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# MODELLING INTUITIVE DESIGN STRATEGIES IN ARCHITECTURE

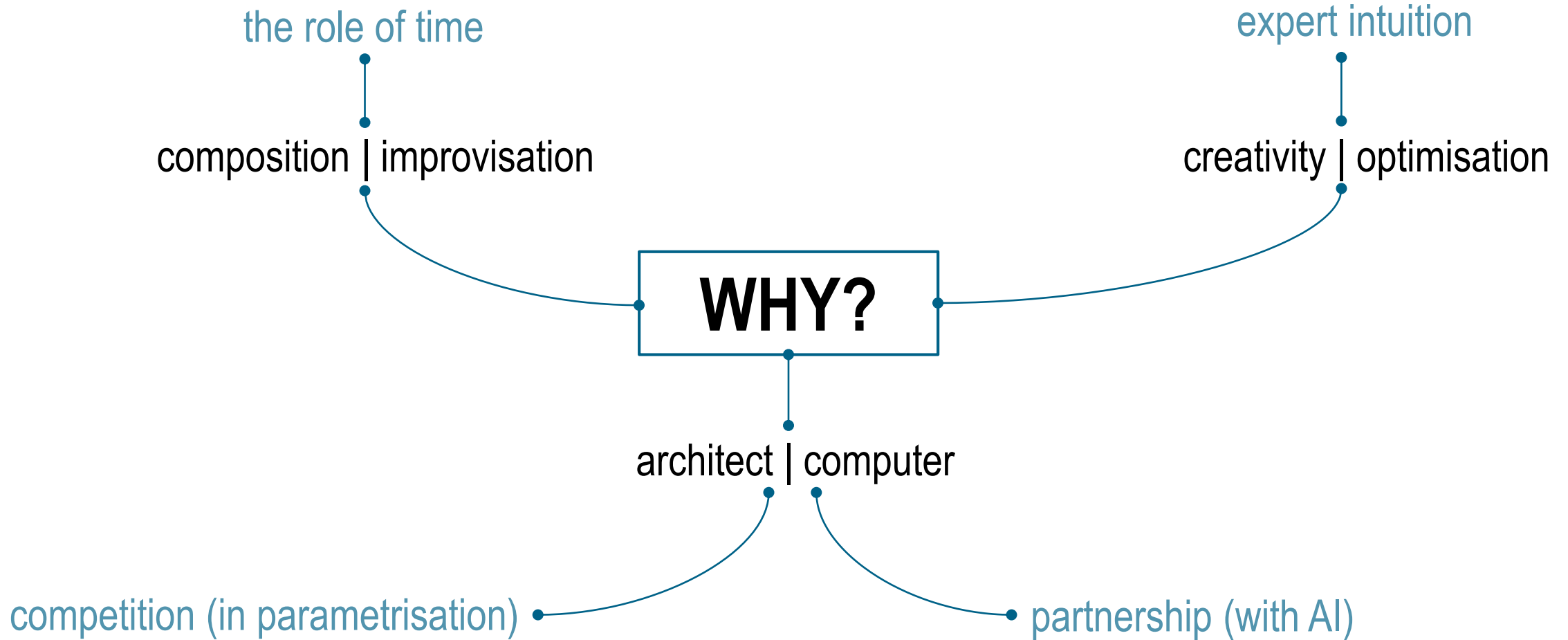
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# DEFINITION

„a self-organizing process that relies on and stages the particular constraints that encourage the emergence of something new and inventive”

[E. Landgraf, 2011]

