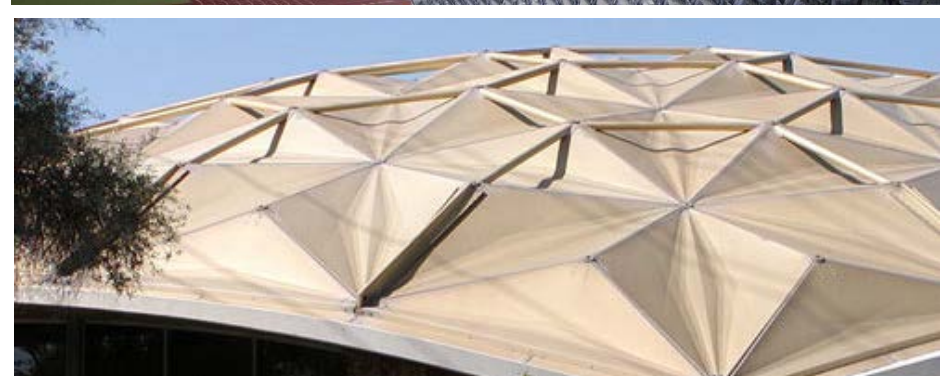
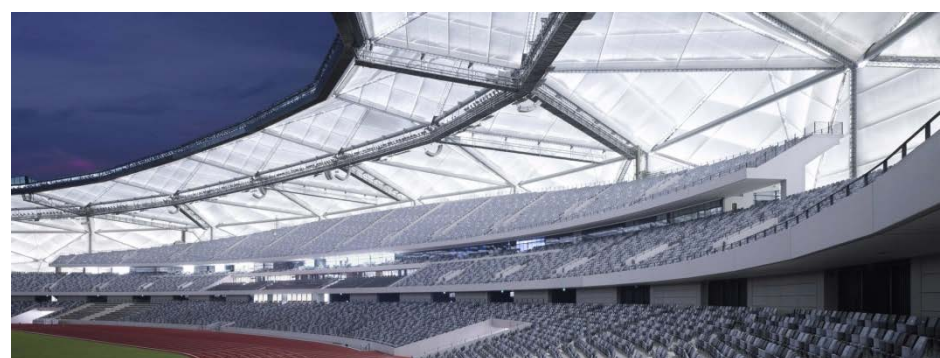
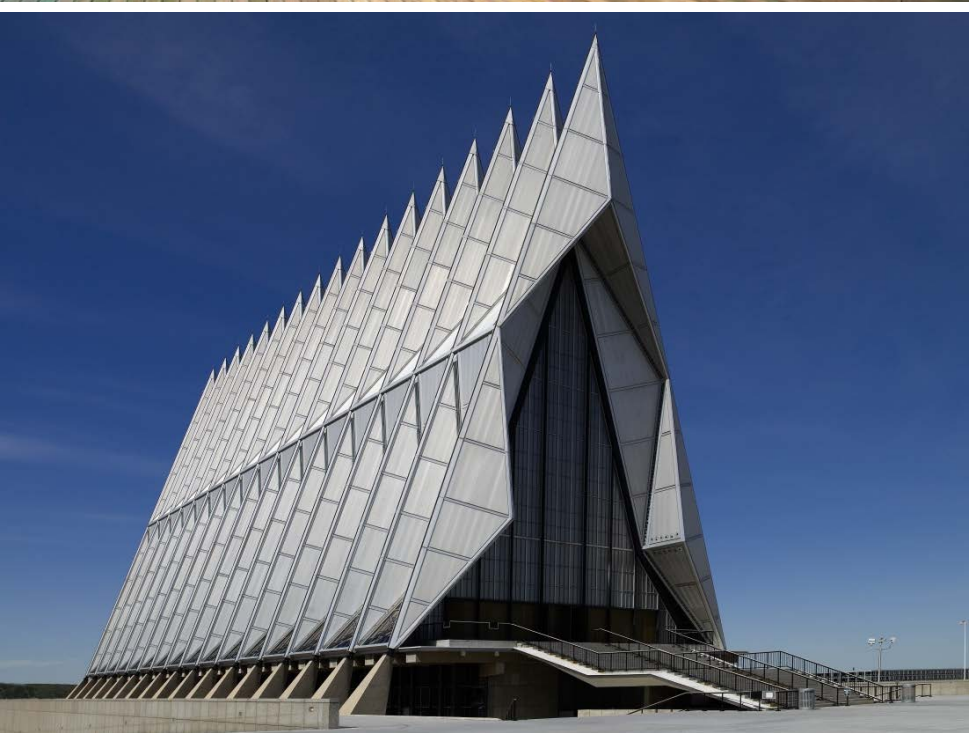
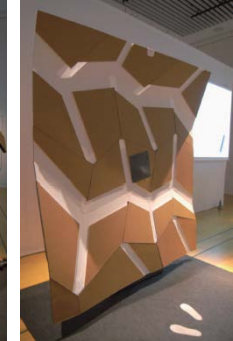
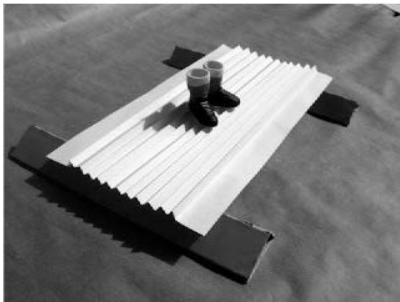
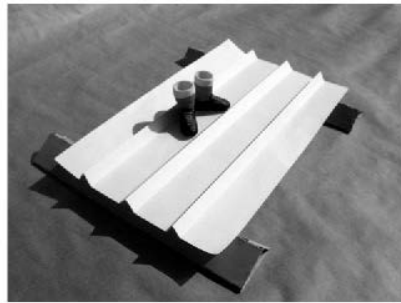
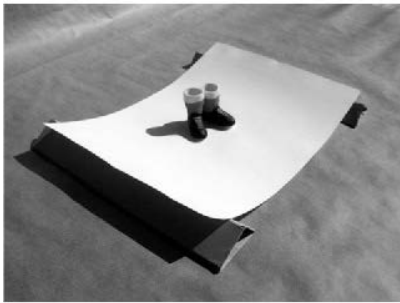


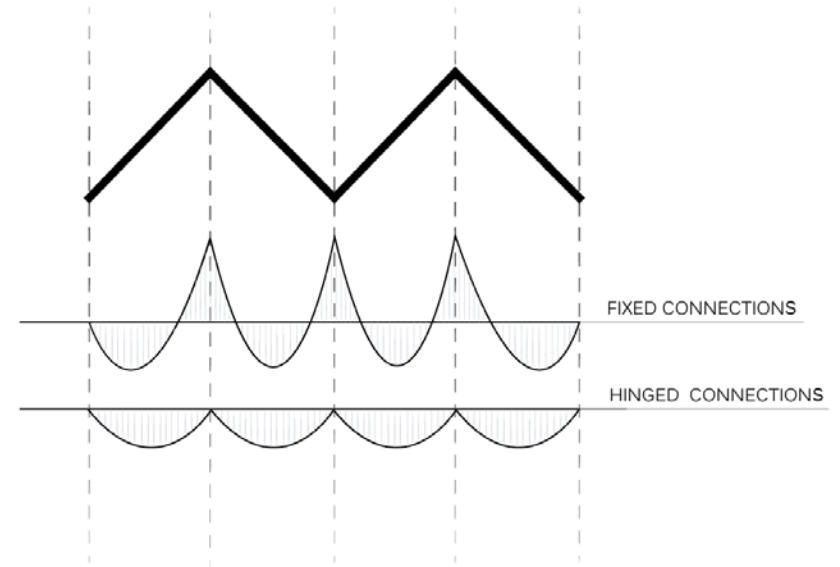
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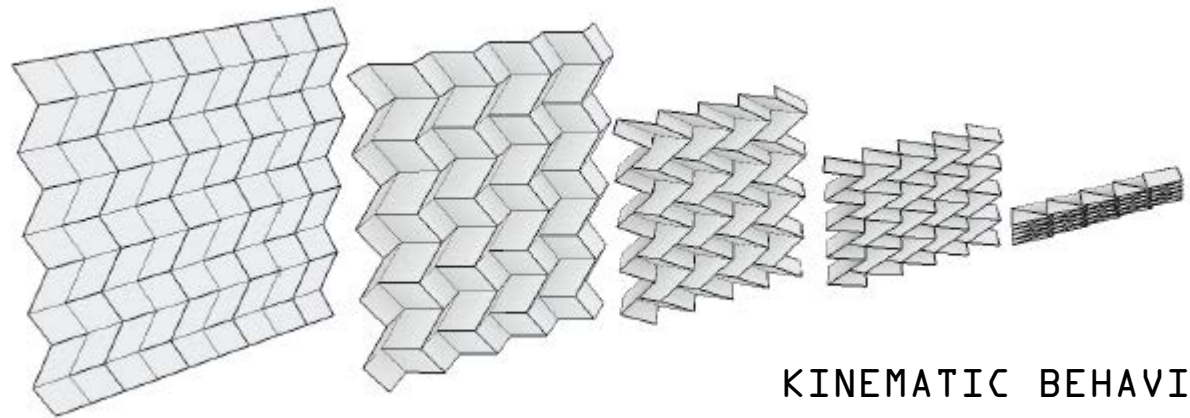




STRUCTURAL PERFORMANCE



# FOLDED PLATE PROPERTIES



KINEMATIC BEHAVIOR

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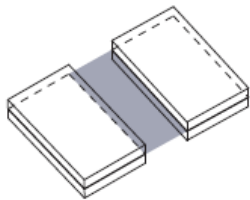
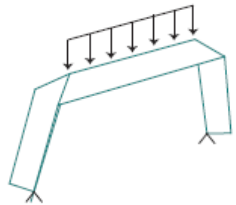
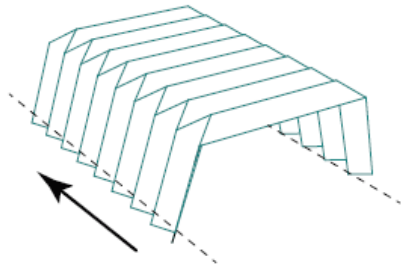
## SUB-QUESTIONS

- What are the criteria for selecting a folding pattern that provides both stiffness and deployment potential?
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- What kind of mechanism enables the specified deployment movement and what restrictions does this present for the design?
- What types of connections are required between plates and in the structure supports to ensure that the load transfer is done as expected and also to allow the necessary degree of freedom for the deployment?
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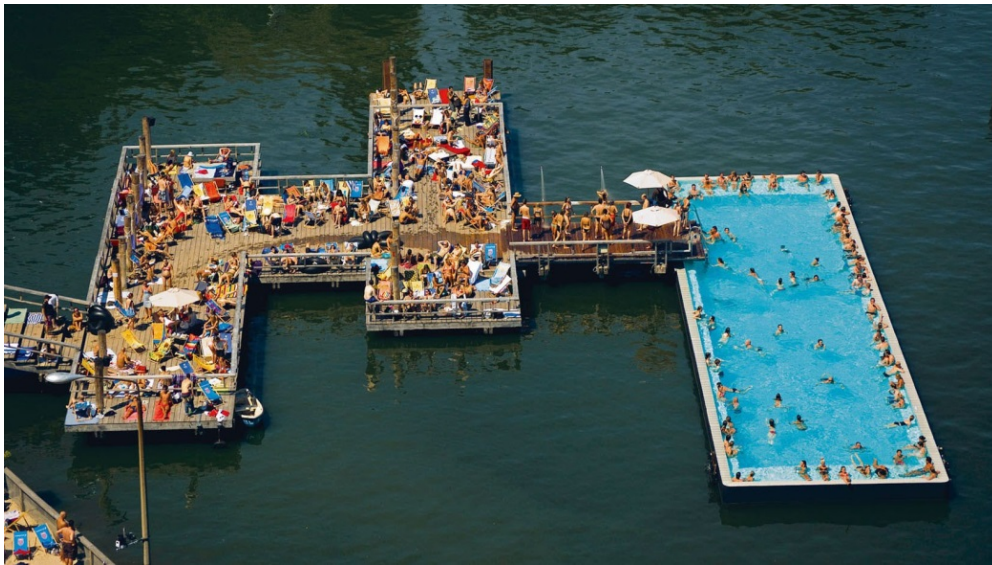
- Provide natural lighting and maximum transparency
- Self-supported glass plate structure (no frame)
- Deployable on one side (fully adaptable)
- Feasibility

### STRUCTURAL CRITERIA

- Controlled element deformation + stress levels (all phases of deployment)
- General shape stability (all phases of deployment)
- Glass element redundancy
- Damage sensitivity - Fracture mode – Safety factors

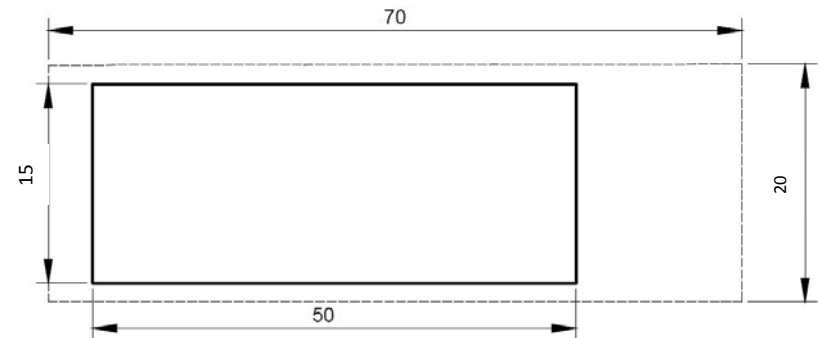
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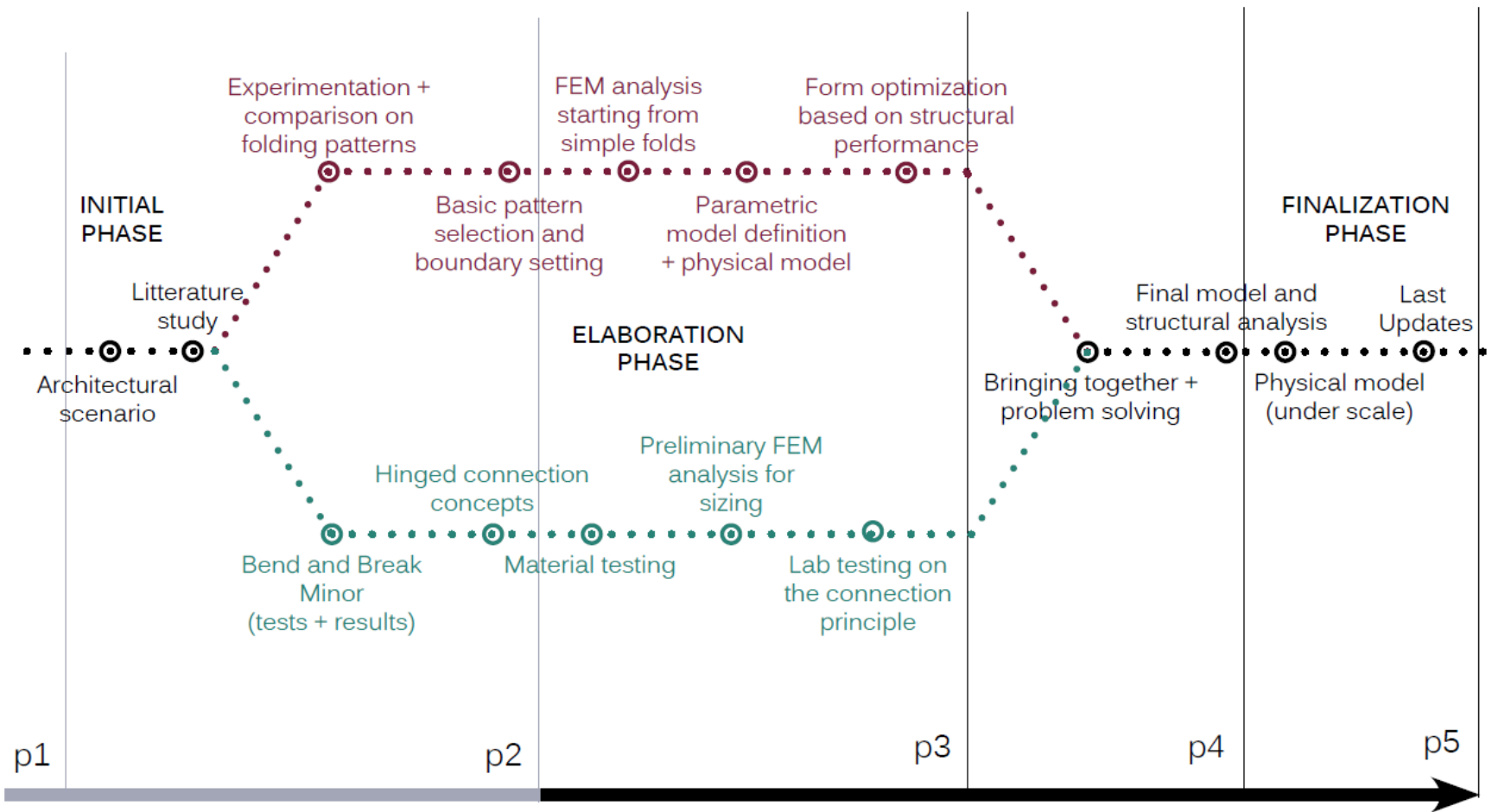
- Discrete design- Invisible connection
- Tolerances
- Restriction of gaps- waterproofing
- Repair work facilitated
- BC maintained by connection detailing

