


SKYSCRAPER HEIGHT

Economic of Tall Building

Quantitative research on height determinants factors in China

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- A stylized illustration of a city skyline on the left side of the slide. It features several buildings of varying heights and colors. The most prominent building is a tall, grey skyscraper with a grid of blue windows and a black top section. To its left are several shorter, grey buildings of different heights. To its right are two more grey buildings, one taller than the other. The entire skyline is set against a light grey background.
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INTRODUCTION

Skyscraper & Height

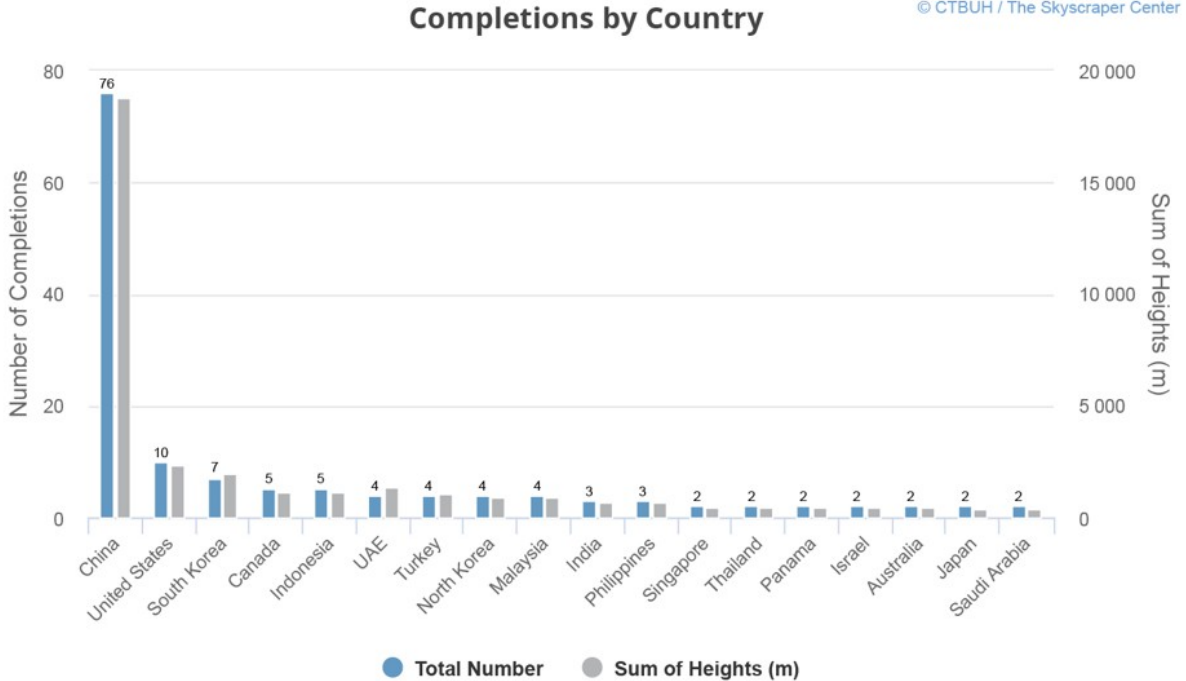
Amount of Tall buildings built

Around the world, there are 143 new towers constructed that reach above 200 meters tall in 2018. That's more than have been built in any other single year (CTBUH, 2018)

Have large effect on urban development and city Image

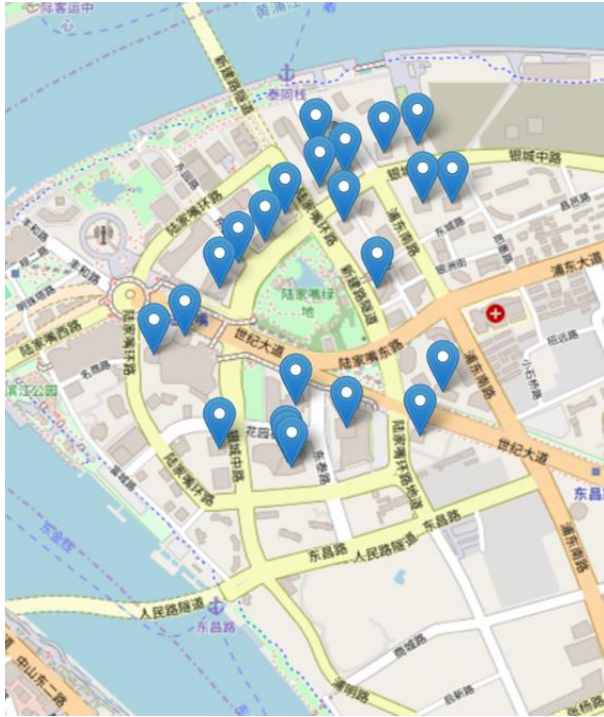
Building tall is one of the characteristic of skyscraper, and Height could be used as a tool to allocate city population and improve city efficiency. Thus Skyscraper distribution and height pattern is important to be understand for city development

CURRENT SITUATION IN CHINA



PROBLEM STATEMENT

Distribution of 200m+ Skyscrapers in China



23 skyscraper in an area
Shanghai



26 skyscraper in an area
Shenzhen

Newly proposed skyscrapers in China

#	Building Name	City	Height (m)	Height (ft)	Floors	Completion	Material	Use
1	Bionic Tower	Hong Kong (CN)	1228	4,029	300	-		residential
1	Bionic Tower	Shanghai (CN)	1228	4,029	300	-		multiple
3	M Tower	Shanghai (CN)	900	2,953	-	-		
3	Nansha Tower	Guangzhou (CN)	900	2,953	-	-		
5	Sky City	Changsha (CN)	838	2,749	202	-	steel	hotel / residential / education / hospital / office
6	Chow Tai Fook Centre	Wuhan (CN)	808	2,651	124	-		hotel / serviced apartments / office
7	777 Tower	Qingdao (CN)	777	2,549	-	-		residential / office
8	Suzhou Zhongnan Center	Suzhou (CN)	729	2,392	137	-	composite	hotel / residential / office
9	Hua's International Plaza	Wuhan (CN)	707	2,320	161	-		
10	Shenzhen Bay Super City - Xtemendous Tower 1	Shenzhen (CN)	680	2,231	-	-		
10	Shizimen CBD Tower	Zhuhai (CN)	680	2,231	-	-		multiple
12	Tianfu Center	Chengdu (CN)	677	2,221	157	2025		office
13	Baoneng Financial Center	Urumqi (CN)	668	2,192	-	-		
13	Shimao Shenzhen-Hong Kong International Centre	Shenzhen (CN)	668	2,192	-	2024		hotel / office
15	Caiwuwei Financial Center	Shenzhen (CN)	666	2,185	-	-		
15	Hanzheng Jie Project Tower 1	Wuhan (CN)	666	2,185	-	-		
17	Wuhan CTF Finance Center	Wuhan (CN)	648	2,126	121	2022	composite	office
18	Financial Street Concord City Tower	Chongqing (CN)	639	2,096	-	-		
19	Wuhan Greenland Center	Wuhan (CN)	636	2,087	126	-	composite	hotel / residential / office
20	Shanghai Tower	Shanghai (CN)	632	2,073	128	2015	composite	hotel / office
21	Changchun World Trade Center	Changchun (CN)	631	2,070	126	-		serviced apartments / hotel / office
22	Harmony 888 Tower 1	Xiamen (CN)	620	2,034	-	-		
23	Shenzhen Tower	Shenzhen (CN)	610	2,001	130	-		

Planning to Construct over 1km

Large cities continuously construct more skyscrapers



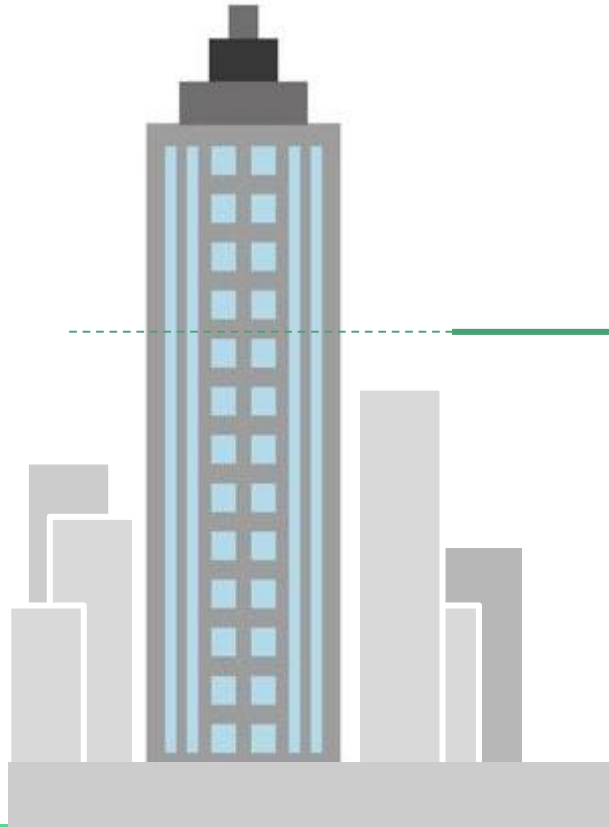
“What are the height determinants of Chinese skyscrapers and to what extent do these height determinant factors affect Chinese skyscraper heights Pattern?”

Sub-questions

- How does the height pattern of skyscrapers above 200m vary across China?
- What is the factor that causes the specific height pattern across the country?
- To what extent do each height determinant factors affect the height pattern of skyscrapers in China?



Research Scope

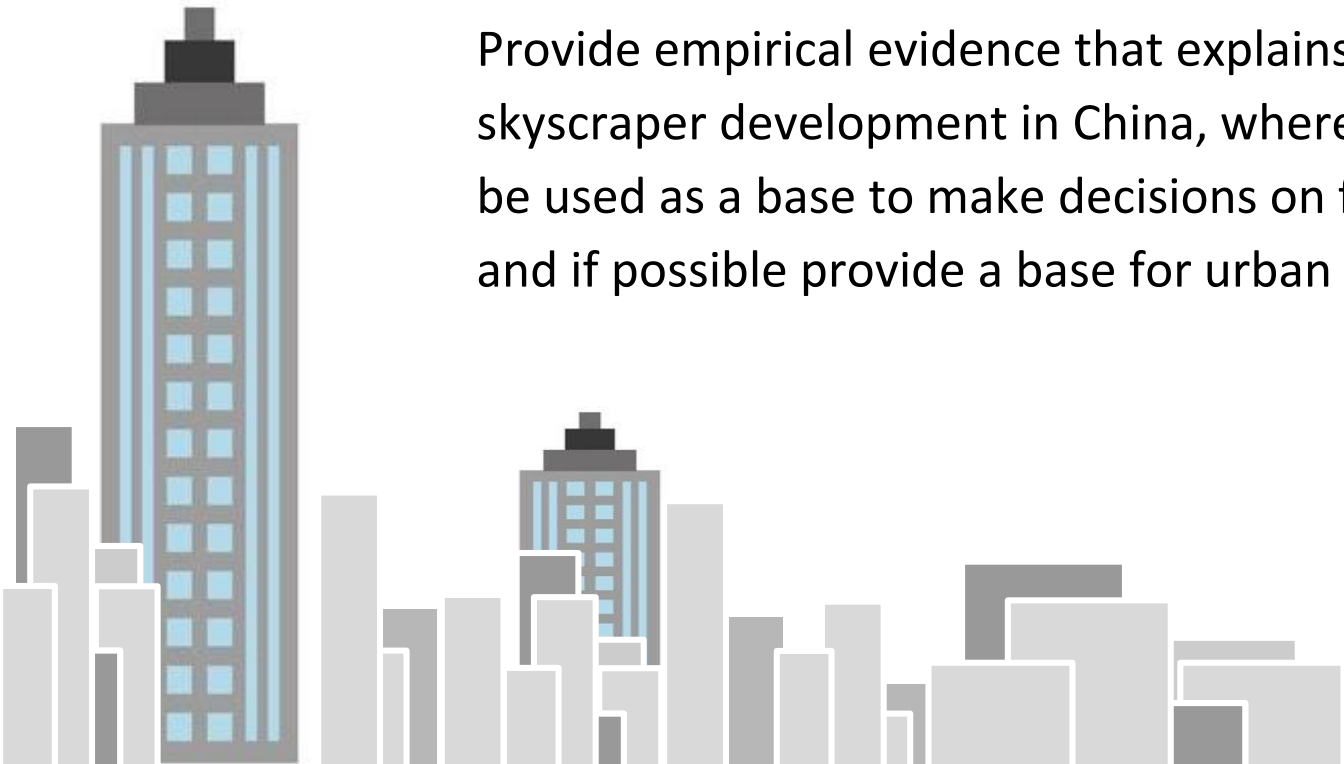


Study focuses on:

- China, Excluding Hong Kong and Macau
 - Due to different Legal structure
- Skyscrapers over 200m
 - Skyscraper over 200m could have more effect on the location in terms of city image, population accommodate Capacity
 - Higher buildings require more governmental interventions and negotiations, which may includes more aspects that affected the decision
 - The study focuses on height

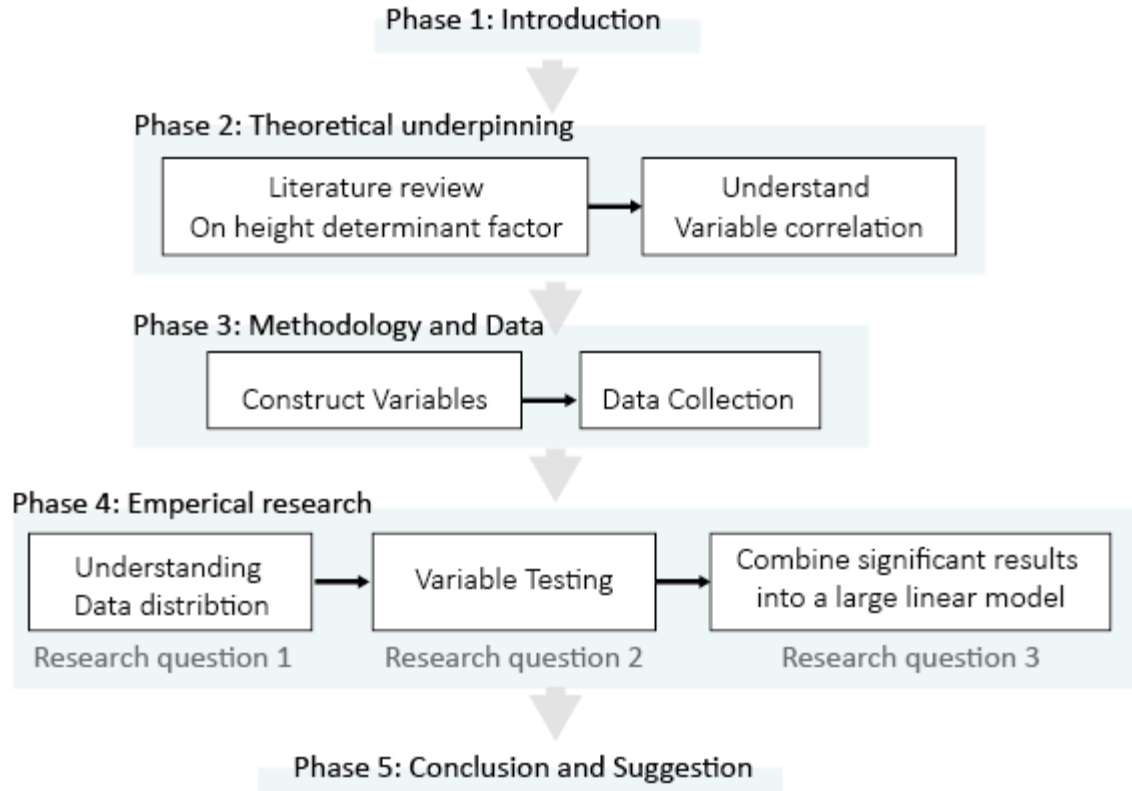
Motivation

Provide empirical evidence that explains the mechanism of skyscraper development in China, where these results could be used as a base to make decisions on future development, and if possible provide a base for urban development policies



