OPEN BUILDING IS FOR REAL









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Open Building is for real in all kinds of architecture



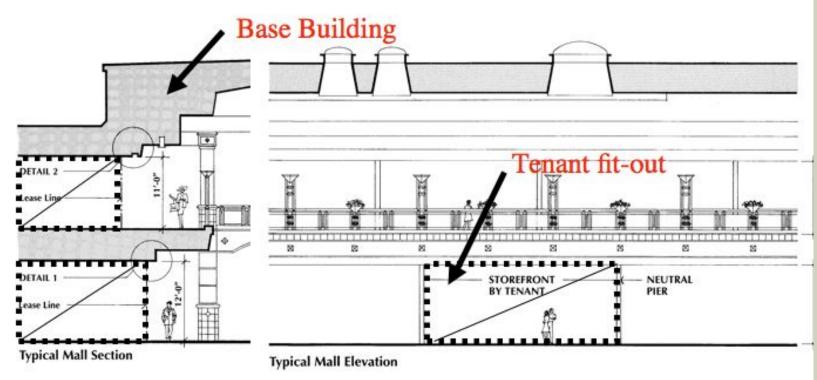






...everywhere...

Shopping centers are handled in very conventional ways...

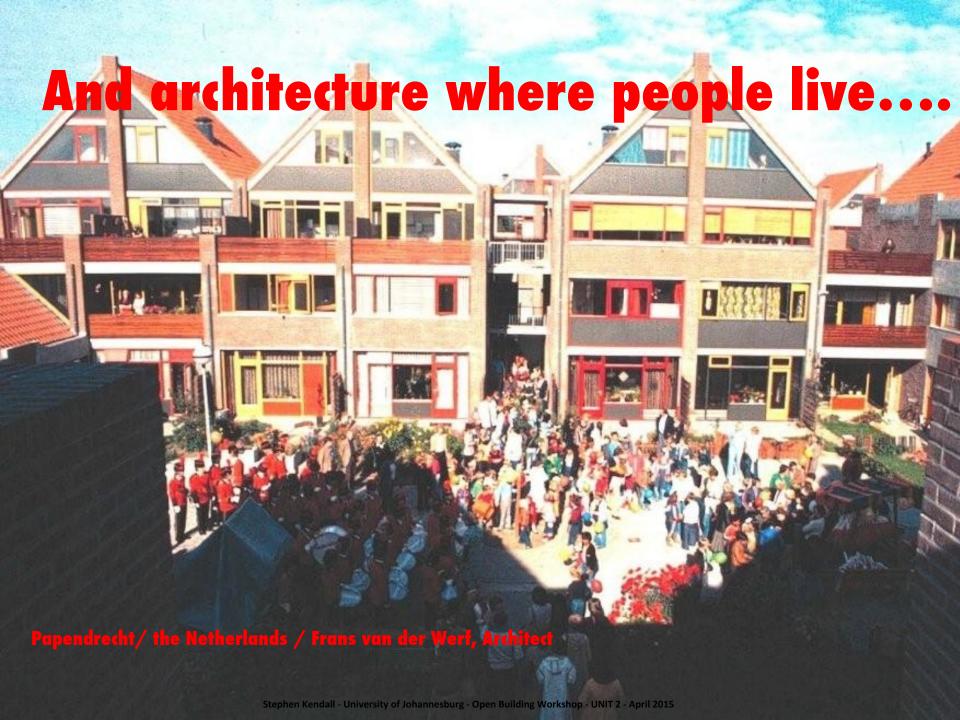












BUT..

Residential architecture is lagging behind other use types in adopting open building. WHY?

After all, people are not all the same, and living standards change. So why shouldn't dwellings conform to the natural variety and changing realities of households?

Papendrecht Molenvliet

The Netherlands

One of the first large housing projects of this kind...





