



# Thin glass composite panel with 3D-printed core

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*Thin glass. Photo: SCHOTT*

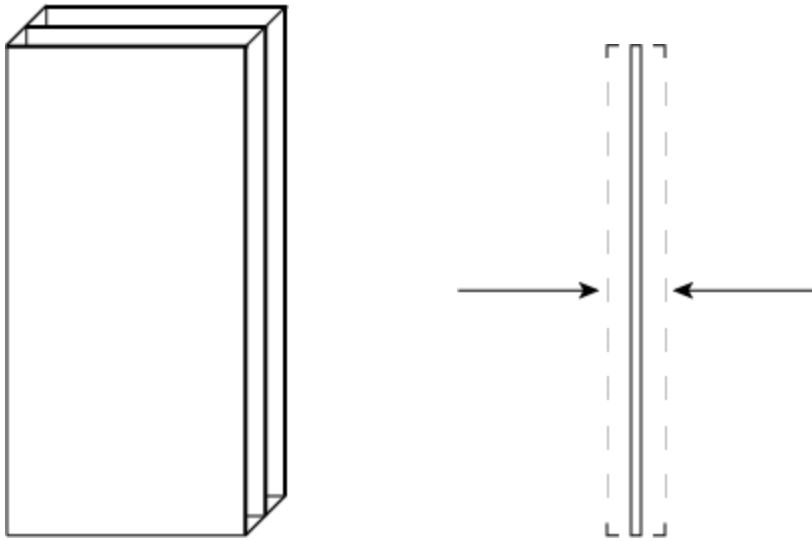
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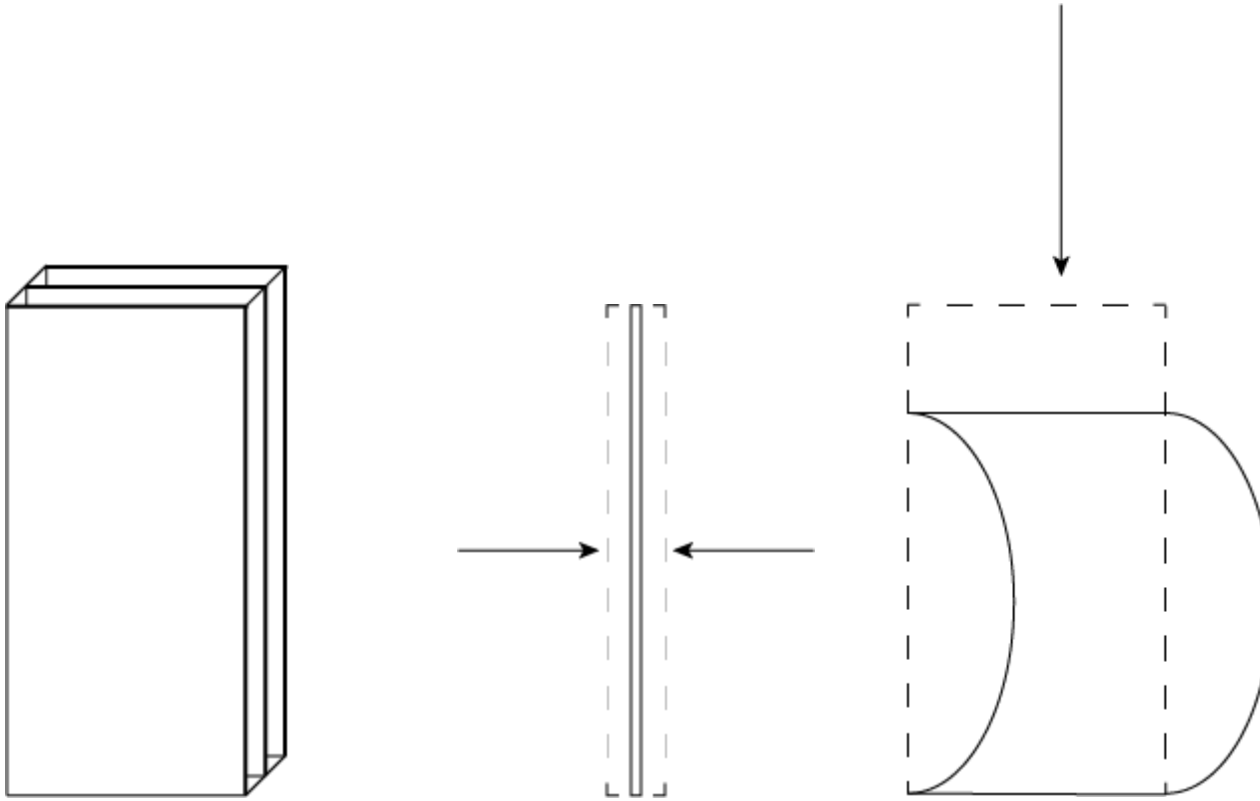
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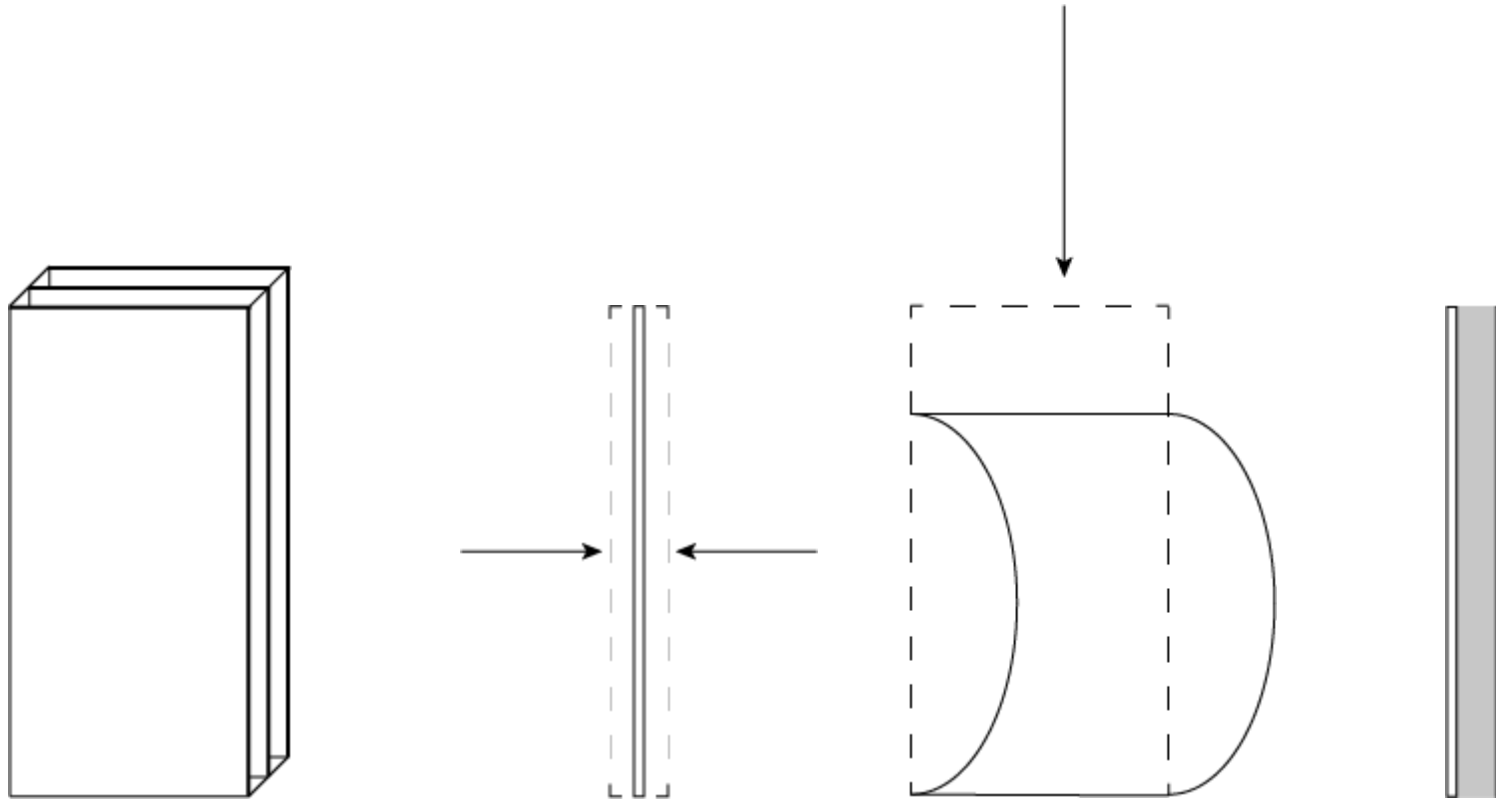
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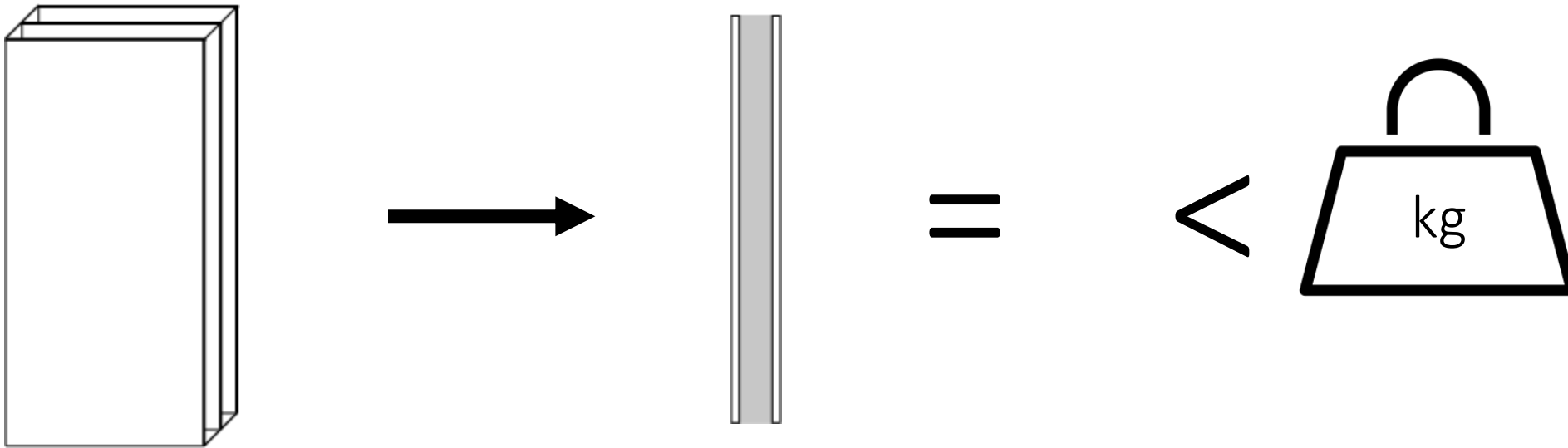
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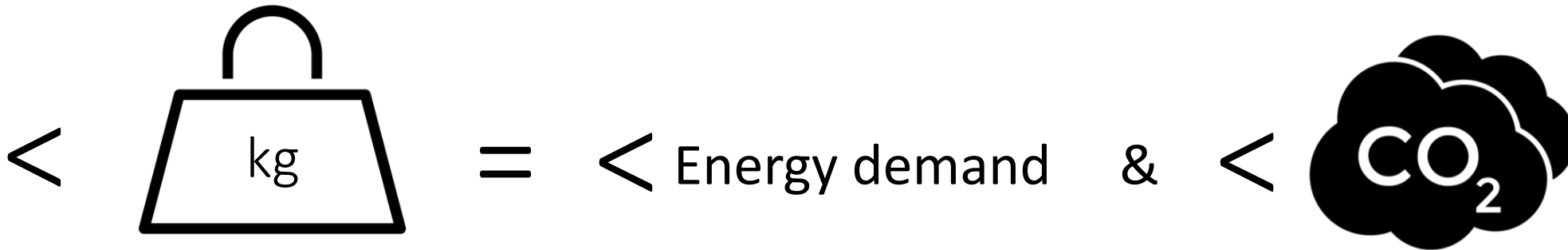
*The Glass House, designed by Philip Johnson. Photo: Michael Biondo*



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$$< \text{kg} = < \text{Energy demand} \quad \& \quad < \text{CO}_2$$
The diagram illustrates the objective of minimizing three key factors: weight, energy demand, and CO2 emissions. It features three less-than signs (<) arranged horizontally, separated by an equals sign (=) and an ampersand (&). The first less-than sign is followed by a line drawing of a weight scale with the unit 'kg' inside. The second less-than sign is followed by the text 'Energy demand'. The third less-than sign is followed by a black cloud icon containing the chemical formula 'CO2'.

