

(to) under-ground riddles:

loving [chaosmic flowers]

&

compatible creatures

P5 presentation - Explore Lab 37

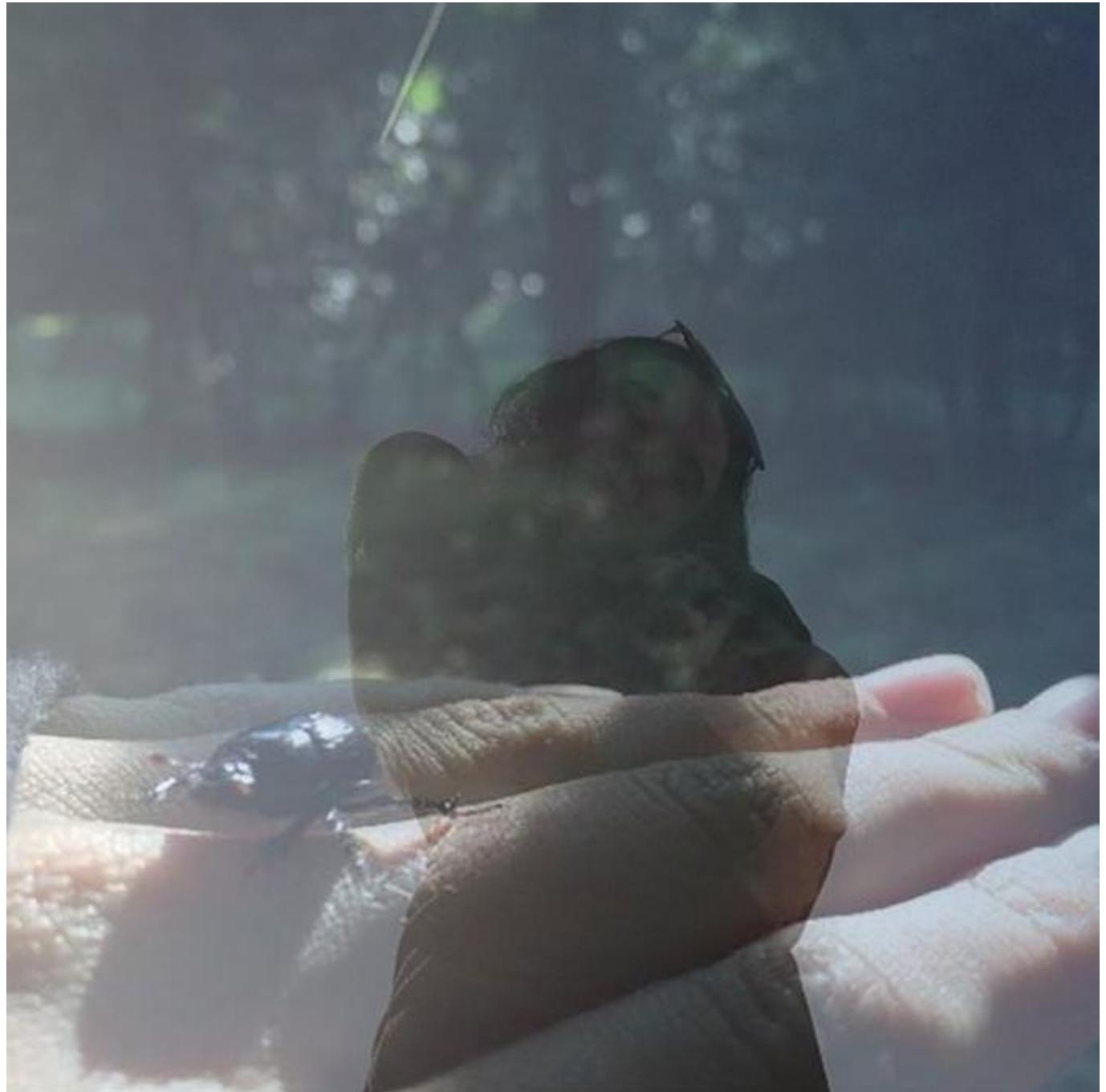
