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A CONSTRUCTION MANUAL ON HOW TO BUILD A ROWLOCK BOND HOUSE

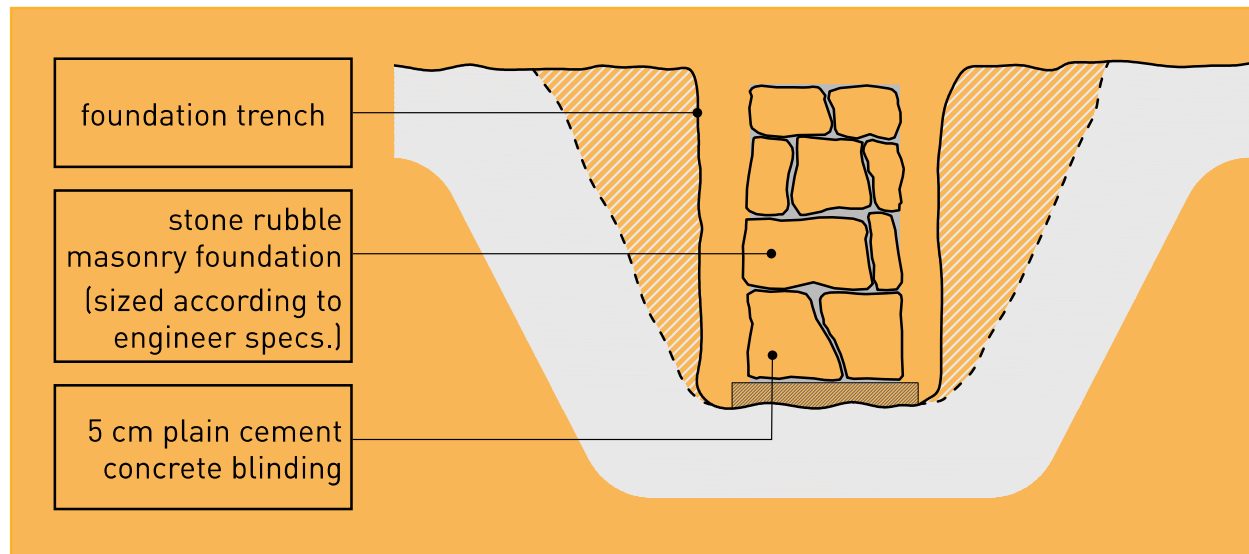
RowLock Bond
CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

THE ROWLOCK BOND SYSTEM

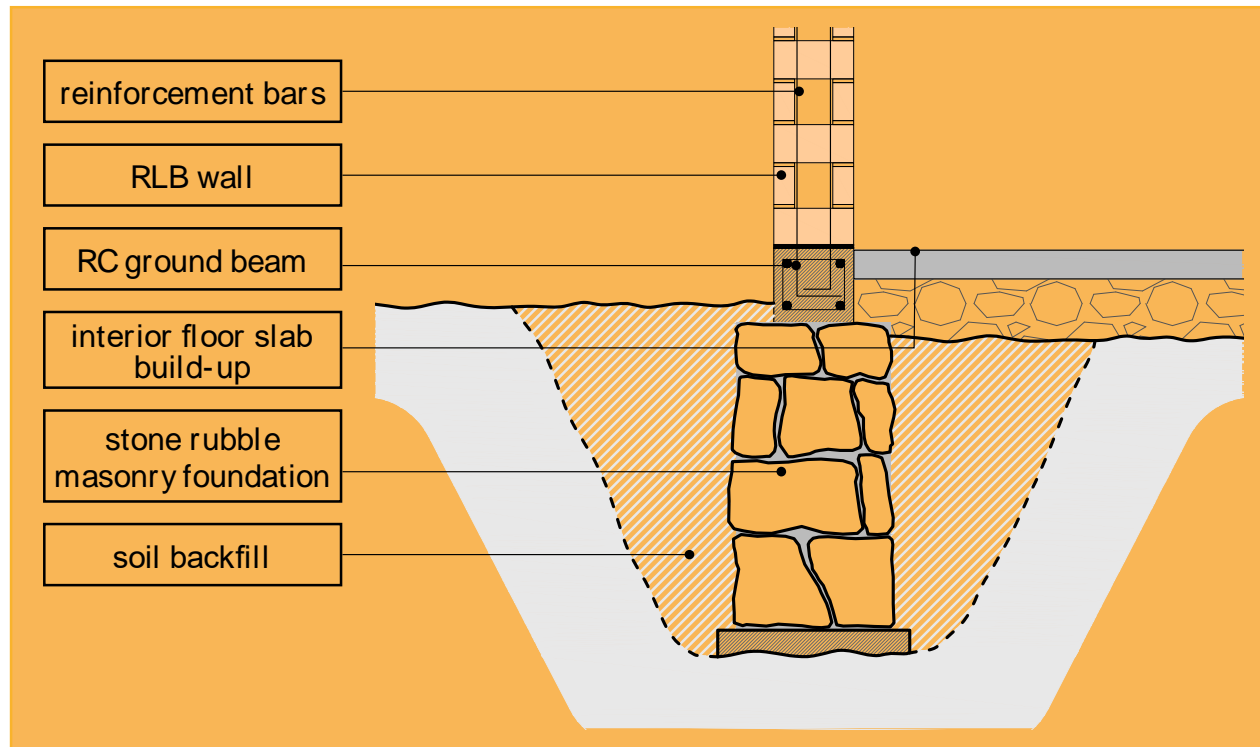
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THE FOUNDATION



