

Bringing Glass Giants to life

Fabrication of mass-optimized structural glass components of complex form

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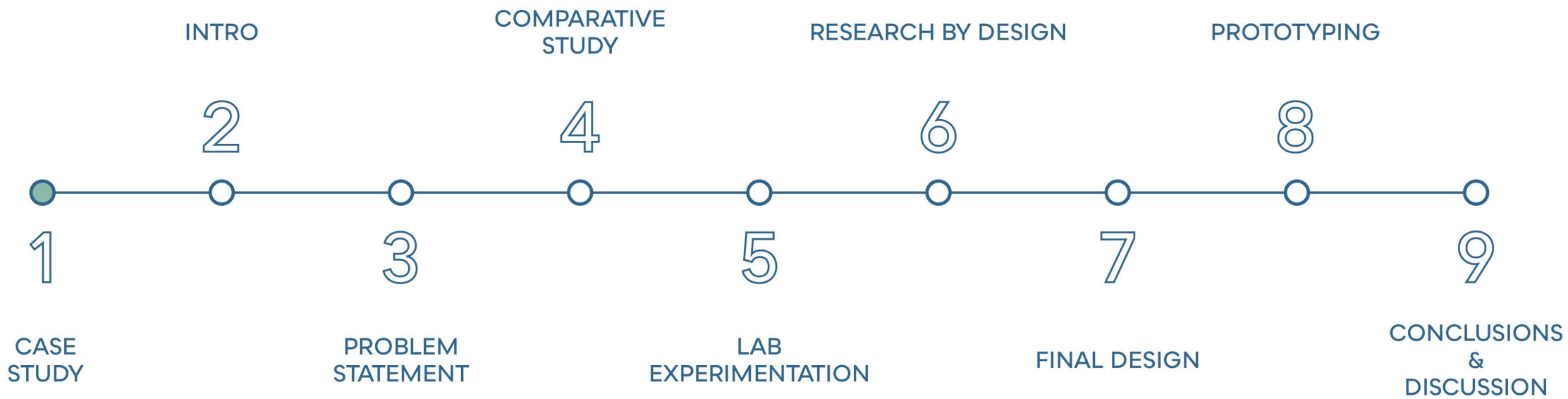
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“I am exploring ways of improving the **surface quality** and **optical transparency** of **complex and customized glass** forms produced via **kiln casting** and the use of **disposable 3D printed sand moulds**”



CASE STUDY

ALL-GLASS BRIDGE OBSERVATORY



TOPOGRAPHY AND LOCATION

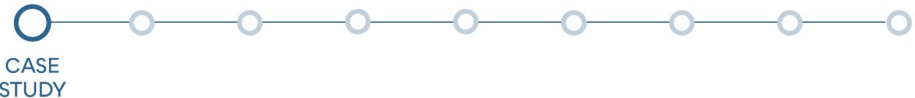
OXYA VIEW POINT, VIKOS GORGE, GREECE



CASE STUDY

SITE: OXYA VIEWPOINT, VIKOS GORGE

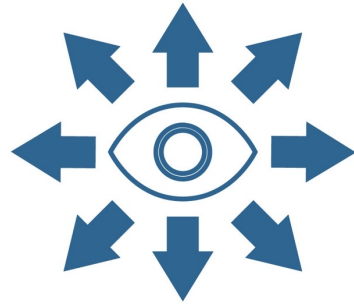
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OPTICAL



Minimal optical footprint



Unobstructed view

DESIGN FREEDOM



Unique structure/
experience

SUSTAINABILITY



Sustainable manufacturing

DESIGN PRINCIPLES

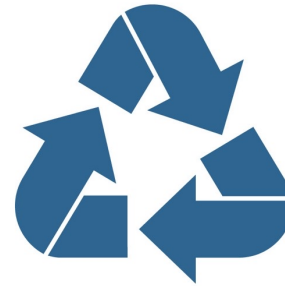
WHY GLASS ?



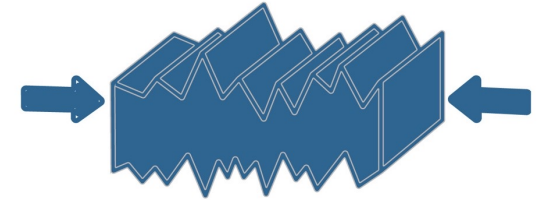
TRANSPARENT



DURABLE



RECYCLABLE



HIGH COMPRESSIVE
STRENGTH

WHY GLASS ?

LAMINATION OF FLOAT GLASS



CENTRE ADMINISTRATIF
Brunet Saunier Architecture (1995)



YURAKUCHO CANOPY
Rafael Viñoly Architects (1997)



APPLE STORE FIFTH AVENUE
Bohlin Cywinski Jackson (2006)

STRUCTURAL USE OF GLASS

ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE PLANARITY



LAMINATION OF FLOAT GLASS



GLASS SPHINX

Schobbers, F. (1993), image credits: Twan van den Hombergh

CAST GLASS



QAAMMAT PAVILION

Konstantin Arkitekter, (2021), image credits: Julien Lanoo

3D PRINTED GLASS

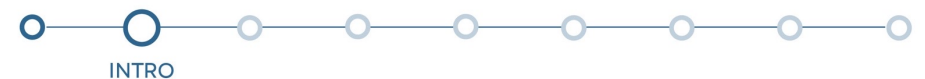


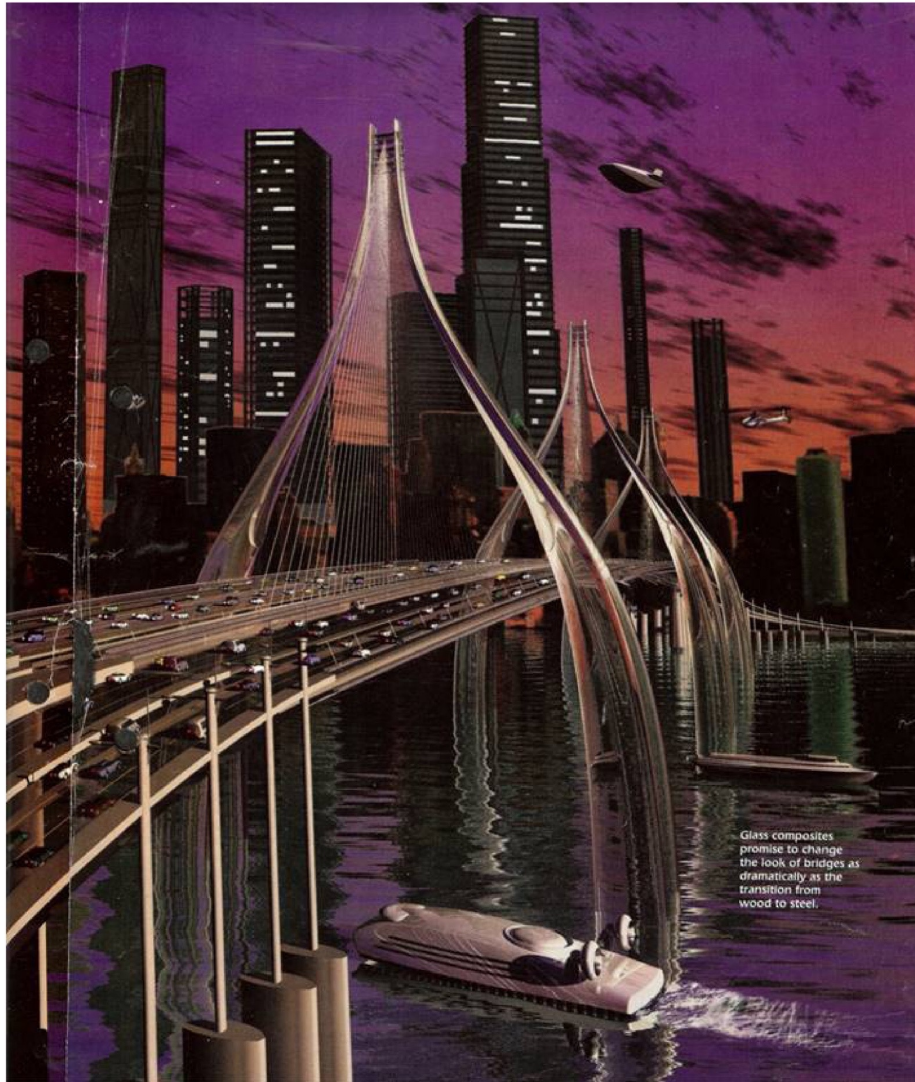
GLASS II

Inamura, C. (2017)

COMPLEX SHAPED GLASS STRUCTURE

ALTERNATIVE FABRICATION METHODS



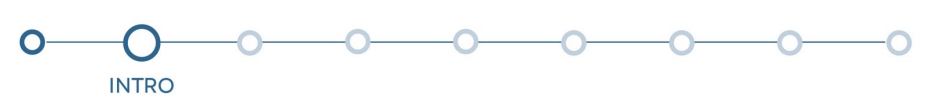


GLASS BRIDGE
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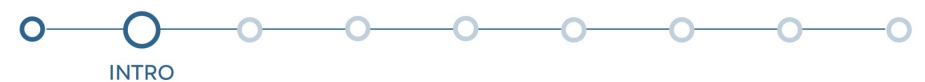
DANTEUM (GLASS COLUMNS)
Giuseppe Terragni, 1938

COMPLEX SHAPED GLASS: STRUCTURES

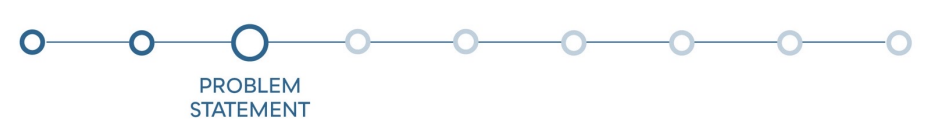


COMPLEX SHAPED GLASS: SCIENCE

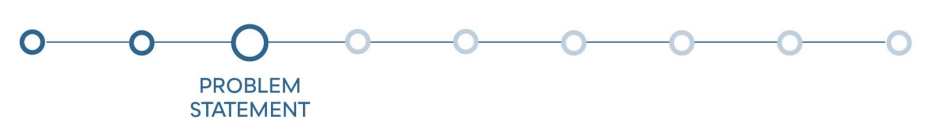
GIANT MAGELLAN TELESCOPE BLANC Ø 8.4 M

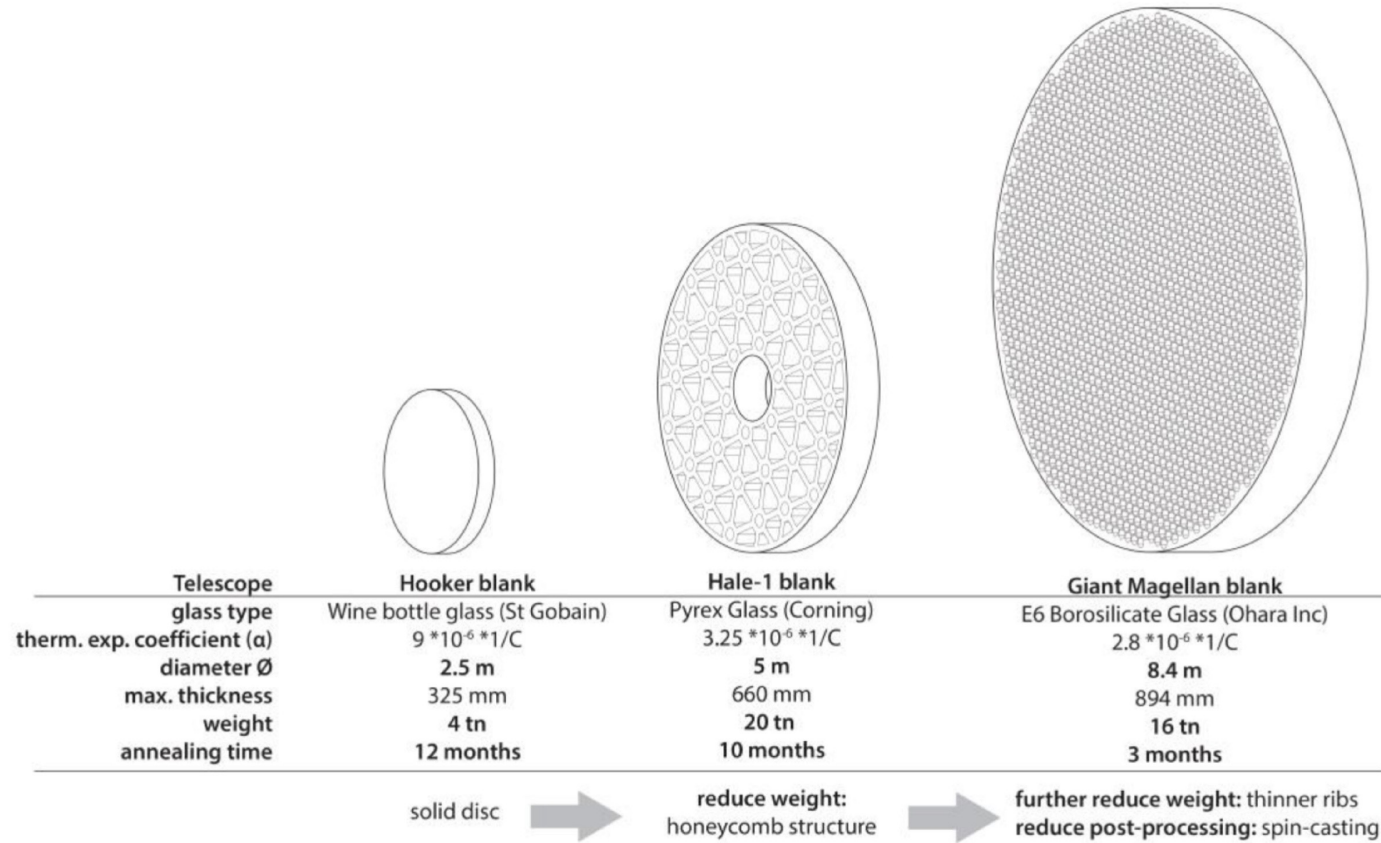


WHY DON'T WE SEE GLASS GIANTS IN ARCHITECTURE?



GLASS PARTICULARITIES





TOPOLOGY OPTIMIZATION →



Time efficient



Energy efficient



Cost efficient

ANNEALING TIME

TELESCOPE BLANKS ANNEALING TIME

Oikonomopoulou (2019), Zirker (2005)





TOPOLOGICALLY OPTIMIZED GLASS

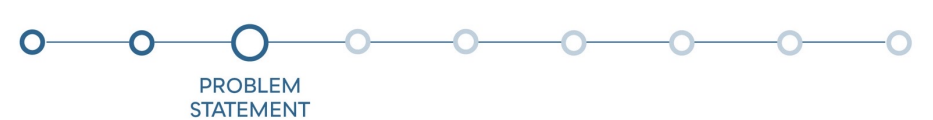
GRID SHELL NODE

Damen, W. (2019)



PROBLEM
STATEMENT

FABRICATION LIMITATIONS



LAMINATION OF FLOAT GLASS



<https://glasshape.co.nz/about-us/sustainability/>

HIGH WASTE GENERATION
LAMINATION CHALLENGES

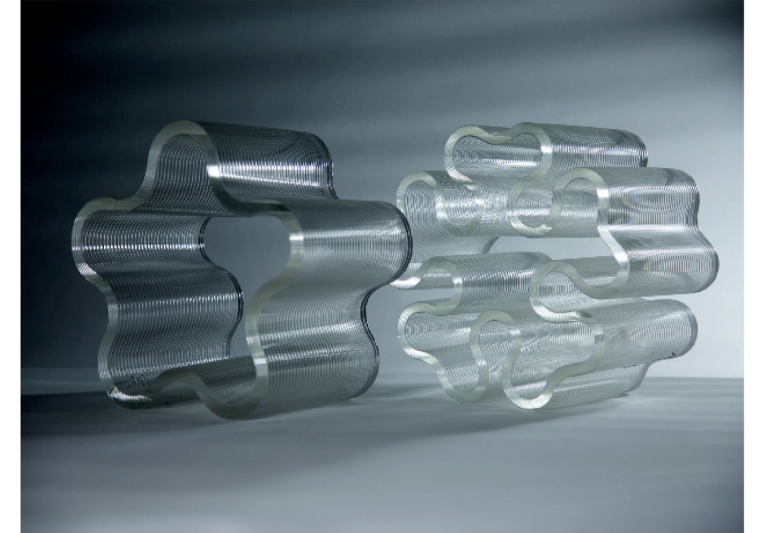
CAST GLASS



Oikonomopoulou et. al (2020)

COST INEFFICIENT OR
NEED FOR POST PROCESS

3D PRINTED GLASS

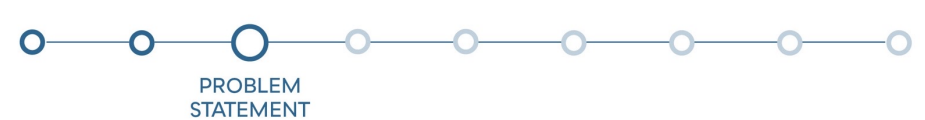


<https://www.chikara-inamura.com/GLASS/GLASS-II-APPLICATION>

SIZE LIMITATIONS

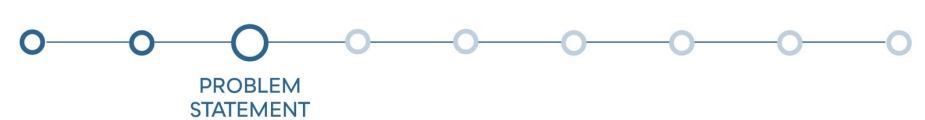
FABRICATION CHALLENGES

ESTABLISHED FABRICATION METHODS



FABRICATION POTENTIAL

CASTING USING 3D PRINTED SAND MOULDS

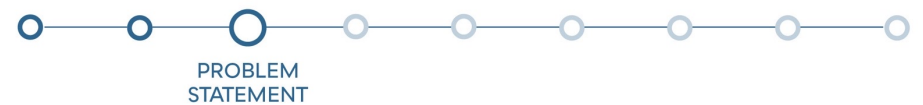




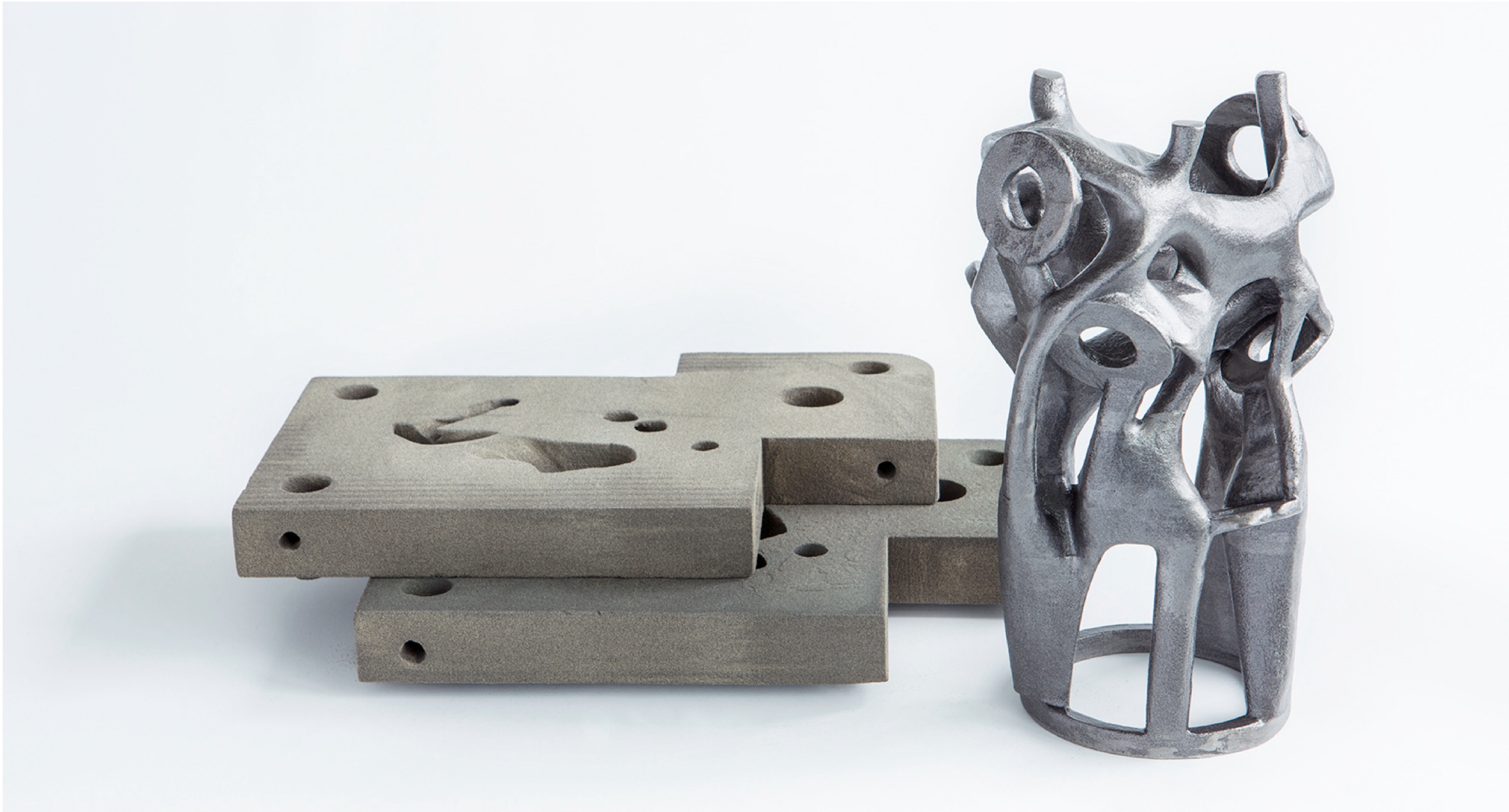
APPLICATIONS IN CONCRETE

T.O. CONCRETE SLAB/ PROTOTYPE A

Digital Building Technologies (ETH) (2016)



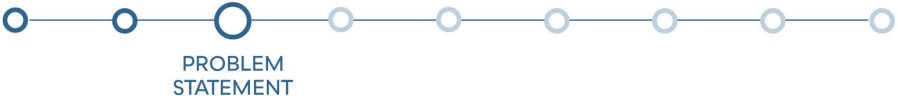
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APPLICATIONS IN STEEL

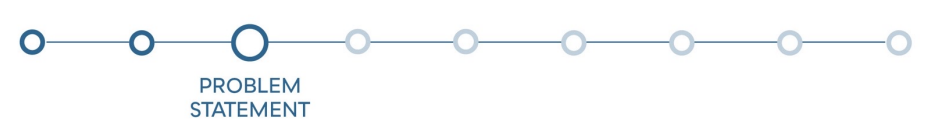
T.O. NODE

Arup, Galjaard, S., Hofman, S., Perry, N., Ren, S. (2015)