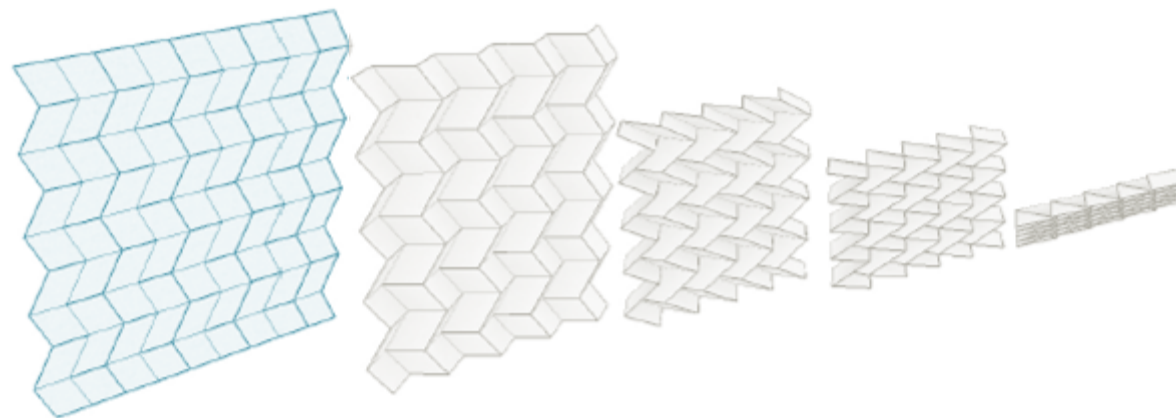


# CASE STUDY

Swimming pool area :  
15\* 50m – Total span: 20m







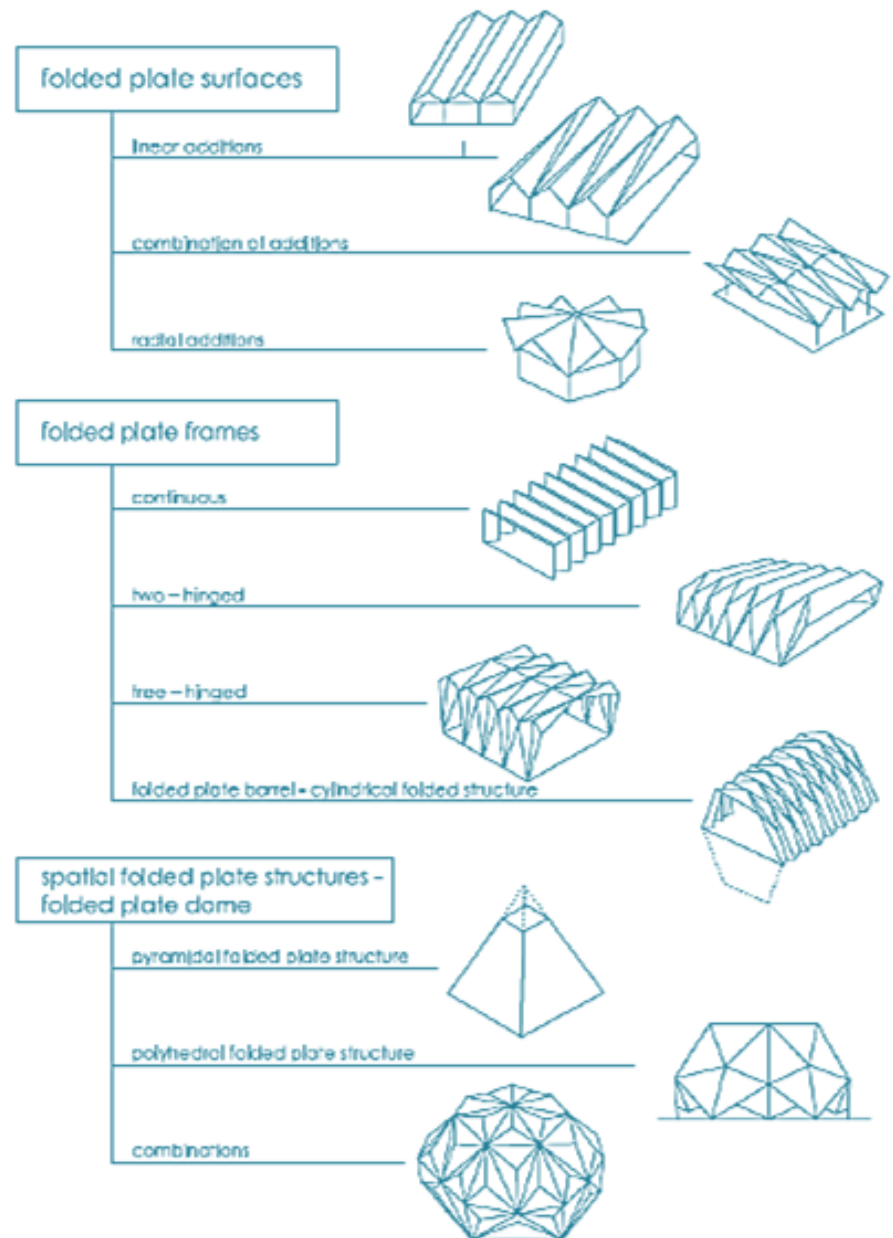
# PART 1: FOLDING PATTERN SELECTION



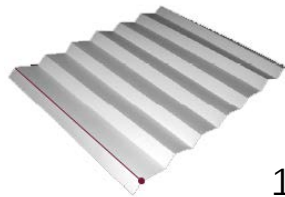
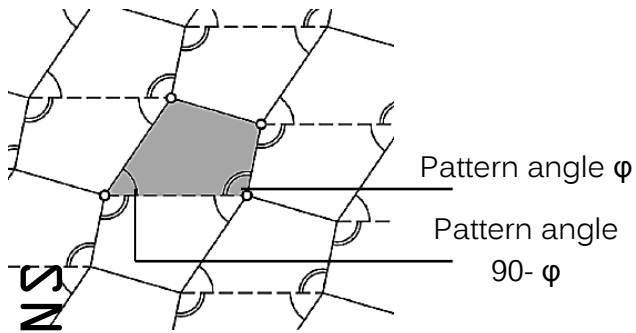
*A folded plate structure is a three-dimensional structure formed out of thin plate elements arranged in a manner to form a load bearing system.*

*[J.Born,1954.]*

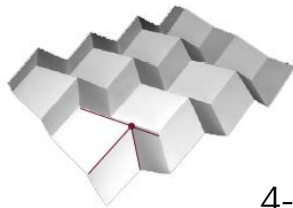
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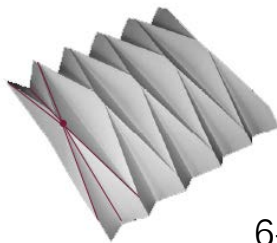
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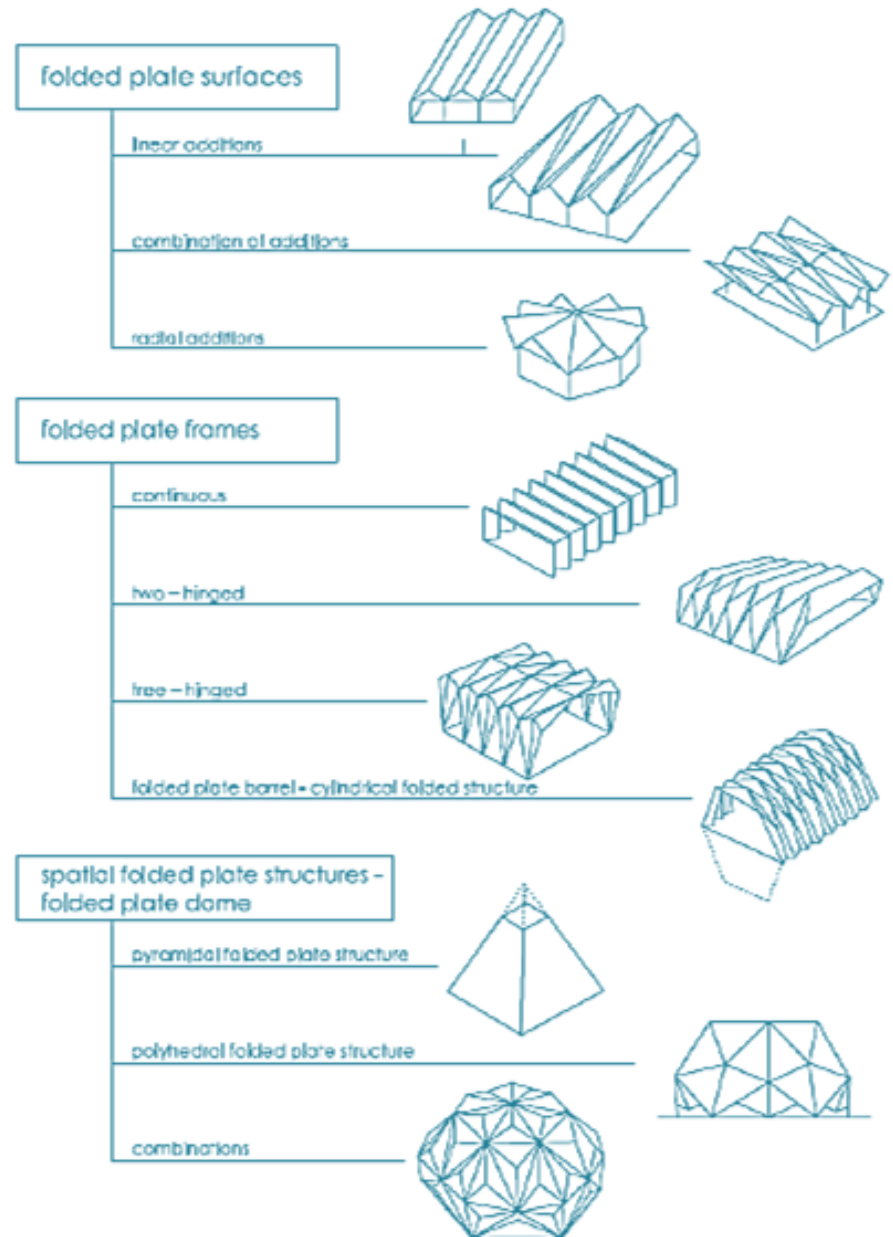


4-fold



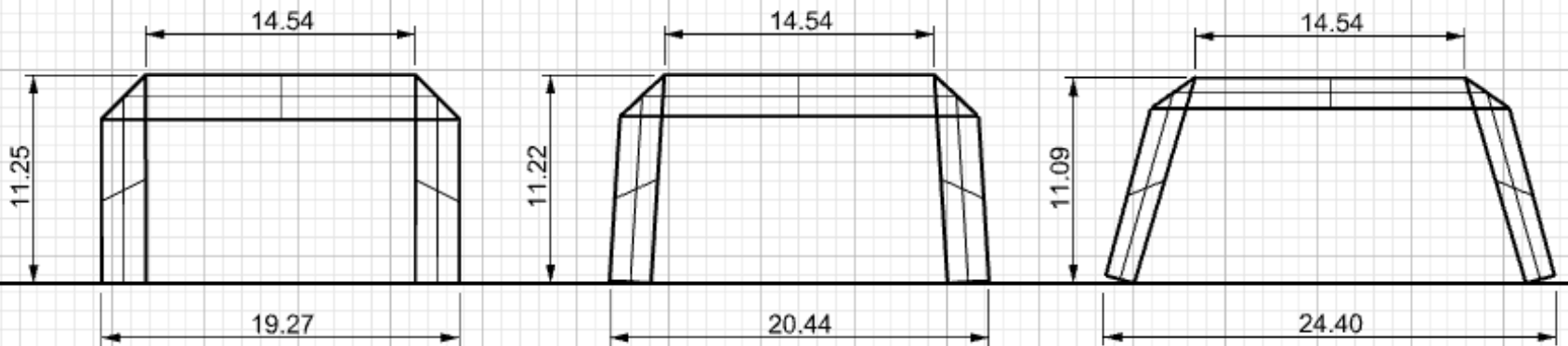
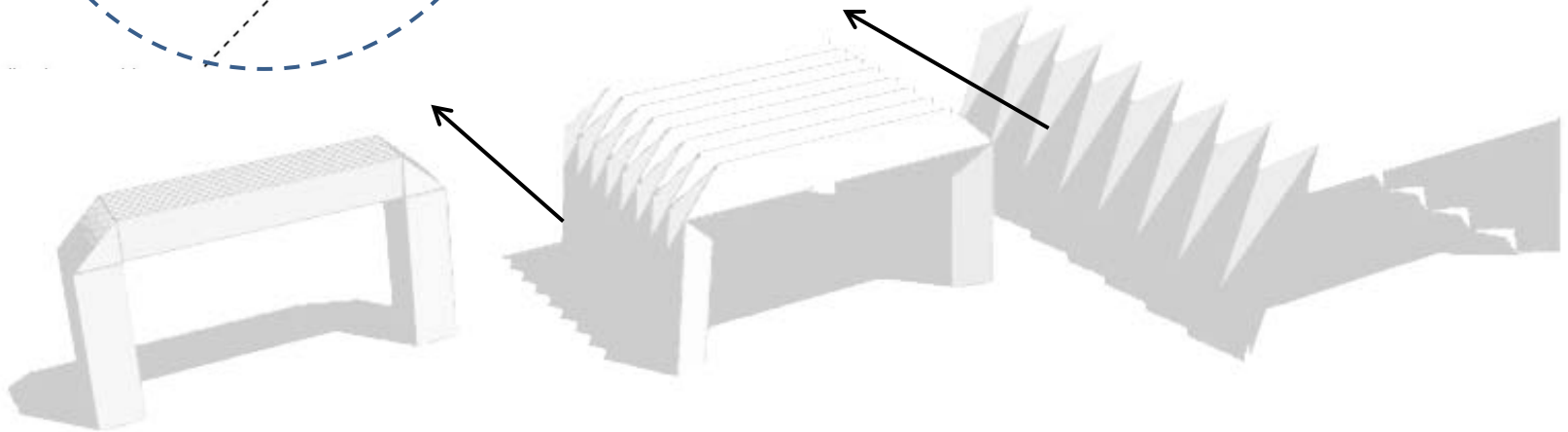
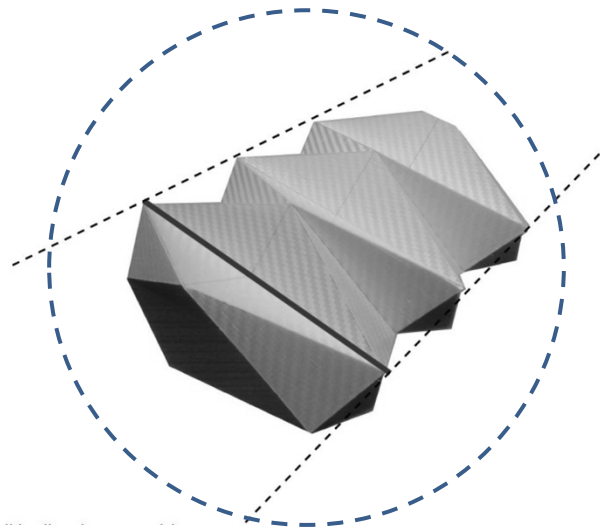
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## LATERAL EXPANSION DURING DEPLOYMENT

'poisson ratio' of  
geometry expansion

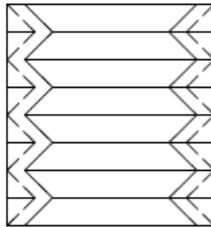


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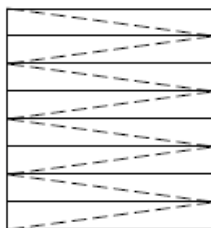
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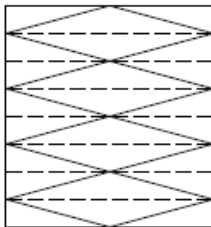
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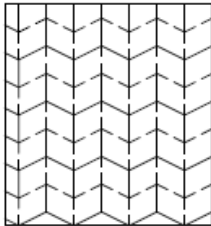
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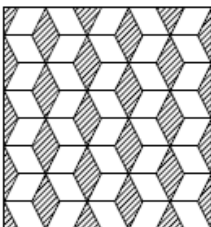
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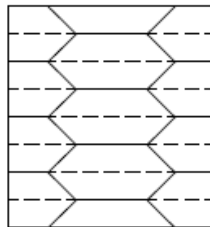
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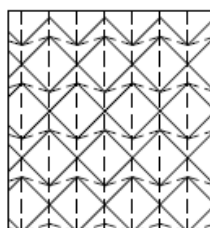
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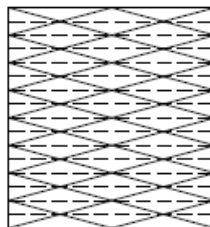
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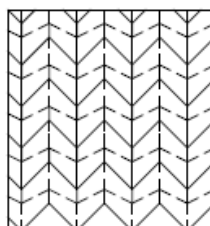
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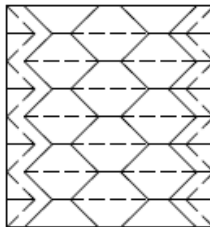
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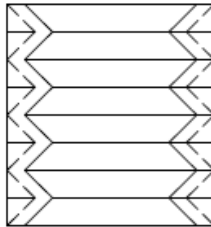


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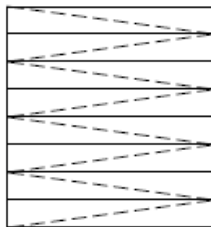
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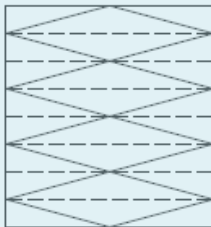
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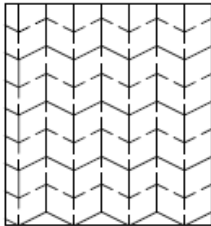
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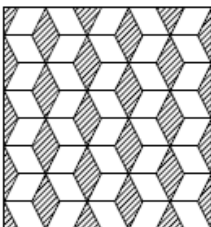
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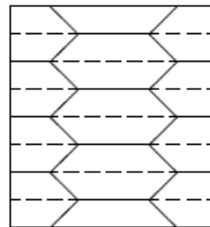
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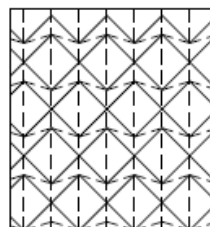
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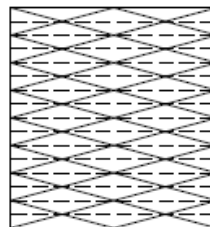
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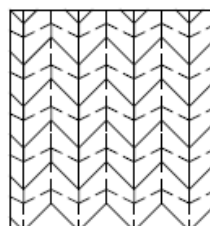
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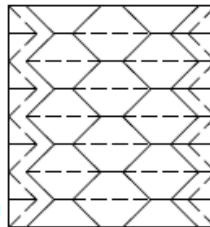
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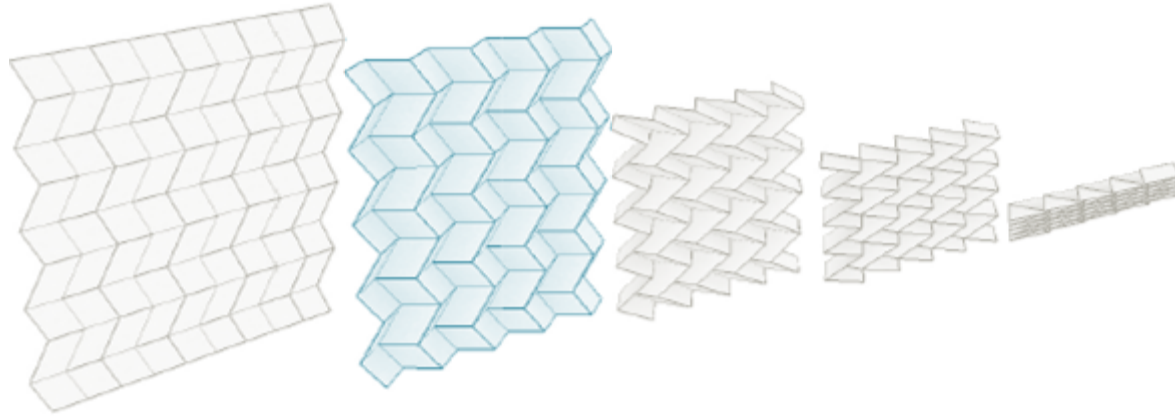


