# **OF STONES AND TRAVELERS**

The Venetian Matter a productive machine in its own consuming Explore Lab 28

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#### i. Prologue

- i. The Venetian Matter: a productive machine in its own consuming
- ii. Research question and definition of 'technicities'
- iii. Relevance of 'technicities' in the connection between research and design iv. Project Area

### ii. Project: Research and Design

i. Limits ii. Infrastructure and Open Spaces iii. Nodes iv. In Between

#### iii. Conclusion

i. A New Assemblage

### i. Prologue















"By looking at the morphology of the city, what are the urban elements of Venice that affect the condition/the extent of 'overtourism'?"

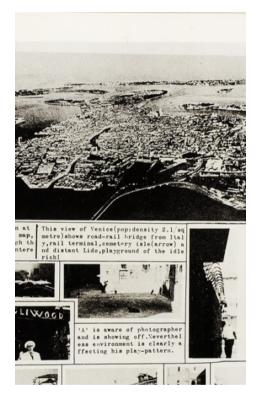
**RESEARCH QUESTION** 

"mode of relation between human and the world"  $^1$ 

technicity focus on "the genesis of the objects themselves", that means on the relations they establish with a determined subject and a territory in their perpetual becoming.

1 Simondon G., 1989, Du Mode d'Existence des Objects Techniques, Paris, Aubier, p.152

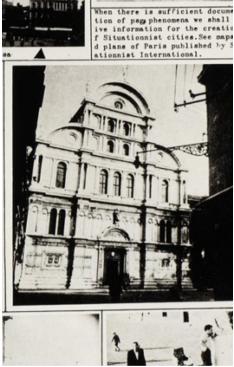
#### **VENETIAN TECHNICITIES**



1. Limits



2. Infrastructure and **Open Spaces** 



3. Nodes



#### 4. In Between

1. Urban causes of the extent of Overtourism in Venice

2. Urban characters of Venice's uniqueness

what does technicities represent ?

#### 3. Tangible expression of the logics of Venice's development

#### **Beauty**

main element of attraction for visitors who are experiencing the island

• urban characters of Venice's uniqueness

#### **Digital Beauty**

relates with the contemporary idea of smoothened beauty, that is the pure consideration of an external object through the instant like/dislike comment. The social, economical, historical complexity usually immanent in the object is flattened to a simple reaction determined by the exterior aspect of the object and the consequent instant pleasure felt by the subject.

• tangible expression of the logics of Venice's development

### **Ideal Beauty**

relates with a more intellectual idea of beauty, the one that does not relate merely with instant pleasure, but that through the lingering in contemplation elevates the subject, creating a free relationship with the object without the need of possess it or desire it. The perception of an external object is substituted by its contemplation. It is only by contemplative distance, therefore with time, that real beauty can be comprehended.

#### Knowledge

understanding of the reason of city's development, therefore the recognition and awareness of its inner logics

*"Knowledge also contain negativity in the sense that it is often gained against a resistance*".<sup>1</sup>

1 Byung Chul Han, 2018, Saving Beauty, Cambridge, Polity Press



#### Reinterpretation of 'Value'

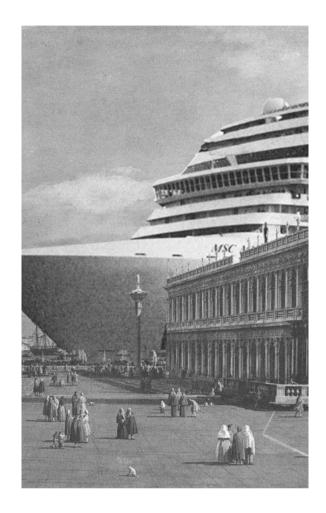
not based in terms of the money Venice can produce through the mercification of its aesthetic beauty but on the qualitative aspect of the human's work through the years in contrast to all the difficulties upon which Venice itself has been created.

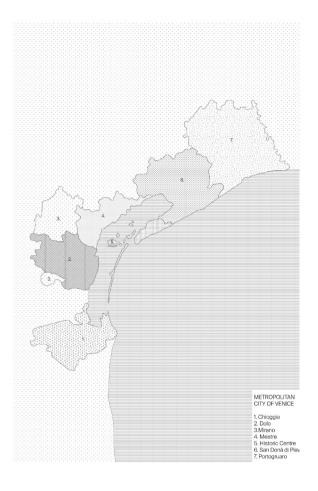
#### AIM OF THE DESIGN

i. affect the visitors' permanence in the city via architecture

ii. invite visitors to discover the other parts of Venice and therefore releasing the touristic pressure on the historical centre of Venice

why the majority of visitors is consuming the city for short period of time ?





1. Costs

2. Incomplete understanding of the extent of Venice as a city

why the majority of visitors is consuming the city for short period of time ?



3. High Specialisation





**Picturesque Venice** 

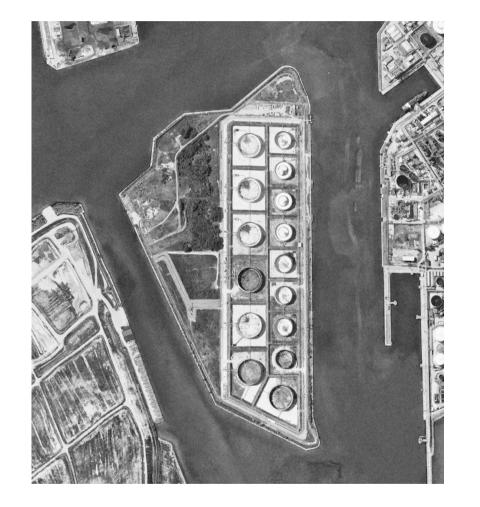
aesthetical beauty of the city lack of services for long permanence on the island

anonymous aesthetic of the outskirt presence of potential infrastructure for long permanence on the area

#### **VENETIAN DICHOTOMY**

#### **Industrial Venice**

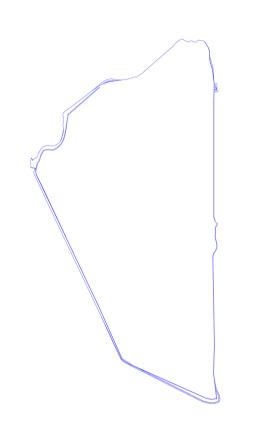


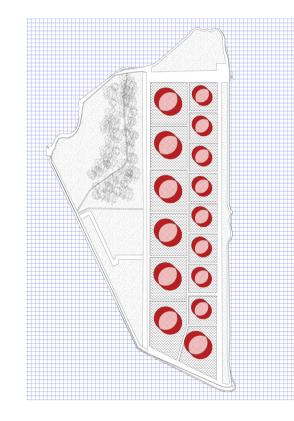




#### STORAGE TANK ISLAND

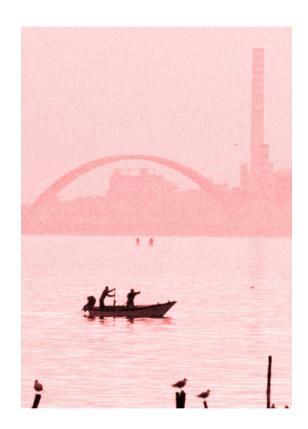












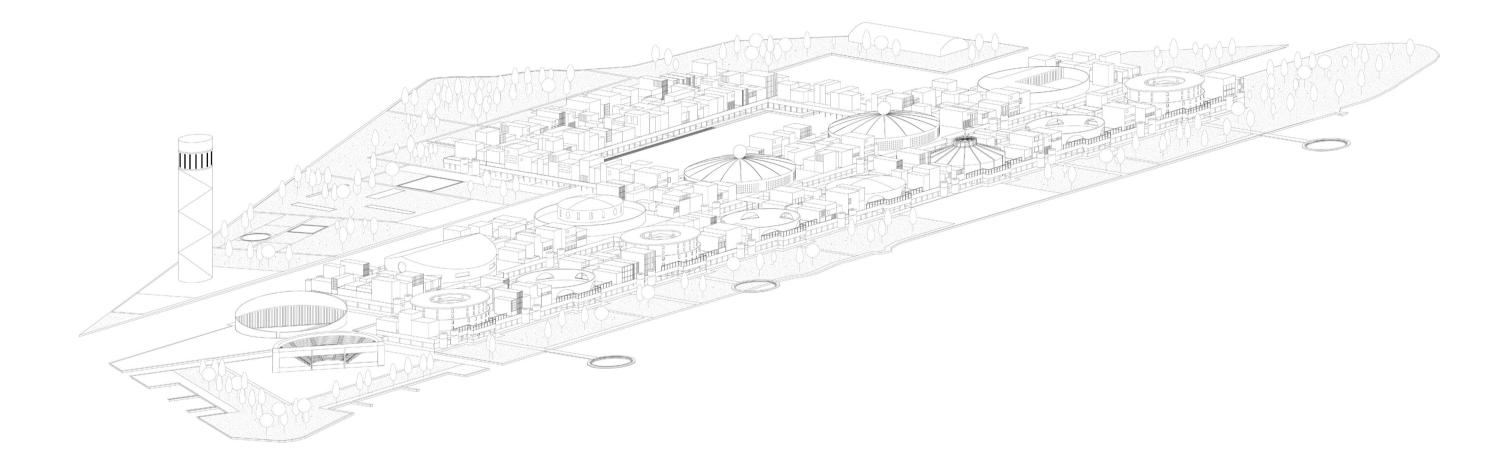
i. How can we affect the short permanence of the people via architectural intervention ?

ii. Is it possible nowadays to intervene in underdeveloped and abandoned industrial area of the Metropolitan City of Venice in order to create an intermediate zone that could host both the reinterpreted aesthetics of Venice and its industrial character, therefore could offer services for a long permanence?

#### **DESIGN QUESTIONS**

### ii. Project: Research and Design

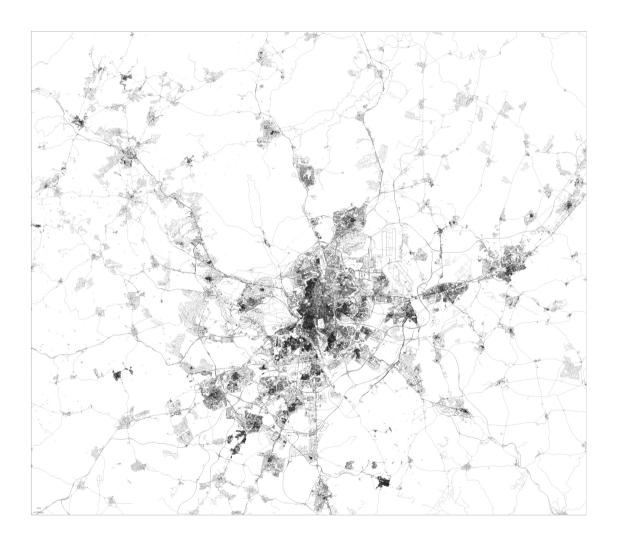
*Venice as a city of relationship* the regeneration of the storage tank island as an extension of Venice

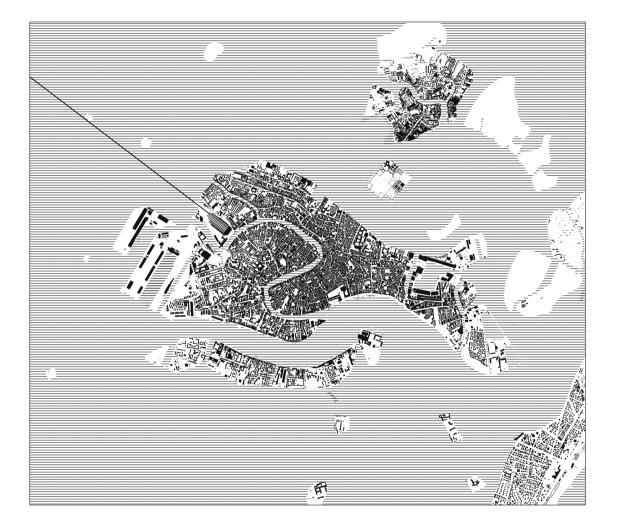


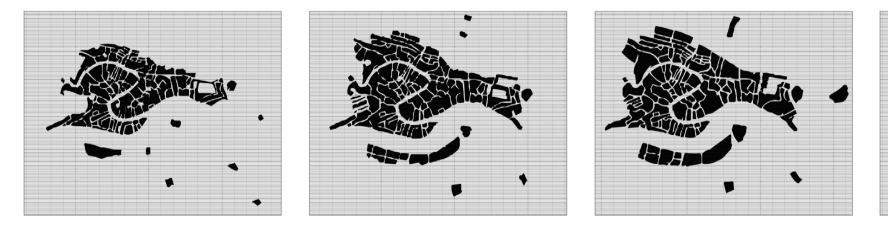
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- 2. Infrastructure and Open Spaces
- 3. Nodes
- 4. In Between Spaces
- 5. A New Assemblage