# Objective

Panel needs to:

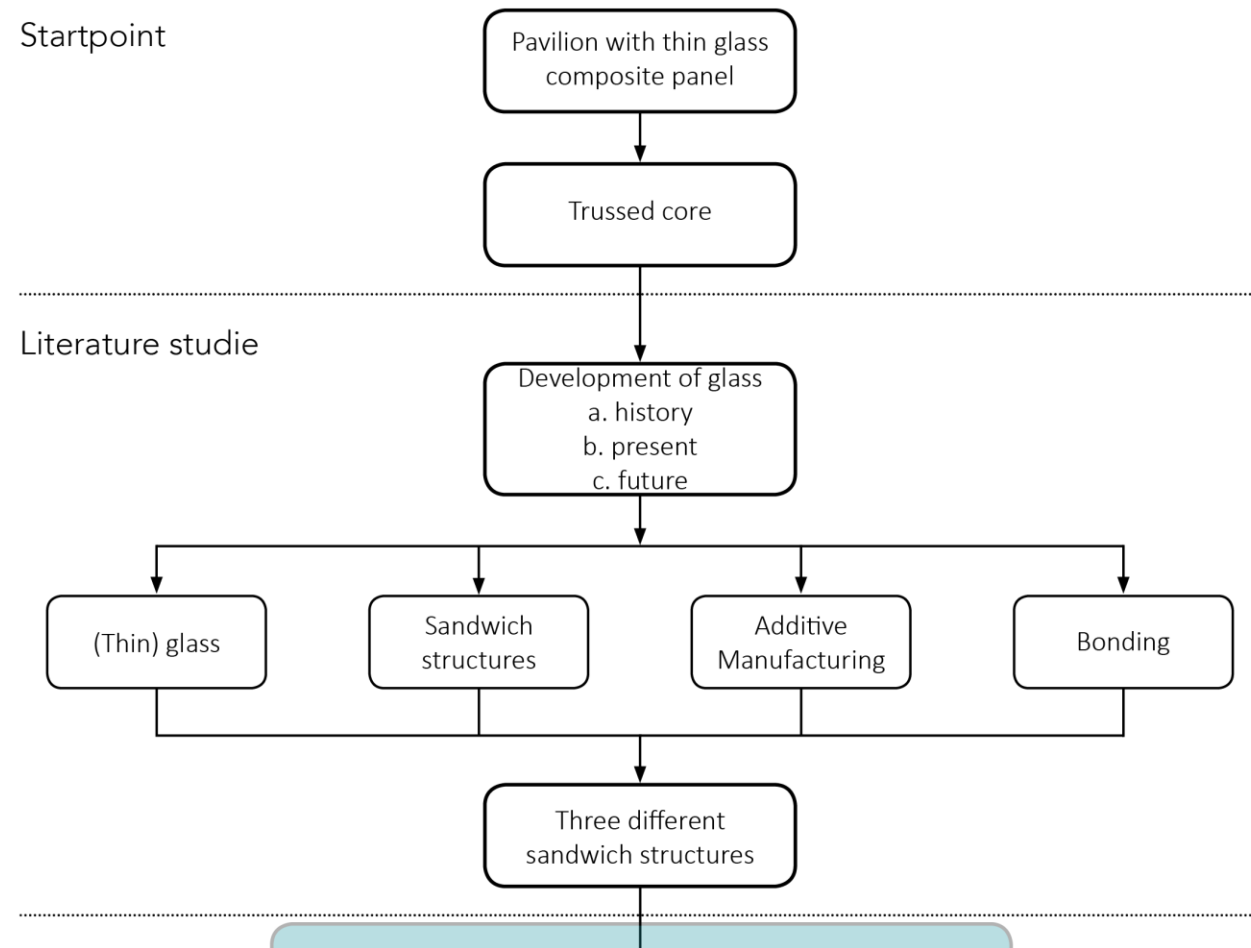
Meet current thermal insulation requirements

Be structurally safe

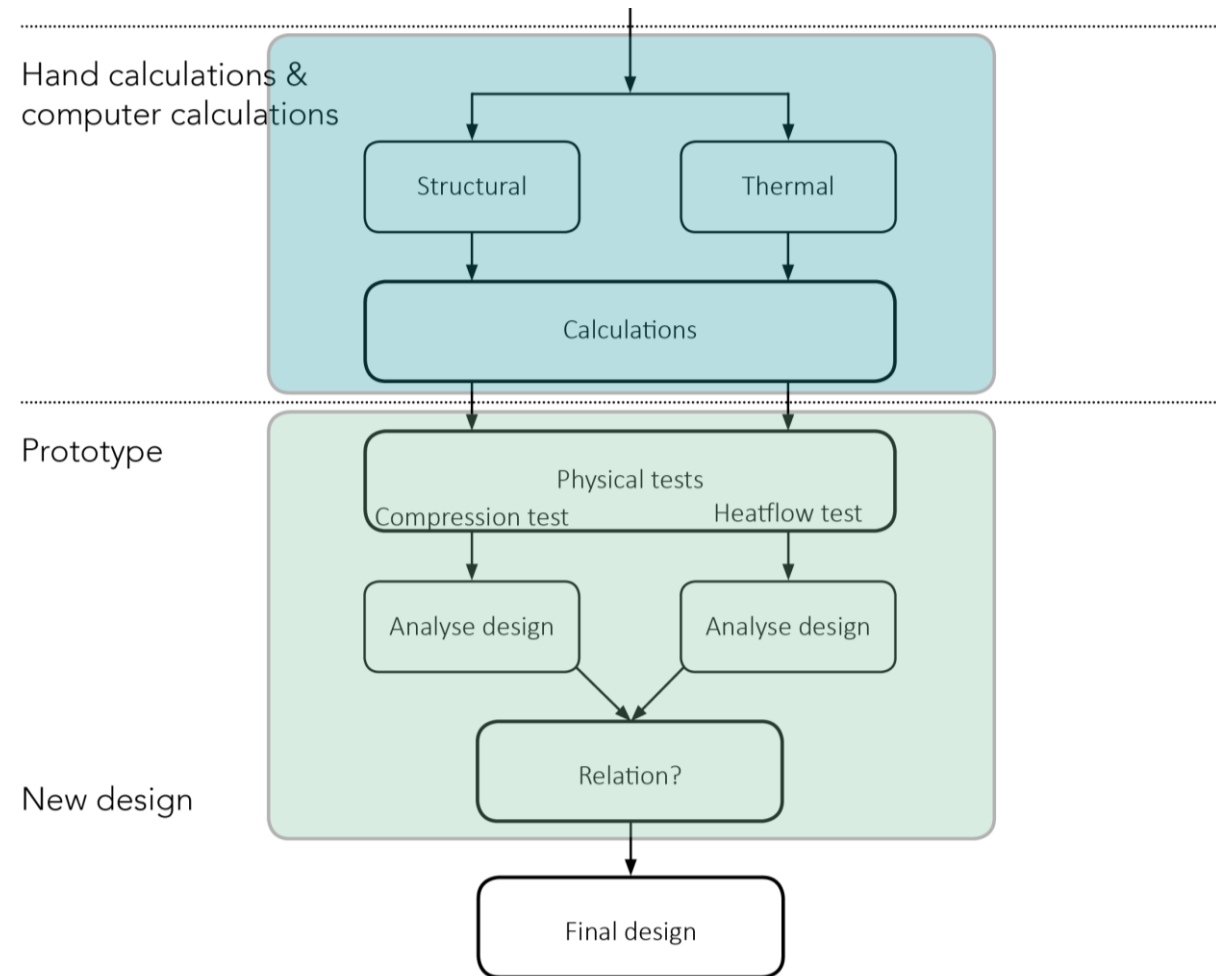
# Main question

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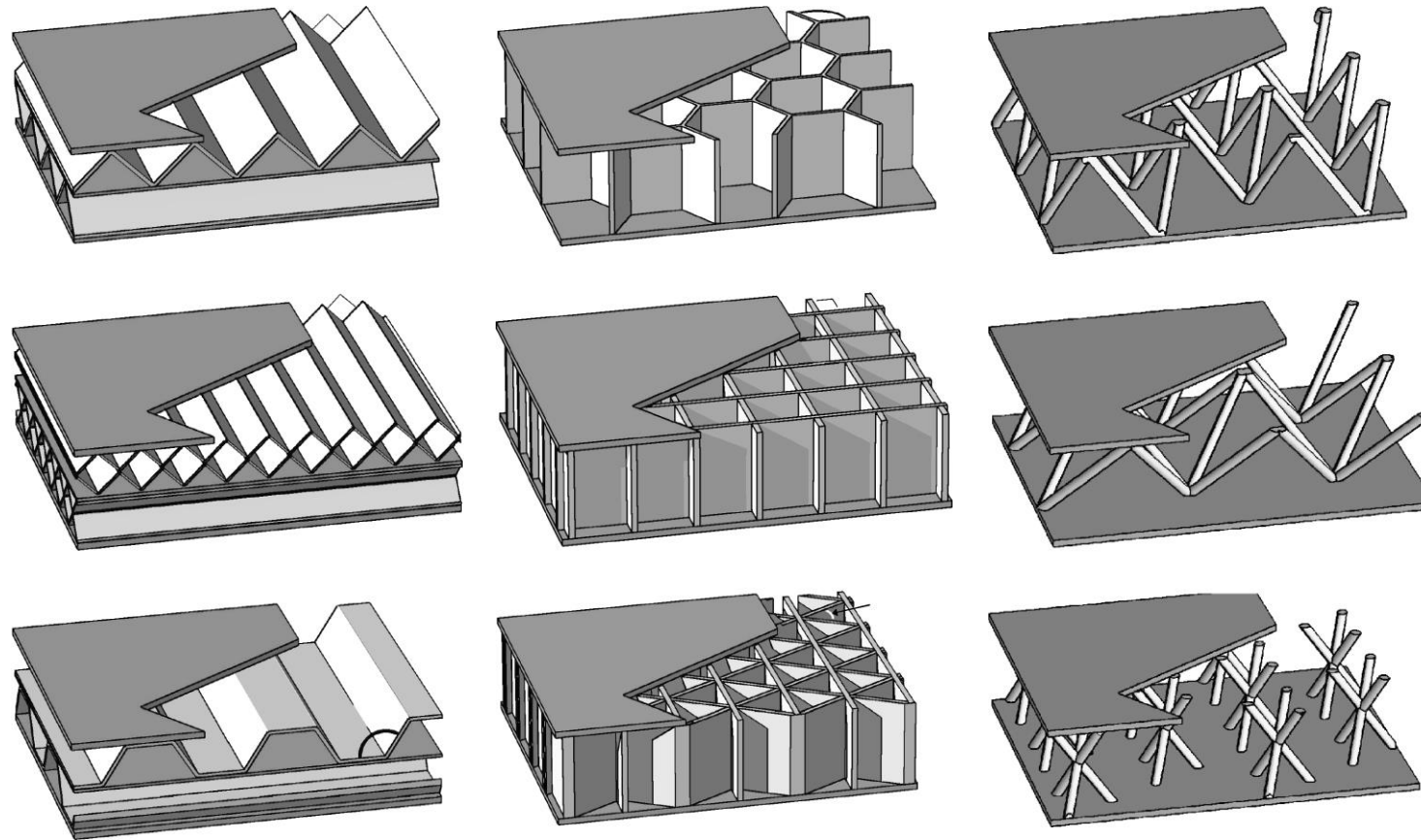




# Literature study

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# Sandwich structures

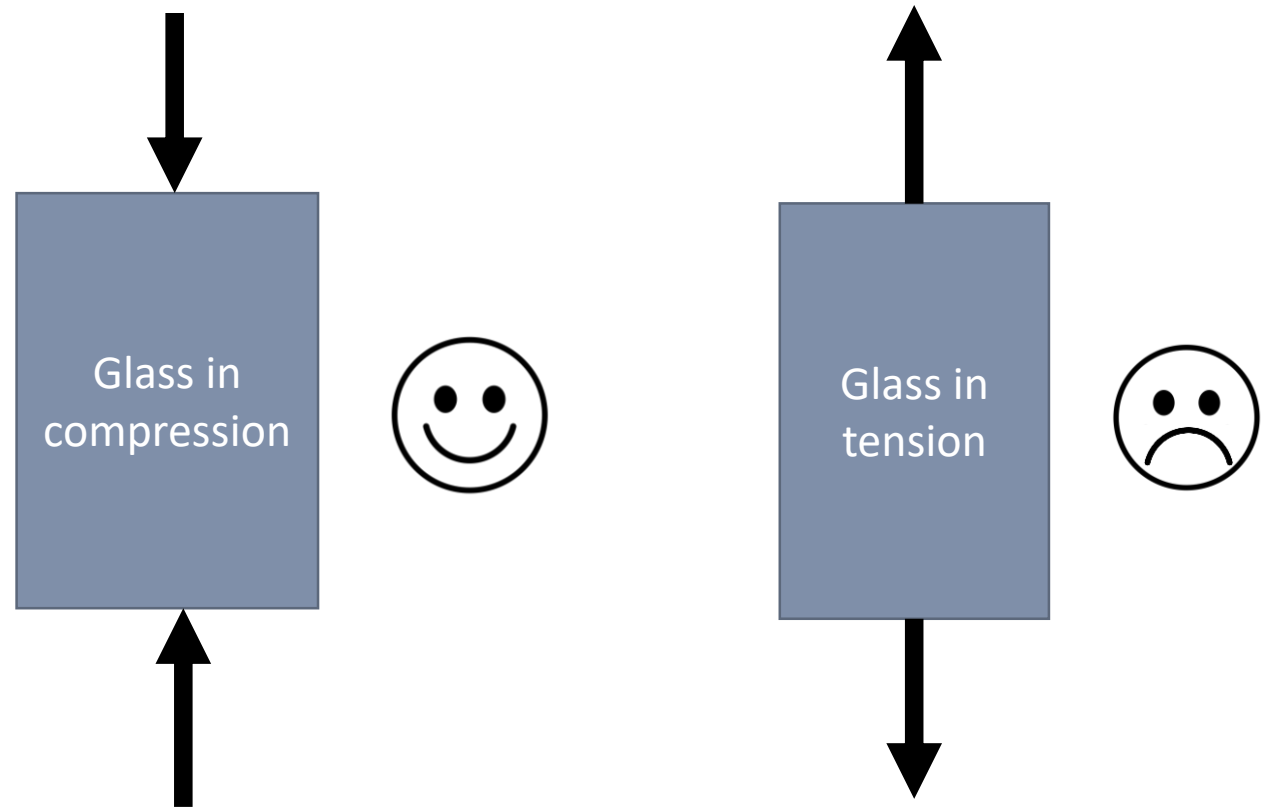


*Different patterns in sandwich structures. Wadly, 2006.*

# (Thin) glass



Wurm, 2017



# Additive manufacturing

3D-printing

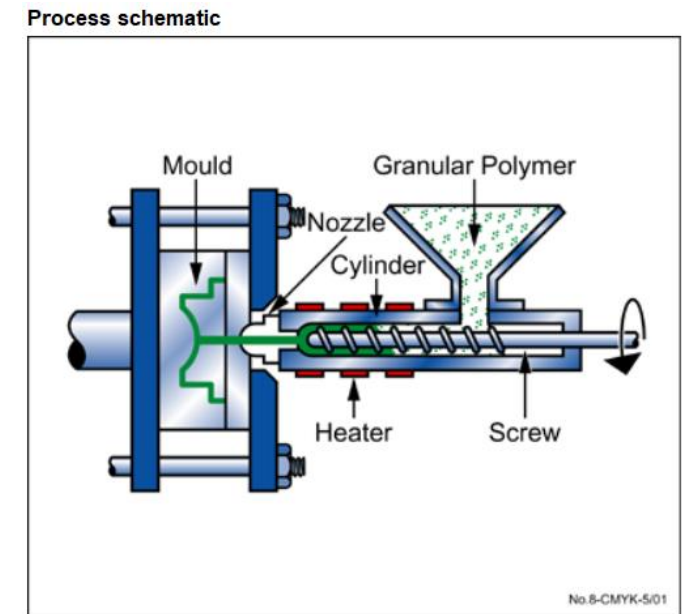
Rapid prototyping



FDM/ 3D printing. Image: Industry week.

