

The image features a complex 3D visualization of configurational morphology. The top half is dominated by a dense cluster of spheres in shades of red, pink, and light blue, connected by thin black lines, resembling a molecular or network structure. Below this, the bottom half of the image is filled with a dense arrangement of 3D rectangular blocks in various shades of red, pink, and purple, creating a textured, layered appearance. The overall composition is set against a dark, almost black background, which makes the vibrant colors of the spheres and blocks stand out prominently.

# CONFIGURATIONAL MORPHOLOGY

A VISION OF ADAPTIVE URBAN FORM

**1. INTRODUCTION**

**2. ANALYSIS**

**3. DESIGN**

**4. PROJECT**

**5. CONCLUSION**



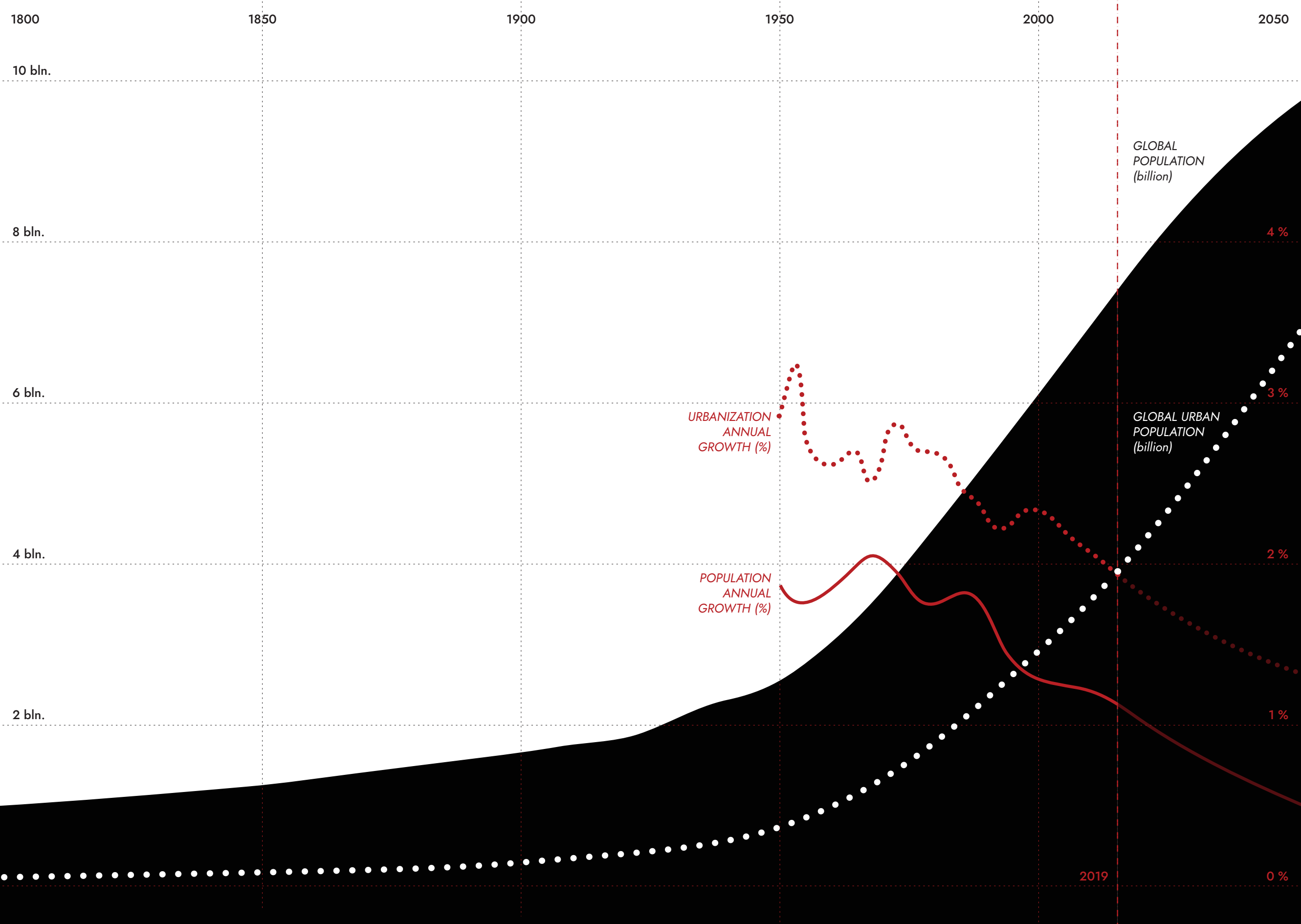
# INTRODUCTION





Tokyo, the largest metro area in the world with 38.140.000 inhabitants





1800

1850

1900

1950

2000

2050

10 bln.

8 bln.

6 bln.

4 bln.

2 bln.

GLOBAL POPULATION (billion)

4 %

URBANIZATION ANNUAL GROWTH (%)

GLOBAL URBAN POPULATION (billion)

3 %

POPULATION ANNUAL GROWTH (%)

2 %

2019

1 %

0 %





Urban form





Detached house; Los Angeles



Row house; Rotterdam



Slab; Moscow



Semi-detached house; London



Courtyard townhouse; Copenhagen



Tower; Rotterdam





Detached house  
=  
Urban sprawl



Row house  
=  
Low density

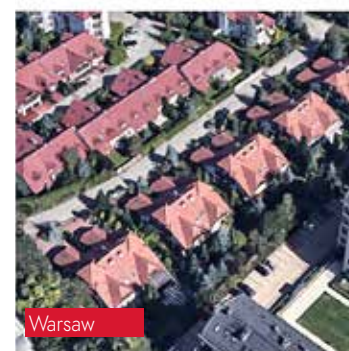
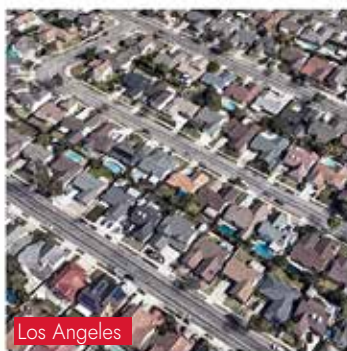
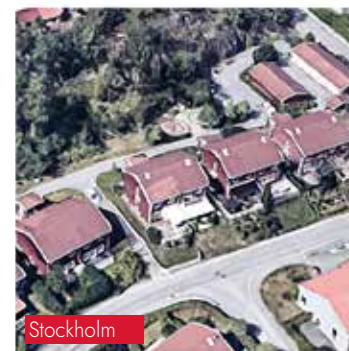
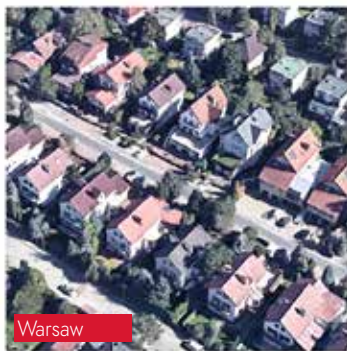


High-rise  
=  
Social isolation



**THE GENERIC CITY**

Overview of the expansive global spread of the generic city through the basic urban types constituting it.



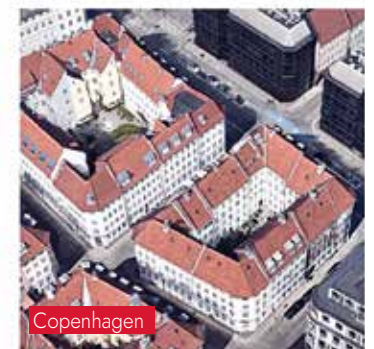
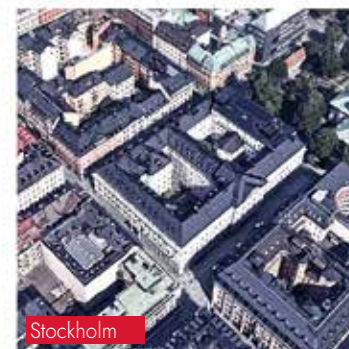
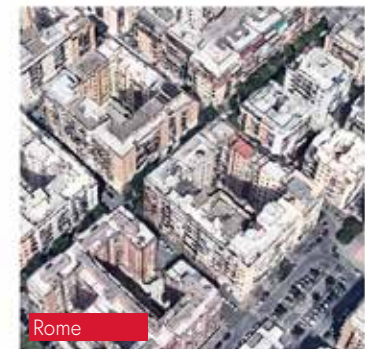
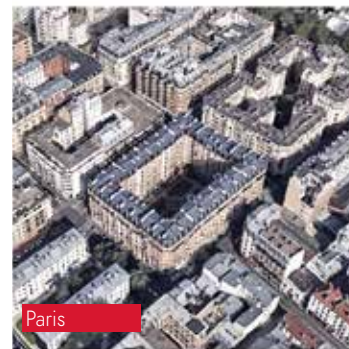
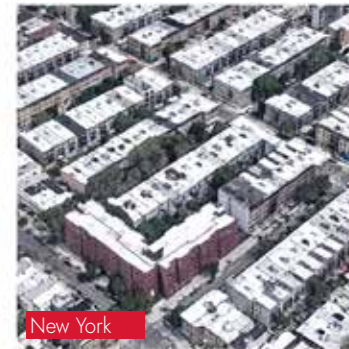
Detached house

Semi-detached house



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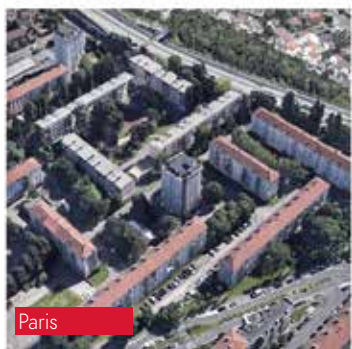
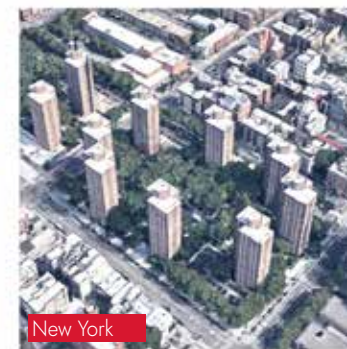
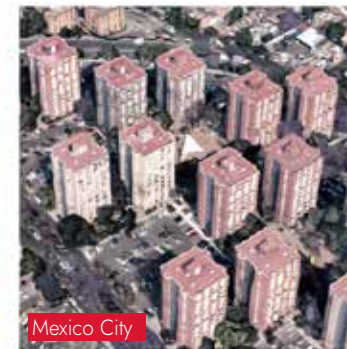
Row house

Courtyard townhouse



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Slab

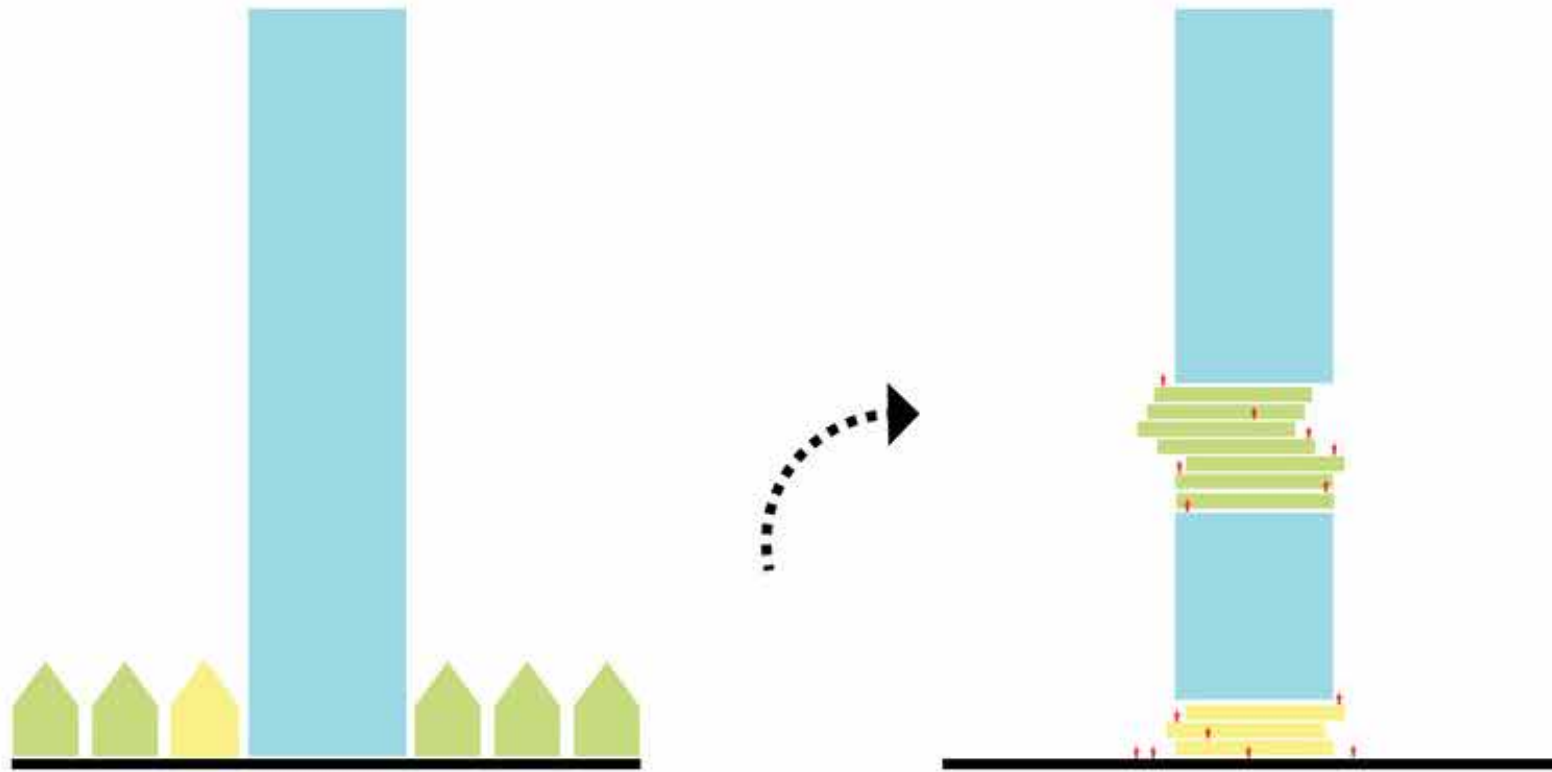
Tower





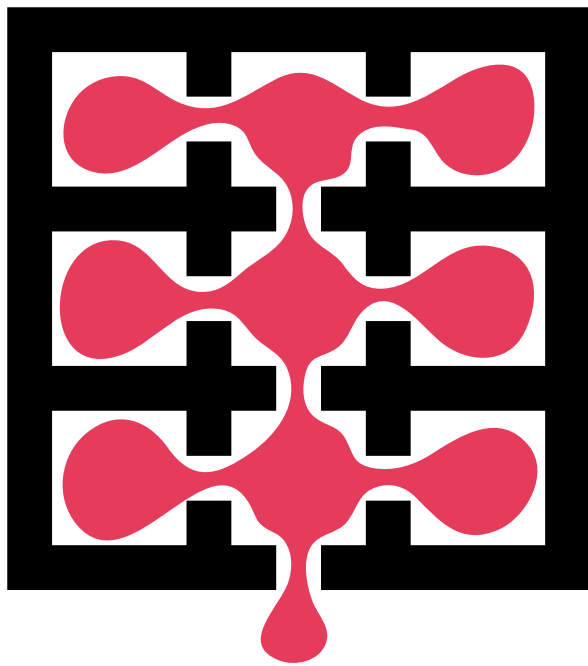


***How can we design urban  
form adapted to the  
environmental, social and  
economic context in which it  
is placed?***

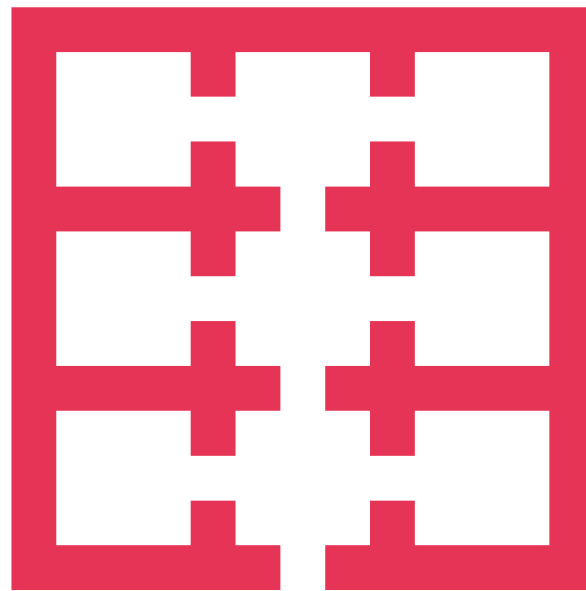


Urban type => Formal bias => Genericness

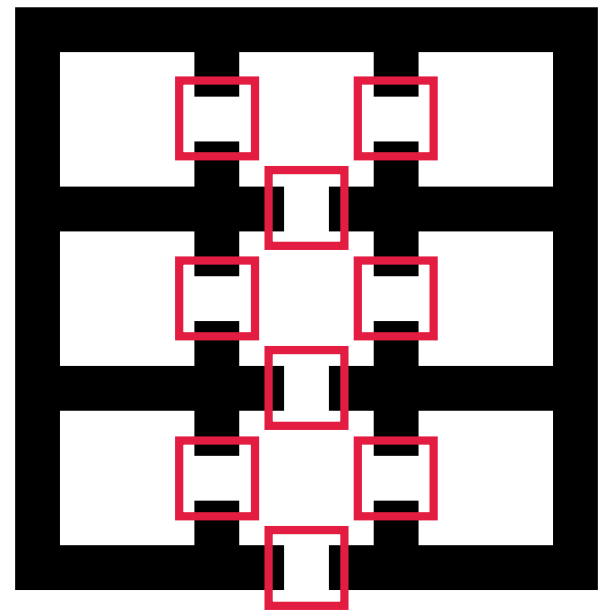




1. spatial organization = configuration

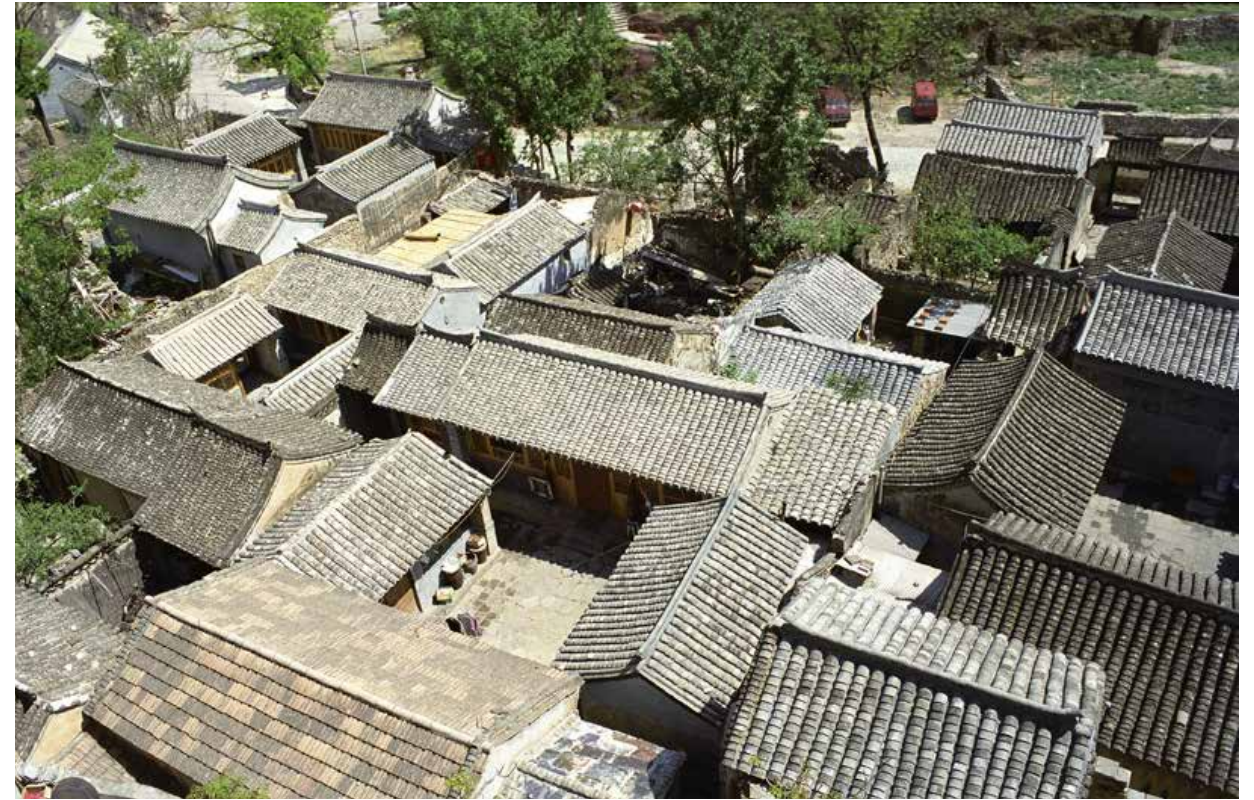
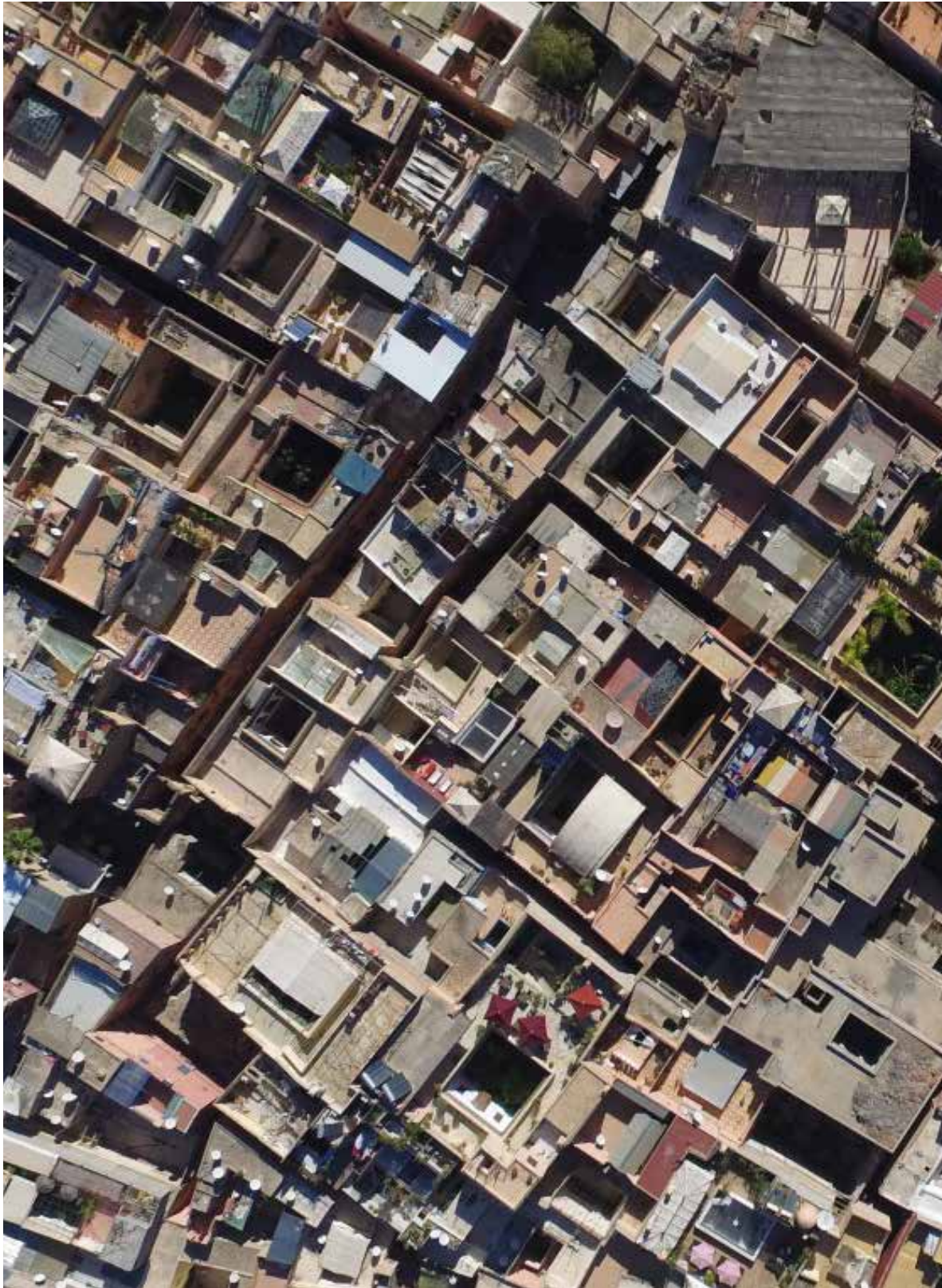


2. physical structure = built form



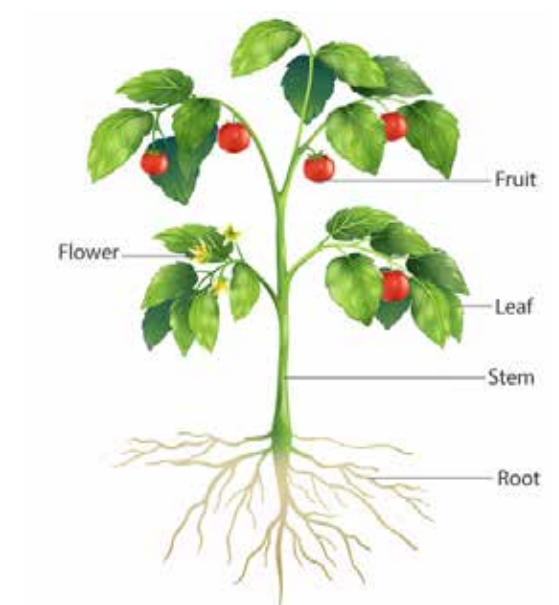
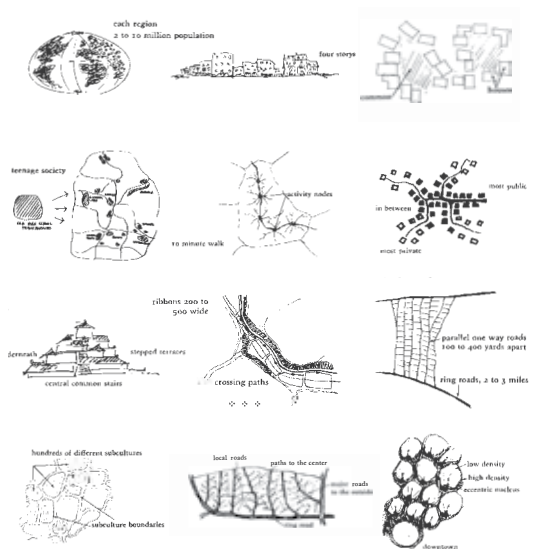
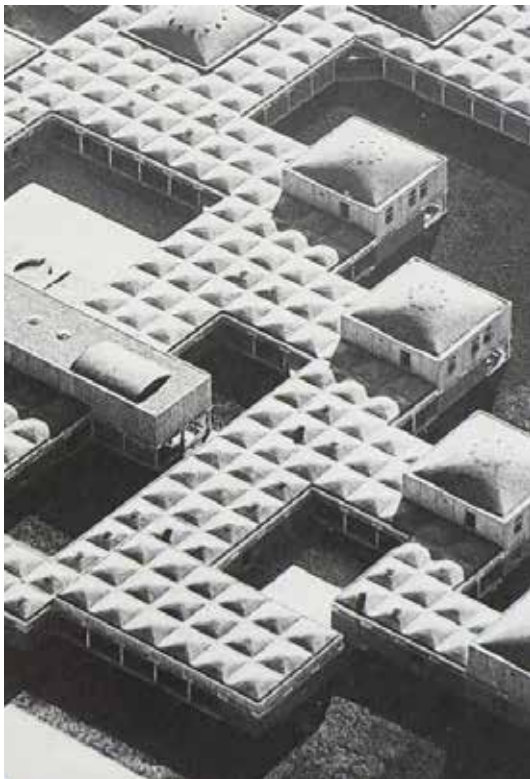
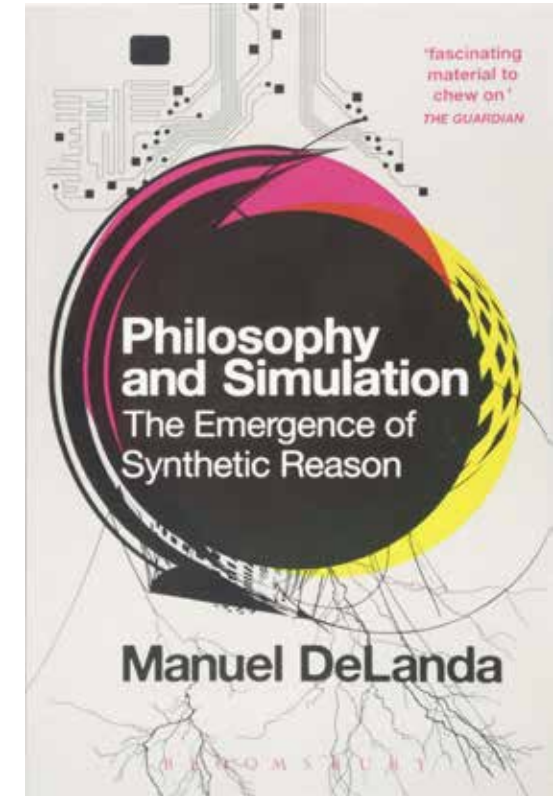
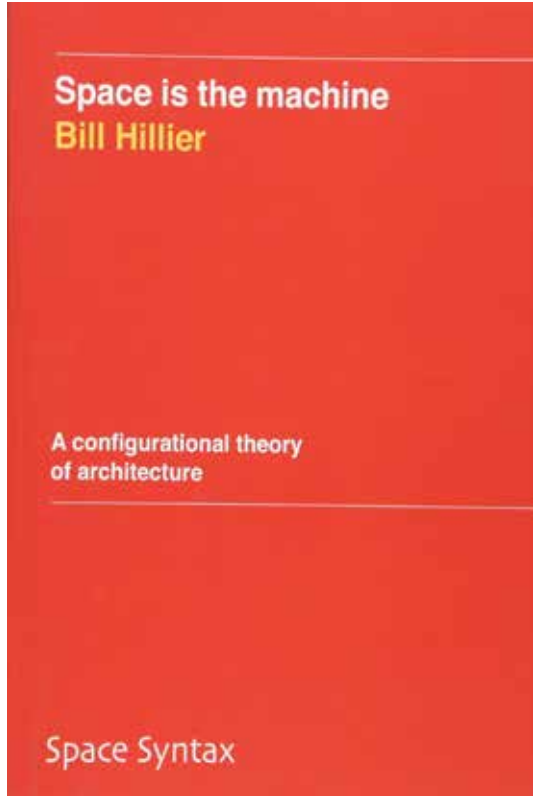
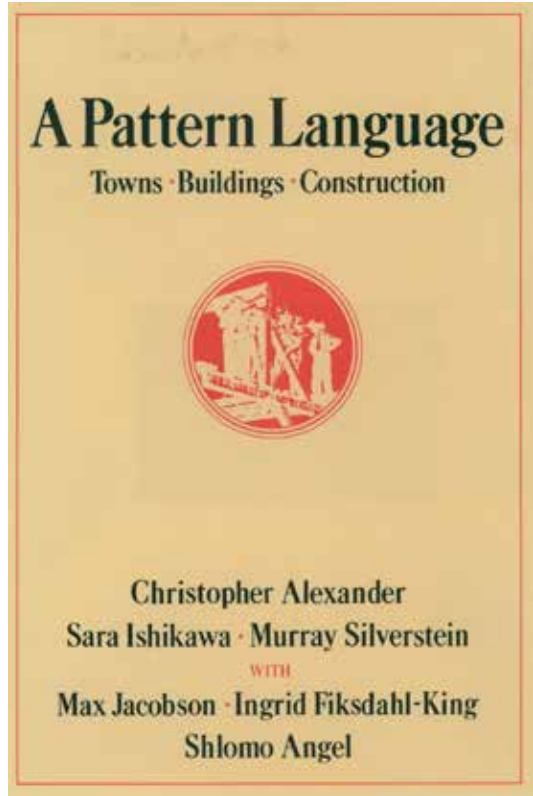
3. stylistic system = detail





Examples of vernacular architecture; Left: Marrakech Medina, Top right: village in Japan, Bottom right: village in Andalusia, Spain





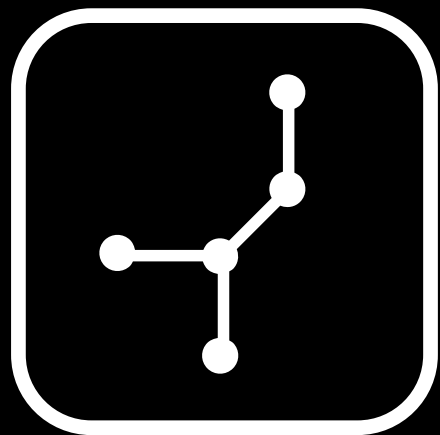


***What are the potentials and limitations of a configurational approach for the design of adaptive urban form?***



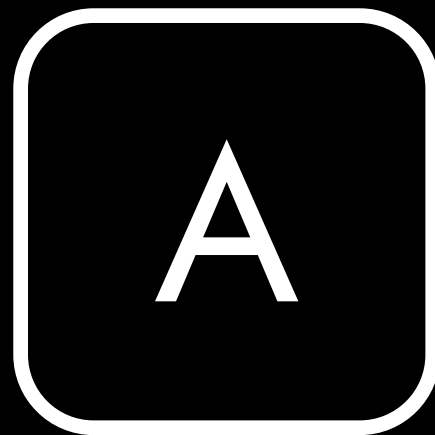
ANALYSIS





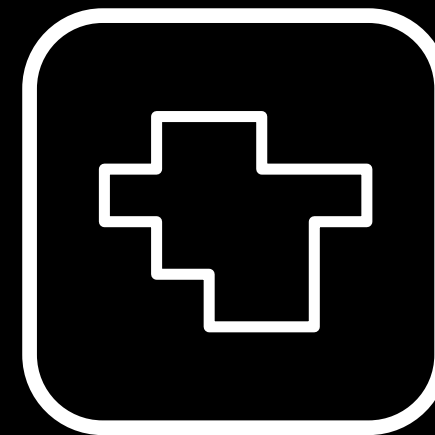
Configuration

← generate



Analysis  
*Spatial relationships*

← input



Urban  
form



Lionel March and  
Philip Steadman

An introduction to spatial  
organization in design

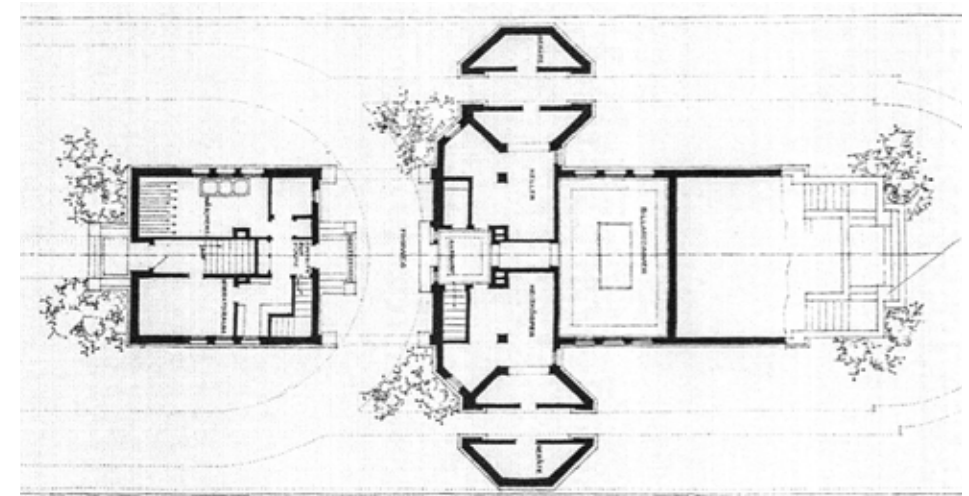
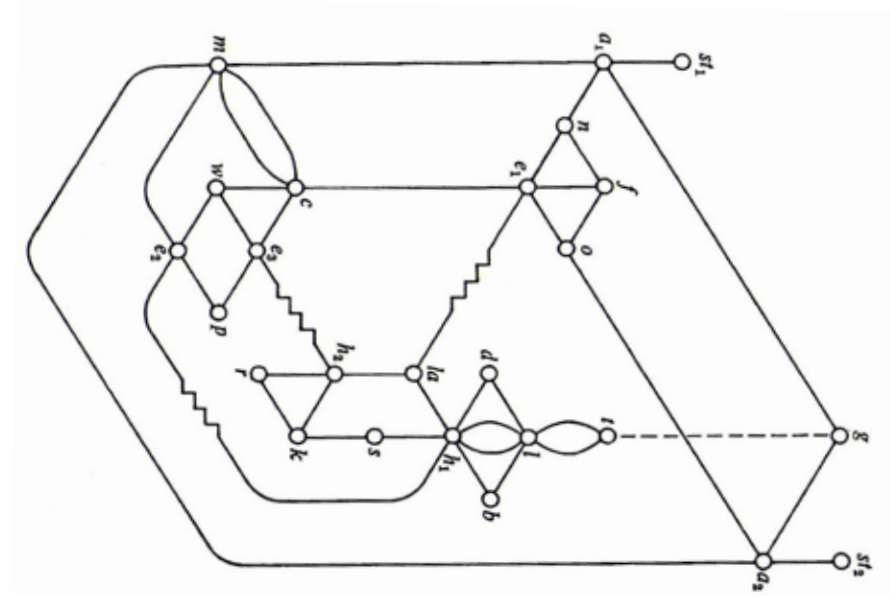
# The geometry of environment



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## THE GEOMETRY OF ENVIRONMENT

Opposite: Geometry of Environment by March & Steadman; Below: excerpt from the book abstracting Wright's Devin house plan to topological graph.





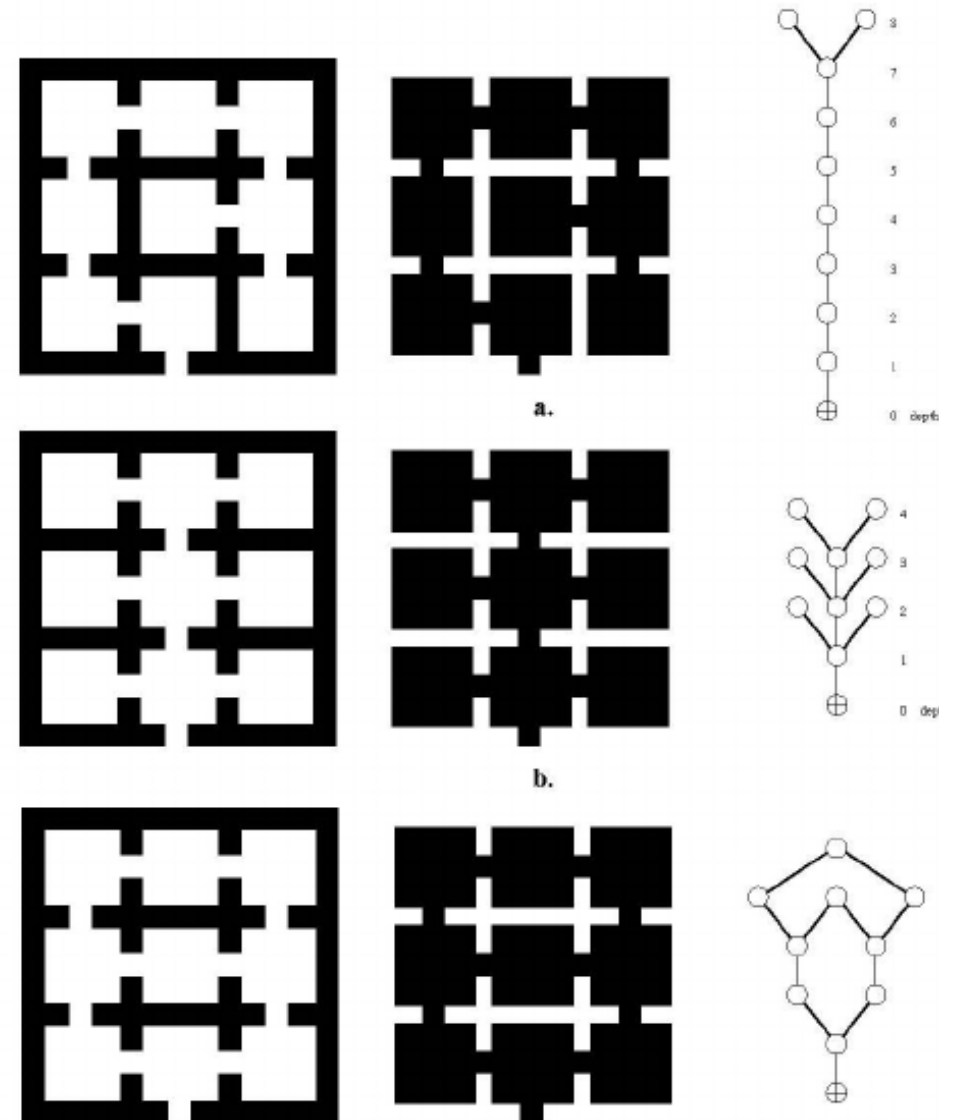
# THE SOCIAL LOGIC OF SPACE



Bill Hillier Julienne Hanson

## THE SOCIAL LOGIC OF SPACE

Opposite: The Social Logic of Space, 1984 by Hillier & Hanson; Below: a diagram explaining systematic abstraction of space to topology.



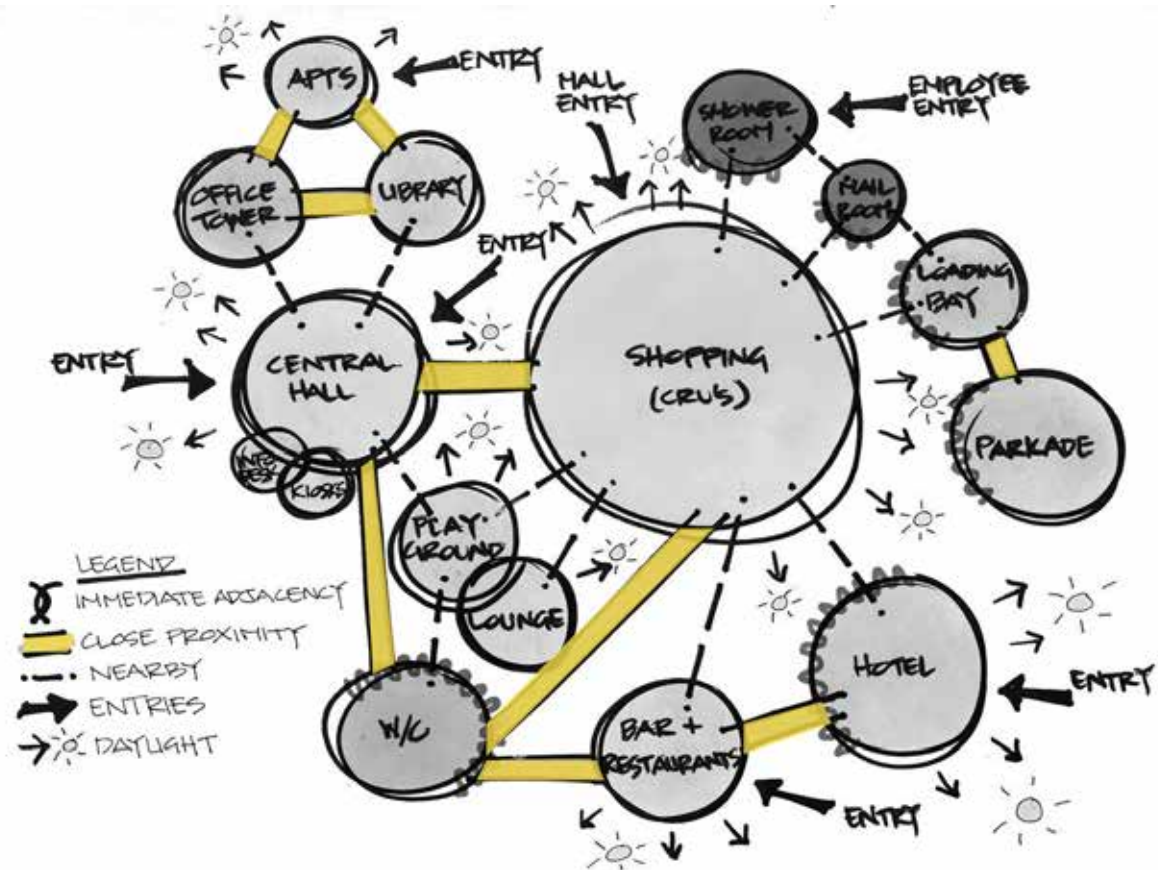
Topological graph





### BUBBLE DIAGRAM

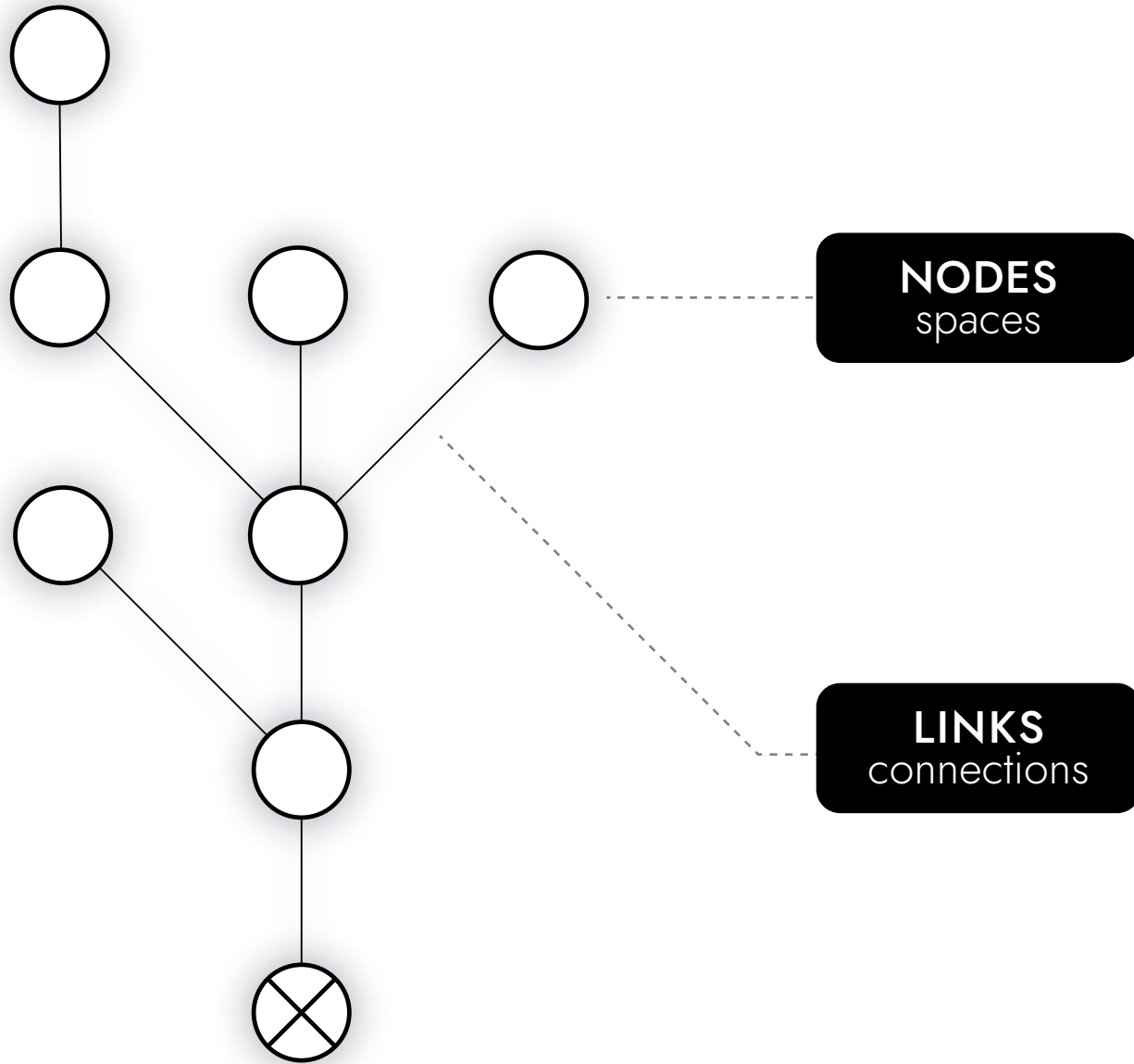
Opposite: Satellite photo of central Copenhagen; Below: Architectural bubble diagram depicting programme, its parameters and connectivity.



Bubble diagram

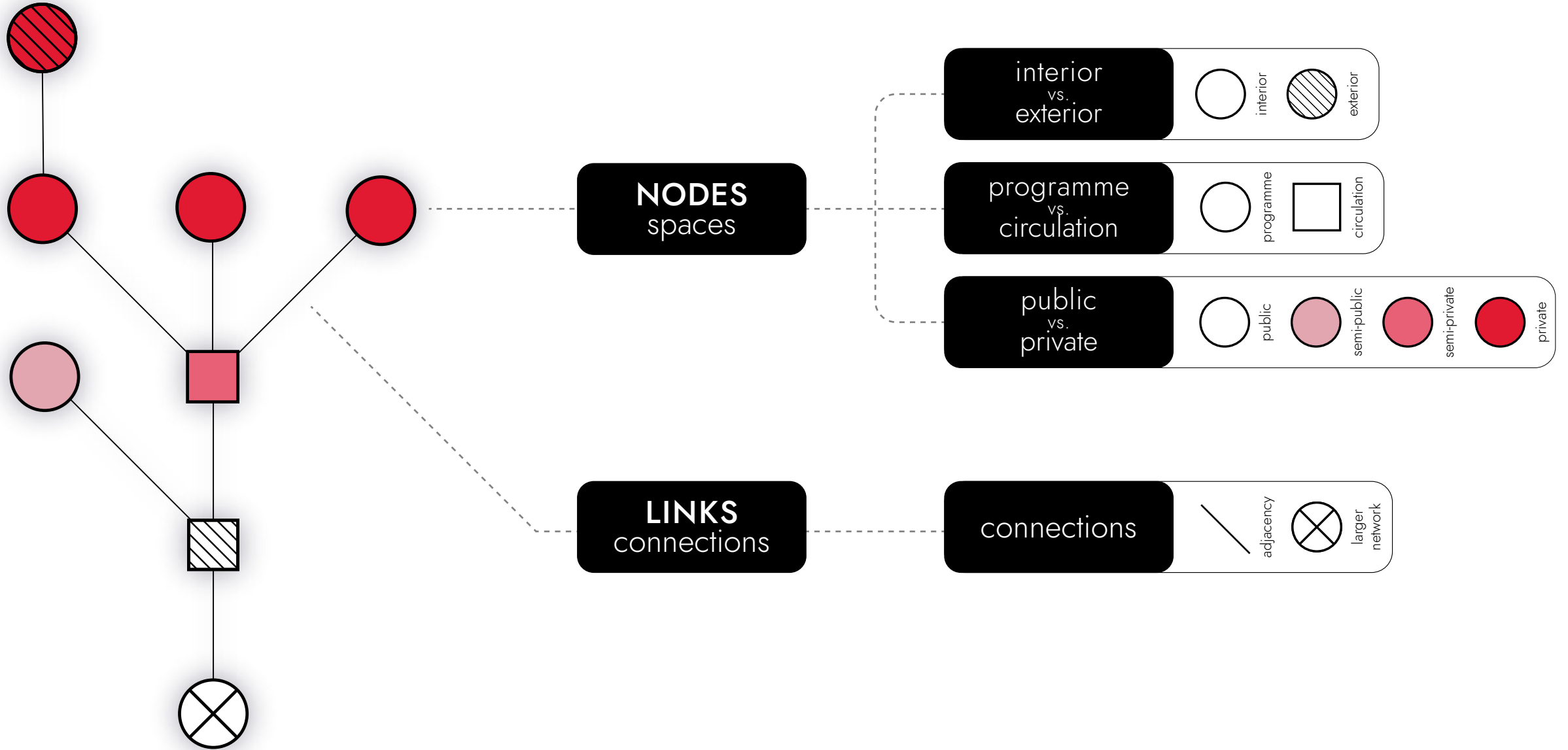


# TOPOLOGICAL GRAPH





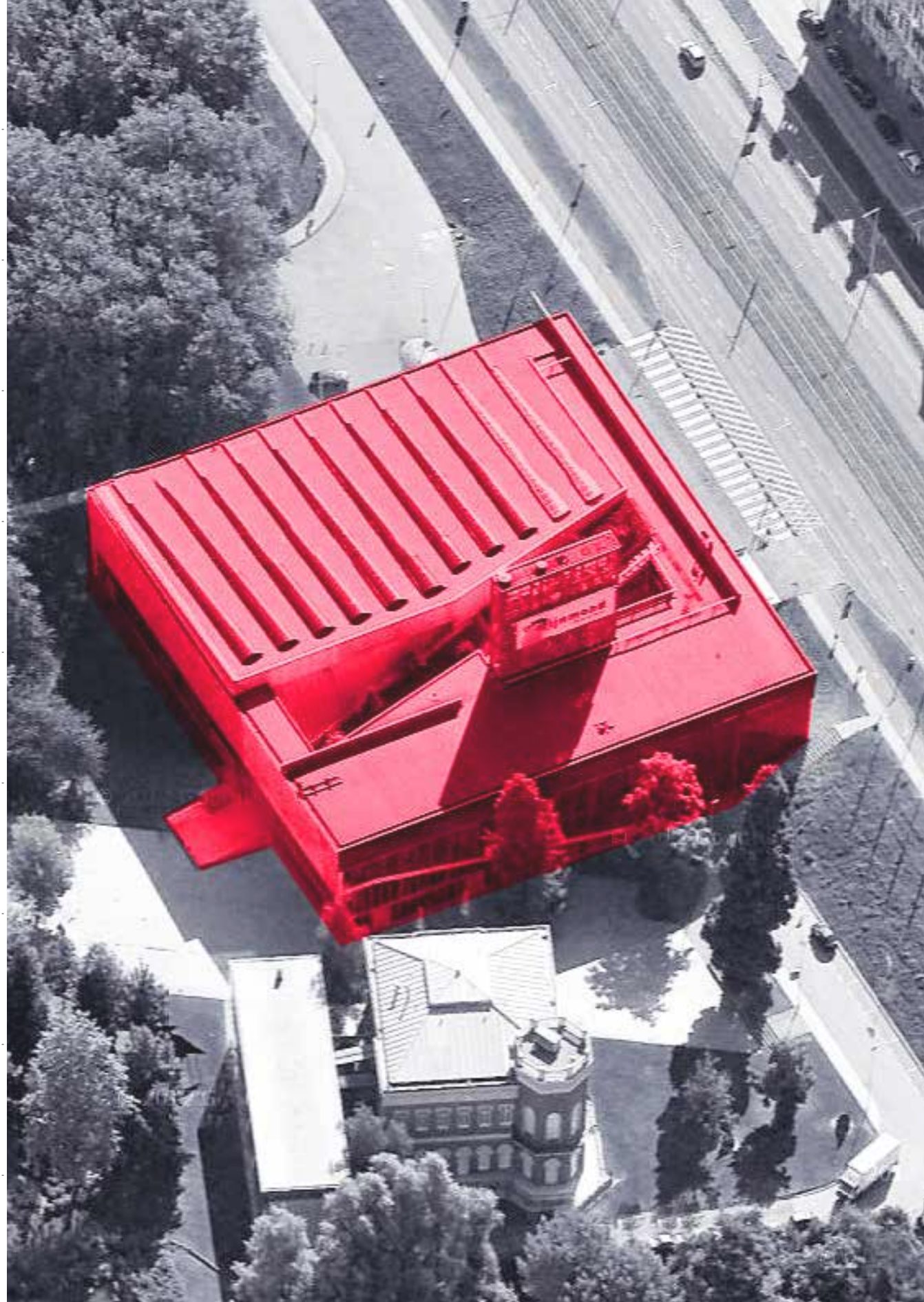
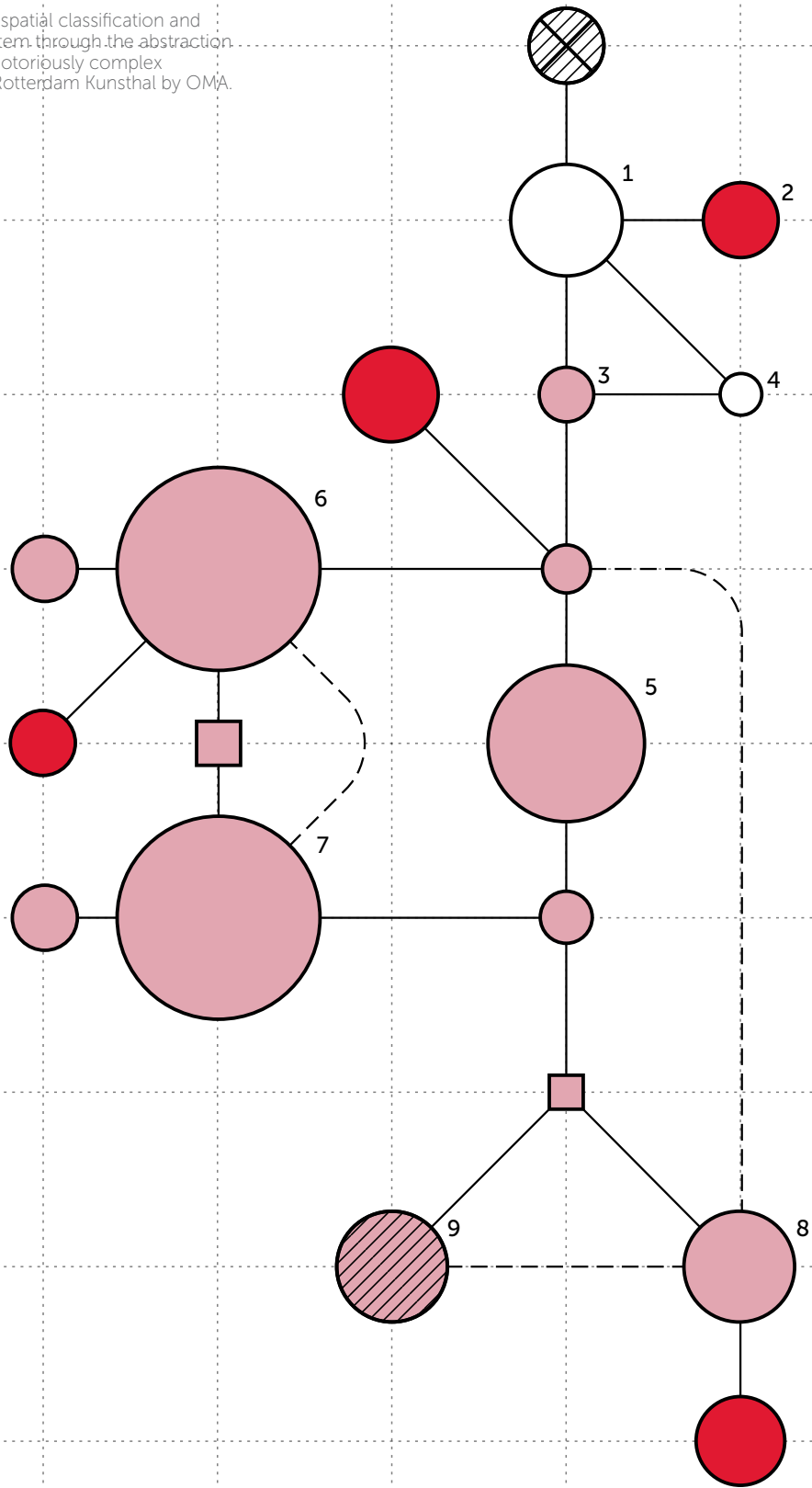
# SPATIAL NETWORK





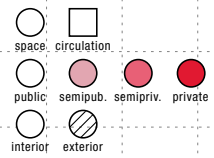
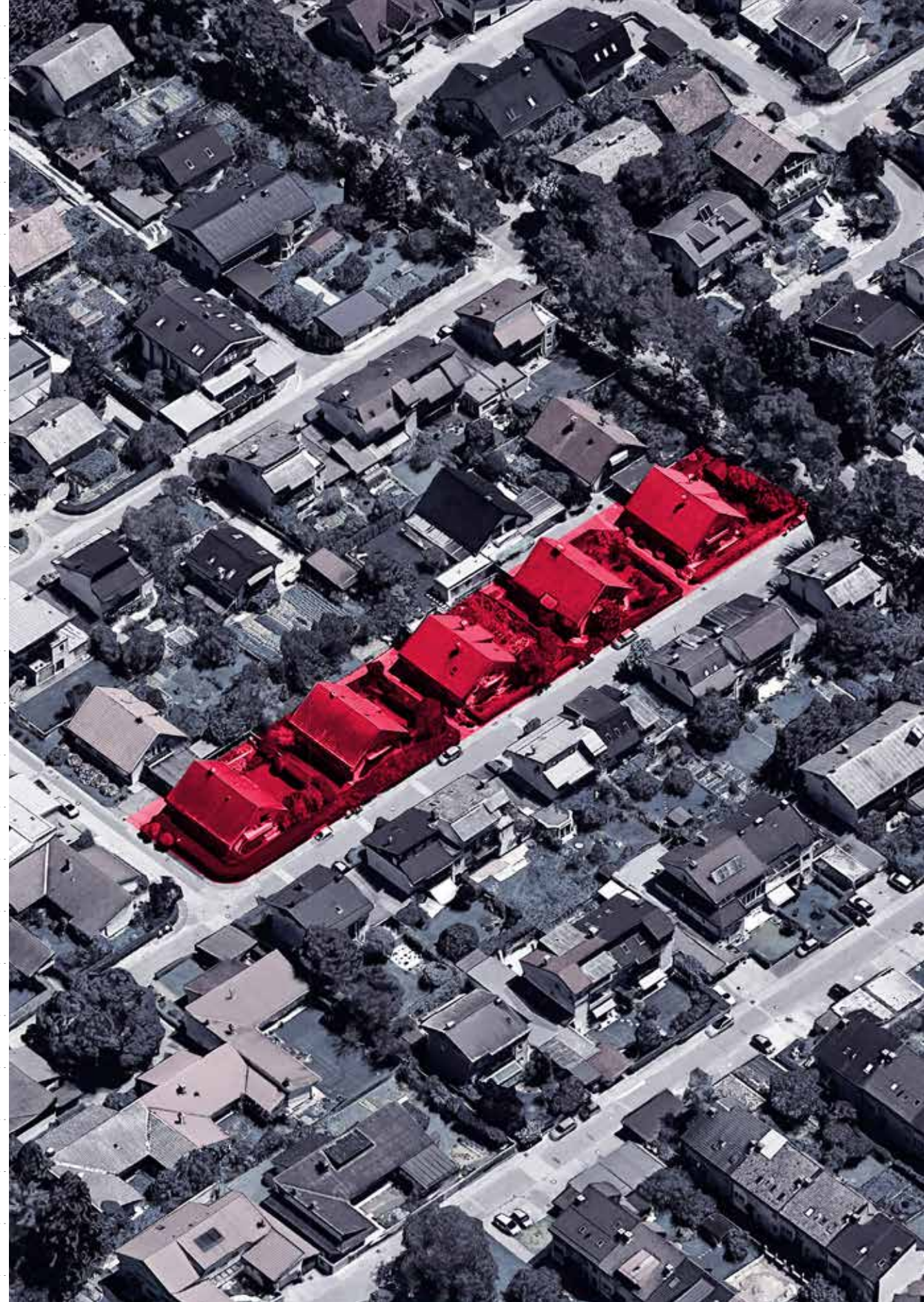
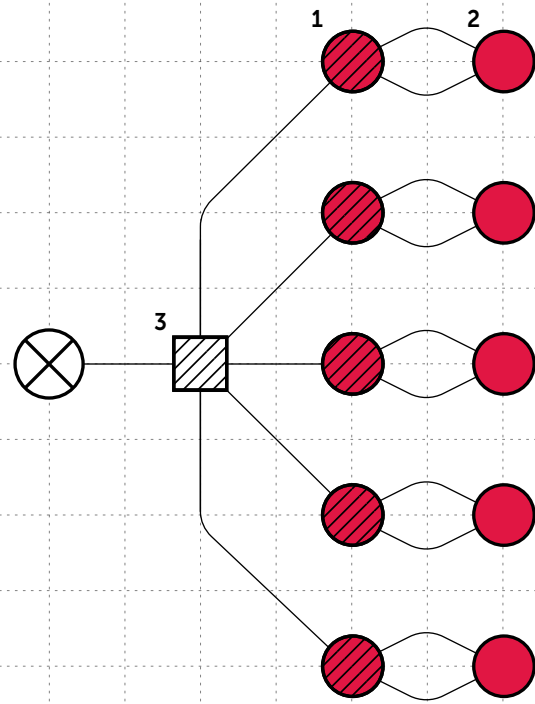
# KUNSTHAL SPATIAL NETWORK

Testing of the spatial classification and notational system through the abstraction of a spatially notoriously complex building; the Rotterdam Kunsthal by OMA.