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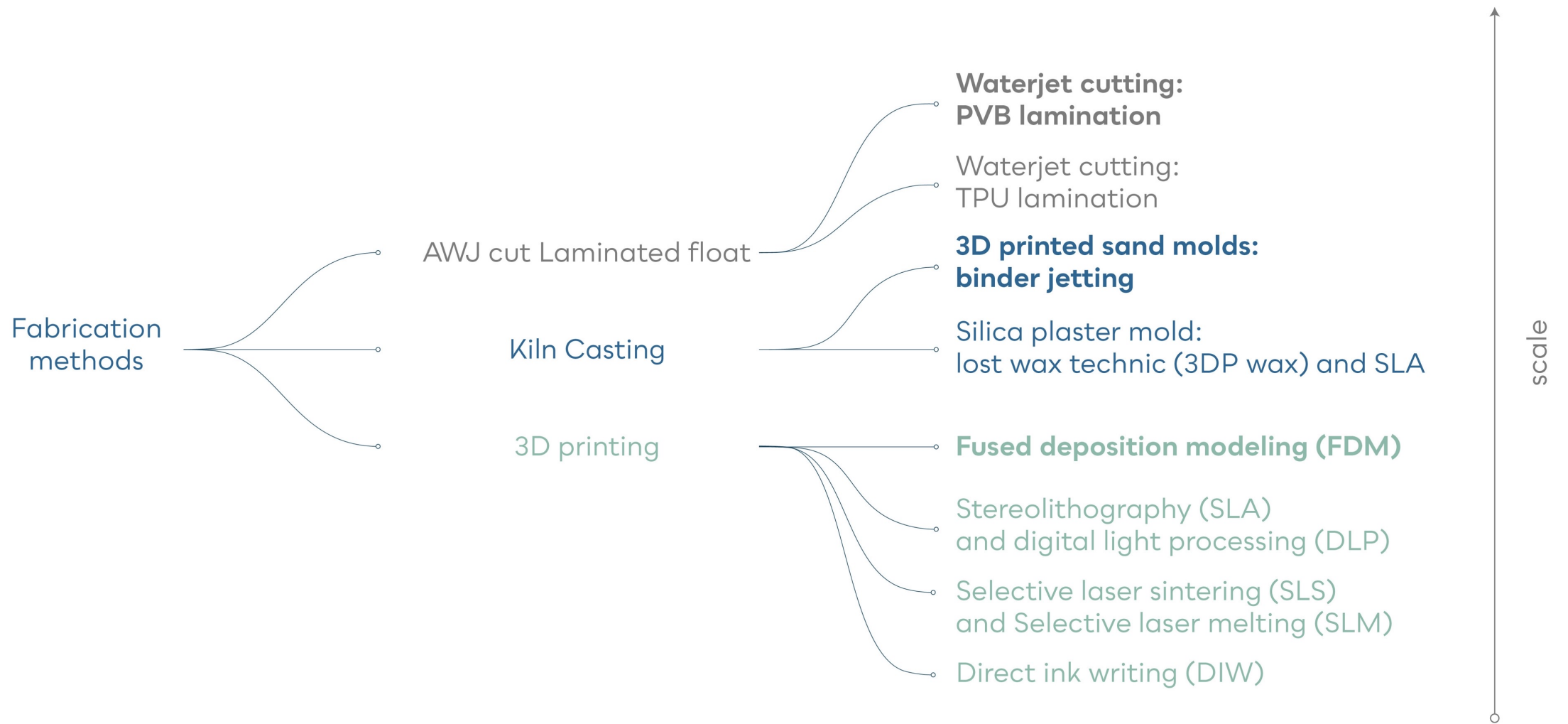
MAIN RESEARCH QUESTION



Which fabrication method for glass is **most promising** in terms of:

- **optical quality,**
- **structural performance,**
- **sustainability** and
- **fabrication freedom?**

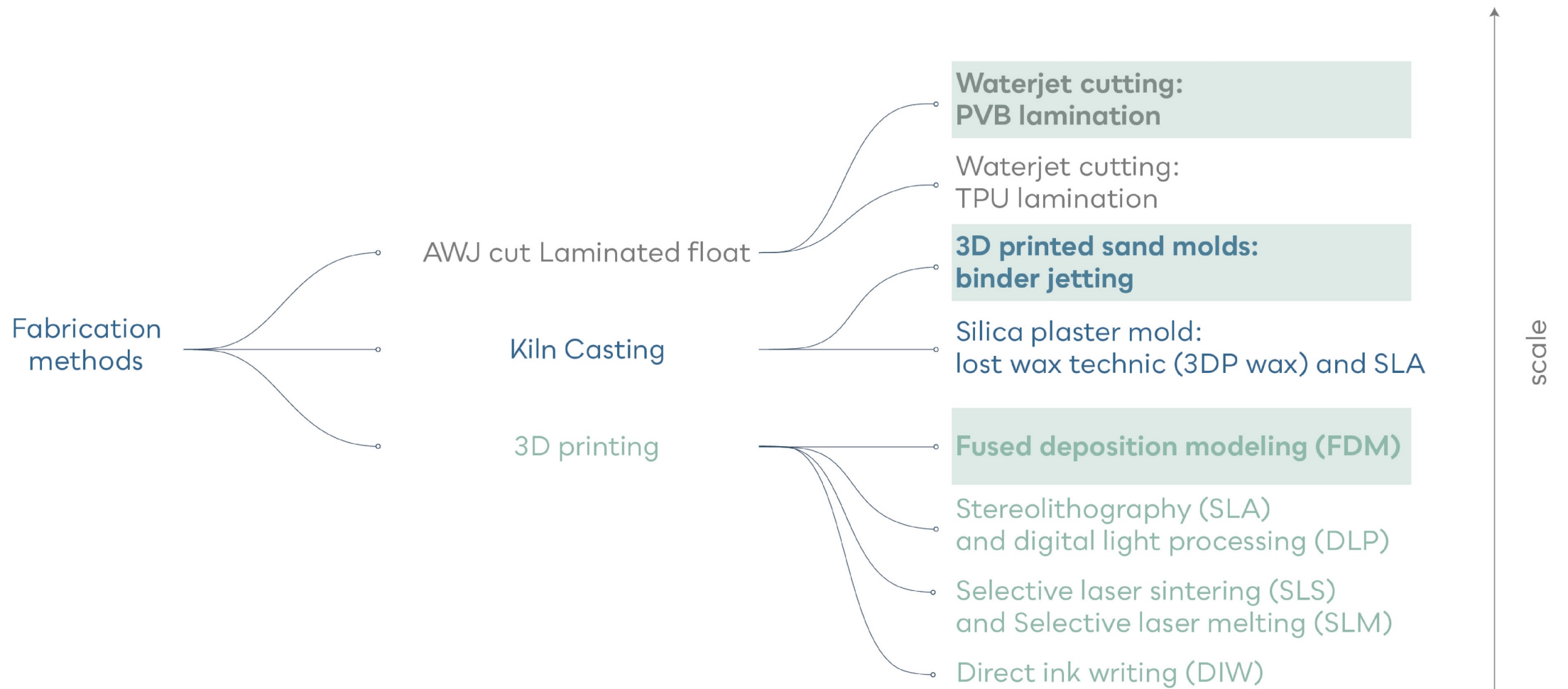
COMPARATIVE STUDY



FABRICATION METHODS

SCOPE OF THE RESEARCH





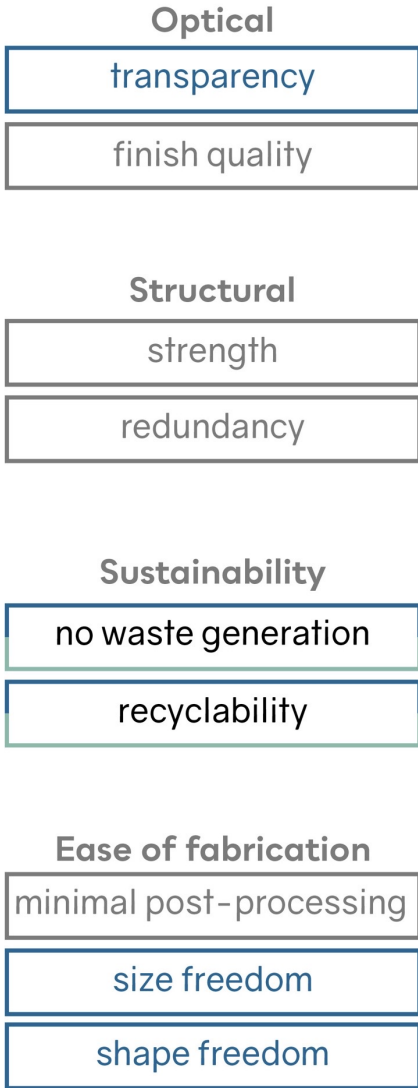
FABRICATION METHODS

FOCUS

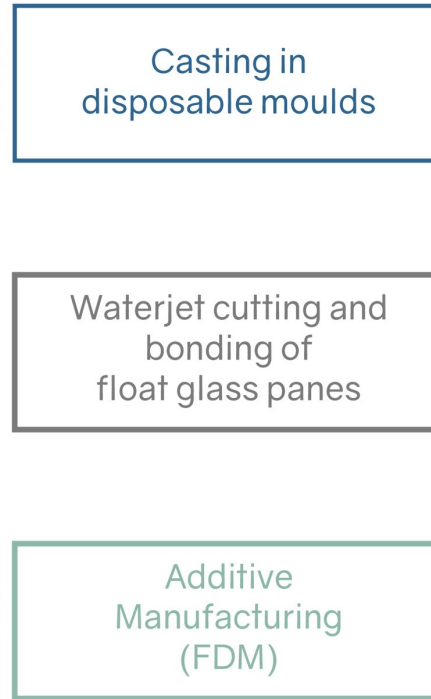


COMPERATIVE
STUDY

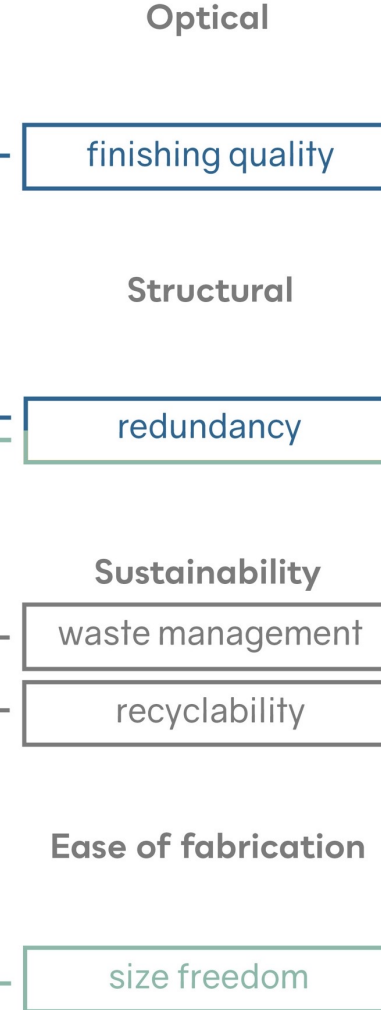
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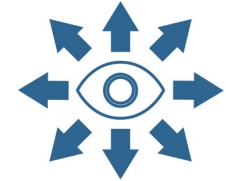
Fabrication method



Improvements



Minimal optical footprint



Unobstructed view



Unique structure/
experience



Sustainable
manufacturing

ROADMAP

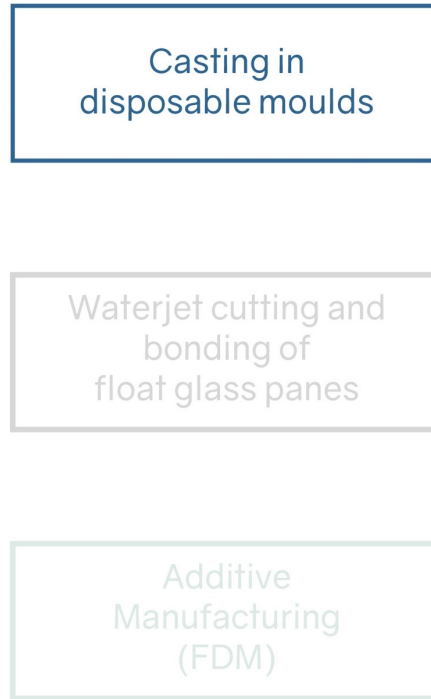
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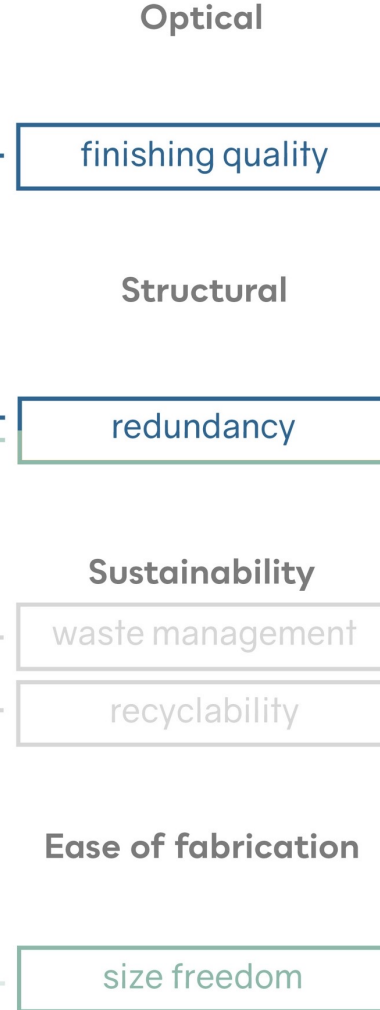
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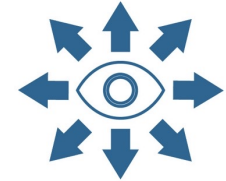
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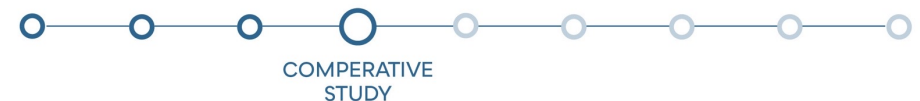
Unique structure/
experience



Sustainable
manufacturing

ROADMAP

SELECTION OF FABRICATION METHOD



FINISHING QUALITY

LAB EXPERIMENTATION



3DPS mould

(Bhatia, 2019)



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Steel mould

Oikonomopoulou, Bristogianni, Veer, et al., (2018)

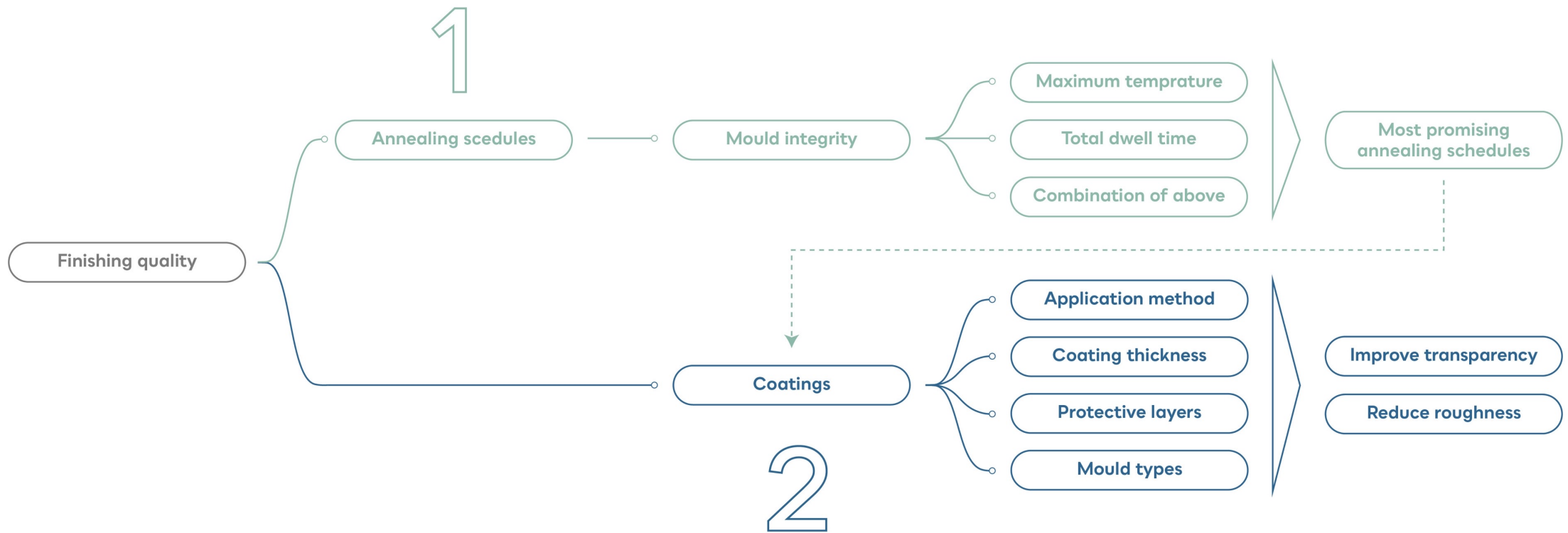


FABRICATION CHALLENGES

SURFACE QUALITY



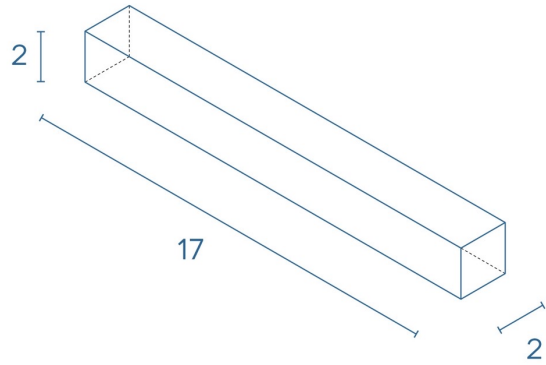
LAB
EXPERIMENTATION



EXPERIMENTS OVERVIEW

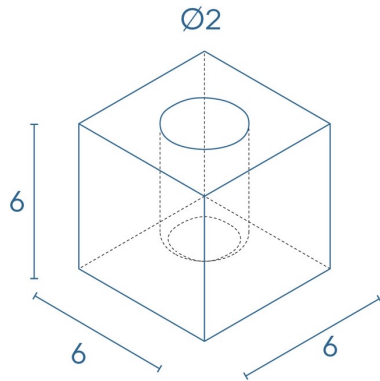


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Bar

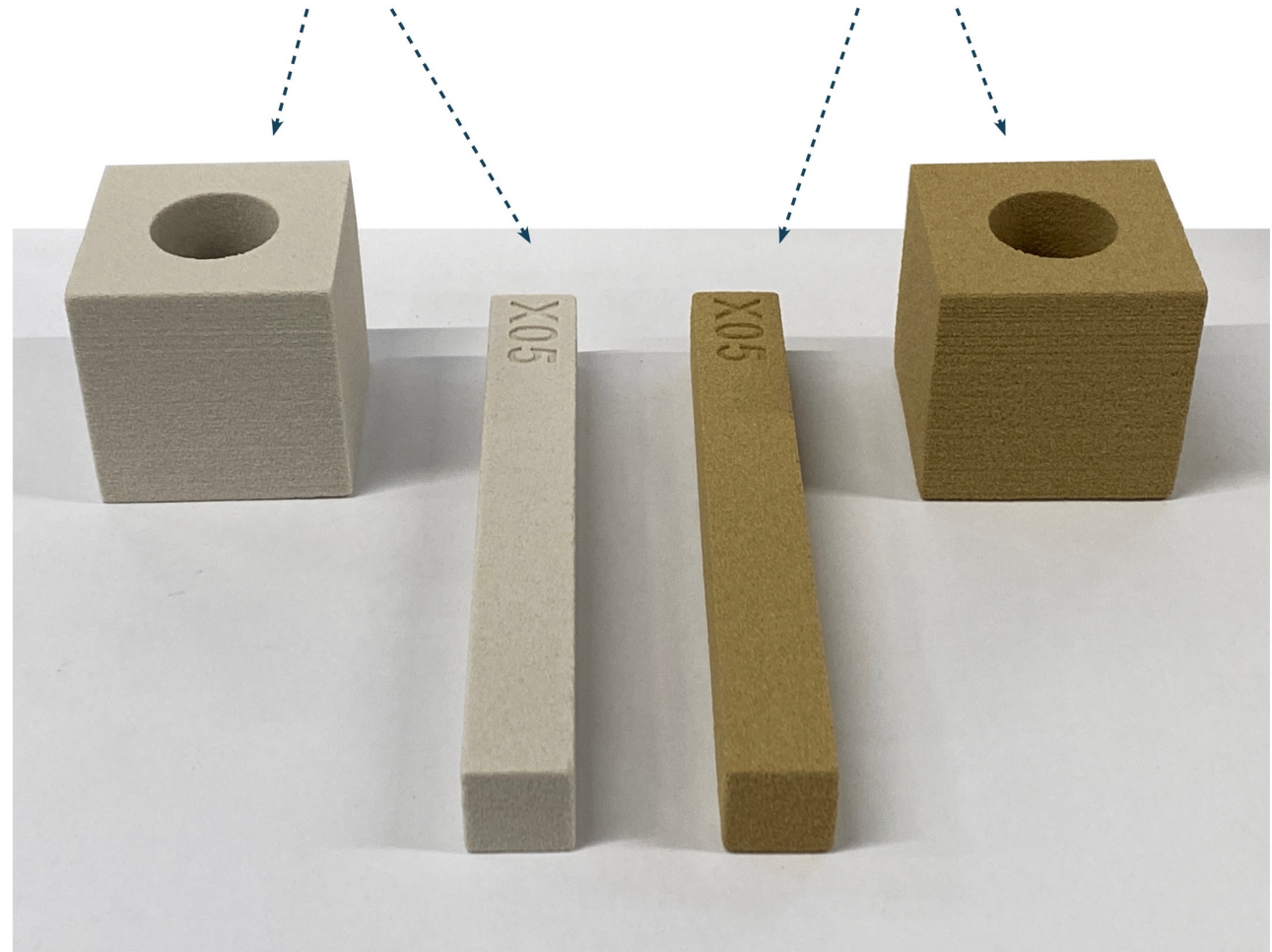
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Cube

Quartz sand
Inorganic binder

Ceramic sand
Inorganic binder



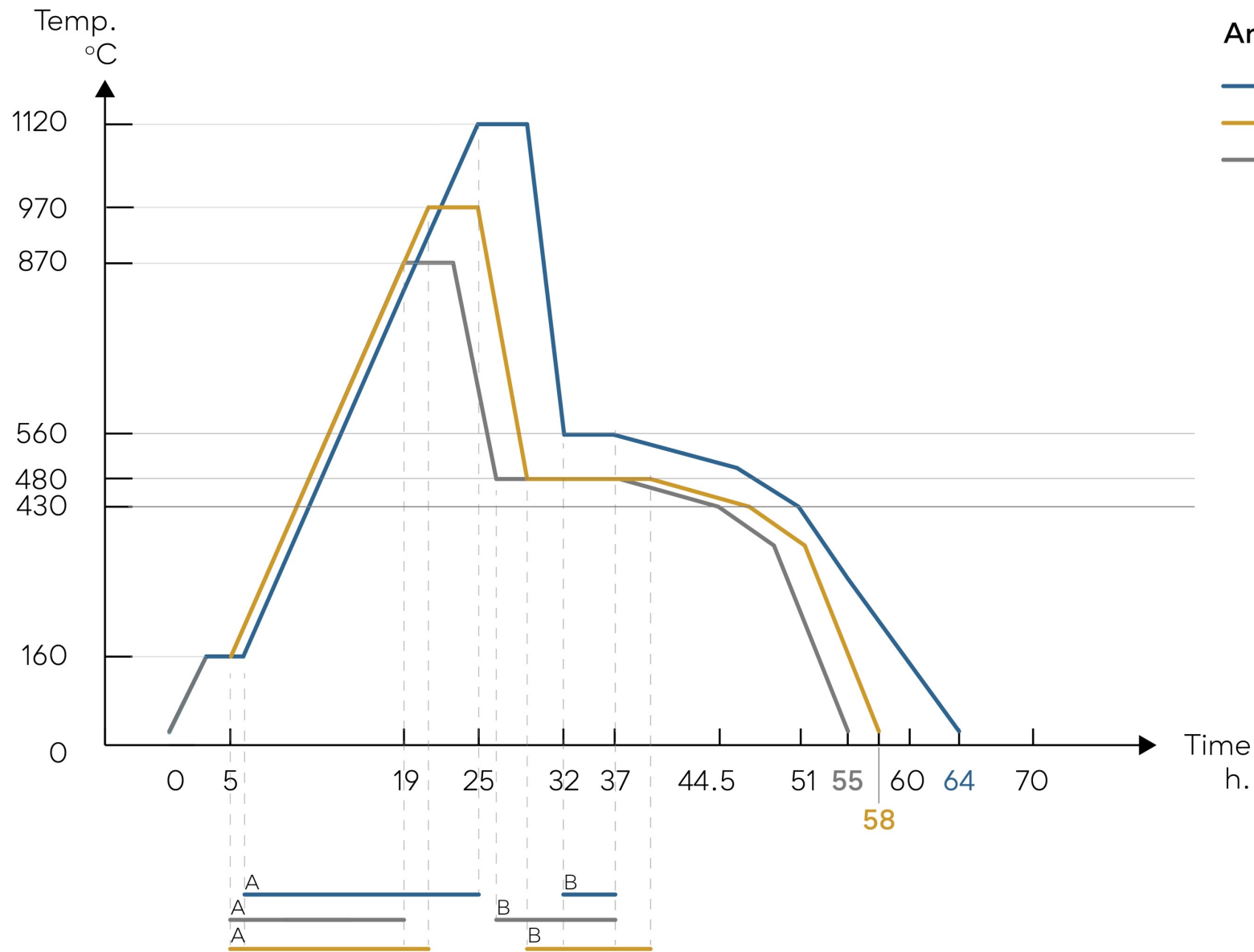
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MOULDS

