# ARCHITECTURAL \\ TECHNICAL RESEARCH PAPER

TRA-DIGITAL HYBRID Using digital fabrications to create a hybrid design for developing countries

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### A. RESEARCH ARCHITECTURE BANDUNG

- + VALUES KAMPUNG
- + PRIVACY ZONING
- + INCREMENTAL EXPANSION
- + TYPOLOGY KAMPUNG HOUSING
- + RESEARCH INCOME SHOPS KAMPUNG
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  - Roofs
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  - Stairs
  - Facades
  - Windows
- + LOCATION /ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRATION
  - Site
  - Housing matrix

### PROBLEMS \\ VALUES KAMPUNG

#### // PRIORITIZED ACCORDING TO THE DIGITAL RESEARCH

It is guite easy to pick out obvious problems in the kampung, overcrowding and poor quality were the first problems that came to mind when navigating the kampungs. What took slightly longer was to find the strengths of these areas. It requires a very different mind-set to realise there is great value in these area's compared to the western ways of building.

The kampung are a great source of economic activity and know a very tight knit community. They are more than just housing areas. This is very important to take into account when designing for these areas.





POOR QUALITY



UNSAFE CONSTRUCTION

Visualisation problems Indonesian kampungs (own ill.) Fig A1. Visualisation most important values Indonesia (own ill.) Fig A2.

Fig A1.

LIMITED HIGHT



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ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES Workshops Hairdressers

etc.





FOOD STALL COMPLEX



COMMUNITY MEETING SPACE Corridor as a place to Go, Sit, Meet



### **PRIVACY ZONING**

#### // PRIVACY ZONING AND EXPANSION IMPLICATIONS

The Indonesians know quite a specific zoning system with regards to privacy. During our time in Indonesia it became clear that once you step into the kampung it is similar to stepping into someone's backyard. The very small kampung streets are considered private property. People use this space not only as social meeting space, but also to expand their houses and shops. Almost all houses have some sort of partially covered outside space to hang their laundry, sit with neighboors or be outside when the monsoon hits. The first room in the house is usual the family room with utility spaces further in the back. Bedrooms are either at perpendicular to the living room, when the house is sufficiently broad, but usual the more private rooms like the bedrooms are situated in the back of the house.



#### TYPE A - HORIZONTAL EXPANSION



#### TYPE B - VERTICAL EXPANSION

### **INCREMENTAL EXPANSION**

#### // ARGUMENTATION EXPANSION, VERTICAL & HORIZONTAL

During our time in the kampung it was clear most of the space available was build upon. The Indonesian population had two ways of expanding, vertically and horizontally. The research as visualized on the right is based on the article 'Considerations on Typology of Kampung House (red..)' by Shuji Funo. What was most important for my research was the realization that local building knowledge was often not sufficient for building over two storeys high. The expansion was therefore halted at this level while in the kampung much more building space is needed. This is one of the key elements in my final building system design.

Fig A4. Visualisation incremental expansion methods kampung Indonesia (own ill. based on data from 'Considerations on Typology of Kampung House (red..)' by Shuji Funo)



TYPE C - COMBINATION



#### 1: FAMILY EXPANSION

#### 2: BUSINESS VENTURES

#### 3: BOTH BUSINESS AS FAMILY EXPANSION



 BACK GARDEN OR TERRACE TRANS FORMED INTO KITCHEN
 ADDITION OF WASHING ROOM
 ADDITION OF TOILETS / SHOWER
 EXPANSION OF THE HOUSE WITH EXTRA BEDROOMS INSIDE AND UTILITY SPACES PLACED FURTHER IN THE BACK



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 EXTRA FLOOR BUILD OFTEN OF WOODEN CONSTRUCTION
 USED FOR: EXTRA BEDROOMS STORAGE LIVING AREA BALCONY



 RENTAL ROOMS UPSTAIRS
 PLACEMENT OF BED-ROOMS UPSTAIRS AND NEW SHOP STORE DOWNSTAIRS



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 RENTAL ROOMS UPSTAIRS, SEPERATE STAIRCASE VIA OUTSIDE
 EXTRA FAMILY BEDROOMS UPSTAIRS

GROUND FLOOR:

- DINING ROOM

- RENTAL ROOMS

- RENTAL TOILETS

- BEDROOMS - MORE UTILITY SPACES

1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR

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 EXTENSION OF GUEST AREA
 EXTRA BEDROOMS
 EXTRA DINING ROOM



 RENTAL ROOMS BOTH UPSTAIRS AND DOWN-STAIRS
 RENTAL TOILETS IN THE BACK
 WASHING SPACES RENTAL HOUSING

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### **TYPOLOGY KAMPUNG HOUSING**

