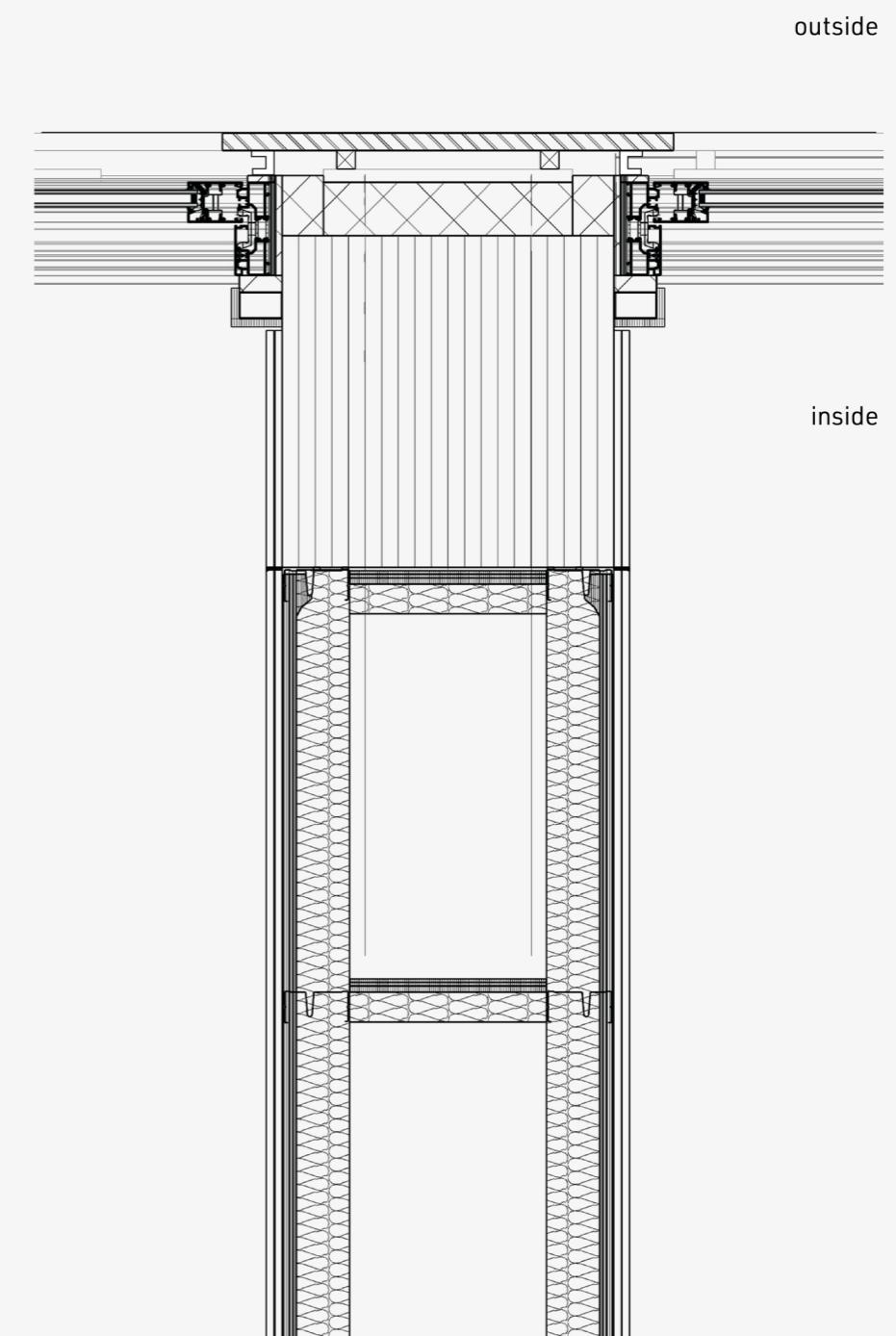
# DETAIL SECTION D5 GROUND FLOOR



# HORIZONTAL SECTIONS



Standart drywall

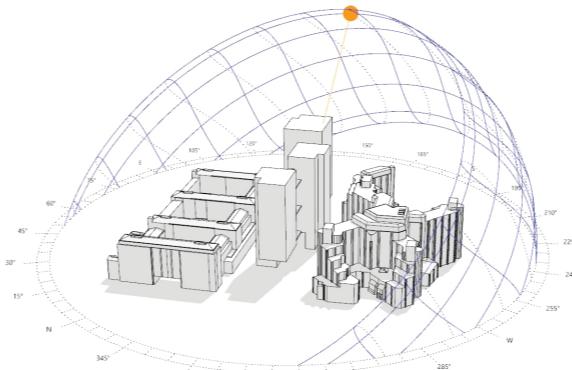
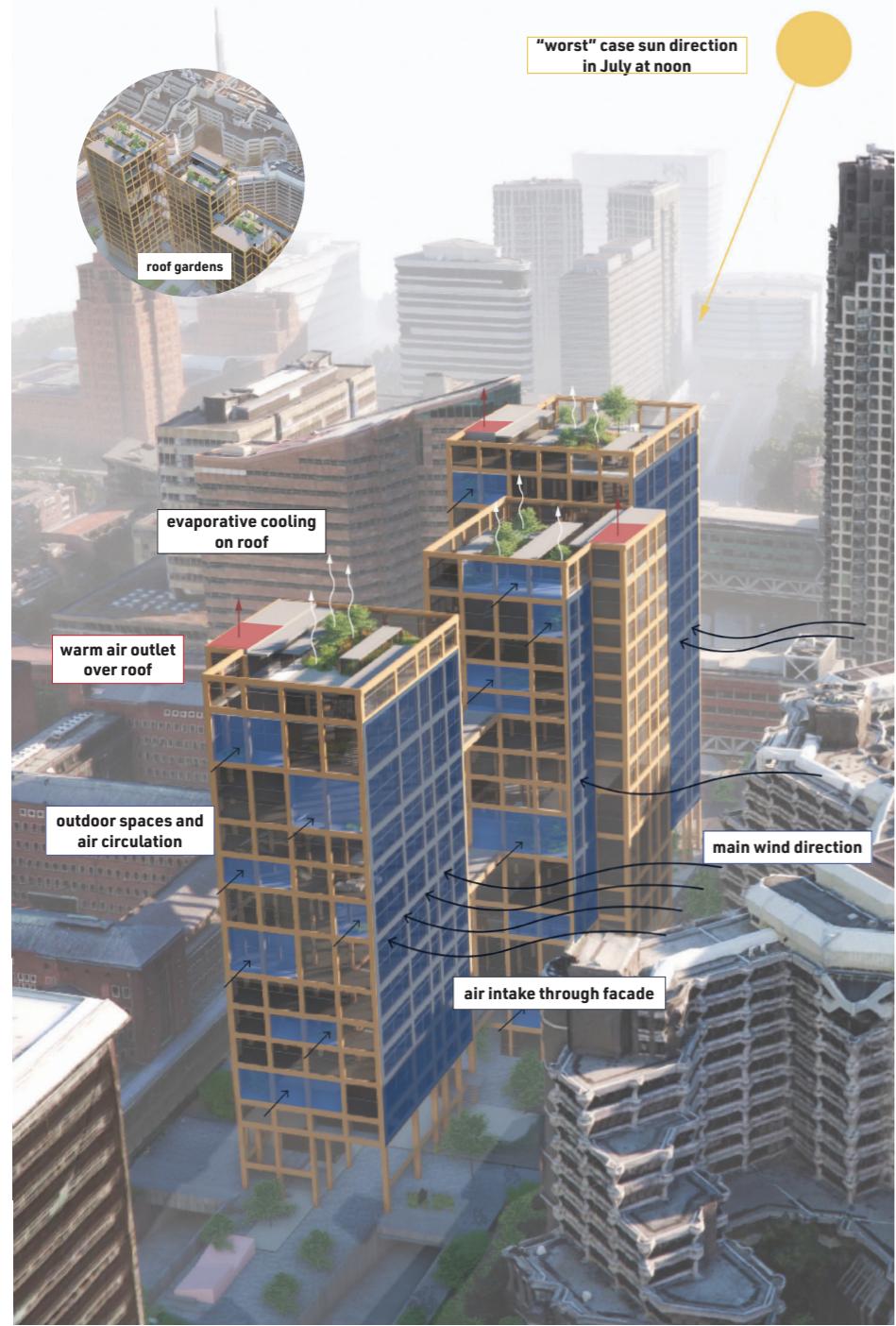


Acoustic hollow wall (for vertical routing of electricity, air, and water to achieve maximal flexibility).

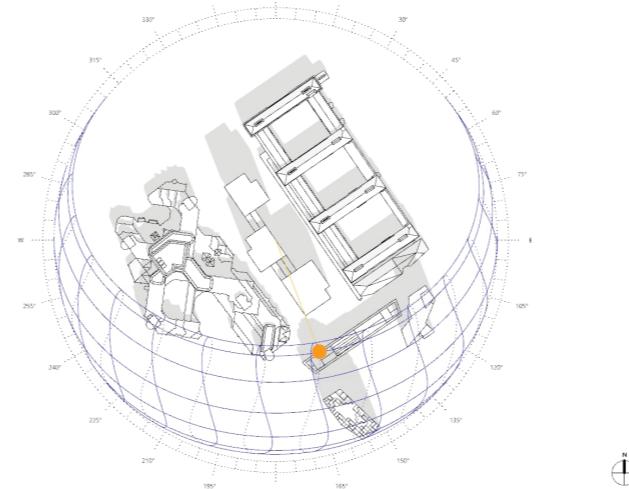
# LOCATION CONDITIONS AND DESIGN IMPACTS

In graphics 1) and 1.1), it can be seen from where and at what angle the sun's radiation impacts the building. The momentary sun location and shadow are set to July 20th, which is around the time when the most heat input can be expected.

