



Brief

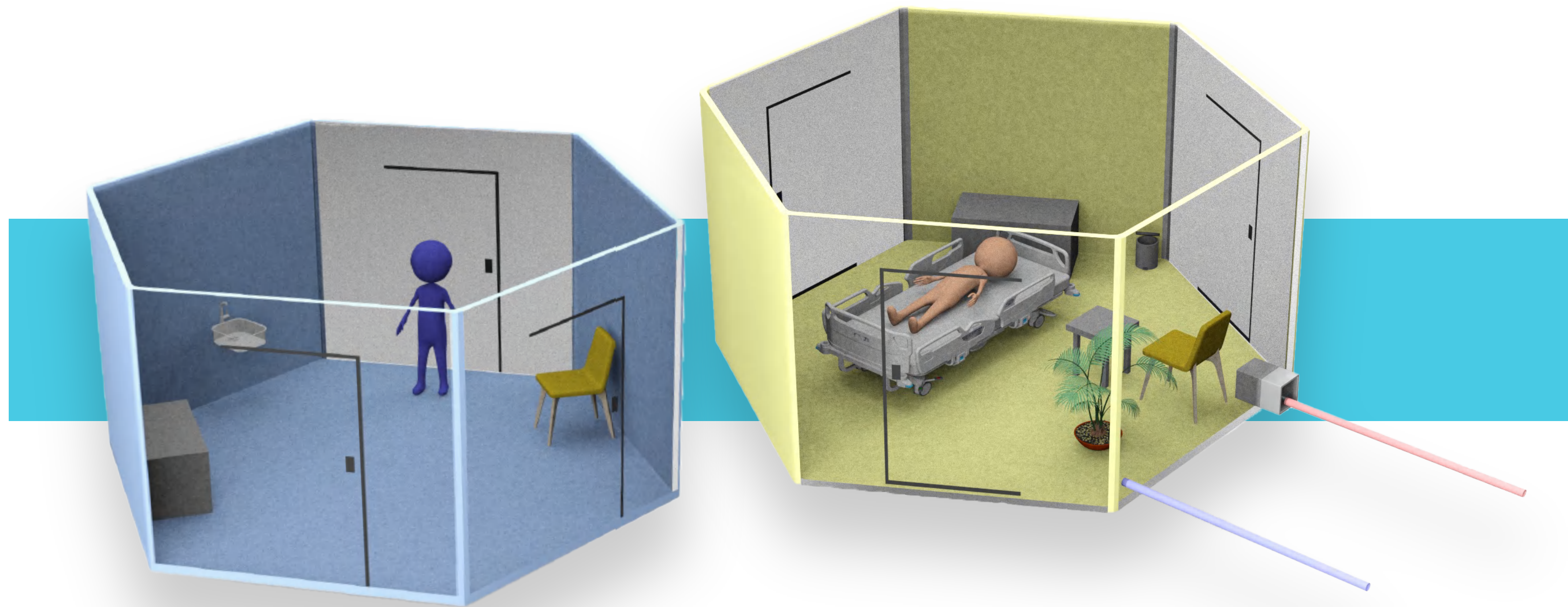
To design modular isolation wards for Covid patients that can be set up with ease at any location.

Situation

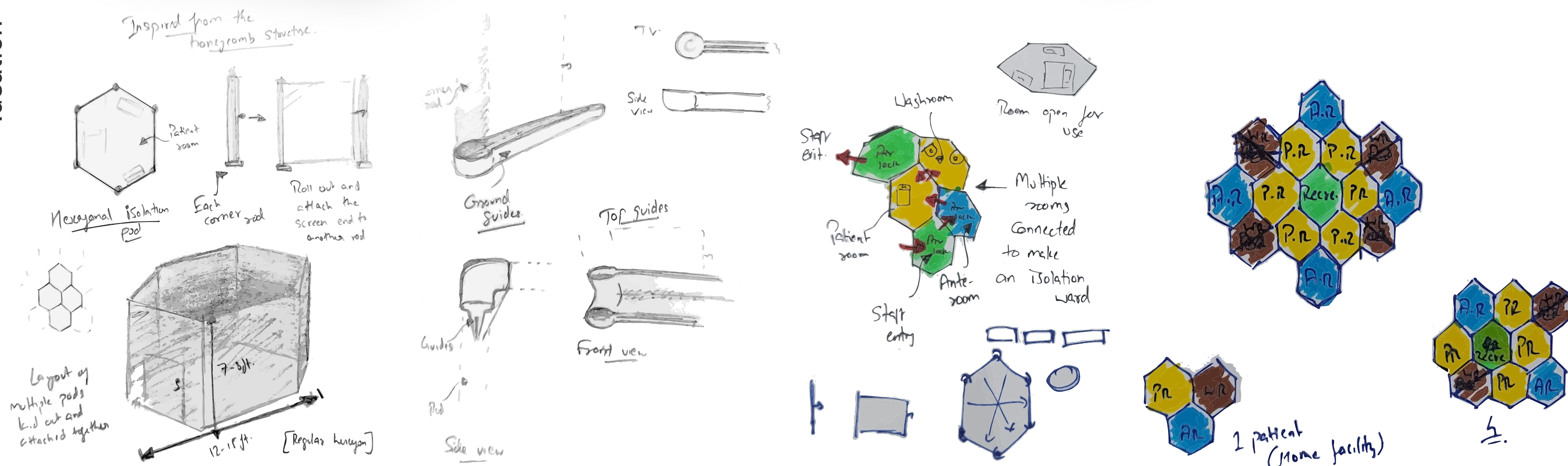
The pandemic has been cruel to those affected and the unaffected in various ways. The increased number of infected and suspected patients have been on rise and the facilities are drying up. Hospitals are running out of rooms for patients. Setting up makeshift wards at available spaces have been an option to look into.

Scope

Hive focuses on this option and providing with makeshift wards. The wards are designed in a way to be easily removed or assembled in less time. These pods or wards can be attached together as per the required number, thus making them modular. The design considers the technical seriousness required for isolations.



Ideation



Why Hexagon?

We tried to approach to the solution by looking it from a broader perspective considering the large amount of people in the distinctive areas.

It is understandable that conventional designs tend to point towards more square structures to simplify build while reducing the amount of material.

However, this significantly compromises on real life amenities required during building of psychologically sound isolation cells since a square has only three usable sides to build additional modules.

The ideation to the hexagonal module is to undercut the limitations on the square module with 5 accessible sides which allows plenty of amenity modules to be connected while ensuring the continuity of modules as and when required.

