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# CARPENTRY COMPILER

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# Manufacturing Advances



# Fabrication-Oriented Design



```
Diff(  
    Scale (2.5, 2.5, 1) (  
        Cylinder(6)  
    )  
    Scale (1, 1, 0.9) (  
        Translate (0, 0, 0.5) (  
            Cylinder(50)  
        )  
    )  
)[Nandi et al. 2018]
```

A design completely determines  
a fabrication process



# From Design to Fabrication Plan



Design



Band saw



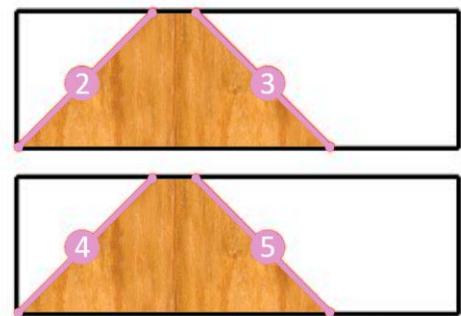
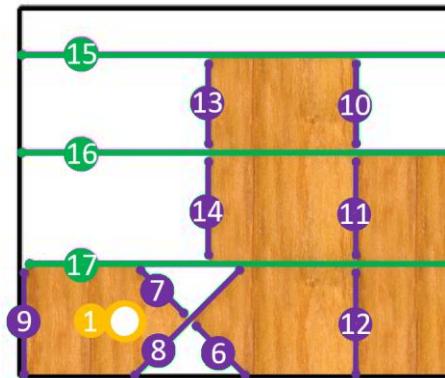
Jig saw



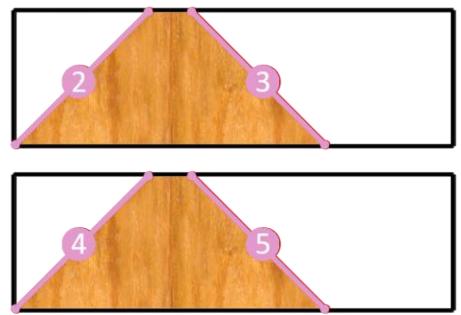
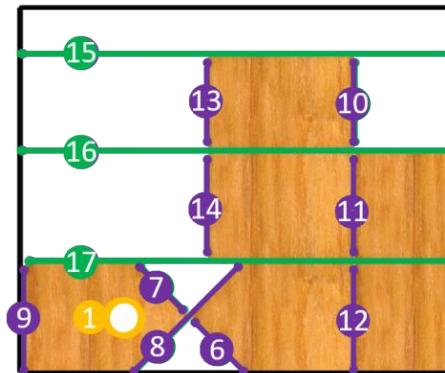
Table saw



Chop saw



Least Fab Time



Least Fab Error



Least Material Cost

# Fabrication and Design

Fabrication and design are inherently related.

Design



Fabrication



Defines the space of  
what can be  
physically realized

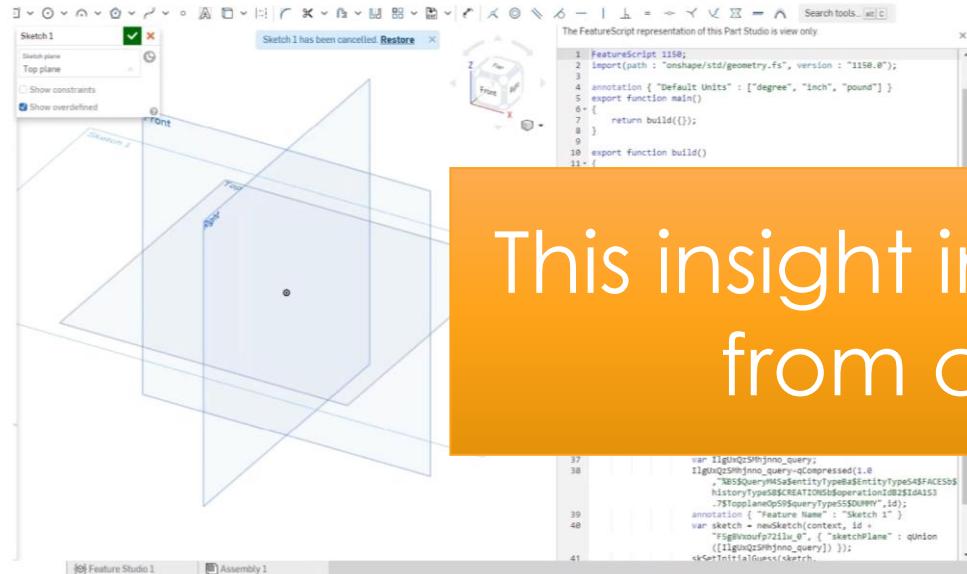
Affects the fabrication  
performance

Optimization: physical behavior

Optimization: production cost

# Insight: Designs and Fabrication Plans are Programs!

## Design



## Fabrication



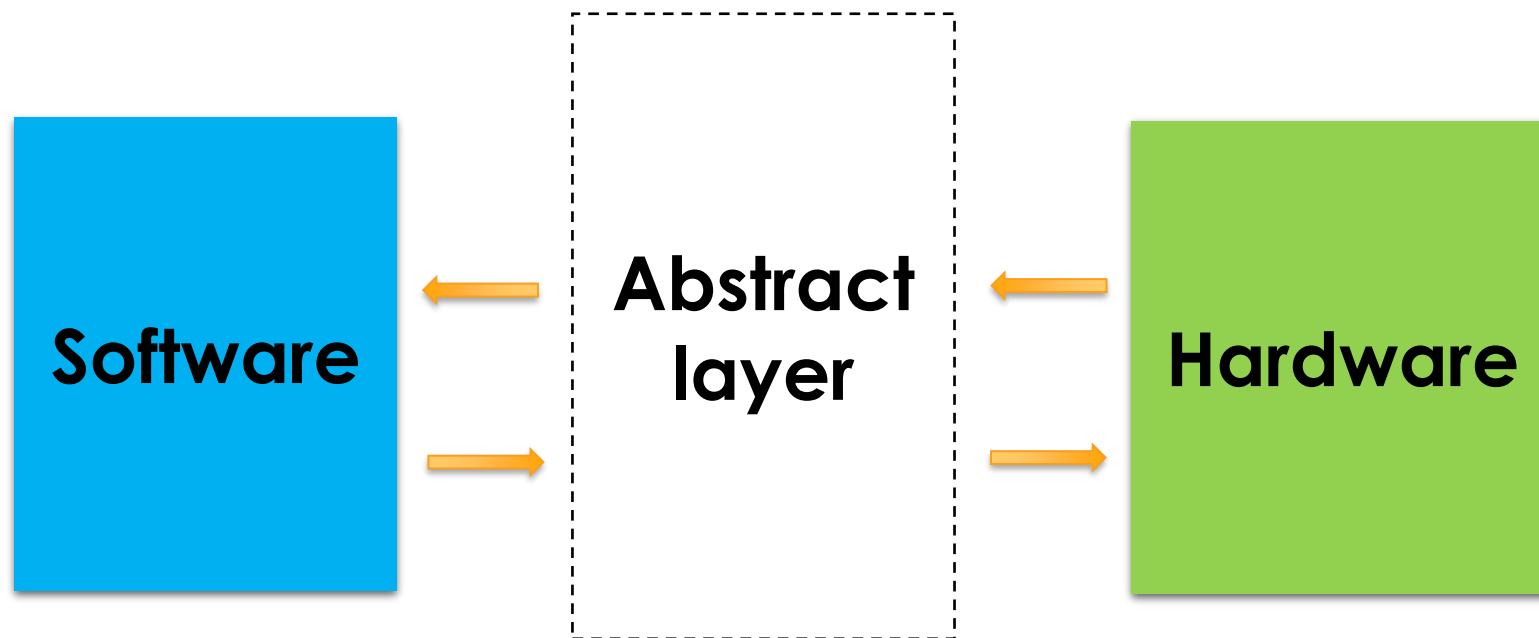
This insight inspires us to draw ideas from computer systems!

A sequence of geometric construction operations  
**(Code)**

A sequence of physical instructions  
**(Code)**

# Inspiration: Instruction Set Architectures (ISA)

- ❖ An interface between software and hardware
- ❖ Enable the independent development



David A. Patterson and Carlo H. Sequin. 1981. RISC I: A Reduced Instruction Set VLSI Computer. In Proceedings of the 8th Annual Symposium on Computer Architecture (ISCA '81). IEEE Computer Society Press, Los Alamitos, CA, USA, 443–457. <http://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=800052.801895>

# Carpentry Design and Fabrication

- ❖ Vast application scope
- ❖ Appropriate level of complexity for initiating research



# HELM: Hardware Extensible Languages for Manufacturing

## Goal of our system:

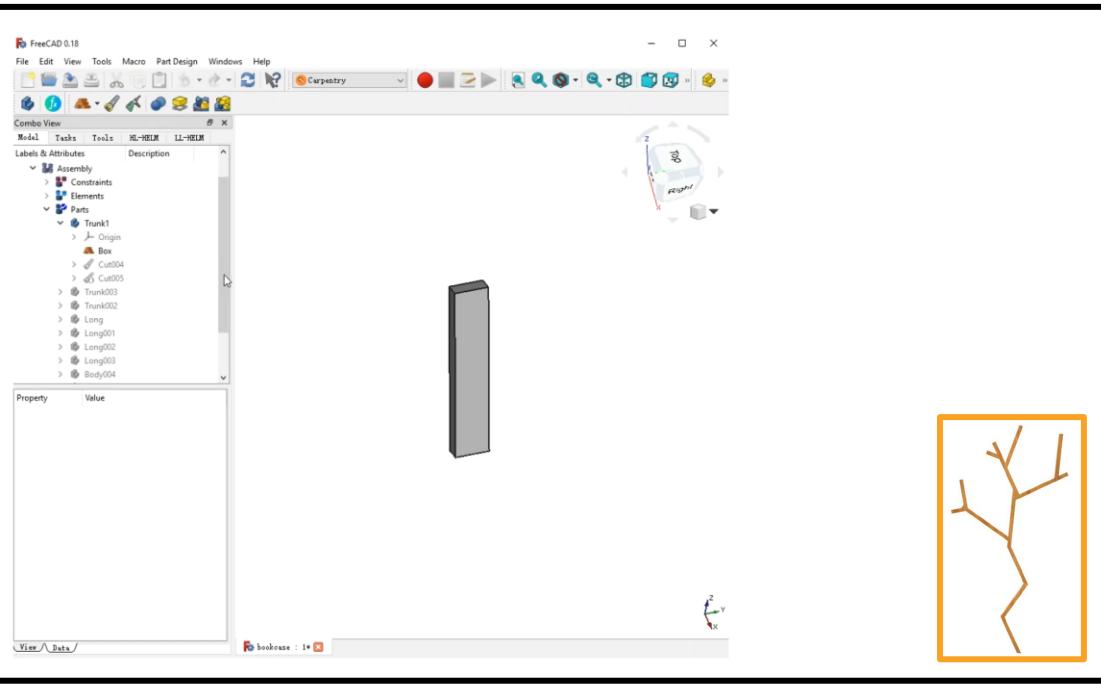
- ❖ Ensure design is driven by available fabrication processes
- ❖ Decouple design and fabrication