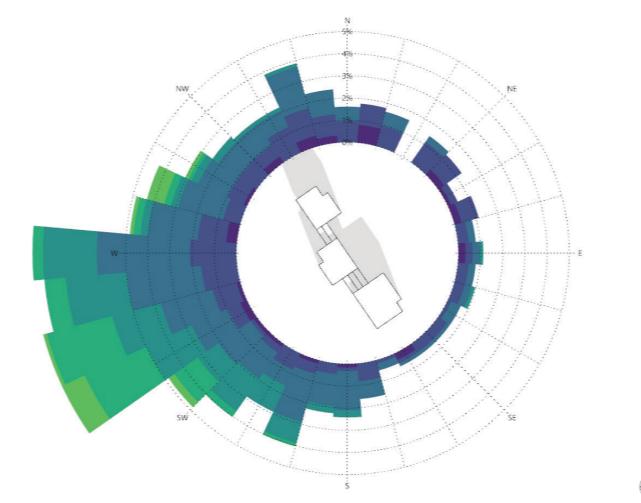
In graphic number 2), it can be observed from which direction the wind will come toward the campus building in summer (20th of June to 29th of August). This knowledge is used to place the outdoor spaces of the building in the directions where not too much wind is expected. These are the sides north-west and south-east.



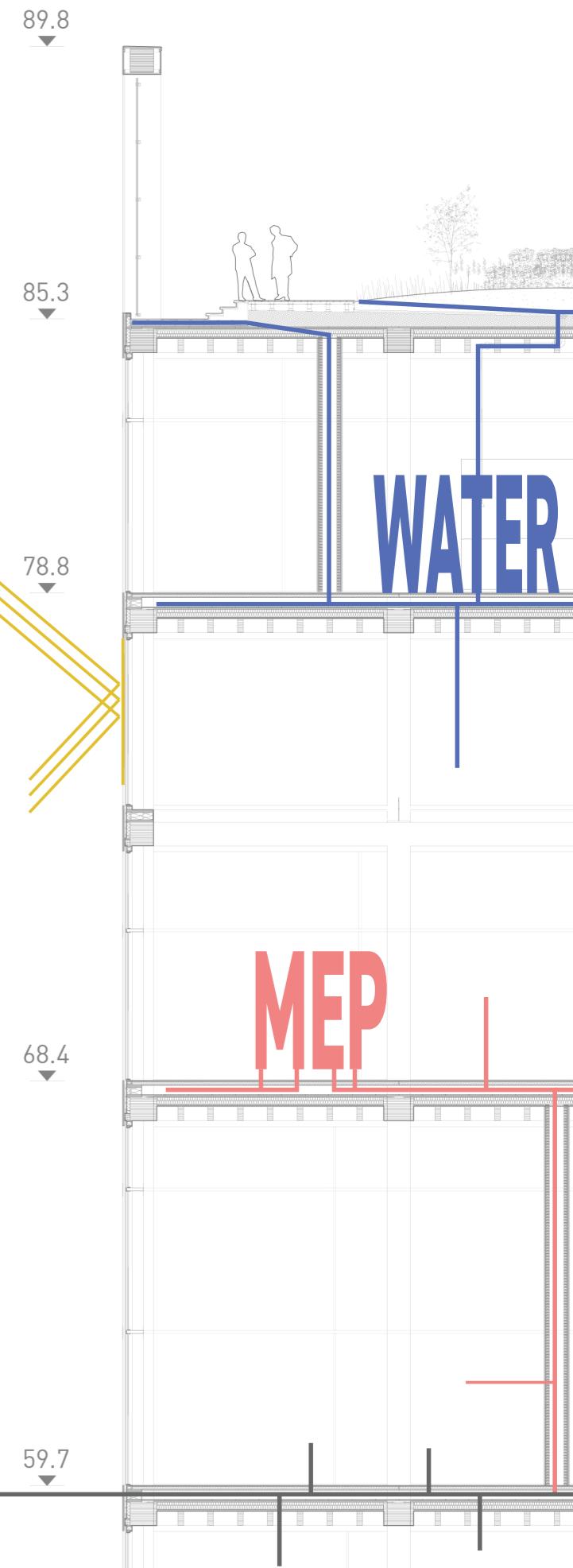
1) Yearly Sunpath at the Location and Shadow Cast in July (noon)



1.1) Yearly Sunpath at Location and Shadow Cast in July (noon)

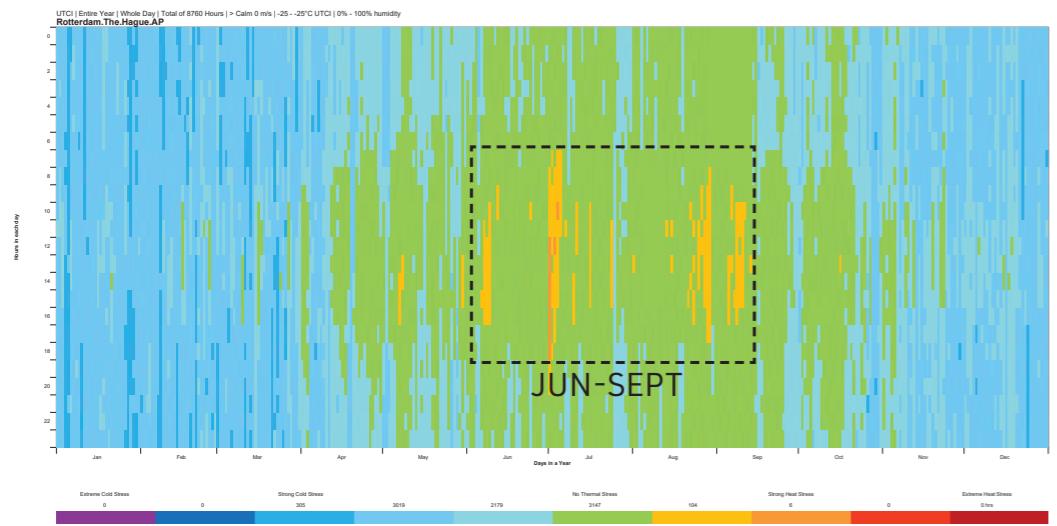


2) Wind Rose at Location

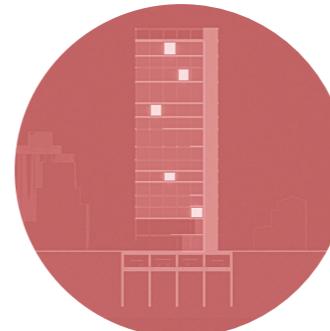


# DISTRIBUTION OF HVAC AND MEP

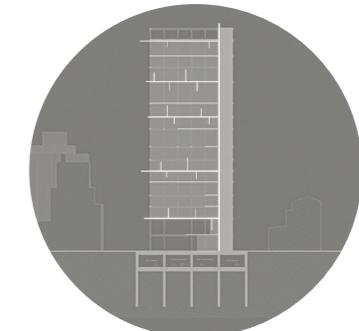
In diagrams 3), 4), and 5), it can be seen when the most heat stress can be expected for the site. This can be used to make assumptions for calculating the HVAC system size (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning).



3) Hourly Heatmap Rotterdam/The Hague



MEP (Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing equipment)  
location decentralized  
no basement available and roof  
should not be sacrificed)



decentralized ventilation  
through concealed facade  
intakes, air ducts conveniently  
routed through hollow walls  
and floors

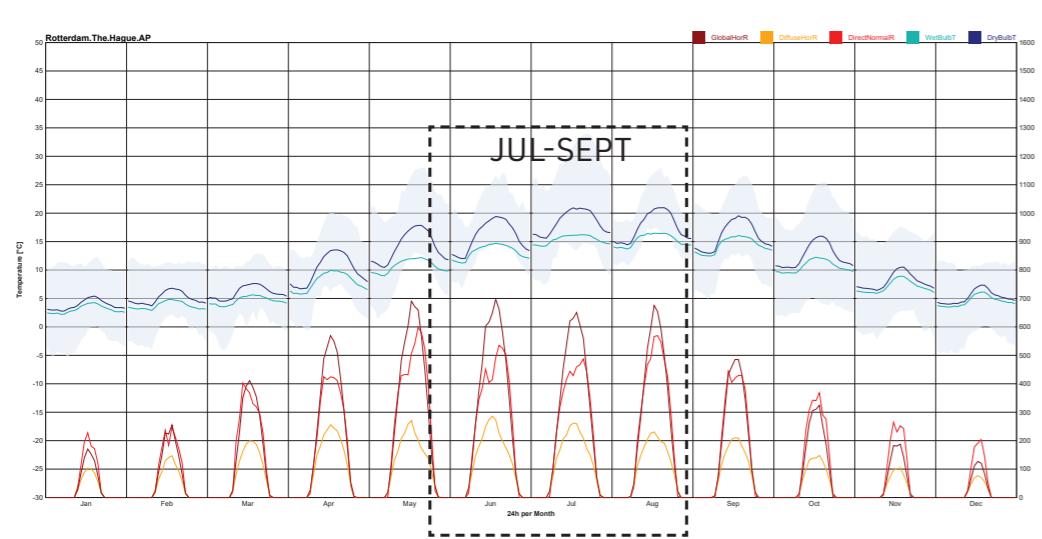


PV + exterior shading  
in critical locations and  
openable windows  
in lower levels for air  
circulation

