



A DARK ECOLOGY PROJECT

# THE SEA OF MARMARA

*Symbiotic architecture along the edge zone*

0  
30  
200  
Average depth 496  
1000  
Max depth 1396

PHOTIC

DISPHOTIC

APHOTIC

CO<sub>2</sub>

3-4 months

O<sub>2</sub>

O<sub>2</sub>

Decrease biodiversity

7-10 years

Carmen Wientjes

P5 presentation  
2nd of Nov 2023

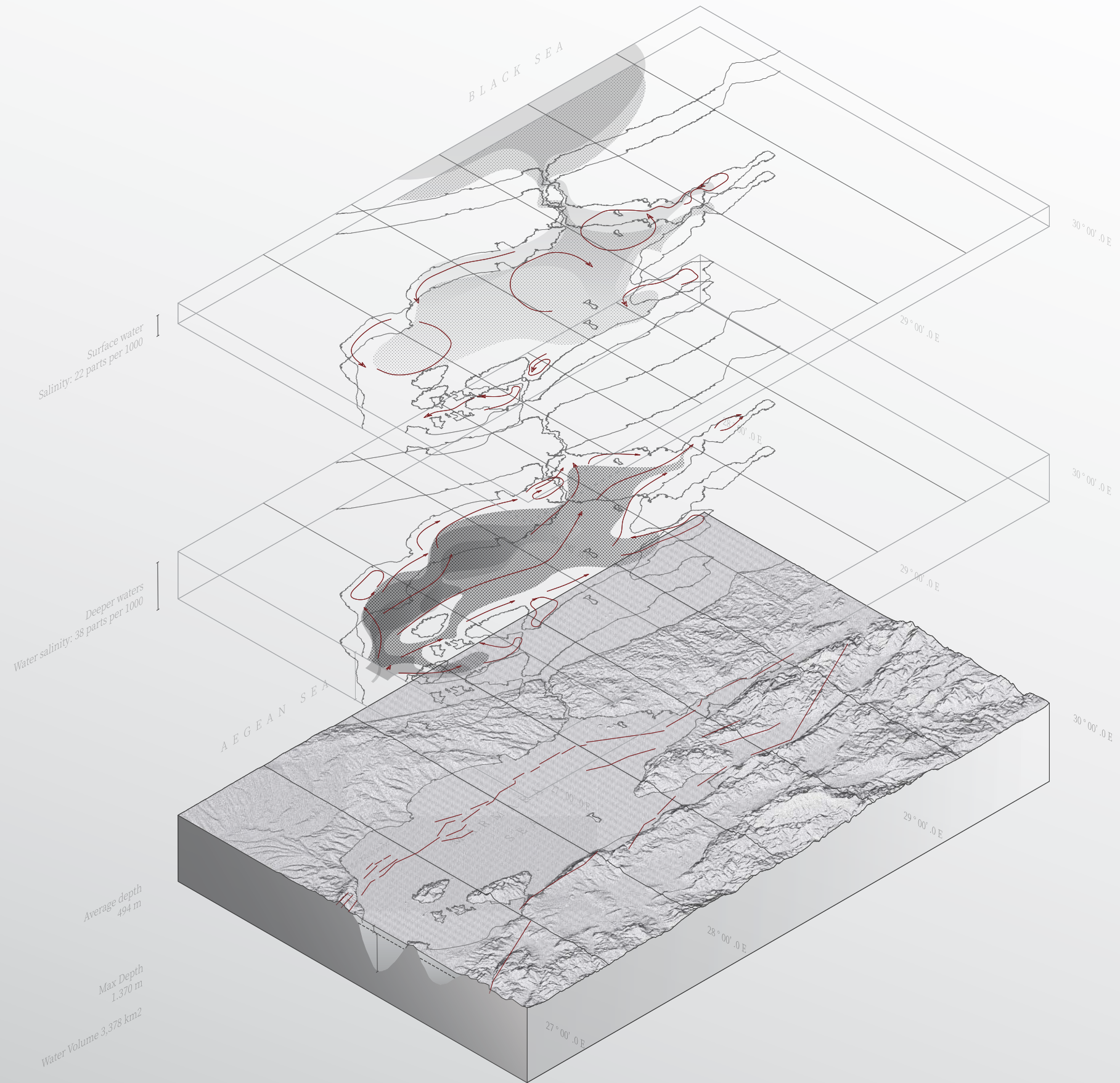
Borders & Territories  
Delft University of Technology | Faculty of Architecture

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A E G E A N   S E A

30 cm

M A R M A R A   S E A

40 cm

B L A C K   S E A



## Photos: Turkey's Sea-Snot Disaster

ALAN TAYLOR | JUNE 21, 2021 | 21 PHOTOS | IN FOCUS

For more than six months now, parts of the Sea of Marmara along Turkey's coast have been covered in a thick layer of glop known as mucilage, or "sea snot." Pollution, warmer temperatures, and other environmental factors appear to have resulted in a proliferation of phytoplankton, which are releasing an "overabundance of mucus." Government workers have been trying to clean up some of the worst-hit areas as biologists and environmentalists have expressed alarm. Below, you'll find a recent collection of sea-snot images; for the complete story, read "[A Slimy Calamity Is Creeping Across the Sea](#)" by our own Sarah Zhang.



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### 'Sea snot' plagues the Turkish coast - in pictures

A thick layer of organic matter known as marine mucilage has spread in the Sea of Marmara, covering harbours, shorelines and swathes of the surface south of Istanbul. Some of the 'sea snot' has sunk below the waves, suffocating seabed life

Main image: Rowers cross the thick slime on the Marmara Sea. Photograph: Yasin Akgül/AFP/Getty Images  
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Dikke laag slijm

## Turkse Zee van Marmara weken geteisterd door 'zeesnot'

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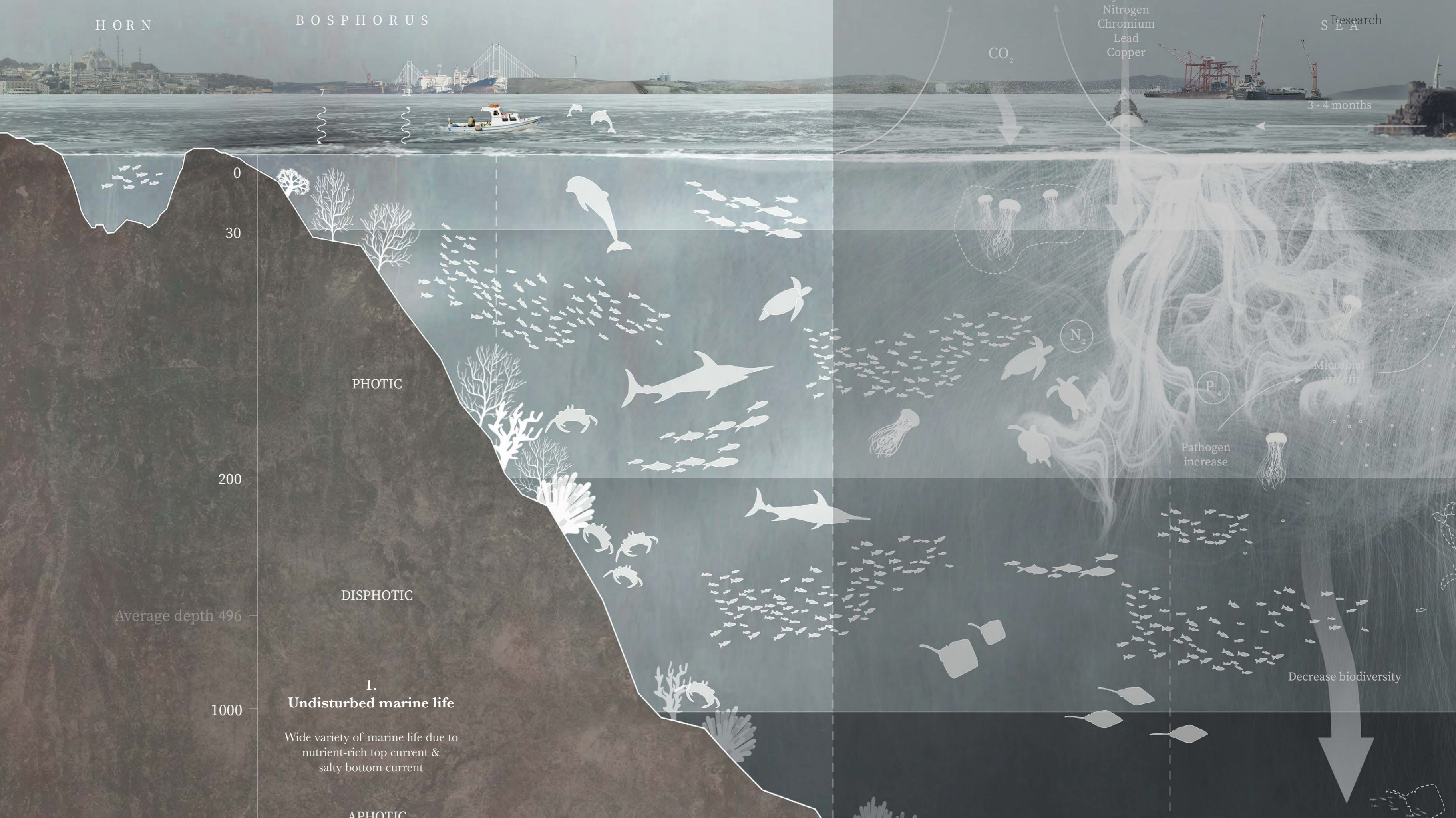


De kusten aan de Turkse Zee van Marmara worden de afgelopen weken geplaagd door zogenoemd 'zeesnot', een dikke laag natuurlijk slijm dat een bedreiging vormt voor het zeelven en de visserij









HORN

BOSPHORUS

SEA

CO<sub>2</sub>

Nitrogen  
Chromium  
Lead  
Copper

3 - 4 months

Research

0

30

200

1000

PHOTIC

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Average depth 496

**1.**  
**Undisturbed marine life**

Wide variety of marine life due to  
nutrient-rich top current &  
salty bottom current

Pathogen  
increase

Microbial  
growth

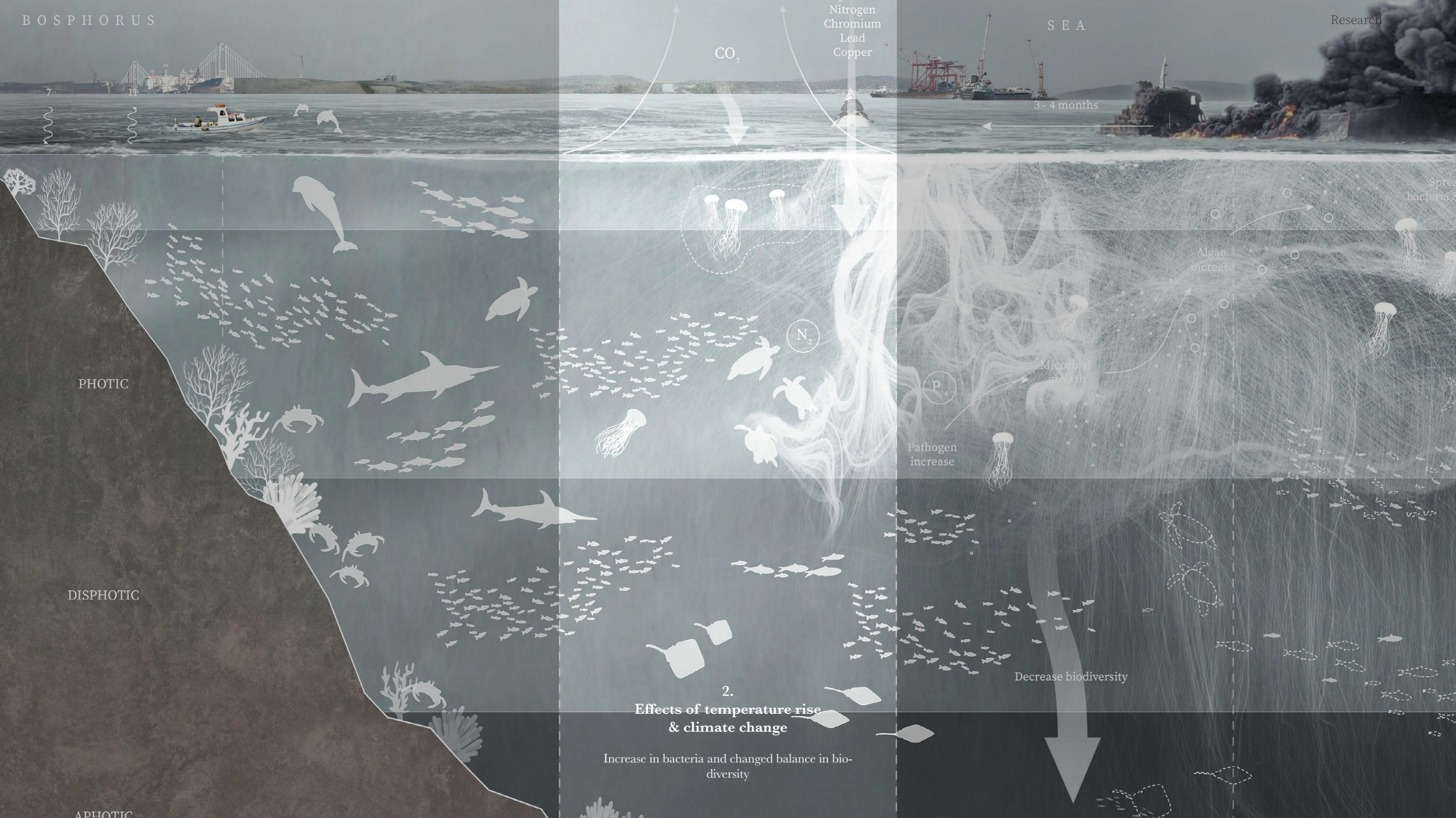
Decrease biodiversity

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B O S P H O R U S



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Spread  
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Algae  
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Microbial  
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Decrease biodiversity

2.  
Effects of temperature rise  
& climate change

Increase in bacteria and changed balance in bio-  
diversity

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3 - 4 months

Spread of bacteria & viruses

Algae increase

Microbial growth

Pathogen increase

Clogging of gills

Decrease biodiversity

**3. Interruption by pollutants**

Increase of microbial growth and subsequently an algae increase

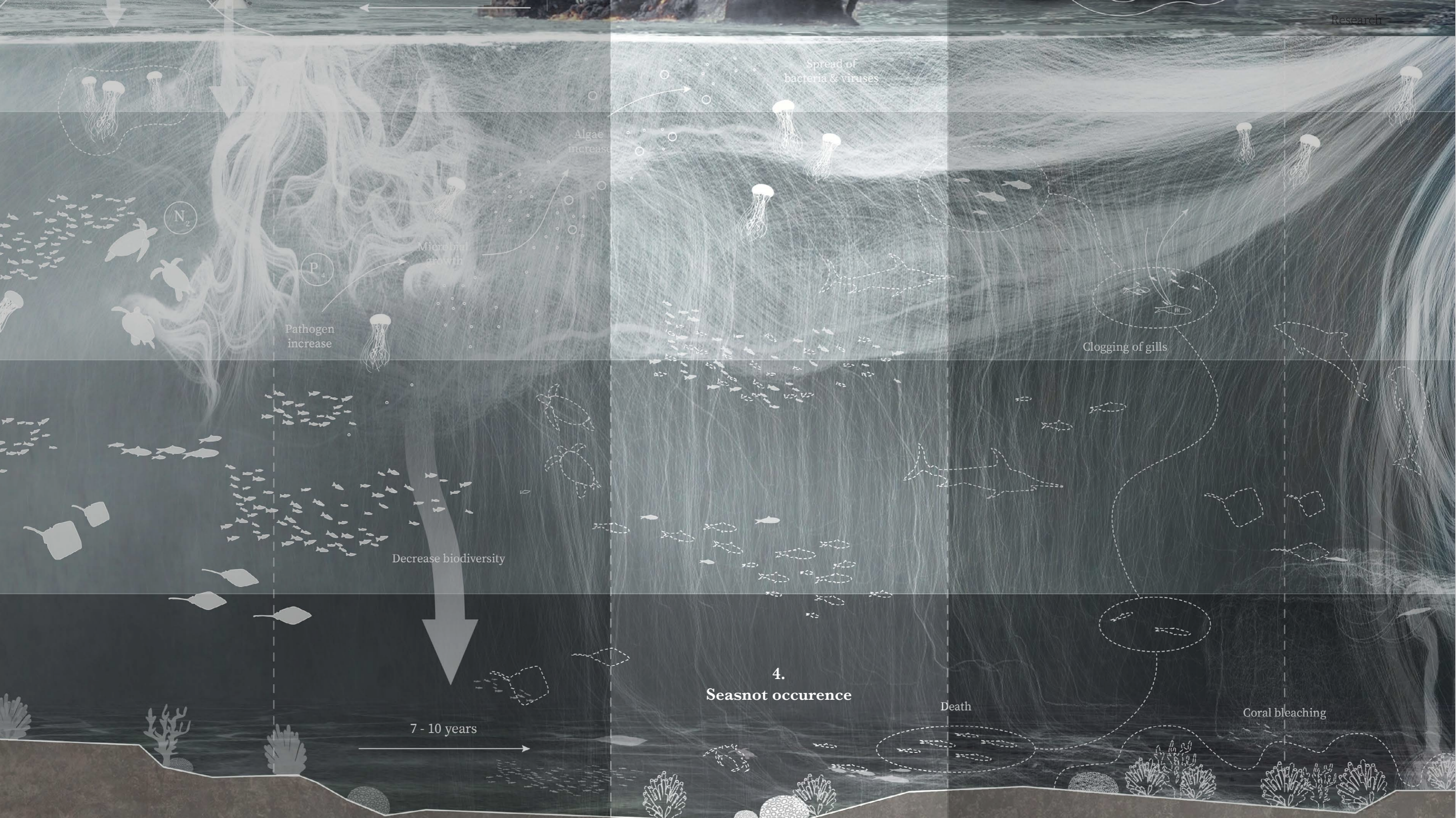
Death

7 - 10 years

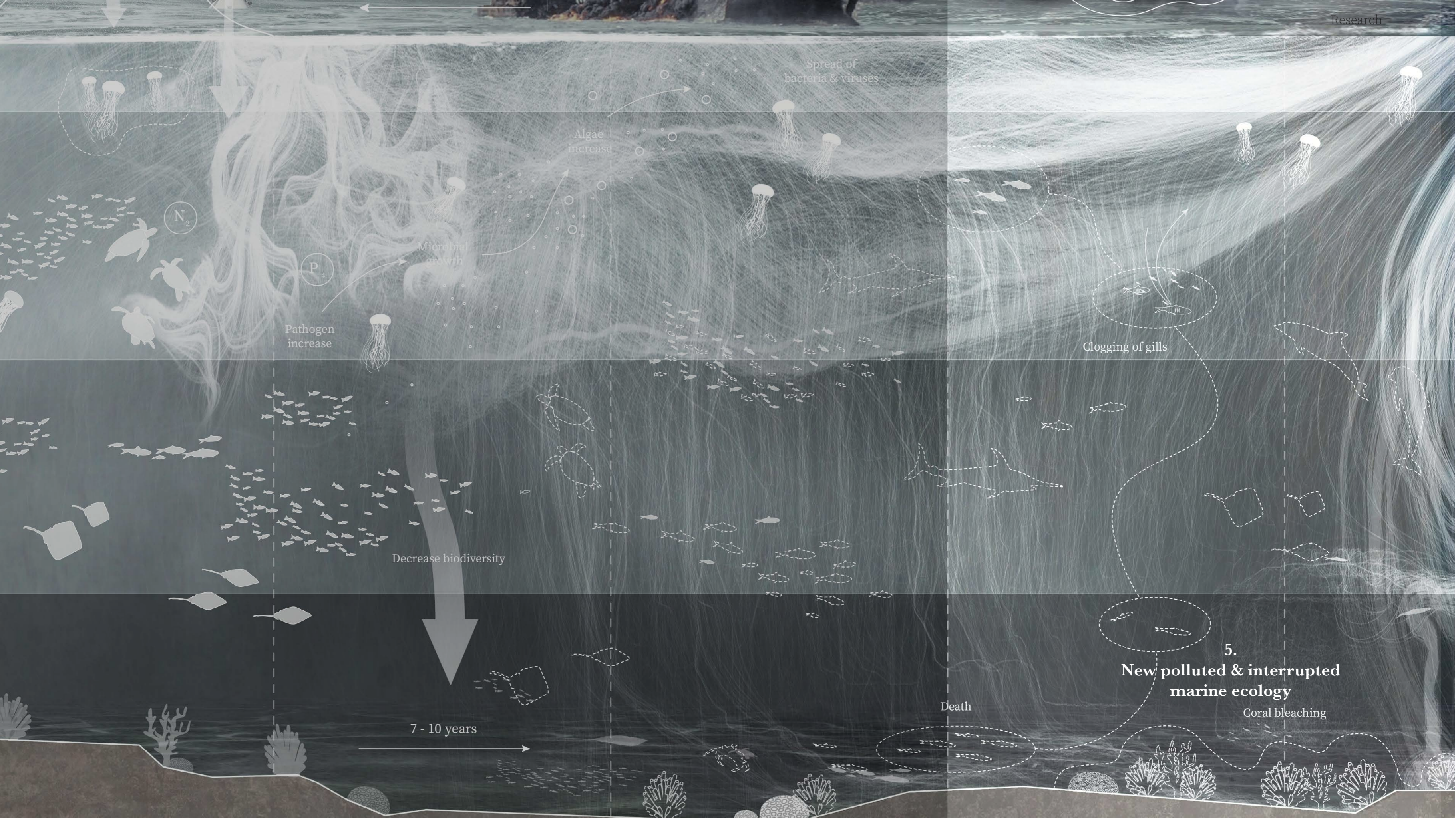
Dolphin

Turtle

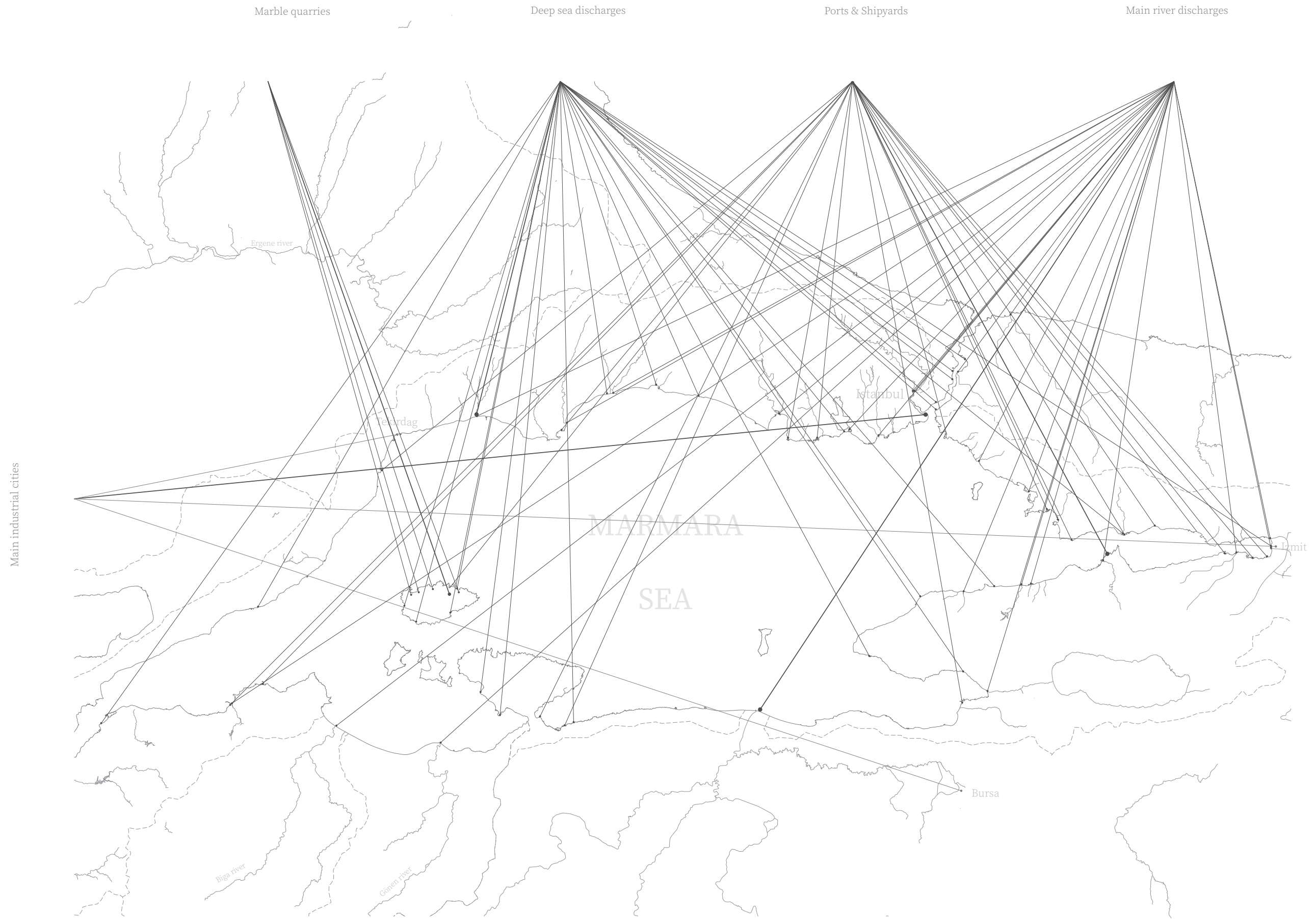














Marble quarries

Deep sea discharges

Ports & Shipyards

Main river discharges

Main industrial cities







Marble quarries

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Main river discharges

Ergene river

Teşvirdag

Istanbul

MARMARA  
SEA

Izmit

Bursa

Biga river

Gönen river

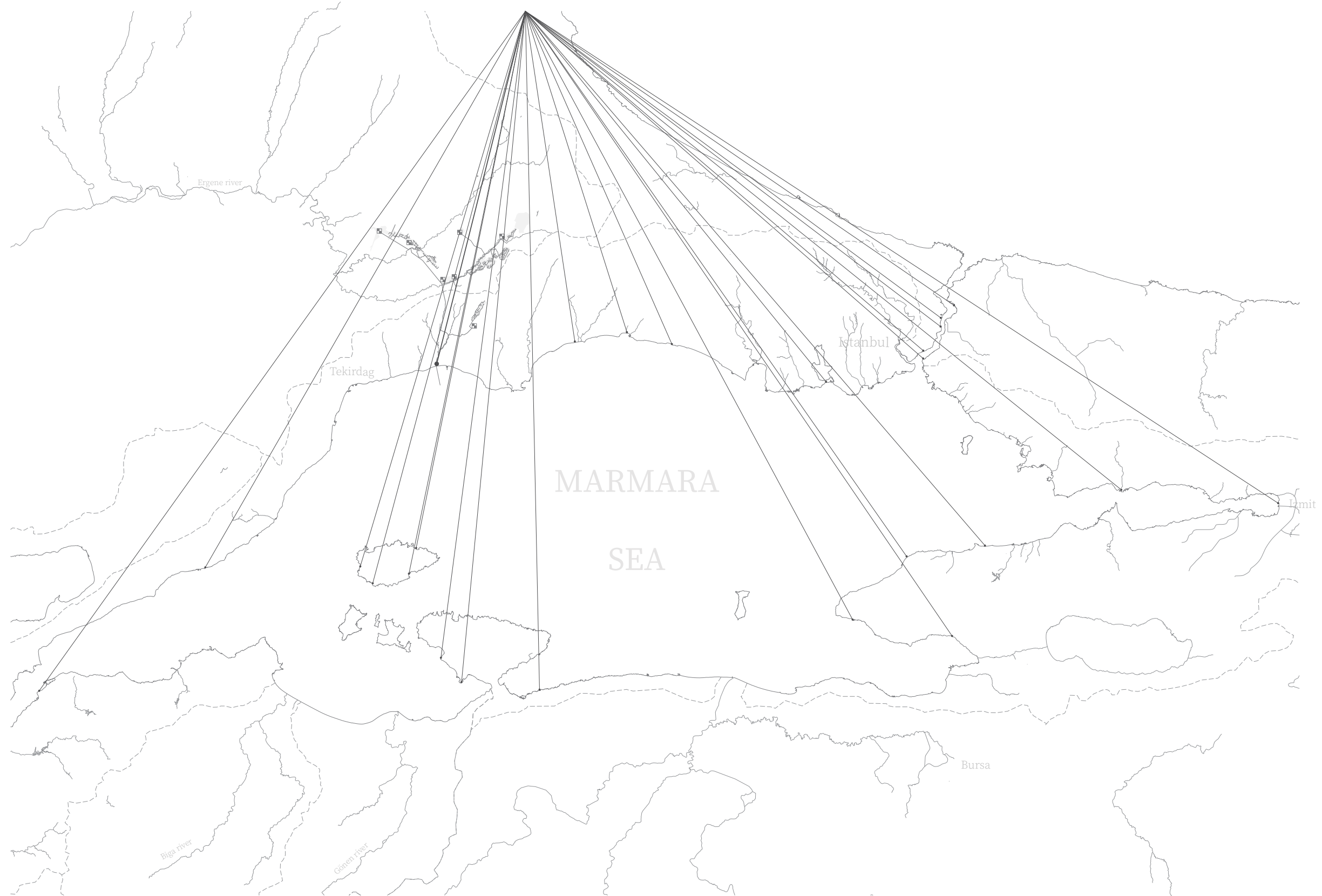


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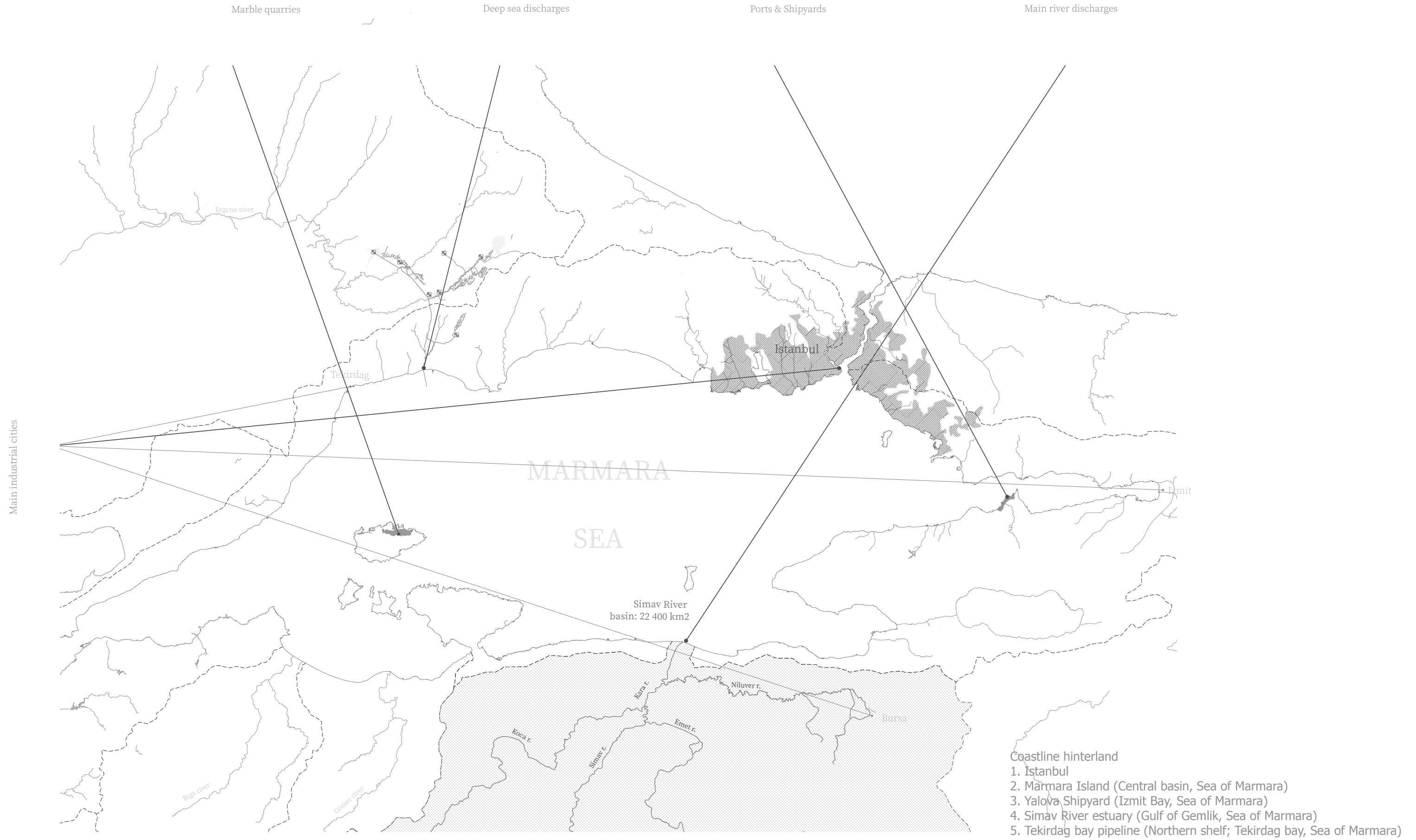
