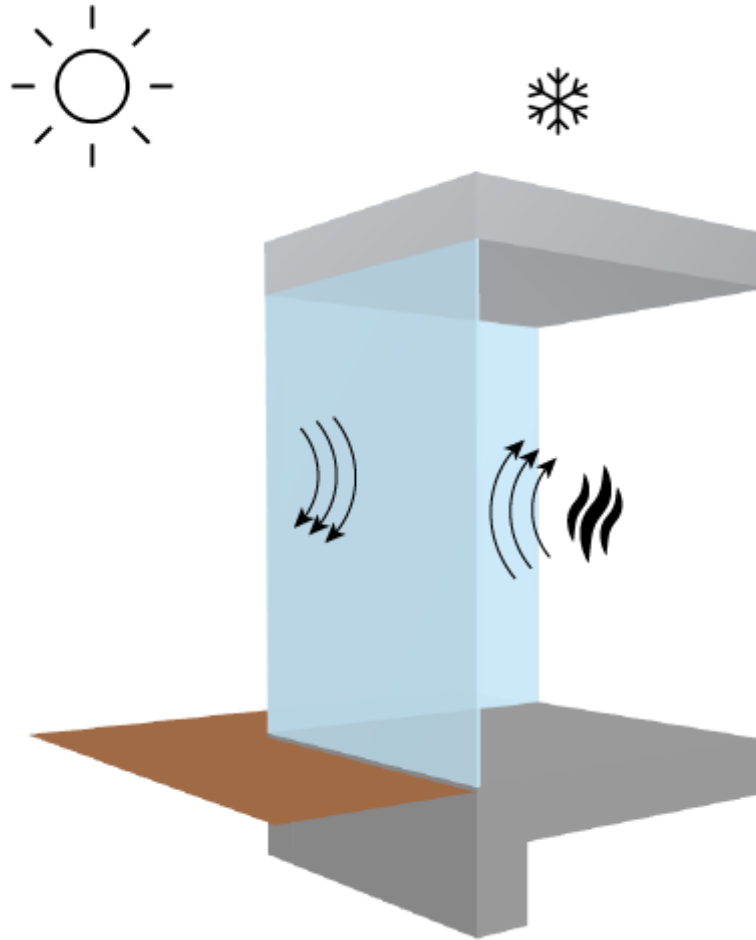
Injection molding

Mass production



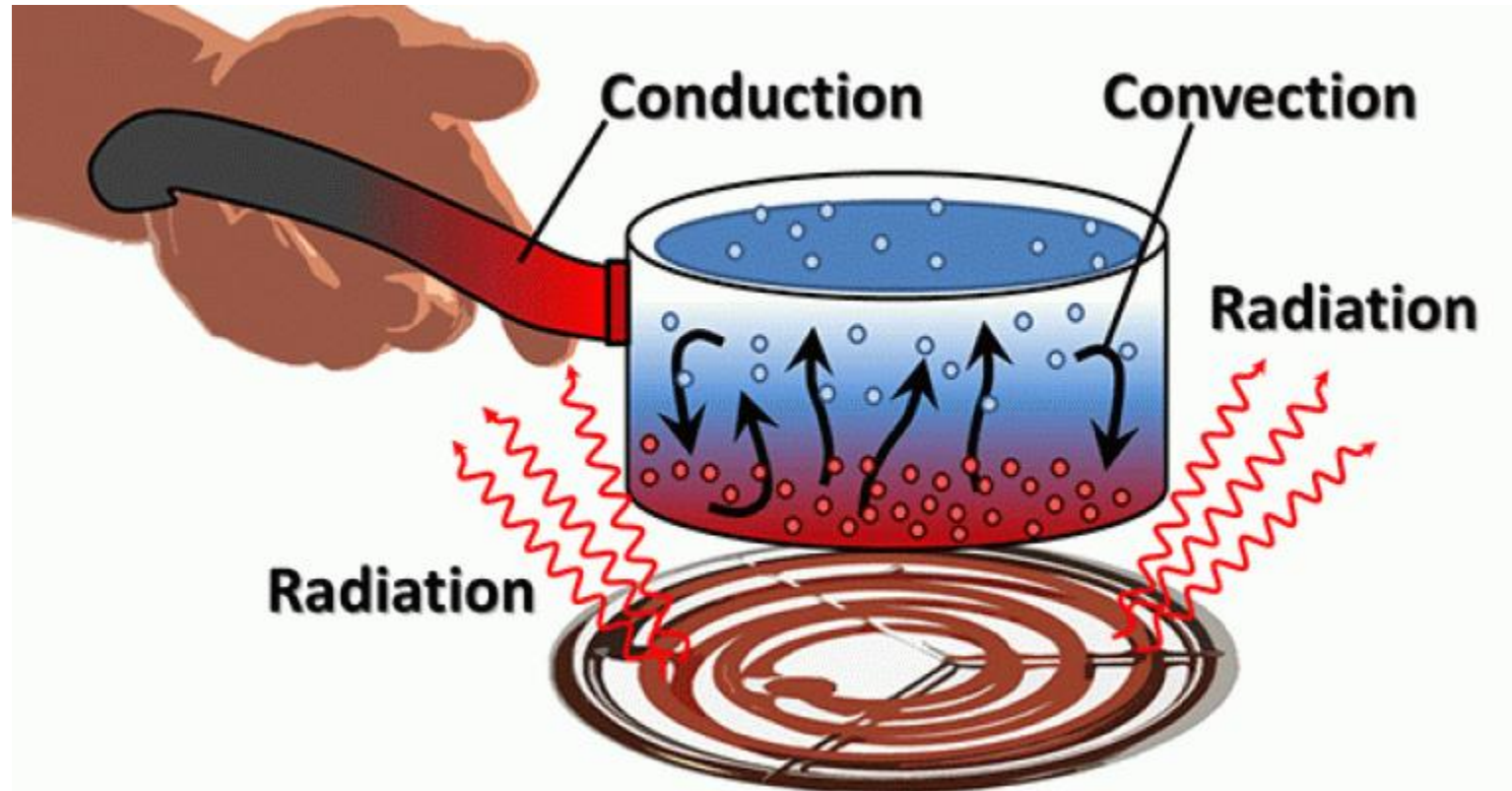
Scheme of injection molding. Image from CES EduPack 2018.

# Façade criteria thermal insulation



*Schematic visualisation of the function of the façade. Own image.*

# Thermal insulation



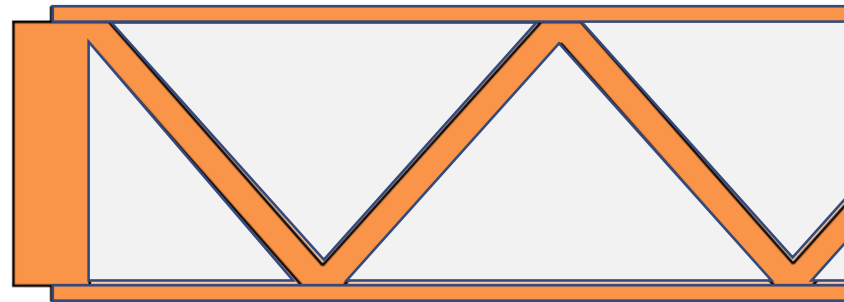
<https://www.machinedesign.com/whats-difference-between/what-s-difference-between-conduction-convection-and-radiation>



# Thermal insulation

Heat transfer through conduction

- Glass (faces)
- PET (core)



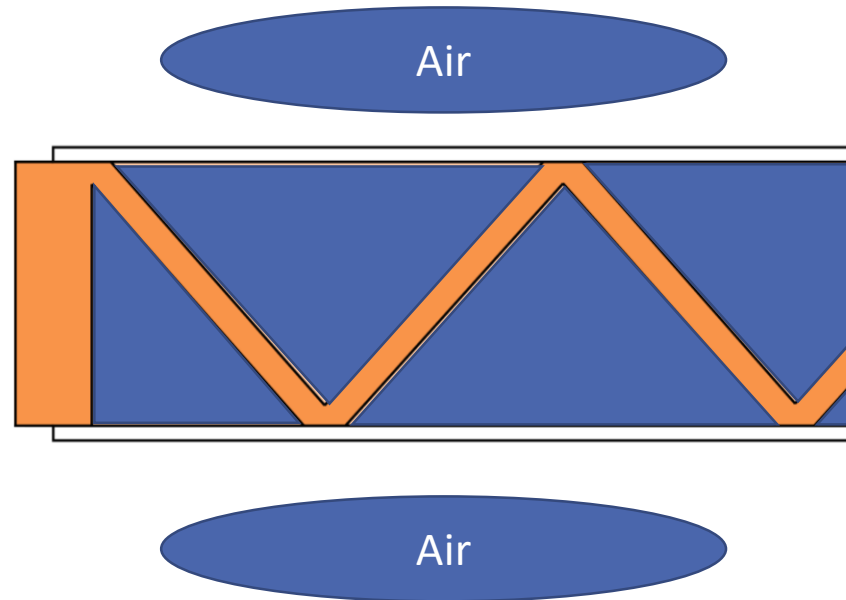
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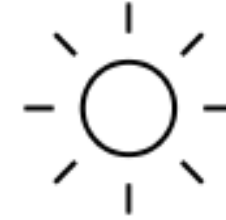
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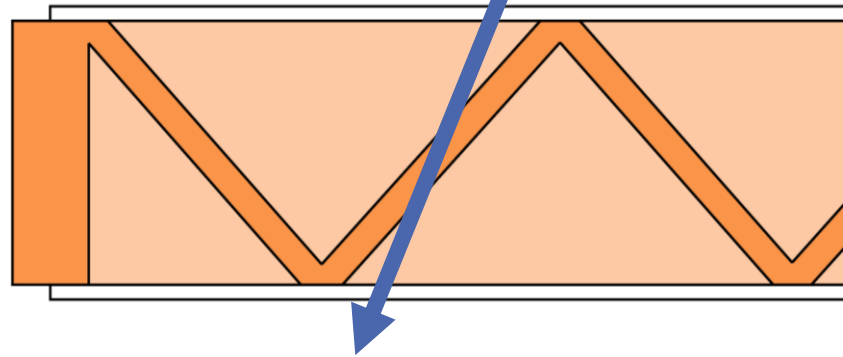
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# Structural properties

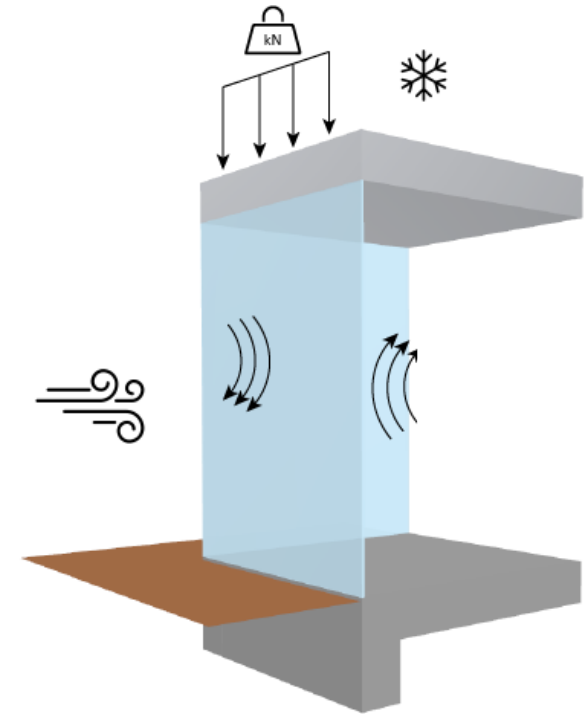
## Permanent load

- Self-weight of the panel
- Weight of other structural elements

## Variable load

- Snow load
- Wind load
- Life load

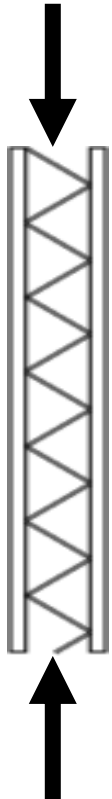
The safety factor is 1,5.



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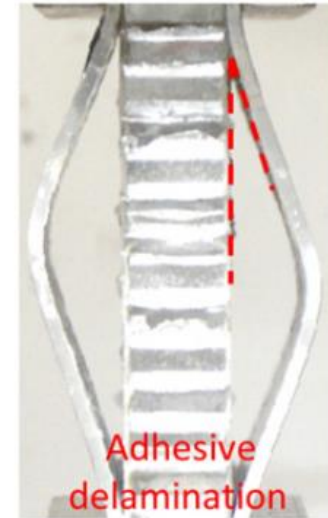
- Compression test



*Buckling of a sandwich panel. Own image.*



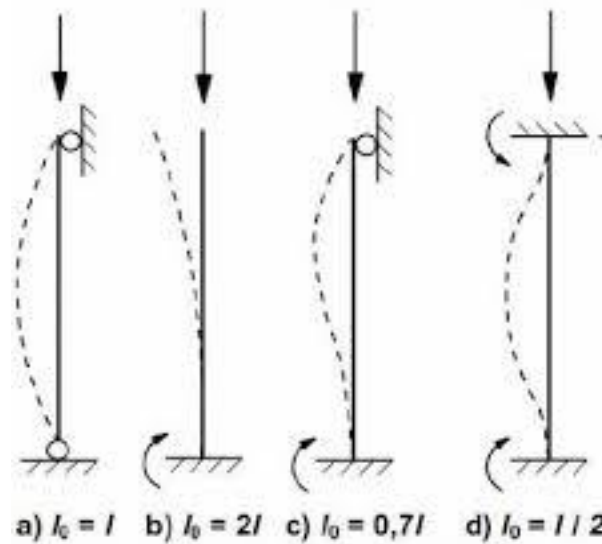
*Failure modes aluminium sandwich panels with honeycomb core. Image by sun, Huo, Chen & Li, 2017.*



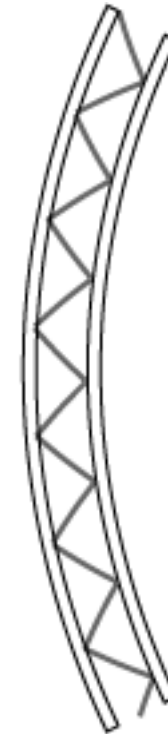
# Sandwich structures

$$P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 \cdot E \cdot I}{L^2}$$

$$I = \frac{1}{12} b t^3$$



Effective length of column.