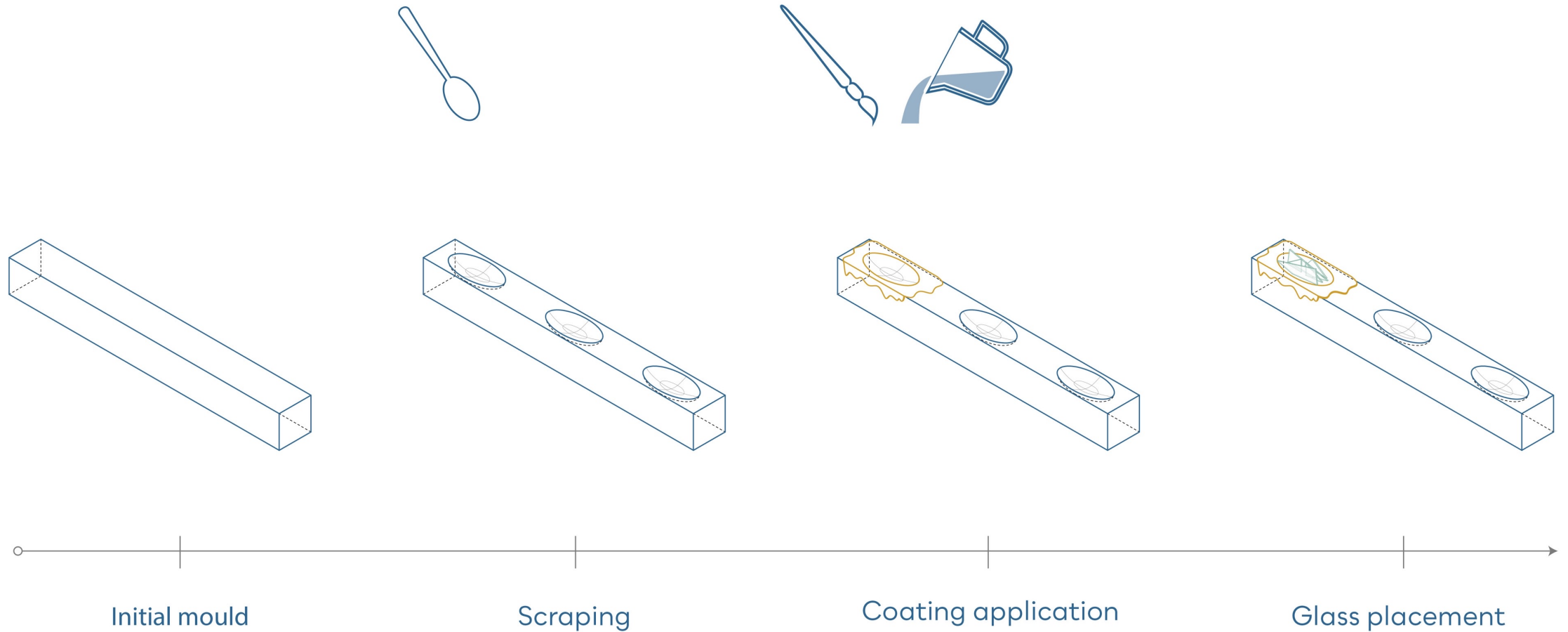


ANNEALING SCHEDULES



ANNEALING SCHEDULES

QUARTZ SAND AND CERAMIC SAND



COATING APPLICATION



Quartz sand



1120°C normal
64 hrs

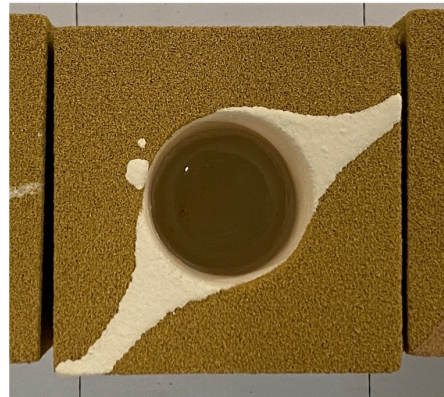


970°C normal
58 hrs



870°C normal
55 hrs

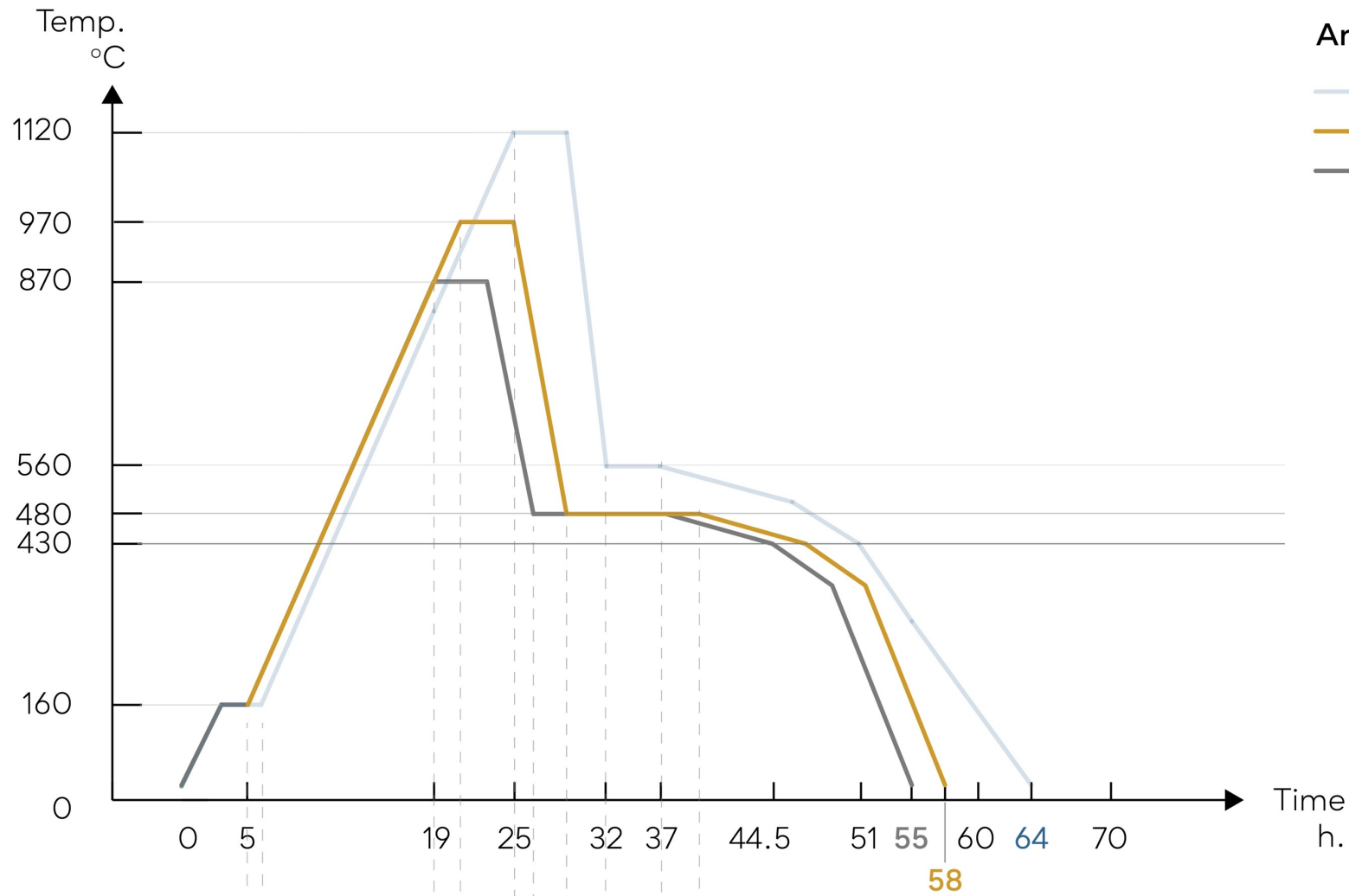
Ceramic sand



OBSERVATION PER SCHEDULE

QUARTZ AND CERAMIC SAND





MOST PROMISING SCHEDULES

QUARTZ SAND AND CERAMIC SAND



COATINGS EXPERIMENTS



COATINGS

	Name	Solvent	Dilution (flow application)	Provider
1	Zirkofluid 1219	Isopropanol	~ 40% wt.	Hüttenes Albertus
2	Zirkofluid 6672	Isopropanol	~ 10% wt.	Hüttenes Albertus
3	Arkopal B 5	Water	~ 30% wt.	Hüttenes Albertus

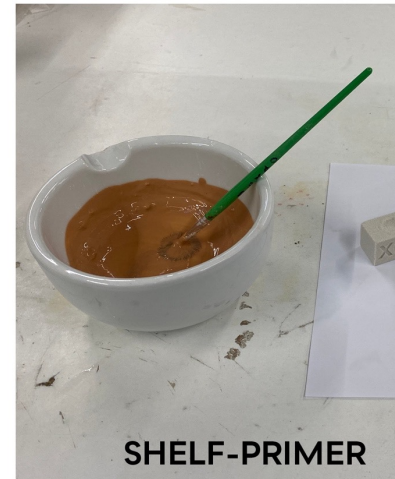


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PROTECTIVE LAYER

	Name	Solvent	Dilution (brush application)	Provider
A	Shelf-primer	Water	N/A	Bullseye glass Co.
B	Crystal cast	Water	2:1 w/w	Provetro gruppo



COATINGS & PROTECTIVE LAYER

DILUTION RATIOS OF COATINGS AND PROTECTIVE LAYER



LAB EXPERIMENTATION

970°C



Quartz sand

Ceramic sand

Annealing schedule	Protective layer	Side	Coatings						
			No	Zirkofluid 1219		Zirkofluid 6672		Arkopal B 5	
				Flow	Brush	Flow	Brush	Flow	Brush
970°C normal	No	Contact							
		Top							
970°C normal	No	Contact							
		Top							

X2

RESULTS OVERVIEW

970°C

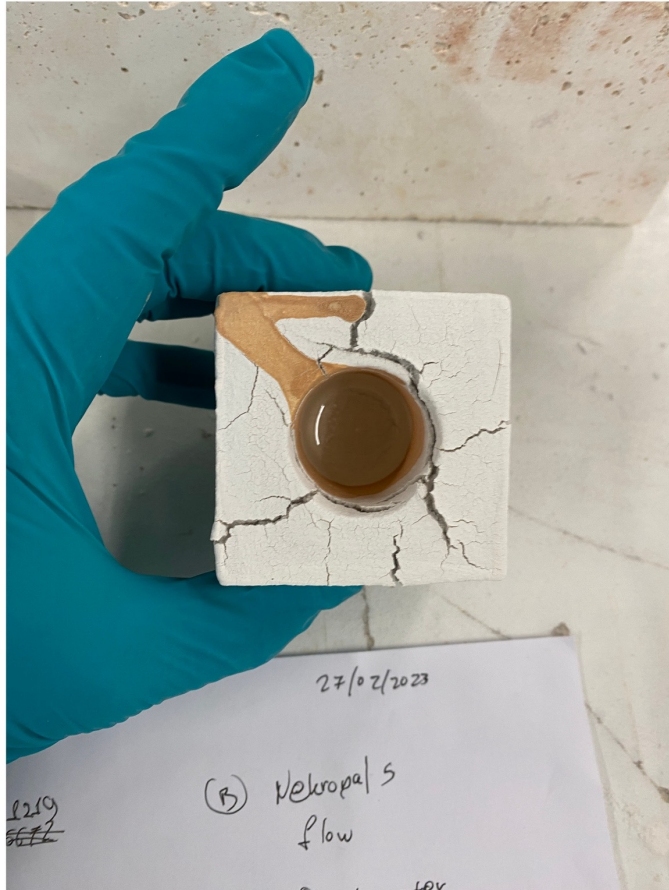


PROTECTIVE LAYER

CRYSTALCAST AND SHELF PRIMER



TOP SURFACE



CONTACT SURFACE

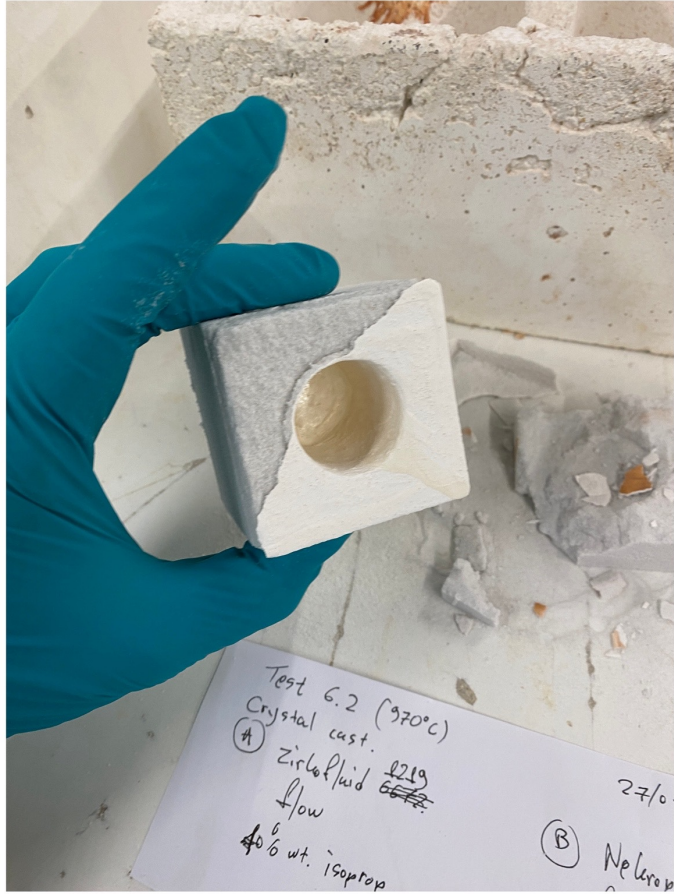


SHELF-PRIMER

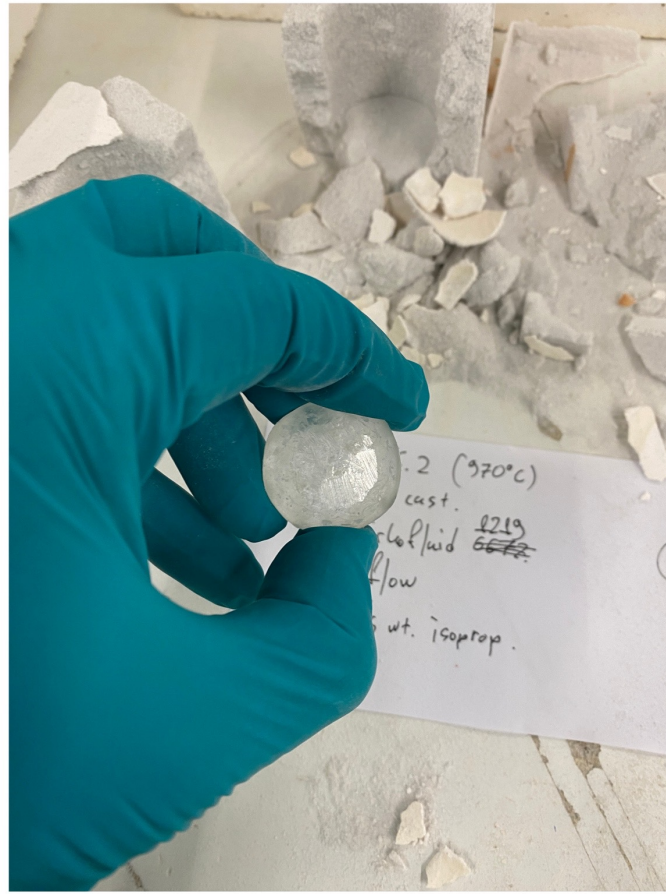
970°C




TOP SURFACE



CONTACT SURFACE



Annealing schedule	Protective layer	Sand type	Side	Coatings						Coating	
				No	Zirkofluid 1219		Zirkofluid 6672		Arkopal B 5		
					Flow	Brush	Flow* (2X)	Brush	Flow		Brush
Crystacast 3X Brush	Quartz sand	Contact							X1		
										X2	
	Ceramic sand	Contact									

CRYSTALCAST + COATINGS

970°C



870°C



Annealing schedule	Protective layer	Sand type	Side	Coatings								Coating
				No	Zirkofluid 1219		Zirkofluid 6672		Arkopal B 5			
					Flow	Brush	Flow	Brush	Flow	Brush		
870°C normal	Crystacast 3X Brush	Quartz sand	Contact									X2
	No											
870°C normal	Crystacast 3X Brush	Ceramic sand	Contact								X2	
	No											

RESULTS OVERVIEW

870°C



LAB
EXPERIMENTATION

Annealing schedule	Protective layer	Sand type	Side	Coatings						Coating	
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	No		Contact								
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	No		Contact								

BEST RESULTS

870°C, MOST PROMISING

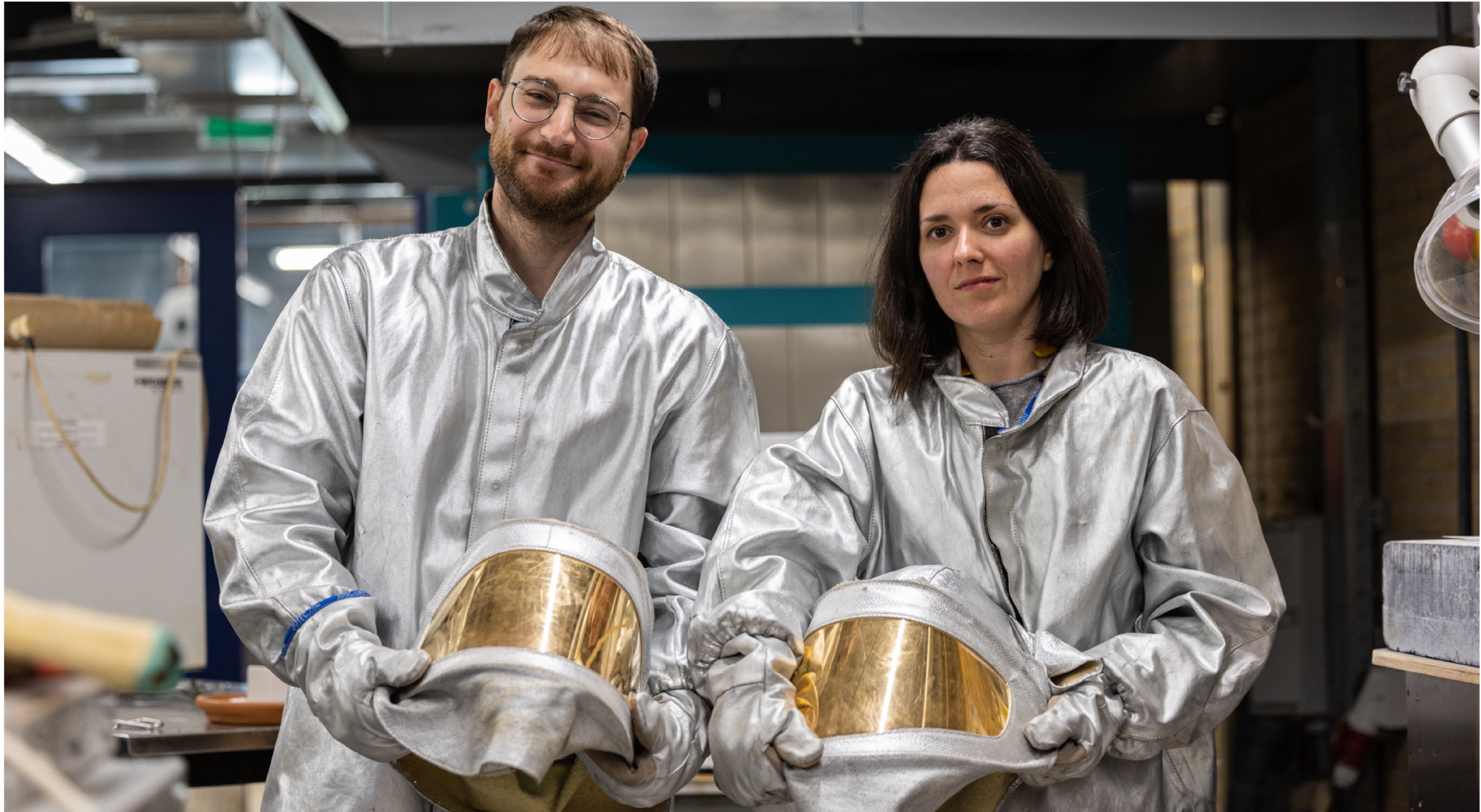


LAB
EXPERIMENTATION

1380°C

HOT POURING





HOT POURING

GEAR UP!

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LAB
EXPERIMENTATION



HOT POURING

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LAB
EXPERIMENTATION

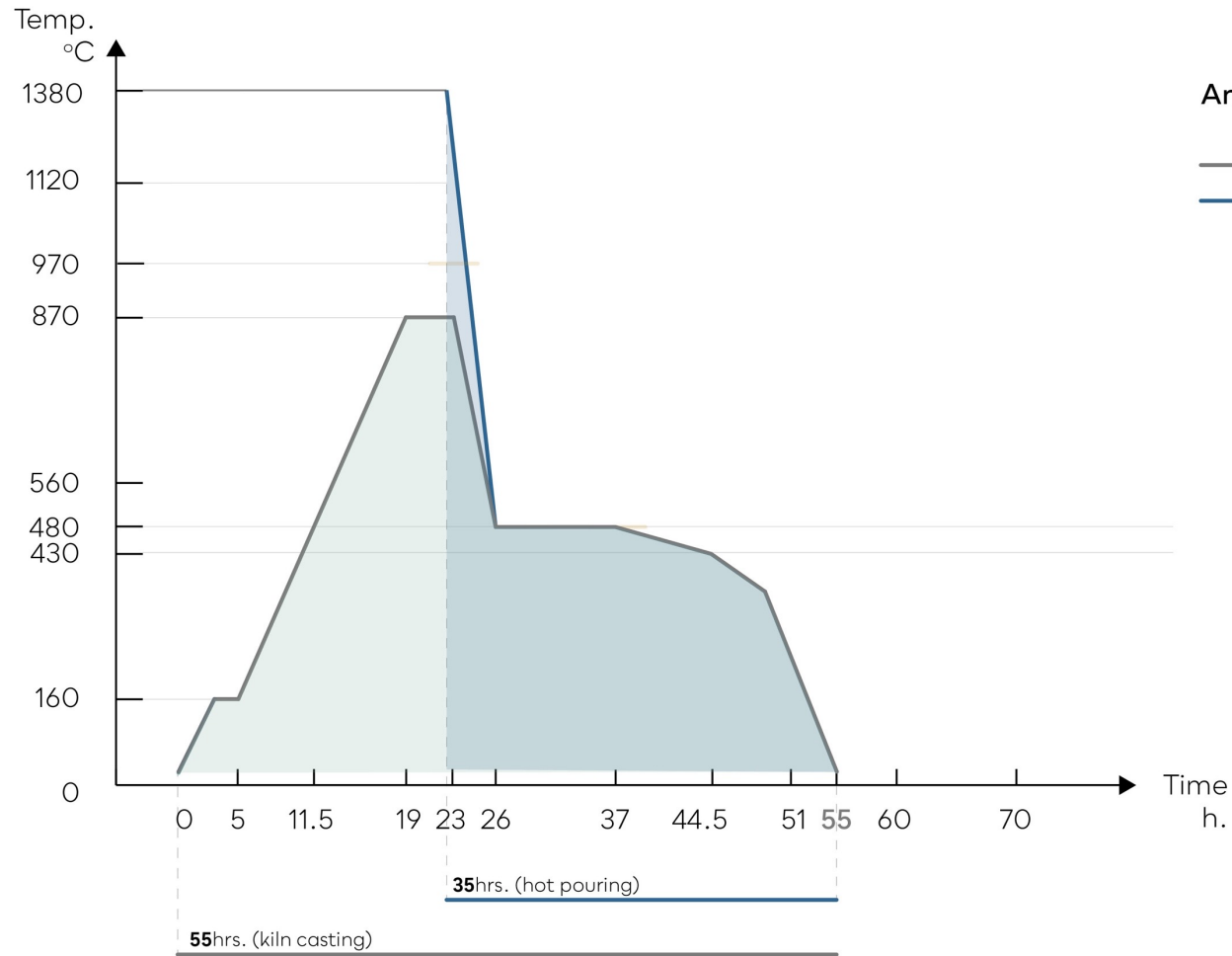


HOT PROURING

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LAB
EXPERIMENTATION



Annealing schedules:

- 870°C normal
- 1380°C



Quartz sand
870°C normal

Annealing point (Bullseye)
Strain point



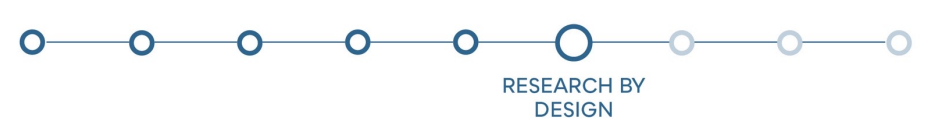
Quartz sand
1380°C

PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO HEAT

COATING EFFECTIVENESS

RESEARCH BY DESIGN

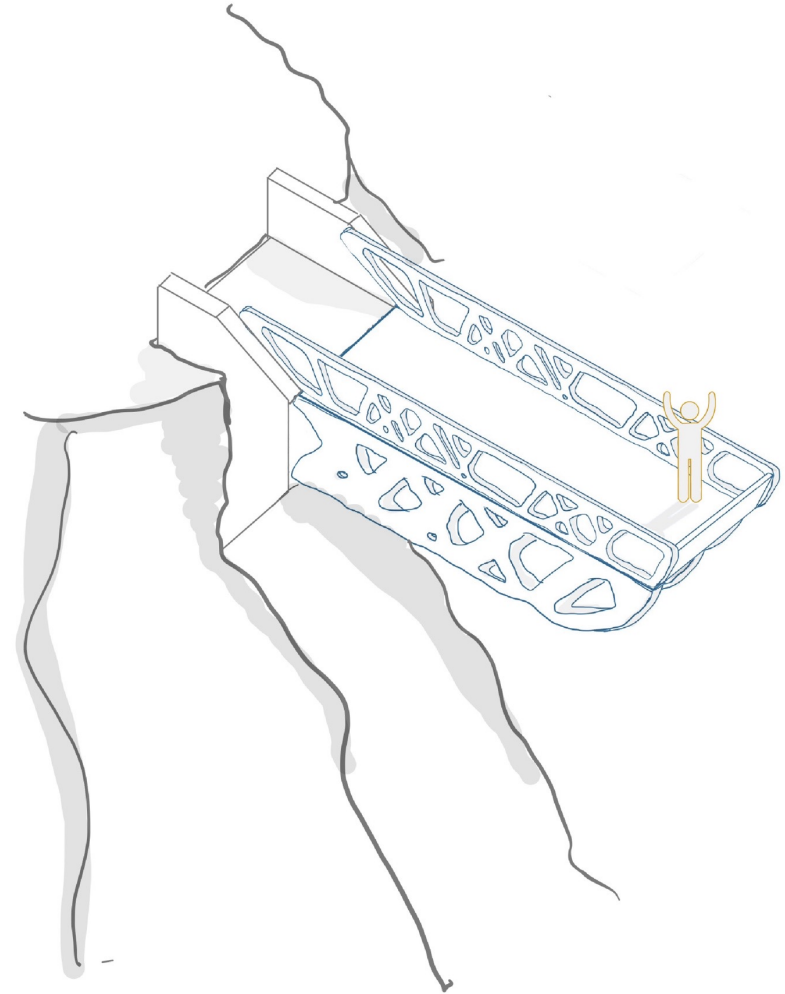
REDUNDANCY





DESIGN OVERVIEW

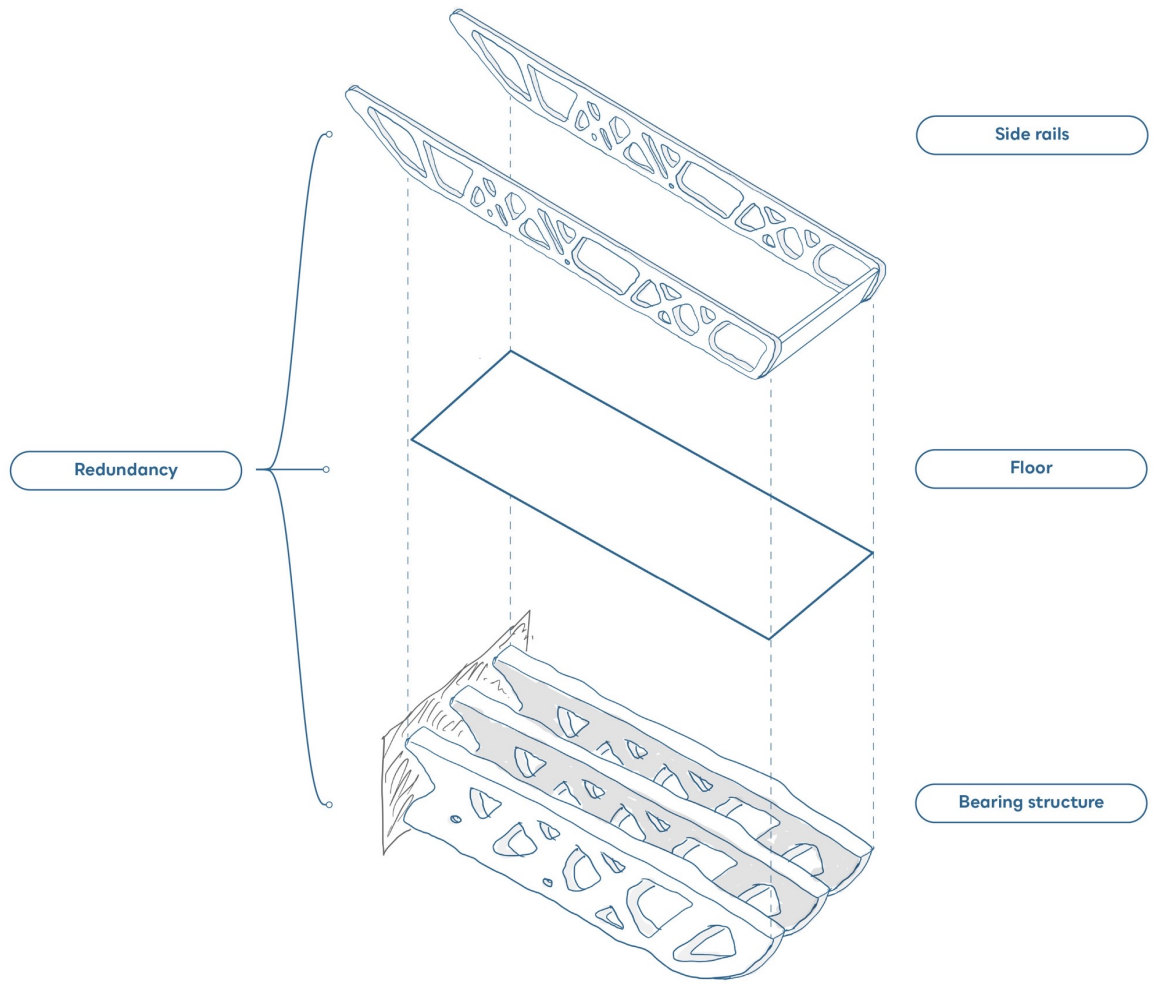
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RESEARCH BY
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ZONING



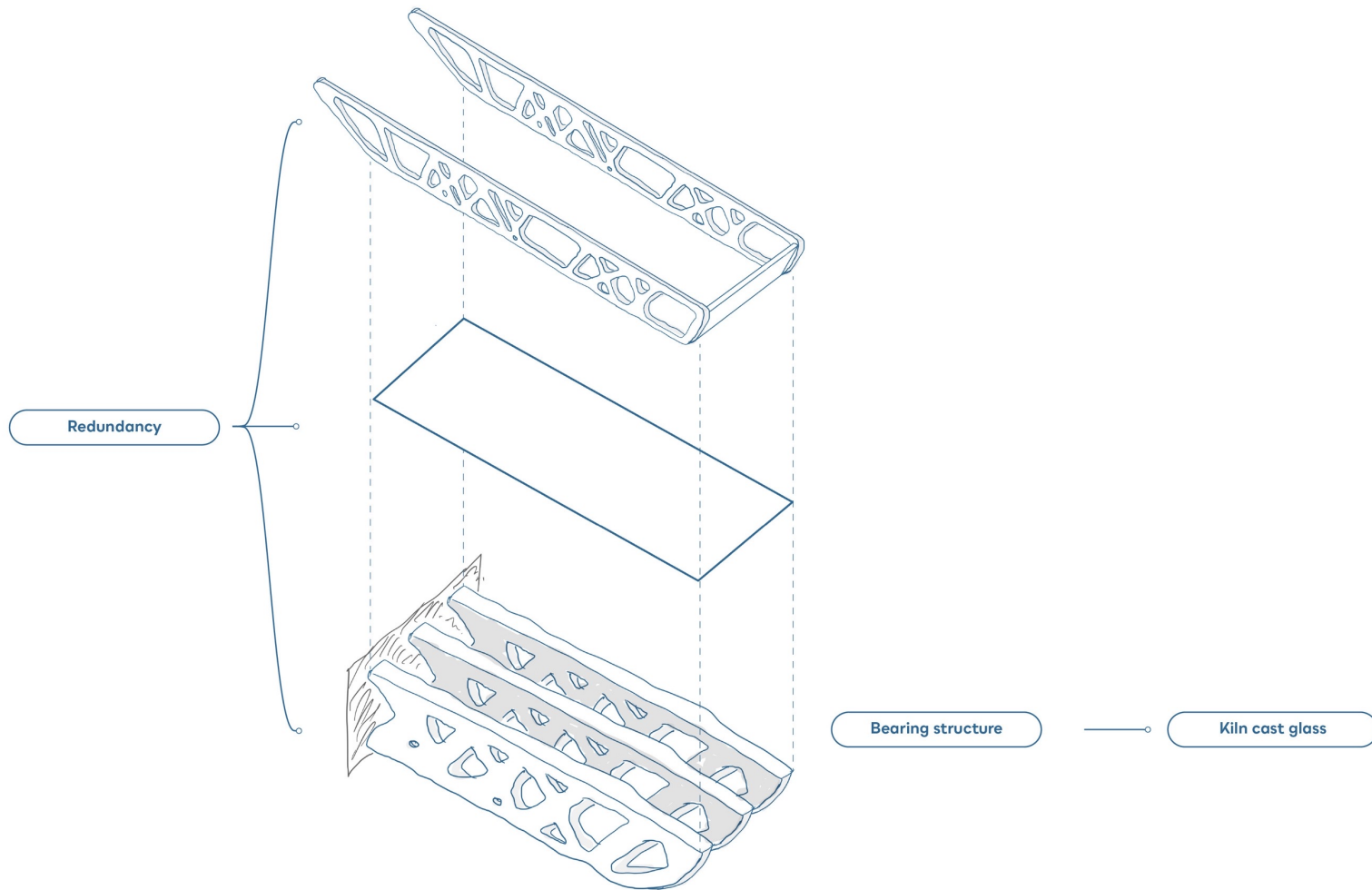


DESIGN OVERVIEW

3 DISCRETE ZONES

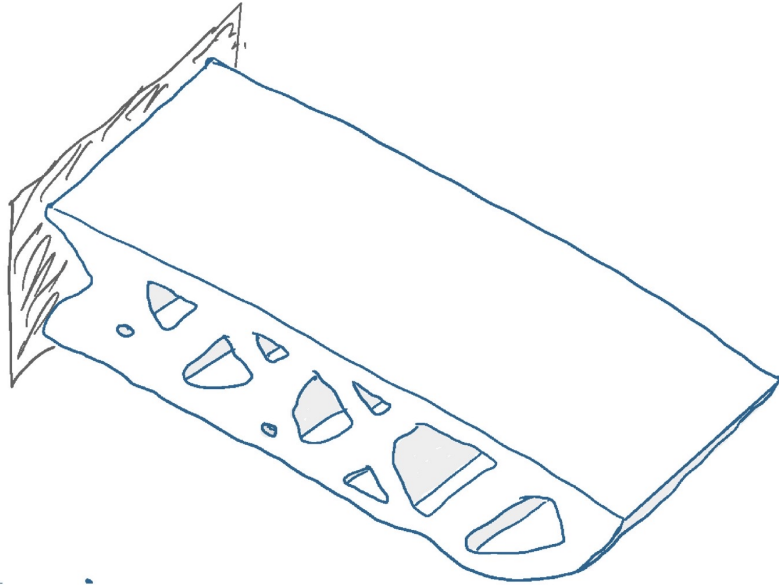


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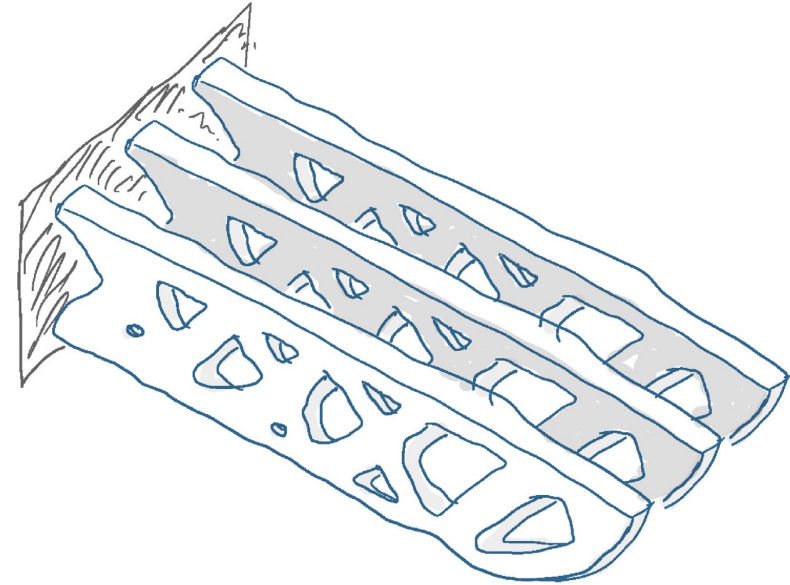


BEARING STRUCTURE





Monolithic design

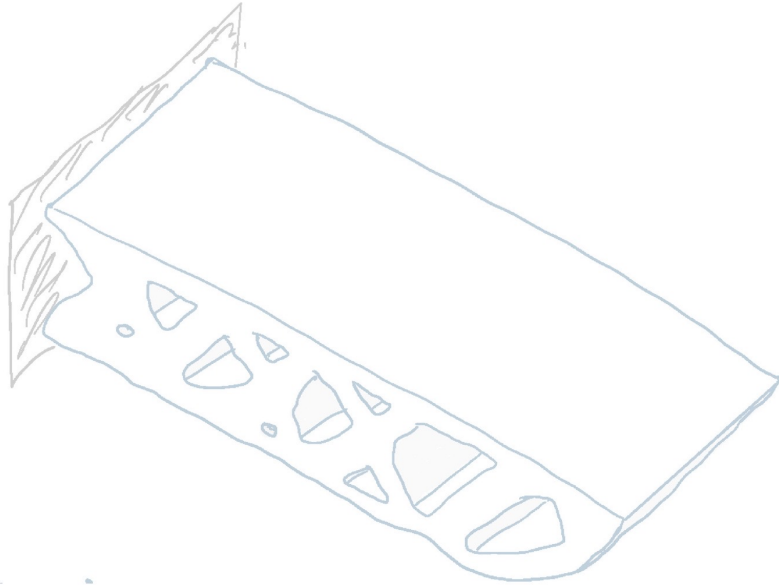


Sliced design

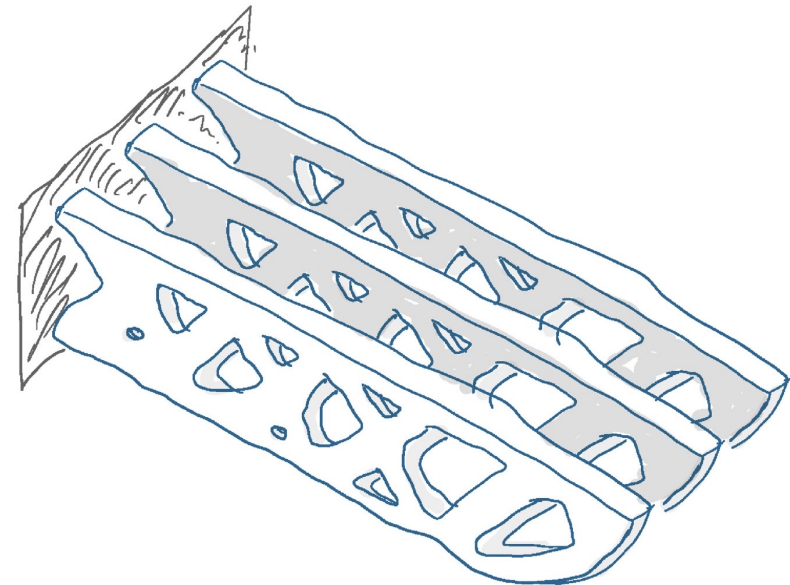
BEARING STRUCTURE

MONOLITHIC VS. SLICED





Monolithic design

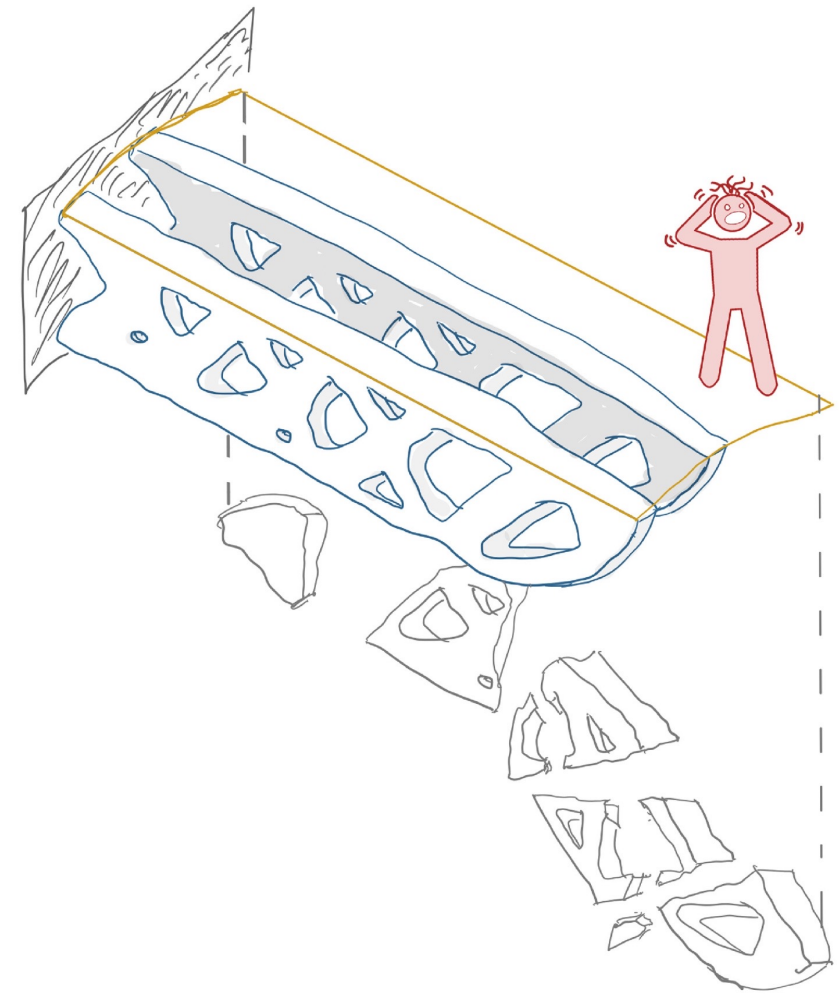


Sliced design

BEARING STRUCTURE

MONOLITHIC VS. SLICED



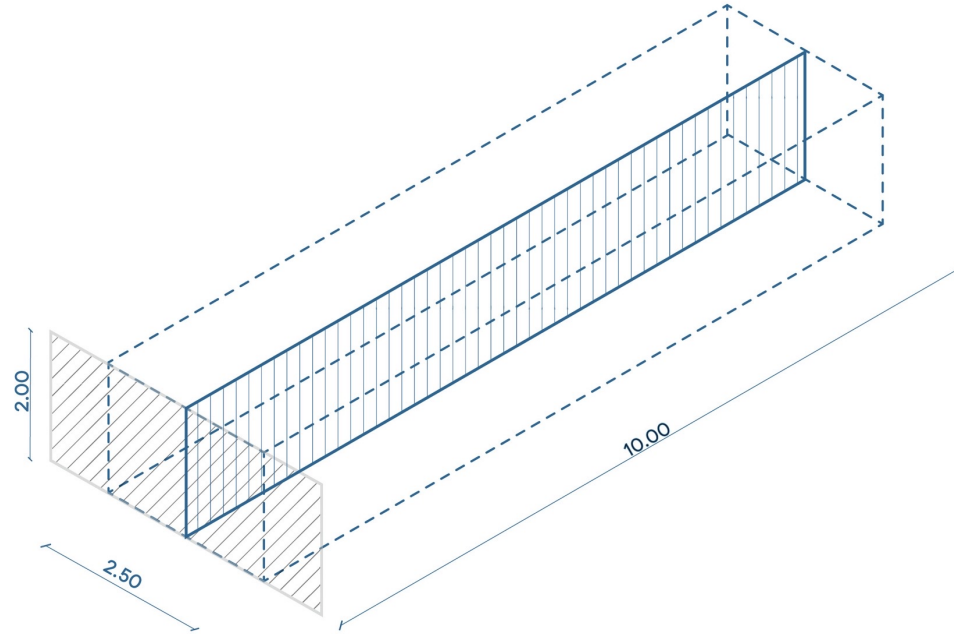


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FAILURE



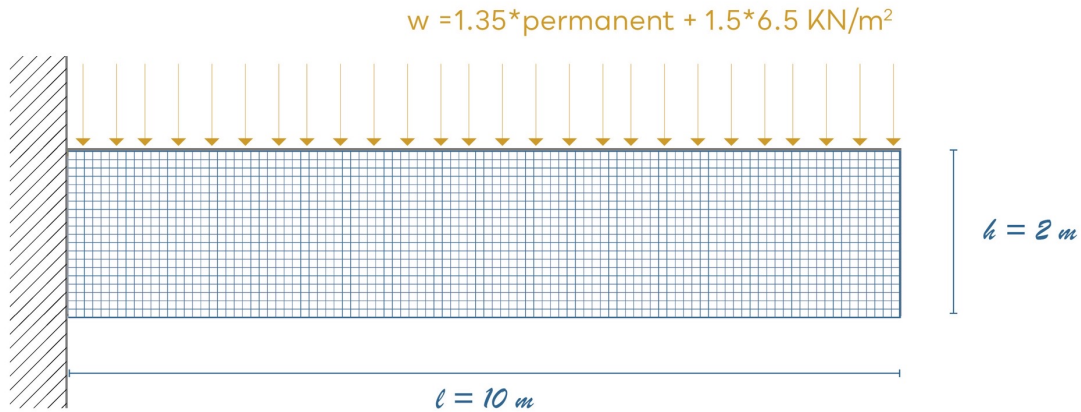
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DESIGN DOMAIN

2D SECTION USED FOR OPTIMIZATION





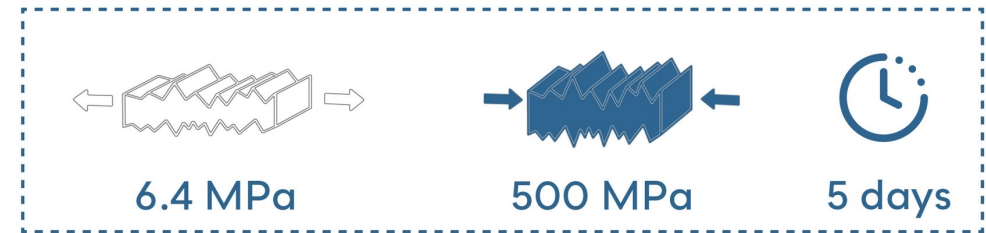
DISCRETIZED DOMAIN
SUPPORT CONDITION
LOAD CASE



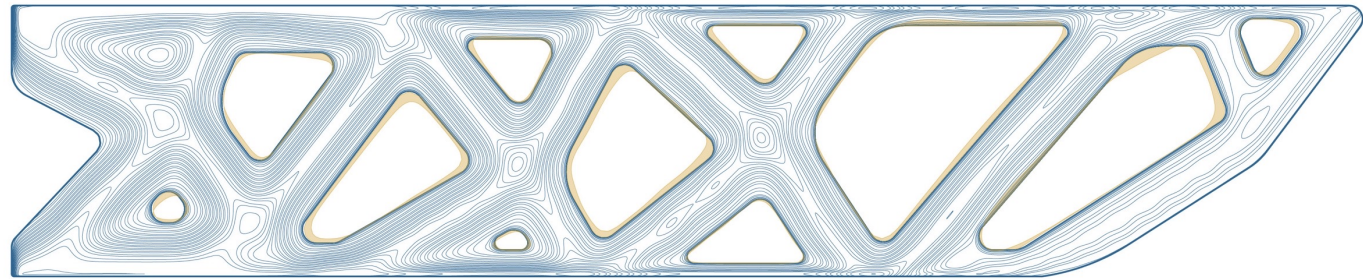
OBJECTIVE



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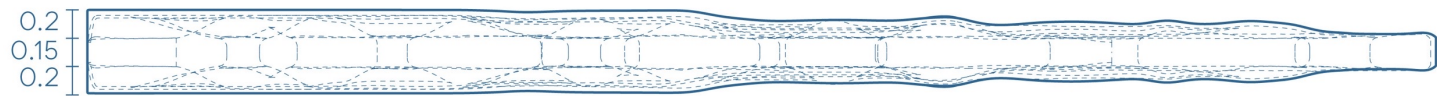