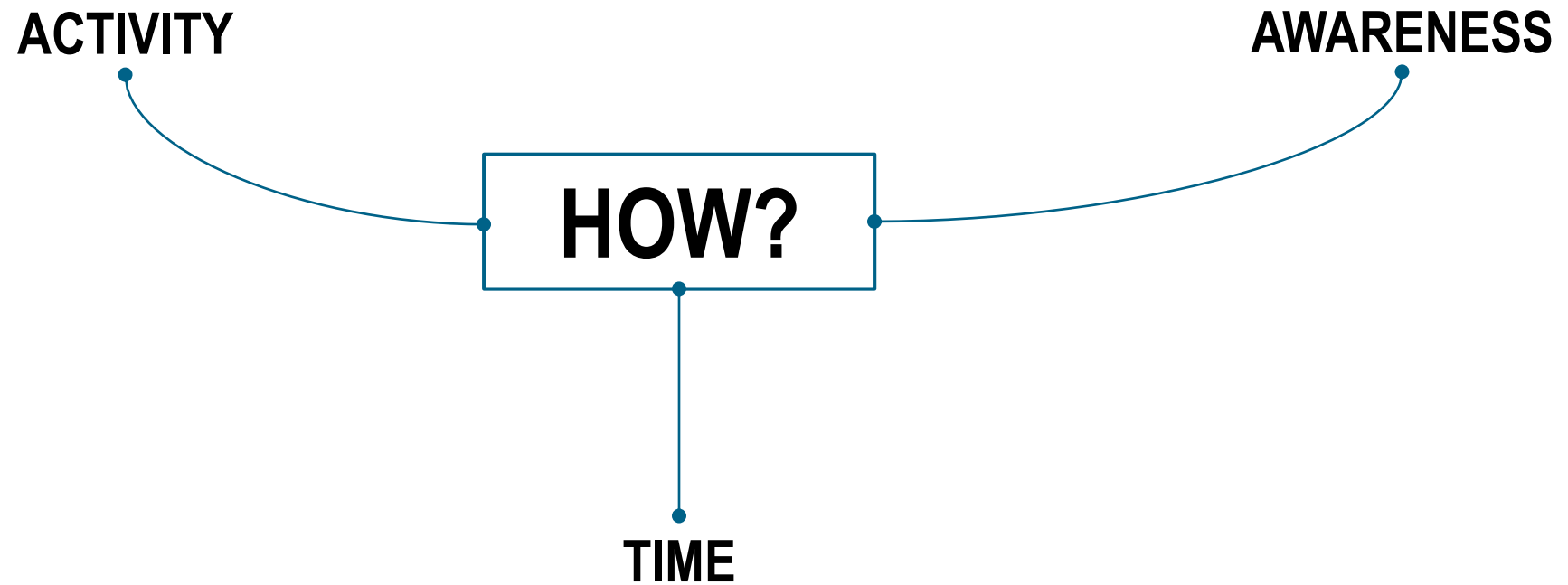




# THESIS

Architectural design does not have to derive solutions literally from the design variables, as it is recently customarily considered.

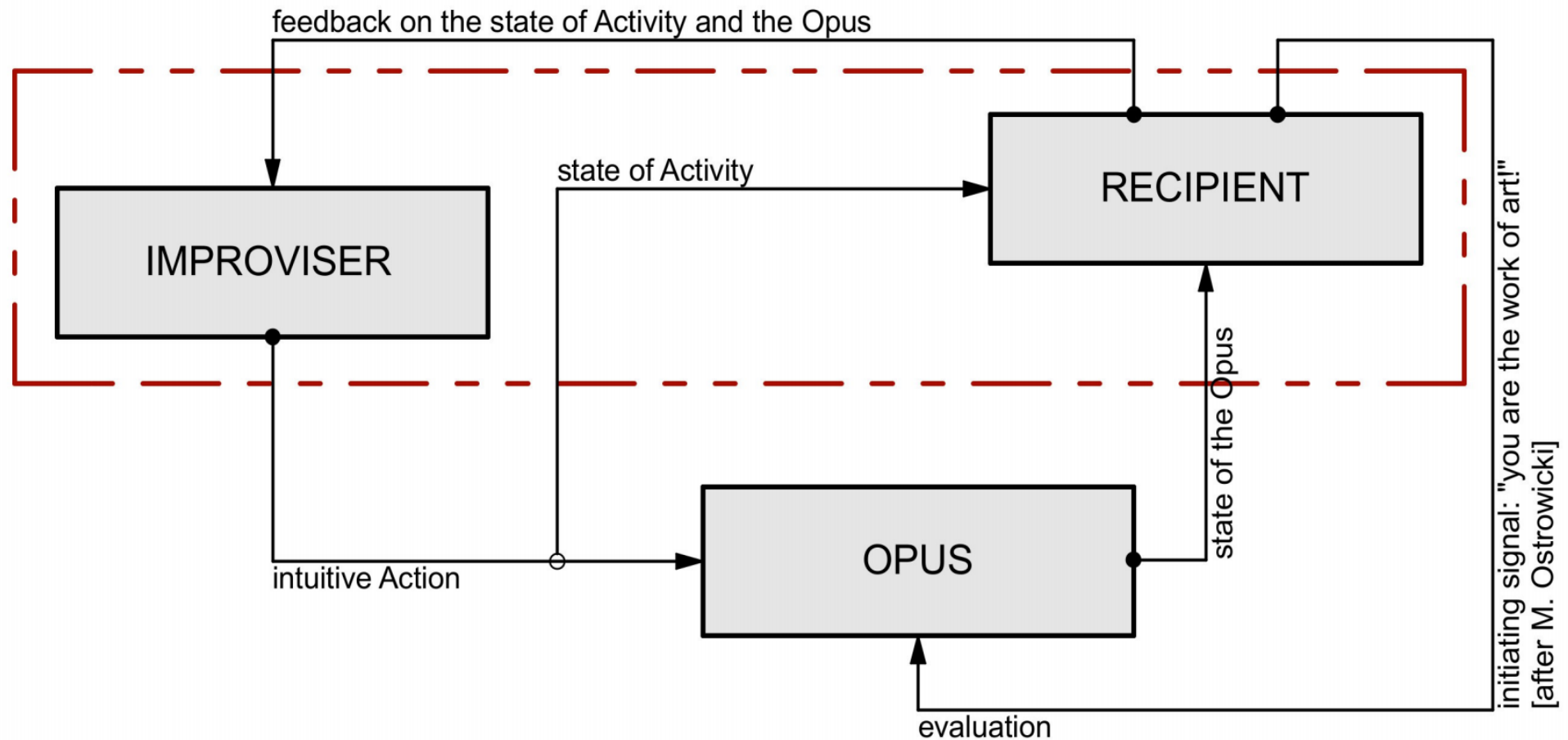
These variables, which nowadays can be built within a structure of digital design tools, can combine the **conscious and non-conscious** factors of the architectural creation process, correcting the freedom of improvisation in its technical means.



