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Introduction to Building Constructions

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department website: www.epszerk.bme.hu → Courses in English

the course is registered with a final mark

notes: your own notes made during the lectures
department guide based on the lecture material



basic information

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The composition of the final mark

class examination	max. 60 points	min. requirement 30 points
semester project	max. 100 points	min. requirement 50 points
notes prepared during lectures	max. 20 points	min. requirement 10 points
all sub-tasks <u>individually</u> must reach the minimum 50% for course completion.		

total possible maximum of points: 180

final course mark:	0 – 89	fail (1)
	90 – 109	pass (2)
	110 – 129	medium (3)
	130 – 149	good (4)
	150 – 180	excellent (5)



the composition of the final mark

Information – the completion of the course, evaluation

important dates of the semester

class examination to be announced (appr.: on the 9th. class date)

re-write : to be announced (appr.: on the 13th. class date)

second re-write: during the exam period

semester (home) project

final deadline: as per collective faculty date

late submission: as per faculty date (fee and penalty!)

according to the regulations of the Faculty of Architecture, all late submissions will be automatically penalized with a 20% deduction. Late submission is only possible on the date defined by the Dean.

hand written notes must be prepared during the lectures by each student. The notes must be submitted with the semester projects.



important dates

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Lectures and practical exercises

1. I. General information. Course contents, the position of the course in the overall curriculum of the department. Primary structures of buildings.
2. II. Comfort requirements. Requirements of space separator structures. Thermal and acoustical behaviour of structures.
3. III. Structural systems. Walls, pillar frames, slabs.
4. IV. Slabs and stairs. Foundations, waterproofings.
5. V. Roofs: flat and pitched roofs. Partitions.
6. VI. External walls, facade coverings. Doors and windows.
7. Practical exercise: Structural systems
8. Practical exercise: The structures of a family house 1.
9. Class Examination
10. Practical exercise: The structures of a family house 2.
11. and 12. Semester project consultation



schedule

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on taking lecture notes

- use important key words
 - e.g.: notes – will be marked → „mandatory”
- sketch diagrams
- into blank exercise book or plain paper, use pencil
- about „architectural” writing

about learning building construction materials

- reading alone will not do
- only by sketching – drawing simultaneously



the technical expression of „building constructions”

buildings + structures + learning

the structures of a building:

building elements that suffice various tasks and functions
→ everything, that composes, constructs the buildig



„building constructions”

the subject of building construction amongst other subjects of architecture

why should we know?

- professionally found decisions (technical, construction, material)
- performances, the definition of the requirements (eg. house entry door)
- especially important during reconstructions (an expected 60%)

who needs this?

- designers (generally and also for beginners)
- investors, technical controllers
- constructors
- property managers, facility managers, breakdown managers
- real-estate experts, insurance, investment personnel

without it?

- „stylist architect” – remains on the surface (not technically definitive)
- Phoenix Architecton, architect practices, AA London

a change in the views: environmental, energy issues – becomes important



the necessity to know

the subject of building construction amongst other subjects of architecture

what if we lack the knowledge?

- the result will be different from the intended – quality, view, cost

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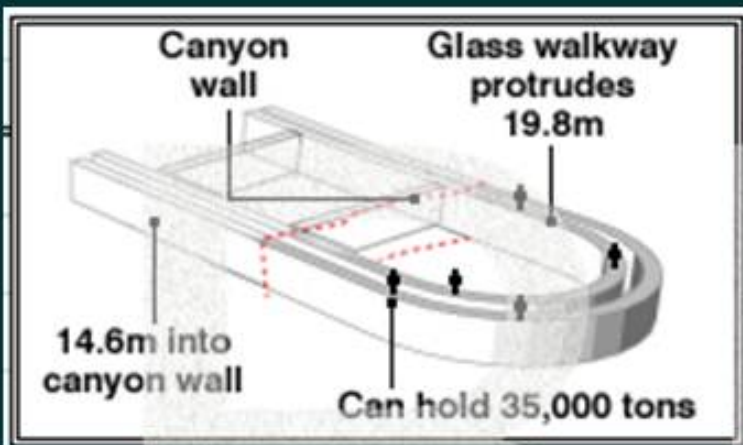