Simple, repetitive tunnel form construction of the base building's structure

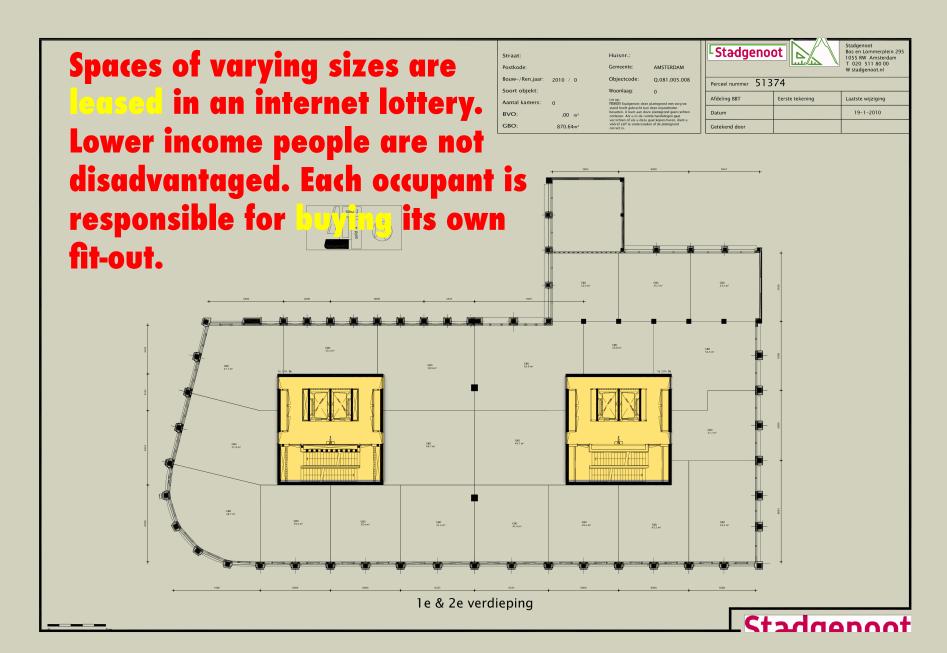


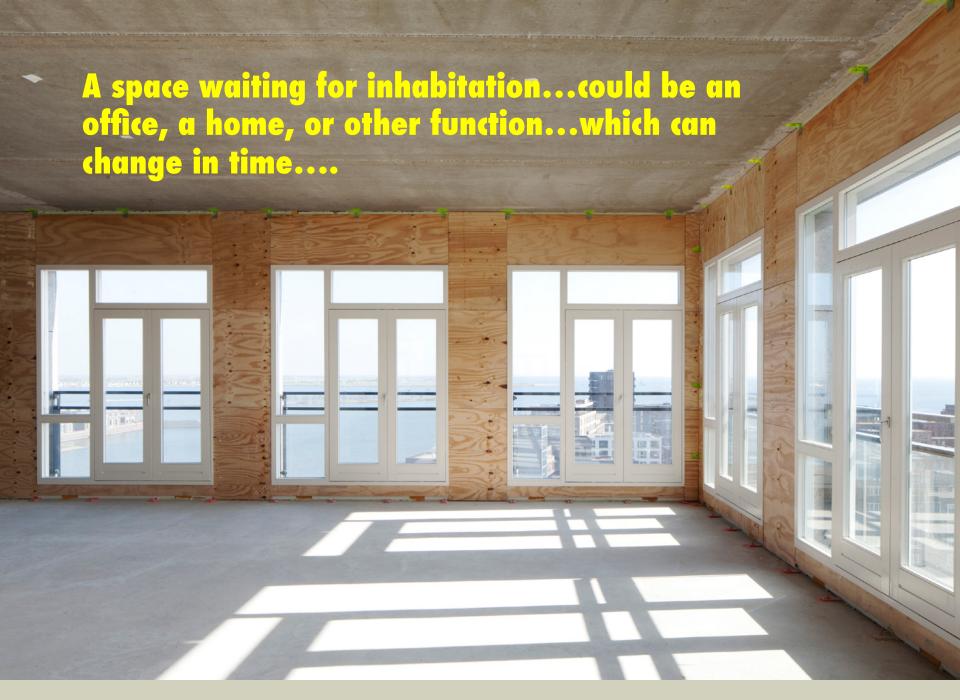
the wide variety of dwellings ... no two are alike

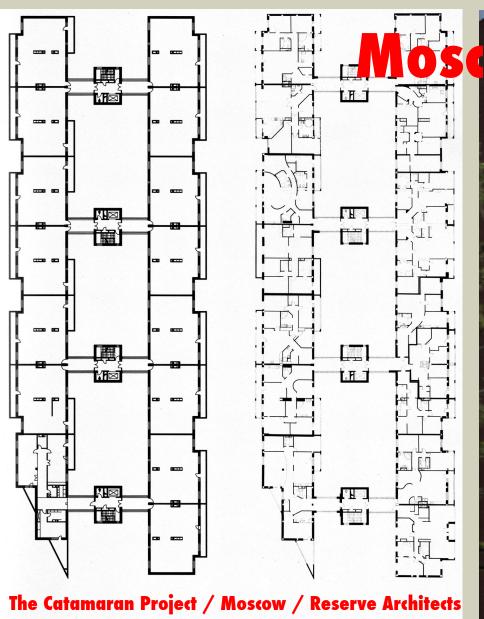
Subsidized housing project with 124 units +/-



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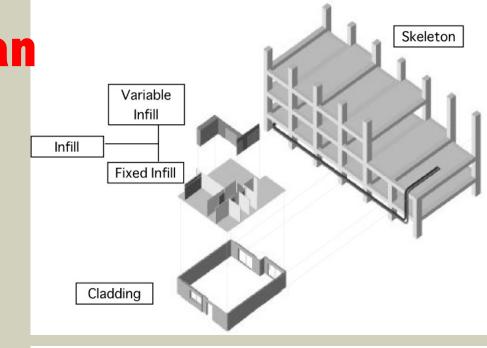
TPO Reserv Apartment block in Moscow, 2000 plan of the building plans of the apartments

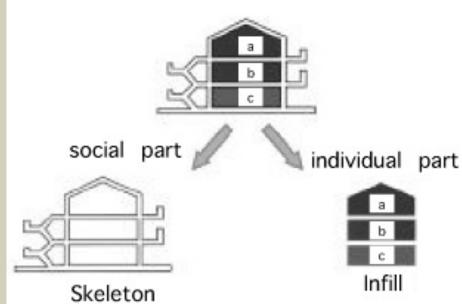
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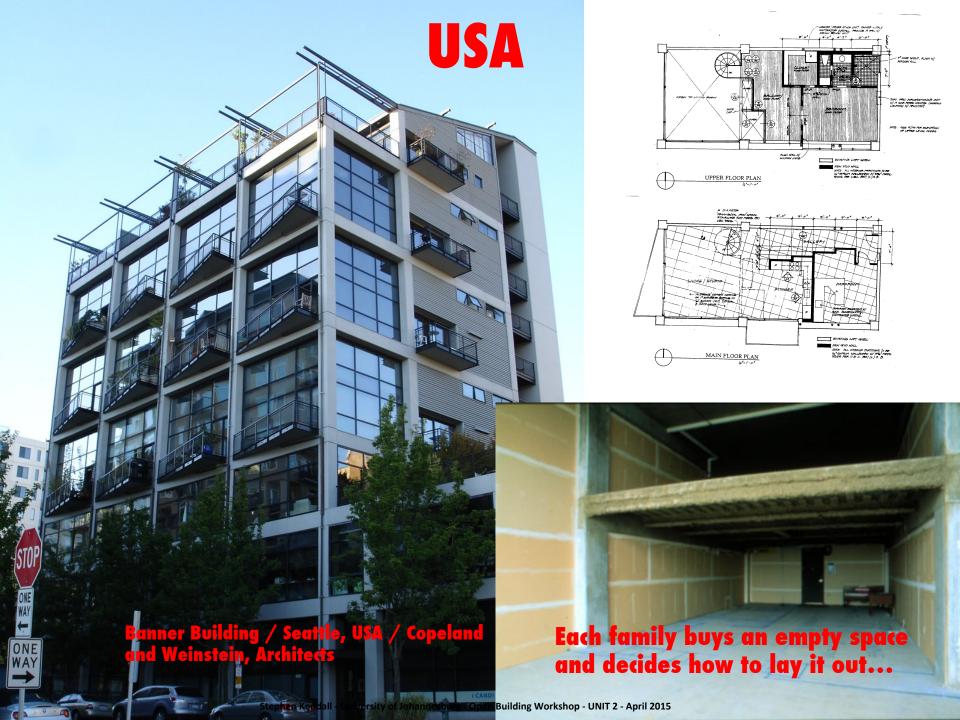


