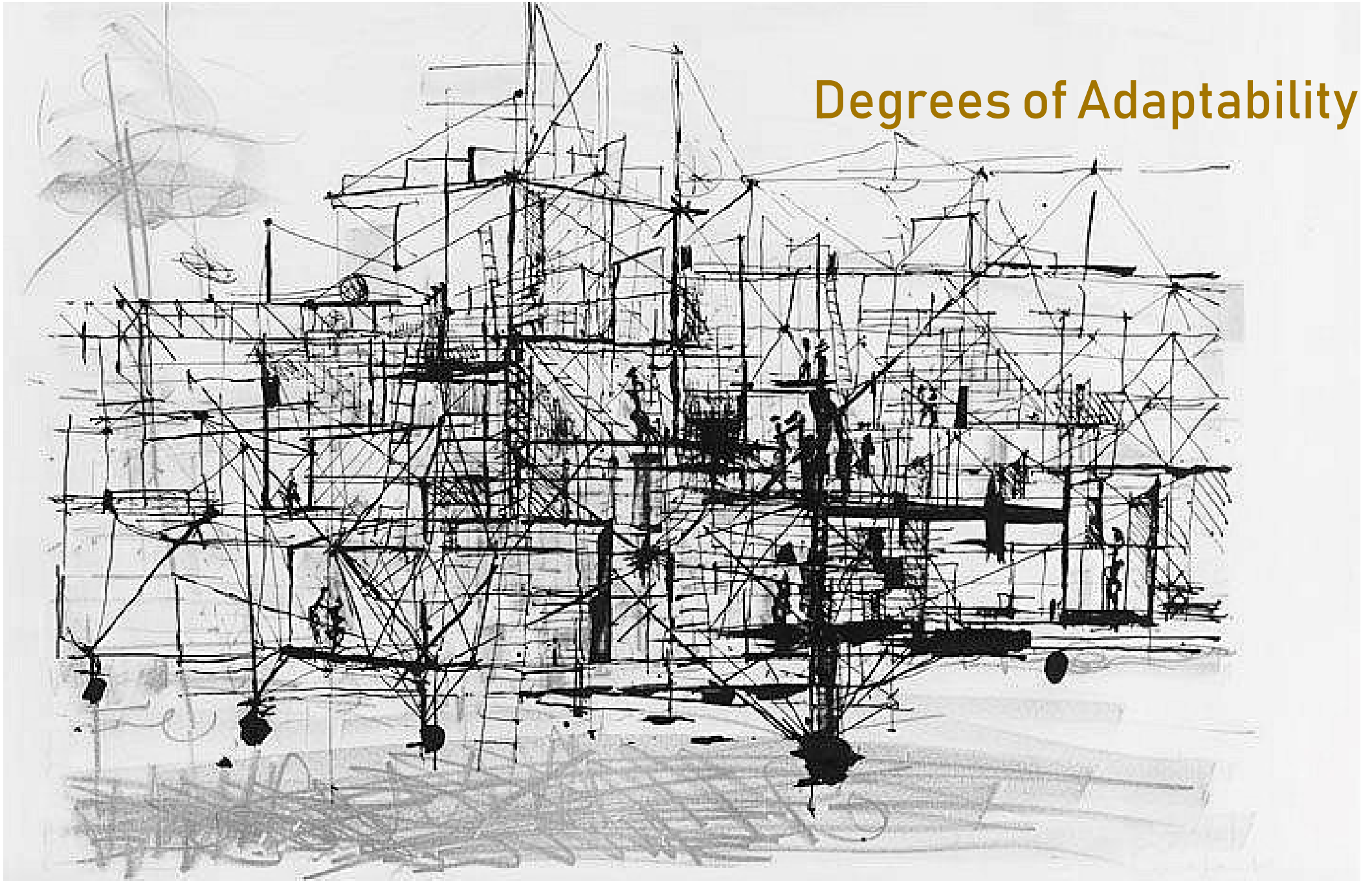


## Degrees of Adaptability



# Degrees of Adaptability

## A Design Framework for Future-Proof Transformation Projects

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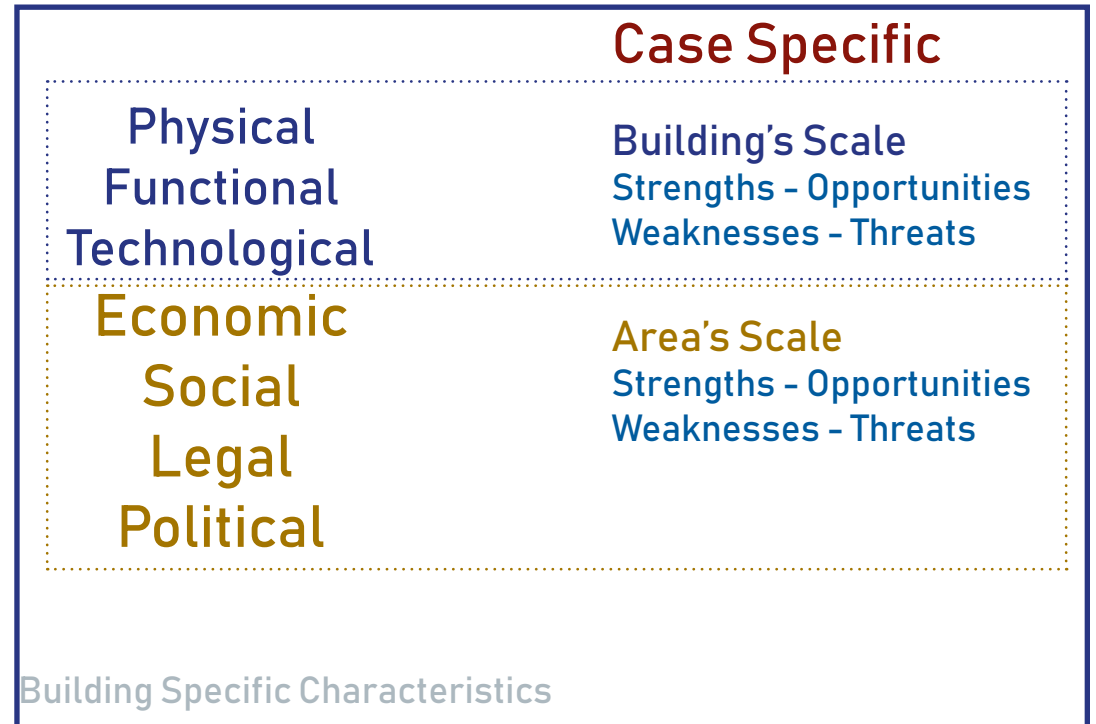
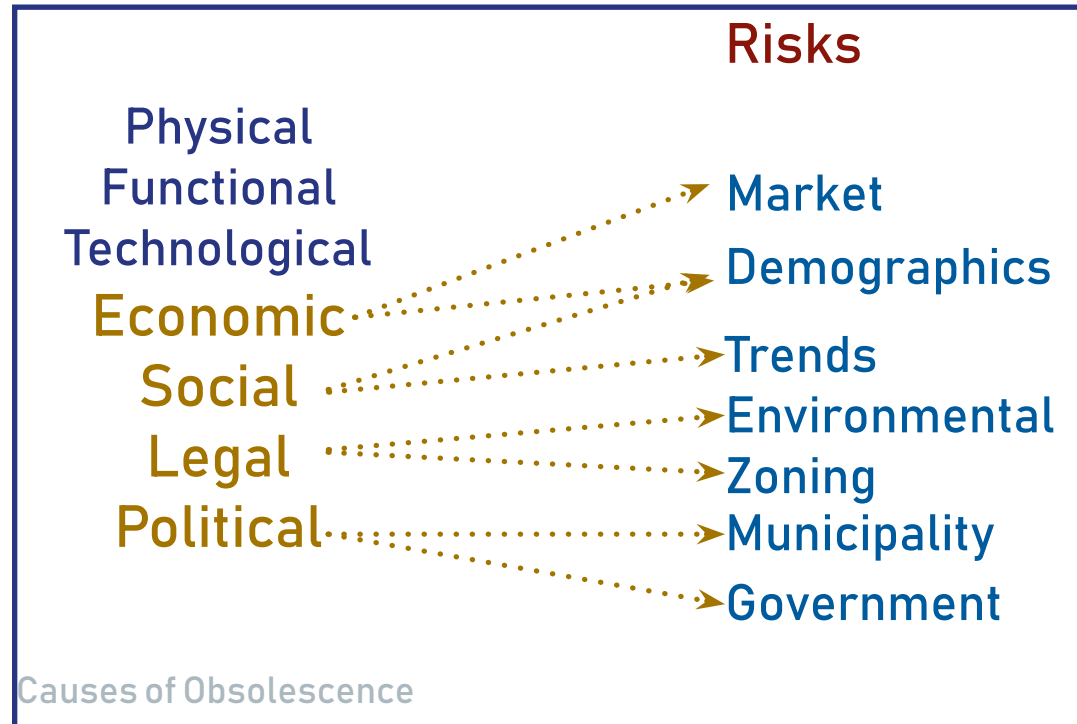
5-E

# Obsolescence



The process or condition of going out of date or being no longer in use/of utility

**Physical**  
**Economic**  
**Functional**  
**Technological**  
**Social**  
**Legal**  
**Political**



## Results

### High Buildings' Vacancy

When one (or more) of the Obsolescence types occurs building become vacant. At this case they can be considered as financial and social loss

### In-Efficient Buildings

The buildings that present obsolescence cannot respond to the market's & user's demands; they do not function efficiently

### Criminality - Areas' Depreciation

Areas with high density of obsolete buildings can easily be a target for vandalism and criminality

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obsolescence cannot be easily confronted**