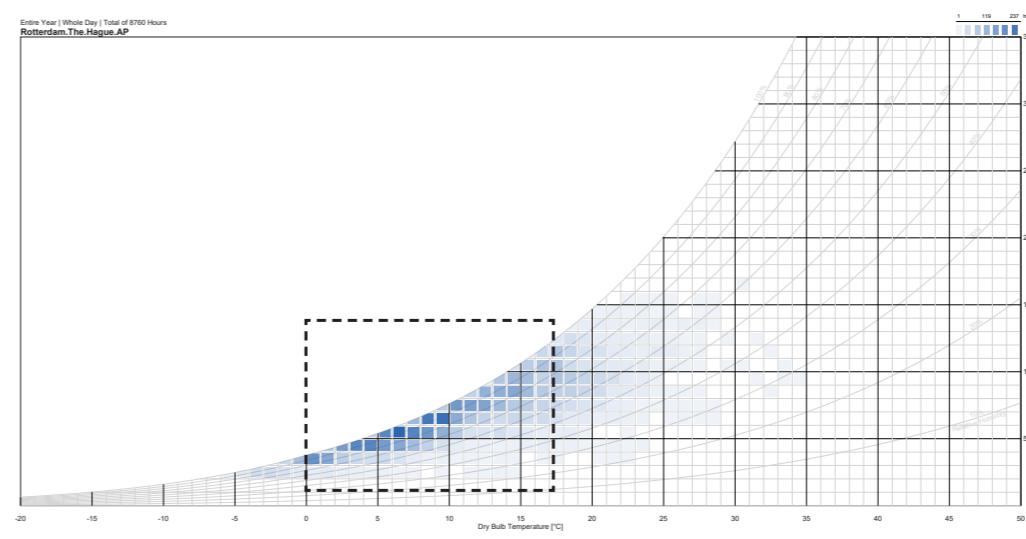


water retention on roof and landscape  
grey water use within building  
flexible pipe routing through floor and  
walls

## 6. Main Sustainability Measures



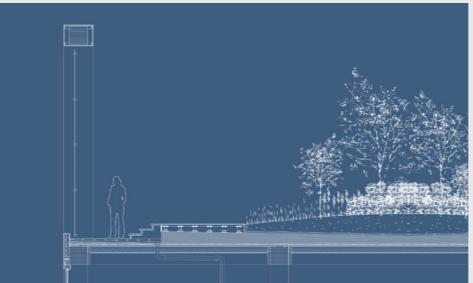
4) Diurnal Averages Rotterdam/The Hague



5) Psychrometric Chart: Rotterdam/The Hague

# MITIGATING RADIATION

evaporative cooling on roof



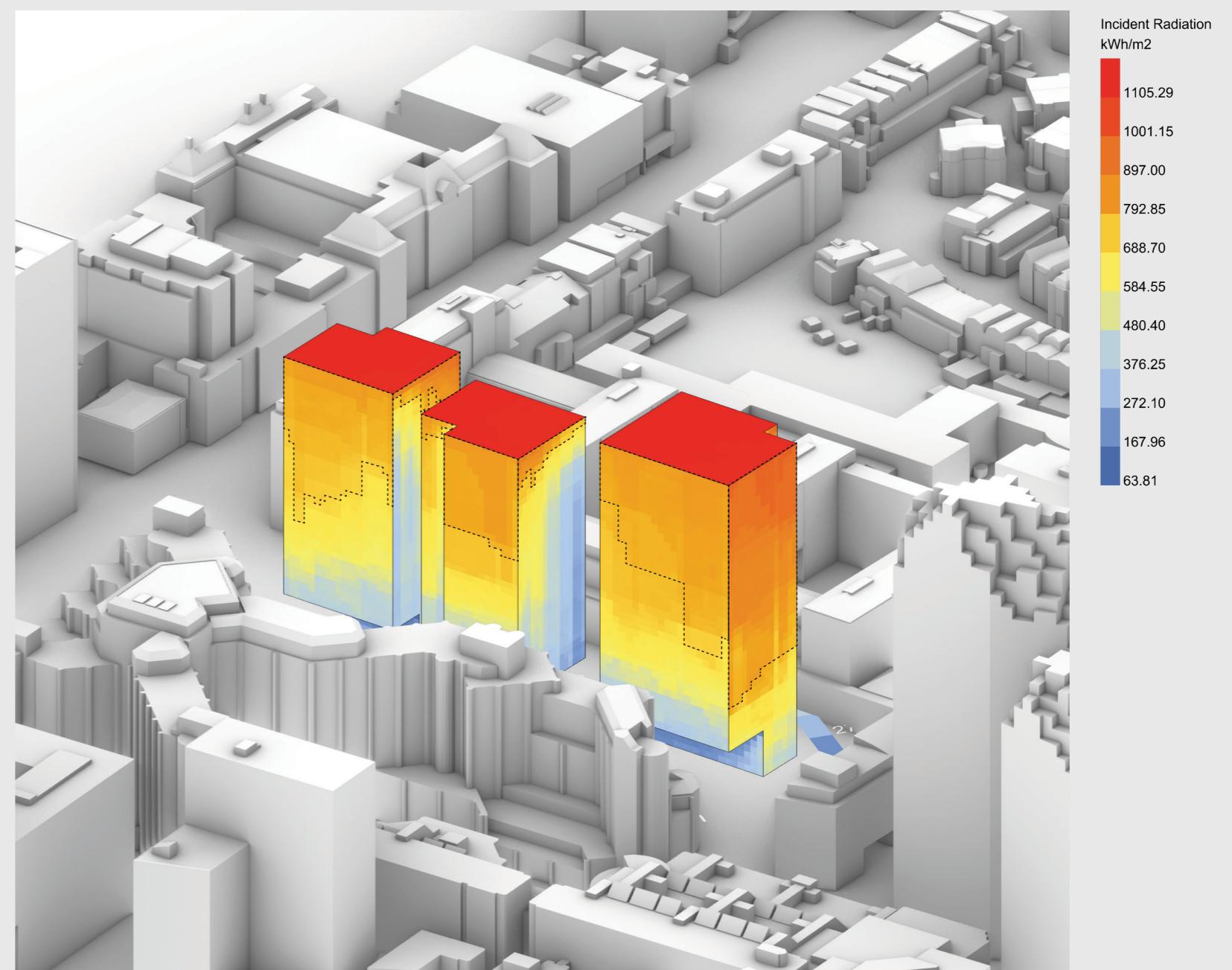
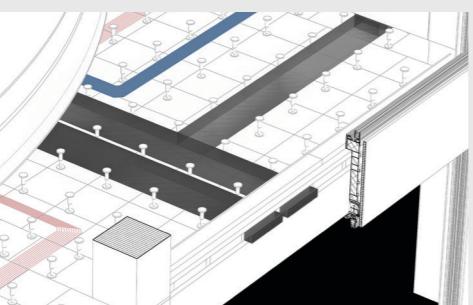
integrated PV  
(in regions of dotted line)



