

Hybrid Glass Blocks

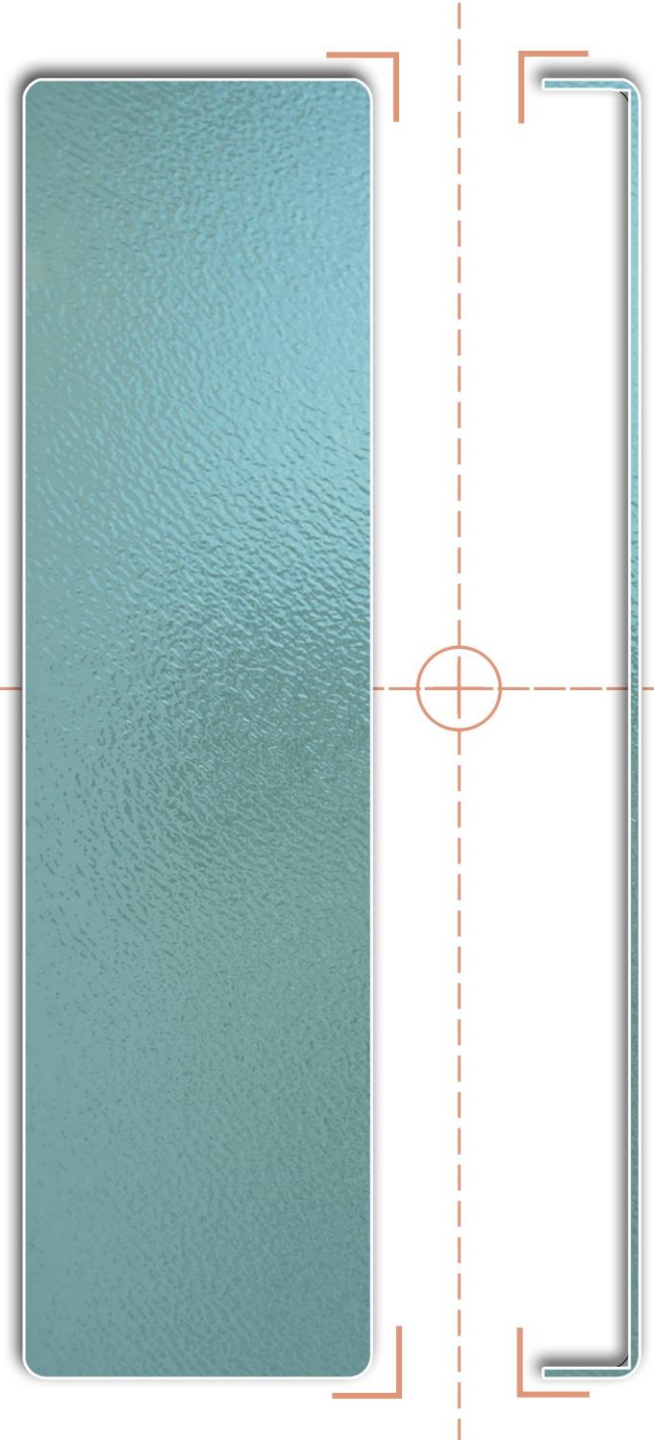
Load-bearing glass blocks with thermal properties

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Desirable Optical Properties

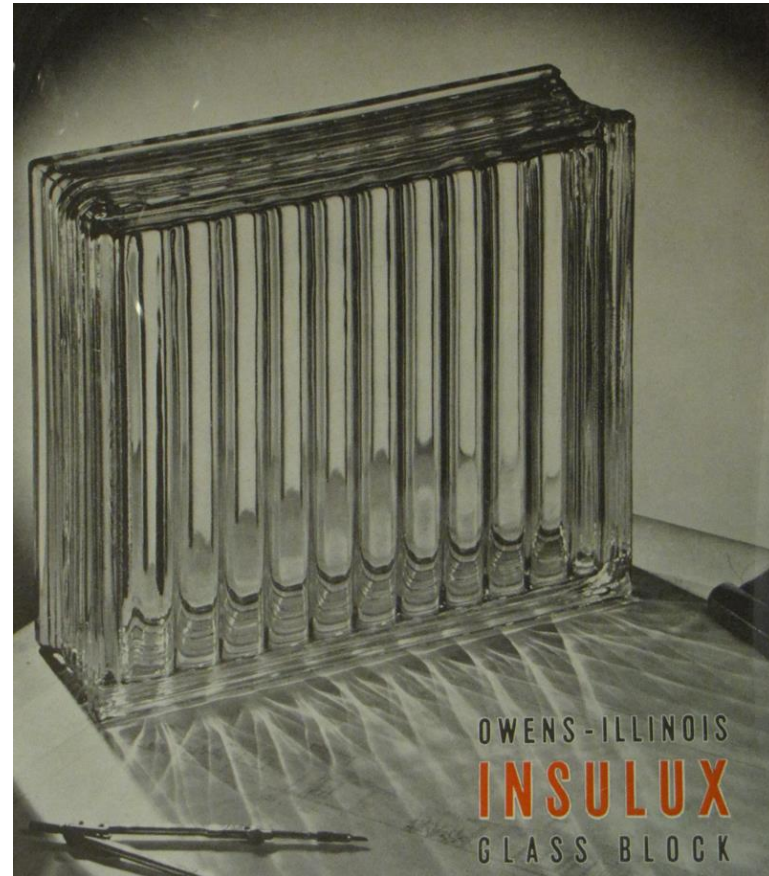


Desirable Optical Properties

Durability



Falconnier hollow glass blocks



Insulux – Owens-Illinois,



Hollow Glass Blocks

Translucent

Curtain Wall system supported by a metal frame

Because of the air-cavity, it is thermally and acoustically sound



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Solid Glass Bricks

Clear

Load-bearing wall.

Acts as a single glass pane



Maison Hermès – Renzo Piano

Source: Maison Hermès Tokyo - Data, Photos & Plans - WikiArquitectura. (2020). Retrieved 9 November 2020, from <https://en.wikiarquitectura.com/building/maison-hermes-tokyo/>

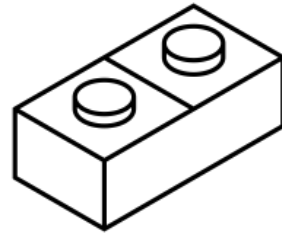


Crystal House – MVRDV

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Evident gap between solid glass brick's stability and the hollow block's efficiency.



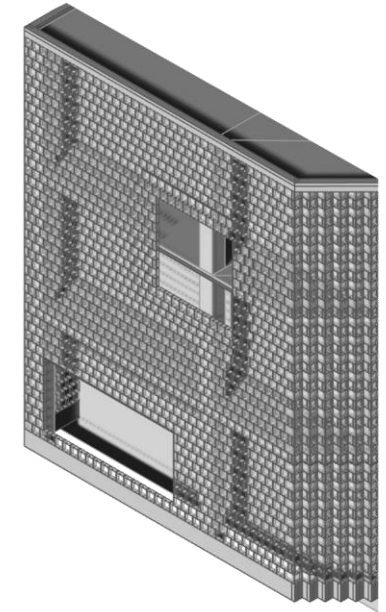
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- Exhibits good load bearing strength
- Exhibits good thermal properties.

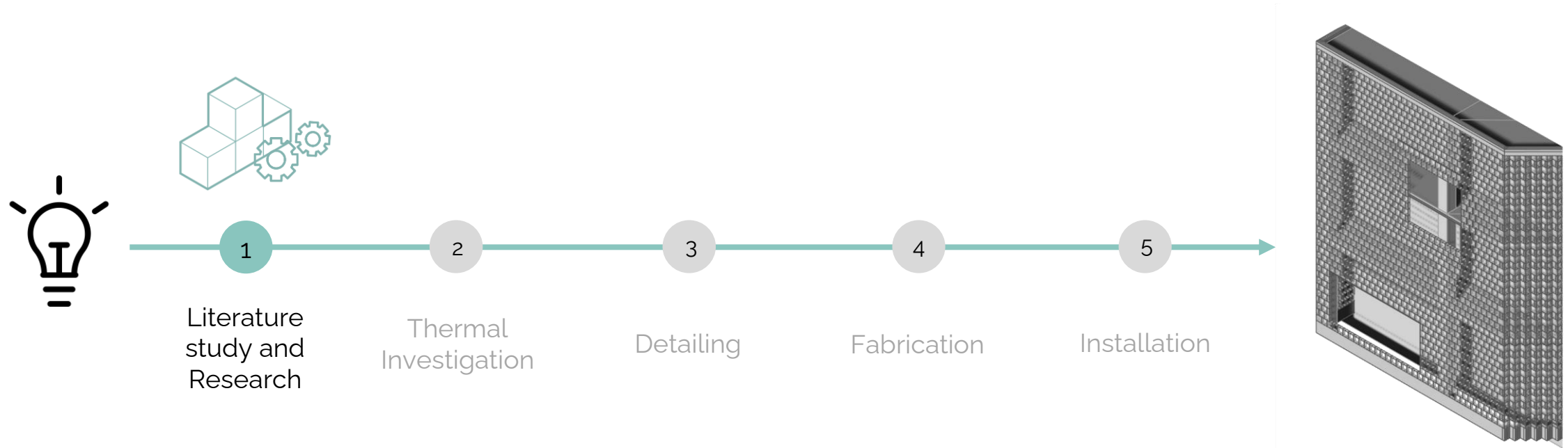
MAIN RESEARCH QUESTION

“In what ways can we develop a Hybrid glass block that exhibits a combination of structural and thermal properties and can be efficiently manufactured?”

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

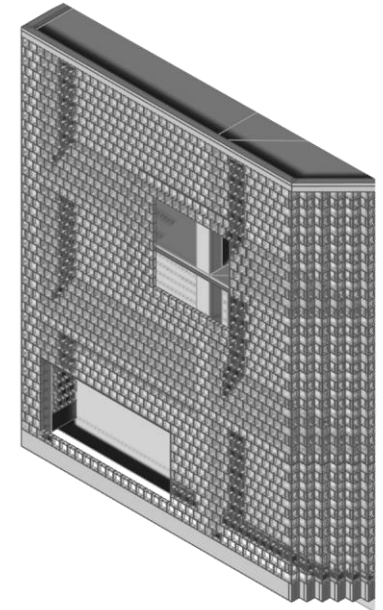
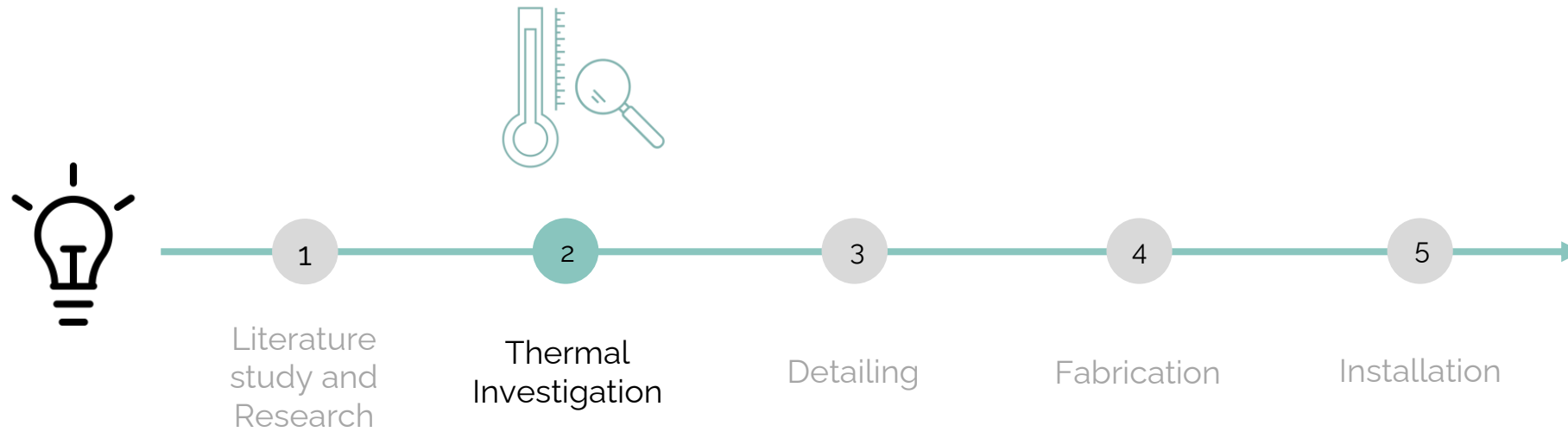


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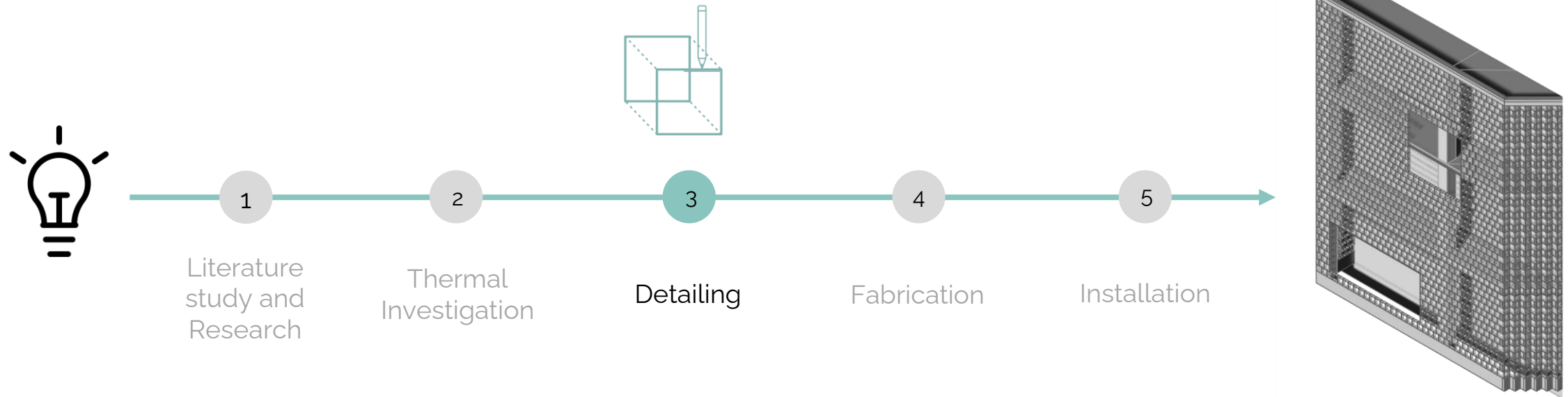
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Which are the main factors influencing the thermal performance of the system? What methods can be employed to increase the efficiency and what are the advantages and limitations of these methods?



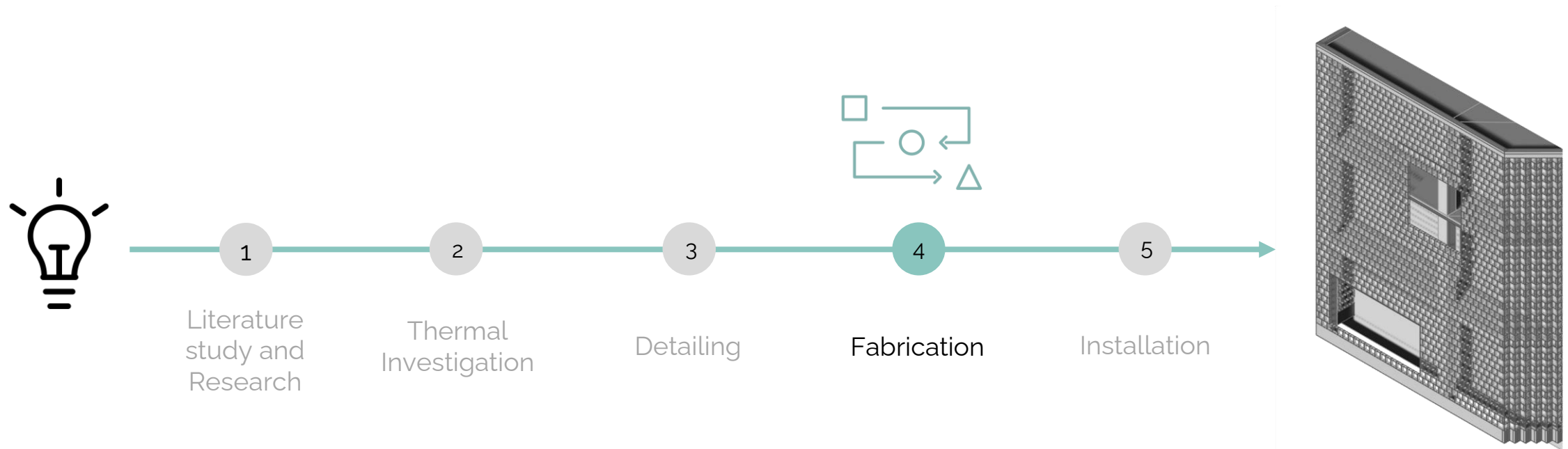
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What are the main engineering criteria and challenges involved in the development of a Hybrid block?



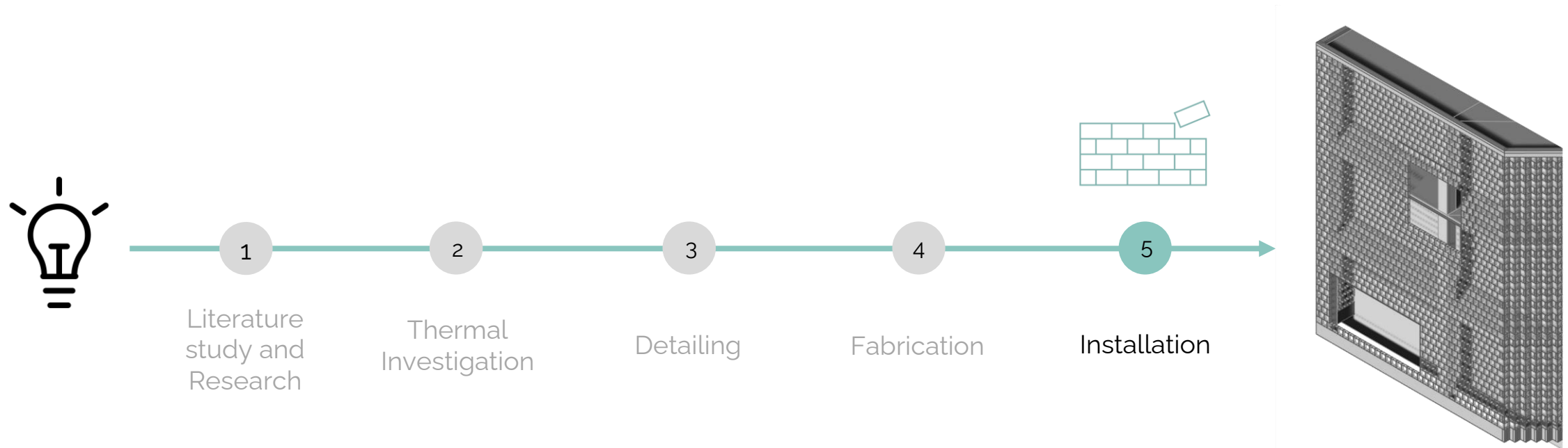
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Which are the main factors affecting the manufacturing process of these blocks? What methods can be employed and what are the advantages and limitations of these methods?



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What are the main factors affecting the build-ability of Hybrid blocks in a structure?



Glass Block Technology

Glass Types

Production Method

Glass Connection

HOLLOW BLOCK



Properties



Non-load bearing

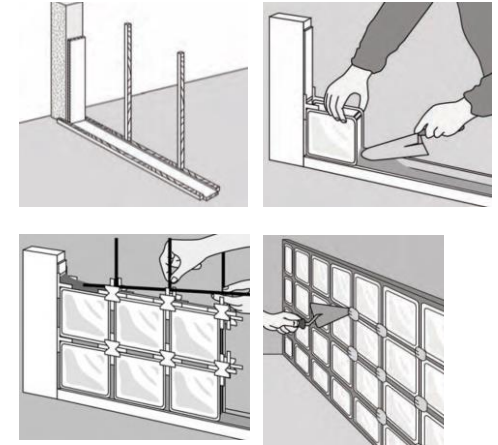


Thermally sound

Manufacturing

Process: Casting and Fusing
Glass Type: Soda-lime
Mold Used: Pressed mold

Installation



Standardized Process

SOLID BLOCK

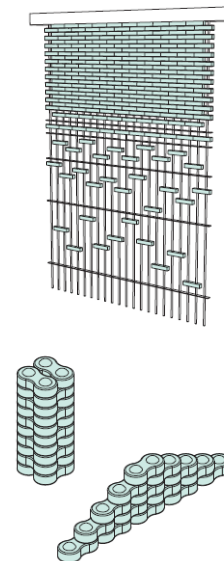


Load bearing



Poor thermal performance

No standardized process



1. With a metal substructure
2. Adhesive based
3. Interlocking

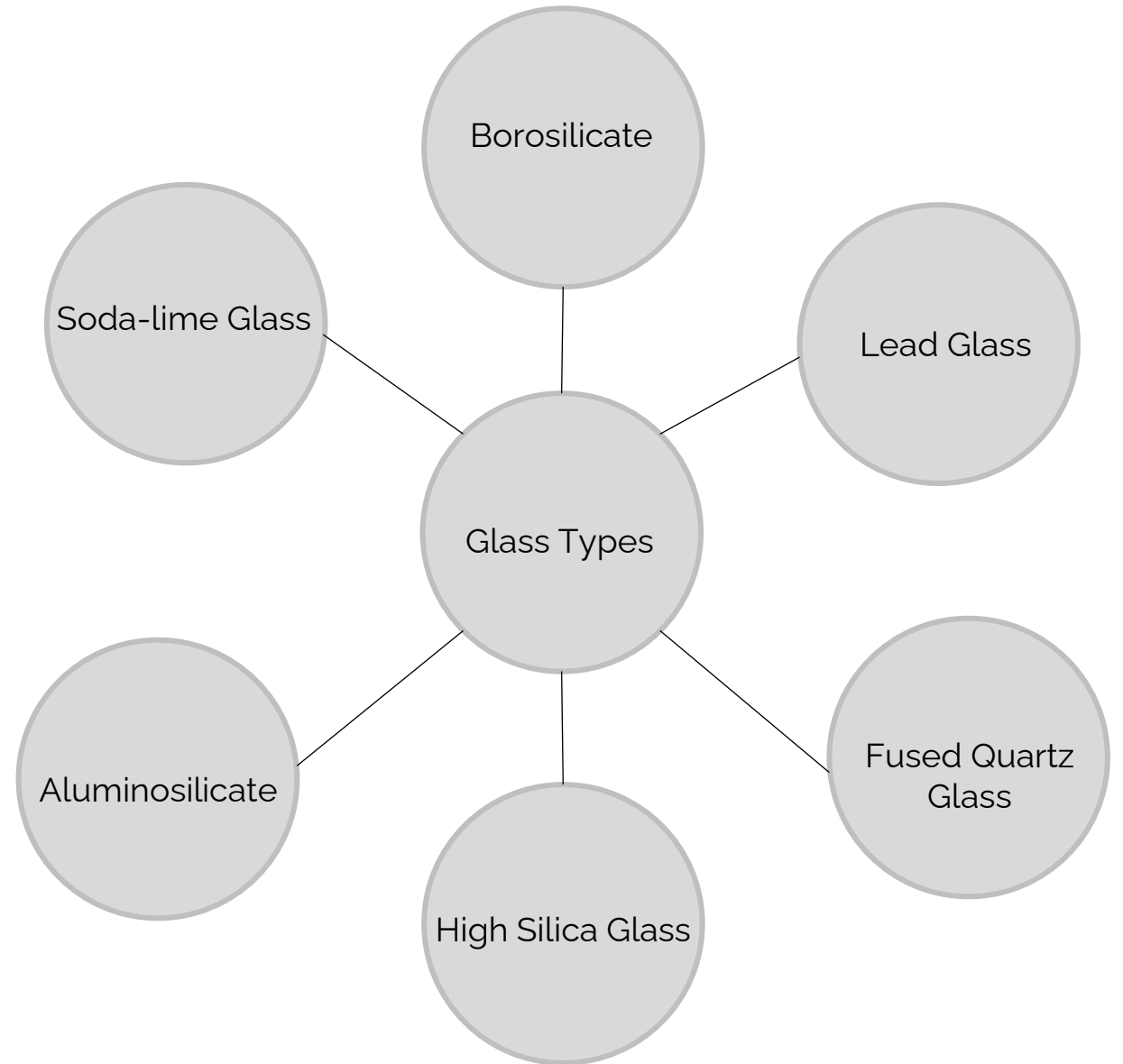
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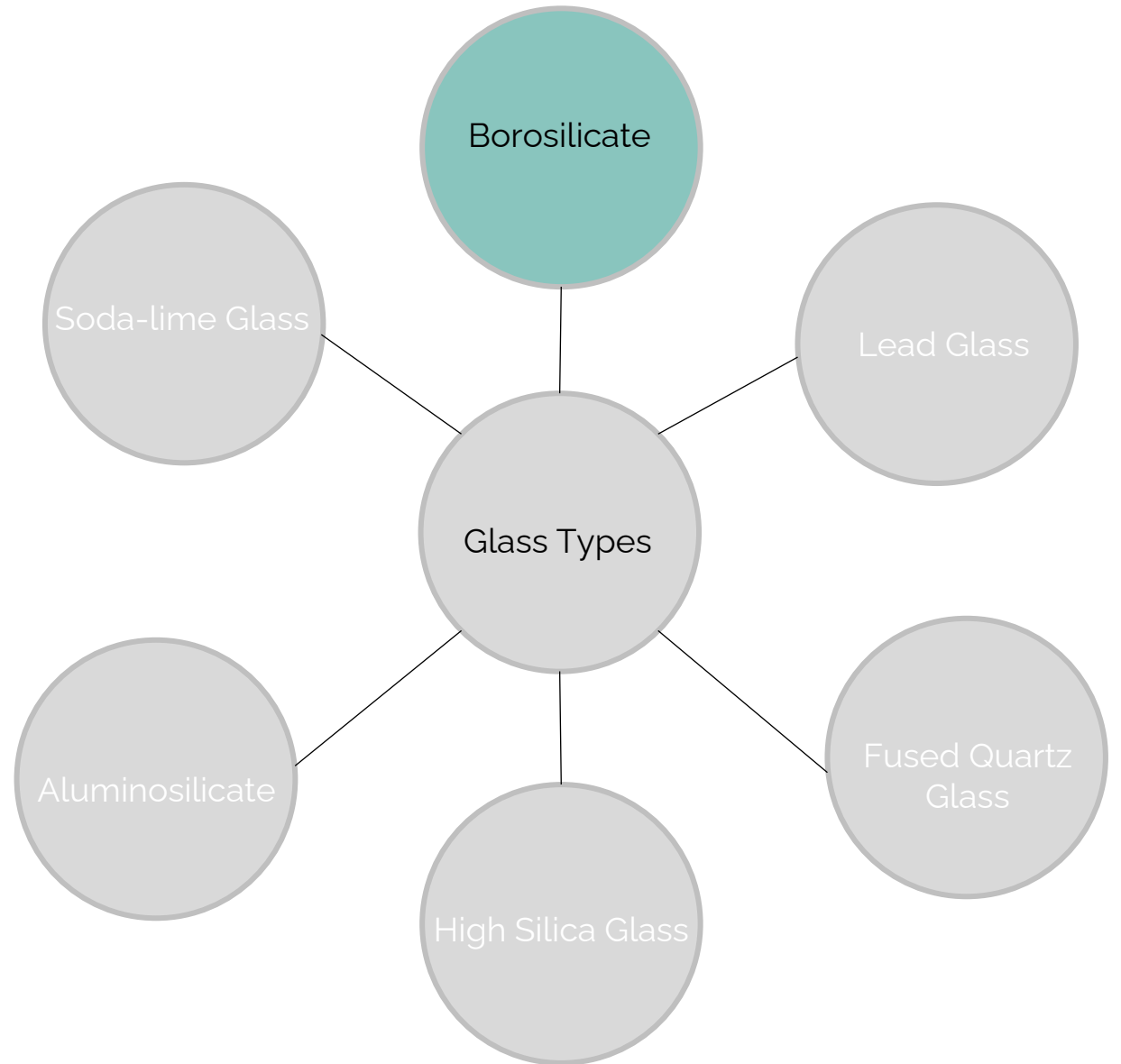
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Borosilicate

Softening Point: 780°C
Annealing Point: 525°C
Density: 2230 kg/m²

It has lower thermal coefficient value and exceptional performance at high temperatures.

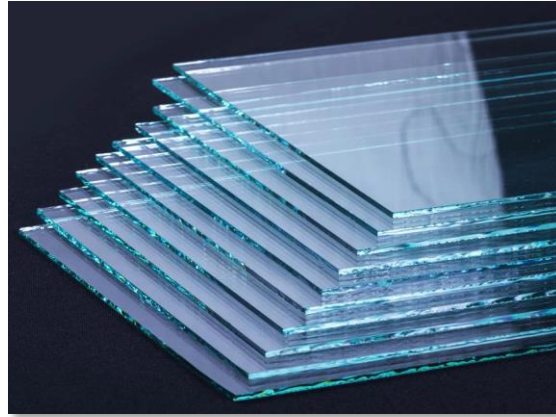


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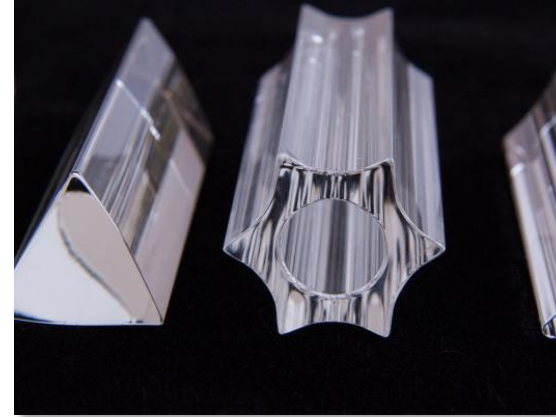
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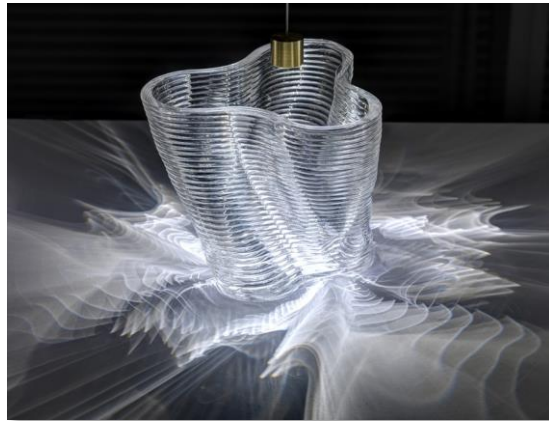
Glass
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Float Glass



Extruded Glass



3D print



Cast Glass

Glass Block Technology

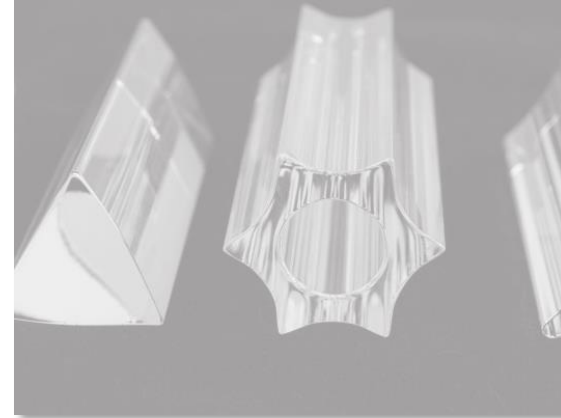
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Optical characteristics

Smooth, Transparent

Glass type applied

Soda-lime, Borosilicate, Lead

Standard size

upto 20,000 kgs

Notes

Provides greatest freedom in the volume and size of the resulting glass object with good optical quality.

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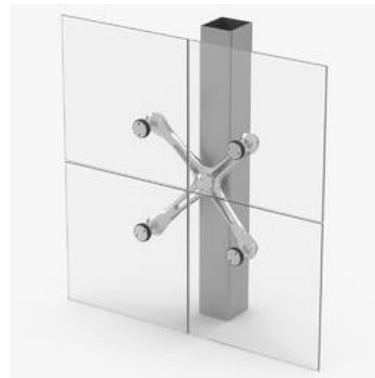
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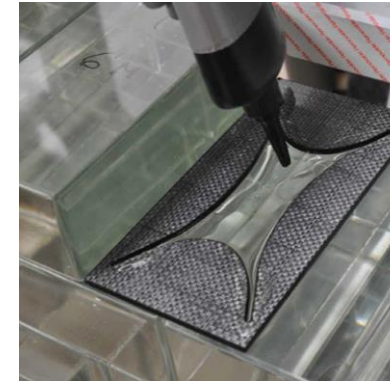
Glass Connection



Clamped Connection



Bolted Connection

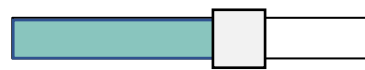


Adhesive Connection

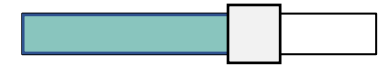
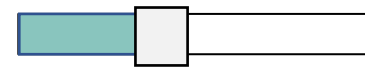
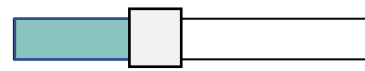


Embedded Connection

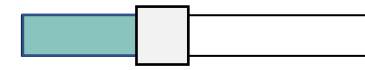
Performance under load



Unobstructed View



Reversibility





**Compressive
Strength**



**Thermal
Performance**

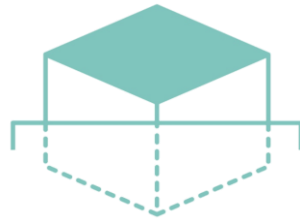
U-value < 2.2 W/m²K

Dutch Building Code <1.65 W/m²K

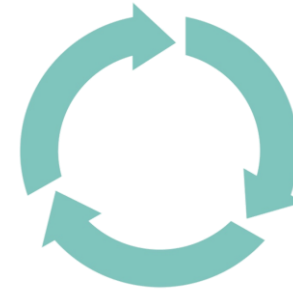
Eurocode <2.2 W/m²K

Local code <2.5 W/m²K

(Chinese National Building Codes)



**Ease of
Manufacturing**

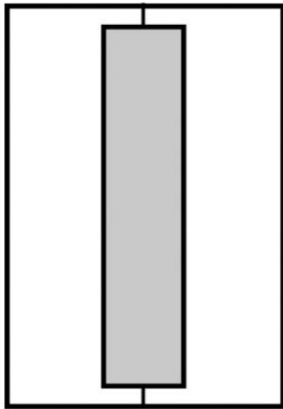


Recyclability

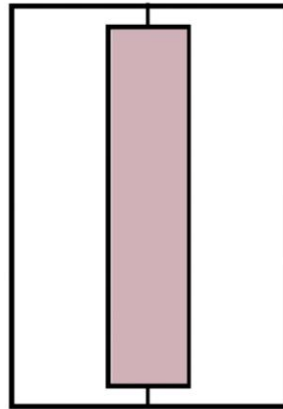


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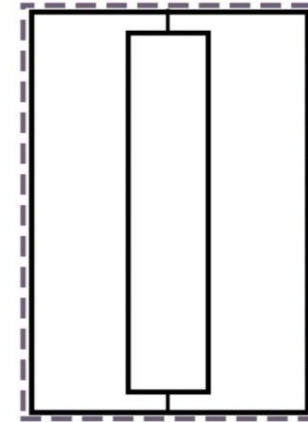
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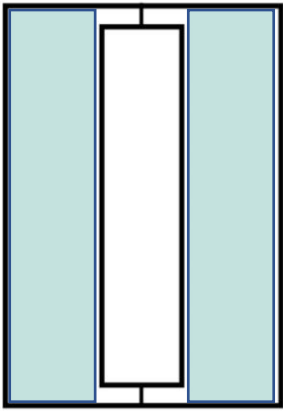


Concept 1b:
Adding inert gas

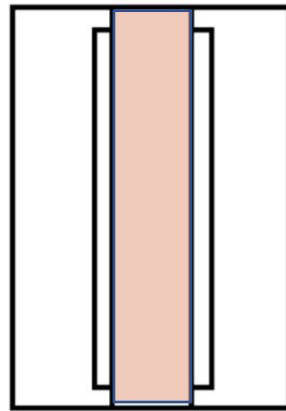


Concept 1c:
Applying coatings

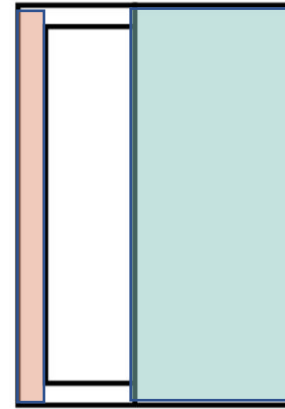
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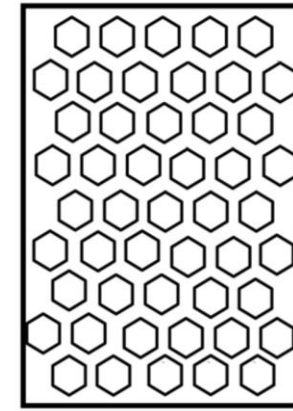
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Altering the
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Concept 2b:
Providing
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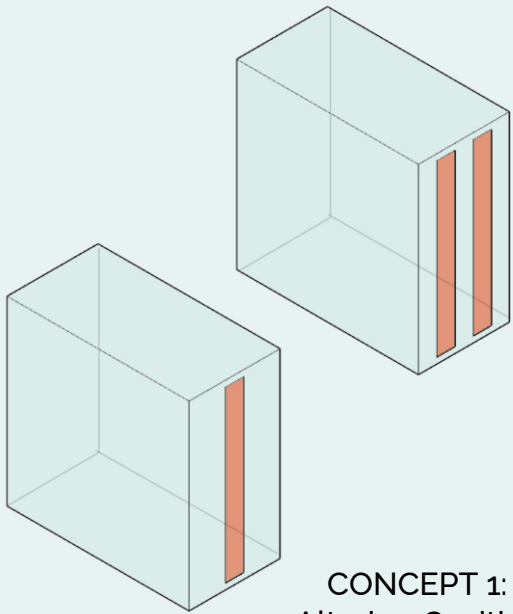
Concept 2c:
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Concept 2d:
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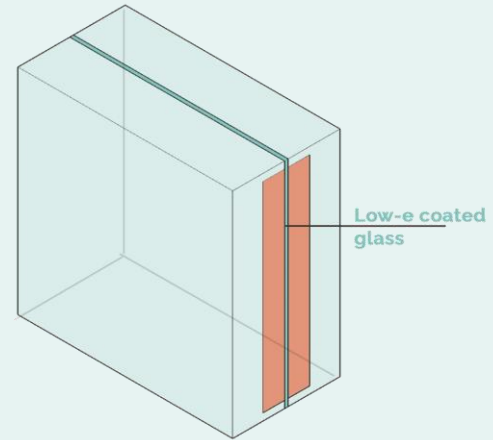
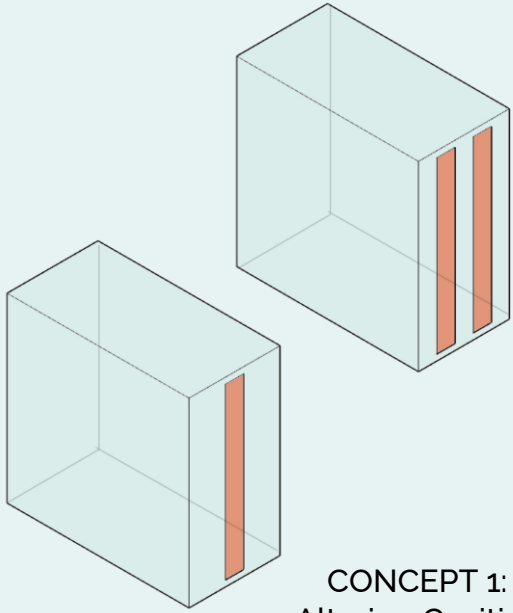


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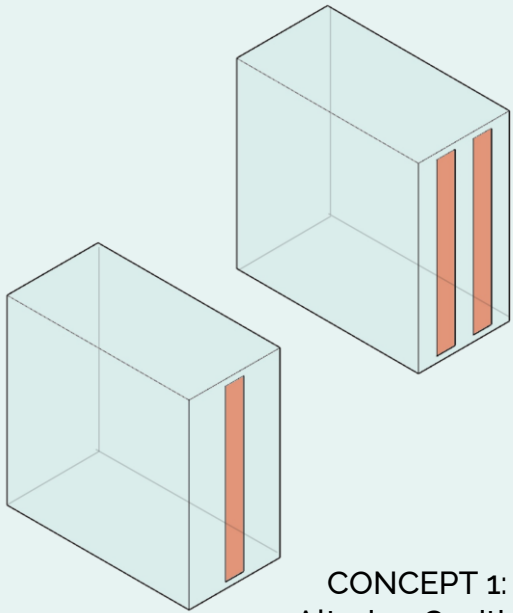


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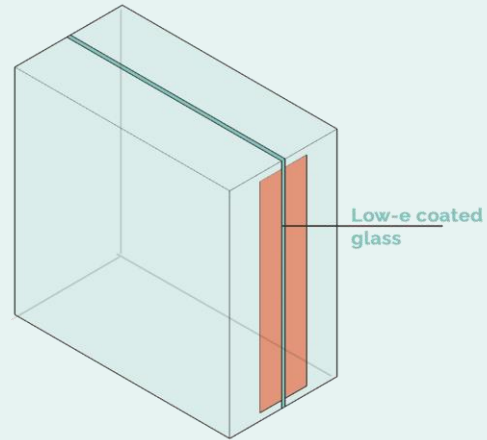
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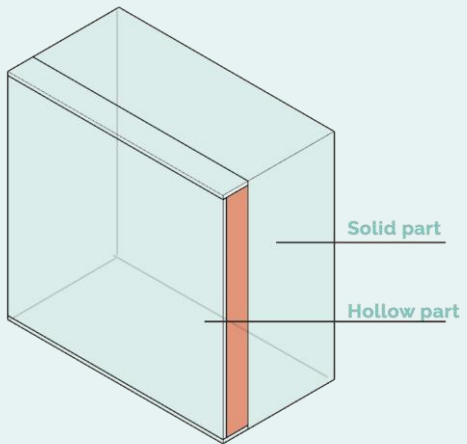
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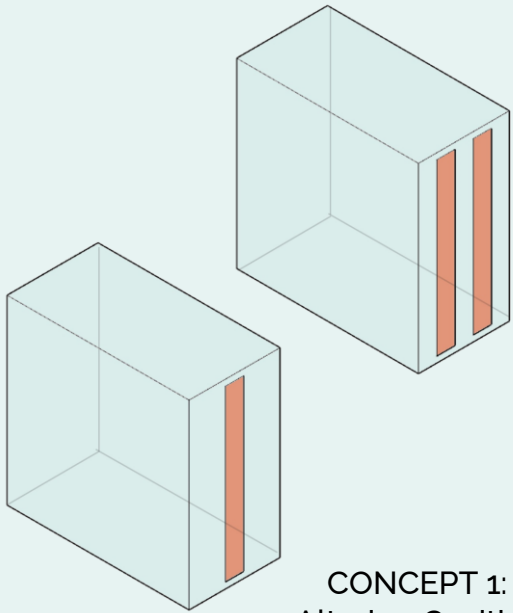


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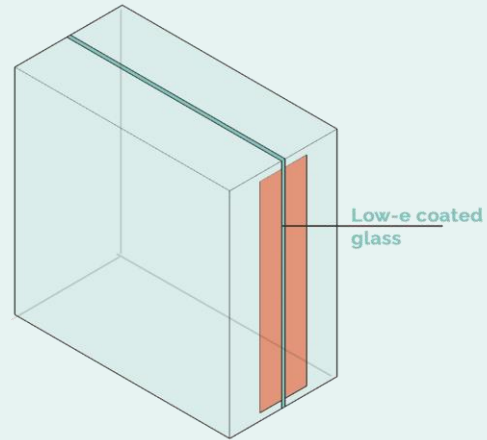


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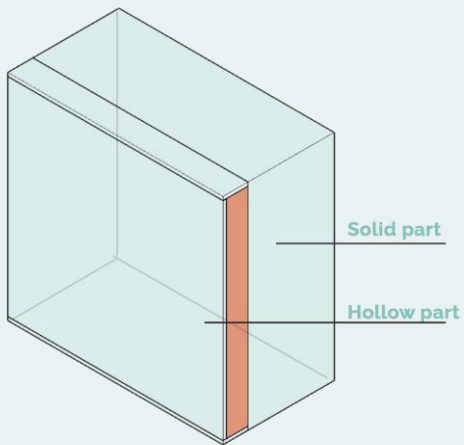
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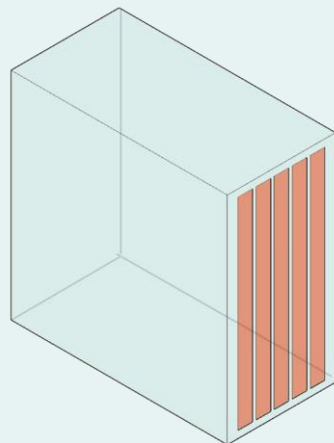
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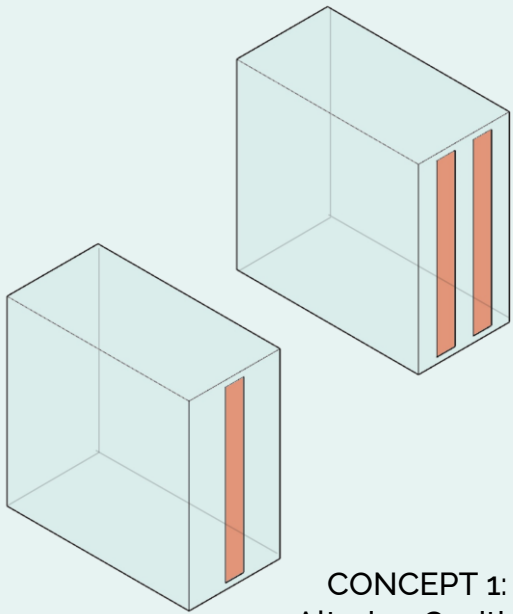


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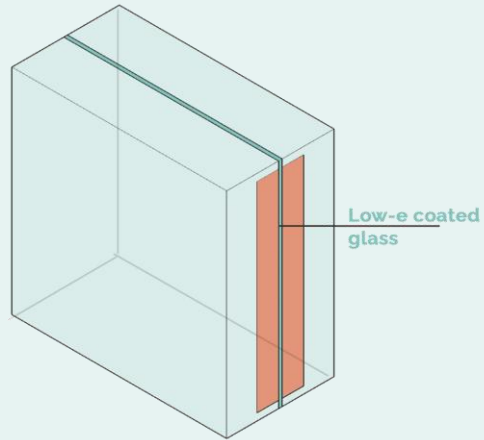


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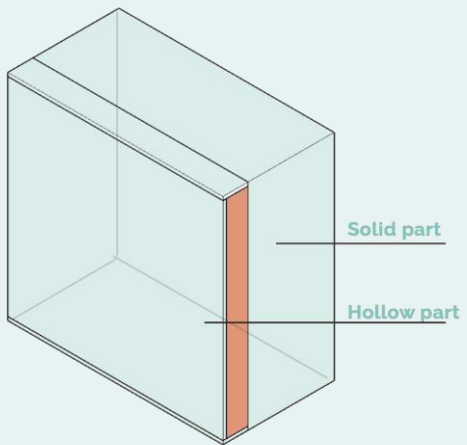
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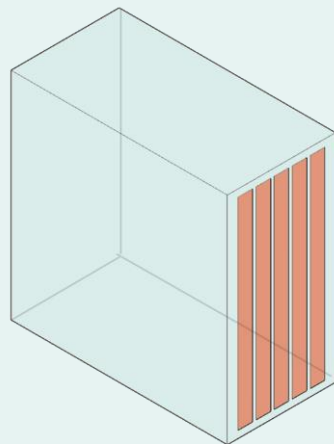
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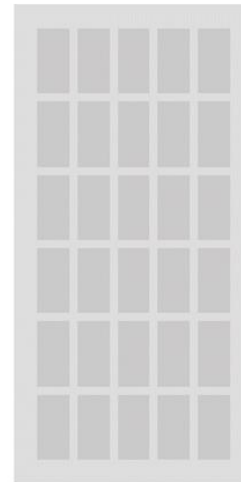
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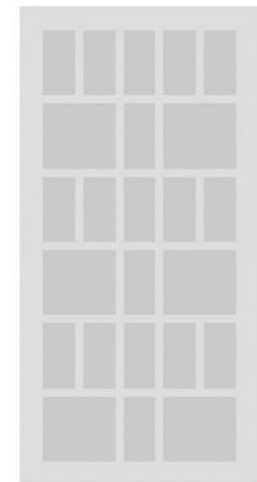
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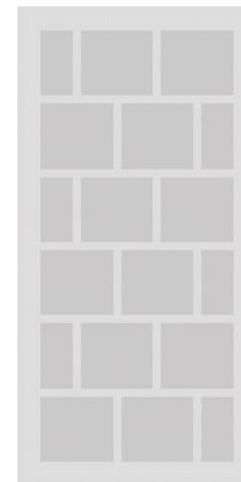
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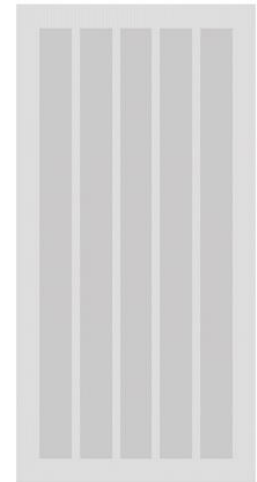
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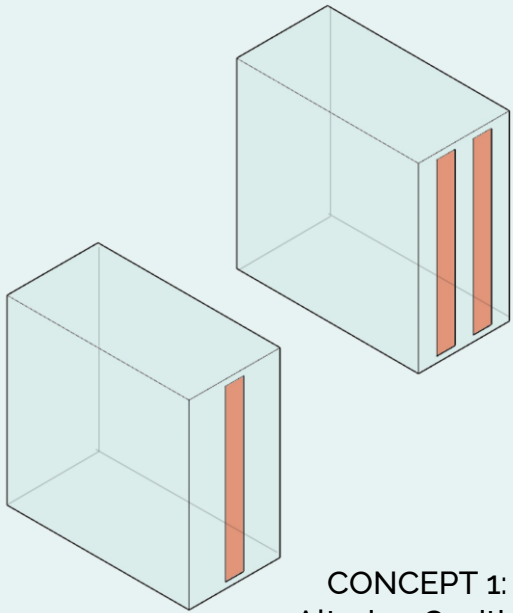