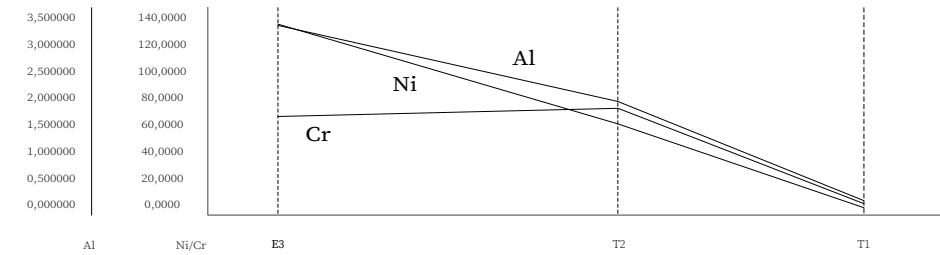
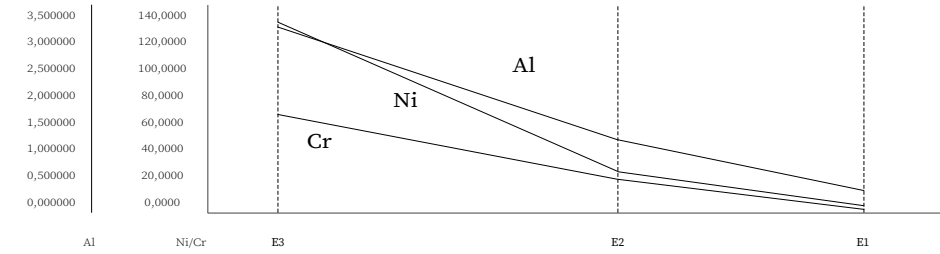
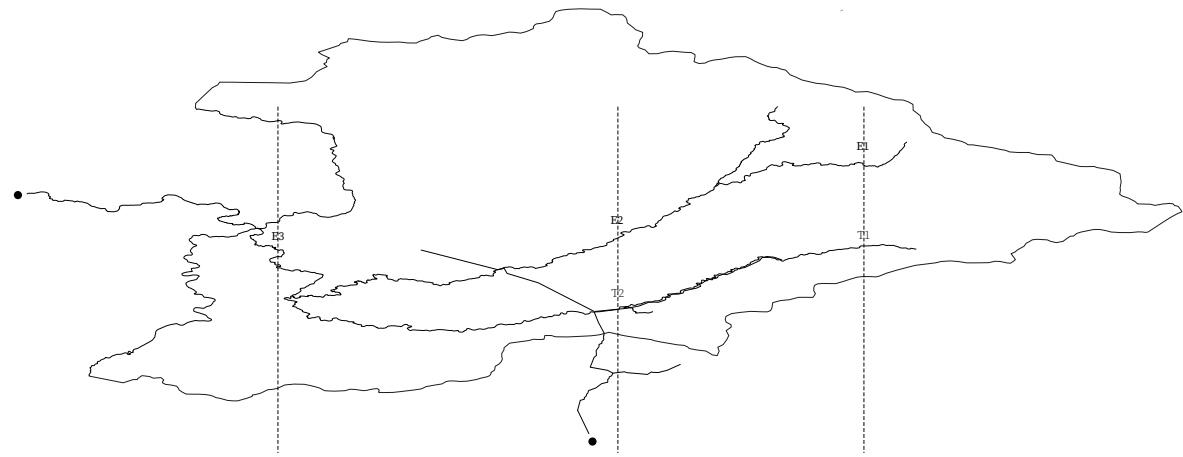








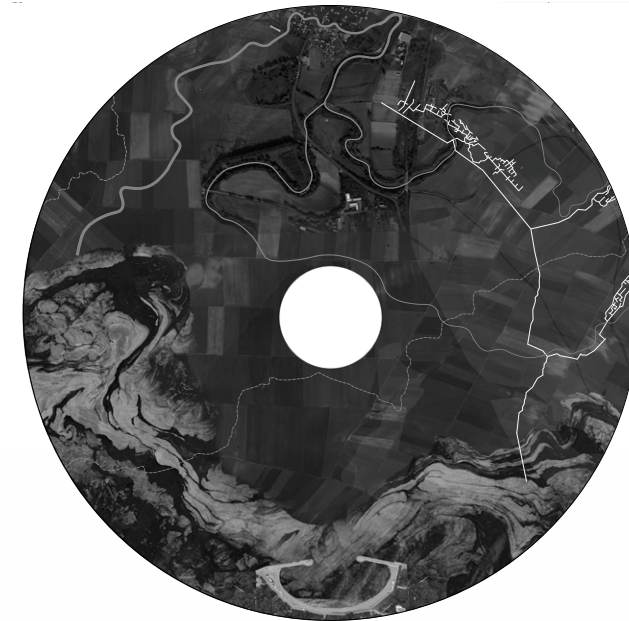




Sample location

### Contamination in Ergene River basin

- River
- Stream
- Small stream
- Sea
- Al Aluminium
- Ni Nickel
- Cr Chrome
- Pipeline



### Own interpretation of the Loop Space

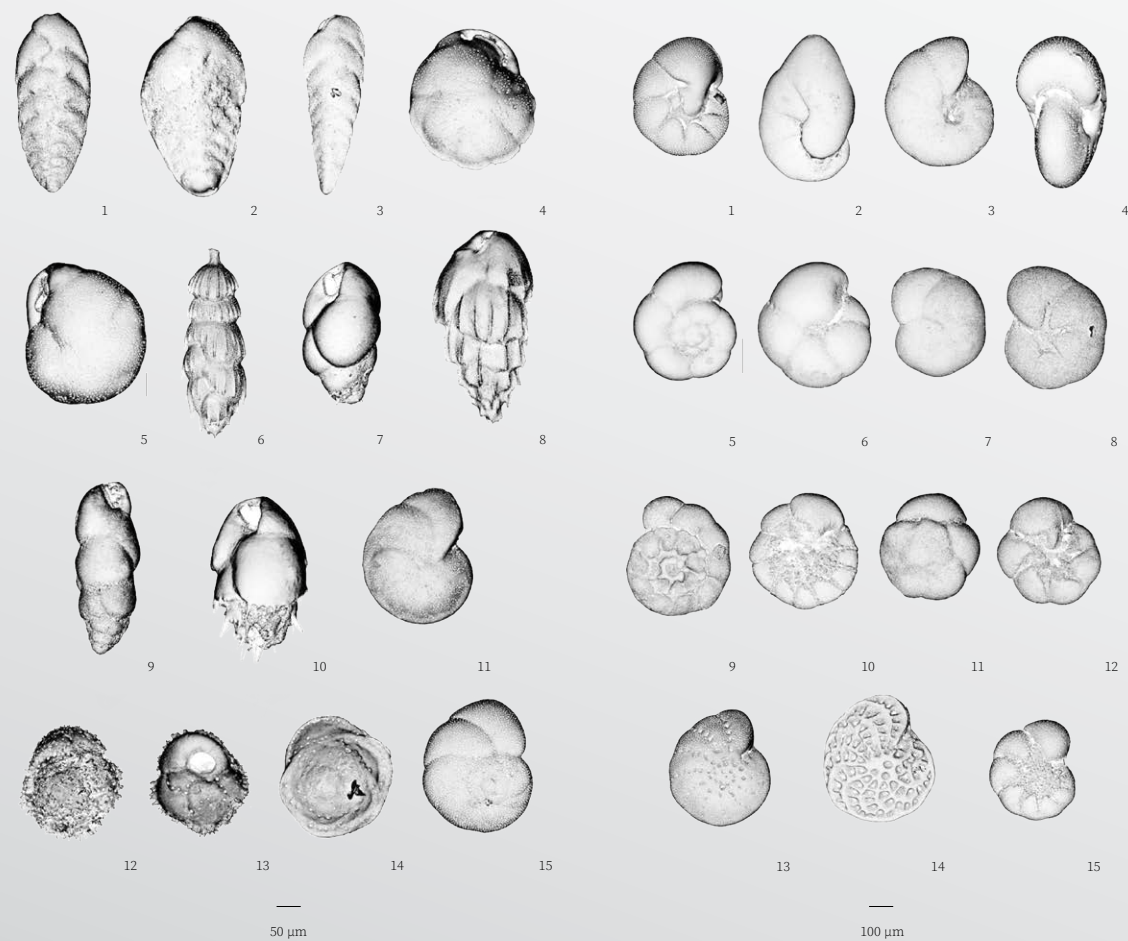
'Stuck in a loop space' (morton. T)

*Moving piles of dust*









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1 Bead 2 Fragment 3 Fibre

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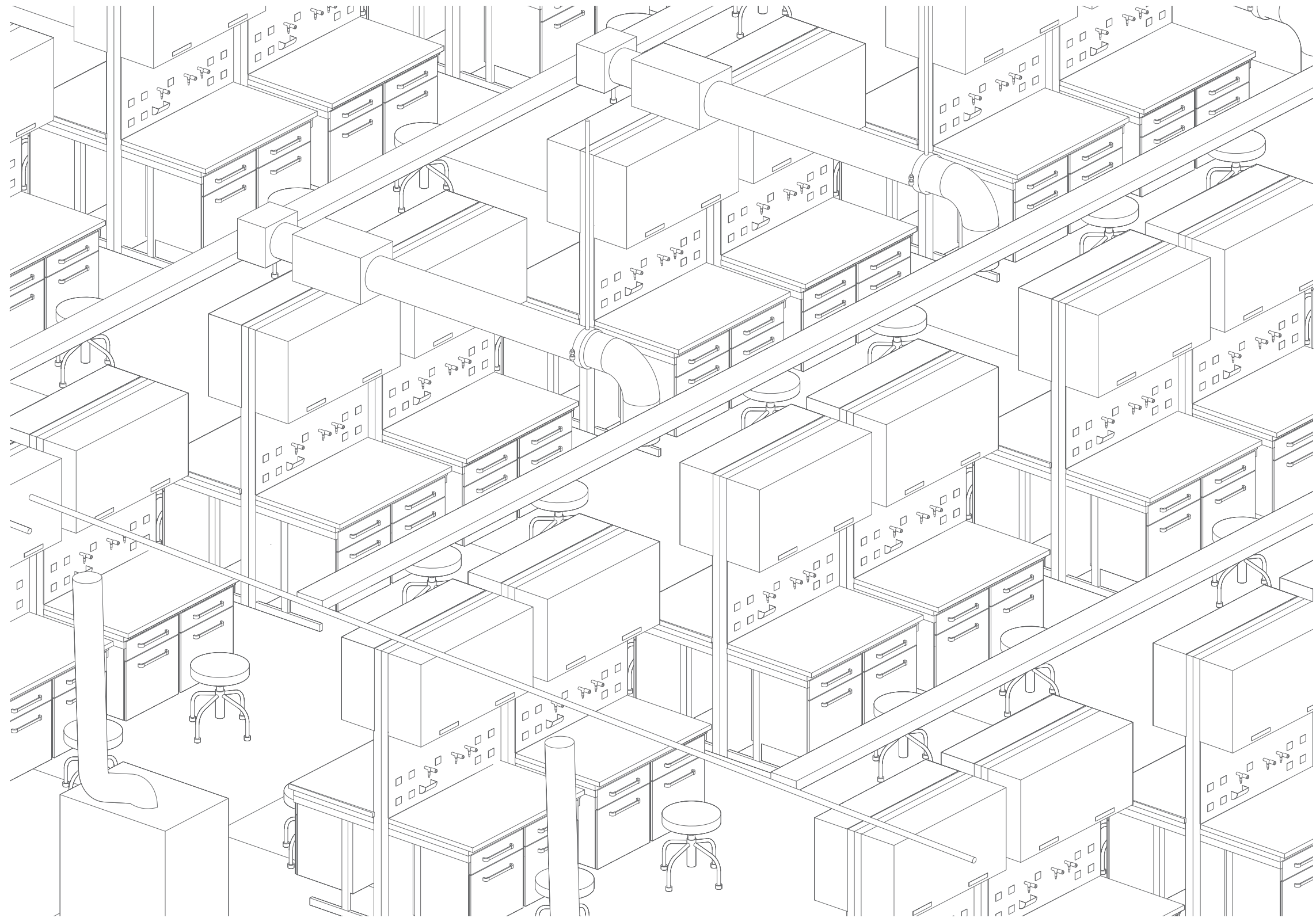
10 µm 100 µm 100 µm

Microparticles morphology in the Sea of Marmara, Kadikoy district

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EDS results (in weight percentage)

























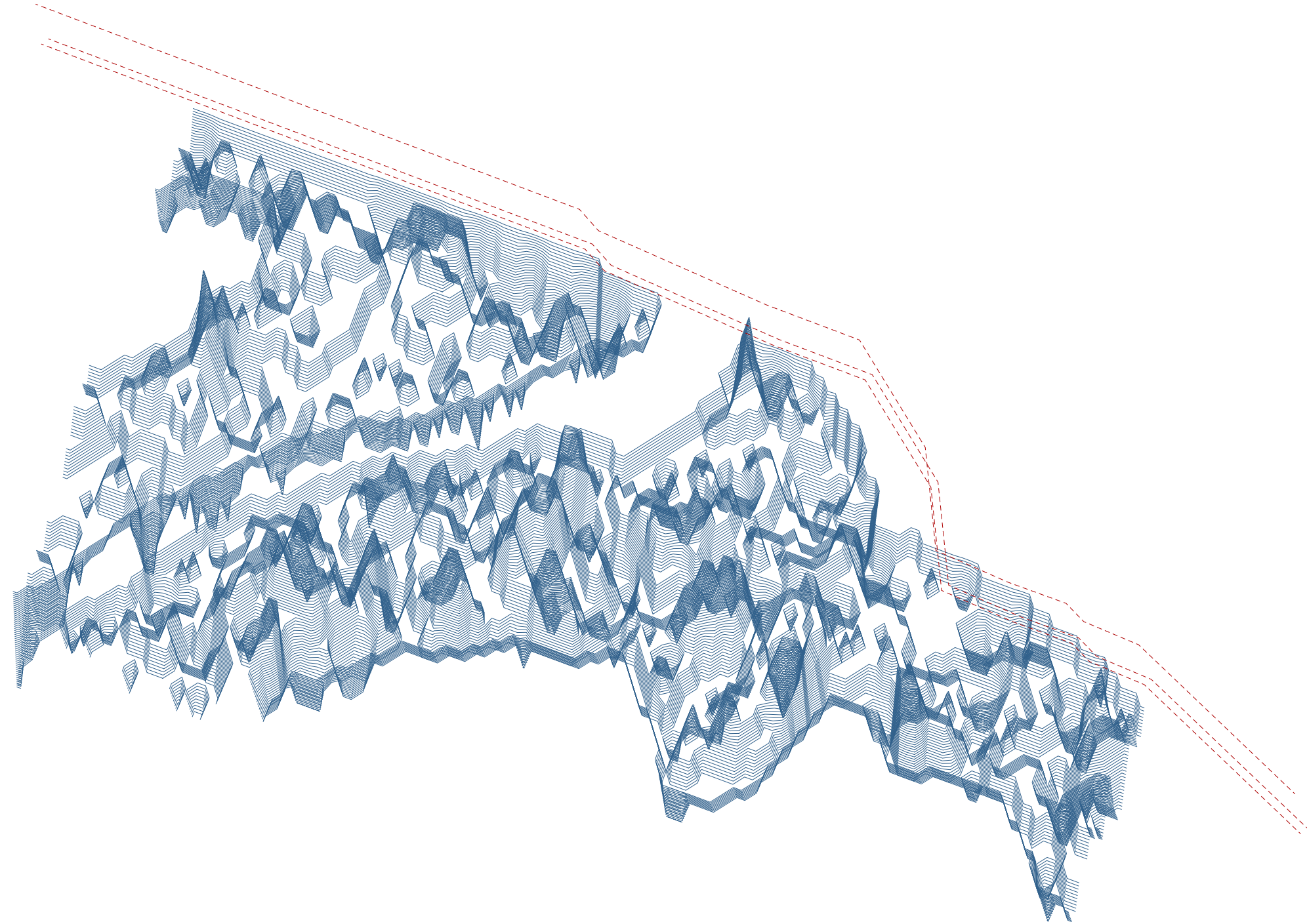






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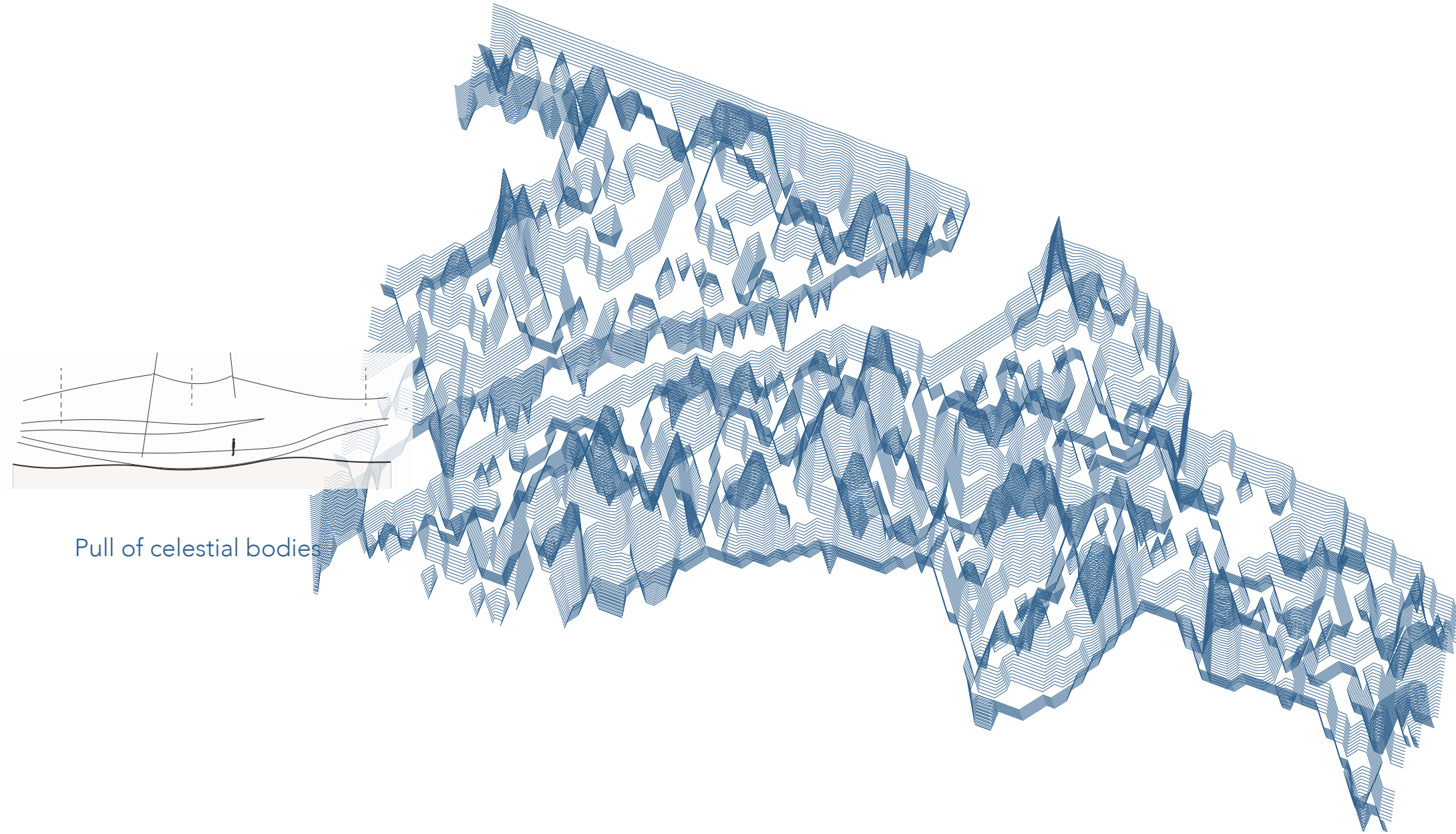
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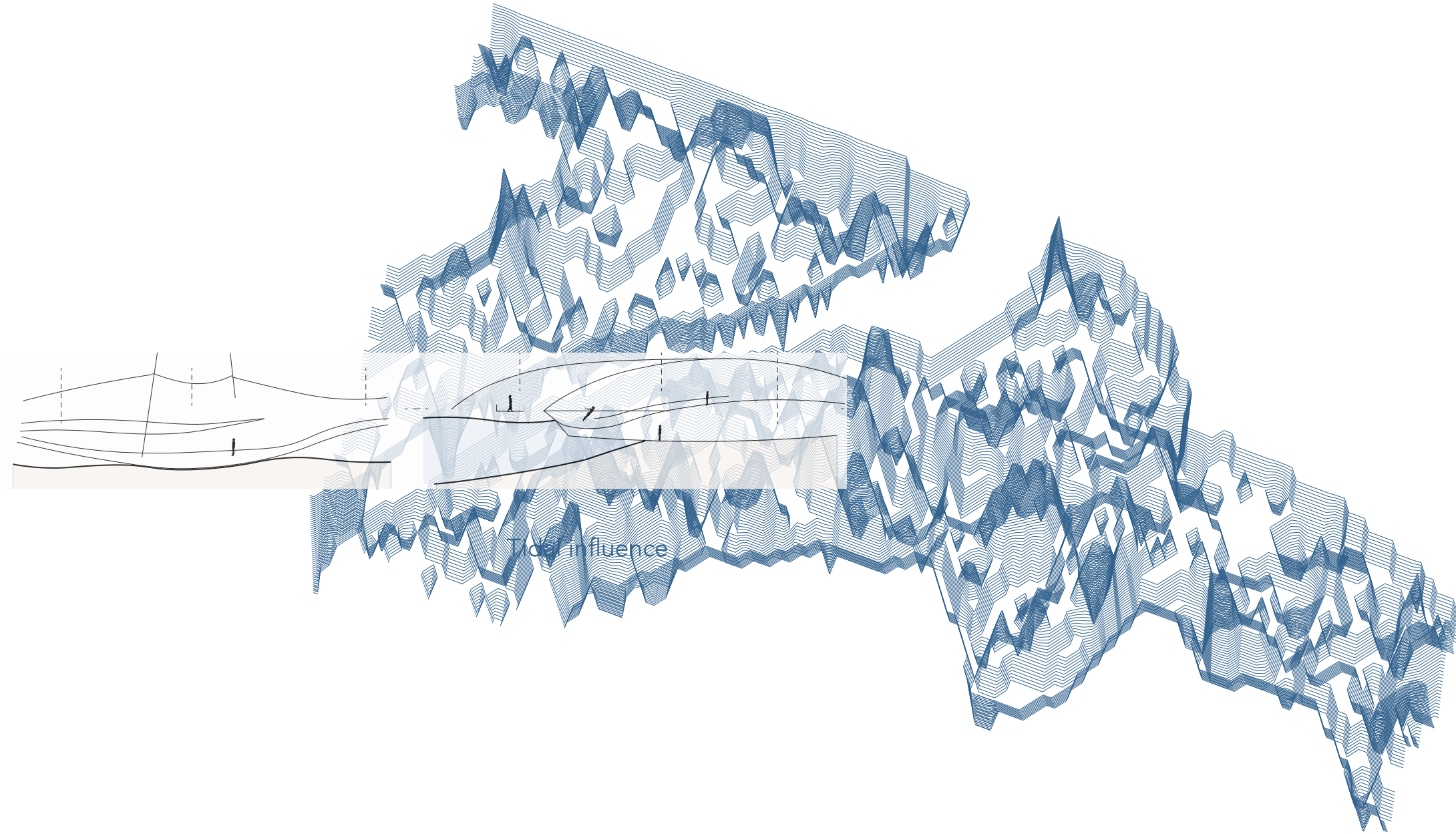
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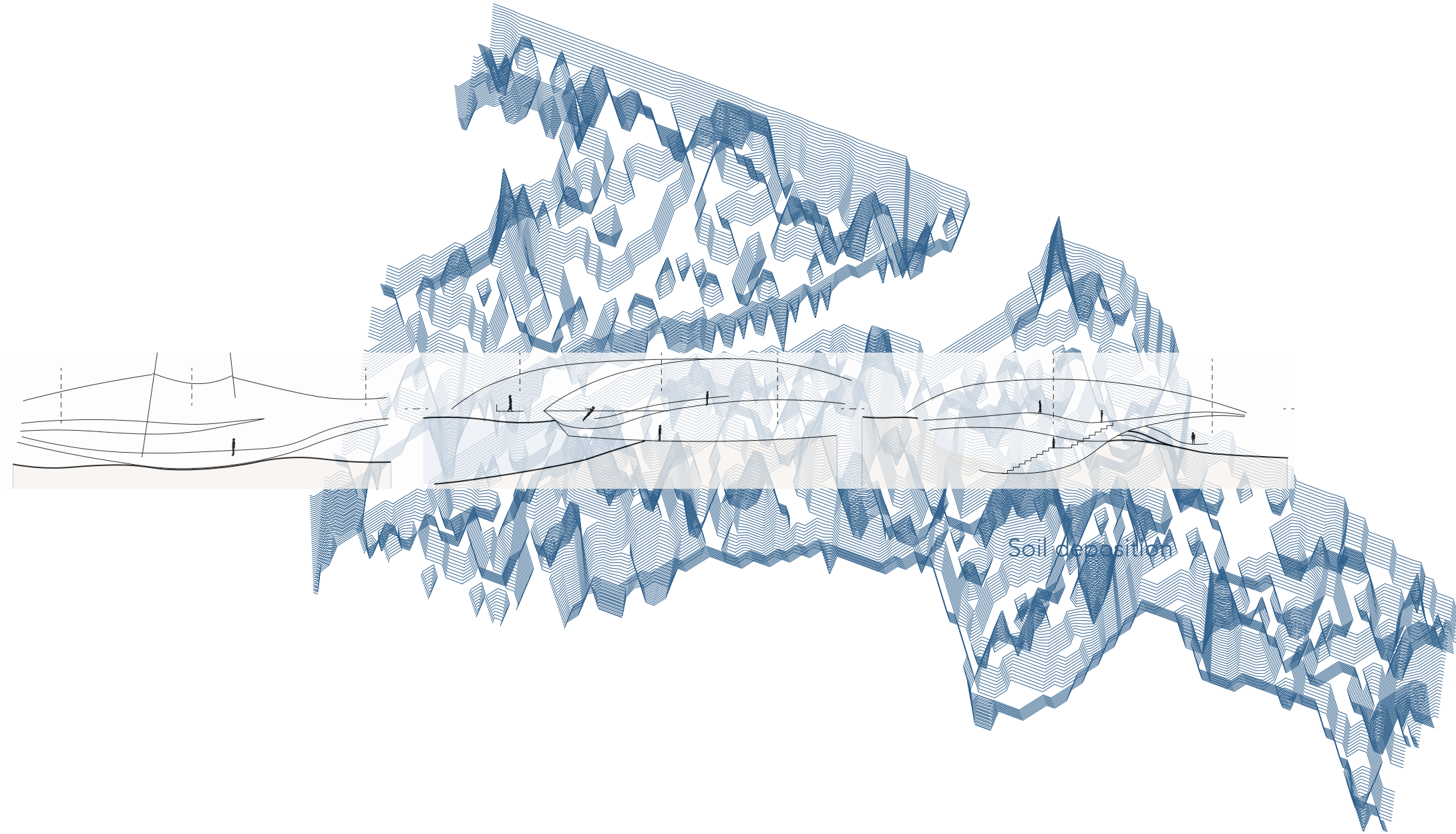
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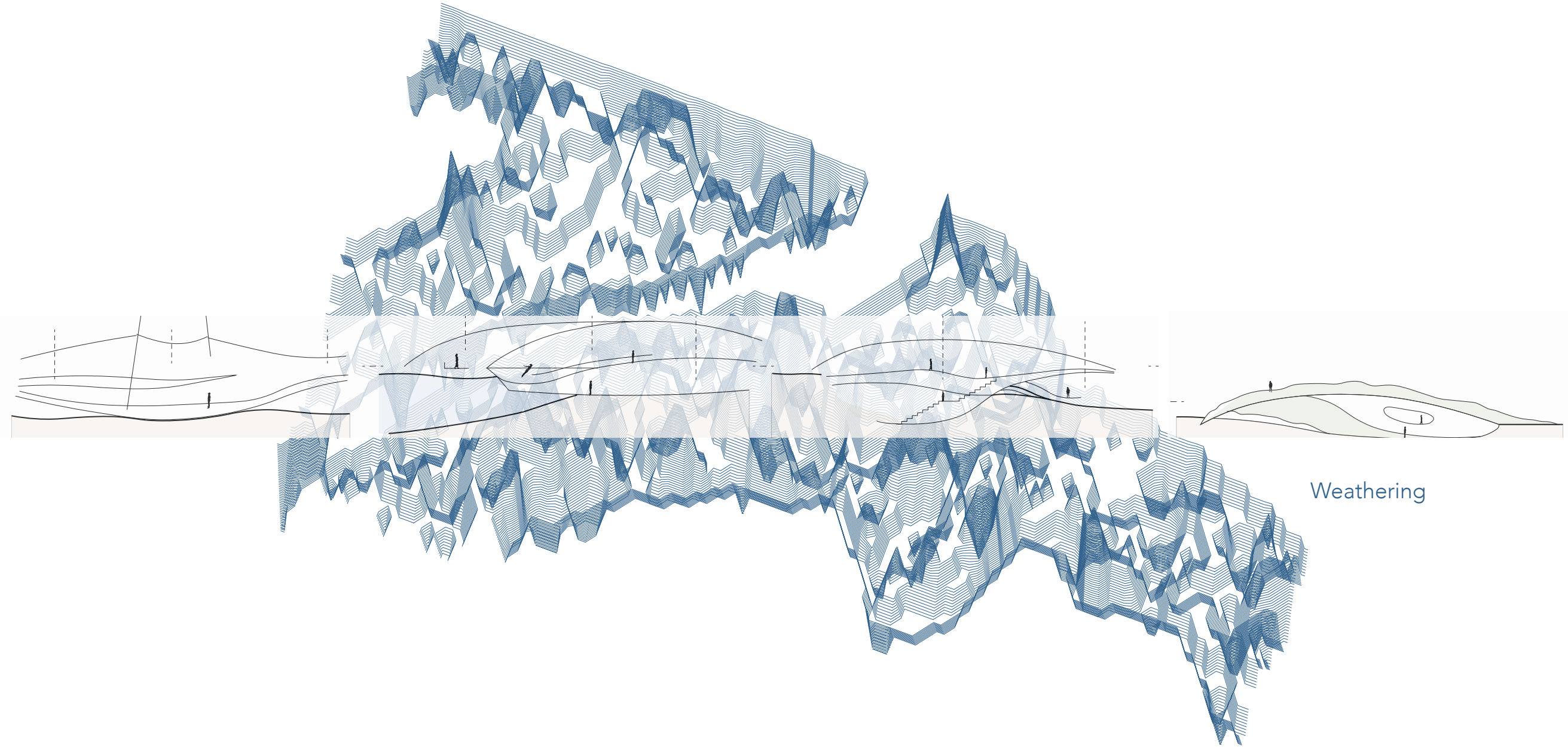
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People & Nature



SYMBIOTIC

experiencing cycles

Research

Public observation  
/reflection

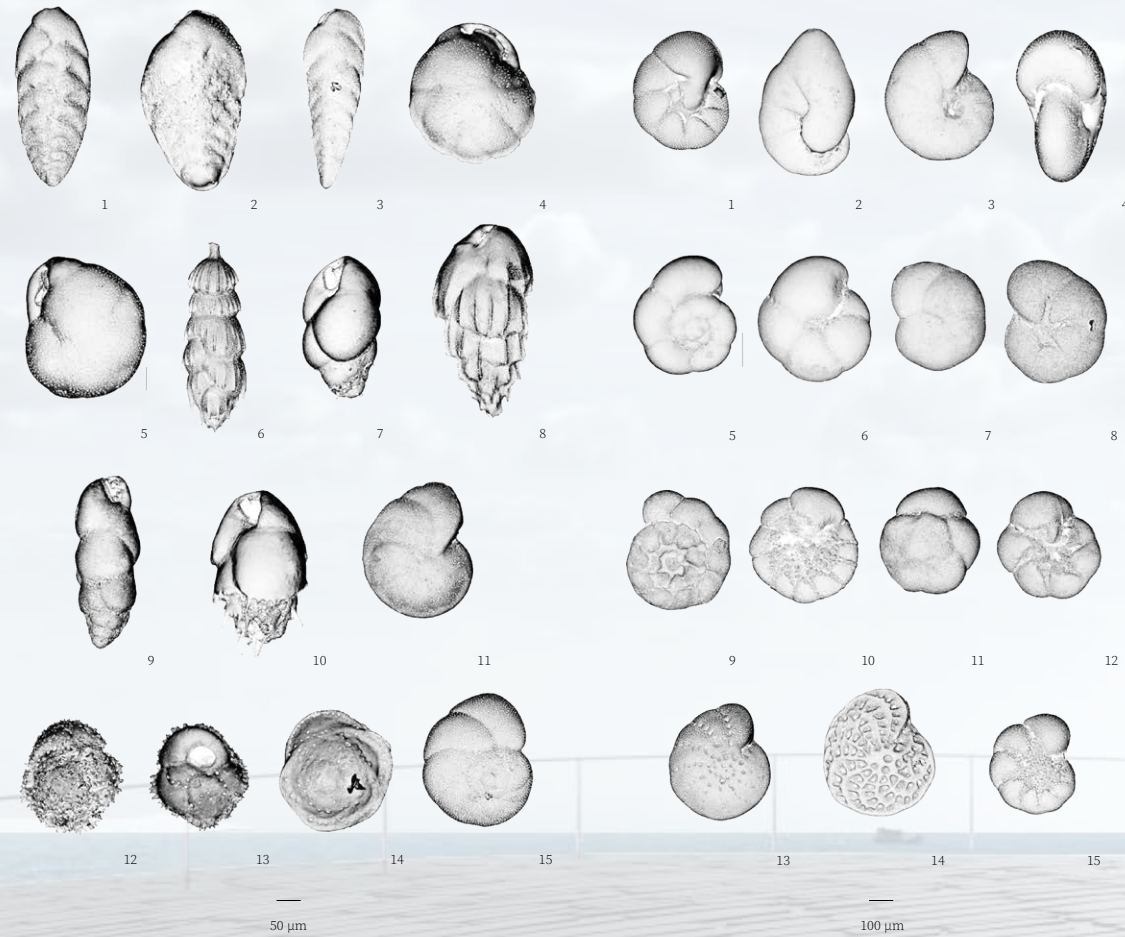




I would like there to exist places that are stable, moving, intangibly untouched and almost untouchably deeprooted. Places that might be points of reference, of departure, or origin.

