Virtual Structures

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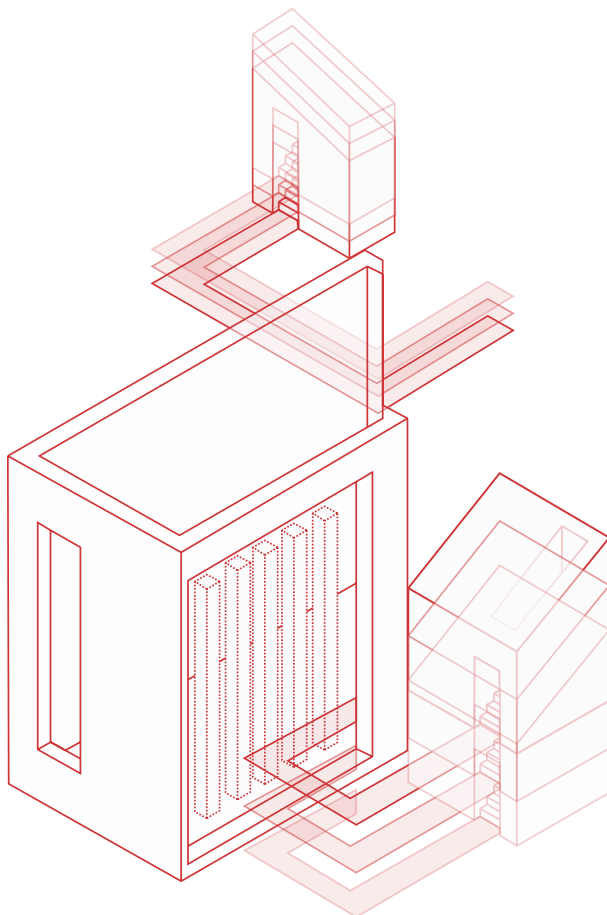
> Philosophy is the theory of multiplicities. Every multiplicity implies actual elements and virtual elements. There is no purely actual object. Every actuality surrounds itself with a fog of virtual images.
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> — Gilles Deleuze, The Actual and the Virtual

An actual particle has its virtual double, which barely diverges from it at all; an actual perception has its own memory as a sort of immediate, consecutive or even simultaneous double.
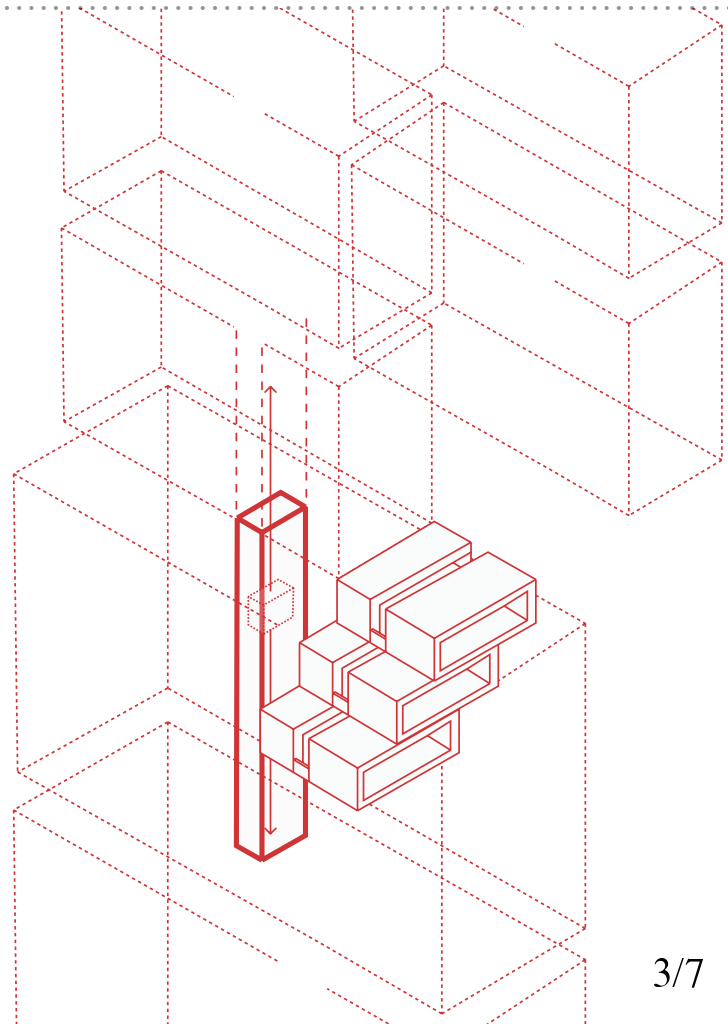
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The reality of the virtual consists of the differential elements and relations along with the singular points which correspond to them.