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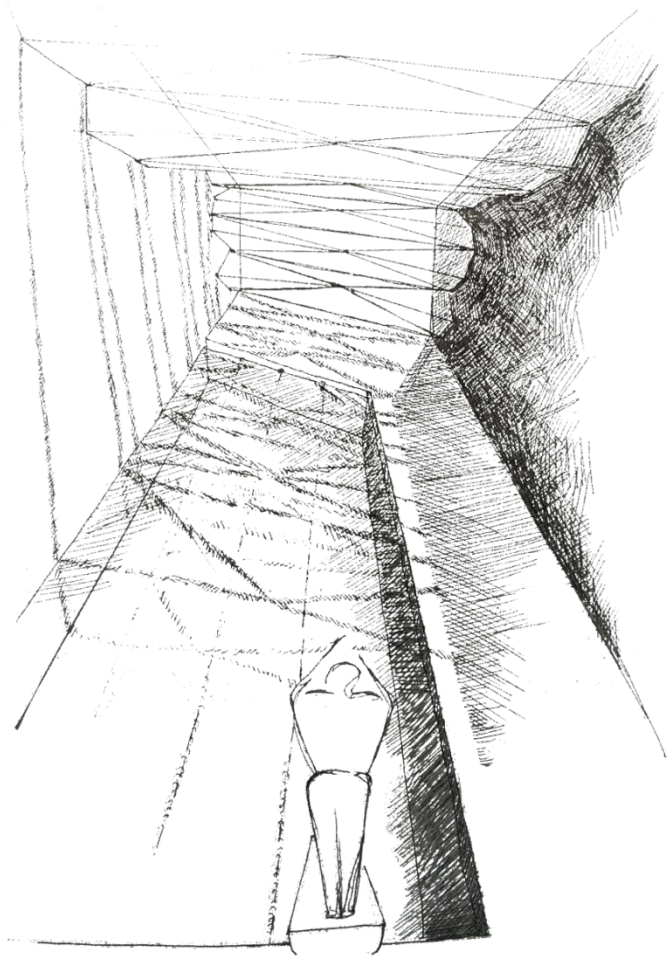
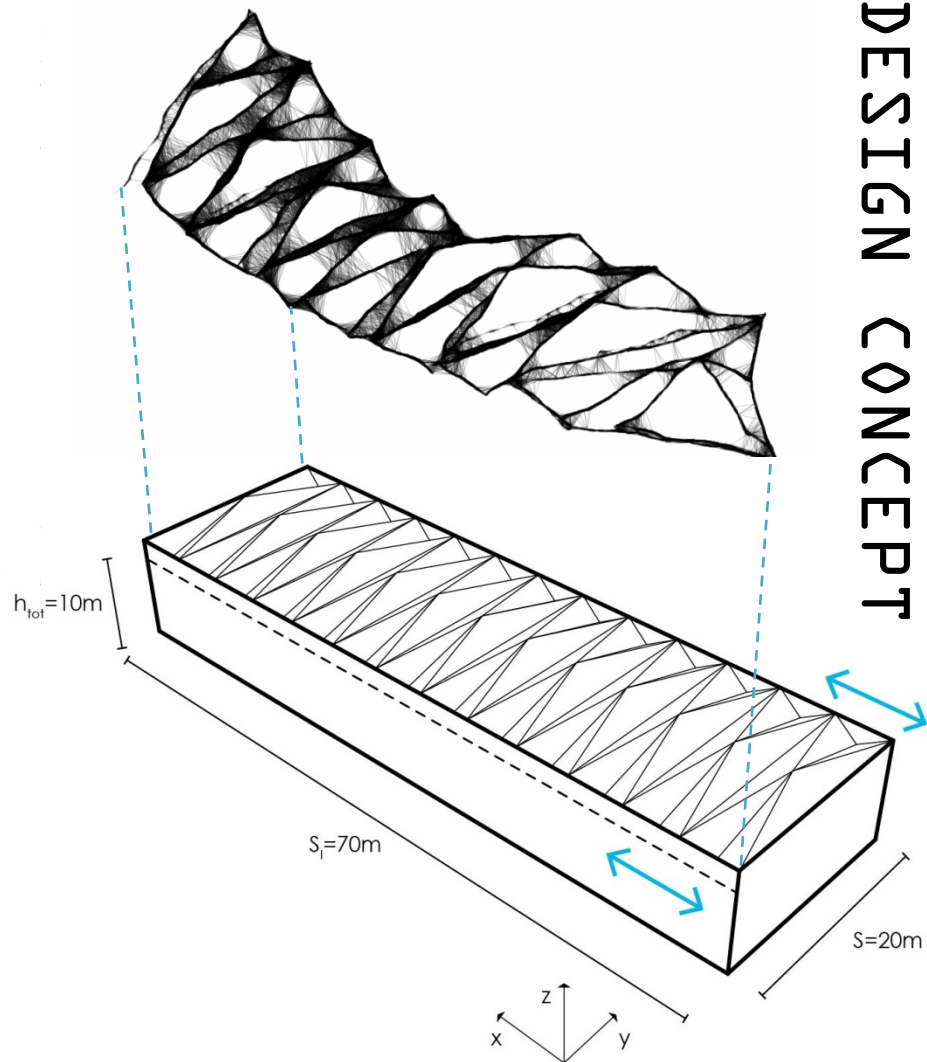
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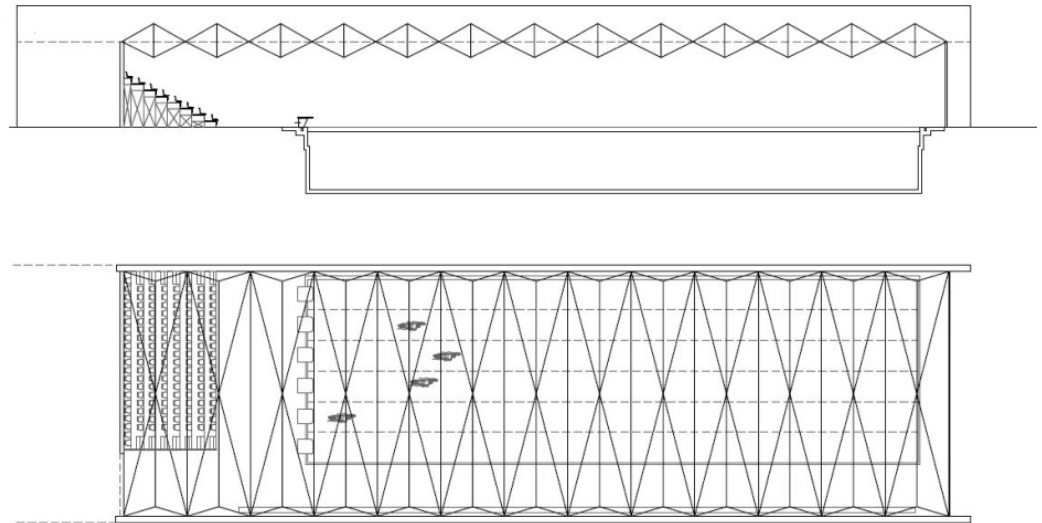
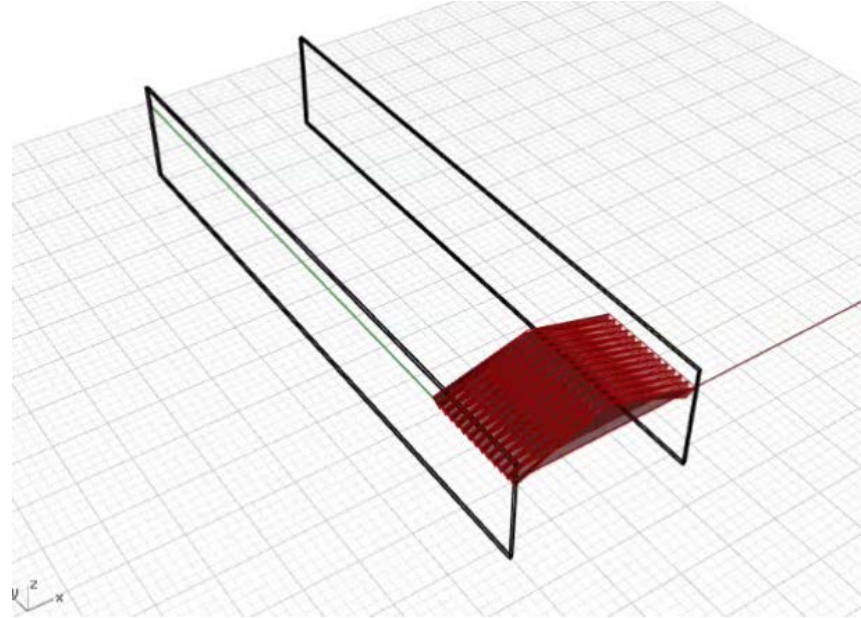
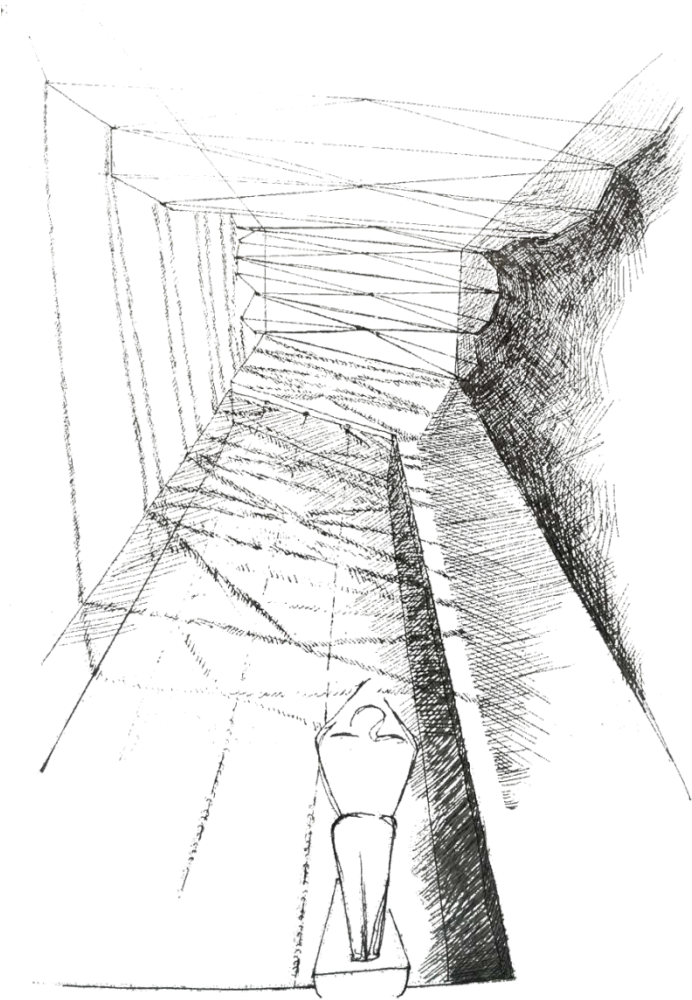


## PART 2: DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

# DESIGN CONCEPT

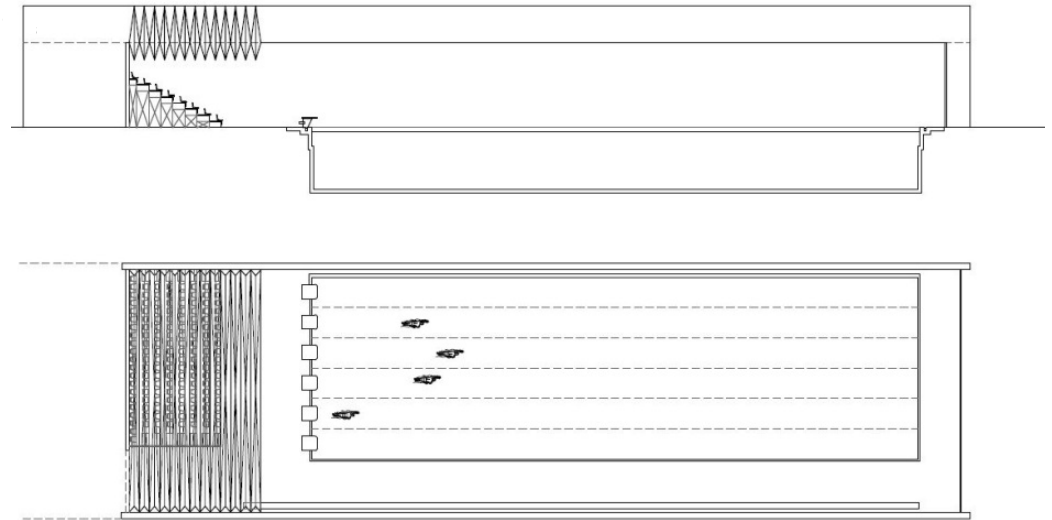
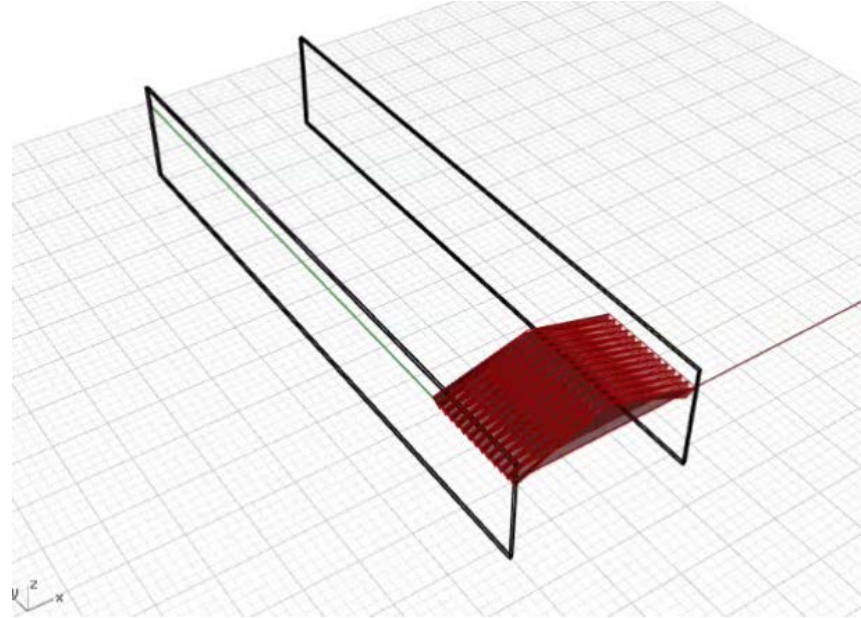
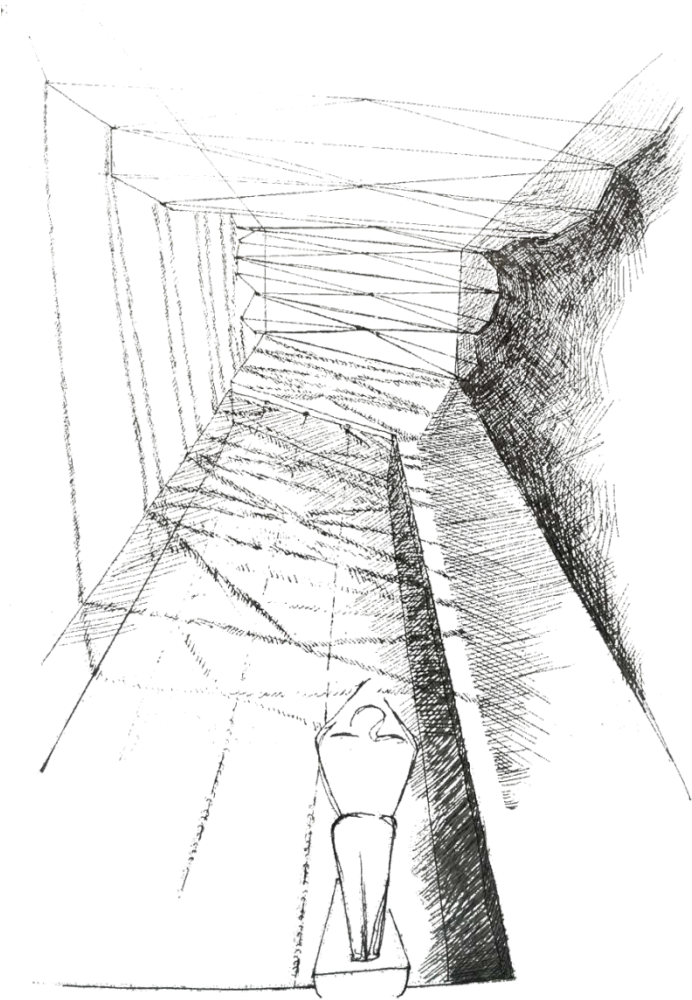




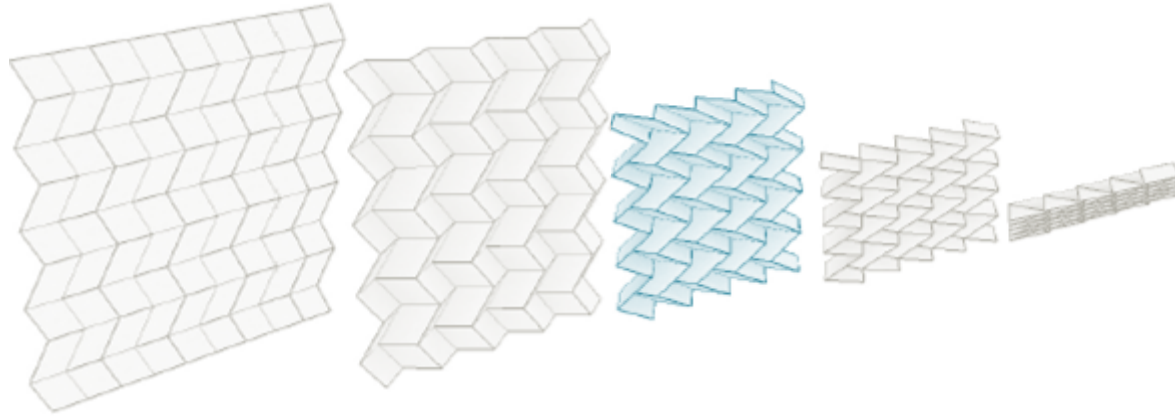


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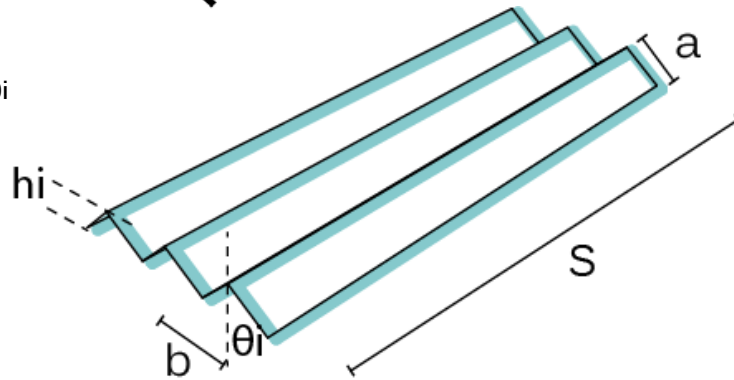


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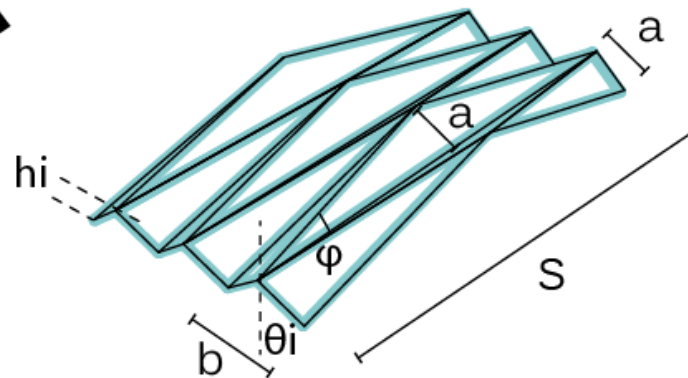


deployment angle:  $\theta_i$   
structural height :  $h_i$

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PRELIMINARY  
 $\theta_i$  range  
 $S, a$



