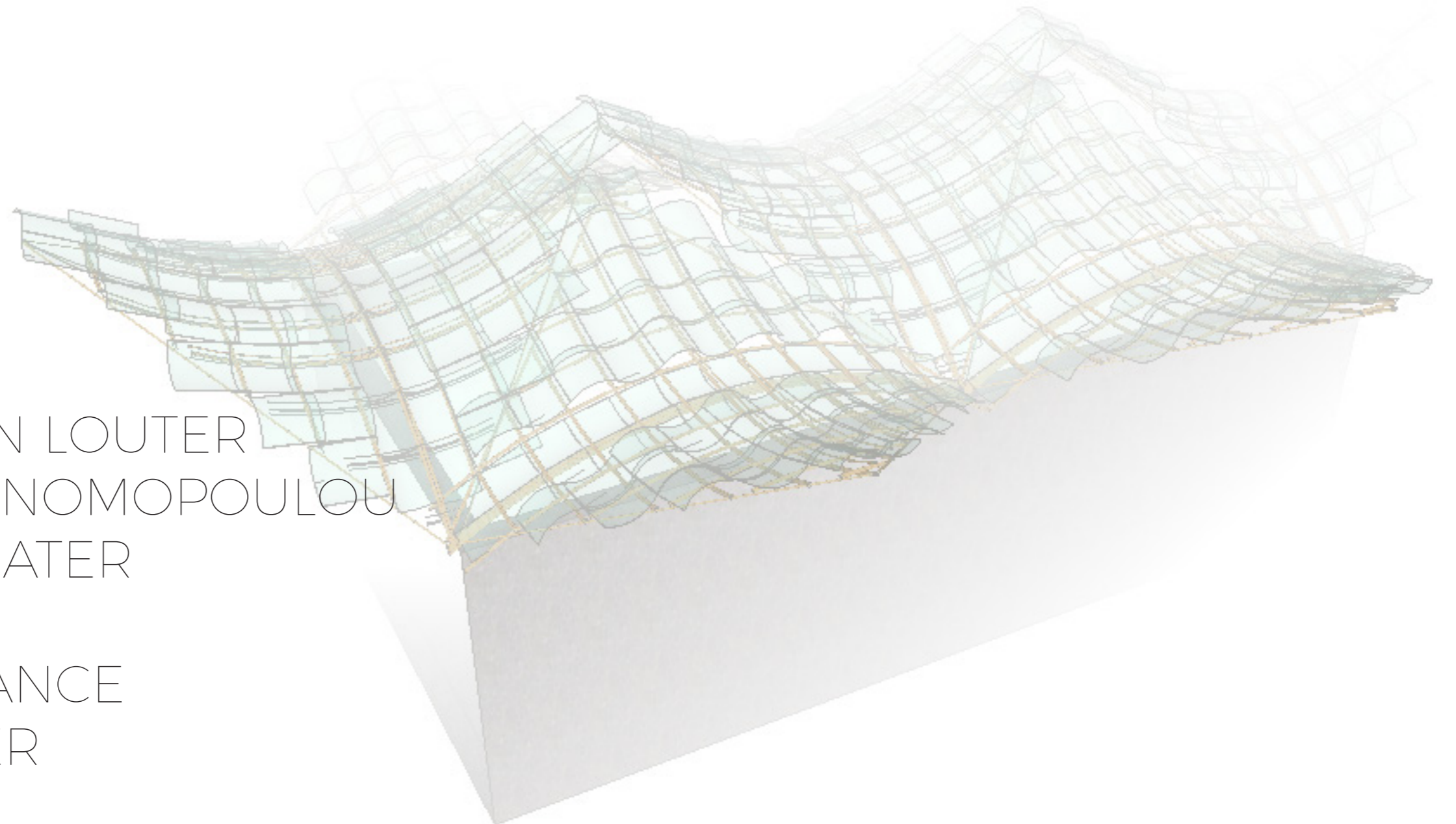


BAMBOO AND THIN GLASS

# STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS OF BENDING BAMBOO AND THIN GLASS FOR GRIDSHELL

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# MATERIAL MATTERS

WHY BAMBOO AND THIN GLASS?



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## BAMBOO STRUCTURES

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- LIGHT WEIGHT
- FLEXIBLE
- RENEWABLE

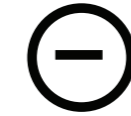


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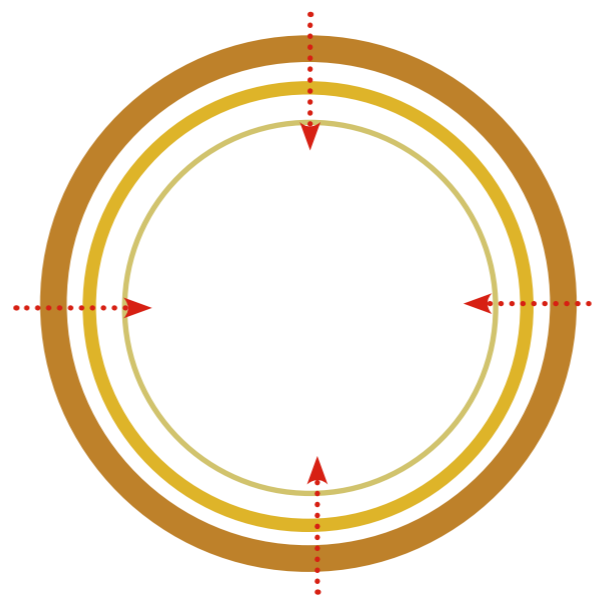
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### PRIMITIVE JOINERY SYSTEM

- Needs to be checked and replaced periodically.

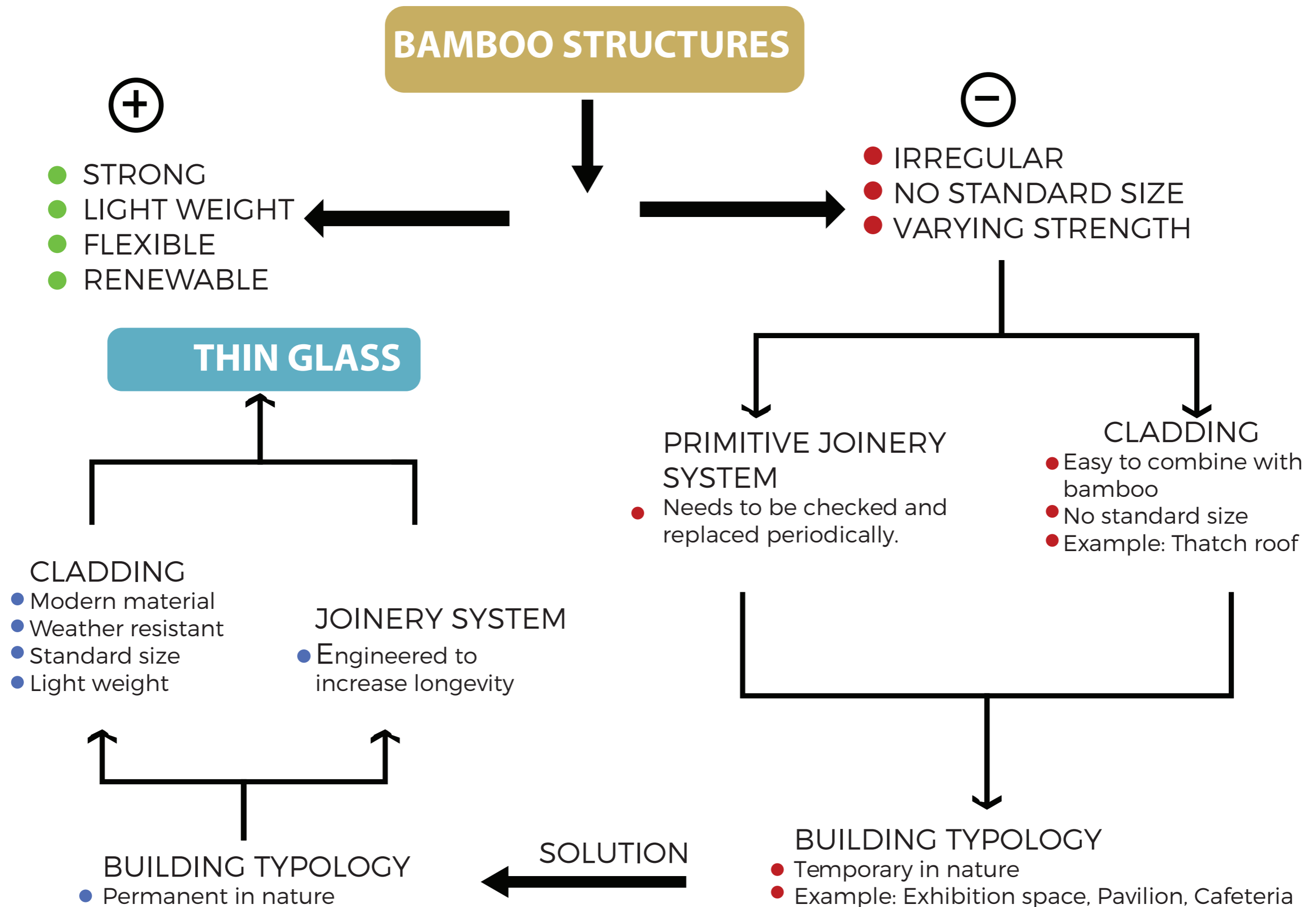
### CLADDING

- Easy to combine with bamboo
- No standard size
- Example: Thatch roof

### BUILDING TYPOLOGY

- Temporary in nature
- Example: Exhibition space, Pavilion, Cafeteria

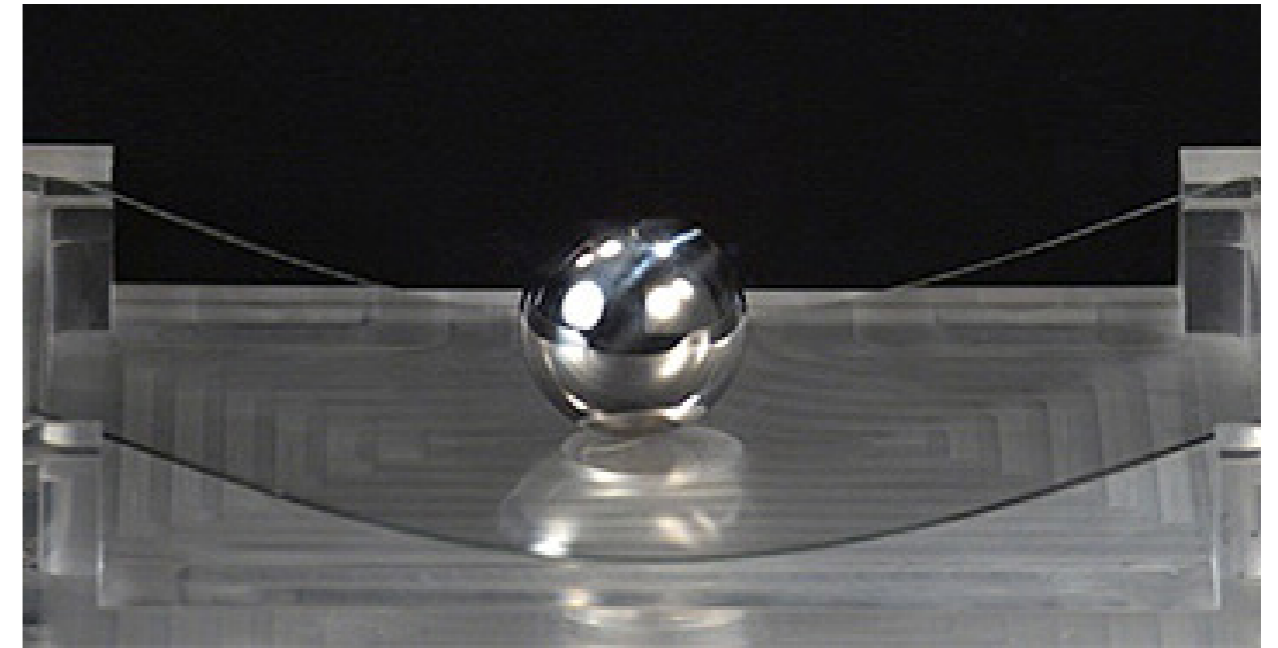
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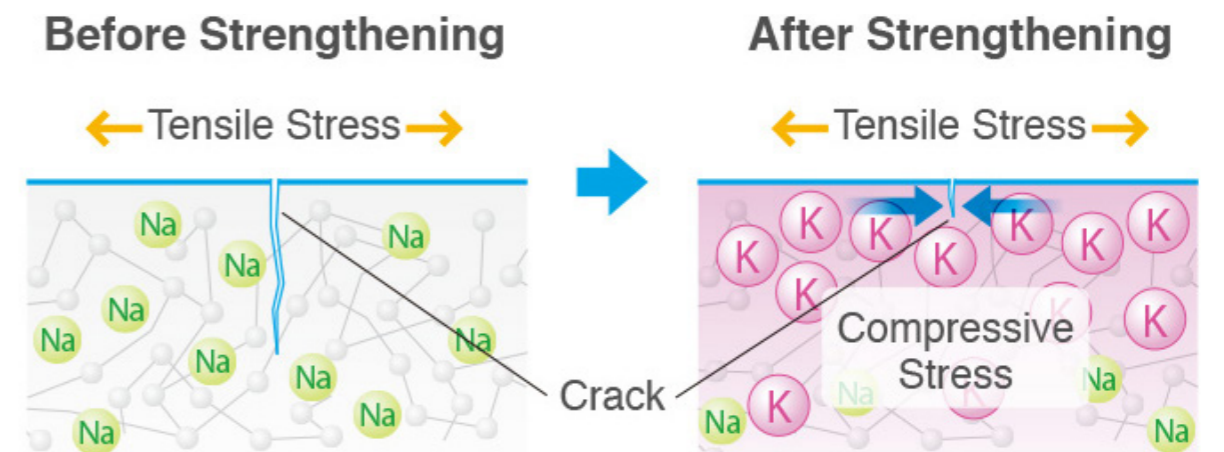
# THIN GLASS



Fusion Overflow Process  
ref: glasscon



Thin glass  
ref: agc.com



ion exchange process  
ref: agc.com

# THESIS MAIN GOAL

To explore the potential and feasibility of bamboo and thin glass structure.



# INTRODUCTION

PART 1: STUDYING BENDING BEHAVIOUR OF BAMBOO

PART 2: STUDYING BENDING BEHAVIOUR OF THIN GLASS

PART 3: TO DEVELOP CONNECTIONS BASED ON DRAWBACKS AND STRENGTH OF BAMBOO AND THIN GLASS

# PRE-BENT BAMBOO STRUCTURES



Naman Retreat, Vo trong Ngheia



Ecological Center, 24 Architects



Community Center, Vo Trong Ngheia

# PRE-BENDING PROCESS



Steaming bamboo  
ref: [www.bamboocraft.net](http://www.bamboocraft.net)



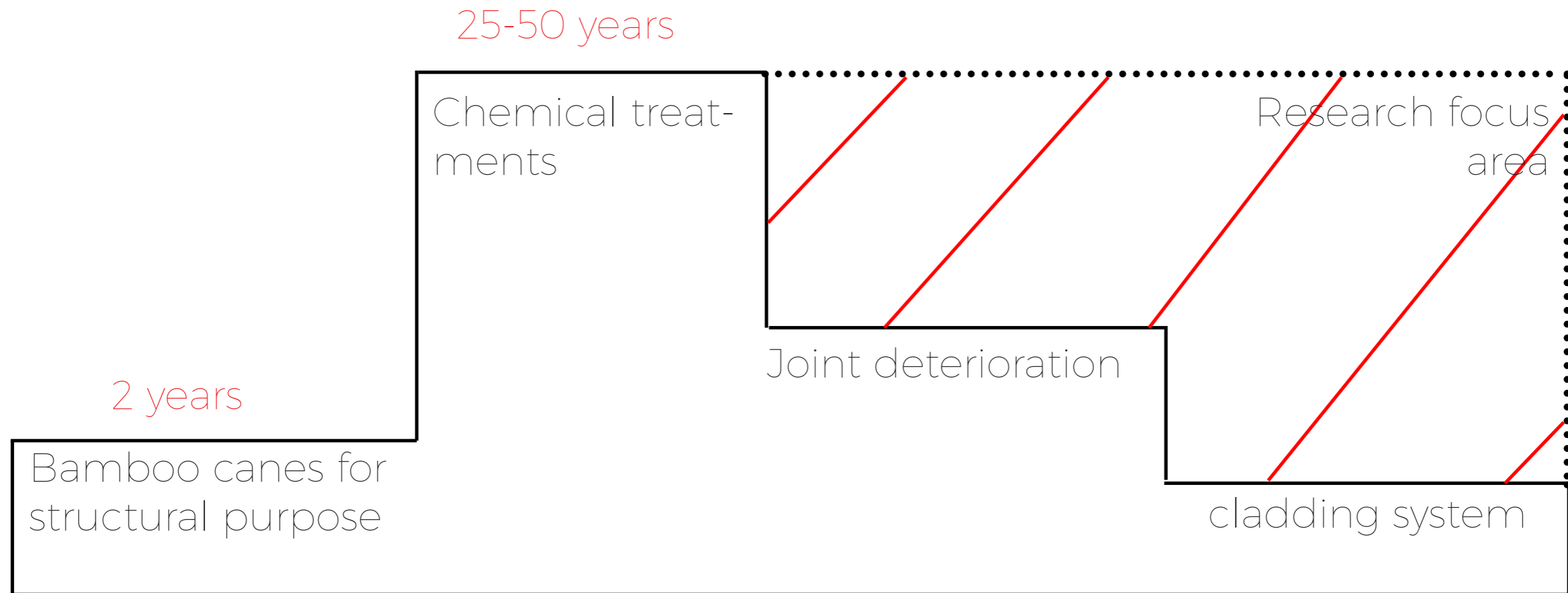
Bamboo bending form work  
ref: [www.bamboocraft.net](http://www.bamboocraft.net)



Bamboo bending grid system  
ref: 24H Architects

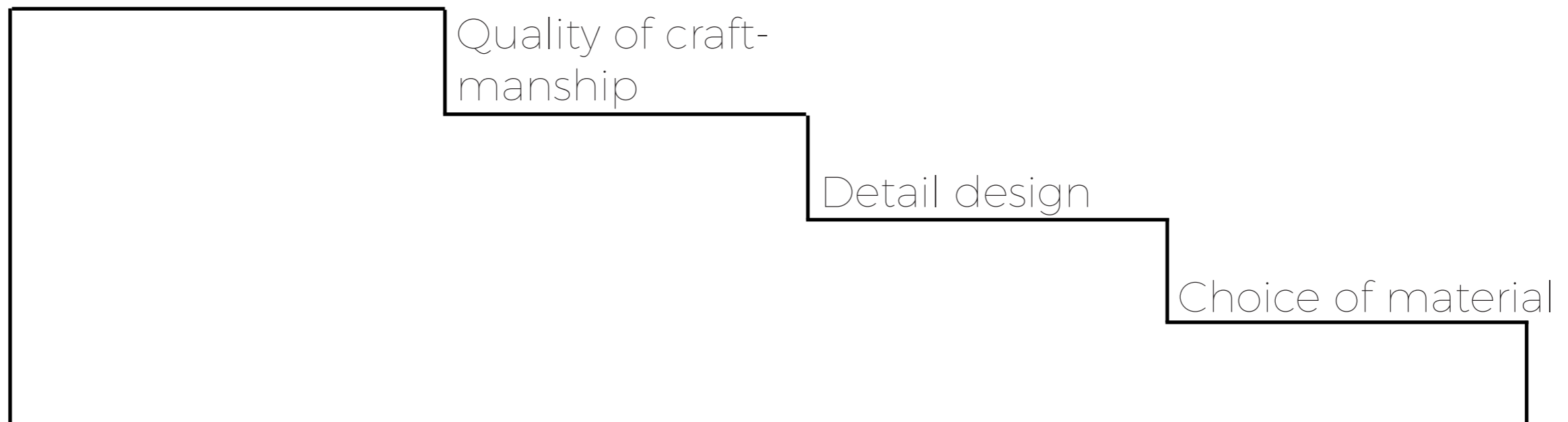


Bolted and Lashing Connection  
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Durability of bamboo structure.

