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Digitally Manufactured Housing

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Effective computing

Machining that is computer controlled

Assembly Only construction sites

Customized home delivery for culturally sensitive design

- New Orleans 109,000 House lost
- 7 years @ 75/day
- Mass Customize 75 designs
- Mass Produce

Digitally Fabricated

- Outdoor or Indoor Digital Factory
 - Any Shape
 - Machines Scale
 - Complexity is in the cutting
- Advantages
 - Design models used for cutting
 - Controlled manufacturing
 - Low Energy (Flat packed)
 - Controlled waste
 - Precise
- Impact
 - Broad approach to housing
 - Luxury or low cost housing
 - Process works with many materials





What is digital fabrication



Computer model "Precision measuring"



"Laser cutting" Precise Cutting in Studio



"Prototype" Error Detection & Correction

Scale Objects : 6



Inspiration Computing a model

- 1. Precise measuring
- 2. Manufacturing Layered
- 3. Automated Assembly





Production: Design

(Design Grammar) Step 1

Stiny, G., *Palladian Grammar,* Environment and Planning B, Vol. 1975

Duarte, J., *Siza Grammar,* Environment and Planning B, Vol. 2004













Production: Product Modeling

(Construction Grammars) Step 2



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Production: Manufacturing

(Computing for manufacturing) *Step 3*









On-Site: Structure

(Assembly Only) *Step 4*











On-Site: Ornamentation (Multi-lateral Layering)

Step 5







Design and Machines













