



Automated Residential Building Design – A Solution for Rebuilding the Gulf Coast?

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Design Power Inc.

- FIATECH member, Primary focus: Design Automation
- Rule-Based Design Automation Platform Design⁺⁺
 - Reduces Design Automation effort with 70%+

Success examples:

- Robertson Ceco
 - Automated engineering and detailing of 7,000+ buildings/year
- Selvaag BlueThink: presentation to follow
- PlantWise: Design⁺⁺-based Plant Concept Modeler

Success Examples

- Fluor: 0% review better than 50% review used to be, optimized layouts, reduction in project costs.
- KBR: Conceptual models in half the time allows clients to consider more options.



Rule-Based Design Automation

- Makes knowledge active
- Equalizes on/off shore productivity, accelerates delivery, reduces errors.
- Automates in-house engineering/design process while coordinating use of “best-of-breed” solutions
- Stems knowledge migration & knowledge dissipation
- Keeps learning & knowledge creation in-house.
- Makes knowledge persistent and cumulating.
- Protects company’s intellectual assets



Selvaag BlueThink...

- creates **computer based tools** that will revolutionize building industry processes
- develops methods and tools which prevent errors from being repeated by collecting, archiving, activating and automating **construction knowledge**
- provides methods and computer tools which facilitate an **industrial approach** to construction



The industry challenge

- Complex processes with many decision points
- Many parties involved (authorities, owners, builders, customers, FM)
- Compressed phases from design, engineering, contracting to construction
- High information load and transaction rate
- Paper-based information handling
- Information inconsistencies between phases and actors
- Uninformed and sub-optimal decision-making
- Expensive validation and risk avoidance processes
- Re-work, change order, and warranty costs due to wrong or inconsistent information
- Immature experience recording systems
- Project by project development migrates to erroneous solutions previously abandoned
- Unconsolidated changes in "random" processes introduces new errors
- **THE GULF COAST REBUILD CHALLENGE**
 - **Large scale, short time, lack of resources and infrastructure**