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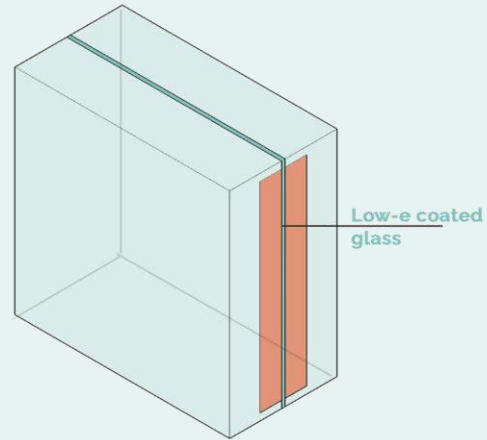


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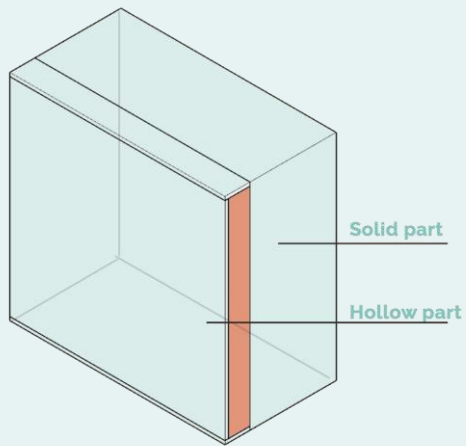
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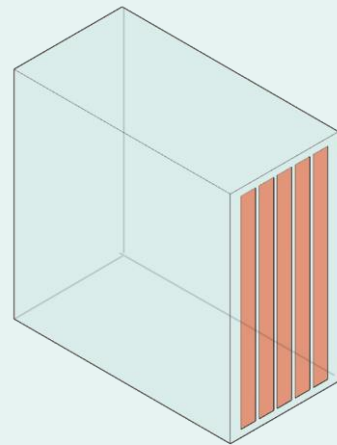
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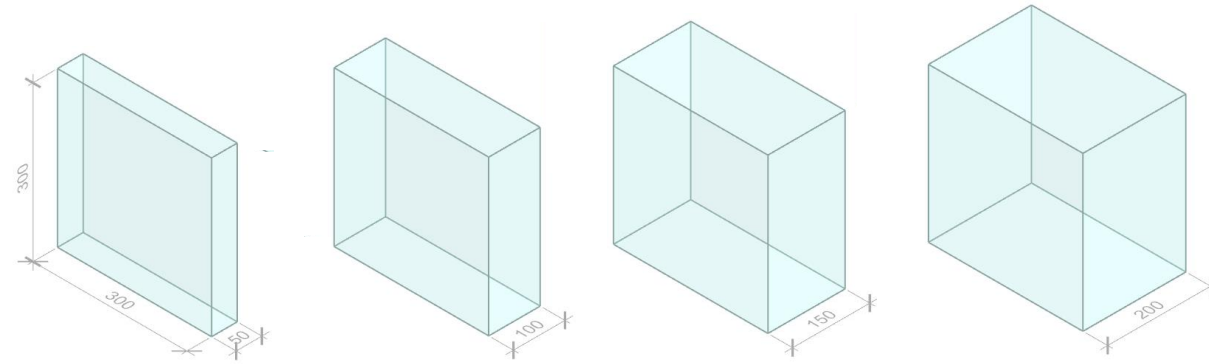


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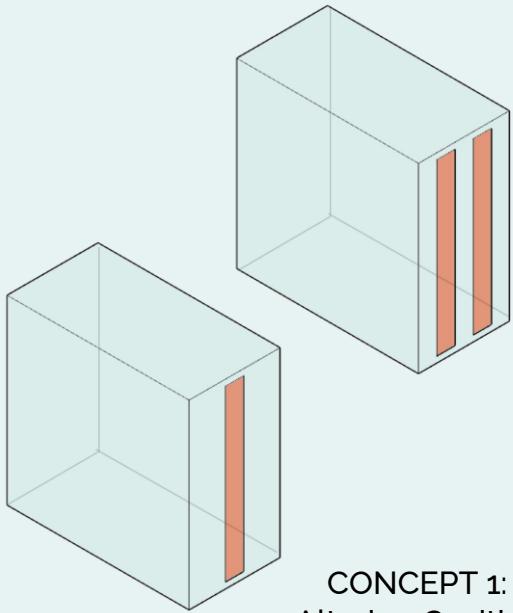


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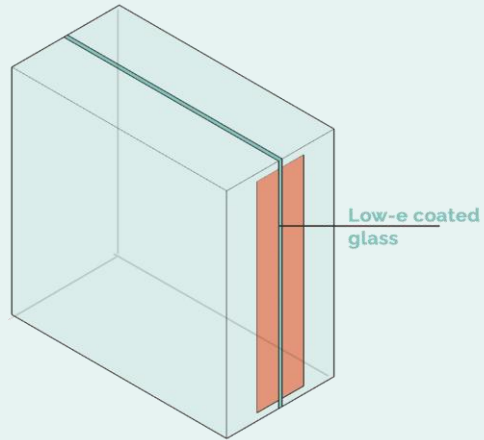
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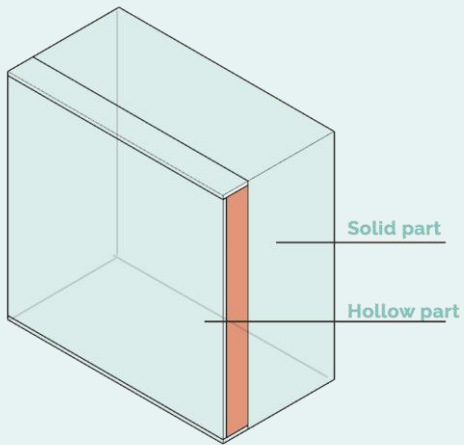
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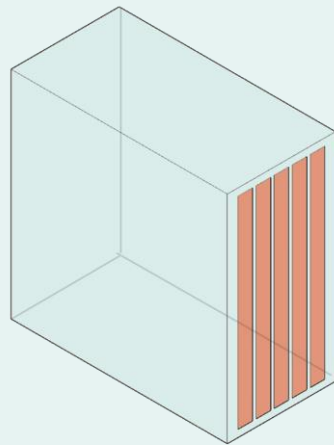
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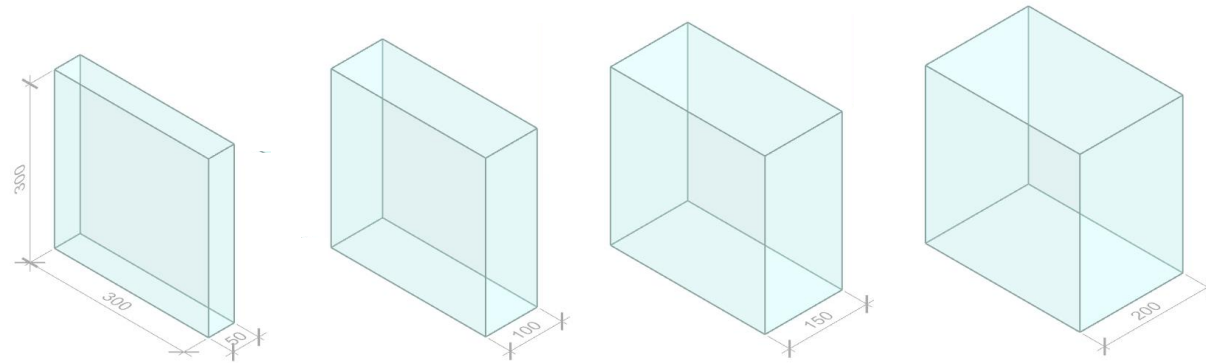


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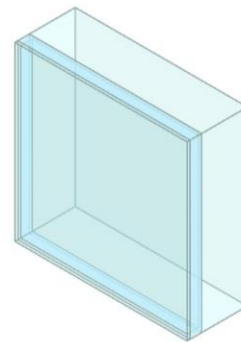
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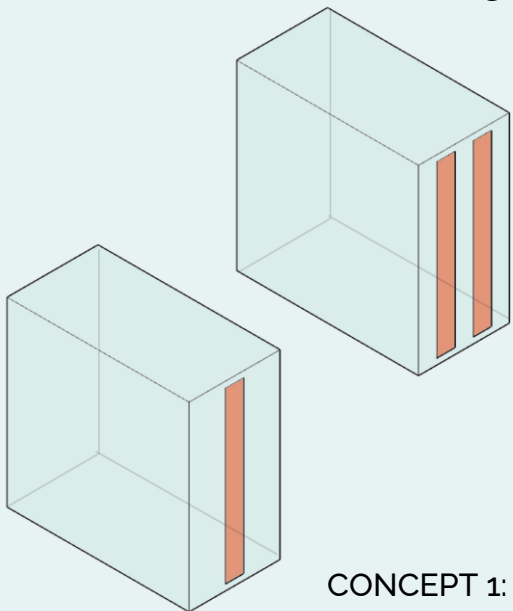


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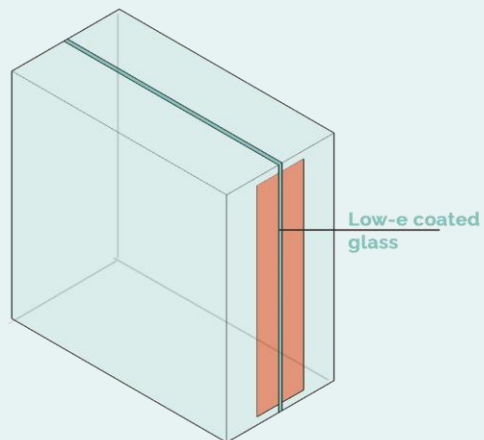
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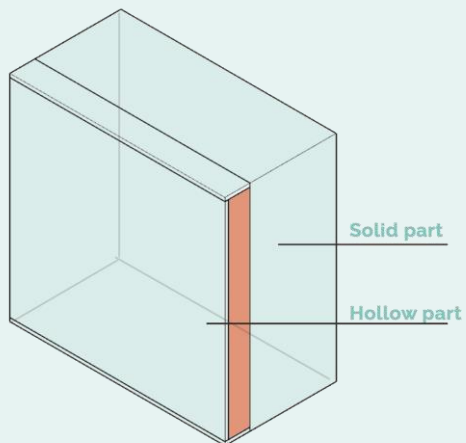
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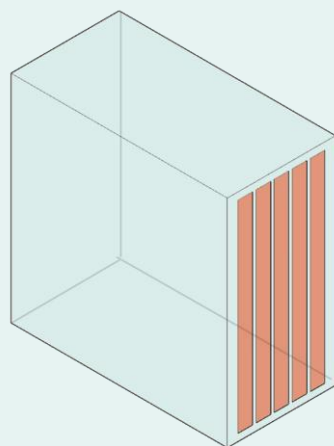
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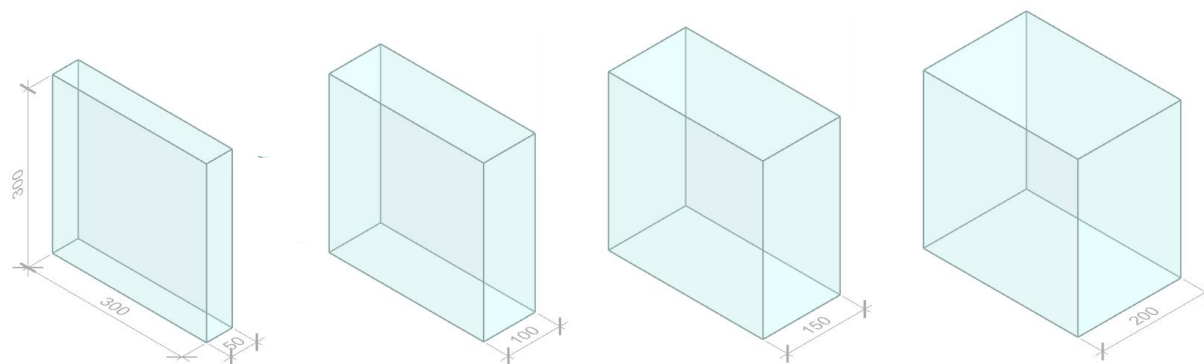


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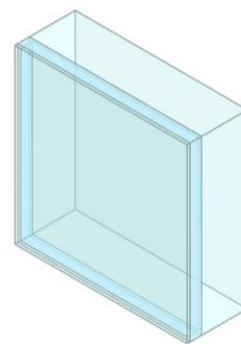
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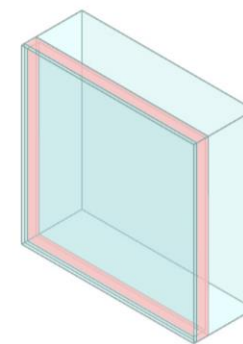


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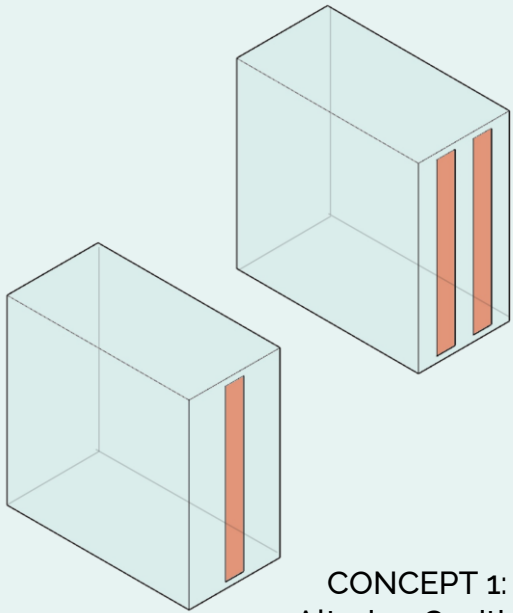
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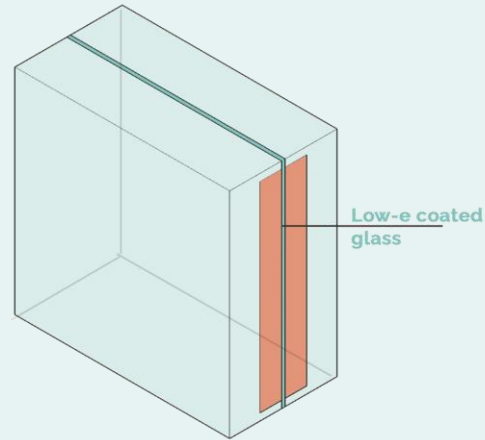
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Analysis with argon cavity and no coatings.



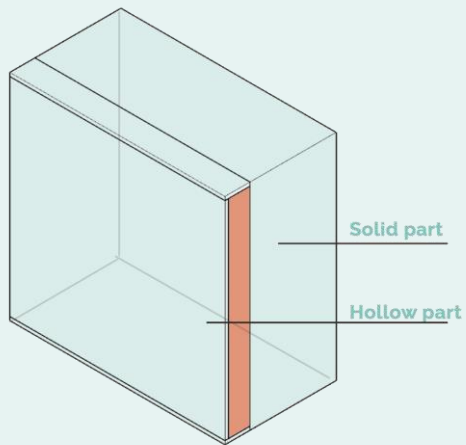
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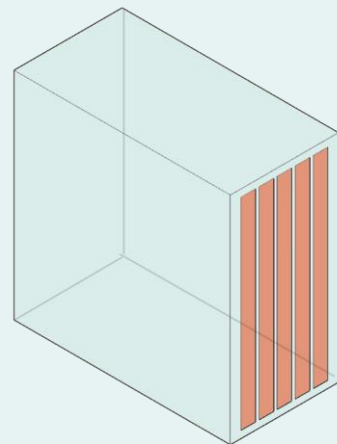
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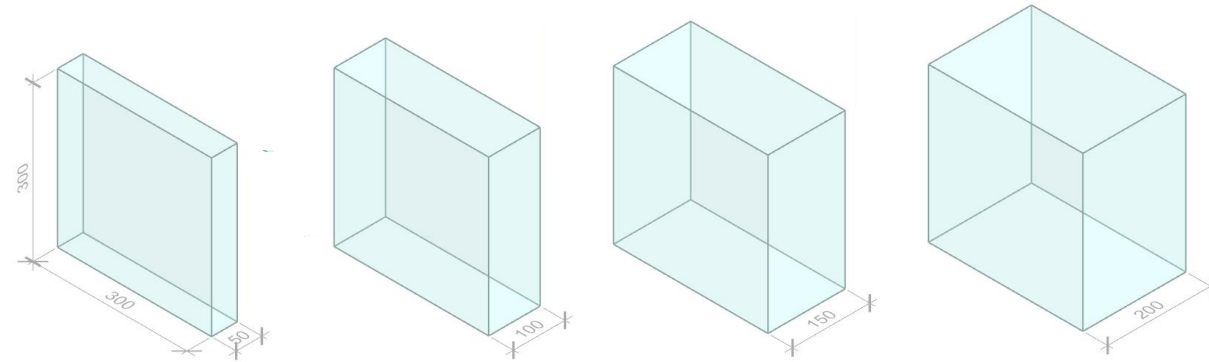


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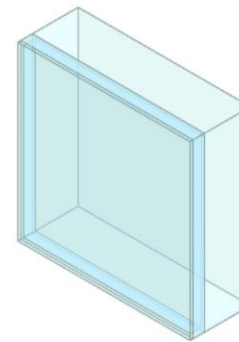
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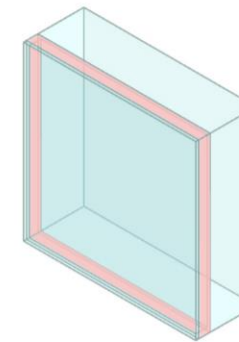


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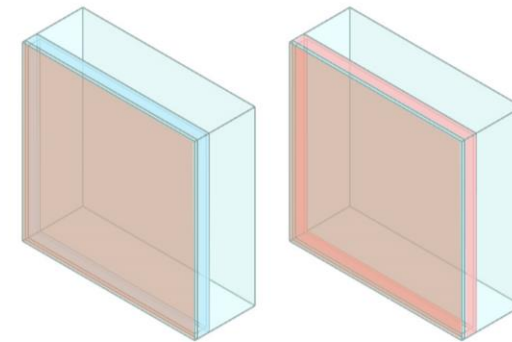
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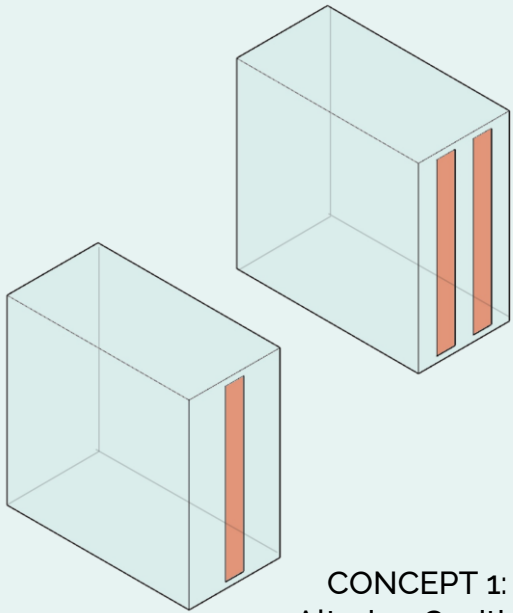
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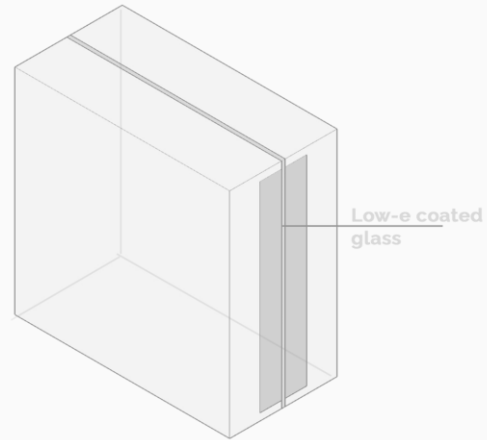
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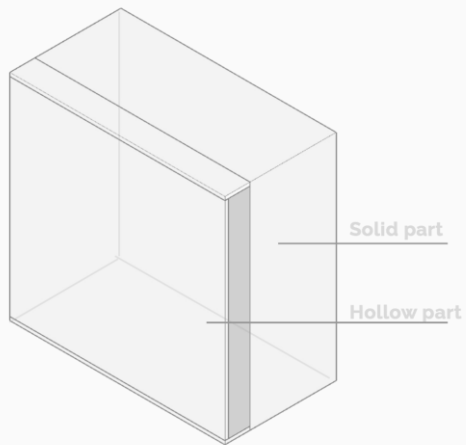
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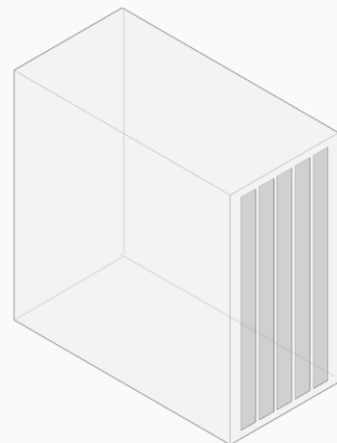
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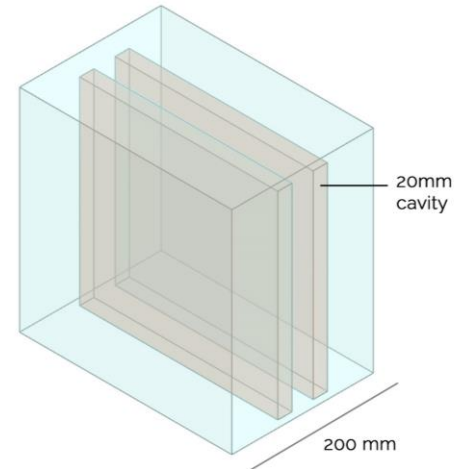


CONCEPT 3: Merging
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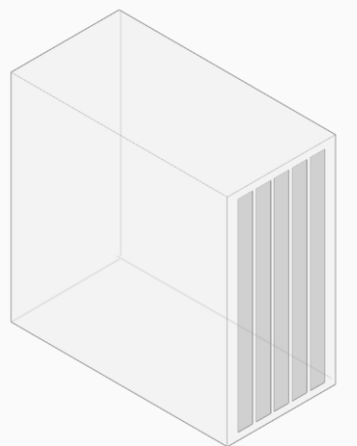
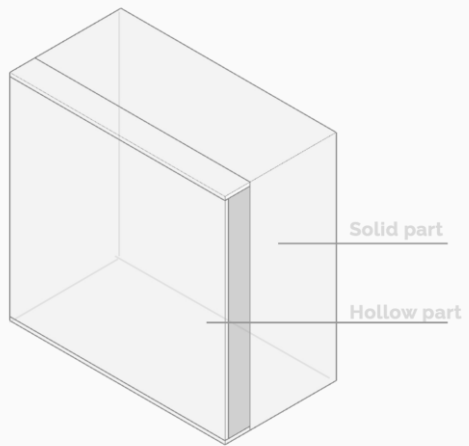
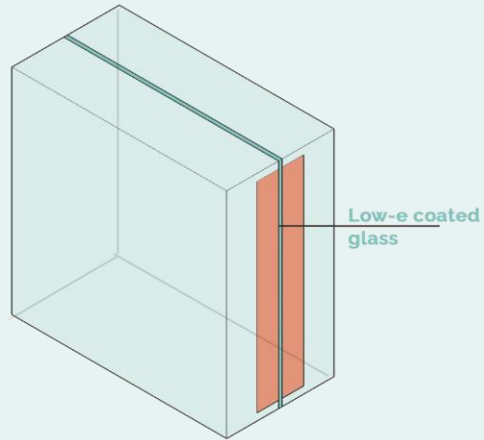
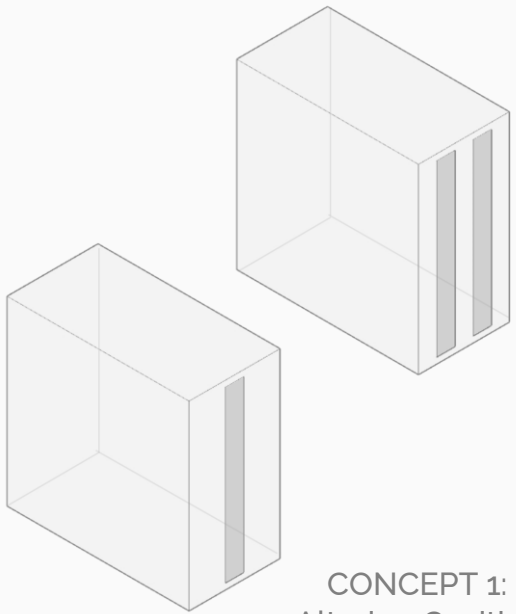
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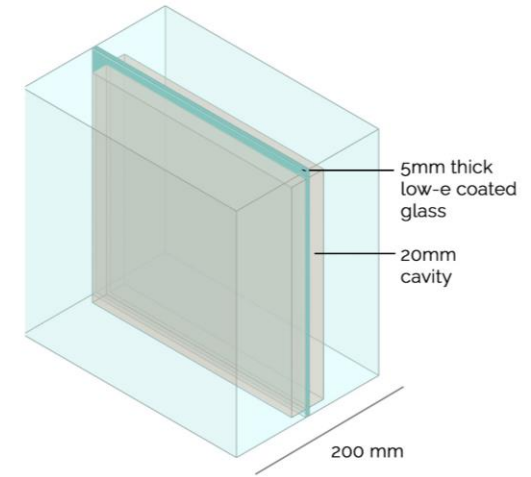
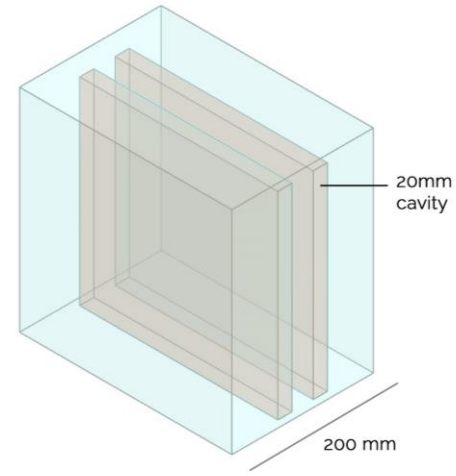


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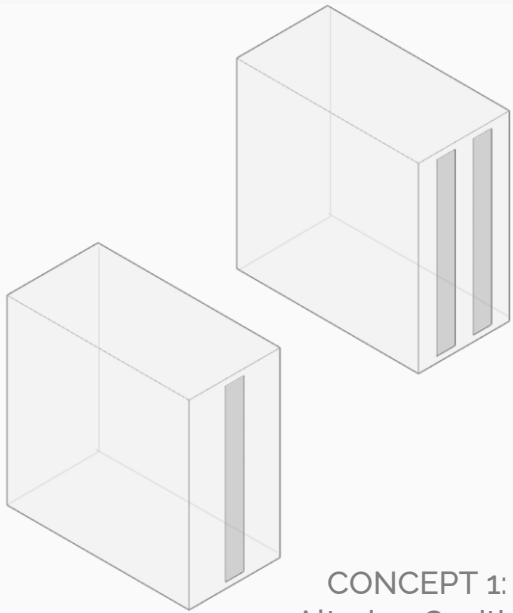


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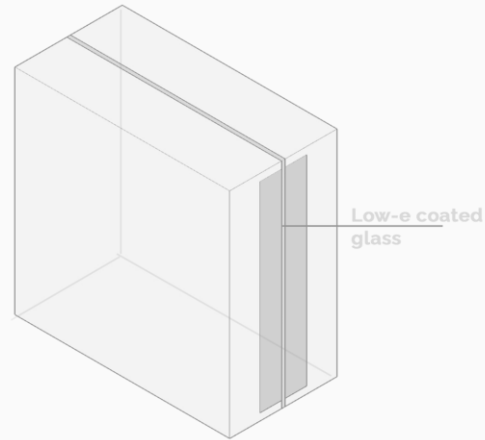


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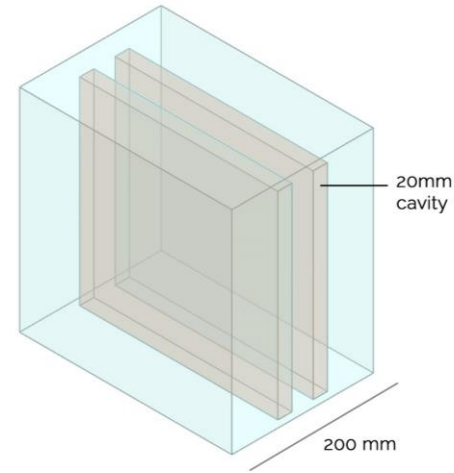
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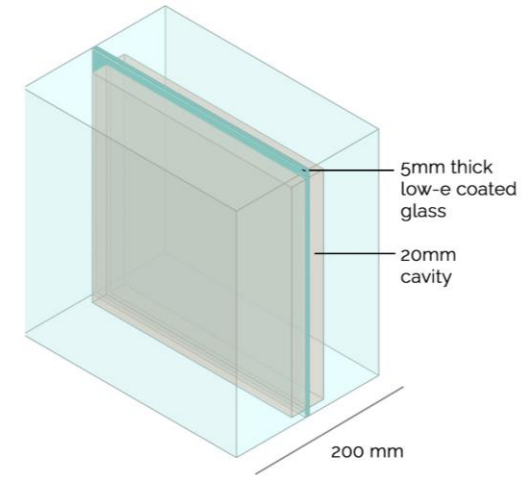
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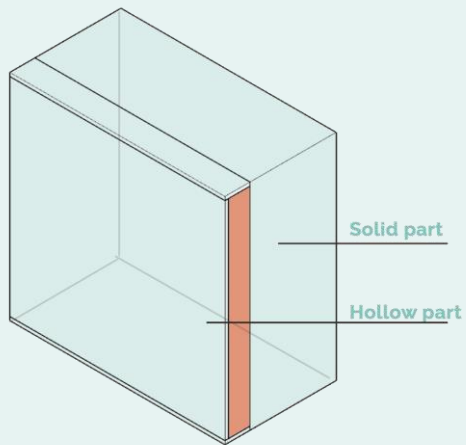
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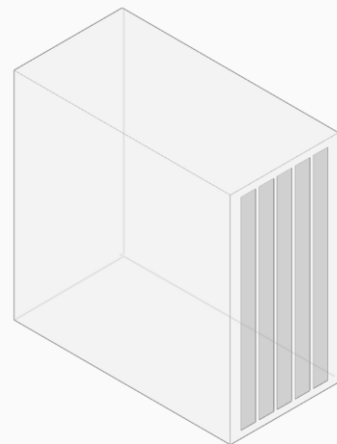
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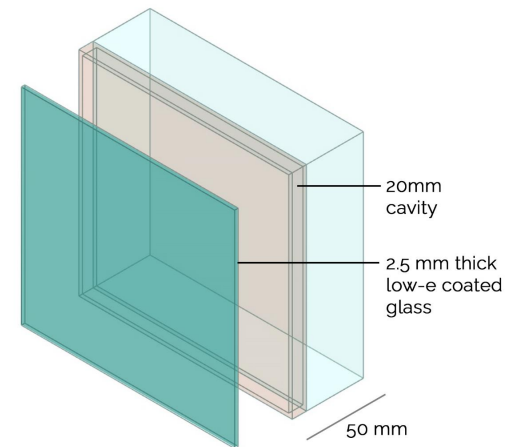
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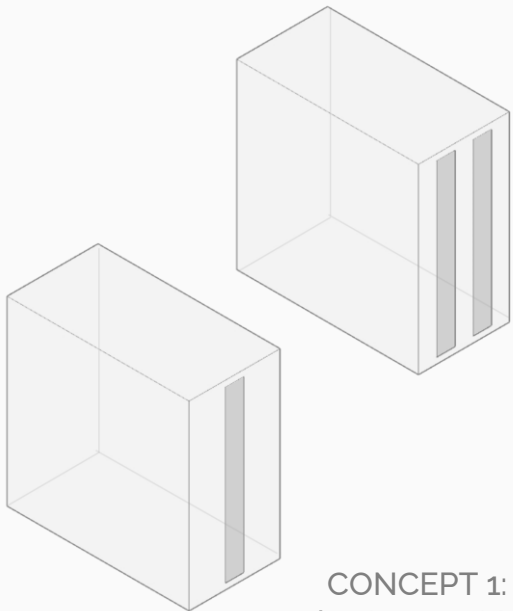


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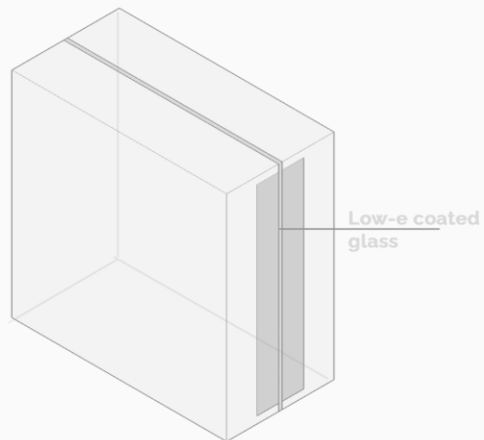


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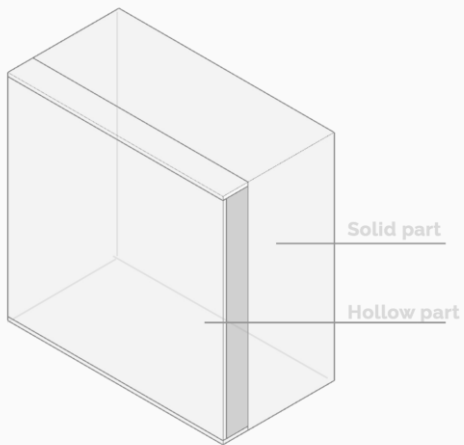
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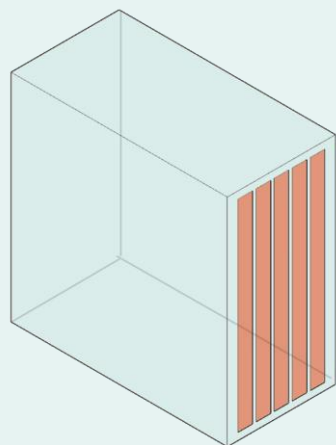
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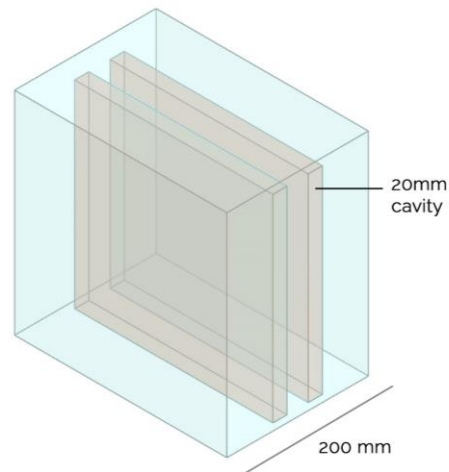


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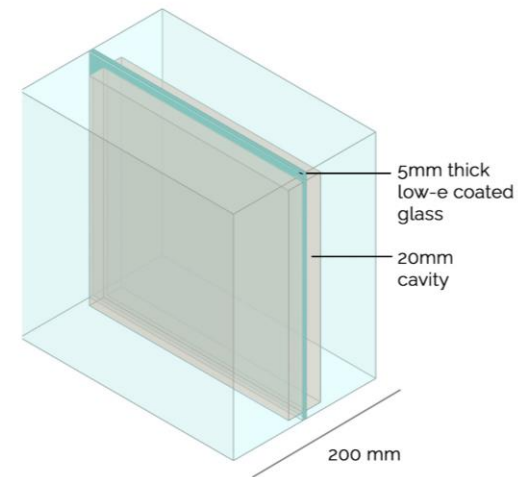


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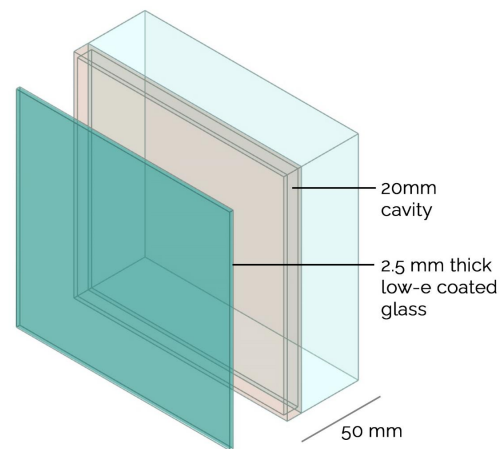
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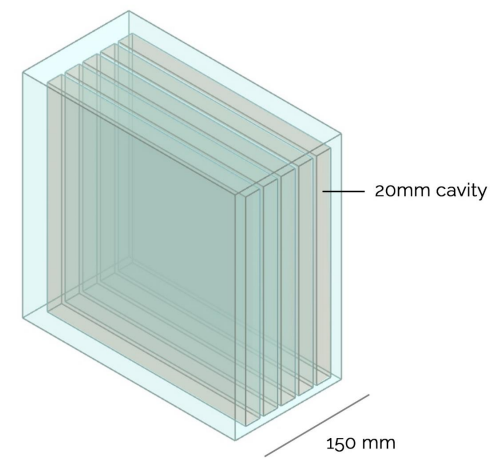
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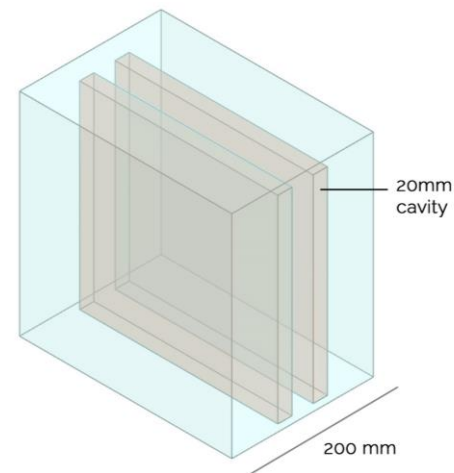
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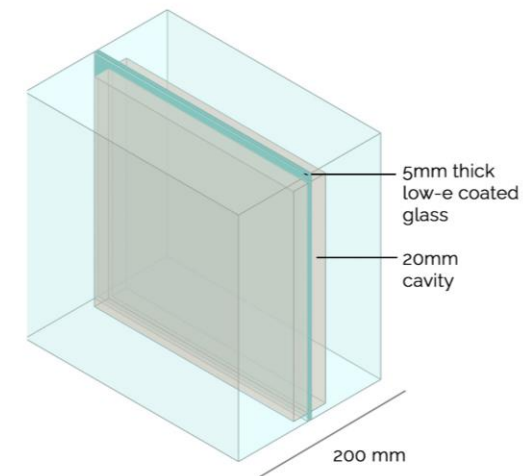
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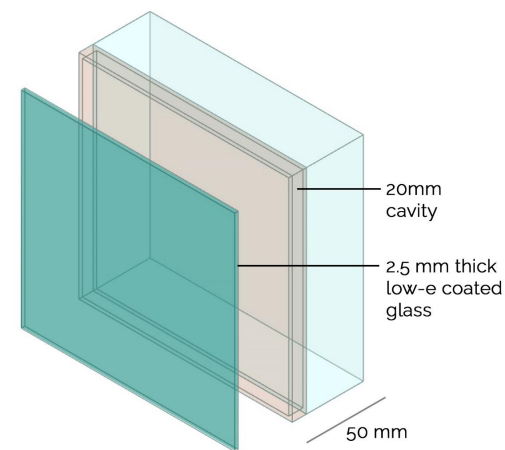
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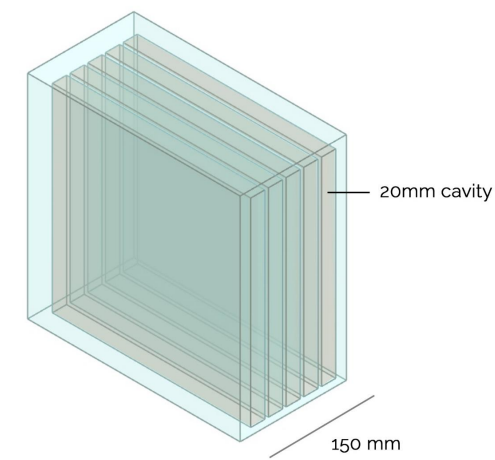
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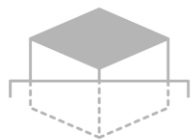


