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Summary

- we want to build better, more efficient
 - specialization is key to better productivity
- specialization enabled by communication
 - two communication revolutions - paper, and now digital
- BIM improves design communication
 - but there are challenges to adopt it
 - how is Europe doing it
- future trends in BIM in Europe
 - BIM as part of Industry 4.0 and the platform strategy
- conclusions

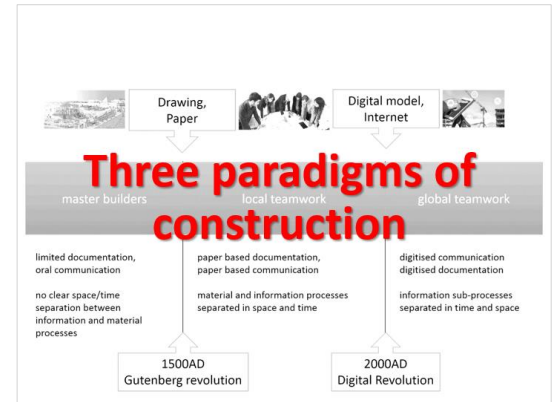
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Communication Revolutions

Specialization

- Progress of mankind is progress in how many people can work together
 - more people, more knowledge
- Progress in construction is enabled by more knowledge by more people
 - not different
- Working together requires communication
 - it was dramatically improved by technology twice



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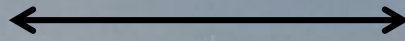
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Hagia Sophia



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AD 1500, Istanbul: Süleymaniye
Mosque

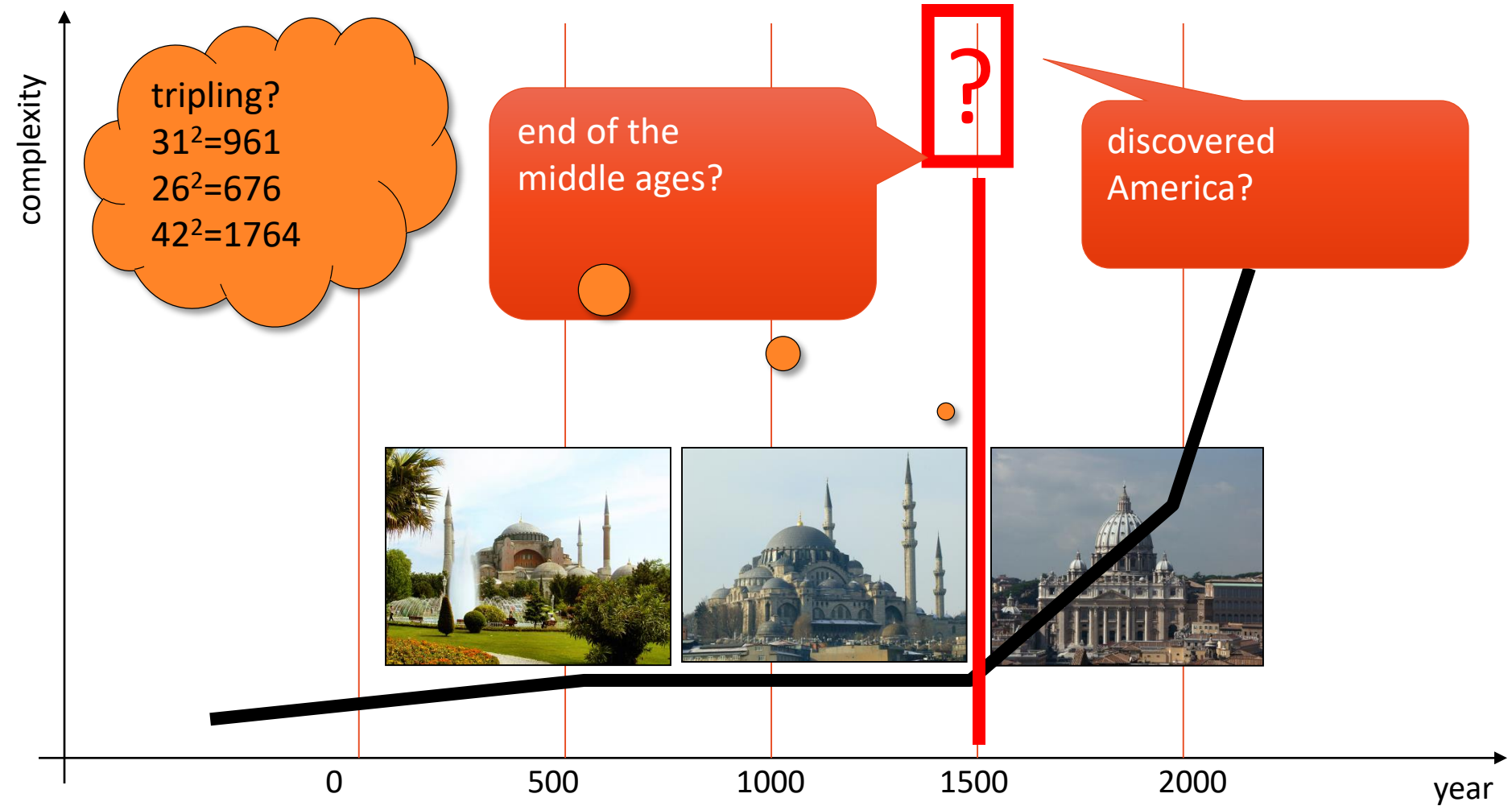
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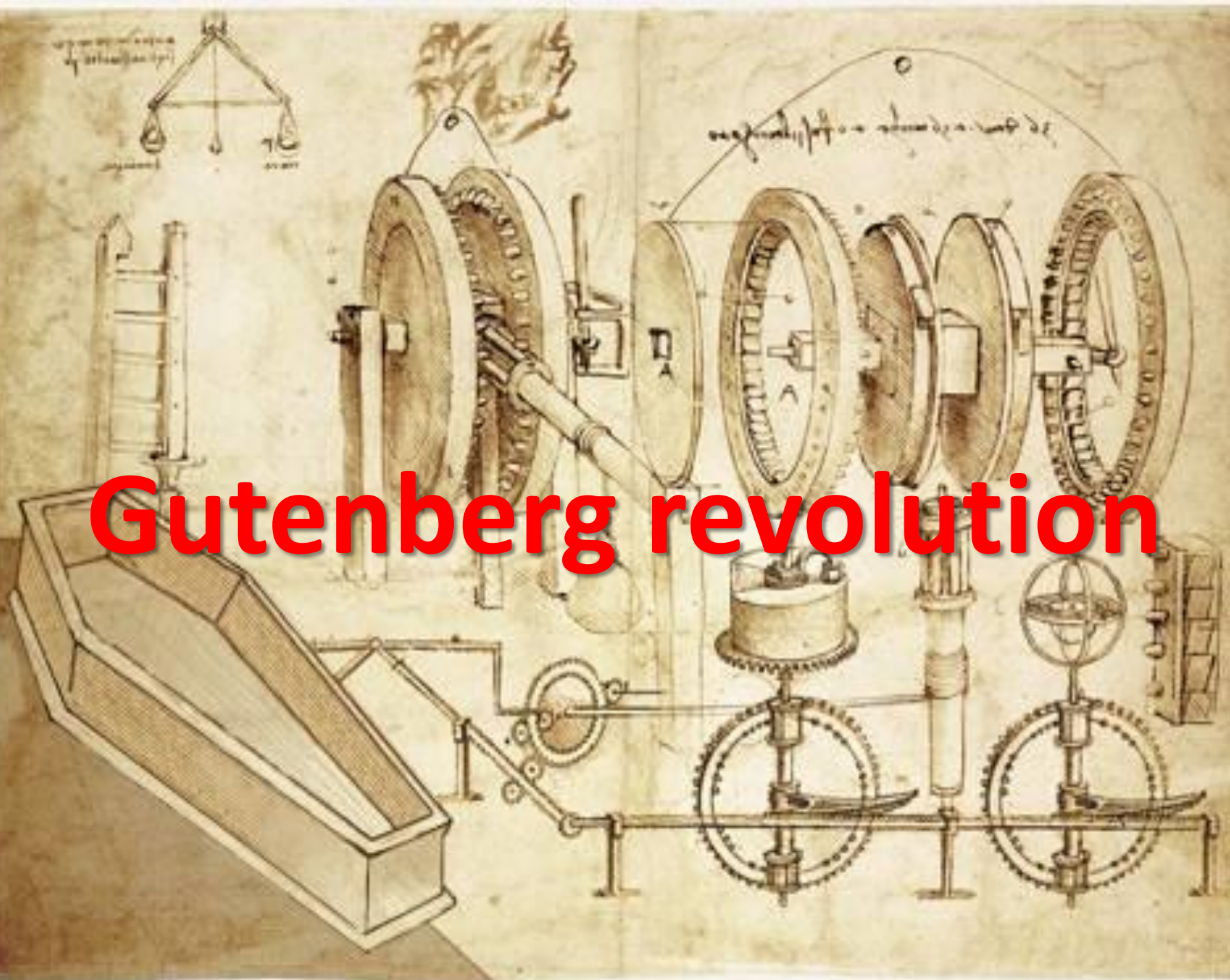
AD1600: St. Peters in Rome