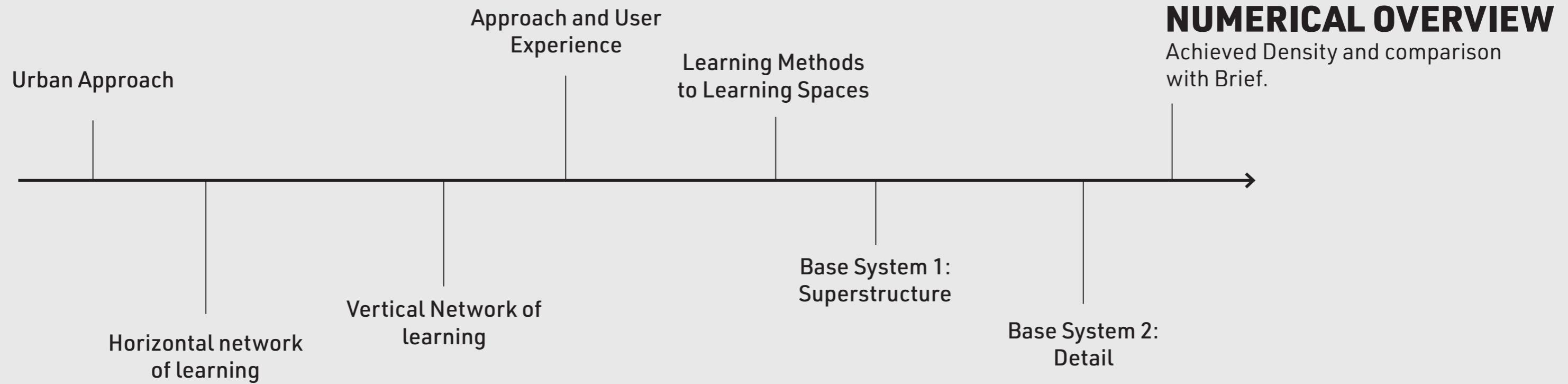
exterior shading



decentralized ventilation

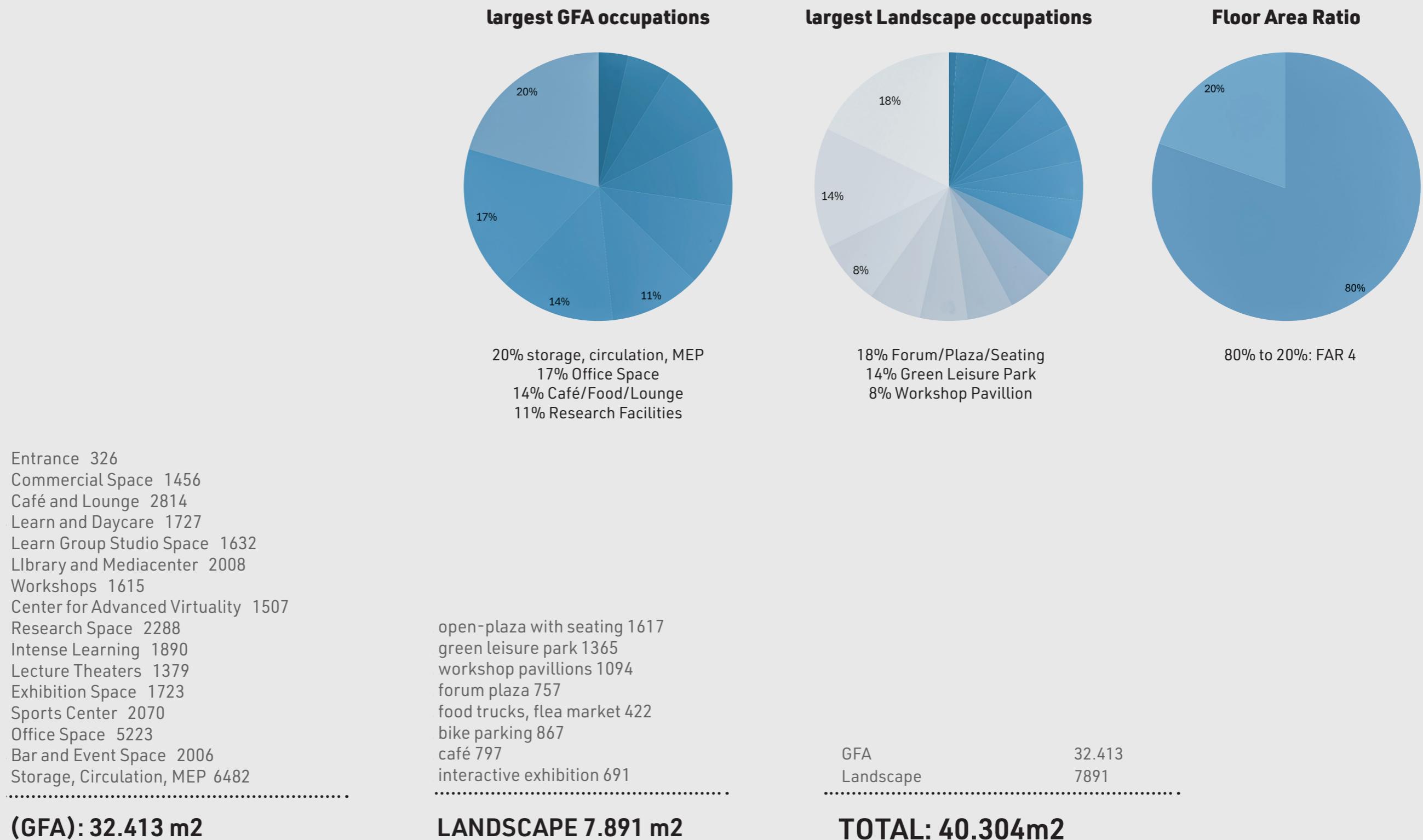


Locations that need special attention: evaporative cooling on the roof, integrated pv and exterior shading on the facades