### Joint Durability



# SITE



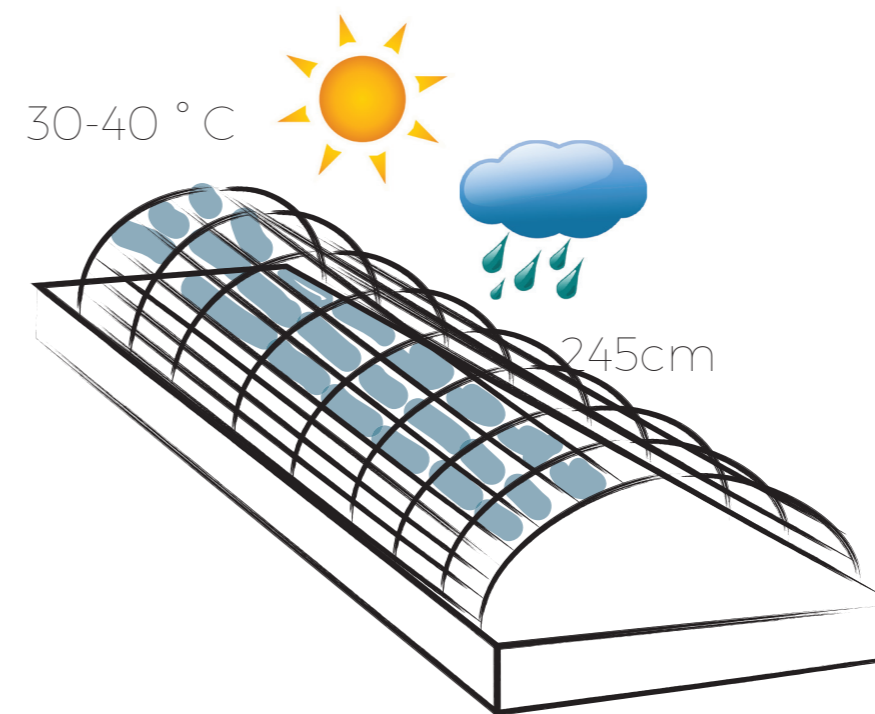
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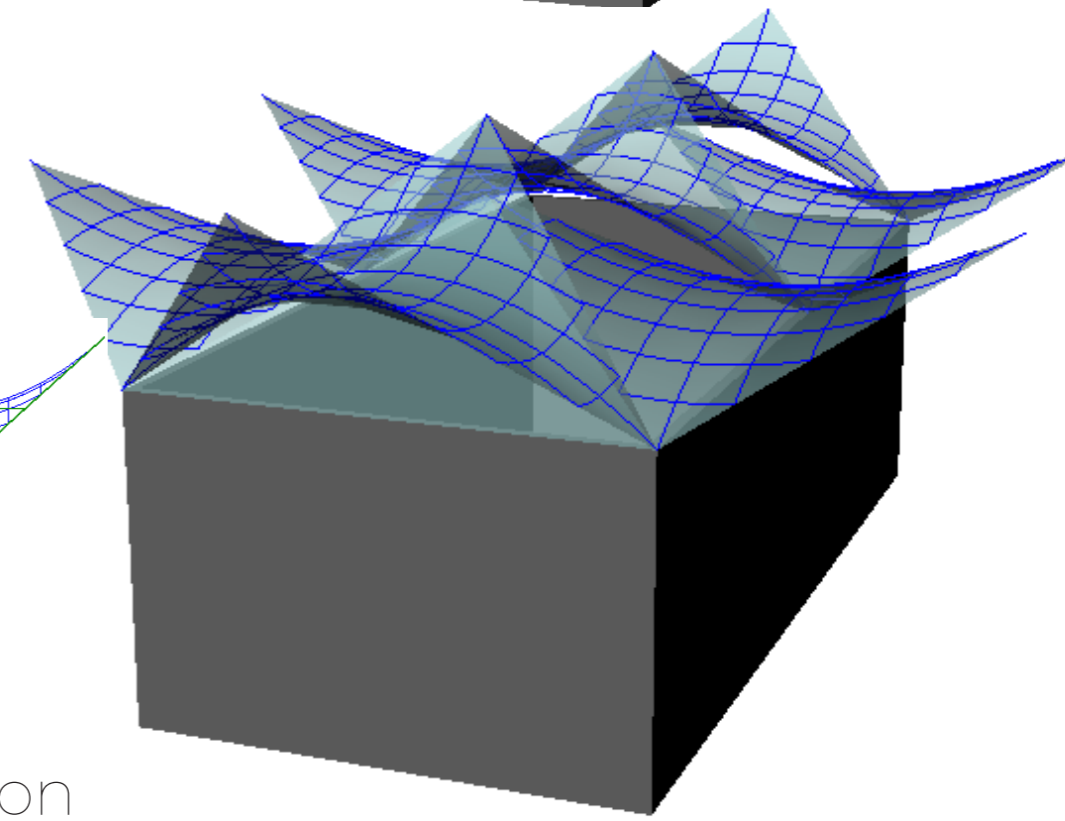
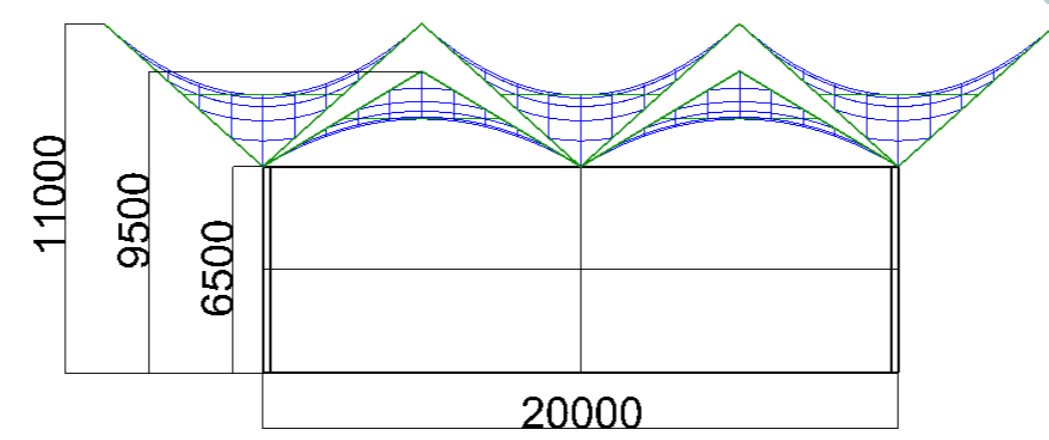
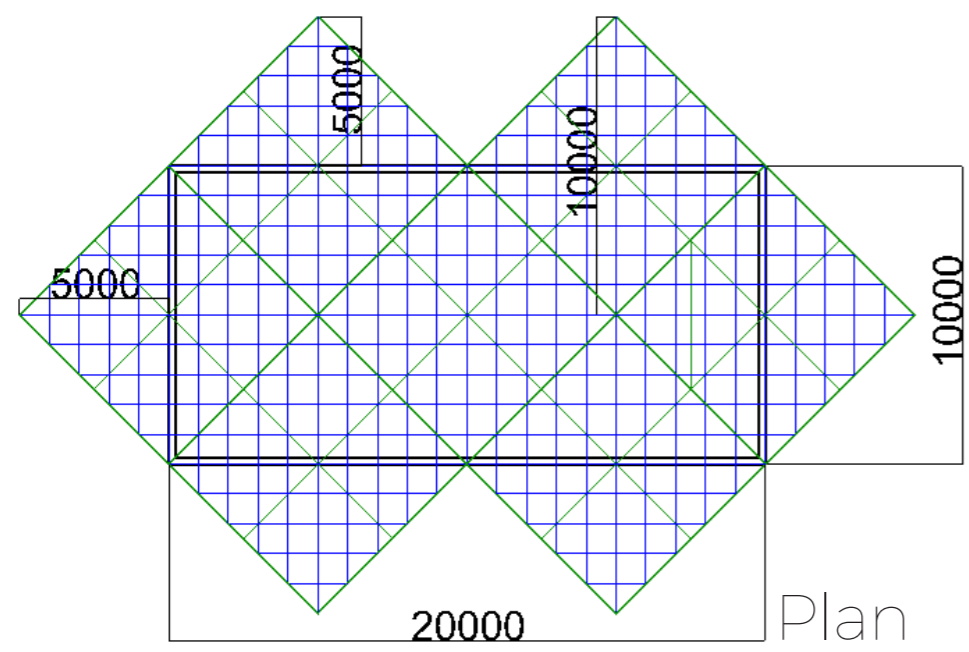
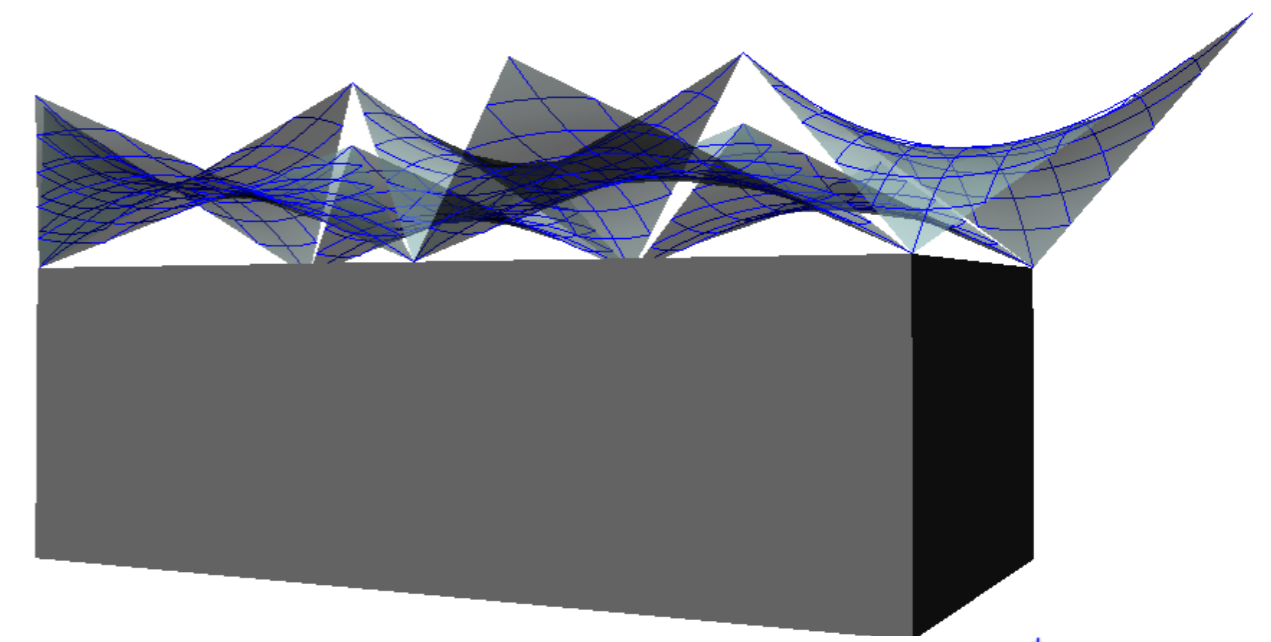
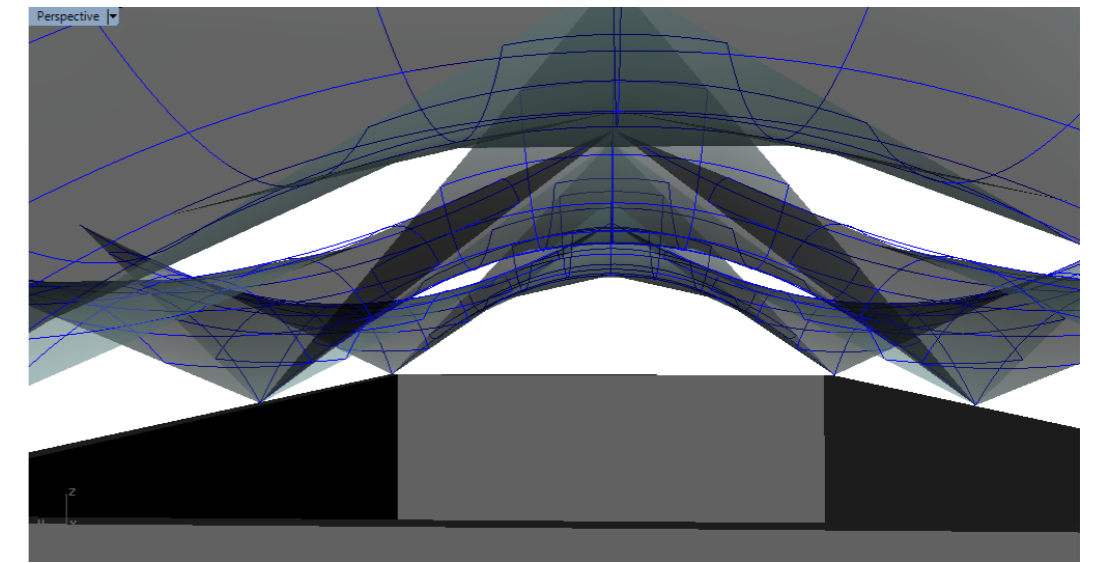
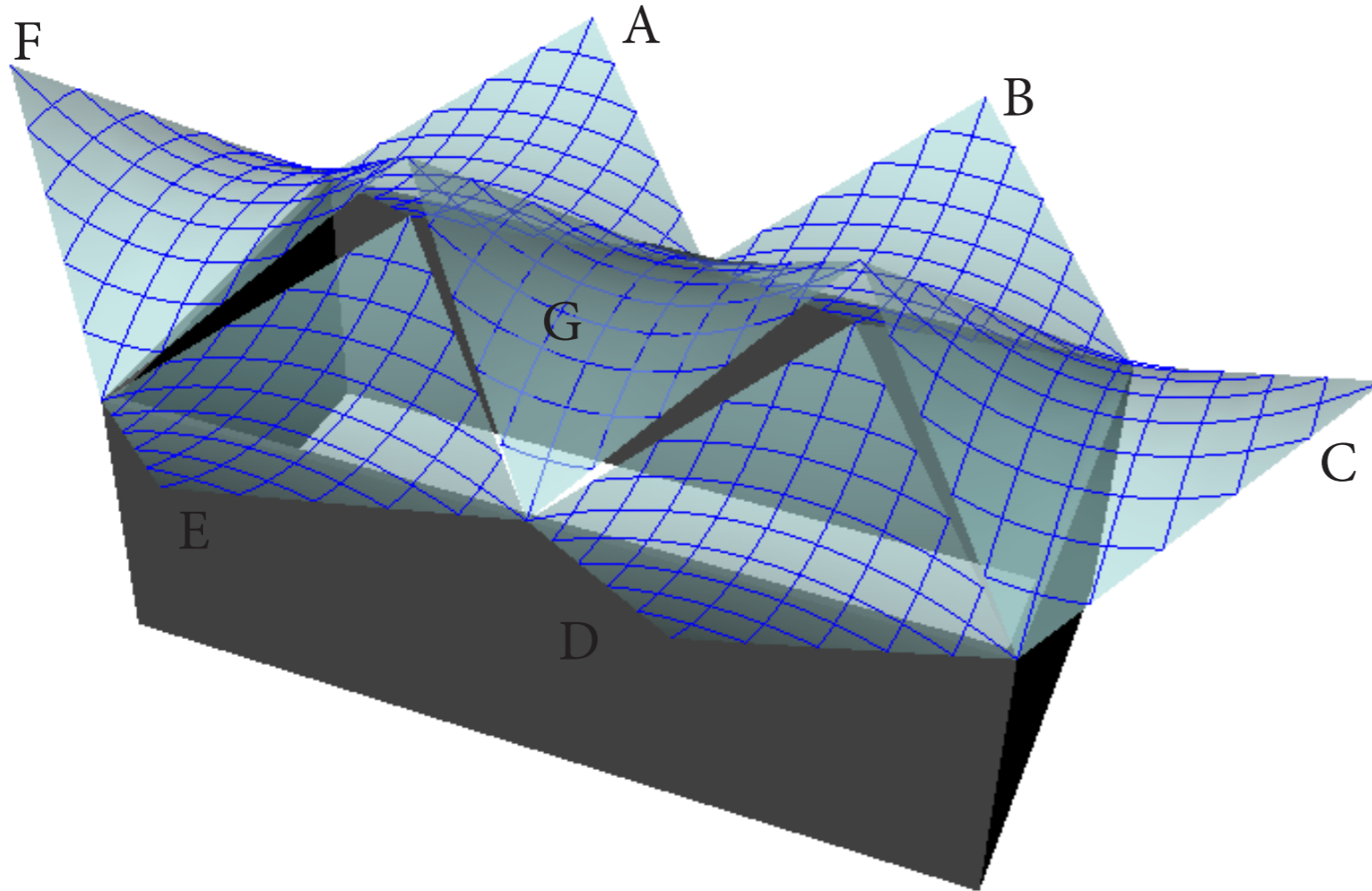
LOCATION: INDIA

FUNCTION: WAREHOUSE

SPAN: 20x10 METERS



# BASIC FORM



# BAMBOO + THIN GLASS

## BENDING ANALYSIS

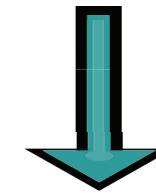
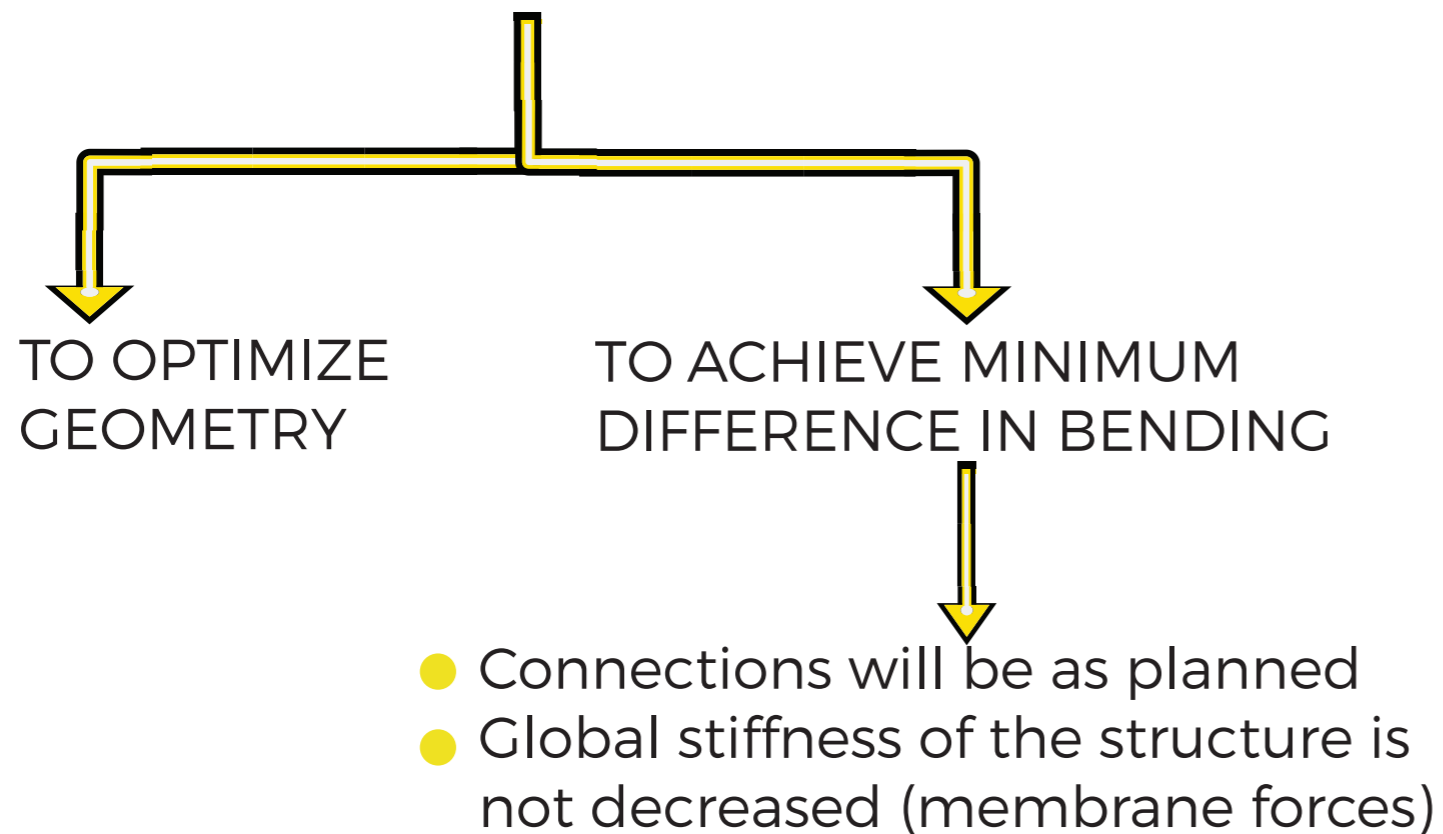


### PRE-BENT MEMBERS

- To obtain free form geometry
- Increase stiffness of the overall structure by pre-stressing the members.



### BAMBOO EXPERIMENTS



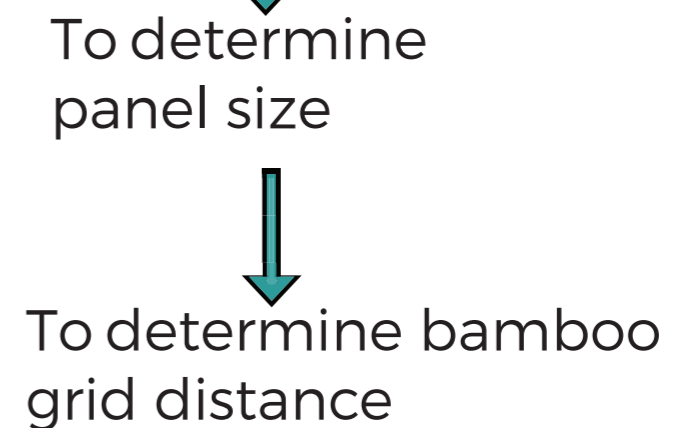
### THIN GLASS BENT

- To obtain overlap between the panels
- Flow of water directed in a specific manner
- Increase stiffness of individual panels



### THIN GLASS FEA

### MAXIMUM CURVATURE/ BENDING



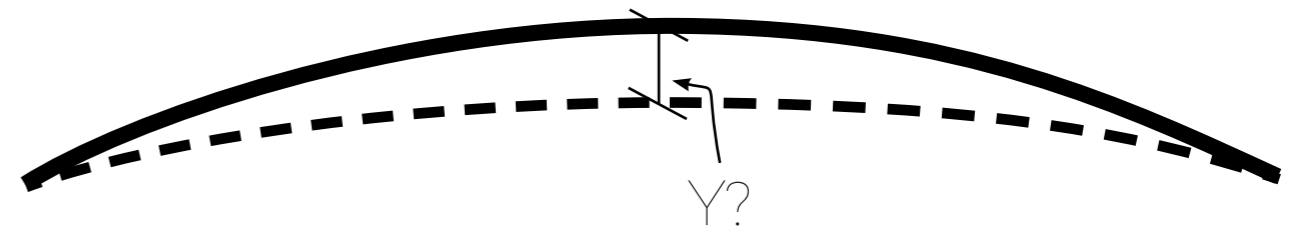
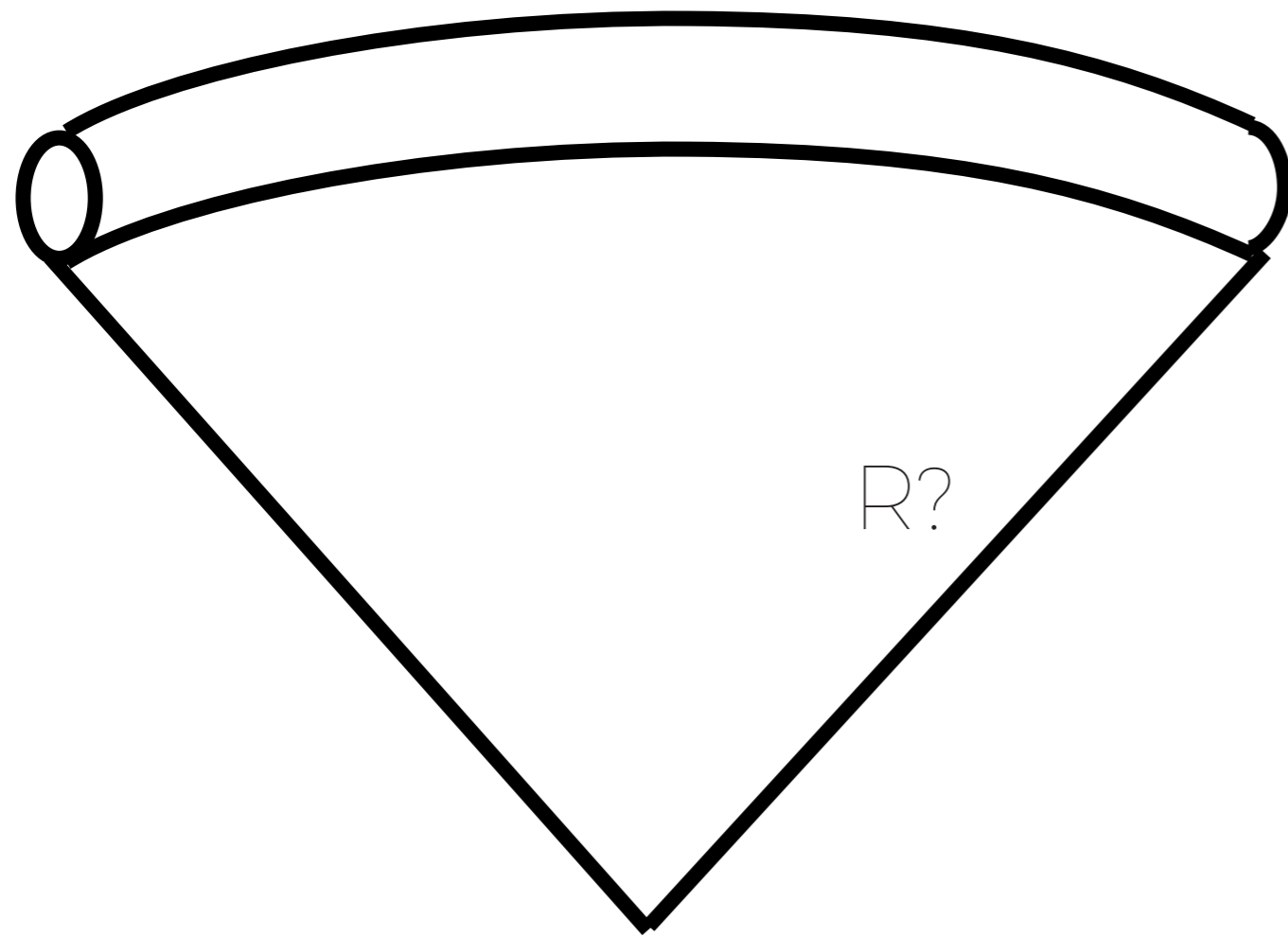