#### // RESEARCH INTO MOST USED TYPOLOGIES

Both from research in Indonesia, as from articles like that of Shuji Funo: 'Considerations on Typology of Kampung House (red..)' and 'Typology of the Kampung house and its transformations (red..) ' a composition of existing typologies of the Indonesian Kampung was drafted:

- Type A Apartment blocks with one room, no kitchen or private bathroom. Service areas are shared.
- Type B Apartment blocks with private service blocks
- Type C Privately owned housing with only one room and kitchen, service areas like toilets and washing spaces are communal in the kampung
- Type D Privately owned housing with own kitchen and washing areas, often long and narrow.
- Type E Family housing with both wide and long floor plans, bedrooms often situated in the side of the house.
- Fig A5. Visualisation typology kampung housing Indonesia (own ill.)



### **RESEARCH INCOME SHOP OWNERS**

#### // EIGHT SHOP OWNERS INTERVIEWED

For the local community a safer way of building is not high on the list of priorities. It is therefore essential to find a different argumentation to convince them of using a different building system. In my system there are two reasons why they should use this system to (re)build their houses. The first being an emotional one: when build up over two stories high, there is more room for the family, children will not have to be sent away to live in a different kampung, as is now often the case. The second reason is an econimical one; when there is more space, more money can be earned with the house by turning the ground floor into a shop, workshop or to use the top floors to rent out rooms. The extension of the house would be paid from the revenues of the economic activities. To calculate how long the repayment period would be it was essential to research how big the revenues from shops were.

Fig A6.Photo warung shop Kampung Dago Pojok (own ill.)Fig A7.Photo's shops & shop owners. kampung Cigondewah & Dago Pojok (own Ill.)





#### WATER SHOP

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Kampung Dago Pojok Ibu Dian (32 y/o) Family owns water shop Sels water bottles / gasstoves Gasstove service Does not live next to the shop Monthly income from shop IDR 3.000.000

#### GROCERY SHOP

// Kampung Cigondewah // Ibu Ai (54 y/o)

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She is a widow who inherited the shop from her husband. She supports 6 children + grandchildren with the shop and also rents out rooms Monthly income from shop IDR 1.500.000 BIRDS SHOP

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Kampung Dago Pojok Pak Pakedi (35 y/o) House was abandoned, his family fixed it up and has been selling birds there ever since. The family is eight people, two brothers and their family. Monthly income from shop IDR 700.000

#### GROCERY SHOP

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Kampung Cigondewah Ibu Tia (32 y/o) Family owns grocery store Lives behind the shop with her husband and two children. Monthly income from shop IDR 1.500.000

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#### ANIMAL STORE

- // Kampung Cigondewah // Pak Avep (32 v/o)
  - Pak Ayep (32 y/o) Rents the shop and does not live there. Has been renting it for 2 years, is supporting his family of four.
- // Monthly income from shop IDR 2.000.000

#### GROCERY SHOP

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Kampung Dago Pojok Ibu Masran (42 y/o) Owns the house, lives with her family in the back, one husband, wife and four children. House was bought for 40.000.000 Monthly income from shop IDR 2.000.000

#### GROCERIES SHOP

Kampung Cigondewah Pak Sanjaya (38 y/o) Family owns grocery store He has a side business of renting out cars (revenue 1.000.000 p/m) Monthly income from shop IDR 2 / 3.000.000

#### MATERIALS SHOP

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Kampung Dago Pojok Pak Nagreh (32 y/o) Family owns materials store Monthly income from shop IDR 4.000.000

### **ELABORATION HOUSE B**

#### // EXPLODED VIEW HOUSE DURING PHASES

In the visuals on the right the economic revenues gained by applying the researched building system are combined with a spatial organisation. As seen in Fig. A16, the first year gaines no extra revenues, the house is simply torn down and replaced by a similar size building, which will serve as foundation for the upper floor to be build upon. In the second year more space is made by adding an extra floor, so a shop can be realised on the ground floor. Revenues made by this shope can be put aside to save up for one extra floor, or if required, two extra floors. If in total four floors are realised, the total term of repayment will be 10

years. This is taking into account only the revenues earned by the shop and rented spaces in the house. The house will therefore in a sense 'pay for itself'.