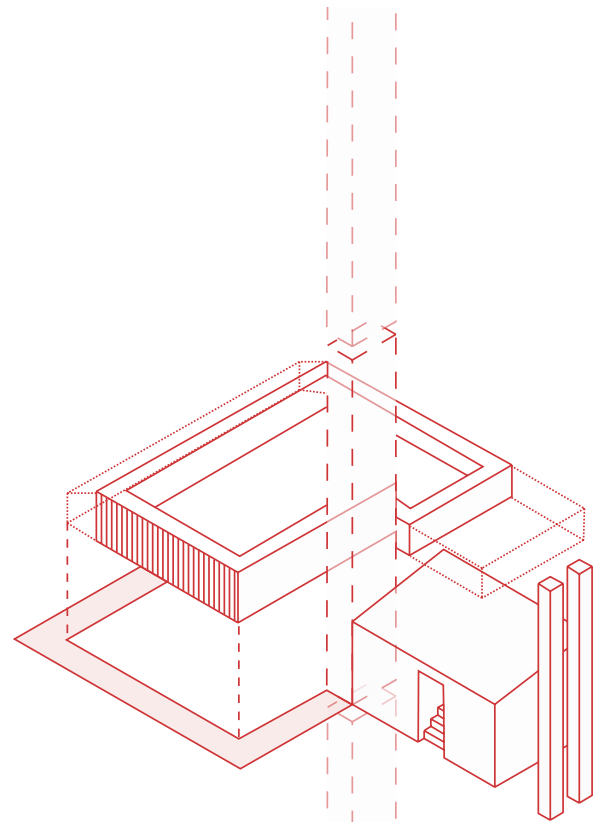
The reality of the virtual is structure.
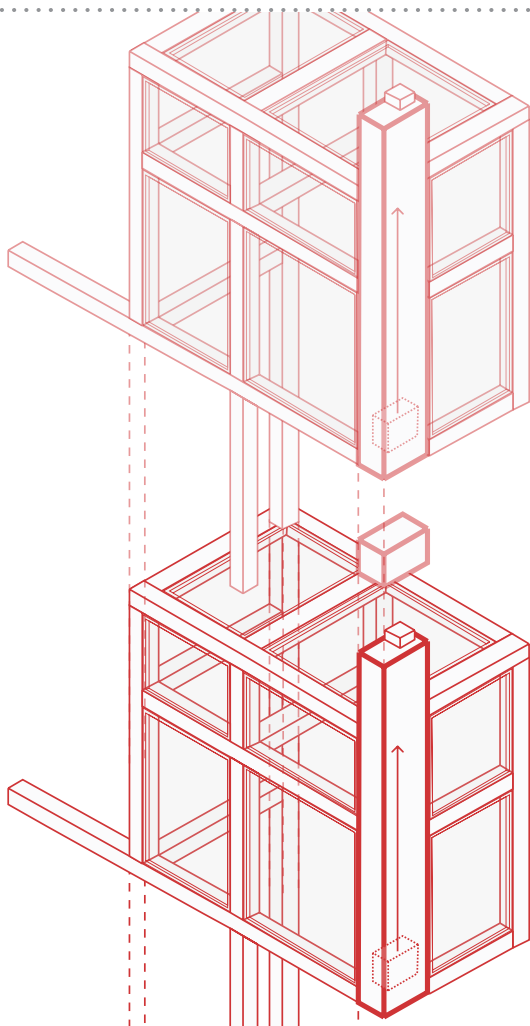
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The elements, varieties of relations and singular points coexist in the work or the object, in the virtual part of the work or object, without it being possible to designate a point of view privileged over others, a centre which would unify the other centres.
