

# Flexible Transparency With Smart Materials

A study on adaptive thin glass façade developed with SMA



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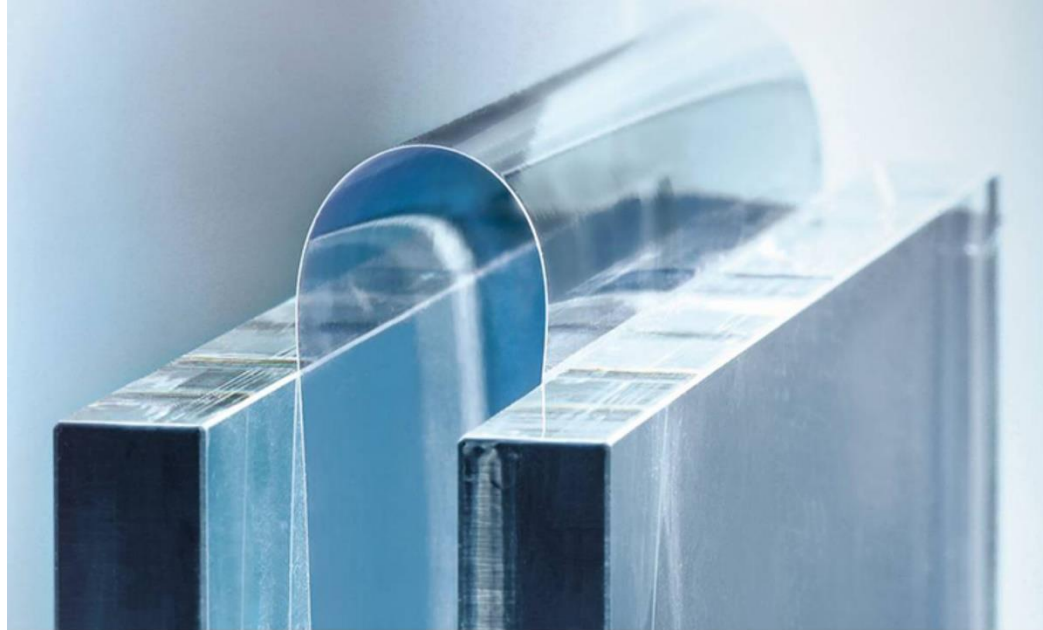
## Ultra-Thin Glass

Thin glass  $\rightarrow t < 2 \text{ mm}$

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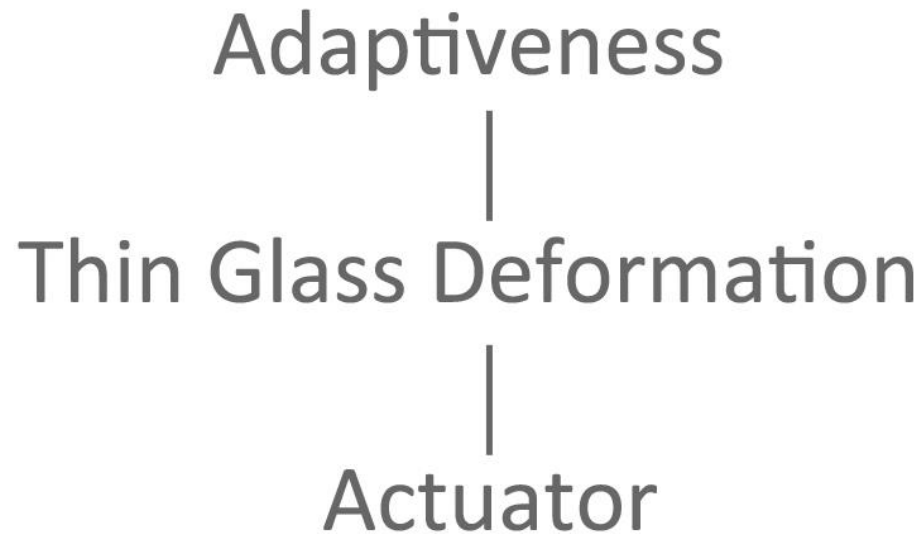


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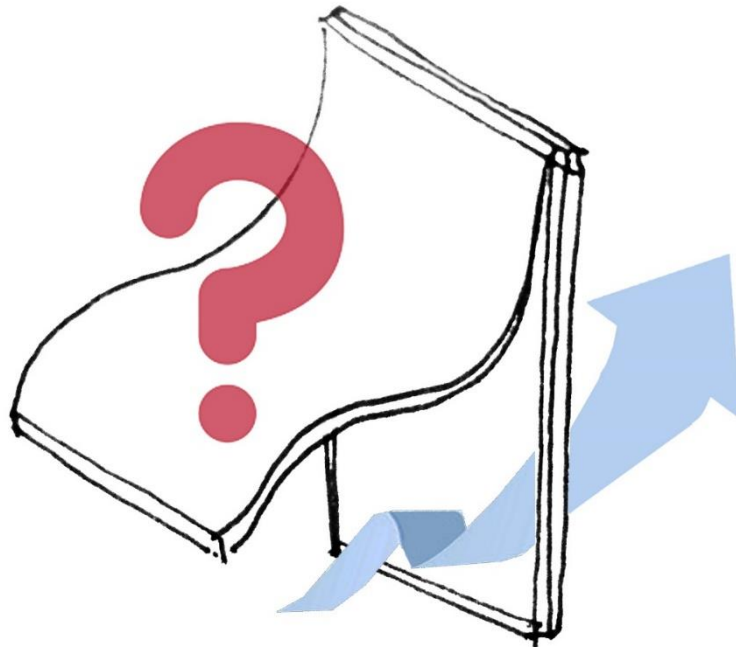


# Breathing Facade



# Research Question

How can a thin glass skin be applied as an adaptive façade developed by smart materials?



# Research Structure

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**Design Exploration**

**Material Analysis**

**Practical Feasibility**

**Case Study**

**Conclusion**



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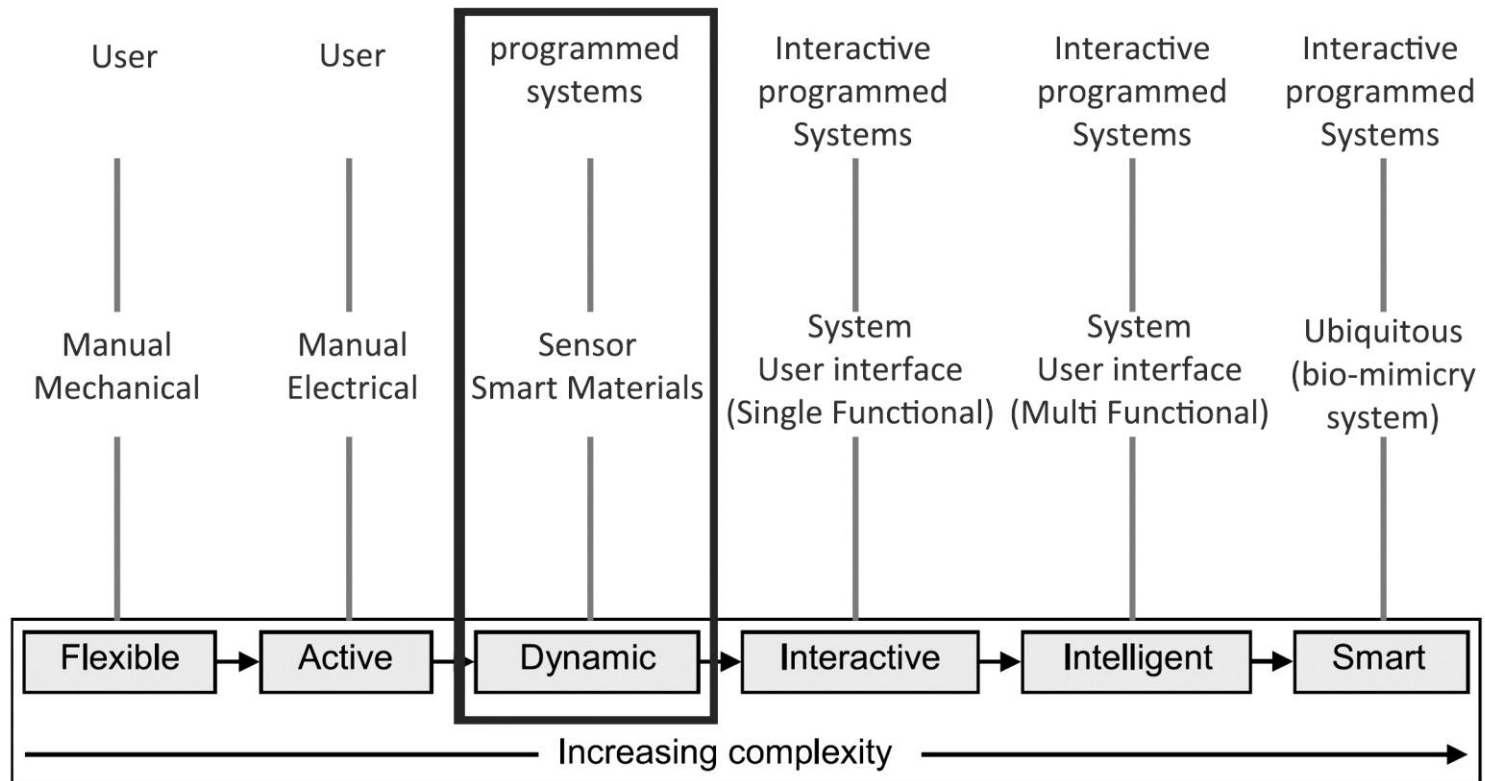
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# Breathing System



# Glass

## Regular | Thin Glass

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History

Chemical Composition

Material Properties

Production Techniques

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Online Production

Offline Production

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Mechanical Processing

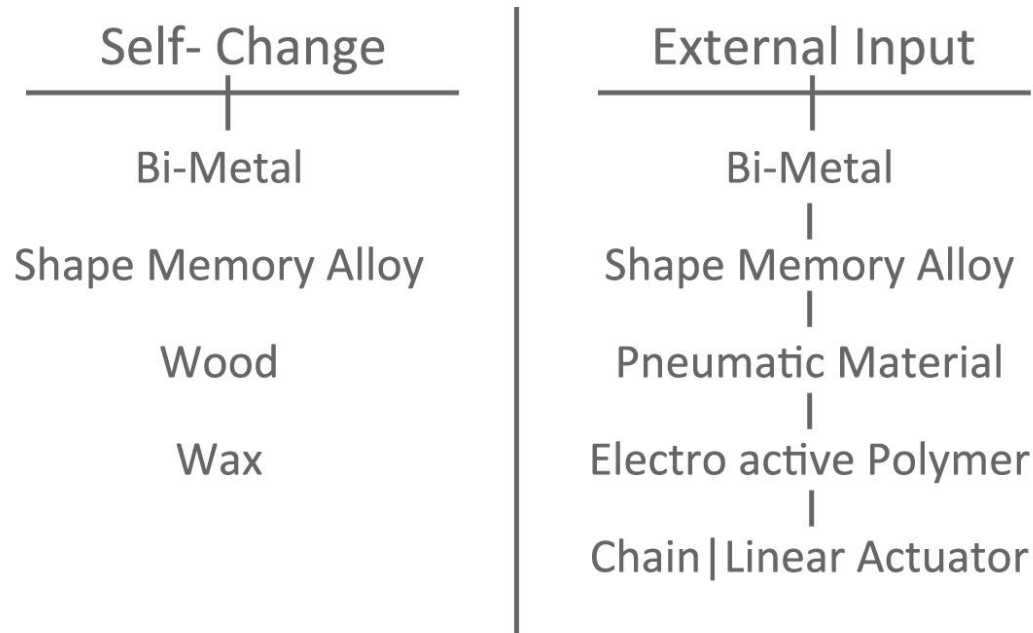
Pre-stressing of Glass

Lamination

Coating

Bending Glass

# Actuator System



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## BI-Metal



# Actuator System

## Shape Memory Alloy



# Actuator System

Wax



# Actuator System

Wood





# Actuator System

Pneumatic



# Actuator System

Linear | Chain Actuator



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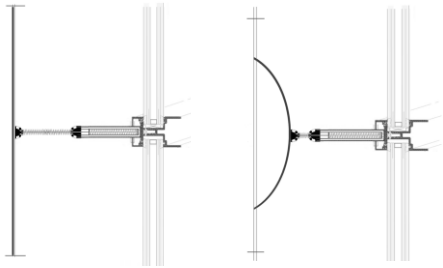
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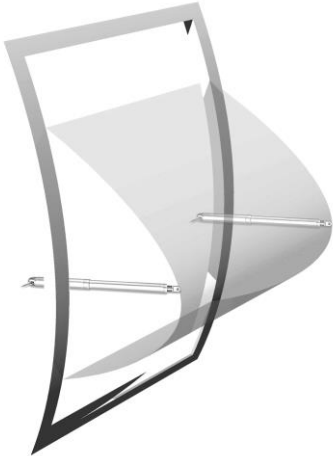
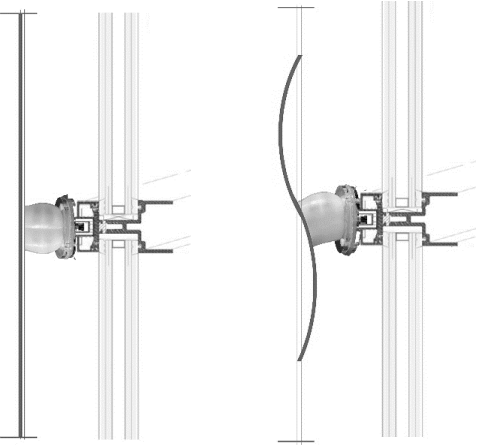
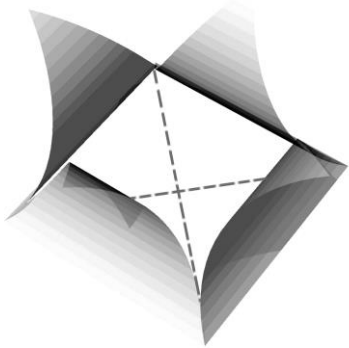
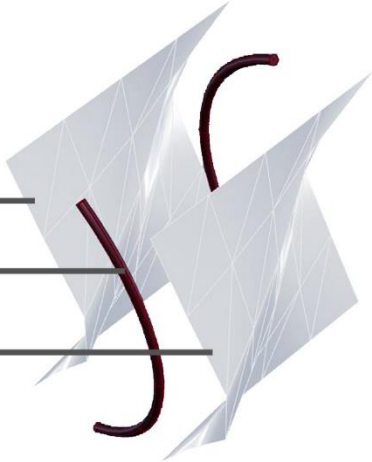
# Design Ideas



Interior Thin glazing

SMA

Exterior Thin glazing



# Selected Actuator System

BIMetal +Electricity	SMA +Electricity	Wax	PLYwood	Electro Linear	EAP	Pneumatic
Expensive	High Actuation Force	Cheap	Low Actuation Force	Cheap	Expensive	Expensive
Low Actuation Force	Corrosion Resistant	Slow	Fragile	Old Technology	Fragile	Corrosion Resistant
High-Tech	High-Tech	Old Technology			Low Actuation Force	High-Tech
	Fast					Need Compressor
						High Actuation Force
						Fast

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# SMA Behavior

Super Elasticity



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Super Elasticity  
Shape Memory Effect

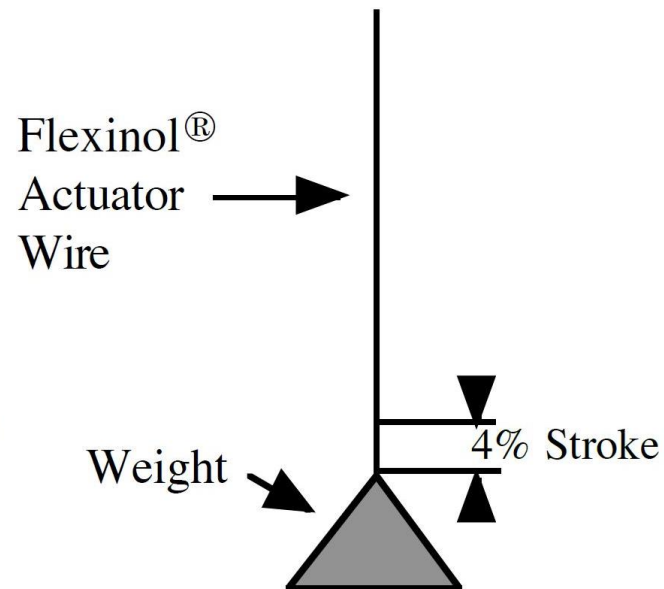




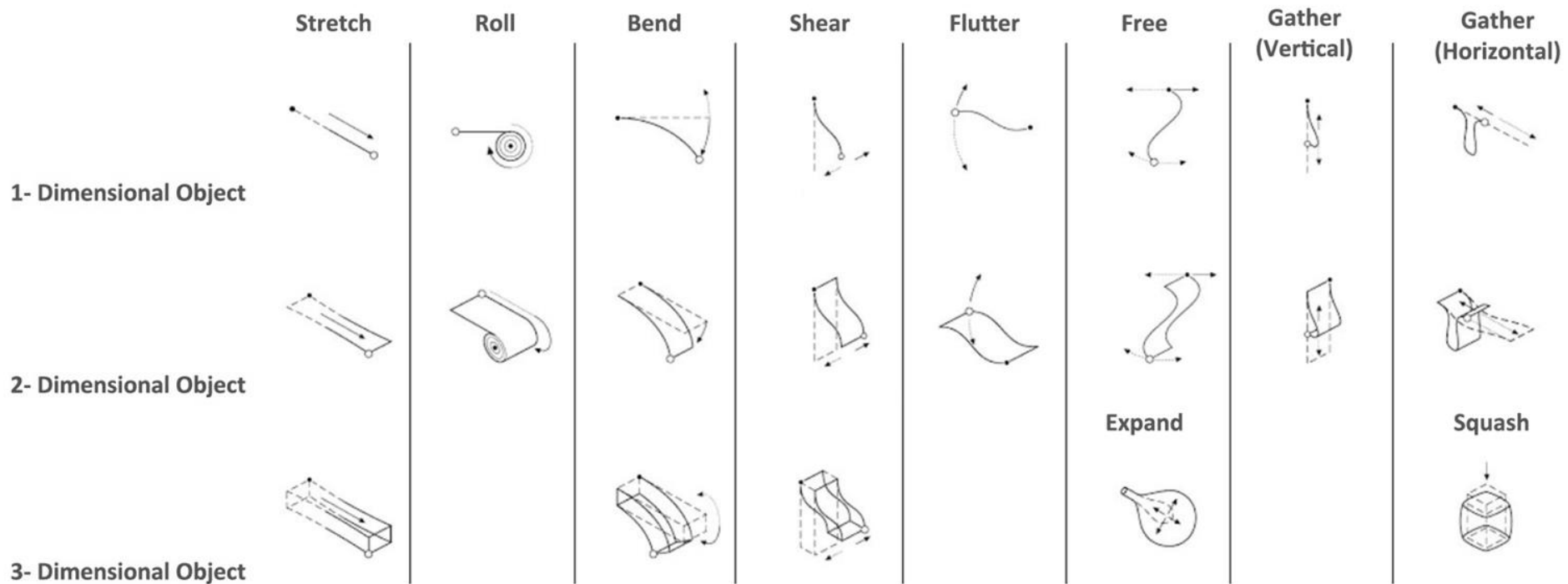
# SMA Selection

## Flexinol

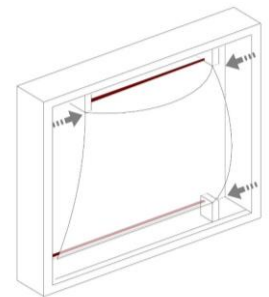
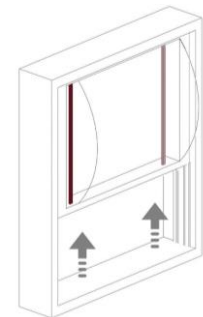
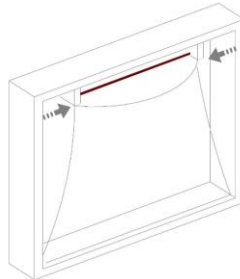
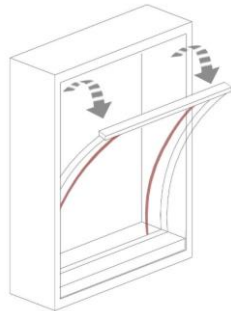
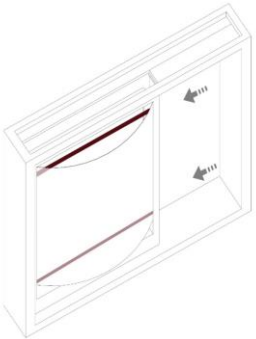
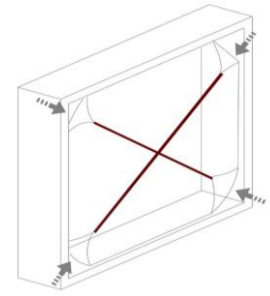
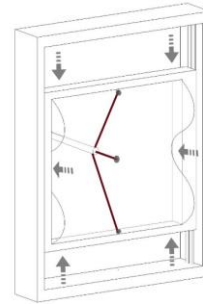
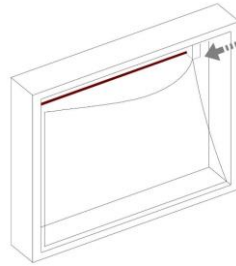
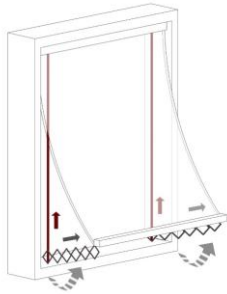
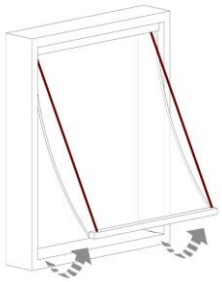
3-5 % stroke  
Need no training  
Linear Motion



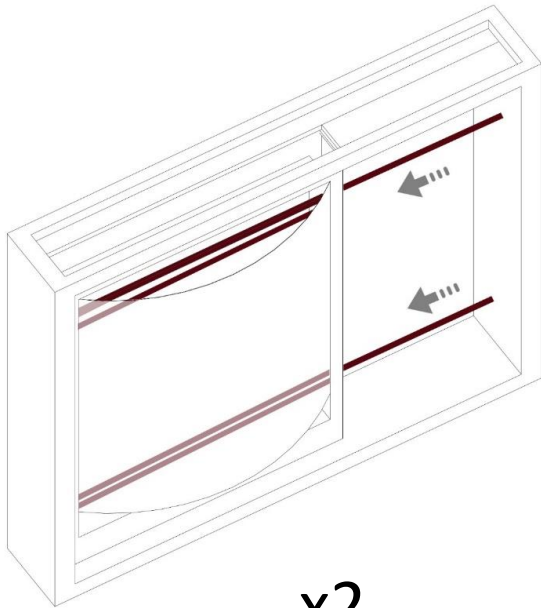
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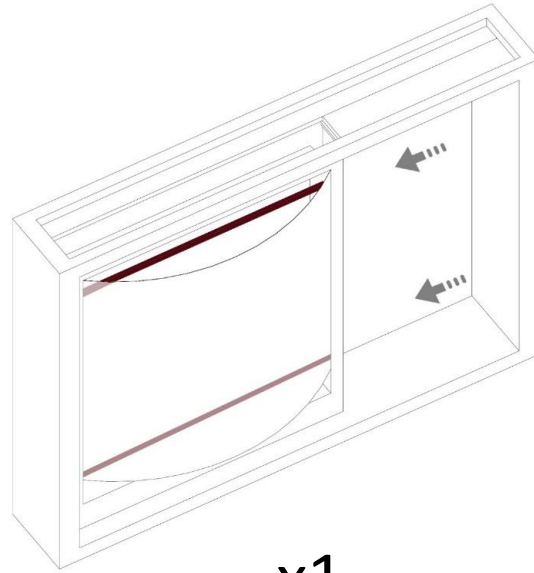
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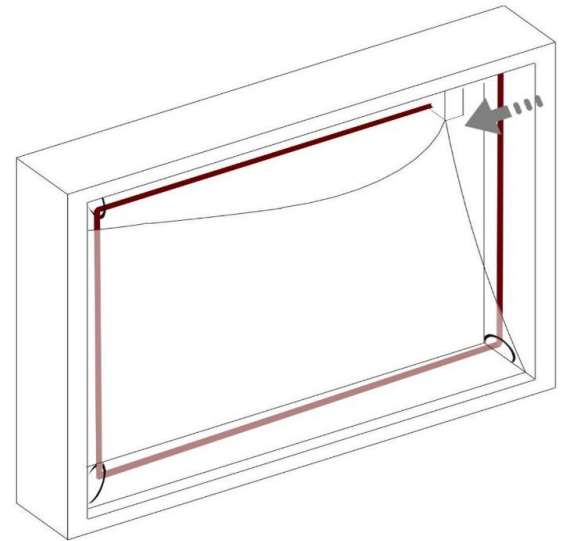
# Stroke