METHODOLOGY

Research process



Regression analysis

Regression analysis is a method that is used to understand the relationship between

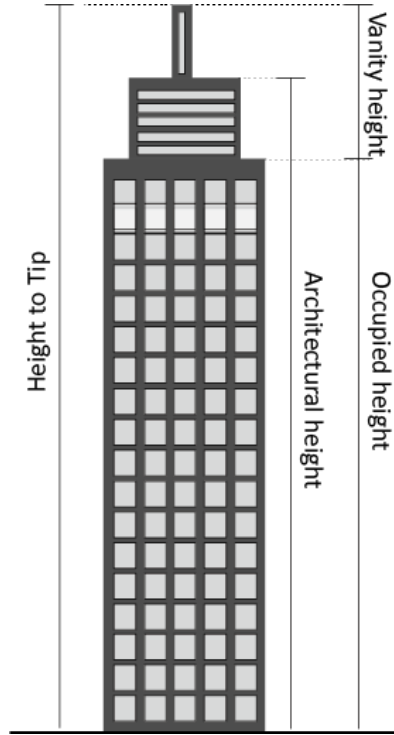
a **dependent variable** (Outcome variable) and

multiple independent variable (Predictor Variable)

$$\text{Outcome} = \text{Model} + \text{error}$$

Linear regression model uses databases from the previous event to predict future events

Type of Heights: Dependent variables



(CTBUH, 2018)

Architectural Height:

- Overall height of skyscraper Including Vanity Height
- Express total height of skyscraper

Occupied Height:

- Height that could accommodate function and people
- Show that height that is design for occupied

Vanity Height:

- Height that could not accommodate function
- Could use to spot possible competitions between building

Height Determinant factors



City Level Determinant



Building Level Determinant

Height Determinant factors

- → Factors that are stated in previous research that have effect on skyscraper height
- → Determinant factors that have proven to have effect on skyscraper development
- → Factors that in theory have connection to skyscraper height and or development
- → Factors that are added, due to predictions, according to observation and theories

City Level Determinant

- These are specific factors of each city
- These are factors that affect the urban space as a whole, including :
 - ◆ Demographic changes
 - ◆ City Economic condition
 - ◆ City development directions



Urban Development aspects



(Yaping & Min, 2009; Lin et al., 2016)

- City Population
- City Urbanization rate

- City Urban Population
- City Urbanization rate Growth

Economical Aspect

- Research shows that Skyscraper development follows the **economic cycles**
(Barr, 2018)
- Height of **record breaking skyscrapers** follows economical cycle
(Rovelli, 2018)
- Increase in percentage of **tertiary industry** increase **city urbanization rate**
(Zeng, Xu & Chen, 2018)
- **Tertiary industry**, which includes service and technological sector triggers skyscraper development
(Zeng, Xu, 2018)

 City GDP, City GDP Growth

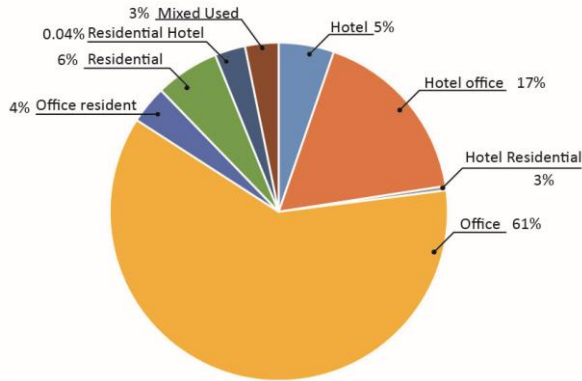
 City percentage of Tertiary industry & Growth

Building level determinant

- These are specific factors that affect each building
- These factors are based on decisions made for each building, including :
 - ◆ Choice of material and function
 - ◆ Personal perspective of the designer
 - ◆ Building design



Building Function & Material



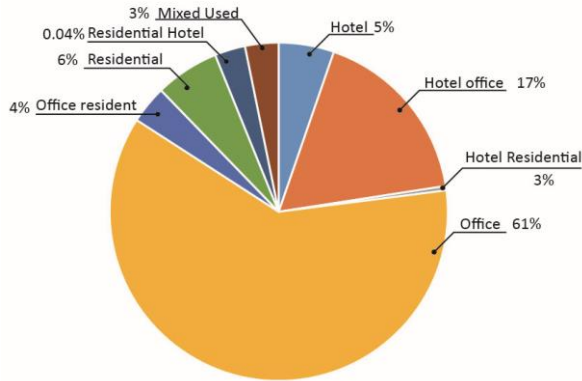
<u>Function</u>	<u>Average height per floor</u>
Residential	3.72 m/ floor
Office	4.71 m/floor
Hotel	4.38 m/floor
Office/ Hotel	4.62 m/floor
Residential/ office	4.55 m/ floor
Residential/ hotel	4.22 m/floor
Mixed use	4.56 m/floor

→ Function of a building affects the average floor height, where office building requires more height per floor compares to residential

■ Building function (Zeng, Xu & Chen, 2018)
Categorical Variable



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Choudhary, 2014



Wikipedia, 2019



Donatas, 2019

→ Material for construction connected to the load it could withstand, therefore it could have effect on skyscraper height

■ Building Material (Moon, 2018)
Categorical Variable



Competition & Social status



Source: Hayett Hotel, 2019



Source: Lin, 2018



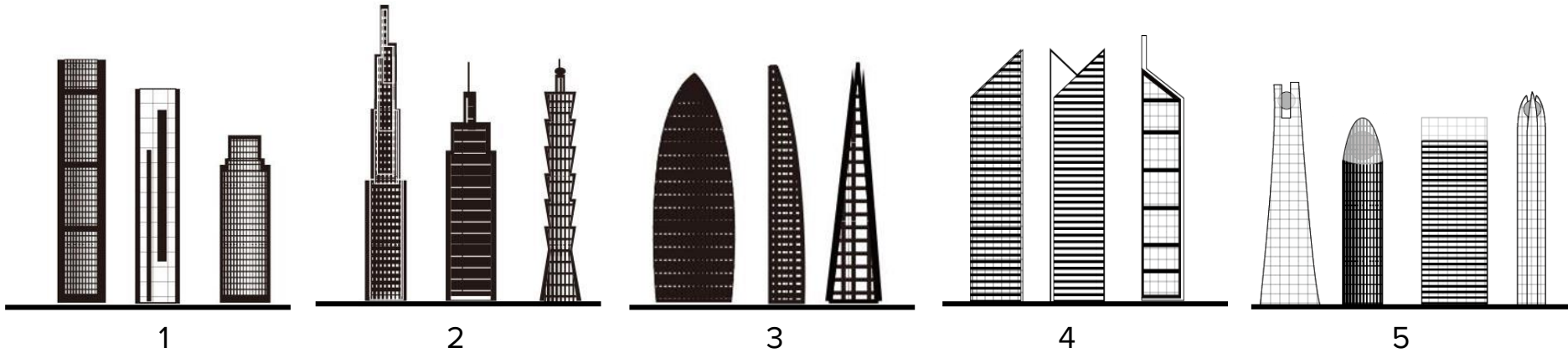
Source: CTBUH, 2019

→ Many researchers have spotted competition between skyscraper to be the tallest


■ Vanity Height



Design aspects



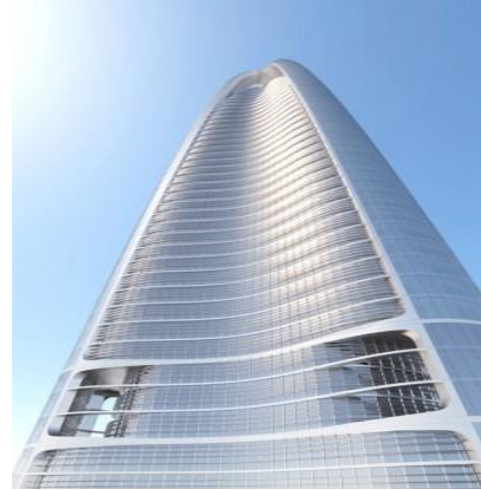
→ As observed, each building shape has different occupy possibility, which could affect the efficiency and height of the building

 Type of finishing
Categorical Variable

Nationality of Construction Coalition



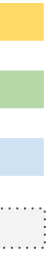
Frearson, 2014



CTBUH, 2019

→ Famous Architect design special buildings, this variable mainly aims to test if they have effect on skyscraper height

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Categorical Variable



Other factors

→ Regulation

- ◆ Specific city regulation on height & development

→ land quality

- ◆ Some areas are suitable for construction of taller buildings than others

→ Building technology

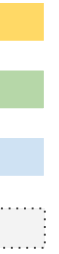
- ◆ The improve in technology each year

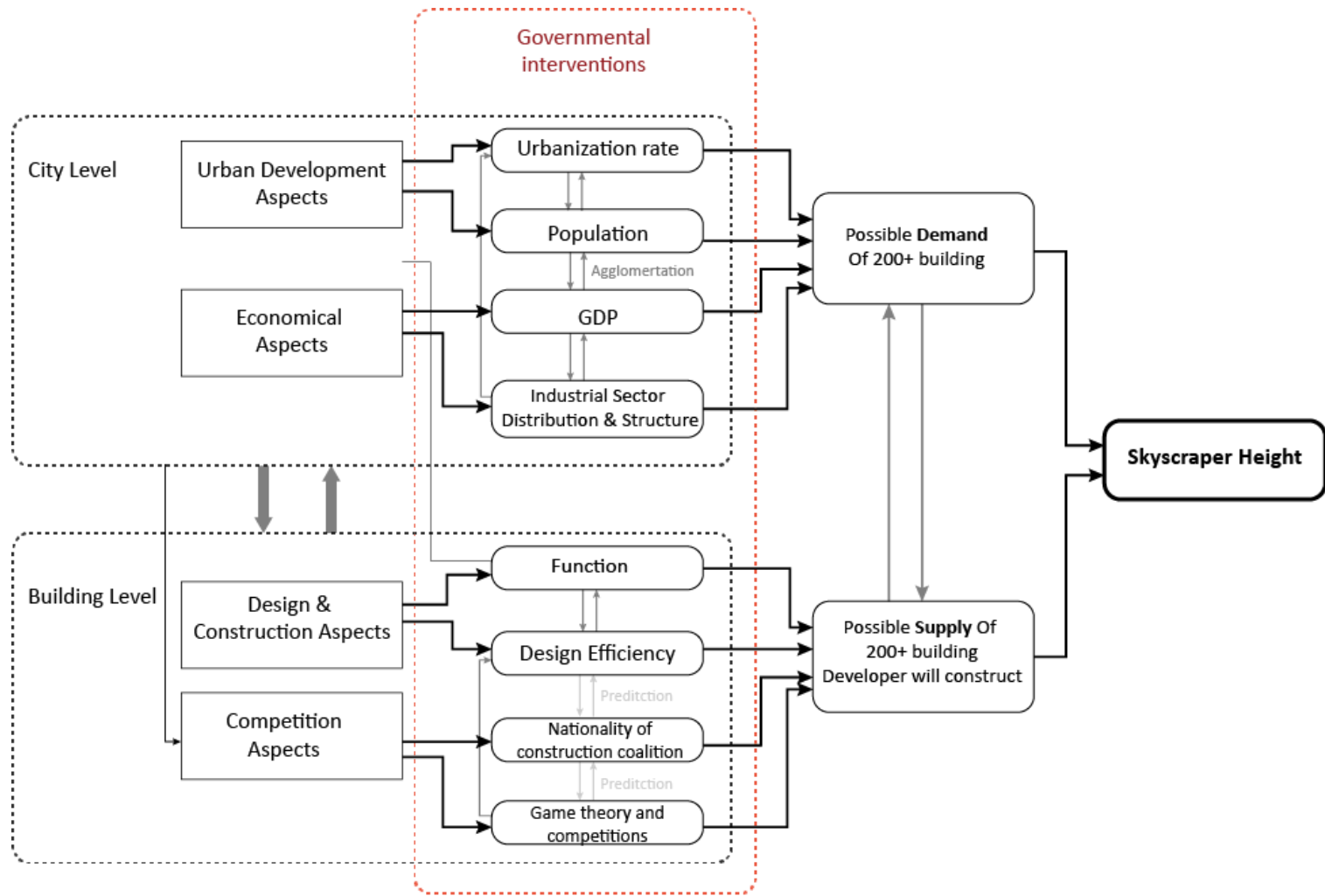
→ Construction From Previous year

- ◆ City Fixed effect and year fixed effect

→ Material cost

- ◆ Data available only for the whole country, so its the same for all cases across China