Research

Minimisation of the amount of used material

Minimal cost

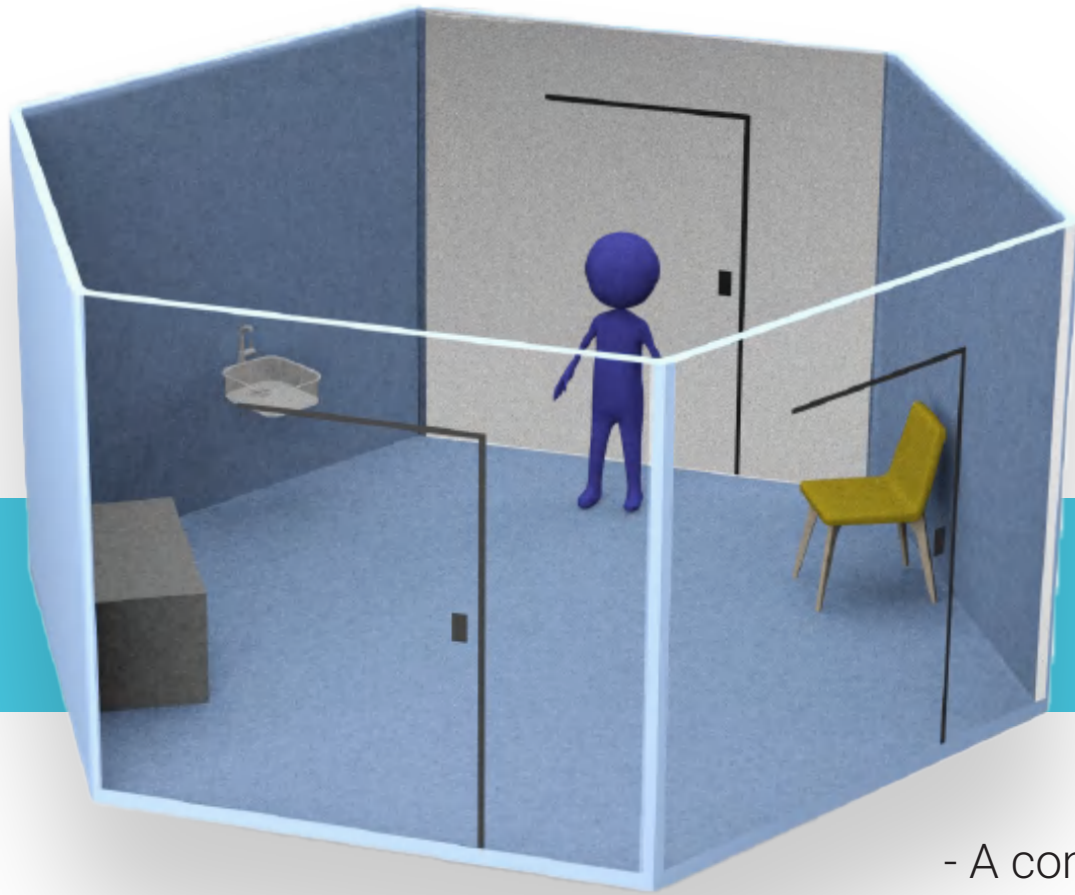
Minimal weight

Flexibility of extension

Clinical environment

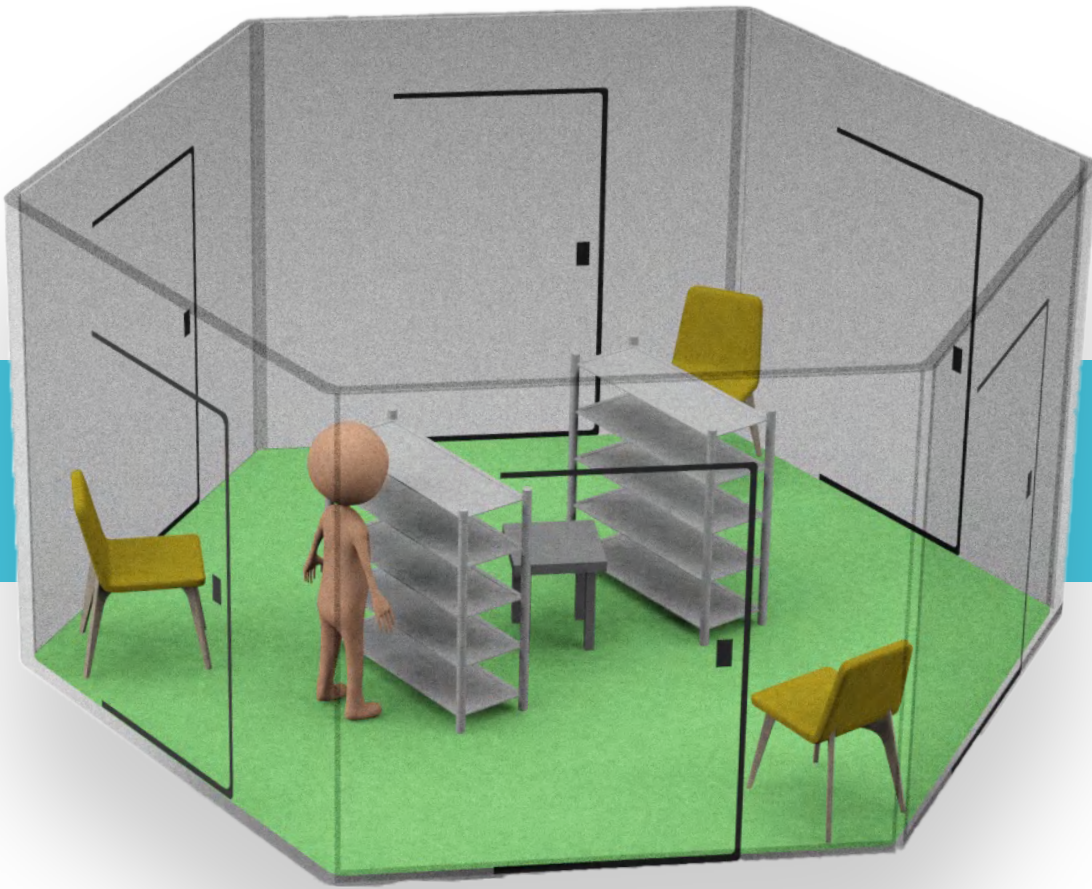
Isolation rooms

- Control of the quantity and quality of intake or exhaust air.
- Diluting infectious particles with large air volumes.
- Enough breathing space and area for the circulation.
- Maintaining different air pressures between adjacent areas.



Anteroom

- A controlled area to the transfer of supplies, equipment and persons without contamination impacting on the surrounding health care areas.
- A barrier against the potential loss of pressure.
- Controls the entry or exit of contaminated air when the anteroom door is opened
- A controlled area where the personal protective equipment (PPE) or clothing can be donned or removed prior to entry/exit of the isolated contamination area.

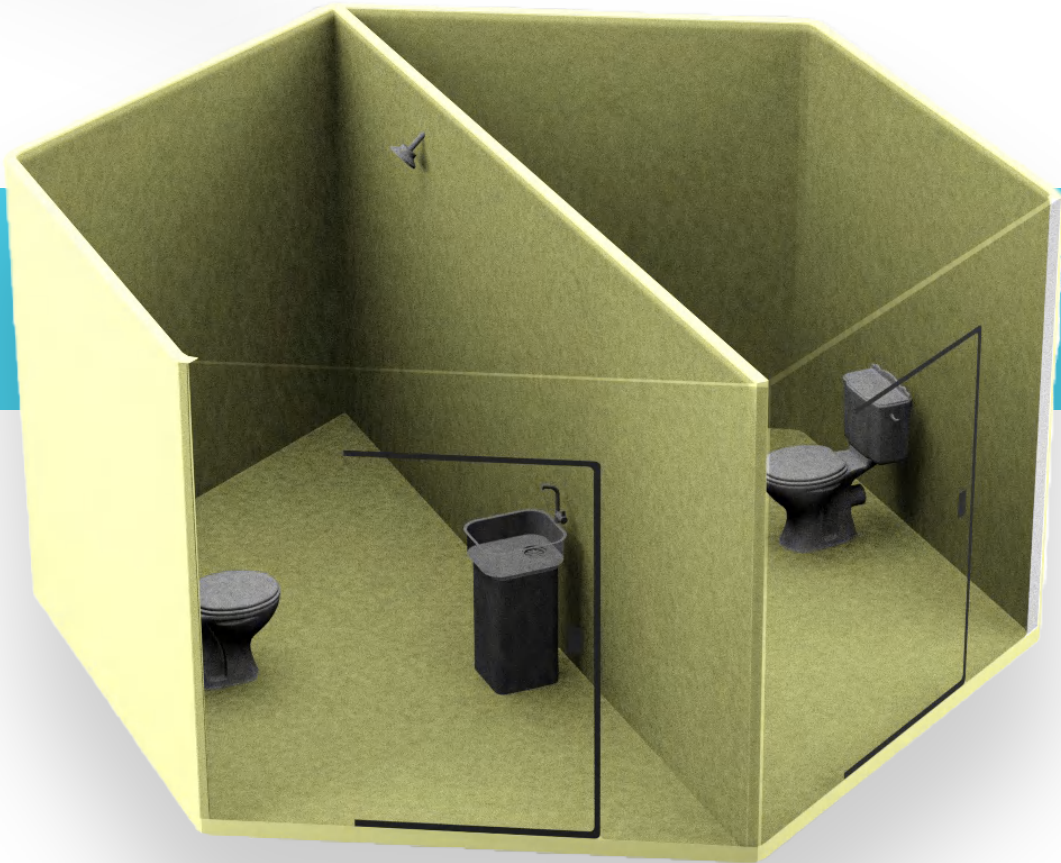


Recreation rooms

- A separate cell for the purpose of entertainment of the patients.
- Connected to all the rooms.
 - Facilities for reading, music, television, games and other activities can be provided to make patients feel comfortable.
 - To avoid gathering, maximum of three patients allowed at a time.