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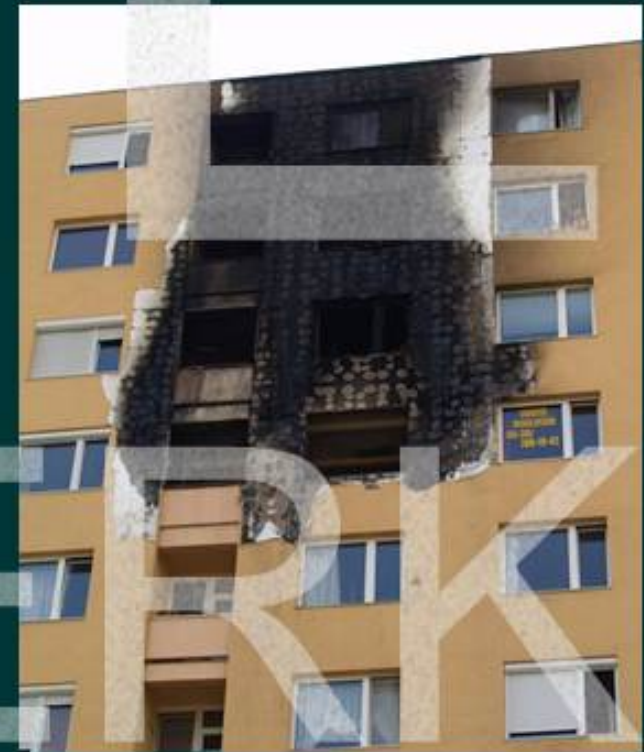
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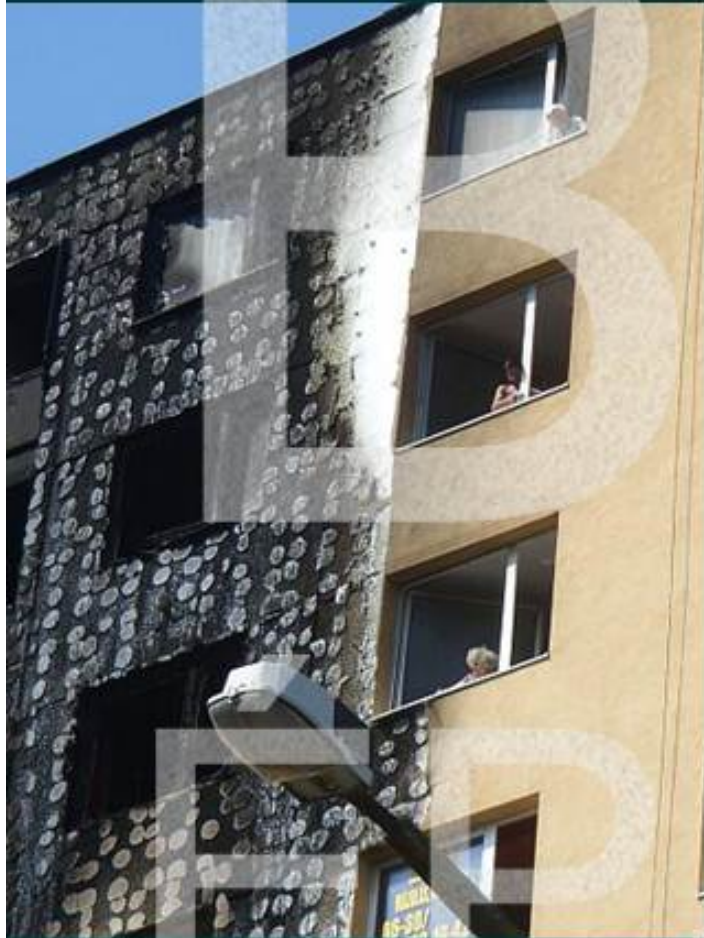
what if we lack the knowledge?

- the result will be different from the intended – quality, view, cost
- low comfort (eg. noise), leakage, mildew, deterioration
- we allow the possibility for accidents, even life endangering (eg. floor, handrails, fire danger)



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what if we lack the knowledge?



panel fire in Miskolc, 2009. August 15th.



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what if we lack the knowledge?



the 7th. floor after the fire



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5th floor



6th floor



7th floor



8th floor



9th floor



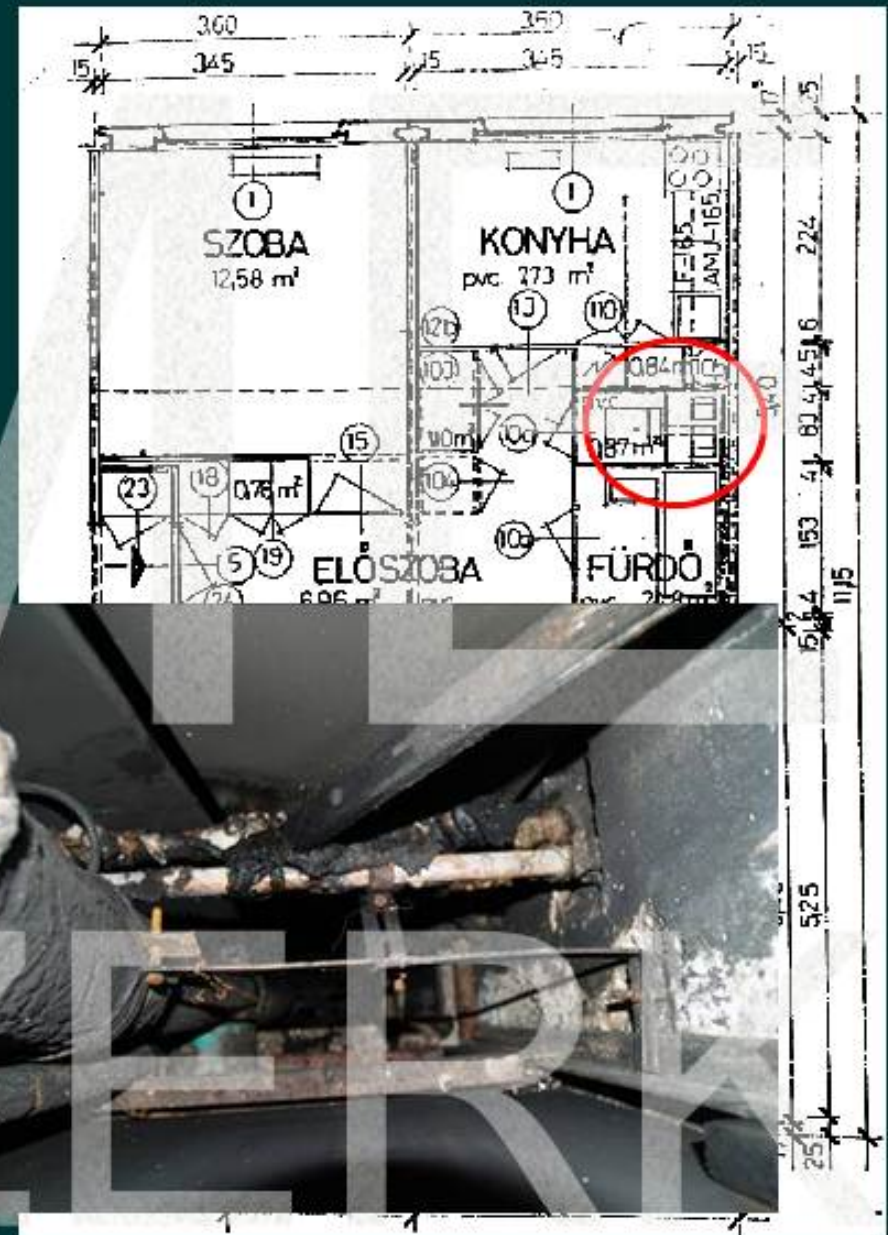
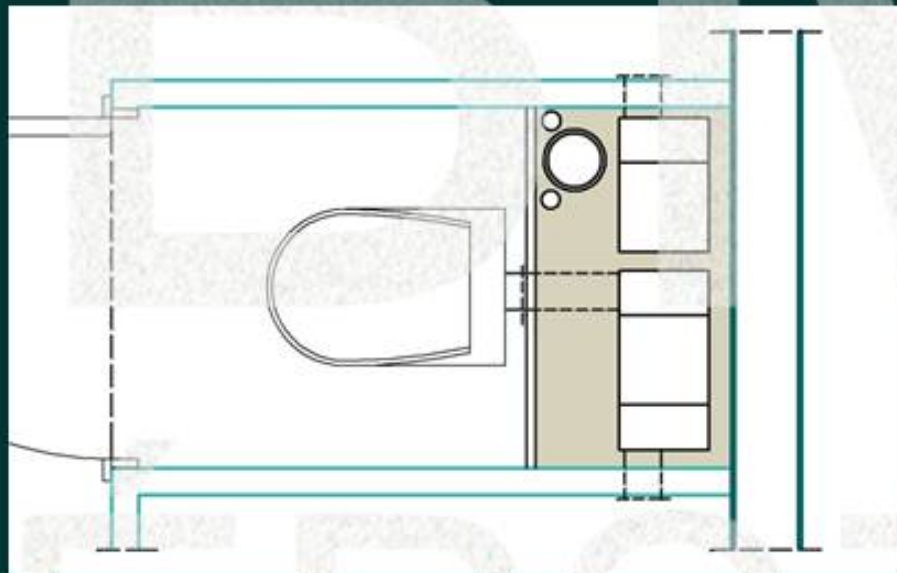
shaft interior