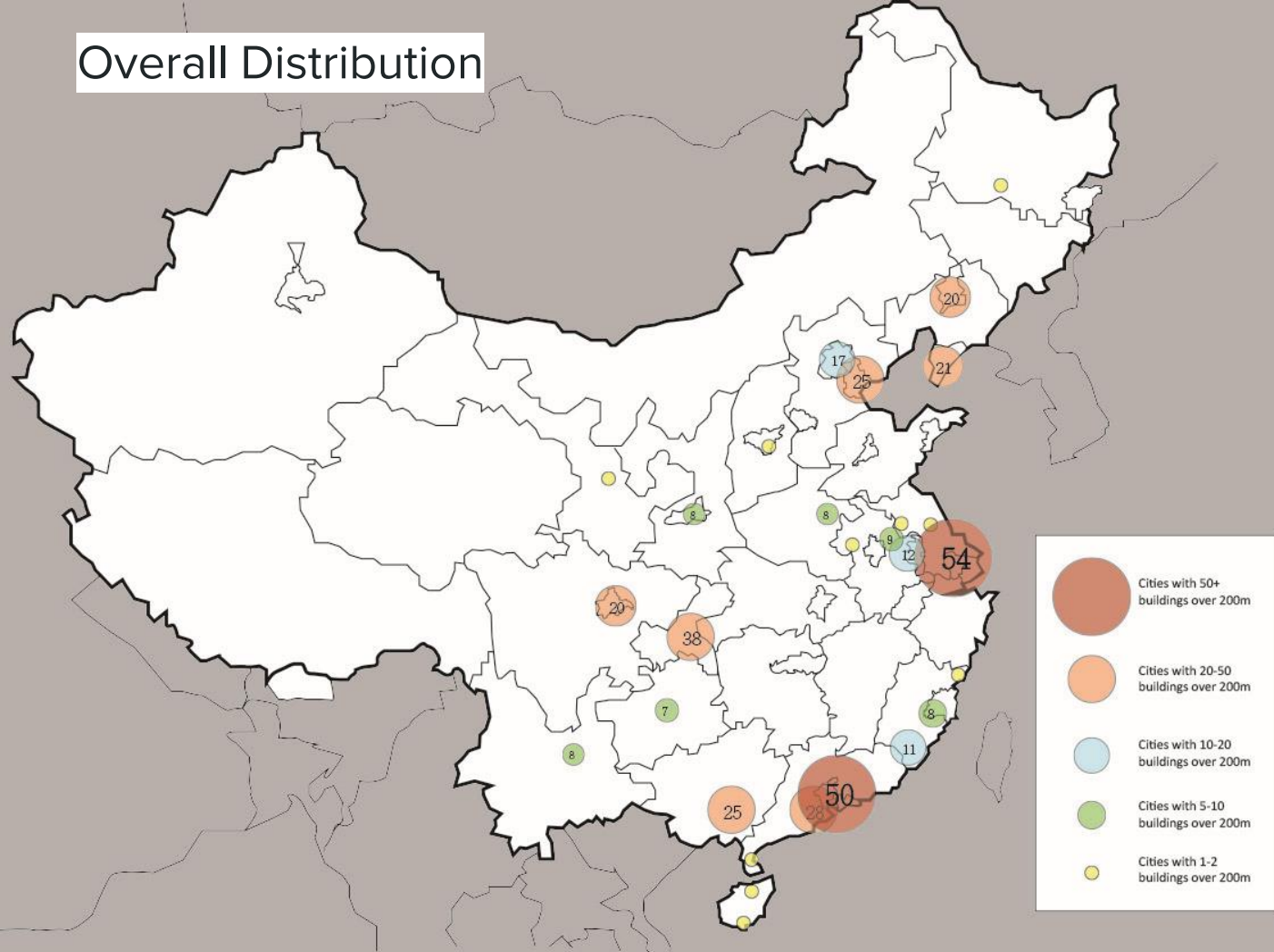
FINDING

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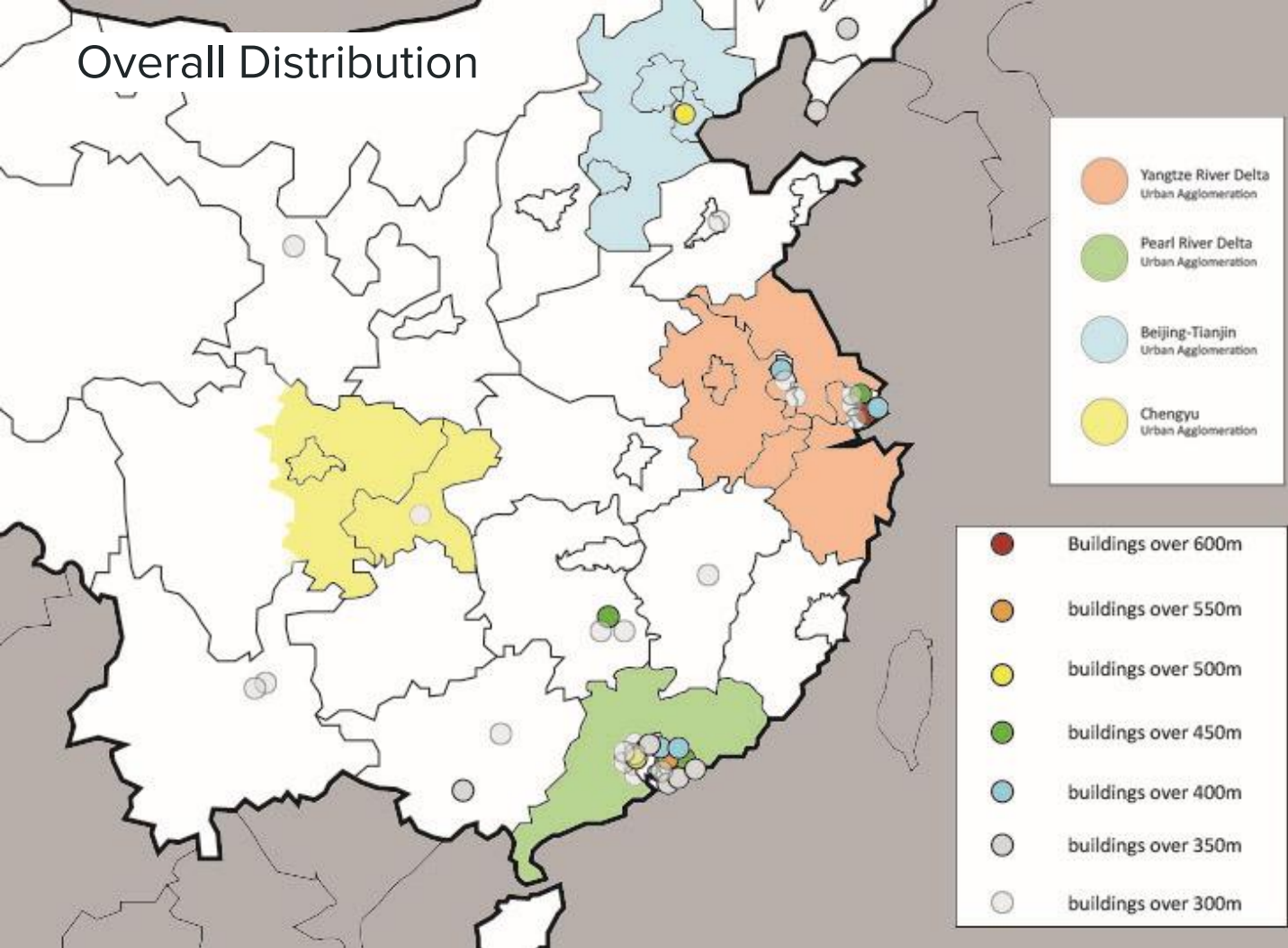


- Look into location of skyscraper and height distribution of skyscrapers in China
- Provide analysis on function, material, construction years and height ranges

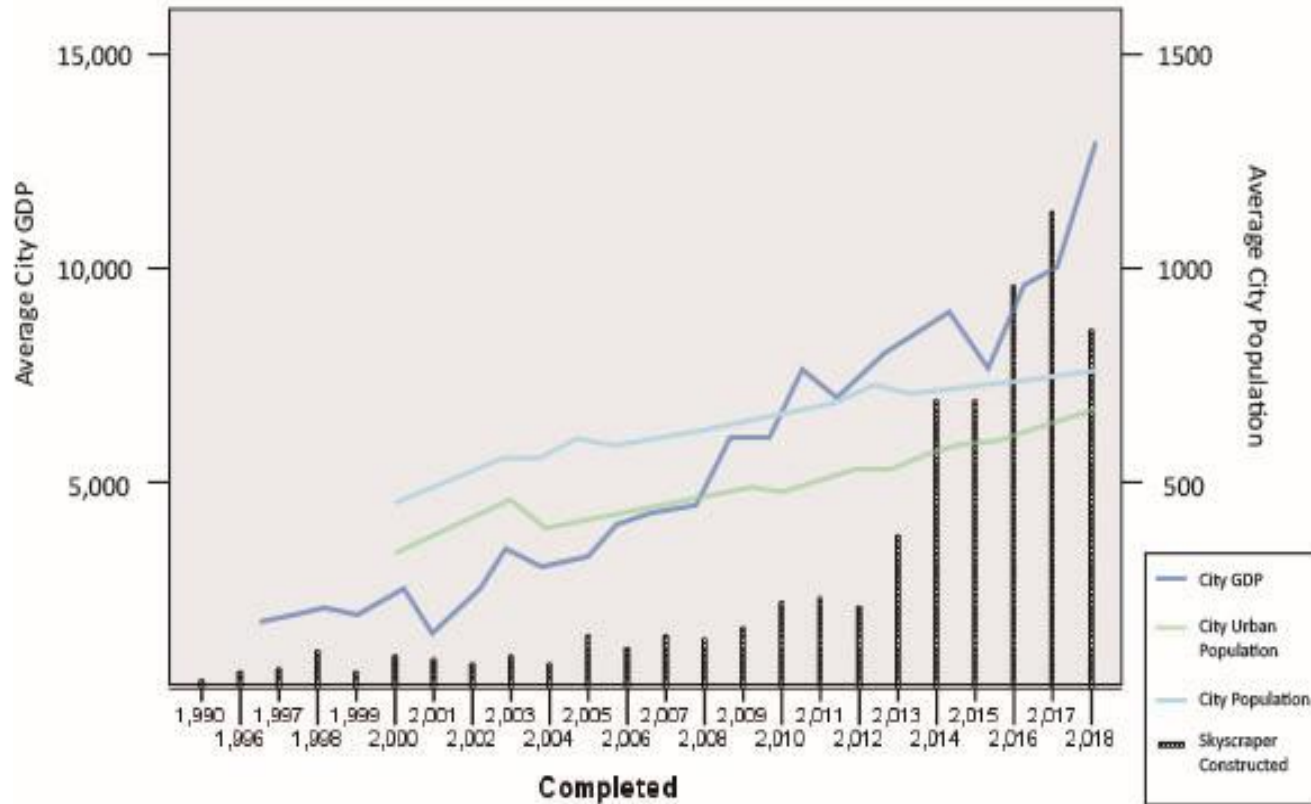
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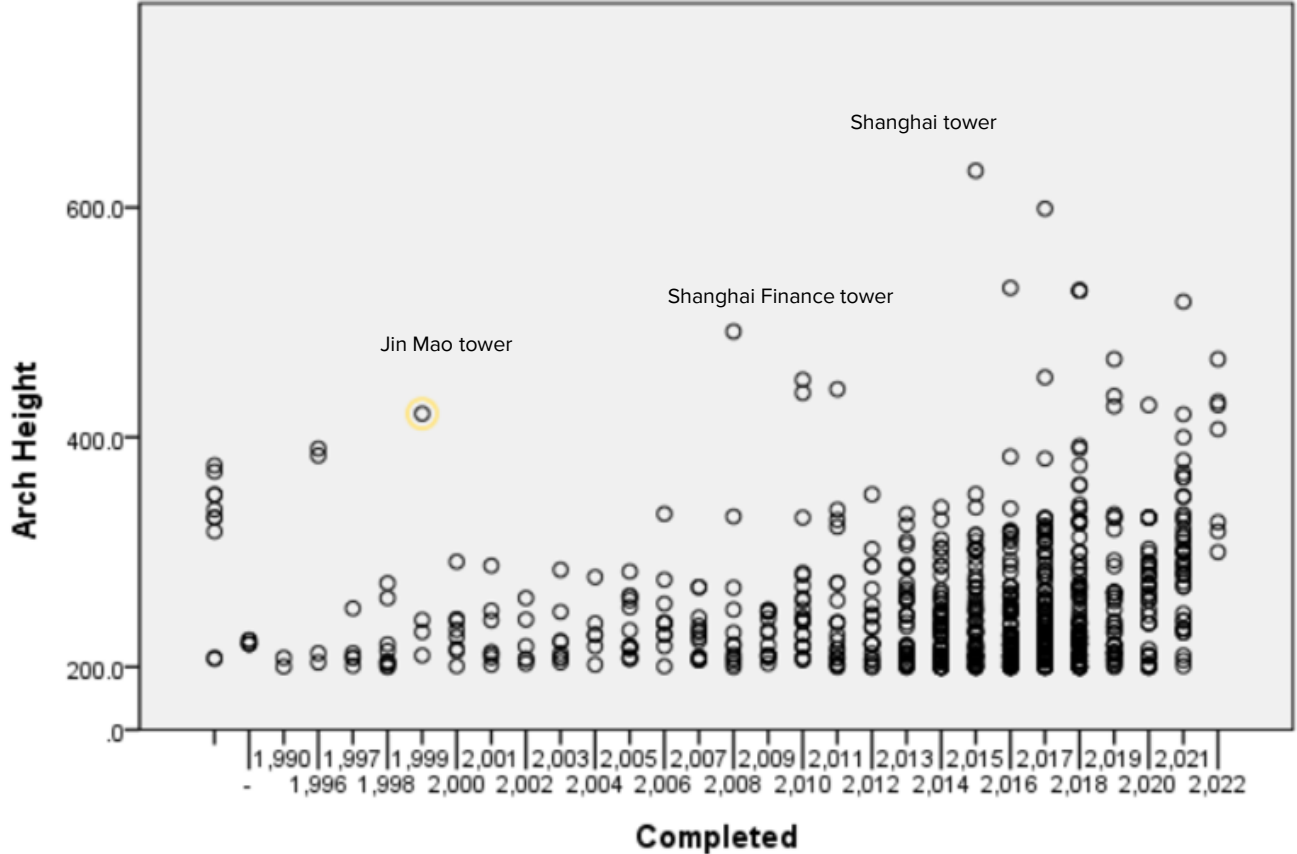
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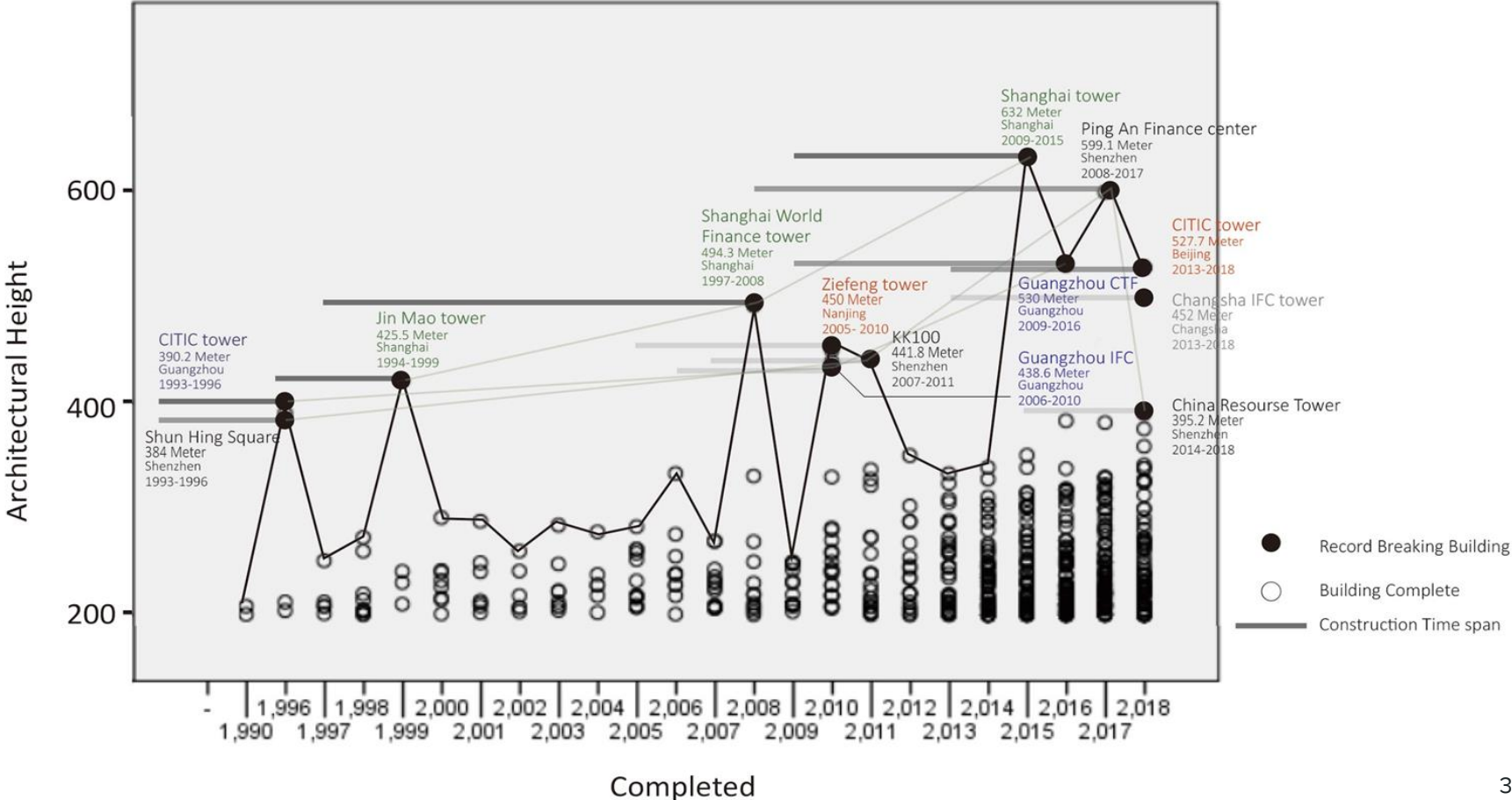
Amount of skyscrapers constructed each Year