THE GROUND BEAM



THE RLB Brick Wall CONSTRUCTION



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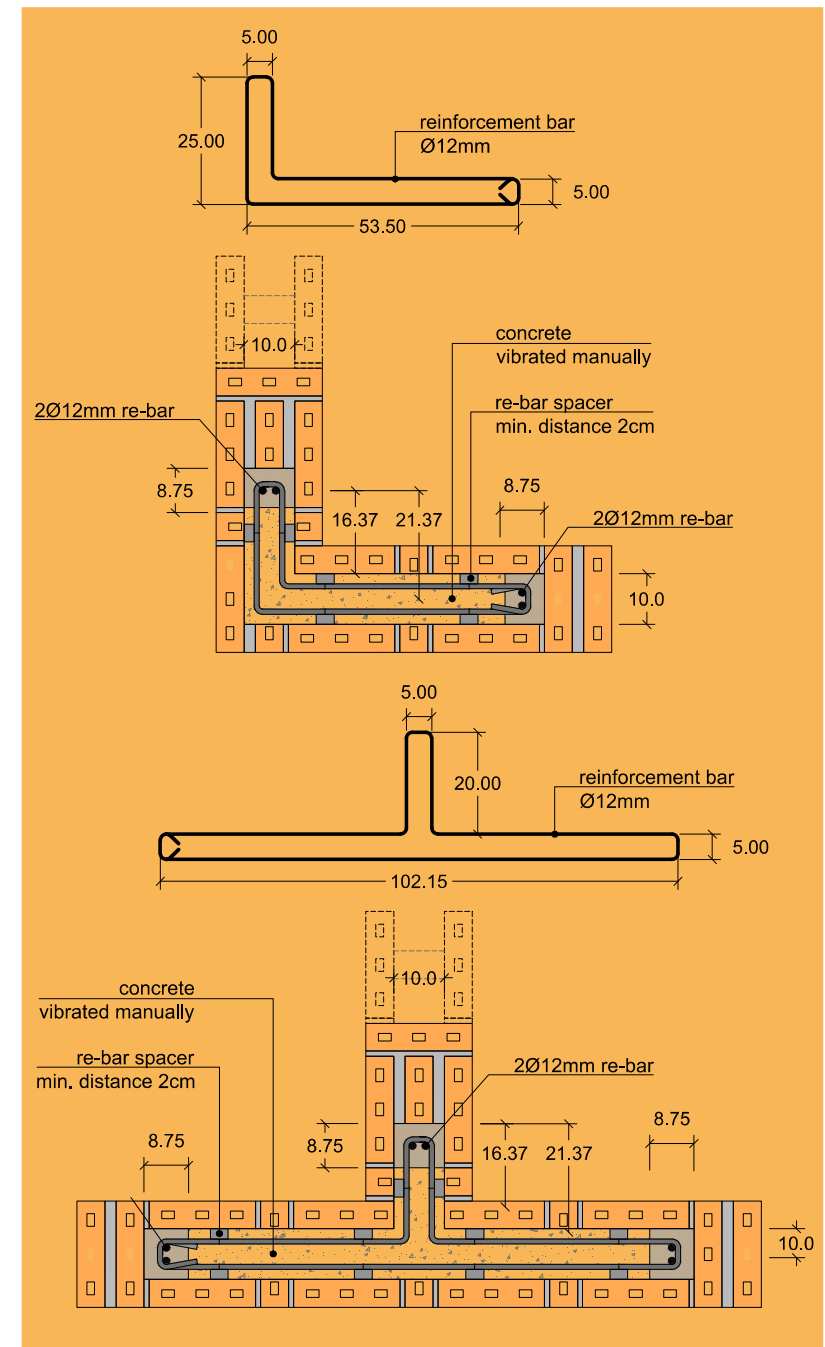
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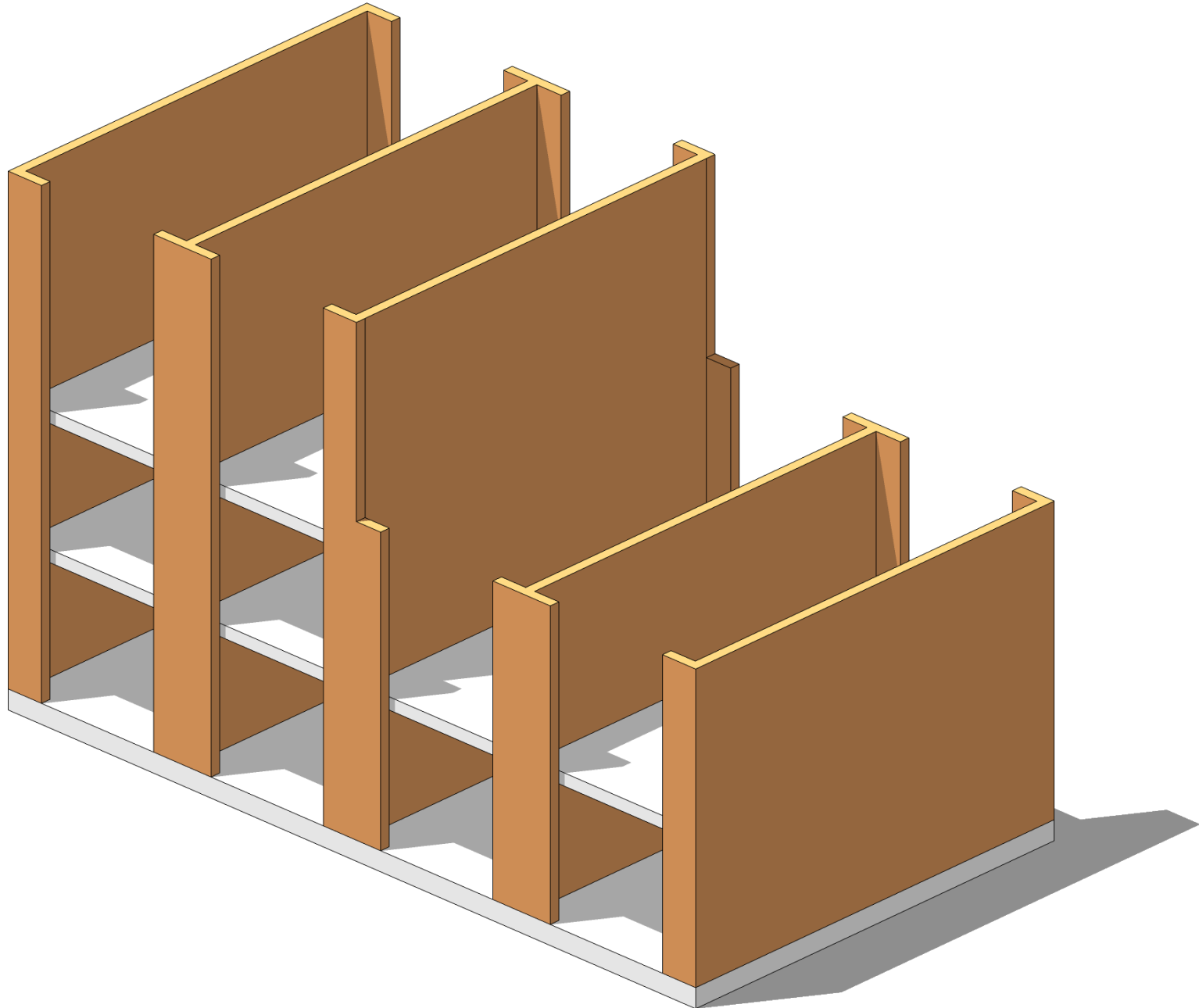
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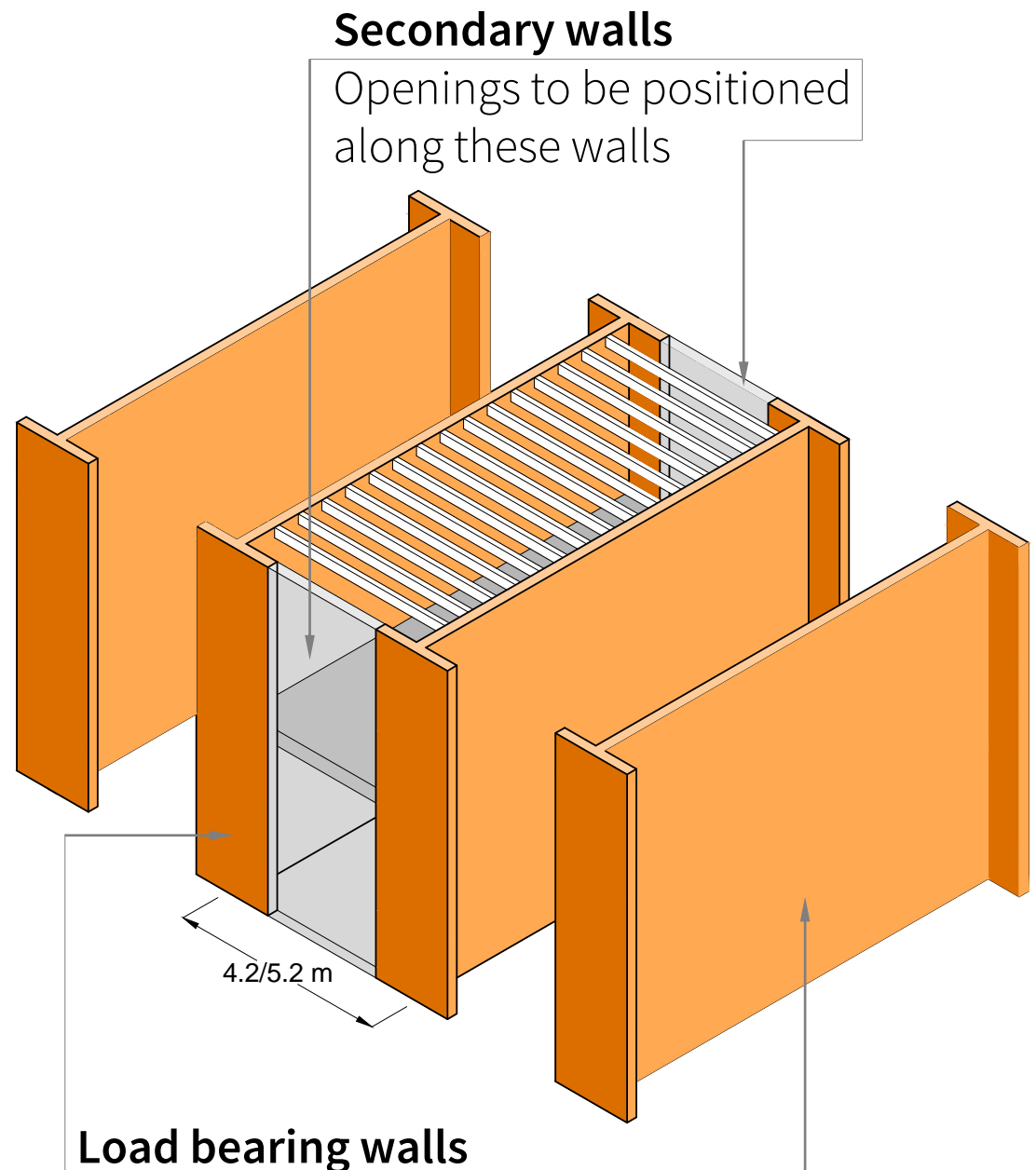
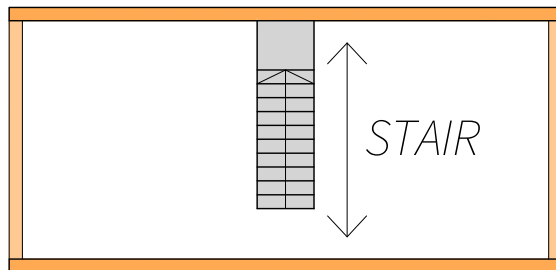
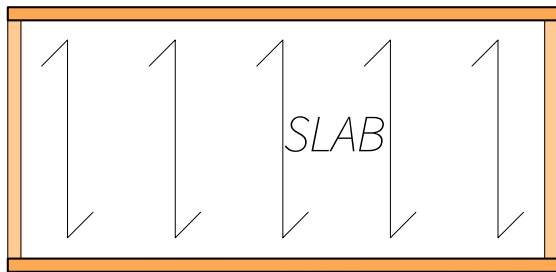
THE **LOAD BEARING WALLS**