**Demolition**  
of the existing obsolete  
building stock

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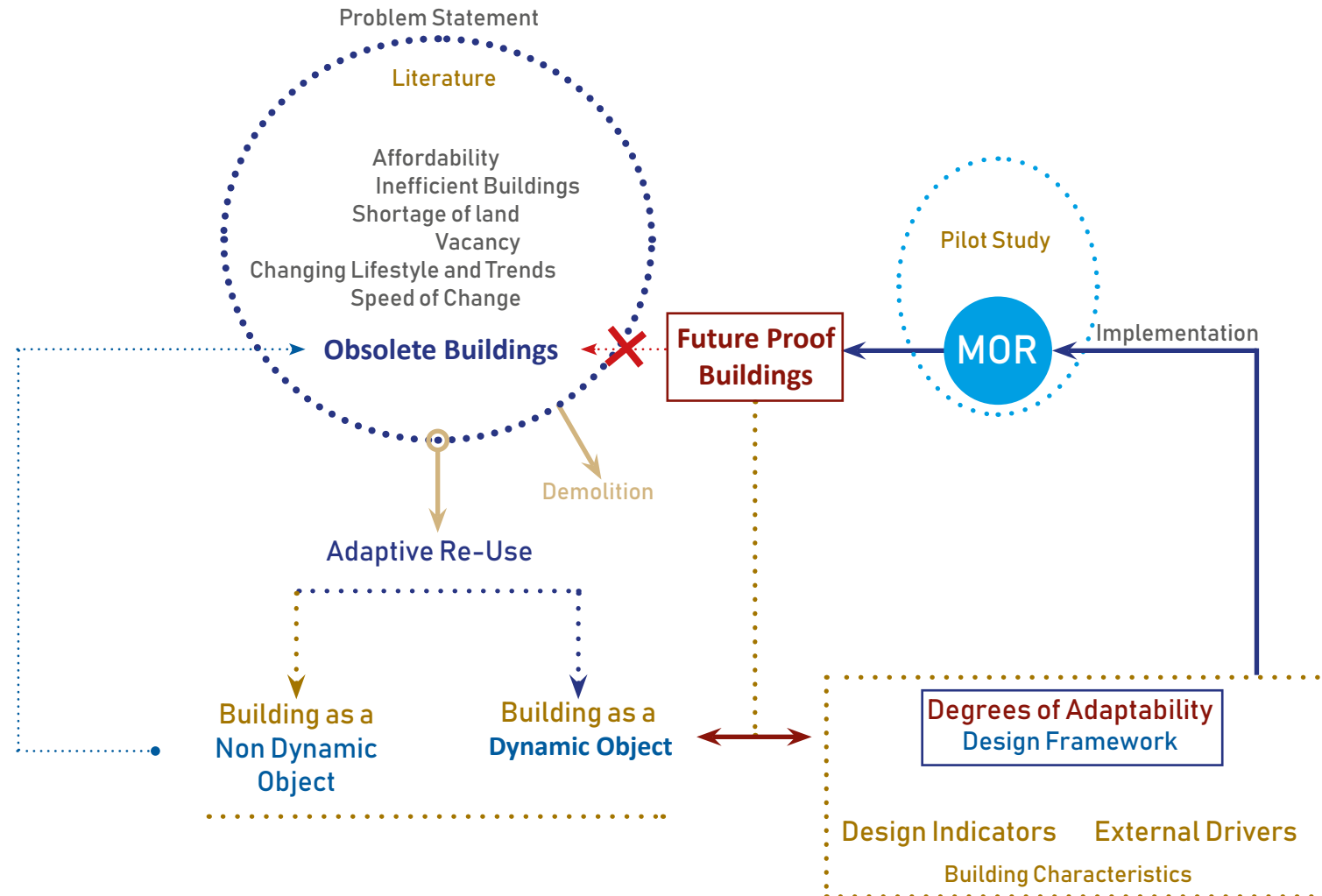
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Future Proof ?

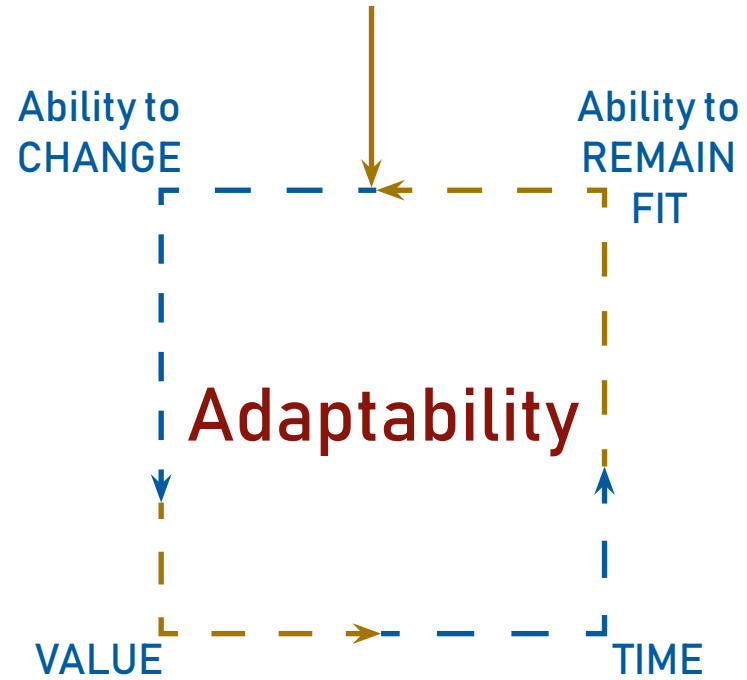
# (RE)-Obsolescence

# Conceptual Model





# Dynamic Object

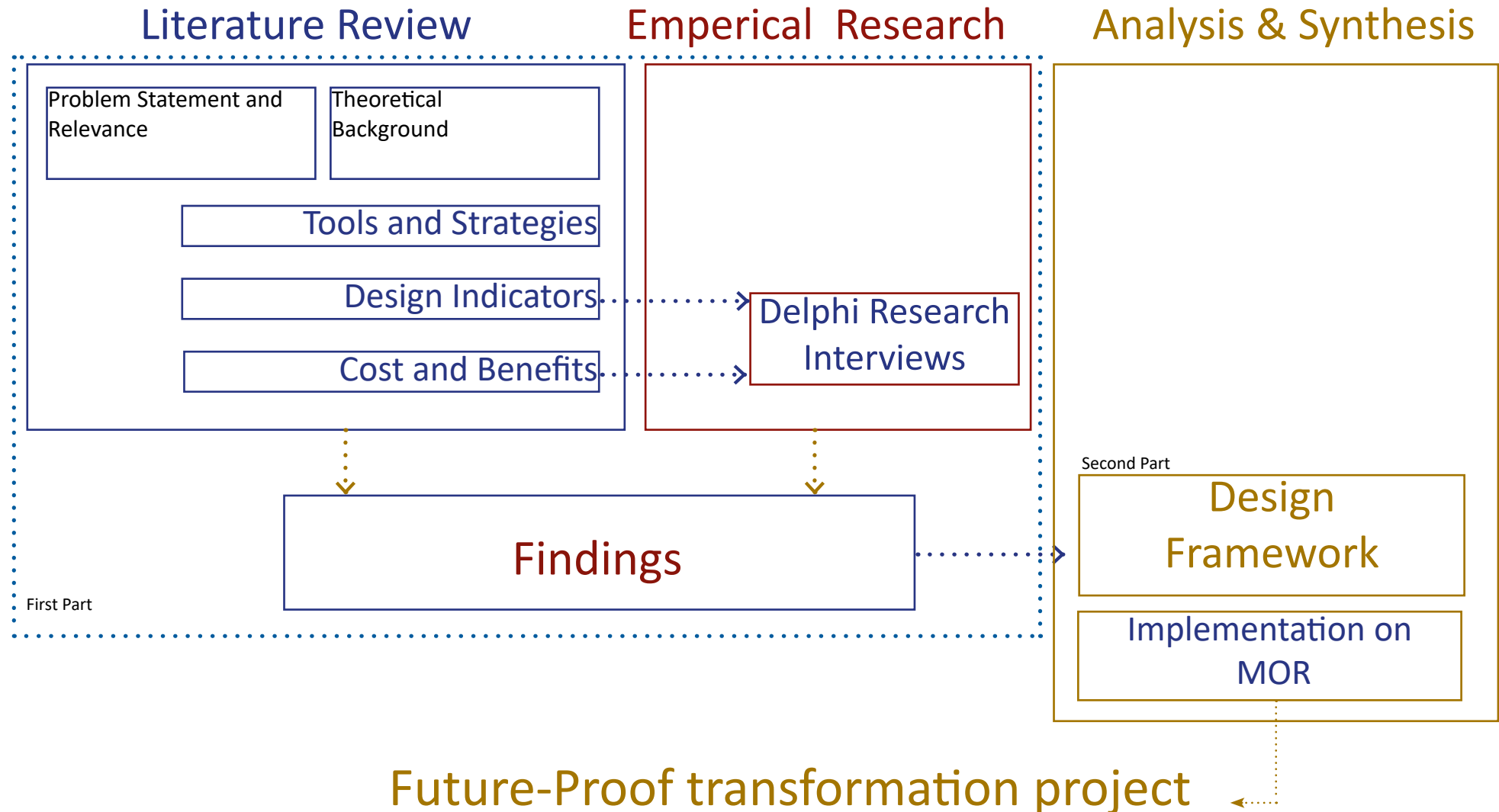


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# Adaptability Design Strategies

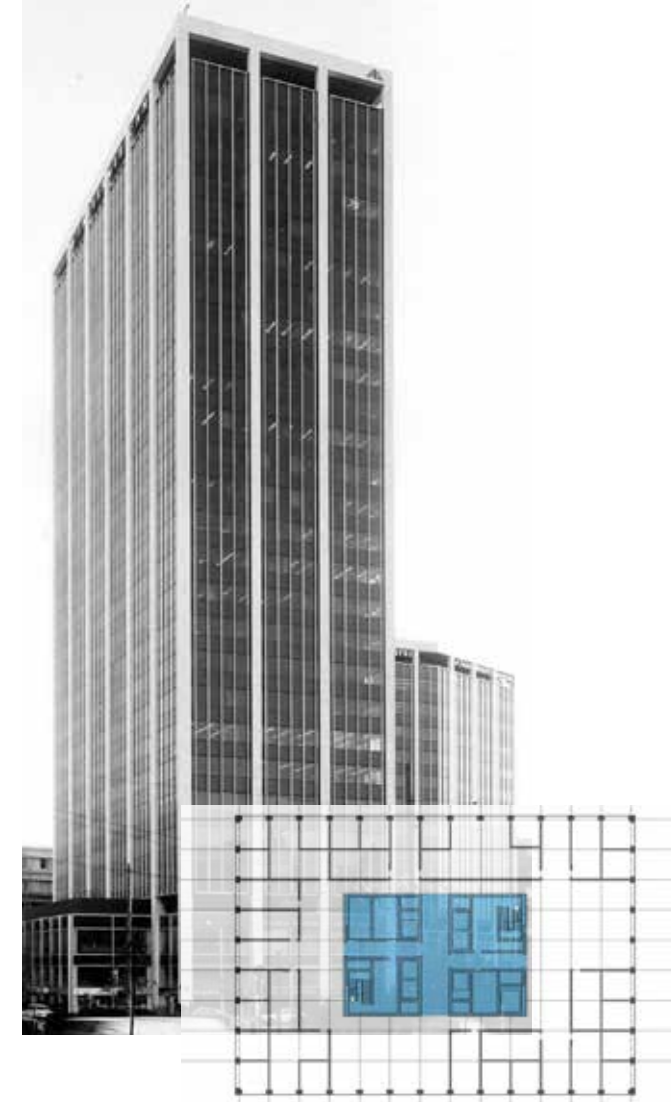
Applied





# Researched Typology

## High densities of Buildings' Obsolescence



Layout Flexibility + Minimum number of interior columns + Sufficient Interior Height + Layout Shape

# Literature Review and Findings

Design Indicators

Plug and Play Elements User Control Stackable No-fixed Objects Detachable Connections Operable Elements	Movable Walls Variety of room sizes Wide corridor widths Frame Construction Flexible ducts Storage space Excess service points	Access Points Standard Shapes Dry connections Coordinated systems Interchangeable components Minimize points of contact	Loose-fit Raised Floors Simplicity Dropped ceilings Multi-functional spaces Excess service capacity	Product Platforms Local materials Known techniques Structural Redundancy Modular Units Extra space Dividable/Joinable rooms	Inflatable Component Weight Kit-of-parts Easy connections Collapsible Components scale
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Schmidt III, 2014

Multifunctional spaces  
 Partitions and Stuff: light, mobile, demountable, reusable and recyclable  
 Elasticity-Divisibility  
 Modularity  
 Buffer Zones  
 Circulation Routes  
 -Oversized spaces (vertical and Horizontal)

Flexibility

Rearrange-Extension-Rejection

Re-locate/  
 Re-design  
 Grain size  
 Facilities  
 Quality  
 Expansion  
 Rejection  
 Transfer