ALGORITHM OUTPUT
DENSITIES
WHITE = 0 (NO MATERIAL)
BLACK = 1 (FULL MATERIAL)

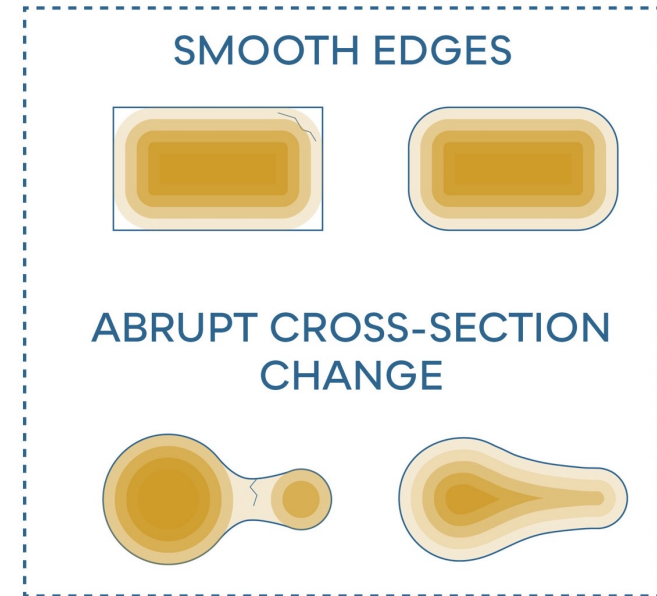
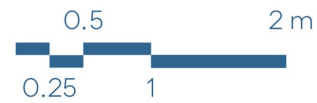


Side view

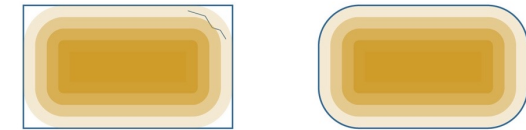
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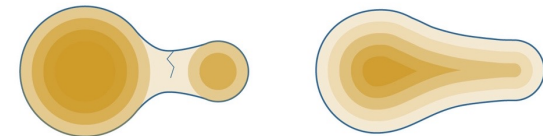
Top view



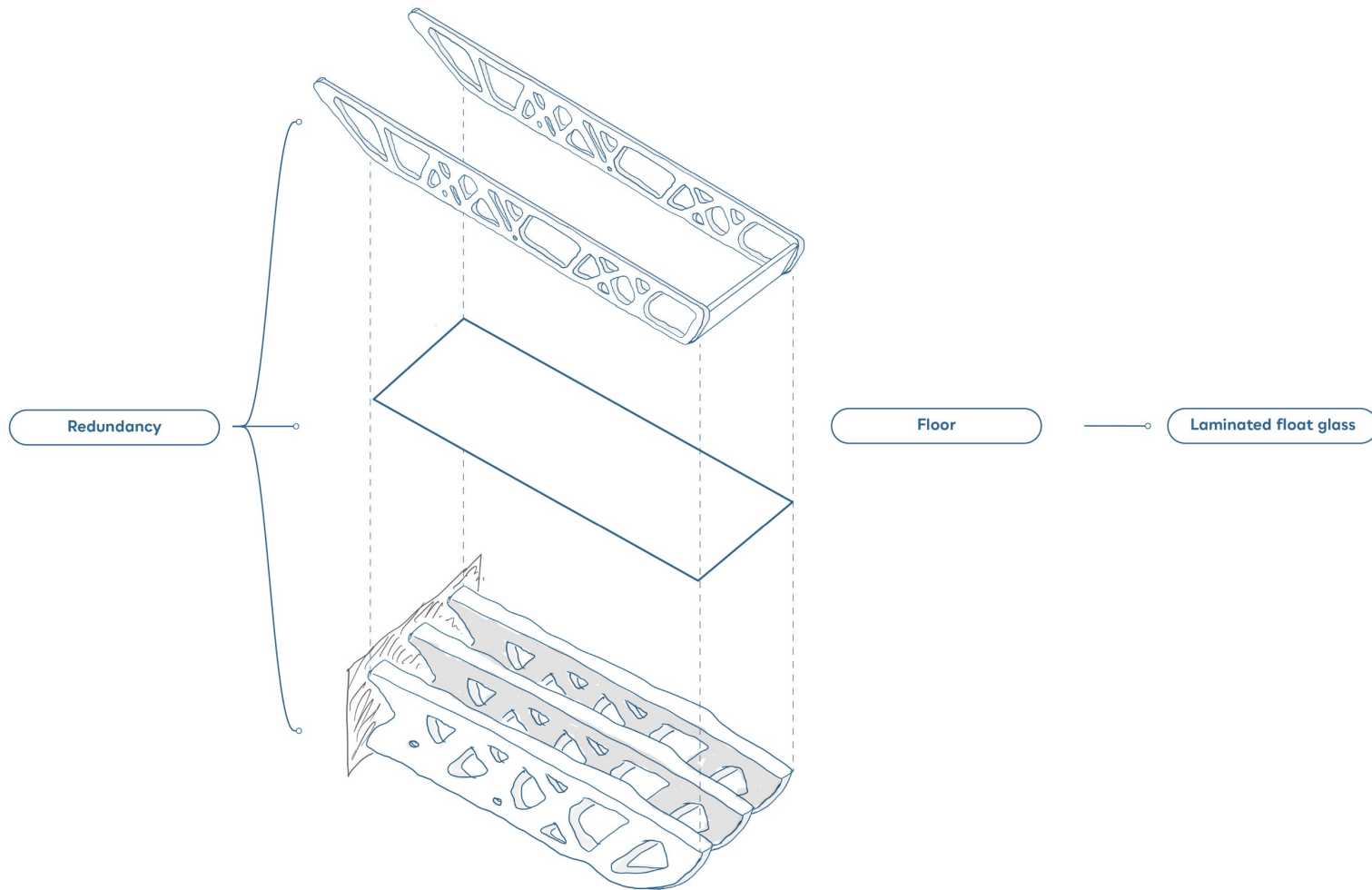
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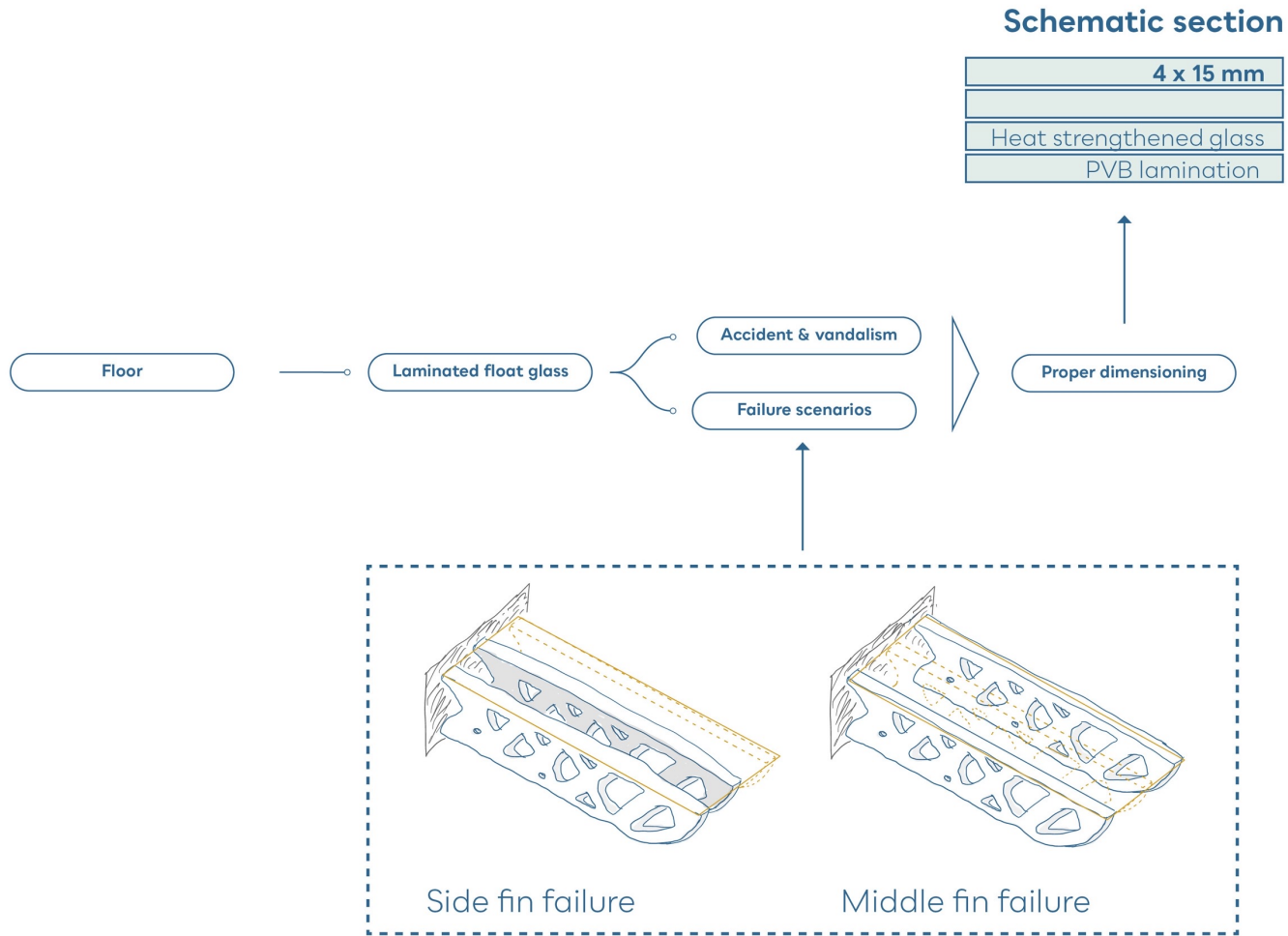
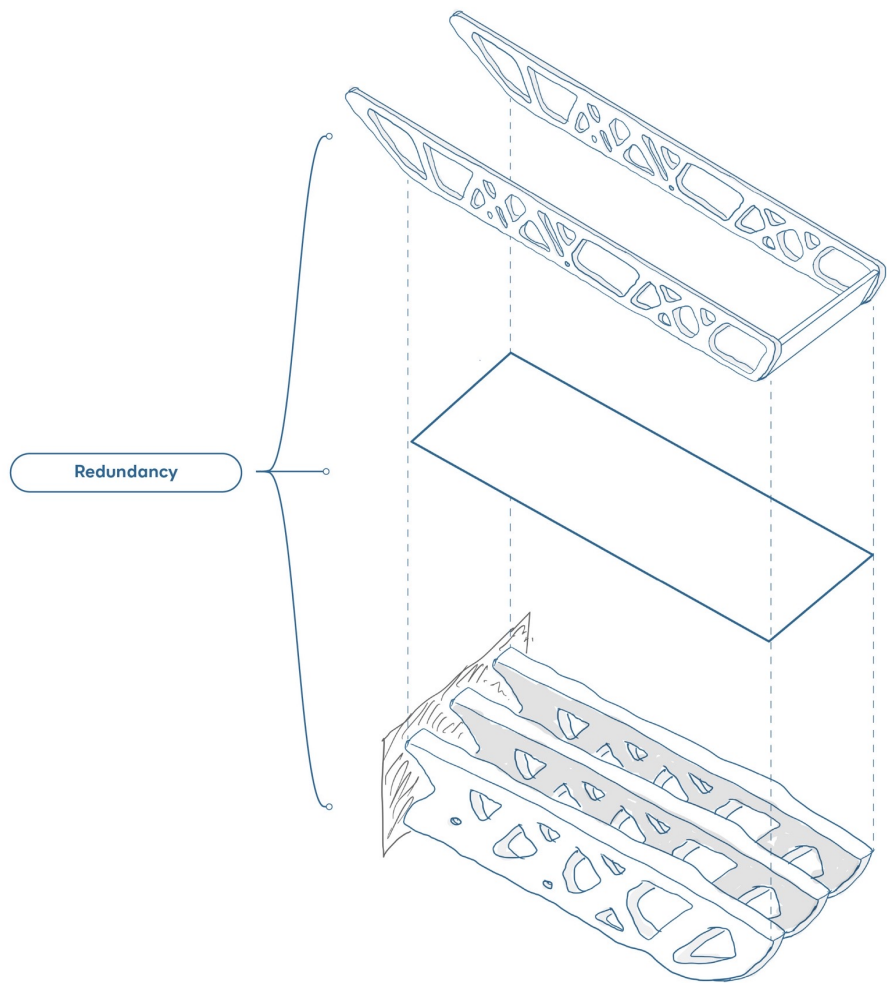
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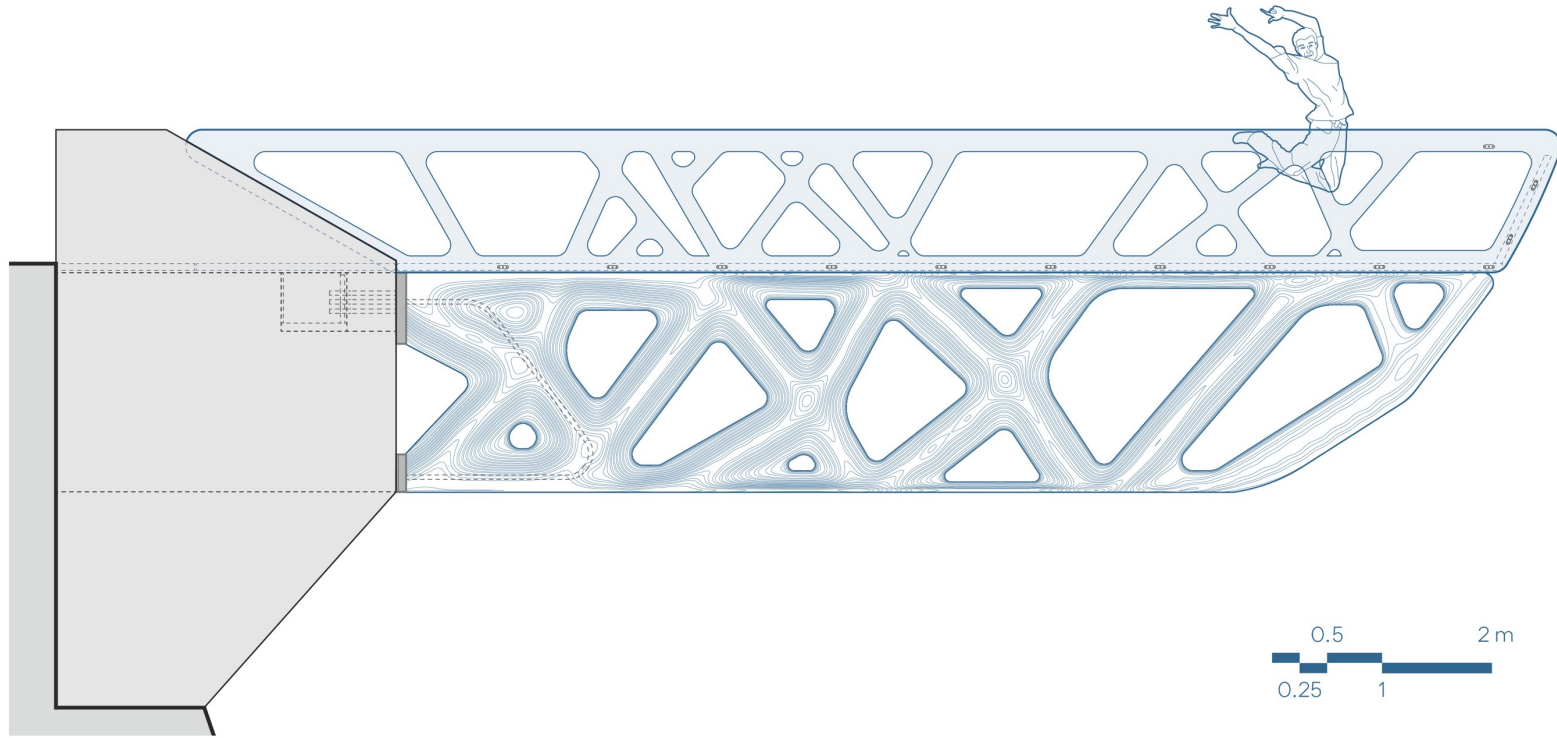
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FABRICATION METHOD



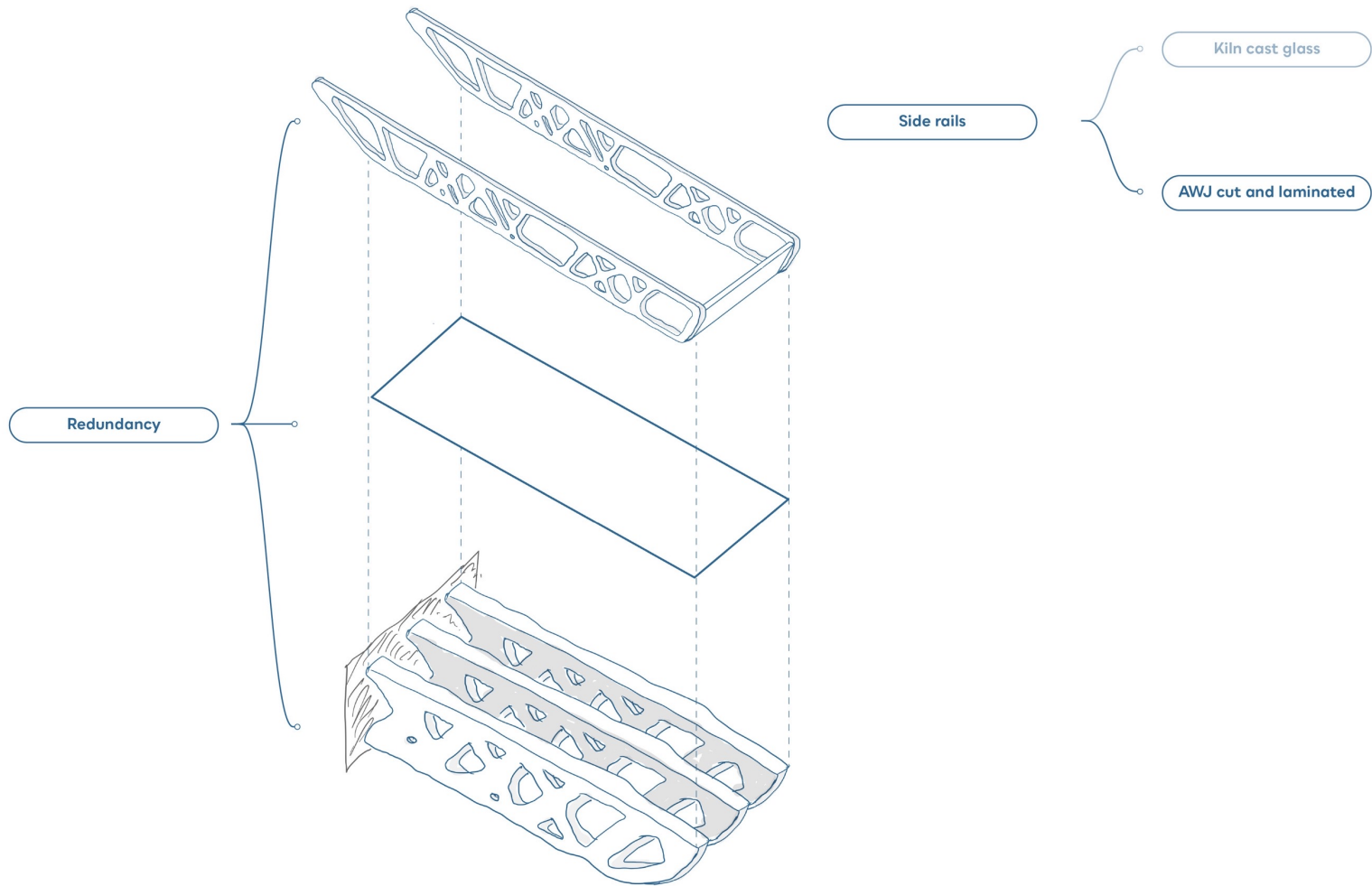


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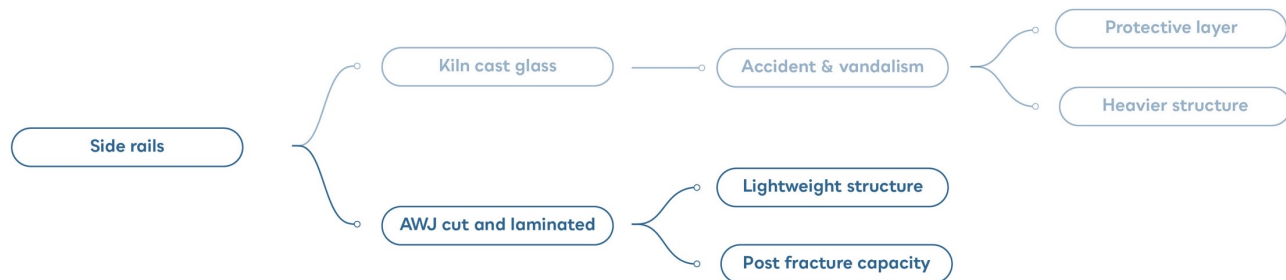
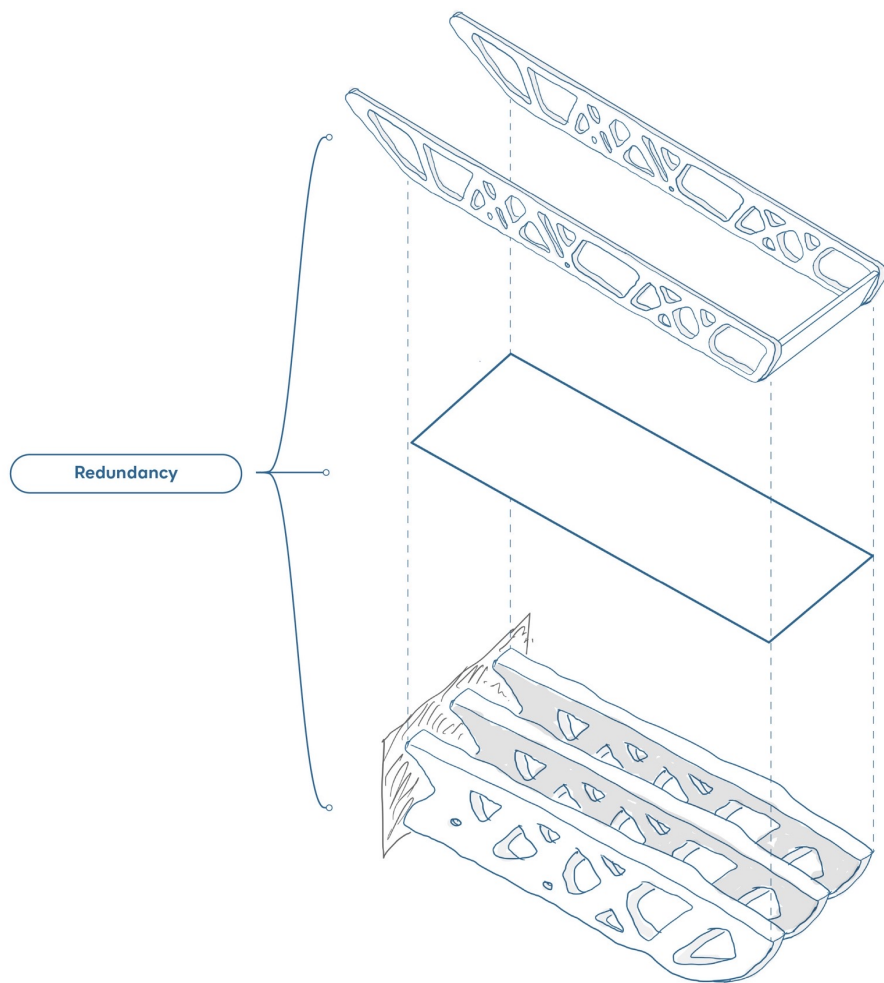
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SIDE RAILS

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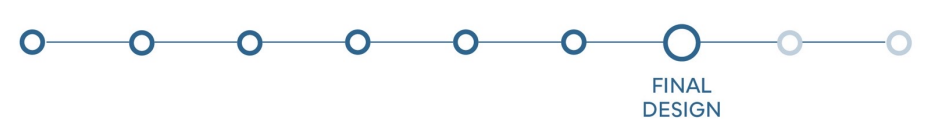