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The load bearing walls are facing each other and support the load of the **floors** and **roof**

- the floor structure covers the **shortest span**
- the stair spans across and is supported by the **load bearing walls**

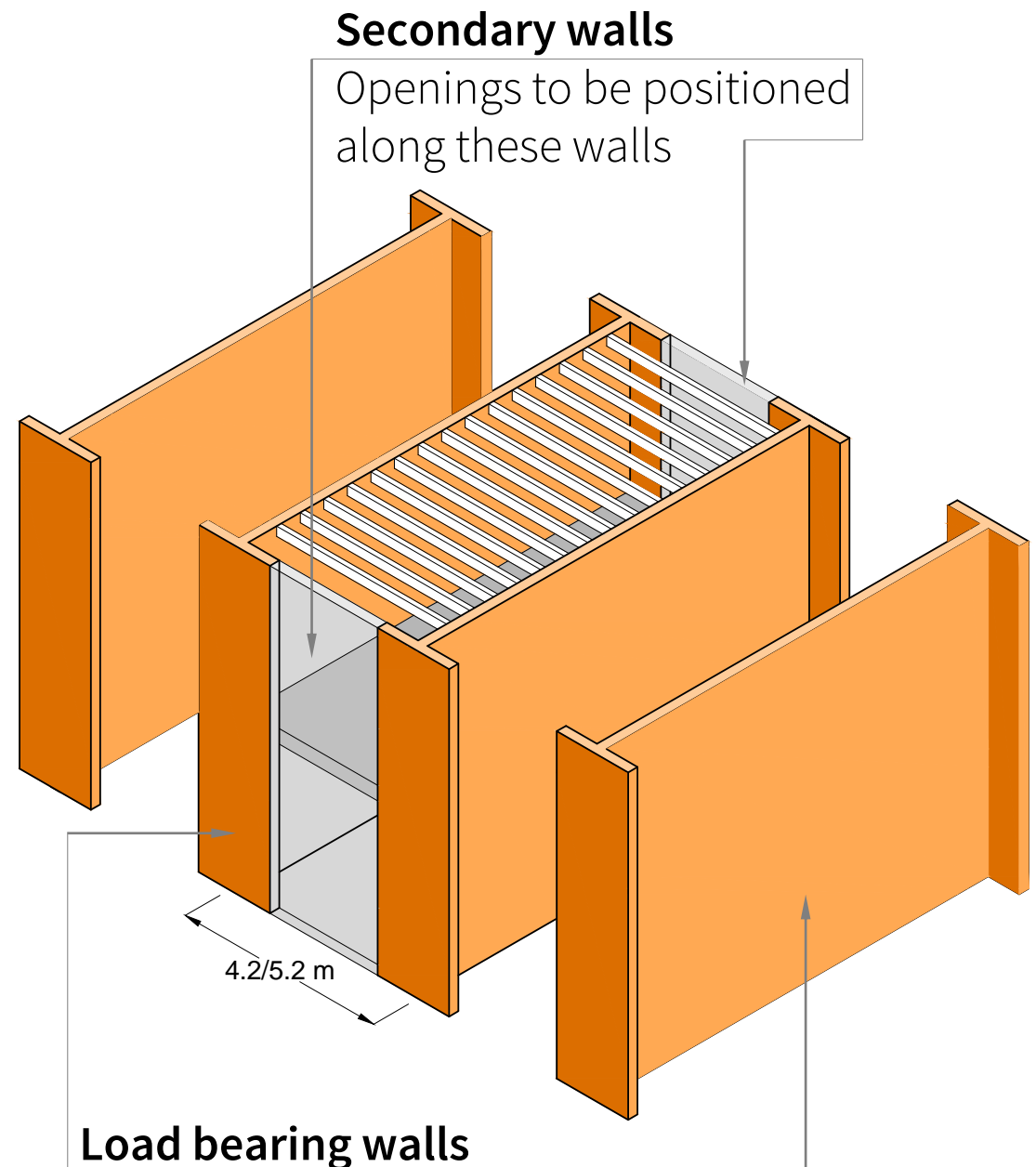
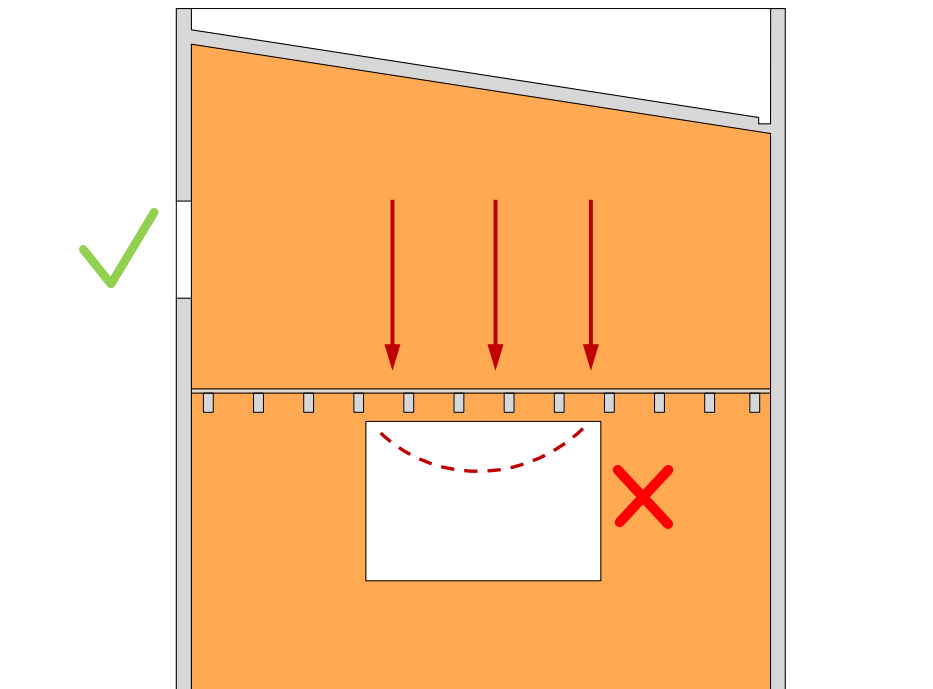


Load bearing walls

Few to no openings to preserve general stability
Floor structures anchor to these walls

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Openings along the load bearing walls:
more expensive \$\$\$ > extra lintels required
reduce structural stability

