

Prefabricated Tensile Façade design and prototyping – P5

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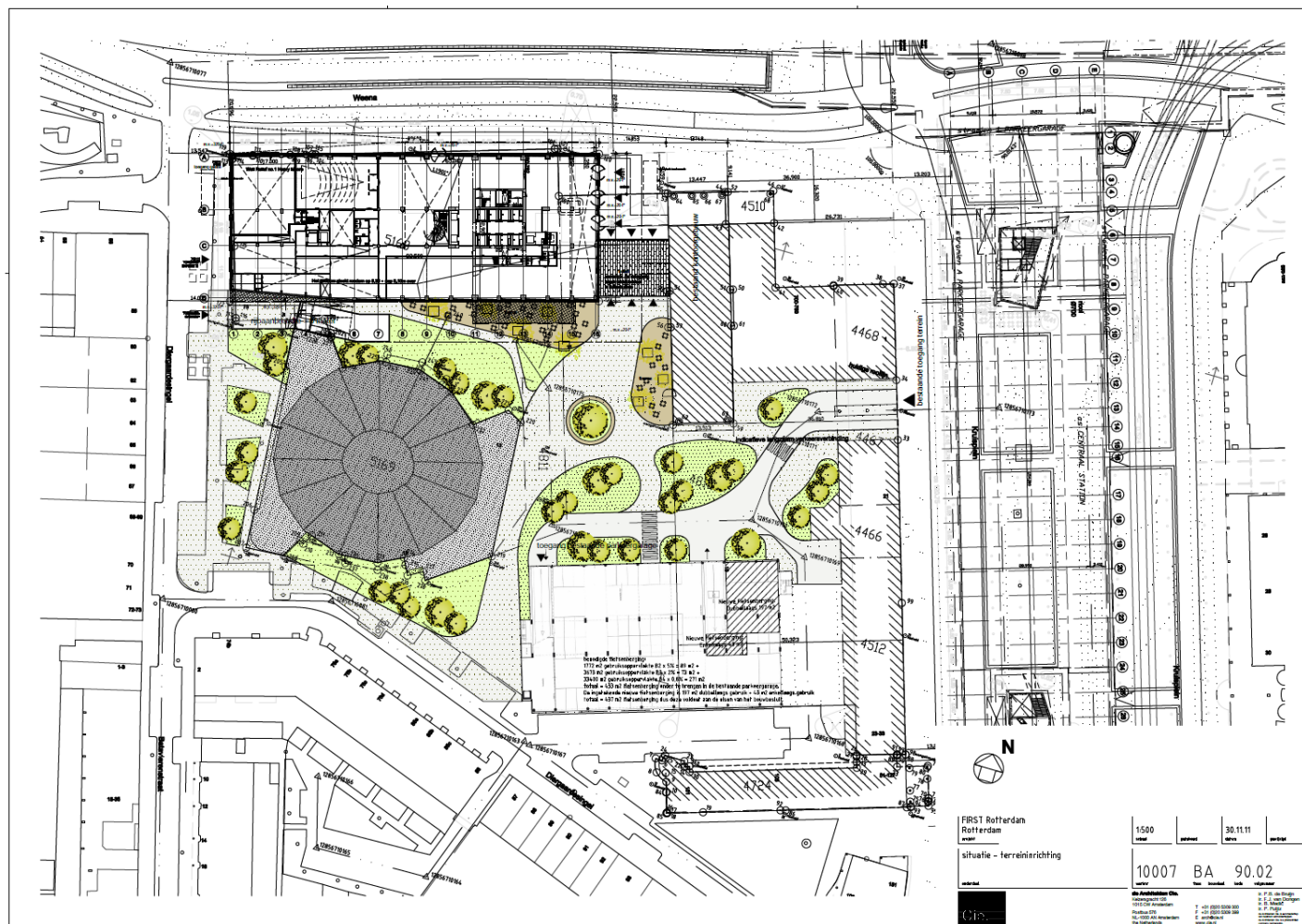
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First Rotterdam Polished Concrete Prefabricated Panels (Loveld)



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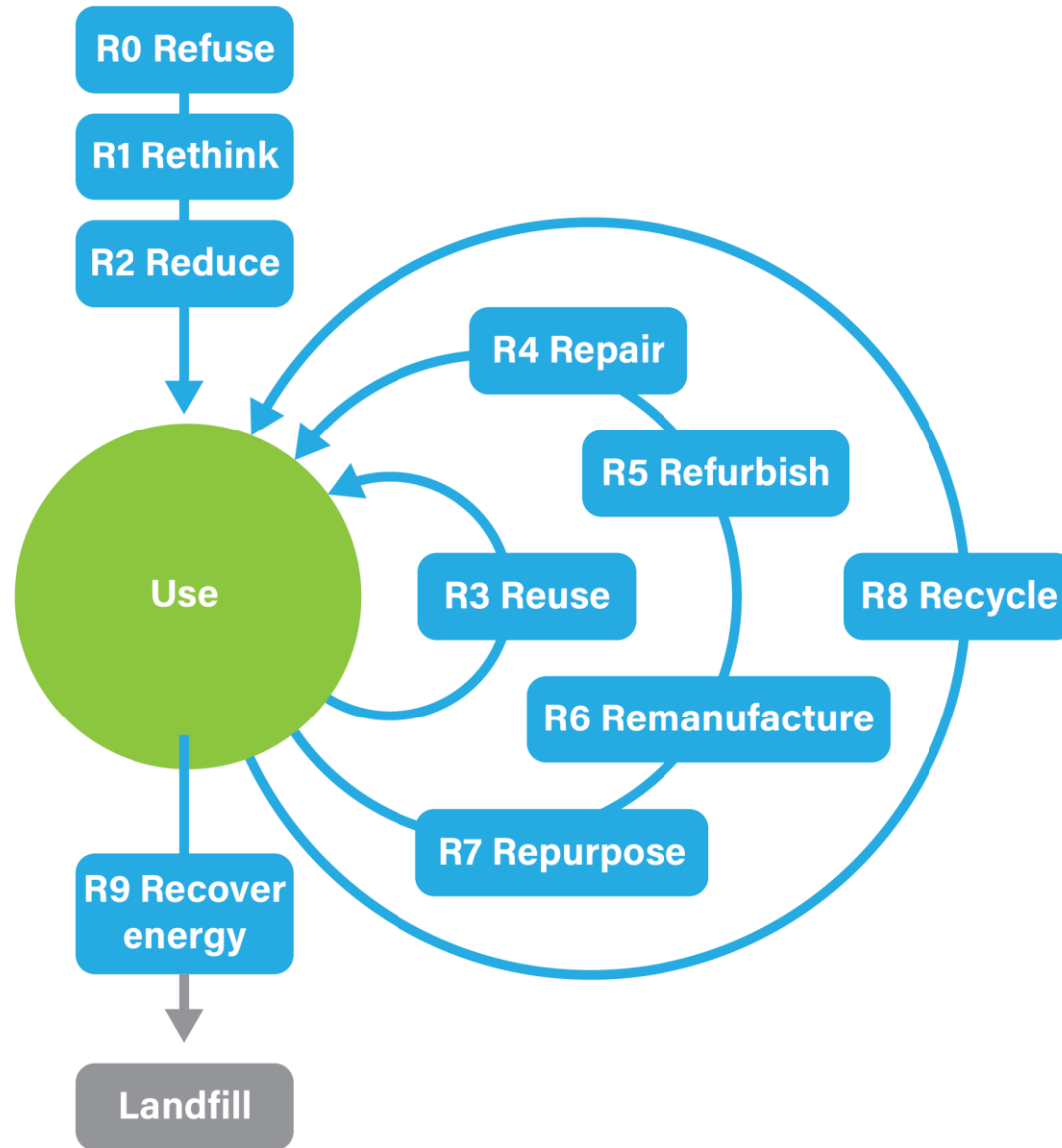


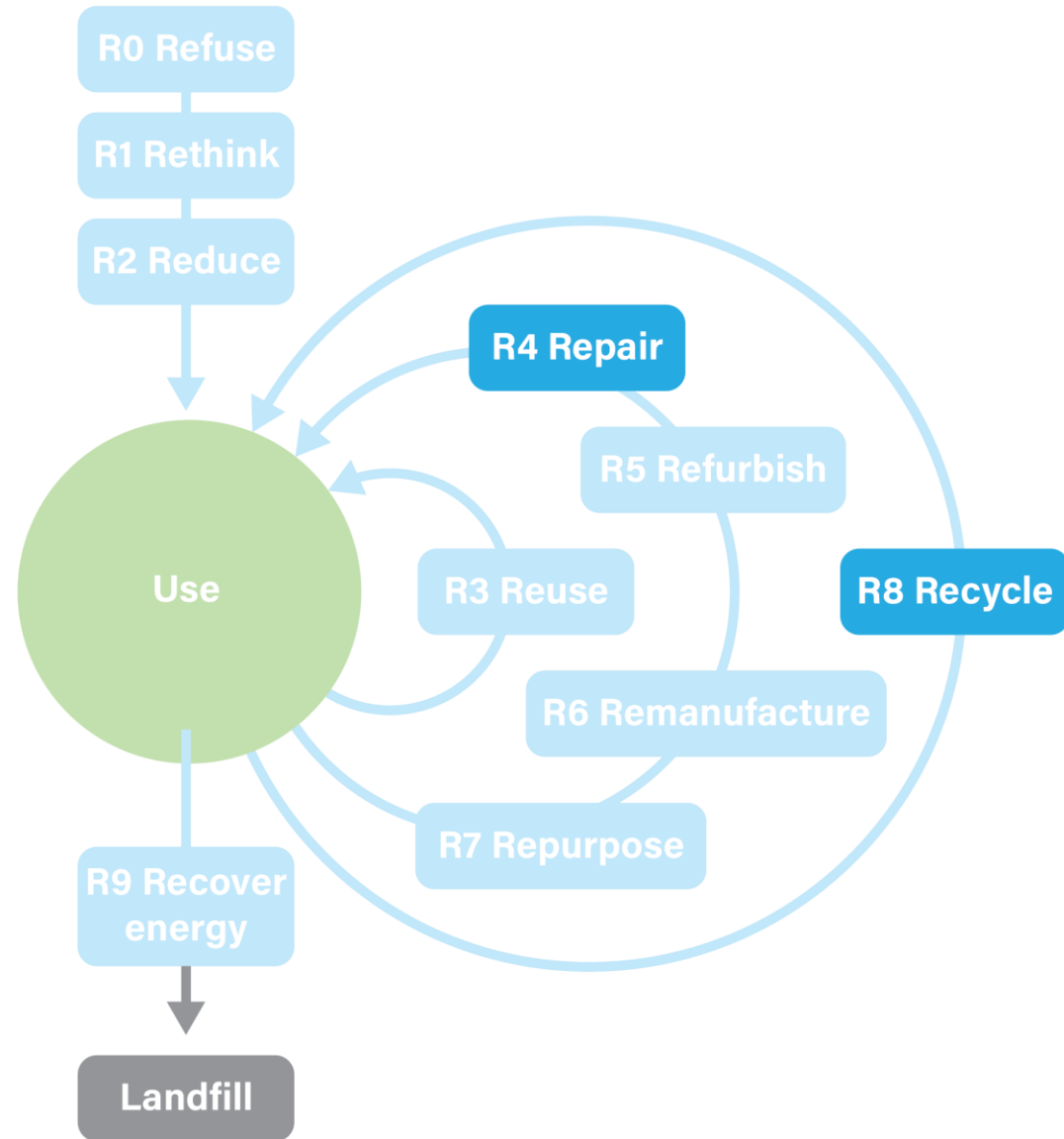


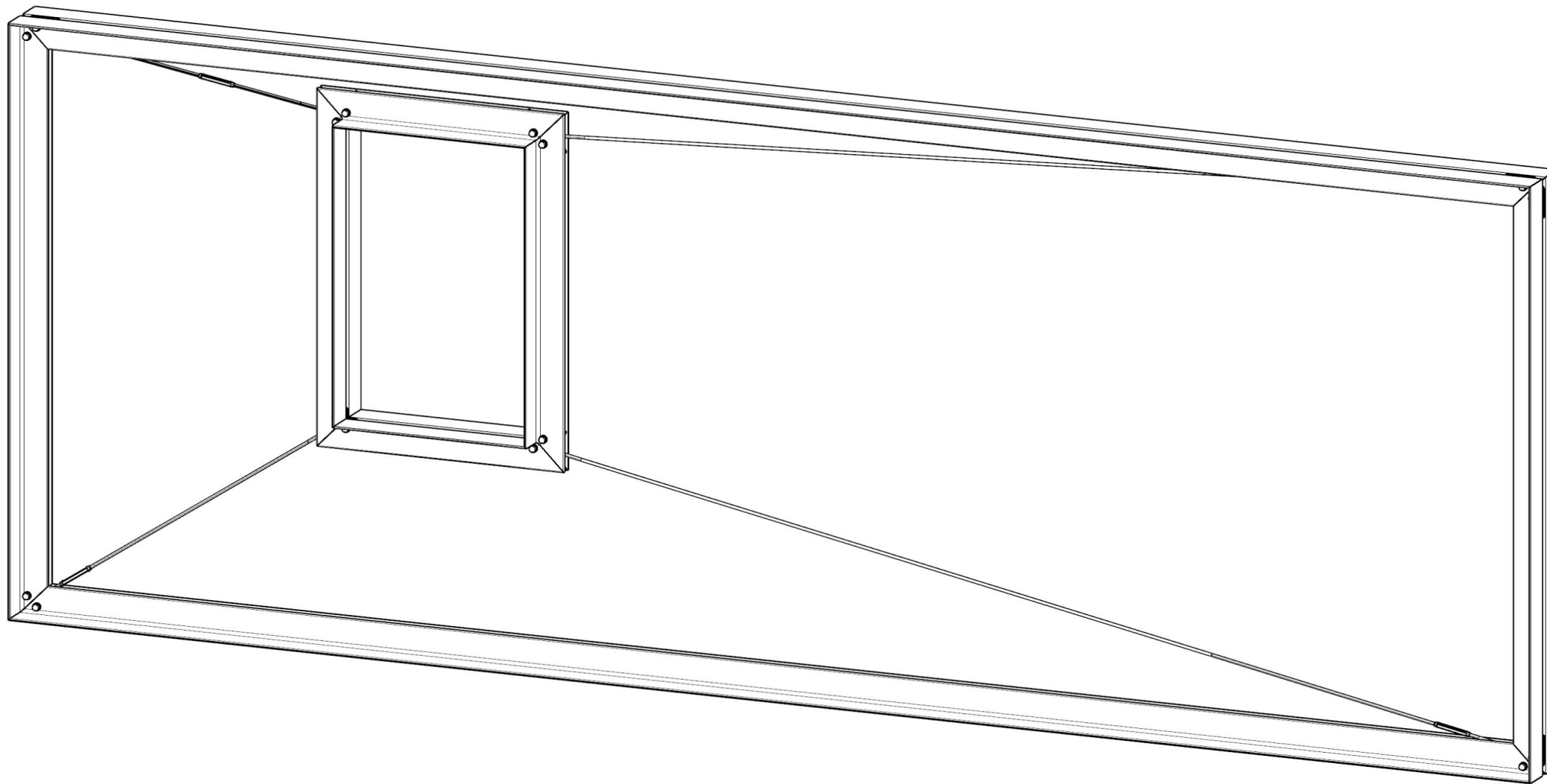
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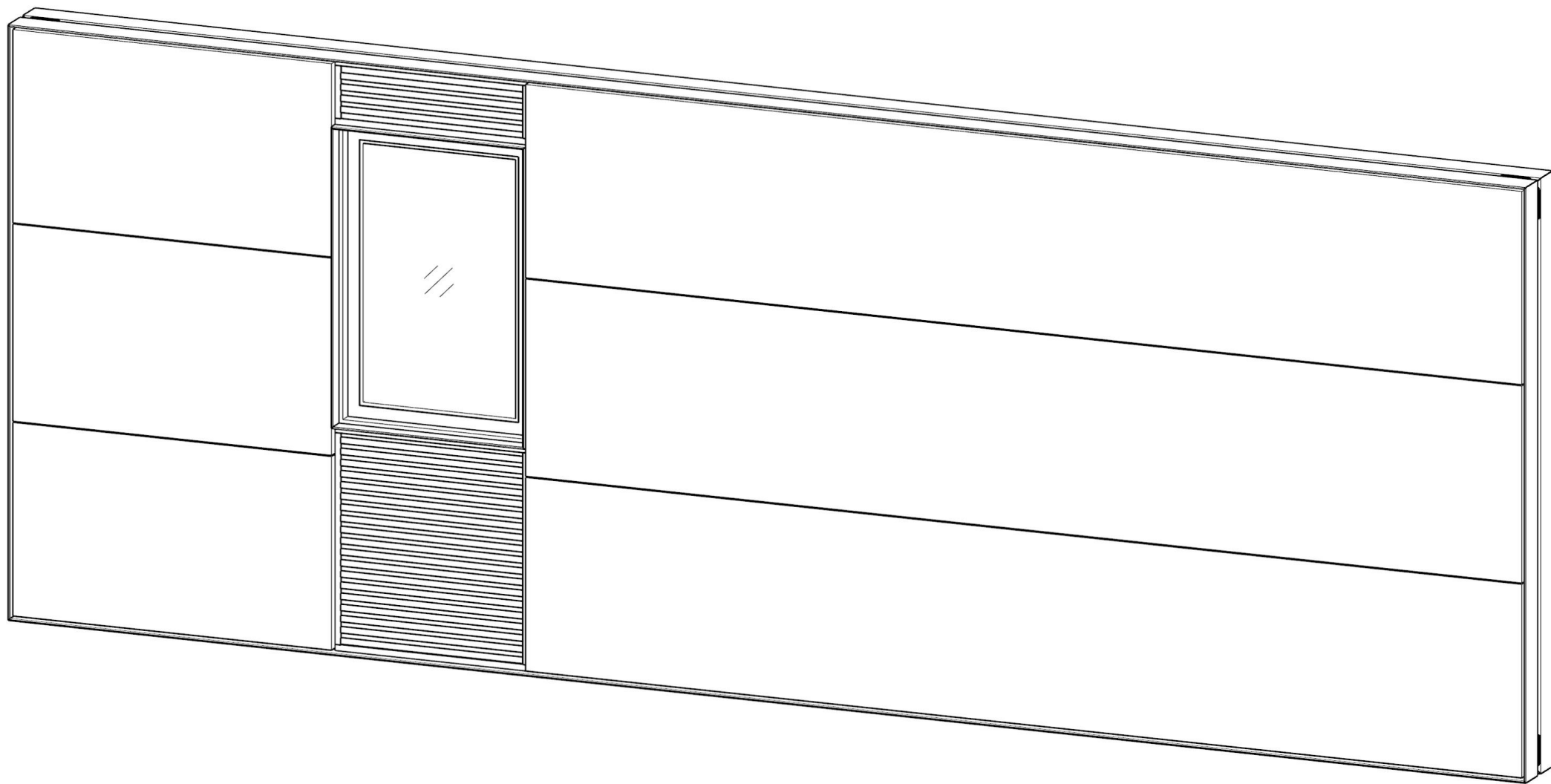
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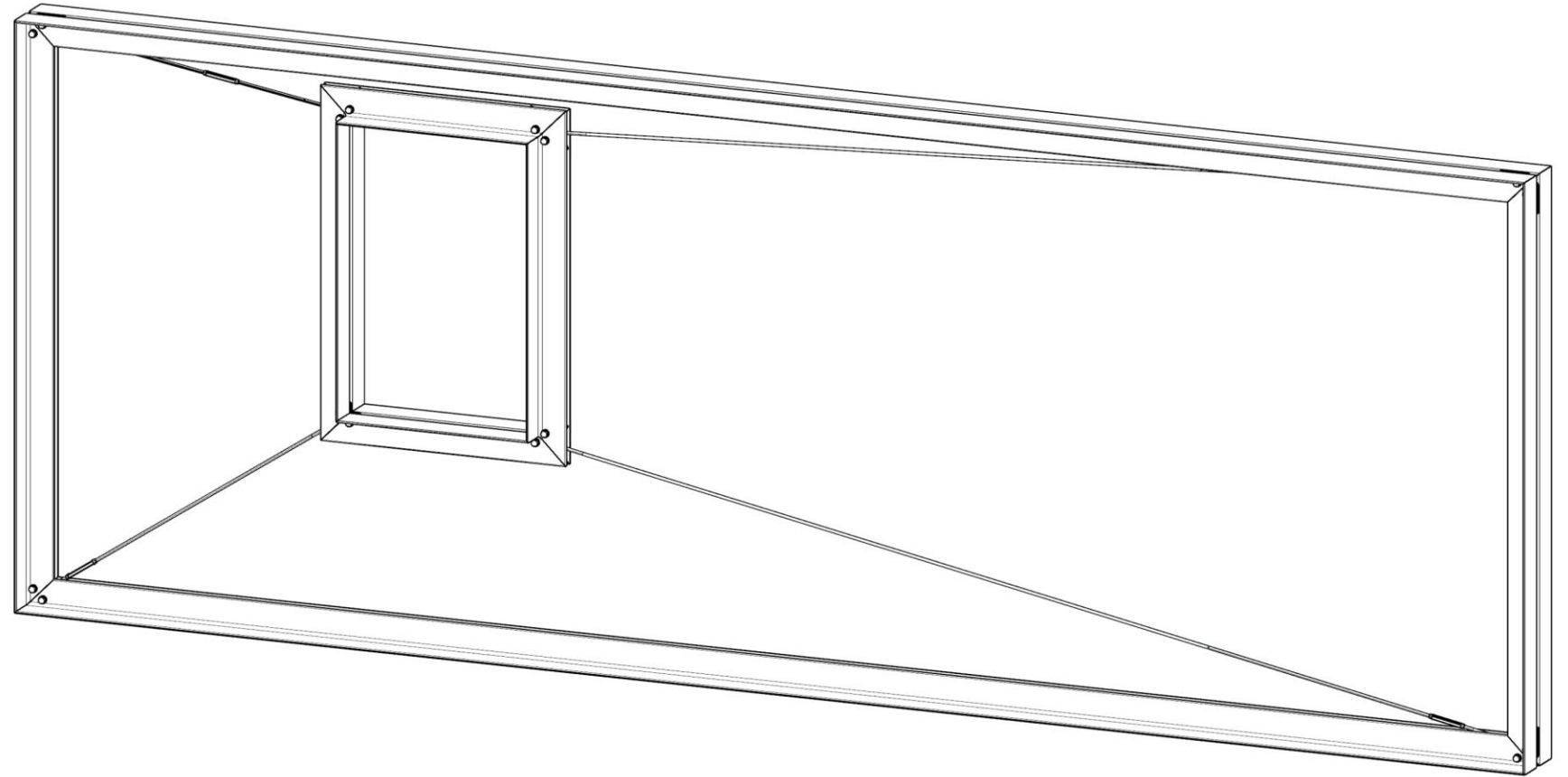
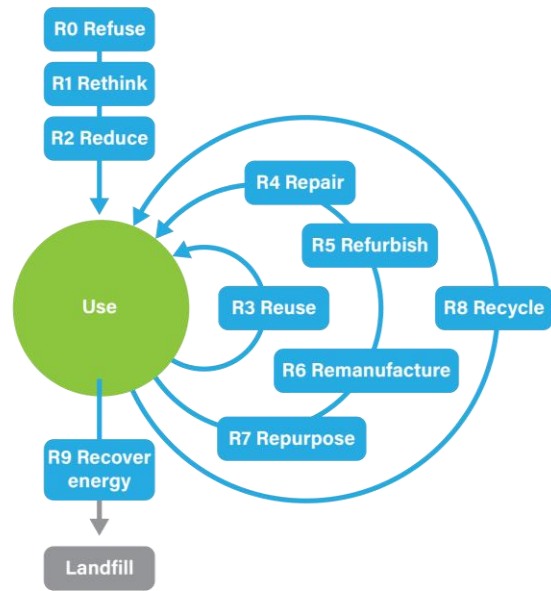


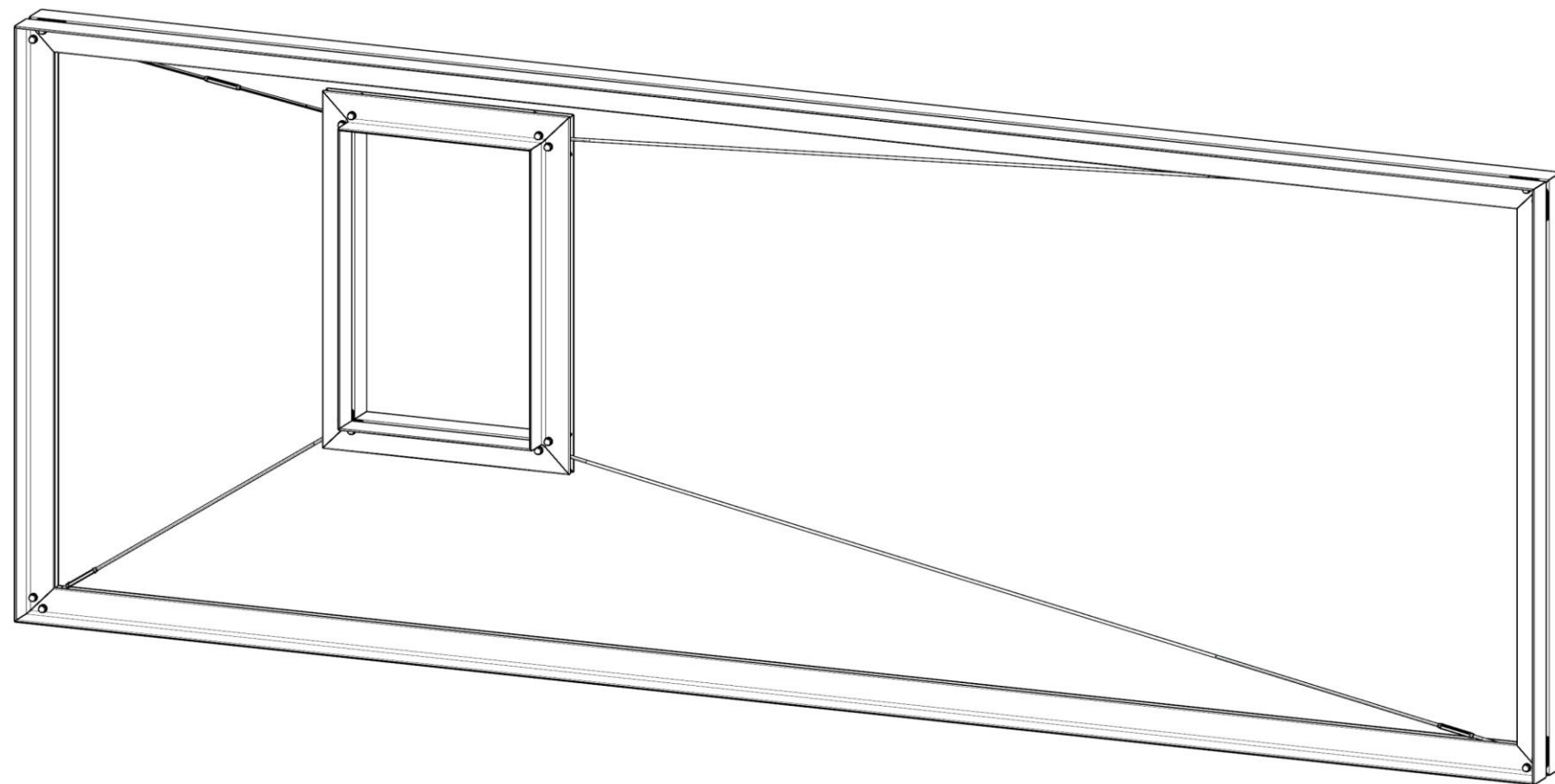
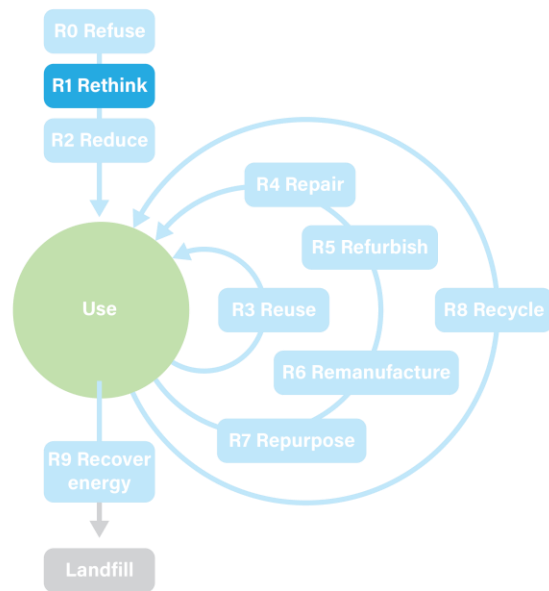


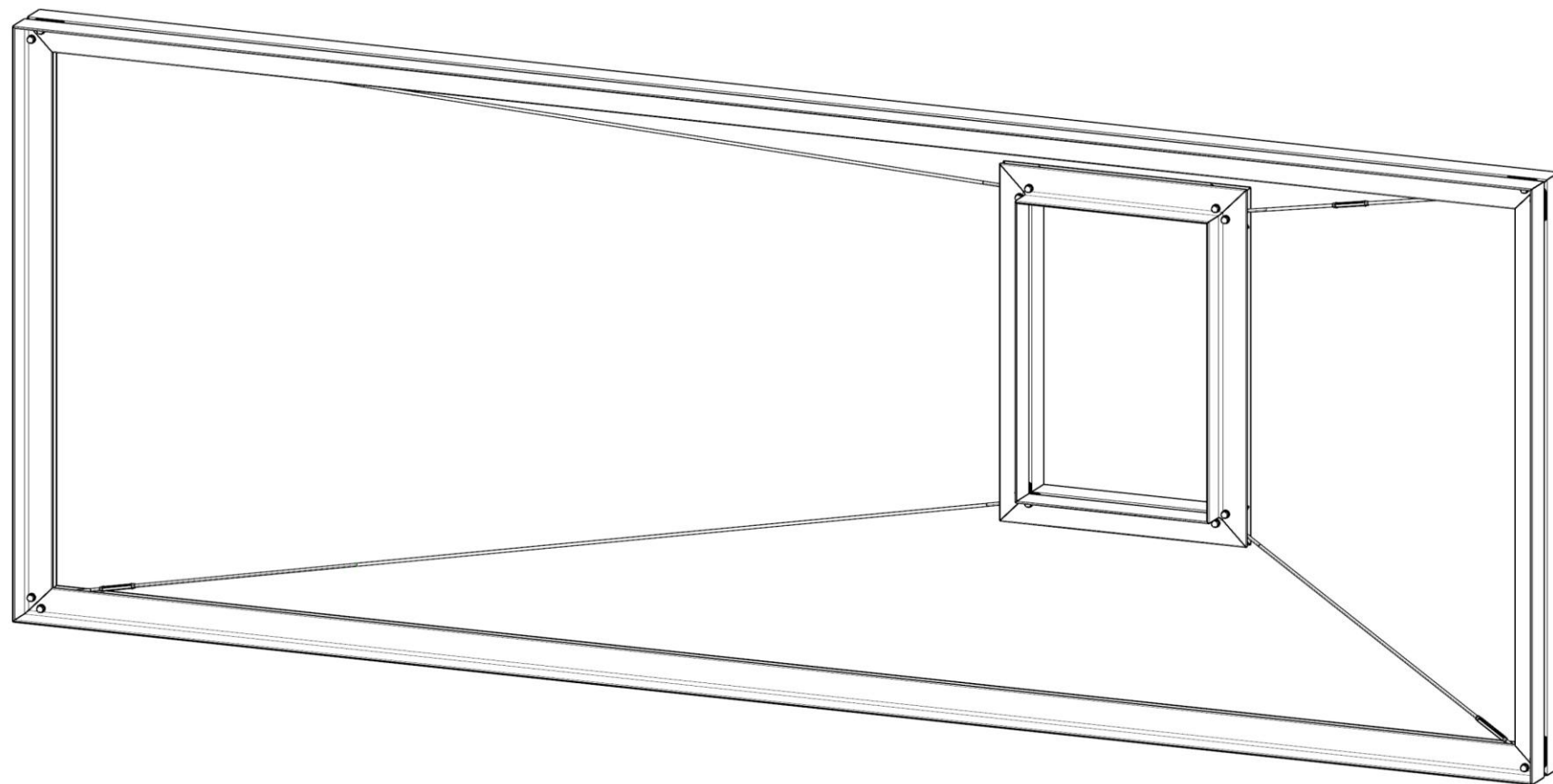
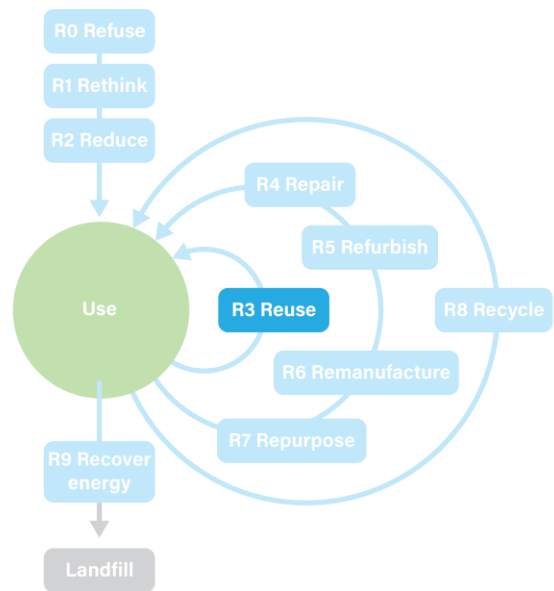


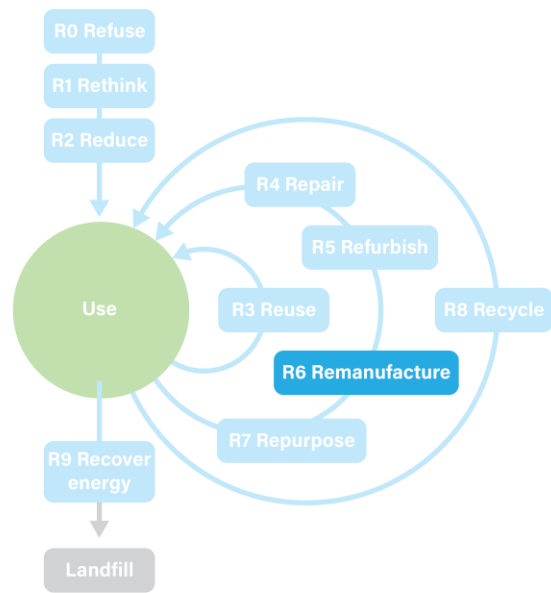
Tensile based facade panel (J. Montali, 2021)

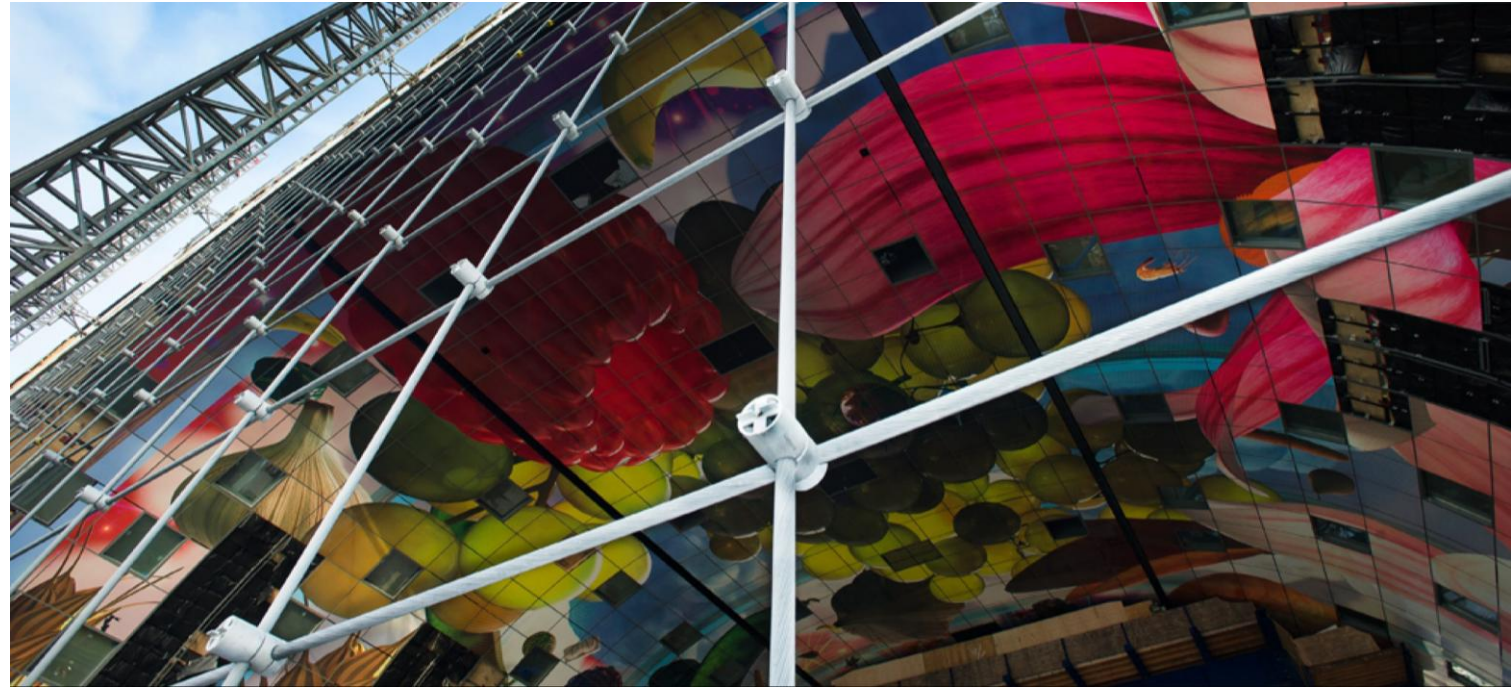
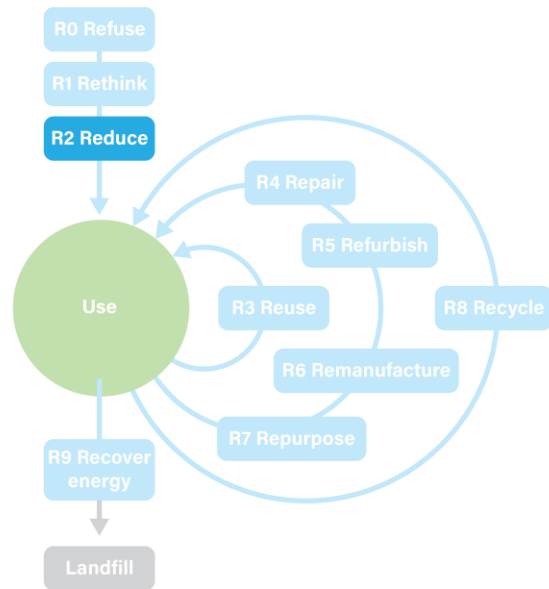




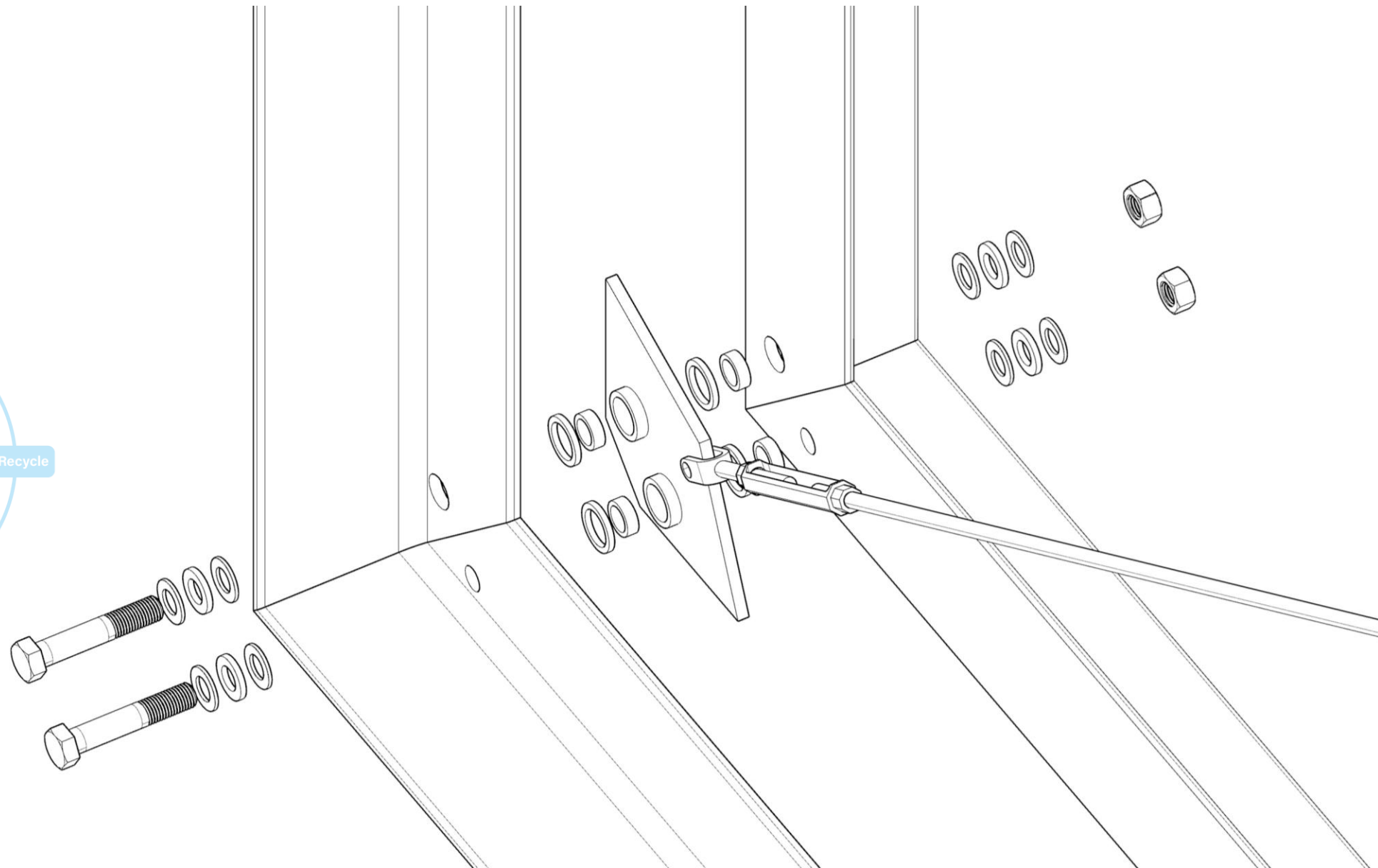
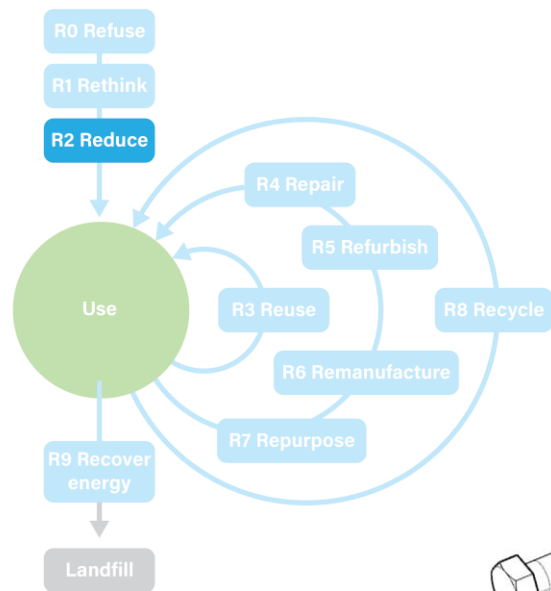






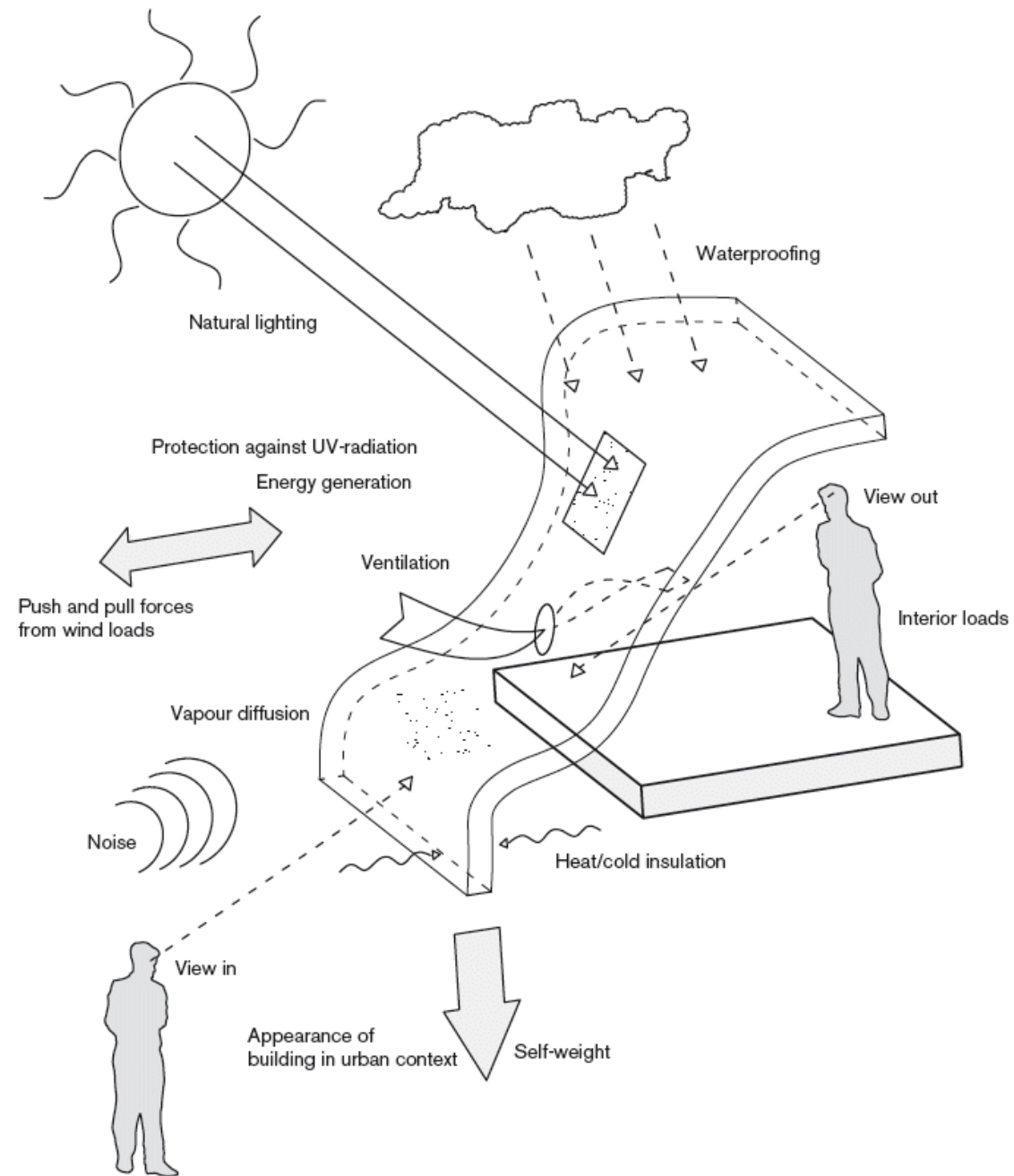


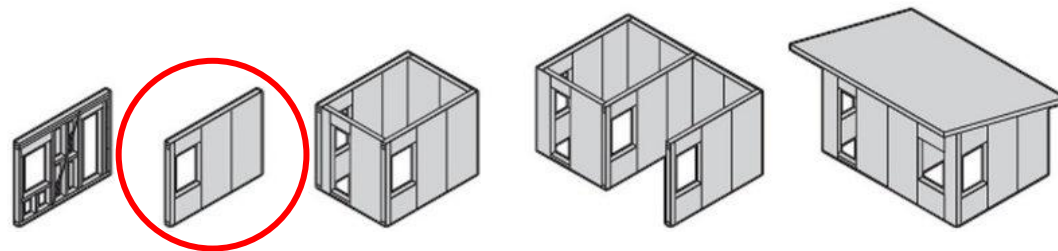
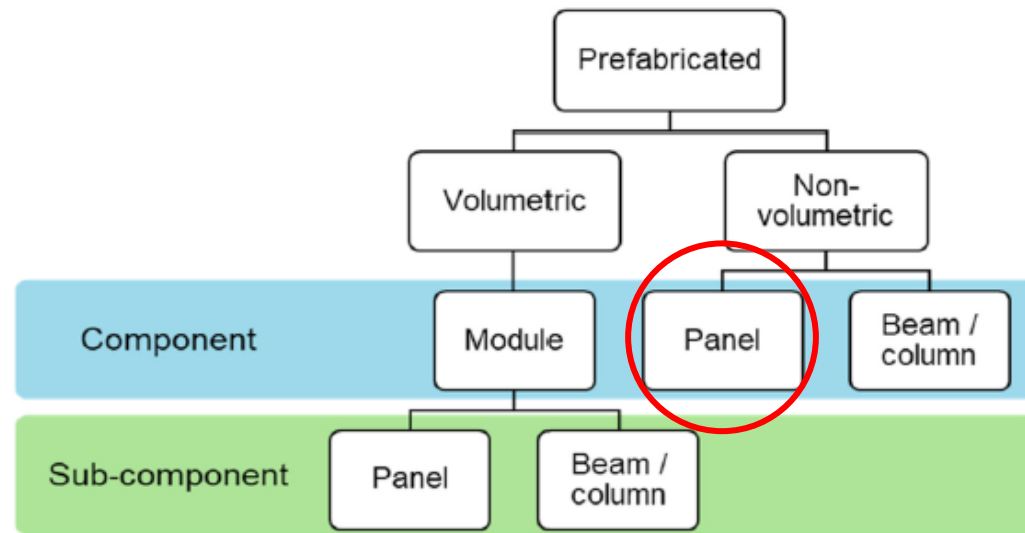
“The combination of the structural principle in which pure tension occurs in the cables with high-quality prestressing steel leads to a weight of the cable net including the knots of only **9 kg/m²**, with a span of 34x42 m. More traditional facade systems would require a steel use of **25 to 35 kg/m²**.”

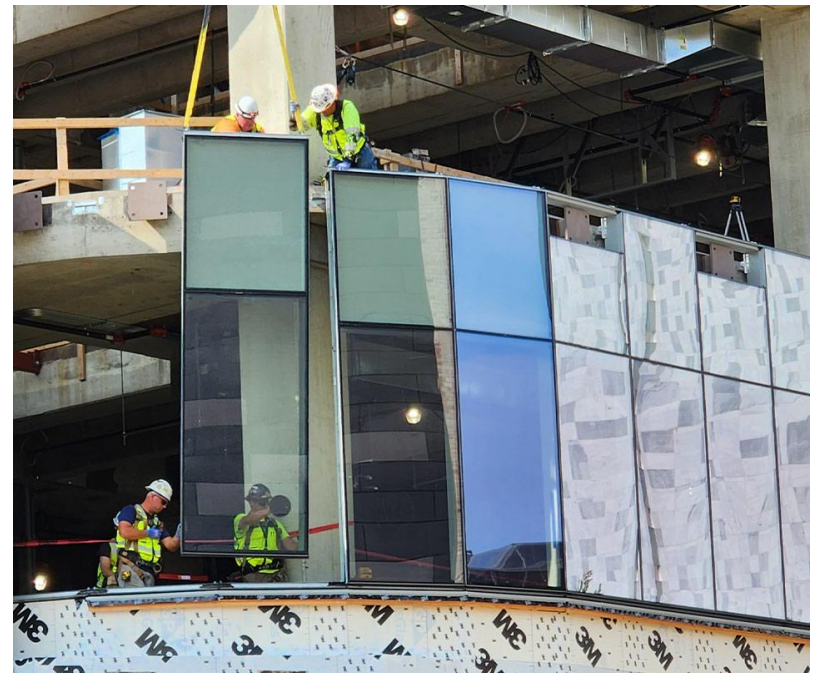
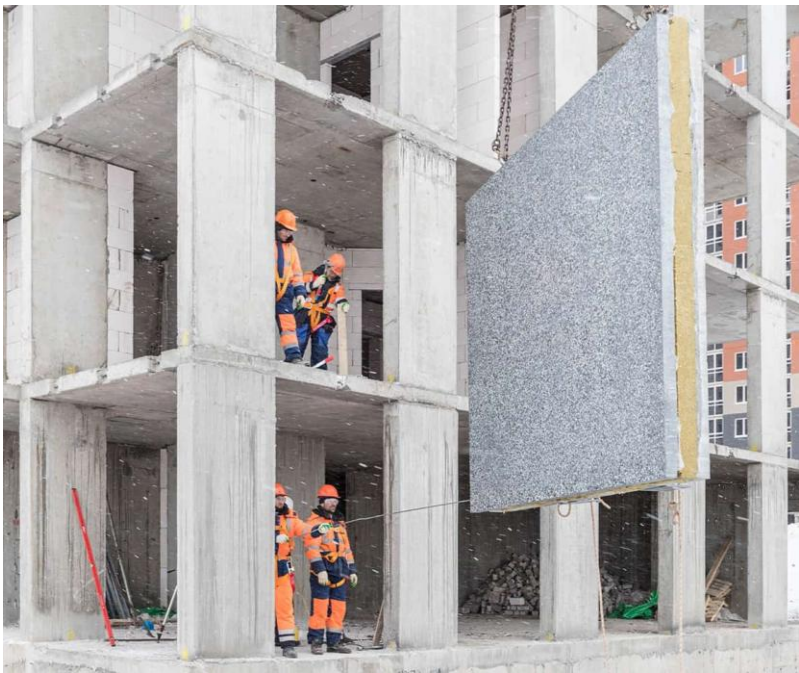


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Wall panel types	Function	Advantages	Disadvantages
Lightweight timber framed (LTF)	Load-bearing in low-rise and non-load-bearing in mid to high-rise buildings	Lightweight, easy to fabricate, cost-effective, renewable resource	Susceptible to mould and termite, low fire resistance, durability issues with exposure to moisture, low blast resistance
Light gauge steel framed (LSF)	Load-bearing in low to mid-rise and non-load-bearing in high-rise buildings	Easy fabrication, high strength-to-weight ratio, resistance to mould and termite, good fire resistance, low embodied carbon	Corrosion of steel studs, thermal bridging effect, low blast resistance
Structural insulated panel (SIP)	Load-bearing in low-rise and non-load-bearing in mid to high-rise buildings	High strength-to-weight ratio, high thermal insulation, economical, low embodied carbon	Low fire resistance, durability issues, low impact and blast resistance
Cross-laminated timber (CLT)	Load-bearing in low to mid-rise and non-load-bearing in high-rise buildings	High strength, thermal insulation, renewable resource	Durability issues, low fire resistance, high cost
Precast concrete sandwich panel (PCSP)	Load-bearing and non-load-bearing in low to high-rise buildings	High strength, durable, fire resistant, high thermal insulation, low maintenance cost, low operational carbon	Wet connection, corrosion of steel reinforcement
Prefabricated Tensile Façade Panel (PTFP)	?	?	?