Flex Court Yoshida, Osaka

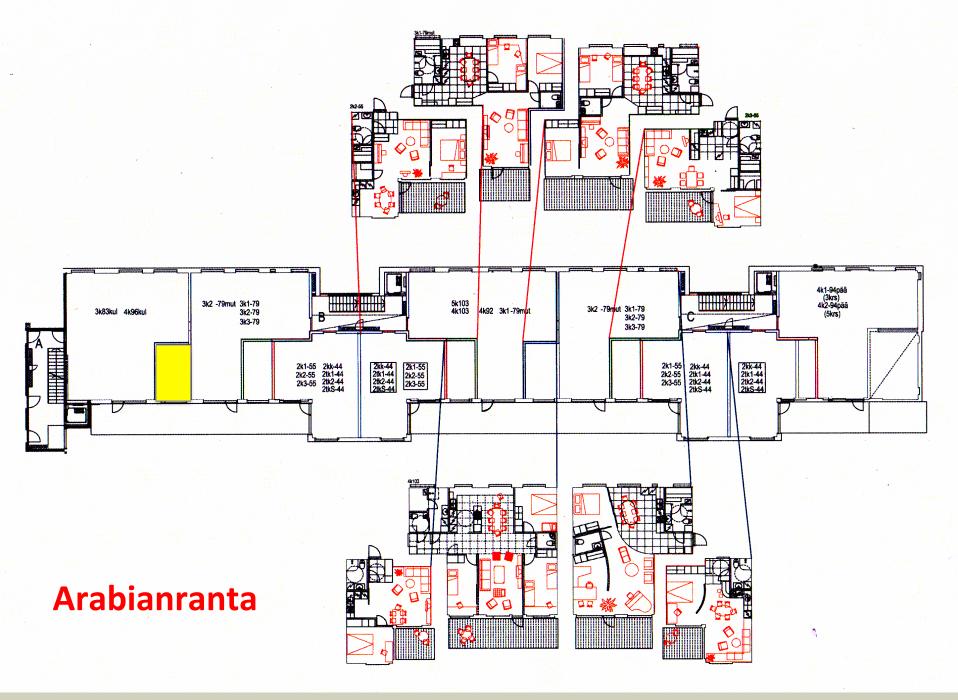
Architect: Kenchiku Kankyo Kenkyujo + Shu-Koh-Sha

Architecture Studio







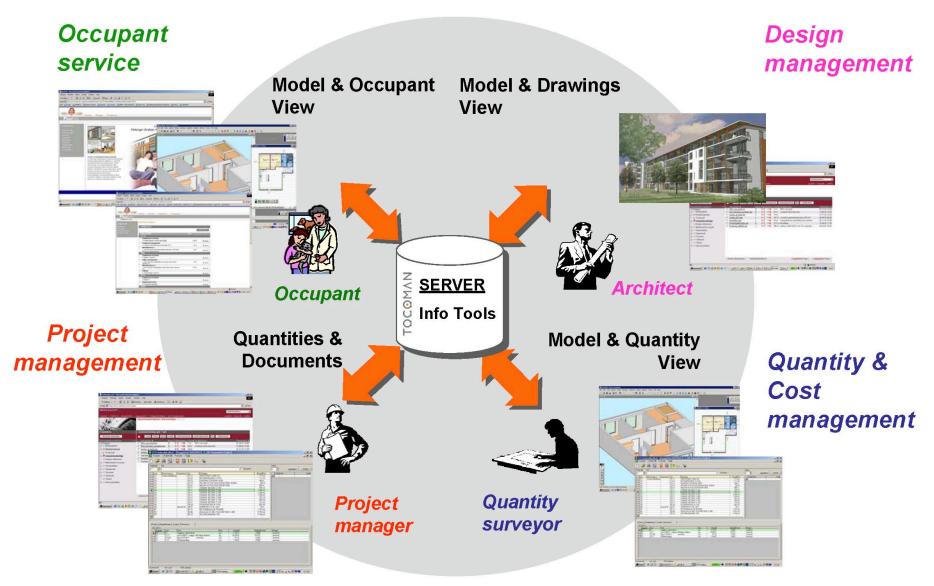




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Tocoman Group

PlusHome - Concept with wide occupants choices





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Social housing in Mexico

Each family made the inside their own, slowly improving it when they could afford to.

Mexico City

Architect: Jorge Andrade





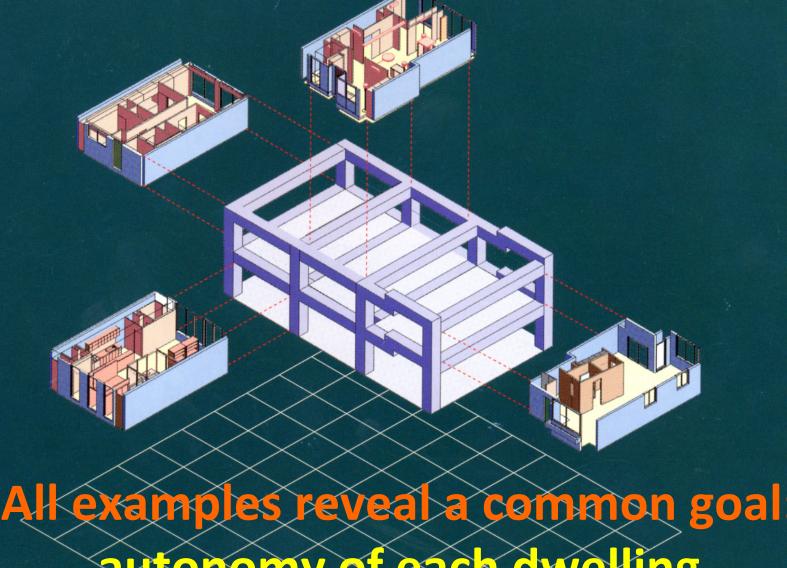
Patrimonimum Woningun Voorburg, the Netherlands

What do these examples of open building teach us?

- 1. Open Building isn't new
- 2. Open Building isn't only for residential architecture
- 3. Open building isn't for one kind of culture or economy
- 4. Open Building uses many kinds of building technology
 - 5. Variety isn't less efficient than uniformity

What do these examples of residential open building teach us?

- 1. Real clients with real budgets build them;
 - 2. All are quite different architecturally;
- 3. The architect of the building generally doesn't design the individual dwellings;
 - 4. Households take responsibility for their dwellings in a shared architectural infrastructure
 - 5. Household aspirations are different and change on shorter time cycles than group aspirations



All examples reveal a common goal: autonomy of each dwelling in multi-unit buildings

Divided (distributed) construction, divided decision making and divided accounting is not new

Divided Construction Costs

Base Building and Fit-out

Catamarian of Wark		Base	
Categories of Work		Building	Fit-Out
Preliminaries	BB+FO	.5%	.5%
Foundation		10.2%	
Rough Structure		16.6%	
Full Enclosure		15.1%	
Finishing Trades	BB+FO	3.0%	9.8%
Flooring	FO		7.0%
Interior Trim Carpentry	FO		3.0%
Interior Doors	FO		1.6%
Ceramic Tile	FO		.7%
Cabinets and Vanities	FO		4.2%
Appliances	FO		1.7%
Rough and Finish Plumbing	BB+FO	1.2%	5.0%
Rough and Finish Electrical	BB+FO	1.3%	2.3%
Lighting Fixtures	FO		1.0%
Completion		4.8%	
Specialties	BB+FO	3.6%	3.2%
Other	BB+FO	1.1%	1.0%
TOTALS		57.4%	42.6%

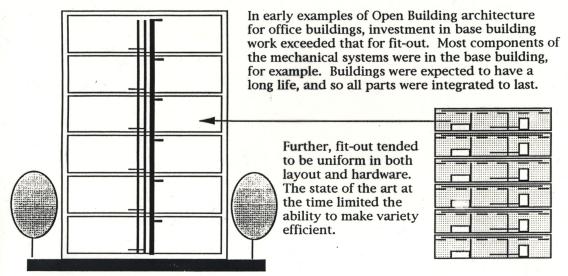
Note 1: Dividing basic cost components this way, using a conventional line item breakdown, indicates the potential benefits from systematic and efficient organization of that % of total costs belonging to the "fit-out".