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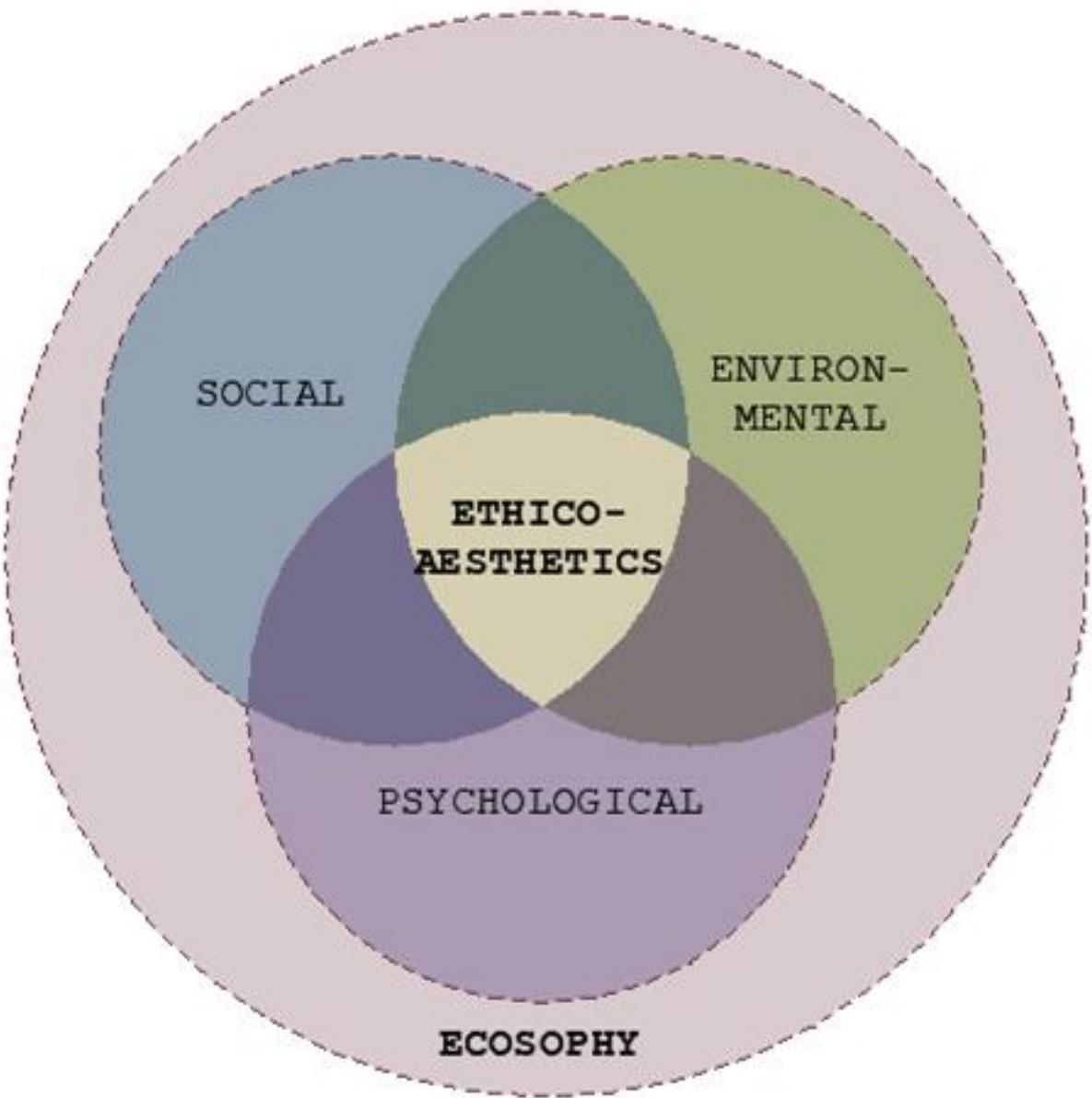
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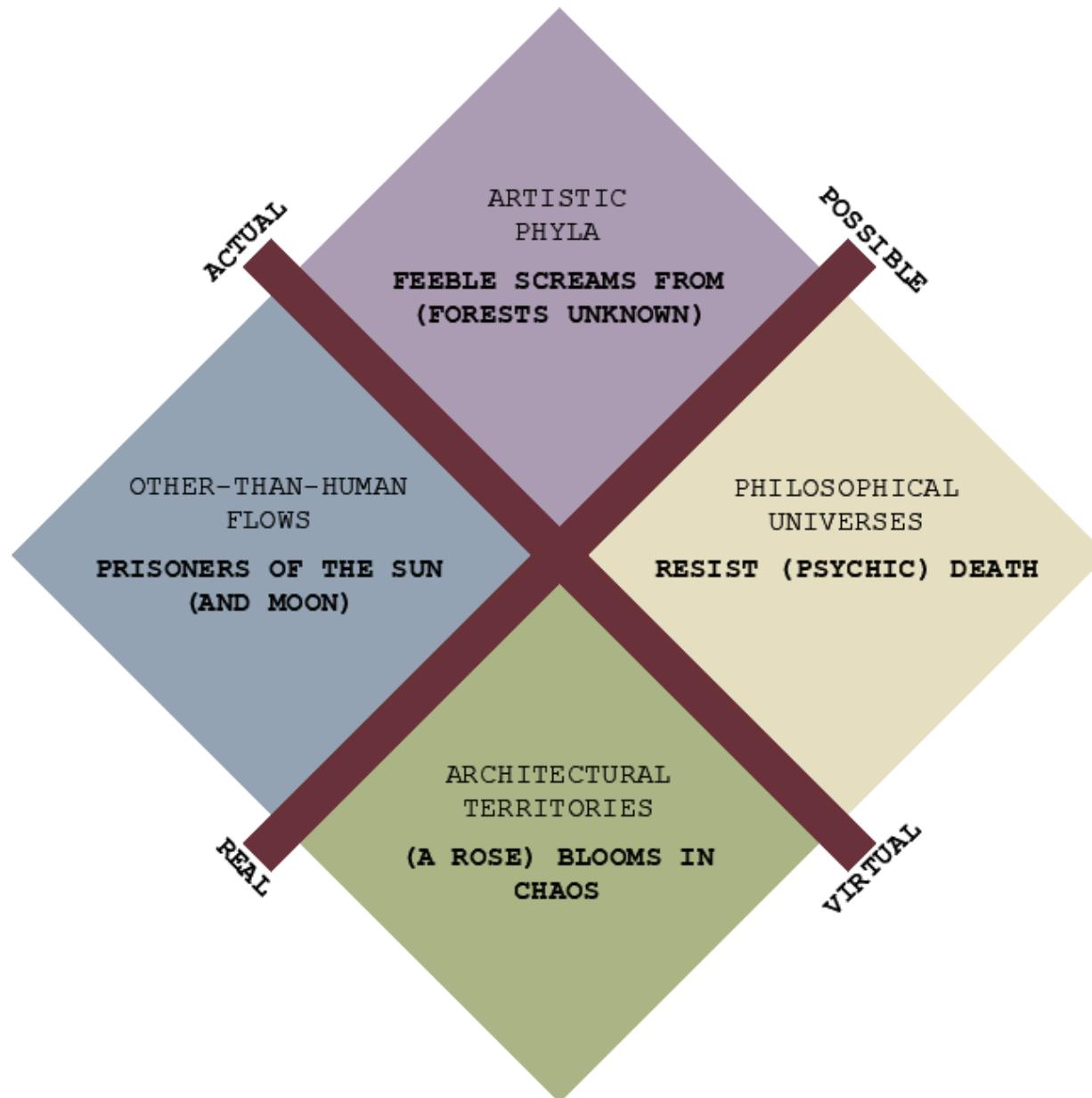