# PARAMETER DEFINITION

GIVEN:  
Span  $S$   
 $S=20\text{m}$

VARIABLES:  
plate width:  $a$   
thickness:  $t$

DEPENDENT VARIBALES:  
fold width:  $b$   
folding angle:  $\phi$

TIME-DEPENDENT:  
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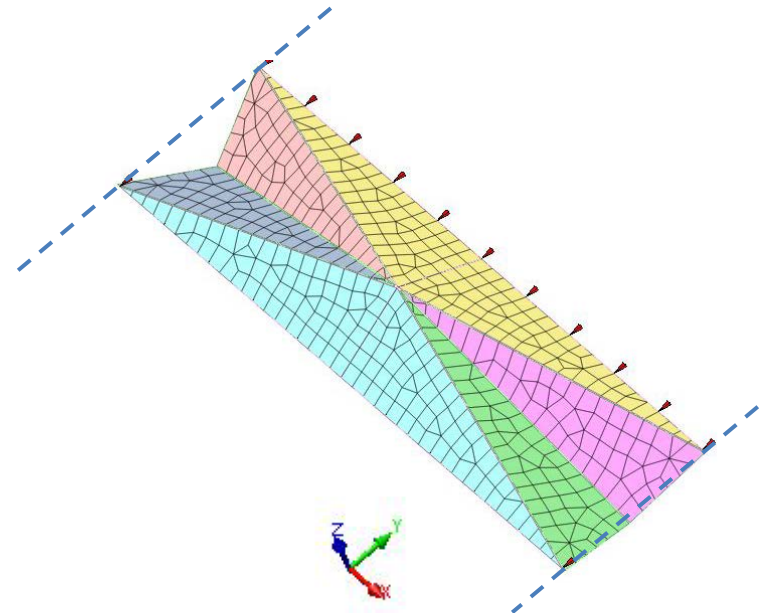
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Live load (snow)	0.7	1.6	1.12	0.935243237
Wind suction	-0.08	2	-0.16	-0.133606177
Snow + Wind	surface load:		0.96	0.801637061
Wind load (H)	0.2	2	0.4	
	0.2	2	0.4	
	0.13	2	0.26	
SLS q= 6.87243313 [KN/m]			ULS q=	8.427288101 [KN/m]
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## BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

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SUPPORTS ALONG LONG EDGES : translation on y



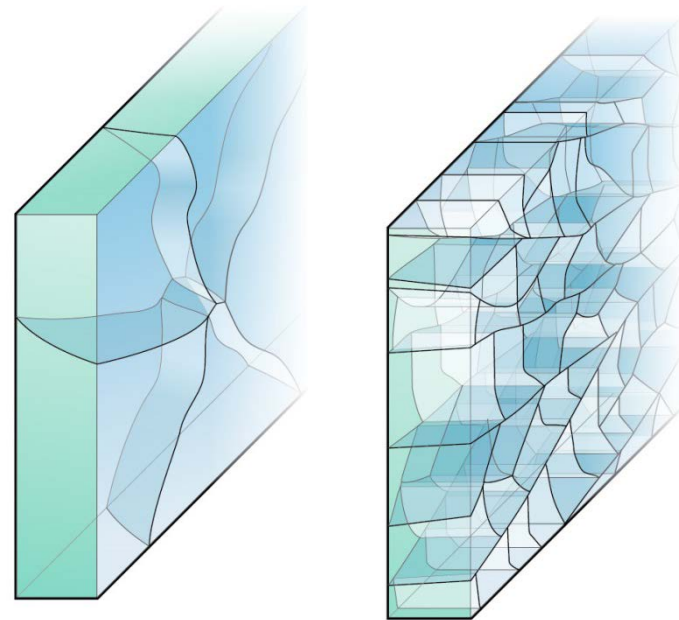


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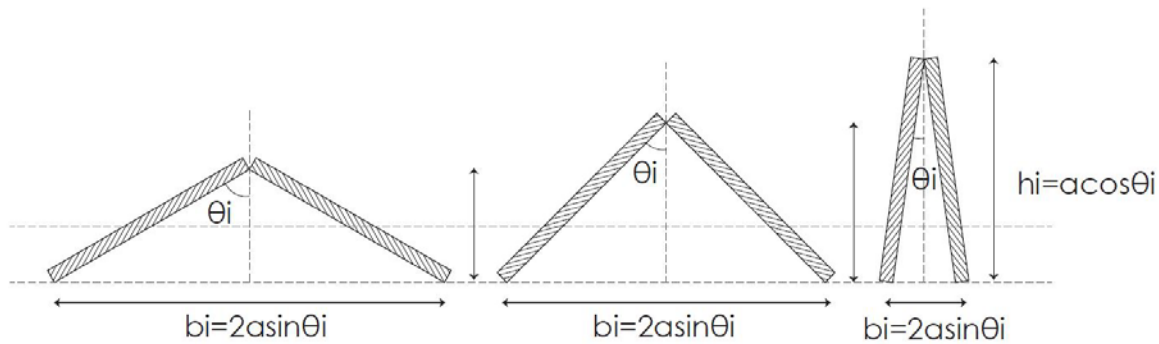
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	6,70E+10	N/m <sup>2</sup>
Tensile strength	50	Mpa
	5,00E+07	N/m <sup>2</sup>
with safety factor (global): 1.2	4,17E+07	N/m <sup>2</sup>
	1,88E+06	N/m <sup>2</sup>
Yield strength	33-38	MPa
Tensile strain to failure	0.05	%
Compressive modulus	63.8-70.4	GPa
Compressive strength	390	MPa
	3,90E+08	N/m <sup>2</sup>
Bending strength	45	Mpa
Flexural modulus	70-74	GPa
Flexural strength	40-45	MPa
Shear modulus	27-29	GPa
Bulk modulus	37-40	GPa
Poisson ratio	0.22-0.24	
Fracture toughness	1-1.3	MPa/m <sup>2</sup>
Thermal shock resistance	up to 130	C
Permittable deflection = S/60	0,3333	m

# MEASURES

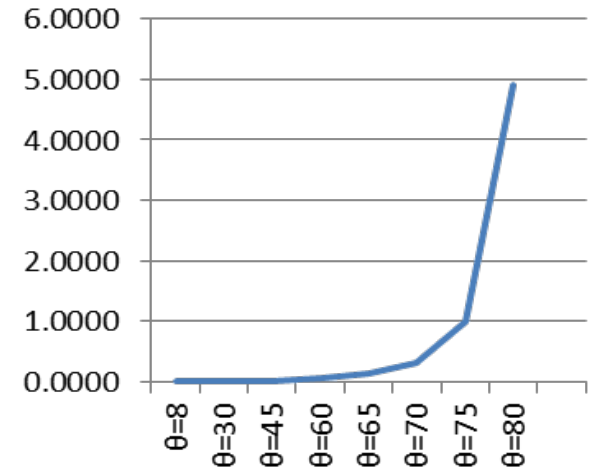
- Damage sensitivity,  $\Sigma$ : vulnerability based on probabilistic failure causes
- Relative resistance r: ratio between actions on and resistance of elements
- Redundancy : margin between damage and failure and failure and collapse
- Fracture mode: breakage and injury potential



- Material safety factor : 1.2
- Permittable stress levels / deflection
- Redundancy : extra layer of glass not included in calculations
- Use of laminated heat-strengthened glass



## DEFLECTION



# FOLDING ANGLE $\theta_i$

Moment of inertia  $I_y = 2t \cos \theta_i h_i^3 / 12$

First moment of area  $S_y = ta^2 \sin \theta_i$

Deflection  $w = 5ql^4 / 384Ely$

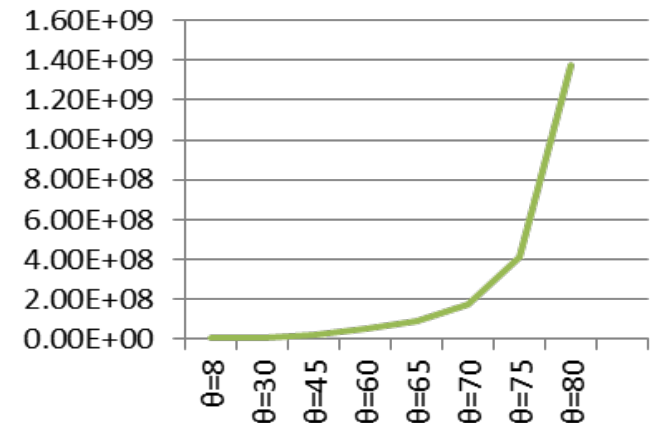
Bending moment middle  $M = ql^2 / 8$

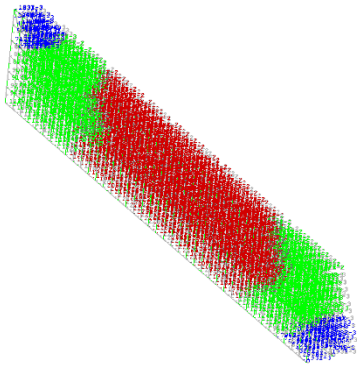
Maximum flexural stress  $\sigma = Mz / I_y$

Principle Force max.  $F = \sigma t$

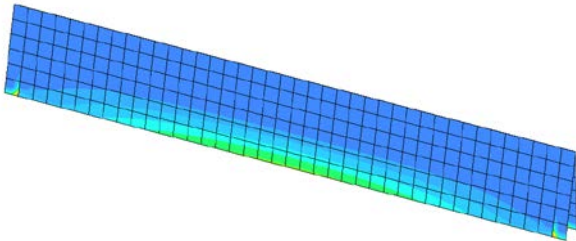
Maximum shear stress  $\tau = VQ / Ib$

## MAX STRESS

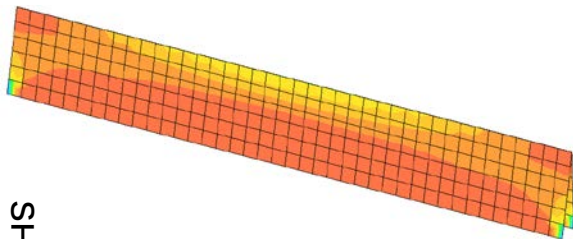




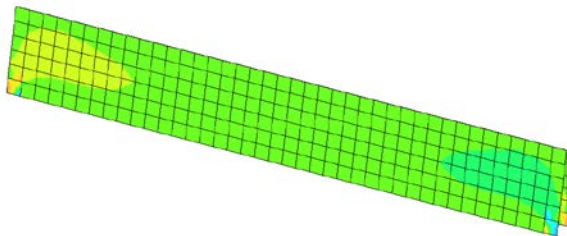
DEFORMATION



PRINCIPAL STRESSES



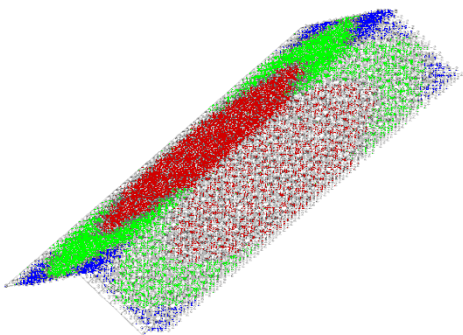
SHEAR STRESSES



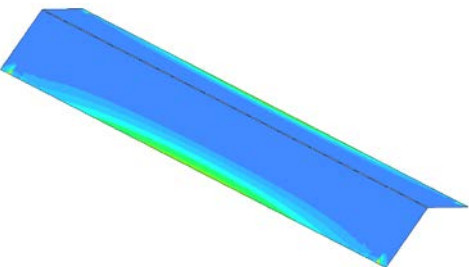
# SIMPLIFIED J - FOLD

t=4\*0.15  
a=3m  
Span 20m

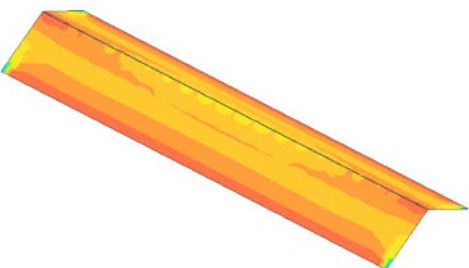
Reaction force	6,78E+04	
Deflection	0,00242	
Bending moment middle		
	PRINC.FORCE [N/m]	
Maximum compress. stress	-5,44E+06	-2,4E+05
Maximum tensile. stress	5,04E+06	2,27E+05
Shear stress	1,07E+06	



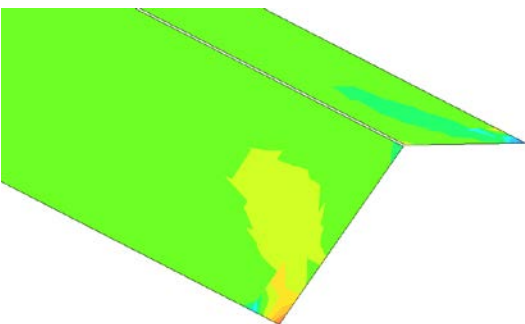
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PRINCIPAL  
STRESSES S1



SHEAR  
STRESSES



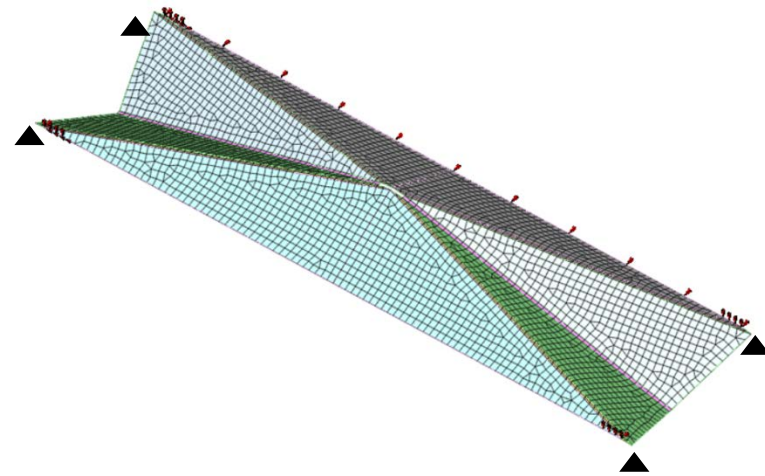
# SIMPLIFIED I - FOLD

$t=4 \cdot 0.15$   
 $a=3\text{m}$   
 Span 20m

Reaction force	1,26E+06
Deflection	0,0107
Bending moment middle	
Maximum compress. stress	-1,14E+07
Maximum tensile. stress	9,05E+06
Shear stress	1,95E+06

PRINC.FORCE [N/m]	
	-5,13E+05
	4,07E+05





# PLANAR 6-FOLD

DIANA FEM CALCULATION

deployment angle

$\theta=60$

Reaction force

N

Deflection

m

0.500

max

Bending moment middle

Nm

Maximum compress. stress

N/m<sup>2</sup>

-3.59E+09

-1.62E+08

Maximum tensile. stress

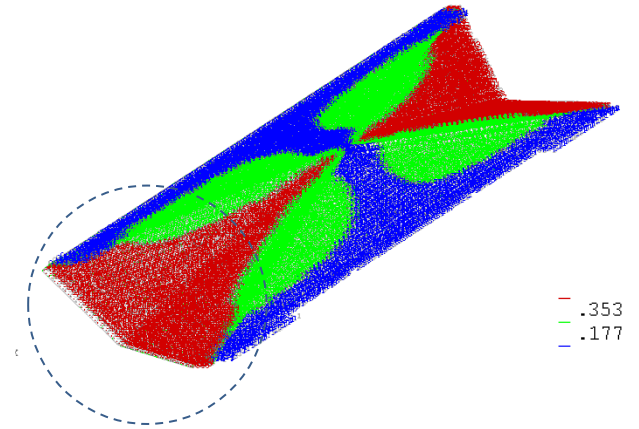
N/m<sup>2</sup>

2.99E+09

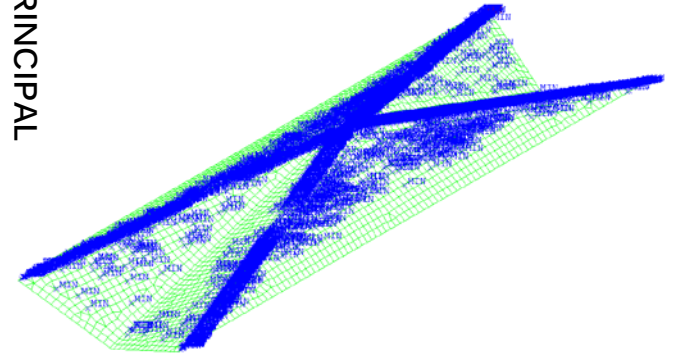
1.35E+08

PRINC.FORCE [N/m]

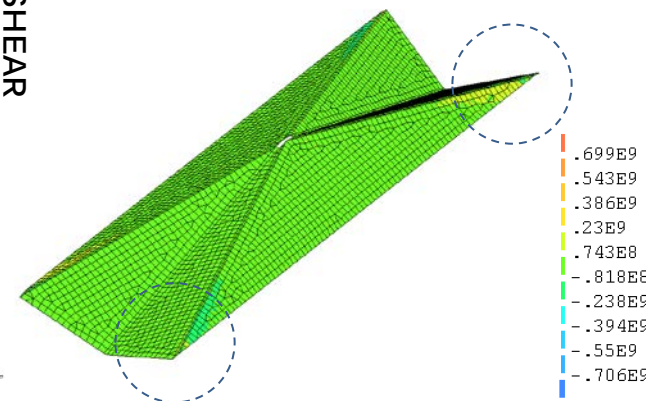
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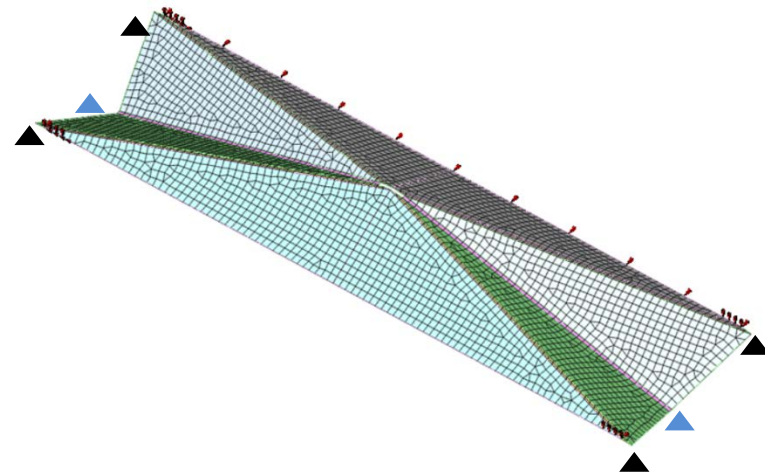


PRINCIPAL  
STRESSES MIN



SHEAR  
STRESSES





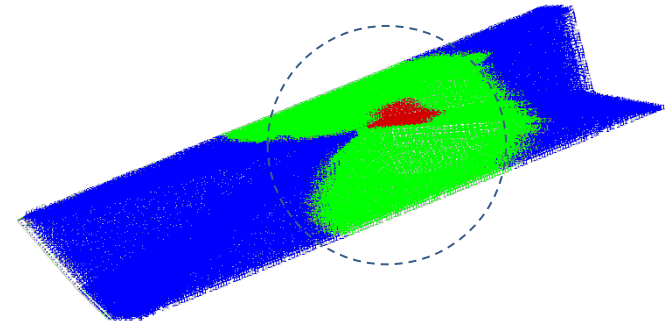
# ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS

deployment angle  
Reaction force  
Deflection  
Bending moment middle

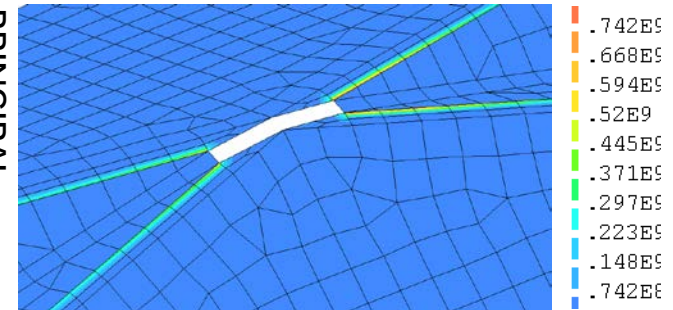
Maximum compress. stress  
Maximum tensile. stress  
Shear stress