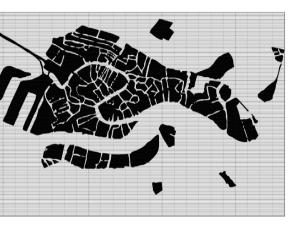
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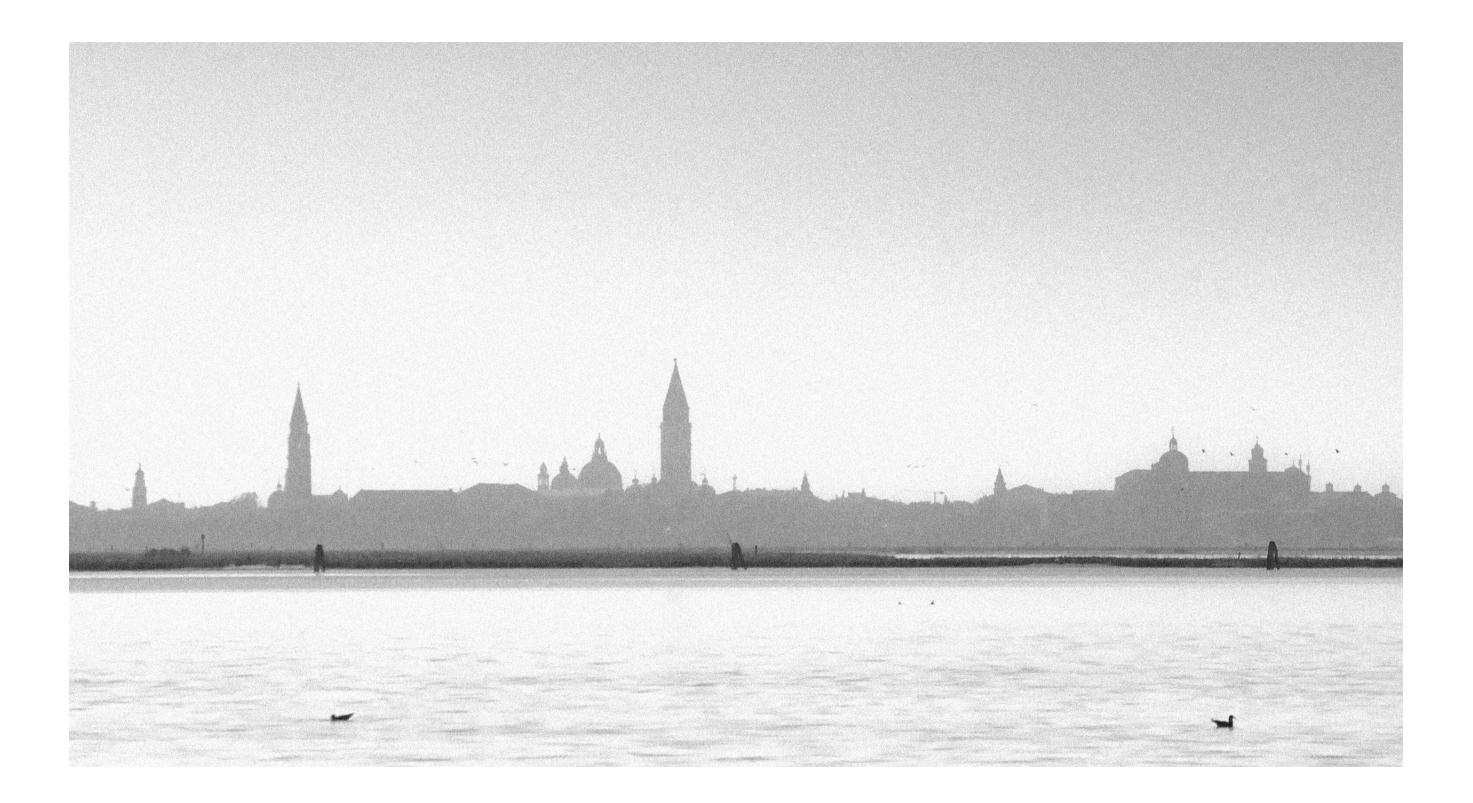


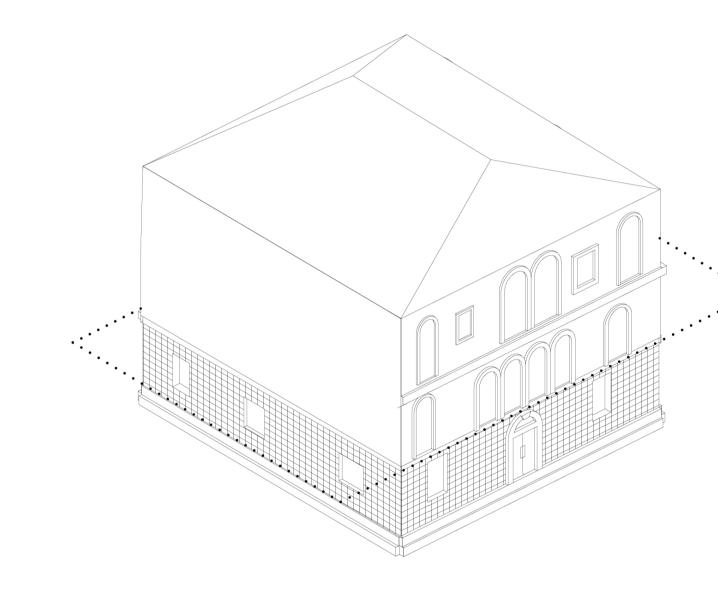




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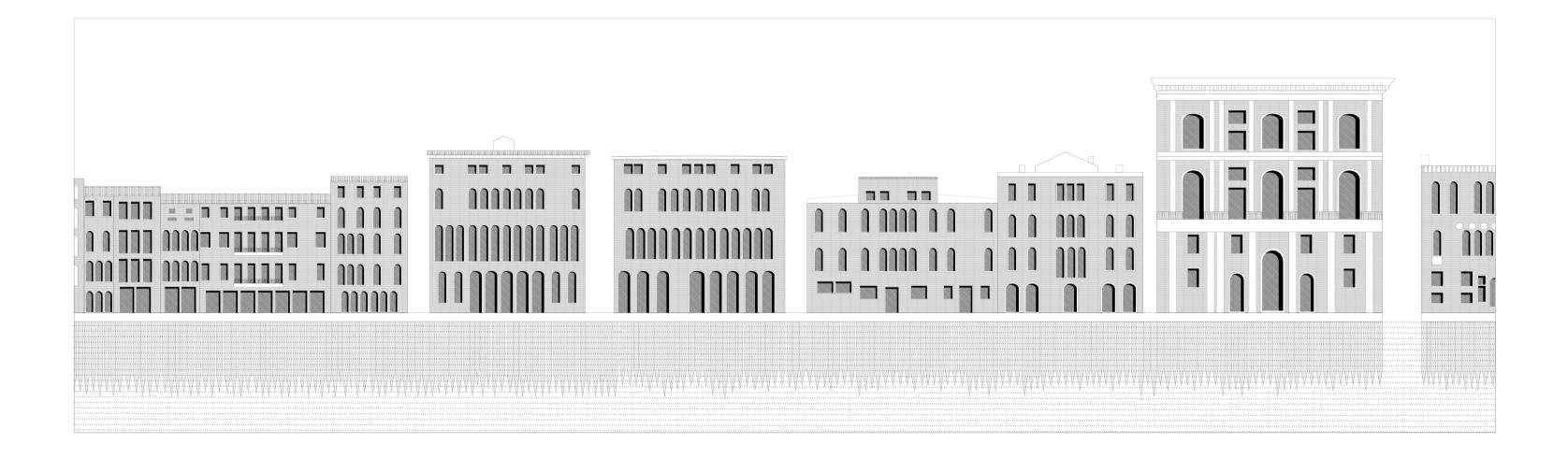


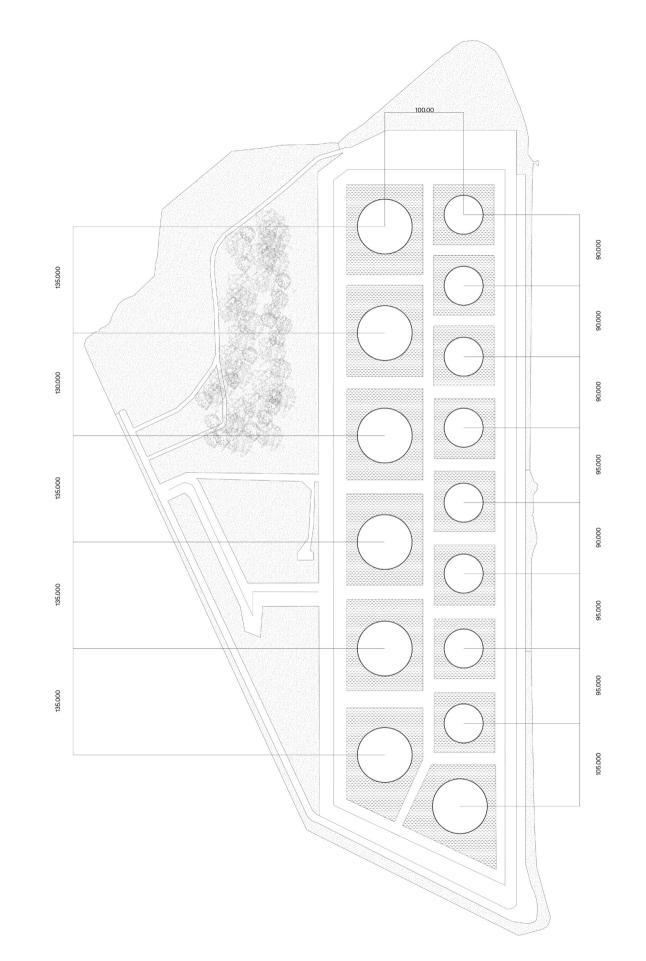


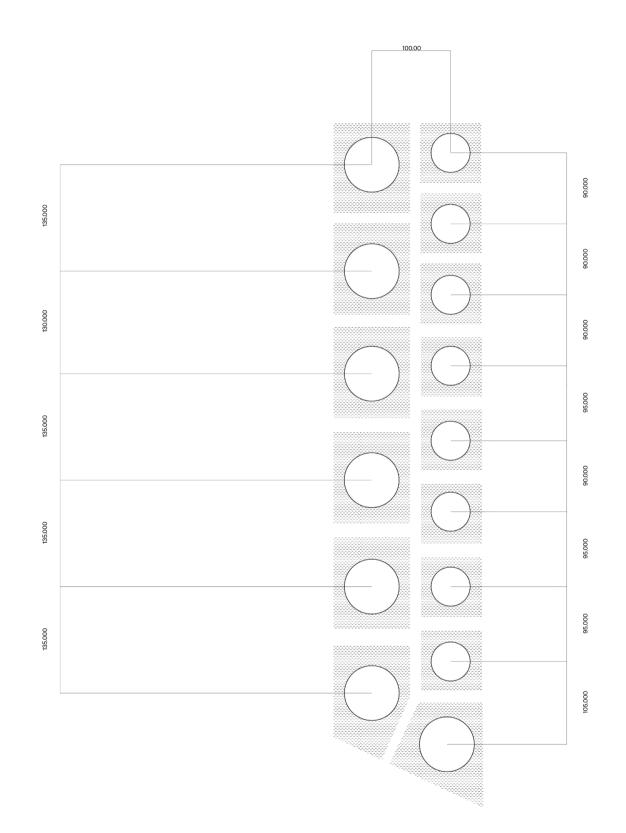


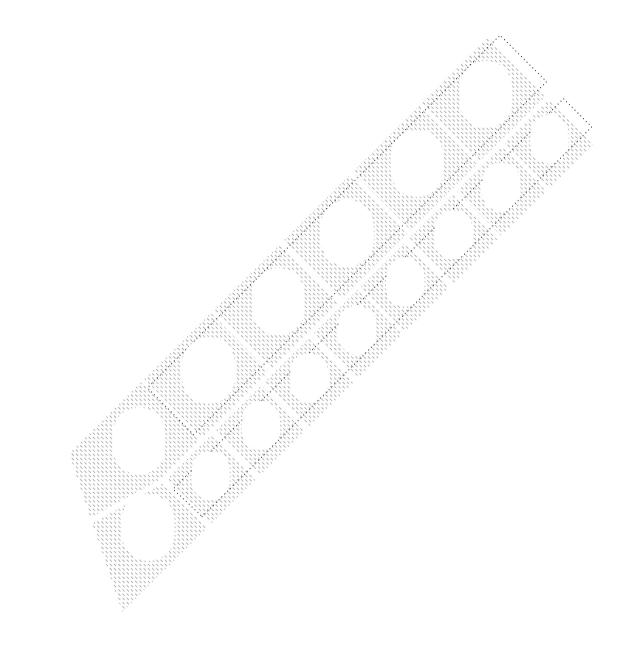
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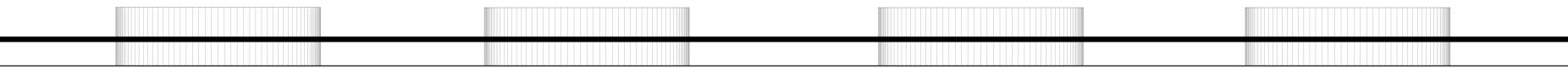