**Ecological crisis:**  
environmental, psychological, social  
and political

**Ecosophy:**  
ethico-political articulation of the  
three ecologies that traverse the  
planes of Art-Science-Philosophy;  
*virtual and actual*

Félix Guattari, 'The Three Ecologies' (1989; trans. 2000)  
diagram: author

# research framework-writing



Félix Guattari 'Schizoanalytic Cartographies' (1989; trans. 2013), combined with  
Assemblage of Architectural Enunciation by Radman and Kousoulas (2018)  
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# location

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Lila Athanasiadou

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Rotterdam Online Stadsarchief, 'Maashaven', anno 1900

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# compatible creatures

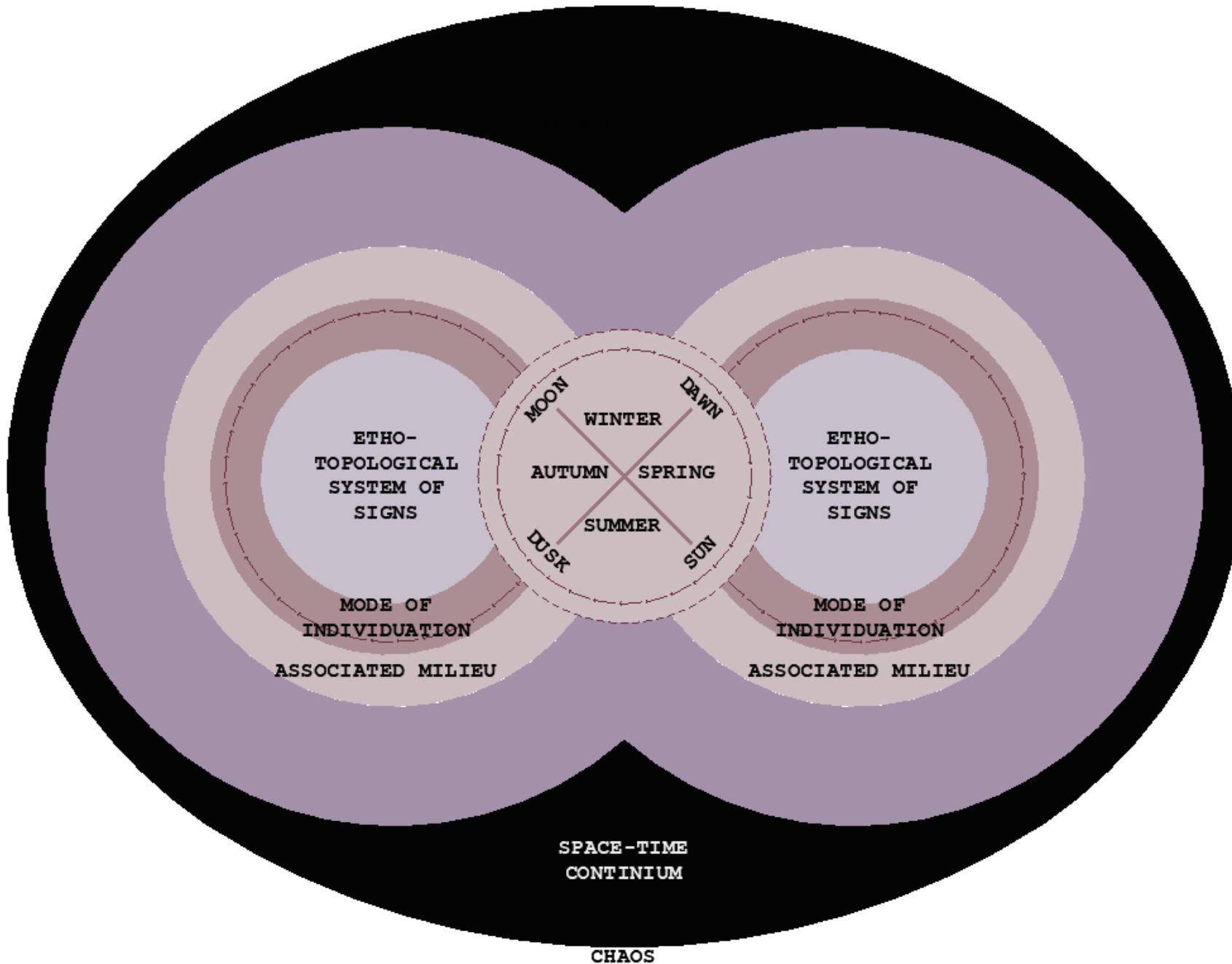


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# research-design method



VIRTUAL MEMBRANE



ASSOCIATED MILIEU/WORLTING LINE



HOME

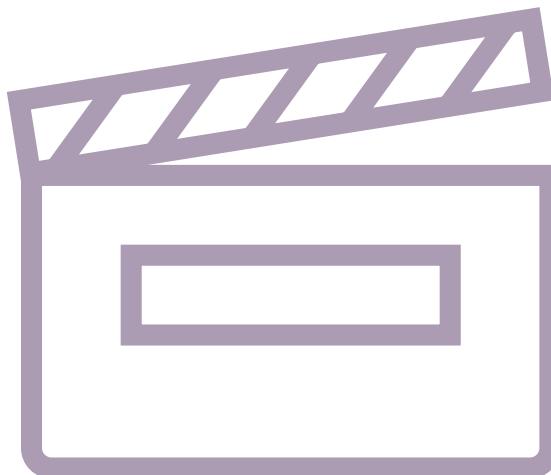


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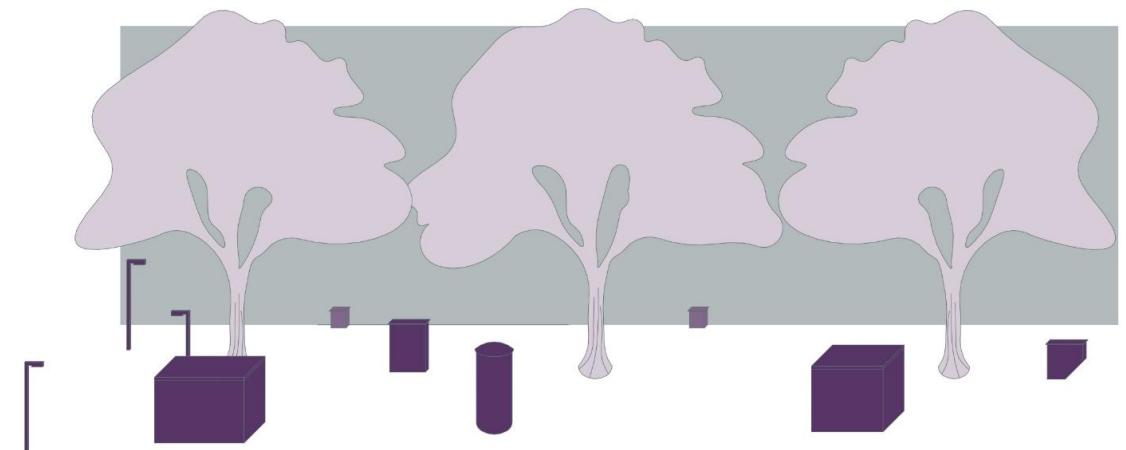
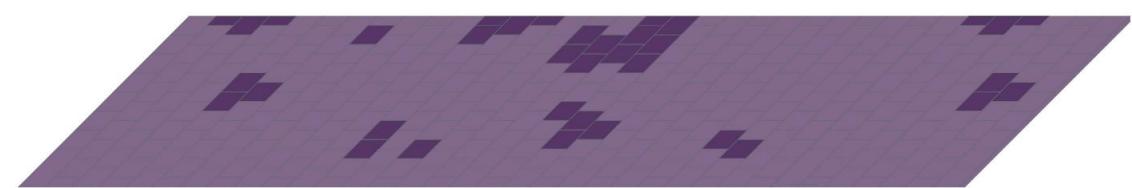