George Renee





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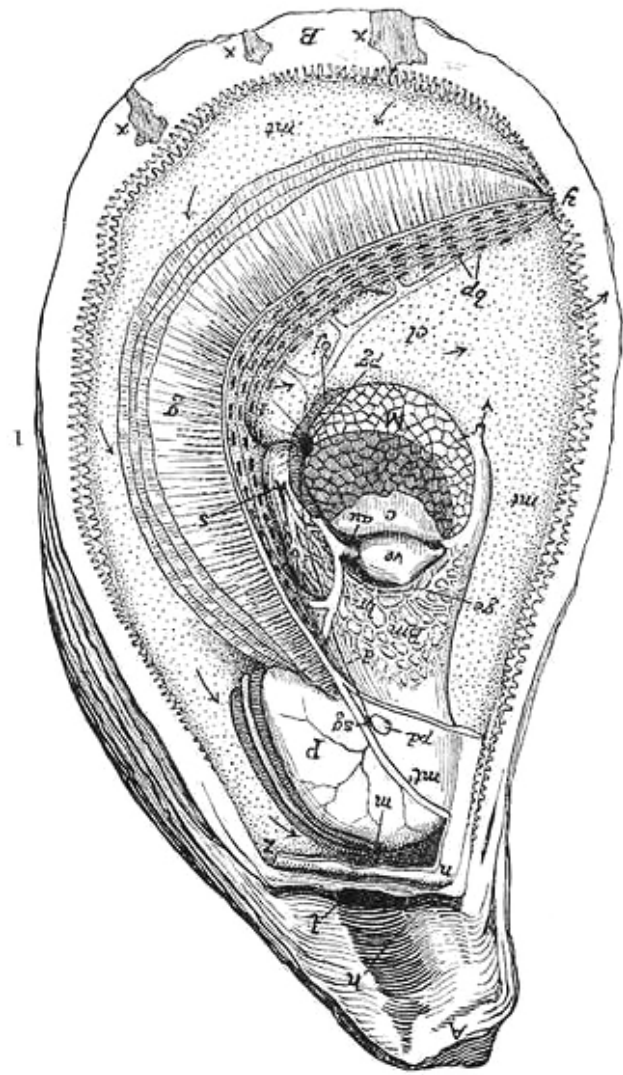
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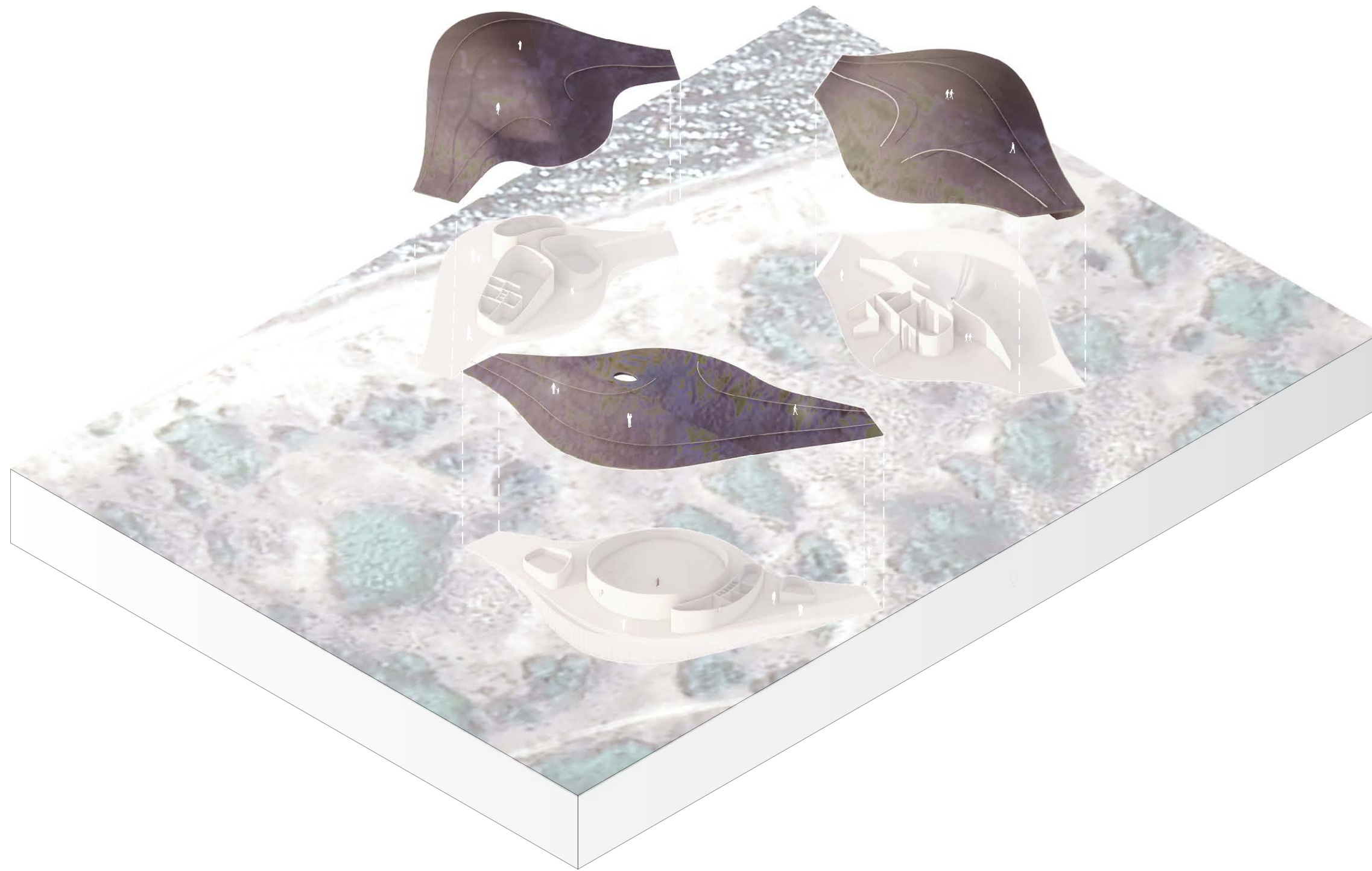
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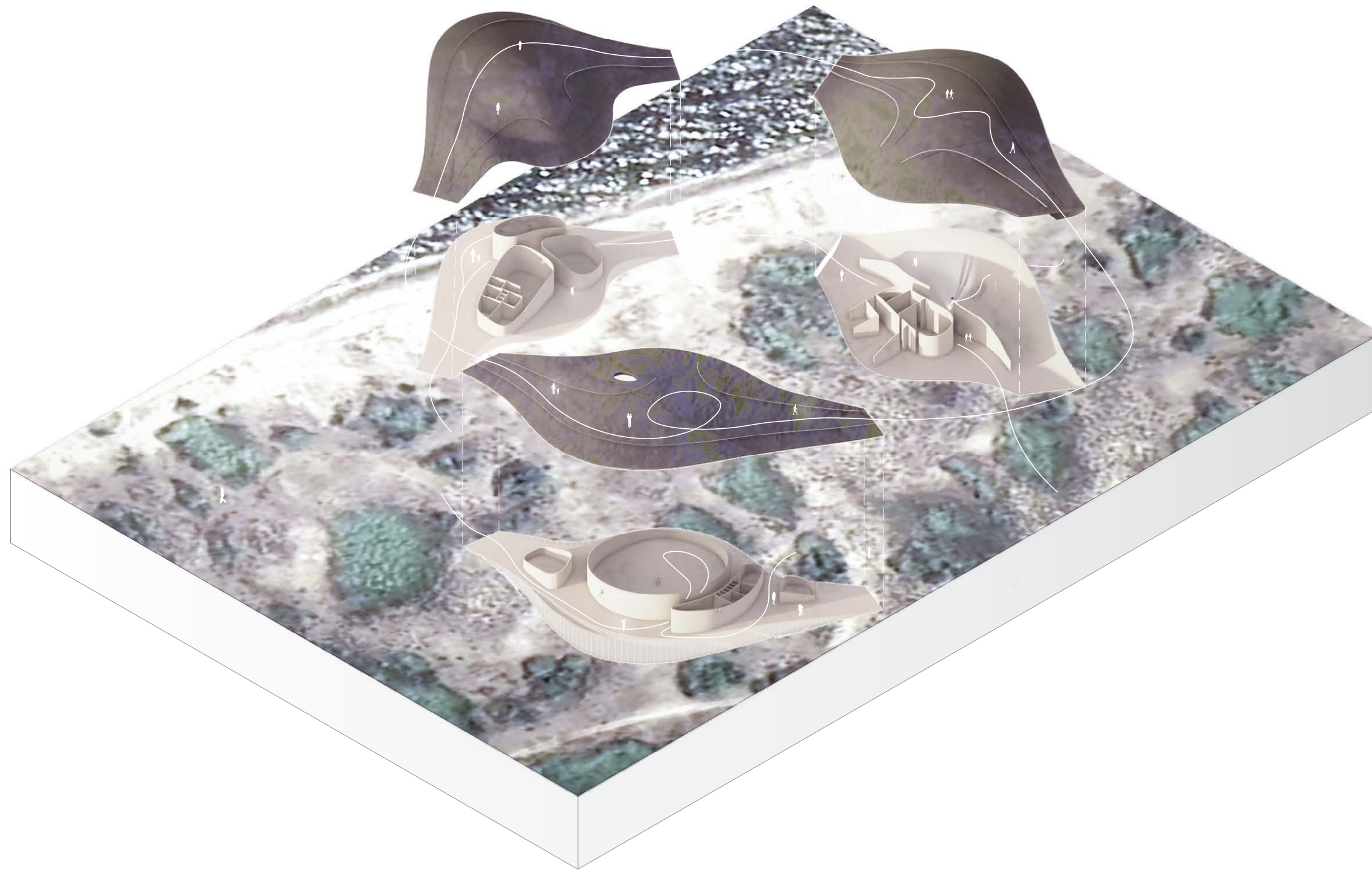