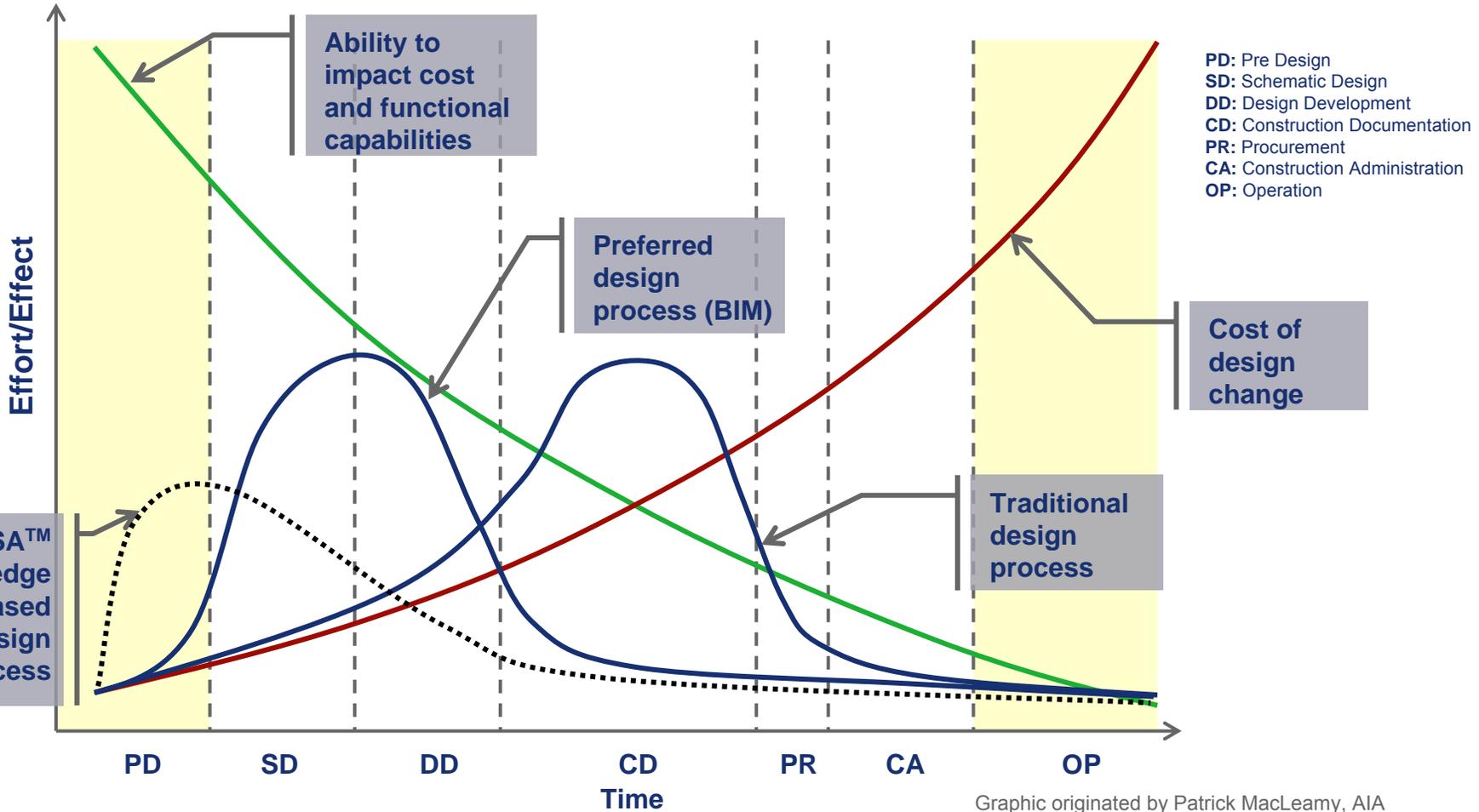


What can we do?

- Share information rather than exchange information
- Focus on information content rather than information liability
- Share information to share risk – keep the lawyers away
- Share intents through multidisciplinary and collective decisions
- Learn from experience
- Re-use knowledge
- Consolidate information models
- Provide sustainable information management
- Enhance 3D BIM benefits for agreement and understanding
- Decide early and “keep to it”
- Automate



Improved design process



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Decision empowerment through use of KBE* technology

- Provides
 - Structured knowledge management
 - Re-used experience
 - Knowledge activation by rule inference
 - Handling of combinatorial complexity from functional intent, constructability, aesthetics, regulatory requirements, etc.
 - Decision support by generative (suggestive) and validating rules
 - Rapid exploration of many alternatives
 - Super-BIM capabilities
 - Design-build process change – information rich decisions made early
- Requires
 - Knowledge and experience acquisition and management tools
 - Digital information model - ontology – building information model
 - Integration of building information - IFC
 - Design-build process change – decision loyalty

* KBE – Knowledge Based Engineering



CASA™ Knowledge Suite



- Early, consistent decisions
- Active knowledge management
- Managed products and recorded experience
- Industrial, repetitive products and processes
- Digital, complete and consistent information