1000 years: nothing

100 years: tripling in size

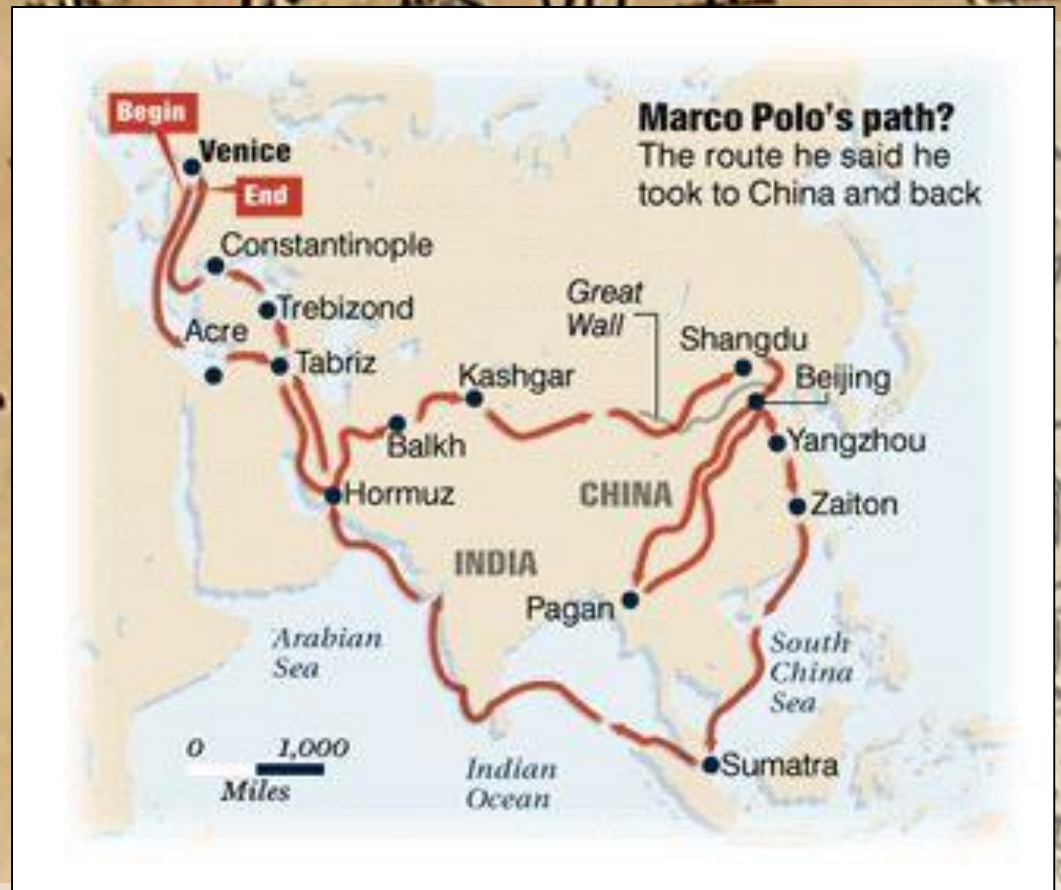


Gutenberg revolution





expensive paper

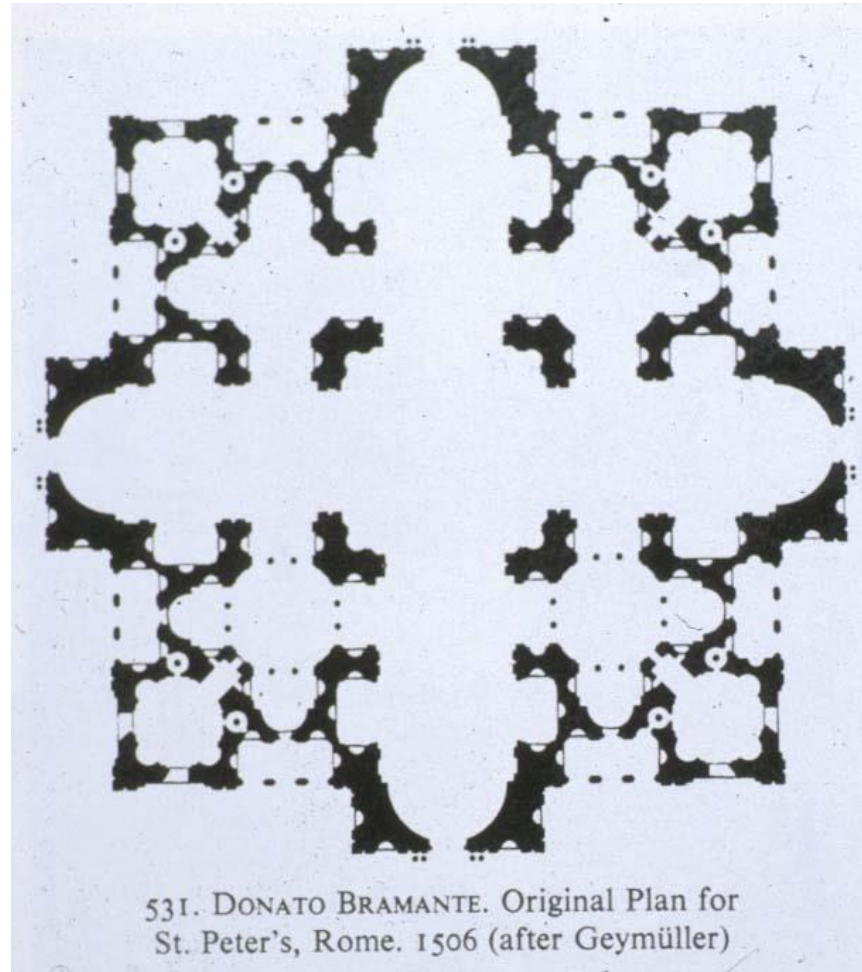


cheap paper making technology
from China reaches Europe



paper, available for anything ...

... including engineering drawings !





Printing gets enough raw material



The Renaissance, Enlightenment, scientific revolution follow.



New invention – electronic
communication



... at first available for very special purposes ...



... well, not quite so special, but not to each and everyone



The Internet revolution



and e-communication is available to everyone for anything



Including engineers



Drawing,
Paper



Digital model,
Internet



Three paradigms of construction

master builders

local teamwork

global teamwork

limited documentation,
oral communication

no clear space/time
separation between
information and material
processes

paper based documentation,
paper based communication

material and information processes
separated in space and time

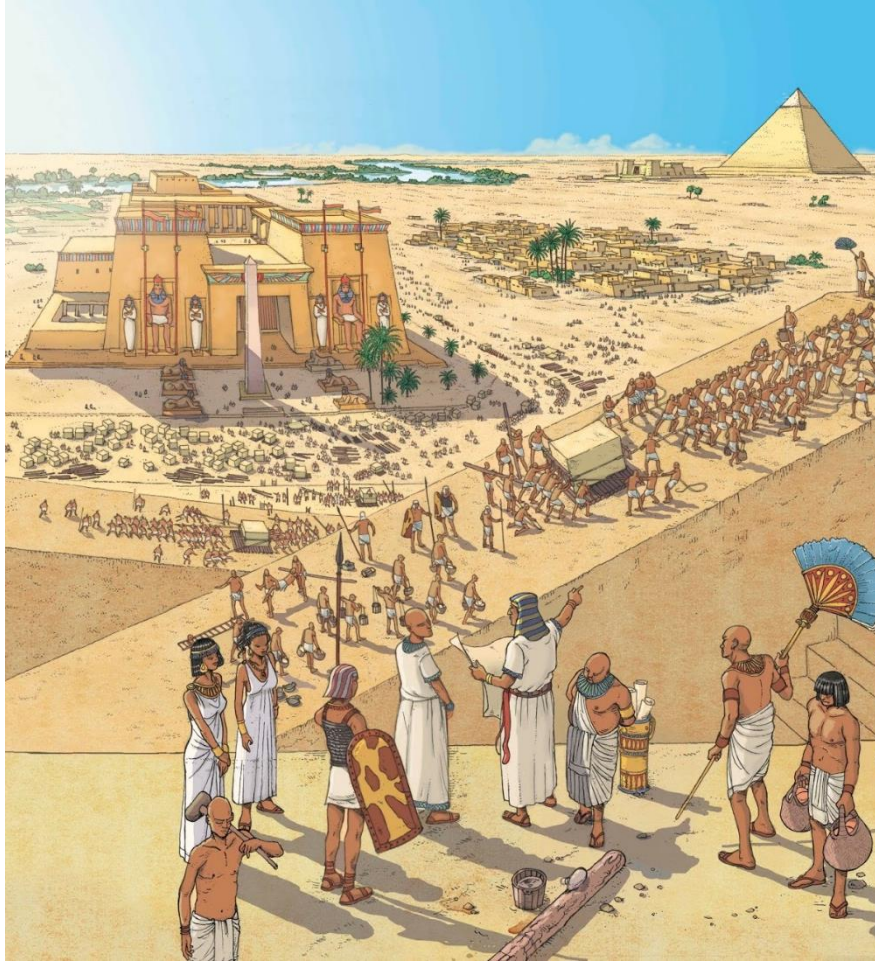
digitised communication
digitised documentation