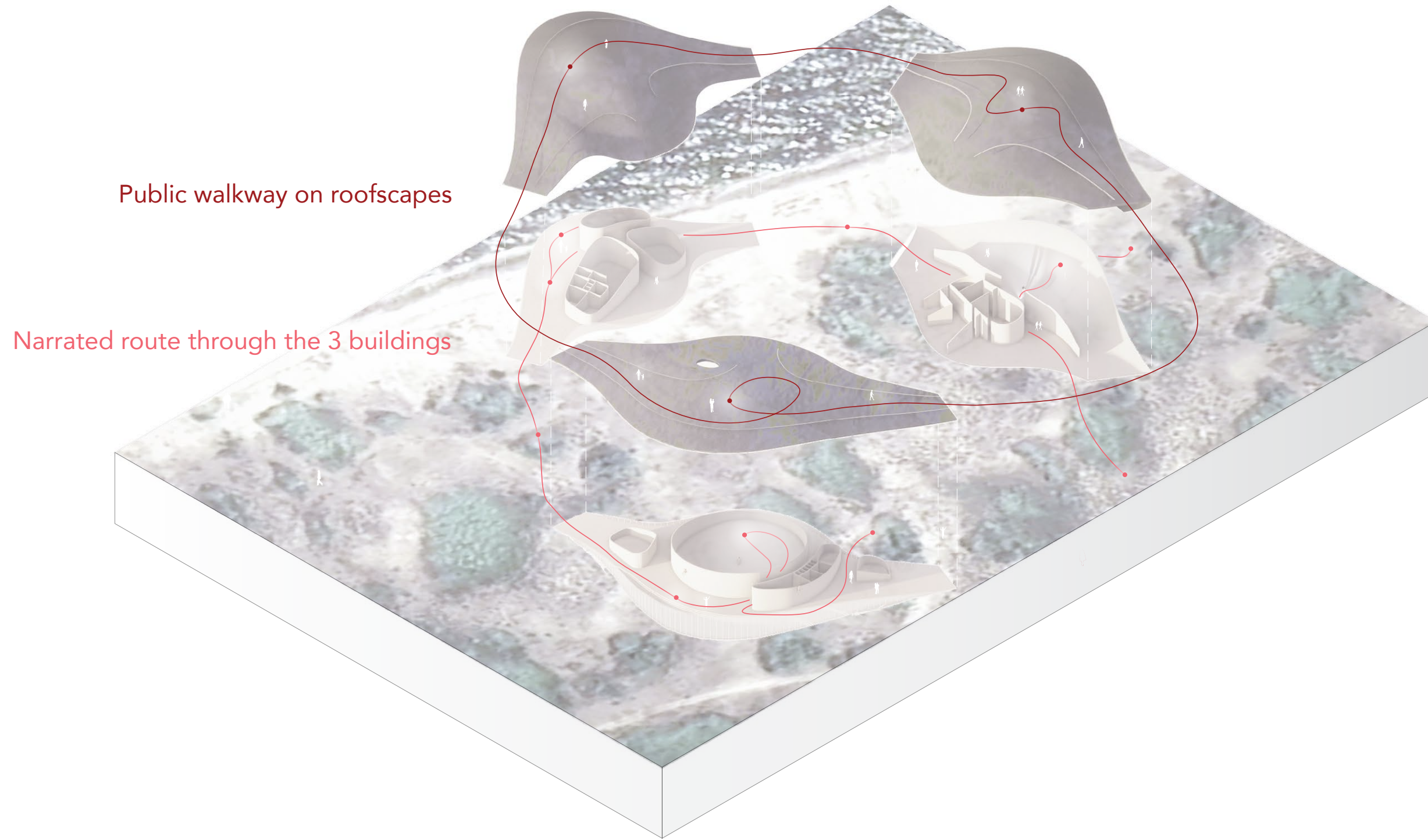




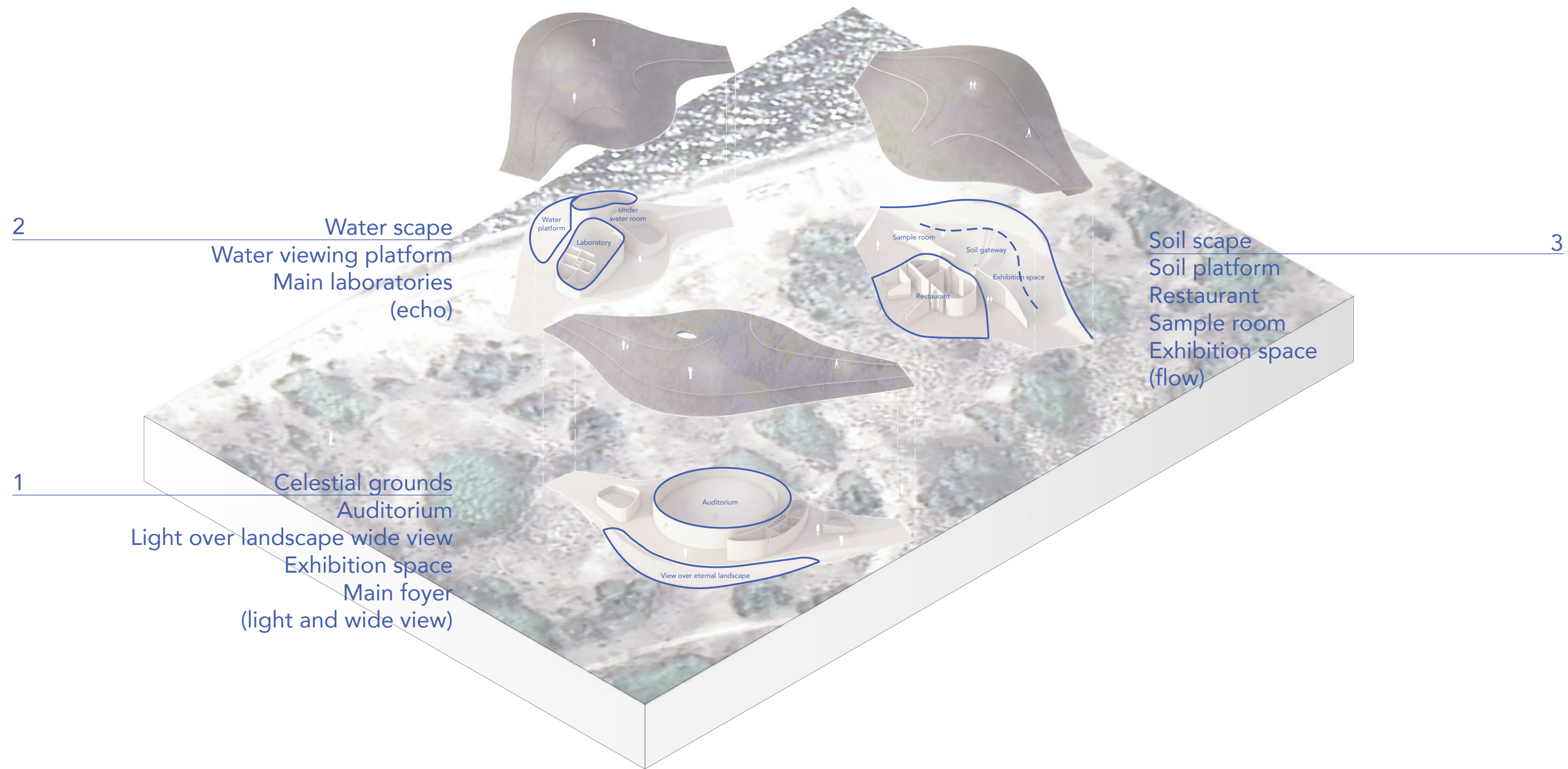




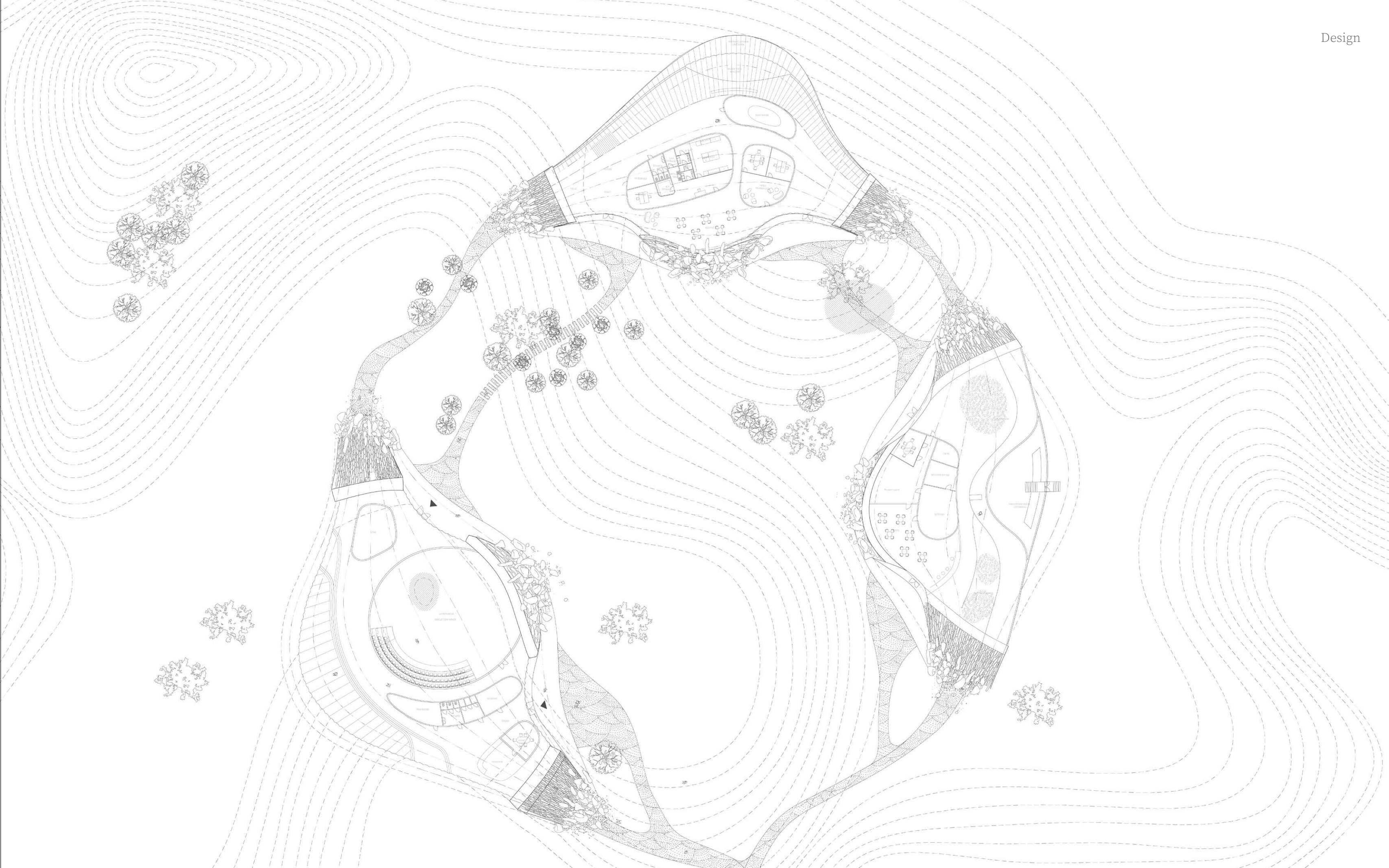




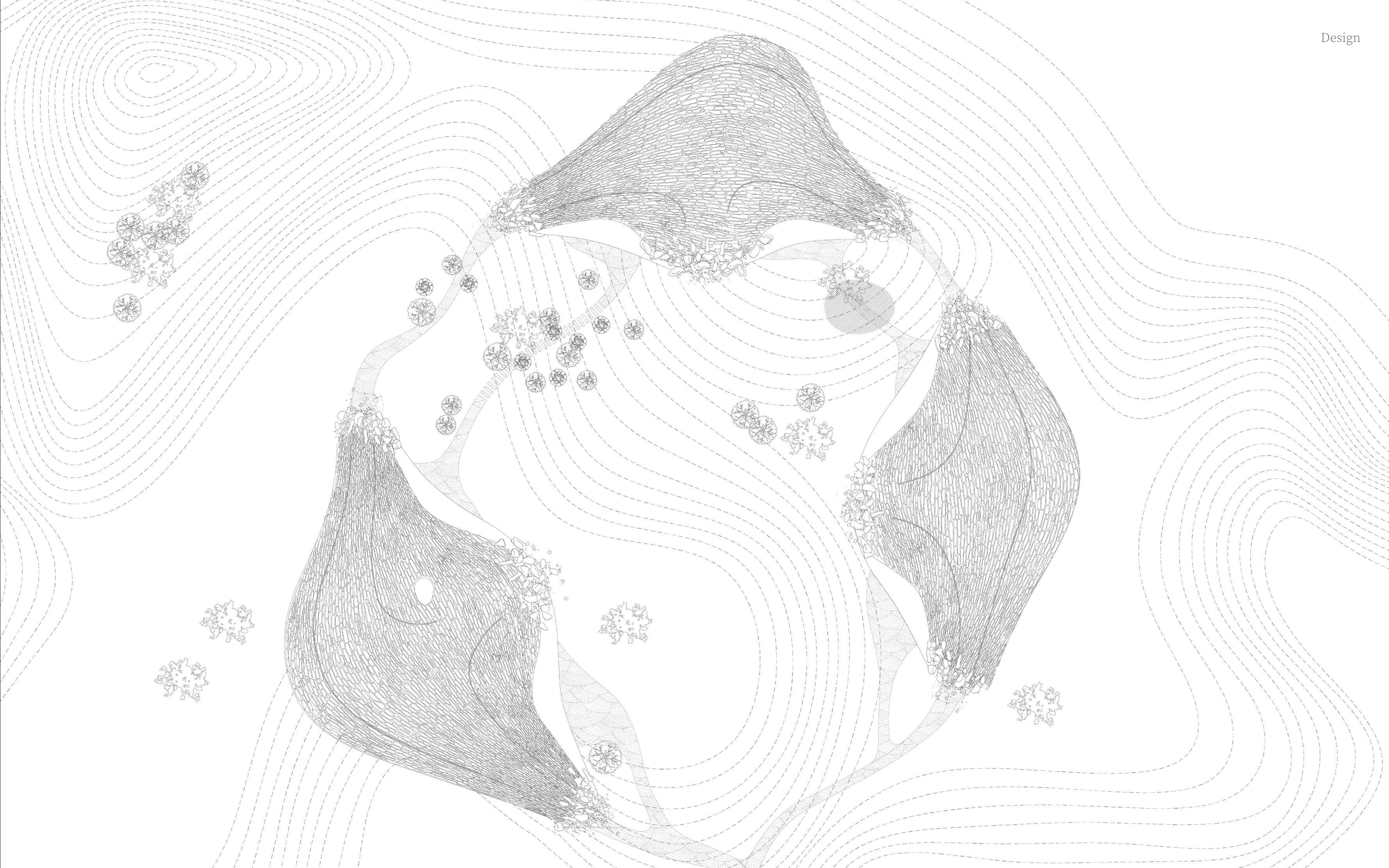




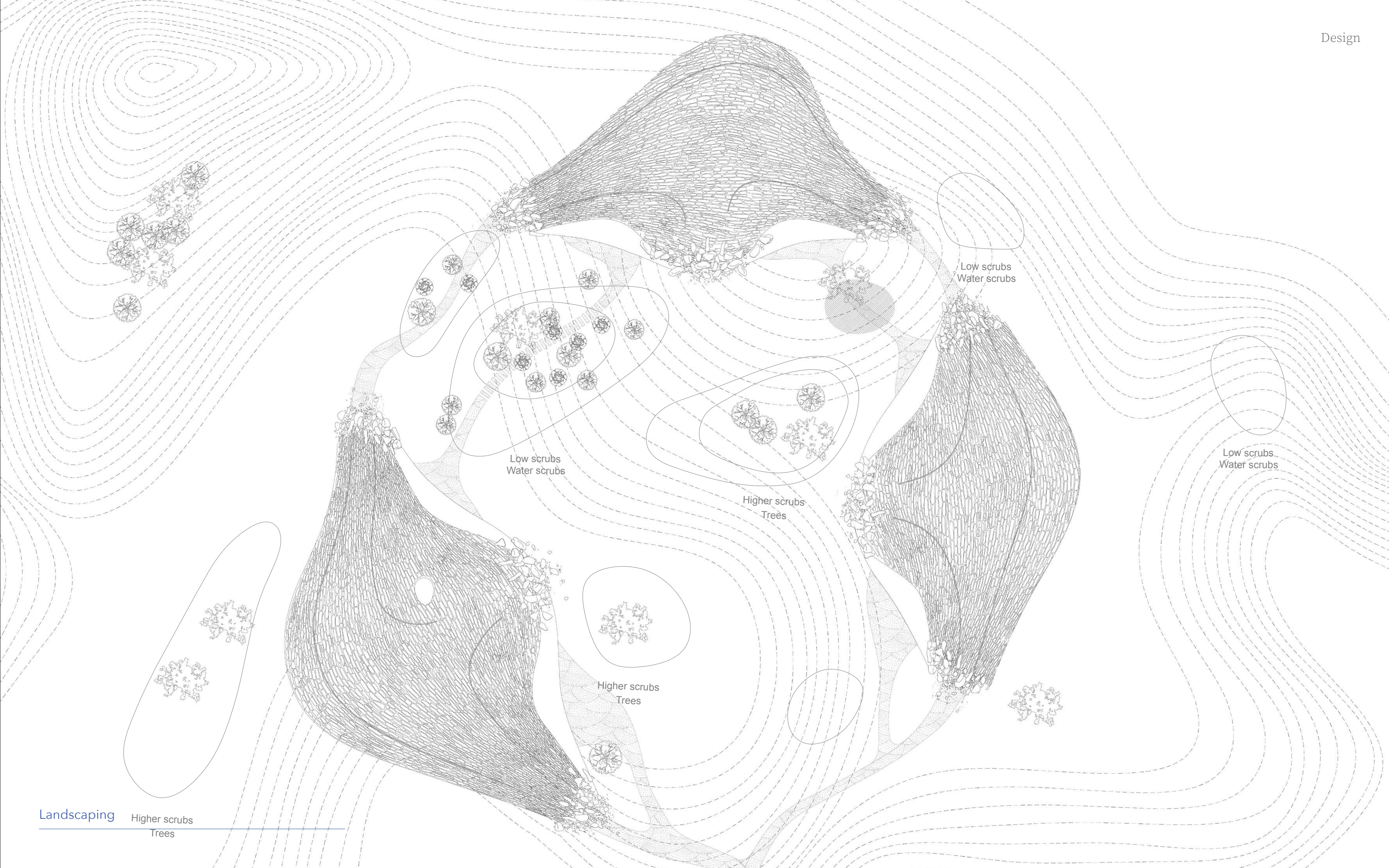












Low scrubs  
Water scrubs

Low scrubs  
Water scrubs

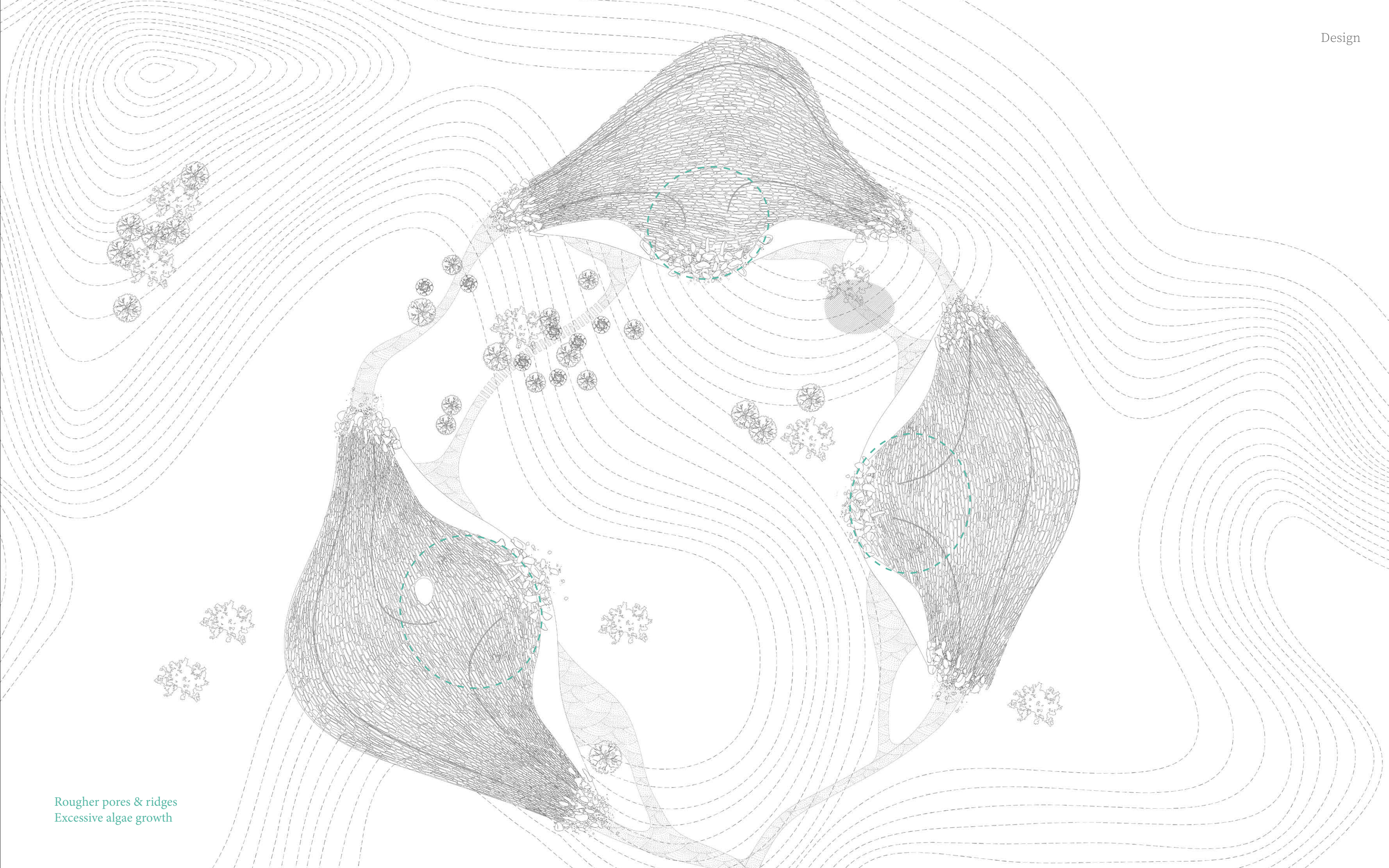
Higher scrubs  
Trees

Low scrubs  
Water scrubs

Higher scrubs  
Trees

Landscaping  
Higher scrubs  
Trees





Rougher pores & ridges  
Excessive algae growth

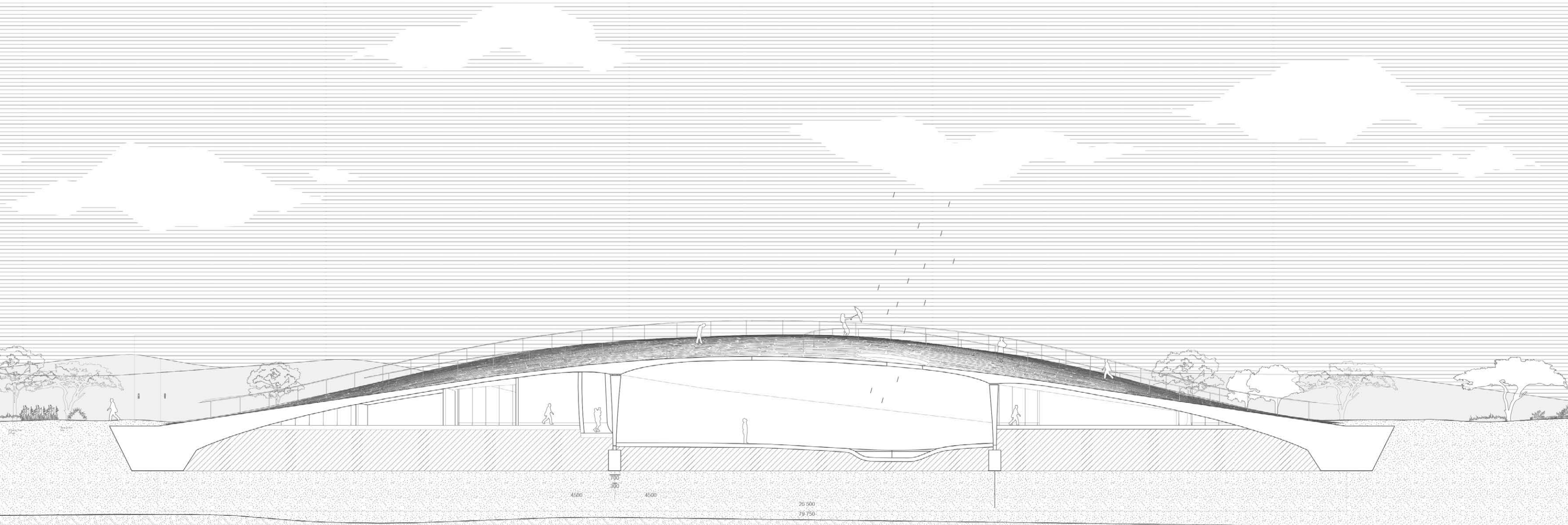




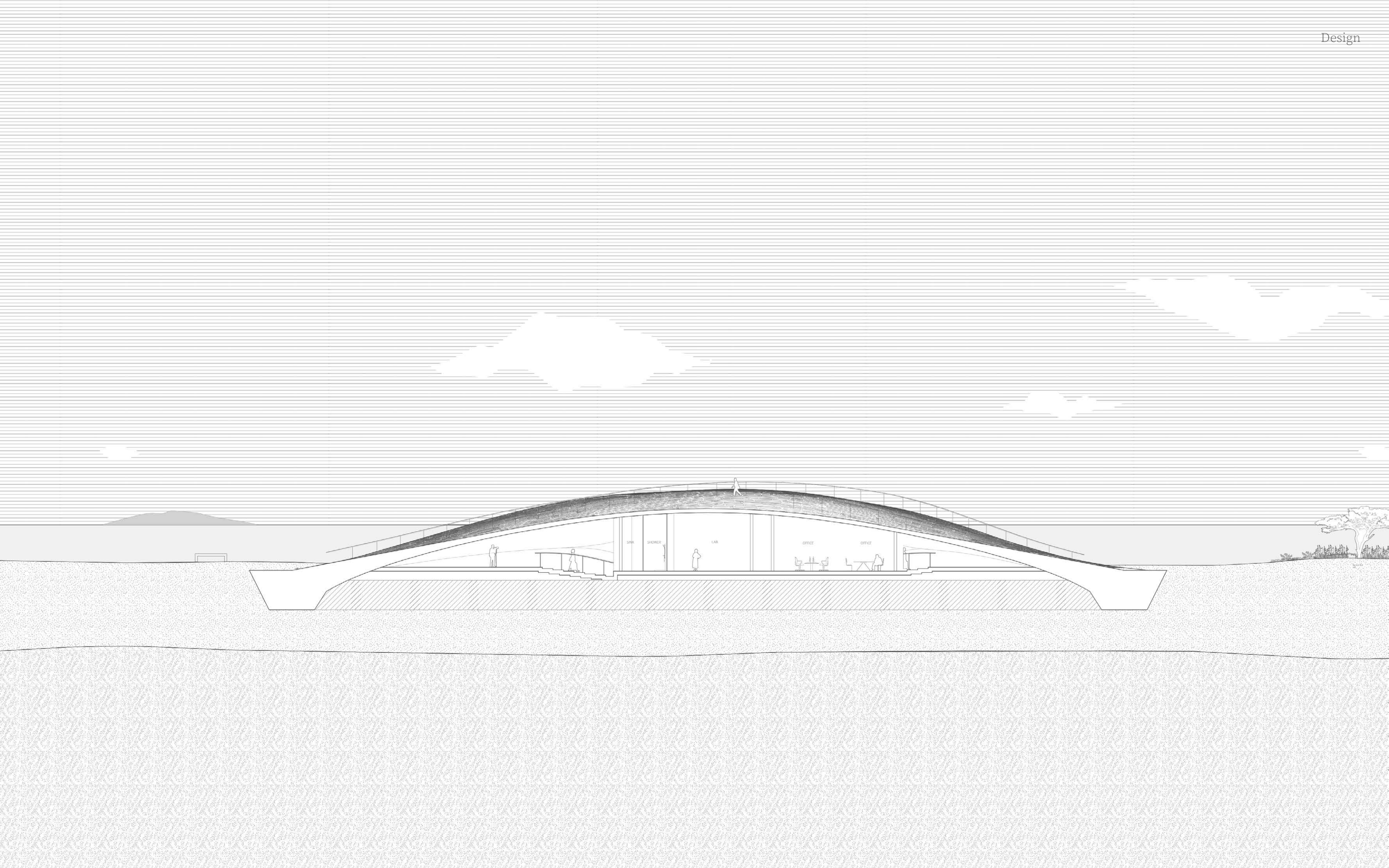




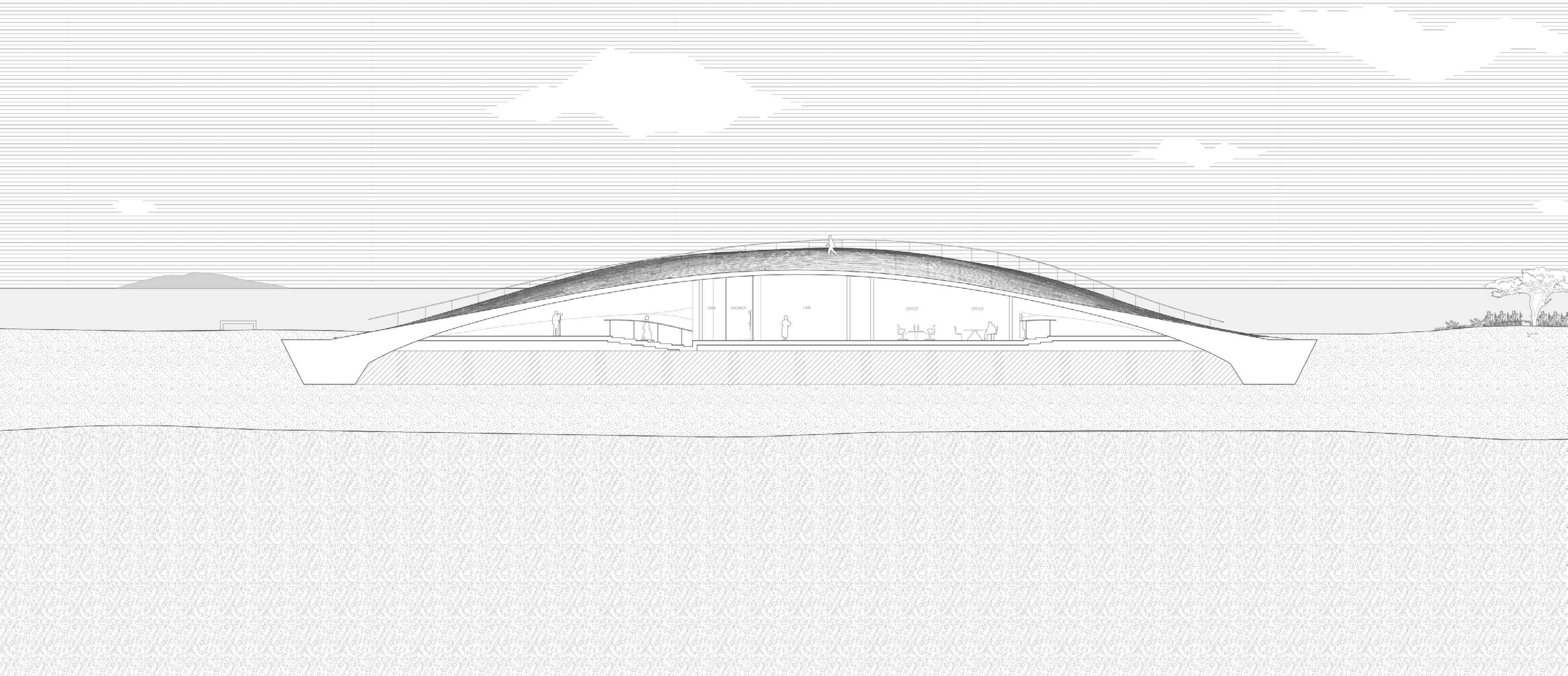








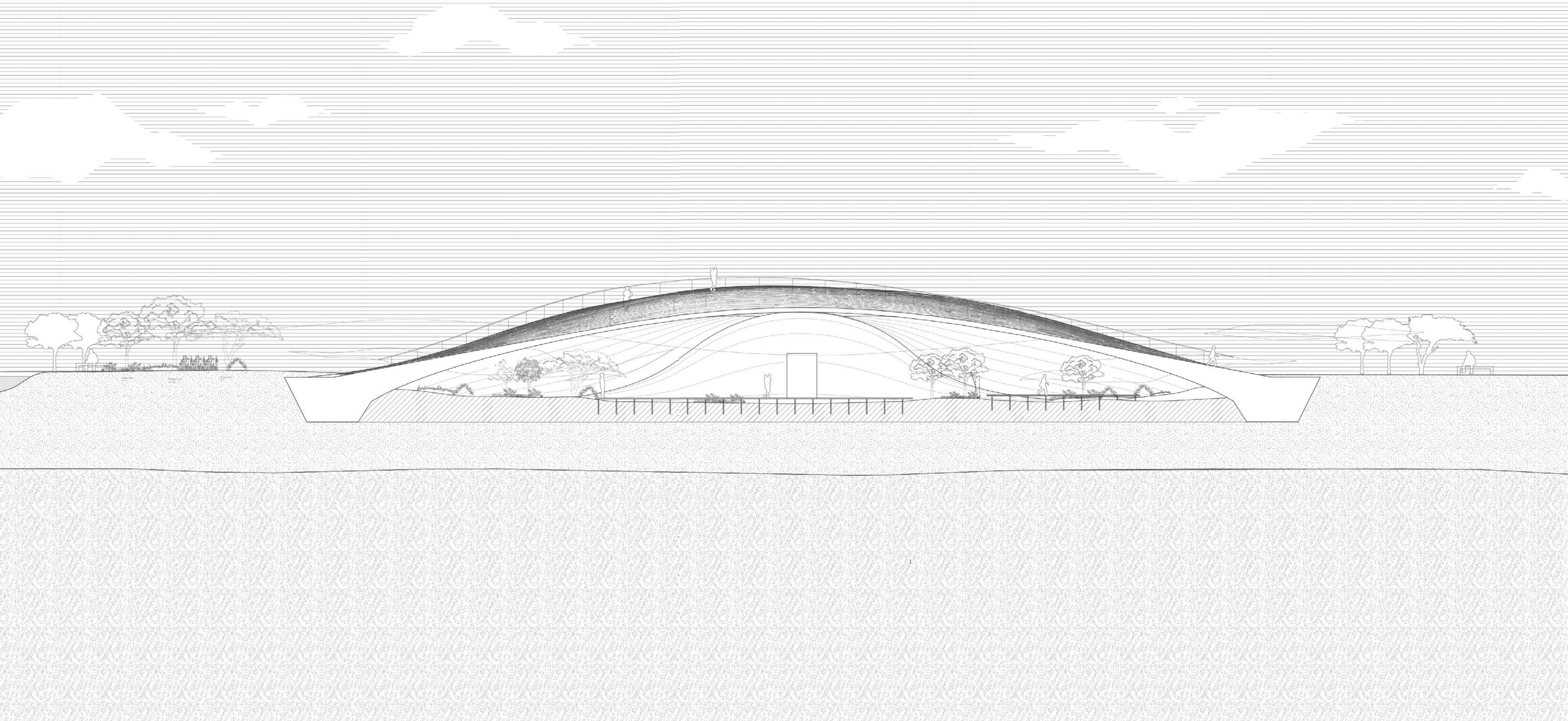




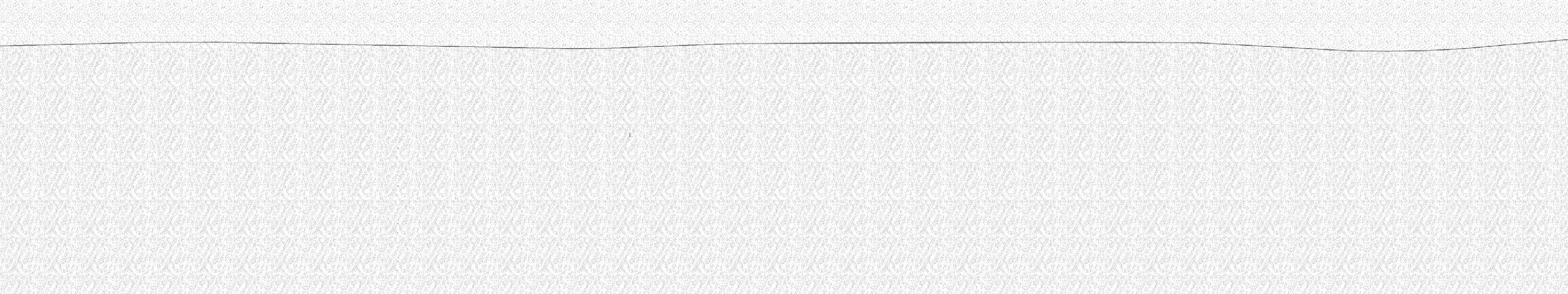
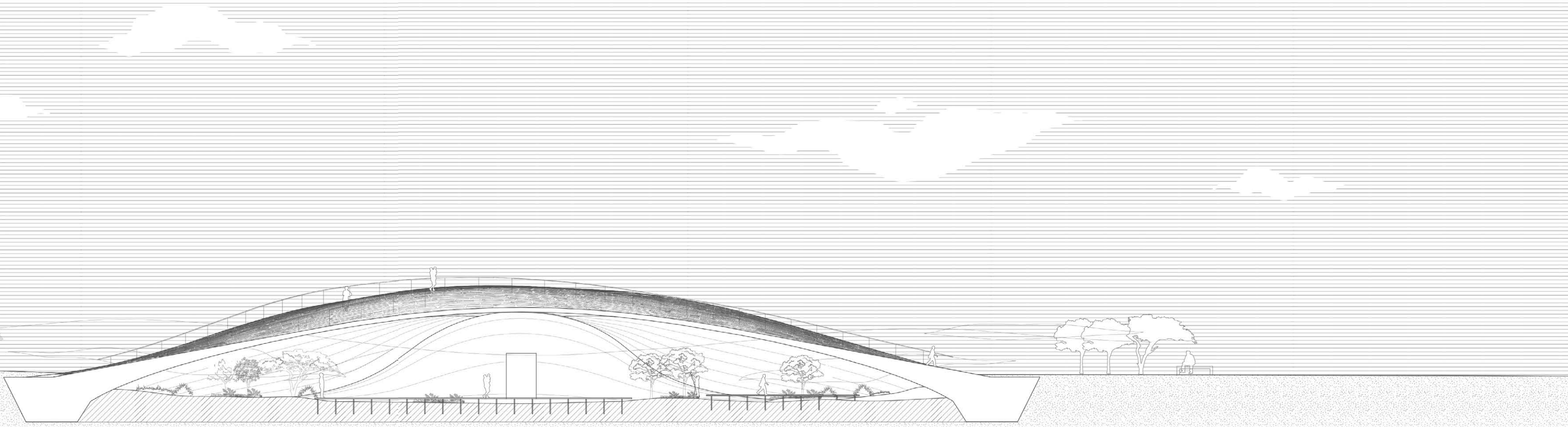