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what if we lack the knowledge?

building machinery
shaft



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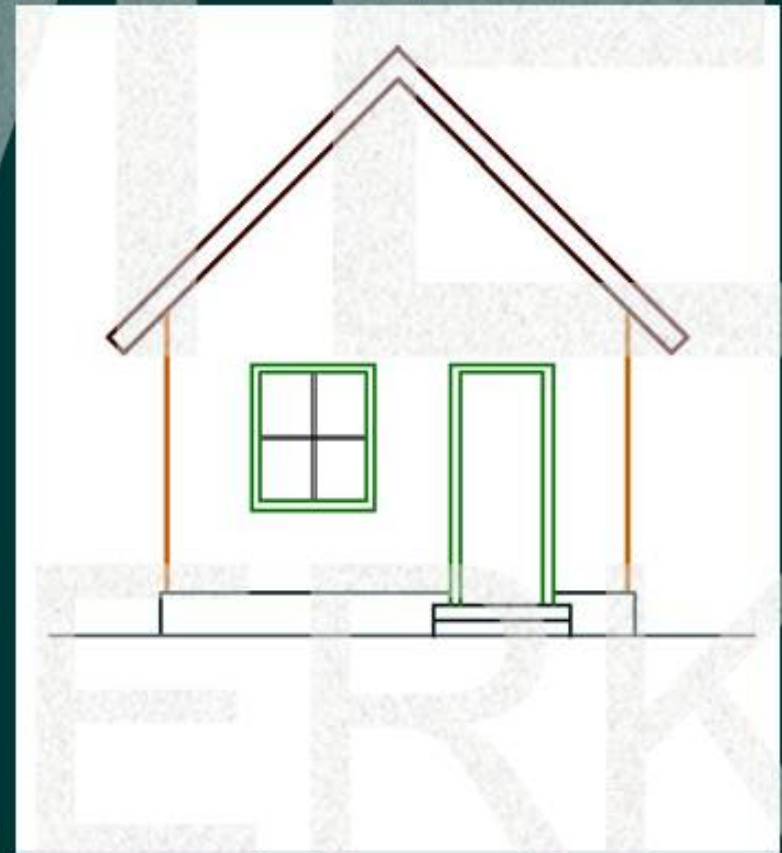
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facade



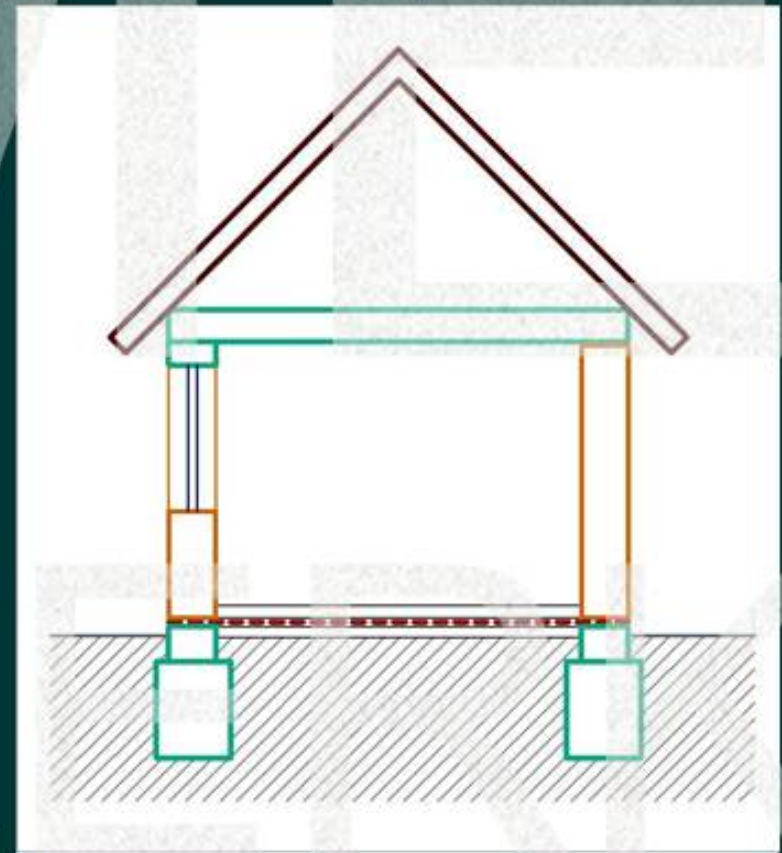
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section



