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With the diversion of the River Turia, the Saler motorway was built, which connects directly with the city of Valencia, and with the expansion of the port of Valencia, the district of Pinedo was seriously affected, as the landscape value of its beach was reduced and Pinedo was pushed into a corner.

In the last 20 years Pinedo has been growing towards the beach, partly because of the impediment of growing inland due to the presence of the motorway, so internal communications have changed since the 18th century, with two parallel axes now connected perpendicularly, leading to a main internal road and a secondary road close to the sea, both surrounded by orchards.

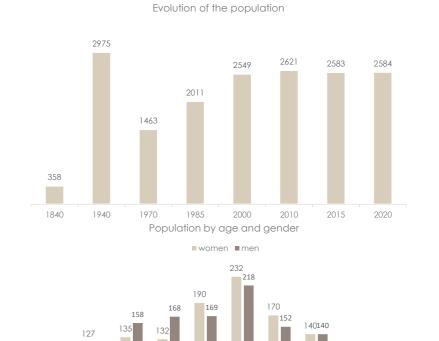
The landscape of Pinedo is therefore very special as it is formed by an interwoven succession of different natures. Analysing from west to east, it passes through an orchard area, the CV-500 road, another stretch of orchard with important irrigation channels used to irrigate the rice fields up to the Albufera, the centre of Pinedo with buildings ranging from typical Valencian huts, farmhouses, single-family houses and even blocks of up to 6 floors. Then, the morphology of the place seeks the regeneration of dunes and forests (as it exists in the areas closest to the Saler and the Albufera), to finally end up with the beach and the sea.

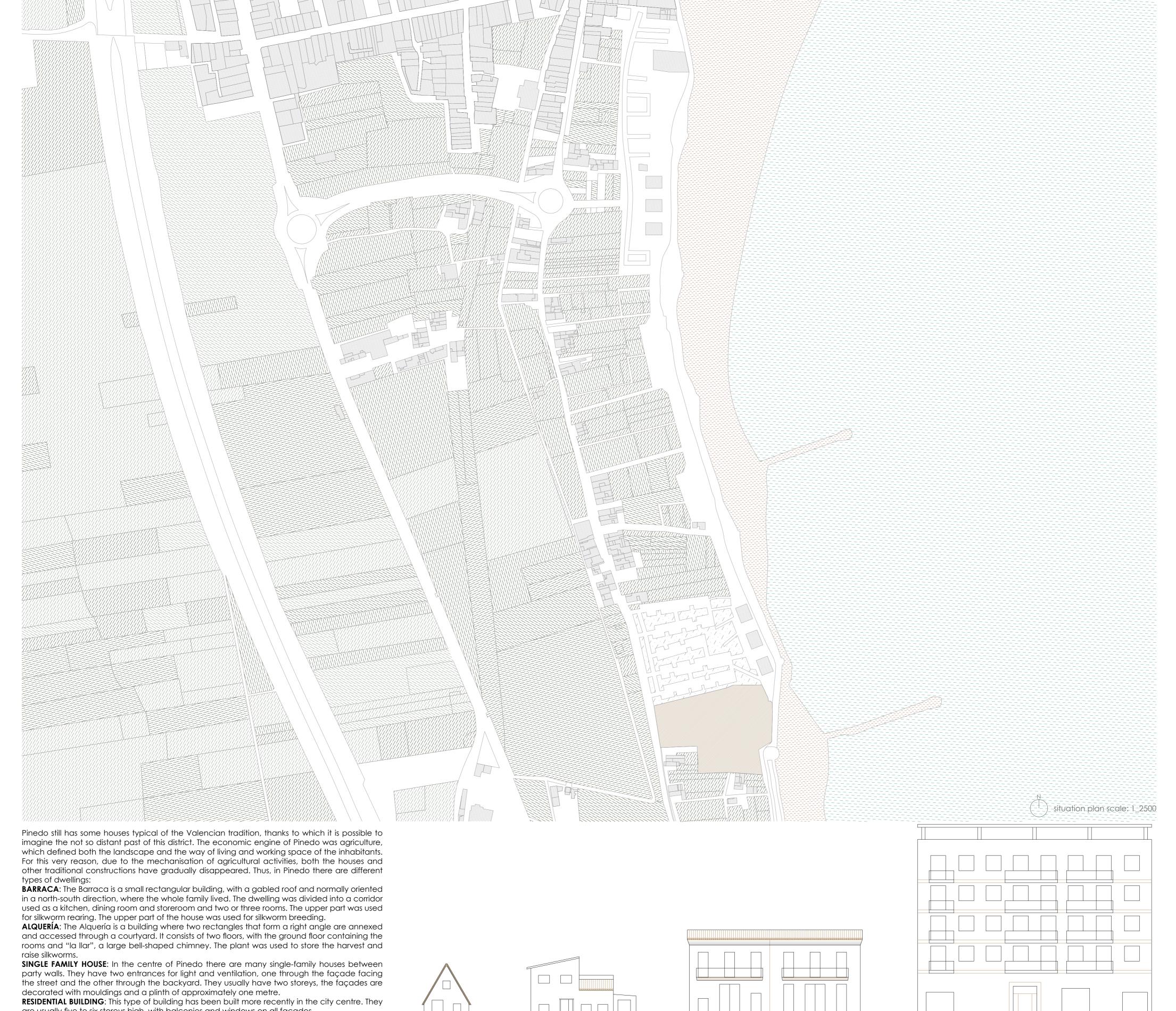
According to the data on the demographic evolution of Pinedo, the population has remained constant over the last 20 years, when the natural trend should be upwards. Although this data is very common nowadays in different areas, in the specific case of Pinedo it is due, among other reasons, to the fact that it has remained anchored in the past and there are not enough services to satisfy the needs of the inhabitants, focusing on the benefit of tourists.

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are usually five to six storeys high, with balconies and windows on all facades.

CONCEPT

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The choice of the plot is based on the analysis carried out previously and with the aim of finding an area that would represent on a small scale what Pinedo is: a zone close to an urban nucleus that, although not within it, would be well communicated, surrounded by orchards and in direct connection with the Mediterranean Sea.

The location next to the seafront promenade, allows an excellent connection with the city centre and guarantees a good influx of people, on foot or by bicycle lane.

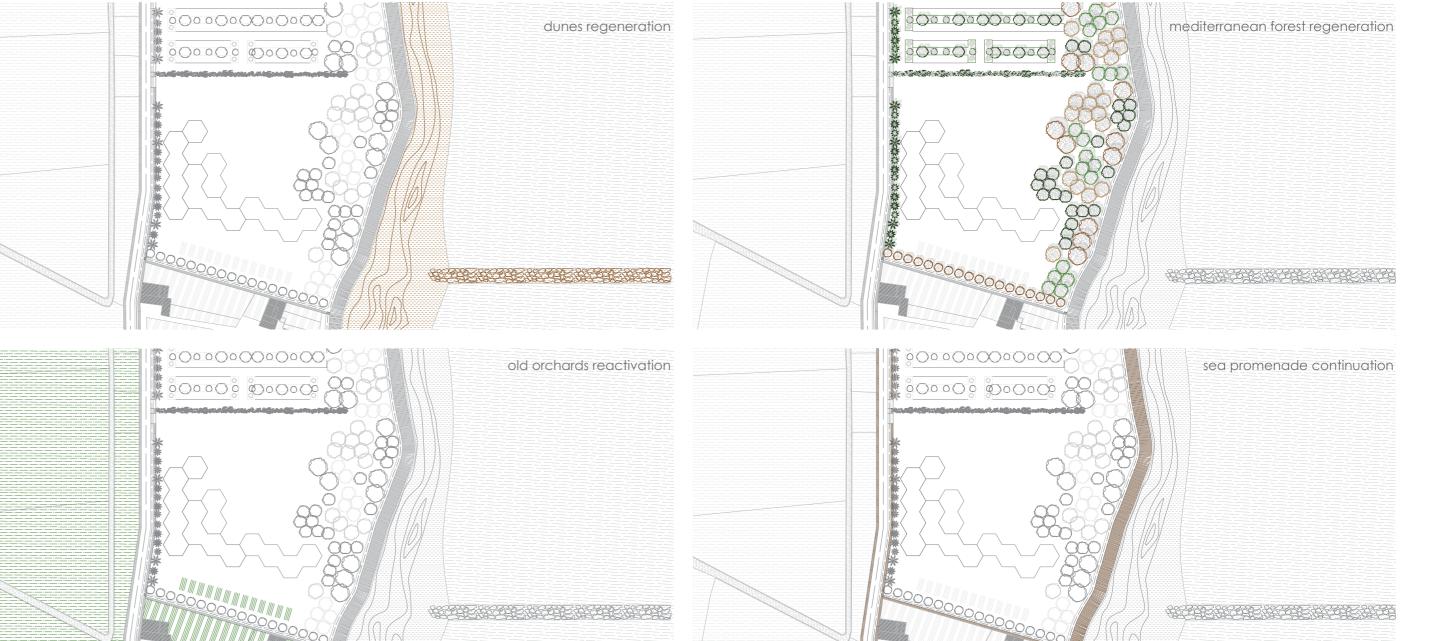
It is situated two minutes by car from Pinedo, four minutes by bicycle and fifteen minutes by foot. Its area is approximately 9300 m².