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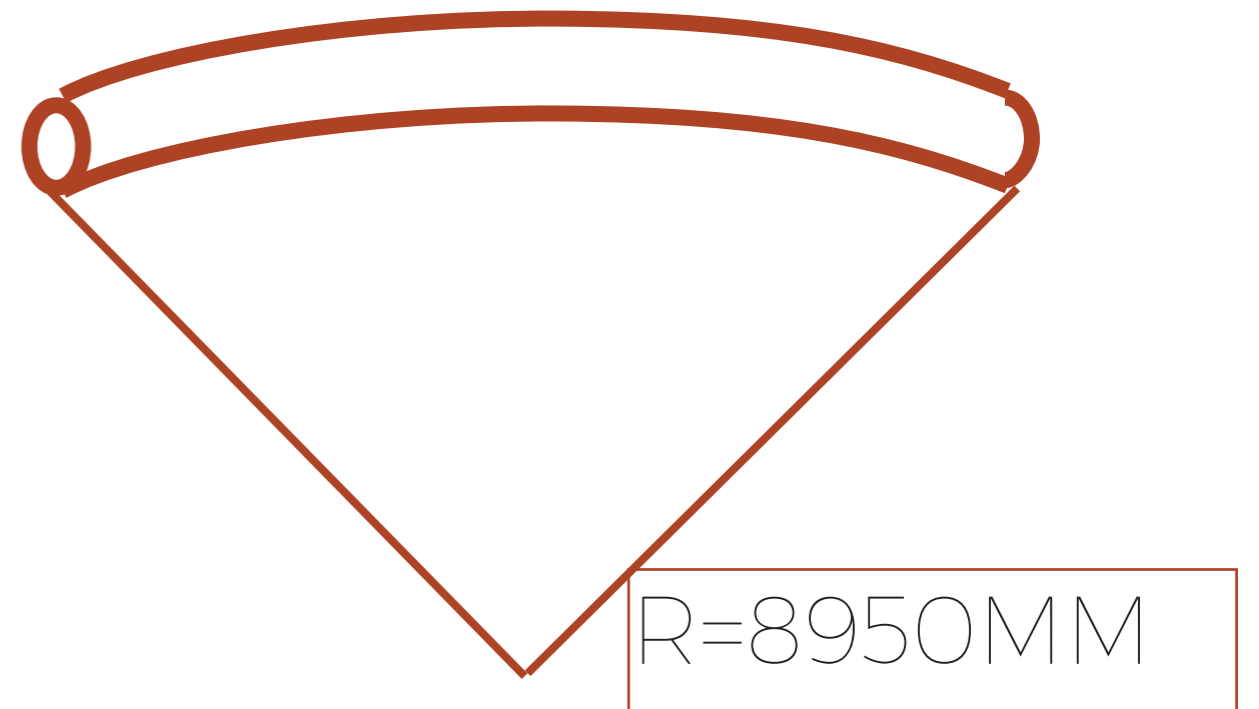
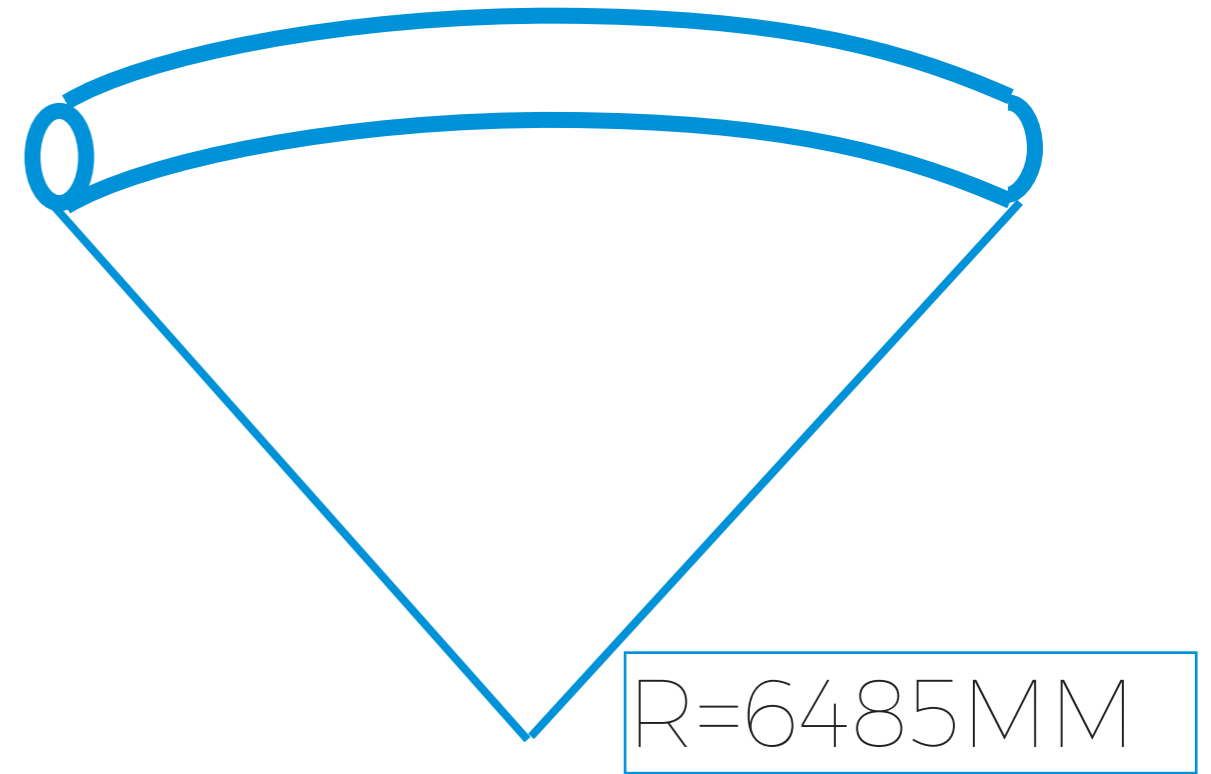
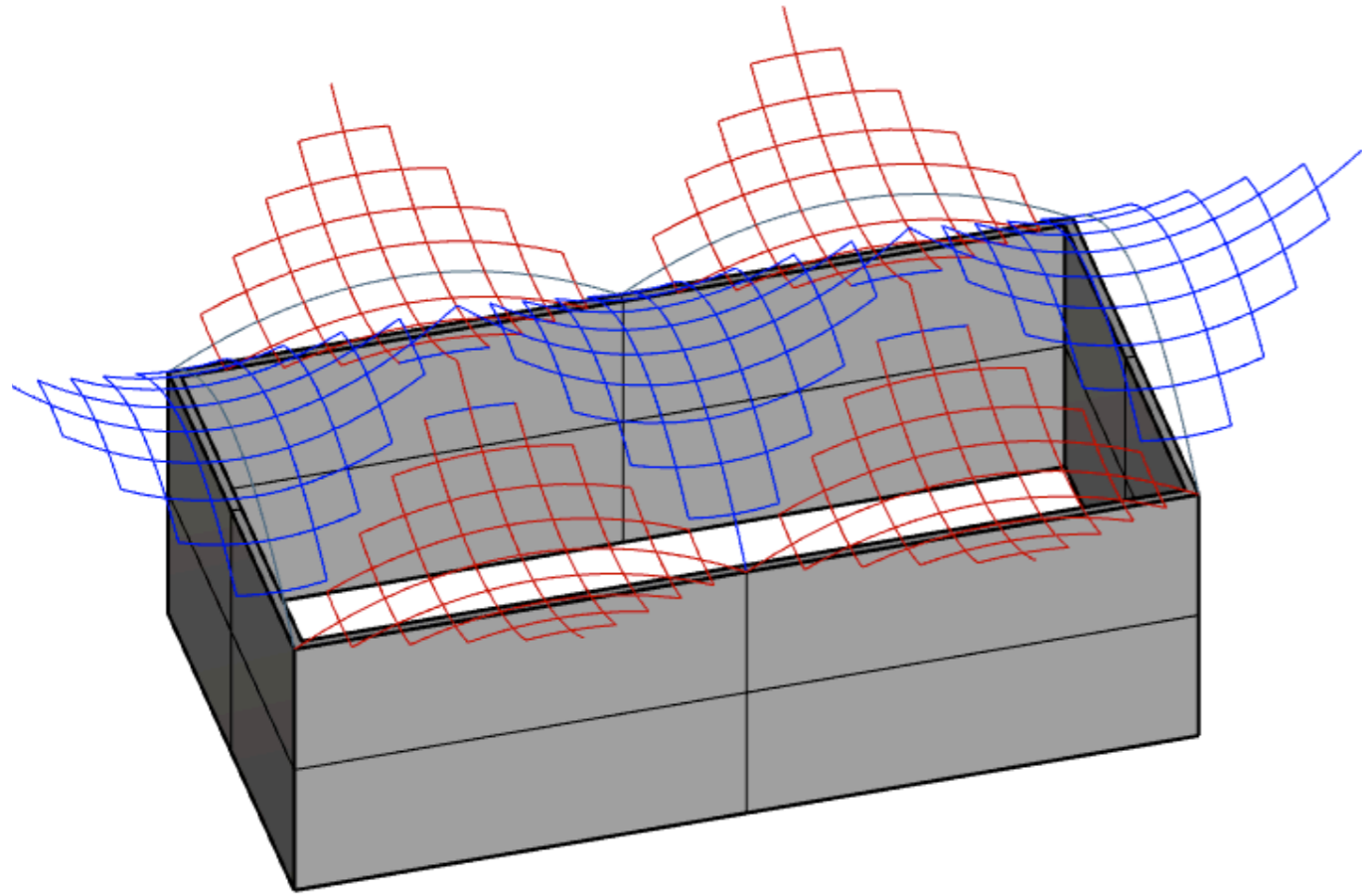
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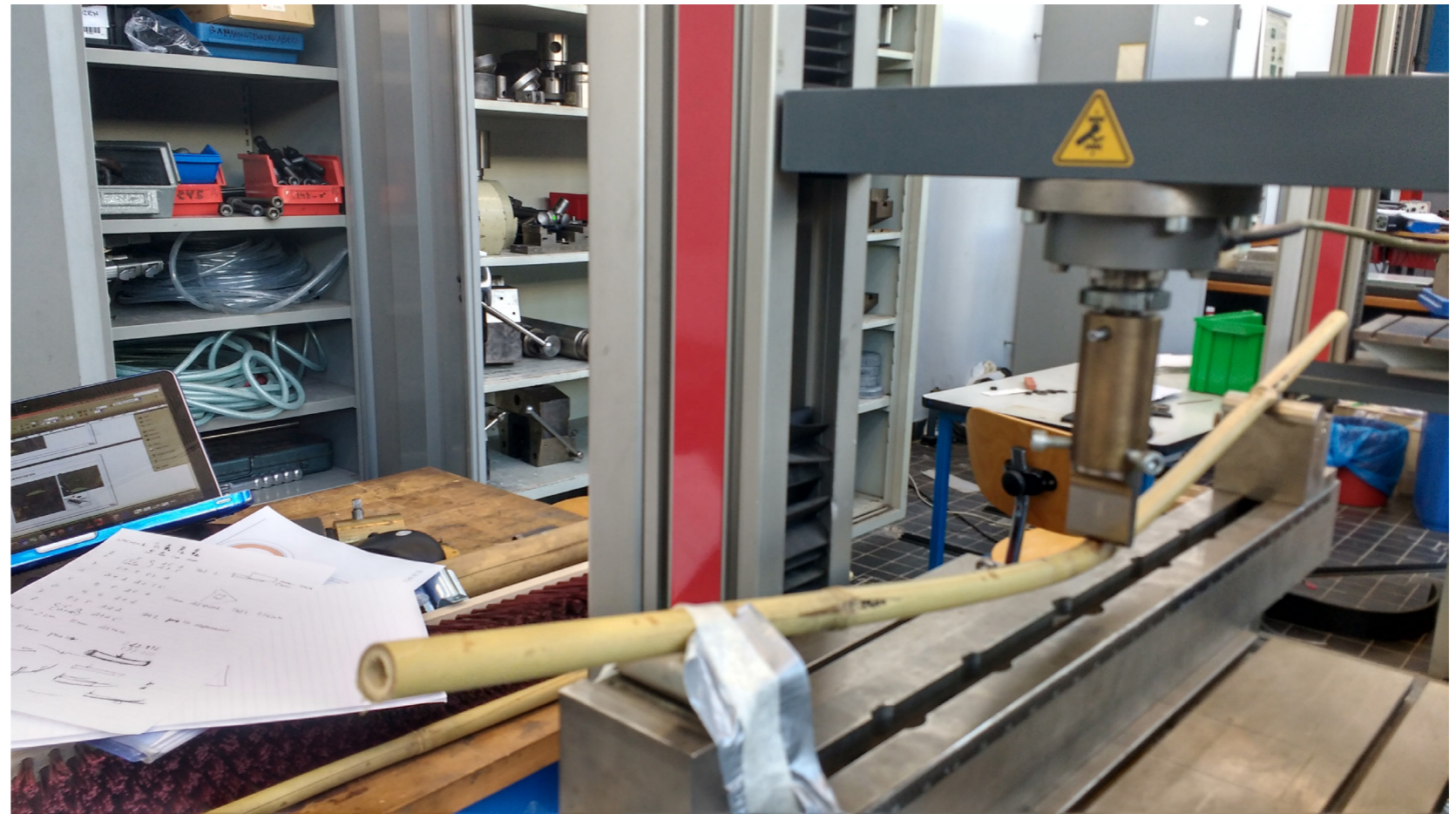
# REQUIRED BAMBOO CURVATURE



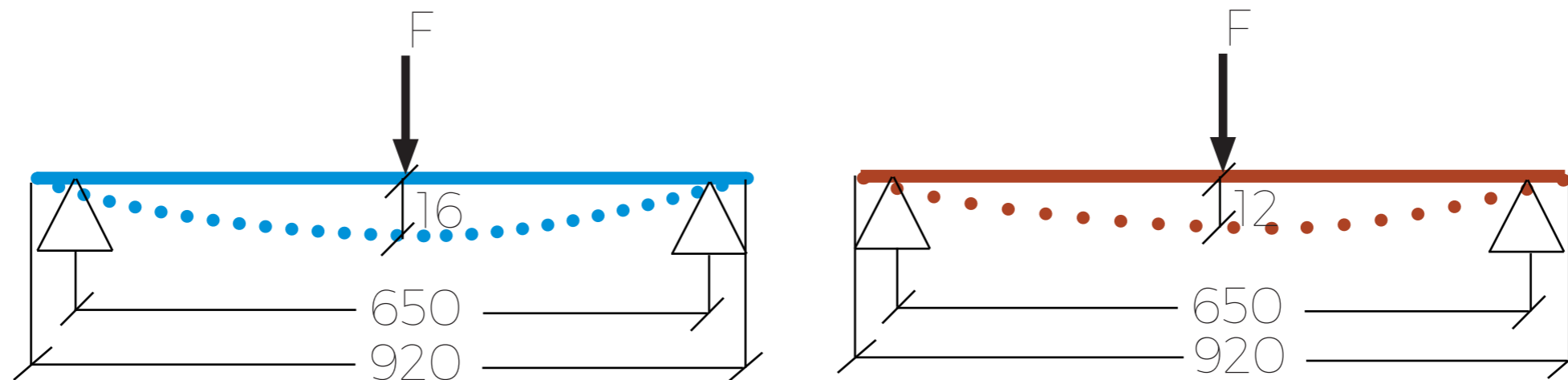
# SPRING BACK DEFLECTION

## EXPERIMENT 2

Bamboo size:  
 Length: 920mm  
 Diameter: 1.7-1.5cm  
 Soaked in water for 9 days



|            | Length<br>mm | Dout<br>mm | Thickness<br>mm | Constant dl<br>mm | Time<br>mins | $F_{max}$<br>N | $F_{final}$<br>N | Final dL<br>mm | Springback<br>% |
|------------|--------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Specimen 1 | 920          | 16         | 4               | 60                | 30           | 464.76         | 341.86           | 15.61          | 73.9            |



Deflection required as per design.

# TESTING MAXIMUM CURVATURE

## EXPERIMENT 2

Bamboo size:

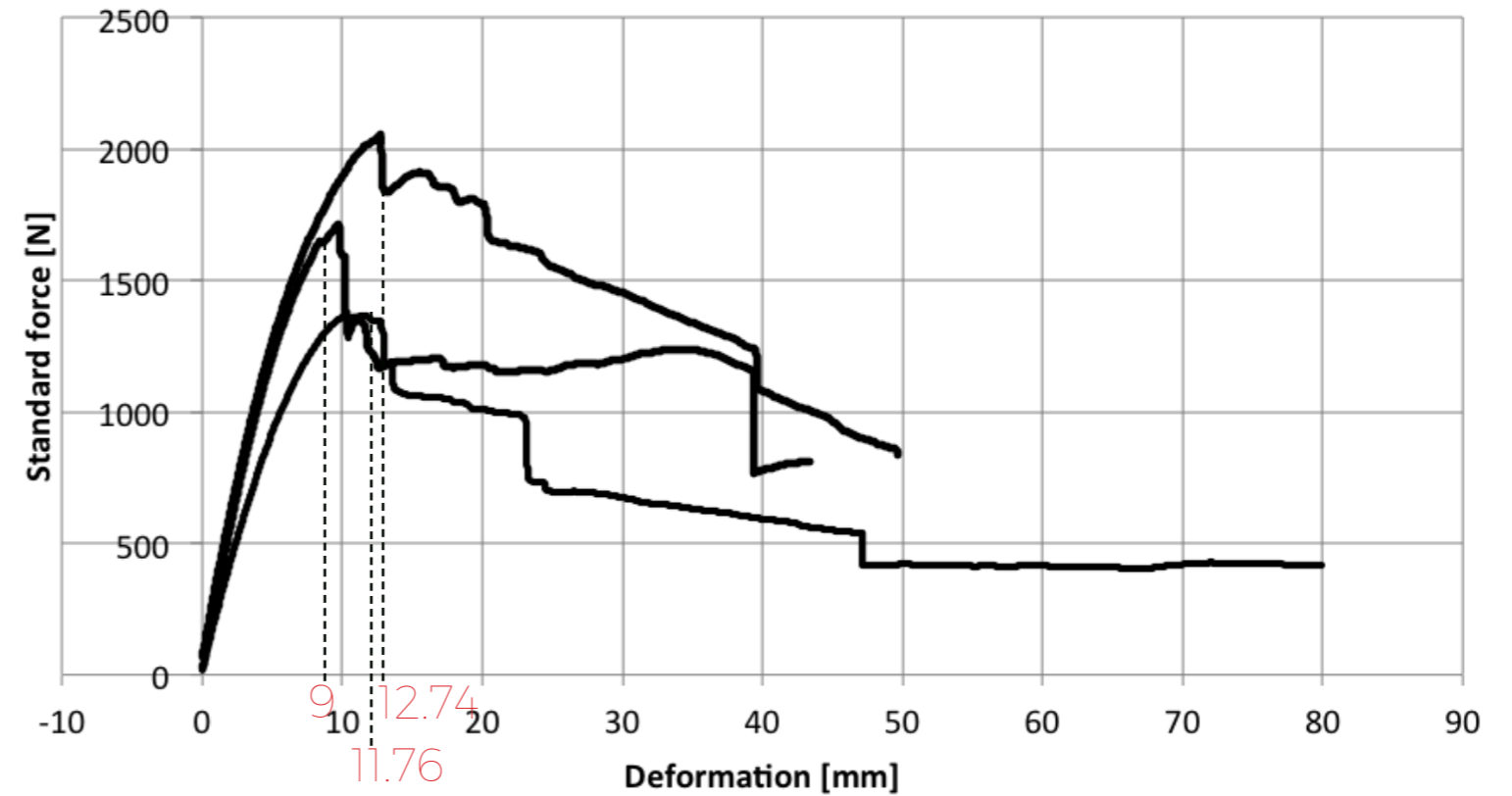
Length: 920mm

Diameter: 5-5.5cm

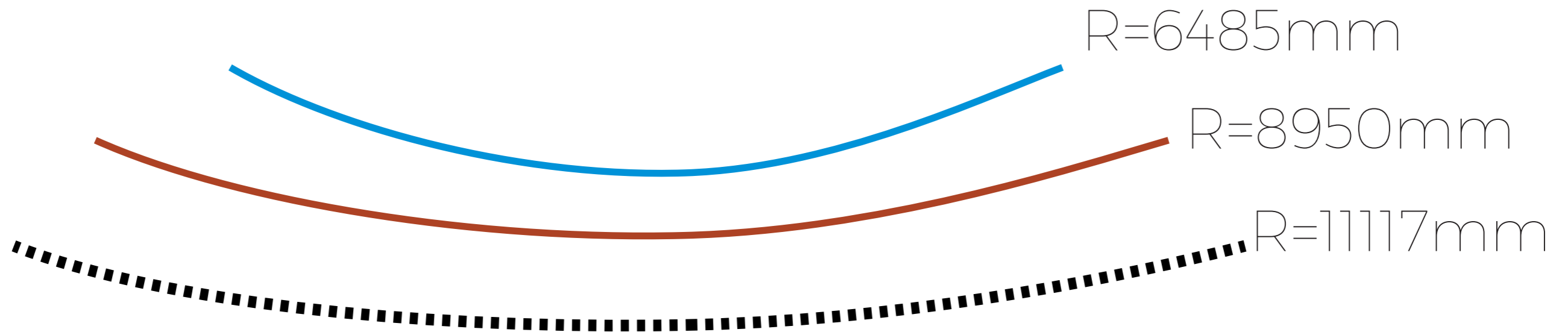
Soaked in water for 4 days



### YIELD LIMIT

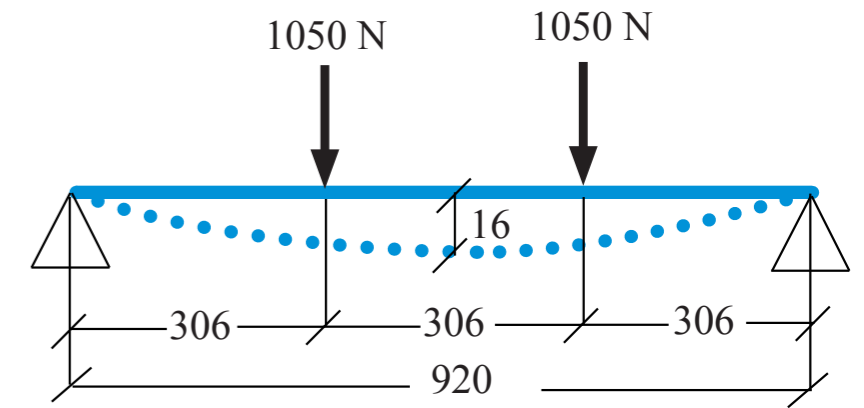
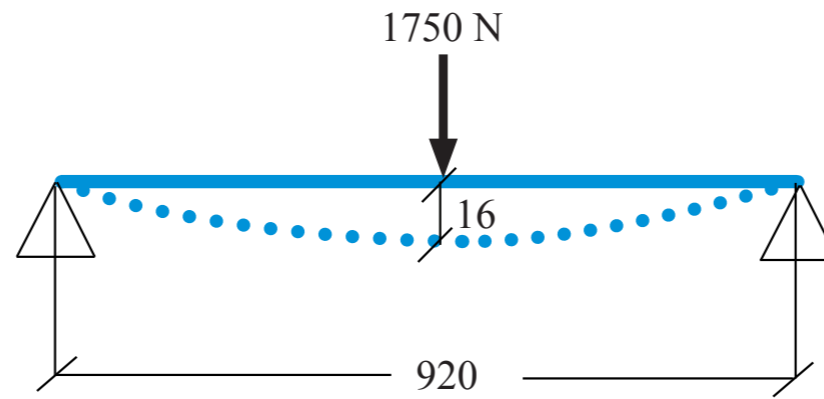


3-point bending test. Graph showing maximum deflection and yield limit.

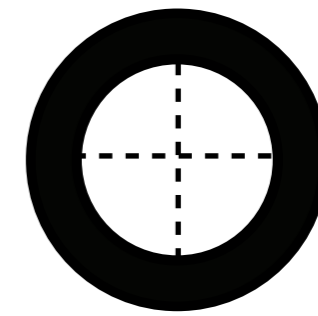
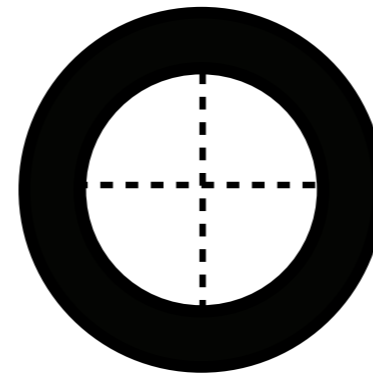


# BAMBOO EXPERIMENT CONCLUSION

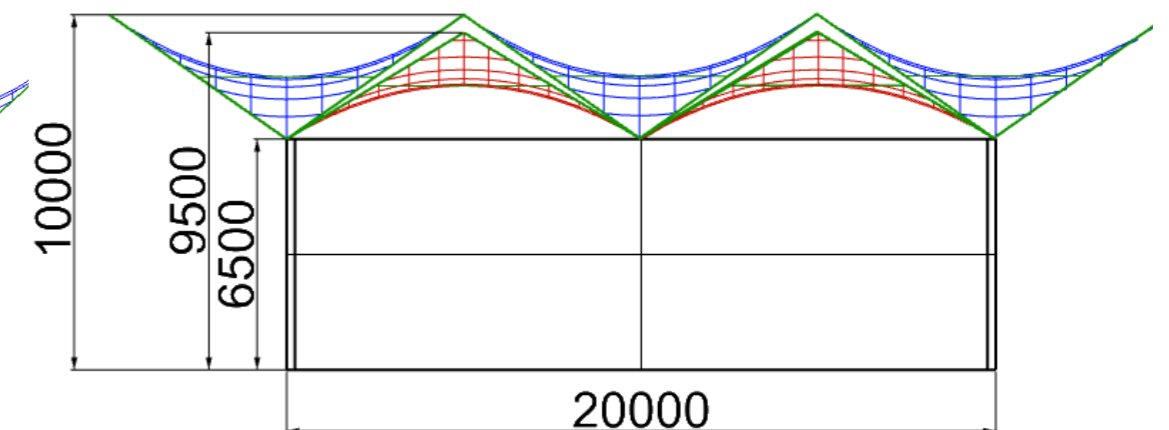
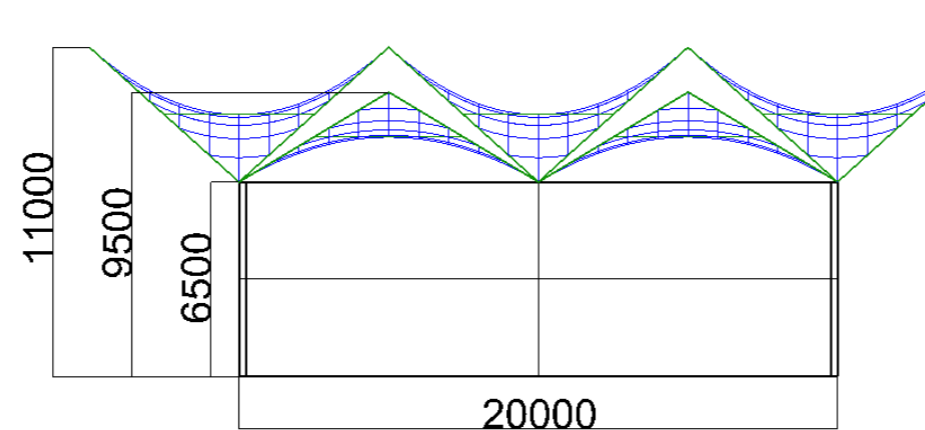
4 POINT BENDING TEST



BAMBOO DIAMETER OF 4CM



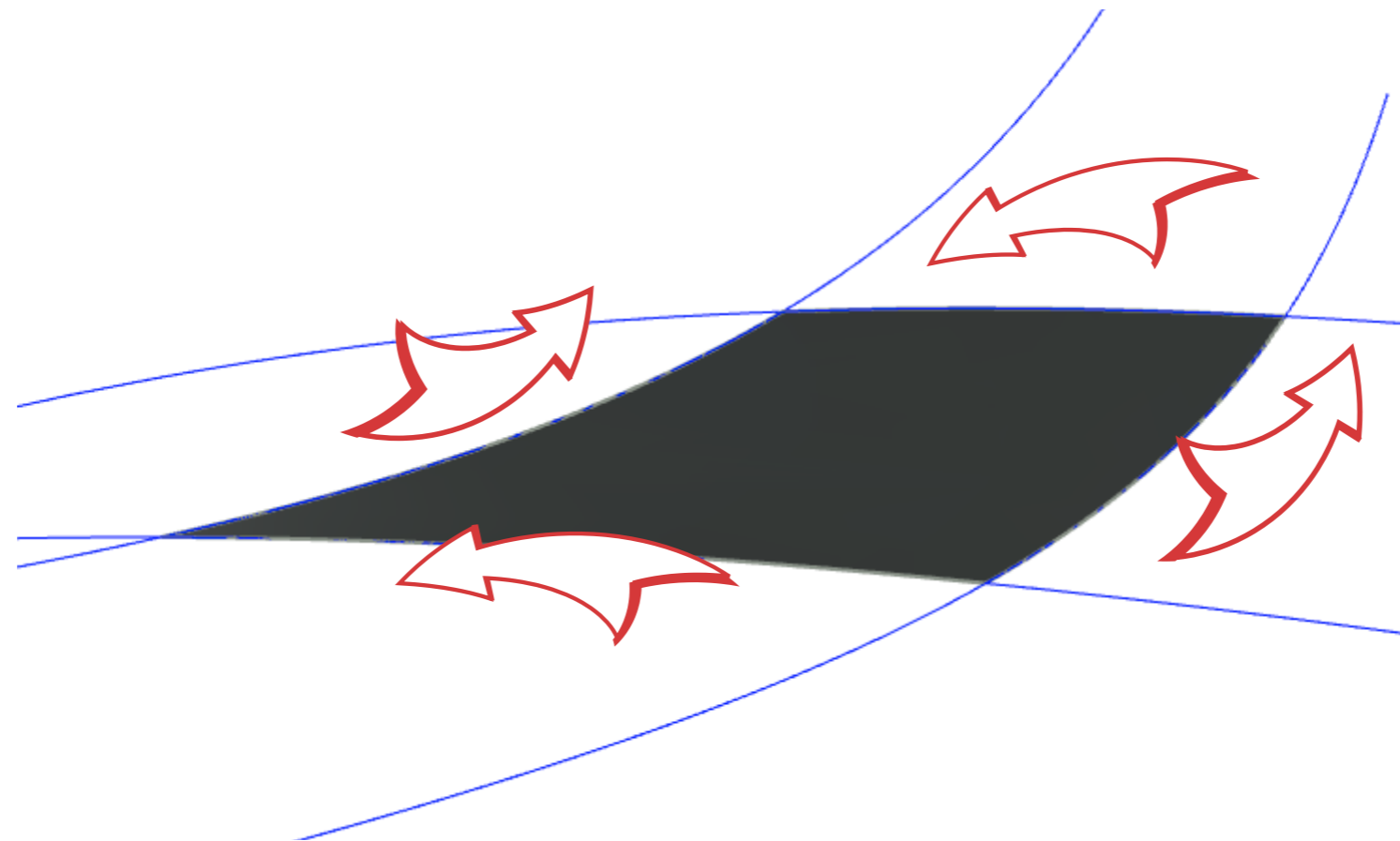
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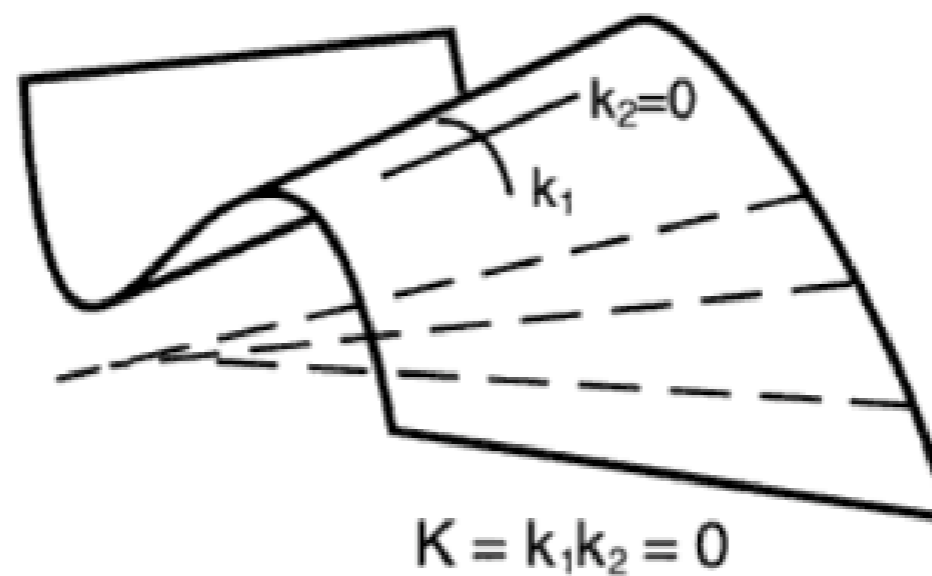
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# STUDYING BENDING BEHAVIOUR OF THIN GLASS

