

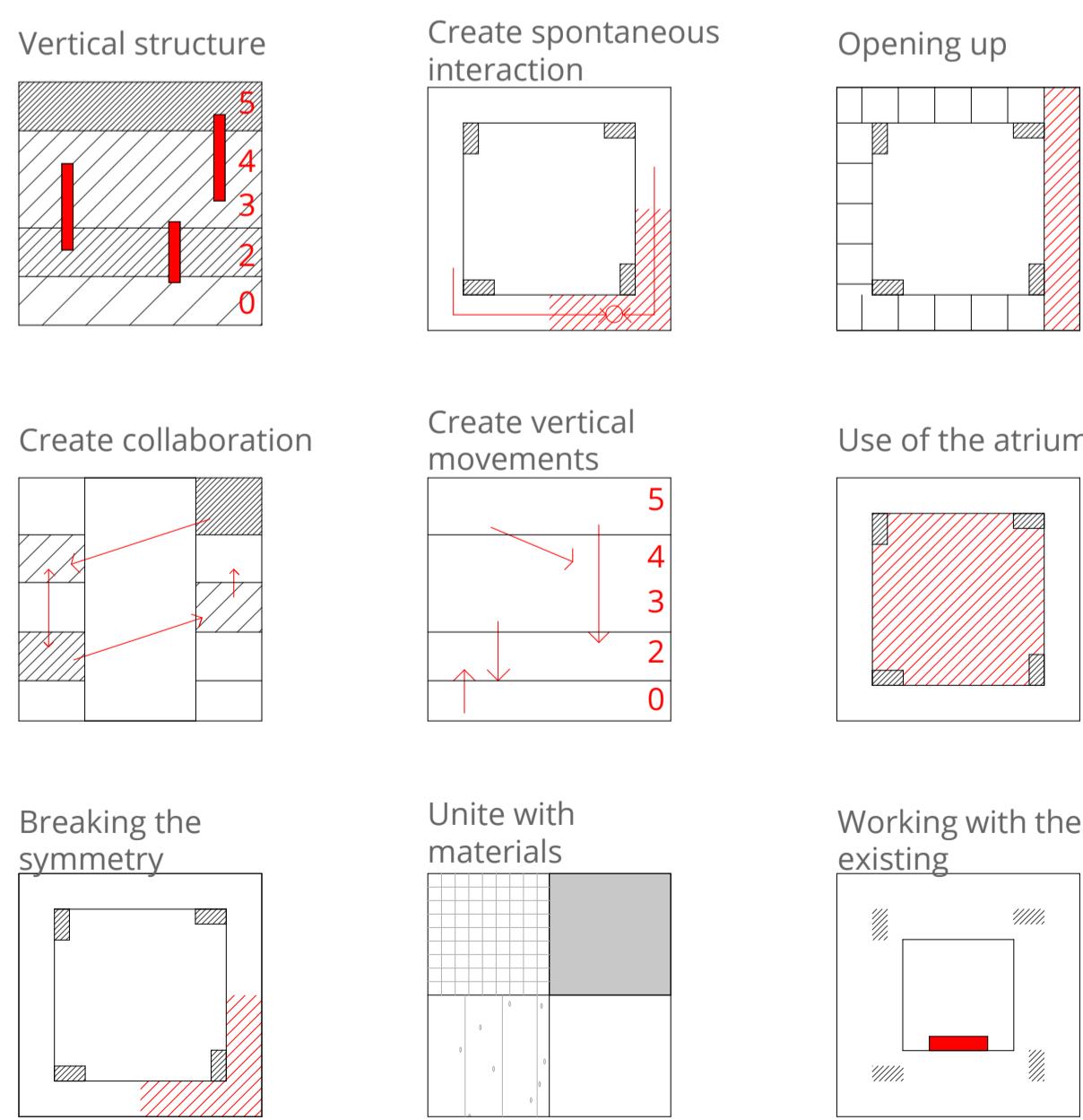
CoLAB

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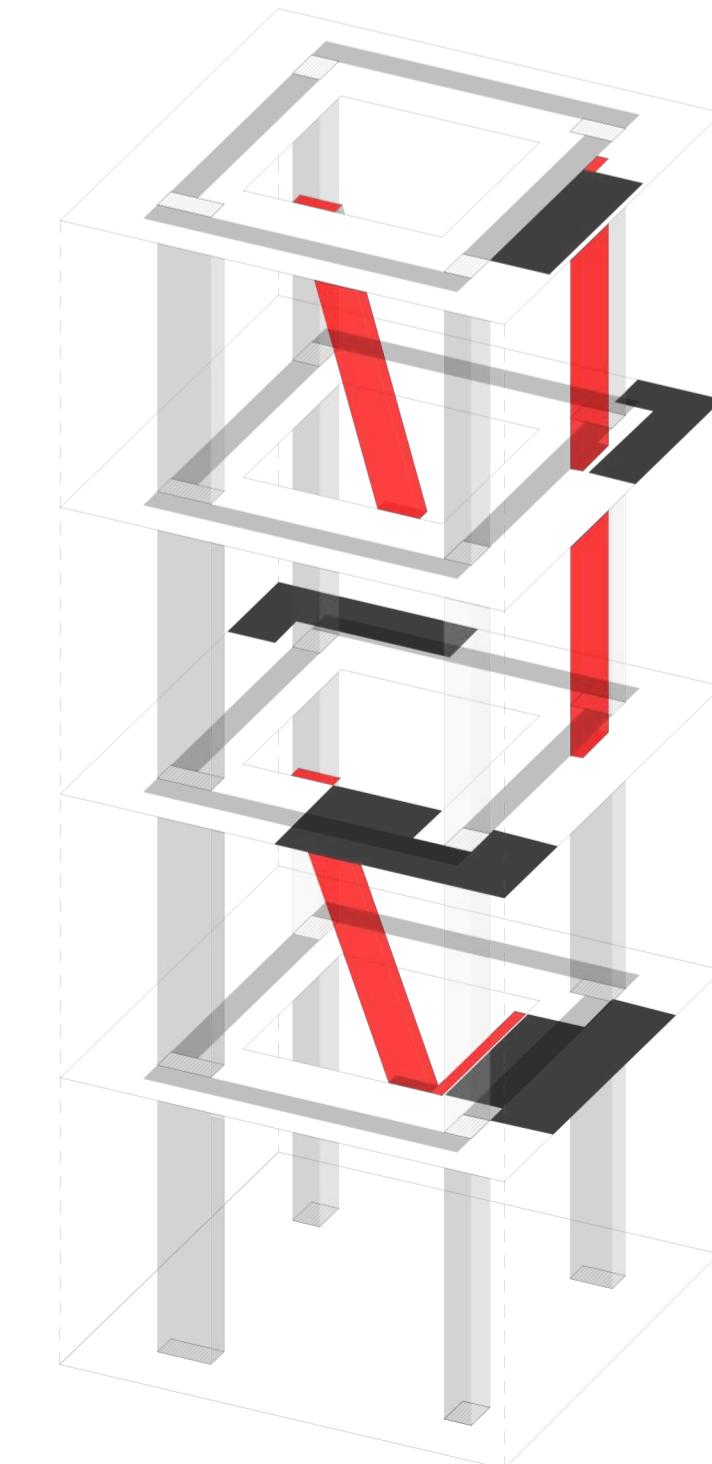
Architectural heritage and transformation 2021

CoLAB is a reflection and continuation of the transformation from 2017 with a strong user oriented approach. Architecture is a collaborative profession, however, as of today the building separates the different user groups without allowing them to work together. Therefore I discovered the need for a "community transformation" where the focus is on bringing people together and facilitating collaboration by creating open spaces. Could the problem of separation have been better answered during the previous transformation? What could have been done to raise awareness to the different needs of the users, and how can these needs be met today? This project argues that 'creating horizontal movements' and 'horizontal structuring' as main principles from the 2017 transformation deepened the separation between users. The Co-LAB project offers a solution in which the building is being activated by giving every user access to every floor, and providing them reasons and opportunities to do so. By creating intensified vertical movements and by reorganizing the different types of spaces, the separation can be bridged and spontaneous interactions and collaborative work can be achieved. To further enhance the experience of the user the continuous symmetry of the building has to be broken. That is why the project introduces open spaces, where people can breathe and comfortably interact, instead of feeling enclosed or restrained. An important aspect throughout the project was to work with what's already there, and achieve the desired major "community transformation" by using well-thought small interventions.

Principles



Concept of transformation



Atrium facade