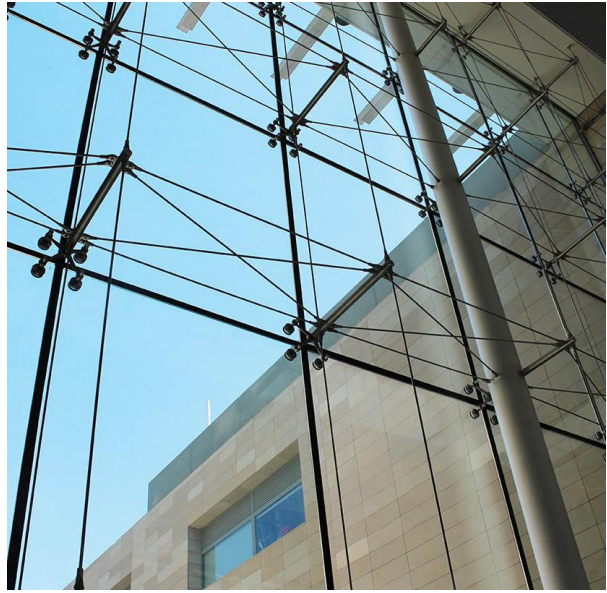
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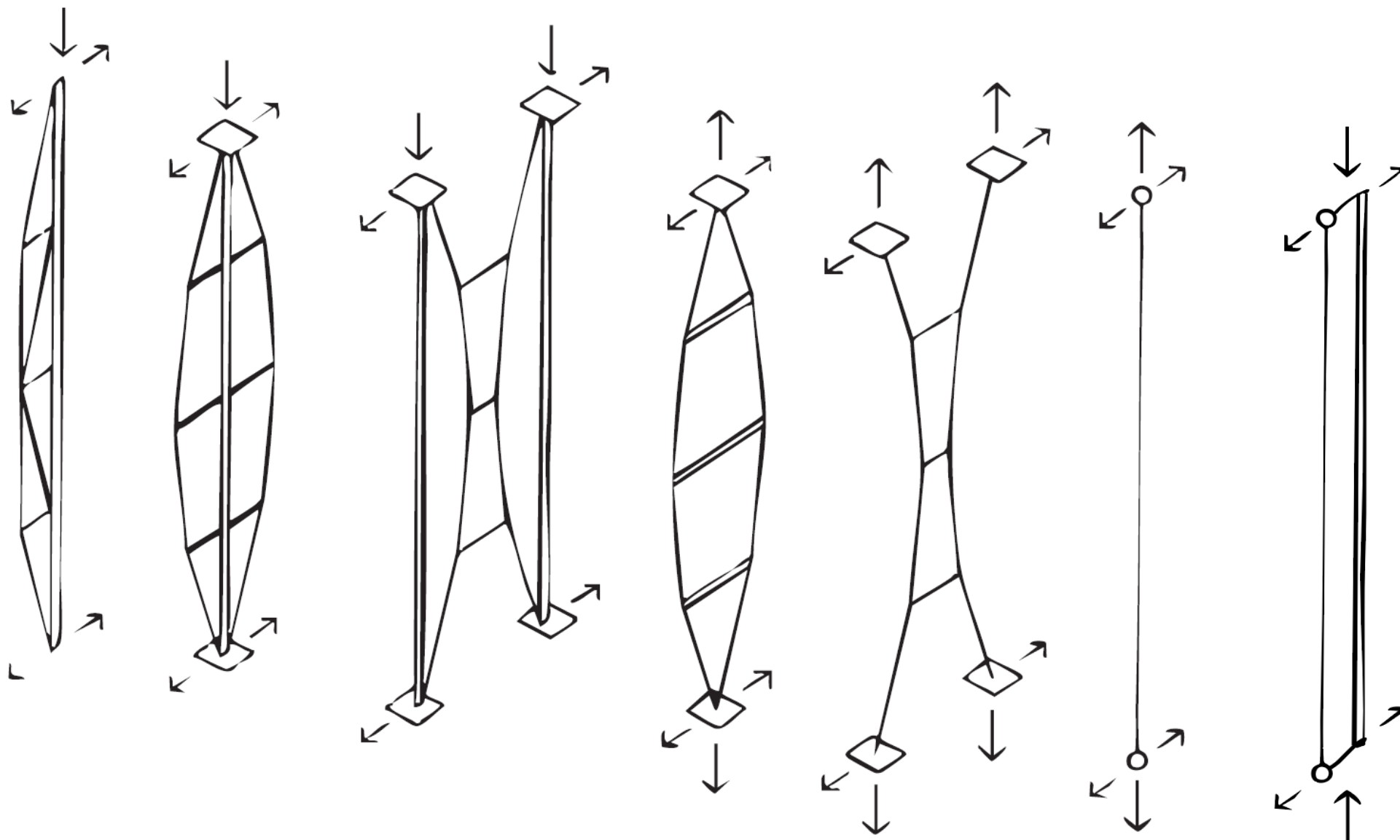
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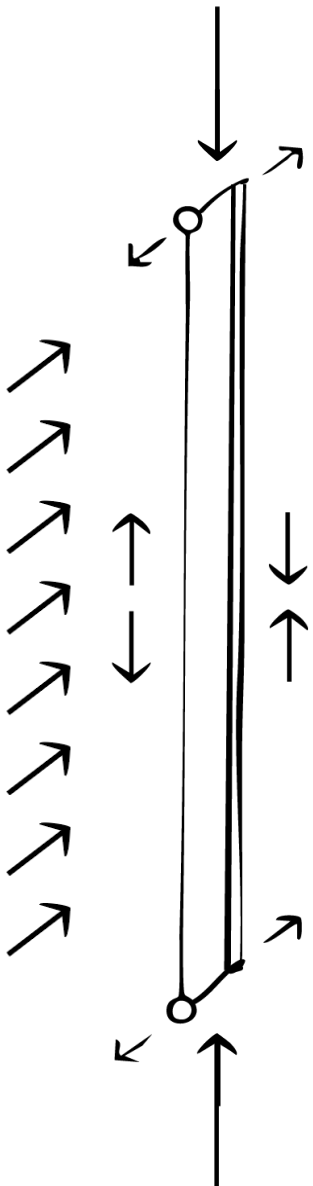


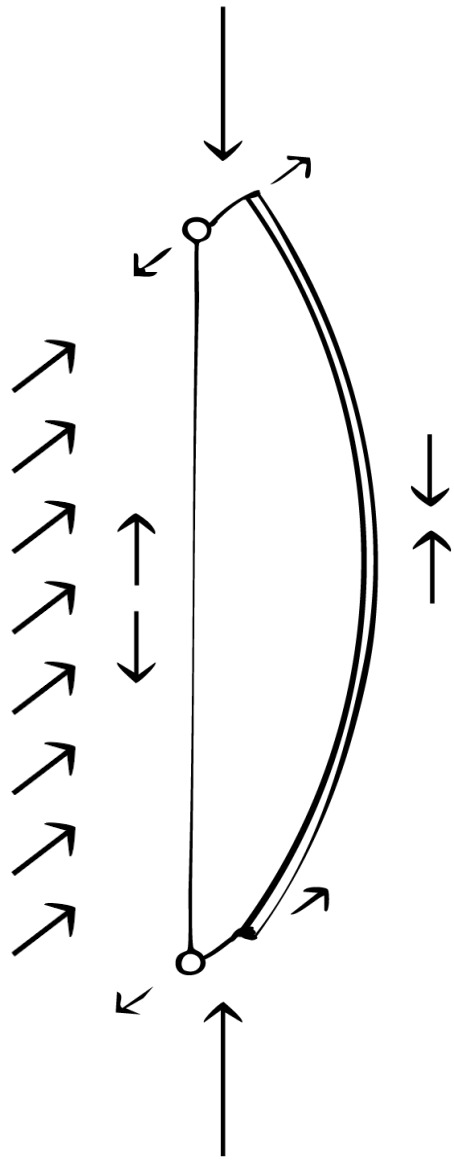


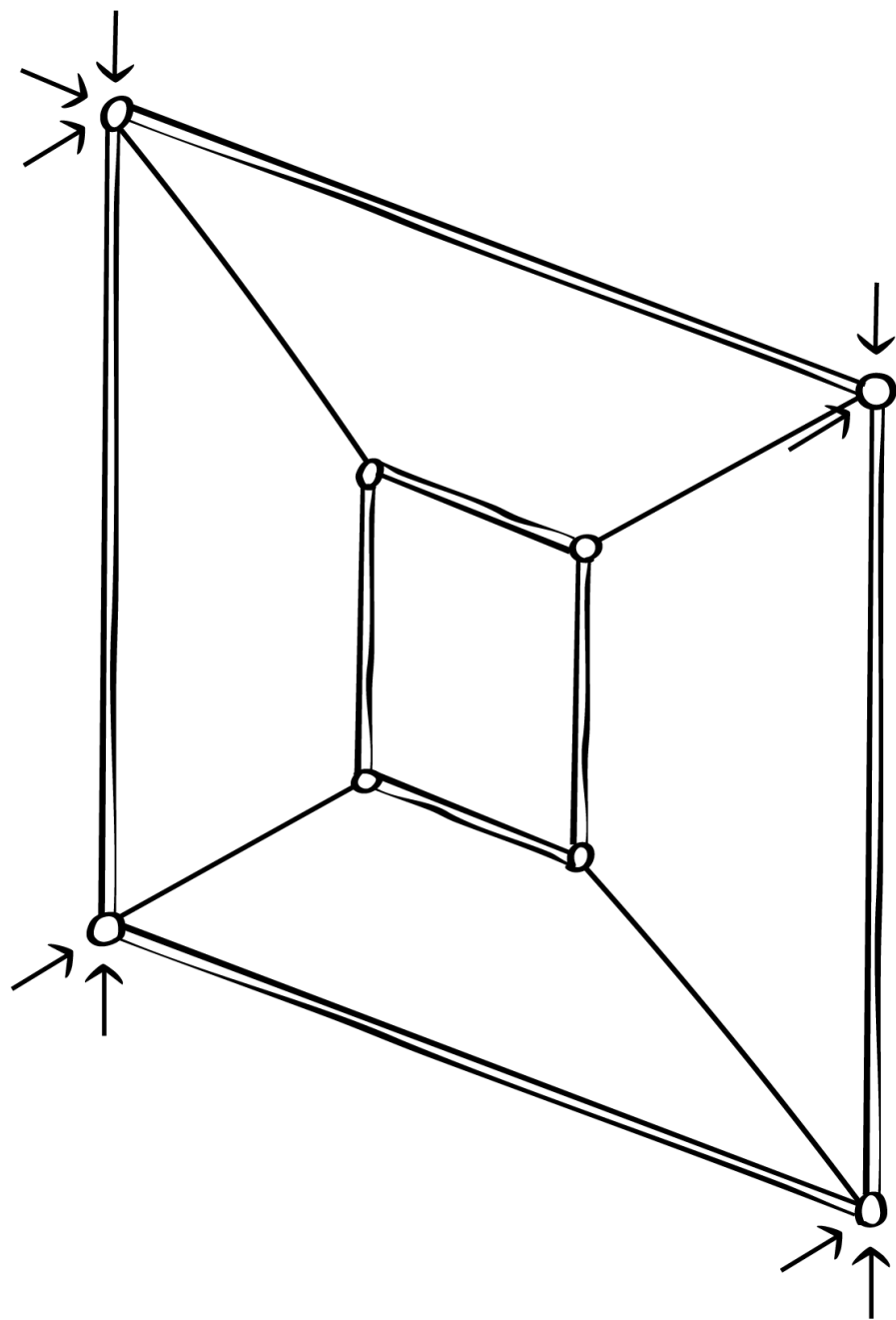
Bayer headquarter in Leverkusen (architect: Murphy/Jahn, Chicago, completion: 2002)

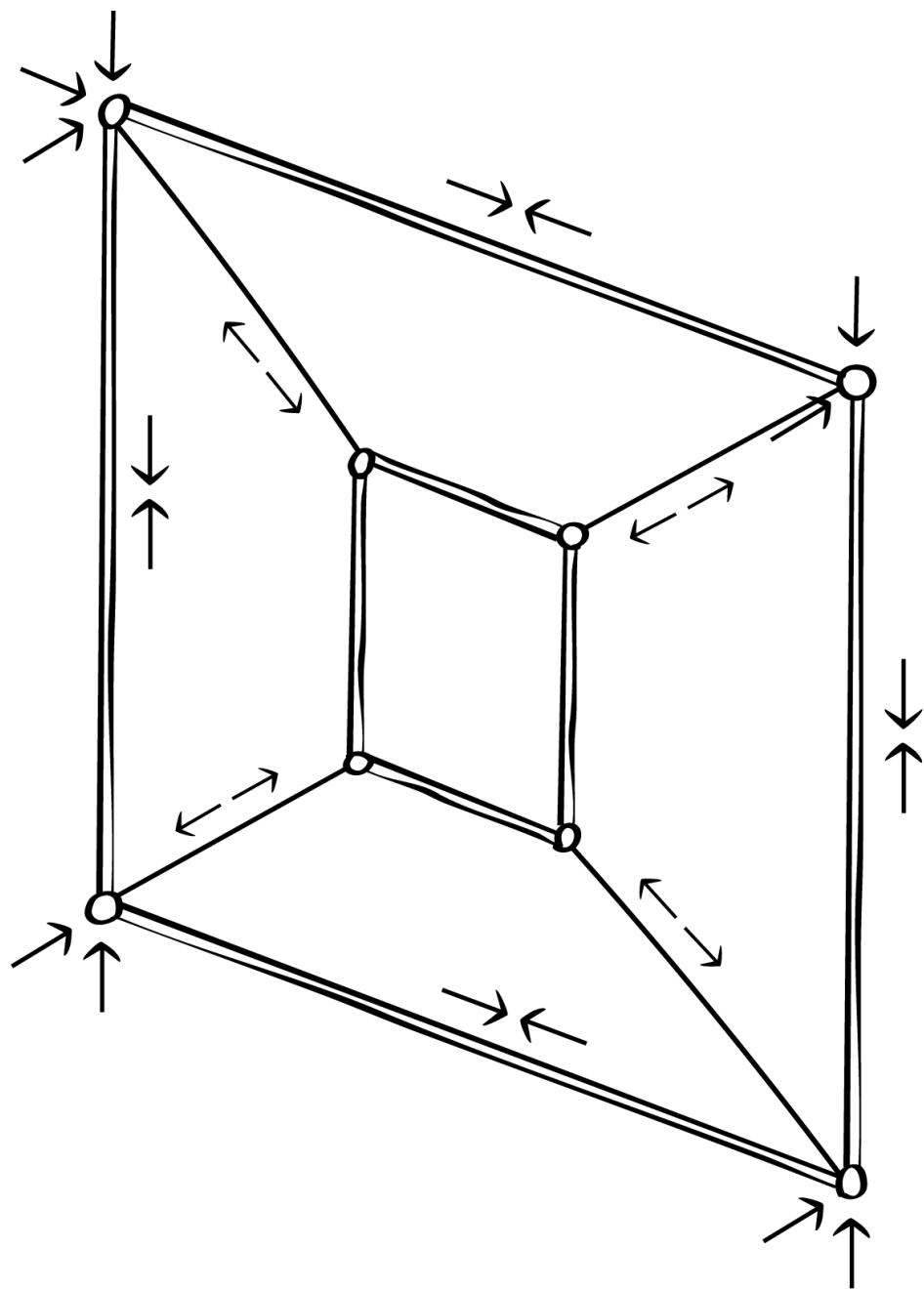


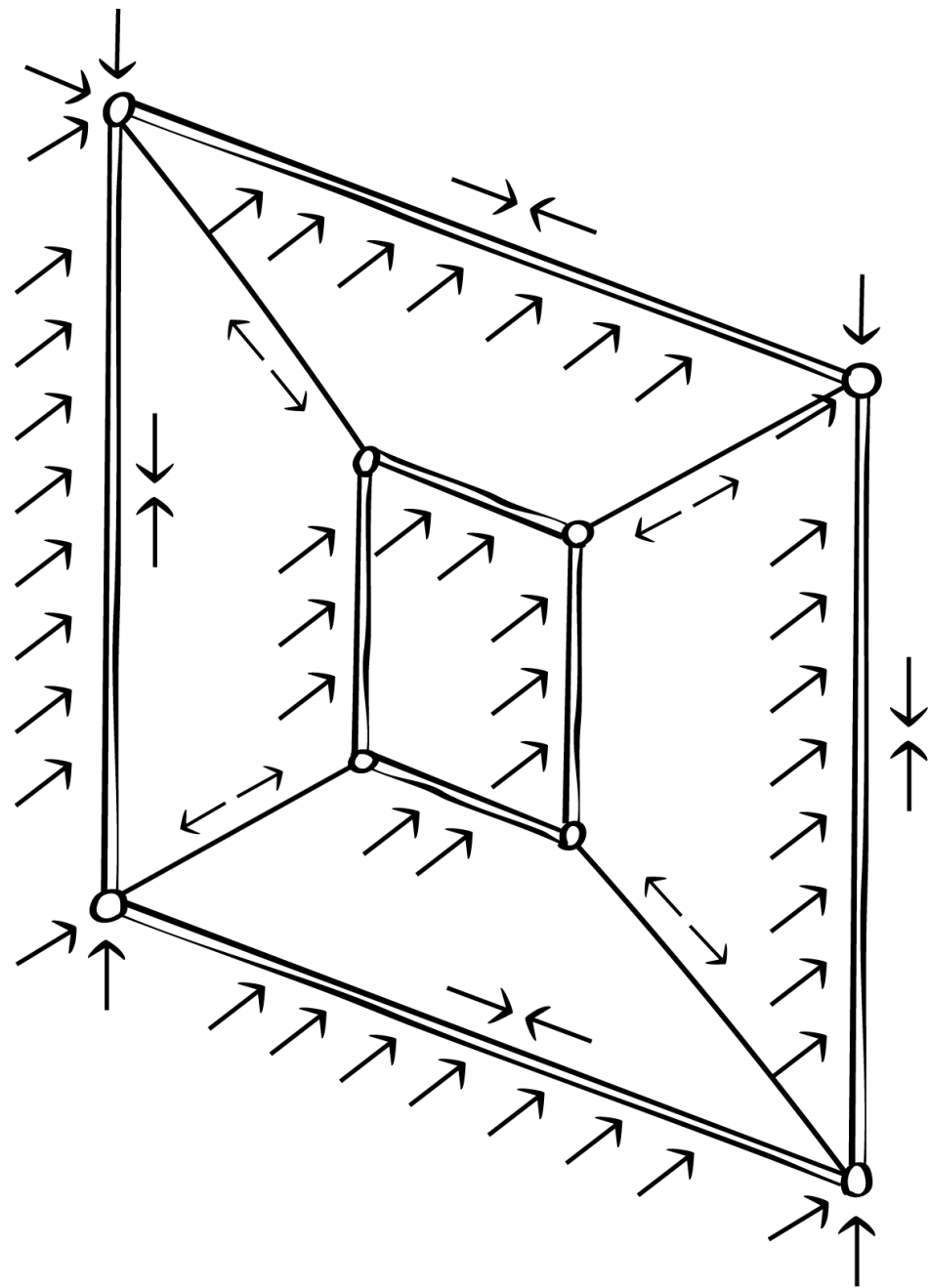
Principle primary structural systems of cable-stayed façades (W. Sobek et al.)

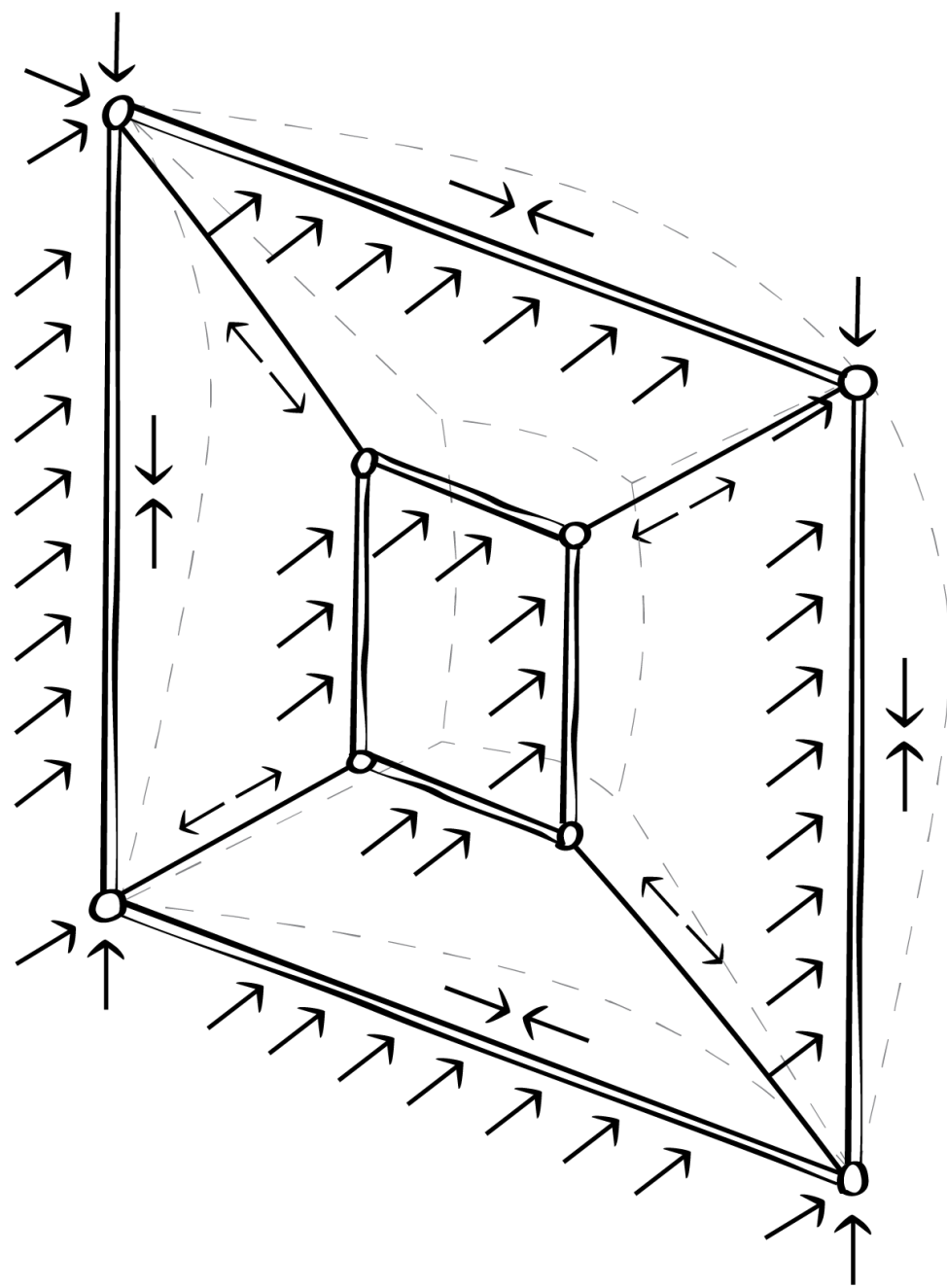


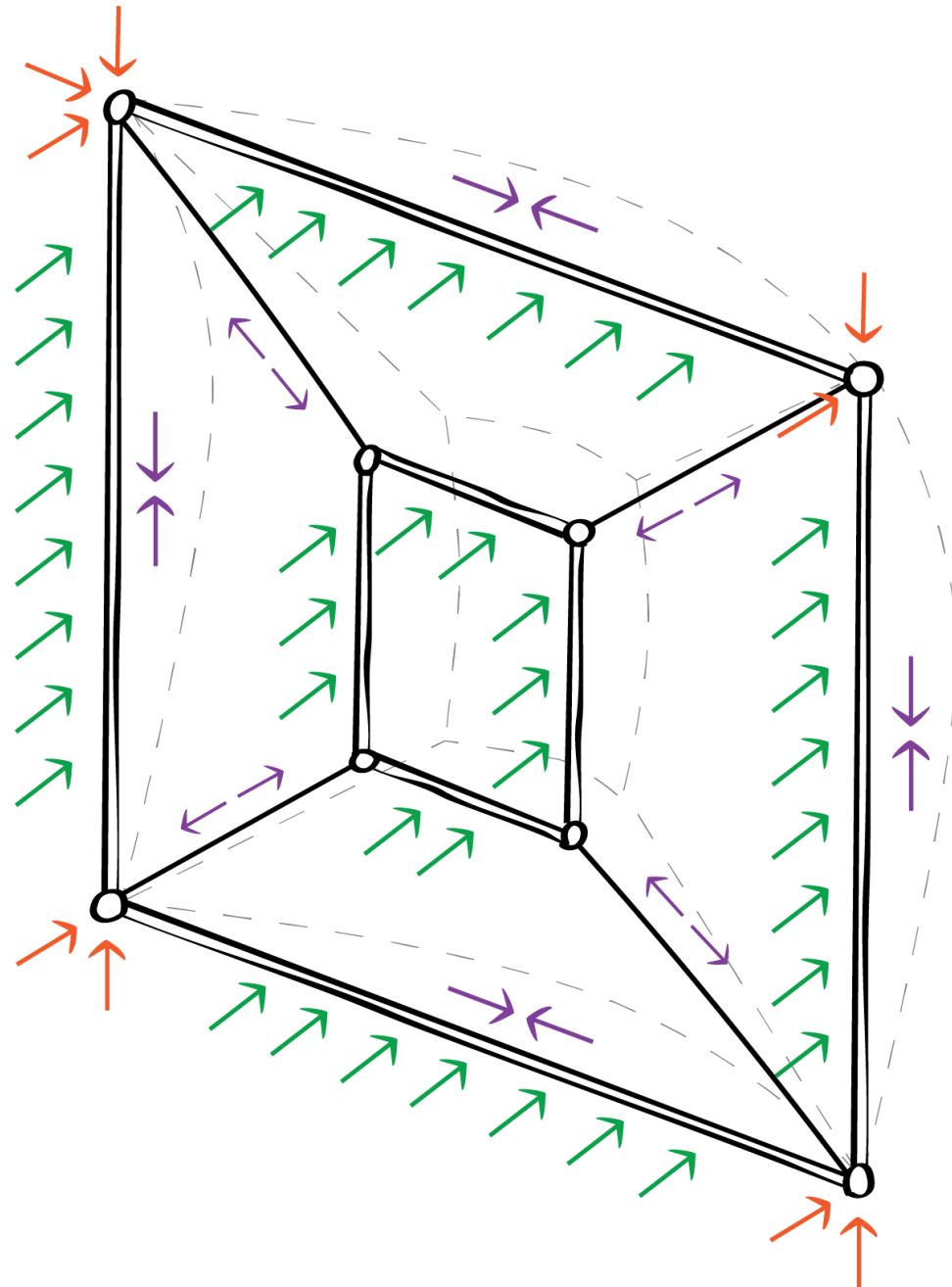






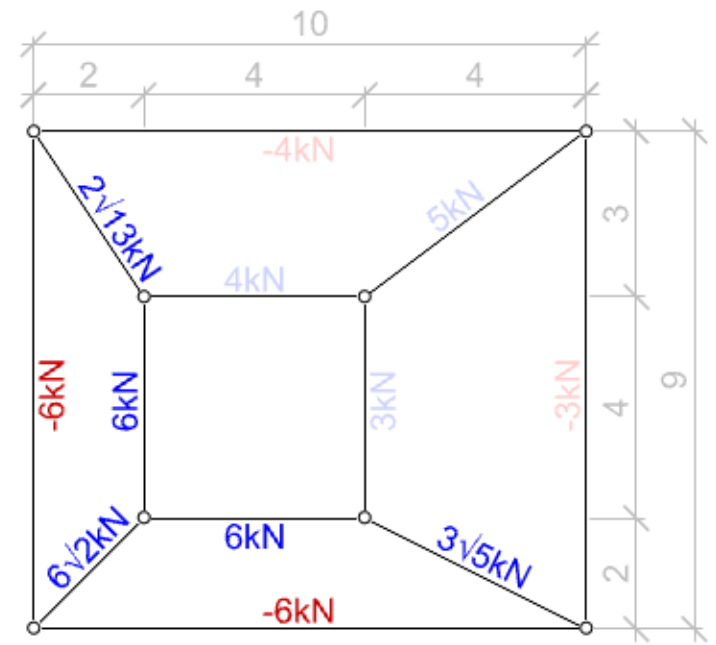
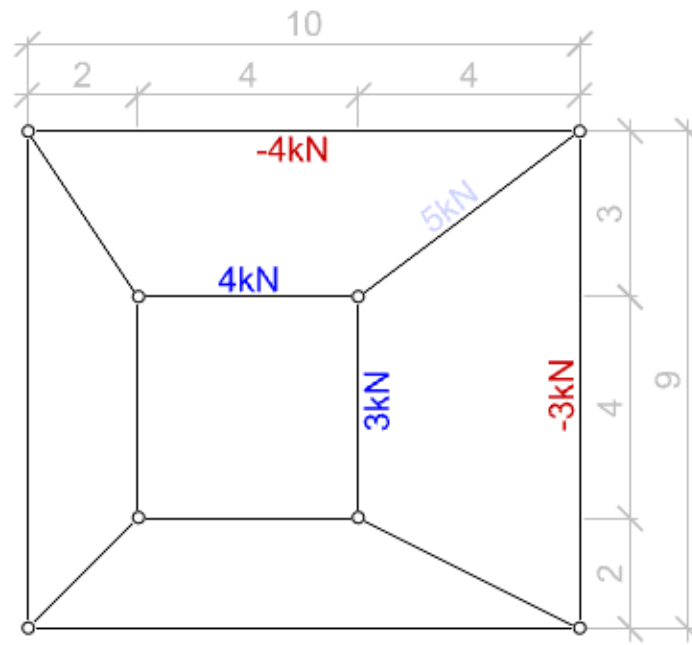
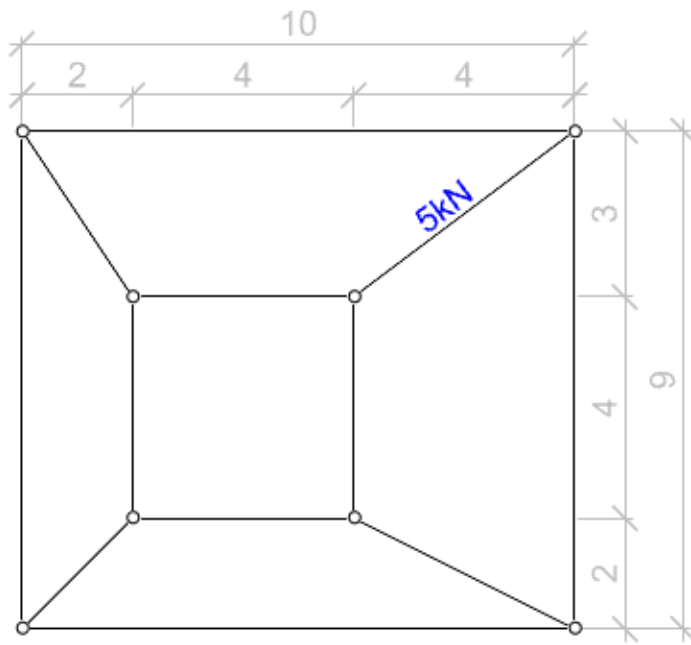




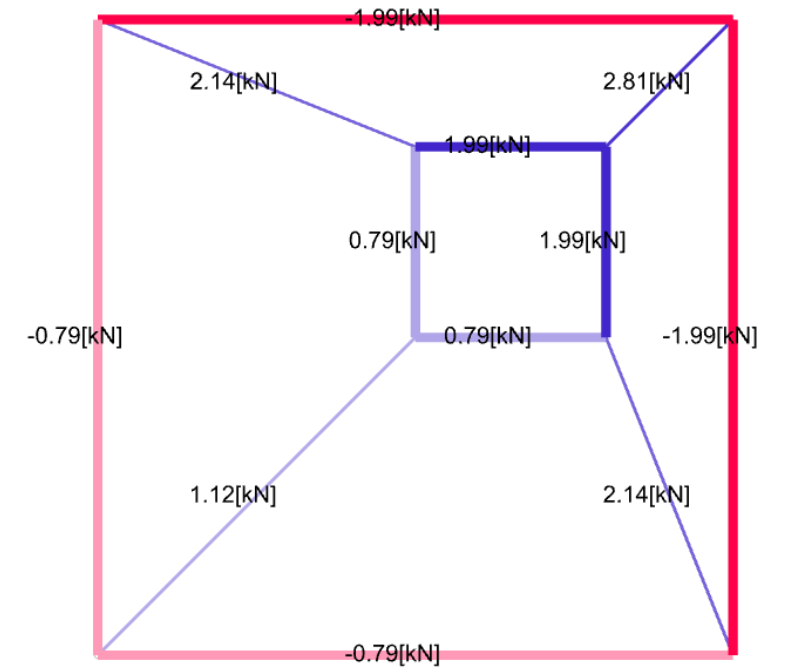
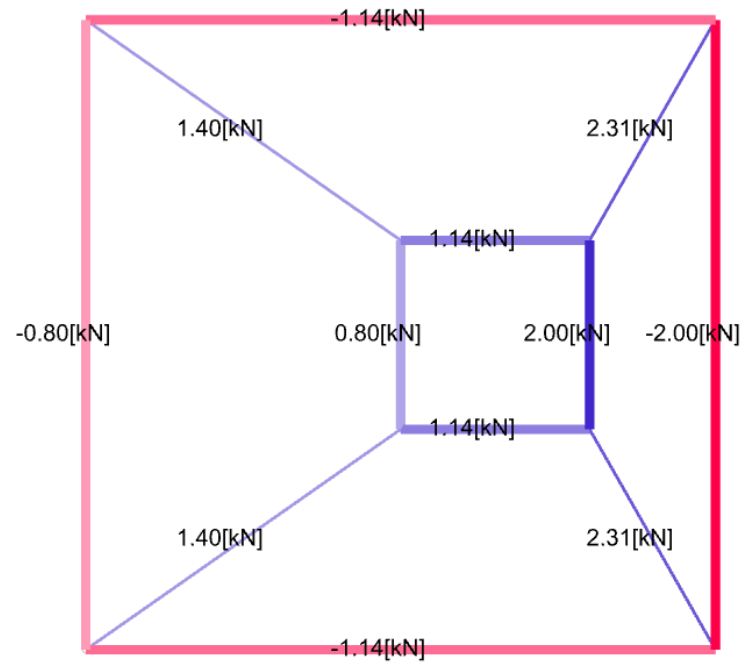
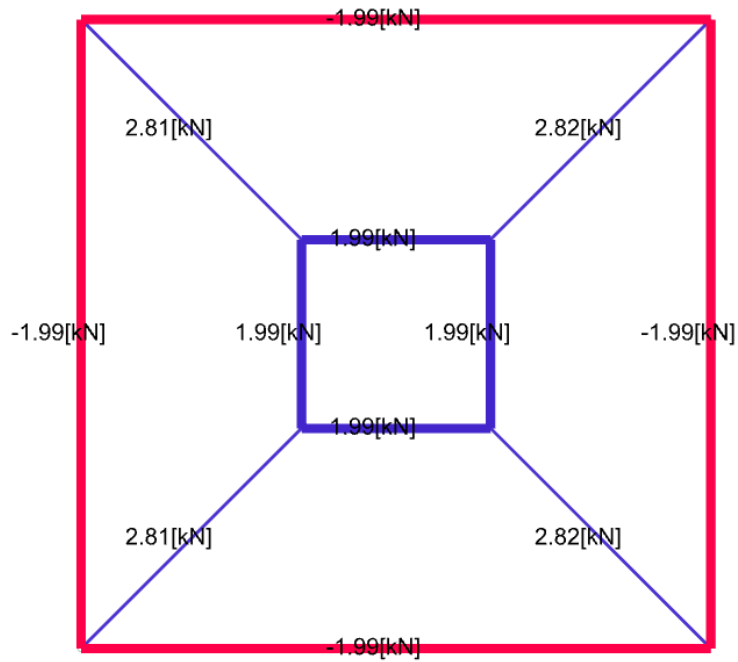


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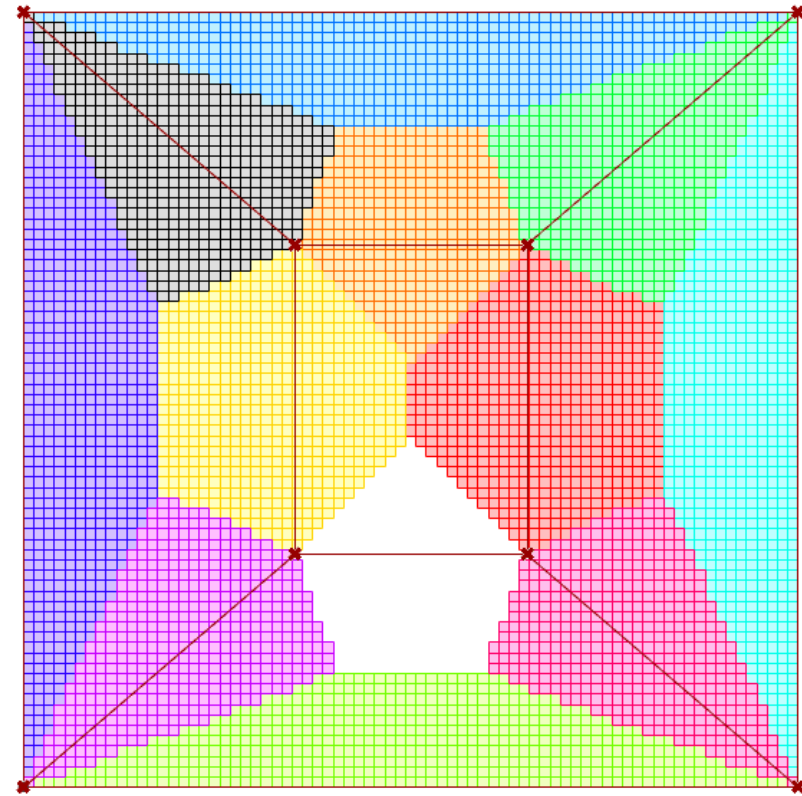
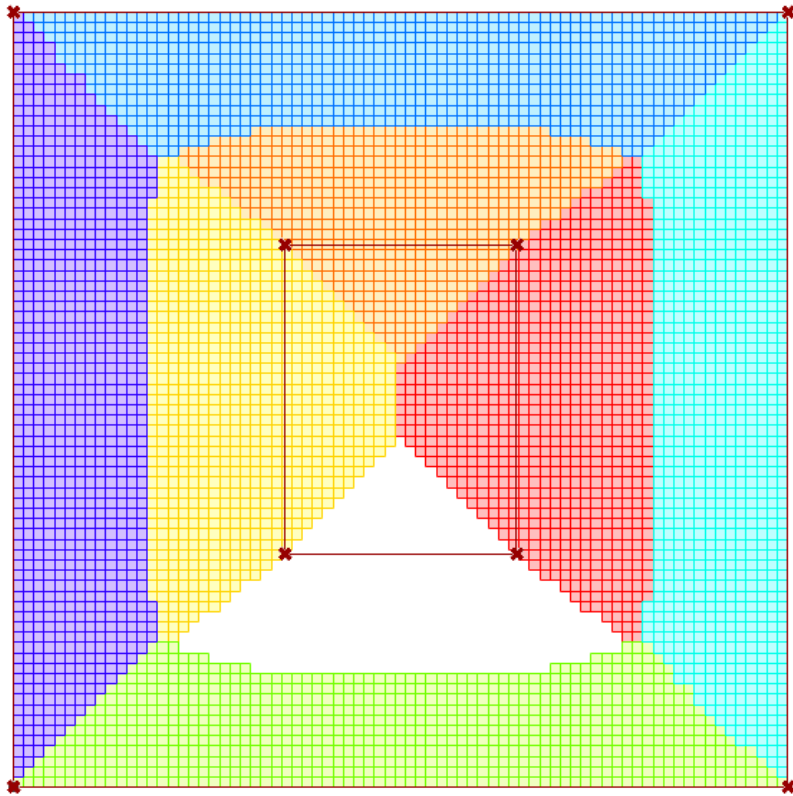
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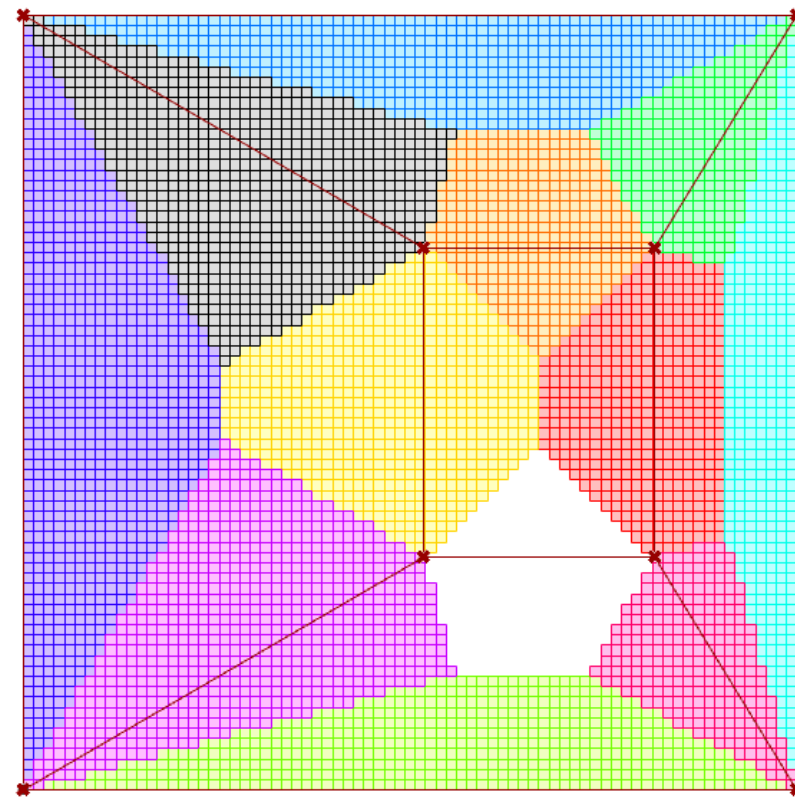
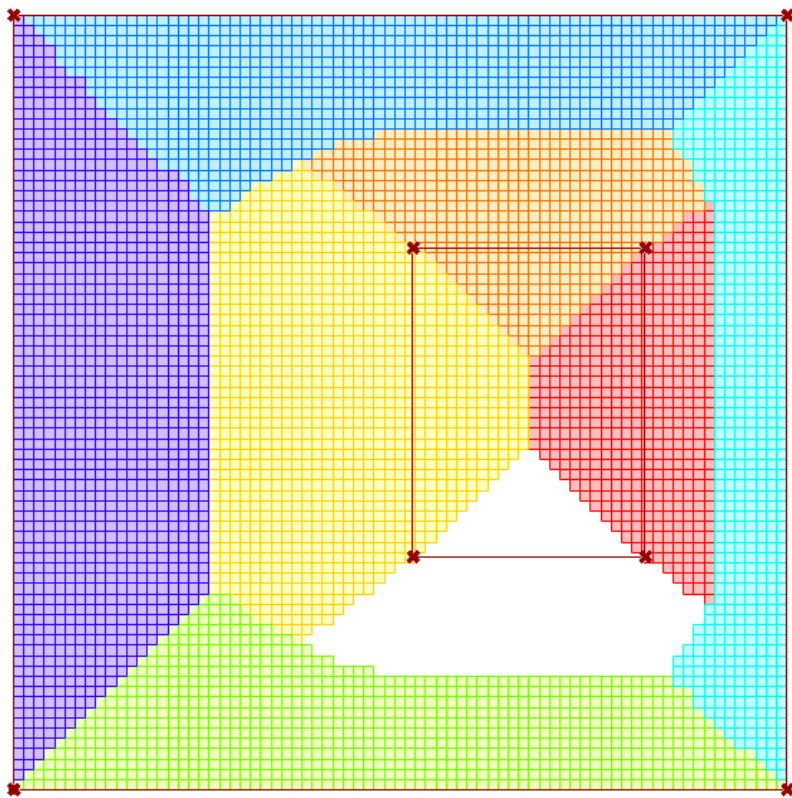
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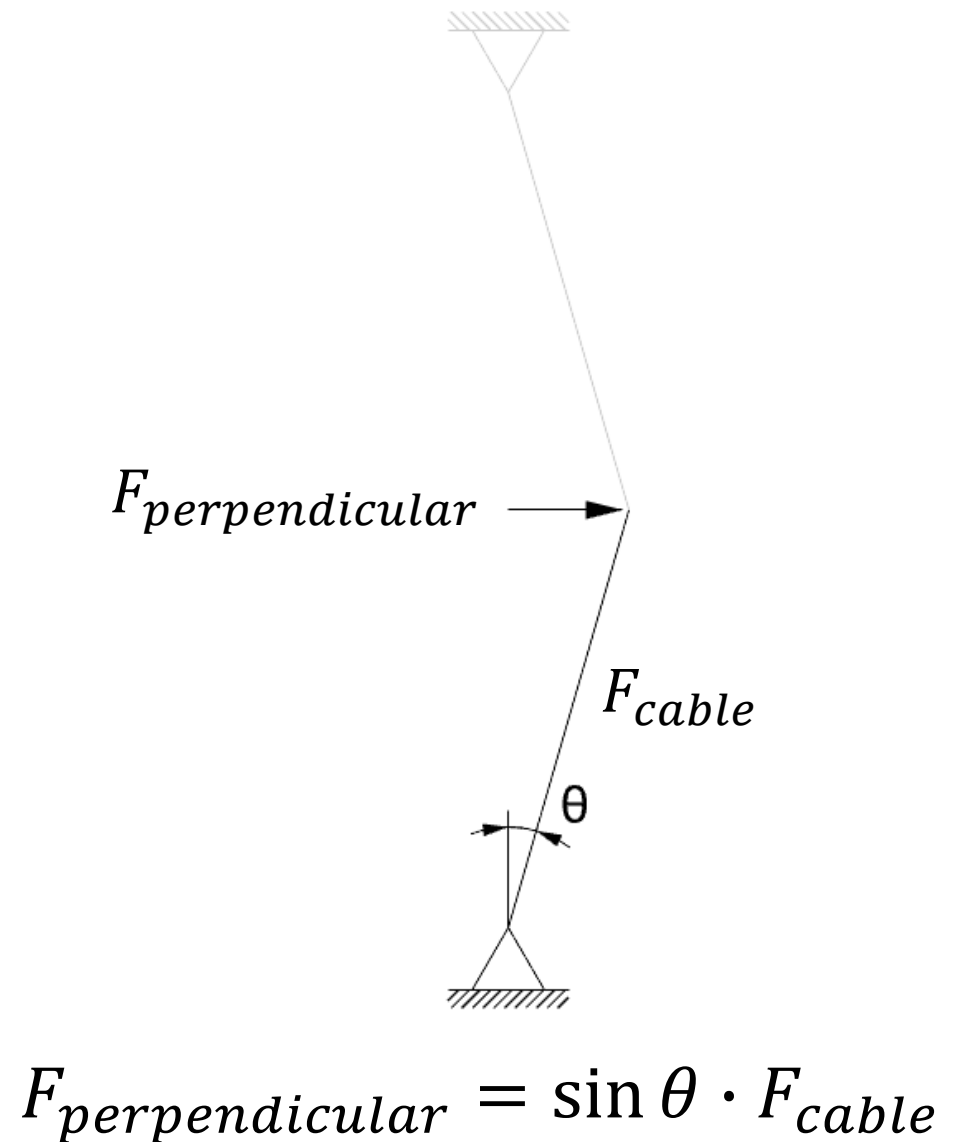
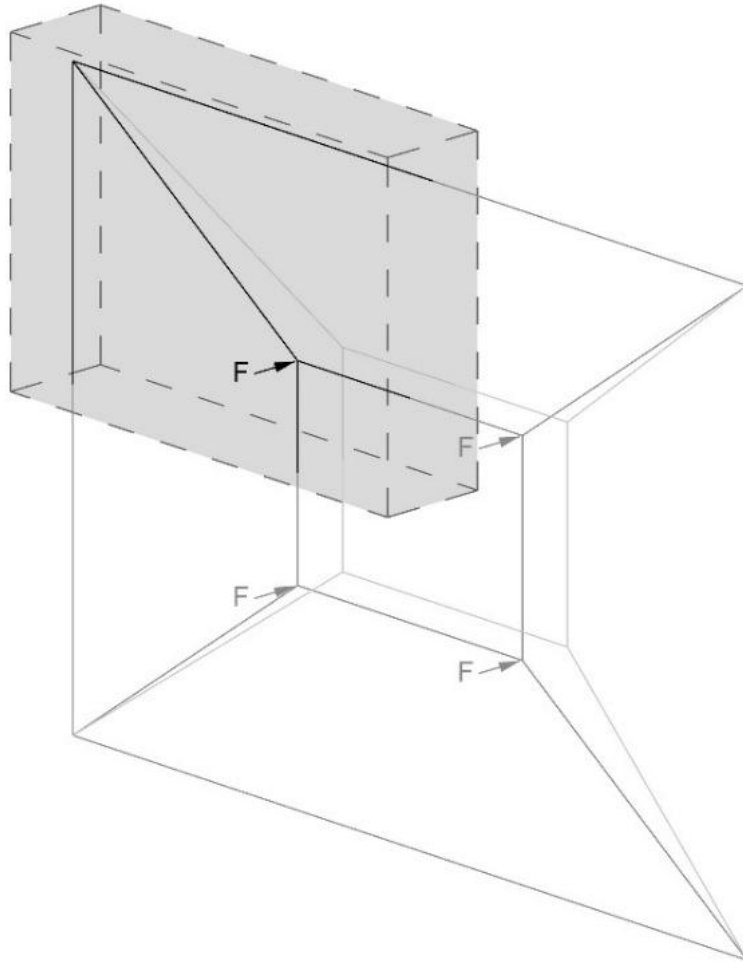
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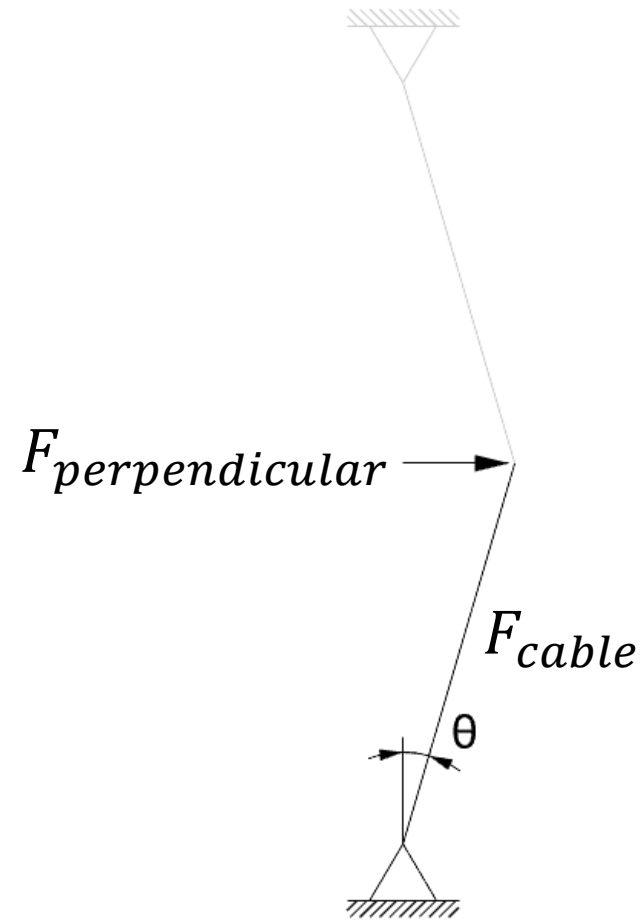


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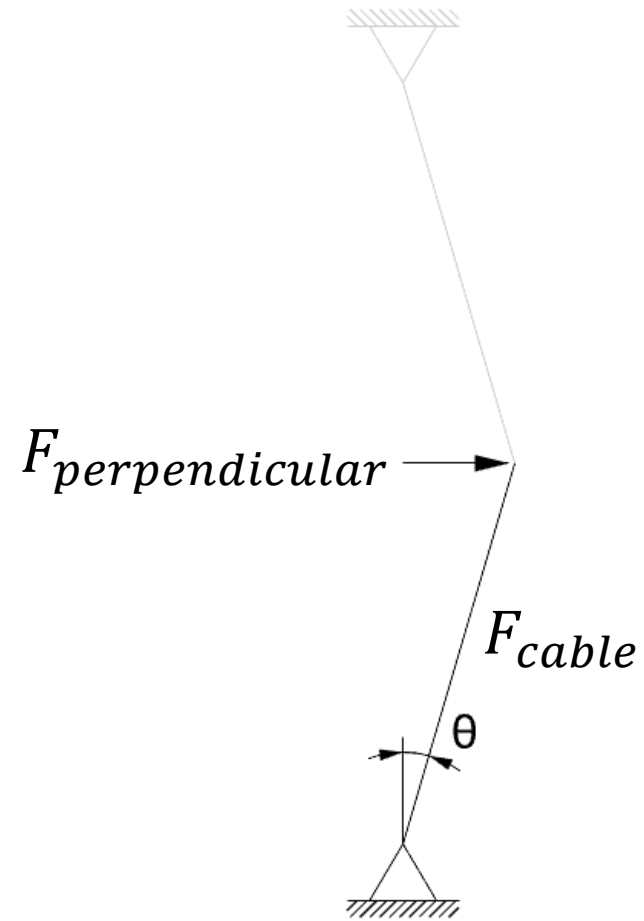


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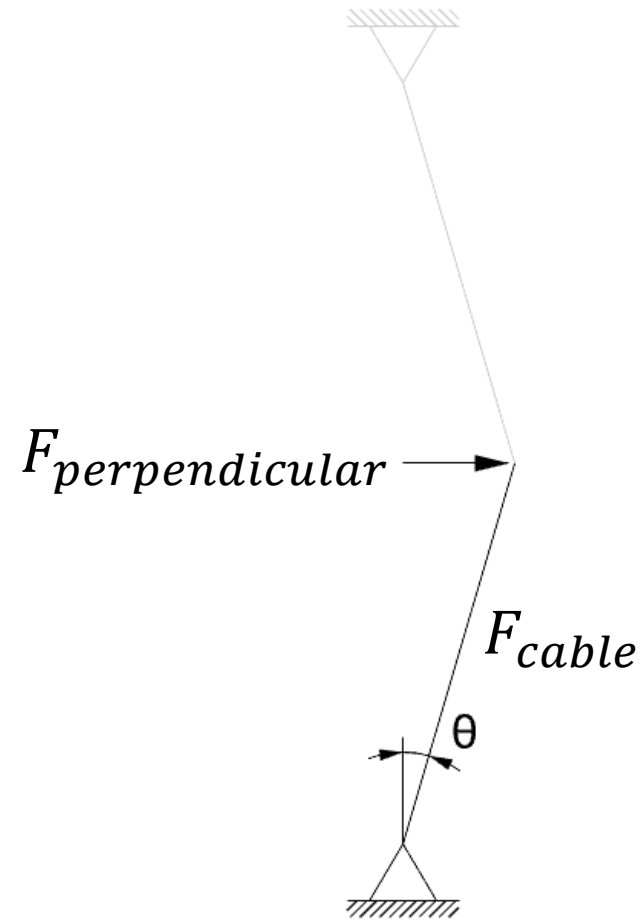




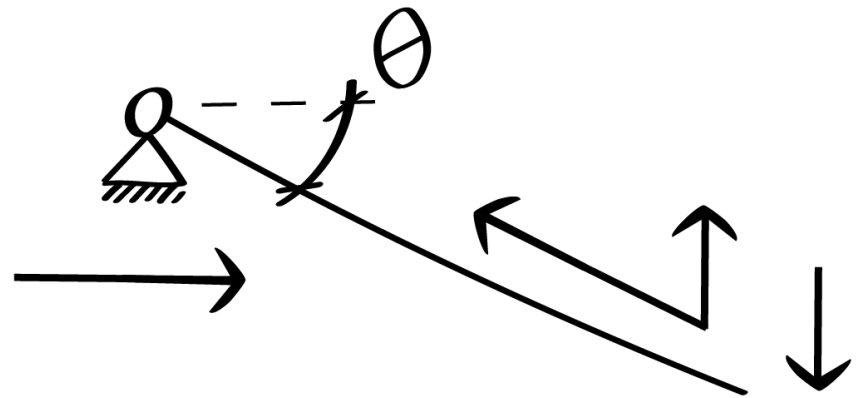
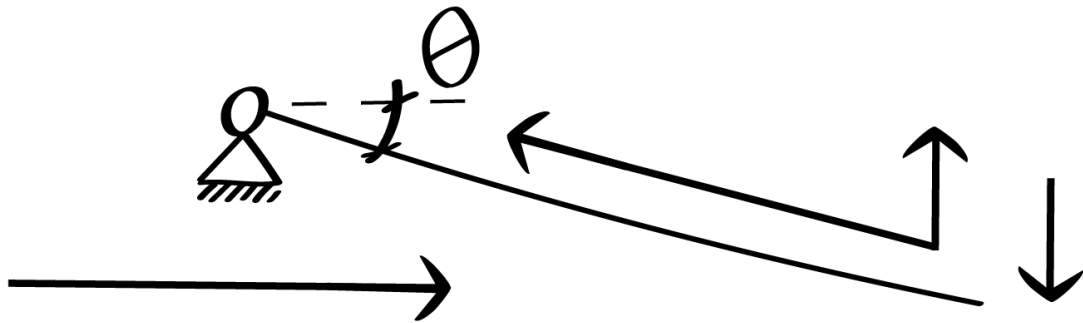
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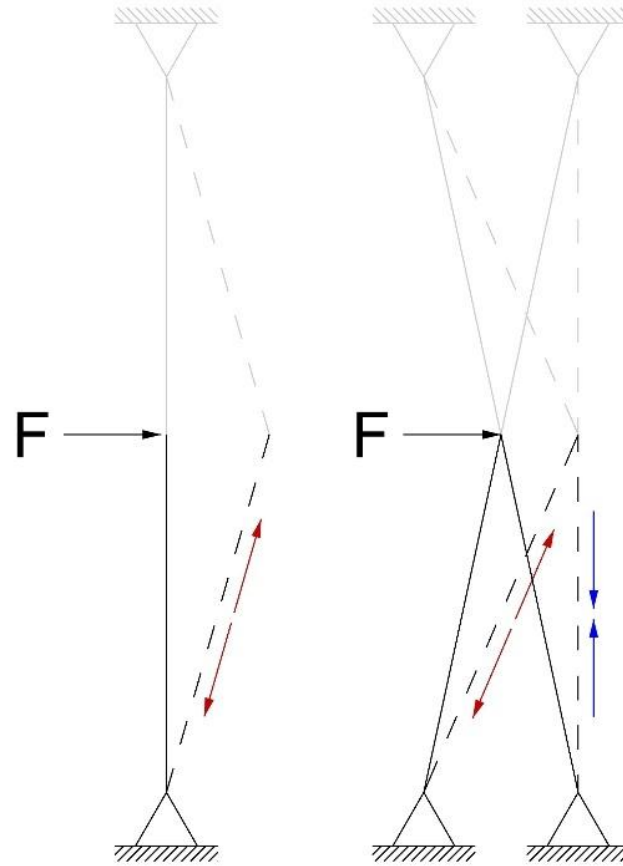
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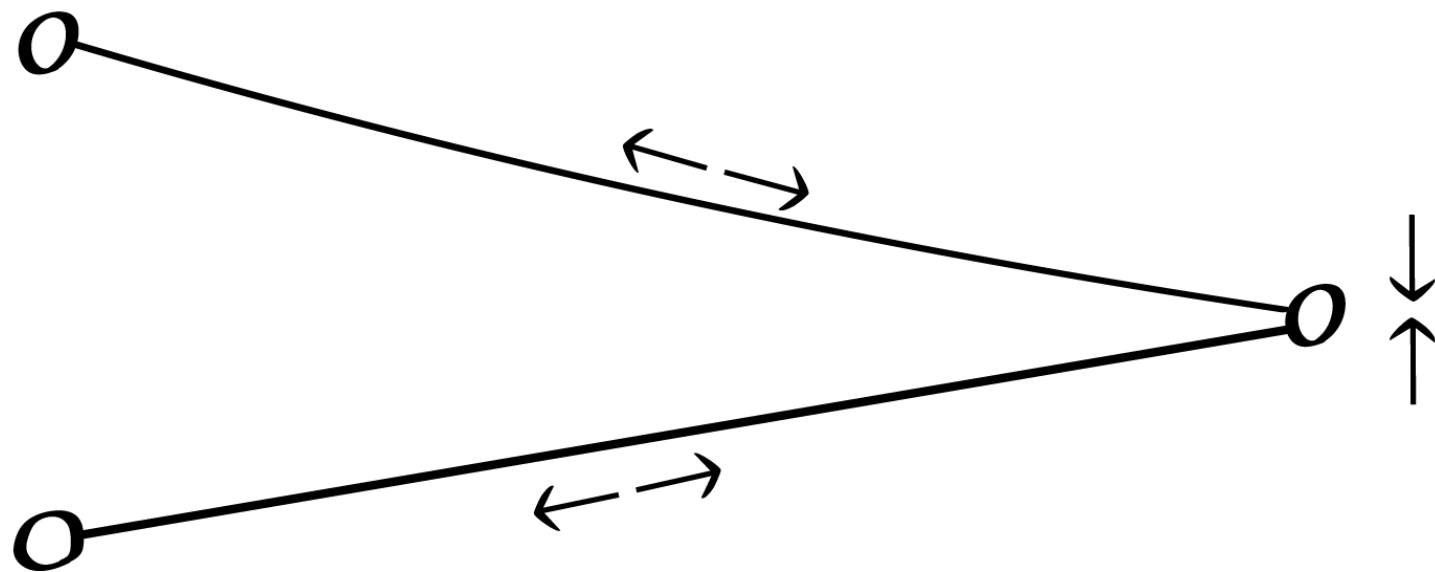
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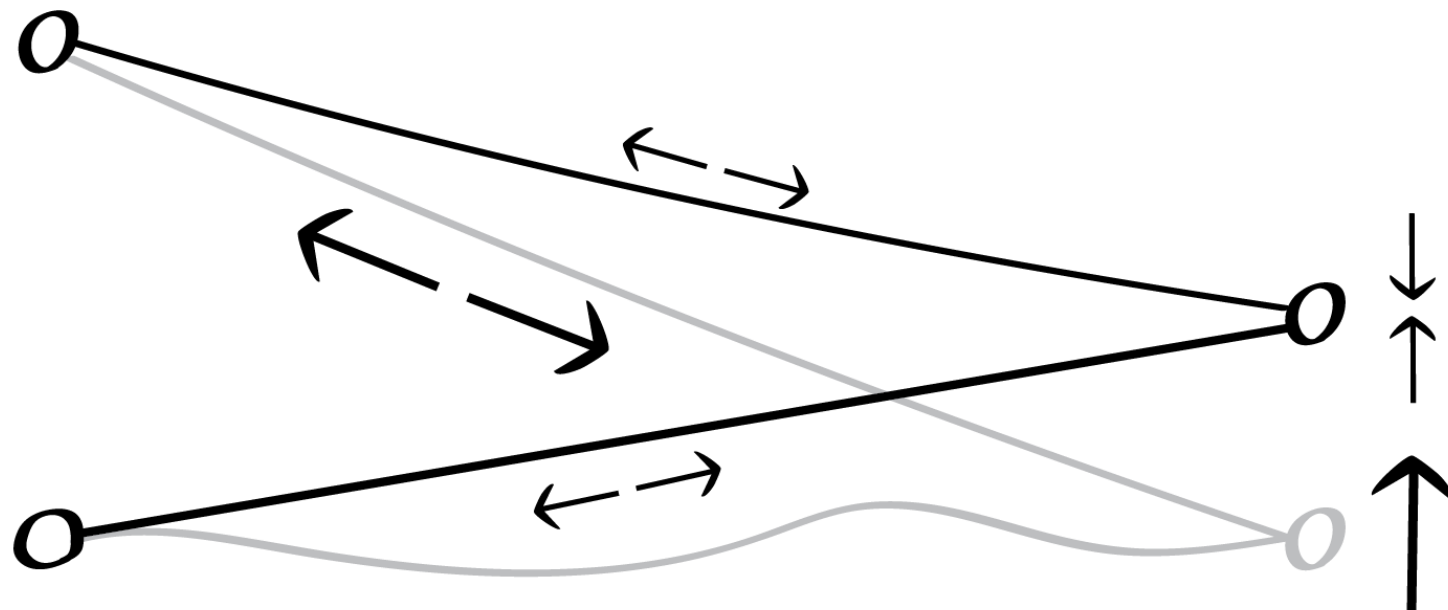
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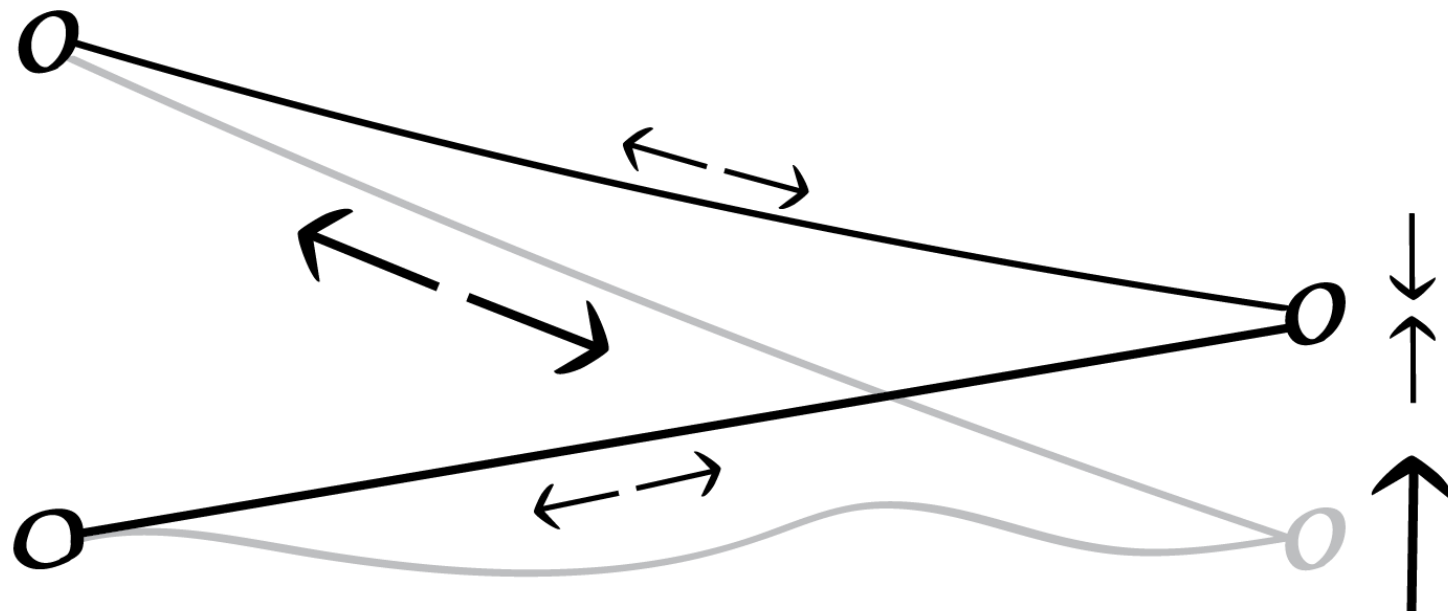
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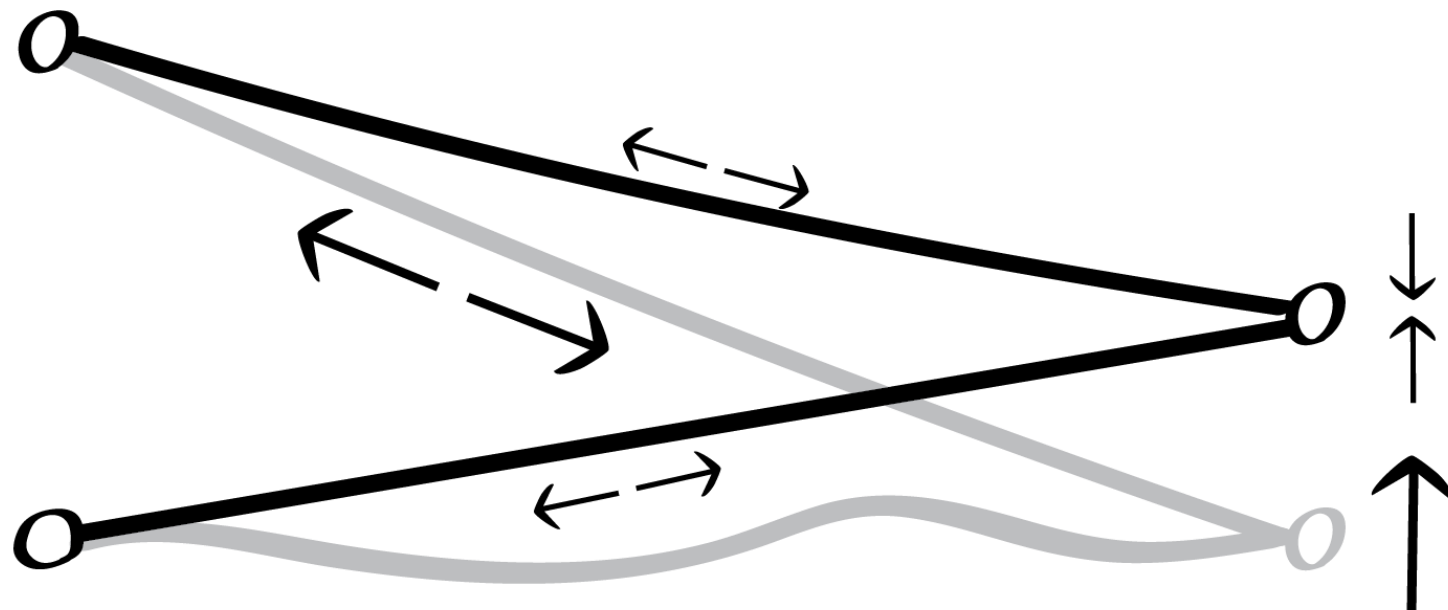
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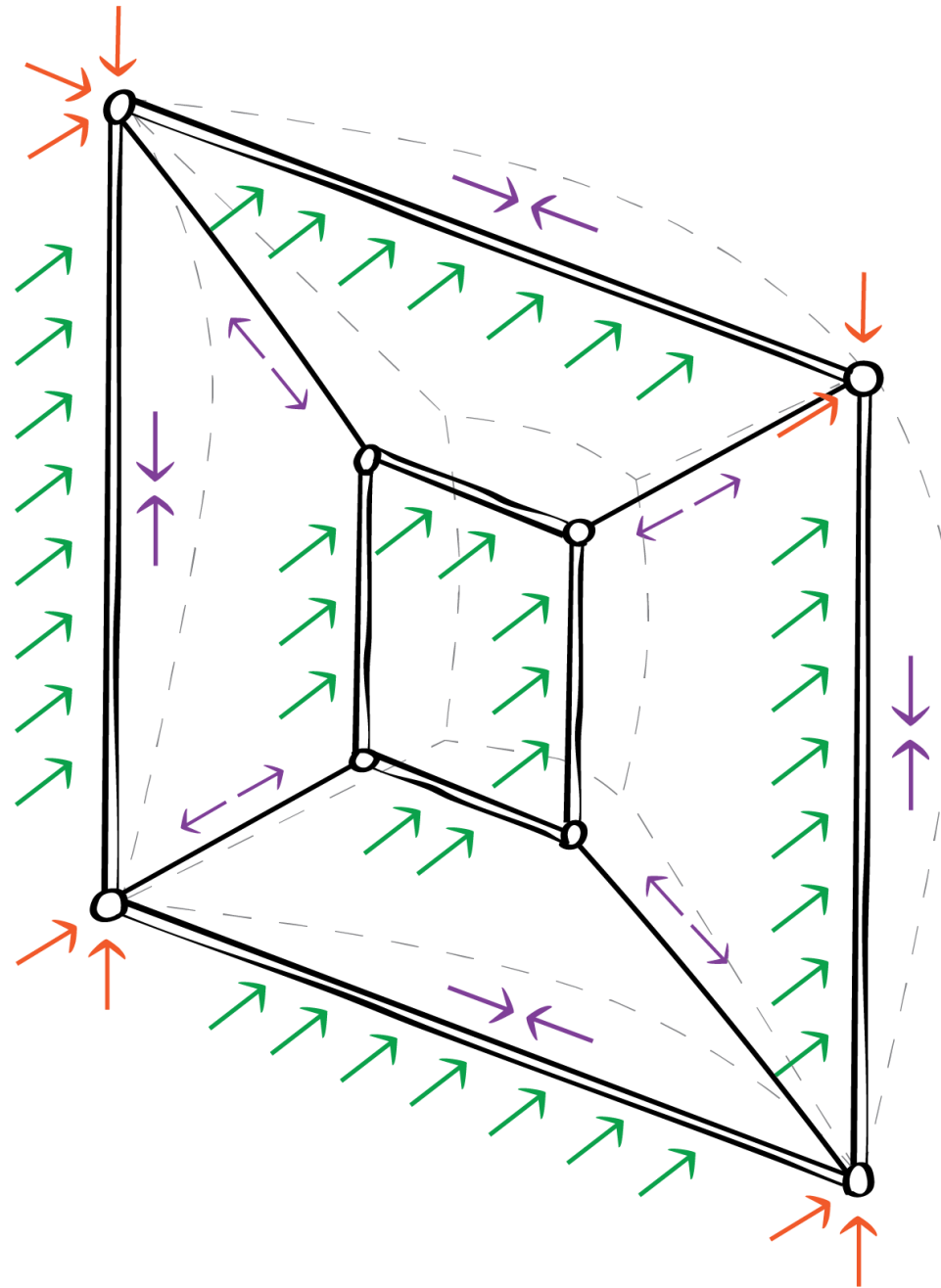
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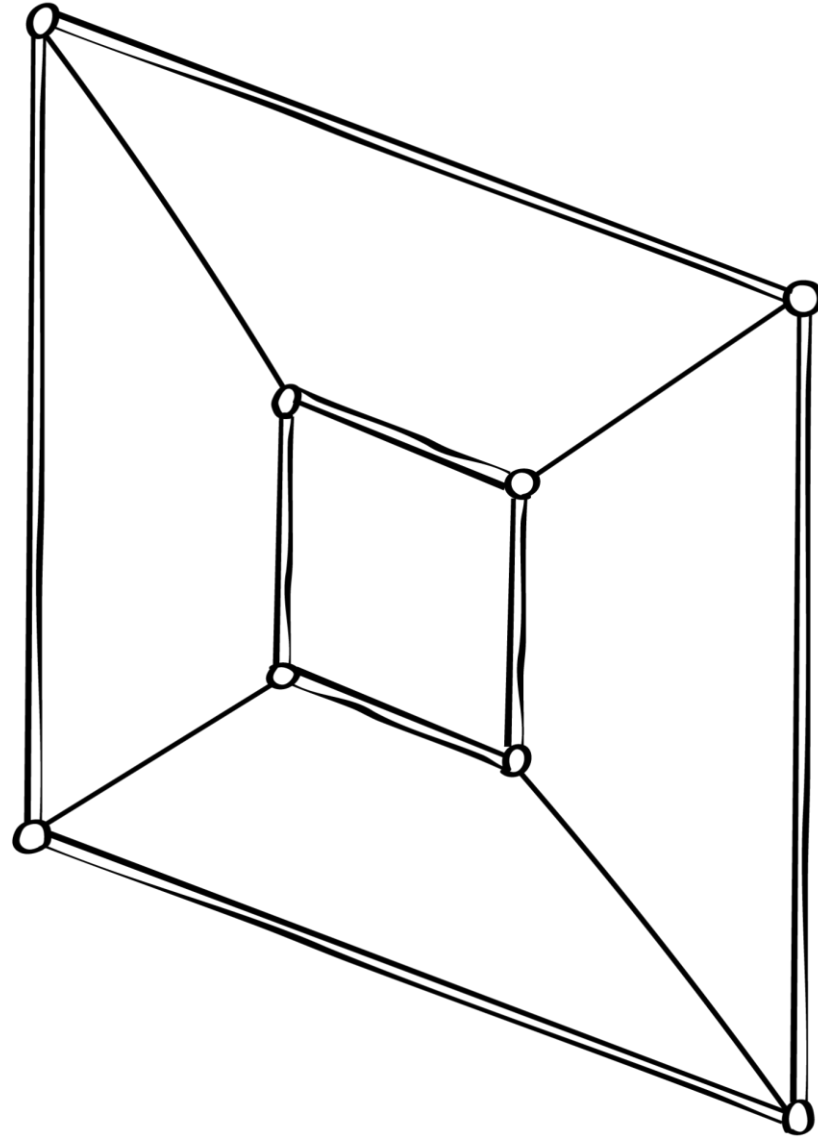
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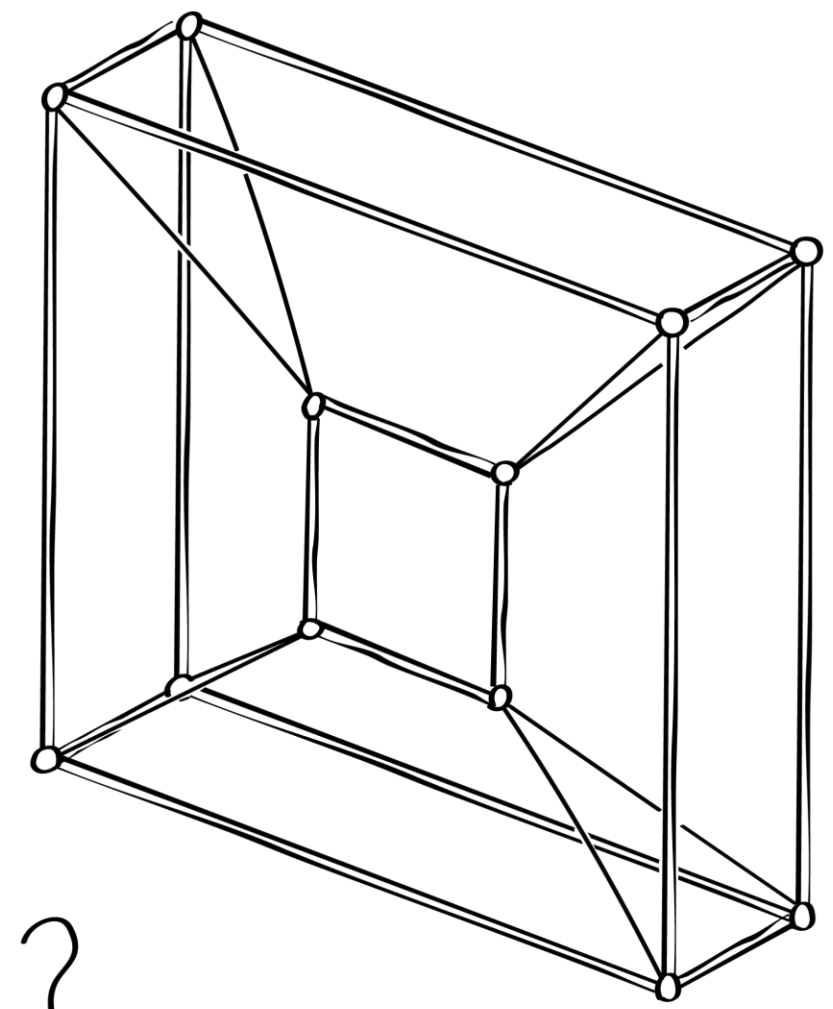
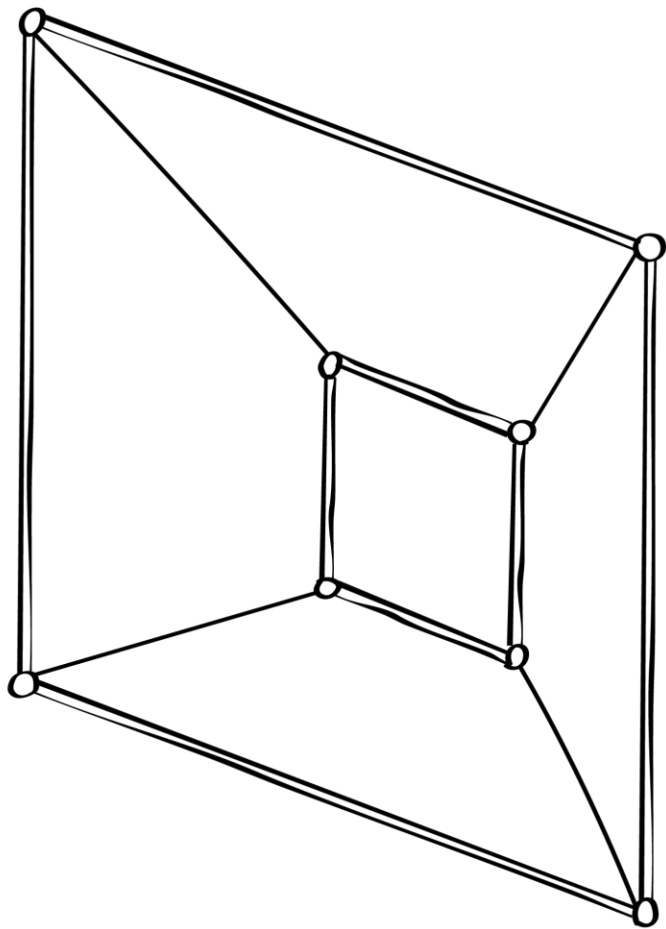