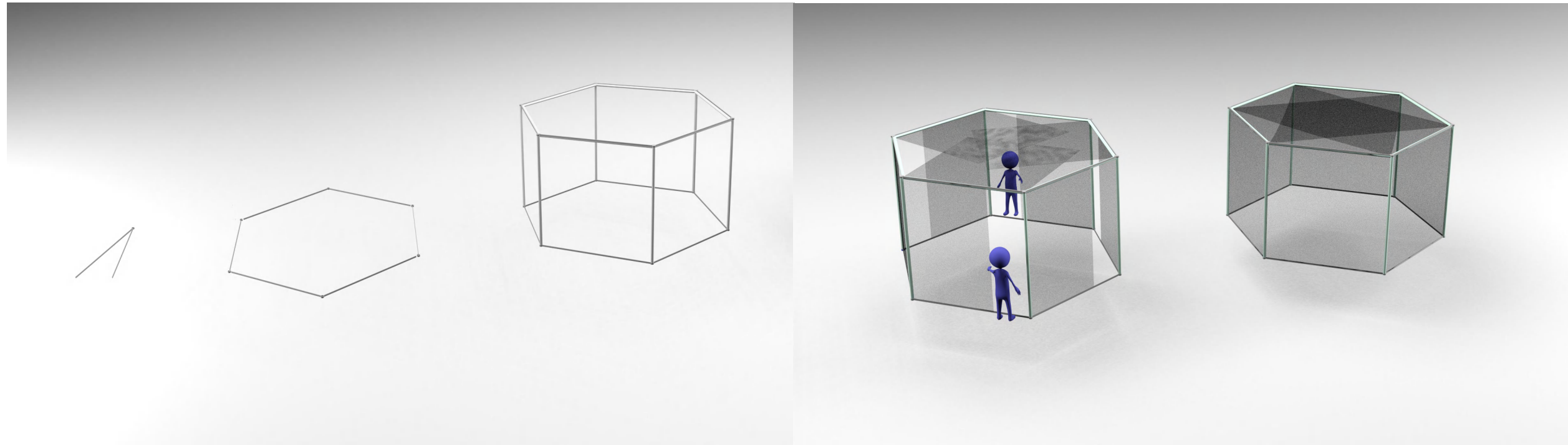
Washrooms

- Separate cells for washrooms attached to each isolation room
- Divided into two individual isolated washrooms to be shared between two patients in less severe regions
- Waste from each such washroom is collected at a common place, treated and then disposed of.