# HELM: Hardware Extensible Languages for Manufacturing

## ❖ Inspiration: CAD languages

## High-Level Code



```
1 Box001 = Make_Stock(457.2, 38.1, 88.9);
2 MyLine000 = Line(457.2, 0, 435.203, 38.1);
3 Sketch = Make_Sketch(
4     Query_Face_By_Closest_Point(Box001, 228.6, 19.05, 88.9),
5     Geometry(MyLine000),
6     Constraint(Coincident(Start(MyLine000), End(
7         Query_Edge_By_Closest_Point(Box001, 228.6, 0, 88.9))),
8         PointOnObject(End(MyLine000), Query_Edge_By_Closest_Point(
9             Box001, 228.6, 38.1, 88.9)), Angle(Start(
10            Query_Edge_By_Closest_Point(Box001, 457.2, 19.05, 88.9)), Start(
11                MyLine000), 30)));
12 Cut = Make_Cut(Box001, Sketch, 0);
13 MyLine001 = Line(0, 38.1, 21.997, 0);
14 Sketch001 = Make_Sketch(
15     Query_Face_By_Closest_Point(Cut, 228.6, 19.05, 88.9),
16     Geometry(MyLine001),
17     Constraint(Coincident(Start(MyLine001), End(
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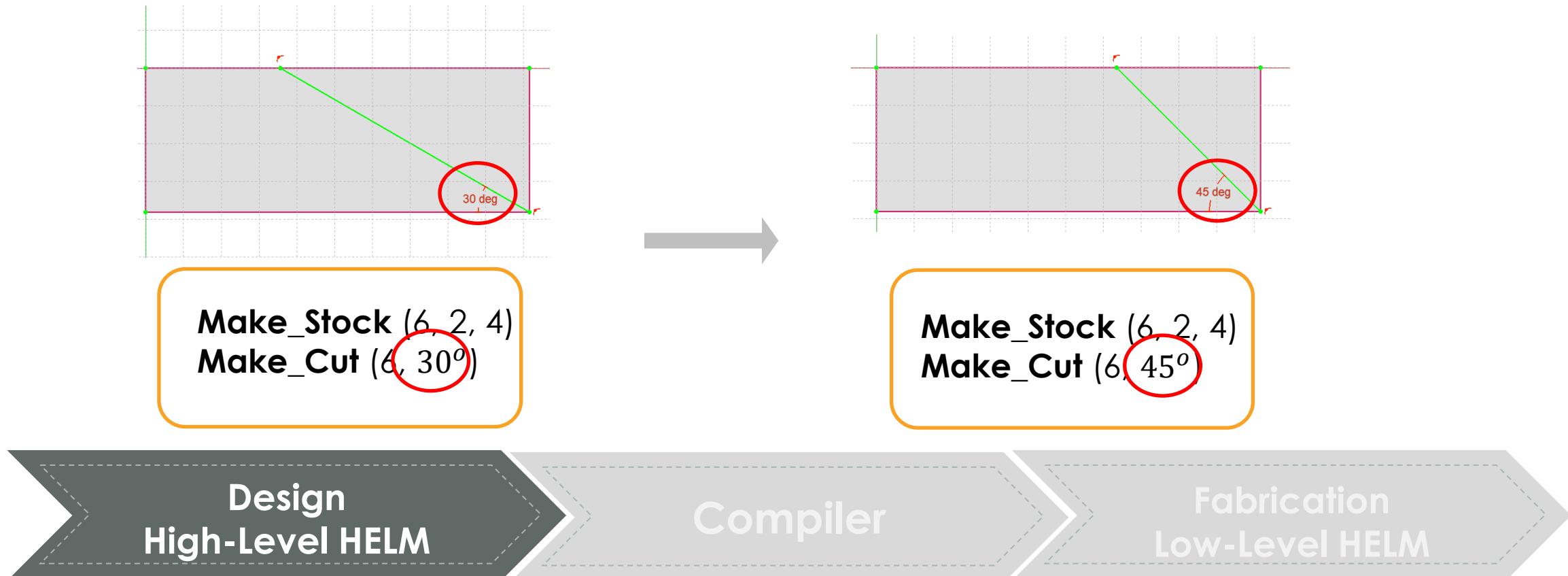
Design  
High-Level HELM

Compiler

Fabrication  
Low-Level HELM

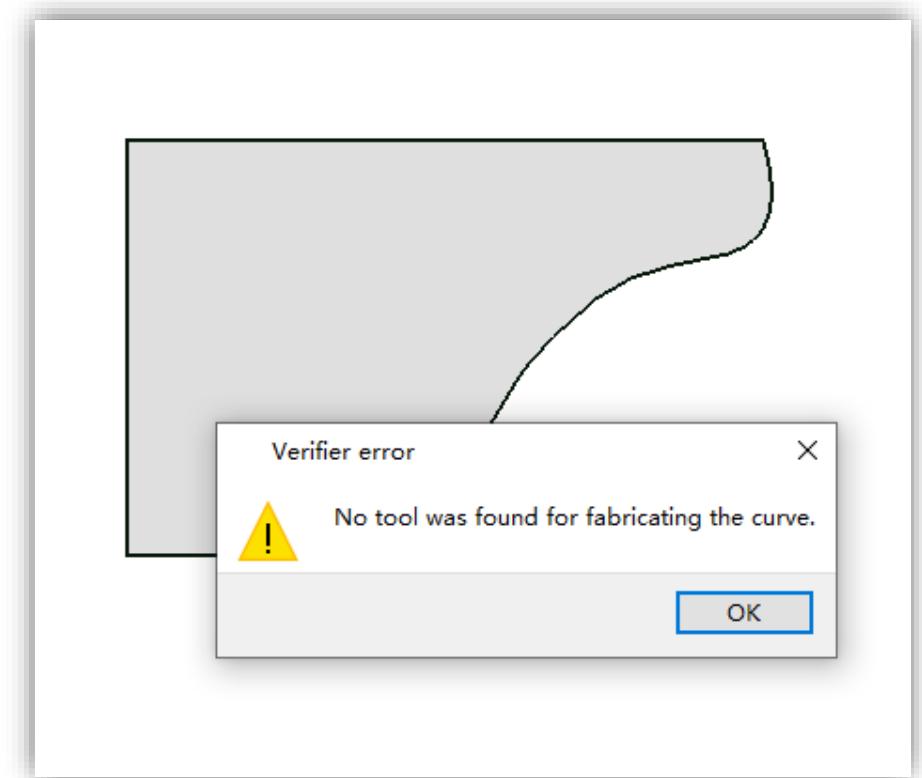
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- ❖ Parametric : design optimization
- ❖ Verifier: ensures manufacturability



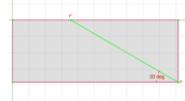
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- ❖ Process specific: be followed to generate one design
- ❖ Extensible to more fabrication hardware

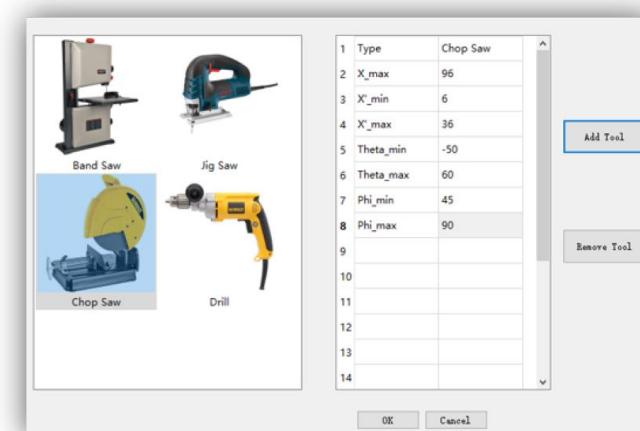


# HELM: Hardware Extensible Languages for Manufacturing

**Make\_Stock** (6, 2, 4)  
**Make\_Cut** (6, 30°)



- ❖ Design validation
- ❖ Fabrication optimization