SIDE RAILS

OVERVIEW



FINAL DESIGN





ANIMATION

FLY OVER



FINAL
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RENDER
NIGHT VIEW



FINAL
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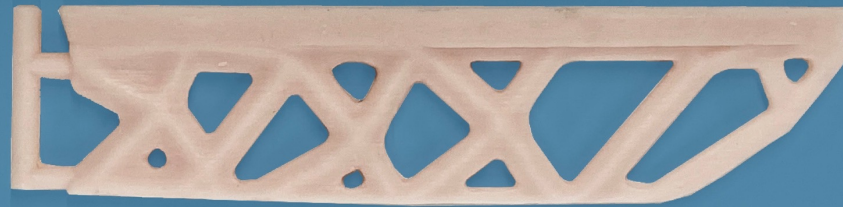
PROTOTYPING

LOST WAX TECHNIQUE

PETG negative



Wax positive



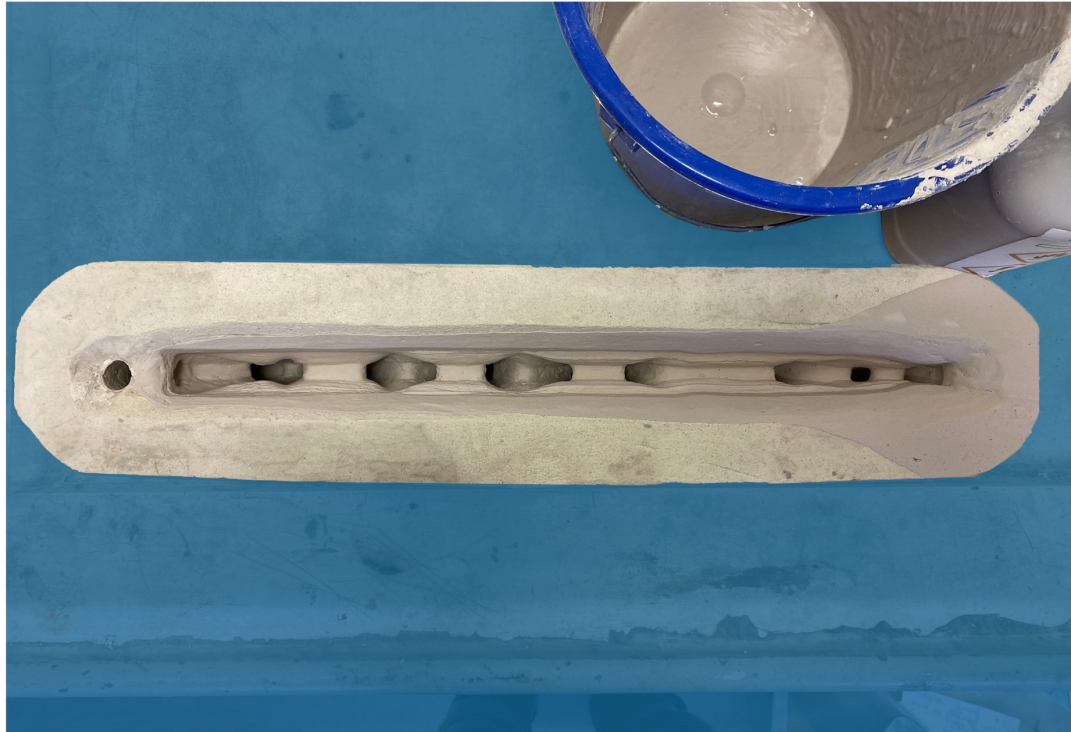
Crystalcast negative



LOST WAX TECHNIQUE

FROM PETG TO CRYSTALCAST NEGATIVE





Coating application
Zirkofluid 6672, X2 Flow



Oven set up

LOST WAX TECHNIQUE

COATING APPLICATION AND OVEN SET UP





PROTOTYPE
BEFORE CLEANING AND CUTTING





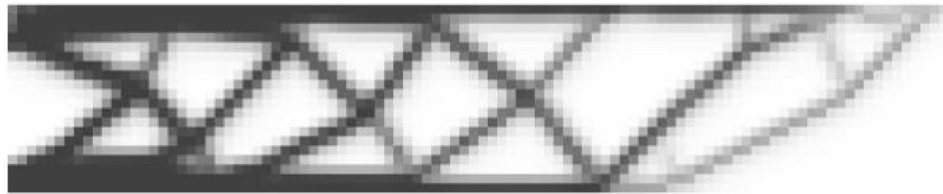
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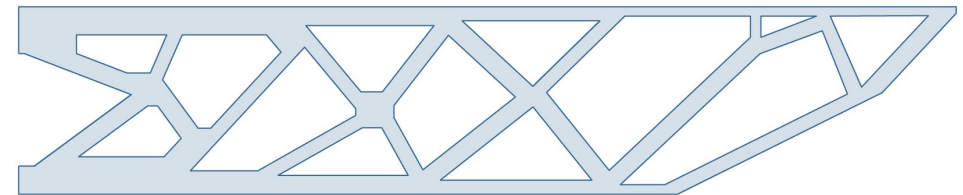
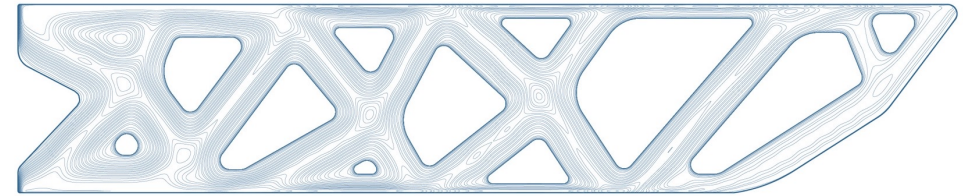
CONCLUSIONS & DISCUSSION

FABRICATION METHOD

ALGORITHM OUTPUT



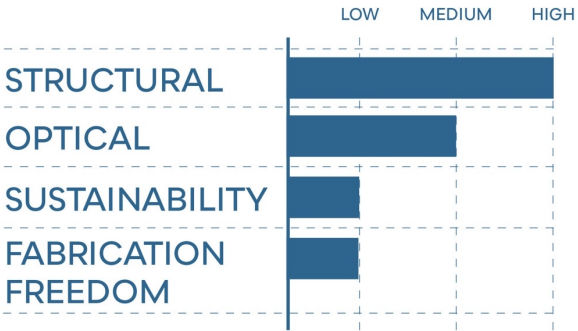
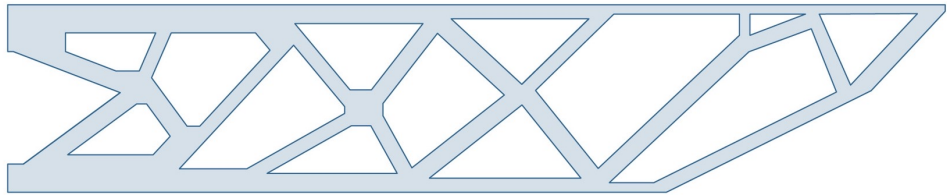
CAST GLASS



LAMINATION OF FLOAT GLASS

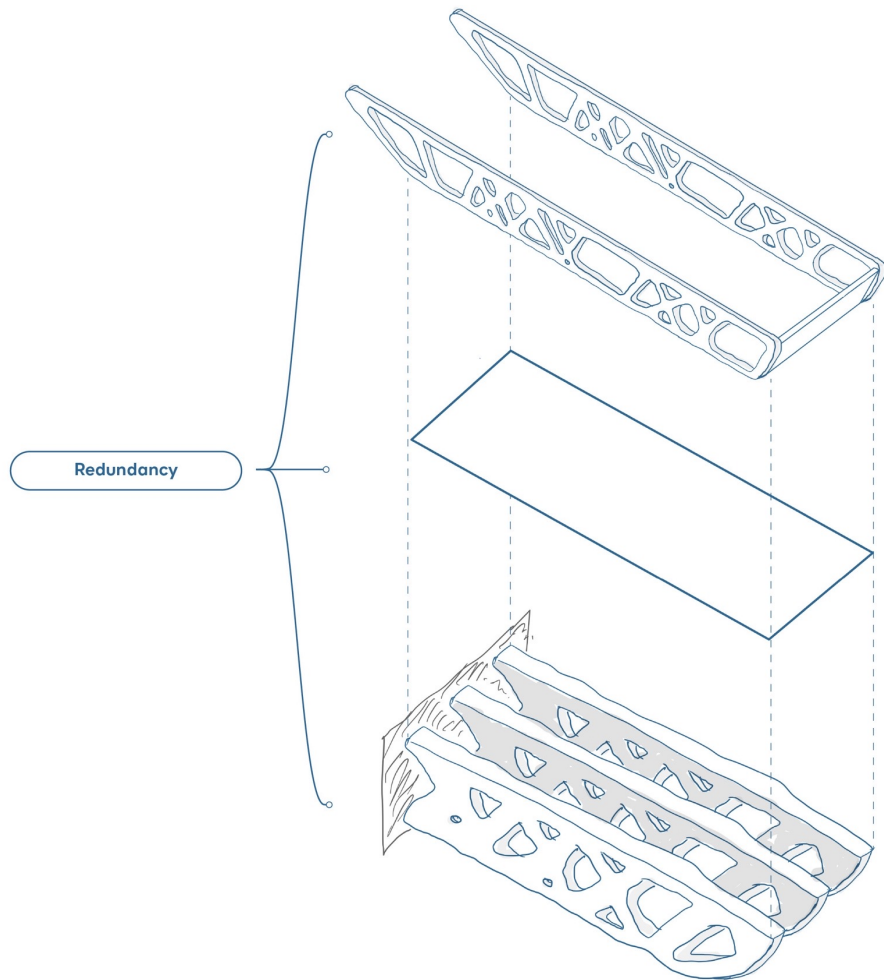
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OPTICAL	Light grey	Medium grey	Dark grey
SUSTAINABILITY	Light grey	Medium grey	Dark grey
FABRICATION FREEDOM	Light grey	Medium grey	Dark grey

OPTIMIZATION POST PROCESSING
CAST GLASS VS. LAMINATION OF FLOAT GLASS



COMPARISON

LAMINATED FLOAT



Side rails

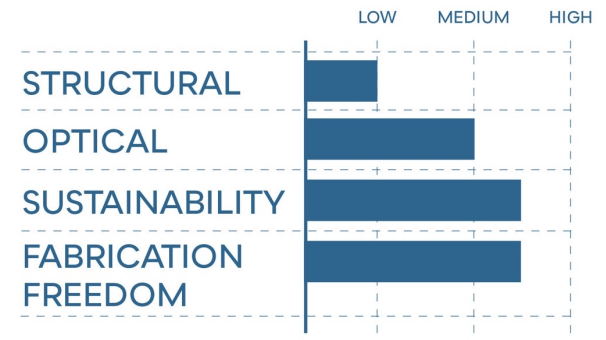
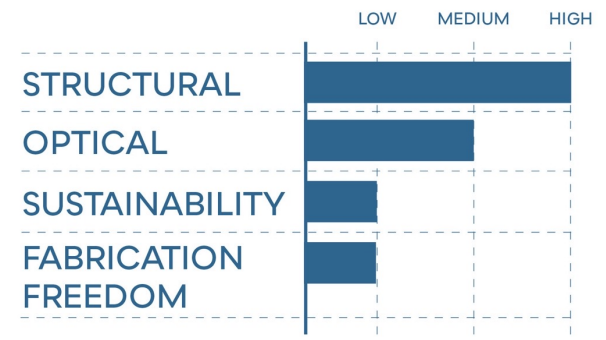
- Kiln cast glass
- AWJ cut and laminated

Floor

- Laminated float glass

Bearing structure

- Kiln cast glass



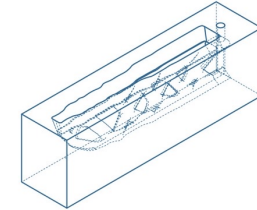
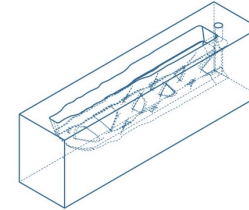
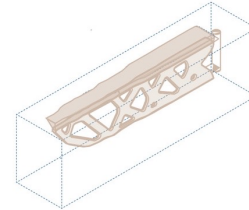
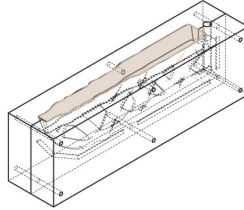
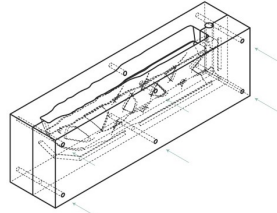
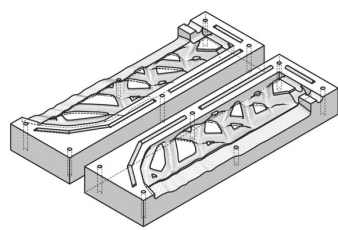
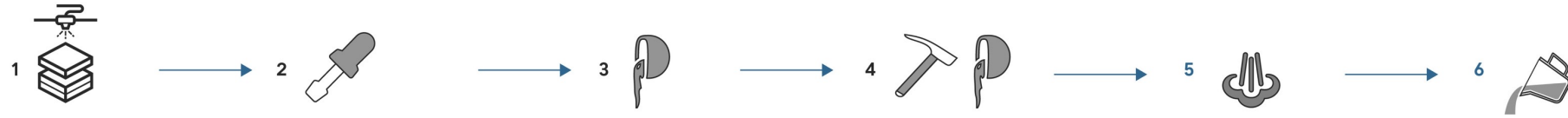
REDUNDANCY OVERVIEW

SUMMARY RESEARCH BY DESIGN

FINISHING QUALITY

PROTOTYPING

LOST WAX TECHNIQUE

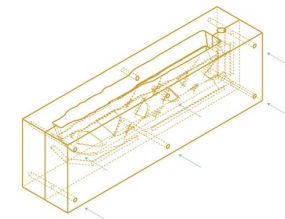
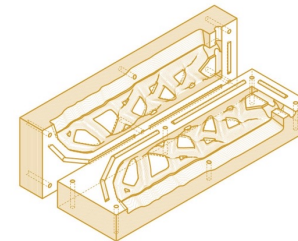
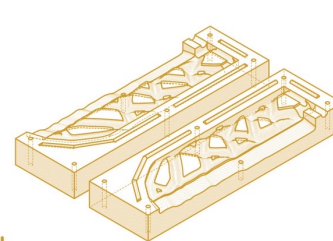
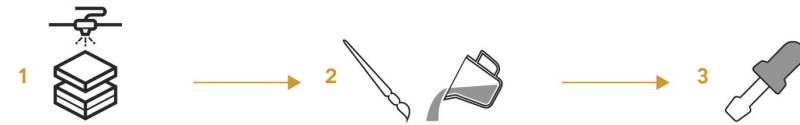


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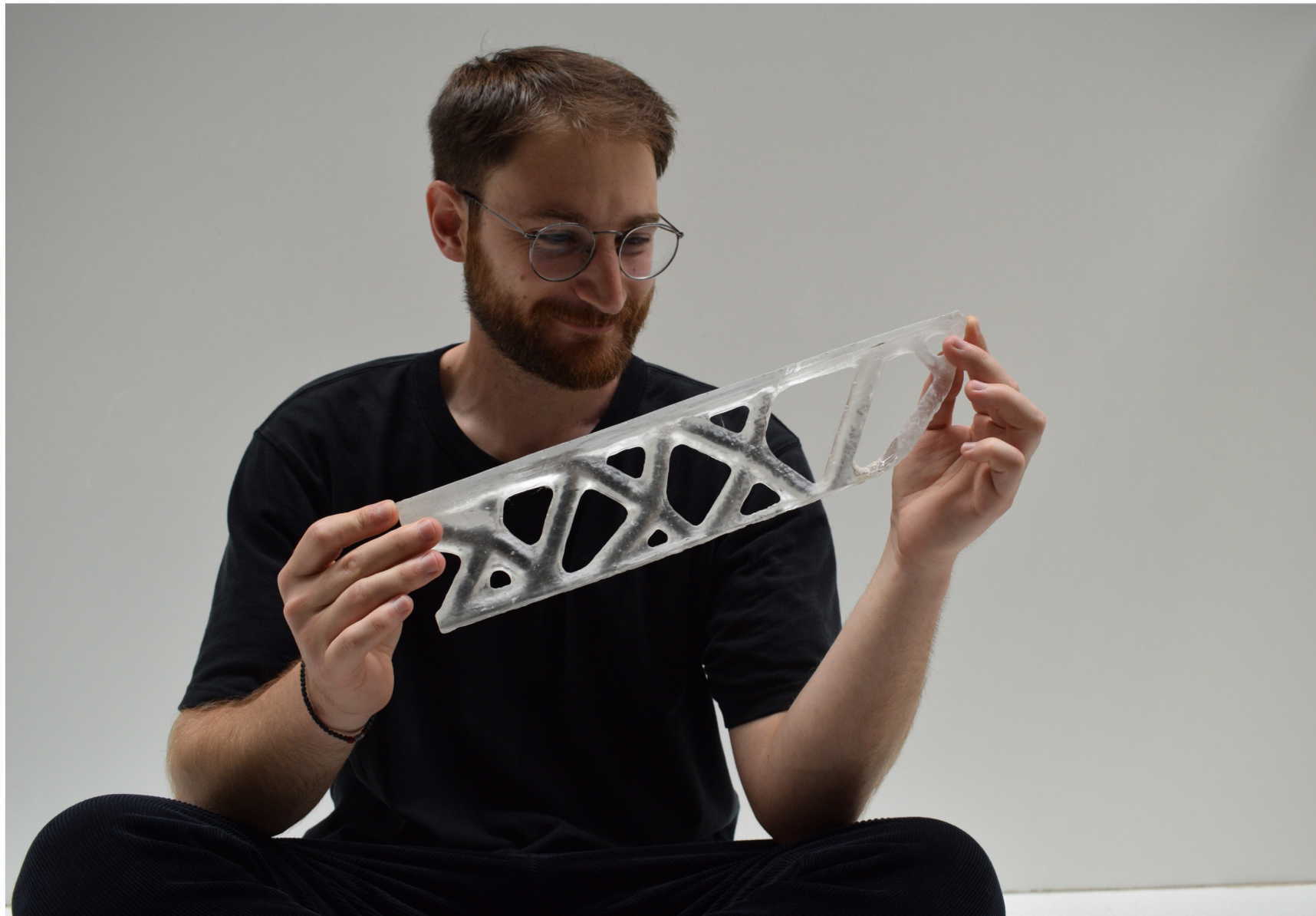
Wax

Crystalcast mould

3DPSM



3DPSM



REFLECTION

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SUSTAINABILITY POTENTIAL



SIDE VIEW RENDER

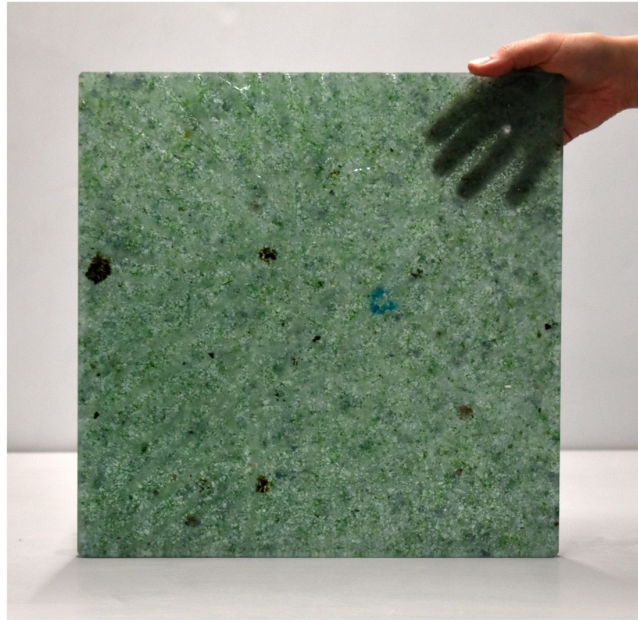
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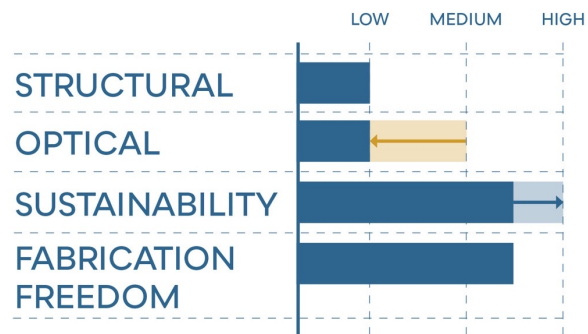
ENAMEL



CAR GLASS



OVEN DOORS



RECOVERED GLASS

CIRCULARITY POTENTIAL

Bristogianni & Oikonomopoulou, 2022



SIDE VIEW RENDER

RECOVER AND RECYCLED GLASS





RECYCLED ARTWARE GLASS

CRYSTALLIZATION/ MARBLE LIKE LOOK

Re³ Glass TU Delft Glass lab





SIDE VIEW RENDER

MARBLE LIKE STRUCTURE





EMBRACE OPACITY
SANDBLASTING POST PROCESSING





SIDE VIEW RENDER
SANDBLASTED SURFACE





QUESTIONS?