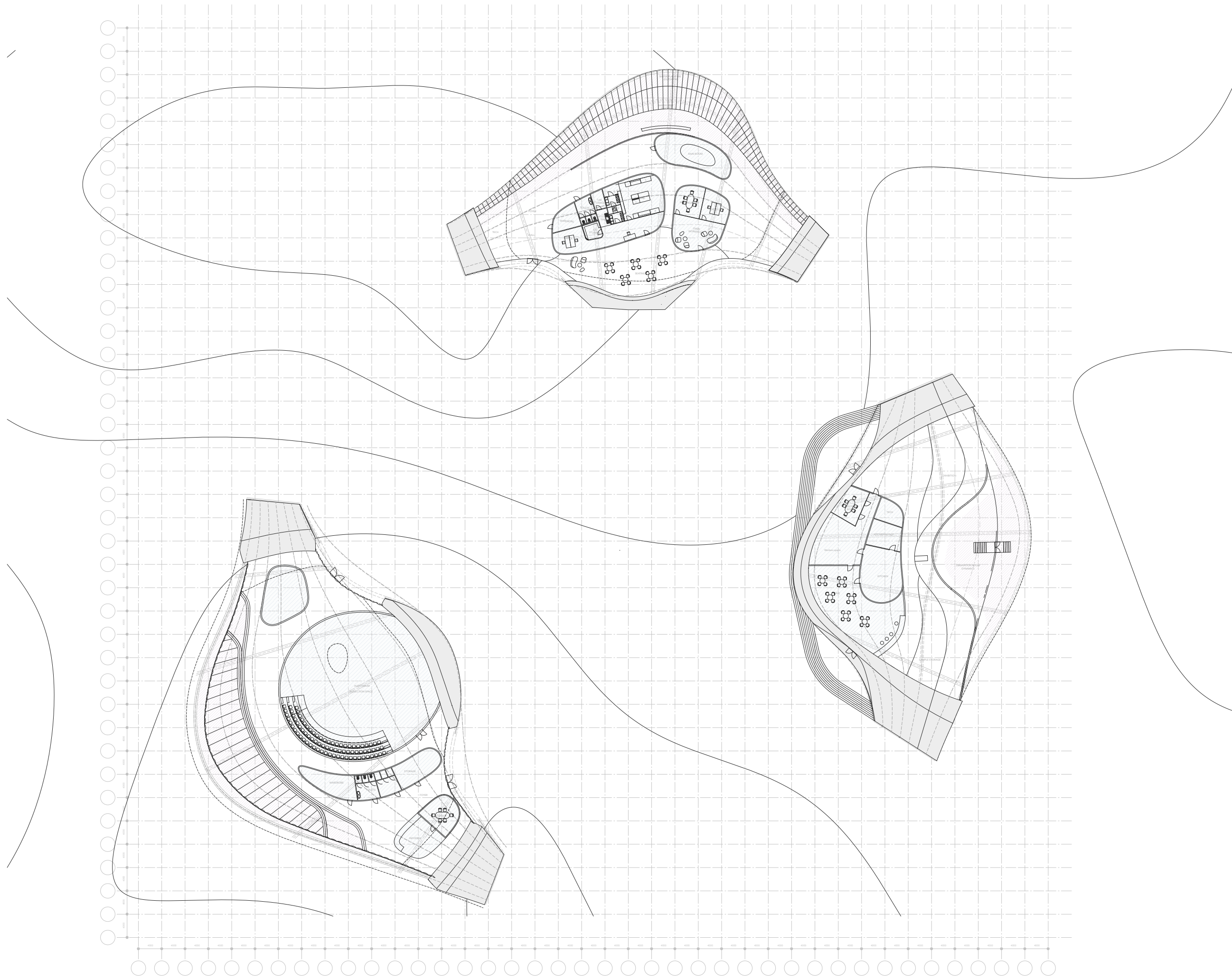




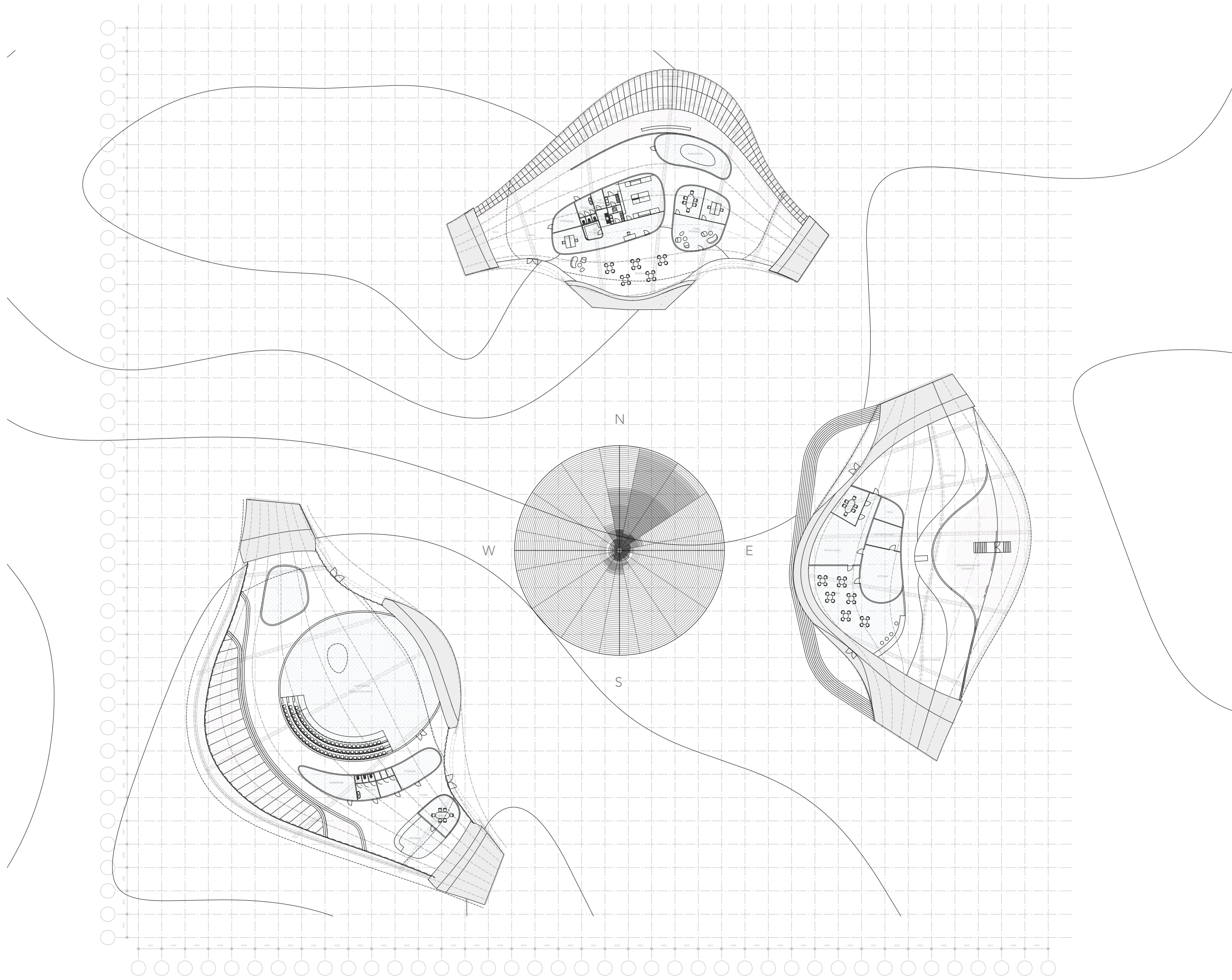




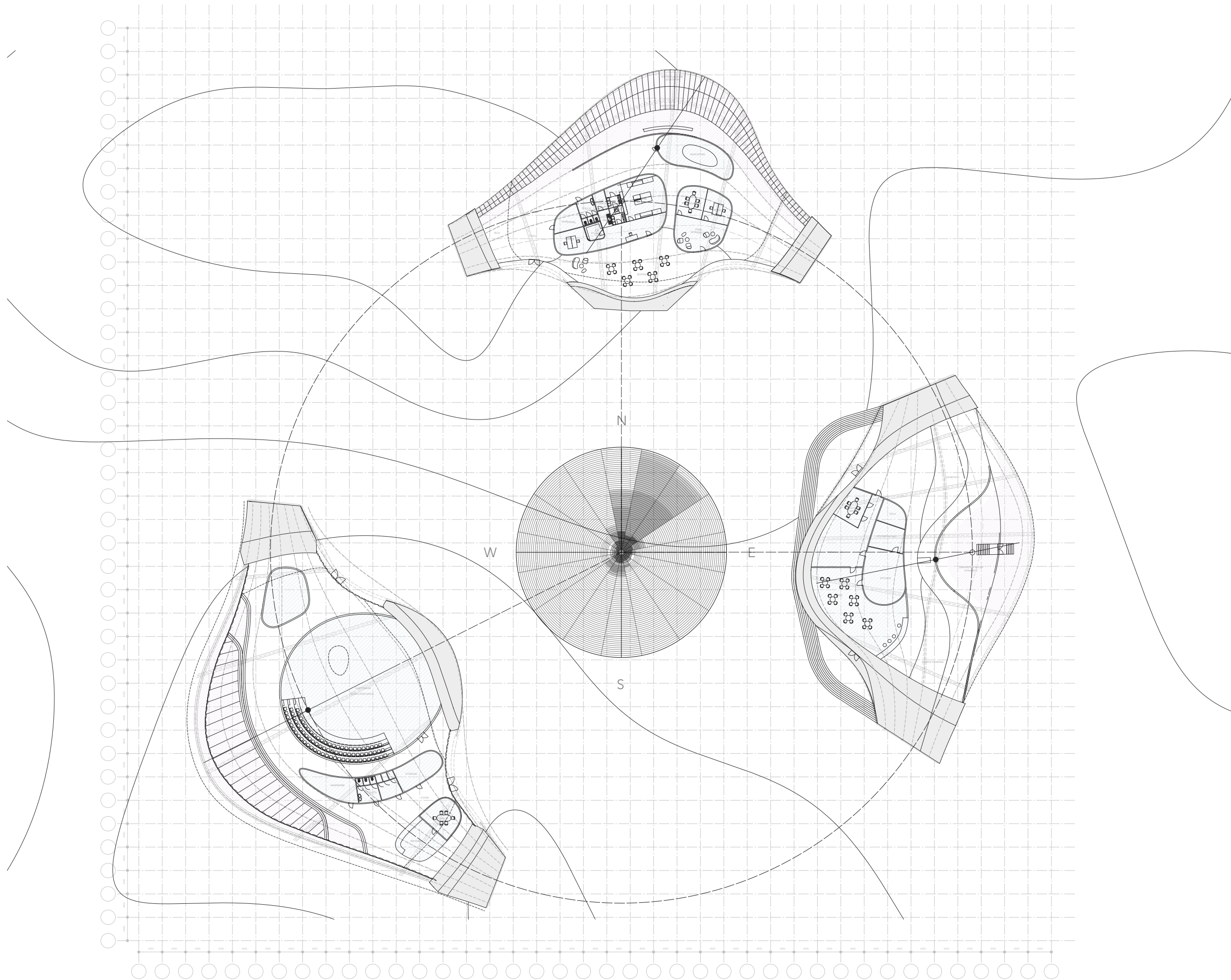




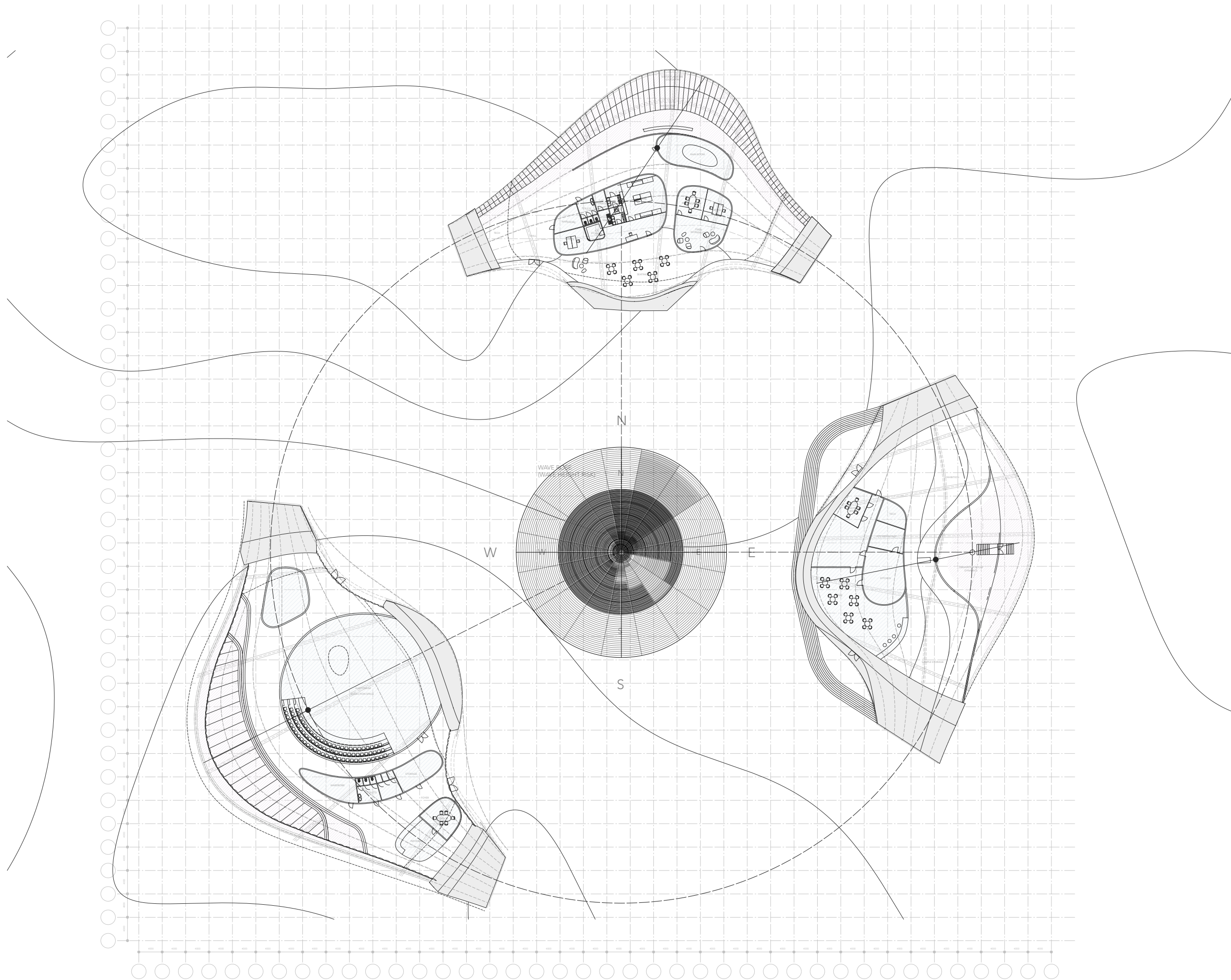




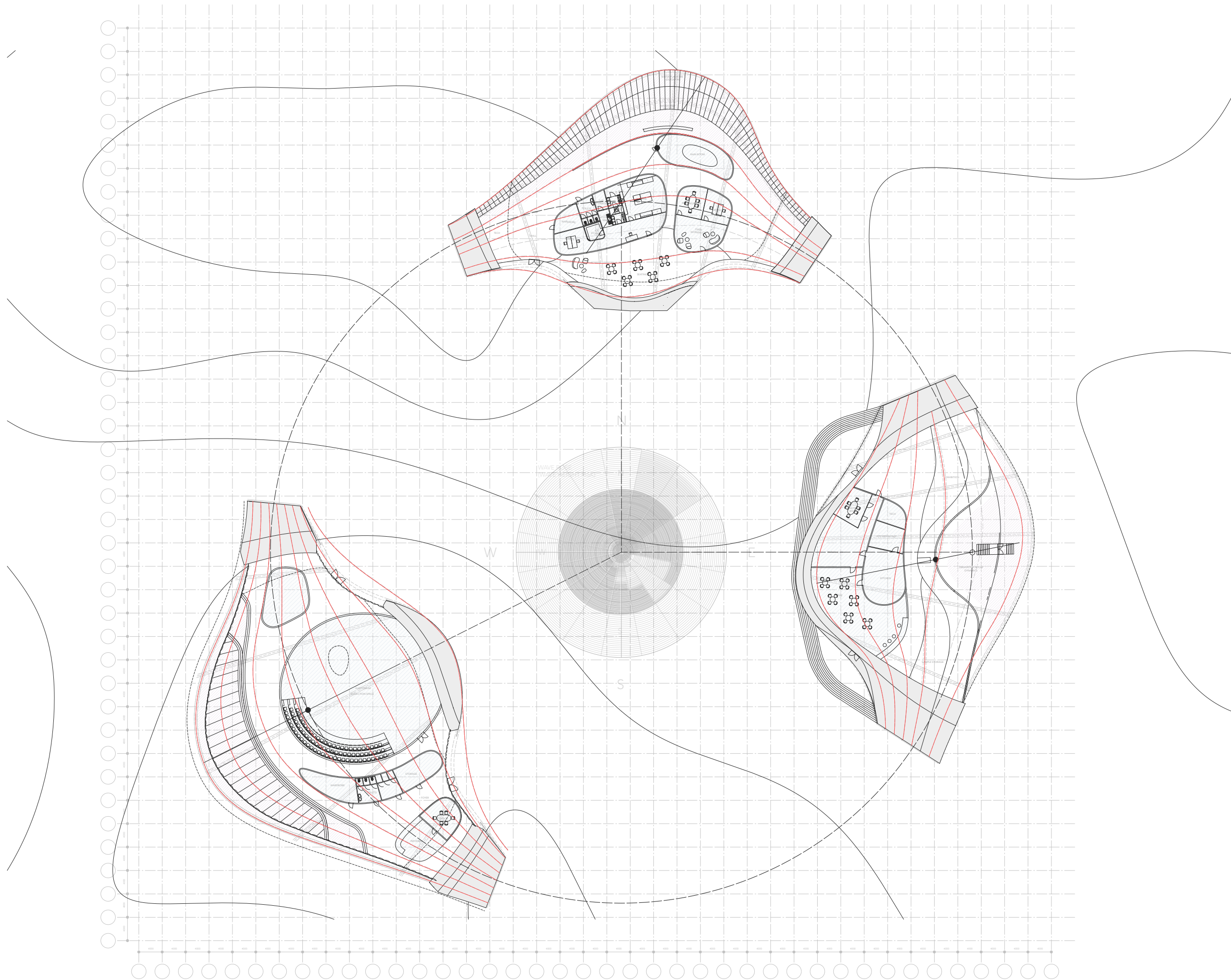






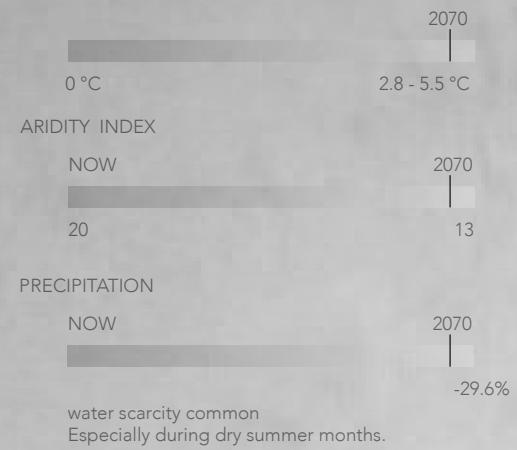




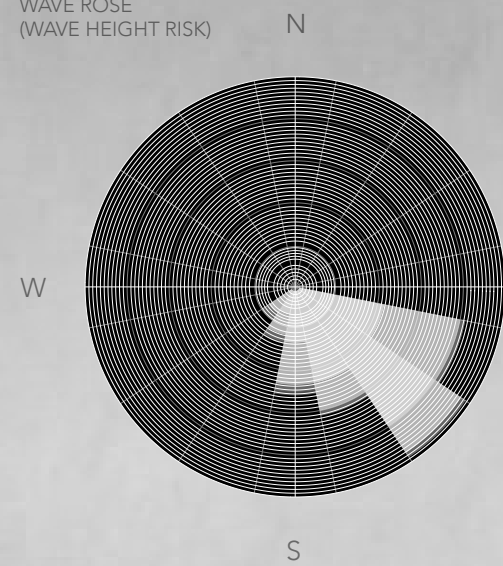




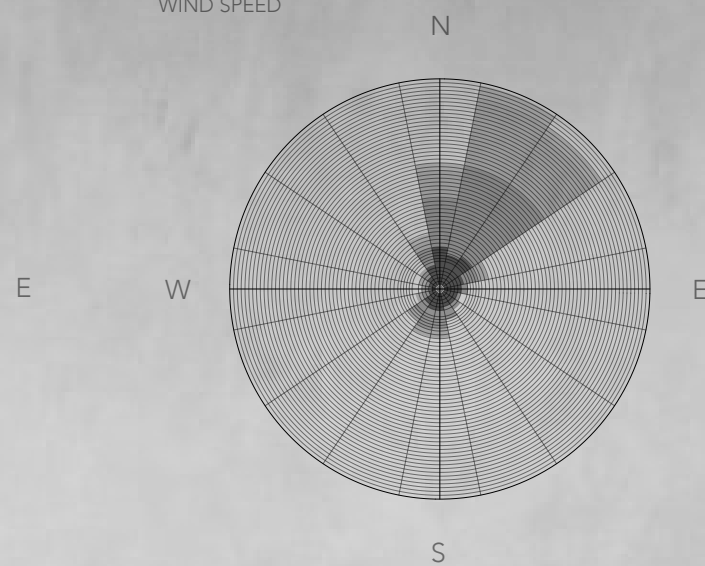
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TURKEY (DATA BY RCM)



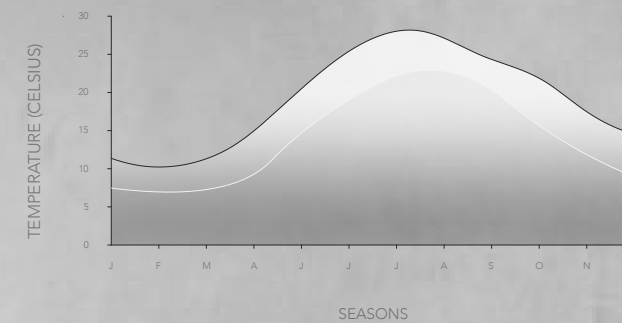
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(WAVE HEIGHT RISK)



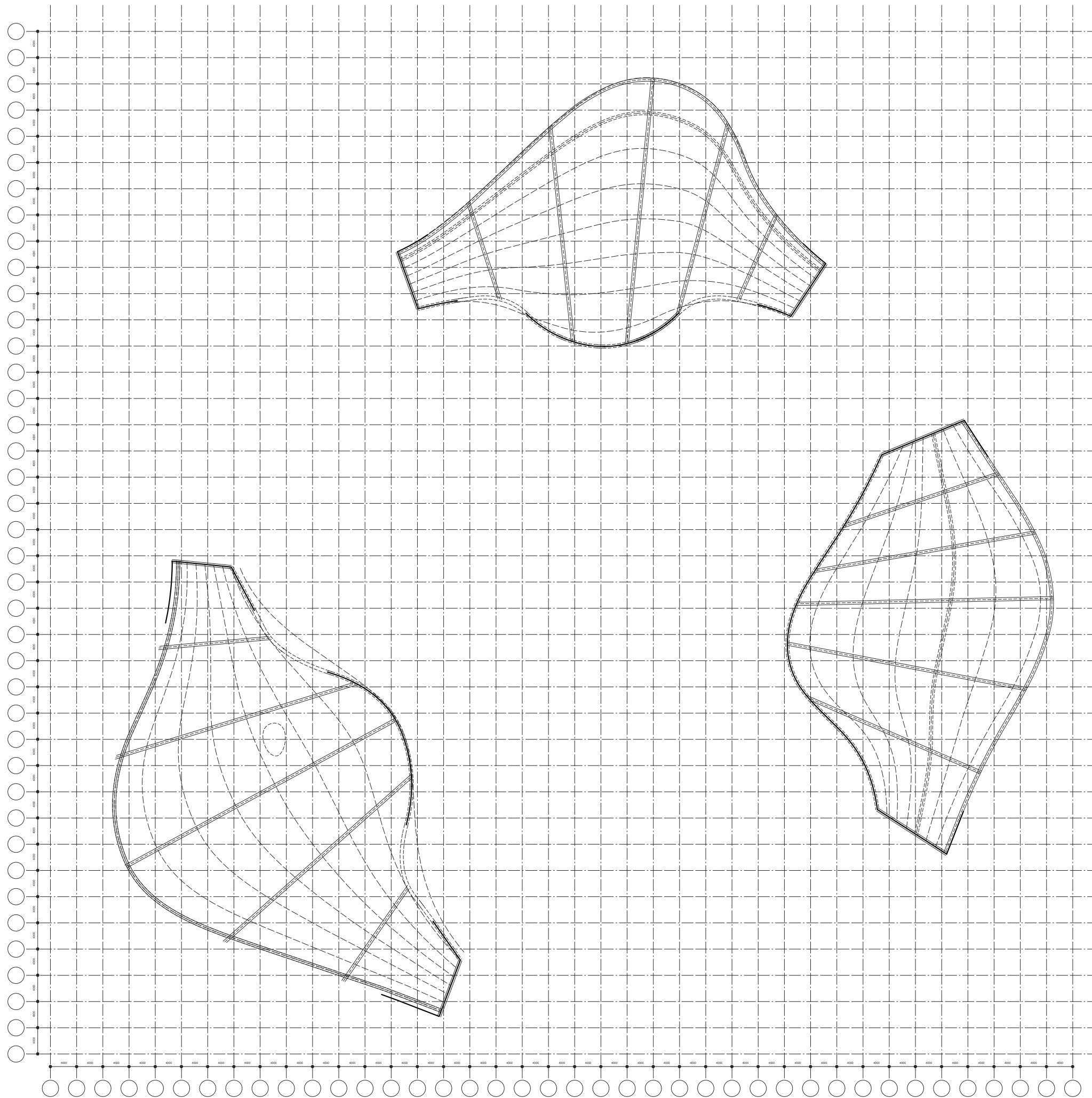
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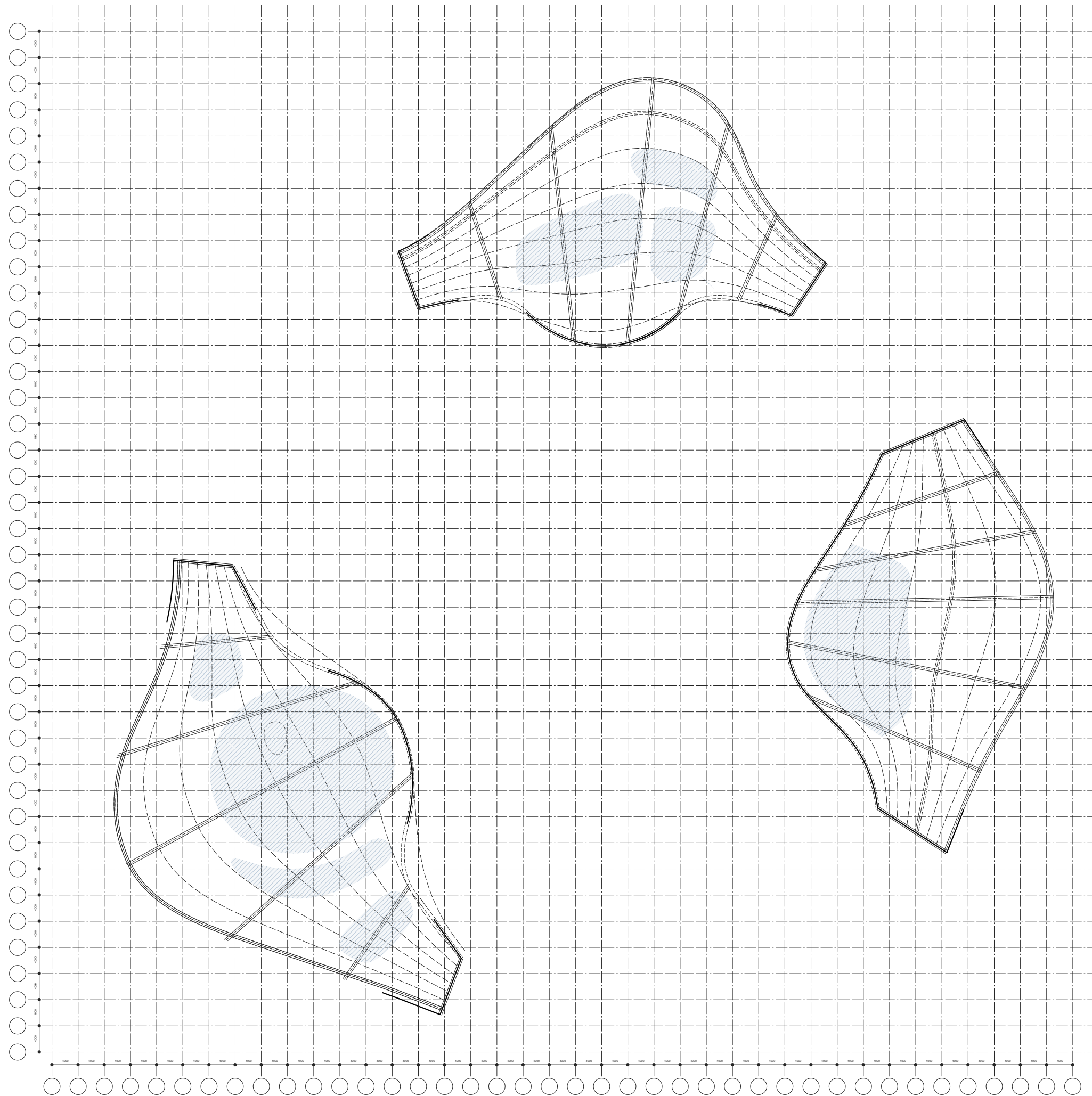
WATER SURFACE TEMPERATURE



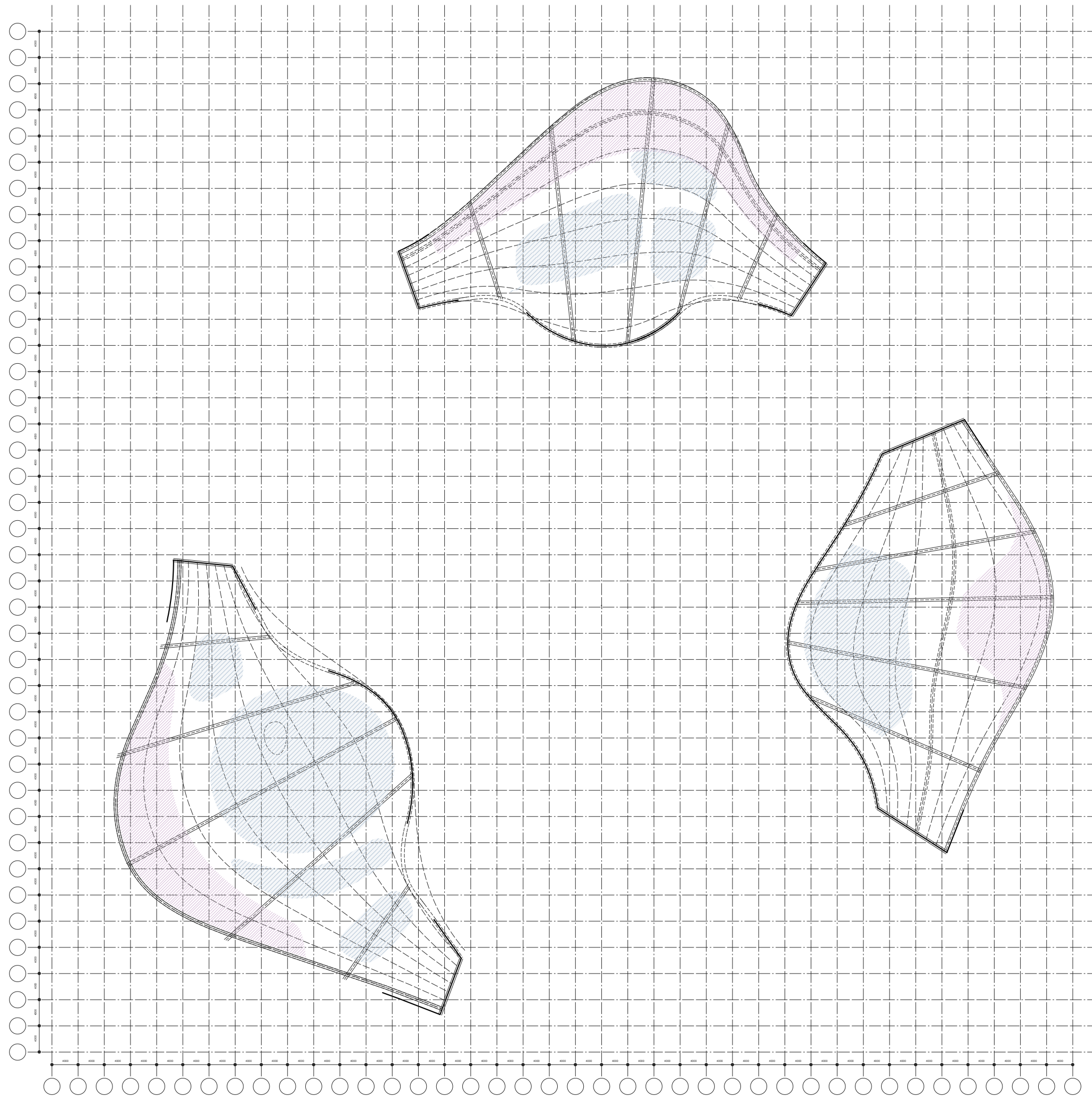








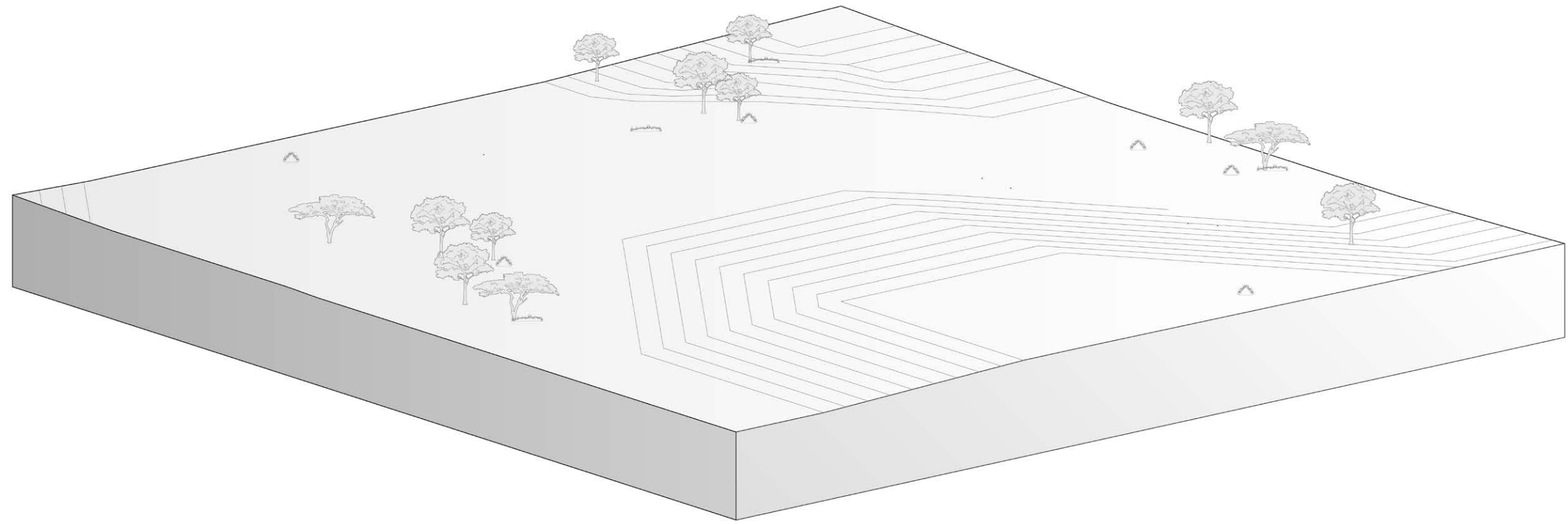




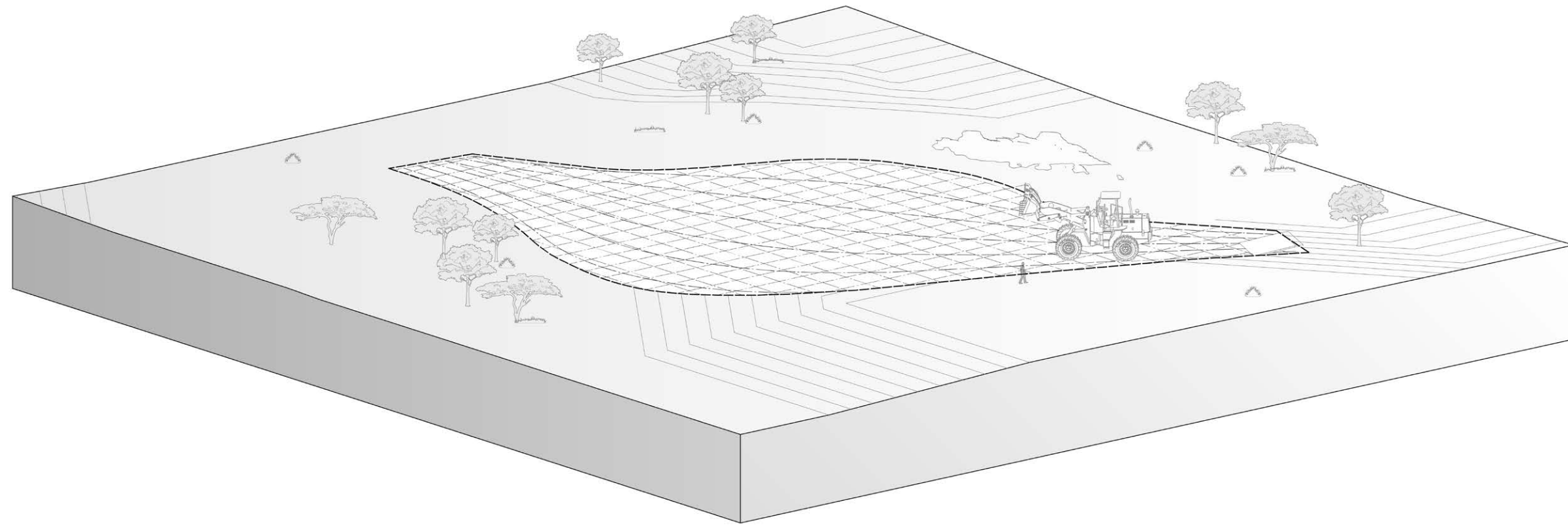


Building process of a biogenic concrete shell



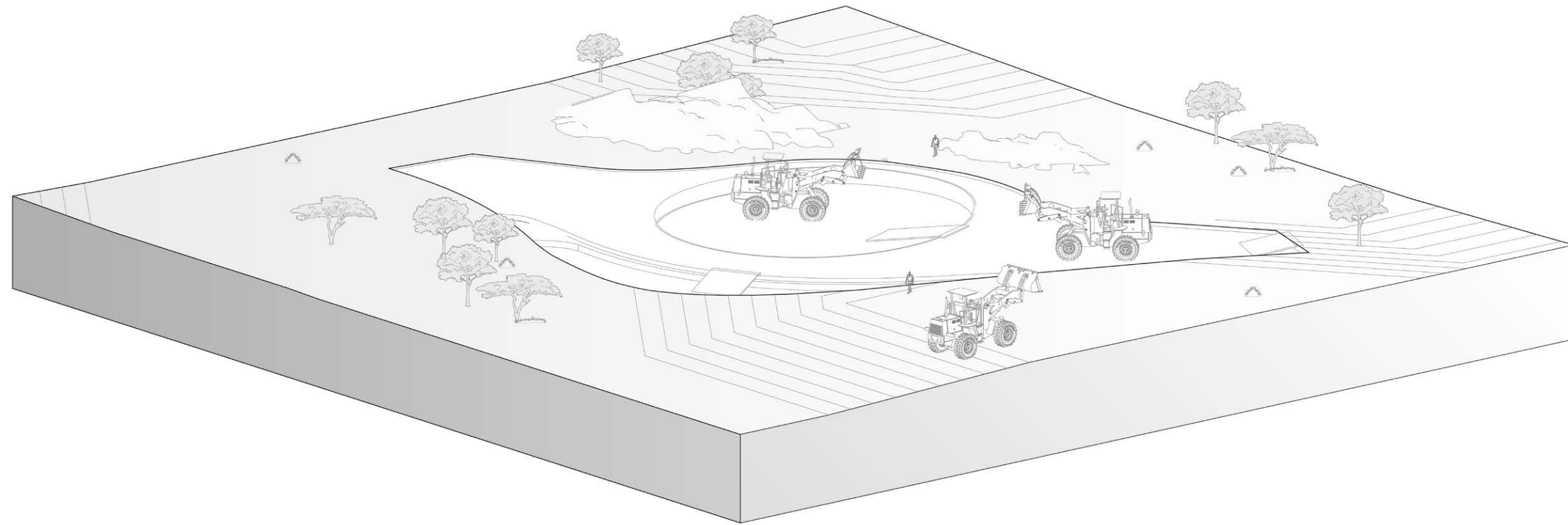






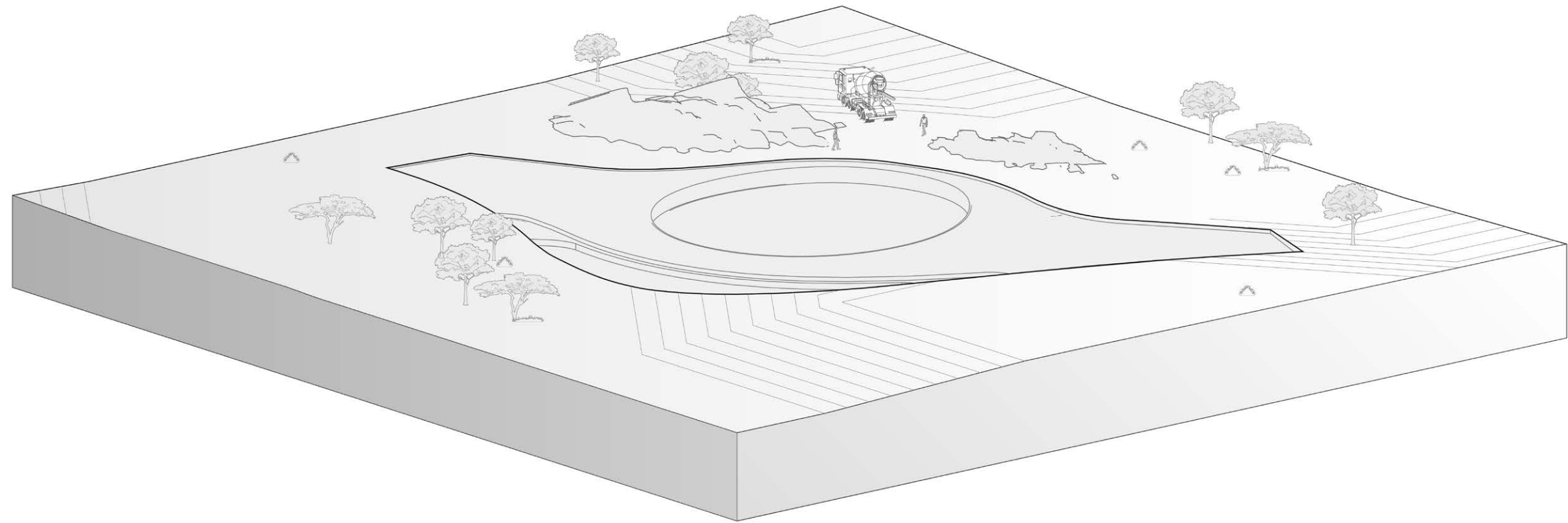
Creating a clear construction site, including:  
-clearing the construction site of any obstructions  
-leveling and compacting to provide a stable foundation  
for the structure.