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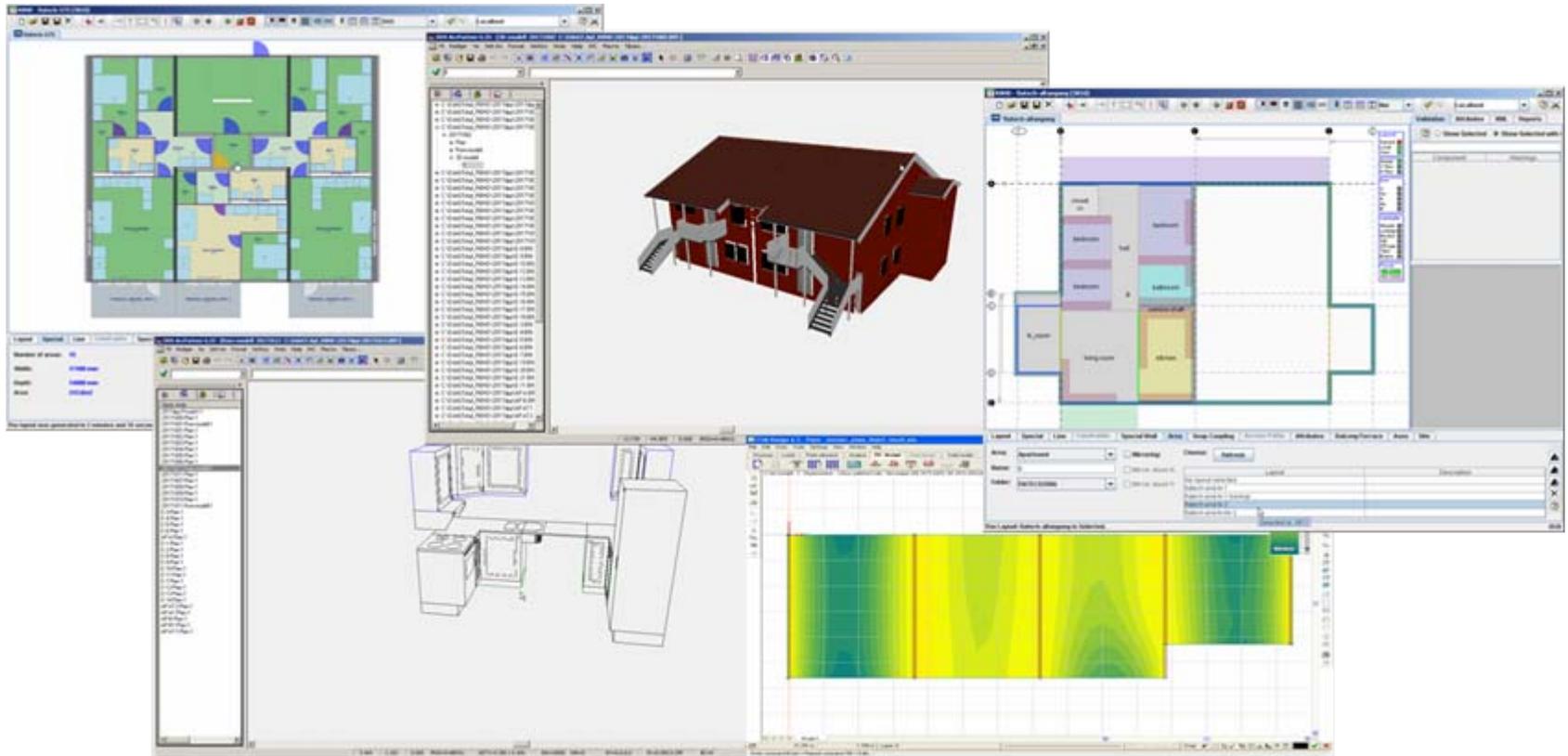


CASA™ Designer

- Users
 - Architect
 - Construction engineer
 - Owner
- Functionality
 - Decision support
 - Creative workbench
 - Functional intent directed design
 - Automated solution generation
 - Optional mix of rule sets
 - 3D visualization
 - Analysis and reporting
 - Holistic analysis handles combinatorial complexity
 - IFC export
 - Estimation
 - Structural
 - Quality control
 - Validations
 - Generated BIM



CASA™ Designer - Demonstration





Example use of automated building design

- Residential building products
- Institutional building configurations
- Building systems exploration
- Code and regulations validation
- Conventional design-build process improvement



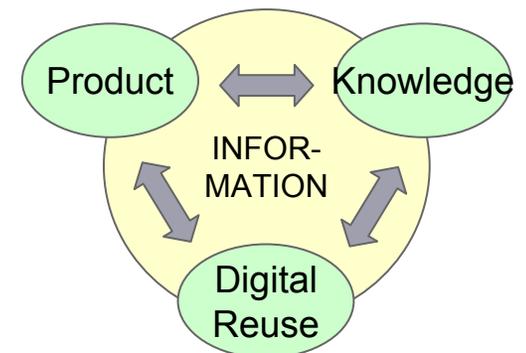
Industrial residential products

- Provides
 - Structured information management
 - Automated production of documents and drawings
 - Standardized housing products
 - Handling of required option program and mass customization
 - Product and project decision loyalty
 - Industrial approach with cost control in engineering and construction
 - Design-build process change – change orders within product definition
 - Design-build process change – pre-validated engineering information
- Requires
 - Design-build process change – Limited project variations
 - Product formulation methodology
 - Product Lifecycle Management
 - Construction technology standardization and quality control