# THIN GLASS \_ CLADDING SYSTEM



Double curved surface

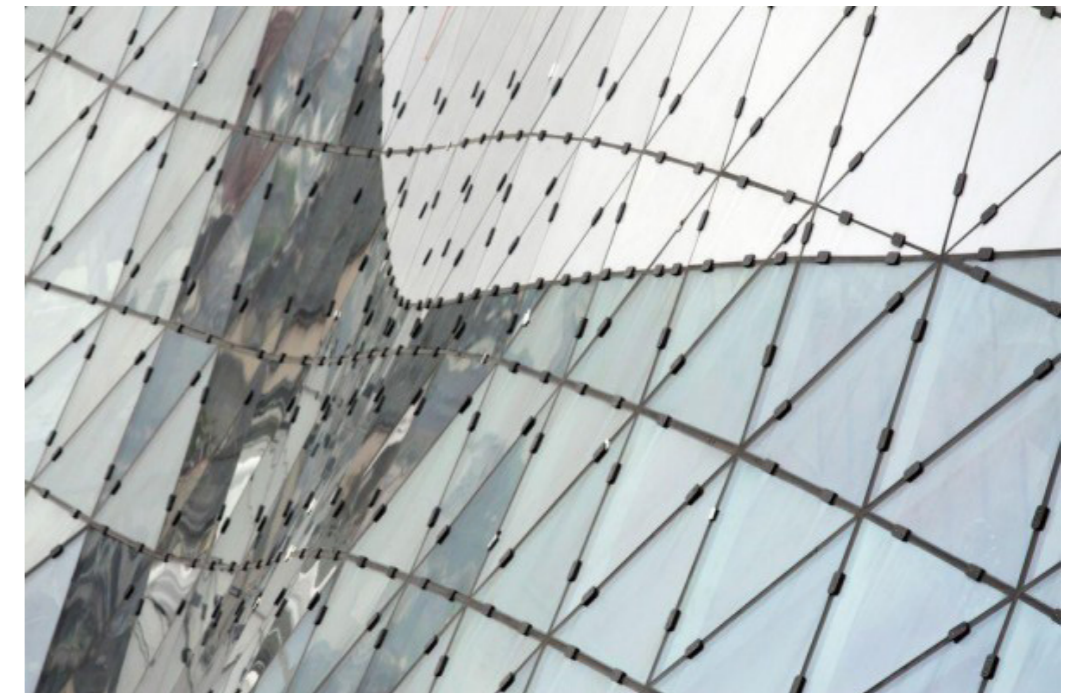
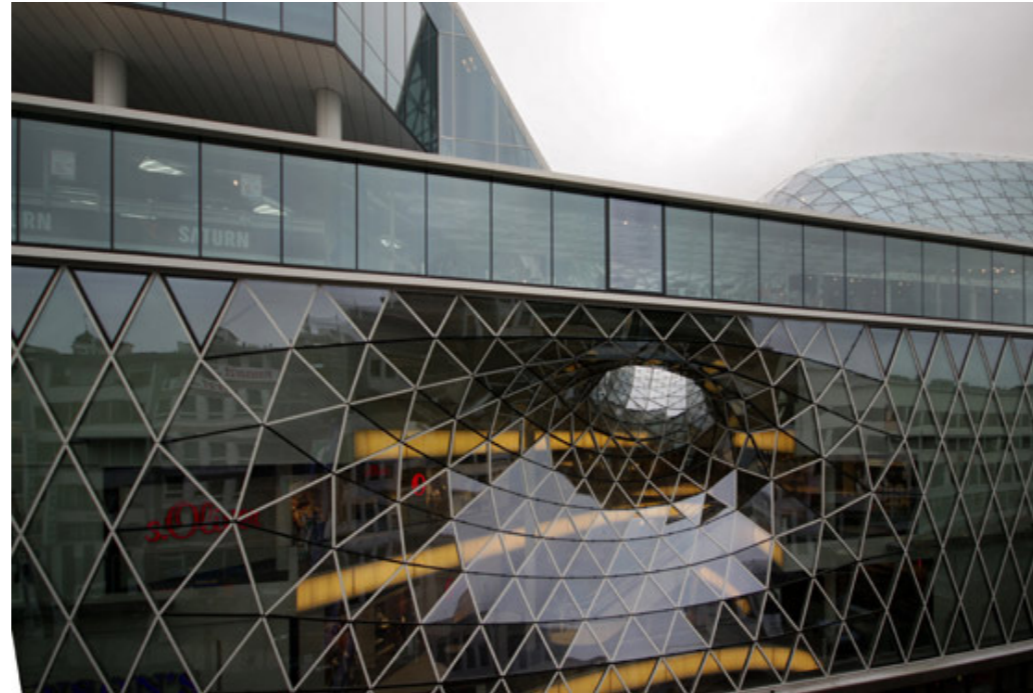


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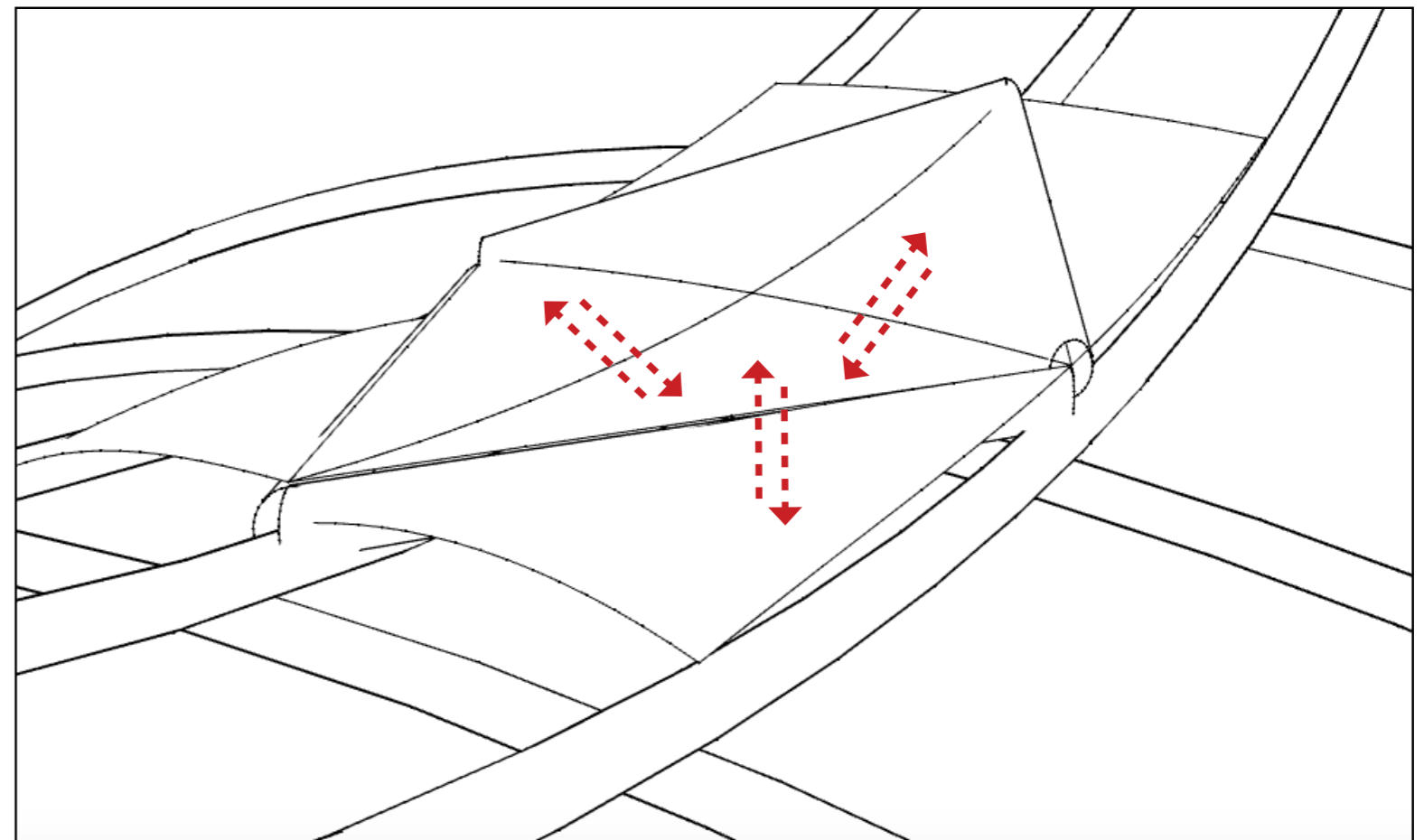
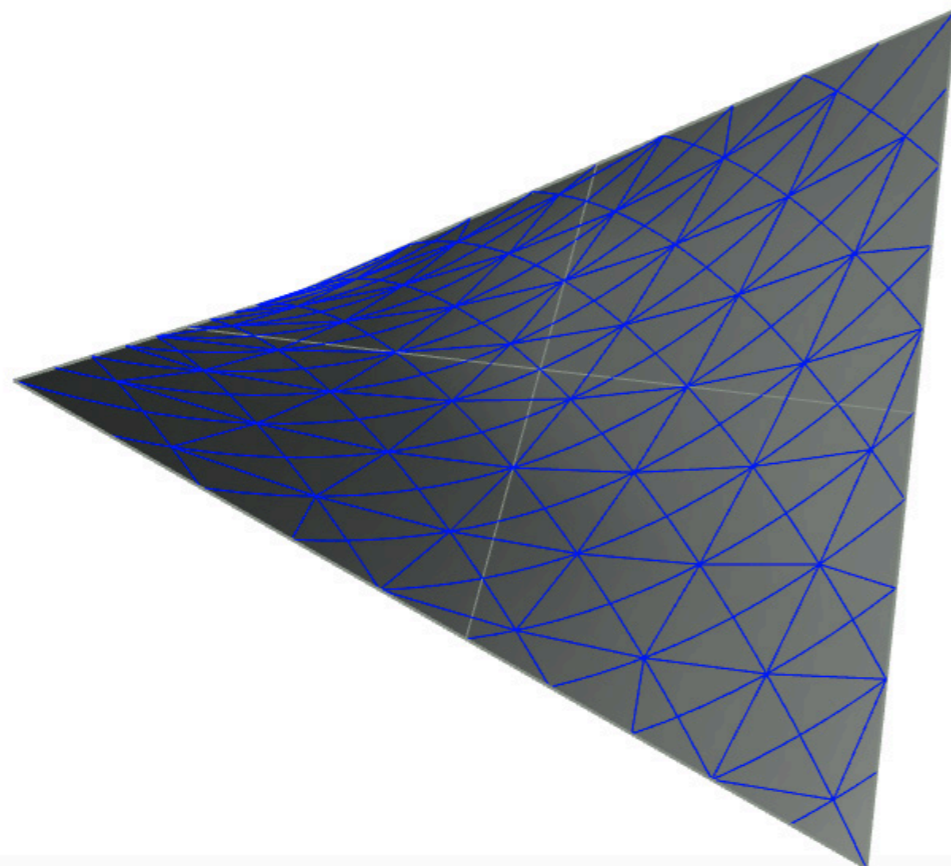


# THIN GLASS \_ CLADDING SYSTEM (OPTION 1)

- ✗ NO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
- ✗ CLAMPING IN ONE DIRECTION
- ✗ OVERLAP REQUIRED IN ONE OR TWO DIRECTION



MyZeil (Fuksas Studio)

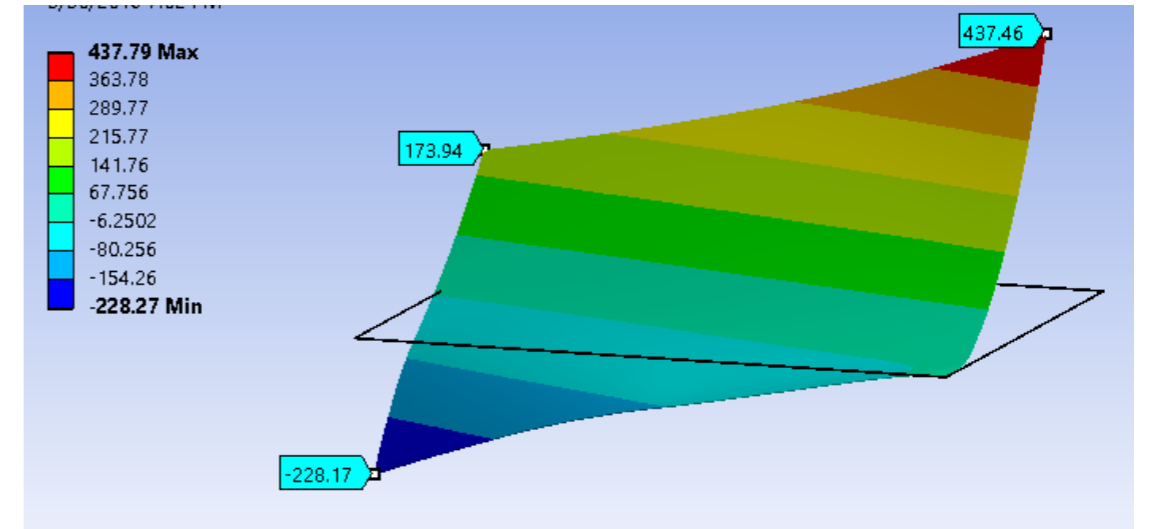
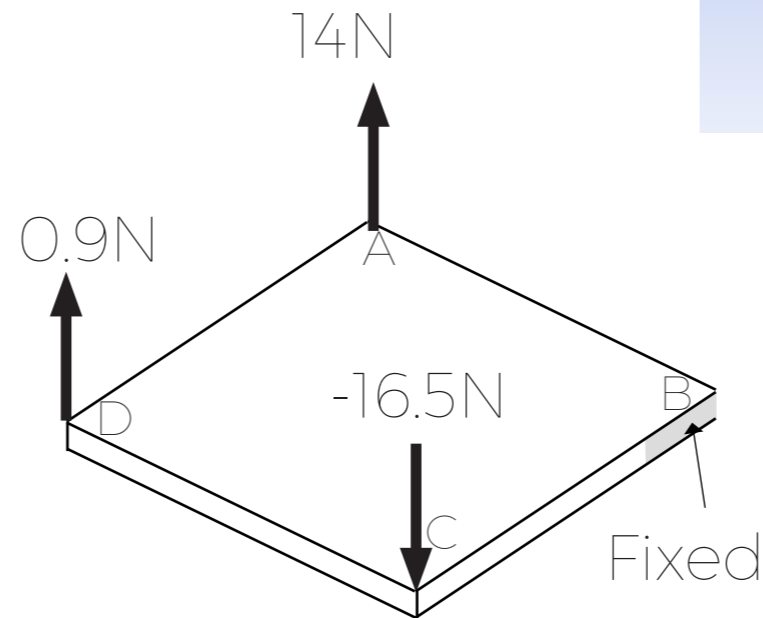
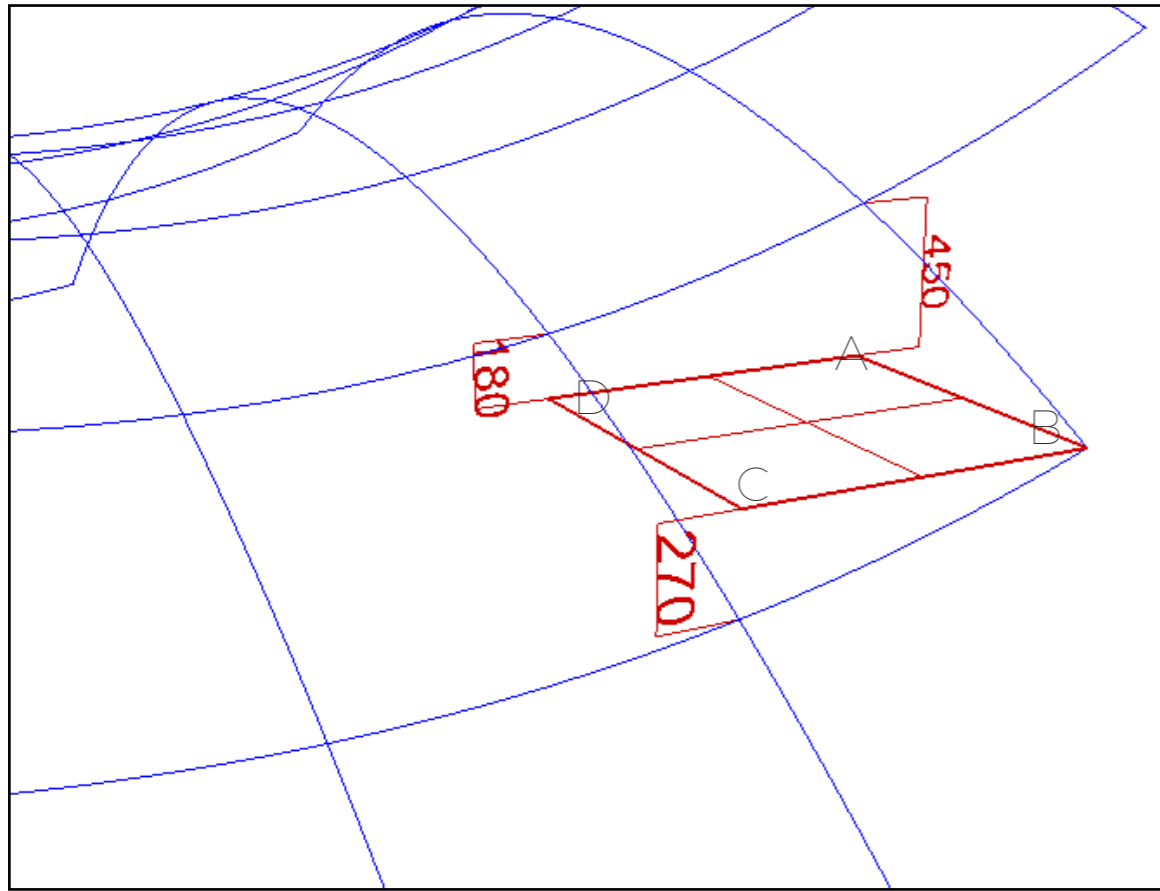


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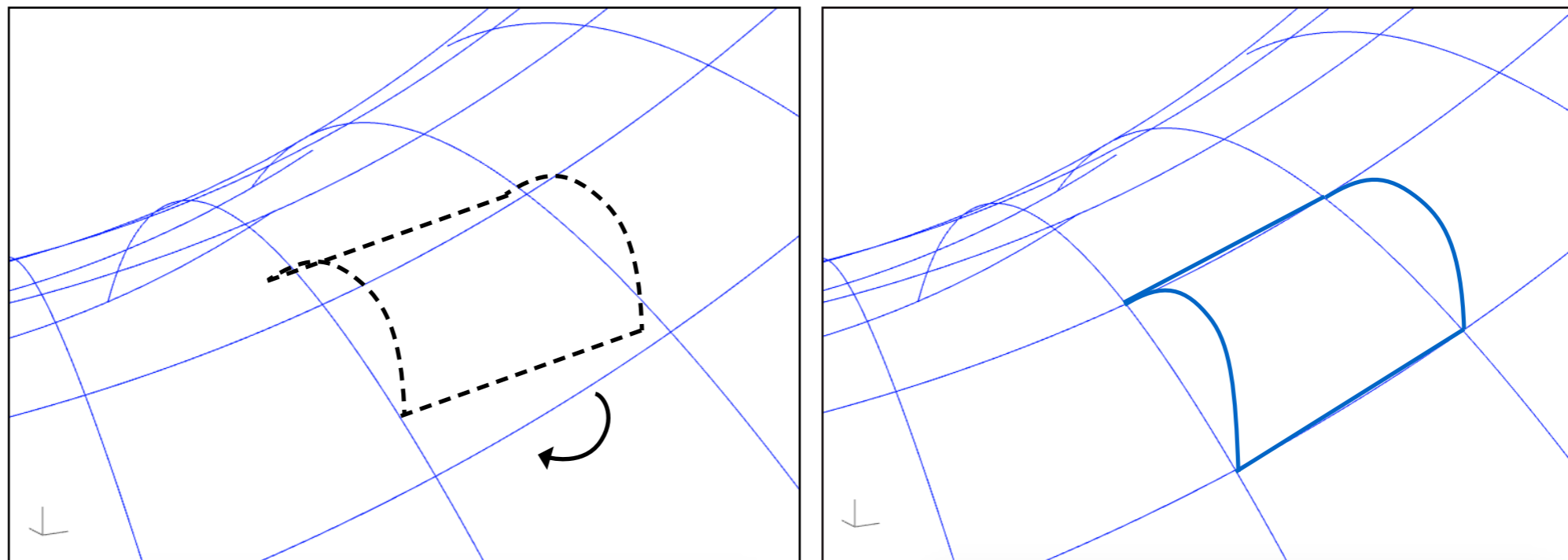
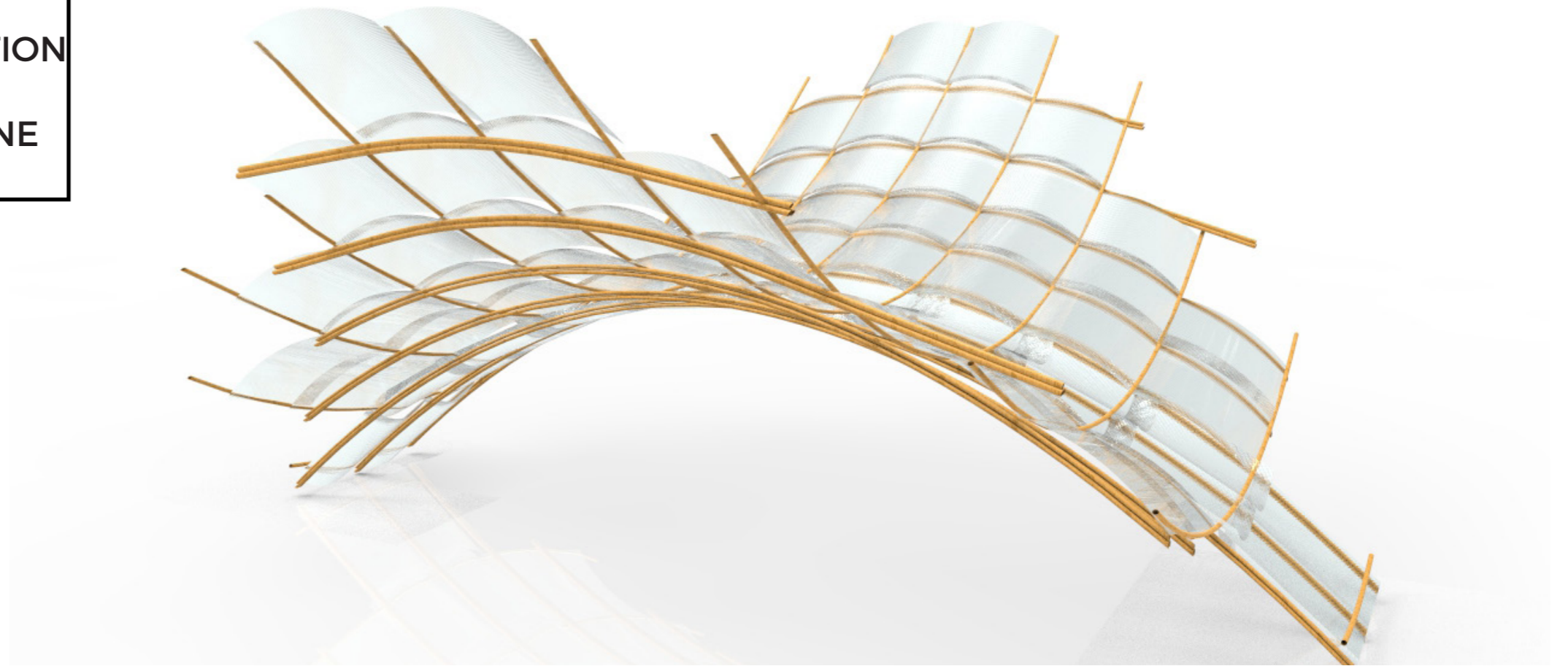
Twisted surface