x2



x1



x4

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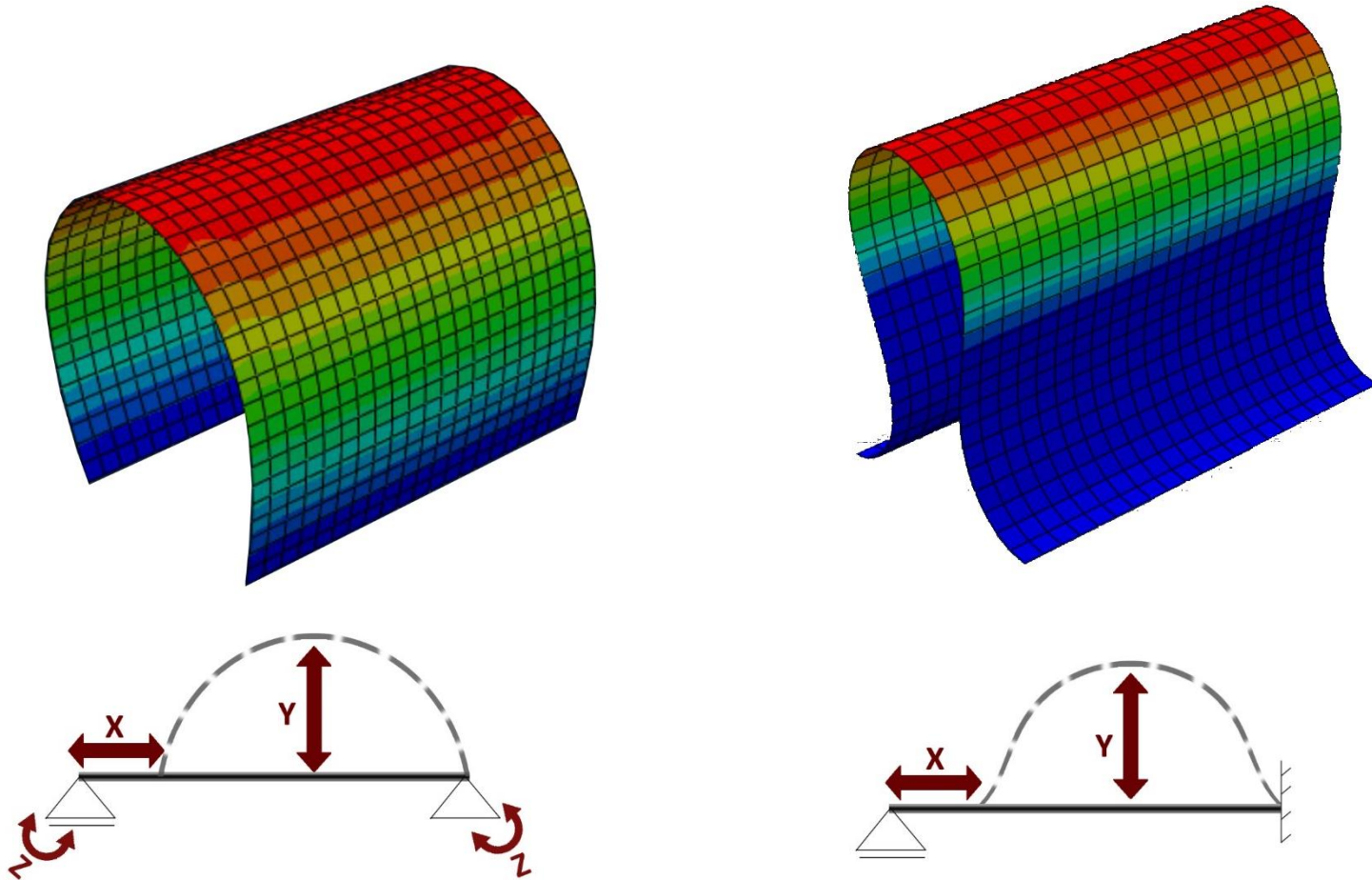
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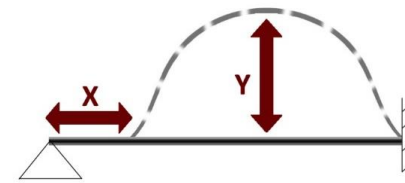
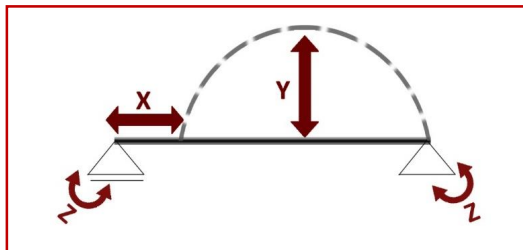
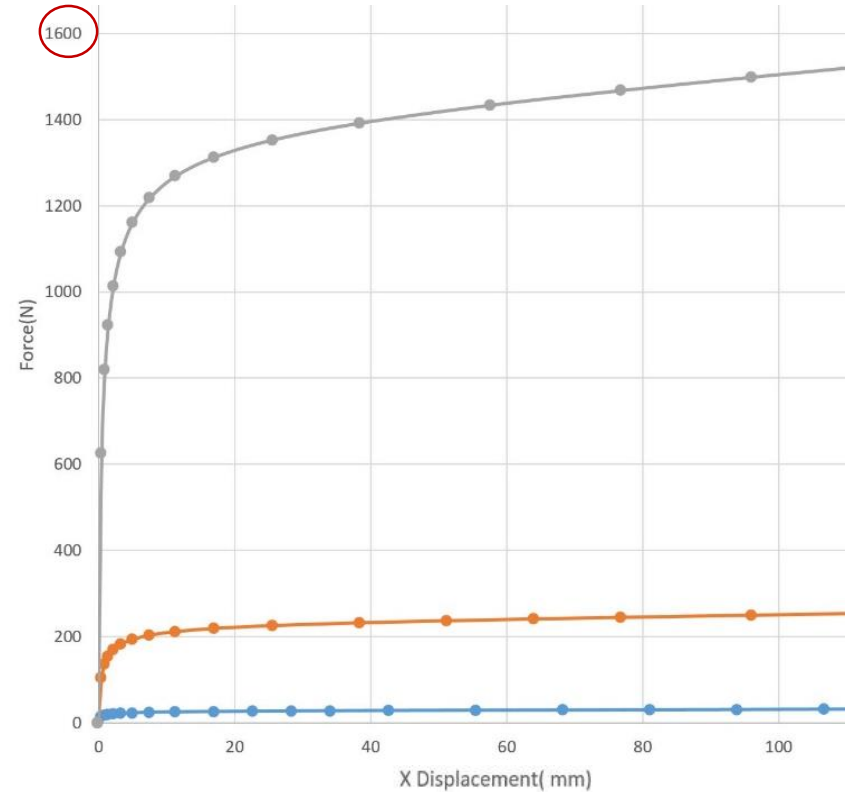
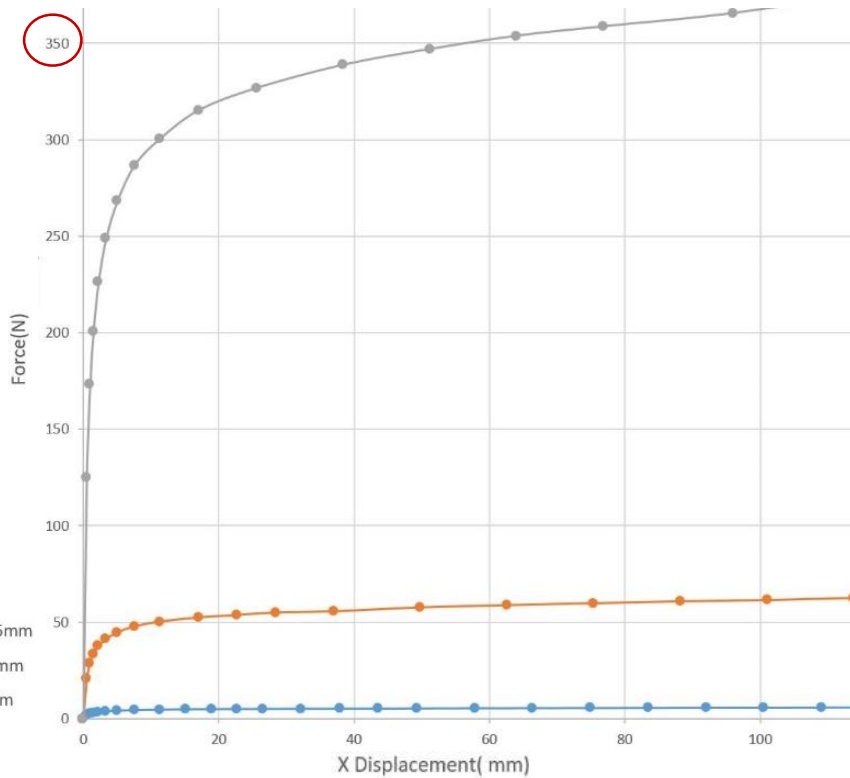
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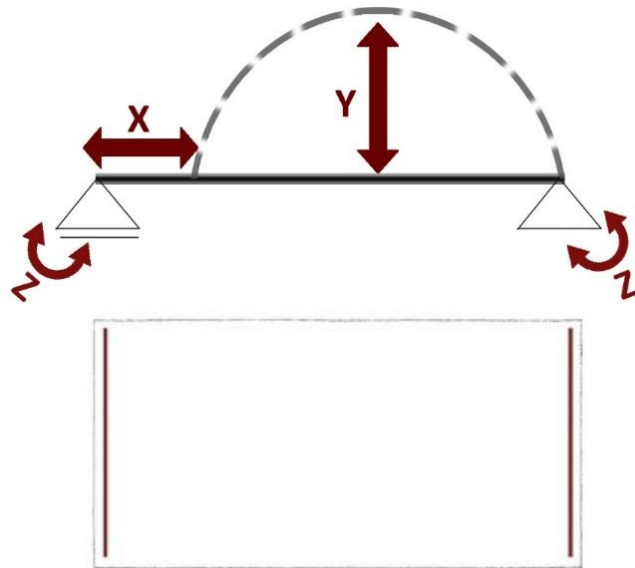
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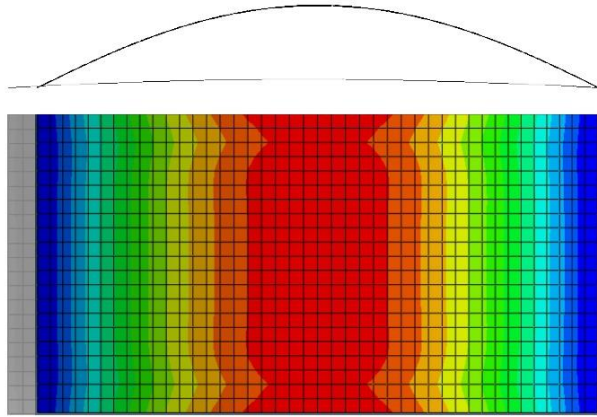


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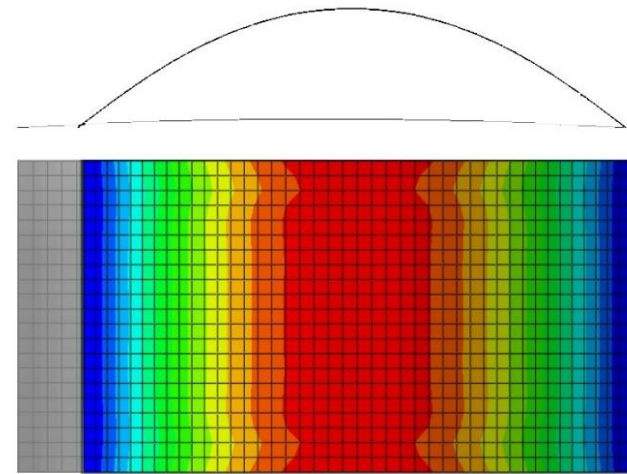


<b>Length:</b>	710 mm
<b>Width:</b>	360 mm
<b>Thickness:</b>	1.1 mm
<b>Initial Bending:</b>	10 mm

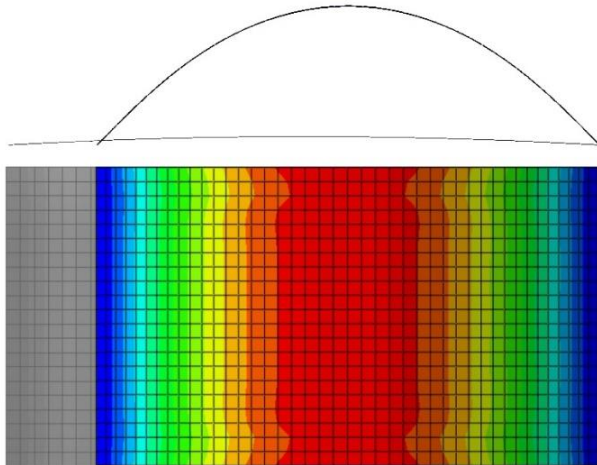




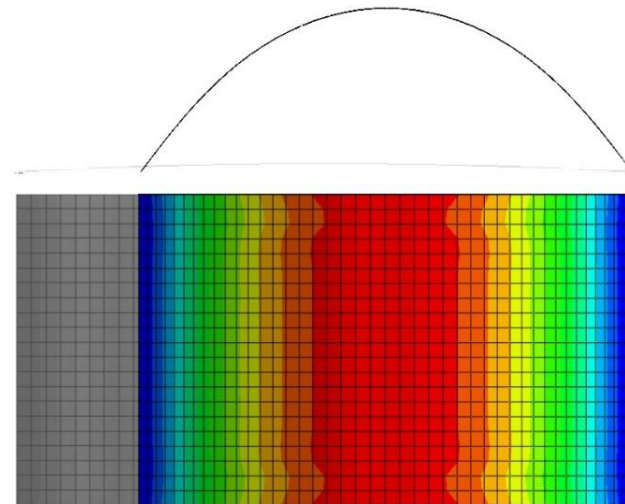
**Stroke:** 35 mm  
**U2:** 89 mm  
**Max. Principal stress top layer:** 77 Mpa  
**Force:** 55.5 N  
**No. Wires:** 2  
**Length of Wire:** 710 mm



**Stroke:** 71 mm  
**U2:** 120 mm  
**Max. Principal stress top layer:** 114 Mpa  
**Force:** 59 N  
**No. Wires:** 2  
**Length of Wire:** 1420 mm

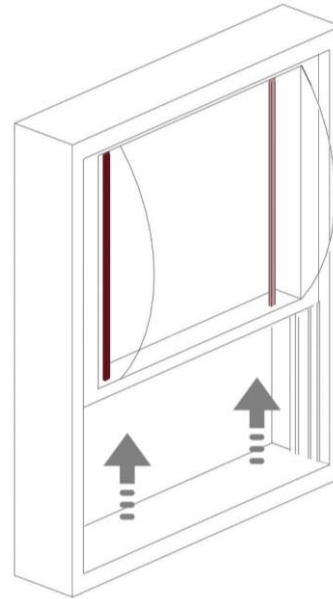


**Stroke:** 106.5 mm  
**U2:** 150 mm  
**Max. Principal stress top layer:** 143 Mpa  
**Force:** 61.5 N  
**No. Wires:** 2  
**Length of Wire:** 2130 mm



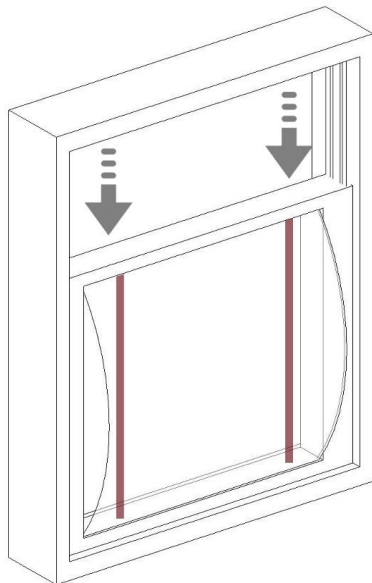
**Stroke:** 142 mm  
**U2:** 181 mm  
**Max. Principal stress top layer:** 168 Mpa  
**Force:** 64.5 N  
**No. Wires:** 2  
**Length of Wire:** 2840 mm

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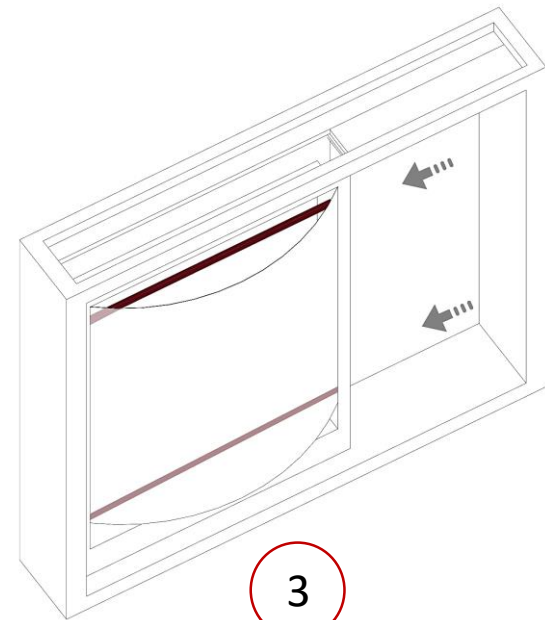
$$F_{\text{total}} = F_{\text{displacement}} + W_{\text{glass}}$$

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$$F_{\text{total}} = F_{\text{displacement}}$$

2



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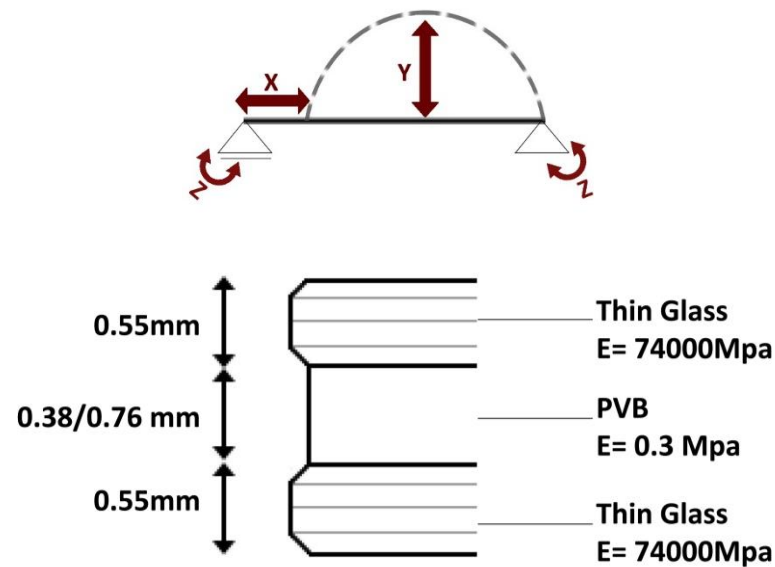
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## Lamination

PVB Type No.	Young's Modulus E [MPa]	Shear Modulus G [MPa]	PVB Type	Temperature [°C]	Load Duration
E1	2030	700	Trosifol Extra Stiff	10	3 sec
E2	1450	500	Trosifol Extra Stiff	10	5 min
E3	943	325	Other Stiff PVB	20	3 sec
E4	435	150	SentryGlas	20	1 d
E5	0.3	0.1	Trosifol PVB	30	1 mo

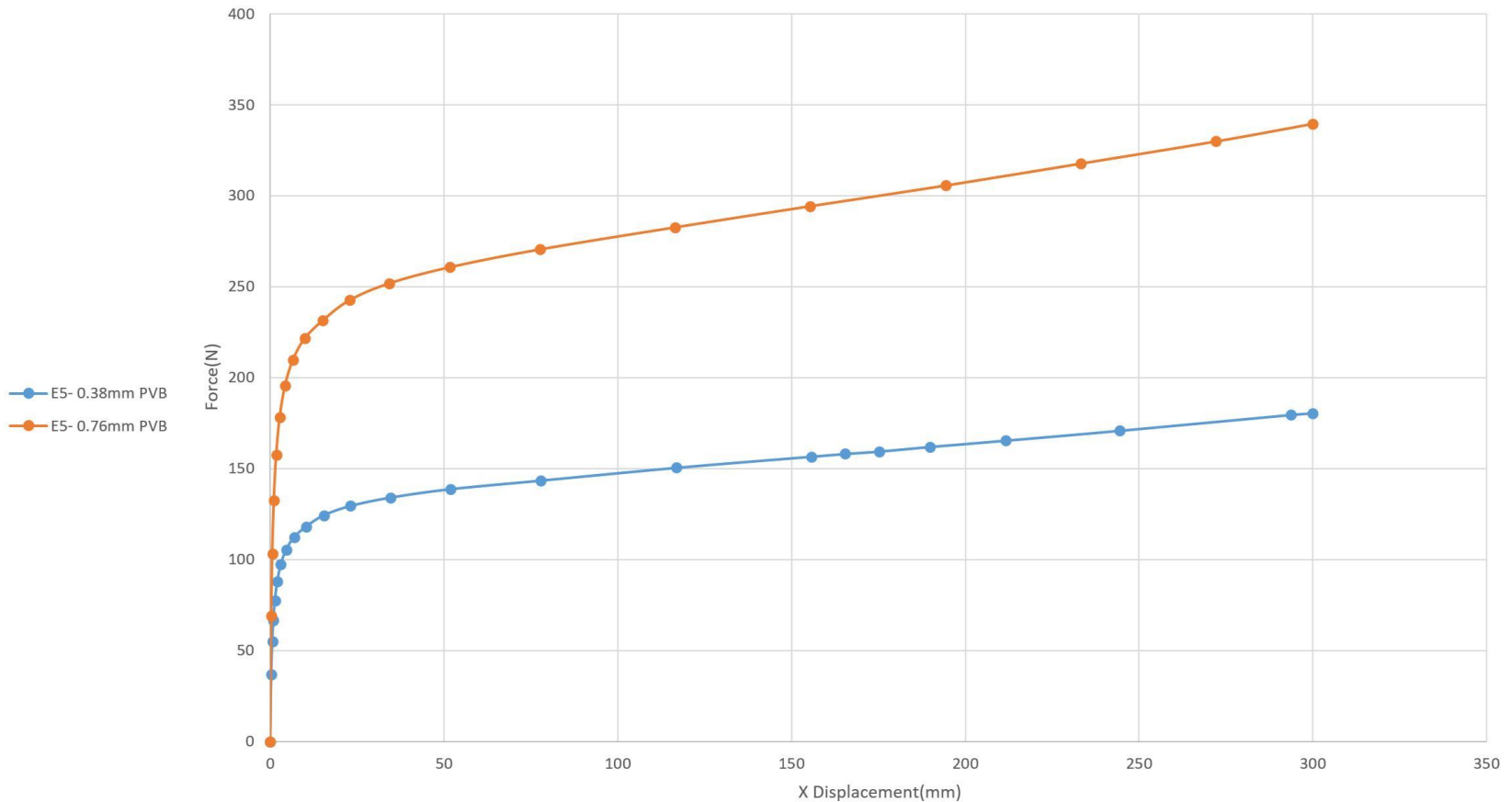
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# Electrical Analysis

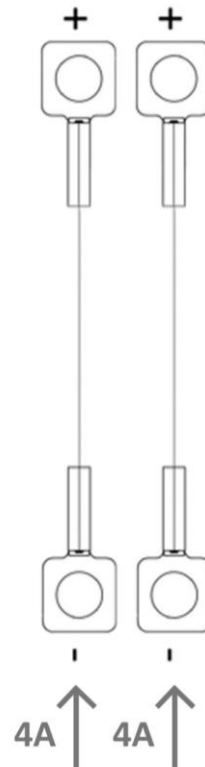
Recommended Current in one second: 4 A

Lower current:

Slower contraction

Higher power consumption

Chance of overheating



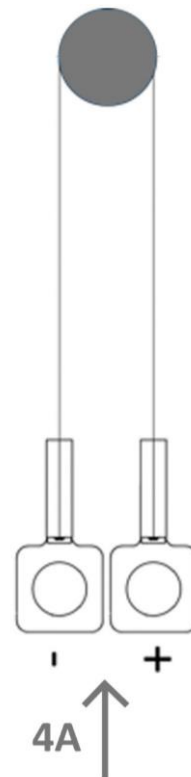
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Strategy for low Current

2x the effective pull force of the wire

2x the voltage requirement

the current requirement remains the same



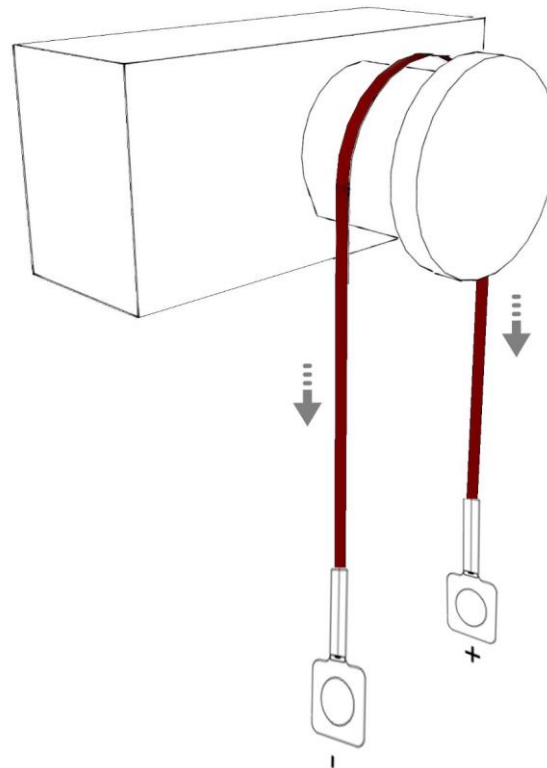
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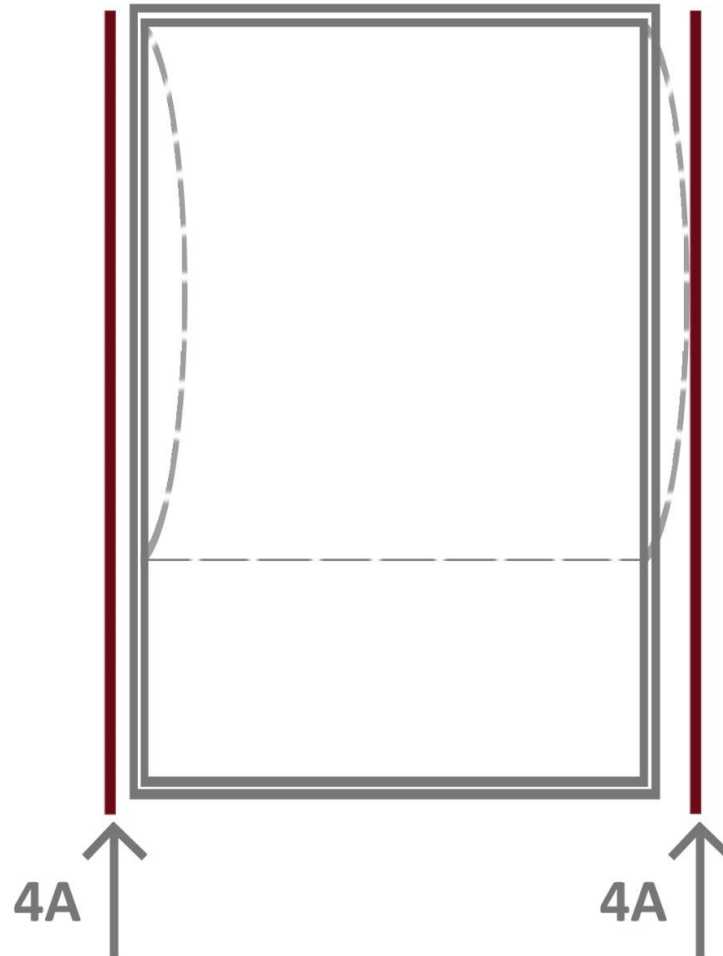
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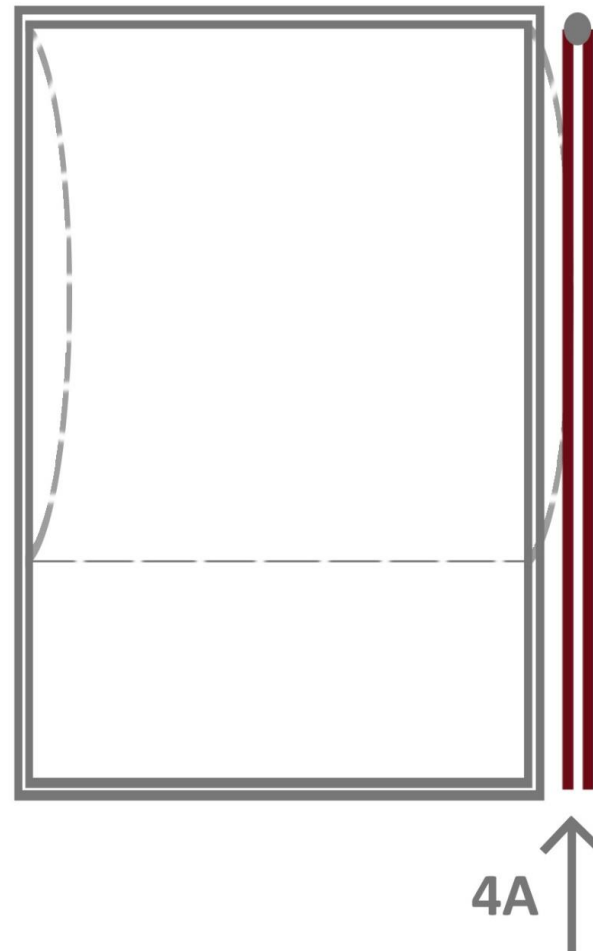