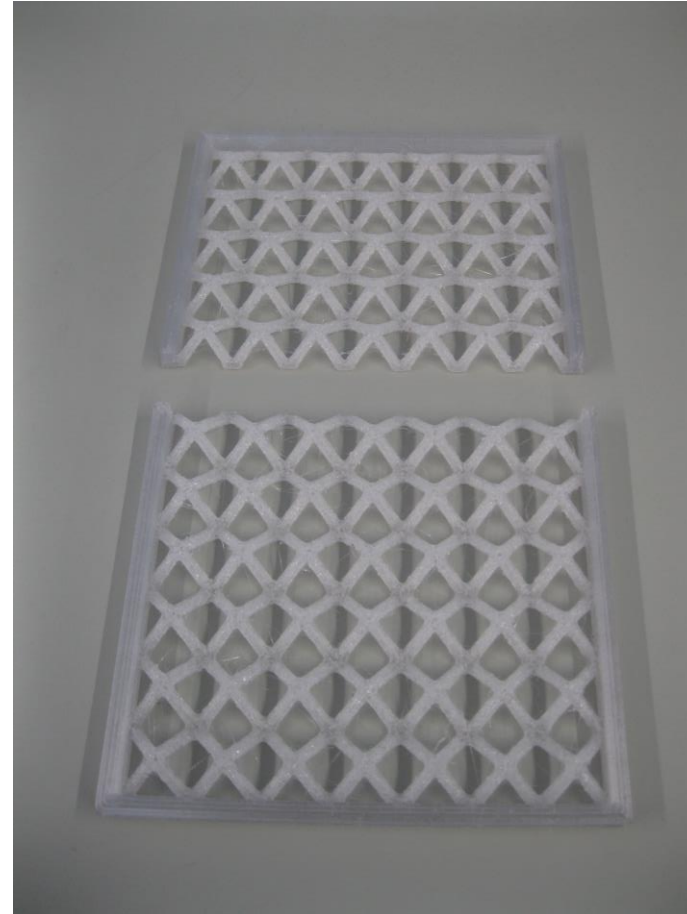
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# Prototype

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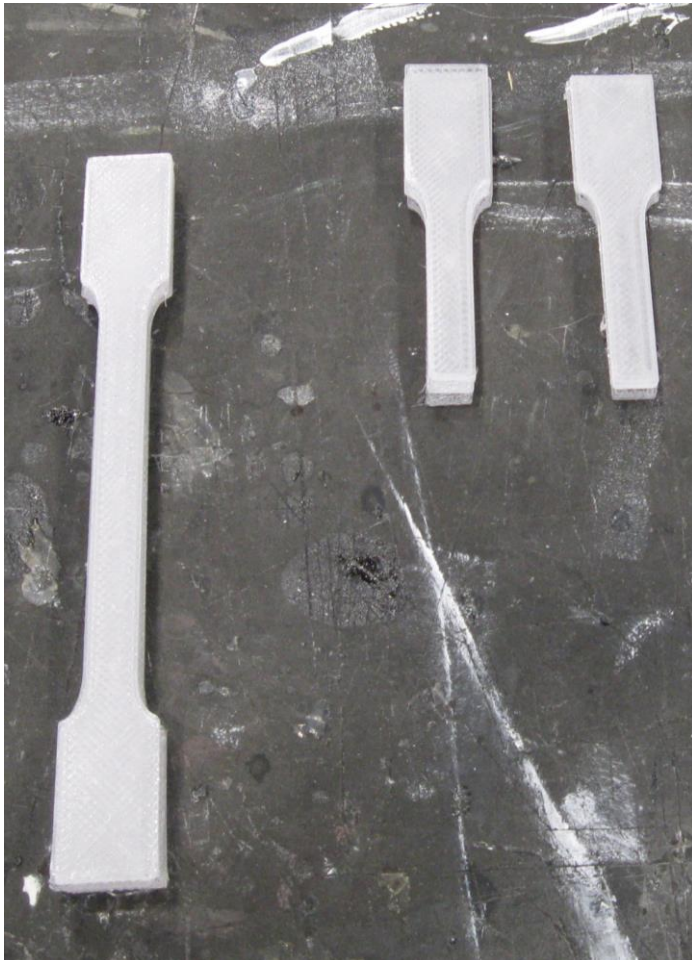
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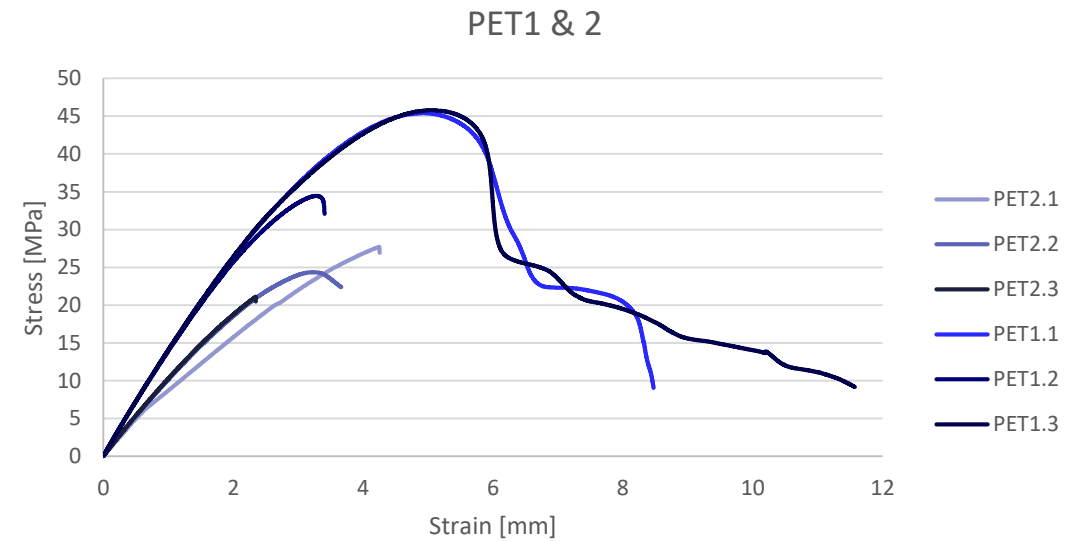
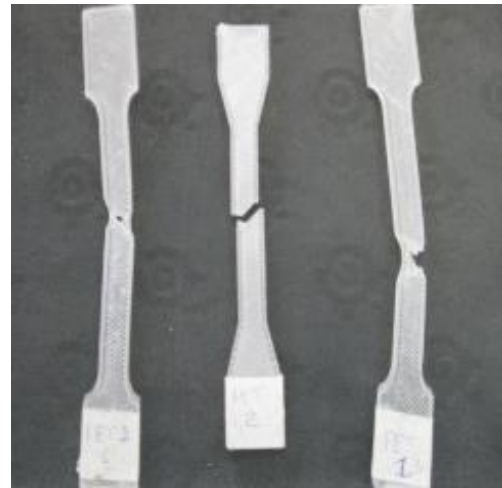
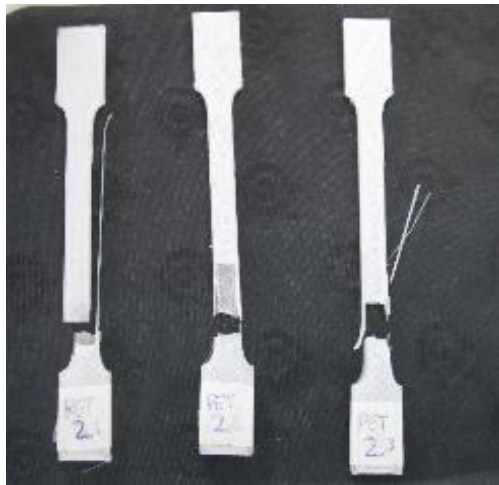


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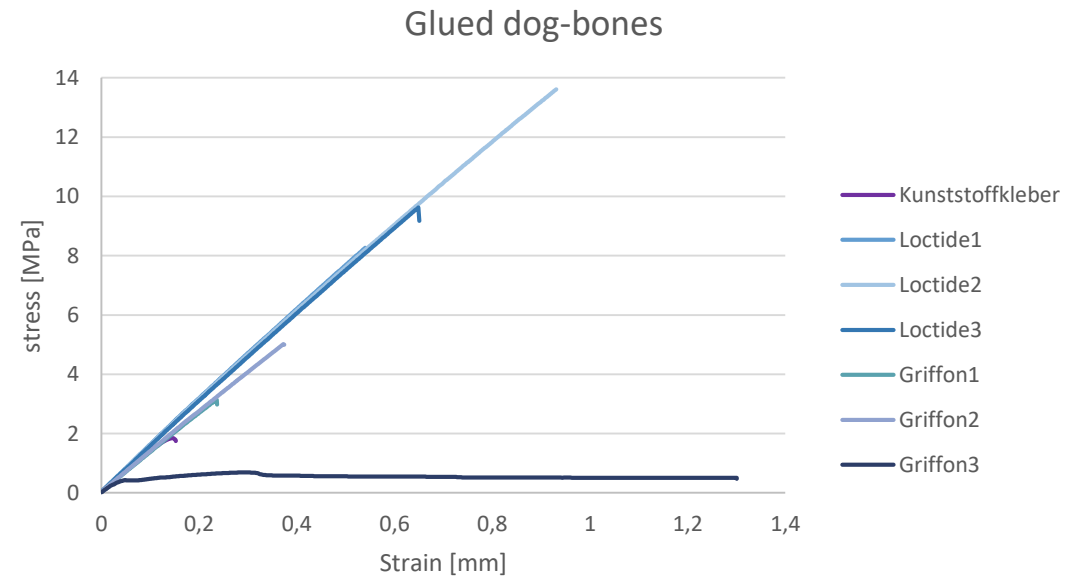
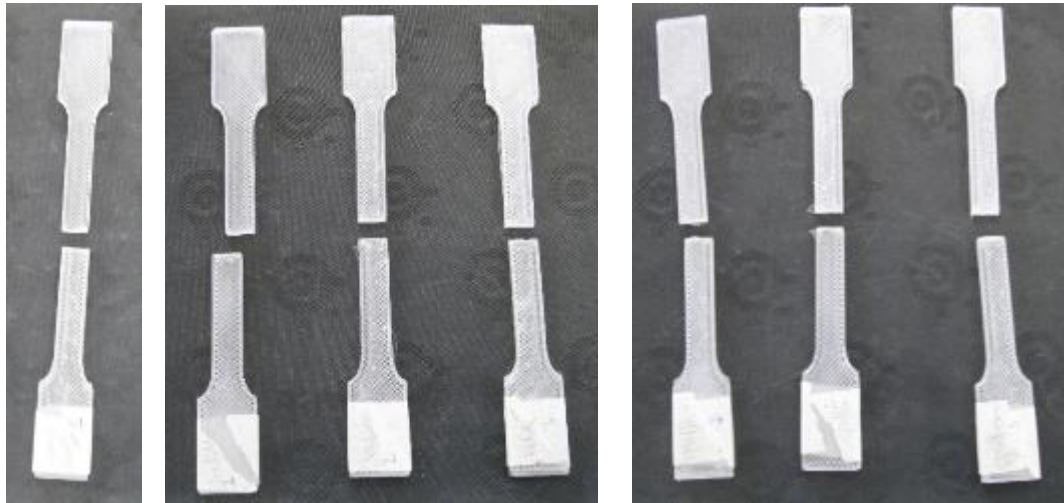