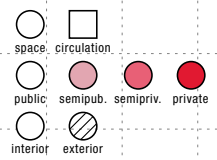
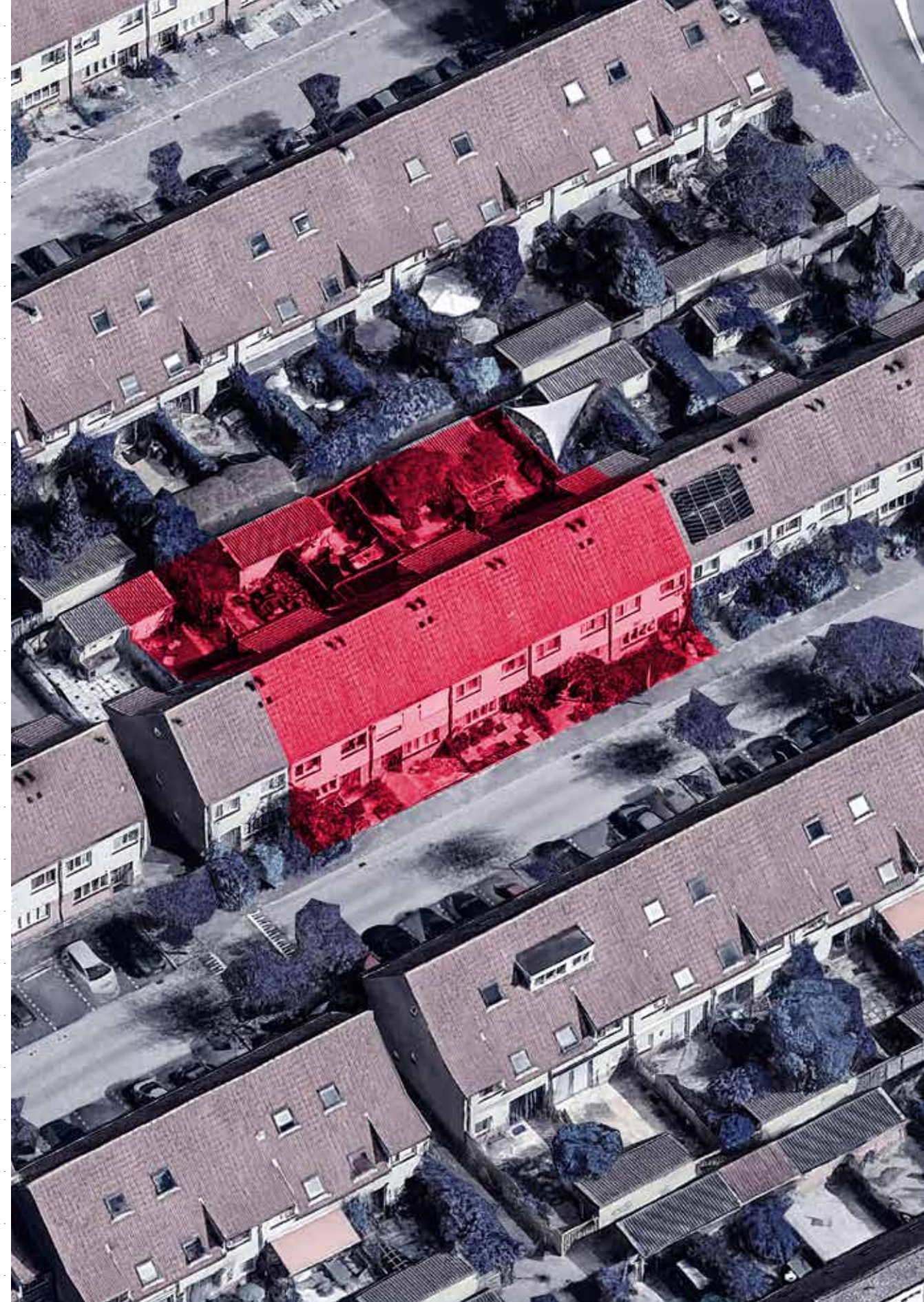
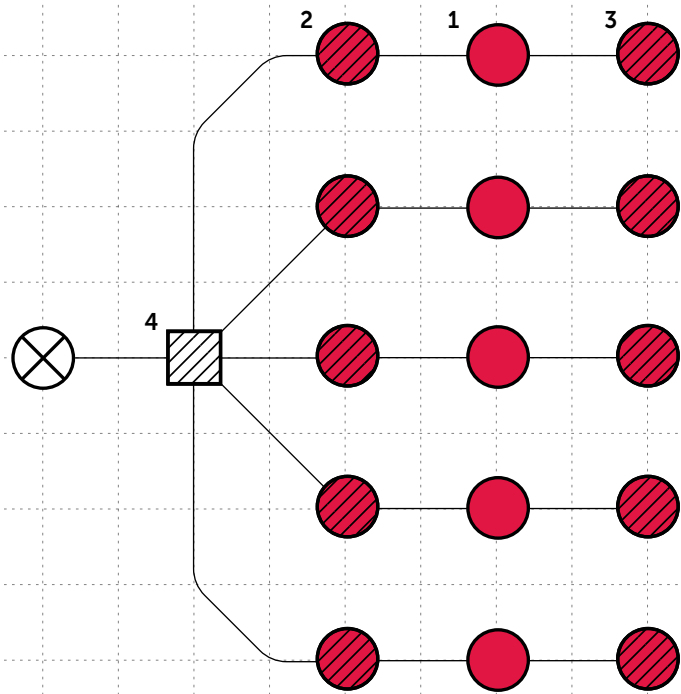


# DETACHED HOUSE



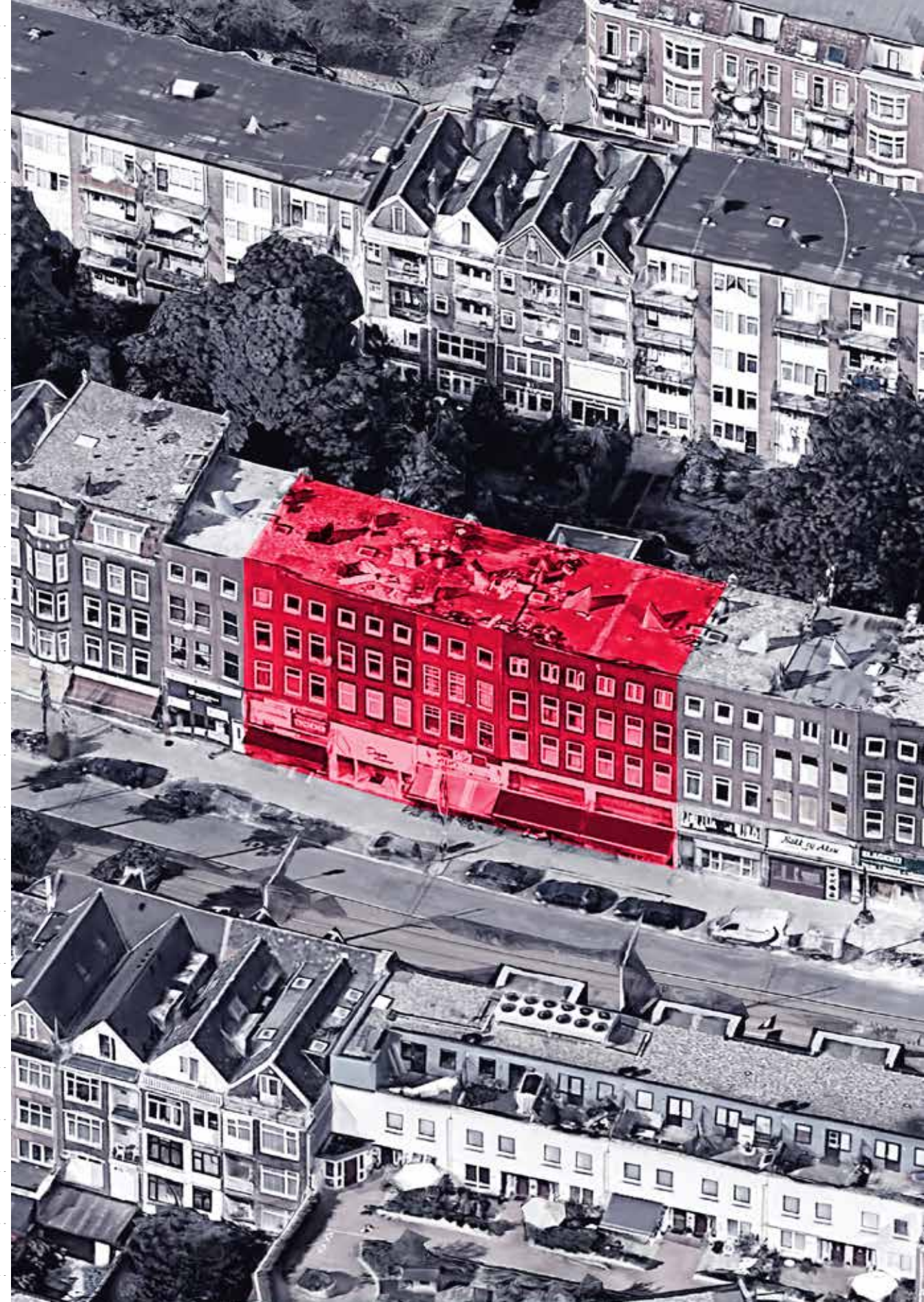
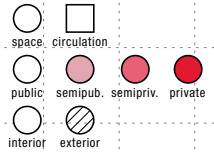
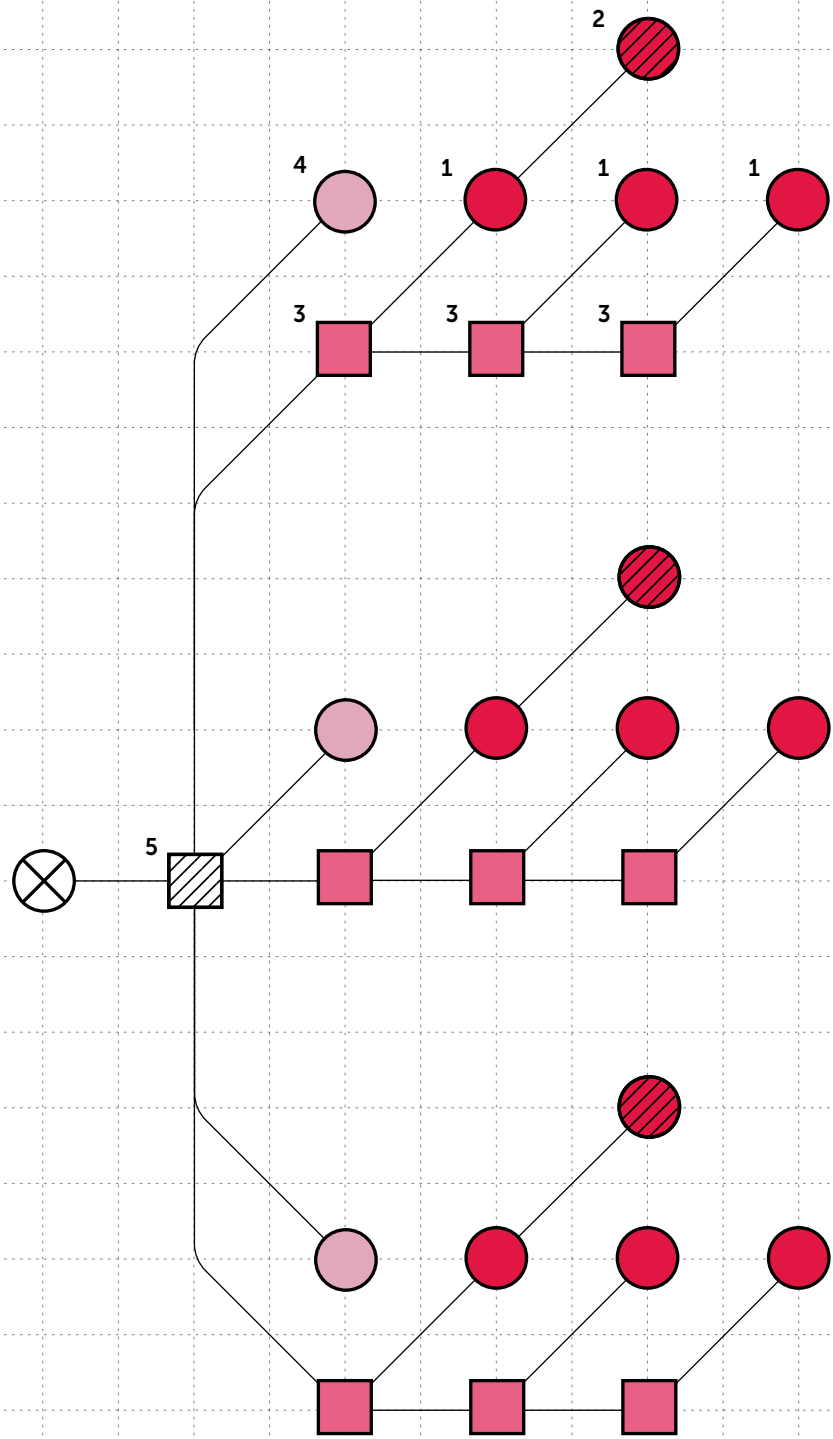


# ROWHOUSE



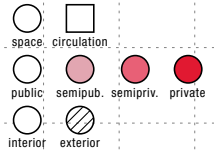
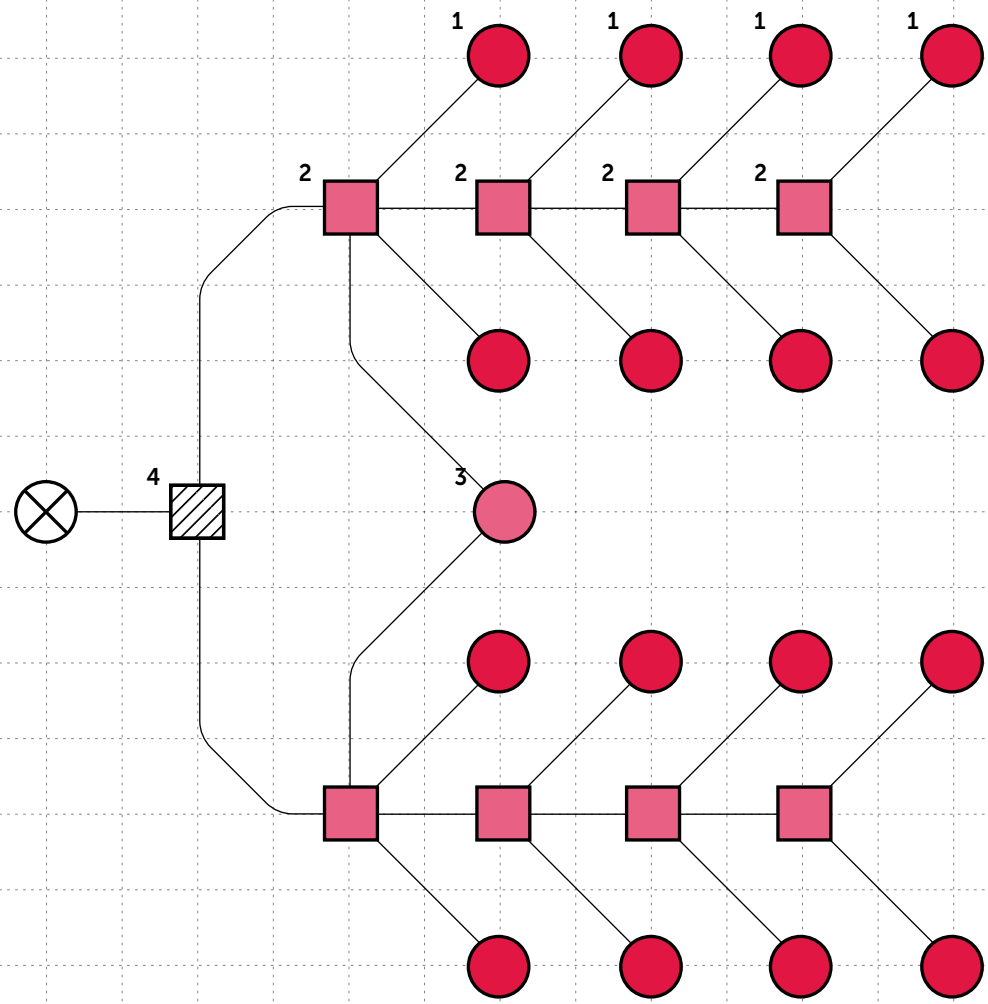


# TOWNHOUSE SHOPHOUSE HYBRID



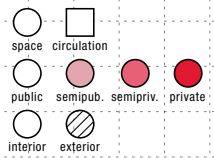
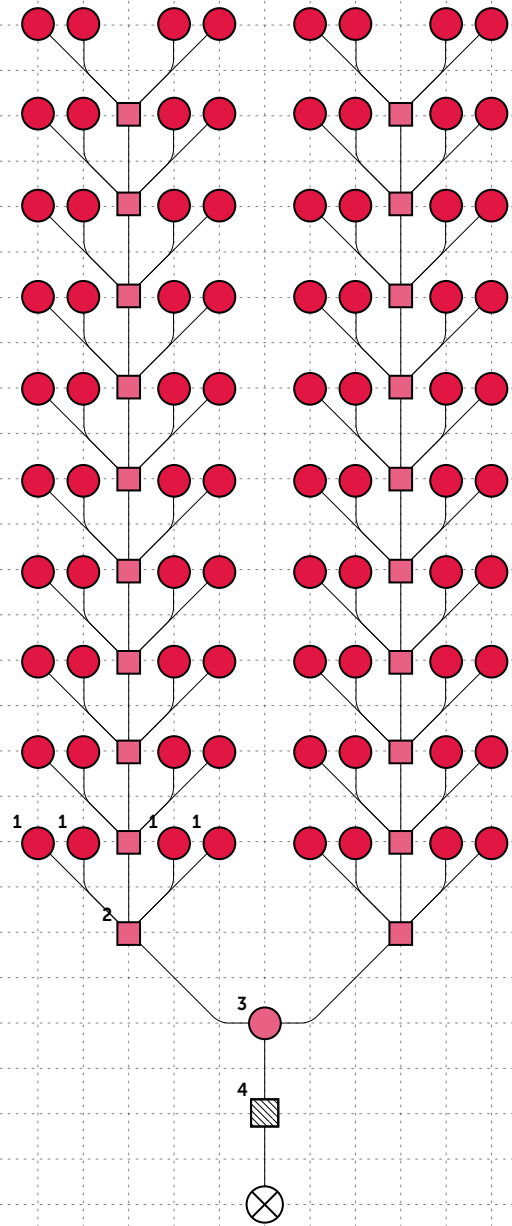


# TOWNHOUSE COURTYARD



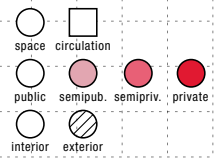
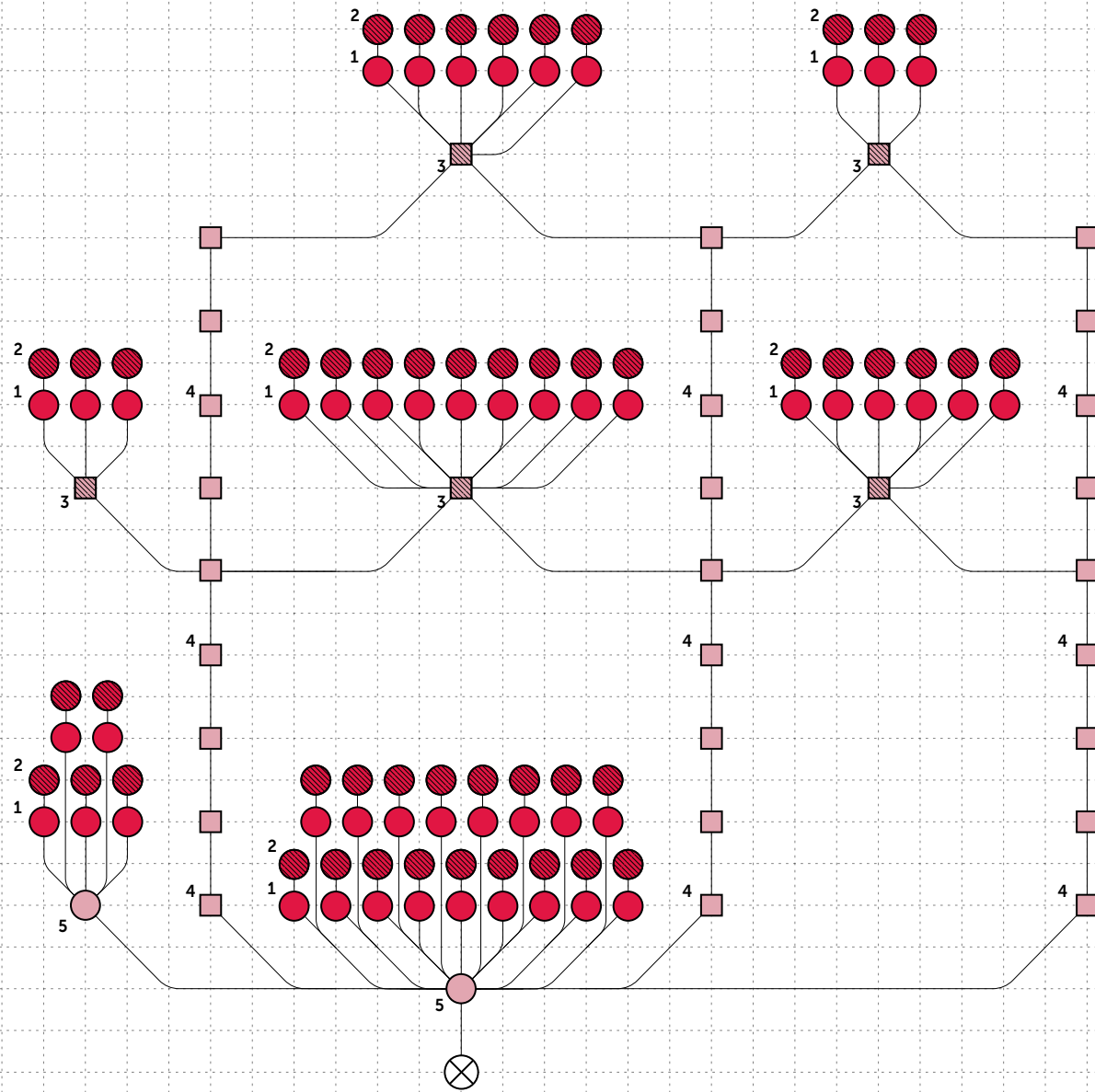


# CENTRAL CORE SLAB





# HABITAT 67



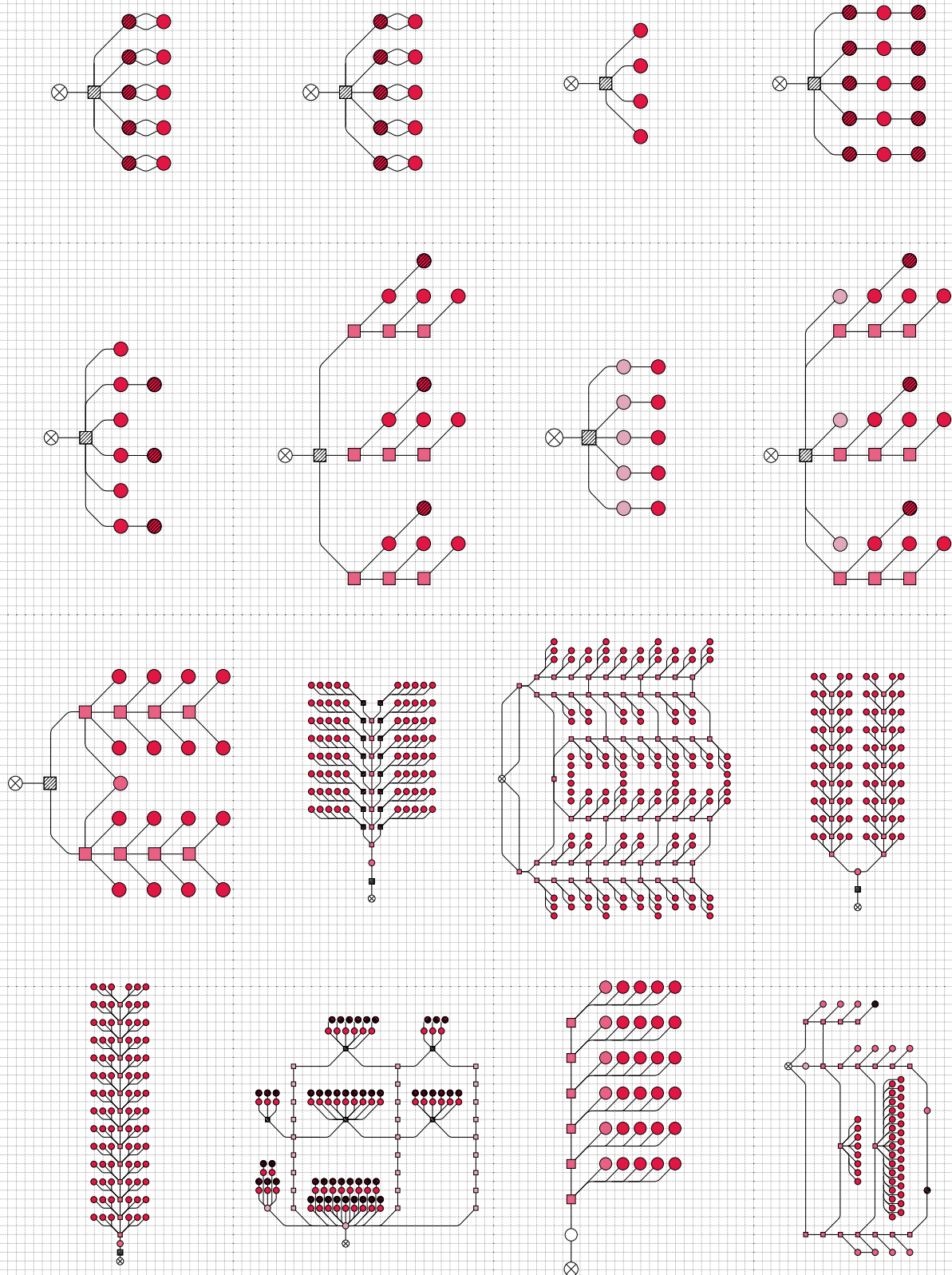


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Theoretical and computational innovations should allow type to become a dynamic set of relationships that can vary with pressure, situation, actor and time.

- David Grahame Shane, *Transcending type*, 2011

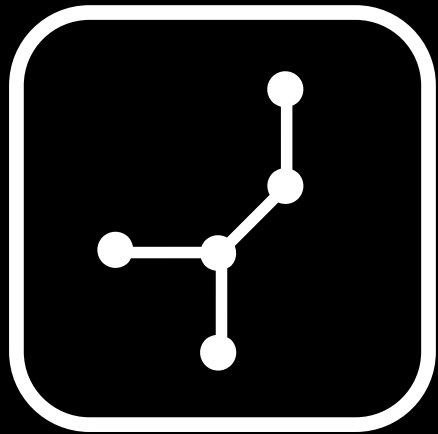
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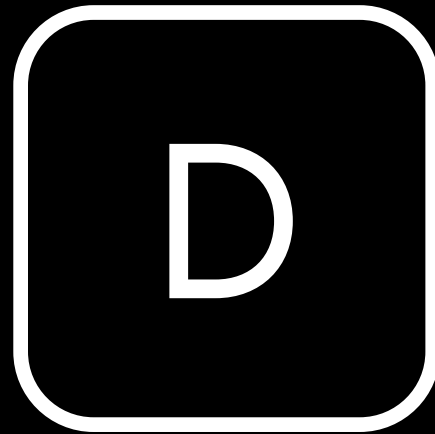
DESIGN





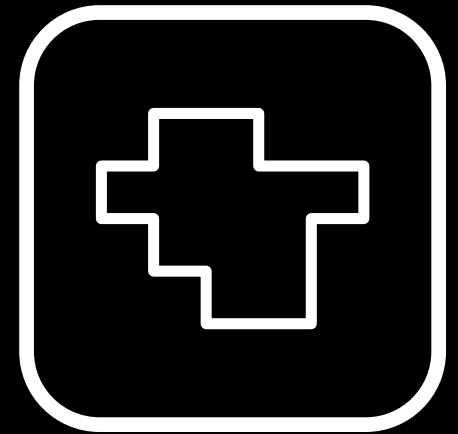
Spatial  
networks

input →



Design  
*Generative algorithm*

generate →



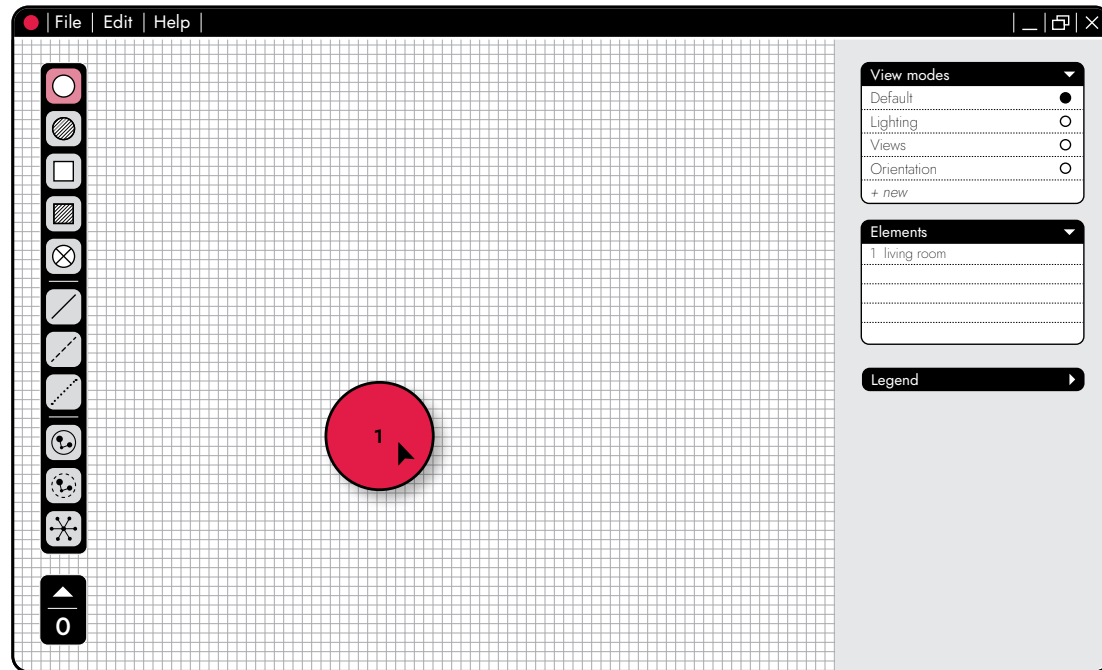
Urban  
form



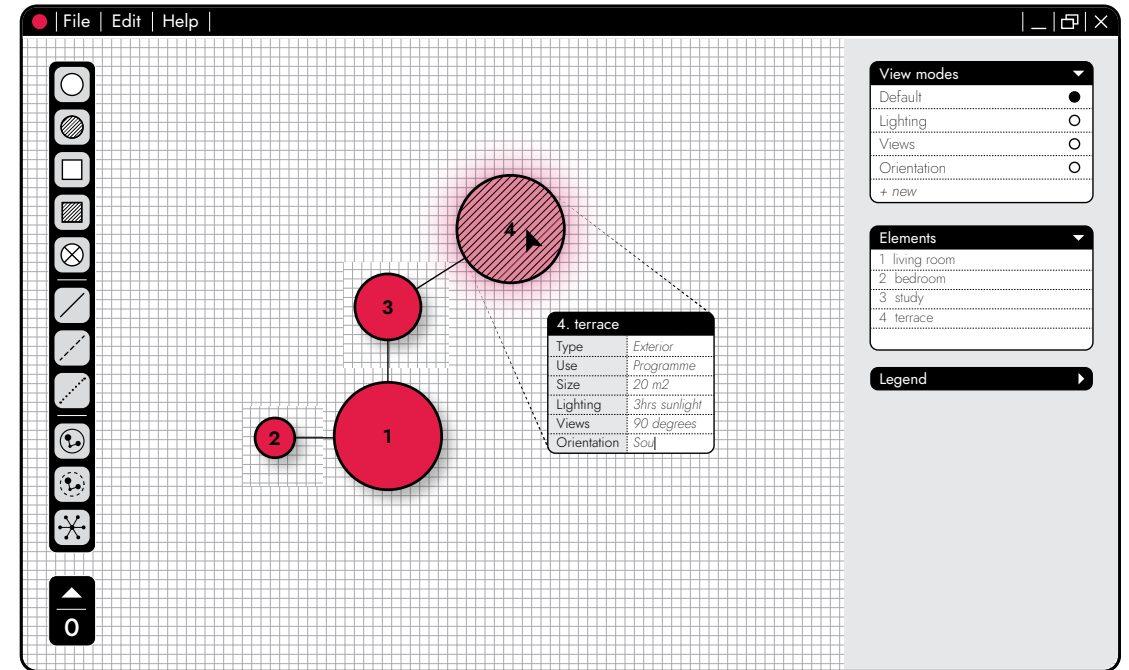




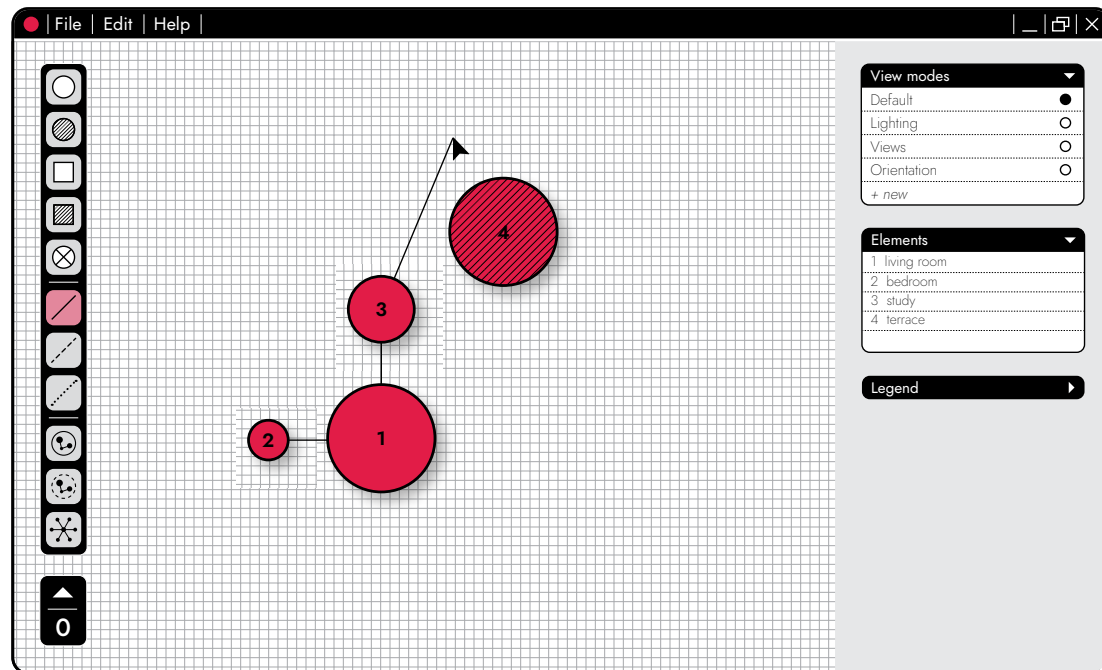
# DESIGN INTERFACE



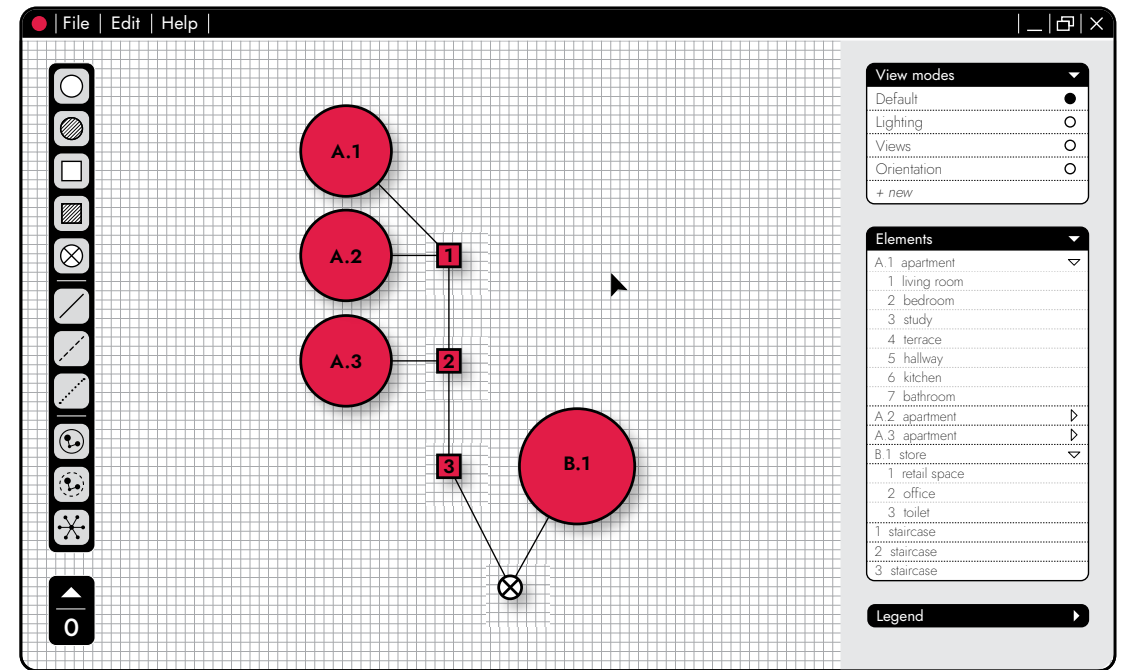
Dropping nodes representing spaces with the click of a mouse



Each node can have a number of user-defined spatial requirements assigned



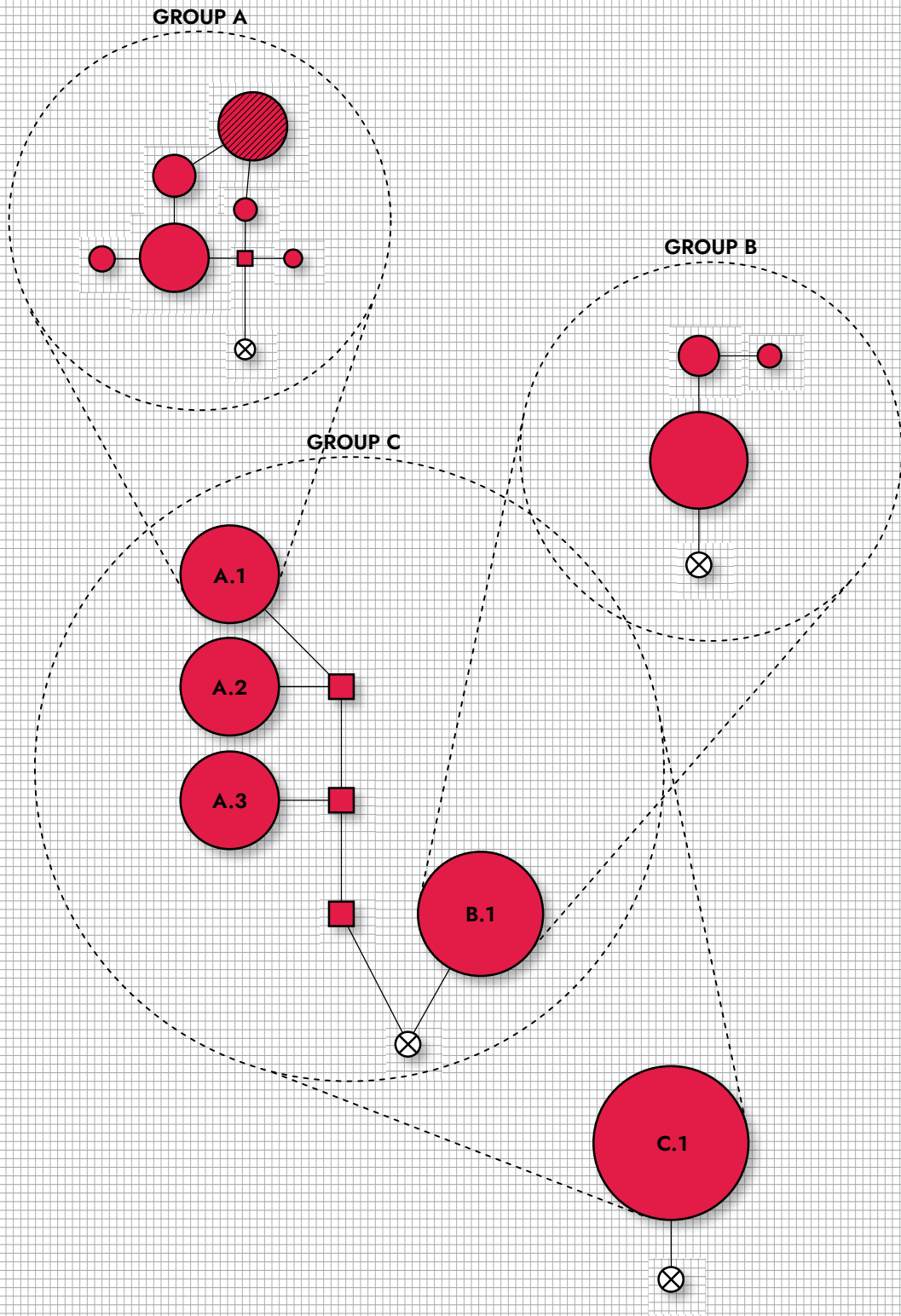
Connections between nodes automatically snap into place



Efficient preview toggling displaying node colours by parameter values



# HUMAN VISION



# COMPUTER VISION

Computer vision interface showing hierarchical navigation and detailed parameters for a selected element.

**Elements**

- A.1 apartment
- A.2 apartment
- A.3 apartment**
- B.1 store
- 1 staircase
- 2 staircase
- 3 staircase

**Elements**

- C.1 building

**Elements**

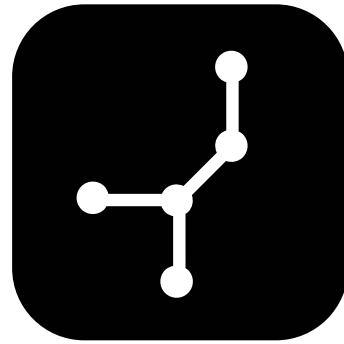
- 1 living room
- 2 bedroom
- 3 study
- 4 terrace**
- 5 hallway
- 6 kitchen
- 7 bathroom

**Parameters**

ID	C.1_A.3_4
Name	Terrace
Type	Exterior
Use	Programme
Size	20 m2
Lighting	min 3hrs sunlight
Views	90 degrees
Orientation	South
Connectivity	C.1_A.3_3 Adj
	C.1_A.3_6 Adj

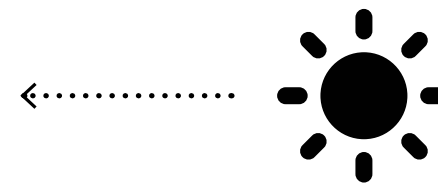
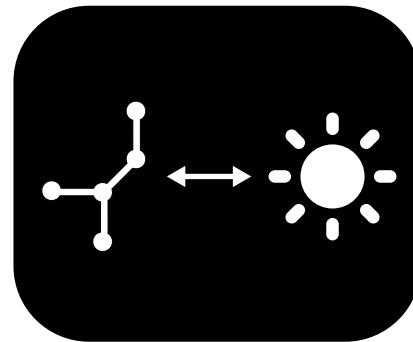


**Genotype**  
Spatial network



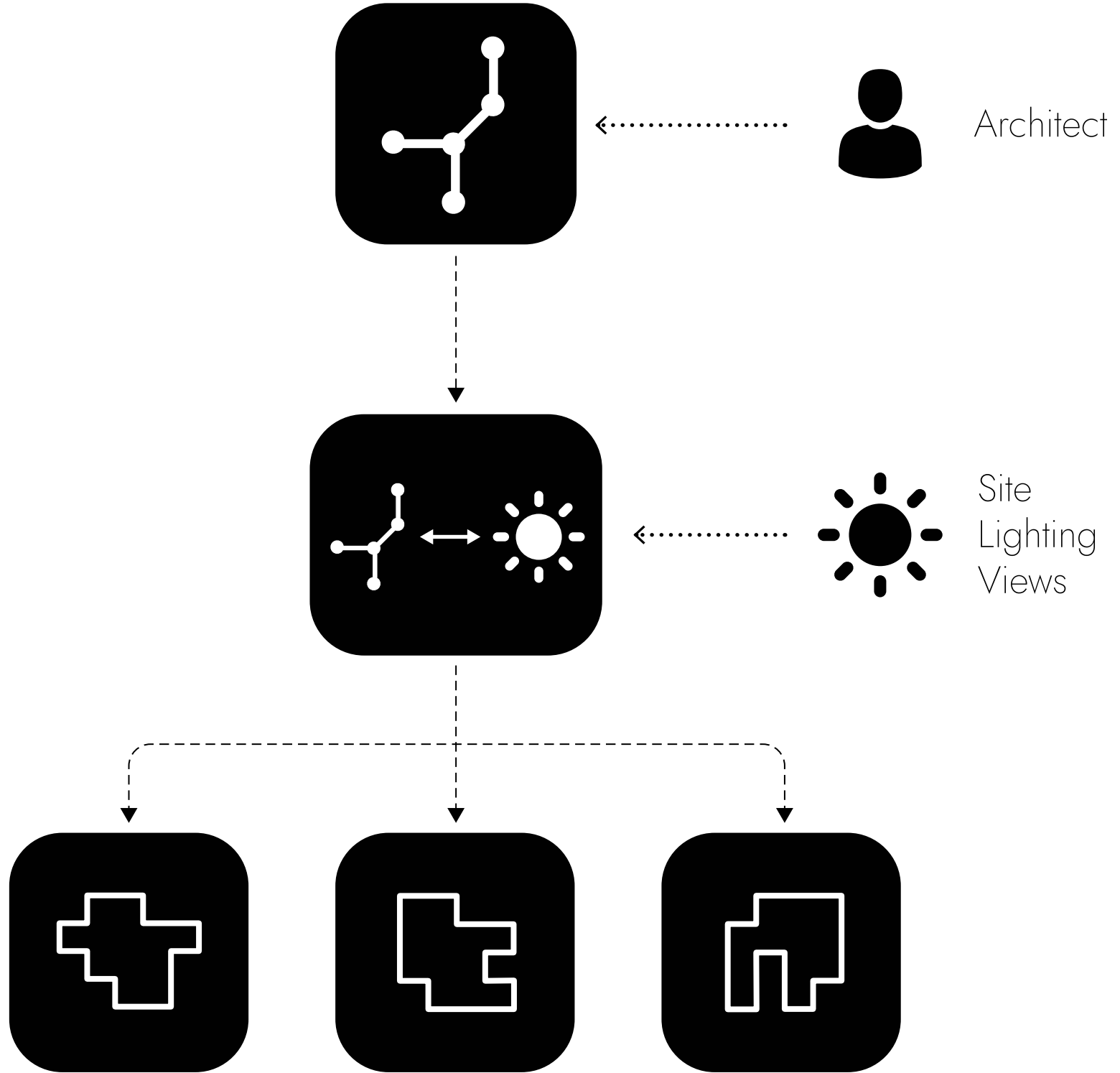
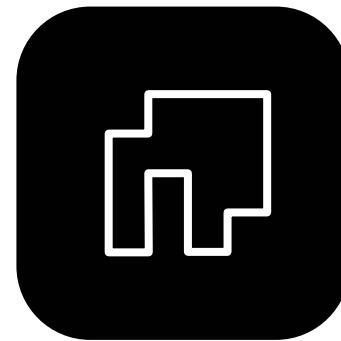
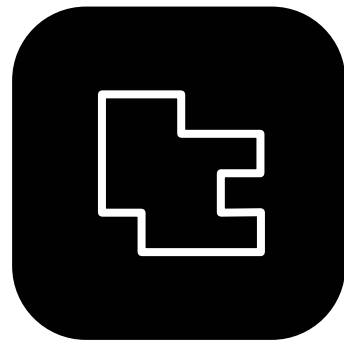
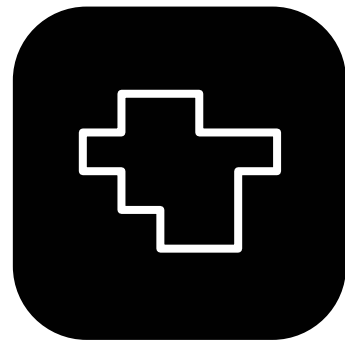
Architect

**Environment**  
Site & Context



Site  
Lighting  
Views

**Phenotype**  
Urban form

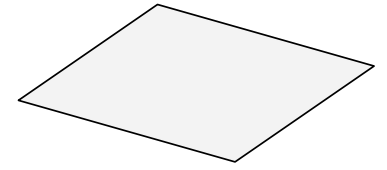




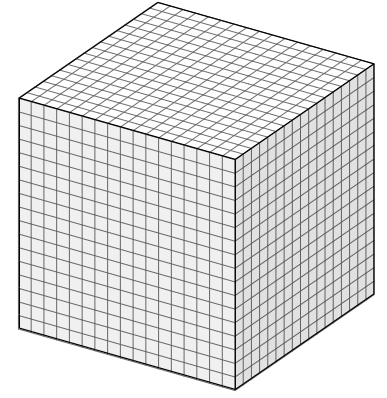
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DISCRETE  
CONTINUOUS  
SPACE

2 DIMENSIONS

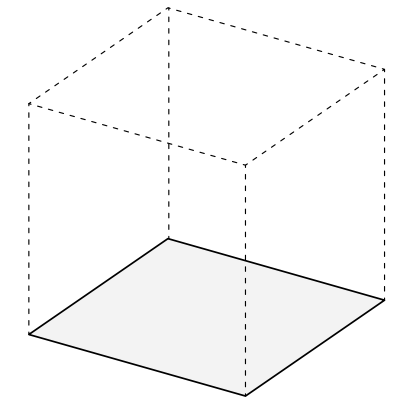
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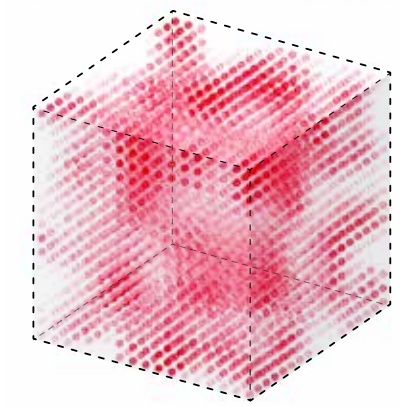
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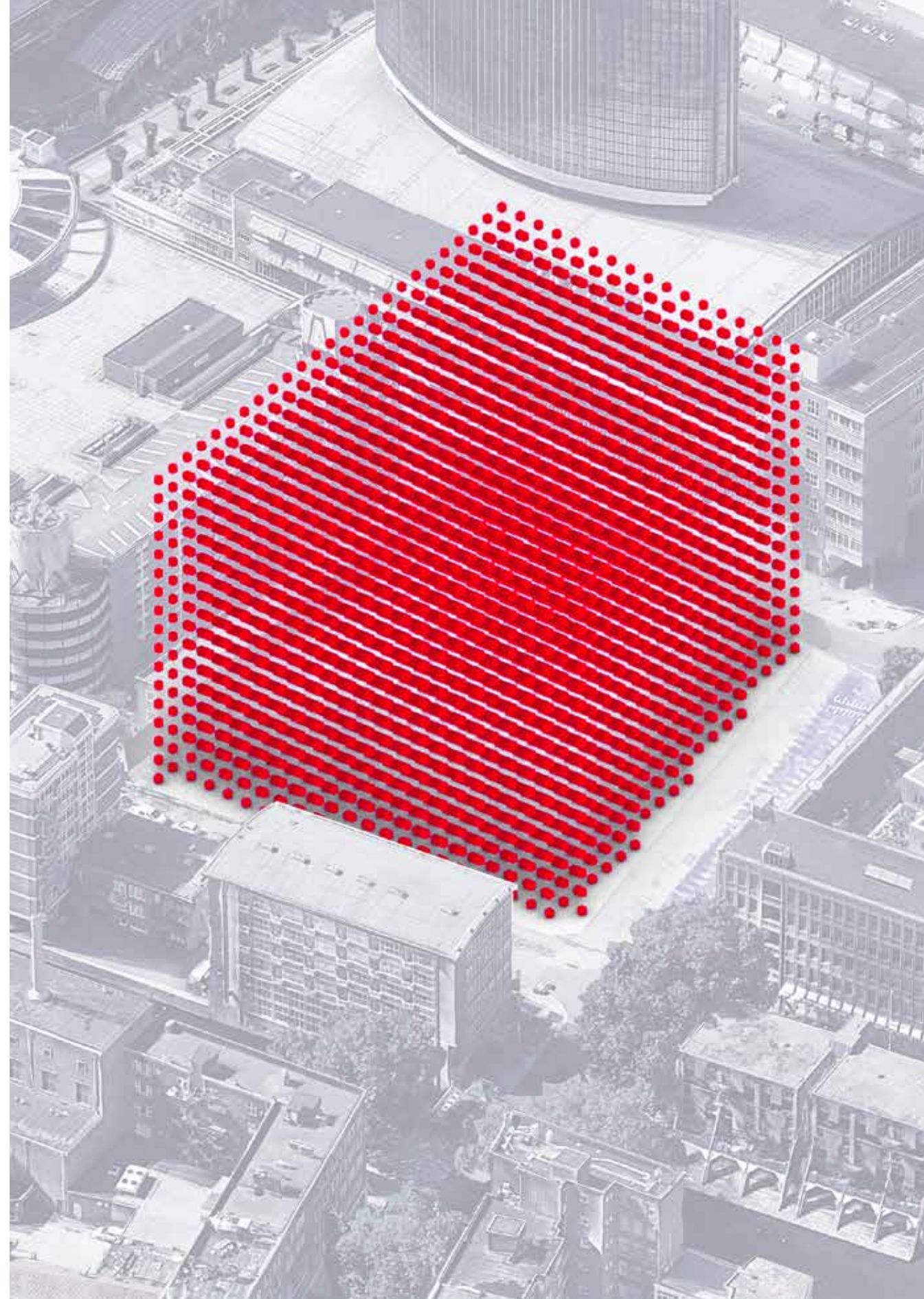
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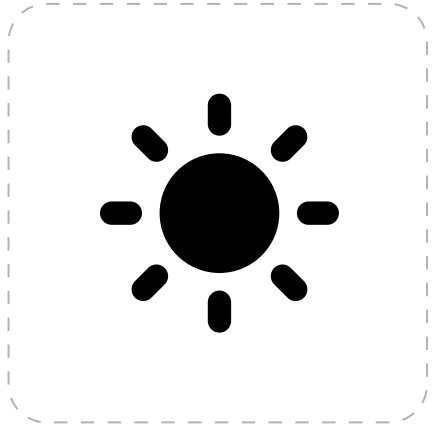
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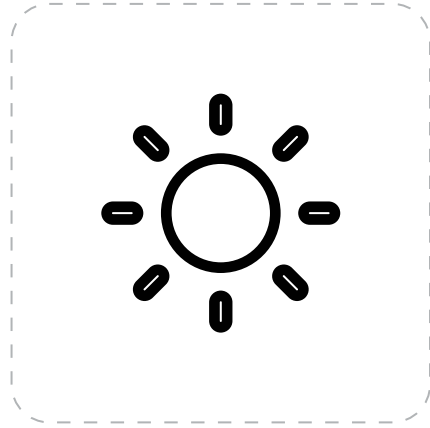
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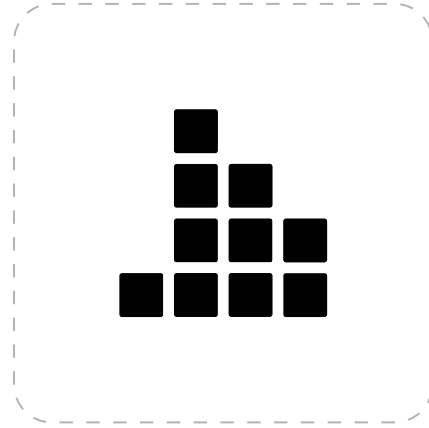




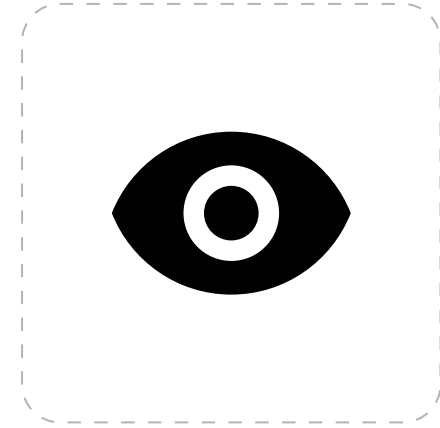
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*daylight*