Note 2: Most"fit-out" work uses higher value added components, most frequently subject to buyer choice, life style variation, high maintenance and shorter use life.

Note 3: Separation of Fit-Out and Base Building stages of work, disentanglement of subsystems within the Fit-Out, and use of Fit-Out installation teams produce an efficient process which matches rather than anticipates (changing) household demands.

1955 - 1975

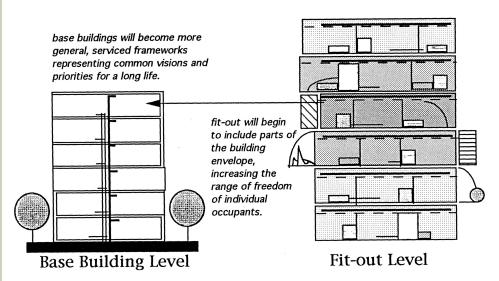
Base Building Level



Open Building is evolving...

Fit-out Level

1995 - 2015









Source: Office of Buildings and Properties, Canton Bern, Switzerland

Life cycle: 50-100 years long-term investment, unchangeable

Life cycle: 15-50 years medium-term investment, adjustable

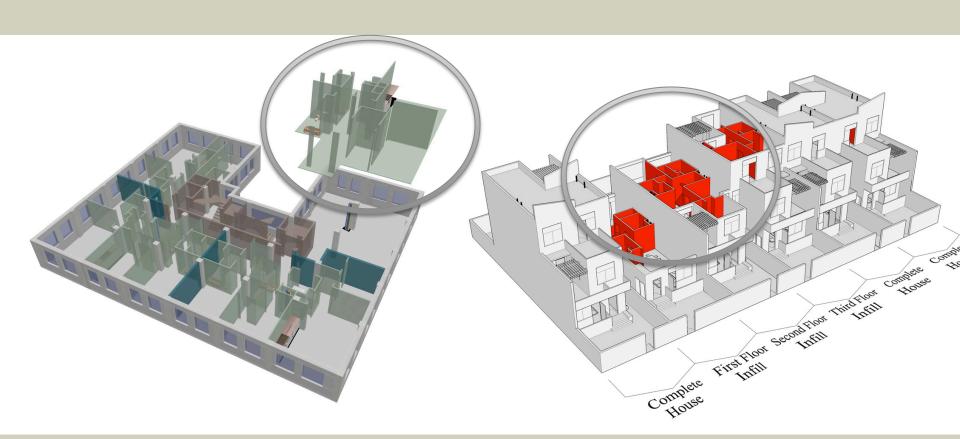
Life cycle: 5-15 years Short-term investment, changeable

Open Building makes Sustainable Assets

Looking to the future

a fit-out industry

delivering variety efficiently...enabling change without waste and conflict







In Japan

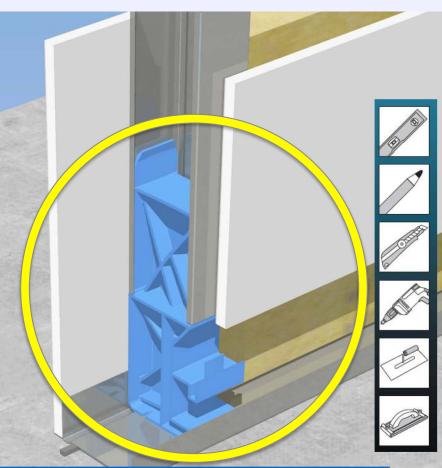
nextINFILL (now ECOCUBE),

A single apartment unit entirely renovated in several weeks.

Early signs of an entirely new industry, with a potential market comparable in size to the automobile industry.

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Gyproc Cable Stud®

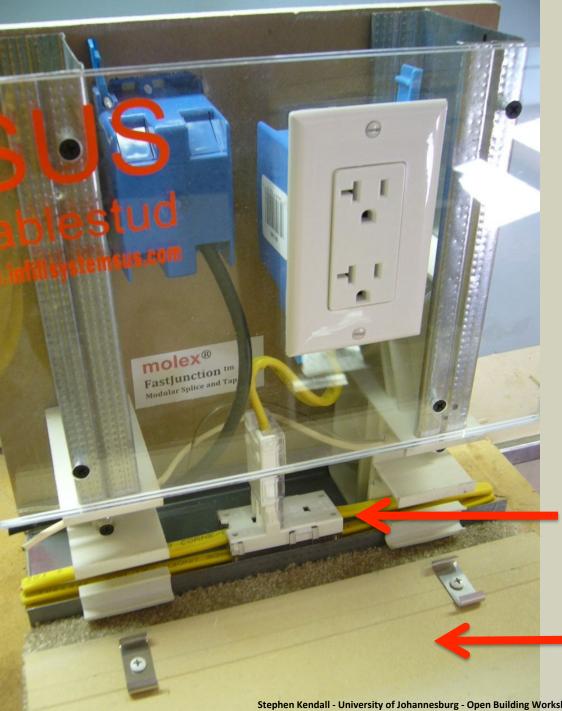
Installation instructions

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TvE Januari 2009



Other building products are available to companies delivering fit-out services A field of endeavor for product designers...



CABLESTUD for wiring management

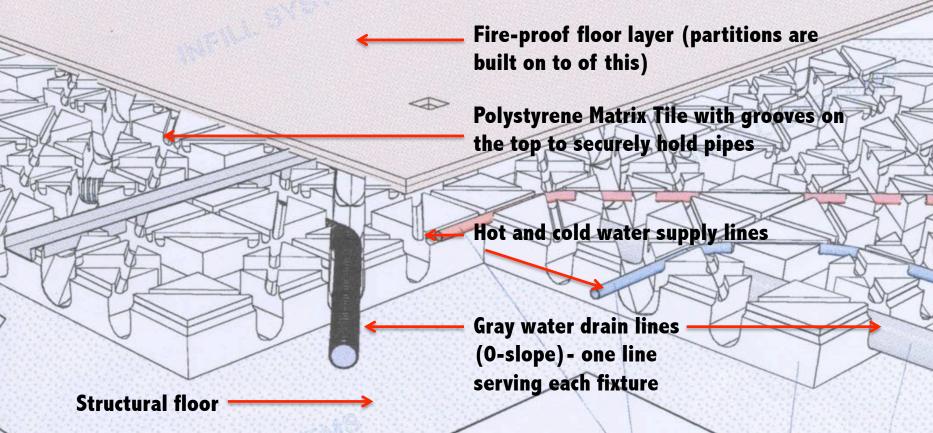
Outlets anywhere, anytime.