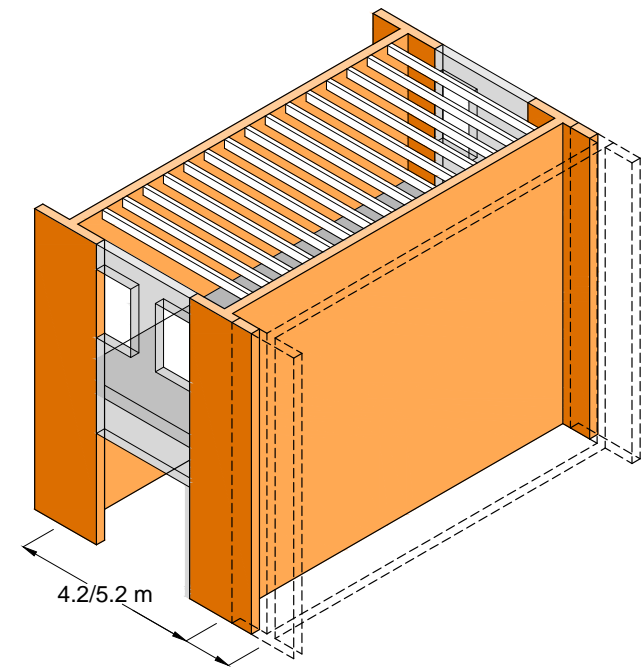
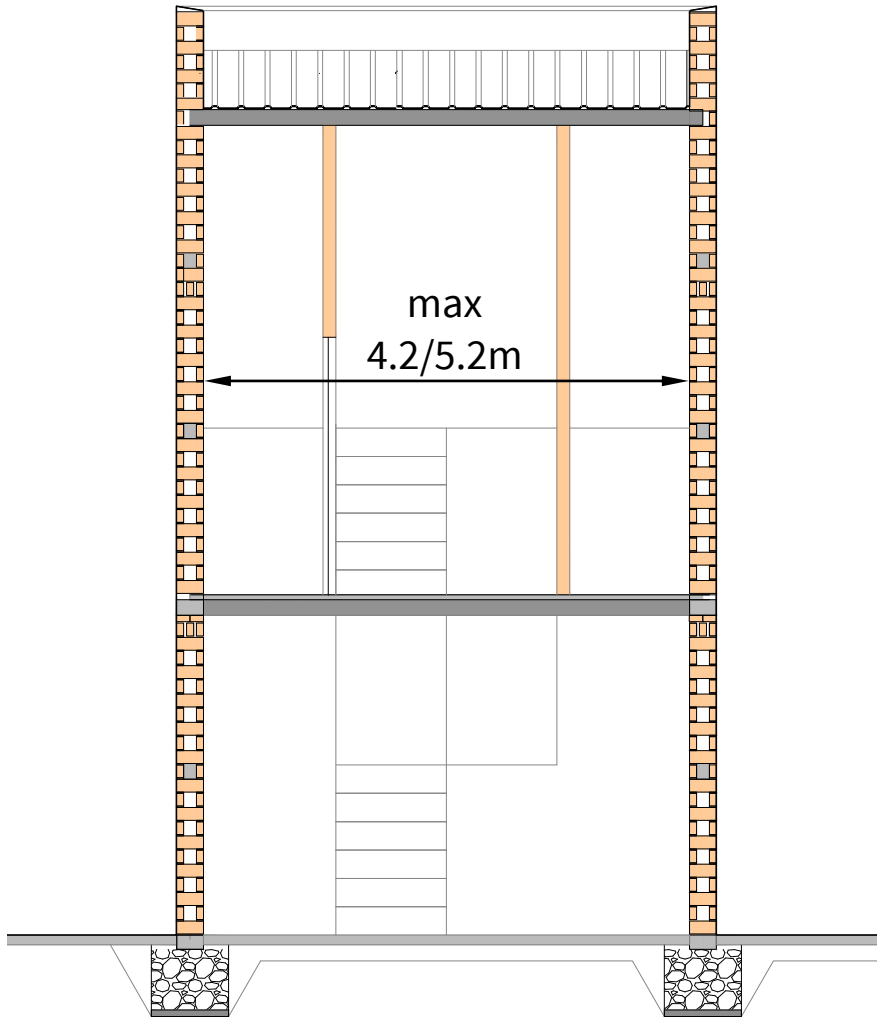


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THE **MAXIMUM SPAN**

between load bearing walls



The maximum span allowed between walls varies according to the selected flooring technology

TIMBER floor

Variable span
according to
type and size

MaxSpan floor, 12cm

span **4,20m**

MaxSpan floor, 16cm

span **5,20m**

THE **FLOORS**

timber floor

SYSTEM:

TIMBER BEAMS

+

TONGUE and GROOVE FLOORING

STRUCTURE:

typical beam size

H: 16cm - W: 6cm - L: **3.8/4.5m**

ADVANTAGES compared to concrete:

Cost effective and easy to build

Good para-seismic properties (lightweight)

Flexible (modifications possible anytime)

DISADVANTAGES compared to concrete:

Supply challenges Not sufficiently dry

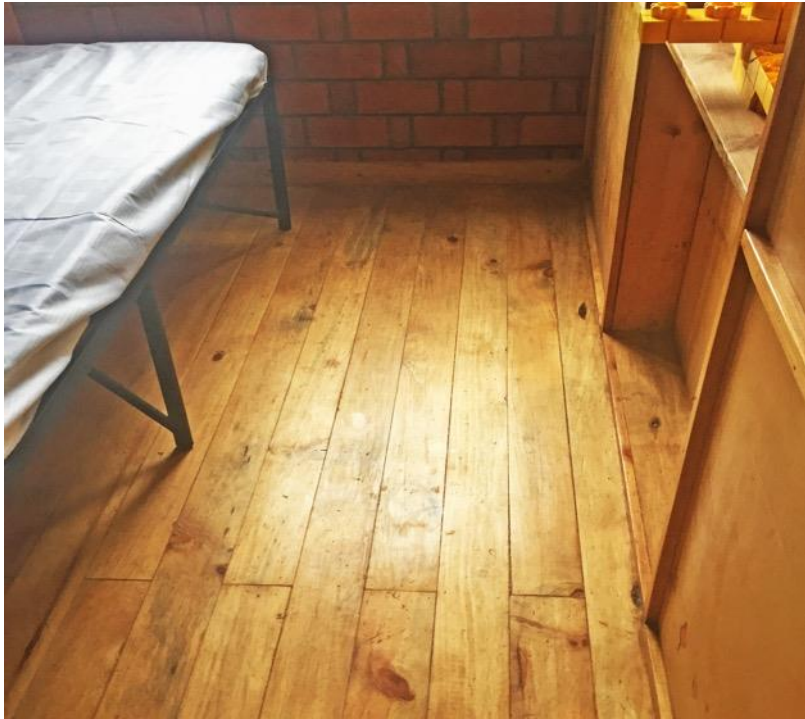
Size constraints > limited span

Less fire resistant



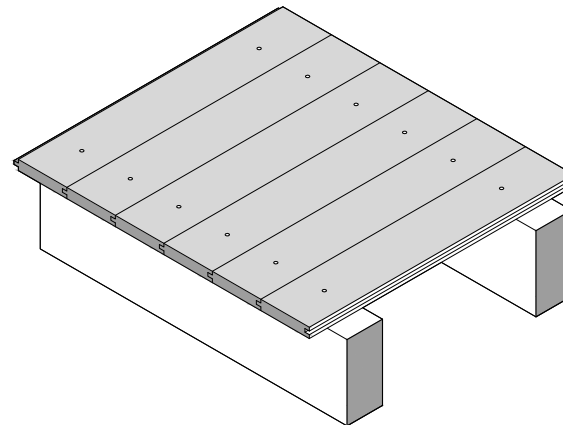
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timber floor