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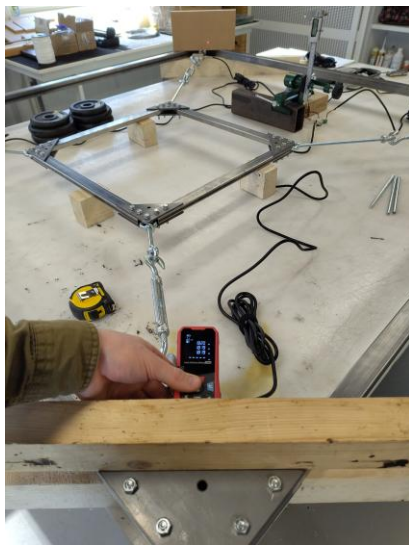
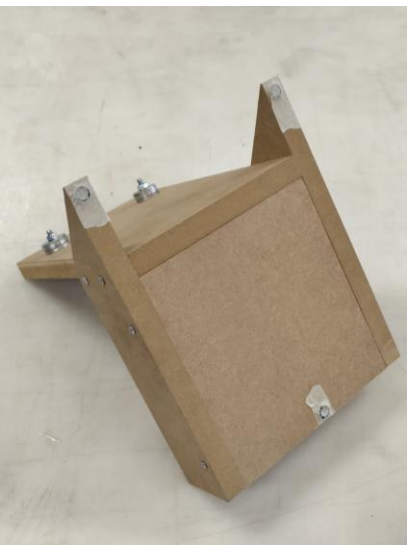
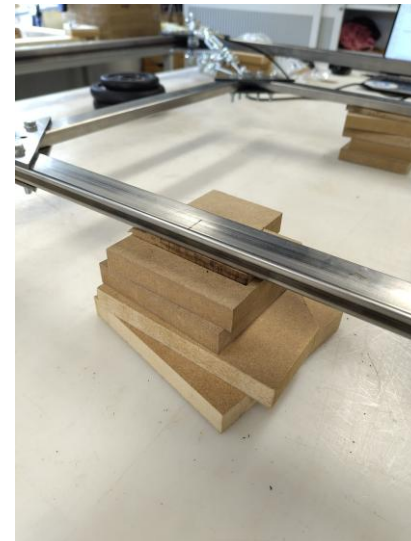
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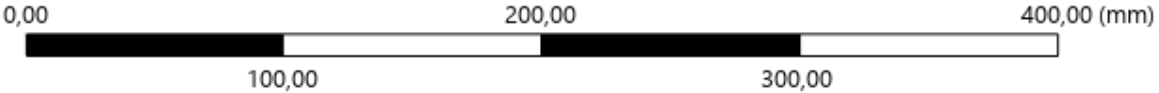
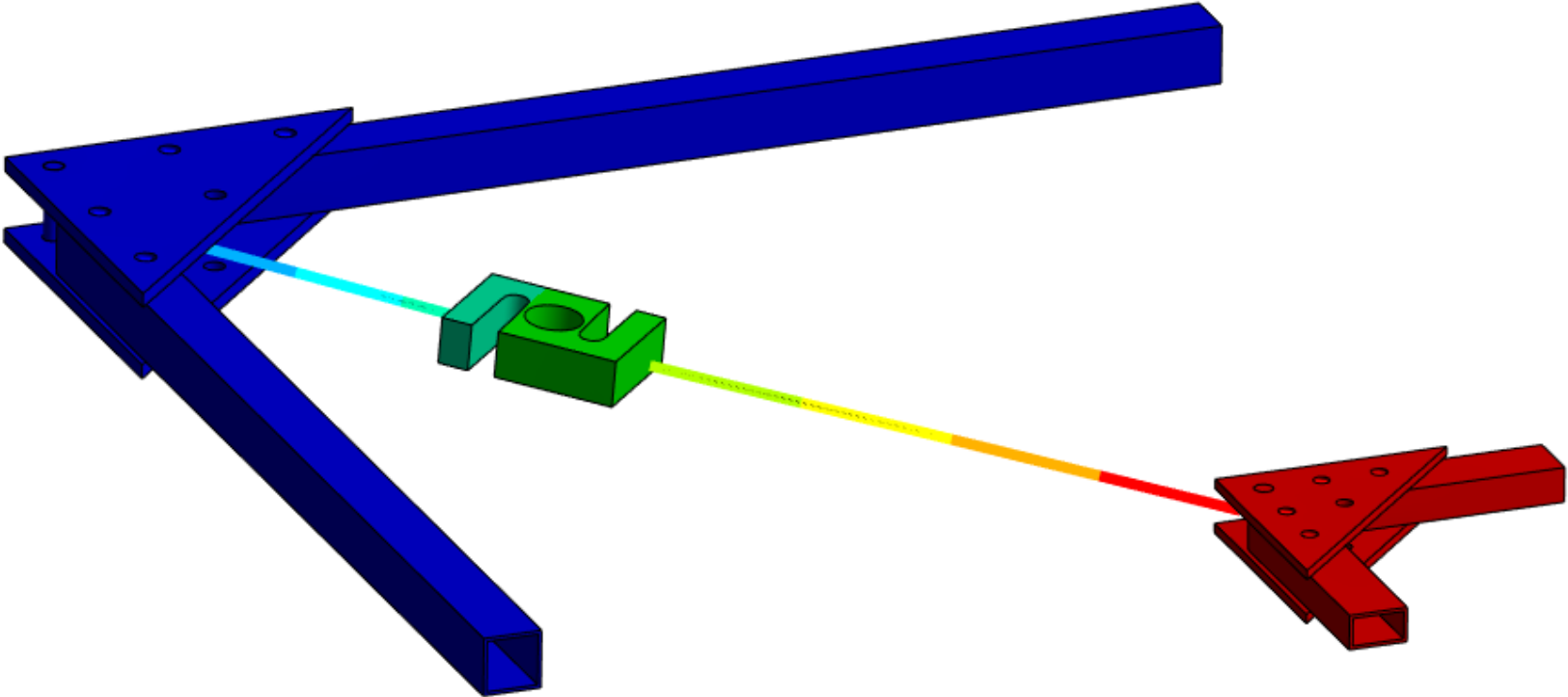
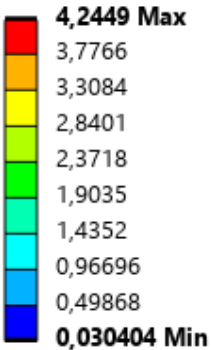
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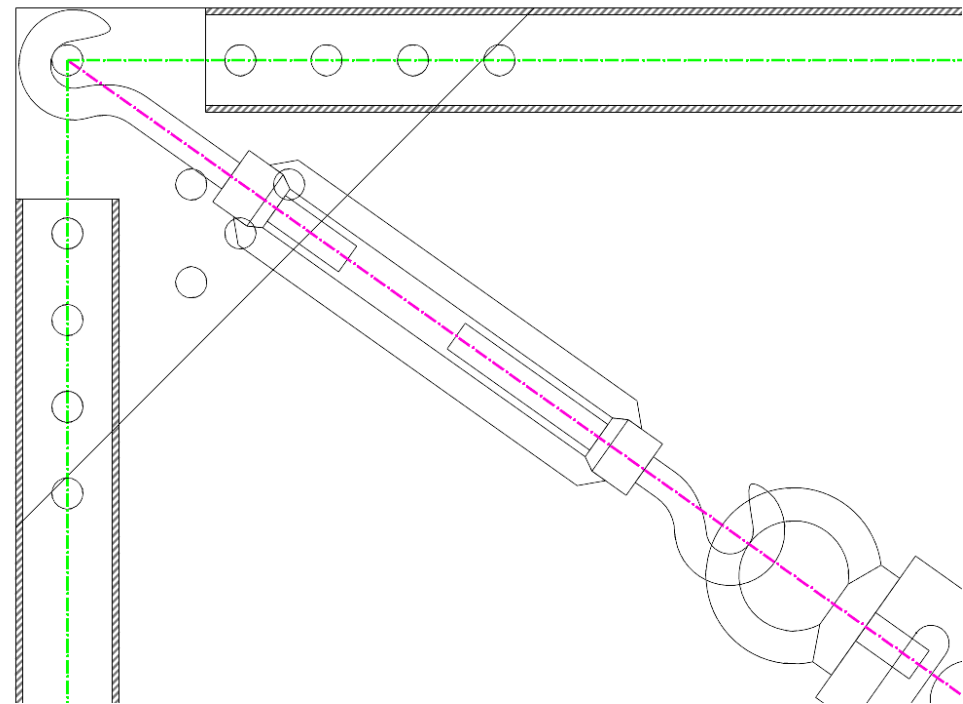
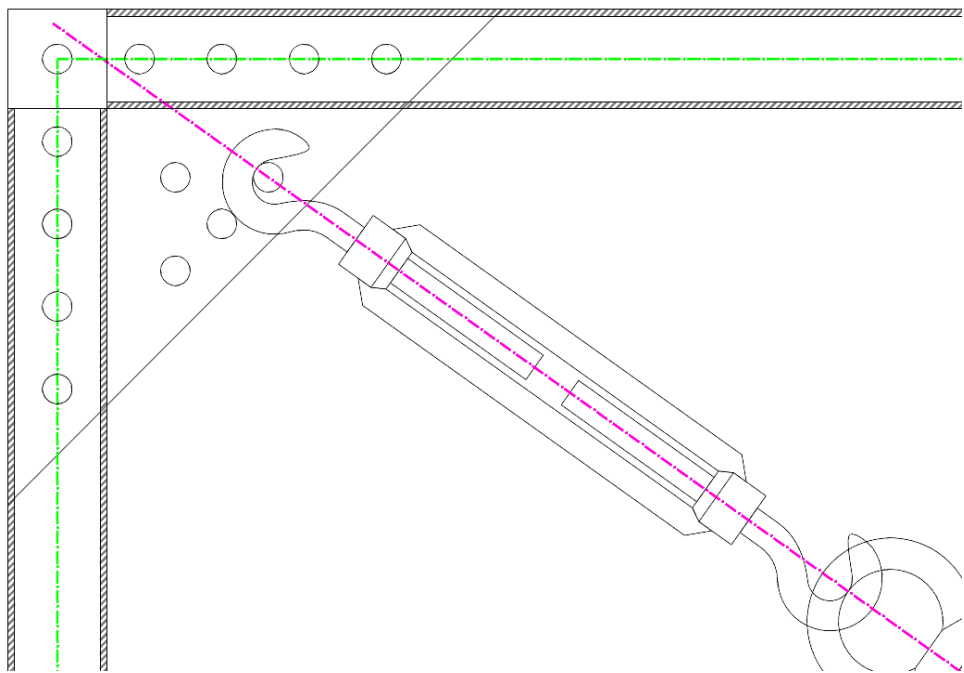




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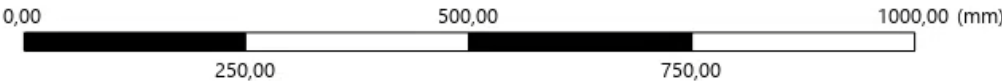
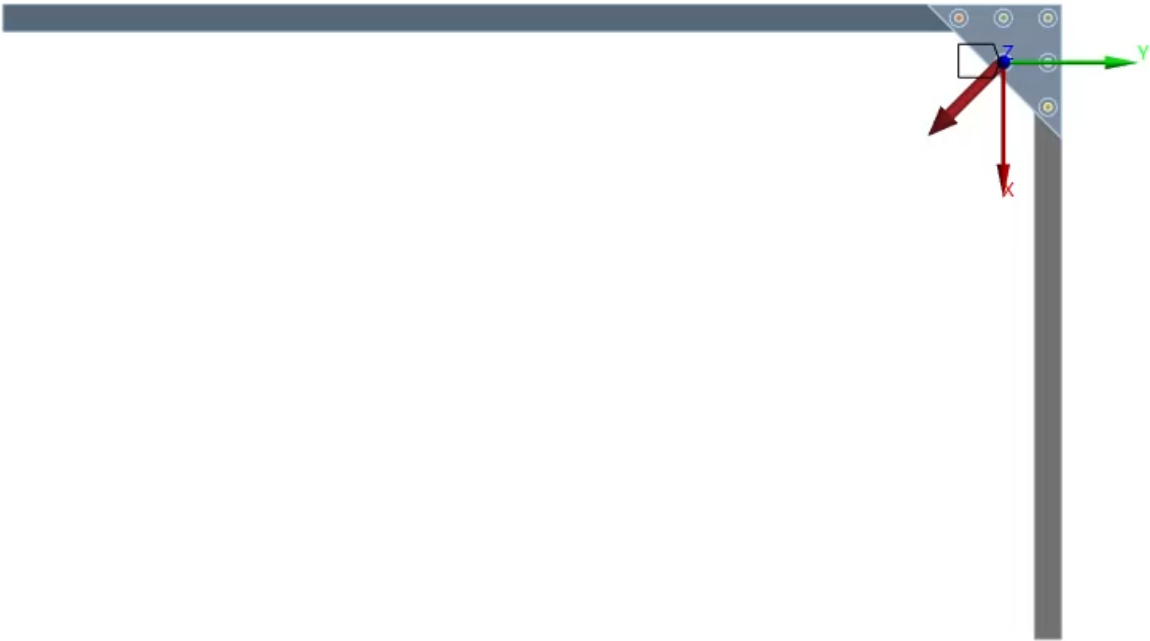
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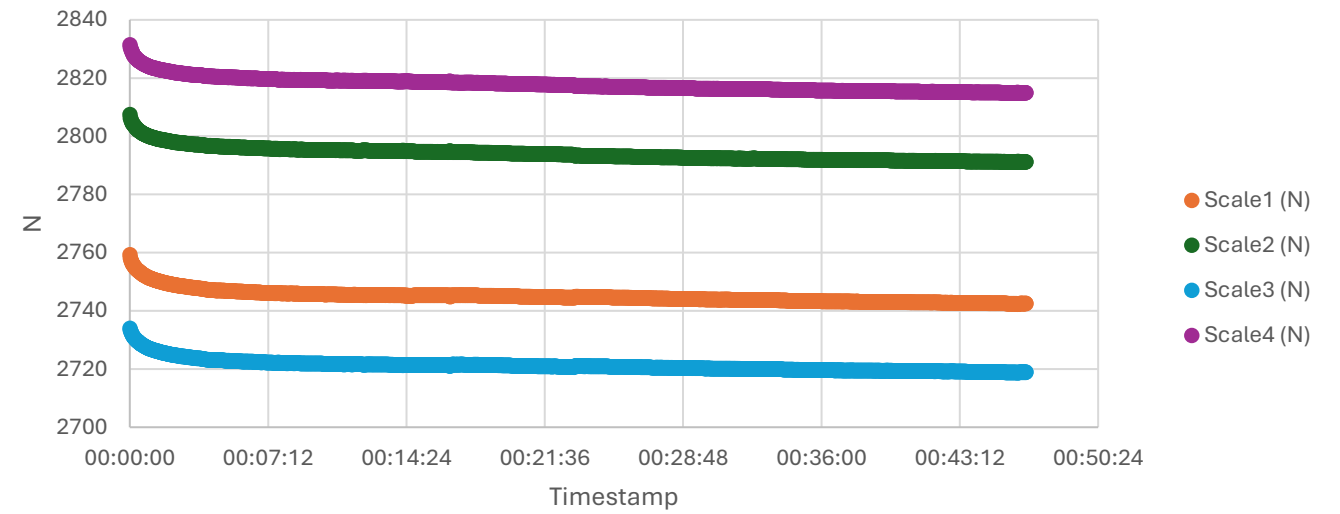
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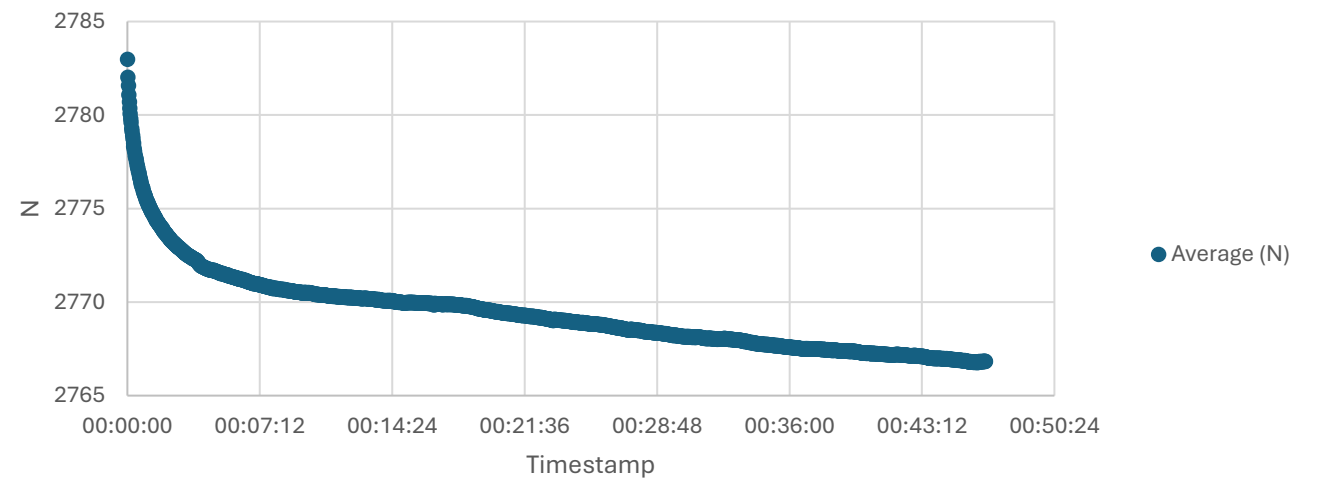
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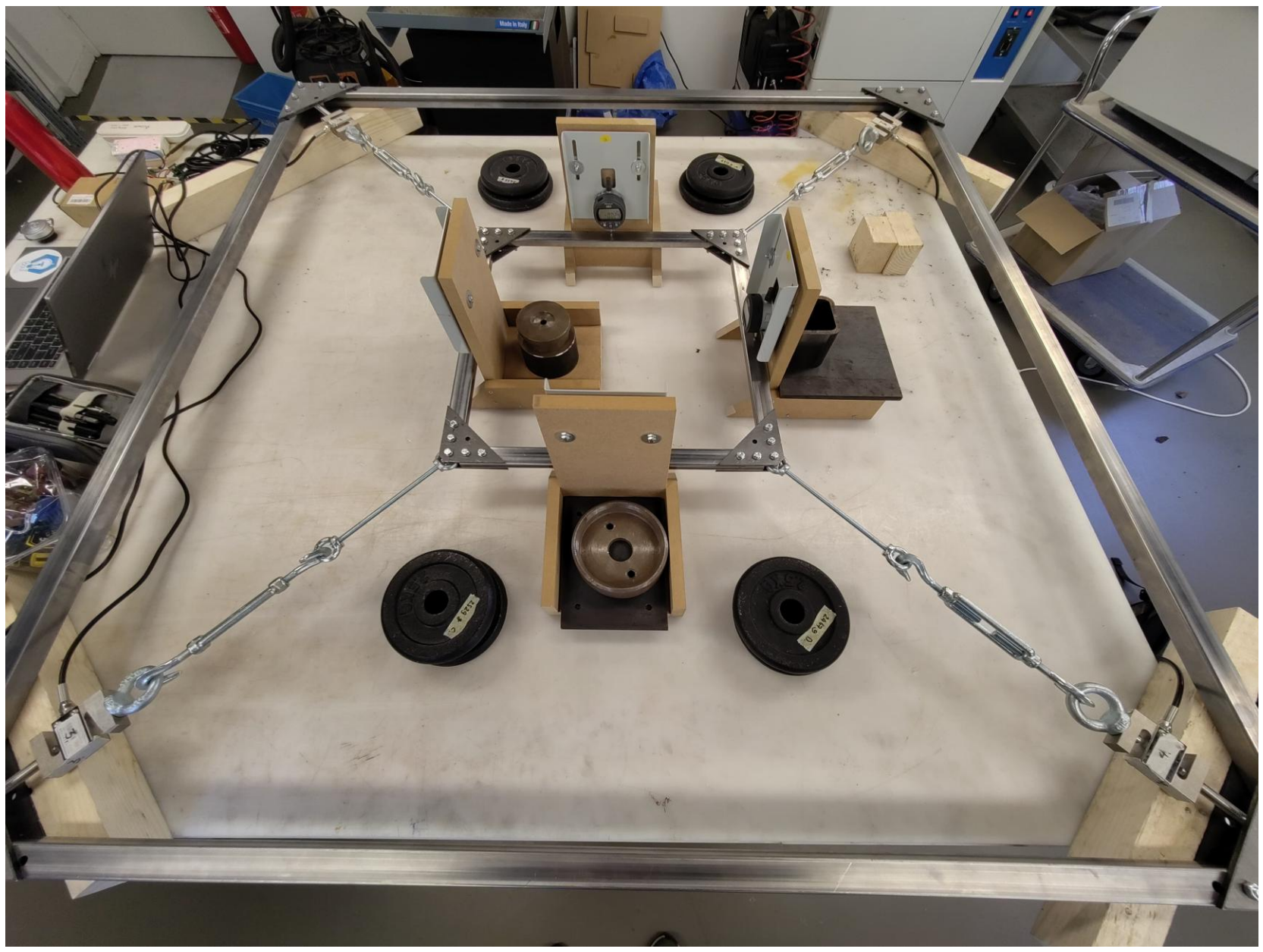


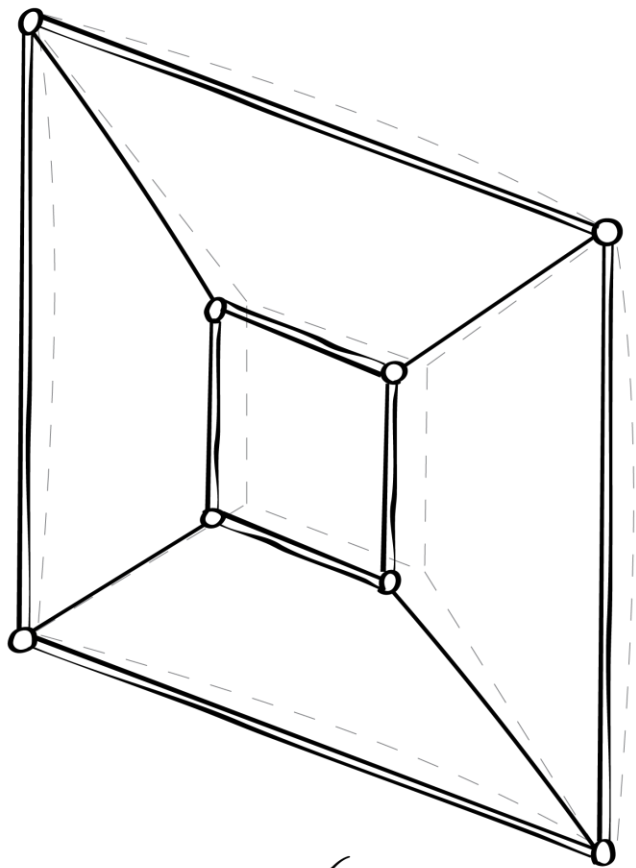
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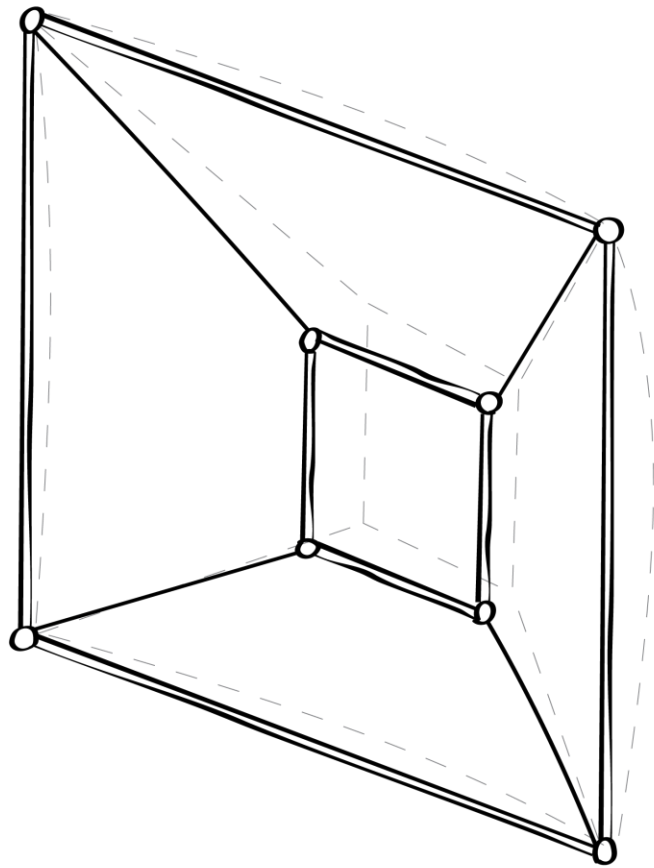
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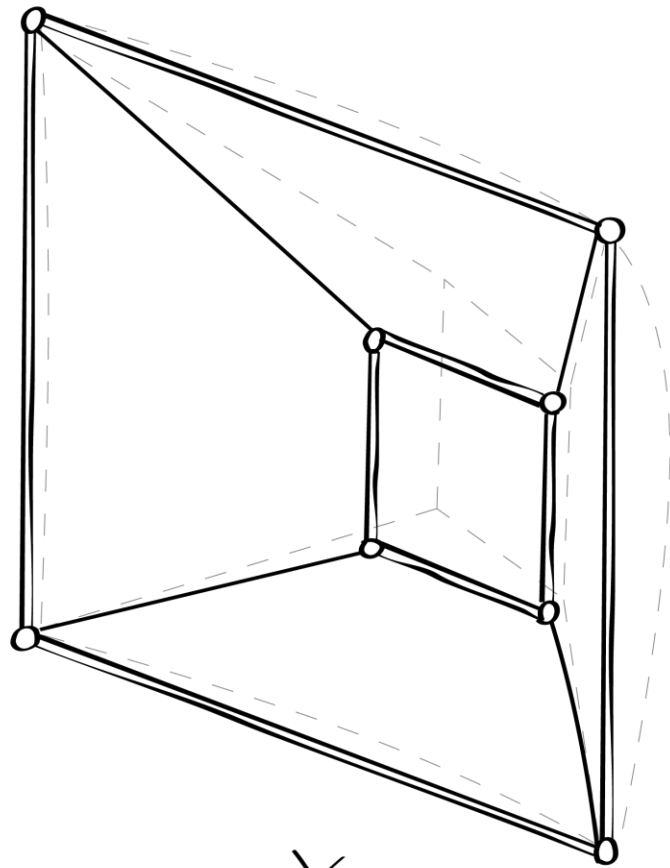




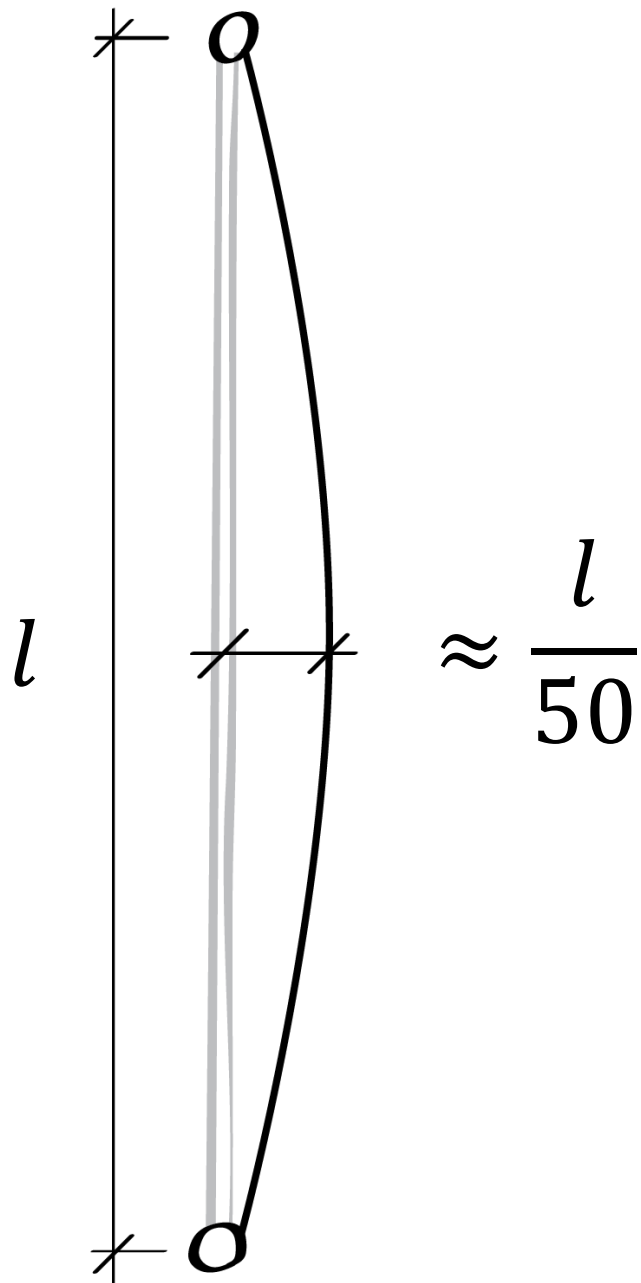
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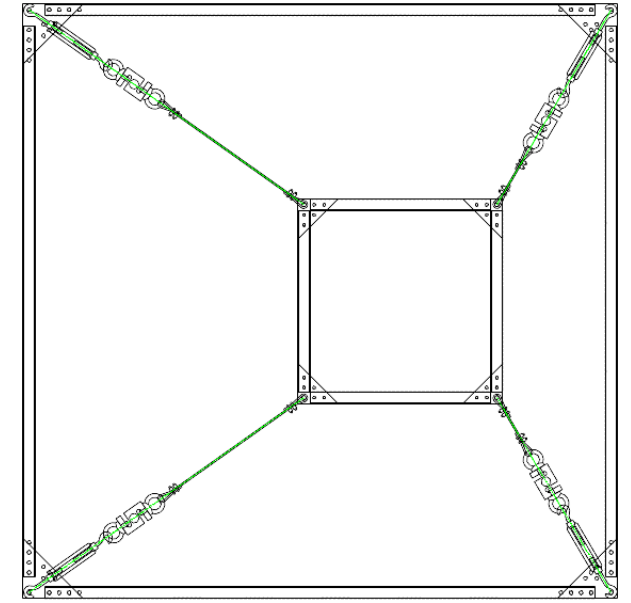
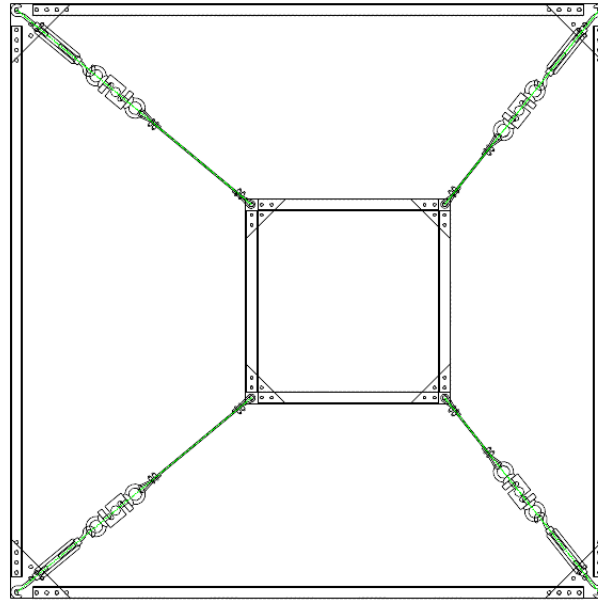
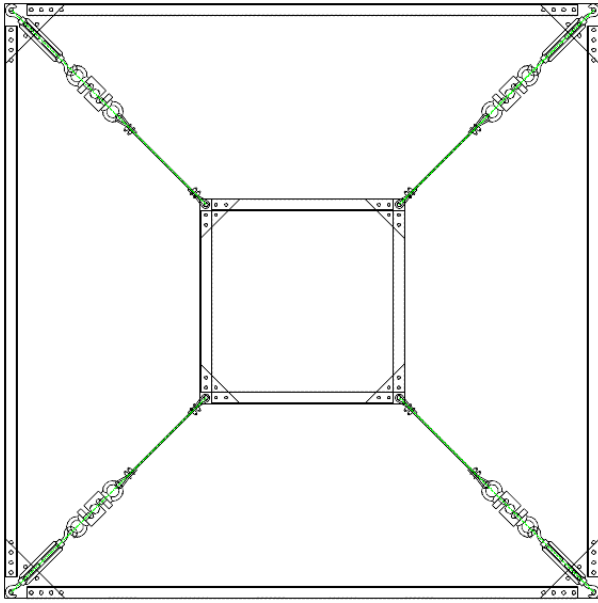


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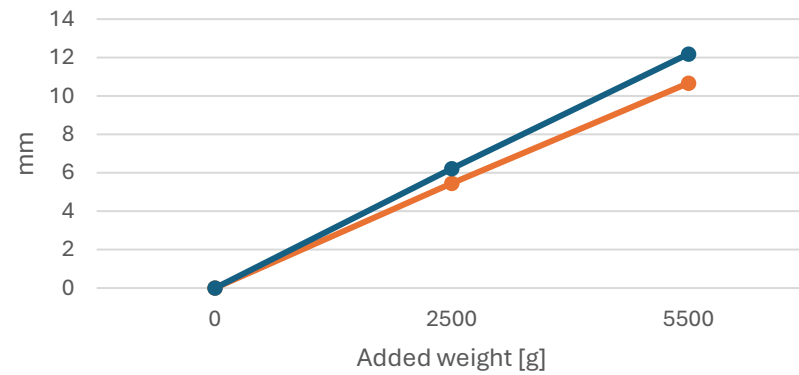


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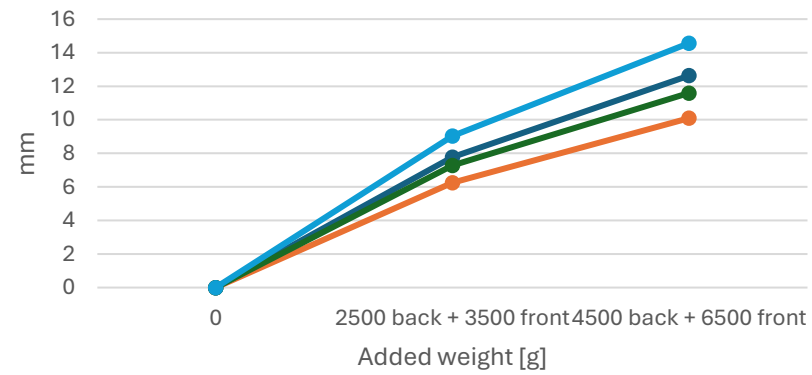


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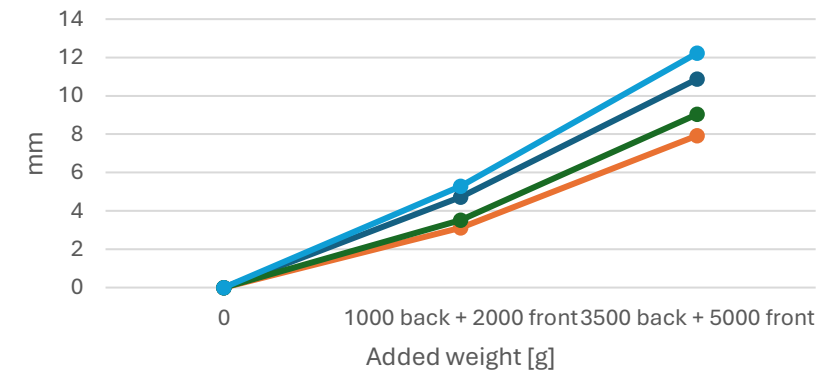
Measured average Modelled

Measured against modelled Displacement, 72mm offset

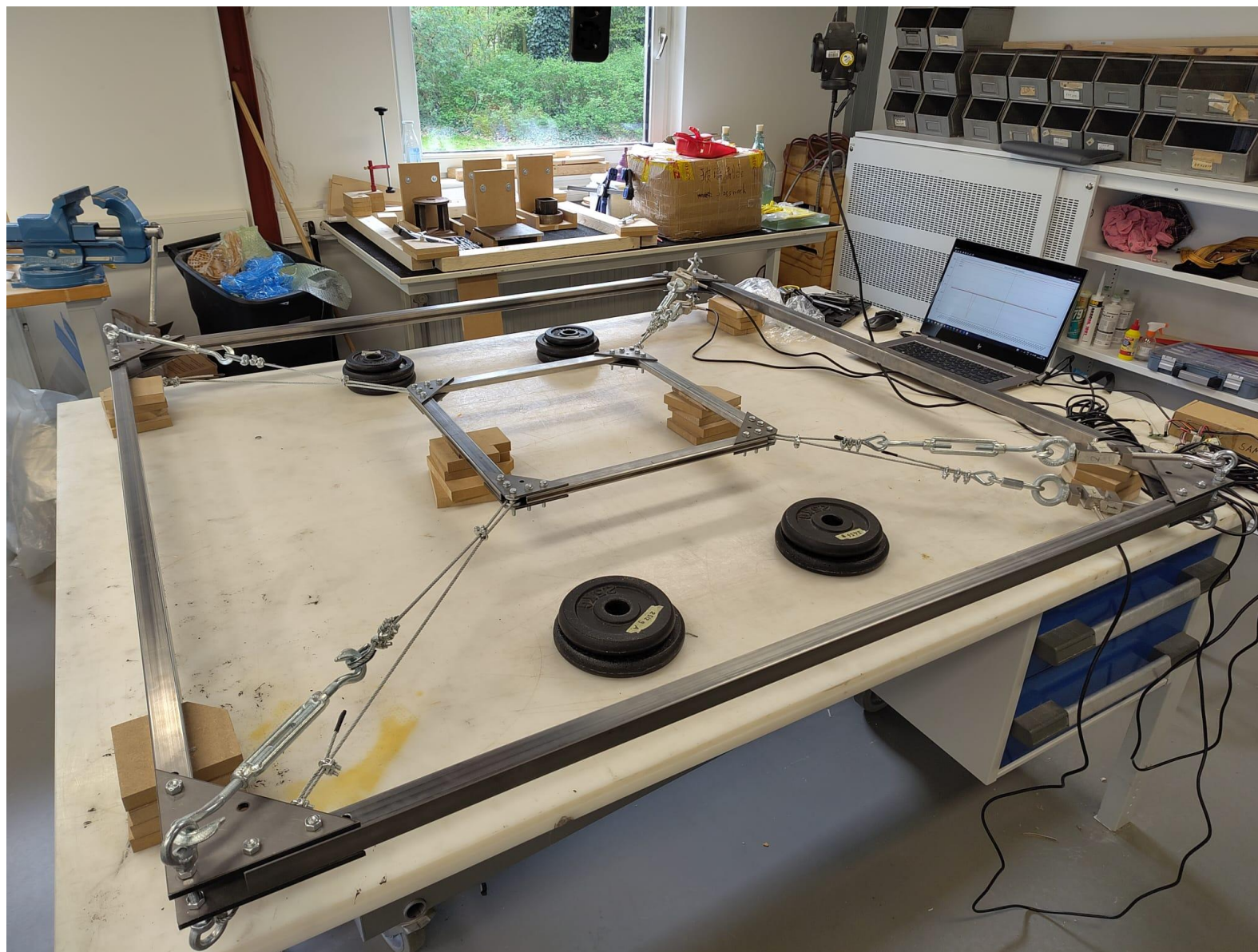


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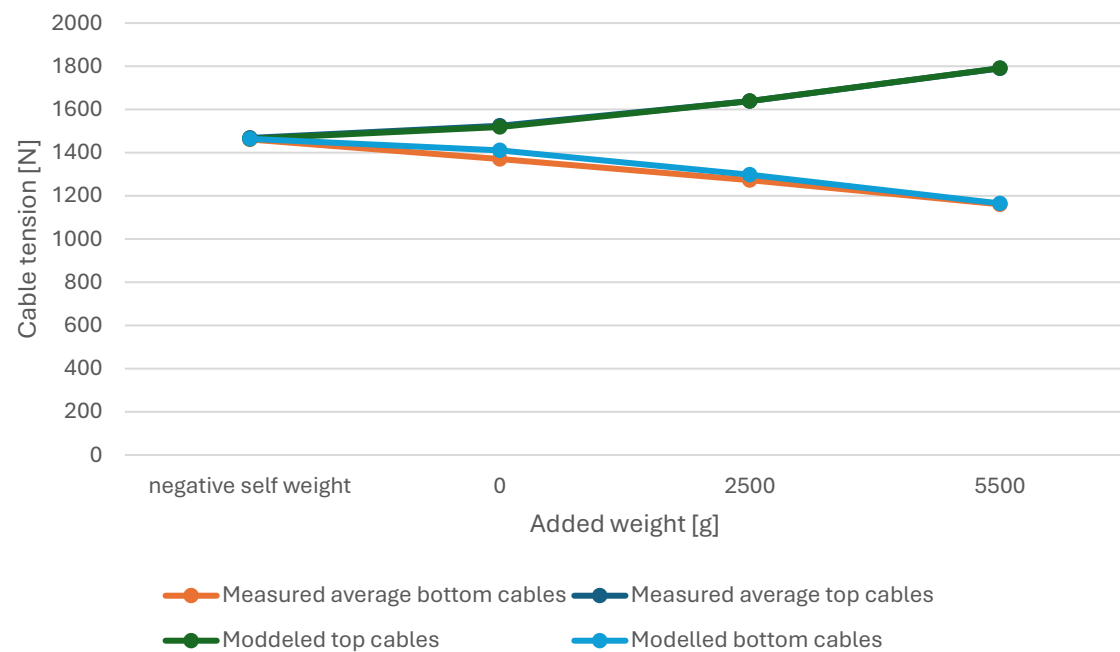
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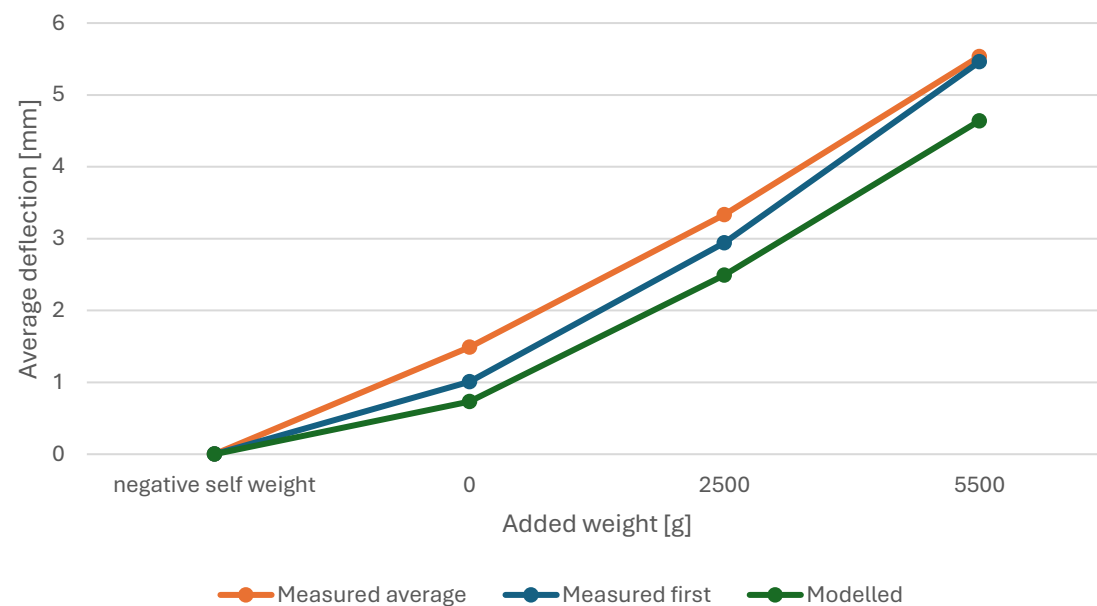
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Measured against modelled Displacement, 0mm frame offset, 50mm cable offset



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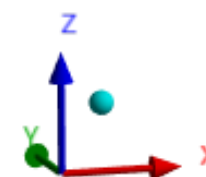
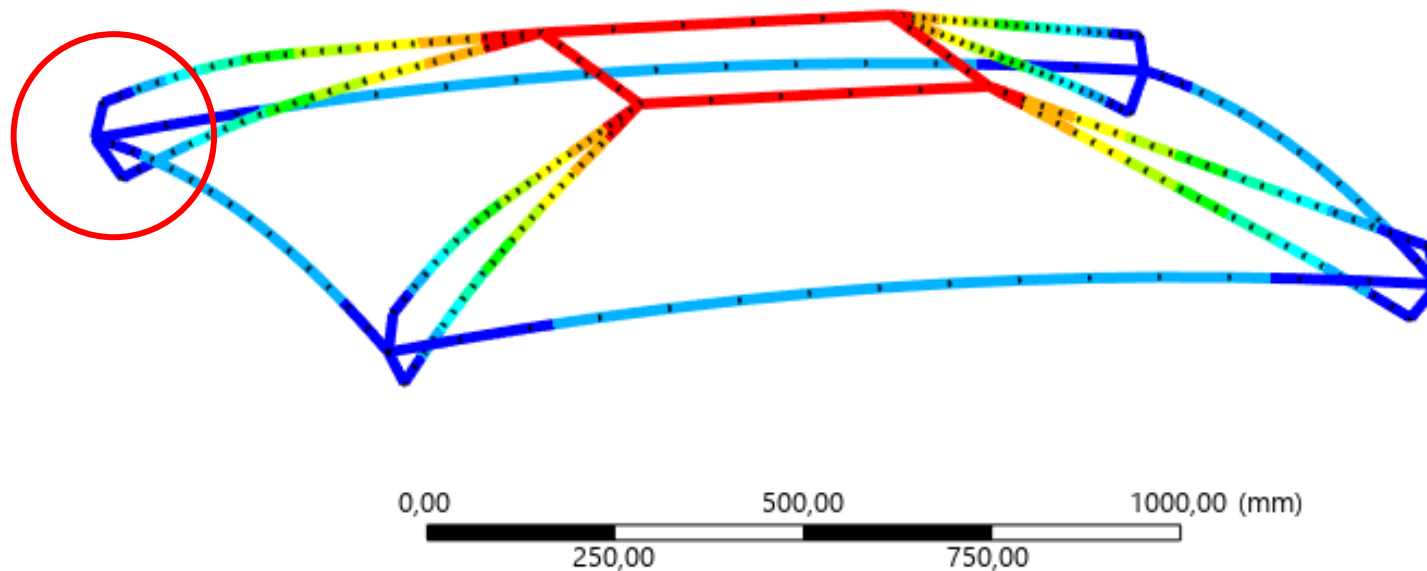
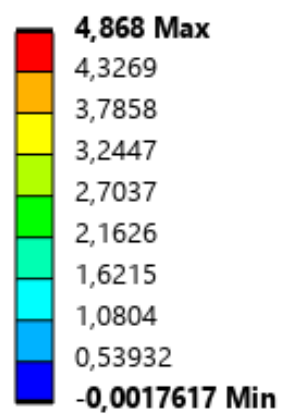
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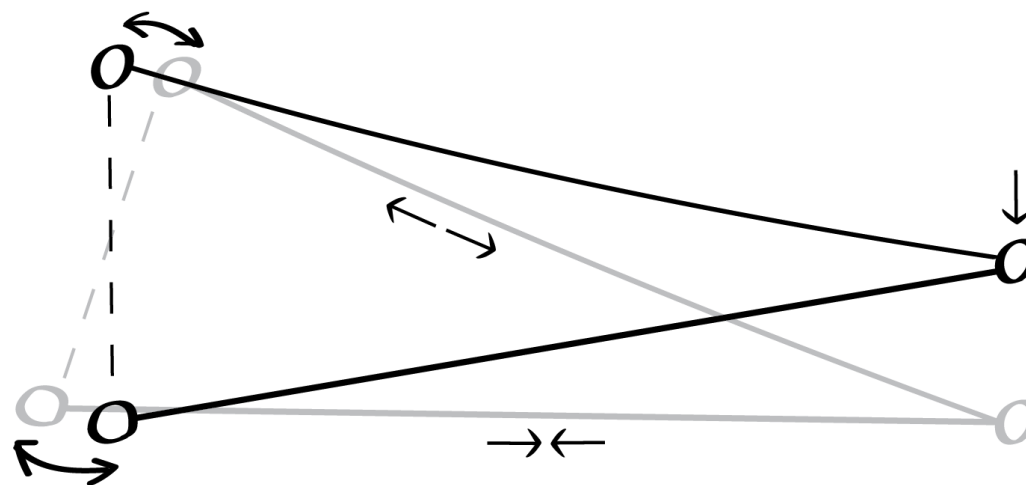
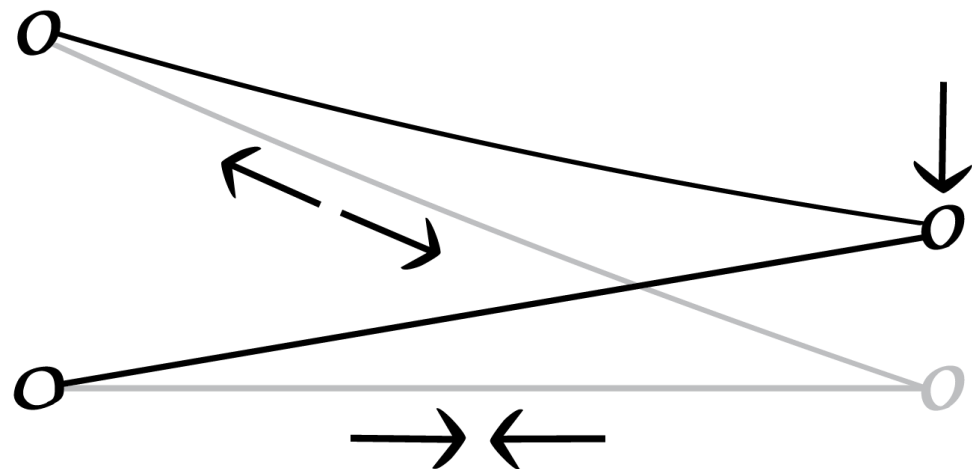
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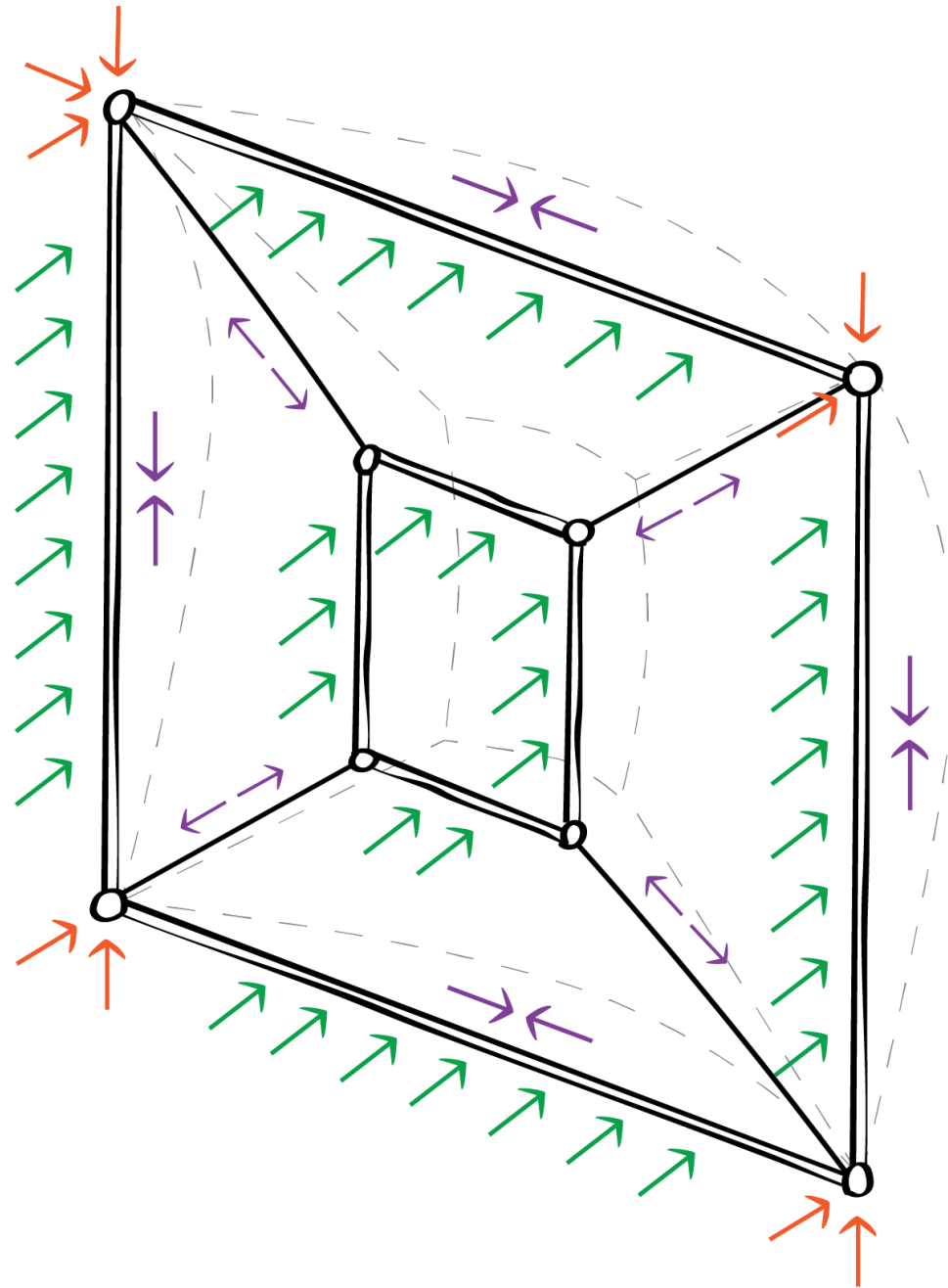
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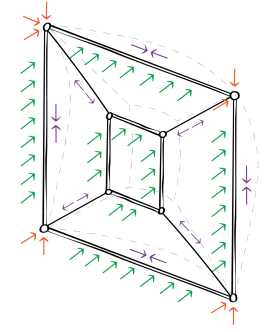