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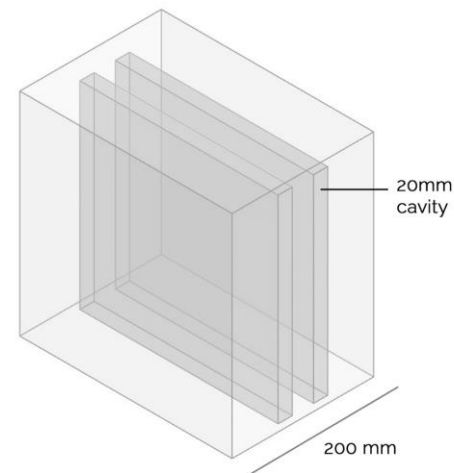
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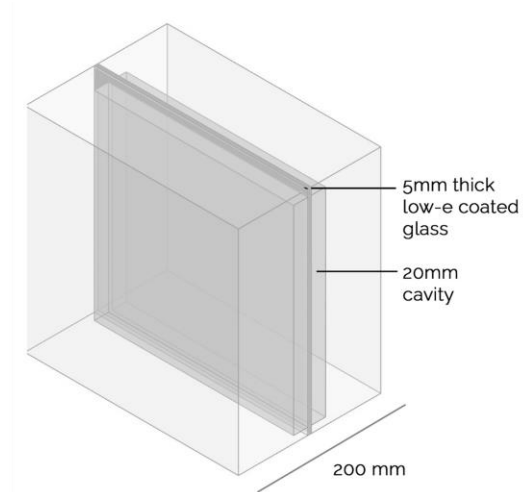
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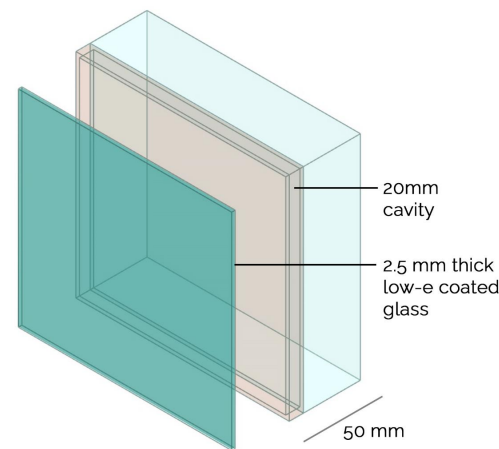
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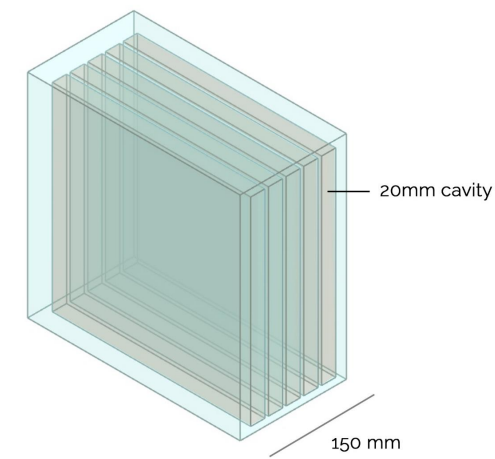
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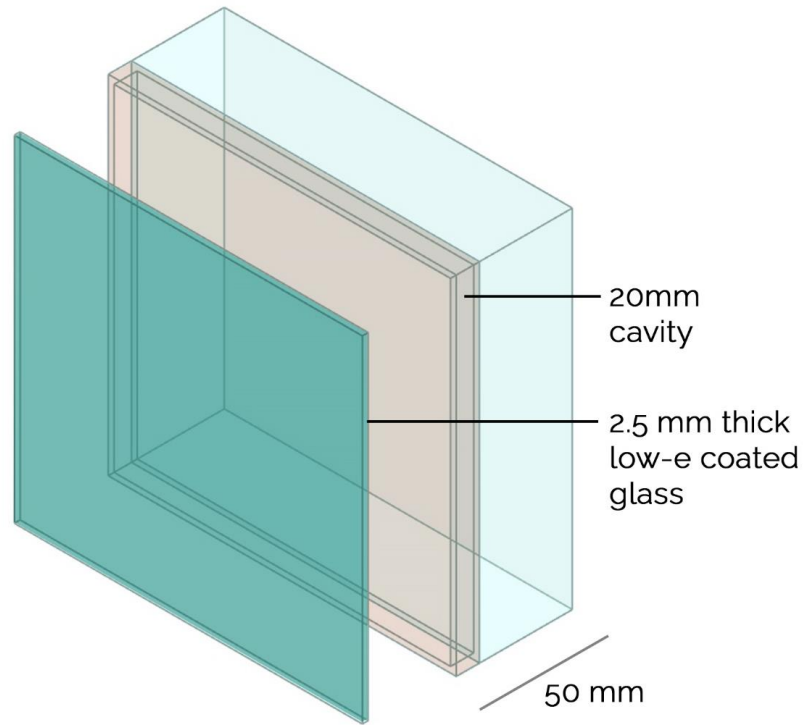
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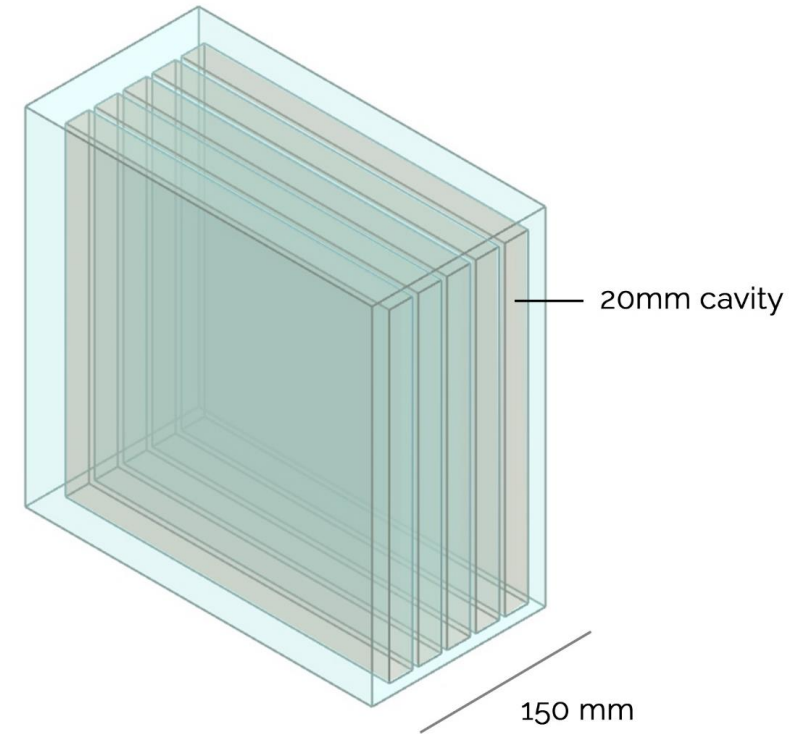
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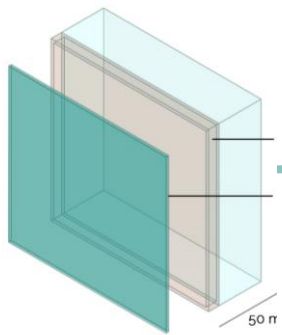
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Design Option 4
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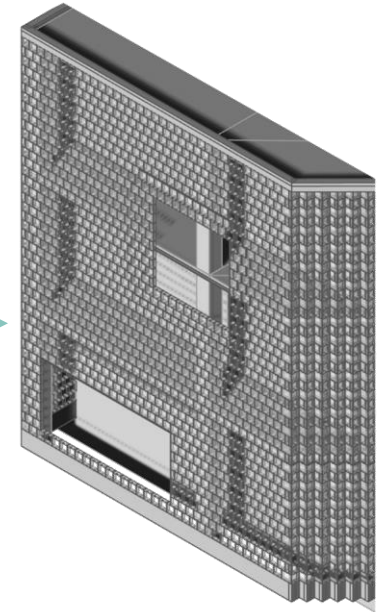
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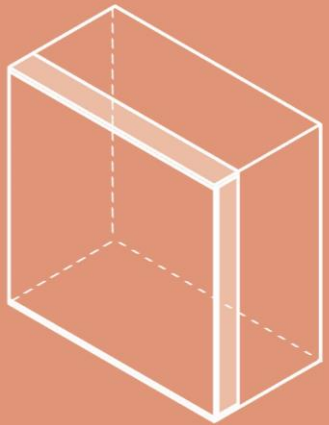
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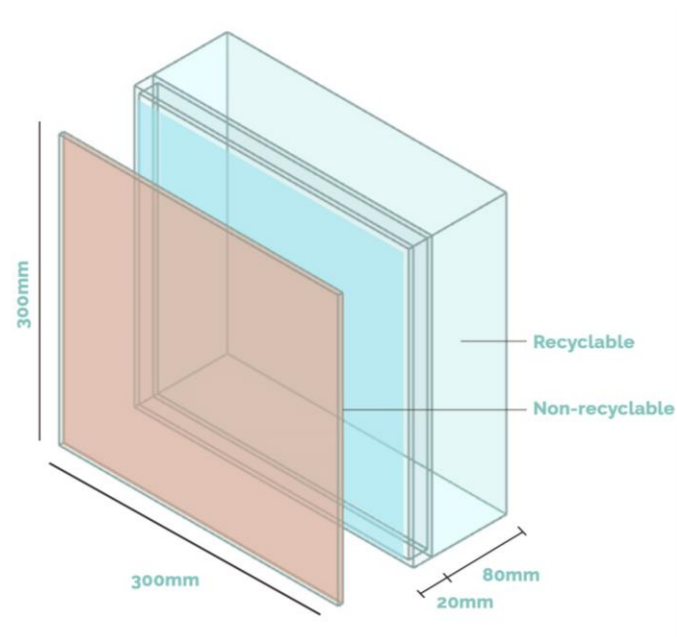
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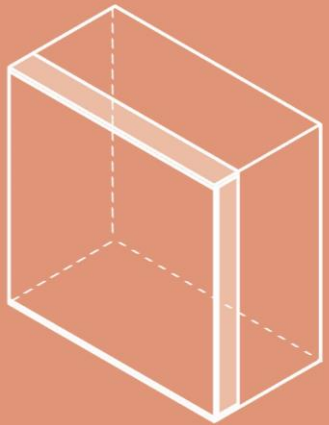
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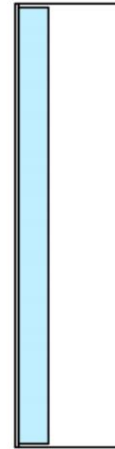
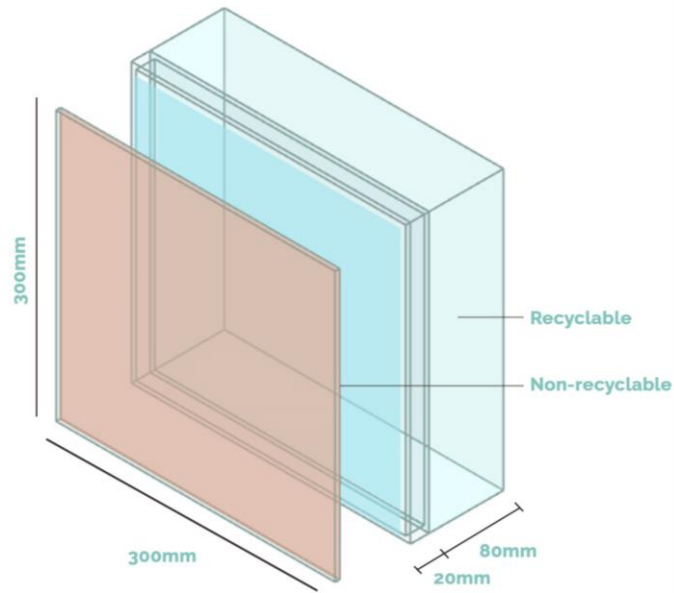
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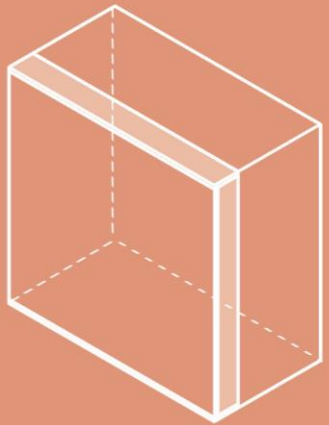
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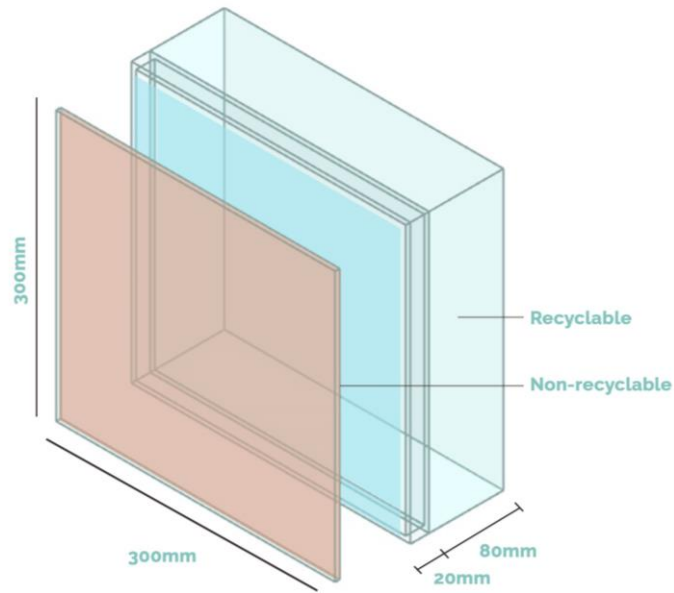
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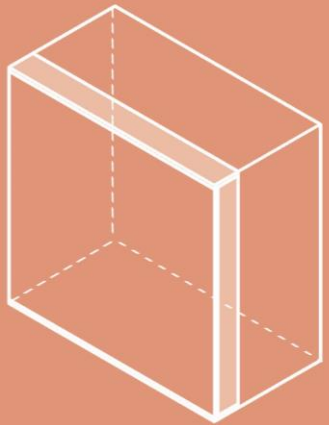
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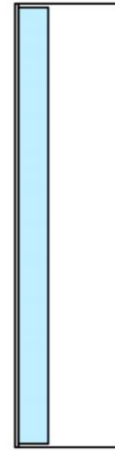
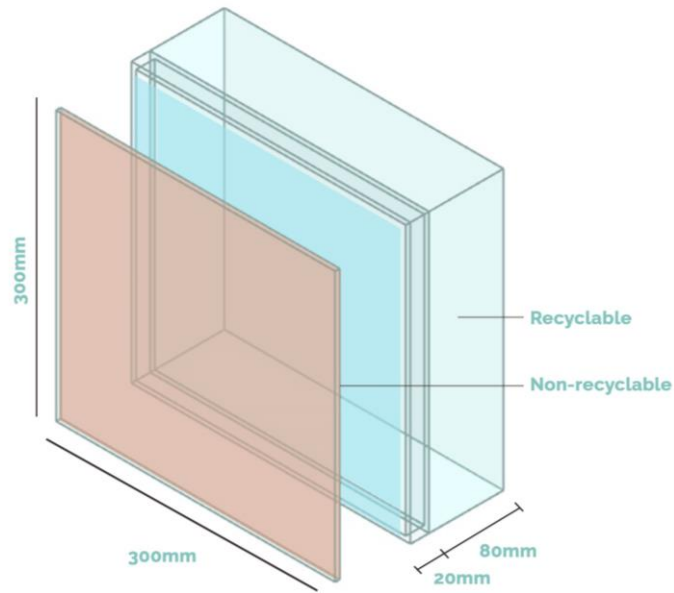
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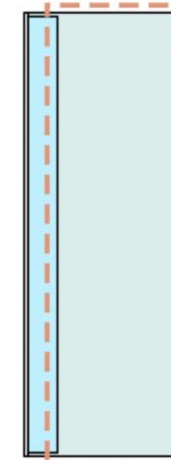
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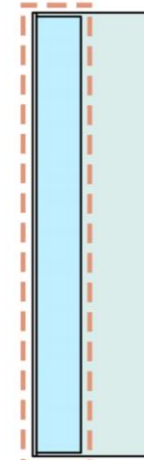
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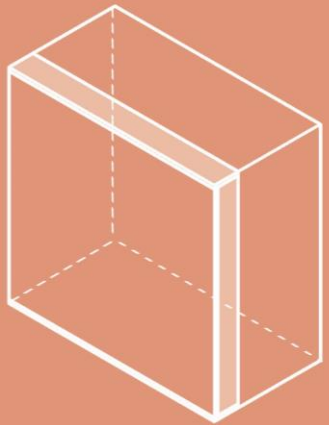
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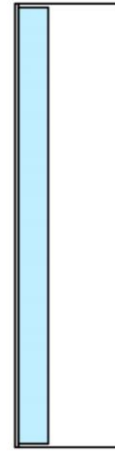
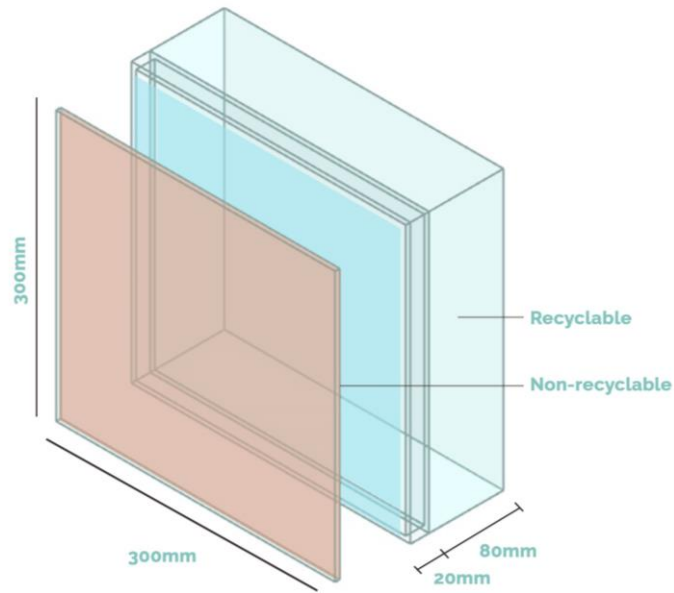
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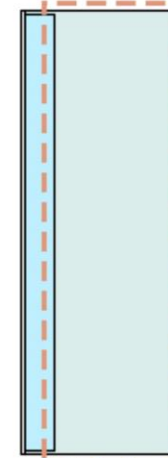
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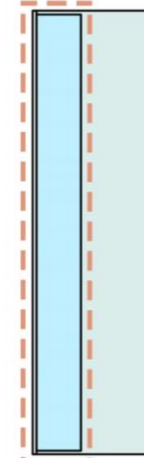
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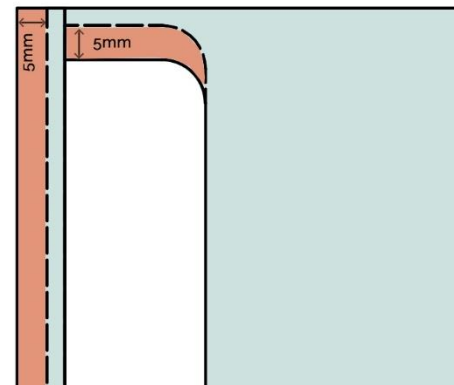
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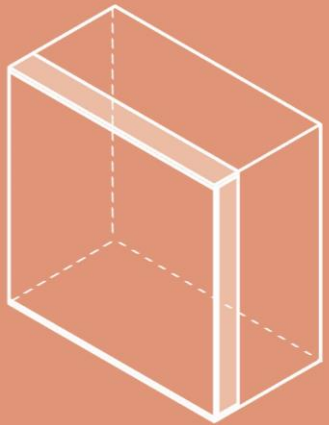


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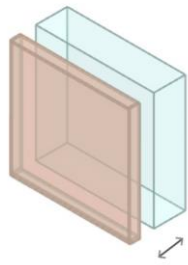
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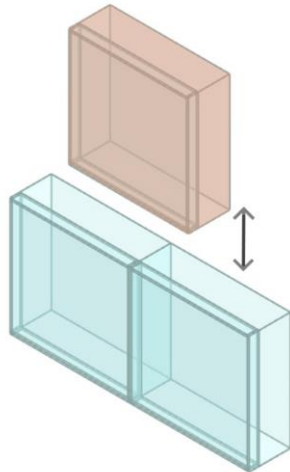
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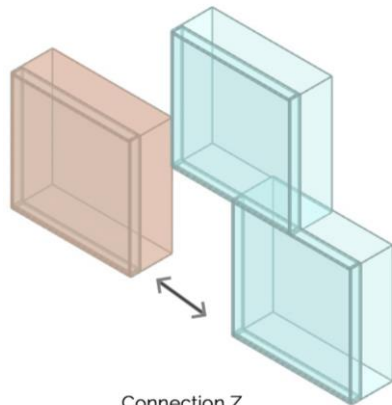
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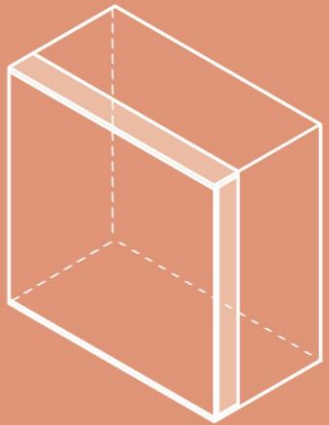
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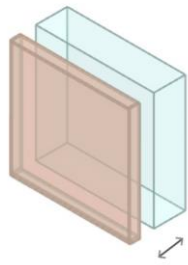
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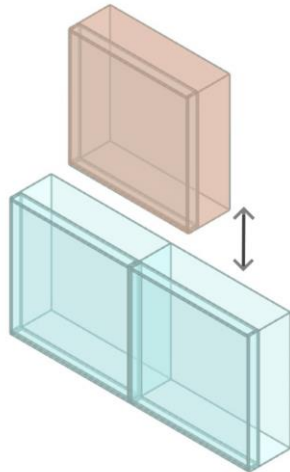
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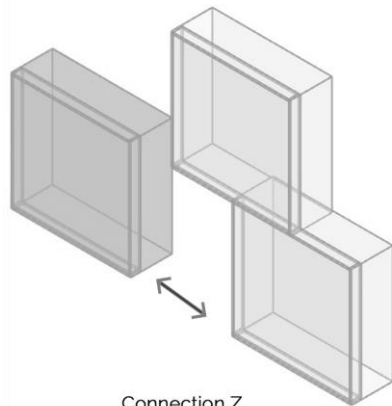
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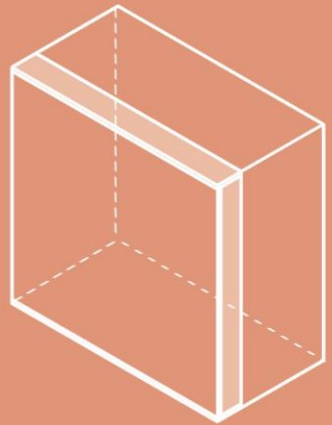
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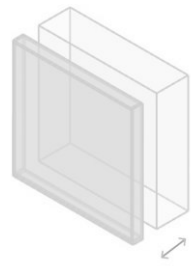
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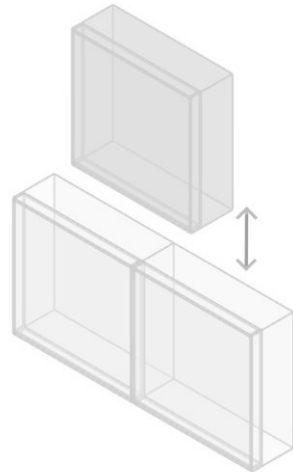
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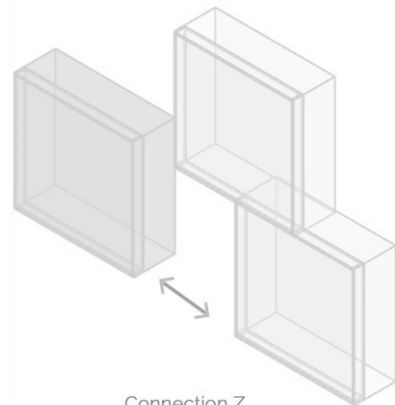
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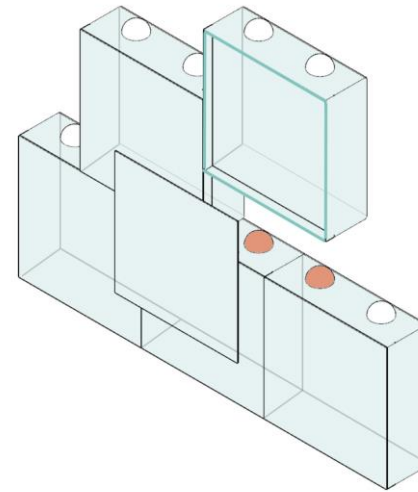
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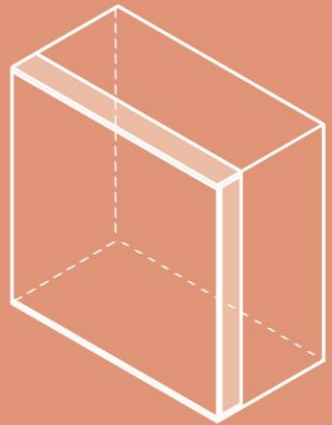
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Connection X: Glued

Connection Y: Interlocking



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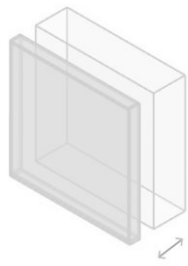
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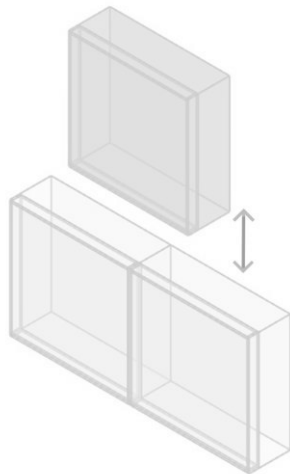
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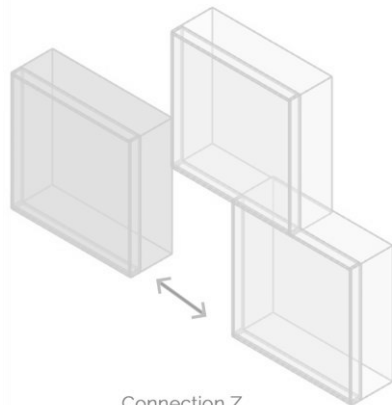
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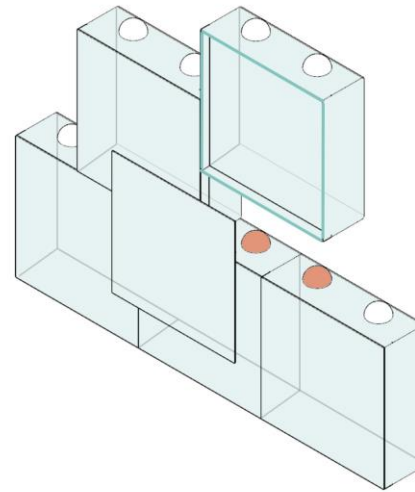
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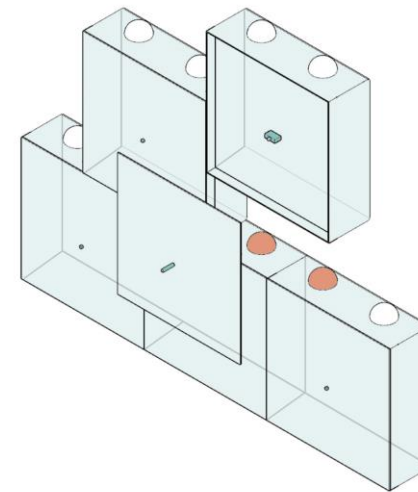
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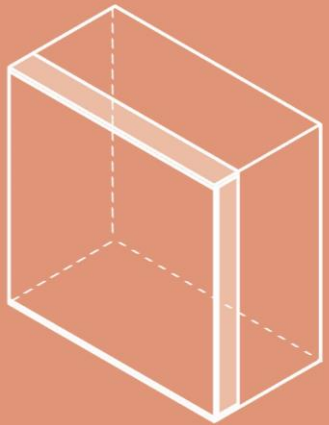
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Option 1
Connection X: Glued
Connection Y: Interlocking



Option 2
Connection X: Bolted
Connection Y: Interlocking



Fusion Block

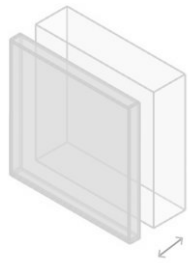
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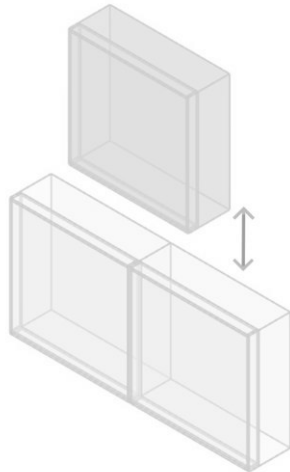
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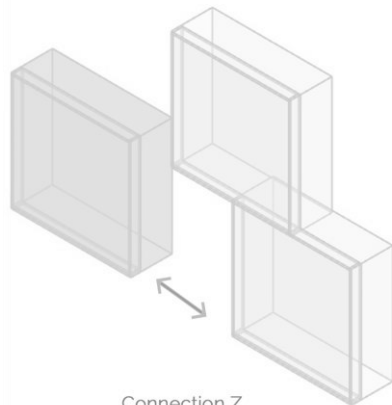
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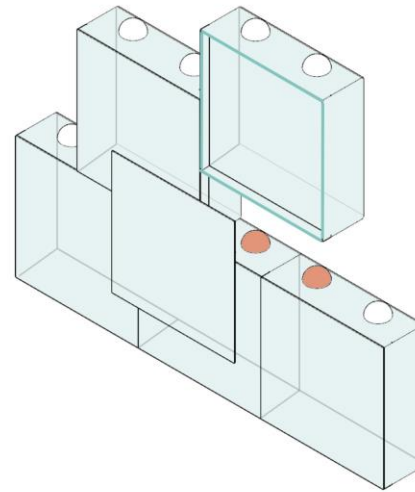
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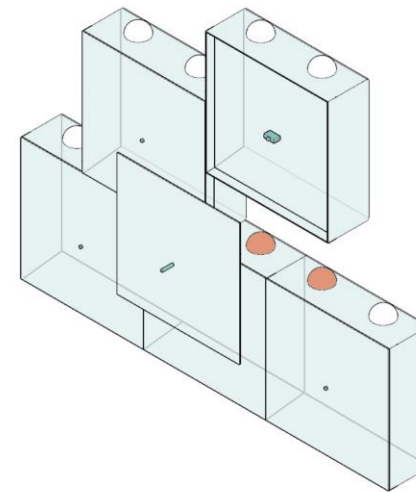
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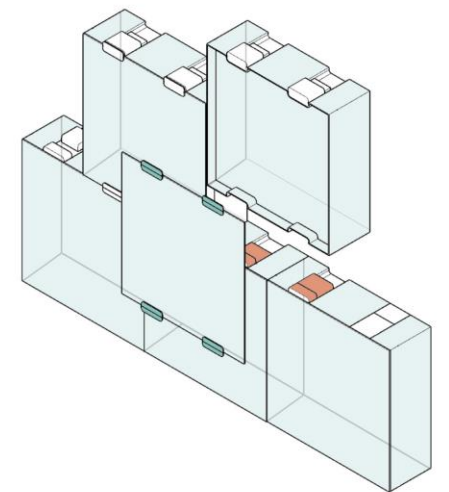
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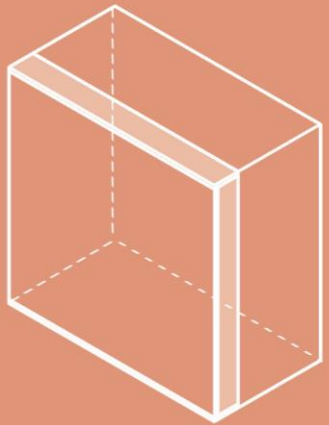
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Connection X: Glued
Connection Y: Interlocking



Option 2
Connection X: Bolted
Connection Y: Interlocking



Option 3
Connection X: Clamped
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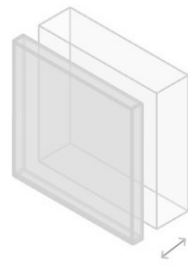
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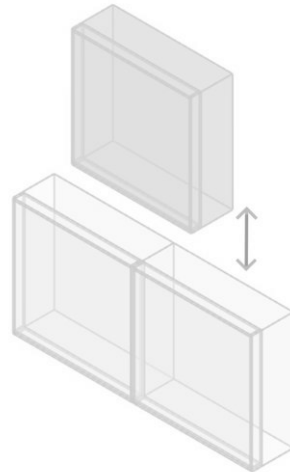
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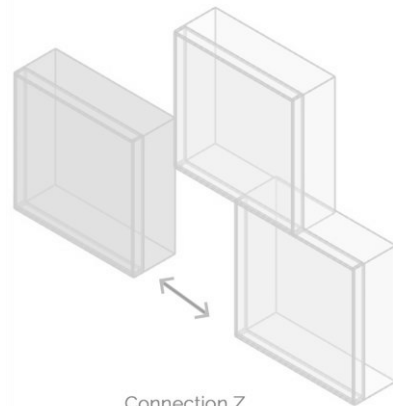
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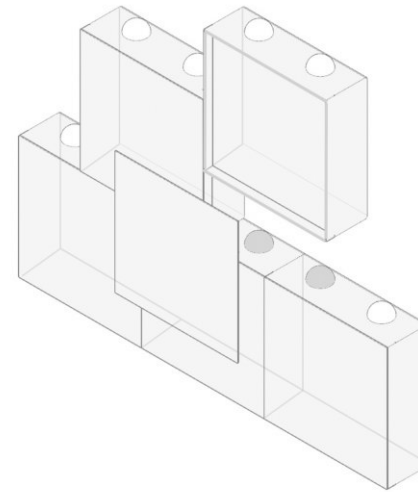
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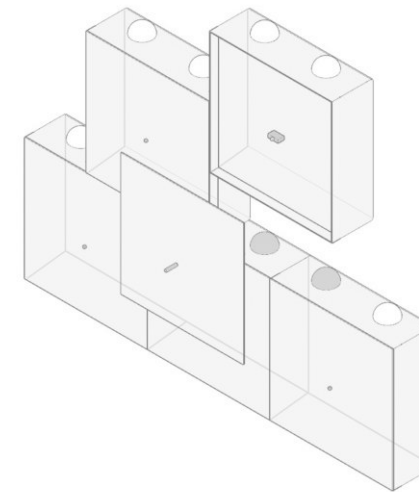
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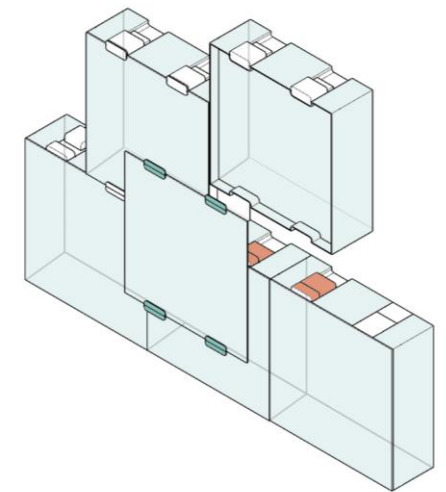
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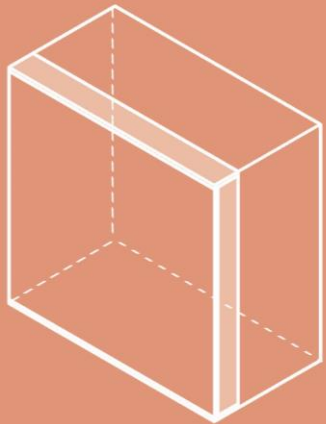


Option 2
Connection X: Bolted
Connection Y: Interlocking



Option 3
Connection X: Clamped
Connection Y: Interlocking

Connection Type		Unobstructed view	Reversibility	Ease of assembly	Load Distribution	Overall
Fusion Block	Glued + Interlock	++++	++	+++	+++	+++
	Clamped + Interlock	++	++++	+++	++	+++
	Embedded Connection	+++	++++	++++	++++	++++



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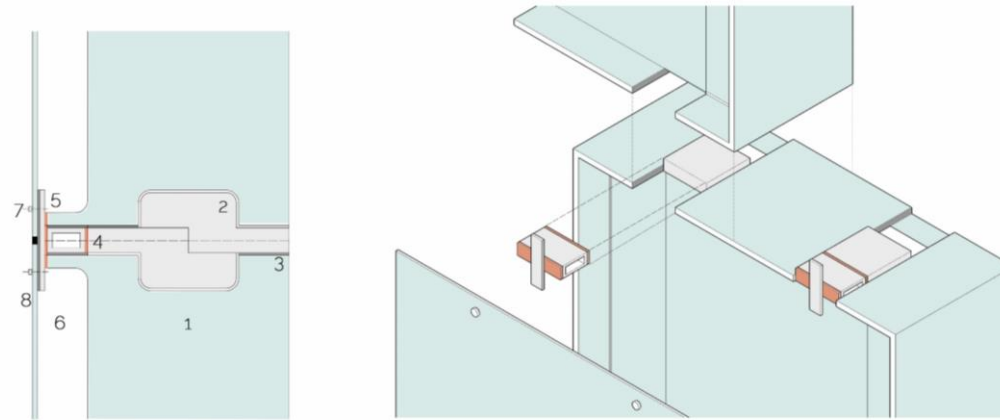
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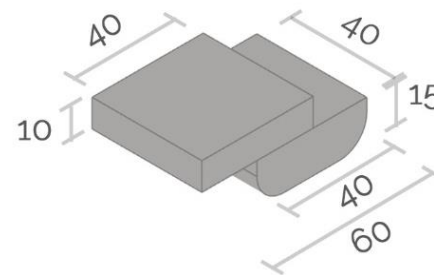
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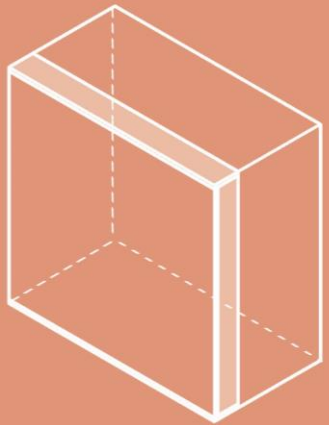
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6. Cavity 20mm
7. Bolts
8. Float glass piece





Fusion Block

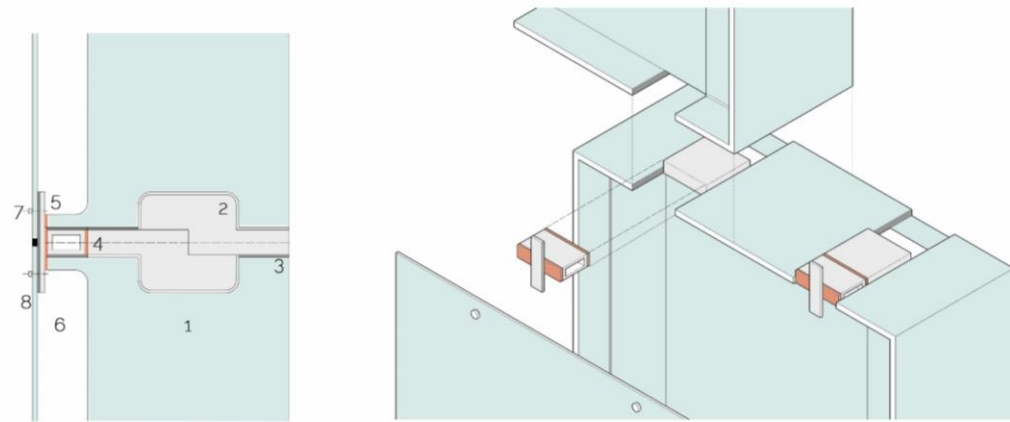
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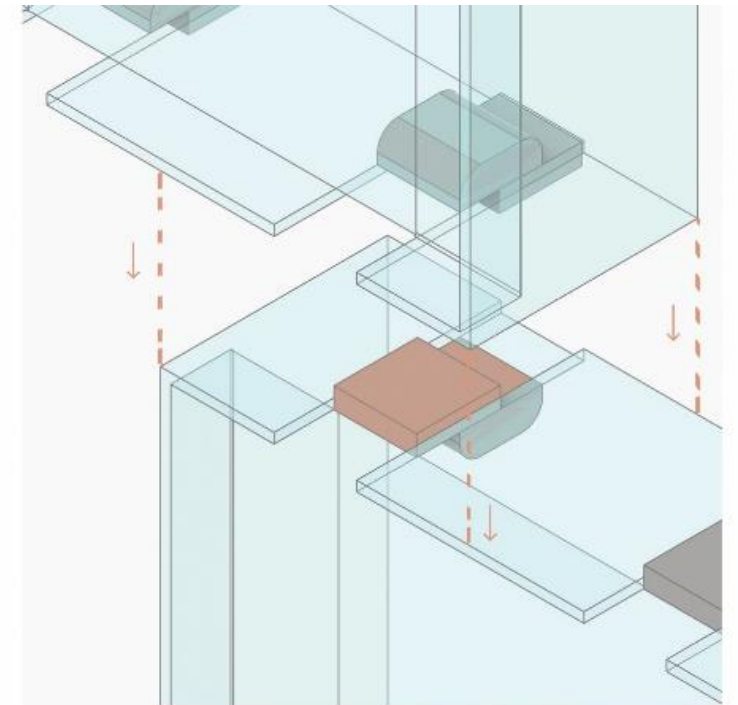
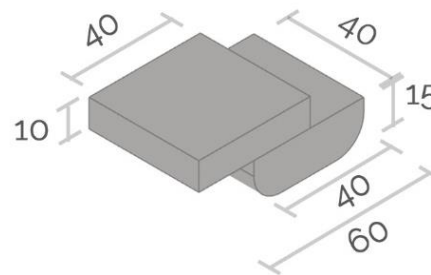
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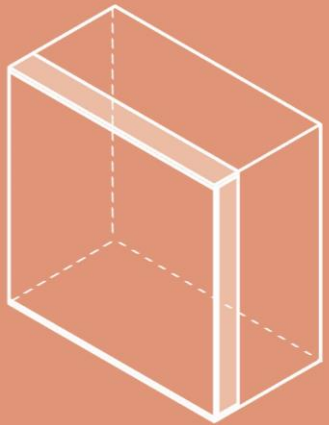
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Step 1



Fusion Block

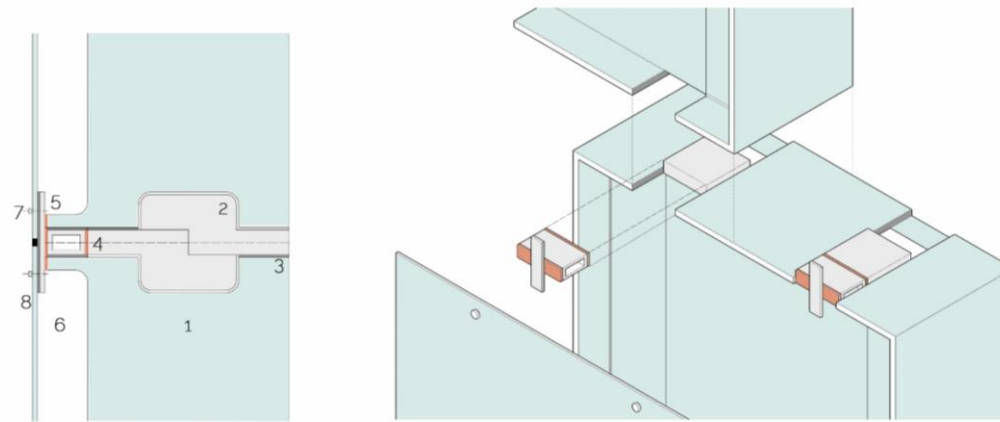
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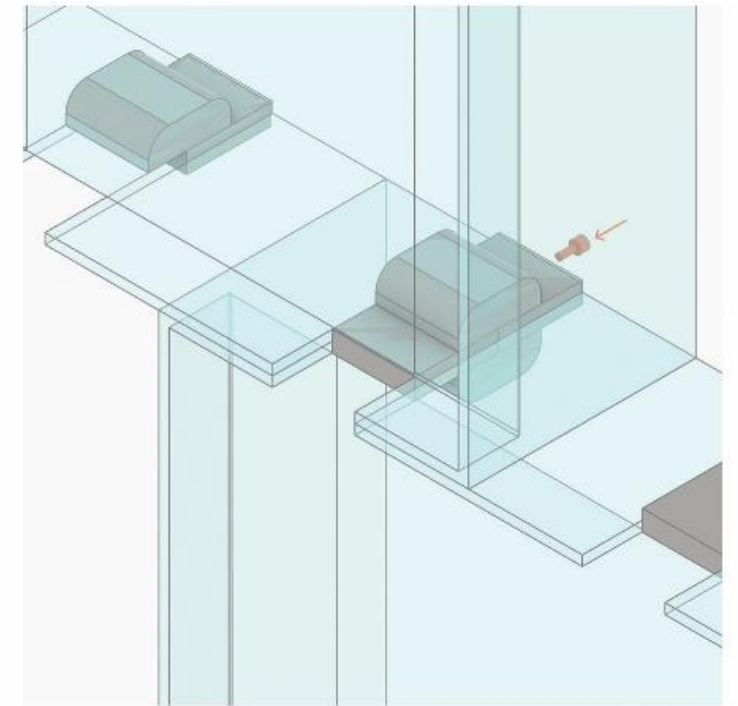
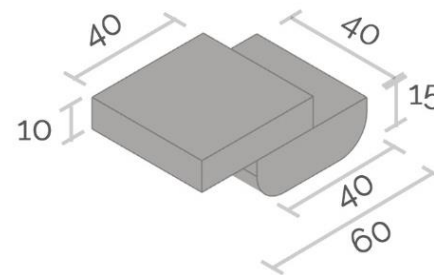
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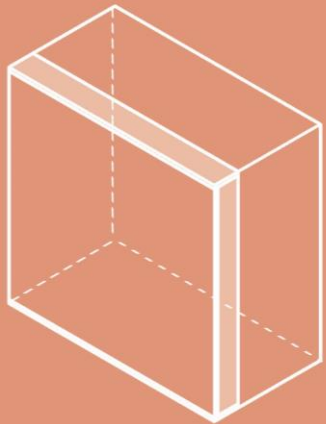
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Step 2



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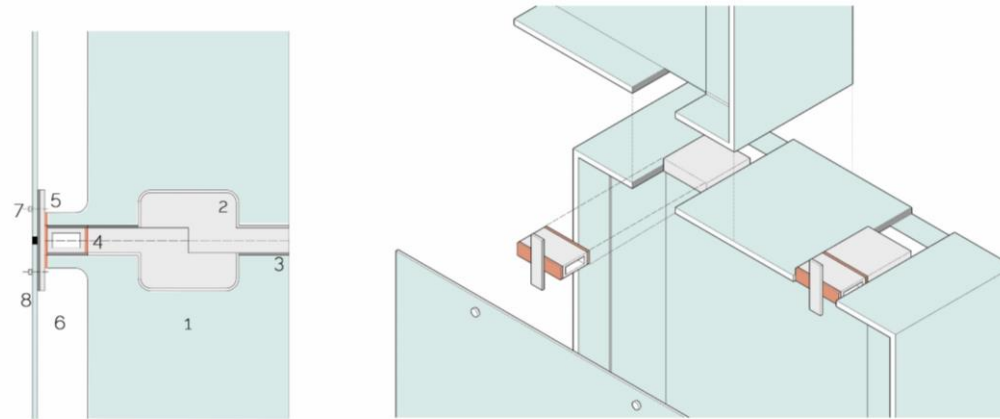
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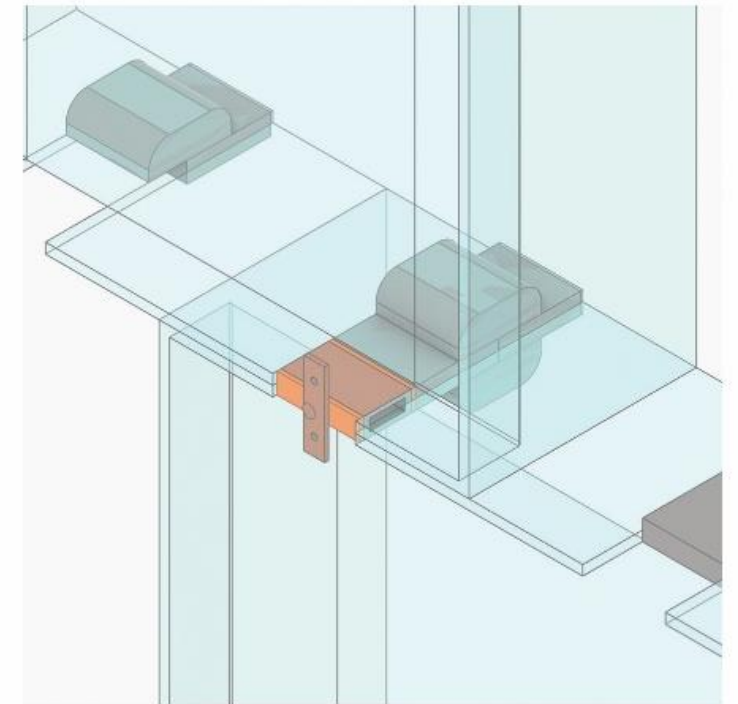
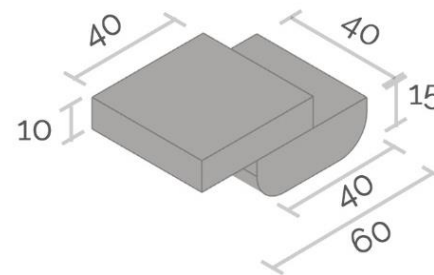
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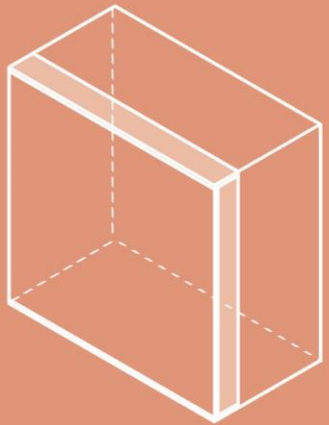
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Step 3



Fusion Block

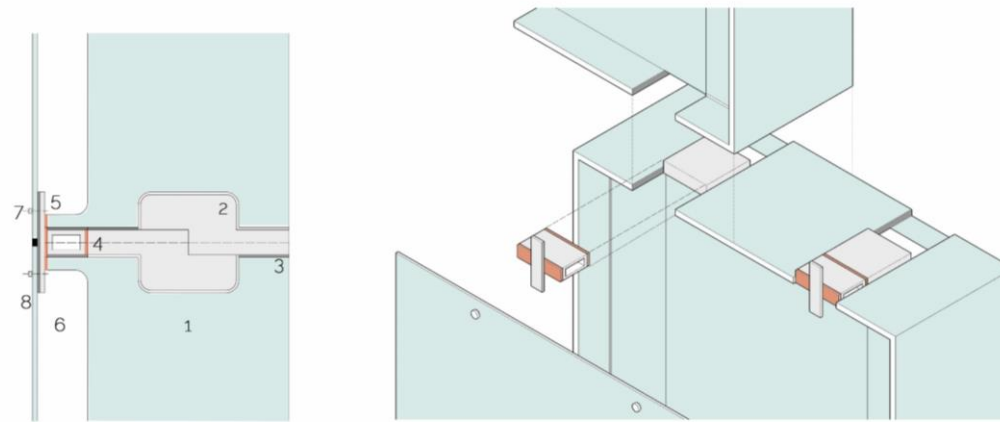
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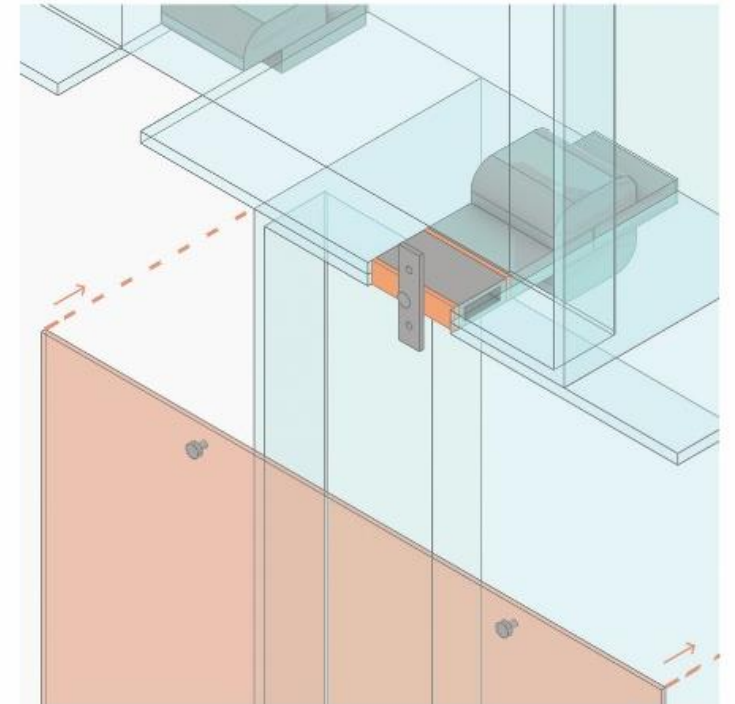
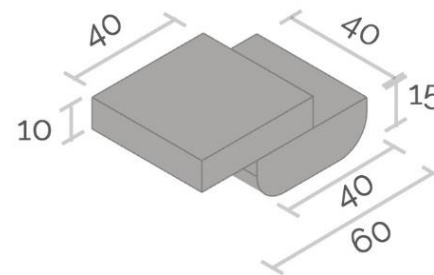
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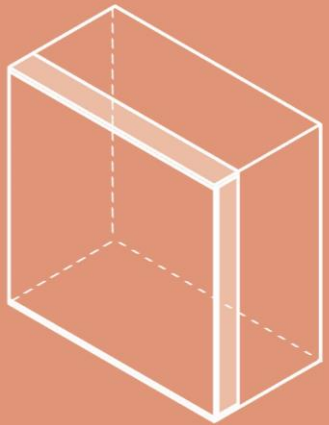
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Step 4



Fusion Block

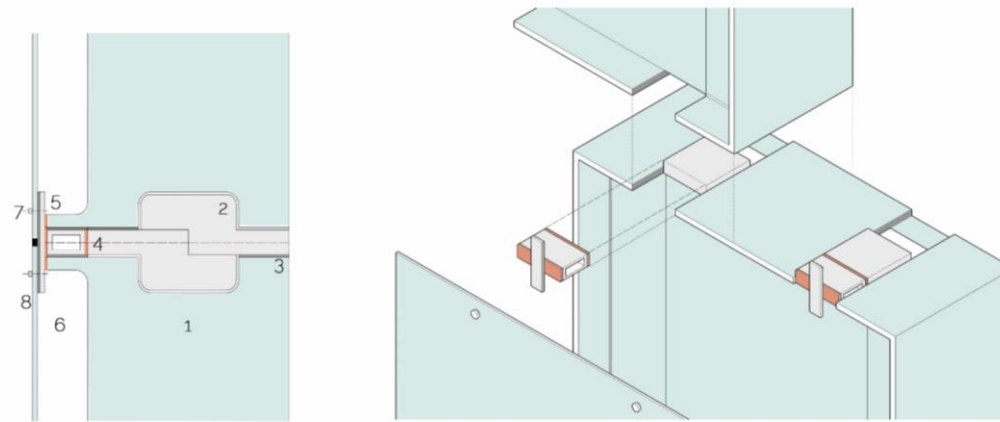
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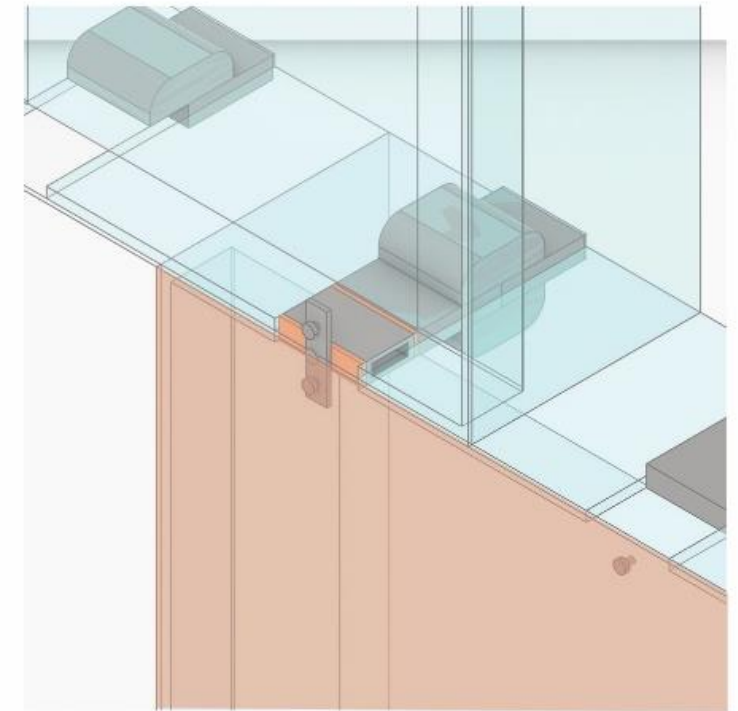
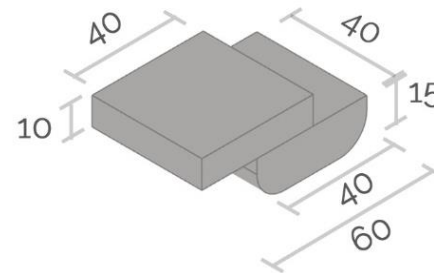
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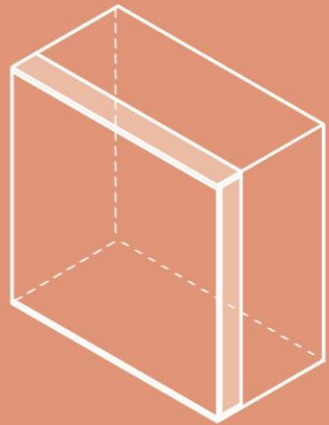
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Step 5



Fusion Block

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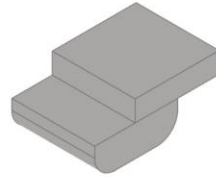
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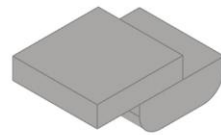
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THERMAL PERFORMANCE