Measurement system (GRID)  
 Replaceable inner walls  
 Demountability-  
 Dismountability  
 Measuring system Facade  
 Routing-  
 Circulation Detailing in connections (vertical and horizontal)

Exchangeability of infill  
 construction components  
 Layout  
 Accessibility of facility components  
 Elevators

Geraedts et al. (2014,2015)

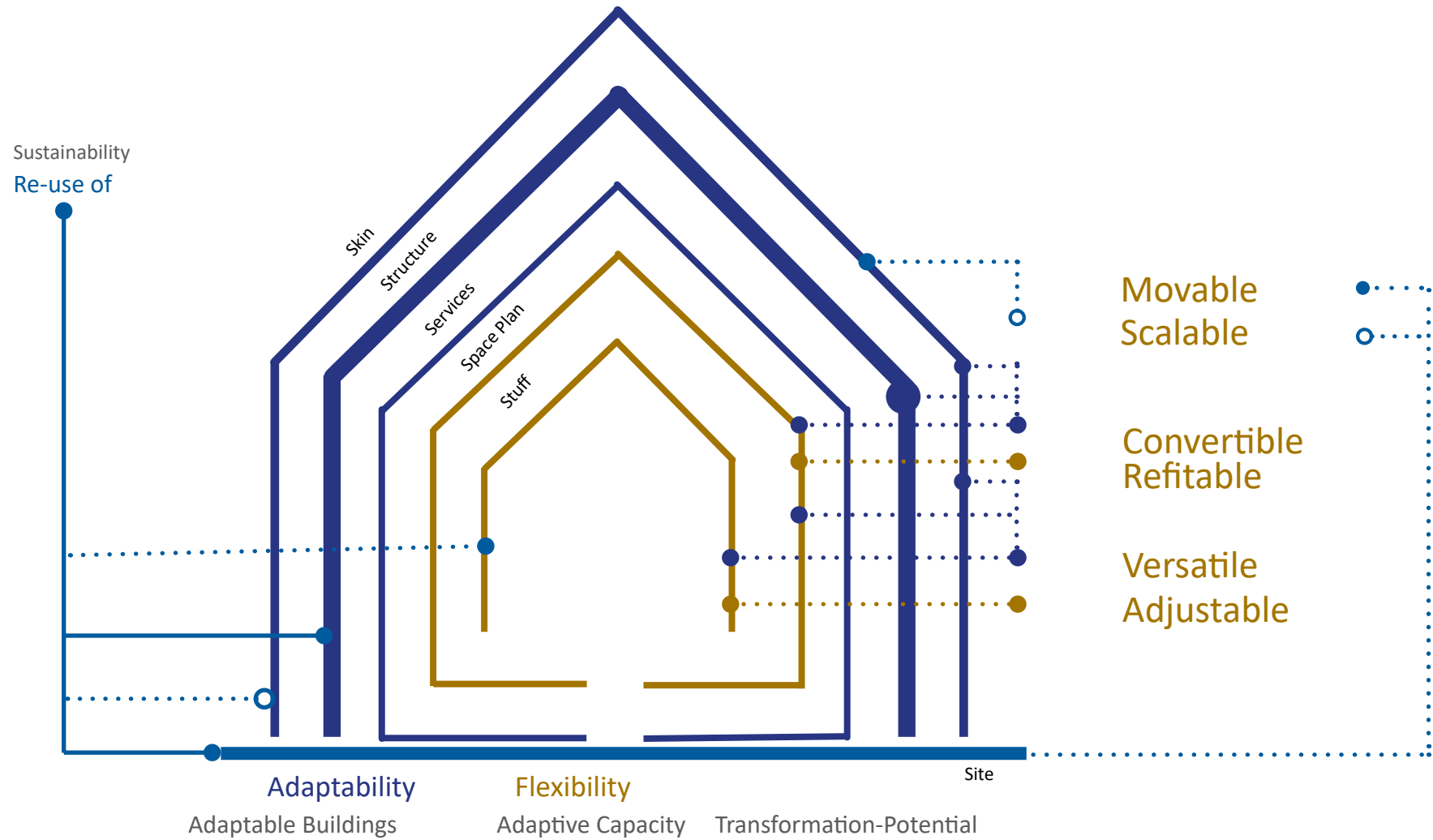
Facilities-Quality  
 Multifunctional Units  
 Centralized and de-centralized facilities  
 Disconnect ability of facility components  
 Accessibility of facility components

Dry connections  
 -Divisible support structure  
 Division of support/infill  
 -Minimise internal columns and load  
 bearing walls  
 Prefabricated-standardized components  
 Detailing  
 Double, modular facade (Nakib, n.d.)

Configurable Stuff  
 Oversized space  
 Multi-functional Spaces  
 Over-design Capacity  
 Standardised components  
 Support space (Buffer Zones)  
 -Daylight  
 Schmidt and Adaptable Futures

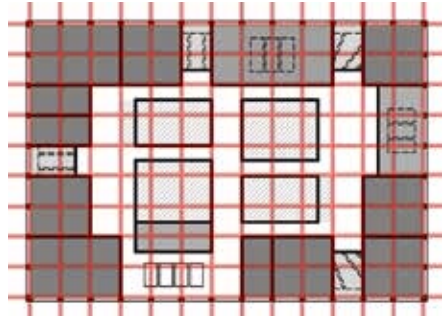
Re-arrange/  
 Change Function

Division Support-Infill  
 Access points  
 -Oversized building  
 Multifunctional Location  
 Multifunctional Building  
 Multifunctional Units

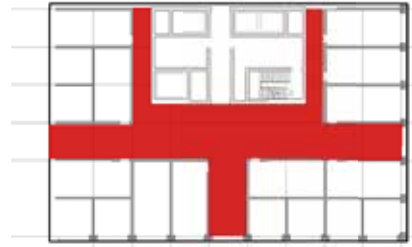




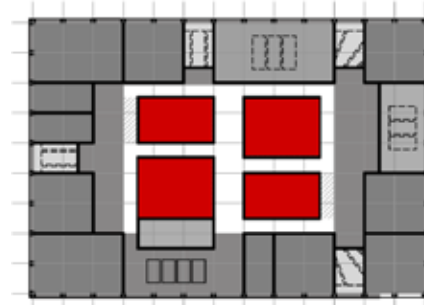
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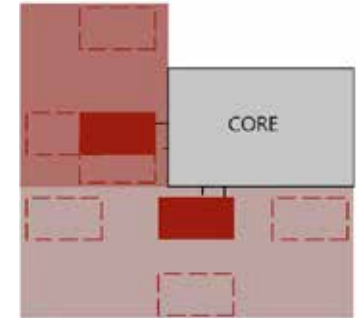
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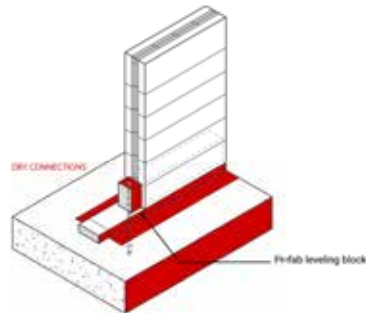
Buffer Zones



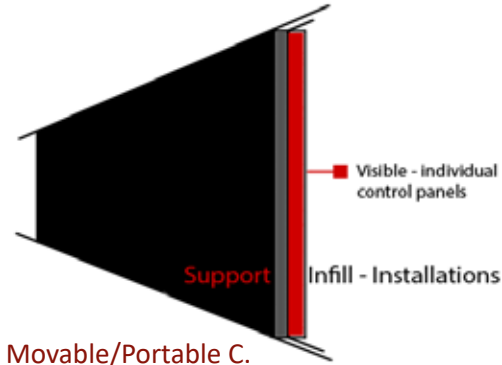
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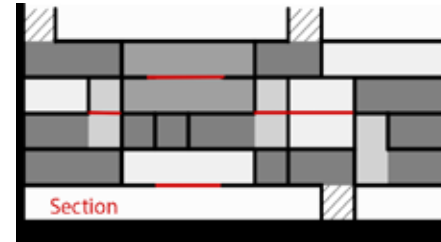
Zoning



Dry Connections



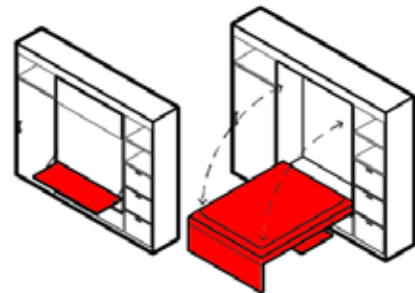
Movable/Portable C.



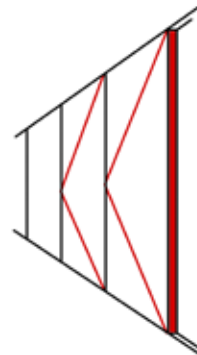
Raised Floors/Openings

## Services Load Capacity

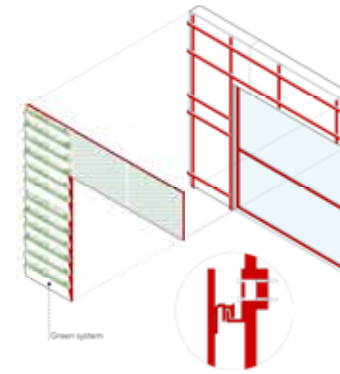
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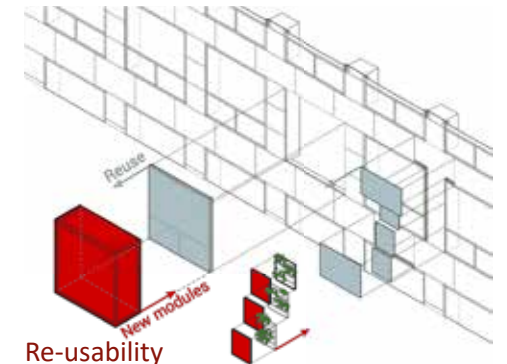
Multifunctionality