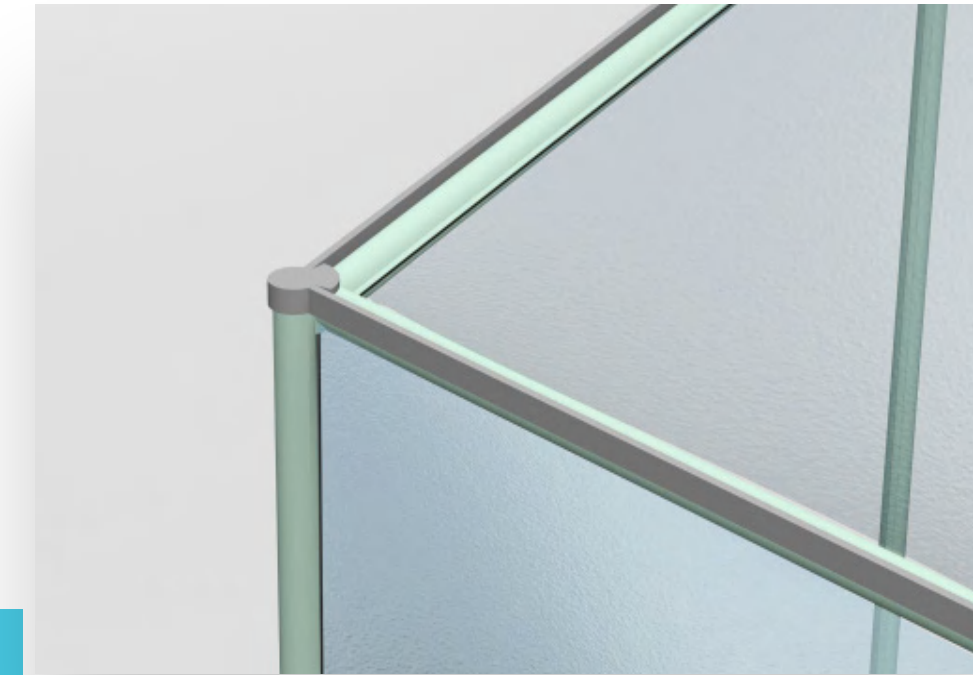


Joinery details

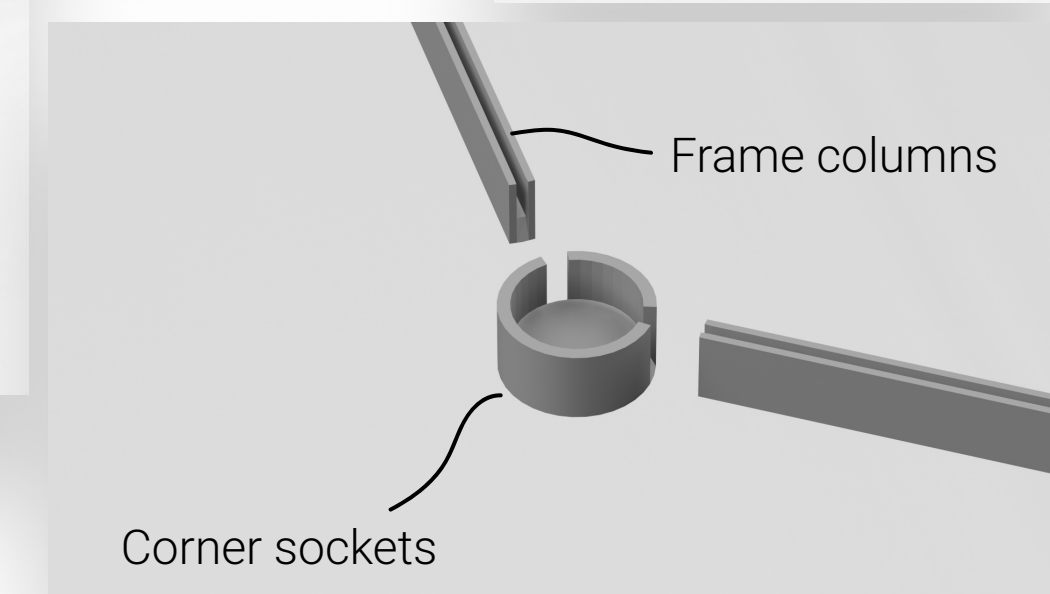
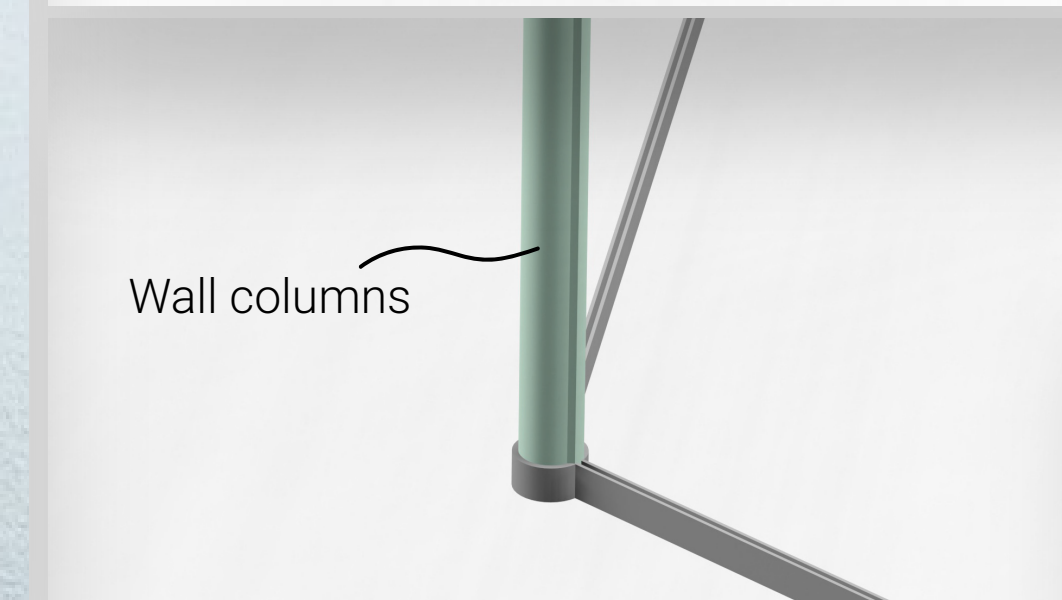
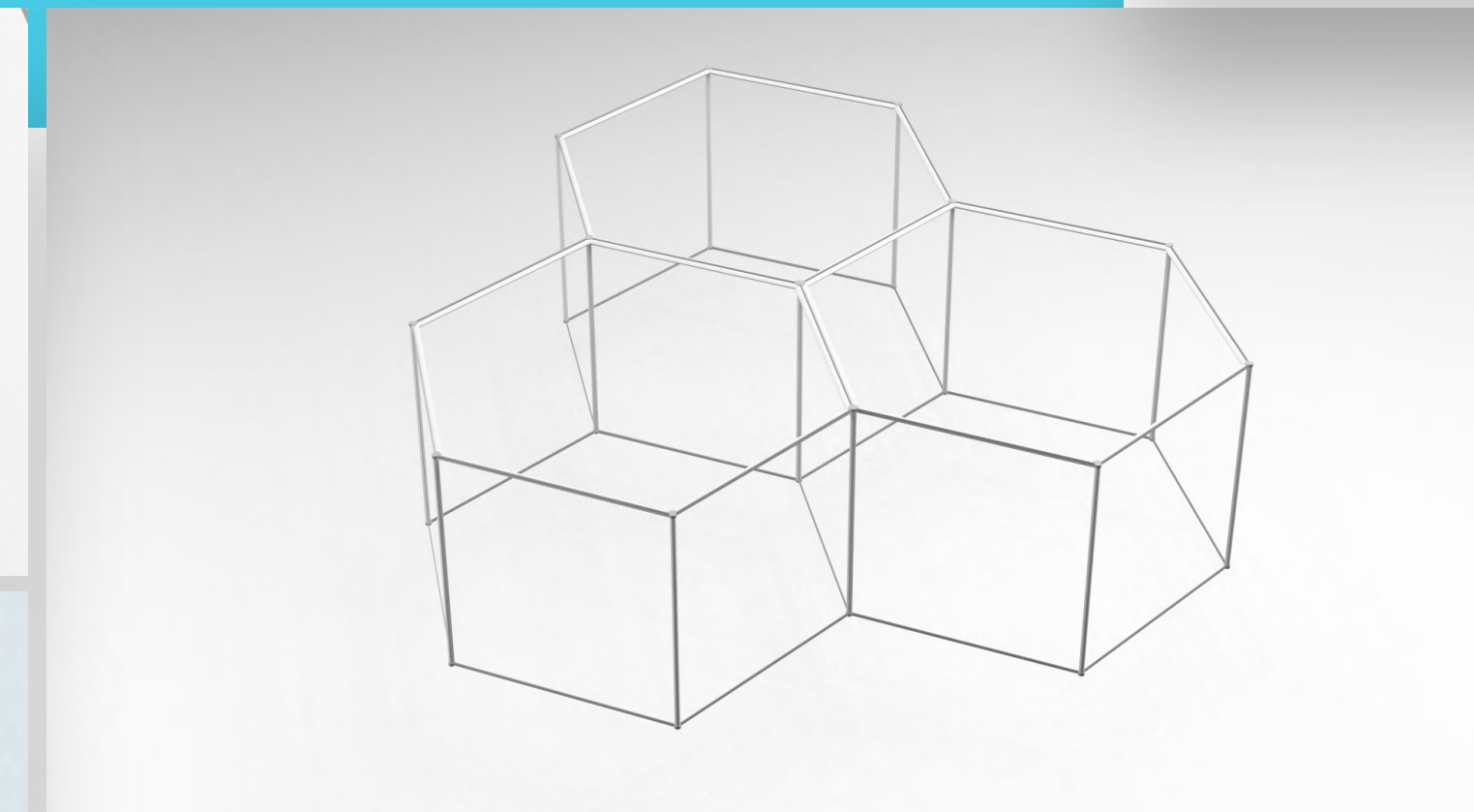
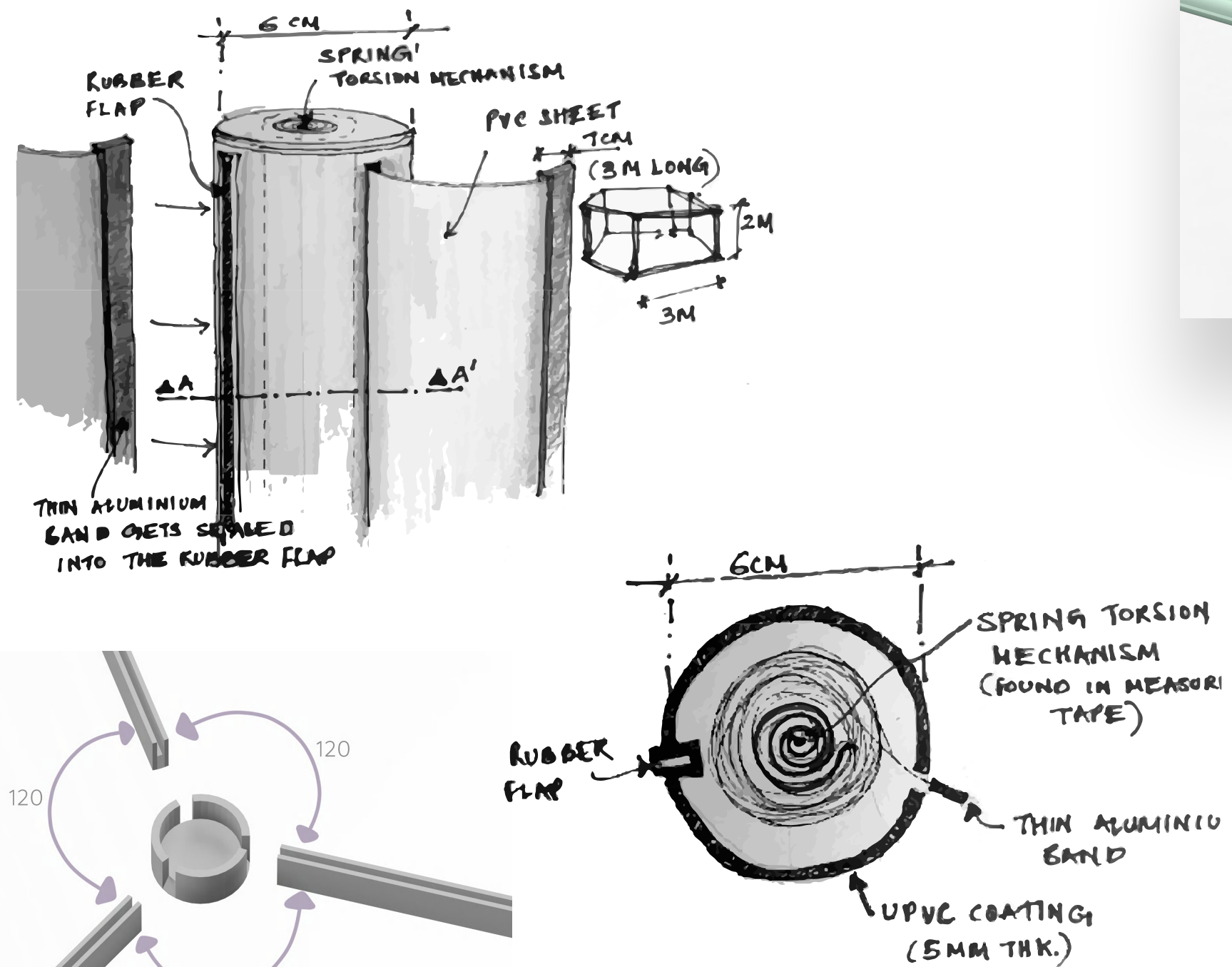
Setting up