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# Experimental Setup

## Test 1- Stroke, Force



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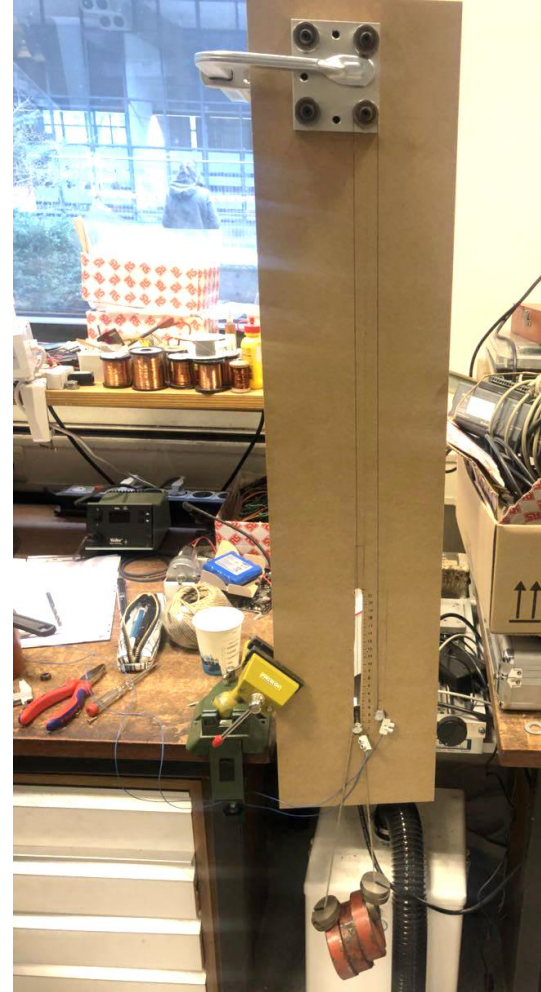
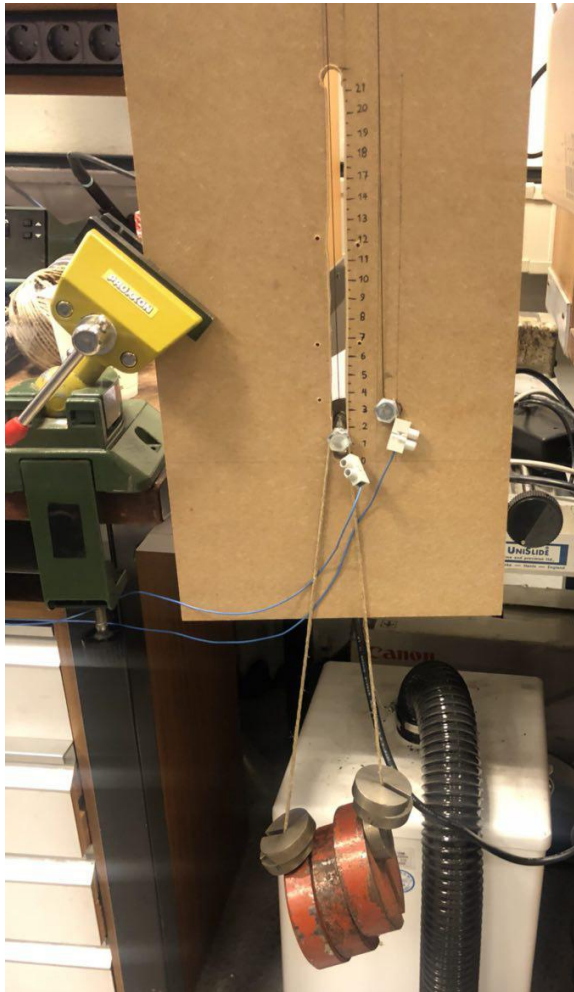
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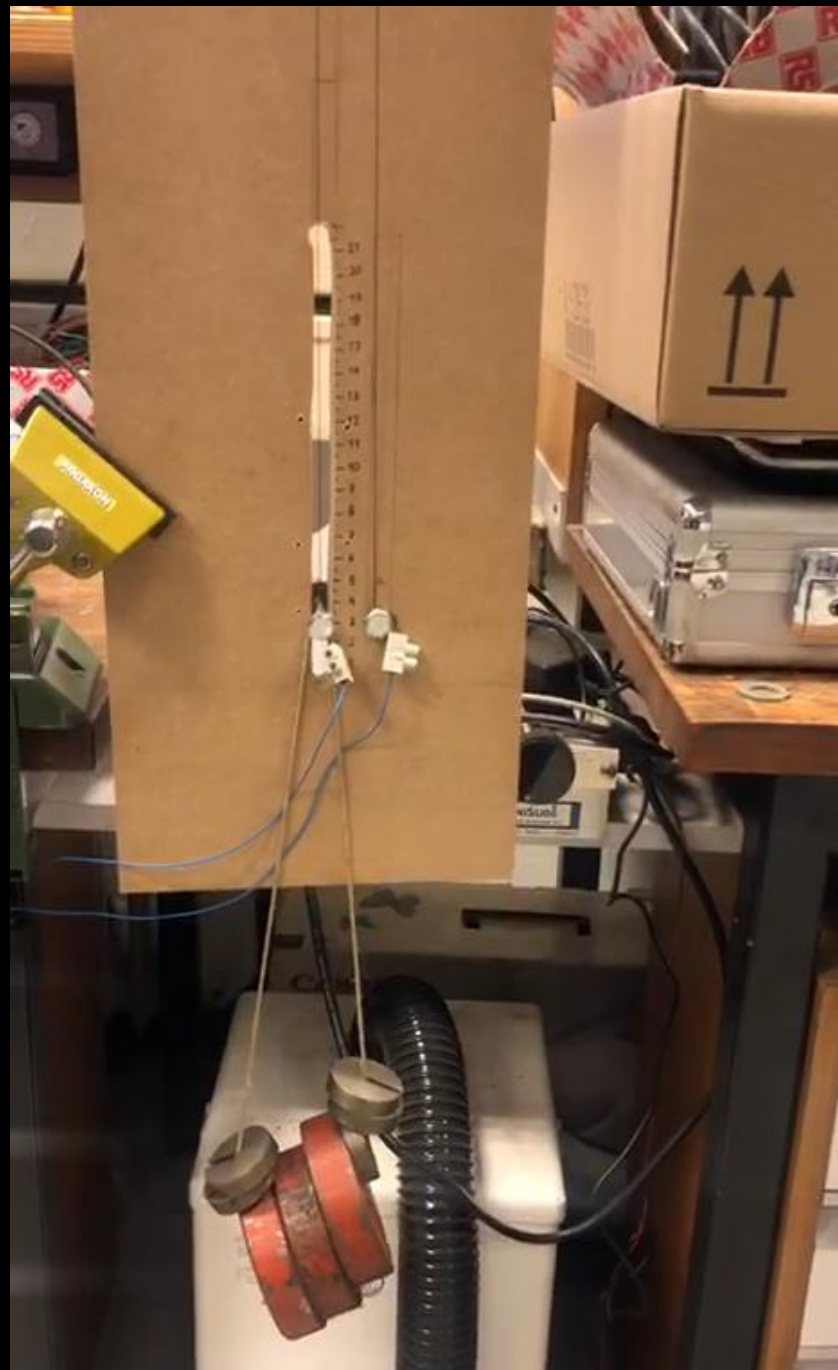
Current	Voltage	Performance
4	12	1 sec ✓✓✓
0.5	2	X
1.4	5.4	11 sec ✓✓
0.9	4	120 seconds ✓

Length of the wire= 71cm

# Experimental Setup

## Test 2- Double Stroke





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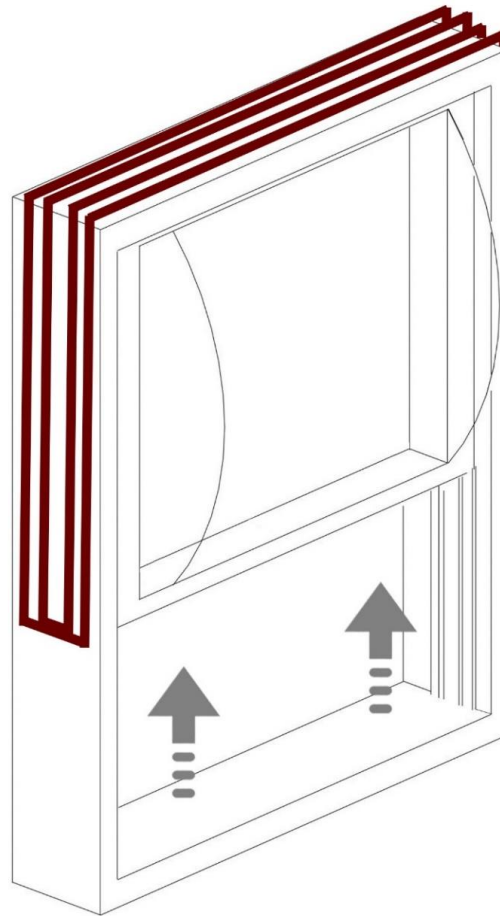
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I	V	Performance
4	24	1 sec ✓✓✓
1.4	5.4	300 sec ✓
1.4	10	13 sec ✓✓

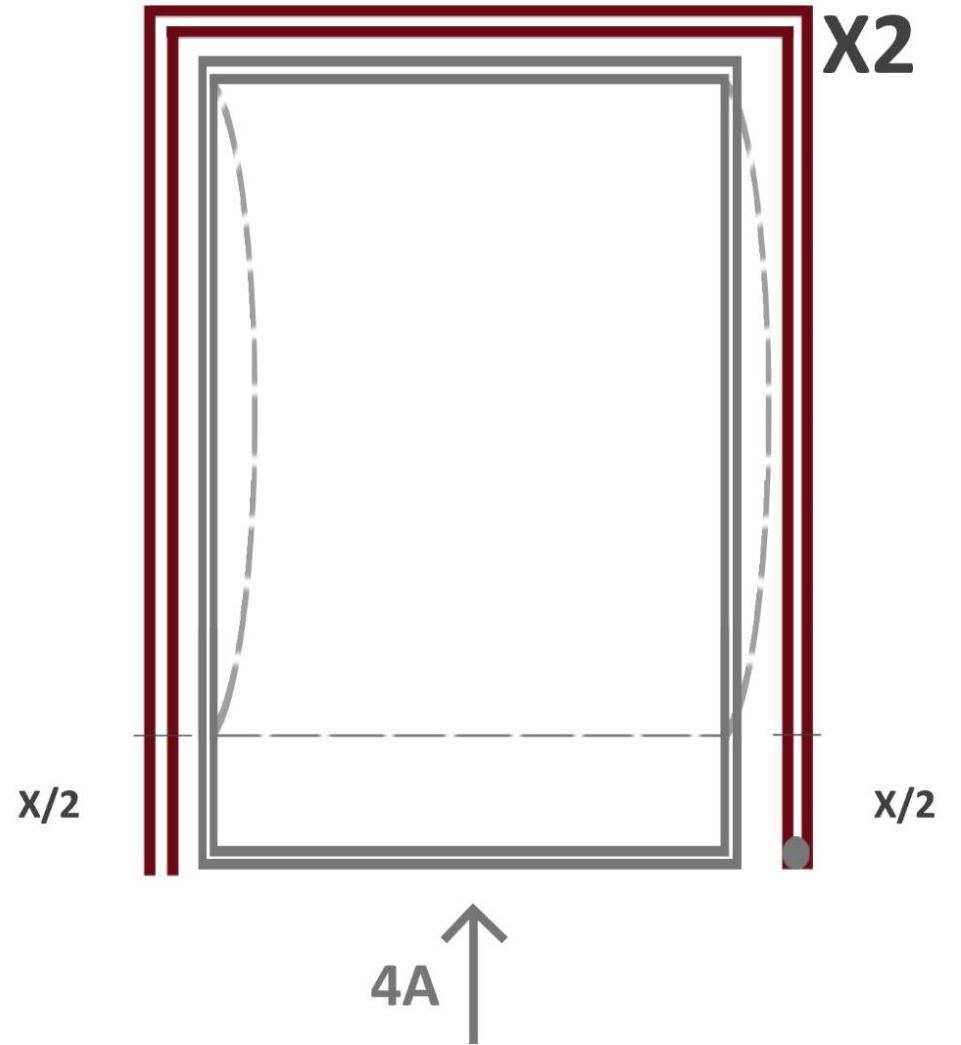
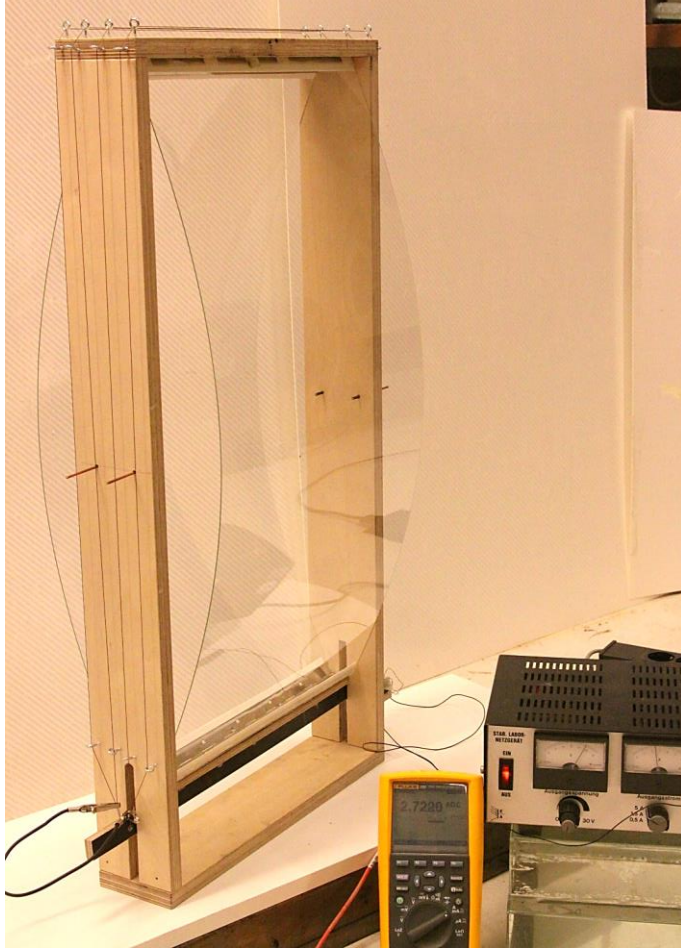
Length of the wire= 142cm

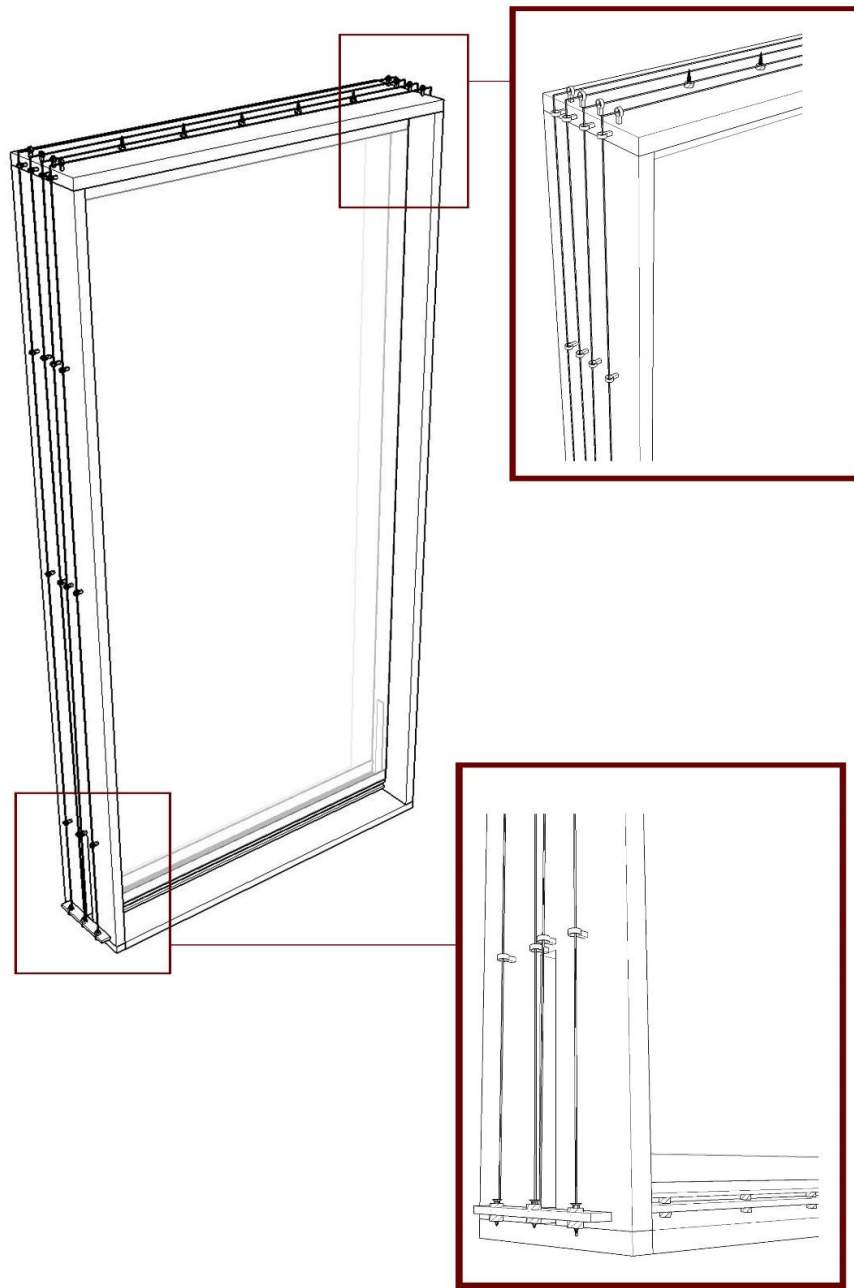
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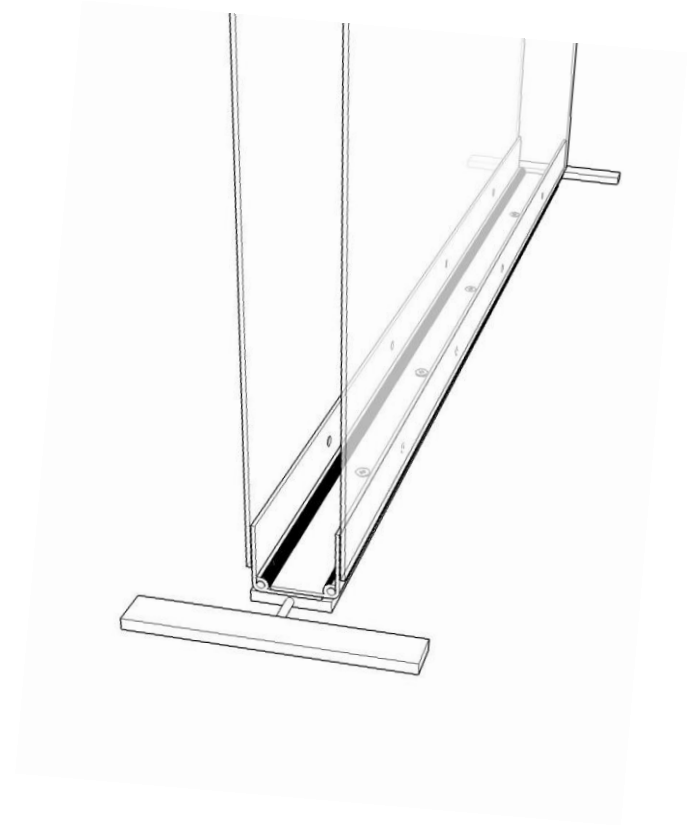
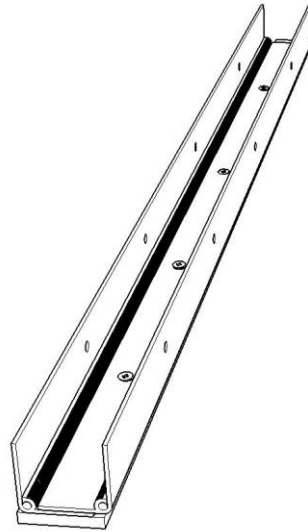
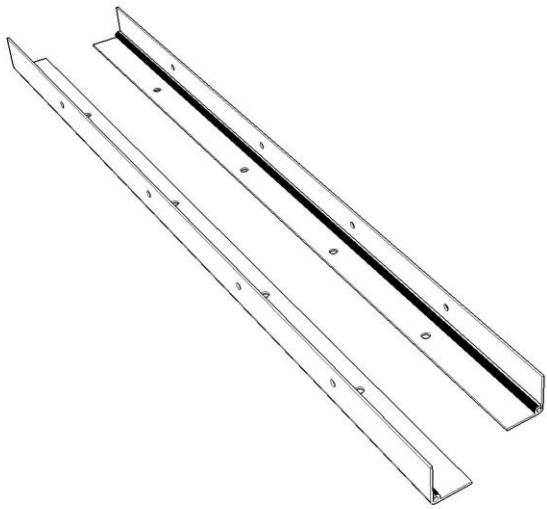
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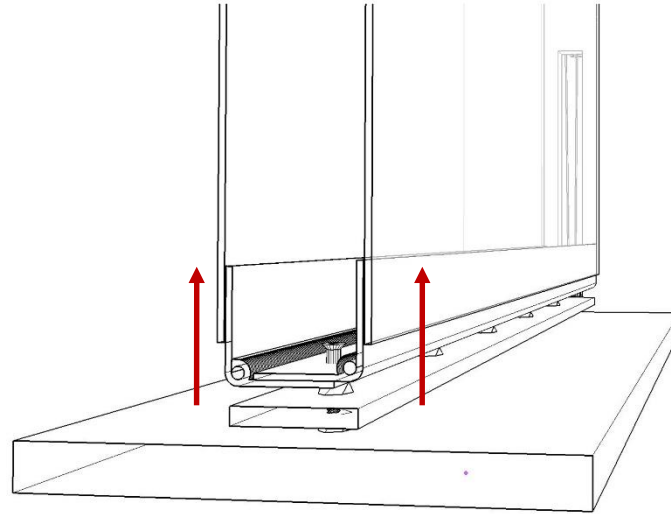




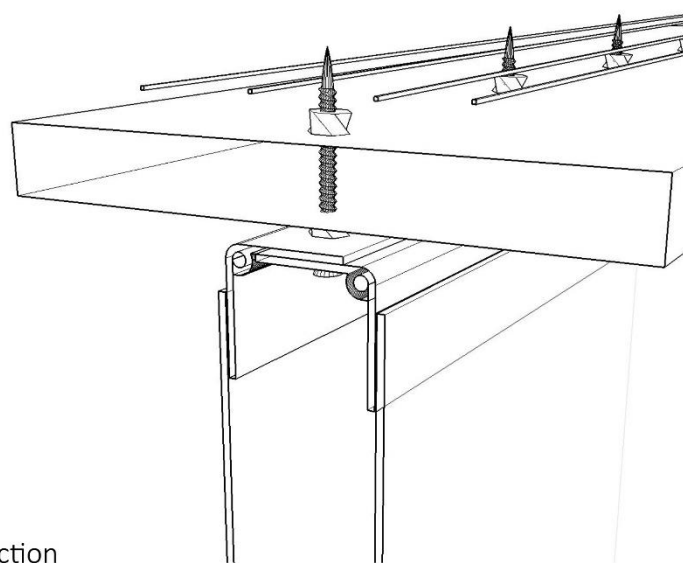






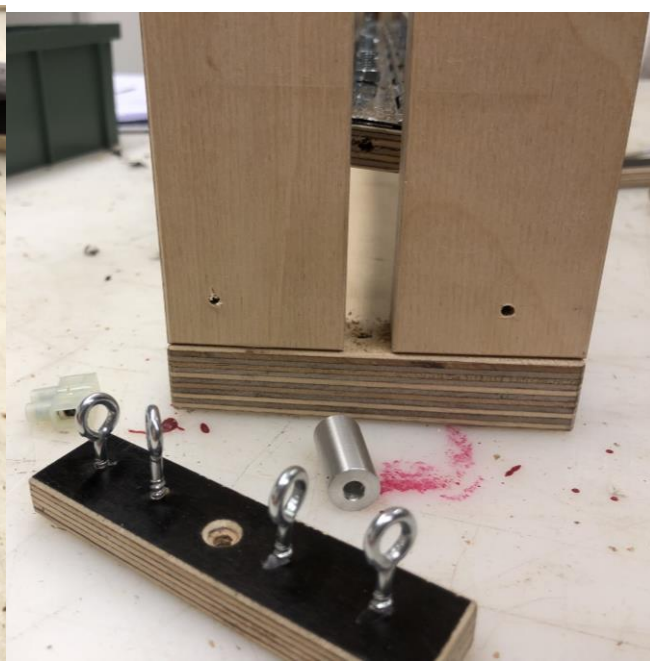
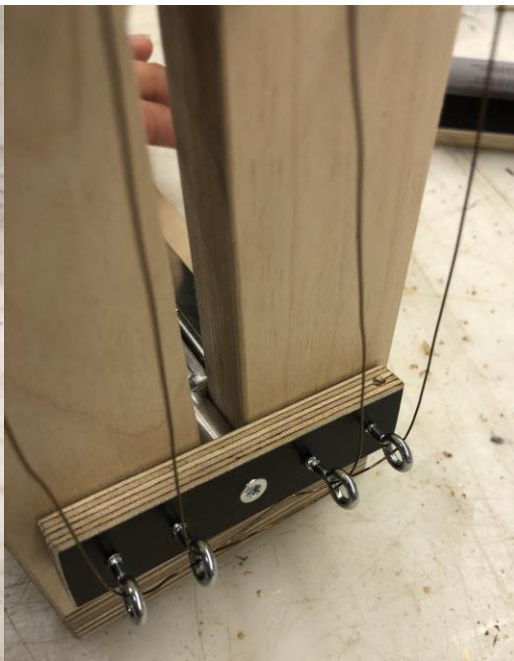