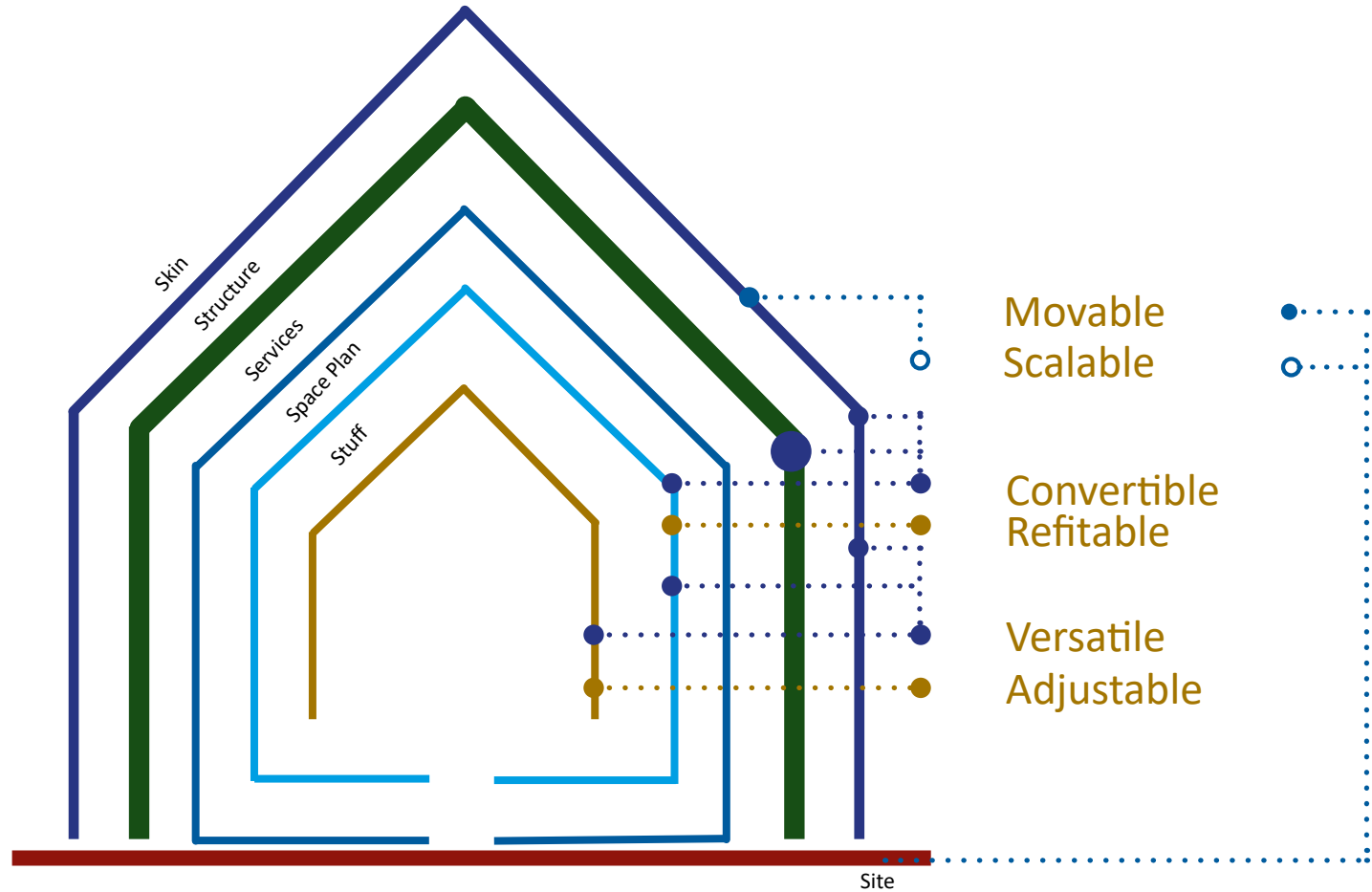
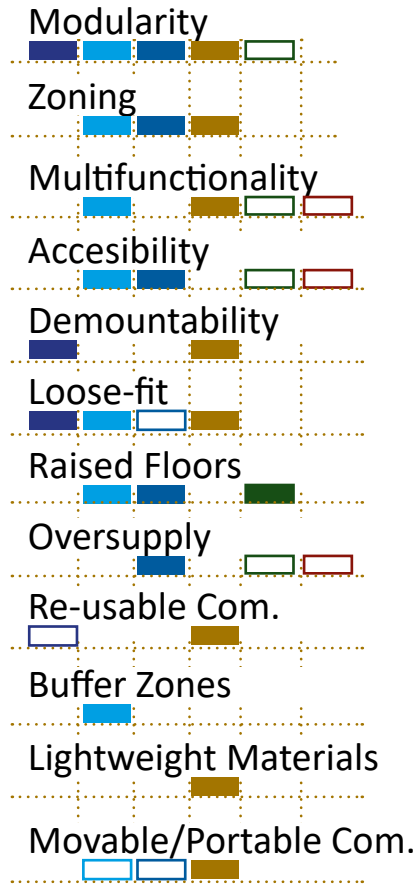
Lightweight Materials



Demountability



Re-usability



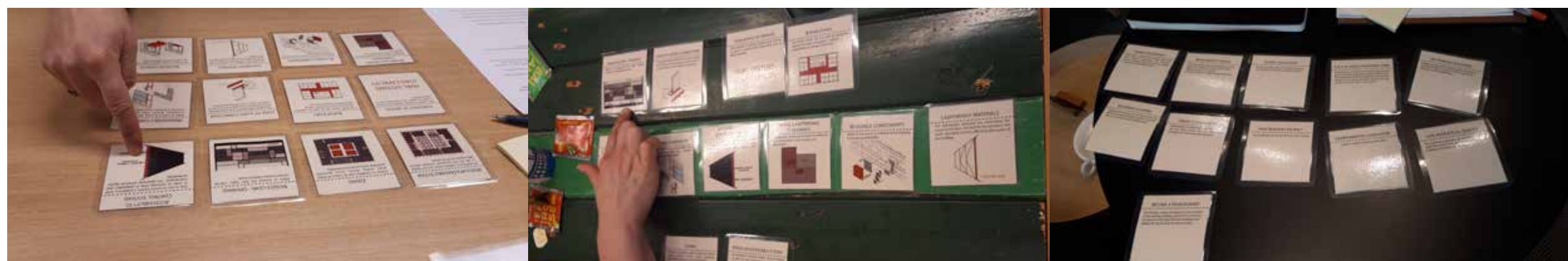
“Applied by Practitioners”

**A. The Delphi Research**

**B. The interviews**

## Part A. Delphi Research

Panel of (17) experts



# Drivers for Adaptability

Vacancy	1	●.....➤	Opportunity and/or Risk
Municipality vision	2	●.....➤	Uncertainty
Sustainability Issues	3	●.....➤	Principle - Must
Market uncertainty-Oversupply	4	●.....➤	Uncertainty
Zoning Legislation	5	●.....➤	Not important, If you already have the permit
Secondary location	6	●.....➤	Reason for not Investing at all & for Adaptability
Future energy Legislation	7	●.....➤	Always need for exceeding the current requirements
Want to be a Frontrunner	8	●.....➤	Depends on the Company
Lack of good infrastructure	9	●.....➤	Reason for not investing, not for adaptability
Low aesthetical Quality	10	●.....➤	Can easily change
Lack of parking facilities	11	●.....➤	

Mapping of Risks & Uncertainties

## Design Indicators

Design Indicators	Importance	Cost	Value
Modular and dividable system	1	Low	High
Zoning	2	Low	Moderate
Raised floors, openings	3	High	Moderate
Demountable units and modules	4	Moderate	Moderate
Loose fit connections	5	Moderate	Moderate
Buffer zones	6	High	Moderate
Oversupply of services, systems, facilities	7	High	Moderate
Accessibility to the control systems of components and installations	8	Low	Moderate
Multifunctionality	9	Low	Moderate
Reusable Components	10	Moderate	Moderate
Movable and portable components	11	Moderate	Moderate
Lightweight materials	12	Low	Low

Agreement: Kendall W 0.58  
Moderate



## Part B. **The interviews**

### Objectives

- Decision Makers - Responsibilities
- **Uncertainties, Risks & Obstacles**
- Value of adaptability
- Characteristics of Adaptability
- Enrich the literature study

### Costs-Barriers

#### **Uncertainty of “payback time”**

Time-lapse between the costs and benefits of flexibility  
Higher Risk and higher Investment  
Absence of financial models that can measure adaptability  
Education  
Industry conventions  
Conventional mindsets

### Benefits

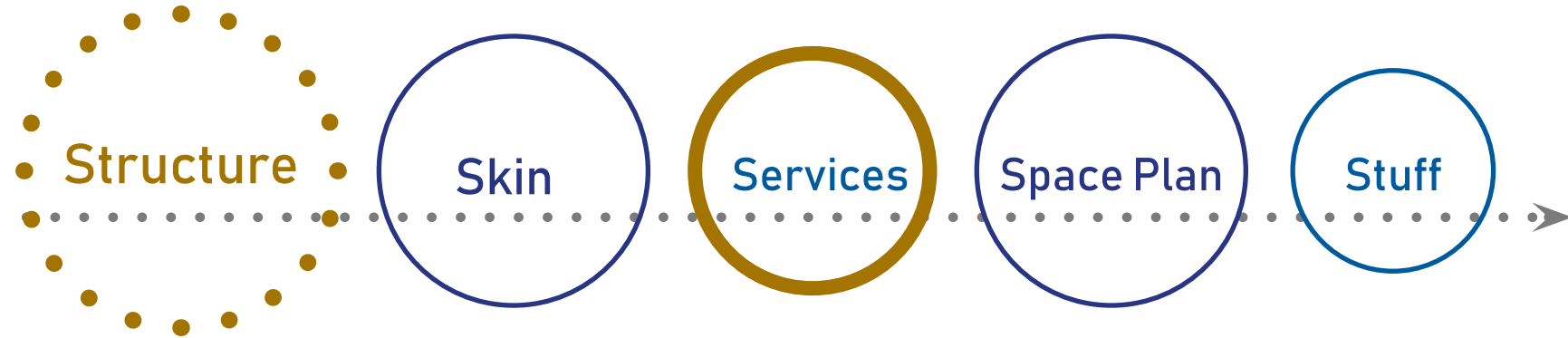
Improved investment value  
**Increased building’s longevity**  
Reduced change impact  
**Improved oper. efficiency**  
Sustainability, durability etc  
Higher re-sale value  
**Freedom of choice**  
**Reduction of uncertainty due to technology, trends etc**  
Higher users’ satisfaction

### Adapt-Abilities

Adjustable  
Versatile  
Refitable  
Convertible  
Scalable Movable  
**Future Proof**  
Durable  
Feasible

### Lessons Learned

**Uniqueness of each Project**  
Importance of Layers  
**Ability to remain Fit**  
Detailing  
Multifunctionality  
**Adaptable Structure**  
Design Principles