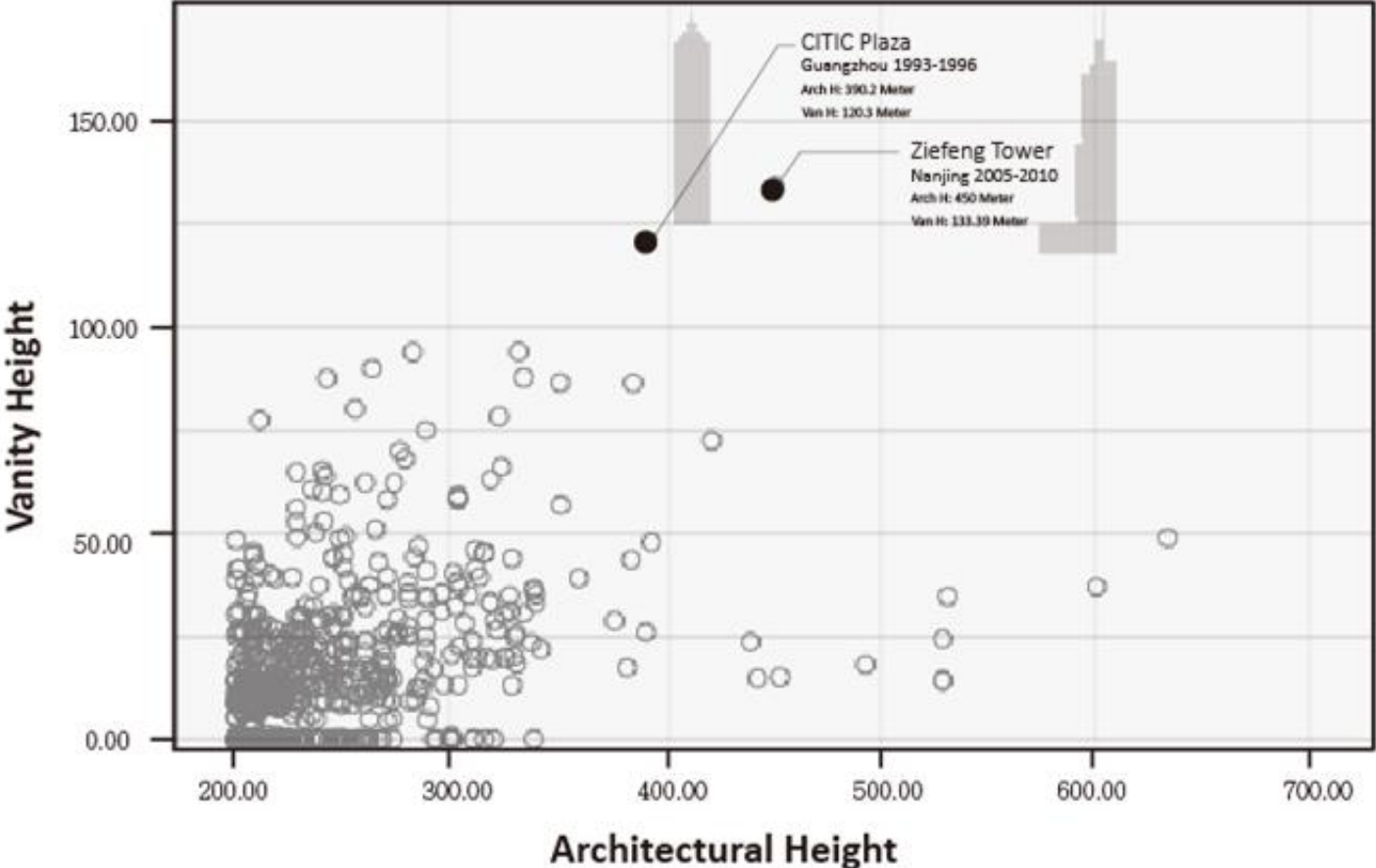
Height distribution Each Year



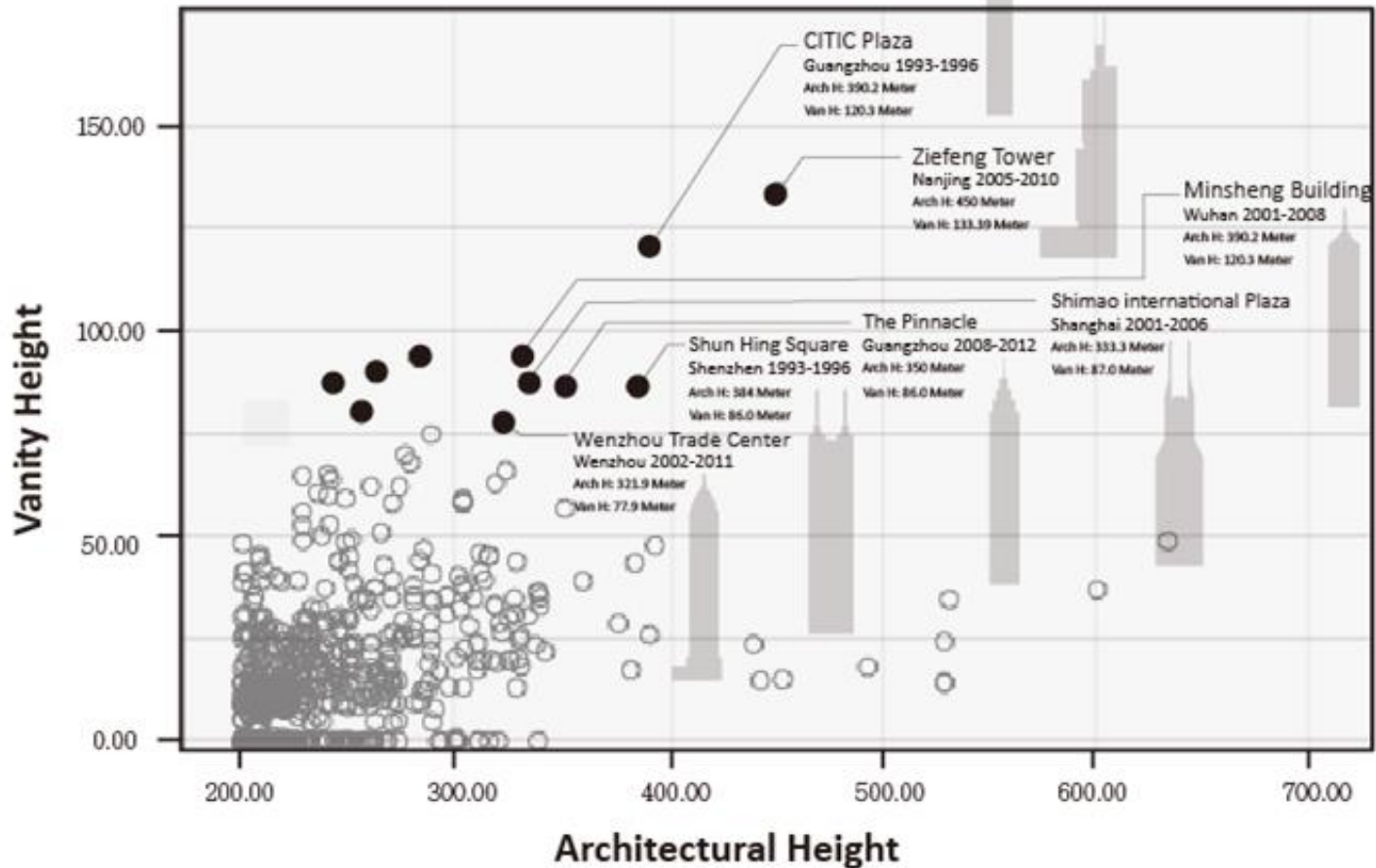
Record Breaking skyscrapers



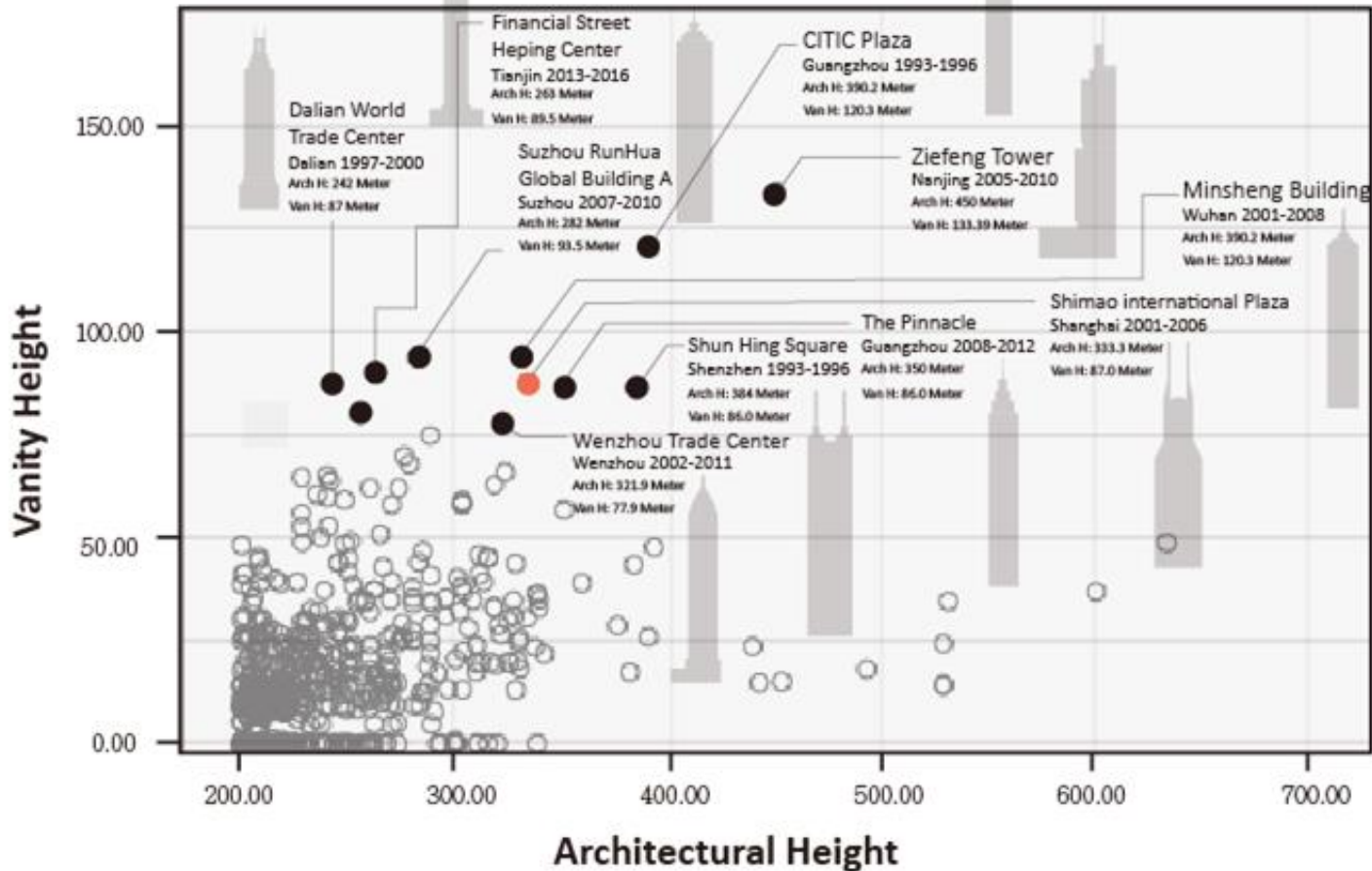
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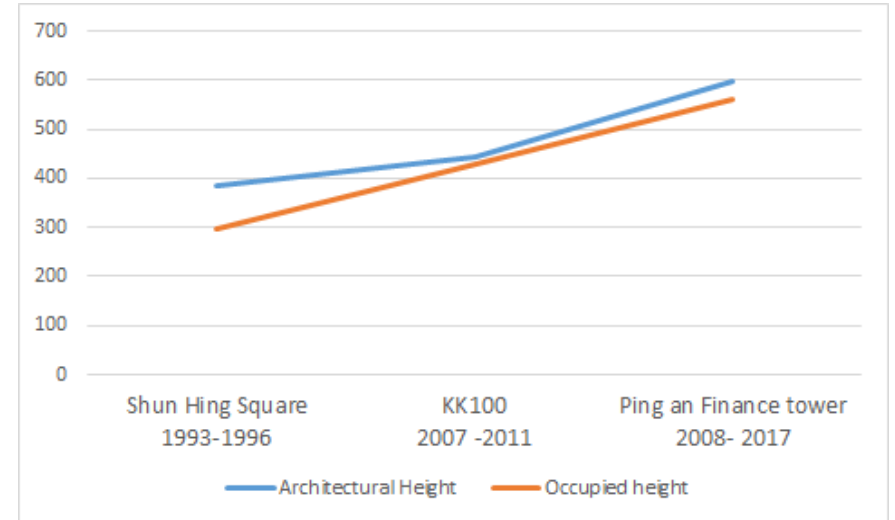
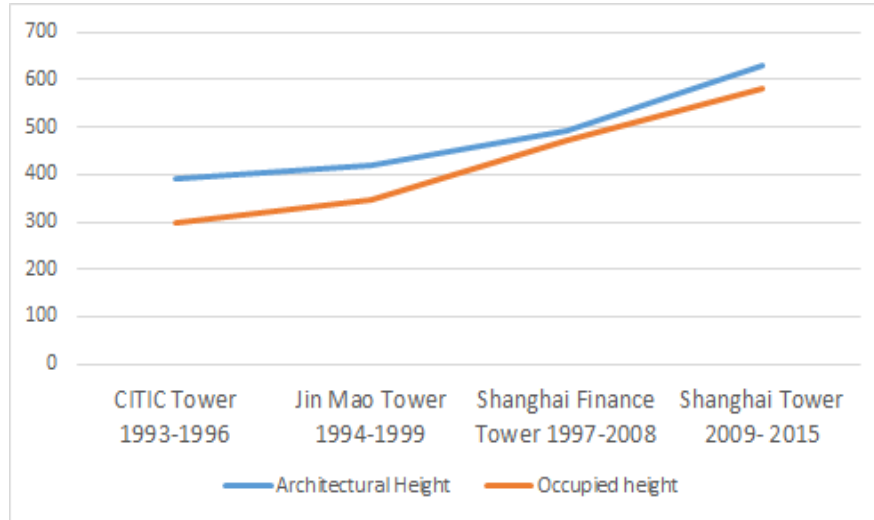
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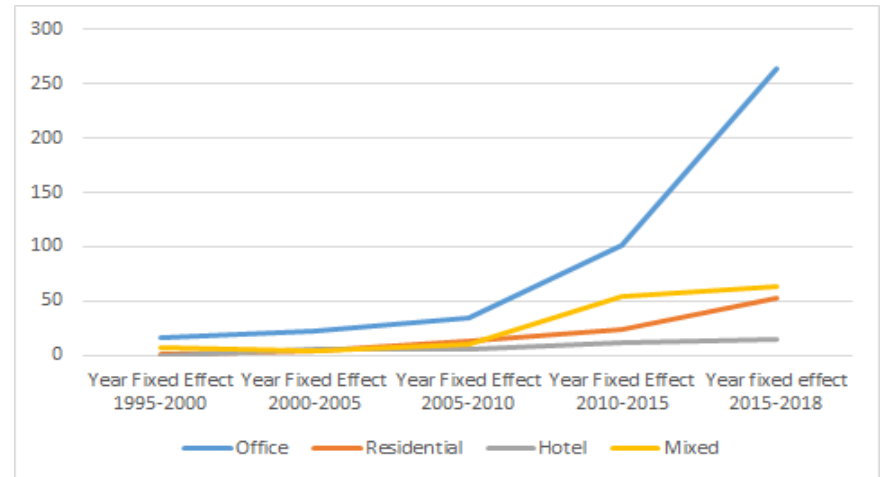
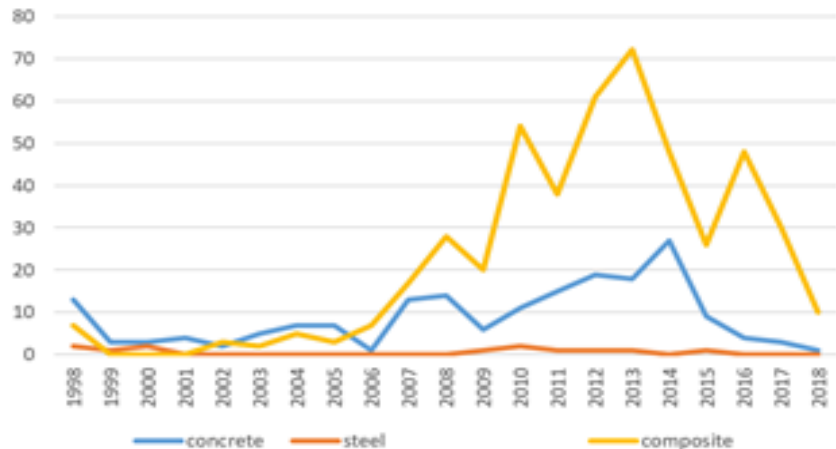
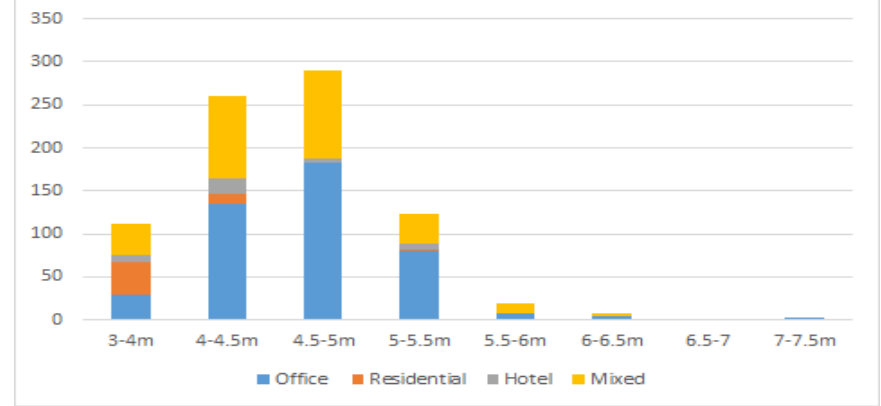
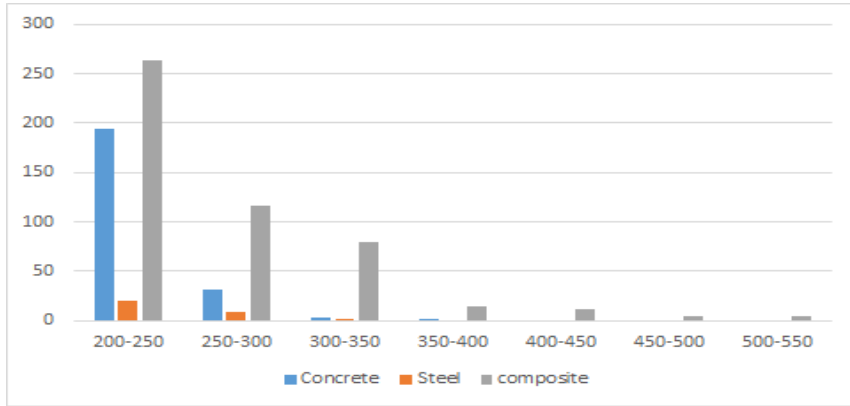