information sub-processes
separated in time and space

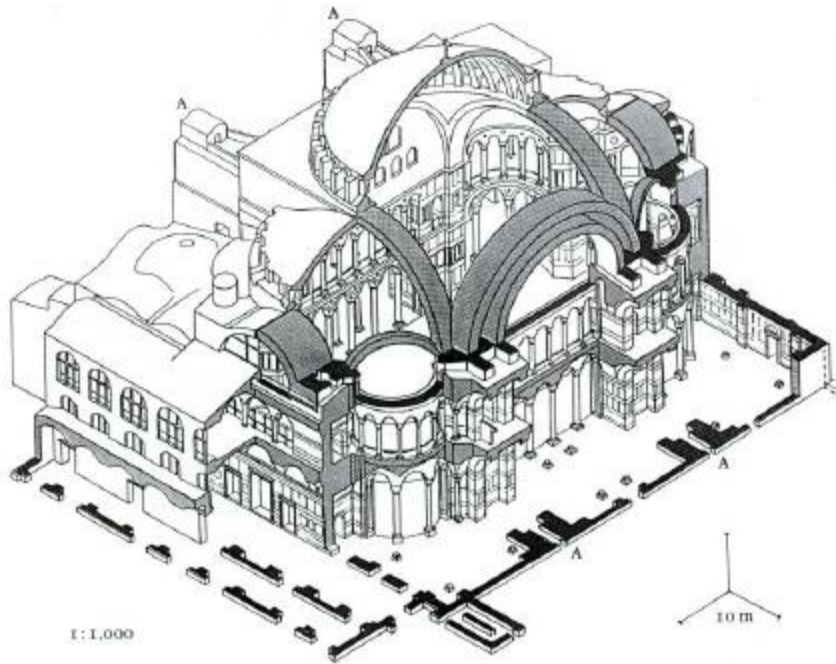
1500AD
Gutenberg revolution

2000AD
Digital Revolution

Construction before drawing

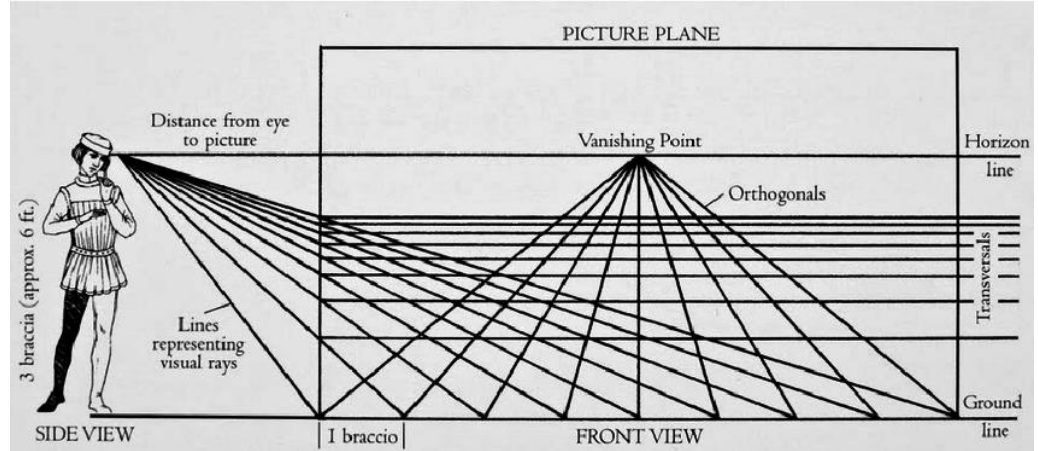


Spoken word is the main information carrier



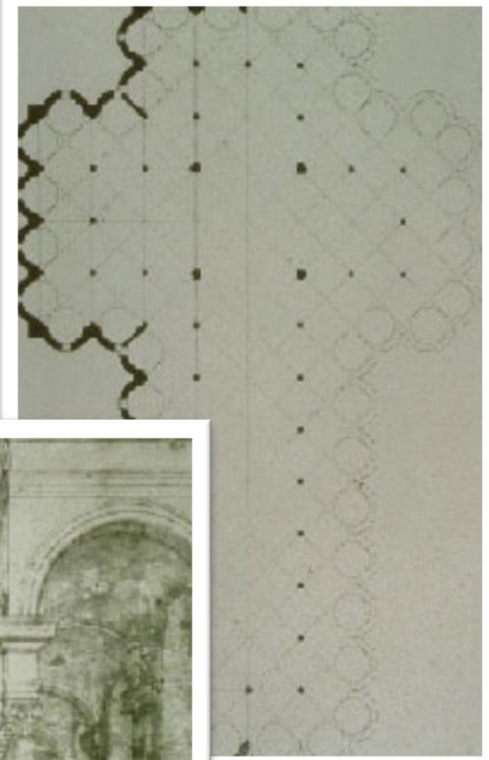
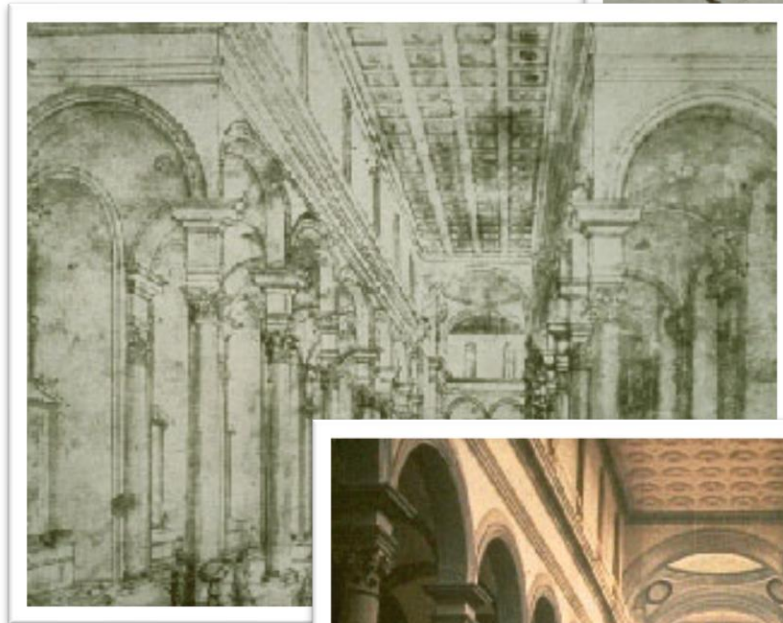
The Gutenberg revolution

- gunpowder, cannons, ice cream, spaghetti
 - China before <1300
 - Ottoman empire (15th,16th century)
 - siege of Vienna
- information technology (printing)
 - China <1300
 - Europe (15th century)
 - Islamic world (18th century)
- related ideas
 - scaled drawing ... Bruneleschi (1420)
 - perspective drawing ... Alberti (1435)
 - scaled mechanical model ... Galilei (1500+)

