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# Professional Projects Project Competitions Academic Research

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## Office Building Exterior and Concept Exploration

Responding to a unique brief, the exterior concept for the office building head quarter located in the Middle East embodied a higher social / cultural / environmental awareness. During this design research phase, I have identified the natural ingredients as driver for the 3-dimensilanally complex façade pattern. The inspiration came from Folkloric heritage used by Bedouin societies seen in craft of the "Majlis" seats.

I have been responsible for working with the design team to rationalize the parametric geometry especially from a scale/shape behavior and in response to the solar exposure around the building. Several diamond-like geometrical patterns emerged to emphasize the string sand dune-like lines. A multi-faceted knitted pattern interact to create such a avant-garde and yet deeply rooted in its culture and context.









Investigating the traditional "Al Khous" handcrafting as a multifaceted knitted pattern

Overall expression of façade lines and geometry pattern



Fluid sand dune formations with ridges

## Office Building Exterior and Concept Exploration



Using Dynamo/Revit visual programming to arrange the façade parametric panels

## **Clark International Airport**

The new Clark Airport design is based on the indigenous A-Frame structures to create an authentic architecture in the Philippine. The center ridge beam has been replaced by either a steel truss or reinforced concrete. The design uses cables or steel tubes with cables inside for the joists. As these tensegrity joists greatly reduce the amount of steel.

The interiors are day-lighted with high performance skylights which provide diffused light but keep the interiors cool as they reflect heat. The building will provide a unique and memorable experience for passengers and visitors. The facility will be modern with a strong Filipino sense of place.





Lower Ground and Ticketing Level



Upper Departures Level



## **Clark International Airport**





Natural Daylight Analysis (at Ticketing and Departures)





## Velana Airport VIP Terminal

The terminal is designed to enhance the passenger experience, create a facility that is modern and well-functioning. A world class representation of the Maldives and meets the expectations of the VVIP, VIP, CIP and Jet travelers using the facility.

The terminal is designed to have a world class lounges to provide respite for passengers with a façade of transparent curtainwall with screening accentuating the Islamic culture of

the Maldives. The exterior façade idea responds to: site surroundings, cost, climate, and inspire the exterior character. Façade geometry lines maintains horizontal and diagonal lines interlaced grid pattern which mimics Yachts sails.









Design Concept Sketches



Play Video: Custom Revit Façade Penalization Plugin [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEd-PNvOR9k&t=23s]







## New School of Business

Professional Projects

The New School of Business at Effat University comprised a design challenge to articulate its exterior facade design. Environmental, aesthetics, and visual privacy were taken into account to produce a vibrant facade. The building will form part of the university campus and will be integrated with the western side main gate. It will be constructed on five floors dedicated for classrooms, teaching labs and academic staff offices, general lecture halls, and public lounges. The new project has visible presence both from inside the campus and at the West side main roads. The building envelope has a secondary Mashrabya-like exterior layer shading-system, to read as contemporary as well as respecting the traditional local culture.





Façade Skin Development



North



South



West

## New School of Business



**Ground Floor Plan** 

Façade Design Alternatives



## Private Villa Complex

2014





Parents Villa Main Elevation

The client is a family of three brothers and their parents. The scope of work was to design the exterior facades based on given floor plans. This is two floors 80ft x 200ft lot area per villa with about 1000 sft built up area locate in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

The design blends between modern and classical Middle Eastern styles, with careful positioning or exterior architectural features. Here, we consider a delightful interplay between gentle geometric formations, landscape connection, allocation of luxurious and cool lifestyle. Their designs are aesthetic and functional and in this case it has strategically-placed windows, viewing balconies, and covered terraces. Traditional materials and architectural details are used in a contemporary manner to give this villa a relaxed sophistication.



Entrance Concept Sketch



Group of Villas Main Elevation and Different Design Option

## Effat University New Library

Construction completed on December 2015 to contain: cultural museum, workshop areas, library stacks, silent reading/research, seminar rooms, groups study rooms, and a large reading hall with a café and access to a palm garden. Additional gallery corridors serve as display of new creative works by students, faculty, and invited artists. These spaces and entrances had to be designed in a way that accommodates the social expectations with

respect to Saudi Arabia culture and while allowing for intellectual interaction.