*structure*



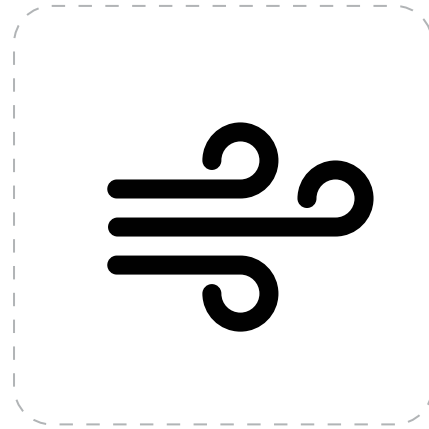
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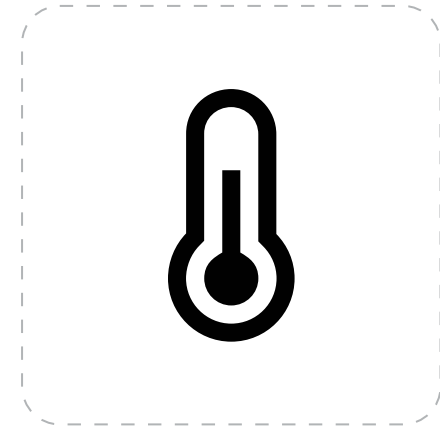
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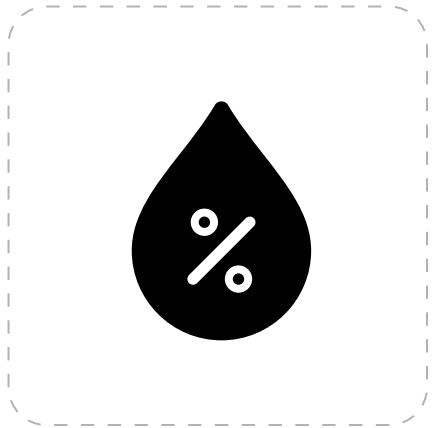
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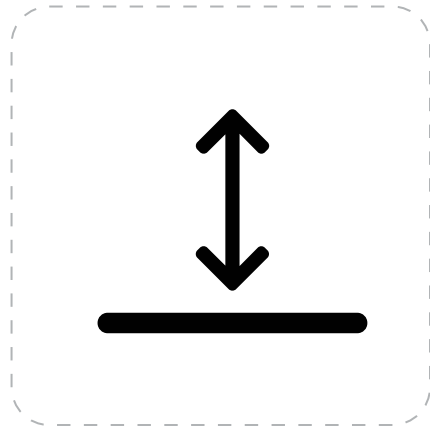
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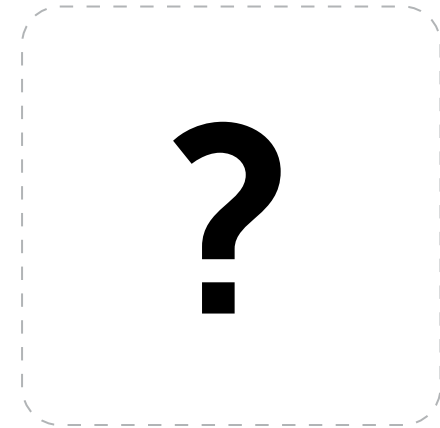
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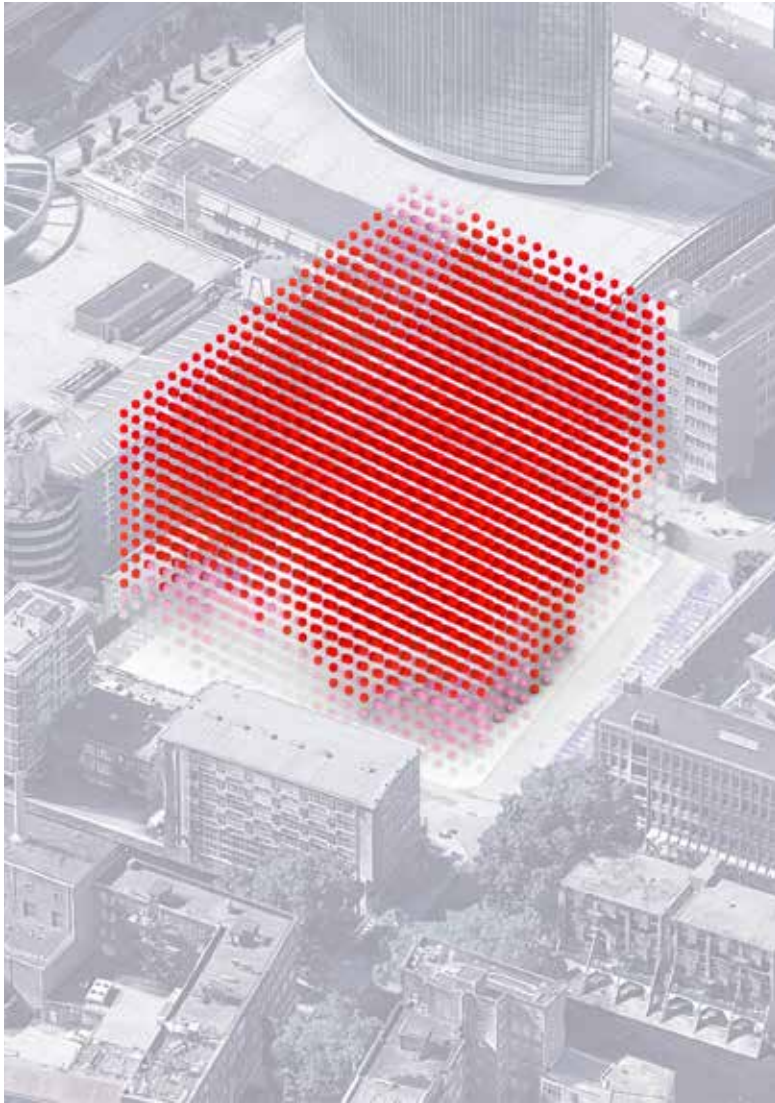


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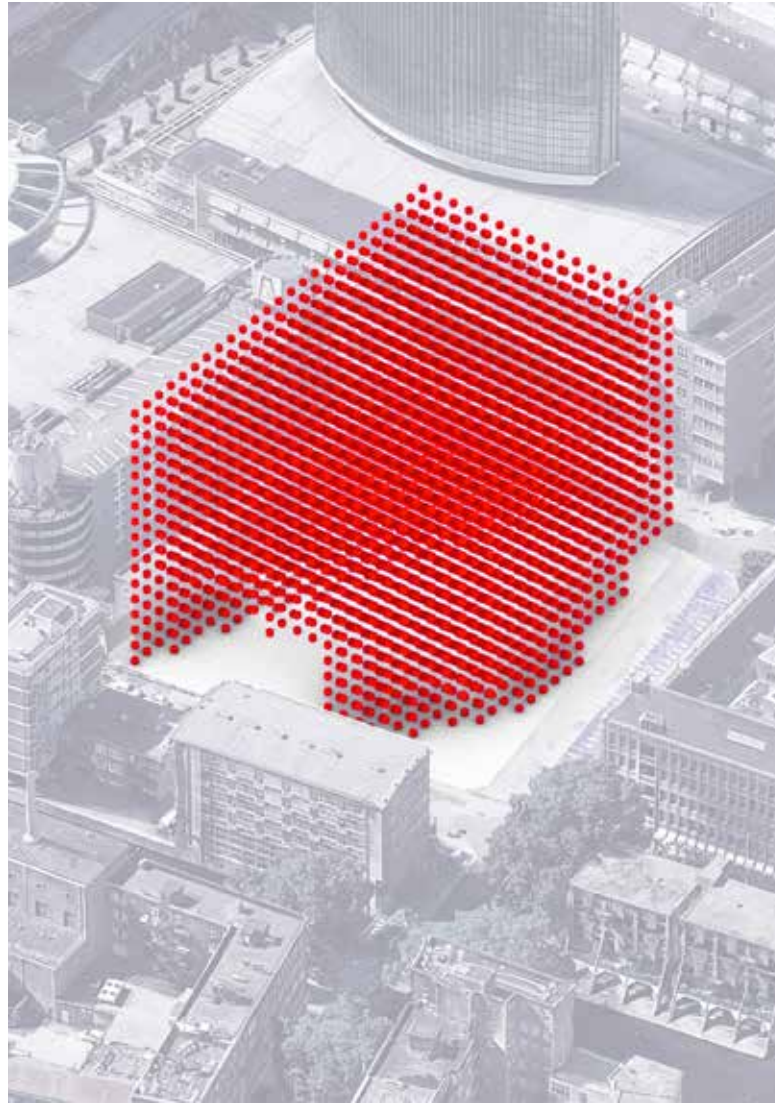


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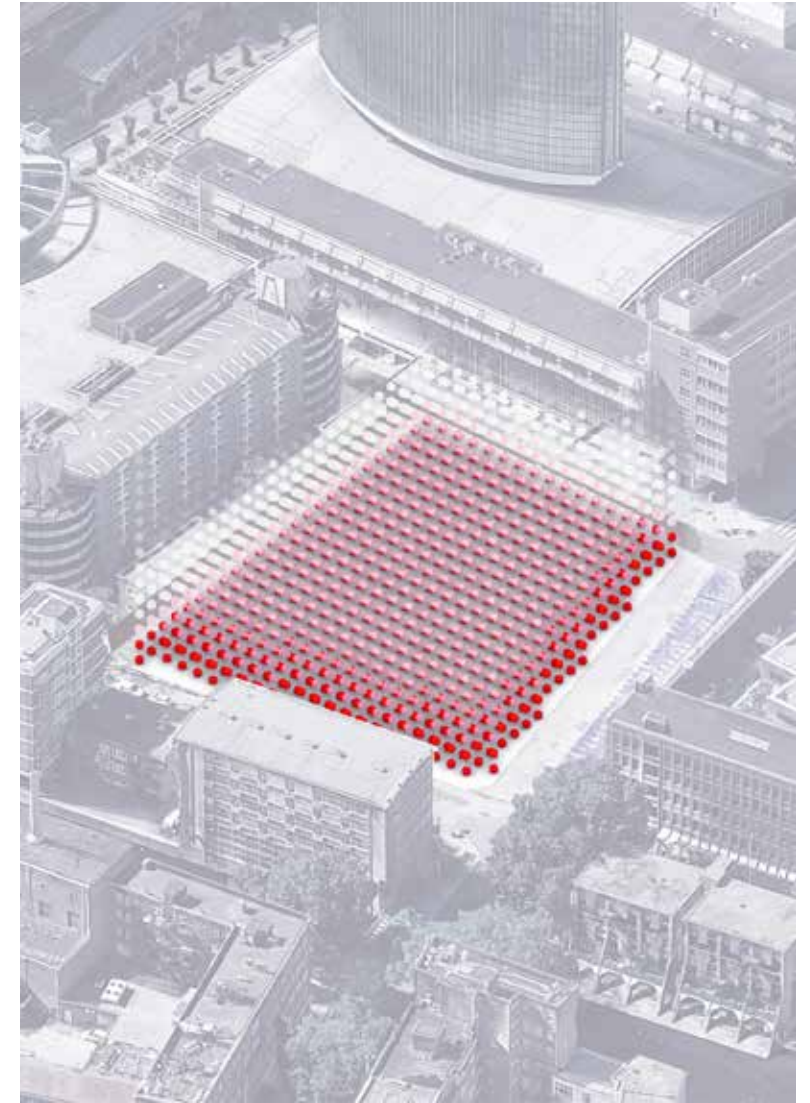




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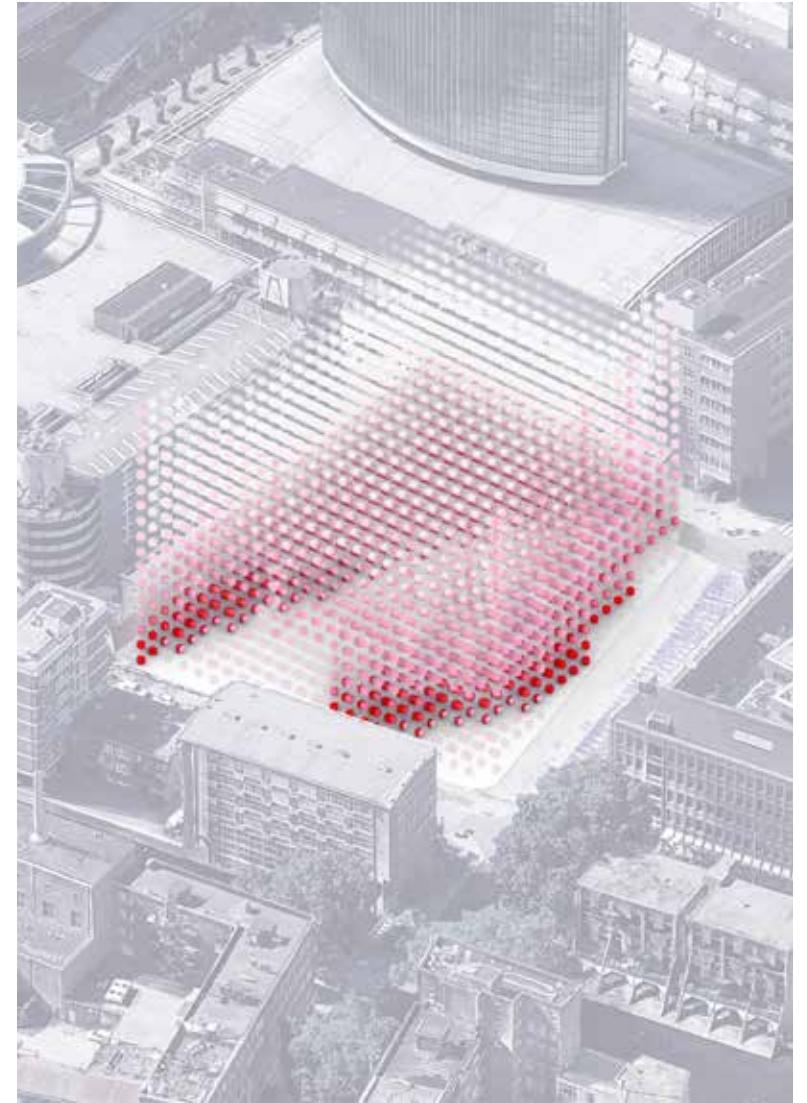
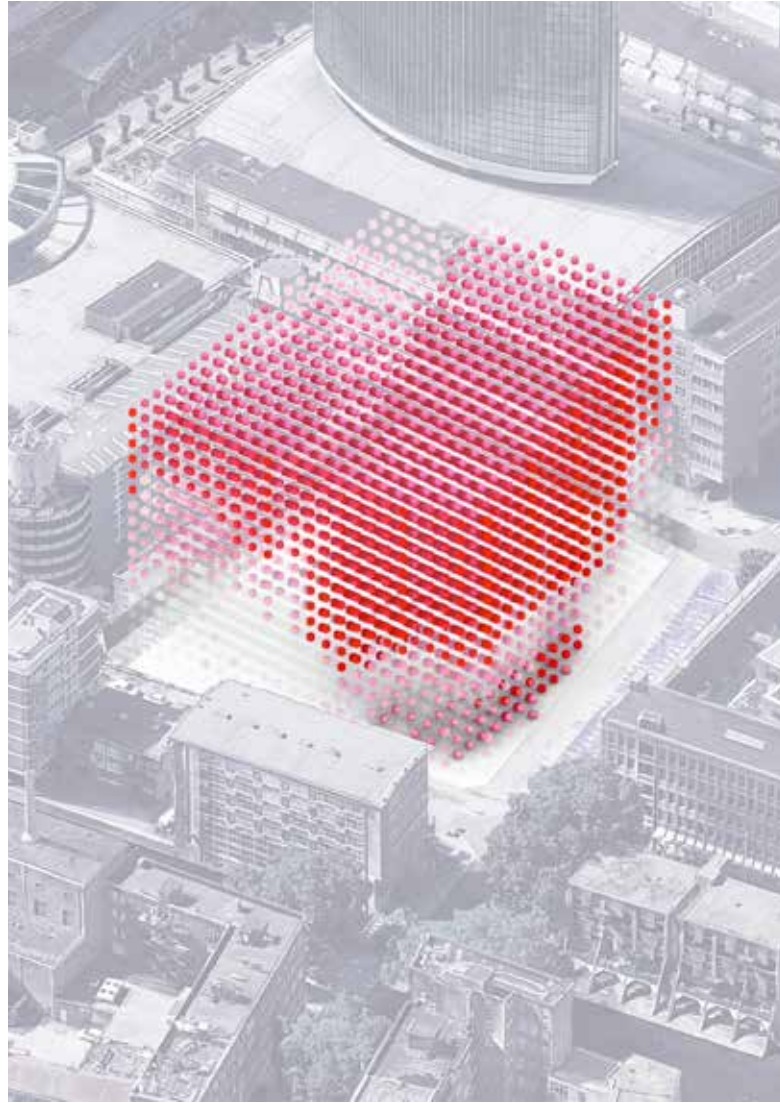
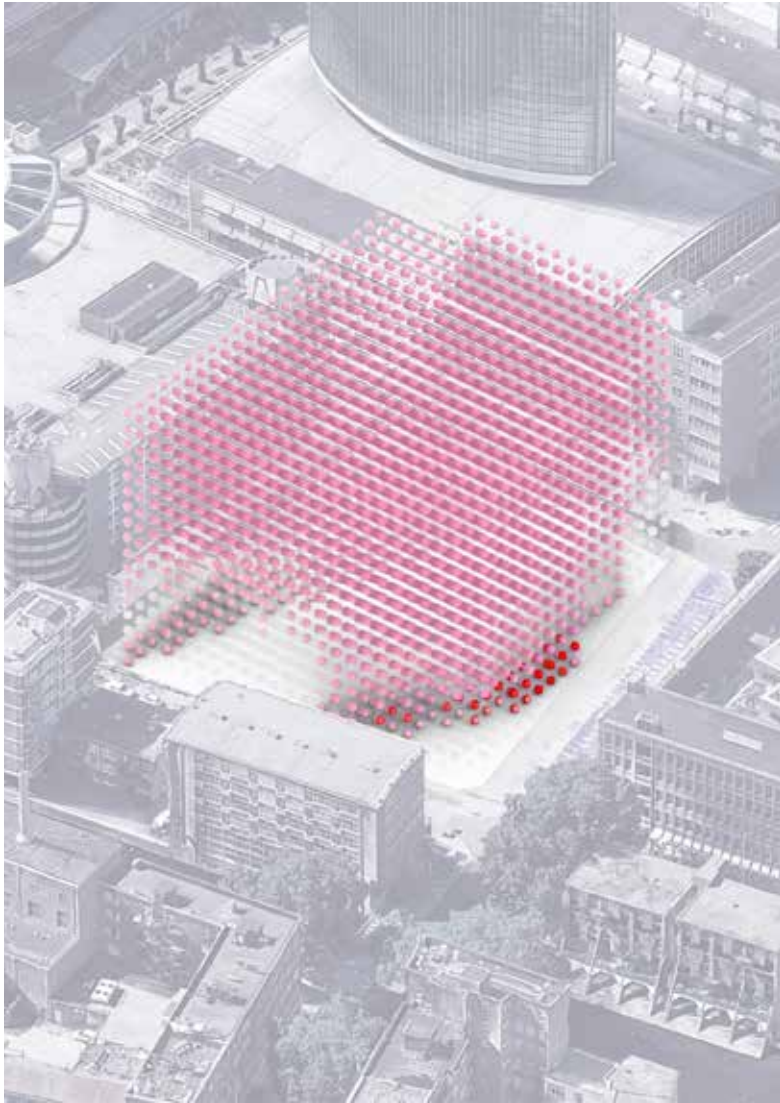


View



Structure





Sun, View and Structure fields merged with different weighting factors

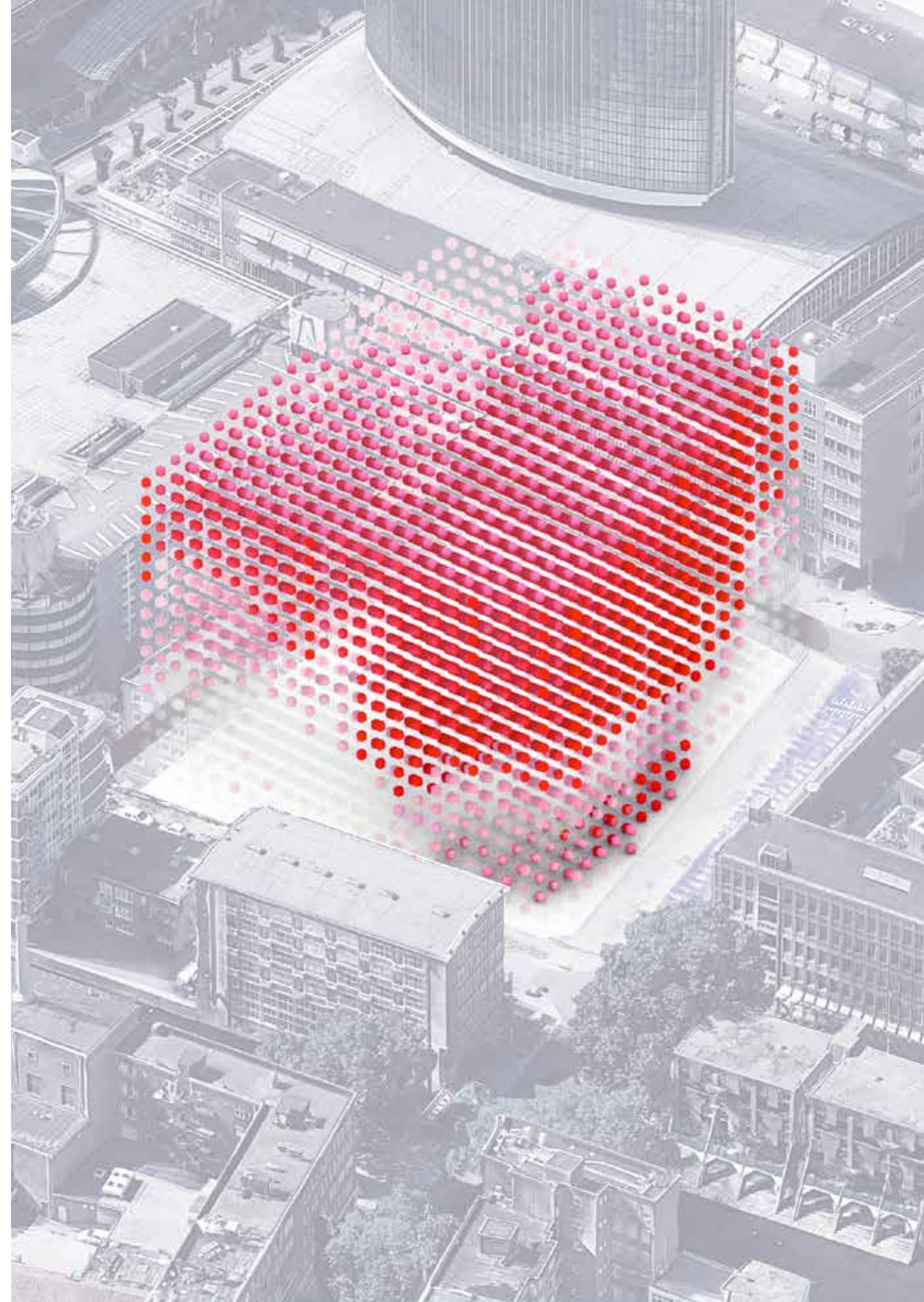


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Field conditions treat  
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Working with and not  
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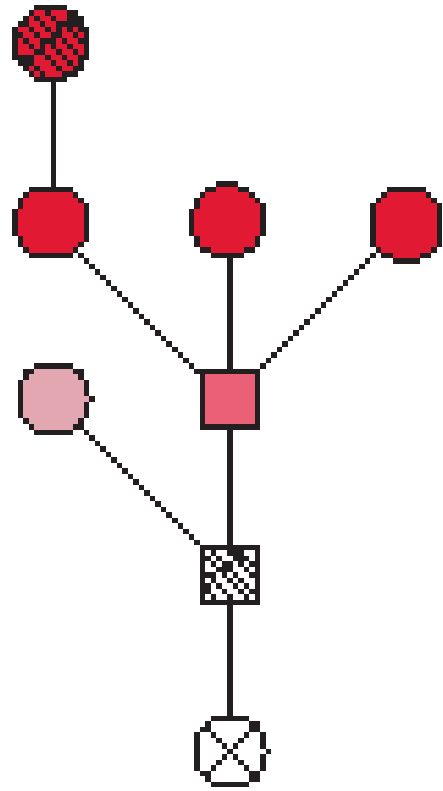
- Stan Allen, *From Object to Field*, 1997

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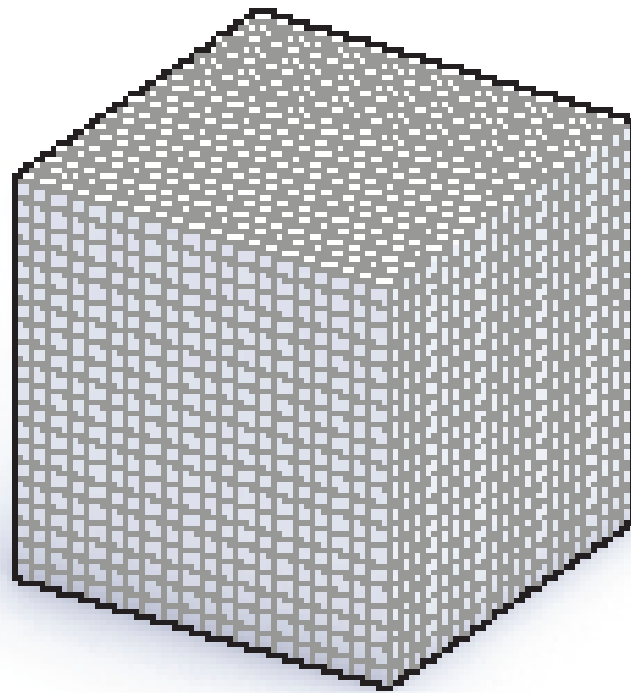


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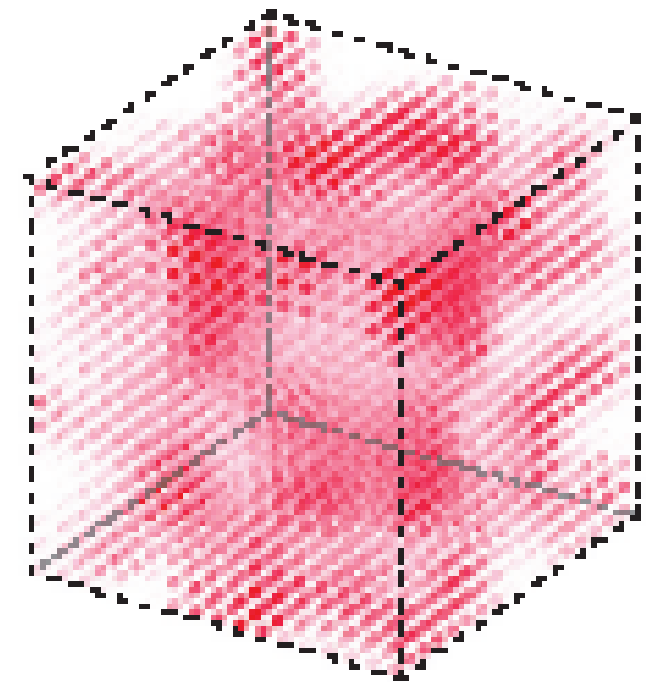
Spatial network

+



Voxelized Envelope

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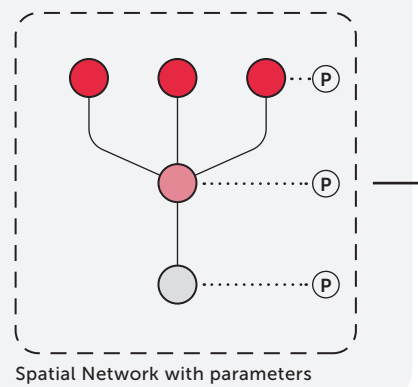
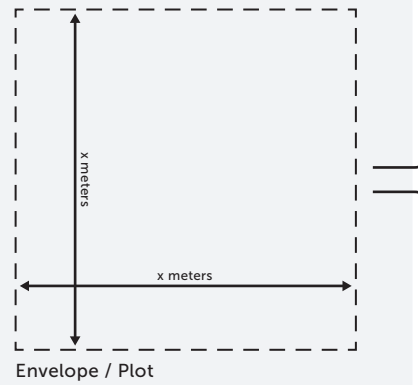


Environment Field



# CONFIGURATIONAL ALGORITHM

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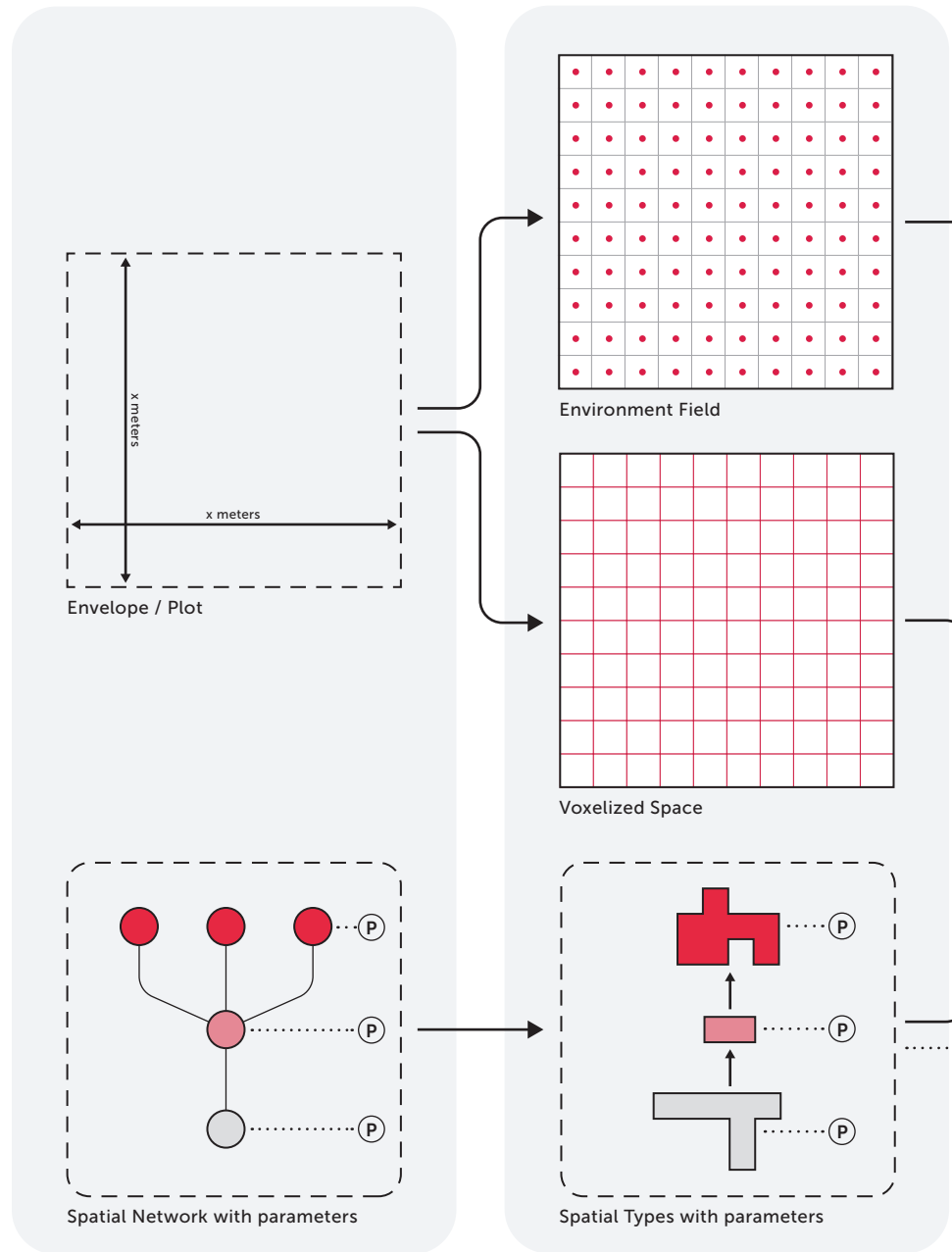




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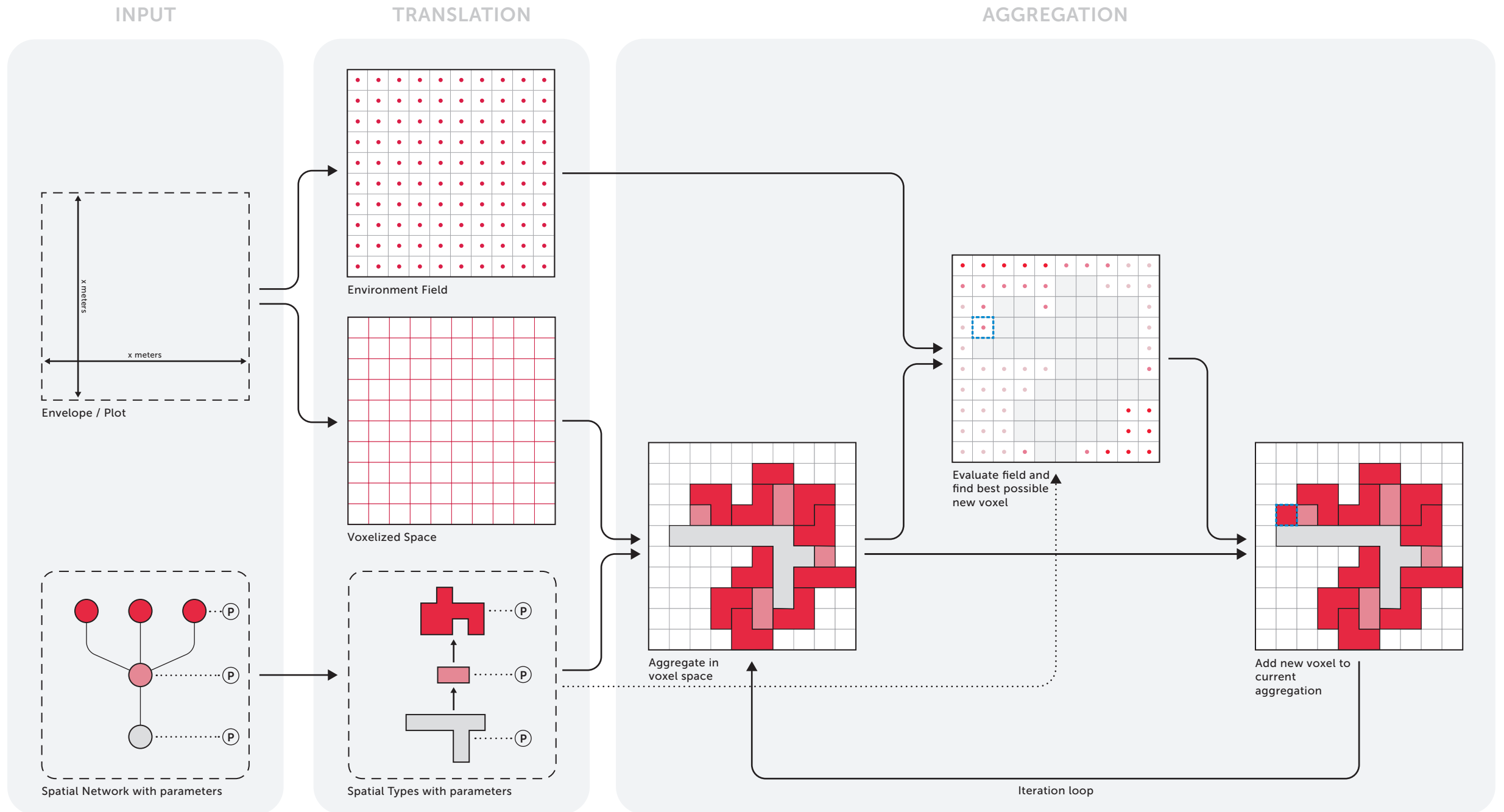
INPUT

TRANSLATION





# CONFIGURATIONAL ALGORITHM







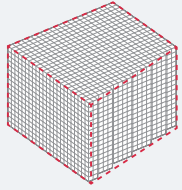




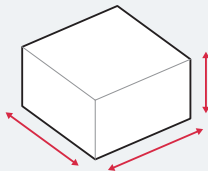


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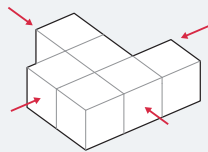
### GLOBAL



Envelope

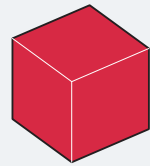


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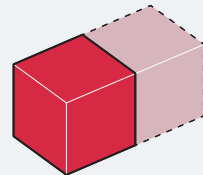


Compactness

### TOPOLOGICAL



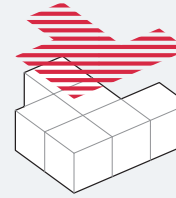
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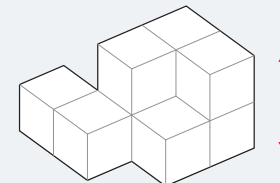
Connected Types

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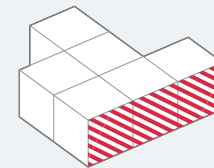
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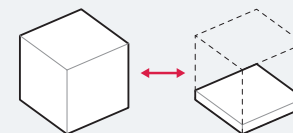
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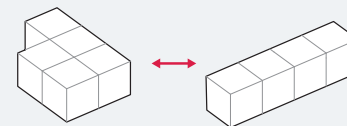
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Facade Area

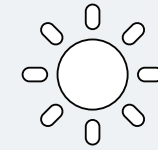


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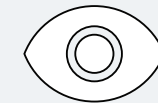


Linear or Compact

### CONTEXTUAL



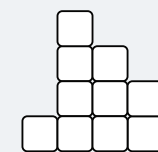
Sunlight



Views



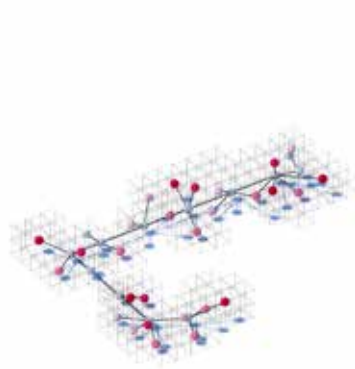
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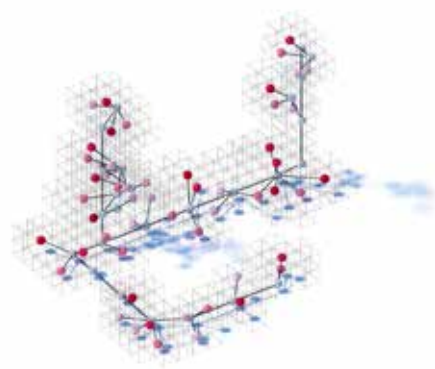
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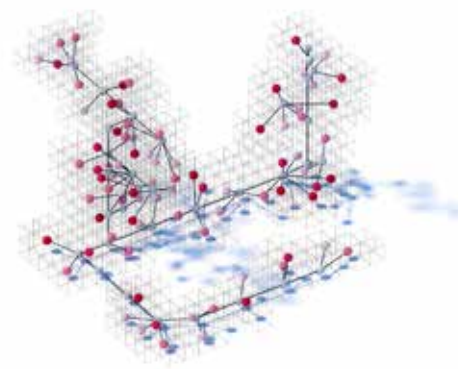
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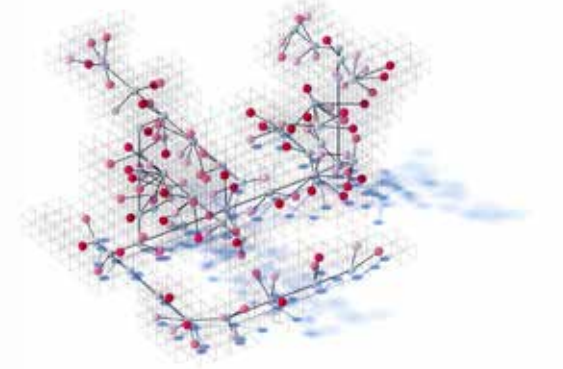
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iteration # 1500 | topology



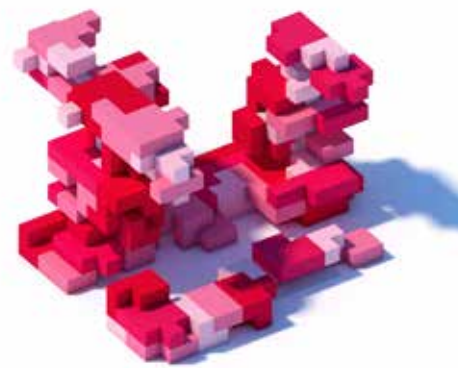
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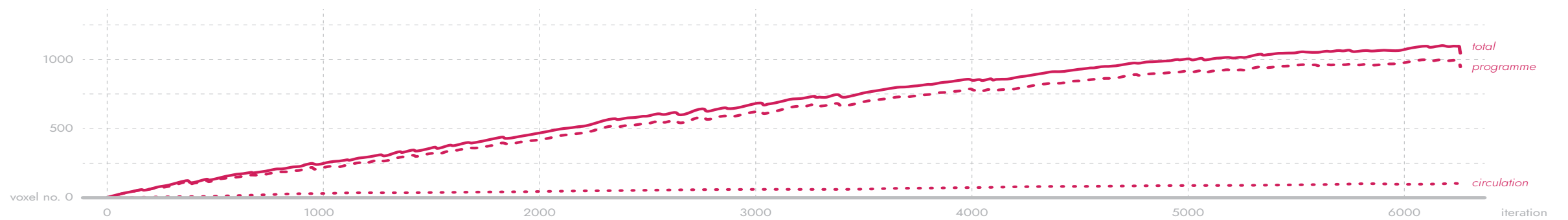
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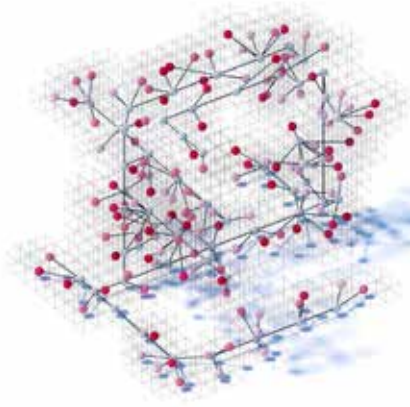


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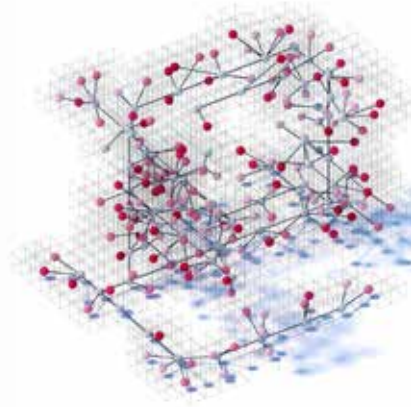




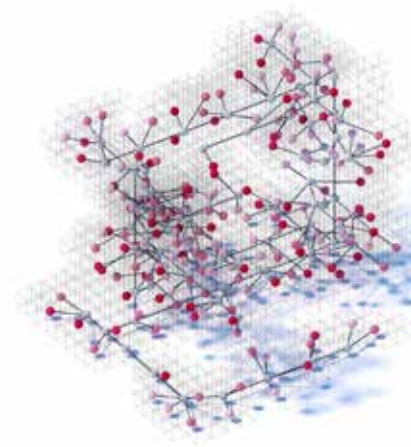
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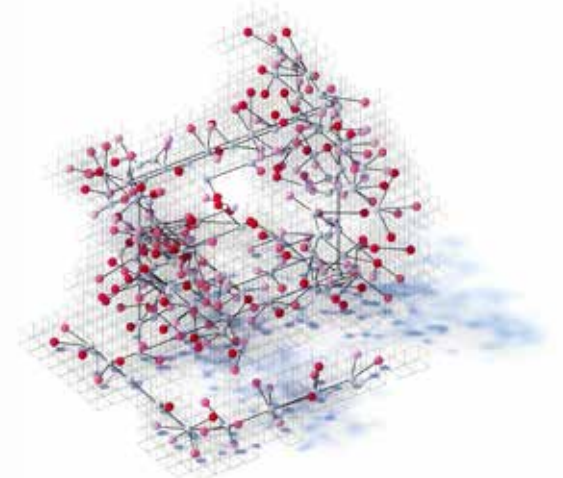
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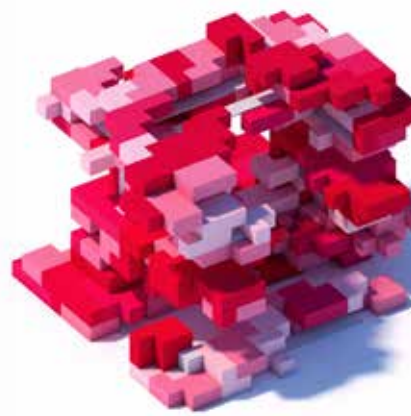
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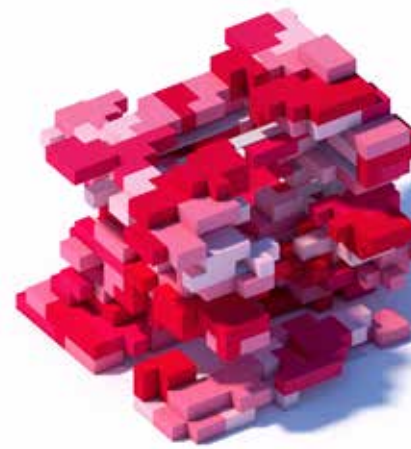
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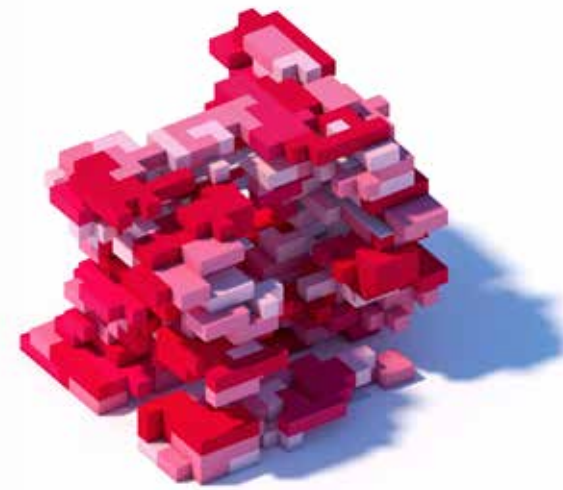
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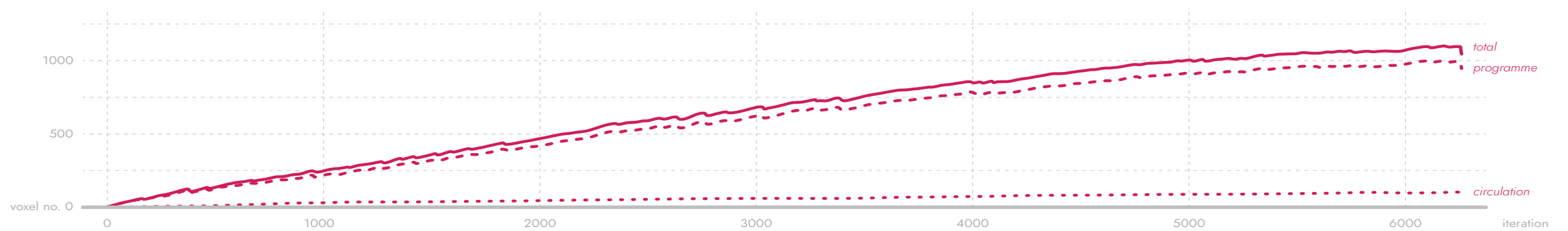
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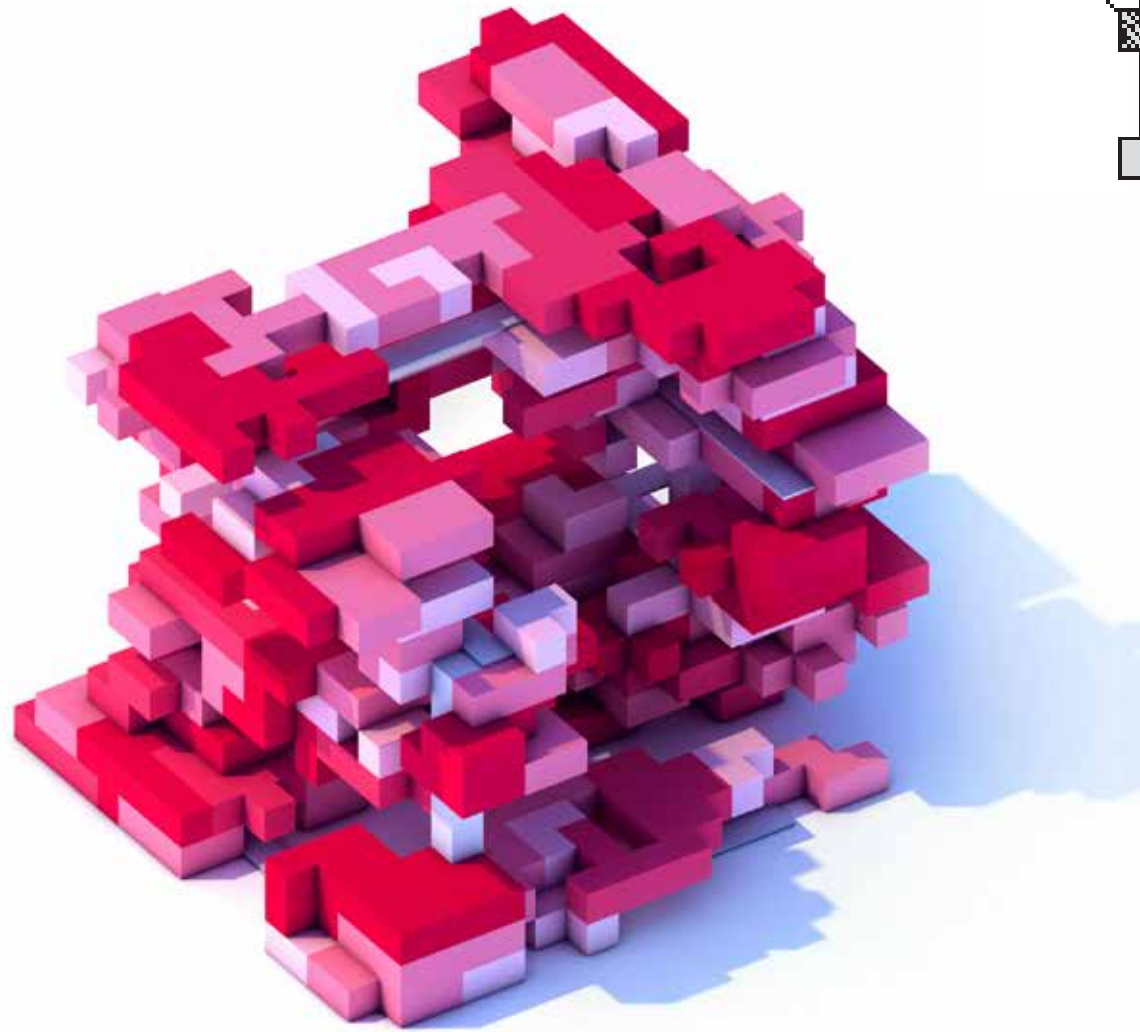
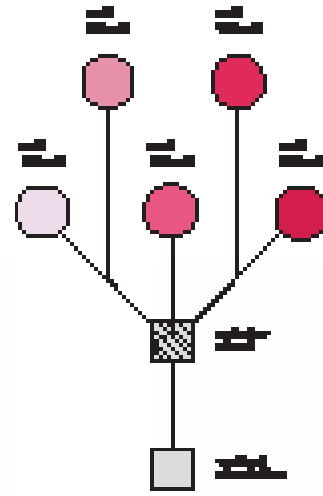


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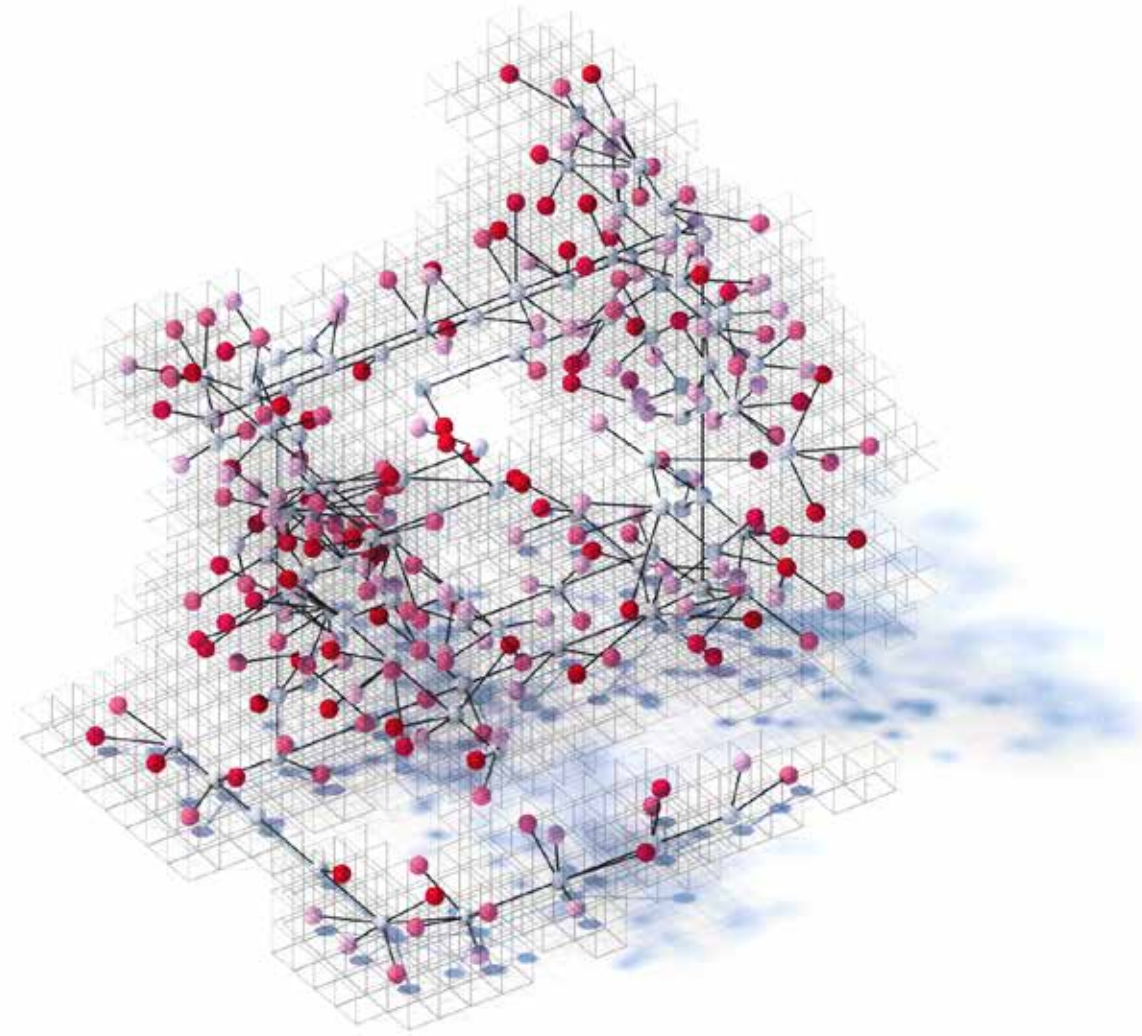




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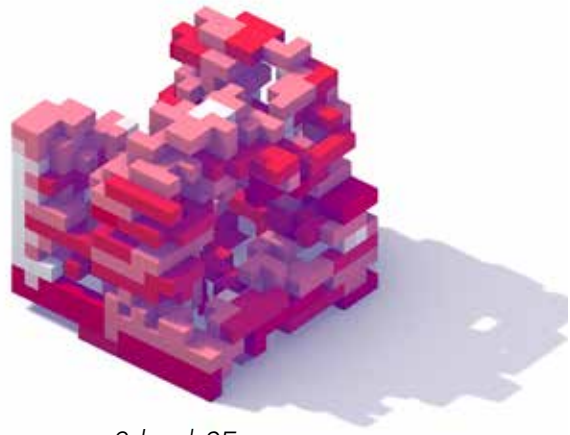
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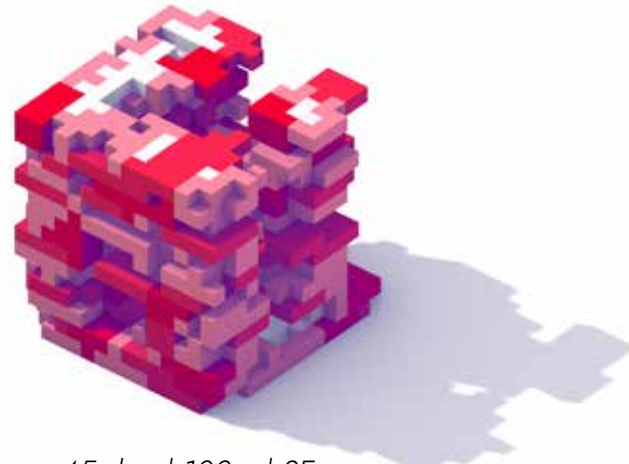
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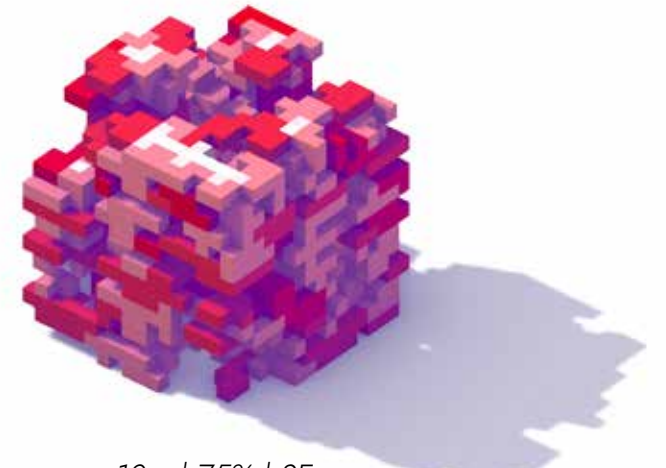
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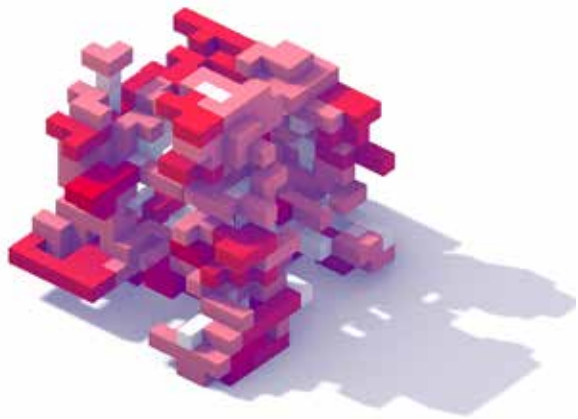
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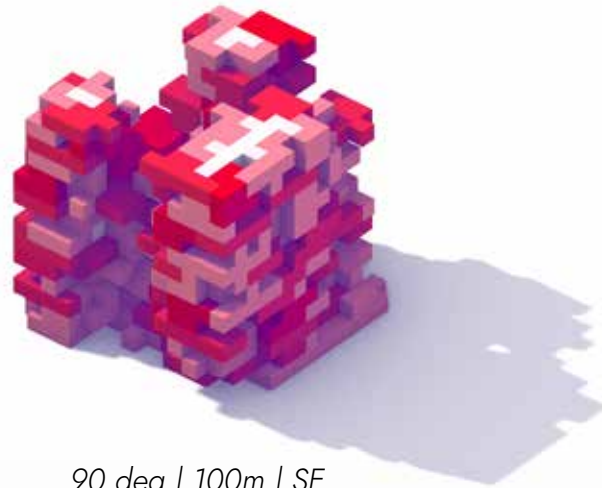
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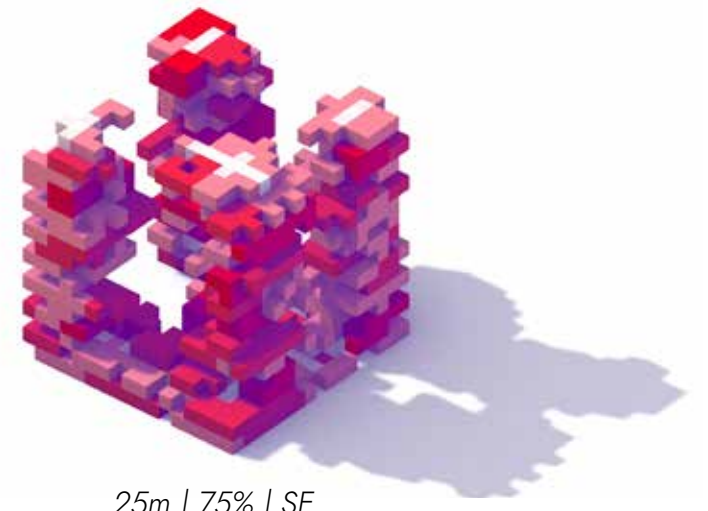
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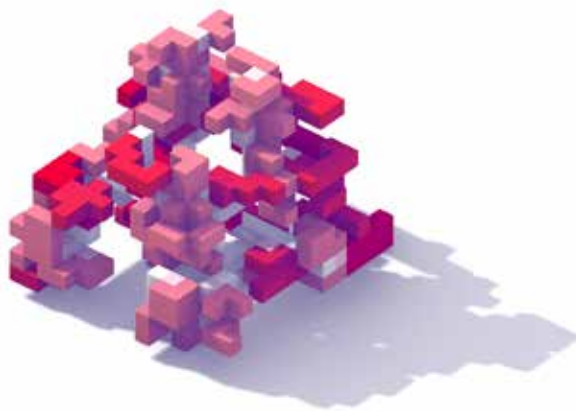
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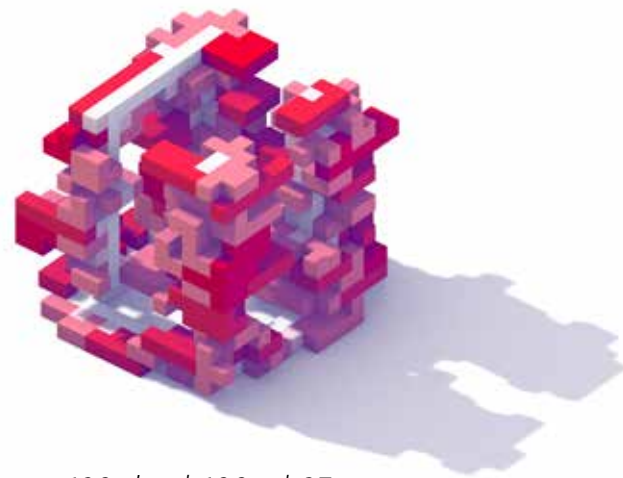
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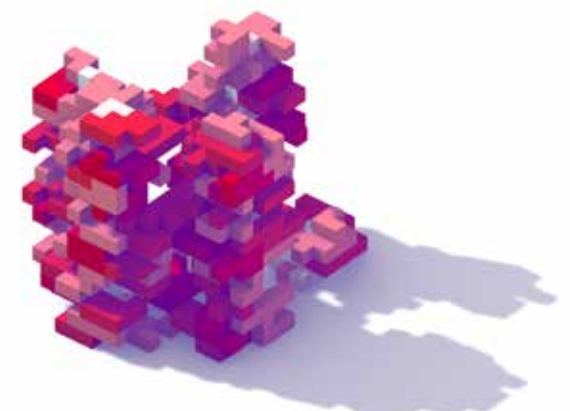
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7 hrs | SE