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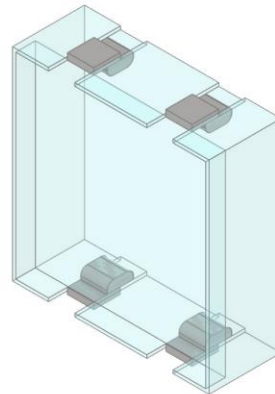
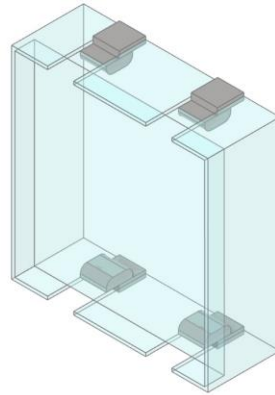


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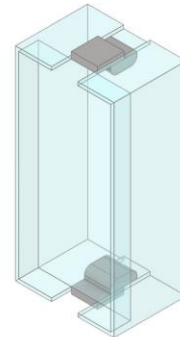
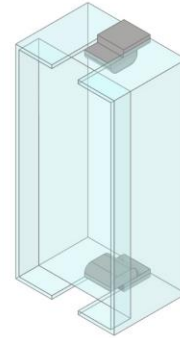


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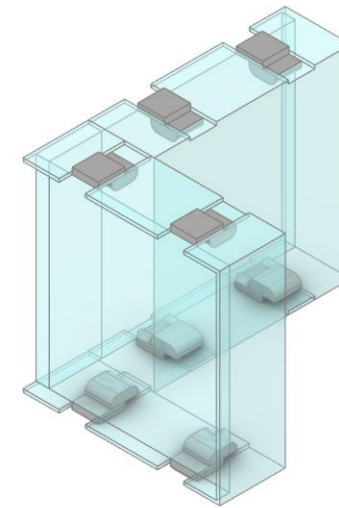
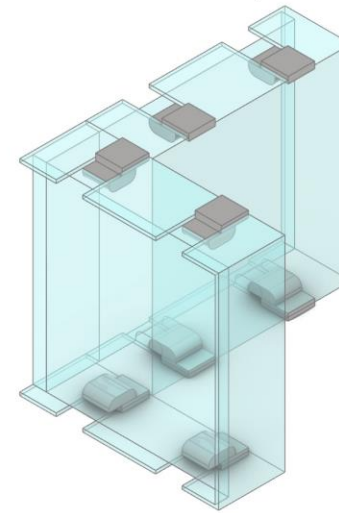
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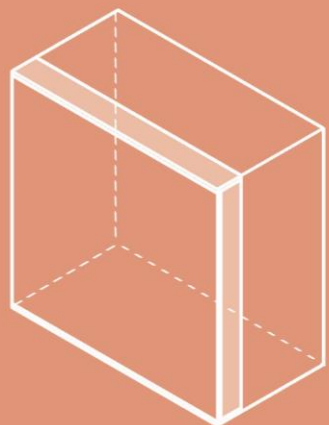
Half Brick



Custom L-Shape



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 L-Shape: 22



Fusion Block

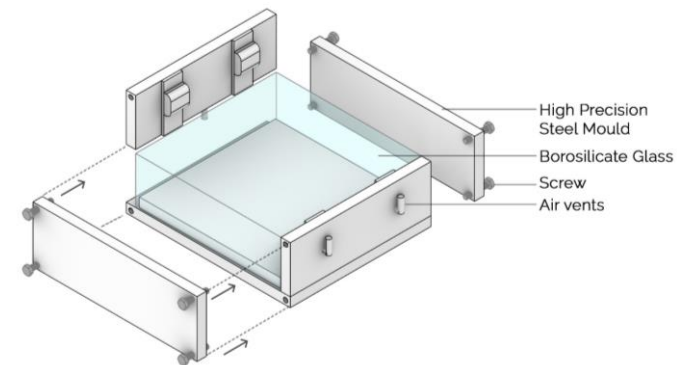
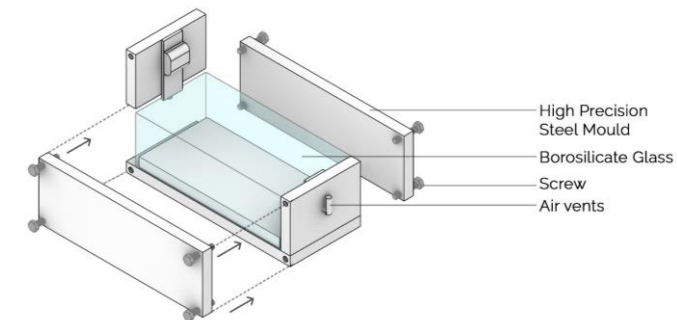
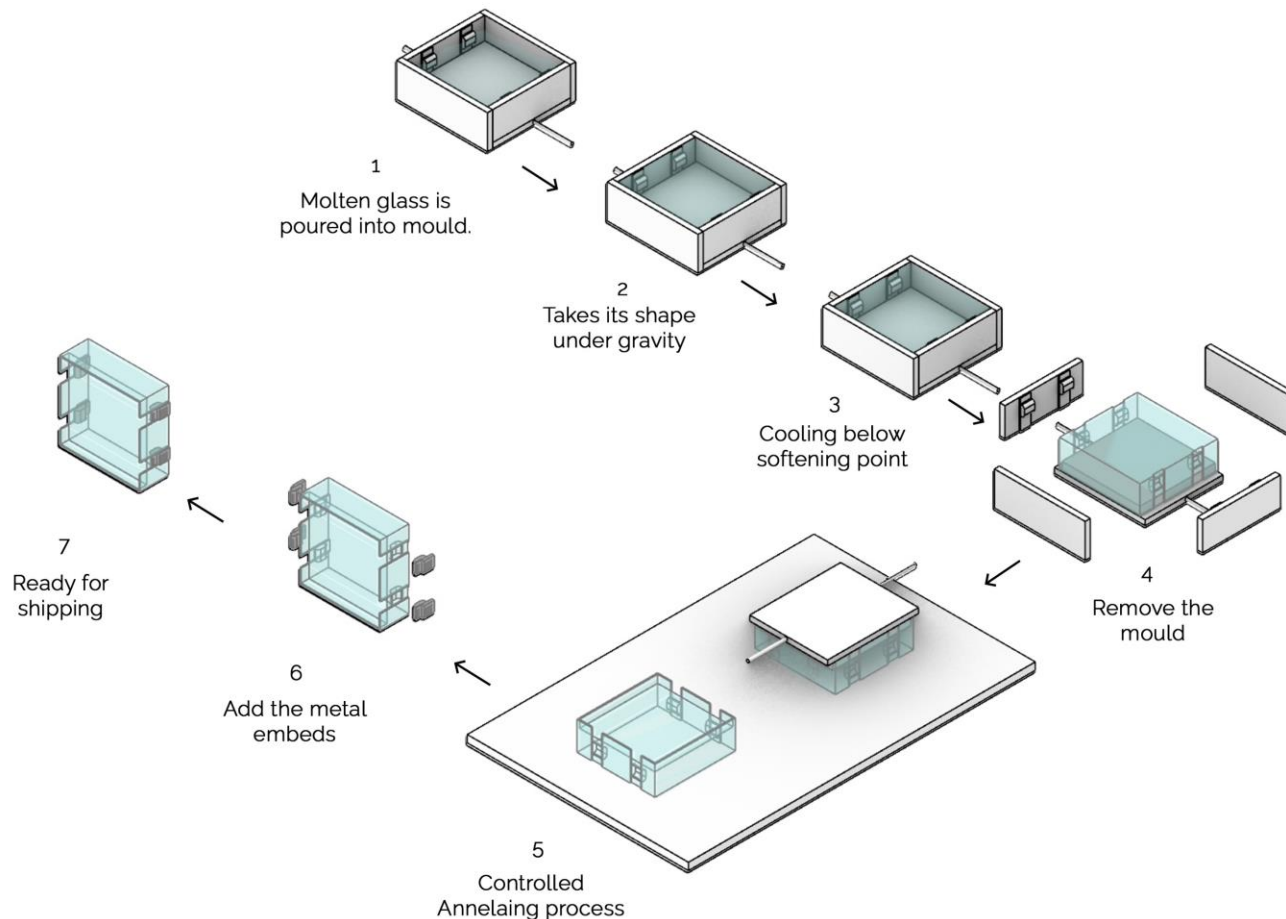
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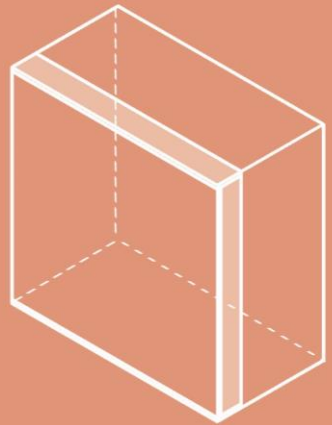
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MANUFACTURING PROCESS OF FULL AND HALF BRICK



Fusion Block

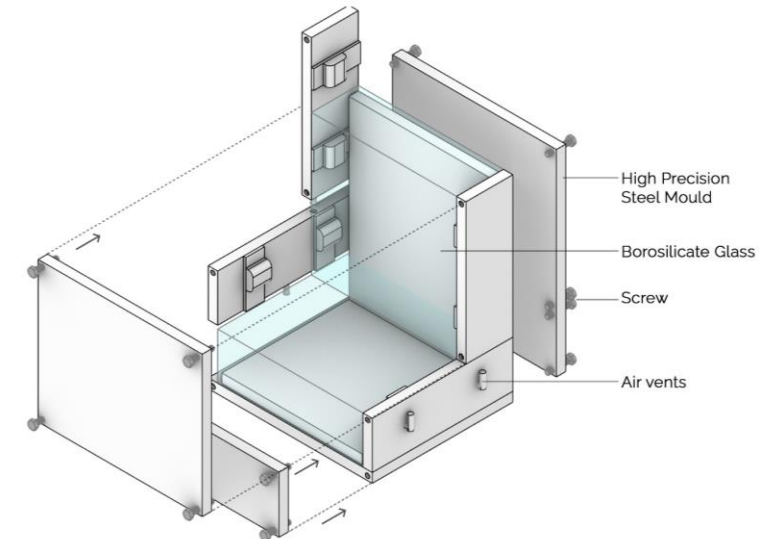
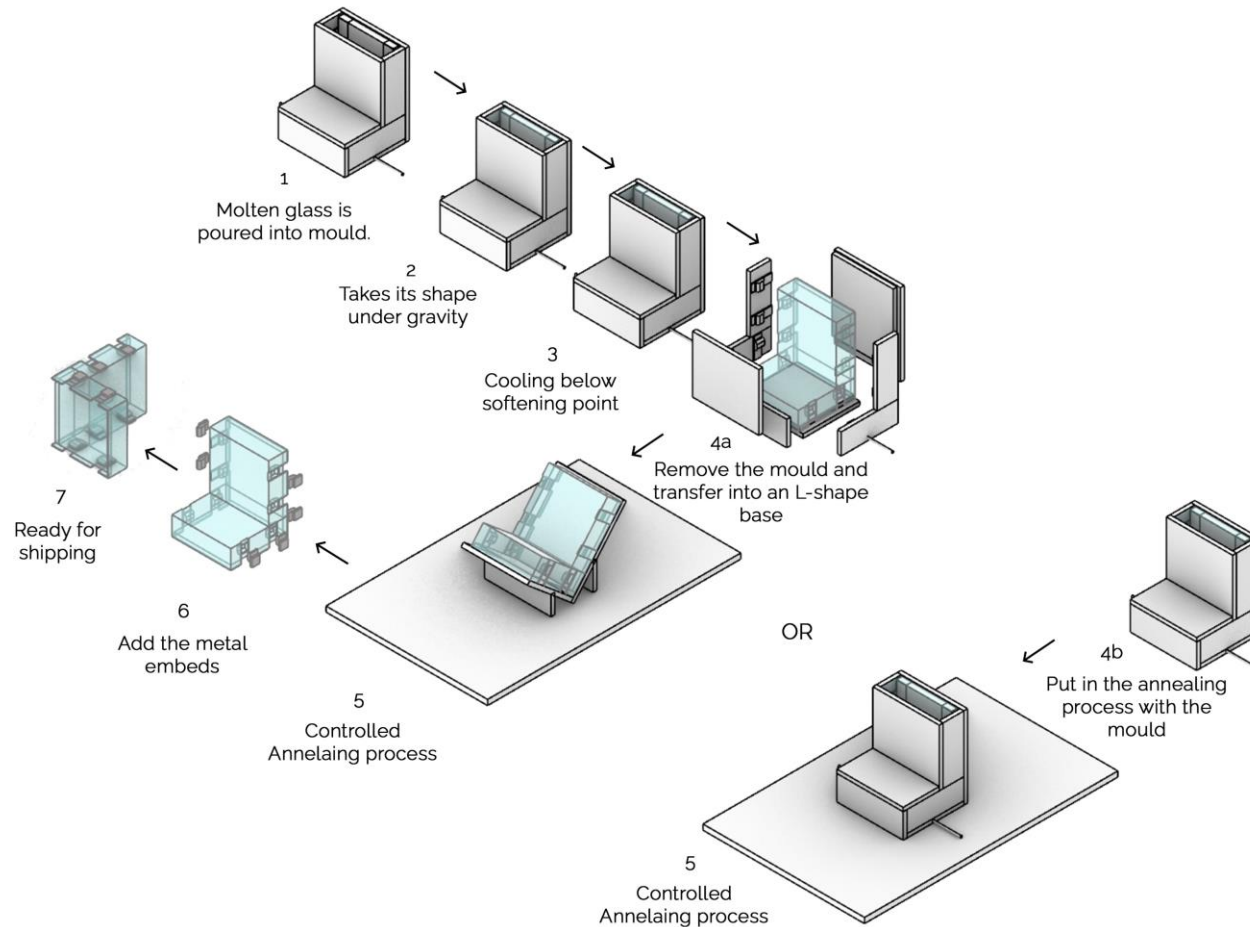
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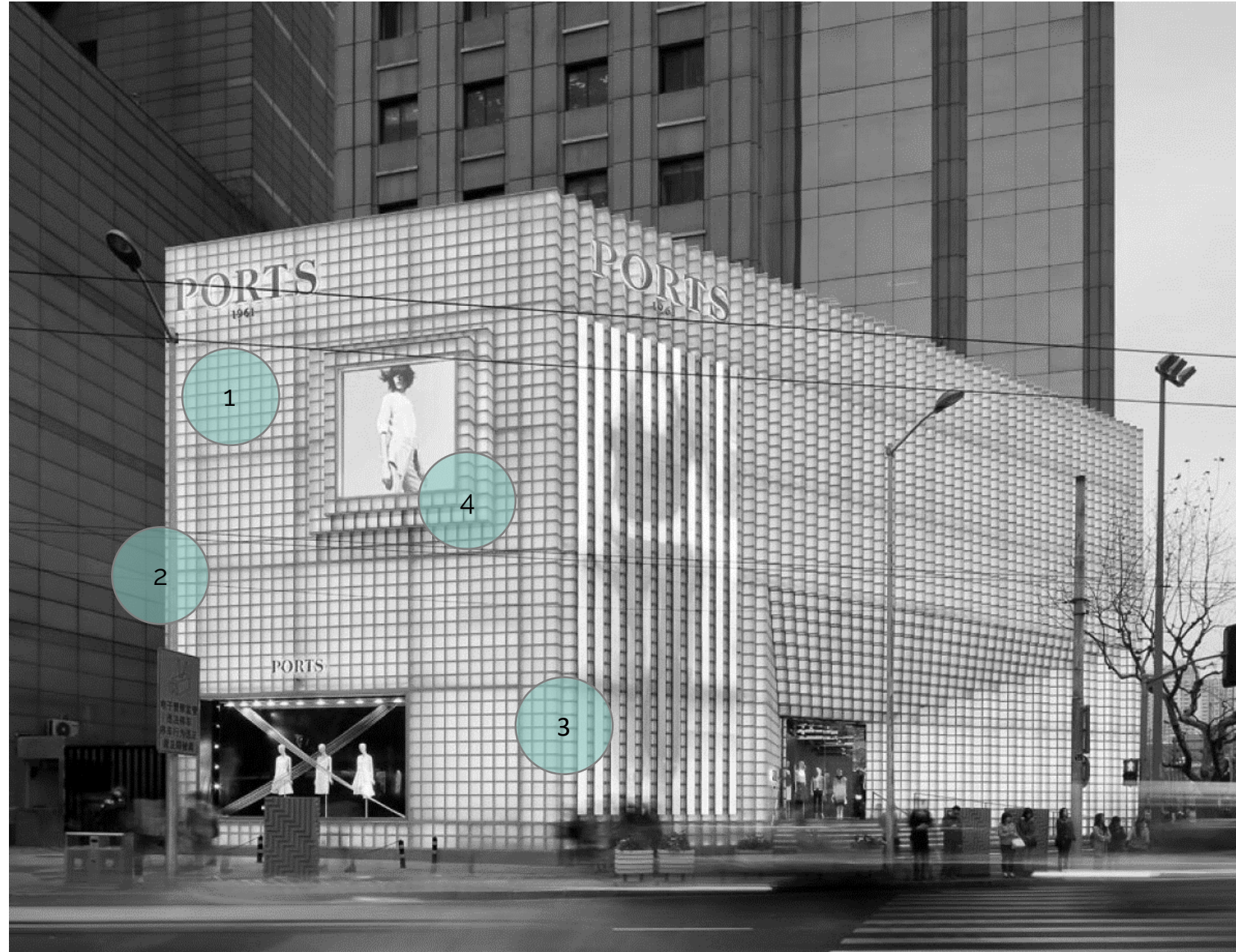


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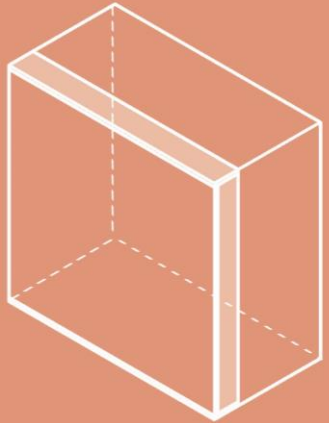
PORTS 1961, SHANGHAI

Design Aspects for Assembly:

1. Straight façade
2. L-Junction
3. Corbel Junction
4. Corbel Window



BOTTOM CONNECTION



Fusion Block

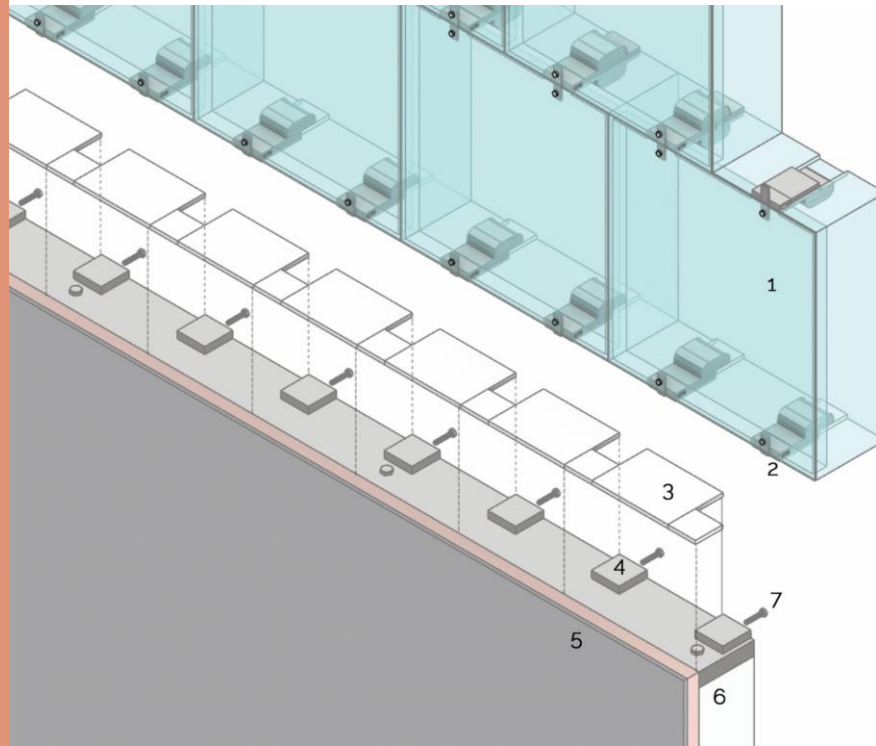
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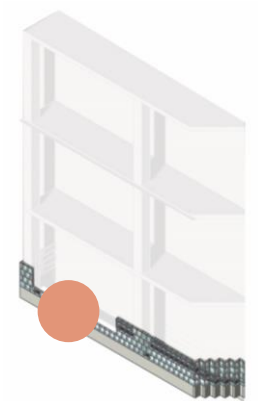
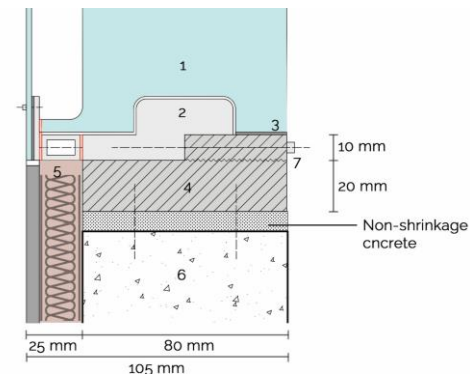
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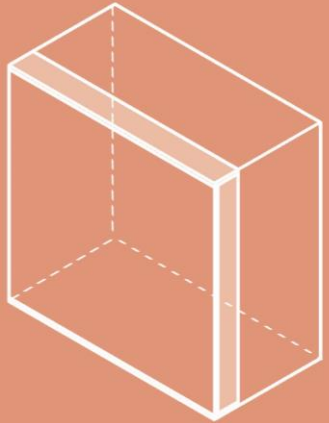
THERMAL PERFORMANCE



1. Glass Block
2. Tungsten embed
3. Rubber to separate direct contact of glass and metal
4. Tungsten rectangular block
5. Insulation with wall finish
6. Concrete base



INTERMEDIATE FLOOR CONNECTION



Fusion Block

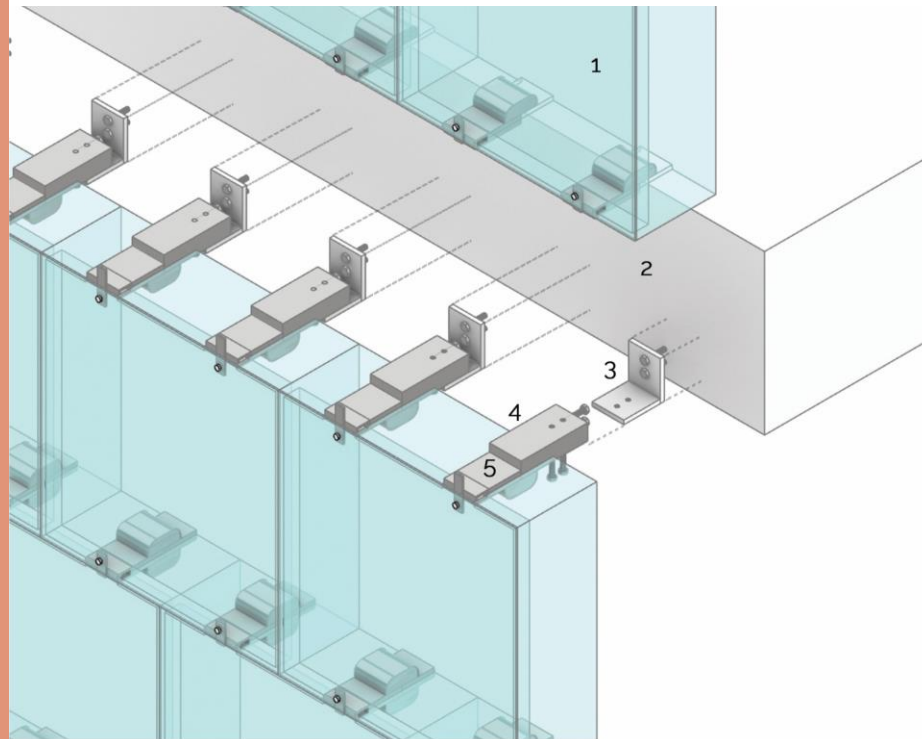
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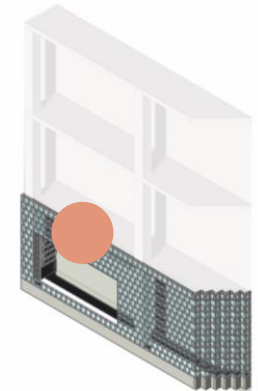
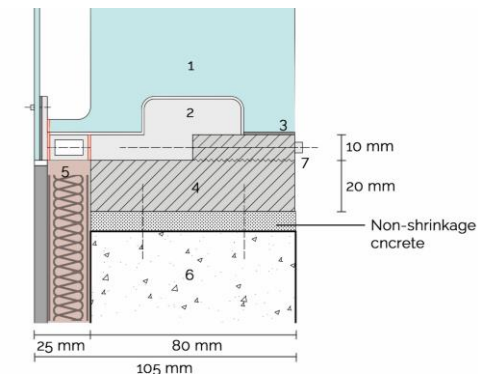
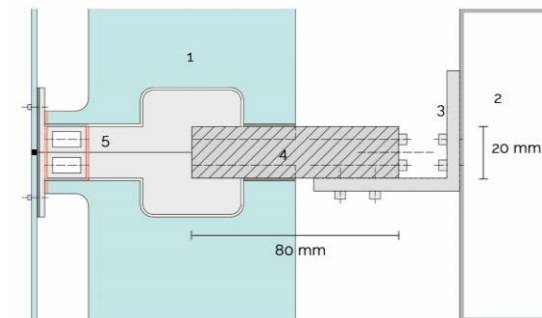
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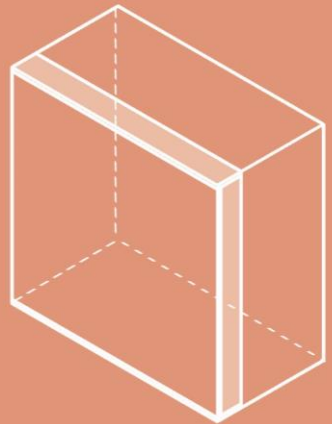
ASSEMBLY

THERMAL PERFORMANCE



1. Glass Block
2. Floor slab
3. Steel angle-section
4. Tungsten rectangular block
5. Tungsten embedded connection





Fusion Block

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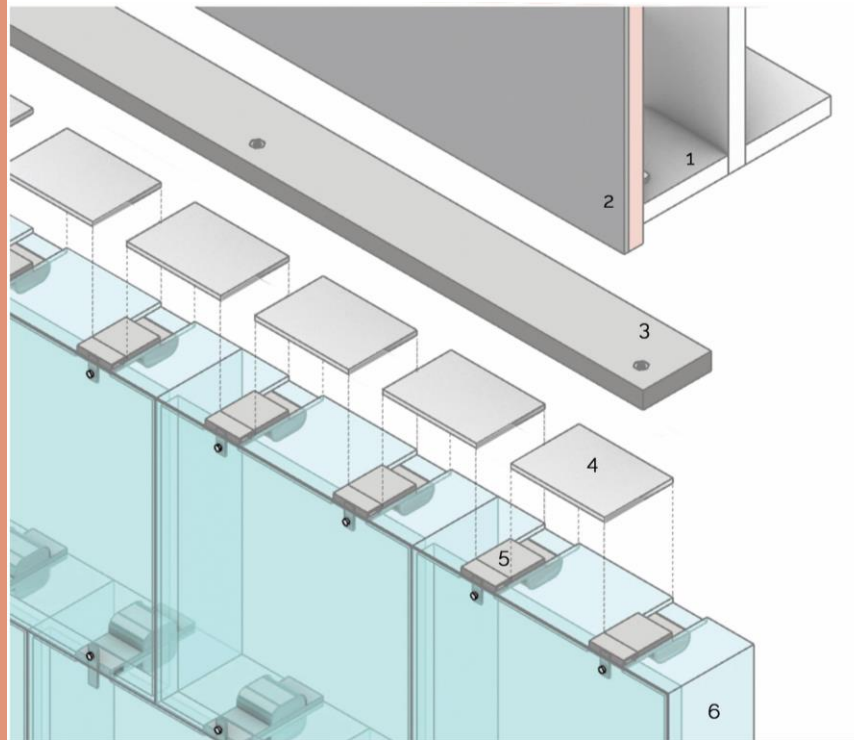
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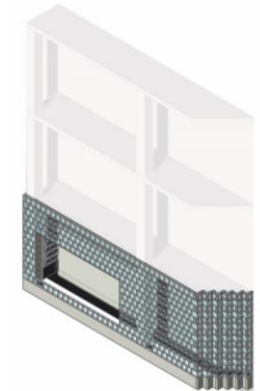
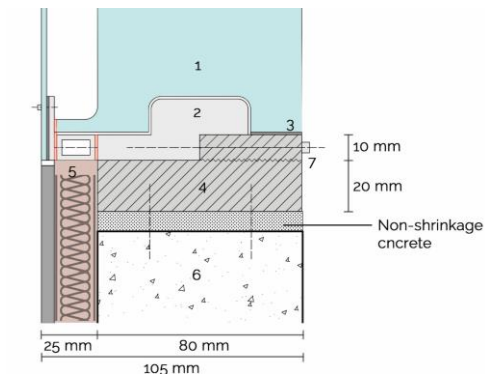
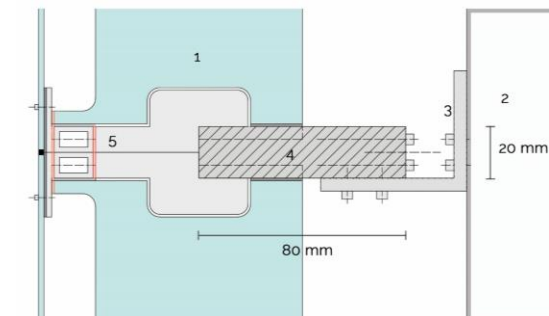
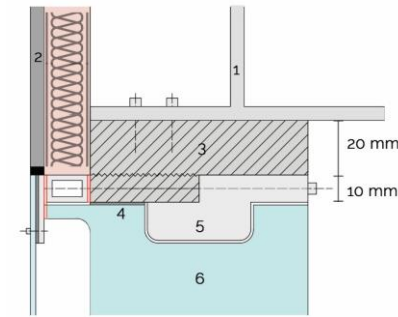
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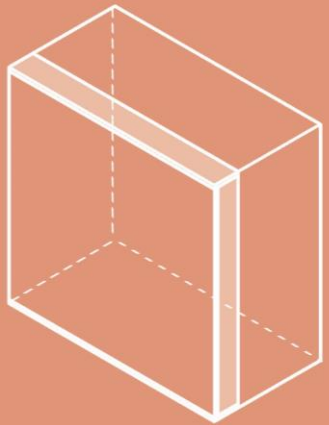
TOP CONNECTION



1. I-beam
2. Insulation with wall finish
3. Steel plate with tungsten coating
4. Rubber to separate direct contact of glass and metal
5. Tungsten embedded connection
6. Glass Block



L-JUNCTION



Fusion Block

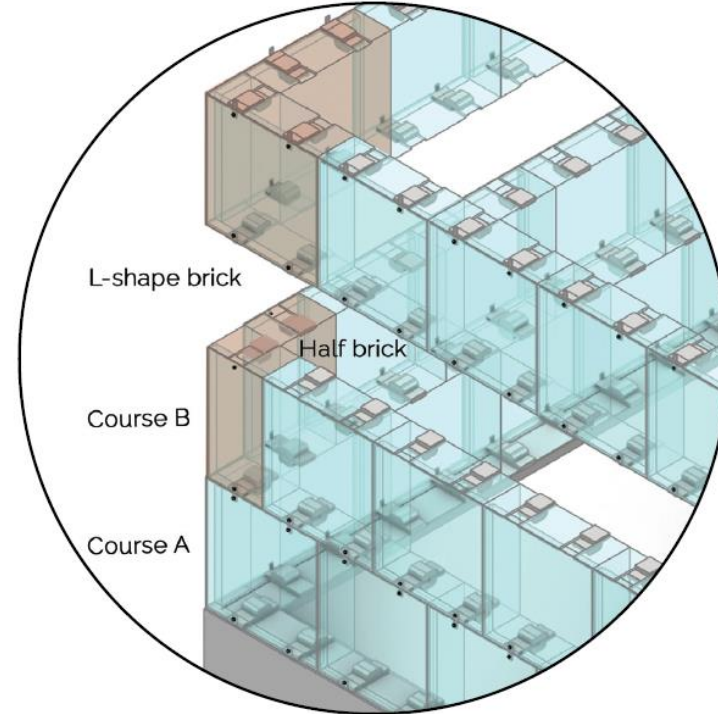
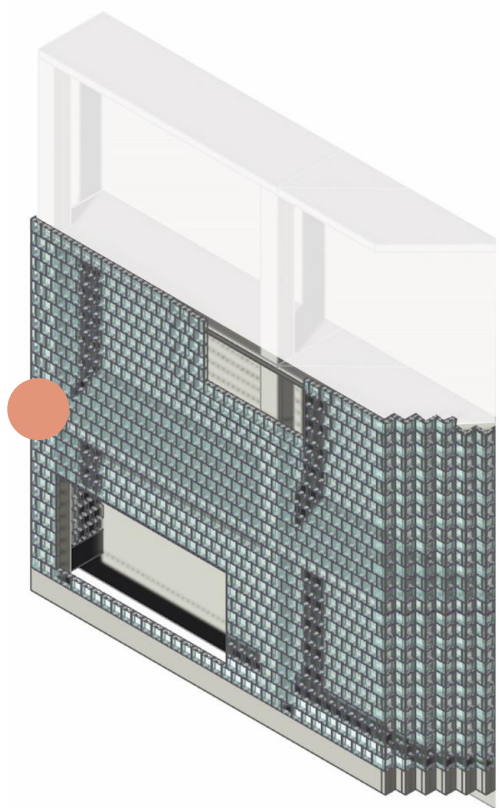
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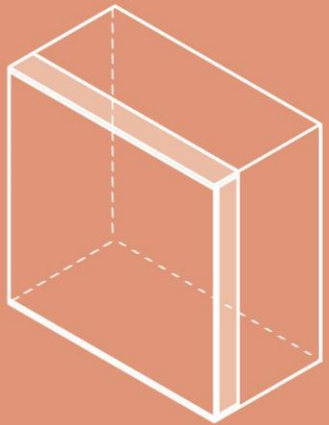
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CORBEL JUNCTION



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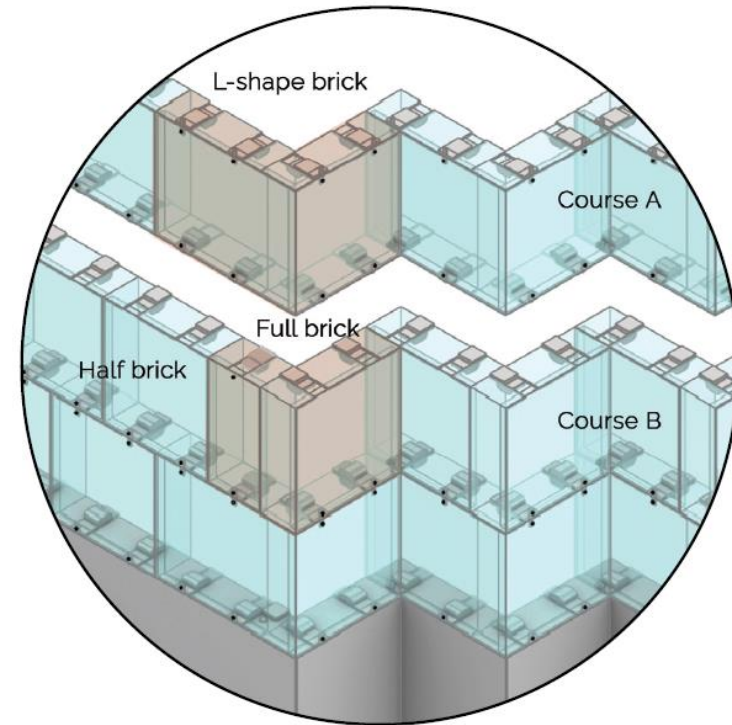
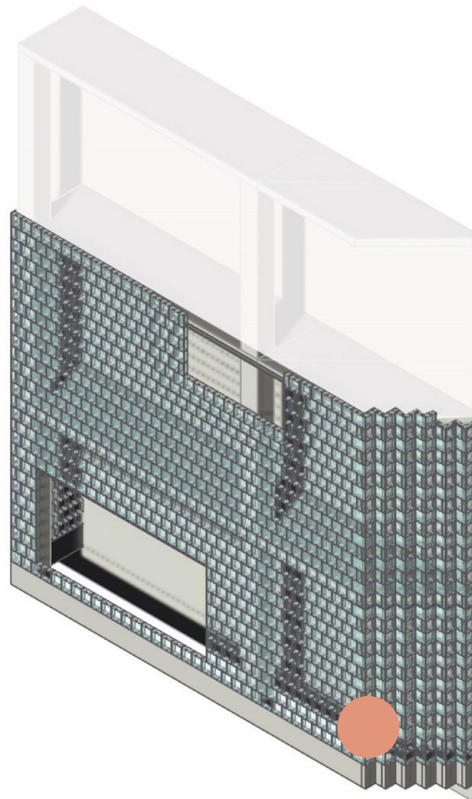
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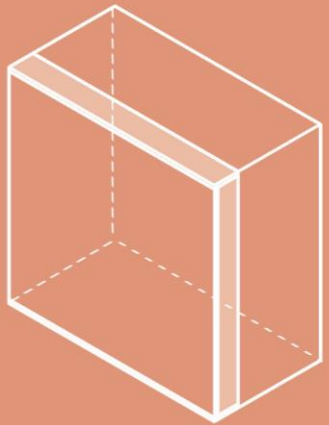
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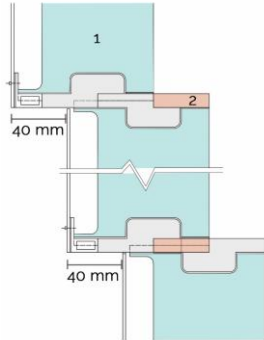
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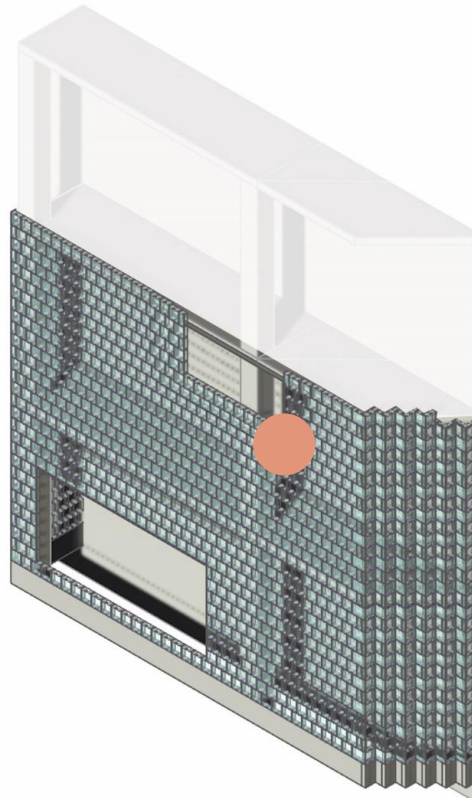
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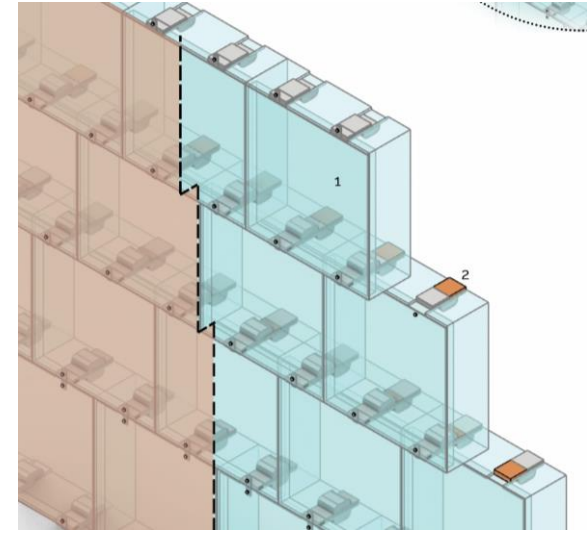
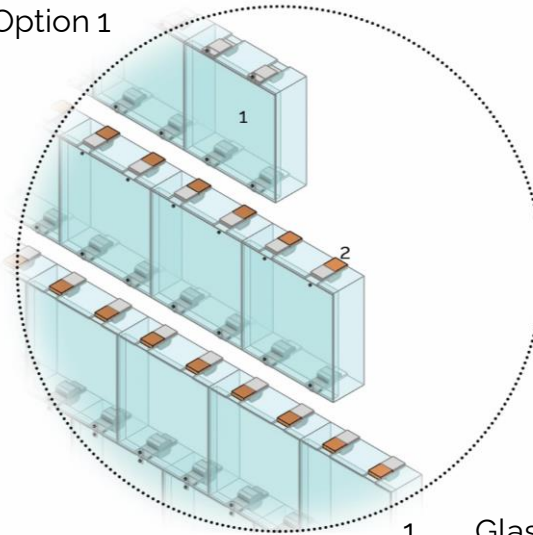
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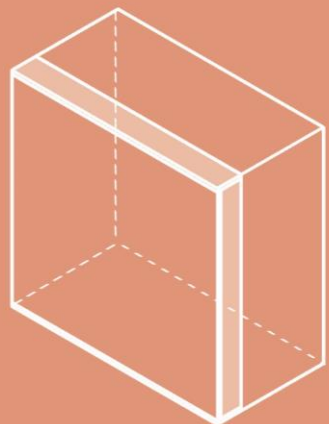
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Option 1



- 1. Glass Block
- 2. Tungsten rectangular block



Fusion Block

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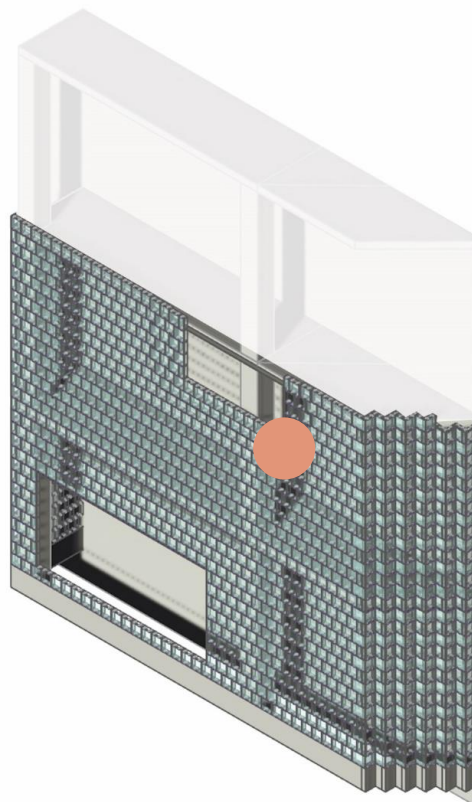
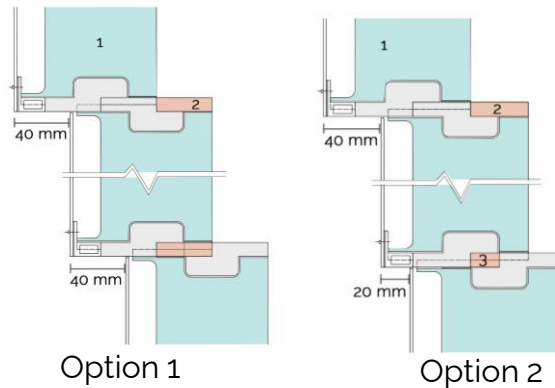
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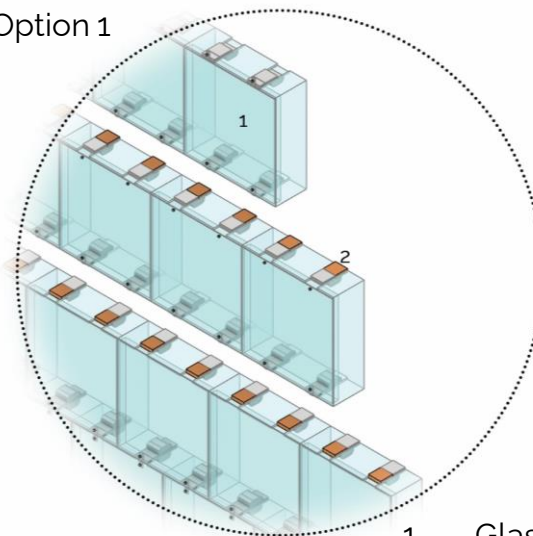
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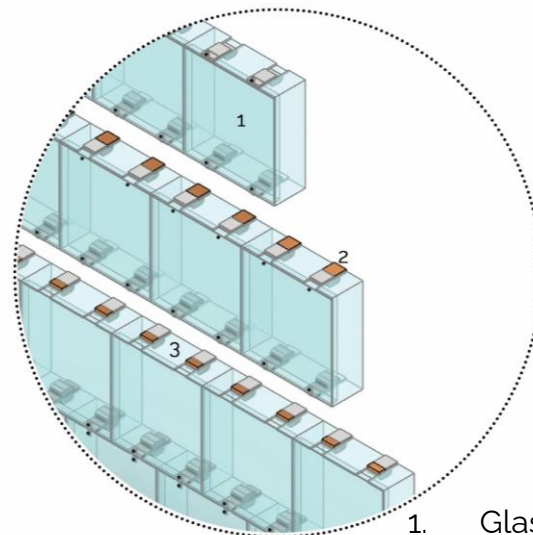
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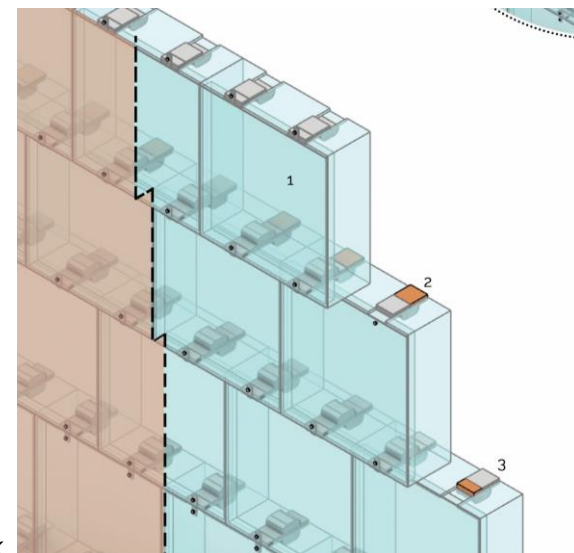
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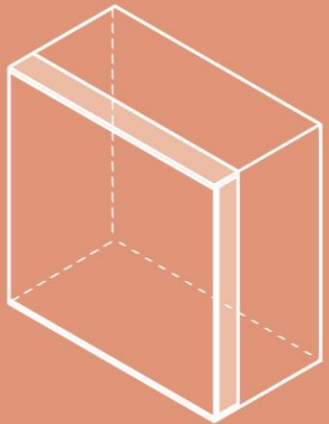


Option 2



- 1. Glass Block
- 2. Tungsten rectangular block 40mm
- 3. Tungsten rectangular block 20mm





Fusion Block

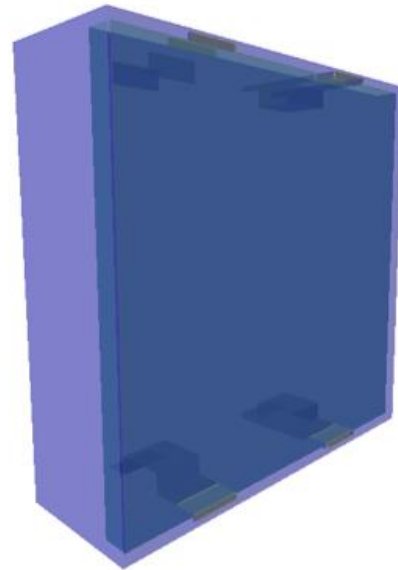
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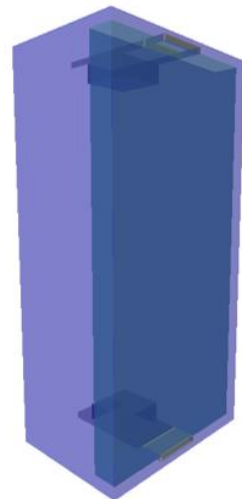
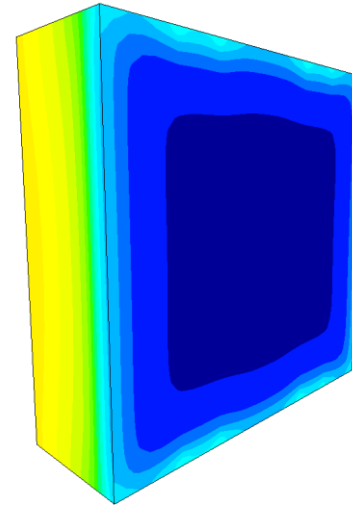
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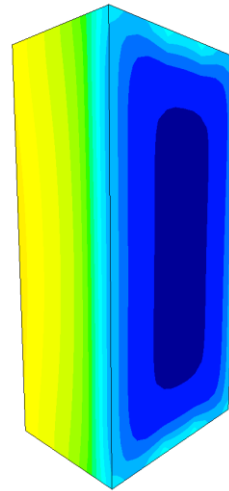
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Full Brick : U-value: 2 W/m²K



Half Brick : U-value: 2.2 W/m²K



The total thermal transmittance of the facade with these block can be calculated as following:

$$U_{\text{fac}} = \frac{U_{\text{full}} S_{\text{full}} + U_{\text{half}} S_{\text{half}}}{S_{\text{total}}}$$

here,

U_{fac} W/m²K Thermal transmittance of facade

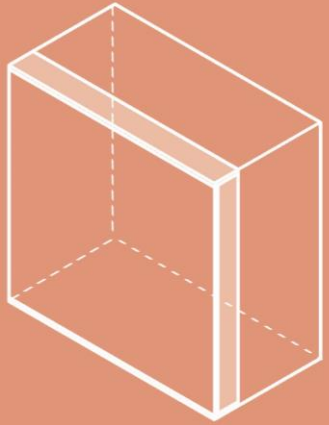
$U_{\text{full}}, U_{\text{half}}$ W/m²K Thermal transmittance of full and half bricks