	0.1	at top
	PRINC.FORCE [N/m]	
	-5.99E+08	-2.70E+07
	3.43E+07	1.54E+06
	1.10E+07	4.95E+05
	1.96E+08	
	1.48E+07	

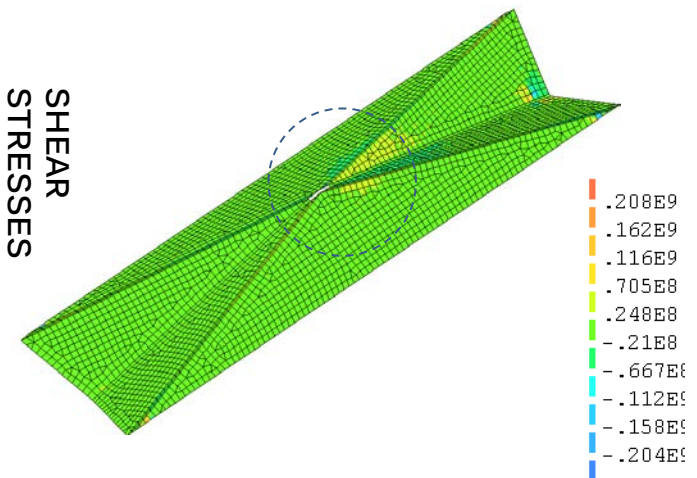
DEFORMATION

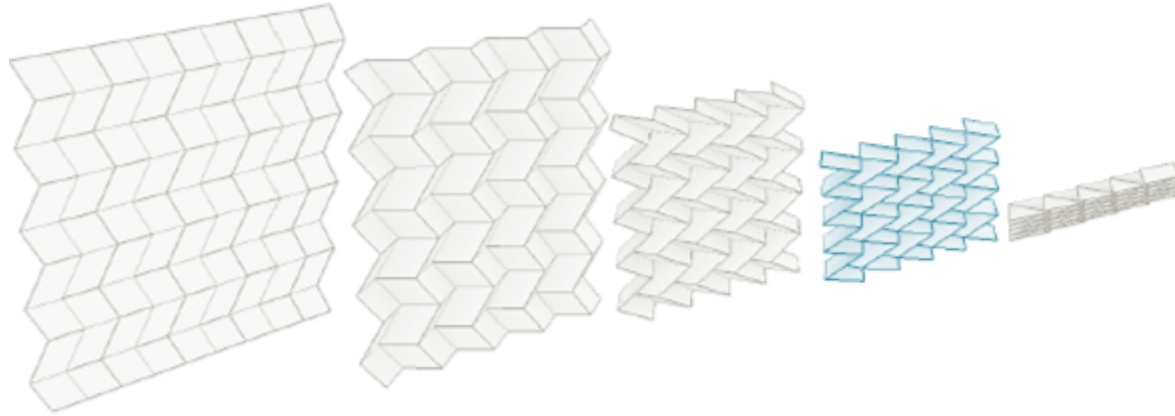


PRINCIPAL STRESSES

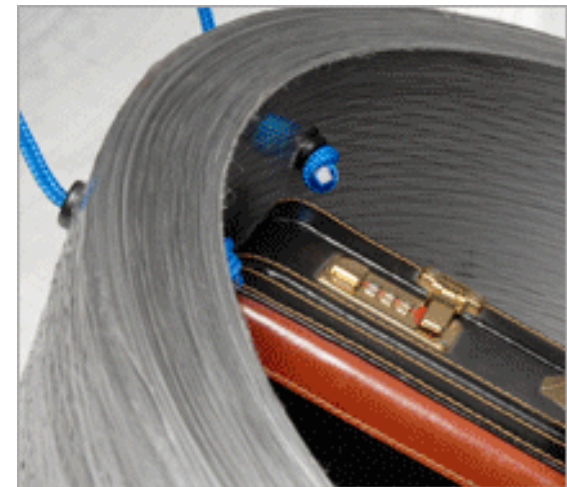
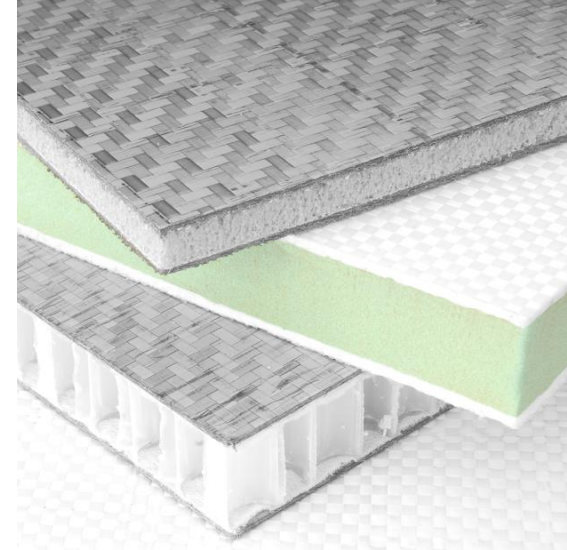


SHEAR STRESSES



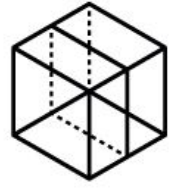


## PART 4: HINGED CONNECTION DEVELOPMENT



	Test method	Value	Unit
Bulk density	ASTM D792	0,78	g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Young's modulus	ISO 527-4	5,5	GPa
Tensile strength	ISO 527-4	200	Mpa
Tensile strain to failure	ISO 527-4	9	%
Flexural modulus	ISO 178	4,5-5,5	GPa

# PANE TO PANE CONNECTION CONCEPT



DISCRETE DESIGN



TOLERANCES



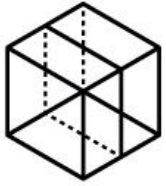
WATERPROOFING



REPAIR WORK FACILITATED



# PANE TO PANE CONNECTION CONCEPT



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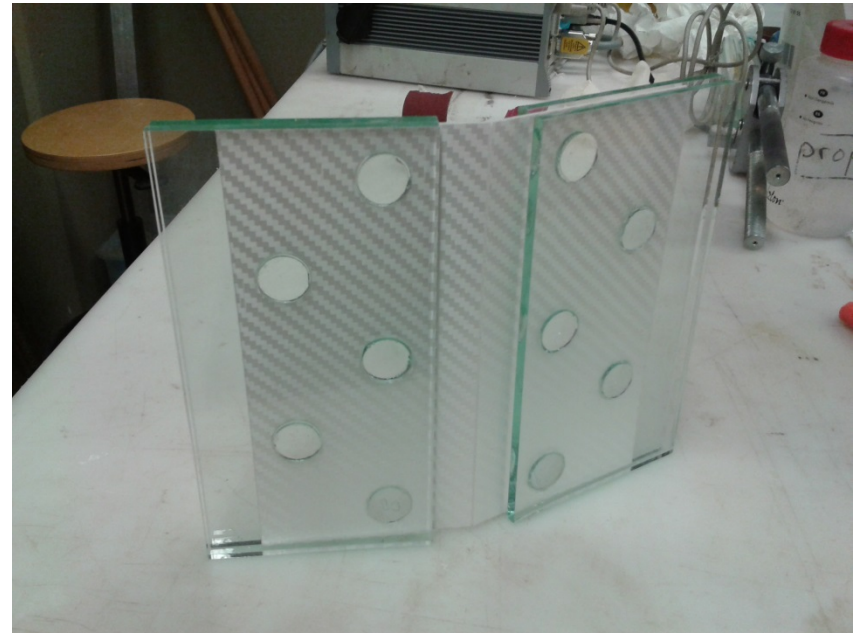
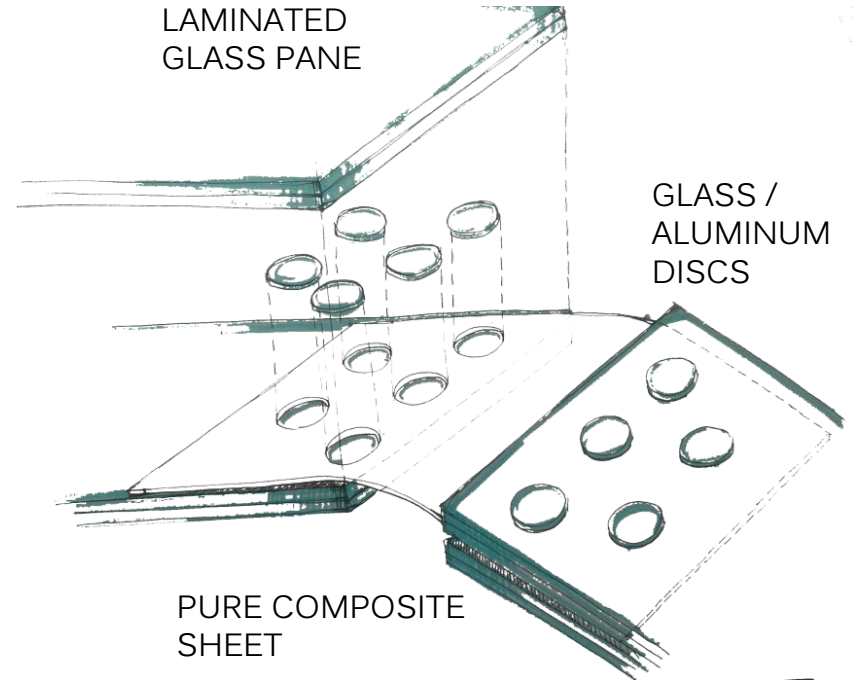
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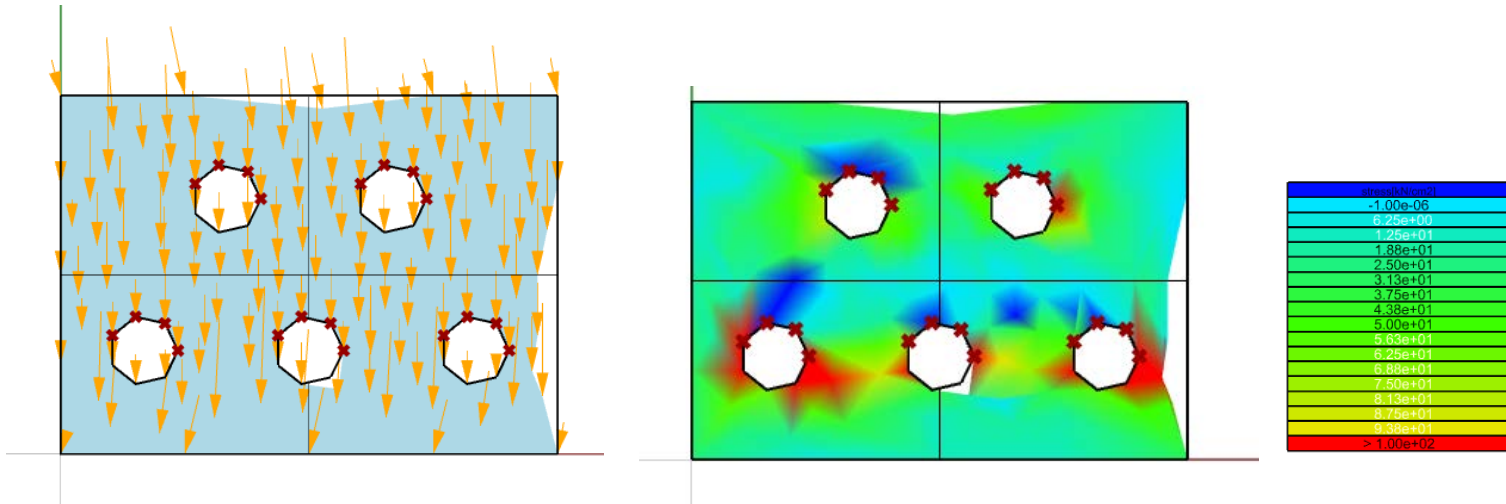


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# CONNECTION OPTIMIZATION

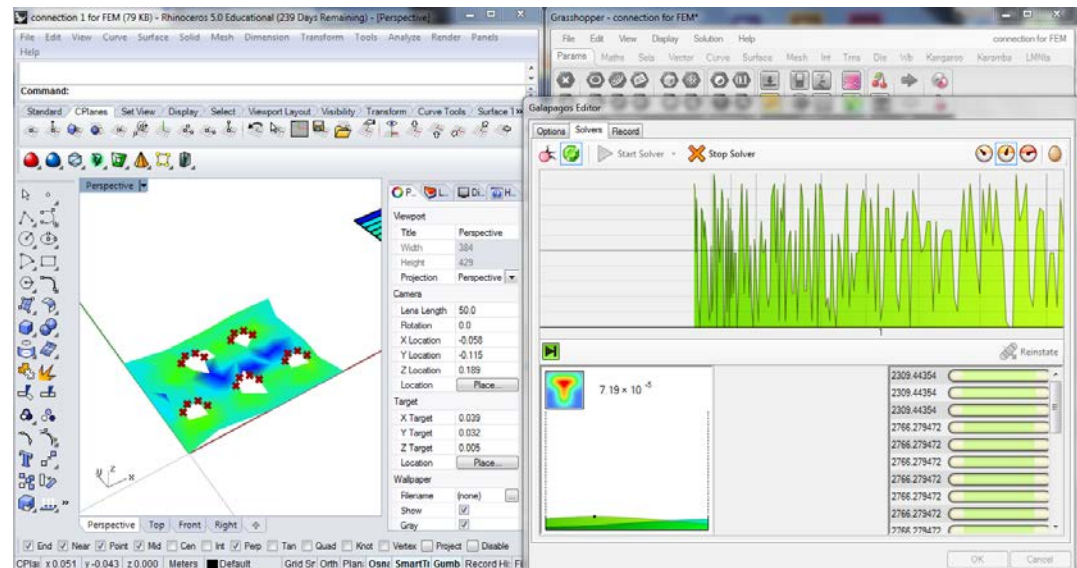
Based on steel  
construction regulations

Looking for adequate  
dimensioning of the discs

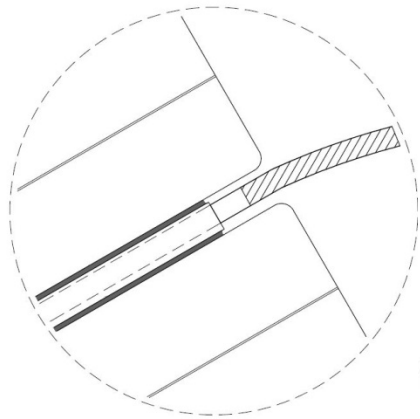
Minimize induced  
Principal forces



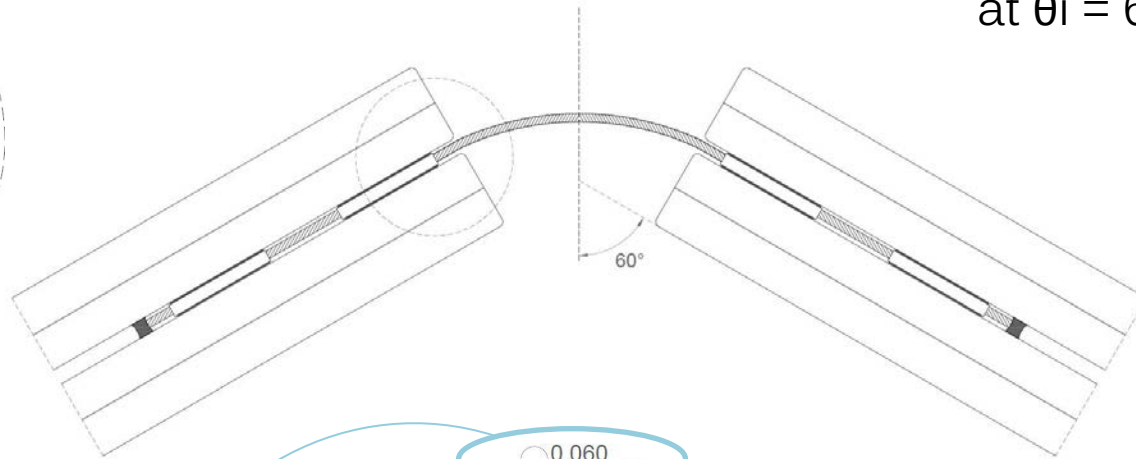
**DISK DIAMETER : 20 mm**



# CONNECTION DETAIL

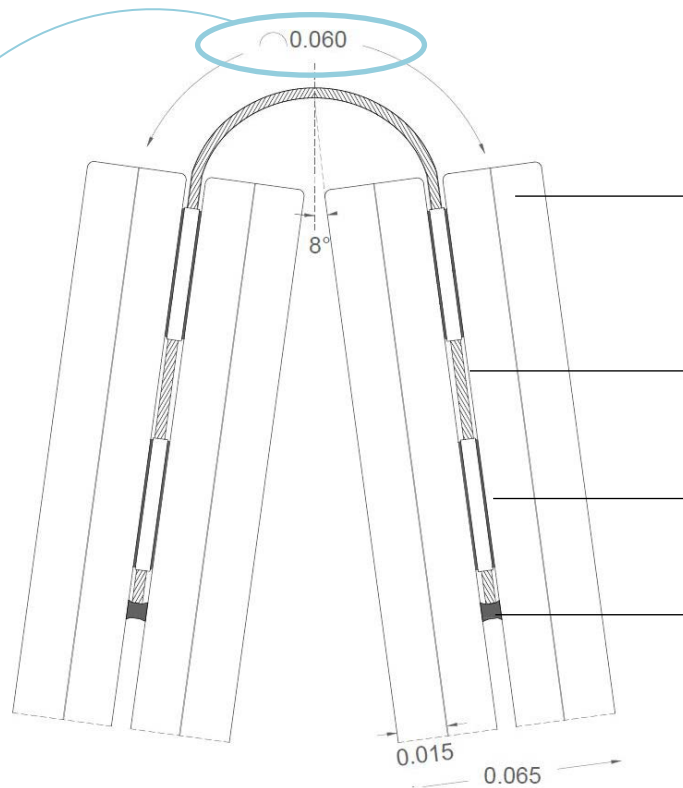


at  $\theta_i = 60^\circ$



Minimum sheet  
width to allow  
deployment

at  $\theta_i = 8^\circ$



LAMINATED HEAT-  
STRENGTHENED GLASS PANE  
THICKNESS: 2 x 15mm

PURE SHEET  
THICKNESS: 3 mm / HOLES  $\Phi$  50 mm

GLASS DISK  
THICKNESS: 4 mm /  $\Phi$  40 mm

RUBBER SEALANT

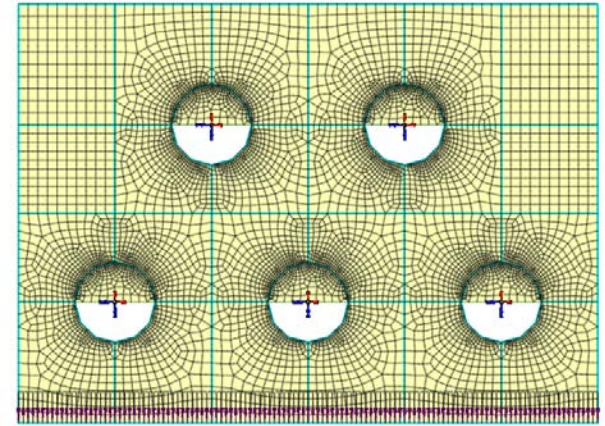
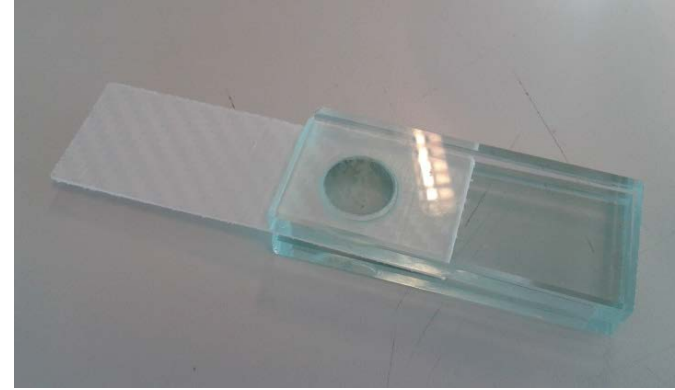
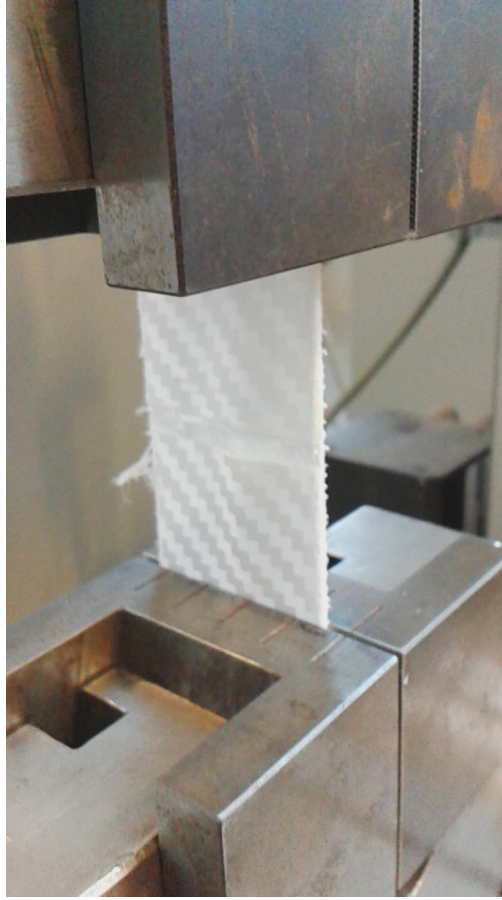
# LAB TESTS