Before developing the architectural project, it is necessary to take into account the place where it will be placed and that is why there will be 3 territorial strategies: Firstly, in relation to the landscape I propose the regeneration of the classic ecosystem of the Valencian coast, that is to say to protect and regenerate the dunes and the Mediterranean forest. In addition, to reuse and reactivate the old orchards that were on the plot and sourrandings and were abandoned.

Secondly, to improve mobility and support the reduction of car use, the promenade should continue along the entire coast without interruption, and for daily use I also propose a new bicycle route that separates and protects pedestrians from the road.

And finally, with the proposed project I want to give a new life to Pinedo, to recover the traditions of the place itself and a way of living which, although new as terminology, is the oldest of the concepts.



NATURE-CONSTRUCTION DUALITY

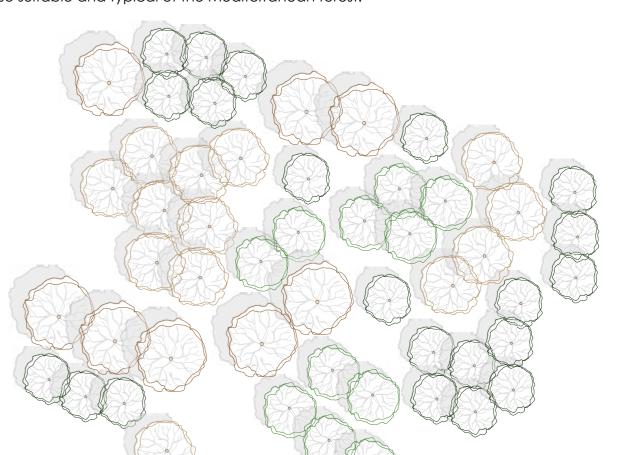
As mentioned above, the ecosystem of Pinedo and its nature are one of the most important points to take into account when planning. Both Pinedo and the chosen plot are surrounded by orchards, rice fields and the sea. In addition, it is proposed as a territorial strategy to regenerate both the Mediterranean forest on the boundaries of the plot and the dunes on the beach. For this very reason there is a duality between nature and construction, there is an unwritten pact where people will take care of their environment taking care of and respecting each of the parts of the ecosystem, and in the same way, nature will offer people everything they need for their survival and wellbeing.

ALIGNMENT WITH THE BREAKWATER

To start the process of designing the building, I was looking for some guidelines that would help me to relate to the environment in a direct way. At the boundary of the chosen plot there is a breakwater that protects both humans and the marine ecosystem. They are used to reduce the impact of the waves on the shore of the beach and also so that the natural movements of the sand are not excessive as this would cause the disappearance of the sand on the coast and the consequent disappearance of the dunes.

MEDITERRANEAN FOREST

On many coasts bathed by the Mediterranean Sea, coastal pine forests develop, where the Aleppo pine coexists with the stone pine. This type of forest is very characteristic because of the scarce water retention of the dune soils and the strong and saline wind coming from the sea, generating a forest profile where the first line in front of the sea has twisted and sinuous specimens that protect their interior from the winds thanks to the fact that the whole adopts a wedge shape. In addition to these pine species, there are holm oaks, kermes oaks and carob trees, species that are also suitable and typical of the Mediterranean forest.



CROPS AND ORCHARDS

Since the project is about an intergenerational cooperative, one of the most important factors for the project is the social factor and the recovery of customs. In the southern part of the plot there are currently some abandoned crops, the recovery of these is developed as part of the project strategy, generating an activity that is part of the routine of the cohousing inhabitants. The recovery of this space consists of two parts: a vegetable garden that is responsible for supplying the community with seasonal vegetables and other typical products of the Valencian orchard. The garden with fruit trees such as mulberry, orange and lemon trees to provide local fruit. This activity encourages interaction between people of different ages, generating a reciprocal relationship in which the older ones contribute their knowledge and experience in the fields and the younger ones take charge of the physical tasks that require more sacrifice.

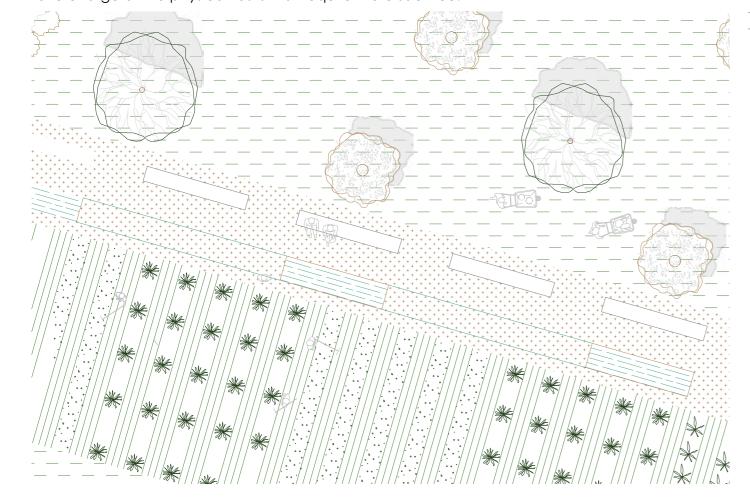
ACCESSES AND EXTERIOR ROUTES

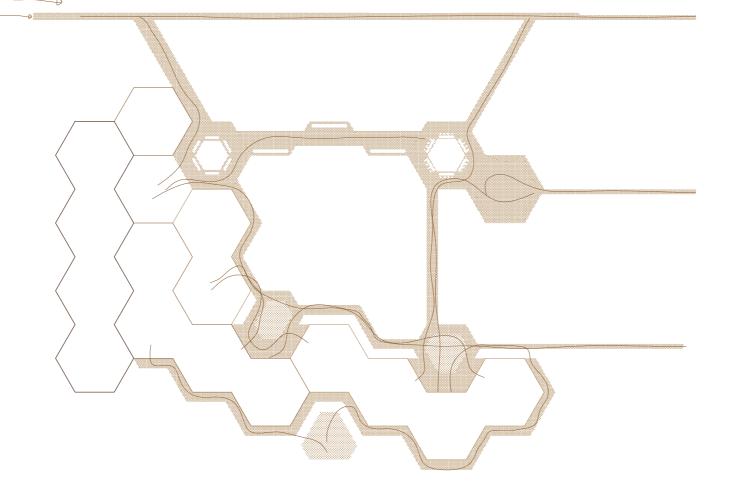
Access to the residential complex is proposed to the north of the plot. There is an entrance for pedestrians next to the entrance for vehicles, divided by a vegetation barrier that protects people from the noise caused by the cars and the cars from solar radiation when parked. A series of pavements and vegetation lead to the entrance of the building from different interconnected points that generate the exterior paths. In addition, these paths divide the landscaped exterior into different zones and connect to the promenade with the directionality of the breakwater already mentioned.

THE HEXAGON INSIDE THE HEXAGON

The silhouette of the building is formed by a succession of hexagons that make up an organic and sinuous volume placed in such a way as to provide a façade to the street both to the west and to the south of the plot that gradually disintegrates as it approaches the sea. All the hexagons that make up the building have the same surface area, thus creating a regulating module. The side of this module is 8.4 m, so each hexagon has a surface area of 183.32 m².