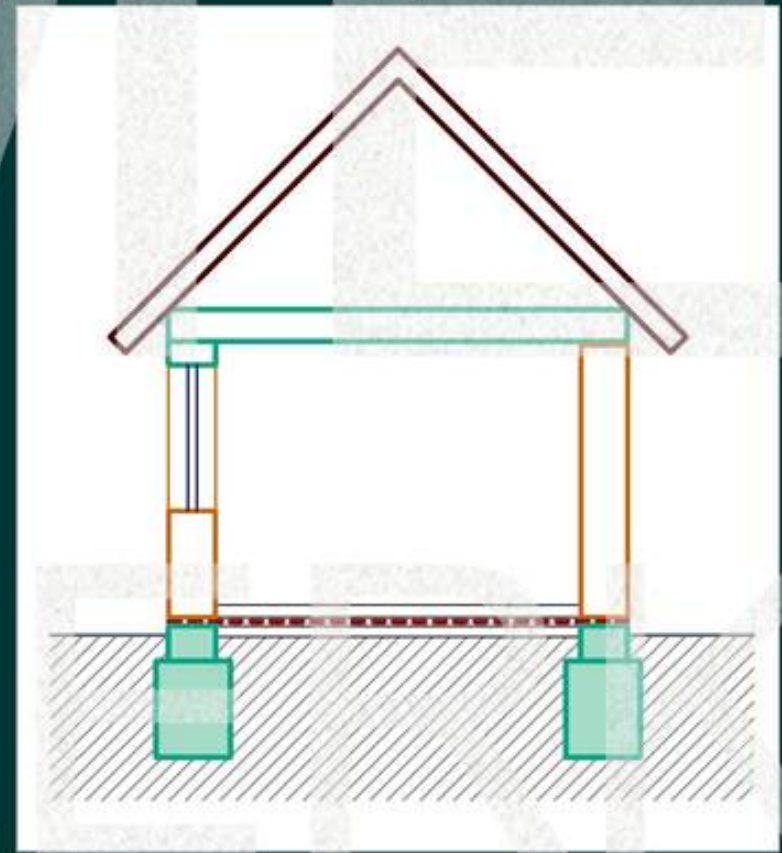
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foundations



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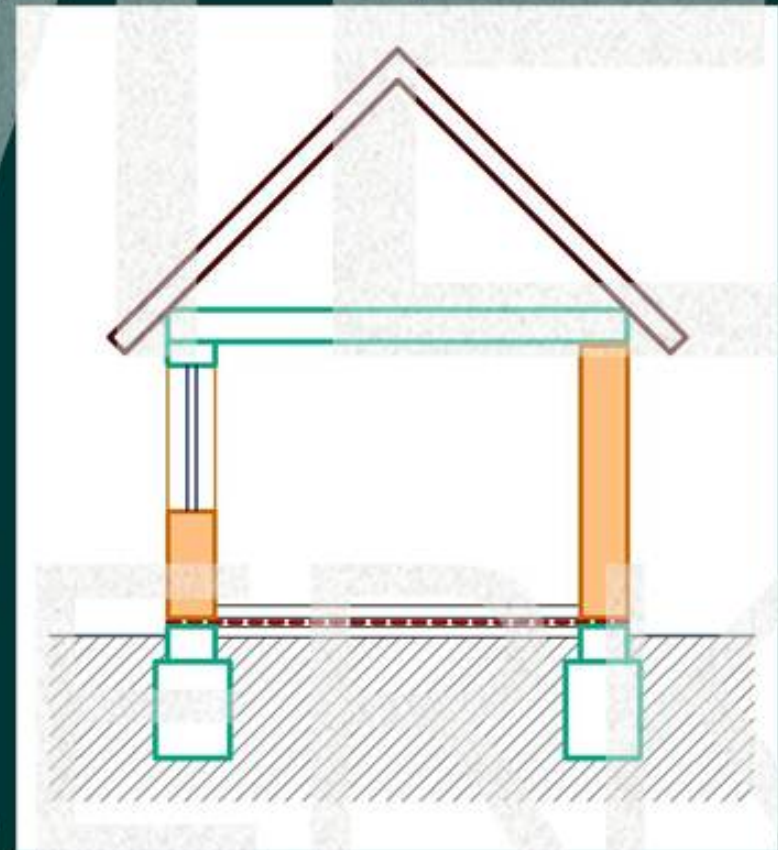
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walls



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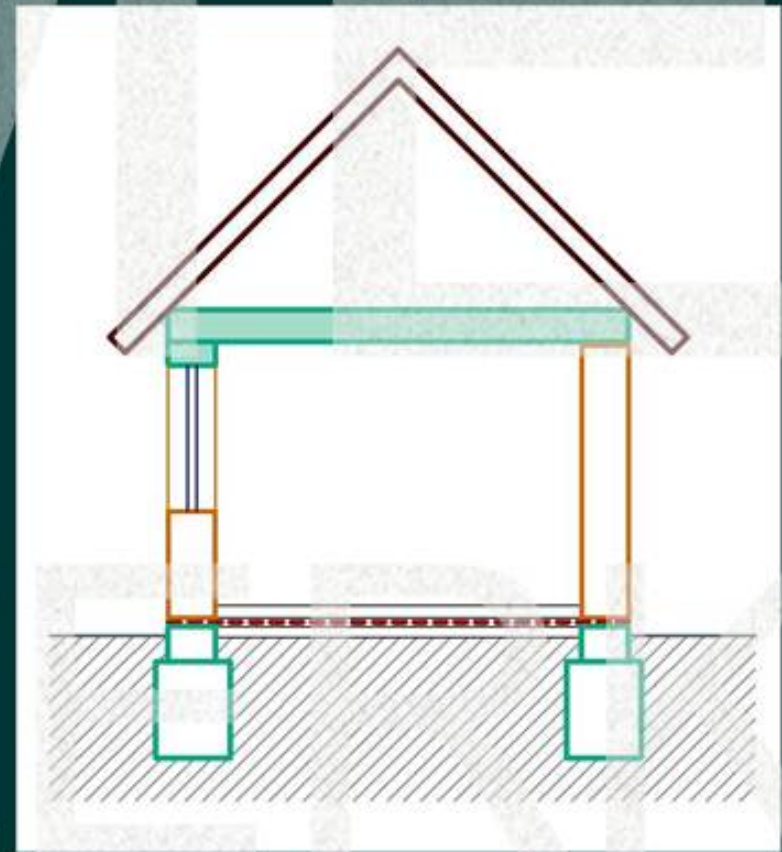
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slabs