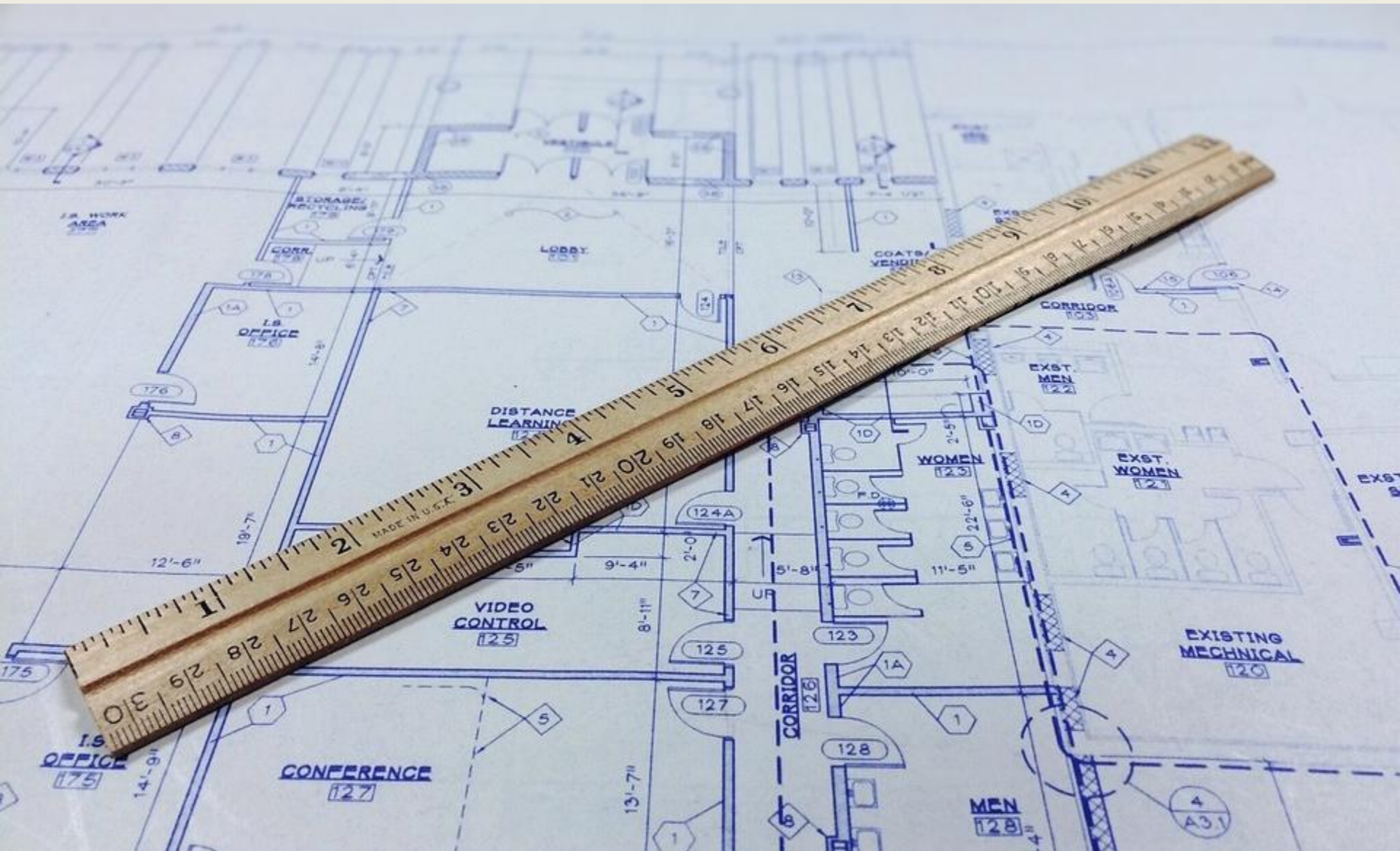


Filippo Brunelleschi (1377-1446)

- ▶ Devised a method of perspective for architectural purposes
- ▶ he is said by Manetti to have made a ground plan for the Church of Santo Spirito in Florence on the basis of which he produced a perspective drawing to show his clients how it would look after it was built.



Lines on paper are main information carrier



Construction in the industrial age

- masters replaced by teams of specialists
- teams enabled by technology
 - technical documentation, mostly drawings, modern IT



Enters electronic communication

- wired:
 - telegraph, telephone, fax
- wireless
 - radio, TV
- limited support/impact for the construction