Deflection  $\Delta_{zz}$

# THIN GLASS \_ CLADDING SYSTEM (OPTION 3)

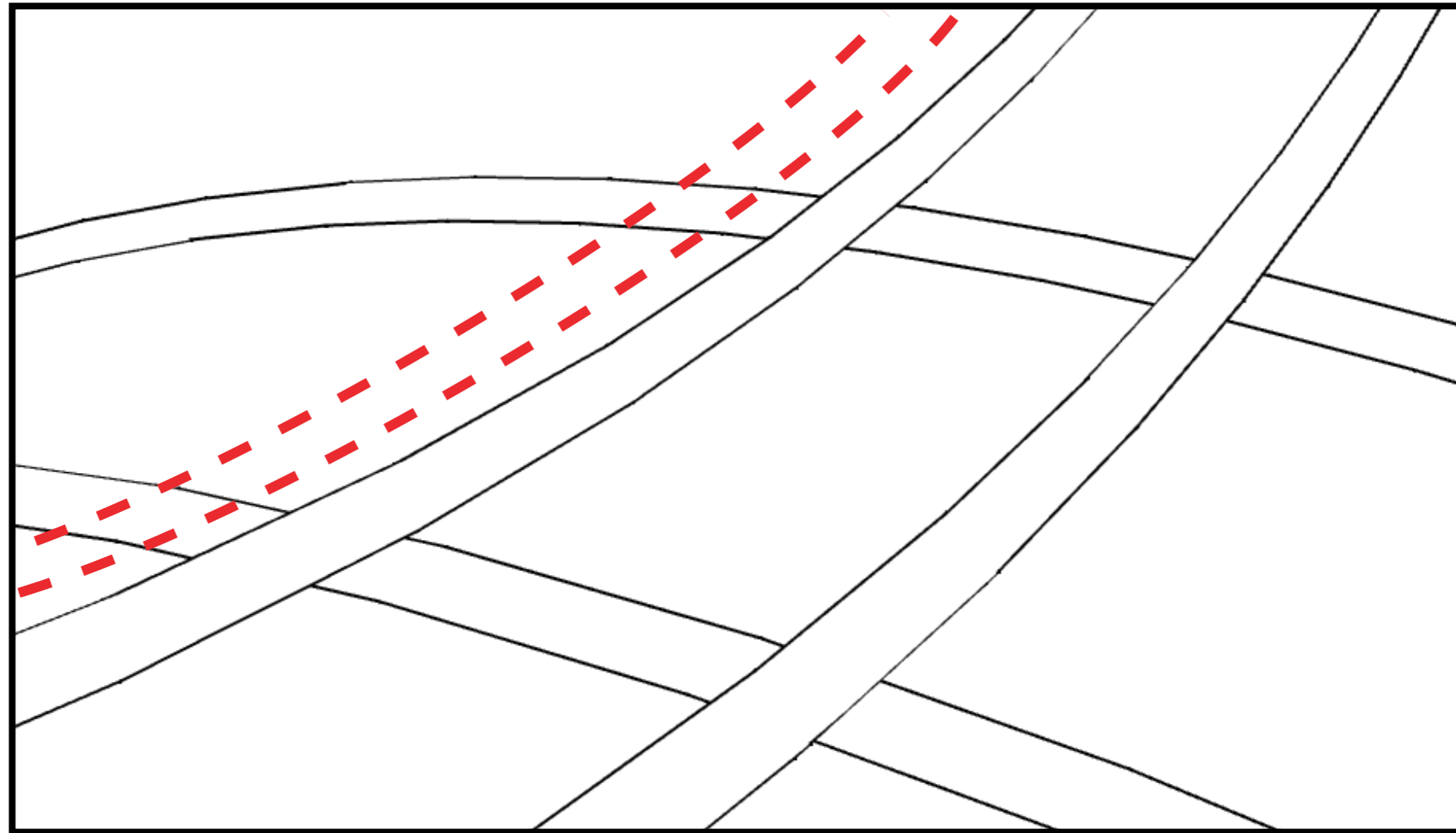
- ✓ NO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
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Double curved surface

# PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES

Tolerances due to:

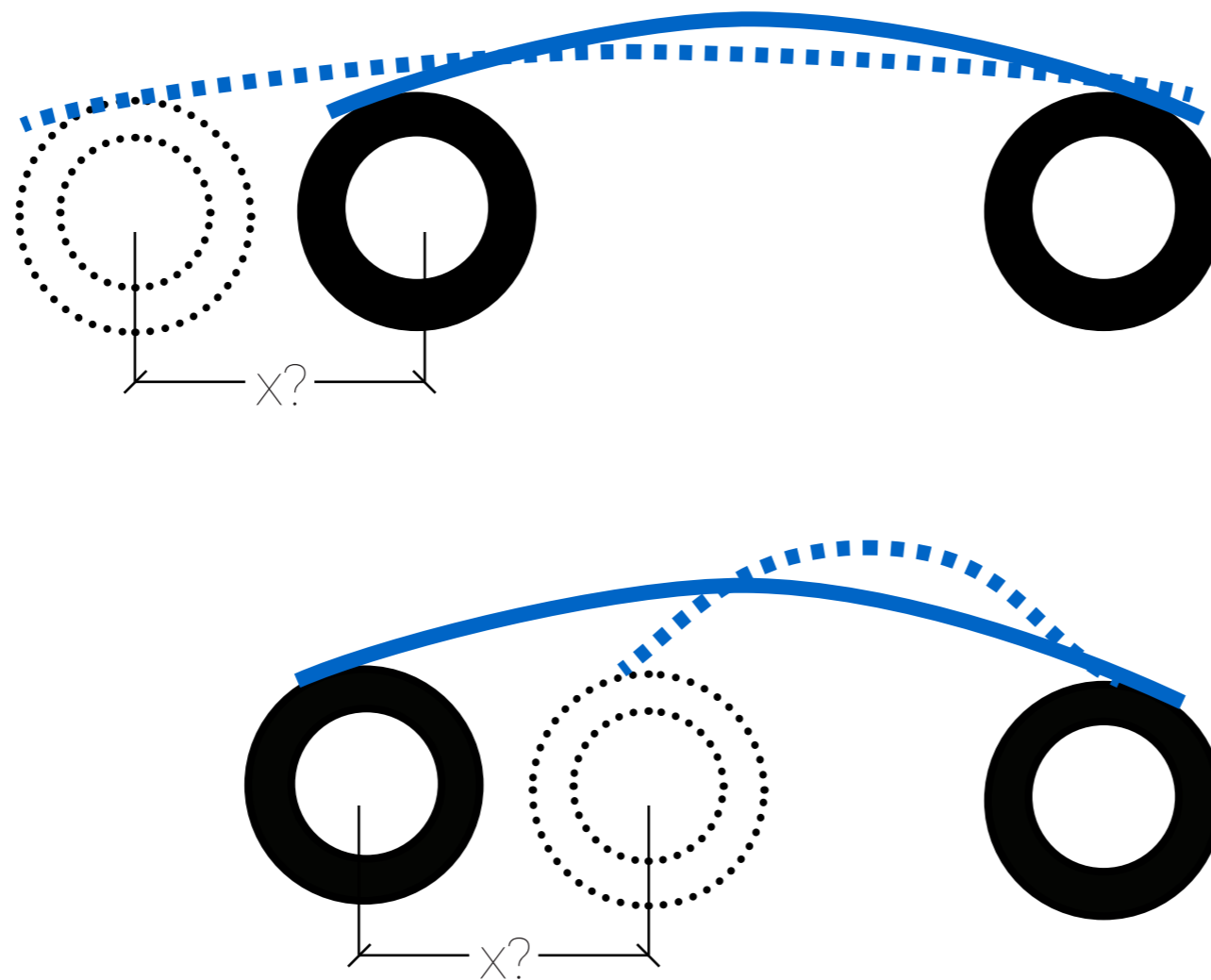


Grid difference

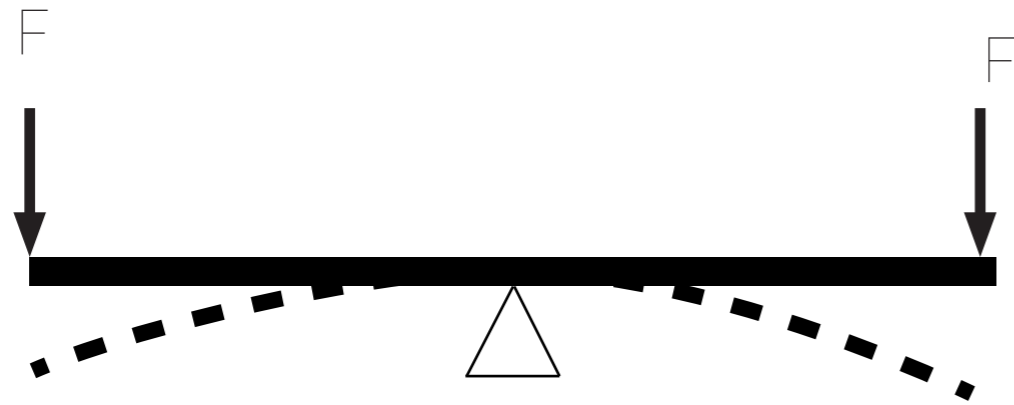
# PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES

## Cladding to accommodate tolerances.

- Cold Bending glass on site. Keeping the curvature of the glass varying to adjust the grid difference.



# THIN GLASS | BENDING ANALYSIS



## Thin Glass Properties:

Density:  $2.48\text{g/cm}^3$

Young's Modulus:  $74\text{GPa}$

Poisson's Ratio:  $0.23$

## PVB Properties:

Density:  $1.07\text{g/cm}^3$

Young's Modulus:  $2.36\text{MPa}$

Poisson's Ratio:  $0.45$

Multi-linear elasticity:

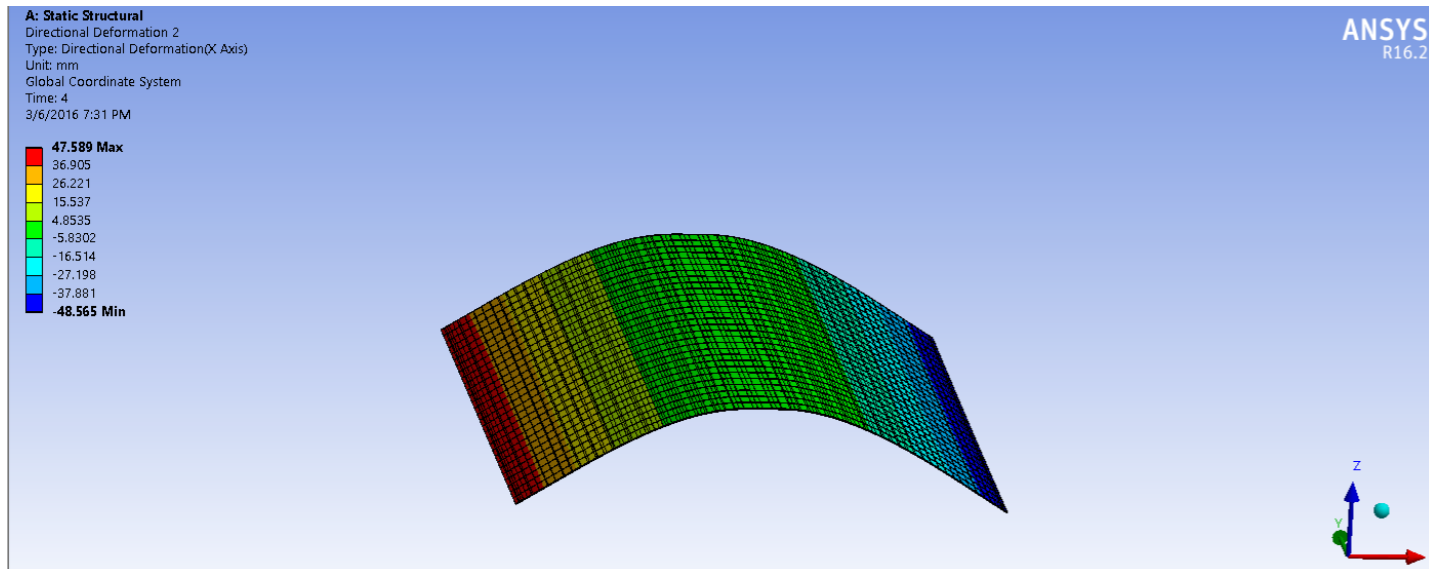


| $\epsilon$ | $\sigma$             | $\epsilon$ | $\sigma$             | $\epsilon$ | $\sigma$             |
|------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|
| [-]        | [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ] | [-]        | [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ] | [-]        | [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ] |
| 0.1        | 0.98                 | 1.1        | 17.45                | 2.1        | 73.86                |
| 0.2        | 1.96                 | 1.2        | 20.61                | 2.2        | 82.08                |
| 0.3        | 2.93                 | 1.3        | 24.24                | 2.3        | 90.46                |
| 0.4        | 3.91                 | 1.4        | 28.39                | 2.4        | 99.07                |
| 0.5        | 5.32                 | 1.5        | 33.11                | 2.5        | 108.03               |
| 0.6        | 7.11                 | 1.6        | 38.49                | 2.6        | 117.46               |
| 0.7        | 8.55                 | 1.7        | 44.51                | 2.7        | 127.55               |
| 0.8        | 10.27                | 1.8        | 51.13                | 2.8        | 138.34               |
| 0.9        | 12.31                | 1.9        | 58.28                | 2.9        | 149.13               |
| 1          | 14.69                | 2          | 65.89                | 3          | 159.30               |

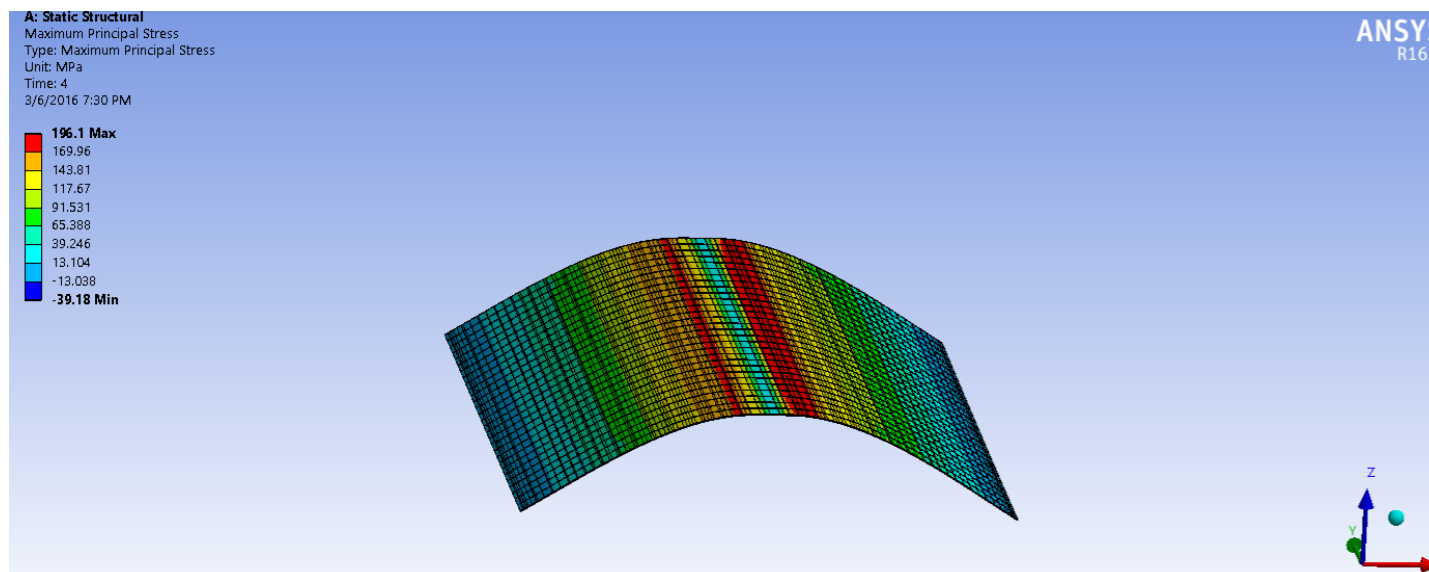
ref: Finite element analysis of laminated structural glass plates with polyvinyl butyral (PVB) interlayer.  
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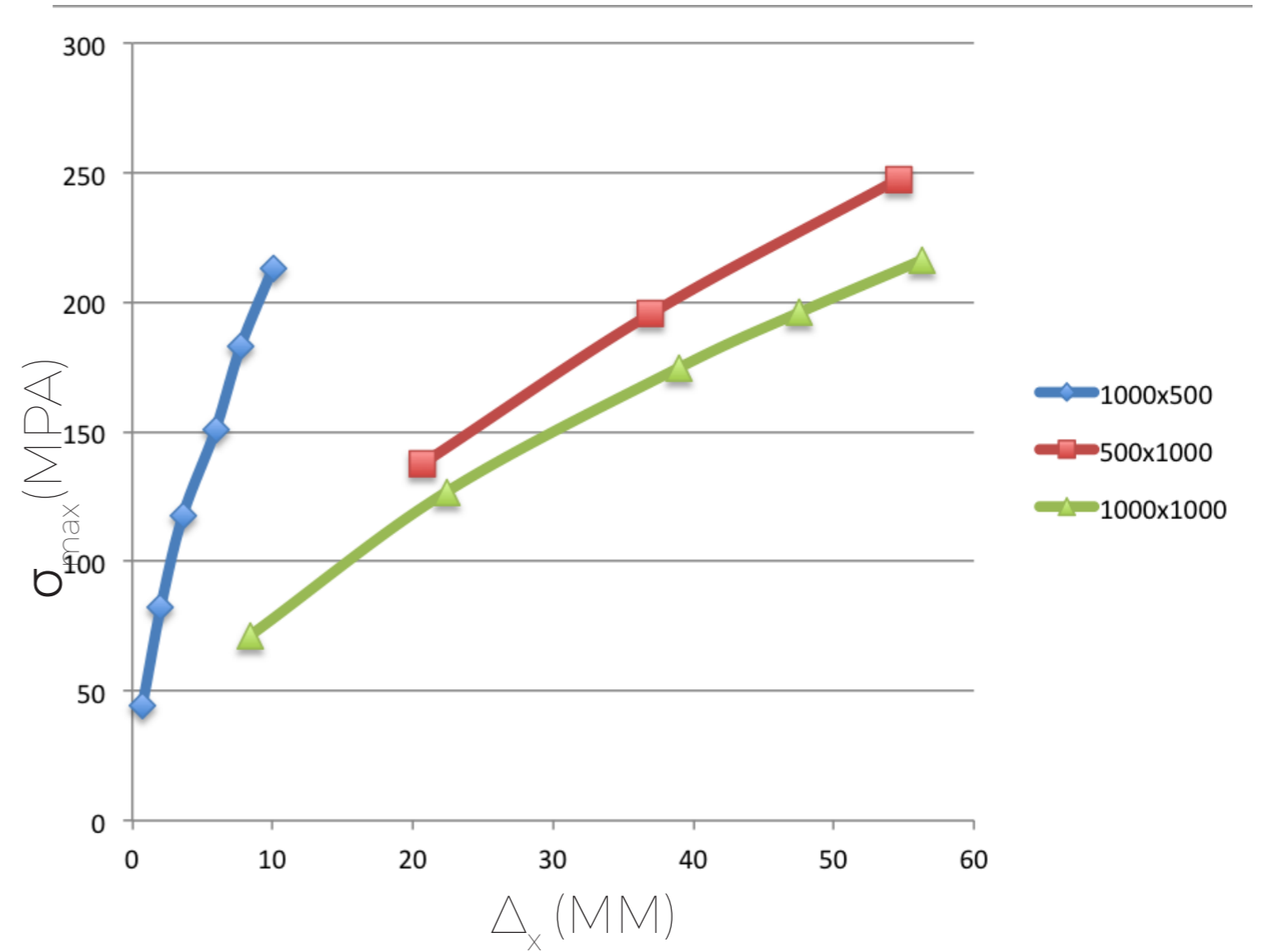
## PANEL SIZE



$$\Delta_x = 47.58 \text{ MM}$$

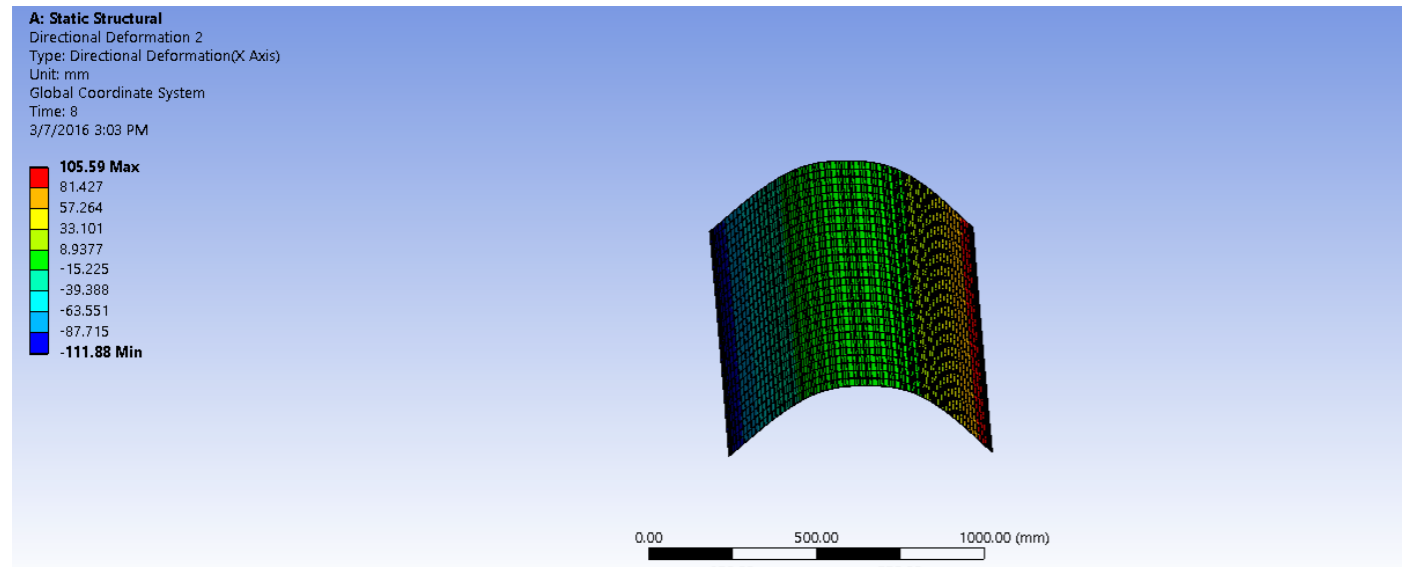


$$\sigma_{\max} = 196 \text{ MPa}$$

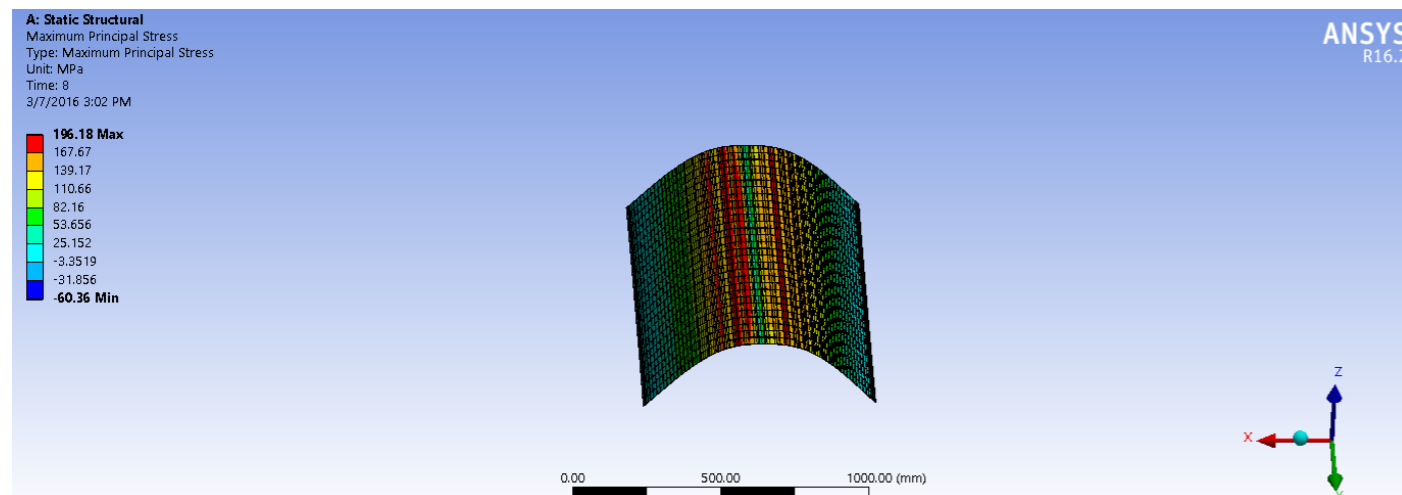


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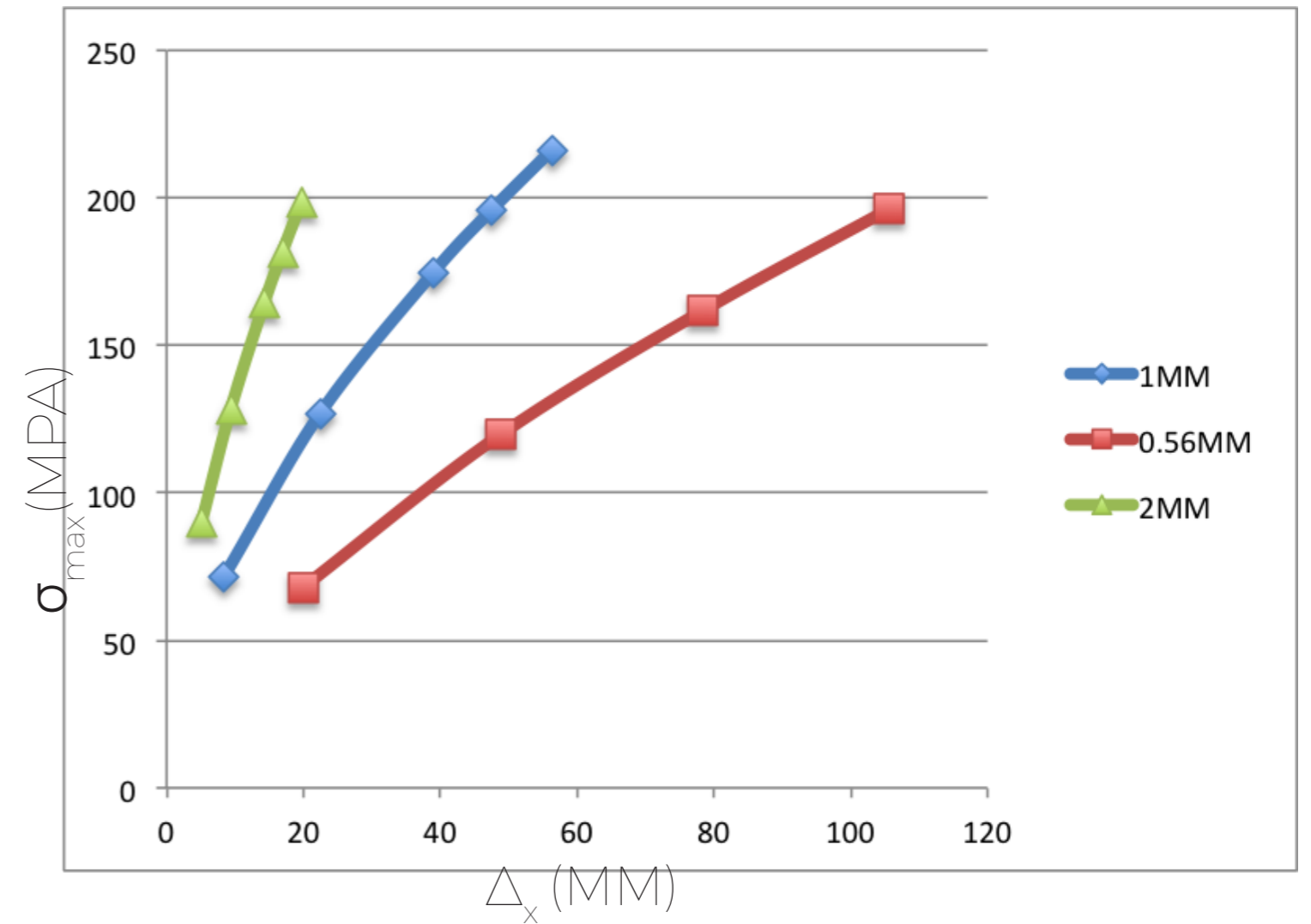
## GLASS THICKNESS



