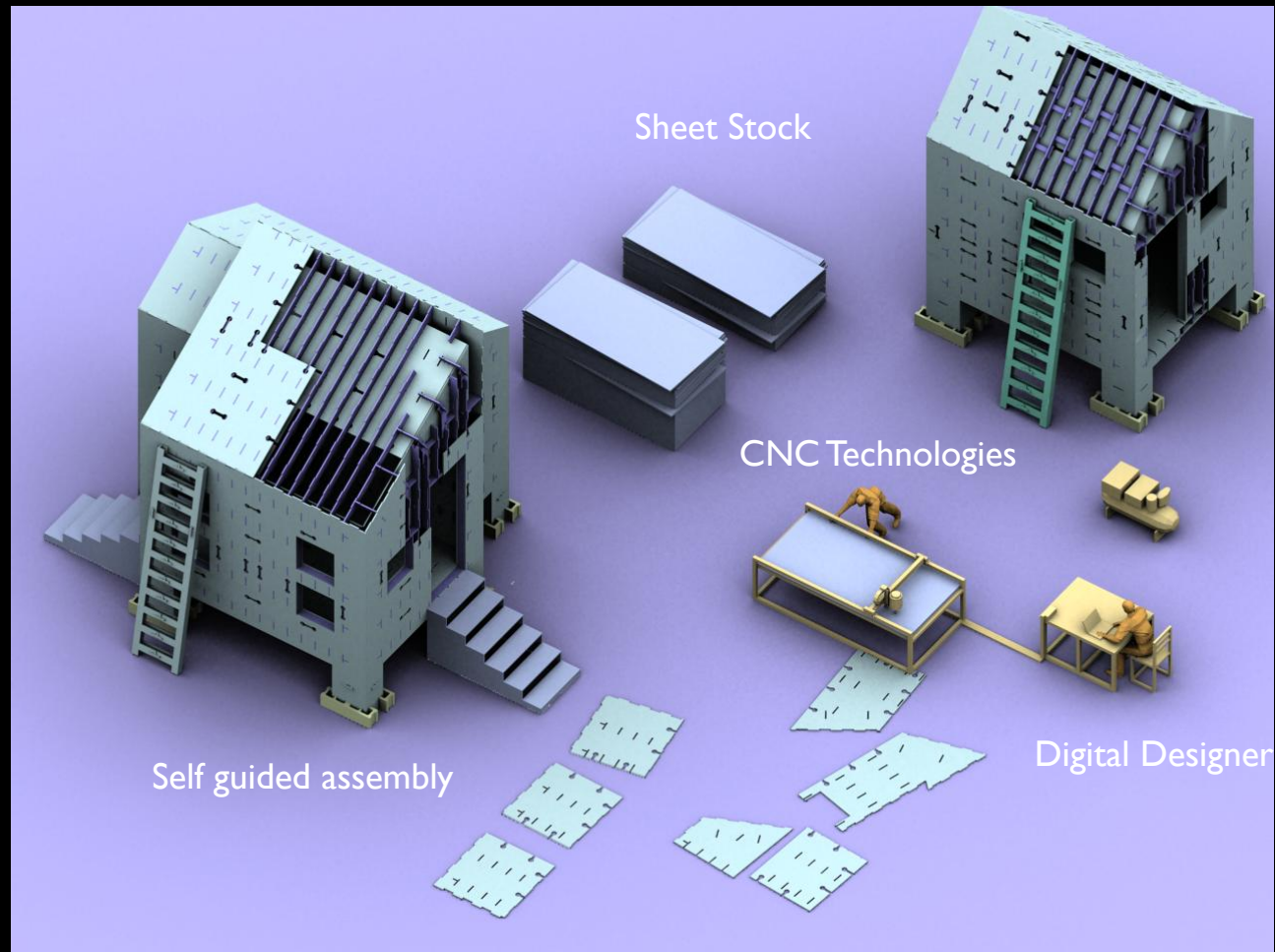


Mega Assembly

Scaling & Decomposition of
Digital Designs

Larry Sass



Reduce the cost home delivery

Manufacture 100 high quality houses a day

Reflect cultural sensitivity in each design

Potential to disconnect from the energy grid

Poverty



Natural Disasters



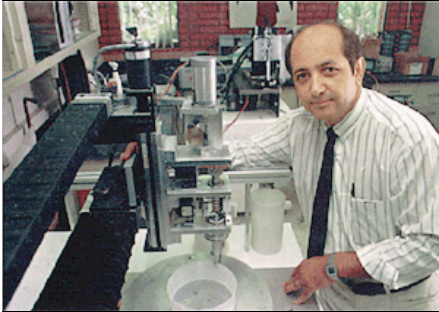
Luxury Homes



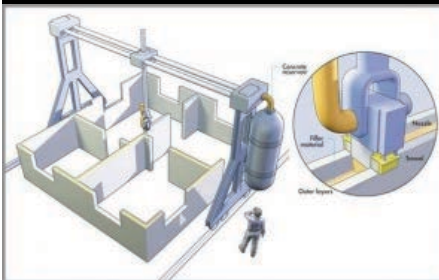
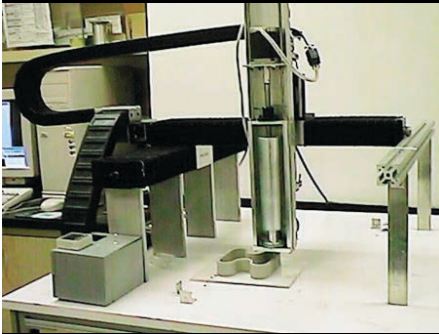
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Pioneers