**Setup\_Chopsaw** (30°, 0, 6)  
**Chopsaw** (2x4\_lumber )



Design  
High-Level HELM

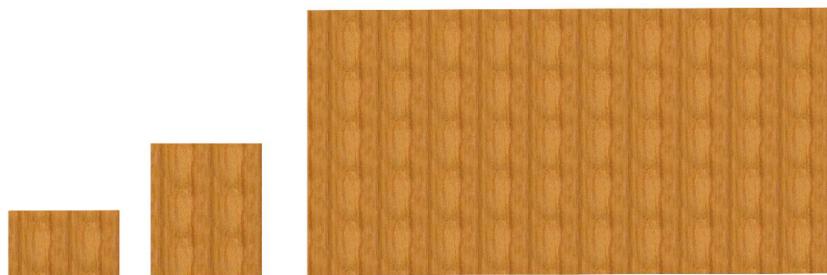
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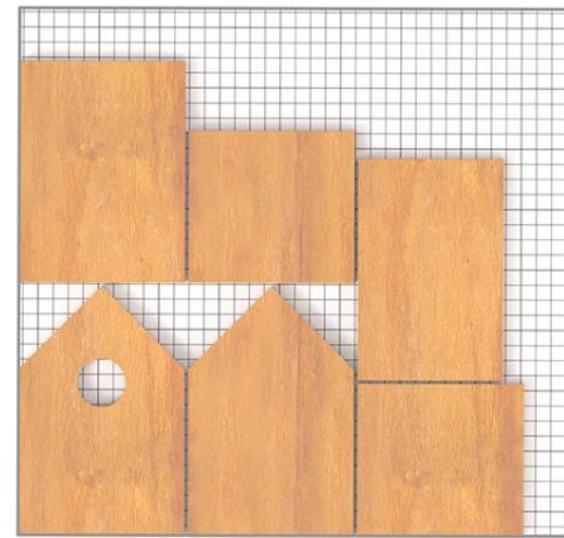
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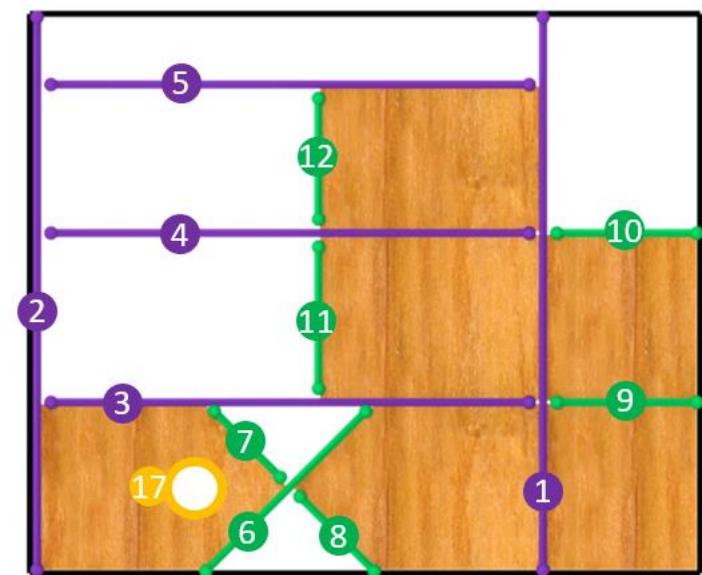
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  - need a data structure to represent such combinatorial space



Choose material stocks

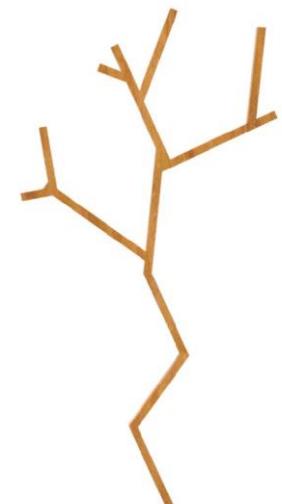


Pack the parts

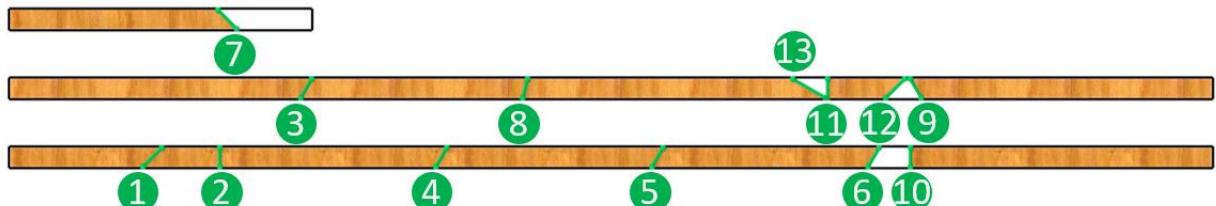


Define Cuts Tools/Orders on Stock

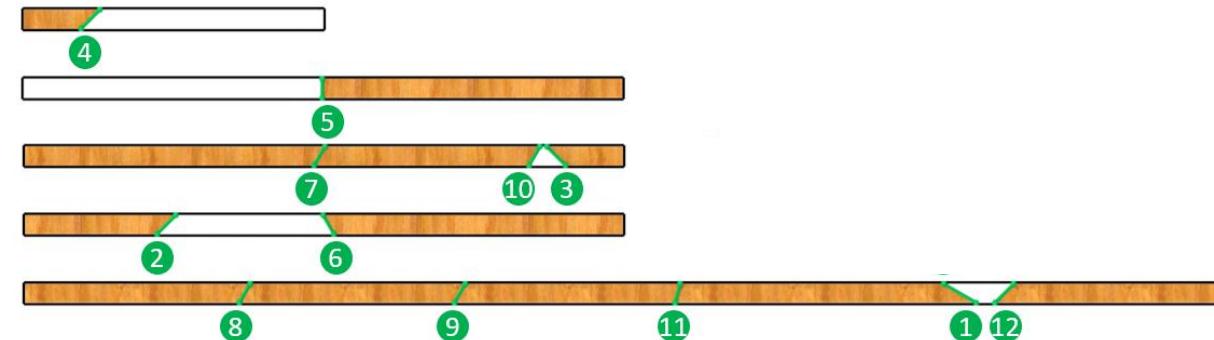
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  - multi-objective optimization



- Material cost: 2.3
- Fabrication time: 8.5



- Material cost: 2.95
- Fabrication time: 5

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# Learning from Programming Languages

- ❖ E-graphs [Joshi et al. 2002; Tate et al. 2009]
  - **Compactly** and **efficiently** represent large scale **equivalence programs**
  - Define a data-structure that make this search **tractable**

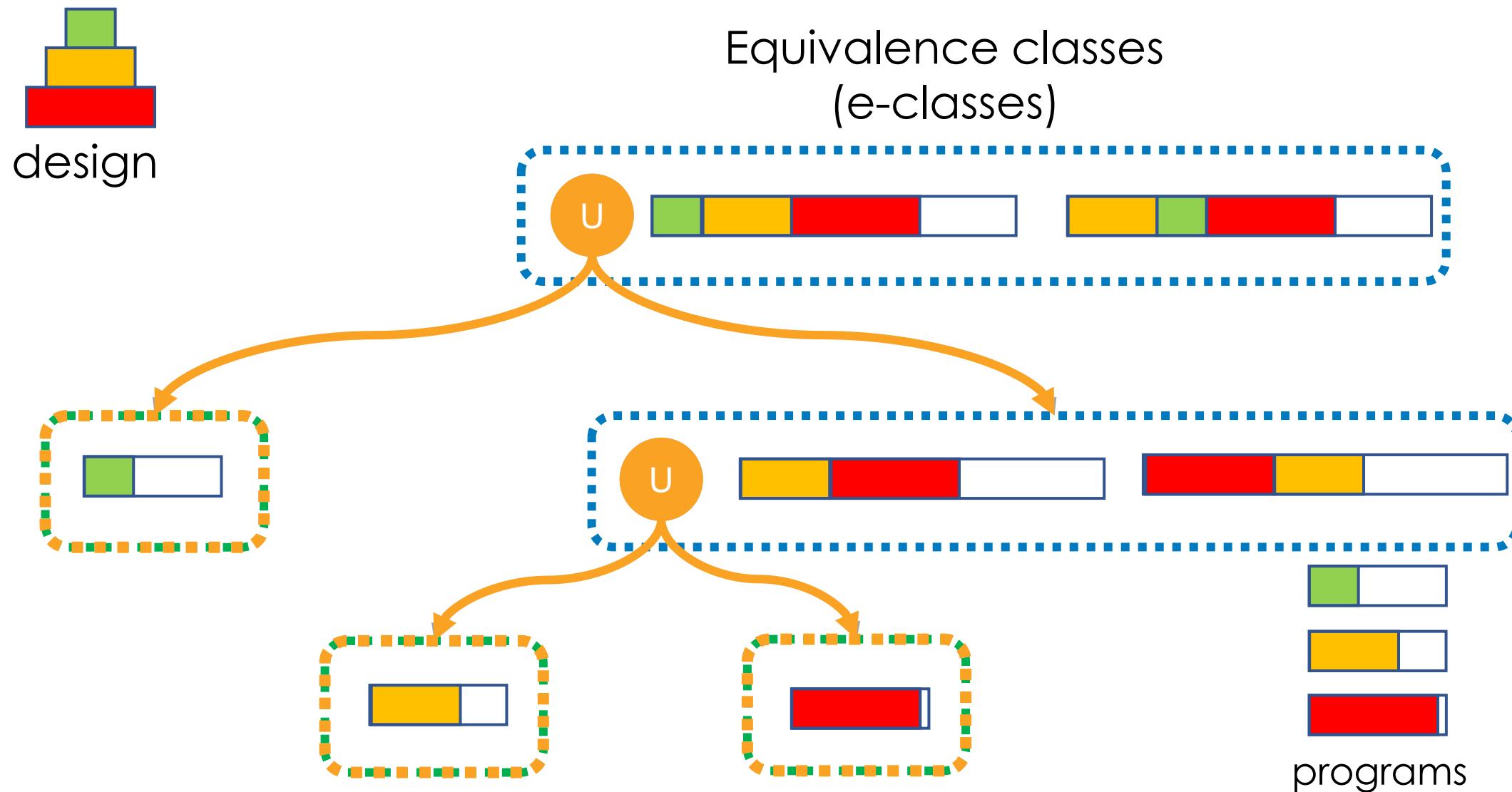
$$3x + \frac{1}{3}y - \frac{(x+2(x+y))}{3} \xrightarrow{\text{simplify}} 2x - \frac{1}{3}y$$

$$\begin{aligned} a + b &= b + a \\ (a + b)/c &= b/c + a/c \end{aligned}$$

.....

Rewrite rules

# E-Graphs for Carpentry Compiler

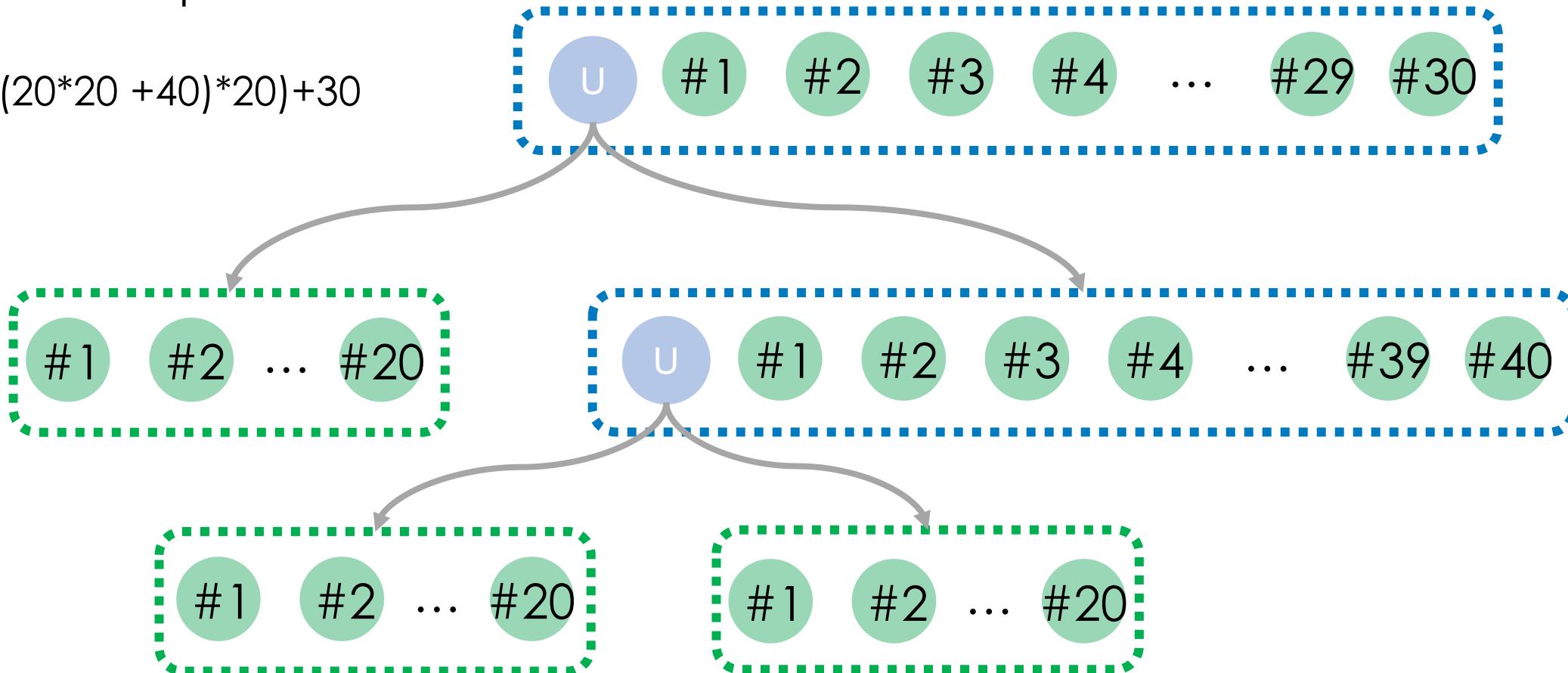


# E-Graphs for Carpentry Compiler

#Fabrication plans: **8830**

$$((20*20 + 40)*20)+30$$

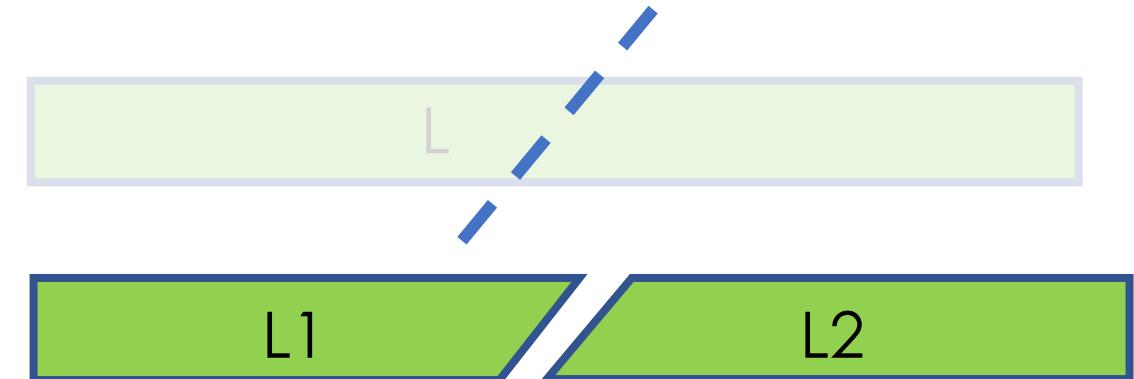
Equivalence classes  
(e-classes)



# Challenges of E-Graphs for Carpentry Compiler

1. Linearity: reuse-ability of variables