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short-film



# selected tension fields



# fishing fishes: a morning in winter

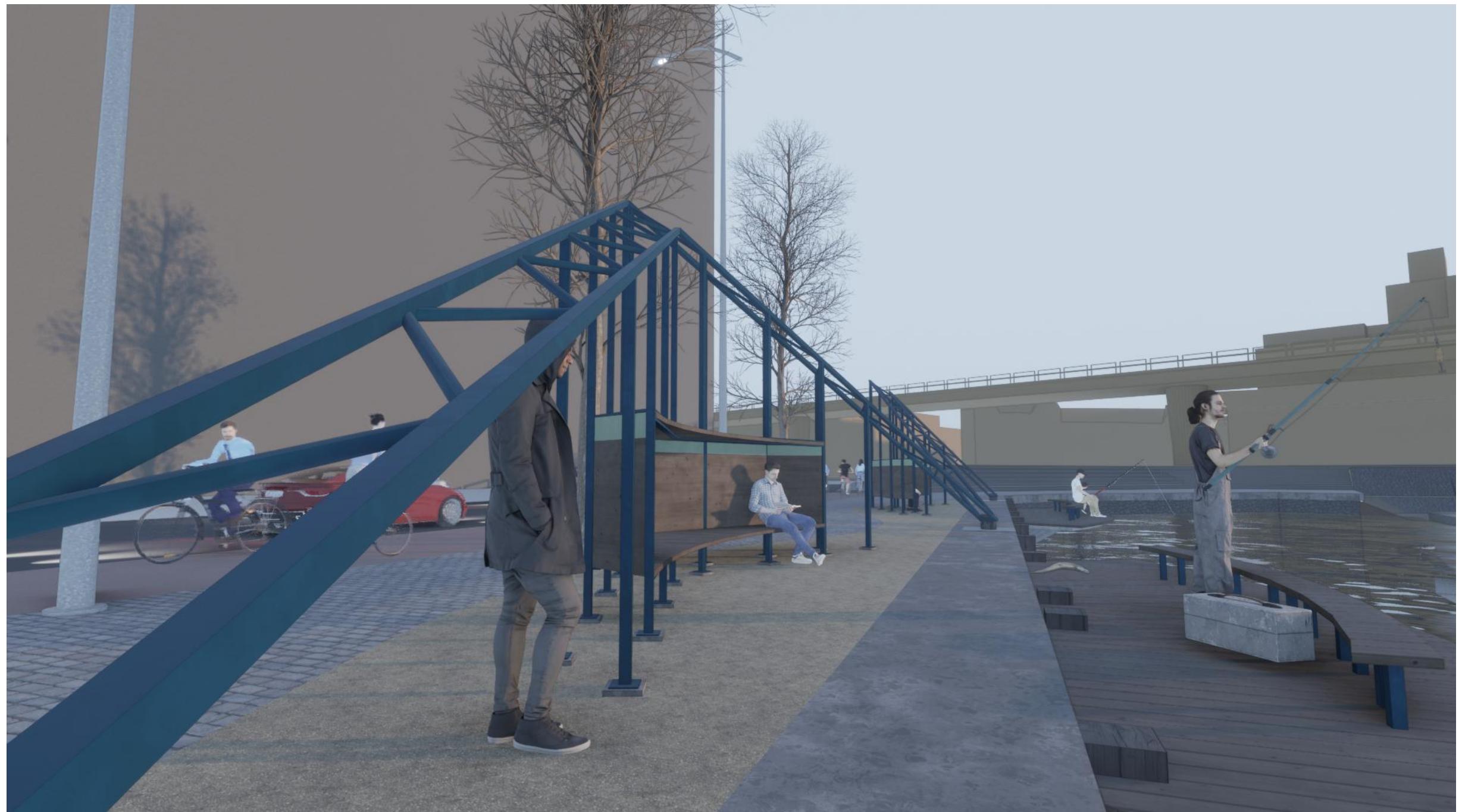


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