Contour Crafting, 2002
Behrokh Khoshnevis



Facit Homes, UK 2011



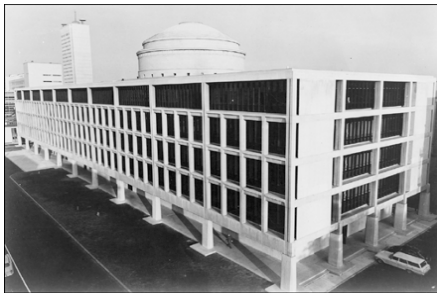
Fab House, 2010
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Scaling & Decomposition

Challenge

Skidmore Owings Merrill
Bush Building, MIT, 1965

Intuitive scaling



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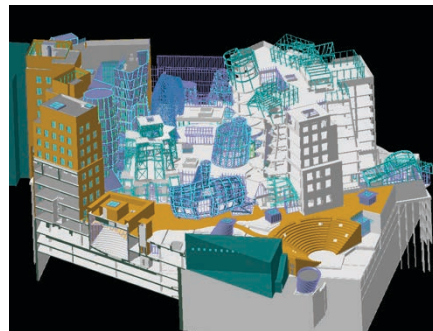
[William J. Mitchell*](#)

3D Prints of Palladio's
Material scaling



Frank Gehry
Stata Center, 2005

Isotropic Scaling



Incremental Scaling

Digital Fabrication Courses



Design
1/8" - 3.1 mm

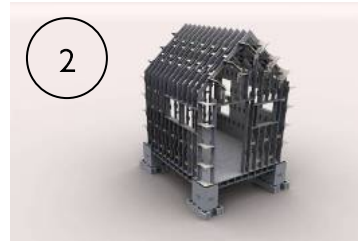
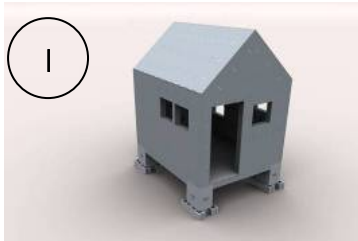


Product
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Procedural Decomposition

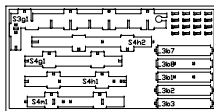
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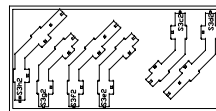
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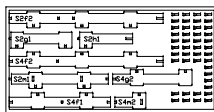
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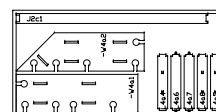
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A House for New Orleans

Museum of Modern Art
New York, New York



Incremental scaling

Procedural decomposition





Press fit construction

Self guided assembly

High precision construction





Automated Decomposition

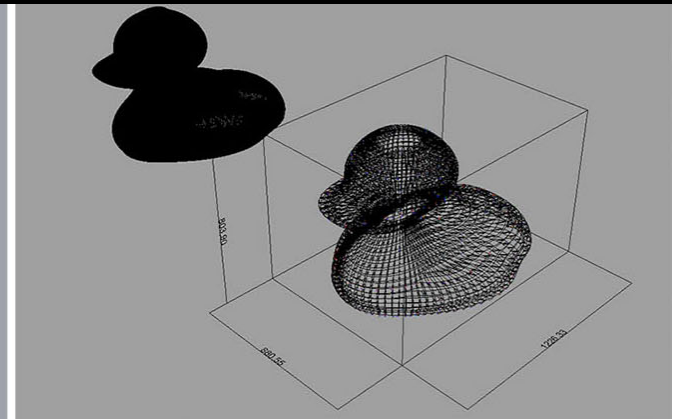
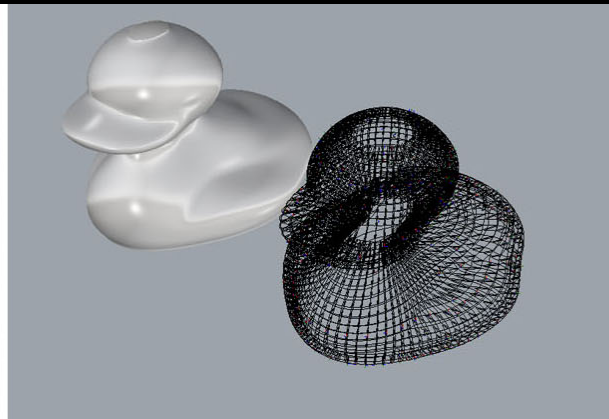
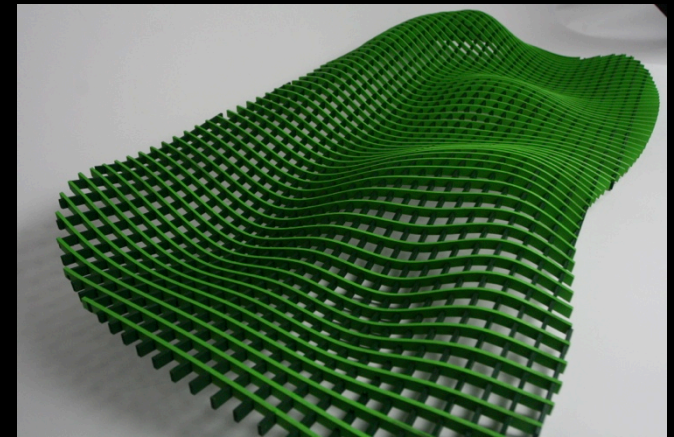
Very Large Scale Prototyping

Larry Sass, Ki Woong, Verelle Noel,

MIT

Lujie Chen

Singapore University of Technology and Design





Mega Assemblies

Incremental Scaling

- multiples of “x” from design to full-scale

Automated Decomposition

- based on environmental & human factors of assembly