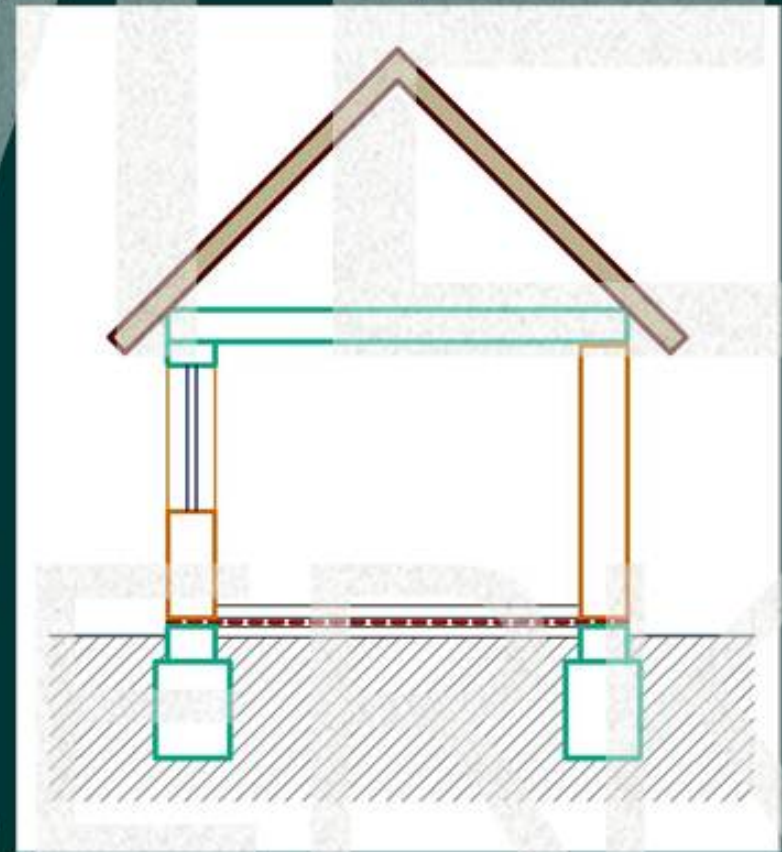
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(pitched) roof



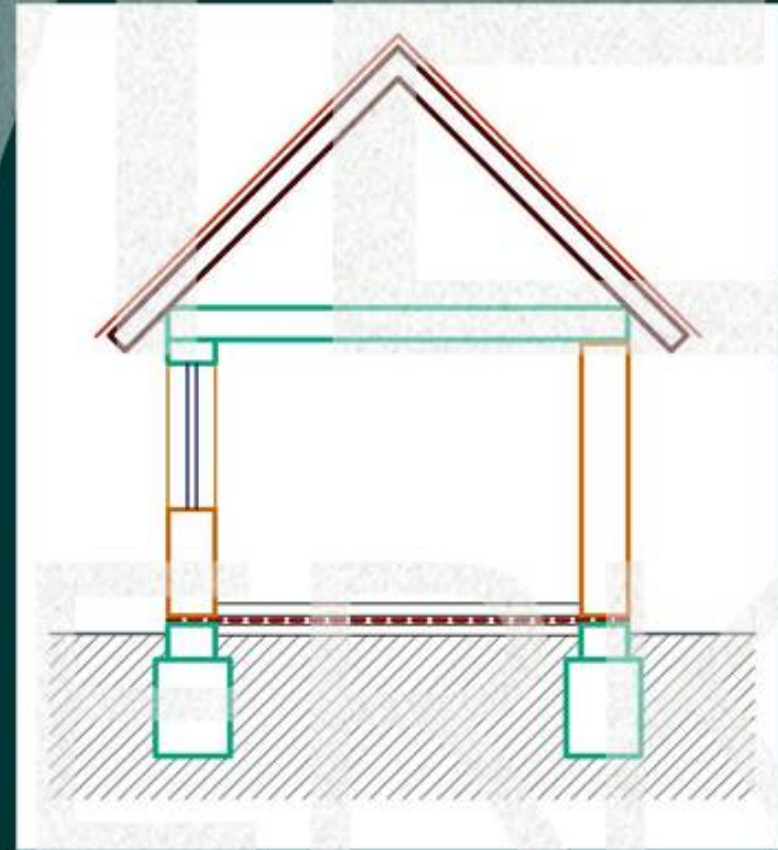
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roof covering