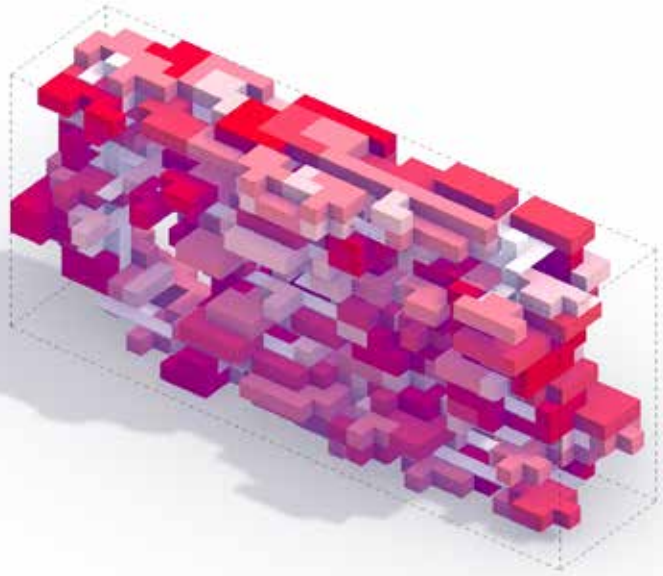
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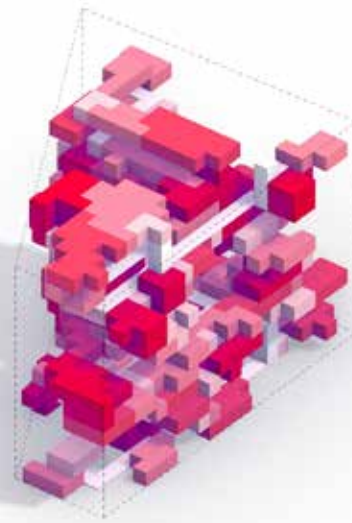
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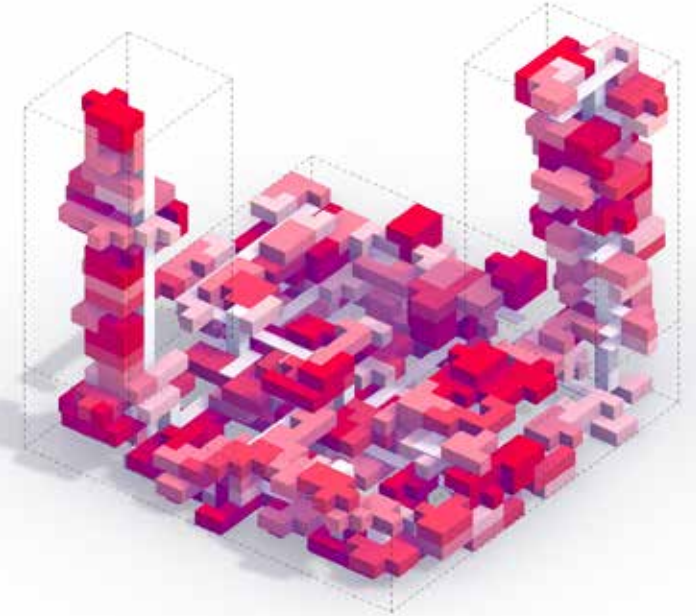
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SLAB ENVELOPE



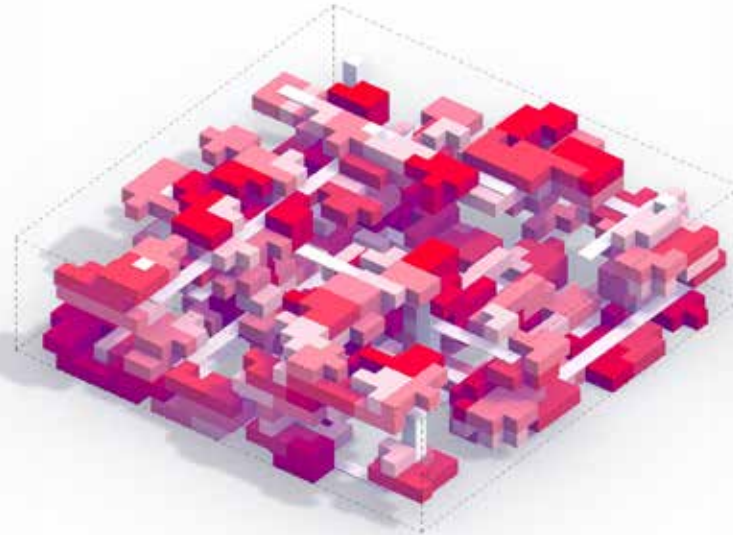
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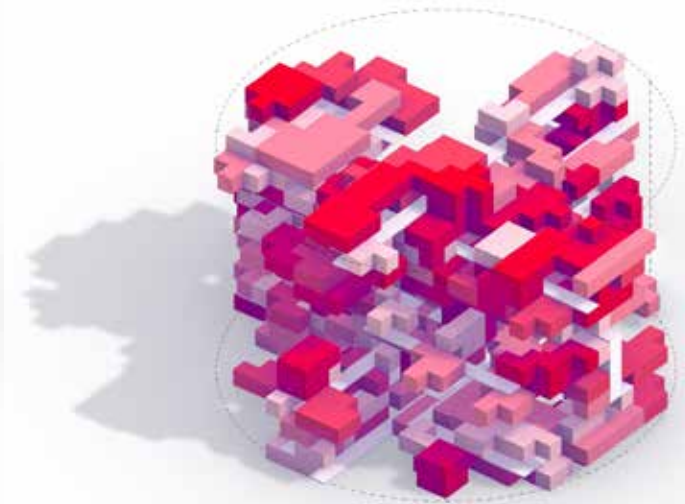
PODIUM WITH TOWERS ENVELOPE



TOWER ENVELOPE

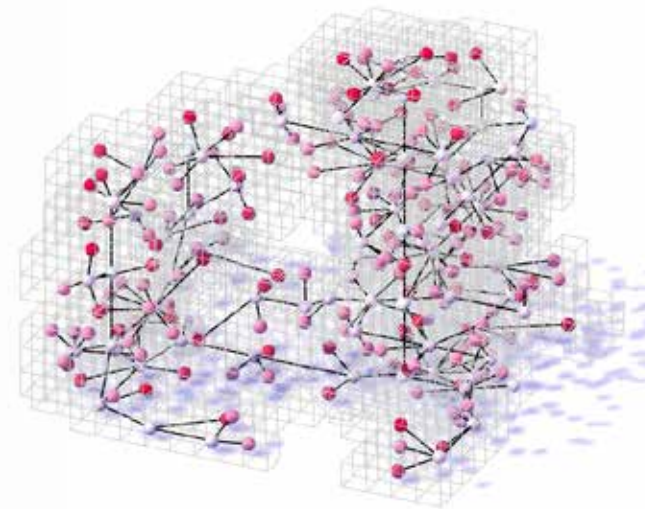
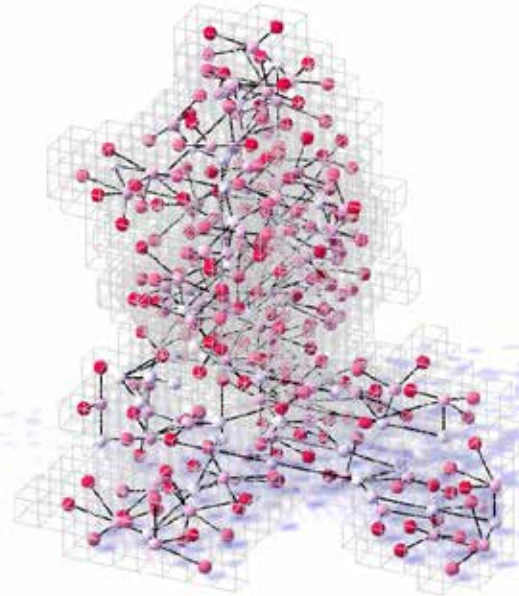
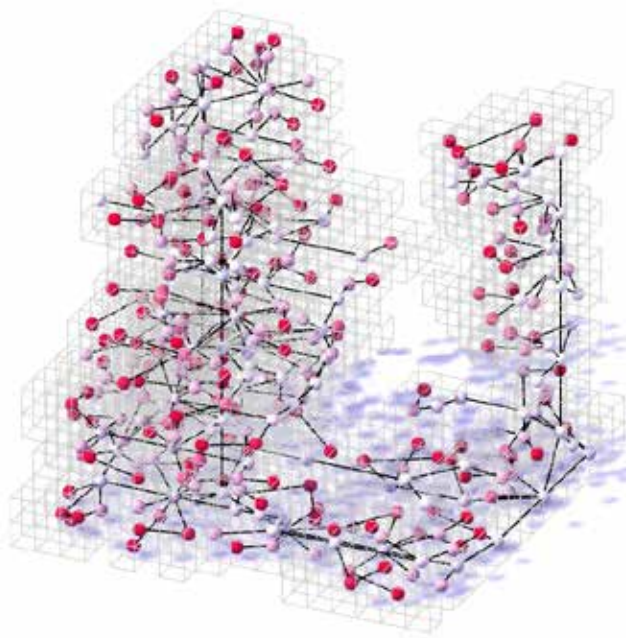
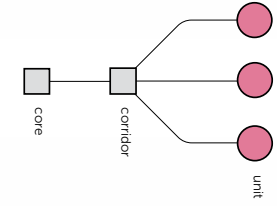
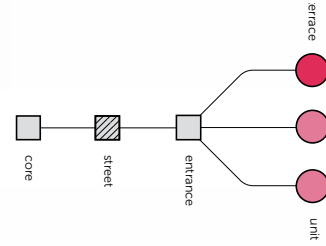
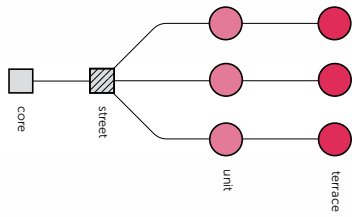
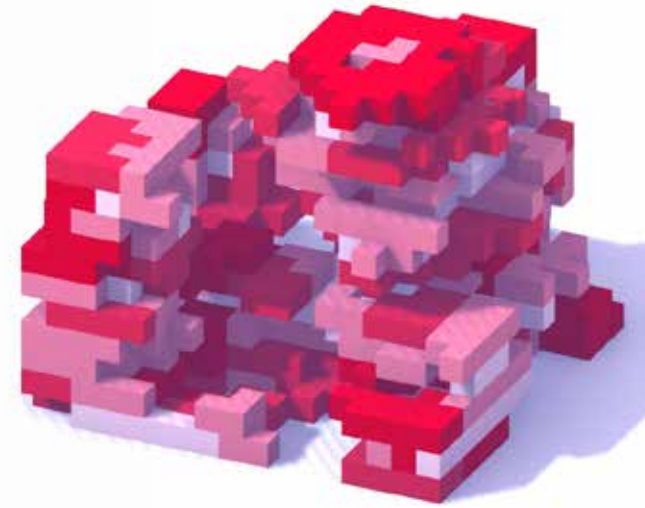
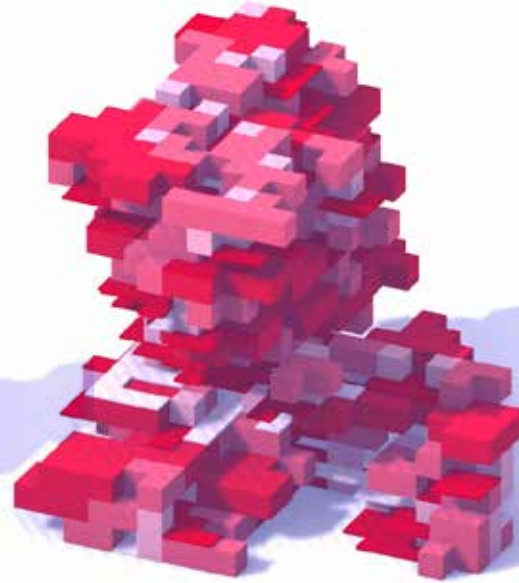
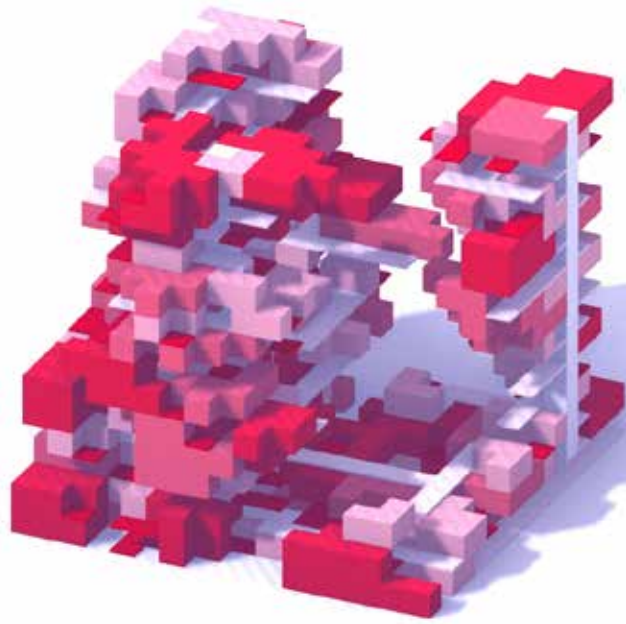


PODIUM ENVELOPE



CUBE ENVELOPE





ROWHOUSE TOPOLOGY

COURTYARD TOPOLOGY

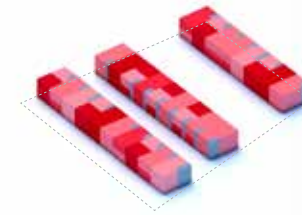
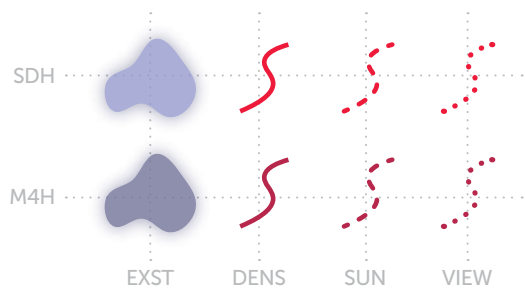
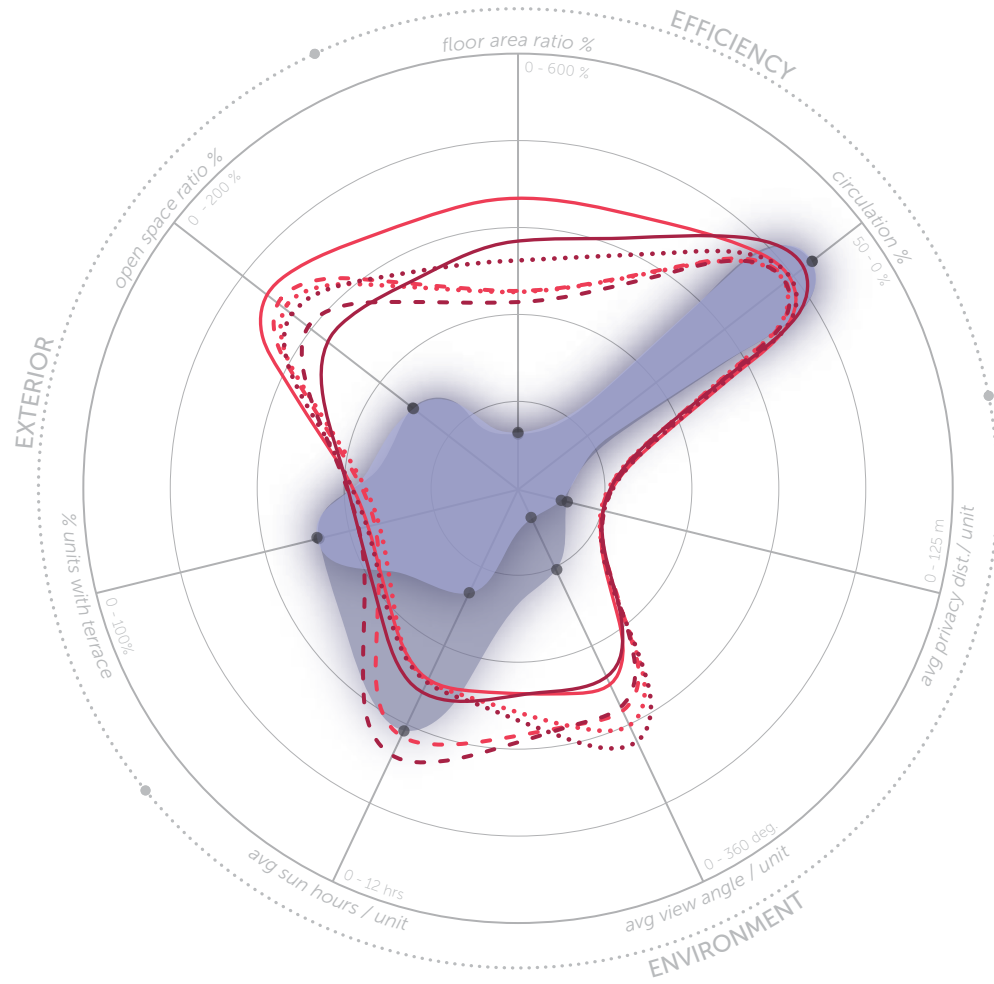
SLAB TOPOLOGY



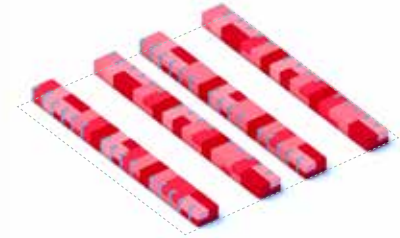
# TRADITIONAL VS. CONFIGURATIONAL ROW HOUSE

Stadsdriehoek (SDH)

Merwe Vierhaven (M4H)



RH\_SDH\_EXST



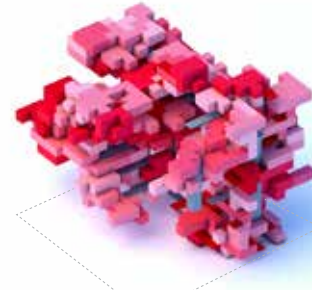
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RH\_SDH\_DENS



RH\_M4H\_DENS



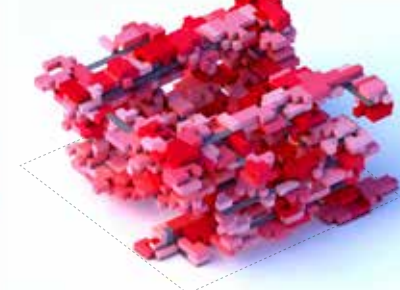
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RH\_M4H\_SUN



RH\_SDH\_VIEW



RH\_M4H\_VIEW

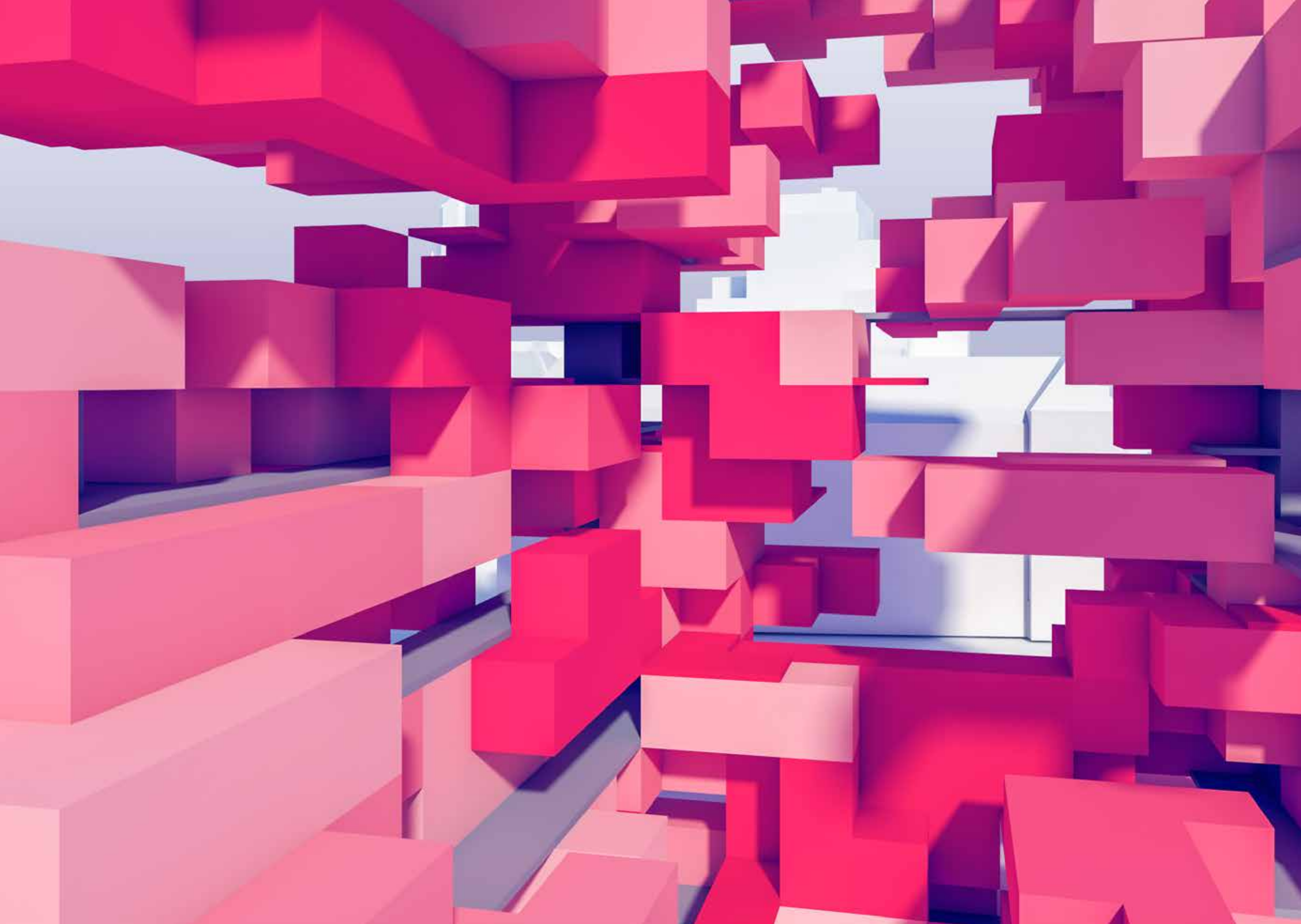
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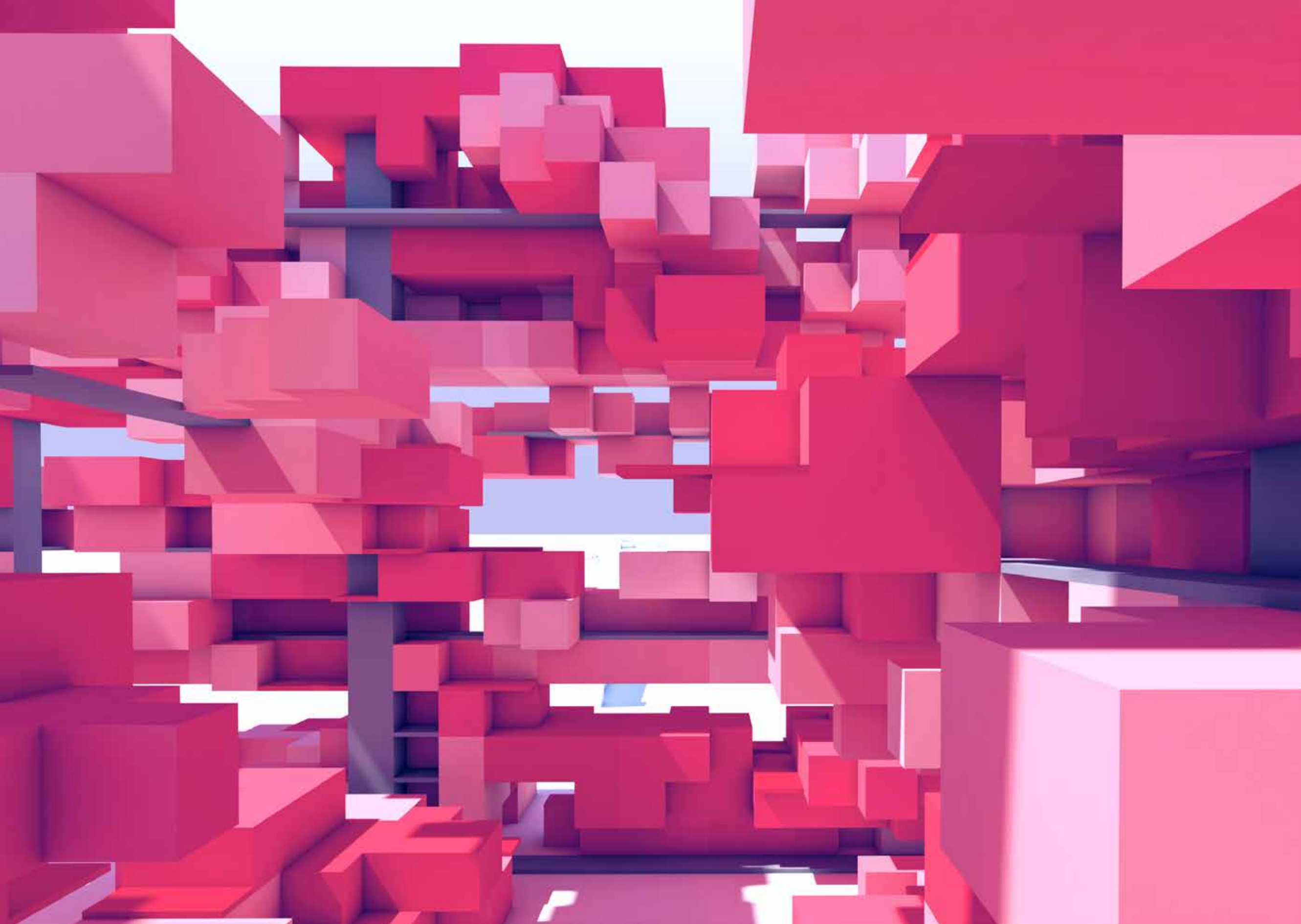
Maximum Density (DENS)

Maximum Sunlight (SUN)

Maximum Views (VIEW)









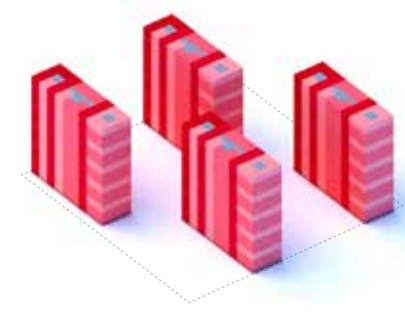
# TRADITIONAL VS. CONFIGURATIONAL SLAB

Stadsdriehoek (SDH)

Merwe Vierhaven (M4H)

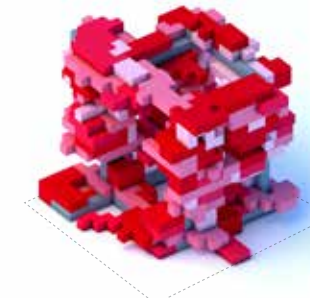


SLB\_SDH\_EXST



SLB\_M4H\_EXST

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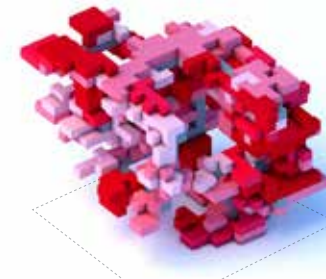


SLB\_SDH\_DNS



SLB\_M4H\_DNS

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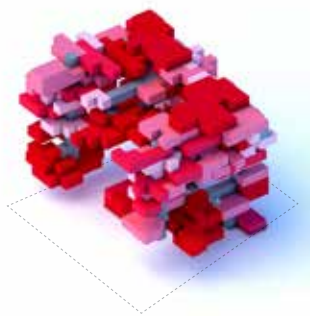


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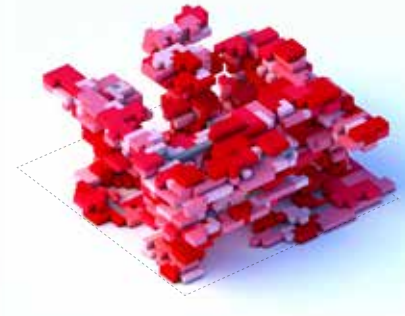


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Maximum Sunlight (SUN)

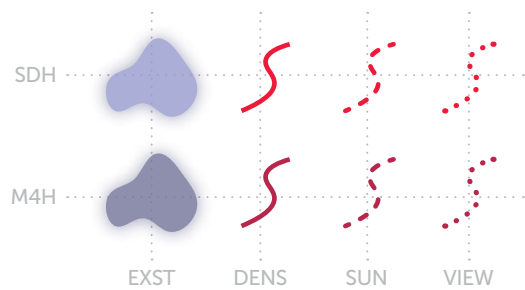
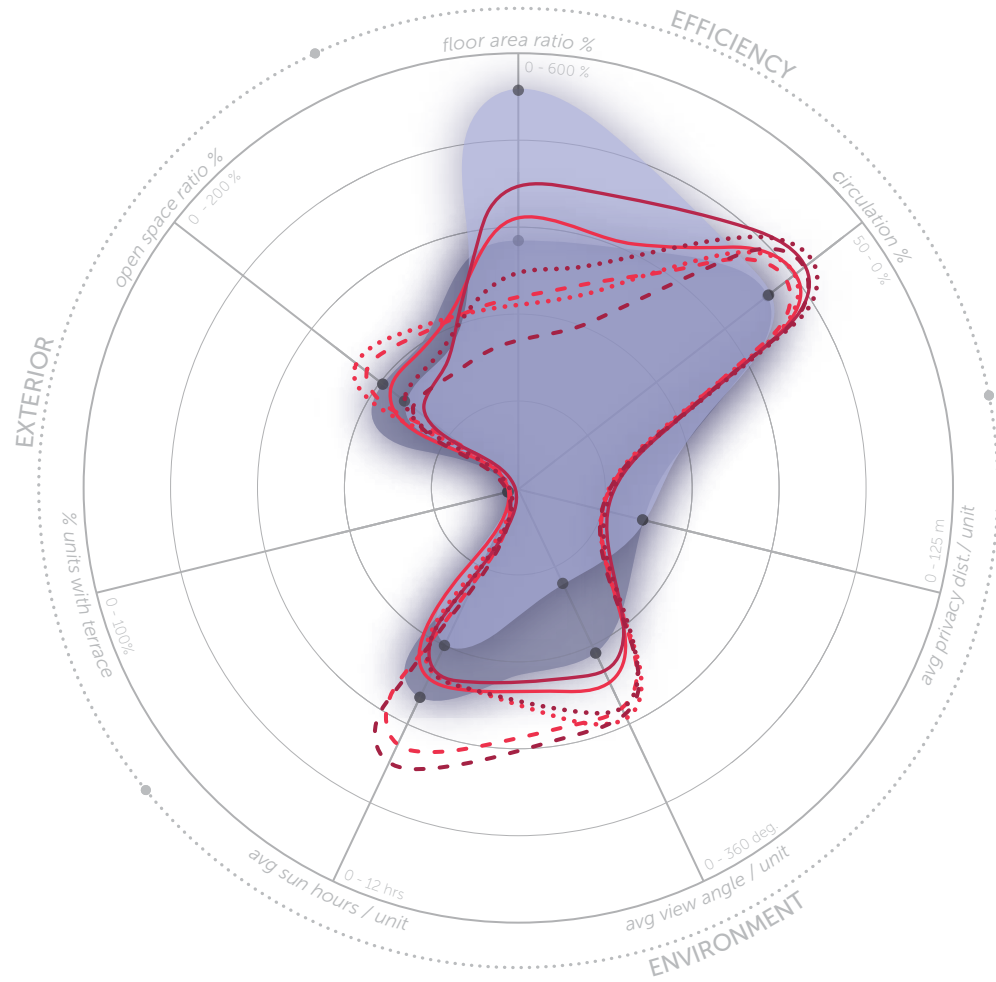


SLB\_SDH\_VIEW



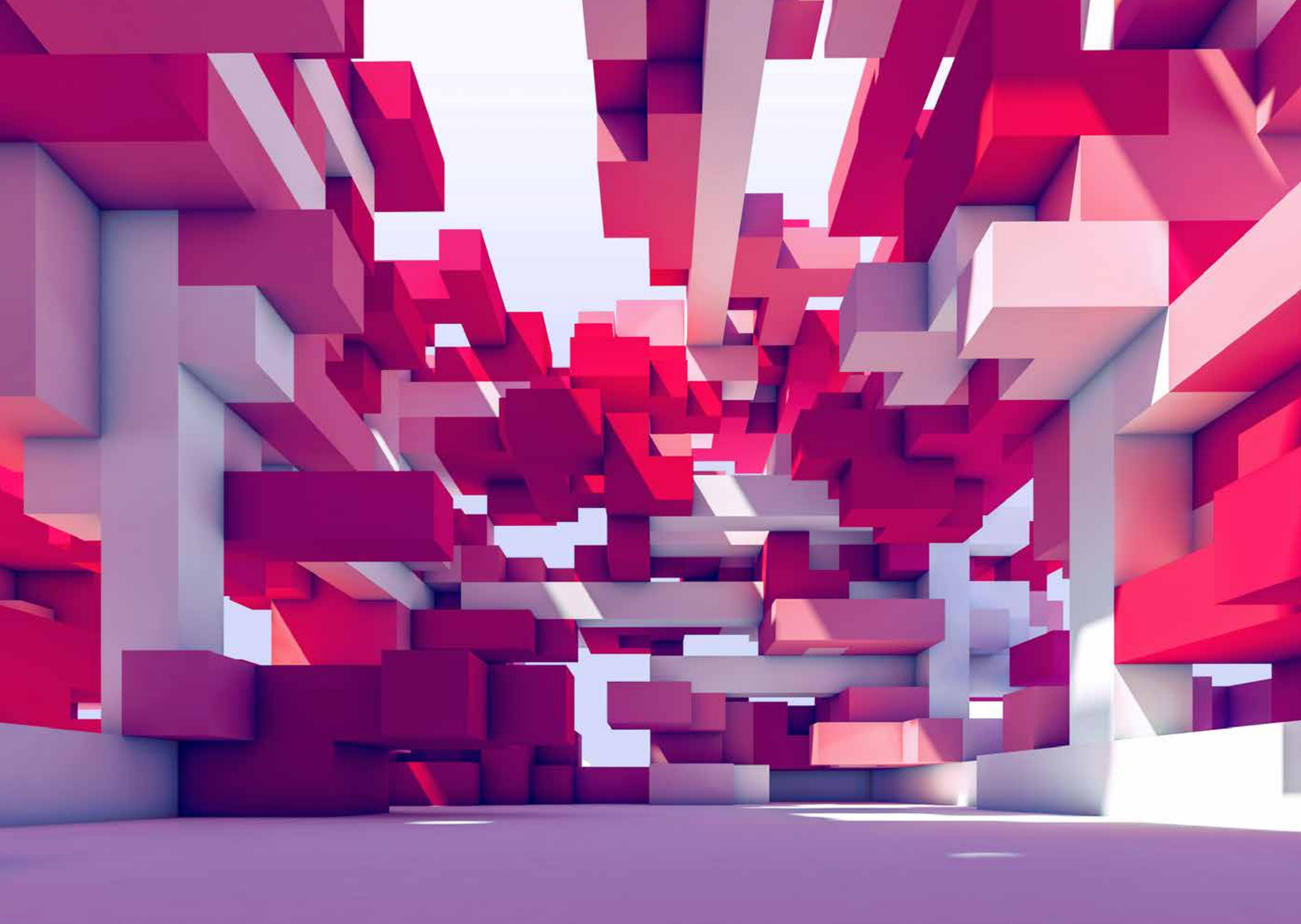
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Maximum Views (VIEW)



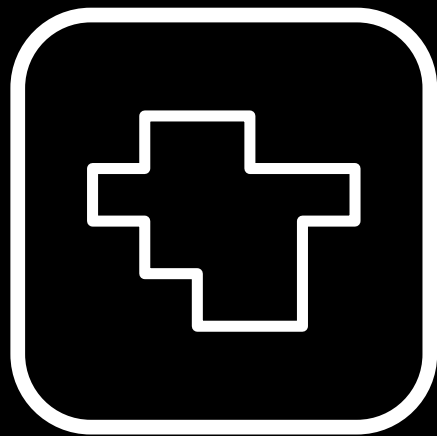






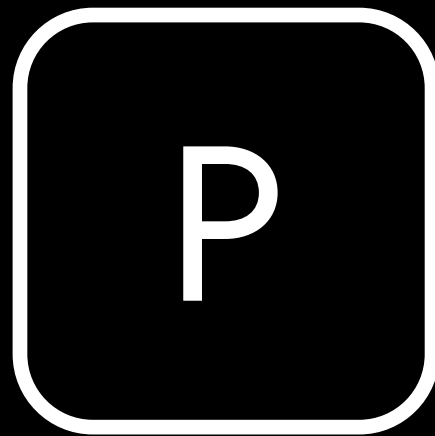
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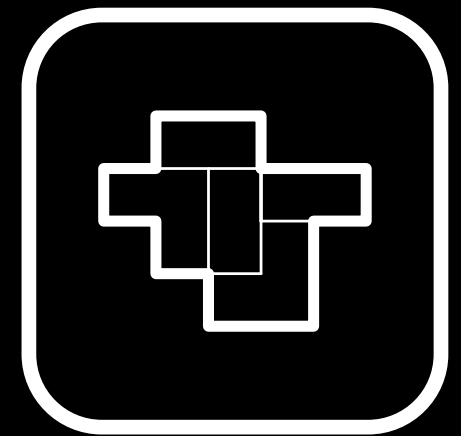
Urban form

input →



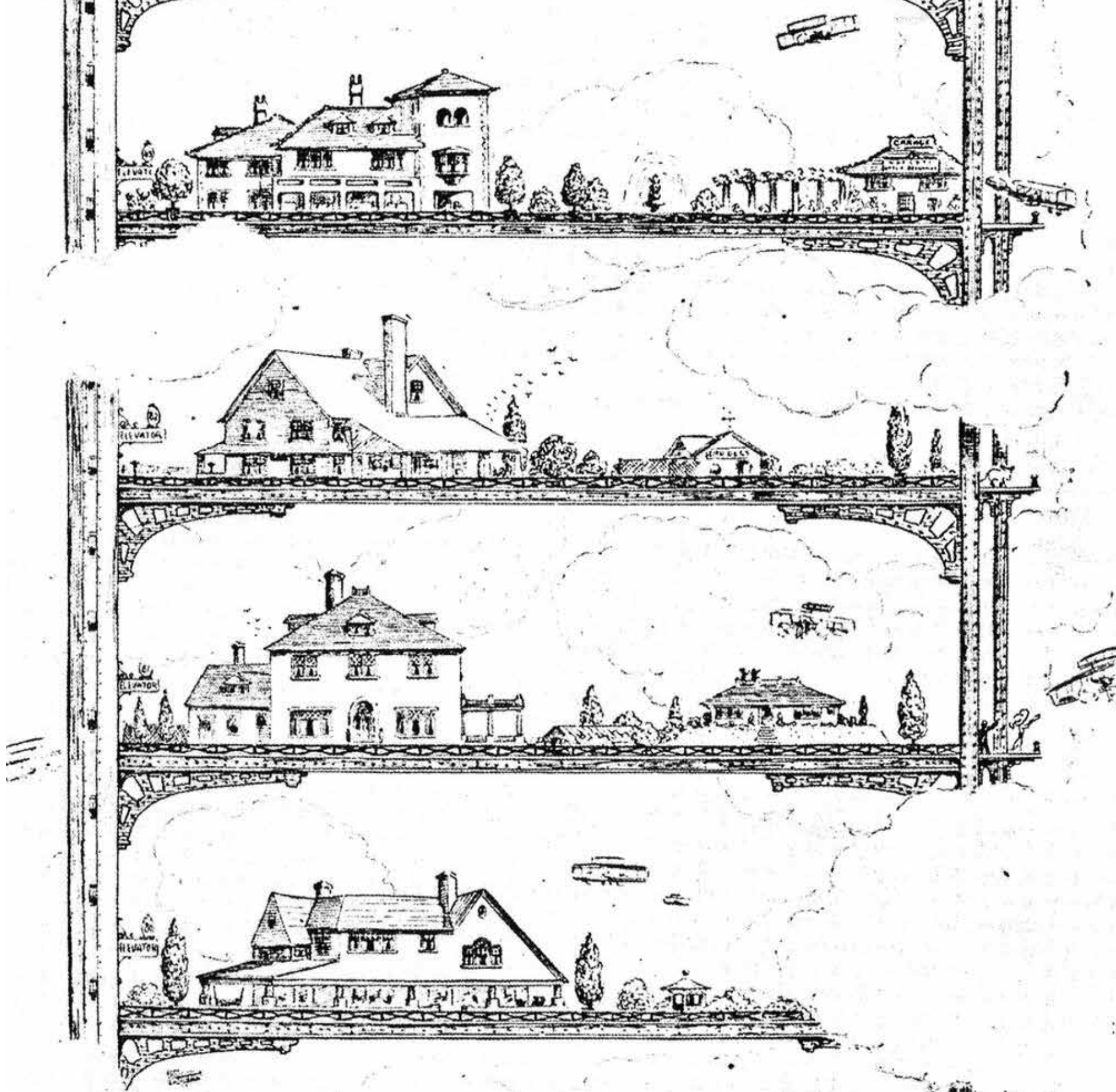
Post-processing

generate →



Building

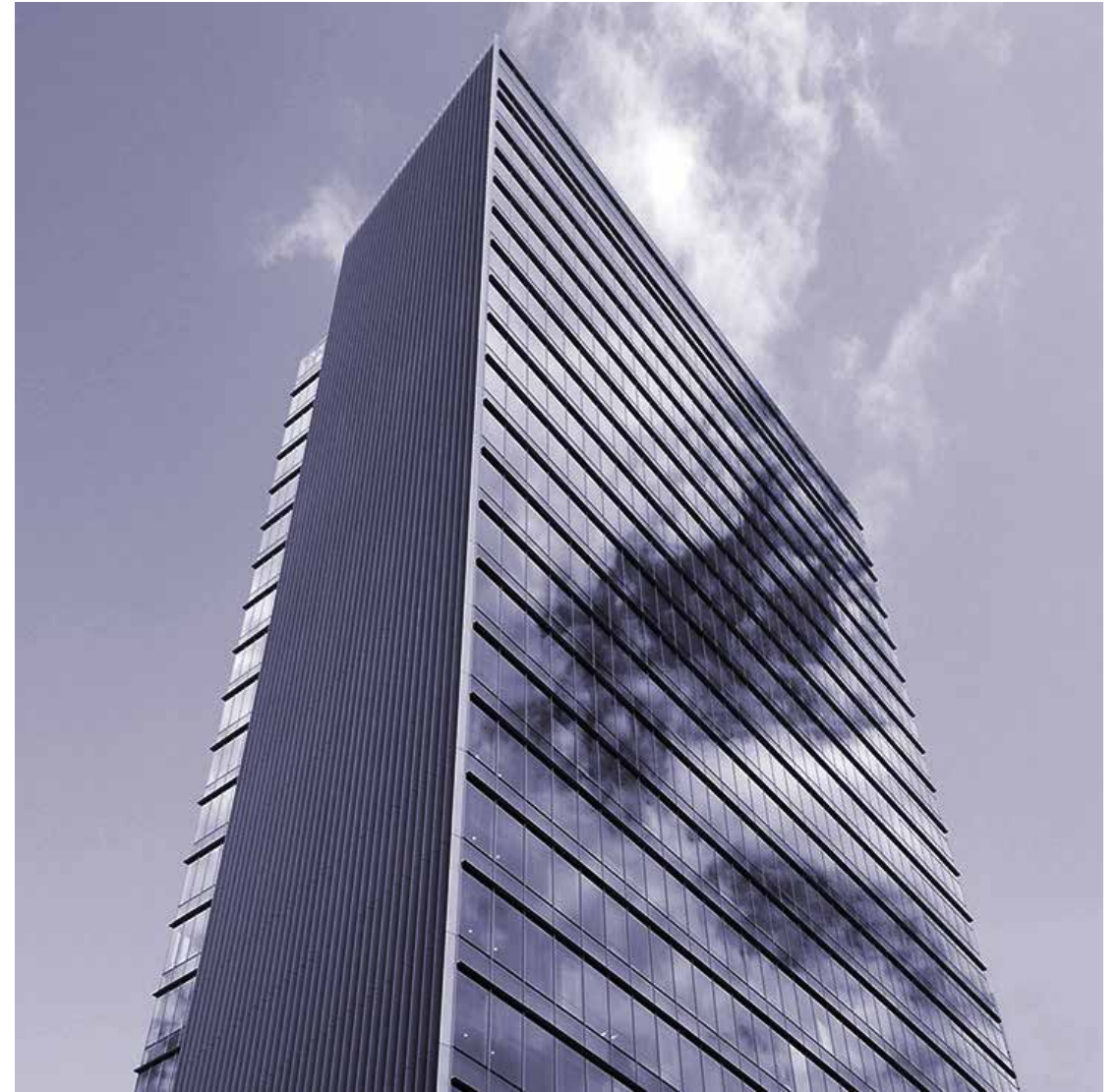
*Computationally augmented design*







Traditional Dutch row house



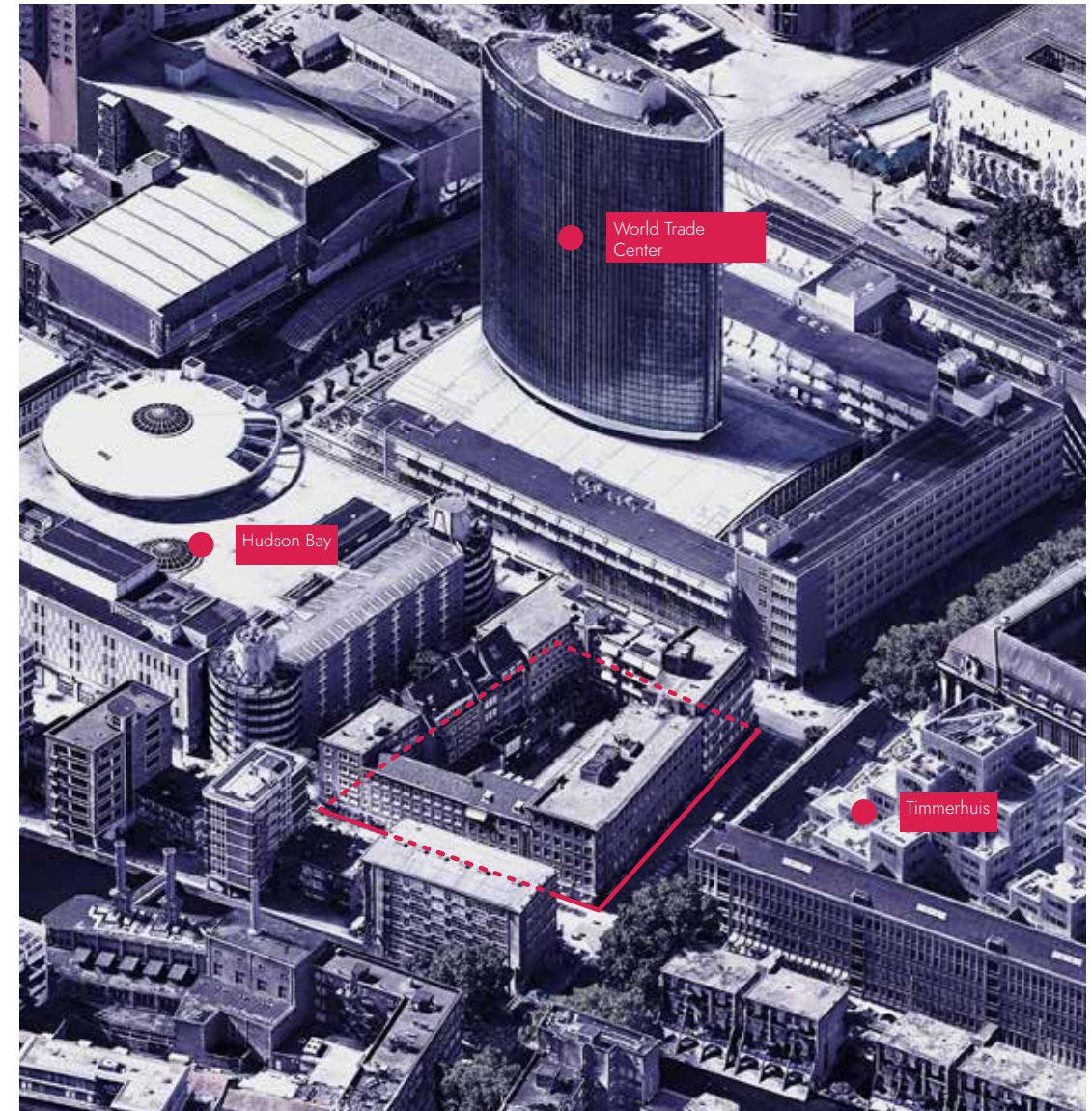
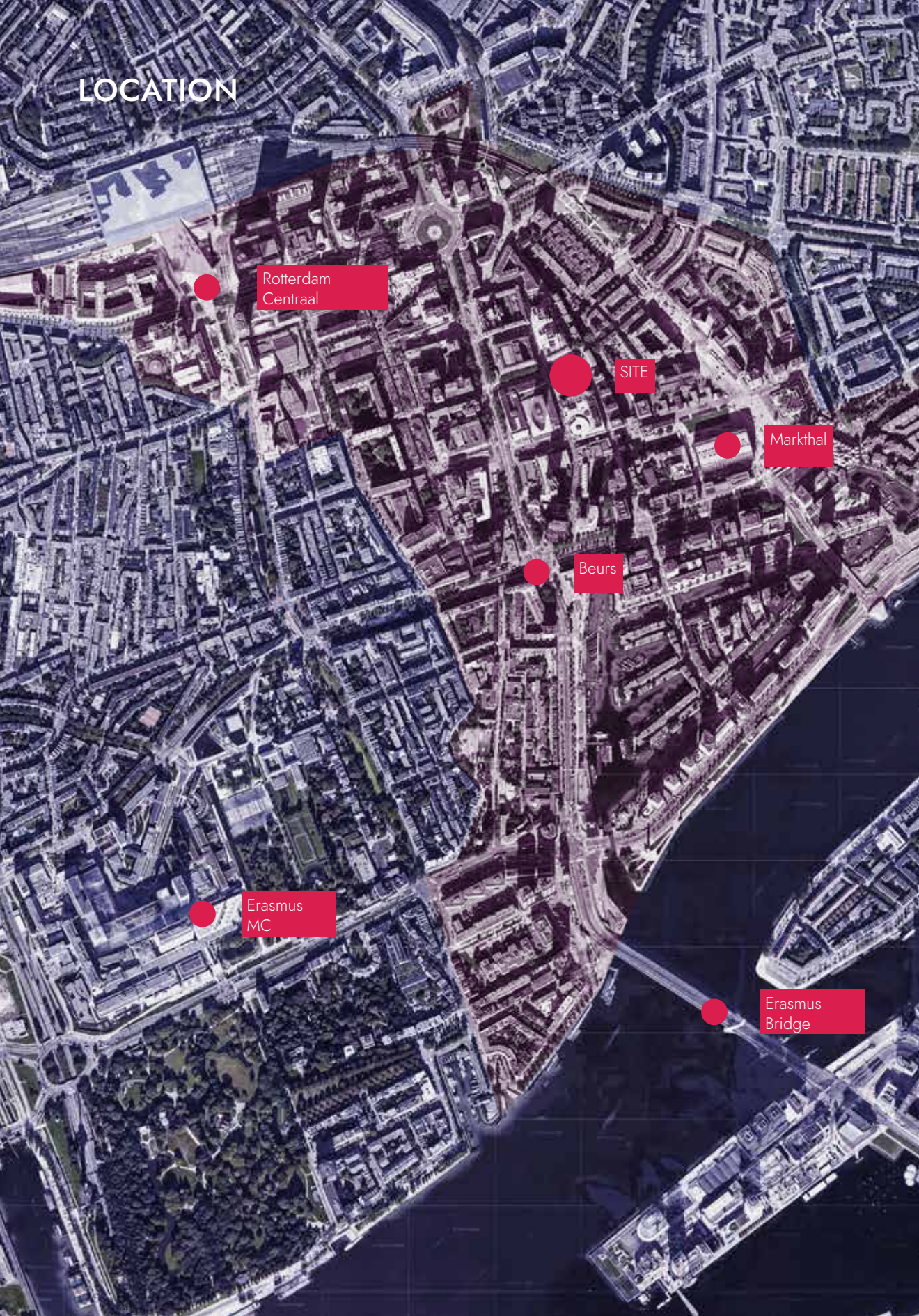
Modern high-rise tower







# LOCATION



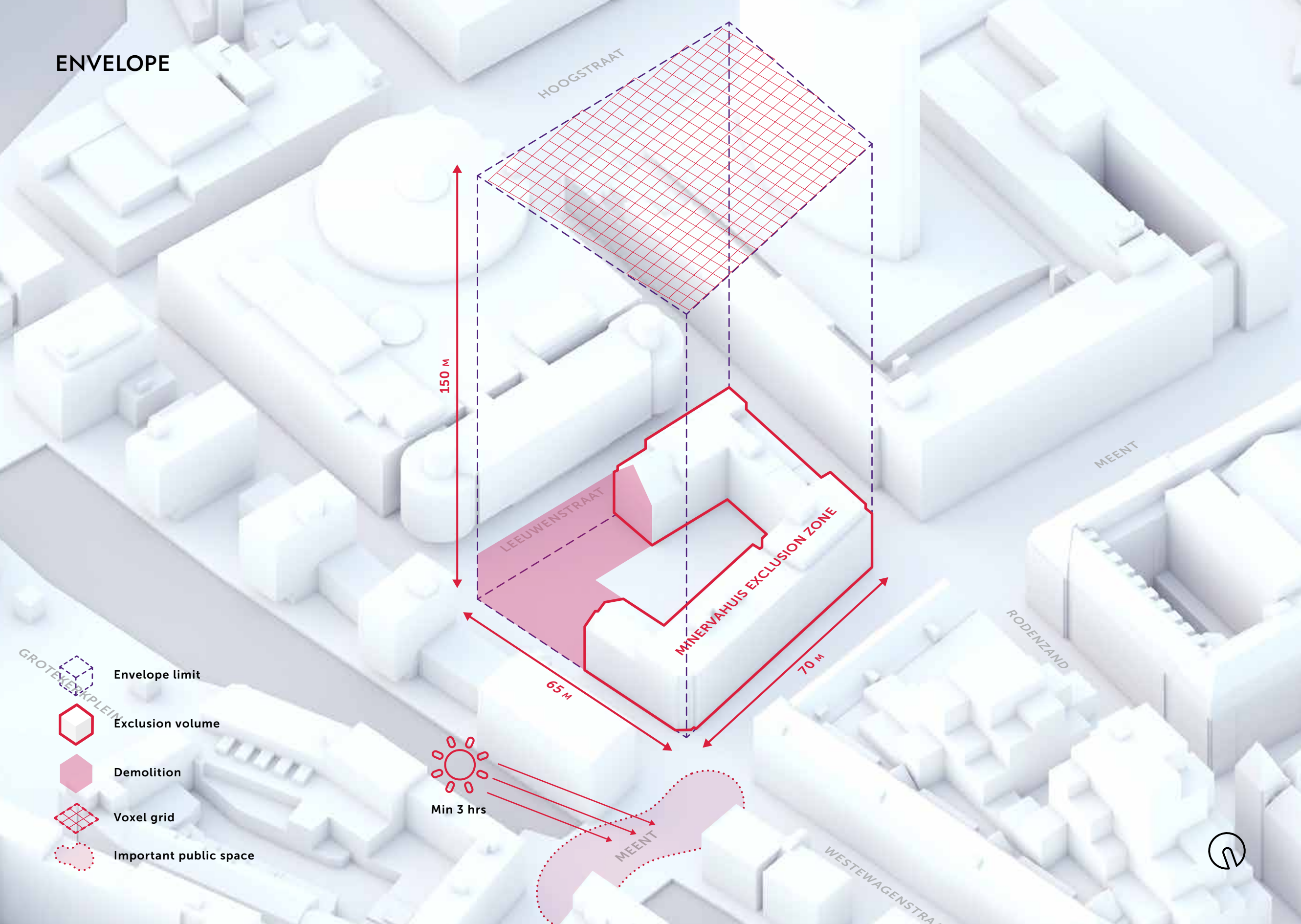


# CONTEXT





# ENVELOPE



HOOGSTRAAT

150 M

LEEUWENSTRAAT

MINERVAHUIS EXCLUSION ZONE

65 M

70 M

MEENT

RODENZAND

GROTEDEKLEIN

Envelope limit

Exclusion volume

Demolition

Voxel grid

Important public space

Min 3 hrs

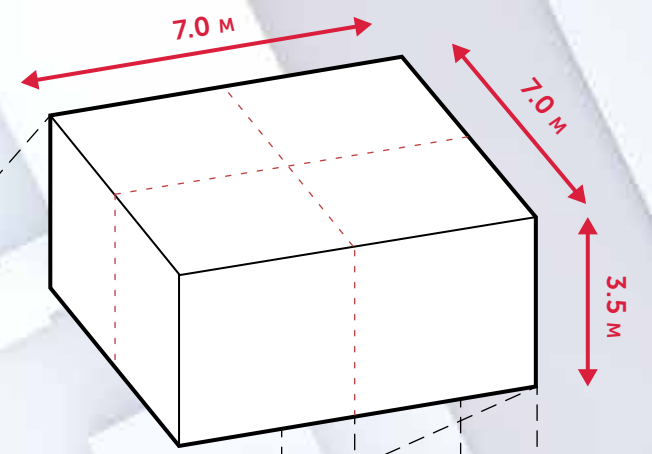
MEENT

WESTEWAGENSTRAAT

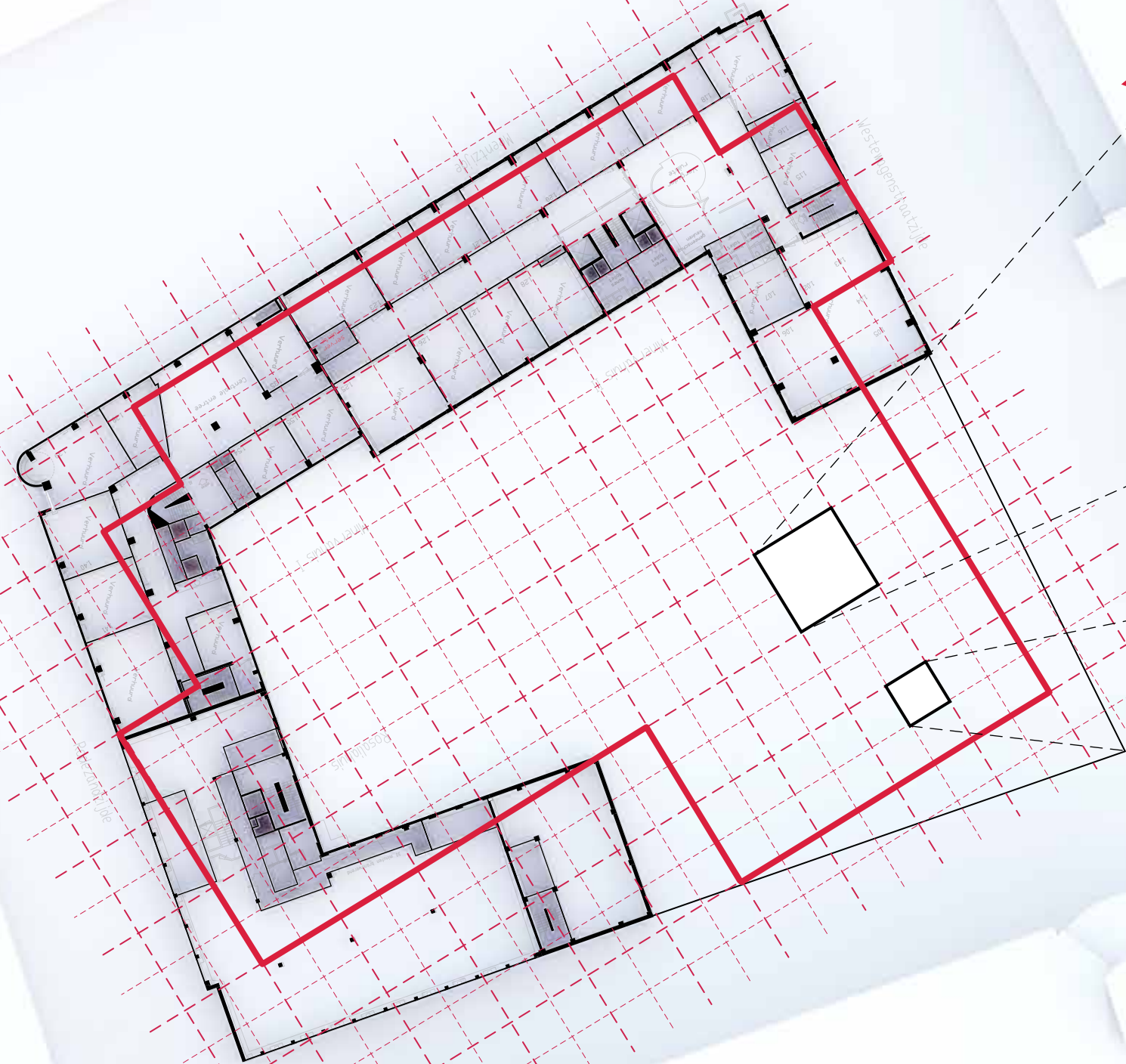
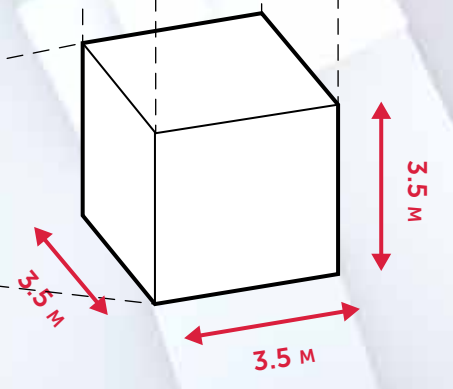