$$\Delta_x = 47.58 \text{MM}$$



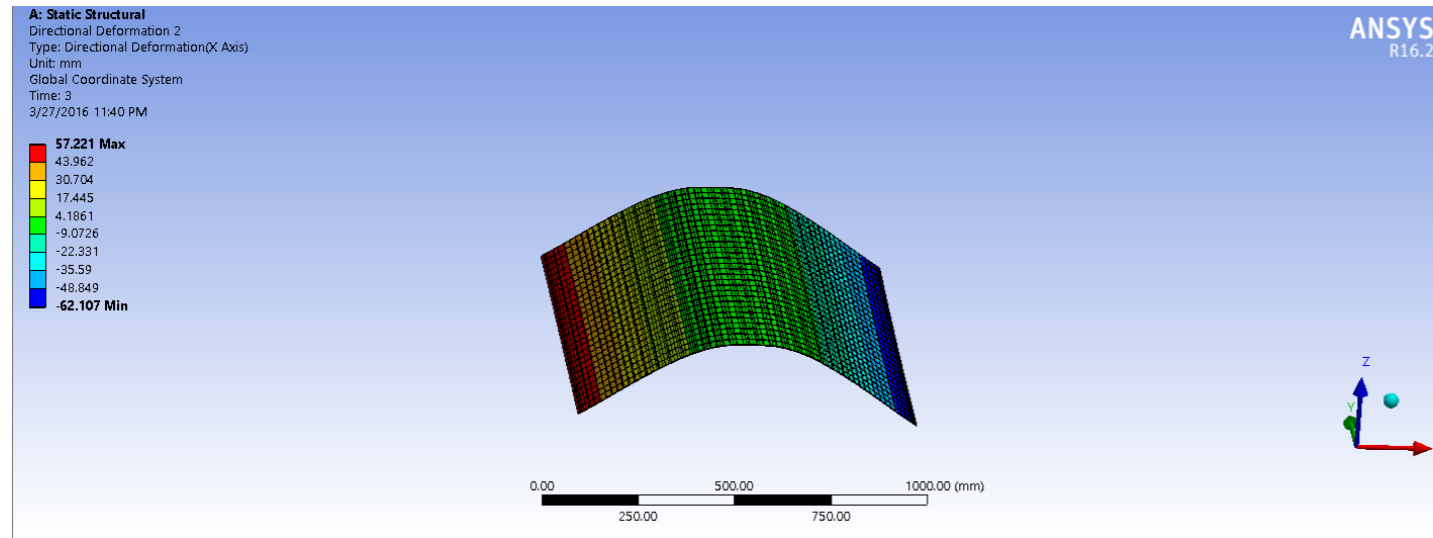
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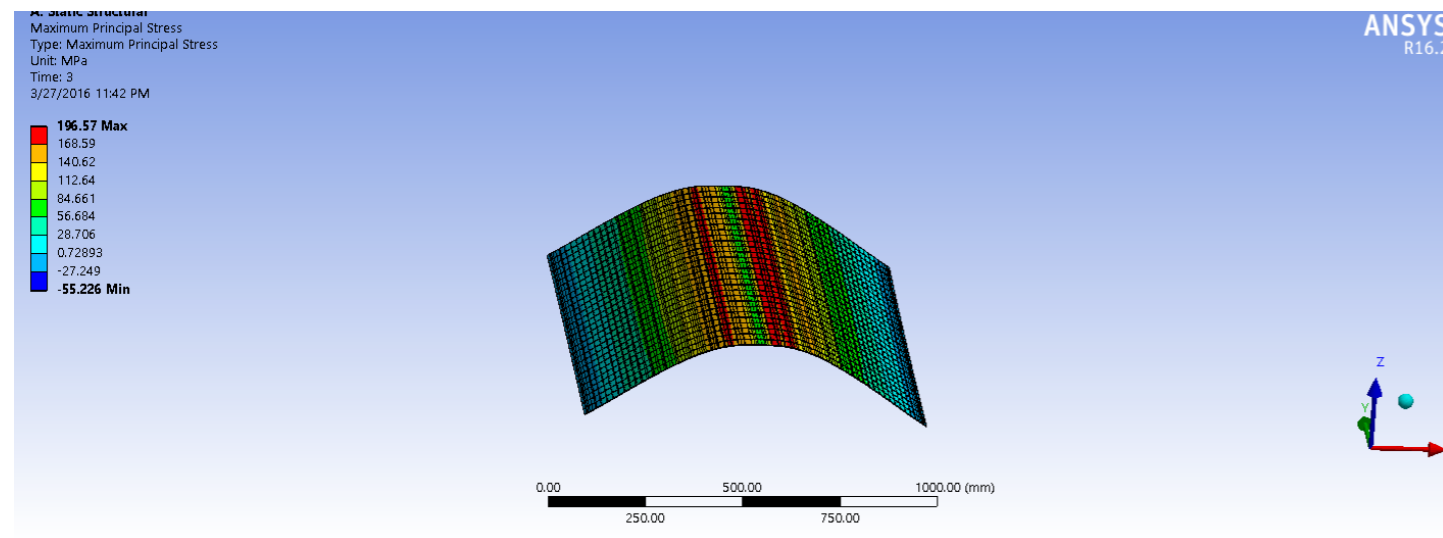


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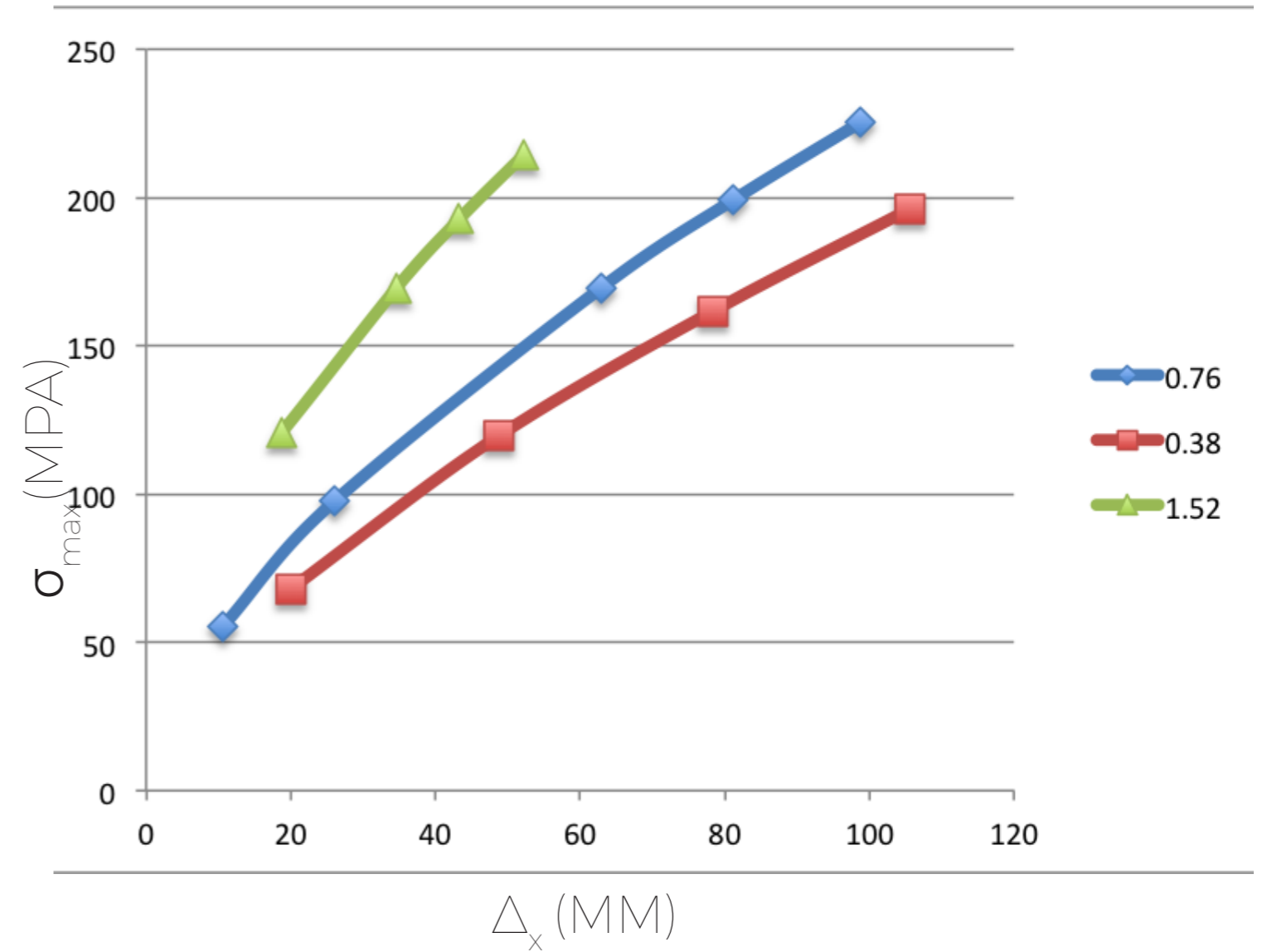
## PVB THICKNESS



$$\Delta_x = 57.22\text{mm}$$



$$\sigma_{\max} = 196.57\text{MPa}$$



# THIN GLASS BENDING CONCLUSION

## Glass Panel

Size: 1000x1000mm

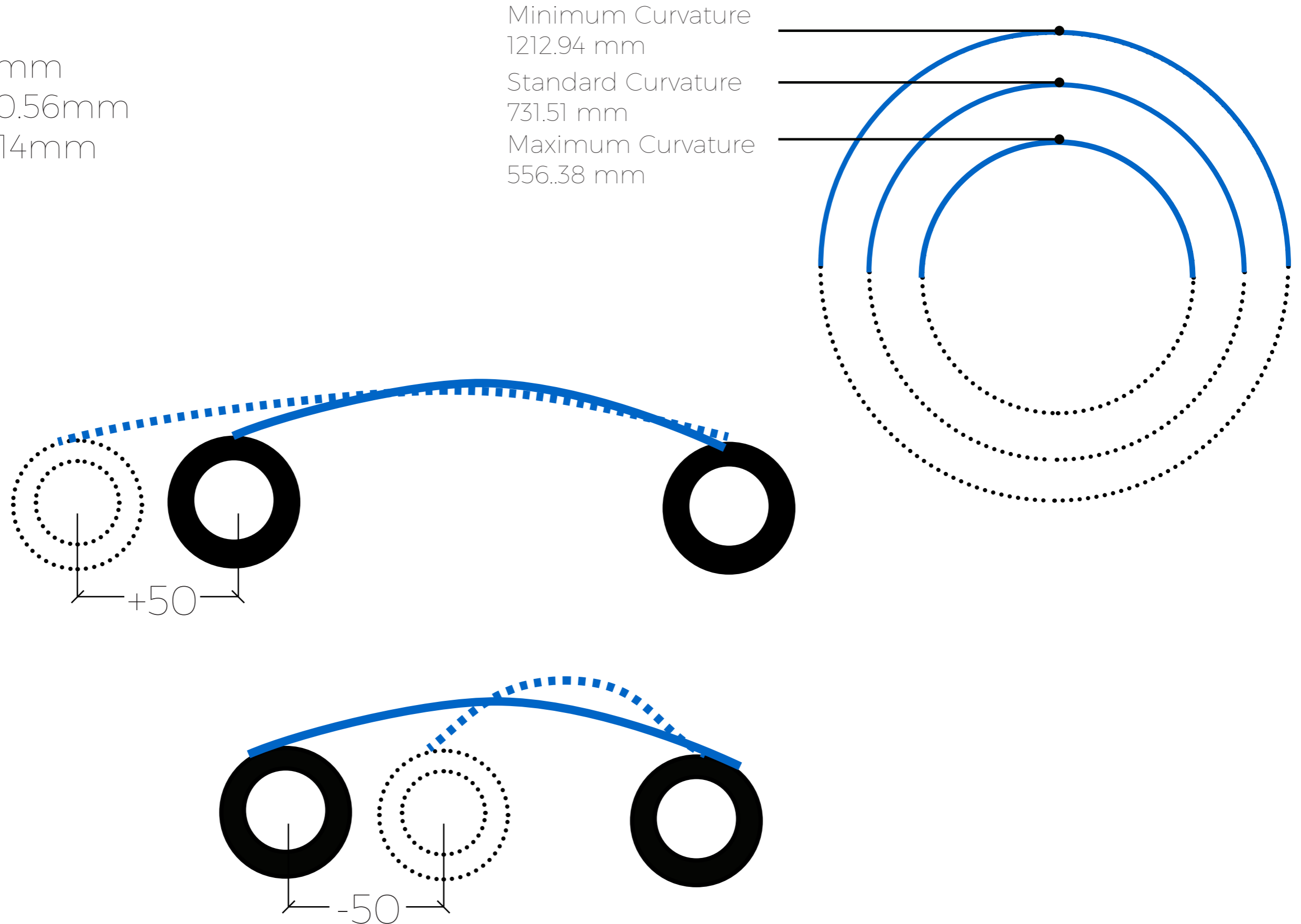
Glass thickness: 0.56mm

PVB thickness: 1.14mm

Minimum Curvature  
1212.94 mm

Standard Curvature  
731.51 mm

Maximum Curvature  
556.38 mm



## PART 3

TO DEVELOP CONNECTIONS BASED ON DRAWBACKS AND STRENGTH OF  
BAMBOO AND THIN GLASS

# CONNECTION CRITERIA



Bamboo connection using bolts  
ref: (Chris Davies)

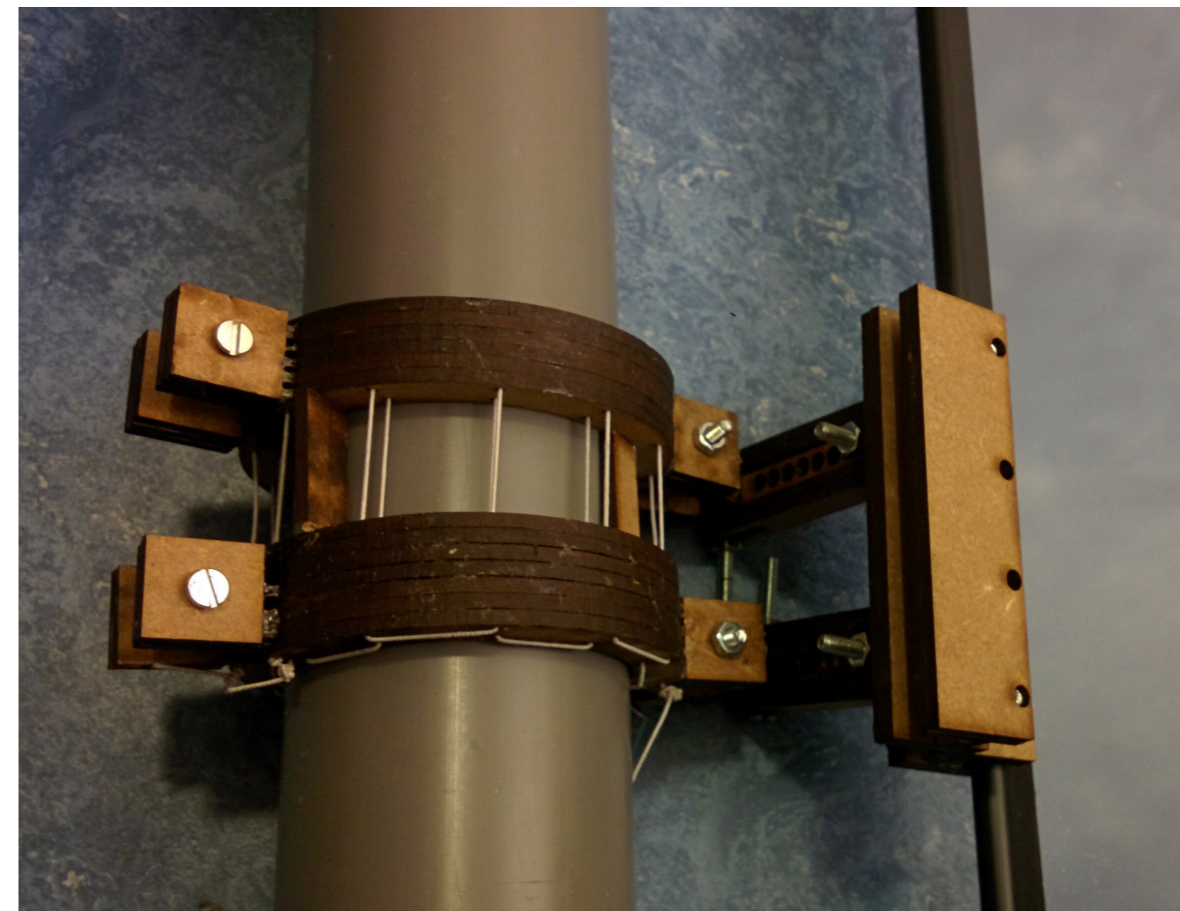
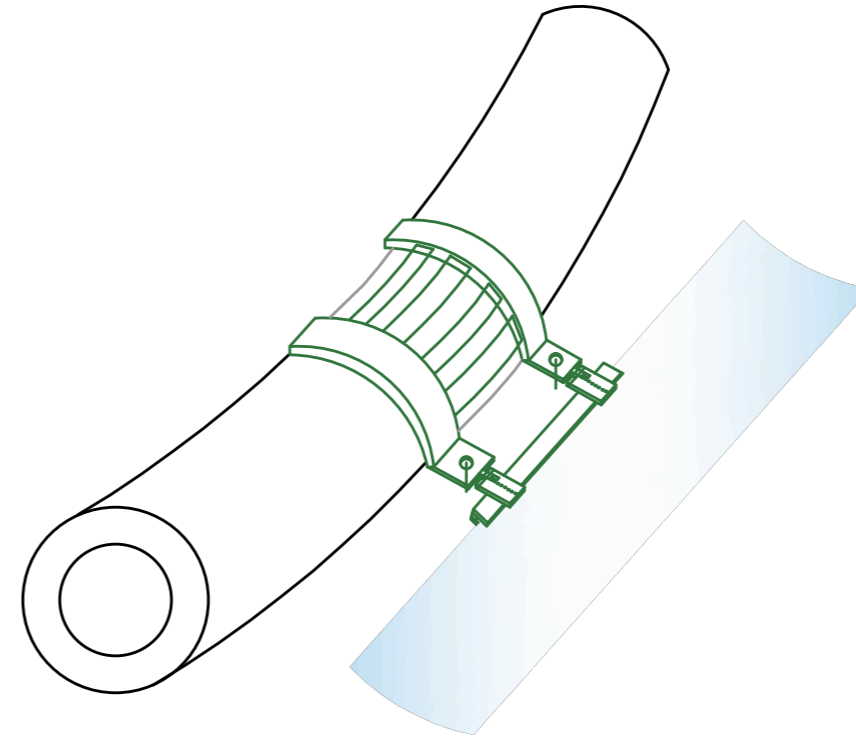
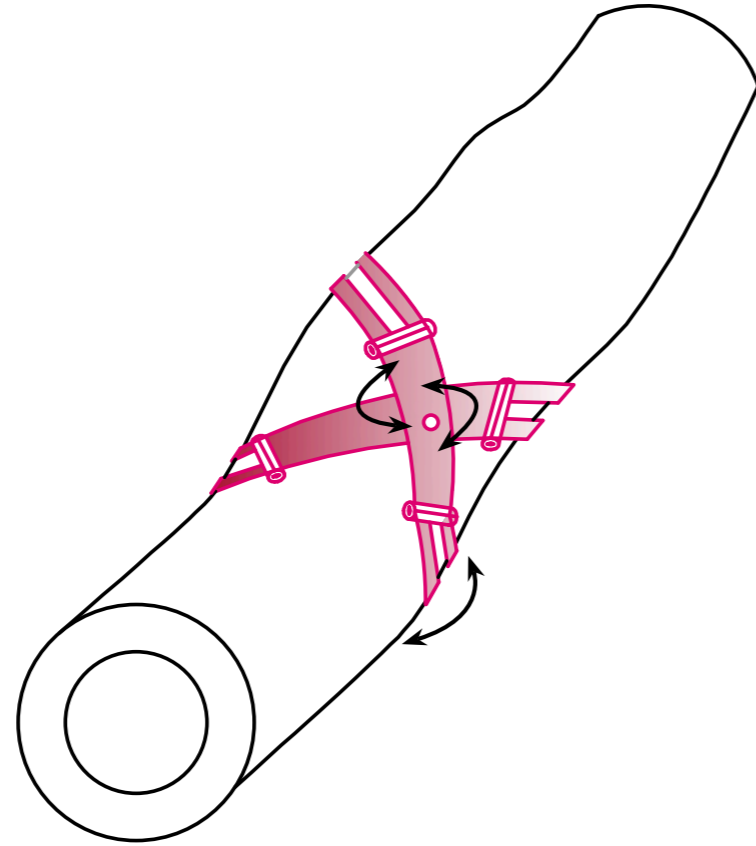


Bamboo connection  
using hemp rope  
ref: (Jaap Overal)



Bamboo connection using composite rope  
ref: (Jaap Overal)

# MECHANICAL FIXTURES



# CONNECTION CRITERIA

## WATERPROOF / WATER TIGHT

- Overlapping panels (both directions)
- Water tight joints

## TOLERANCE

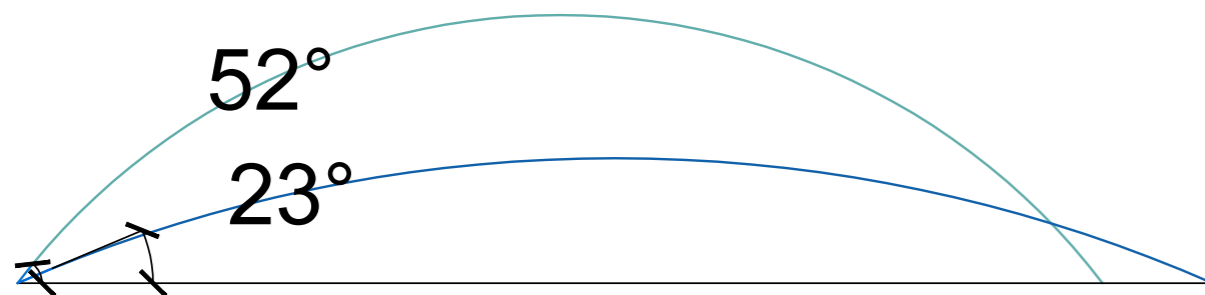
- Varying bamboo grid distance

## DEGREE OF FREEDOM.

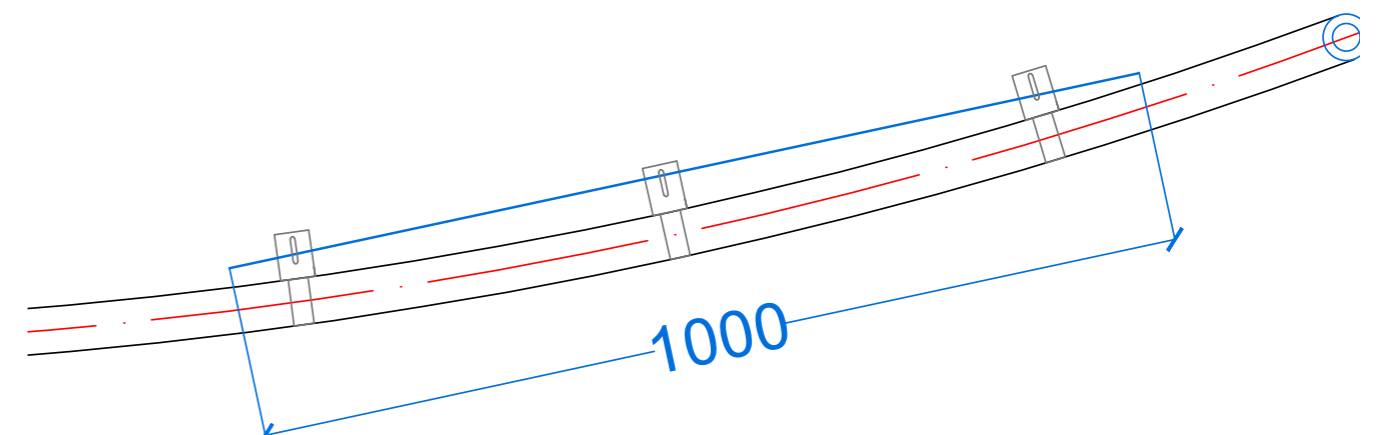
- Allow glass to extend or bend.
- Vertical movement of glass clamps required.