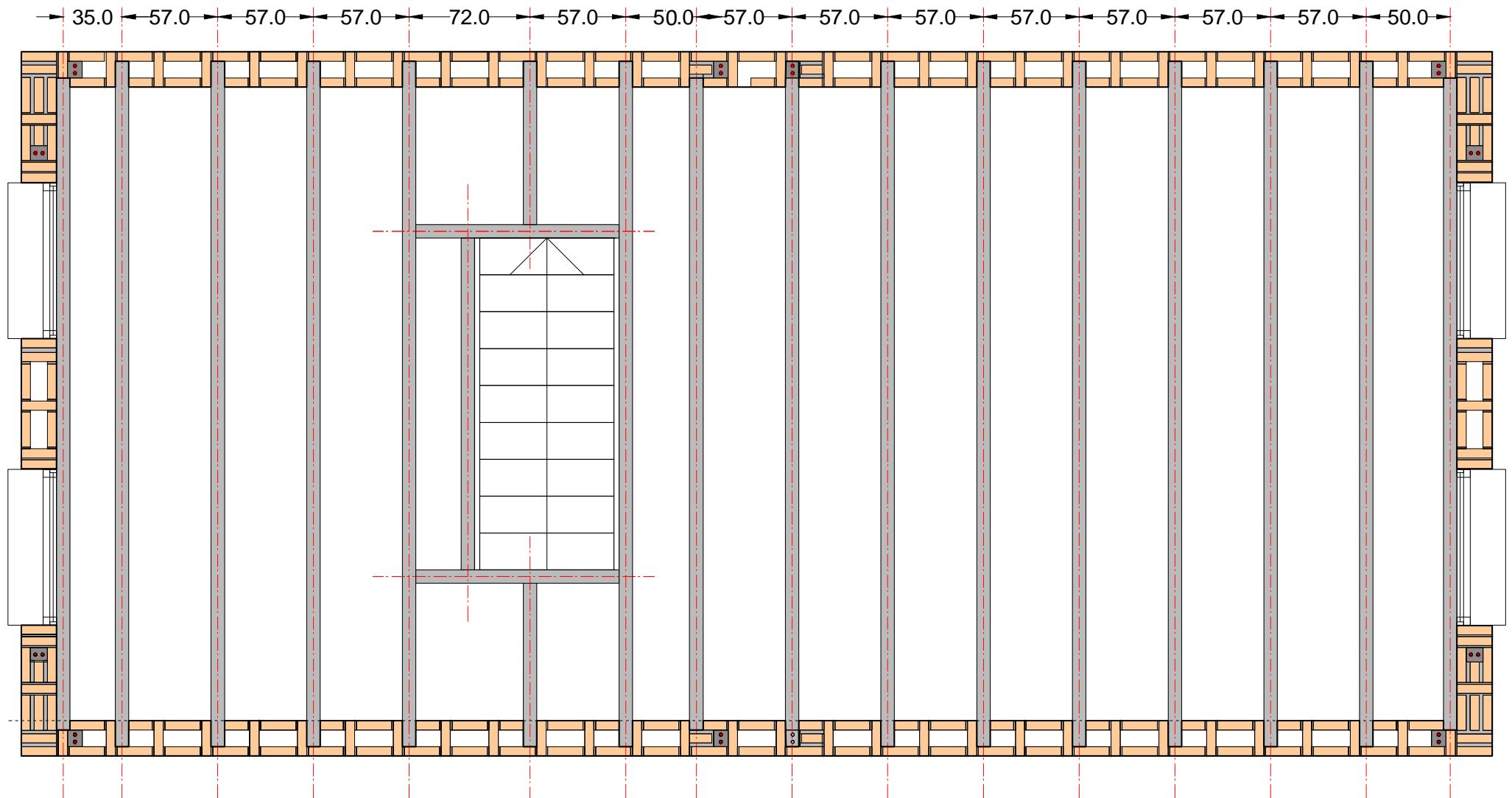
T&G FLOOR: *MAIN FEATURES*

- Cheap and beautiful
- Surface to be treated with care
- Less durable/sound insulating than Maxspan (used best for slabs within unit/duplex)
- Suitable only for timber interior partitions



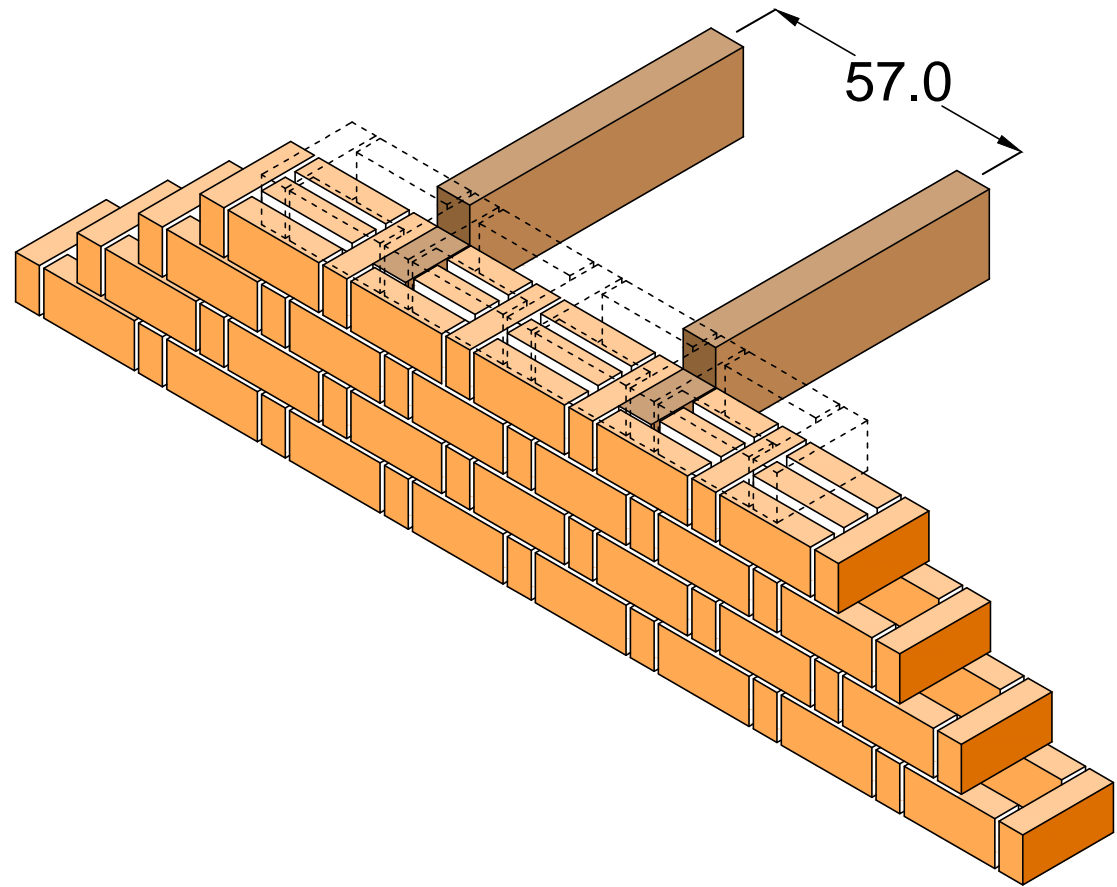
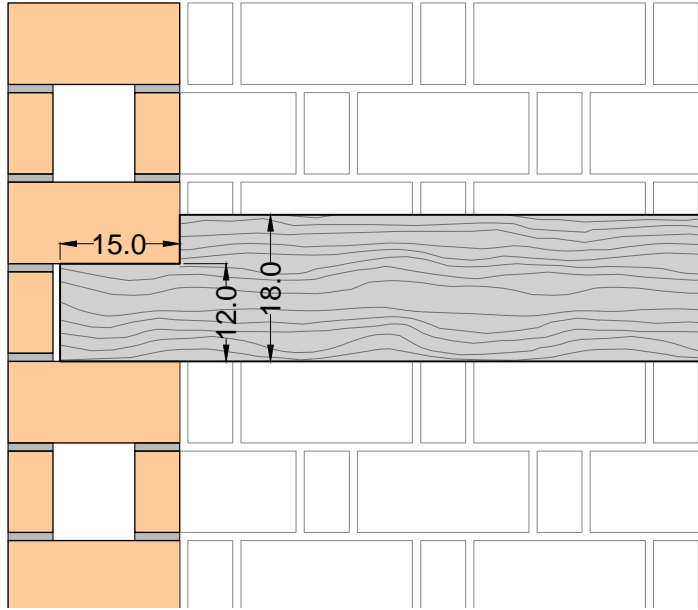
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Hollow clay-block concrete floor (Maxspan)

The hollow clay block slab is a **lightweight** technology that uses a system of precast beams and Maxspan hollow clay blocks to create a **quick semi-dry floor**

MAJOR ADVANTAGES:

- Weight reduction by removing parts of solid concrete and replacing it with hollow blocks
- Suitable for medium spans 4/5m with moderate life load (mainly residential)
- Cheaper than a solid RCC slab (for spans between 4 and 5 meters)
- Good sound proofing and excellent fire resistance



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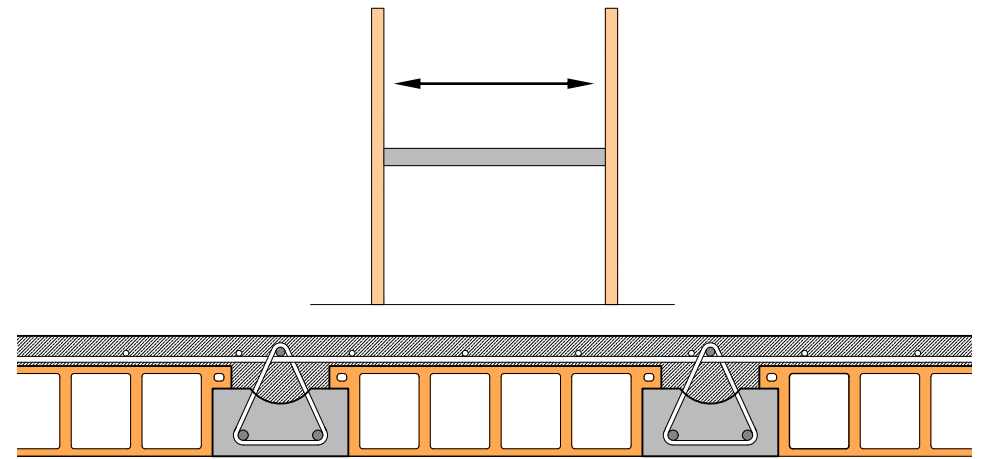
Max Span floor