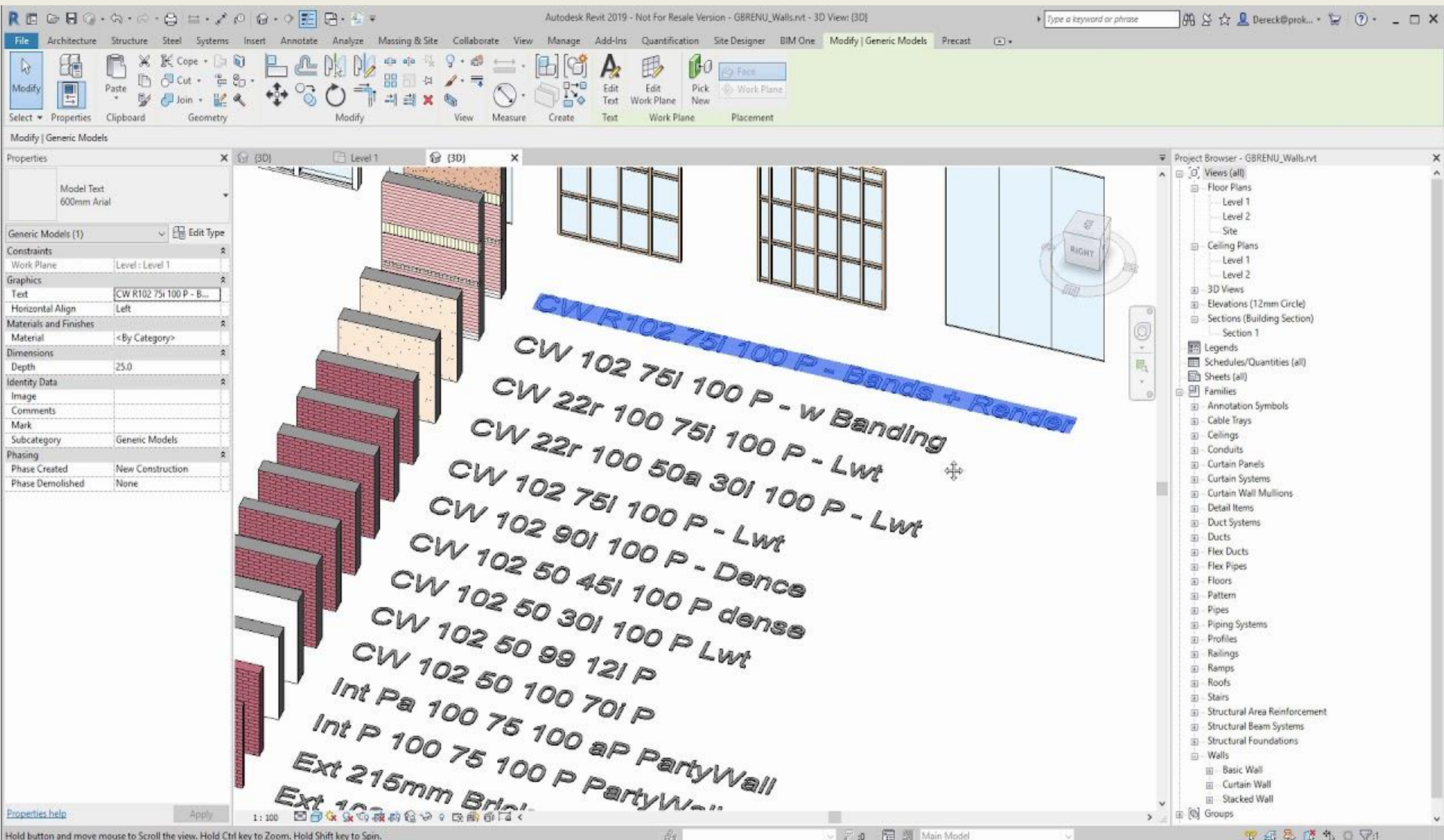
Then the Digital Revolution



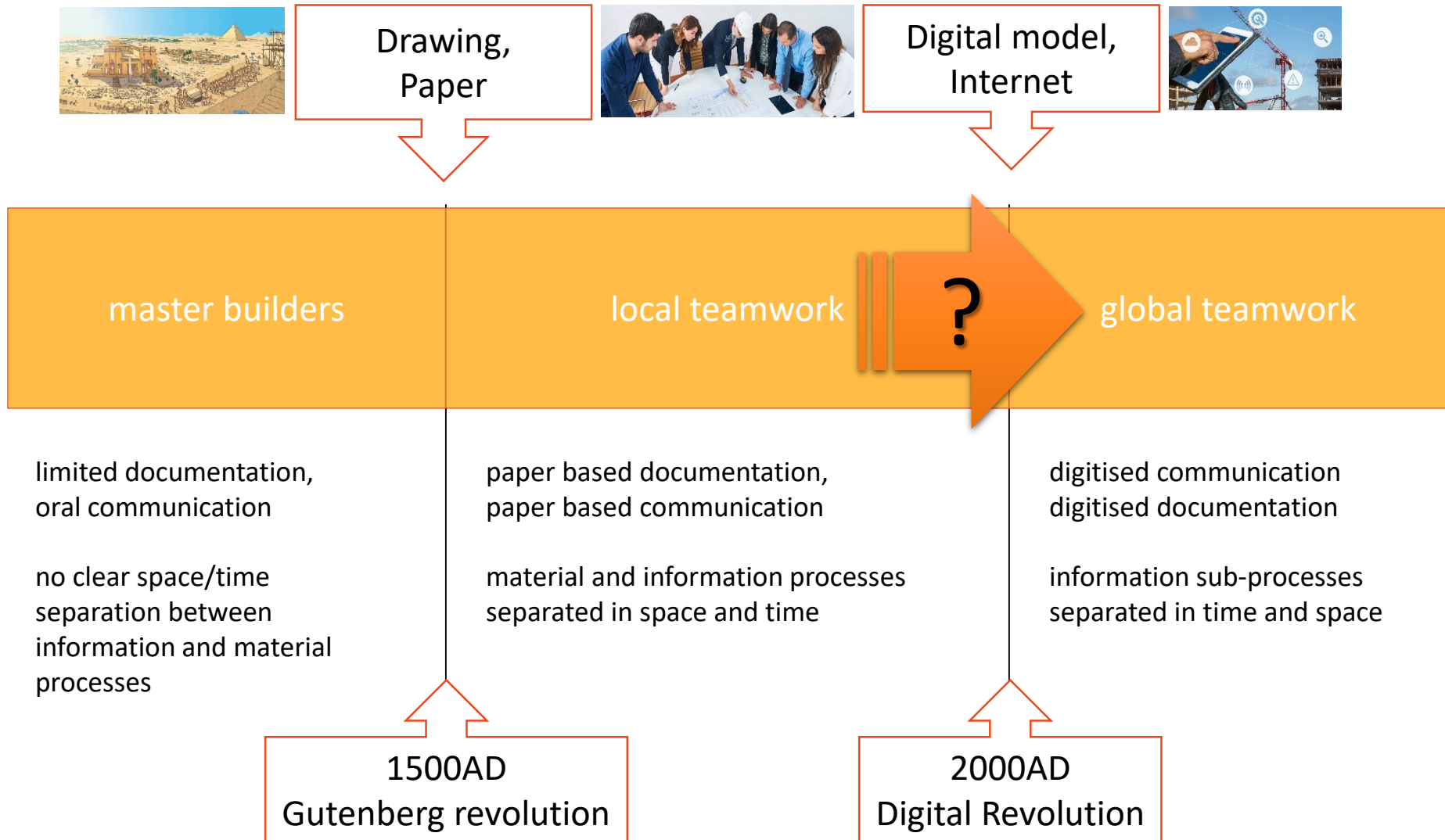
Digital information, digital communication



Digital Objects are main information carrier



Communication revolutions and construction



The holly grail of computer integrated construction

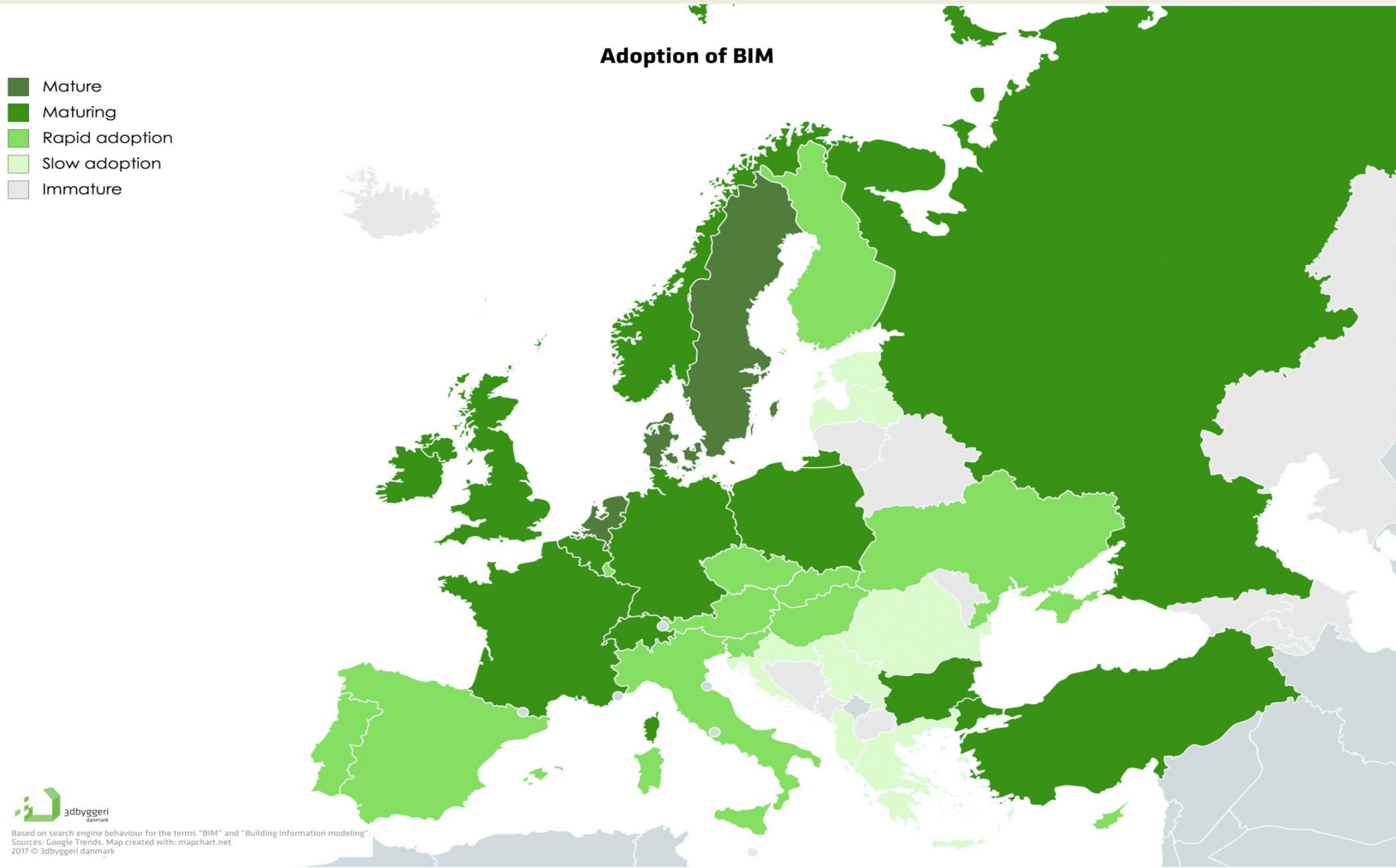
- Agree on the symbols
- Create „one-language“ again
- Not easy!
- BIM!