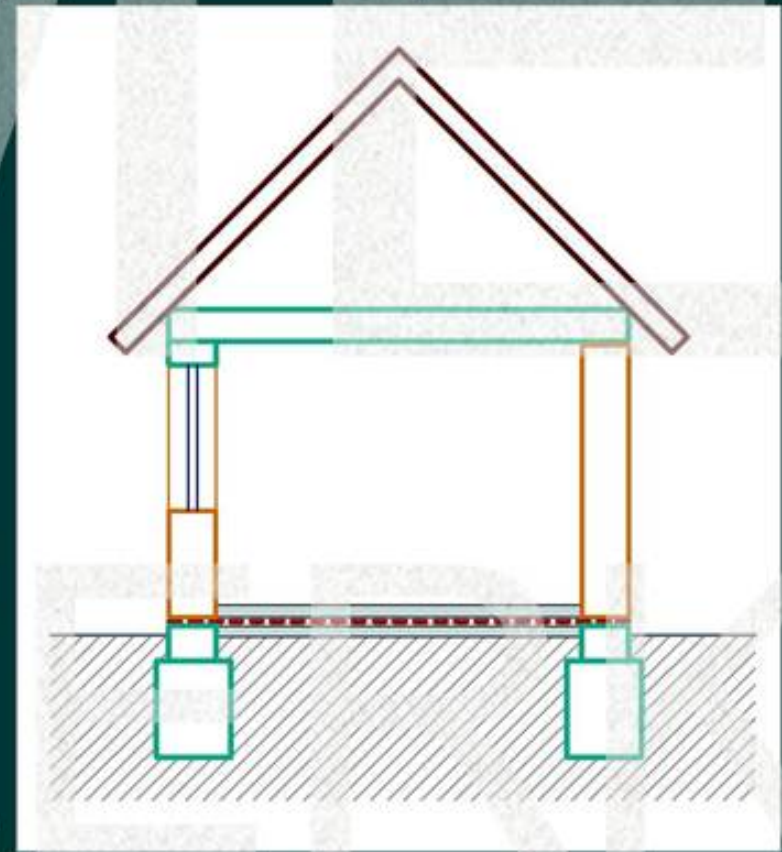


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(ground) floor slab



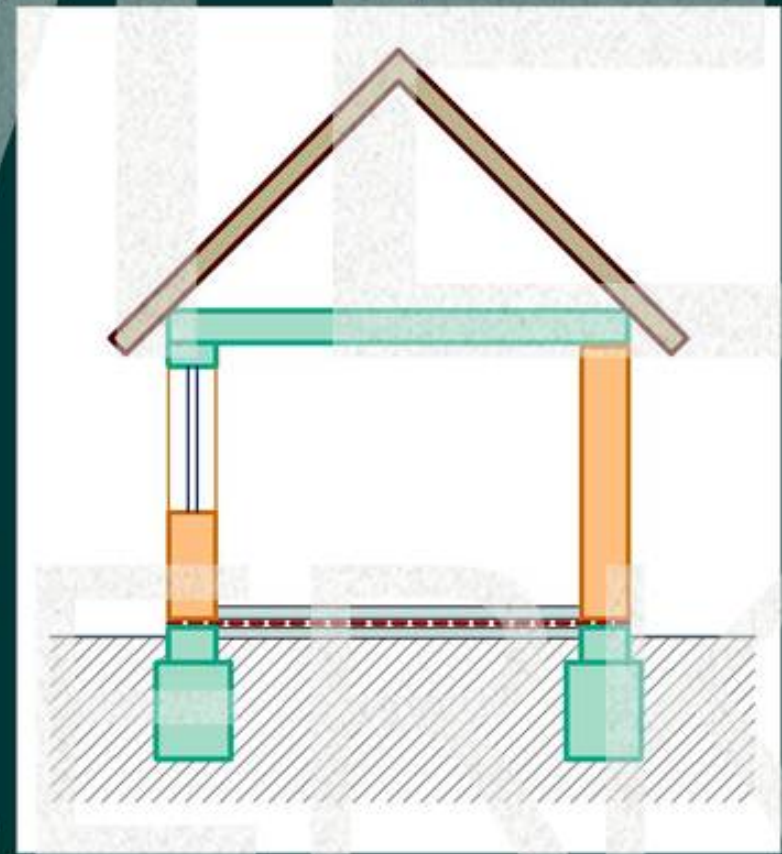
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cross-section



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earthwork, foundations
the construction stages of a traditional structured family house



walls, slab steelwork
the construction stages of a traditional structured family house



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slab forming, concrete work, walls
the construction stages of a traditional structured family house



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roof structure and covering

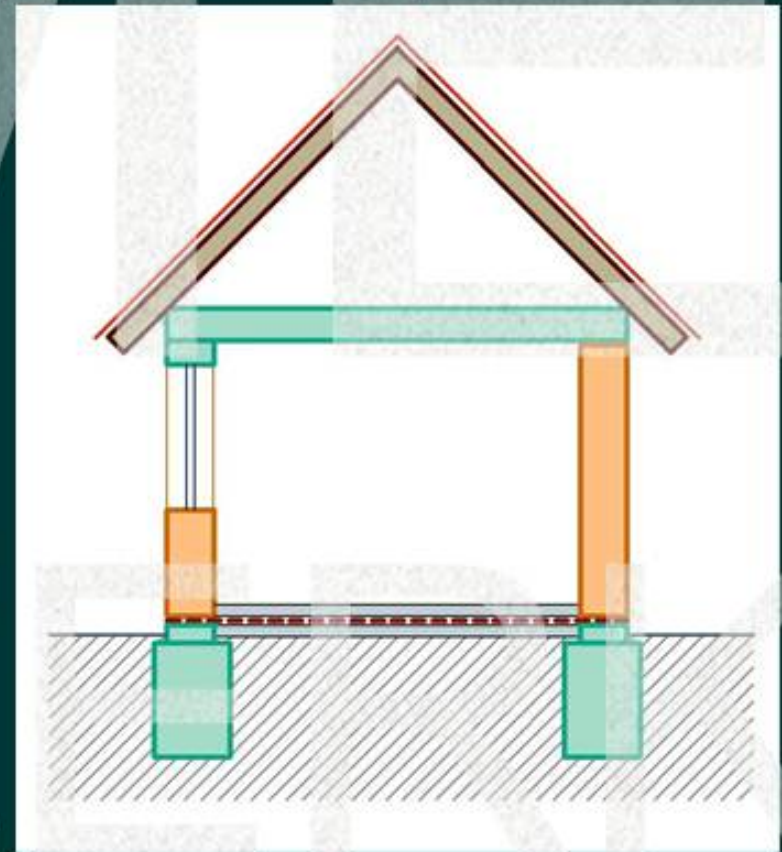
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foundation, framework
the construction stages of a small, wood-frame house