12cm

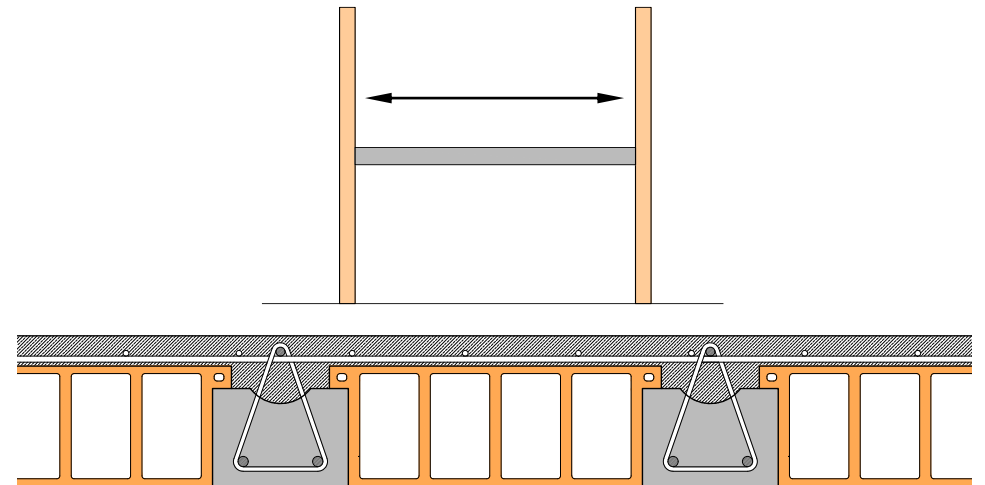


16cm



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maximum span **4,20m**



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Maximum span **5,20m**

THE **FLOORS**

Max Span floor
- prefab



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Max Span floor - prefab



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Max Span floor – in situ



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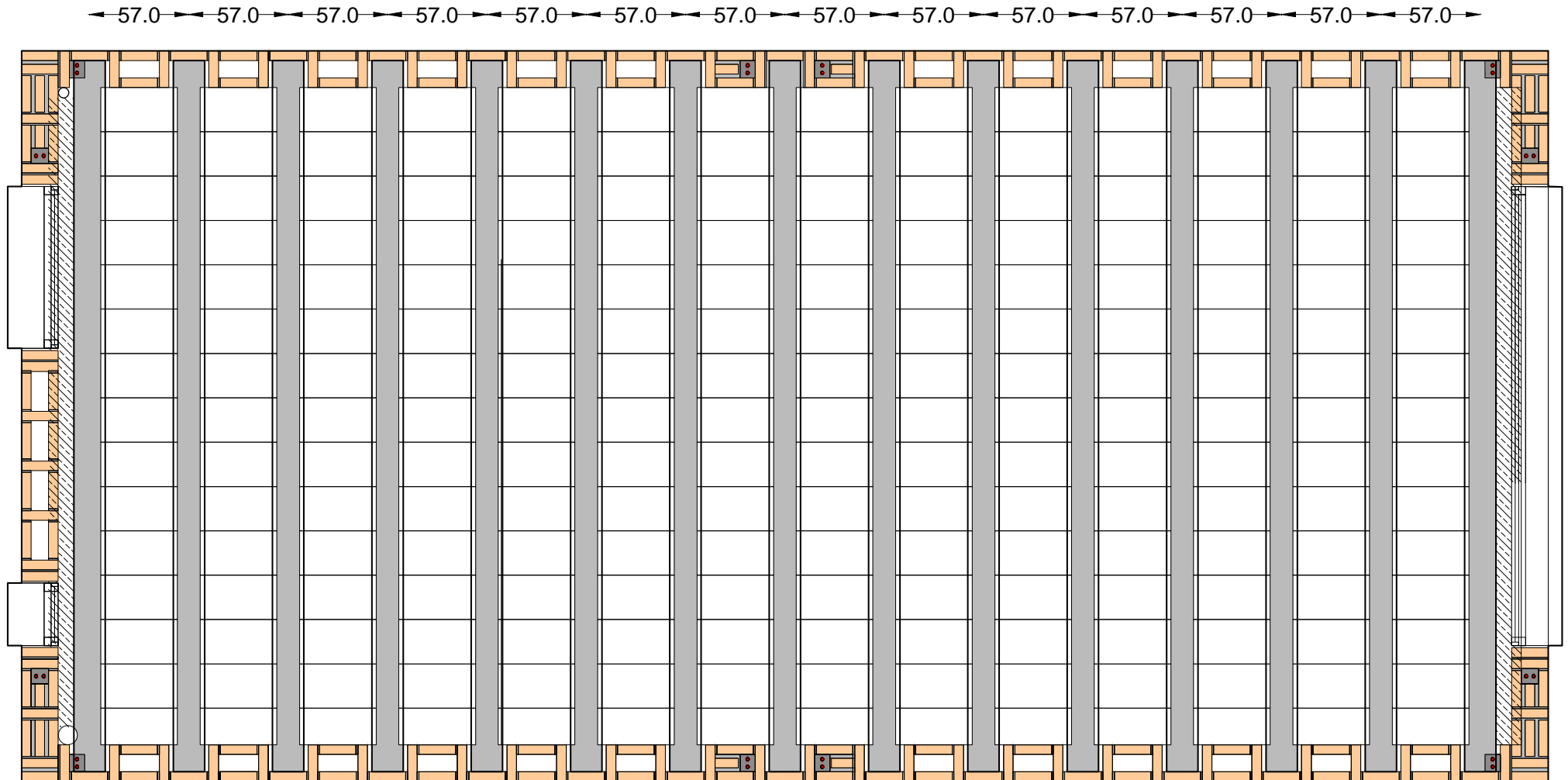
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Max Span floor - finishing