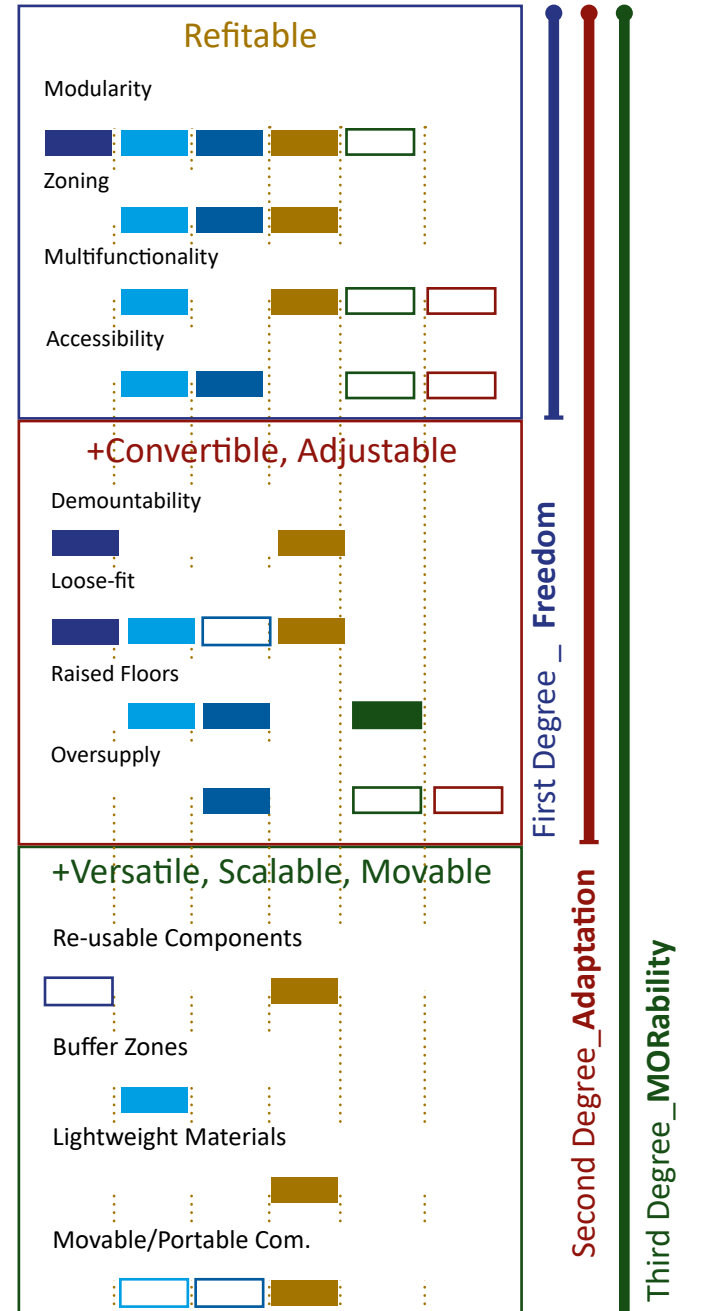
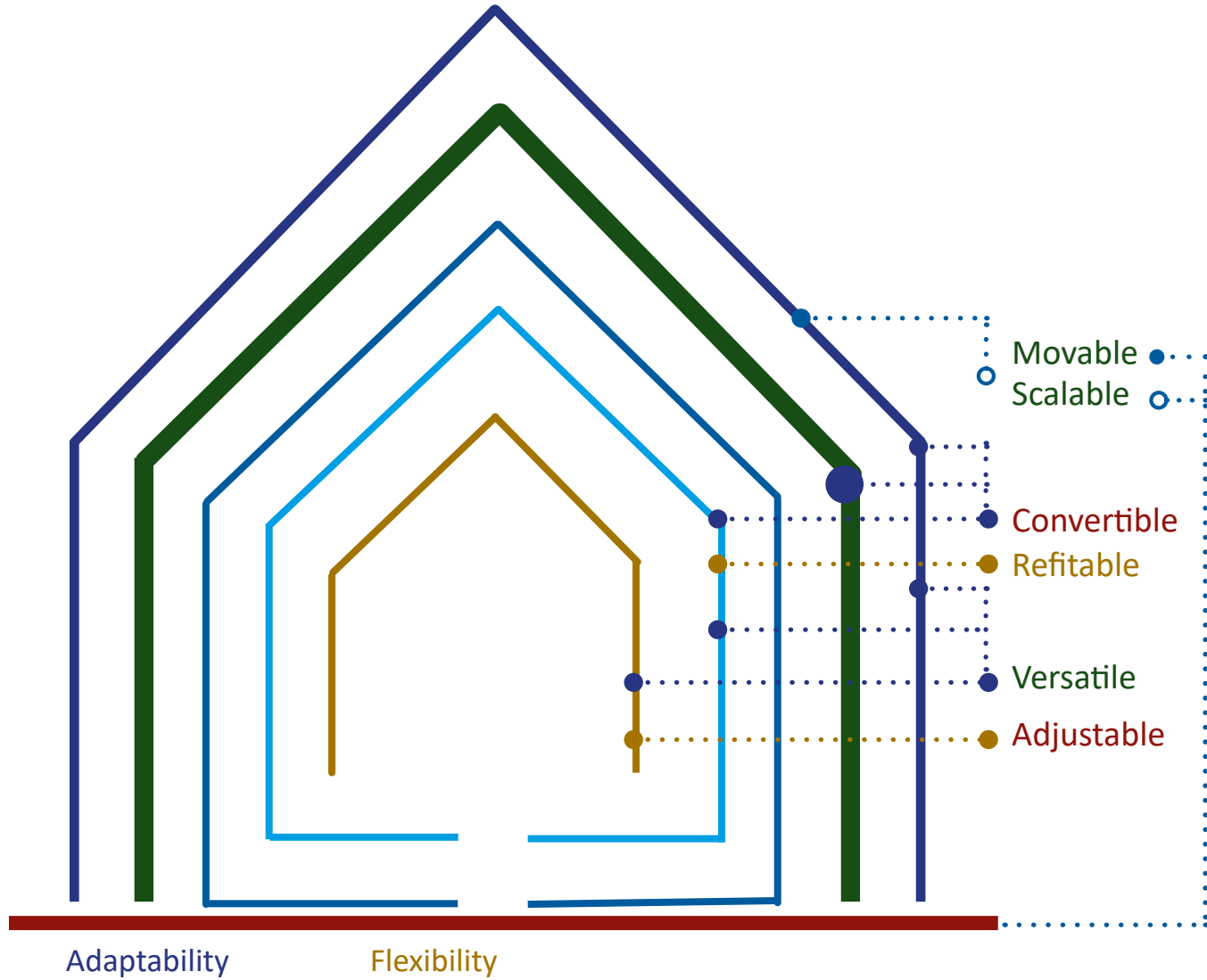


*"It is about freedom to use the space as you want. It is important that the buildings allow you to change, not the cost of it.  
A good structure, the frame." J.E*

## Criteria

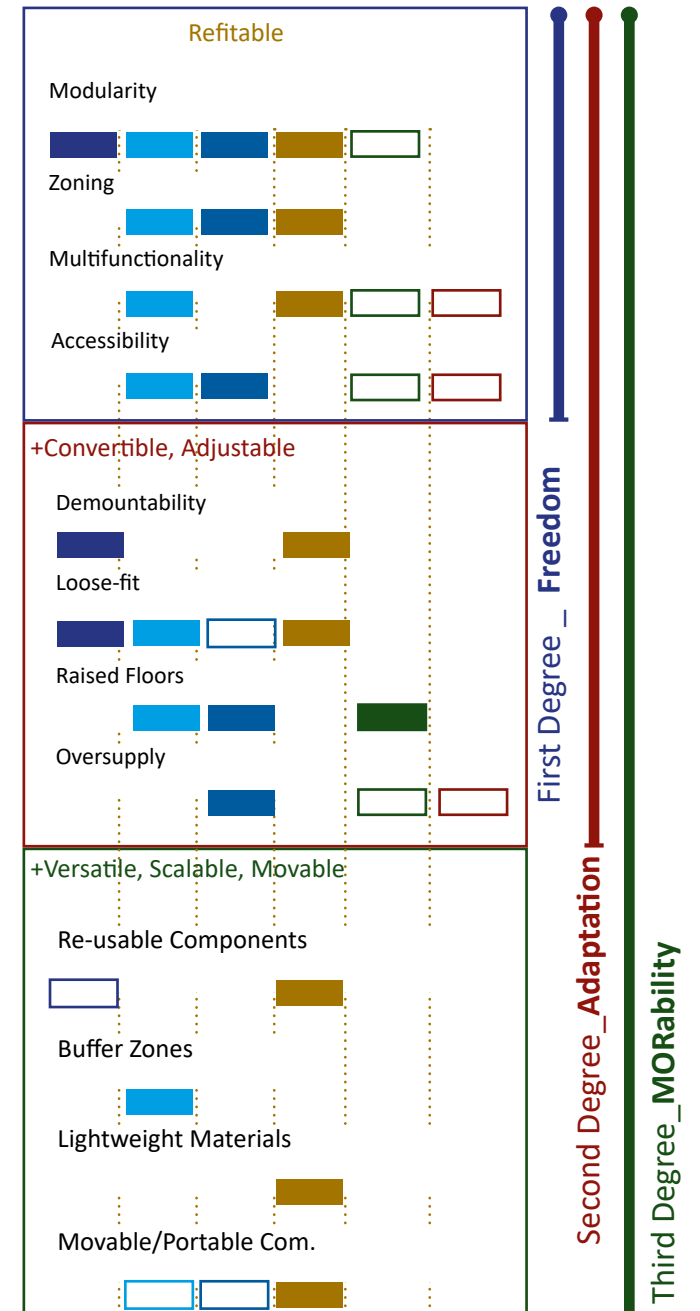
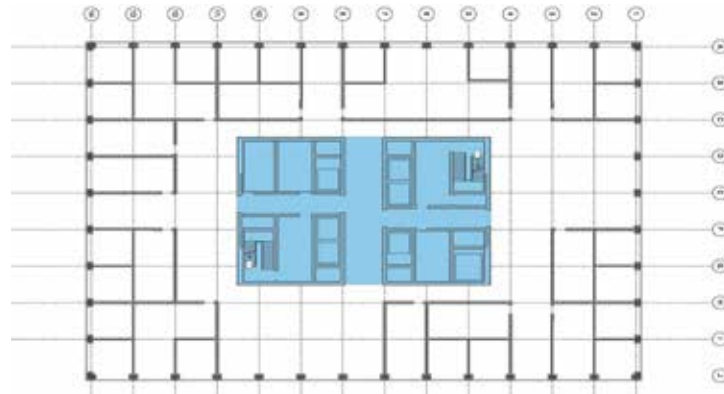
- Balance between **Cost-Value**
- **Analysis of the project**
  - a. Transformation potential
  - b. Building's and environment's characteristics
- **Desirable Accommodation Opportunities**
- **Impact on Layers**

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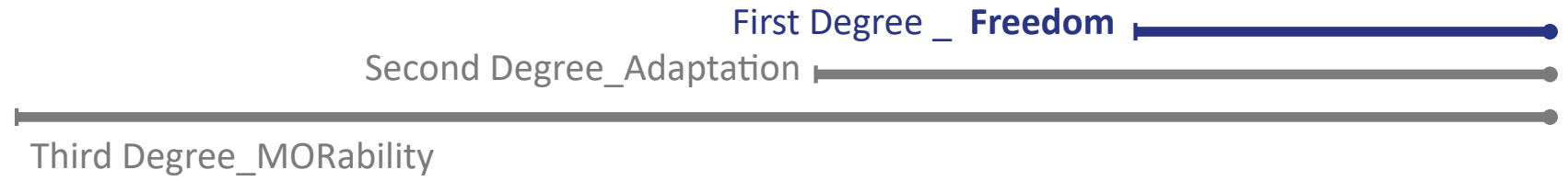
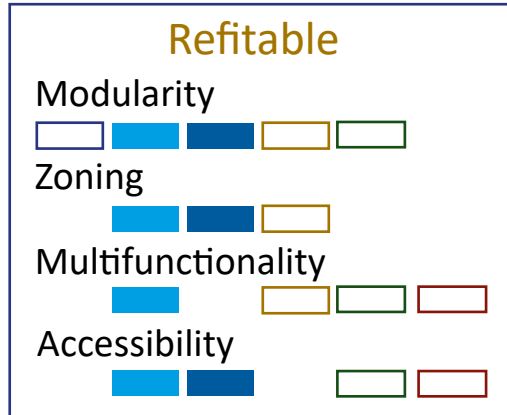