Bottom Connection



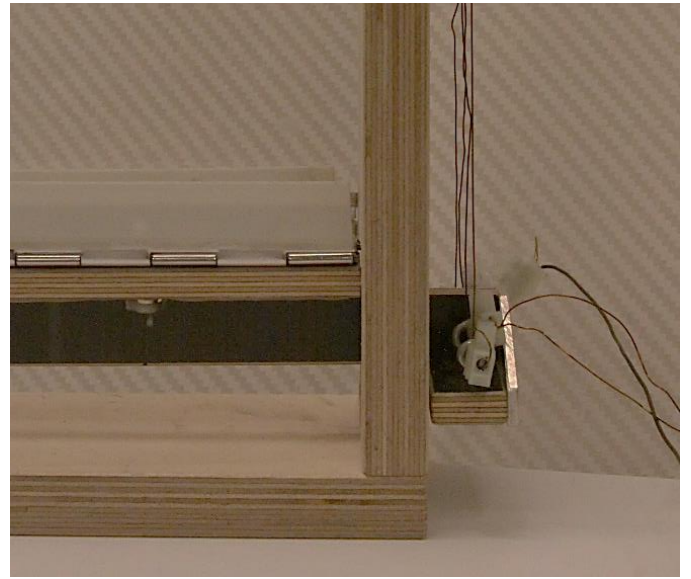
Top Connection

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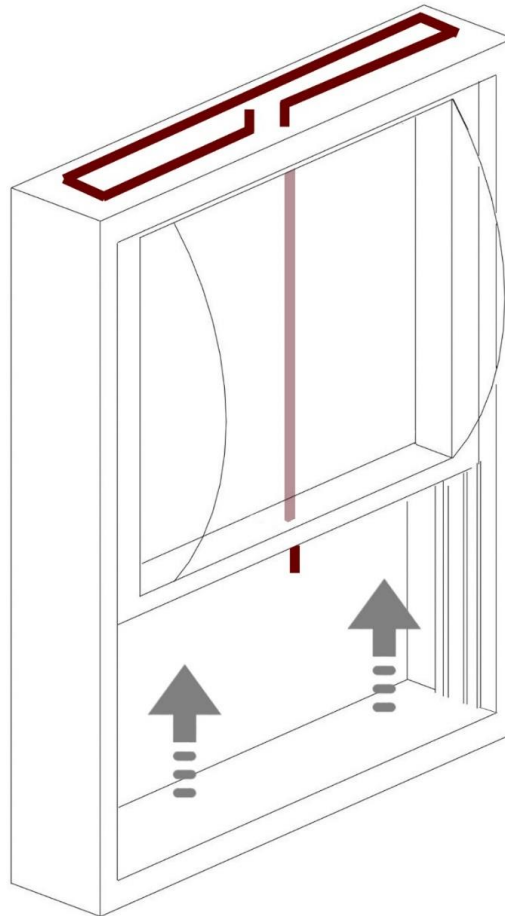
Current	Voltage	Performance
2.8	25	10 sec ✓✓✓
1.7	17	X
2.4	23	15 sec ✓✓
2.2	22	25 sec ✓✓
2	20	60 sec ✓

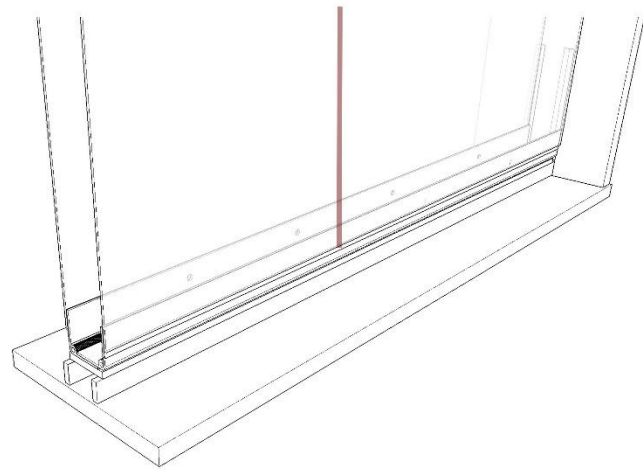
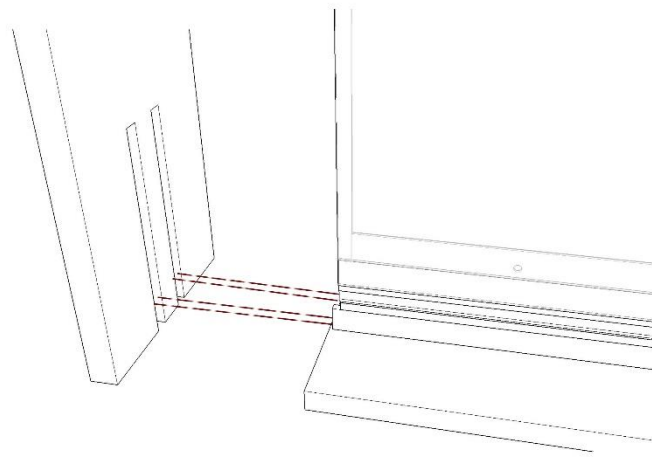
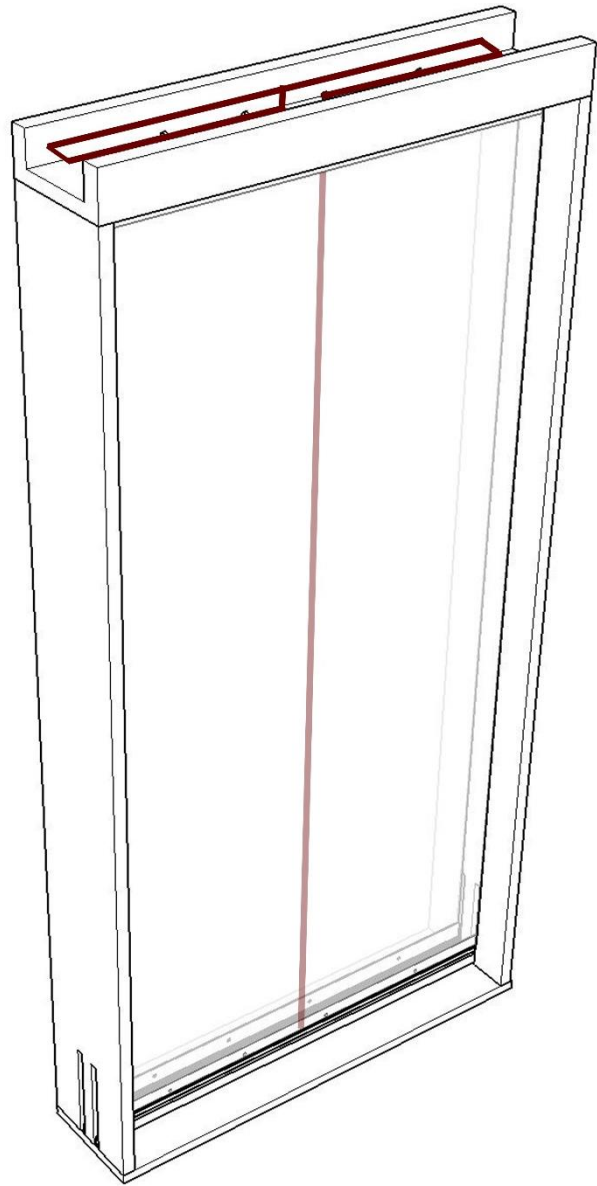
Number of wires: 2  
Length of one wire= 184cm



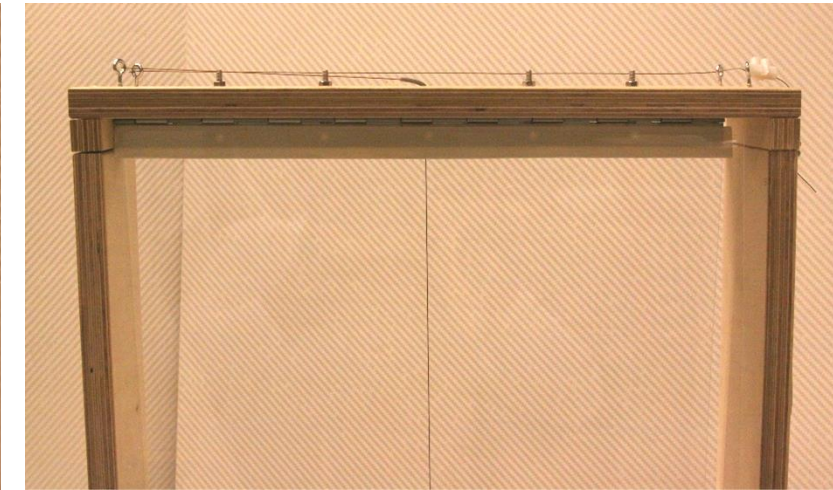
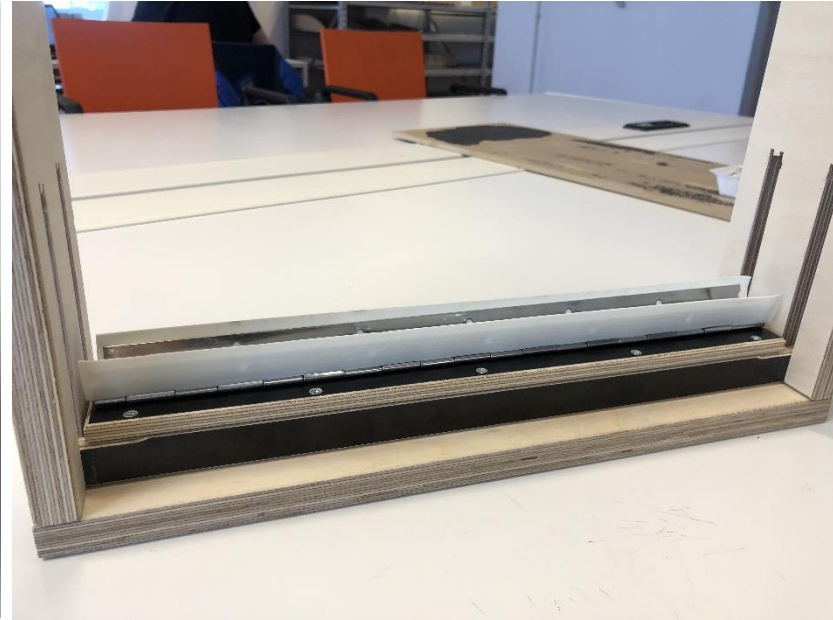
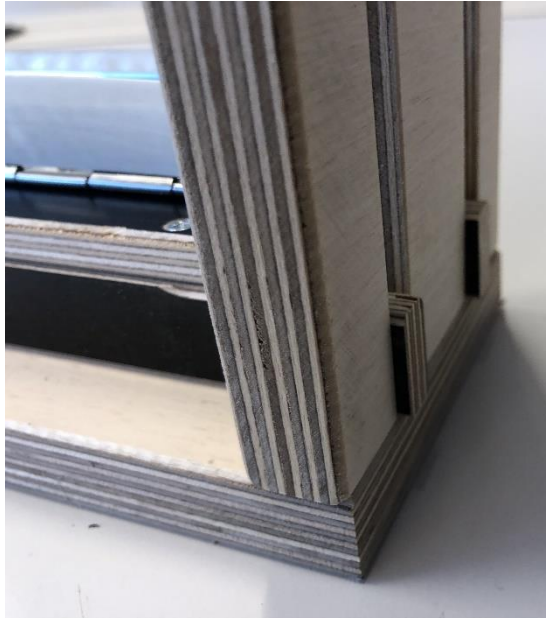
# Experimental Setup

## Test 4- Mock-up 2













# Experimental Setup

## Test 4- Mock-up 2

I	V	Performance
4	24	1 sec ✓✓✓
1.4	5.4	300 sec ✓
1.4	10	13 sec ✓✓

Length of the wire= 142cm

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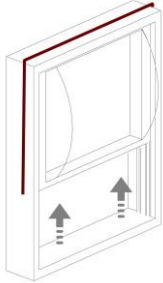
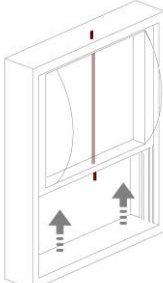
## Comparison





# Experimental Setup

## Comparison

			
+	-	+	-
Possibility of insulating the wires	Long wires	Possibility of activation by solar radiation	Impossible for single glazing layer
Wire protection	Thick frame	Short wires	
Applicable for single glazing layer	Complex system	Thin Frame	
	High power consumption	Simple system	
	Slow reaction time	Visibility of the system	
		Low power consumption	
		Fast reaction time	

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# Selected Case Study

## Genzyme Center



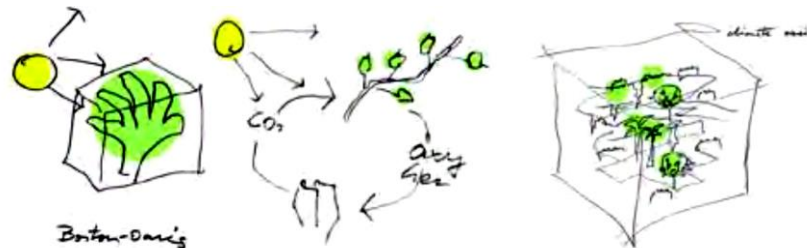
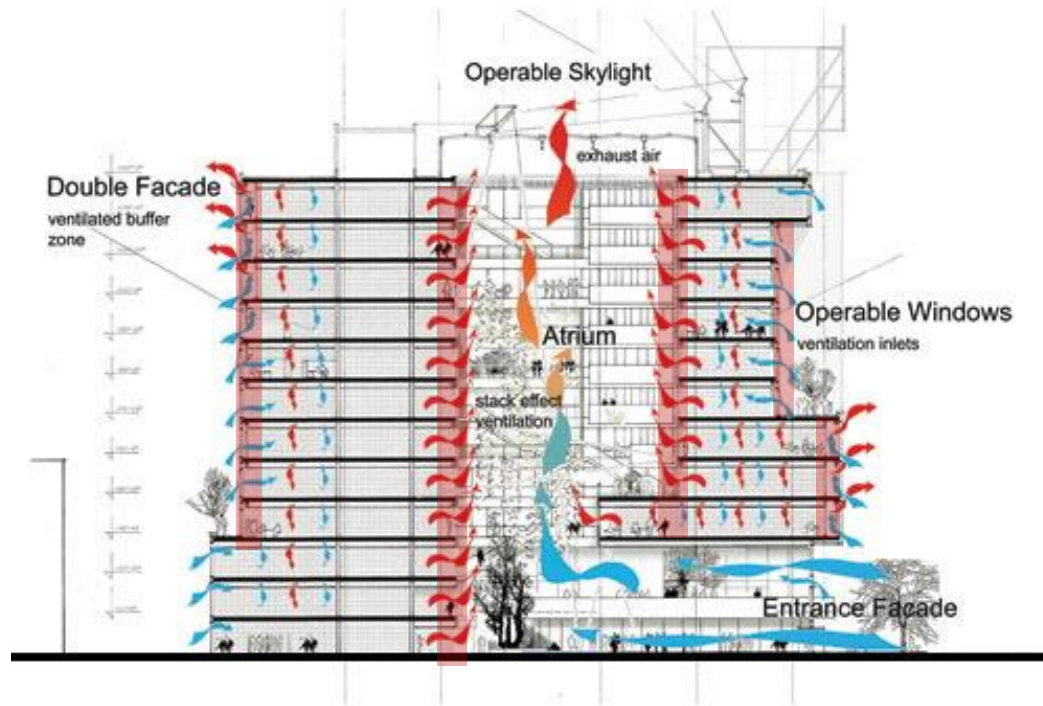
Location: Cambridge, Massachusetts

Main usage: Office

Storeys: 12

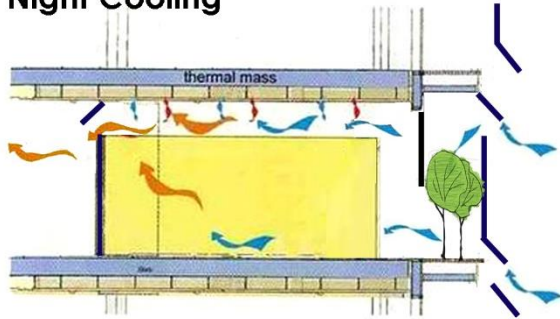
Architect: Behnisch Architects

# Selected Case Study

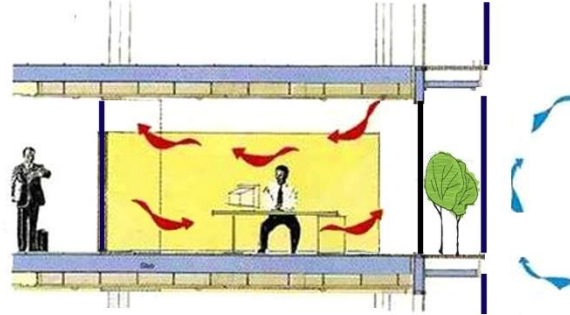


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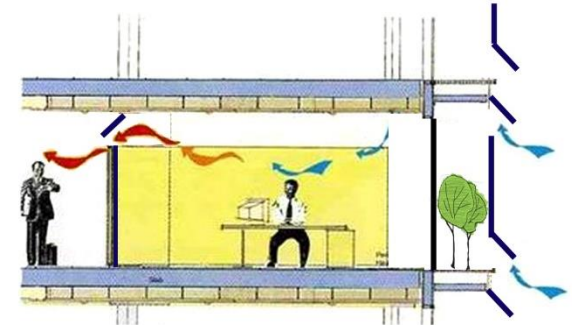
Summer Night  
Night Cooling



Winter Day  
Insulated Buffer Zone

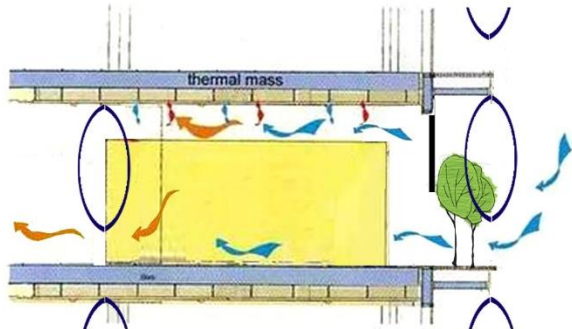


Summer Day  
Ventilated Buffer Zone

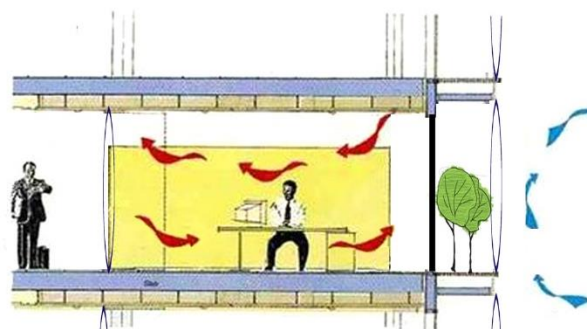


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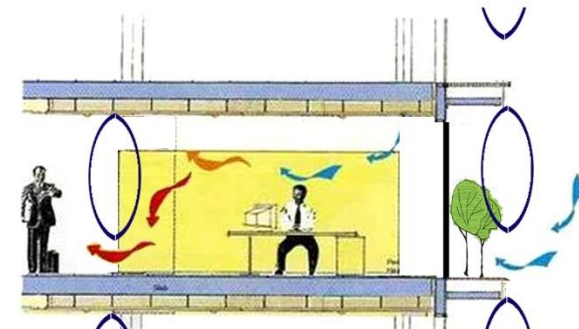
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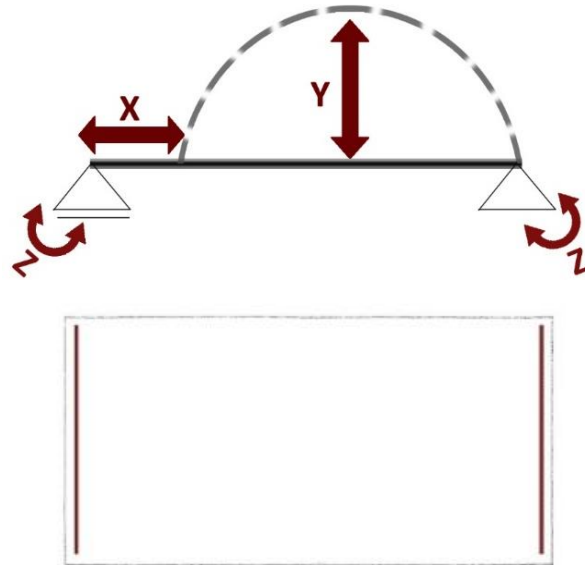
Winter Day  
Insulated Buffer Zone



Summer Day  
Ventilated Buffer Zone



# Structural Analysis



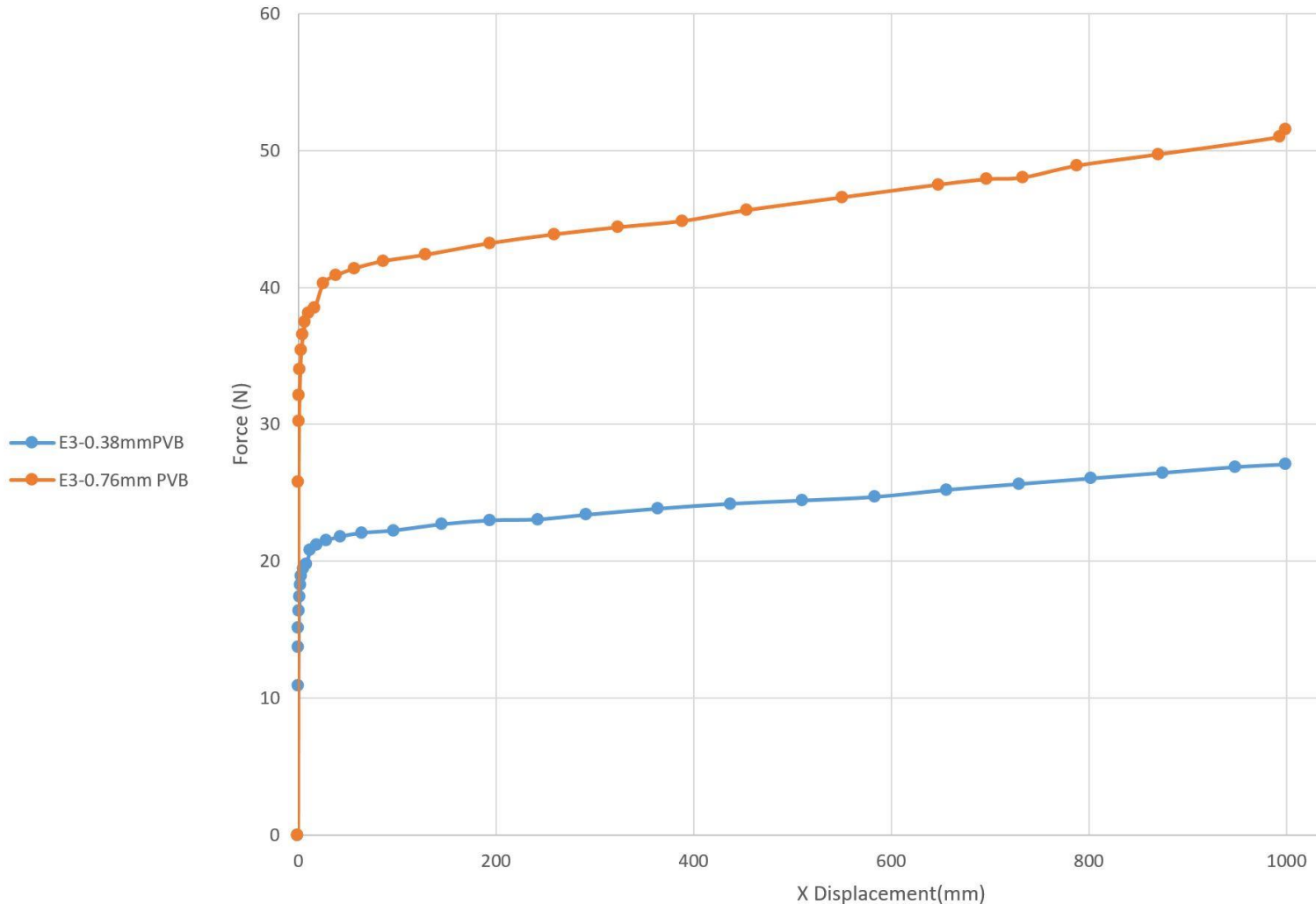
<b>Length:</b>	3000 mm
<b>Width:</b>	1000 mm
<b>Thickness:</b>	
<b>Thin Glass 1:</b>	0.55 mm
<b>PVB:</b>	0.38 mm
<b>Thin Glass2:</b>	0.55 mm
<b>Initial Bending:</b>	10 mm