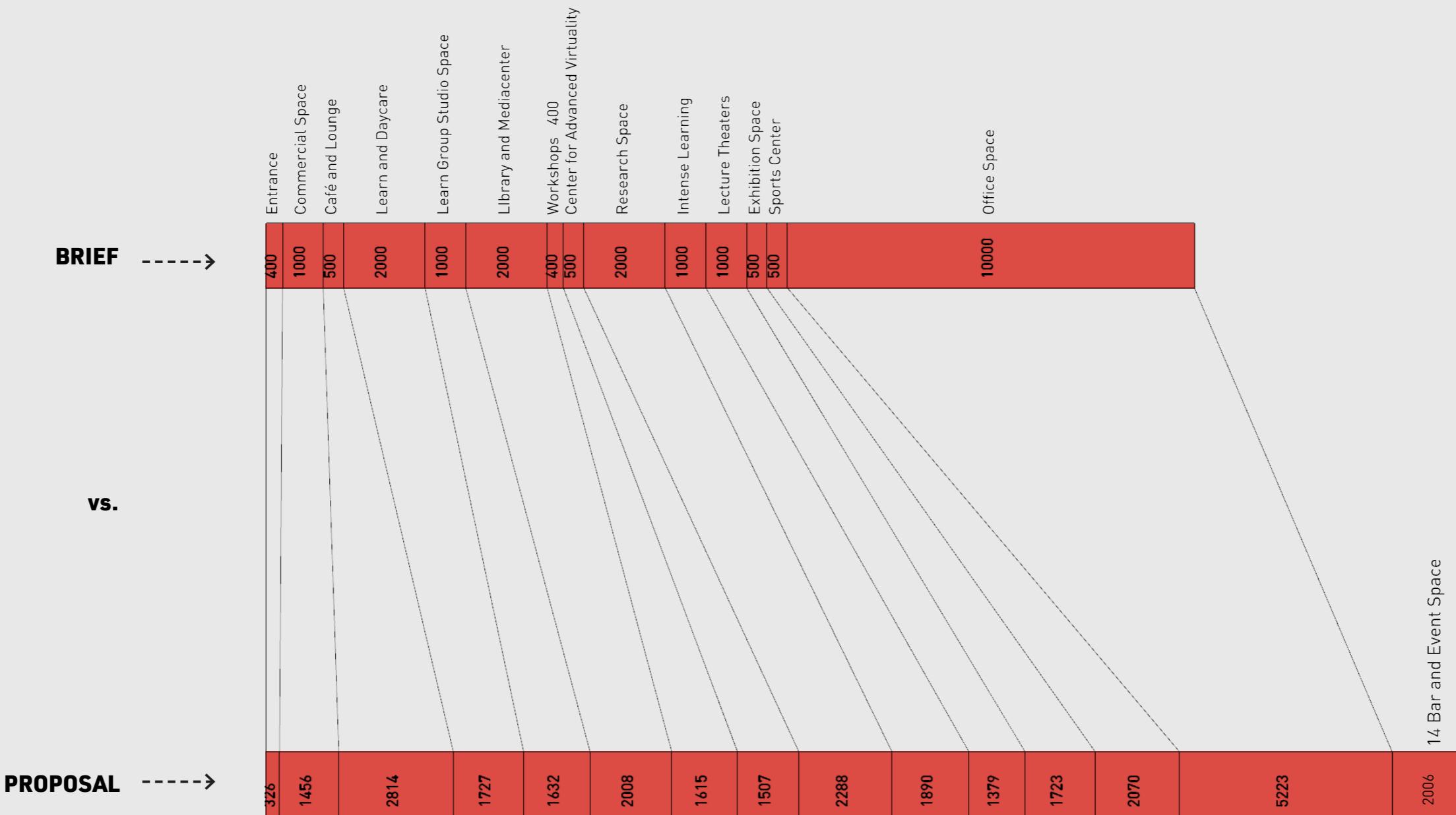


# NUMERICAL OVERVIEW:

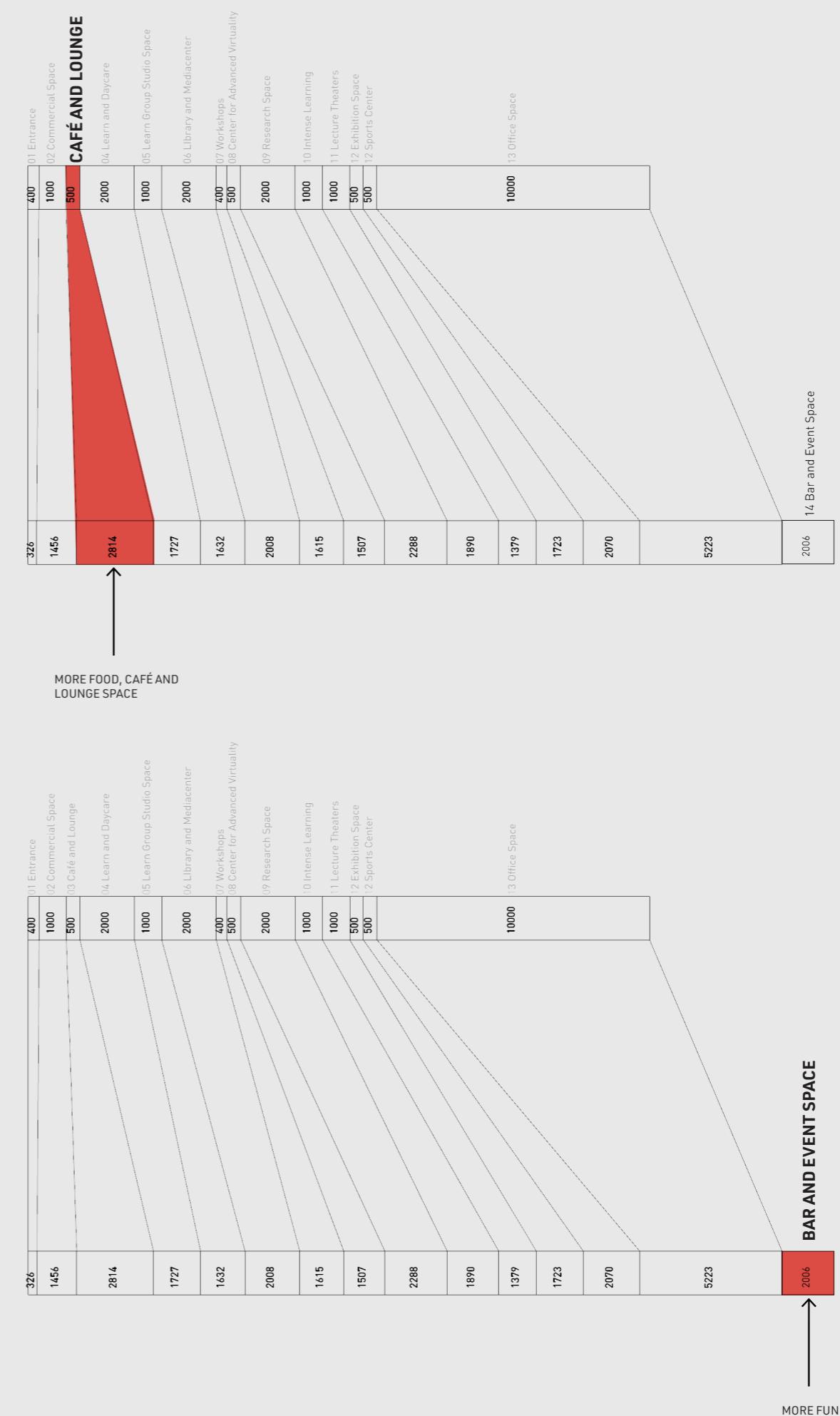
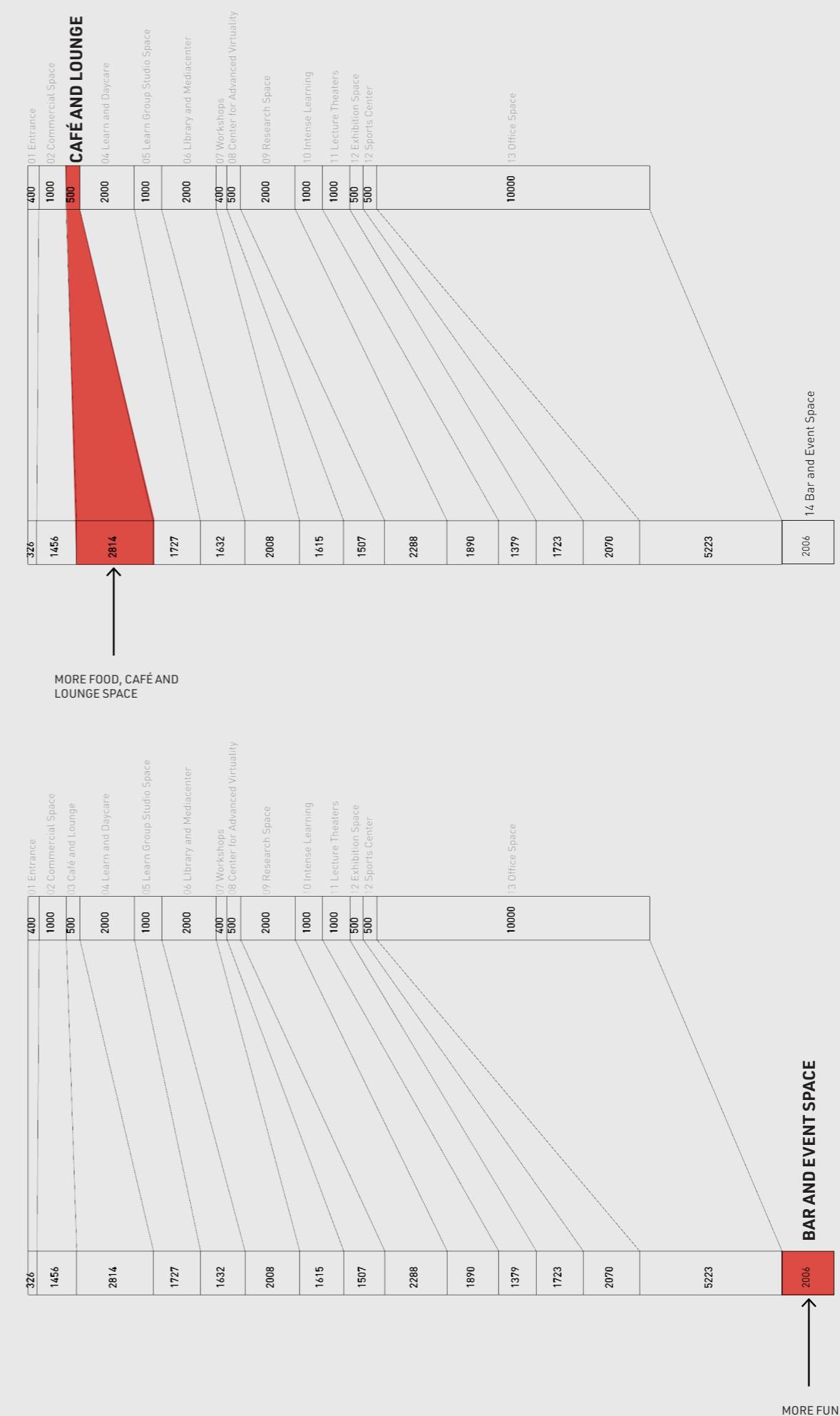
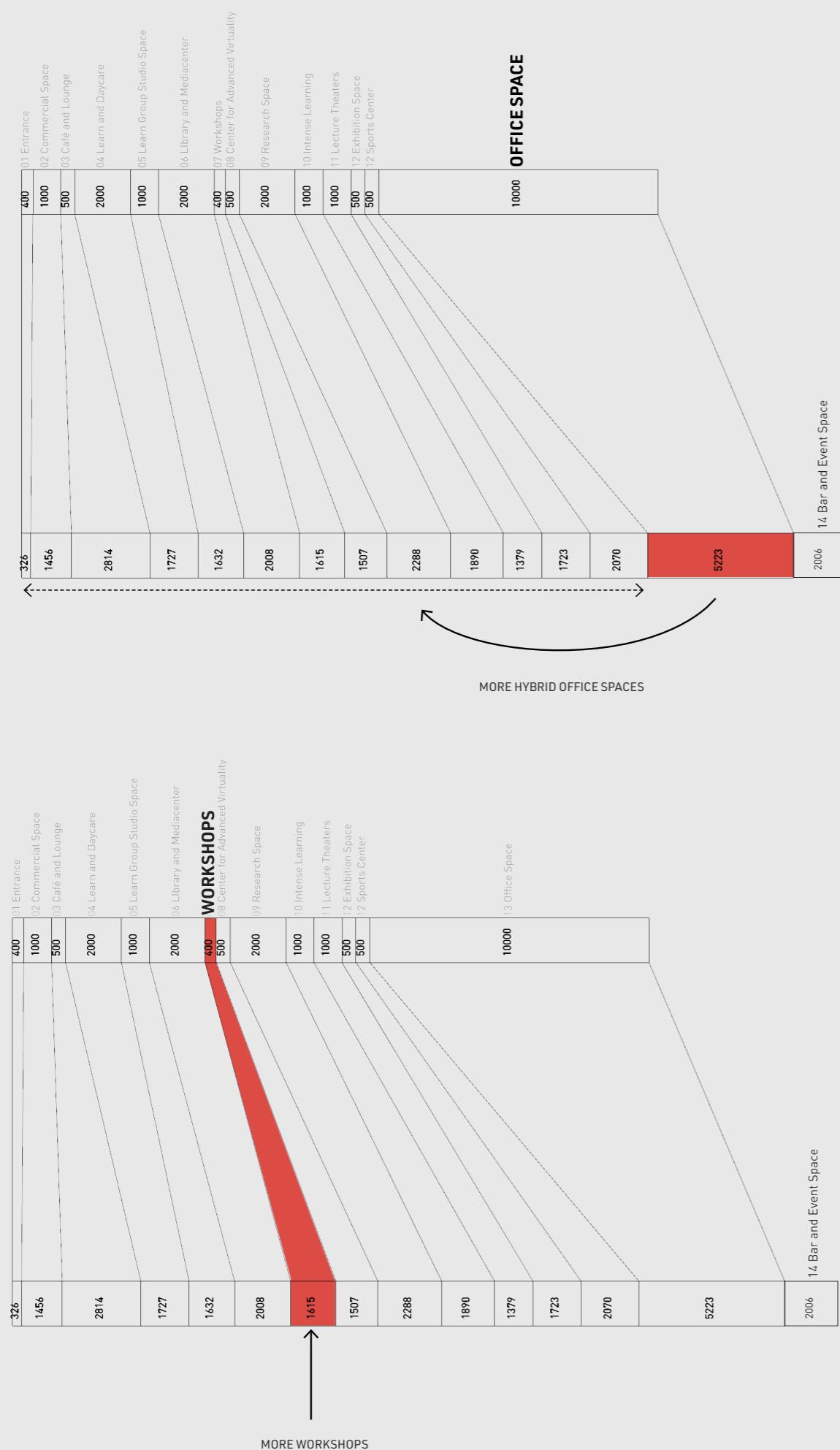
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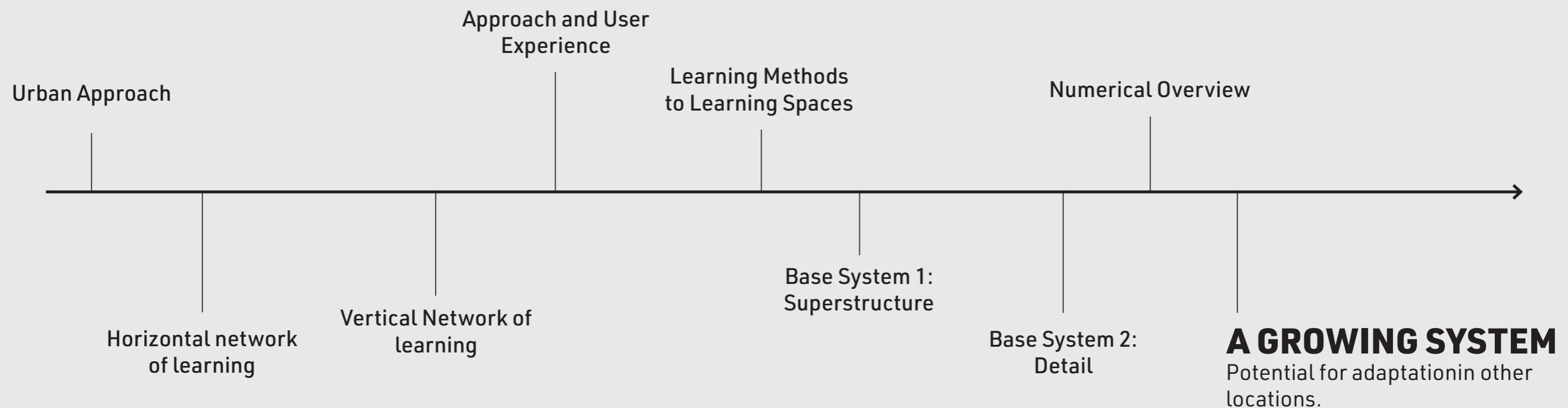