## 3 Steps

- Uniqueness
- Market & Area
- Vision
- Sequence of design actions



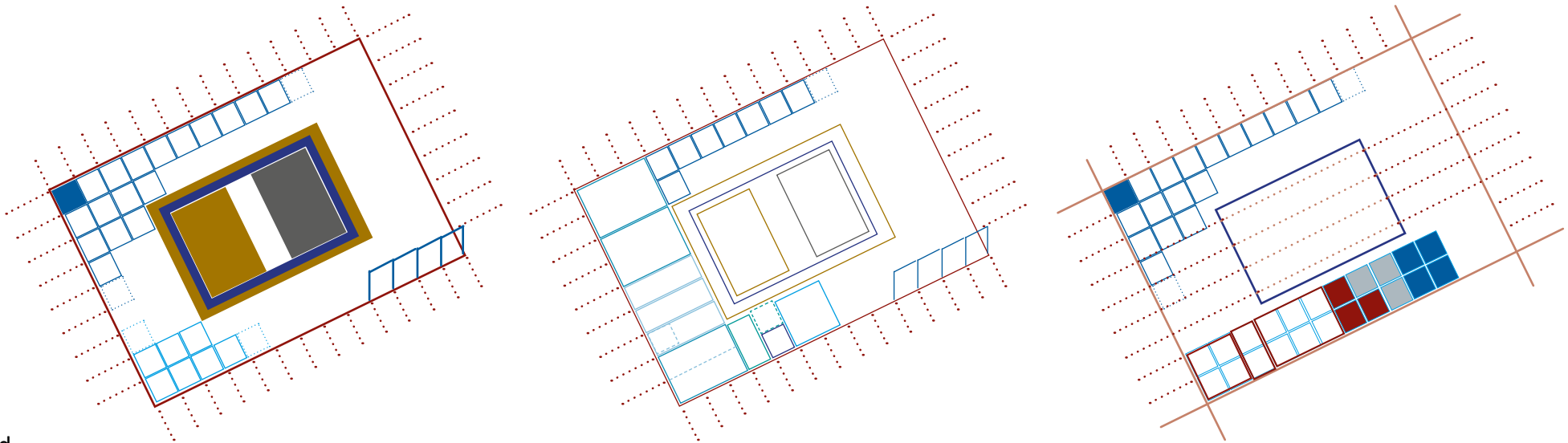
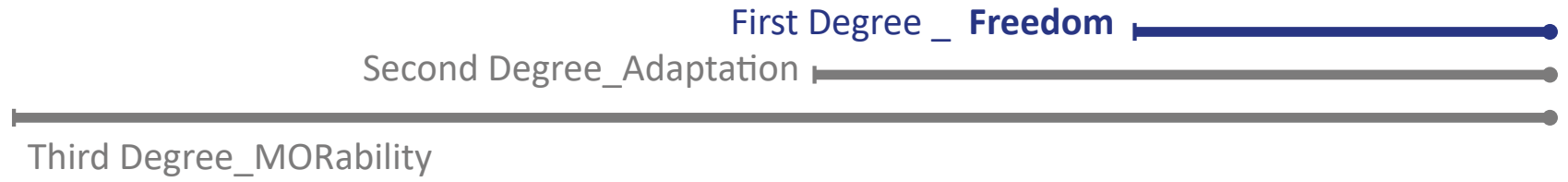
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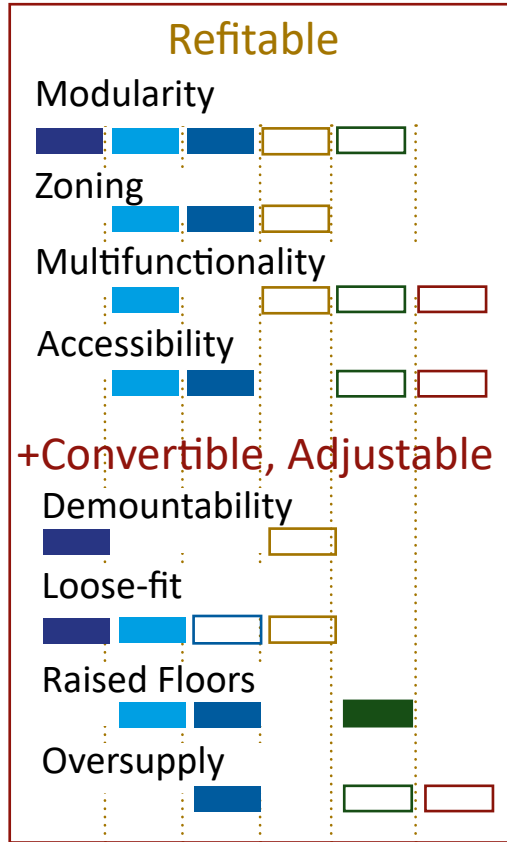
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- Refitable**
- Modularity
  - Zoning
  - Multifunctionality
  - Accessibility



- Grid
- Accessibility & Zoning
- Modularity
- Multifunctionality
- Core
- Spatial rearrangements

# Design Framework



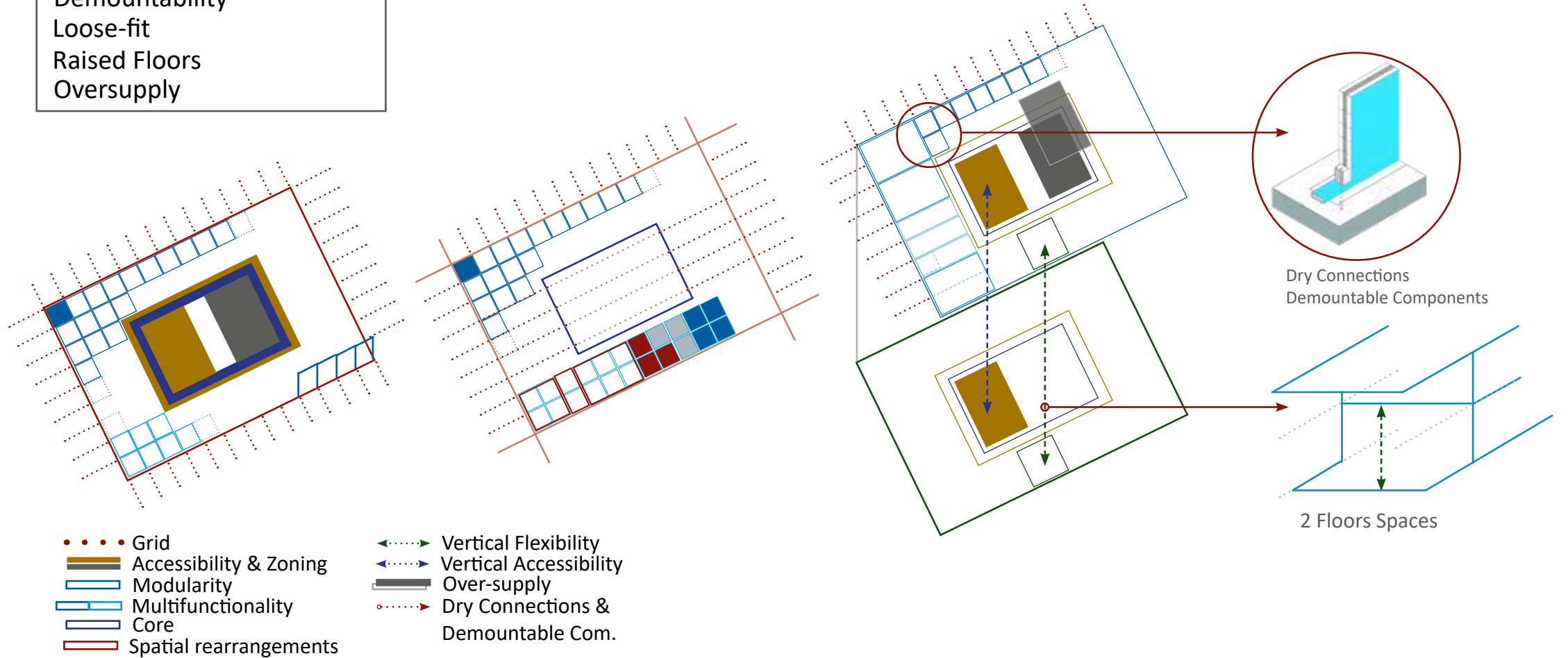
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Second Degree \_ **Adaptation**

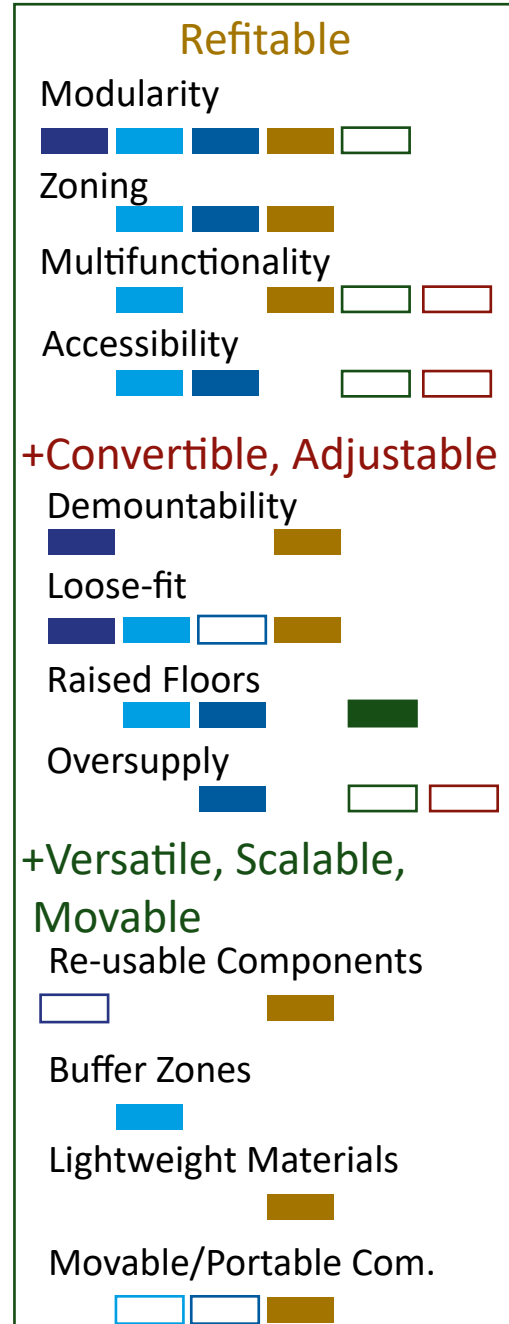
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  - +Convertible, Adjustable**
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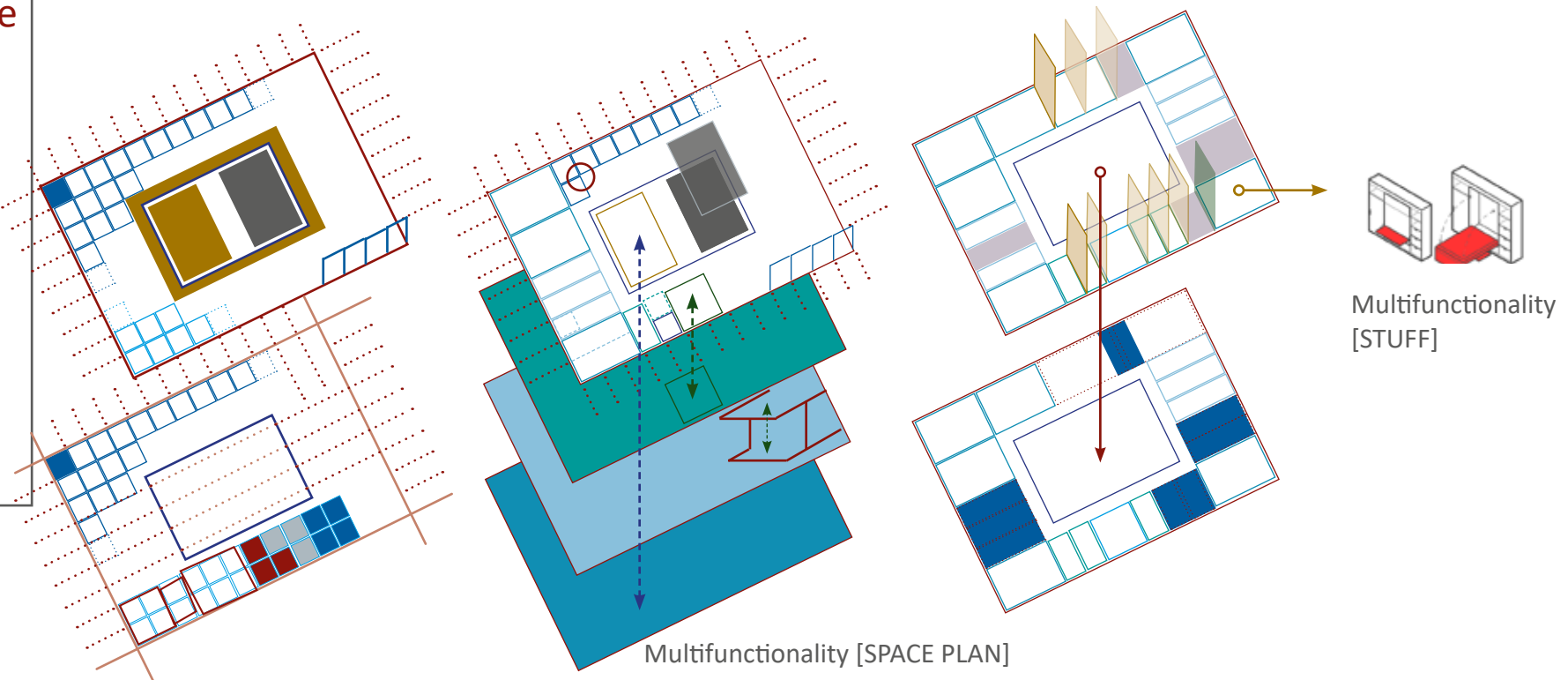
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  - Oversupply
  - +Versatile, Scalable, Movable**
  - Re-usable Components
  - Buffer Zones
  - Lightweight Materials
  - Movable/Portable Com.