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Reinterpretation of the aesthetic value of Venice

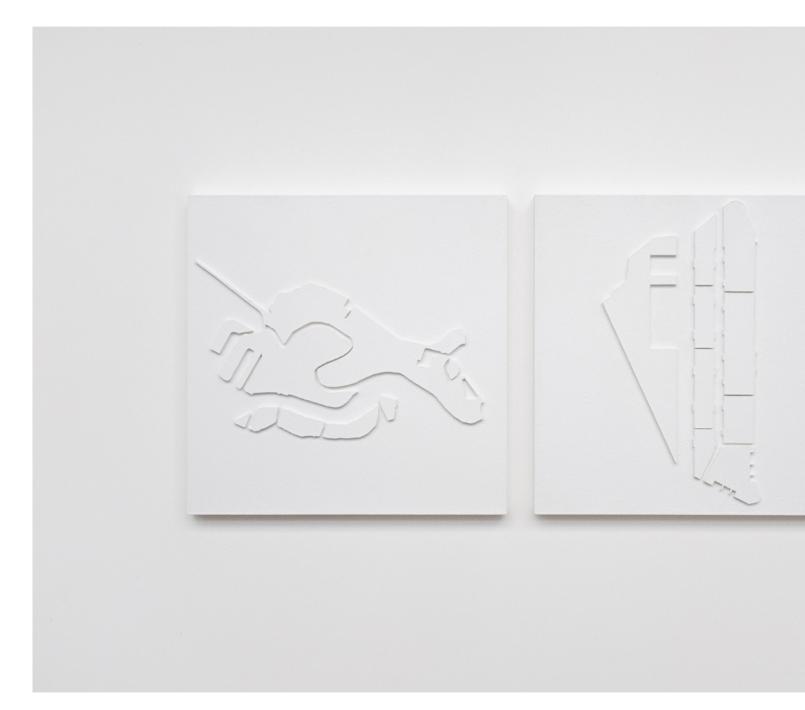


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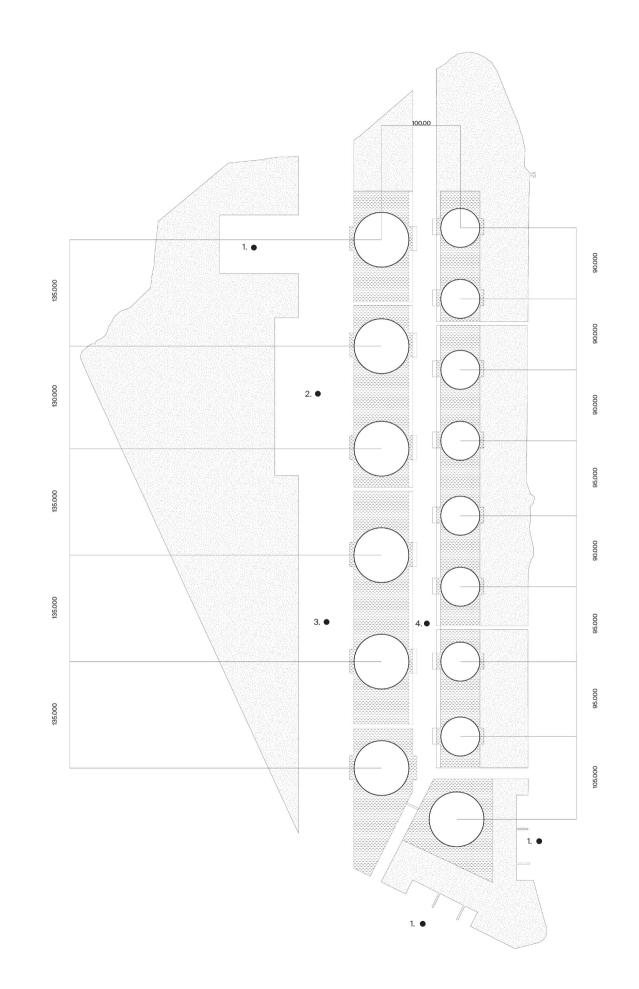
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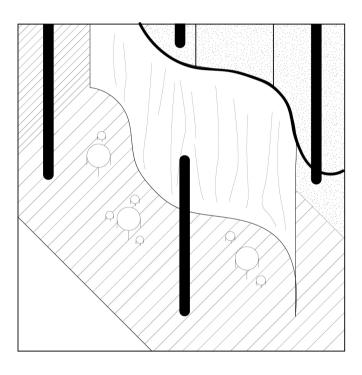


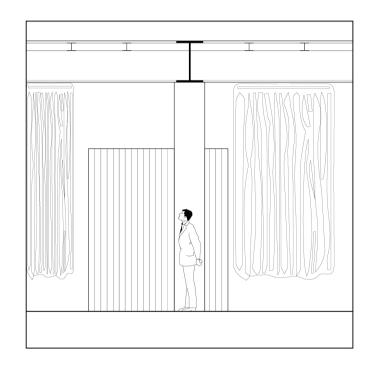


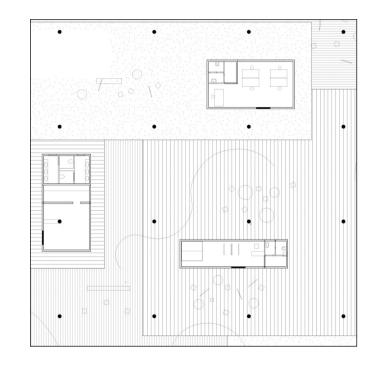
- 1. Port
- 2. Water Square
- 3. Public Canal
- 4. Private Canal





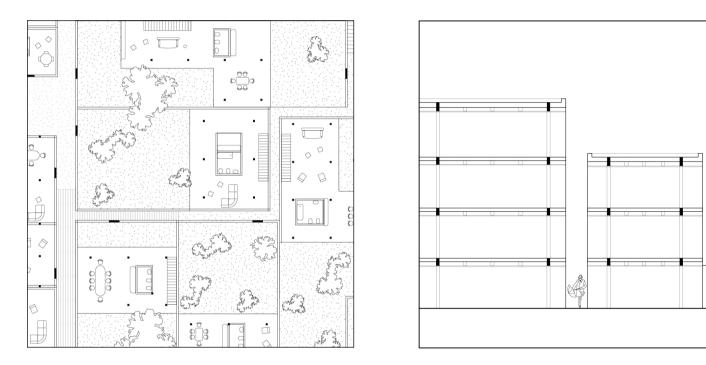


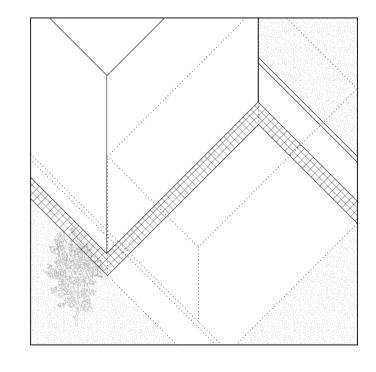




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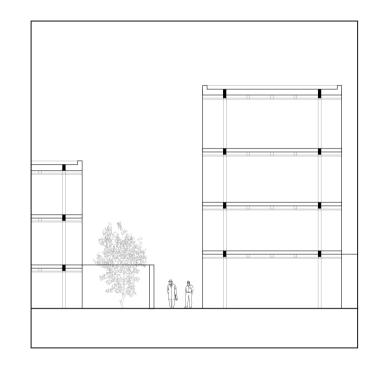


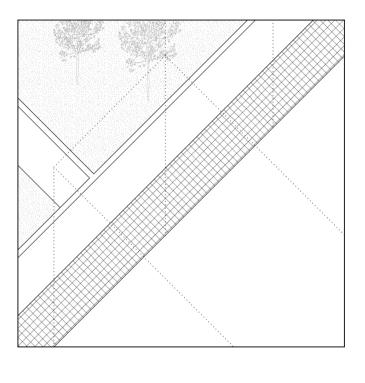


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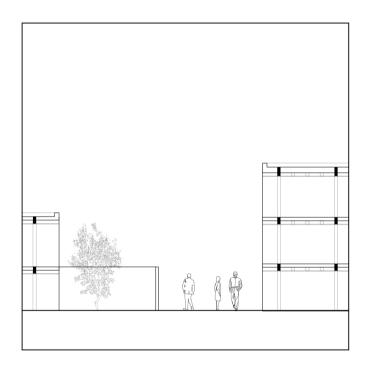
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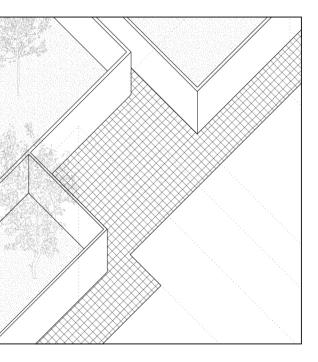
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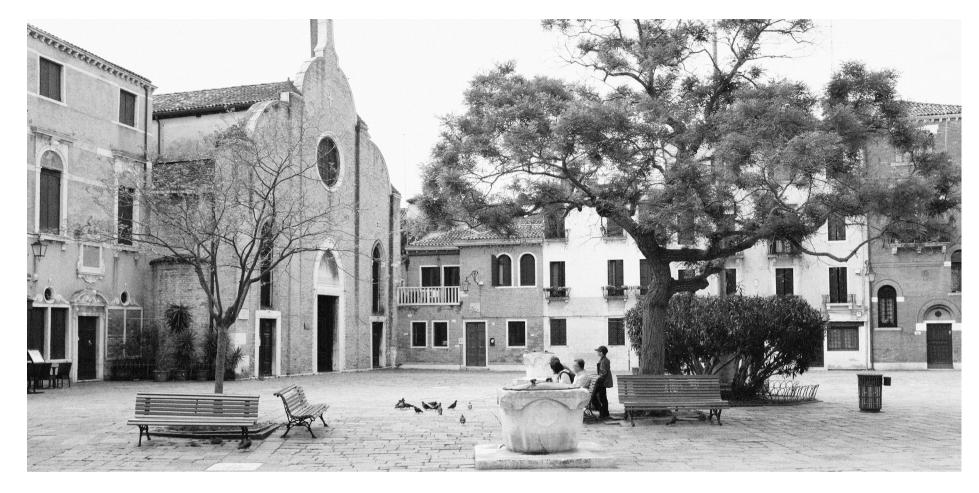