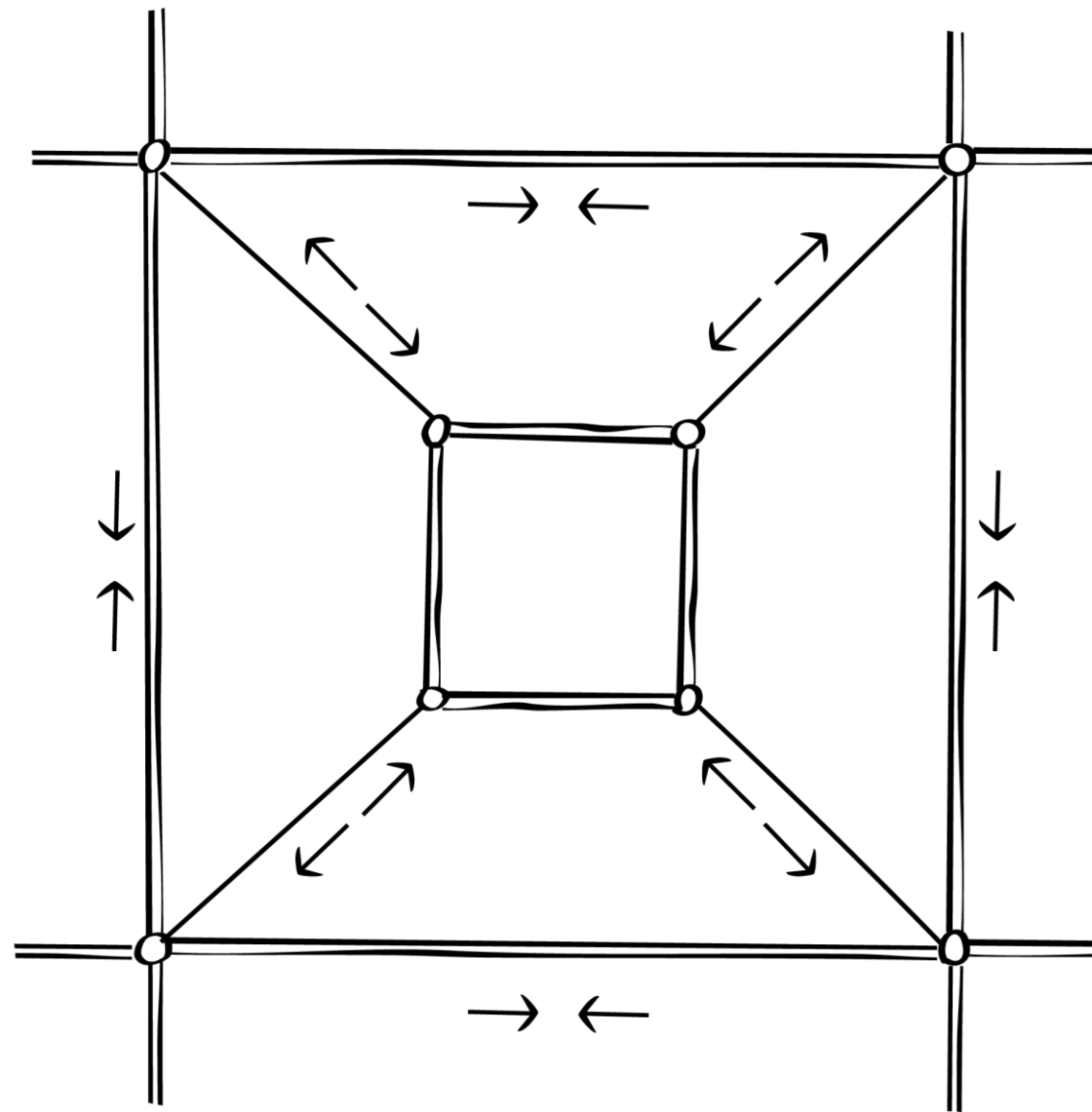


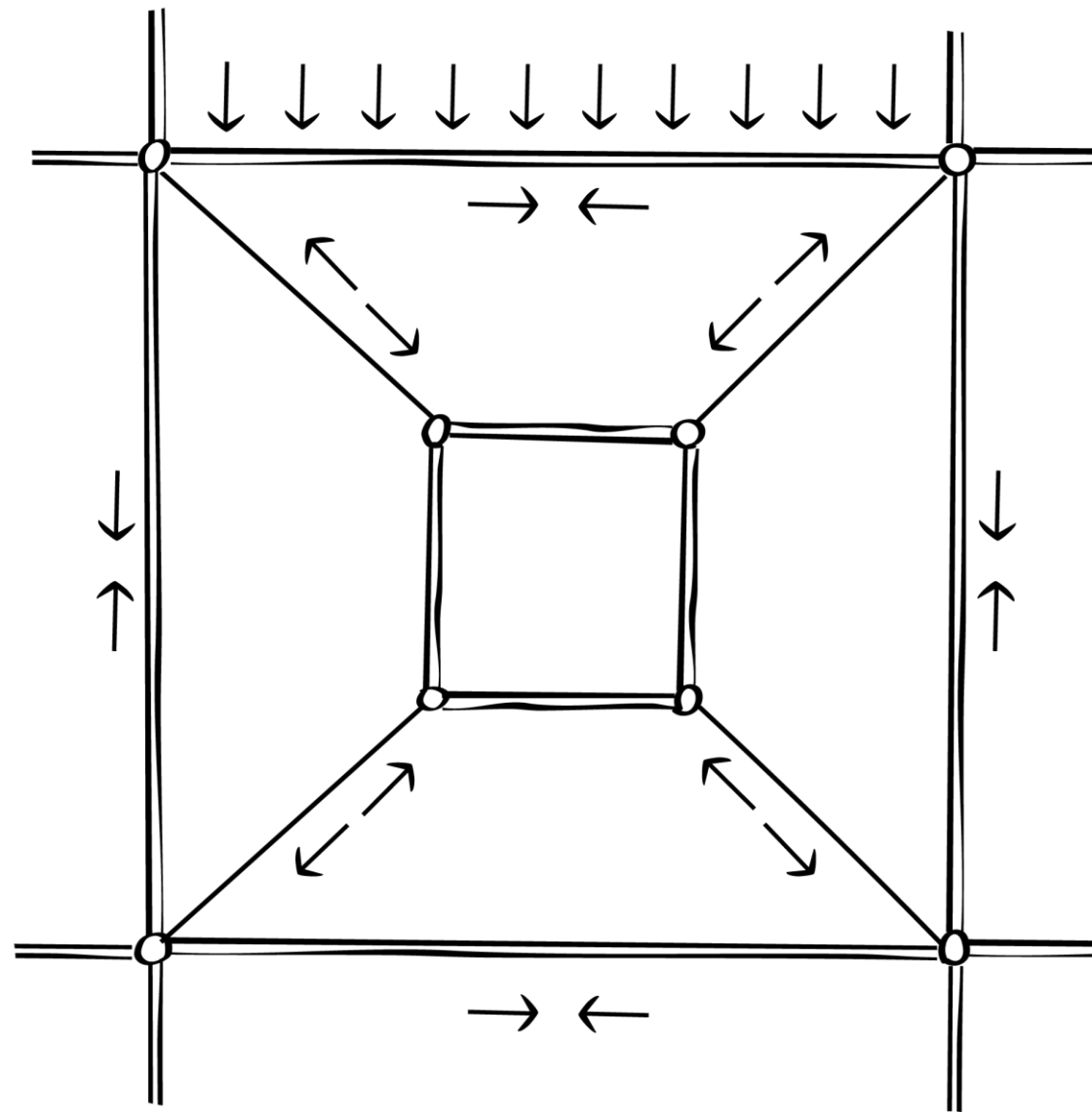


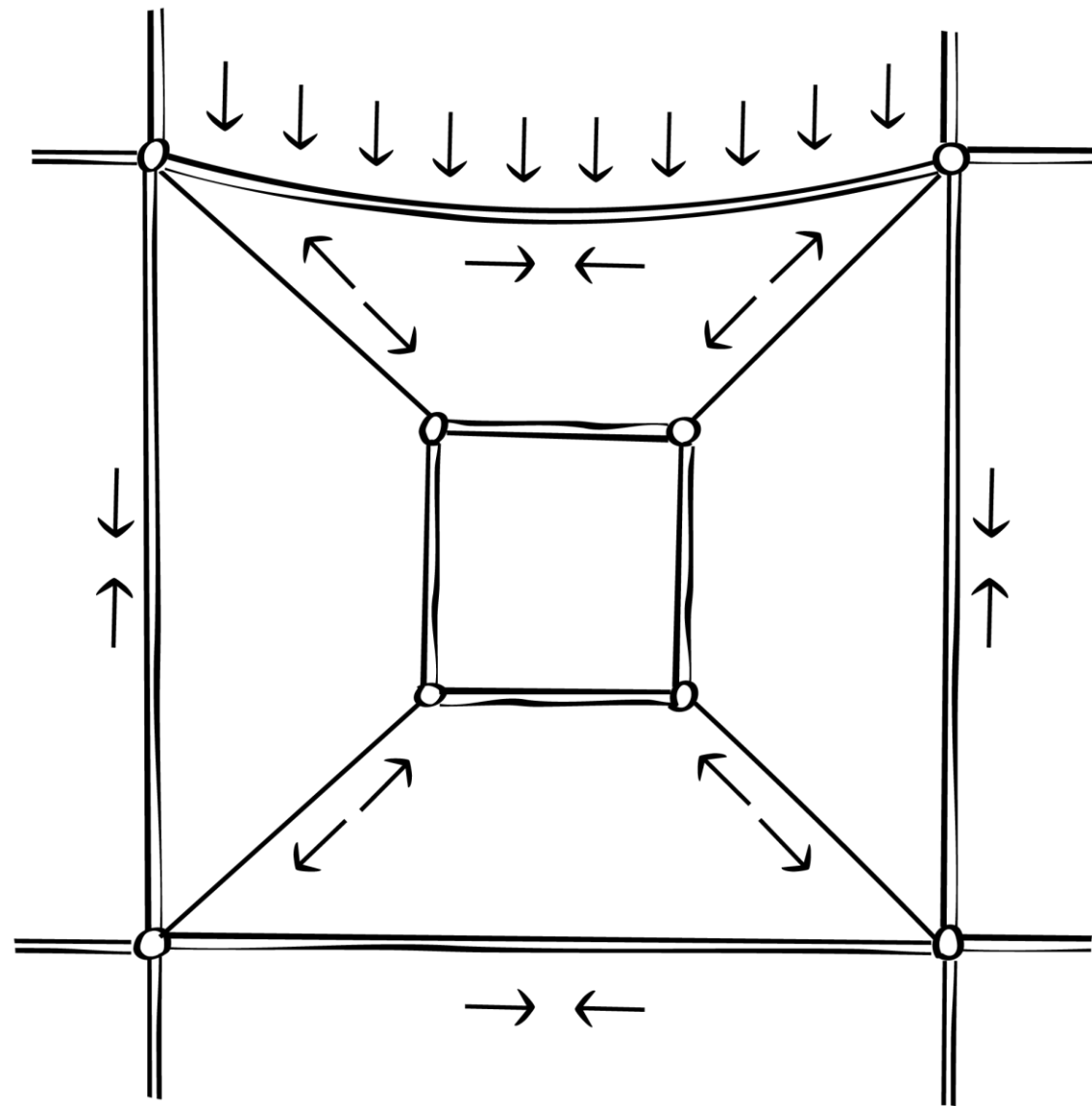
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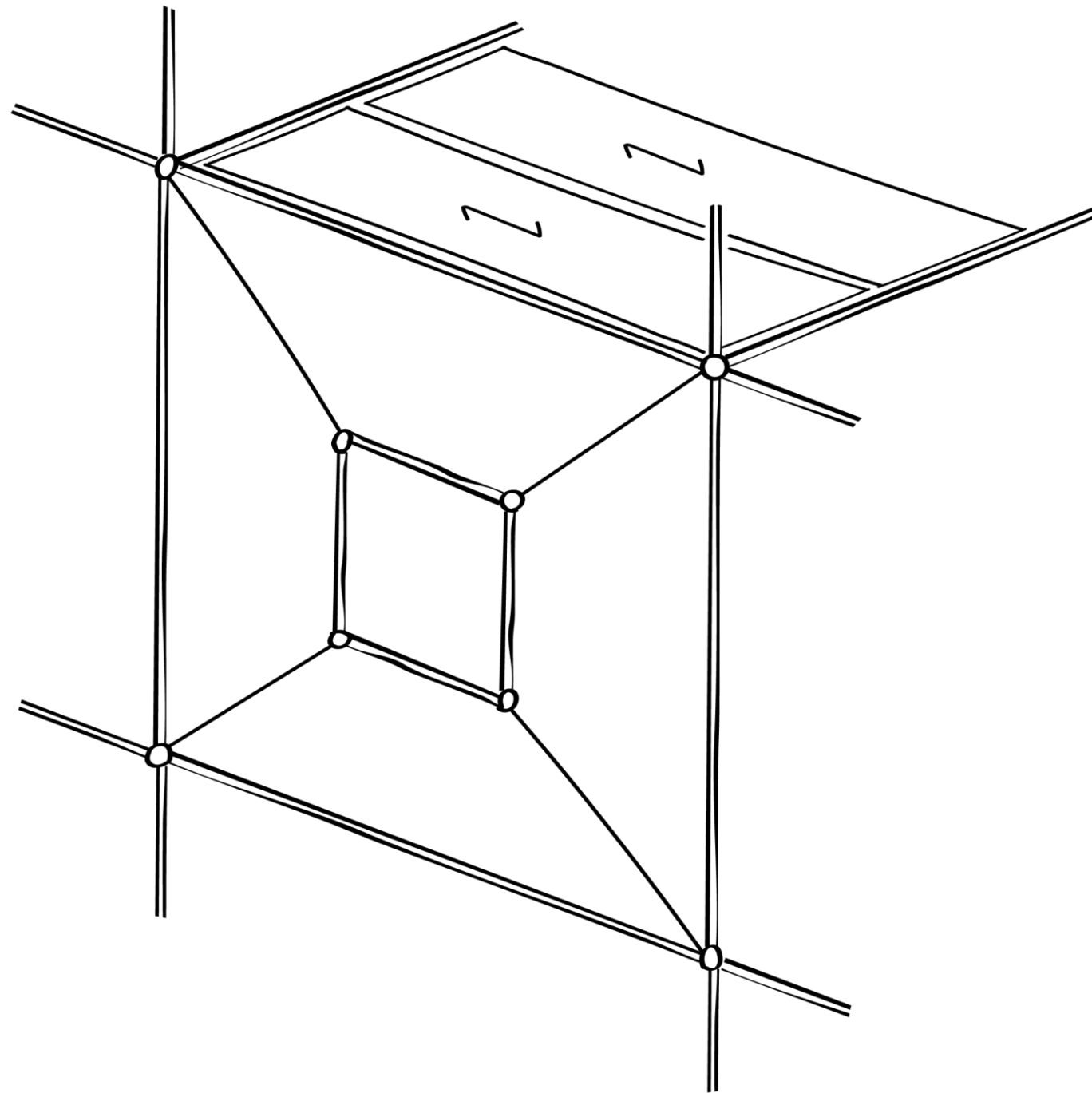
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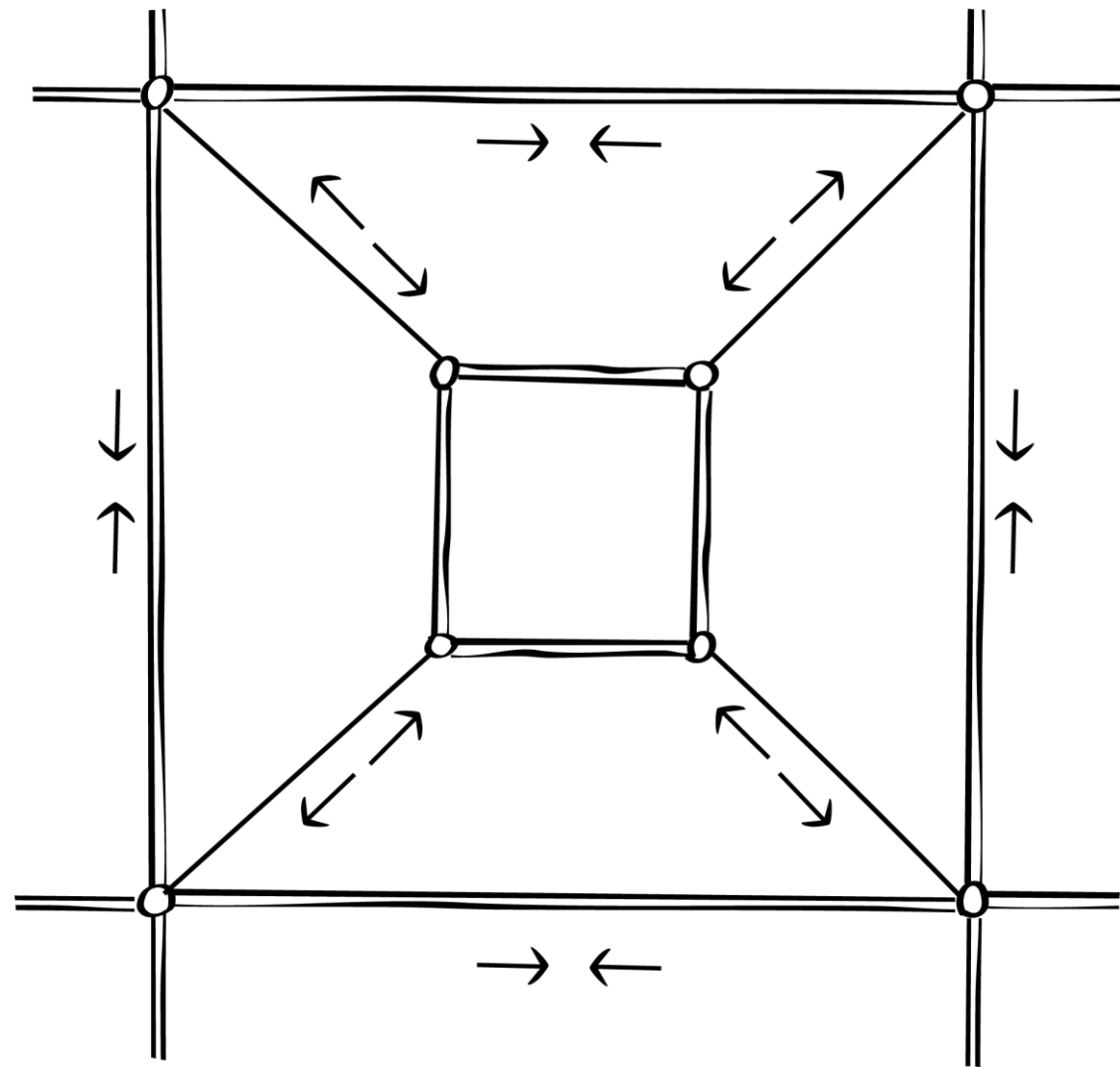


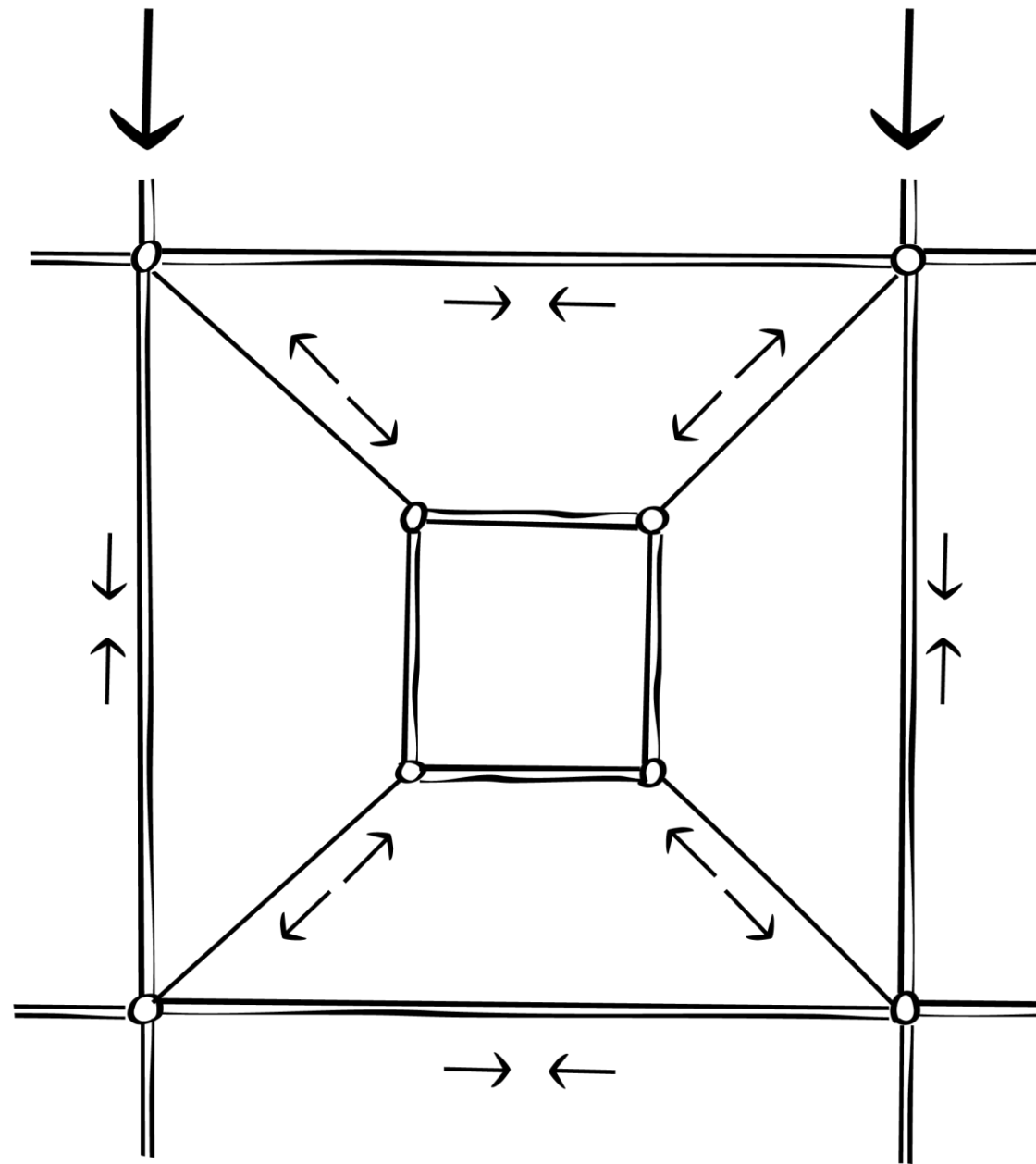


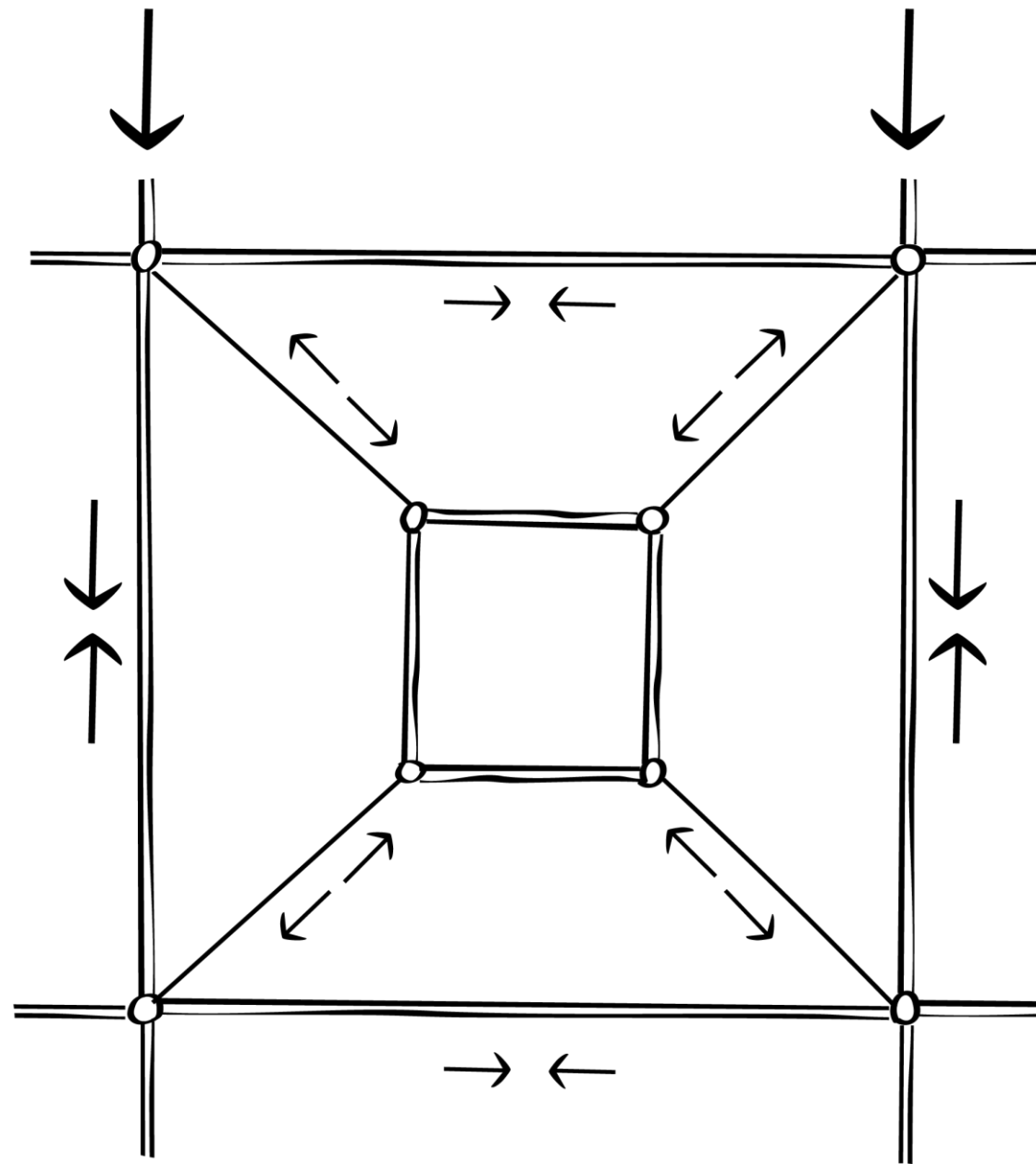


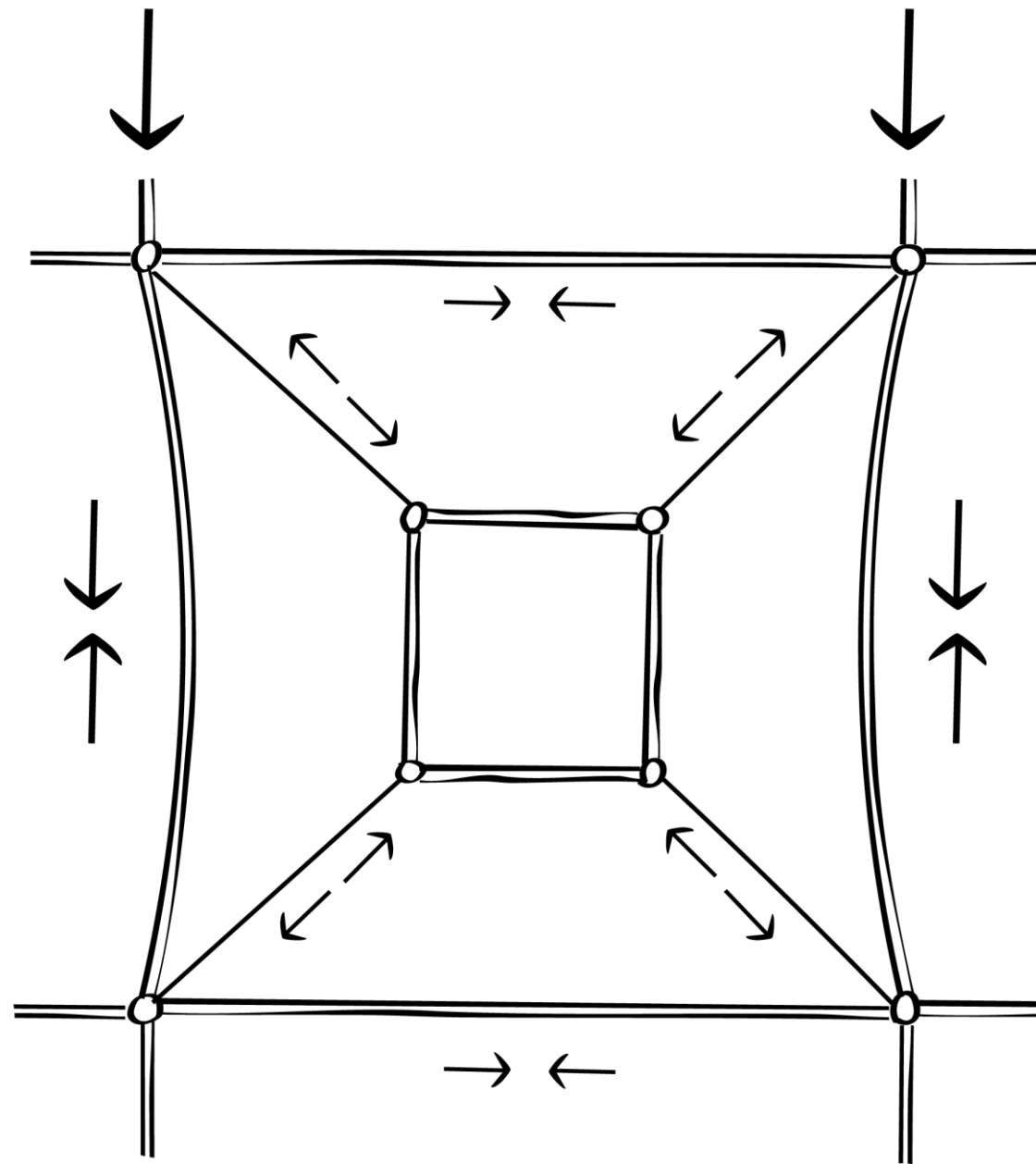


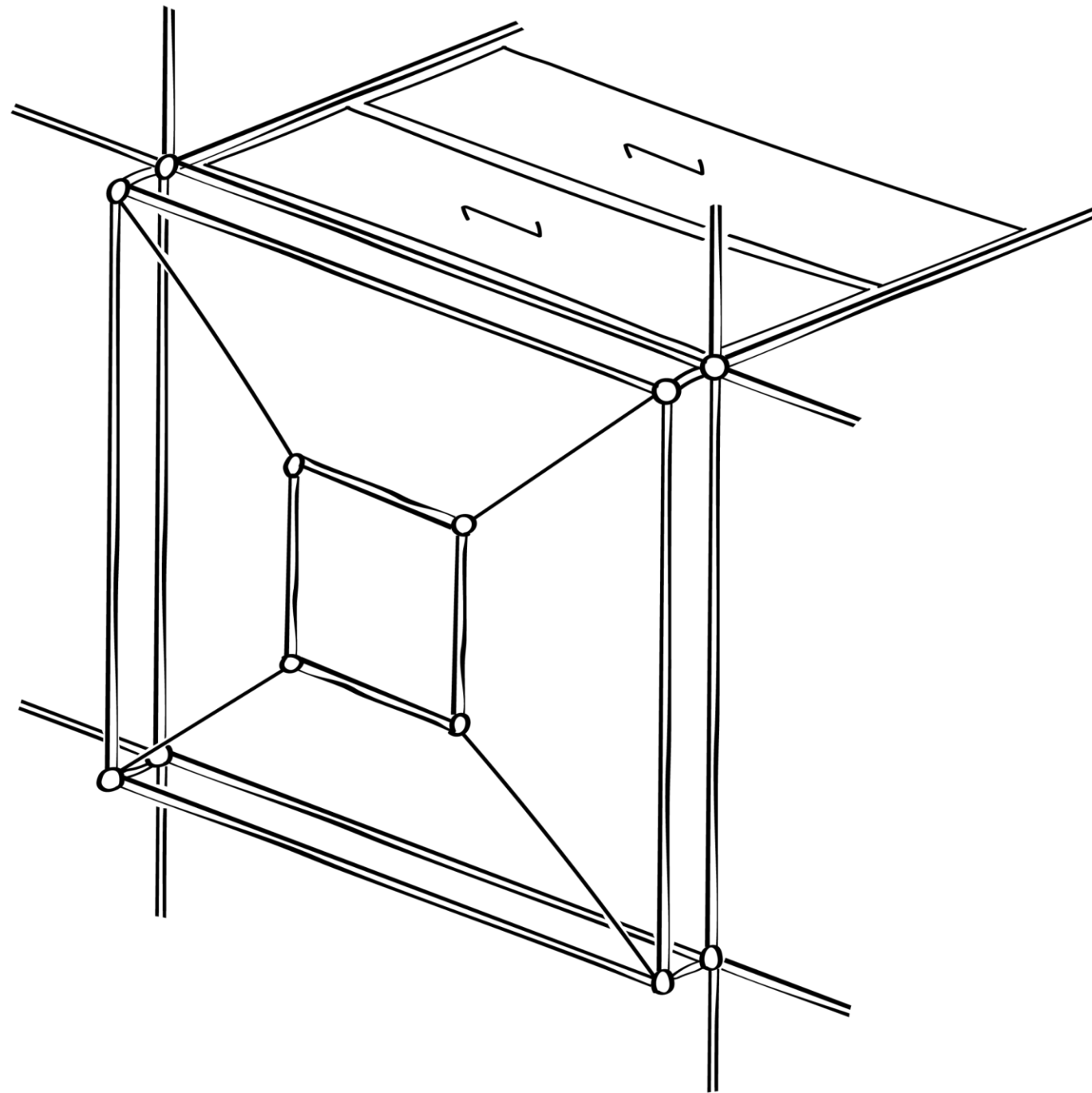


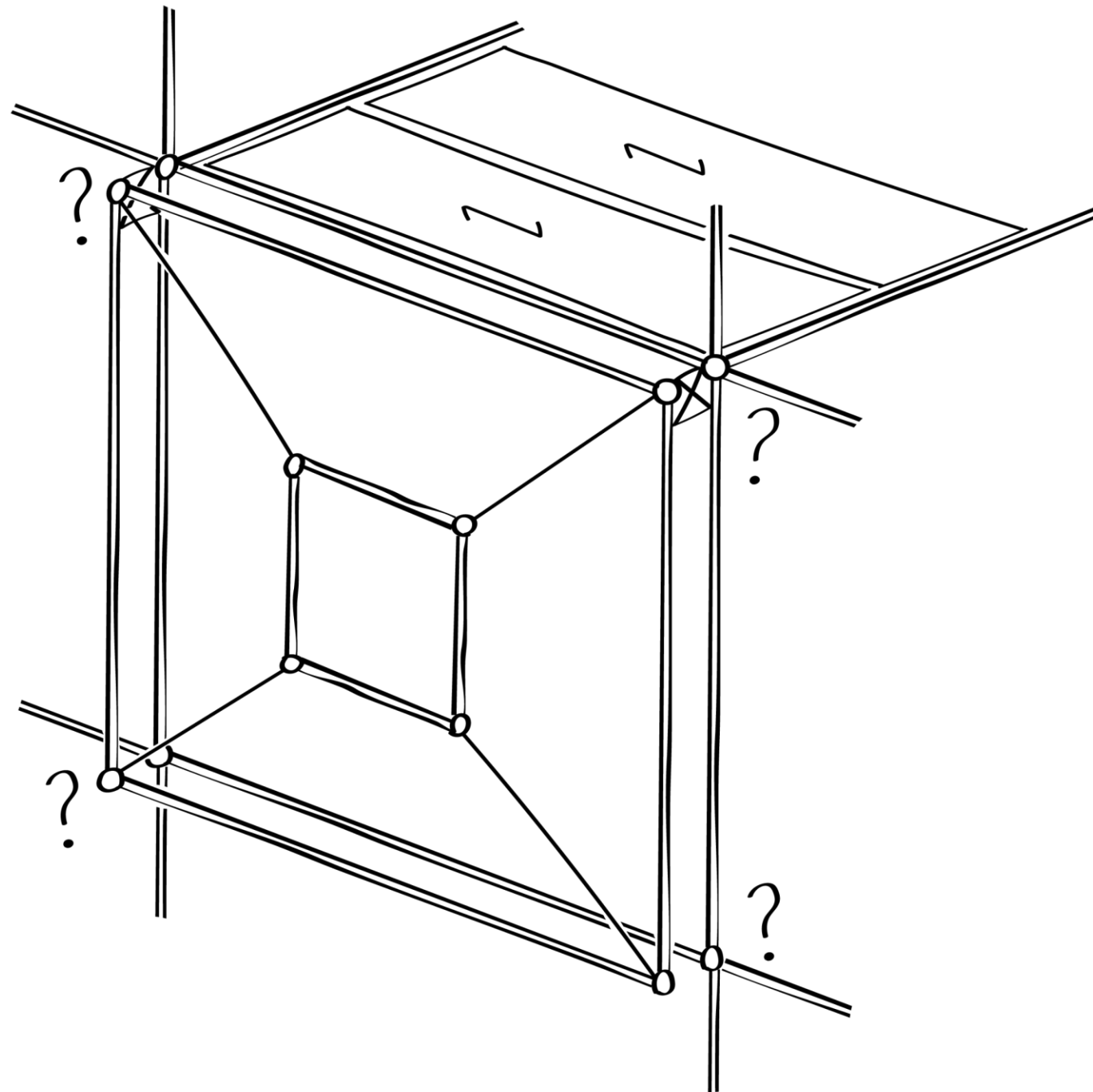




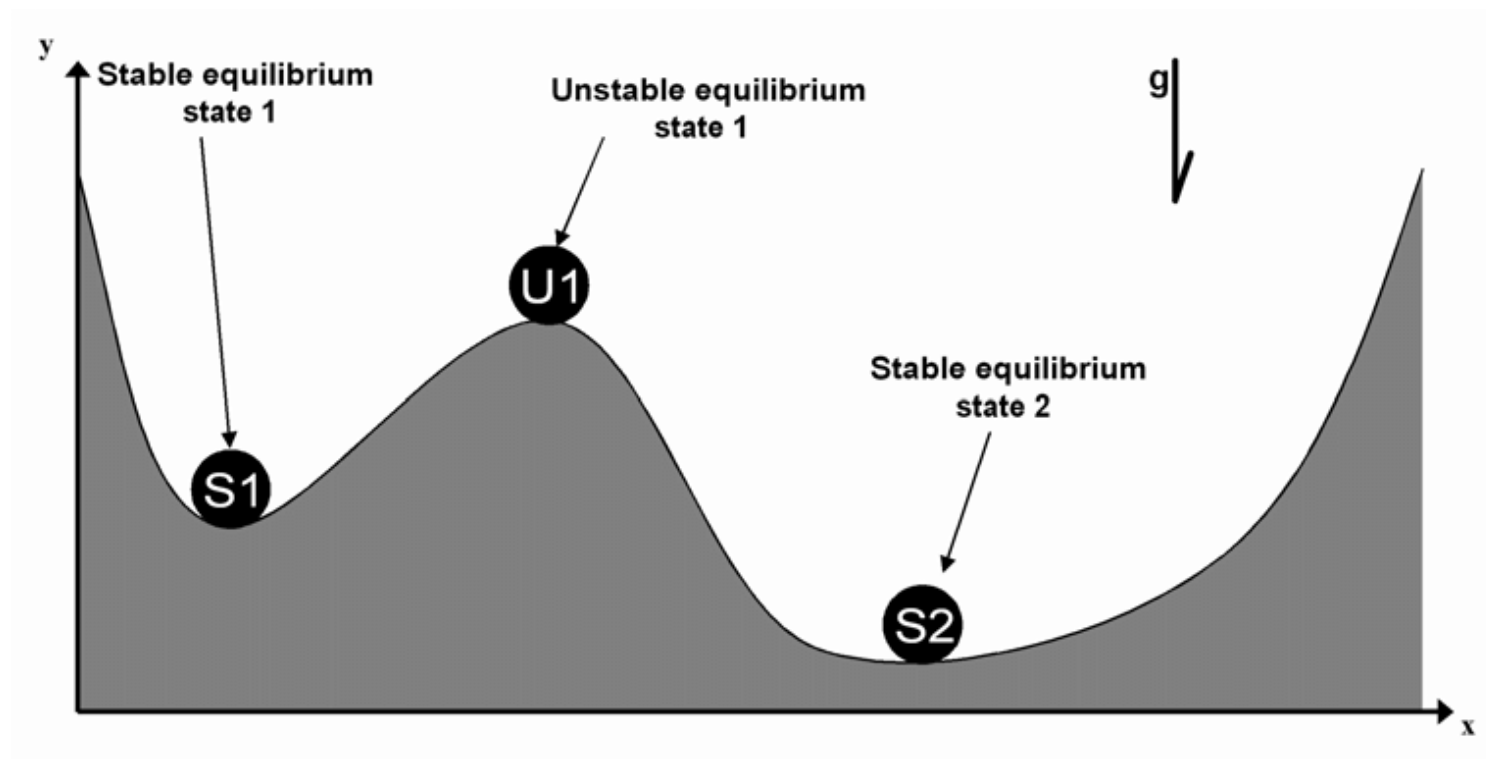


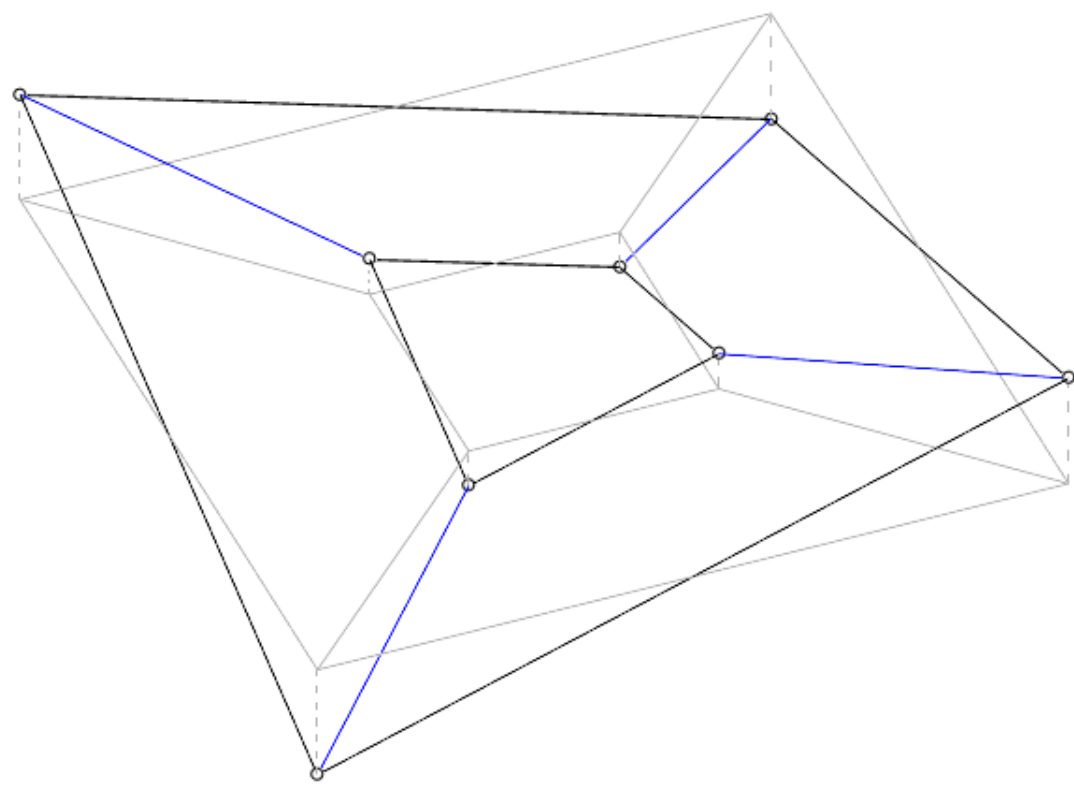
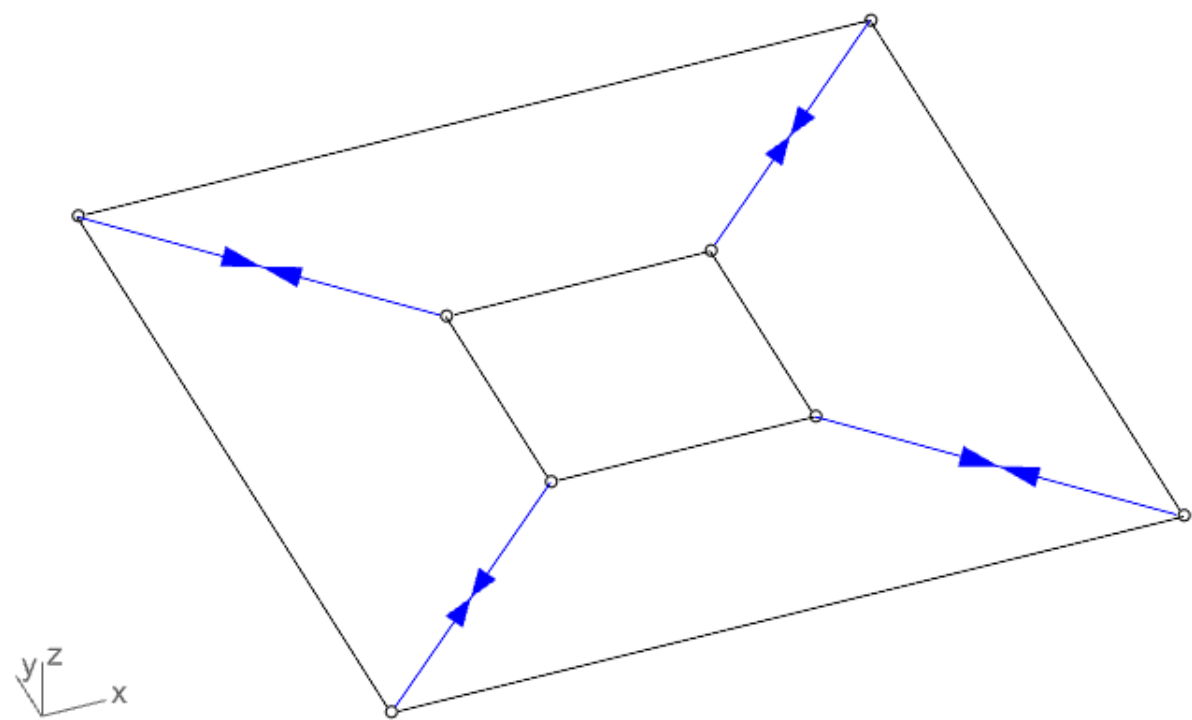


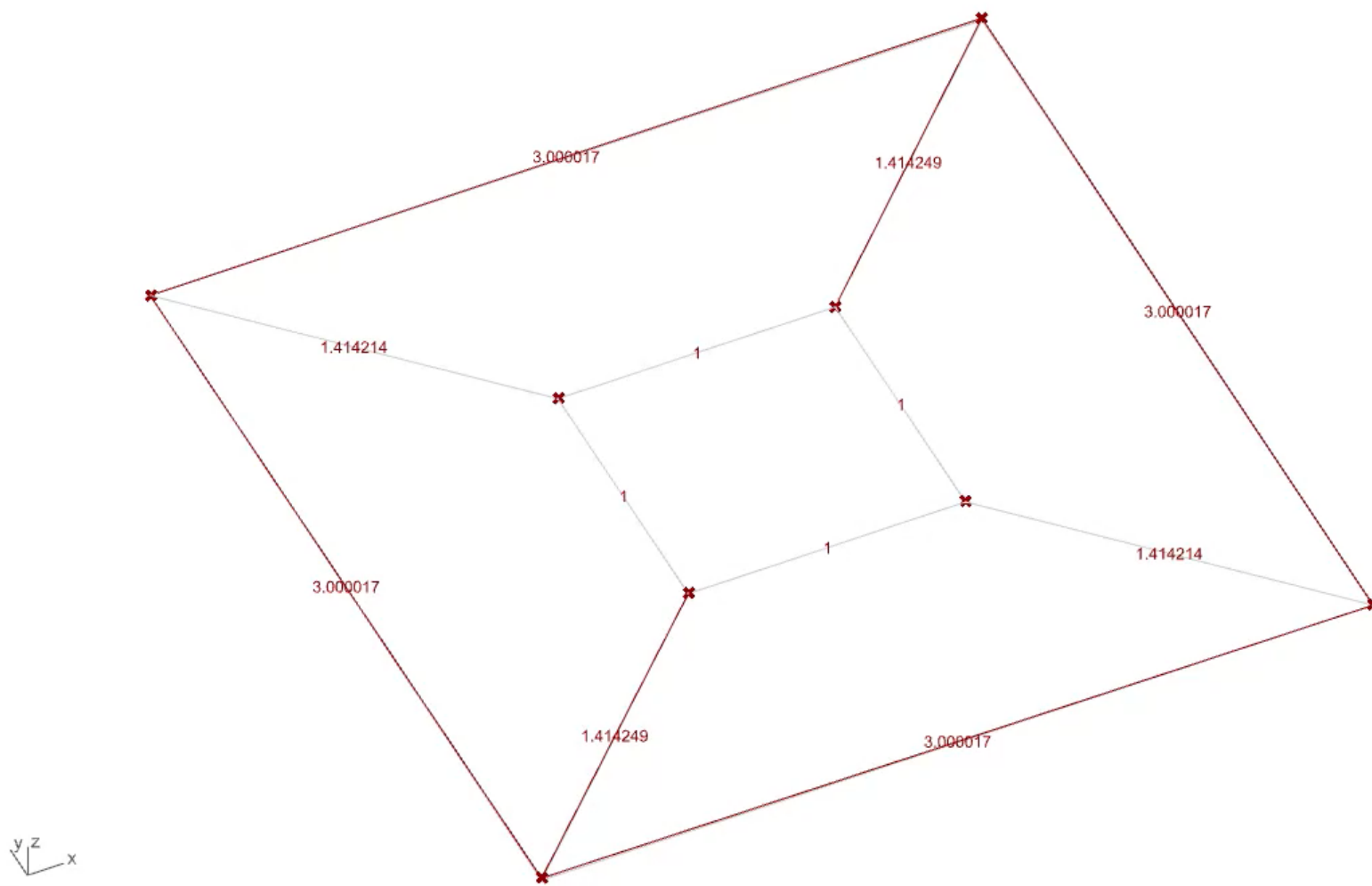


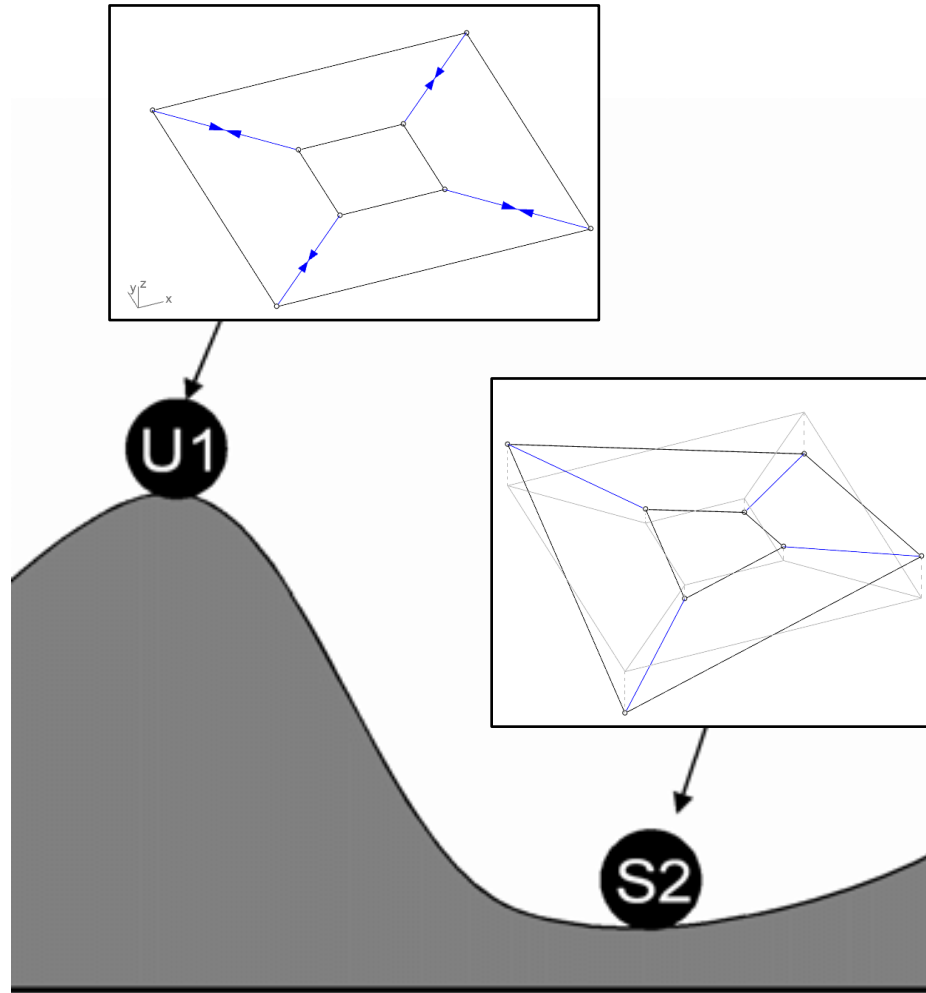


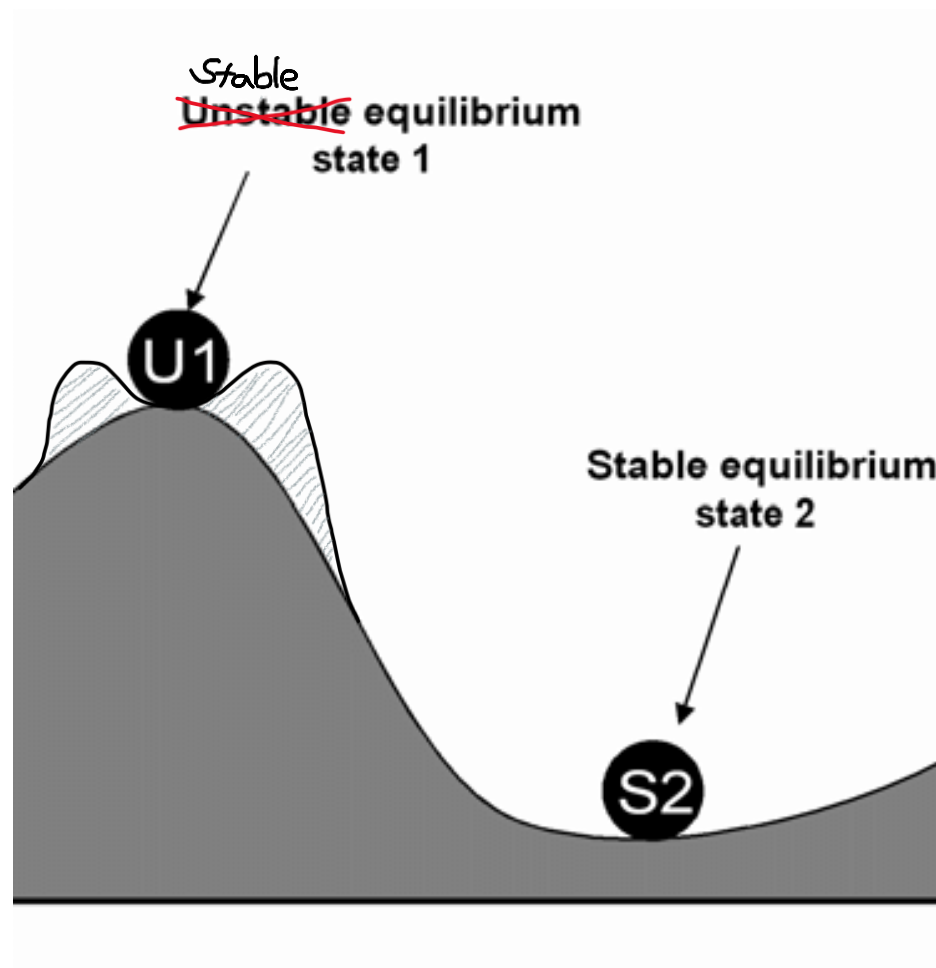
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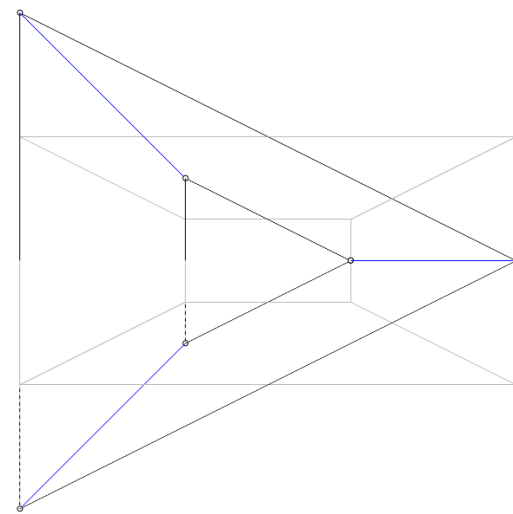
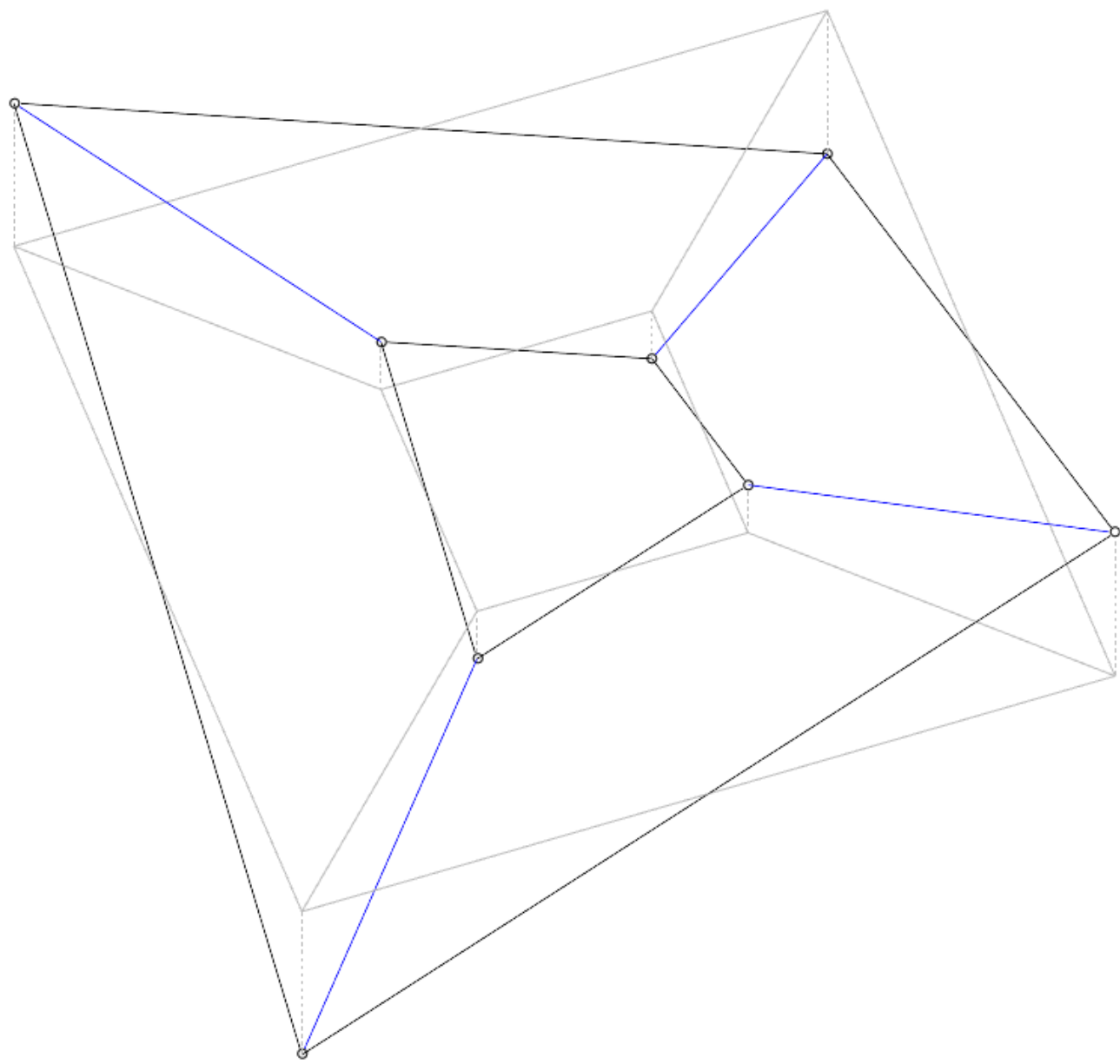