Multifunctionality [SPACE PLAN]

- Grid
- ▬ Accessibility & Zoning
- ▬ Modularity
- ▬ Multifunctionality
- ▬ Core
- ▬ Spatial rearrangements

- ↕ Vertical Flexibility
- ↕ Vertical Accessibility
- ▬ Over-supply
- Dry Connections & Demountable Com.

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- ▬ Buffer Zones
- ▬ Speed Re-arrangements
- ▬ Movable & Portable Com.

- Multifunctional & Reusable Com.

## “Implementation”



MOR\_ Solar Decathlon Competition 2019

## Characteristics

Target Group: Starters

Vision: Net Positive  
Efficient  
Dynamic  
**FUTURE PROOF**  
Affordable

Key Design Elements:

Flexibility  
Circularity  
Energy Efficiency  
Modularity



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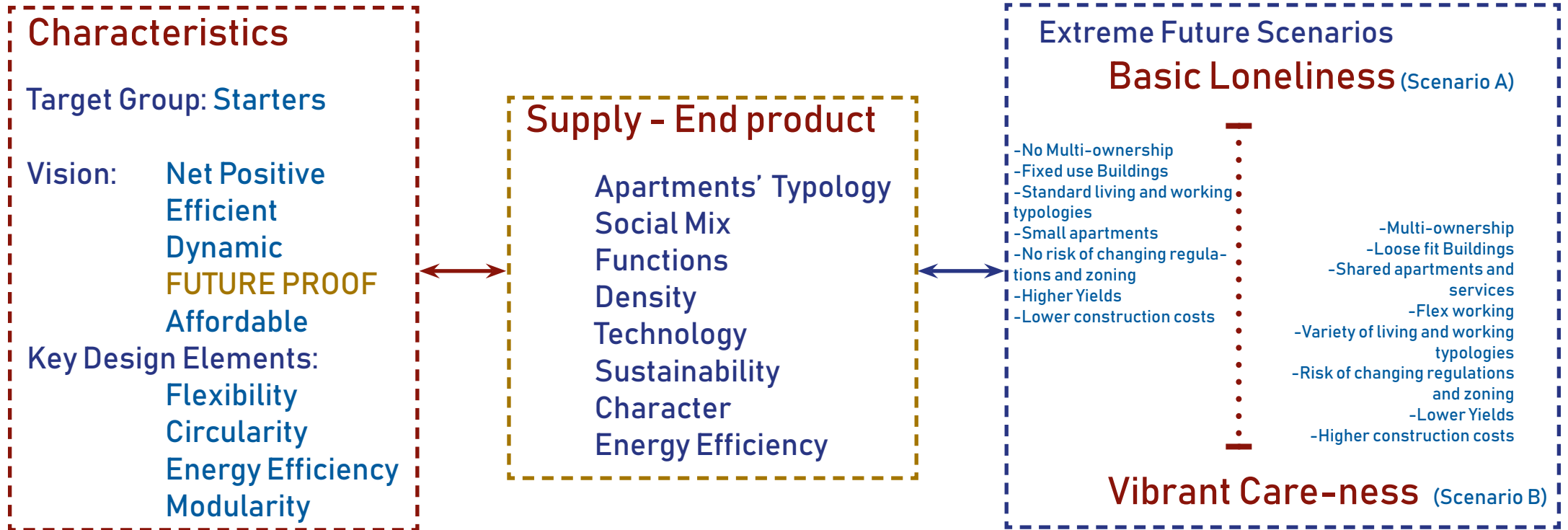
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### Basic Loneliness (Scenario A)

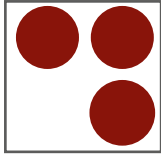
- No Multi-ownership
- Fixed use Buildings
- Standard living and working typologies
- Small apartments
- No risk of changing regulations and zoning
- Higher Yields
- Lower construction costs

- Multi-ownership
- Loose fit Buildings
- Shared apartments and services
- Flex working
- Variety of living and working typologies
- Risk of changing regulations and zoning
- Lower Yields
- Higher construction costs

### Vibrant Care-ness (Scenario B)



# Cross Comparison



**Basic  
Loneliness**



**Vibrant  
Care-ness**



Apartments' typology

**Functions**

Ownership - Tenancy

**Offices' Typology**

Target Group

**Density**

IOT, ICT

**Sustainability**

Net positivity

**Quality, Character**

**Scenario**

**A**

Small

Single

One owner

Big offices

Standard

Standard

Basic

No/Basic

2050 rule

Basic

**Scenario**

**B**

Variety

Mixed

Multi

Flex/Co-working

Multiple

Dynamic

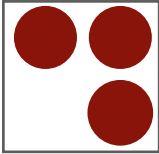
Innovative

Yes

More than 2050 rule

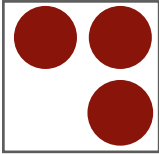
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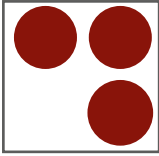


	<b>Scenario A</b>	<b>Scenario B</b>	<b>NON- Dynamic</b>
Apartments' typology	Small	Variety	A or B
<b>Functions</b>	Single	Mixed	A or B
Ownership - Tenancy	One owner	Multi	A or B
<b>Offices' Typology</b>	Big offices	Flex/Co-working	A or B
Target Group	Standard	Multiple	A or B
<b>Density</b>	Standard	Dynamic	A or B
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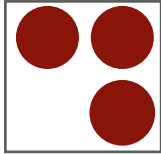


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Apartments' typology	Small	Variety	A or B	Medium
<b>Functions</b>	Single	Mixed	A or B	A&B
Ownership - Tenancy	One owner	Multi	A or B	A&B
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Target Group	Standard	Multiple	A or B	A&B
<b>Density</b>	Standard	Dynamic	A or B	A&B
IOT, ICT	Basic	Innovative	A or B	A&B
<b>Sustainability</b>	No/Basic	Yes	A or B	A&B
Net positivity	2050 rule	More than 2050 rule	A or B	A&B
<b>Quality, Character</b>	Basic	Landmark	A or B	A&B



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MOR

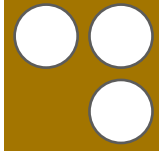
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No resistance

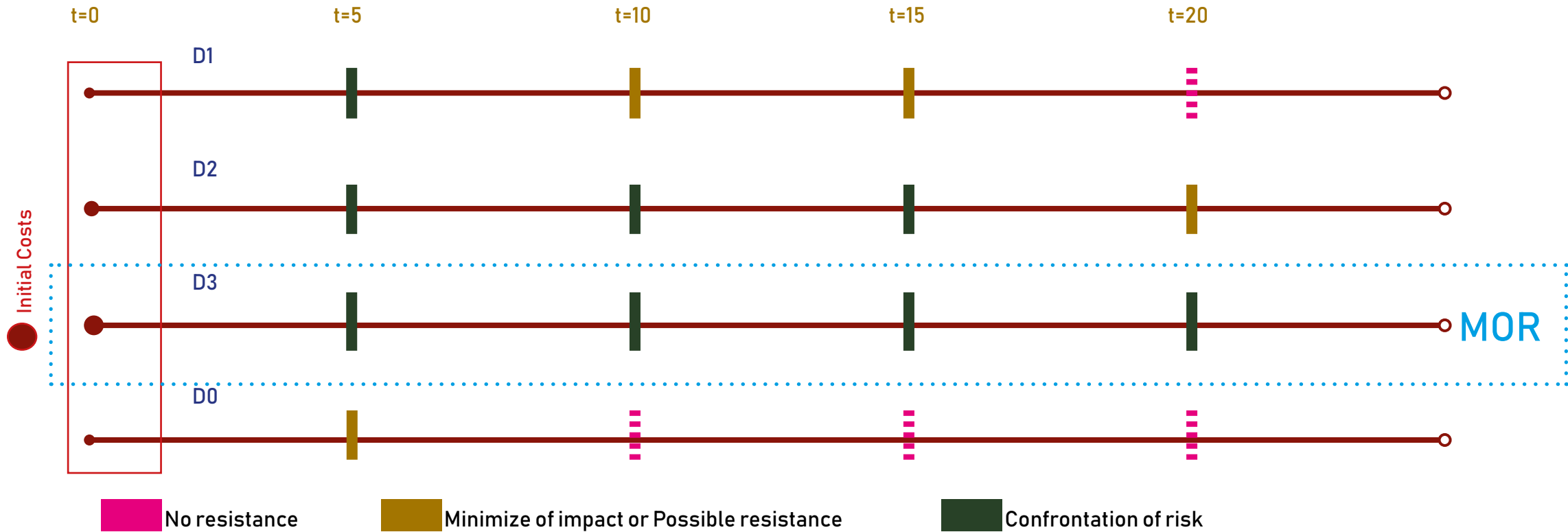
With restrictions

Fully dynamic

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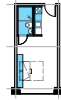
Risks	Change in working demand New IOT, ICT req.	Change in working and living demand, New IOT, ICT req.	Political Change New Environmental regulations	Change of Economy Services efficiency Importance of Circularity
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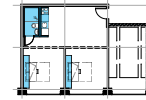
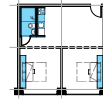


## APARTMENT TYPOLOGIES

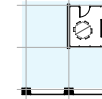
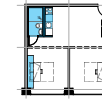
SMALL  2x 



