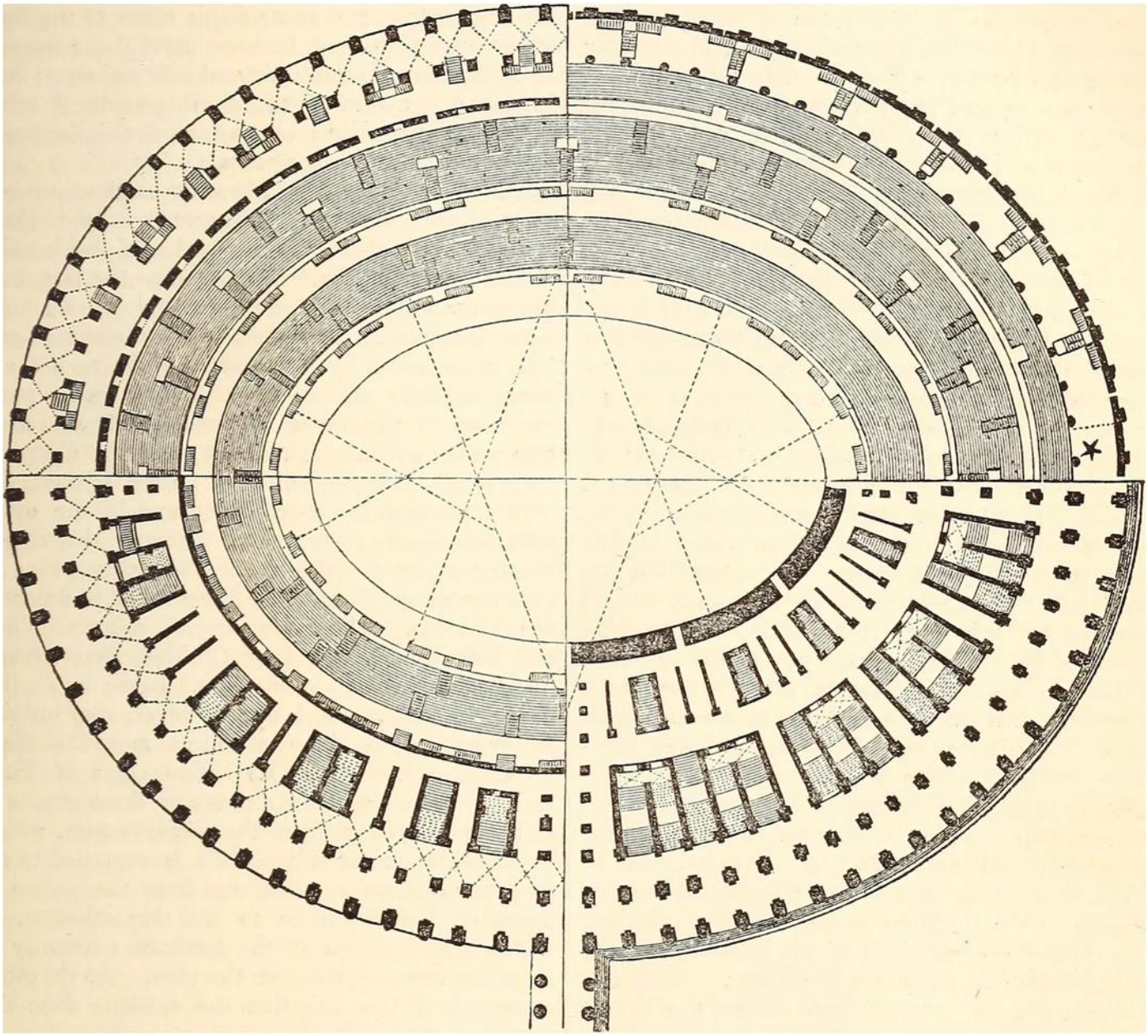
Colosseum, Rome: ground plan of the 4 levels