The main façade configuration is an inspiring destination to the campus providing higher aspiration for new state-of-the-art 21st century learning whereby the Cultural Museum and Public spaces integrates with the outer community.





2012

## Effat University New Library







Exterior, main entrance and canopy development

## Effat University New Library





Main Entrance and Landscape



Ground Floor Plan



Façade Study At Main Entrance

## **Duke University Medicine Pavilion**

The Duke University master campus plan is a steward of thousands of acres in the forest, taking care of well preserved natural environment. The new medical pavilion (580,000sf) supports a design philosophy and practice through a responsible relationship with site that values open green spaces. The building is a healing center by bringing vision, intellect and high ethical standards to the construction and operation of a sustainable healthcare building.

Building exterior utilizes passive design elements to reduce energy demand in the form of natural day lighting, green roofs and external shading devices. A sustainable healthcare building will be the physical manifestation of this commitment.



## **Duke University Medicine Pavilion**









**Upper Floors Patient Tower** 



Stone

Louver Wall (Level 04)

 Insulated Spandrel Glass
Insulated Vision Glass with Custom Frit Pattern
Insulated Vision Glass
Metal Panel
Precast

17716

15499

179578

Stone

Louver Wall (Level 04)

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8.630789963

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Exterior Envelope Materials BIM Estimating

Total Area

## **Duke University Medicine Pavilion**



Designer sketches. Ref. Perkins + Will





Wall Type A



Wall Type B

BIM Model





Wall Type C

## Darden Restaurants Support Center

A new campus located on a 47 acre parcel in Orlando, Florida, comprises two main buildings (395,000 sf). It consists of a 3-story office building with training rooms & kitchens, common spaces, dining hall, culinary, administration, break rooms, business center, wellness area, and a data center.

The main program blocks are organized around a central circulation spine, "Main Street" taking the form of a three-story atrium. Natural light is introduced to these spaces with a

continuous clerestory along the curved Southeast face. Spaces are connected with each other along the Main Street with monumental stairs designed to promote wellness. Elevated walkways along the "Main Street" connect the Southwest and Northwest program blocks.





Site Plan, Proposed Lakes and Parking



Option (1)





Option (2)

## Darden Restaurants Support Center





3D Section Across Atrium and Main Street



Atrium and Skylight Options Daylight Analysis



## Whitfield High School and Academy

a new high school located in Dalton county, Georgia with occupancy 1,600 student, K9-12 and approximately 235,450 sf. The design concept supports the instructional models (graphic, musical, visual, linguistic, auditory, print, electronic, etc.) and create inviting learning environment. Socially engaging spaces should attract students and the community to the school.

The learning environment is flexible to accommodate change during the day, week to week, and from year to year. The high school is envisioned to complement the other successful schools already in the district, understanding that each school provides unique opportunities. Creating spaces that can support continuing education for community members after school hours.



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## Whitfield High School and Academy





Outdoor Terrace Canopy Design options

## Hope Dental Center

The idea for this project is a reference to the union between: a Rwanda culture to embrace, an endeavor to heal and a centralized private inclusion. This resulted in an overall master plan and architecture that are sensitive to the roots of Rwanda tradition and environment. Our goal was to invest in the idea of making the buildings climatically responsive, respects the environment and offers a healthy and comfortable internal/external space functions. In that sense, the inward facing of buildings to each other with the central garden hub

evokes the special feeling to bring people together on a common goal. The central outdoor space promotes inclusion, emotional support, comfort, and community socialization. The buildings' architecture is characterized by the curved forms which provides an even and optimal exposure to daylight and solar energy throughout the day. The curved walls in combination with the green roof will receive low solar exposure.







Sustainable design solutions



Longitude cross section

Buildings and site landscaping concept

## Hope Dental Center



## Vertical Farming Tower

## dynamic convergence

[convergence  $\rightarrow$  synthesis  $\rightarrow$  evolution] = [one tower  $\rightarrow$  self-sustained network  $\rightarrow$  future cities]

#### DESIGN CONCEPT

The proposed design is a tower concept responding to an evolution occurring along the river Thames redefining the London Skyline. The iconic tower design demarcates this period in history and defines an era of sustainable awareness impacting design and development strategies. The tower and site development establishes an urban ecological system that is symbolic of convergent synthesis addressing increasing population growth and density in major cities. As a sustainable design solution the project redefines tower typology as an ecological system that is a commercial destination point, urban agricultural solution at energy generation farm.