# Areas: Brief vs. Design proposal

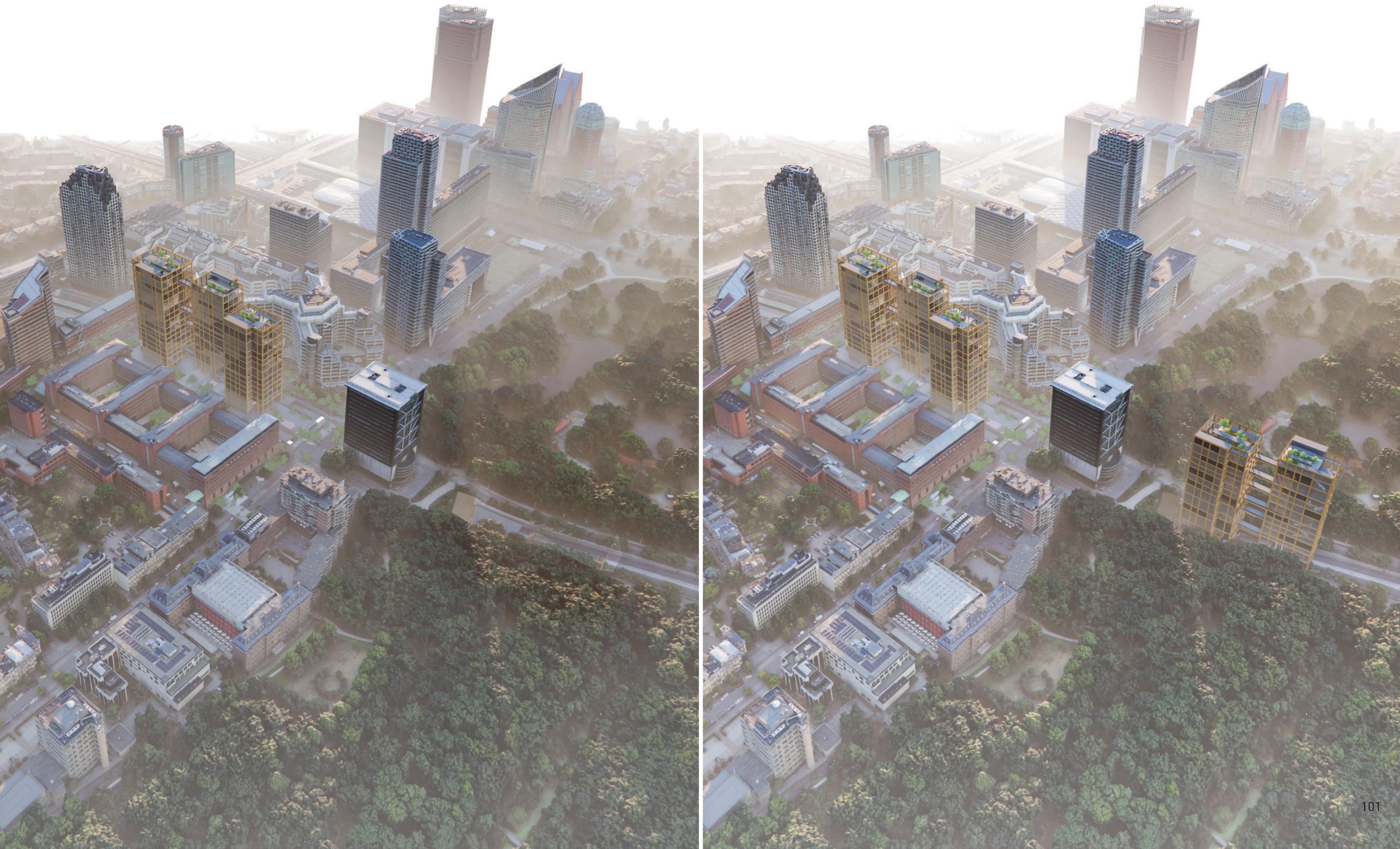


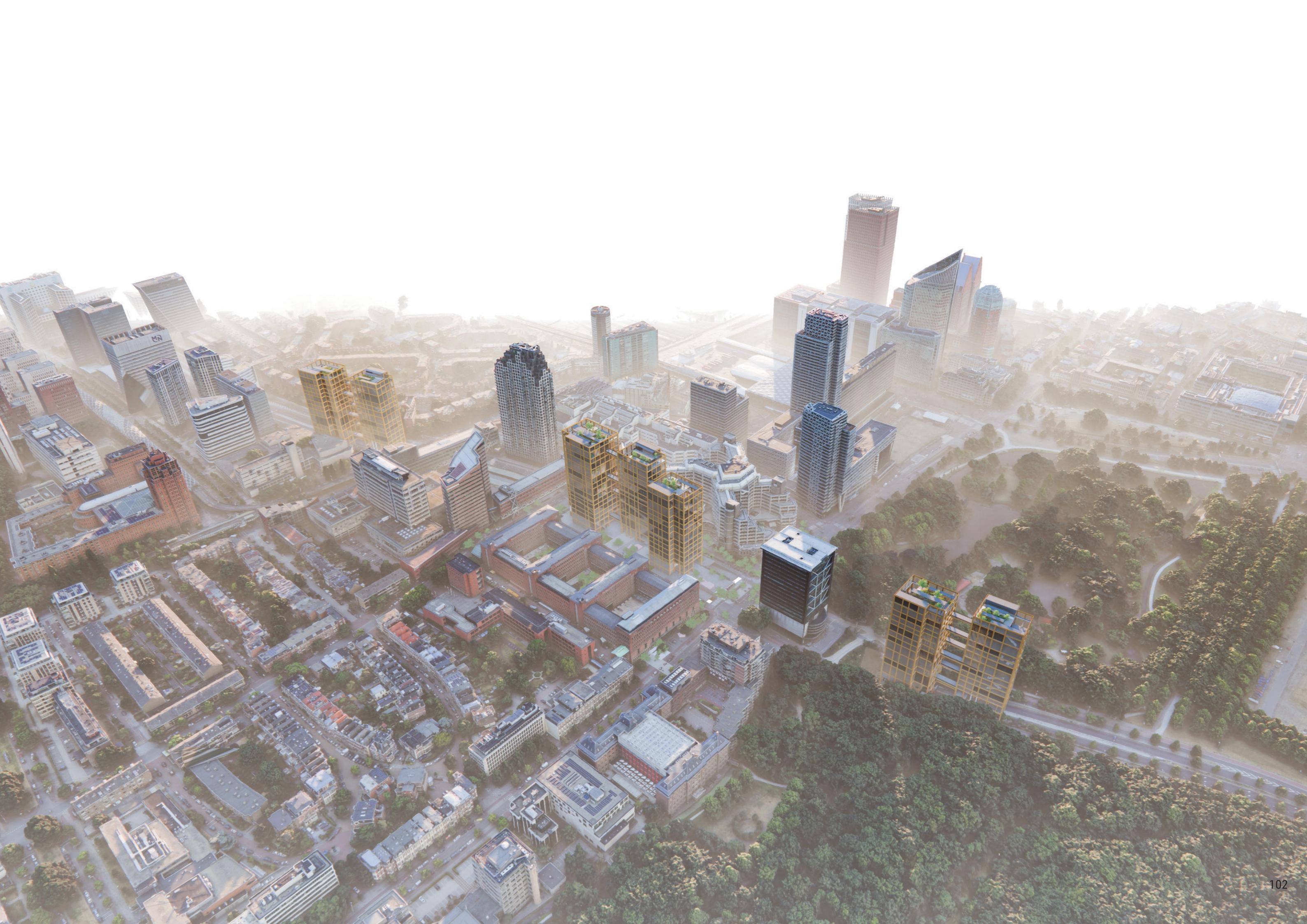
# Deviations from the Brief





## POTENTIAL: EXTENDING BEYOND THE SITE





# APPENDIX

# REFLECTING ON MULTIPLICITY (1/4)

The design of the Vertical Campus embraces multiplicity, featuring a variety layout sizes and specialized functions to cater to diverse needs. It includes for example study spaces, experiential indoor gardens, lecture halls, climate studios, exhibition spaces, workshops, student homes, and specialized laboratories. Some areas are specifically designed influenced by effective learning methods that were analysed to be especially beneficial to the development of the skillsets of graduate students. Notable among these are an immersive sensory space inspired by Kolb's experiential learning theory, an amphitheater-like room that encourages discussions grounded in critical pedagogy, and a workshop that supports hands-on, problem-based learning reminiscent of the apprenticeship model.