MEDIUM  4x  +



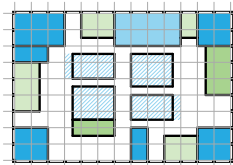
MEDIUM 'LIVE x WORK'  
LOWER AND UPPER FLOOR



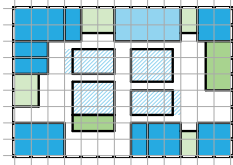
## Third Degree

MOR

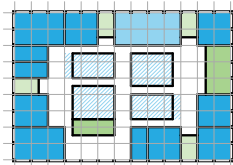
### DENSITY PHASES



LOW DENSITY (AVG 14 BEDROOMS)



MEDIUM DENSITY (AVG 19 BEDROOMS)



HIGH DENSITY (AVG 24 BEDROOMS)

-  APARTMENT
-  CO-LIVING UNIT
-  SIZE-ADAPTABLE WINTERGARDENS
-  PERMANENT TERRACE AND FOOD PRODUCTION
-  CORE FUNCTIONS

LARGE  6x  +

LARGE 'LIVE'



LARGE 'LIVE x GROW'

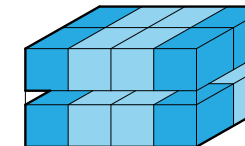
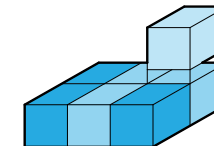
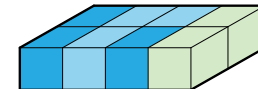
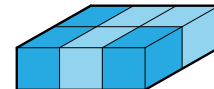
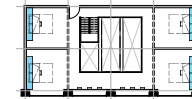


LARGE 'LIVE x WORK'



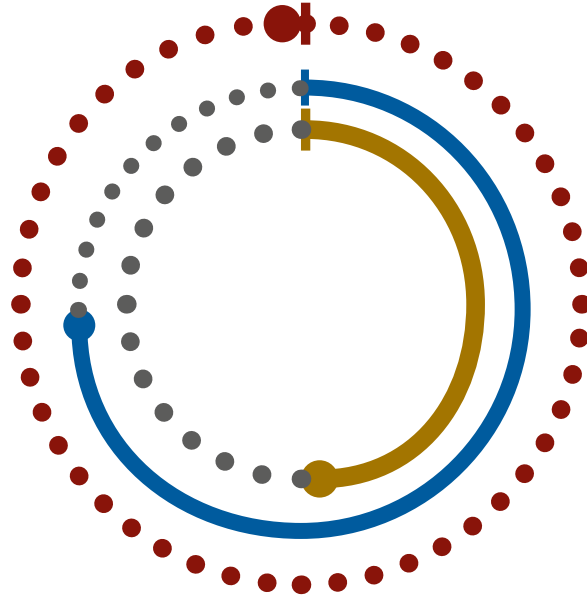
CO-LIVING  12x

LARGE 'LIVE x SHARE'  
LOWER AND UPPER FLOOR

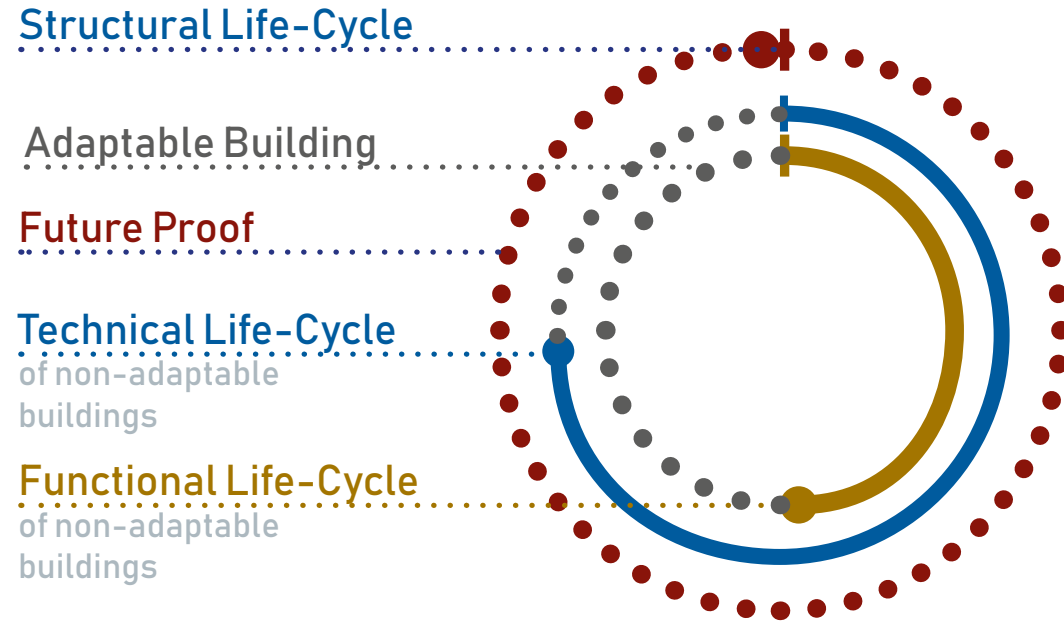


-  PRIVATE
-  SHARED LIVING SPACE
-  WORK BOX
-  GREEN SPACE

# Conclusions

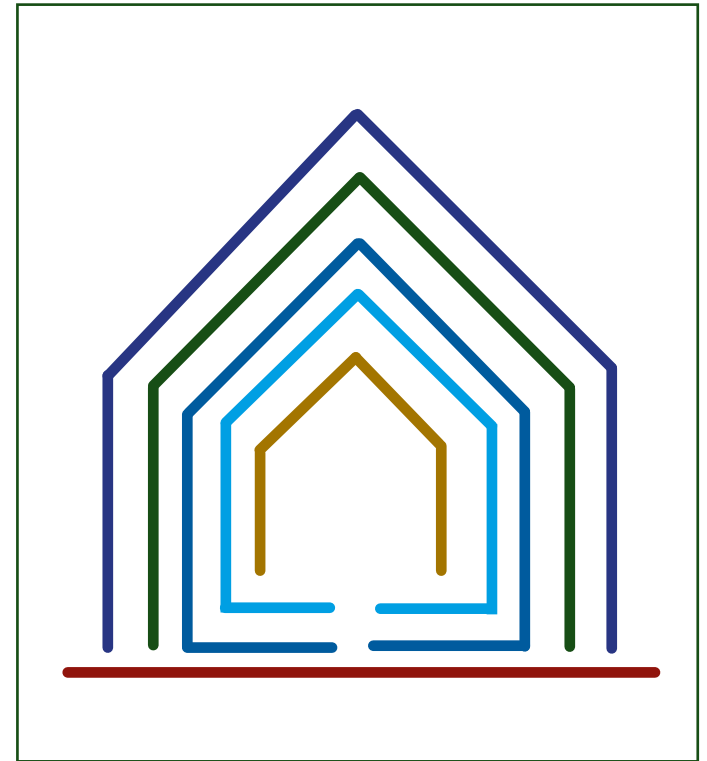
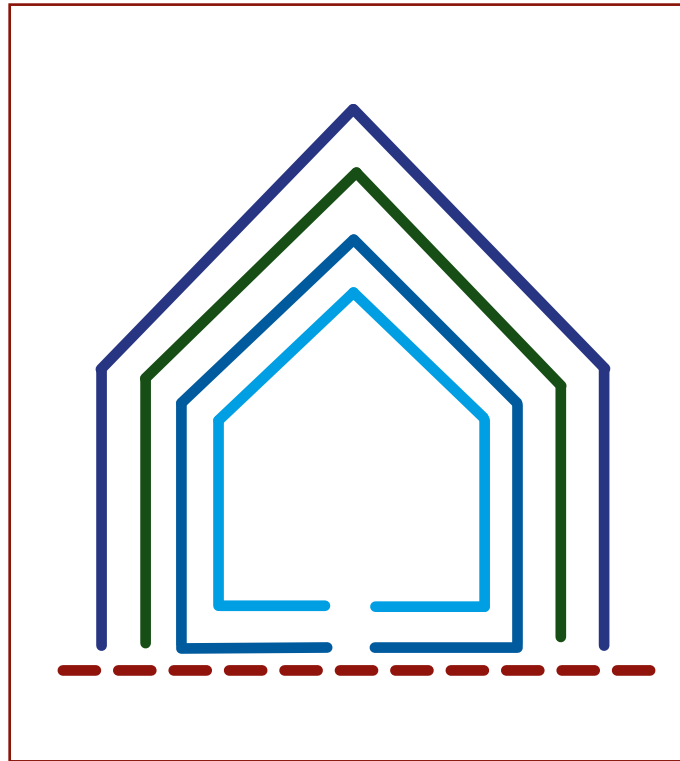
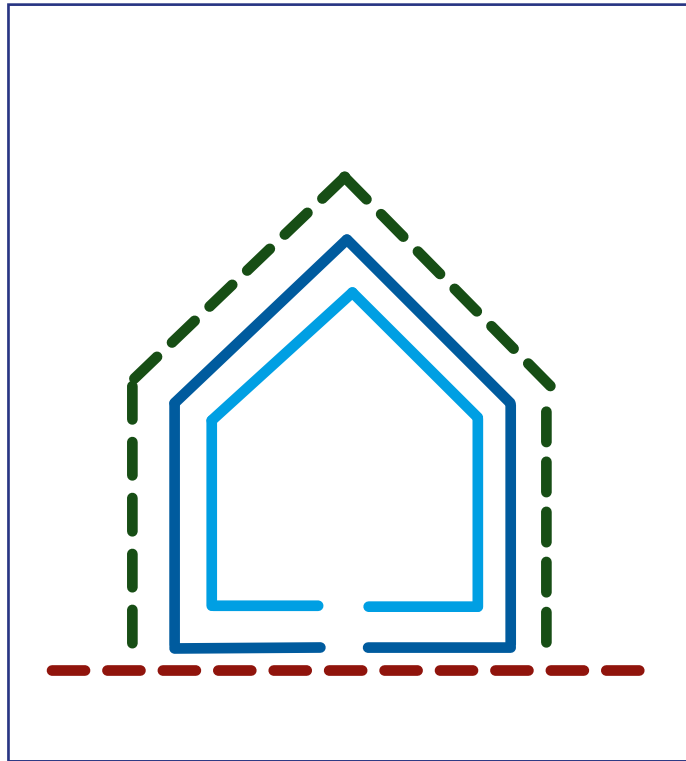


# Conclusions



How can  
**Adaptability Design Strategies**  
be Applied  
in order to develop a  
**Future-Proof transformation project?**

# Design Framework



First Degree \_ Freedom



Second Degree\_ Adaptation



Third Degree\_MORability

# Reflection

Reflection on the TOPIC

Reflection on the METHOD

Reflection on the END-Result

Reflection on the Limitations

Further Research

Reflection on the TOPIC

## Scientific & Social Relevance

Reflection on the TOPIC

Reflection on the METHOD

Literature Research

Empirical Research



Reflection on the TOPIC

Reflection on the METHODOLOGY

Reflection on the END-Result

Design Framework

Reflection on the Limitations

Time  
Quantitative Data

Reflection on the TOPIC

Reflection on the METHODOLOGY

Reflection on the END-Result

Reflection on the Limitations

Recommendations for Further Research

Design Framework  
Economic Considerations  
Other Typologies  
Adaptable Design

Thank you!!