Adoption of BIM in Europe

3dbyggeri via Google Trends

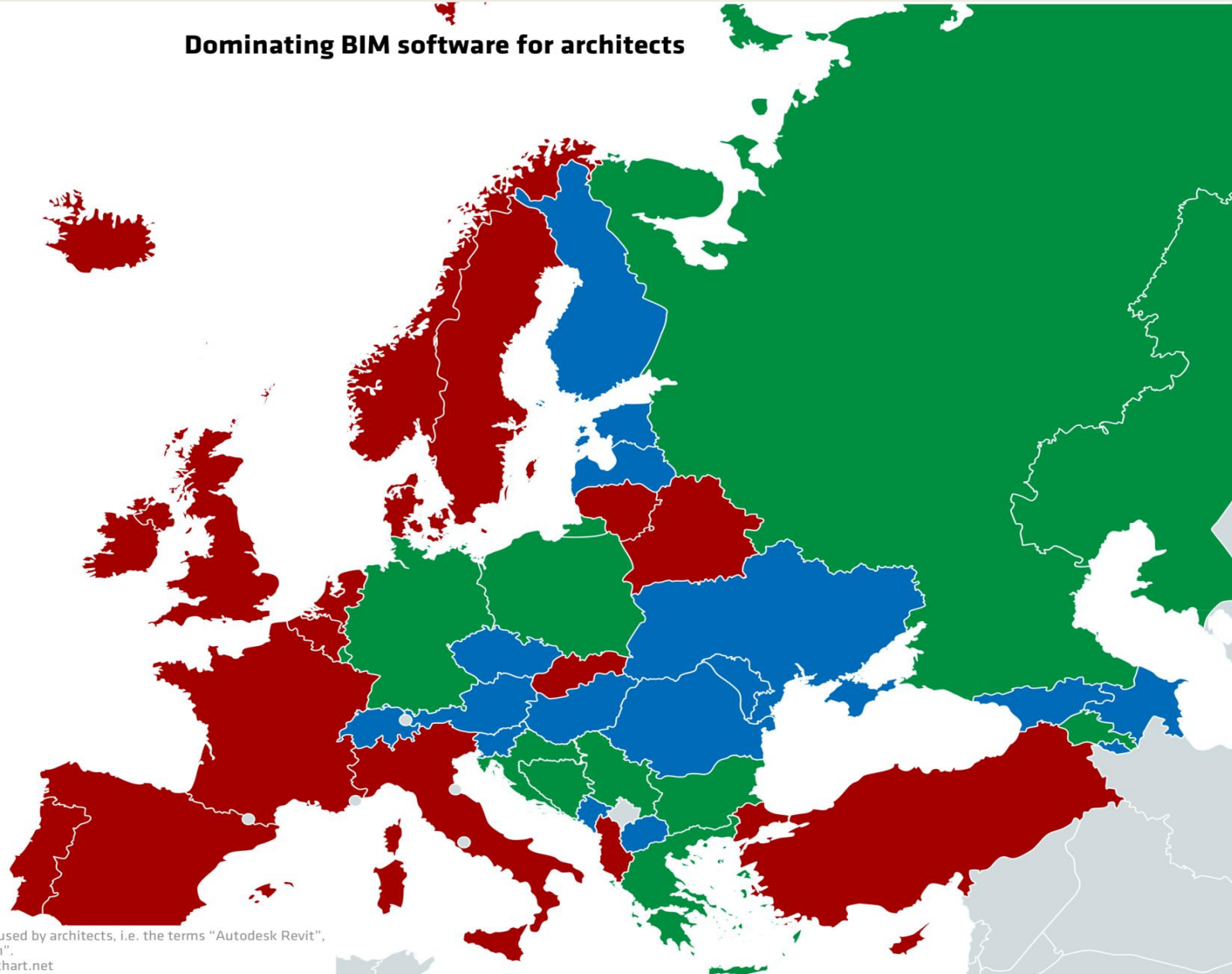


BIM vs. BIM in Europe

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Dominating BIM software for architects

- Autodesk Revit dominated
- ArchiCAD dominated
- Shared dominance (Autodesk Revit / ArchiCAD)



Overview

stakeholders

- construction businesses
- private and public investors
- users of the facility
- “BIM industry”

motives

- higher productivity through specialization
- fewer surprises in costs and time
- better quality of the facility
- growth, share of the pie

Models of BIM expansion

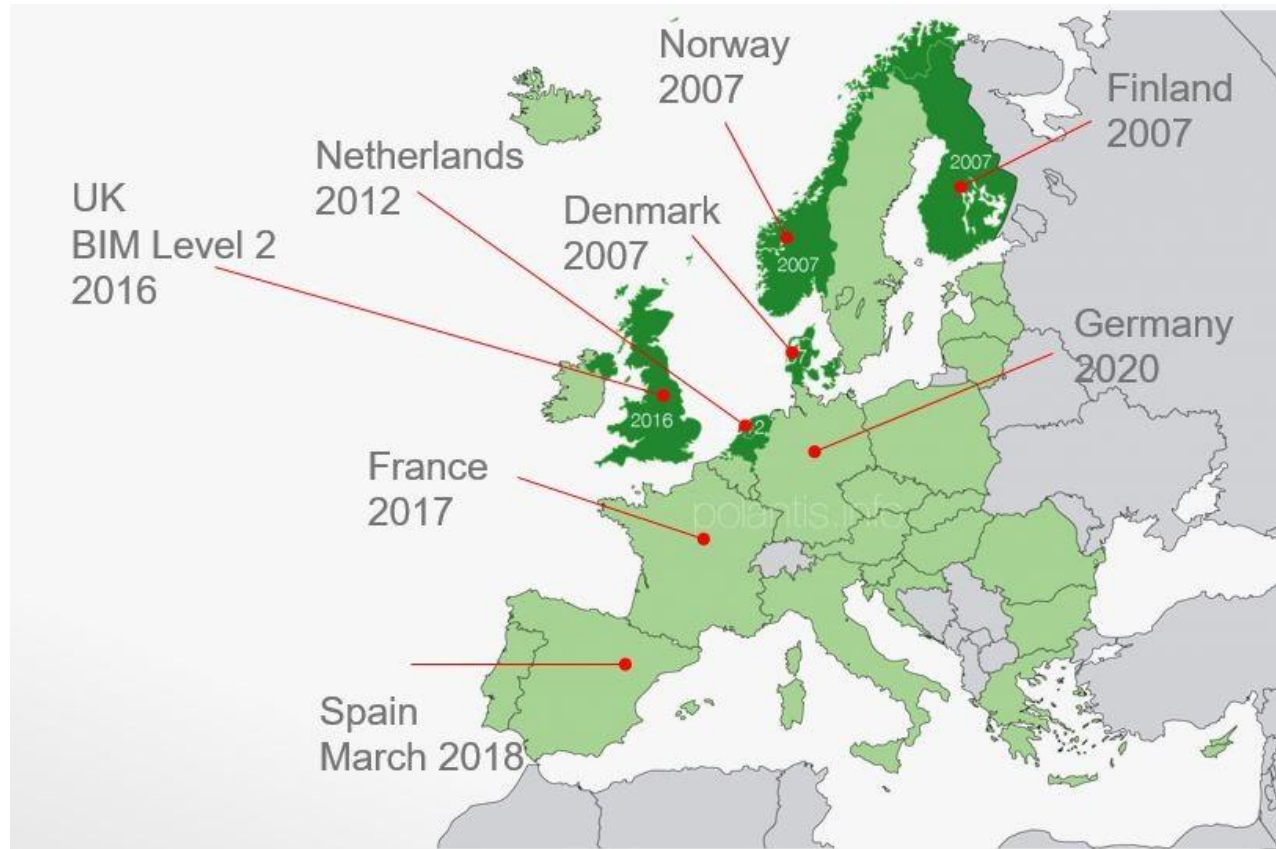
- government driven
 - EU directive ... *can* require BIM
- investor driven
 - motivated by predictability, quality, savings in time and money
- AEC industry driven
 - design driven – motivated by bigger share of the pie
 - construction driven – motivated by efficiency gains
- BIM industry driven
 - motivated by sales and services offer
 - BIM as a service – getting part of the savings pie

Government driven

European Union - EU Directive 2014/24/UE ([source](#))

“For public works contracts and design contests, Member States may require the use of specific electronic tools, such as of building information electronic modelling tools or similar. In such cases the contracting authorities shall offer alternative means of access, as provided for in paragraph 5, until such time as those tools become generally available within the meaning of the second sentence of the first subparagraph of paragraph 1”.

Public procurement *may* require BIM and does require BIM



“the UK has mandated BIM for national government procurement in 2016(level 2);

France will mandate BIM for public procurement in 2017 and announced €20 million in three years for the digitalization of the Industry;

Germany is to allocate €2.7 billion up to 2020 to undertake major pilot projects using BIM methodology.

Nordic countries including Norway (2007), Finland (2007), and Denmark (2007) and the Netherlands (2012) have already implemented BIM strategies for public procurement” ([source](#)).

3dbyggeri via EU BIM Task Group 2017



Sources: EU BIM Task Group – Handbook for the introduction of Building Information Modelling by the European Public Sector // McAuley, B., Hore, A. and West, R. (2017) BICP Global BIM Study - Lessons for Ireland's BIM Programme //

EU BIM Task Group is Main Policy Driver

- “The Task Group’s vision is to encourage the common use of BIM, as ‘digital construction’, in public works with the common aim of improving value for public money, quality of the public estate and for the sustainable competitiveness of industry”
- “The EU BIM Task Group represents the public stakeholder interests relating to BIM and public estate to national and international standards bodies, such as ISO, CEN and buildingSmart.” ([source](#)).