Wiring connections made behind a removable baseboard/ skirt

Removable baseboard/skirt

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(Patents for CABLESTUD and MATRIX TILE SYSTEM are held by INFILL SYSTEMS BV, the Netherlands)







Is there a contradiction between what I am saying and these realities?



... none of what I am saying is important unless our goal is to recognize and support the aspirations of individuals living together, over time!

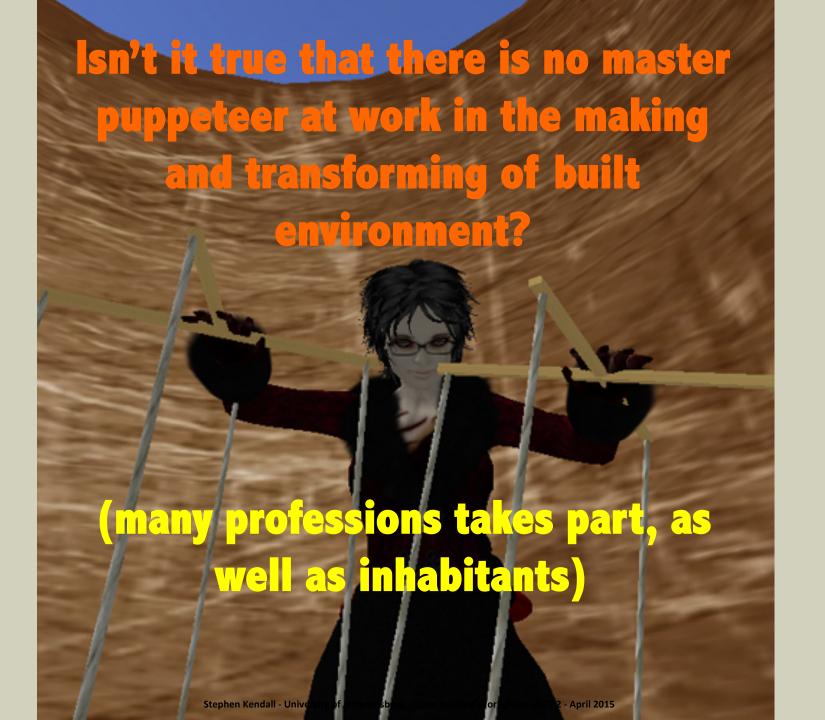
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KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

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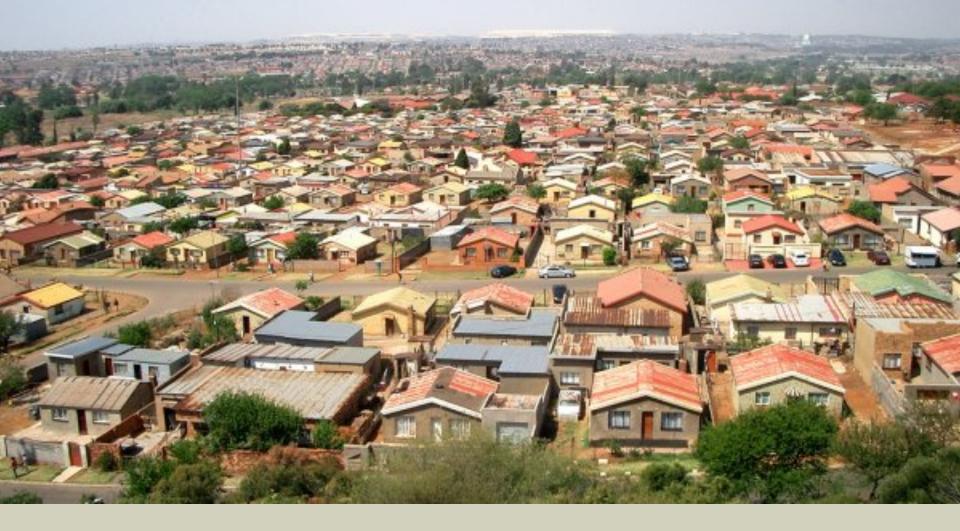
Design professionals need to learn to recognize healthy built (housing) environments when we see them.

What knowledge and skills do we need to cultivate built environments' health?







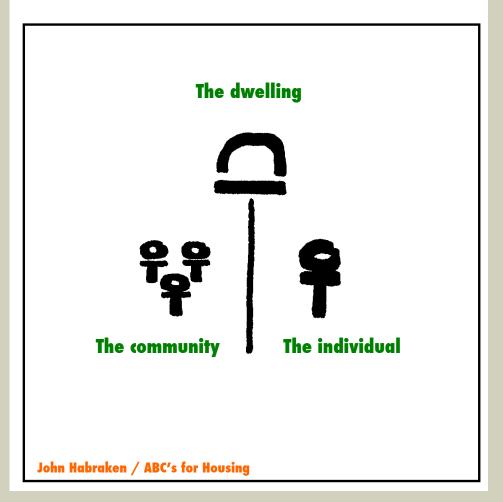


No matter the income level, the built environment gradually transforms if it has good bones, organs and nutrients....





AND...housing results from action in two spheres



Some big questions come from this understanding:

- 1. What BUILT FORM should the shared environment take and the individual environment on the other hand?
 - 2. As the built environment continues to transform, who controls which parts?
- 3. What roles can architects and other design professionals play given this understanding?









SO...we need to teach at least these four fundamental concepts:

DISENTANGLEMENT

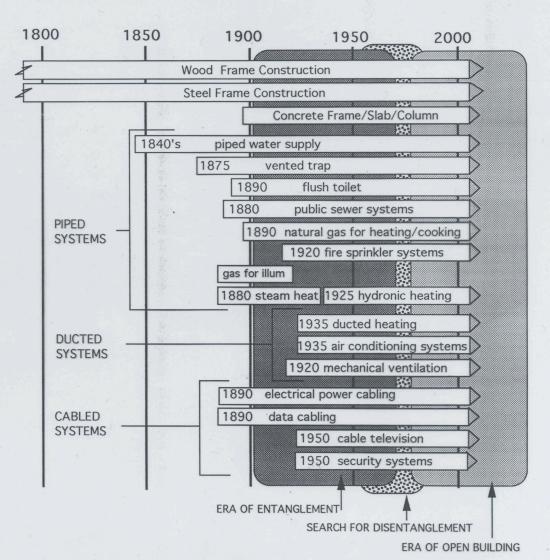
CAPACITY

DOMINANCE

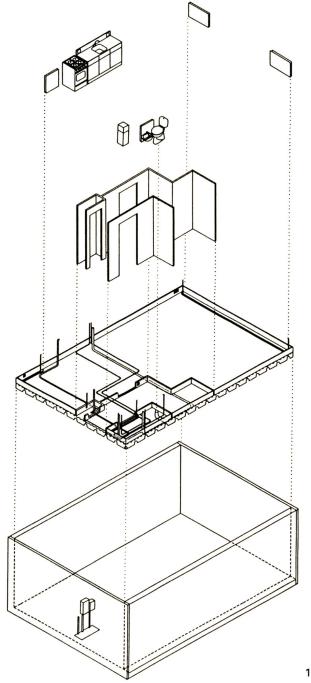
MAKING and USING CONSTRAINTS



Introduction of Technical Systems into Building Construction



The gradual encroachment of resource systems (MEP) into architecture is a reality we have not yet fully mastered...