#### Fig. A14

#### PHASE I // 1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR -'THE RESIDENTIAL'

- I.1 Outside living space
- I.2 Guest room + Living room
- I.3 Bedroom no. 1 (4 m2)
- I.4 Bedroom no.2 (4 m2)
- I.5 Service area (kitchen + bathroom)

#### Fig. A15

#### PHASE II // 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR - 'THE SHOP'

- II.1 Semi public/private space
- II.2 Porch for shop
- II.3 Food shop: revenues IDR 2.000.000 p/m
- II.4 Living room/guest area + stairs
- II.5 Service area (kitchen + bathroom)
- II.6 Private open space laundry room
- II.7 Bedroom no. 1 (12 m2)
- II.8 Bedroom no. 2 (7m2)

#### Fig A16.

PHASE III // 3<sup>rd</sup> FLOOR -'THE RENTAL'

- III.1 Private entrance rental rooms
- III.2 Kitchen area rental rooms
- III.3 Rental room no. 1 (7 m2)
- III.4 Rental room no. 2 (7 m2)
- III.5 Rental room no. 3 (9 m2)
  - Revenues: 1.750.000 p/m





### CATALOGUE EXTERNAL ELEMENTS

#### // INTEGRATION EXTERNAL ELEMENTS TO BUILDING SYSTEM

In this research a building system for purely the frame of the building was researched. The reasoning here was when there is a very sound frame, the construction imidiately becomes more safe. There are however of course other building elements that make up a house. Facades, roofs, floors and stairs are not always easy to construct. While this is not completely part of the scope of this research, I made a catalogue of possible elements that could be sold within the CNC hub. As seen in Fig. A8 there is one hub in the city of Bandung where the system is rented out. The building system could be made in such a way it would fit perfectly with current roofing systems, facade materials and floor widths. Stairs could also be poored in CNC milled moulds and both windows and doors could be made by CNC milling.

Fig A8.How does it work? (own ill.)Fig A9.External elements building system (own ill.)Fig A10.Create your own house recepy (own Ill.)









#### // RESEARCH INTO MOST USED TYPOLOGIES

The integration of the building system in the local architecture could be done in any place in Bandung. Since the kampung Cigondewah was already chosen by the group of students researching Bandung this was also my chosen location. Within Cigondewah a location was chosen next to the municipal road. Here, five houses were chosen, at random, to analyse. In the housing matrix is shown how much the houses change over time. Each phase of the incremental way of building is shown in the matrix, also the building costs, revenues made by in-house shops and rented rooms, and the calculated repayment period.

Fig A11.Chosen location: Java - Bandung - Cigondewah (own ill.)Fig A12.Chosen site - Chosen site transformed by building system (own ill.)Fig A13.Housing matrix (own ill.)









Fig A12.





Fig A12.











### B. RESEARCH INCREMENTAL BUILDING SYSTEM

- + INTERVIEWS CONSTRUCTION TEAMS KAMPUNG
- + COST CALCULATION SYSTEM FORMWORK
- + DESIGN SYSTEM FORMWORK
  - How does it work
  - CNC milled elements
  - Cost calculation matrix

### INTERVIEWS CONSTRUCTION TEAMS

// PROFESSIONAL / SEMI-PROFESSIONAL / INFORMAL

For the second research trip to Indonesia the goal was to visit as much construction sites as possible to asses not only local building knowledge, but also research specific questions like: how to transport material in the kampung, what is the structure of a building team, what are the price of building cost per m2, are there any kind of roof systems in the kampung, prices of building material and so forth.

Many of these questions were answered in interviews with construction leaders like Pak Nana, but also by interviewing Pak Apep, the foremen of local architect Ramalis Sobandi. With him I discussed specifically my building system and incorporated his tips and worries into my final design.

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- // Pak Nana (45 y/o) // Construction site
- // Project

Leader construction (foreman) Kampung Dago Pojok Student housing (4 floors with atrium)

# PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION SITE





// Pak Iwan (32 y/o) // Construction site // Project Carpenter (one of three) Kampung Dago Pojok Extension house (2 floors)

# SEMI - PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION SITE









- // Pak Thito (18 y/o) // Construction site // Project
- Son of owner Kampung Dago Pojok Extention house
- # INFORMAL CONSTRUCTION SITE











//	Pak Isun (56 y/o)
//	Construction site
//	Project

Construction worker (one of 3) Cigondewah Build new house behind existing house

# SEMI-PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION SITE













//	Pak Mamat (45 y/o)
//	Construction site
//	Proiect

Brother of owner (bank clerk) Kampung Cigondewah Extention house to two floors

# INFORMAL CONSTRUCTION SITE









- // Pak Omar (43 y/o)
  // Construction site
  // Project
- Construction leader (foreman) Kampung Braga Extention house to two floors
- # SEMI-PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION SITE