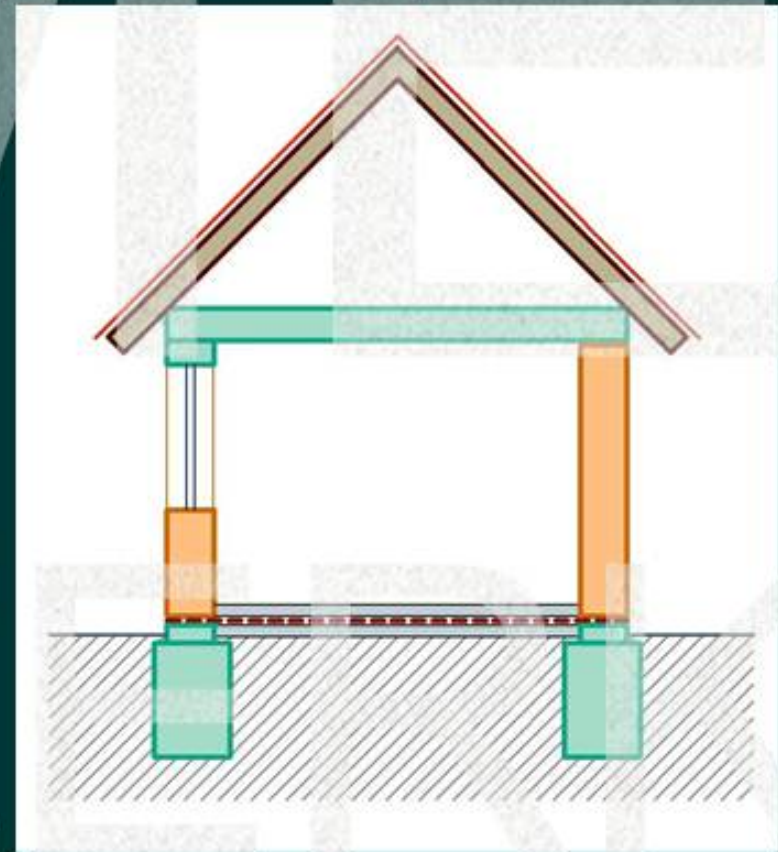
framework, roof and facade covering
the construction stages of a small, wood-frame house

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there are not only traditionally
made **wall** structure buildings



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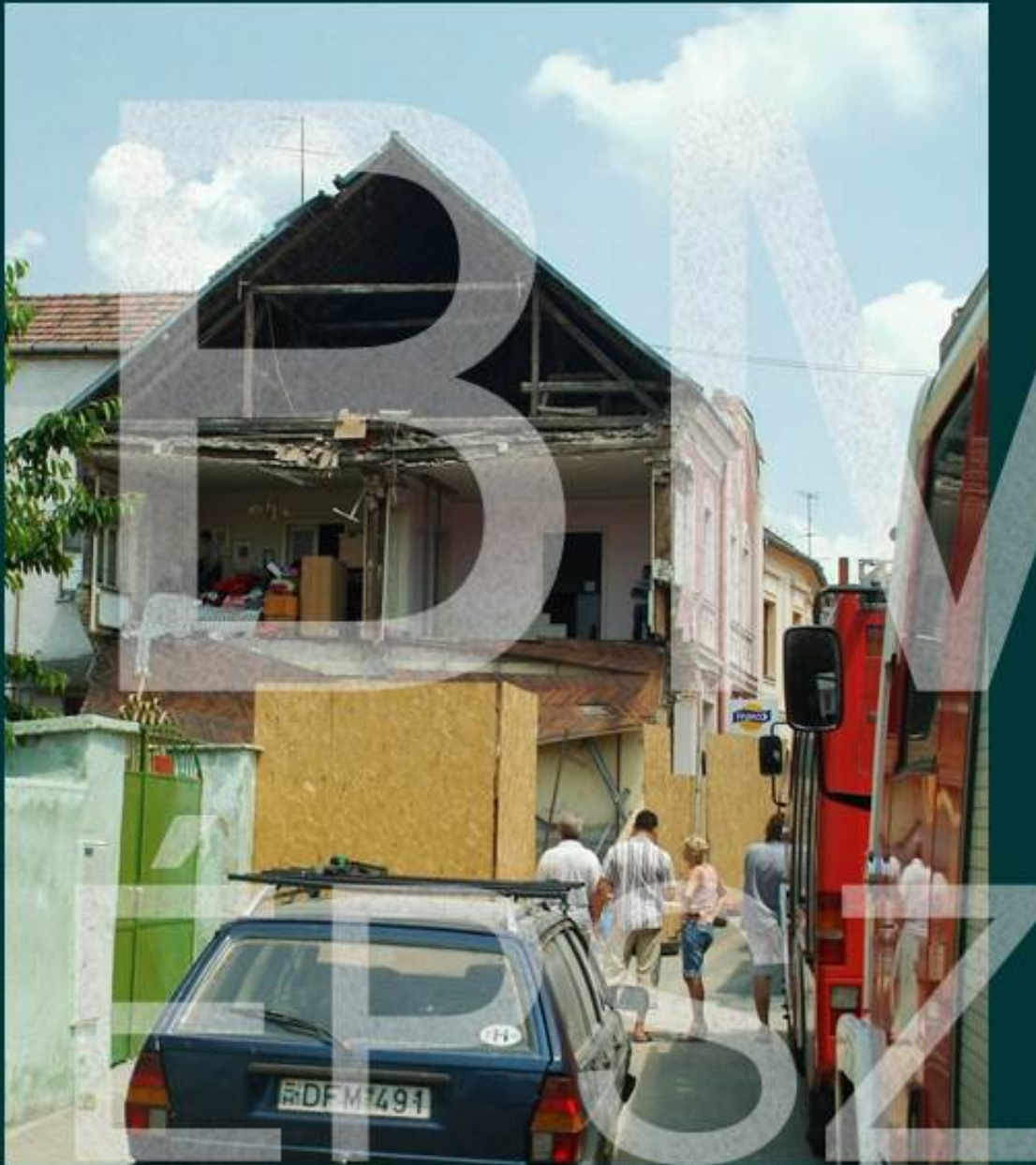
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- general information, dates
- defining **building constructions**:
building components that suffice various tasks and functions
- the **position** of the subject in the overall subject of Architecture
- the **necessity** of the subject of building constructions
(why, whom? what happens if we do not know?)
- the **basic** building components are:
 - foundations
 - walls (+ doors and windows)
 - slabs
 - (pitched) roofs, roof coverings
 - (ground) floors
- the construction stages of a traditional structured family house
- the construction stages of a small, wood-frame house