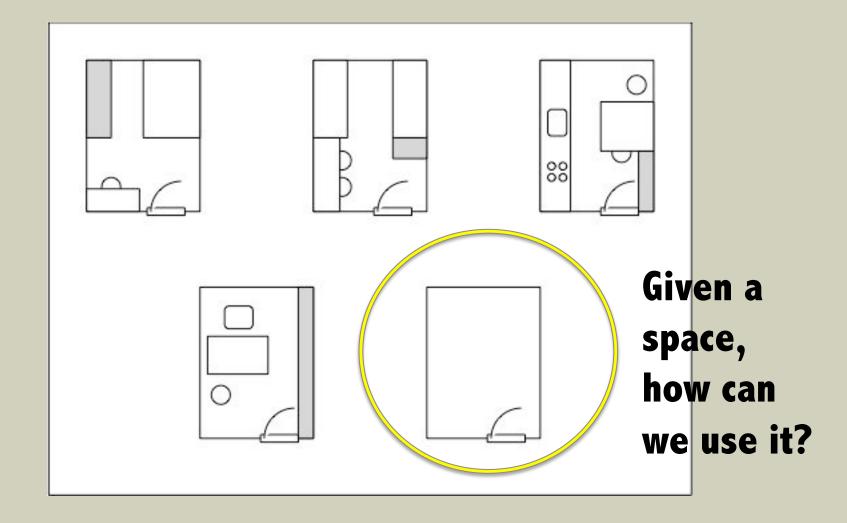


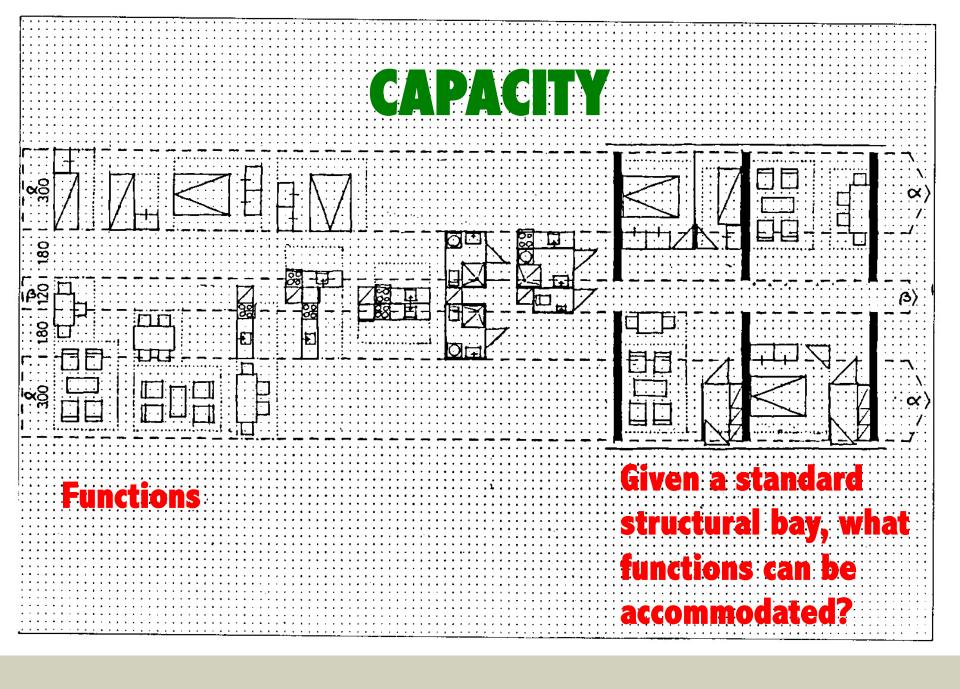
DIS-ENTANGLEMENT

means:

- 1. Separating long-lasting parts from parts with shorter lives;
- 2. Assuring the replacement of one part by a similar part performing the same function;
- 3. Assuring the autonomy of units of inhabitation

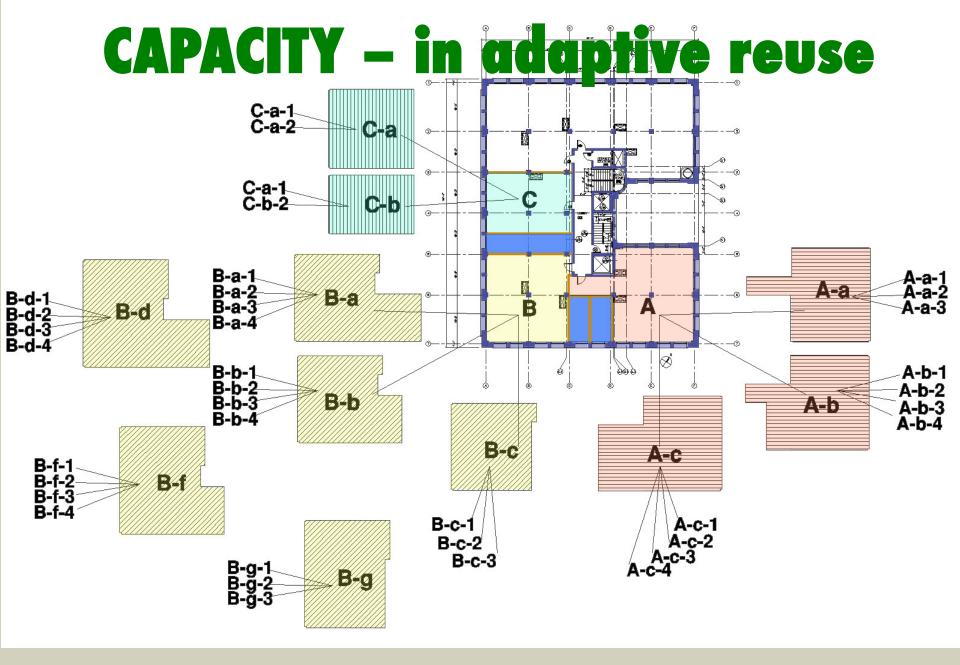
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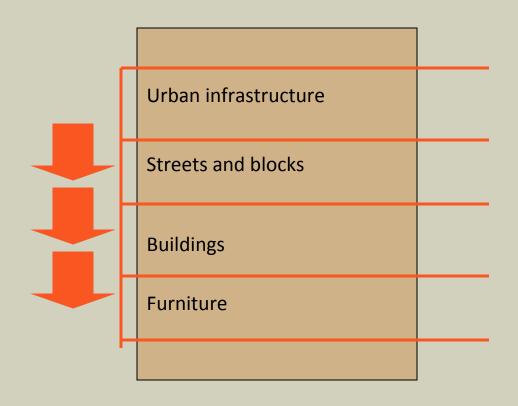
CAPACITY - in new row-houses