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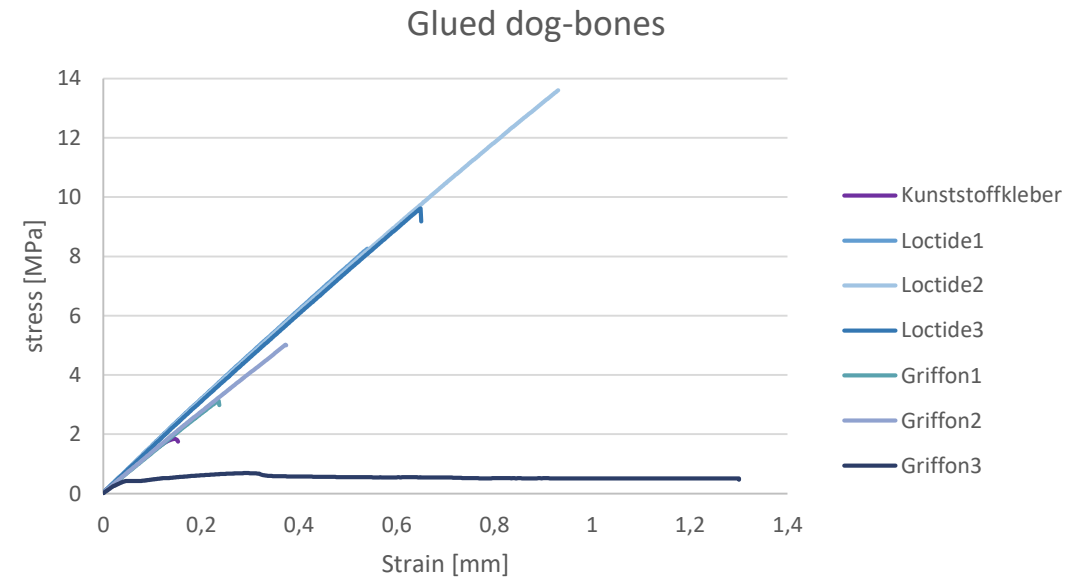
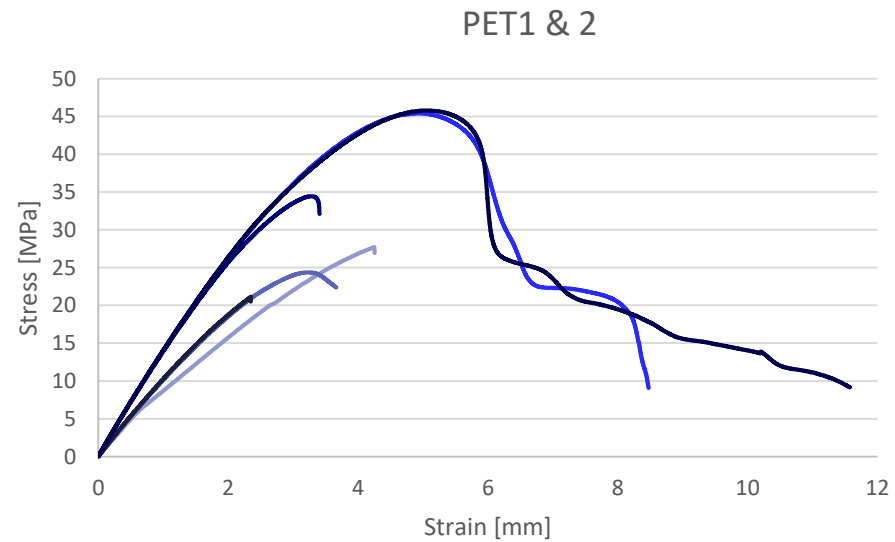


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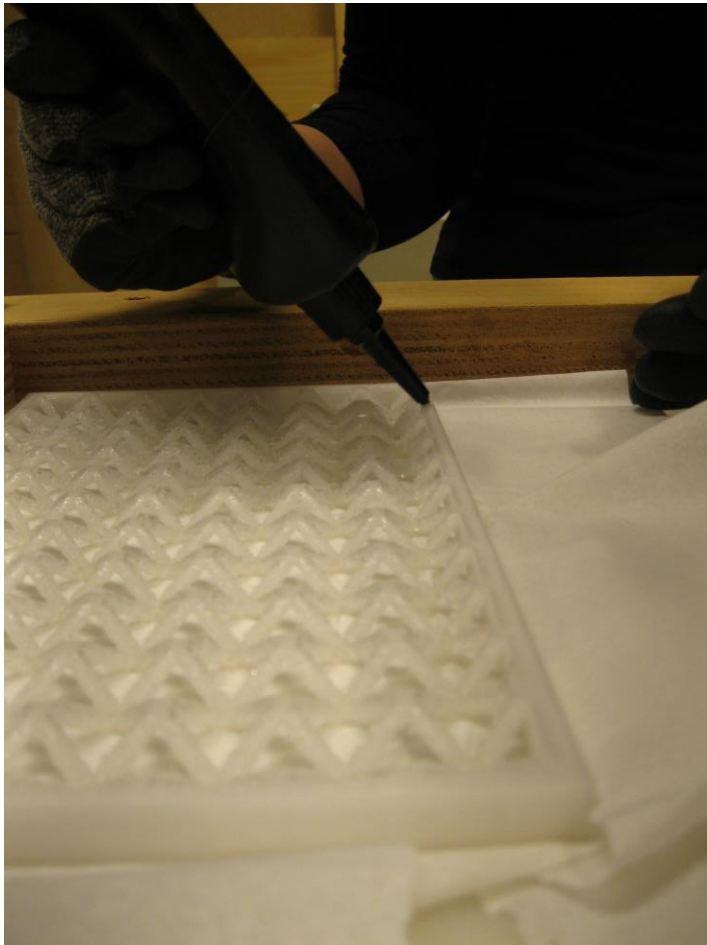




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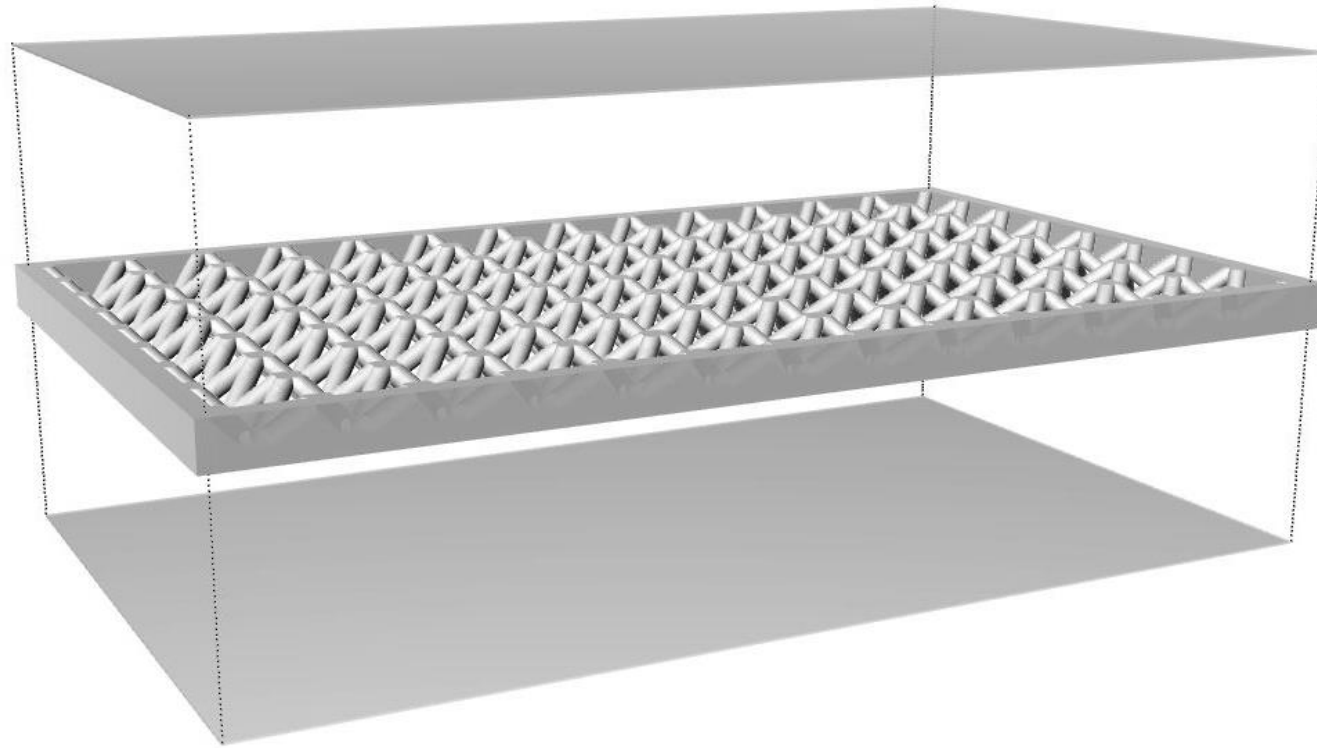
# Panel bonding



# Preliminary design

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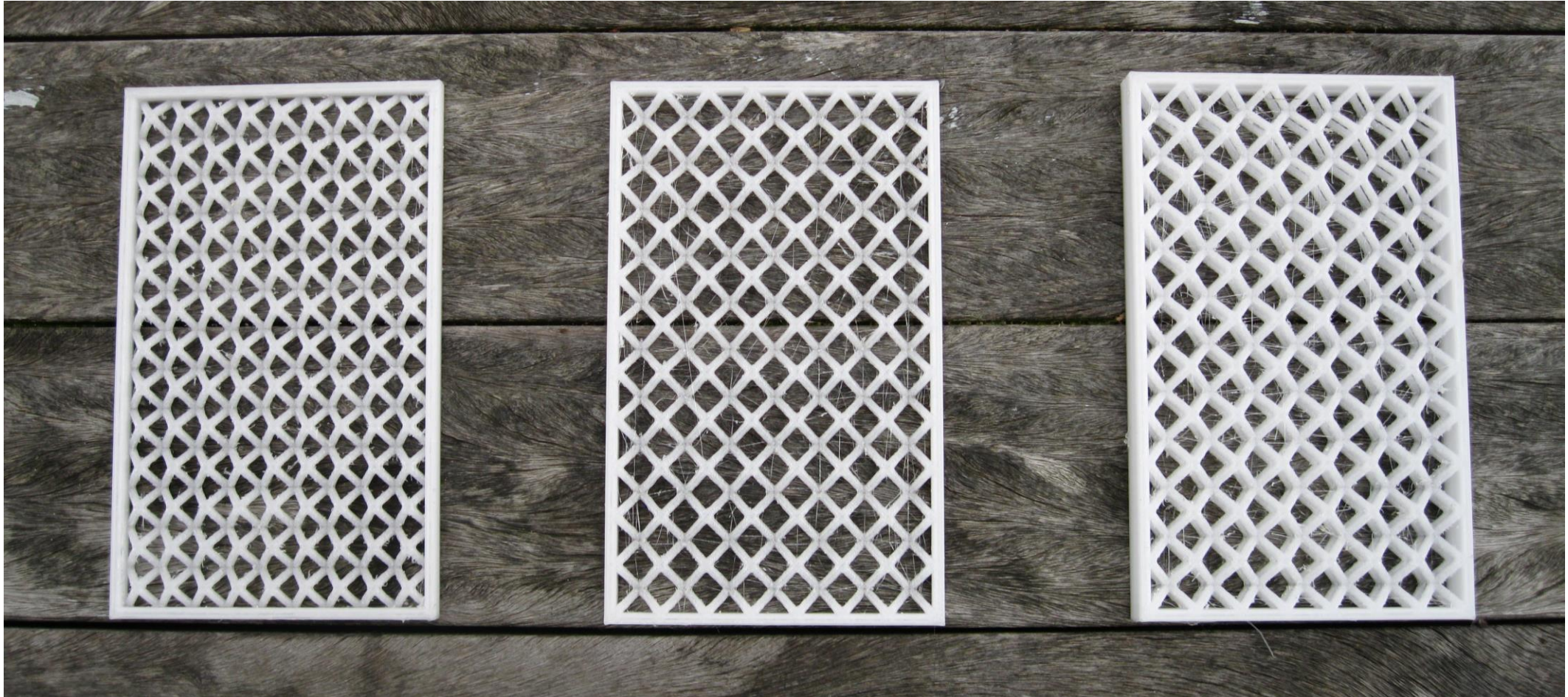
# Composite panel



*3D exploded view of the panel. Own image.*



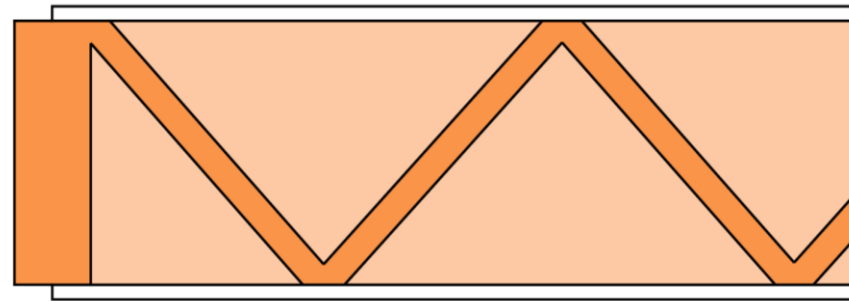
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*Overview of test specimen. Own image.*

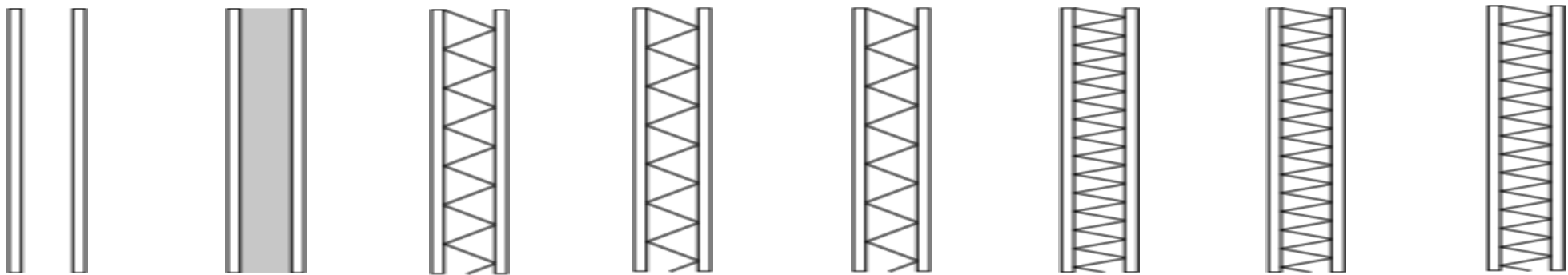
# Thermal insulation

- PET
- Glass
- Air
- Sunlight radiation



*Schematic section of panel. Own image.*

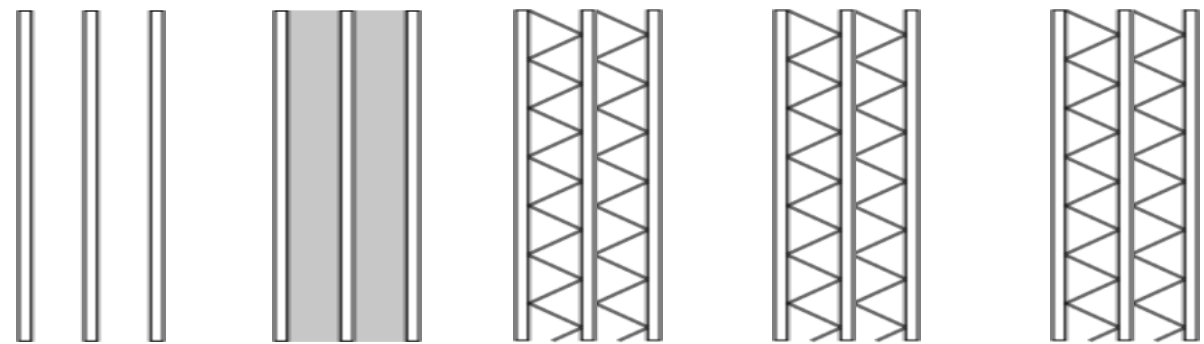
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Visualisation thermal calculations. Own image.