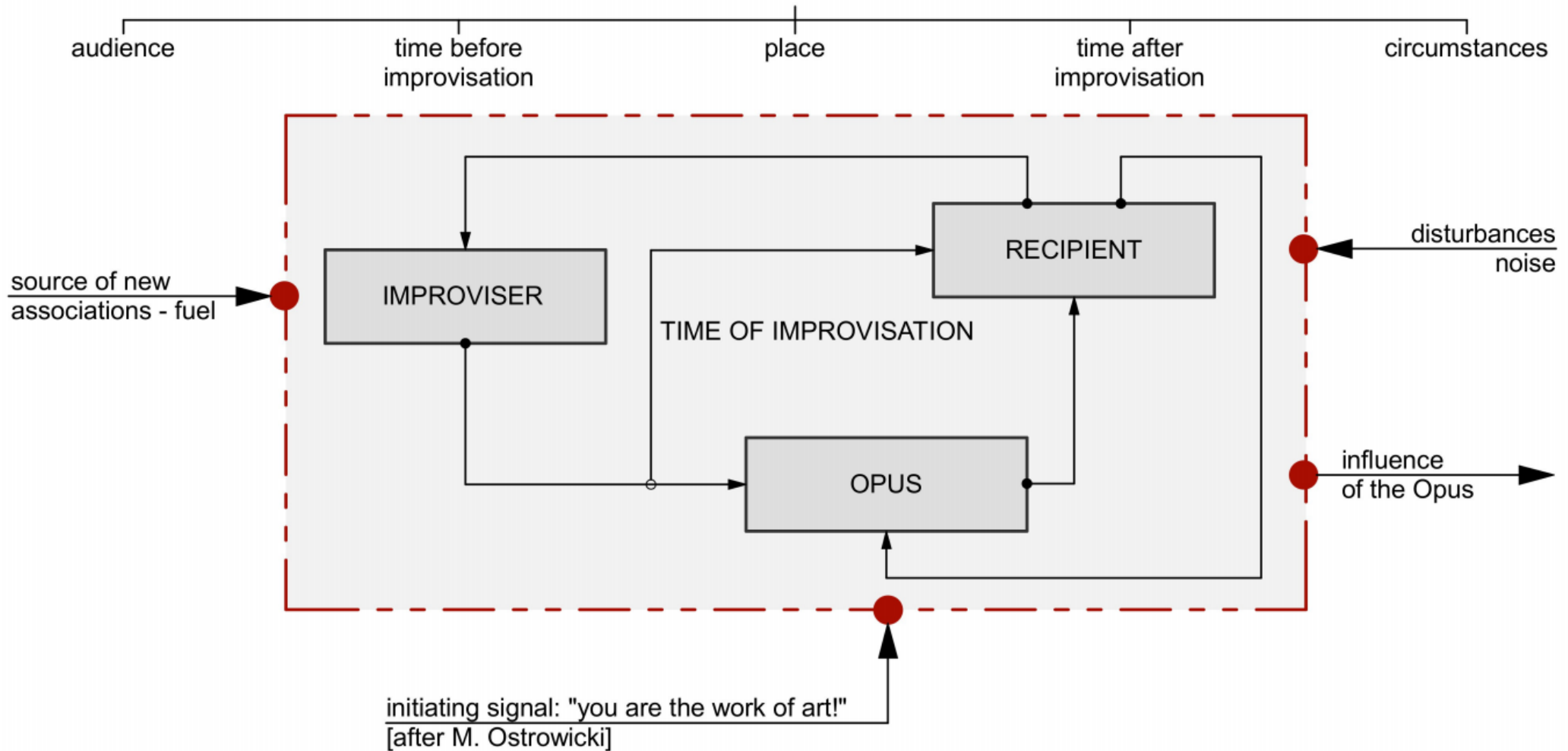


# RESEARCH PROCESS

- Conceptualization
- System analysis
- Modelling (catastrophes)
- Multiple case studies

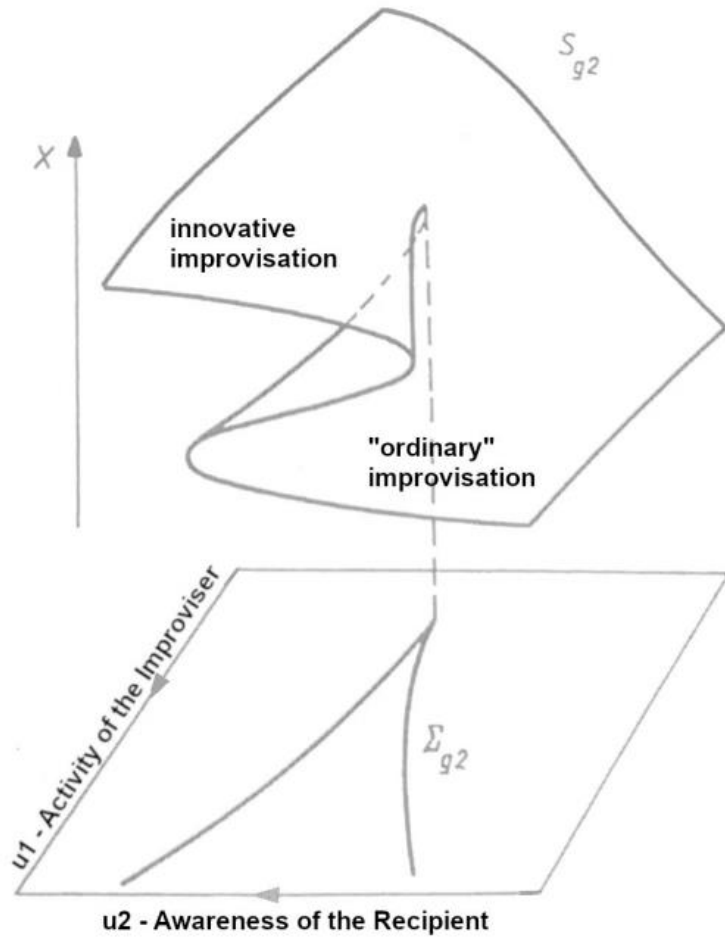


**Fig.1** Scheme of subsystems and interrelations in the system of architectural improvisation; authoring.



**Fig.2** Scheme of boundaries and openings of the system; in-coming and out-going signals; authoring.





$$F(x, u_1, u_2) = \pm x^4 + u_1 x^2 + u_2 x$$

where:

- x – dynamic variable – here: TIME
- $u_1$  – control parameter, called bifurcation parameter – here: ACTIVITY
- $u_2$  – control parameter, called asymmetry parameter – here: AWARENESS

