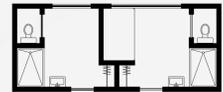
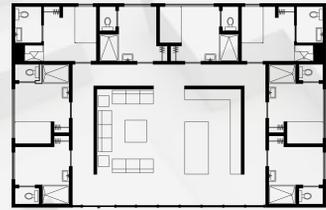


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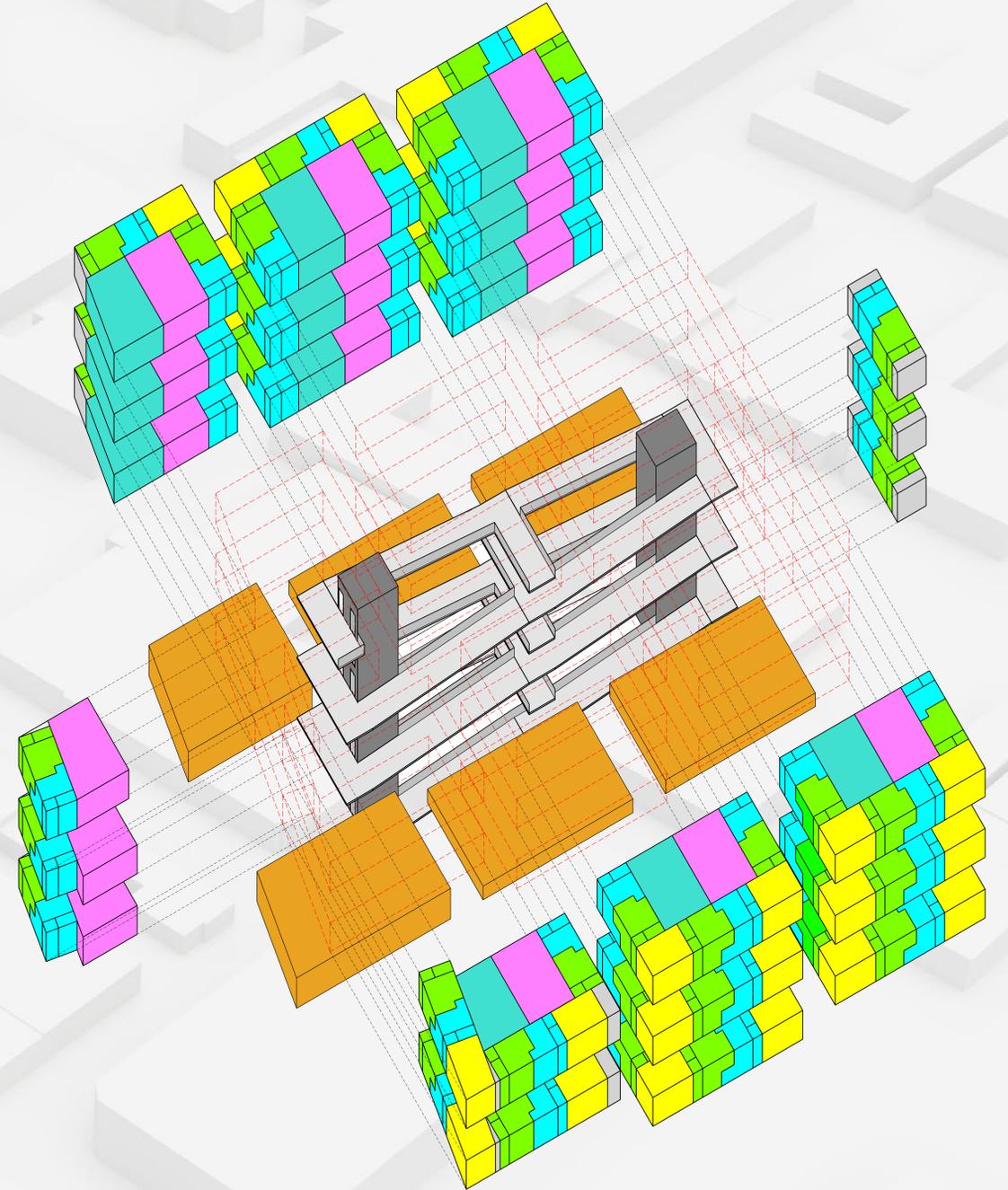
La La Land is an exploration on the topic of Co-Living and searches for ways to create compact single resident apartments and communal kitchen and living spaces. This project explores unique ways that these types of spaces can be organized in section and looks to find possible new typologies in using dense housing. La La Land uses its context of downtown Los Angeles which has a very hilly, mountainous terrain and brings that into the site with egress ramps that circulate through the site outdoors. Along these circulation paths there are "clusters" of small, single-person apartments packed together, each cluster containing eight apartments, two of which are ADA compliant, and also have their own communal kitchen and living space acting as little neighborhoods along a path. The units use a strategy of interlocking the bed space in section with their neighboring unit to reduce their footprint and increase density. The unit clusters step up as they follow the ramp around the building and create open pockets between them in section which can have various uses. One way this is beneficial in the hot, dry climate that LA has is that it opens up the building to more air circulation allowing the winds to pass through from the west and southwest that are common in the region. They also create covered outdoor roof decks that can be home to resilient native desert plant species and also create more area for water collection when it rains, while also taking advantage of the warm weather year-round and encouraging residents to spend more time outdoors. Maintaining a partially open frame, these units also have the ability to be pre-fabricated and lifted to and from the site and expanded upon as housing needs grow. These open spaces can also be used for various program and amenity spaces for residents to use, such as gyms, libraries, etc. The ground floor also has ample space set aside for various mixed-use programs that residents can take advantage or ownership of, such as retail, dining, etc. As the contemporary trend of Co-Living continues to evolve, La La Land becomes a basis to look at alternative ways residential units can be organized in both plan and section that offer new ideas about how we organize residential buildings.



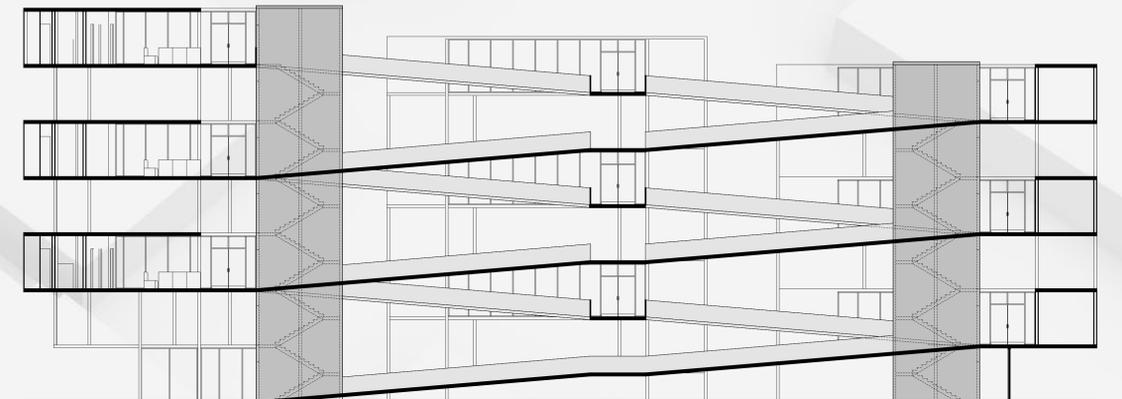
Typical Interlocking Units and Unit Clusters



Axonometric Plan



Exploded Axonometric showing organization of unit clusters



Section through ramping circulation