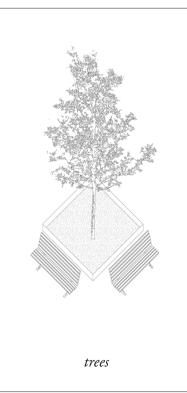


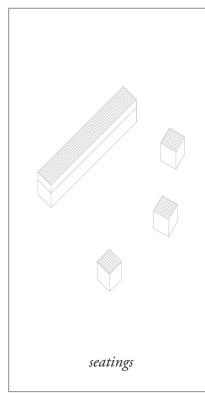


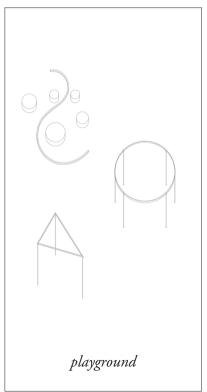


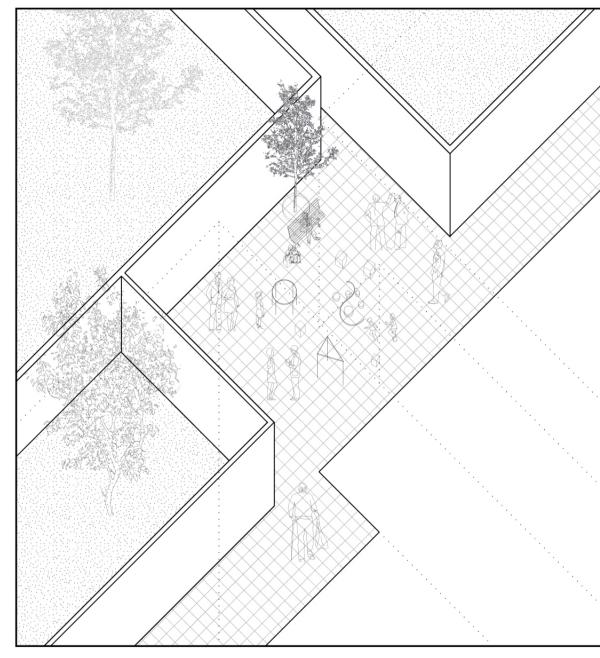




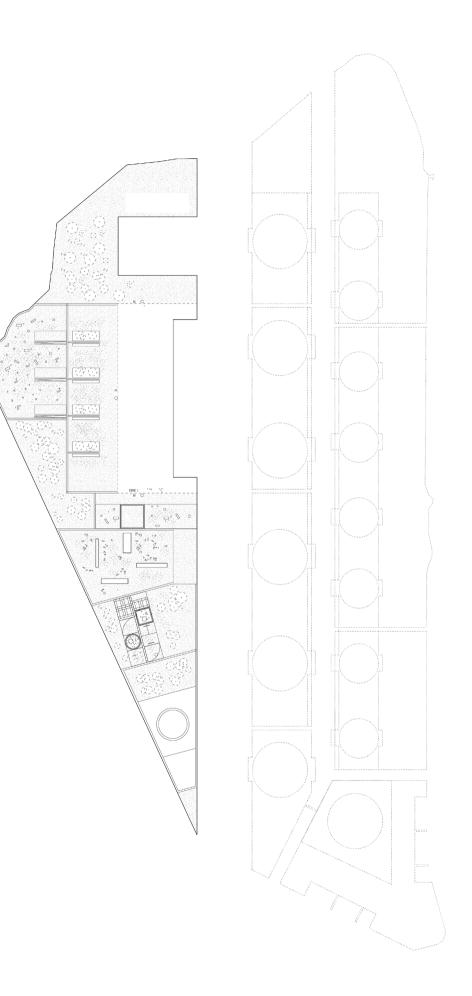








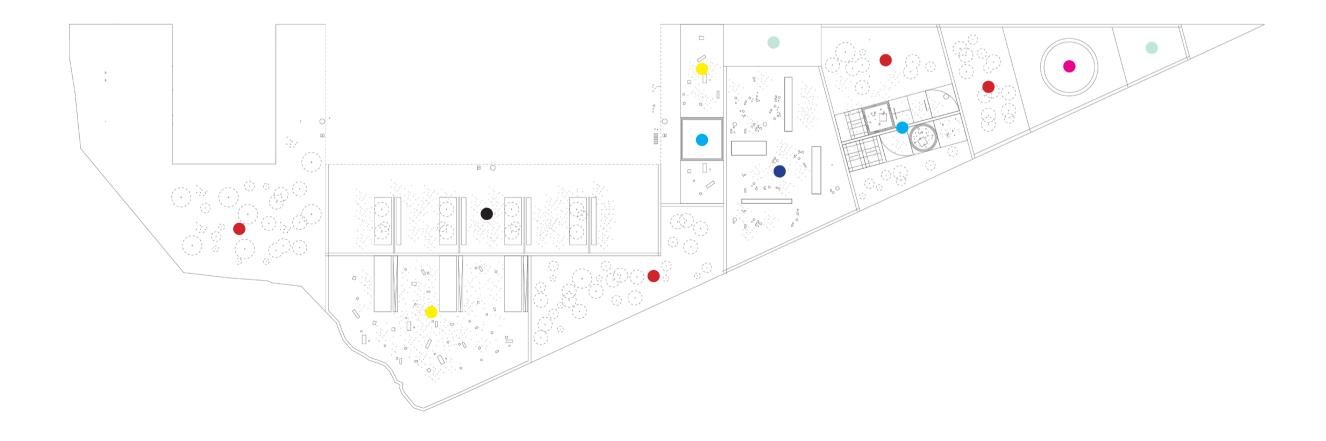


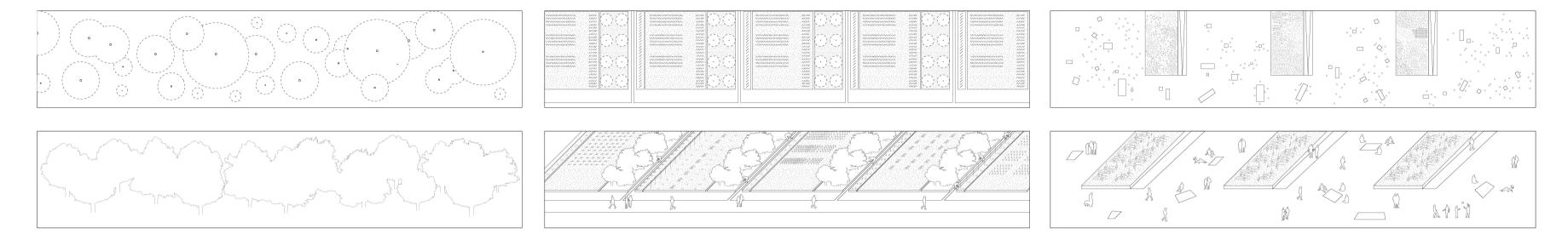






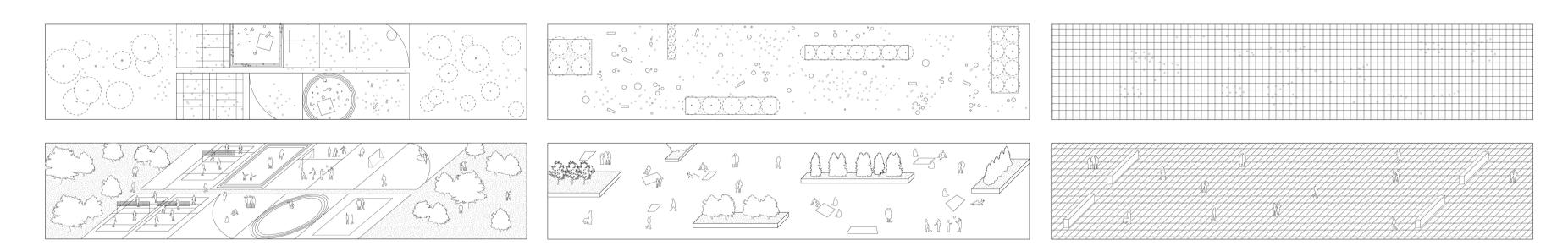






Woodland

Vegetable Garden



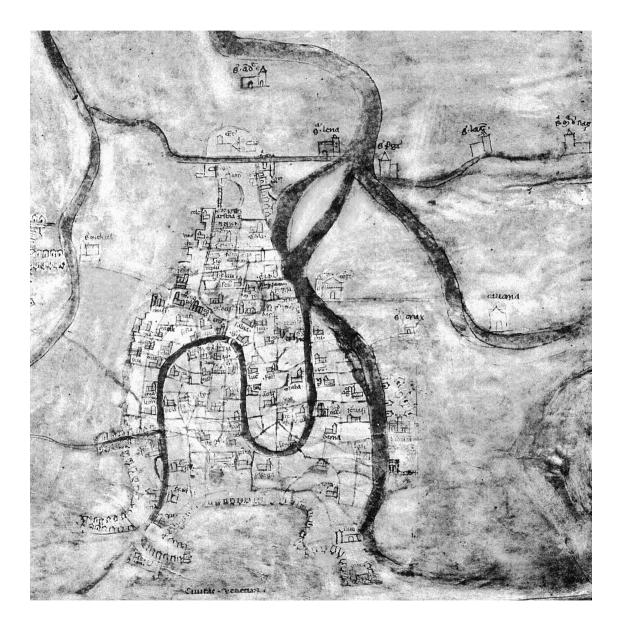
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Orchards

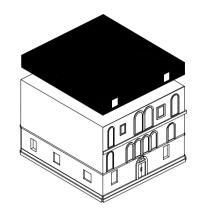
Garden | Meeting Places

Square

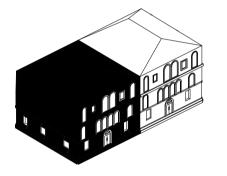
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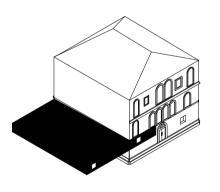




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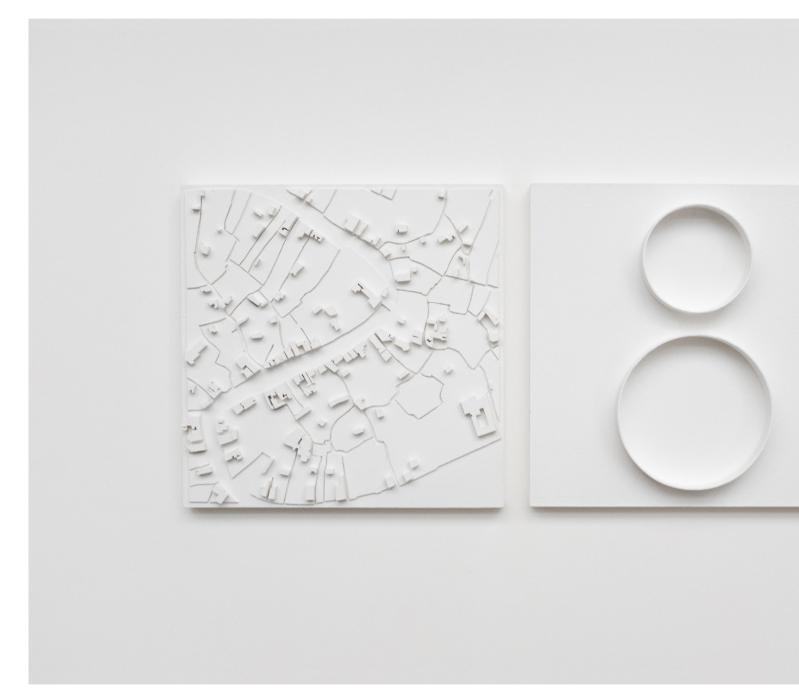






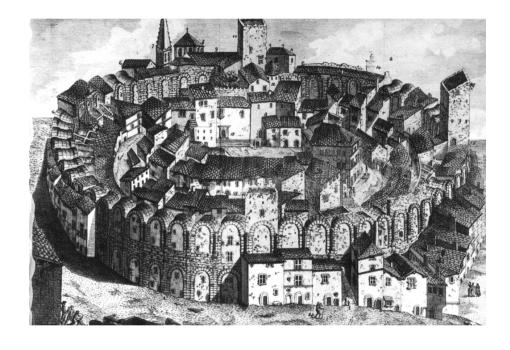




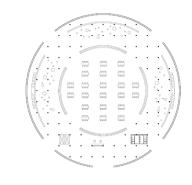




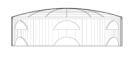


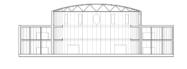


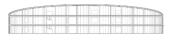












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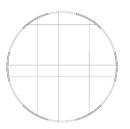
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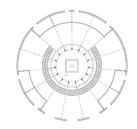
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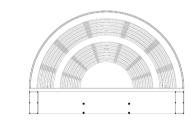
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The Heritage Museum











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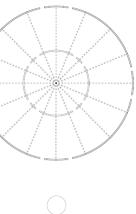


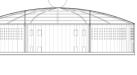
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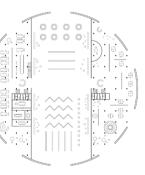






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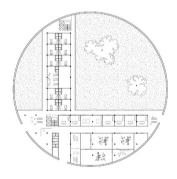






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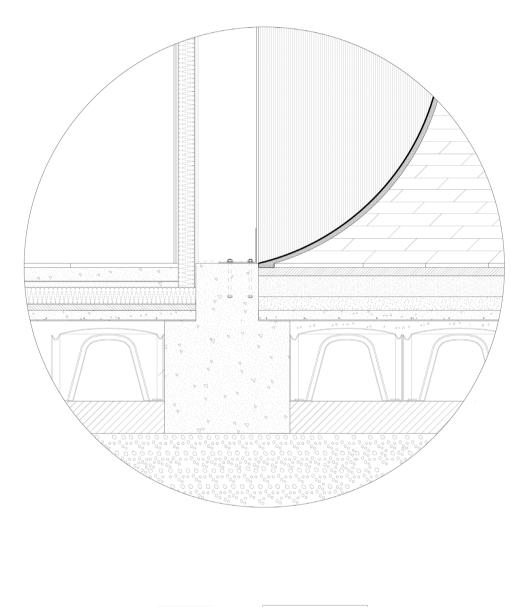


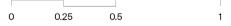


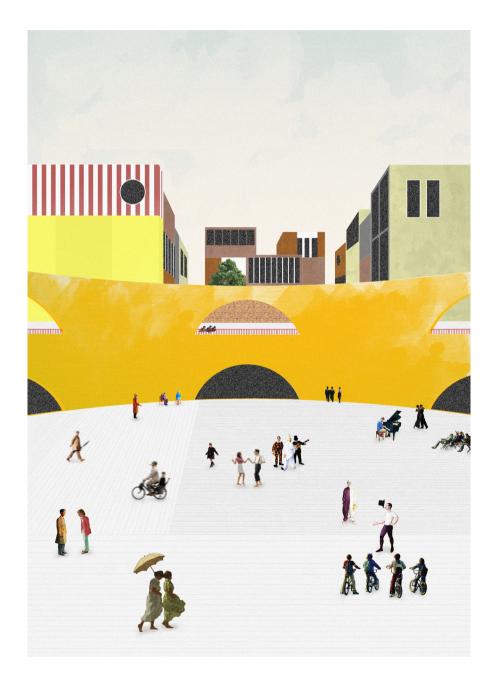
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The First Aid Center