**STRUCTURAL CELL**

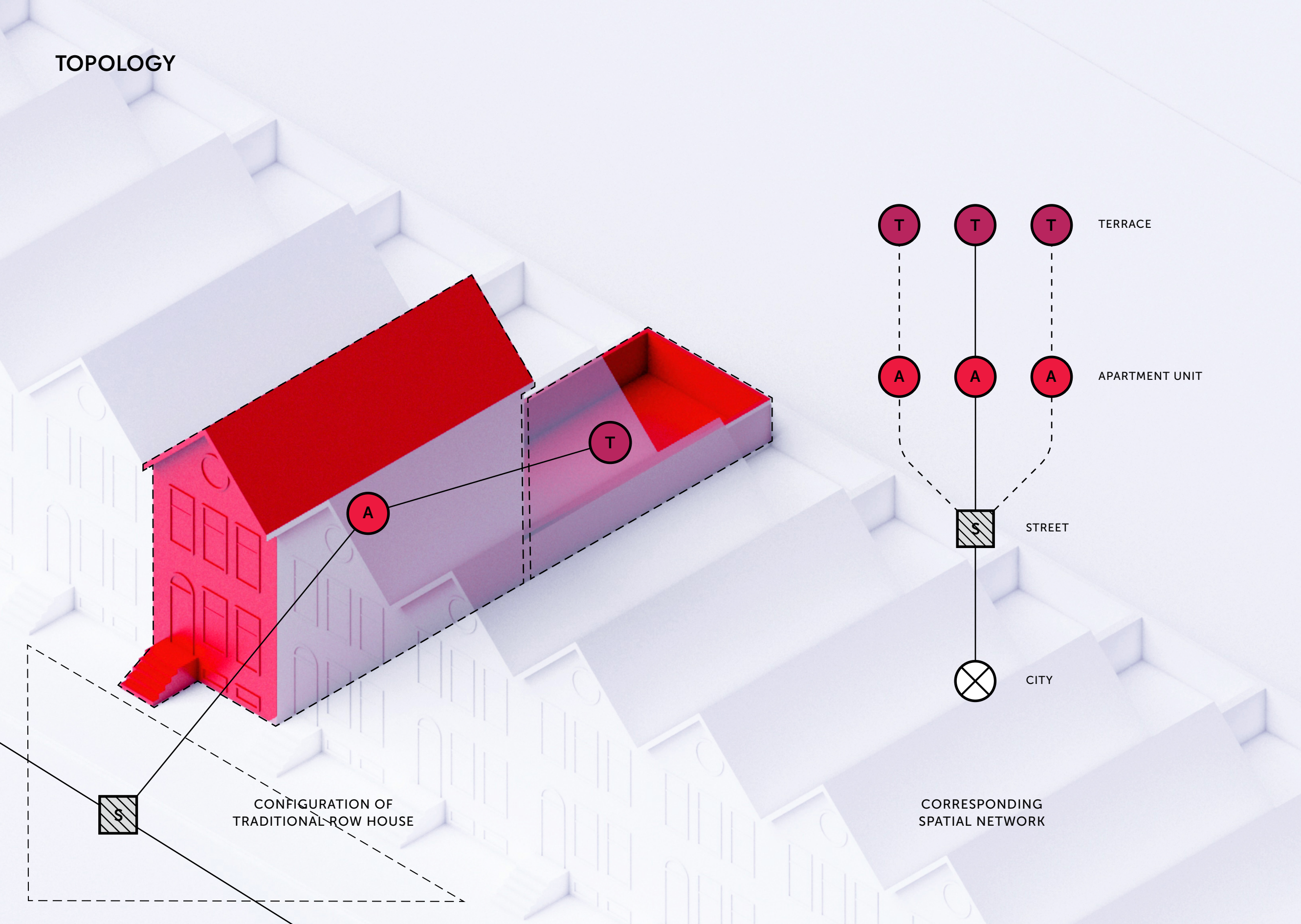


**SPATIAL CELL**





# TOPOLOGY



CONFIGURATION OF  
TRADITIONAL ROW HOUSE

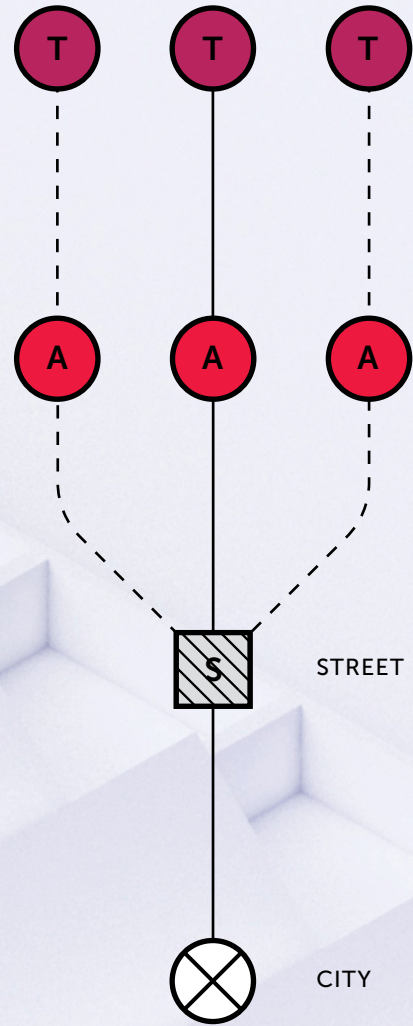
CORRESPONDING  
SPATIAL NETWORK

TERRACE

APARTMENT UNIT

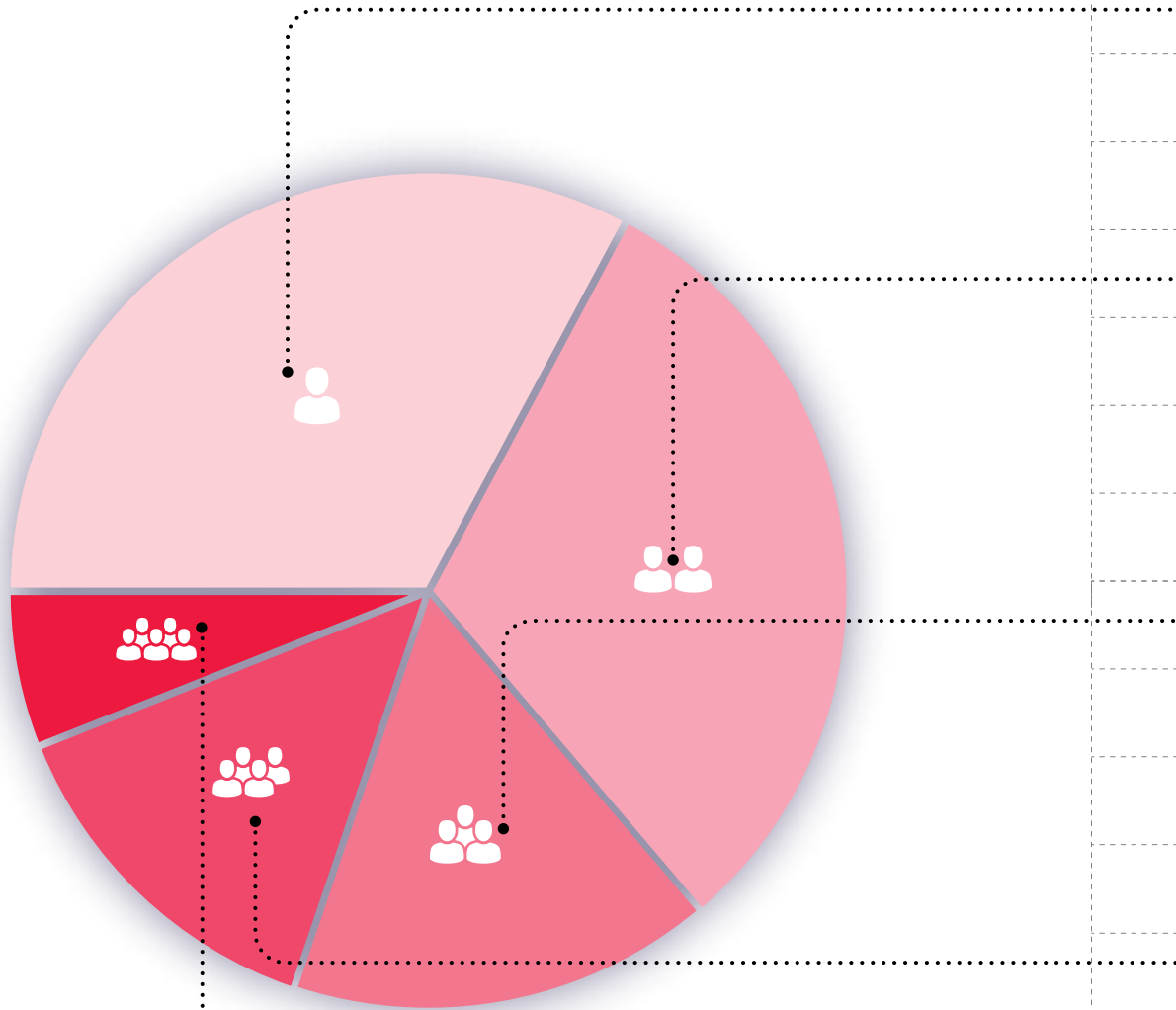
STREET

CITY





# PROGRAMME



- 32,9% → 1 person → 30 m<sup>2</sup>
- 31,1% → 2 person → 50 m<sup>2</sup>
- 16,2% → 3 person → 70 m<sup>2</sup>
- 13,6% → 4 person → 90 m<sup>2</sup>
- 6,2% → 5+ person → 110 m<sup>2</sup>

Netherlands average household size

Size	30 m <sup>2</sup>
Levels	1 floors
Geometry	interior
Facade %	50%
Shape	compact
Sunlight	4 hrs
Views	60 deg, 50 m
Privacy	10 meters

A1

Size	50 m <sup>2</sup>
Levels	1 floors
Geometry	interior
Facade %	50%
Shape	compact
Sunlight	4 hrs
Views	60 deg, 50 m
Privacy	10 meters

A2

Size	70 m <sup>2</sup>
Levels	1 floors
Geometry	interior
Facade %	50%
Shape	compact
Sunlight	4 hrs
Views	60 deg, 50 m
Privacy	10 meters

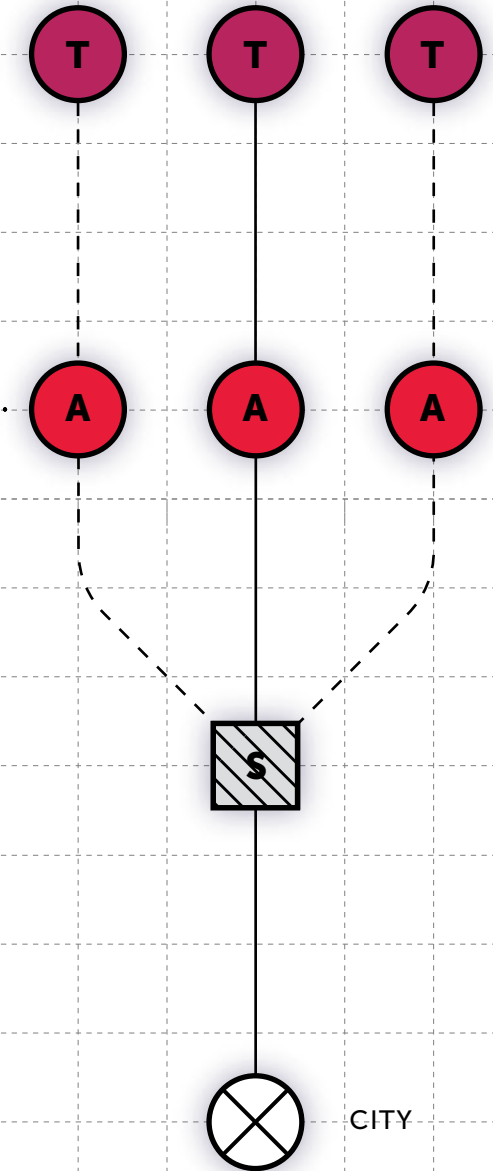
A3

Size	90 m <sup>2</sup>
Levels	1 - 2 floors
Geometry	interior
Facade %	50%
Shape	compact
Sunlight	4 hrs
Views	60 deg, 50 m
Privacy	10 meters

A4

Size	110 m <sup>2</sup>
Levels	1 - 2 floors
Geometry	interior
Facade %	50%
Shape	compact
Sunlight	4 hrs
Views	60 deg, 50 m
Privacy	10 meters

A5





Size	30 m2
Levels	1 floors
Geometry	interior
Facade %	50%
Shape	compact
Sunlight	4 hrs
Views	60 deg, 50 m
Privacy	10 meters

A1

Size	50 m2
Levels	1 floors
Geometry	interior
Facade %	50%
Shape	compact
Sunlight	4 hrs
Views	60 deg, 50 m
Privacy	10 meters

A2

Size	70 m2
Levels	1 floors
Geometry	interior
Facade %	50%
Shape	compact
Sunlight	4 hrs
Views	60 deg, 50 m
Privacy	10 meters

A3

Size	90 m2
Levels	1 - 2 floors
Geometry	interior
Facade %	50%
Shape	compact
Sunlight	4 hrs
Views	60 deg, 50 m
Privacy	10 meters

A4

Size	110 m2
Levels	1 - 2 floors
Geometry	interior
Facade %	50%
Shape	compact
Sunlight	4 hrs
Views	60 deg, 50 m
Privacy	10 meters

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T1

Size	10 m2
Levels	1 floors
Geometry	exterior
Facade %	/
Shape	compact
Sunlight	1 hours
Views	60 degrees
Privacy	0 meters

T2

Size	20 m2
Levels	1 floors
Geometry	exterior
Facade %	/
Shape	compact
Sunlight	1 hours
Views	60 degrees
Privacy	0 meters

S1

Size	unlimited
Levels	unlimited
Geometry	interior
Facade %	0%
Shape	linear
Sunlight	0 hours
Views	0 degrees
Privacy	0 meters

S2

Size	unlimited
Levels	1 floors
Geometry	exterior
Facade %	/
Shape	linear
Sunlight	0 hours
Views	0 degrees
Privacy	0 meters

S3

Size	100 m2
Levels	1 floors
Geometry	exterior
Facade %	/
Shape	compact
Sunlight	6 hours
Views	180 degrees
Privacy	0 meters



# SIMULATION



# POPULATION



# 01



# 02



# 03



# 04



# 05



# 06



# 07



# 08



# 09



# 10



# 11



# 12



# 13

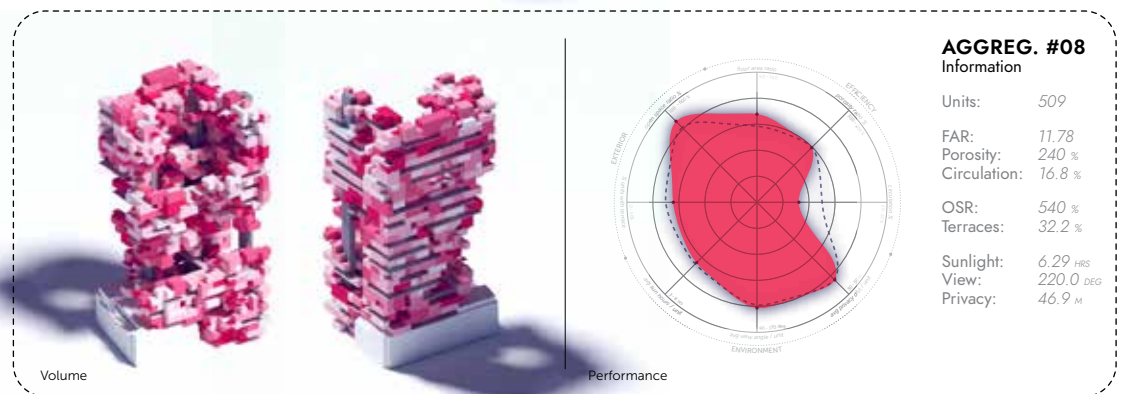
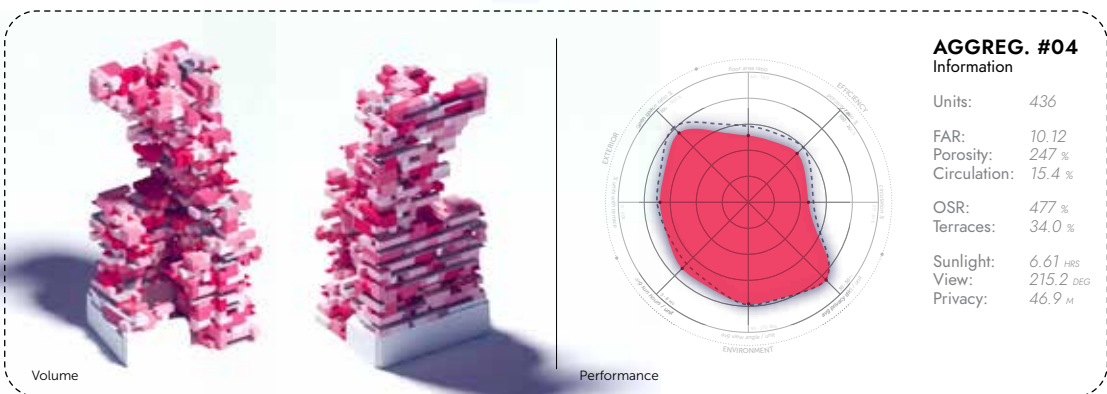
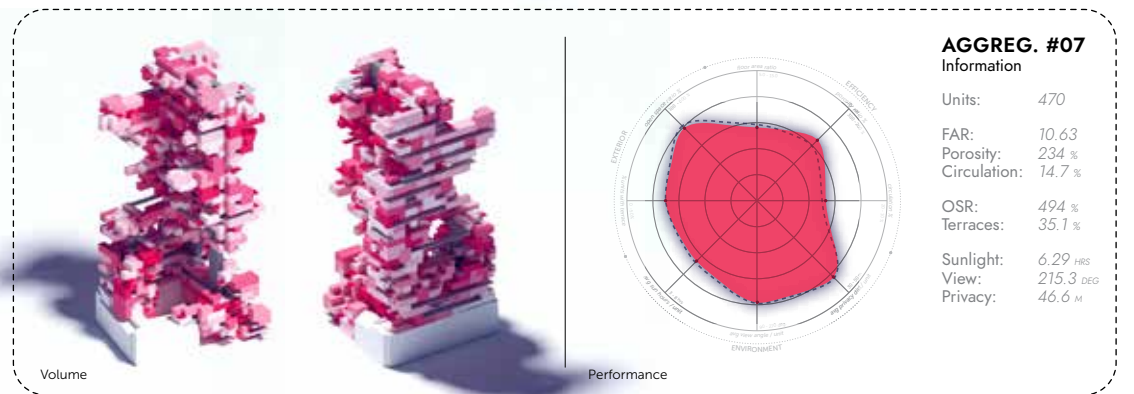
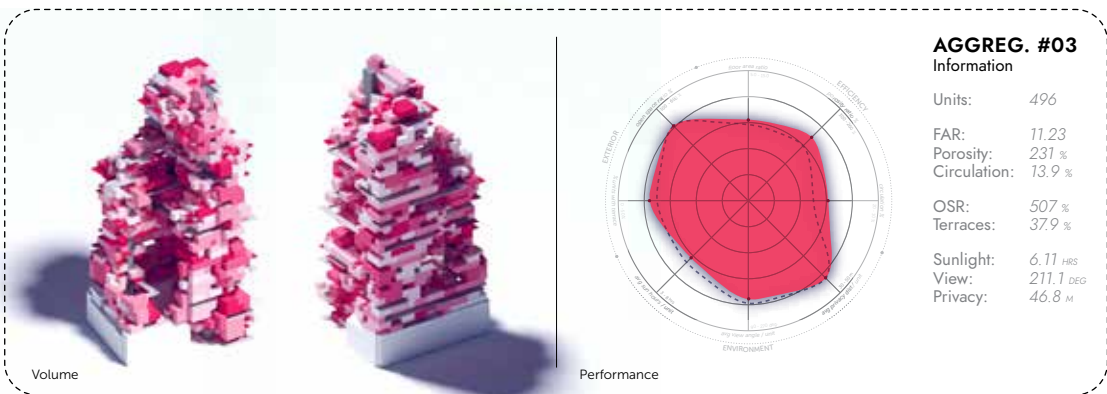
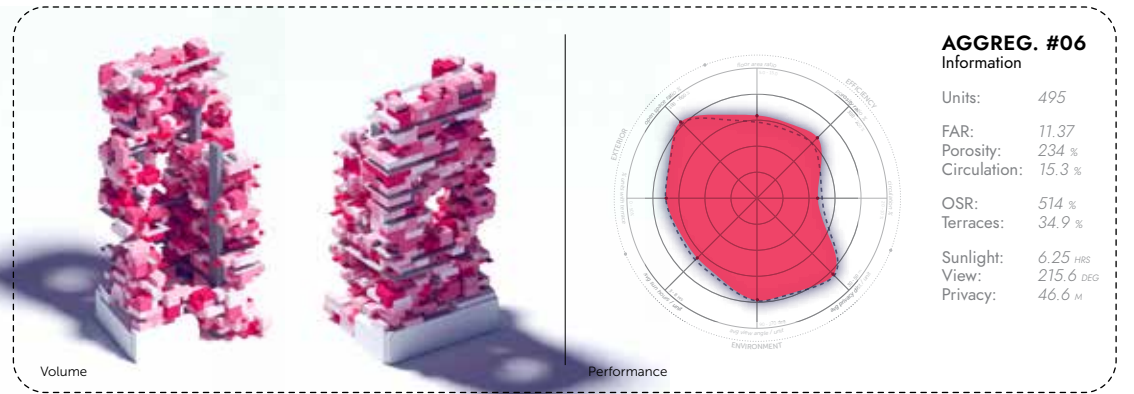
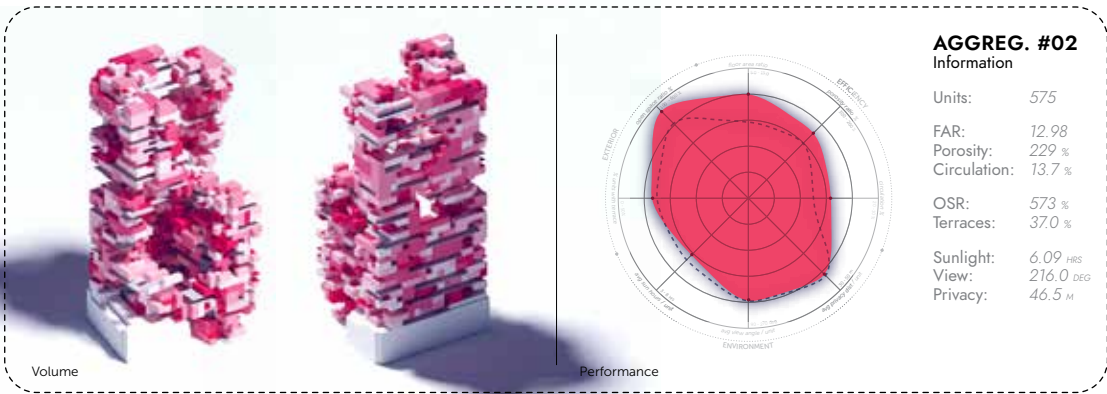
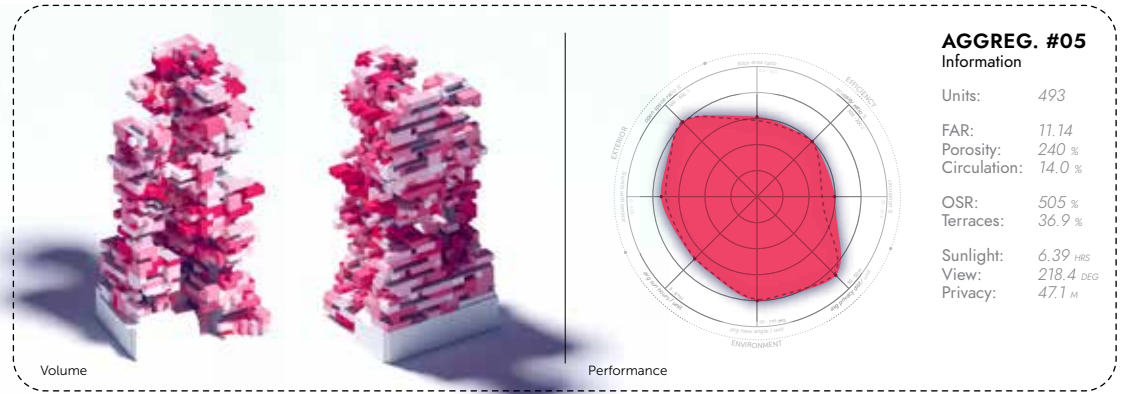
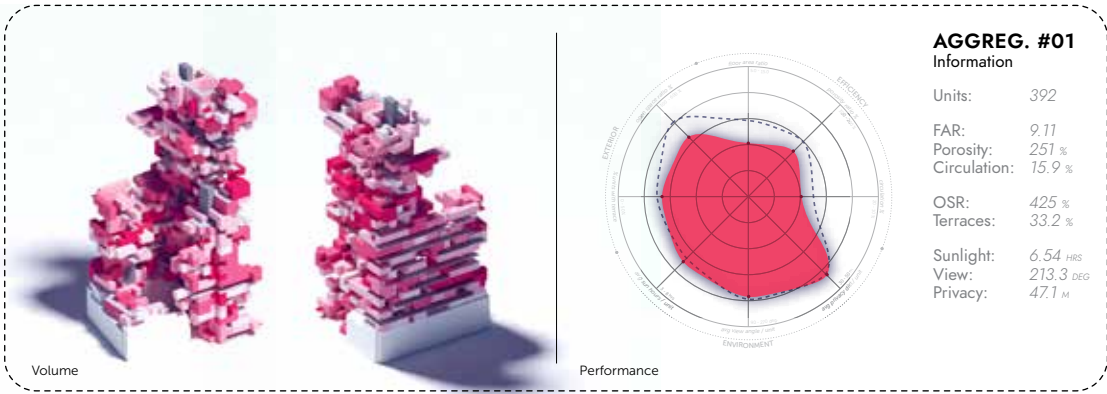


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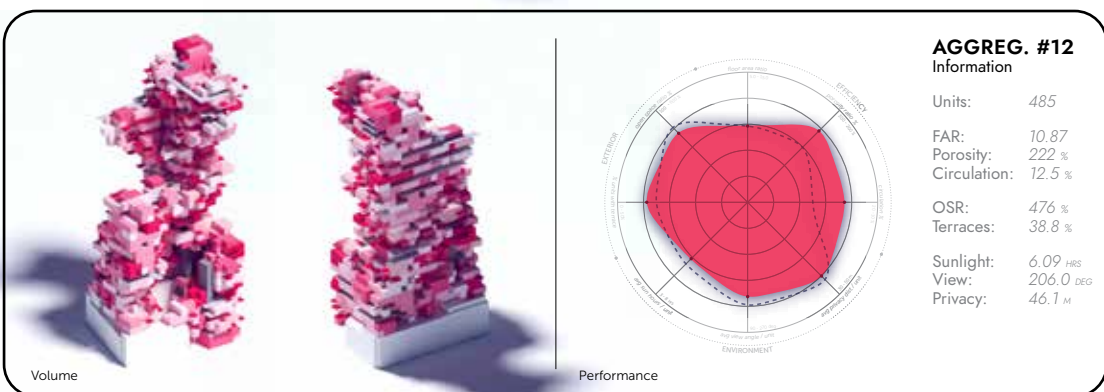
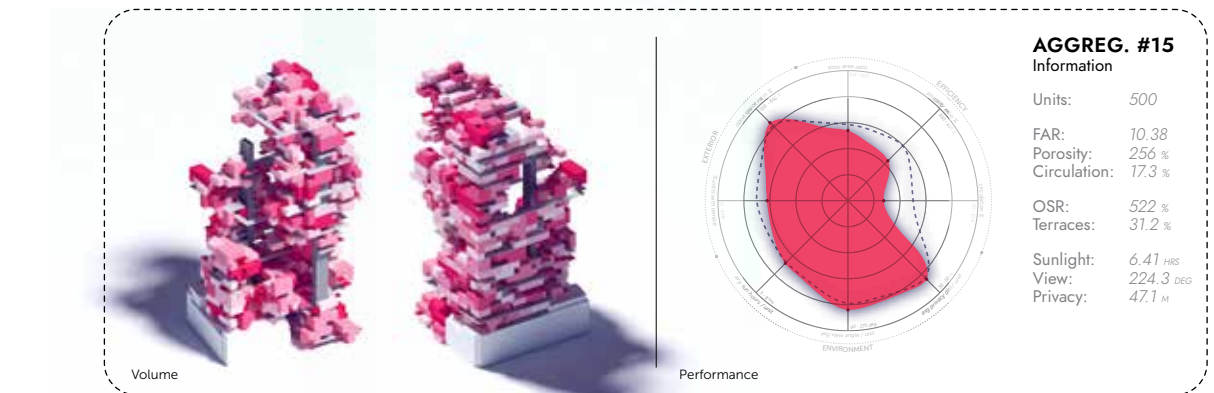
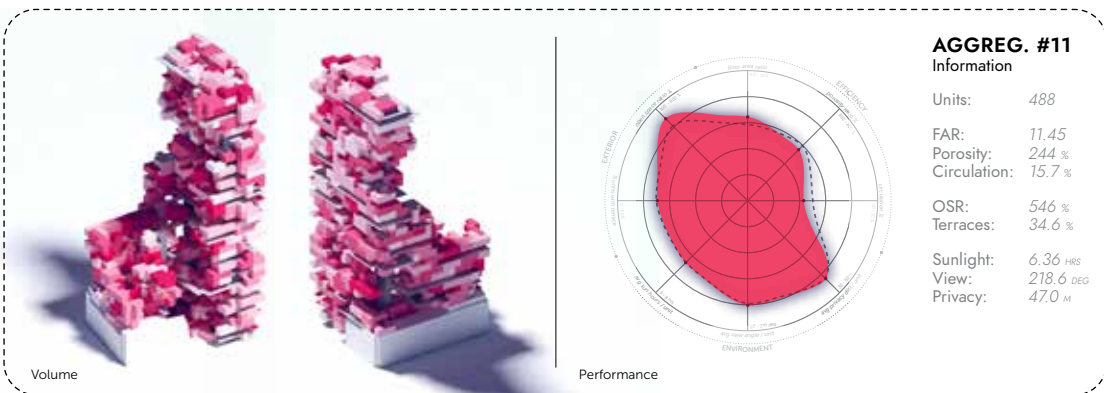
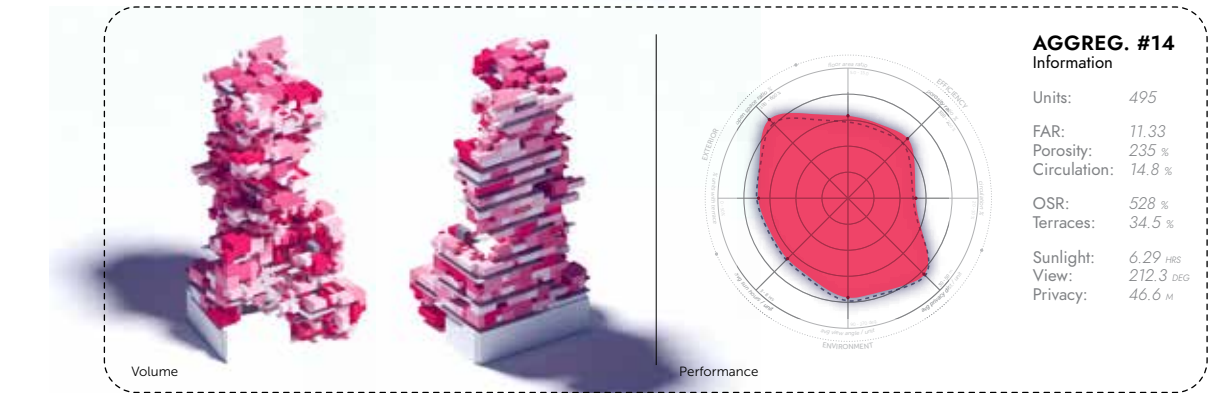
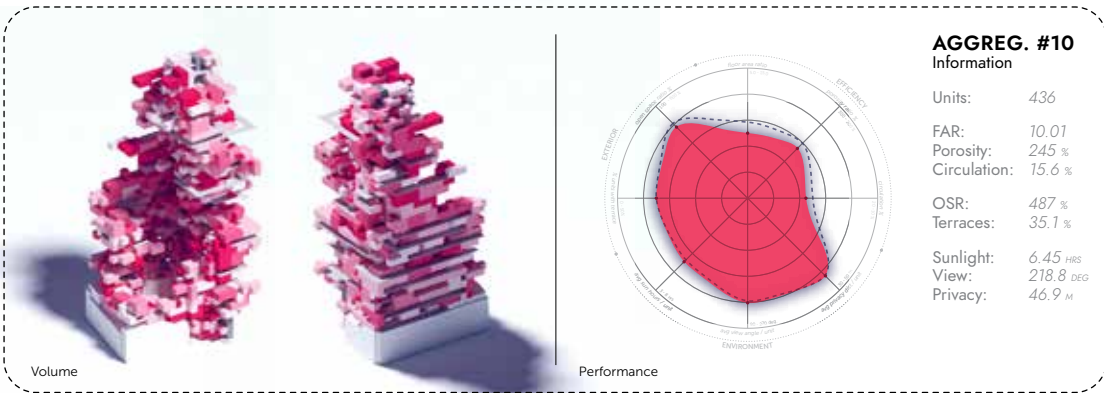
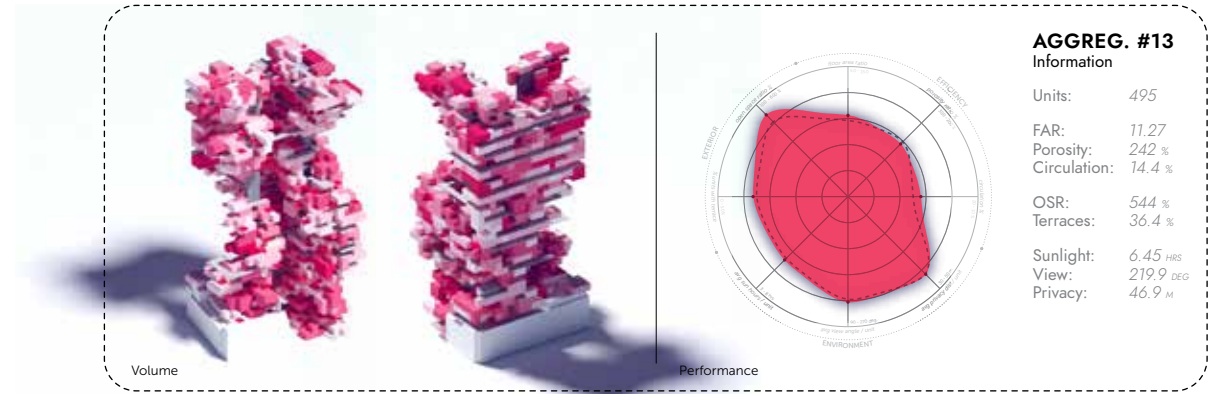
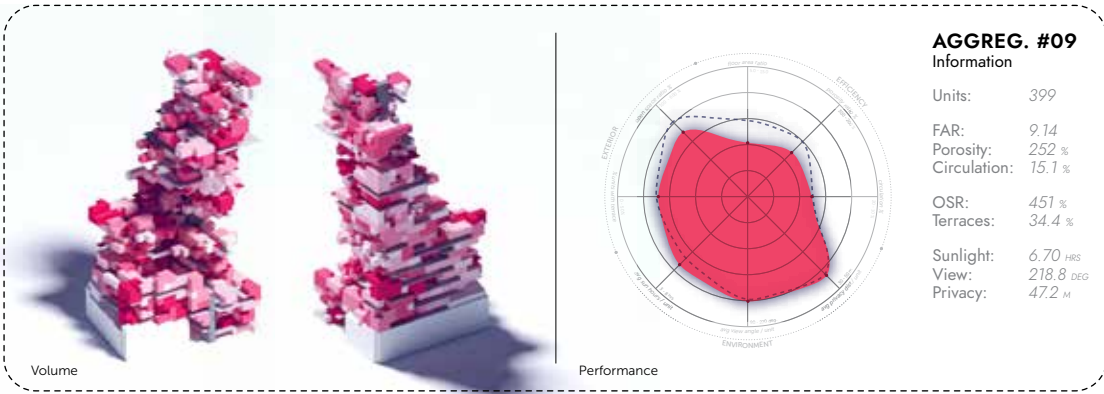


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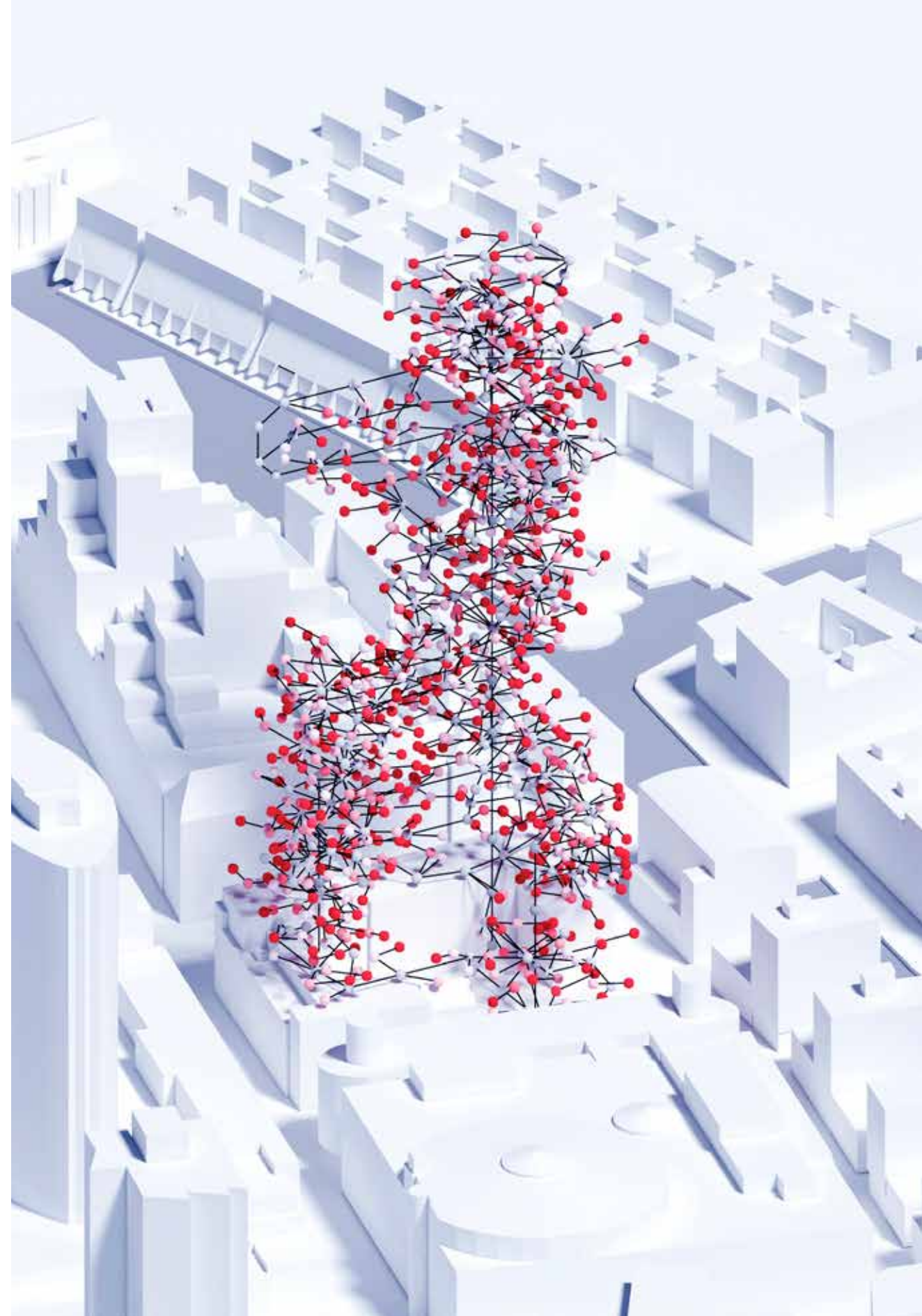


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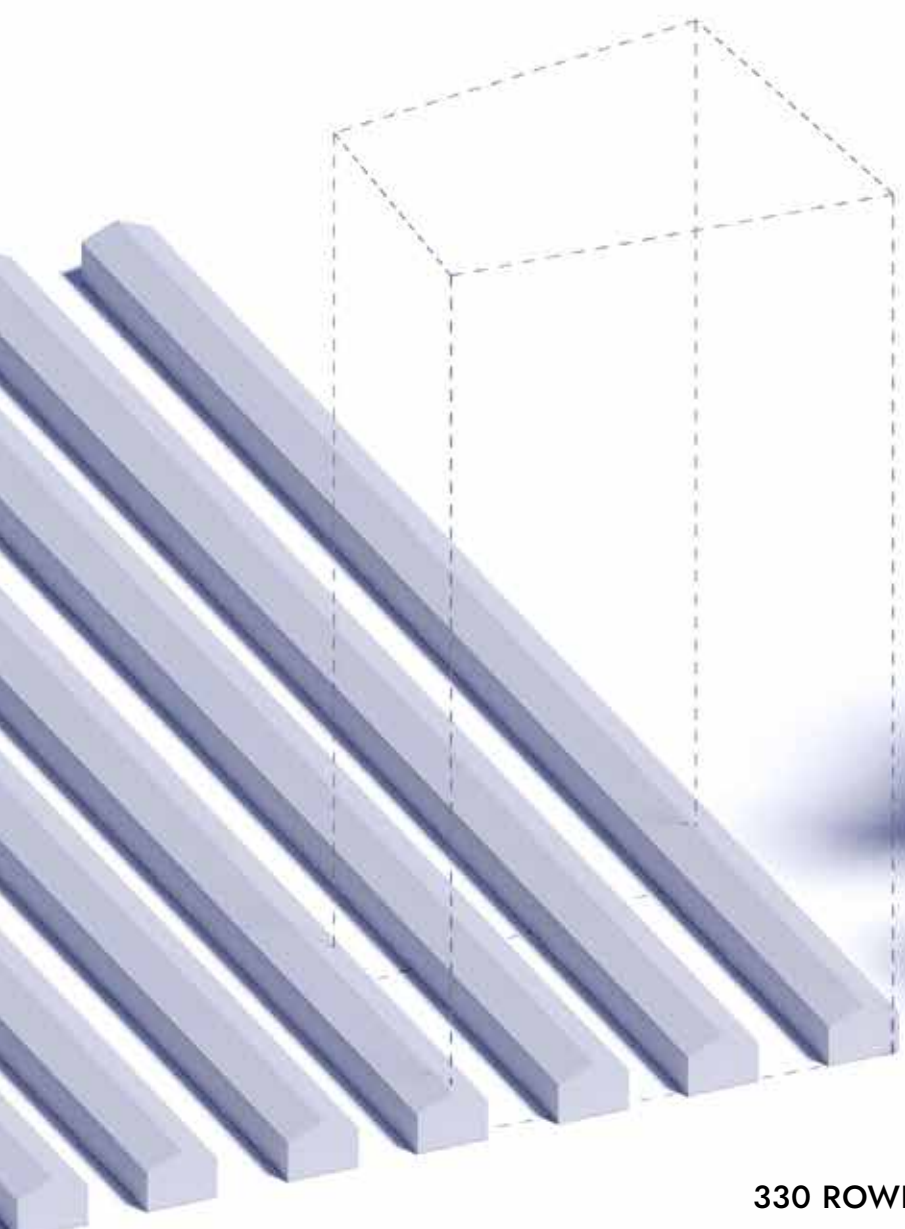


### AGGREG. #12

Units:	485
FAR:	10.87
Gross area:	43.476 m <sup>2</sup>
Porosity:	222 %
Circulation:	12.5 %
OSR:	476 %
Terraces:	62.8 %
Sunlight:	6.09 HRS
View:	206.0 DEG
Privacy:	46.1 M

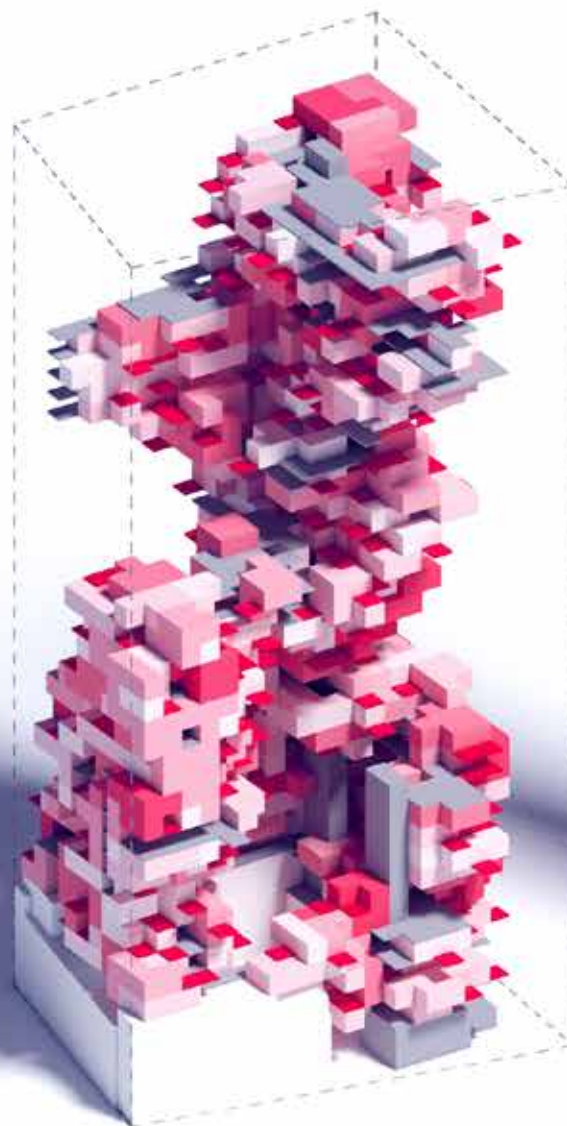






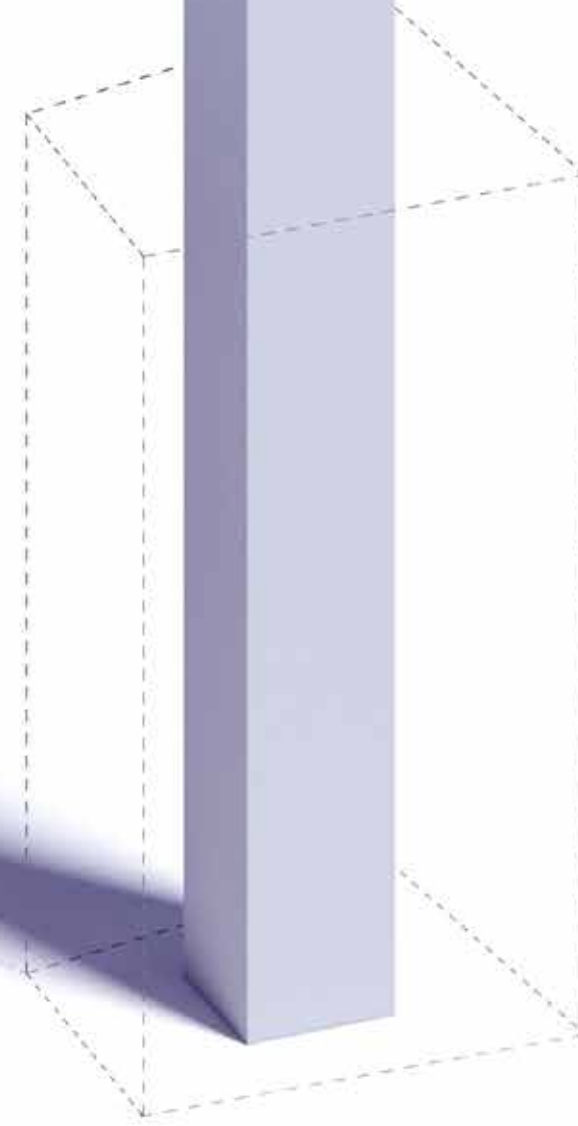
### 330 ROWHOUSES

Gross area 47.500 m<sup>2</sup>  
Persons 1075  
Coverage 42.300 m<sup>2</sup> (1075 %)  
Height 8 m (5 %)  
Porosity 160 % (72 %)



### ROWHOUSE-TOWER

Gross area 47.500 m<sup>2</sup>  
Persons 1075  
Coverage 4000 m<sup>2</sup> (100 %)  
Height 150 m (100 %)  
Porosity 223 % (100 %)



### TOWER

Gross area 47.500 m<sup>2</sup>  
Persons 1075  
Coverage 600 m<sup>2</sup> (15 %)  
Height 266 m (177 %)  
Porosity 70 % (32 %)





Geometry | South



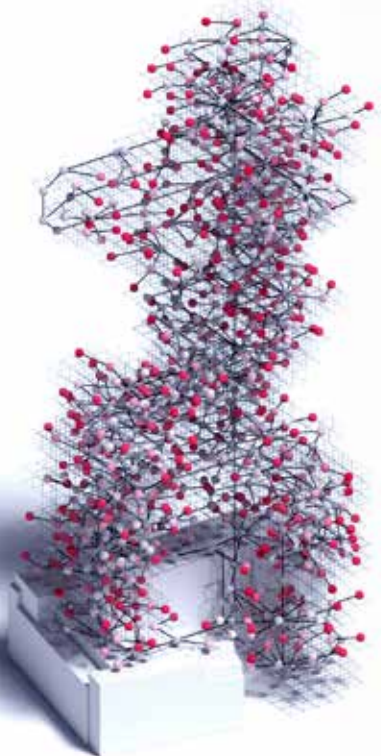
Geometry | West



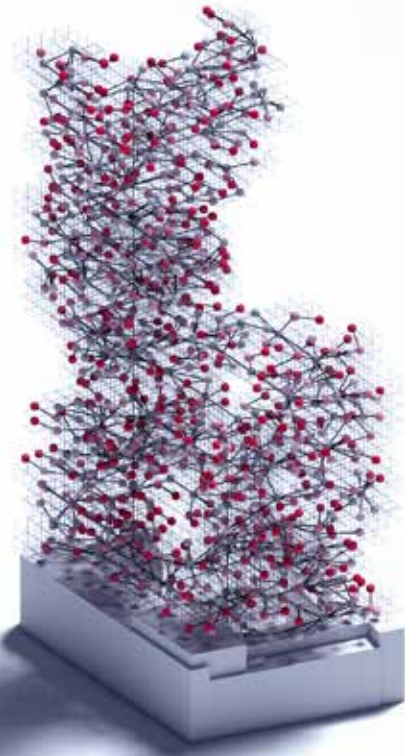
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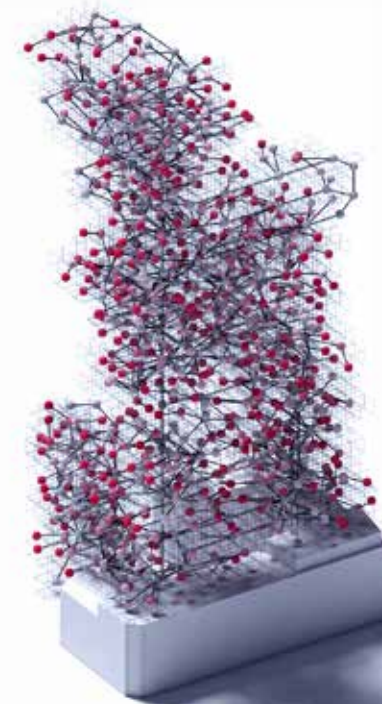
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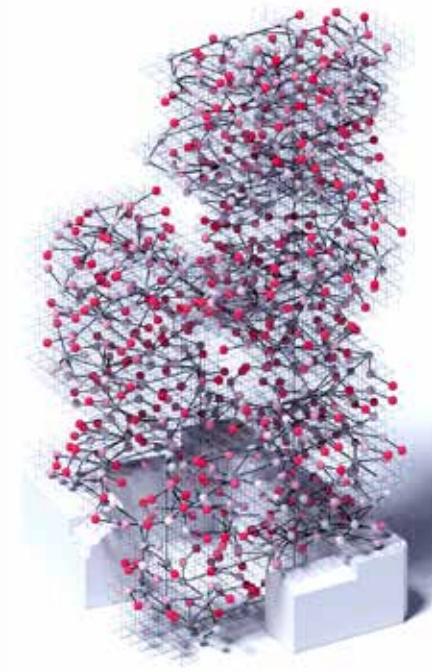
Topology | South