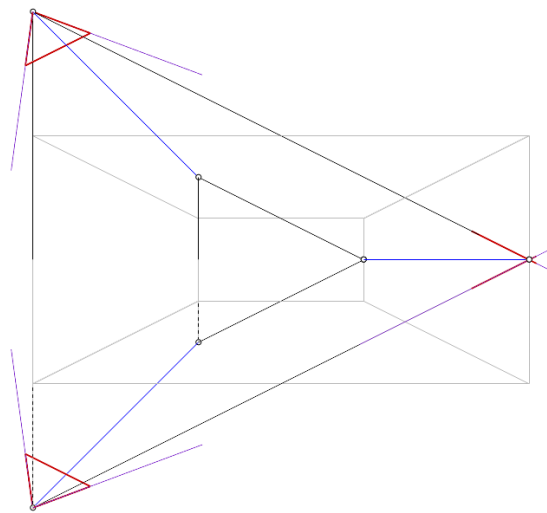
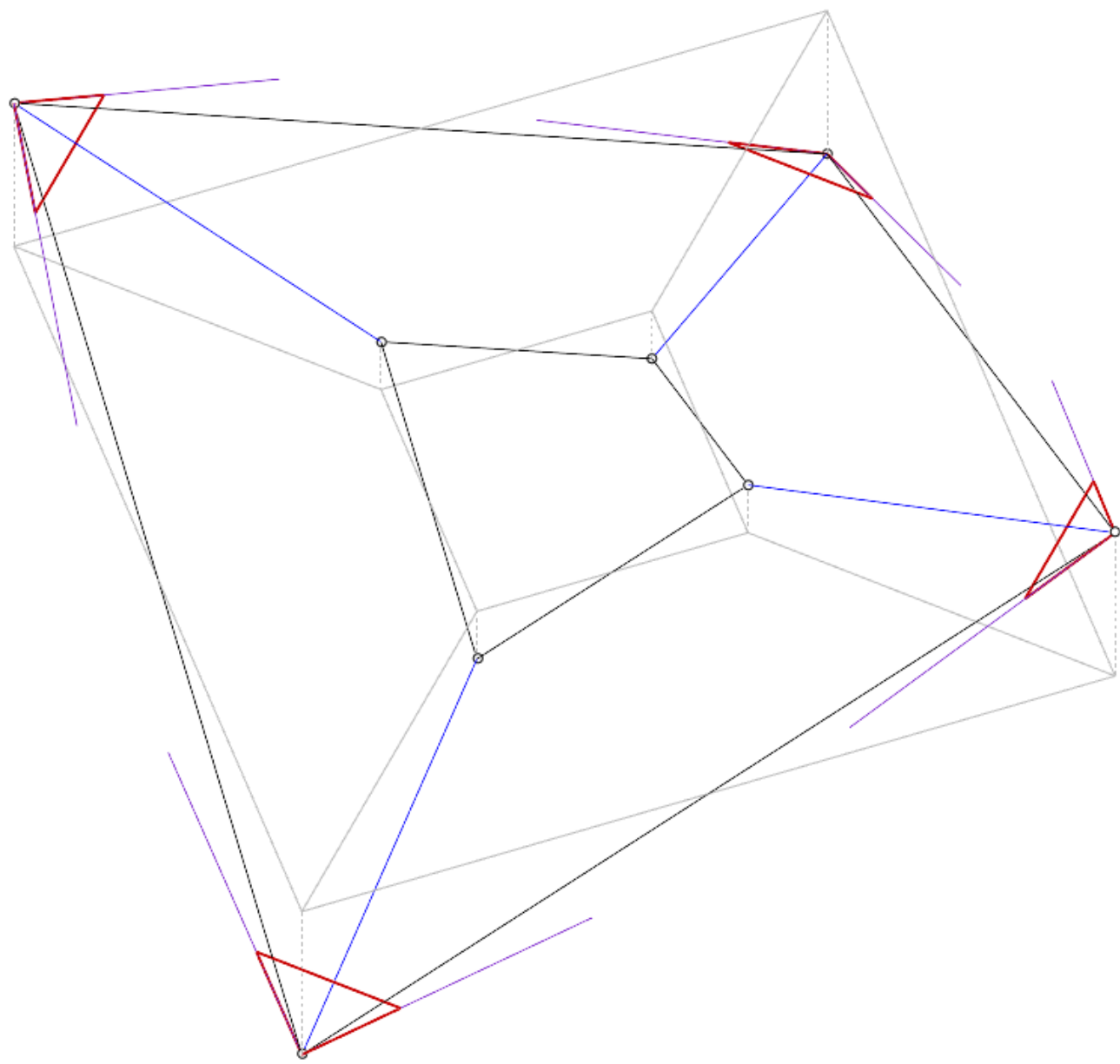


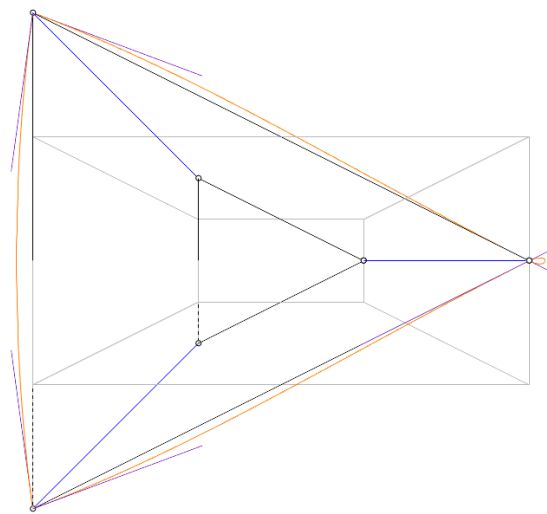
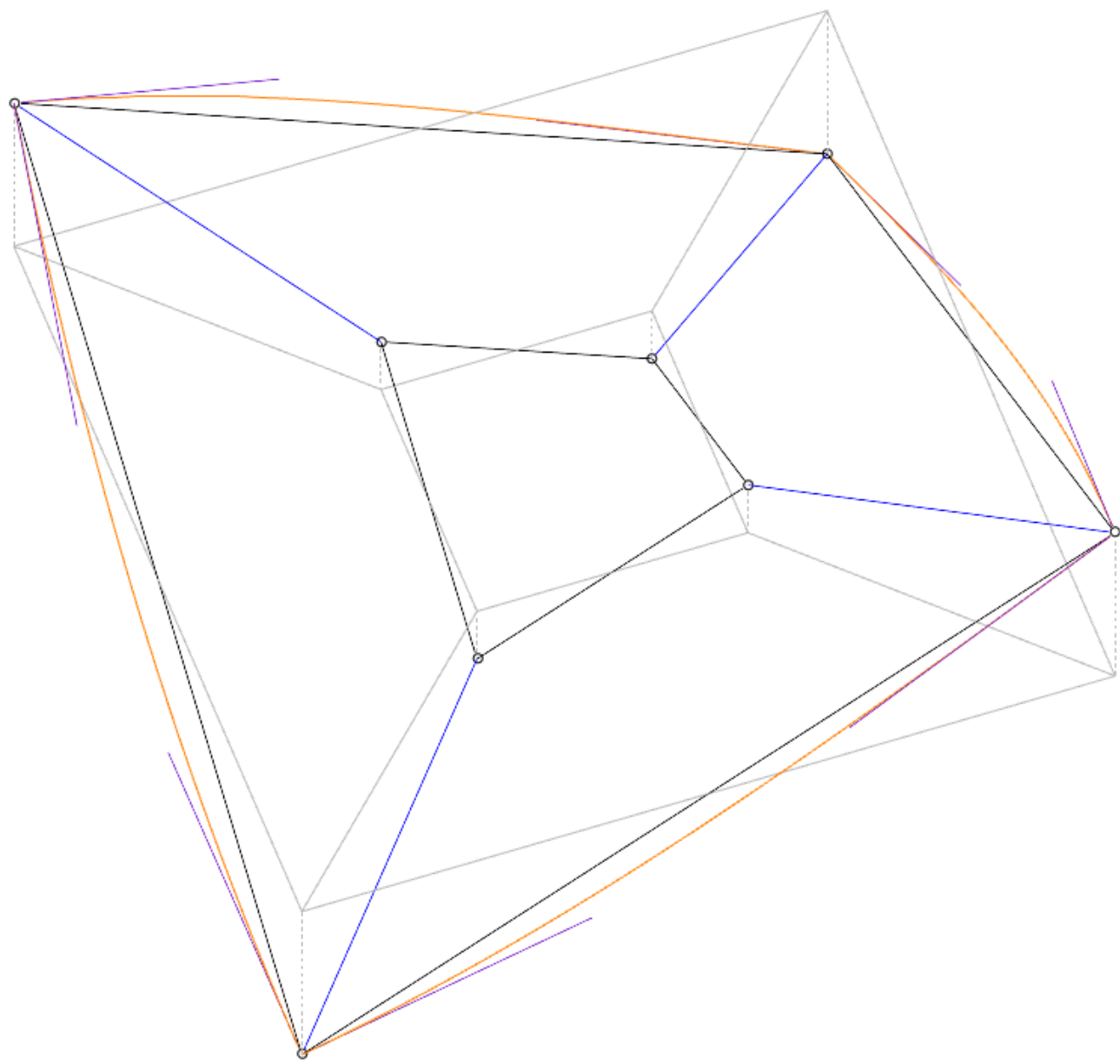


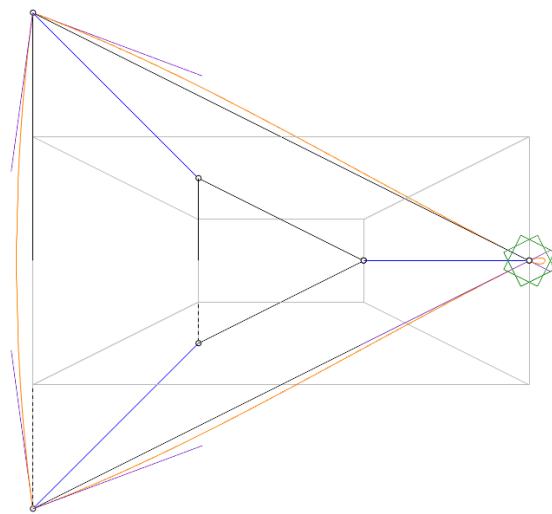
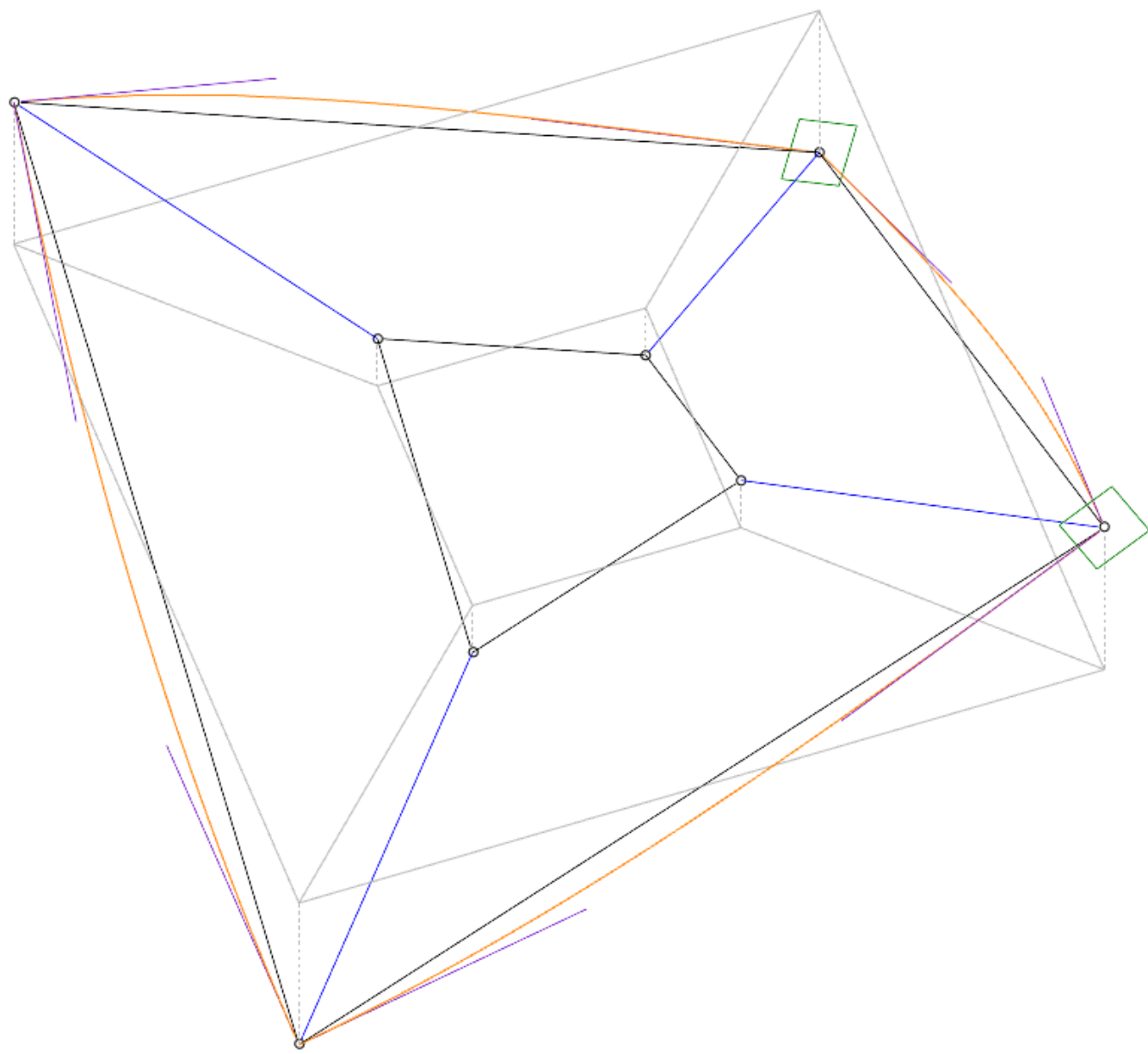


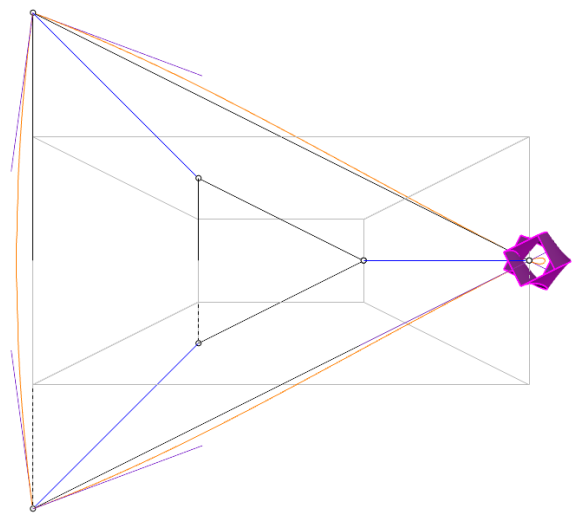
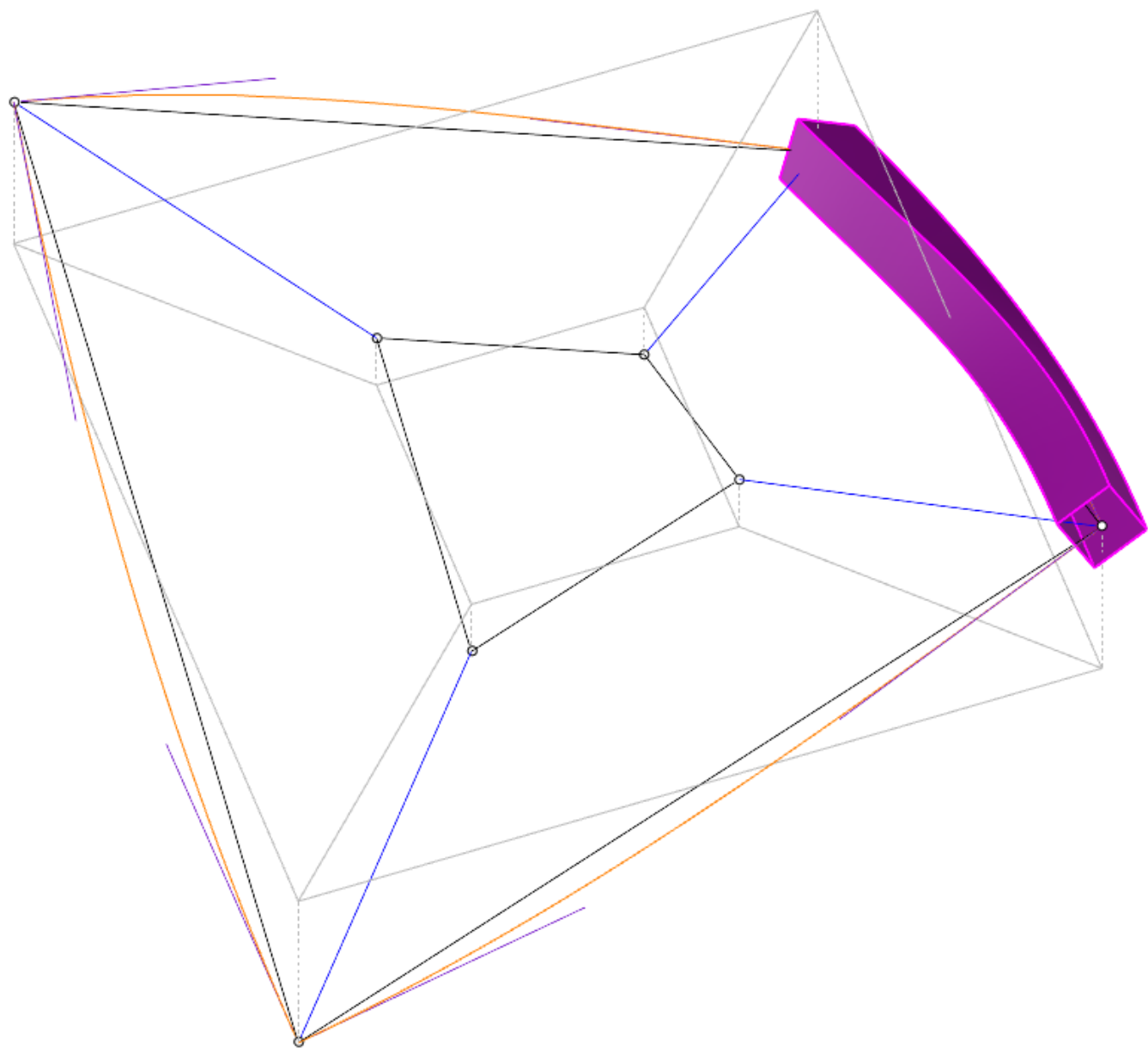


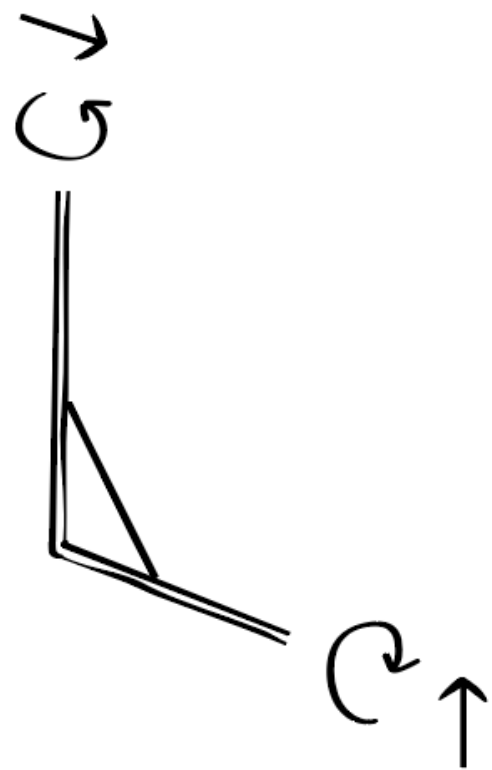
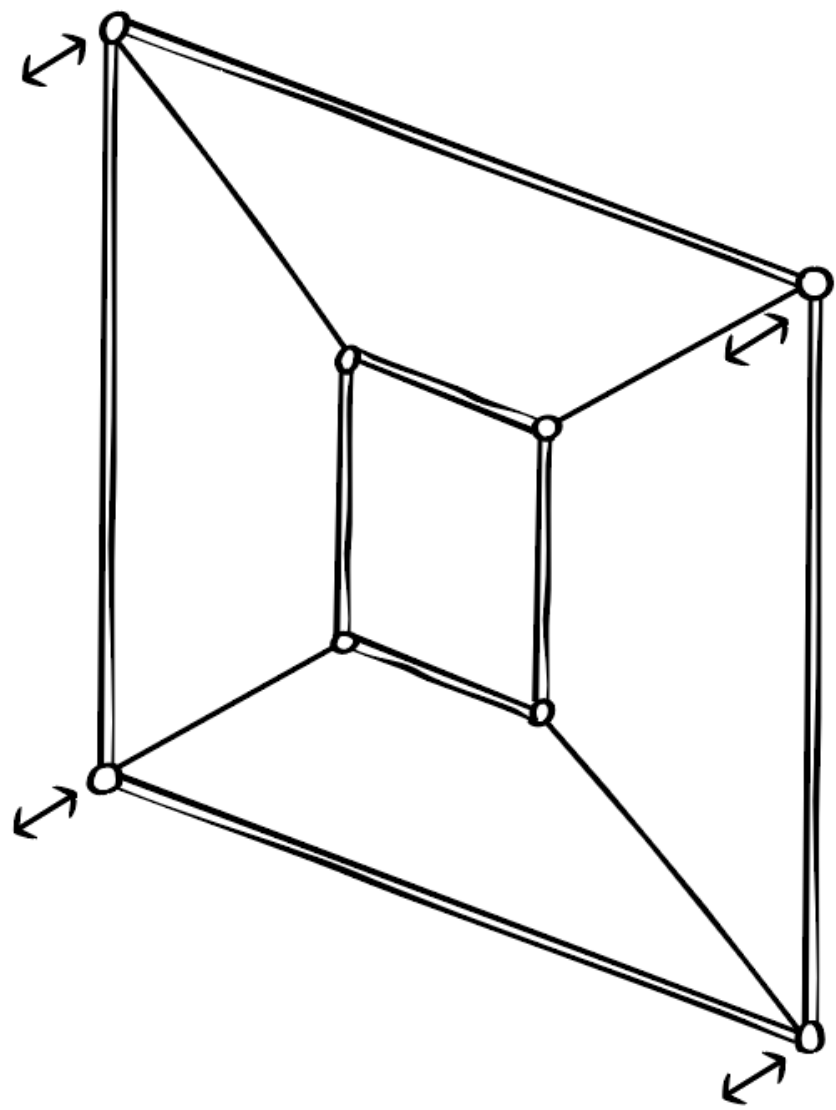


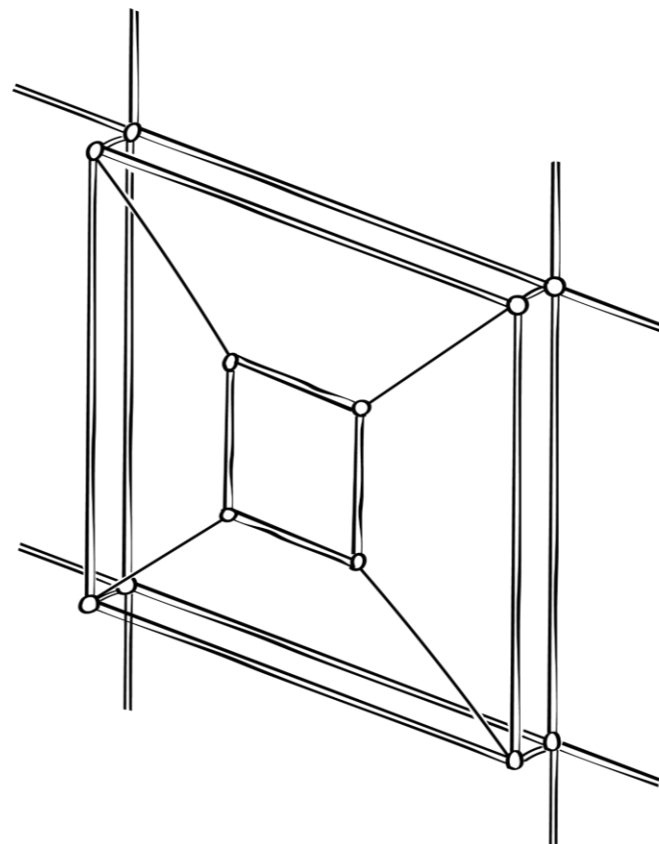
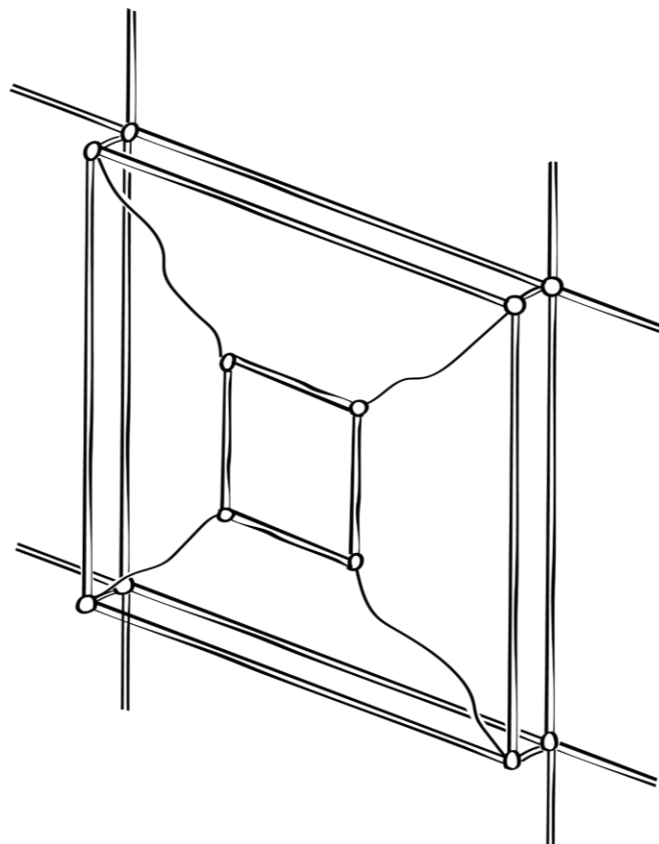
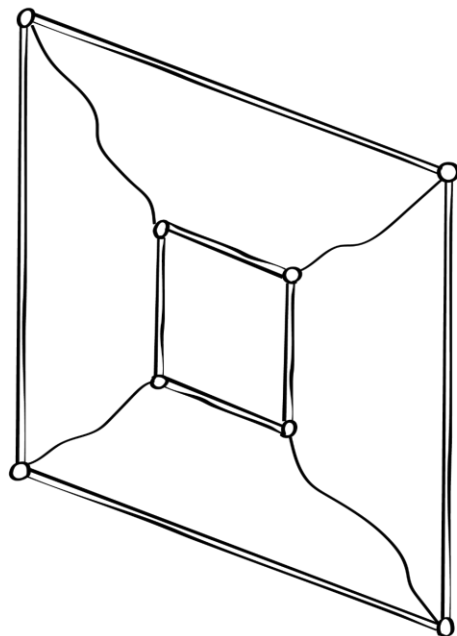
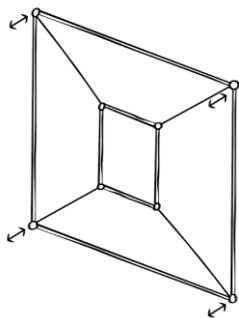


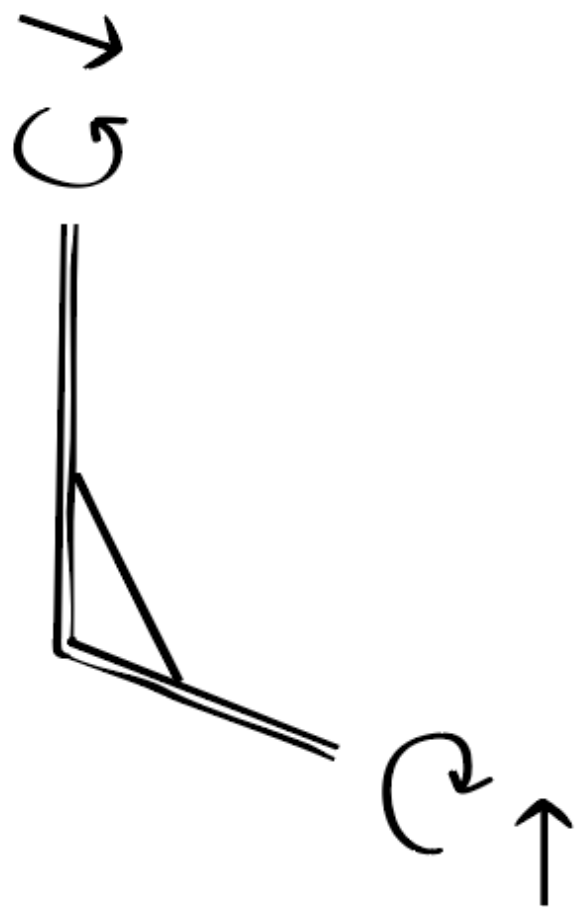




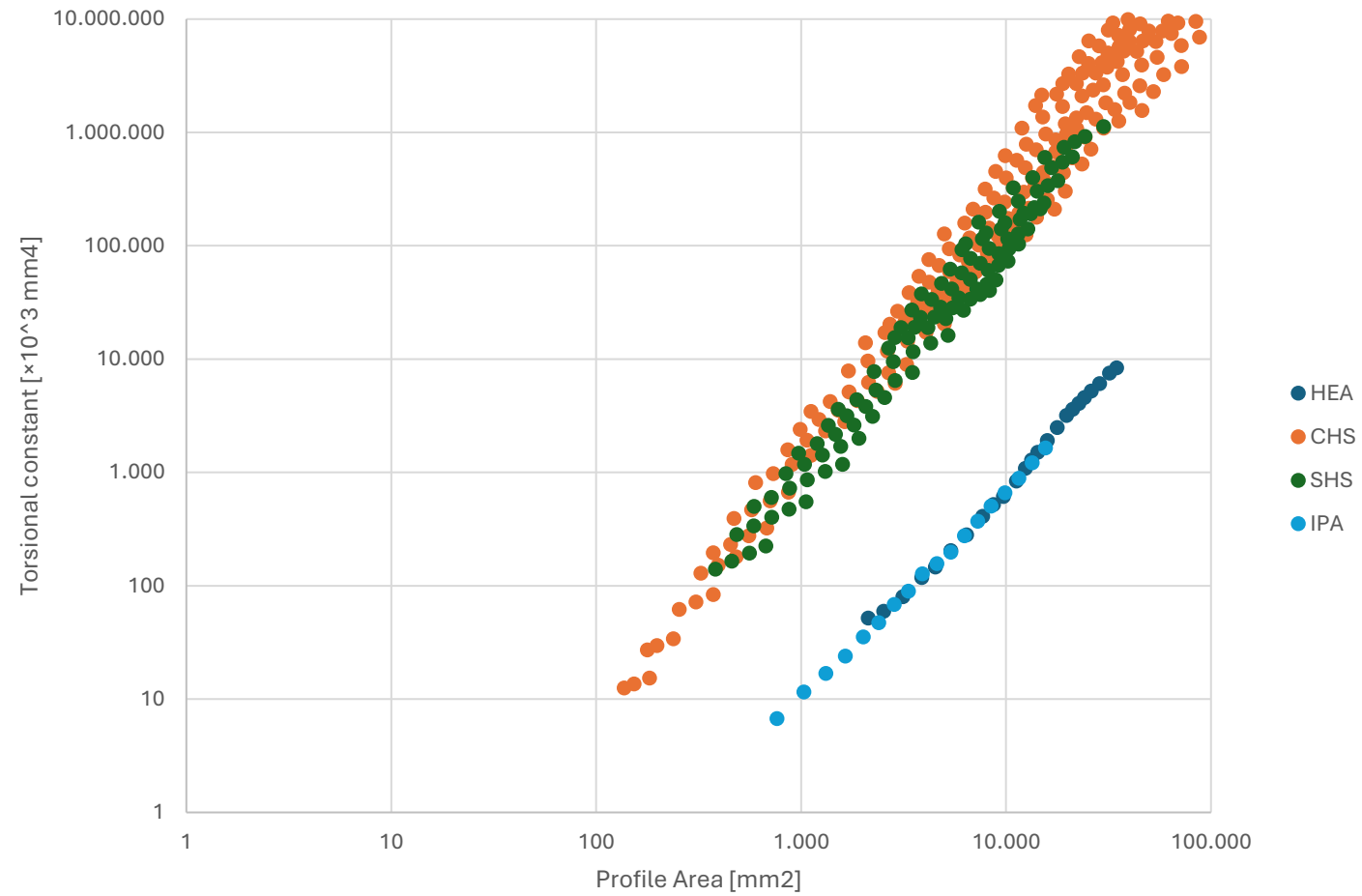


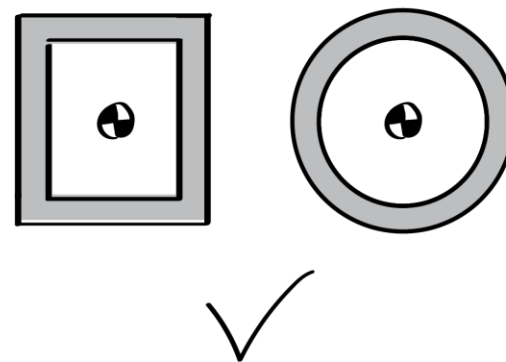
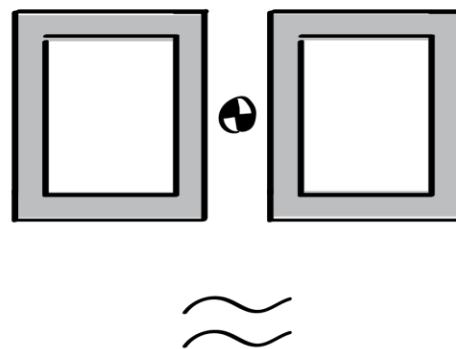
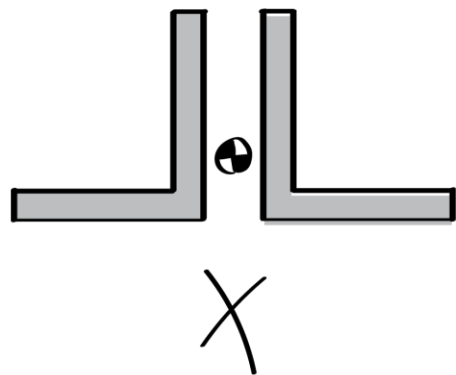
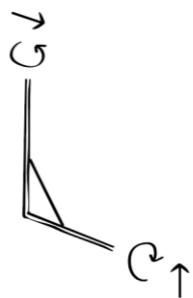


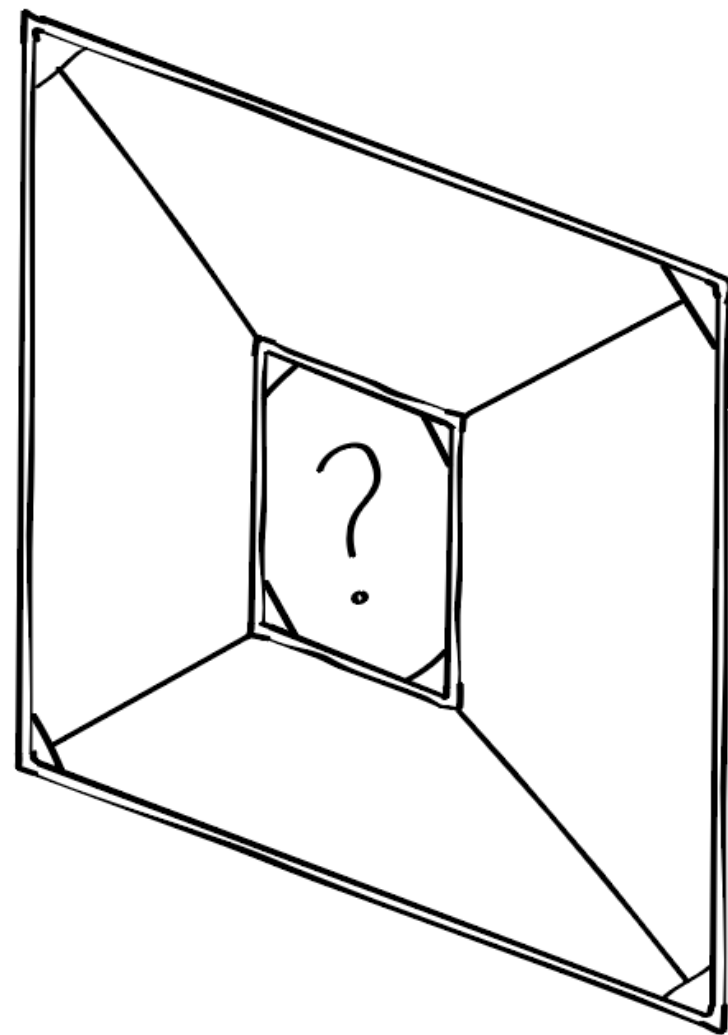
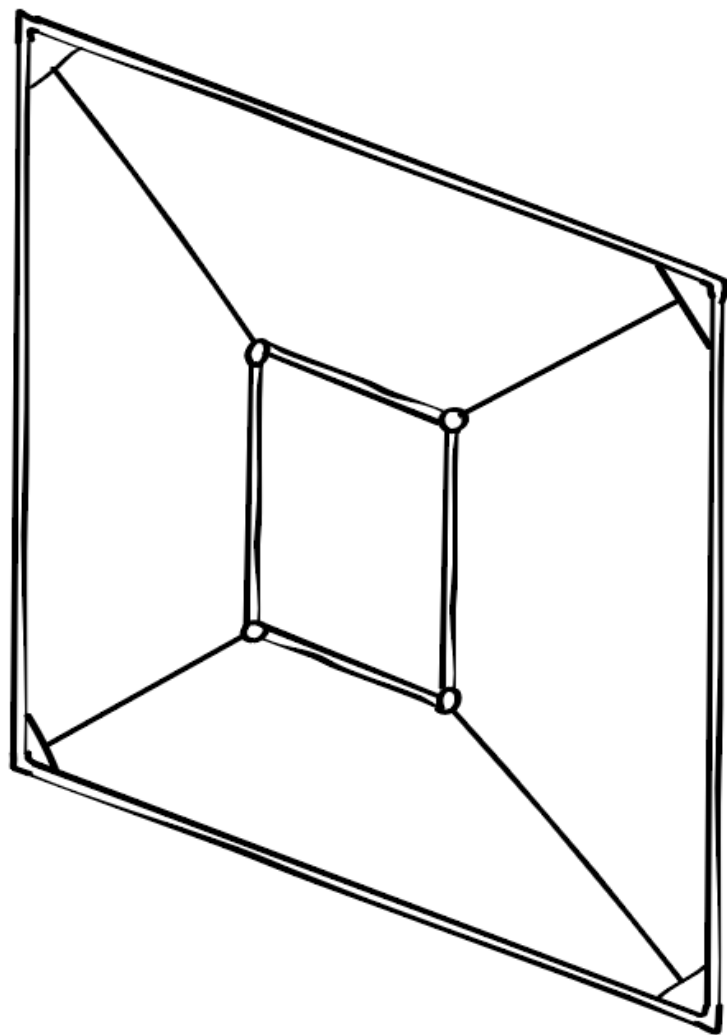


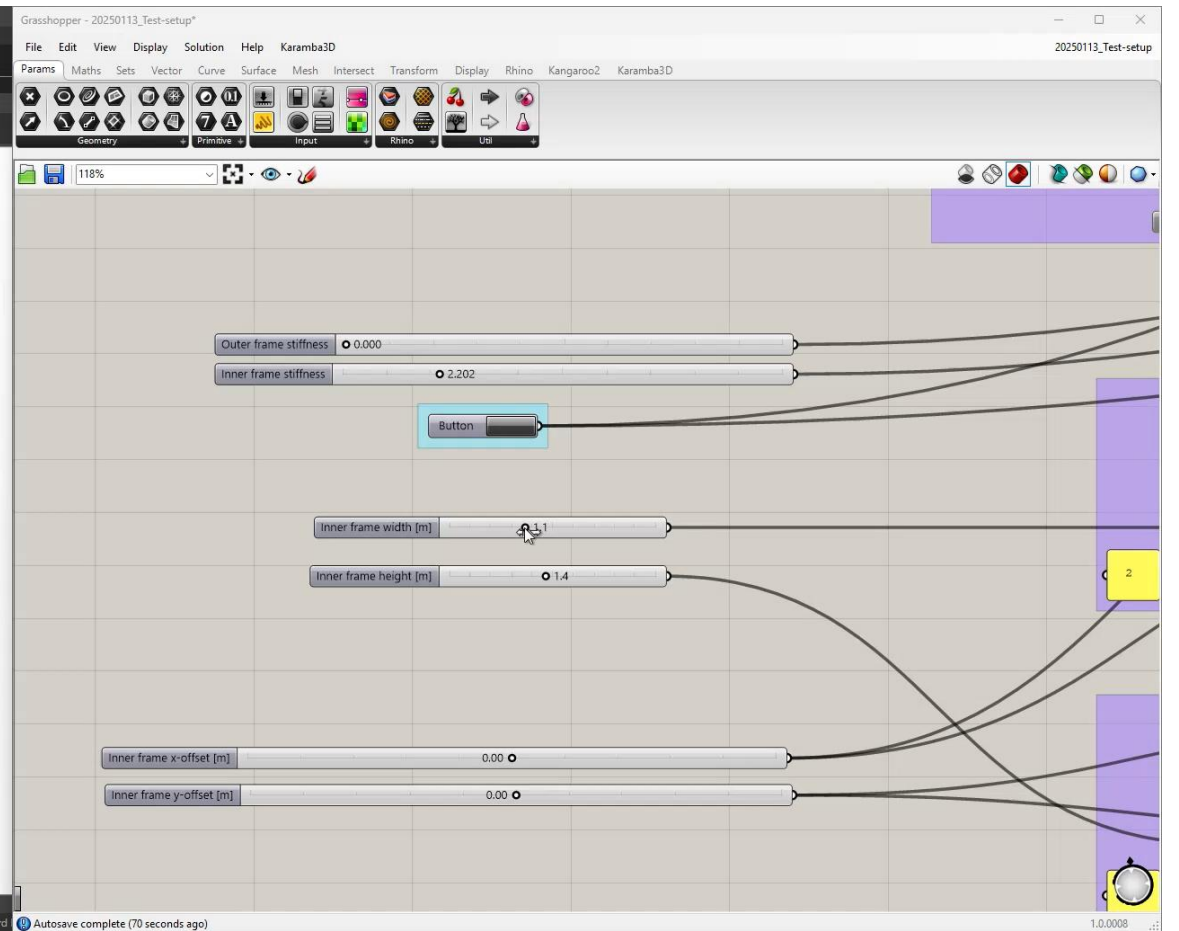
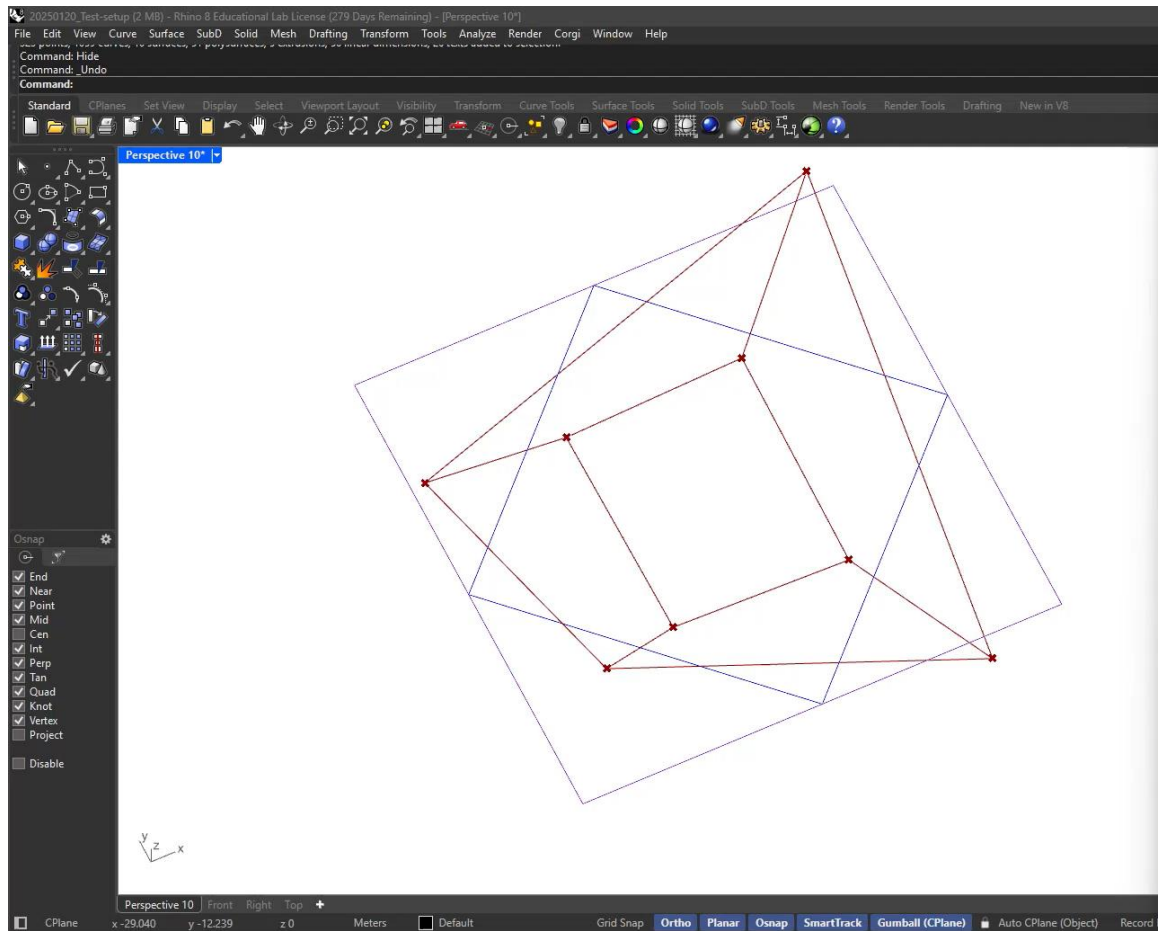


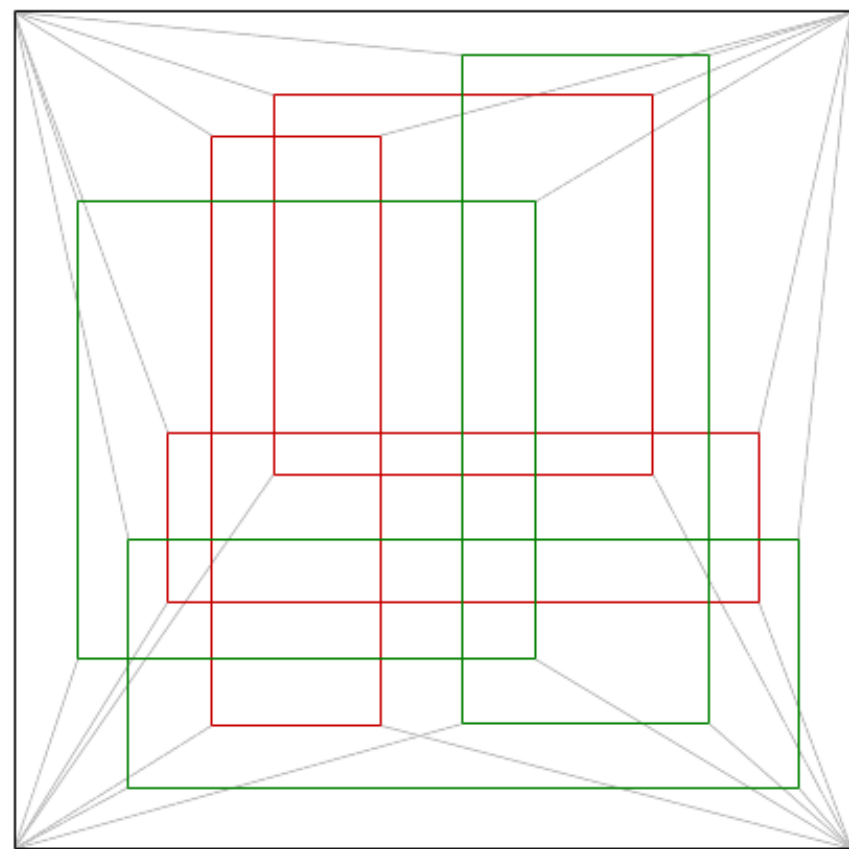
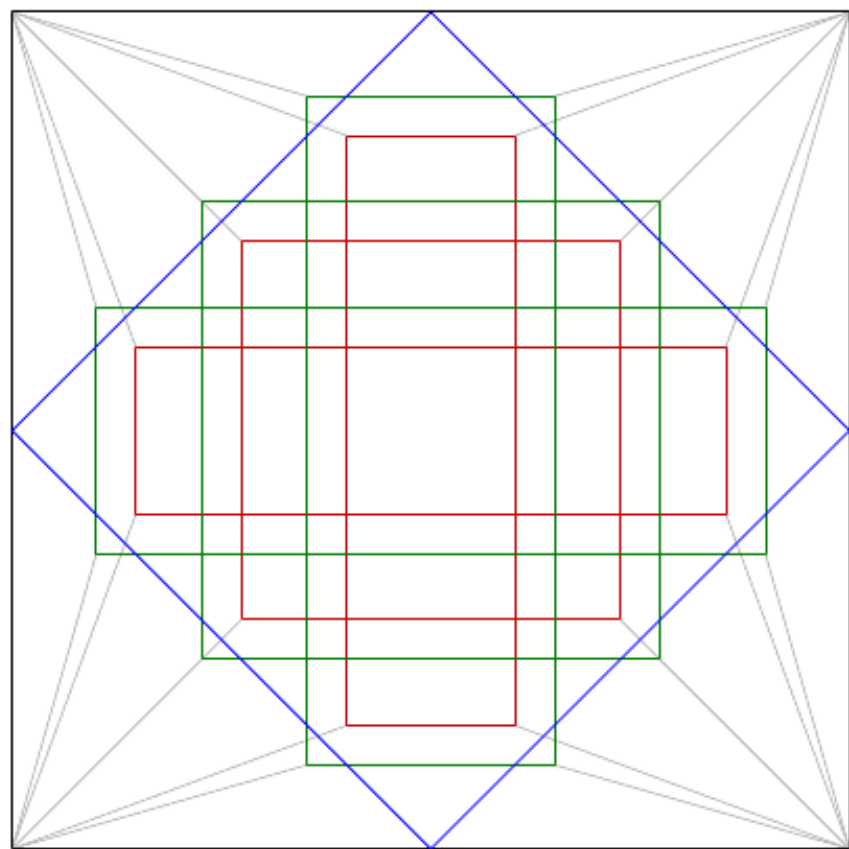
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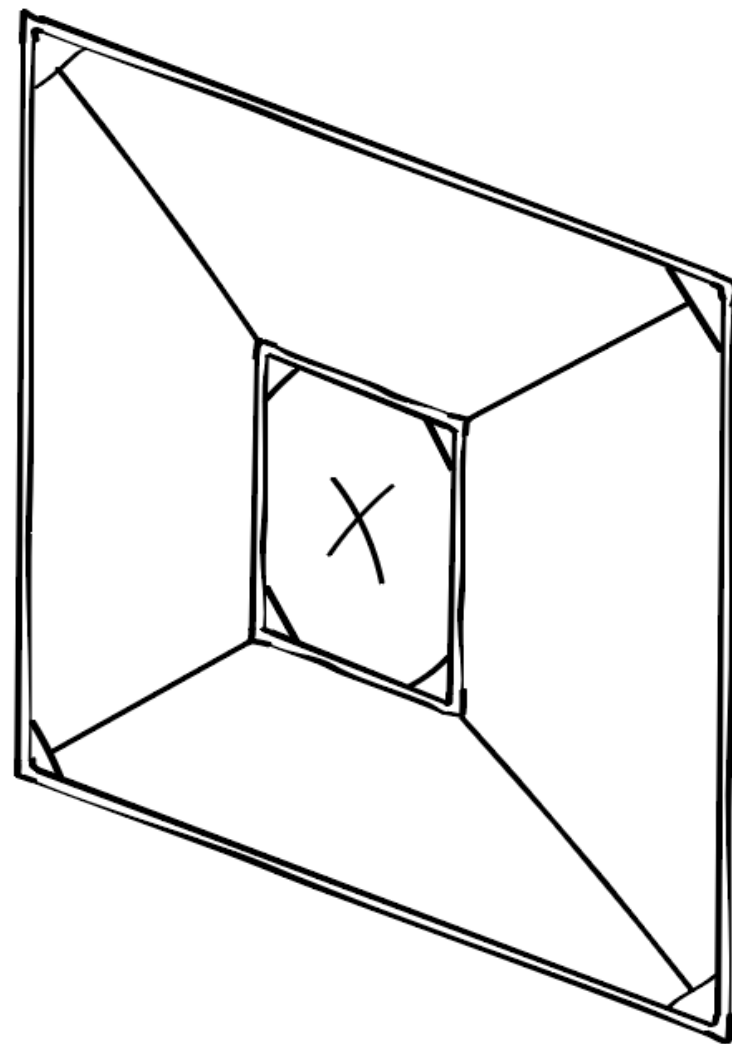
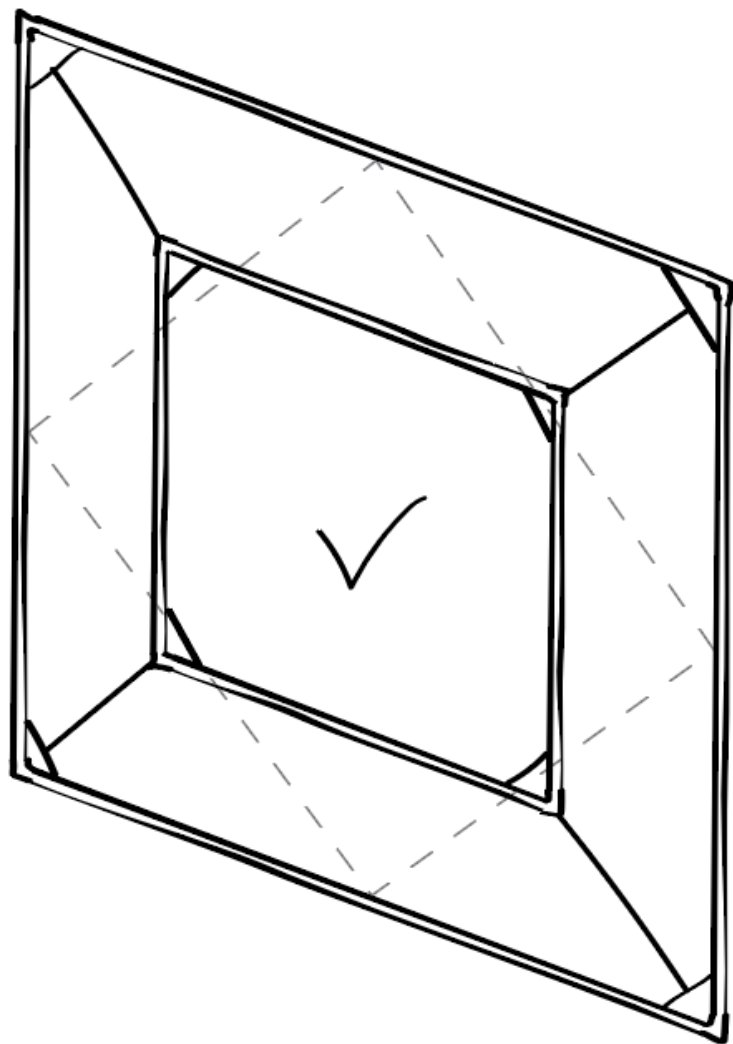


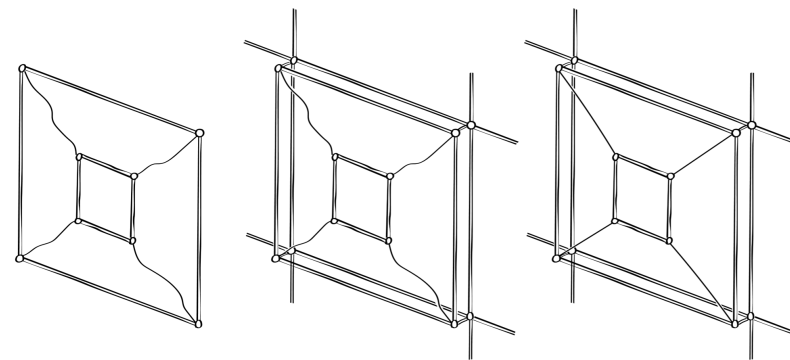
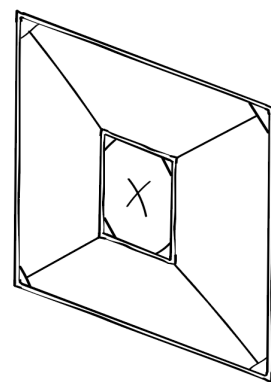
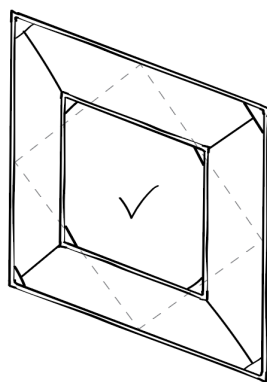
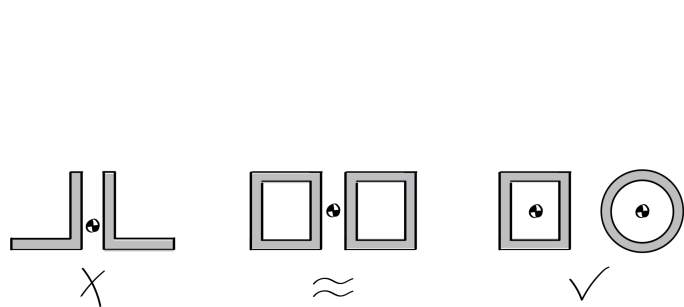
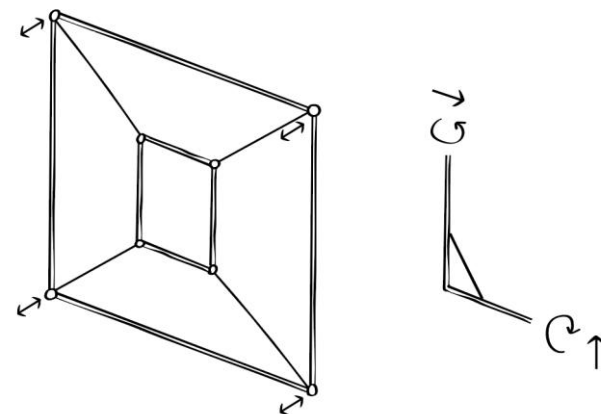
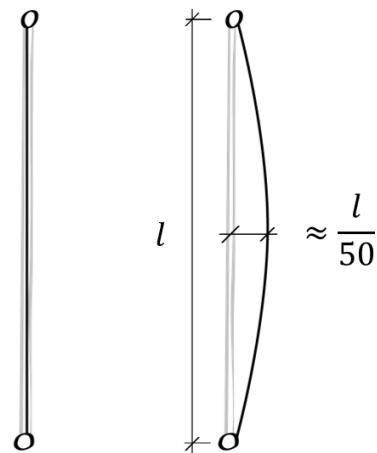
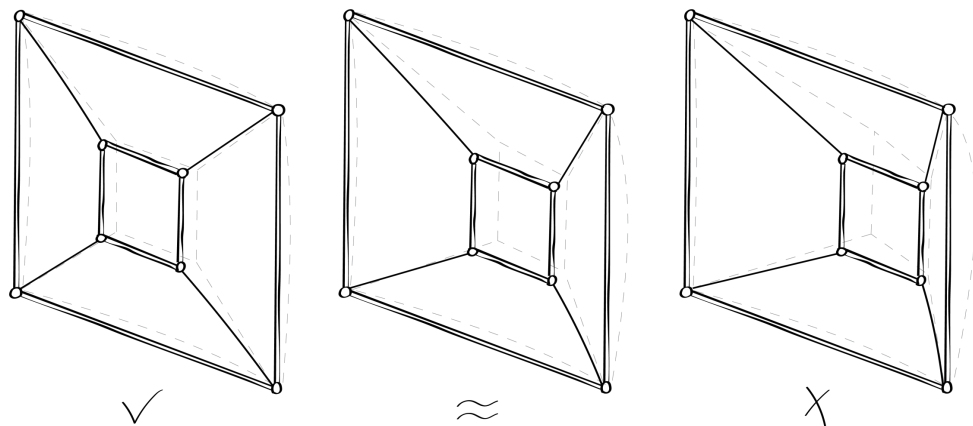
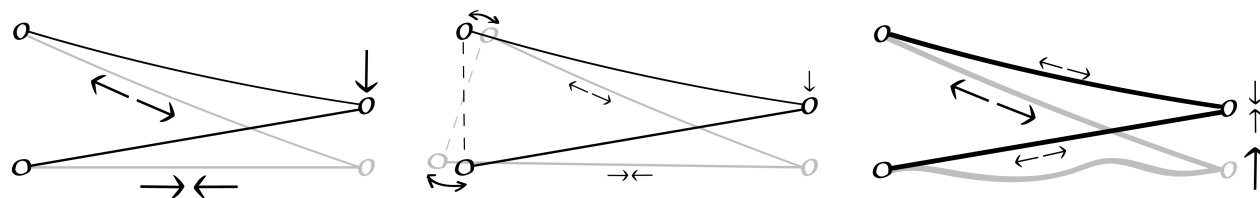
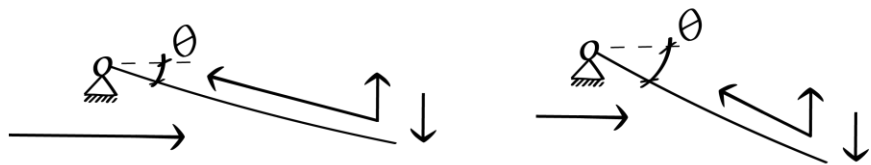