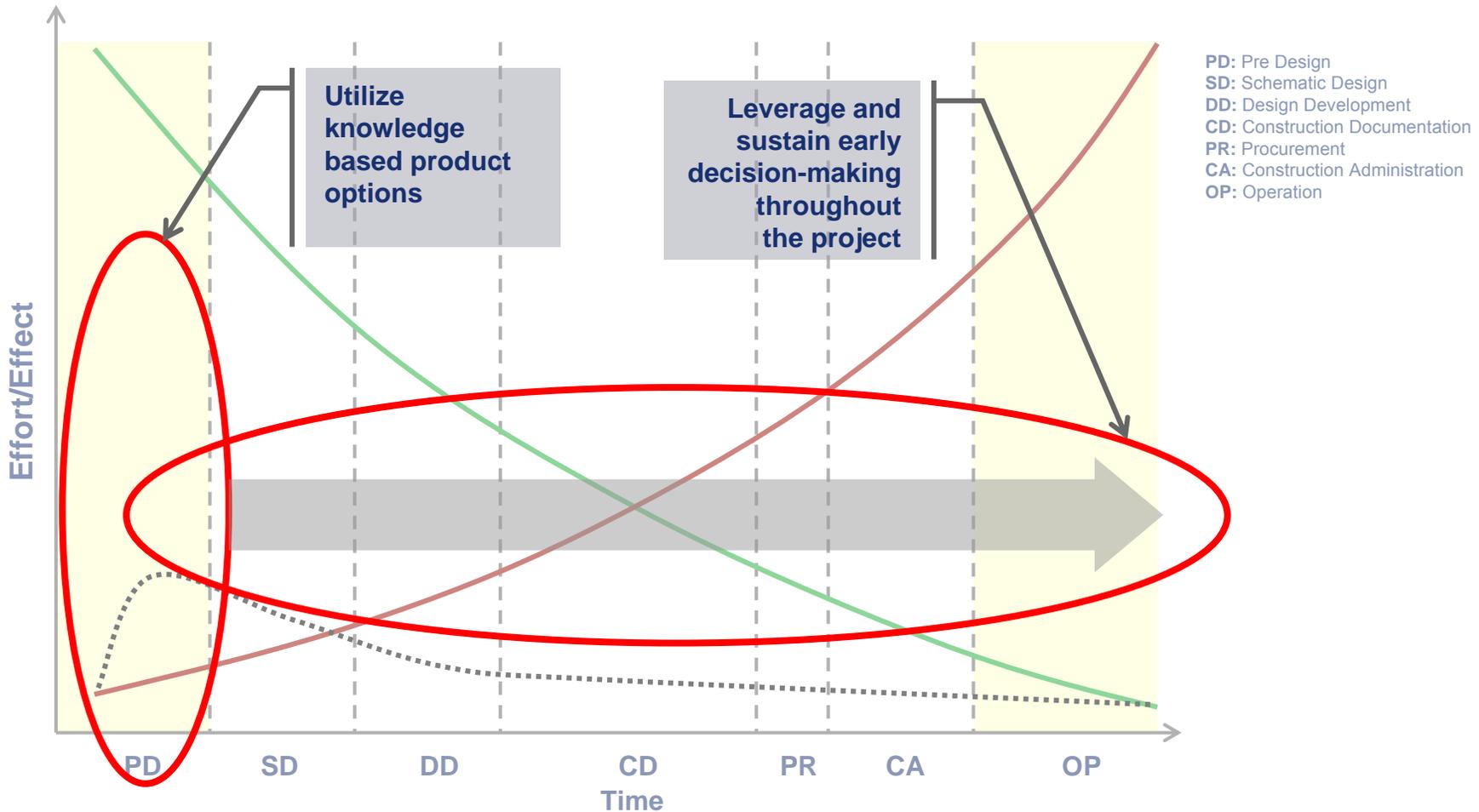
Example Business Case – Selvaag Group

- Products
 - Modular homes
 - Multi apartment building
- Approach
 - Product development ROI through repeated use
 - Model based PLM
 - Standardized solutions
 - Information management
- Three-way synergy