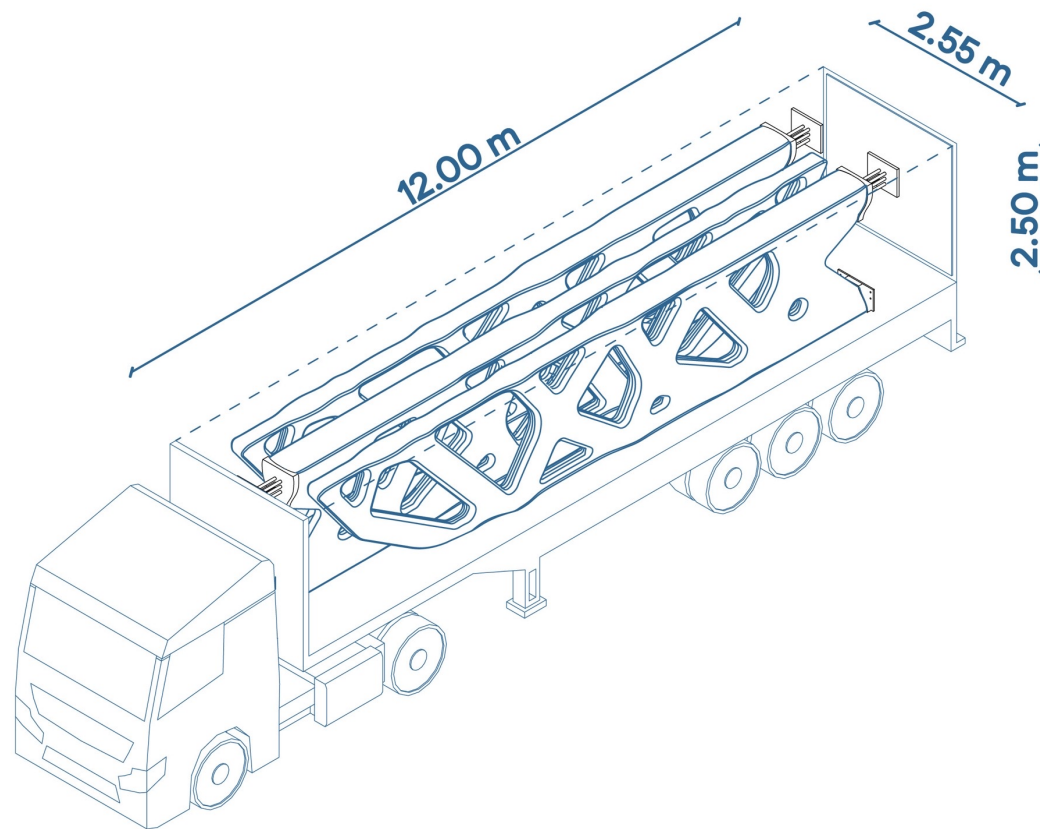
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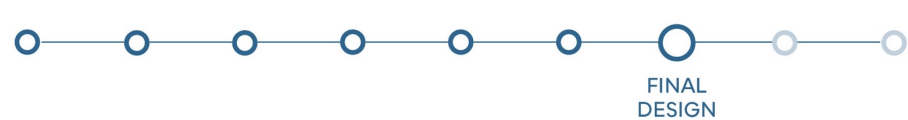
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APPENDIX

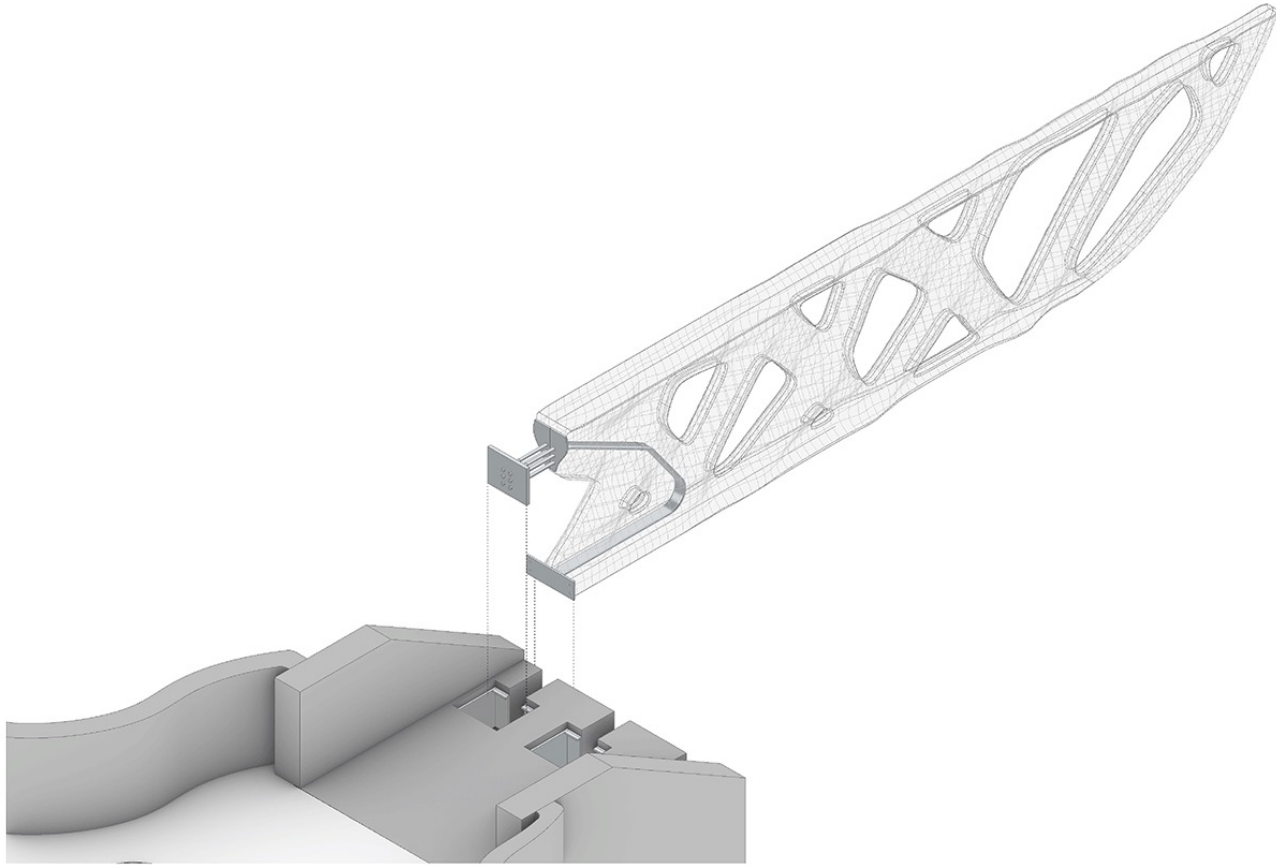
TRANSPORTATION & ASSEMBLY



TRANSPORTATION
TRUCK AND HELICOPTER



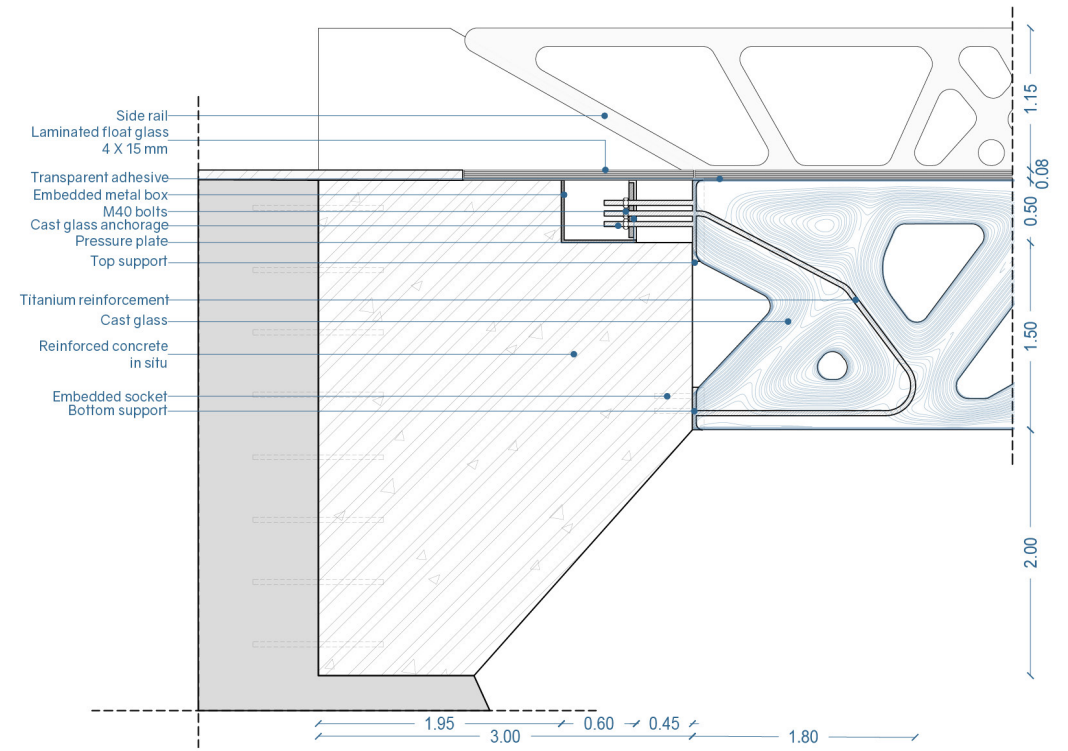
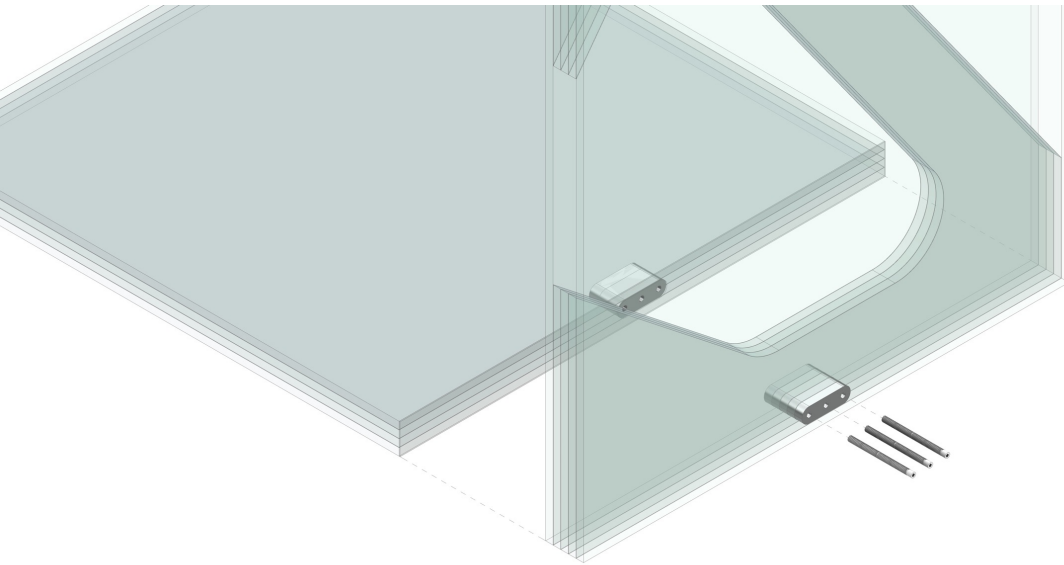
FINAL
DESIGN



ASSEMBLY SEQUENCE



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SCALE UP

3DPSM



SCALE UP COATINGS RESULTS

AS PART OF PARALLEL RESEARCH AT GLASS LAB



PROTOTYPING

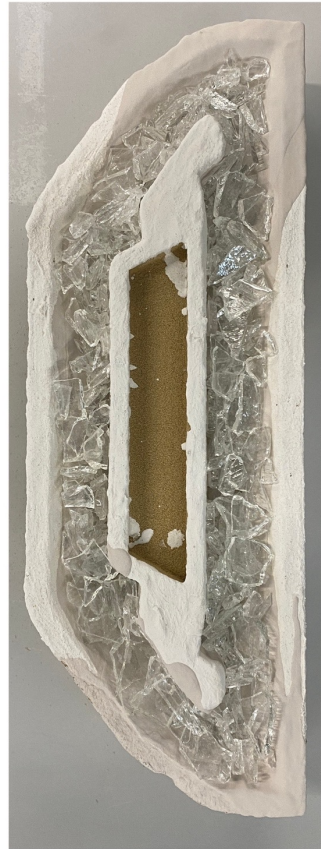
1 Protective layer



2 Coating application



3 Glass placement



4 Mould after firing at 870°C



5 Demoulding and cleaning



6 Final glass element

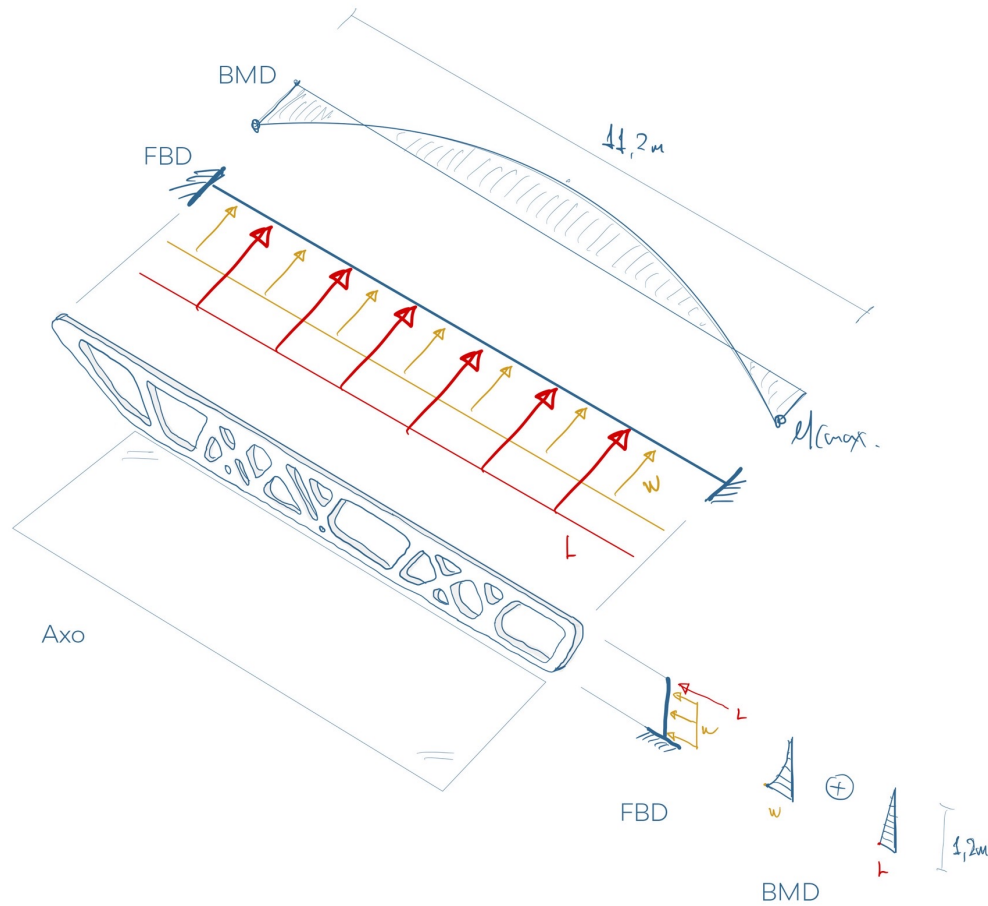


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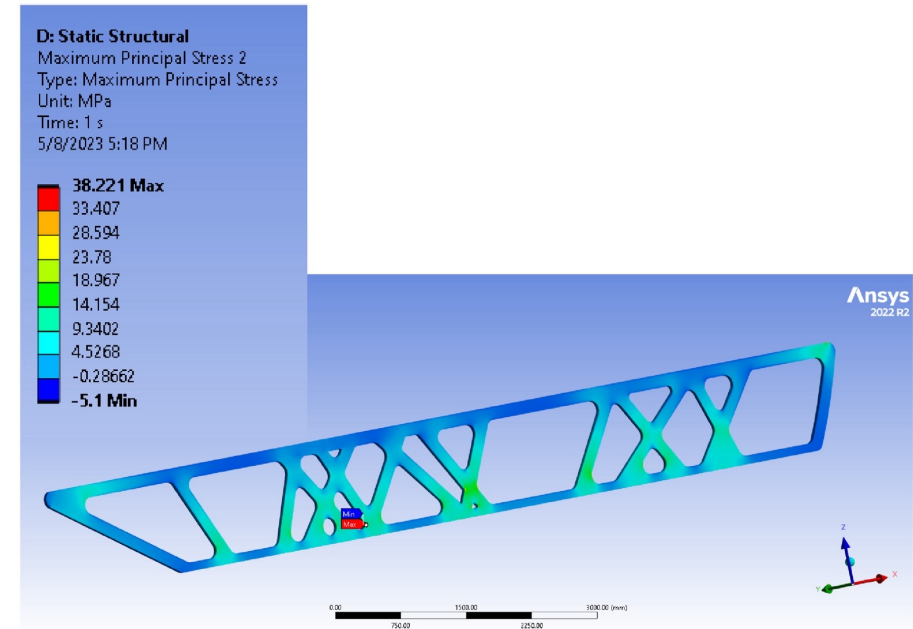
FROM 3DPSM TO GLASS



ULS calculations



ANSYS FEM verification



Schematic section

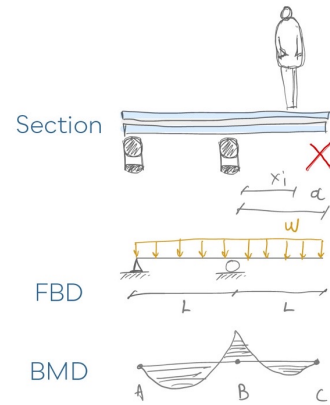
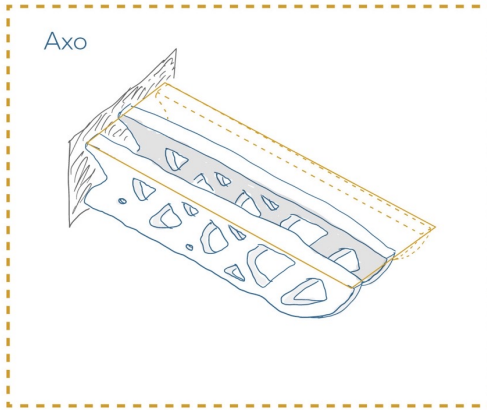


SIDE RAILS

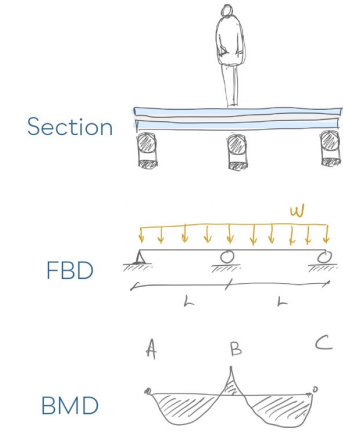
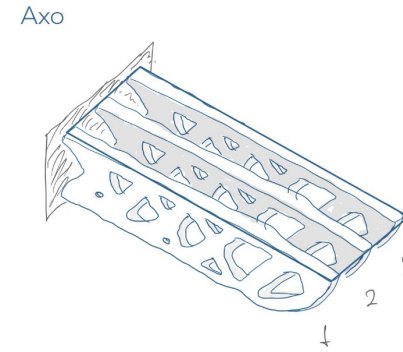
DIMENSIONING AND VERIFICATION

SLS calculations

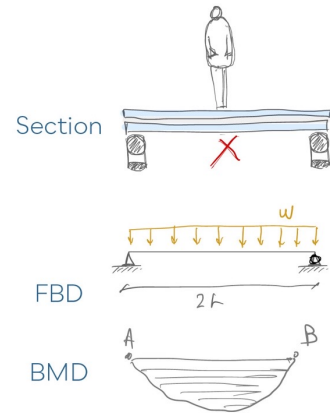
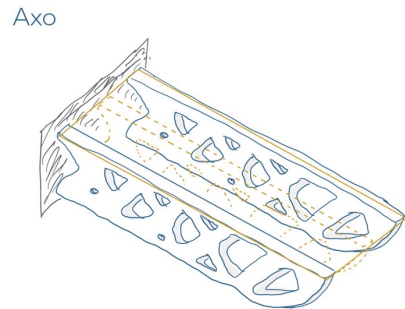
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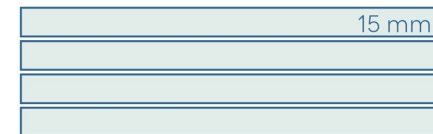
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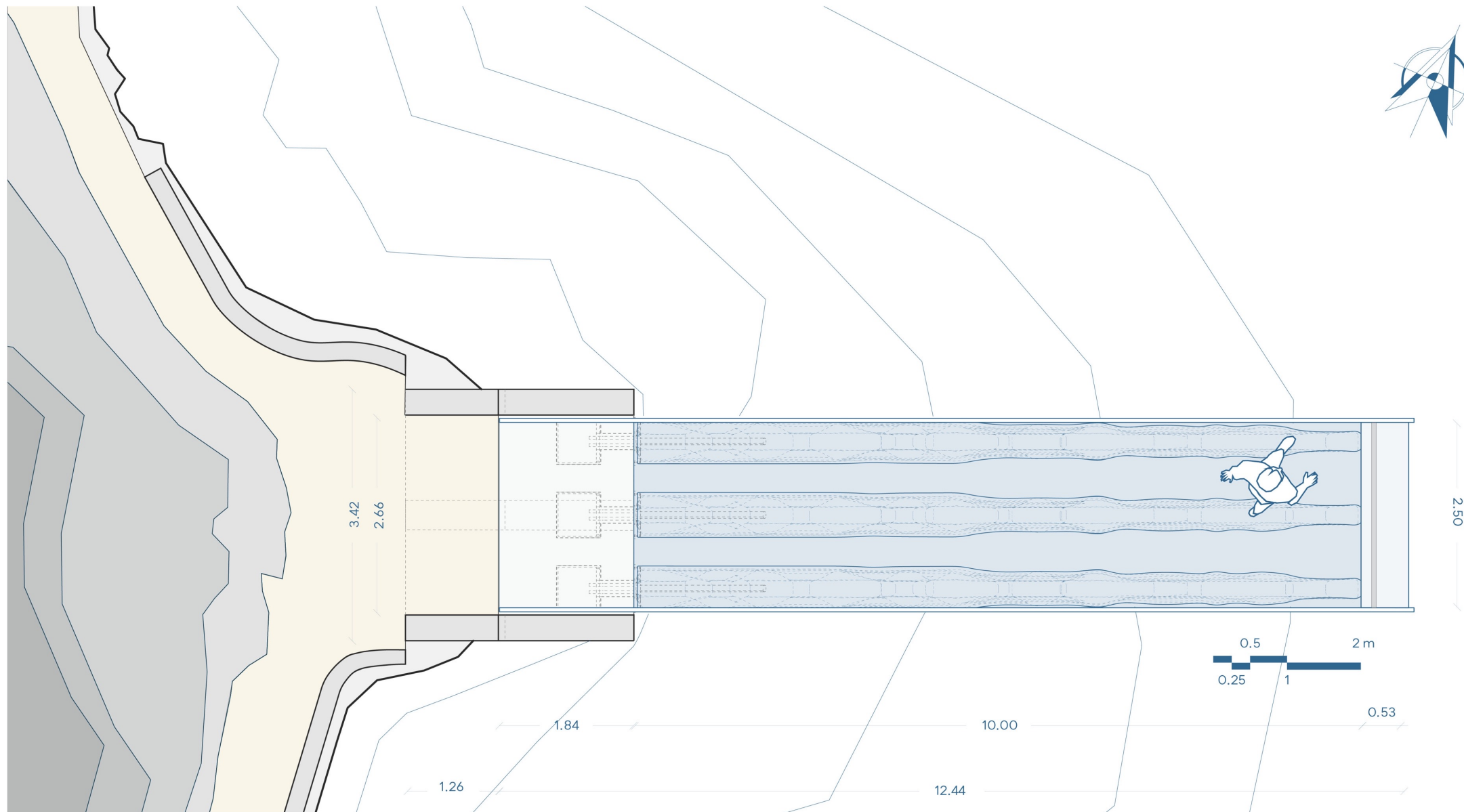
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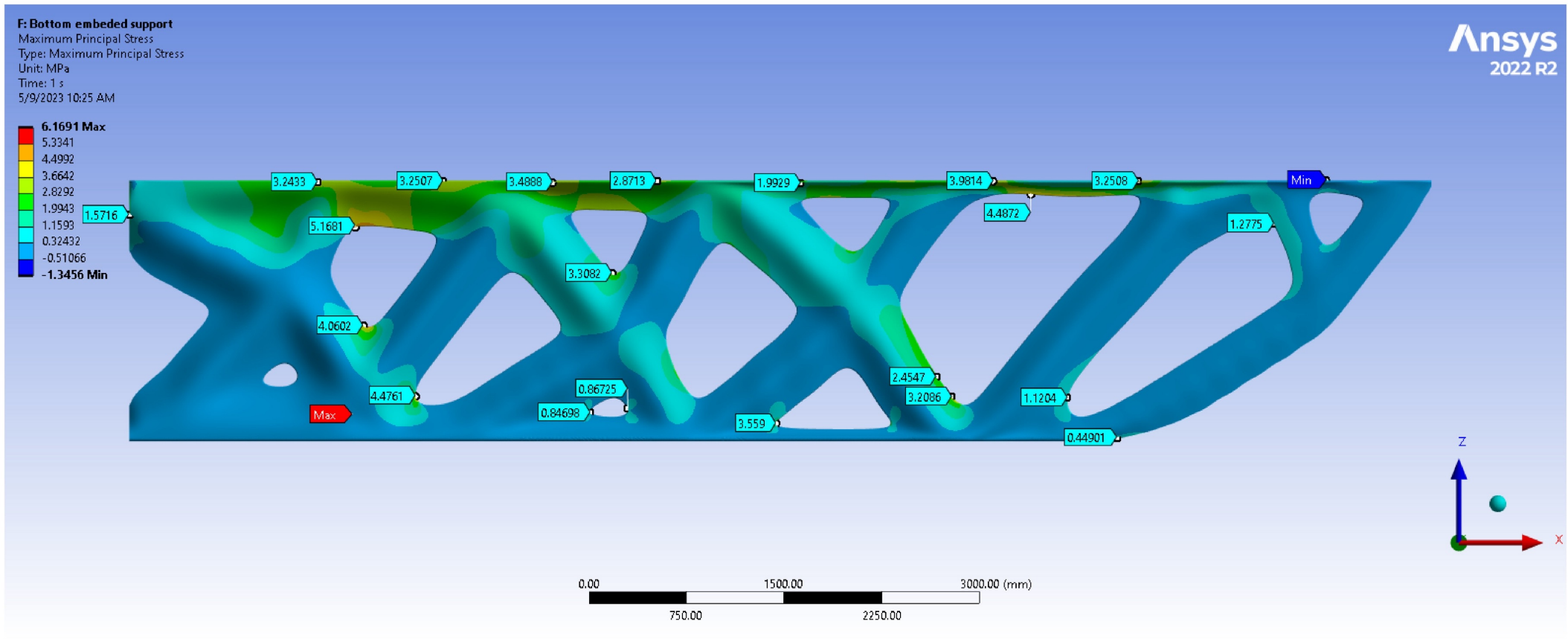
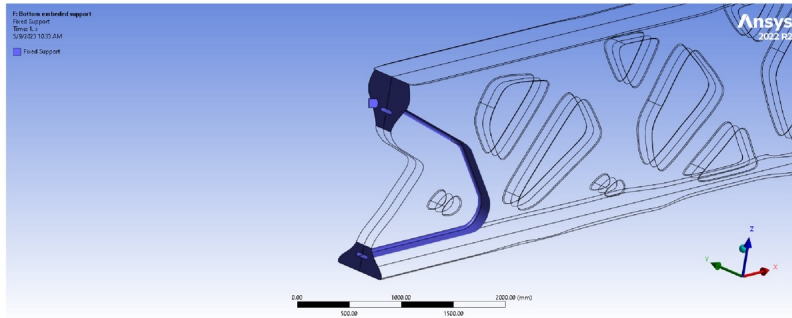