The proposed plaza and tower design promotes a sustainable life-style interrelating ideas of urbanism, vertical farming and mixed income housing. The scheme's Porosity feature invites the people to go inside and under the tower to format a mixed-use destination which links People and Nature. The social-dimension is reachable in an interactive and Self-Sustained community.





#### SITE

The site design features a plaza connecting events, urban markets, becoming a connector for adjacent landmarks and the river walk through historic axial relationships which have been modernized as Pathways to Harness Energy from pedestrian movement through the use of piezoelectric pavers. The tower design and site development serve as an Evolution in place making and urban mixed-use development; The new landscape and site elements connect and engage existing with green spaces achieving a Strong Identity for the Community. The base of the two Towers are Rooted in Fertile ground establishing a harmonious base for a sustainable destination inclusive of mixed income housing, commerce, farming and harvesting.





## Vertical Farming Tower

- Project Competitions



## "NEST" Institute of Global Design



## Test-fit, Mix and Automated Apartments Units Layout Generation





Start/End/Direction Drawing Sequence

Weblink: <a href="https://iconviz.com/units-layout-testfit/">https://iconviz.com/units-layout-testfit/</a>

## Test-fit, Mix and Automated Apartments Units Layout Generation



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## Public Speaking/Engagement in Parametric/Computation Design

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## **Designing with pixels: parametric** thinking for patterning dynamic building facades

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#### Abstract

Purpose - Advances in digital design tools enable exploration and generation of dynamic building facades. However, some processes are formally prescribed and manually driven to only visualize the design concepts. The purpose of this paper is to present a proactive framework for integrating parametric design thinking, paying particular attention to building facade patterning.

Design/methodology/approach - This work developed the PatternGen<sup>©</sup> add-on in Autodesk<sup>®</sup> Revit which utilizes an analytical image data (AID) overlay approach as a data source to dynamically pattern the building facade. The add-on was used to manipulate the placement rules of curtain panels on facade surface geometry. As means of validating this research model, a real-life design project has been chosen to illustrate the practical application of this approach. Feedback and observations from a short end-user questionnaire assessed qualitatively the facade patterning and panelization approach.

Findings - The proposed merge (or overlay) of AID images can be used as a parametric thinking method rather than just theory to generate and articulate dynamic facade design. The facade panelization responds to an AID that resembles design-performance data (e.g. solar exposure, interior privacy importance and aesthetics). Originality/value - This work identifies a form of parametric thinking defined as the expression of geometrical relationships and its configuration dependent on the AID pixel Red Green Blue color source values. In this type of thinking, it explores the impact of the digital process and parametric thinking utility when driven by an AID overlay. The framework highlighted the practical application of AID pixel approach within a digital process to benefit both designers and computational tools developer on emerging design innovations. Keywords Building facade, Computational design, Image pixels, Parametric modelling, Patterning

Paper type Research paper

#### 1. Introduction

#### 1.1 Parametric thinking: analyses + synthesize + evaluation

Architects consider the panelization of modern facade surfaces an important element of the building to achieve design goals and aesthetics. When the designers produce complex artifacts such as dynamic building facade, they often depend on their design insight (e.g. aesthetic, visual and function) with limited consideration to performances criteria (Rorig et al., 2014). In the current research, the idea of integrating parametric thinking into the early design phase requires careful representation and change to the traditional mindset of designers by evolving the logic in relation with analytical criteria (Figure 1). In this context, the work is motivated by mainstream architectural firms and academic architectural programs are embracing the move toward a process of integrating parametric design thinking in their early design phase discovery process (Turrin et al., 2012).



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Consequently, the research question for this work is as follows:

RQ1. How can an analytical-based parametric analytical image data (AID) approach be formulated as design framework to assist the emerging dynamic facade panelization?

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Elliot Glassman Associate WSP



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Populous

2018

## Using BIM for Smart Building Façade



The facade is designed to respond to environmental, social and functional conditions among other considerations. Digital Design Computation is an essential support in understanding the process of connectivity between digital/physical kinetics. Digital and physical fabricated prototypes allow designers to test the qualities of such system and discover new modes of parametric design thinking.