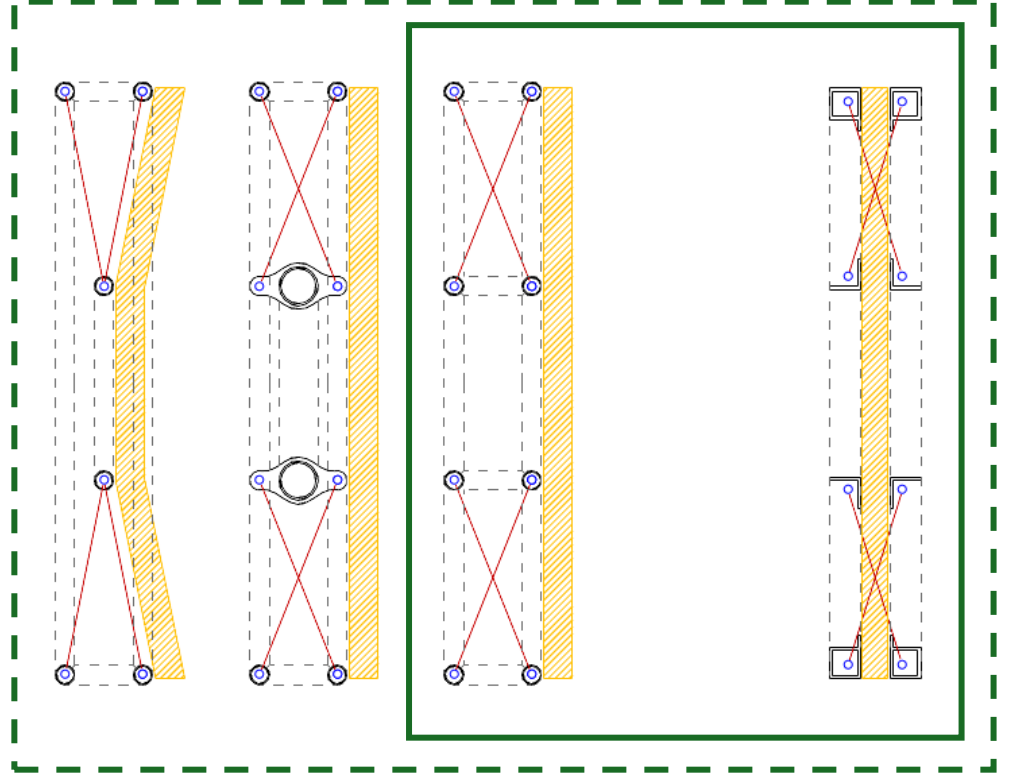
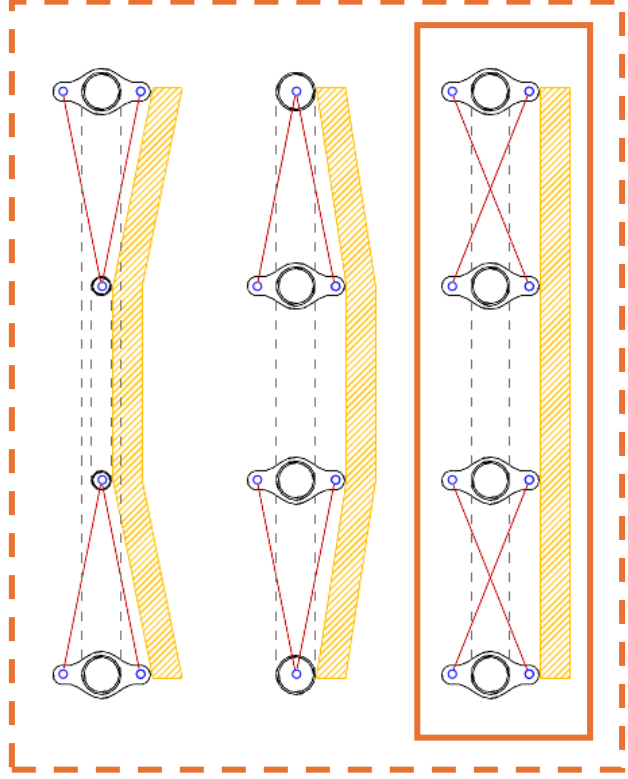
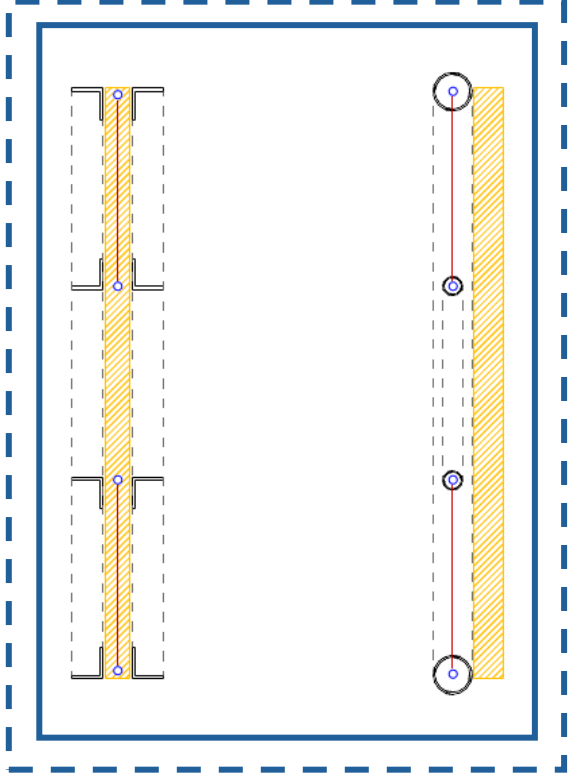


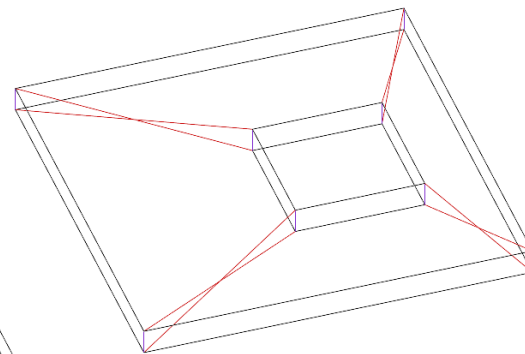
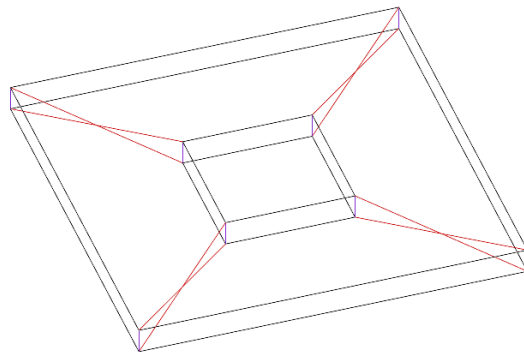
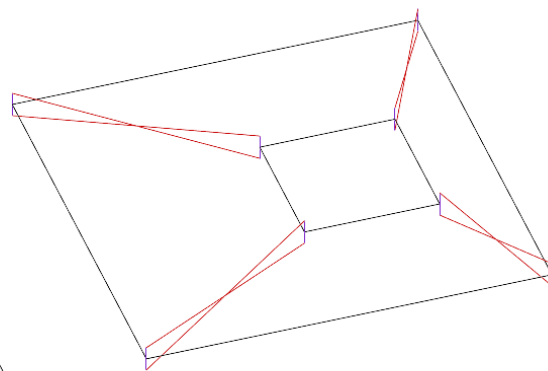
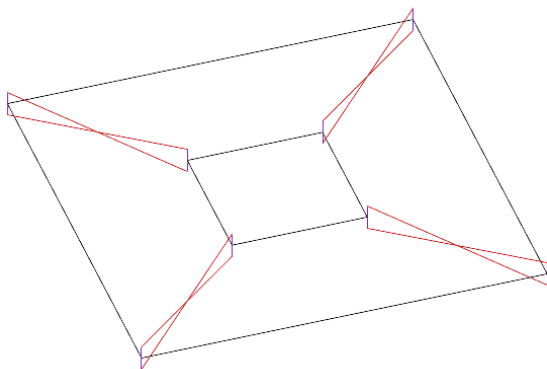
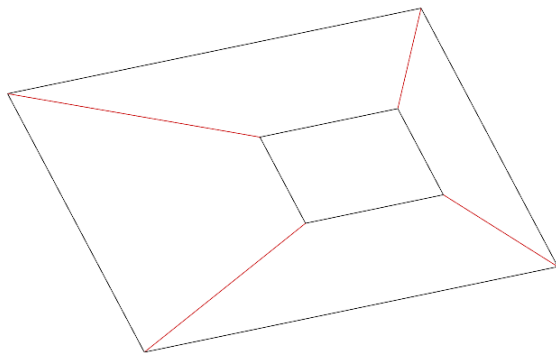
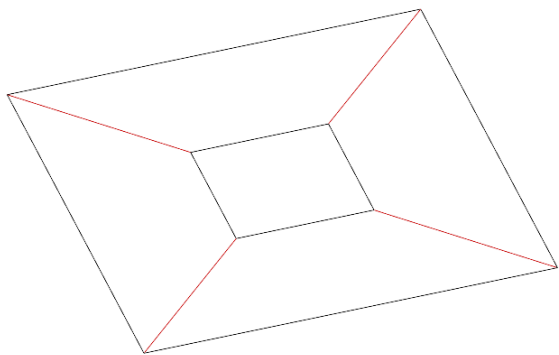




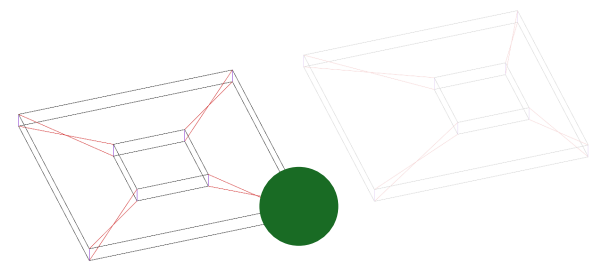
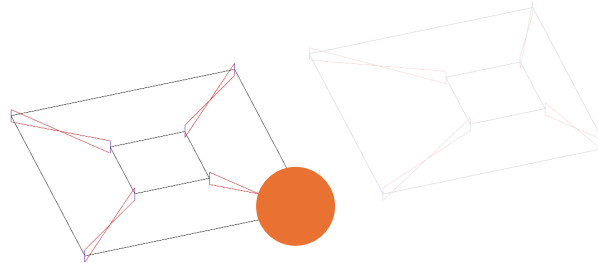
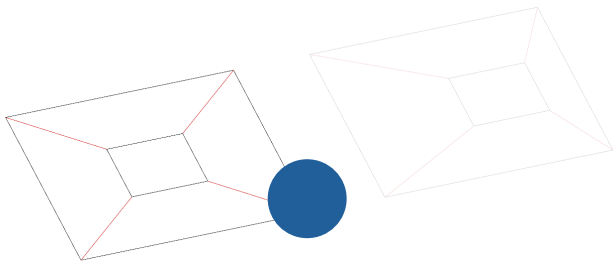
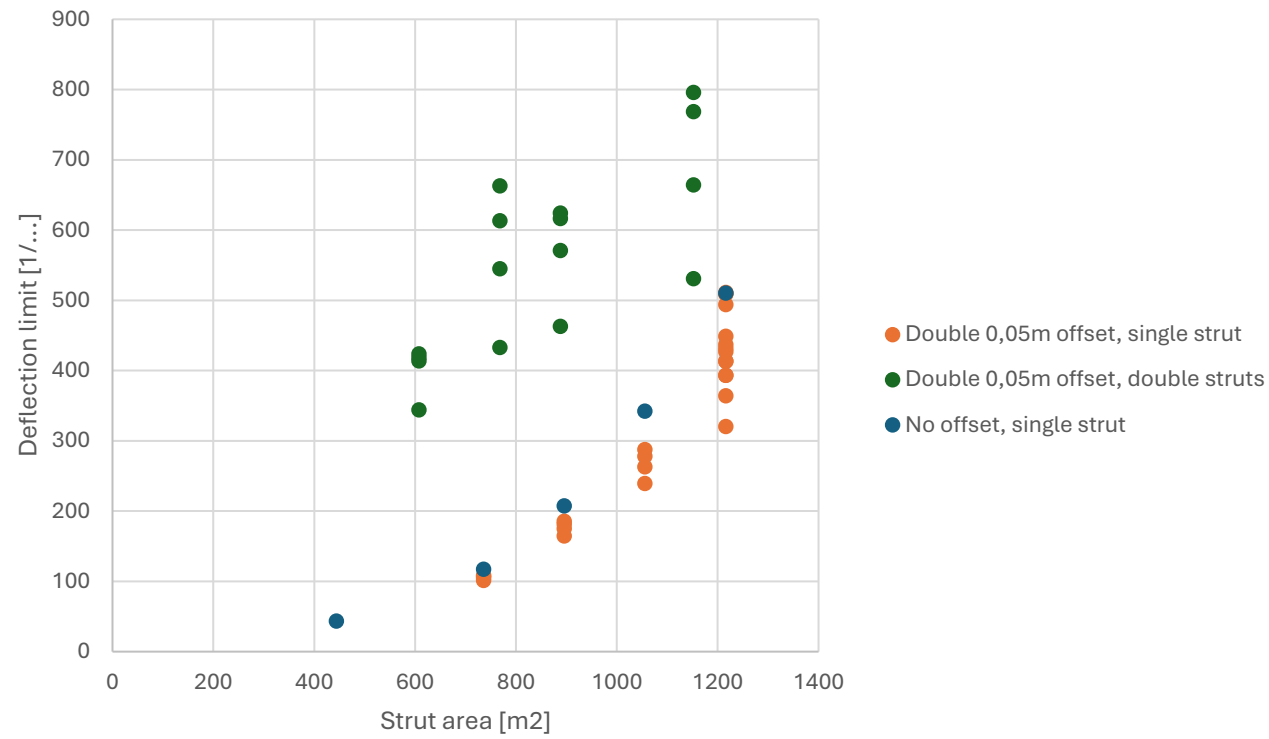


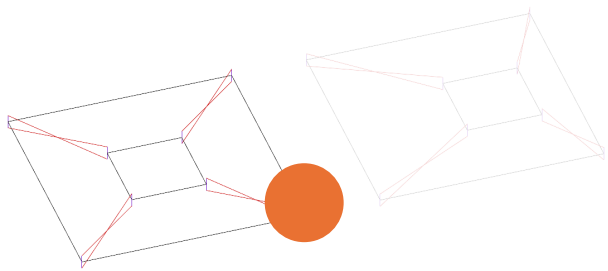
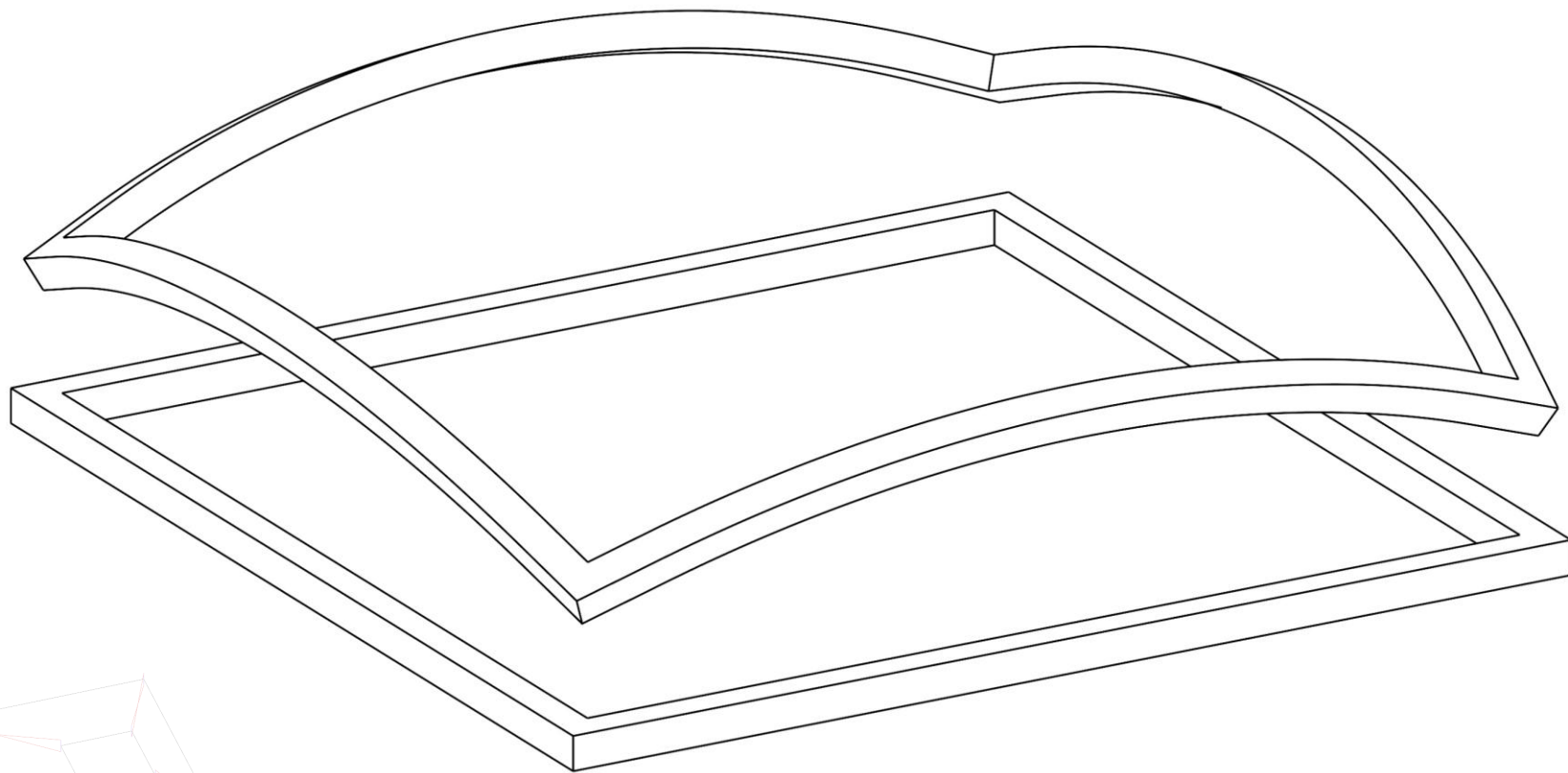






Deflection limit to strut area of various symmetrical configurations





E: 3x3 1x1 double 0,05 offset with outer frame

Axial Force

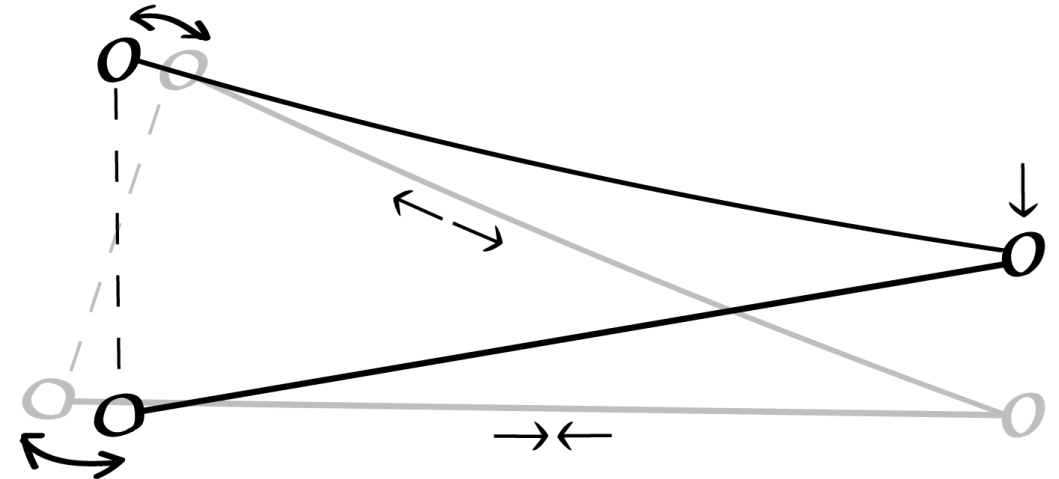
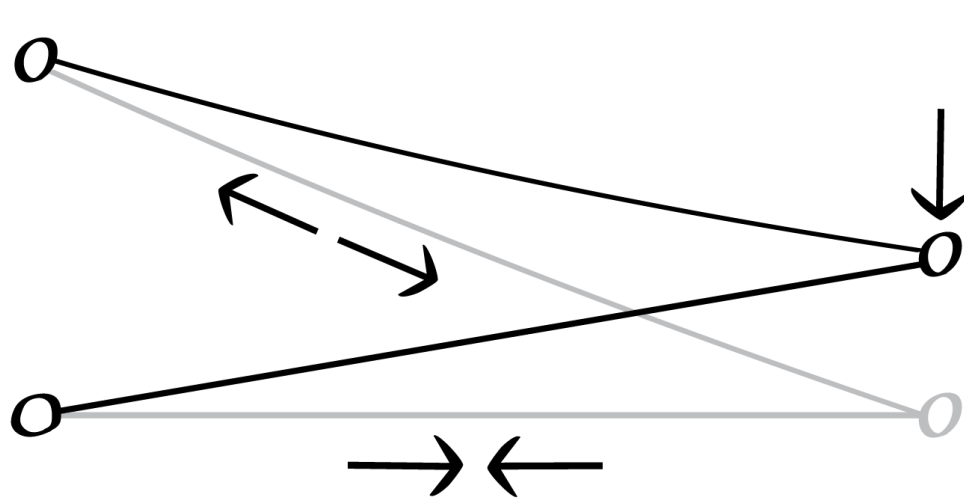
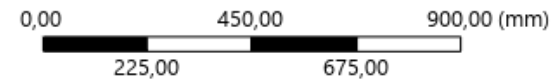
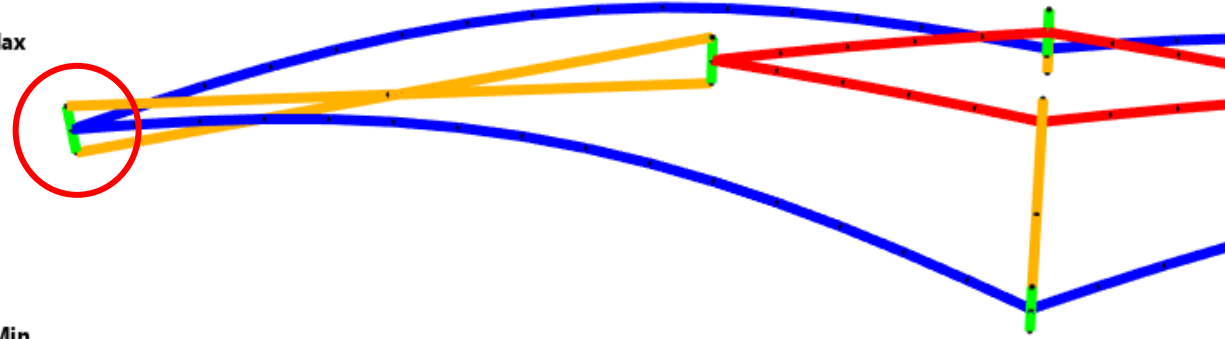
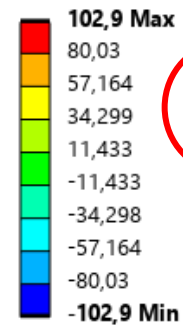
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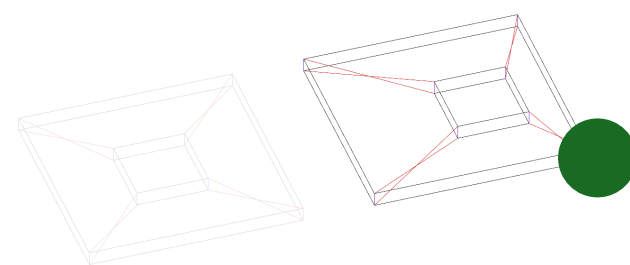
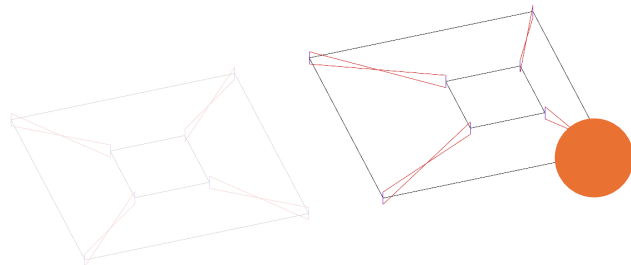
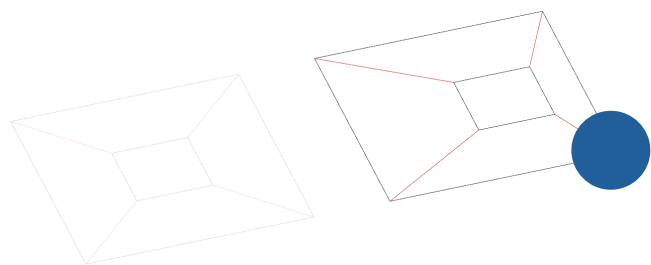
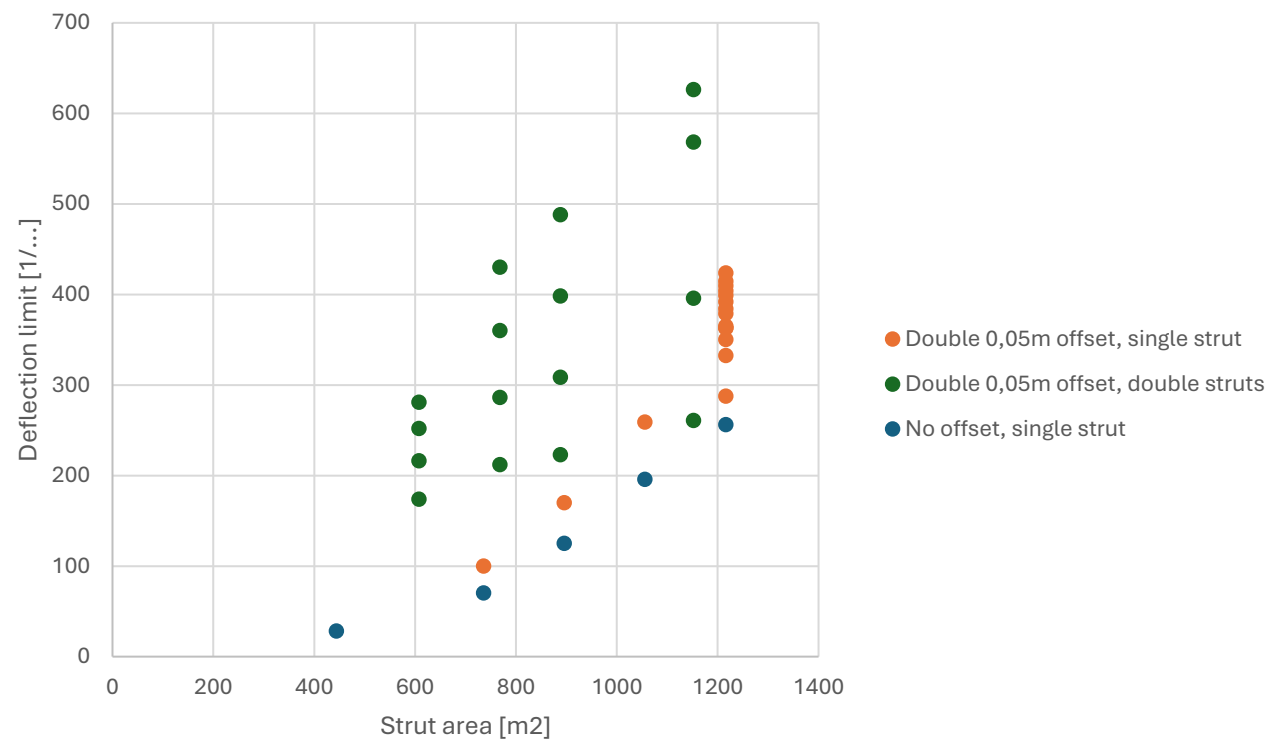
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Deflection limit to strut area of various 0,5m offset configurations



H: 3x3 1x1 double 0,05 offset with double outer frame, 0,5m off centre

Axial Force

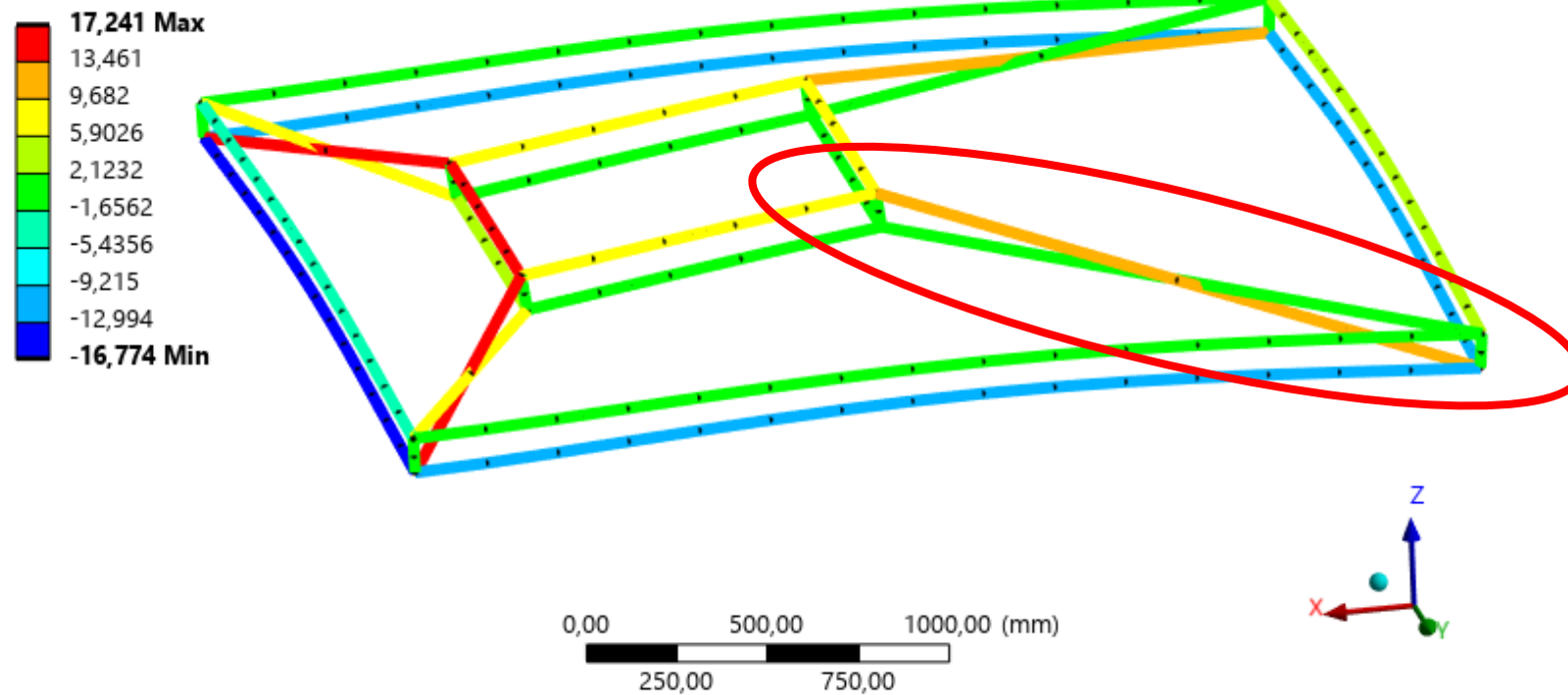
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Axial Force

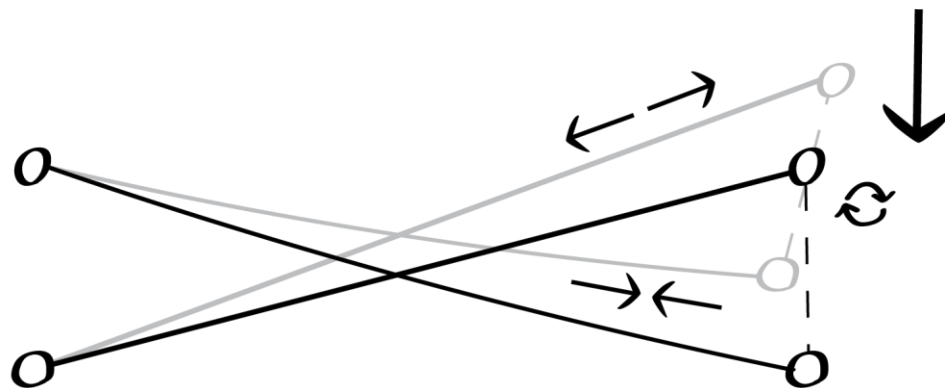
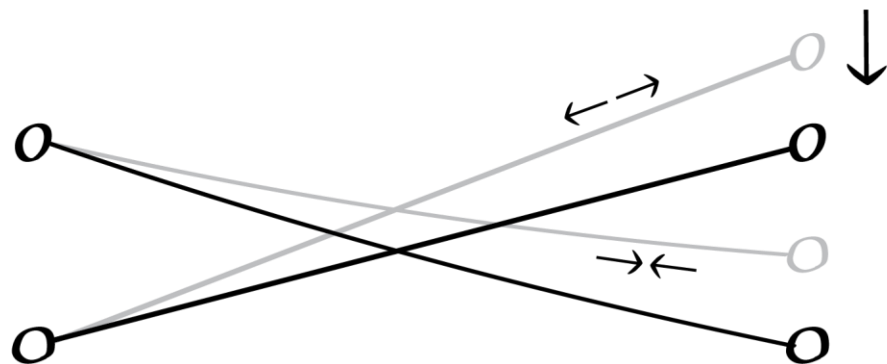
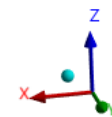
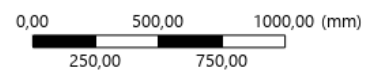
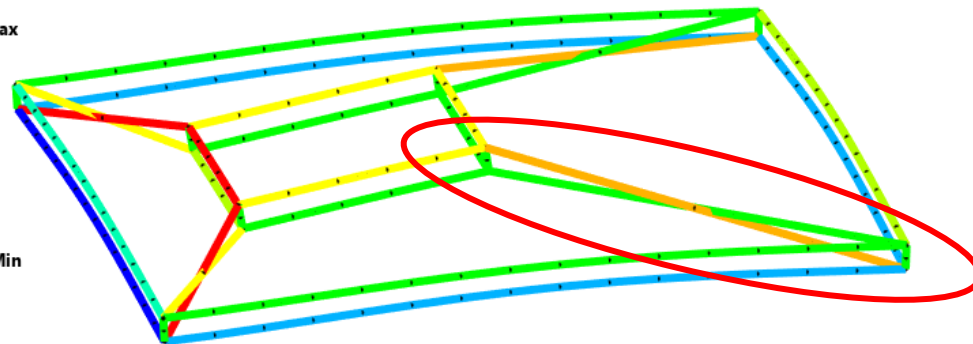
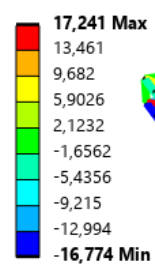
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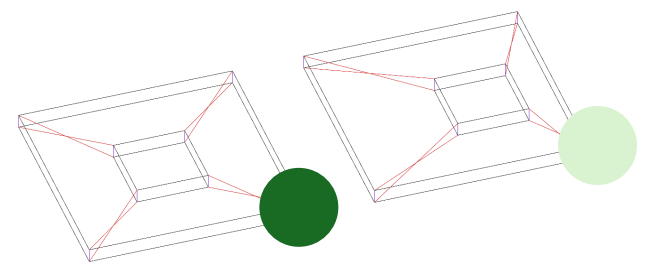
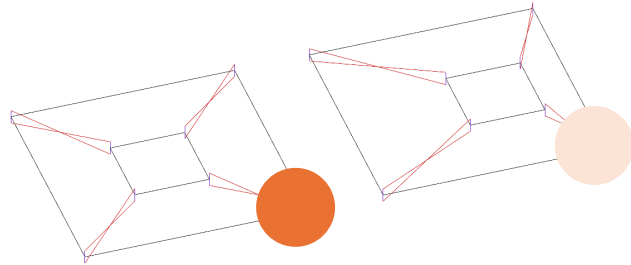
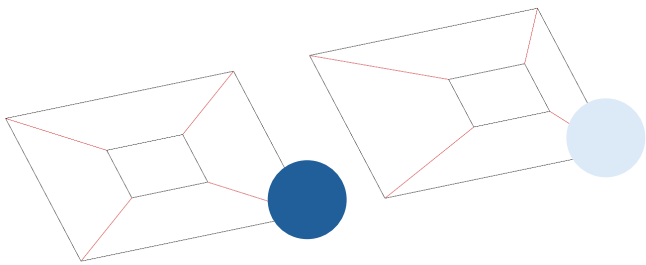
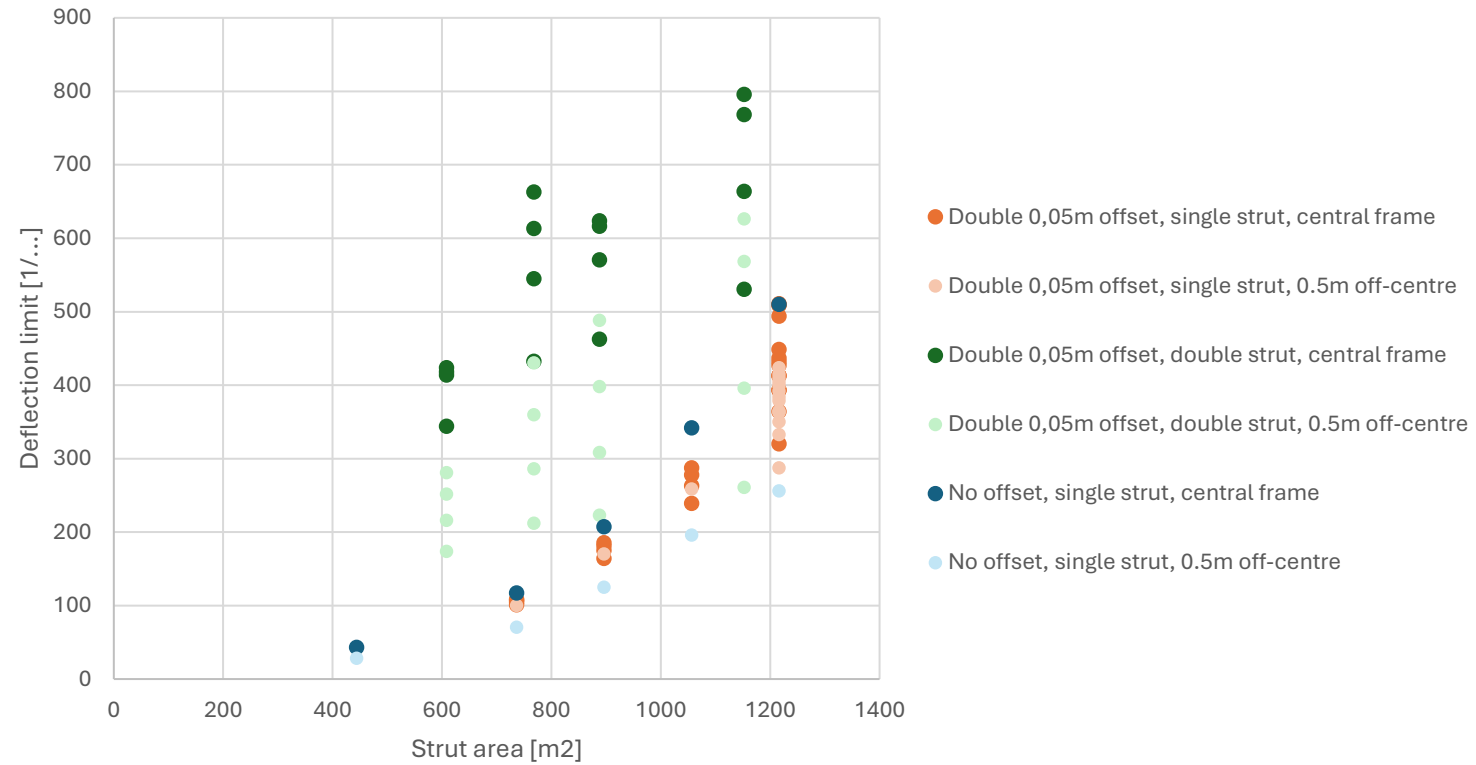
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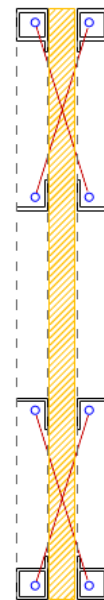
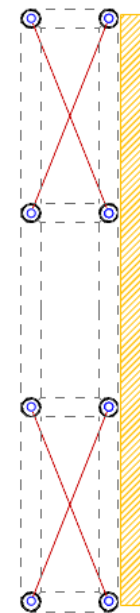
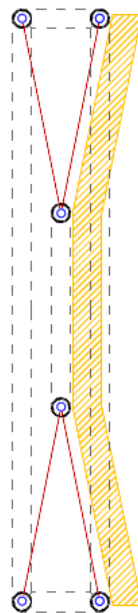
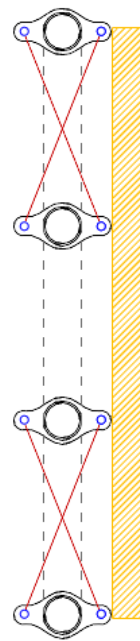
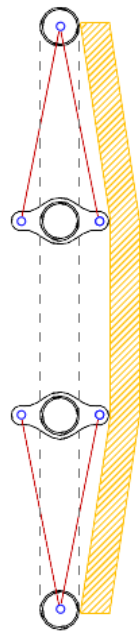
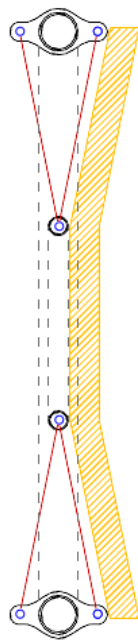
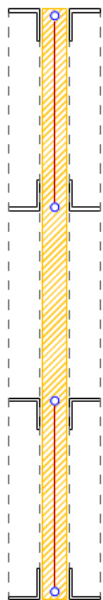
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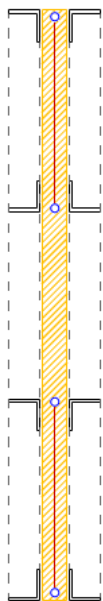
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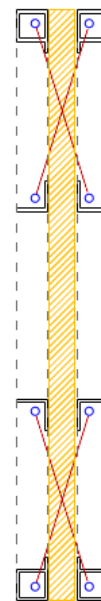
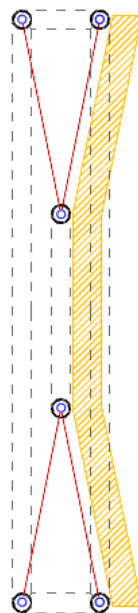
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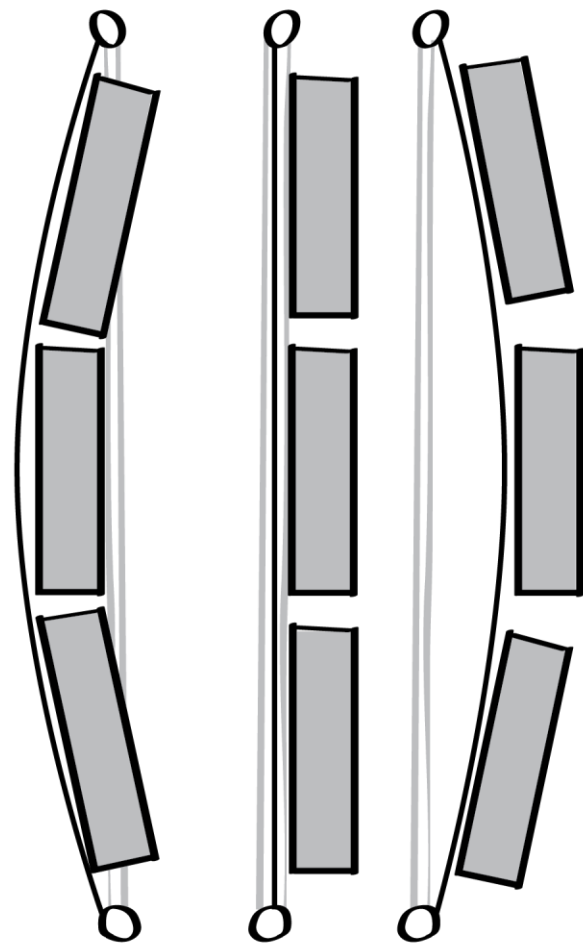
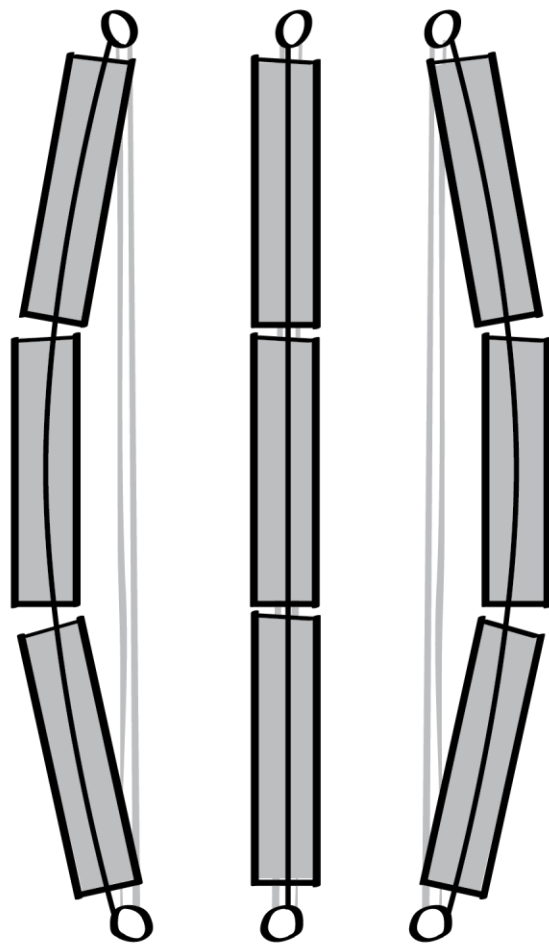


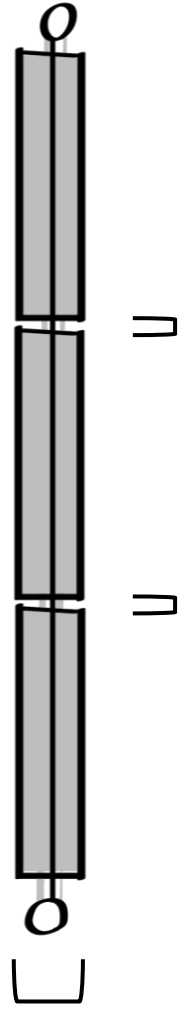


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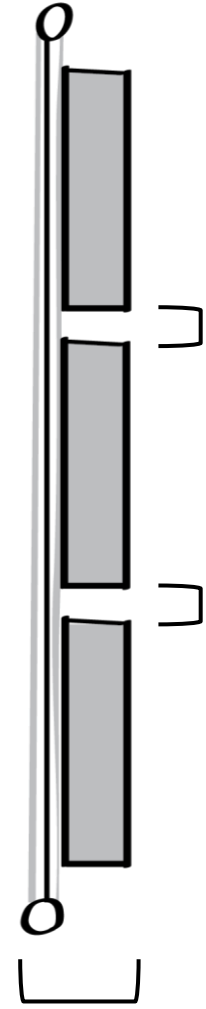


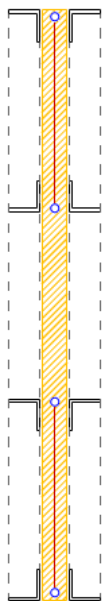




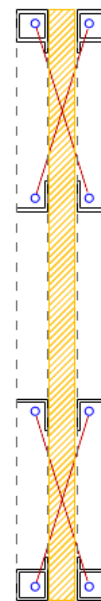
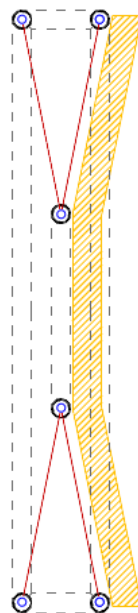


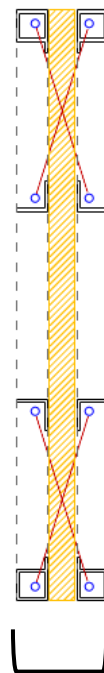
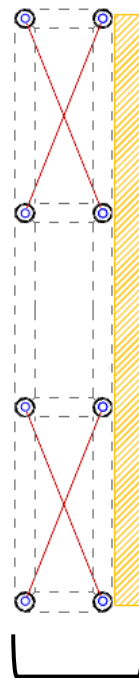
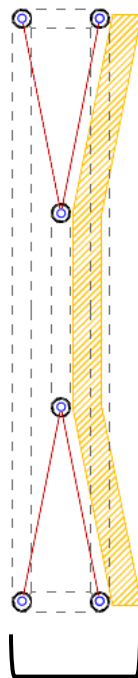
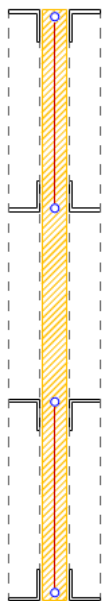
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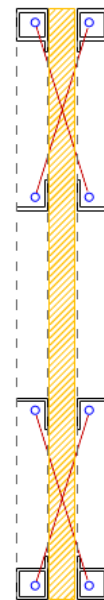
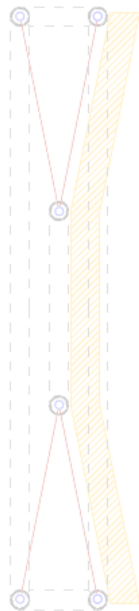
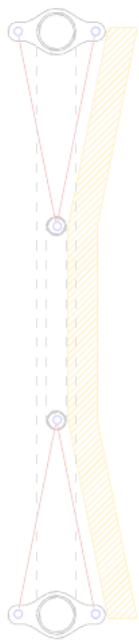
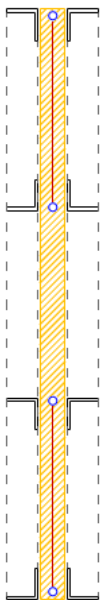


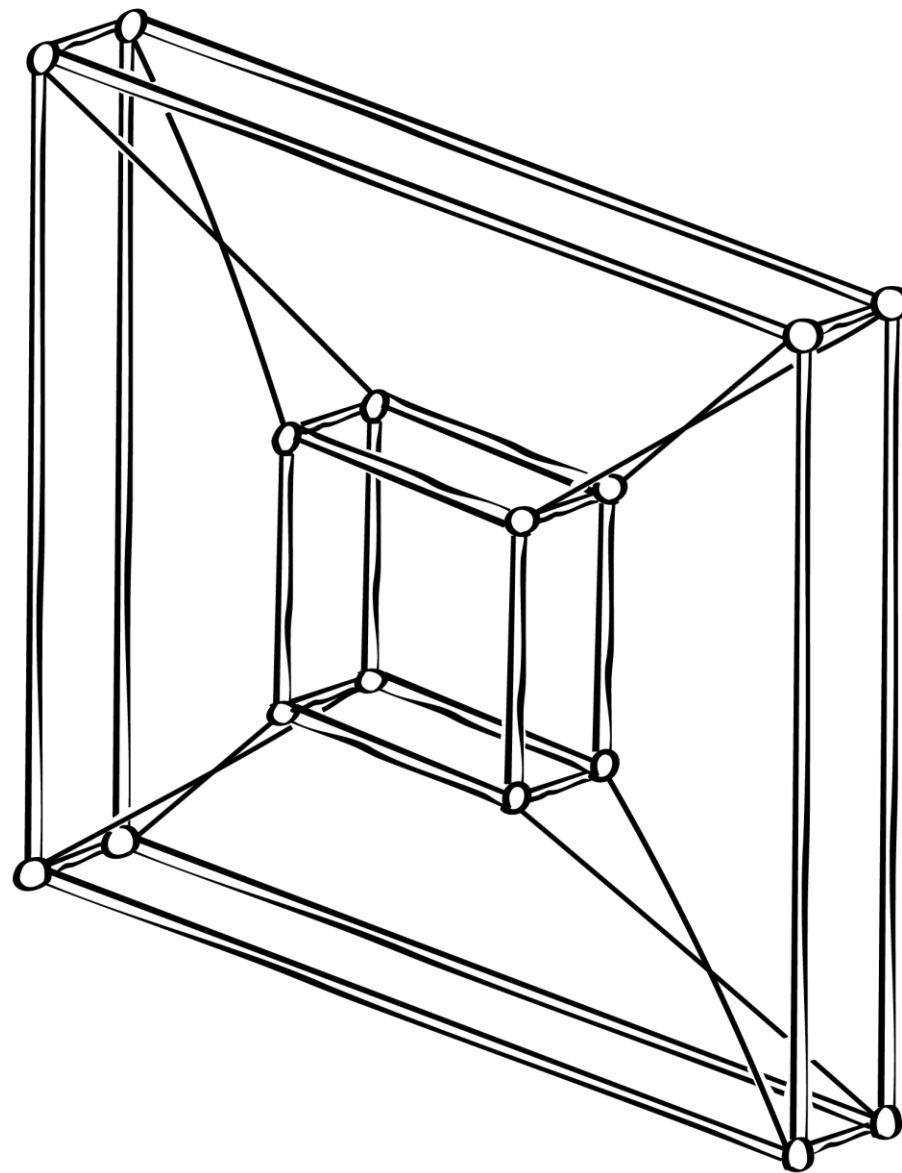
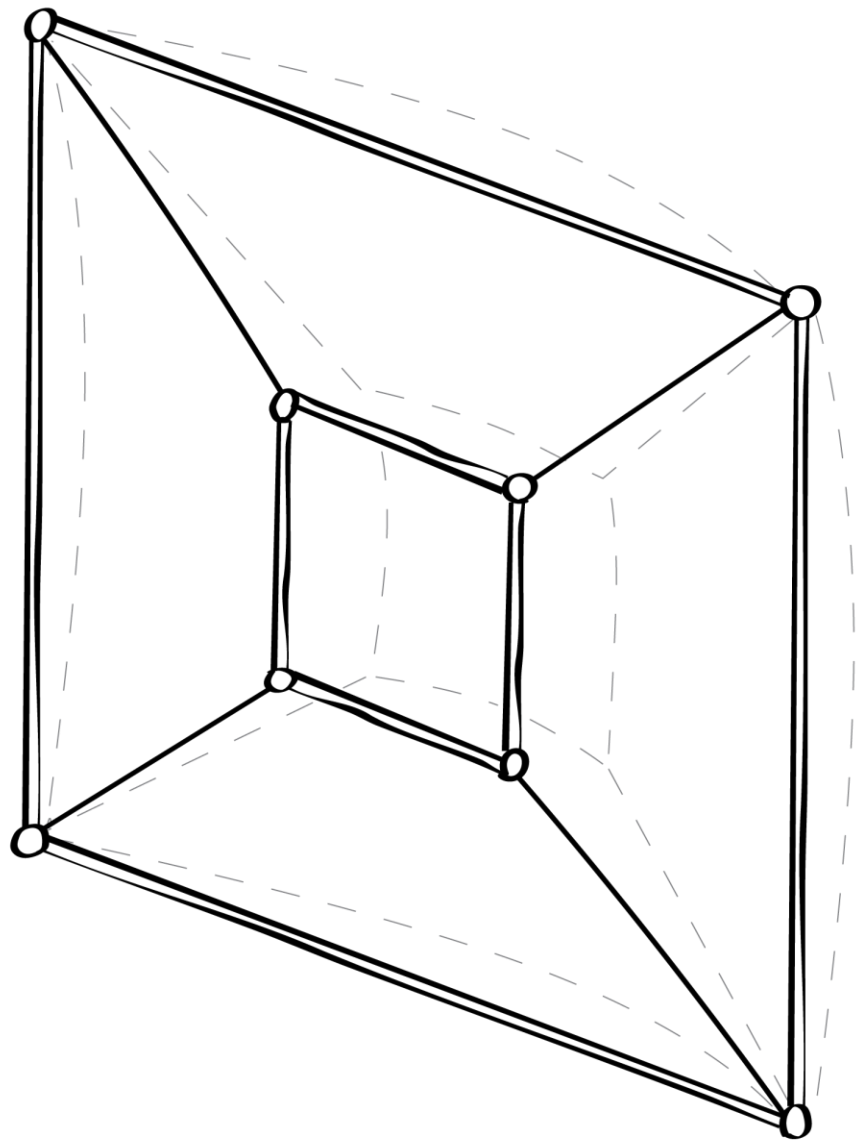