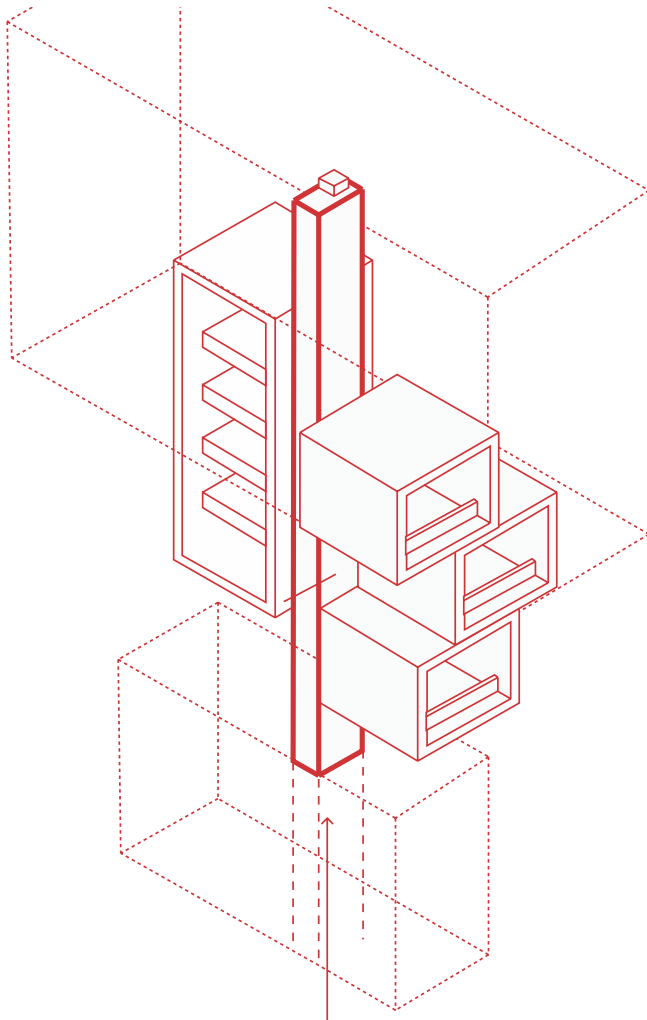
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Every object is double without it being the case that the two halves resemble one another, one being a virtual image and the other an actual image.
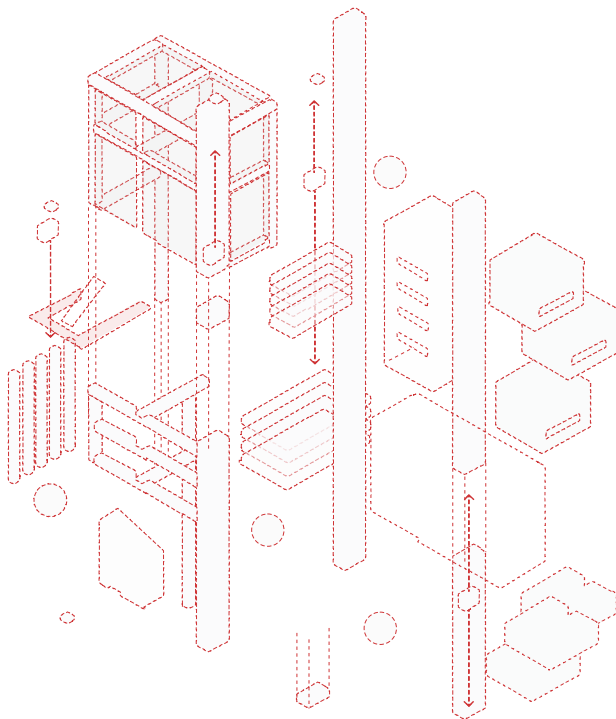
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...the virtual is not opposed
to the real; it possesses a
full reality by itself.

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The virtual possesses the
reality of a task to be
performed or a problem to
be solved: it is the problem
which orientates, conditions
and engenders solutions, but
these do not resemble the
conditions of the problem.

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