# Structural Analysis

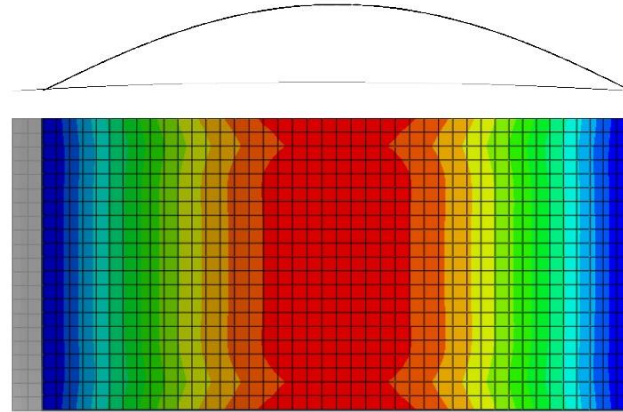
## Lamination

PVB Type No.	Young's Modulus E [MPa]	Shear Modulus G [MPa]	PVB Type	Temperature [°C]	Load Duration
E1	2030	700	Trosifol Extra Stiff	10	3 sec
E2	1450	500	Trosifol Extra Stiff	10	5 min
E3	943	325	Other Stiff PVB	20	3 sec
E4	435	150	SentryGlas	20	1 d
E5	0.3	0.1	Trosifol PVB	30	1 mo

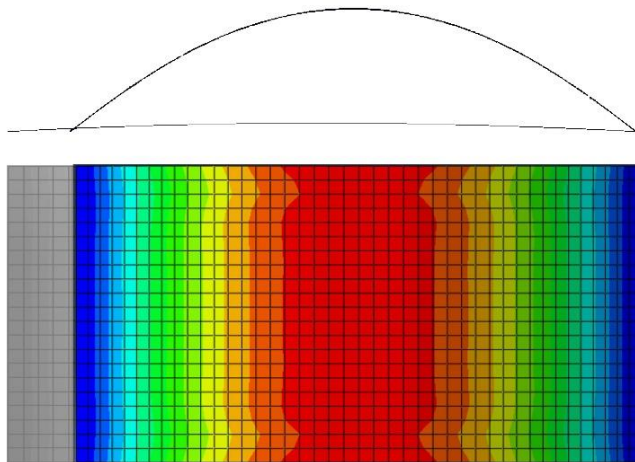
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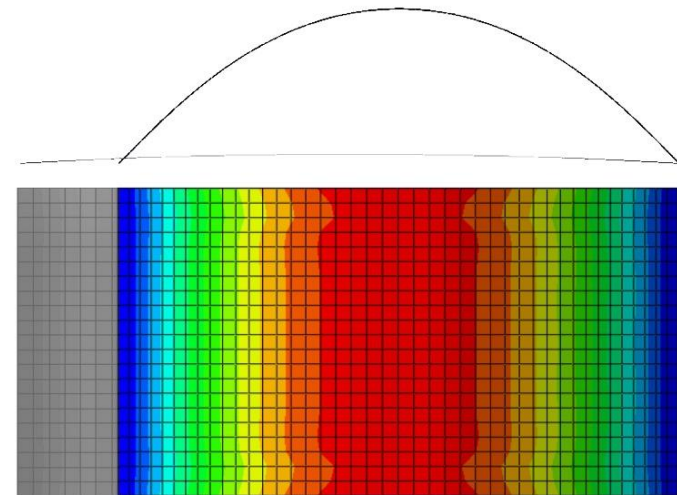




**Stroke:** 150 mm  
**U2:** 410 mm  
**Max. Principal stress top layer:** 27 Mpa  
**Force:** 22.8 N  
**No. Wires:** 1  
**Length of Wire:** 3000 mm



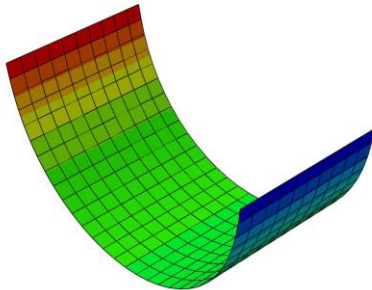
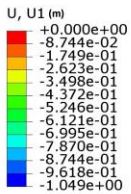
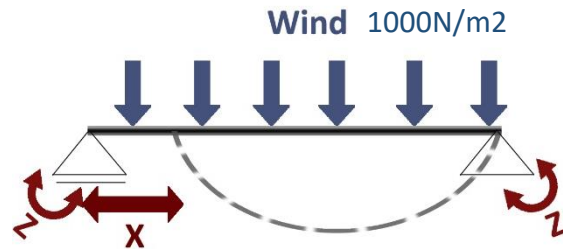
**Stroke:** 300 mm  
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**Force:** 23.5 N  
**No. Wires:** 1  
**Length of Wire:** 6000 mm



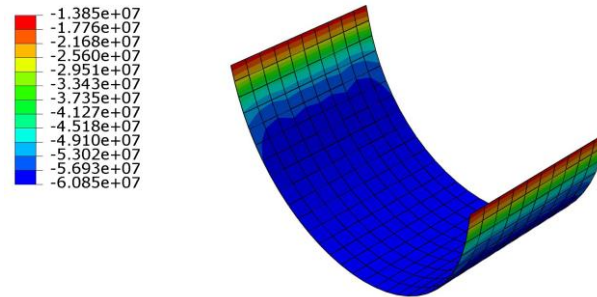
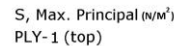
**Stroke:** 450 mm  
**U2:** 692 mm  
**Max. Principal stress top layer:** 48 Mpa  
**Force:** 24.3 N  
**No. Wires:** 1  
**Length of Wire:** 9000mm

# Structural Analysis

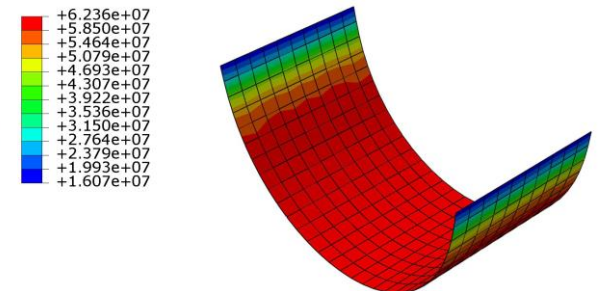
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X Displacement



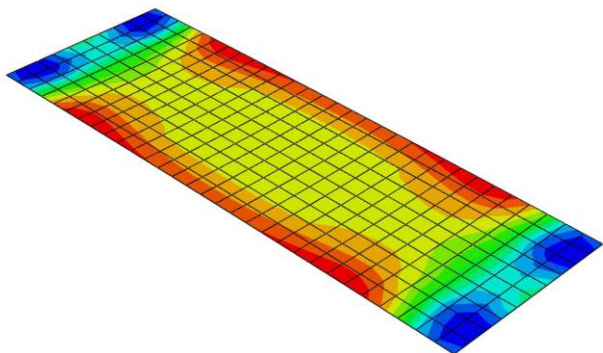
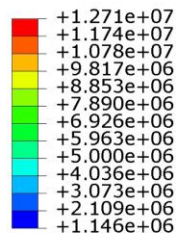
Max. Principal Stress  
on top Layer 1



Max. Principal Stress  
on top Layer 3

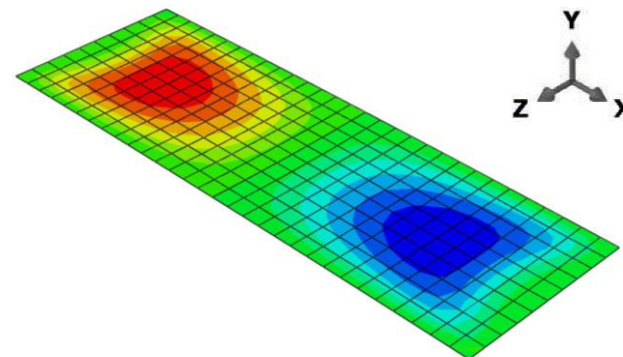
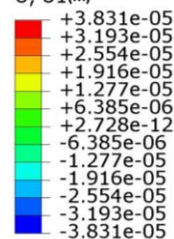
S, Max. Principal (N/M<sup>2</sup>)

PLY-1 (top)



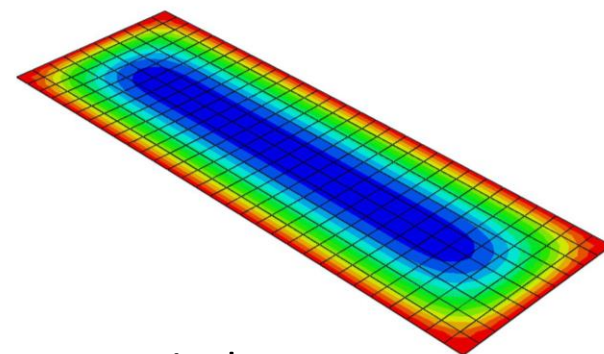
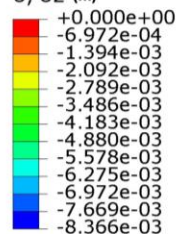
Max. Principal Stress on top Layer 1

U, U1(m)



X Displacement

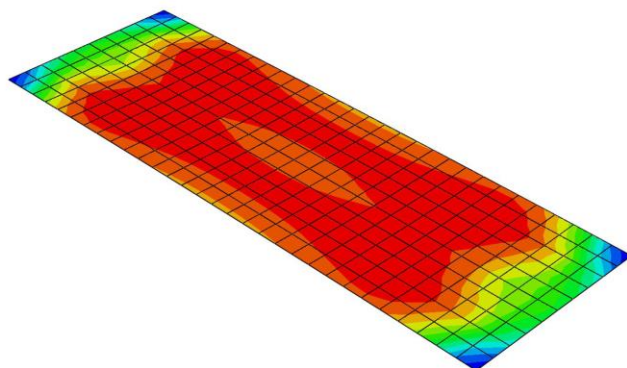
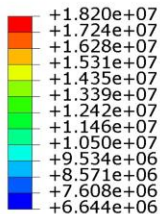
U, U2 (m)



Y Displacement

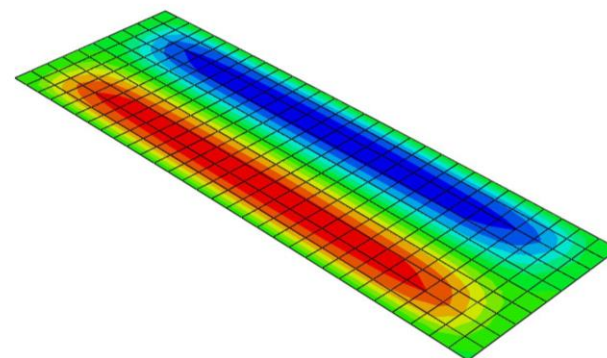
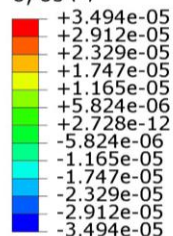
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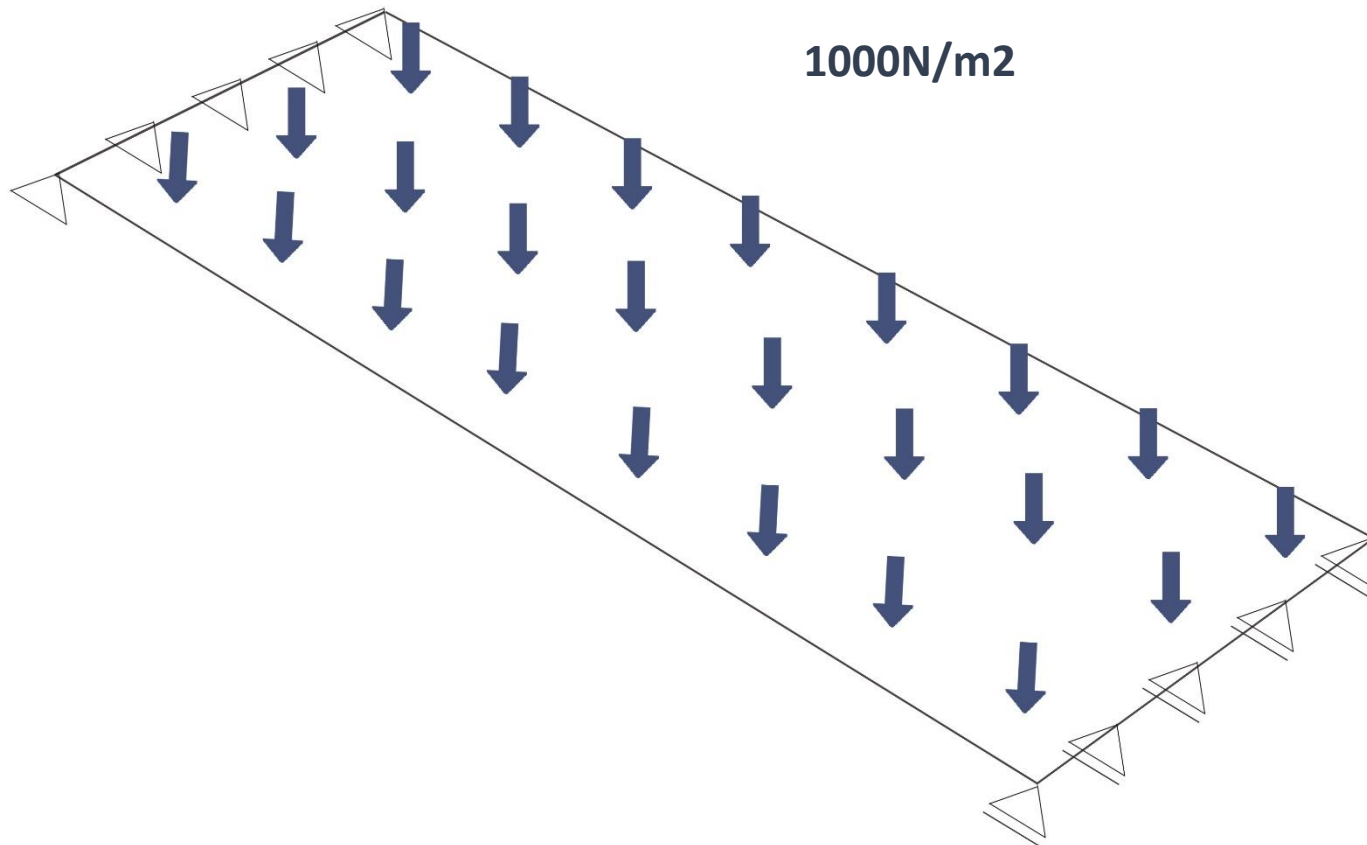


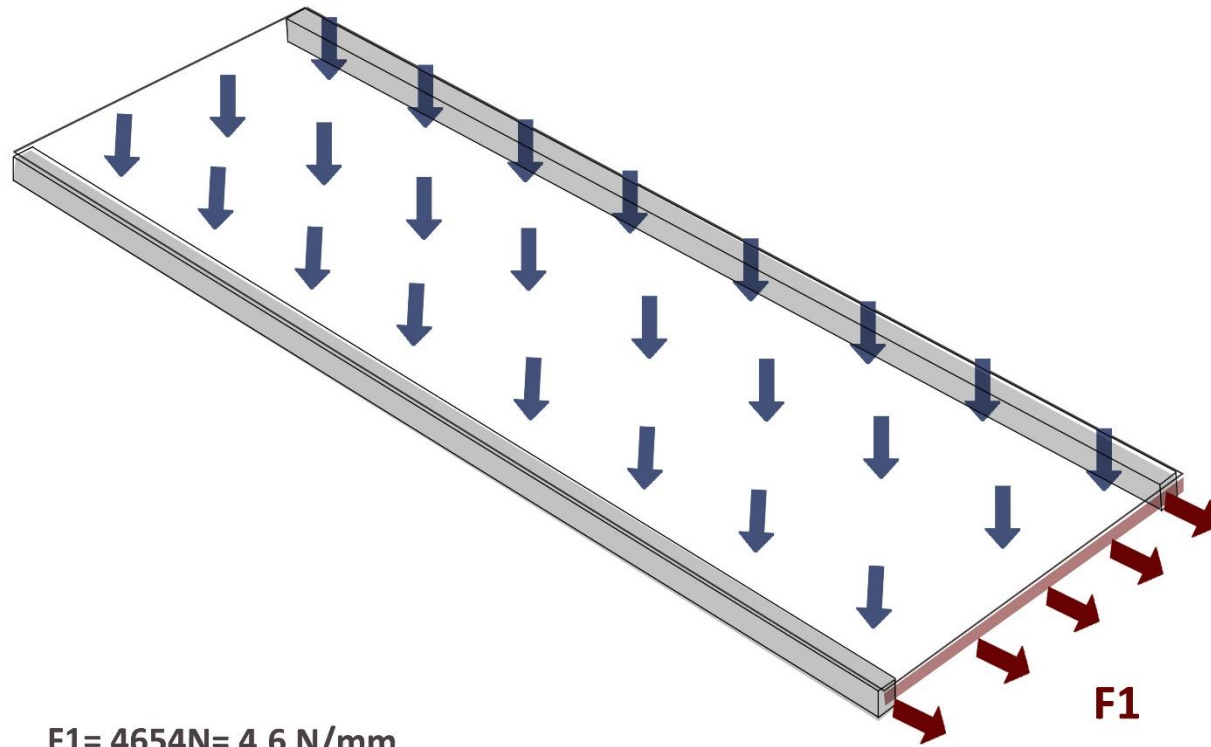
Max. Principal Stress on top Layer 3

U, U3 (m)



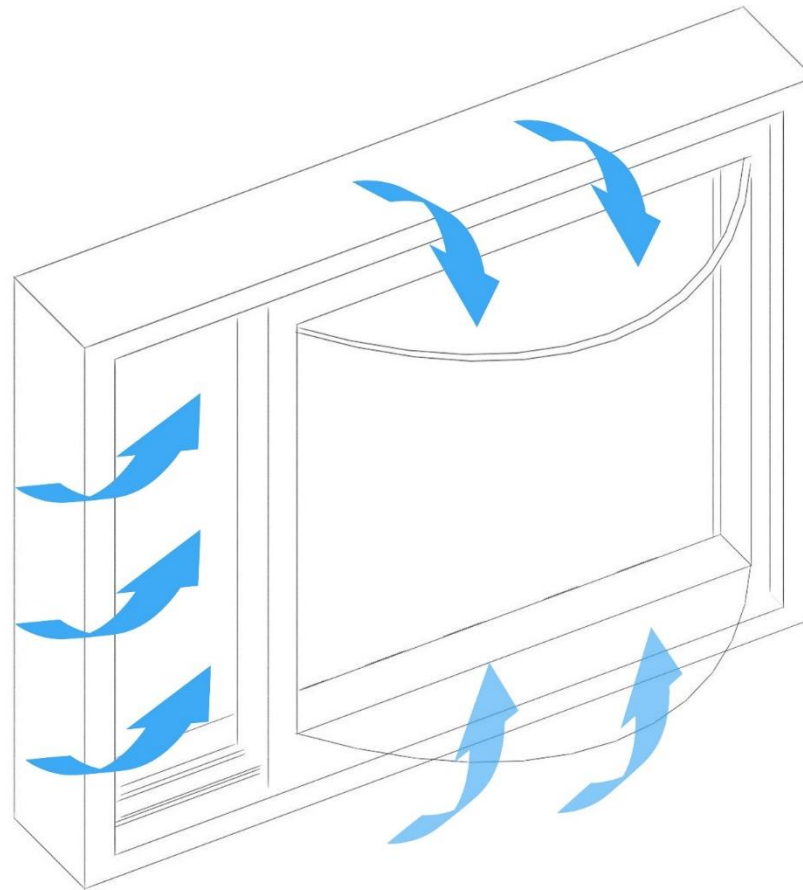
Z Displacement





$F1 = 4654N = 4.6 \text{ N/mm}$

# Climate Analysis



# Climate Analysis

**X= 15cm**

2x 8116 cm<sup>2</sup>

1x1500 cm<sup>2</sup>

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**17732 cm<sup>2</sup>**

**Q= 177320 cm<sup>3</sup> / s**

**X= 30cm**

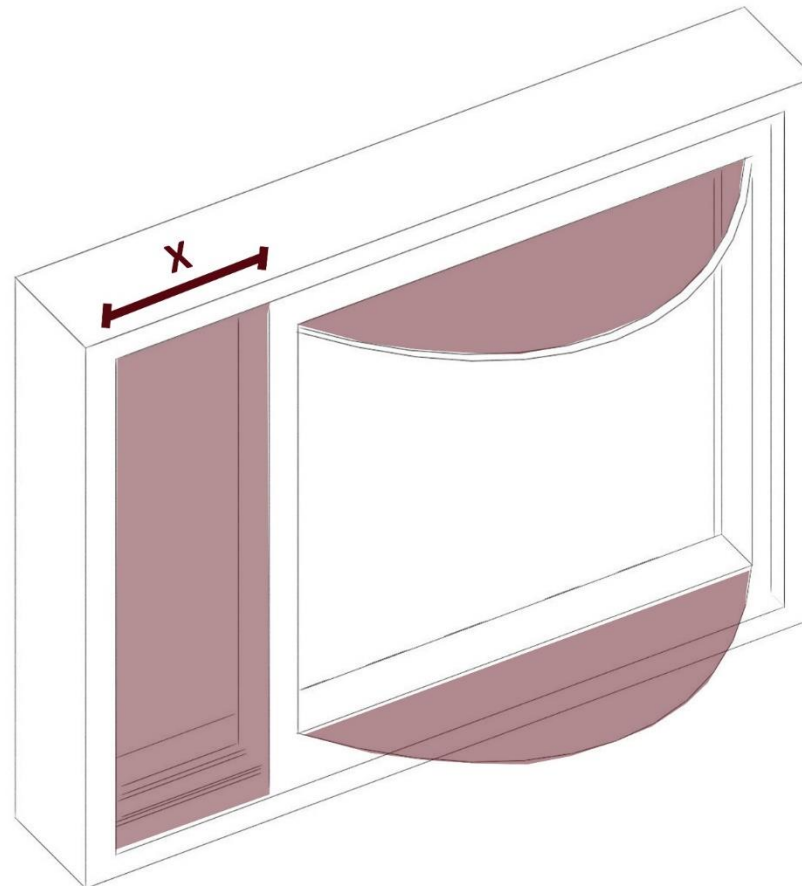
2x 10815 cm<sup>2</sup>

1x3000 cm<sup>2</sup>

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**24630 cm<sup>2</sup>**

**Q= 246300 cm<sup>3</sup> / s**



**X= 45cm**

2x 12589 cm<sup>2</sup>

1x4500 cm<sup>2</sup>


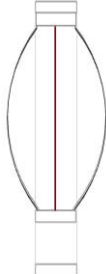
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**29678 cm<sup>2</sup>**

**Q= 296780 cm<sup>3</sup> / s**

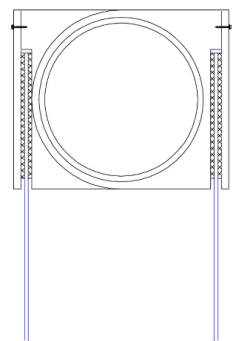
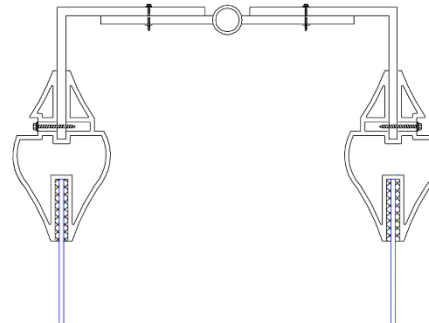
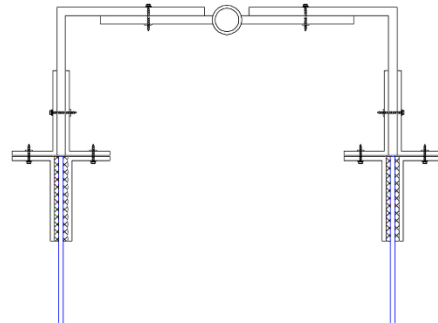
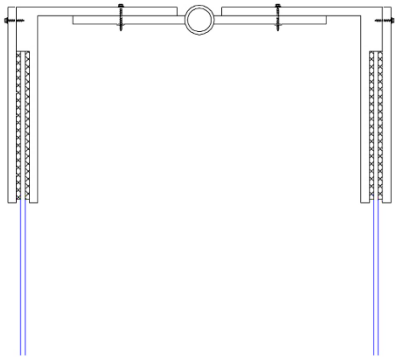
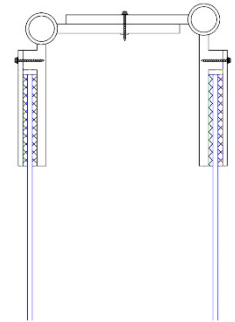
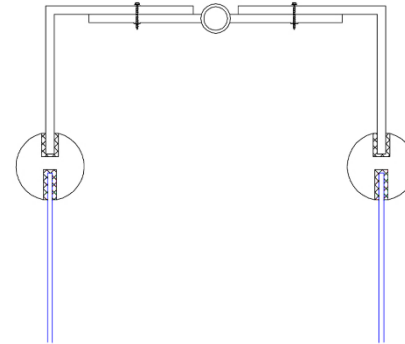
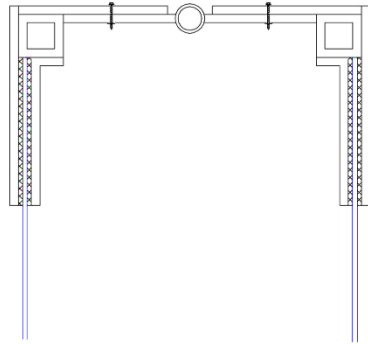
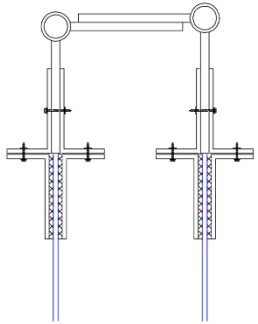
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## Number of Glazing

			
+	-	+	-
Less wire	Balance disorders	Improved balance	Extra wires for bending
Lower Electricity consumption	Covering the wire	Possibility of activation by solar radiation	Higher Electricity Consumption
Fast reaction time		Wire protection	Slower reaction time
		Higher airborne sound insulation	Occupy more space from inside
		Higher Thermal Resistance	Heavier