## CLAMPING ONLY IN ONE DIRECTION (TWO PARALLEL SIDES)

- To reduce labour, cost and avoid complexities.

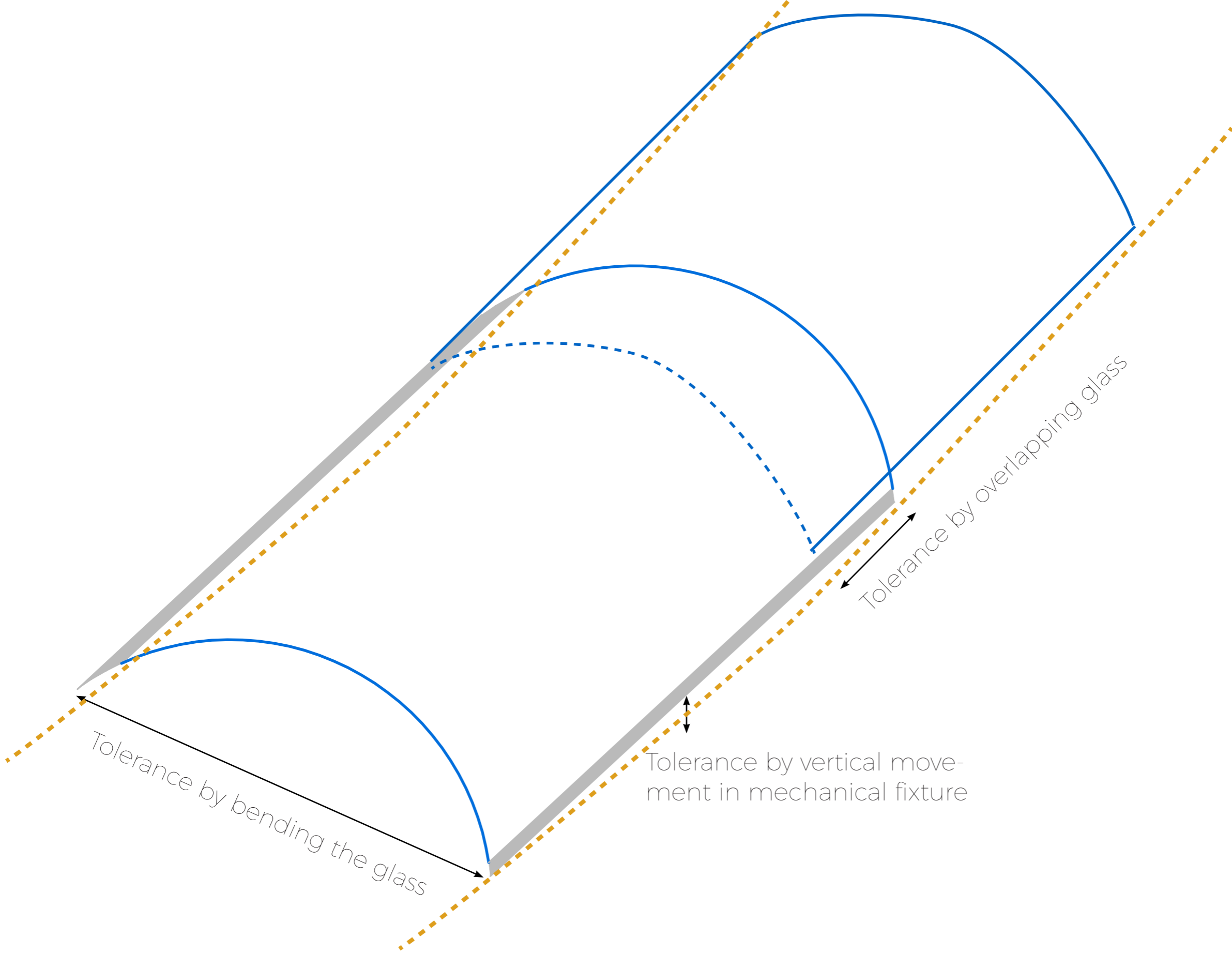


Maximum and minimum curvature of thin glass



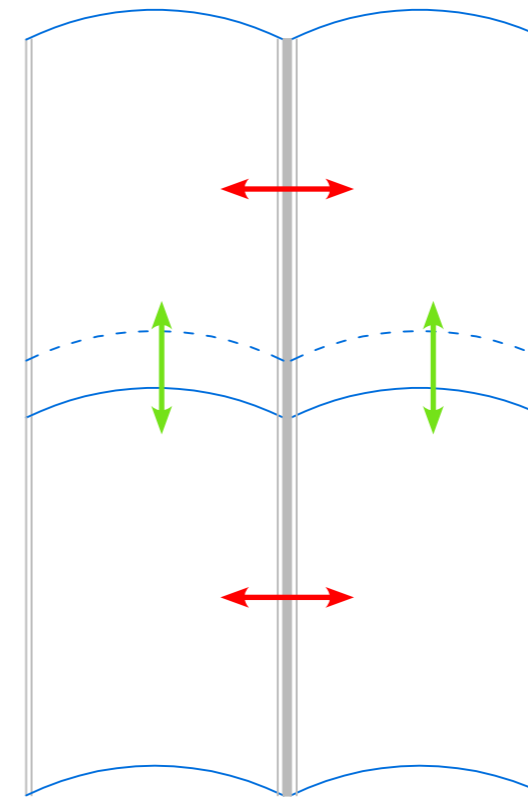
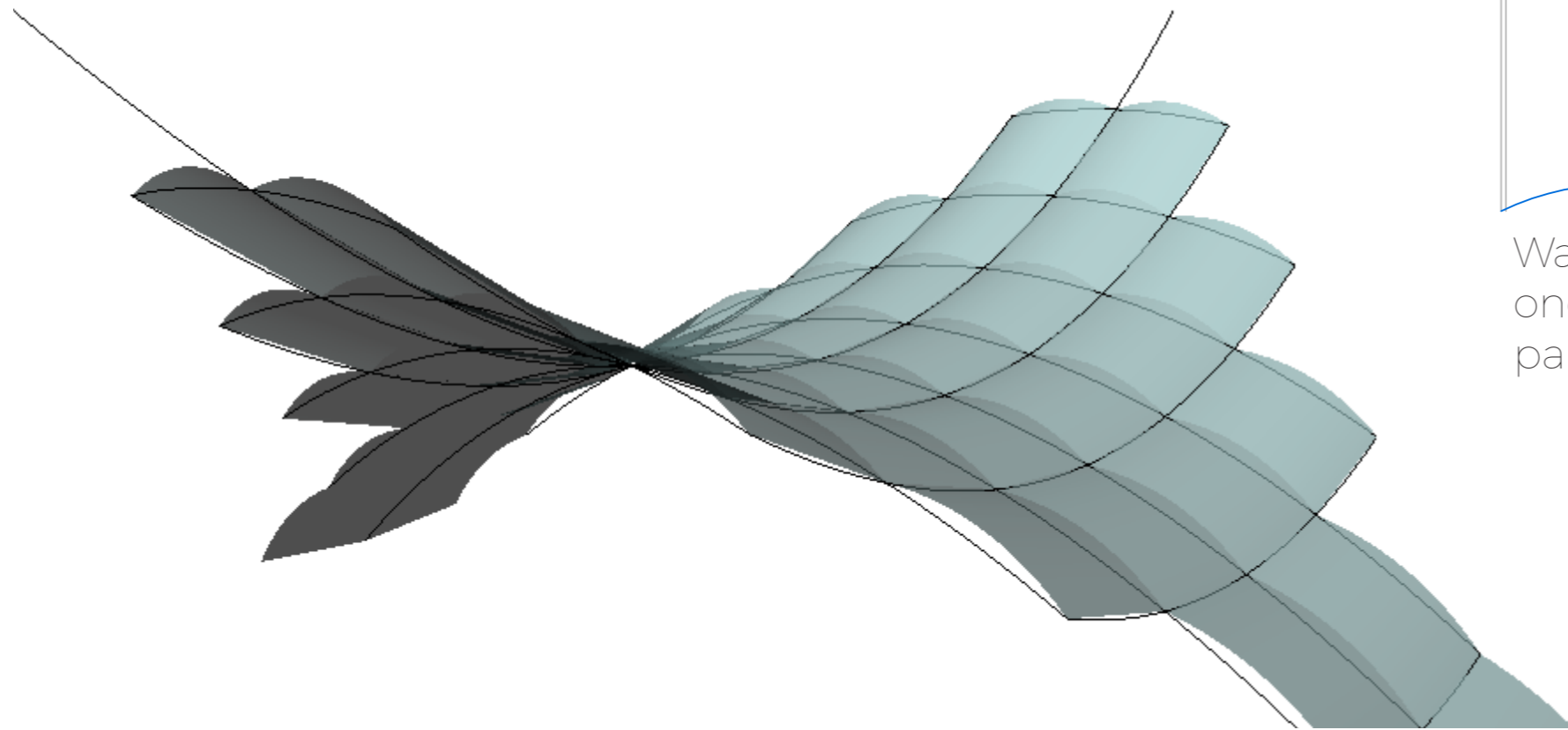
Glass panel attached at different levels

# CYLINDRICAL CURVE TOLERANCE

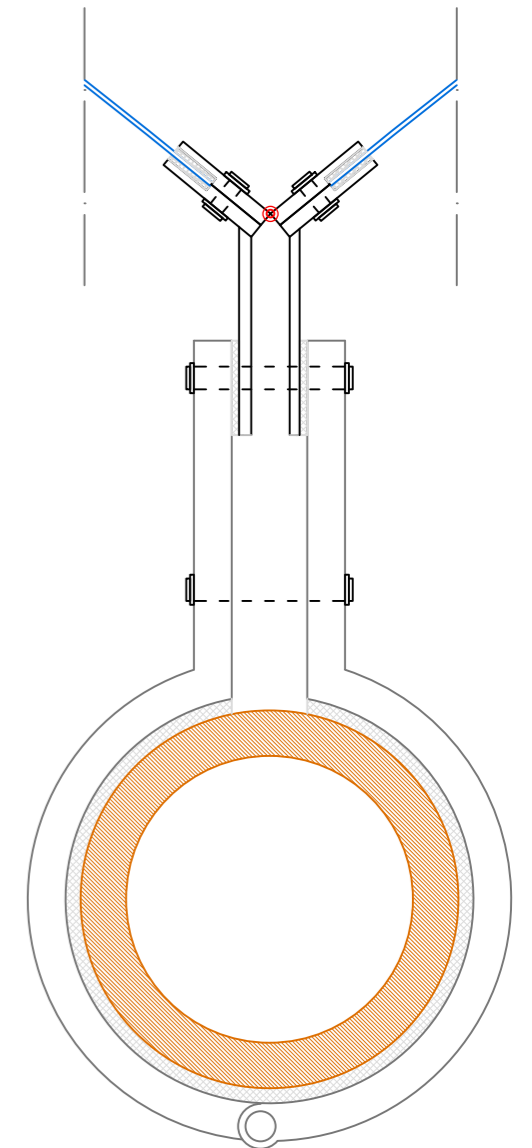


# CYLINDRICAL CURVE (OPTION 1)

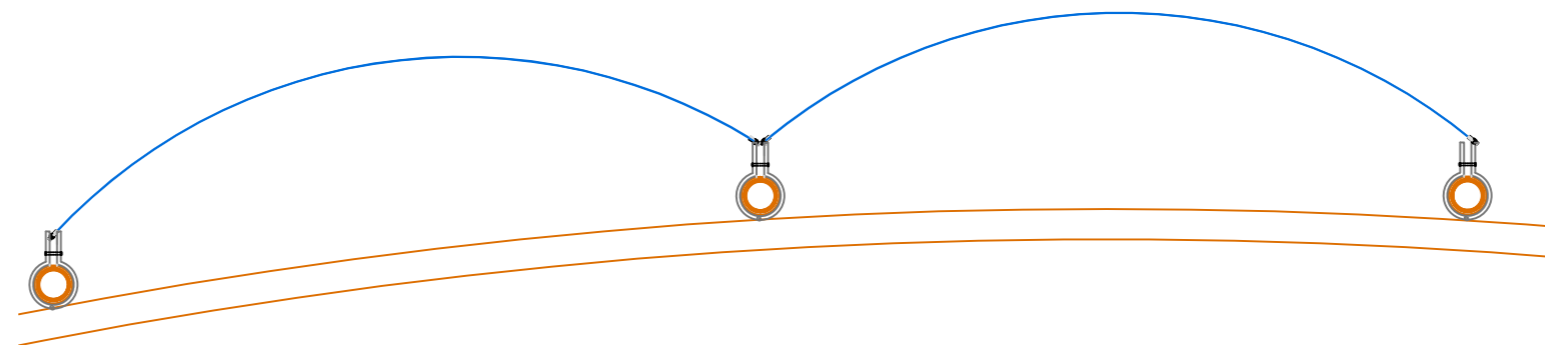
- ✗ WATER PROOF
- ✓ TOLERANCE
- ✓ DEGREE OF FREEDOM.
- ✓ CLAMPING ONLY IN ONE DIRECTION



Waterproofing only in one direction, where panels overlap.



Detail 1:1- Glass clamps hinged or welded together.



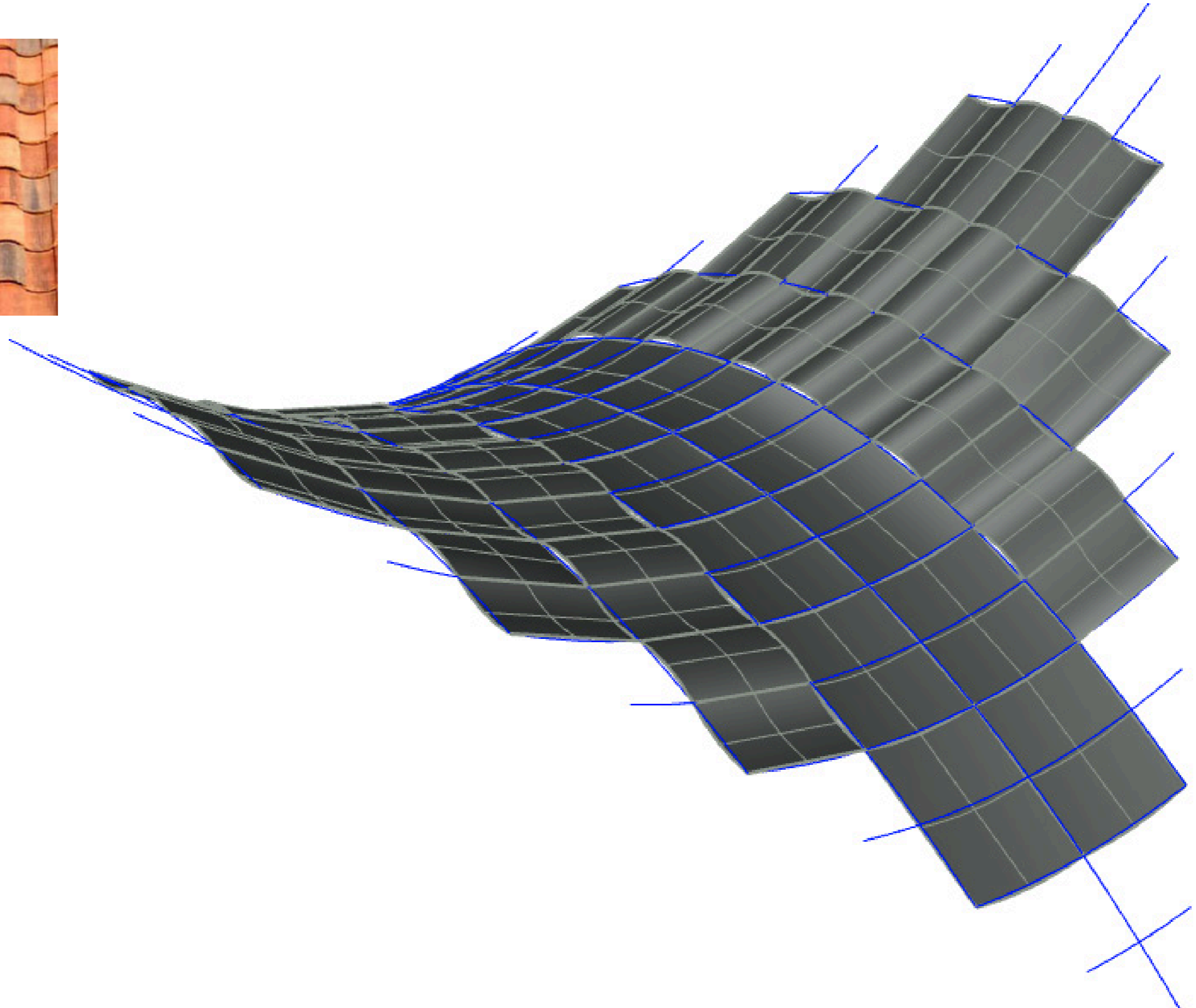
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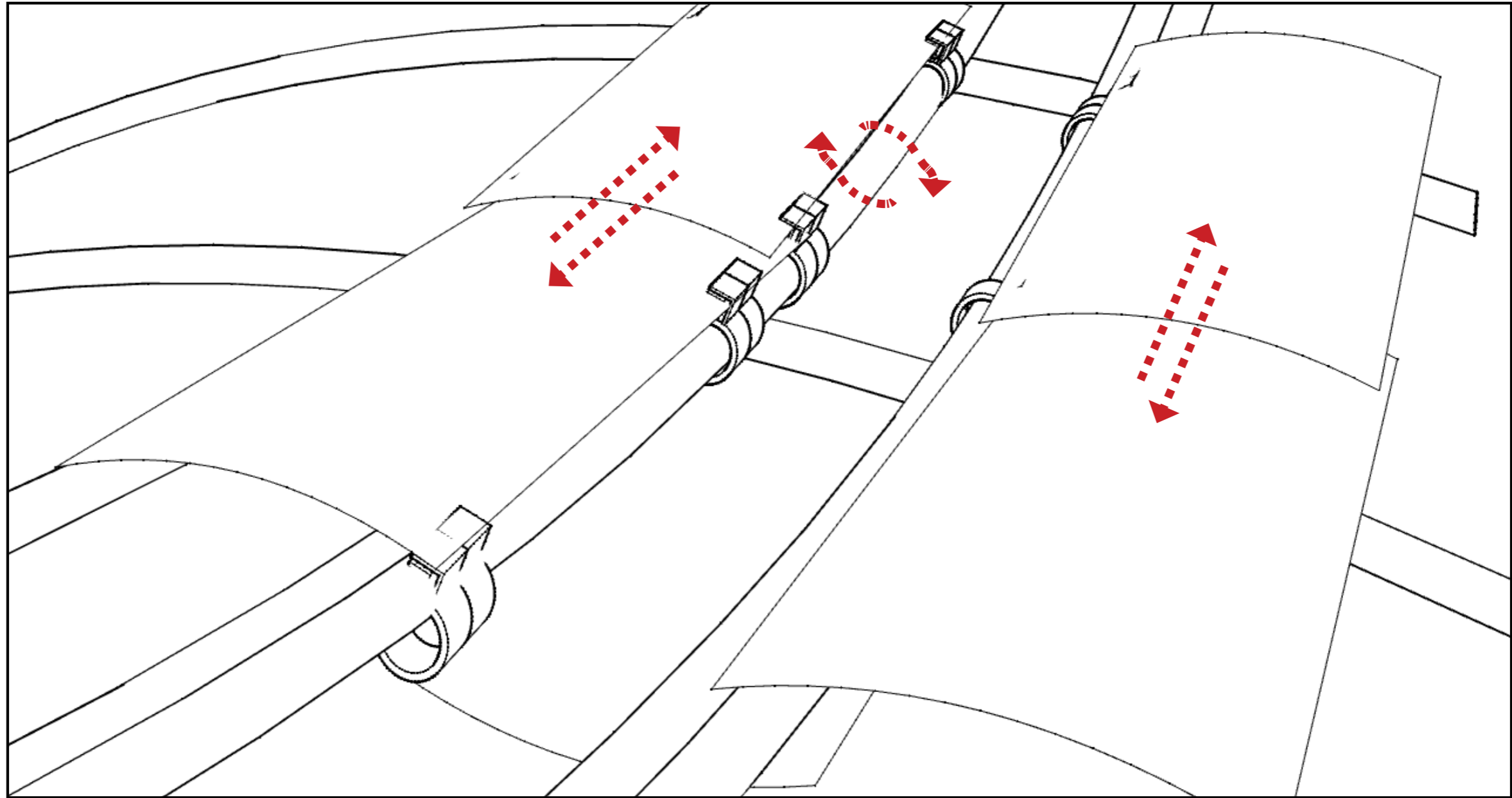
# CYLINDRICAL CURVE (OPTION 2)



Roman clay tiles



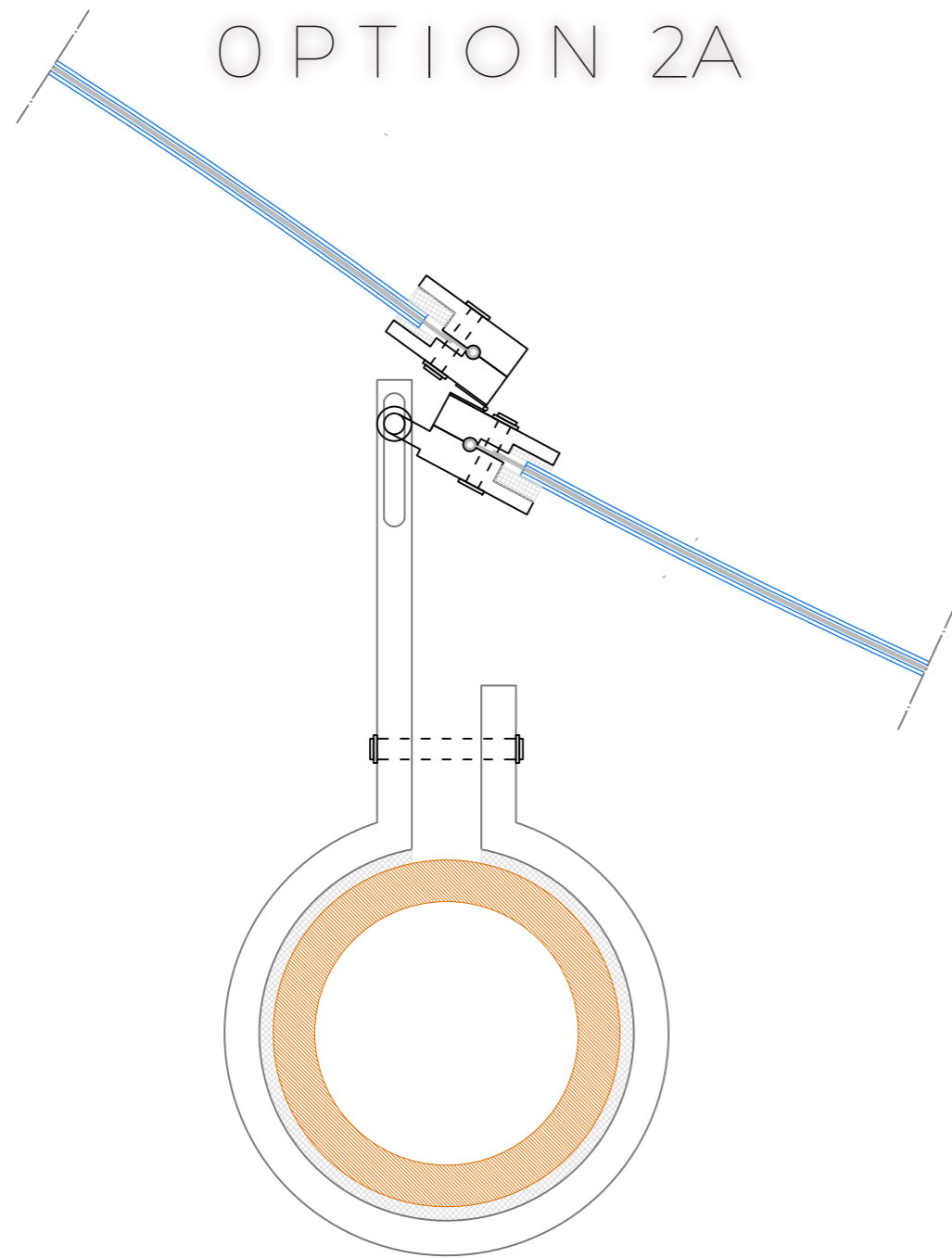
# CYLINDRICAL CURVE (OPTION 4)