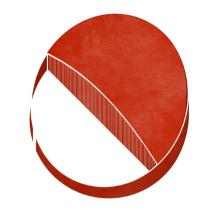












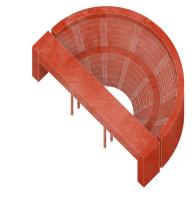


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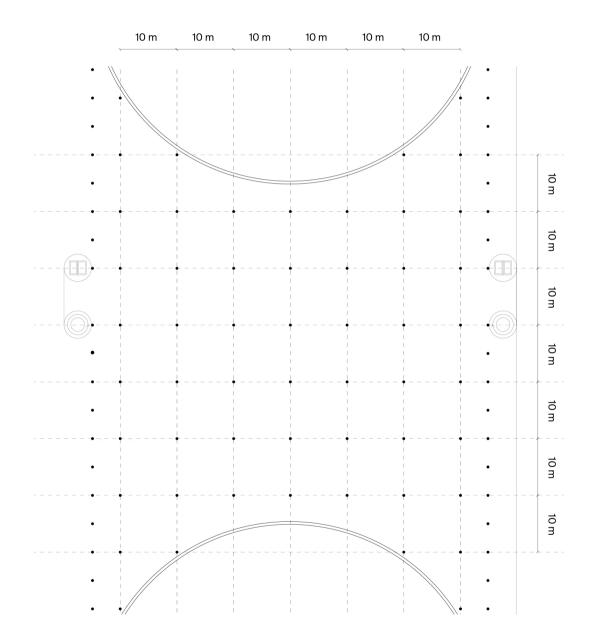
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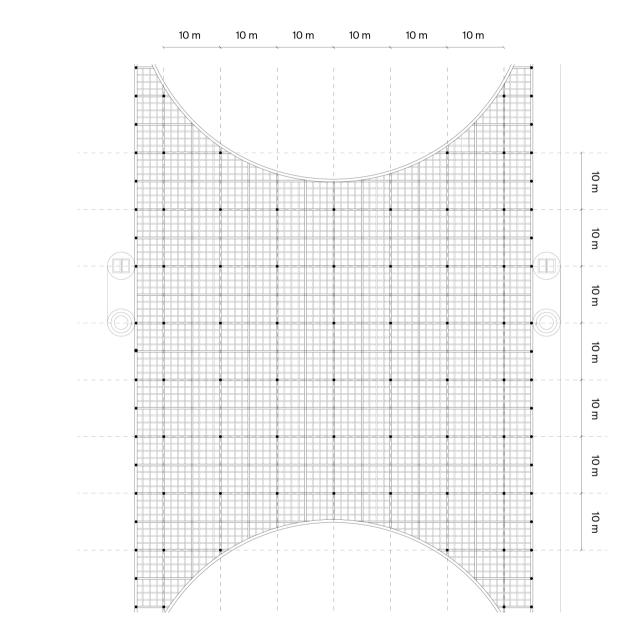


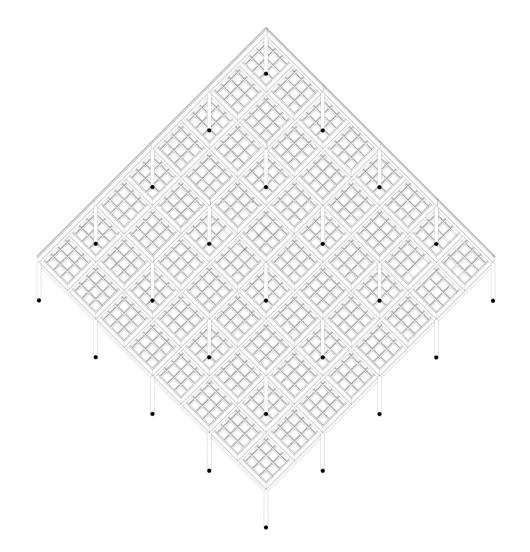
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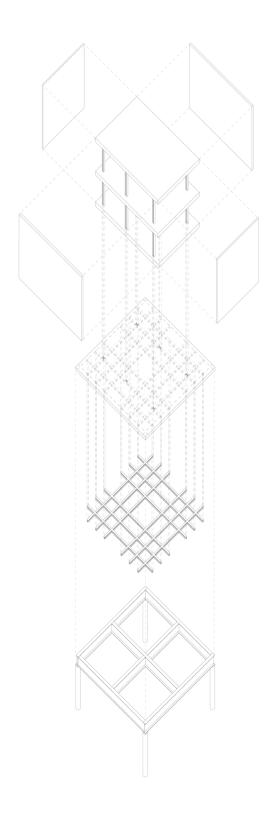
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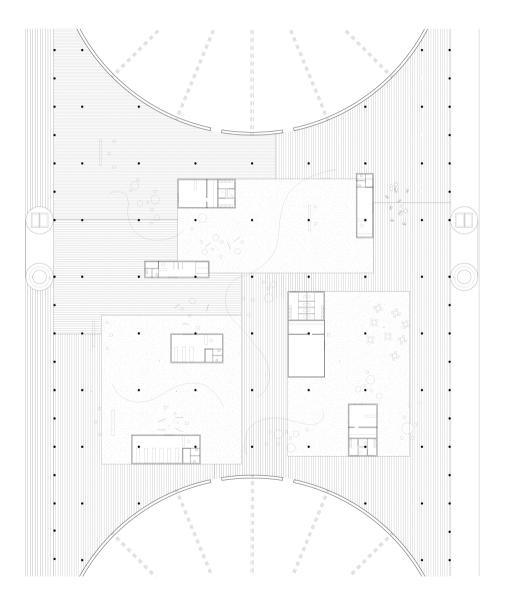
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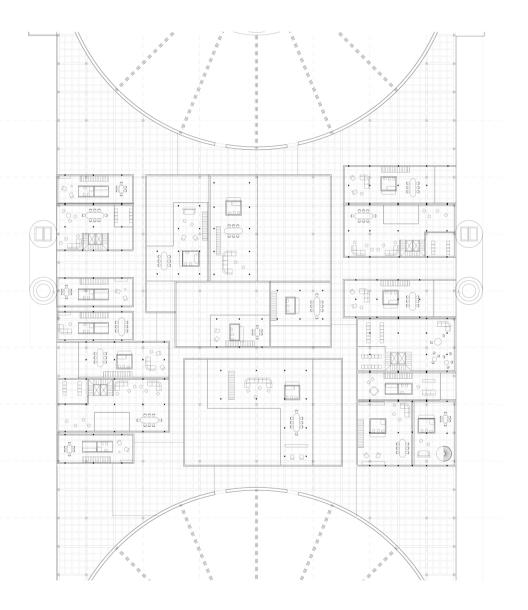


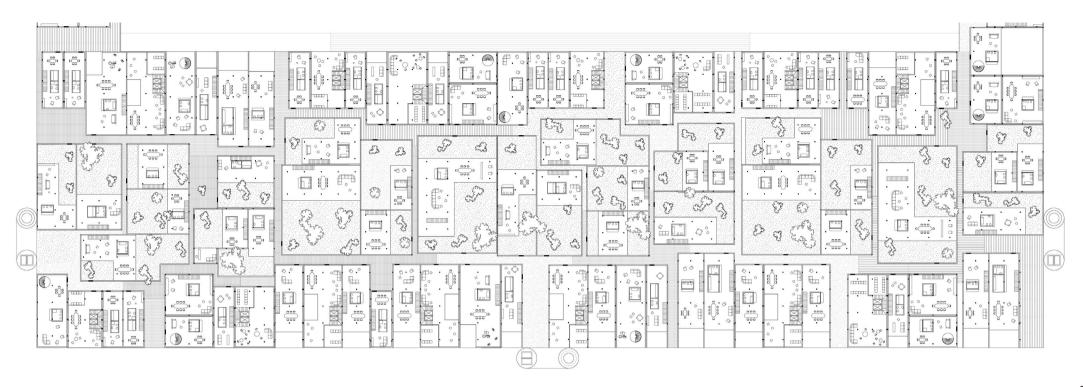


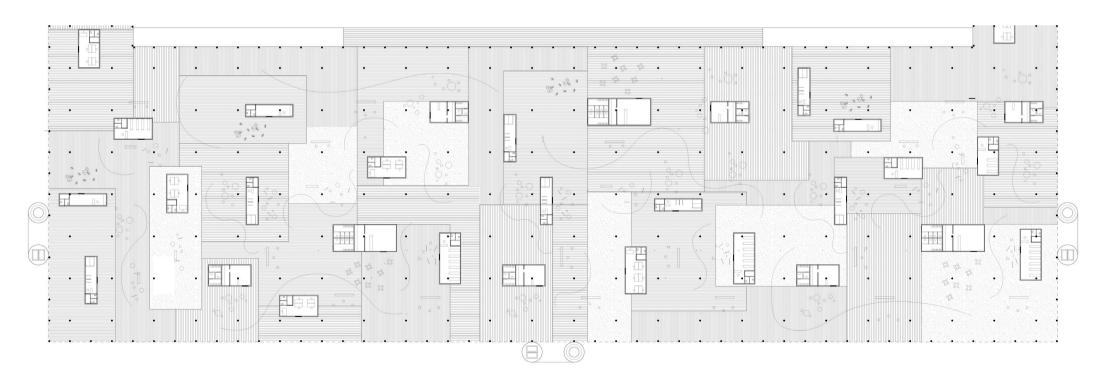




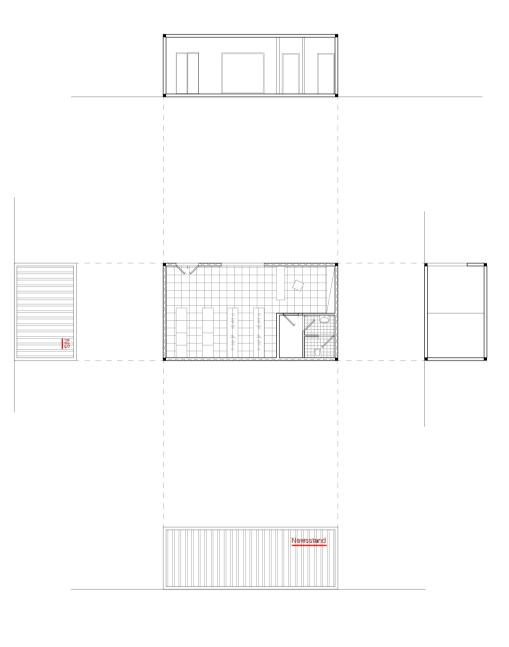




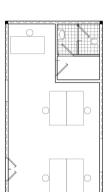


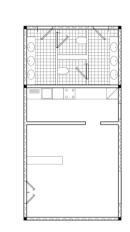


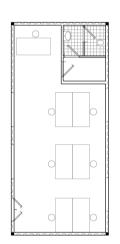


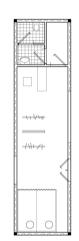












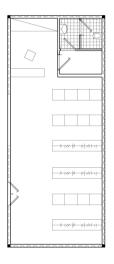
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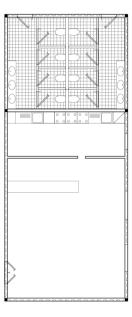
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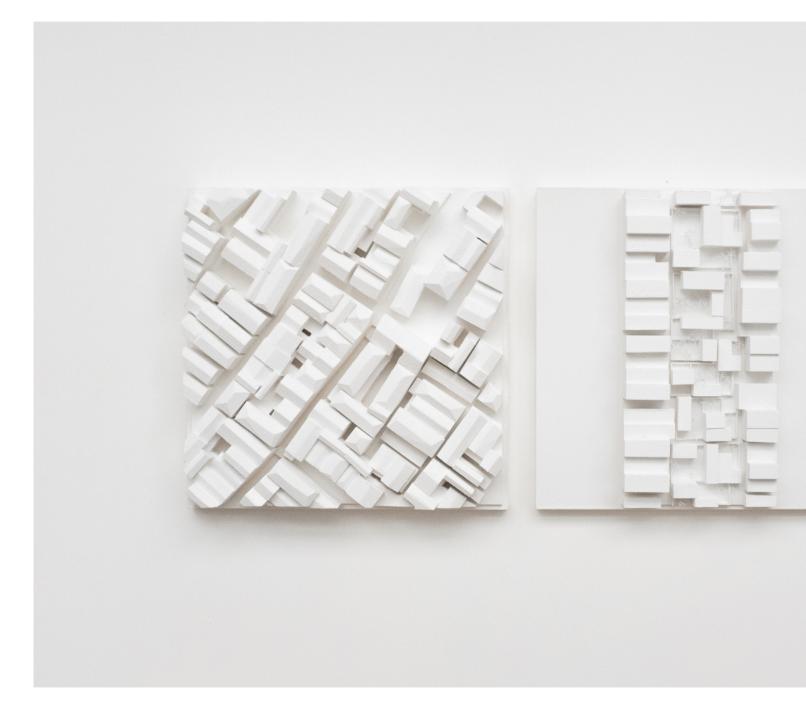