Parallel that, within some of the base hexagons, there are other hexagons on a smaller scale that will be used as wet and installation cores and as part of the structure. These have been strategically placed to fulfil both form and function.

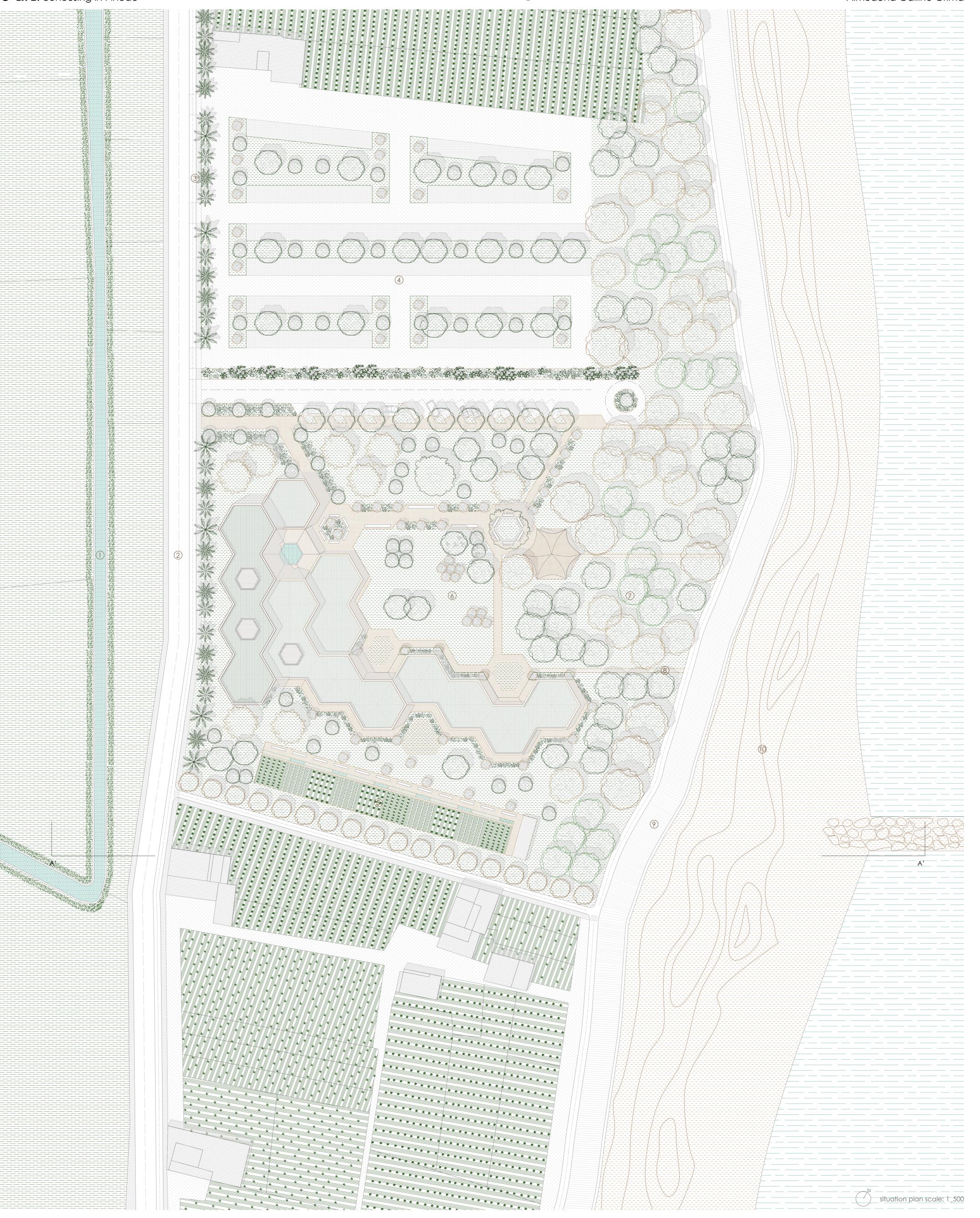




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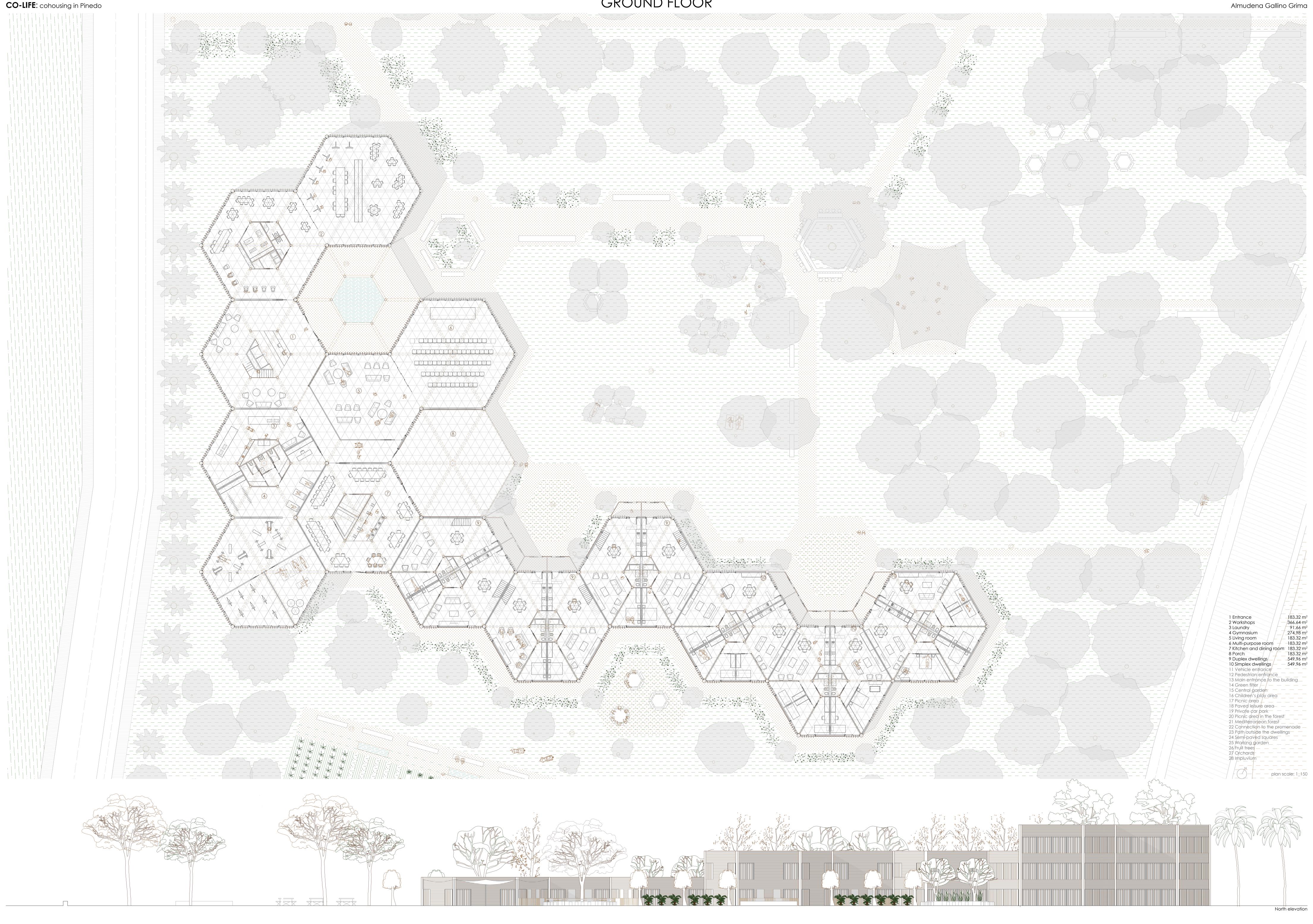
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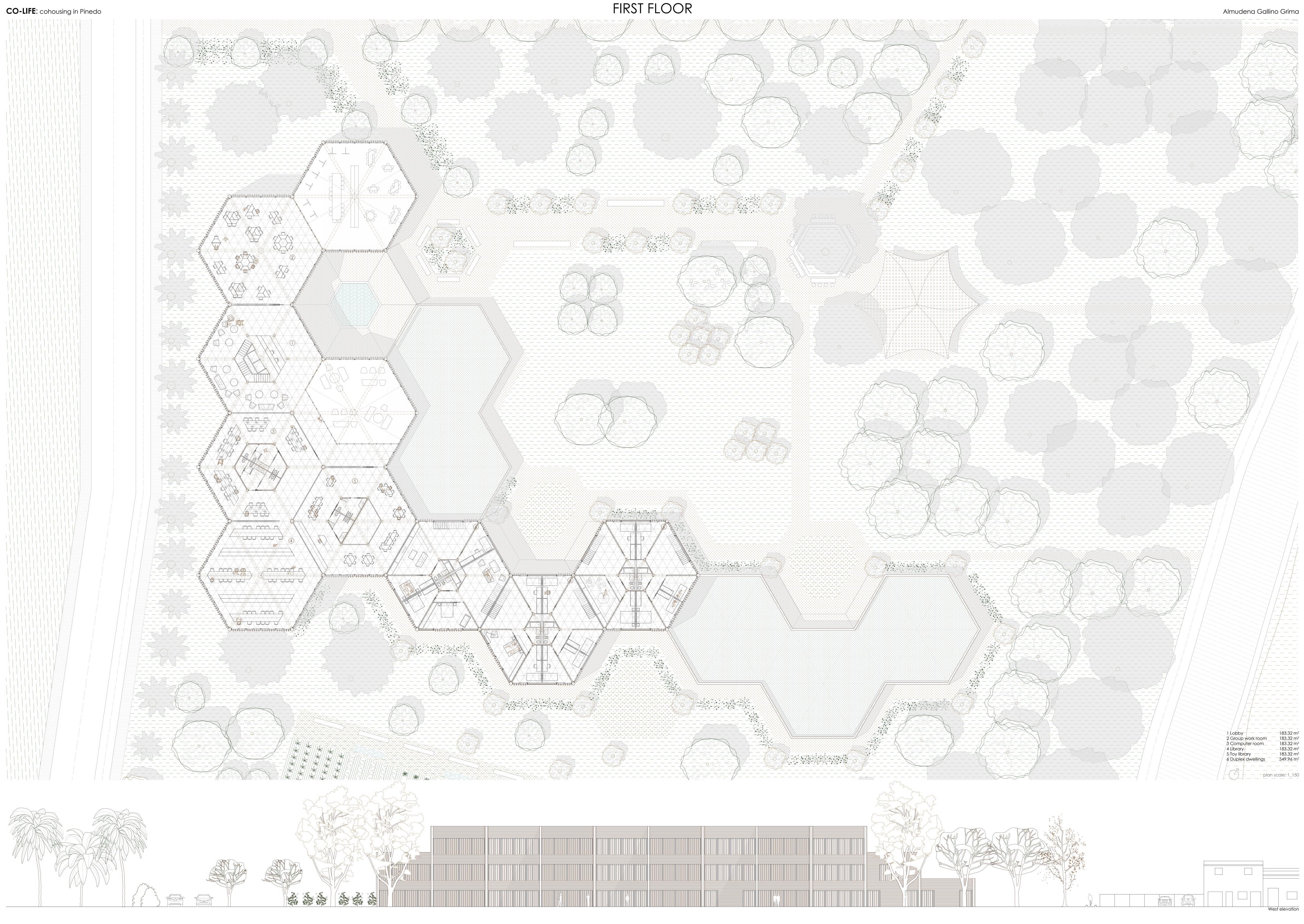