Panel type	Reference	Reference	Standard	Standard	Standard	Dense	Dense	Dense
Characteristic	Air filled	PET filled	Optimistic	Pessimistic	Thermal bridge	optimistic	pessimistic	Thermal bridge
U [W/m²/K]	2,6	3,4	2,77	2,82	2,66	2,79	2,85	2,67

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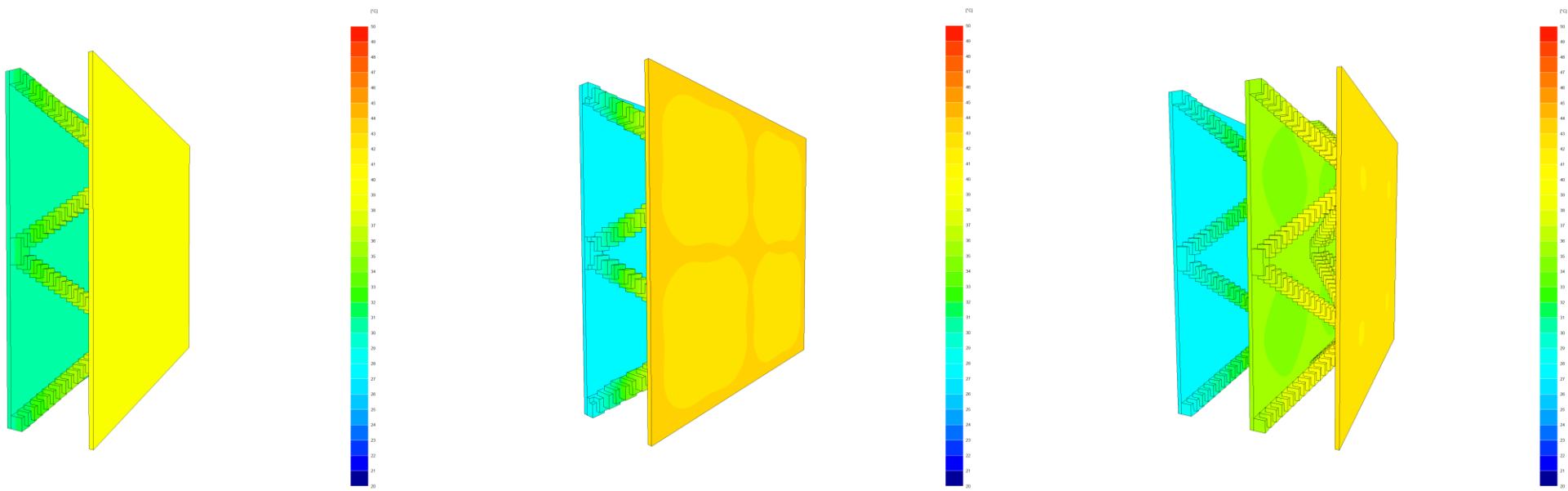


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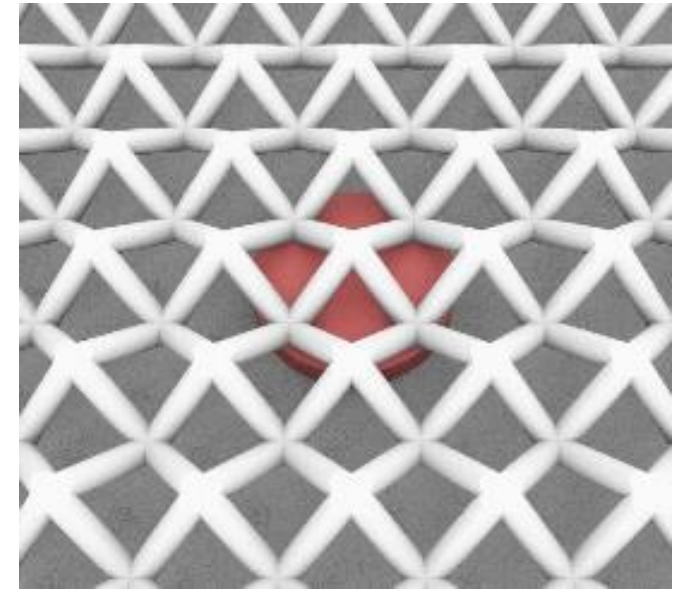
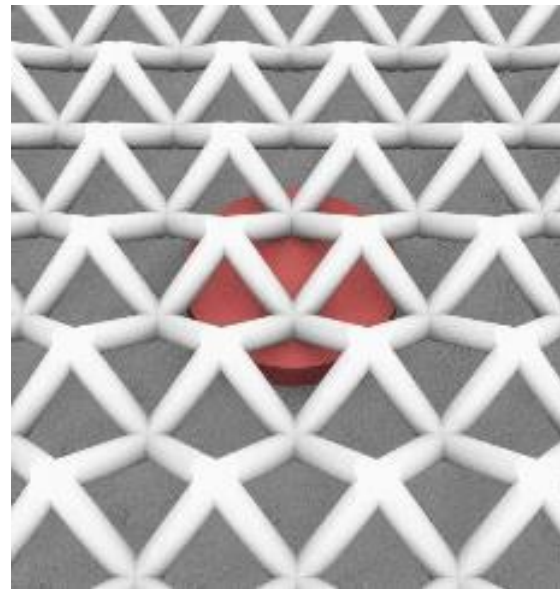
Trisco temperature range, standard truss. Own image.

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*Photo of the complete test set-up. Own image.*



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Test 1	2,37	2,39	1,90
Test 2	2,36	2,39	1,89

# Structural properties



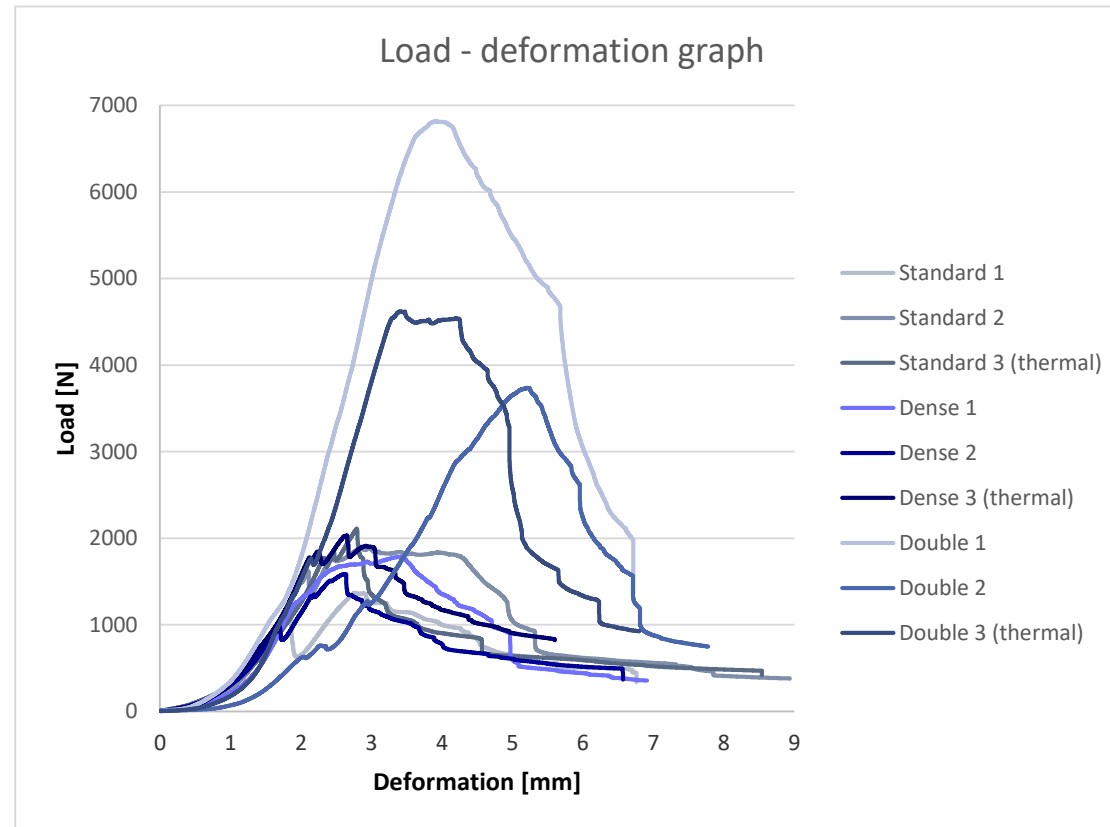
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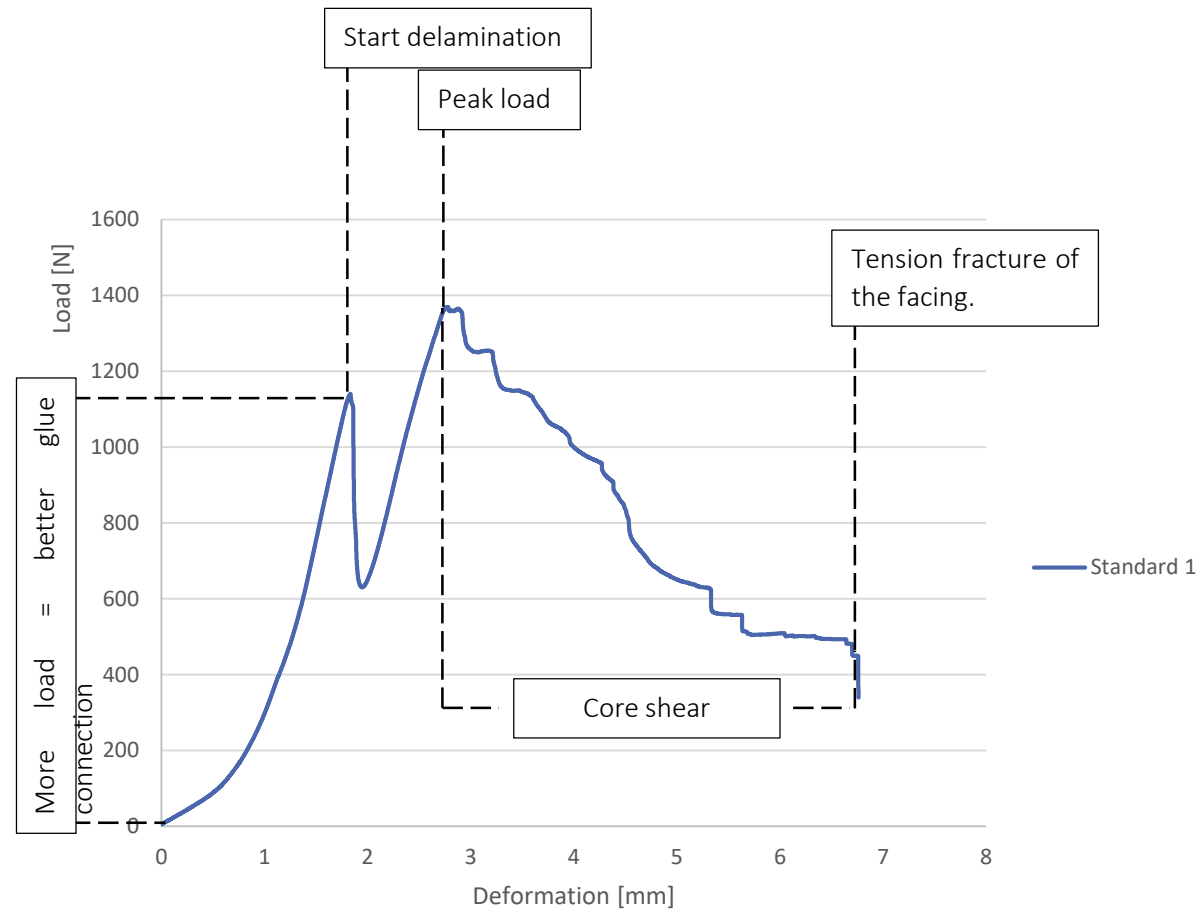
*Maximum deformation. Own image.*



# Structural properties



# Composite panel



# Design proposal

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# Answer main question

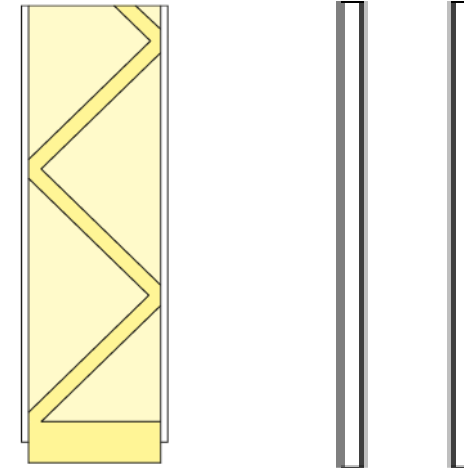
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# Thermal improvements