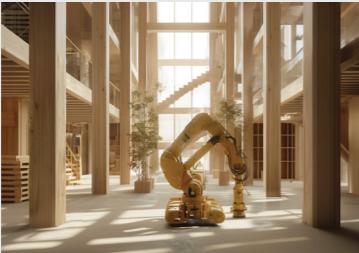
These diverse spaces are not only interconnected within the building but also linked to among each other via external bridges. The design showcases a three-dimensional arrangement that varies in density, characteristics, and orientation, focusing on multipurpose use and community involvement.

The Vertical Campus serves a wide audience, transcending traditional academic boundaries to facilitate lifelong learning opportunities for professionals and making educational resources available to all residents of the city. This approach establishes the campus as a central hub for community interaction, integrating it seamlessly with the urban context of The Hague's central governmental and international zone.

1. Design of varying densities to cater to different uses and interactions.
2. From openly public to secluded spaces.
3. Translation of educational methods into spatial configurations to enhance learning experiences.
4. Integration of neighboring buildings and creation of a holistic design/master plan for the neighborhood.



unique  
open ground floor



vast workshop  
spaces



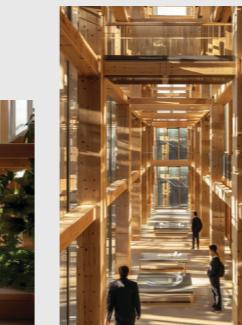
interconnected tow-  
ers



lecture halls, water  
feature, play-  
ground, wooden  
deck...



interior gardens



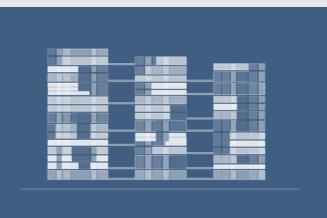
cut-through space



vertical +  
horizontal network of  
spaces



organic amphi-  
theater



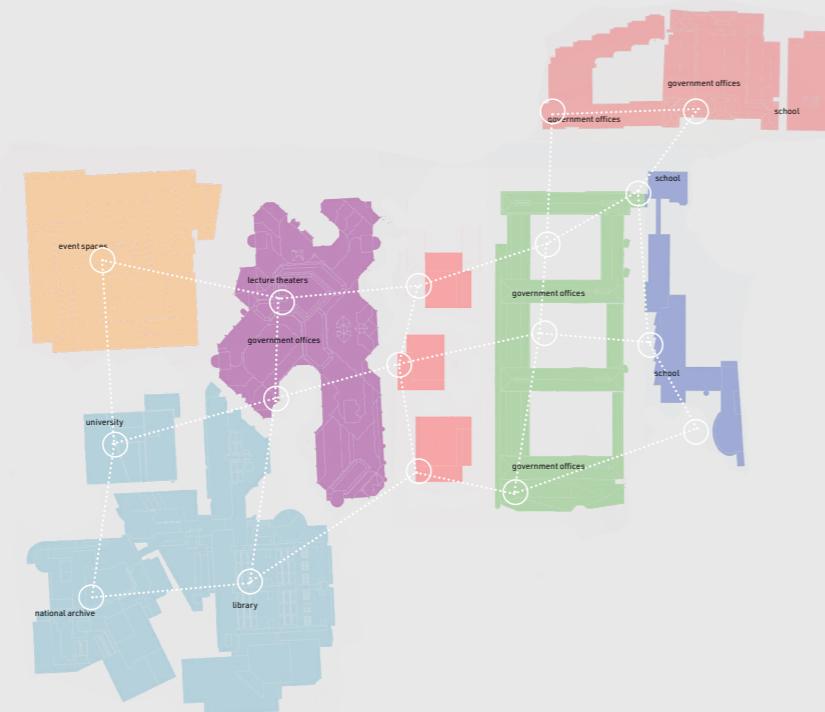
dense vs open

# REFLECTING ON HYBRIDITY (2/4)

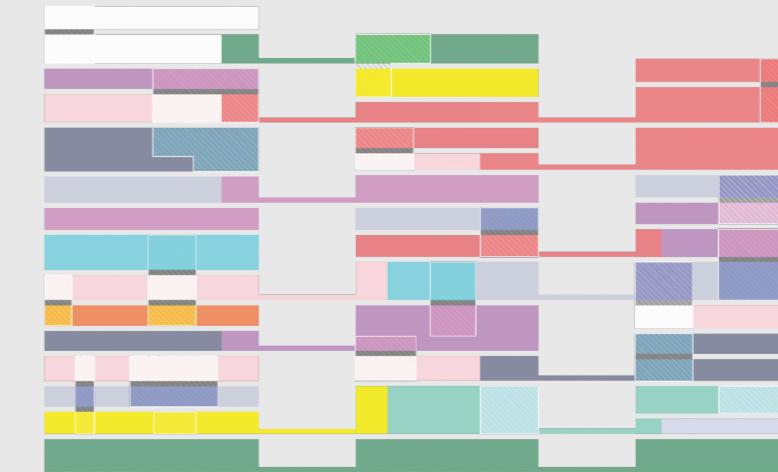
The project exemplifies the Public Building Graduation Studio's goal to merge diverse functions and cultural elements within a single academic setting. It blends educational, public, political, and industrial elements to create a dynamic hub where students, faculty, government officials, and business leaders actively collaborate. This integration transforms the building into a center for interdisciplinary activities and community interaction. The design incorpo-

rates a vertical campus, which simultaneously has many features found in a more horizontal layout. This approach not only addresses the spatial limitations of traditional universities but also enriches the multifunctional nature of the educational space. The integration with neighboring structures optimizes the use of existing office buildings and lecture halls, positioning the university within a broader urban and societal context.

1. Integration of educational, political, and industrial programs.
2. Incorporation of neighboring buildings and their users.
3. Positioning of the educational system as a political actor, driver of change, and mediator.
4. Open access policy with no admission restrictions.
5. Implementation of a horizontal campus layout within a vertical structure to counteract spatial isolation.