6 New social and cultural meeting place 7 Regeneration of the Mediterranean forest 8 Connection of the project with the promenade 9 Continuation of the promenade along the coastline 10 Dune regeneration



GROUND FLOOR







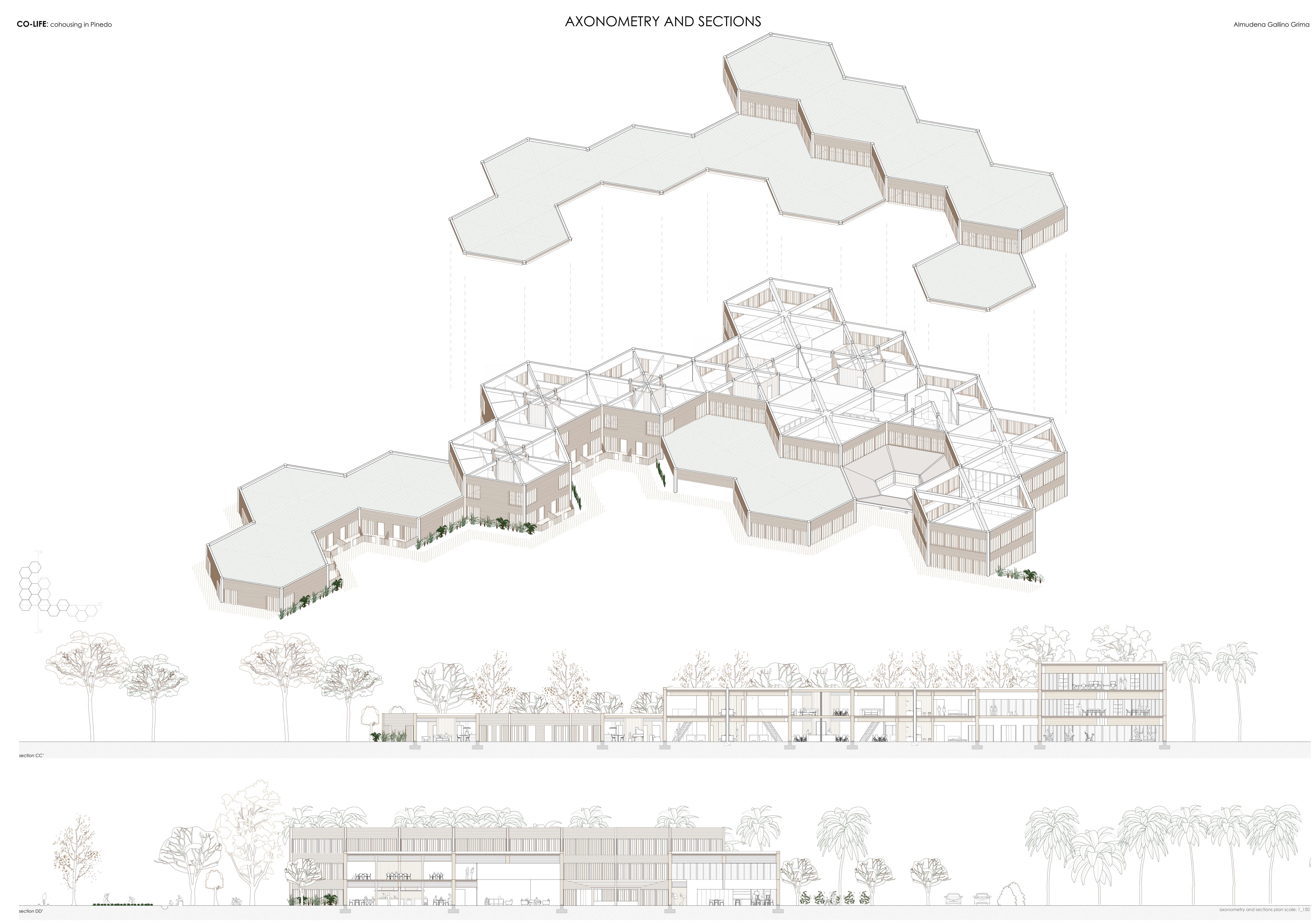
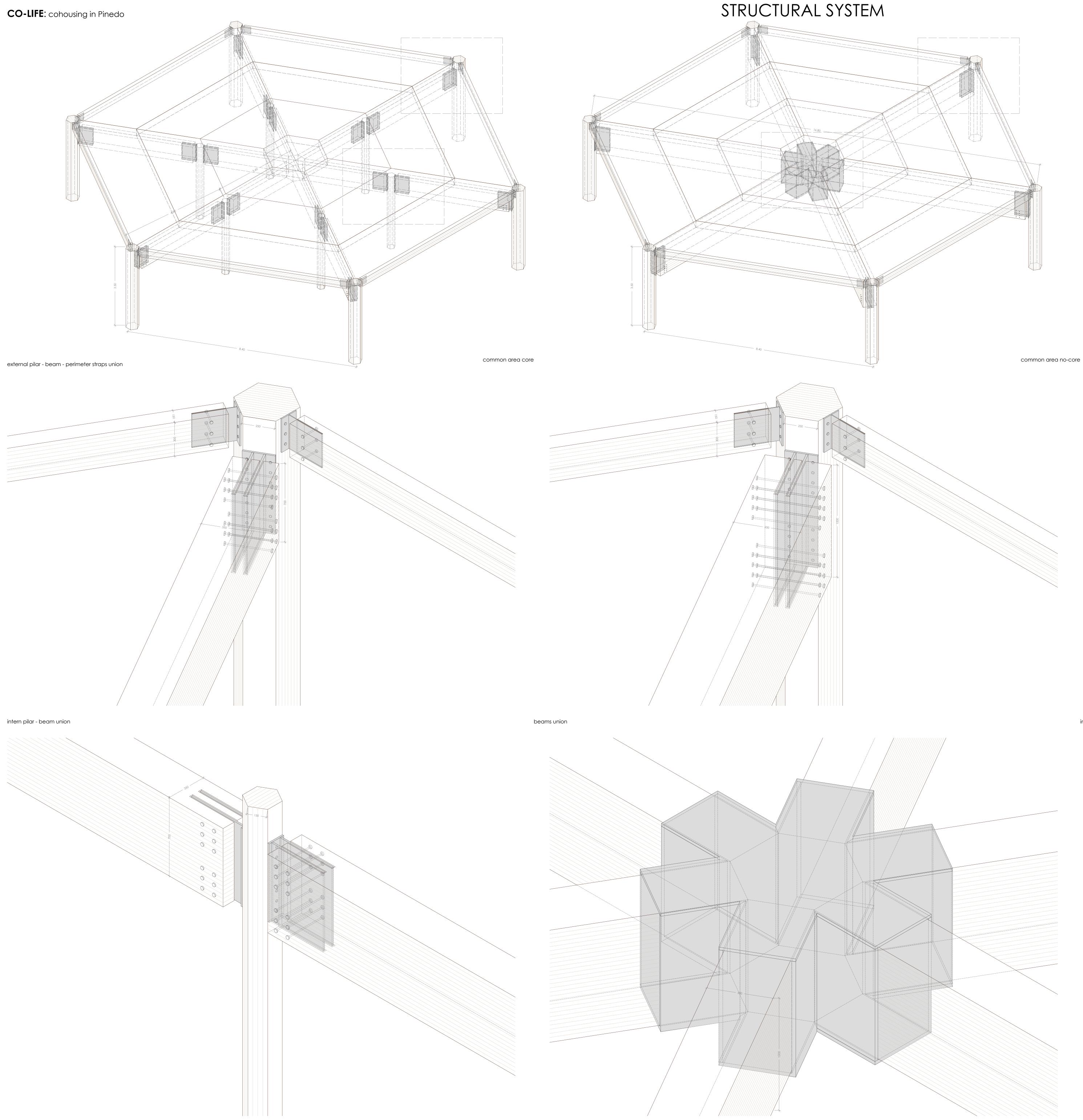
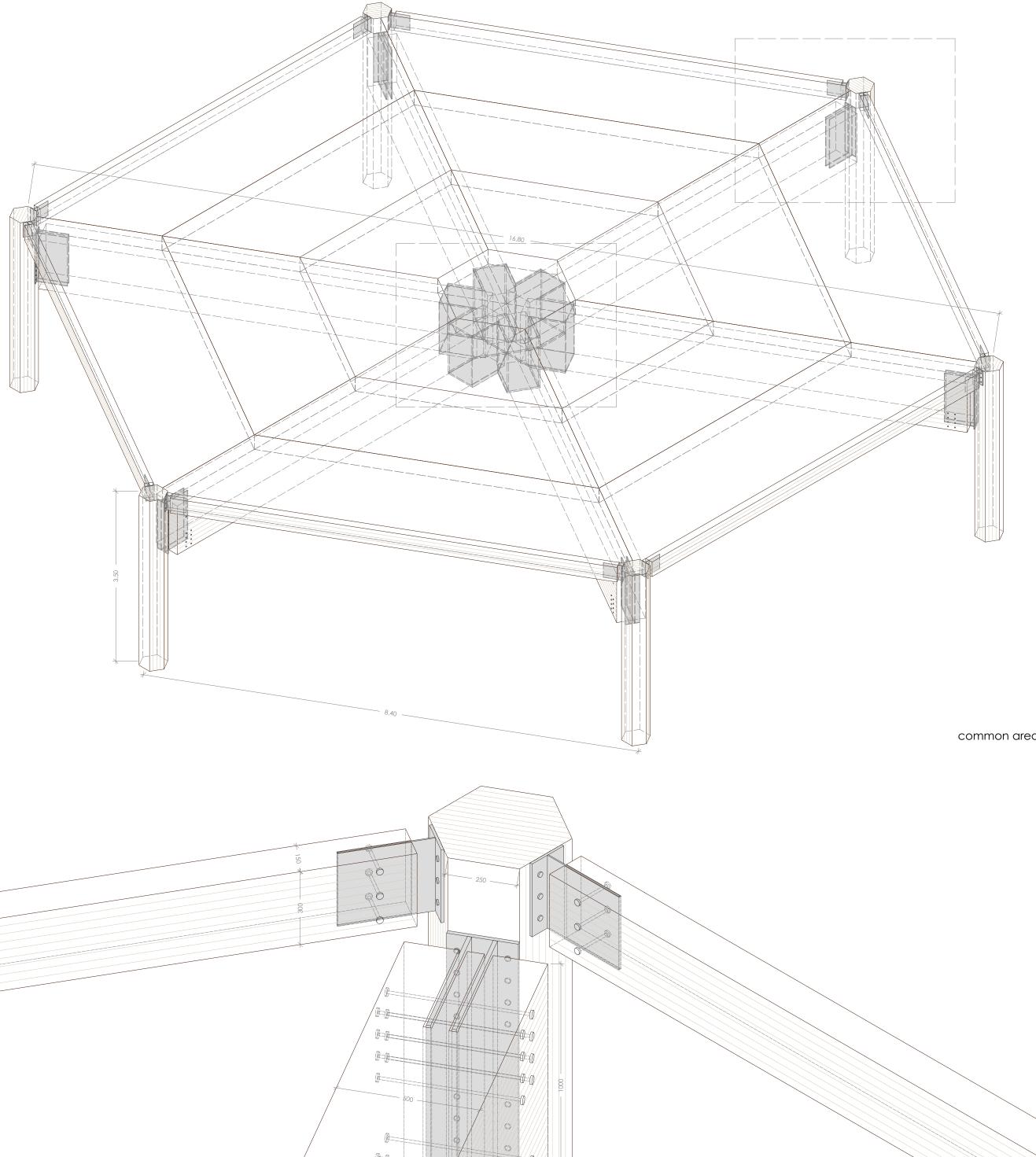