Topology | West

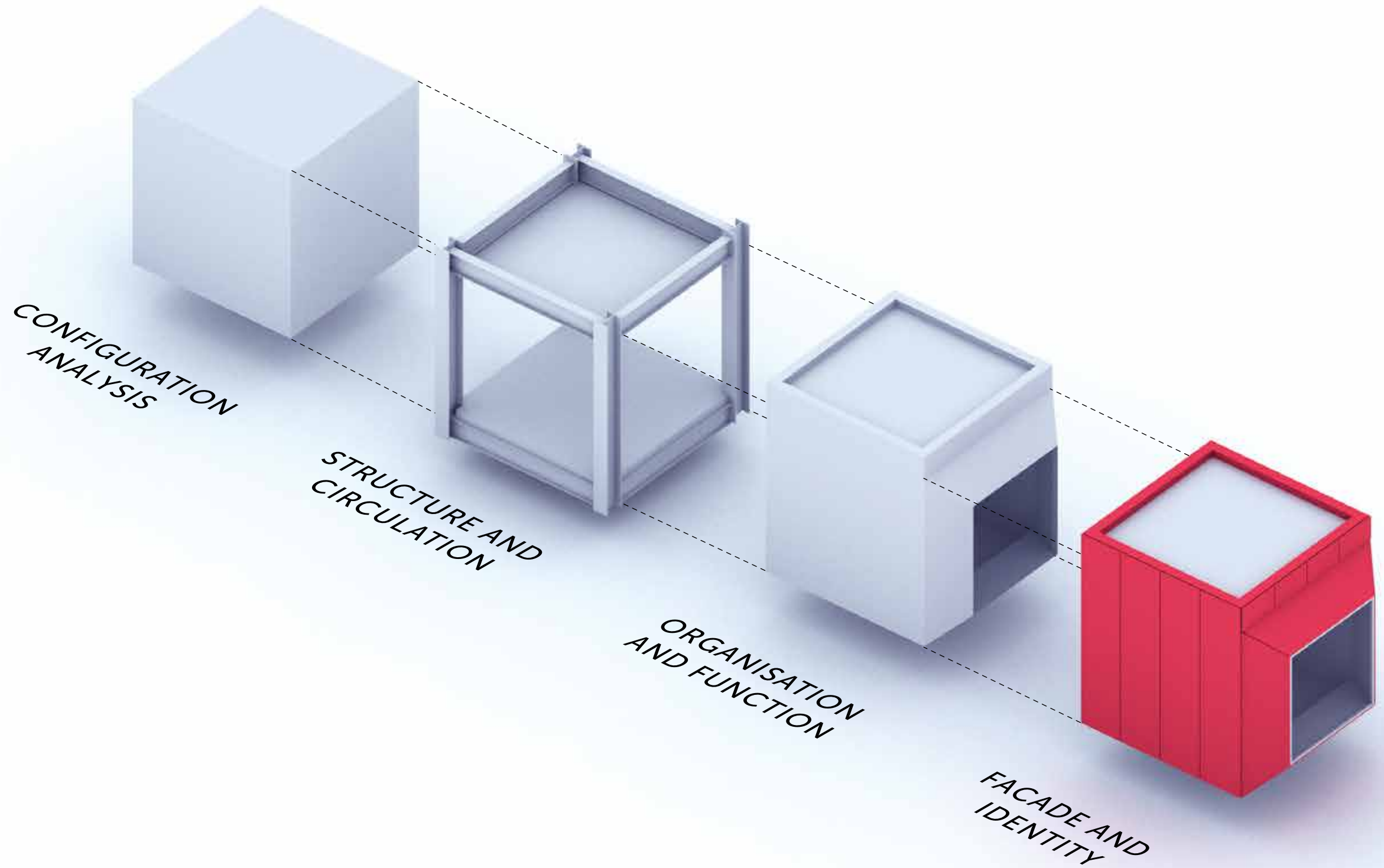


Topology | North



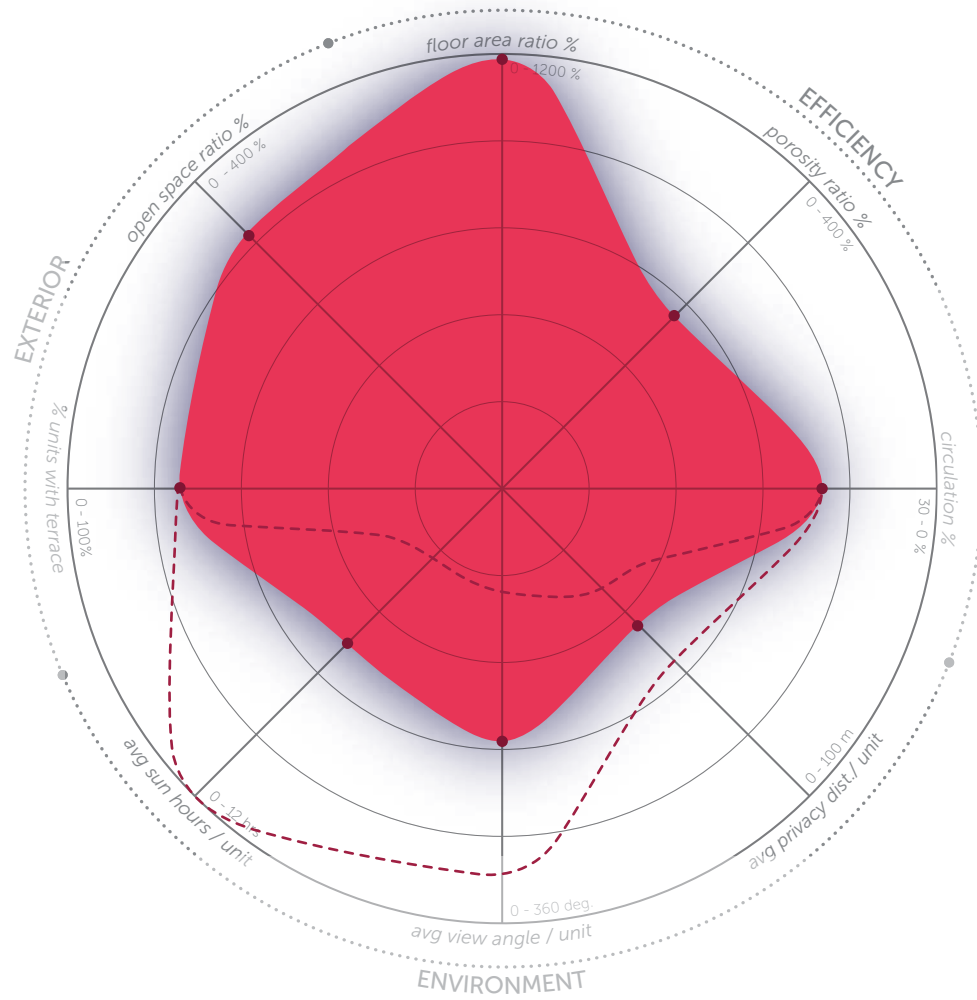
Topology | East

# MATERIALISATION PROCESS

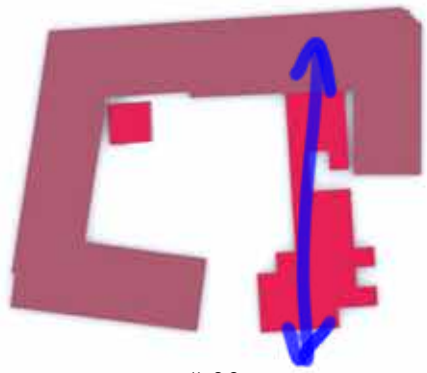




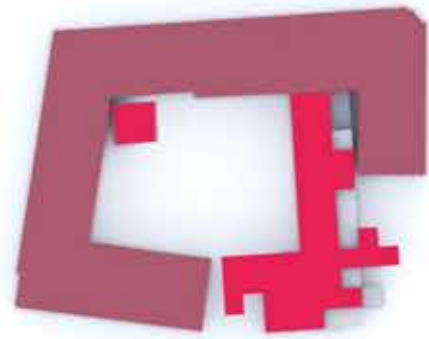
# BUILDING ANALYSIS



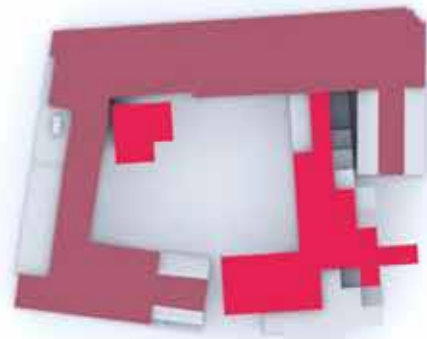




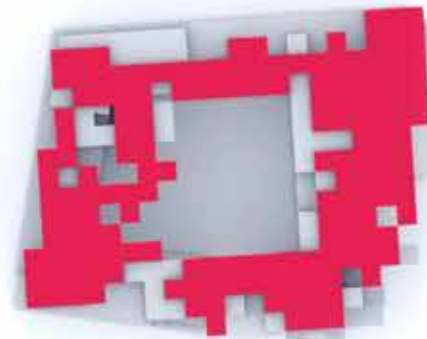
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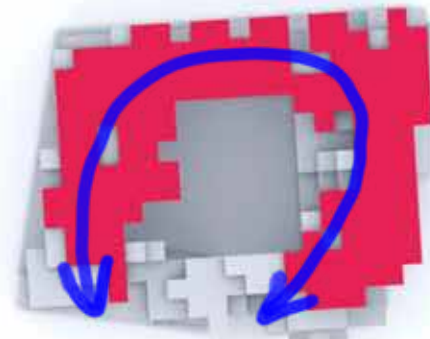
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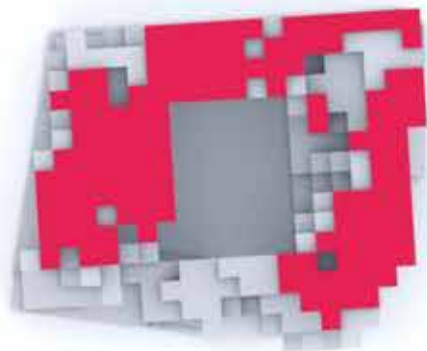
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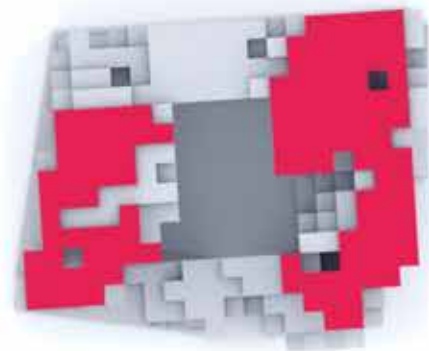
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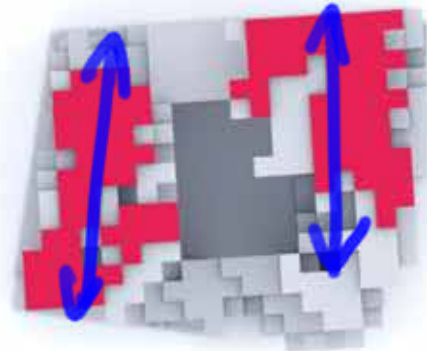
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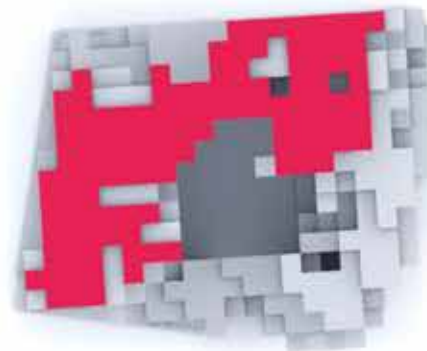
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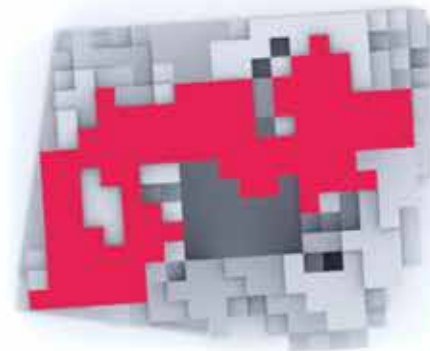
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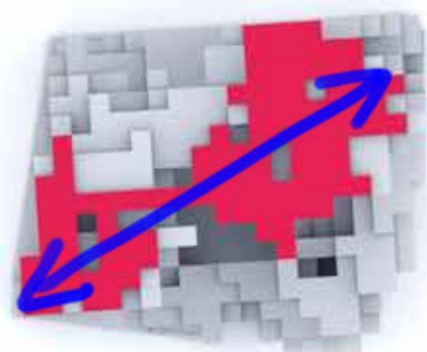
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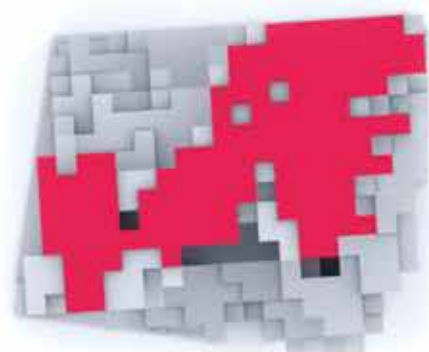
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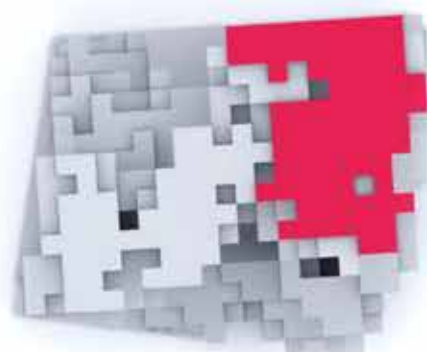
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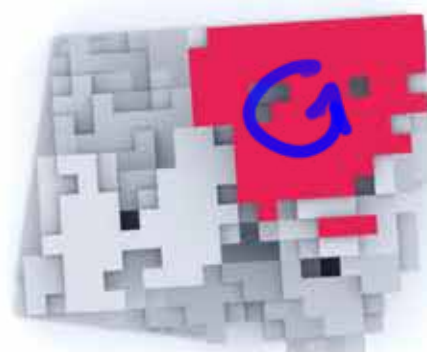
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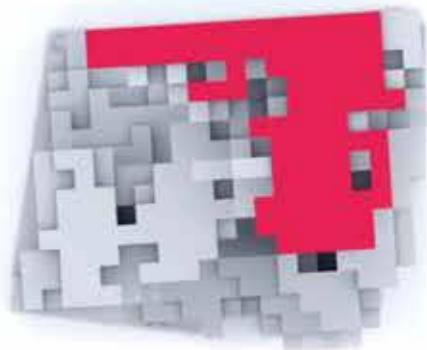
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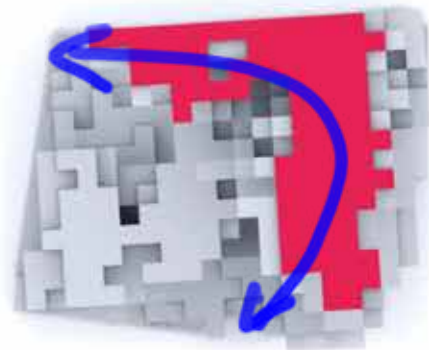
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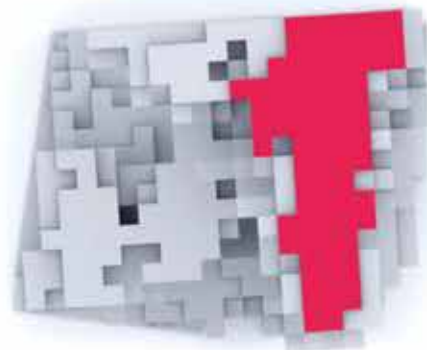
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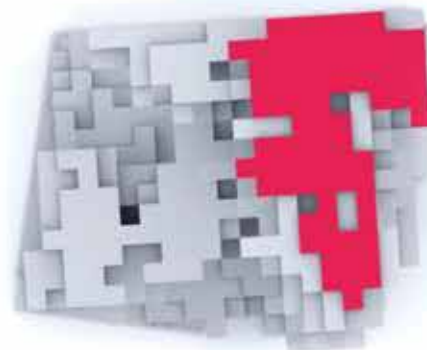
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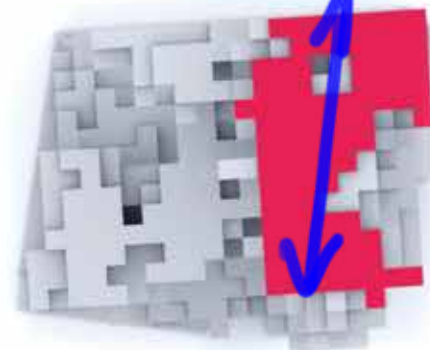
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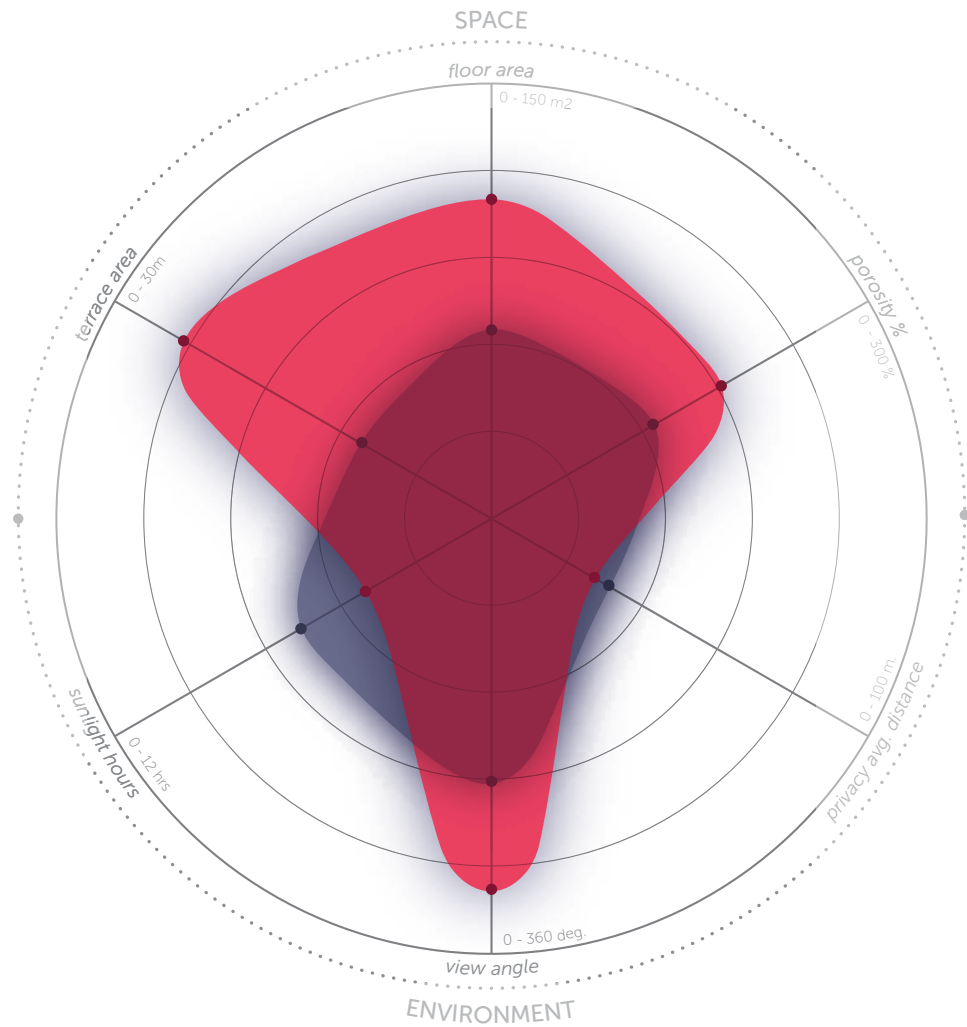
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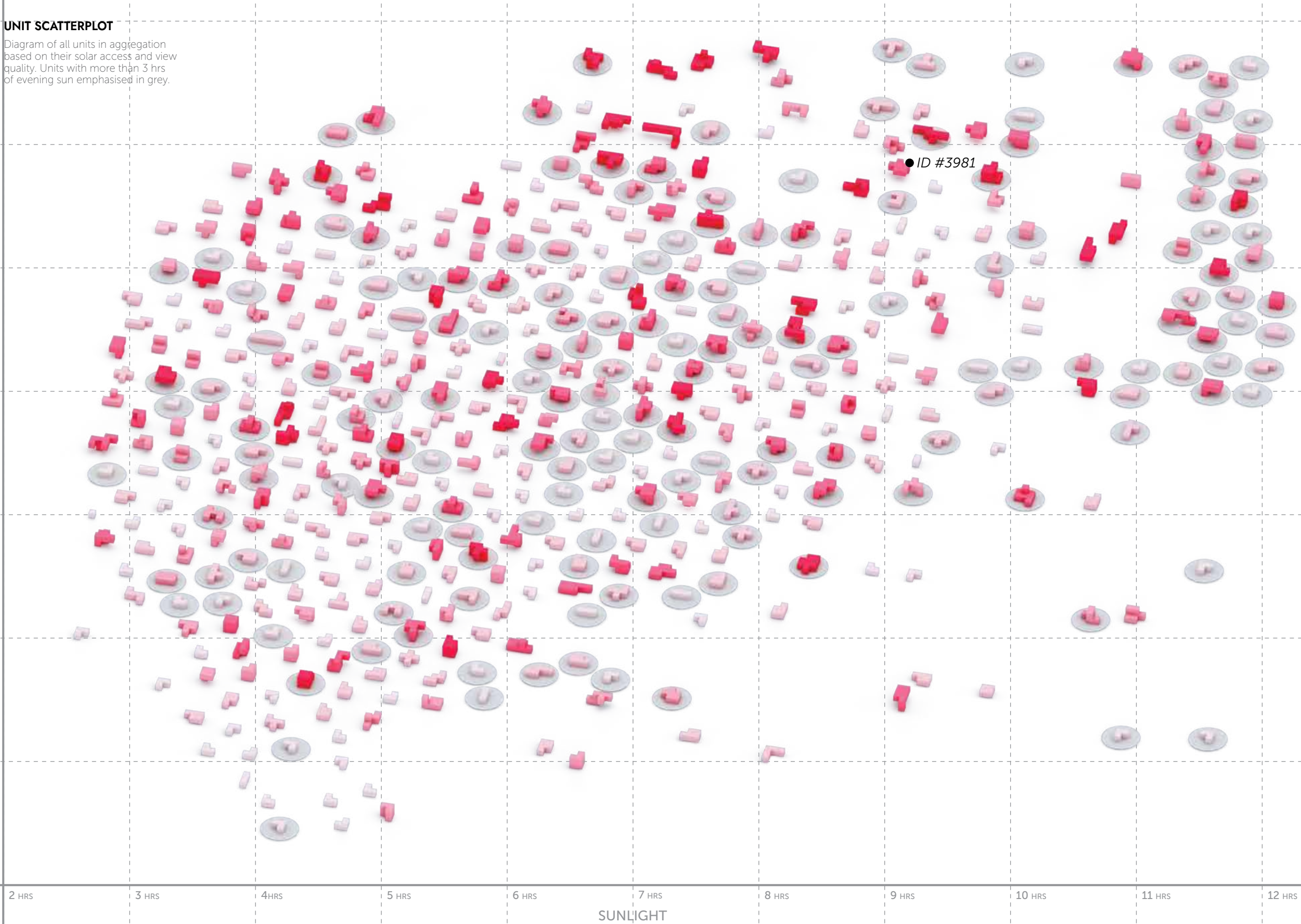


# UNIT ANALYSIS



### UNIT SCATTERPLOT

Diagram of all units in aggregation based on their solar access and view quality. Units with more than 3 hrs of evening sun emphasised in grey.





## UNIT SHAPE CLUSTERING

Automated evaluation of unit geometric properties utilising K-Means clustering to reveal distinct spatial typologies.



Levels: 1.00  
Compactness: 0.51  
Linearity: 0.73  
Convexity: 0.99



Levels: 1.00  
Compactness: 0.41  
Linearity: 0.00  
Convexity: 0.72



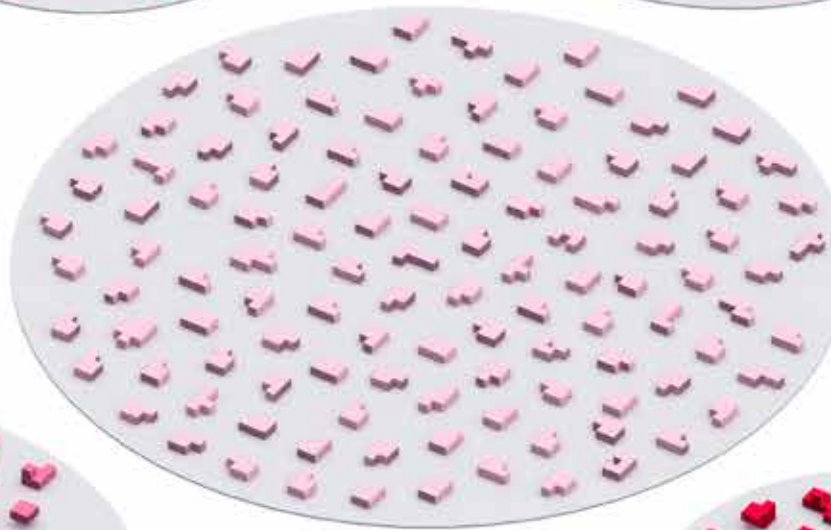
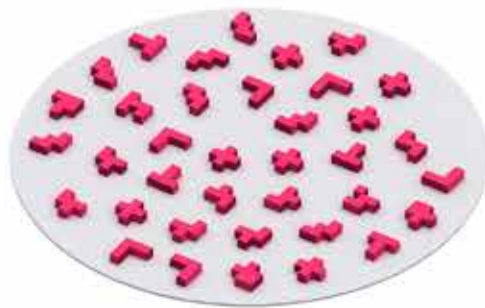
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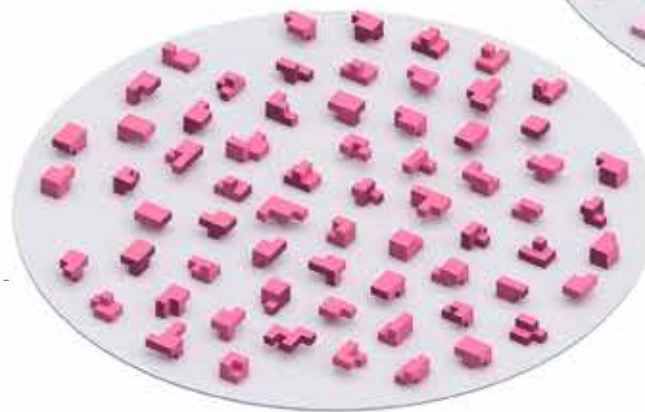
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Convexity: 0.94



Levels: 2.00  
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Convexity: 0.93



Levels: 1.00  
Compactness: 0.70  
Linearity: 0.35  
Convexity: 0.88



Levels: 1.00  
Compactness: 0.72  
Linearity: 0.00  
Convexity: 0.86



Levels: 2.00  
Compactness: 0.43  
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# SURFACE ANALYSIS

## SOLAR ANALYSIS

Solar access analysis of each exterior face in the building on the 21st of March.

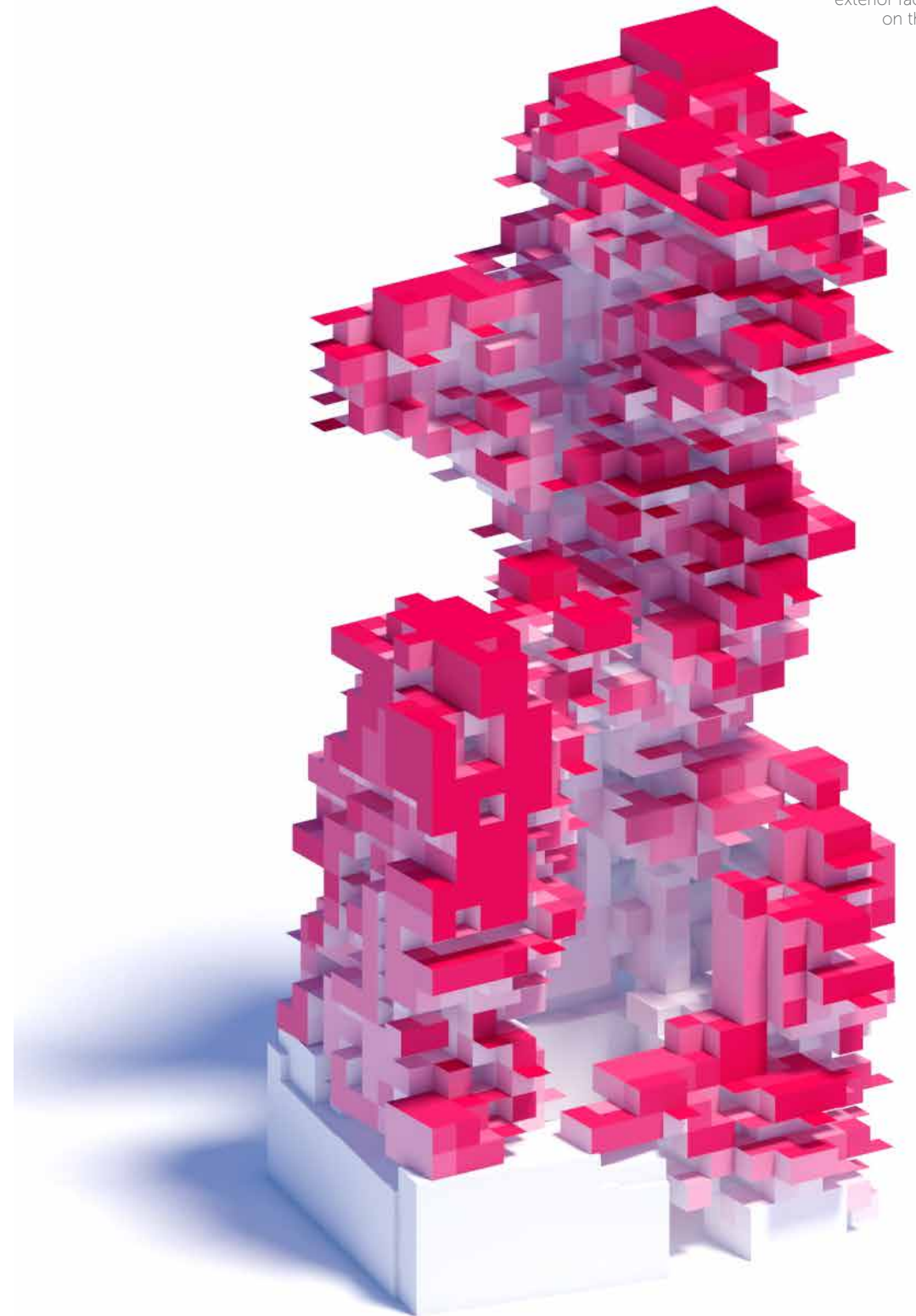
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0	9	3	230;250;251;271;270;200	1	54	1	interior
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0	11	1	1451;1450;1449	1;183;182;82;84;35	27	1	exterior
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Group ID	Cluster ID	Voxel ID	Type ID	Adjacent Voxels	Adjacent Faces	Voxel Area	Geometry
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## SPATIAL ANALYSIS

Analysis of spatial conditions at the level of a voxel face, together generating a performance database.



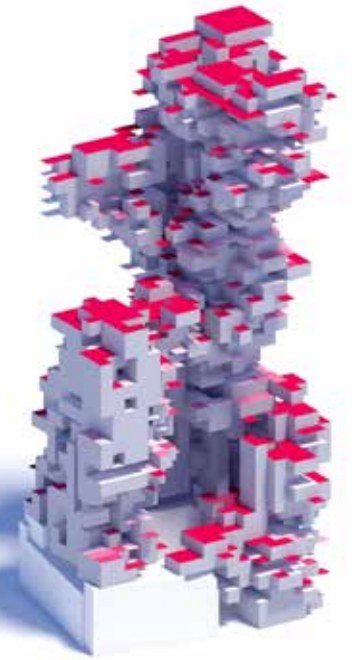
Sunlight



Views



Privacy



Height



Access



Facade



Interior walls



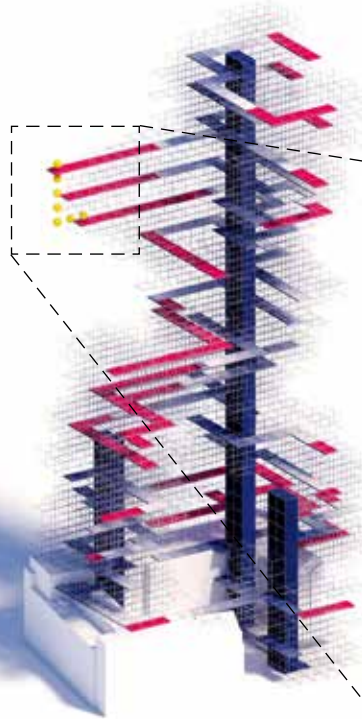
Connecting walls



# CIRCULATION



Analyze circulation distances



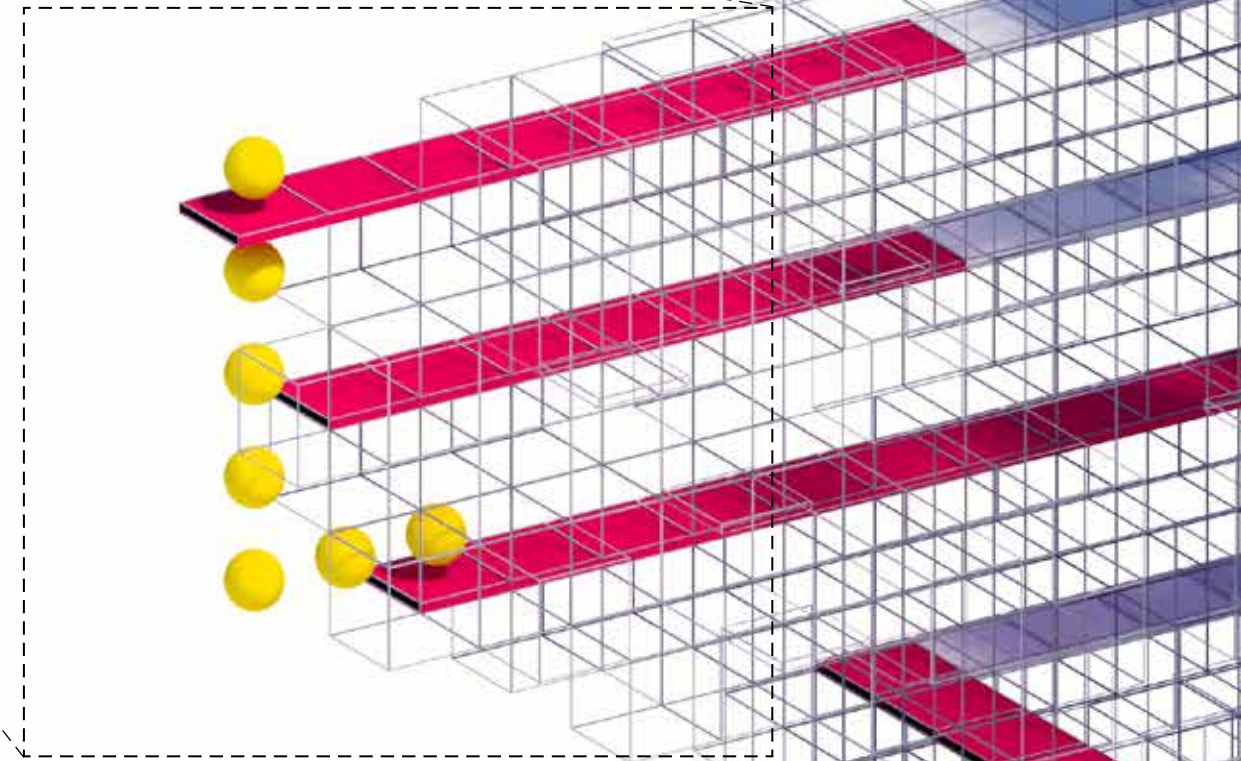
Suggest possible connections



Add connection and recalculate

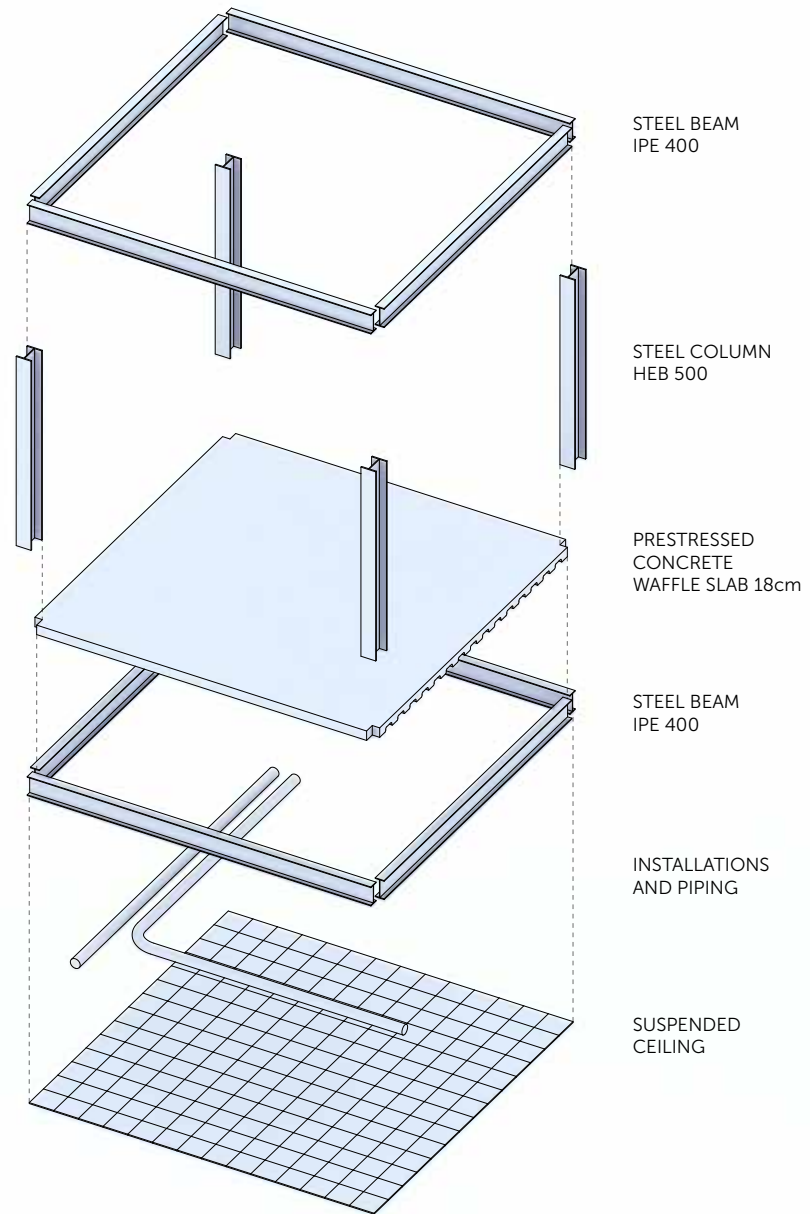


Repeat for entire structure





# STRUCTURE



Main structural elements

TIMMERHUIS

Modular structural system of the  
Timmerhuis by O.M.A. in Rotterdam





## STRUCTURAL RASTER OPTIMIZATION

Comparing three variations of structural rasters and their efficiency: 7x7 m (left), 3.5x3.5 m (right), computationally optimized hybrid (center) offering a balance between efficiency and spatial flexibility



Only primary structure  
9.960 elements - 100%

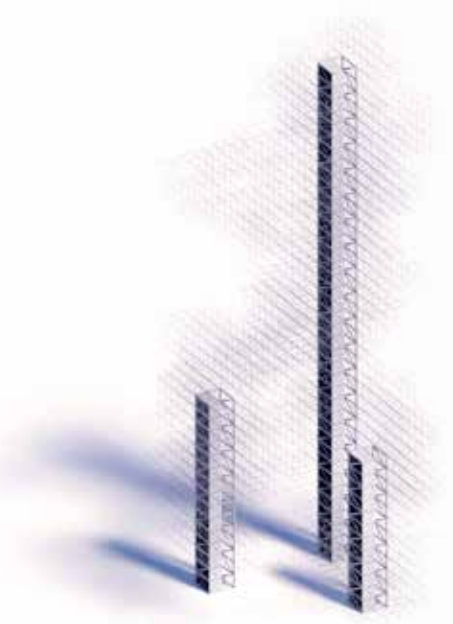


Primary and secondary structure mix  
11.175 elements - 112%



Only secondary structure  
16.390 elements - 164%





Steel & concrete circulation cores



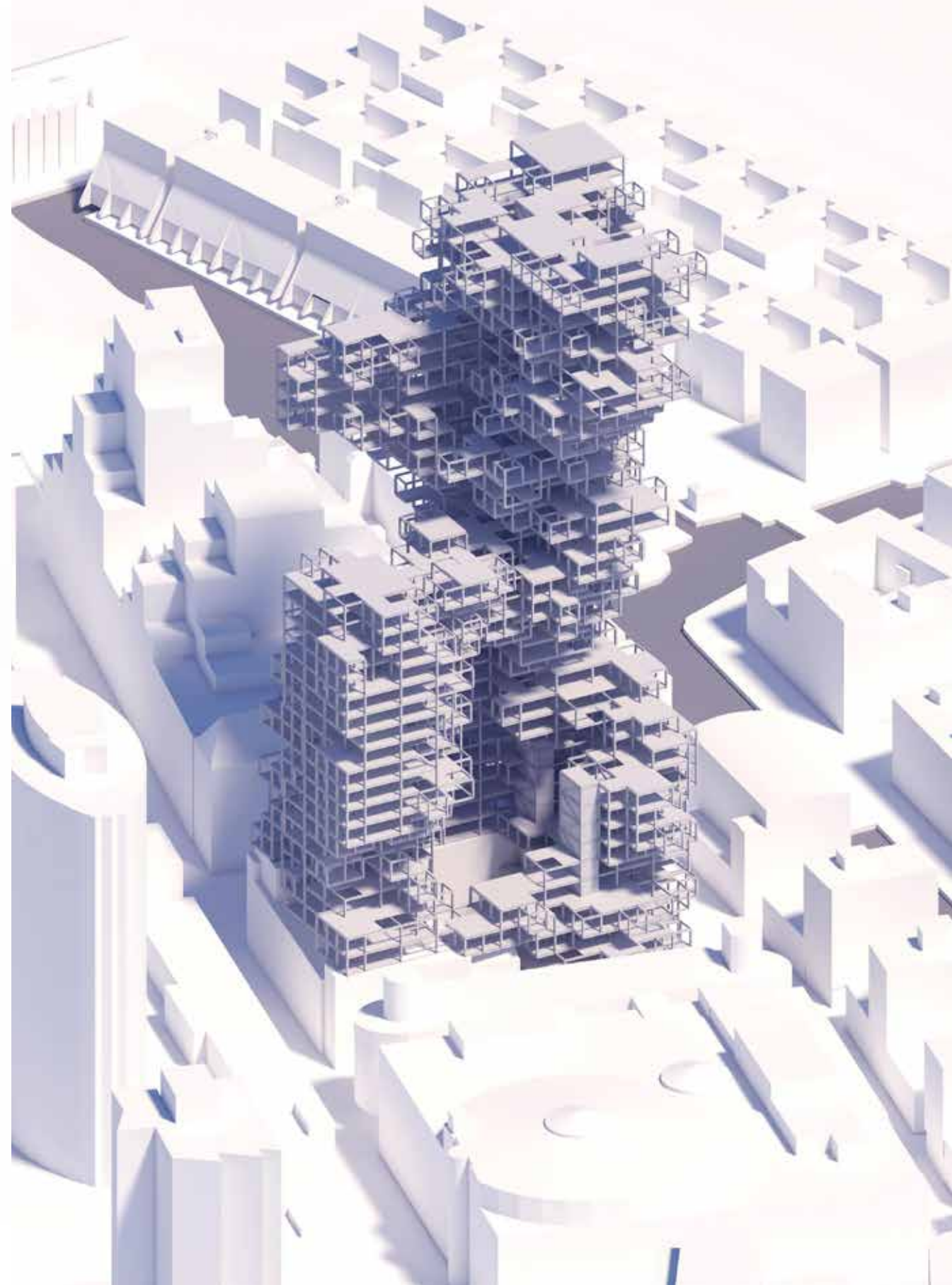
Primary steel structure



Secondary steel structure



Concrete modular floor panels





# ORGANISATION

## NEIGHBOURHOOD B

Type: residential  
Area: 5,245 m<sup>2</sup>  
Units: 71  
Persons: 162

## NEIGHBOURHOOD D

Type: residential  
Area: 4,190 m<sup>2</sup>  
Units: 65  
Persons: 154

## NEIGHBOURHOOD F

Type: residential  
Area: 4,260 m<sup>2</sup>  
Units: 67  
Persons: 142

## COMMON ENTRANCE

Type: commercial / leisure  
Area: 600 m<sup>2</sup>  
Units: /  
Persons: /

## NEIGHBOURHOOD A

Type: residential  
Area: 5,060 m<sup>2</sup>  
Units: 77  
Persons: 172

## NEIGHBOURHOOD C

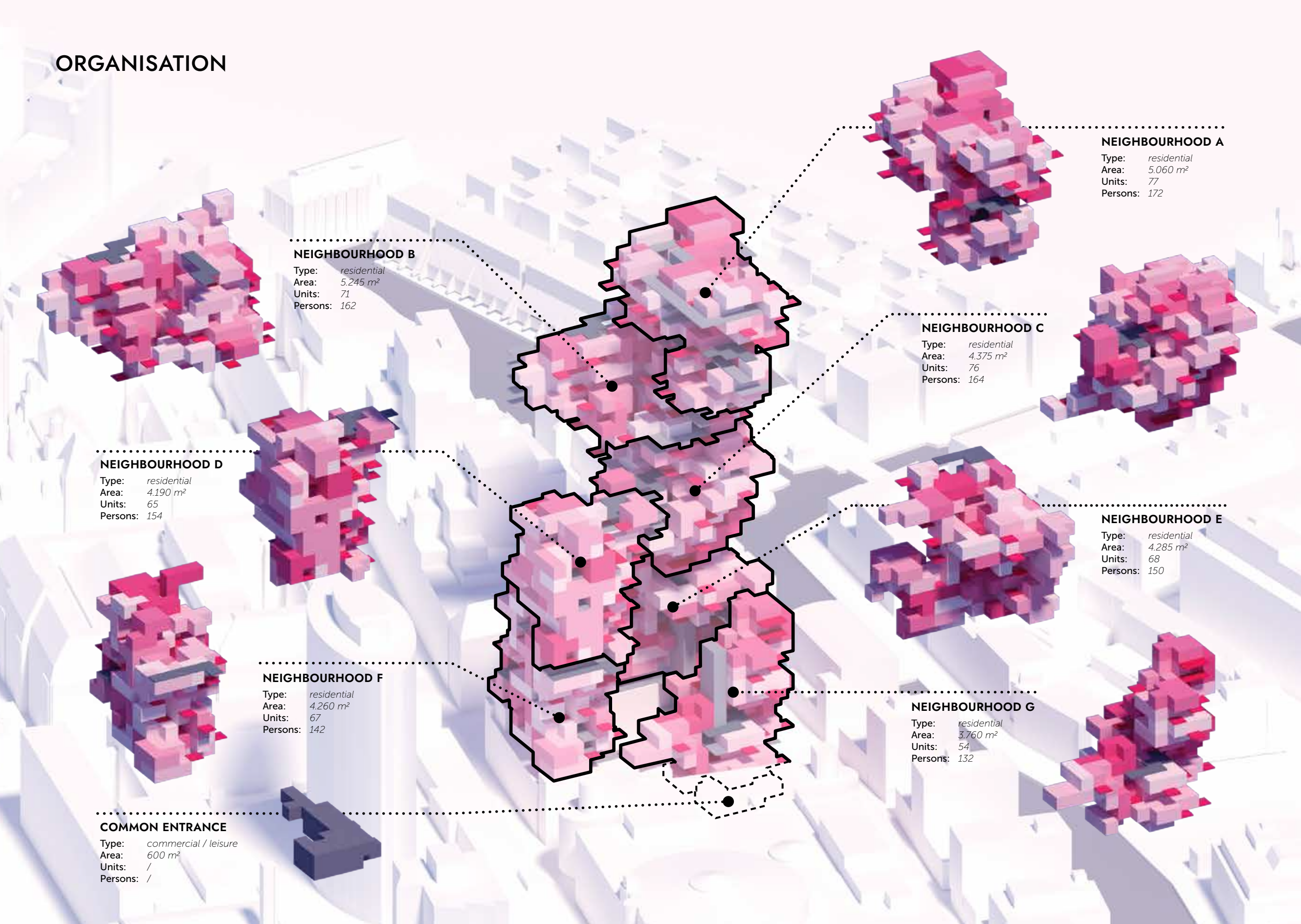
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Area: 4,375 m<sup>2</sup>  
Units: 76  
Persons: 164

## NEIGHBOURHOOD E

Type: residential  
Area: 4,285 m<sup>2</sup>  
Units: 68  
Persons: 150

## NEIGHBOURHOOD G

Type: residential  
Area: 3,760 m<sup>2</sup>  
Units: 54  
Persons: 132





# FUNCTION

## ROTTERDAM FRAGMENTS

A series of urban space fragments from Rotterdam representing the predominant spatial elements constituting the existing city.

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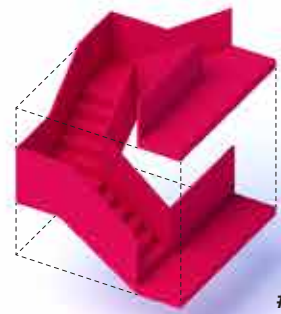
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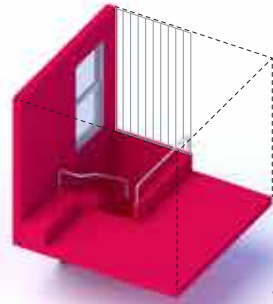


# URBAN MODULES CATALOGUE

A catalogue of designed urban modules derived from existing characteristics of Rotterdam and used as building blocks in a procedural design process transforming the abstract aggregation into urban space.



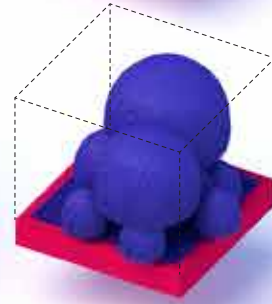
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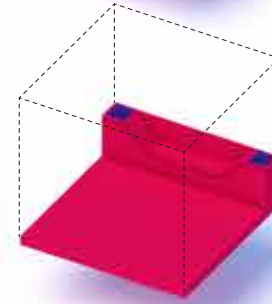
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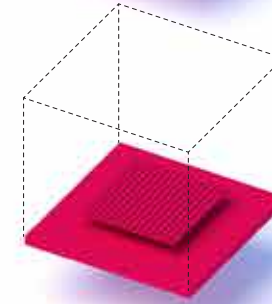
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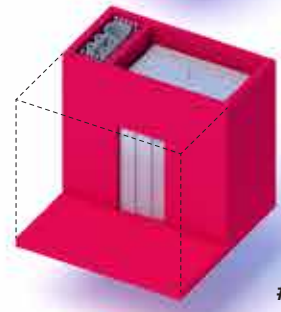
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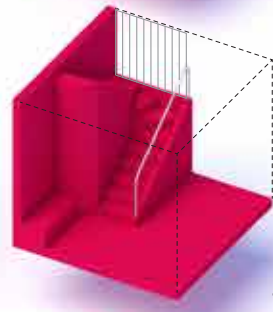
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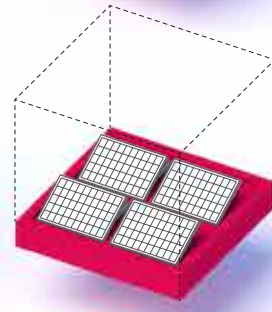
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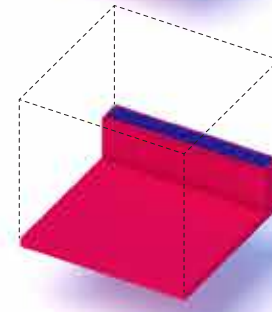
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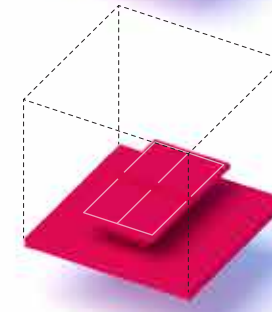
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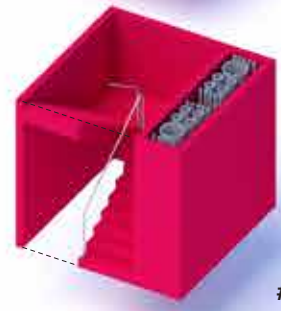
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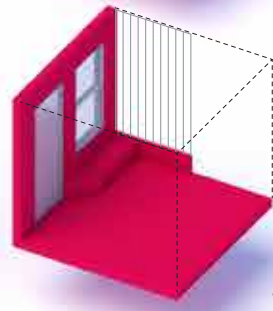
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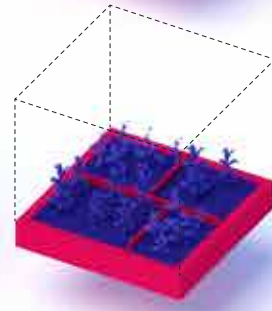
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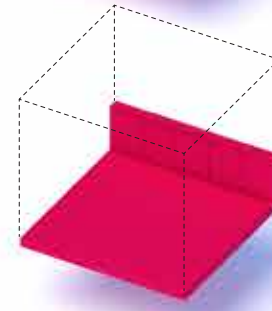
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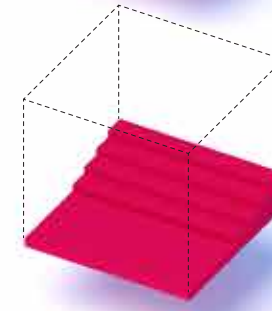
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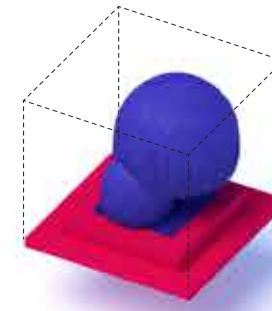
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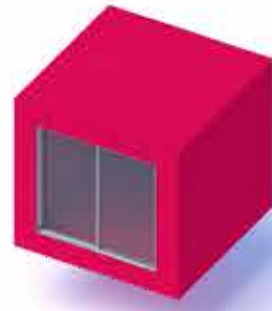
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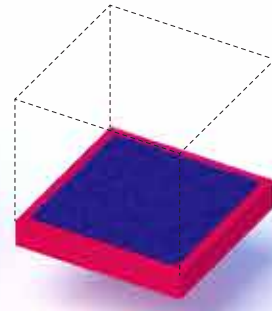
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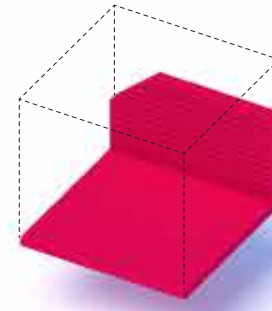
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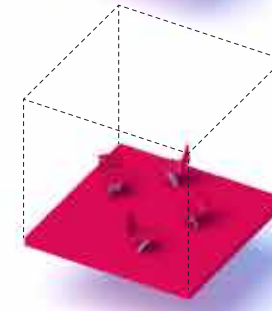
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Circulation

Entrances

Openings

Public terraces

Railings

Common space



## #01 | CORE STAIRS

CATEGORY: Circulation

**ABOUT:** Primary means of vertical circulation in the building, also acting as a crucial fire-safe emergency exit. Also, a vertical shaft for utility piping such as electricity, water and sewage.

CONDITIONS:

- Vertically connected to same module type
- Combined with Core Elevator module



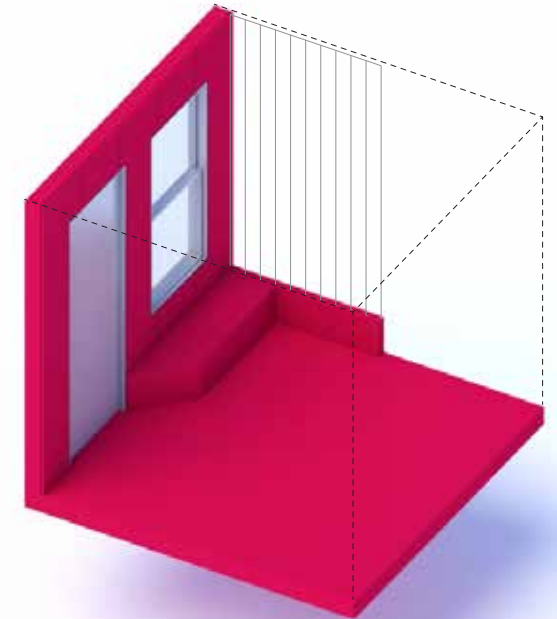
## #04 | STREET ENTRANCE

CATEGORY: Entrances

**ABOUT:** Derived from traditional row houses in which every unit has a direct entrance to the public street. Its immediate vicinity is considered an extension of the unit; a space to be occupied and appropriated with seating, plants and more.

CONDITIONS:

- Maximum one per unit
- Combined with circulation voxel



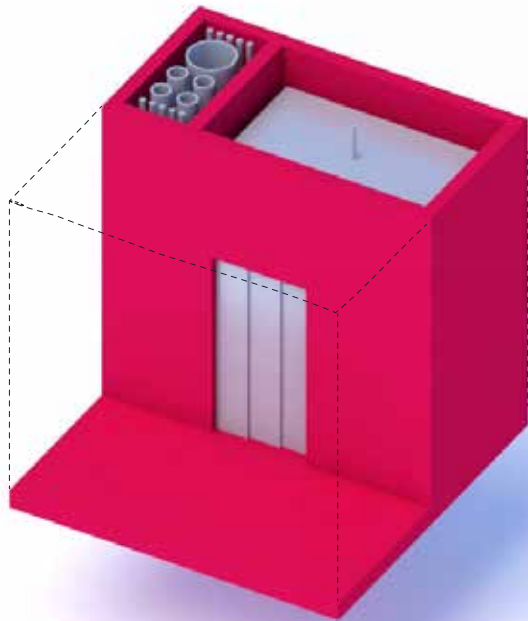
## #02 | CORE ELEVATOR

CATEGORY: Circulation

**ABOUT:** Primary means of vertical circulation in the building, also appropriate for disabled persons. Large dimensions of 2.0 x 1.4 m enable transport of goods and furniture. Also, a vertical shaft for utility piping such as electricity, water and sewage.

CONDITIONS:

- Vertically connected to same module type
- Combined with Core Stairs module



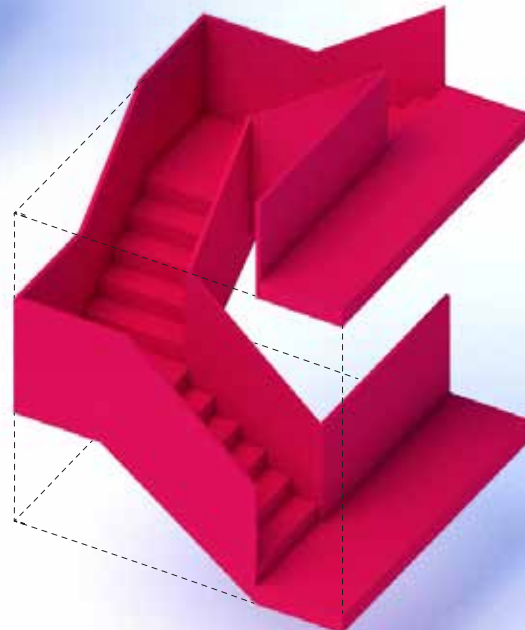
## #03 | SECONDARY STAIRS

CATEGORY: Circulation

**ABOUT:** Secondary vertical circulation applied in cases where the distance to the vertical core is too large for safe escape. Through creating two-way escape routes the secondary stairs also increase connectivity and flexibility in circulation.

CONDITIONS:

- Combined with circulation voxel



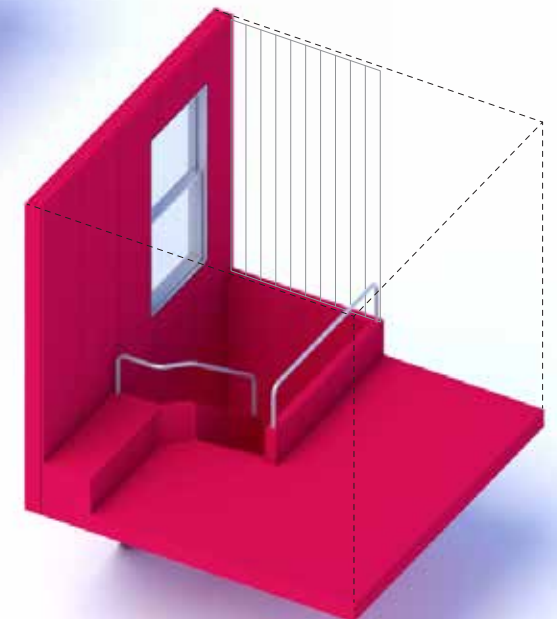
## #06 | STOOP ENTR. DOWN

CATEGORY: Entrances

**ABOUT:** Inspired by the traditional Dutch stoop present in a large number of row houses, this entrance area combining stairs and an area for sitting creates a semi-private zone increasing the possibility for appropriation by occupants.

CONDITIONS:

- Maximum one per unit
- Combined with circulation voxel



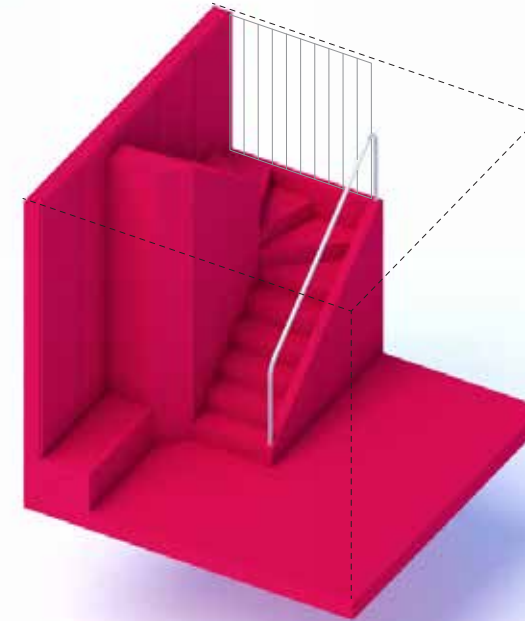
## #05 | STOOP ENTR. UP

CATEGORY: Entrances

**ABOUT:** Inspired by the traditional Dutch stoop present in a large number of row houses, this entrance area combining stairs and an area for sitting creates a semi-private zone increasing the possibility for appropriation by occupants.

CONDITIONS:

- Maximum one per unit
- Combined with circulation voxel





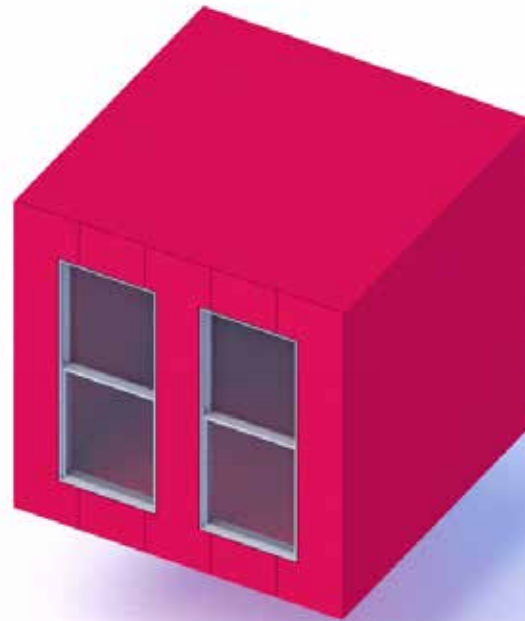
## #07 | TRAD. WINDOW

CATEGORY: Openings

**ABOUT:** Modeled after traditional Dutch row house windows with a large height-to-width ratio to maximise the daylighting depth. These qualities are emphasised in this floor to ceiling version which maximises the connection to exterior.

**CONDITIONS:**

- Where other window types are not possible
- When facing an empty voxel.



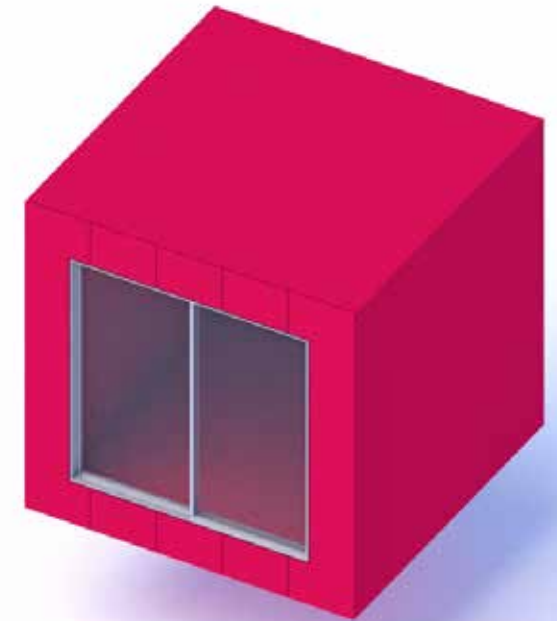
## #10 | LARGE WINDOW

CATEGORY: Openings

**ABOUT:** A translation of the large, often north-facing windows in modern Dutch housing. Maximises view and valuable sunlight at the cost of privacy, eliminated by its positioning rules. Can be transformed to a french balcony.

**CONDITIONS:**

- Neighbour voxel is not circulation
- No privacy conflicts on this facade
- Maximum of 2 hours of sun



## #08 | STREET WINDOW

CATEGORY: Openings

**ABOUT:** Modeled after traditional Dutch row house windows with a large height-to-width ratio to maximise the daylighting depth. This smaller version is specifically designed for positioning next to circulation streets to limit privacy conflicts as well as positioning of bench elements on its exterior side.

**CONDITIONS:**

- Where other window types are not possible
- When facing directly a circulation voxel.



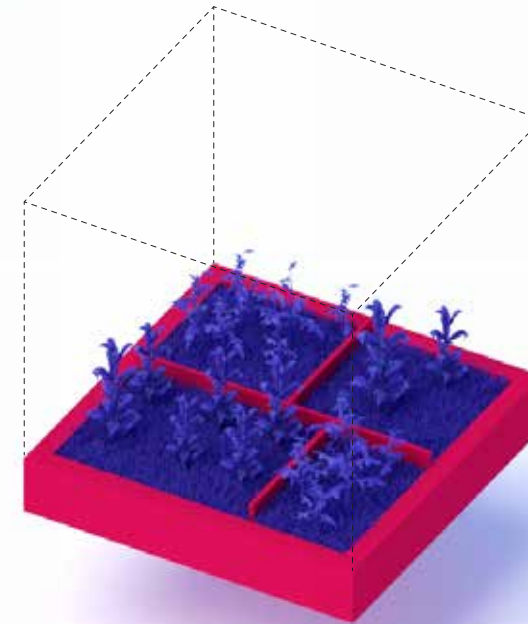
## #09 | BAY WINDOW

CATEGORY: Openings

**ABOUT:** A reinterpretation of the typical row house bay window, once acting as a symbol of wealth and prosperity. It acts as a focal point of a unit's identity and extends its interior space outwards.

**CONDITIONS:**

- Maximum one per unit
- Its neighbour voxel must not be occupied
- Neighbour voxel is not circulation



## #11 | COMMUNITY GARDEN

CATEGORY: Public terraces

**ABOUT:** Community gardens are intended for small-scale local food production, also acting as social generators, water management and retention systems, improving insulation and creating pleasant microclimates.

**CONDITIONS:**

- Rooftop must be accessible from circulation.
- Minimum 3 hours sunlight
- Roof must have rainwater access

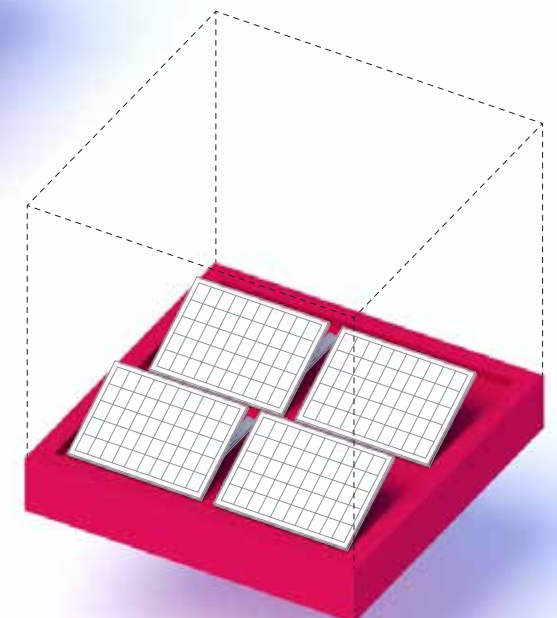
## #12 | SOLAR COLLECTOR

CATEGORY: Public terraces

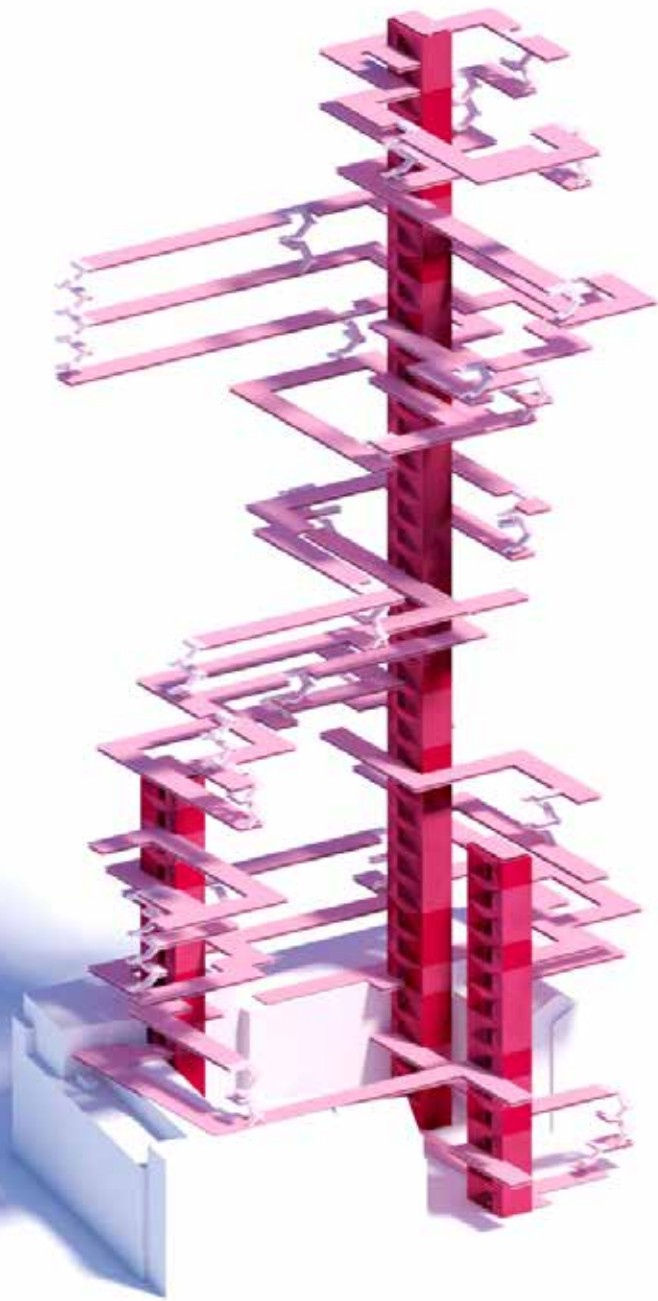
**ABOUT:** Collectors in the form of solar PV-panels or solar thermal panels occupy the best-sunlit rooftops of the building and act as a source of renewable energy while putting excess porosity to good use.