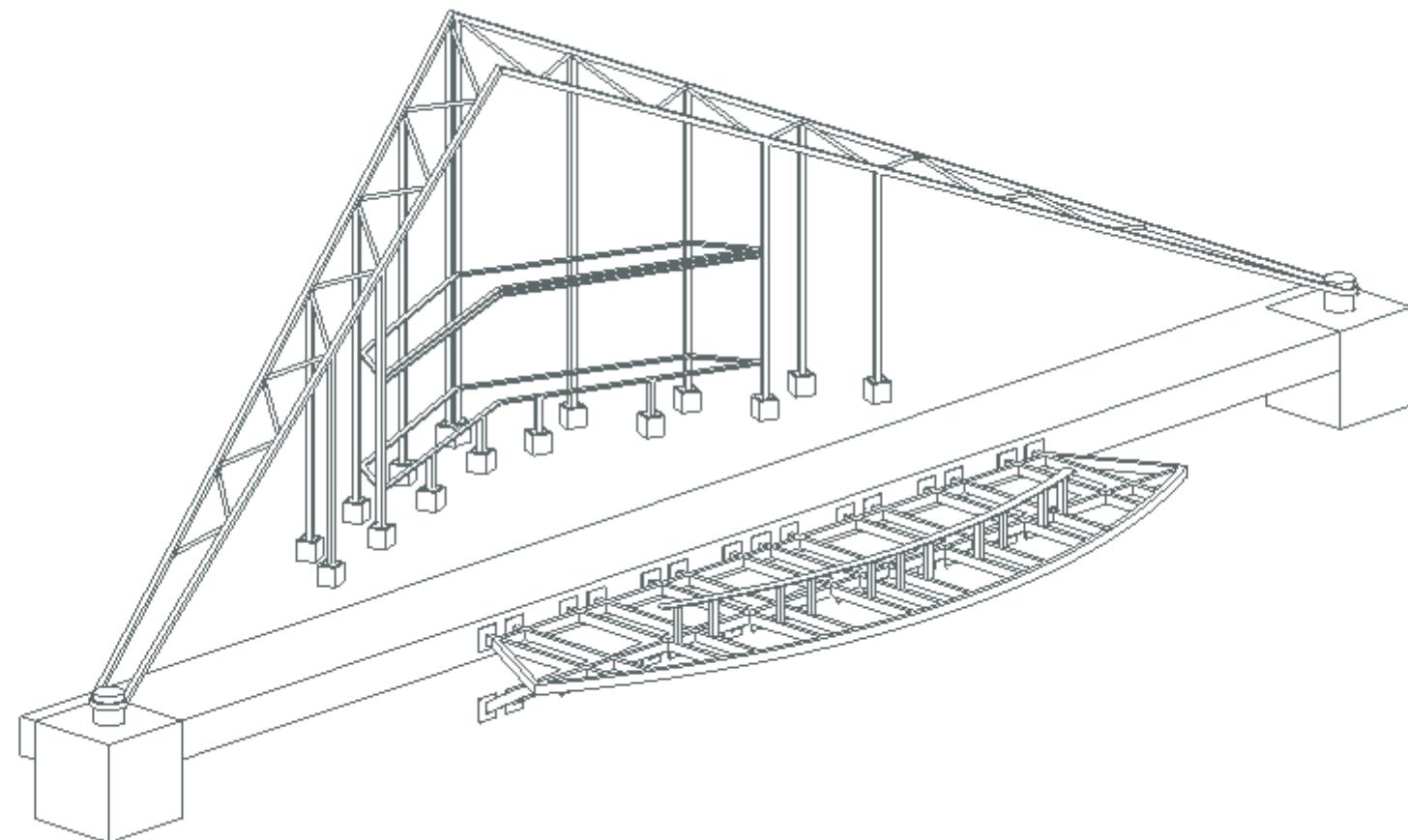
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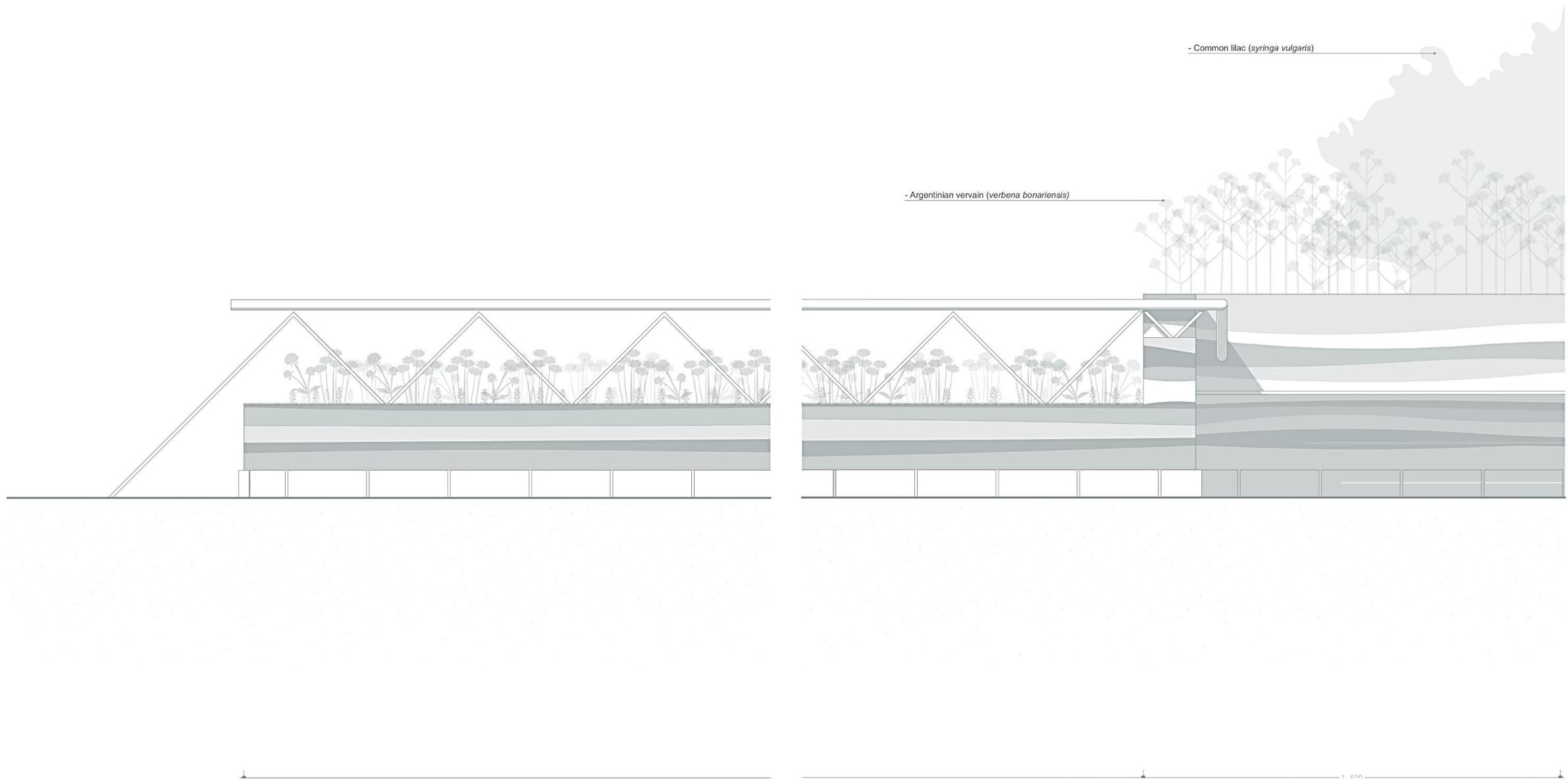
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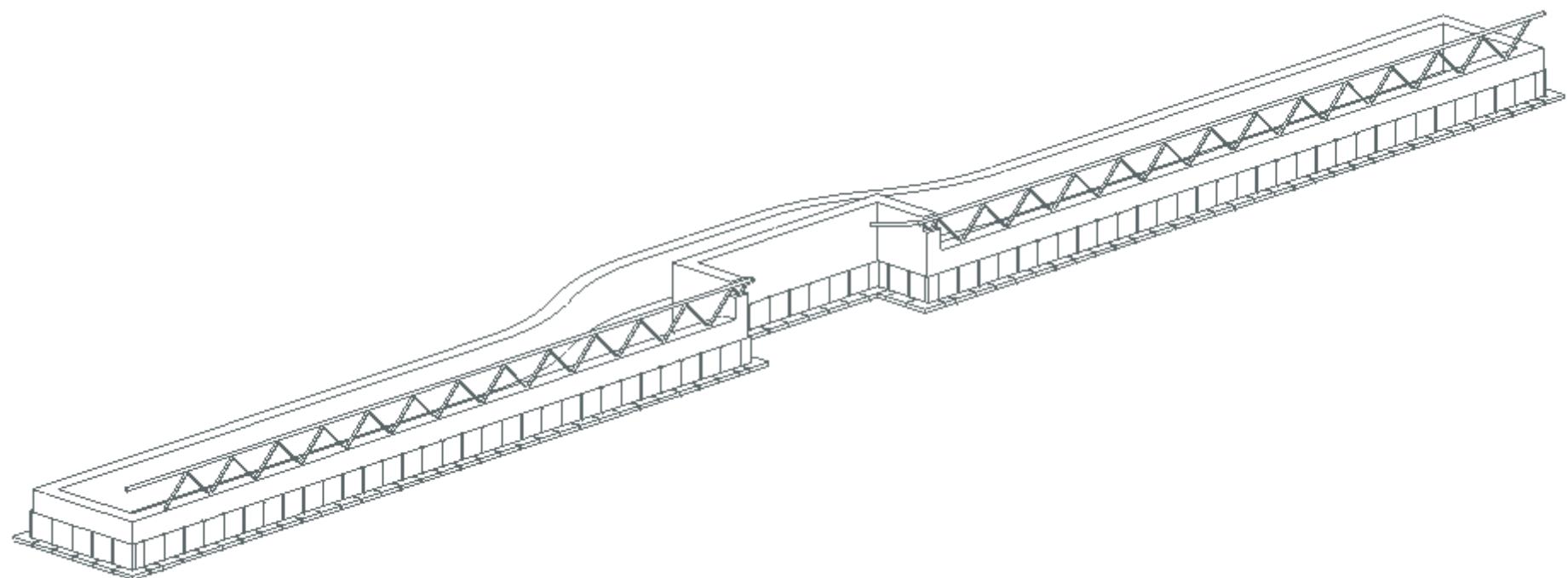