combination of public, industry and education



hybrid, interwoven program

# REFLECTING ON RESILIENCE (3/4)

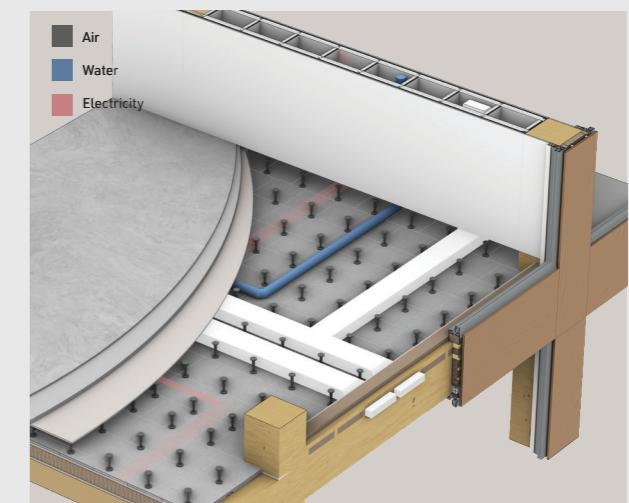
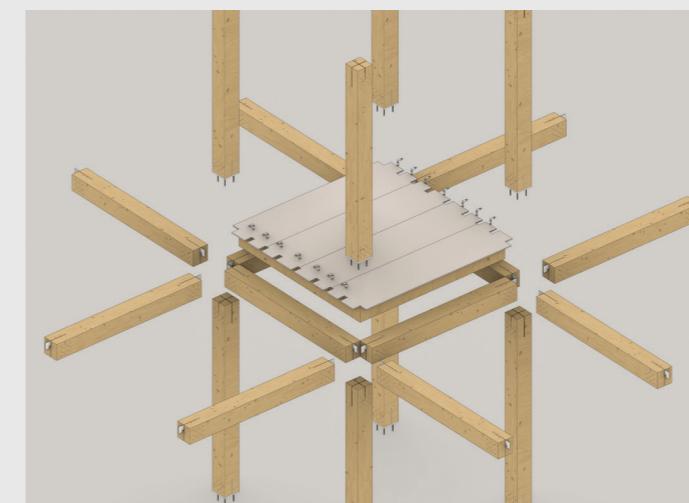
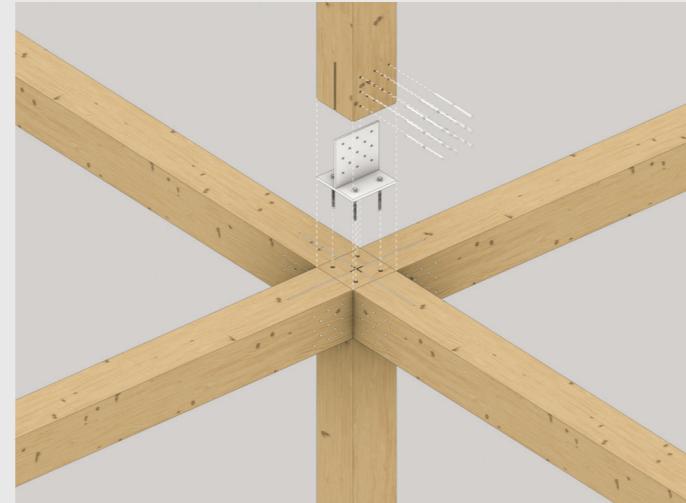
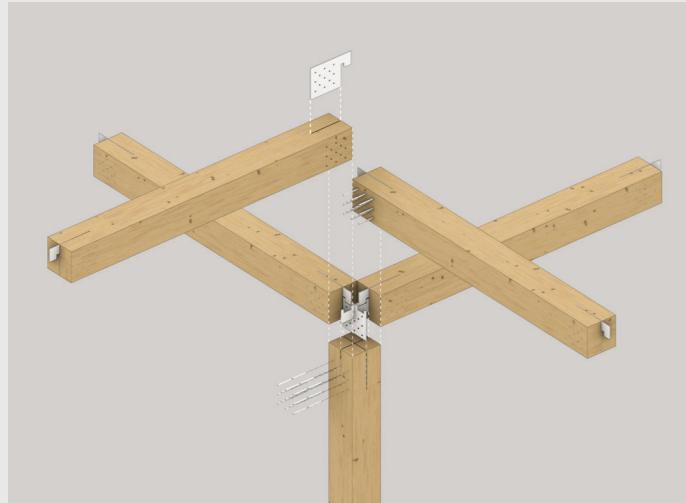
The structural system of the Vertical Campus is designed for resilience, featuring reversible connections that allow for future interior modifications. The layout includes a diverse array of sizes, which can be adapted based on evolving needs. Hollow floors and walls enhance the building's versatility by facilitating MEP (mechanical, electrical, and plumbing) outfitting without being confined to the core, which supports varied program placement.

The adaptable nature of the design's underlying system ensures resilience to changing conditions. Floor heights are adjustable, and even additional cores could potentially be integrated into the design if needed. This would not compromise the integrity of the design which is made possible by the underlying flexible system. Exposed

construction elements not only serve educational purposes but also ease modifications, showcasing the aesthetic of natural wood. Imperfections and marks from potential future changes to its internal layout would only add to the building's aesthetics instead of a need to cover these up as it might be the case in other designs.

In responding to the challenges of urban densification, the design of the Vertical Campus optimizes the limited urban footprint by allowing multifunctional use of the floor area. This approach ensures that the campus is well-prepared to handle future shifts in programmatic needs. The use of flexible/reversible building materials, such as wood and a low-tech approach, enhances the campus's ability to adapt to changes without extensive overhauls, promoting its long-term viability.

1. Implementation of reversible structural connections.
2. Hollow floors and walls for total flexibility in utility installations.
3. Wide variety of floor heights and space sizes, including adjustable floor heights.
4. Use of exposed natural wood to simplify future modifications.
5. Proposal of a system that can be customized to meet specific needs.



# REFLECTING ON SUSTAINABILITY (4/4)

My graduation project promotes sustainable construction practices by highlighting the advantages of wooden structures due to their lower carbon footprint and greater flexibility for future modifications. These attributes support the long-term environmental sustainability of the campus by making it easier to adapt to changing needs compared to more rigid concrete constructions.

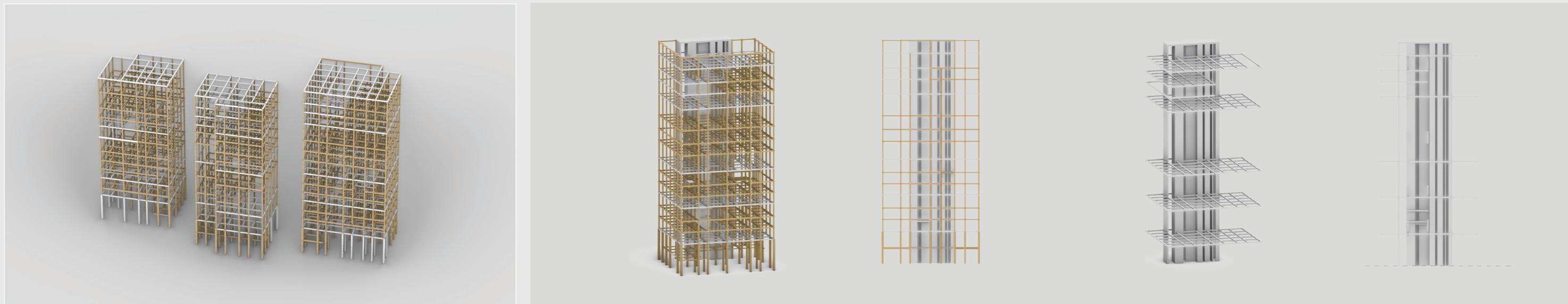
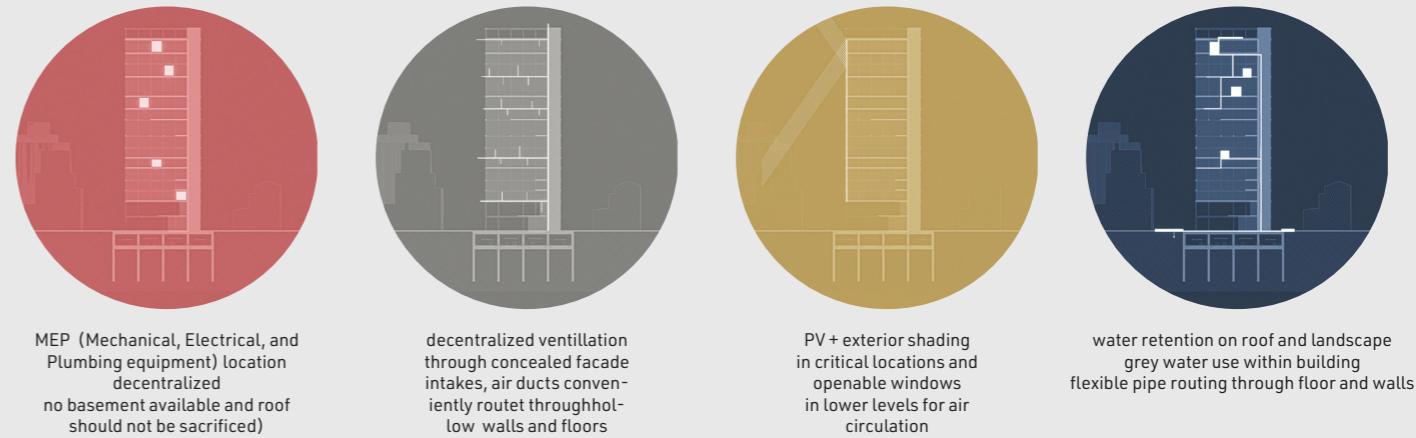
The design incorporates circular design principles to minimize energy use and support a climate-conscious approach, ensuring that the campus remains responsive to technological advancements and evolving functional requirements. The main load-bearing system features sustainably sourced wood, enhanced with the use of concrete beams only in areas where needed. This approach increases flexibility but maximizes efficiency. Key elements such as sustainable insulation and prefabrication elements are also integral to the project.

Water management is addressed through rainwater collection systems on the roofscape that reduce consumption

and alleviate pressure on municipal drainage systems. The inclusion of a green roof including small trees not only aids the water retention but also decreases the building's thermal load. Additionally, outdoor shading reduces indoor heat stress while a decentralized ventilation system through the ventilated façade ensures efficient air circulation.

The design extends its sustainability focus to the surrounding environment by creating park areas that mitigate the heat island effect and offers recreational spaces for the community. It promotes social sustainability by fostering public integration and accessibility across the university. The rerouting of traffic underground or the limiting of access for cars in other areas prioritizes pedestrian space and develops vibrant street-level spaces. Economic sustainability is additionally bolstered by integrating industries within the campus to harness emerging talent and by repurposing nearby underutilized office spaces and lecture halls to increase their occupancy levels.

1. Utilization of a wooden superstructure combined with concrete elements to maximize structural efficiency.
2. Integration of decentralized mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) systems.
3. A water collection system to minimize water usage and reduce the burden on the municipal water system.
4. Incorporation of sustainable insulation materials and prefabrication techniques.
5. Installation of green roofs and outdoor shading structures to decrease thermal load.
6. Development of park and water areas to mitigate the urban heat island effect.



## REFLECTING ON CONTEXTUALITY (5/4)



Architecture should always embrace contextuality to ensure designs are deeply integrated with their **specific environments** and responsive to **local needs and opportunities**.