- Decrease radiation and conduction
- Add more layers

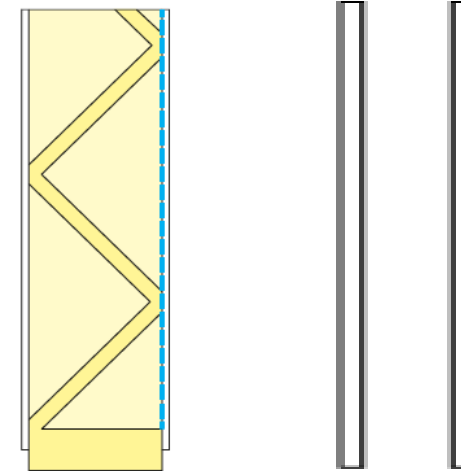
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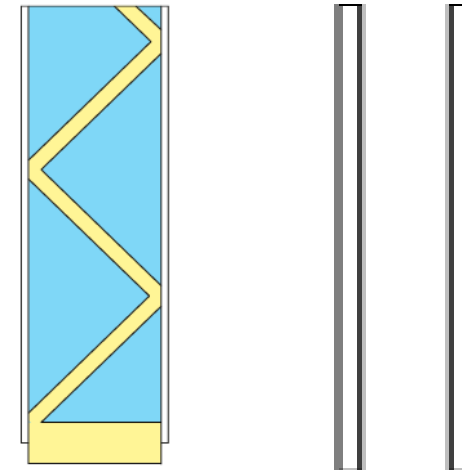
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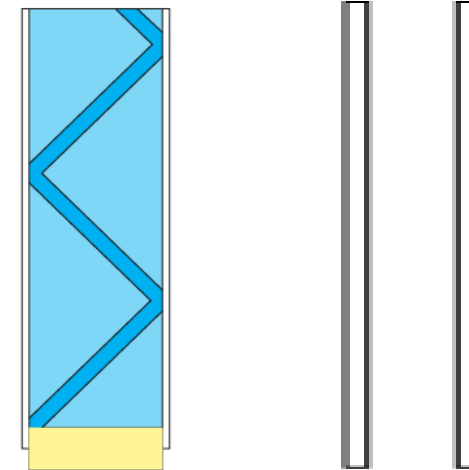
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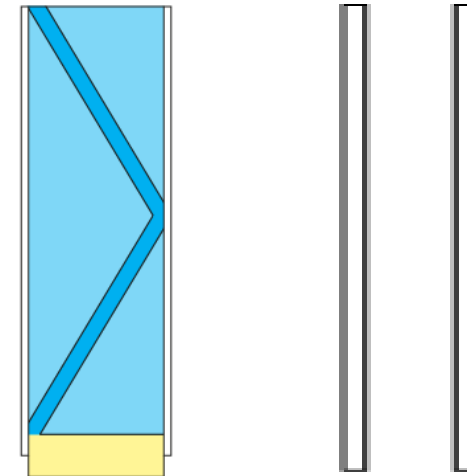
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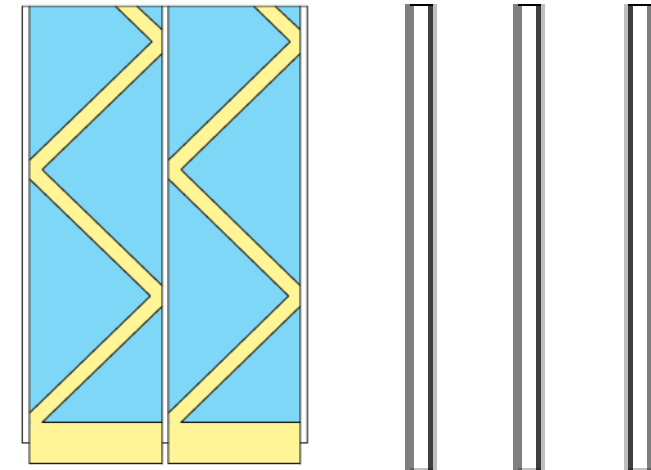
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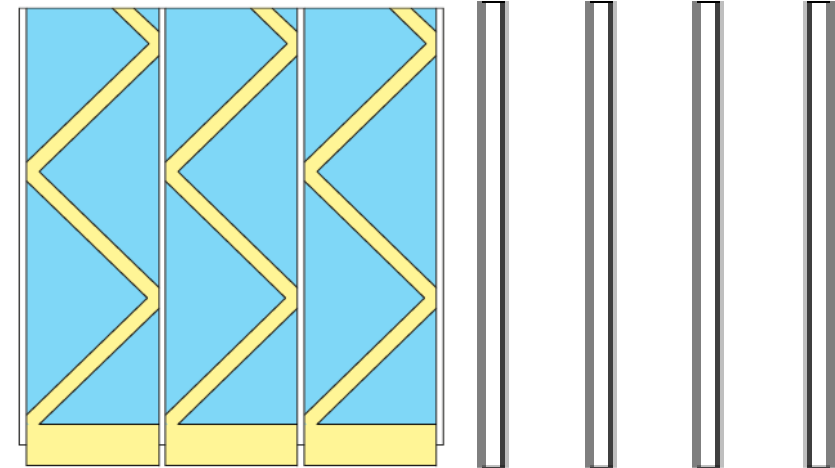
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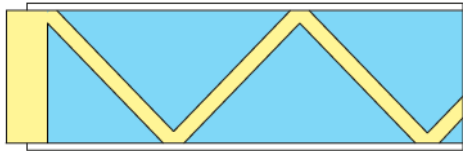
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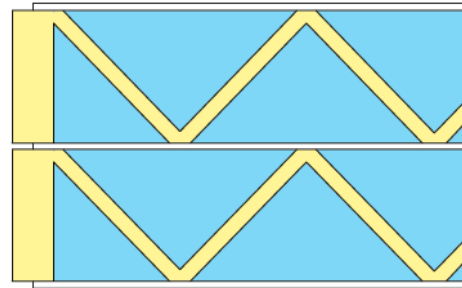
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- No coating due to glue (only Krypton in cavity)

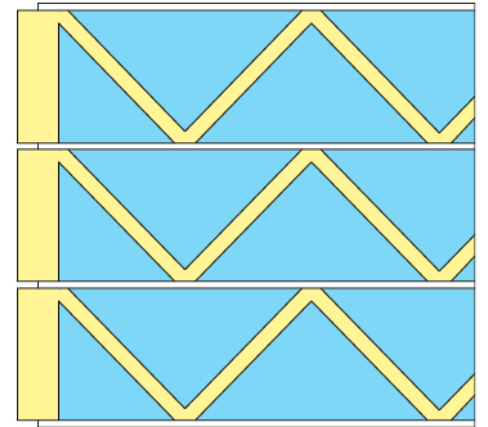
$$U = 2,53 \text{ W/m}^2/\text{K}$$



$$U = 1,88 \text{ W/m}^2/\text{K}$$



$$U = 1,50 \text{ W/m}^2/\text{K}$$

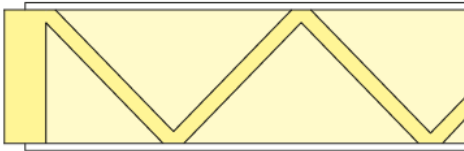


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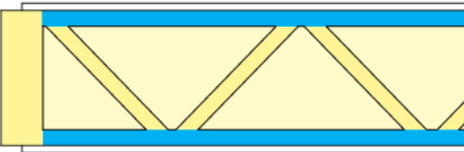
- Decrease delamination
- Decrease deformation
- Increase thickness of cross section

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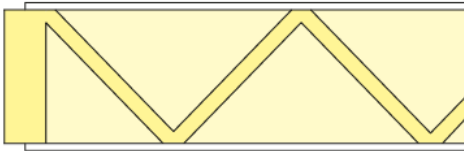


2. Extra beams

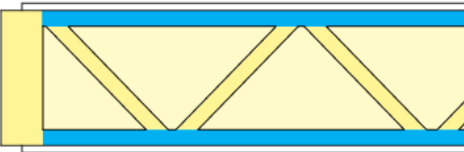


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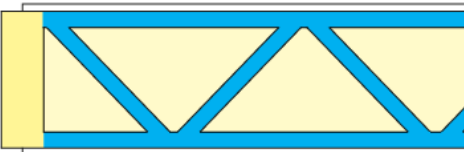
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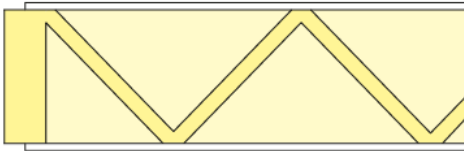


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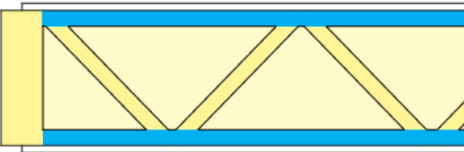


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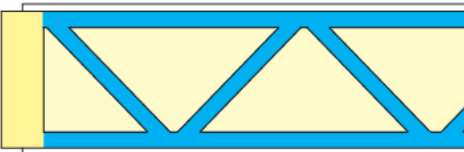
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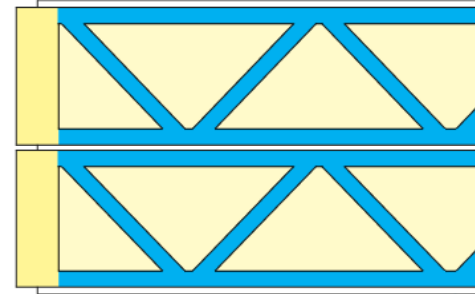
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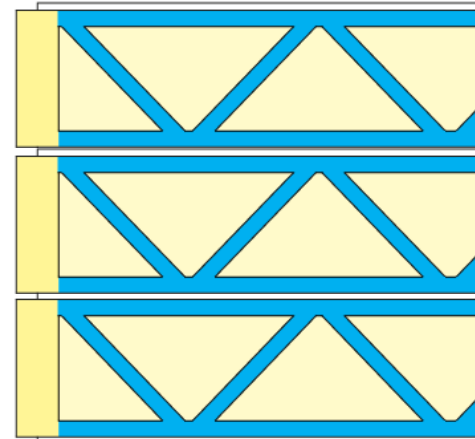
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4. Add 1 layer max strength is tripled



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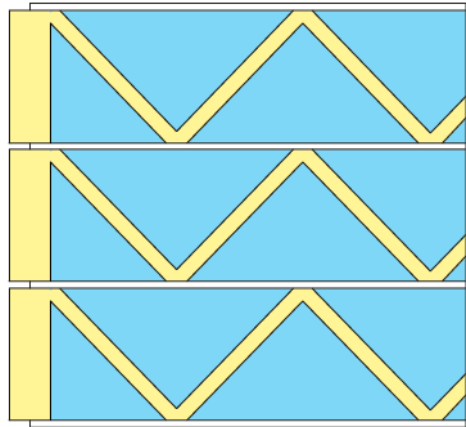


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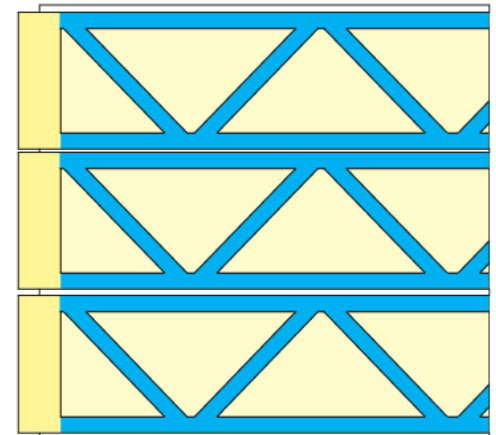
Thermal insulation:

no core

Small panels

Big sheet:  
extra beams

Lower thermal insulation





# Design proposal



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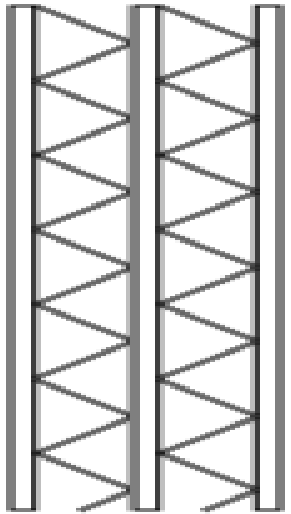




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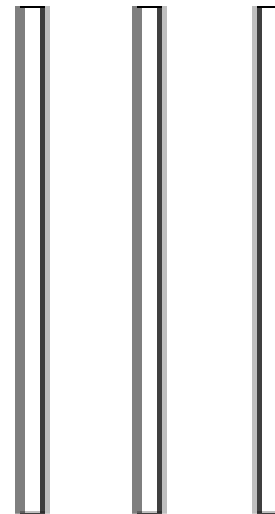