Modularity
Assembly Framing

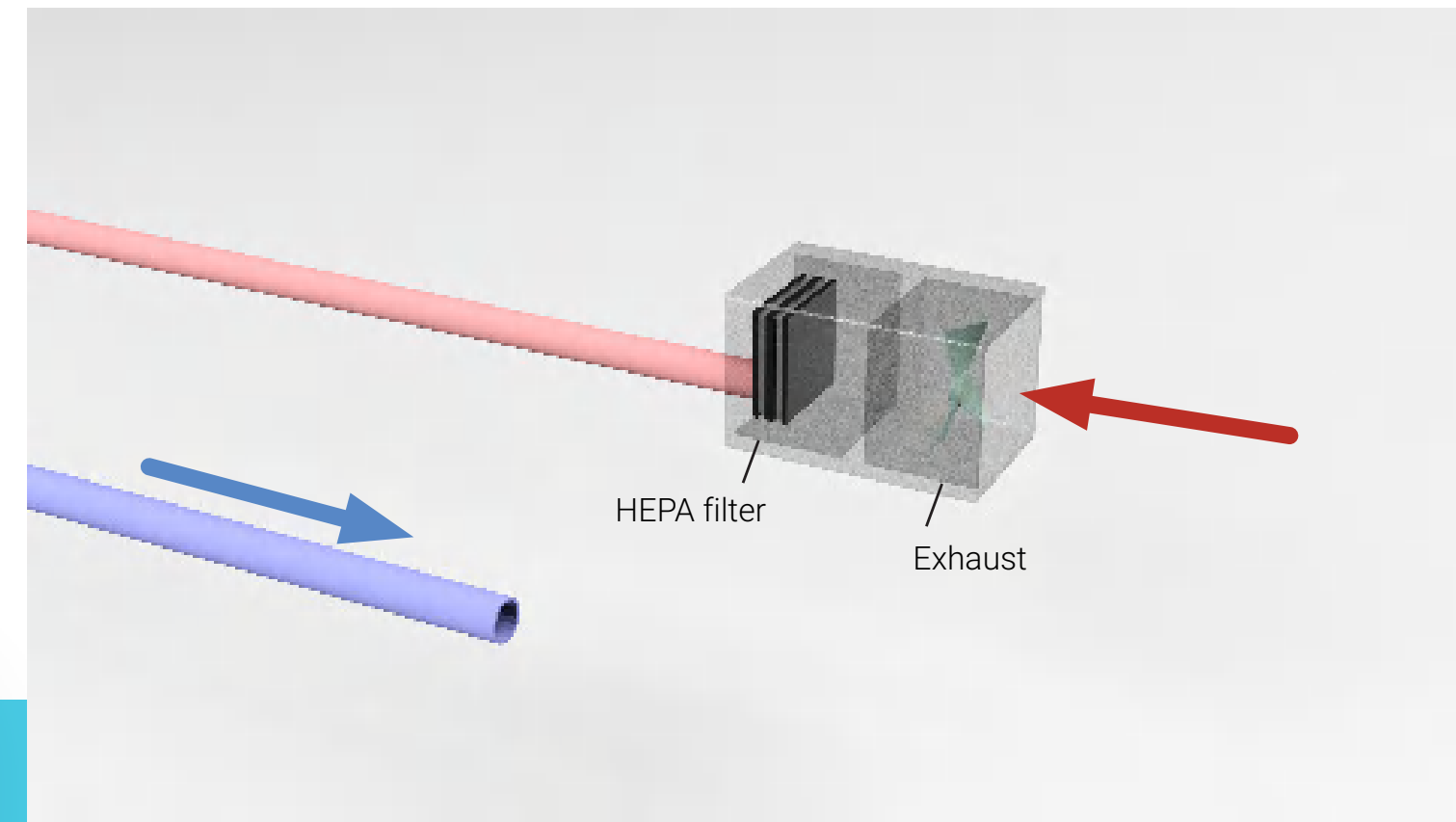
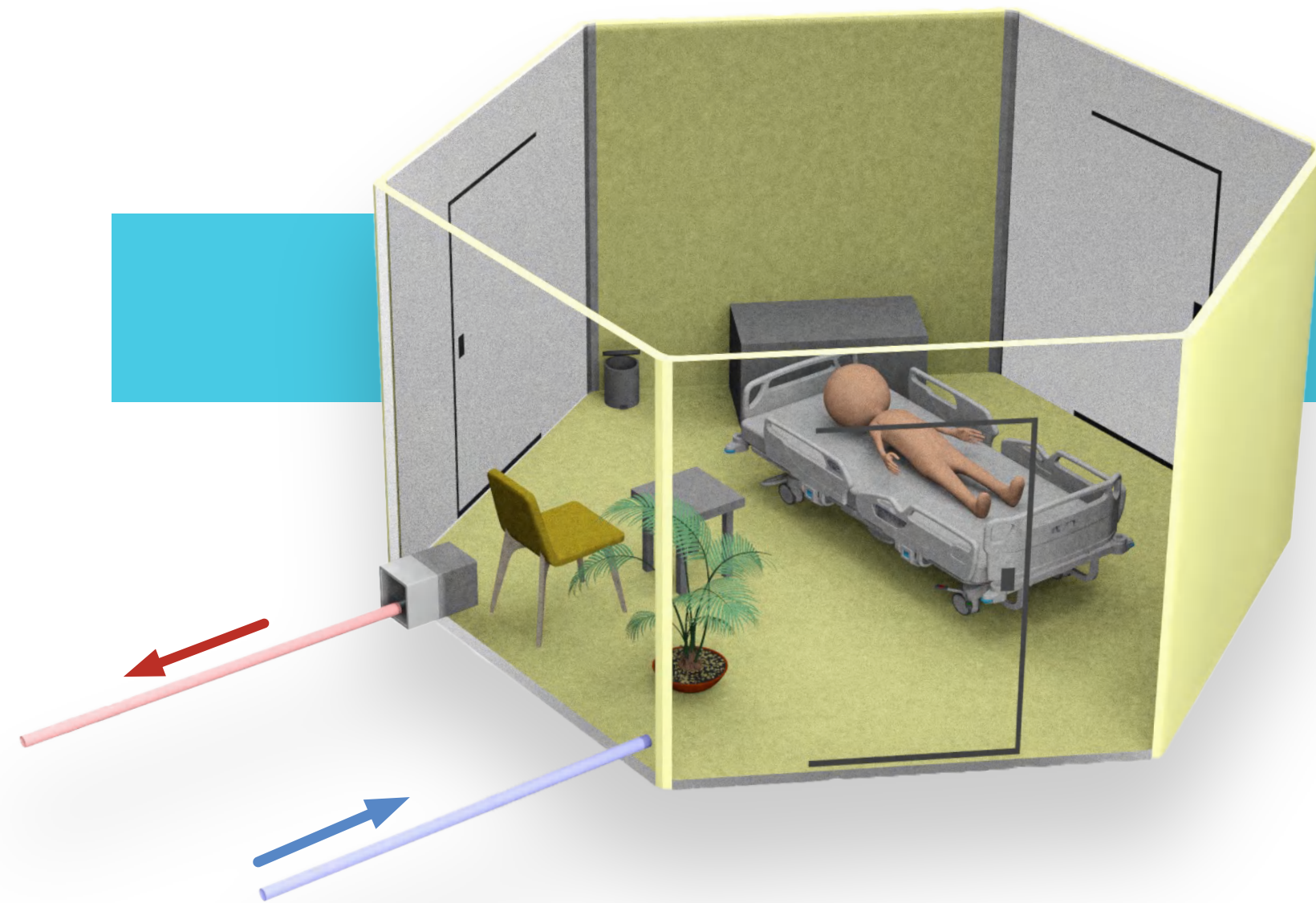