## MATERIAL PROPERTIES:

- Fatigue test on PURE sheet (notched and un-notched version)

## CONNECTION PROPERTIES:

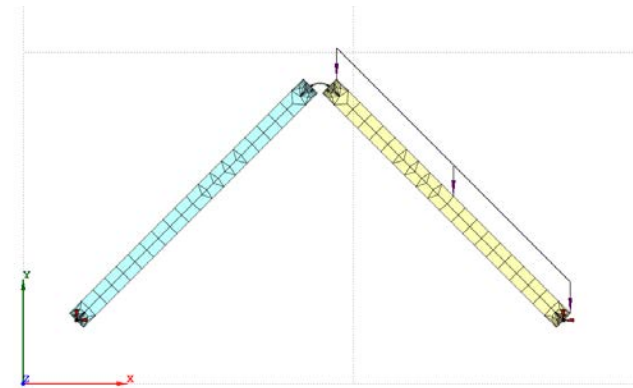
- Pull-out test on PURE sheet – glass disc connection principle (different sheet thicknesses)



# FEM TESTS

## CONNECTION PROPERTIES:

- Pull-out test on PURE sheet – glass disc connection principle (different sheet thicknesses)
- Deformation upon out-of-plane compression (different loadcase scenarios)





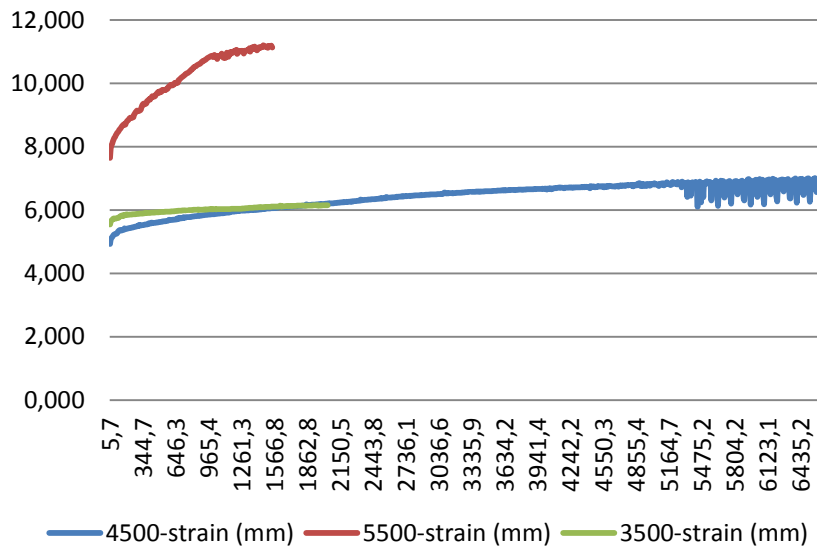
# FATIGUE TEST

## NOTCHED

MAXIMUM STRAIN

h0 [mm] : 92,5

strain/time 1sec

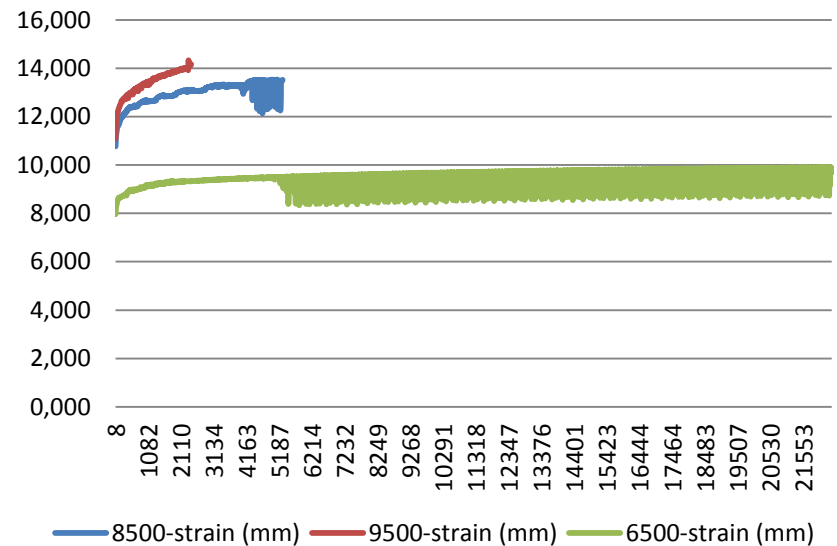


## UNNOTCHED

MAXIMUM STRAIN

h0 [mm] : 91,960

strain/time 1sec



1.5 mm PURE sheet UN-NOTCHED : 90 MPa



# PULL-OUT TEST

36.73 MPa

1

73.62 MPa

2

22 Mpa

Shear strength  
Glass/glass adhesion

## SINGLE 1.5mm /1 DISK

Specimen Description

- 1 glass breakage around disks - PURE deformed
- 2 PURE deformed + failure
- 3 glass breakage- glue did not fail
- 4 glue failure

## DOUBLE 1.5mm /2 DISK

Specimen Description

- 5 glue failure+ glass disk breakage(between disks and with plate)
- 6 glue failure disk/pane-small PURE deformation
- 7 glue failure disk/pane-small PURE deformation-glass breakage (disk)
- (dif. pat)8 glue failure disk/pane-small PURE deformation-glass breakage (disk)

Standard travel mm	Standard force N
8.954	2354
11.539	2557
9.344	2129
11.081	2497

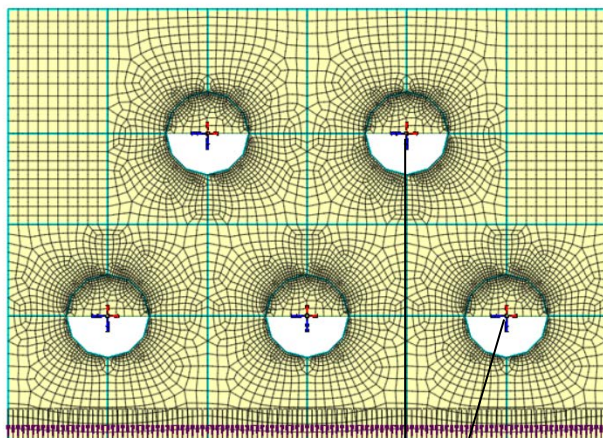
Average force 2384 N

Standard travel mm	Standard force N
8.228	3955
14.239	4913
7.670	4132
10.744	4207

Average force 4417 N



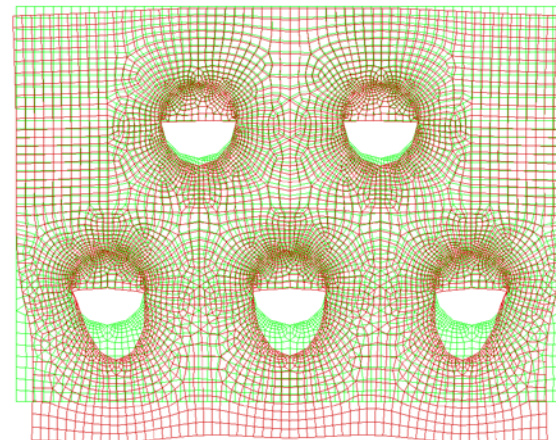
# FEM PULL-OUT TEST -



LINE LOAD

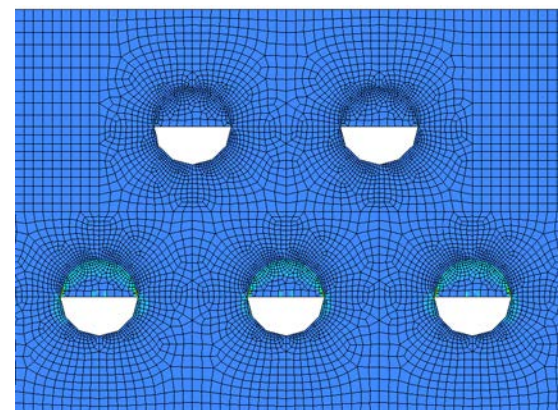
FIXED SUPPORTS

DEFORMATION



PRINCIPAL STRESSES  
IN-PLANE

.639E8  
.575E8  
.511E8  
.447E8  
.383E8  
.319E8  
.256E8  
.192E8  
.128E8  
.639E7



DISK DIAMETER : 20 mm

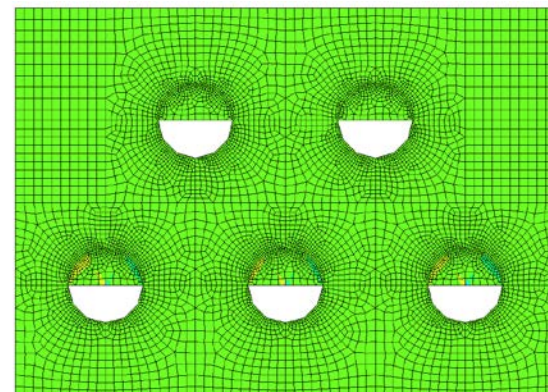
	1.5mm PURE:	3mm PURE:	5mm PURE:
displacement			
general	0.00008 [m]	0.00004 [m]	0.000025 [m]
around the holes	0.00007 [m]	0.000036 [m]	0.000022 [m]
principal stress max			
around the holes	37.60 [Mpa]	18.80 [Mpa]	11.30 [Mpa]
on the edge	5.24E+06 [N/m2]	2.61E+06 [N/m2]	1.57E+06 [N/m2]
	5.24 [Mpa]	2.61 [Mpa]	1.57 [Mpa]
principal force max	5.64E+04 [N/m]	5.64E+04 [N/m]	5.65E+04 [N/m]

DISK DIAMETER : 40 mm

	0mm diameter
displacement	
general	0.00007 [m]
around the holes	0.000057 [m]
principal stress max	
around the holes	7.03E+07 [N/m2]
on the edge	2.59E+06 [N/m2]
	2.59 [Mpa]
principal force max	6.12E+06 [N/m]

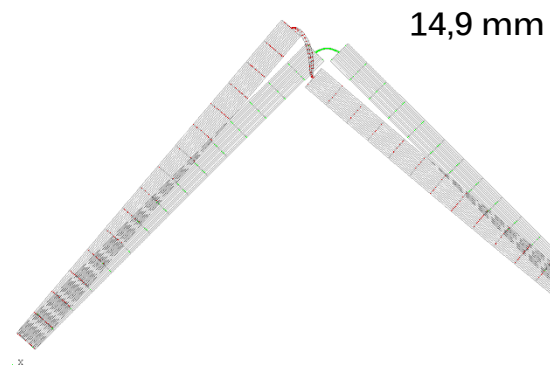
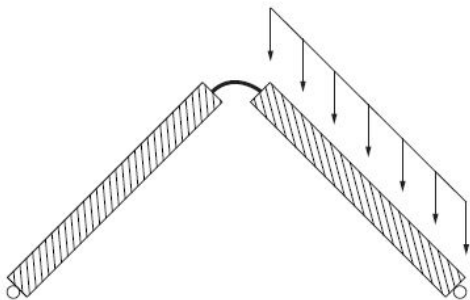
SHEAR  
STRESSES

.746E8  
.58E8  
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.247E8  
.812E7  
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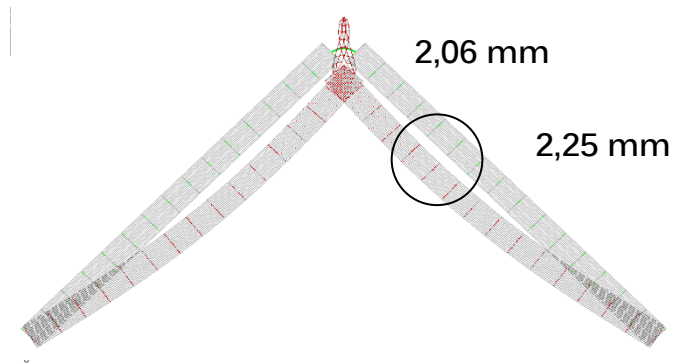
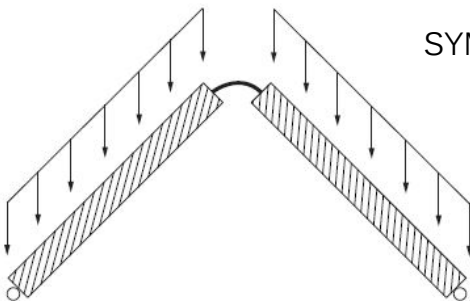


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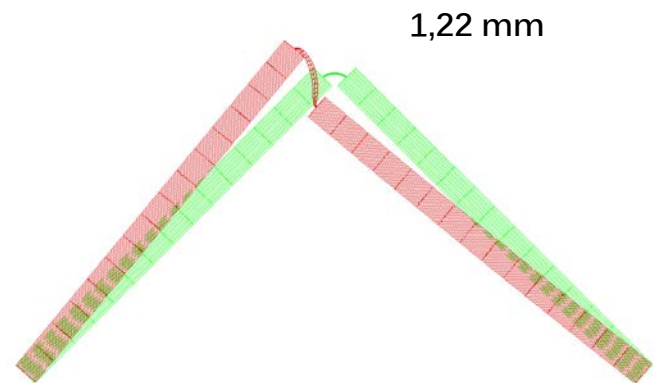
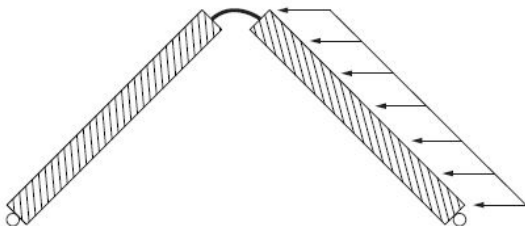
SCENARIO 1:  
ASYMMERTICAL LOAD