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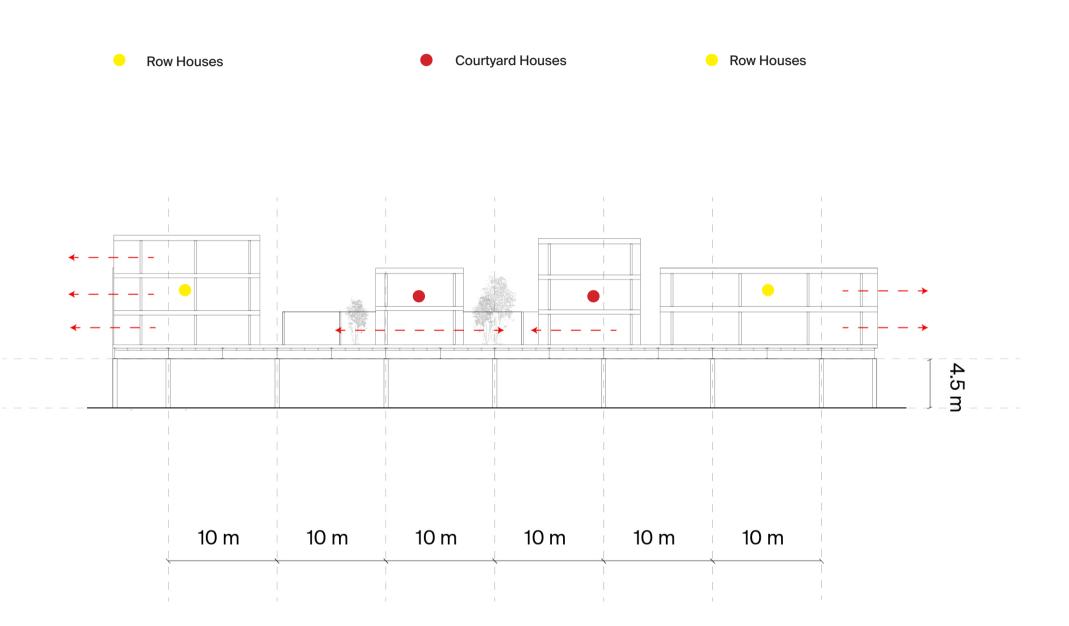
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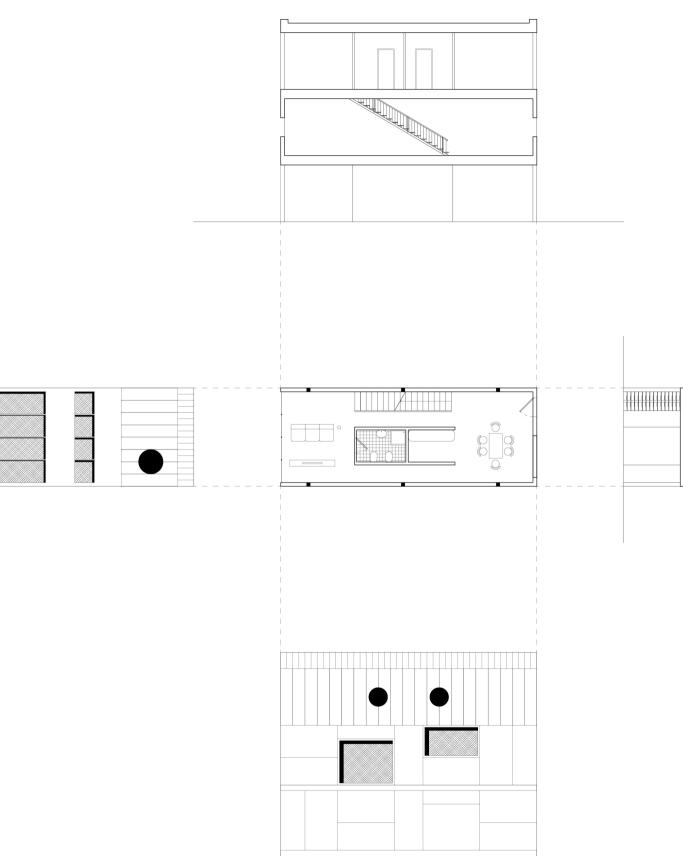