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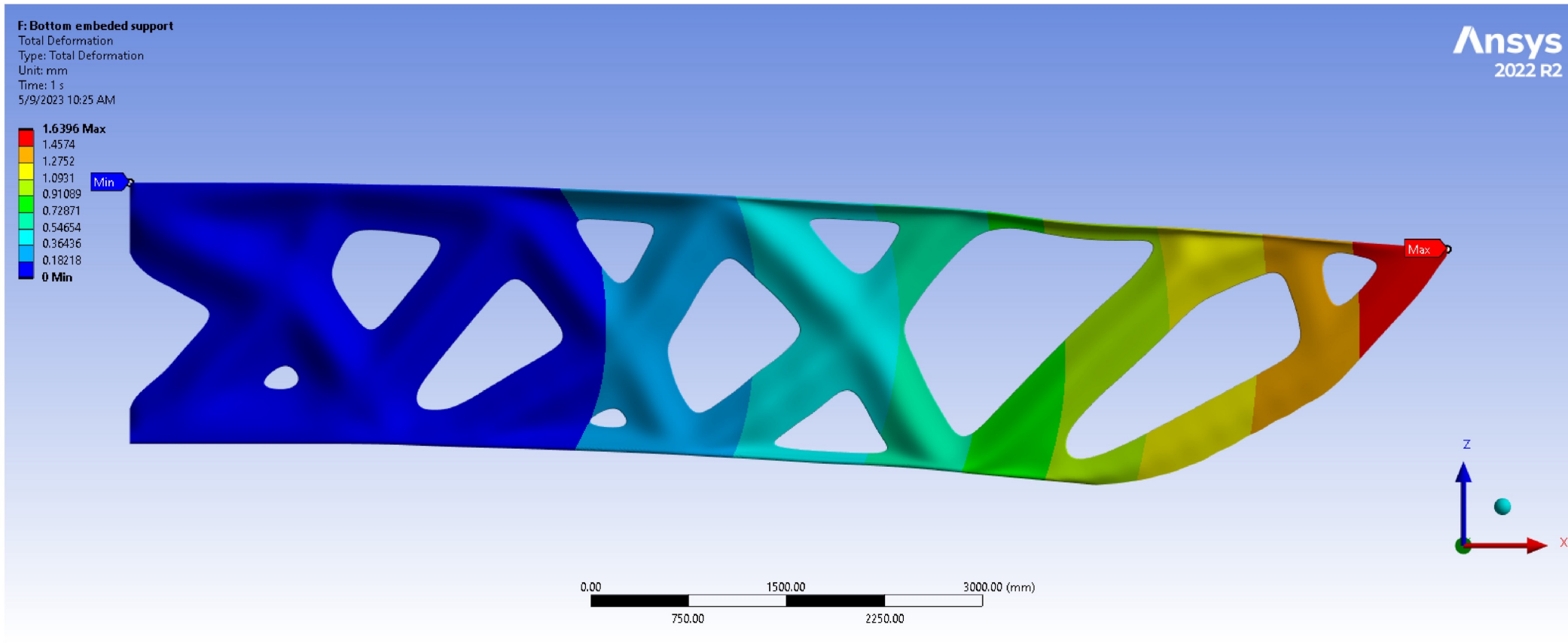
Heat strengthened glass
PVB lamination





ANSYS VERIFICATION

MAXIMUM TENSILE STRENGTH



ANSYS VERIFICATION

DEFLECTION



ANIMATION
WALK THROUGH



Skywalk, Bründl Sports



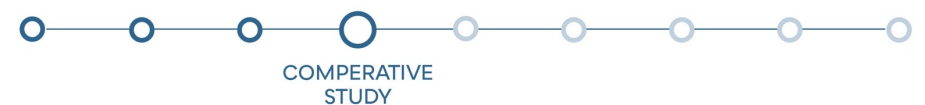
GRAND CANYON SKYWALK
(Giroux Glass, n.d.)

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Criteria	Redundancy	Structural performance	Transparency	Finishing quality	Waste generation	Recyclability	Fabrication cost	Need for post process	Size limitation	Shape limitation	Ease of connection	Transportation
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Cast	No	Medium	High	Low	Low	High	Medium	High	Low	Low	Medium	Medium / High
3D printed	No	Low	Low	Medium	No	High	High	Medium	High	Medium	Low	Easy

■ Disadvantage
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 ■ Exceptional

COMPARISON OF FABRICATION METHODS

ASSESSMENT CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

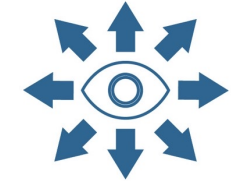


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Minimal optical footprint



Unobstructed view



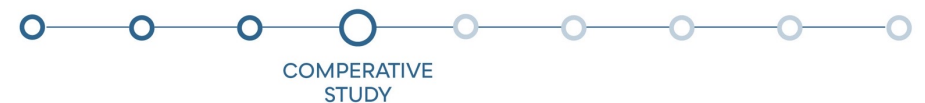
Unique structure/experience



Sustainable manufacturing

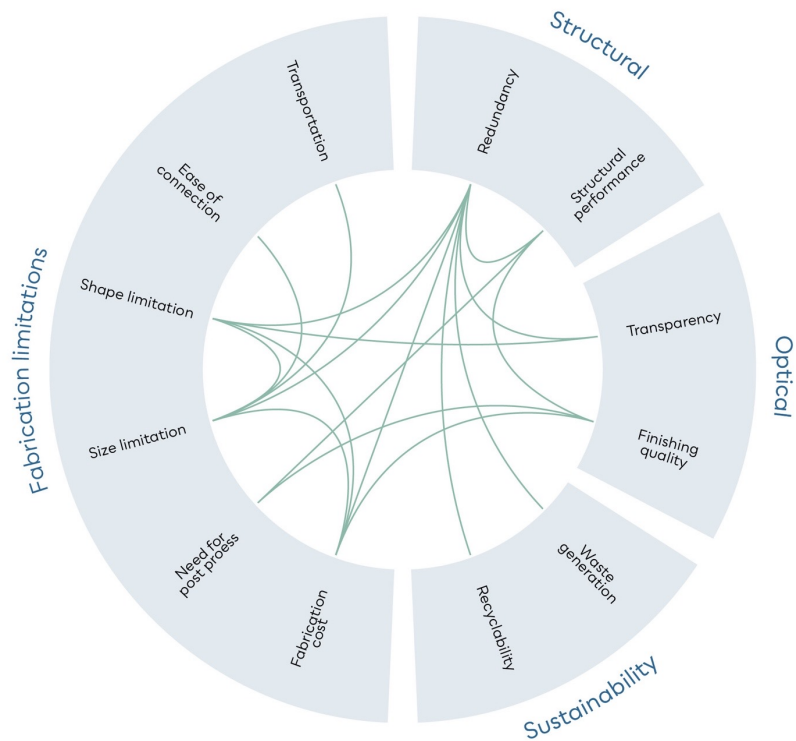
COMPARISON

FILTERING OF METHODS



COMPERATIVE STUDY

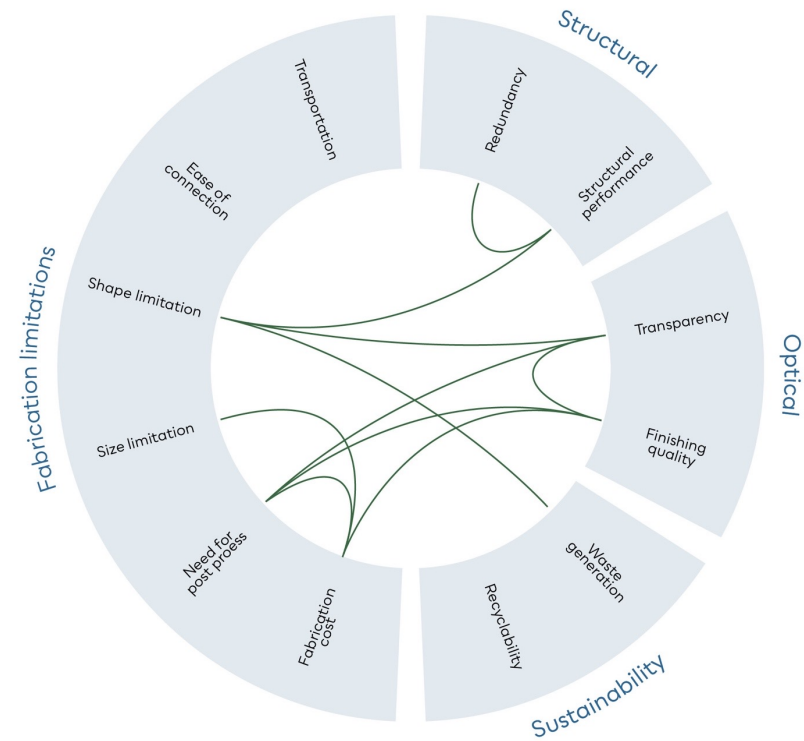
AWJ cut laminated float glass



Kiln cast

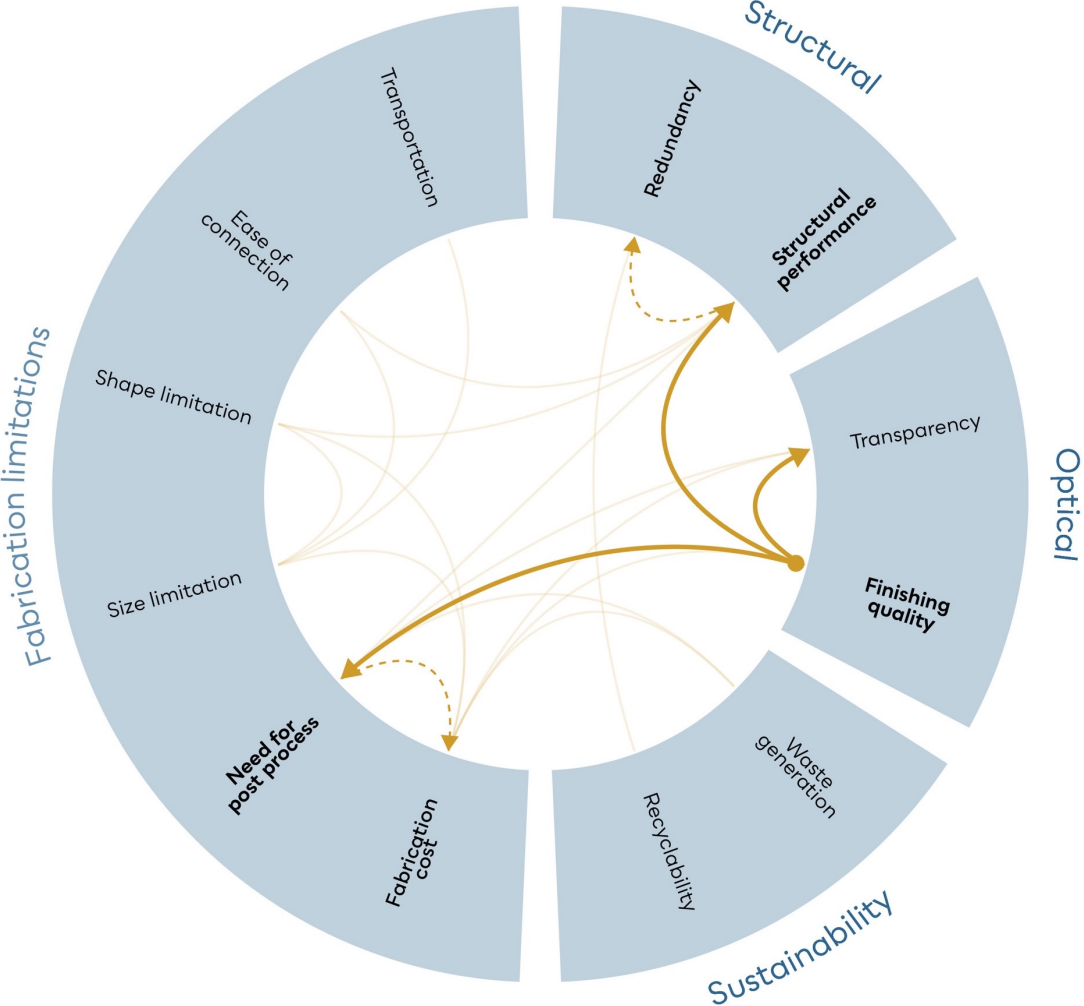


3D printed glass



CORRELATION DIAGRAMS

Kiln cast



CORRELATIONS DIAGRAM

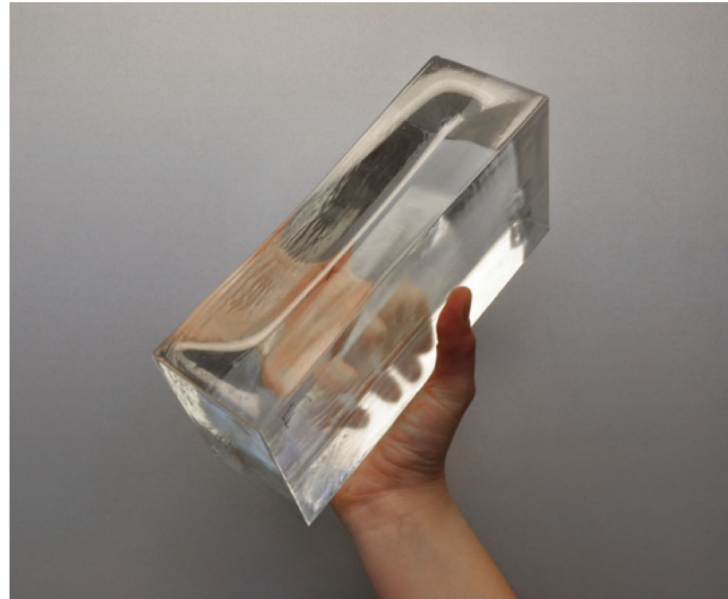
KILN CASTING WITH 3DPSM

Laminated float



Eckersley O'Callaghan, (2018)

Cast



Oikonomopoulou, Bristogianni, Veer, et al., (2018)

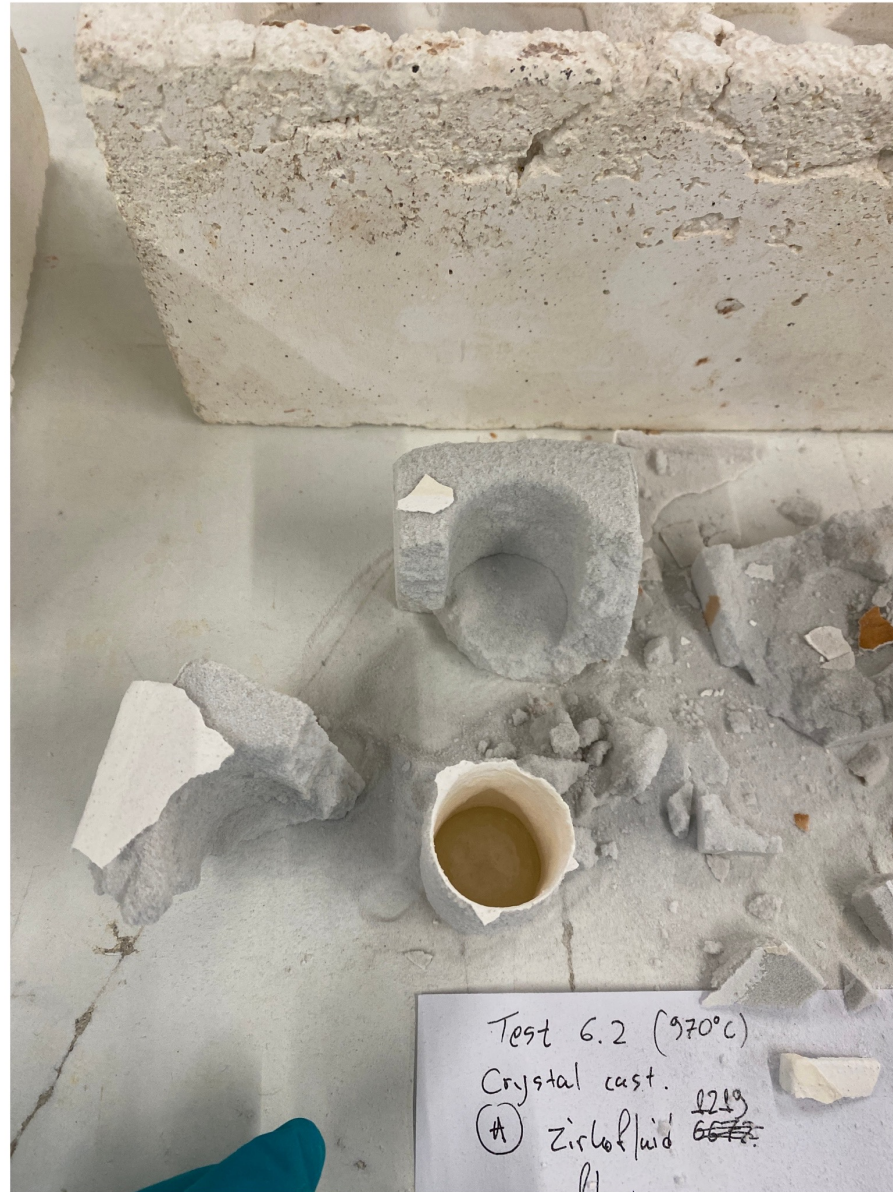
3D printed



Klein et al., (2015)

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LOST WAX TECHNIQUE



CRYSTALCAST - PROTECTIVE LAYER

THIN WALLED MOULD

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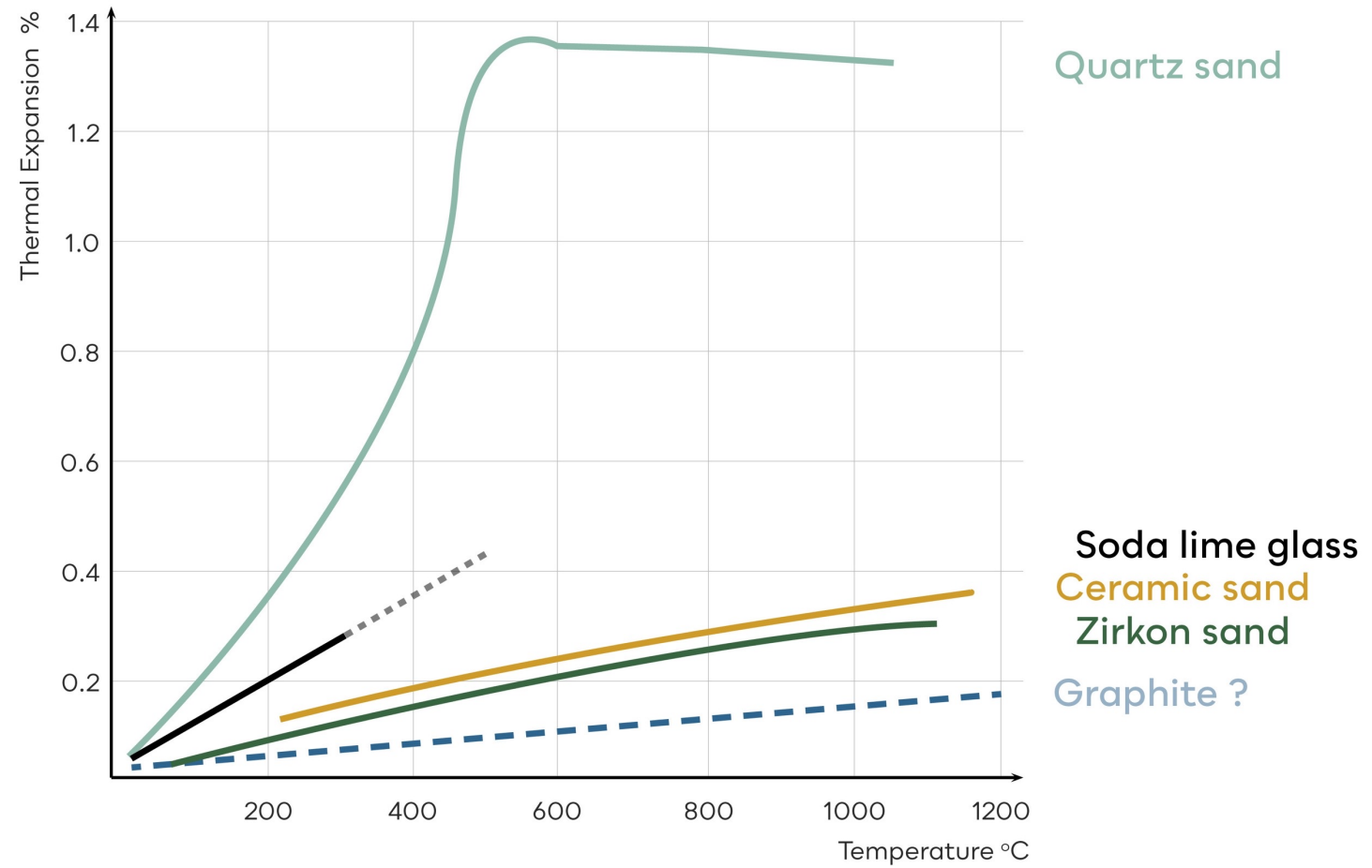


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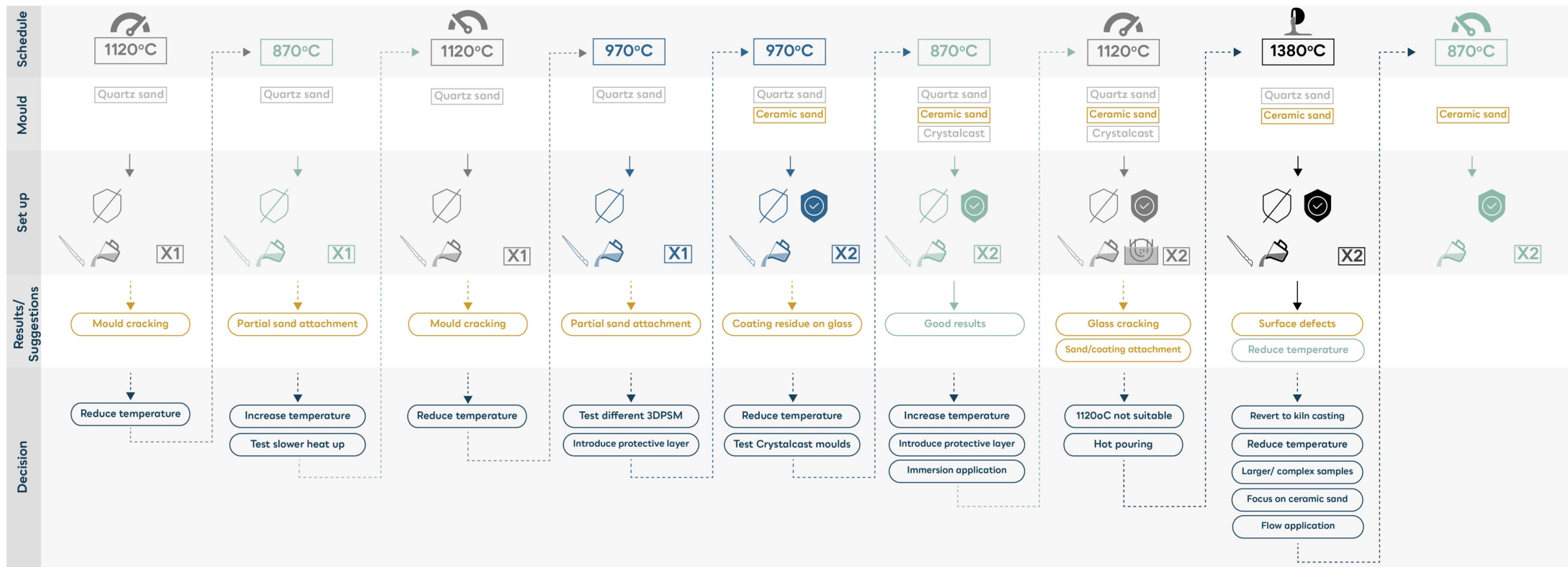




THERMAL EXPANSION

SAND AND COATINGS APPROXIMATION

Granta EduPack 2022 R1, Roller et al., 2016



Without protective layer With protective layer
 Brush application Flow application (6 sec.) Immersion application (13 sec.) Number of coating layers
 Normal Slow Hot pouring
 Shortcomings Results/ suggestions

DECISION TREE

EXPERIMENTS