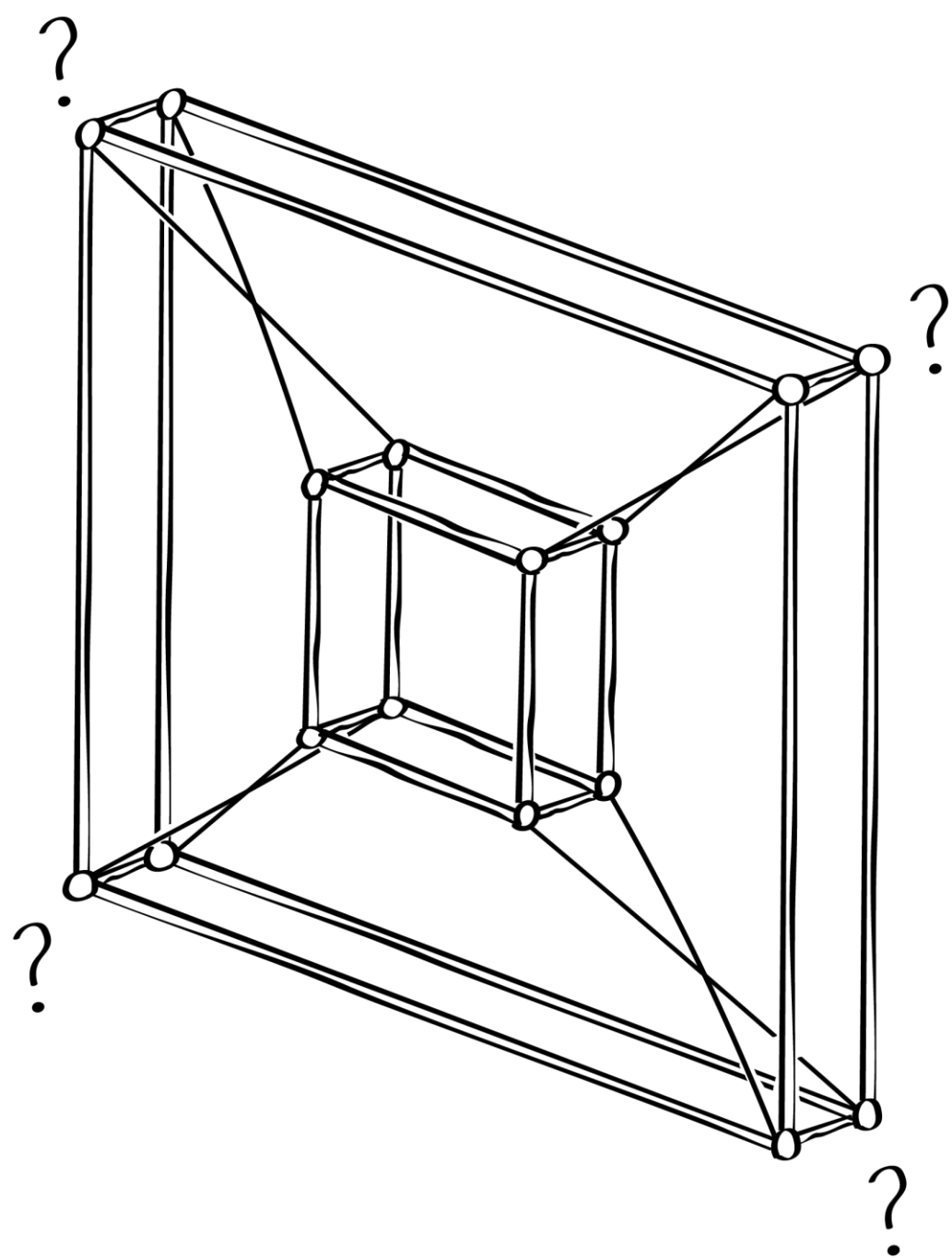
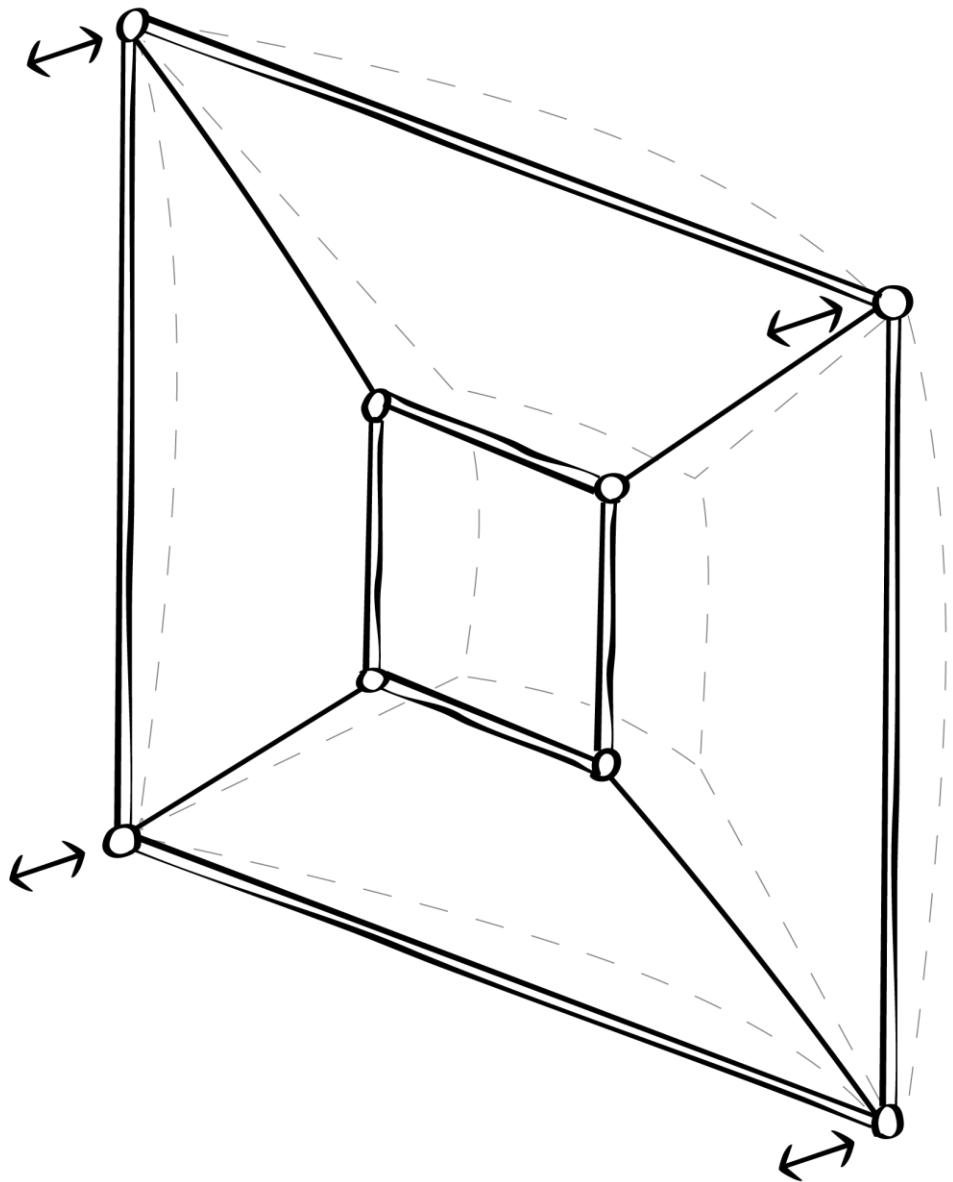
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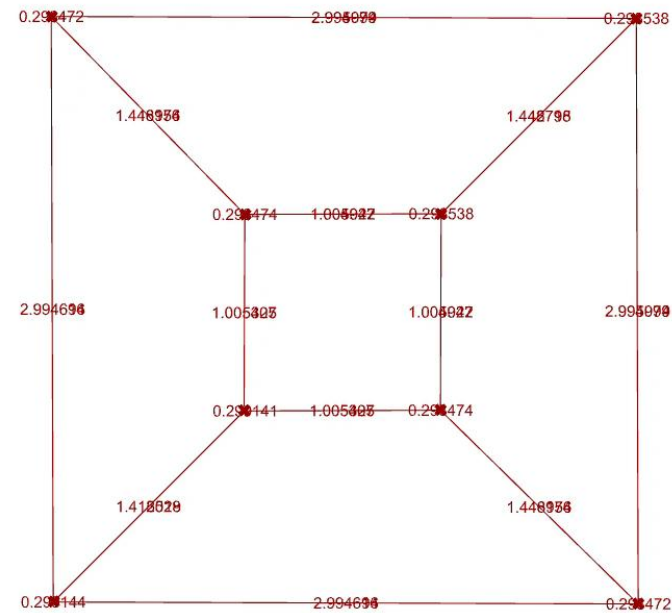
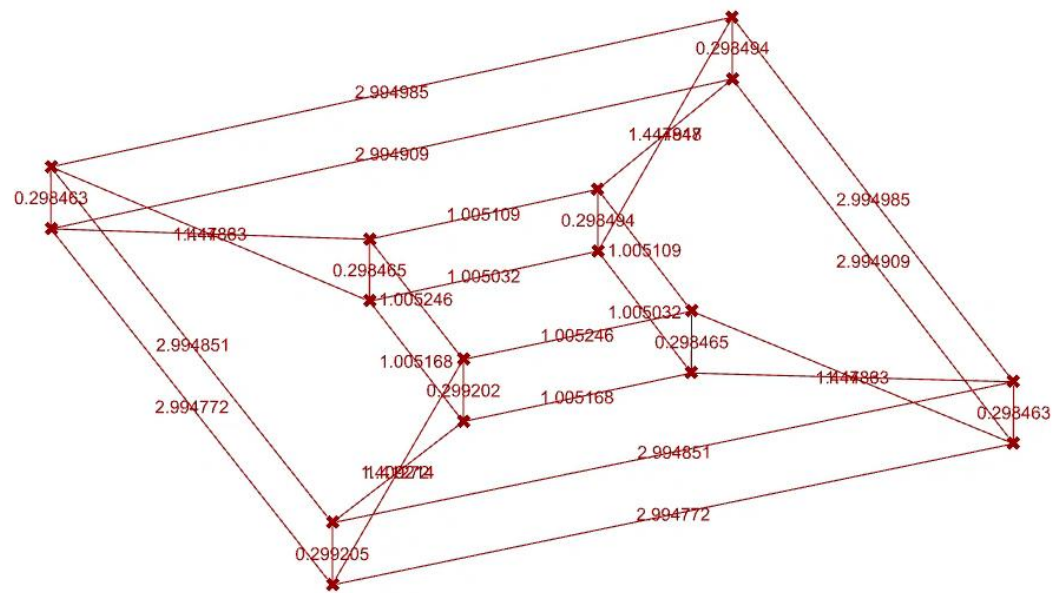


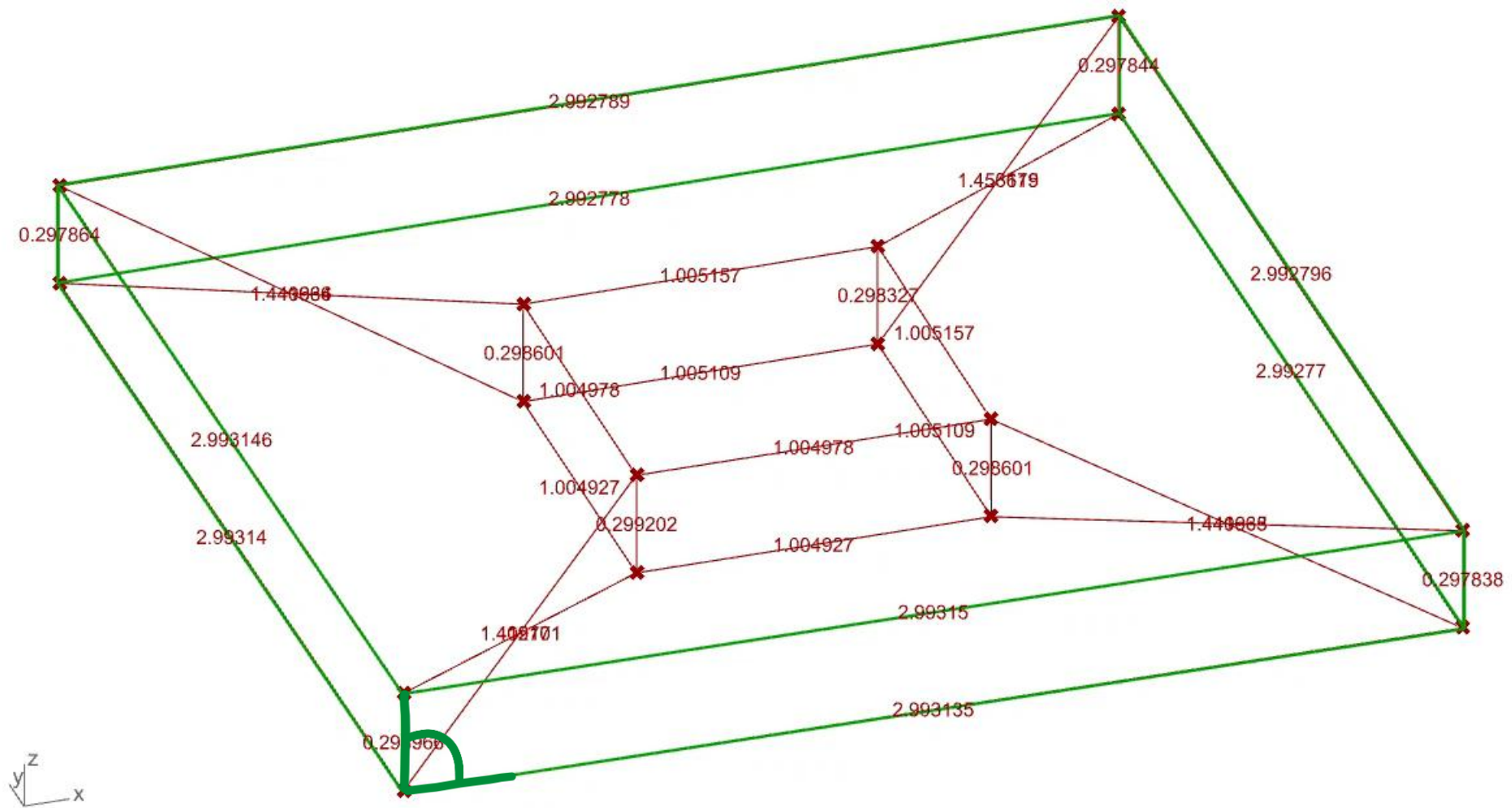


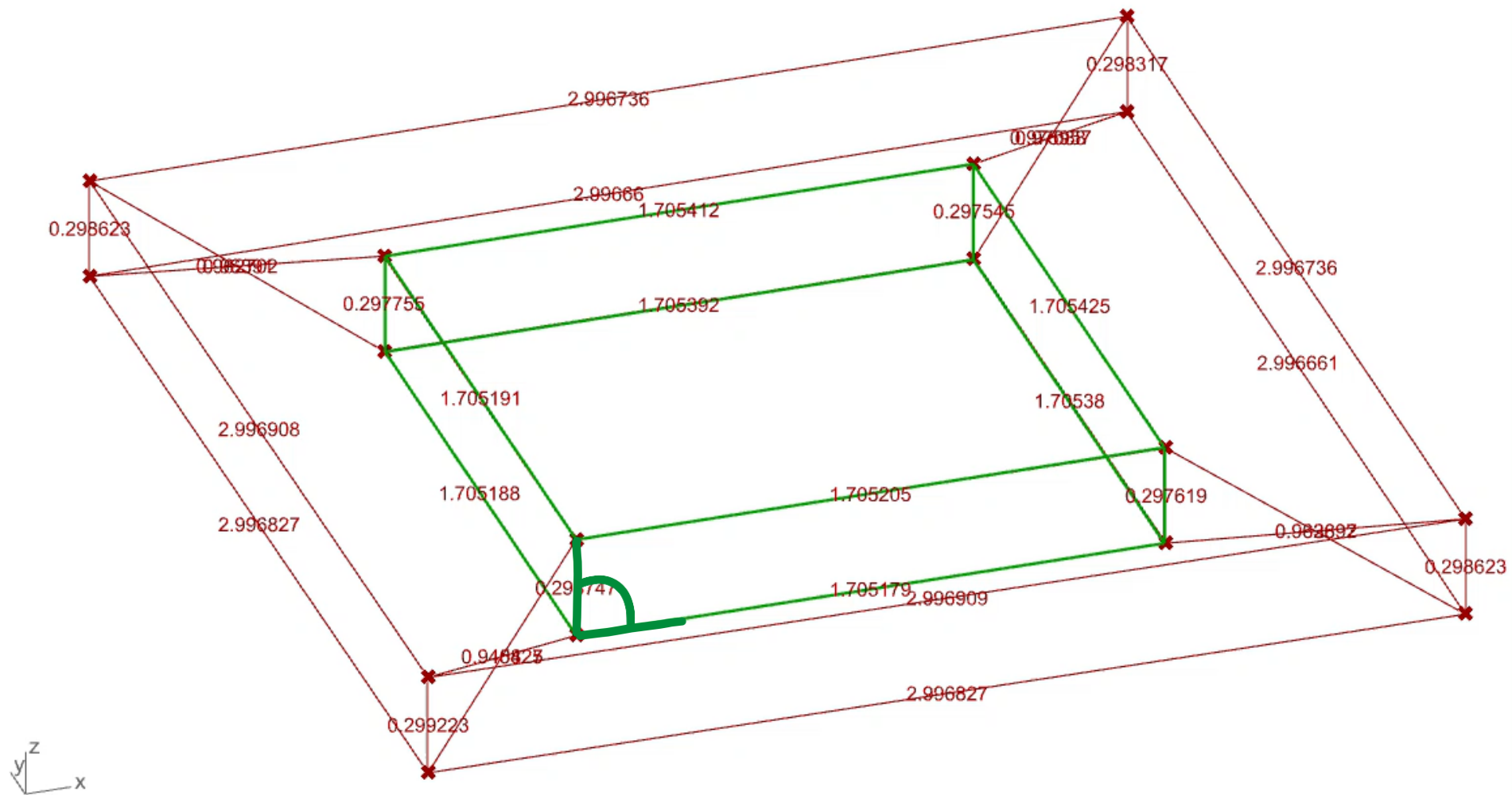


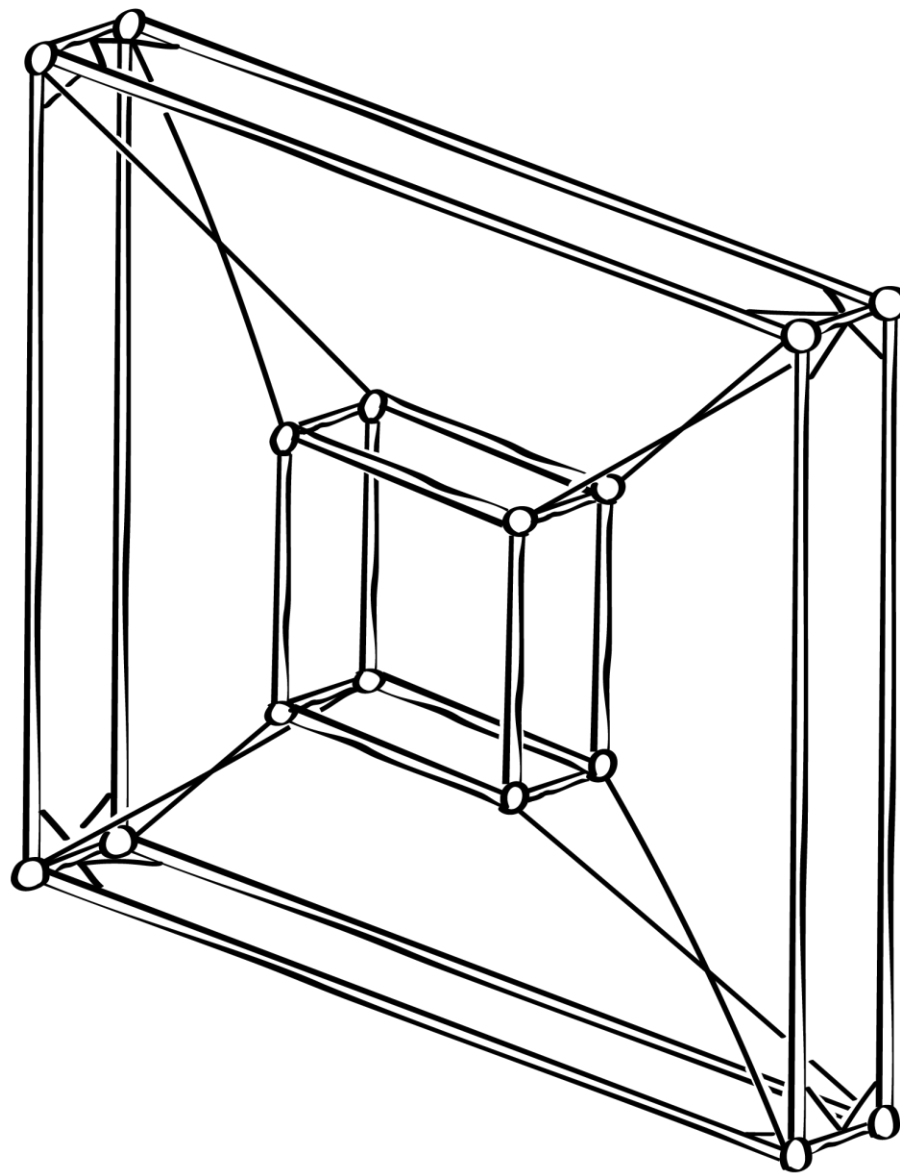
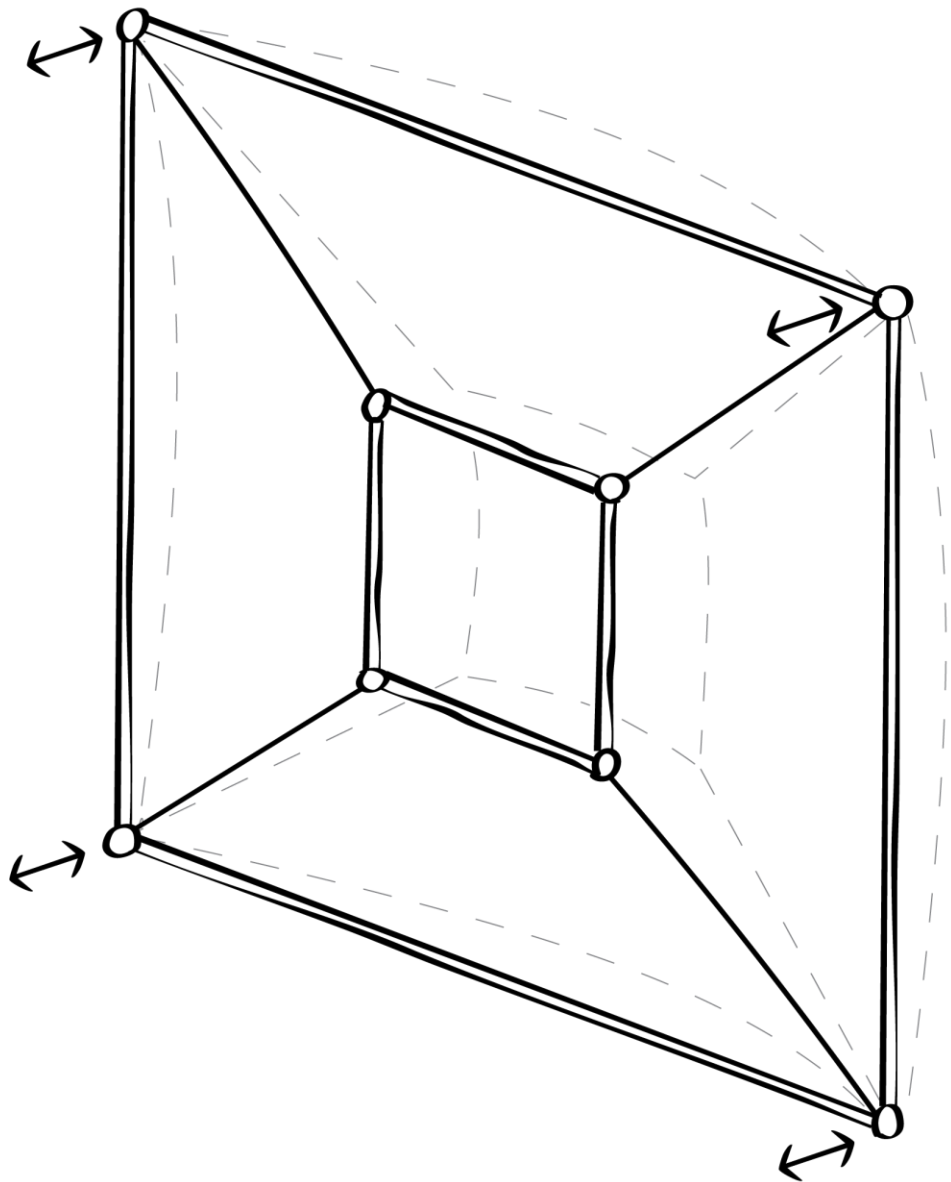


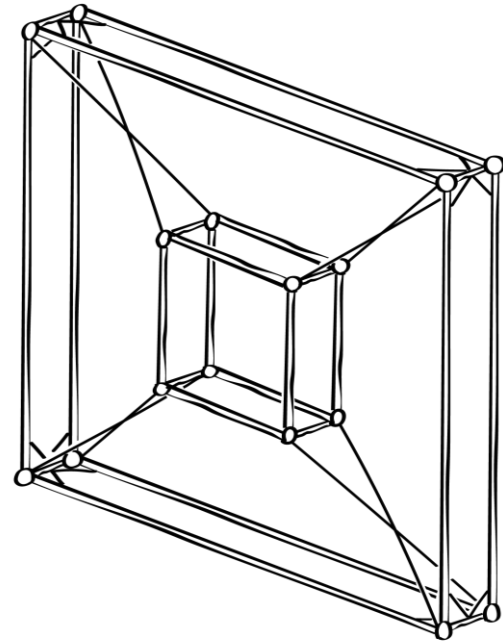
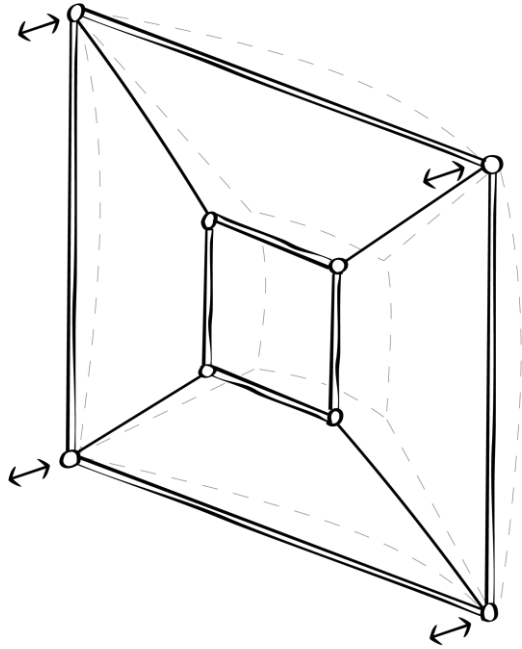
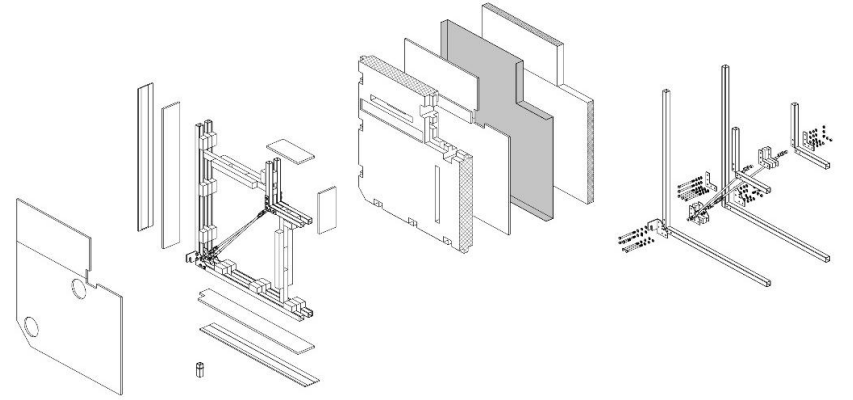
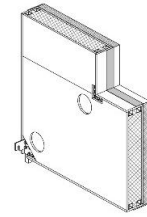
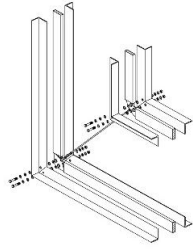
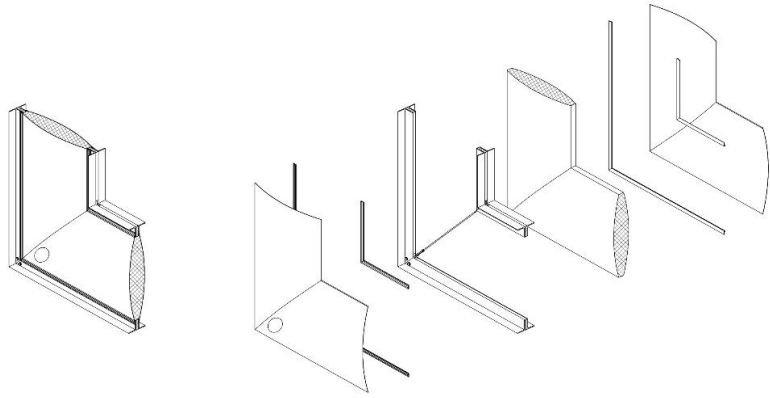


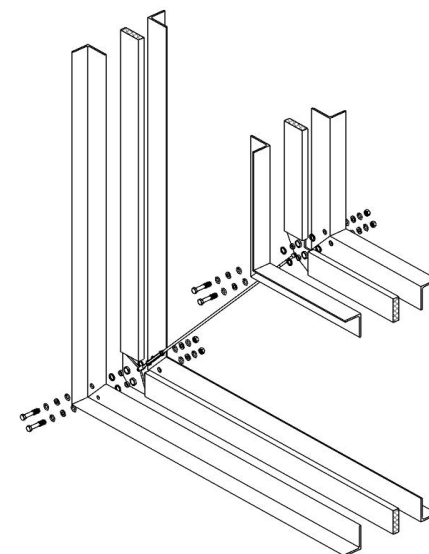
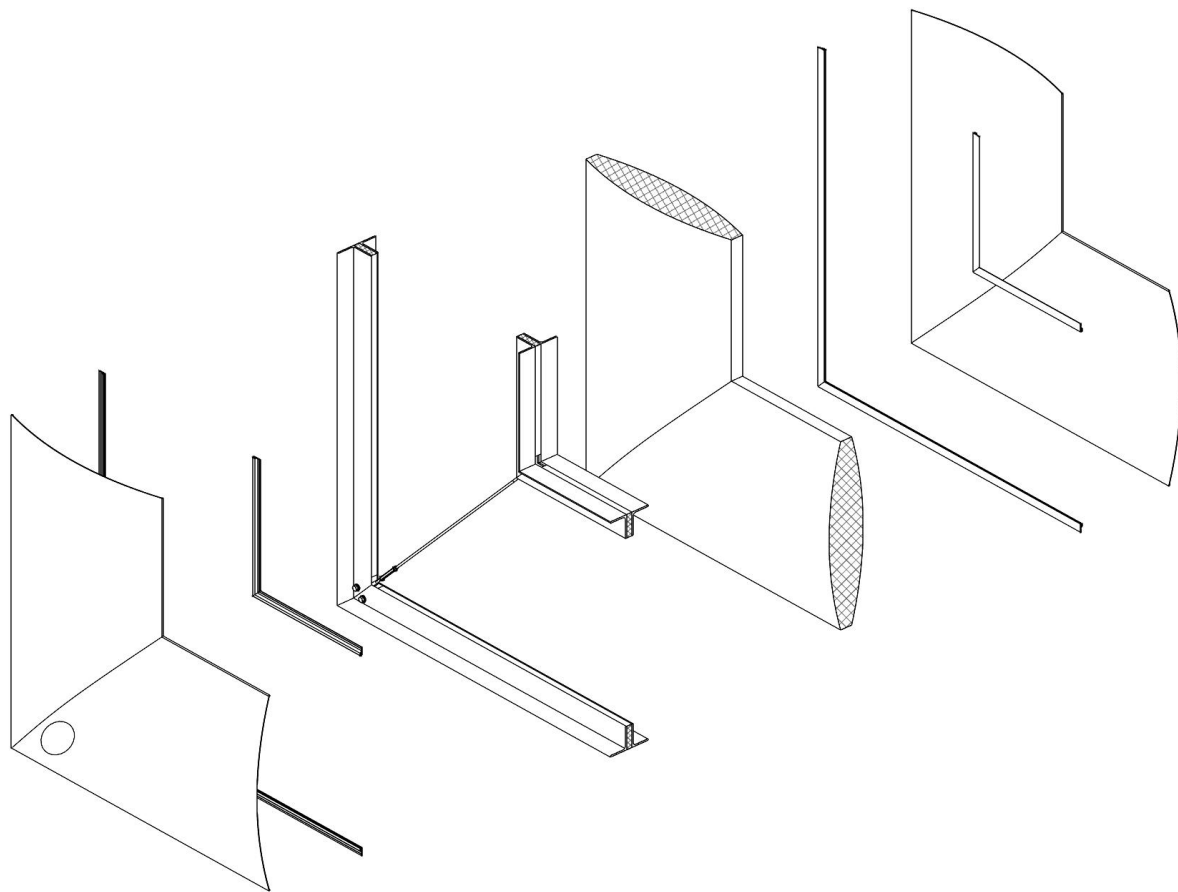
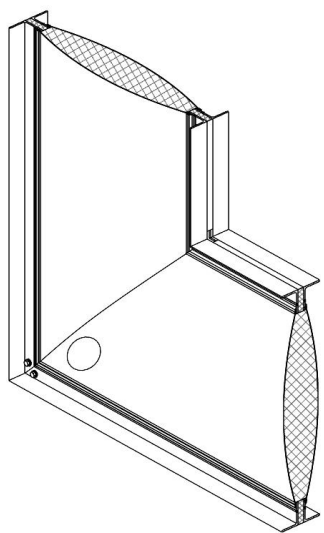


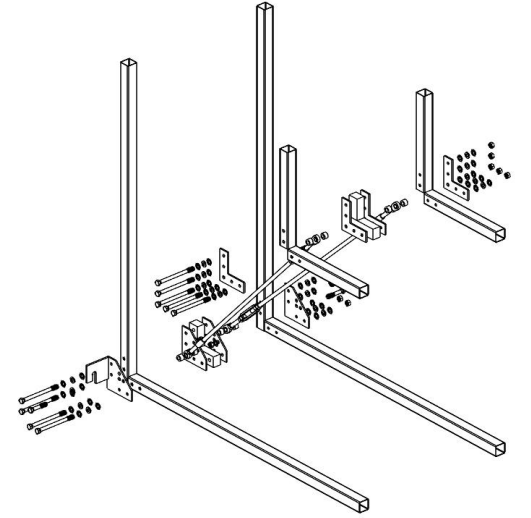
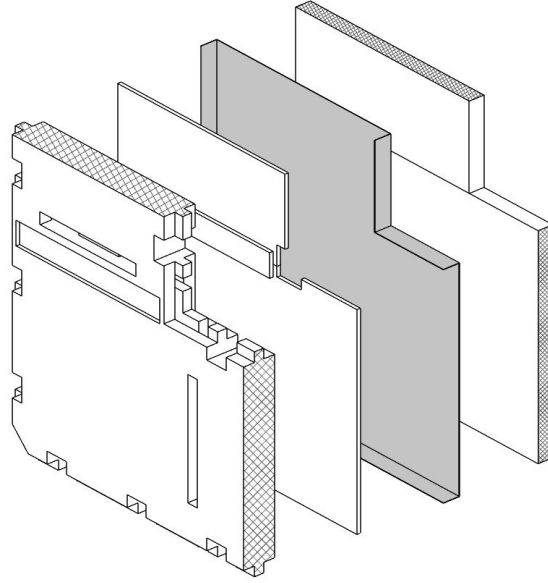
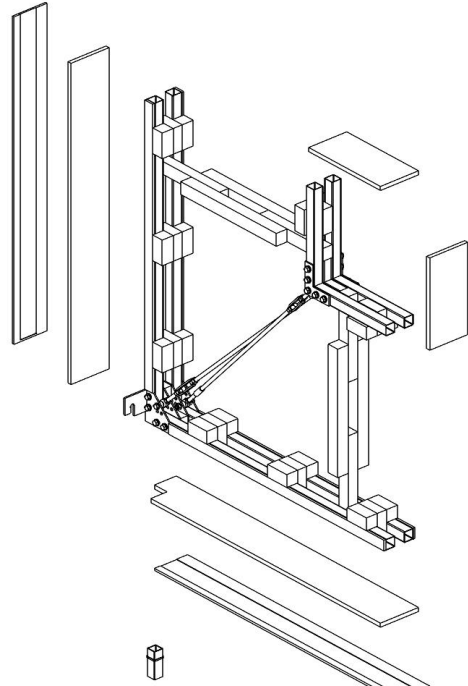
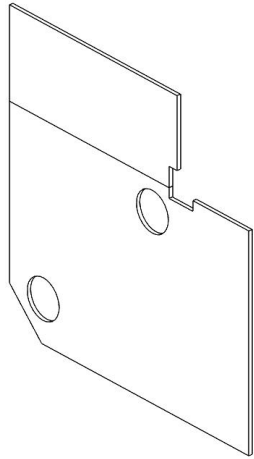
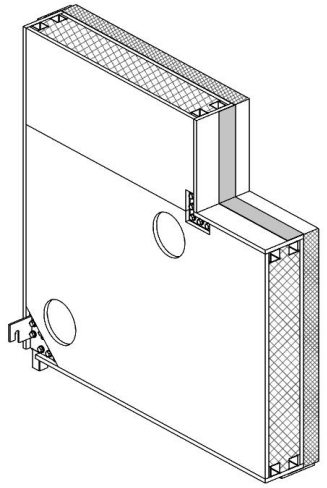


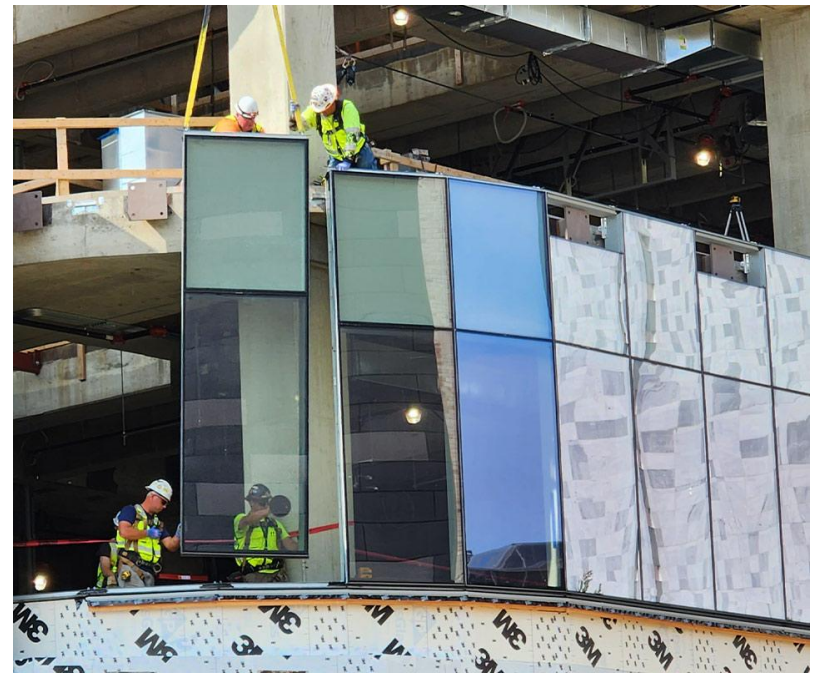
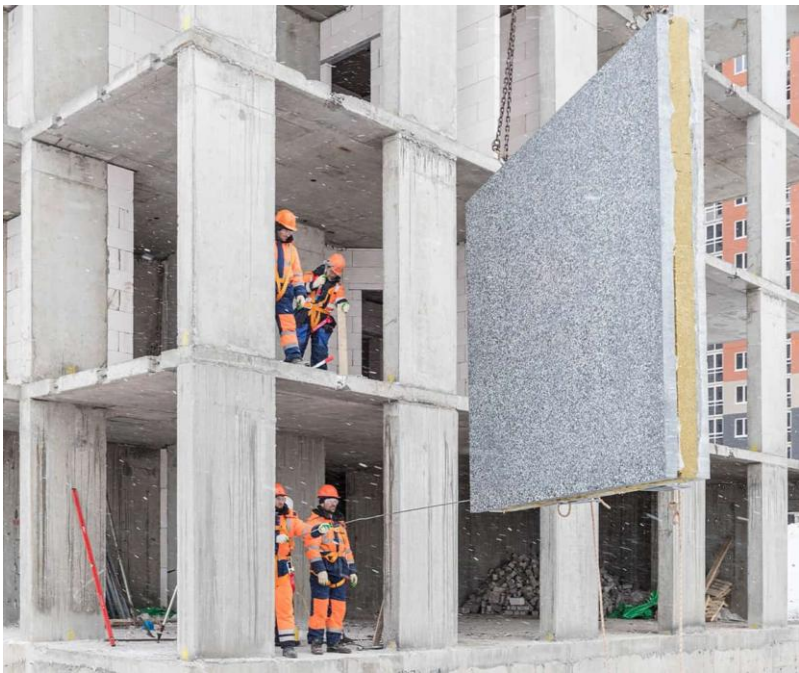


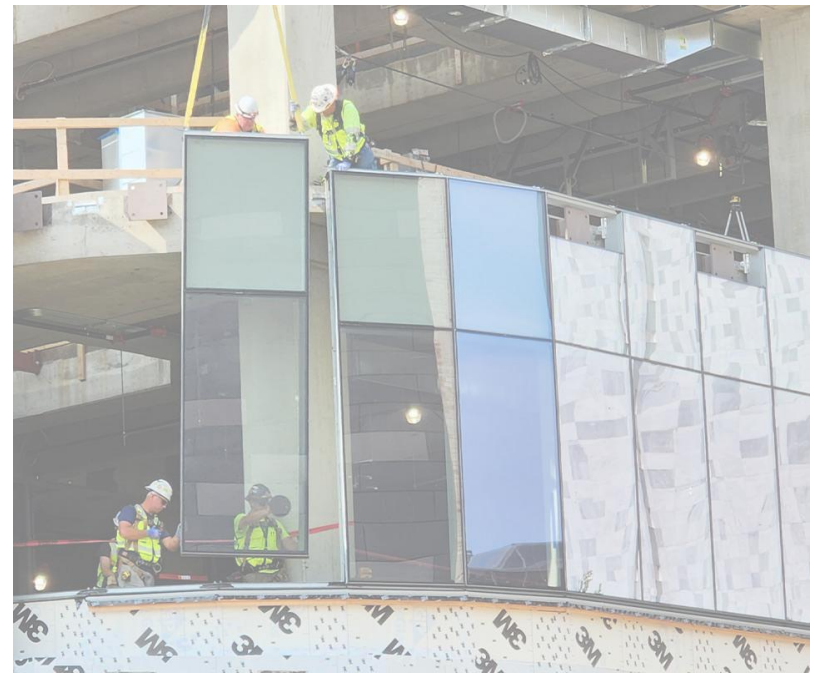


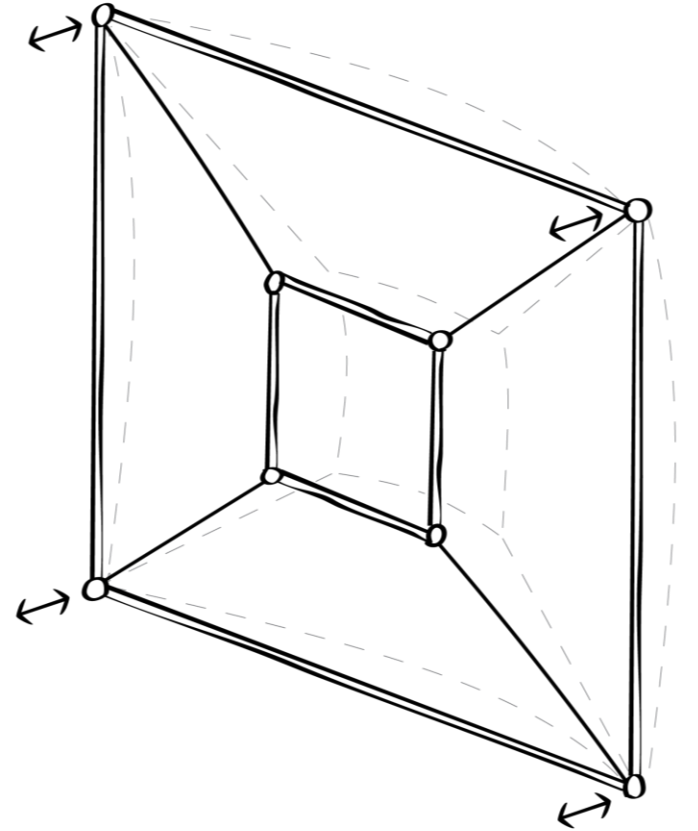
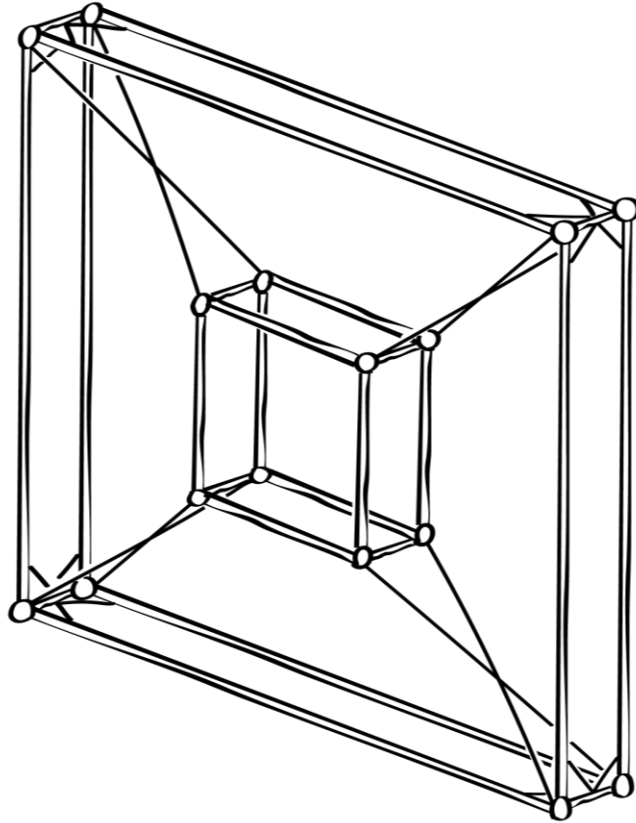
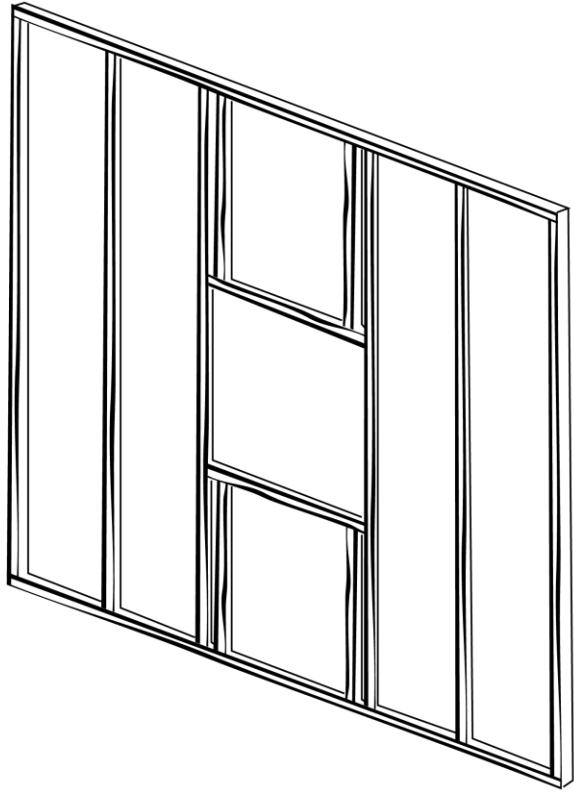




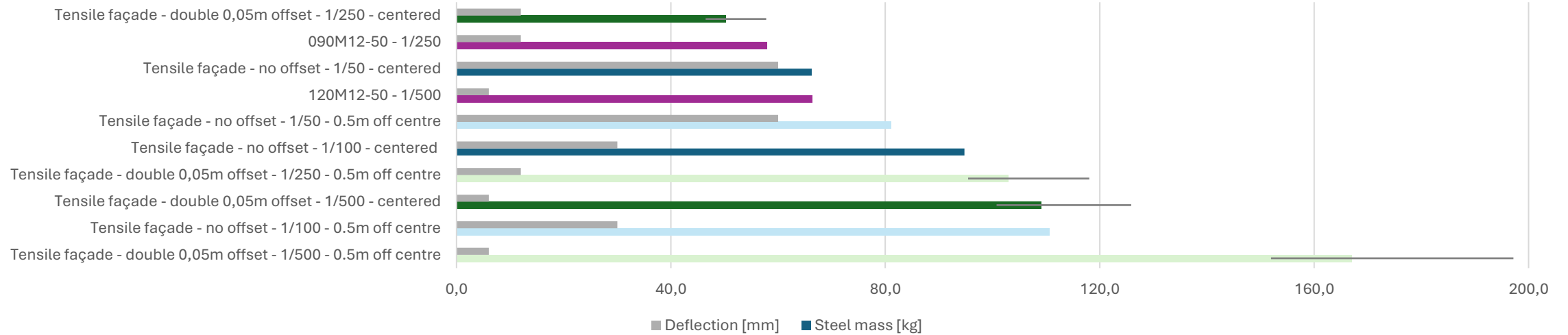




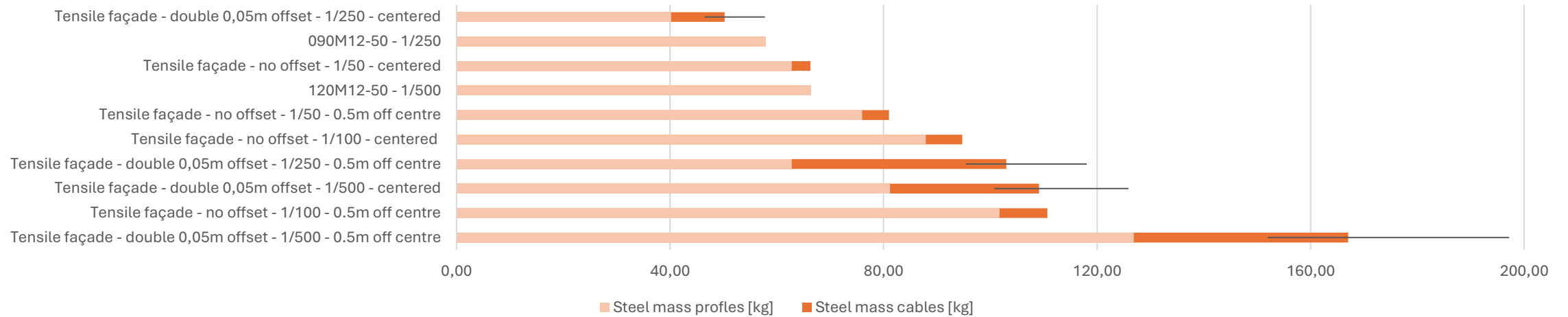




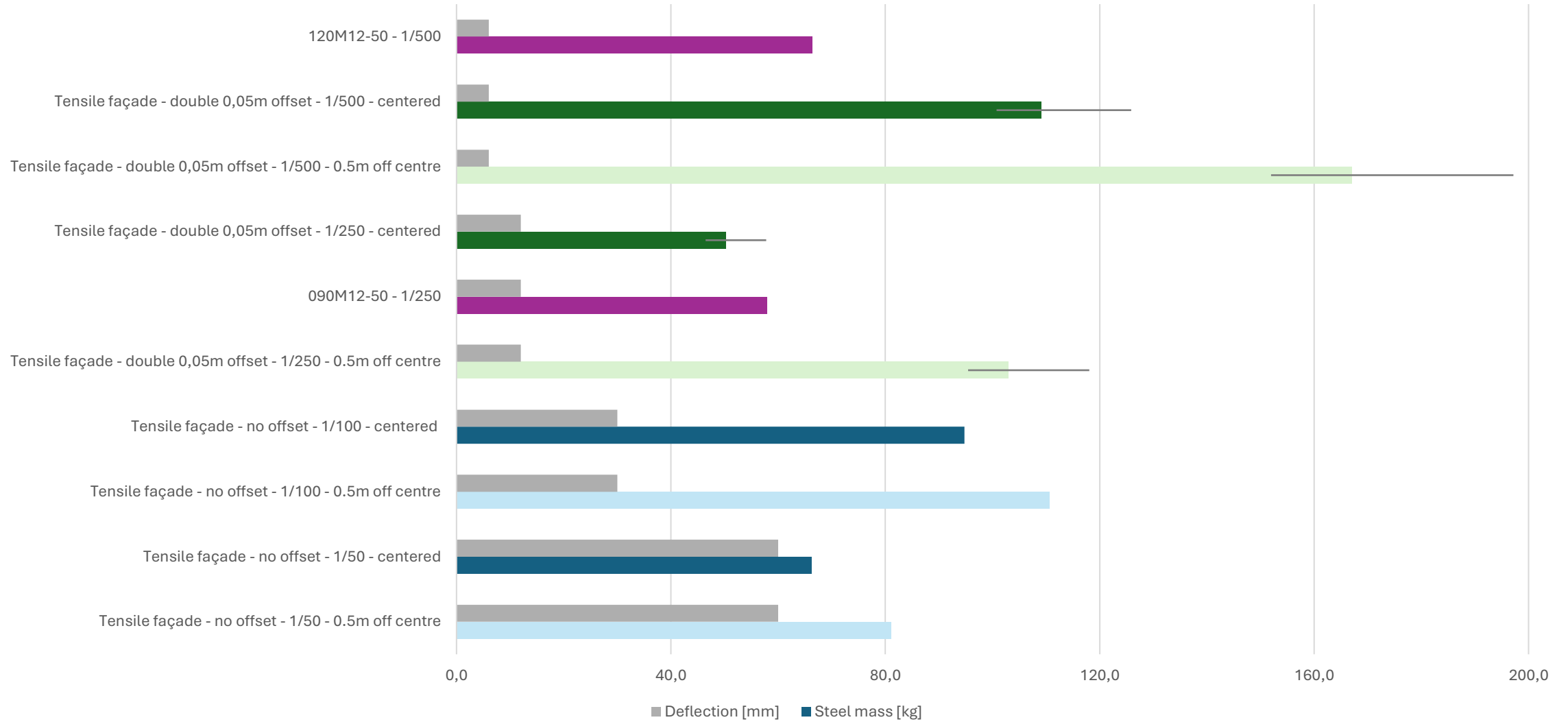
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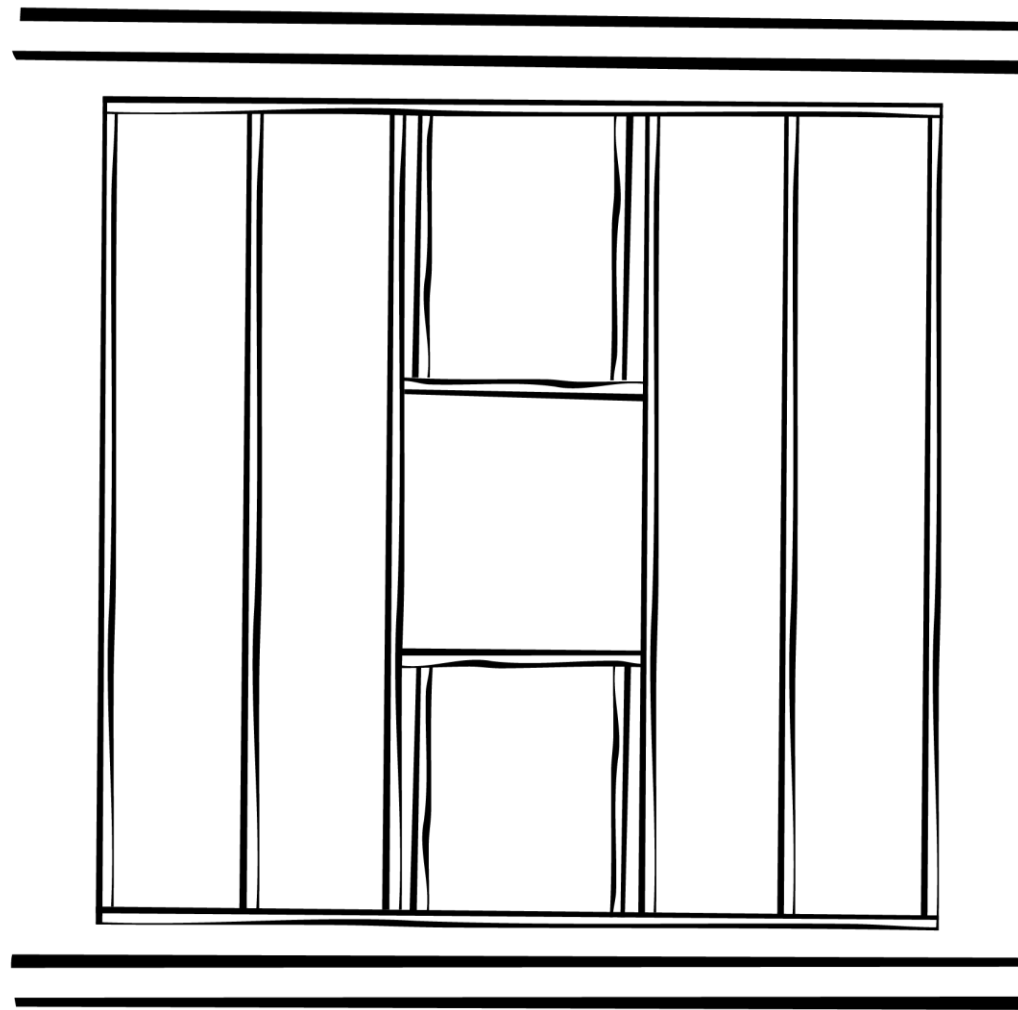
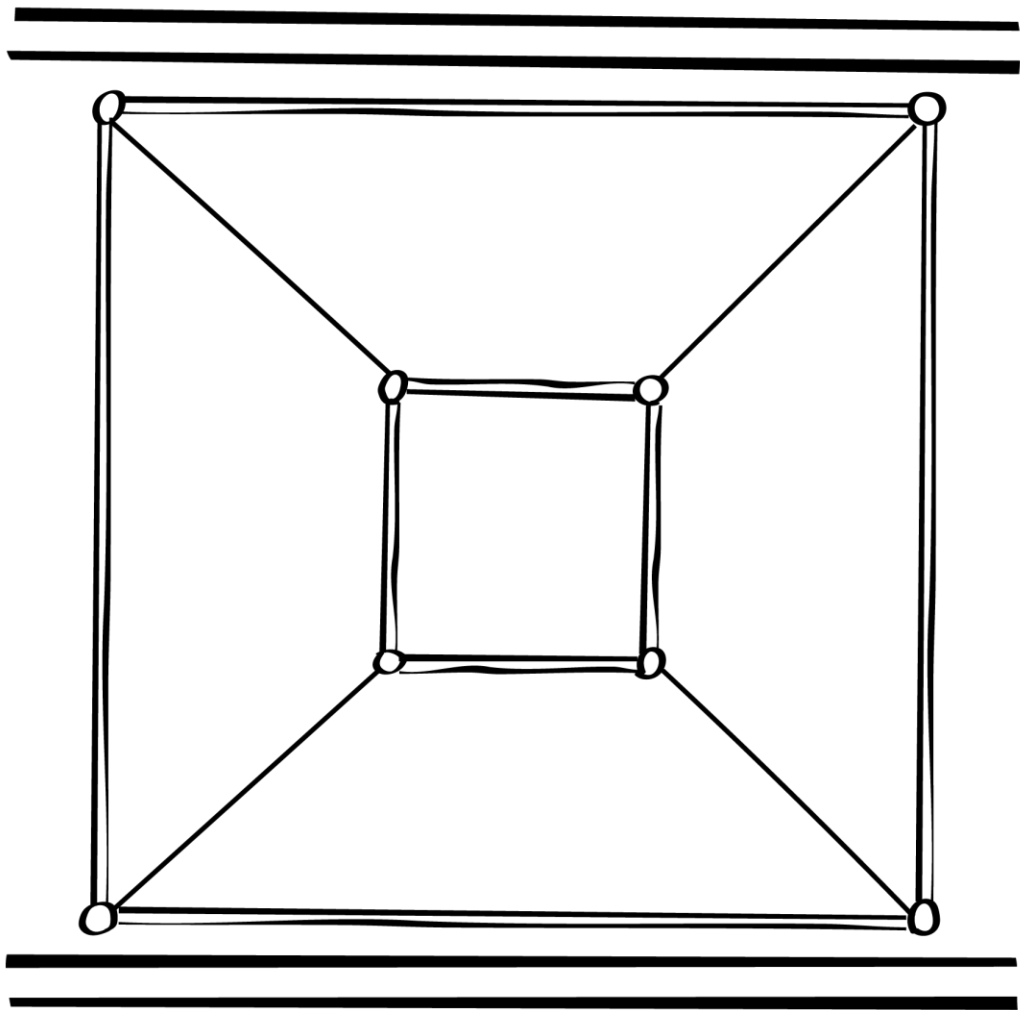


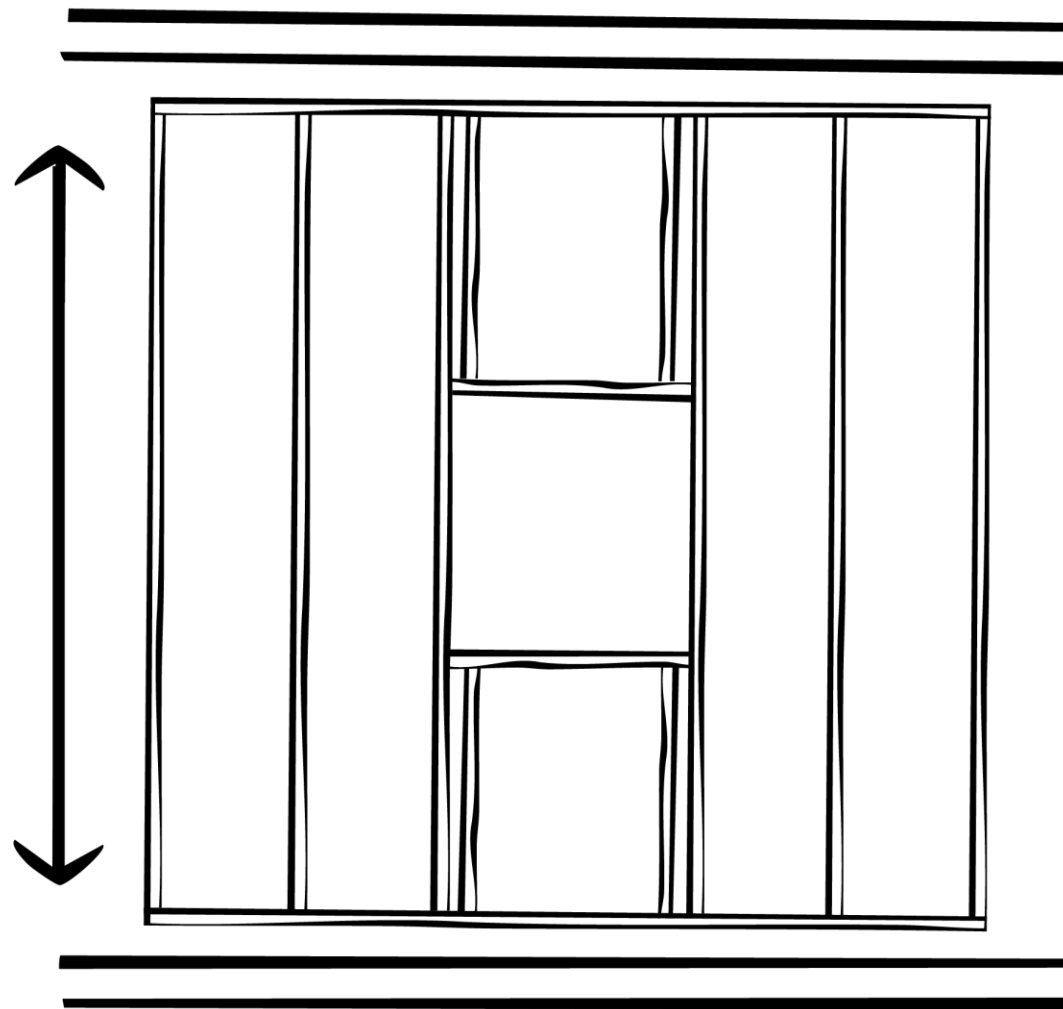
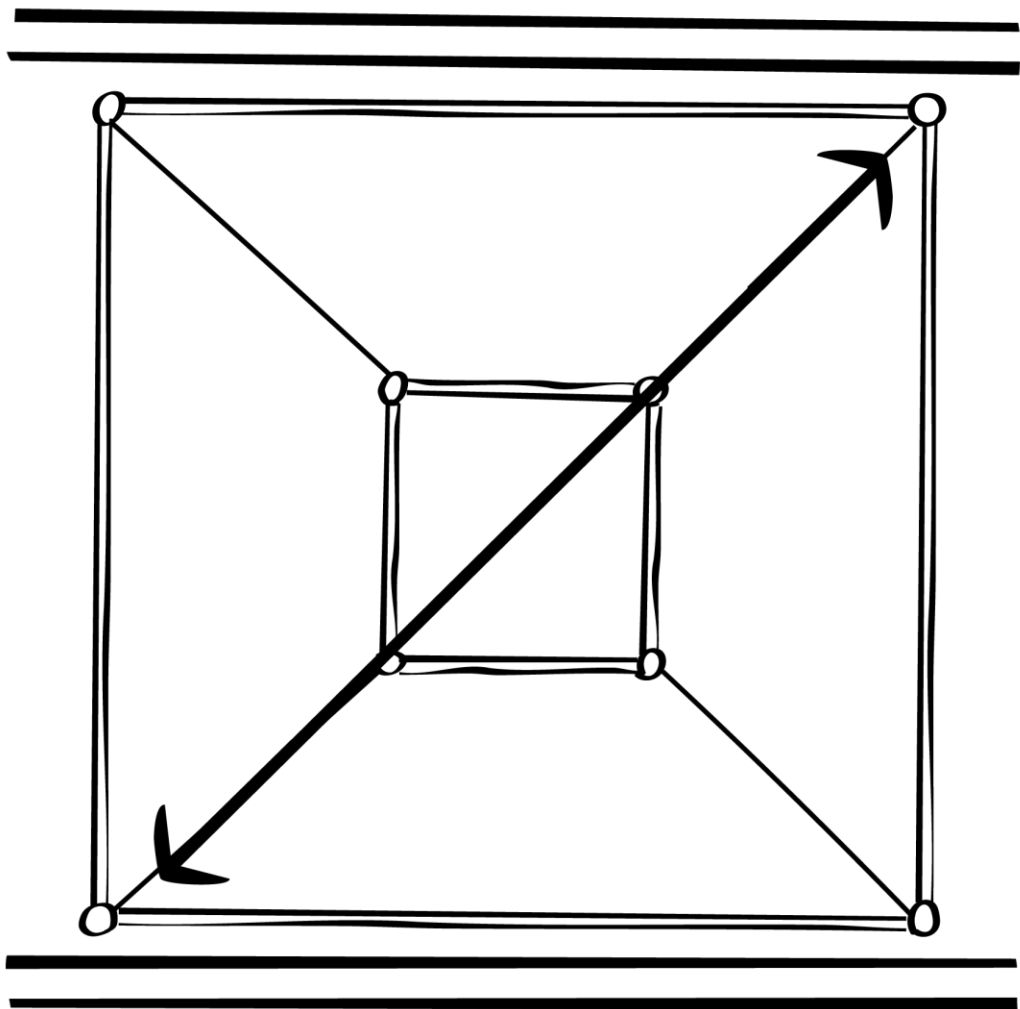
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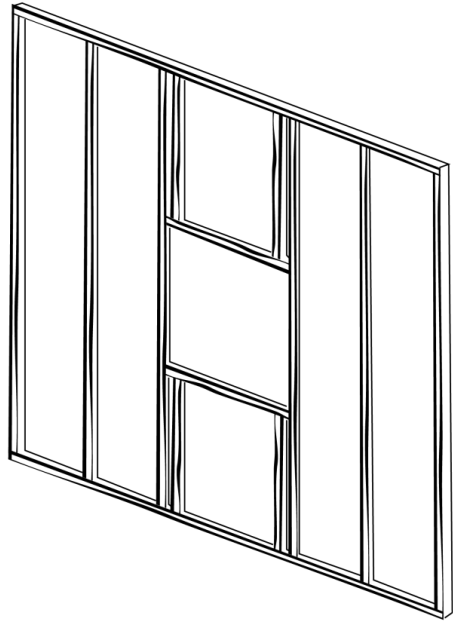