# Design proposal



3x 0,5 mm glass + core =

18 kN/m<sup>2</sup>

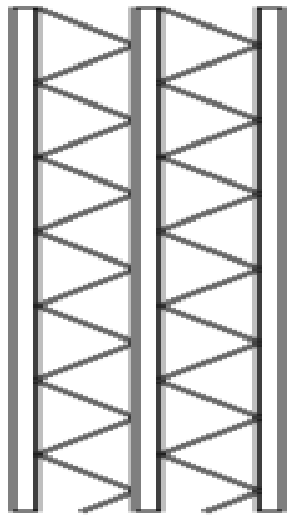


3x 4 mm glass =

29 kN/m<sup>2</sup>

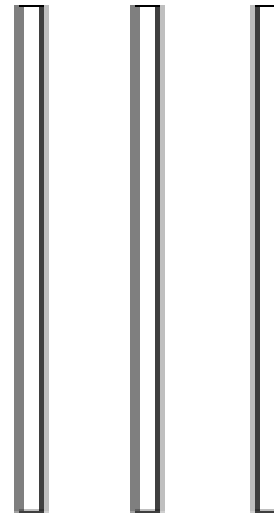
# Design proposal

Dimensions: 3,2 x 1,245 m



3x 0,5 mm glass + core =

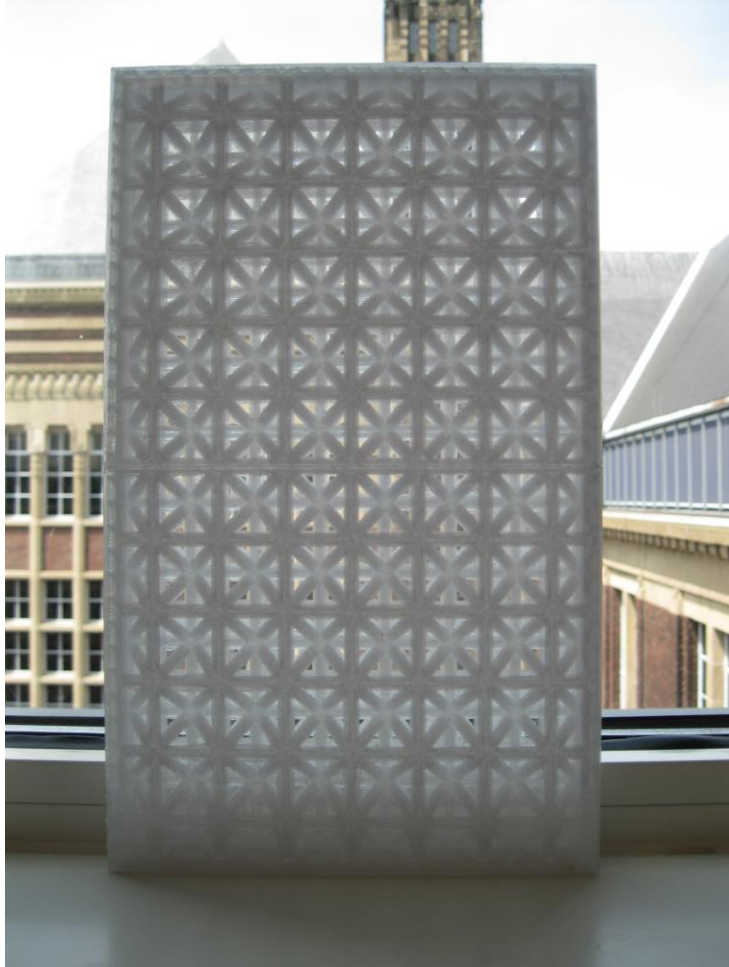
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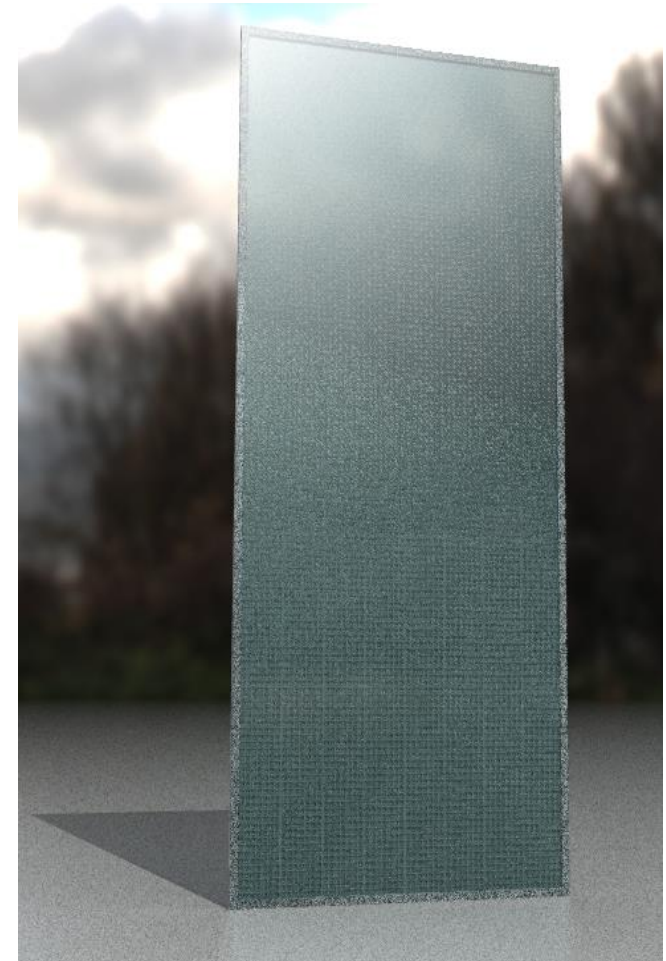
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# Design proposal

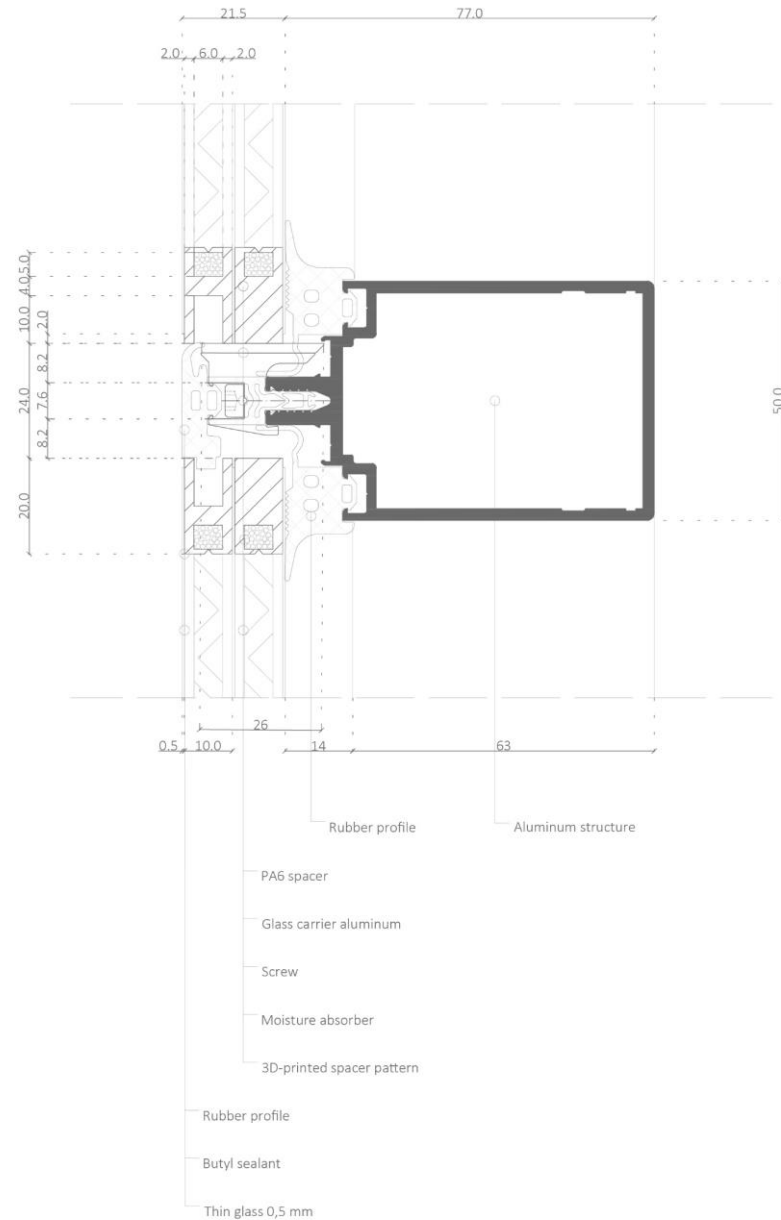


*Dimensions 250 x 150 mm. Own image.*

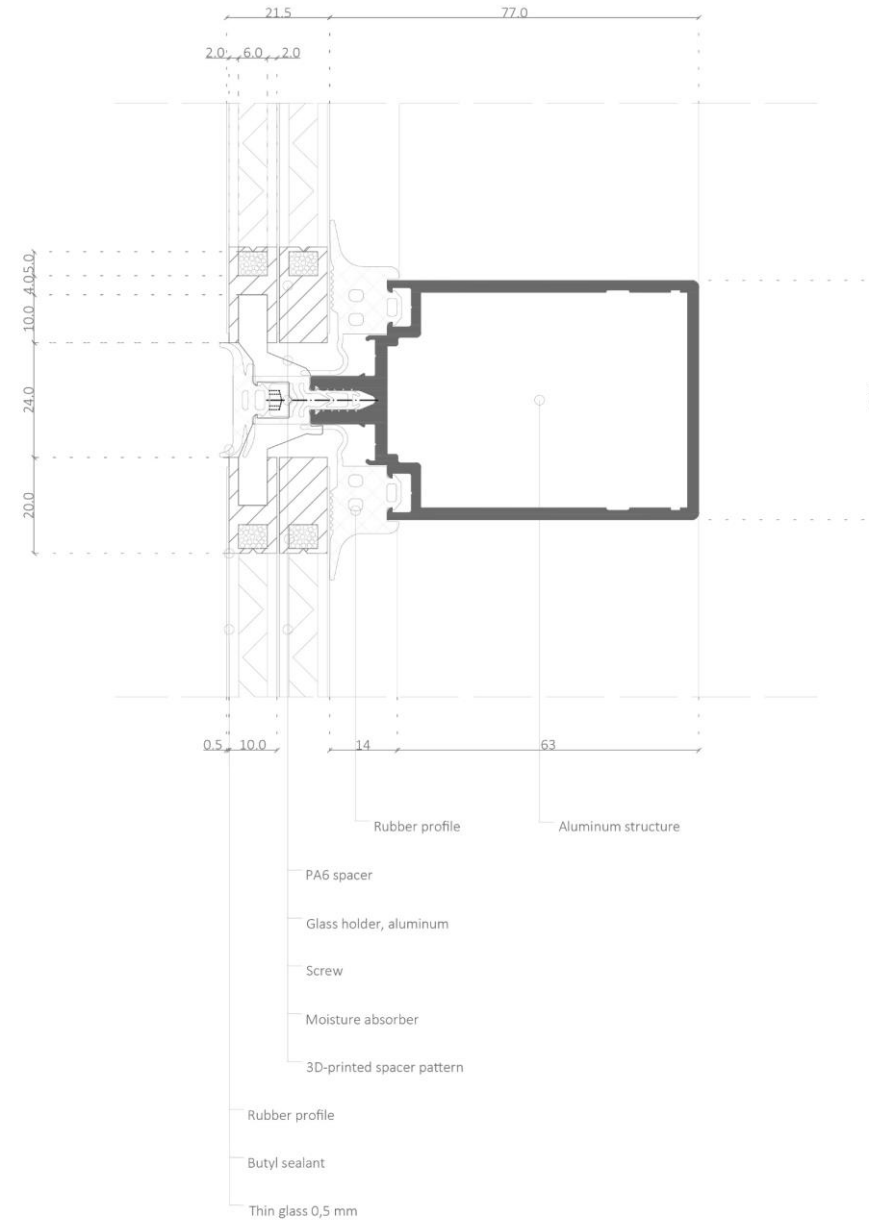


*Full scale panel, 3,2 x 1,245 m. Own image.*

# Details



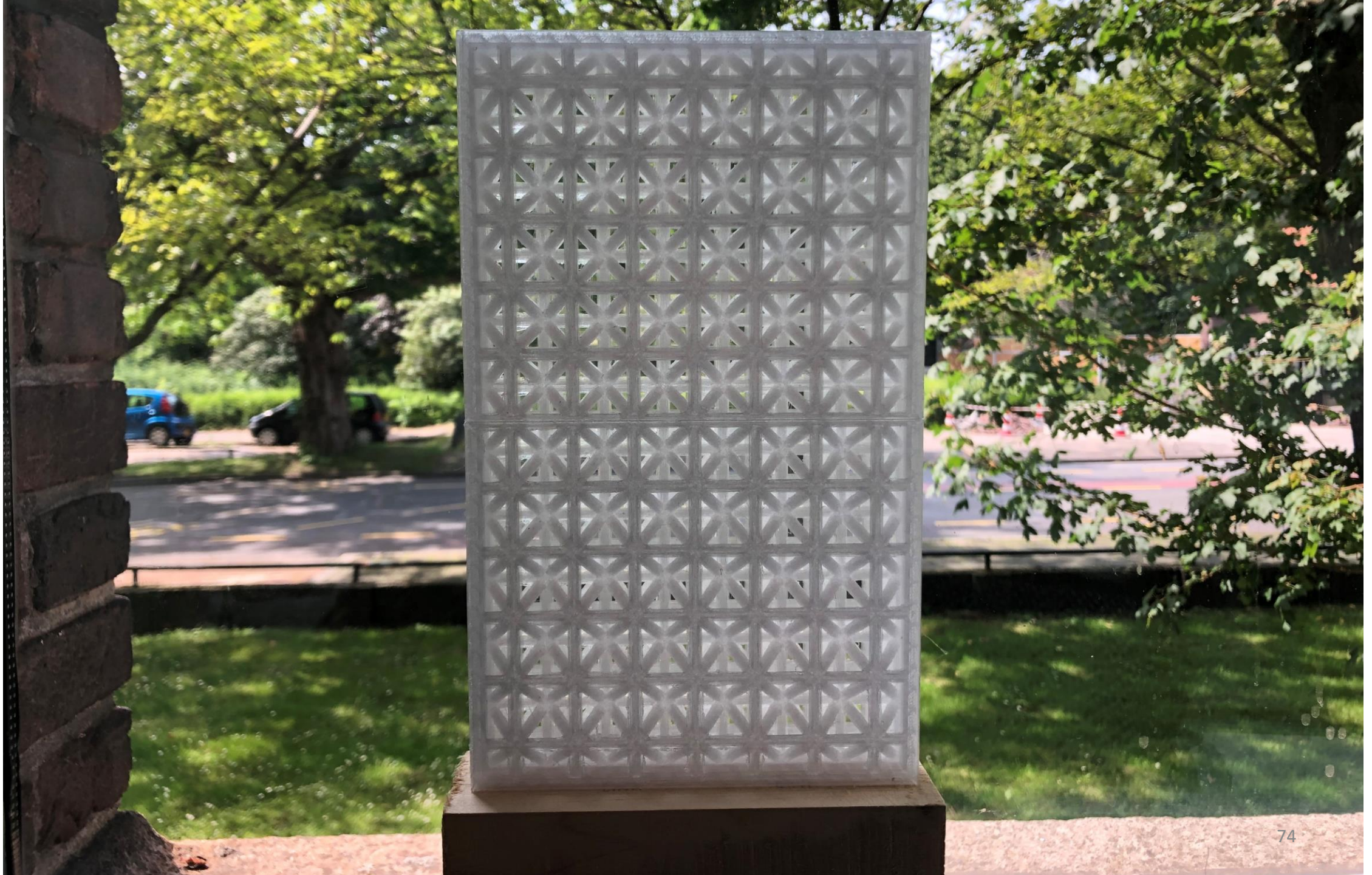
# Details





# Recommendations

- Different pattern for:
  - Improvement 3D-printing
- Tests with other core materials (woodfill or corkfill) and coatings for better thermal insulation
- Design and test spacer at edge of panel for gas
- Other bonding methods (lamination -> different core material)
- Leave out the glue/ change geometry of panel







Thank you!

Questions?





# (Thin) glass

- Float glass