Therefore, the set of critical points is as follows:

$$S_{g_2} = \{(x, u_1, u_2): \pm 4x^3 + 2u_1x + u_2 = 0\}$$

Finally, the catastrophe set has a form:

$$\Sigma_{g_3} = \{(u_1, u_2): 8u_1^3 \pm 27u_2^2 = 0\}$$

**Fig.3** Model of cusp catastrophe with control parameters of bifurcation curve; authoring.



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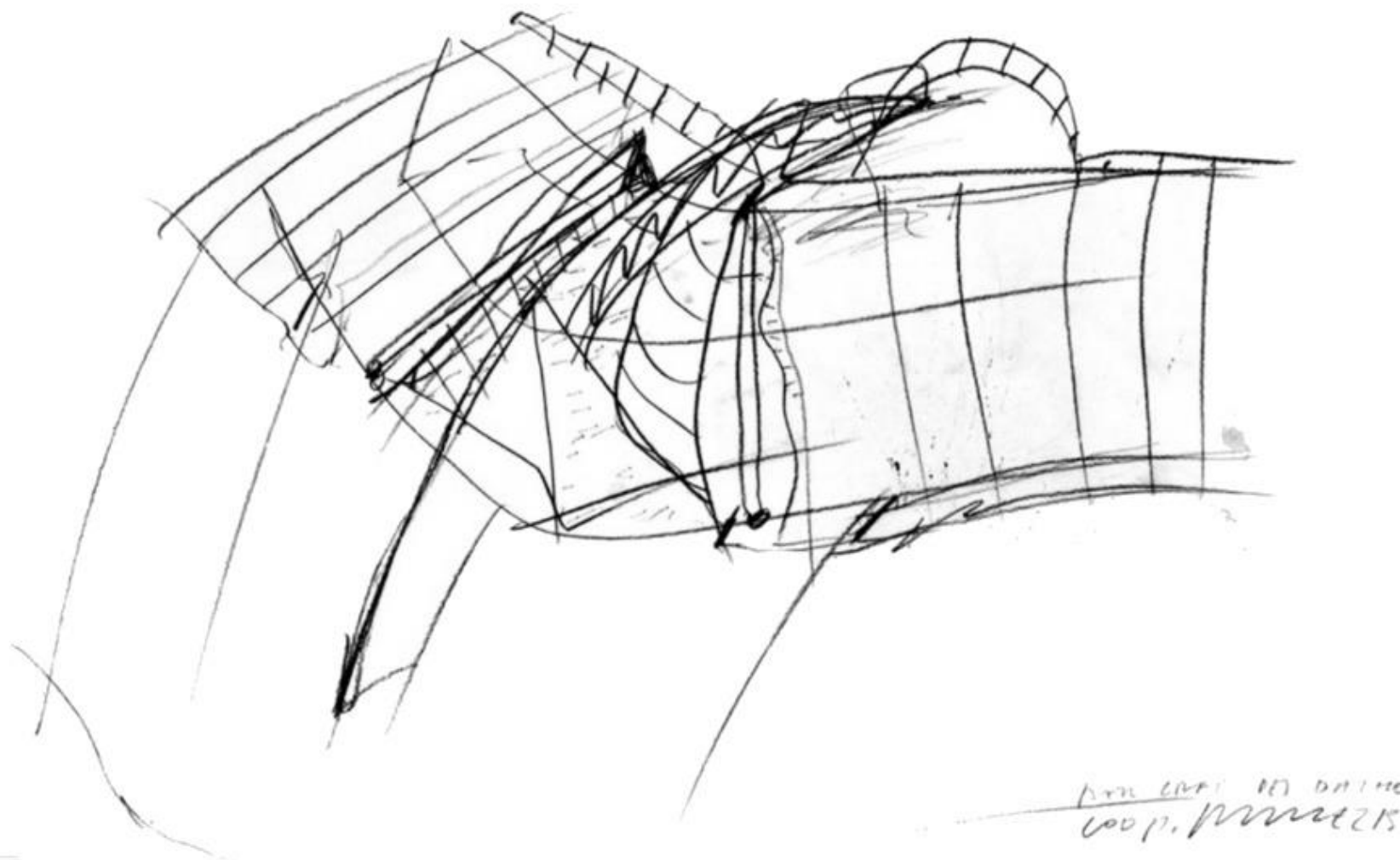
# IMPROVISATIONS

**Fig.4** Jackson Pollock, Untitled, (ca.1950),  
Ink on paper, 47,9 x 63,1 cm,  
The Museum of Modern Art, New York,  
source: moma.org, access: 22-04-2018

A rich typology of gestures that are represented on paper.

- the precision of skillful movement is combined with uncertainty inscribed in the exercised painting technique.