$S_{\text{full}}, S_{\text{half}}$ m² Surface of full and half bricks

S_{total} m² Total surface area

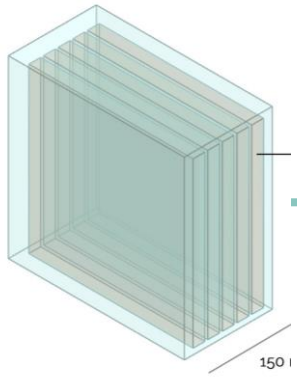
The total thermal transmittance of the facade is:

$$U_{\text{fac}} = \frac{2.0 \times 101.52 + 2.2 \times 1.8}{103.32} = \mathbf{2.0 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}}$$



Fusion Block





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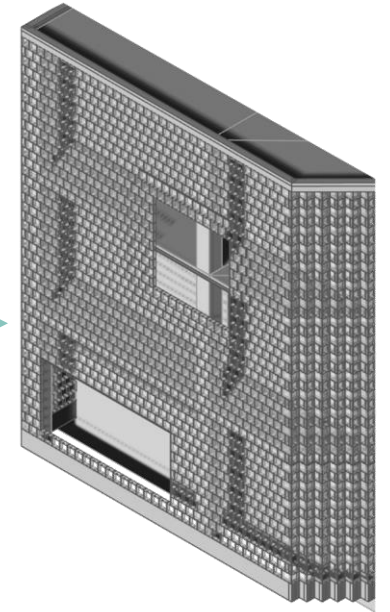
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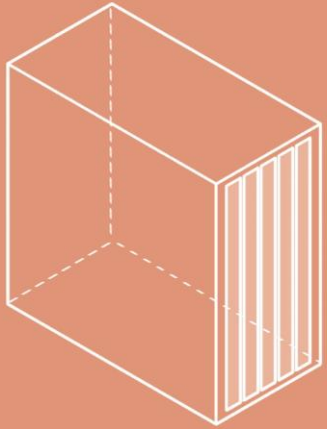
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Installation

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Thermal Performance





Lattice Block

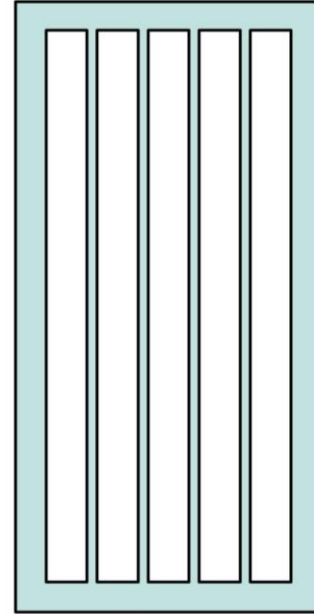
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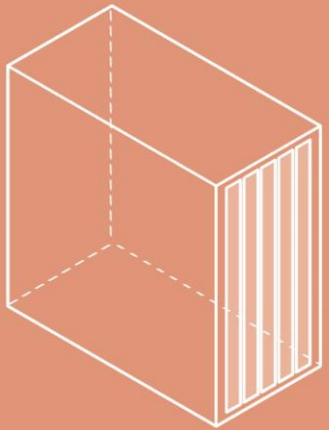
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U-value: 1.65 W/m²K
Block width: 150mm
Cavity width: 20mm



Lattice Block

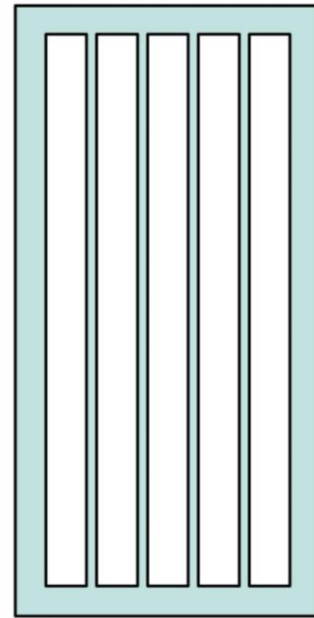
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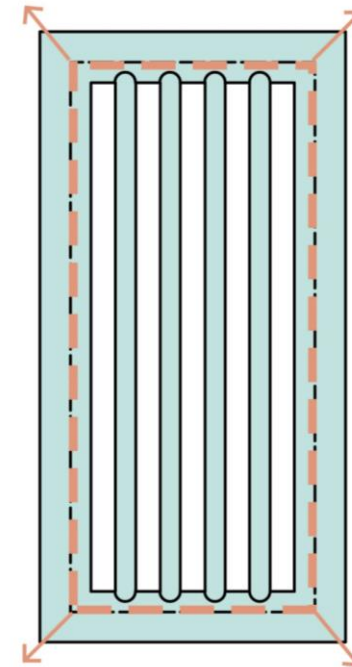
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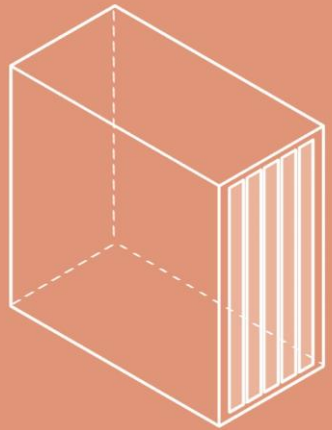
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U-value: 1.65 W/m²K
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Cavity width: 20mm



U-value: 1.8 W/m²K
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Cavity width: 20mm



Lattice Block

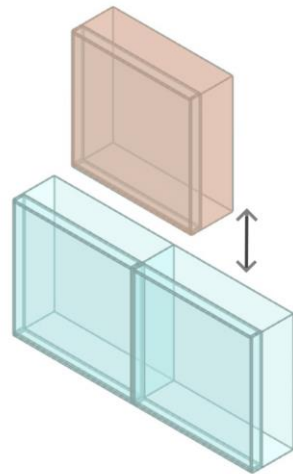
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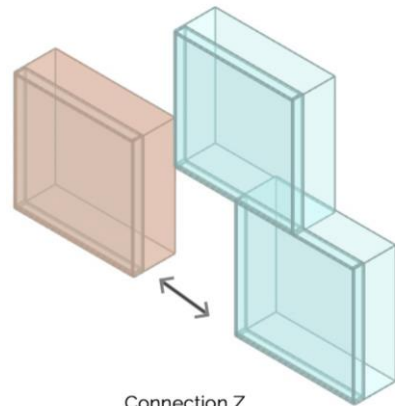
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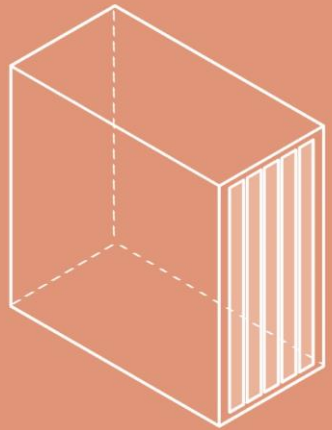
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Connection Y



Connection Z



Lattice Block

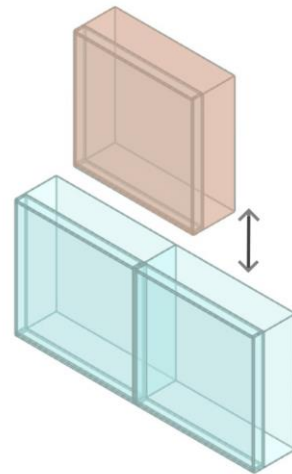
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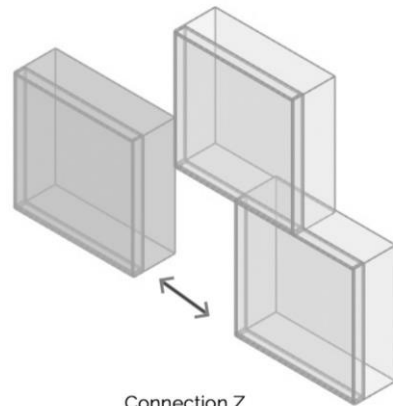
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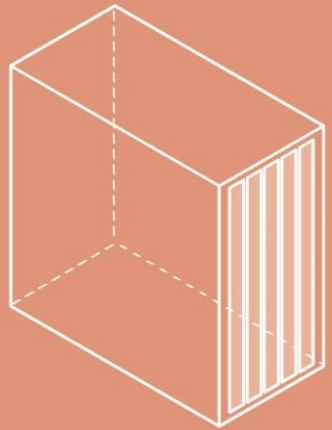
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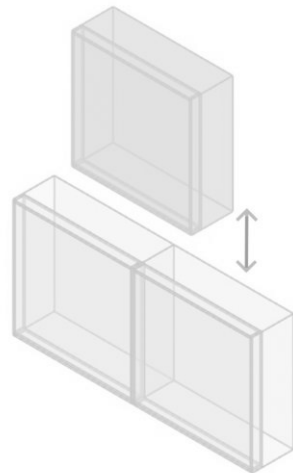
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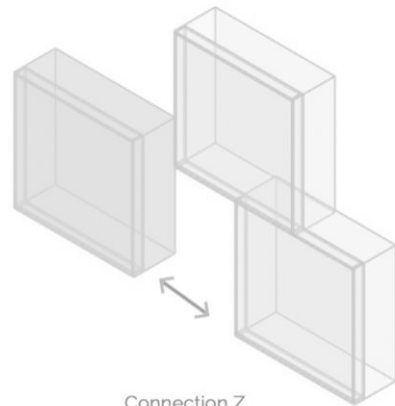
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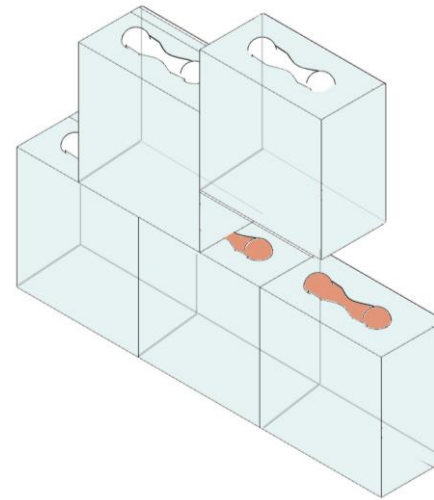
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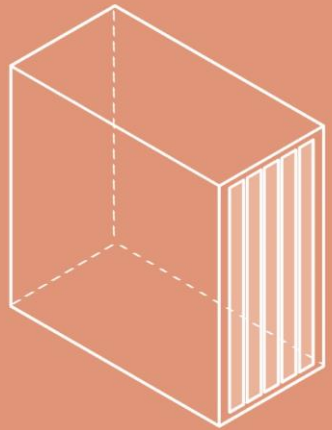
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Option 1
Connection Y: King-Queen
Interlocking



Lattice Block

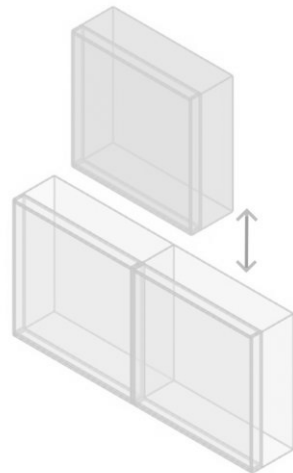
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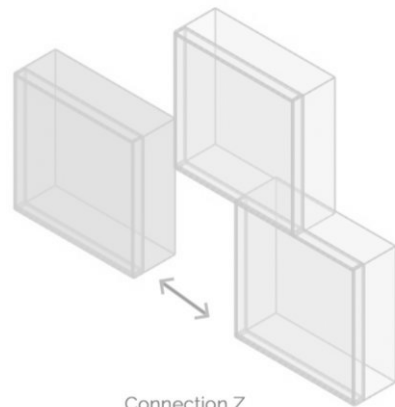
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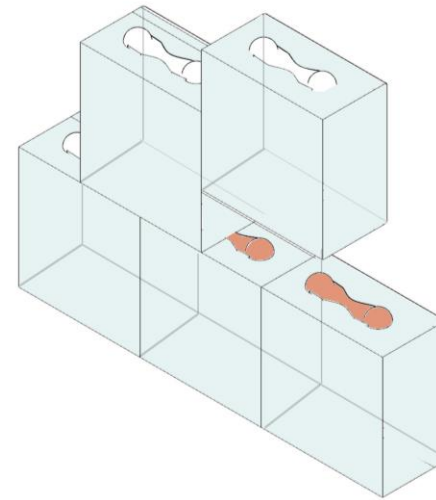
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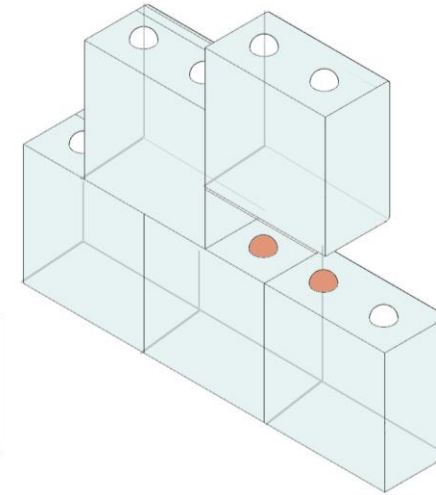
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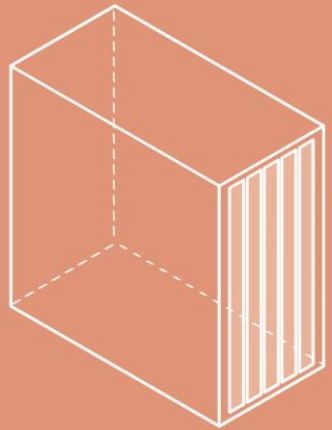
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Option 1
Connection Y: King-Queen Interlocking



Option 2
Connection Y: Hemispherical Interlock



Lattice Block

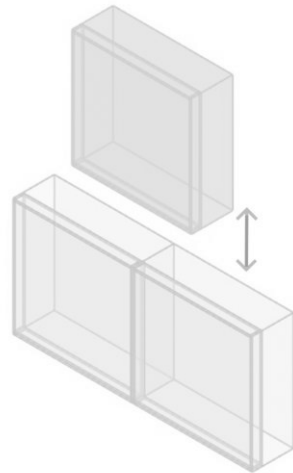
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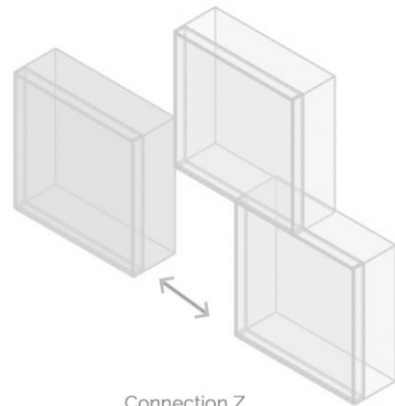
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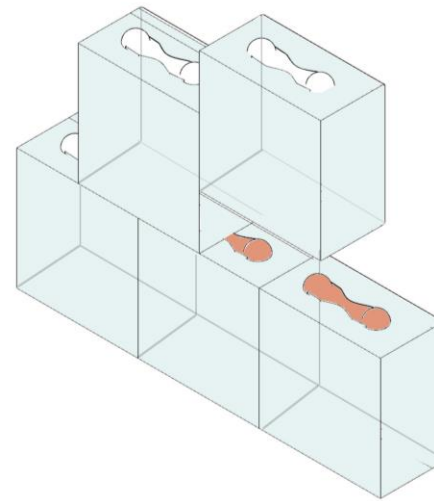
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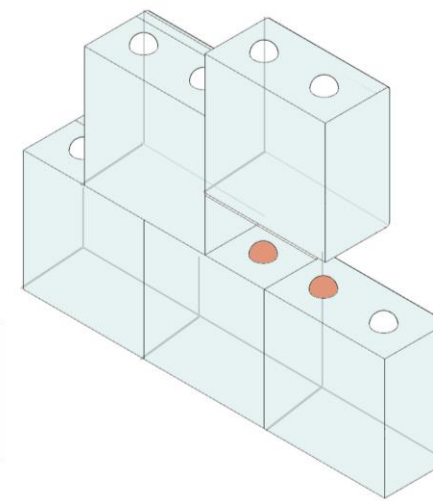
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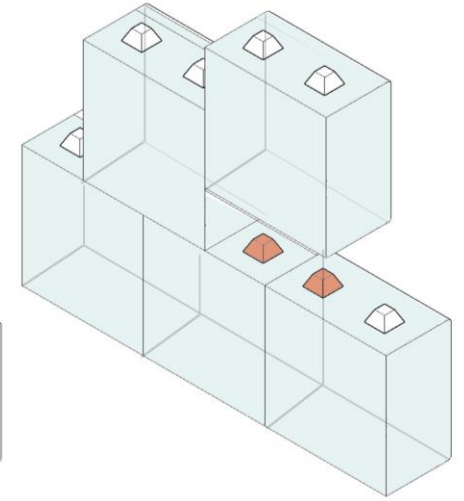
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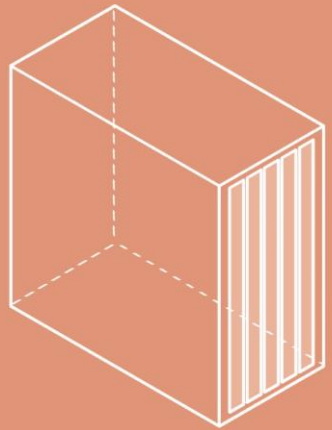
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Option 3
Connection Y: Lego Type Interlock



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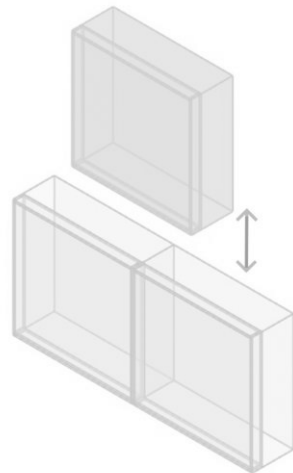
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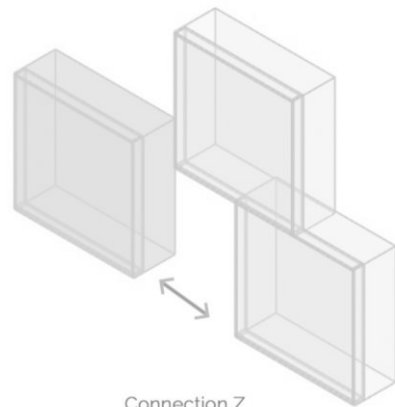
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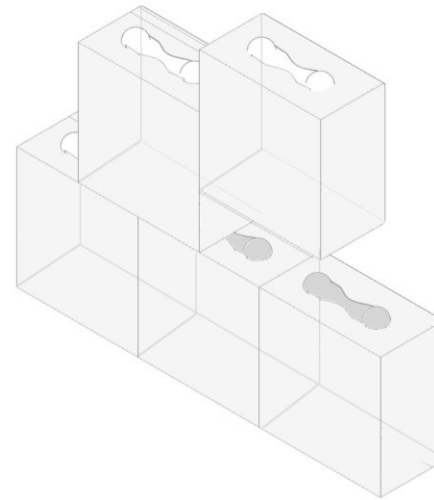
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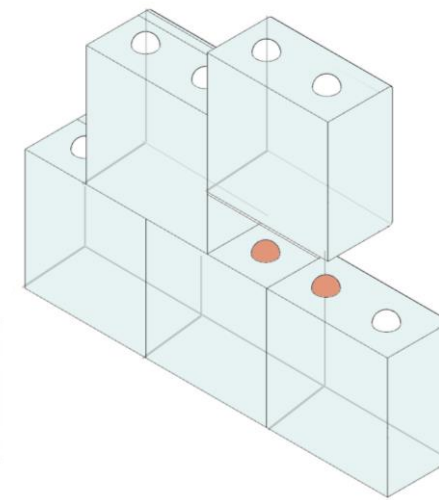
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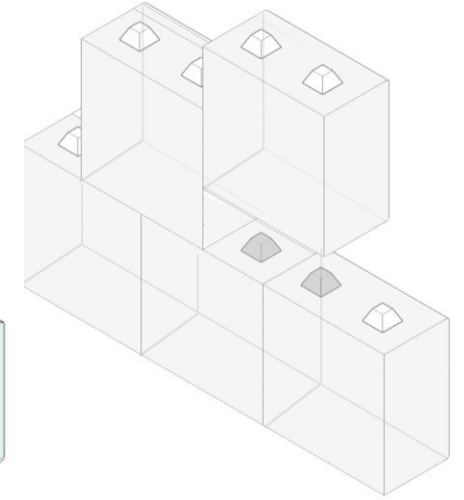
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Option 1
Connection Y: King-Queen
Interlocking

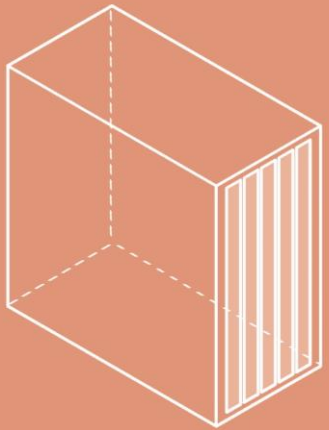


Option 2
Connection Y: Hemispherical
Interlock



Option 3
Connection Y: Lego Type
Interlock

Connection Type		Unobstructed view	Reversibility	Ease of assembly	Load Distribution	Overall
Lattice Block	King-Queen Block interlock	++++	++++	++	++	+++
	Hemispherical Interlock	++++	++++	++++	++++	++++
	Lego type Interlock	+++	++++	++++	+++	+++



Lattice Block

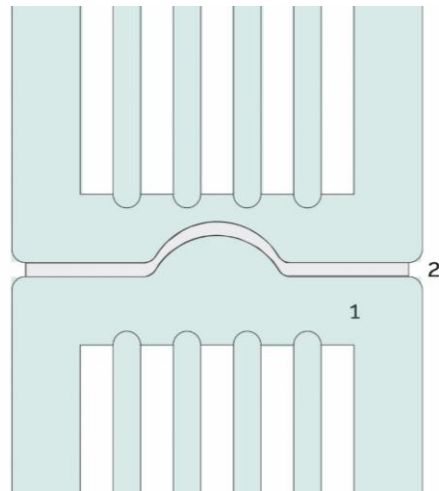
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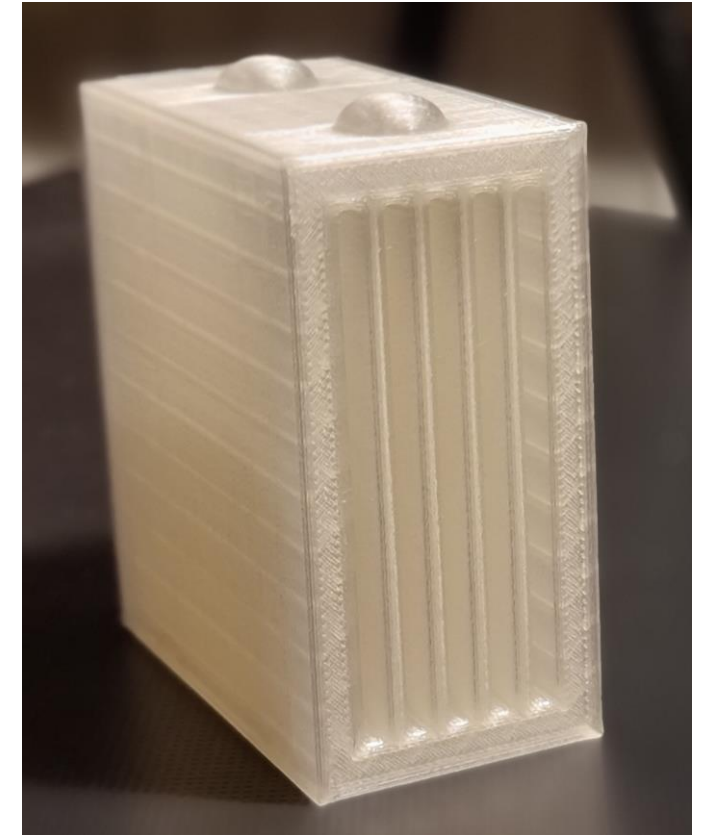
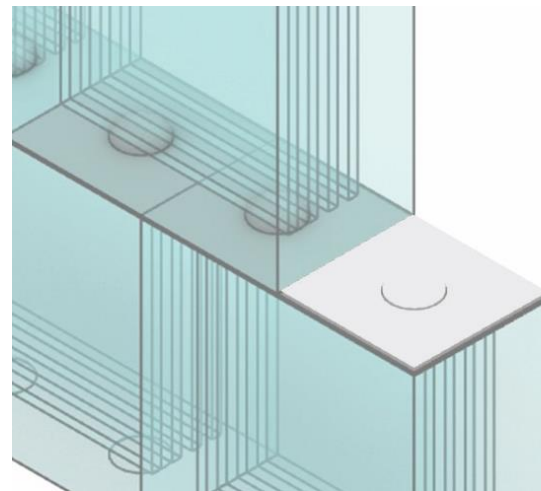
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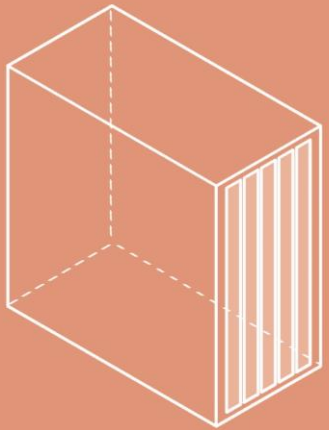
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2. Neoprene Interlayer





Lattice Block

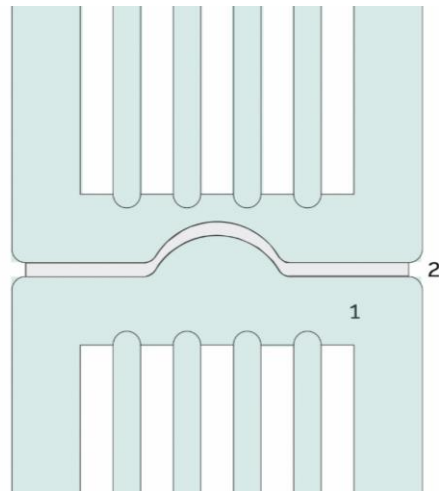
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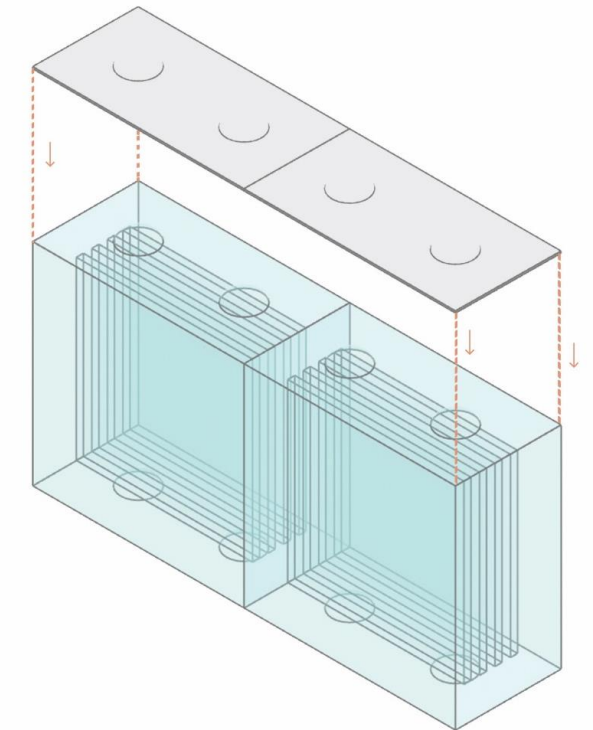
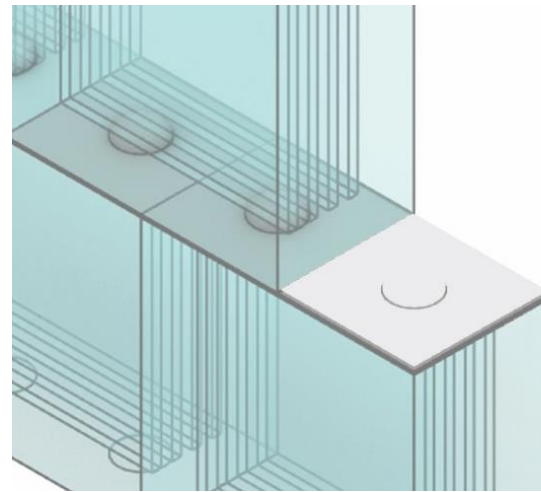
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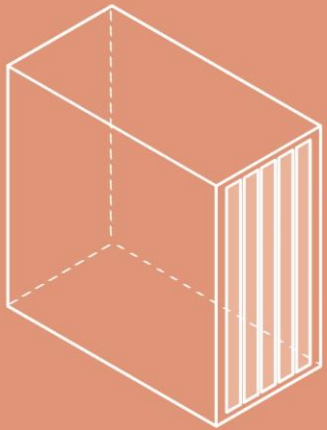
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Step 1



Lattice Block

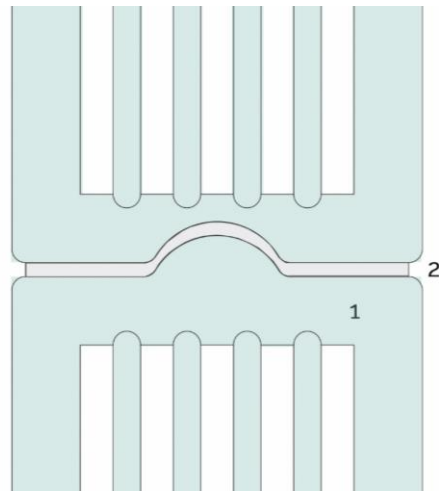
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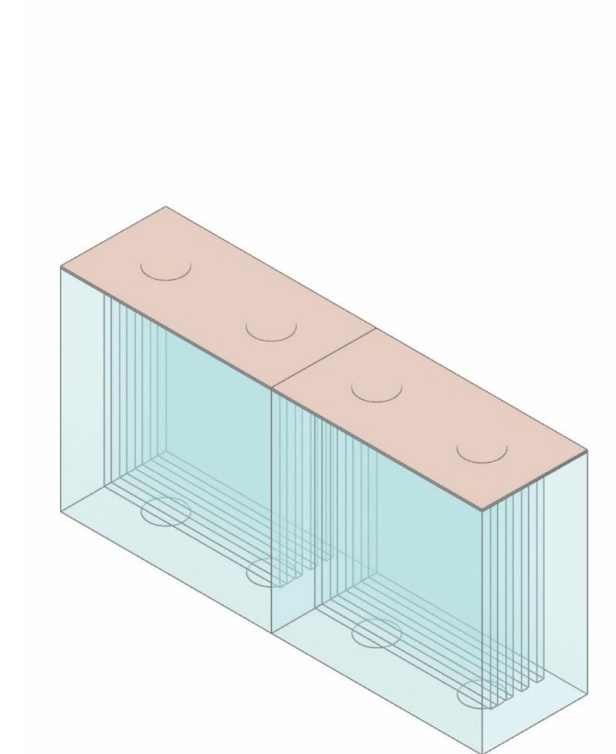
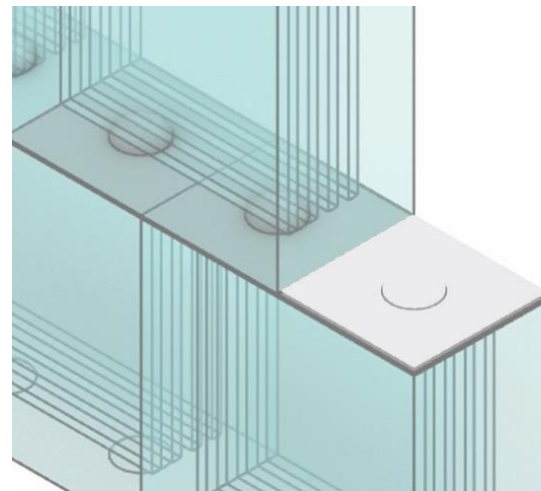
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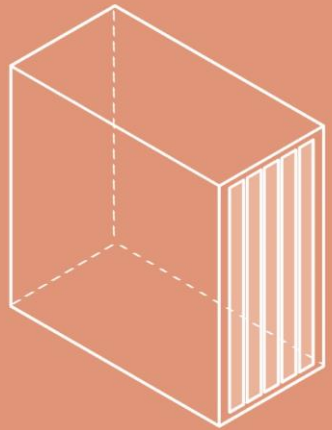
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Step 2



Lattice Block

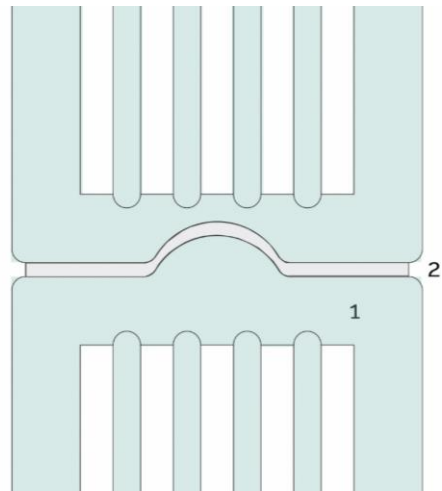
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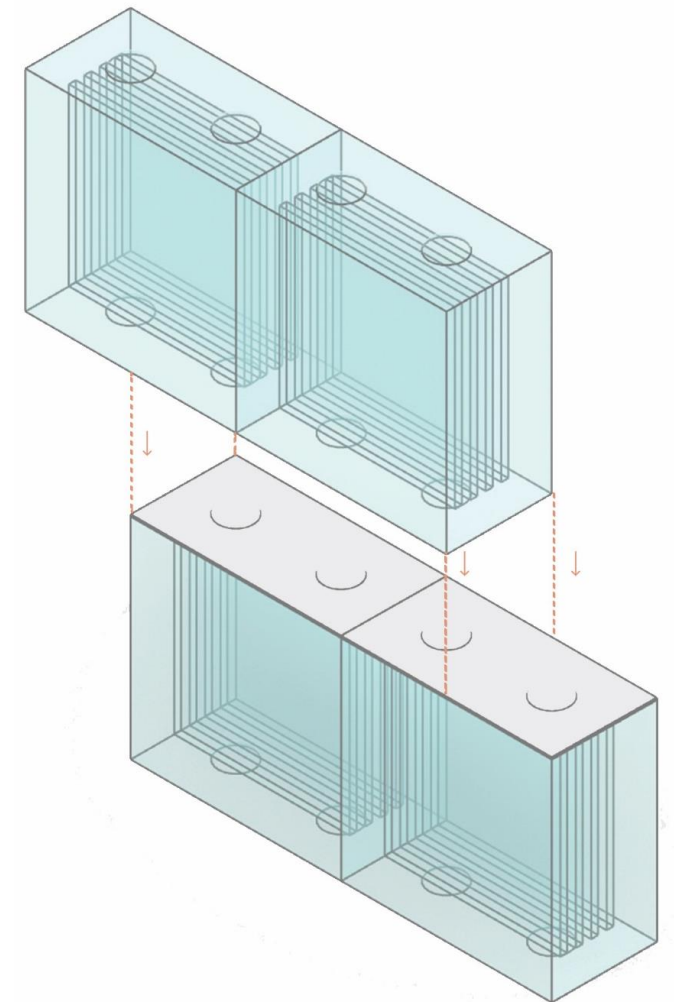
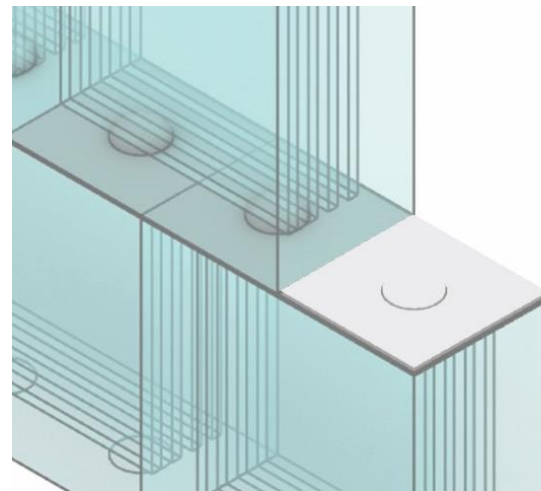
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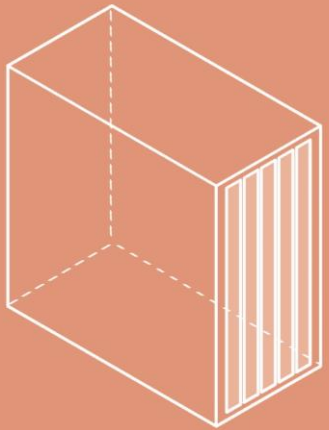
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Step 3



Lattice Block

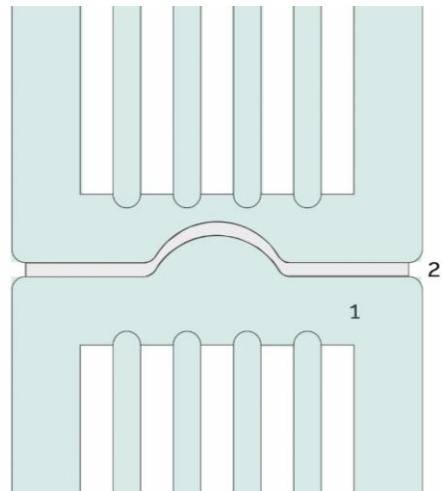
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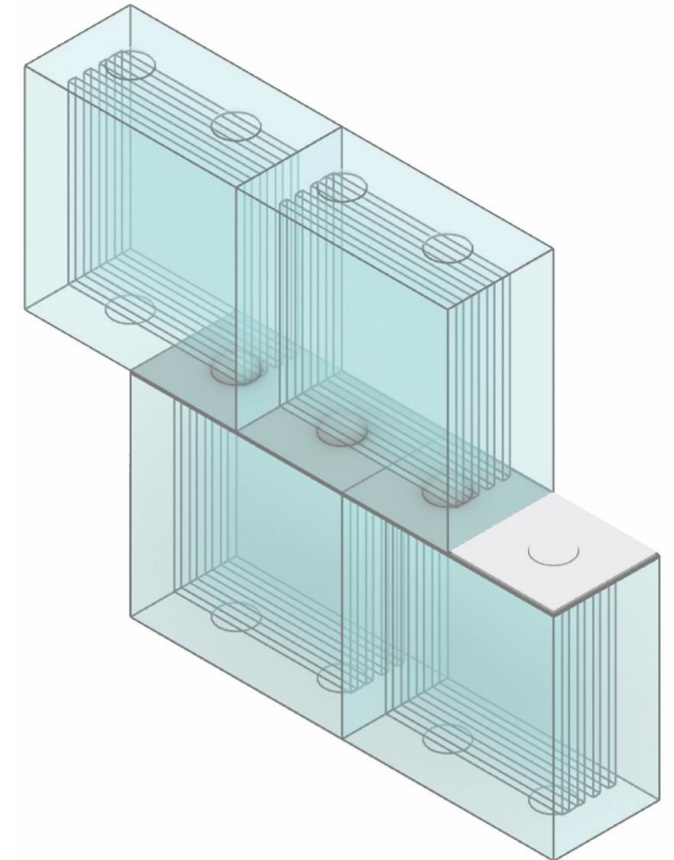
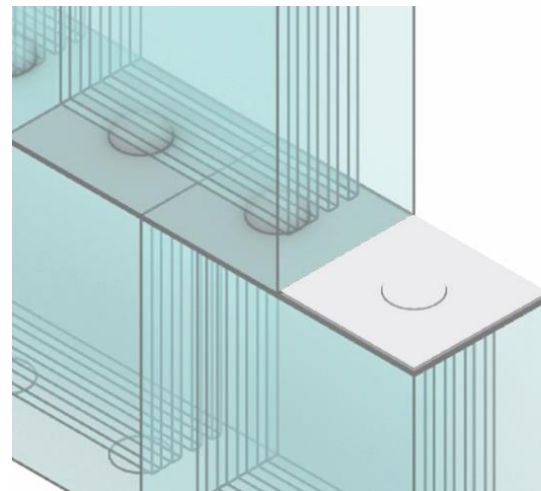
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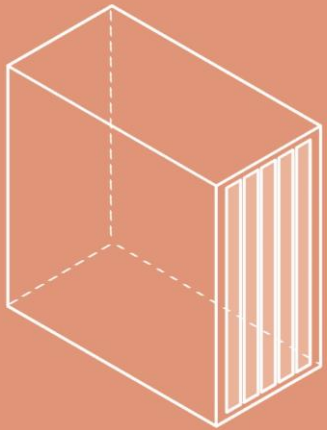
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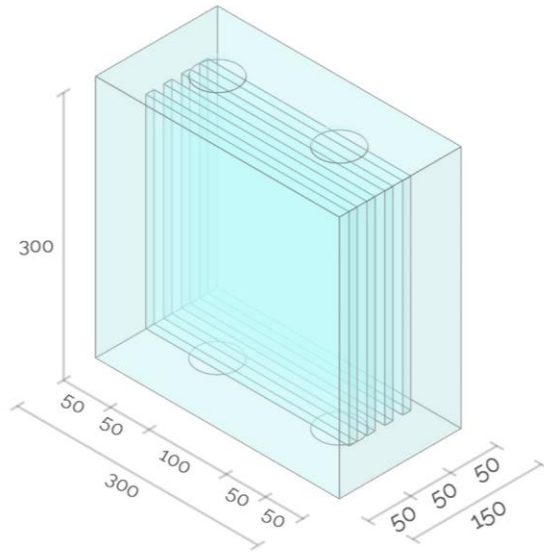
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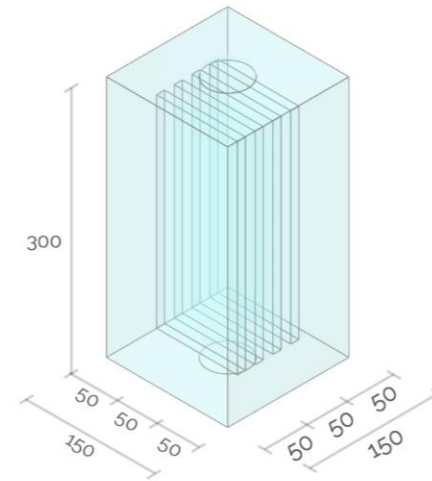
Step 4



Full Brick



Half Brick



Total number of blocks: 1266
 Full Brick: 1246
 Half Brick: 20

Lattice Block

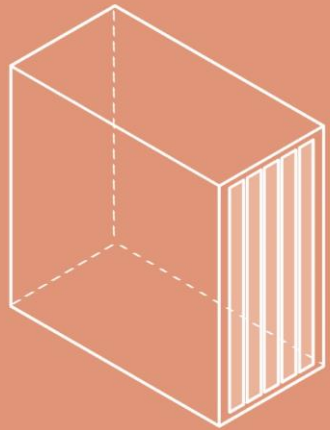
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Lattice Block

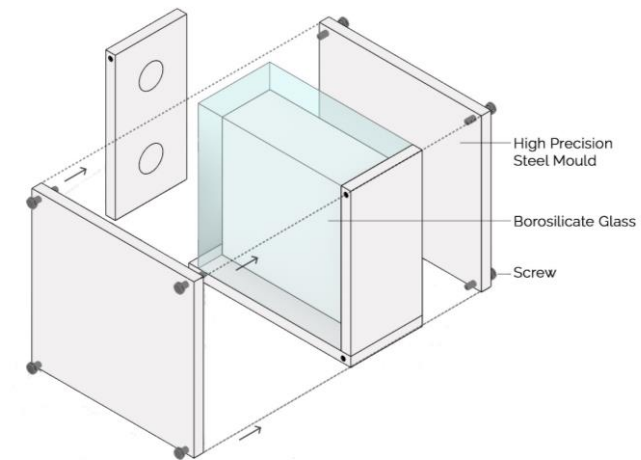
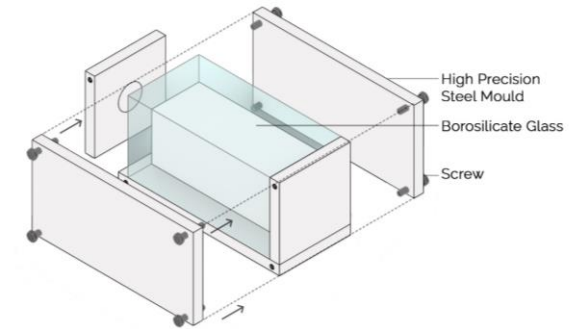
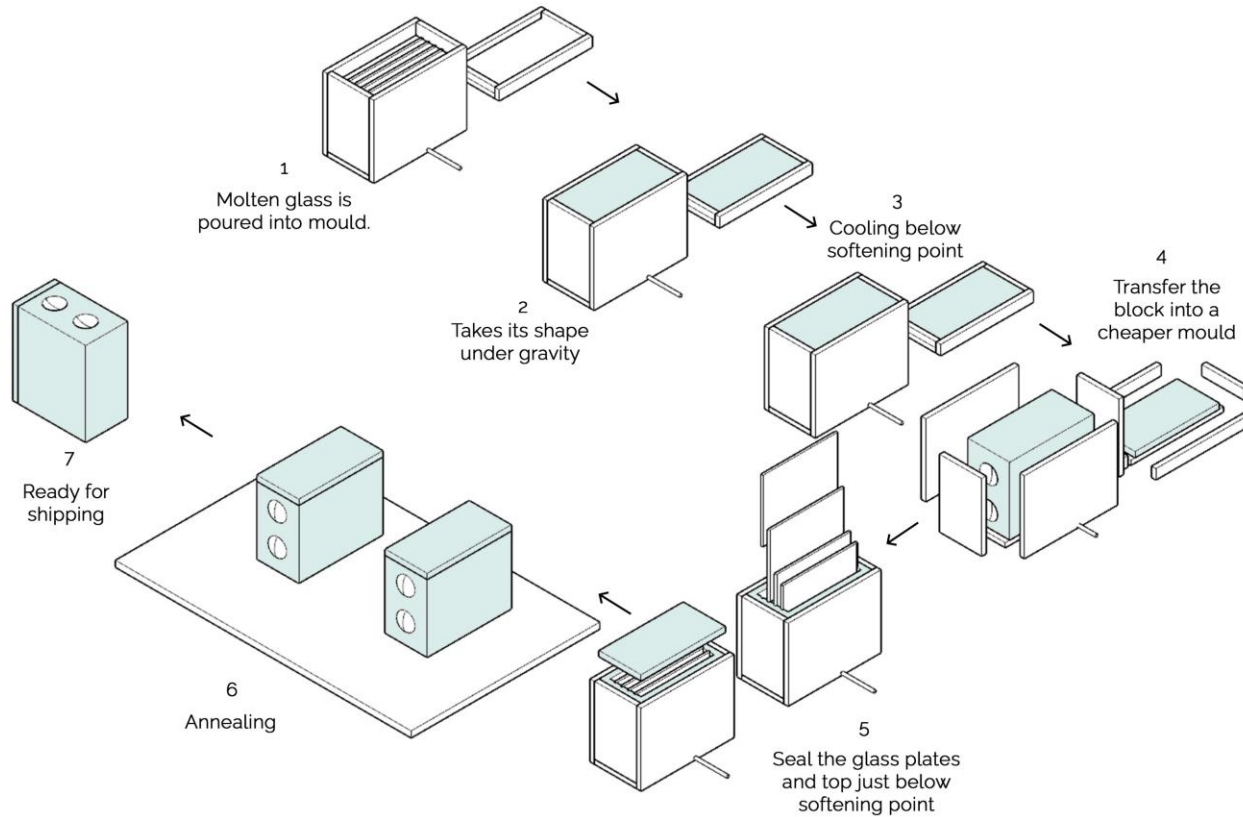
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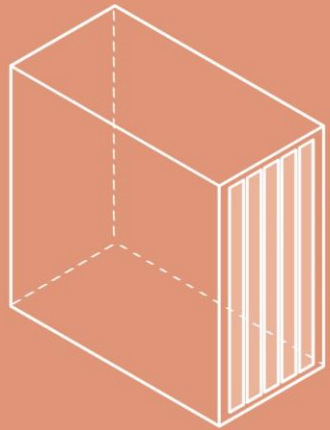
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MANUFACTURING PROCESS OF FULL AND HALF BRICK – OP 1