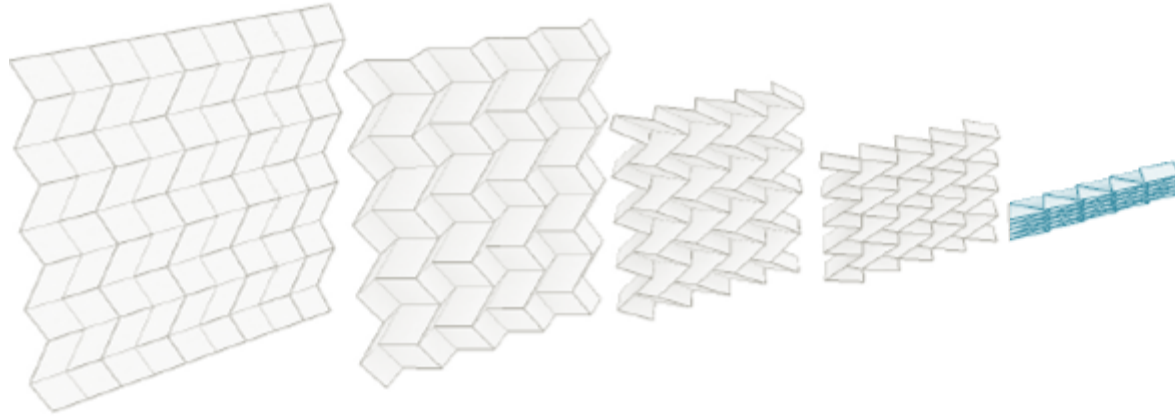
SCENARIO 2:  
SYMMETRICAL LOAD



SCENARIO 3:  
WIND LOAD

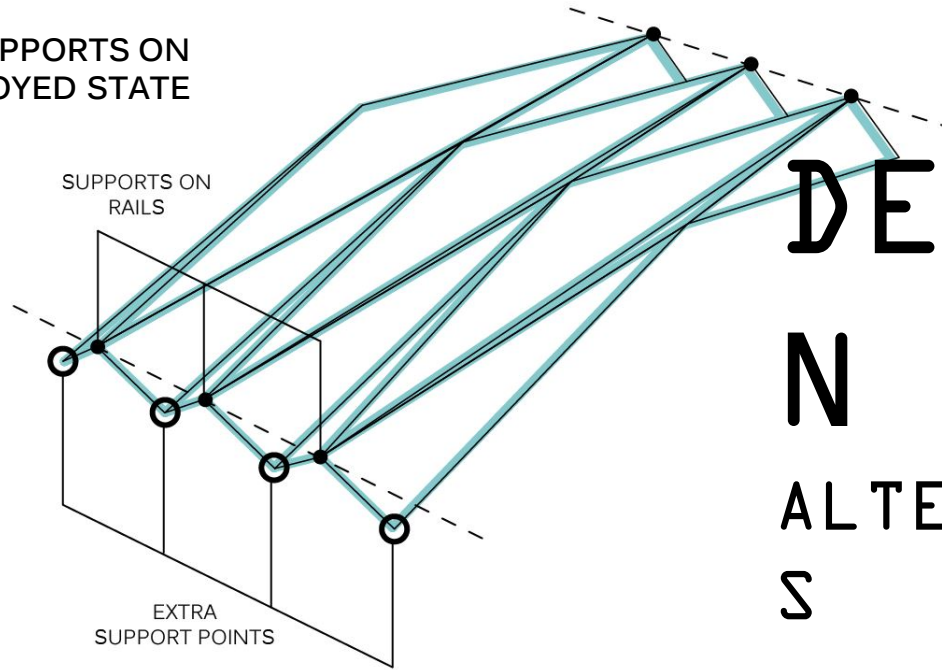






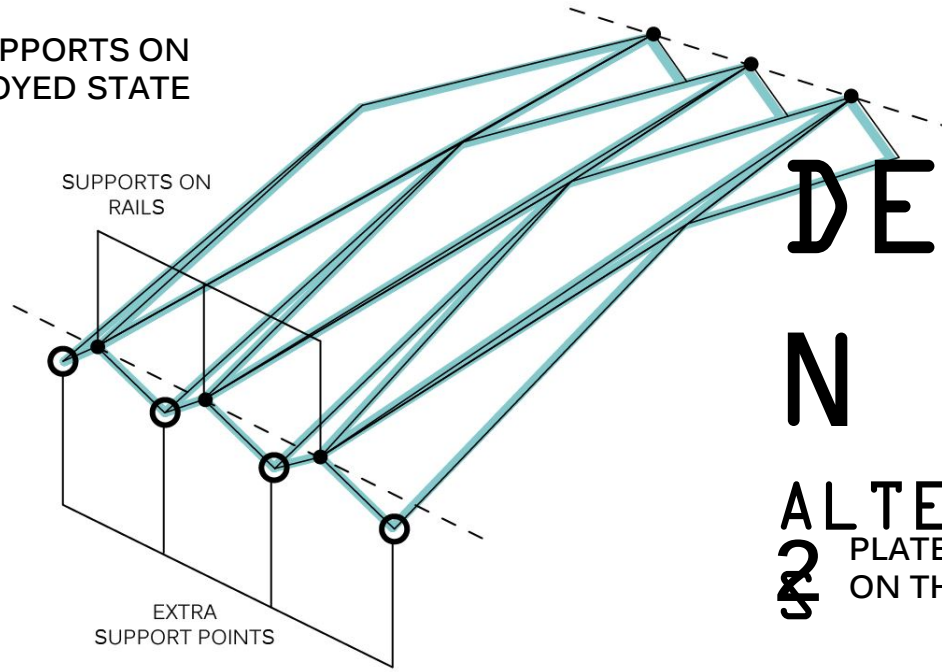
## PART 5: FINALISATION

# 1 EXTRA SUPPORTS ON THE DEPLOYED STATE



DESIGN  
N  
ALTERATIONS

# 1 EXTRA SUPPORTS ON THE DEPLOYED STATE

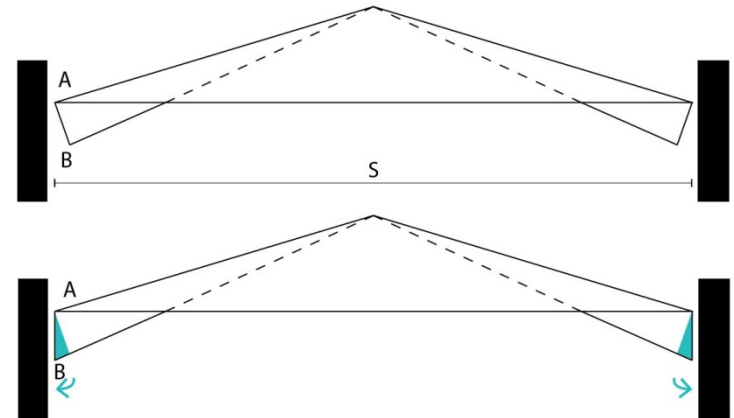


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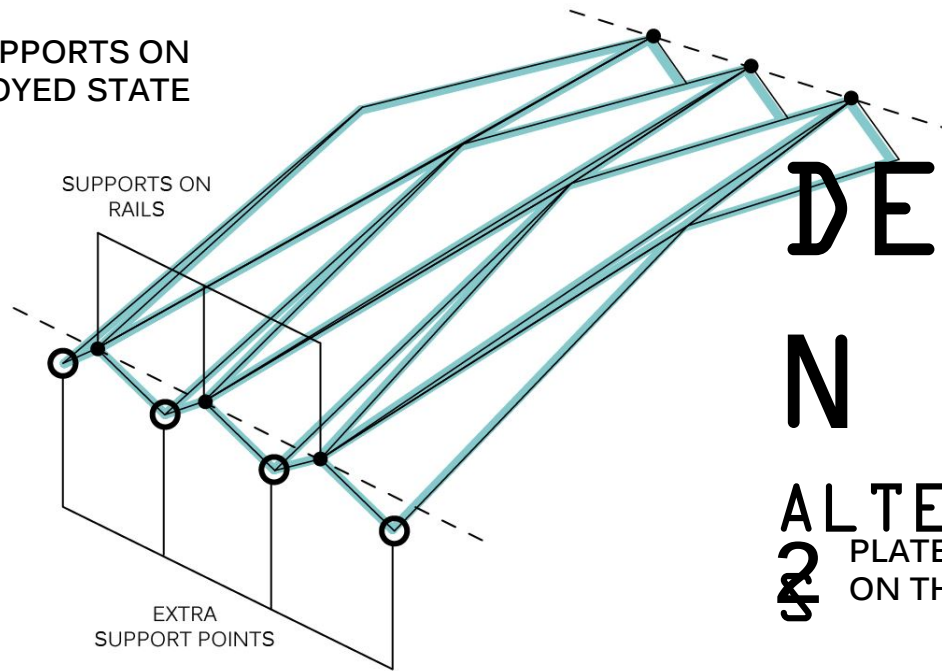
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# ALTERATION

## 2 PLATE EXPANSION ON THE SIDES



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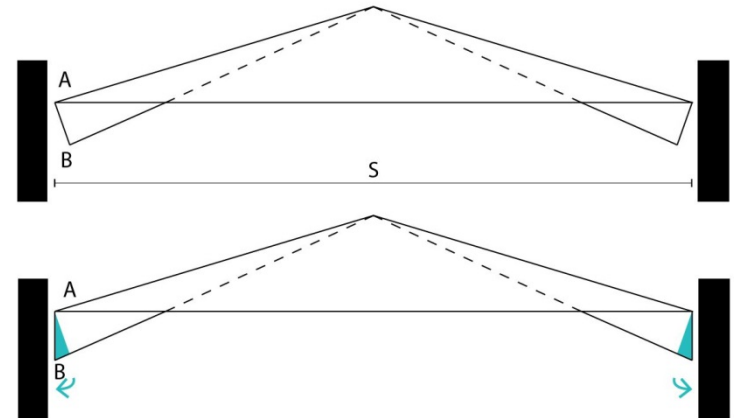


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# N

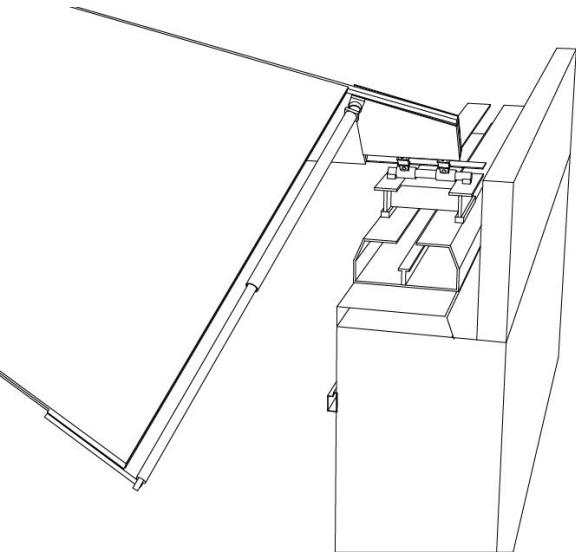
# ALTERATION

## 2 PLATE EXPANSION ON THE SIDES

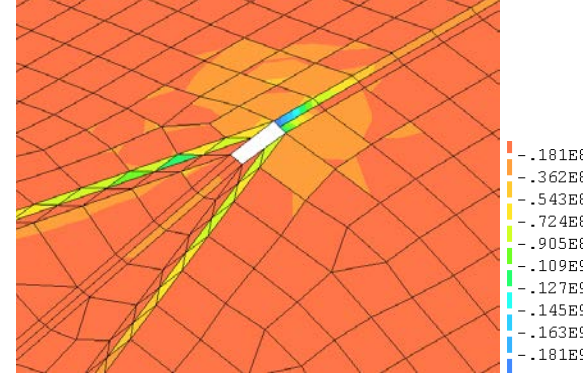
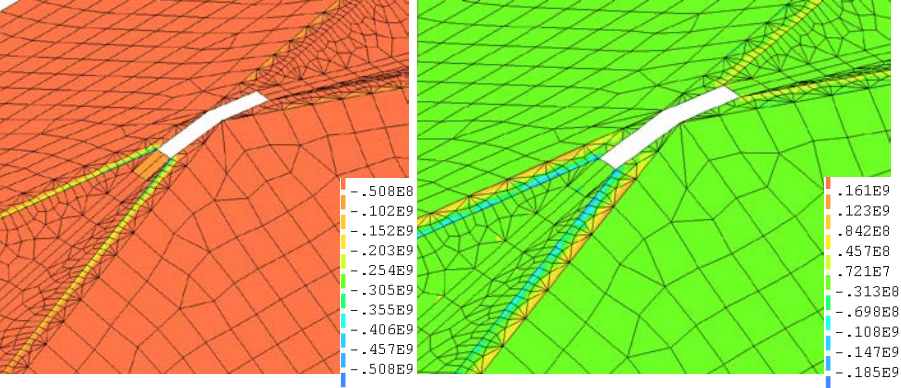


# 3

## HYDRAULIC SYSTEM TO CONTROL DEFORMATIONS DURING DEPLOYMENT

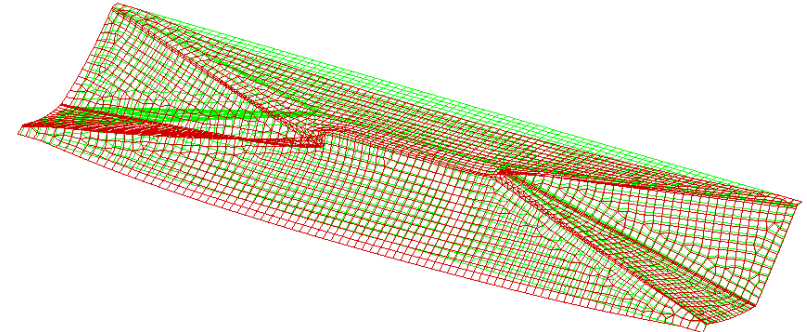
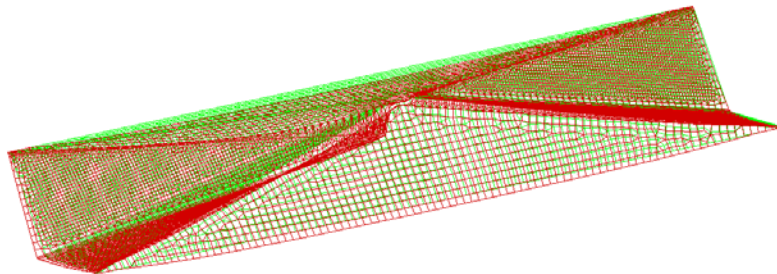






# BEFORE

# AFTER



deployment angle

$\theta=60$

Reaction force

N

Deflection

m

0.1

at top

Bending moment middle

Nm

PRINC.FORCE [N/m]

Maximum compress. stress

N/m<sup>2</sup>

-5.99E+08

-2.70E+07

Maximum tensile. stress

N/m<sup>2</sup>

3.43E+07

1.54E+06 close to the edges

1.10E+07

4.95E+05 mid edge on themain panels  
peaks at the top

Shear stress

N/m<sup>2</sup>

1.96E+08

1.48E+07

2.83E+05

at supports

2.83E+03

at the edges

NOT EVENLY DISTRIBUTED ALONG EDGE

0.04

at top

[Mpa]

PRINC.FORCE [N/m]

-1.38E+07

-13.8

-6.21E+05

1.28E+07

12.8

5.76E+05 at the mid bottom

1.79E+08

179

8.06E+06 at the connection on top

3.82E+07

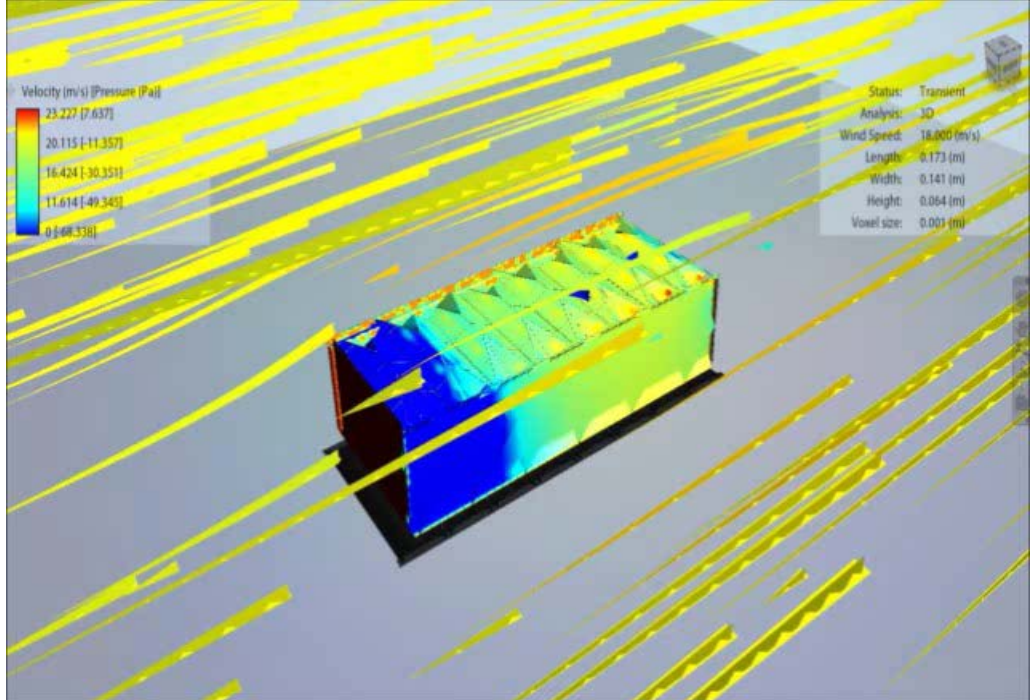
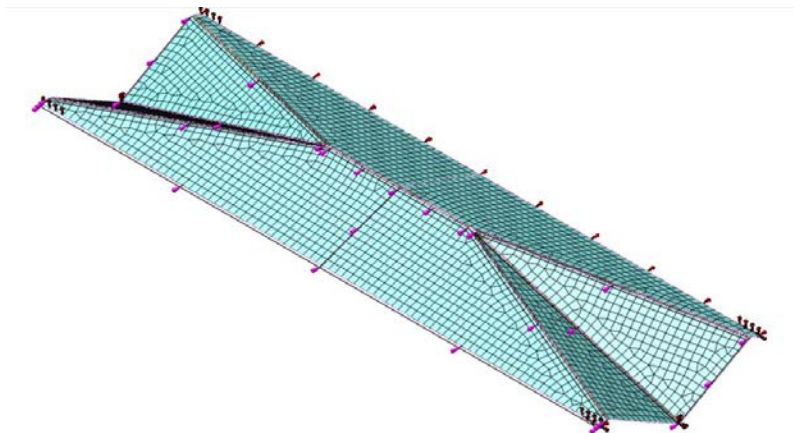
38.2

at the connection at the top

-4.54E+07

-45.4

around supports



## CHAMFERED 6FOLD VERSION

deployment angle

Reaction force

Deflection

Bending moment middle

WIND LOAD

(WIND LOAD+SELFWEIGHT)

$\theta=60$

N

m

Nm

0.030

AT TOP

PRINC.FORCE [N/m]

Maximum compress. stress

N/m<sup>2</sup>

-6.80E+07

-3.06E+06

Maximum tensile. stress

N/m<sup>2</sup>

1.30E+08

5.85E+06

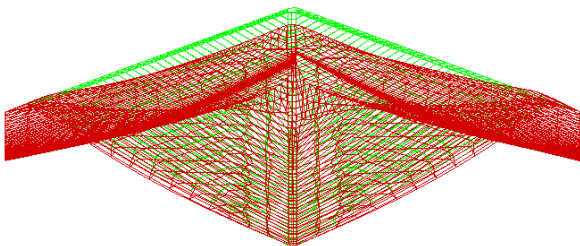
Shear stress

N/m<sup>2</sup>

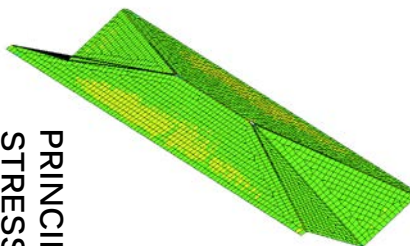
2.97E+07

# WIND LOAD EFFECT

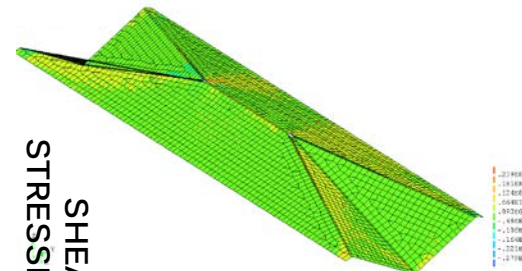
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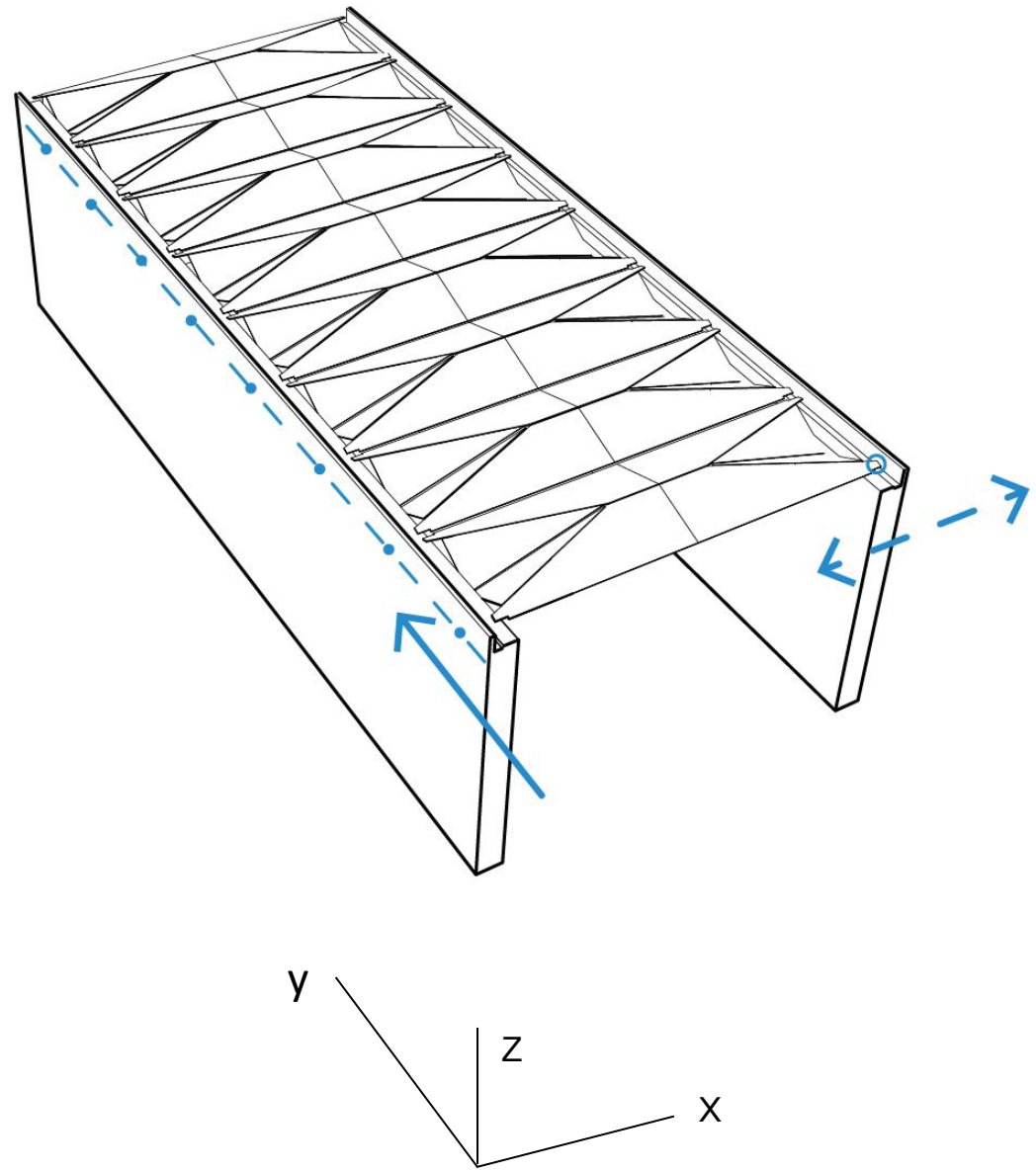