EU BIM Task Group



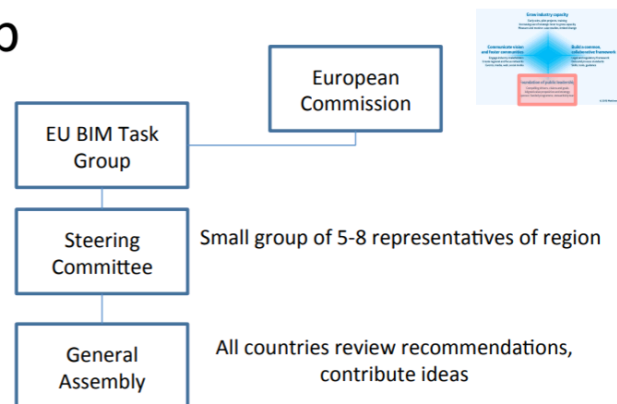
Public Policy User



National Or Local Public Client/ Procurer User

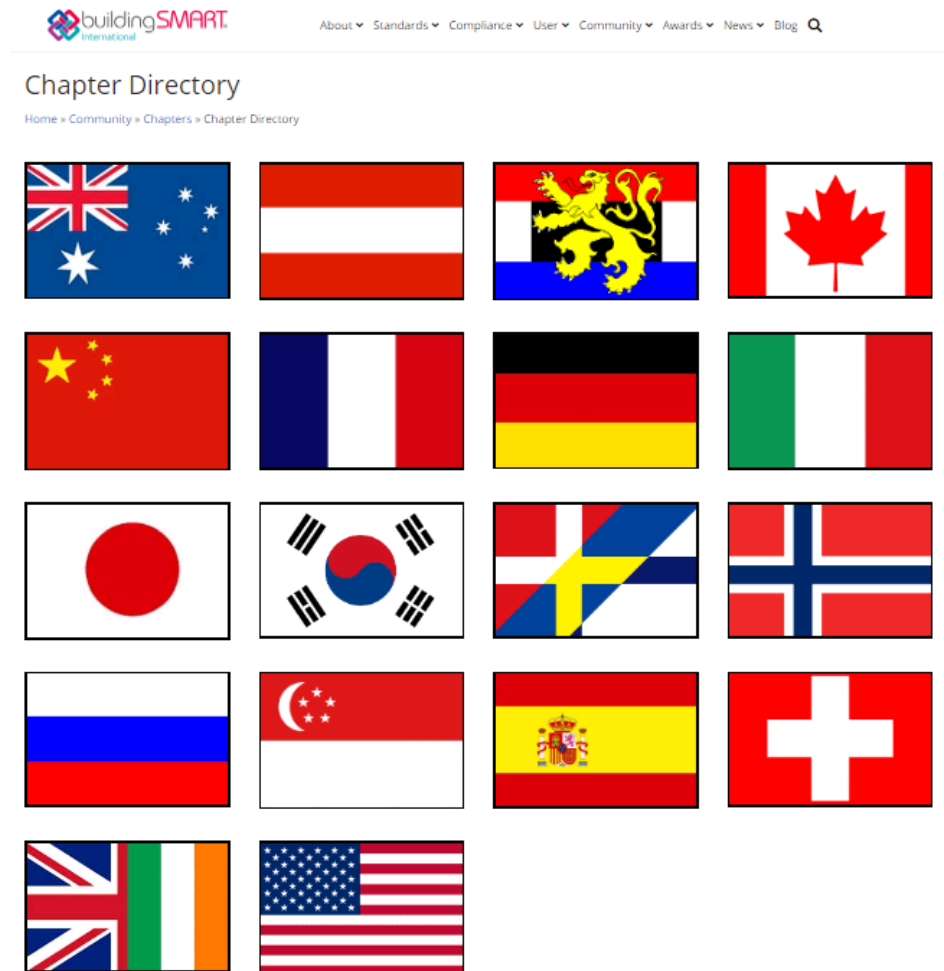


Operator User



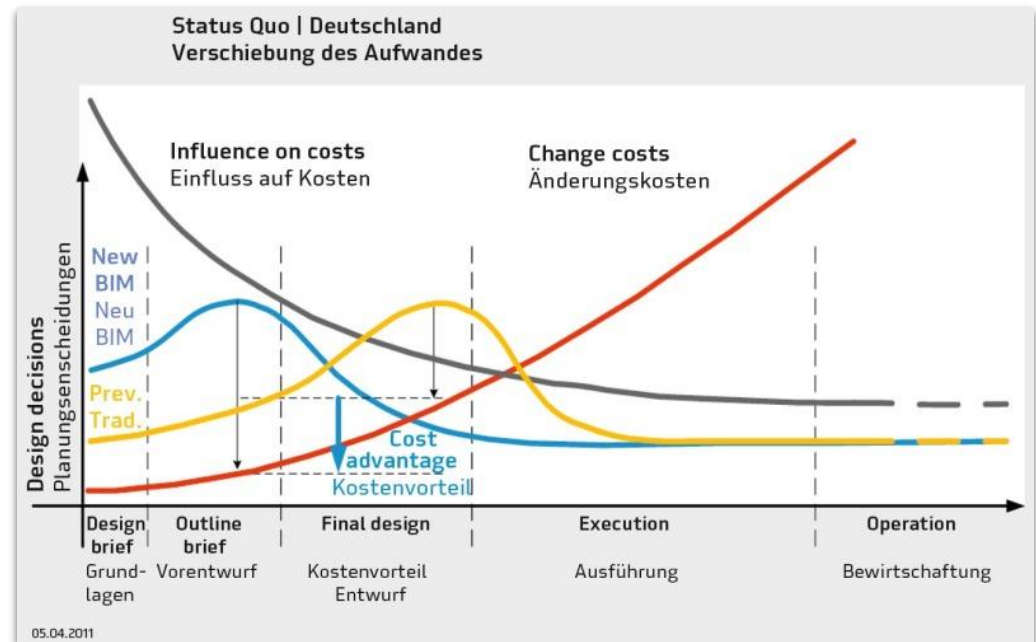
Buildingsmart is main standardization driver

- “the worldwide industry body driving the digital transformation of the built asset industry.
- **committed** to delivering improvement by the creation and adoption of open, international standards and solutions for infrastructure and buildings.
- **community** for visionaries working to transform the design, construction, operation and maintenance of built assets.
- **open, neutral** and international **not-for-profit** organization.”



Industry has their own interests

- investments in design phase, savings in construction phase
- mandate BIM design for overall project savings
- design-build-(operate) in-house for savings in one business



Construction Industry Driven – i.e. FIEC

- "Construction 4.0" is our "branch" of Industry 4.0. We use this term to refer to the digitalisation of the construction industry"
- "BIM is central to Construction 4.0 but it is not the only element".



An aerial photograph of a city grid, overlaid with a semi-transparent blue architectural wireframe. The wireframe shows building footprints and structural elements. In the top-left corner, there is a dark blue rectangular box containing white text. The main title is centered in large, bold, red font with a black outline. There are also some solid-colored geometric shapes (a blue square on the left, a blue rectangle on the right, and a red rectangle at the bottom right) overlaid on the image.