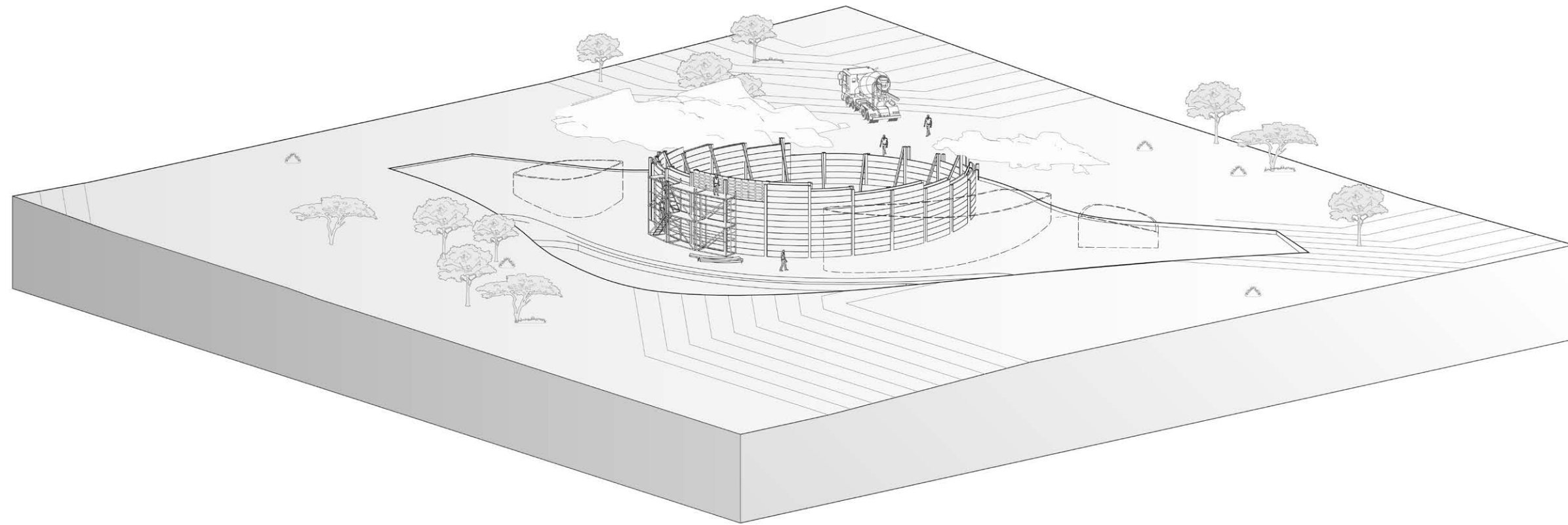


Further leveling to provide a stable foundation  
for the structure.  
Soil is excavated and collected for reuse.



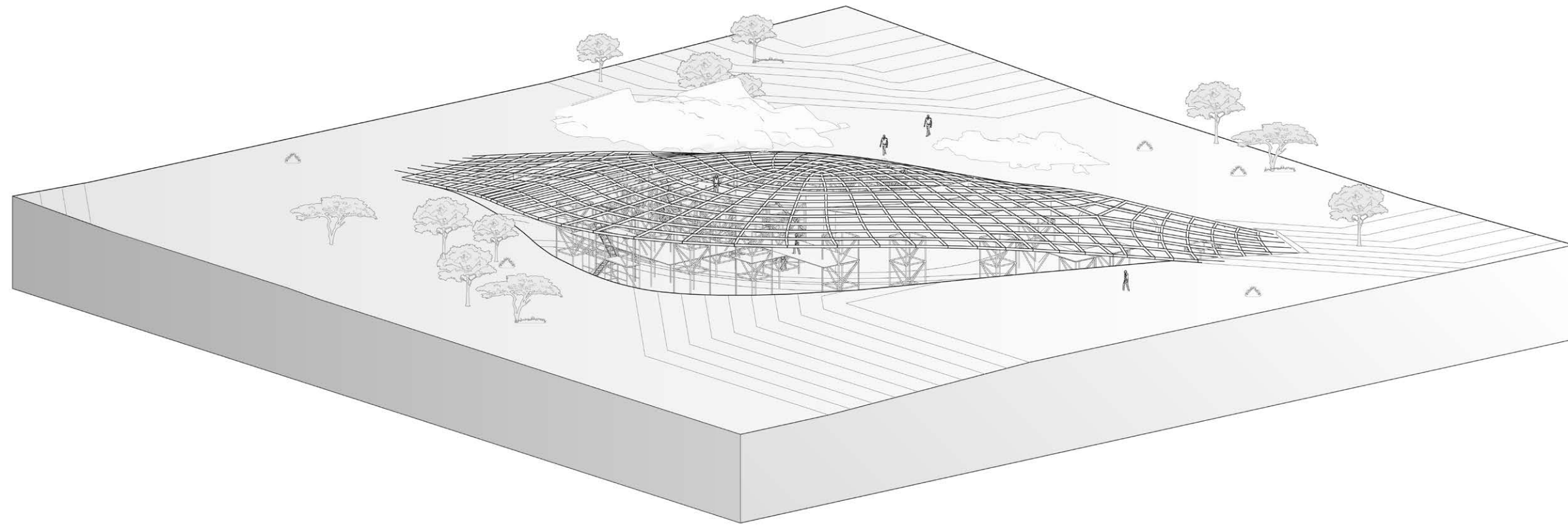






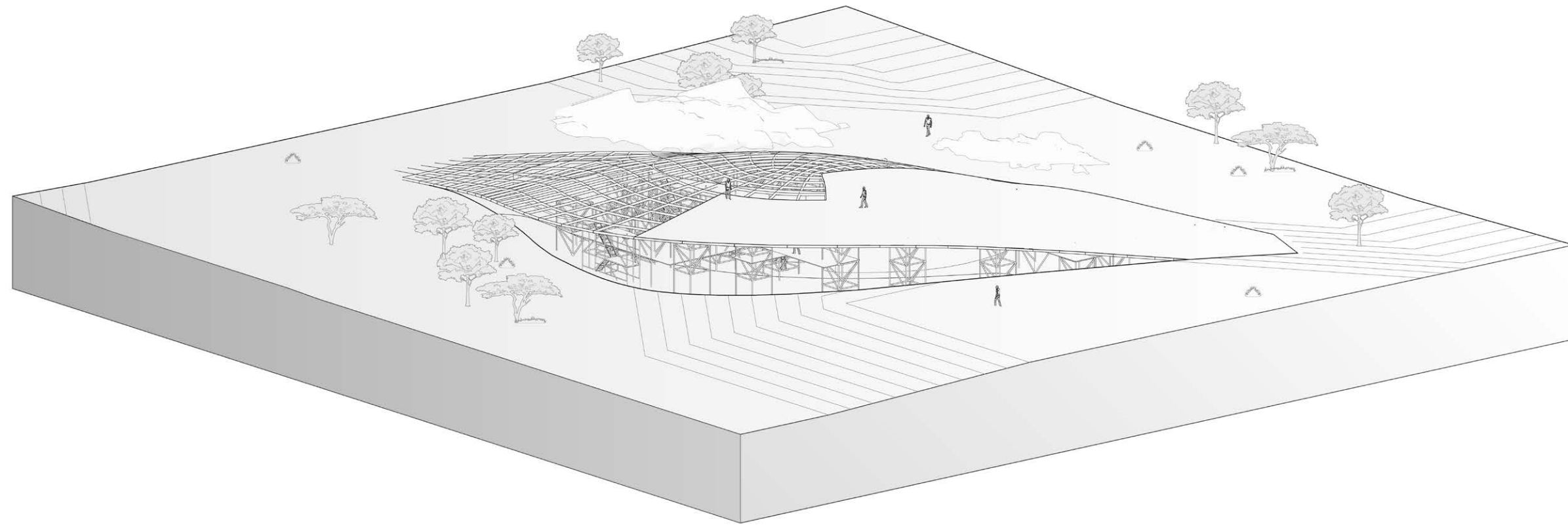
Constructing the formwork for the walls,  
that will later be used to help carry the shell structure.





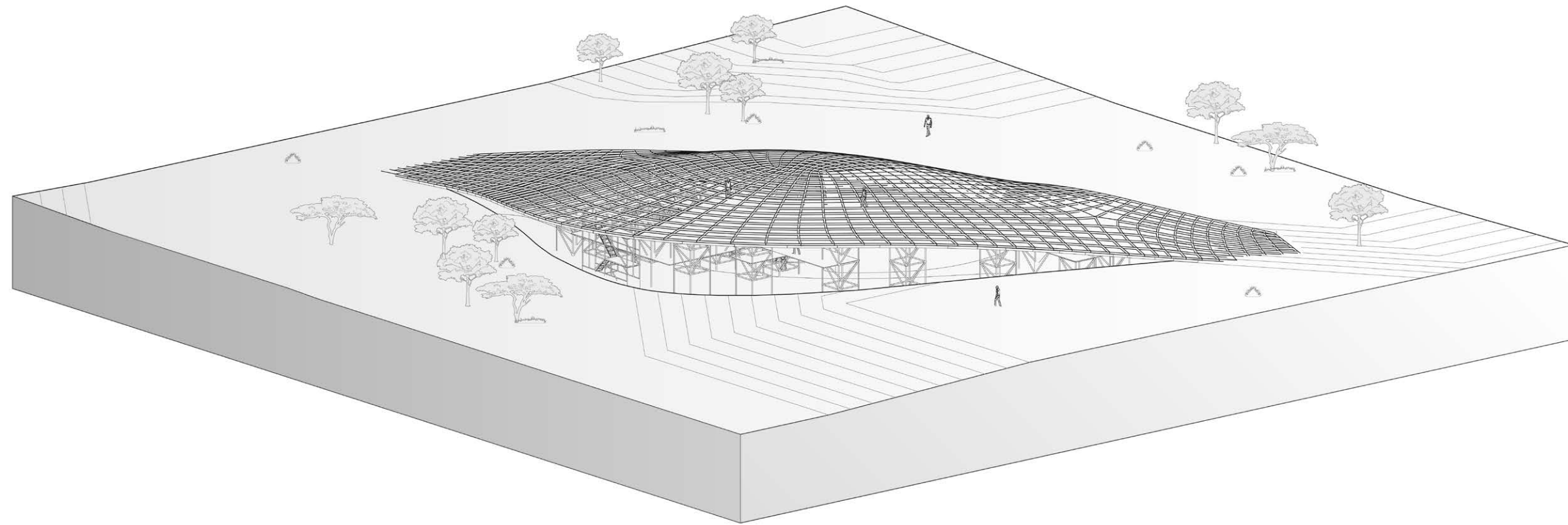
Constructing the primary steel formwork  
for the shell structure.





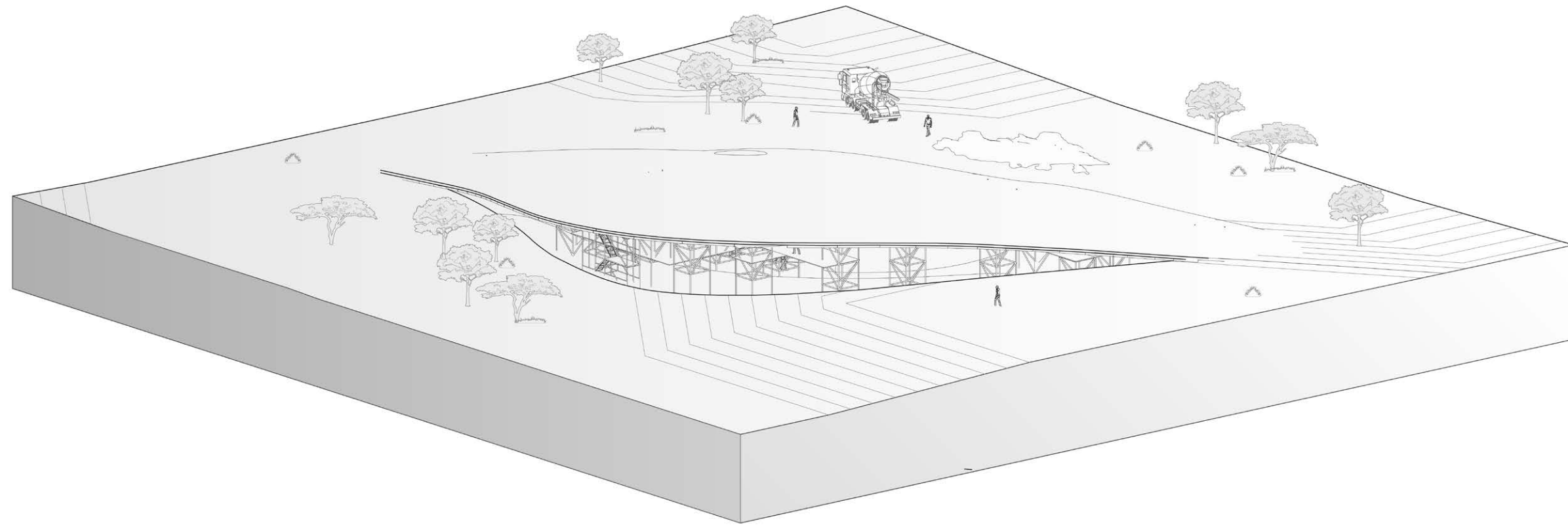
Finishing the formwork for the shell structure with secondary steel structure and panelling, to ensure that the formwork is strong enough to withstand the pressure of the concrete.





Placing the steel reinforcement within the formwork according to the specified structural design requirements

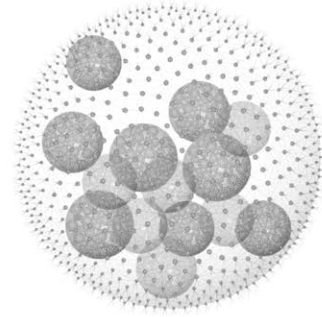




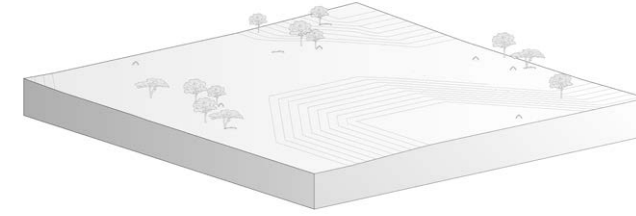
Pouring the concrete carefully into the formwork, ensuring that it completely fills the space and eliminates any air gaps or voids.



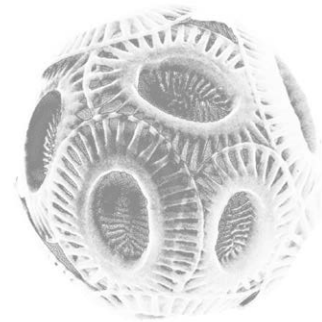
White microalgae



White microalgae (Coccolithophore) that biologically grown limestone through photosynthesis



Biogenic limestone



biologically grown limestone that replaces the quarried limestone. The new mixture creates a net carbon neutral balance.

50% of biogenic crete mixture

Soil from site



Soil that is excavated from site to create the groundscapes, is reused within the concrete mixture making the building one with landscape

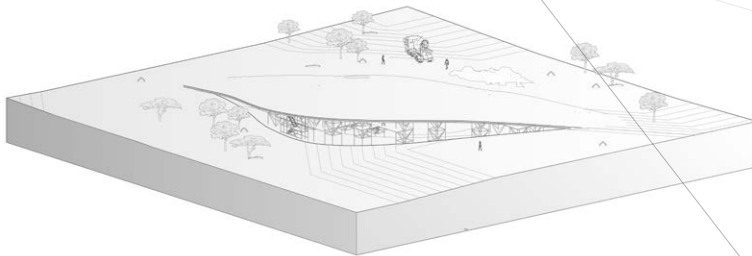
50% of biogenic crete mixture

Biogenic concrete

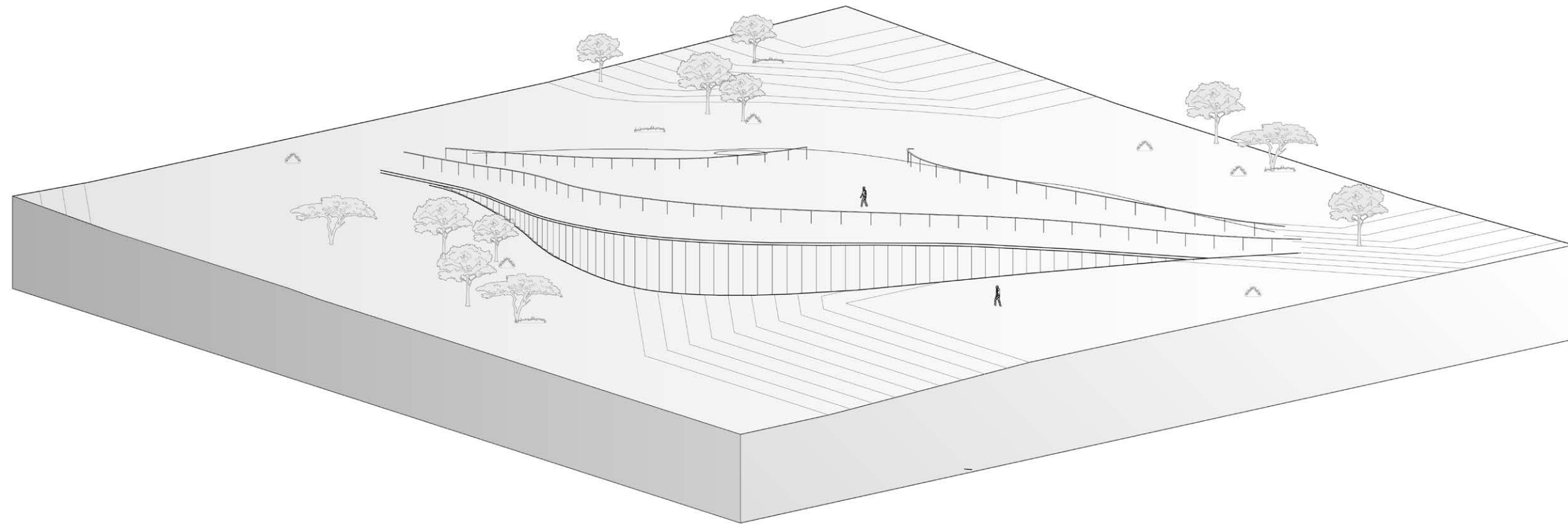


The carbon dioxide that is produced through the production of the biogenic concrete, is now already captured by the microalgae and is embedded in the material, creating a carbon neutral material.

100% Carbon neutrality

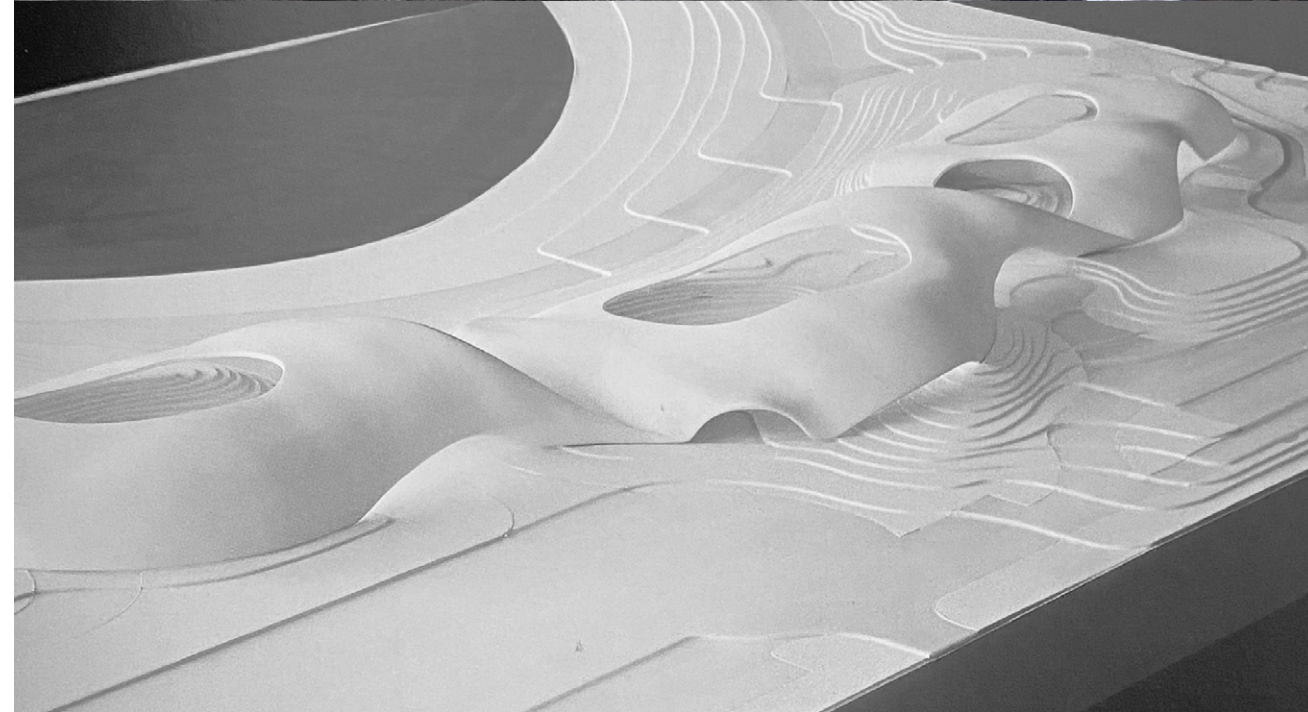




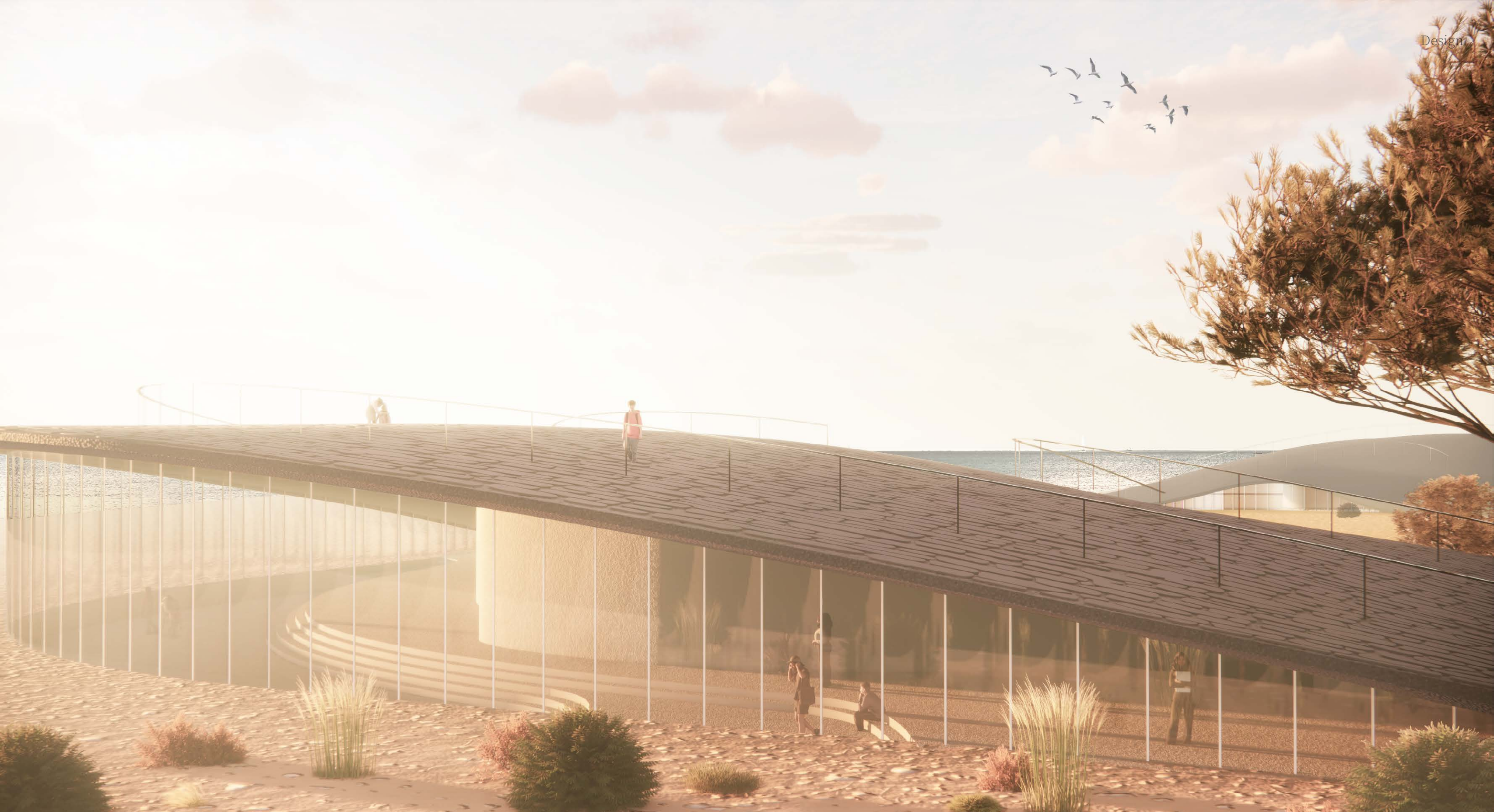


- Once the concrete has sufficiently cured and attained the necessary strength, the formwork can carefully be removed.
- Necessary finishing touches can be carried out, such as smoothing rough edges and applying protective coatings to enhance the structure's durability and aesthetics.
- Finished