Functionality



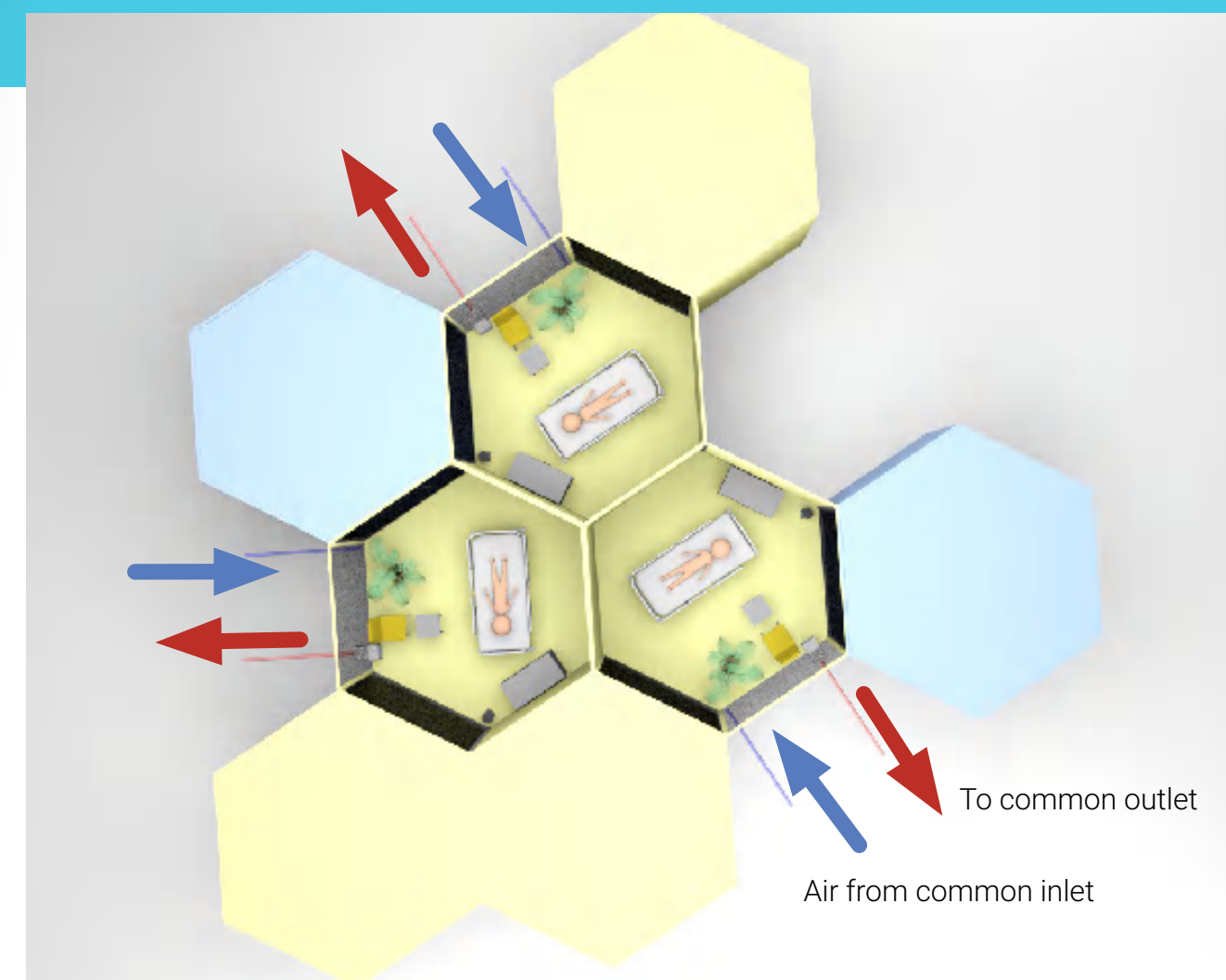
Air circulation system

Since the isolation here is served through makeshift wards, the air circulation units also have to be as simple and efficient as possible. Negatively pressurised rooms are used for the purpose of air circulation here. A negatively air pressurised room does not allow any contaminated air to exit the room to the outside area which is at a higher pressure (as compared to the room).



Negative air pressure

HEPA filter

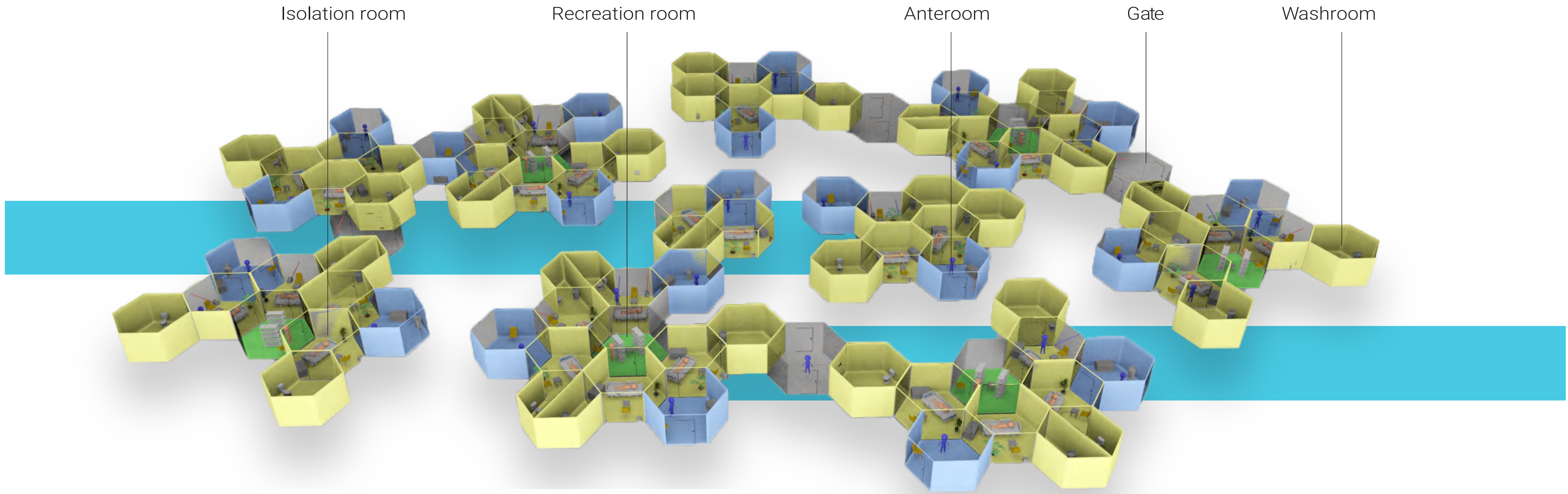


The used up air from the patient room is treated using the HEPA filters on the way out. The HEPA or High efficiency particulate air filters are high efficiency filters (efficiency of atleast 99.95%) which are generally used for purposes of contamination control in the medical field.