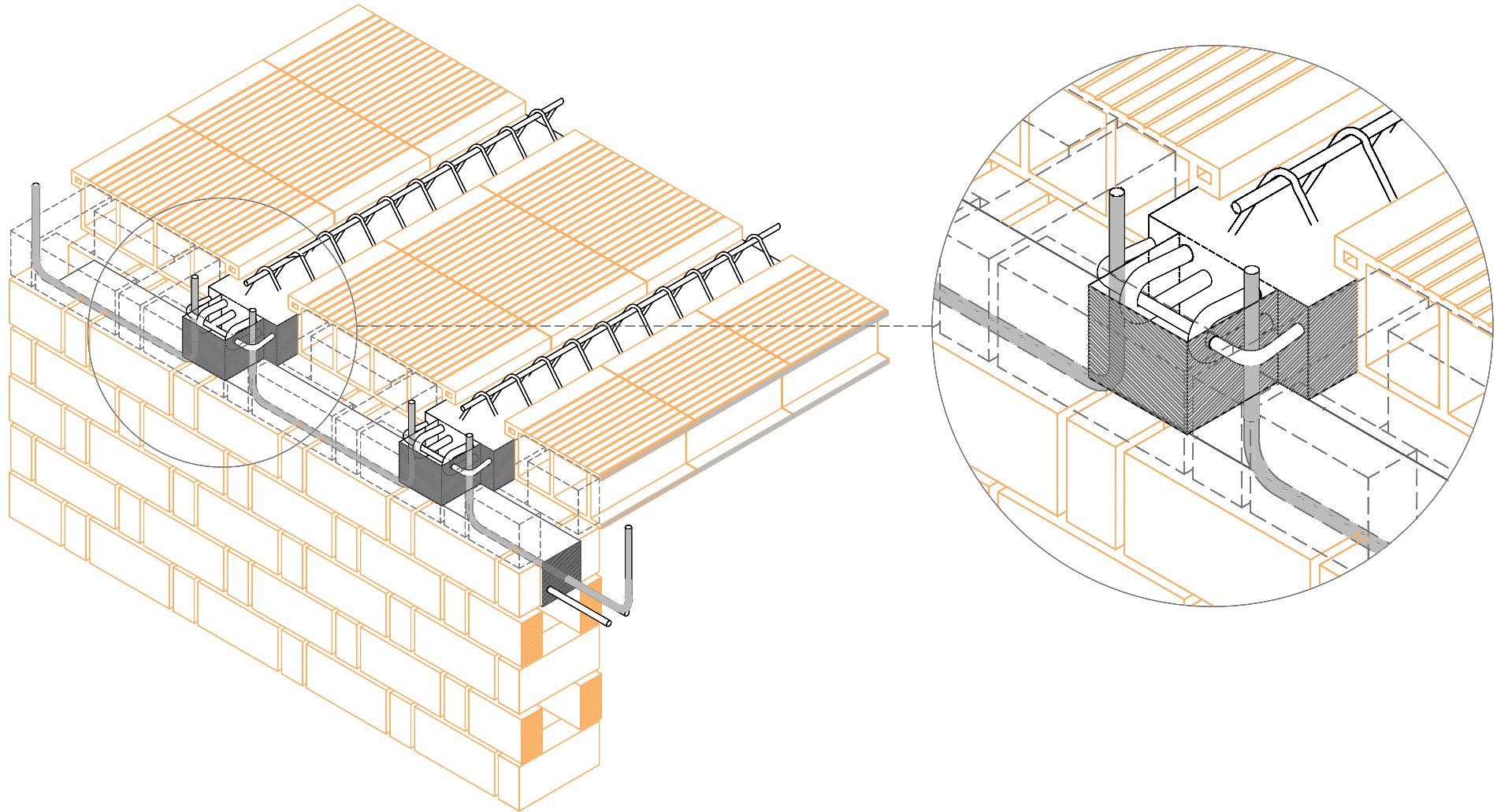
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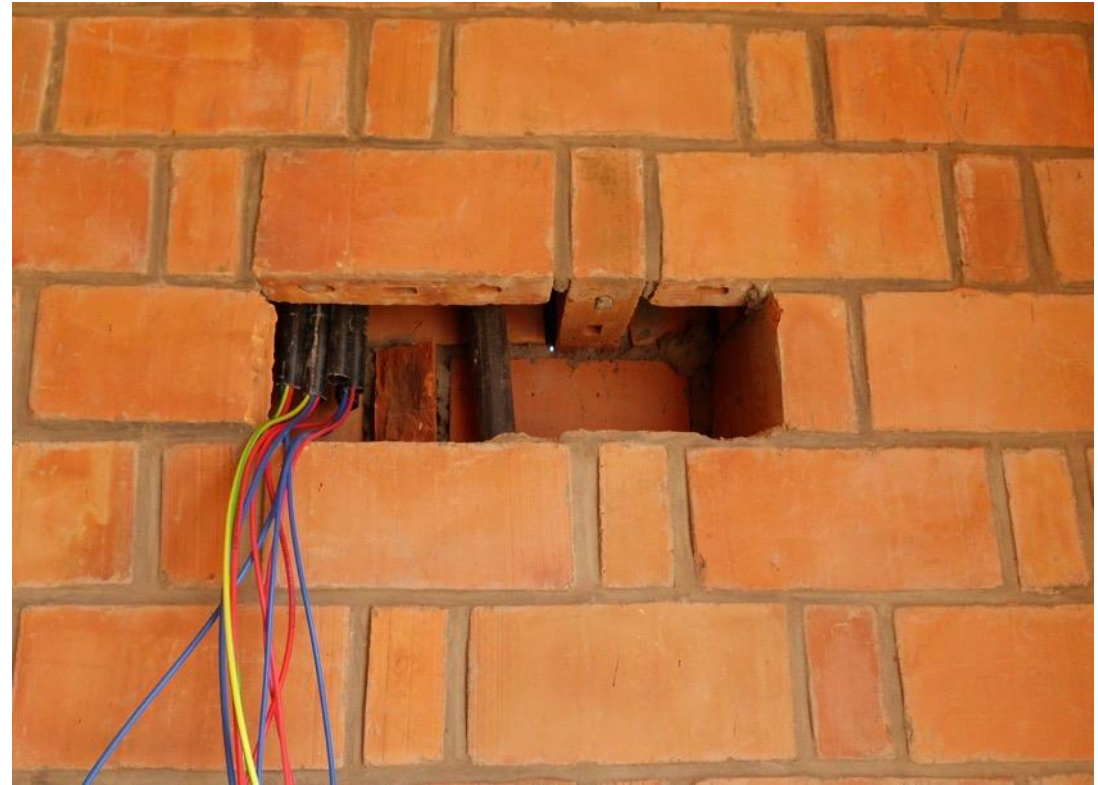
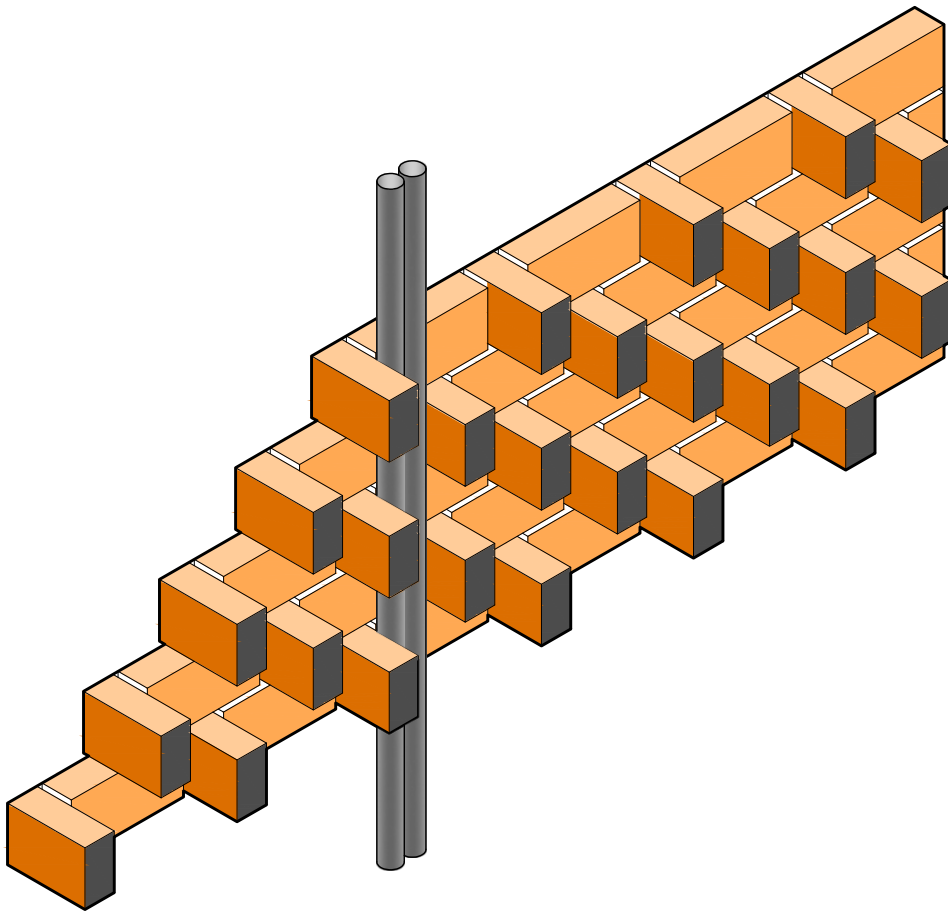
Max Span floor



