Void Space/ Hinged Space Housing
Fukuoka, Japan, 1989 - 1991
Steven Holl
“Sense of passage”

“Interlock like a complex chinese box”

“N,S,E,W exposure to all apartments”

“Intentionally simpel facade, shops to street”

“Is seen as part of a city in its effort to form space rather than an architectural object”
18 variants of 5 types

L shaped
I straight shaped
D double level
DL, DI Double interconnecting
Fusuma
VOID SPACES

Housing units are arranged around:

- **Four south facing courts**: flooded with water, meditative spaces held apart from day-to-day activity
- **Four north facing courts**: sheltered play areas for children

**Public walkway [void]**

**Reflecting pool**

**Play area**
section through longitudinal passage on first
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voids
section through longitudinal passage on first

ventilation