Product use and decision loyalty in projects



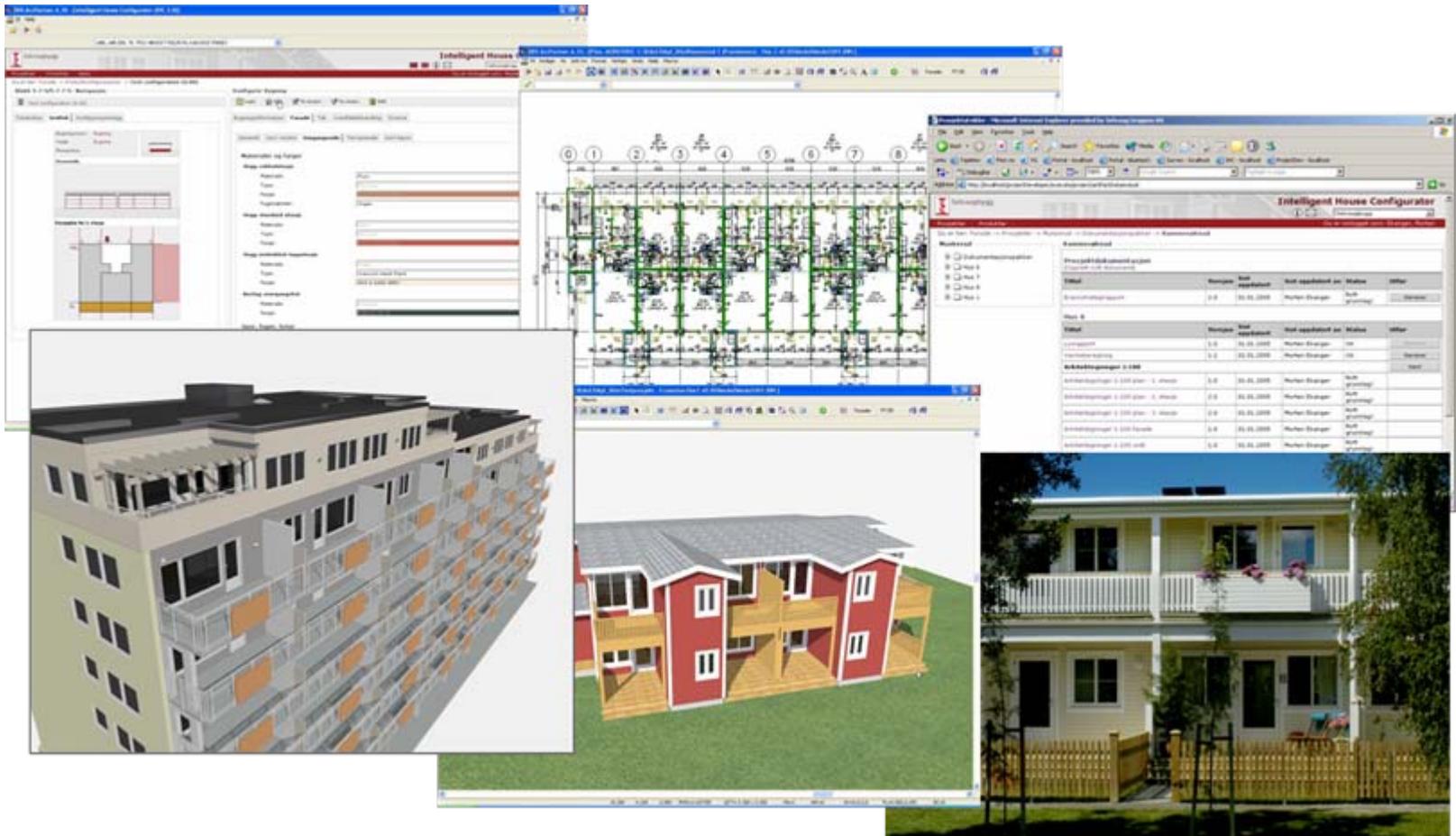


CASA™ Conductor

- Users
 - Owners / Sales
 - Project developers
 - Project engineers
 - Construction
- Functionality
 - Building configuration
 - Based on products with Option programs
 - Product options – Project options – End user options
 - Industrialized mass customizations
 - Information management
 - Super BIM
 - Version – Revision - Changes
 - Automated document production
 - Predefined and engineered solutions
 - Drawings
 - Quantity takeouts
 - Details
 - Purchasing
 - 3D Visualization



CASA™ Conductor - Demonstration





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- Flexible design options including functional intents
- Rapid decision-making through easy presentation of configurable options”
- Model based analysis and documentation
- Codes and regulations awareness in design
- Handles optional production systems
- Project management based on high quality documentation in digital information flow

- Institutional buildings next ?



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