**CONDITIONS:**

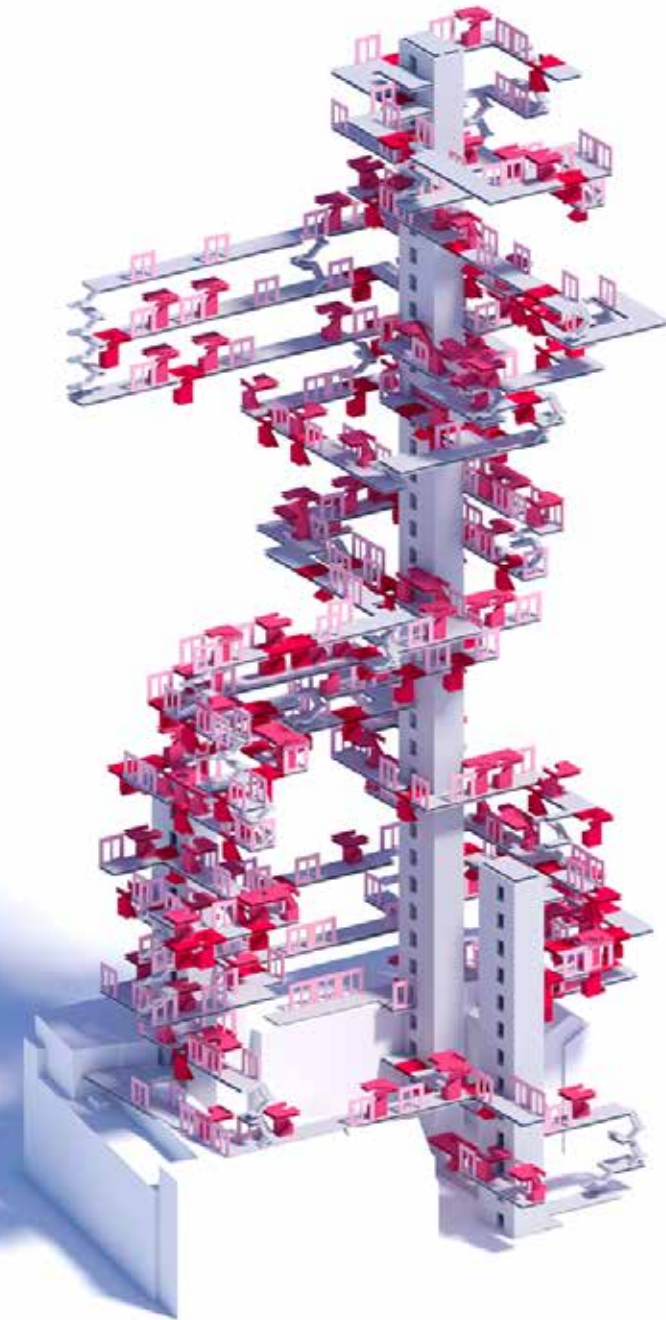
- Minimum 5 hours of direct sunlight daily
- Maximum 20% of total rooftops







1. Circulation modules



2. Entrance modules





3. Window modules



4. Floors and interior walls





5. Public terraces



6. Fences and railings



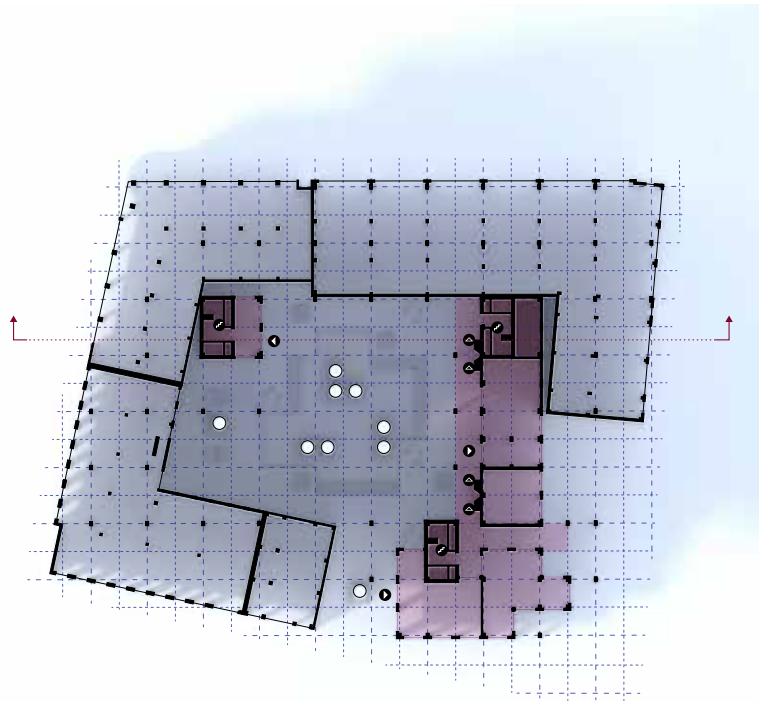


7. Corner details

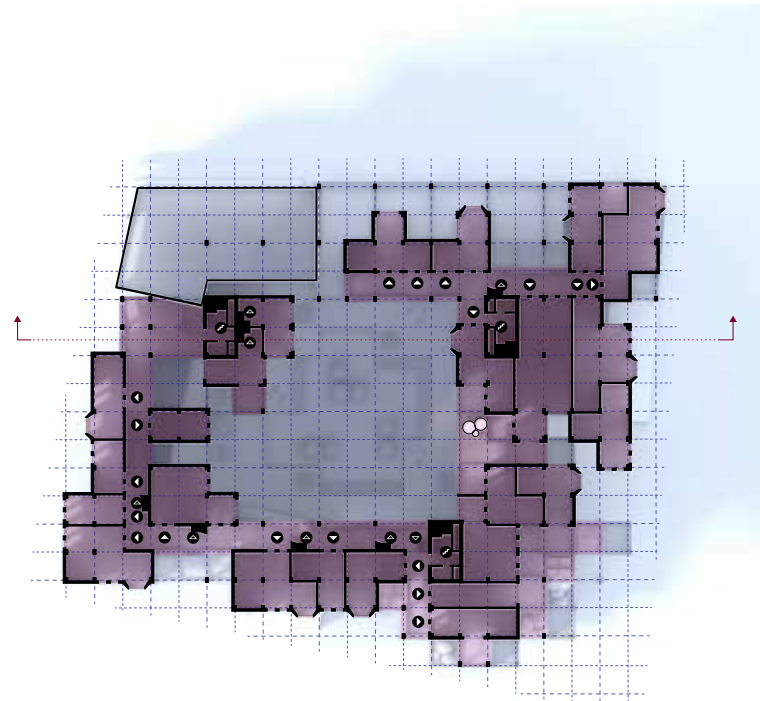


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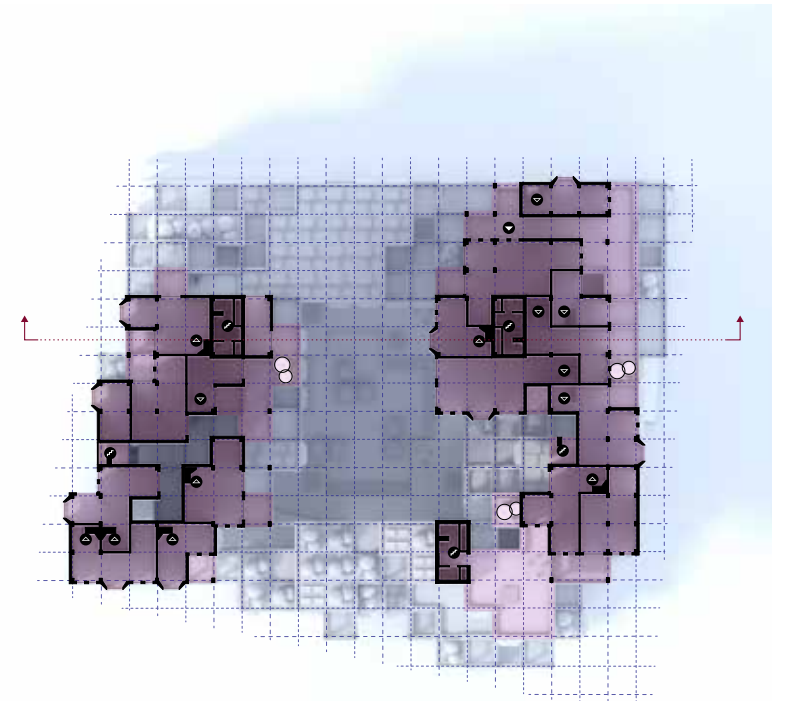




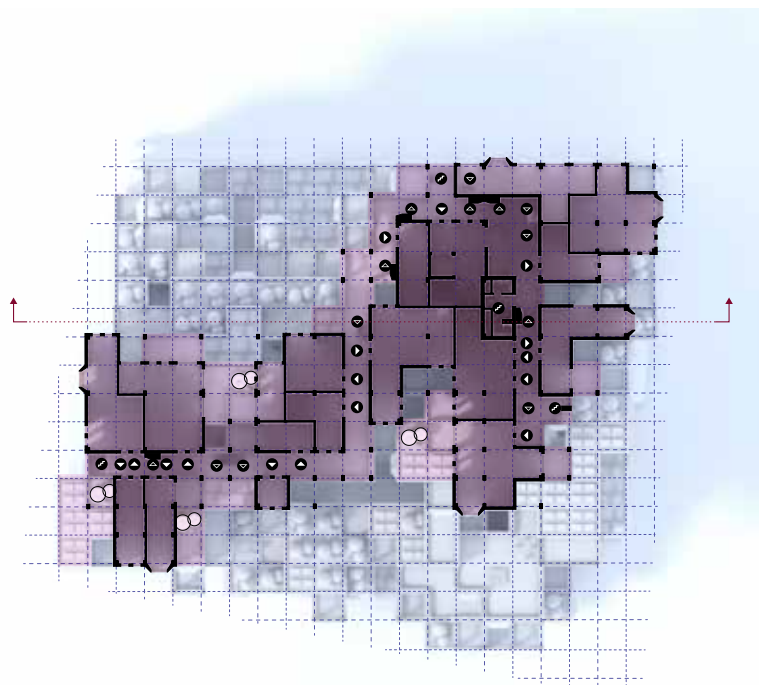
Plan | floor #0



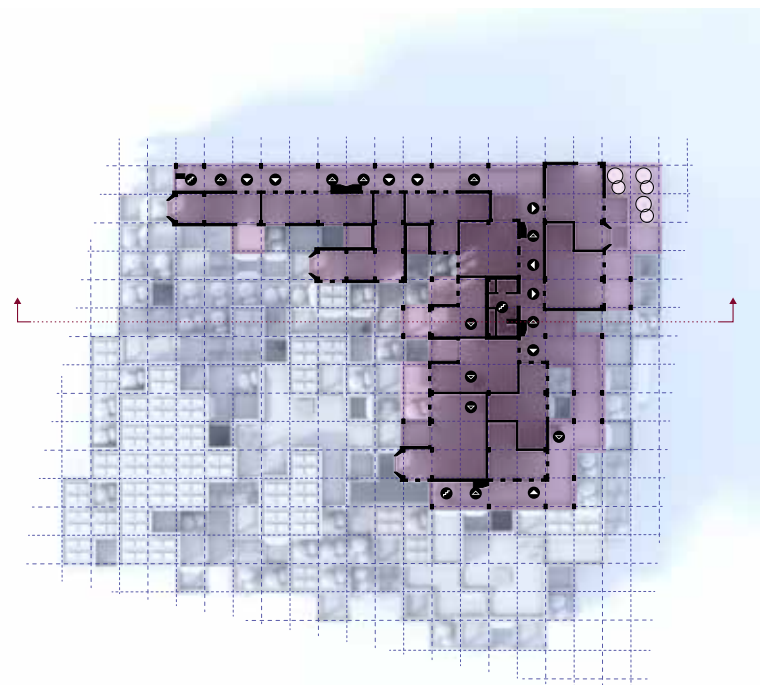
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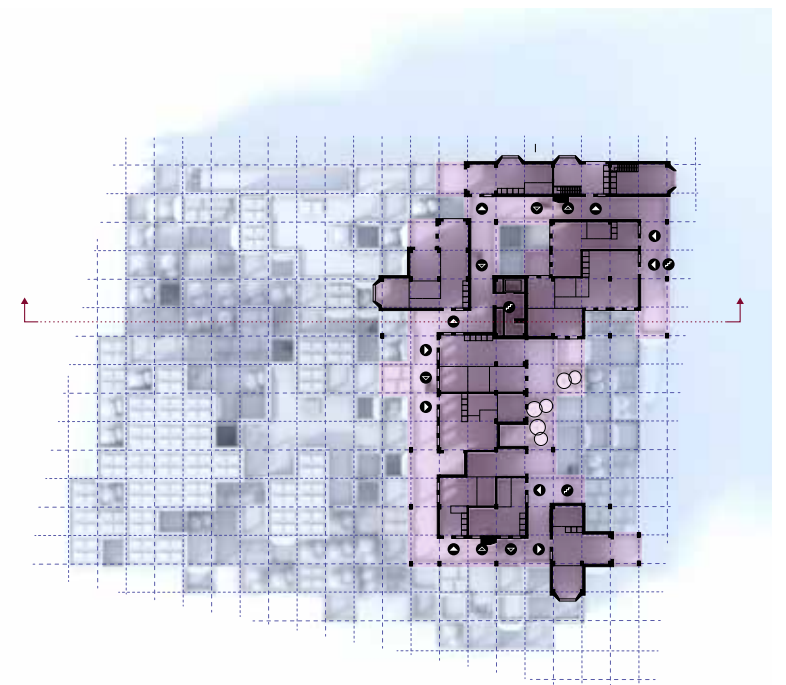
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Plan | floor #23



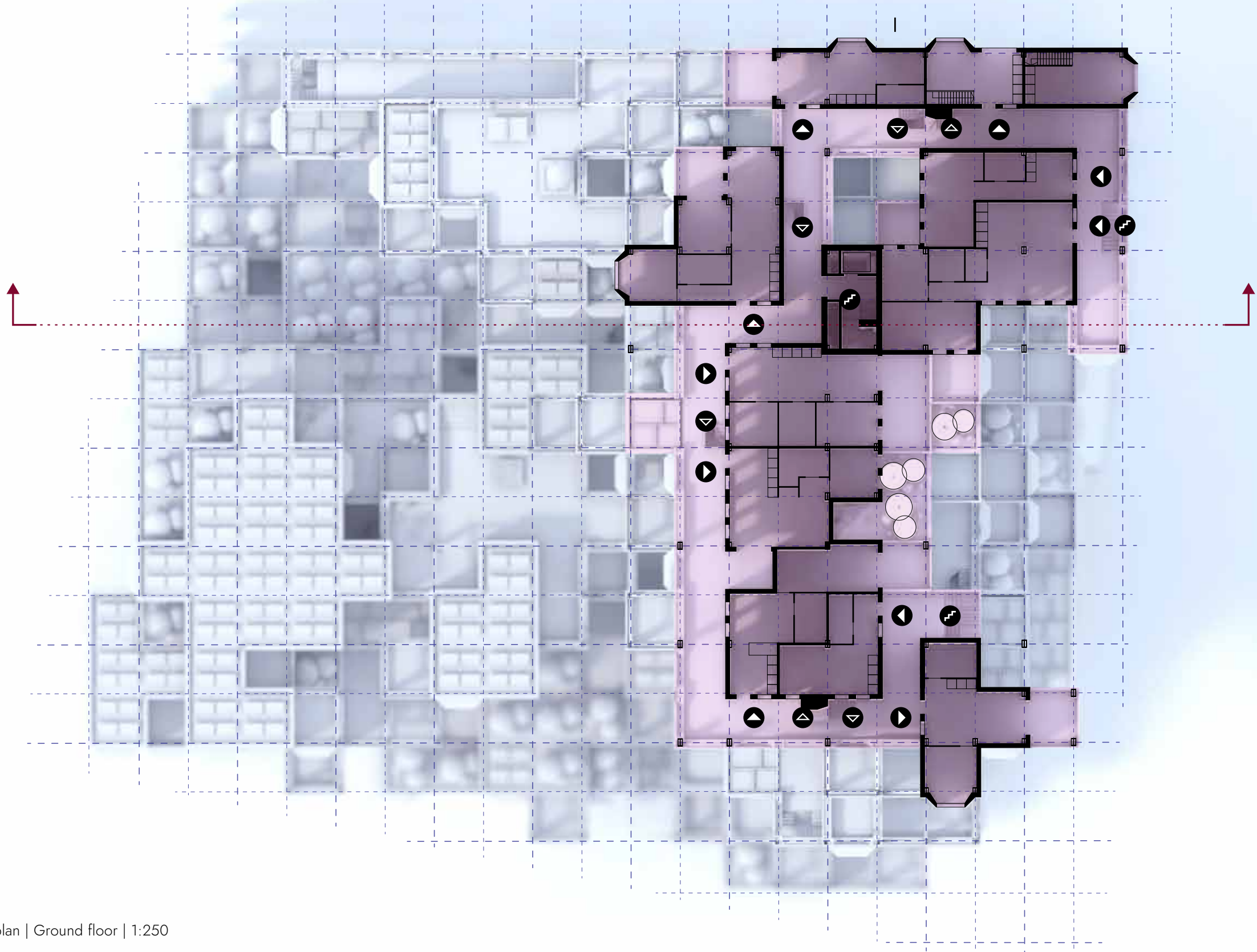
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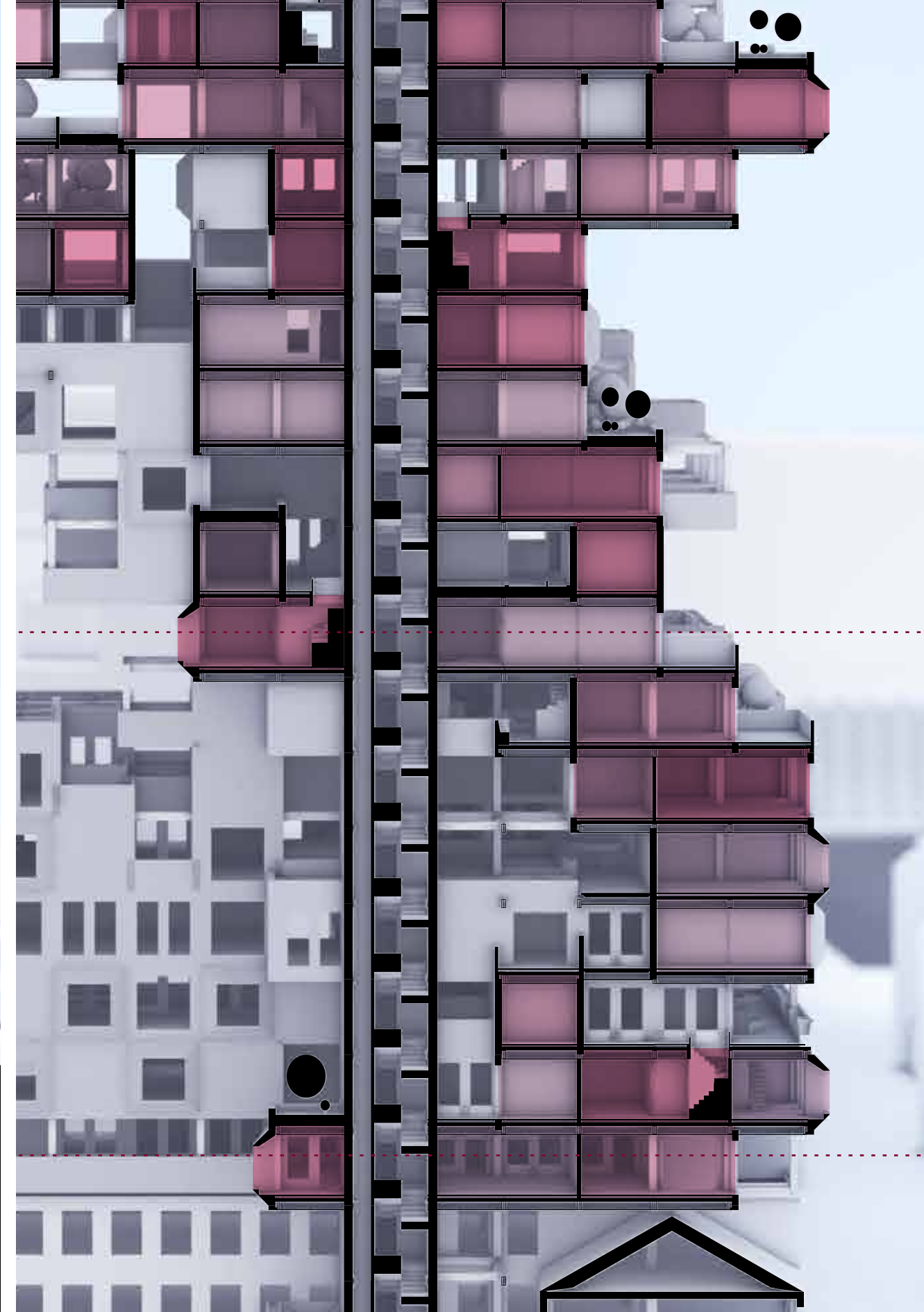
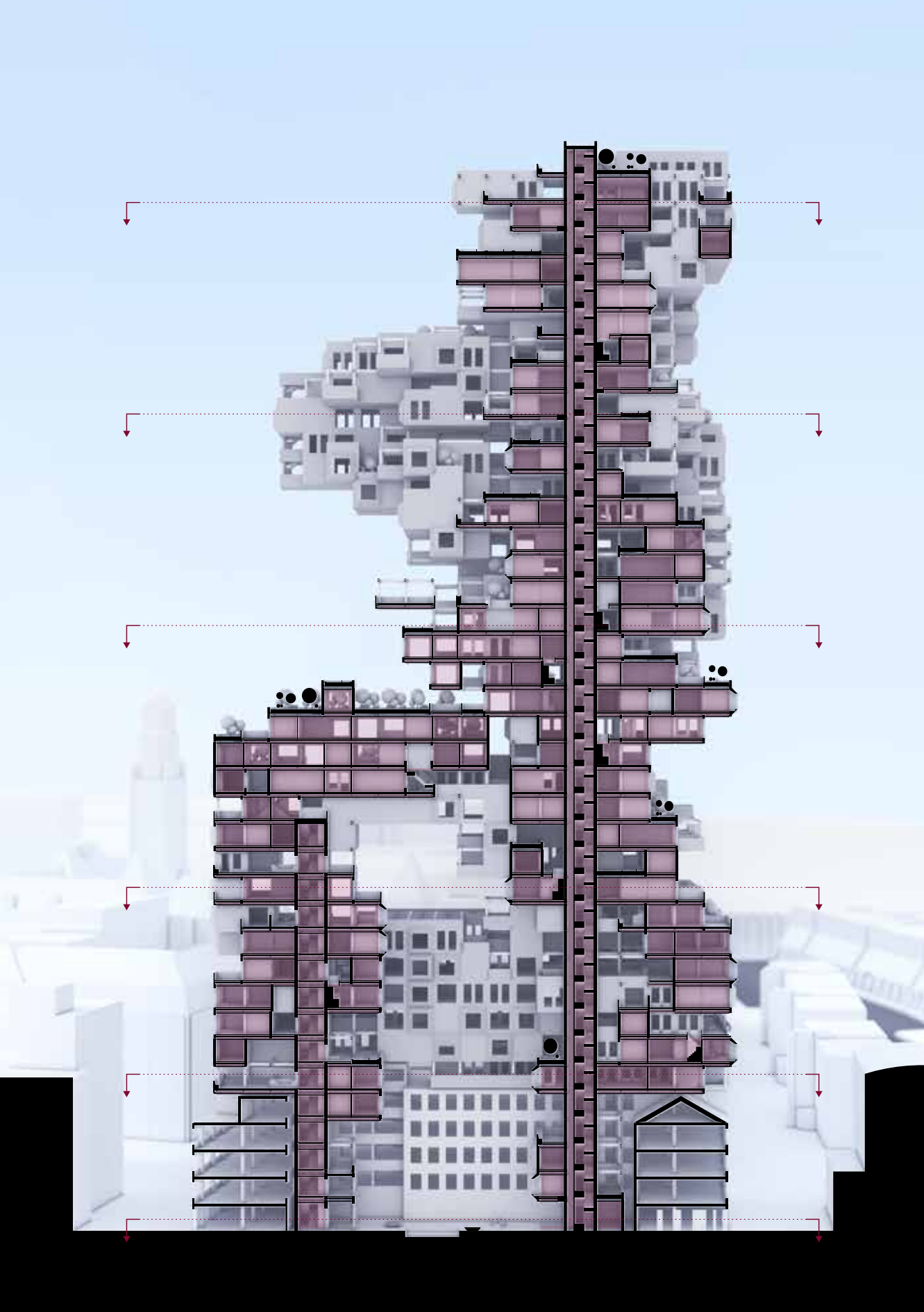
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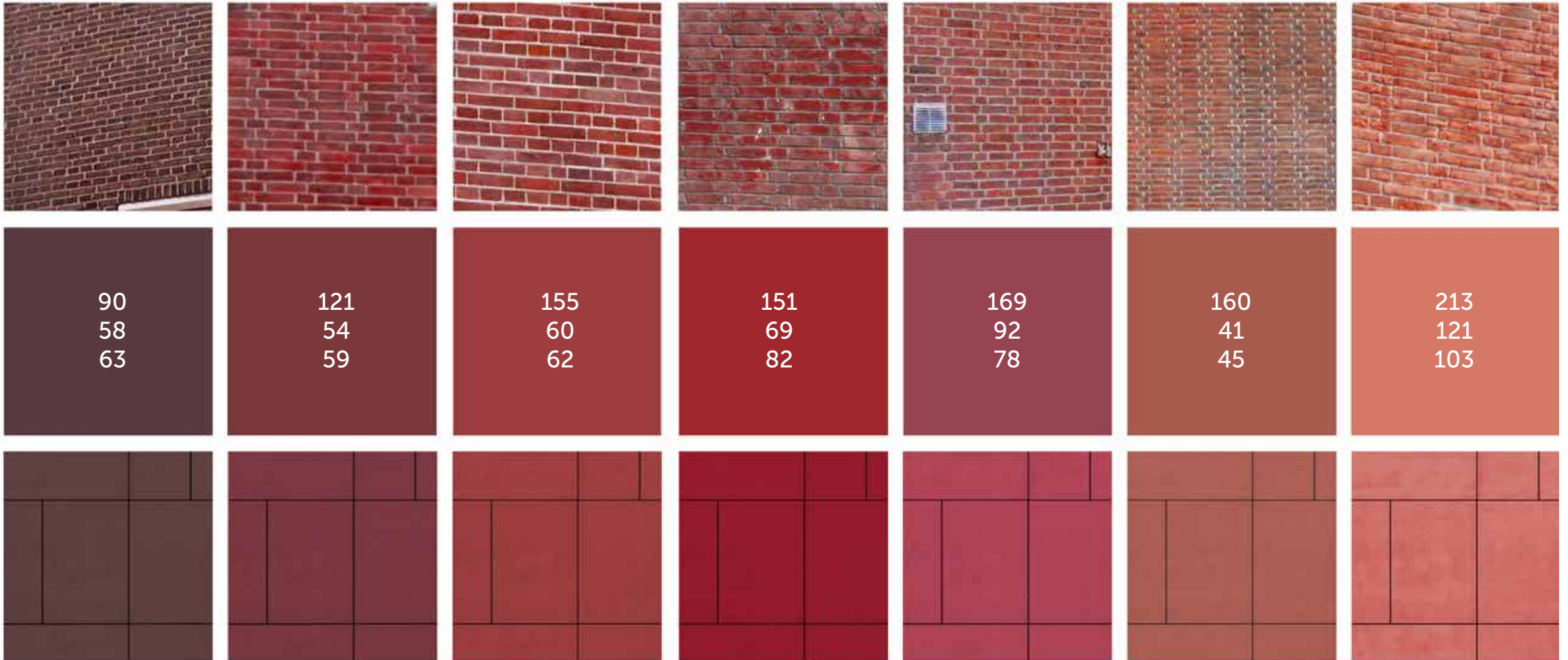








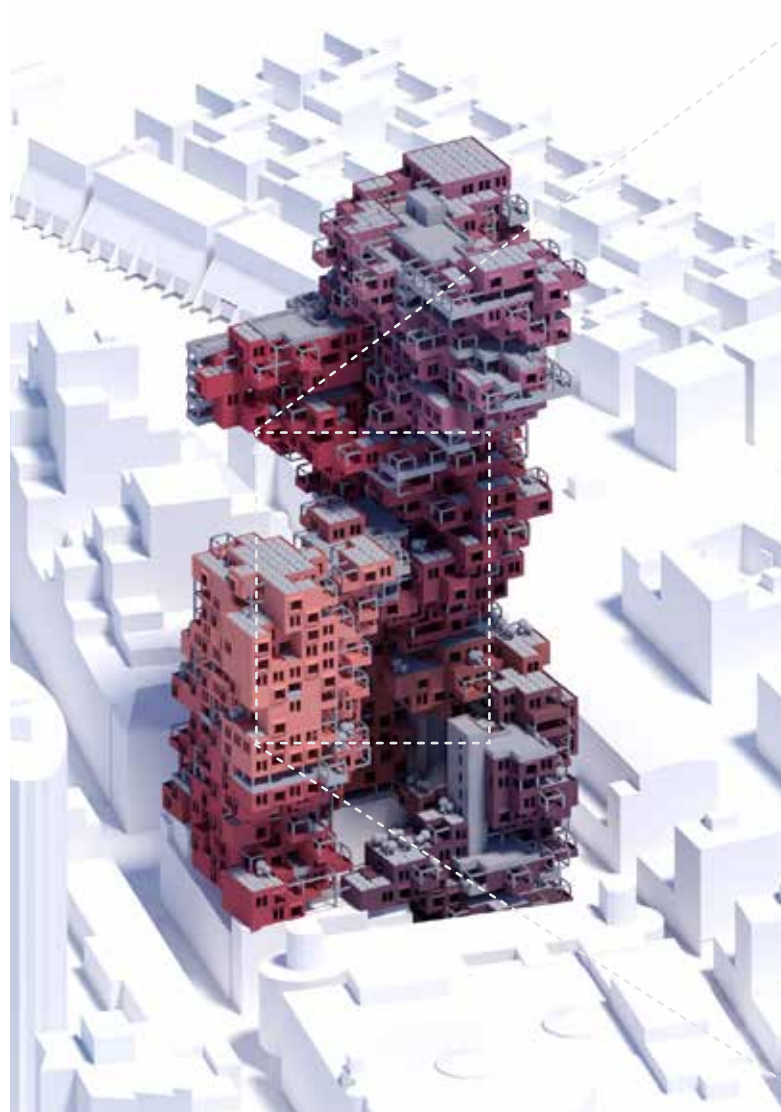
# MATERIALITY



# IDENTITY



Differentiated public spaces  
Circulation and common spaces in raw concrete



Private units; global identity  
Seven residential clusters representing communities



Private units; local identity  
Differentiated color shades of individual units



# WAYFINDING

## Meent 108 B 3 2



1. Building



4. Unit



2. Neighbourhood



3. Street

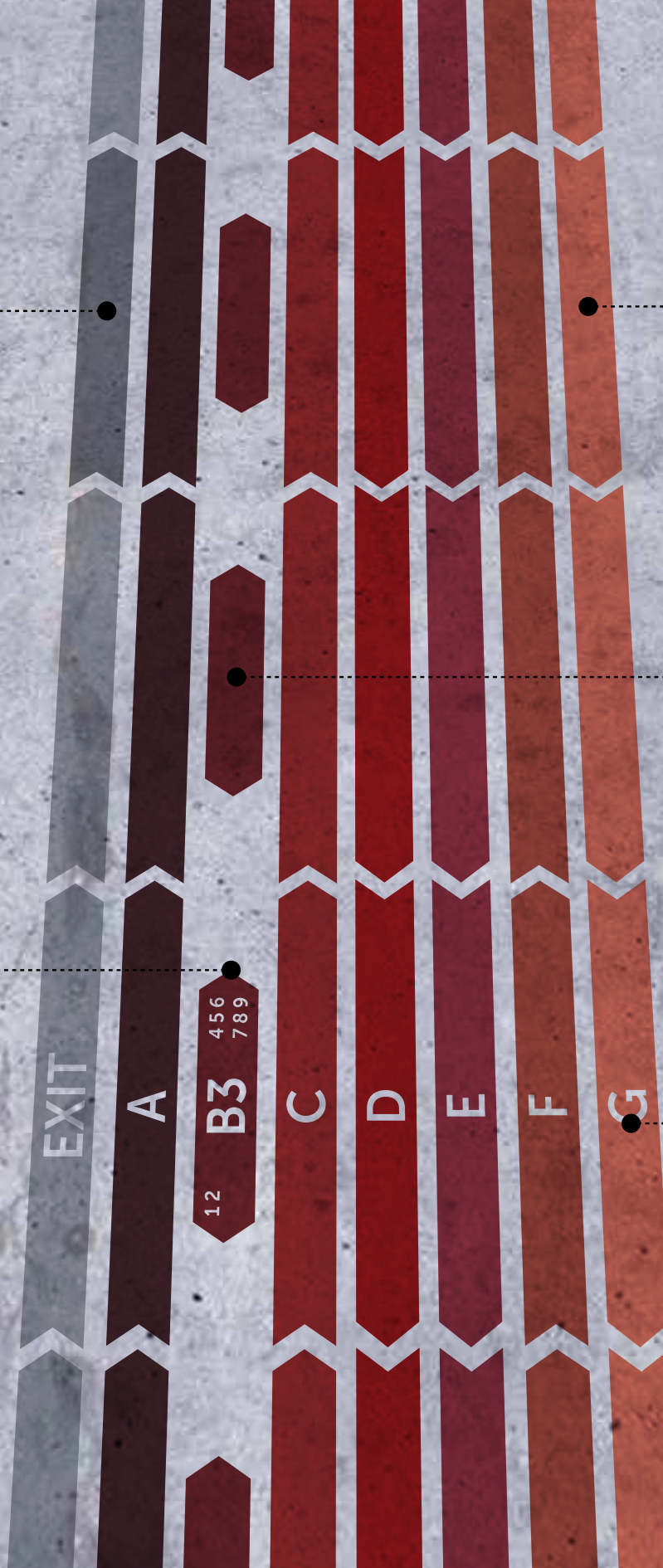
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BUILDING EXIT

COLORED FULL  
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TO DESIRED  
NEIGHBOURHOOD

COLORED DASHED  
LINE INDICATING  
CURRENT LOCATION  
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DIRECTION OF  
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SUBCLUSTERS

NEIGHBOURHOOD  
LETTER MARKING





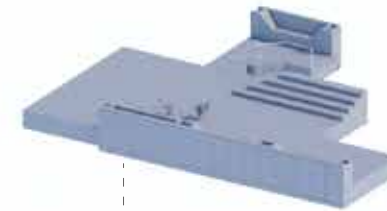




# CLUSTER DESIGN



south view



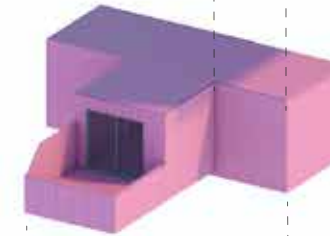
## PUBLIC SQUARE

Address: B3 - 1  
Area: 98 m<sup>2</sup>  
Type: /  
Orientation: SW, SE, NE



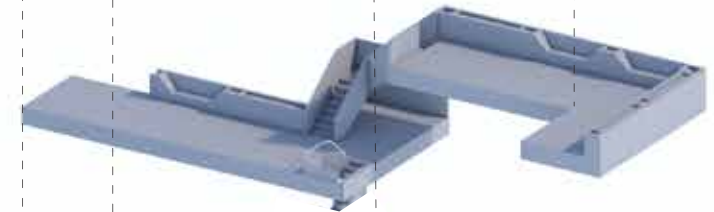
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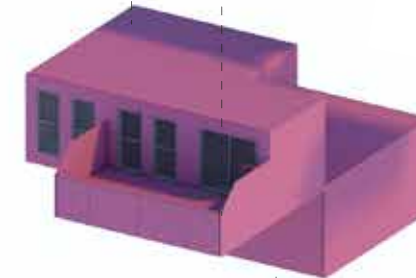
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Area: 40 m<sup>2</sup>  
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## PUBLIC STREET

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Orientation: SE, SW, NE

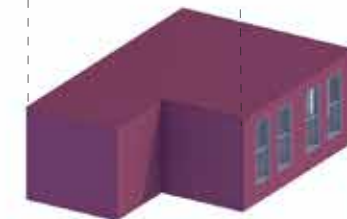


## APARTMENT

Address: B3 - 0  
Area: 110 m<sup>2</sup>  
Type: duplex  
Orientation: SW, NE

## APARTMENT

Address: B3 - 3  
Area: 60 m<sup>2</sup>  
Type: simplex  
Orientation: SE, NE



Subcluster B3 zoom-in and units



**PUBLIC SQUARE**

Address: B3 - 1  
Area: 98 m<sup>2</sup>

**APARTMENT**

Address: B3 - 4  
Area: 75 m<sup>2</sup>

**APARTMENT**

Address: B3 - 2  
Area: 40 m<sup>2</sup>

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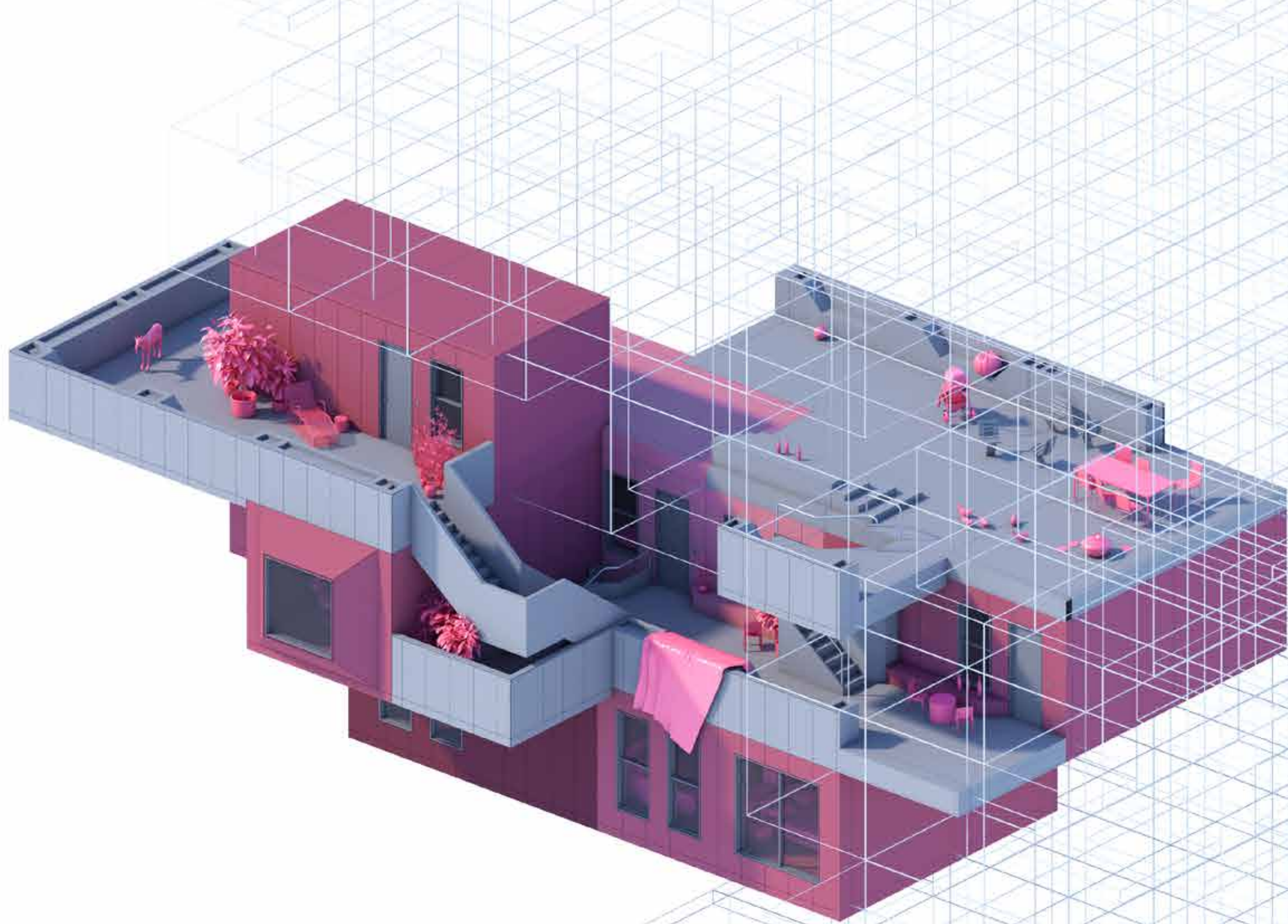


south view



north view

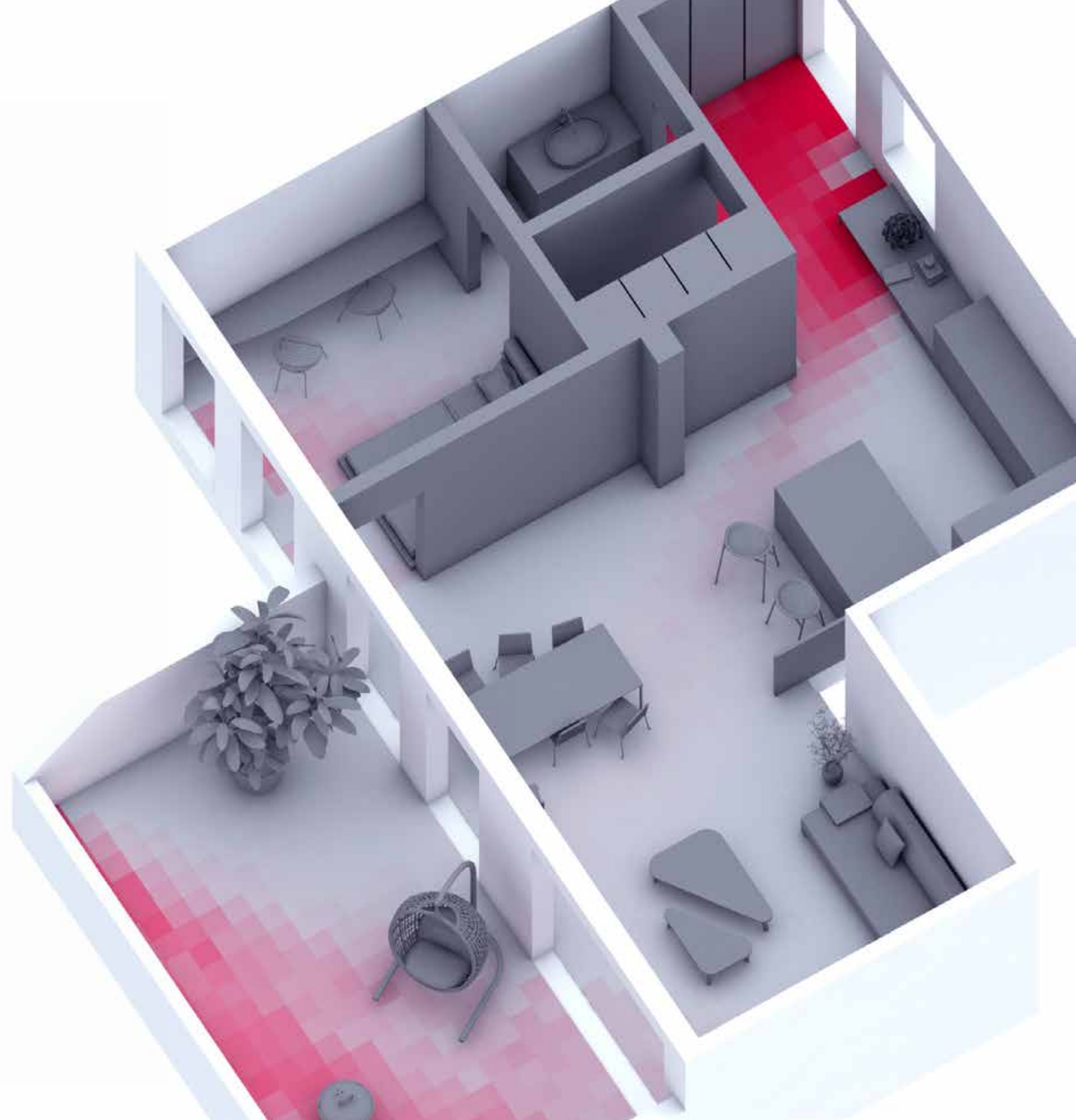
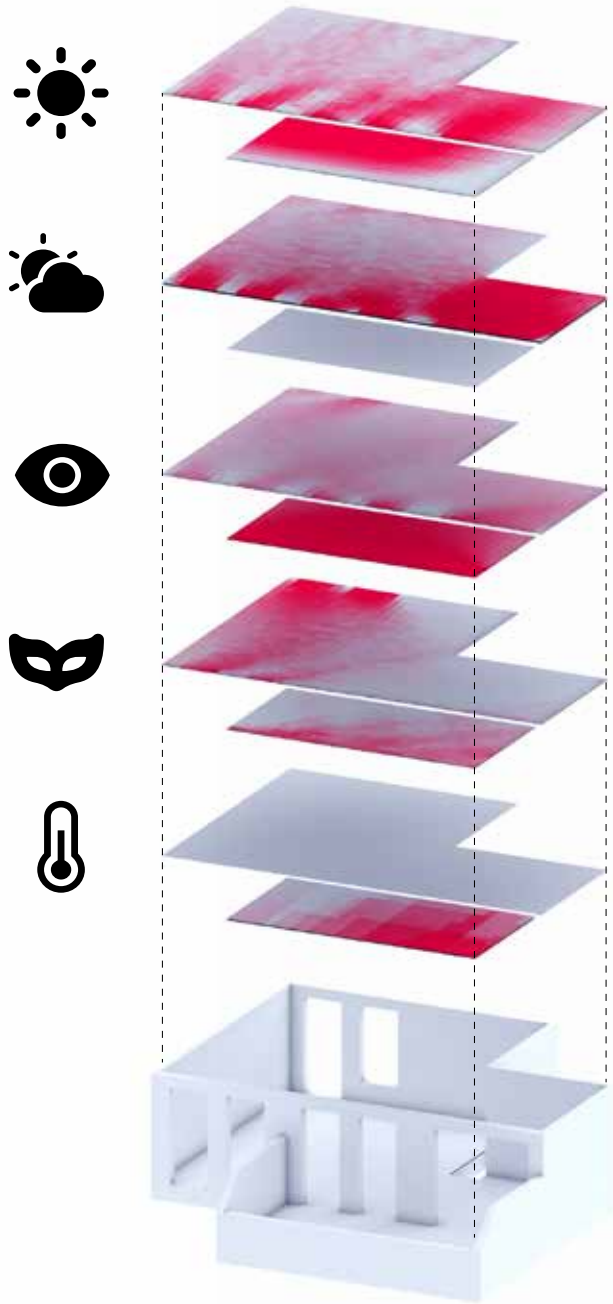




Cluster B3 axonometry | north to south view

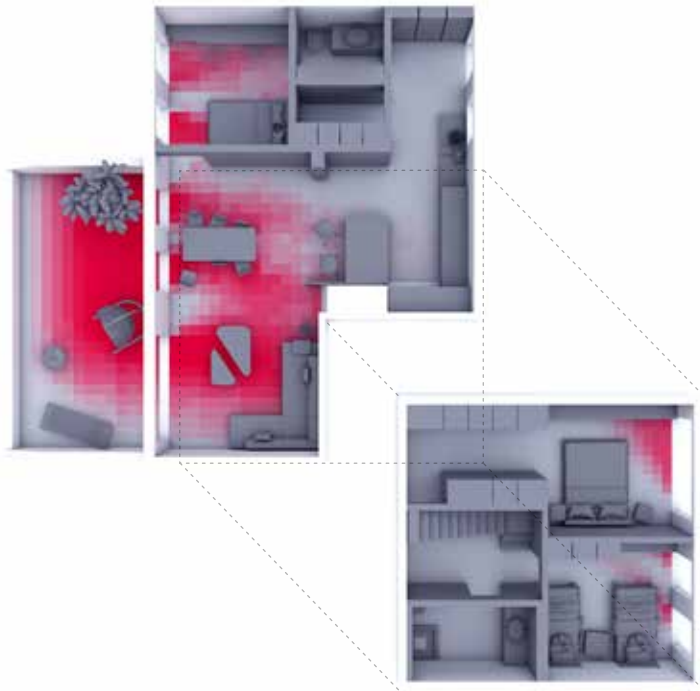


# AUGMENTED LAYOUT DESIGN



Multi-parameter plan analysis

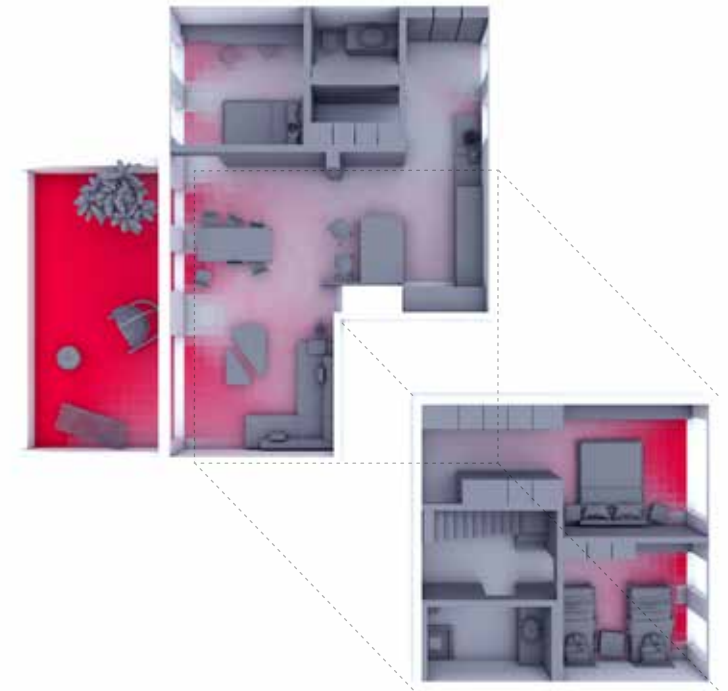




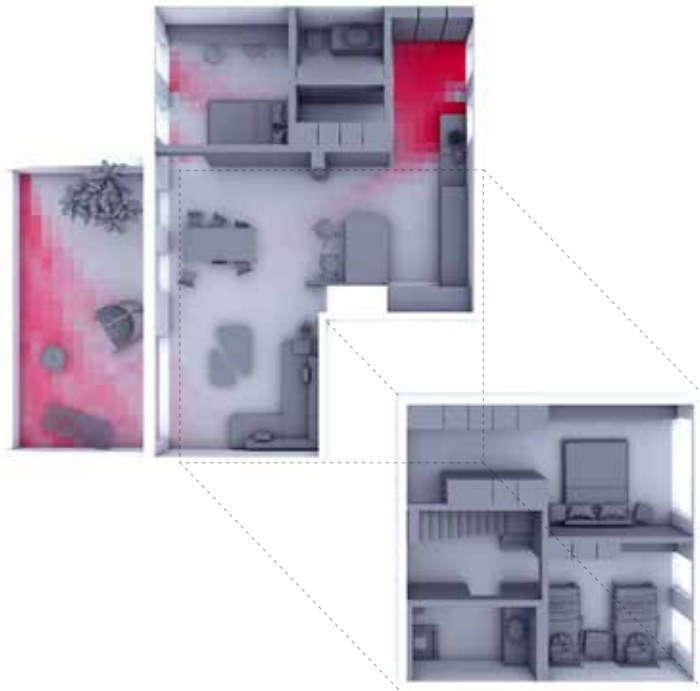
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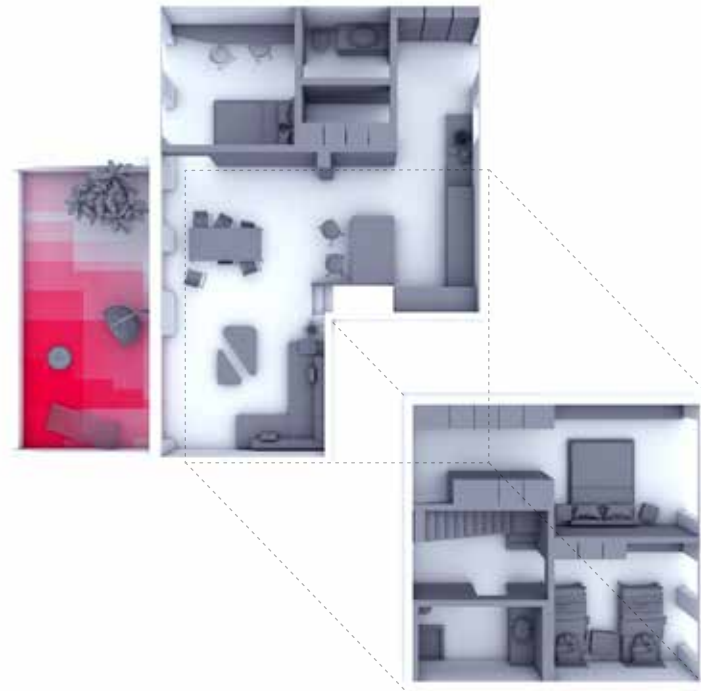
2. Daylight access ☺



3. View angle ☺



4. Degree of privacy ☺



5. Outdoor comfort ☺







SECTION 1:50

FACADE PLAN 1:20

Cluster plan | 1:50

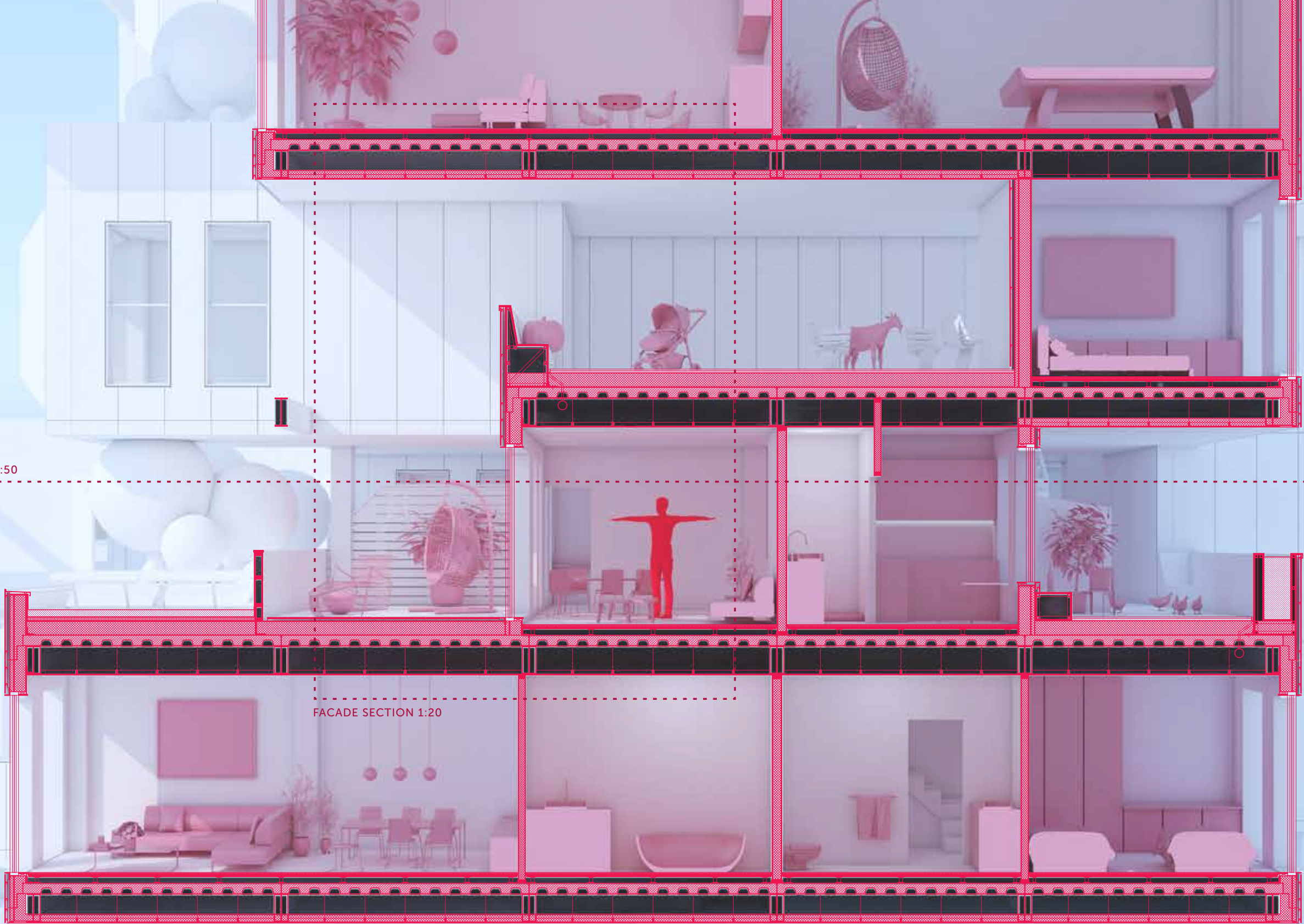
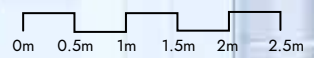
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PLAN 1:50

FACADE SECTION 1:20

Cluster cross-section | 1:50





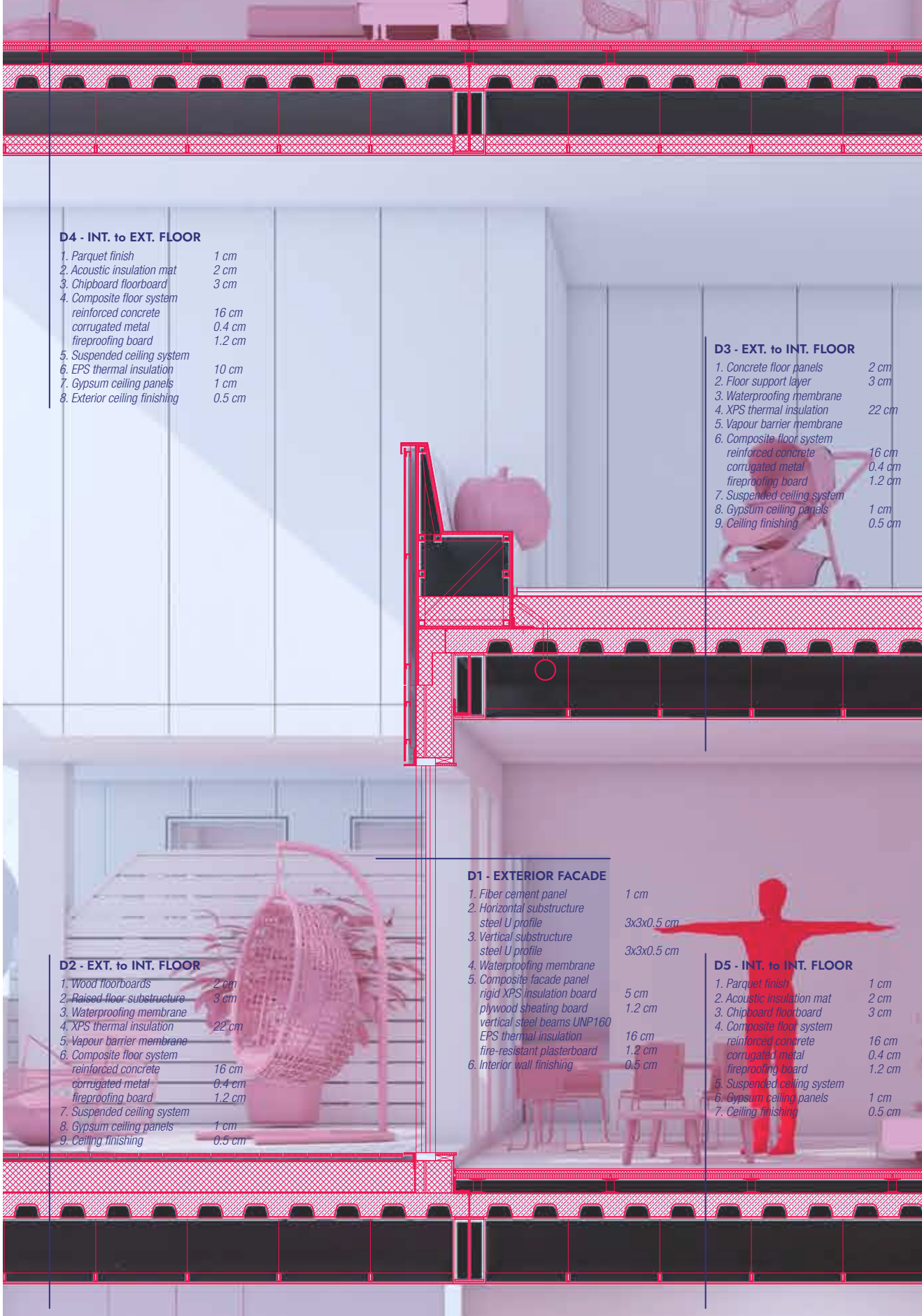


**D1 - EXTERIOR FACADE**

- 1. Fiber cement panel 1 cm
- 2. Horizontal substructure steel U profile 3x3x0.5 cm
- 3. Vertical substructure steel U profile 3x3x0.5 cm
- 4. Waterproofing membrane
- 5. Composite facade panel rigid XPS insulation board 5 cm  
plywood sheathing board 1.2 cm  
vertical steel beams UNP160  
EPS thermal insulation 16 cm  
fire-resistant plasterboard 1.2 cm
- 6. Interior wall finishing 0.5 cm

**D6 - PARTITION WALL**

- 1. Interior wall finishing 0.5 cm
- 2. Plasterboard 1 cm
- 3. Partition wall frame wood frame 6 x 12 cm  
acoustic insulation 12 cm
- 4. Plasterboard 1 cm
- 5. Interior wall finishing 0.5 cm



**D4 - INT. to EXT. FLOOR**

- 1. Parquet finish 1 cm
- 2. Acoustic insulation mat 2 cm
- 3. Chipboard floorboard 3 cm
- 4. Composite floor system reinforced concrete 16 cm  
corrugated metal 0.4 cm  
fireproofing board 1.2 cm
- 5. Suspended ceiling system
- 6. EPS thermal insulation 10 cm
- 7. Gypsum ceiling panels 1 cm
- 8. Exterior ceiling finishing 0.5 cm

**D3 - EXT. to INT. FLOOR**

- 1. Concrete floor panels 2 cm
- 2. Floor support layer 3 cm
- 3. Waterproofing membrane
- 4. XPS thermal insulation 22 cm
- 5. Vapour barrier membrane
- 6. Composite floor system reinforced concrete 16 cm  
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fireproofing board 1.2 cm
- 7. Suspended ceiling system
- 8. Gypsum ceiling panels 1 cm
- 9. Ceiling finishing 0.5 cm