THE Mechanical-Electrical-Plumbing INTEGRATION

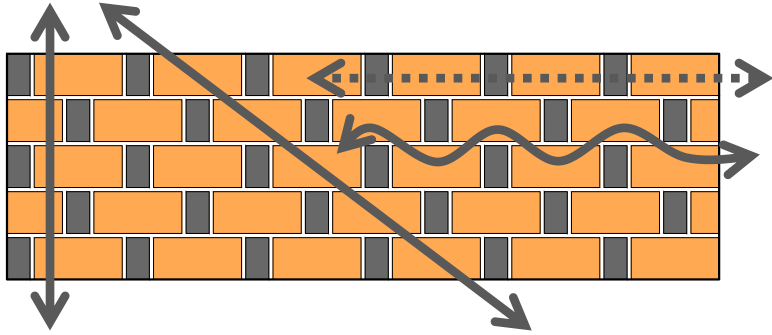
VERTICAL
HORIZONTAL
DIAGONAL

MEP CONNECTIONS



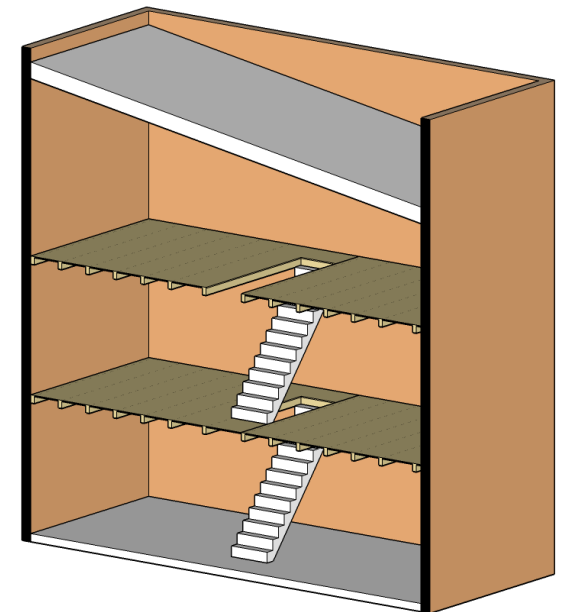
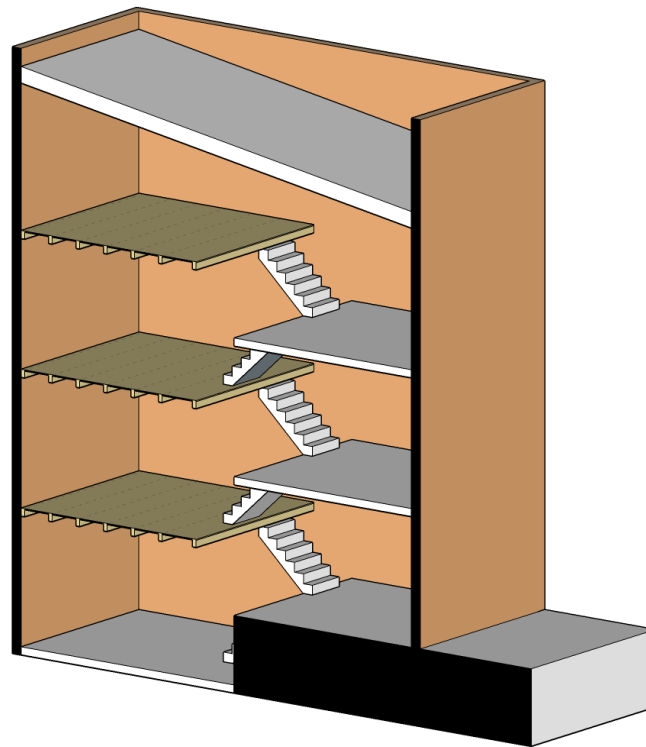
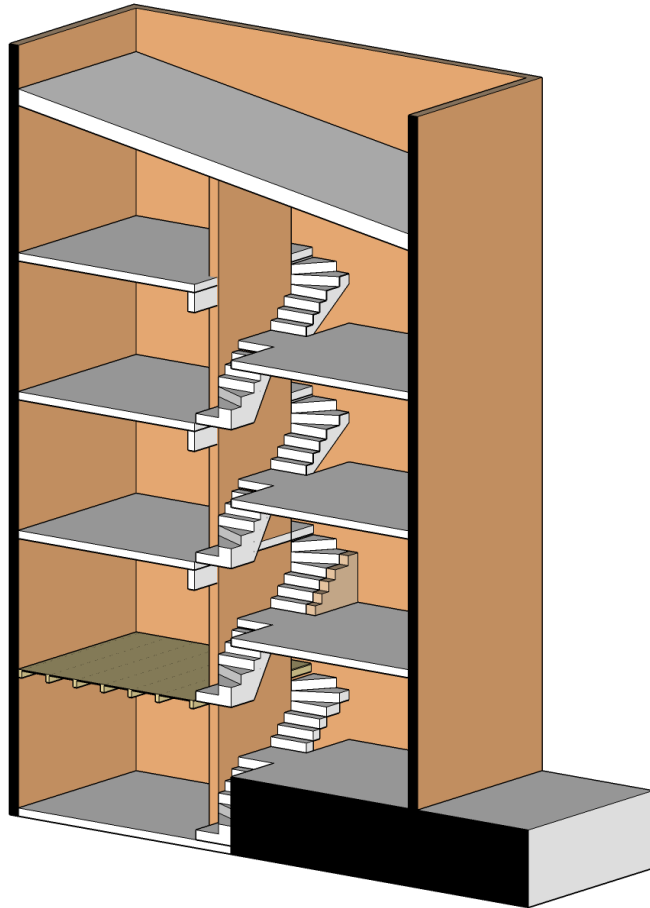
- > **EASY** integration when planned in advance
- > Still possible to **RETROFIT** if not planned

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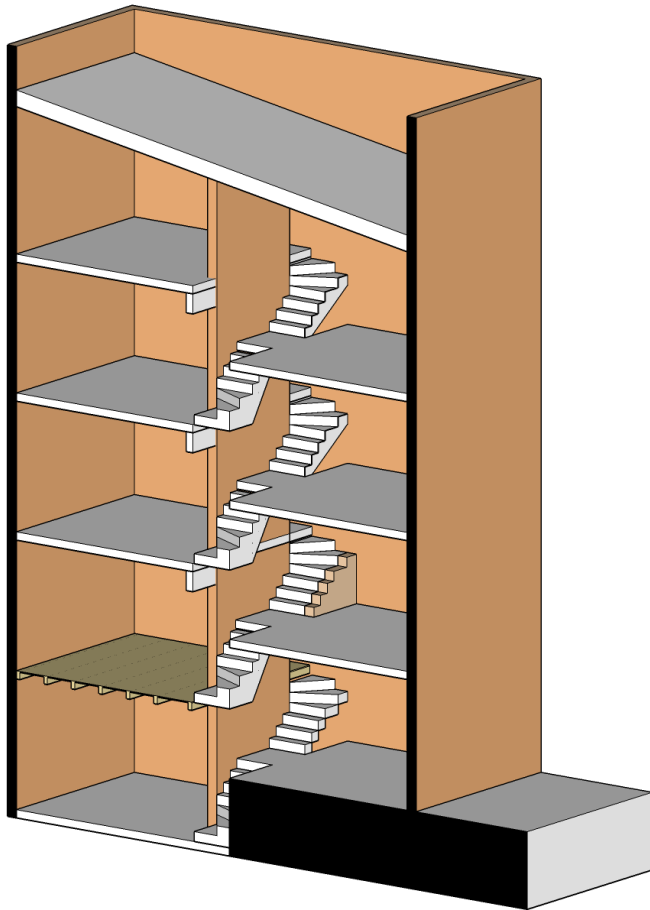
THE STAIRS

RLB typical construction details



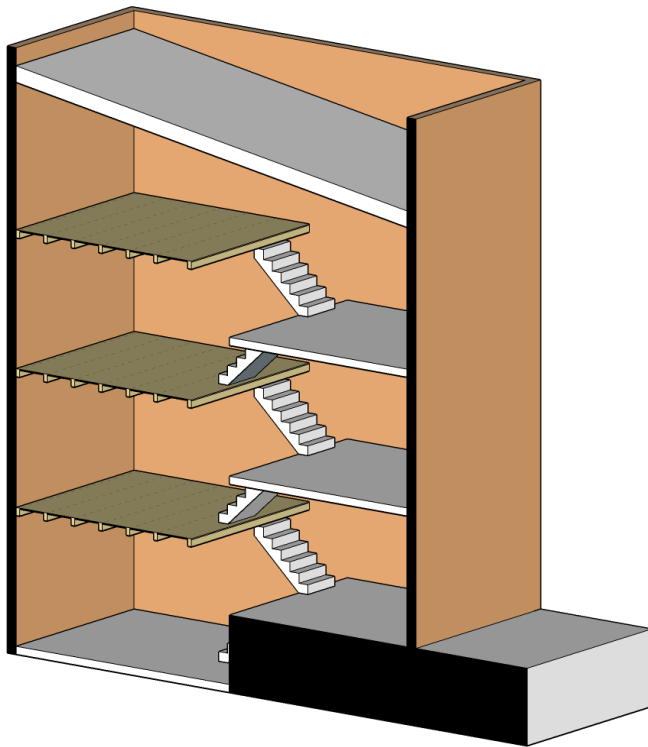
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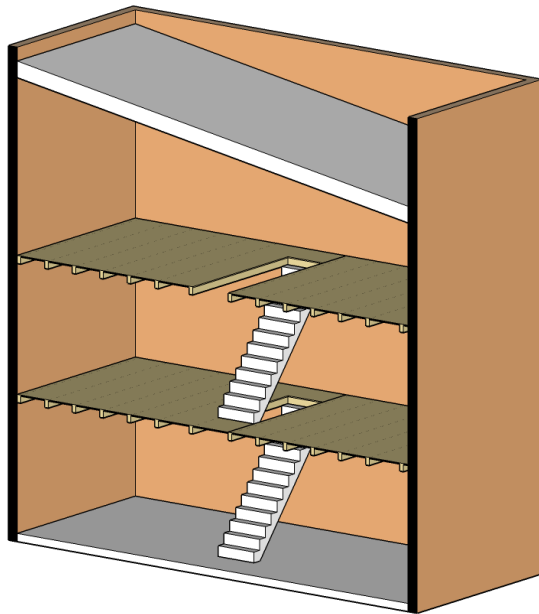
THE DETAILS

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THE STAIRS

RLB typical construction details – stairs





THE ROOF



THE **RLB CONSTRUCTION PROCESS**

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