Lattice Block

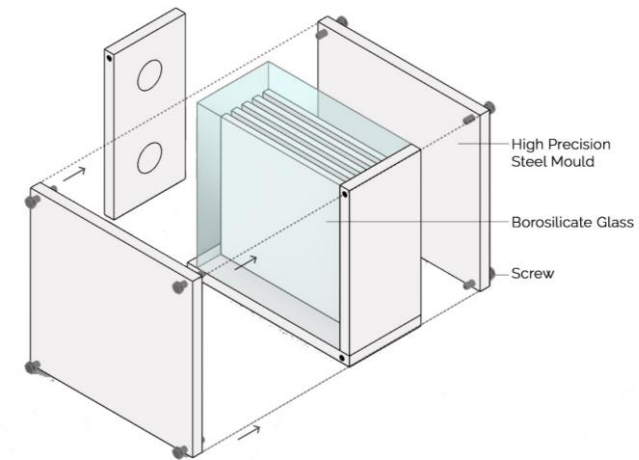
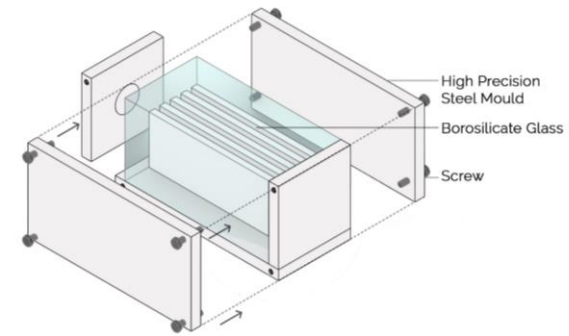
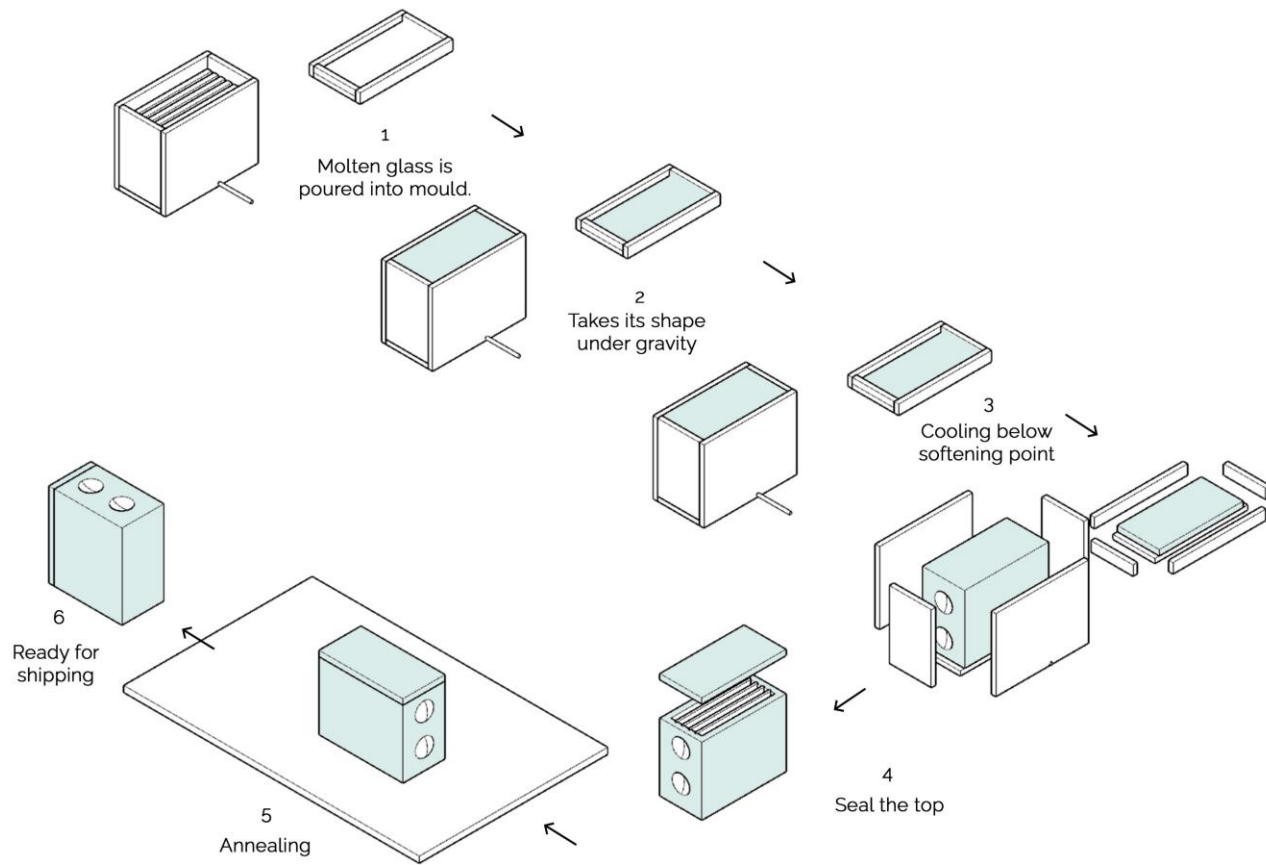
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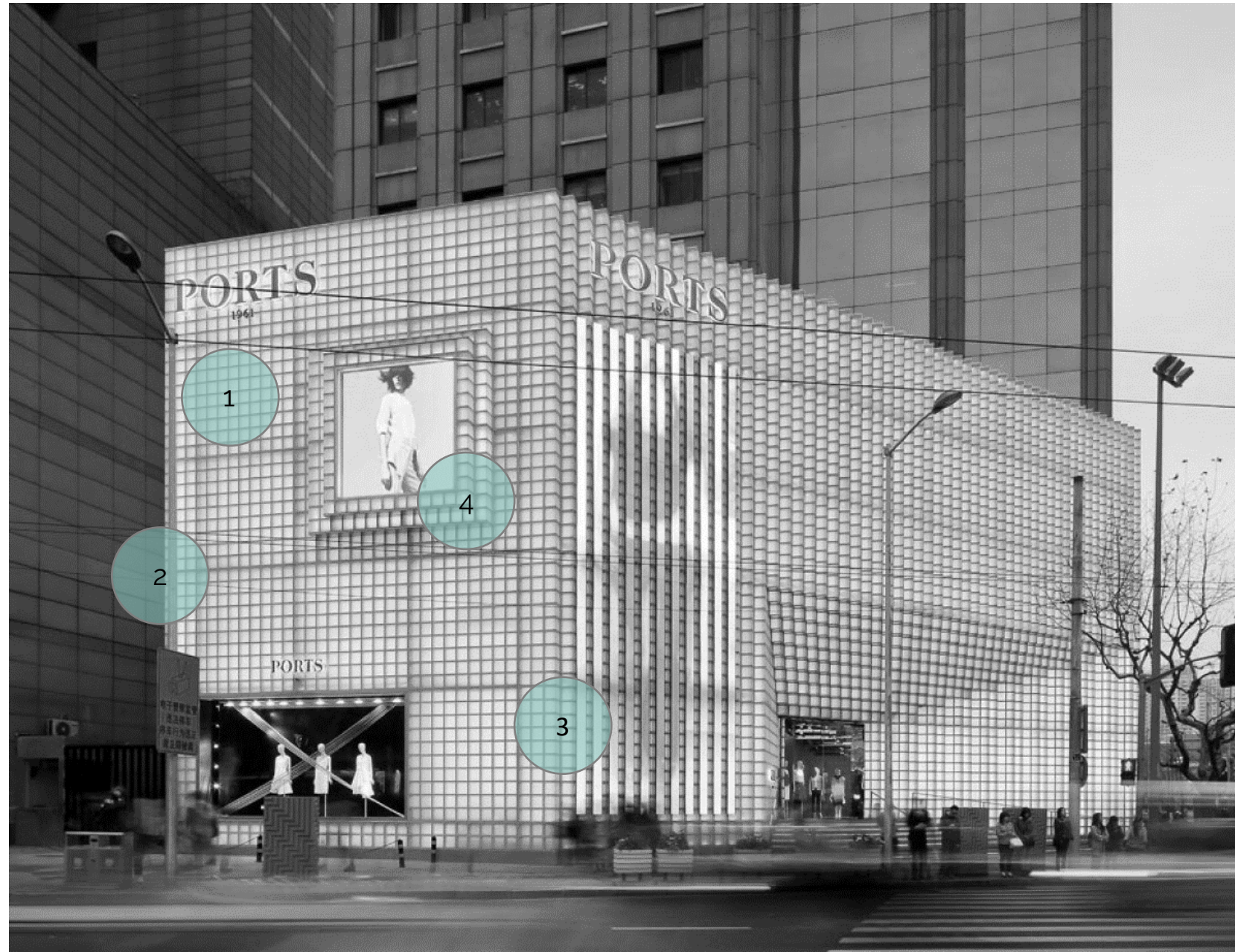


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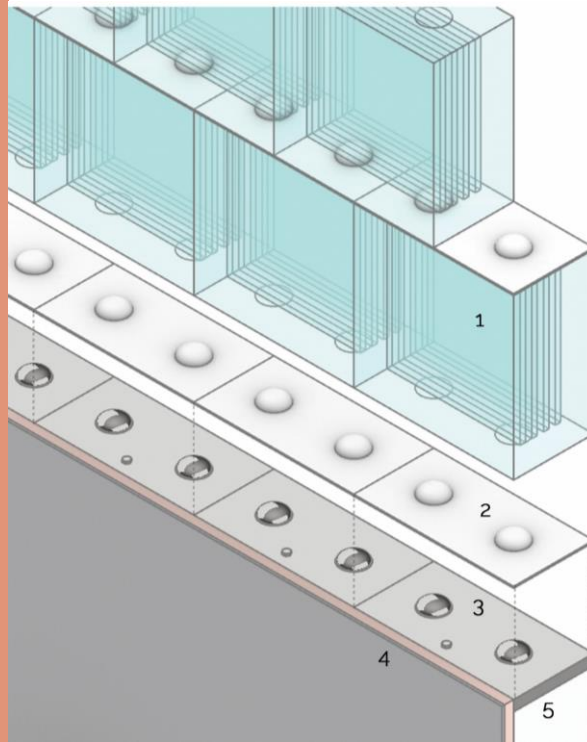
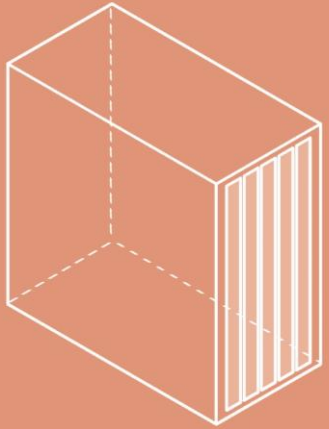
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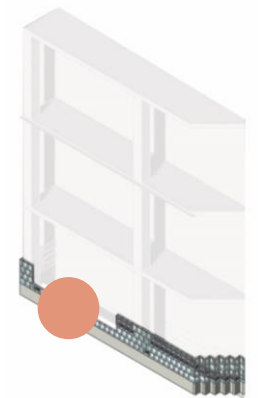
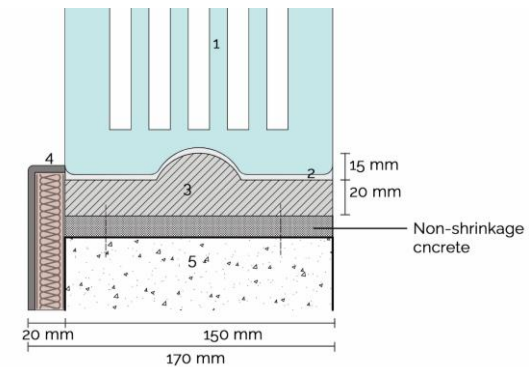
1. Straight façade
2. L-Junction
3. Corbel Junction
4. Corbel Window



BOTTOM CONNECTION



1. Glass Block
2. Neoprene interlayer
3. Steel plate
4. Insulation with wall finish
5. Concrete base



Lattice Block

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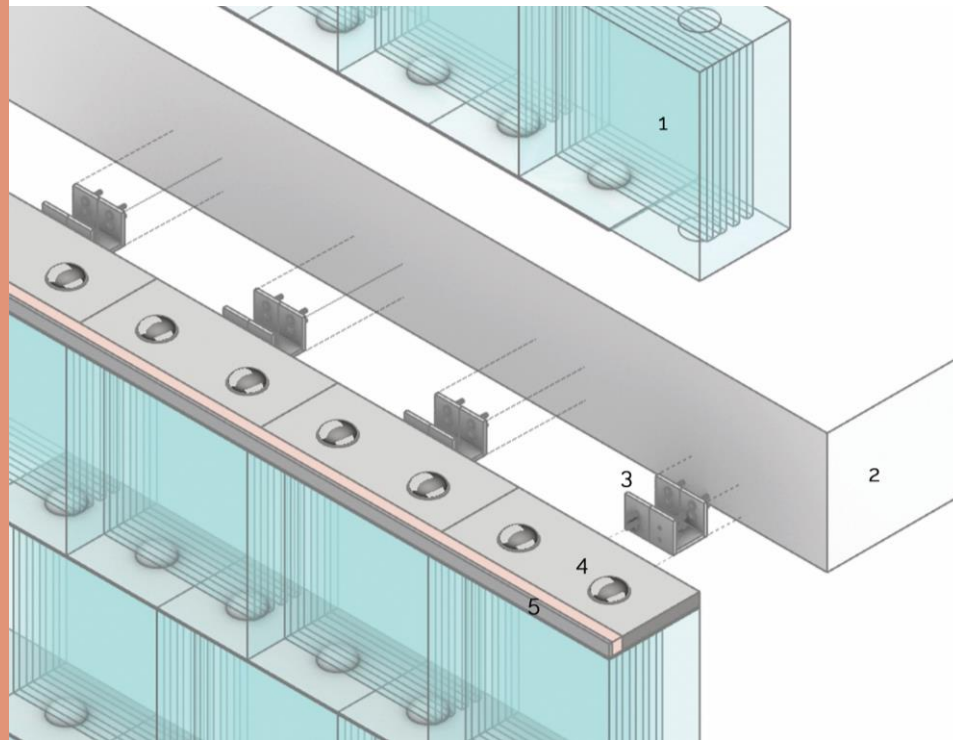
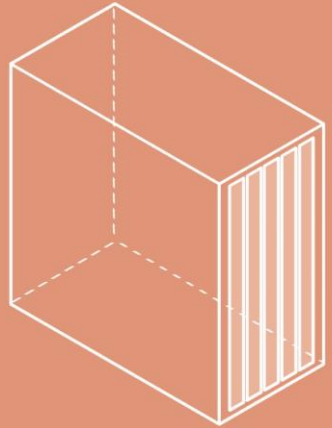
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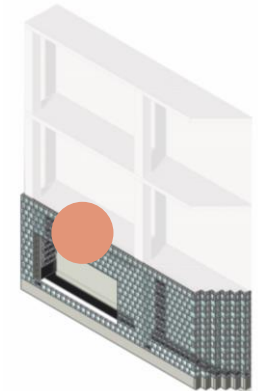
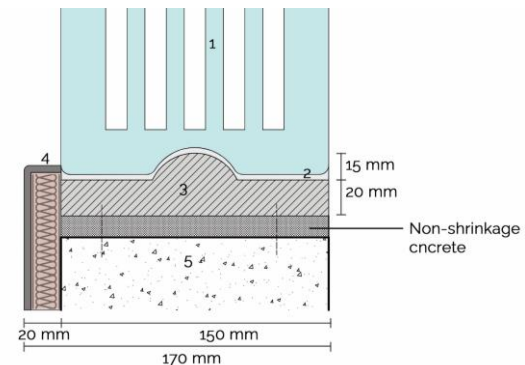
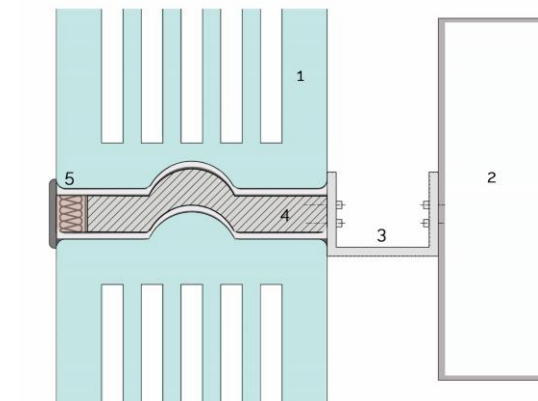
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INTERMEDIATE FLOOR CONNECTION



1. Glass Block
2. Floor slab
3. Steel angle-section
4. Steel plate
5. Insulation with wall finish



Lattice Block

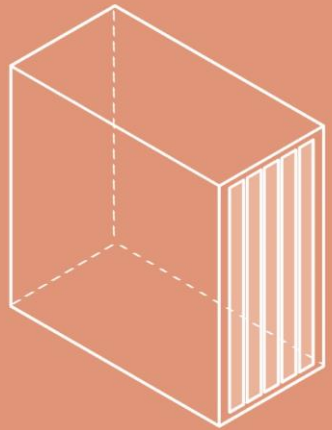
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Lattice Block

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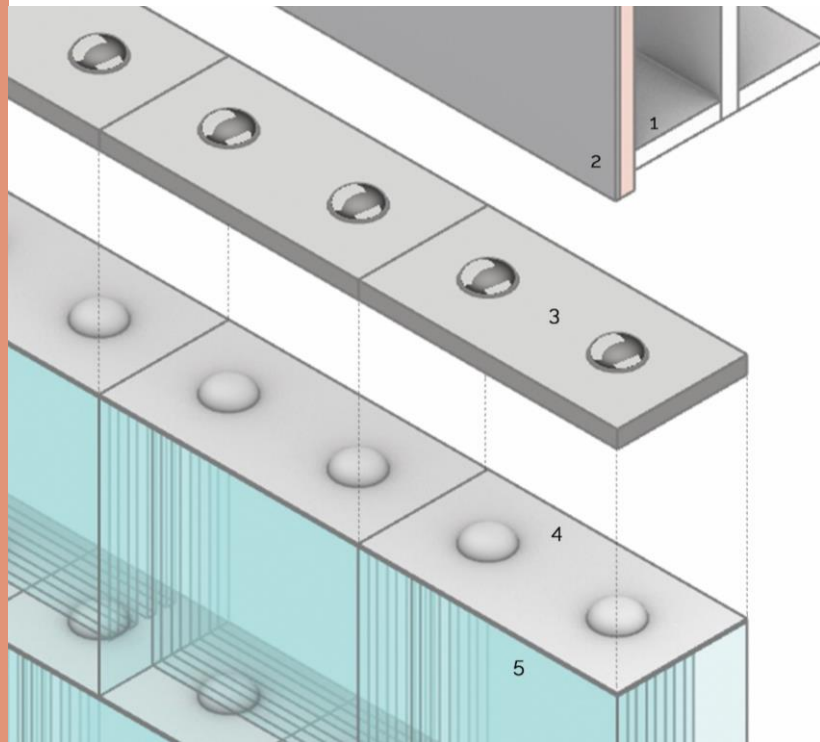
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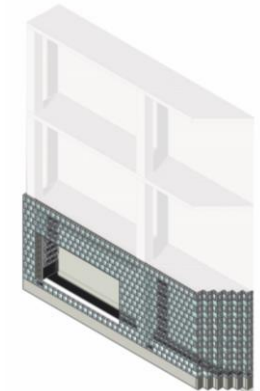
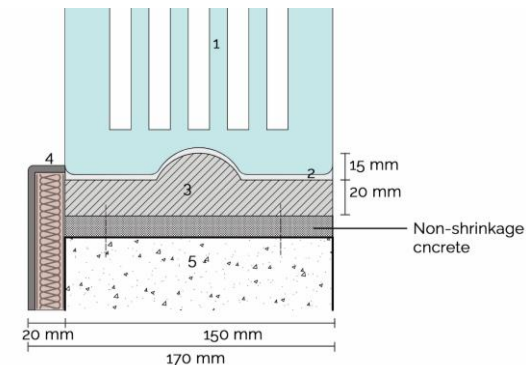
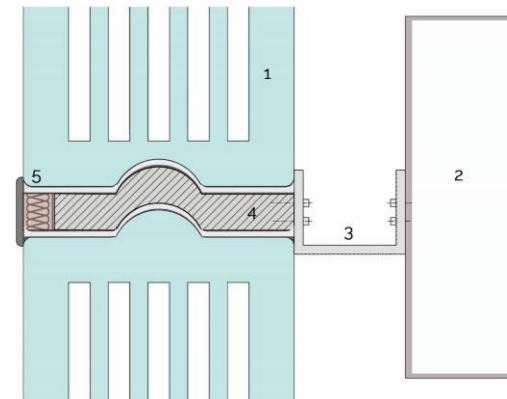
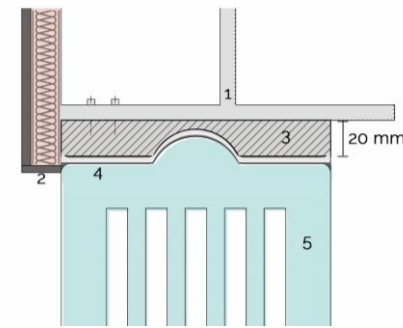
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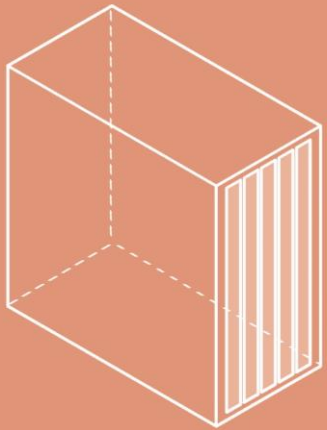
TOP CONNECTION



1. I-beam
2. Insulation with wall finish
3. Steel plate
4. Neoprene interlayer
5. Glass Block



L-JUNCTION



Lattice Block

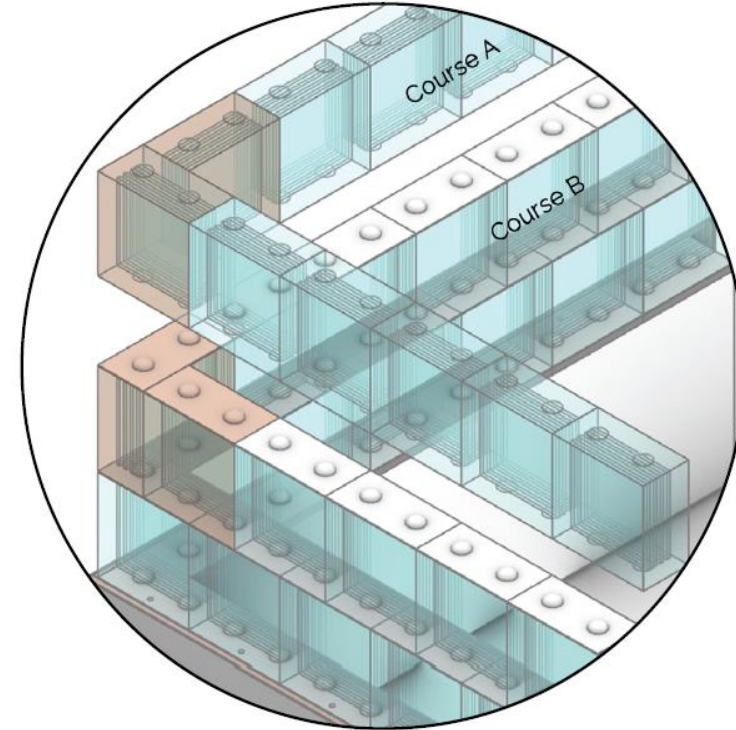
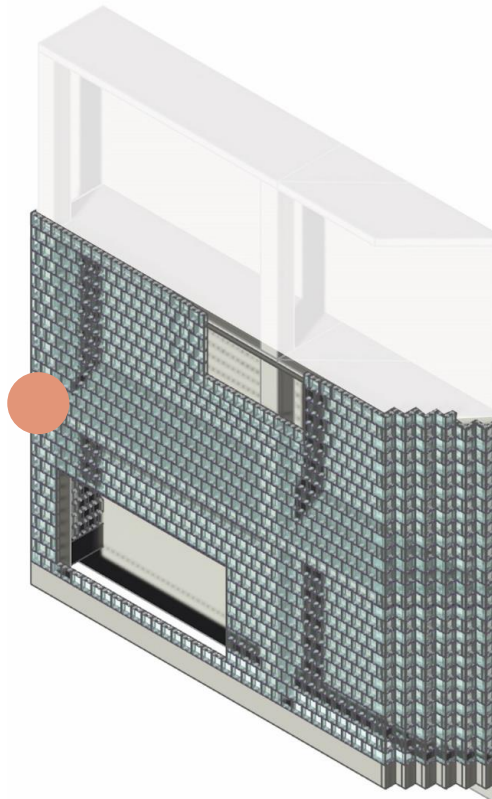
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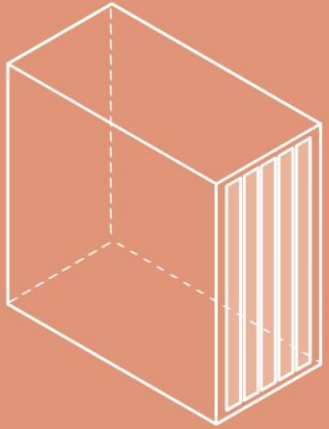
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CORBEL JUNCTION



Lattice Block

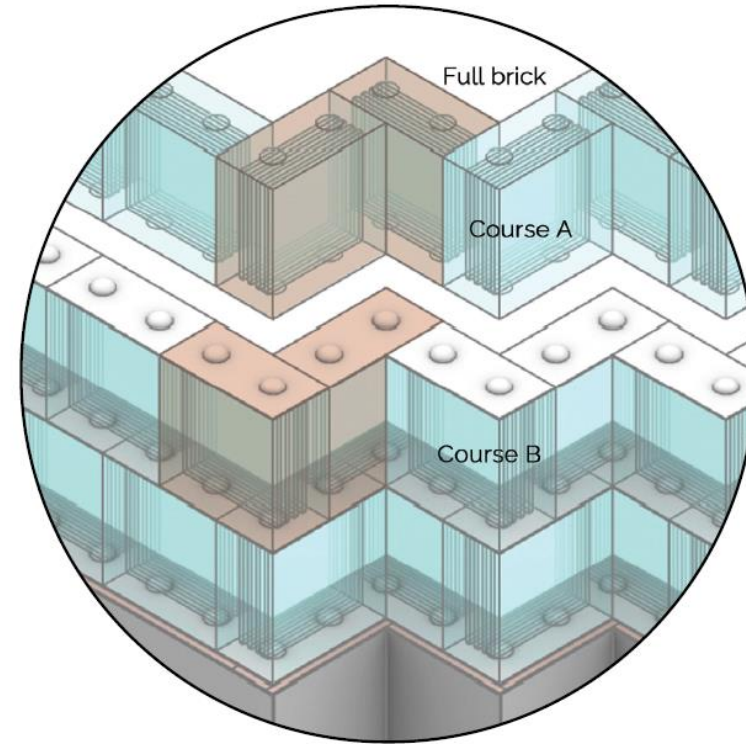
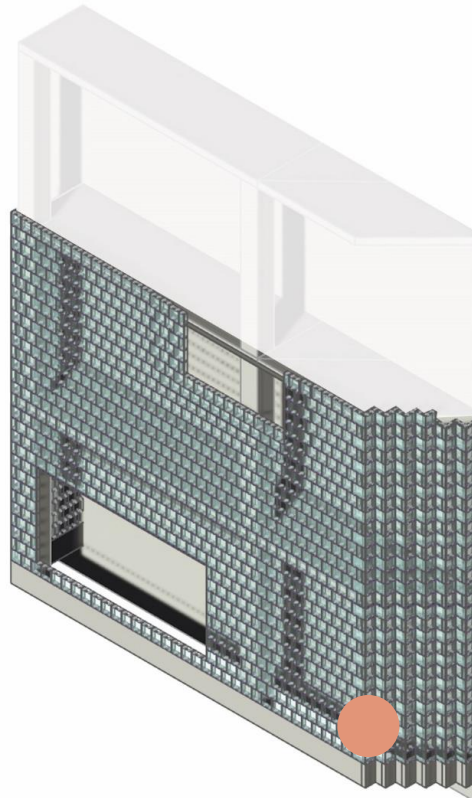
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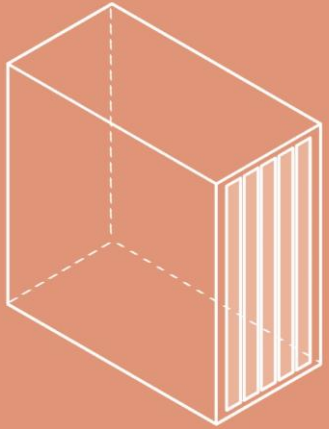
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CORBEL WINDOW



Lattice Block

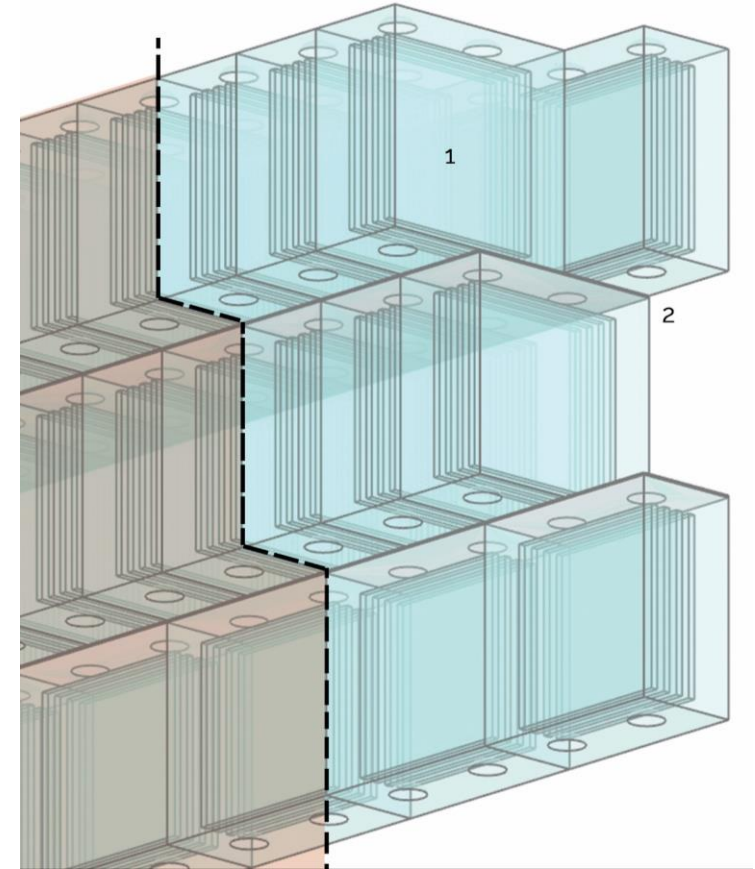
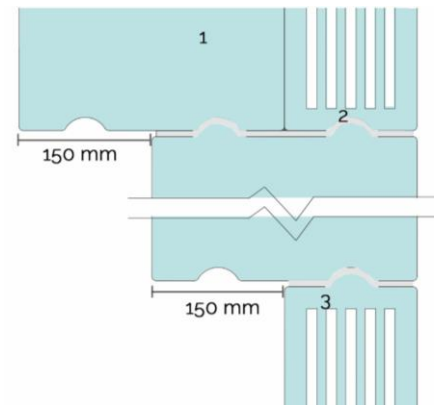
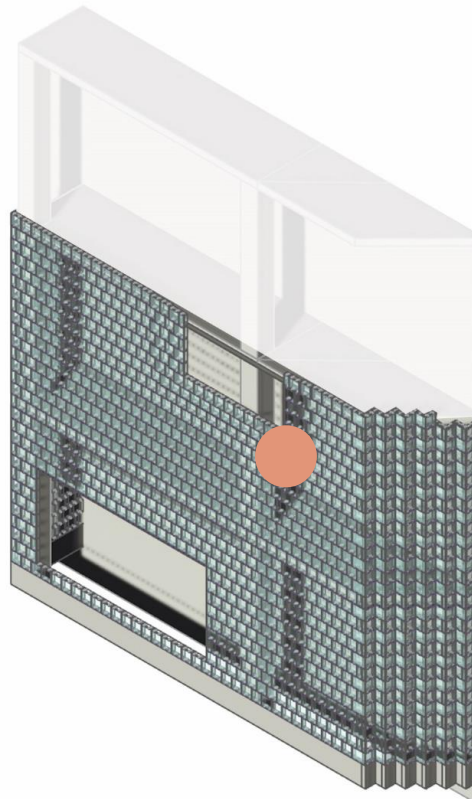
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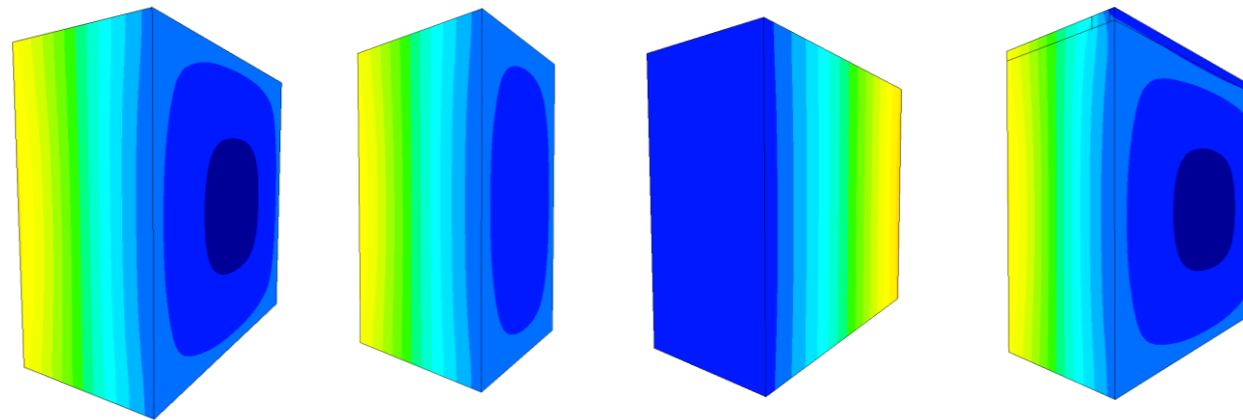
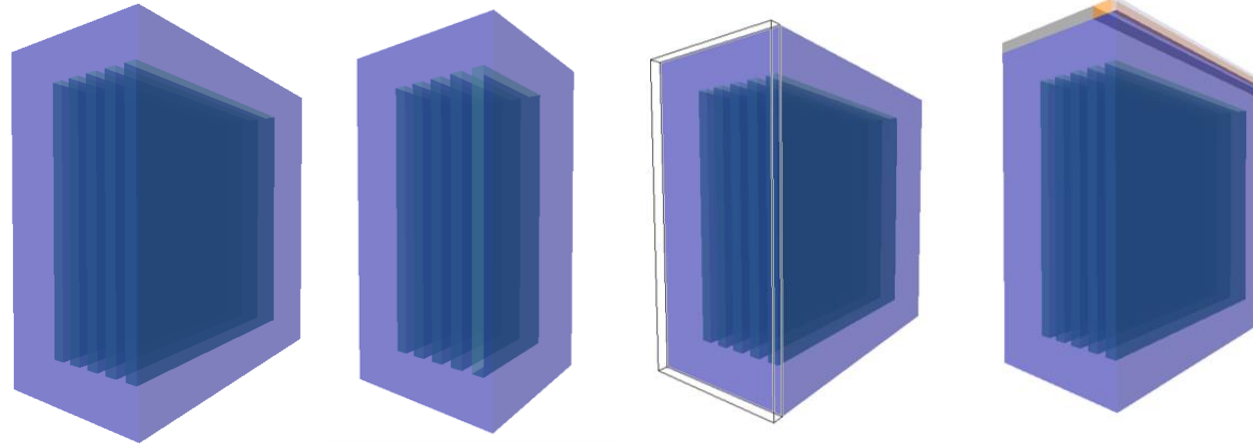
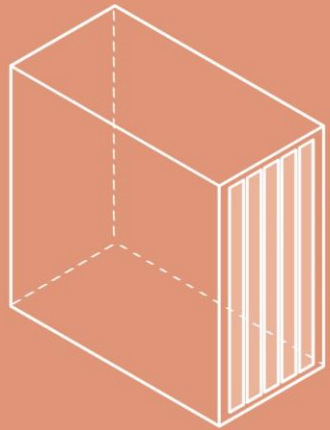
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1. Glass Block oriented 90 degrees to the original placement
2. Original placement of glass block



Half Brick : U-value: 1.9 W/m2K

Half Brick : U-value: 2.3 W/m2K

Full Brick_corbel : U-value: 1.7 W/m2K

Full Brick_connection : U-value: 2.3 W/m2K

The total thermal transmittance of the facade with these block can be calculated as following:

$$U_{fac} = \frac{U_{full} S_{full} + U_{half} S_{half} + U_{corbel} S_{corbel}}{S_{total}}$$

here, U_{fac} W/m²K Thermal transmittance of facade

U_{full} , U_{half} , U_{corbel} W/m²K Thermal transmittance of full, half and corbel bricks

S_{full} , S_{half} , S_{corbel} m² Surface of full and half bricks

S_{total} m² Total surface area

The total thermal transmittance of the facade is:

$$U_{fac} = \frac{1.93 \times 93.78 + 2.3 \times 0.9 + 1.7 \times 9.16}{103.32} = 1.92 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$$



Lattice Block

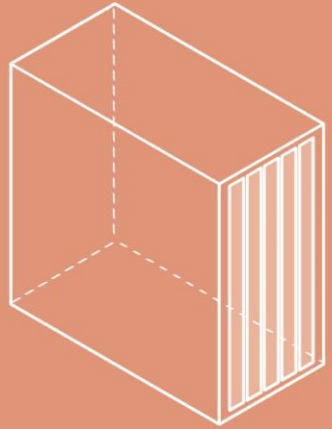
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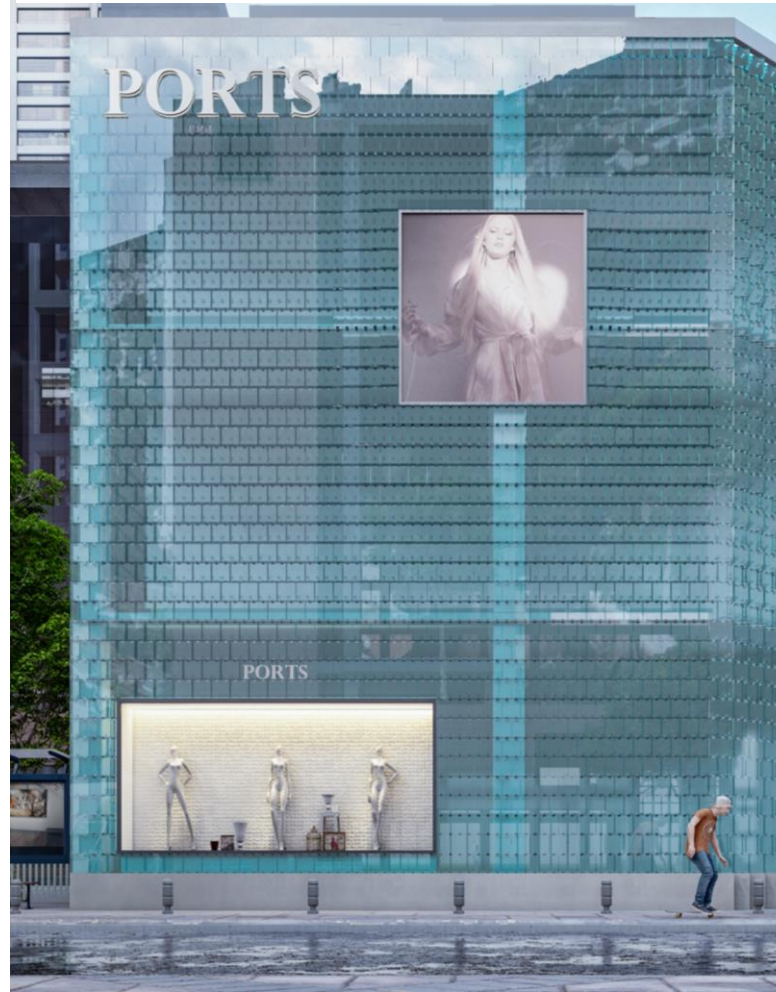


COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS – Thermal Performance

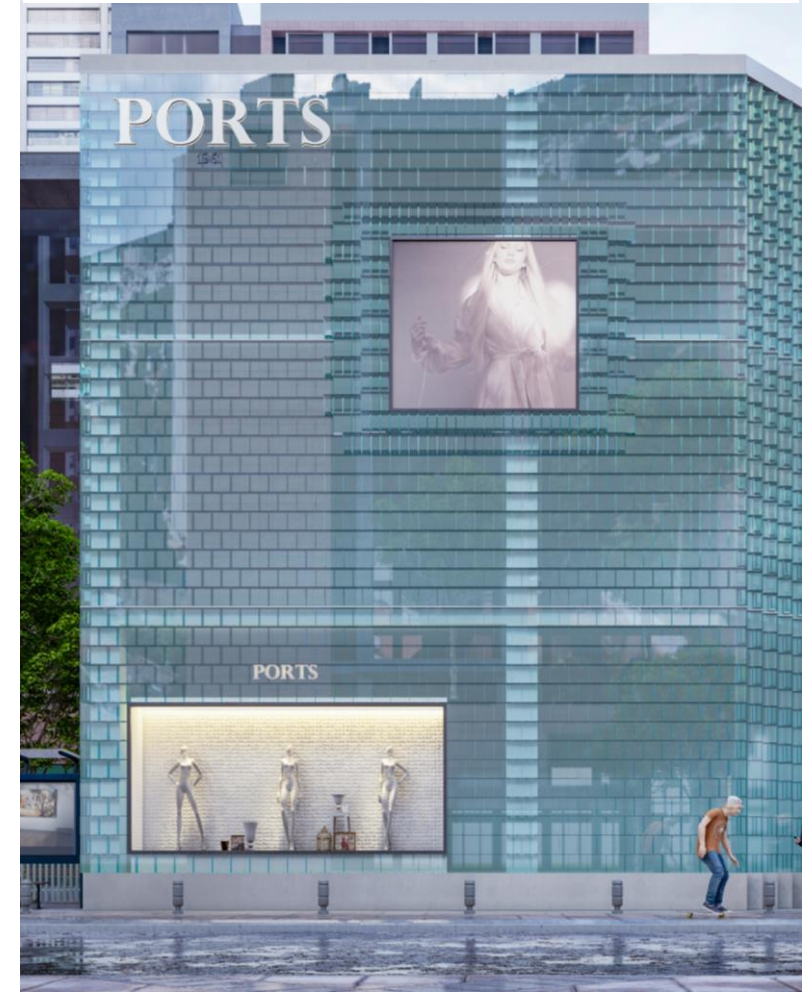
Existing building façade – hollow block

U-value: 2.6 W/m²K

Proposed building façade – Fusion block

U-value: 2.0 W/m²K

Proposed building façade – Lattice block

U-value: 1.9 W/m²K

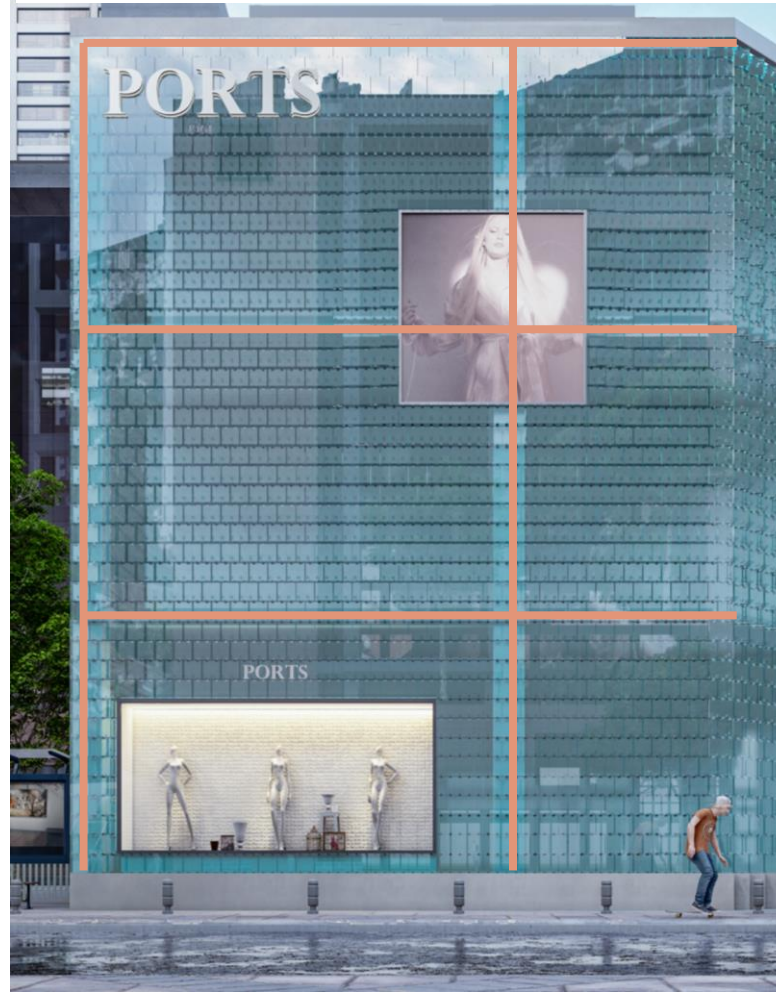
COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS – Structural System

Existing building façade – hollow block



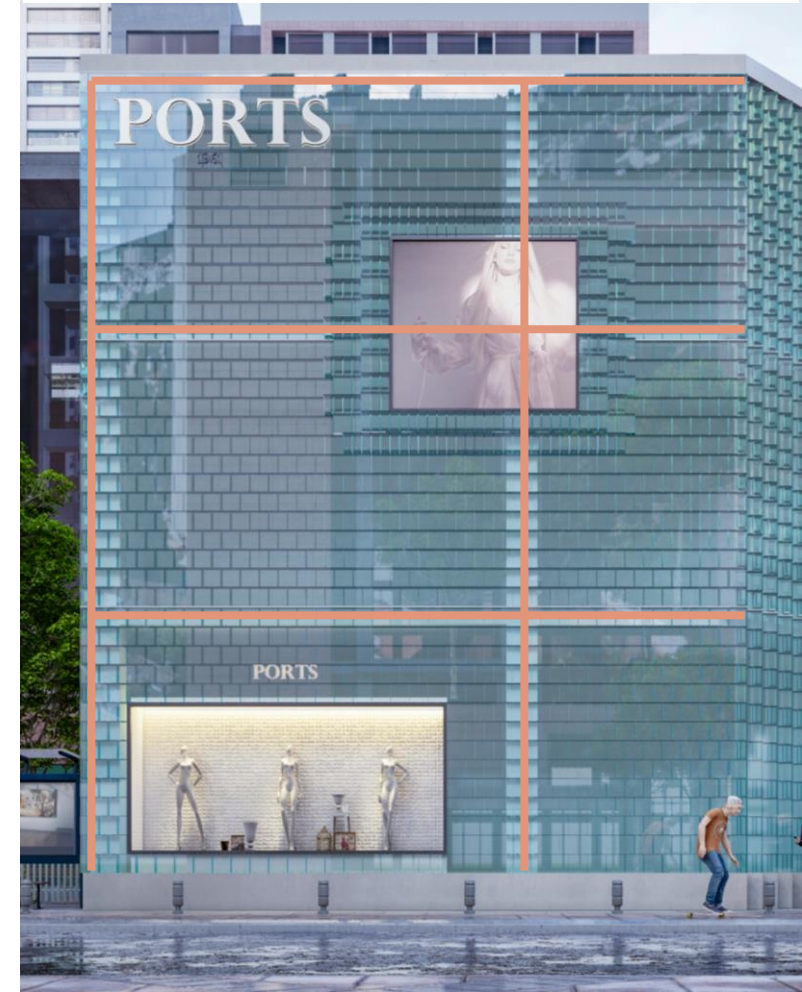
Substructure Required

Proposed building façade – Fusion block



No-substructure required

Proposed building façade – Lattice block



No substructure required

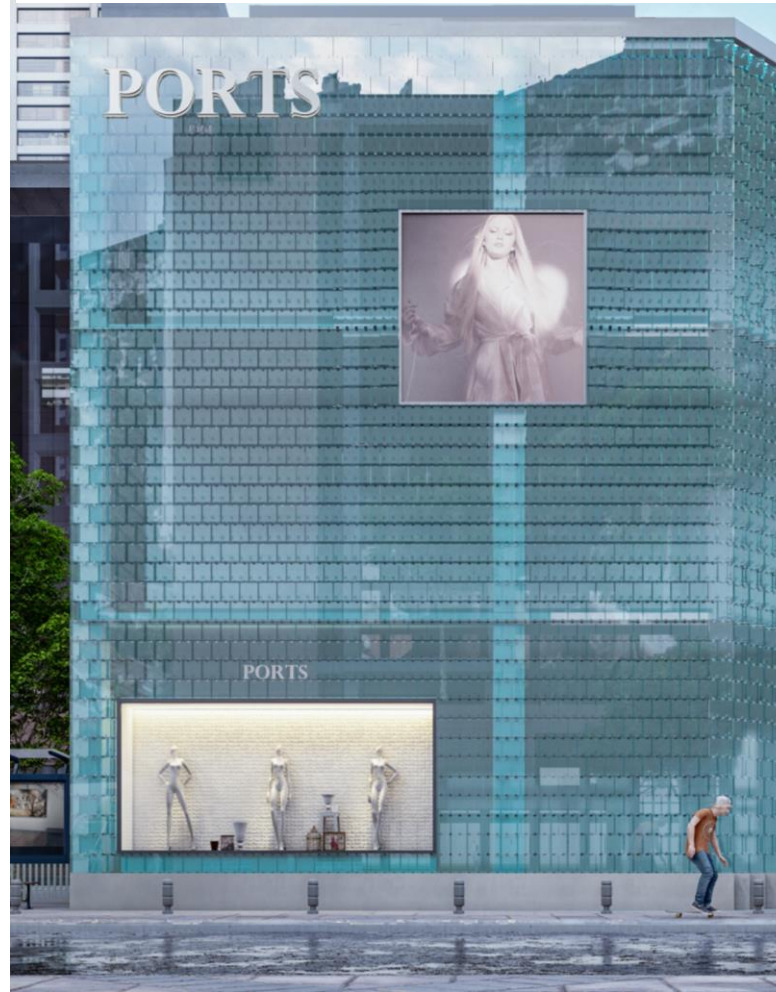
COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS – Fabrication