### COST CALCULATION SYSTEM FORMWORK

The cost calculation for the formwork consists of the sum of the following factors:

- Material cost formwork
- Maintenence cost CNC mill
- Costs milling (electricity + labour)
- Rent CNC hub
- Labour workers CNC hub

Because certain factors are unsure I had to make a rough estimation for some of these factors and make some assumptions for the other. For the startup of the CNC hub I assume some government help is given by funding the labour costs, maintenence of the CNC mill and overhead costs of the CNC hub. This leaves the costs for the material to be paid in terms by renting out the CNC milled formwork to possible house owners. Current building practice in Indonesia is to use Albasia wood, also known as Kaso. This wood is the cheapest option in Indonesia, after use it is sold to garbage companies to be burned. Slightly better wood: Dolken is used for crossbracing the scaffolding of the formwork. When in good condition this wood is sold to furniture makers, or when in bad conditions it is sold together with the Albasia to be burned.

A quick comparison of the three materials available for milling the system-formwork shows that cocosboard (by Goodhout) is the best option. Not only is it very sustainable; it uses local cocos husk waste material to press high quality board material, but it can also compete price-wise. Betonplex is very strong and has a surface suited for multiple usage but can not compete pricewise. Moso Bamboo boards is a very sustainable material, but has a rather poreus surface and is therefore less suited for multiple usage, unless it is coated thoroughly.

#### MATERIALS FORMWORK INDONESIA

# CALCULATION MATERIAL FORMWORK - COCONUT HUSK BOARD (CHB)



#### ALBASIA / KASO

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Local Indonesian formwork Unknown Kn/m<sup>2</sup> € 210,- per m<sup>3</sup> 15.000 IDR/m<sup>2</sup> (5 mm board) Reusability = 1 times, burned after



COCONUT HUSK BOARD (CHB) +/- 5.000 Kn/m<sup>2</sup> € 10,- per plaat (1.2 x 2.4 x 0.05 m) 50.000 IDR/M<sup>2</sup> Boards of 1.20 x 2.40 m Reusability = 5 times



#### FORMWORK COLUMN

3,8 m<sup>2</sup> needed + 5% lost material = 4 m<sup>2</sup> material needed

 $4 \text{ m}^2 \text{ x } 50.000 = 200.000$ IDR/colom The column can be reused five times so the cost per column per time rented is: 200.000 / 5 = 40.000 IDR

Material for a similar sized column using Albasia wood is 60.000 IDR.

#### BETONPLEX

+/- 4.500 Kn/m<sup>2</sup> € 39,- per plaat (1.2 x 2.4 x 0.18 m) 190.000 IDR/m<sup>2</sup> Boards of 1.20 x 2.40 m Reusability = 3-5 times



#### FORMWORK BEAM (3 M GRID)

5 m<sup>2</sup> needed + 5% lost material = 5,3 m<sup>2</sup> material needed

 $5.3 \text{ m}^2 \text{ x } 50.000 = 265.000$ IDR/beam The 3 m beam can be reused five times so the cost per beam per time rented is: 265.000 / 5 = 53.000 IDR

Material for a similar sized beam using Albasia wood is 80.000 IDR.



#### MOSO BAMBOO

unknown Kn/m<sup>2</sup> € 39,- per plaat (1.2 x 2.4 x 0.18 m) 190.000 IDR/m<sup>2</sup> Boards of 1.20 x 2.40 m Reusability = 3-5 times

### **DESIGN SYSTEM FORMWORK**

The formwork system was designed in a way that it could provide for most orthogonal floorplan shapes of the kampung. While the columns were always 2.5 m, the length of the beams varies from 2.5 until 4.5. When a longer beam is needed, for example 5 meters long, an extra column is placed in between and two shorter beams are combined. As seen in Fig. B2 the columns determine what kind of corner is poored in concrete, L, T and + shaped corners could provide for all connections neccary.

On the next page is shown not only the exploded view of the CNC milled beams and columns, but also the recepy for the milled elements to send to the CNC mill. Everything in grey is neccesary for the milled element, everything in white can be considered extra stock.

Fig B1. Variable length beams formwork system (own ill.) Fig B1.





Fig B2 Variable shapes columns formwork system, dependend on corner shape (own ill.)

Fig B3. Shape formwork system, 3 x3 x 2.5 measured (own ill.)

















### C. MODEL MAKING

- + 1:1 + 1:7
- + 1:50
- + 1:100



C1. 1:50 // Travel model





C3. 1:7 // Building system

C4. 1:7 // Building system - poored result





C5. 1:100 // Location model kampung Cigondewah

C6. 1:1 // Building system - corner detail on































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