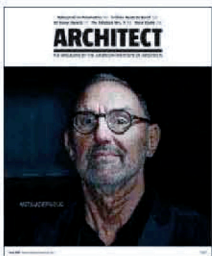


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## Lost Amid the Algorithms, June 2013

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Is parametric design necessary? Frank Lloyd Wright based organic architecture on nature and the human being. Mies was once asked why he never used a curve in his designs, to which he replied that he'd use a curve if it was necessary. Parametric design seems to imply that every other design strategy is "been there, done that." I'm not convinced of the justification for additional expense and potential construction problems. Just because we can create complex/complicated building shapes doesn't mean we necessarily should.

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