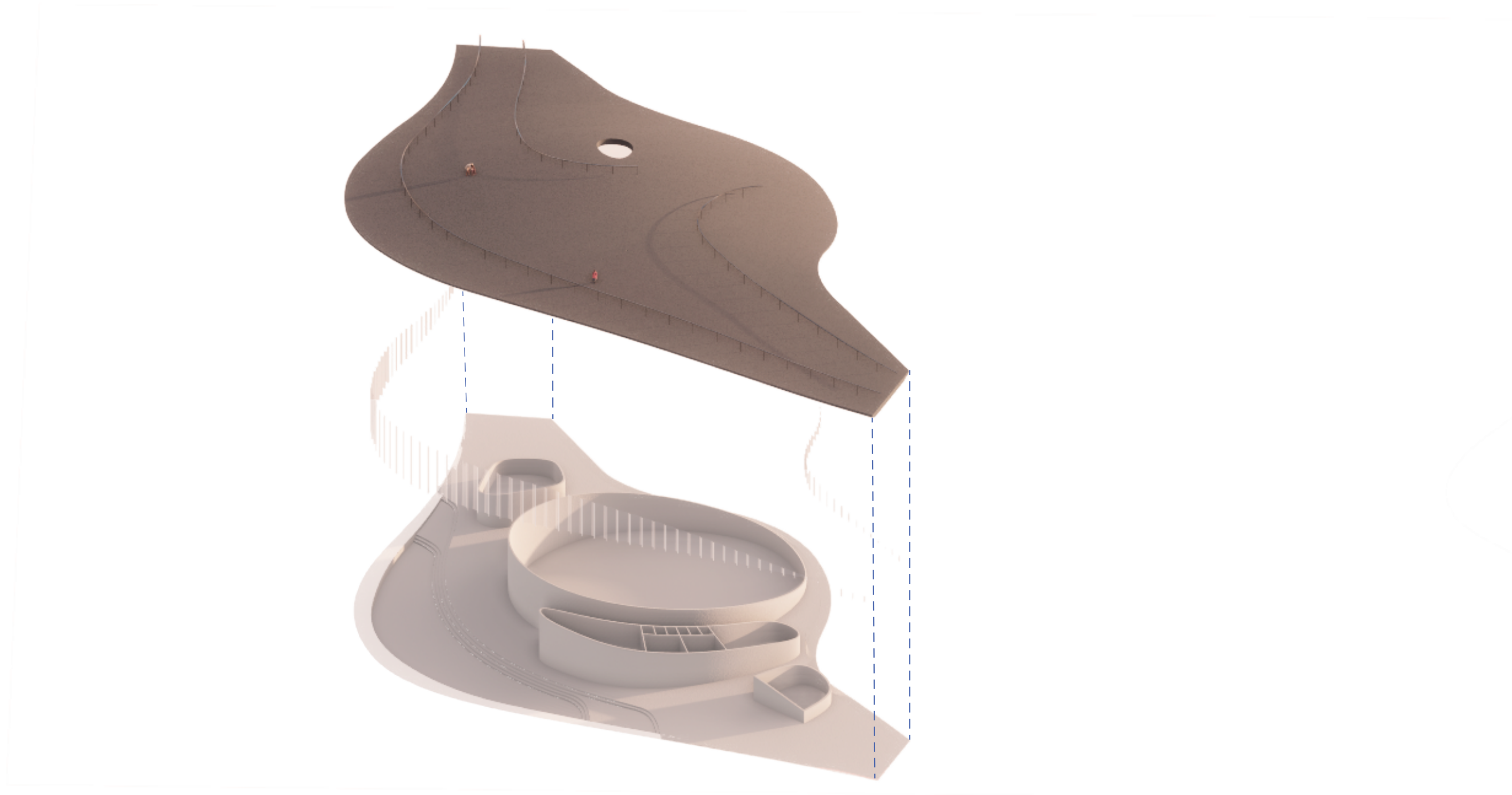




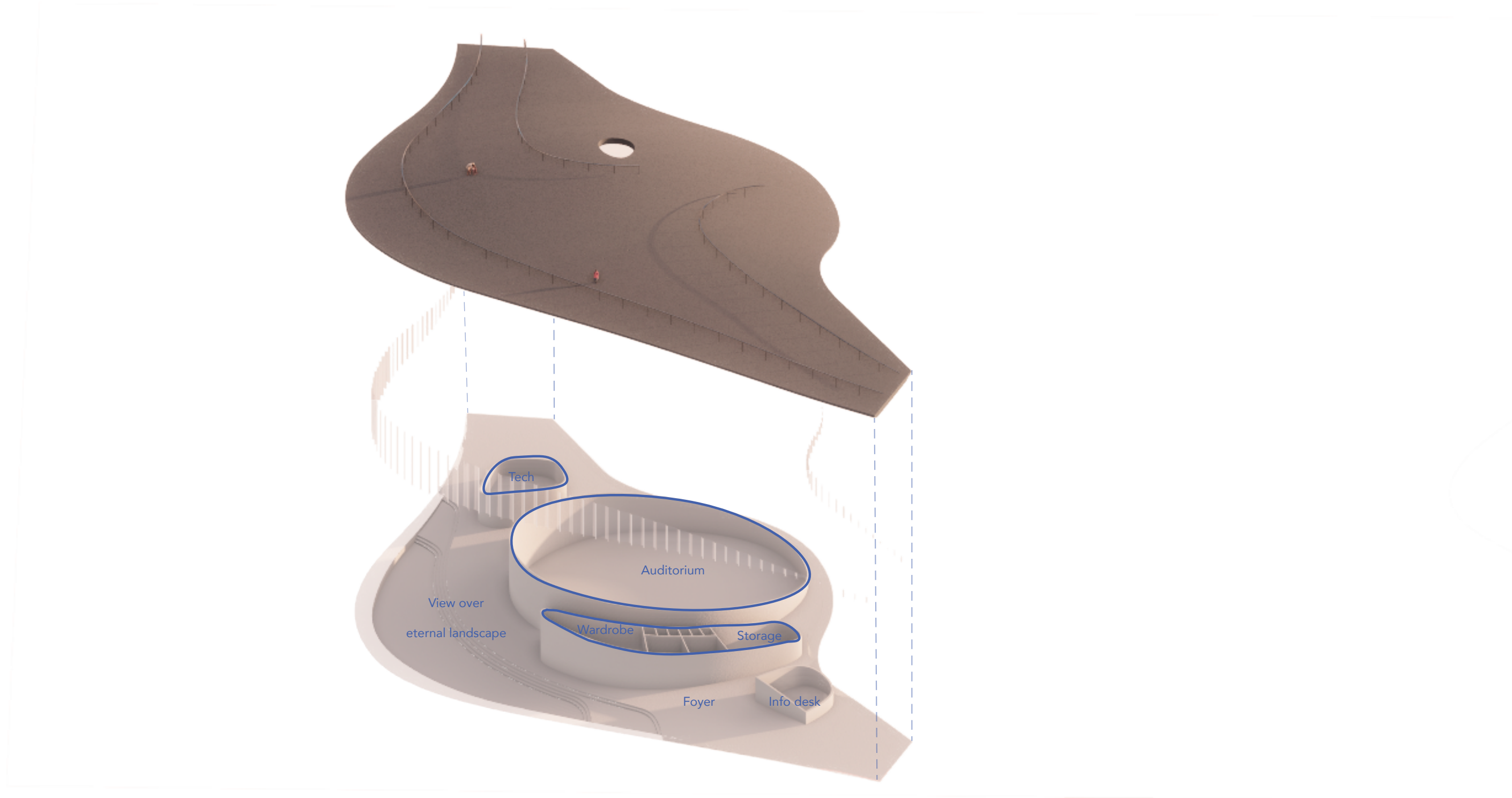


1 Celestial groundscape

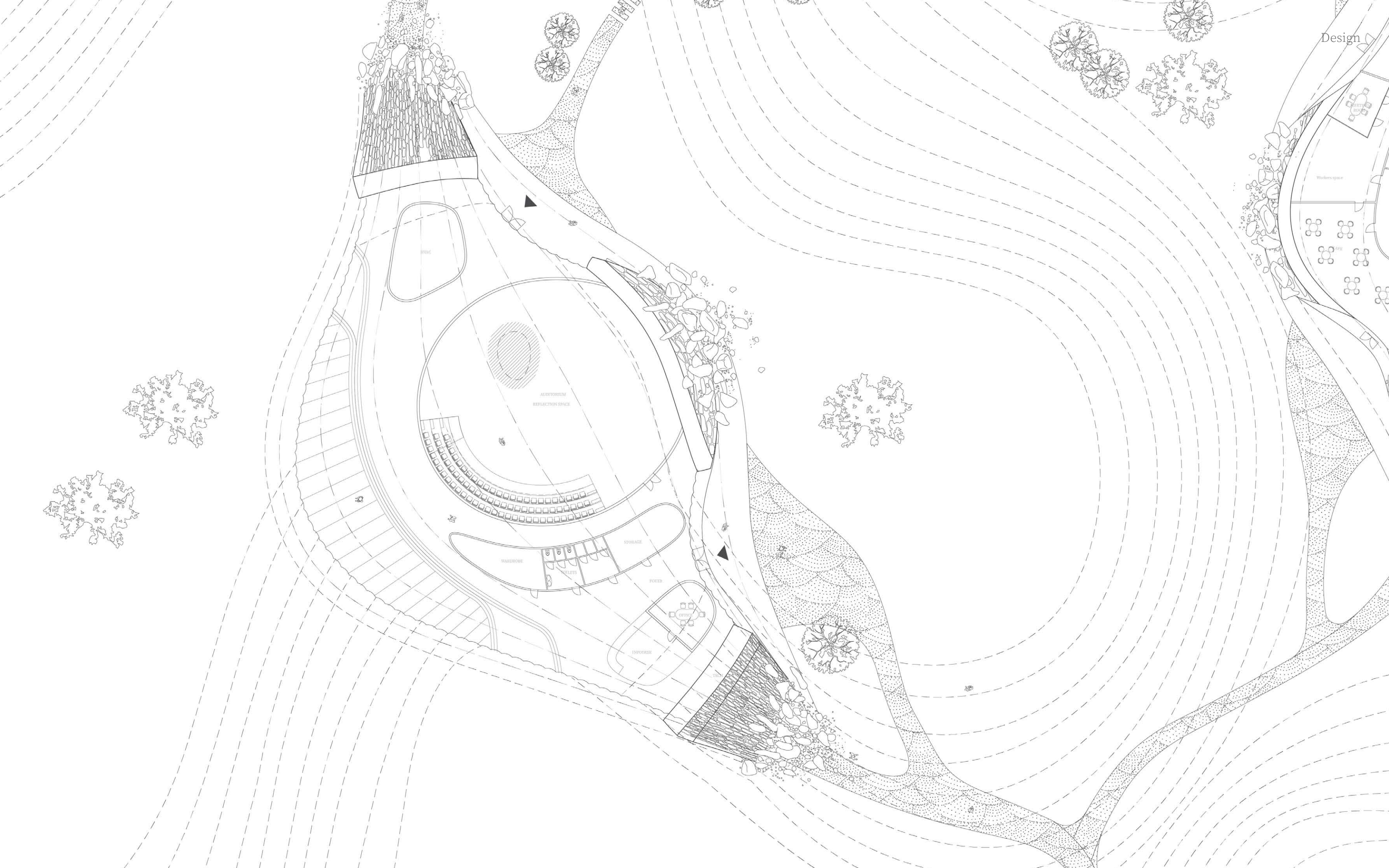




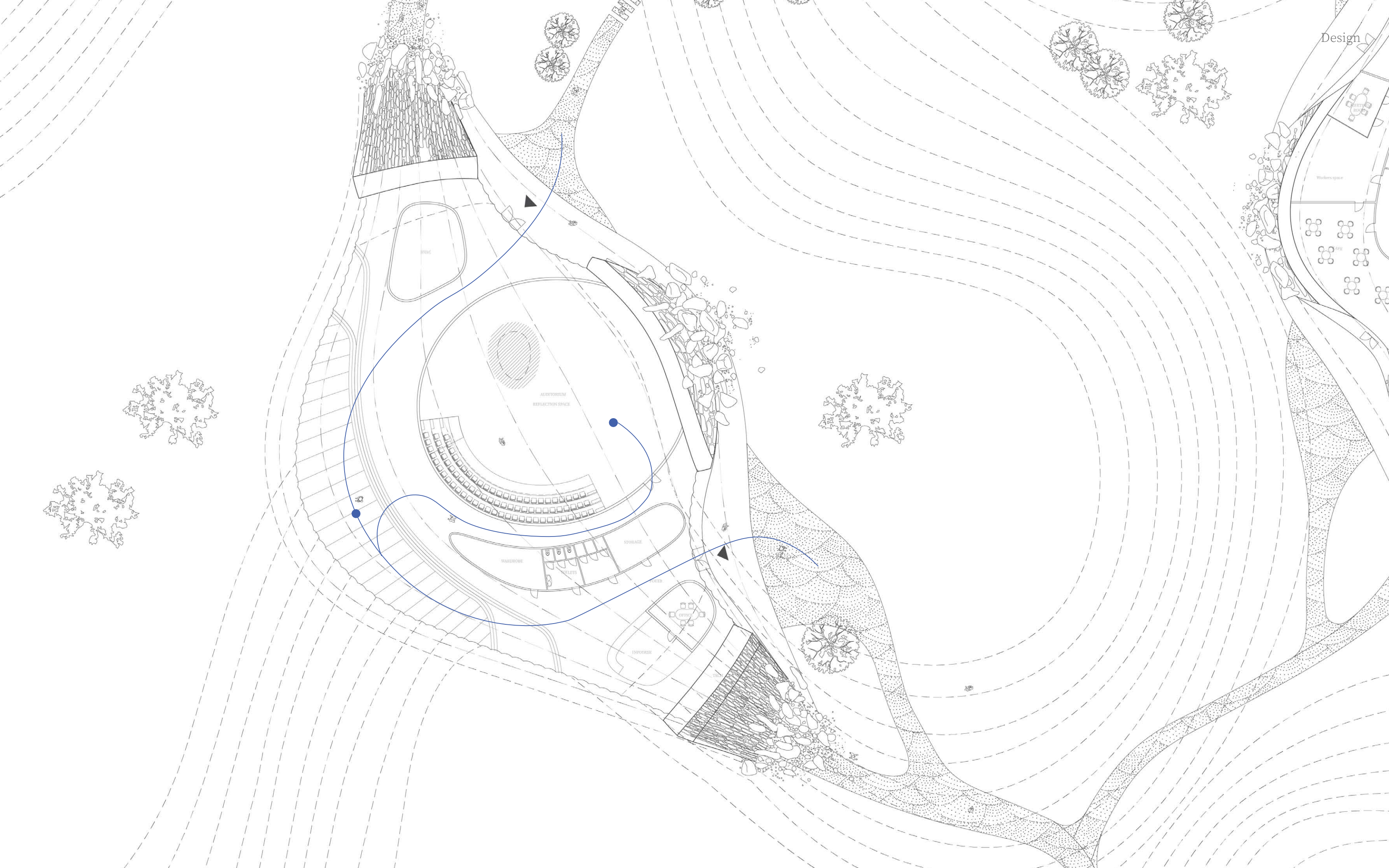








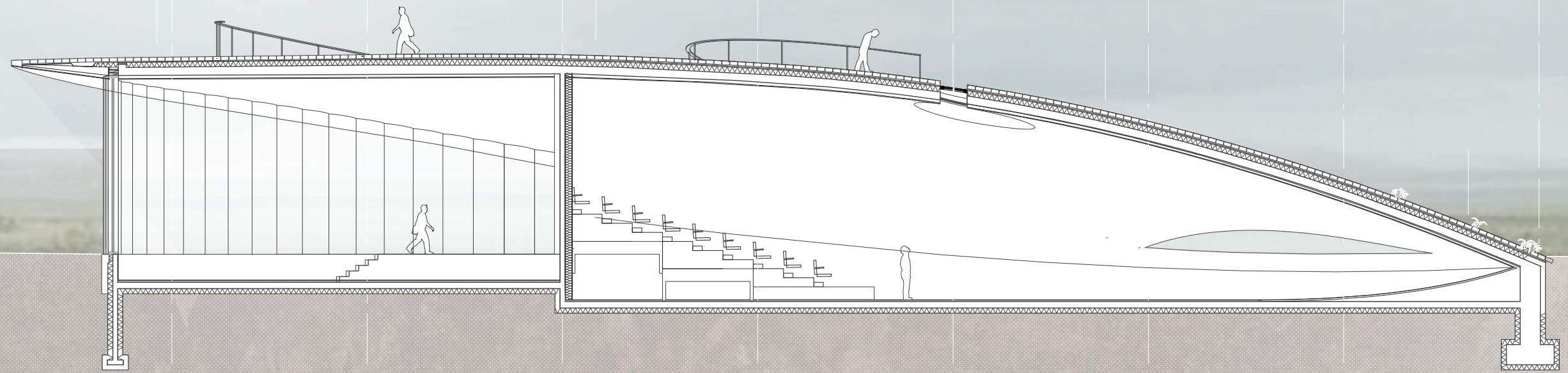
















Carbon Dioxide Sequestration

Algae and other marine life can clamp on the rough surface of the concrete tiles. The biodiversity that will star to exist on the shell can help erosion control and absorbs Co2 from the environment



Sun shading

The façade features an architectural overhang designed to provide shading and solar mitigation effectively minimizing direct sunlight exposure.

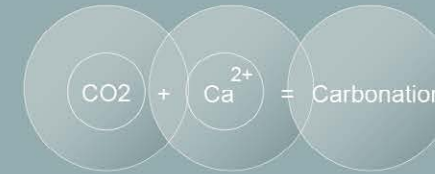


Use of thermal mass of landscape to keep the interior temperature around a constance



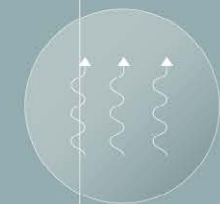
Hemp insulation

A sustainable and durable solution (low carbon footprint) to insulating the building. Furthermore it can be locally sourced. Its properties give the possibility of moisture control



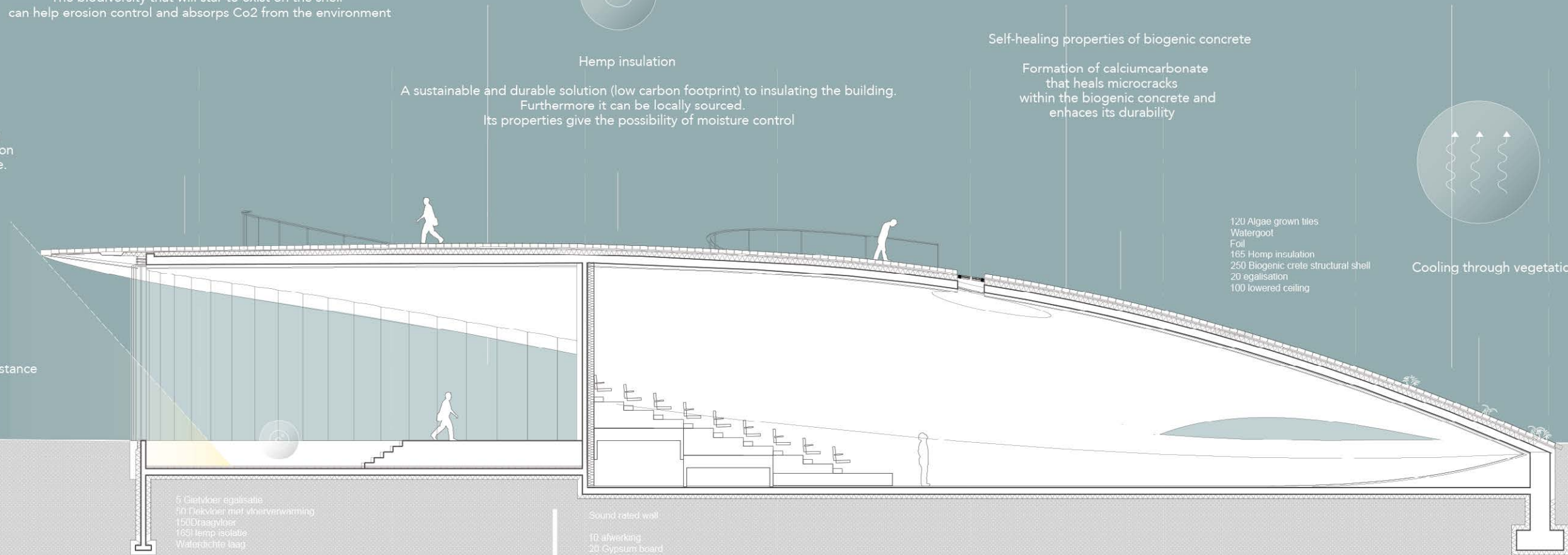
Self-healing properties of biogenic concrete

Formation of calciumcarbonate that heals microcracks within the biogenic concrete and enhaces its durability



Cooling through vegetation

- 120 Algae grown tiles
- Watergoot
- Foil
- 185 Hemp insulation
- 250 Biogenic crete structural shell
- 20 egralisation
- 100 lowered ceiling

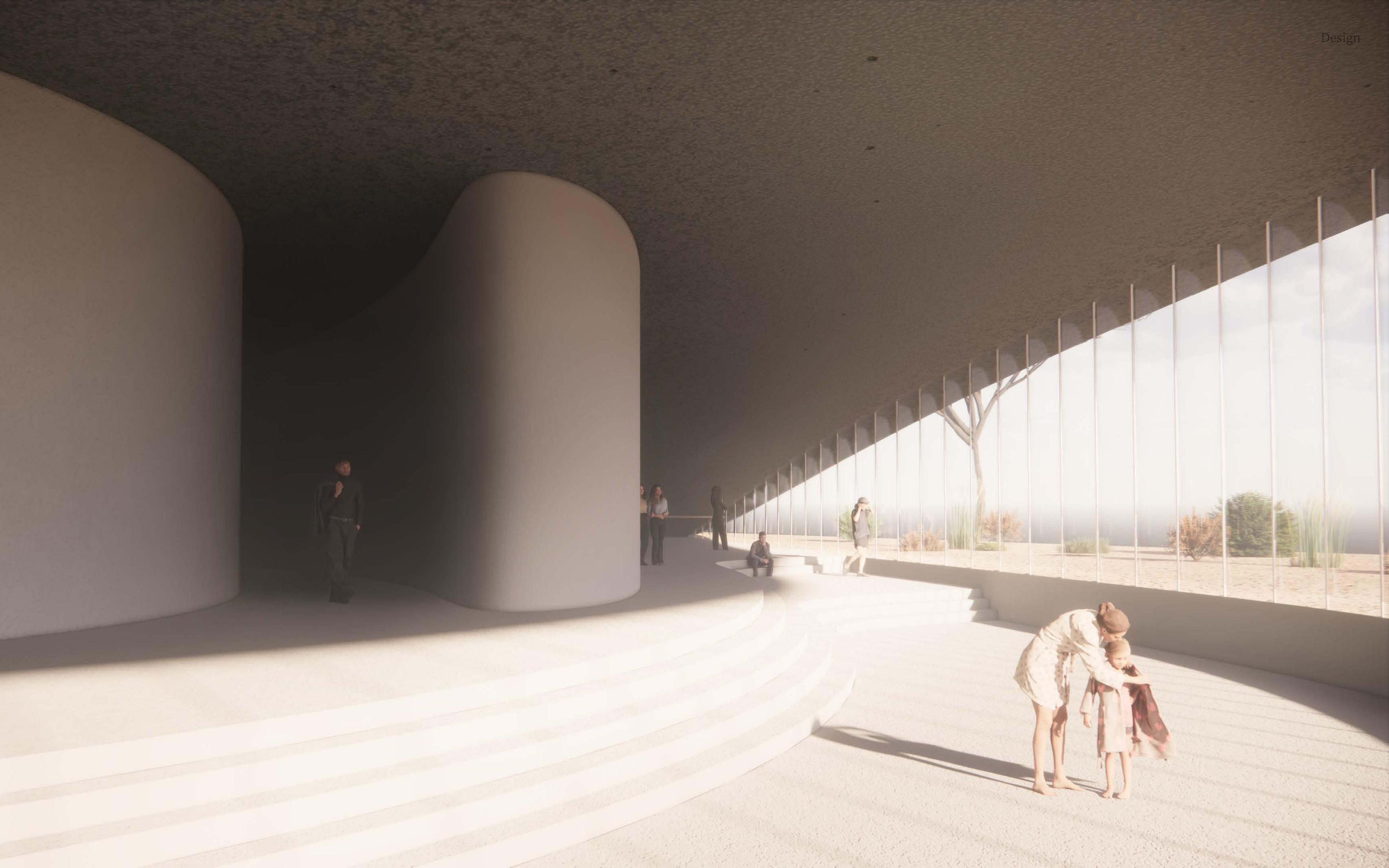


- 5 Gietvloer egalisatie
- 50 Drekvloer met vloerverwarming
- 150 Draagvloer
- 165 Hemp isolatie
- Waterdichte laag

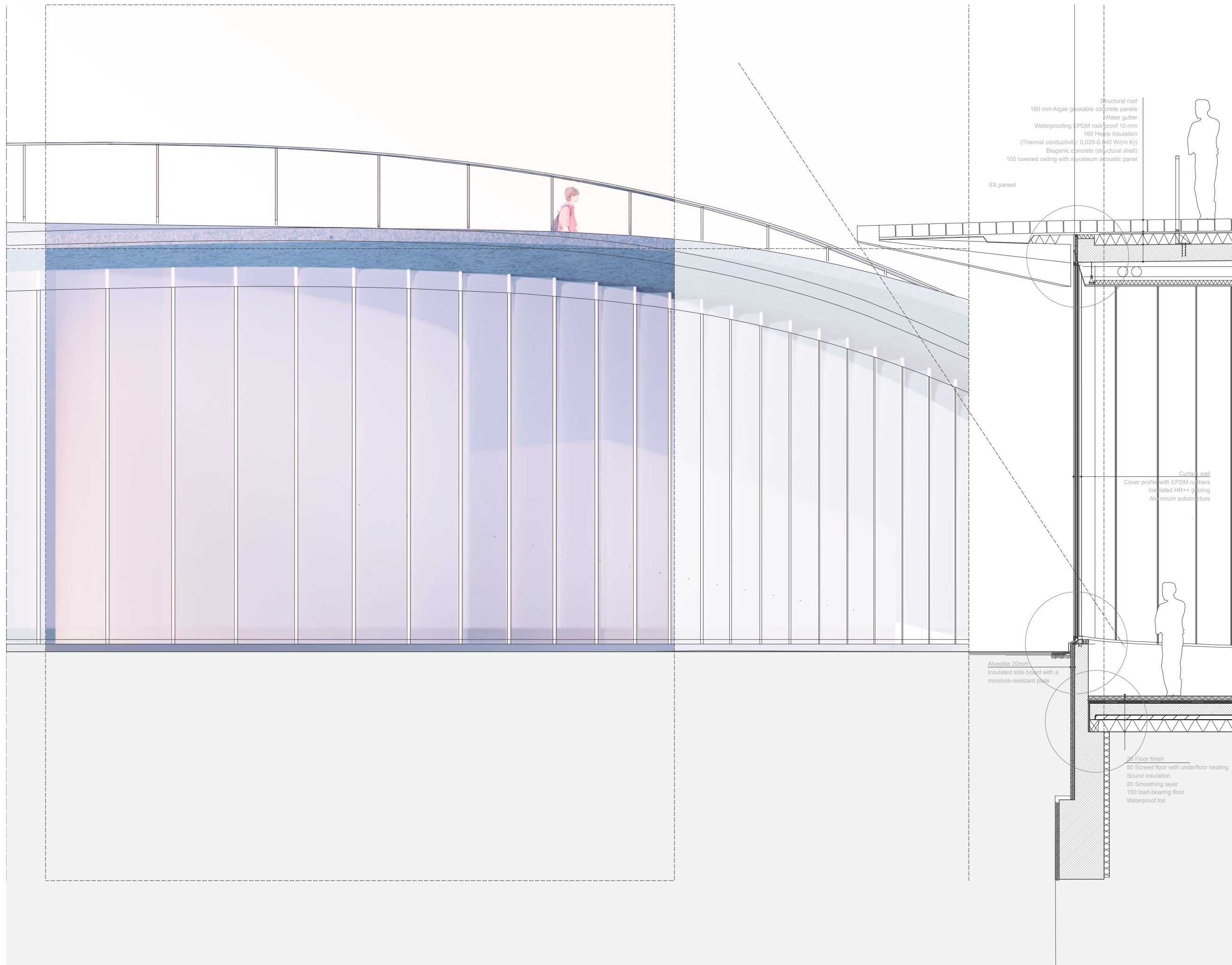
- Sound rated wall
- 10 afwerking
- 20 Gypsum board
- Wall Bloker Lite EVA sound membrane
- 200 Bat (sound) insulation with Gauge metal studs every 600 mm
- 150 Biogenic crete wall
- 20 Gypsum board
- 10 afwerking

Geothermal heatpump

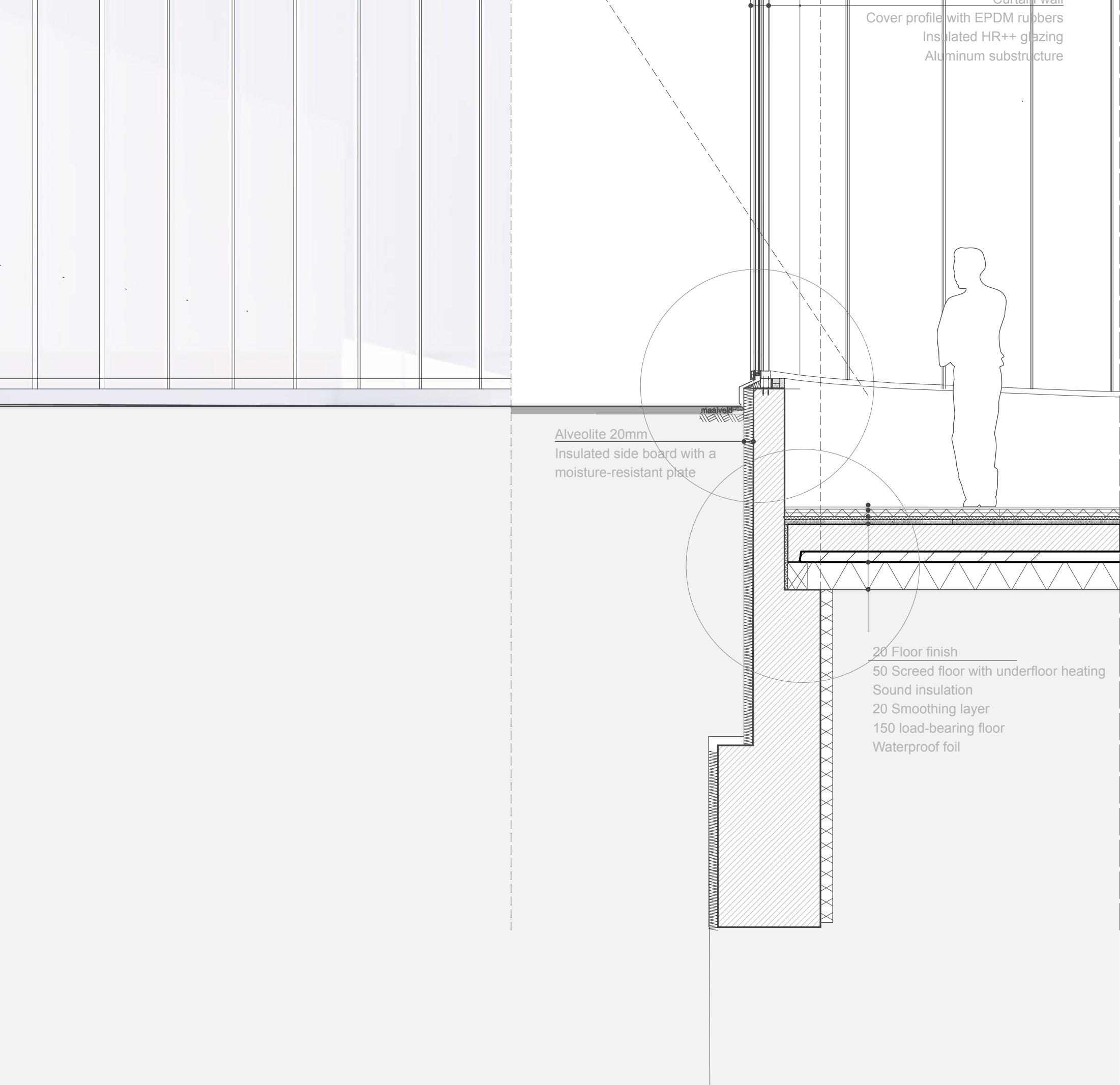










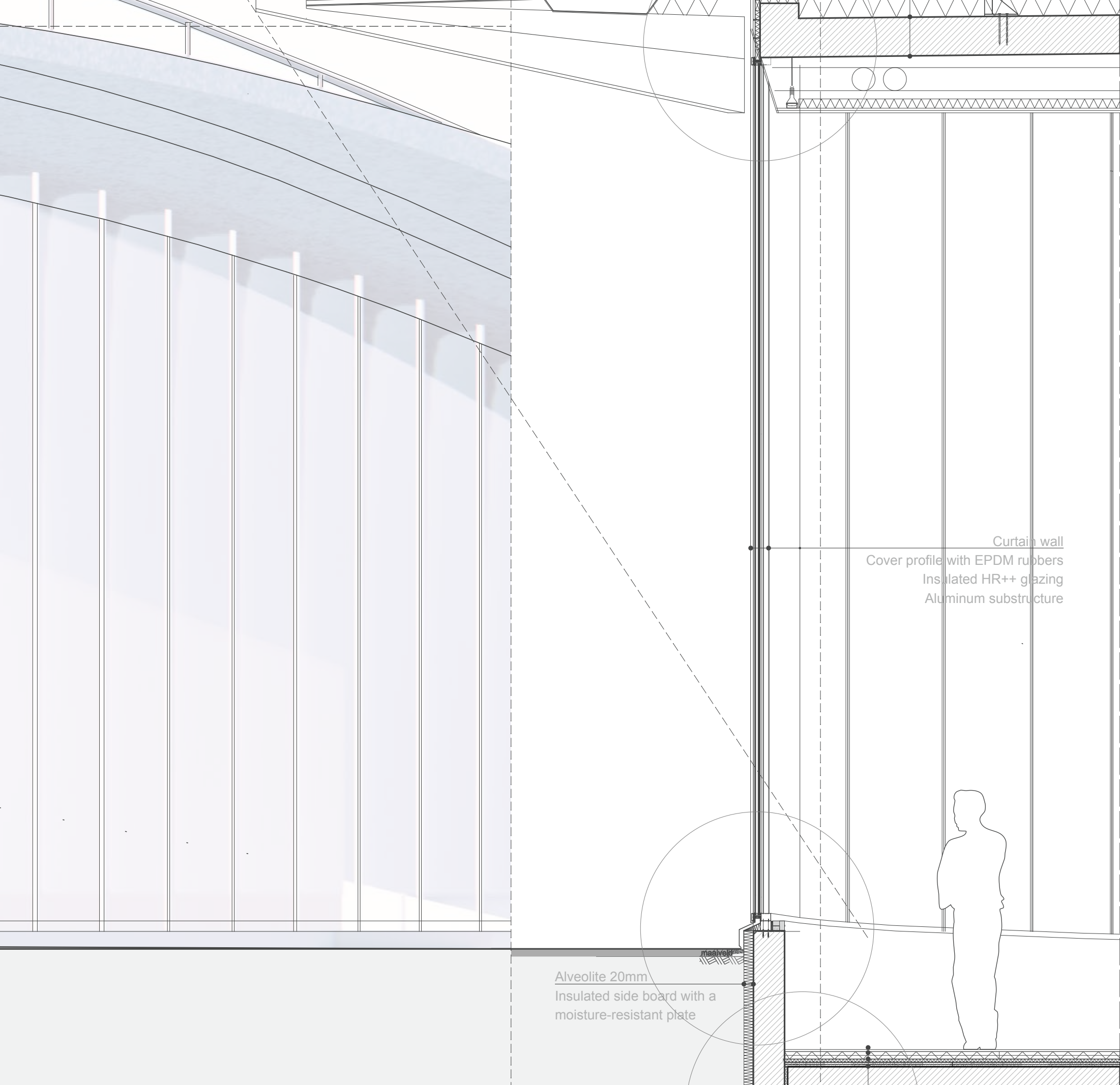


Curtain wall  
Cover profile with EPDM rubbers  
Insulated HR++ glazing  
Aluminum substructure

