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ABSTRACT

The project borns as an alternative to what is the future for *Mestalla Stadium* in Valencia. Valencia Football Club, the owner of the building, was trying to solve a huge bankrupt with a financial operation based on a real estate project named *Valencia Dinamiza*: the demolition of the old stadium, the rising of a new stadium, *Nou Mestalla* and the birth of a new residential and service complex instead of the old stadium.

Due to the recent financial crisis, in 2010, the operation has been to be stoped. The crains installed in the new stadium construction site in 2007 were dismanteled. The old stadium is still working as matches venue.

Some structural engineers claims as *Nou Mestalla* structures remained uncarried for 5 years, they have been corrupted. Furthermore quite a large amount of debts surrounds the Footbal Club.

Studying more carefully the *Old Mestalla* it turns out to be quite an intresting case as a designing chance. It is possible to replace around the stadium part of what was supposed to be built instead of it?

Studying more carefully the strategic plan *Valencia Dinamiza* it came out that there is a project on the costruction of an undergro railways connection passing really next to the stadium. And of course an underground railways station is supposed to be there.

Here we go, the chance is more interesting now.

After a townscape and research of the constant measure of the city, it was possible to draw the foot print of the project and understand what sequence of spaces were necessary to create a new epicenter.

Designing guidlines were just a few: try to weave to stadium to the urban scale and produce more contacts with the city. To reach this aim two operations were defined as prominent: developing the building underground, from railways station to the core of the stadium; to produce a new relationship with the stadium, from the top. After studying several study cases it was clear the hybrid buidling was the most appropriate solution the win the chance given by the *Mestalla*.