```
X = 10;  
Y = X + 5;  
Z = X + Y;
```



No need linearity constraints

Fabrication needs linearity constraints

Common E-Graphs Applications

Carpentry Compiler

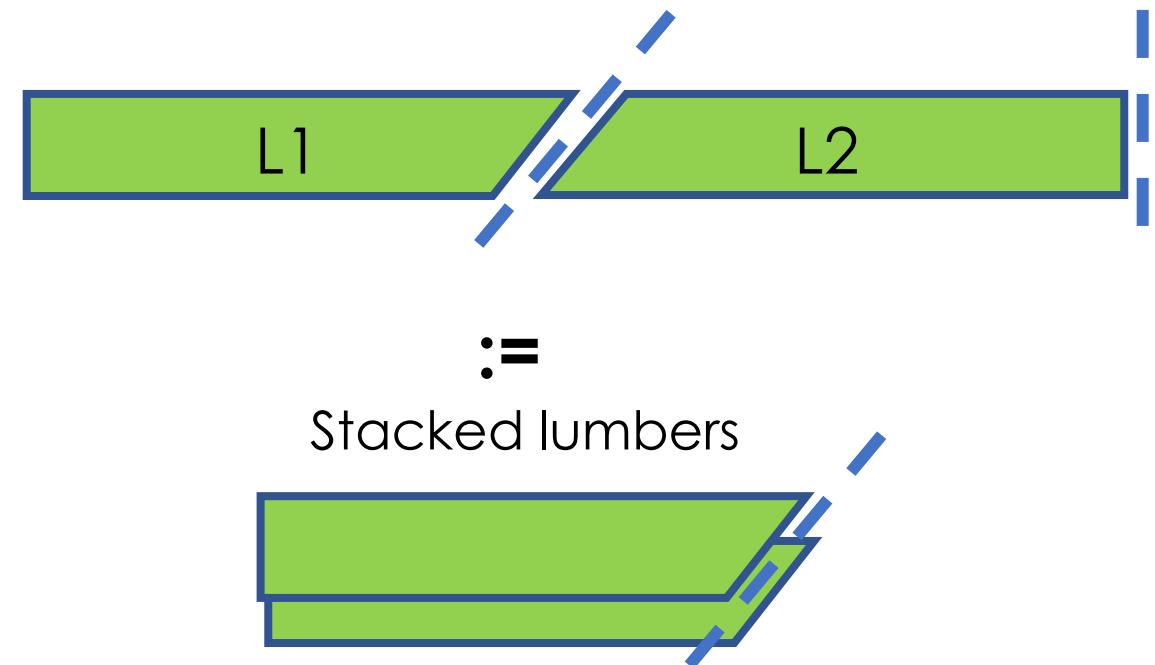
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1. Linearity: reuse-ability of variables
2. Rewrite rules

$$\begin{aligned} a + b &= b + a \\ (a + b)/c &= a/c + b/c \\ a - b &= a + (-b) \\ a * b &= b * a \end{aligned}$$

....

Syntactic rewrite rules



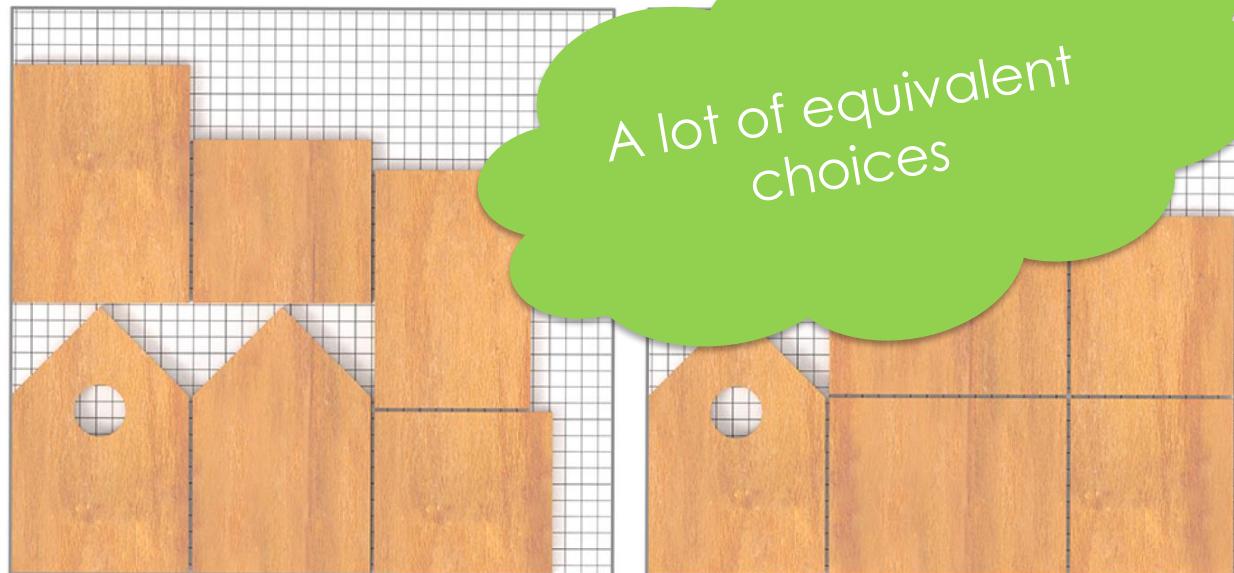
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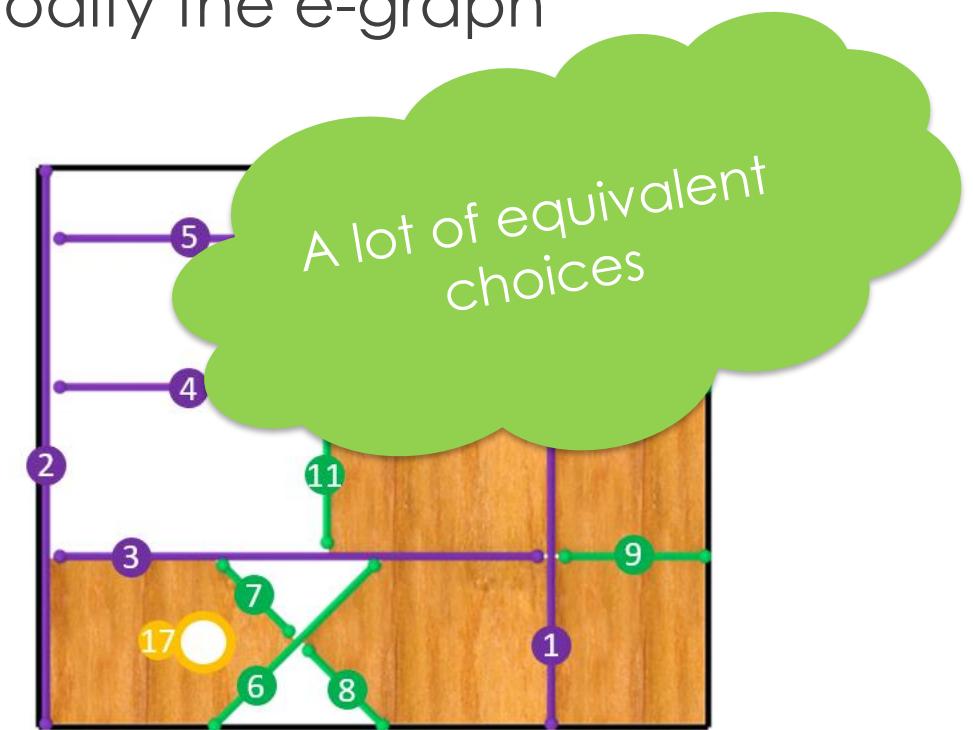
# Challenges of E-Graphs for Carpentry Compiler



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2. Rewrite rules
- ❖ A geometric method to populate and modify the e-graph



1: Pack pieces onto stocks

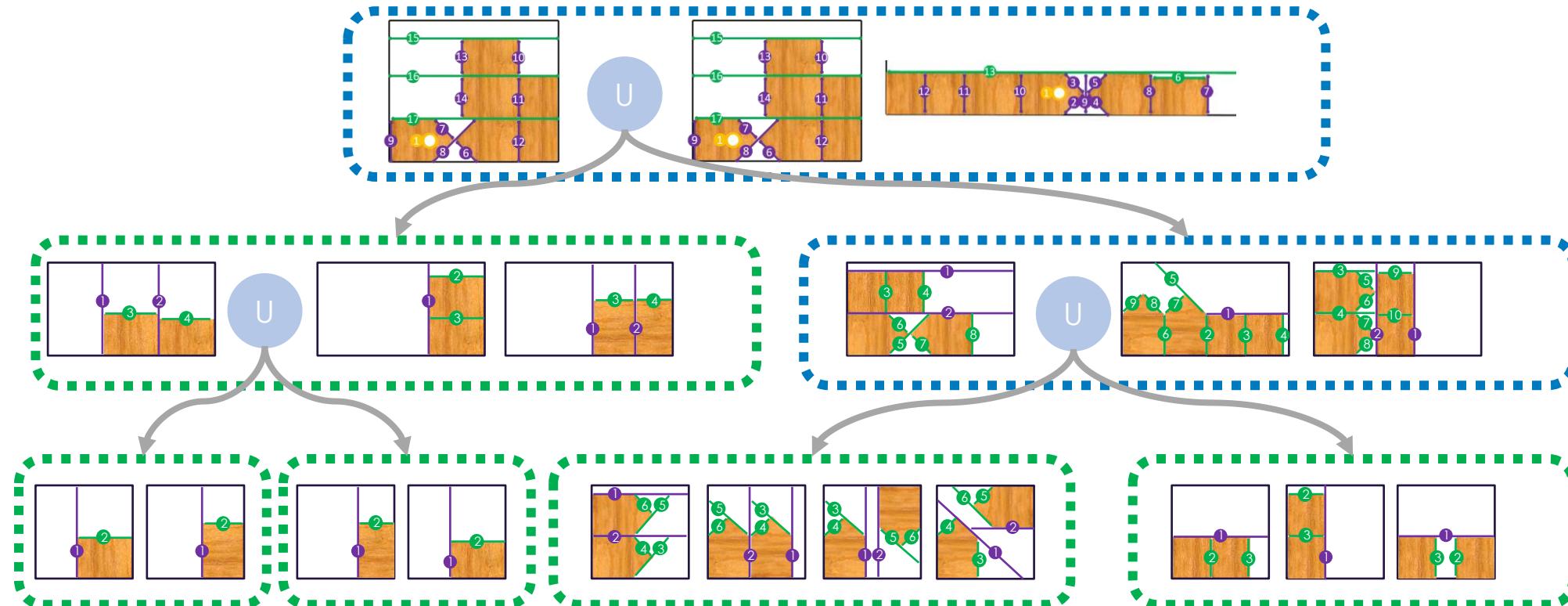


2: Define Cuts Tools/Orders on Stock

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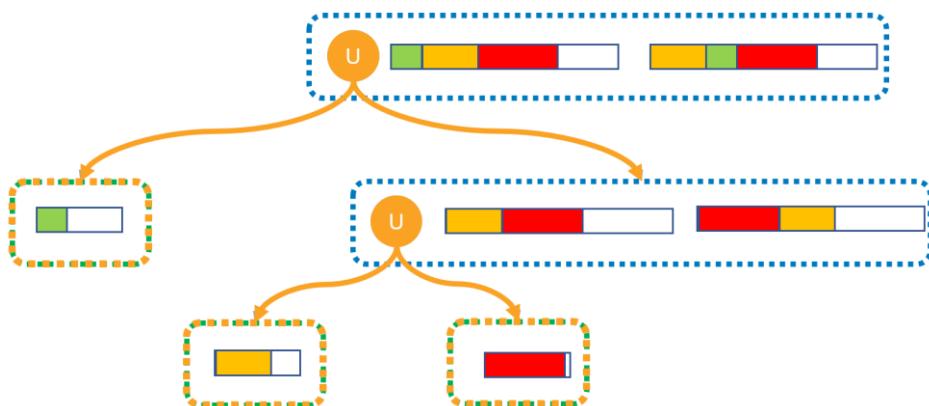
# Challenges of HELM Compiler

1. Long sequence of interdependent steps