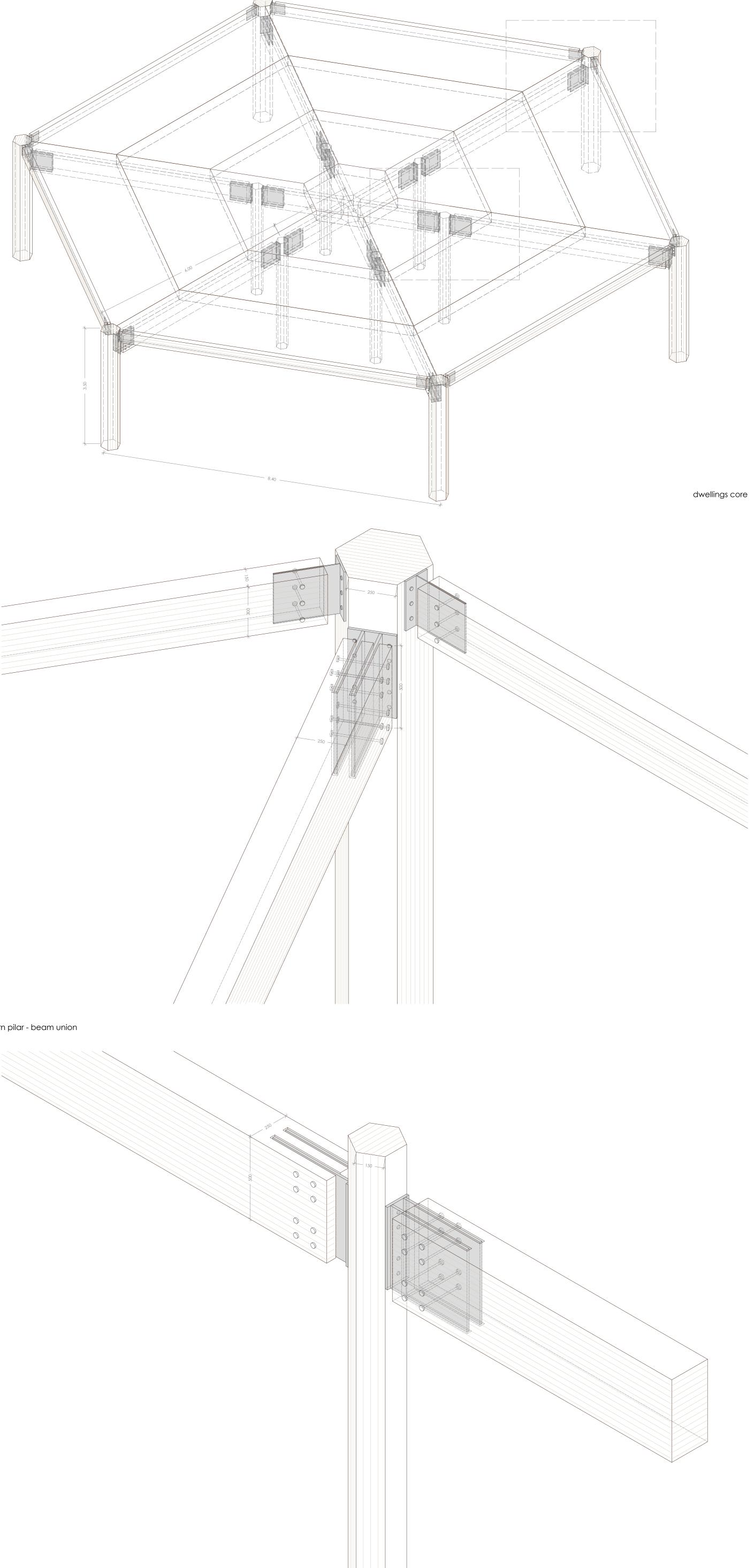


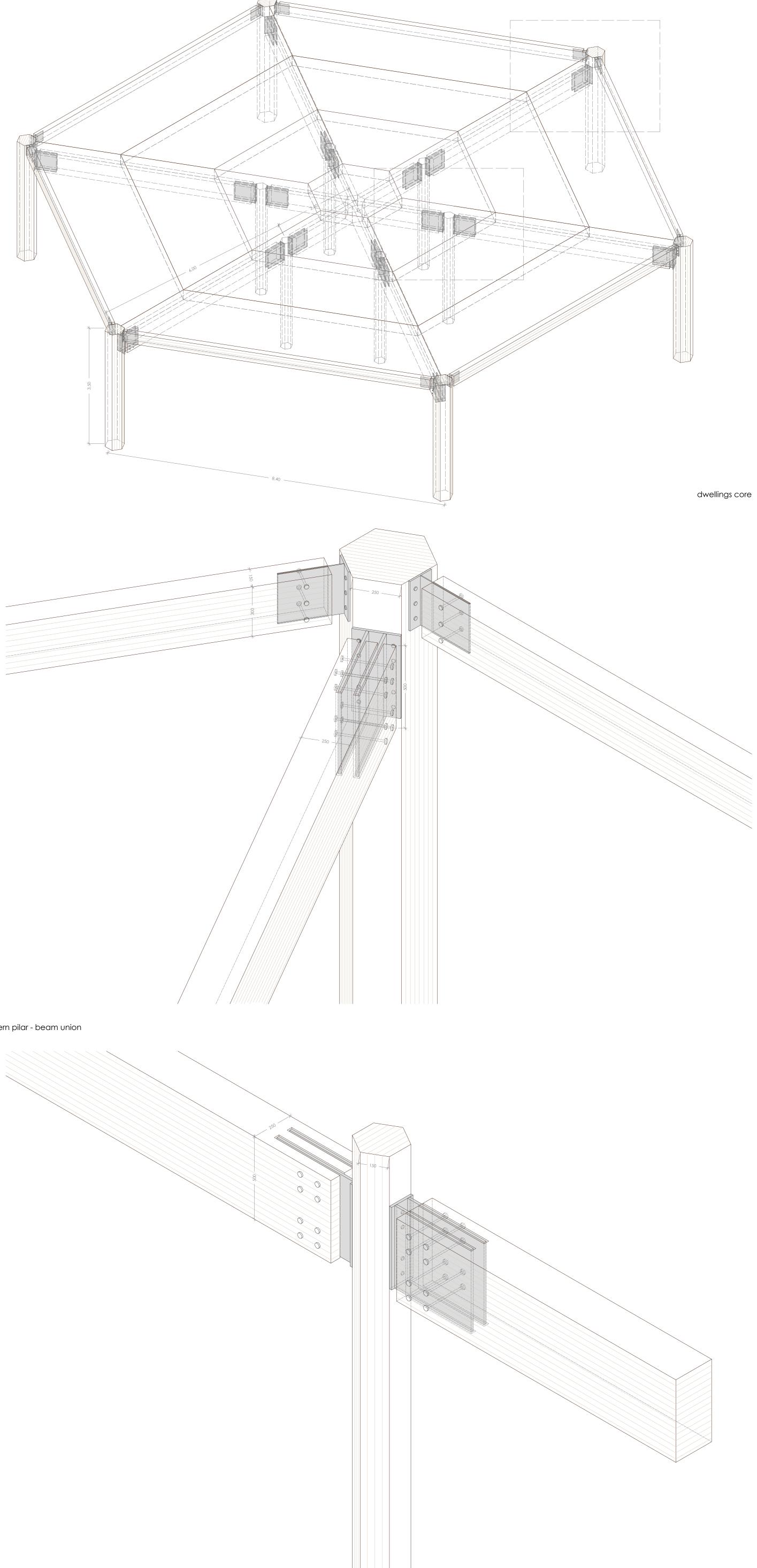


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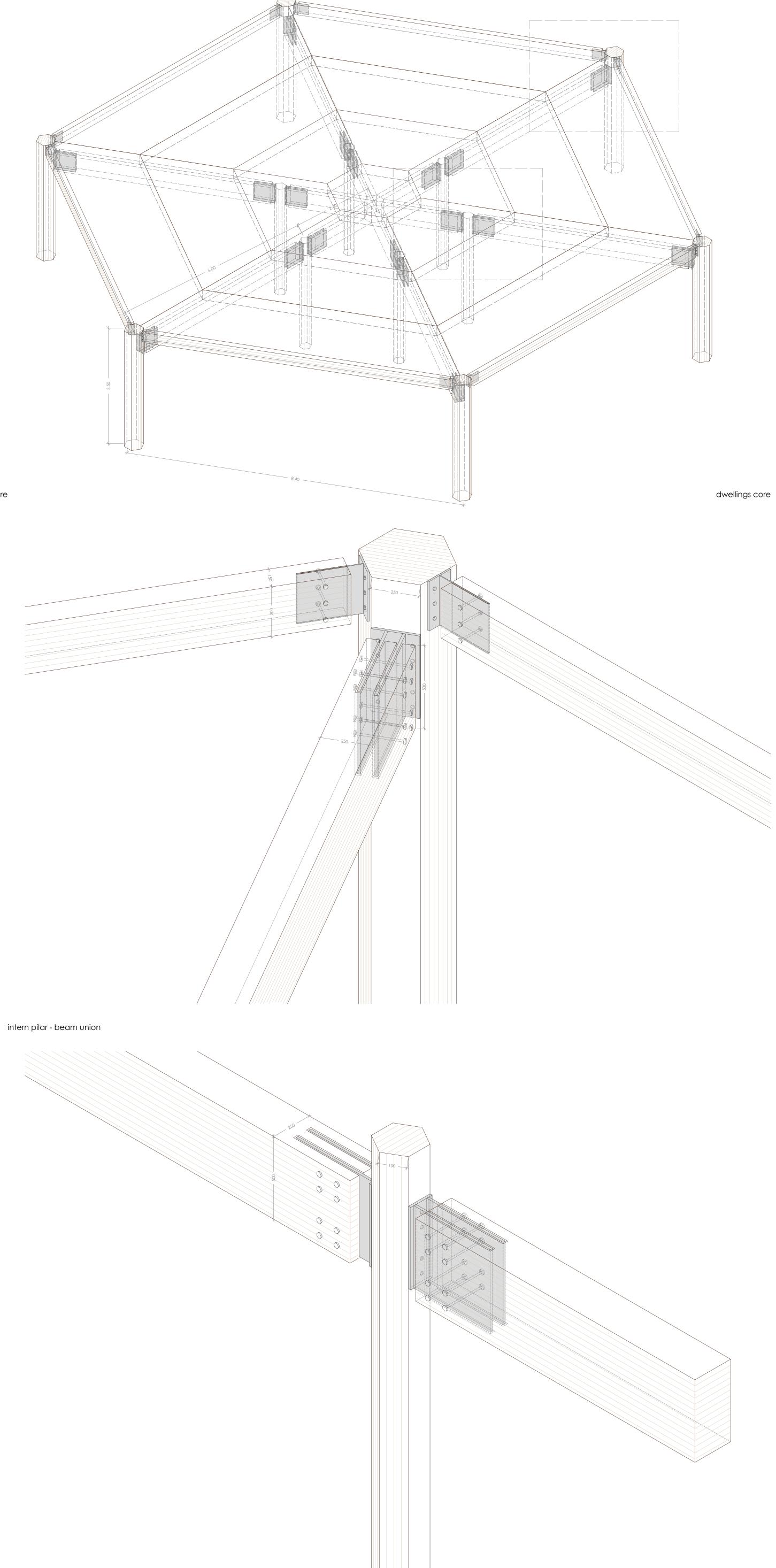












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Use overload

The building consists of two well distinct parts, first one being the dwellings, which is the most eastern part of the plot, and the other is the communal area, which occupies the western part of the plot.

According to the CTE DB SE-AE, the serviceability overload is the weight of everything that can gravitate on the building by reason of its use. The effects of the overload can be simulated by the application of a uniformly distributed load. According to the fundamental use in each zone of the building, the values in Table 3.1 are adopted as characteristic values.

The dwellings are on the ground floor and first floor, this use has an overload of 2 Kn/m2 (use subcategory A1).

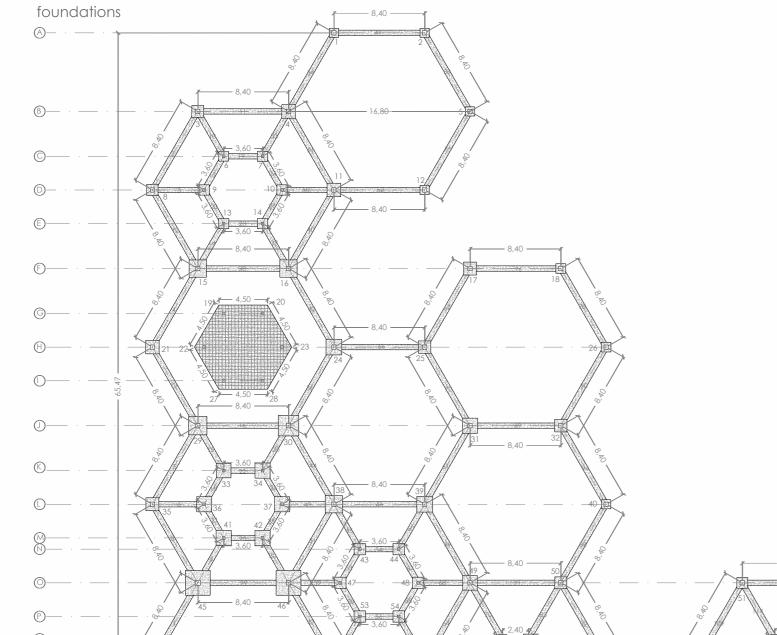
The rest of the programme is spread over three floors.

On the ground floor are the workshops, the reception, a laundry, gymnasium, common kitchen and living room and a multipurpose room. As these areas are in direct contact with the ground, they are not taken into account for the calculation of the overload of use.

On the first floor is the playroom, library, computer room and group work room. The areas with tables and chairs correspond to subcategory C1 and have an overload of 3 Kn/m2.

On the third floor is the space reserved for co-working and, as it is an administrative area, its category is B and 2 Kn/m2 must be taken into account.

Finally, on all floors there is the lobby module with the vertical communication core, which belongs to subcategory C3 with an overload of 5 Kn/m2. In addition, on the different levels there are also the roofs, which are all landscaped, non-trafficable and with a slope of less than 20° and therefore 1 Kn/m2 of overload of use must be added, for subcategory G1.