terminology

footings

roof coverings

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about the profession

- multi-color, various professional applications
- „off-course” within the profession
- variability

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intent

- own use
- investment
- municipality (social or development intent)

lot – purchase, selection (local regulations, orientation)

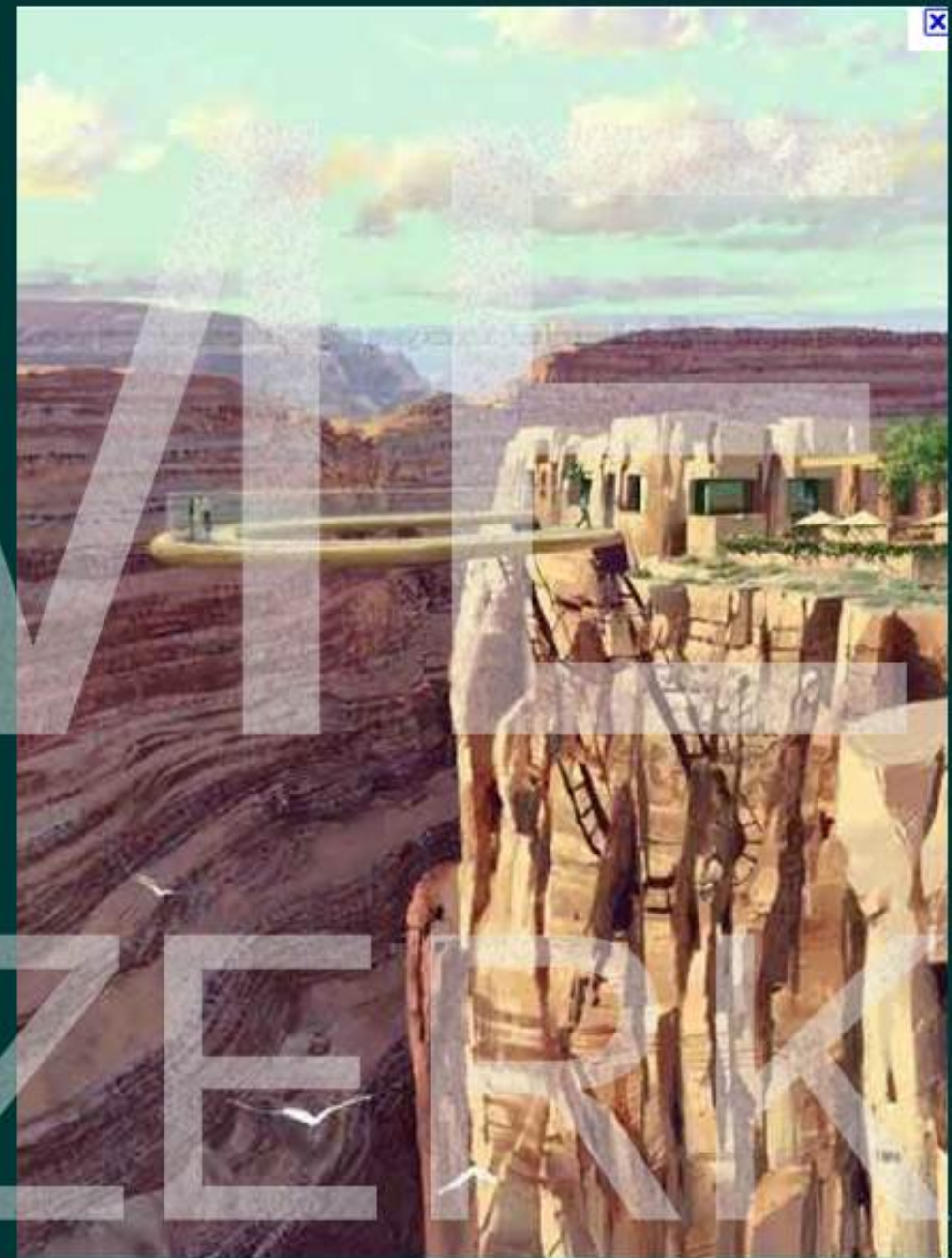
design

- program: the vision
- draft plans – structures are in the „background”
- permit plan – defined structures, but in small scale, also in writing
- tender plans
- construction plans
- production plans



design process

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glass use in architecture

internal partitions

- internal windows
- glass walls (element, panel)
- internal doors

external partition (glazing)

- glasses, curtain walls
- elemental glass walls
- skylights, glass roofs
- complex glass structures

self-supporting glass structures

- „framless glass” applications
linking plate connection, etc.
- structured curtain walls
- hung glass walls
- spot fixed glass walls

load bearing glass structures

- rigid rail type glass panels
- walkable glass
false floors
glass slabs
glass stairs

structural elements

- glass ribs (vertical)
- glass beams
- pillars
- frame grids