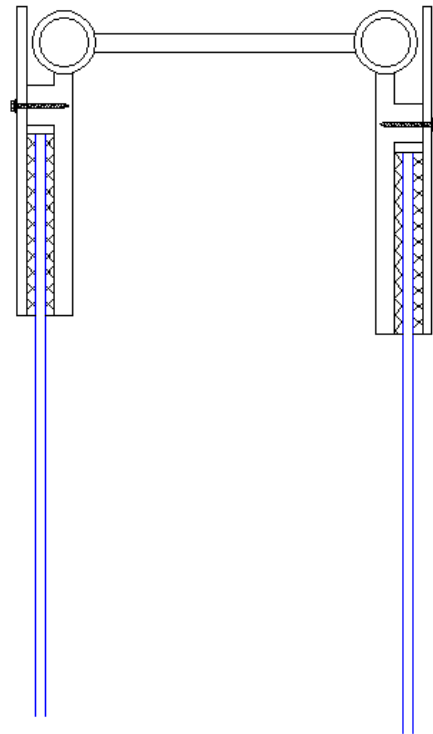


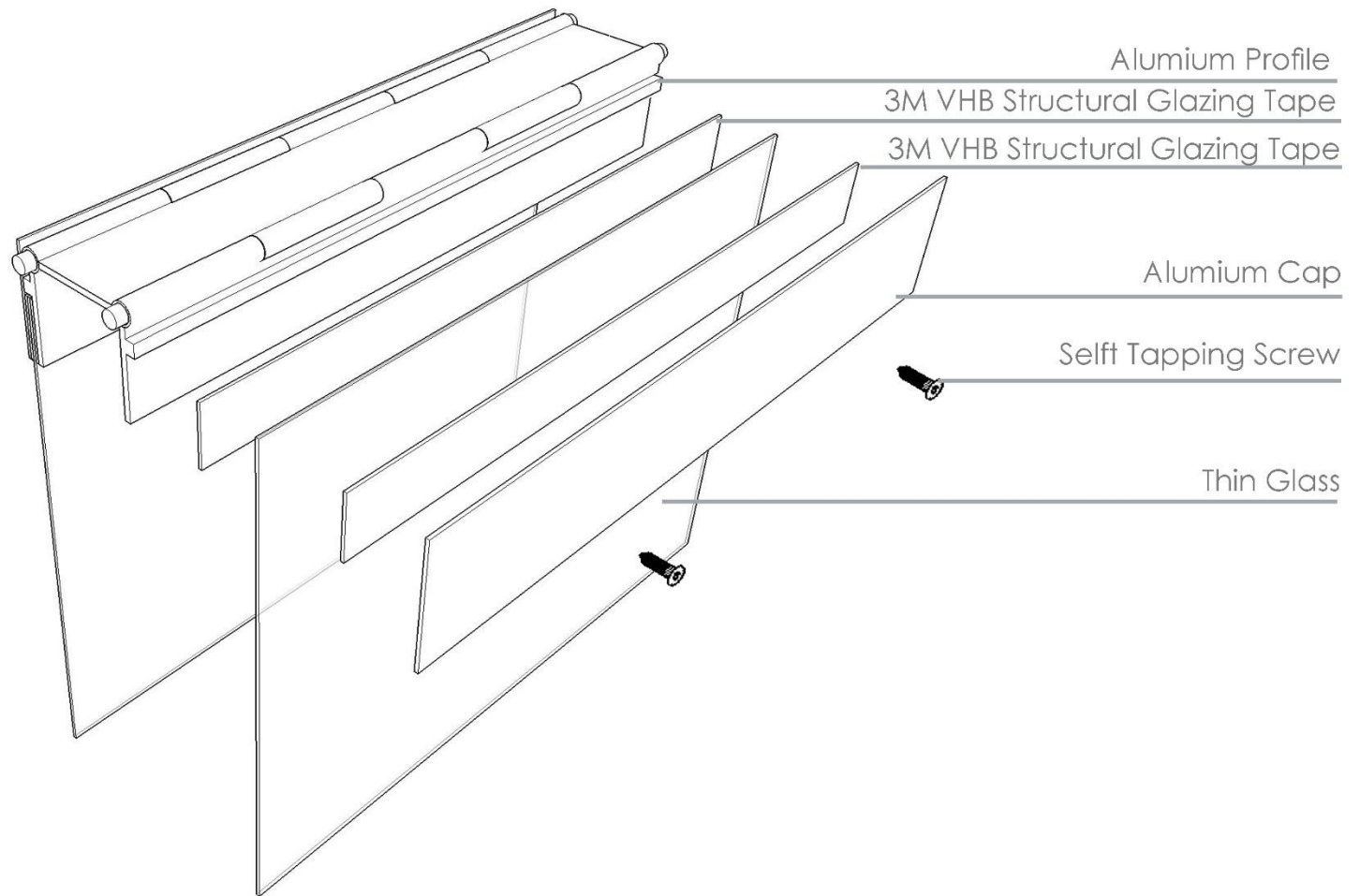
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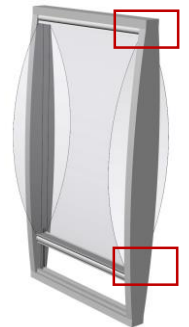
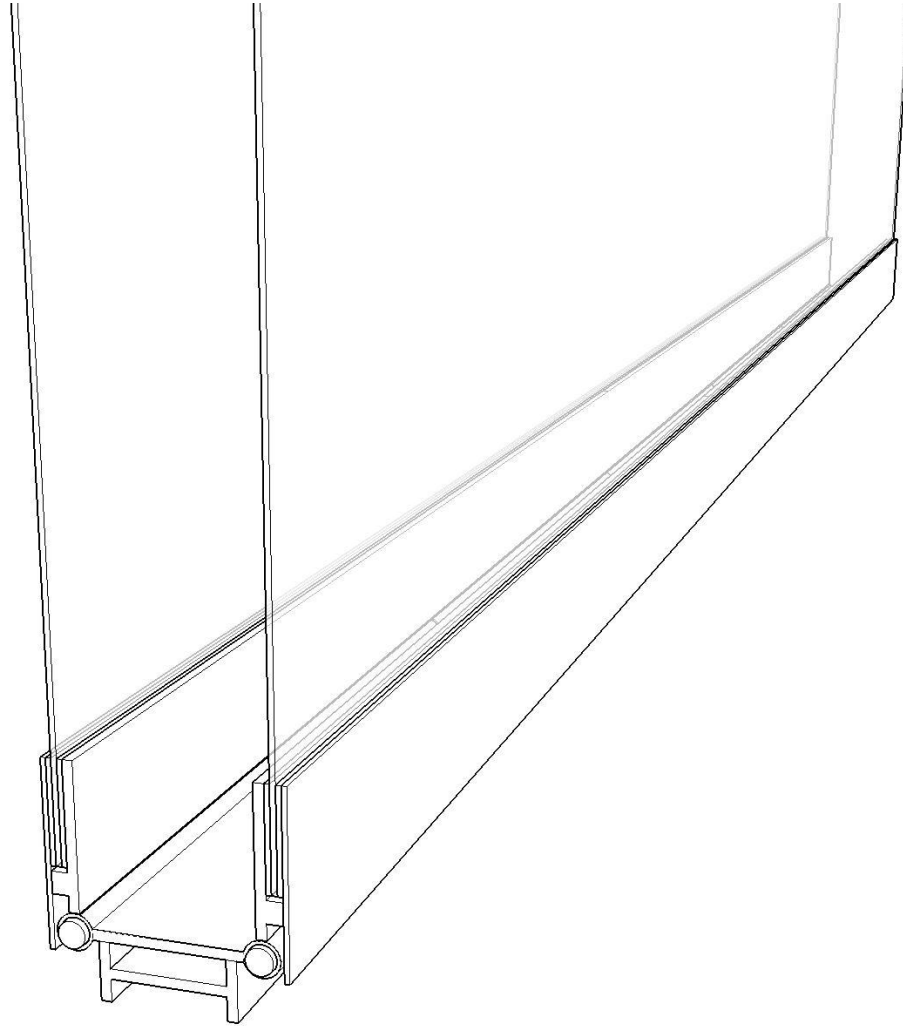


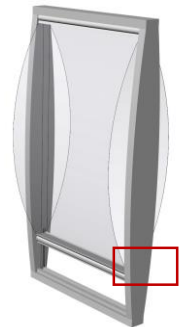
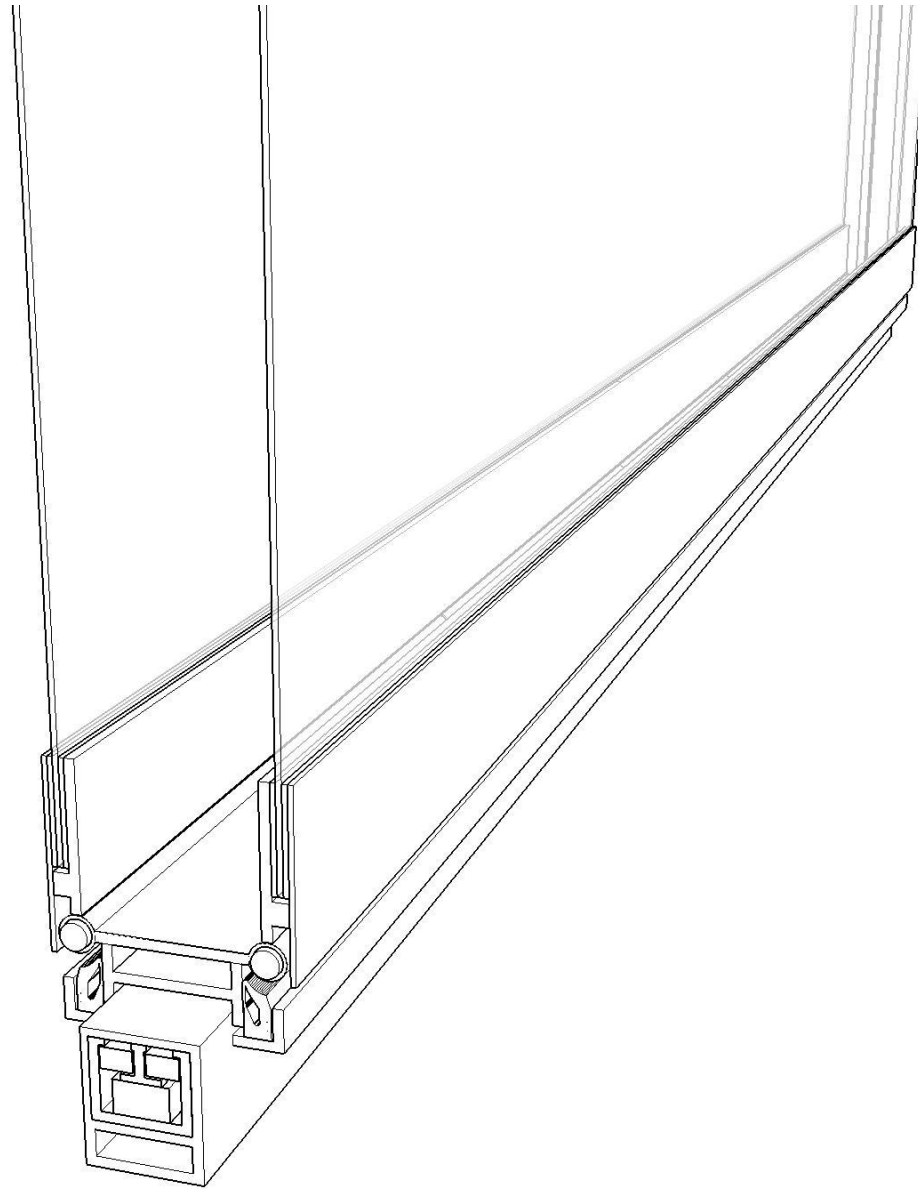
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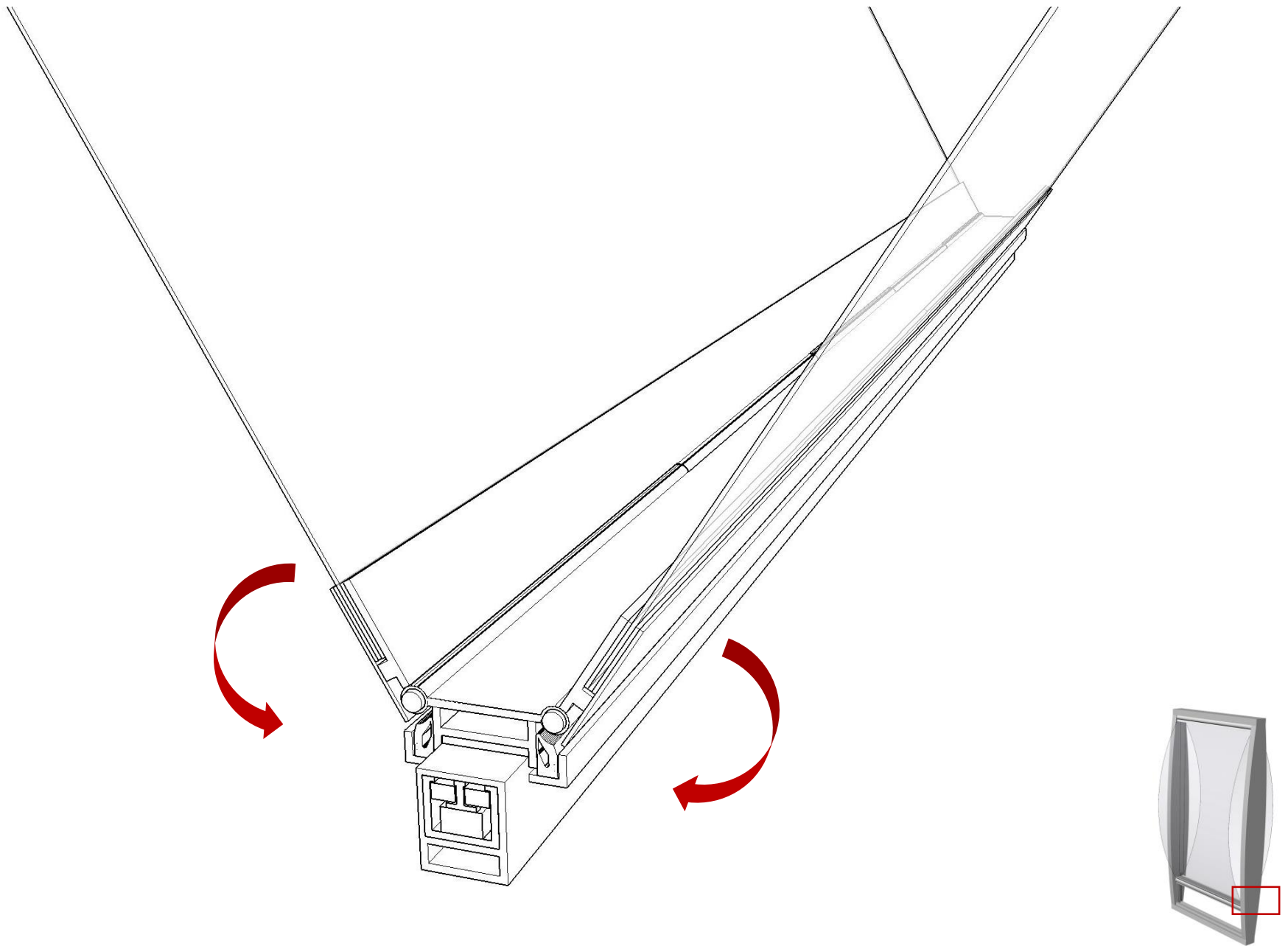
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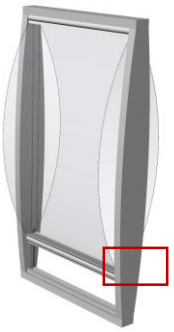
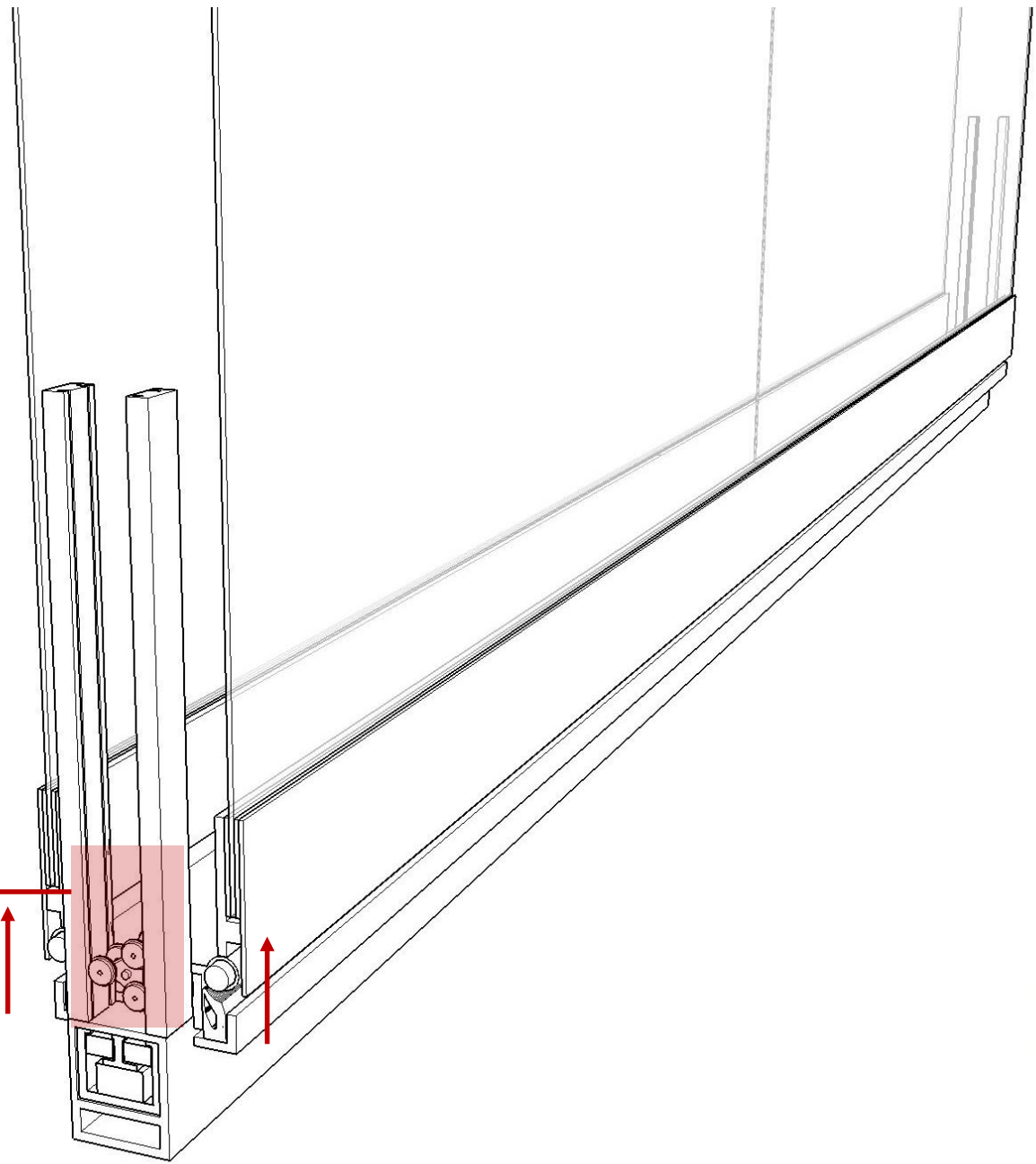
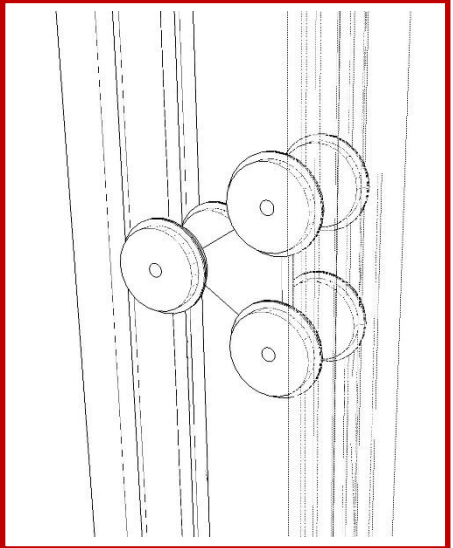


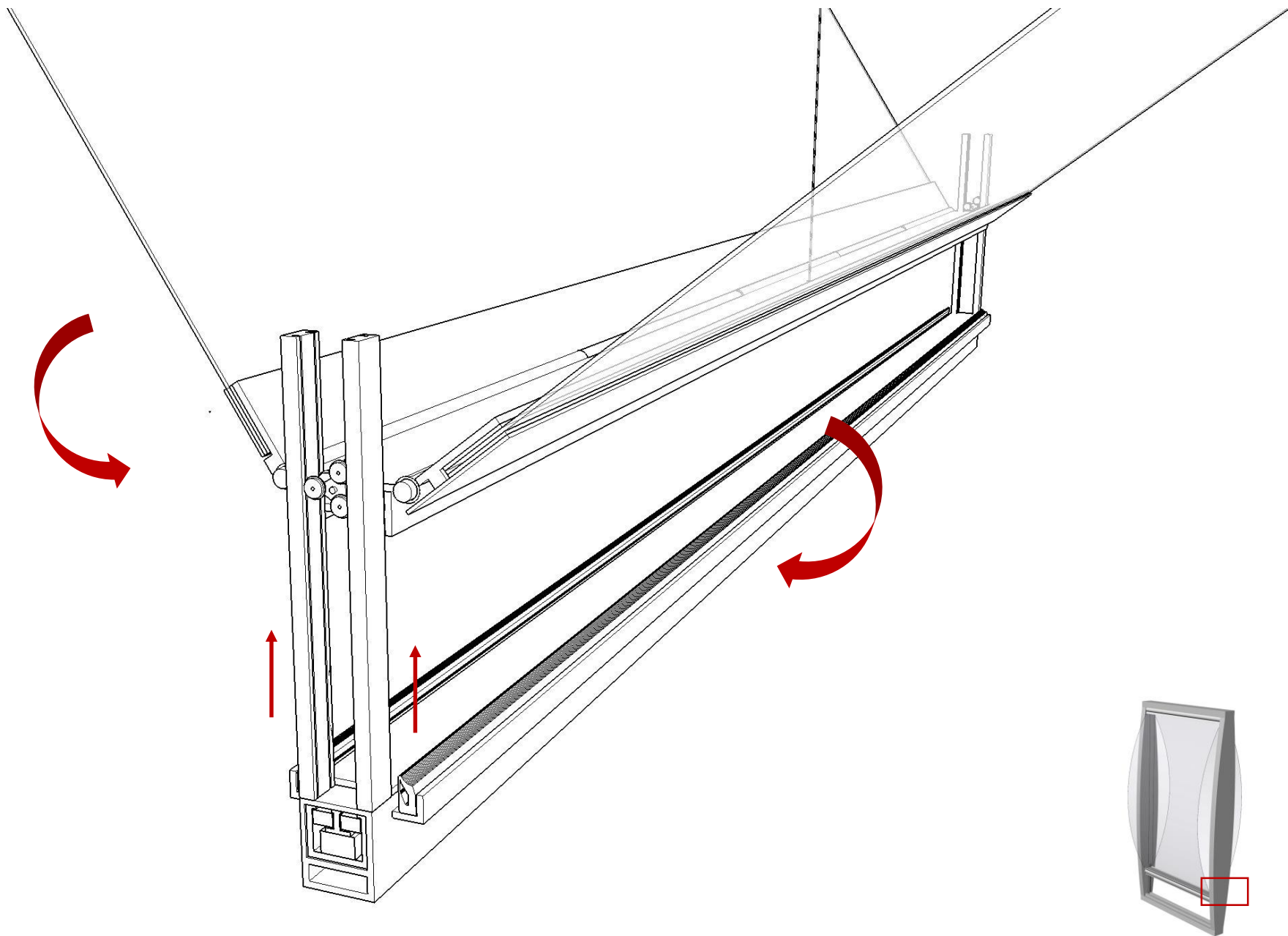










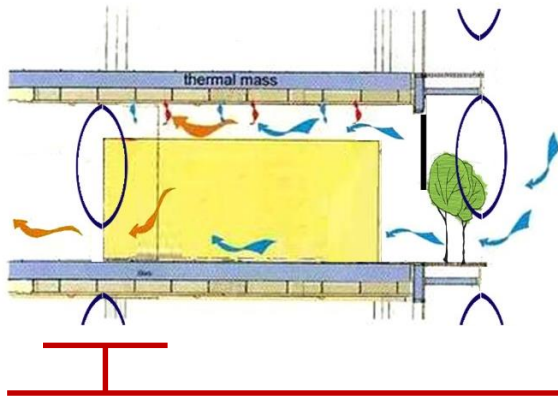




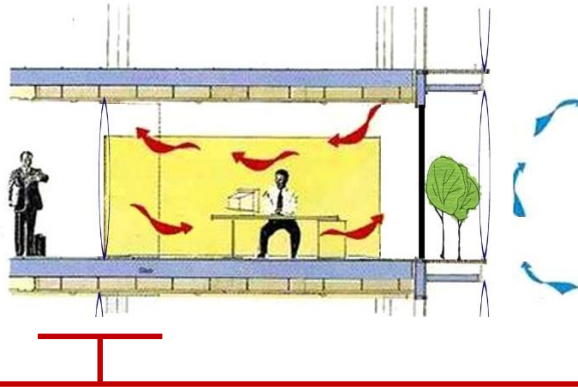
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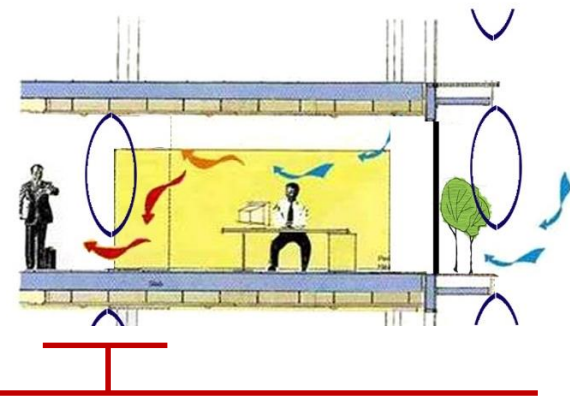
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Night Cooling