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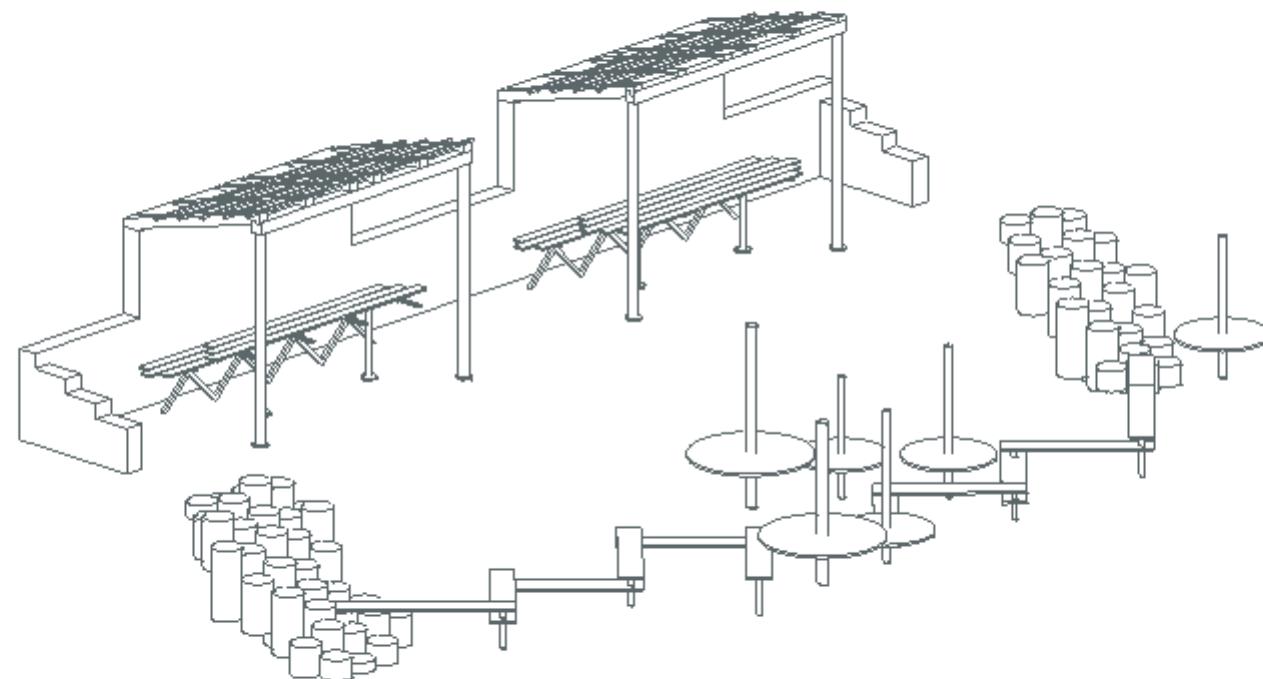
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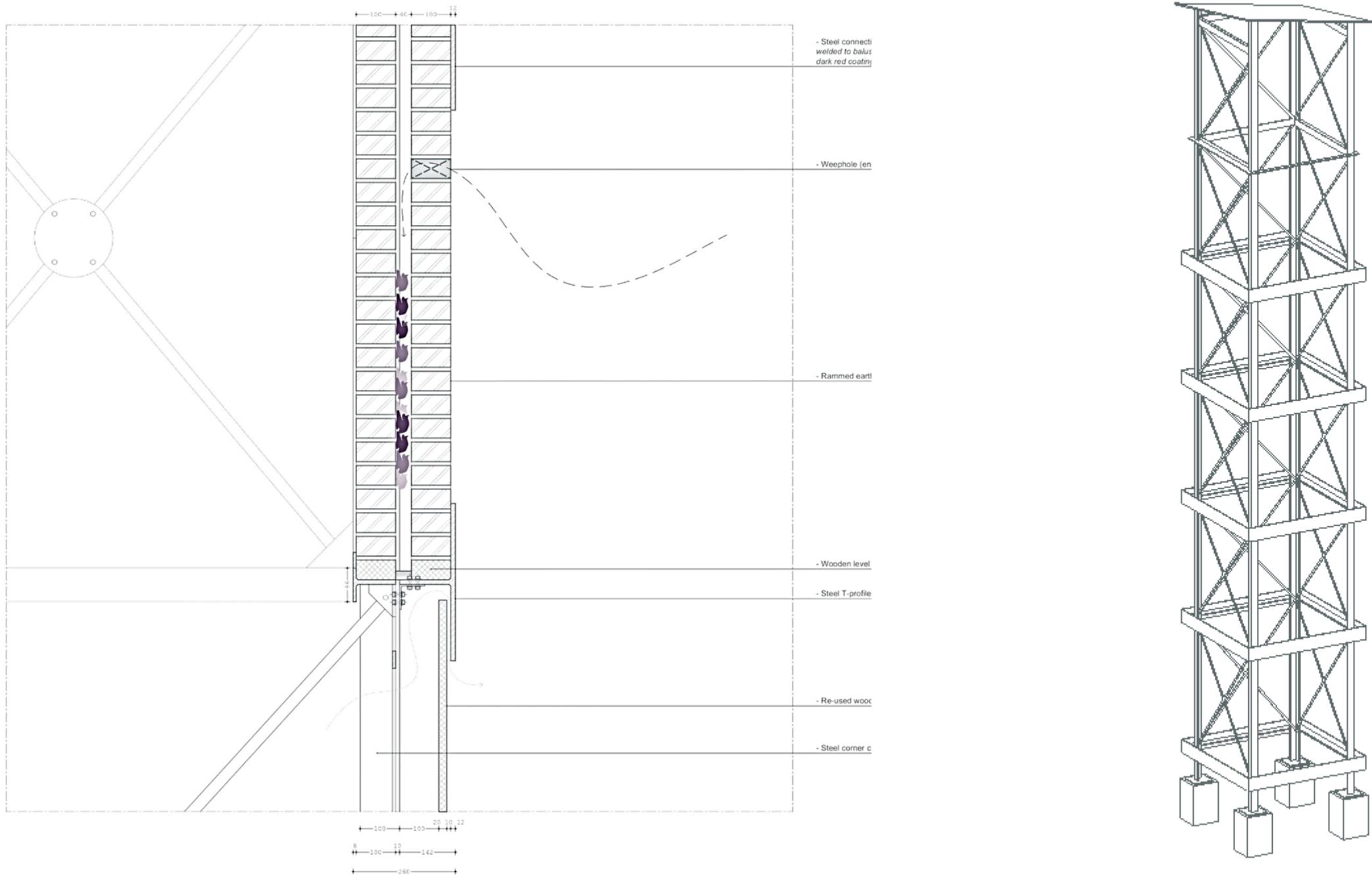