This work developed a custom Add-on in Revit <sup>®</sup> application that connects the kinetic parameters of digital and physical model to control a smart façade. We deployed the Application Programming Interface (API) C# programming to manipulate the kinetic response through linear actuation. The proposed system framework connects solar exposure values to a BIM model and actuation thru Arduino Mega board, servo motors, tooth-beam and tensile-fabric material.







Closed Status

100% Open Status



Kinetic Prototype Wall BIM Model





Video Link: http://www.iconviz.com/protofull.mp4



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## Effat University library on schedule to complete

Three storey \$13.3mn project in final construction phase

by Staff Writer | March 12, 2014 SHARE

Week





Effat University library on schedule to complete

Dr Zaki Mallasi, assistant professor and Effat Library project designer, told Construction Week: "From the inside, when you enter the main public reception hall, users can see the interior ceiling radial-lines meeting at a large rounded void and when looking up through the upper floor in the atrium space, the feeling will provide as if the library is in the centre of the world.

"From outside, the new library building exterior facades project a grand humble character for the project due to the configuration of the different massing and their roof line variations."

## **Designing the New Library Project**



Pro

Dr. Zaki Mallasi

One of the few celebrated campus buildings in our University has been the recently inaugurated Effat Library and Cultural Museum building. The library functions are vital in the educational process. The project design was performed by our Faculty member Dr. Zaki Mallasi, an Assistant Professor in the Architecture Department. It was designed around students' inspiration and made our dream come true. Our achievements speak for themselves. It has made a tremendous difference in the university.

The library is a huge three story building. Part of it Q1) How long did it take to finish the project? in general form is the oval-shaped housing the cultural museum. In addition, there are public areas including: grand reading hall, café, auditorium, training rooms, research and study areas. The upper floors contain 26 quiet study rooms, book shelves that can house 60,000 volumes and a prayer room. From the inside, when you enter the main public reception hall, visiters can see the interior ceiling radial-lines meeting at a large rounded void and when looking up through the upper floor in the atrium space, the feeling will provide as if the library is in the center of the world. Looking from outside, you can see the new library building exterior facades projects a grand and humble character for the project due to the configuration of the different massing and their roof line variations.

The library's mission is "to reduce the boundaries for women to successfully participate in public life and encourages the talent while interacting with some students during the design process, especially my students in the architecture department who wanted to work and support the design concept with their ideas" reported Dr. Mallasi

[Dr. Zaki]: it took three years from design till end of construction.

#### Q2) What are the most interesting experiences in the library design?

[Dr. Zaki]: The project began with a very basic concept. Then the process was actually a transformation of the exterior and interior design to reflect the University long vision. It was exciting to work and involve the Client members in the design shaping their requirements to the final building.



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## PhD Research: The Virtual Construction Site 4D Visualization

Overloaded site-space

usage

#### **Research Aims and Objectives**

2004

- □ Introduce creative & dynamic 4D visualization medium to convey the execution strategy of a construction project.
- Develop Critical Space-Time Analysis (CSA) measurement for workspace conflicts before commencing work on site.



(Data range and coloring scheme for CSA values)

4D Time-Based Simulation Mechanism



#### 2003 Activity Name Start End 5/11 5/18 5/25 6/1 6/8 6/15 6/22 6/29 7/6 7/13 7/20 Foundations 5/12/03 6/10/03 6/25/03 2 Superstructure Frame 5/29/03 6/18/03 7/7/03 3 Floor 4 Stairs 7/3/03 7/17/03 Roofs 7/14/03 7/29/03 Before X-time After X-time 'finished' 'not started' progressing **4D Time-based** Internal Time **Control Clock** User Database at X-time 3D CAD Product Model 2D Line-based CAD Roof Sheeting All Roof **Roof Purlins** Components Roof Soffit & Fascia **Roof Purlins** Roof Sheeting Roof Insulation and Fascia a- Multi-representation b- Single-representatio

#### Dynamic Simulation of Construction Activity **Execution Workspace**



### 4D Visualization Focus and Concept

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## Design Studio (5) – Mixed Use High Rise Tower





BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN 1:200

APARTMENT FLOOR PLAN 1:200

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SECTION 1:200







MAIN ELEVATION 1:200 SIDE ELEVATION 1:200



## Design Studio (5) – Mixed Use High Rise Tower

2015

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## Capstone Graduation Projects





## **Energy and Sustainable Design Course**

#### Adaptive Performance Base Building Skin



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of a basic study model that could be manipulated to evolve into different geometries. The basic model was structed with a height of 16m divided into two rows & each panel' ions were kept 8m x 2m

The blinds would be made of stretched PTFE (polytetrafluoroethyl which offers a certain degree of translucency so non-exposed parts are not left fully shaded. The panel screen mounted on a frame will be placed 1m away from the curtain wall.

DITERIA COR AMALVEL NITERL FOR ANALYSIS The analysis will be done in April at noon when the sun is at its peak. Three stage cycles were used to monitor results The location chosen was Riyadh, KSA. For the sake of accuracy, a simple shoebox model is used Radiance analysis to record luminance levels is done at two levels for each stage cycle because one fluid blind spans 2 floors.

#### VORKING DETAILS

WORNING DETAILS The physical model was constructed by affixing each blind to bars at the top and bottom so that the sides were still free to move. Thread inserted through pinholes formed bands at the back of each individual panel. A rod was then vertically inserted through the aligned bands of each panel so that if the the rod was pilled backwards, the sides of the panel would be pulled inwards forming the pattern that is seen in the original study model. When analyzing different stage cycles with the digital study model (shown below) the transparency of the panel material has not been taken into account and will be backened.









n stage 2, contraction inwards leaves 12% up and down of each papel area expos Each panel area calculates to 16 sq. m. Total area exposed to direct sunlight is = 12% + 12% = 24%

RADIANCE ANALYSIS RESULTS: - Analysis grid 1- offset 0.6m from base = moderate luminance fading out to shaded Analysis grid is offset 4.6 m from base = mostly uniform luminance of moderate

medium high range throughout with minor shaded regions at corners



stage 3, contraction inwards leaves 25% up and down of each panel area expos ach panel area calculates to 16 sq. m. Total area exposed to direct sunlight is = 25% + 25% = 50%

RADIANCE ANALYSIS RESULTS: Analysis grid offset 0.6m from base = moderate amount of luminance for m Anarysa groo toset cover from case = moderate amount or inminiance for majority o surface but shaded areas at the far corners. Analysis grid offset 4.6 m from base = hotspot at center which then rises to medium high range for majority of the floor area. The immediate edge of the curtain wall is relatively more shaded.

#### CONCLUSION

After analyzing three different stages we find that for summer months, cycling between stages 1 and 2 is the best option. Therefore, if the blind material opacity is 50% then amount of daylight entering in would be for stage 1 56 %, and for stage 2 75 %. In fall/spring/winter cycling between stages 2 & 3 is best so total daylight entering space would be 75-100 percent.

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## Parametric Modelling and Digital Fabrication

My teaching of BIM Parametric Modeling encouraged students to explore advanced techniques in computational design tools + process. Students will develop their design computation skills to reach advanced ability to produce parametric models in Revit BIM, including 3D parametric building envelope, associative geometries, complex form mass modeling, architectural presentation in Revit, and advanced rendering techniques. By the end of this course, the student will be able to:

- Adjust Revit families using parametric process.
- Learn about advanced features of 3D conceptual massing.
- Drive the parametric model based on performance criteria from schedules.
- Develop professional understanding about performance-based design computation.
- Understand the concept of Adaptive Component system in design and complex geometries.
- Integrate and understand concept of 3D printing.
- Combine the capabilities of parametric modeling with digital fabrication to produce prototype to the fabricator and into actual realization.

#### Garden Chair







2012

## Parametric Modelling and Digital Fabrication

2012 University Teaching

**Reading Station** 





1- Sitting Up straight





2- Laying Down

## Parametric Modelling and Digital Fabrication

Outdoor Shaded Area Project



#### Supervised by: Dr. Zaki Mallasi

Spring 2017

Done by: Lujain Alhibshi - Lujain Alquthami - Seba Bugis

#### Digitally Fabricated Table Lamp















University Teaching

## Selected Students Work from Model Making Workshop



Highrise Mixed Use Tower









Office Building





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