Winter Day  
Insulated Buffer Zone

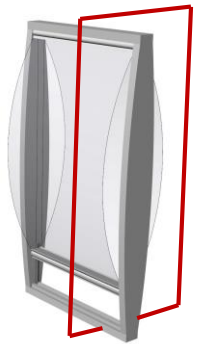
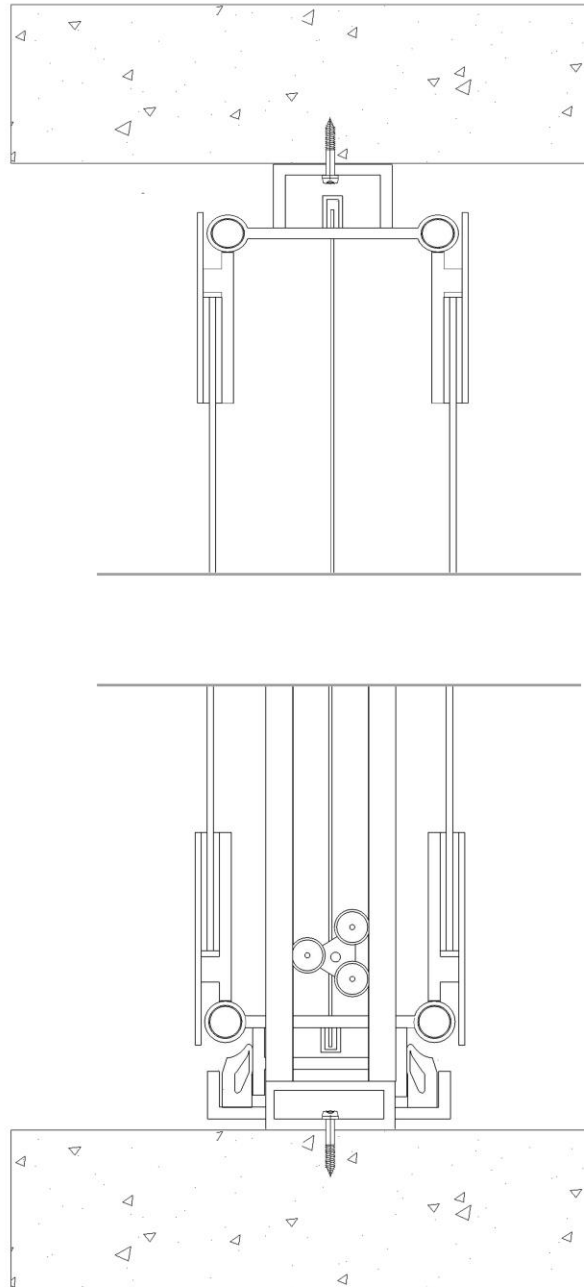


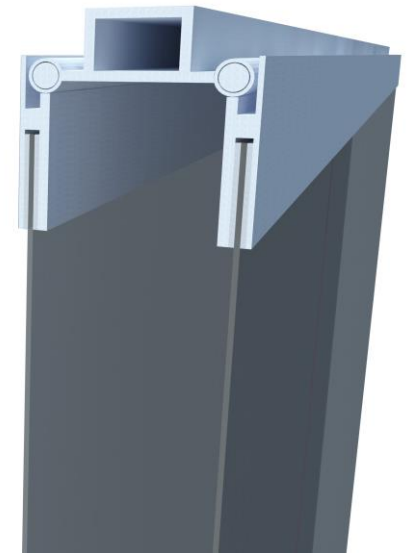
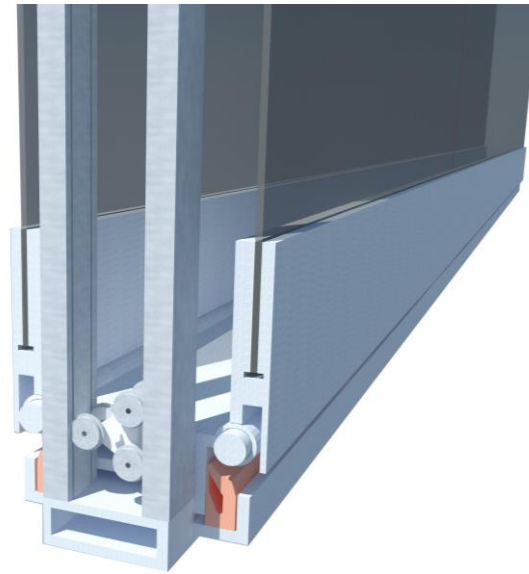
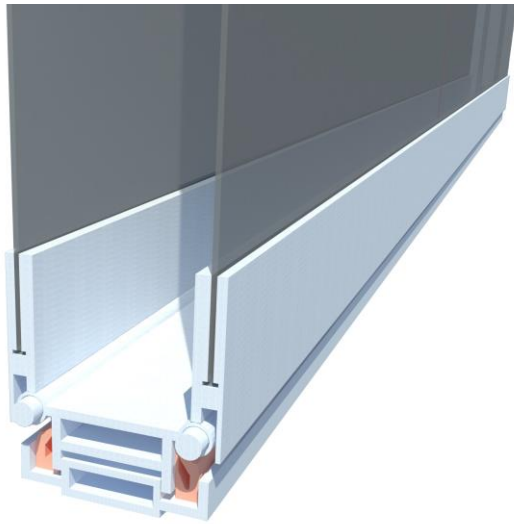
Summer Day  
Ventilated Buffer Zone



### Requirements

Thermal Insulation	✓
Stiffness for wind load	✗
Transparency	✓
Safety	✗
Natural Ventilation	✓
Airtightness	✗
Watertightness	✗
Acoustic Insulation	✓









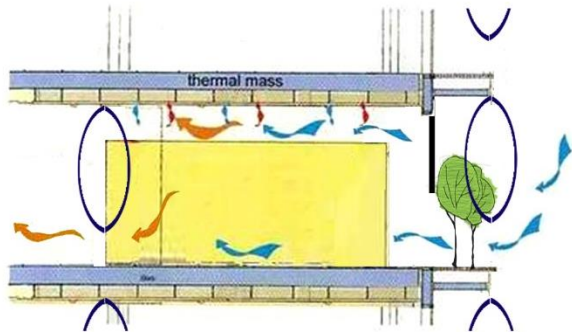




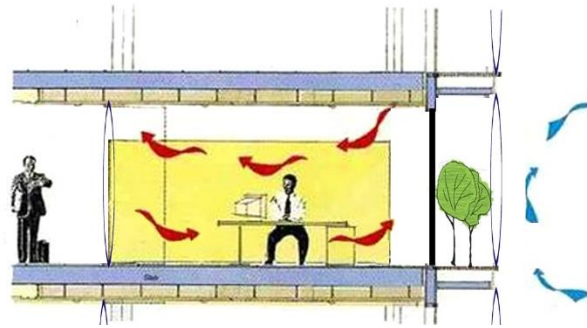
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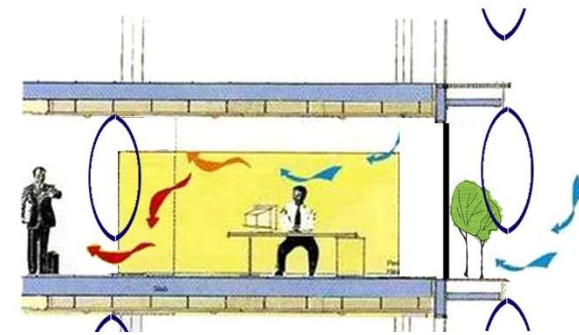
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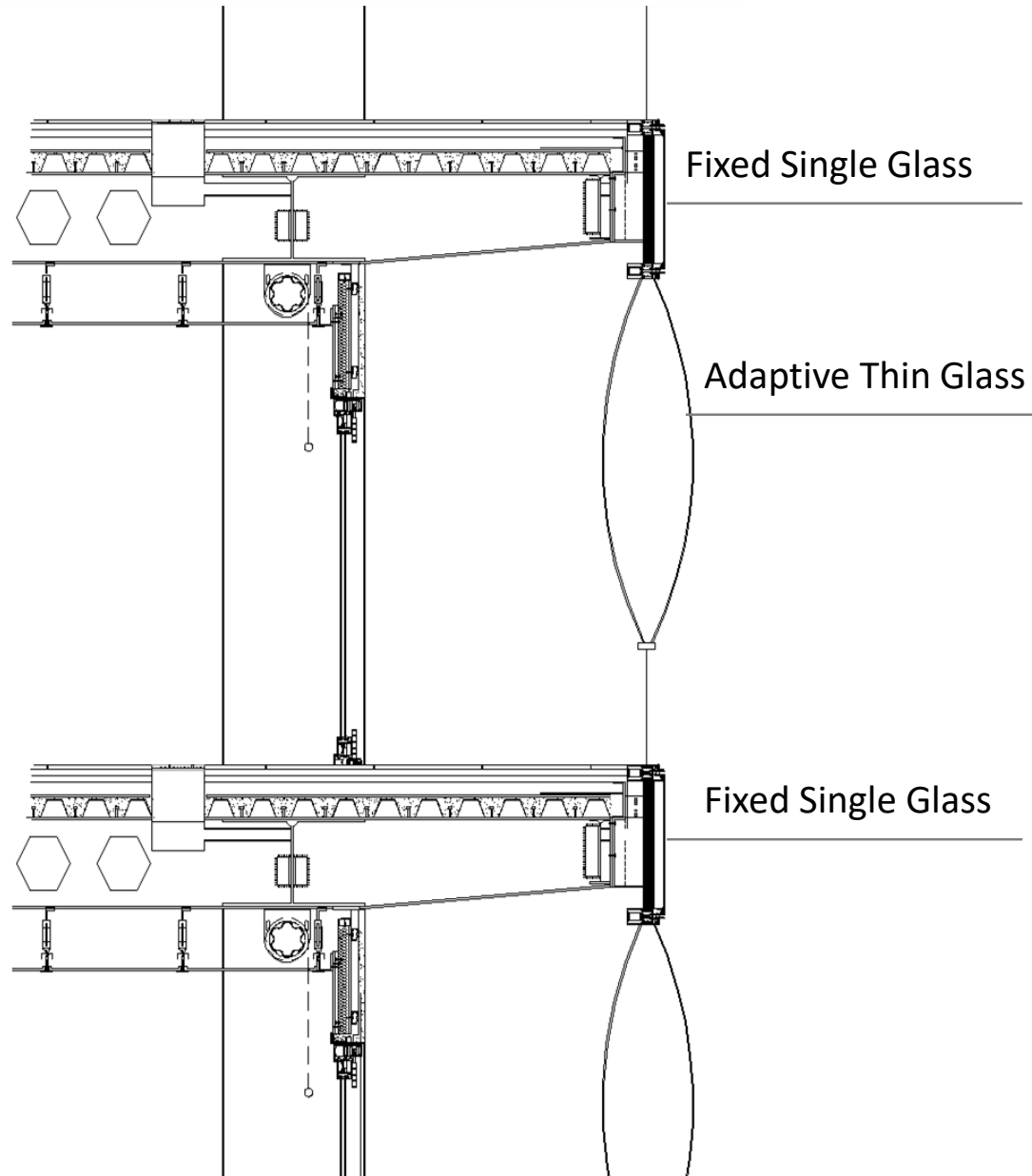
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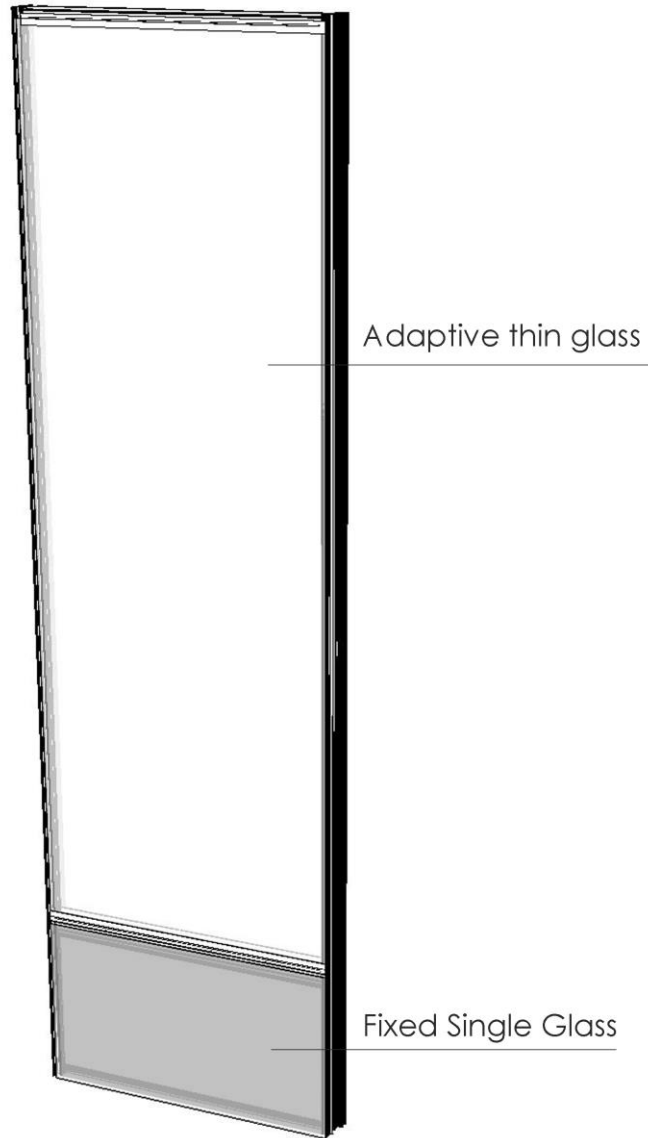


### Requirements

Thermal Insulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Inner Ultra Thin Glass

Outer Ultra Thin Glass

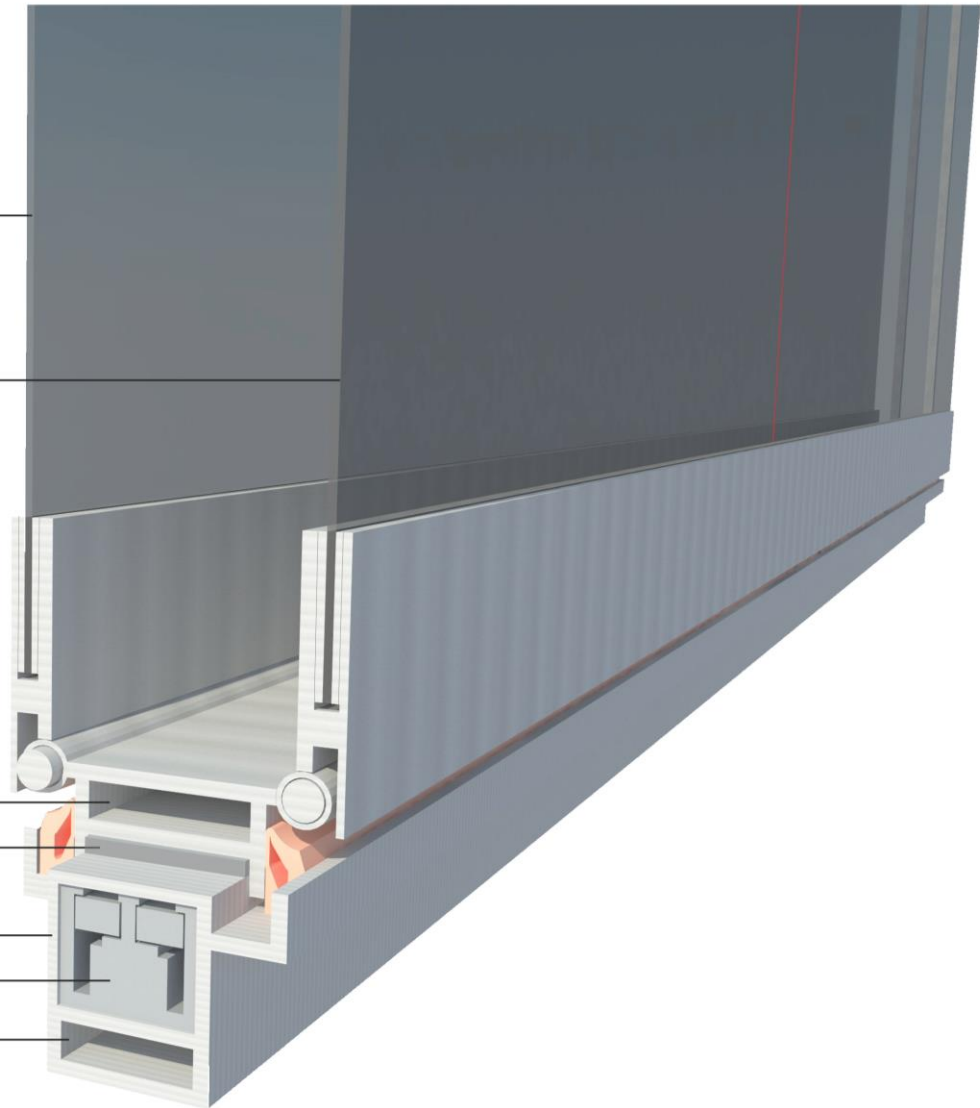
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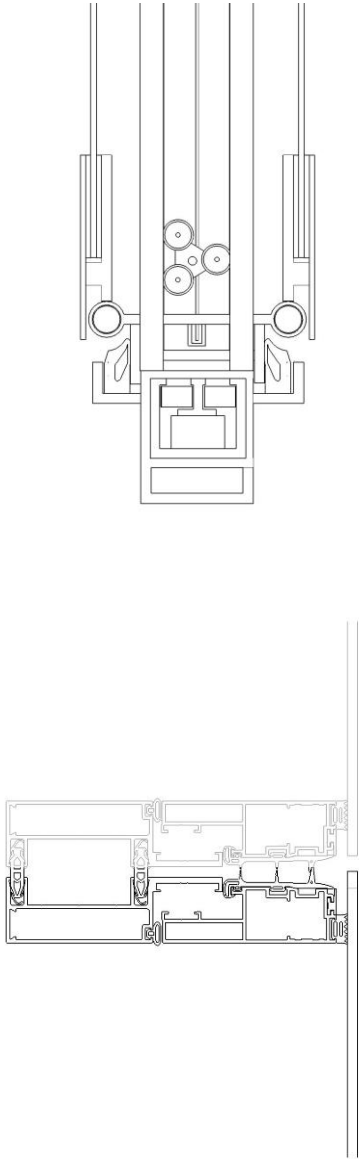
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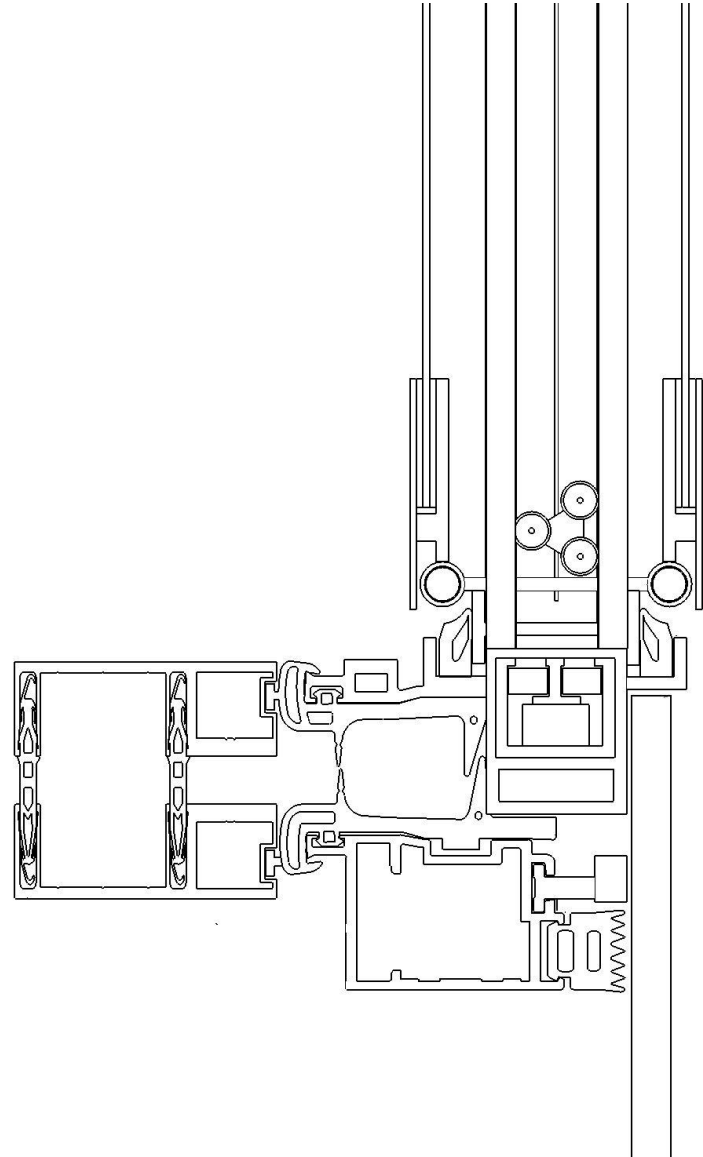
Electro-Permanent Magnet

Shaft for Magnet wires





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Rail

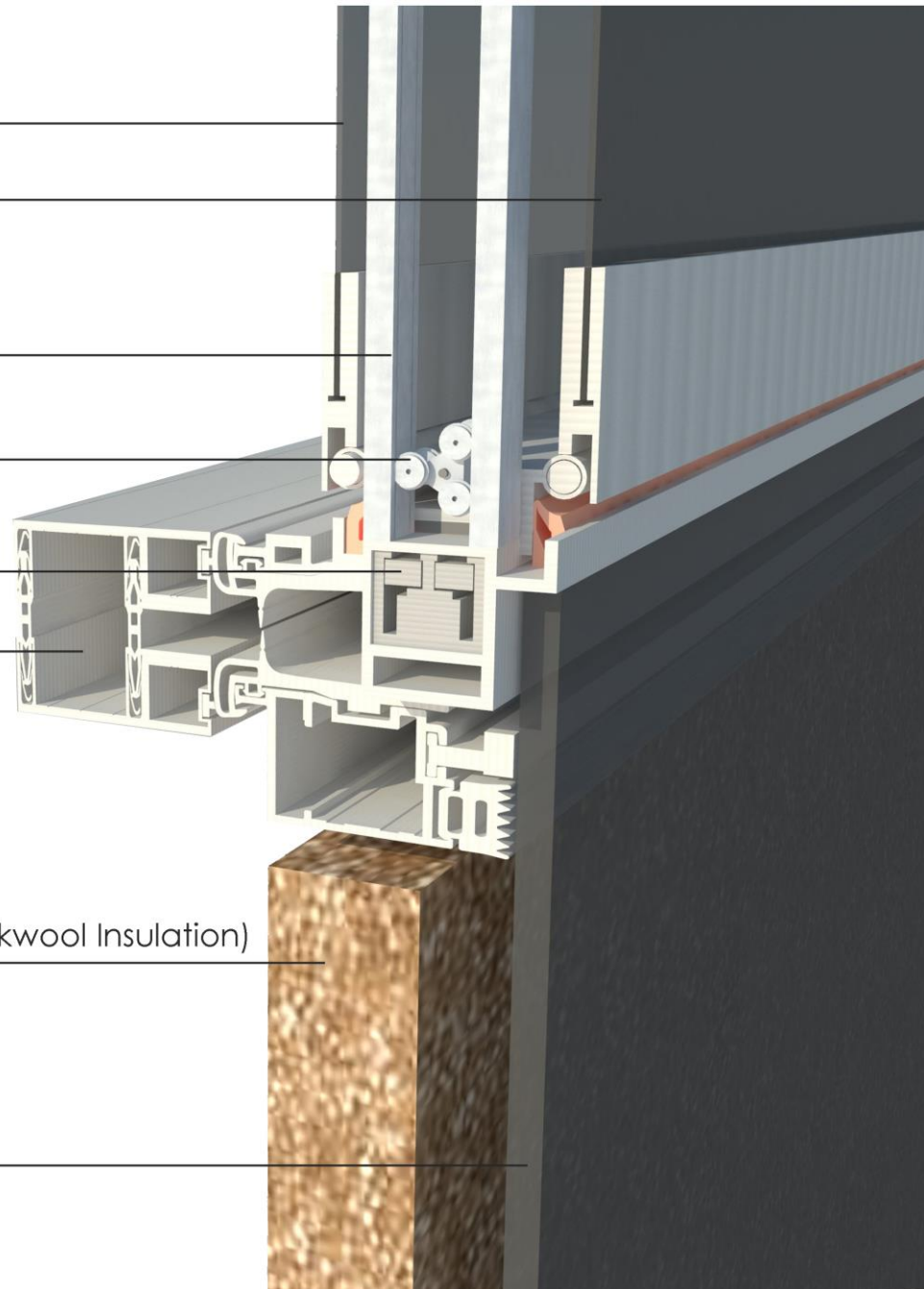
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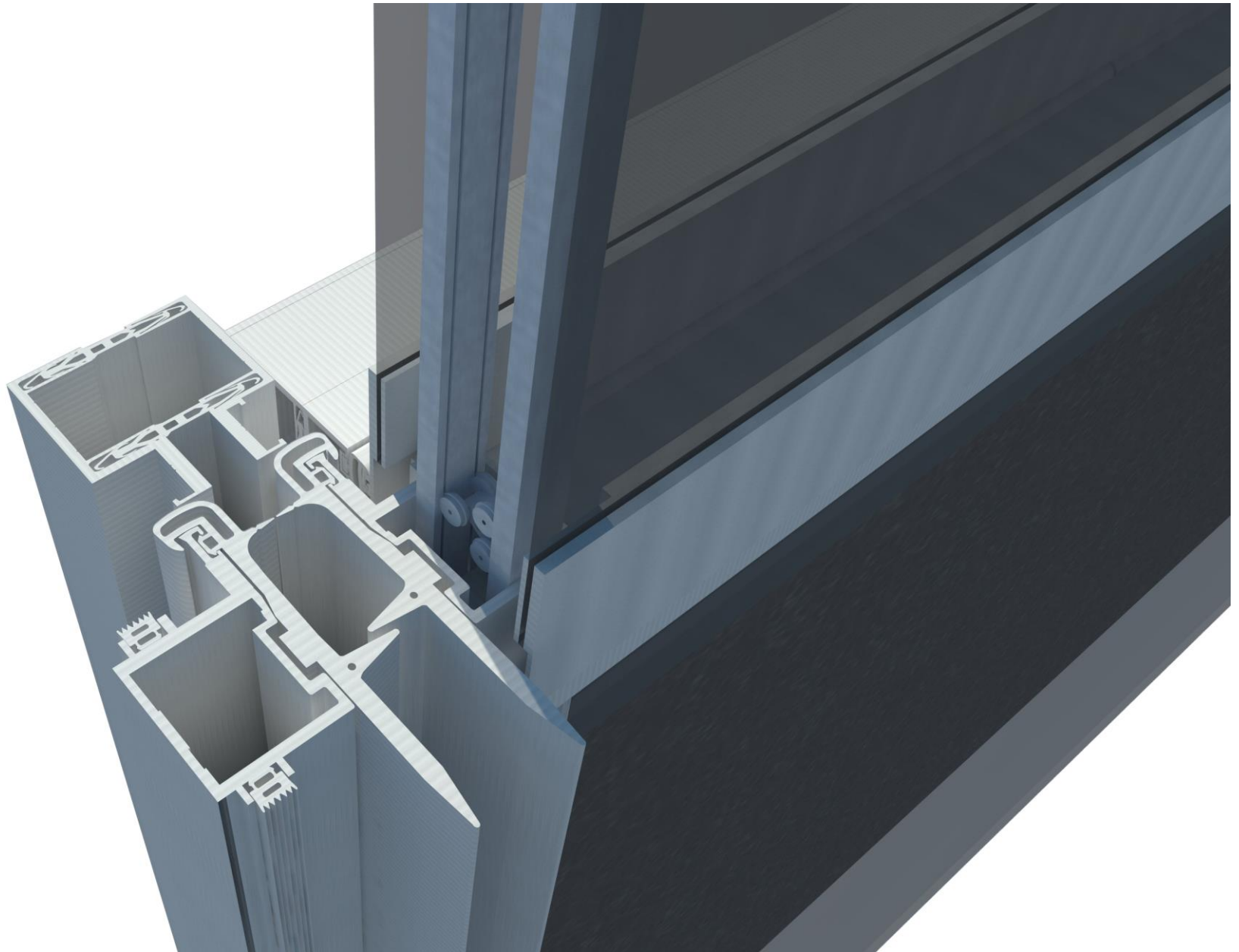
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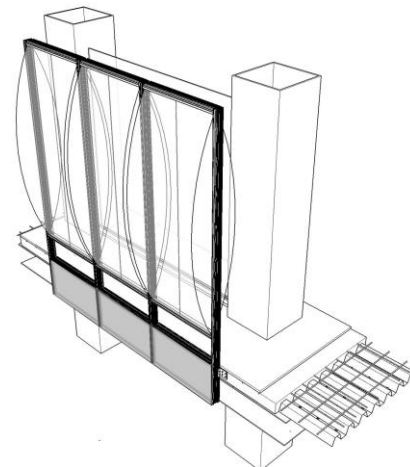
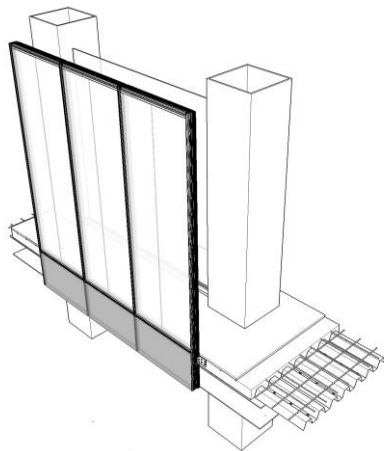
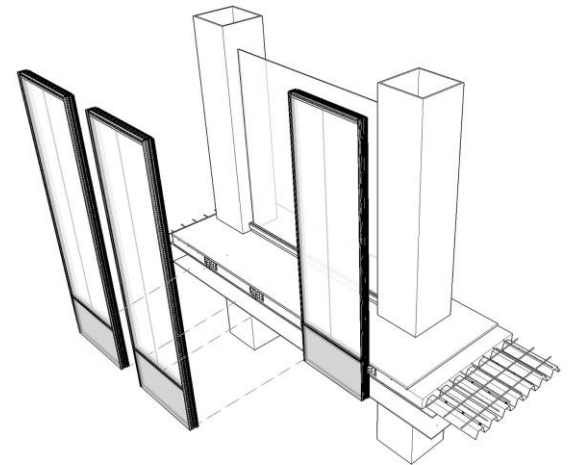
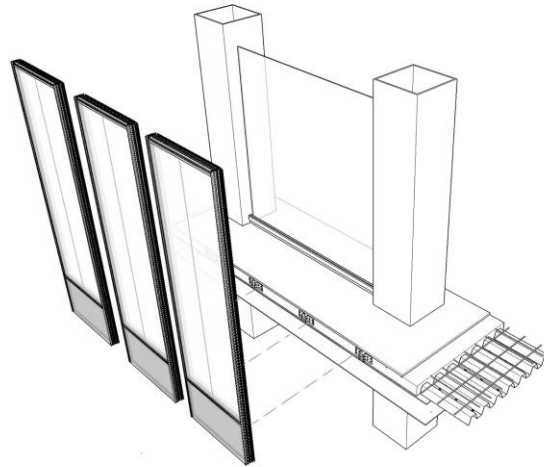
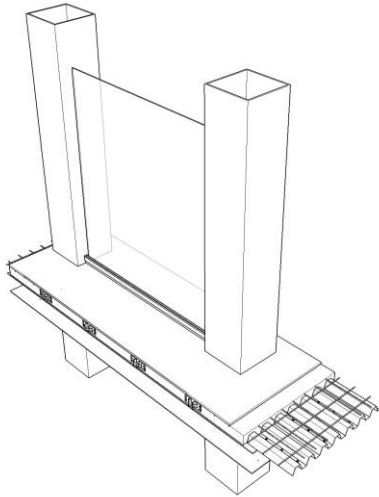
Sandwich Panel(Fire rated Rockwool Insulation)