Vanity height of record breaking building



Vanity height is the difference between architectural height and occupied height. According to the graph, the gap between the two lines shows the amount of vanity height

Distribution of building Material and Function Each Year



Finding for first question

- There are **more skyscraper developments around the coast** compared to cities in the middle part and western part of China
- There is an **un-even distribution of skyscraper** and height in China
- Cities like Shanghai and Shenzhen contain a **wide range of skyscraper height**
- **Amount** of skyscraper constructed increases each year, and the **range of skyscraper height increase each year**
- **Vanity height** decreases after year 2010, also vanity height in general decrease as year increase

What is the factor that causes the specific height pattern across the country?



- Perform regression analysis and spot variables that have significant effect on each Dependent variables
- Compare the Regression models and analyse the different between them

Models for Heights

The model consists of
/.....

Architectural Height

$$\text{ArchHi} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{VHi} + \beta_2 \text{GDP}_i + \beta_3 \text{Fi} + \beta_4 \text{Mi} + \beta_4 \text{Tot}_i + \lambda_L + \varepsilon_i$$

Occupied Height

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City GDP of the Year

Both model contains city GDP,
this can show that skyscraper
development is highly correlated to
City Economic situation

Models for Heights

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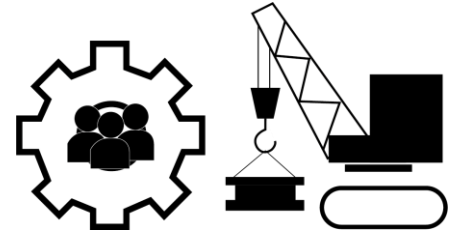
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Function and Material

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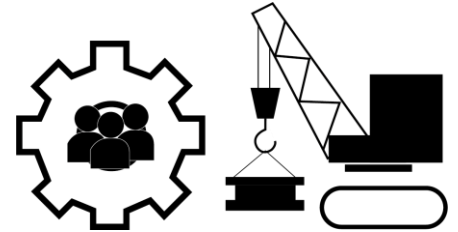
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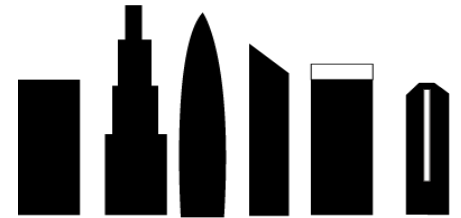
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Type of building Top Finishing

Models for Heights

According to the definition of height, Architectural Height equals to occupied height plus vanity Height



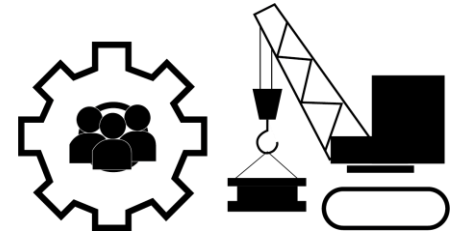
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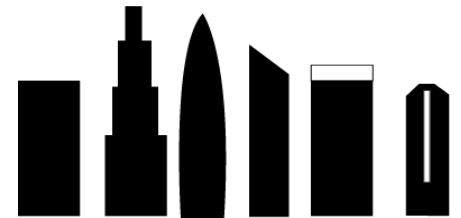
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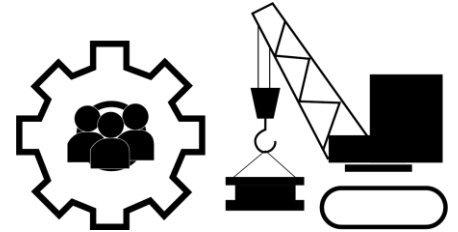
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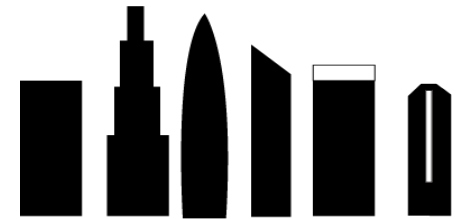
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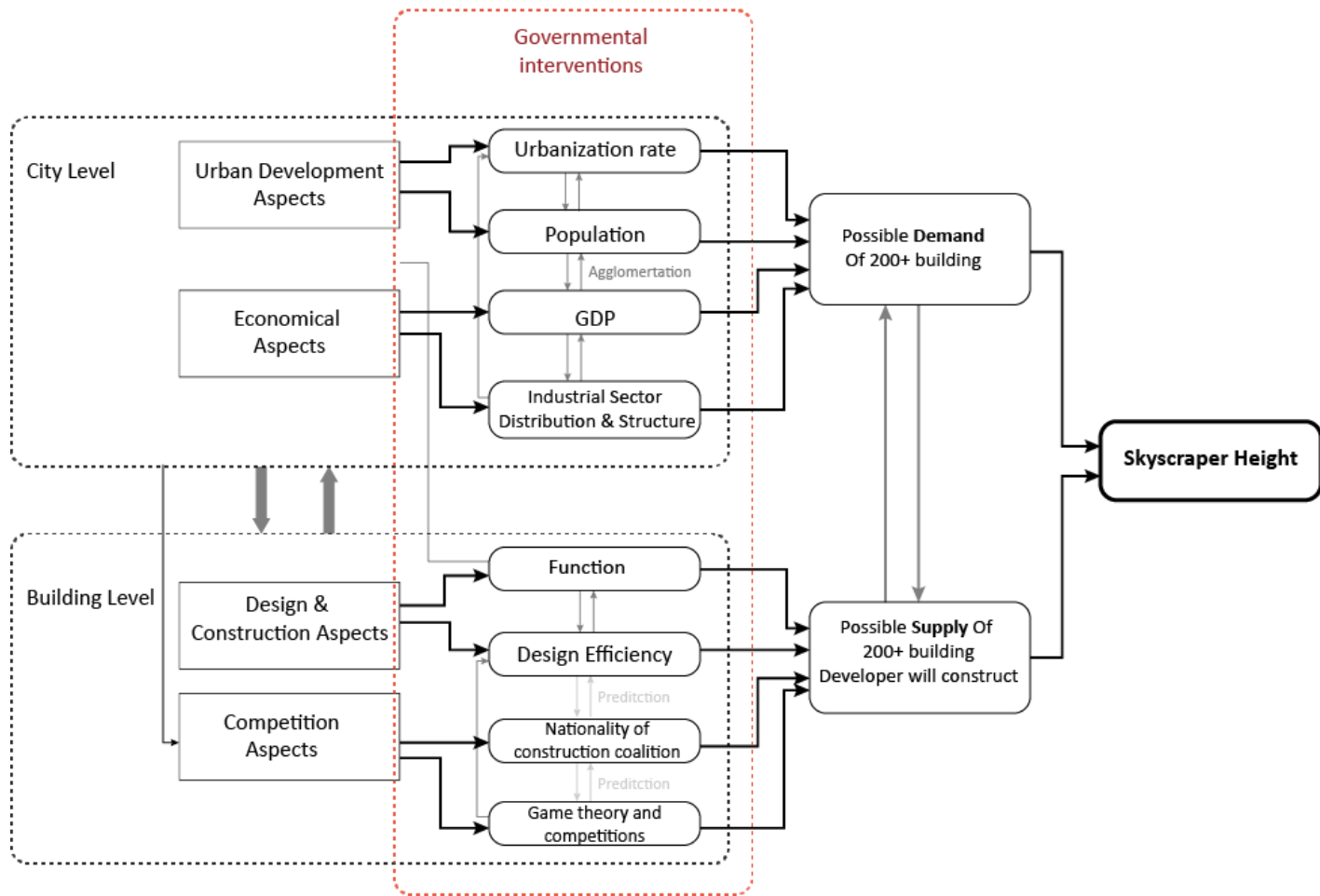
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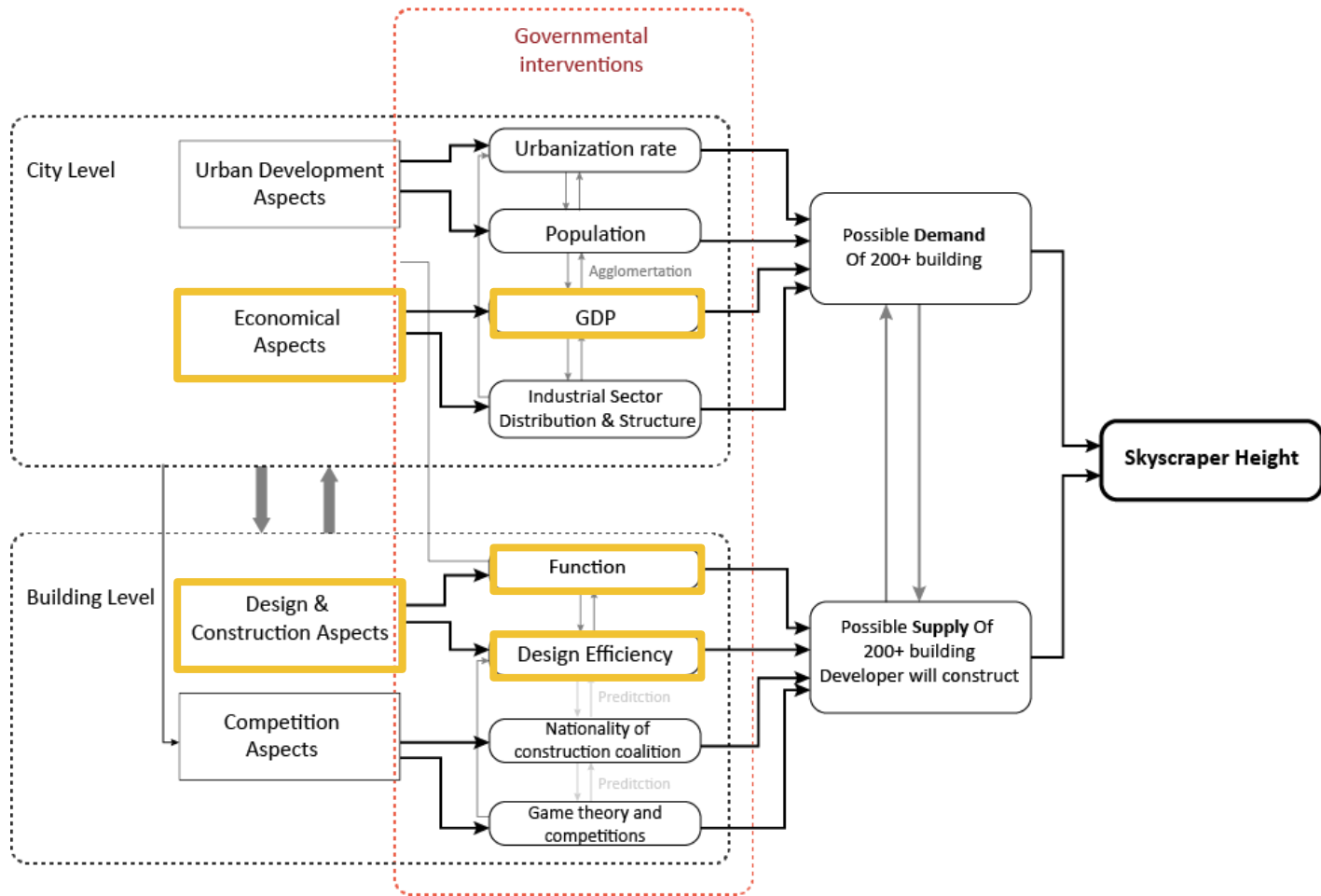


Type of building Top Finishing

Finding for Second question

- **Most City Level factors dont have significant relationship** with Architectural height and occupied height, which means that they don't have much influence on skyscraper height
- **More Building level factors are significant** on height compare to city level, including Function, Material and design of the skyscraper
- **Vanity Height has significant relationship with architectural height**, which means that it does provide increase in height
- **Location & Time fixed effect** doesn't have large effect on skyscraper height





To what extent do these factors affect height pattern?