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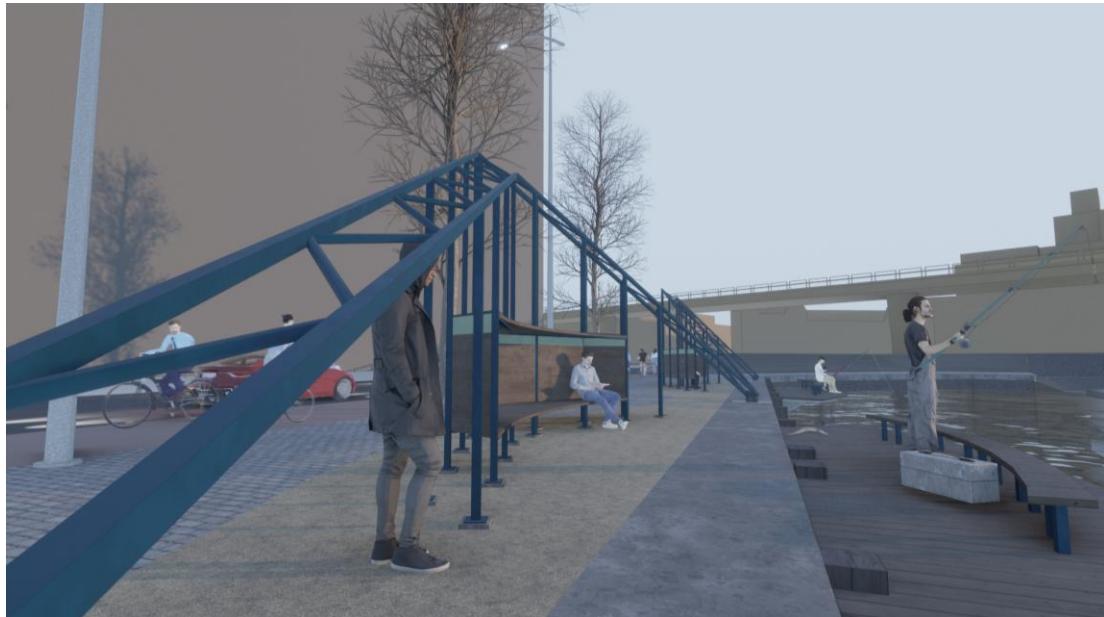
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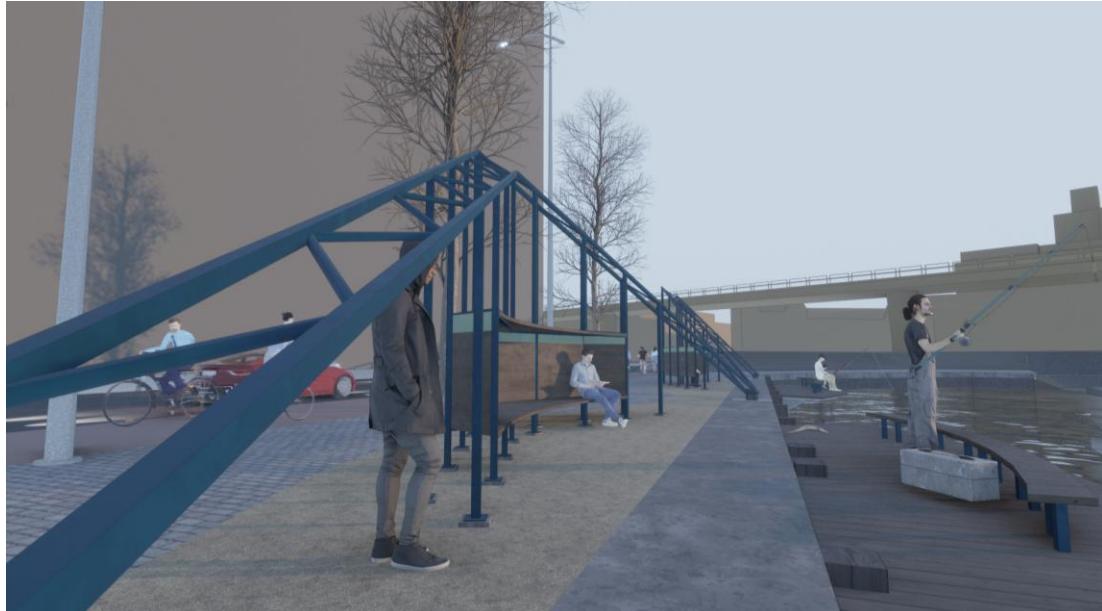
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