4mm Tinted Reflective Glass





# Setup













# Research Structure

Literature Review

Design Exploration

Material Analysis

Practical Feasibility

Case Study

Conclusion

# Conclusion

How can a thin glass skin be applied as an adaptive façade developed by smart materials?

Main purpose of using thin glass

Main purpose of making an adaptive facade

Possibilities of movement of the thin glass panel

Possible technologies for bending the thin glass

The most suitable technology for bending thin glass

Necessary force for bending thin glass in different situations

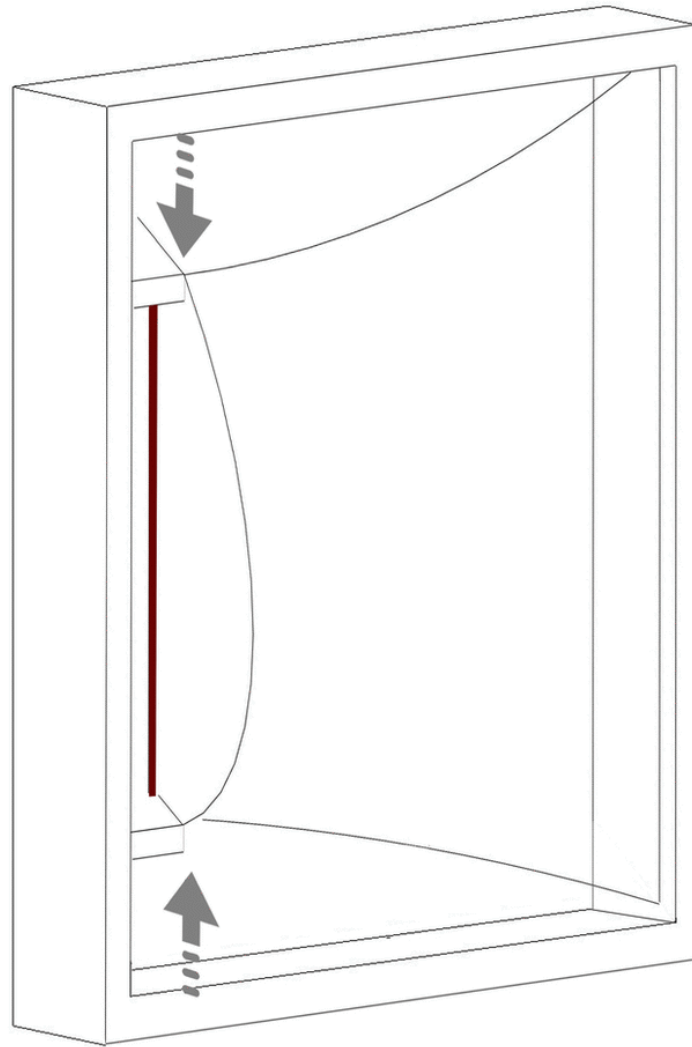
Structural performance of thin glass toward wind

Attachment of actuator to thin glass panel

# Conclusion

Recommendations for further development

Further consideration for Flexinol attachment and stroke



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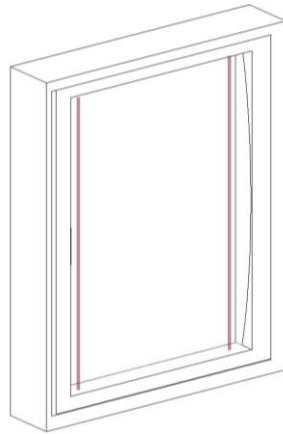
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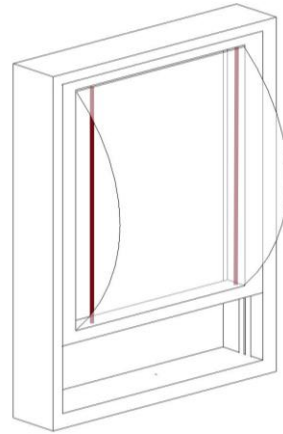
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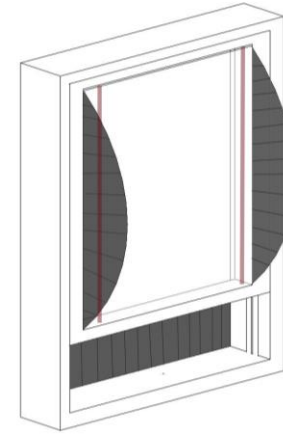
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Closed Window

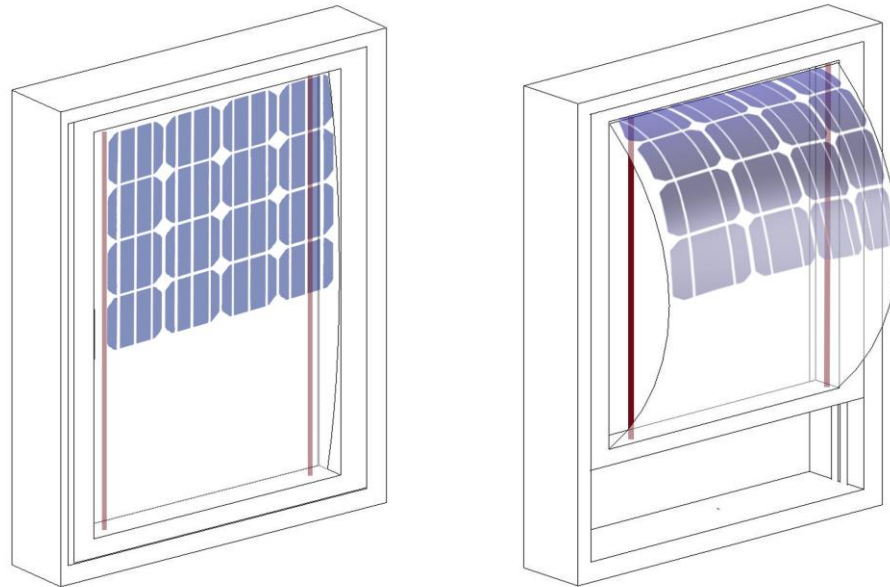


Activation of SMA  
Bending the Glass  
Increasing Stiffness

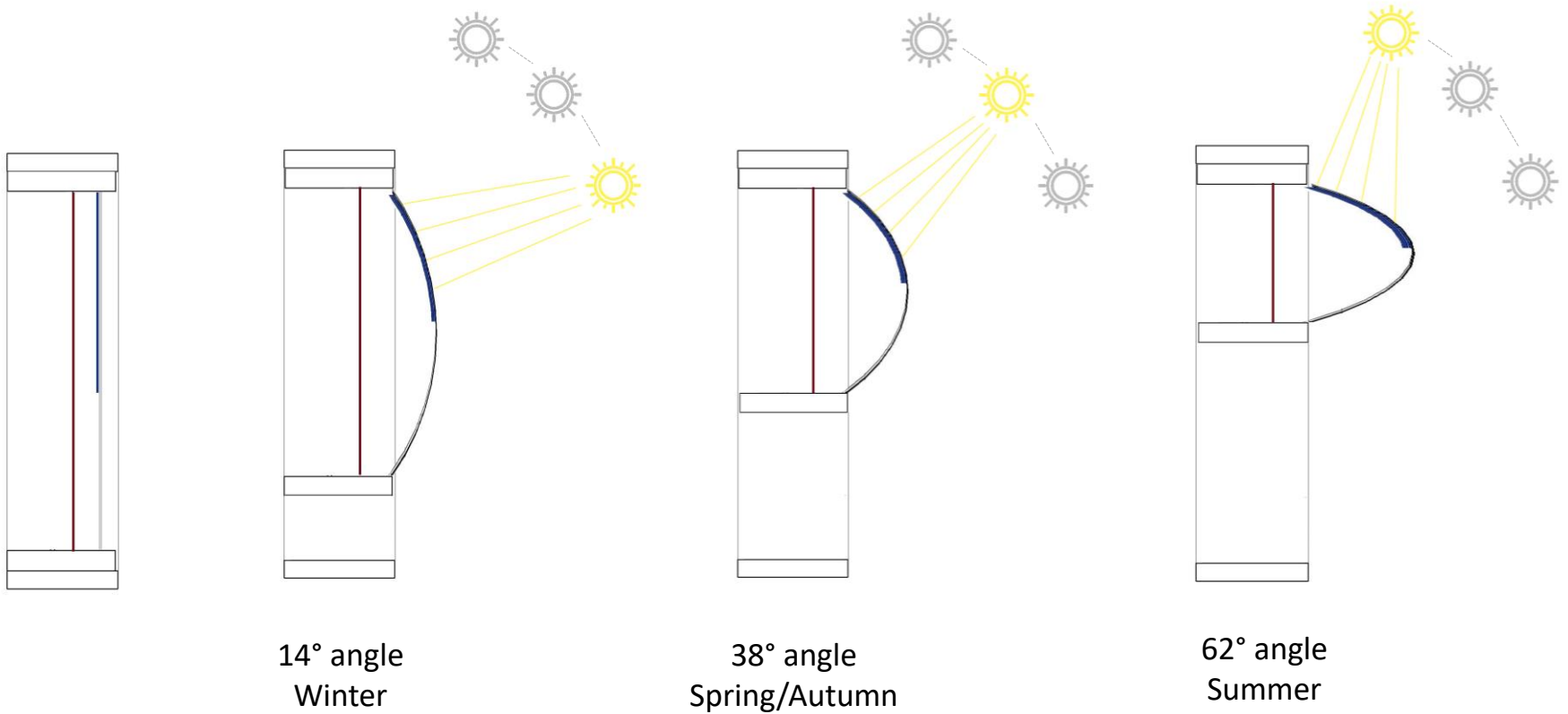


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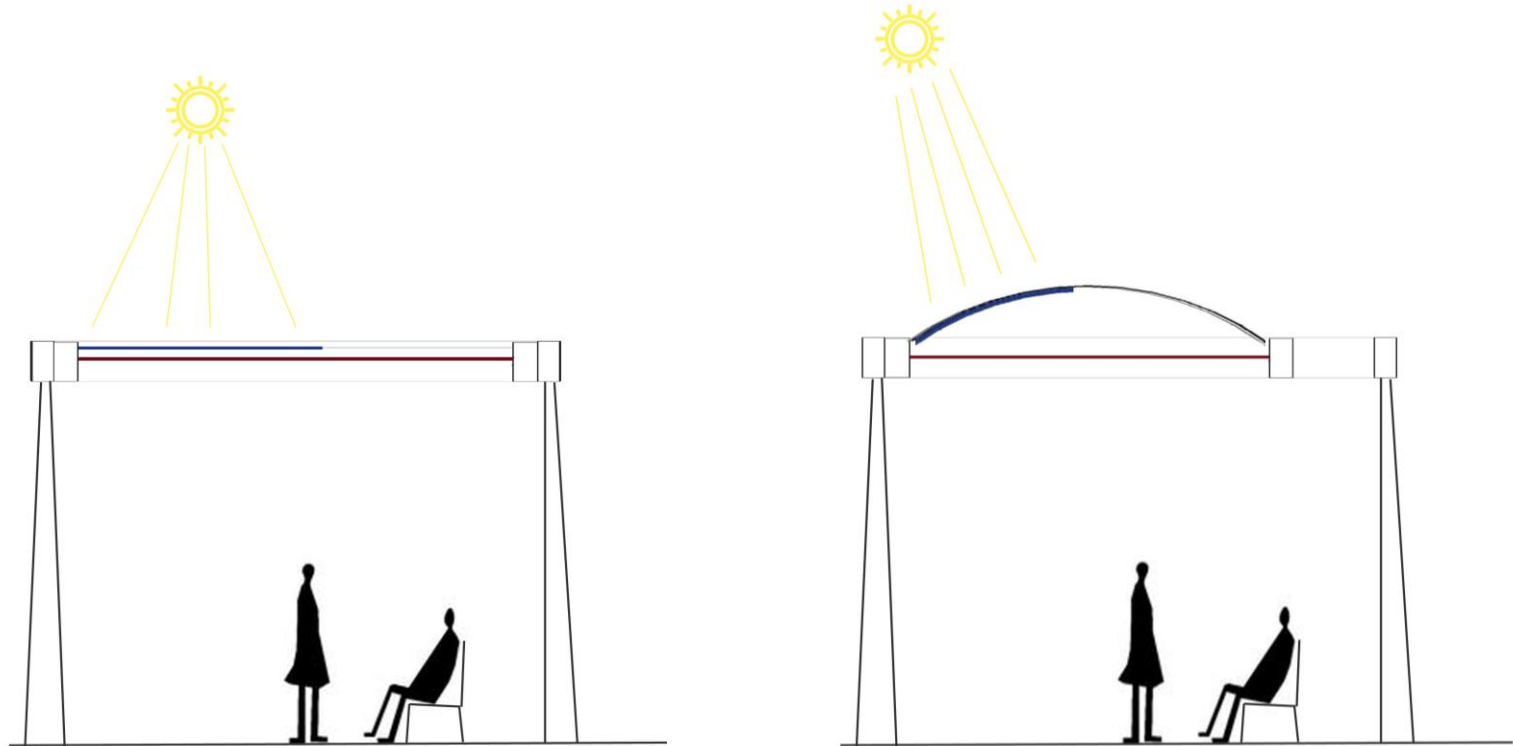
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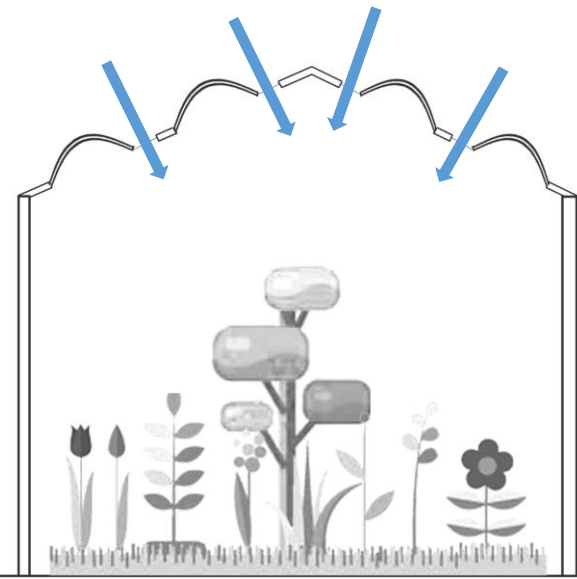
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# Auto Vent Greenhouse



# Conclusion

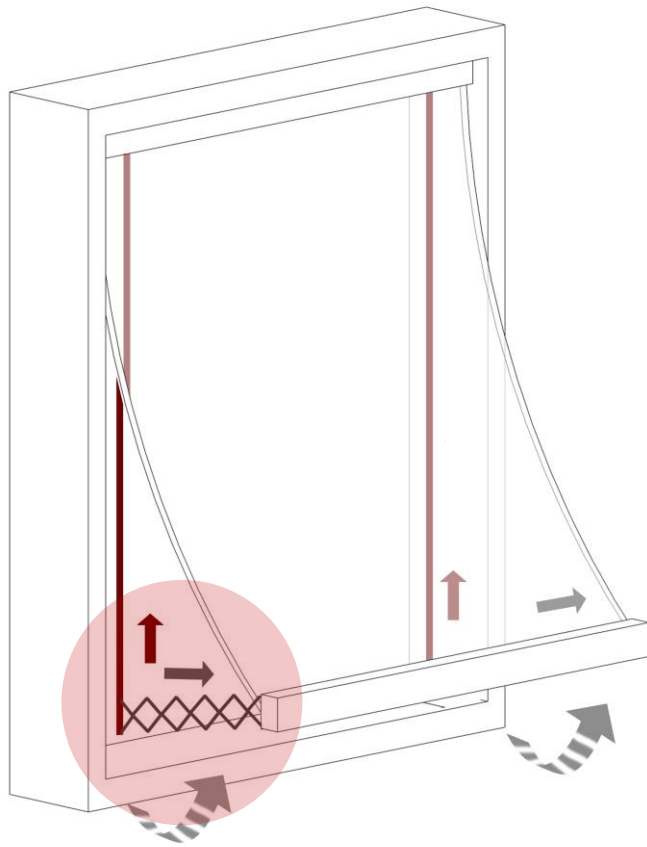
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# Scissor Mechanism



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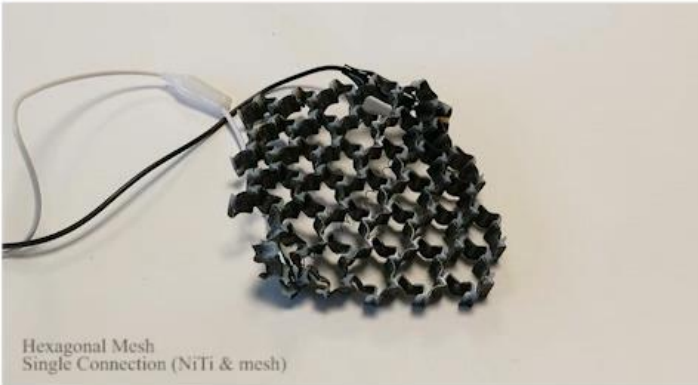
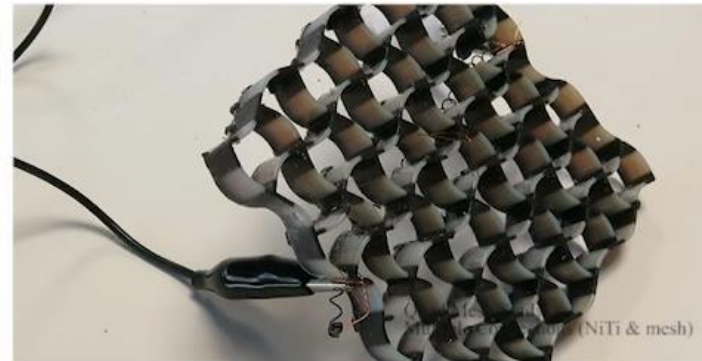
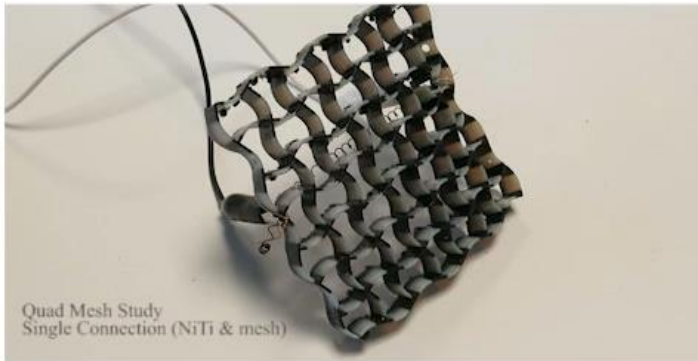
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Single skin laminated glass

3d printing of Shape Memory Alloy



NiTi Wire  
Mandrel Size 2.4mm  
Wire Diameter: 0.020"  
Pitch: 0.5 mm

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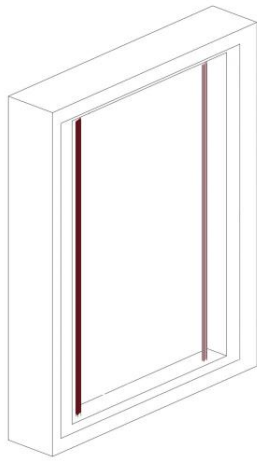
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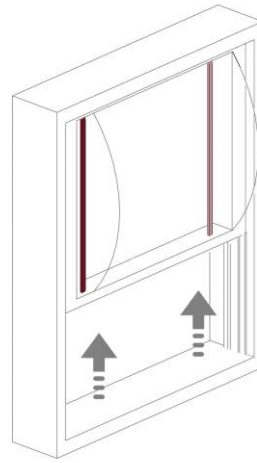
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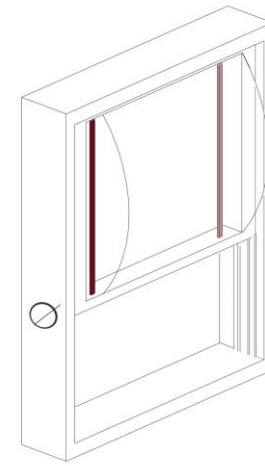
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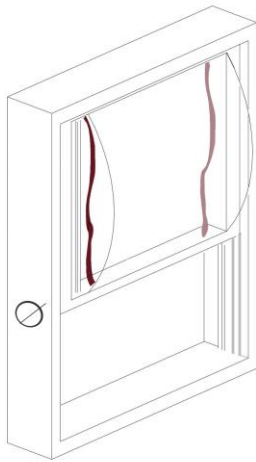
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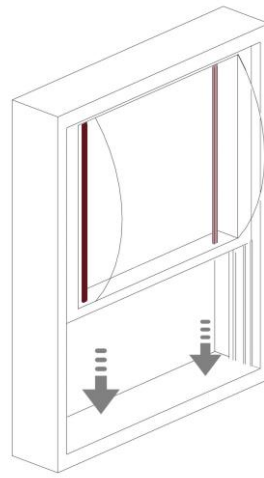
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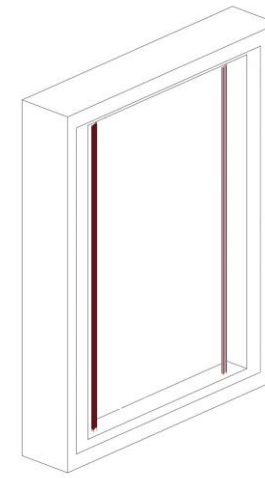
Locking Window



Turning off Electricity



SMA Activation



Closing Window

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Thank You