Existing building façade – hollow block



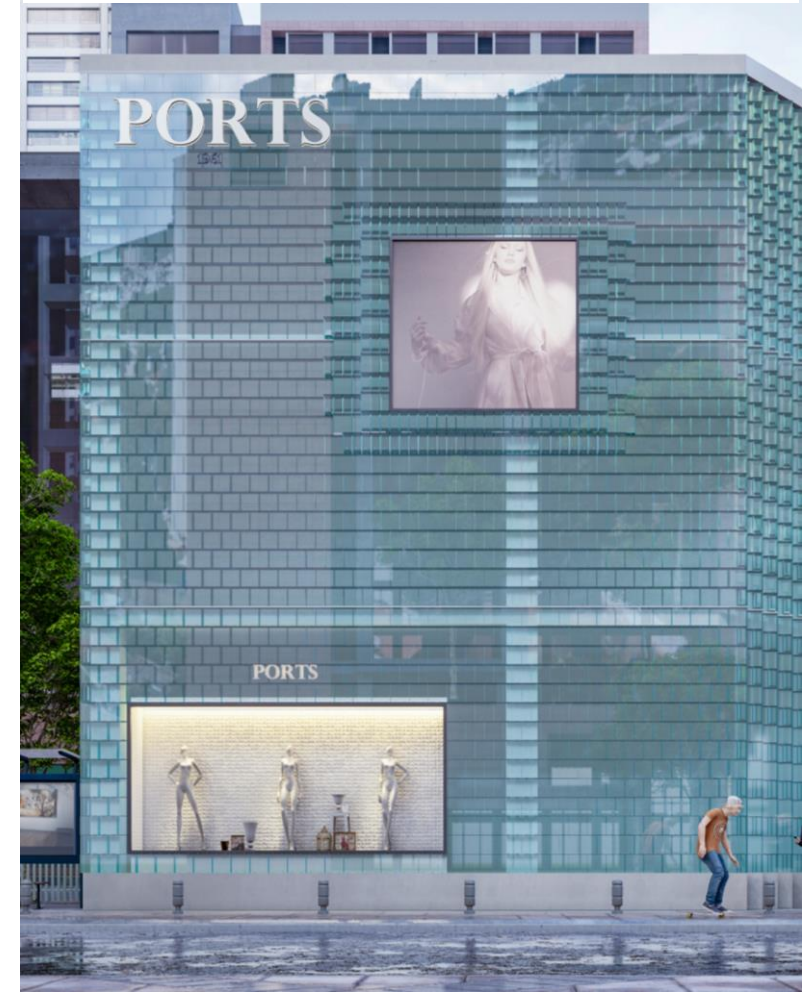
Block weight: 3- 5kgs

Proposed building façade – Fusion block



Block weight: 16kgs

Proposed building façade – Lattice block



Block weight: 16kgs

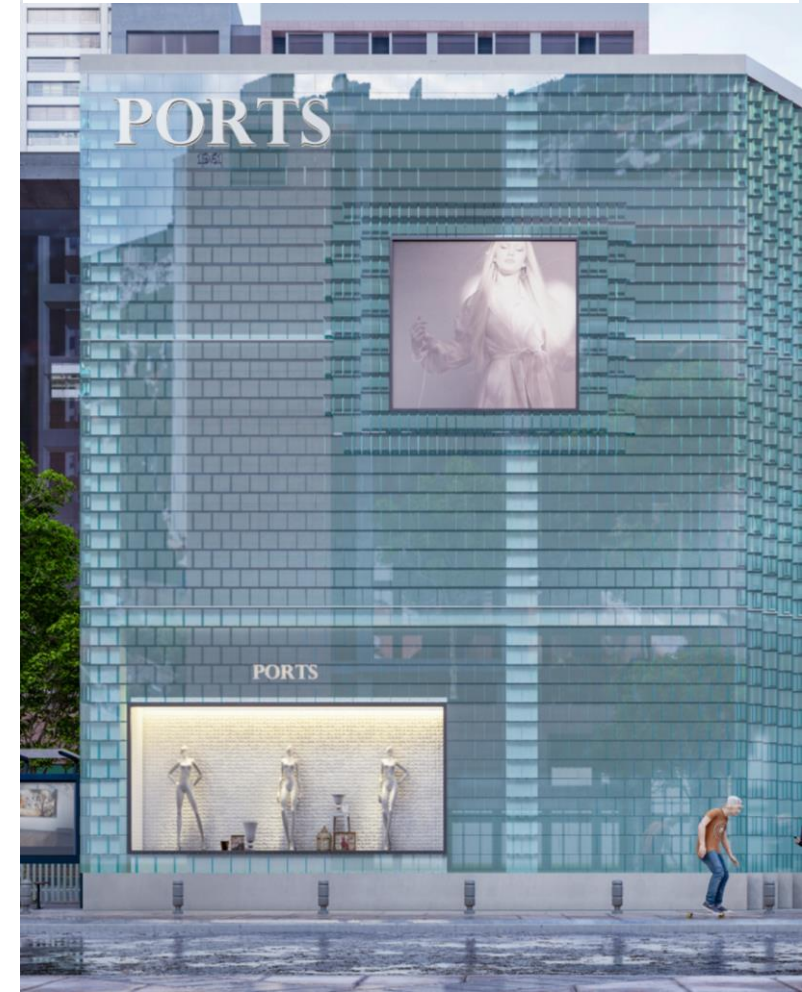
COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS – Assembly

Existing building façade – hollow block

Metal substructure with mortar
Non-reversible

Proposed building façade – Fusion block

Load-bearing with embedded steel connection
Dry-stack and Reversible

Proposed building façade – Lattice block

Load-bearing with interlocking connection
Dry stack and Reversible

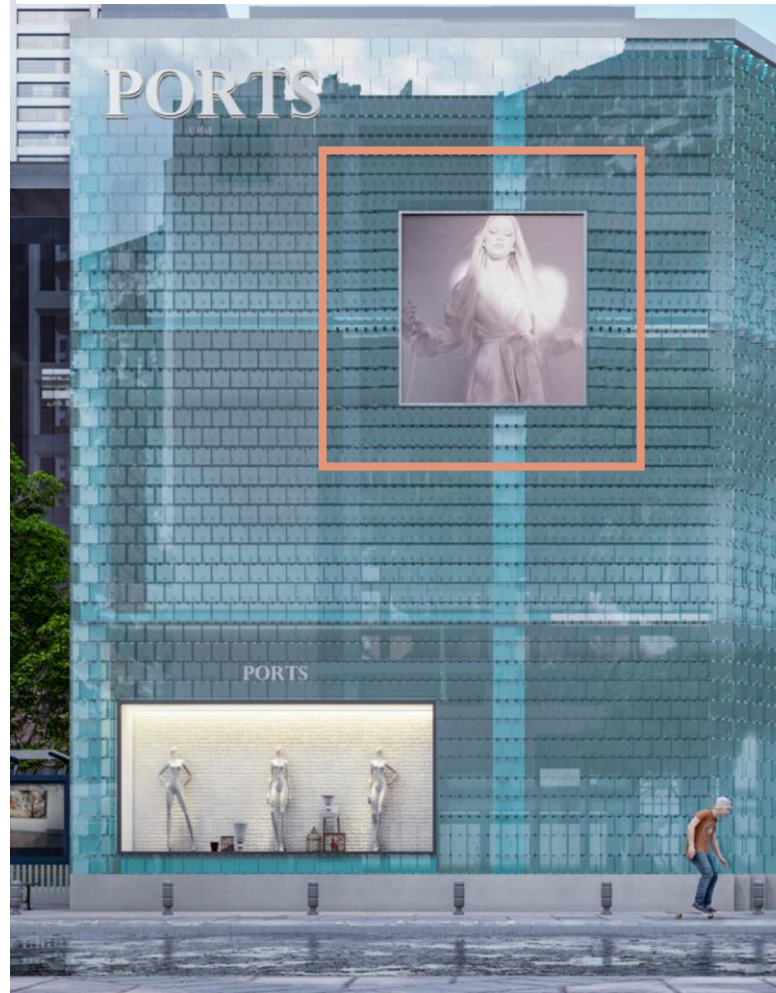
COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS – Aesthetical qualities

Existing building façade – hollow block



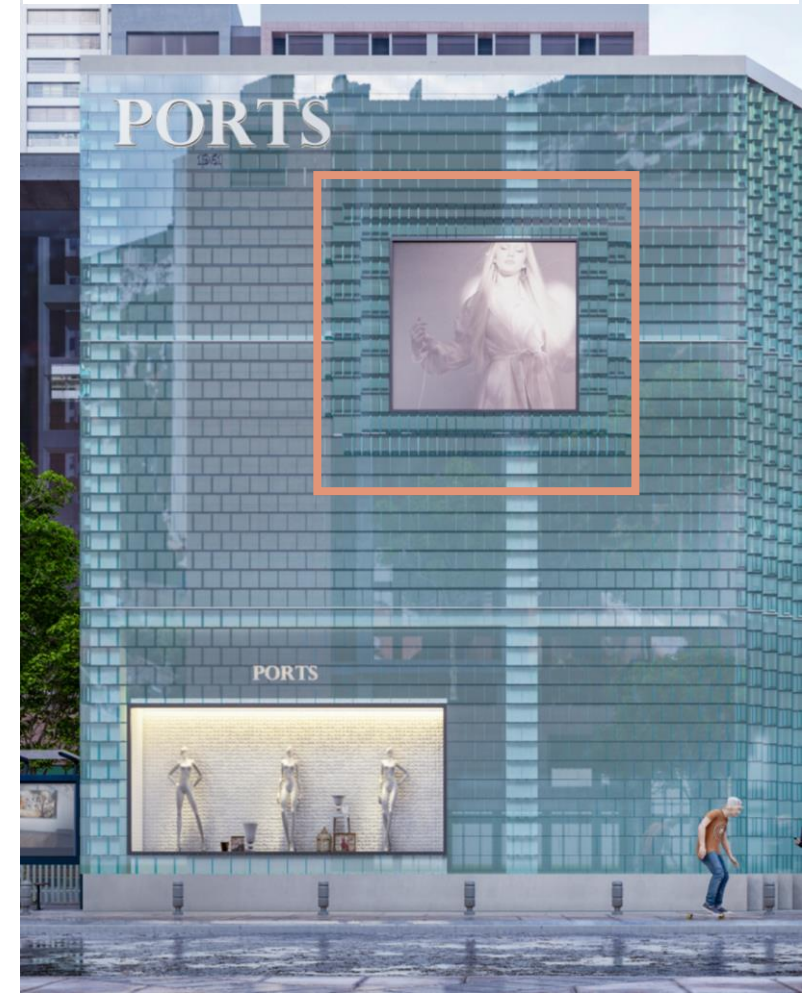
Non-transparent
Heavy with thick mortar lines

Proposed building façade – Fusion block



Transparent
Fluid

Proposed building façade – Lattice block



Transparent
Fluid

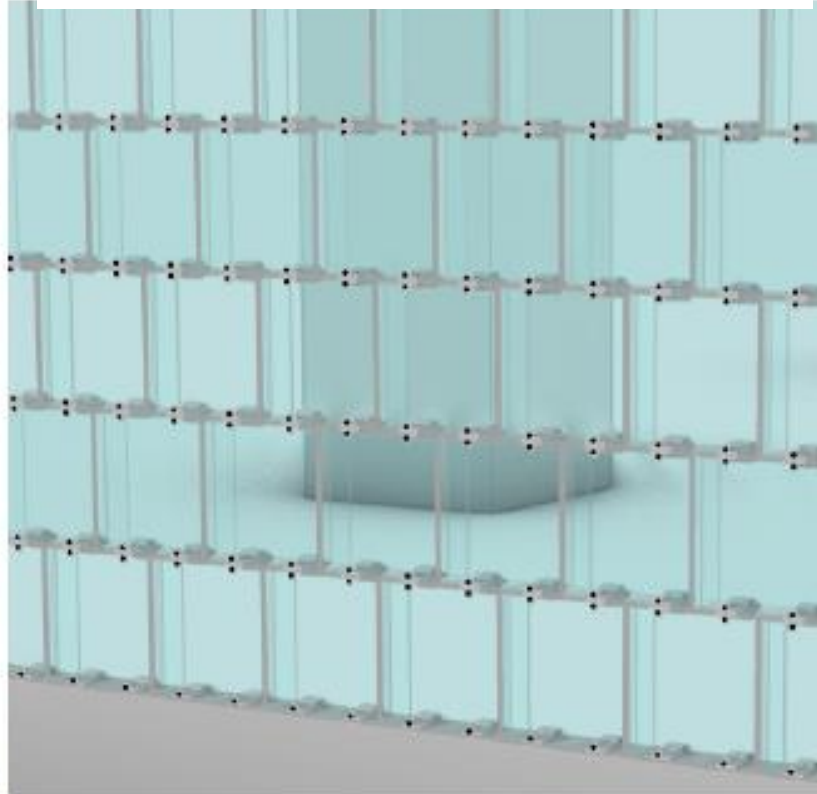
COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS – Optical Quality

Existing building façade – hollow block



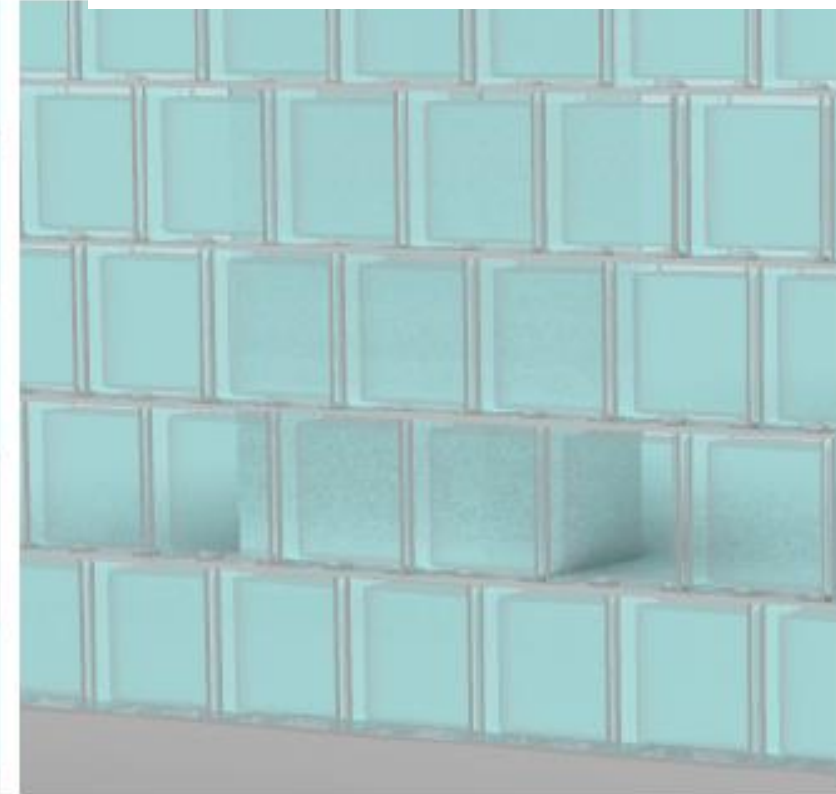
Non-transparent

Proposed building façade – Fusion block

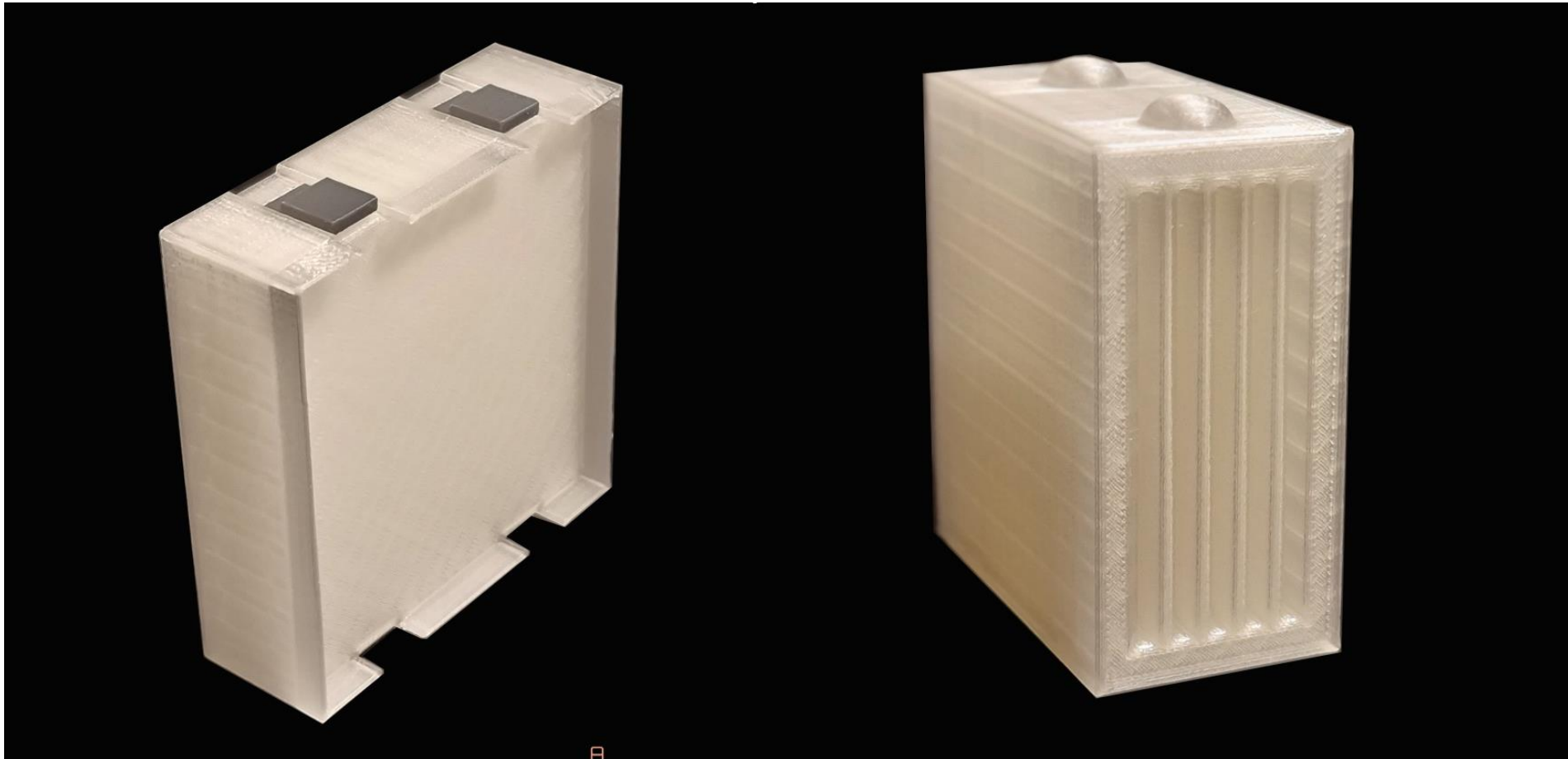


Transparent

Proposed building façade – Lattice block



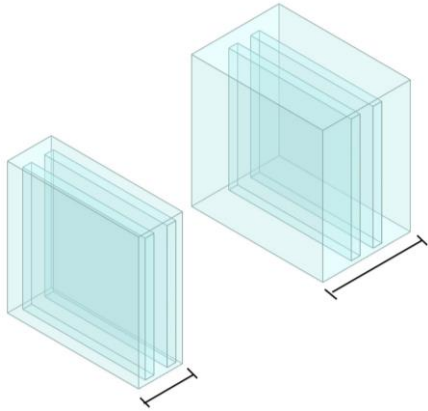
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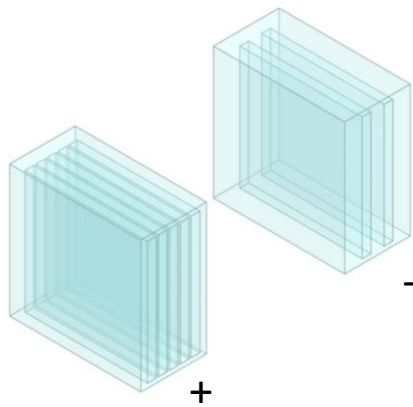
The present research concludes in two concepts that are then detailed to be applied in an existing scenario. The blocks exhibit good thermal properties ($2 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$) as well as a stable assembly system.

FACTORS AFFECTING THERMAL PERFORMANCE

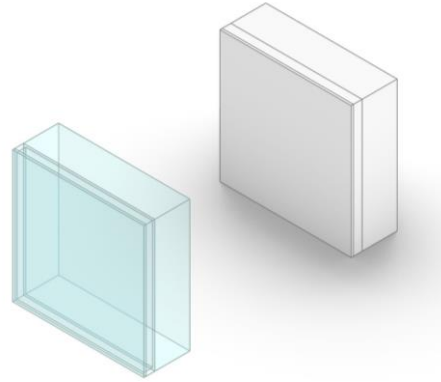
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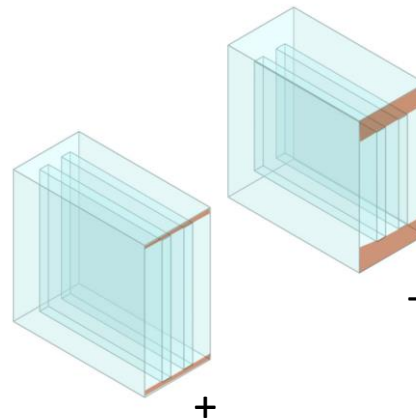
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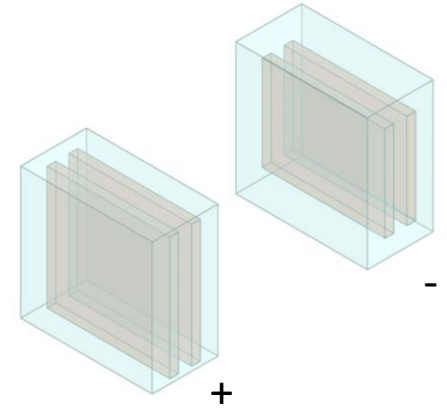
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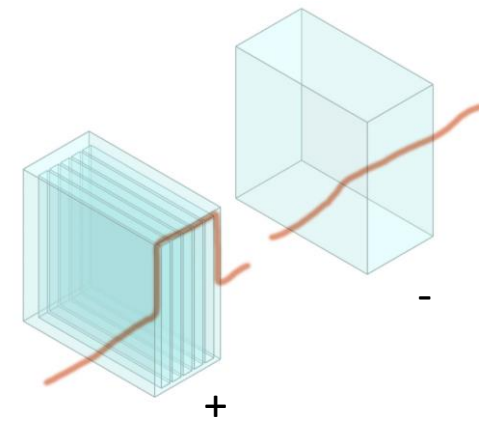
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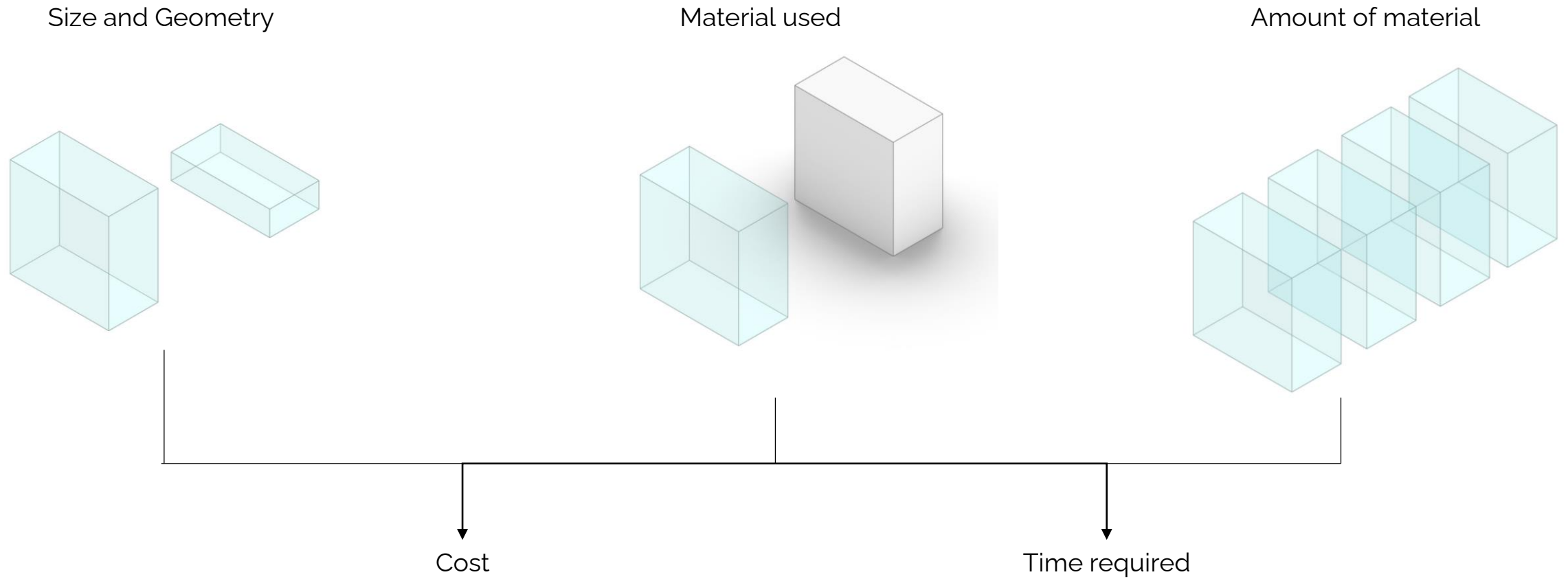
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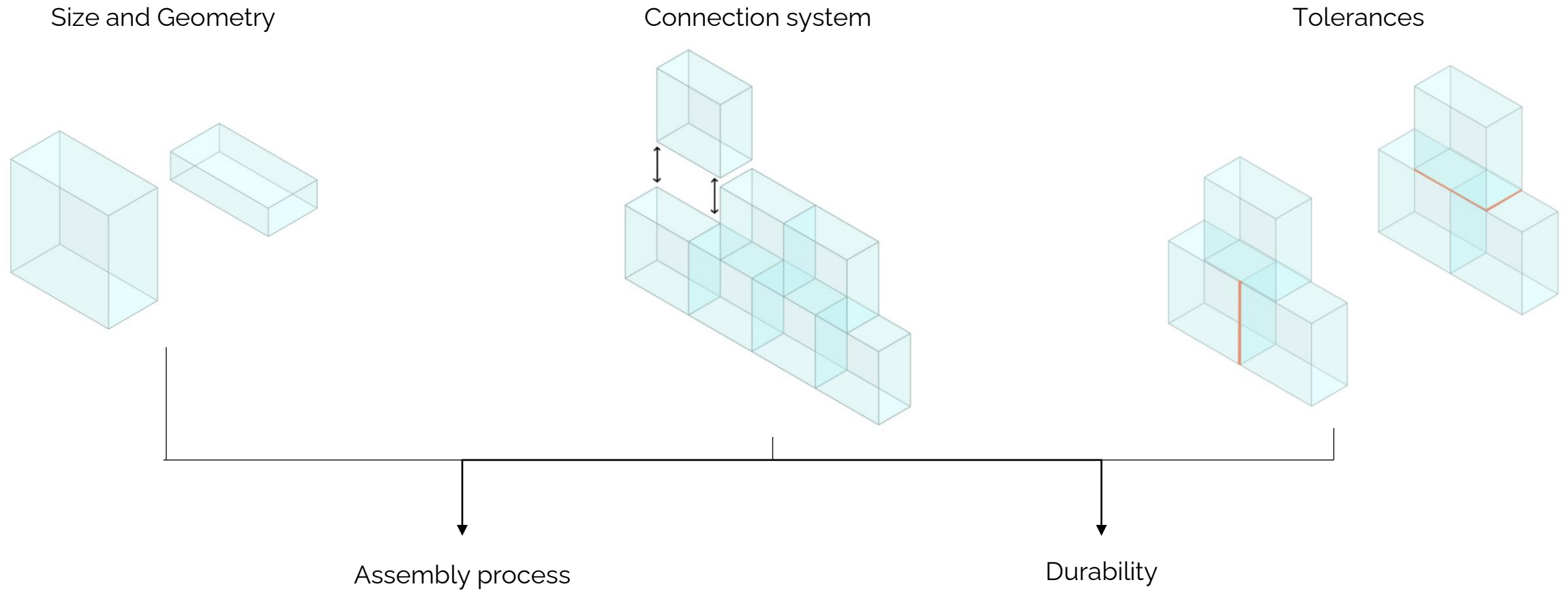
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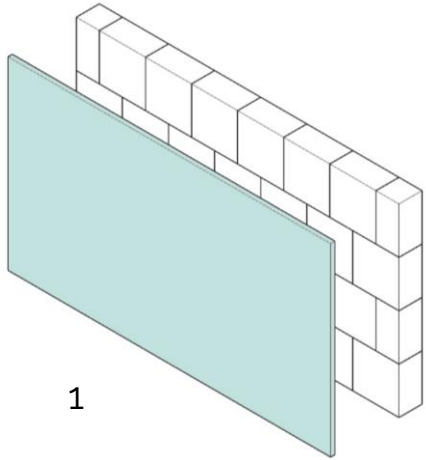
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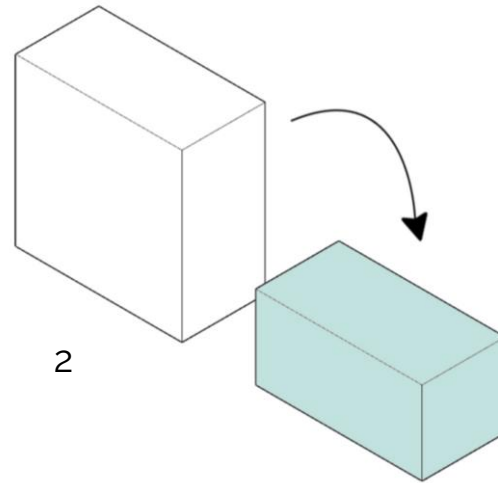


FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS



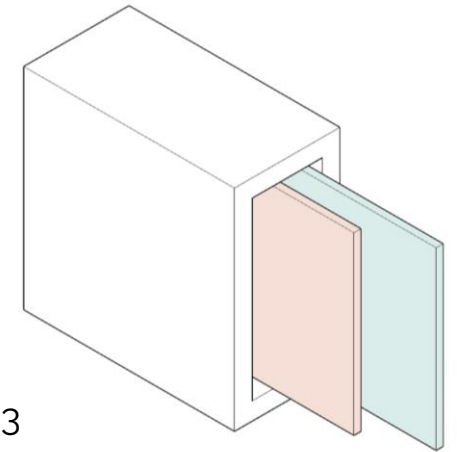
1

A cavity wall between solid cast glass bricks and float glass



2

A more standardized size of block



3

Effect of different colors and textures of glass on dispersion of light and varying degrees of transparency.

FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

4



Life cycle assessment of the two blocks

5



Validation with experiments

6



Investigation of fire safety and acoustics

Thank You!

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Comparison

Glass Block Type	Hollow Block	Solid Block		
	Seves (HTI WAVE) & Pittsburgh Corning (Thickset go VUE)	Seves (VISTABRICK) & Pittsburgh Corning (VISTABRICK)		
Properties				
U-Value	1.8 - 2.5 W/m ² K	4.1 - 4.9 W/M ² k		
Compressive Strength	3 - 6 MPa	82 - 400 MPa		
Light Transmission	70 - 76 %	60 - 90 %		
SHGC	0.32 - 0.68	0.52 - 0.78		
Sound	43 - 50 STC	43 - 50 STC		
Manufacturing				
		Crystal House	Atocha Memorial	Optical House
Process	Casting, Fusing and Annealing	Casting		
Glass Type	Soda-lime	Soda Lime	Borosilicate	Borosilicate
Mould Used	Pressed Steel Mould	Open Steel Mould	Pressed Steel Mould	Pressed Steel Mould
Annealing time	unknown	8 - 38 h (size dependant)	20 h	unknown
Installation				
System	Metal substructure with mortar	Adhesive bonded bricks	Adhesive bonded bricks	Metal substructure

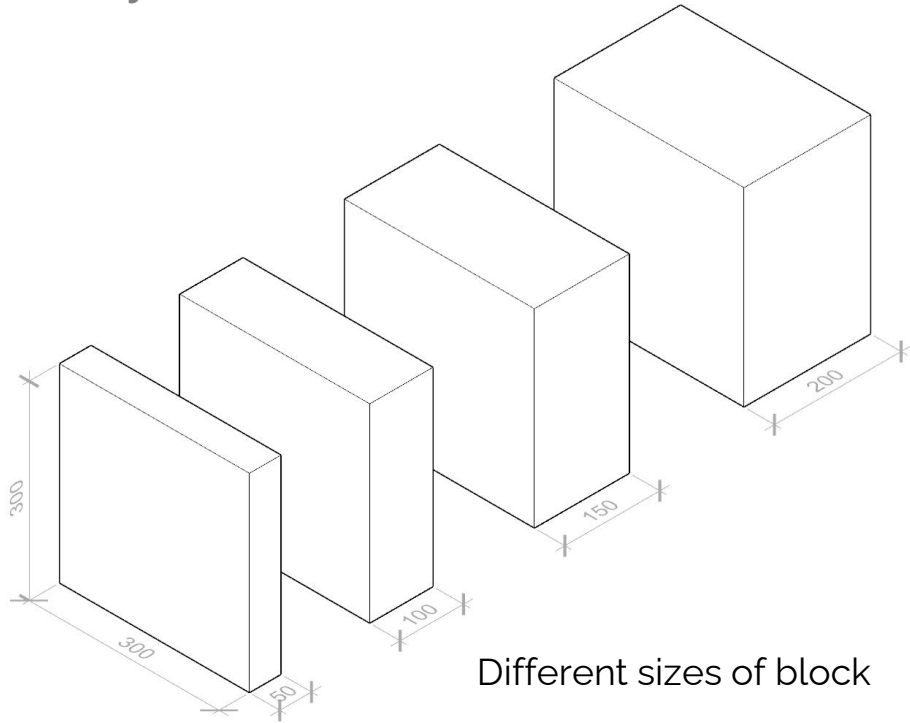


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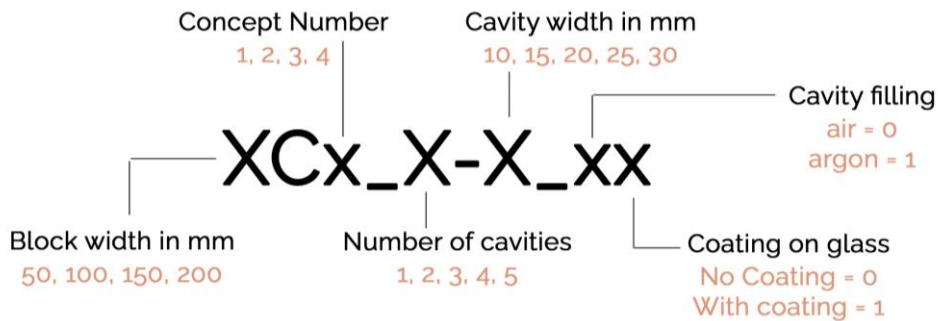


Similar properties

Boundary Conditions



Different sizes of block



Naming Criteria

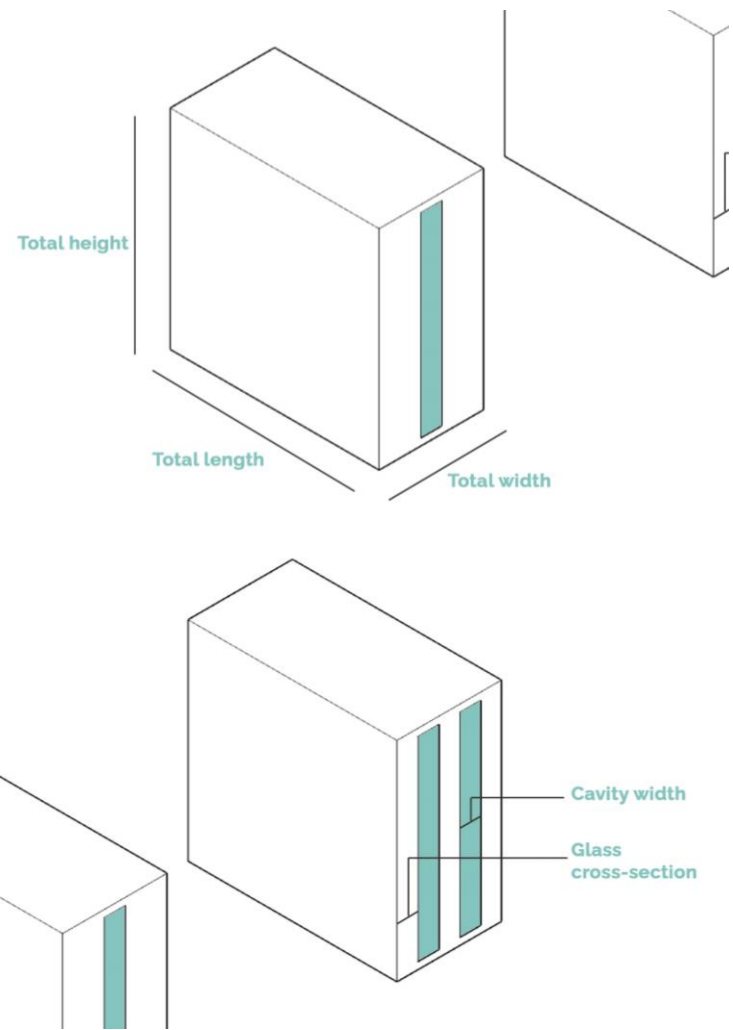
Cavity Width	Cavity Filling	Thermal Conductivity (W/mK)	
		No Coating	With Coating
10 mm	Air	0.066	0.026
	Argon	0.056	0.016
15 mm	Air	0.088	0.028
	Argon	0.0789	0.018
20 mm	Air	0.1184	0.038
	Argon	0.105	0.025
25 mm	Air	0.1485	0.049
	Argon	0.131	0.032
30 mm	Air	0.1785	0.06
	Argon	0.158	0.04

Table with thermal conductivity values

Standard Dutch values for α_i and α_e					
	α conduction	α convection	α radiation	α total	r
inside	0 W/m ² K	2.3 W/m ² K	5.5 W/m ² K	7.8 W/m ² K	0.13 W/m ² K
outside	0 W/m ² K	19.5 W/m ² K	5.5 W/m ² K	25 W/m ² K	0.04 W/m ² K
Temperature					
inside	20 °C				
outside	0 °C				
Glass properties					
Glass Type	conductivity	emissivity			
		with coating		without coating	
Borosilicate	1.0 W/mK	0.9		0.02	

Table with design inputs on TRISCO

Concept 1: Altering Cavities- Single Cavity



STAGE 1

Cavity Width

	10mm	15mm	20mm	25mm	30mm
Block 50	 3.33 W/m ² K 50C1_1-10_00	 3.22 W/m ² K 50C1_1-15_00			
Block 100	 2.86 W/m ² K 100C1_1-10_00	 2.79 W/m ² K 100C1_1-15_00	 2.78 W/m ² K 100C1_1-20_00	 2.77 W/m ² K 100C1_1-25_00	 2.77 W/m ² K 100C1_1-30_00
Block 150	 2.51 W/m ² K 150C1_1-10_00	 2.46 W/m ² K 150C1_1-15_00	 2.45 W/m ² K 150C1_1-20_00	 2.44 W/m ² K 150C1_1-25_00	 2.44 W/m ² K 150C1_1-30_00
Block 200	 2.23 W/m ² K 200C1_1-10_00	 2.18 W/m ² K 200C1_1-15_00	 2.18 W/m ² K 200C1_1-20_00	 2.17 W/m ² K 200C1_1-25_00	 2.17 W/m ² K 200C1_1-30_00

STAGE 2

Cavity Width 15mm

3.14 W/m²K
50C1_1-15_10

Cavity Width

	25mm	30mm
Block 100	 2.70 W/m ² K 100C1_1-25_10	 2.70 W/m ² K 100C1_1-30_10
Block 150	 2.38 W/m ² K 150C1_1-25_10	 2.38 W/m ² K 150C1_1-30_10
Block 200	 2.13 W/m ² K 200C1_1-25_10	 2.13 W/m ² K 200C1_1-30_10

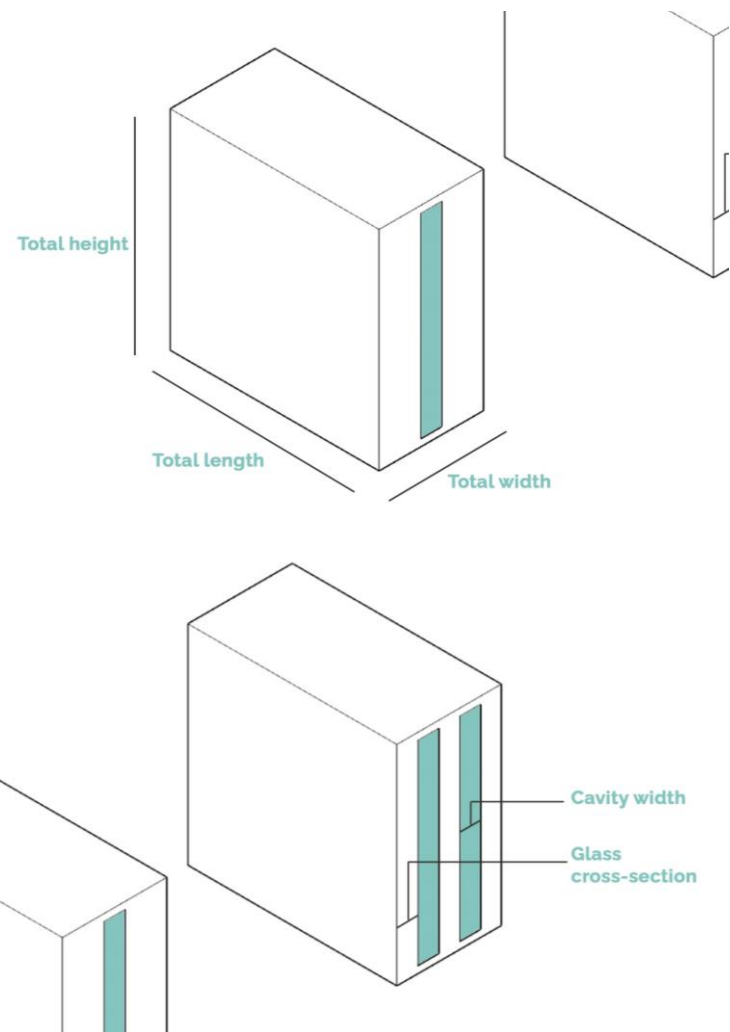
STAGE 3

Cavity Width 15mm

Air cavity Argon cavity

	Air cavity	Argon cavity
Block 50	 2.50 W/m ² K 50C1_1-15_01	 2.31 W/m ² K 50C1_1-15_11
Block 100	 2.17 W/m ² K 100C1_1-25_01	 2.0 W/m ² K 100C1_1-30_11
Block 150	 1.96 W/m ² K 150C1_1-25_01	 1.83 W/m ² K 150C1_1-30_11
Block 200	 1.79 W/m ² K 200C1_1-25_01	 1.68 W/m ² K 200C1_1-30_11

Concept 1: Altering Cavities - Double Cavity

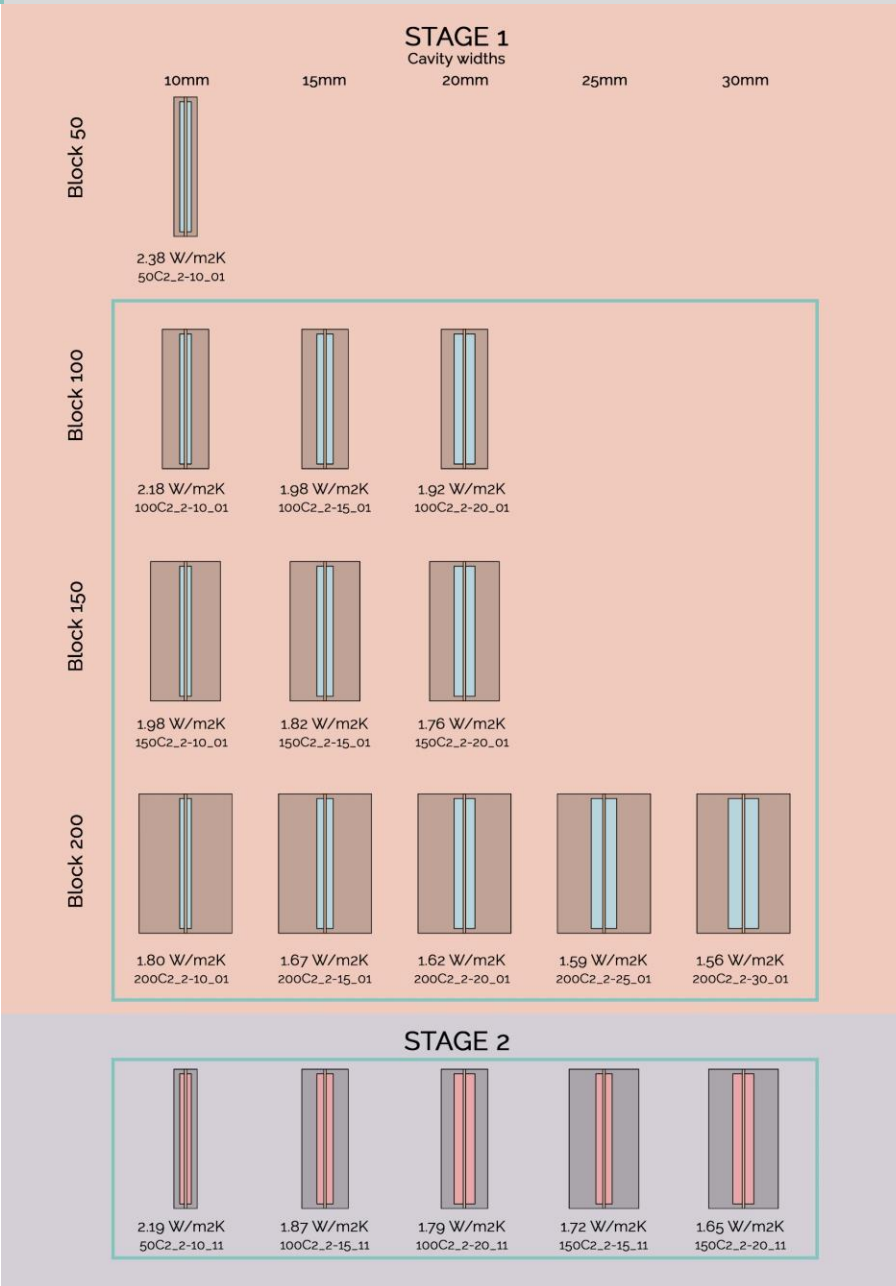
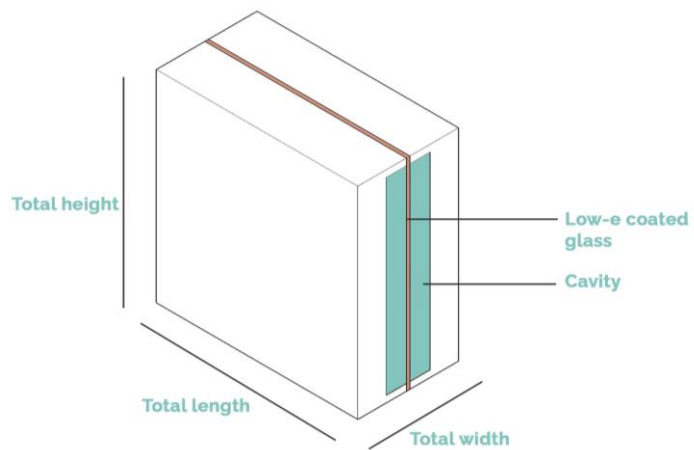


	STAGE 1				
	Cavity Width				
	10mm	15mm	20mm	25mm	30mm
Block 50	 2.704 W/m ² K 50C1_2-10_00				
Block 100	 2.38 W/m ² K 100C1_2-10_00	 2.27 W/m ² K 100C1_2-15_00	 2.26 W/m ² K 100C1_2-20_00		
Block 150	 2.11 W/m ² K 150C1_2-10_00	 2.03 W/m ² K 150C1_2-15_00	 2.02 W/m ² K 150C1_2-20_00		
Block 200	 1.91 W/m ² K 200C1_2-10_00	 1.84 W/m ² K 200C1_2-15_00	 1.83 W/m ² K 200C1_2-20_00	 1.82 W/m ² K 200C1_2-25_00	 1.82 W/m ² K 200C1_2-30_00

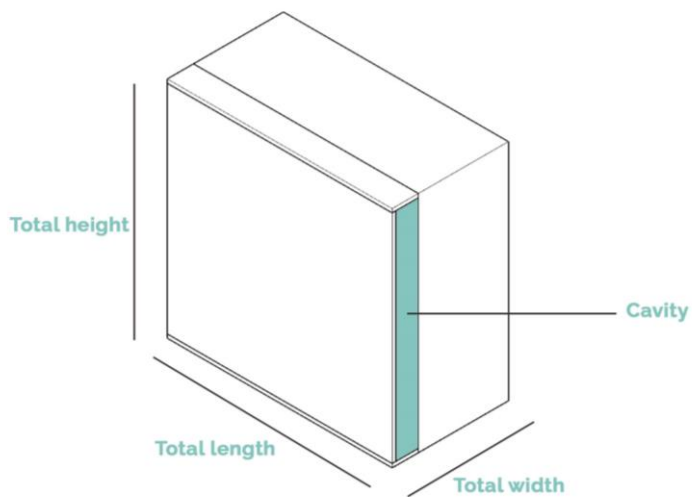
	STAGE 2	
	Cavity Width	
	10mm	15mm
	 2.22 W/m ² K 100C1_2-10_10	 2.20 W/m ² K 100C1_2-15_10
	 2.01 W/m ² K 150C1_2-10_10	 1.98 W/m ² K 150C1_1-15_10
	 1.77 W/m ² K 200C1_2-20_10	 1.76 W/m ² K 200C1_2-25_10

	STAGE 3	
	Cavity Width 10mm	
	Air cavity	Argon cavity
	 2.13 W/m ² K 50C1_2-10_01	 1.93 W/m ² K 50C1_2-10_11
	 1.92 W/m ² K 100C1_2-10_01	 1.76 W/m ² K 100C1_2-10_11
	 1.73 W/m ² K 150C1_2-10_01	 1.60 W/m ² K 150C1_2-10_11
	 1.39 W/m ² K 200C1_2-20_01	 1.29 W/m ² K 200C1_2-20_11