			3.1. Valores característicos de las sobrecargas de Subcategorías de uso		Carga concentrada [kN]
A	Zonas residenciales	A1	Viviendas y zonas de habitaciones en, hospi- tales y hoteles	2	2
		A2	Trasteros	3	2
В	Zonas administrativas			2	2
с	Zonas de acceso al público (con la excep- ción de las superficies pertenecientes a las categorías A, B, y D)	C1	Zonas con mesas y sillas	3	4
		C2	Zonas con asientos fijos	4	4
		СЗ	Zonas sin obstáculos que impidan el libre		4
		C4	Zonas destinadas a gimnasio u actividades físicas	5	7
		C5	Zonas de aglomeración (salas de conciertos, estadios, etc)	5	4
D	Zonas comerciales	D1	Locales comerciales	5	4
		D2	Supermercados, hipermercados o grandes superficies	5	7
E	Zonas de tráfico y de aparcamiento para vehículos ligeros (peso total < 30 kN)			2	20 (*)
F	Cubiertas transitables ad	ansitables accesibles sólo privadamente (2)			2
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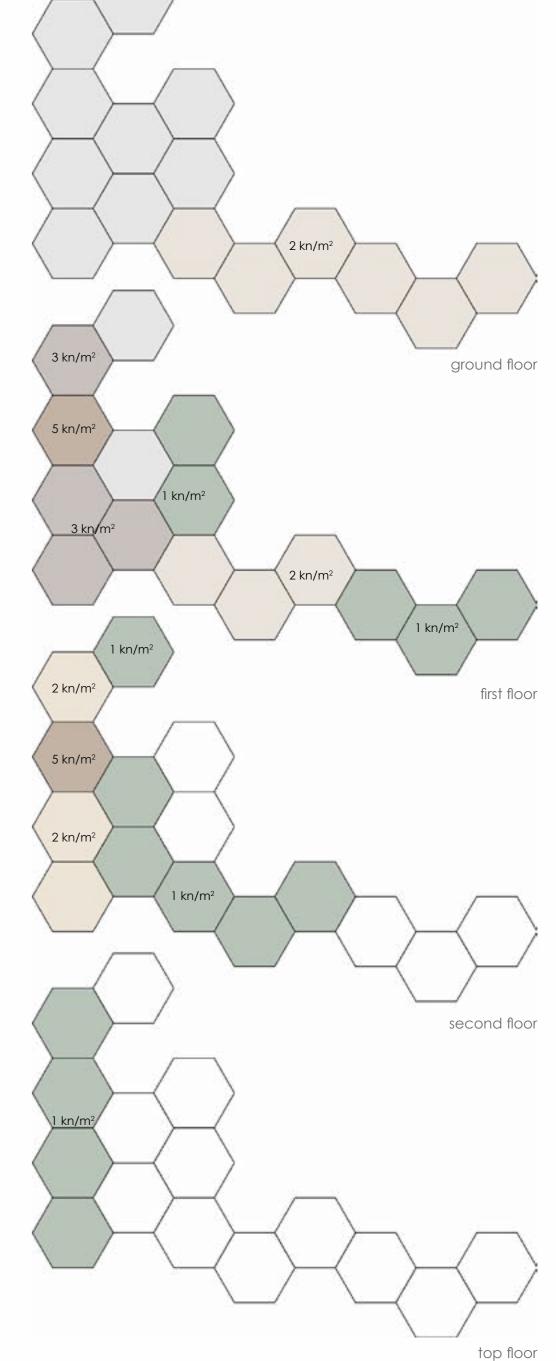
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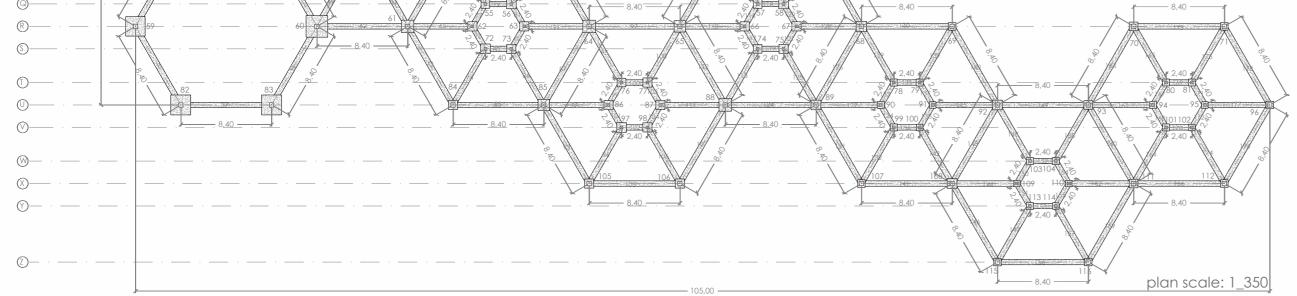
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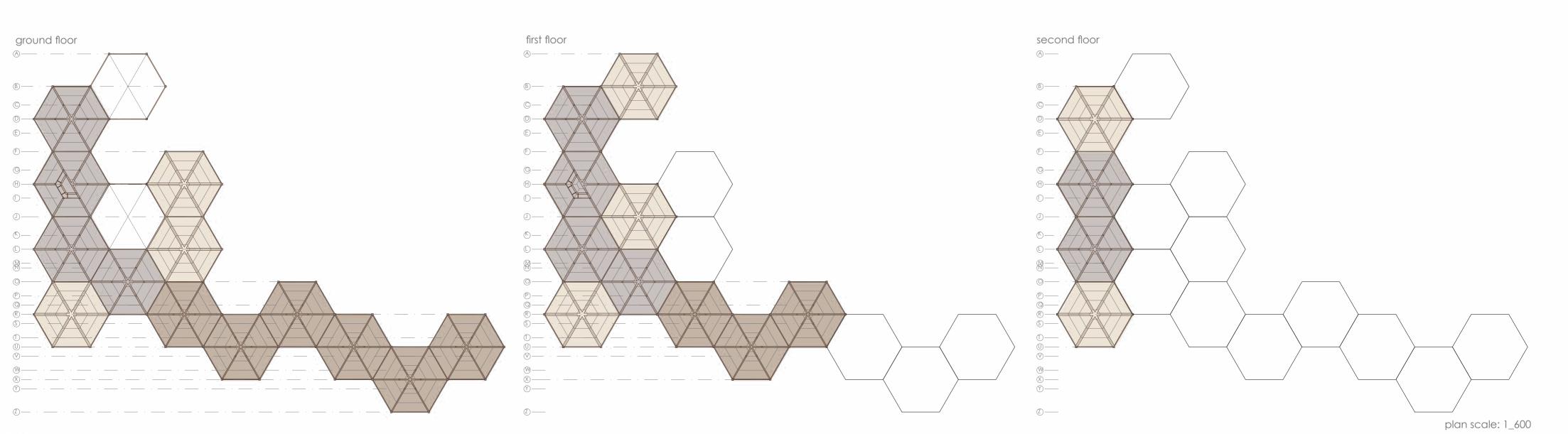
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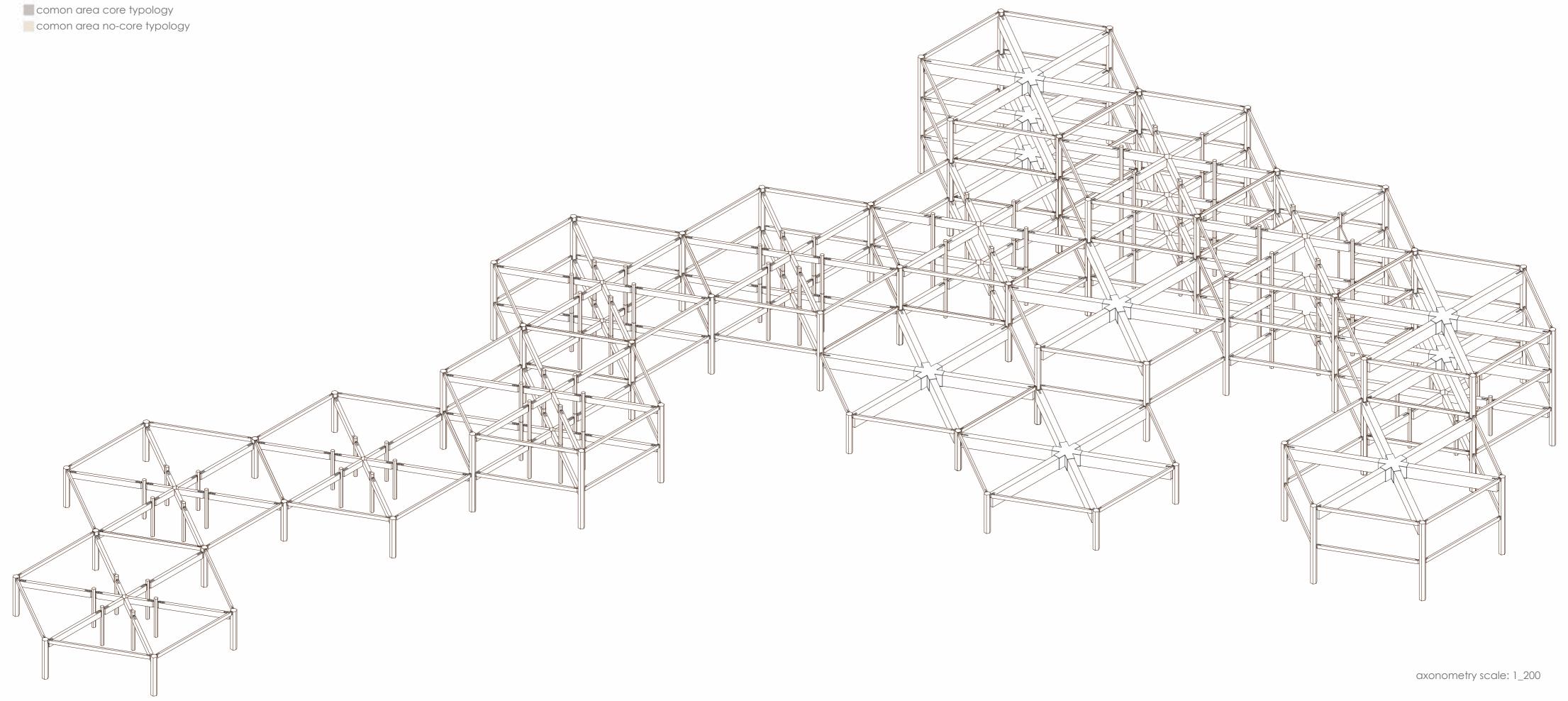


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dwelling core typology



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