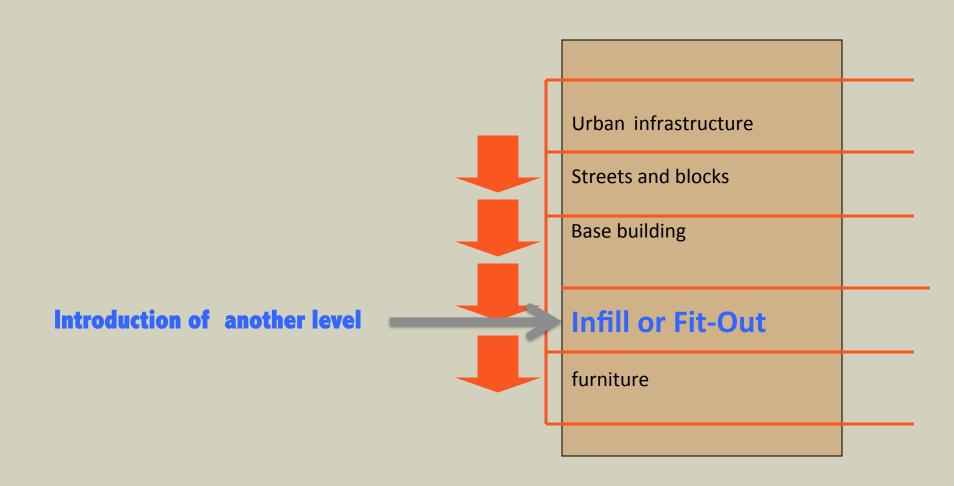


DOMINANCE and LEVELS OF INTERVENTION

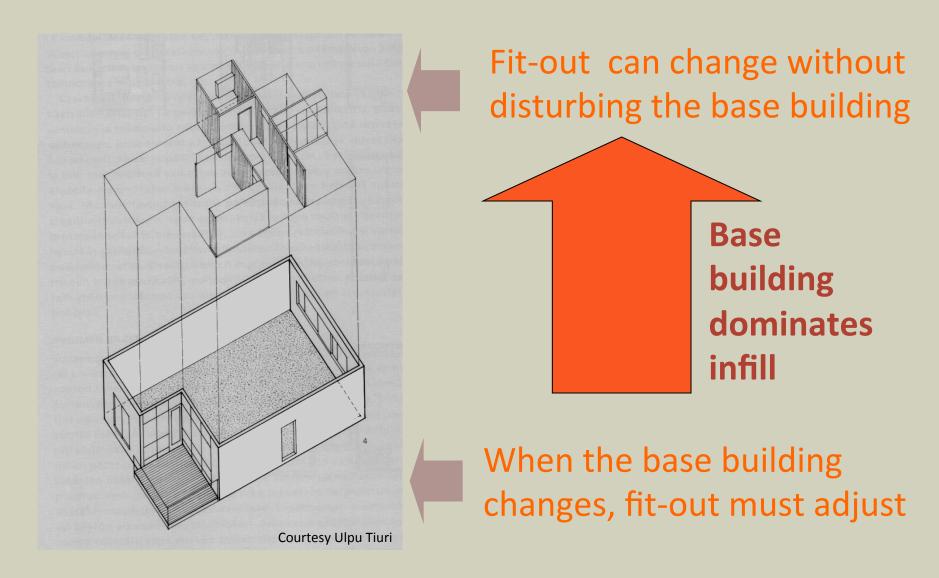
- DISTRIBUTION OF DESIGN CONTROL
- Levels and the identity of professionals
- A vertical relationship among designers



Another level has emerged (this is not fiction)



DOMINANCE

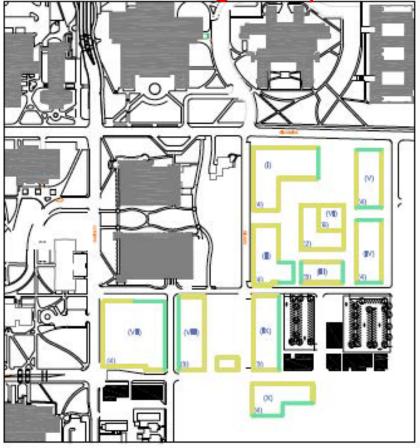




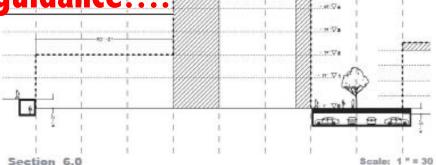
Ball State University Front/Back Diagram

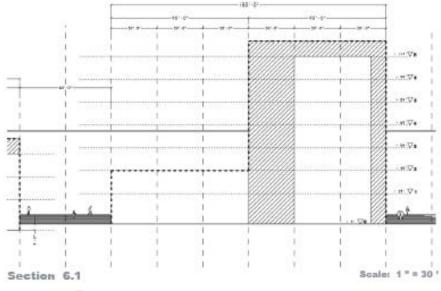
Here, urban design "rules" were developed by the class

of students together, with my guidance....