Concept 2: Coated Glass in middle



Concept 3: Merging Hollow and Solid – Block 50mm

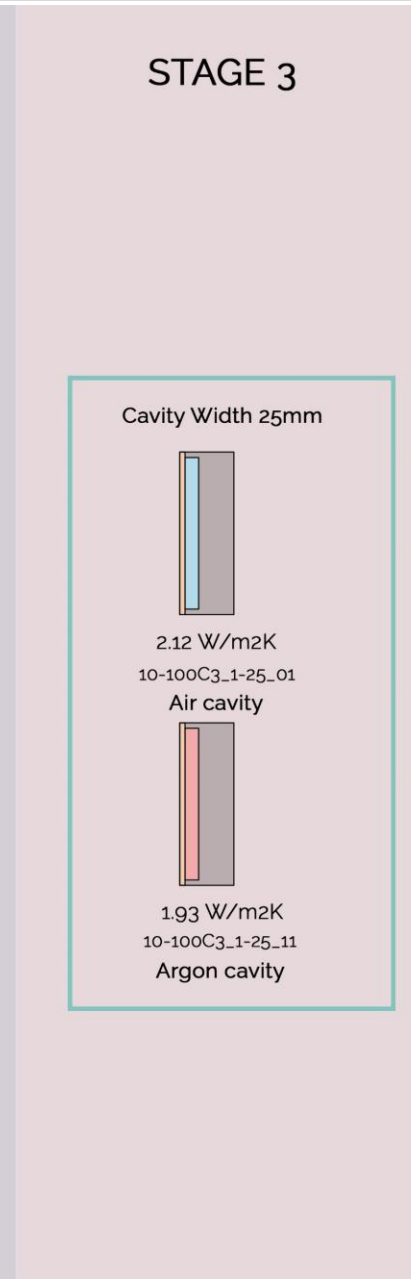
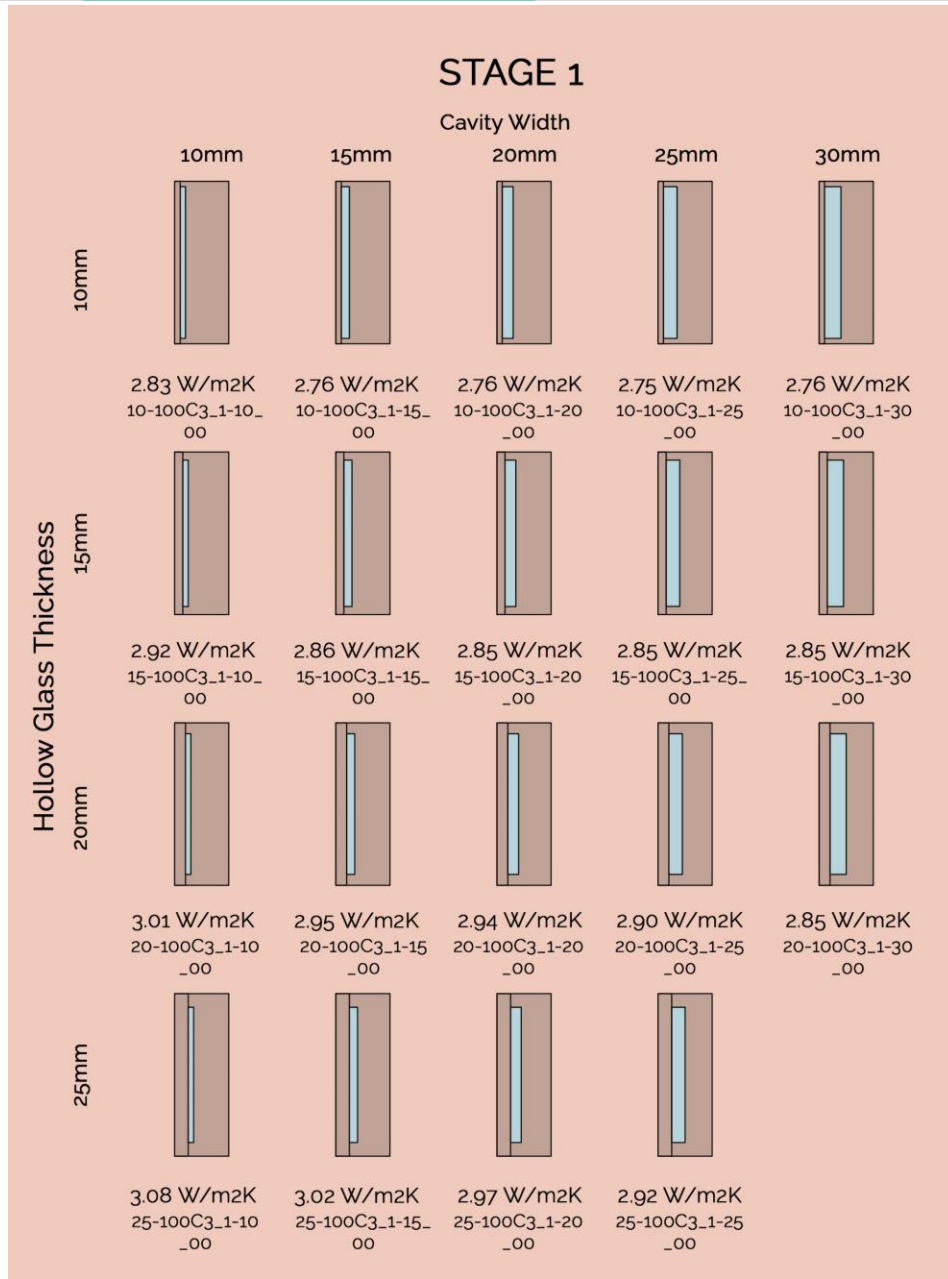
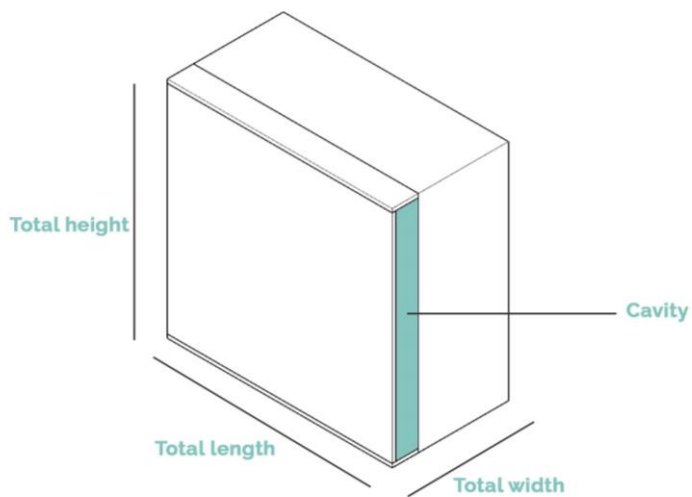


Hollow Glass Thickness	STAGE 1		
	10mm	15mm	20mm
2.5mm	 2.89 W/m ² K 25-50C3_1-10_00	 2.74 W/m ² K 25-50C3_1-15_00	 2.72 W/m ² K 25-50C3_1-20_00
5mm	 2.98 W/m ² K 5-50C3_1-10_00	 2.84 W/m ² K 5-50C3_1-15_00	 2.80 W/m ² K 5-50C3_1-20_00
10mm	 3.10 W/m ² K 10-50C3_1-10_00	 2.96 W/m ² K 10-50C3_1-15_00	 2.92 W/m ² K 10-50C3_1-20_00
15mm	 3.16 W/m ² K 15-50C3_1-10_00	 3.03 W/m ² K 15-50C3_1-15_00	 2.98 W/m ² K 15-50C3_1-20_00

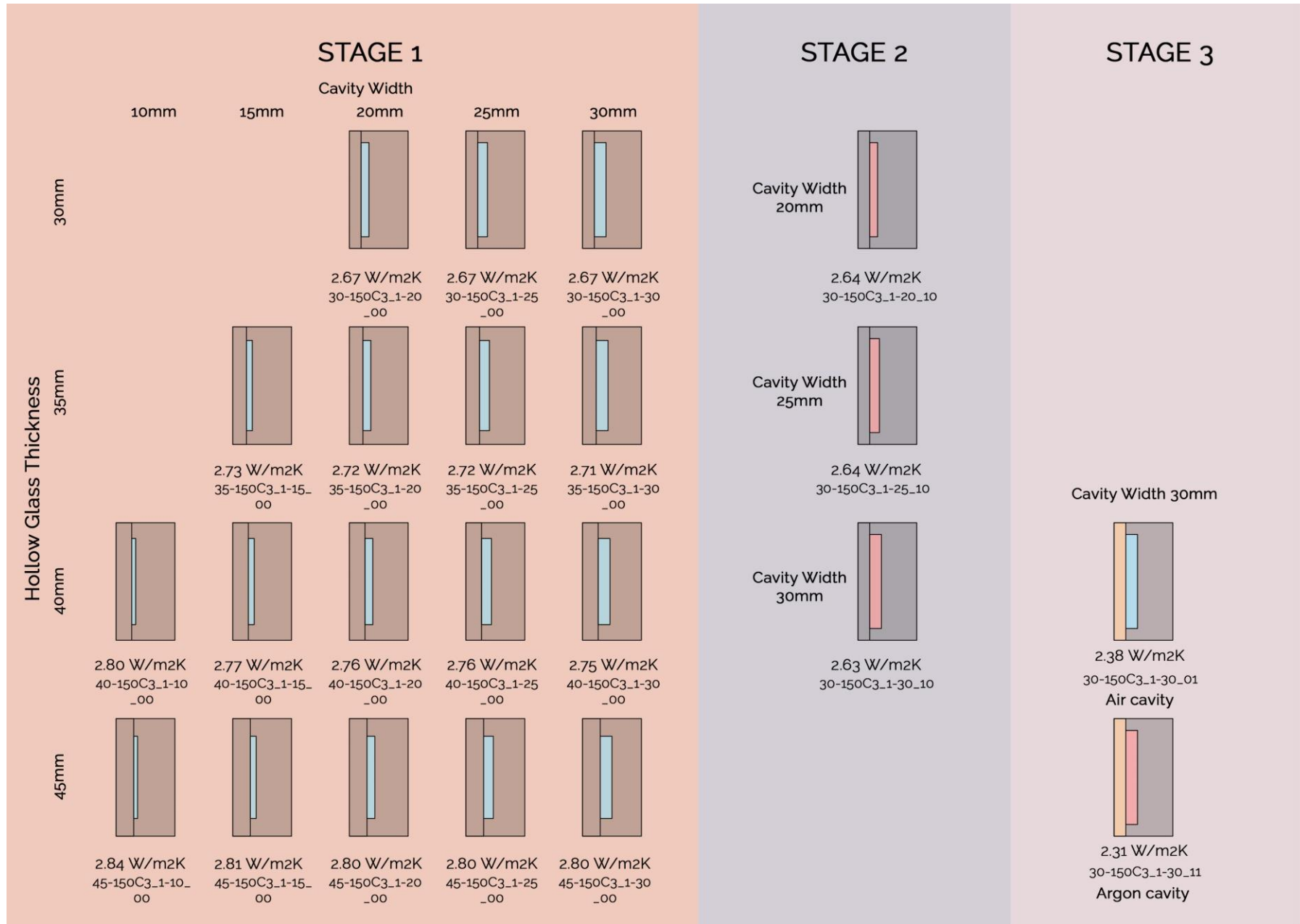
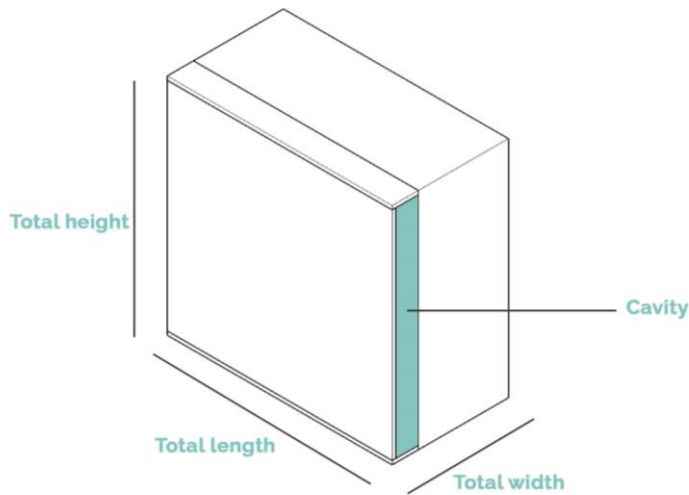
STAGE 2	
 2.64 W/m ² K 25-50C3_1-15_10	Cavity Width 15mm
 2.61 W/m ² K 25-50C3_1-20_10	Cavity Width 20mm
 2.71 W/m ² K 5-50C3_1-20_10	Cavity Width 20mm

STAGE 3	
 1.73 W/m ² K 25-50C3_1-20_01 Air cavity	Cavity Width 20mm
 1.46 W/m ² K 25-50C3_1-20_11 Argon cavity	Cavity Width 20mm

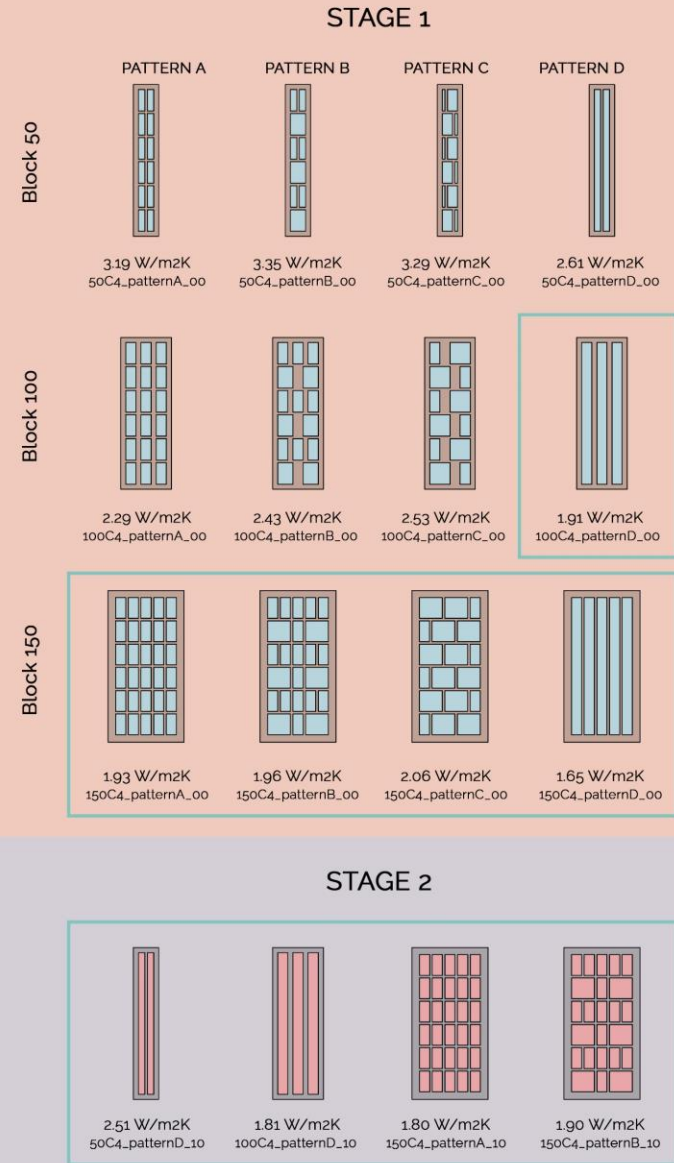
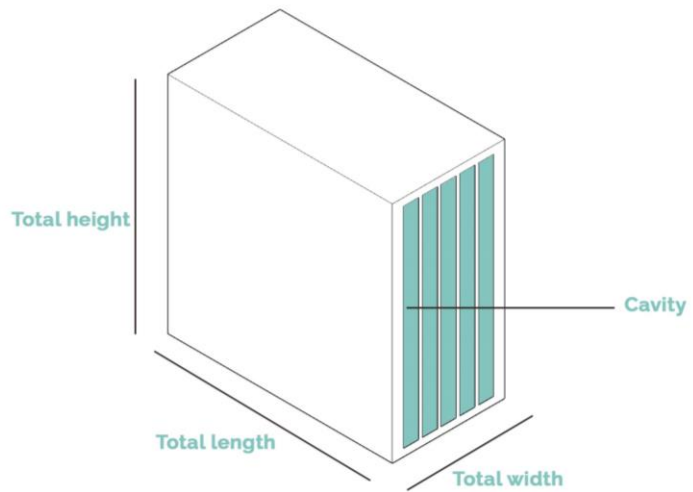
Concept 3: Merging Hollow and Solid – Block 100mm



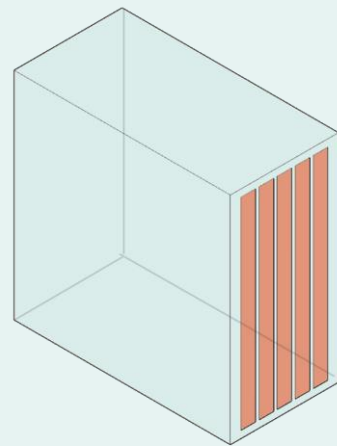
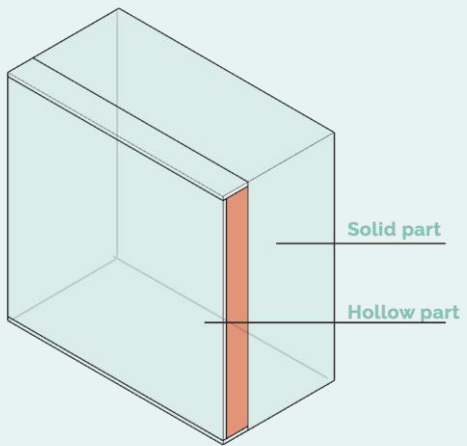
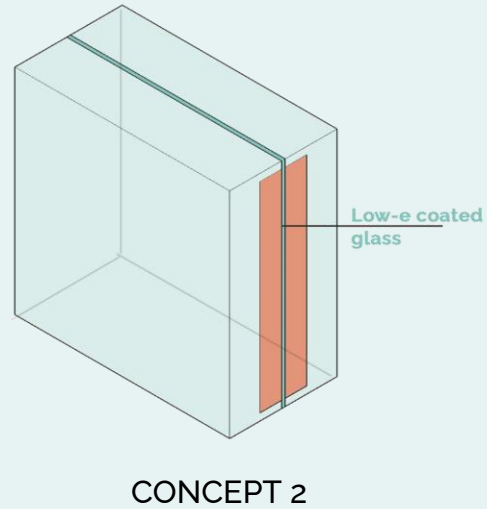
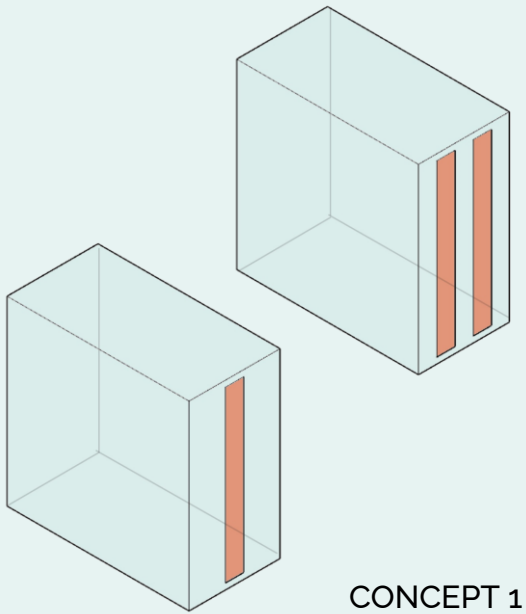
Concept 3: Merging Hollow and Solid – Block 150mm



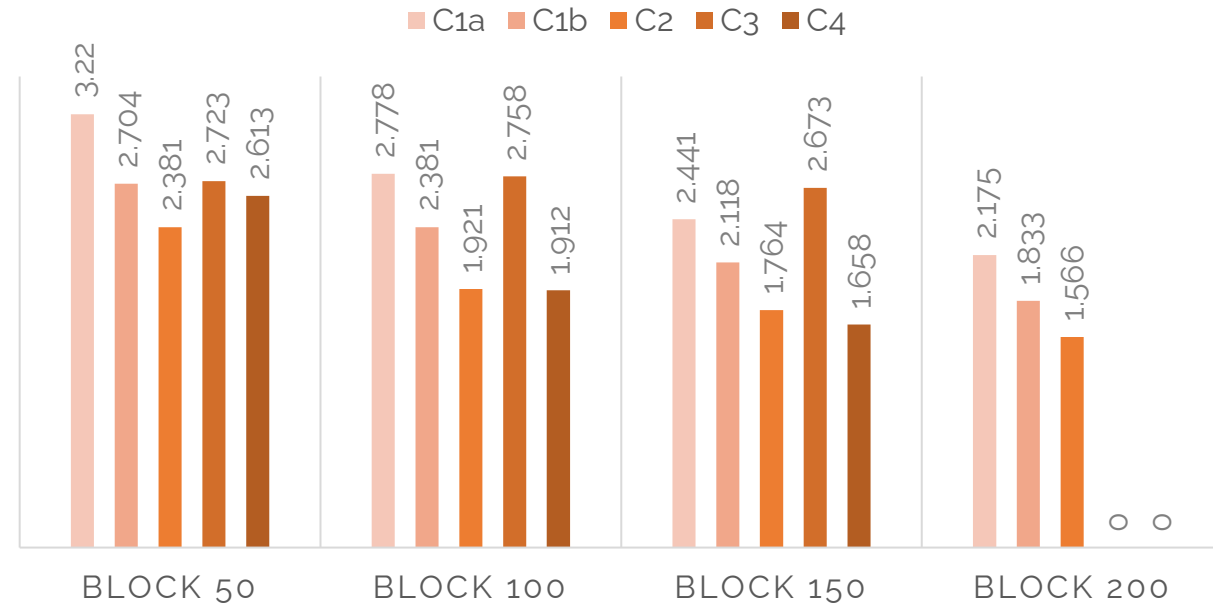
Concept 4: Honeycomb Block



Concepts



COMPARISON OF DIFFERENT CONCEPTS



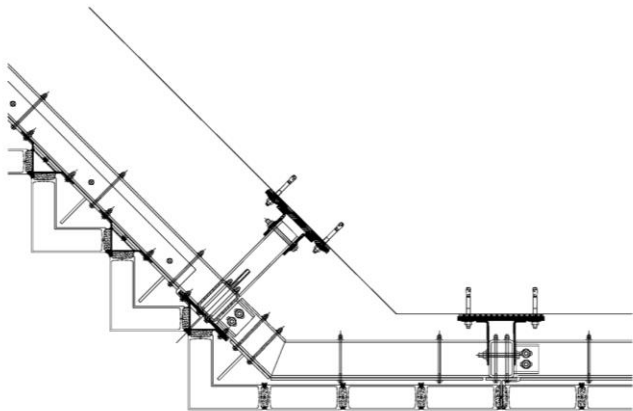
Note: All dimensions are in mm. All U-Values are in W/m²K.

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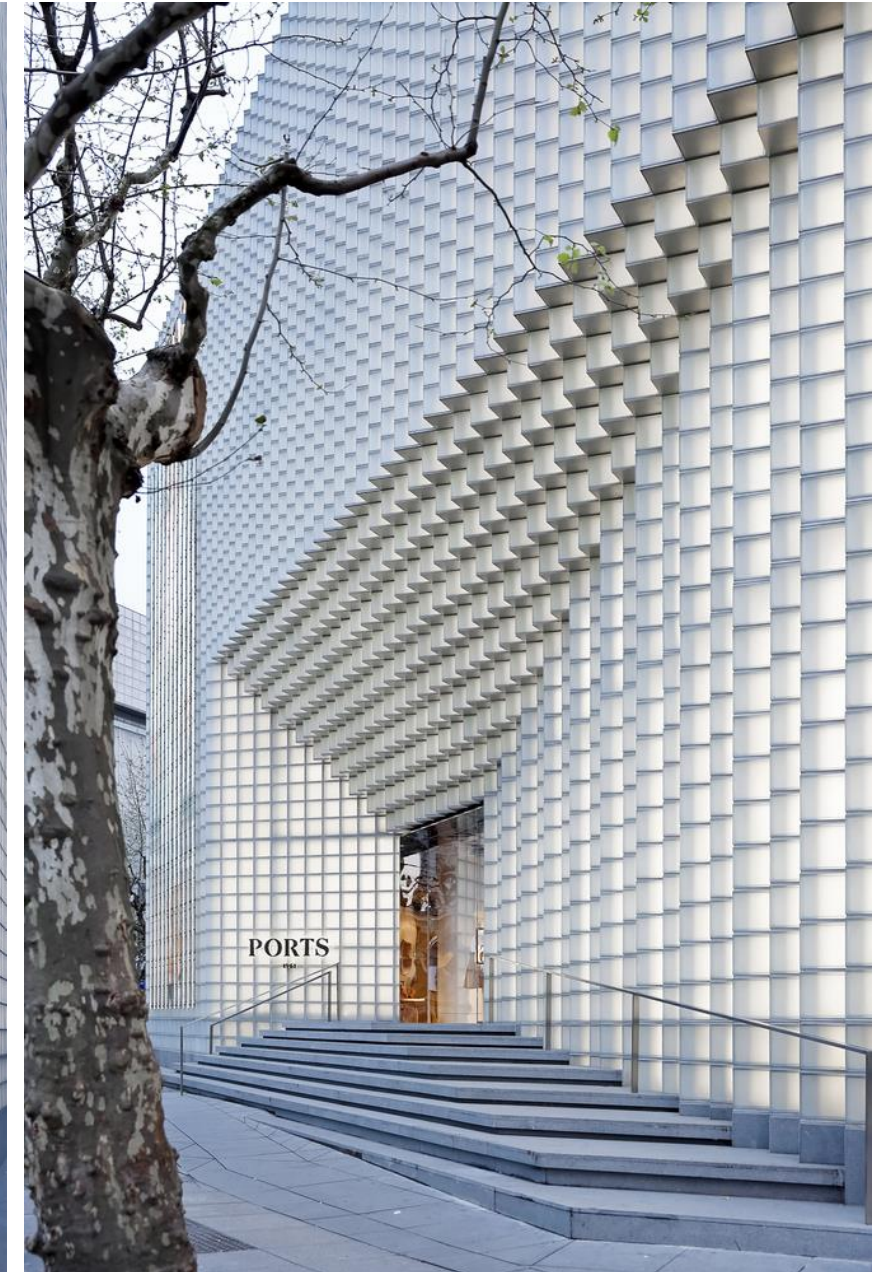
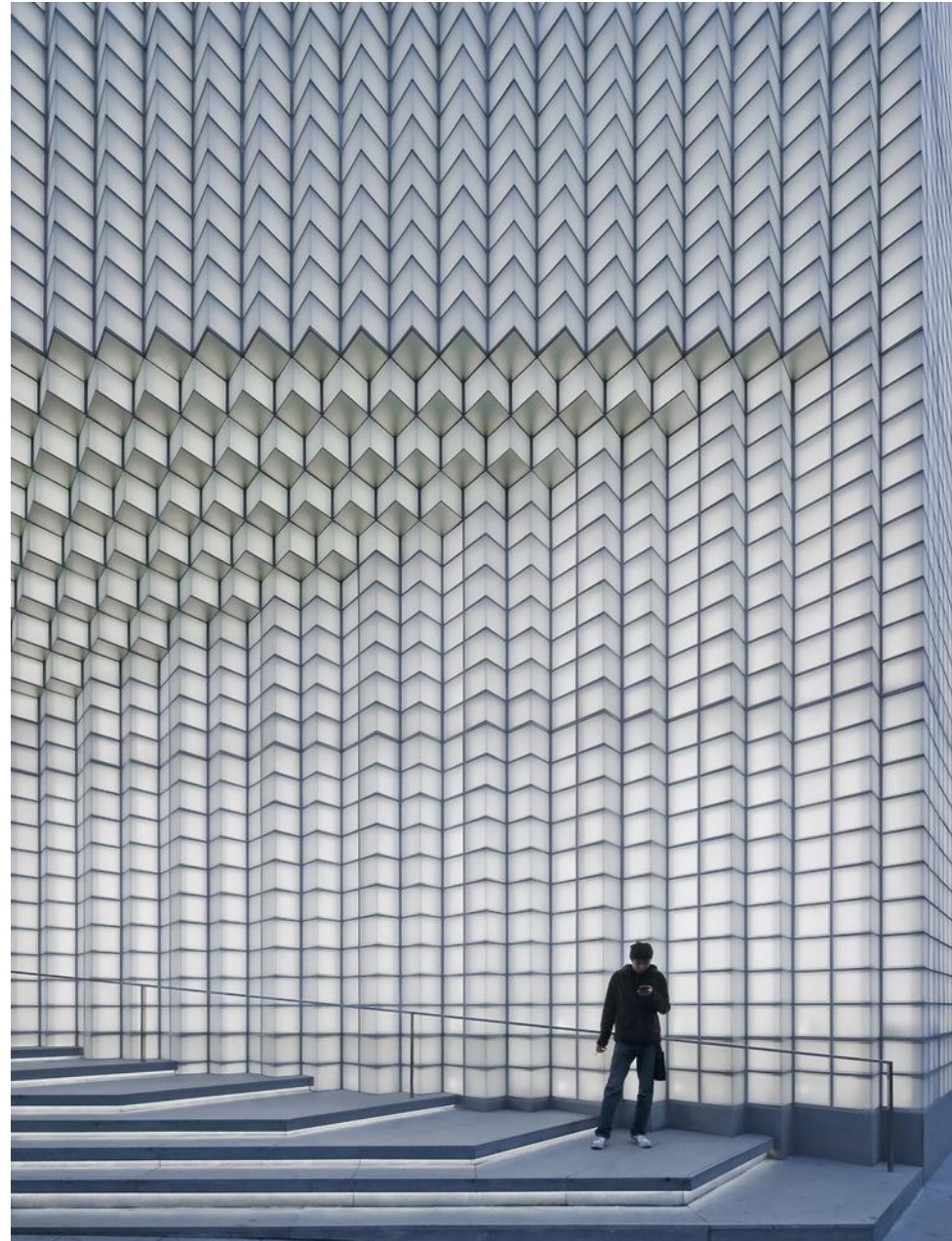
Two types of Satin finished Glass block:

- Standard square block of 300mm x 300mm
- Custom mitered block of 300mm x 300mm

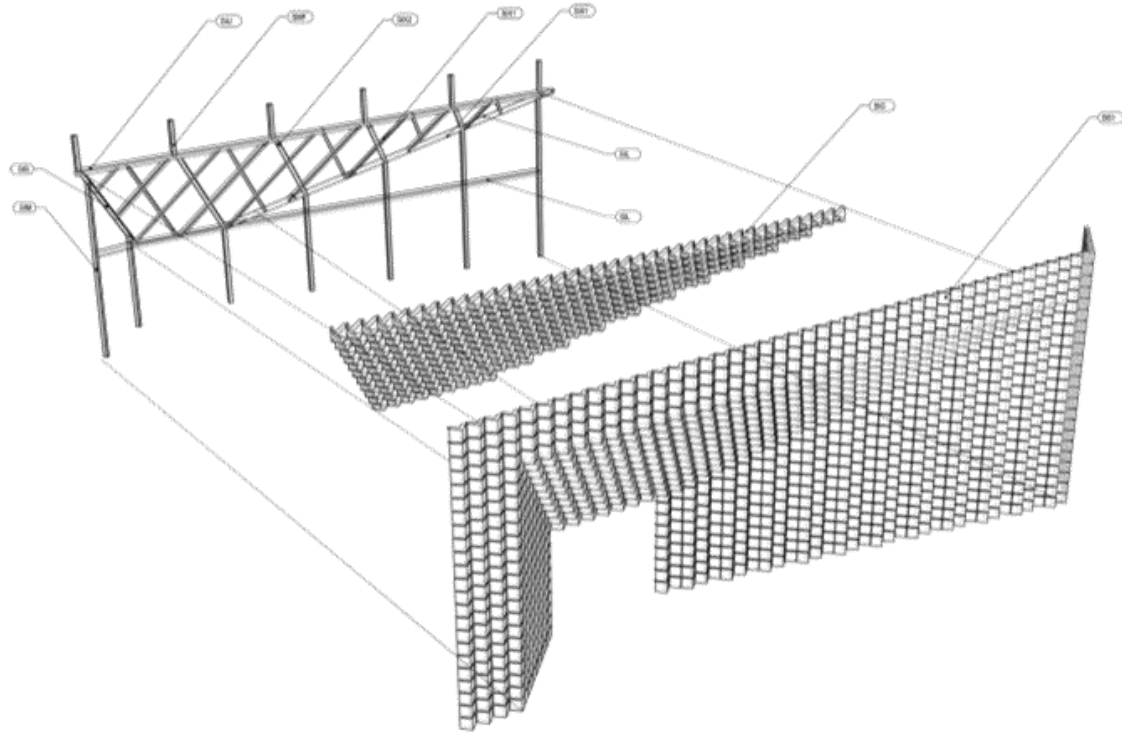
This custom block is used in the corners to create a corbelled façade.



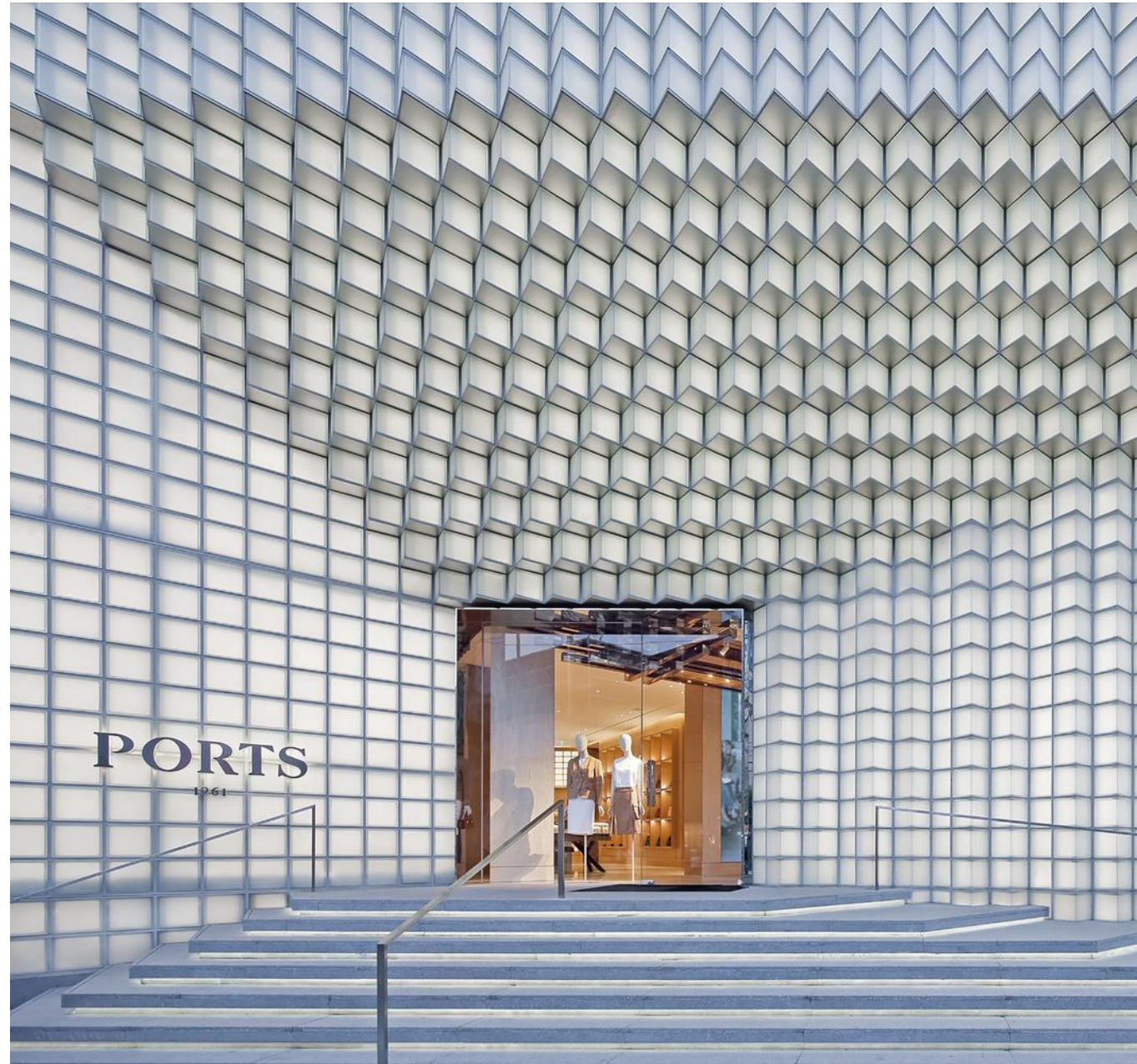
Façade detail in Plan (Castro, 2015)



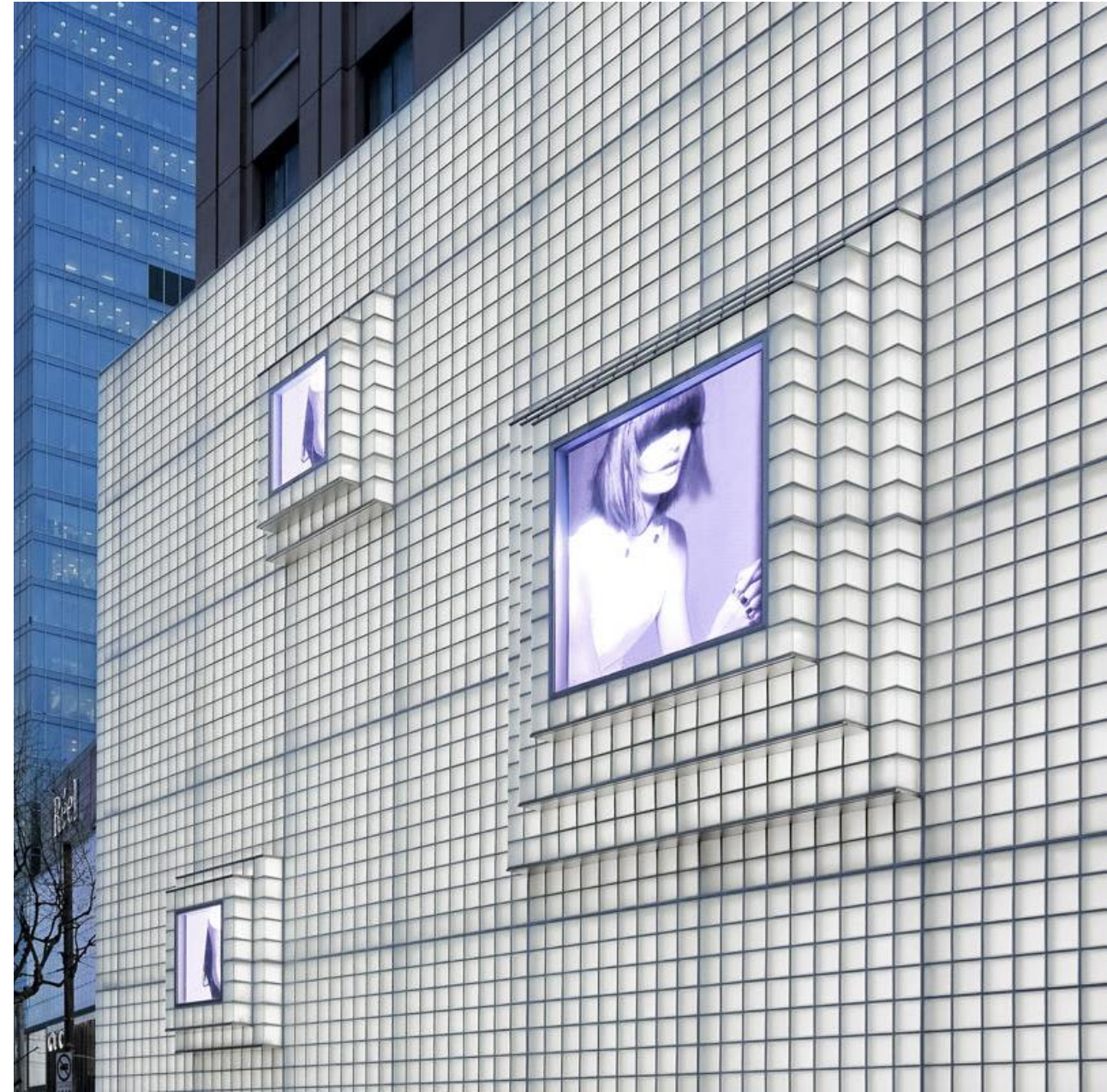
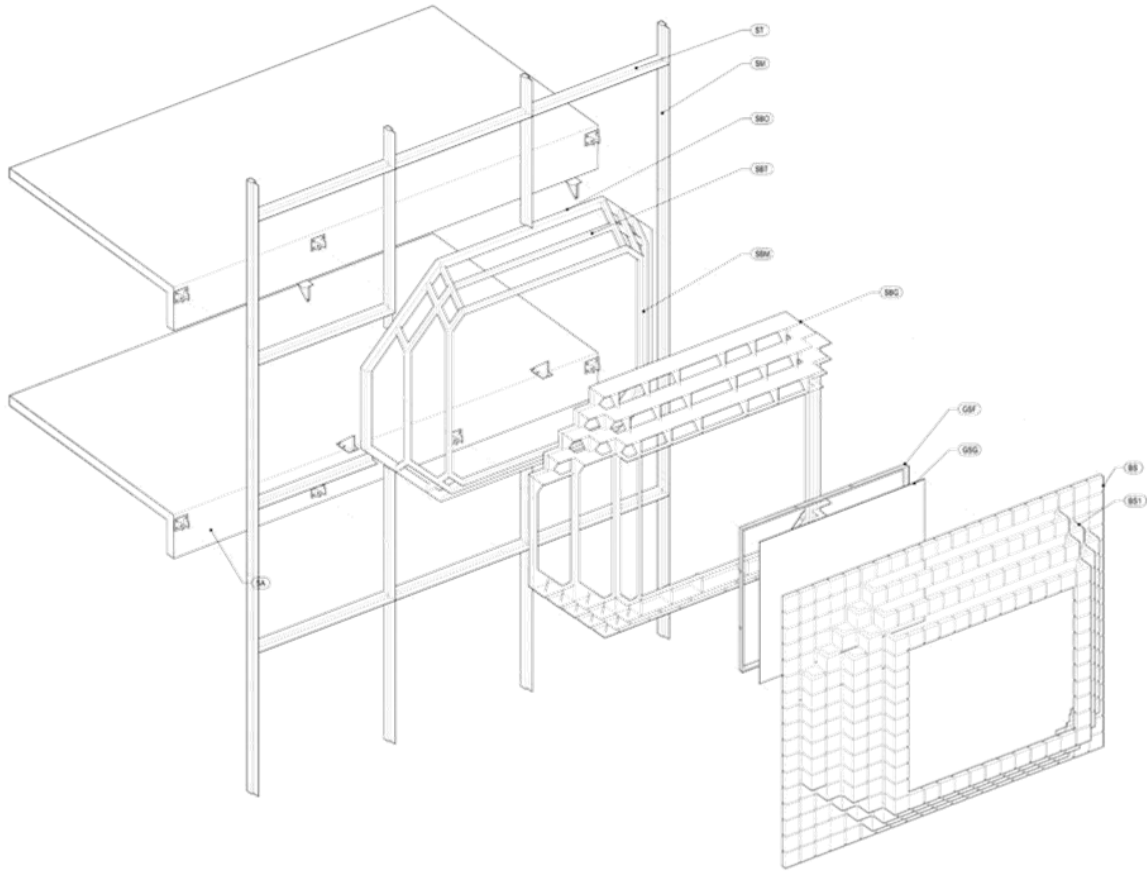
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The blocks are placed over shot blasted stainless steel plates of the same dimension, extending to a steel frame. These metal strips divide the glass blocks into groups of 64.

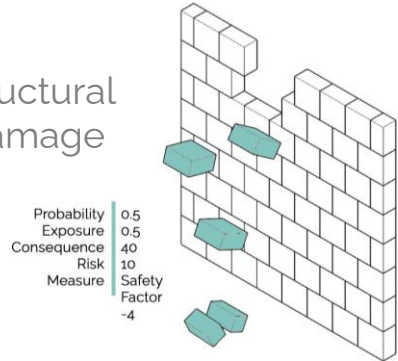


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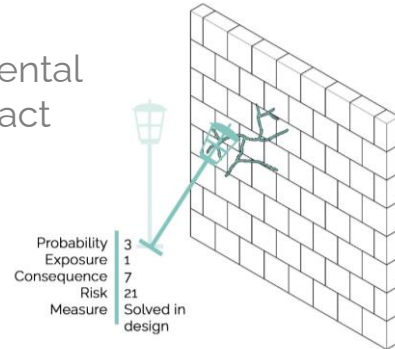


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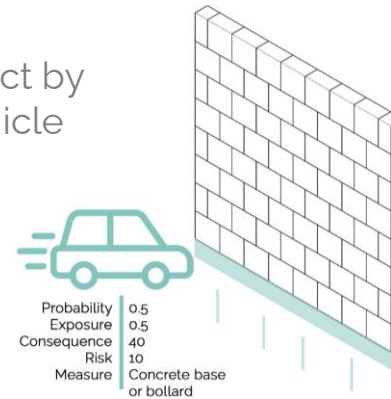
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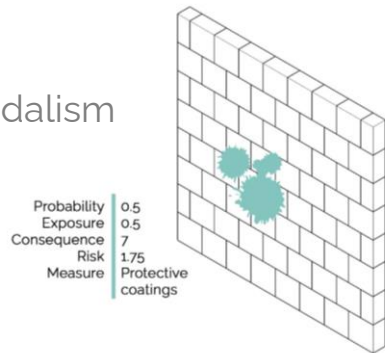
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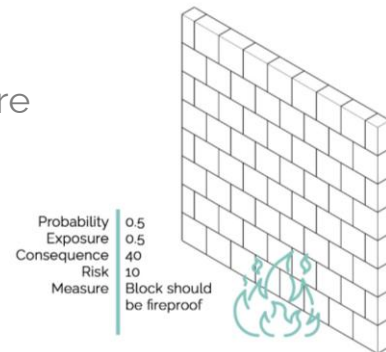
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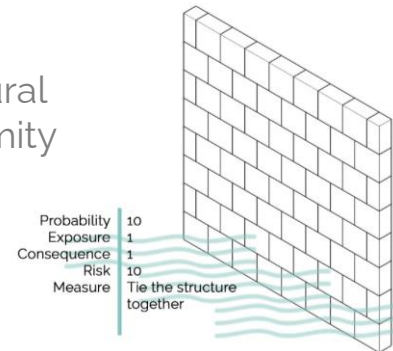
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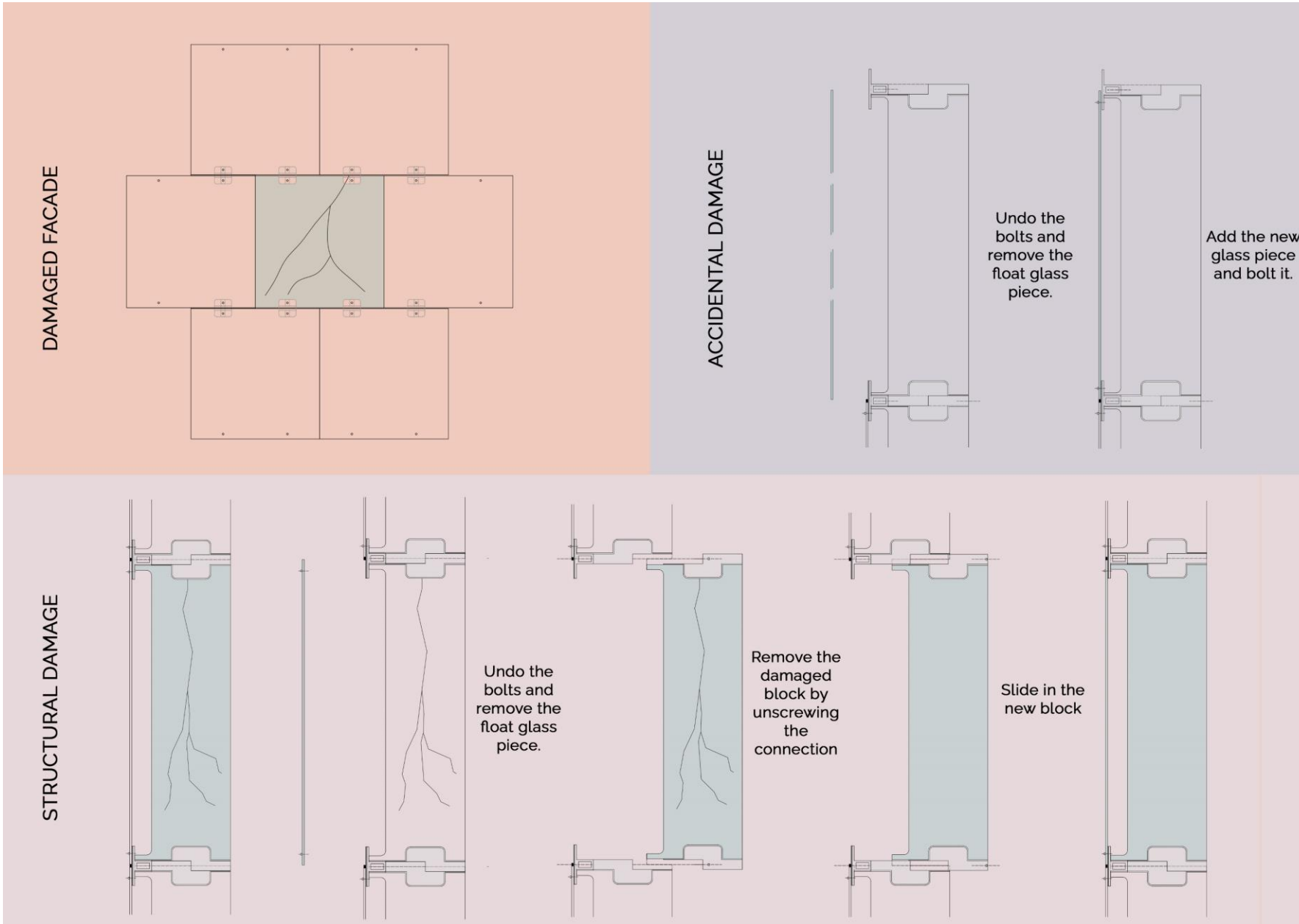
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