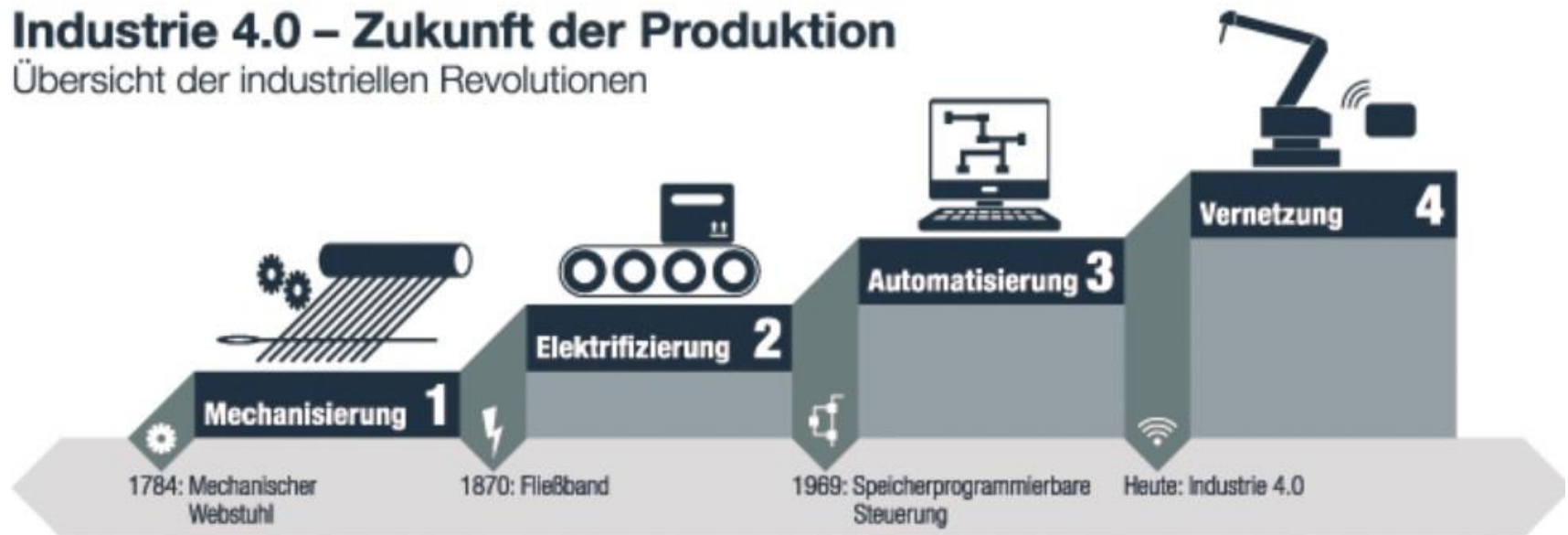
INFORMATION
MODELLING
PLAN

Beyond BIM: Construction Industry 4.0

4.0 - The Fourth Industrial Revolution

Industrie 4.0 – Zukunft der Produktion

Übersicht der industriellen Revolutionen



mechanization

electrification

automation

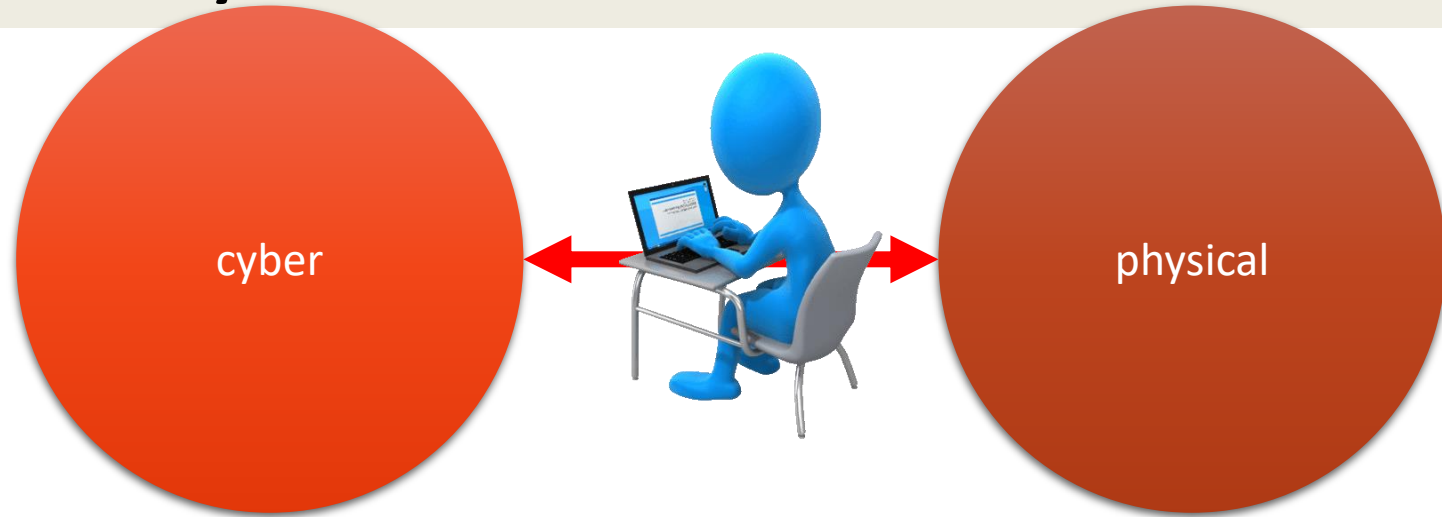
networking

4.0 – merging of the cyber and the physical

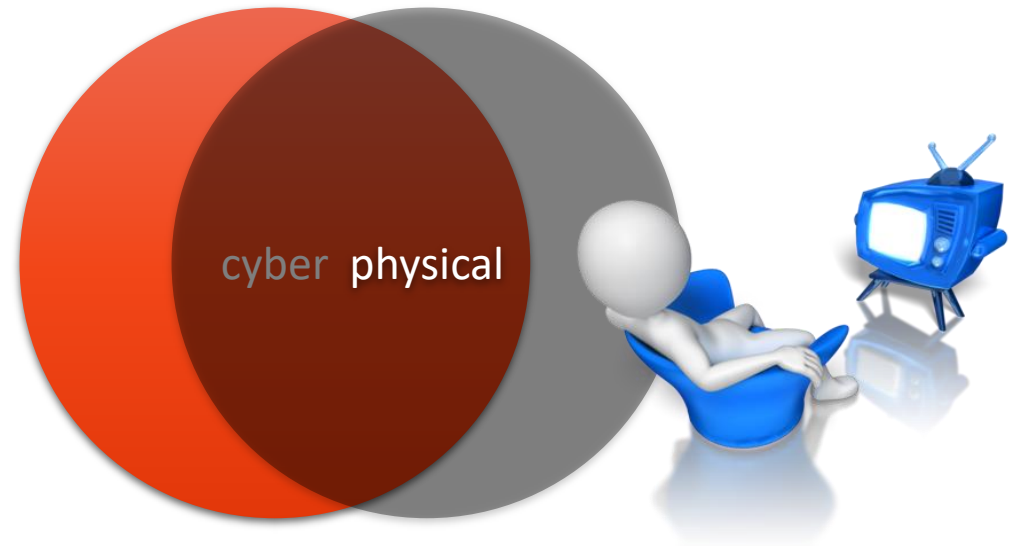


Cyber and Physical not connected by humans only

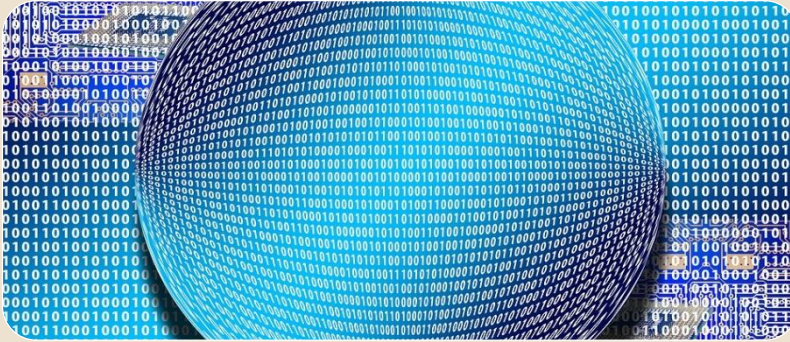
industry 3.0



industry 4.0



Industry 4.0 is digitized and digitally integrated



digitized

- digital design
- digital manufacturing
- digital operation



integrated

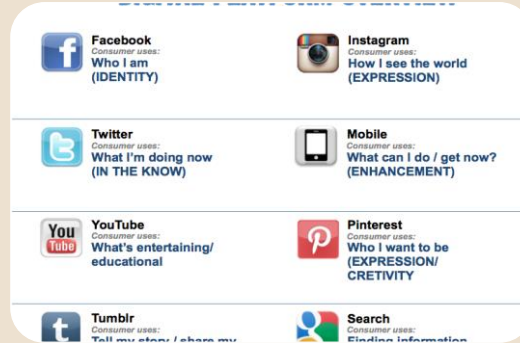
- integrated information
- integrated processes
- integrated knowledge
- integrated people

There are new ways to do business in Industry 4.0



product as a service

- capex becomes opex
- excavating not excavator



platforms

- Uber/AirBNB/Facebook are B2C and C2C platforms
- Hollywood “B2B” economy, B2B platforms
- Uber for small construction works
- B2B platforms



data & IPR business models

- data is the new oil,
- monetization of data, analysis, experience, knowledge, intelligence
- energy management in buildings
- BIM components, AI trained in one building used to steer another

Construction 4.0 will be delivered through platforms



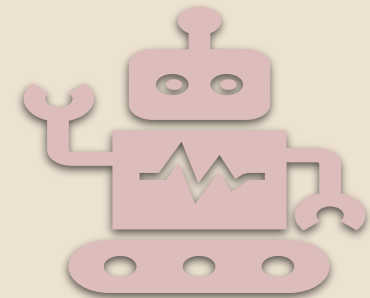
networking platform

- as old as WWW
- European Platform of National Construction Initiatives



business platform

- matchmaking customers and performers
- examples: Amazon, Uber, Apple
- new business models



technology platform

- provide technological/developer environment
- Microsoft, Android, Autodesk A360, Nemetscheck Bimplus

commercially successful are combinations of last two

Platform Business Models

- “most groundbreaking innovations are *not* products or services
- they are the
 - platforms on which these products and services are built, and
 - business models that these platforms enable.”
 - think Android, Amazon, Uber
 - think Weibo for business
- goal:
 - platforms to enable digital construction
 - infrastructure on top of which apps and services could be built by others



In conclusion:

Construction must make Construction 4.0

- 4.0 = cyber physical = interplay of physical and digital
- Construction 4.0
 - can't get more physical than construction
 - many opportunities to go cyber
 - knowledge and information products, services, business models
- Will be delivered through platforms
 - H2020 DigiPlace project to define framework
 - Sept 2019 – March 2021

Summary and Conclusions

Conclusions

- the goal is specialization
 - more people working together, managing complexity
 - paper and digital changed collaboration dramatically
- speaking a common language helps
 - BIM technology is providing such common languages to describe buildings and building processes
- buildings are similar across the world
 - to have global benefits we need globally compatible solutions
 - we need a common space for ideas
 - we need a common market for solutions
 - open is better than closed, connected is better than separated
 - Europe, China and the US should compete and collaborate together

The End



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