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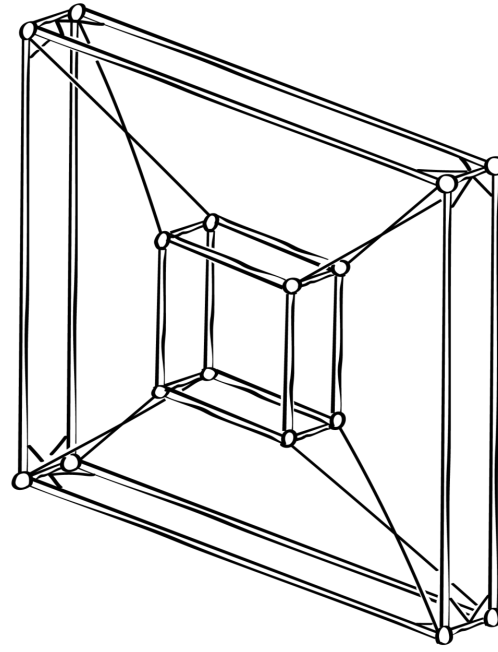




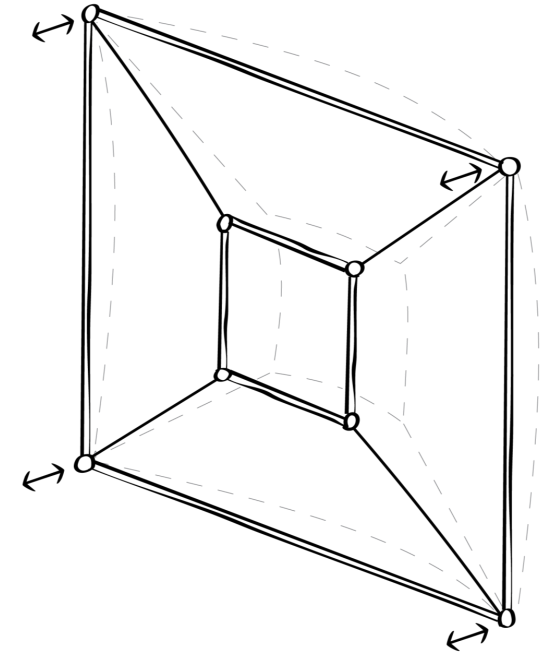




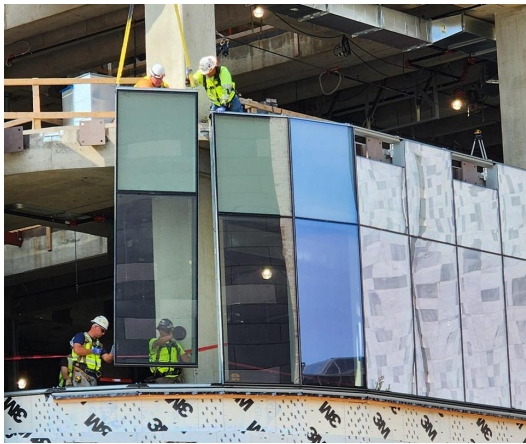
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- Low steel usage
- High configurability
- Low maintenance
- Easy to manufacture
- Easy to clad the panel
- No stability issues
- Prone to condensation issues
- Moderate thermal performance
- Moderate reusability
- Low to moderate shear resistance
- Continuous support required



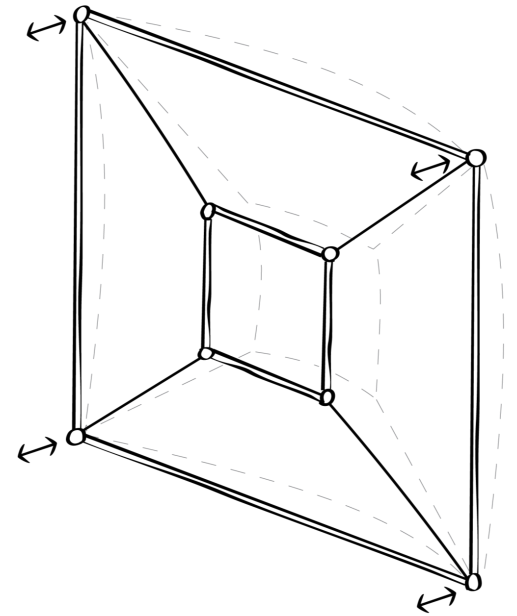
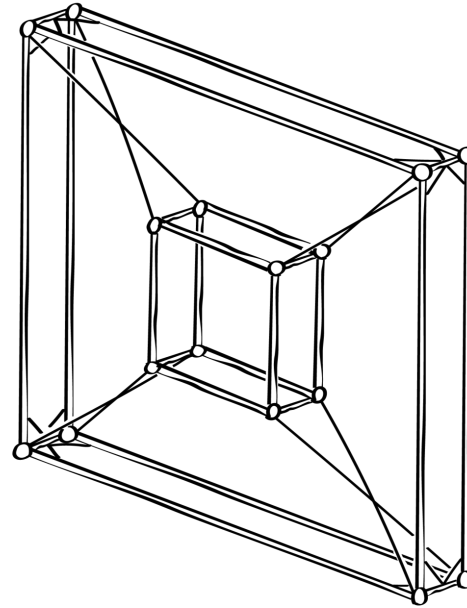
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- Low to moderate steel usage
- Moderate configurability
- High maintenance
- Difficult to manufacture
- Moderate difficulty with cladding
- Moderate stability issues
- Highly prone to condensation issues
- Moderate thermal performance
- Potentially high reusability
- High shear resistance
- Few support points

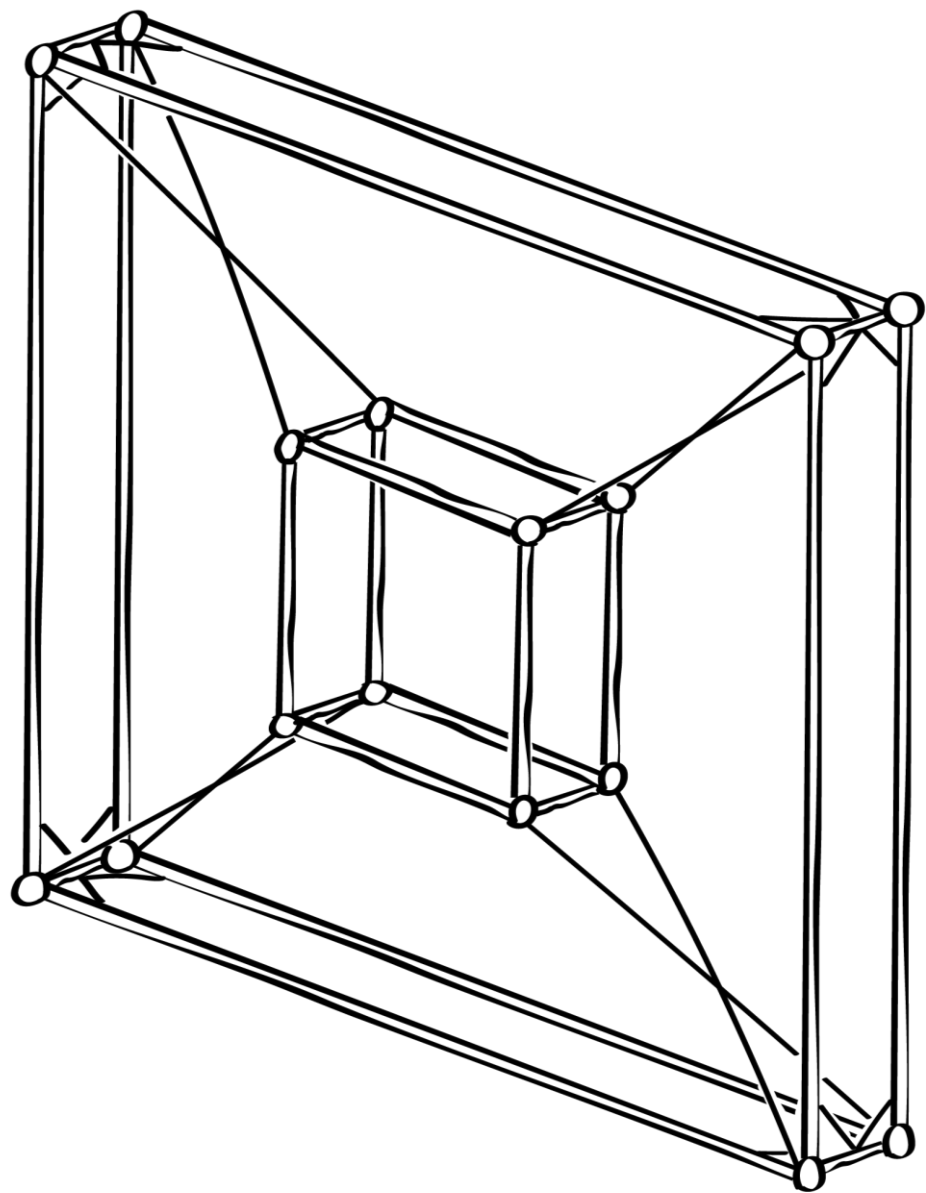


- High out of plane deflections
- Low steel usage
- Low to moderate configurability
- High maintenance
- Moderately difficult to manufacture
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- High stability issues
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- Moderate to good thermal performance
- Potentially high reusability
- High shear resistance
- Few support points

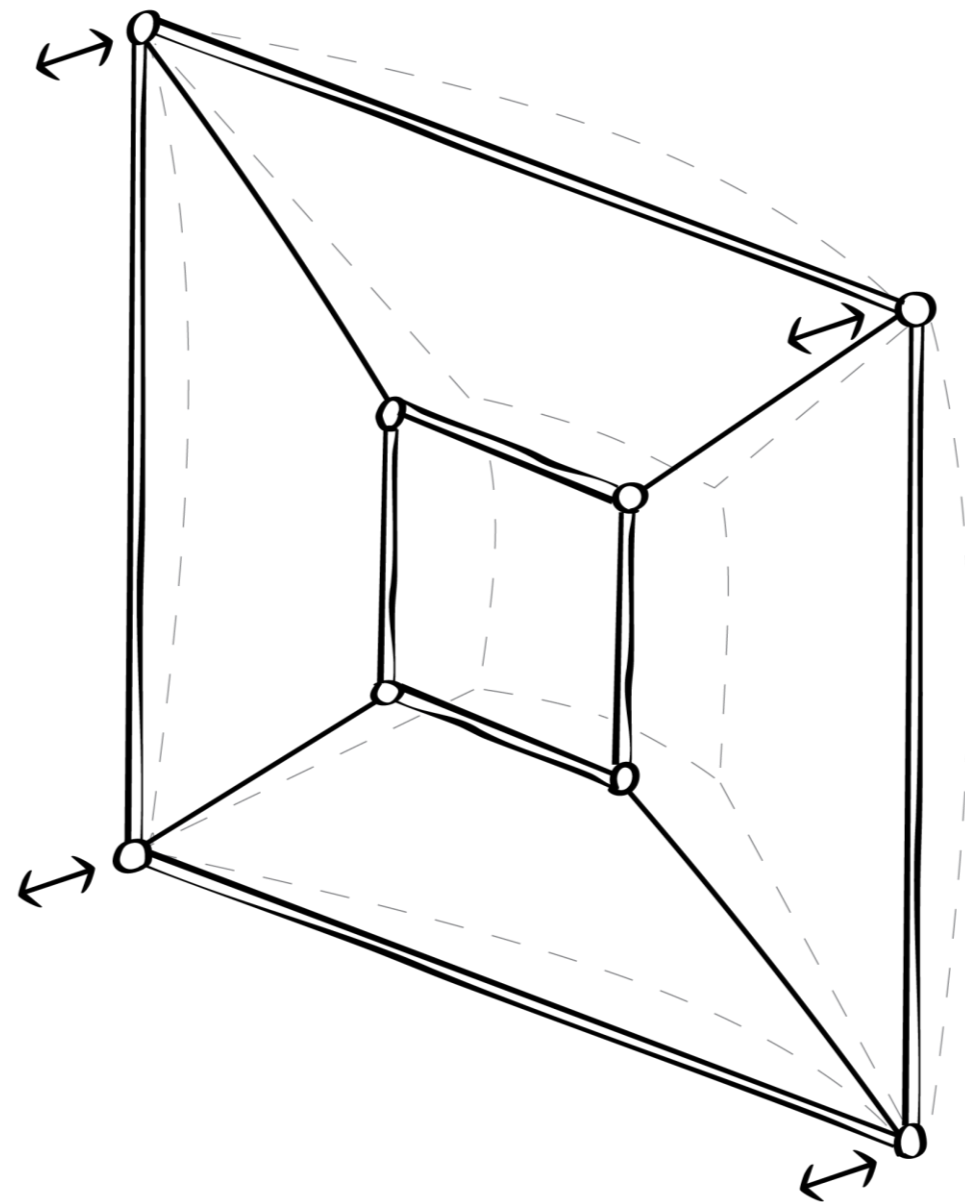


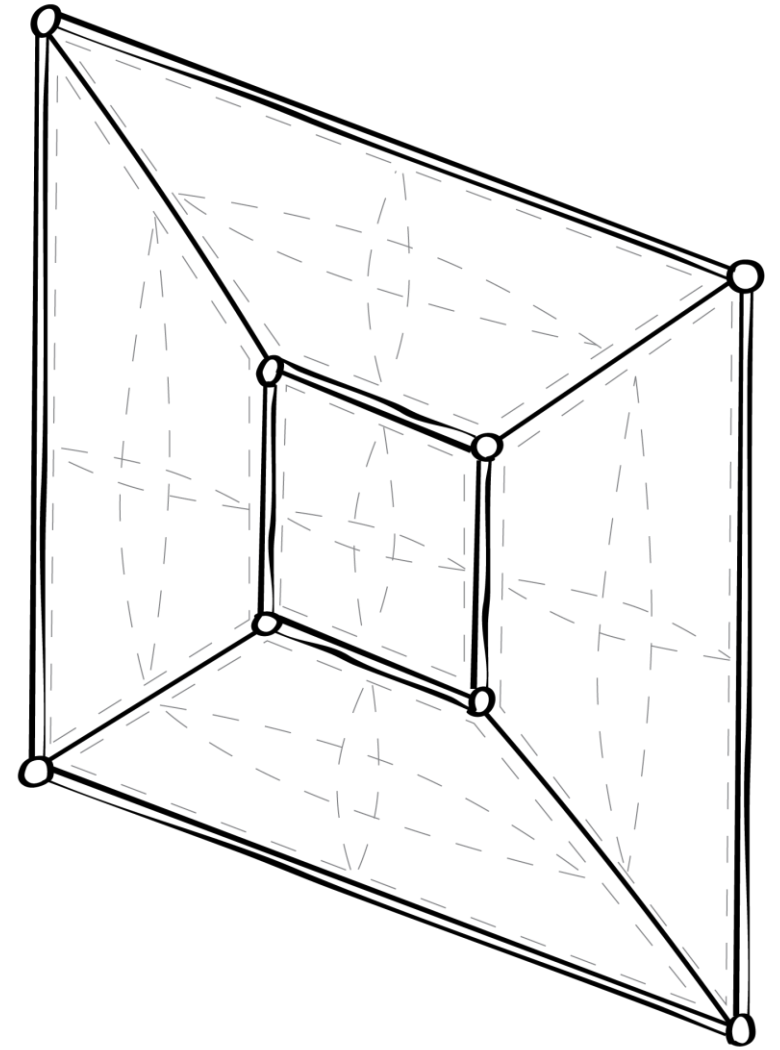
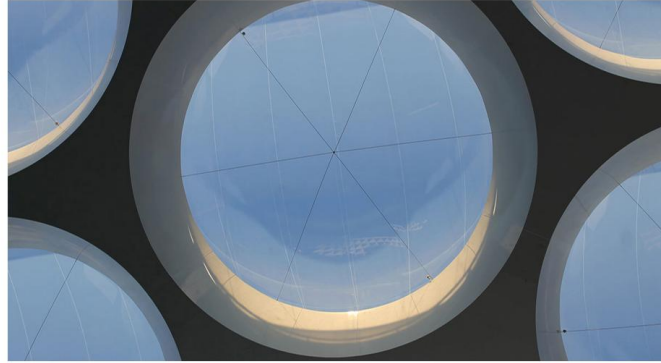
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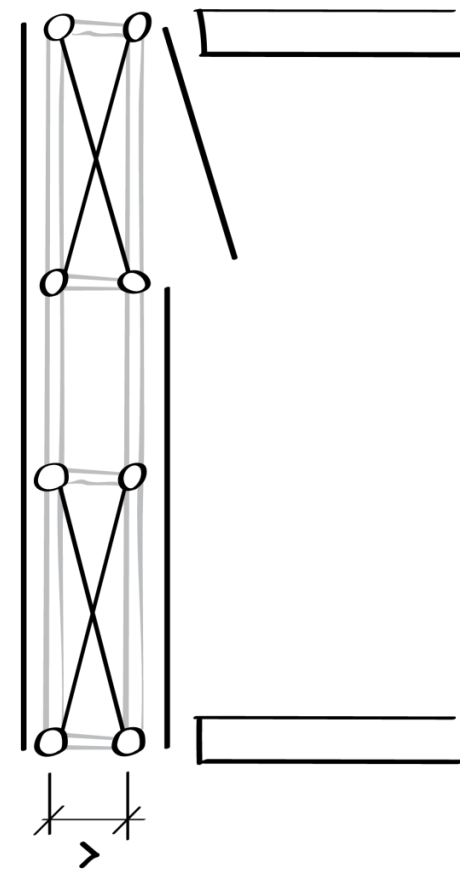
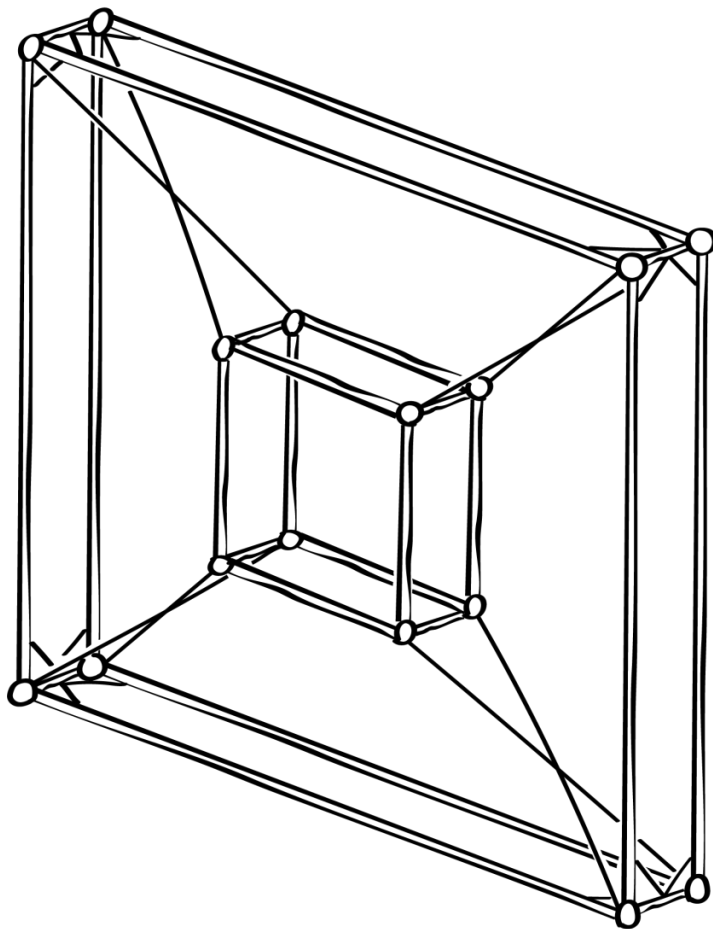
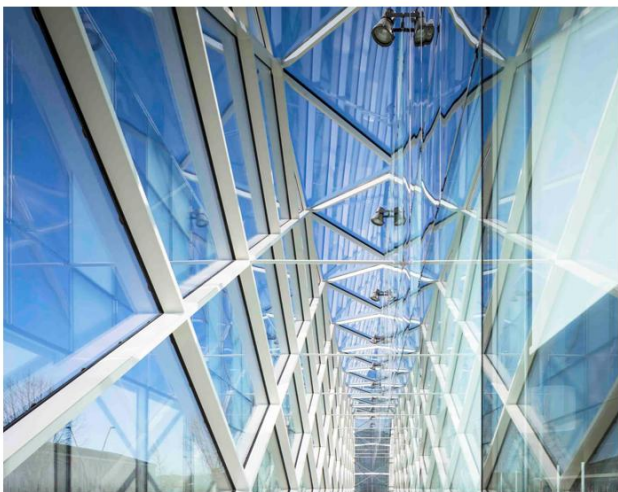


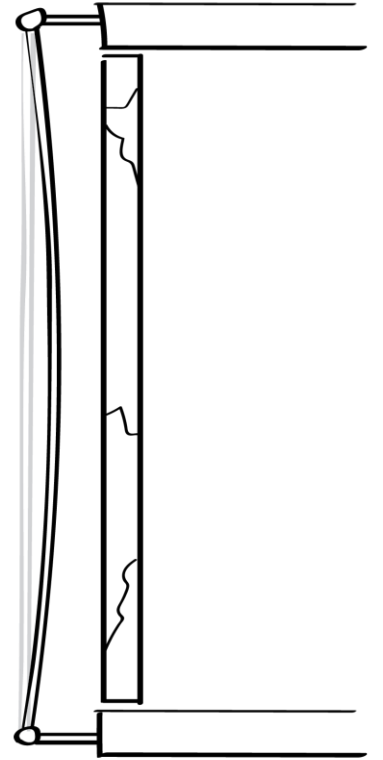
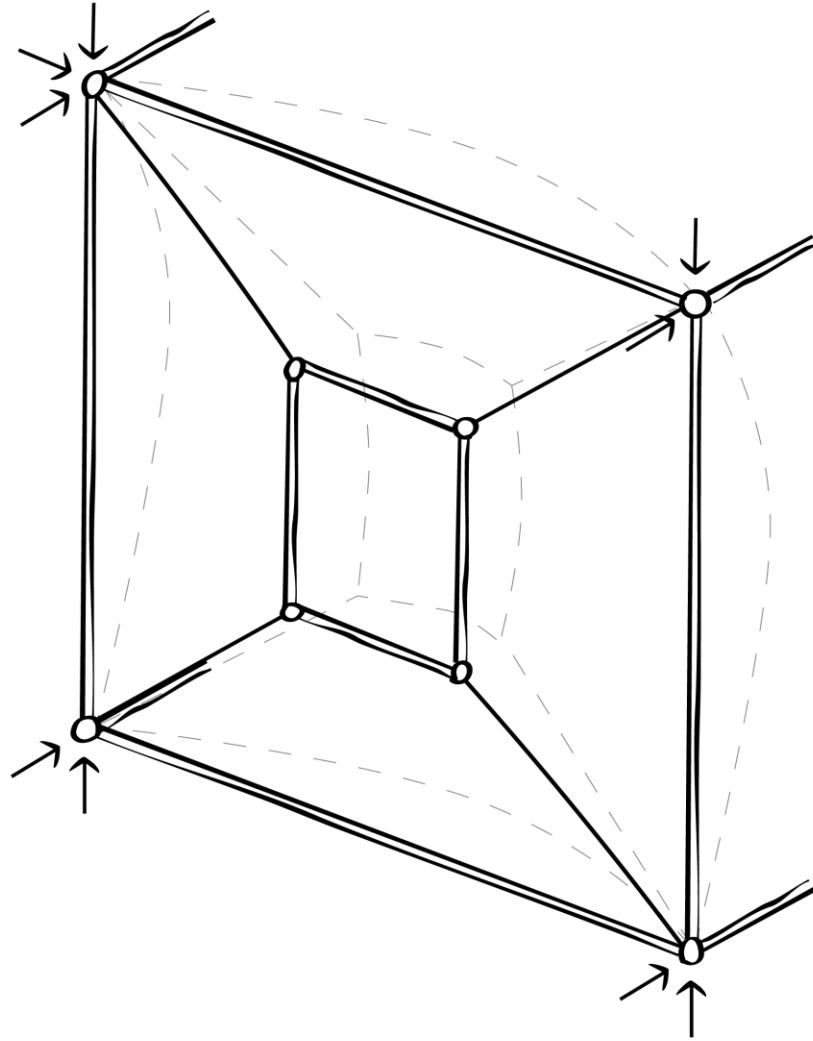


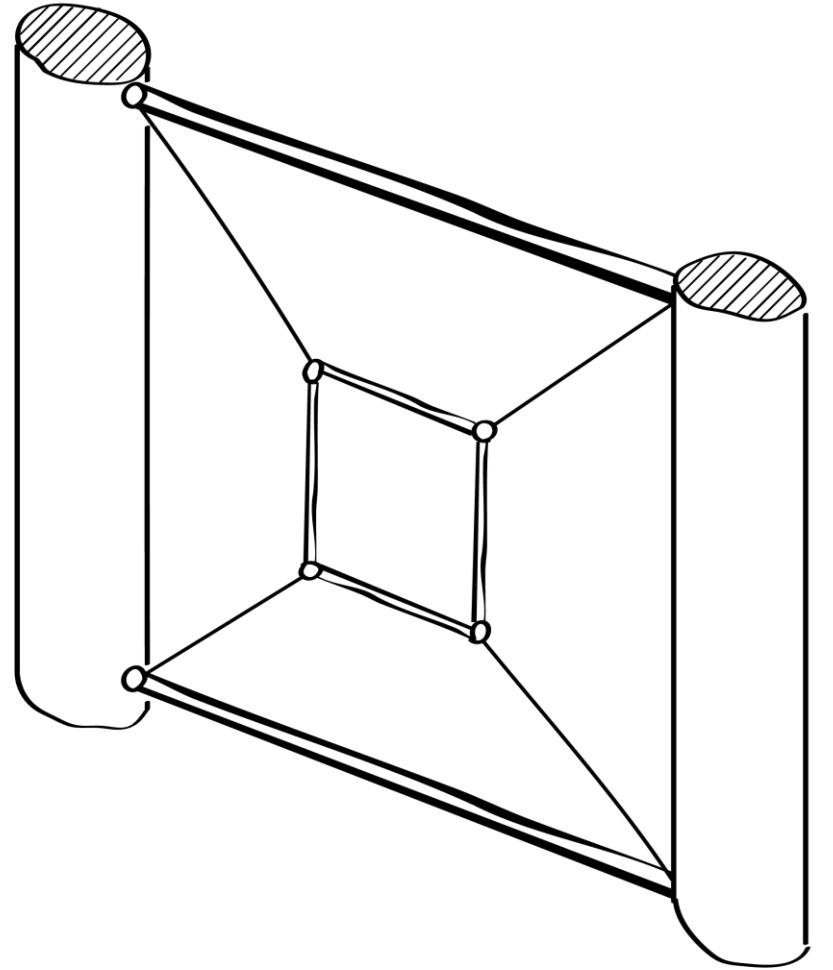
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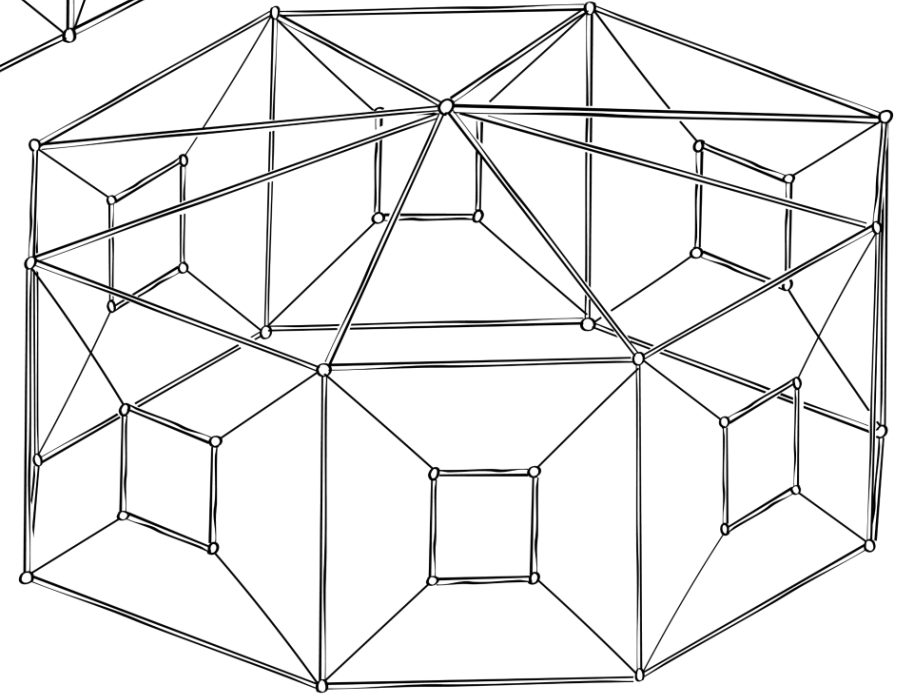
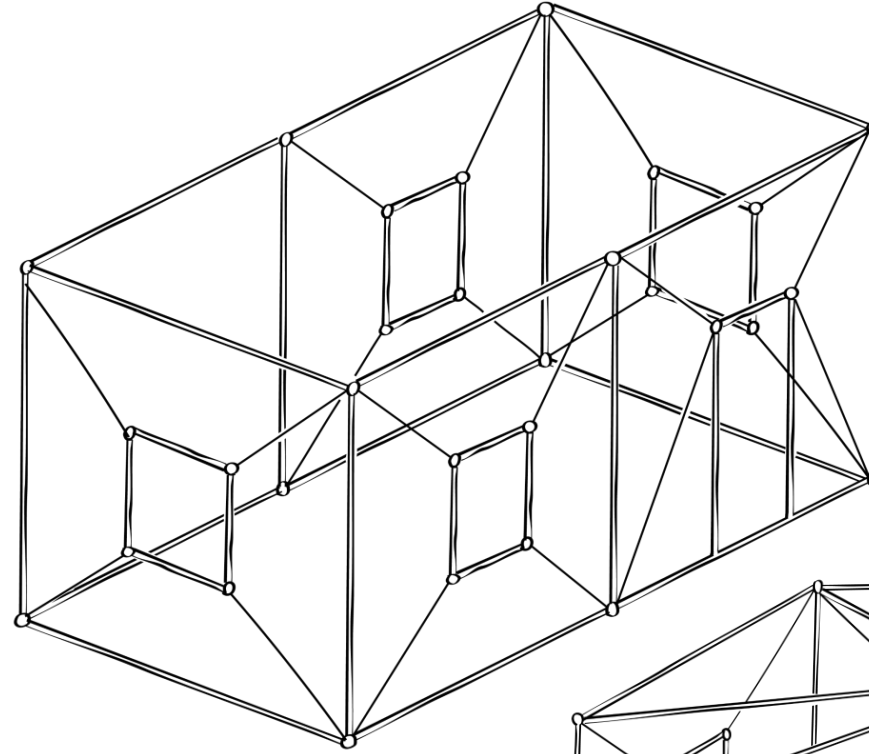


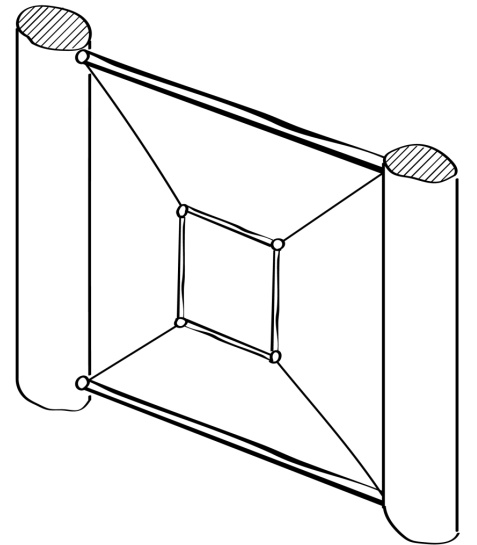
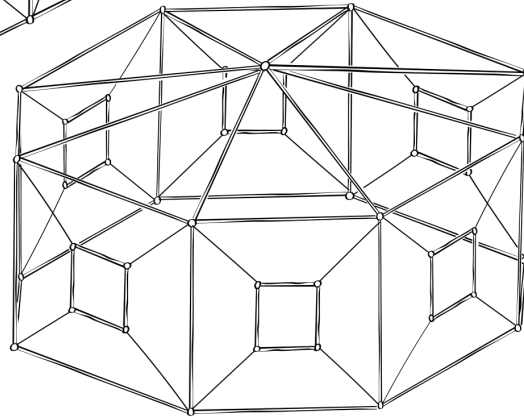
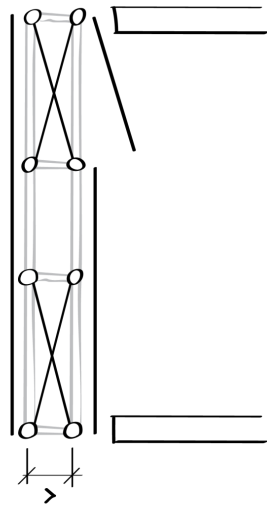
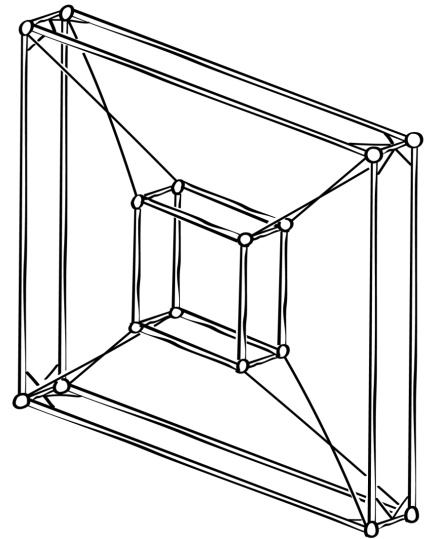
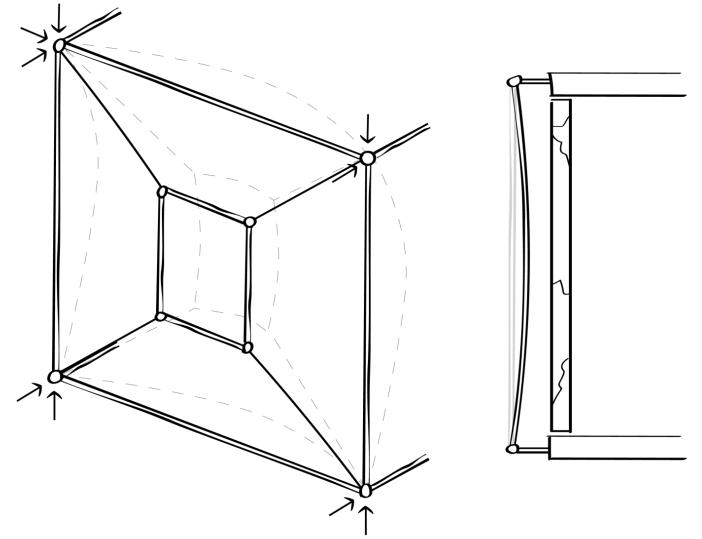
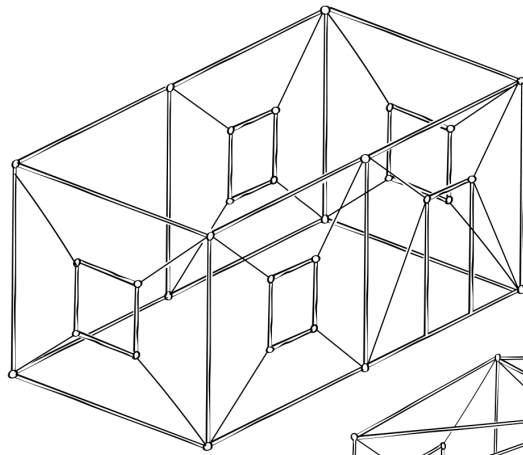
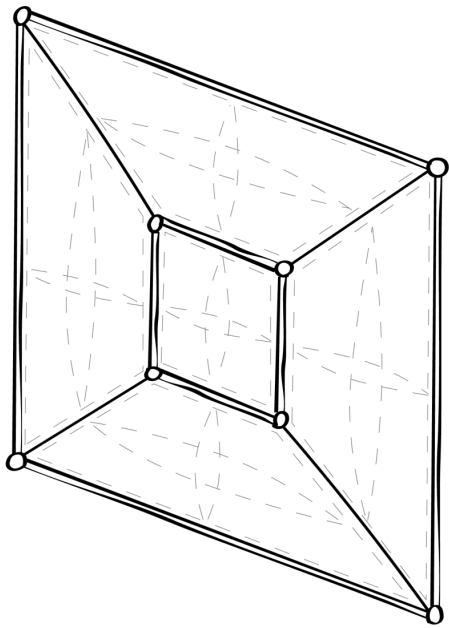


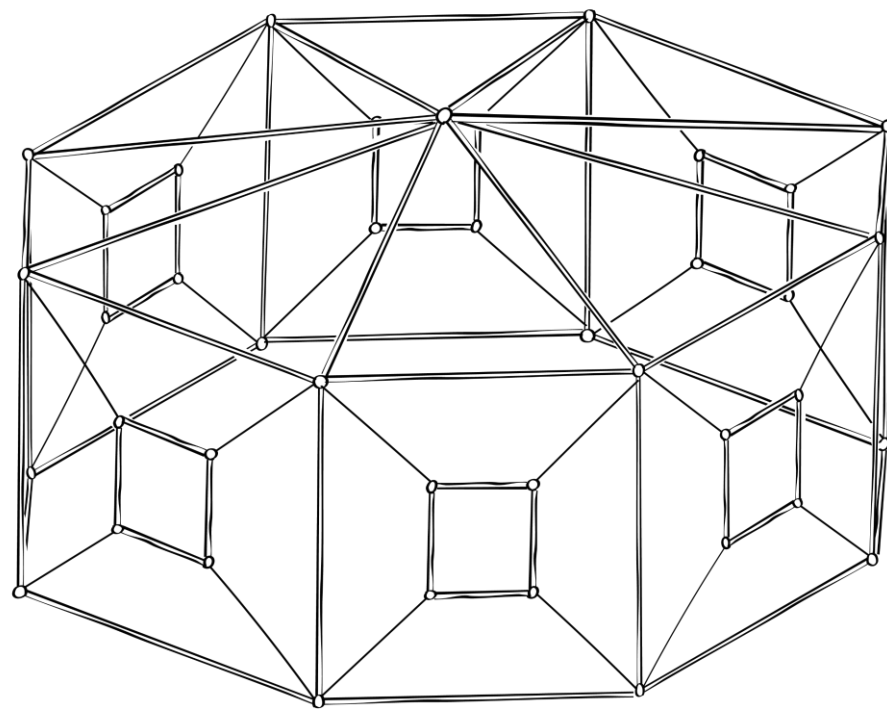
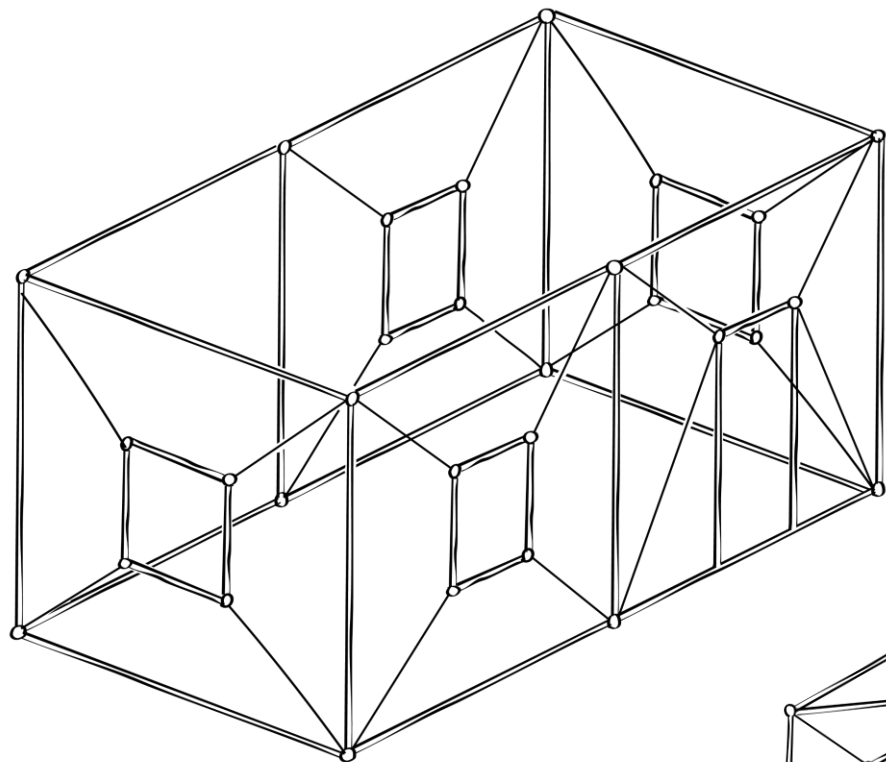


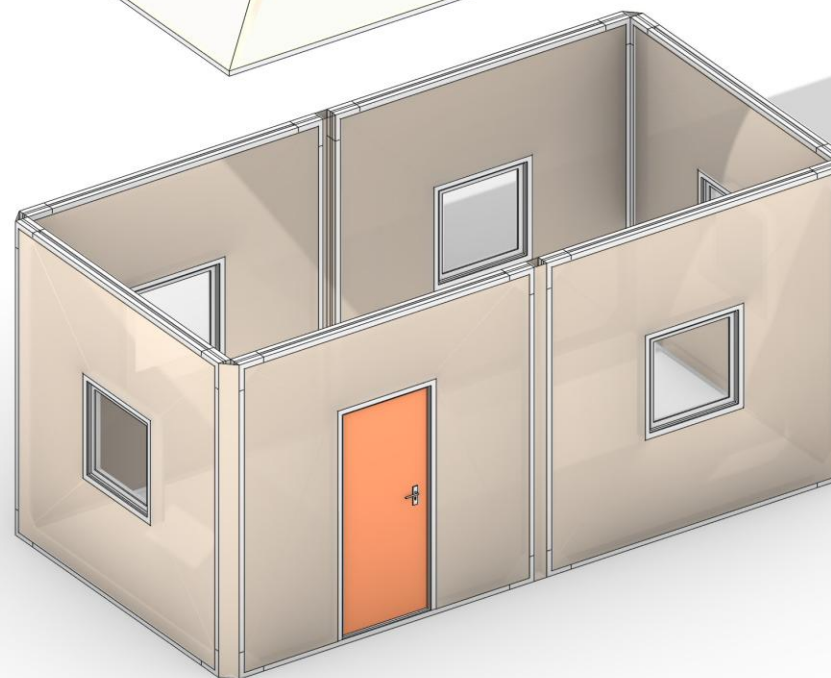
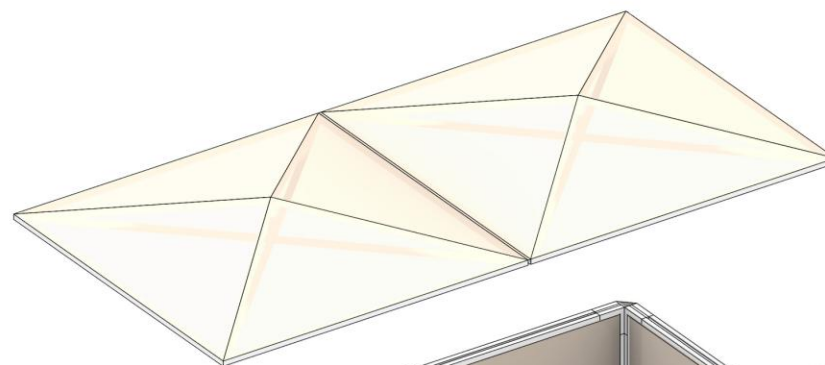
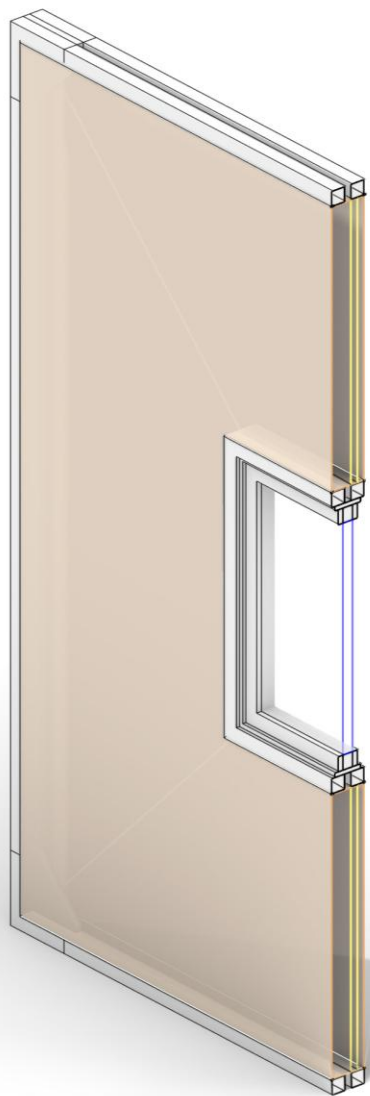
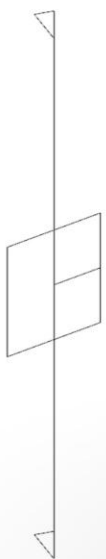


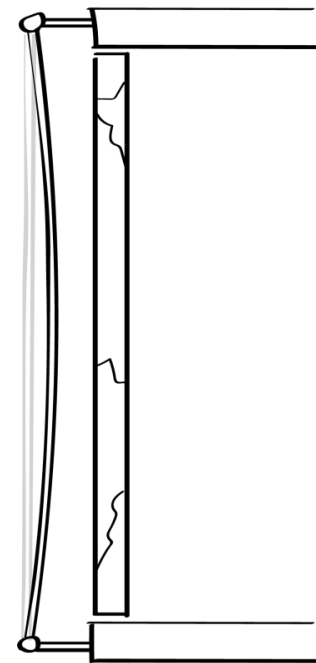
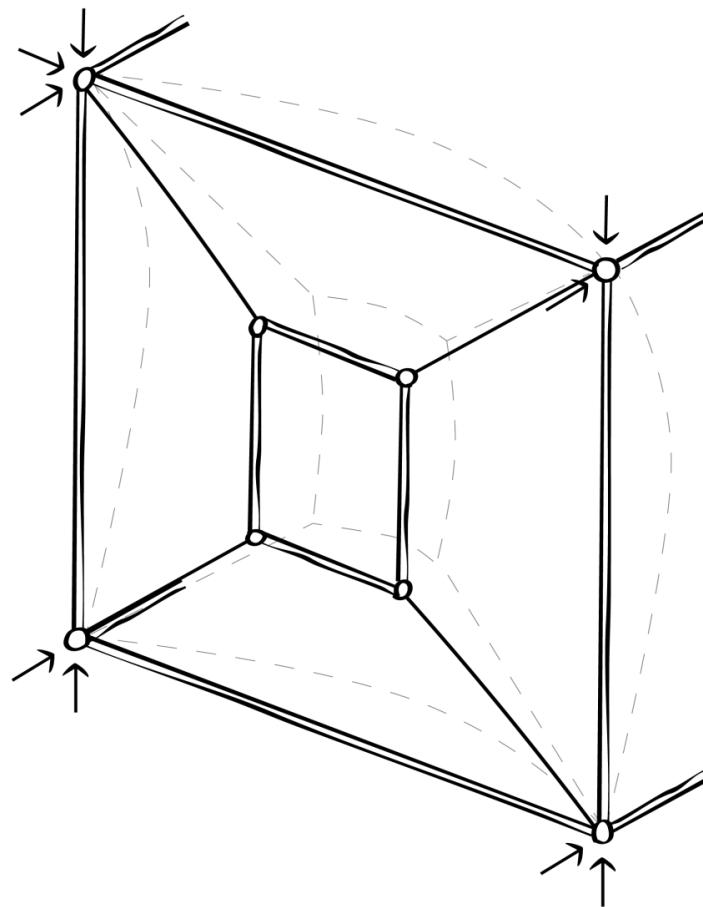
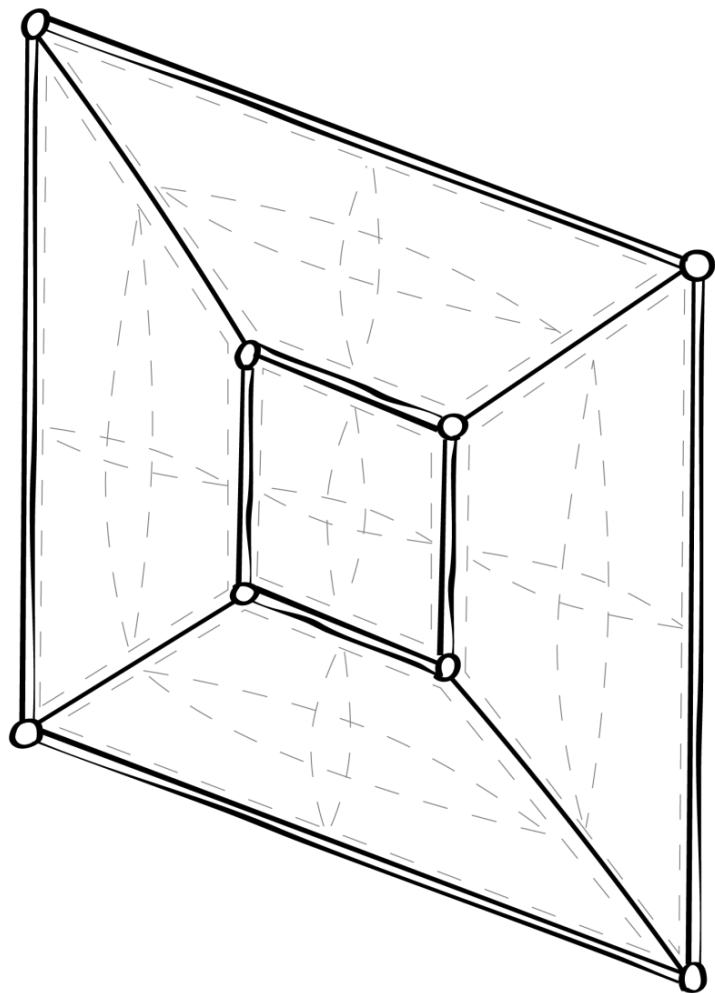


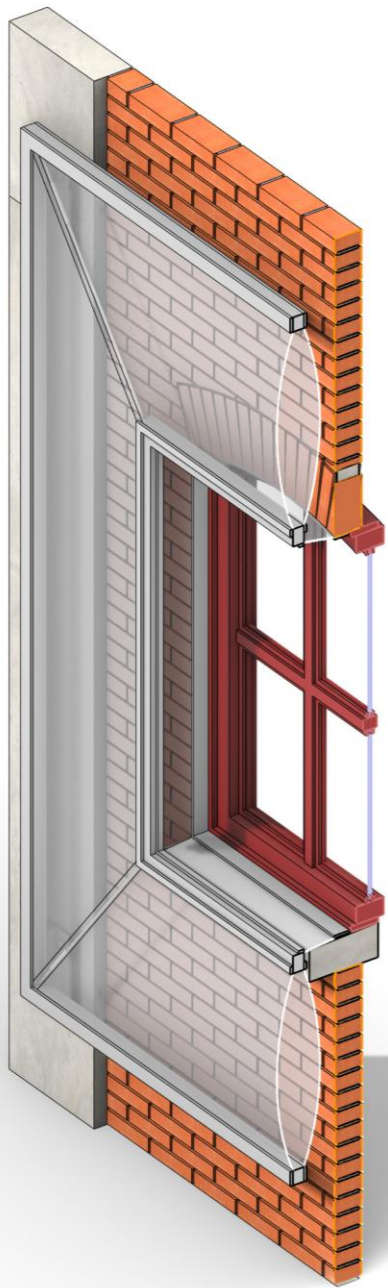
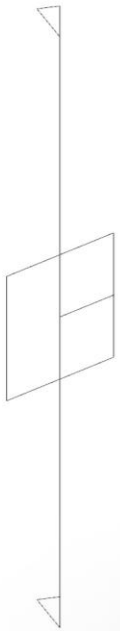


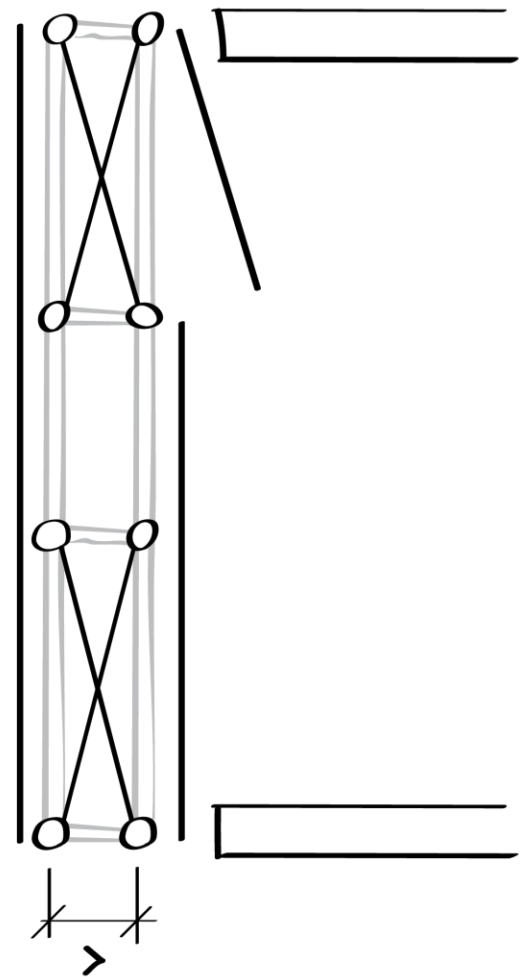
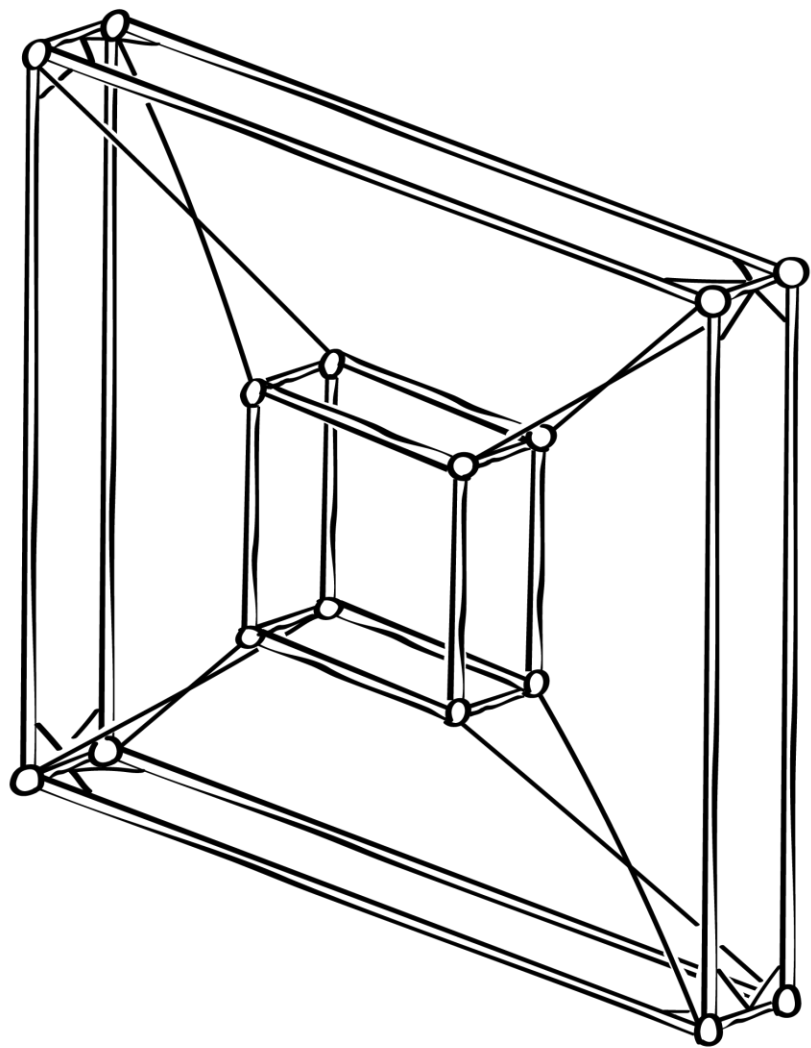


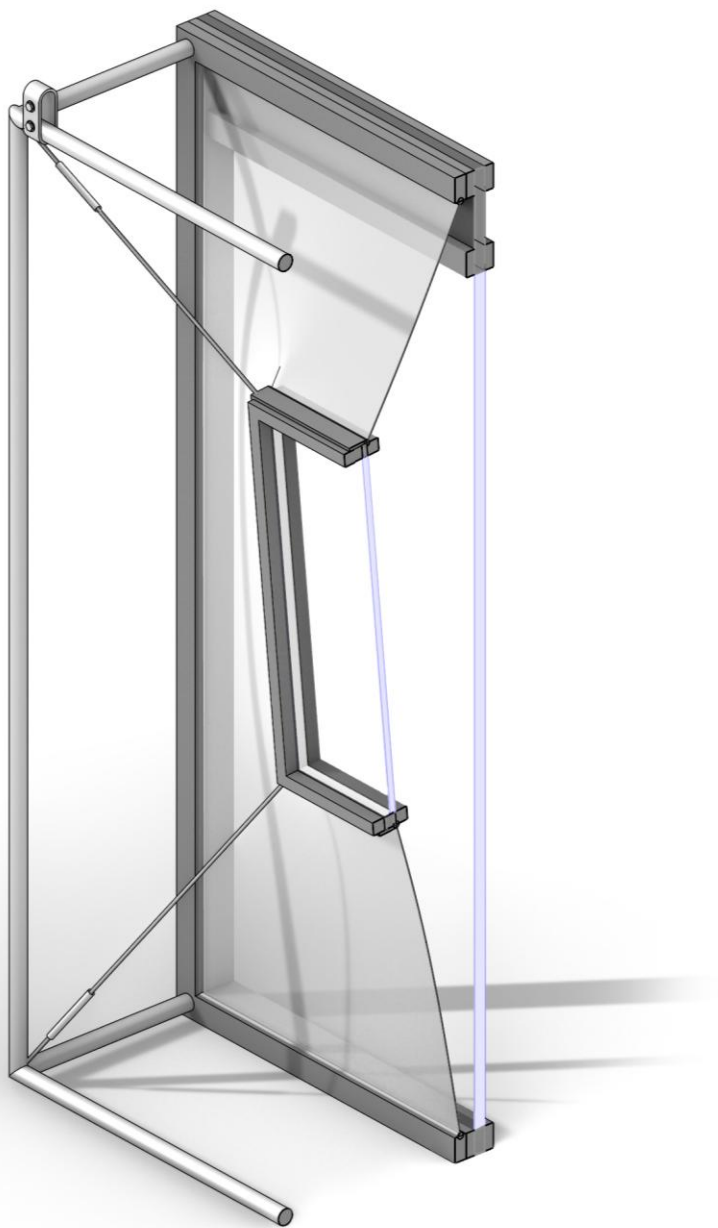
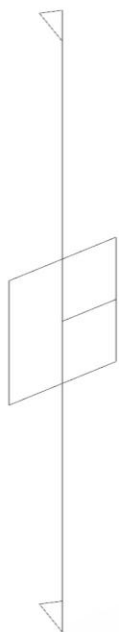












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