Building structure

The office and lab spaces in the ZVE are spread over four floors around an open atrium. This attractive vertical connecting axis with carefully chosen stairway locations achieves a close interlinking of workspaces on different floors and a huge reduction in vertical communication barriers such as exist in classic building structures. Moreover, variations in the height of office and lab spaces open up reciprocal views across stories, supporting the goal of the cross-functional, multi-disciplinary development of innovative solutions. The exchange of information and knowledge is fostered to the maximum in the center of the building, to the benefit of both concept development and efficient project execution. The further you go from the open core, the quieter it gets in the individual workspaces, meaning that quiet, concentrated work is also facilitated.

Office workspaces

Use of office workspace becomes more flexible for every story you go upwards. The two lower stories primarily house workspaces for technology developers, who frequently have to set up elaborate tests directly in their workspaces. Here they have ready access to infrastructure that meets these different, frequently changing workspace requirements. The work in the two upper stories is characterized by the variety of projects undertaken there, which can involve a flexibly changing roster of different experts. Only specific functional groups, for instance team assistants, are allocated fixed workstations. The innovation platform supports different work situations, from the withdrawal of individuals to quiet areas to the withdrawal of small groups to quiet areas to individual work in a vibrant co-working atmosphere alongside others.