Alveolite 20mm  
Insulated side board with a  
moisture-resistant plate

20 Floor finish  
50 Screed floor with underfloor heating  
Sound insulation  
20 Smoothing layer  
150 load-bearing floor  
Waterproof foil

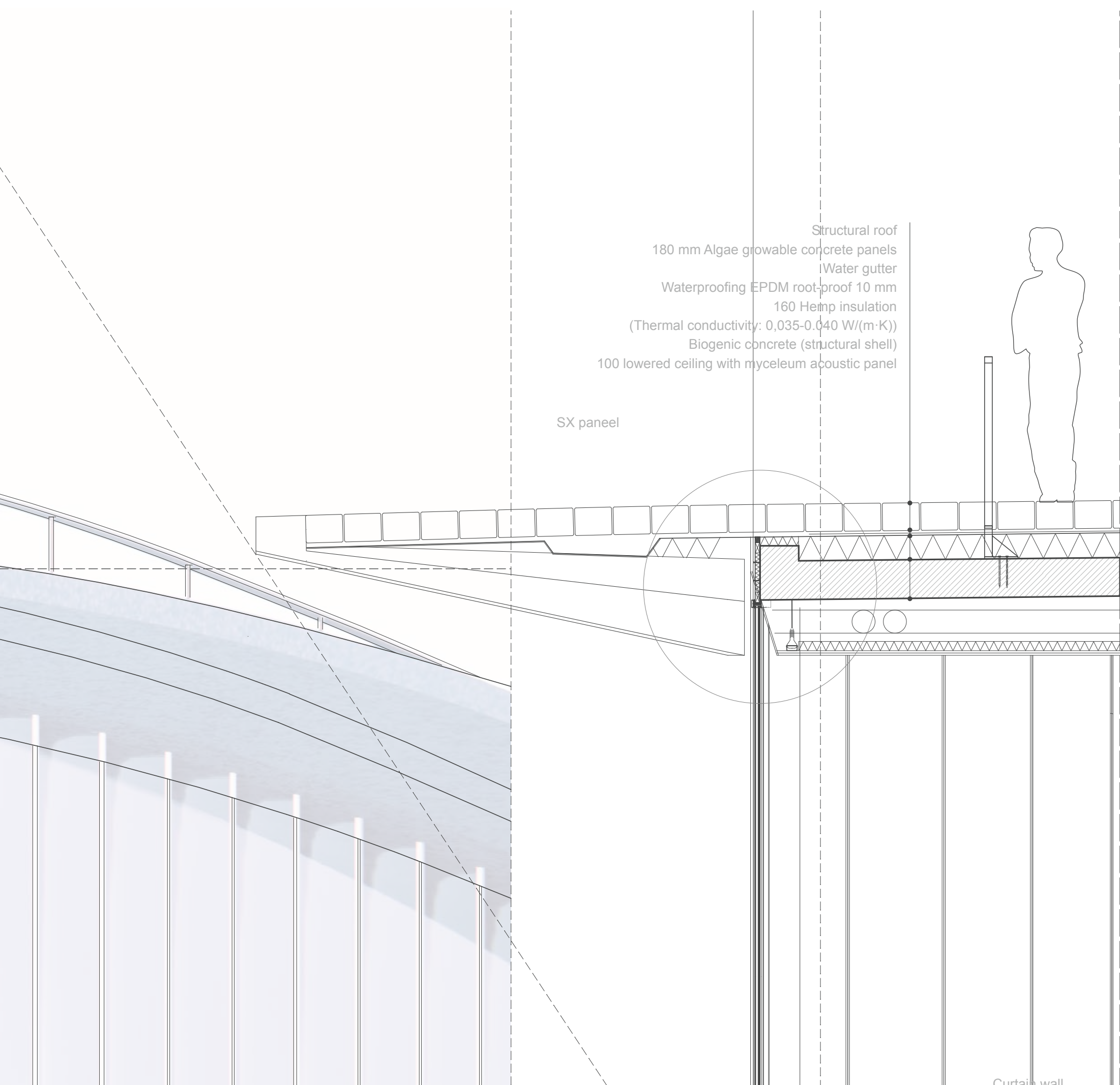




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Structural roof  
180 mm Algae growable concrete panels  
Water gutter  
Waterproofing EPDM root-proof 10 mm  
160 Hemp insulation  
(Thermal conductivity: 0,035-0,040 W/(m·K))  
Biogenic concrete (structural shell)  
100 lowered ceiling with mycelium acoustic panel

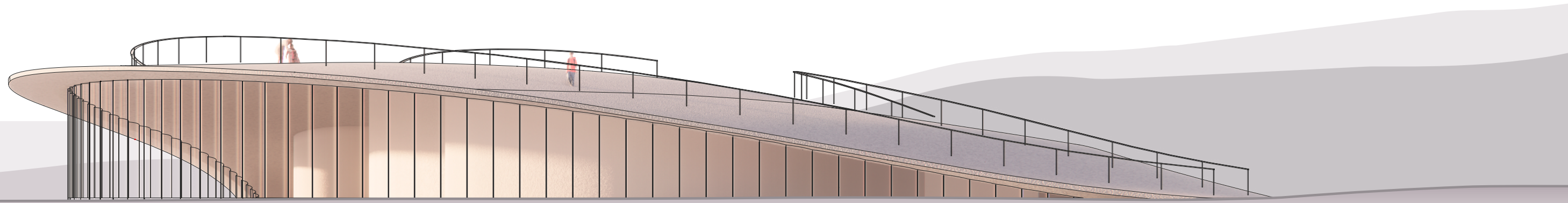
SX paneel

Curtain wall

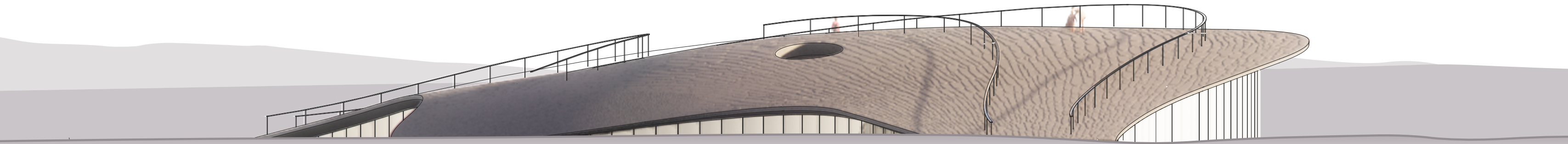






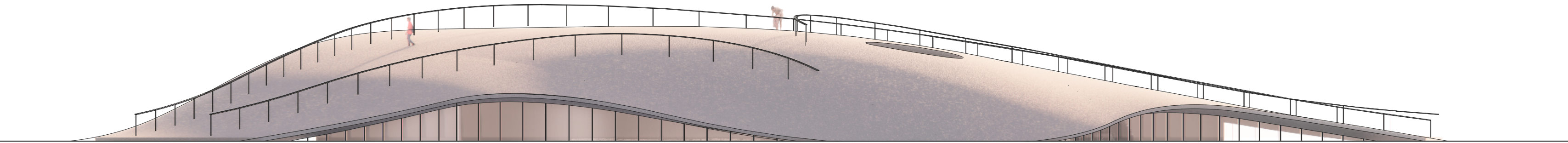






North  
Originally 1 to 200 (A3)

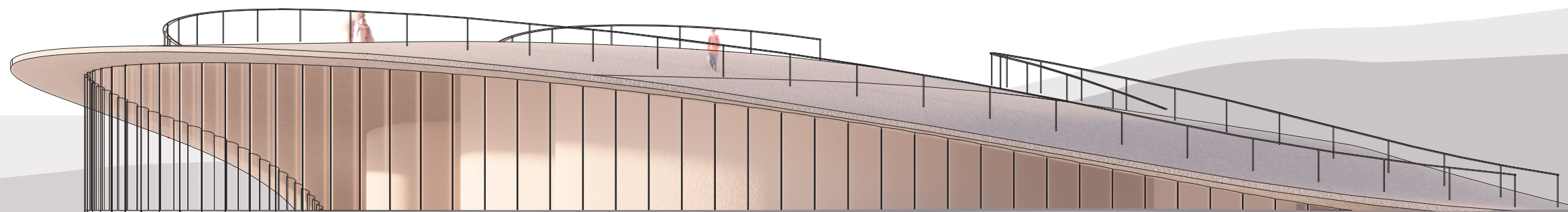
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East  
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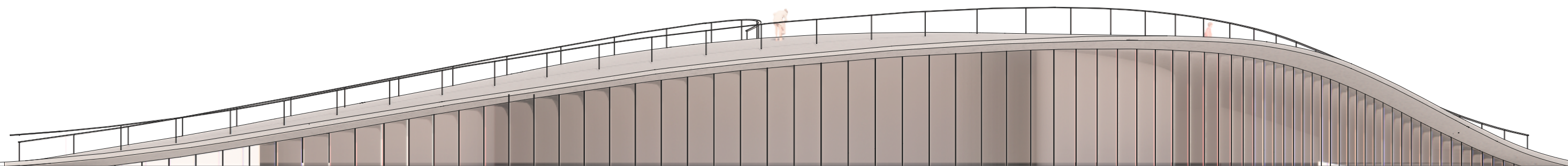
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South  
Originally 1 to 200 (A3)

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West  
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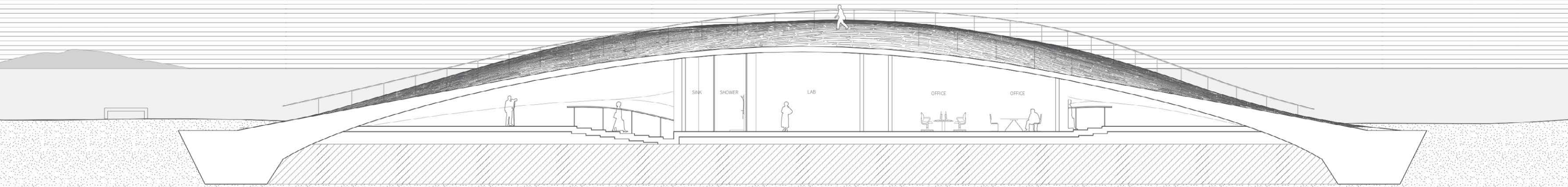
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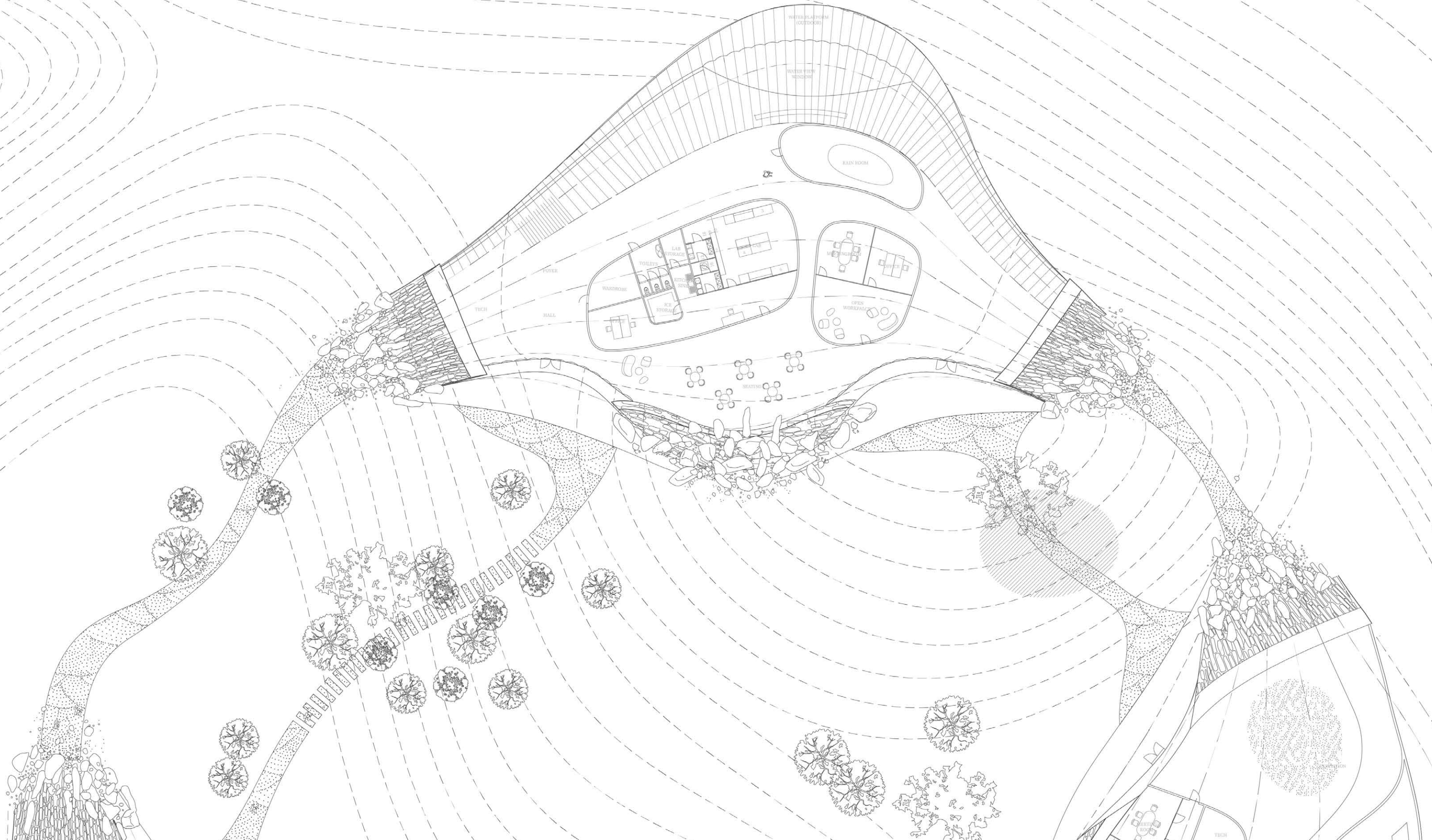
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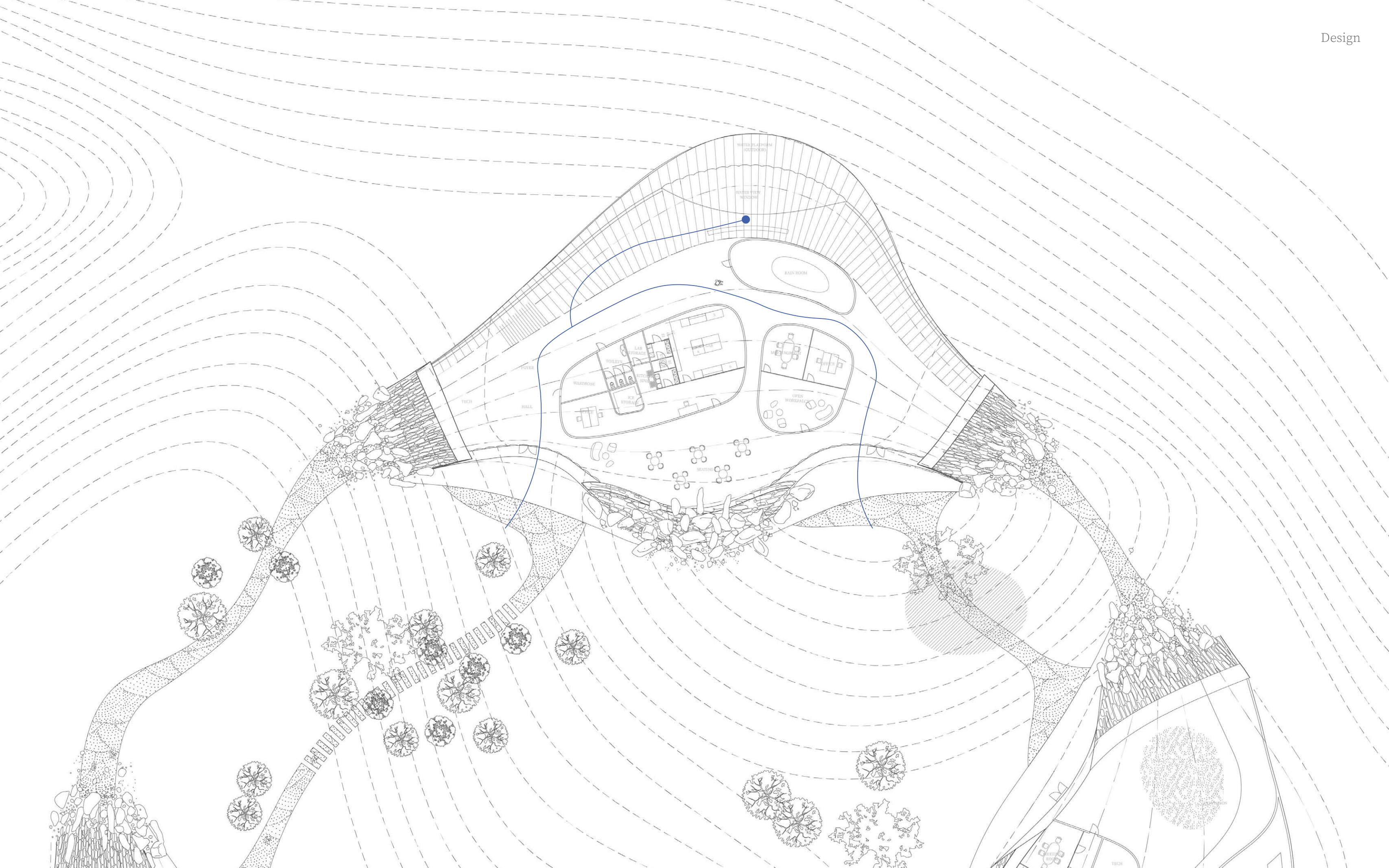


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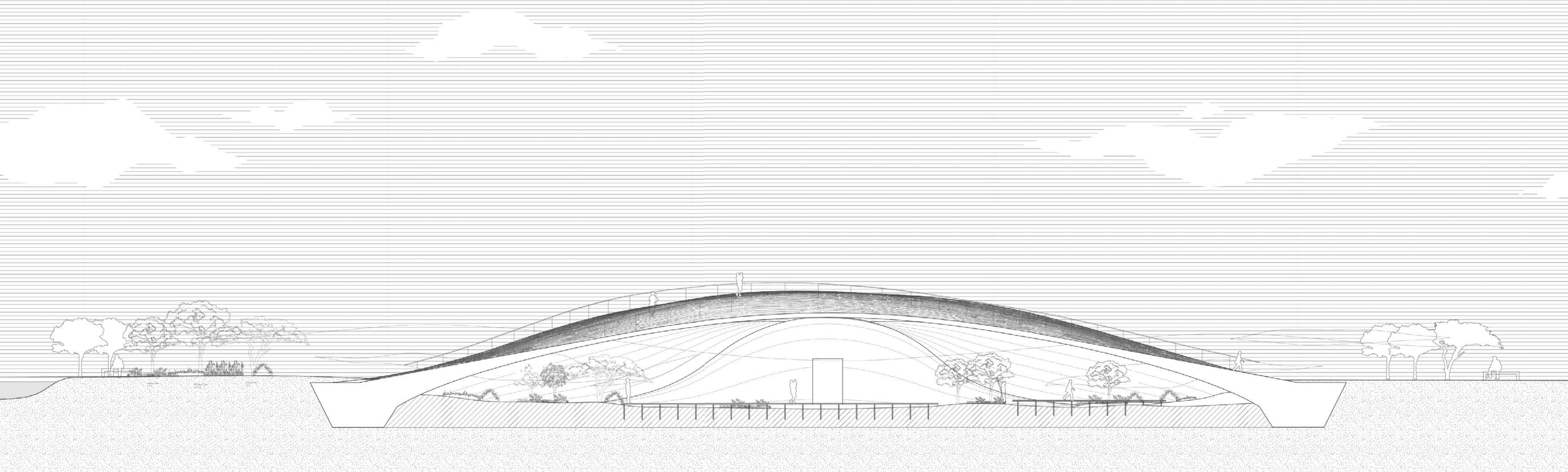












3 Soil





REST ROOM

TECH

KITCHEN storage

WORKERS space

KITCHEN

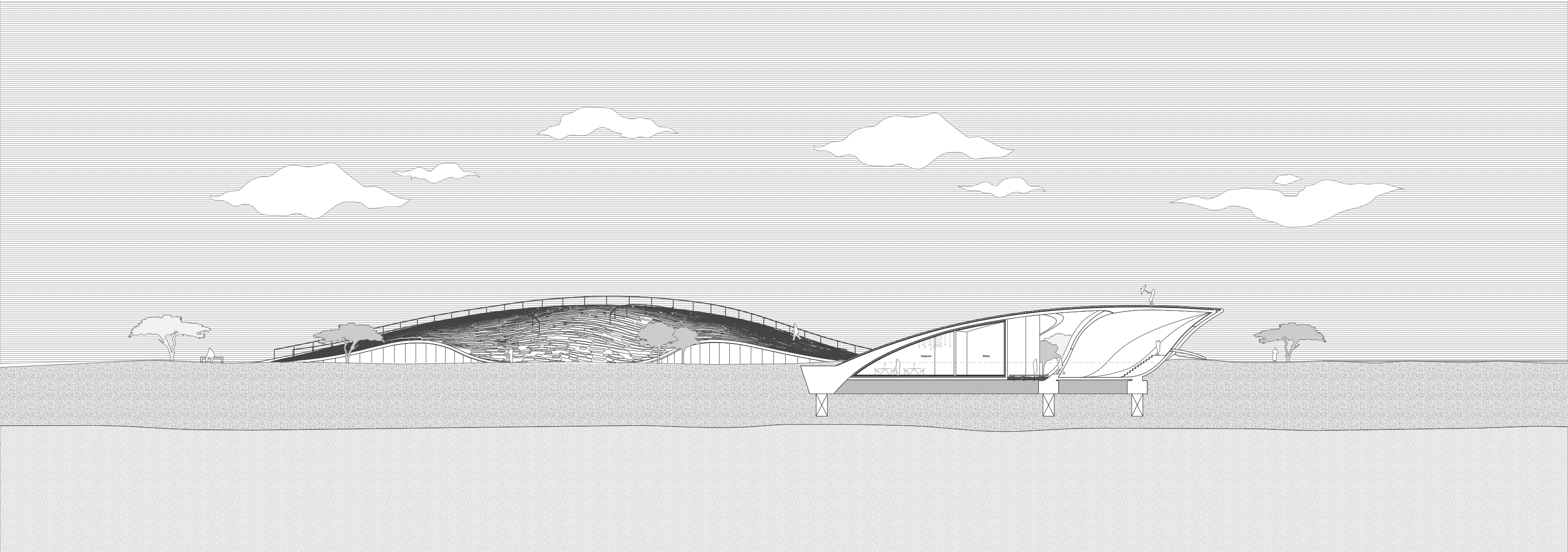
OBSERVATION ROOM  
DYNAMICS

AFB

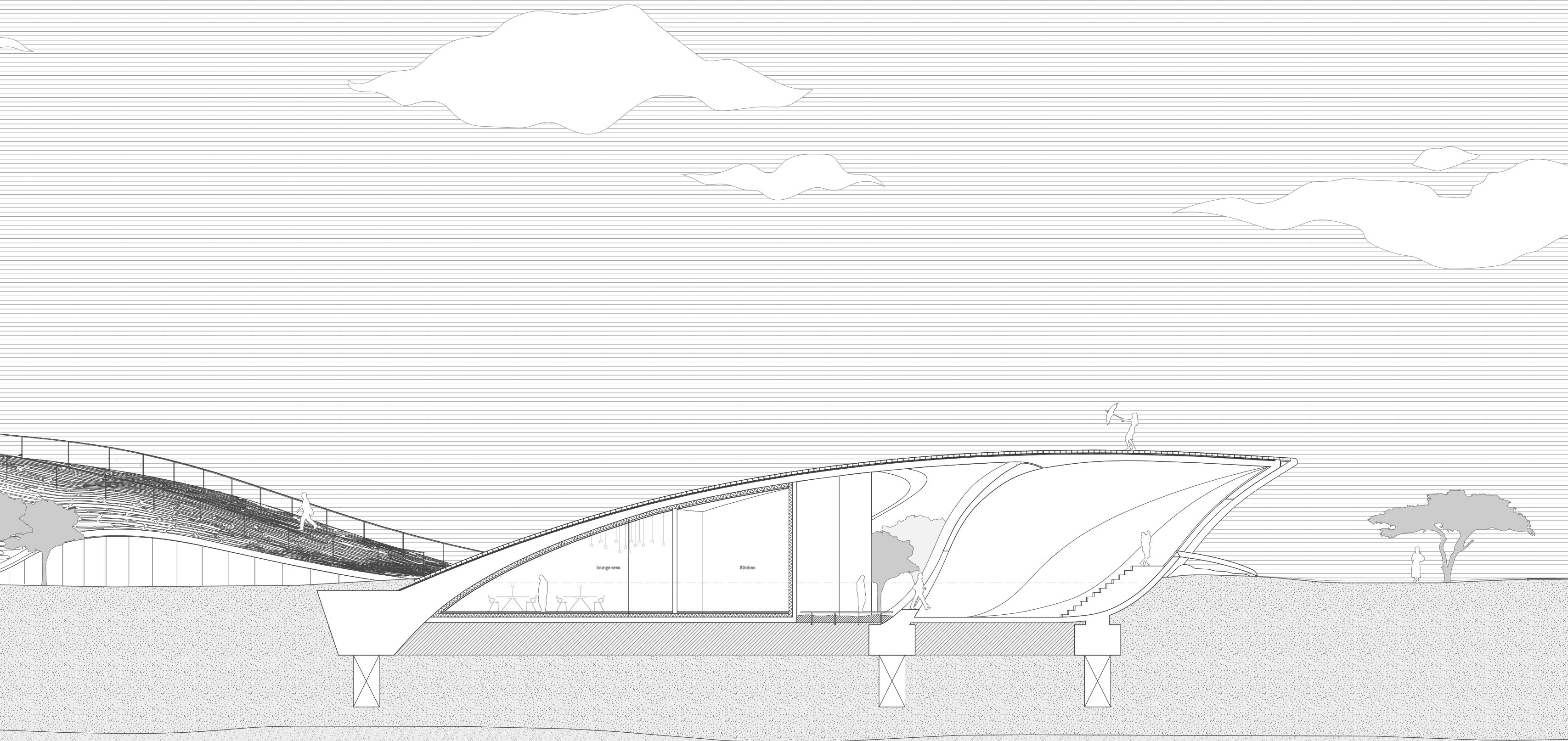














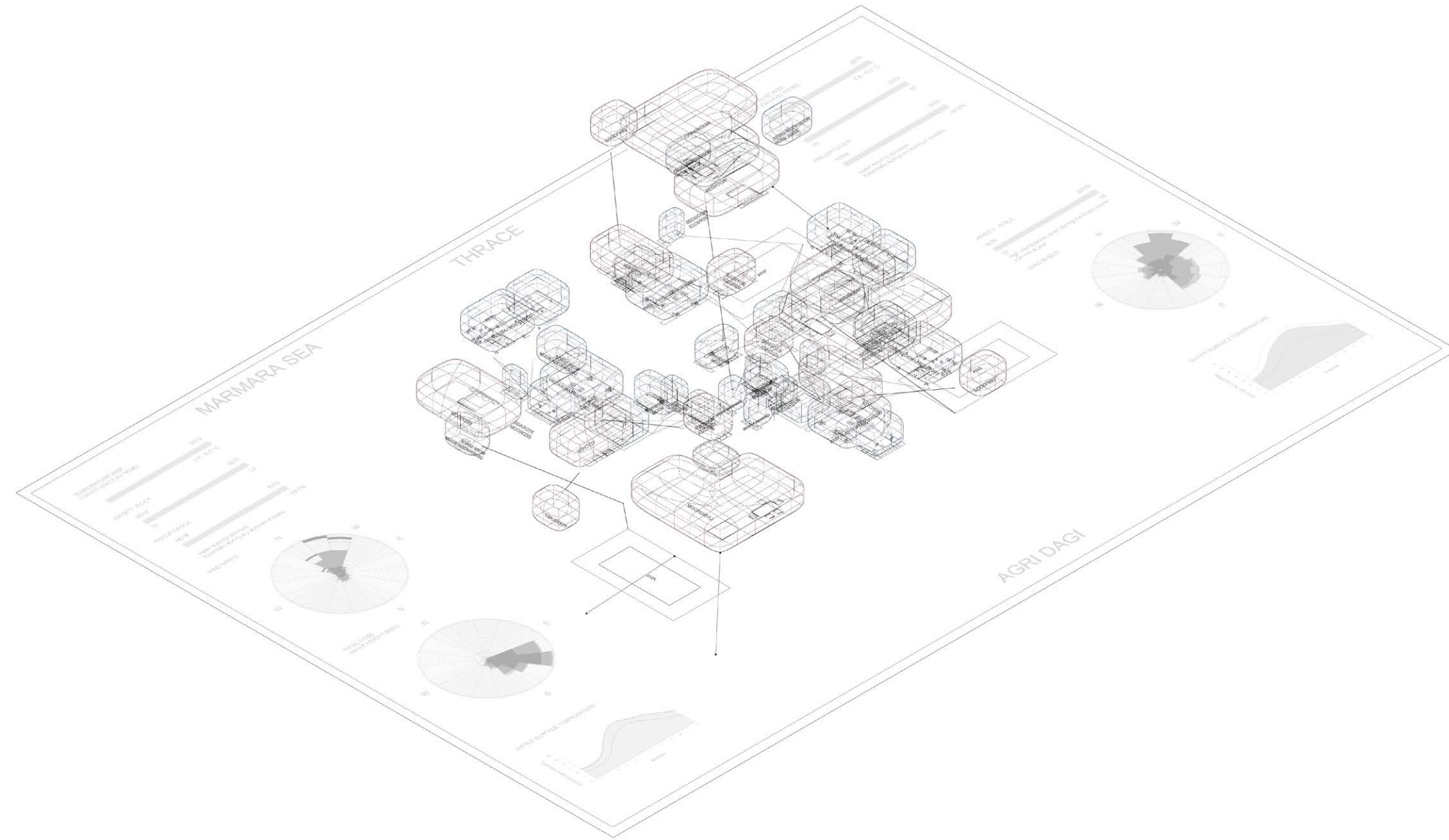


A DARK ECOLOGY PROJECT

# THE SEA OF MARMARA

*Symbiotic architecture along the edge zone*













I would like there to exist places that are stable, moving, intangibly untouched and almost untouchably deeprooted. Places that might be points of reference, of departure, or origin.

George Renee





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*Symbiotic architecture along the edge zone*

Average depth 496

1000

Max depth 1396

PHOTIC

DISPHOTIC

APHOTIC

CO<sub>2</sub>

3 - 4 months

O<sub>2</sub>

O<sub>2</sub>

Decrease biodiversity

7 - 10 years

N<sub>2</sub>

P<sub>2</sub>