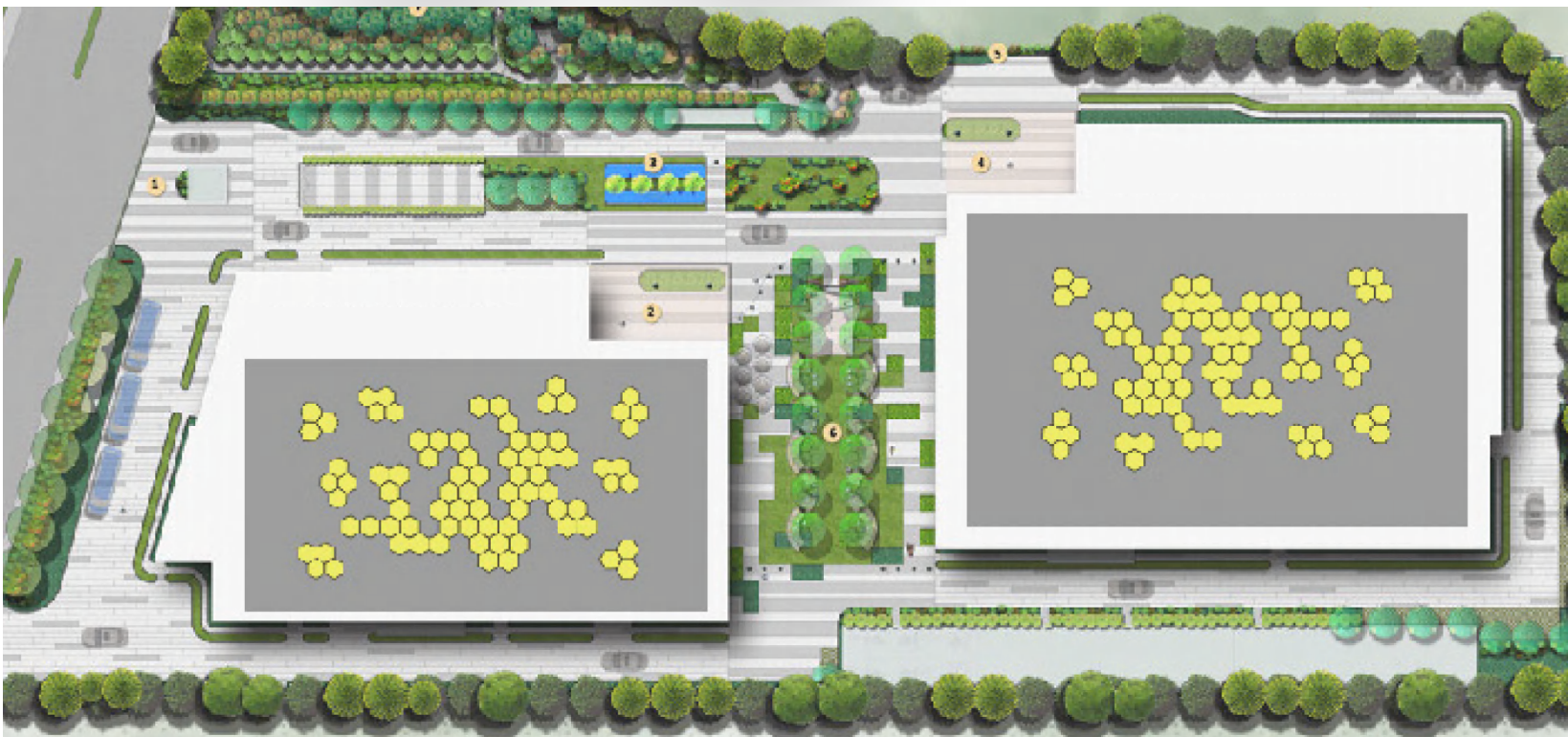
The air circulation of each room is controlled at a common place which can be set up by the authorities at the particular place.

Layout

The modularity of the structures helps in stacking the rooms in any order and in a more multidirectional way to utilise maximum space available.