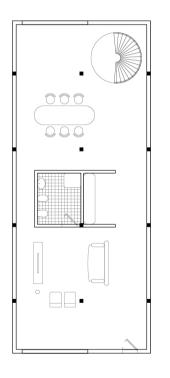


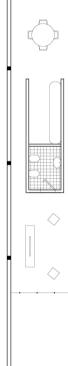


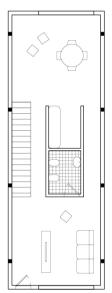


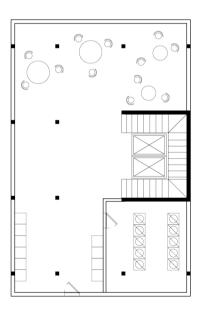


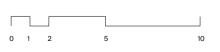


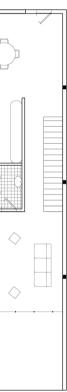


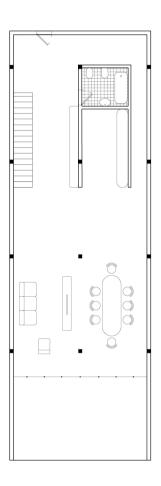


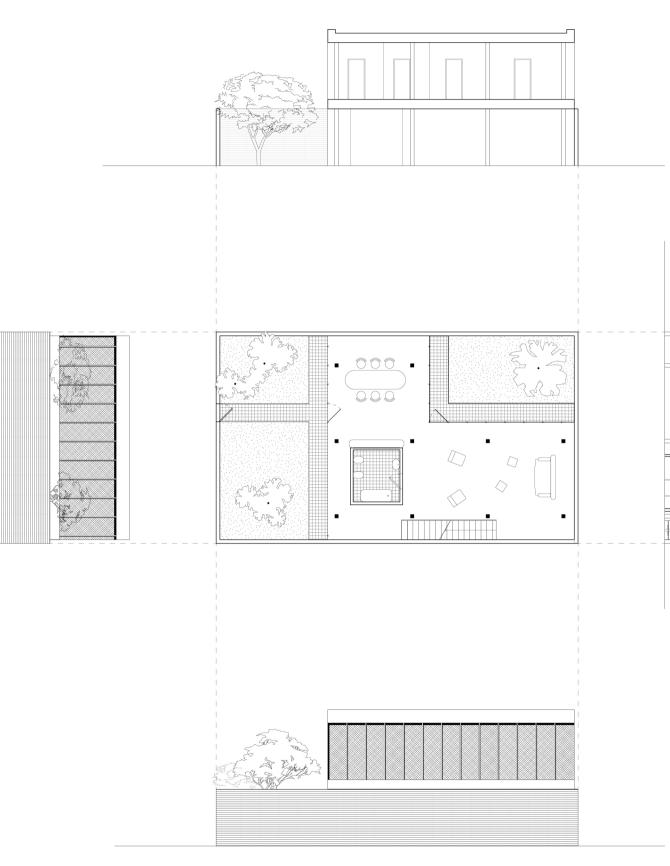






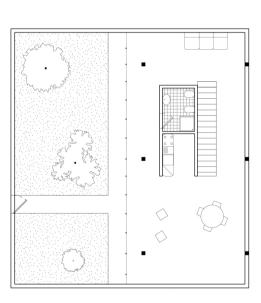


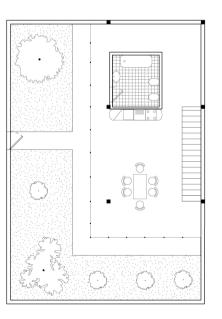


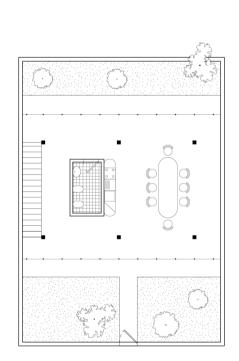


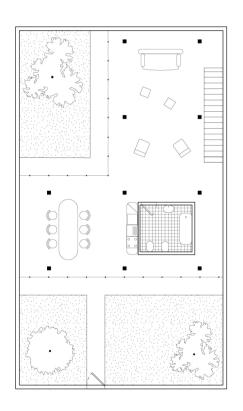


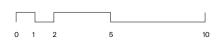


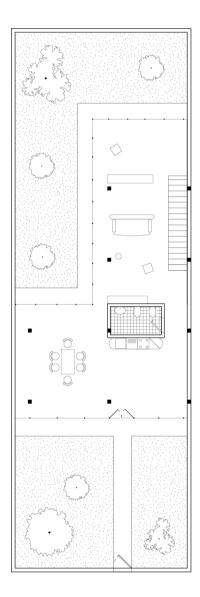


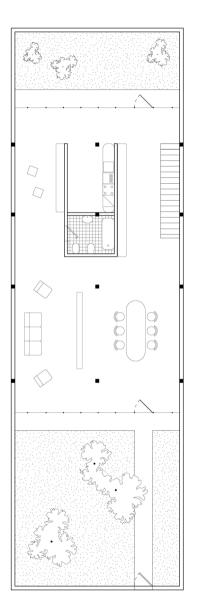


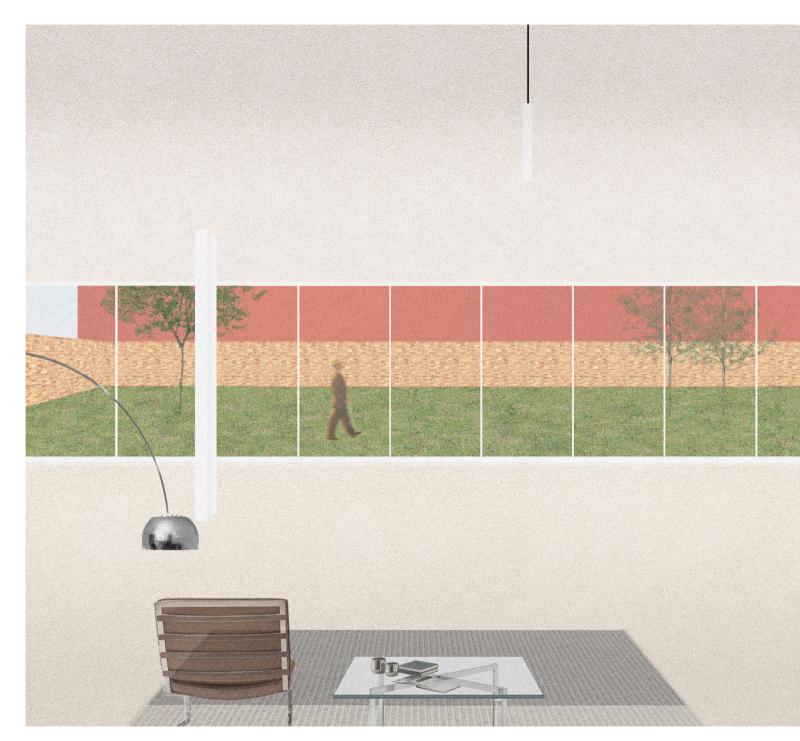


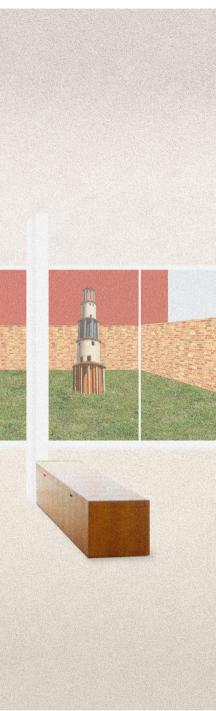


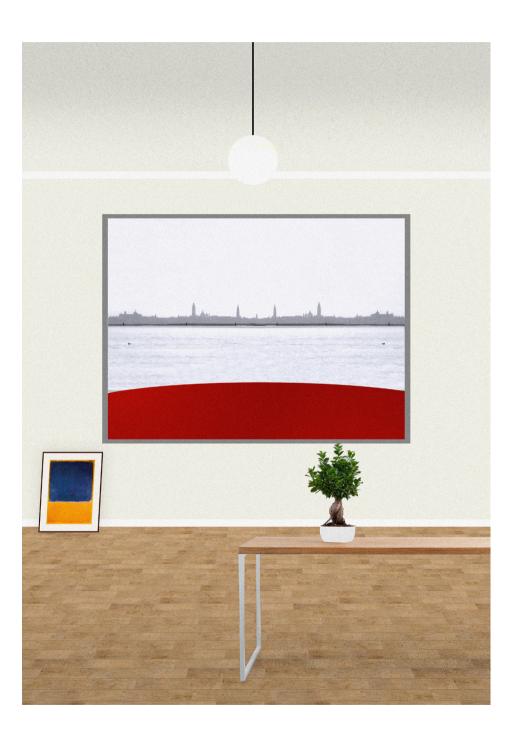






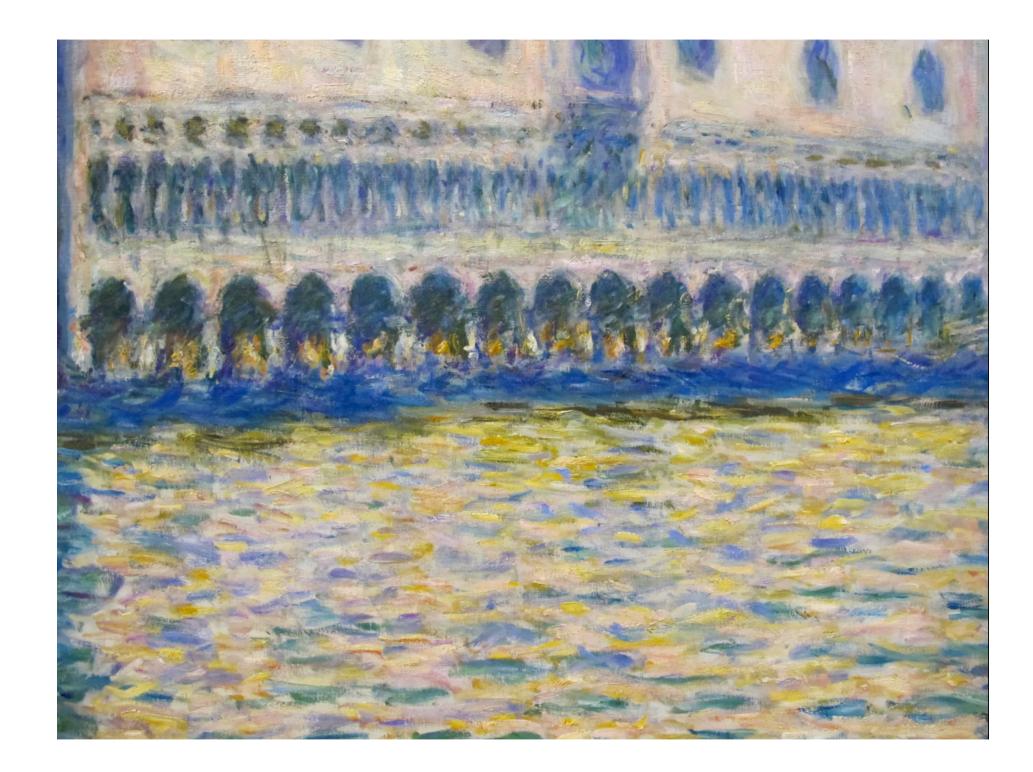


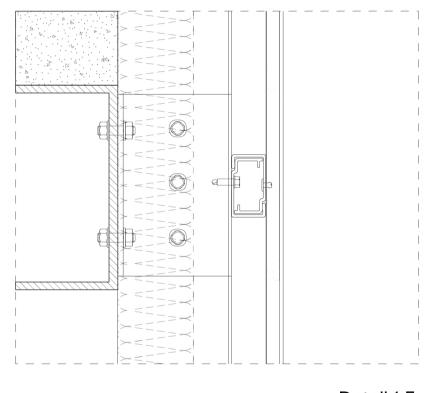




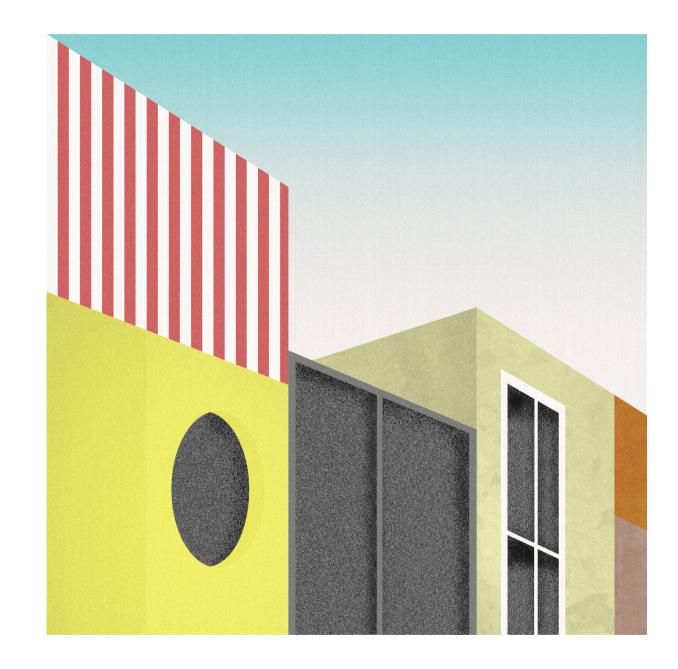




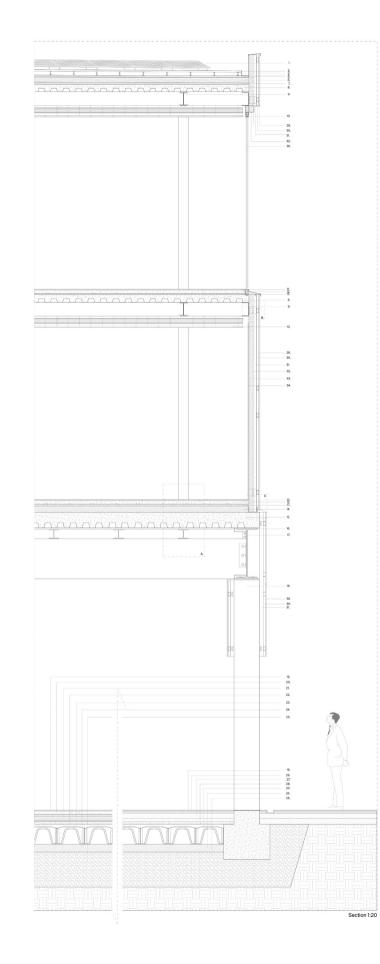




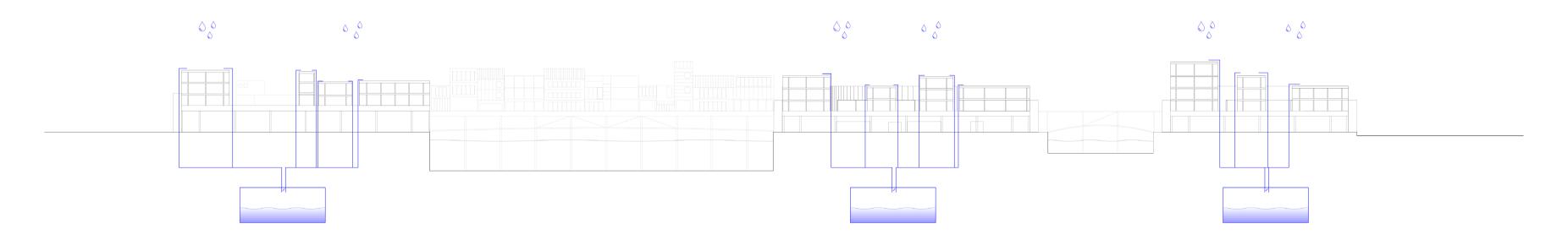


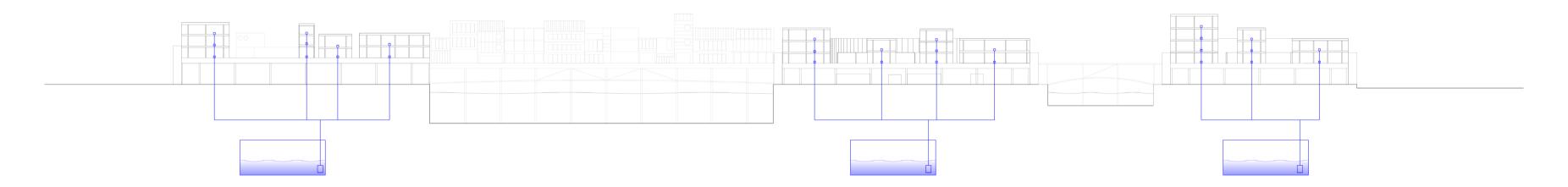






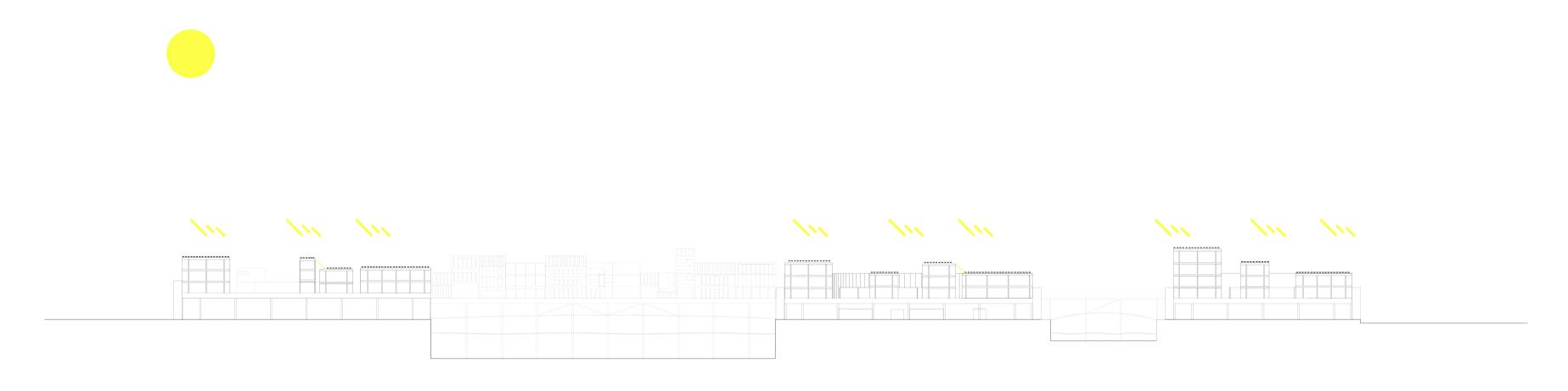






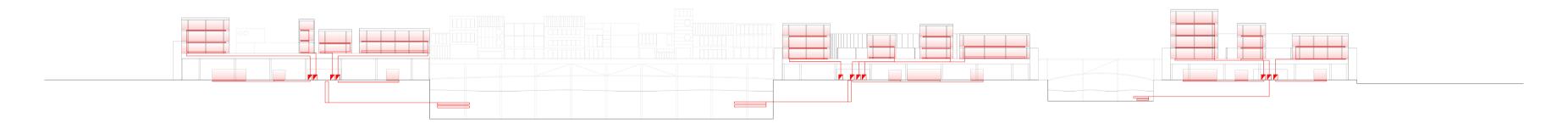
## WATER

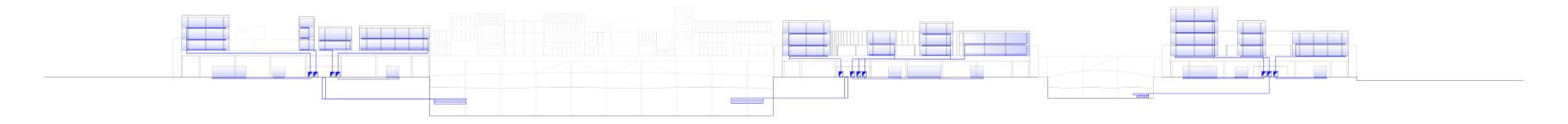
Rainwater is collected by each living units in underground tanks. From here, it is pumped in the different houses and reused as greywater and as tap water for the irrigation of the courtyards.



SOLAR ENERGY

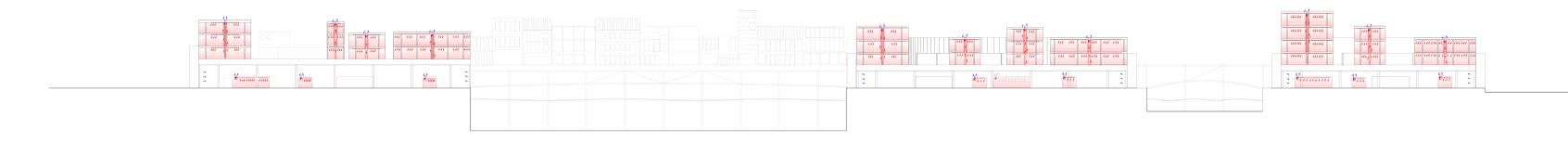
Each living units is provided of CV panels, displayed following an east-west orientation in order to maximize the intake of solar energy throughout the entire day. The energy obtained will be used to activate the heat pump present in the heating/cooling system.