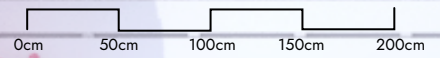
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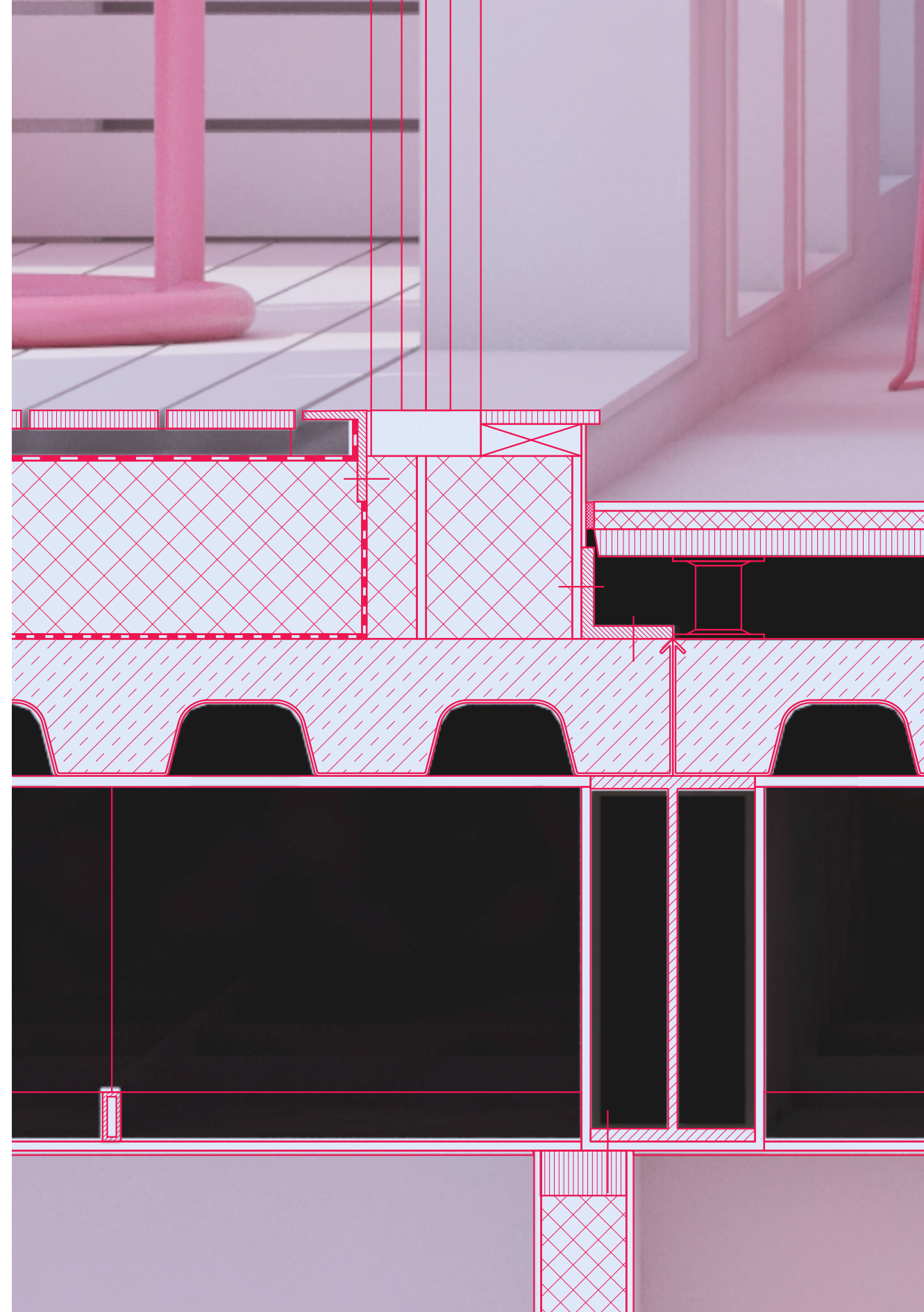
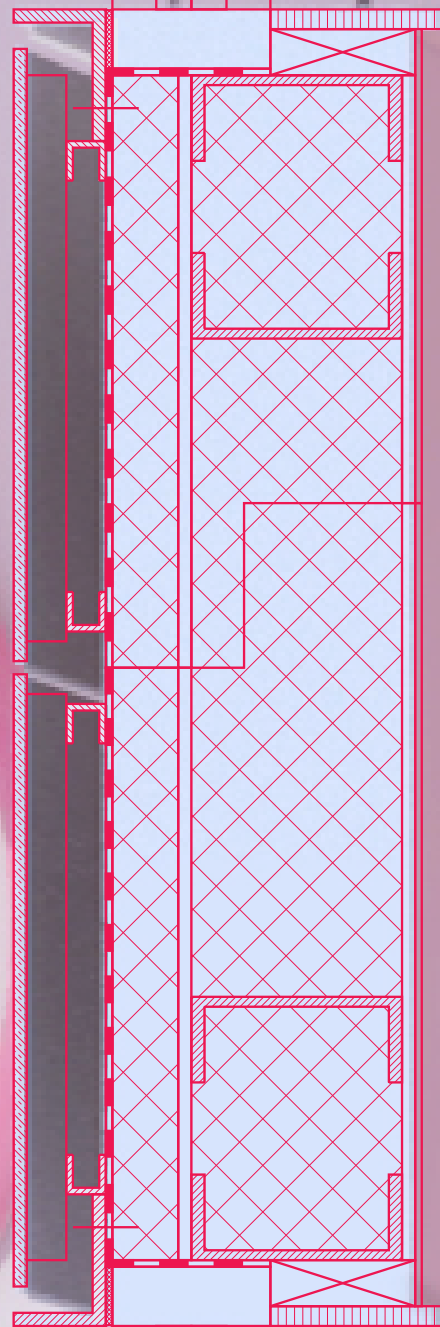
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fireproofing board 1.2 cm
- 5. Suspended ceiling system
- 6. Gypsum ceiling panels 1 cm
- 7. Ceiling finishing 0.5 cm

Detail plan and section | 1:20







Detail plan and section | 1:5



0m 5cm 10cm 15cm 20cm 25cm









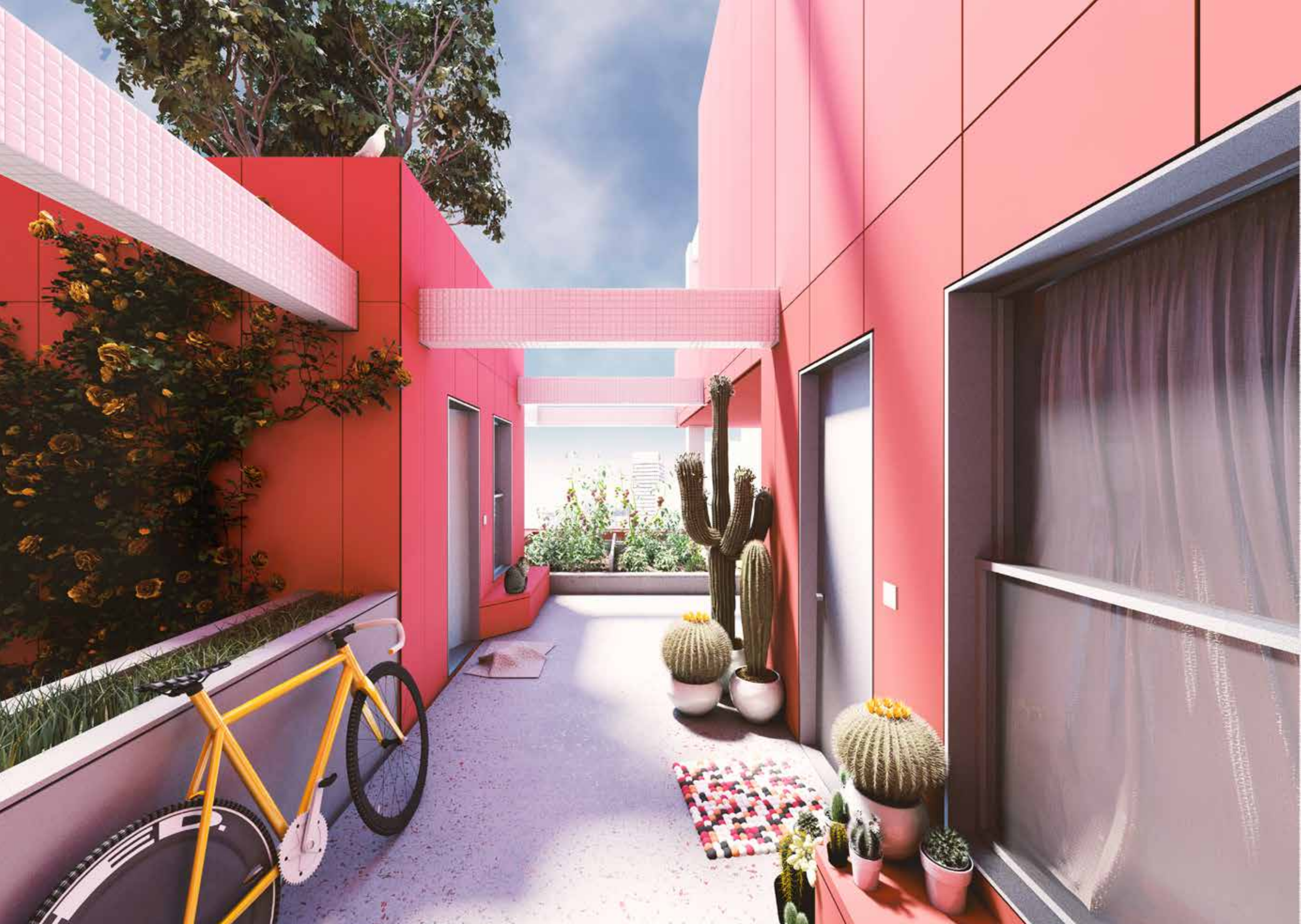


















CONCLUSION

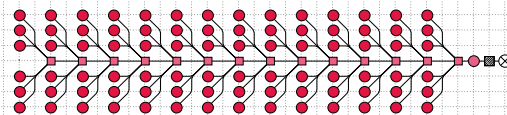
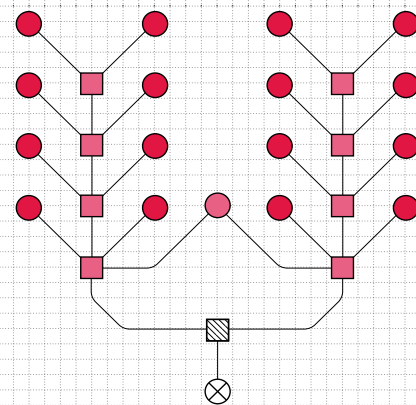
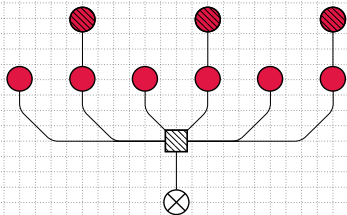
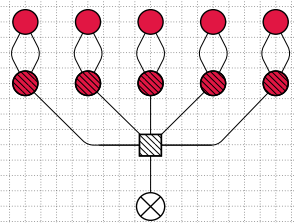
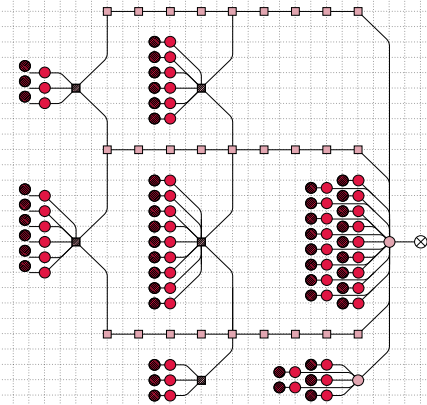
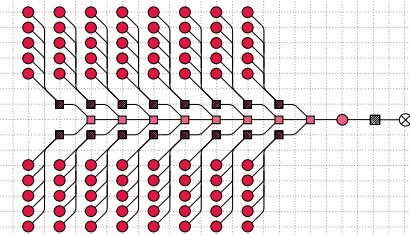
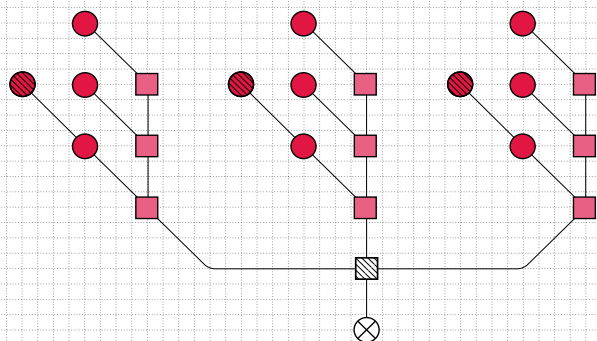
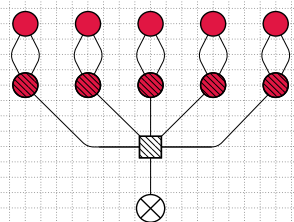
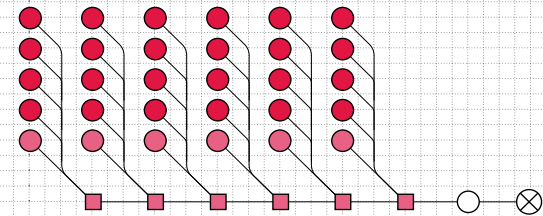
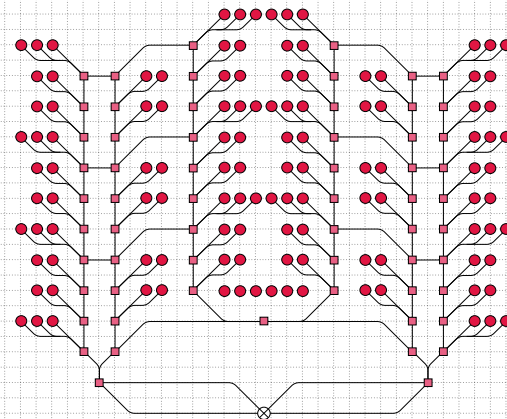
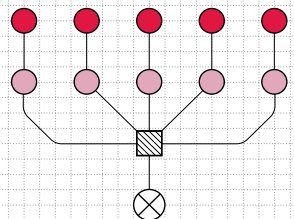
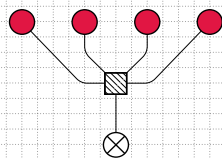
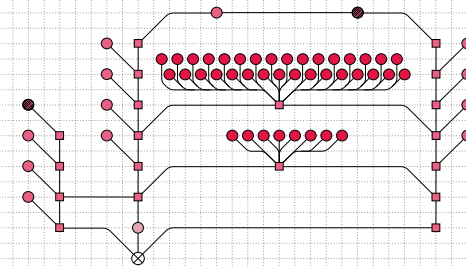
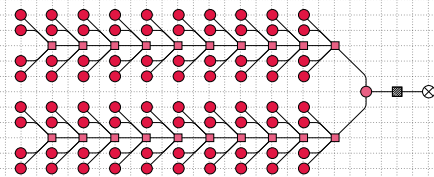
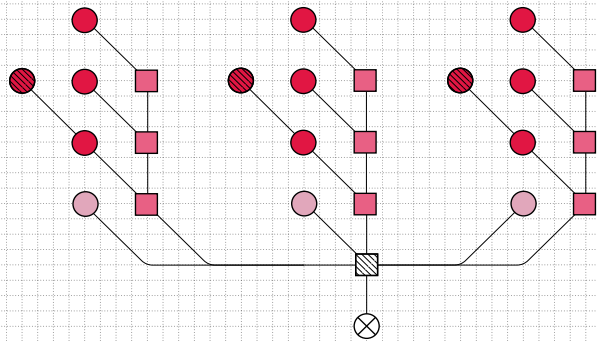
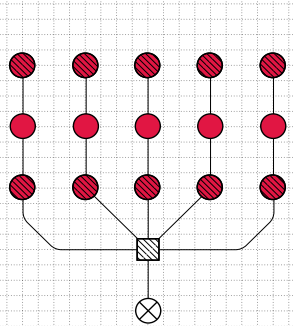


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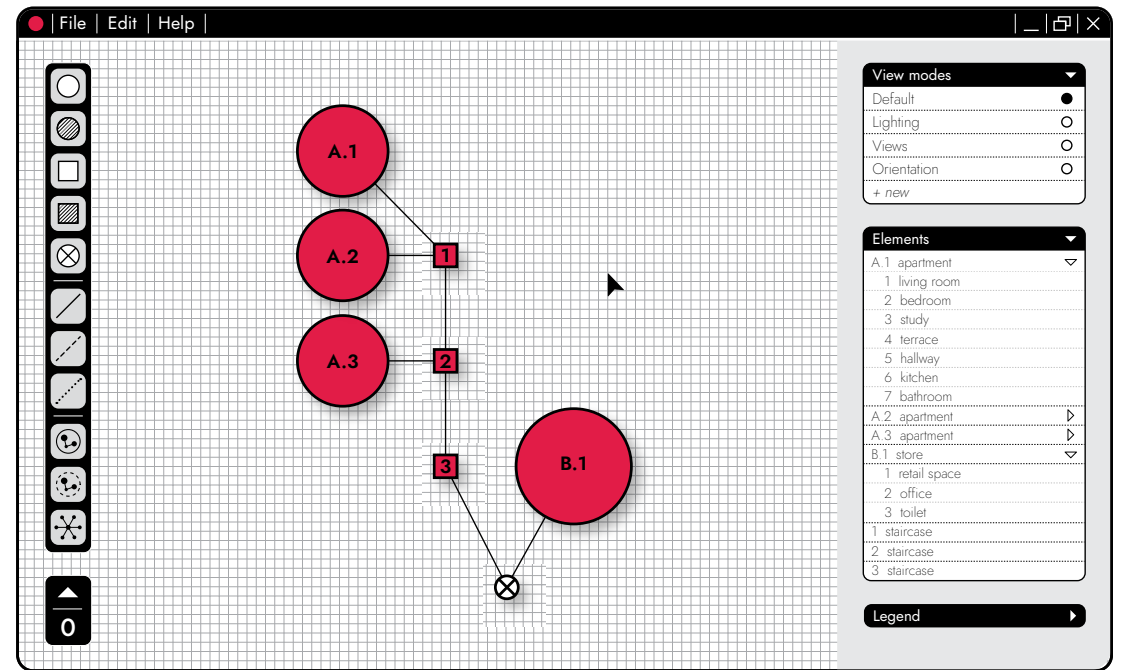
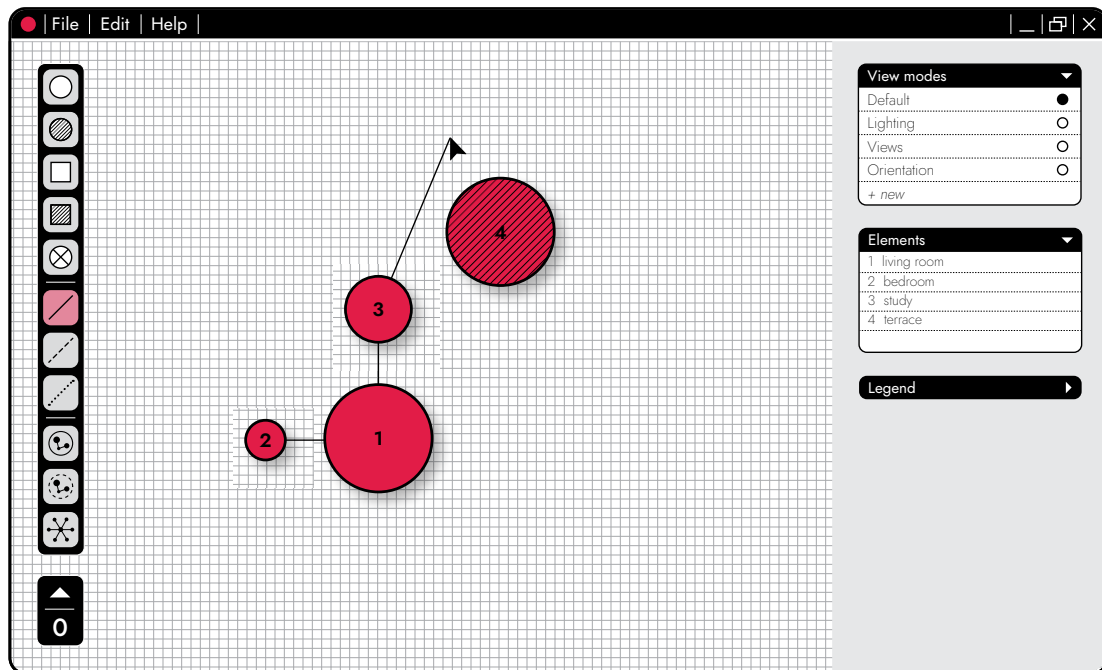
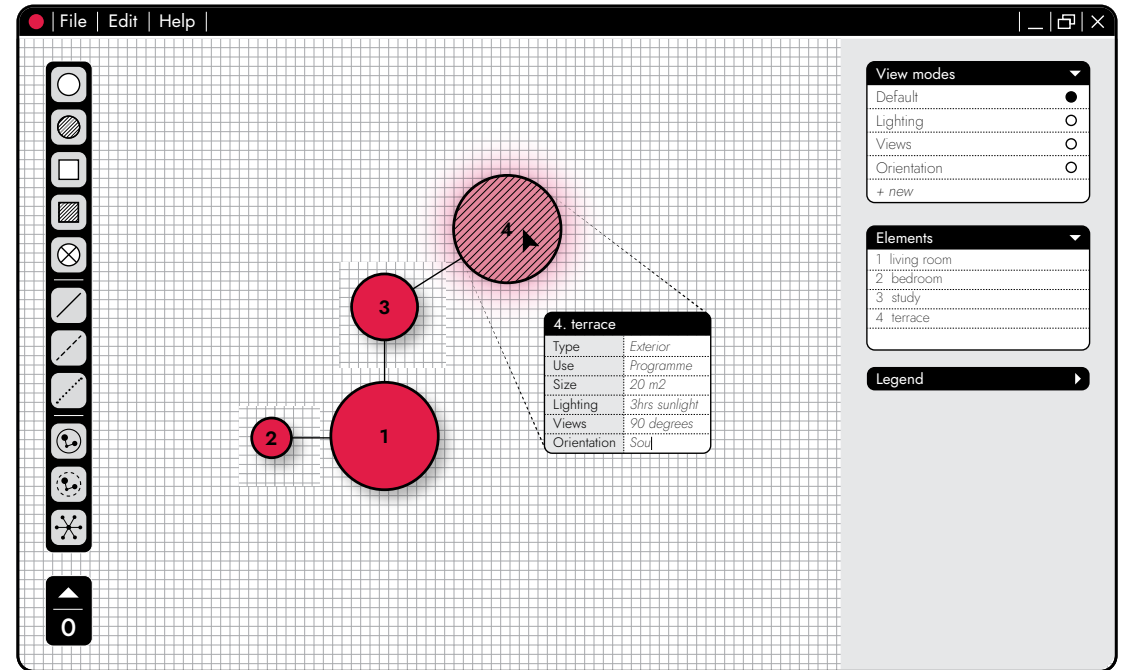
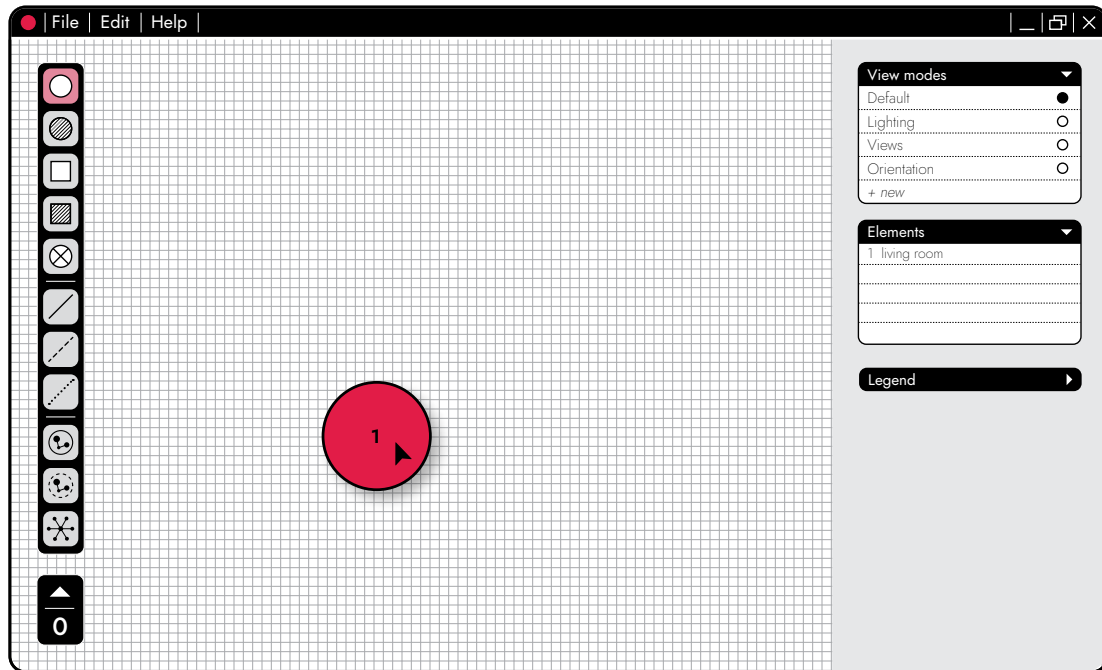




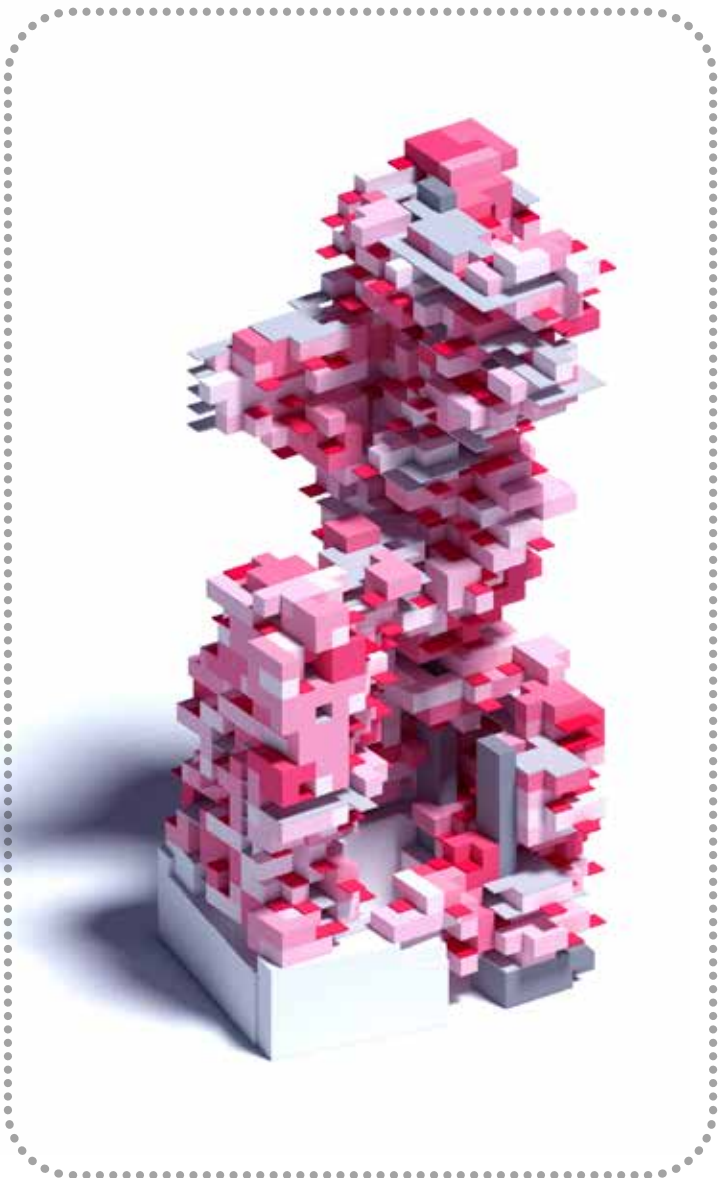
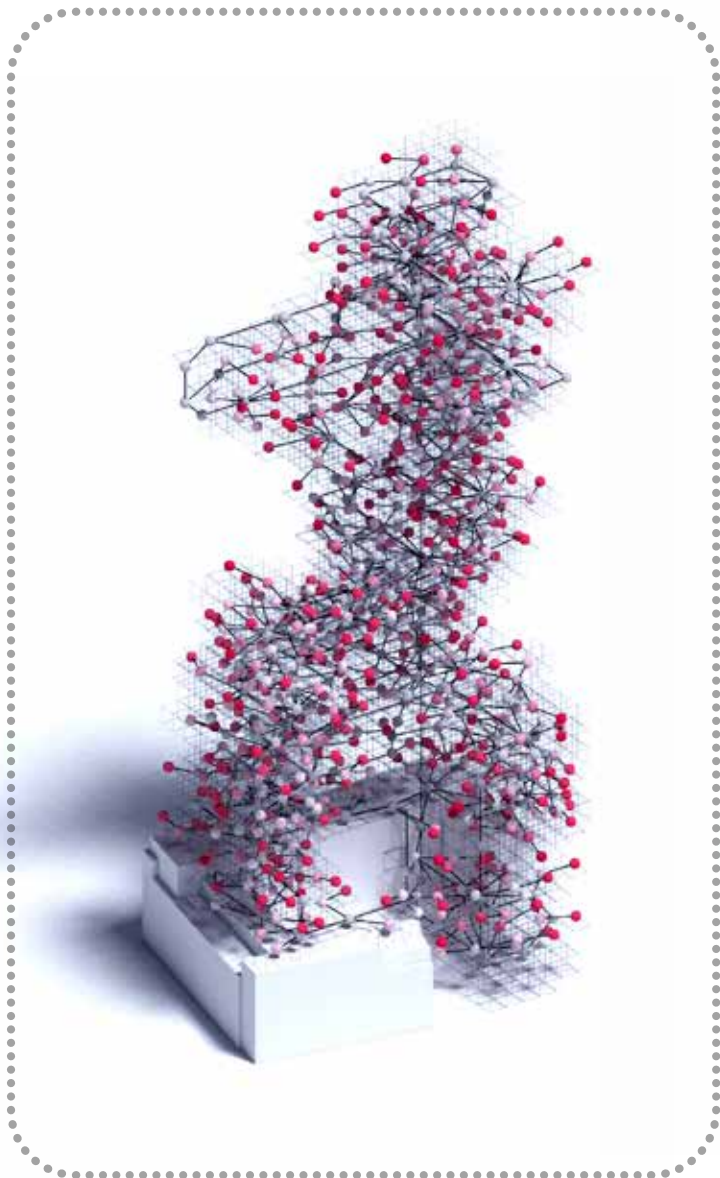
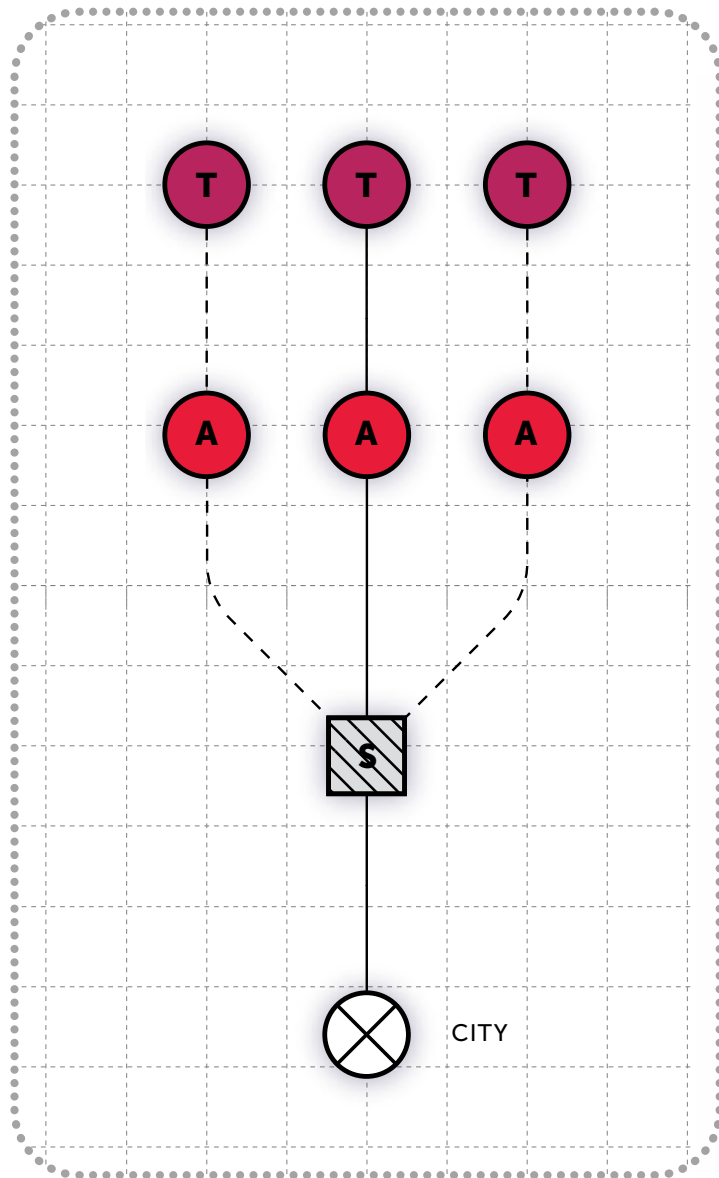








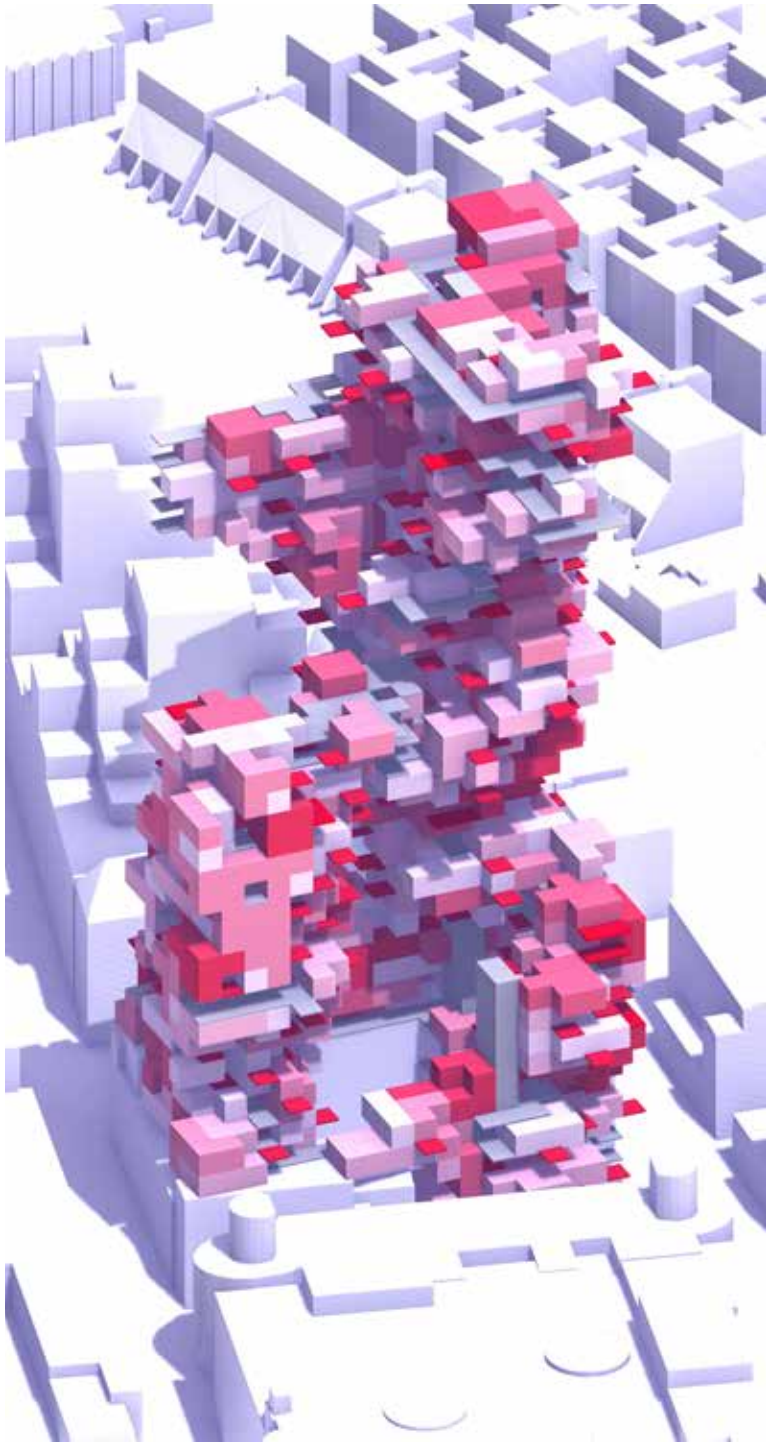




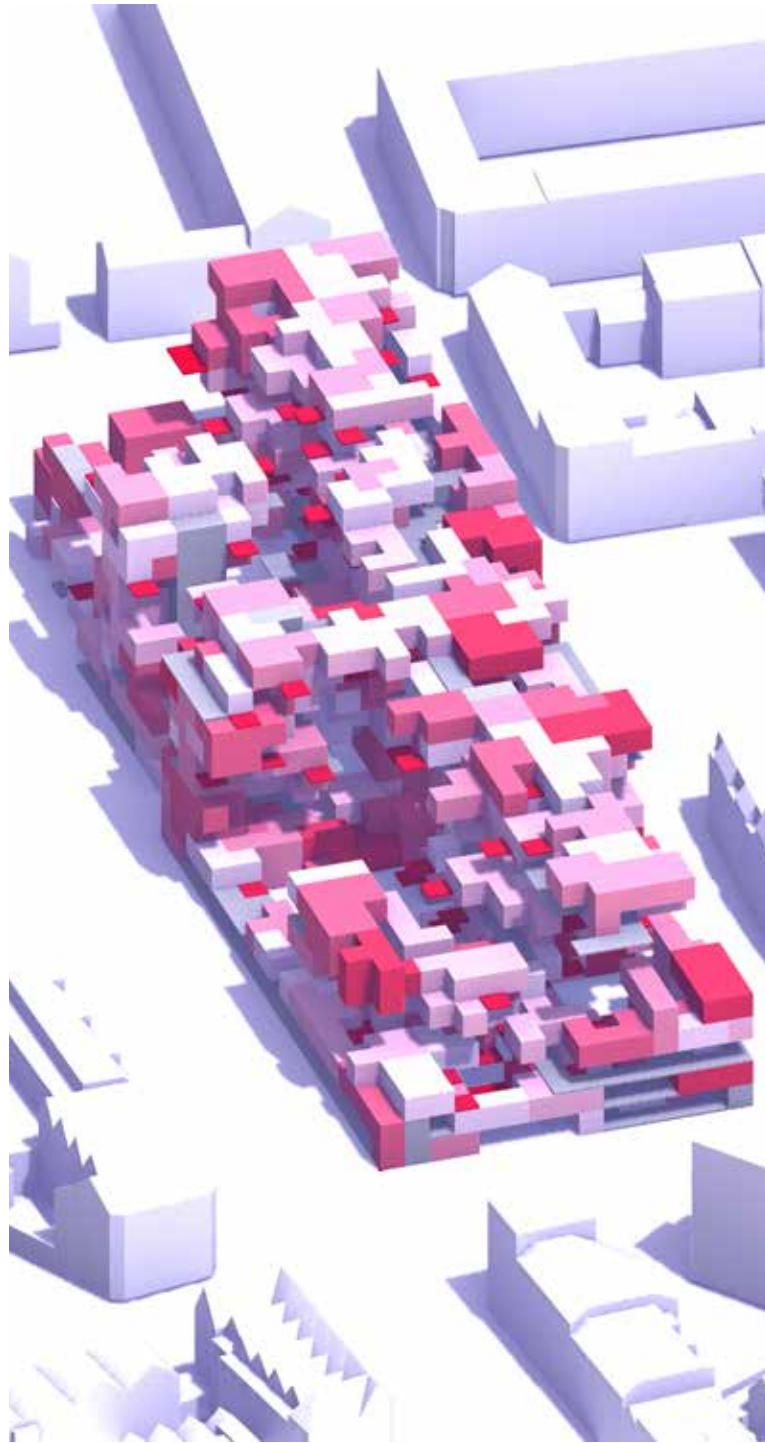




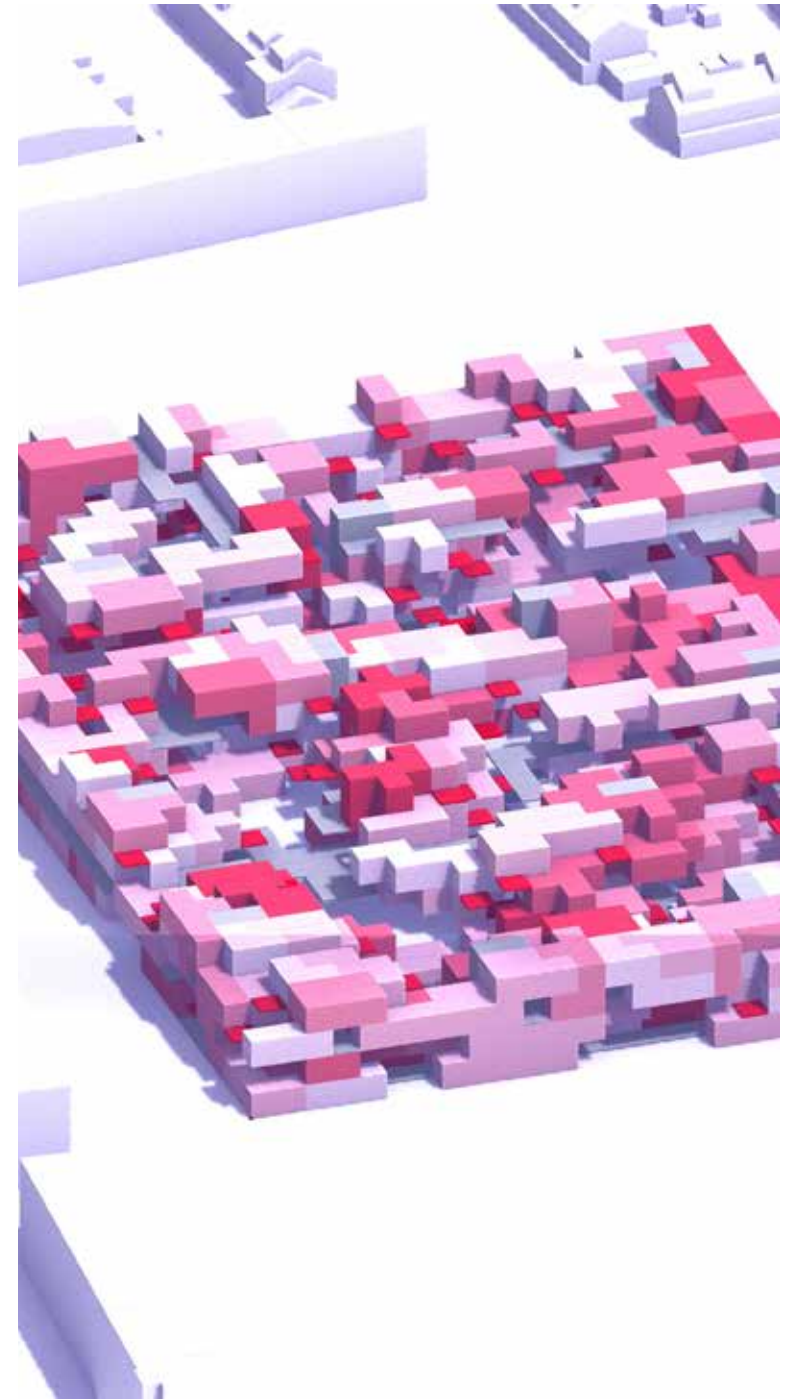




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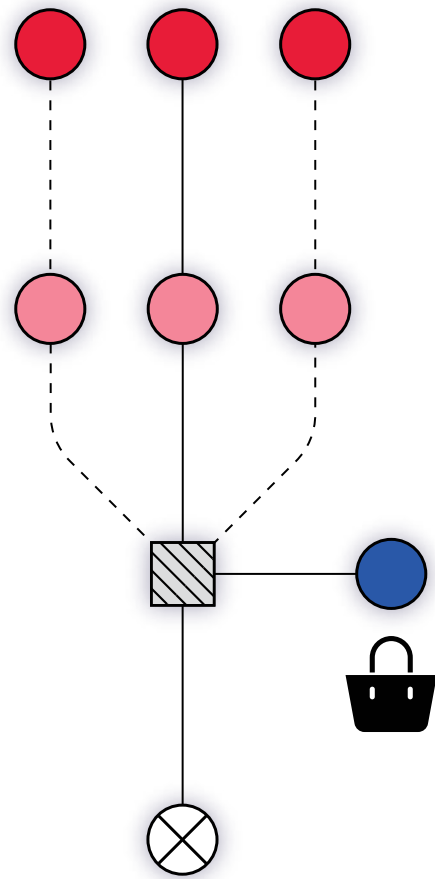


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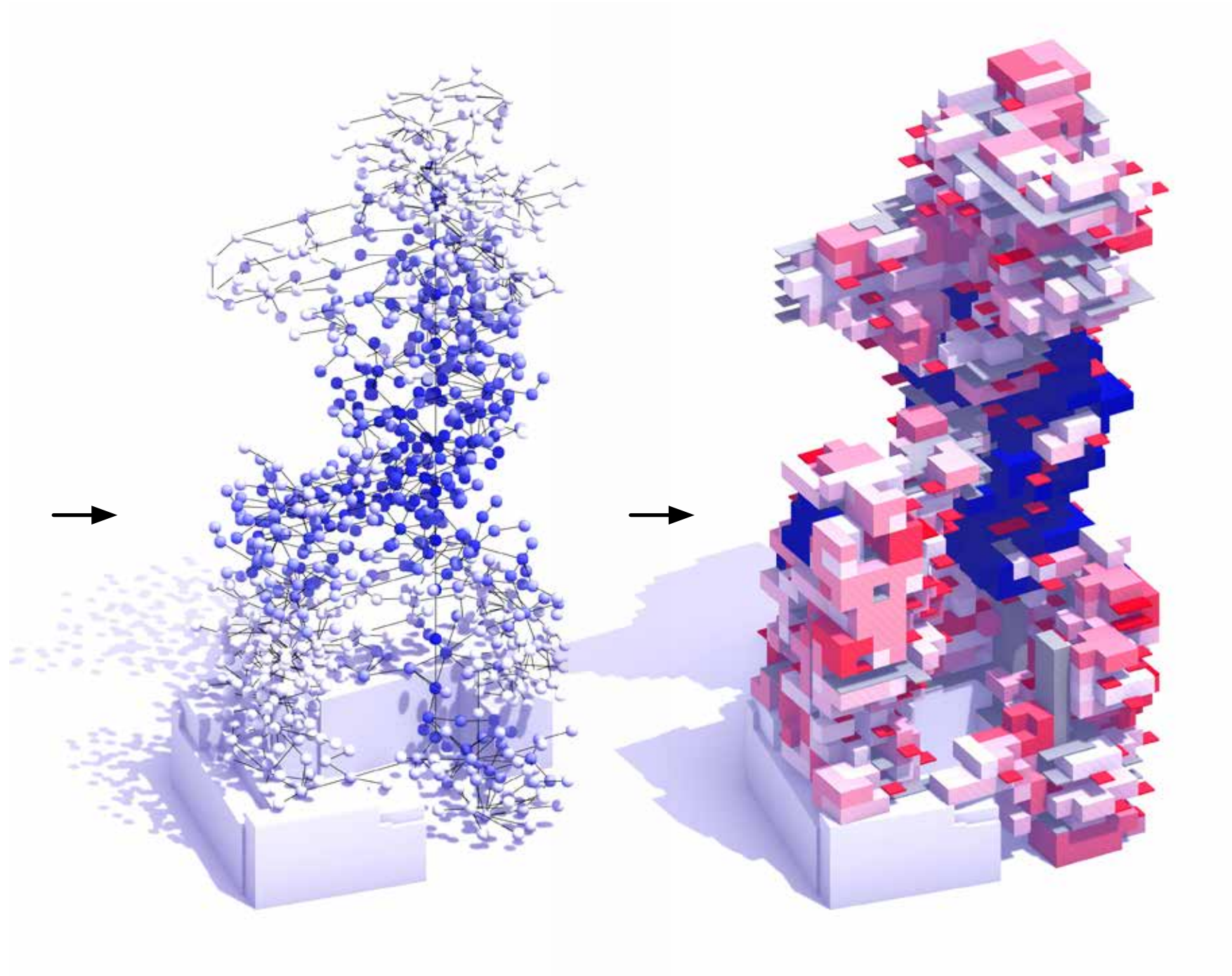


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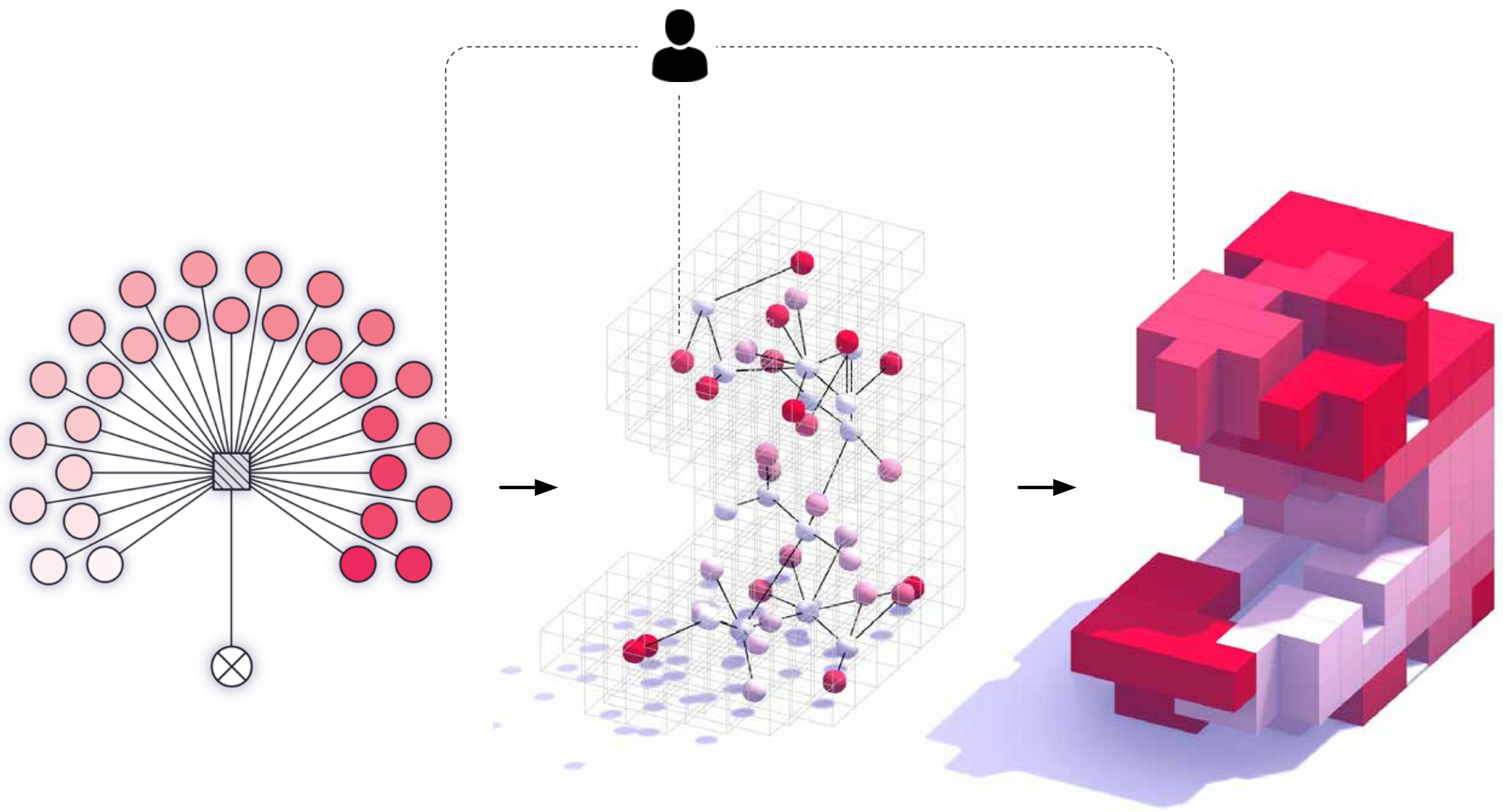
Expanded spatial network



Network centrality

Aggregation with retail



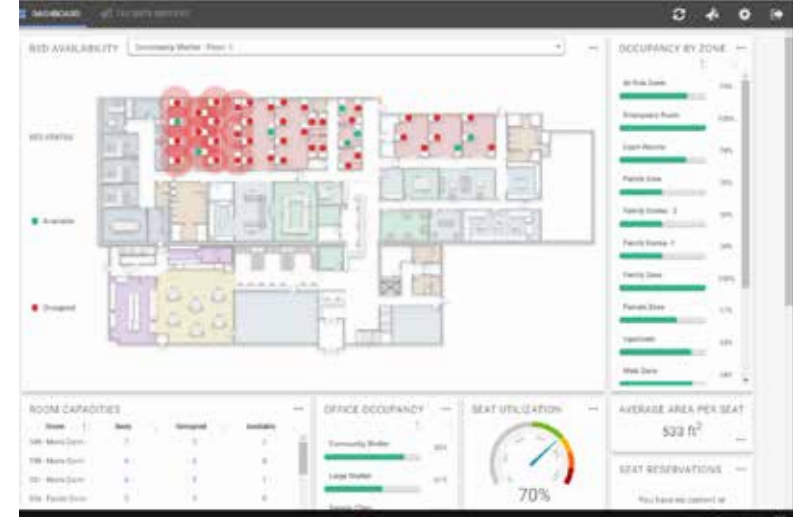
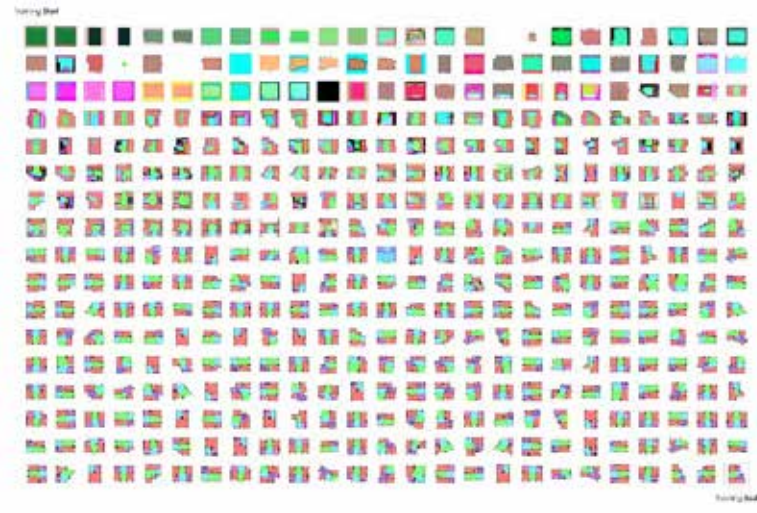
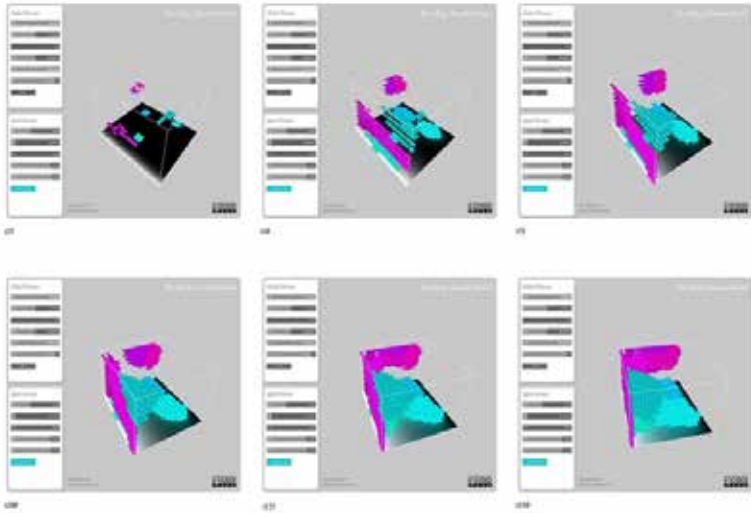


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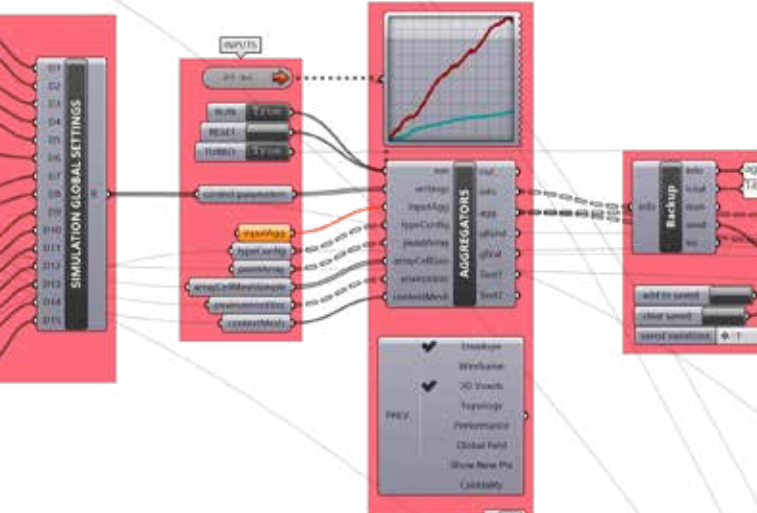
Optimal configuration

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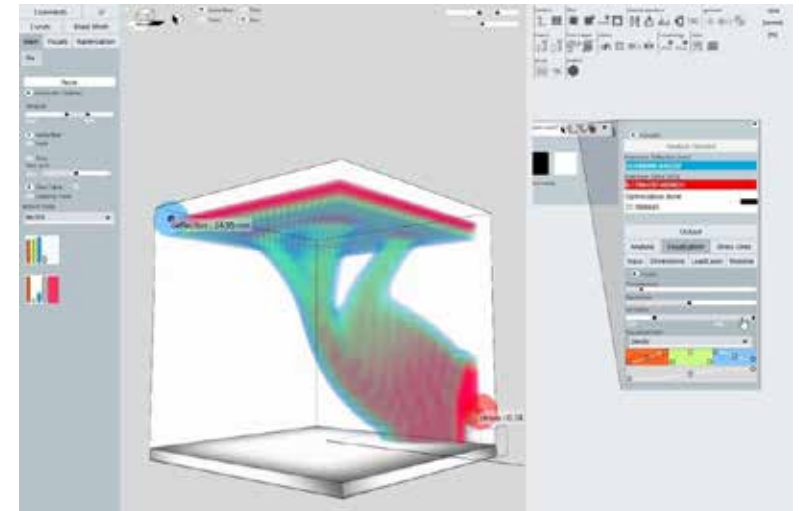
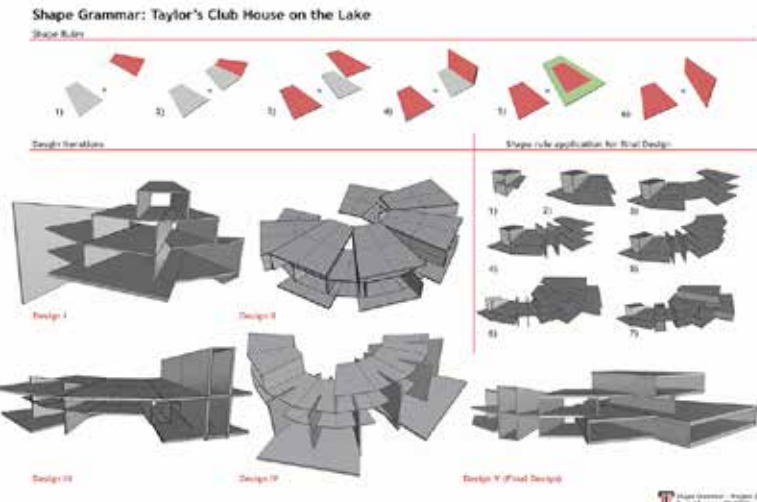
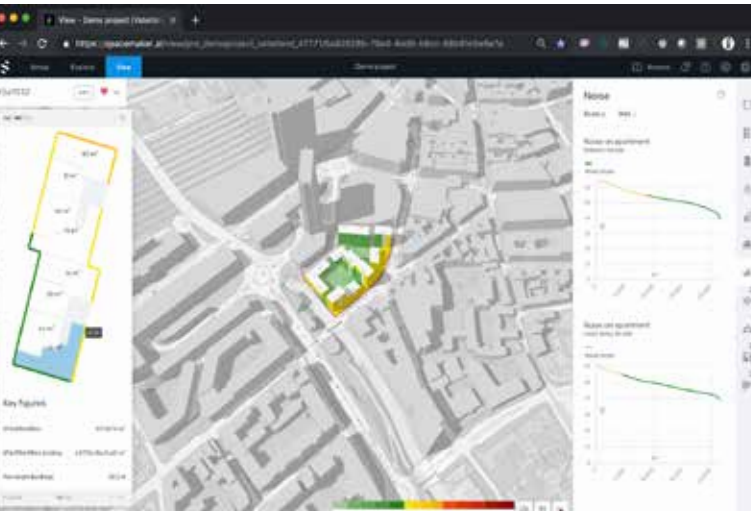
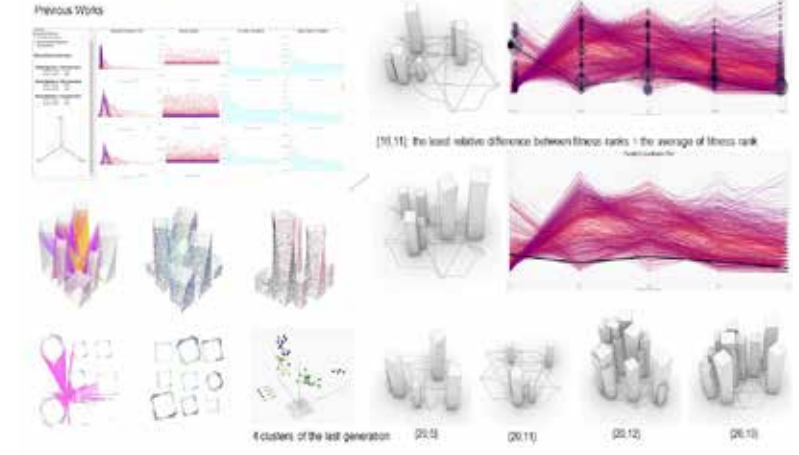




**FORM MAPS | LOWER MANHATTAN**



**Evolutionary Generation 171**









**FIN.**