

Destruction raises less questions than construction.

This common sense assertion can be true, but it should certainly not be considered as a rule. Confusion and doubts may occur all along an edifice’s lifeline. Noticeably, a number of confusions or doubts may arise concerning its destruction, due to unclear processes of decay, or to ill-documented annexations.

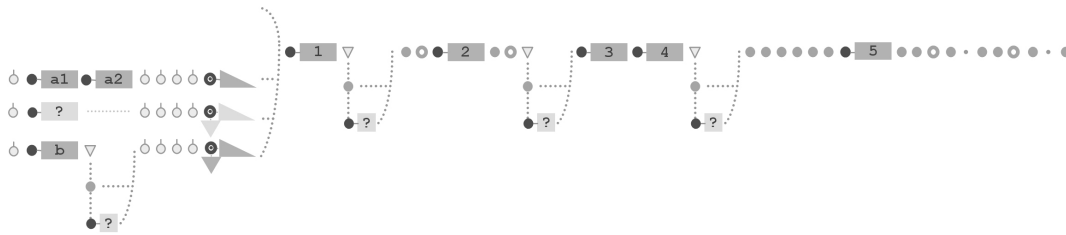
On the following *graphs of potential interactions* (1 and 2), alternative paths are located mainly on the left part of the diagrams (i.e. the oldest transformations), with a strong pattern of doubt for the cloth hall (1).

But in (3) an alternative should be considered concerning the period that follows destruction. In (4), alternatives are evenly distributed all along the edifice’s lifeline. Finally, (5) shows that what is best known for this object is actually the construction phase.

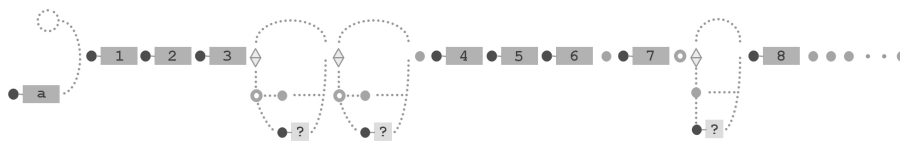
Incidentally, a ratio can be calculated on the collection of edifices so as to “quantify” chances to find more “alternative paths” for destruction time than for construction time. In Krakow’s Main Square, this occurs in 52 % of cases (sic!). In other words there are more “alternative paths” during destruction than during construction.

Fig. 14 A comparison of five patterns of doubt concerning the construction and the destruction periods (graphs of potential interactions).

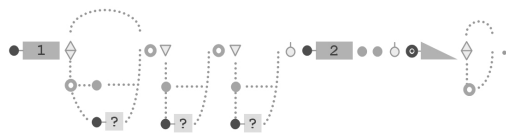
1 Cloth hall (with cloth-cropping workshops)



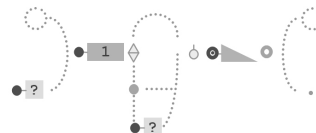
2 St Adalbert church



3 tanners’ stalls



4 fish stalls



5 bakers’ stalls