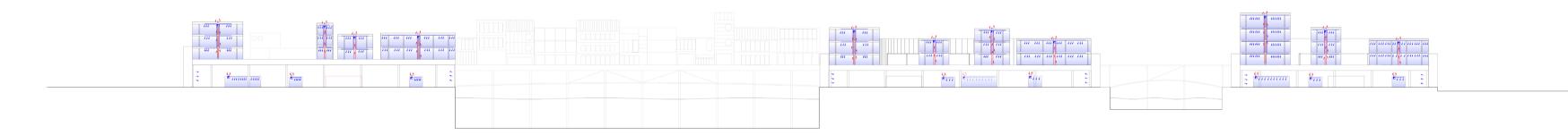




## HEATING/COOLING

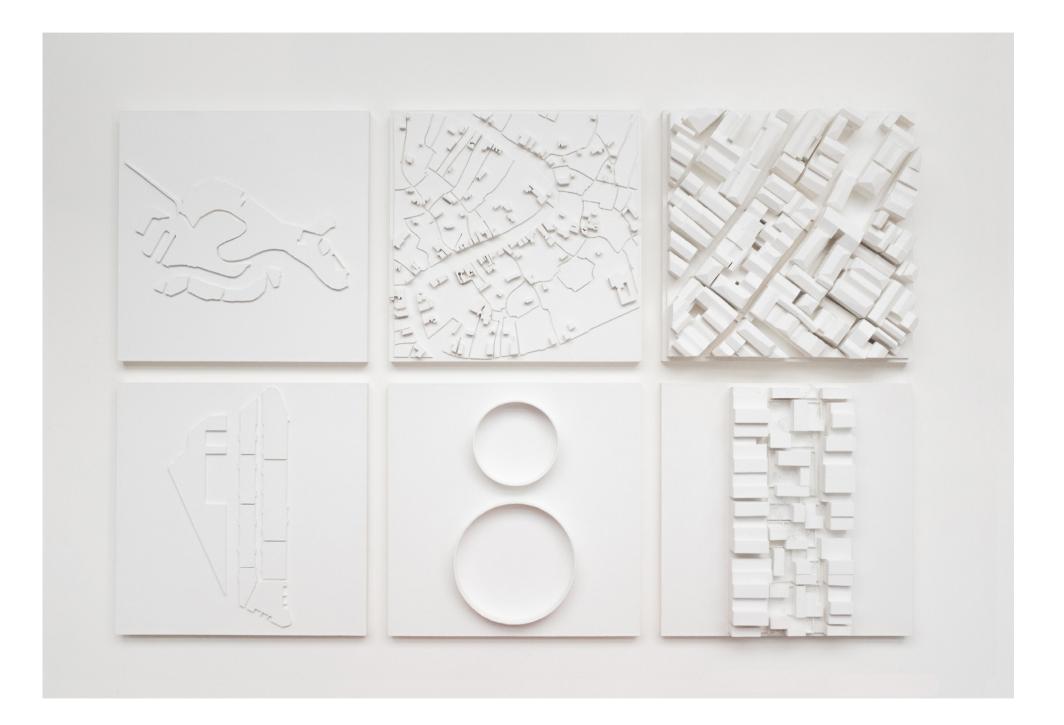
By using the water of the lagoon as a thermal mass, each unit is provided with a heat pump, that facilitate the heating/cooling of the units through underfloor heating system.

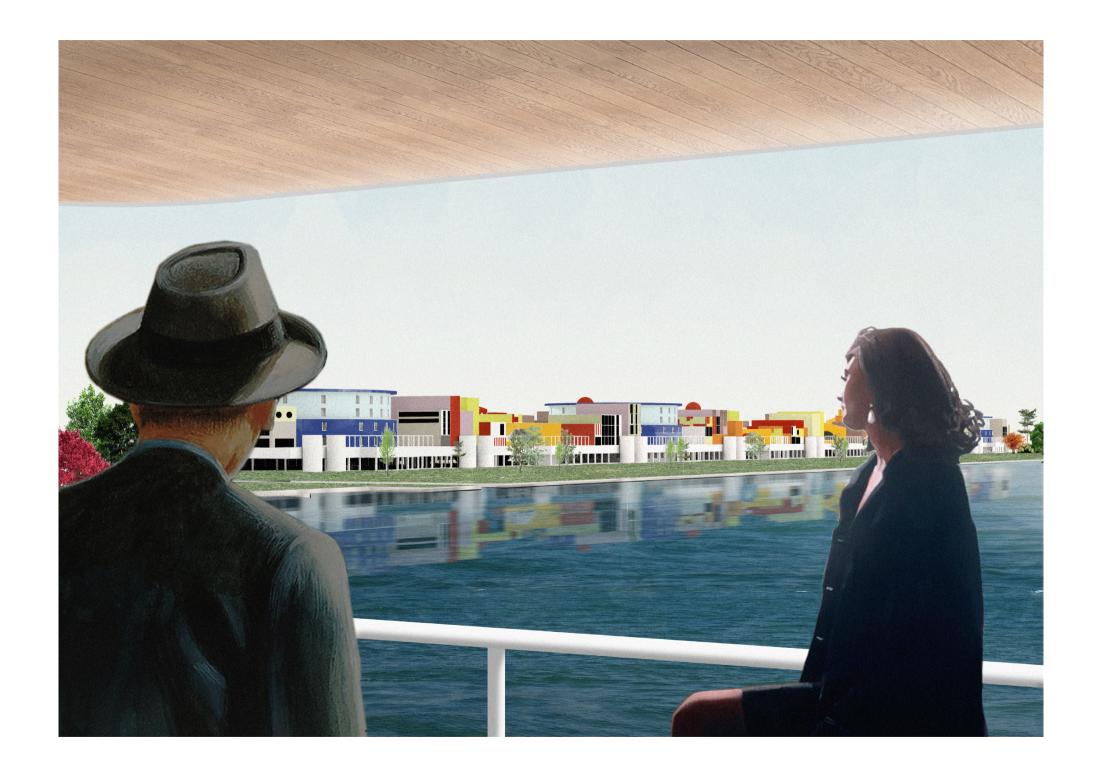


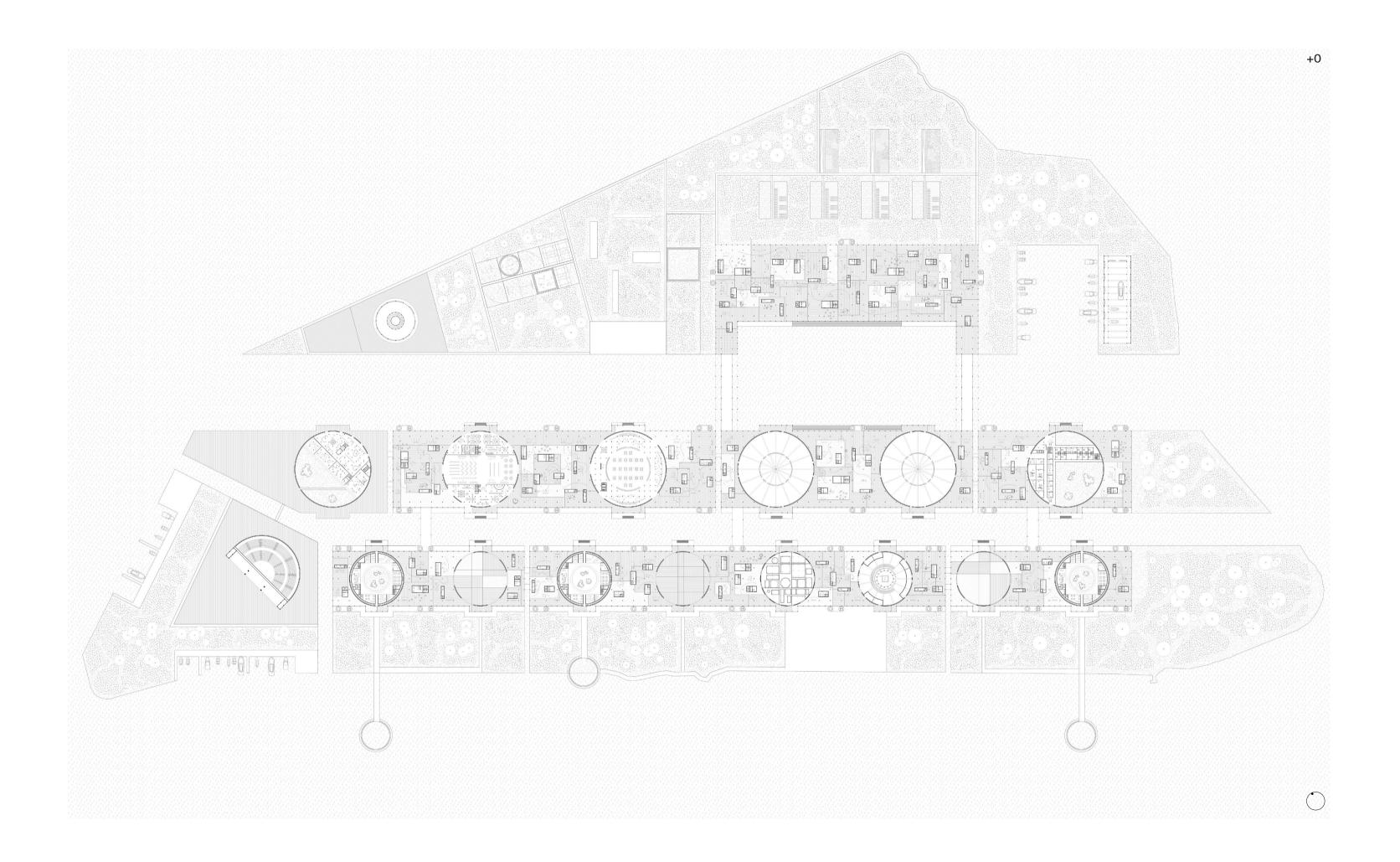


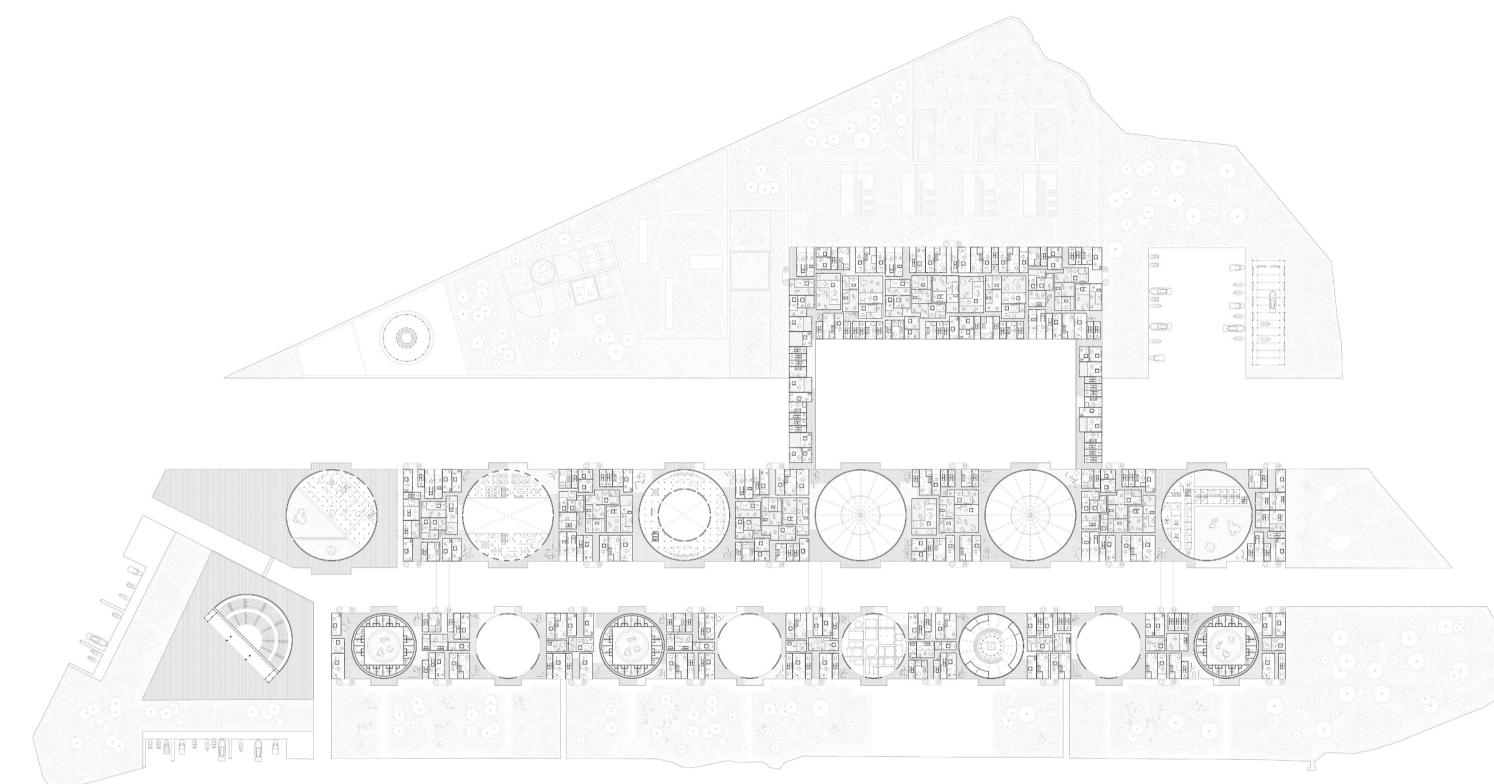
## VENTILATION

Balanced mechanical ventilation system combined with heat recovery system is provided for every living unit and public activities on the ground floor. 5. A New Assemblage









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