  - need a data structure
- ❖ Apply **E-Graphs** to this carpentry domain. 
2. Multiple (conflicting) fabrication costs
  - multi-objective optimization
  - extract the optimal solution from E-graph

# Extract the optimal solution from E-graph

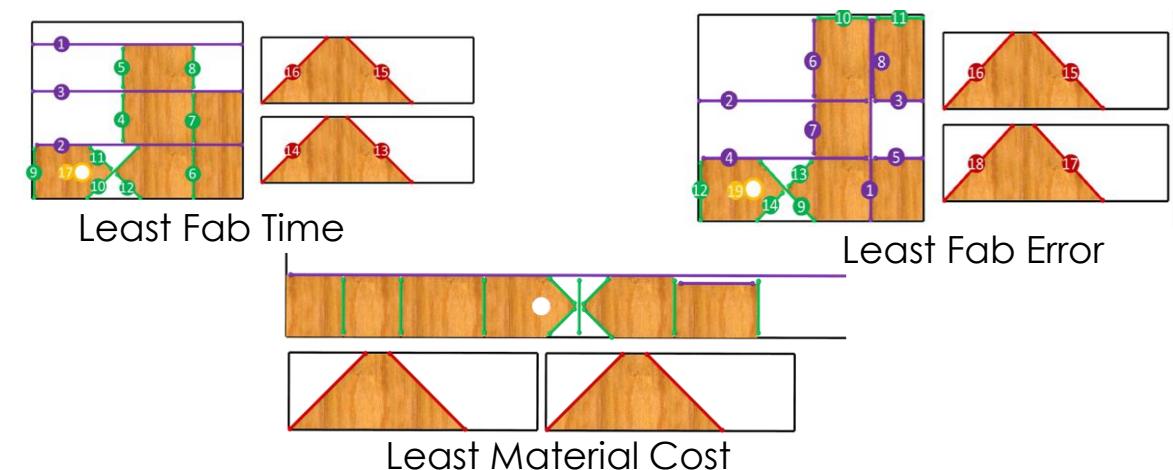
Single objective:

- ❖ Running time or Memory cost



Multiple objectives:

- ❖ Material cost
- ❖ Fabrication time
- ❖ Precision



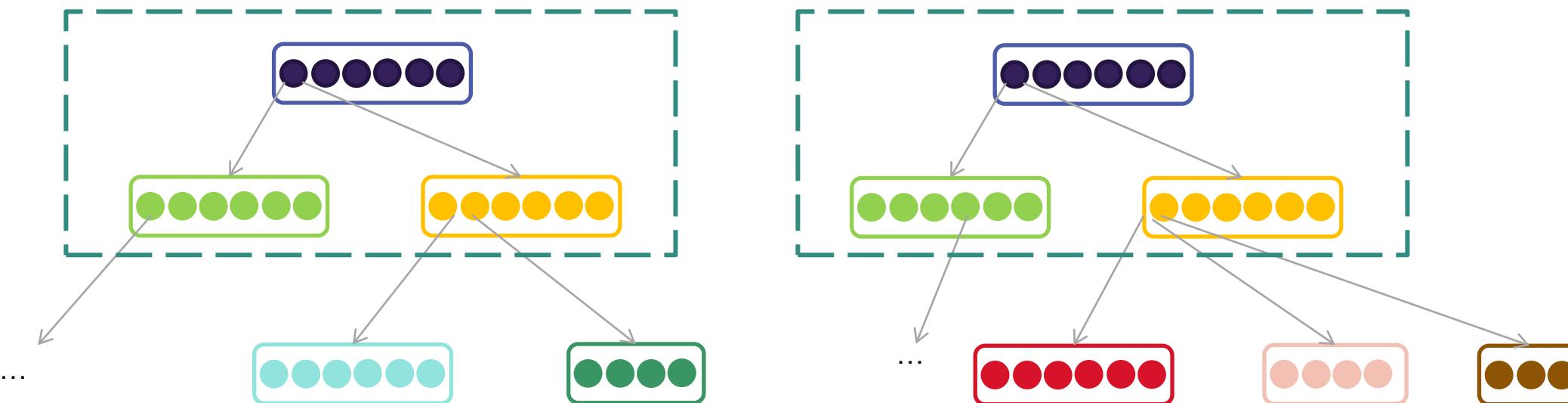
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- ❖ Genetic algorithm for multi-objective optimization in the E-Graphs

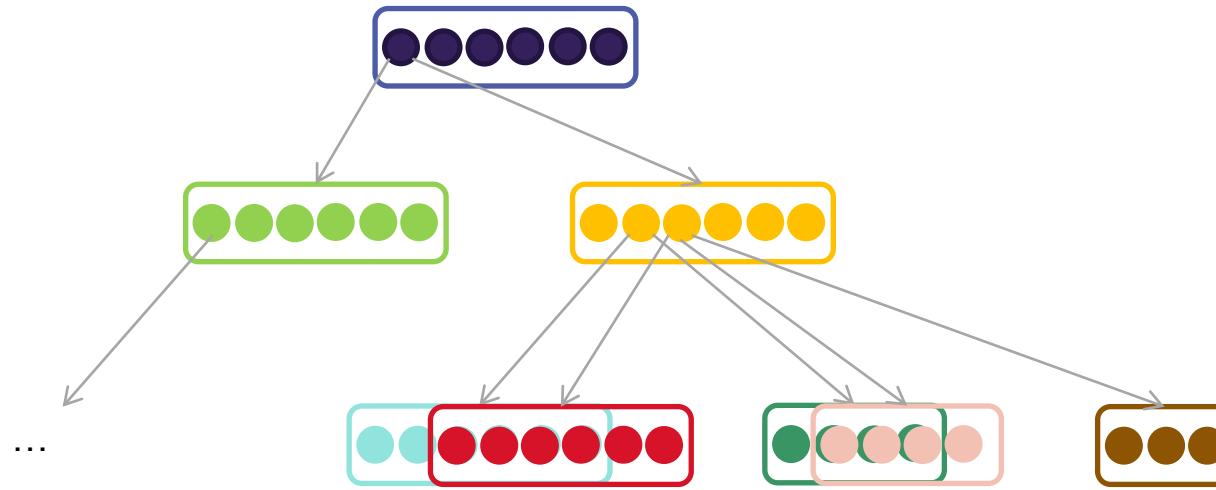
## Cross-over



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## Mutation



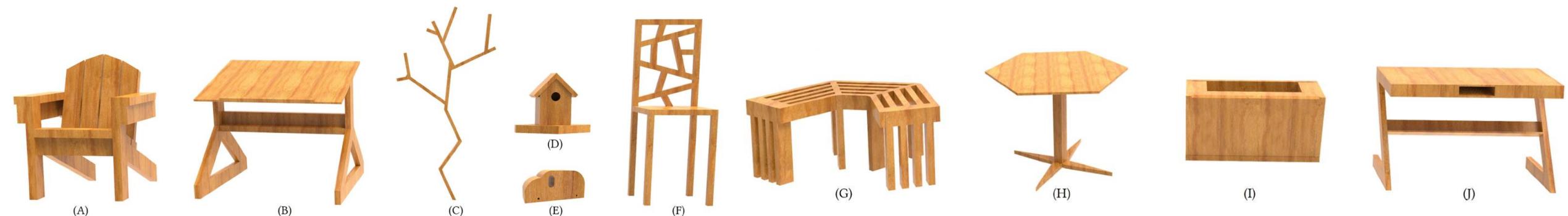
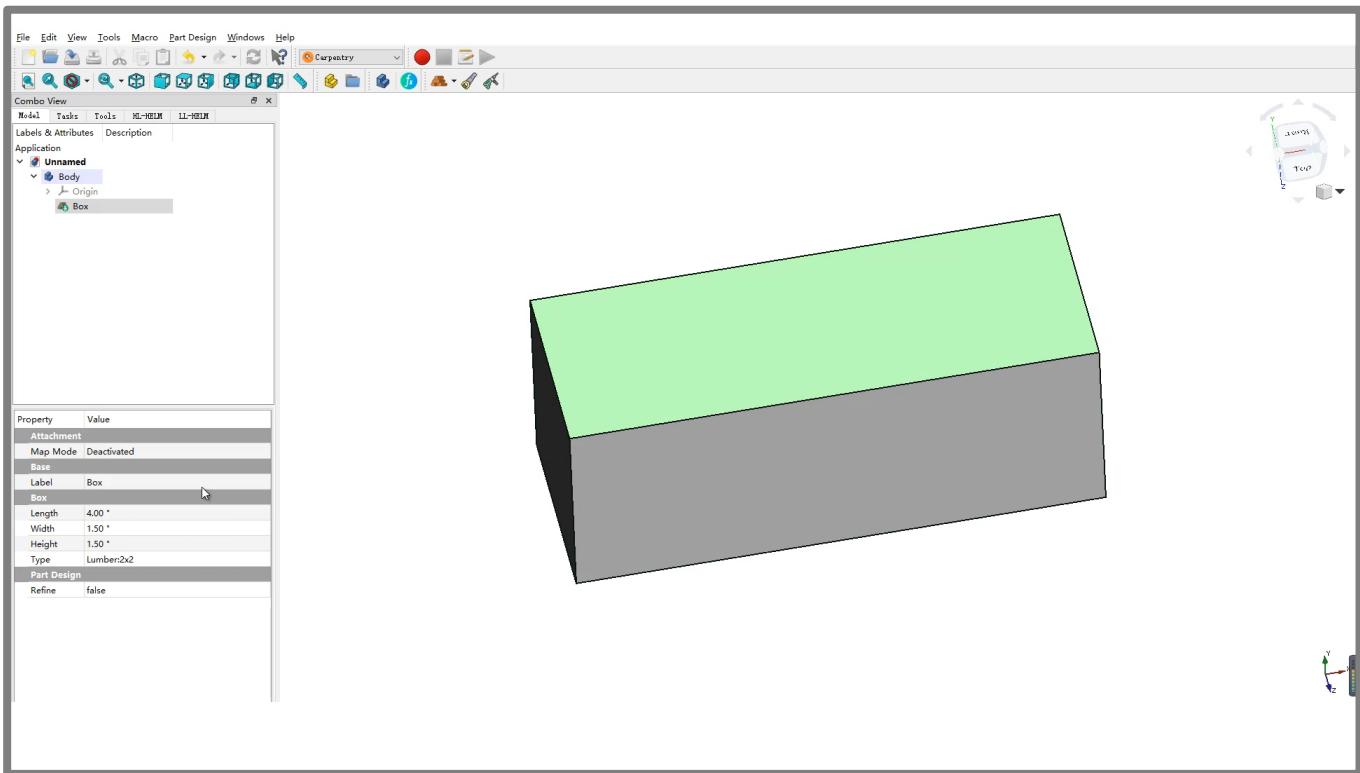
Randomly expand e-graphs

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- 
2. Multiple (conflicting) fabrication costs
    - multi-objective optimization
    - extract the optimal solution from E-graph