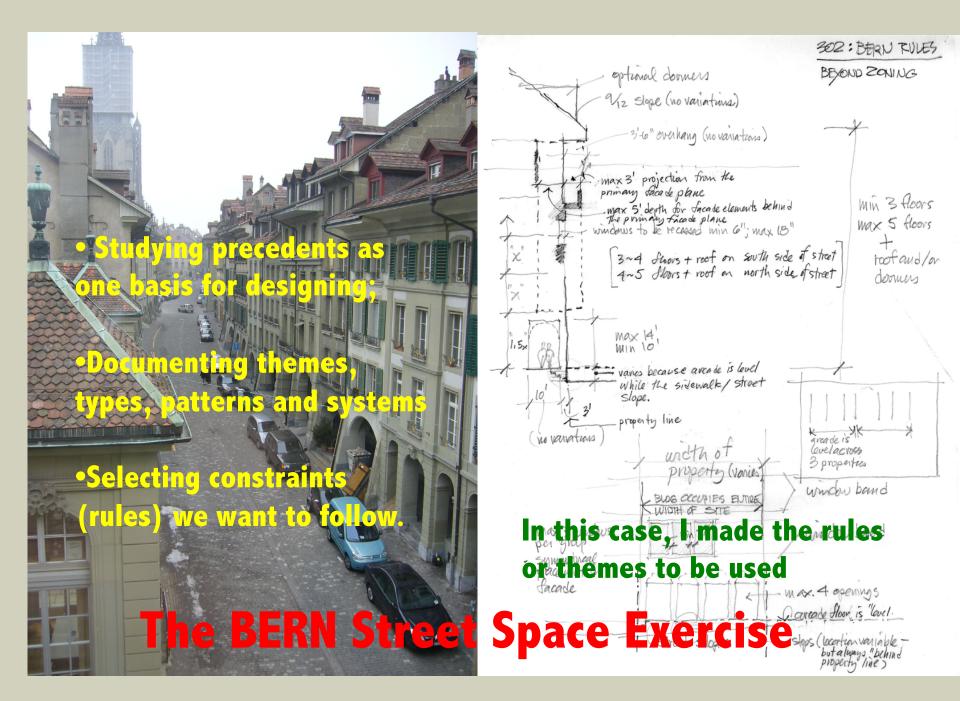


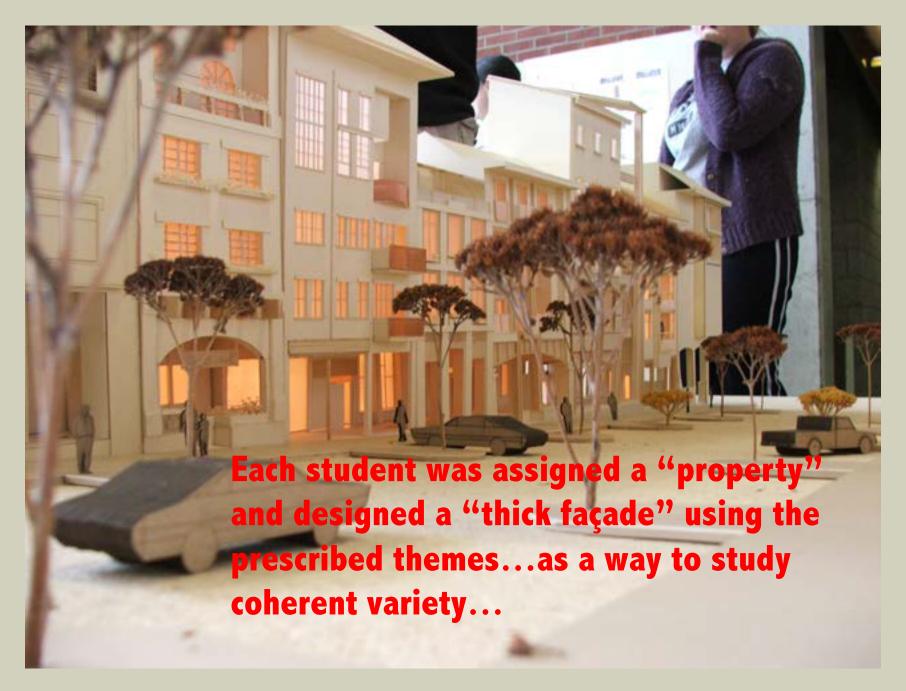








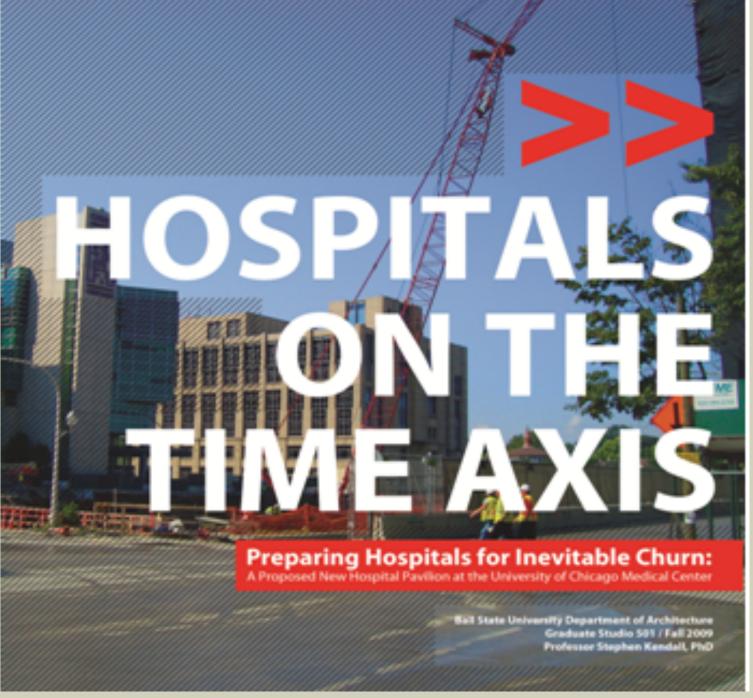


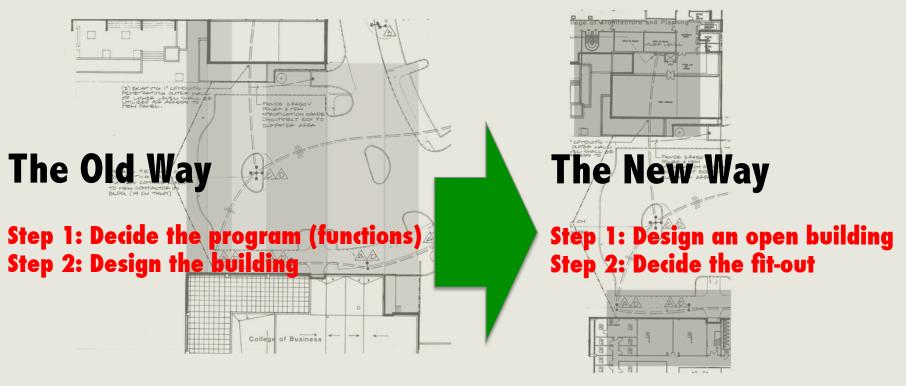












A-1_ increments of massing should correspond to existing adjacent massing

A-2_ maximum impedence on existing buildings





from monument

from static form

from function

from resource depletion

from unified design control to

to everyday environment

to change

to capacity

to sustainability

o distributed design control

Habraken on the attitude of the methodologist and research

"For the methodologist whose position is inevitably academic, what happens in the field is of fundamental importance. It is our primary source of knowledge: the inescapable reality where habits and conventions make work possible and where new trends of working appear under the pressure of changing technology and evolving demographic and social forces.

The observation of this real world invites clarification of what is emerging, raises new questions to be answered, and opens the possibility of generalization and extrapolation that, in turn, must be tested against what is actually happening on the drafting tables, in the management meetings and on the building site."



Thank you