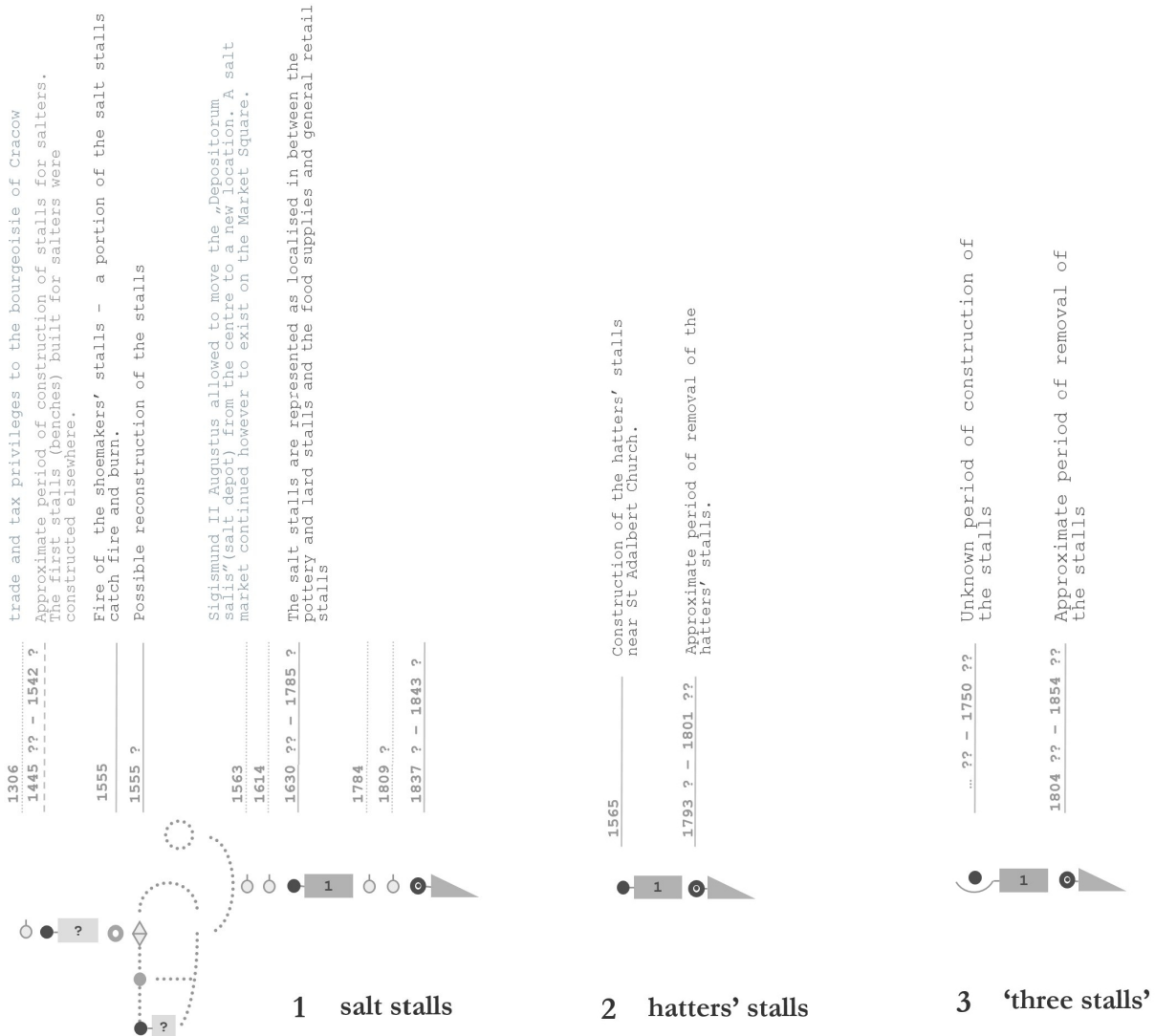


**Recent transformations are better understood than old ones.**

One could expect it, but it is not so. What does really make a difference is the quality of the documentation, and this is often a matter of ownership, status and importance of the edifice, more than a matter of moment in history. The following *graphs of potential interactions* confirm that what we actually understand about transformations cannot be strictly related to time, and that doubts about the evolution of minor constructions remain throughout their evolution (1).

In addition, the visualisation shows that the extent to which we can understand transformations cannot be related to the type, function, size of the edifice: in the case of the *batters' stalls* (2) a construction step is fairly well dated whereas the period of construction of the *'three stalls'* (3) is simply un-localised in time, although the two edifices compare in terms of function.



**Fig. 17** Three graphs of potential interactions showing that what we know of a particular transformation has no relationship with how far it goes back in time.