  - ❖ **Genetic algorithm** for multi-objective optimization 

# Results

# Design Results by Domain Experts

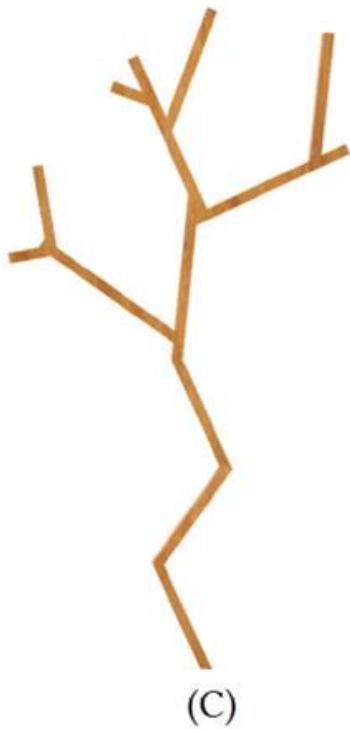




(A)



(B)



(C)



(D)



(E)



(F)



(G)



(H)



(I)

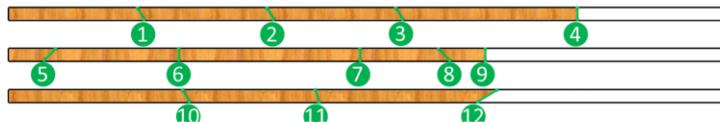


(J)

# Optimization Results – Expert Comparison



9.C: Bookcase



Material Cost: 3.0

Precision: 1.0

Fabrication Time: 9.5



9.I: Flowerpot



Material: 1.3

Precision: 1.06

Fabrication Time: 23.0

**Experts**



Bandsaw



Drill



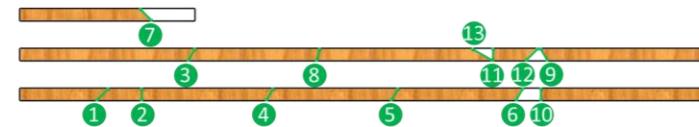
Tracksaw



Chopsaw



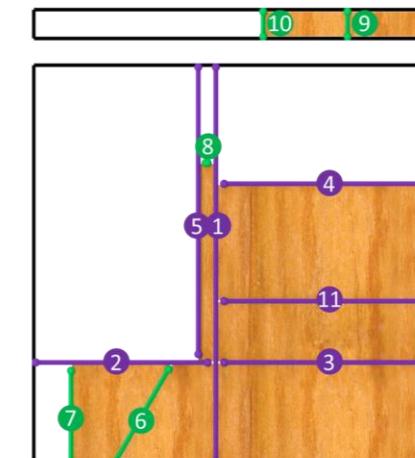
Jigsaw



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Precision: 1.0

Fabrication Time: 8.5



Material Cost: 1.3

Precision: 1.03

Fabrication Time: 22.5

**Our solution**

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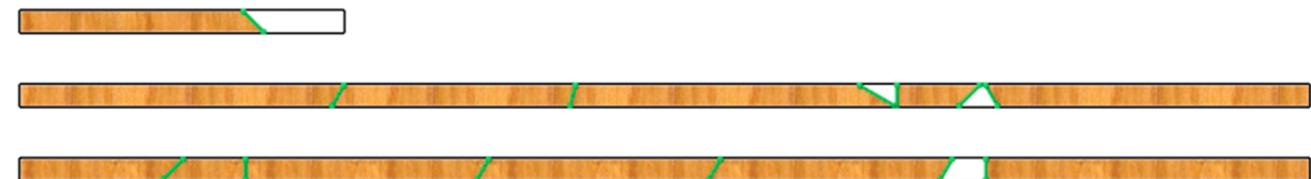
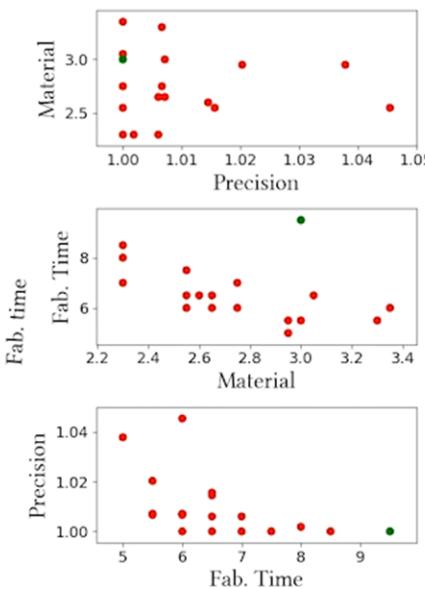
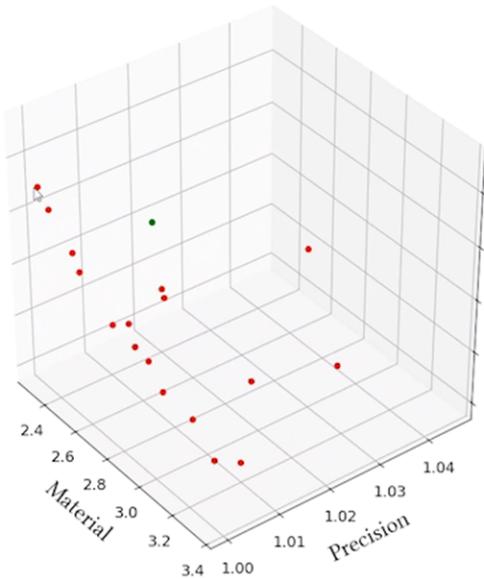
- ❖ A tool that can be used for **non-experts**