- Look into the Coefficient of each model and compare them between models
- Understand each coefficient and provide definitions to it
- They will be explained in categories of height related variables



Height related variables

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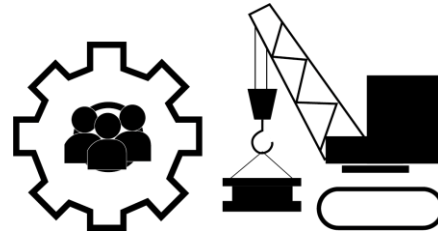
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City Level Determinant



City GDP of the Year

Building Level Determinant

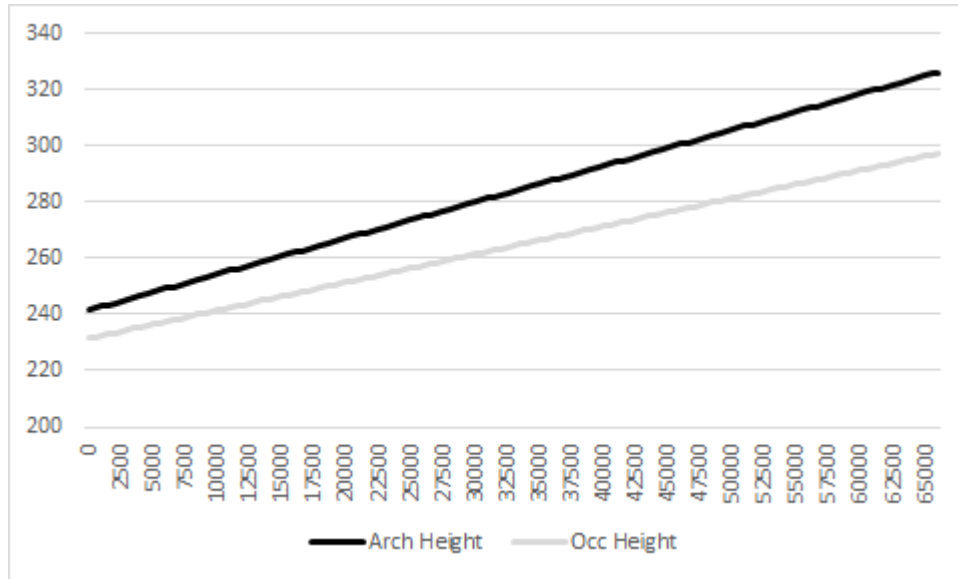


Function and Material



Type of building Top Finishing

City Economical aspects → Height

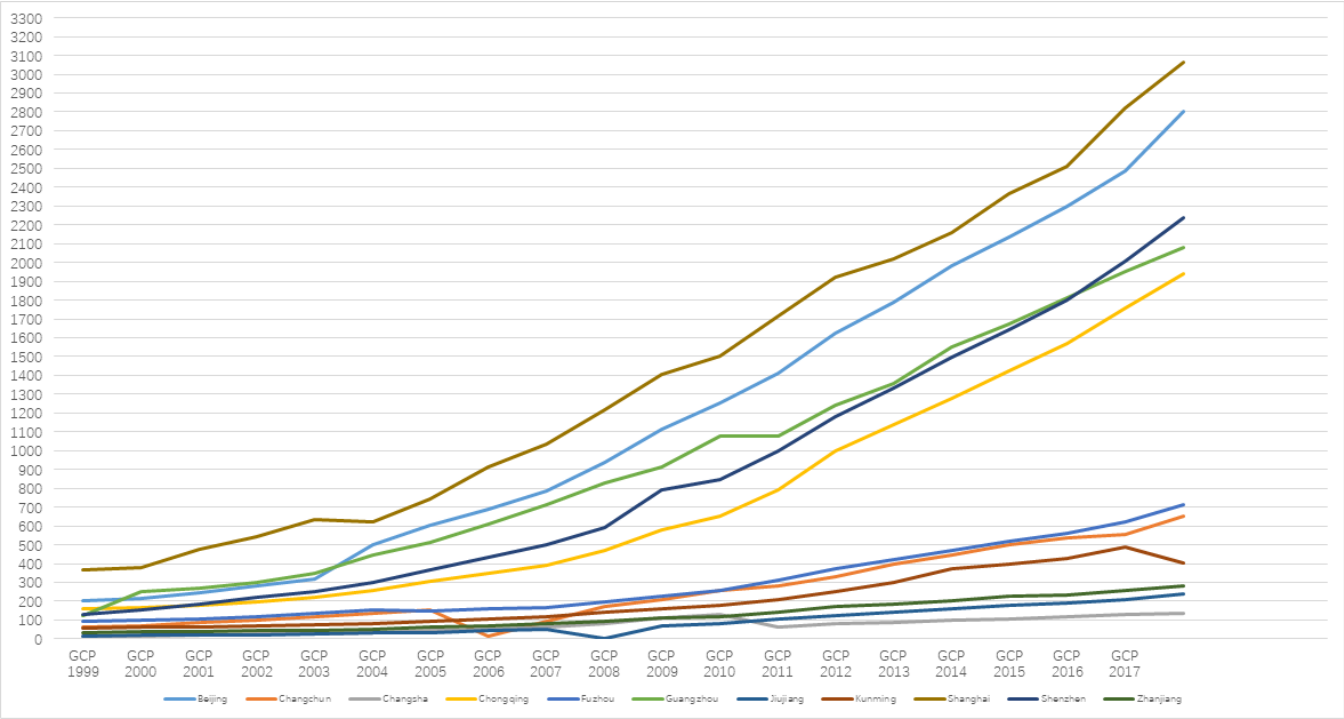


City GDP to Height

City GDP Coefficient $B=0.001$
GDP Unit: 100 Million

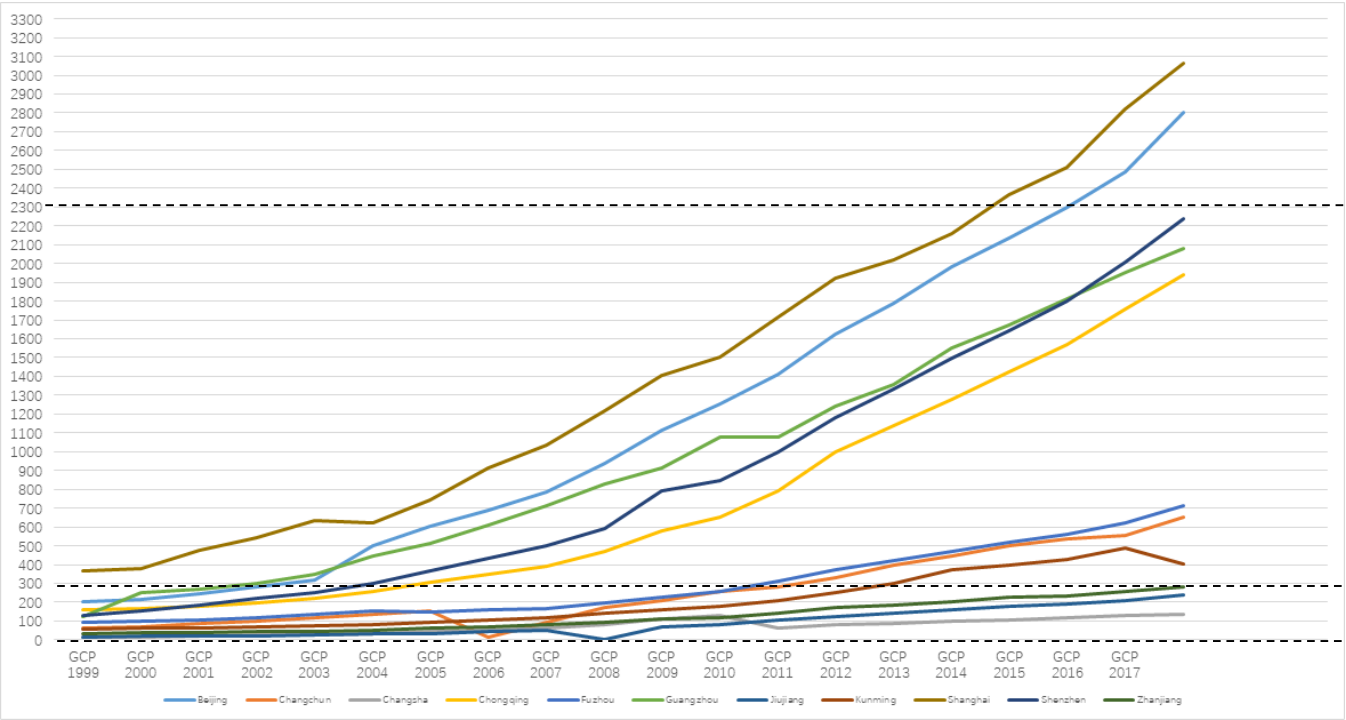
- Every increase in 100 Billion RMB in GDP, height of buildings will in general increase 1m
- The effect of City GDP on Architectural height and Occupied height have similar slope
- As GDP increase Height also increase

City Economical aspects → Height



City GDP Growth

City Economical aspects → Height



These cities takes Should have building that in general is 23m taller then the cities at the bottom

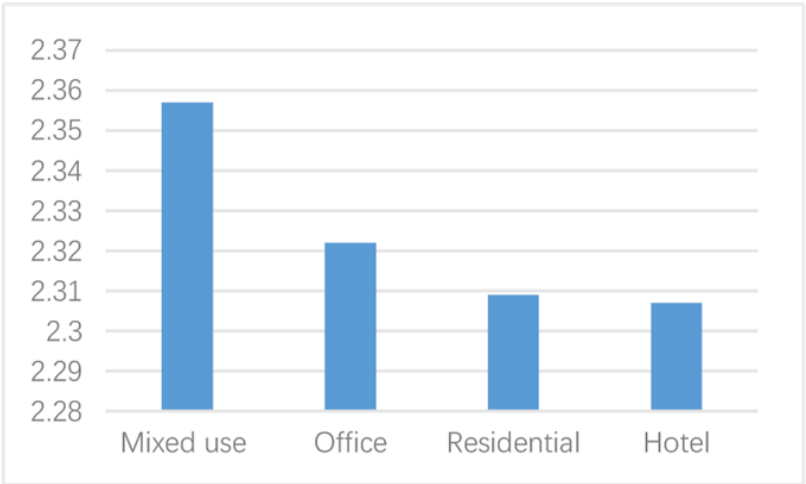
Increase in 2300 Billion in GDP

These cities takes 18 years to reach GDP increase in 300 Billion

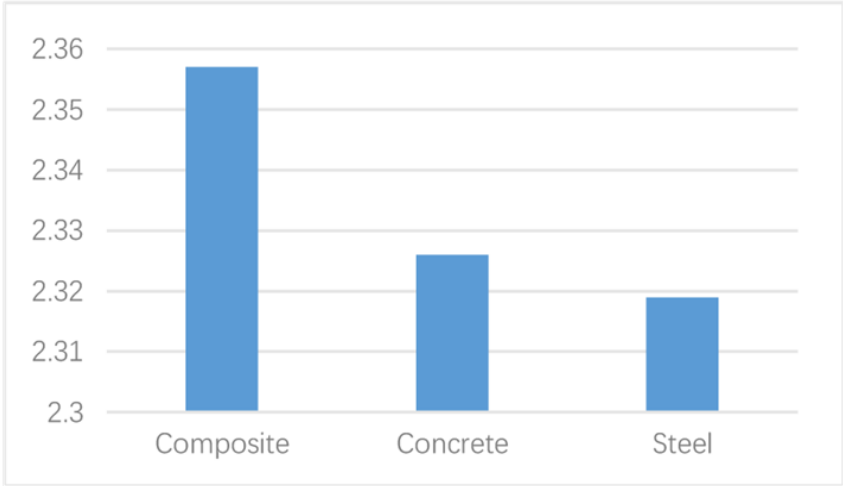
Increase in 300 Billion in GDP

City GDP Growth

Function and Material

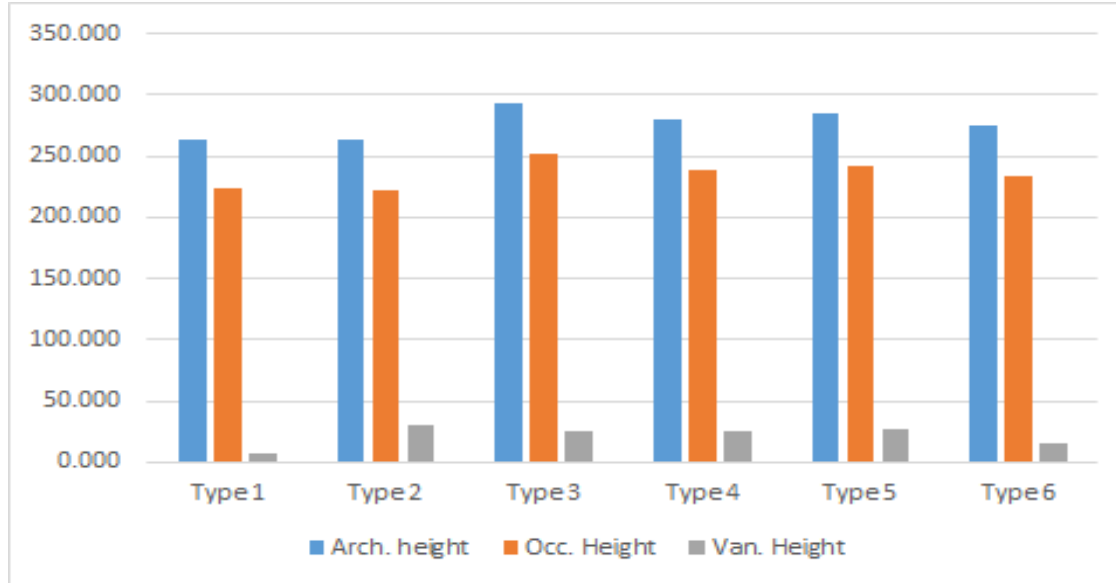


Mixed Use > Office > Residential > Hotel



Composite > Concrete > Steel

Building Finishing design



Architectural height

Type 1 < 2 < 6 < 4 < 5 < 3

Occupied height

Type 2 < 1 < 4 < 5 < 6 < 3

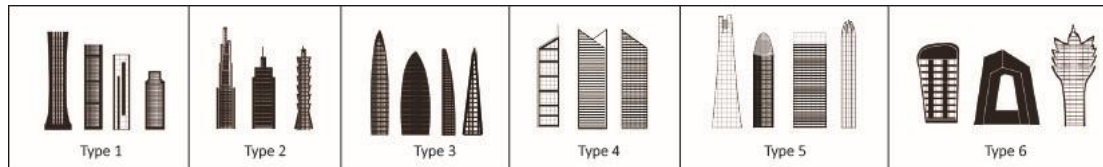
Vanity Height

Type 1 < 6 < 3 < 4 < 5 < 2

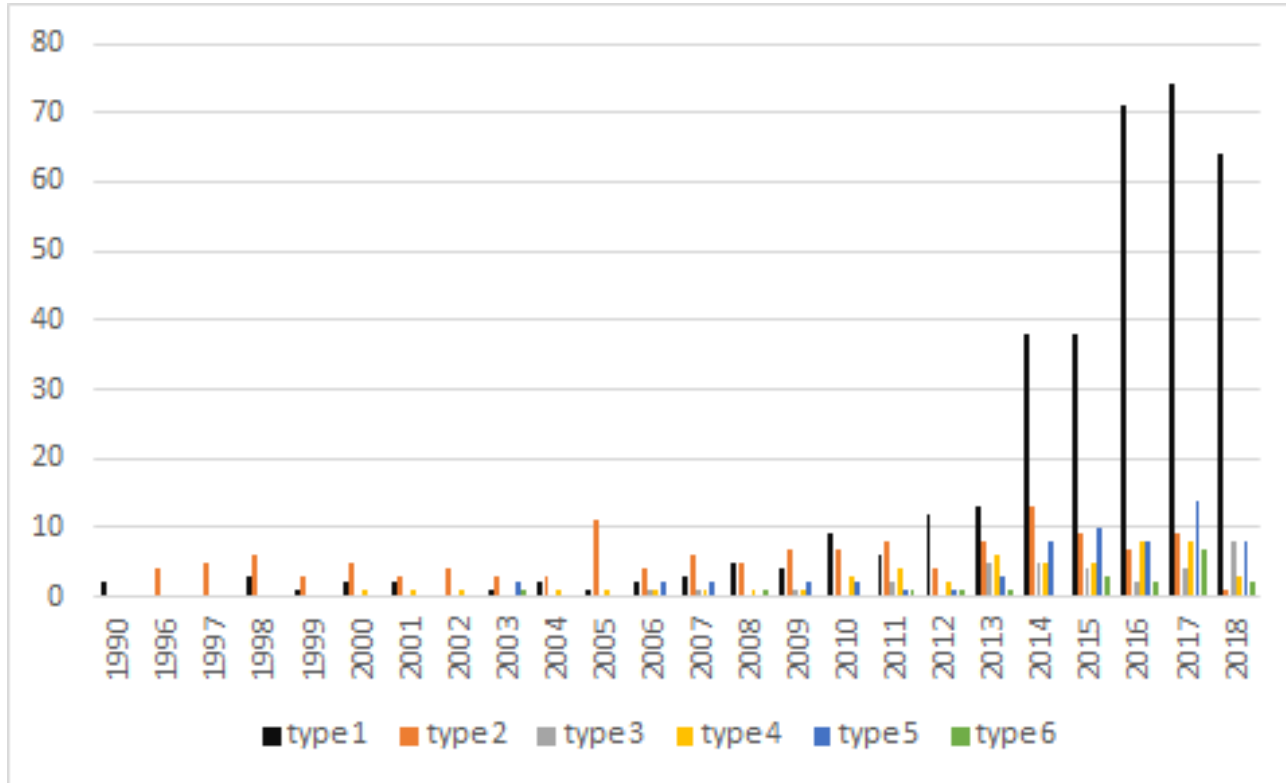
Type 3 have the most architectural height in general