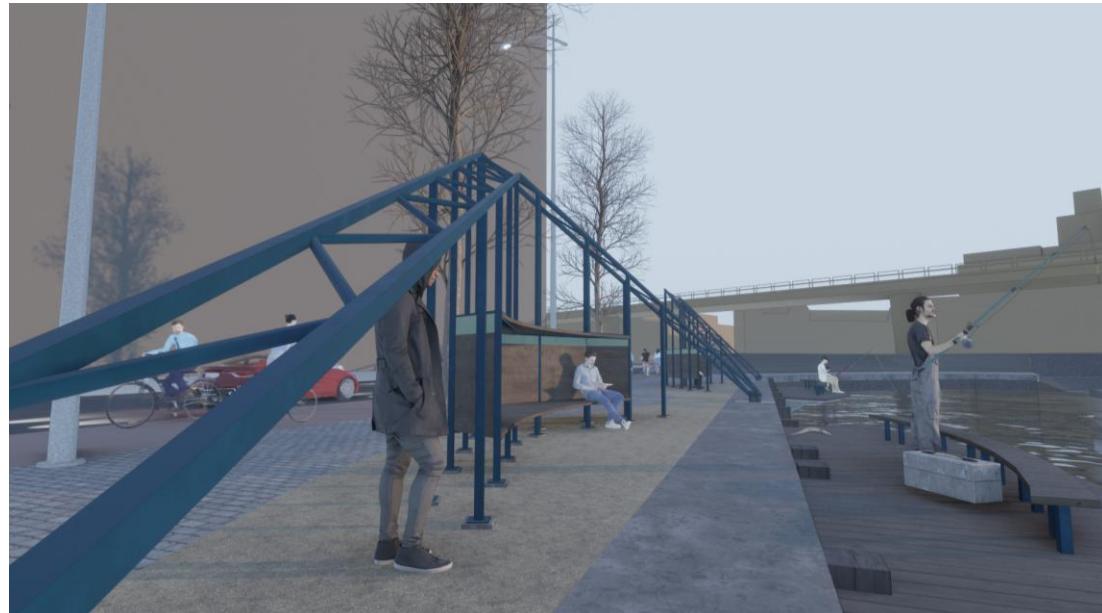
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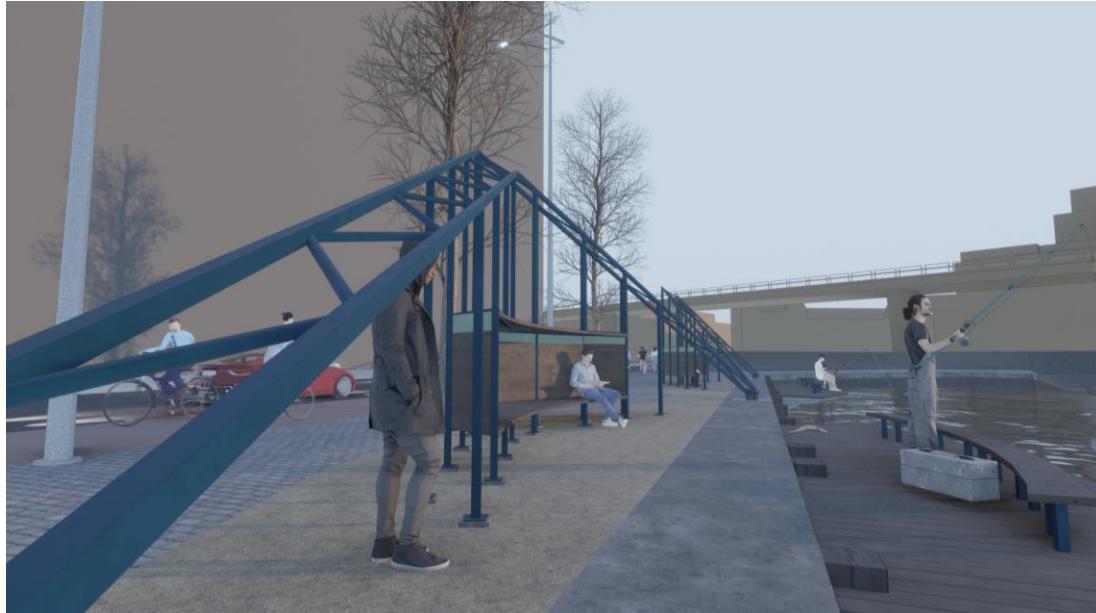
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care to share your riddles?