Hives in use

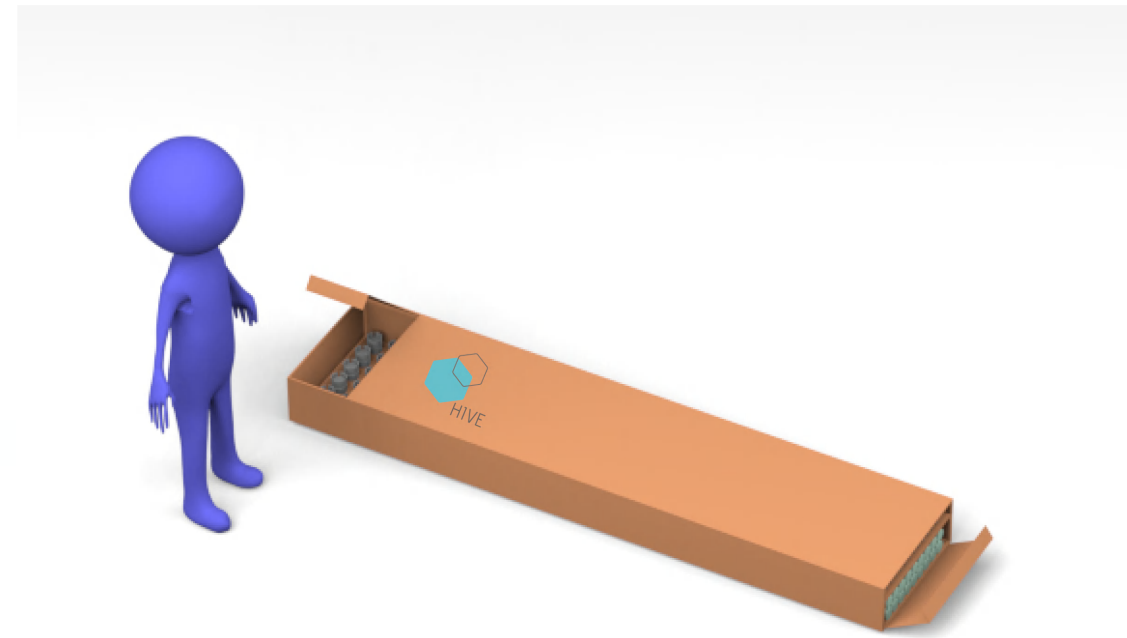
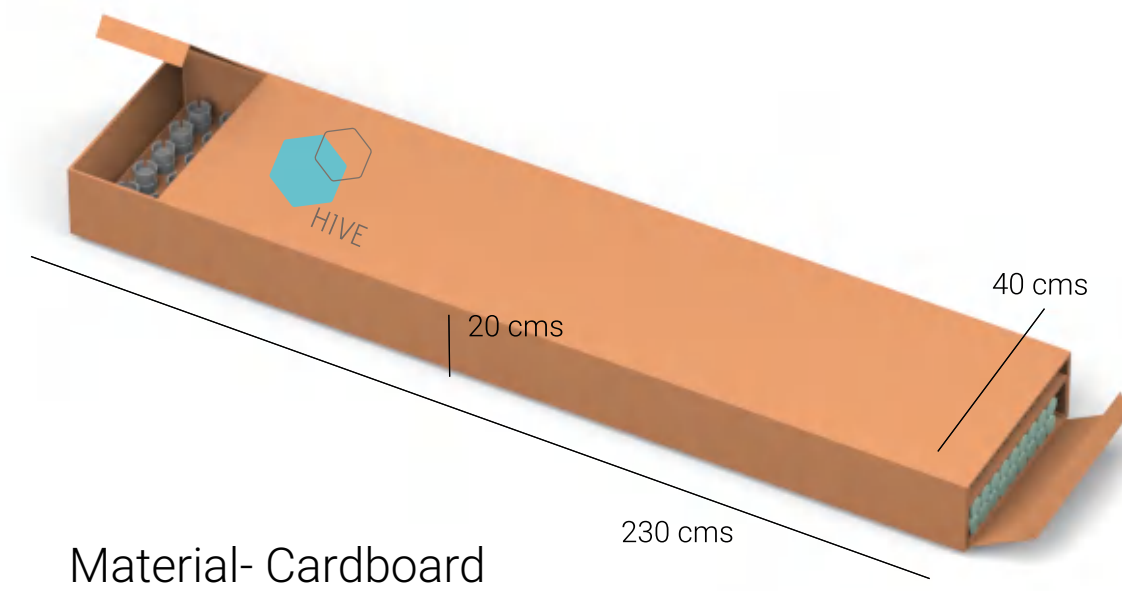
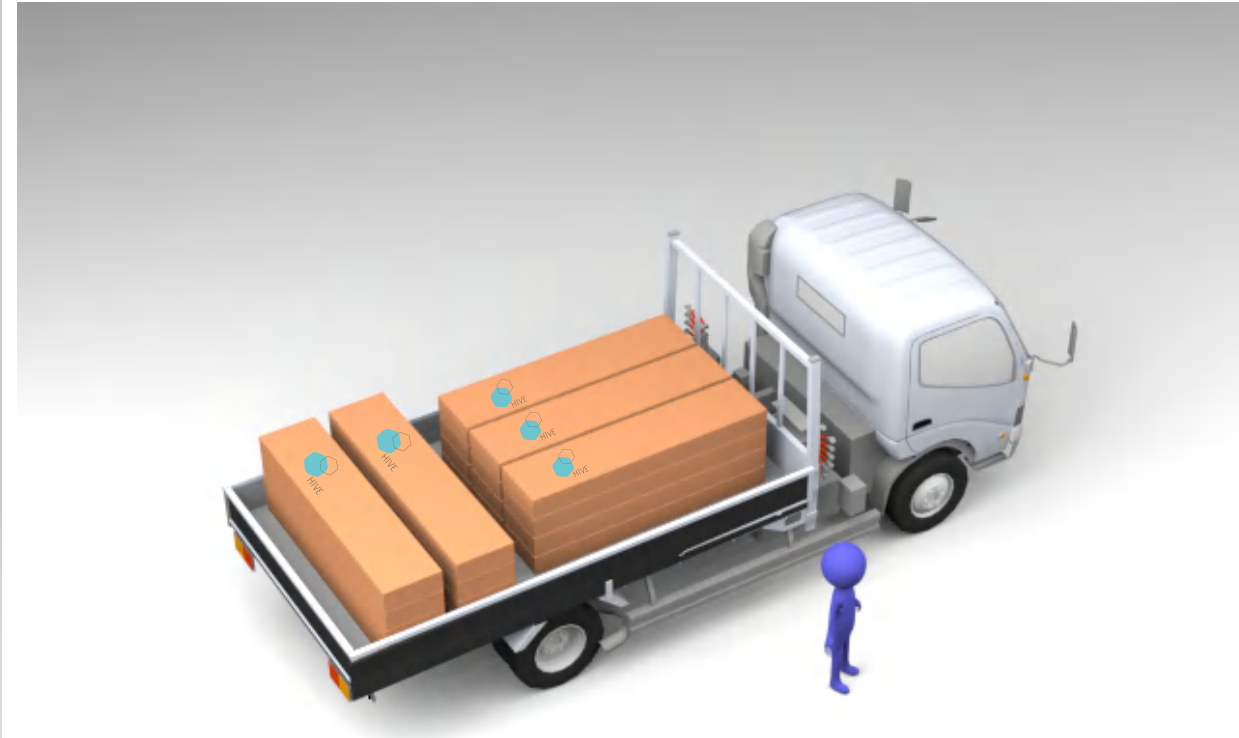
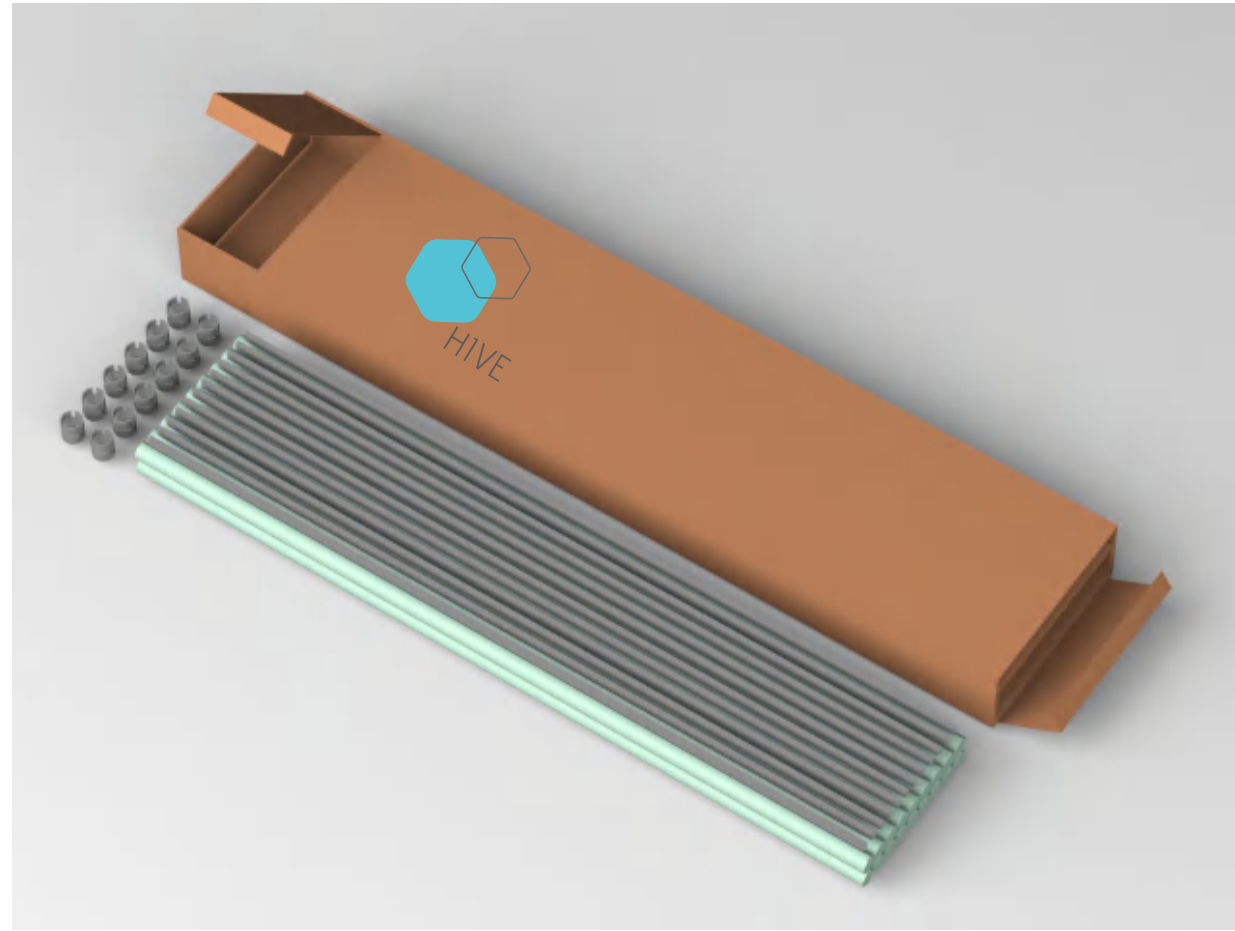


Auditoriums

Hospitals

Party halls

Packaging and Logistical support



Conceptual Prototype