Type 1 have the least vanity Height in general

Type 2 have the most vanity height but it has the least architectural and occupied height



Building Finshing design



Architectural height

Type 1 < 2 < 6 < 4 < 5 < 3

Occupied height

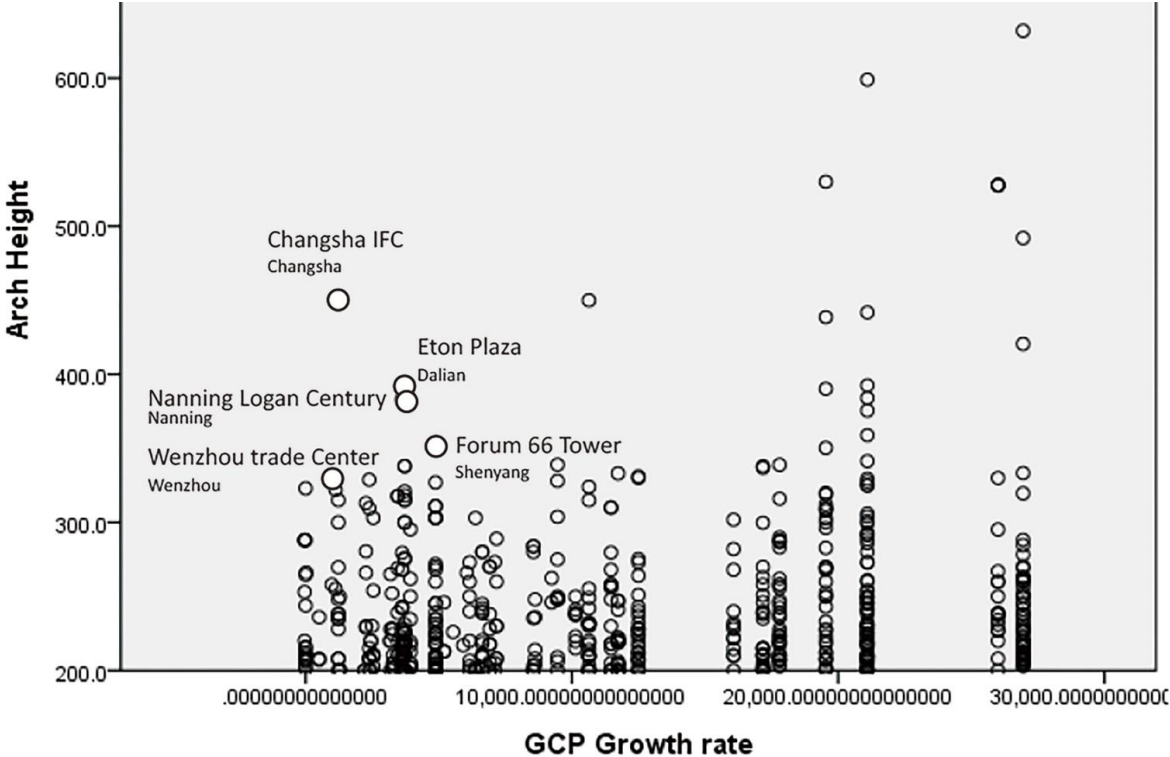
Type 2 < 1 < 4 < 5 < 6 < 3

Vanity Height

Type 1 < 6 < 3 < 4 < 5 < 2

- There are more **type 1** and **type 5** building constructed after year 2010
- The amount of **type 2** building constructed remains stable

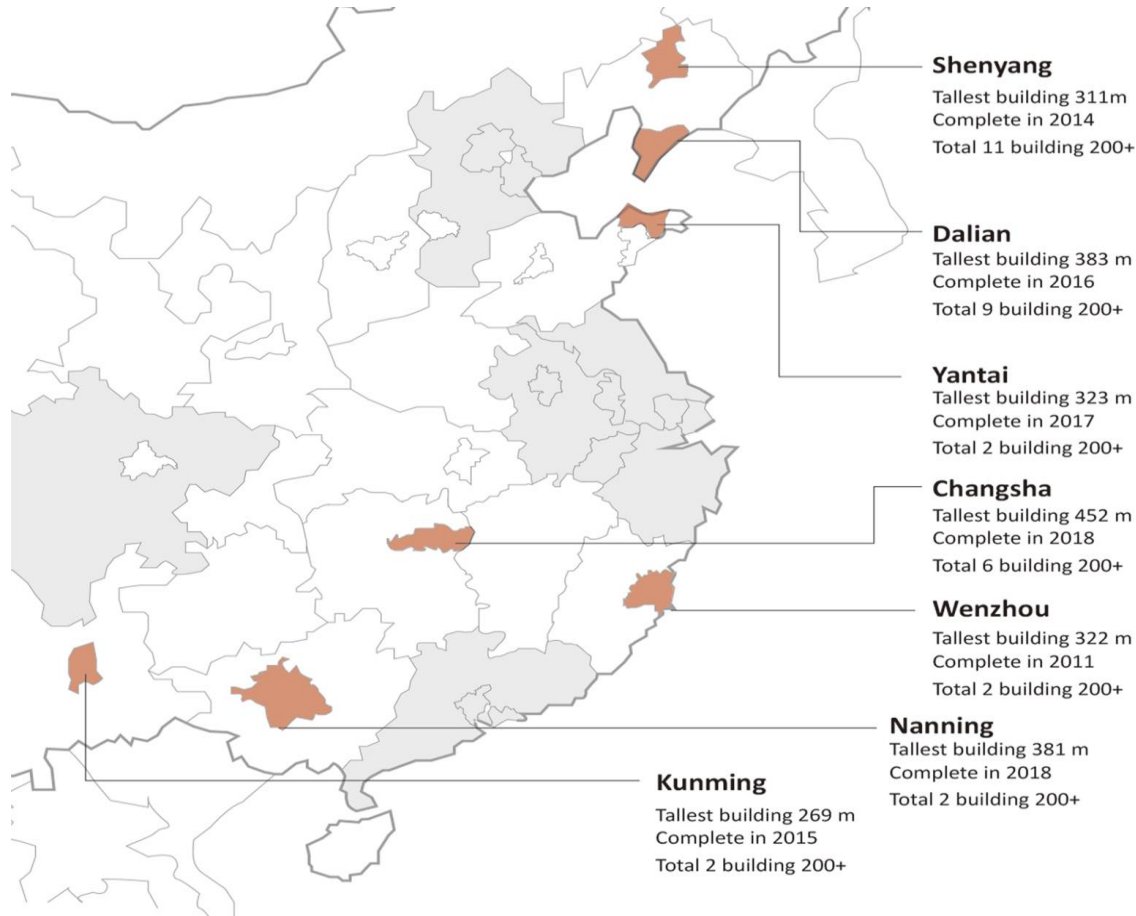
Other Finding



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- These cities does not located in the clusters

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

Conclusion

- Regarding height determinant factor
 - The factors that affected skyscraper height are more the building level factors including building function, material and design
 - But in general Skyscraper development have correlation with economic situation of the city regarding to skyscraper height

Conclusion

- The result suggested that **building in China is constructed according to economic reasons** rather than competition due to following reasons
 - Building architectural height have significant relationship with city GDP
 - Type one building design in general contains more occupied height and less vanity height, it is also the typology most constructed after year 2013
 - There are more skyscraper located around 200m, and only small amount of building is over 400m

Conclusion

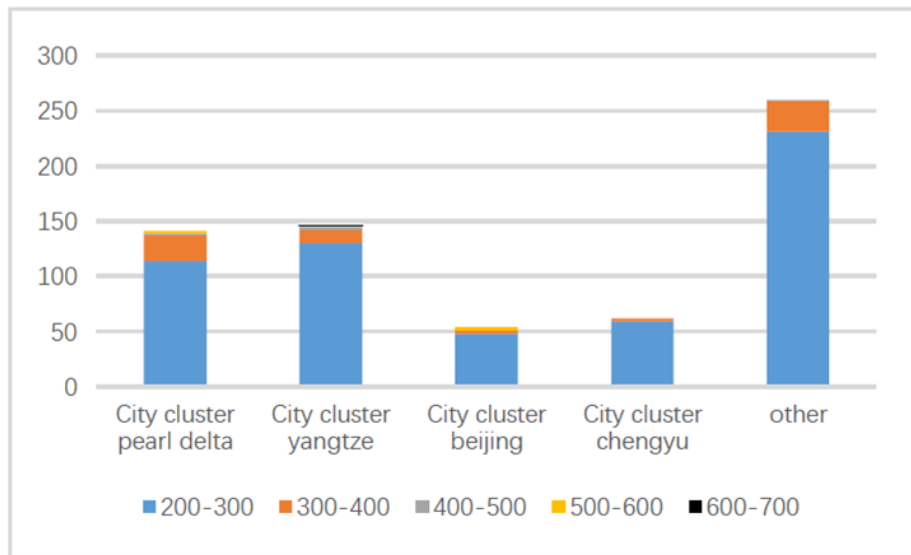
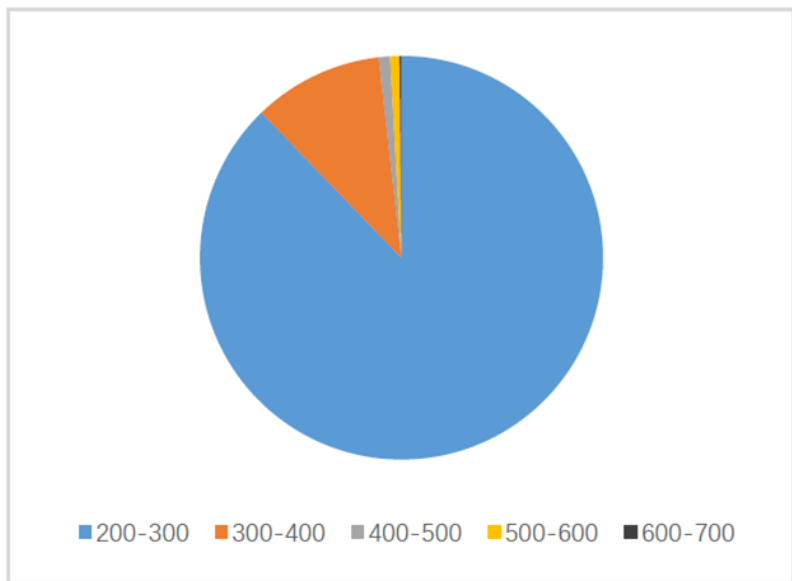
- Regarding to Height distribution
 - There are uneven skyscraper distribution, and each city contains wide range of building height. In city with limited land for example Hong kong currently develop building over 400m, but not the ones around 200m
 - There is also an increase in city size in the major cities including Beijing, Shanghai and shenzhen, and it took more than 1 hr to move from the out-skirt of the city to city center, which is considered a long time. This shows that lands are not used efficiently
 - Suggested to look into the efficient building height and set lower height limit accordingly

Possible Further research

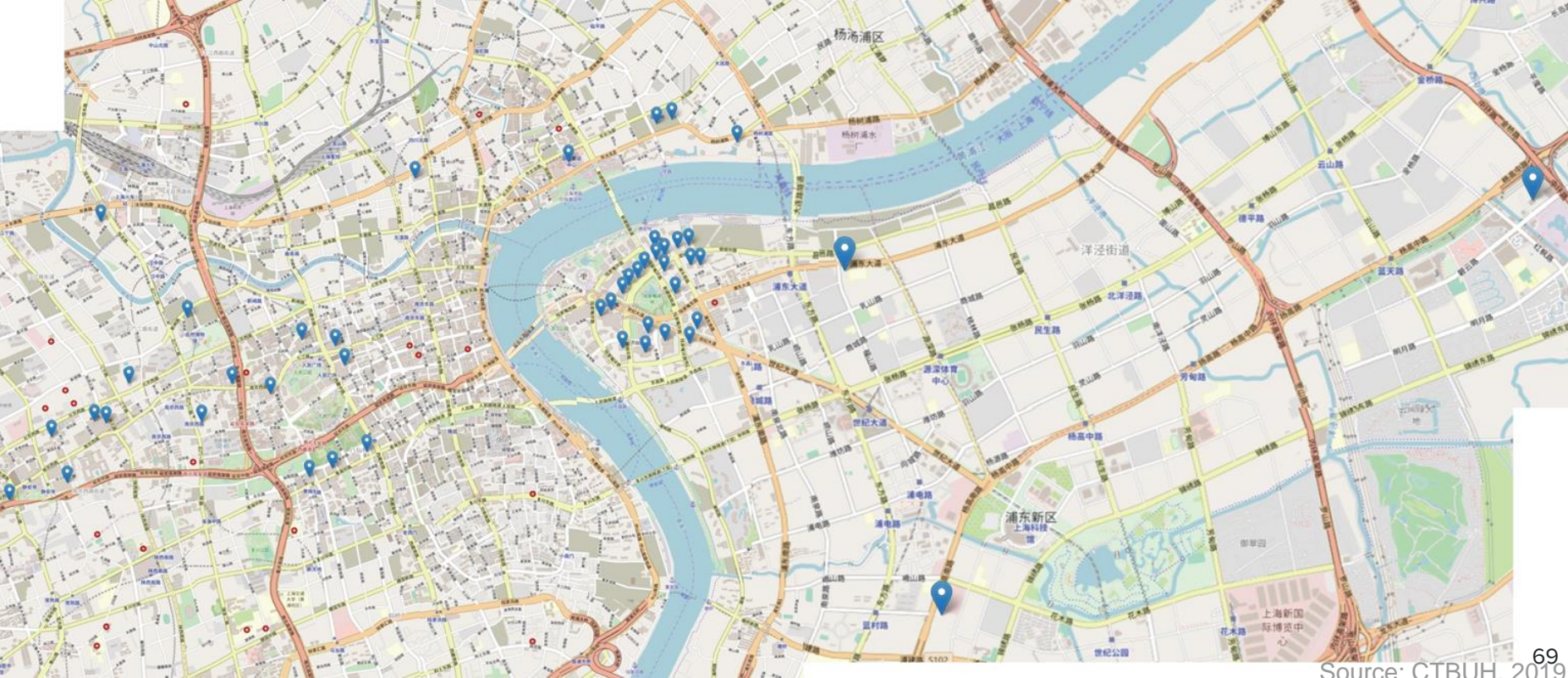
- Due the difference in culture and other aspect, development pattern may vary, Thus, the study on skyscraper height could also be done in other countries to see if they yield similar results
- The variable used in the research does not explain vanity height well, so more research could be done on determinants of vanity height
- The correlation tables shows relationship between the variables and number of skyscraper in a city, so a study could be done on the connection between amount of skyscraper constructed and height

Question?