- ❖ Help **expert carpenters** search this large combinatorial space



	Experts			Ours		
	Mat. Cost	Precision	Fab. Time	Mat. Cost	Precision	Fab. Time
Adirondack chair	4.0	1.05	6.5	<b>3.85</b>	<b>1.02</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Drafting Table	9.8	1.29	16	<b>9.05</b>	<b>1.17</b>	<b>16</b>
Book case	3.0	1.0	9.5	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>8.5</b>
Bird house	2.7	1.57	32	<b>2.7</b>	<b>1.57</b>	<b>31.5</b>
Dining room chair	4.3	1.06	13.5	<b>3.75</b>	<b>1.02</b>	<b>10.5</b>
Bench	8.0	1.06	7	<b>5.3</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>10</b>
Coffee table	10.48	5.72	69.5	<b>10.43</b>	<b>5.06</b>	<b>54.5</b>
Flower pot	1.3	1.06	23	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>22.5</b>
Z-table	9.15	1.14	17	<b>9.05</b>	<b>1.09</b>	<b>16.5</b>

# Trade-off Exploration

- ❖ Return **multiple** solutions with different **trade-offs**
- ❖ Allow users to **interactive explore** the solution space



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Precision cost: 1.0  
Time cost: 8.5

# Physical Models

Bird house



Toy car

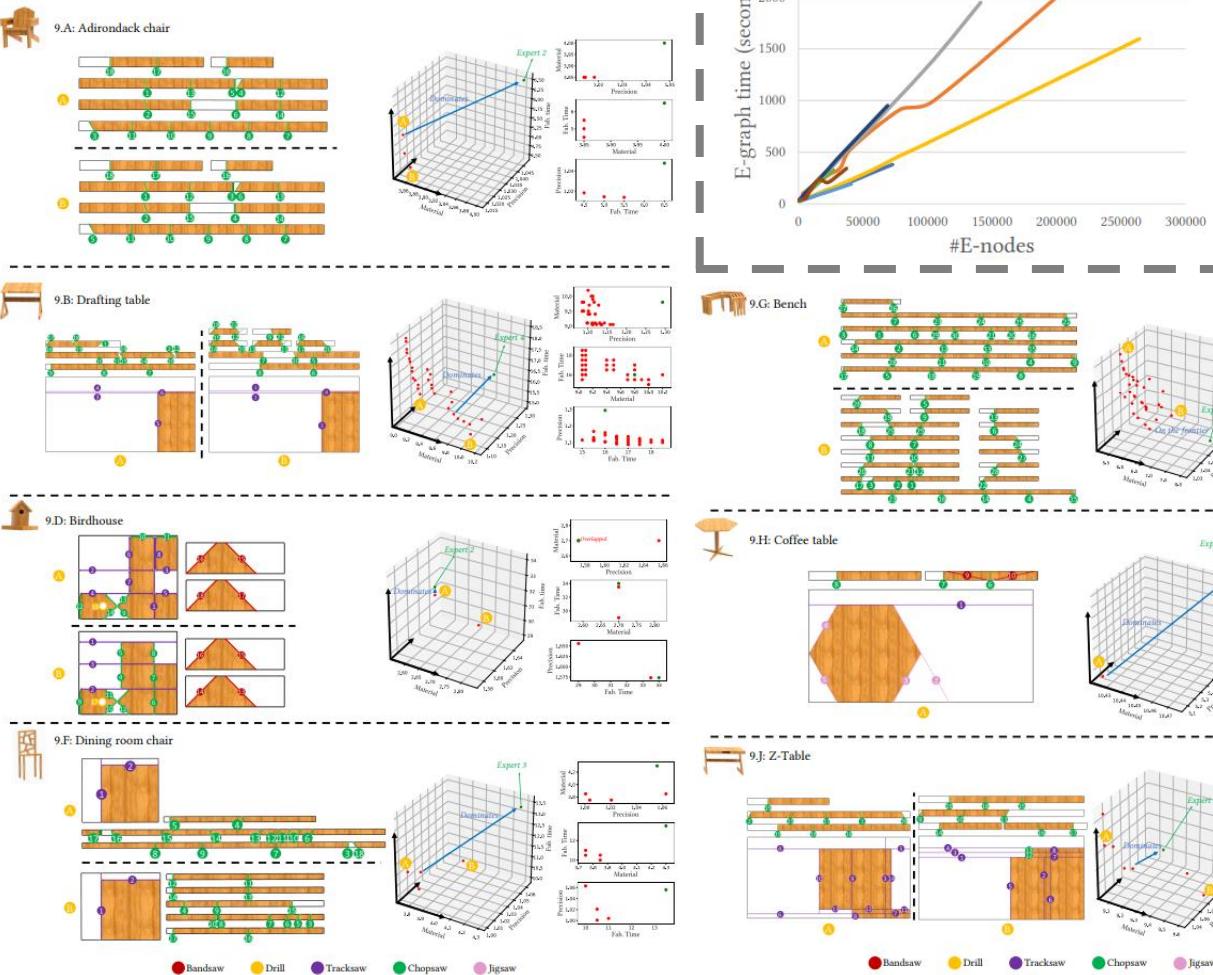


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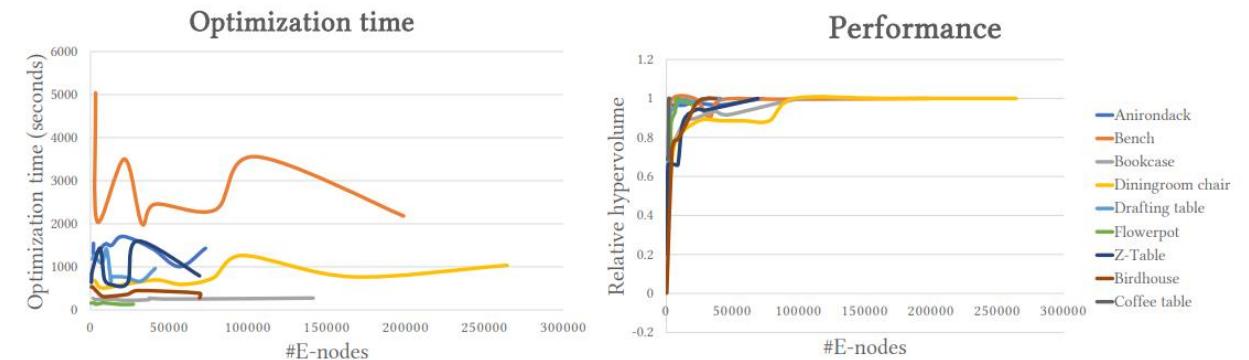


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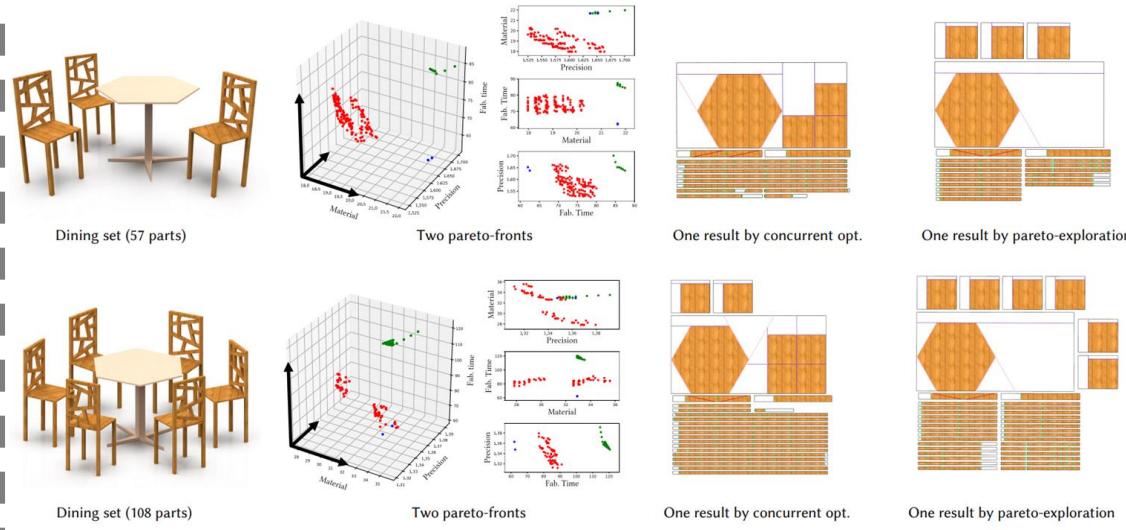
## Additional results



## Statistics



## Large scale tests



# Conclusion

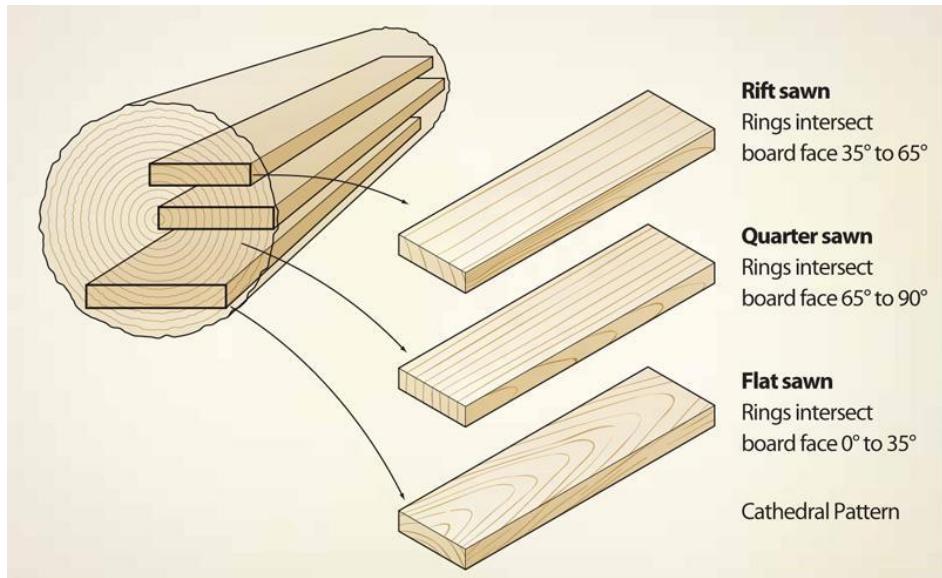
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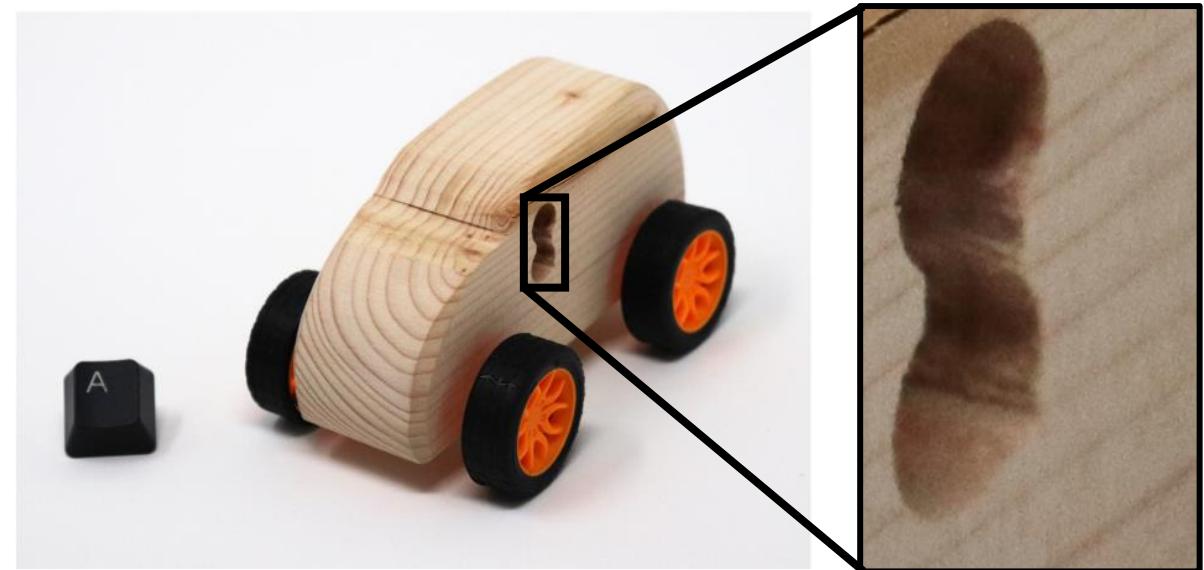


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Grain orientation



Fabrication uncertainty

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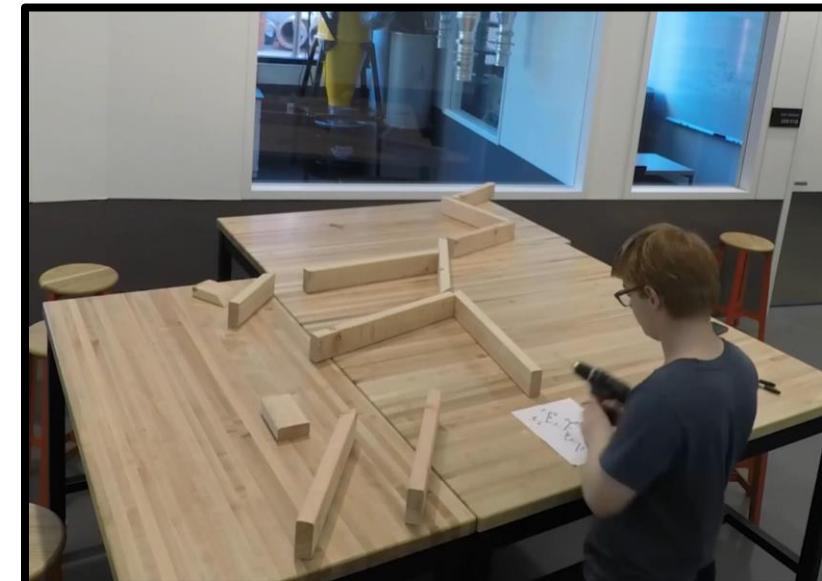
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Additive Manufacturing



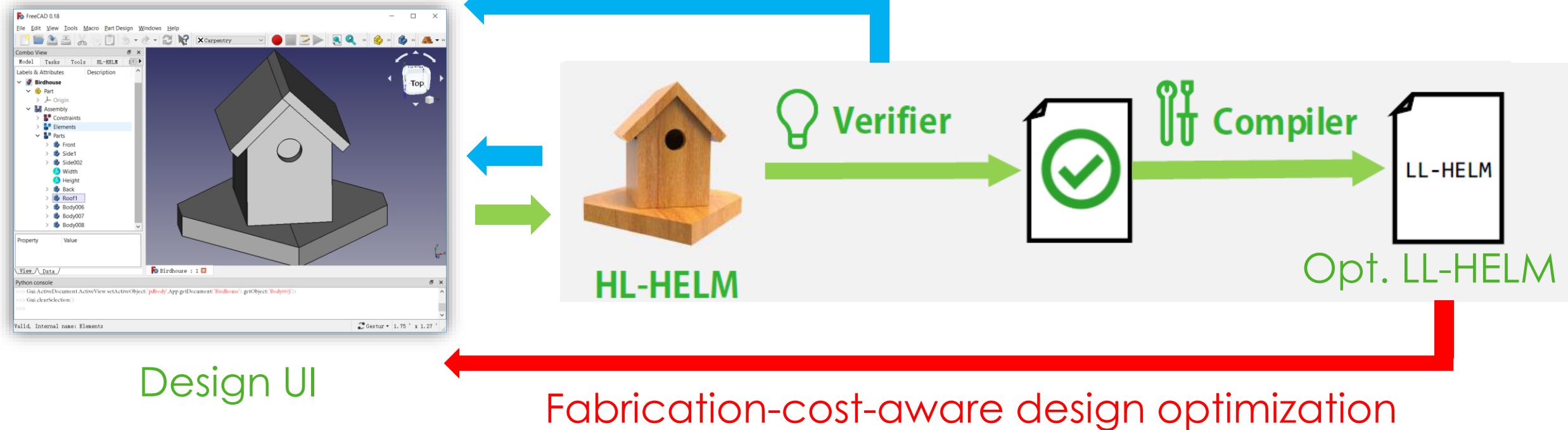
Subtractive Manufacturing



Assembly

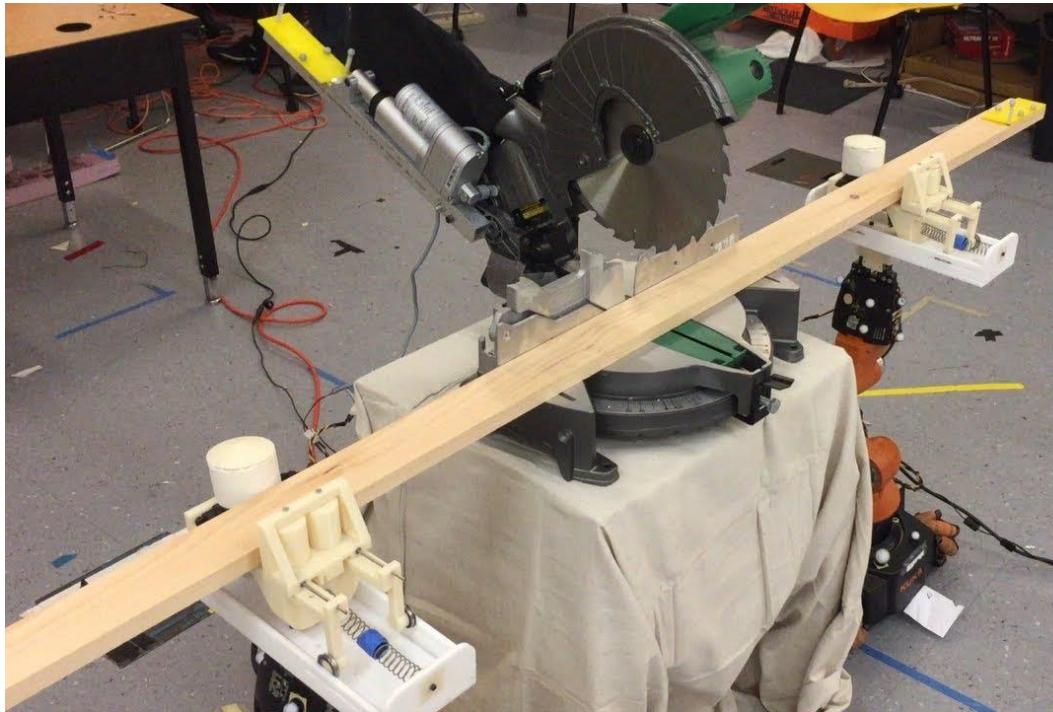
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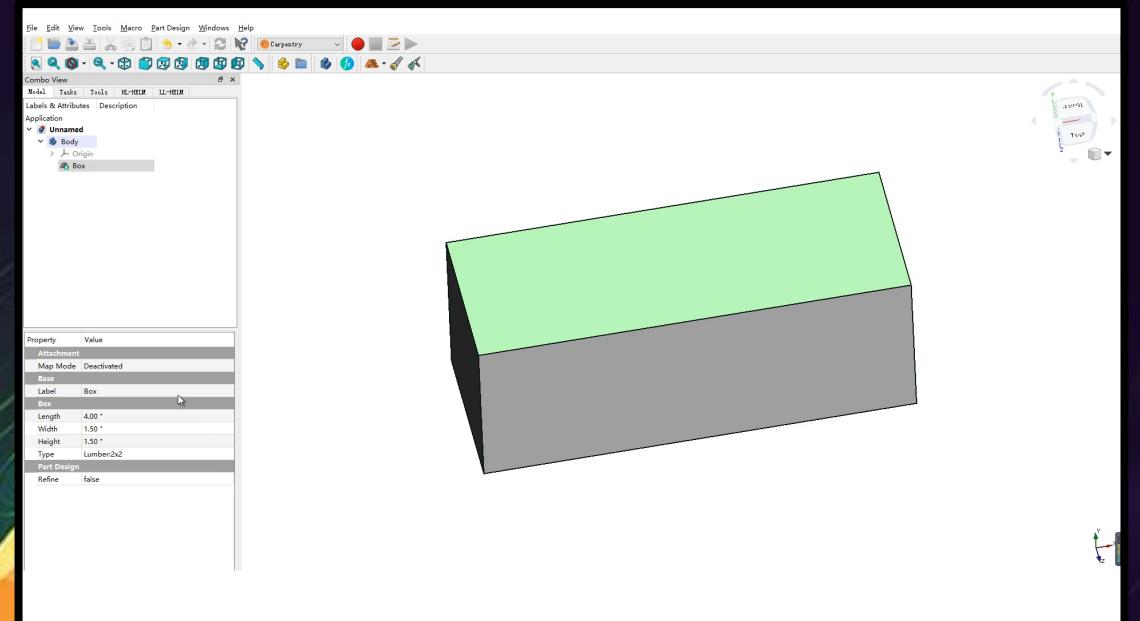


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