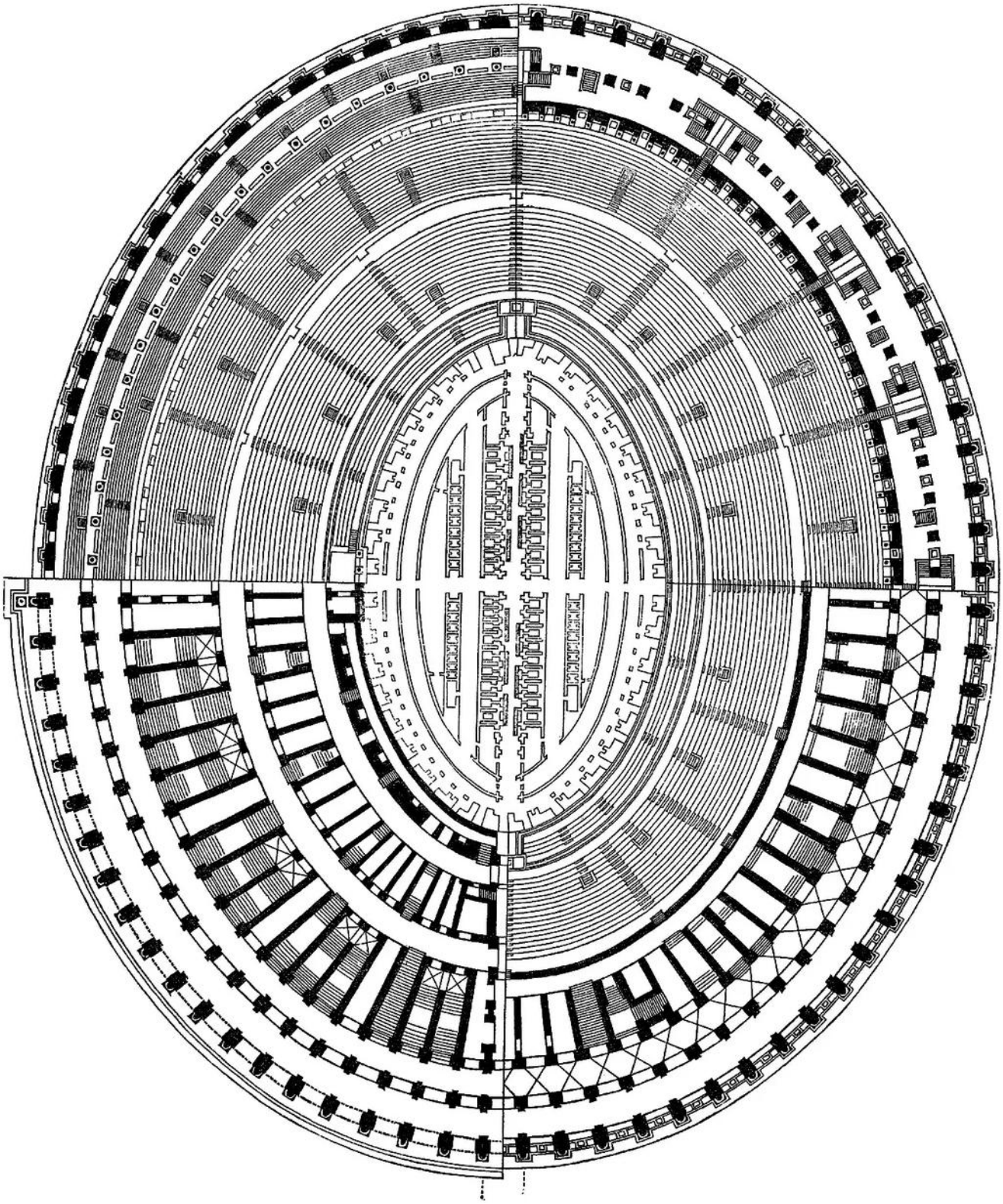
Read it as 4 slices of the same building. Lower right: the ground floor, with the outer ring of arches, the radial walls and the stairs. Lower left: the level of the second row of outer columns. Upper left: the third level. Upper right: the interior seen from straight above.



Ground plan of the Flavian Amphitheatre, after Hirt, from William Smith's Dictionary of Greek and Roman Antiquities (1849). Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons.

Colosseum, Rome: plan with the underground

The corridors of the underground (hypogeum) are drawn in the centre of the arena, surrounded by the rings of seating and the outer arcades. Today you see 14 corridors on either side of a wide central passage.



Plan of the Colosseum from the Dictionnaire des Antiquités Grecques et Romaines, vol. I (Paris, 1877), fig. 272. Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons.