(IN)FORM RESEARCH STUDIO VOLUME FOLD, STRUCTURAL FOLD, SPACE CONTINUUM

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D'ARCY THOMPSON, ON GROWTH AND FORM

ON (IN)FORM RESEARCH STUDIO

From follows function. Form is design. Form is beauty. What is form? Under which restrictions is form generated? Do we still need the grid? What happens when other than numerical restrictions define the space, such as information systems? What happens to form within a system of overlapping activities at the intersection of work/ domestic life?

Throughout the development of architectonics, the production of form has been based on the contemporary understanding of geometry. At the same time, the perception of space as determined by the techniques of visualisation and its mathematics of construction depicted in each epoch's art/ culture had a strong influence on exactly this geometry – a predetermination of space perception through the training of the eye and shaped the information presented. The cultural shift from the central perspective to photography to film has found its equivalent of form understanding in each epoch's geometry, integrating time as a relevant additional condition to the original x-y-z axis, thus leaving the metrical space.

The **(IN)FORMRESEARCH STUDIO** will review these phenomena of 'geometry history' –from Palladian symmetry via the Cartesian grid to the Corbusian Plan Libre – to investigate alternative forms of geometry:

With the integration of time as a 4-dimensional factor and the acknowledgement of parallel realities as offered by digital information systems, a series of form generating methods have emerged. The Anamorphical Plan, Growth and Form Interdependencies as described by D'Arcy Thompson, the Fluctuating Plan, grid-independent geometries such as the Moebius Strip and the Klein Bottle, and Form-generating processes such as surface bifurcations systems, combined geometry strategies and multiples organization patterns are to name but a few.



INFORM RESEARCH STUDIO UNITS OF APPROACH

U1 CONTEMPORARY ARCH GEOMETRIES U2 DEVELOPMENT OF SURFACE STRATEGIES/ RULES U3 ADAPTION TO PROGRAM



U4 ARCH PROPOSAL



LE CORBUSIER DOMINO HOUSE

ORTHOGONAL VOLUME FOLD 1- SURFACE/ OPPOSING

> **REGULAR TRIANGULATION TRIANGULATED VOLUME FOLD** MULTIPLE PATTERN

STRATEGIES

The way in which the **(IN)FORMRESEARCH STUDIO** will engage in form definition and form generating processes is relatively simple: We will construct, reconstruct and transform a series of models, which build up the body of studio research, based on an abstract incorporation of the modernist fever/ Le Cruiser's Domino House. The five points, which generated the original design, will be the points of departure to this exercise: for a hyperstrenghened, deformed, re-installed, adapted, morphed, varied or abandoned solution of a surface.

The production of a large number of physical models (and 3D computational equivalents) will start with a generative with shared characteristics (same material/ various forms) and lead to a moment when the material aspects will condition the result. In respect to the short time given, you will be asked to team up in 4 groups as a joined work force, researching under one headline, but with individual responsibility. Each group will start from one set of rules, and each of its member's will develop his/her own deviation from the original setup, thus exploring an alternate result through subtle change of parameters. In numbers: each one of you will have produced approx. 5-10 models by the end, both rules and models will be documented as a process and presented as team result. Each step will be discussed in the studio, and ideally the whole studio should profit from one single person's product.

CHOICE OF HEADLINE:

Among a variety of geometrical approaches such as Box Deformation, Surface Bifurcation, Combined Geometries/ Spline/ Box and Multiple Organisations/3D Patterning/Space Nodes, the (IN)FORMRESEARCH STUDIO has decided to work with the FOLD and its varieties, ranging from Multiple Pattern Triangulation to the Structural Fold.

CURVED SURFACE 2 SURFACES CONTINUUM/ HORIZONTAL

PATTERN FOLD DISTORTED RECTANGLE REPETITION ORTHOGONAL SURFACE FOLD/ TWIST

FORM VS VOLUME

MULTIPLE BEND/ RIBBON FORM VS VOLUME **BEND SURFACE** 2 SURFACES COUNTERACTING

PARTIAL VOLUME FOLD SURFACE STRIATION

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STRUCTURAL FOLD SURFACE BEND FORCES



RS- A 1.1 ENCLOSED SURFACE



RS- A 1.2



RS- B 1.1 1 FOLDED SURFACE



RS- B 1.2



> one surface generates the complete envelope, including circulation spaces



ORTHOGONAL VOLUME FOLD 2 1-3 SURFACE/ OPPOSING/ OPERATING



1 ABSTRACTED FULU 0 working plane> 12 x 18

SR B 1.2

1 surface is an abstraction/ extension of surrounding plane 2 surface is bifurcated into 2 non-similar strands

3 strands are folded to form 2 volumes on 3 levels (footage, level1, level2)

4 resulting volumes are positioned in opposing directions



> resulting volumes are positioned in opposing directions







NK- A 1.1 HOUSE IN HOUSE

NK- B 1.1 TWISTED HOLD

STRUCTURAL FOLD PLUS SORTS OF HOLD



NK- C 1.1 Diagonal Hold



NK- C 1.2



NK- D 1.1 DISGUISED HOLD



NK- D 1.2



NK- E 1.1 DISGUISED HOLD 2



NK- D 1.3

STRUCTURAL FOLD PLUS SURFACE HOLD

NK- E 1.2









NP- D 1.1 MULTIPLE RIBBON





NP- D 1.3 MULTIPLE RIBBON



STRUCTURAL FOLD 2 SURFACE BEND FORCES

> surface as self-inflicted structural device:1 piece folded back to carry the total







HL- B 1.1 SURF SPLIT/ RIBBON

HL- B 1.2

HL- B 1.3

> multiple ribbon organisation forming spatial pockets/ continuous fluidity



HL- B 1.1 SECTION



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HL- B 1.4



NP- J 1.1 SURFACE SPLIT



>2 main surface is bend to form the slabs, structural fold, fassade and footage







>4 main fassade show non-connective pattern to demonstrate the non-loadbearing character

NP-I 1.1 BIFURCATION

STRUCTURAL/ CIRCULATION CORE

>3 the surface bifurcation/void formed works as a circulation core

STRUCTURAL FOLD 3 SURFACE COMBINED FORCES -

NP- G 1.1 Volume

MULTIPLE-NON-LOAD FACADE PATTERN







BH- D 1.1 Volume



BH- C 1.1 SURFACE DIVISION



BH- C 1.2





PARTIAL VOLUME FOLD SURFACE STRIPS BEND

BH- C 1.3

BH- C 1.4

> stripes are bend into 2 directions to form one volume/ blurr distinctions between horizontal/ vertical







TRIANGULATED VOLUME FOLD SURFACE IN TRIANGLE/ 3D ENCLOSURE





HB- A 1.1 DEFORMED 2







PATTERN FOLD DISTORTED RECTANGLE REPETITION



NK- AB 1.1 PATTERN COUNTERPOINT



>1 complete plane is folded into triangular devisions



PATTERN FOLD DISTORTED PATTERN FOLD

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HR B 1.1 TOP

HR B 1.2 SECTION

> moving up

> pull down

> steel staircase structure acts as a backpull to spring (3 levels): draws forces back to ground

STRUCTURAL FOLD 1 SURFACE BEND FORCES

HR A 1.1 SYSTEM

> main surface is bend to form the slabs, structural fold, facade and footage; using decreasing mass



HR B 1.3 FRONT



BEND SURFACE 2 COUNTERPARTS



















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DJ- E 1.2

TRIANGULATED VOLUME FOLD POCKET INSERTIONS







DJ- E 1.1 DOUBLE FOLD

1 TRIANGULAR FOLD 0 working plane = 12 x 18 units

1 three planes react upon/ support each other

2 each plane is intuitively/ irregularly cut and folded to meet the next plane/ interaction





DJ- C 1.2



DJ- C 1.1 SURFACE TRIANGULAR



>3 when an opening is cut into the plane, it remains within a 3sided cut; the substractions of each plane become structural/ circulation devices (ramp, wall). No lost material.

>4 partitions bended towards a neighbouring plane can be enhanced/ doubled up to form spatial pockets/ or static structure



TRIANGULATED VOLUME FOLD LANDSCAPE

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