PRINCIPAL  
STRESSES



SHEAR  
STRESSES





## KINEMATIC SYSTEM

1. Translation on y-axis allowed during folding process and hindered at the enclosed state.
2. Tolerances on x-axis to avoid moments caused by the induced deflection.
3. Increasing the area of support as much as possible to avoid stress concentration



LAMINATED GLASS PANE  
2 x 15mm - 5mm cavity

PURE COMPOSITE SHEET  
3 mm thickness

LINKAGE SUSPENSION ARMS  
allowing for rotation in y-axis

STEEL PLATE  
U-shape

# KINEMATIC SYSTEM TRACTION DRIVE SYSTEM

HIDDEN RAILS

MOTOR  
5 horse 10m/sec

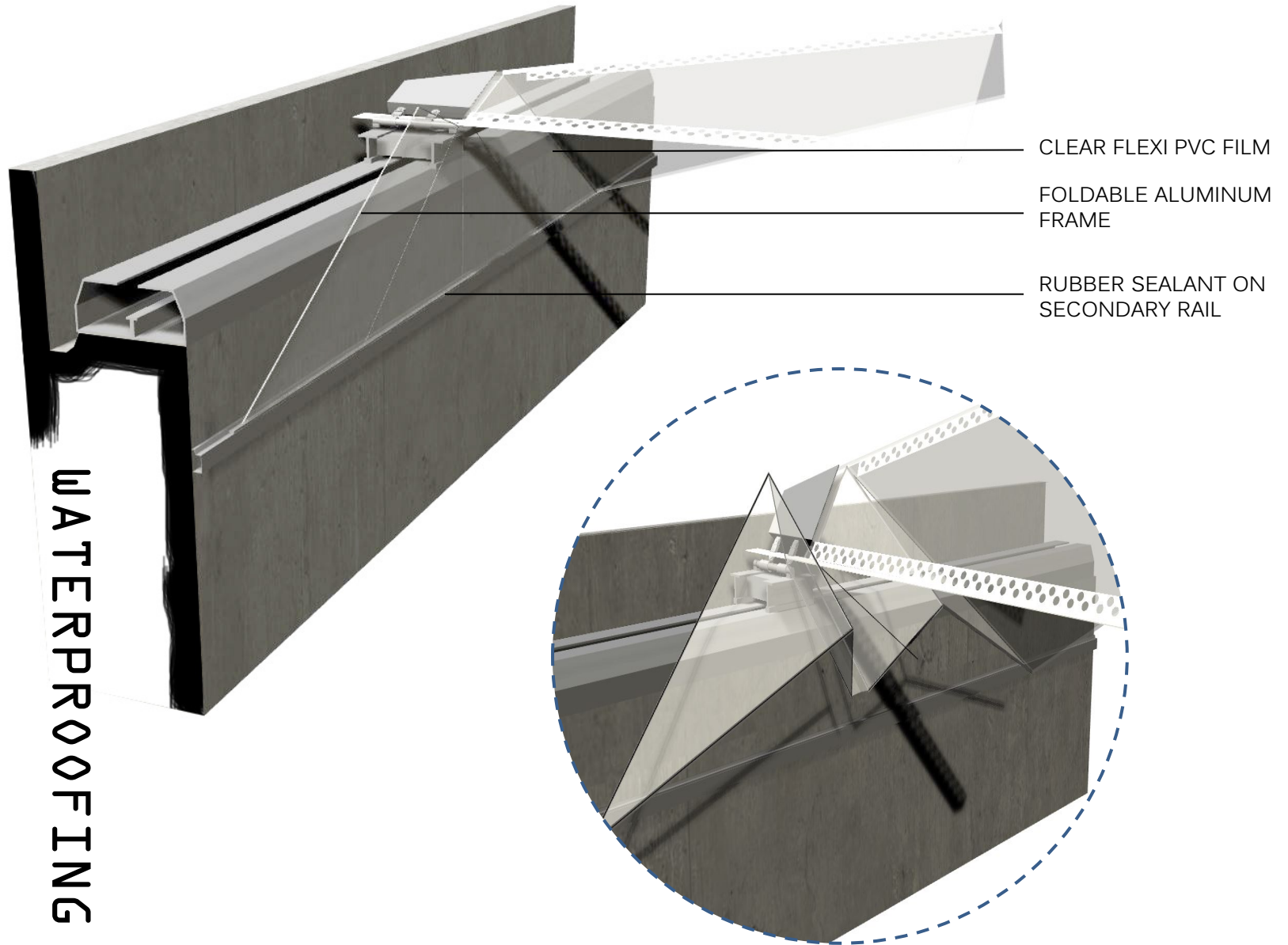
TRANSPORTER  
uses rail clamps as parking  
brakes

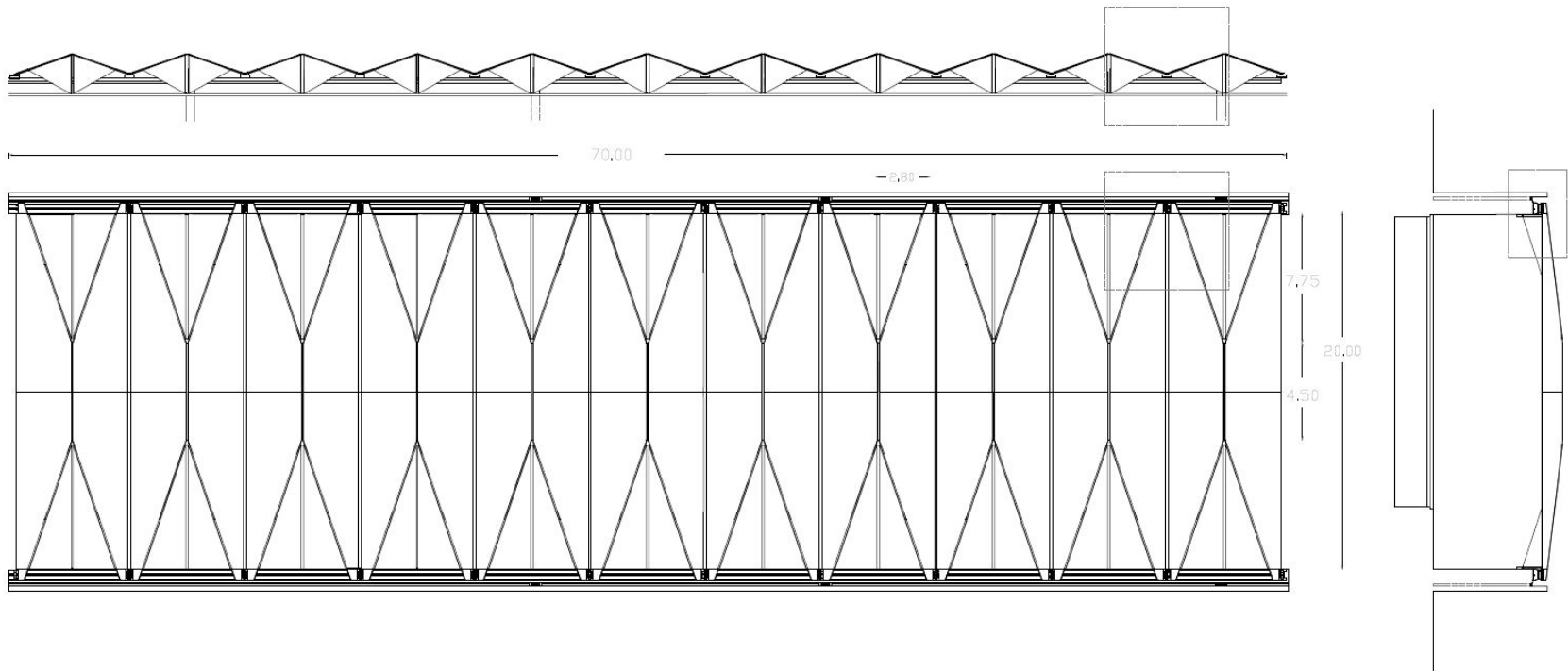
STEEL ROD  $\Phi$  30mm  
for rotation around x-axis

BALL BEARINGS

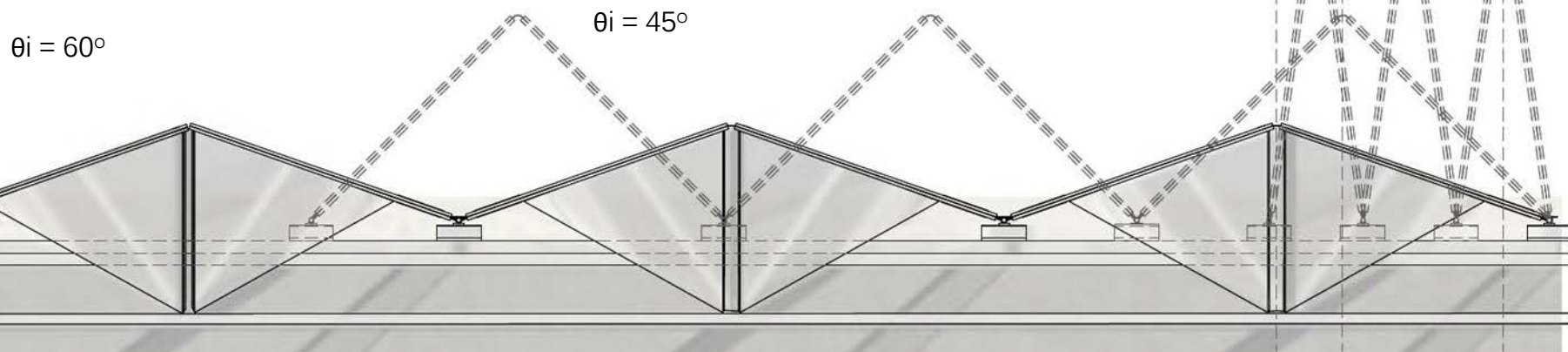


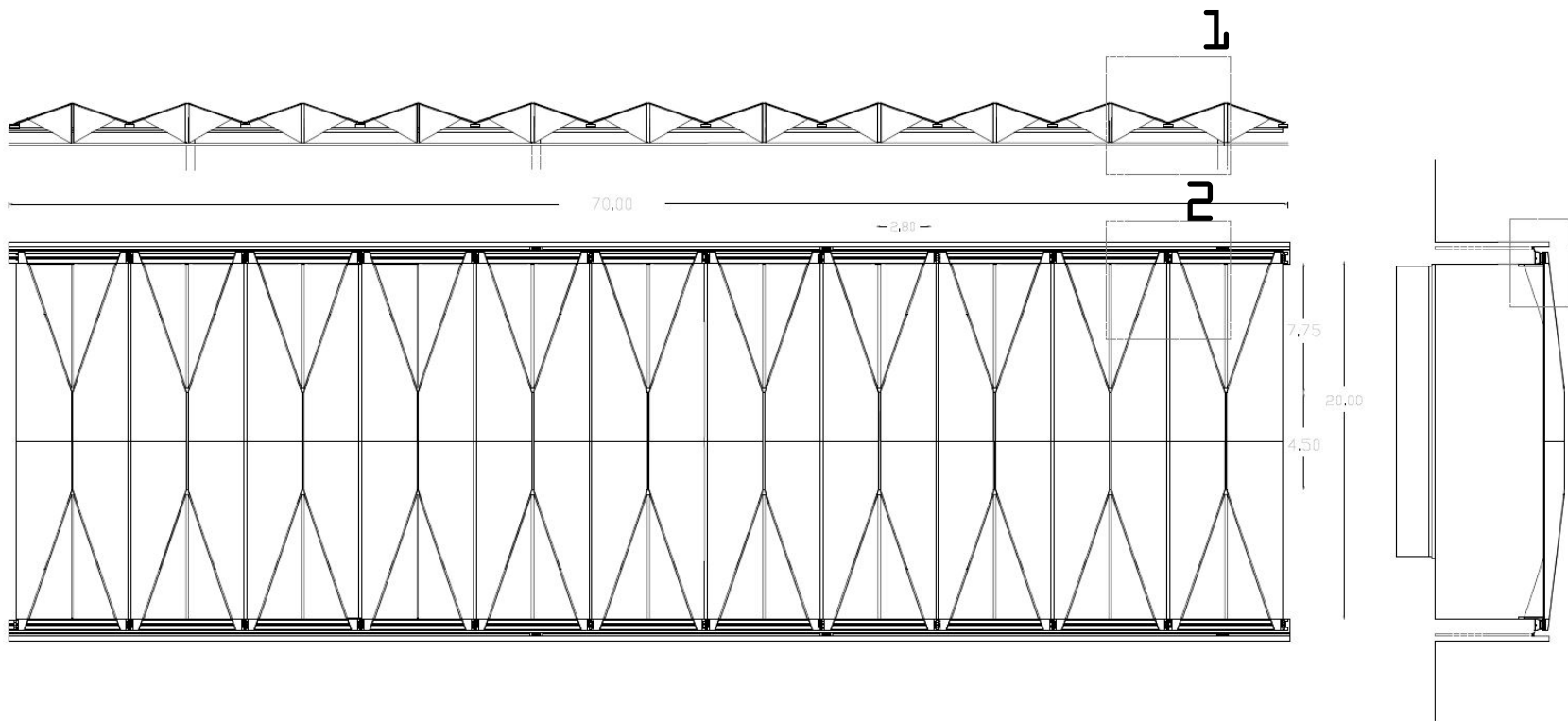




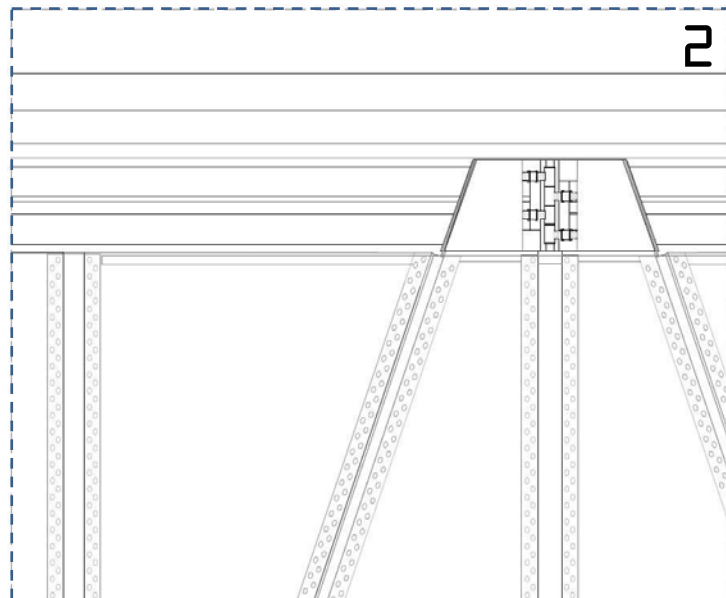
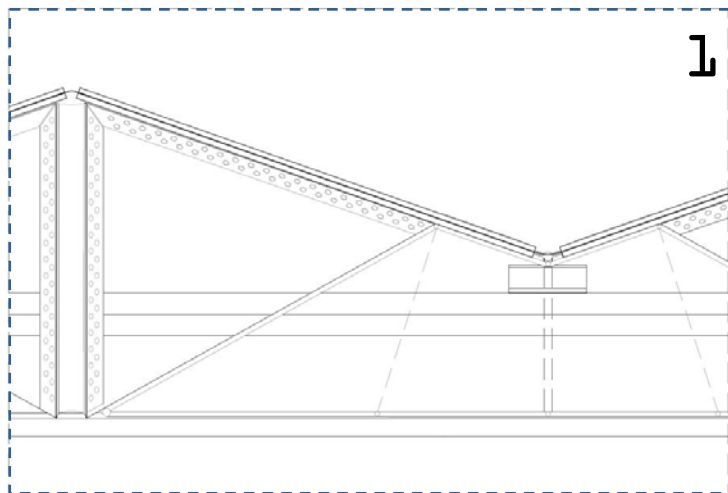


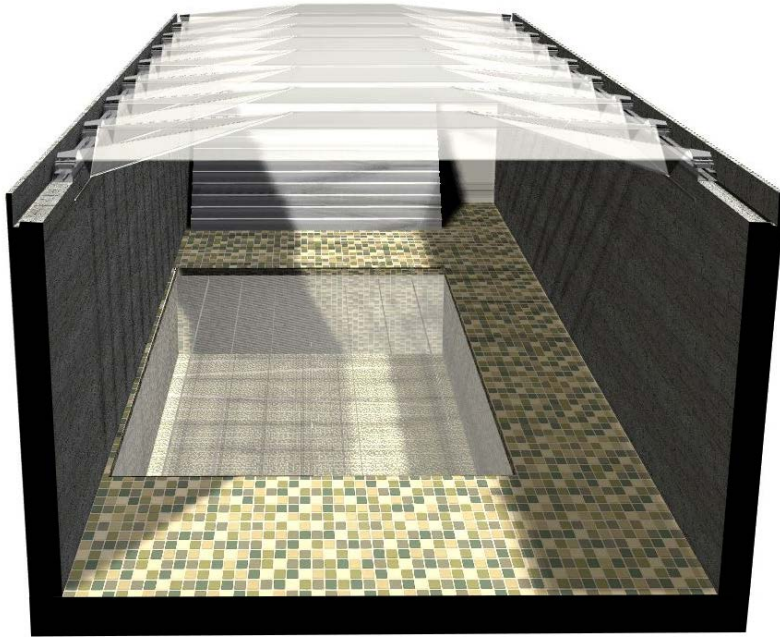
# FINAL DESIGN





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## EVALUATION

## CRITERIA

### DESIGN CRITERIA

- Provide natural lighting and maximum transparency
- Self-supported glass plate structure (no frame)
- Deployable on one side (fully adaptable)
- Feasibility

### STRUCTURAL CRITERIA

- Controlled element deformation + stress levels (all phases of deployment)
- General shape stability (all phases of deployment)
- Glass element redundancy
- Damage sensitivity - Fracture mode – Safety factors

### DETAILING CRITERIA

- Discrete design- Invisible connection
- Tolerances
- Restriction of gaps- waterproofing
- Repair work facilitated
- BC maintained by connection detailing



A photograph of a modern architectural interior. The space is characterized by a complex, multi-layered structure of glass and metal. A prominent feature is a wide staircase with many steps, leading upwards. The walls and ceiling are composed of large, dark, rectangular panels, creating a sense of depth and geometric complexity. The lighting is soft and even, highlighting the textures of the materials. The overall atmosphere is one of sophisticated design and open space.

THANK YOU