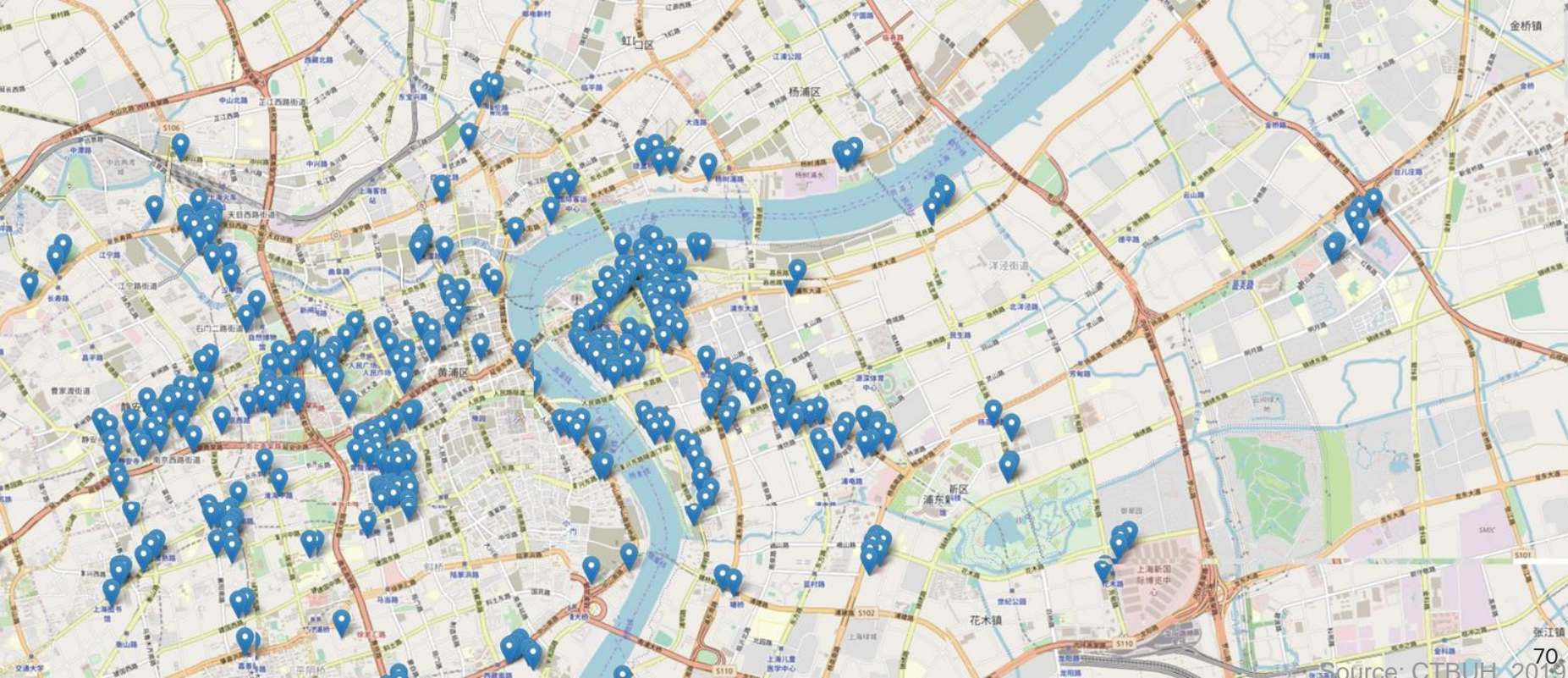




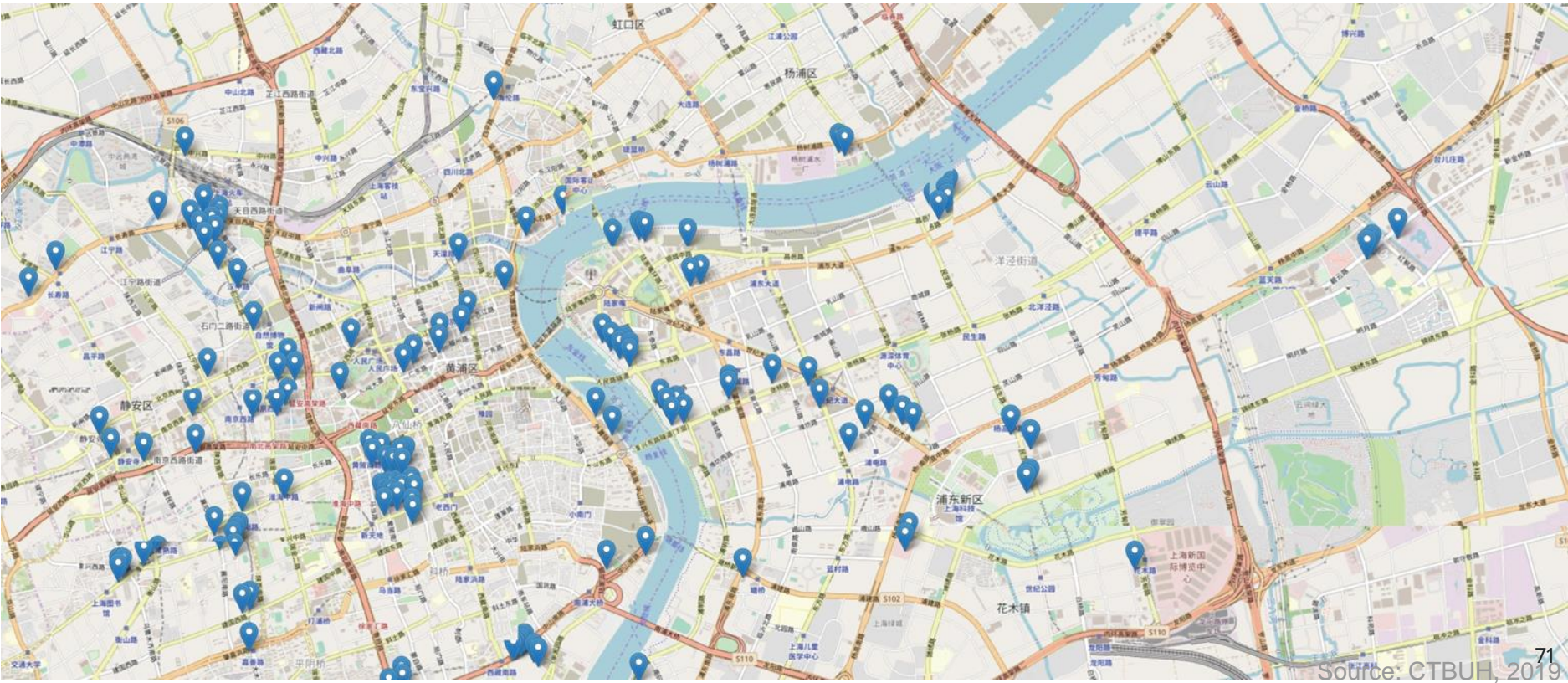
Distribution of 200m plus skyscraper in Shanghai



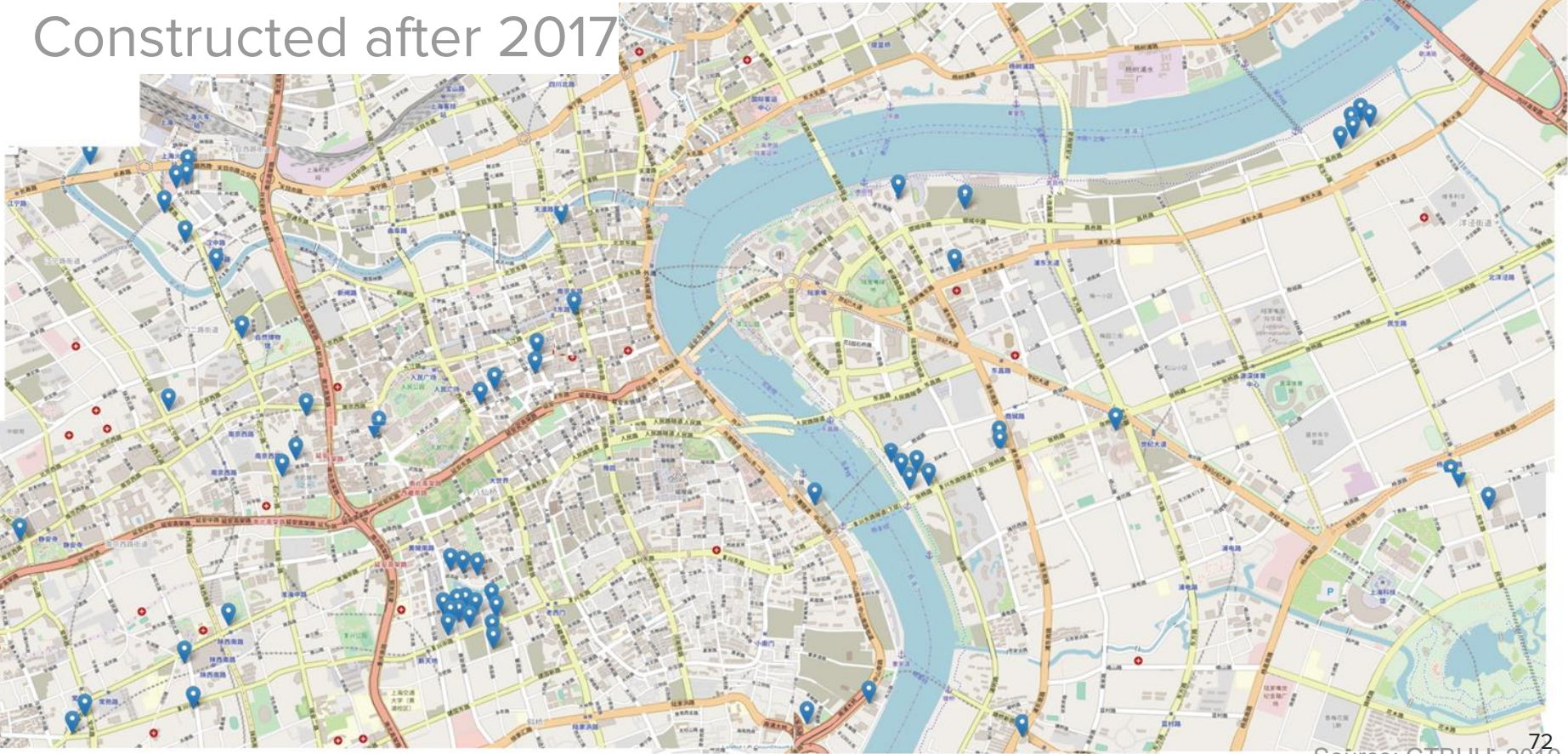
Distribution of All skyscraper in Shanghai



Distribution of skyscraper Below 100m in Shanghai



Distribution of skyscraper Below 100m in Shanghai Constructed after 2017



226	Longguang Royal Lake Sunshine 16	Nanning (CN)	68.3	224	21	2018		residential
226	Longguang Royal Lake Sunshine 17	Nanning (CN)	68.3	224	21	2018		residential
226	Longguang Royal Lake Sunshine 19	Nanning (CN)	68.3	224	21	2018		residential
226	Longguang Royal Lake Sunshine 20	Nanning (CN)	68.3	224	21	2018		residential
230	Shenzhen Fourth People's Hospital IMC Ward	Shenzhen (CN)	64.8	213	15	2017		hospital
231	Rong and Banyan Mountain #5B	Nanning (CN)	61.3	201	19	2017	concrete	residential
232	Nanxun #19	Liuzhou (CN)	60	197	18	2019	concrete	residential
233	Hangzhou Gateway	Hangzhou (CN)	59.9	197	16	2017	concrete	office
234	Huashang International #13	Yulin (CN)	58.7	193	19	2018		residential
234	Huashang International #16	Yulin (CN)	58.7	193	19	2018		residential
236	Rong and Banyan Mountain #1A	Nanning (CN)	58.4	192	18	2017	concrete	residential
236	Rong and Banyan Mountain #2A	Nanning (CN)	58.4	192	18	2017	concrete	residential
236	Rong and Banyan Mountain #3A	Nanning (CN)	58.4	192	18	2017	concrete	residential
239	Beihai First City 1#	Beihai (CN)	57.3	188	18	2017		residential
240	Huashang International #11	Yulin (CN)	57.1	187	18	2018		residential
240	Huashang International #12	Yulin (CN)	57.1	187	18	2018		residential
240	Huashang International #17	Yulin (CN)	57.1	187	18	2018		residential
243	Nanxun #1	Liuzhou (CN)	56	184	18	2018	concrete	residential
243	Nanxun #18	Liuzhou (CN)	56	184	18	2019	concrete	residential
243	Nanxun #2	Liuzhou (CN)	56	184	18	2018	concrete	residential
246	Huangshan Mountain Village 8	Huangshan (CN)	51	167	12	2017	concrete	residential
247	Hong Kong Housing Authority Headquarters	Hong Kong (CN)	50.9	167	11	-		office
248	Longguang Royal Lake Sunshine 15	Nanning (CN)	47.6	156	14	2018		residential
248	Longguang Royal Lake Sunshine 18	Nanning (CN)	47.6	156	14	2018		residential
250	Huangshan Mountain Village 4	Huangshan (CN)	45	148	12	2017	concrete	residential

Regression Analysis for Year Fixed Effect

	Architectural height		Occupied height		Vanity Height	
	B	Sig.	B	Sig.	B	Sig.
(C onstant)	240.017	.000	210.226	.000	29.791	.000
C ompleted 2011	8.742	.578	20.365	.150	-11.618	.037
C ompleted 2012	.893	.956	7.118	.623	-6.225	.277
C ompleted 2013	2.545	.855	16.487	.189	-13.941	.005
C ompleted 2014	-7.131	.572	8.469	.455	-15.847	.000
C ompleted 2015	8.865	.482	21.144	.062	-12.279	.006
C ompleted 2016	-2.318	.849	15.615	.153	-16.851	.000
C ompleted 2017	5.825	.626	22.321	.038	-16.497	.000
C ompleted 2018	15.691	.202	33.980	.002	-18.414	.000

Regression Analysis for Location Fixed Effect

		Coefficients ^a				
Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		B	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant)	2.361	.010		238.500	0.000
	City cluster pearl delta	.038	.012	.199	3.224	.001
	City cluster yangze	.020	.012	.103	1.653	.099
	City cluster beijing	.027	.015	.093	1.854	.064
	other	.007	.011	.044	.647	.518

a. Dependent Variable: logarchheight

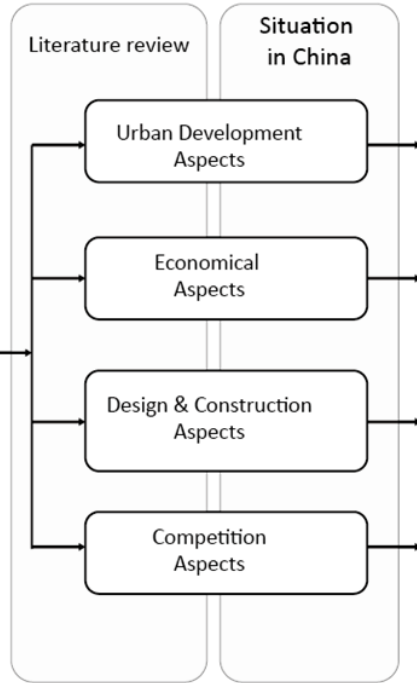
Ch.1 Introduction

Step 1

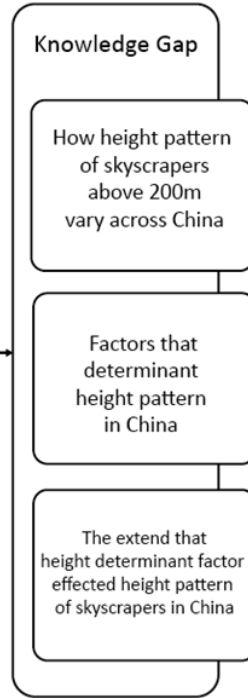
Skyscraper Height

Ch.2 Theoretical Underpinning

Step 2

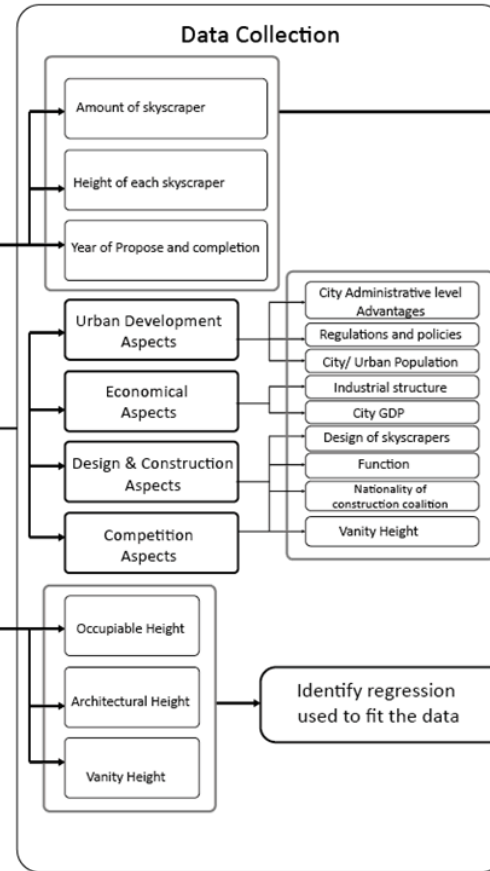


Step 3



Ch.3 Methodology and Data collection

Step 4



Ch.4 Empirical Analysis

Step 5