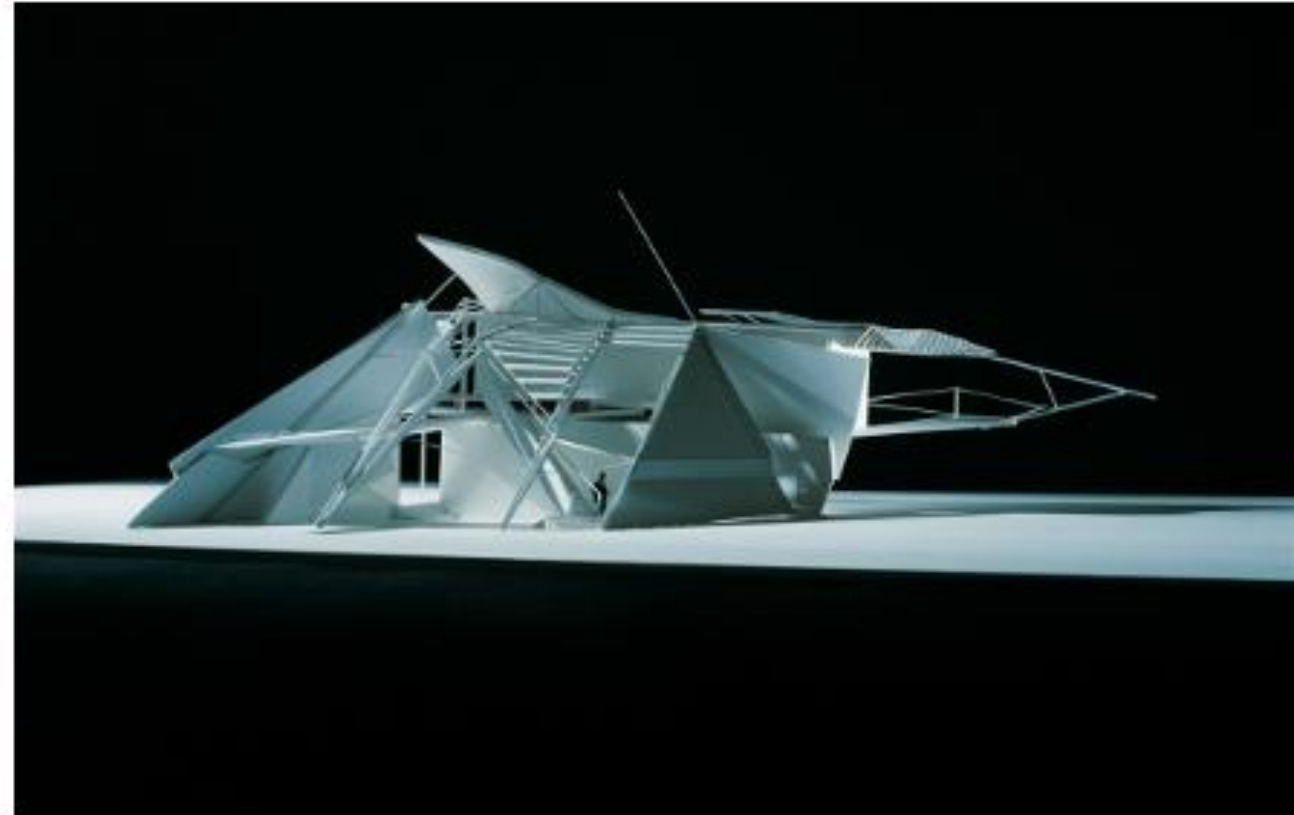




**Fig.5** Rooftop Remodeling on Falkestraße in Vienna (project 1983-87, realised: 1987-88).

source: <http://www.coop-himmelblau.at/architecture/projects/rooftop-remodeling-falkestrasse>, access: 22-04-2018





**Fig.6** Open House in Malibu (1983-1992),  
source: <http://www.coop-himmelblau.at/architecture/projects/open-house>, access: 22-04-2018

**Fig.7** Herzog & de Meuron Studio,  
Beijing Olympic Stadium, 2002-2008,  
source:

[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Beijing\\_Birds\\_Nest\\_Olympics.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Beijing_Birds_Nest_Olympics.jpg);  
access: 30-10-2017

„...in a very strange way, we do not  
always know what we do...”

[Jacques Herzog, 2008]



**Fig.7** Herzog & de Meuron Studio, Beijing Olympic Stadium, 2002-2008,  
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