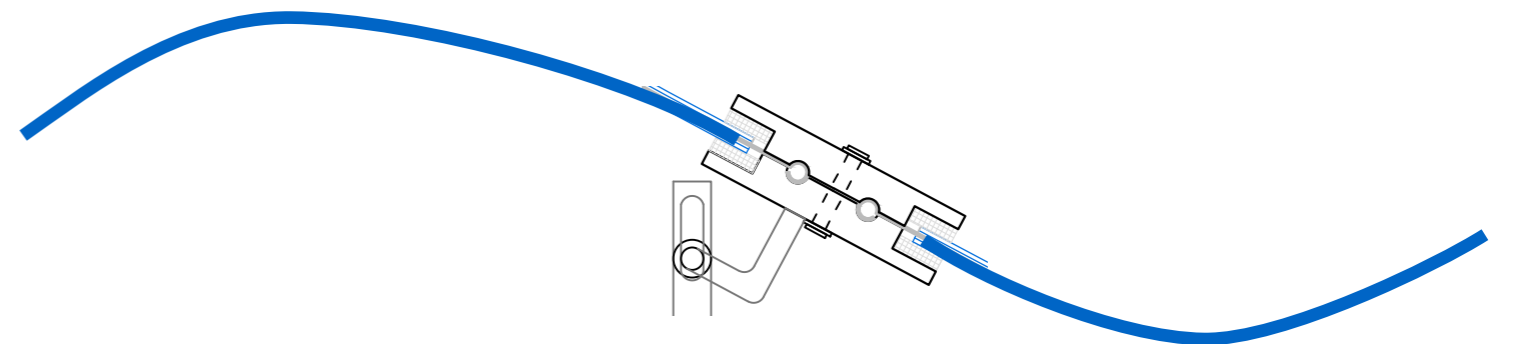
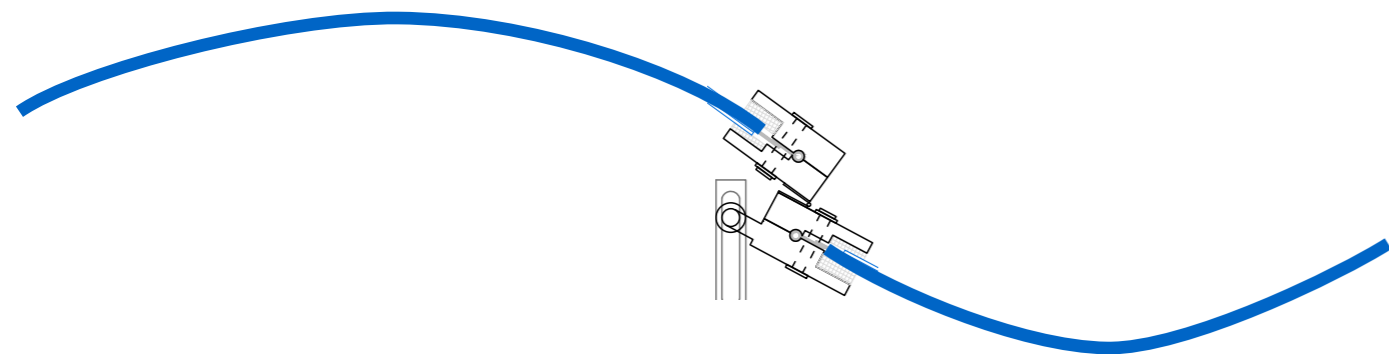
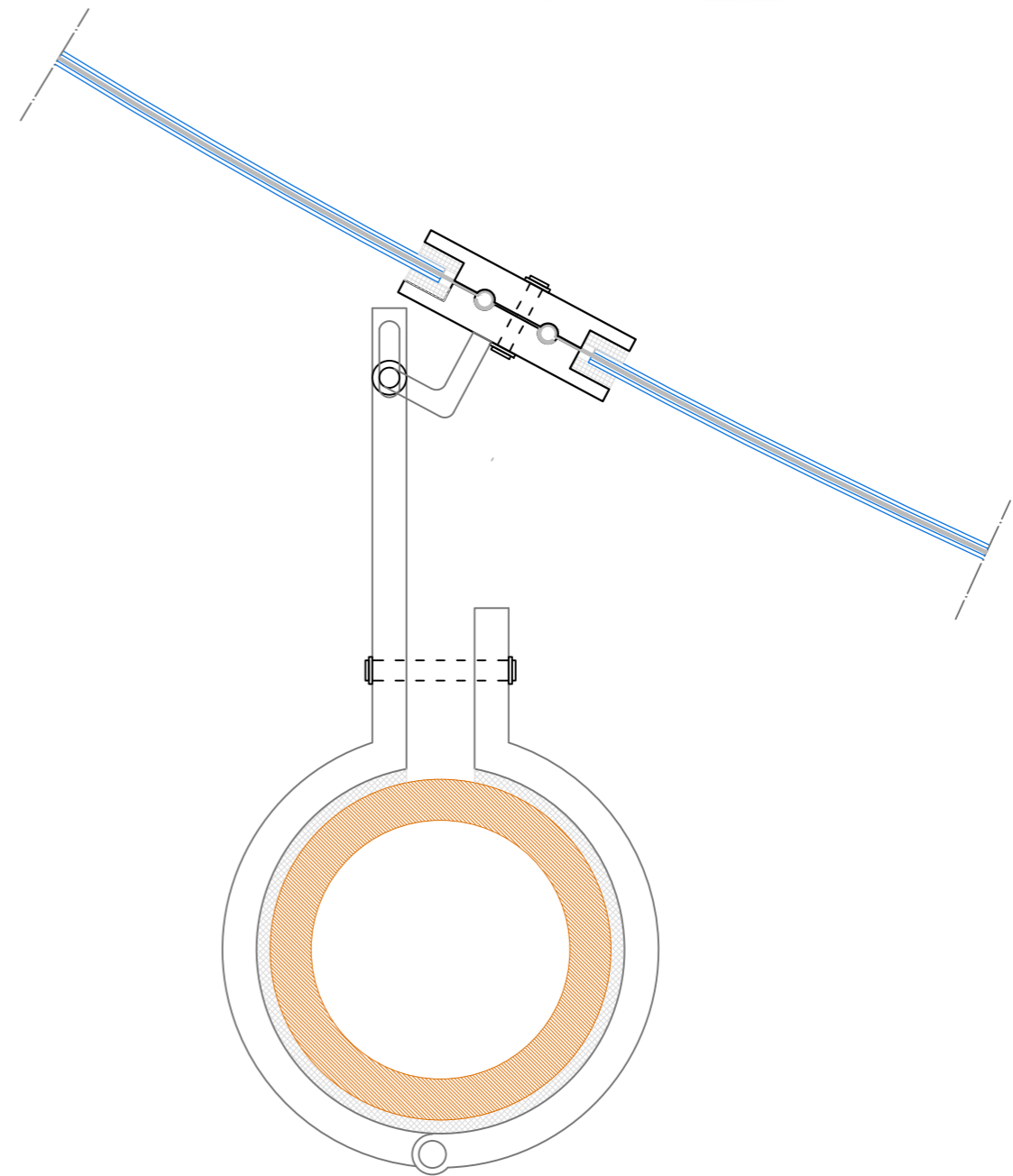
Panels overlapped in both directions.

# CYLINDRICAL CURVE

OPTION 2A



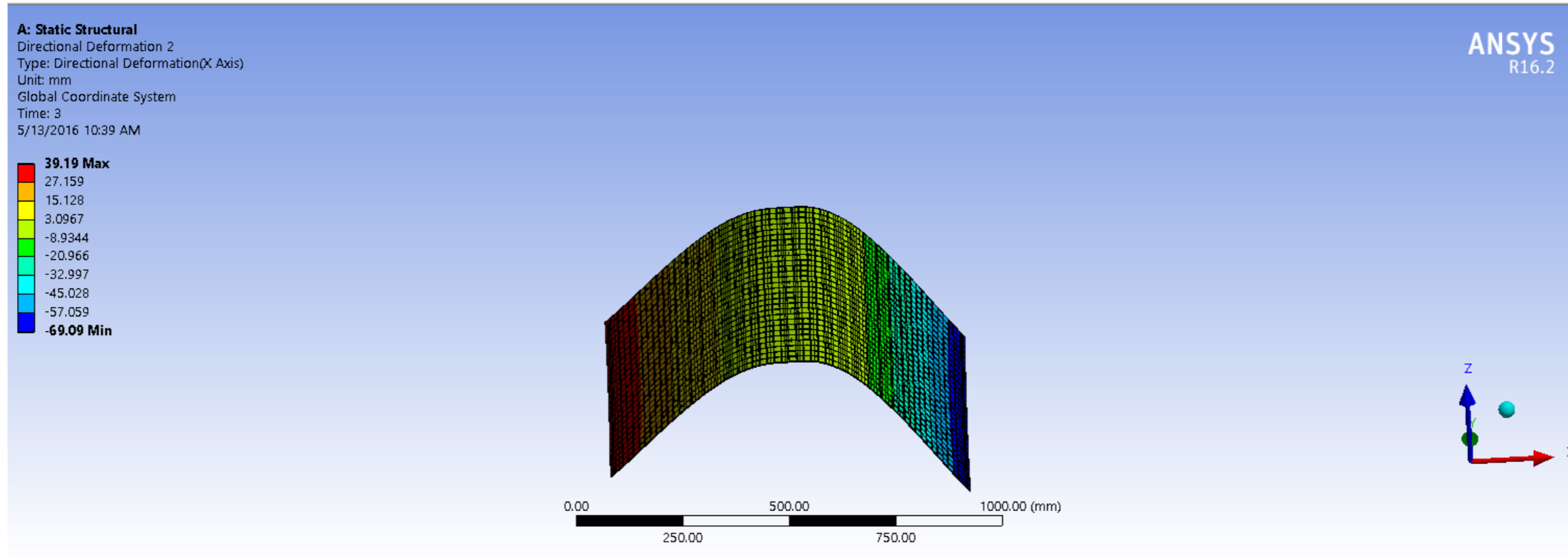
OPTION 2B



Glass Clamps Hinged to adjust glass curvature

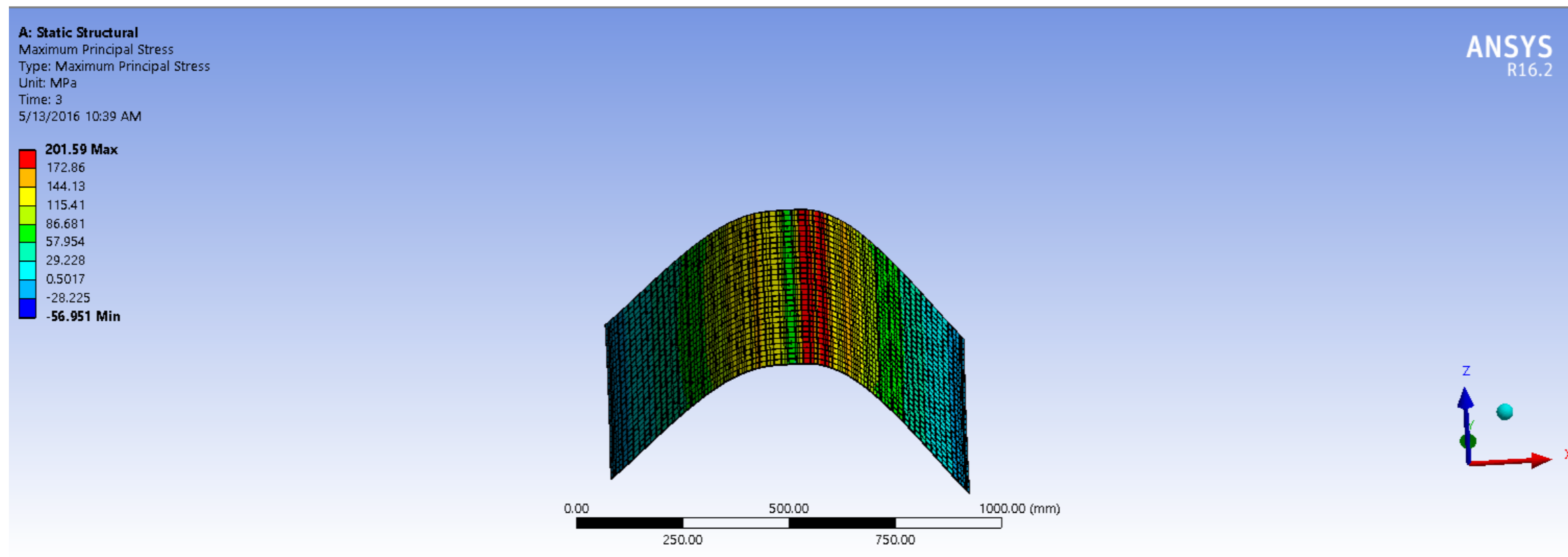
Glass Clamps fixed, glass curvature asymmetrical

# THIN GLASS ASYMMETRICAL CURVATURE



$$\Delta_x = 39.19 \text{ MM}$$

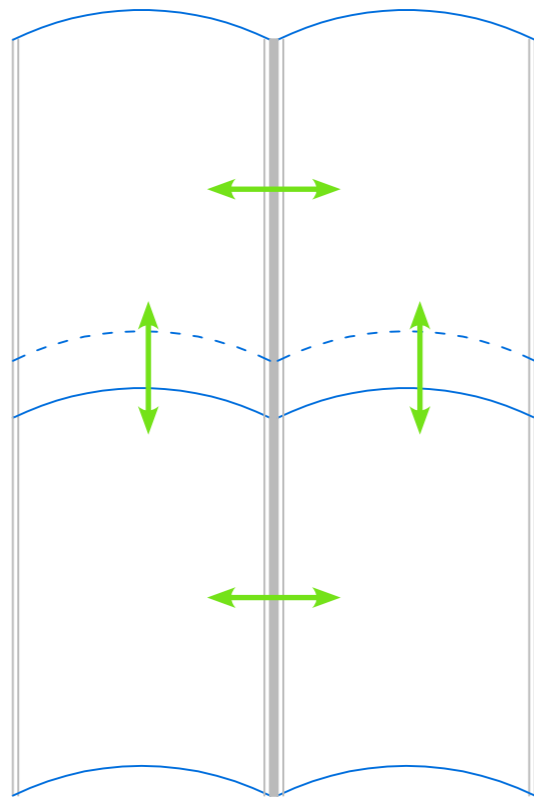
$$\Delta_x = -69.09 \text{ MM}$$



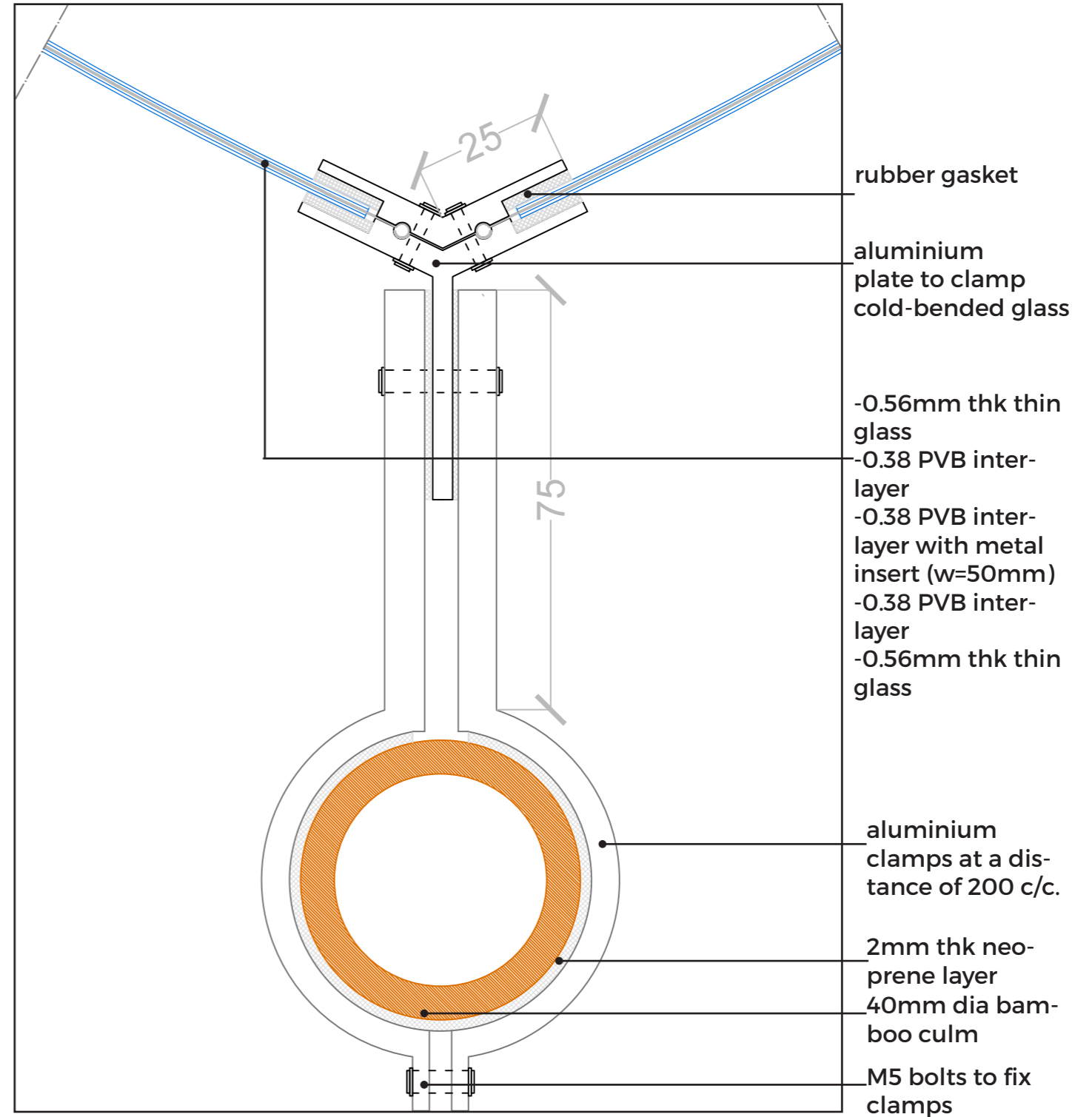
$$\sigma_{\max} = 201.50 \text{ MPa}$$

# CYLINDRICAL CURVE (OPTION 3)

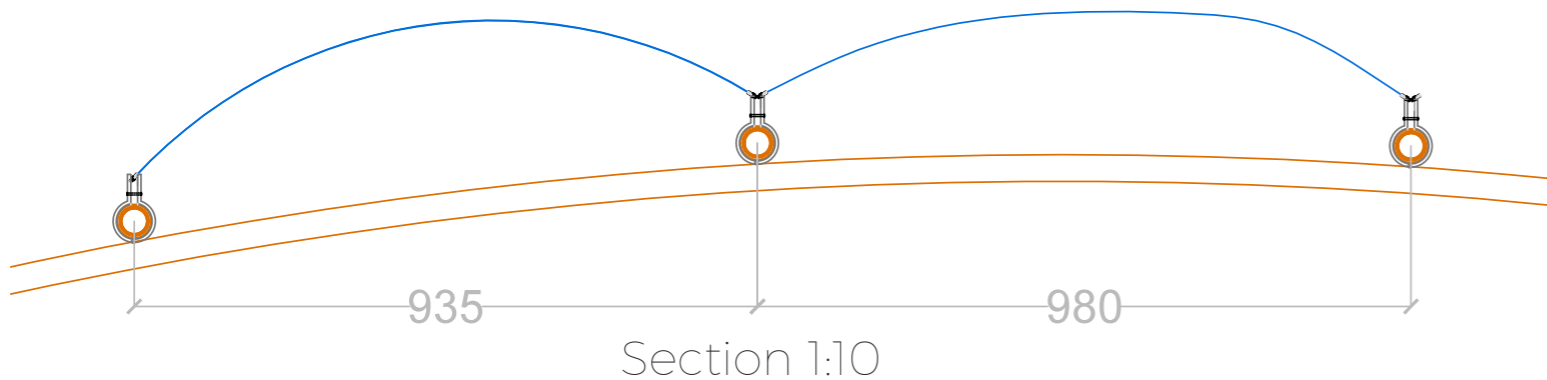
- ✓ WATER PROOF
- ✓ TOLERANCE
- ✓ DEGREE OF FREEDOM.
- ✓ CLAMPING ONLY IN ONE DIRECTION



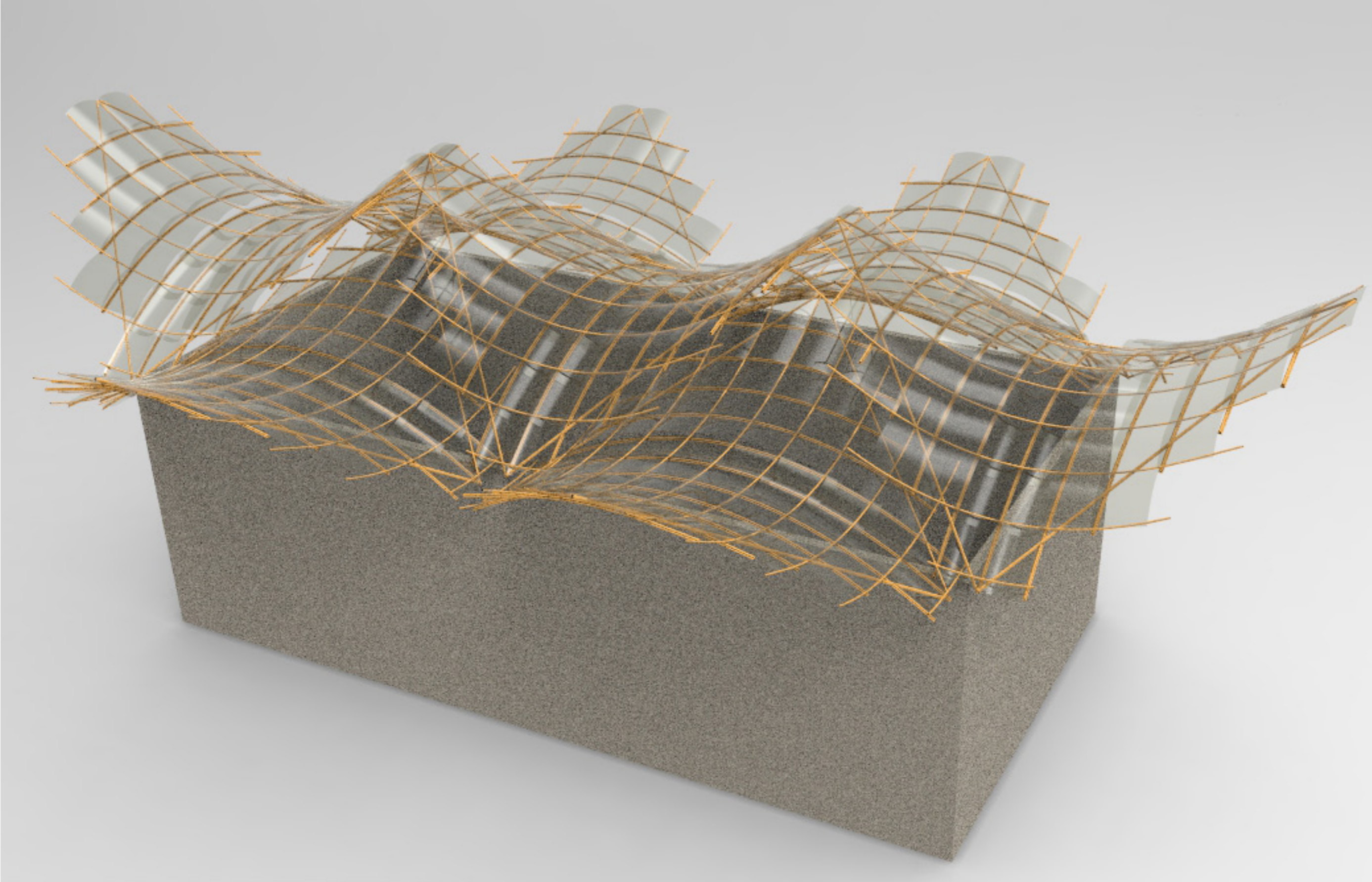
Waterproofing on both direction, one side glass overlap, other side water tight mechanical fixture.



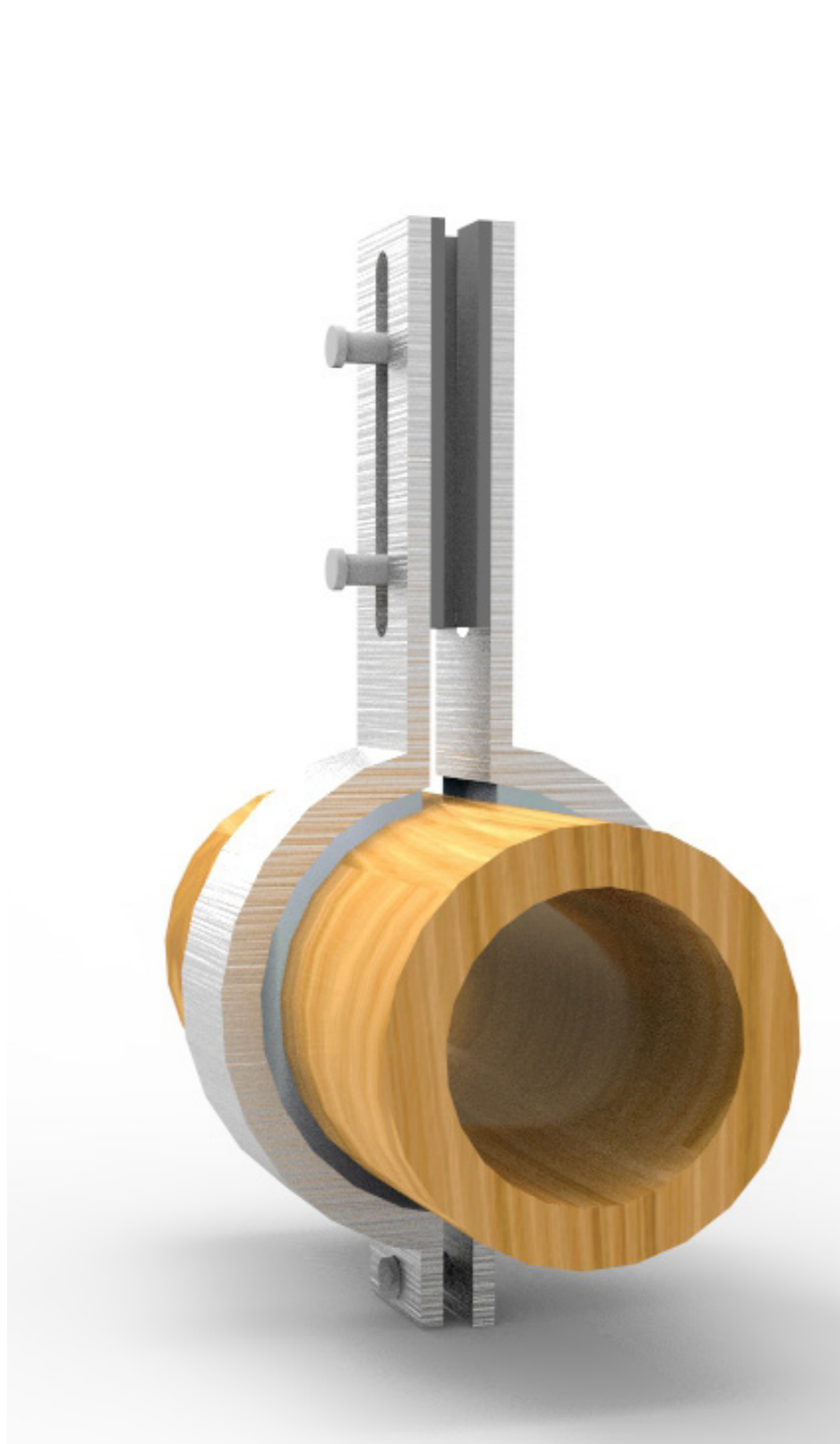
Detail 1:1- Both glass clamps form one single component.



# CYLINDRICAL CURVE (OPTION 3)



# BAMBOO AND THIN GLASS JOINT ASSEMBLY



bamboo clamps fixed

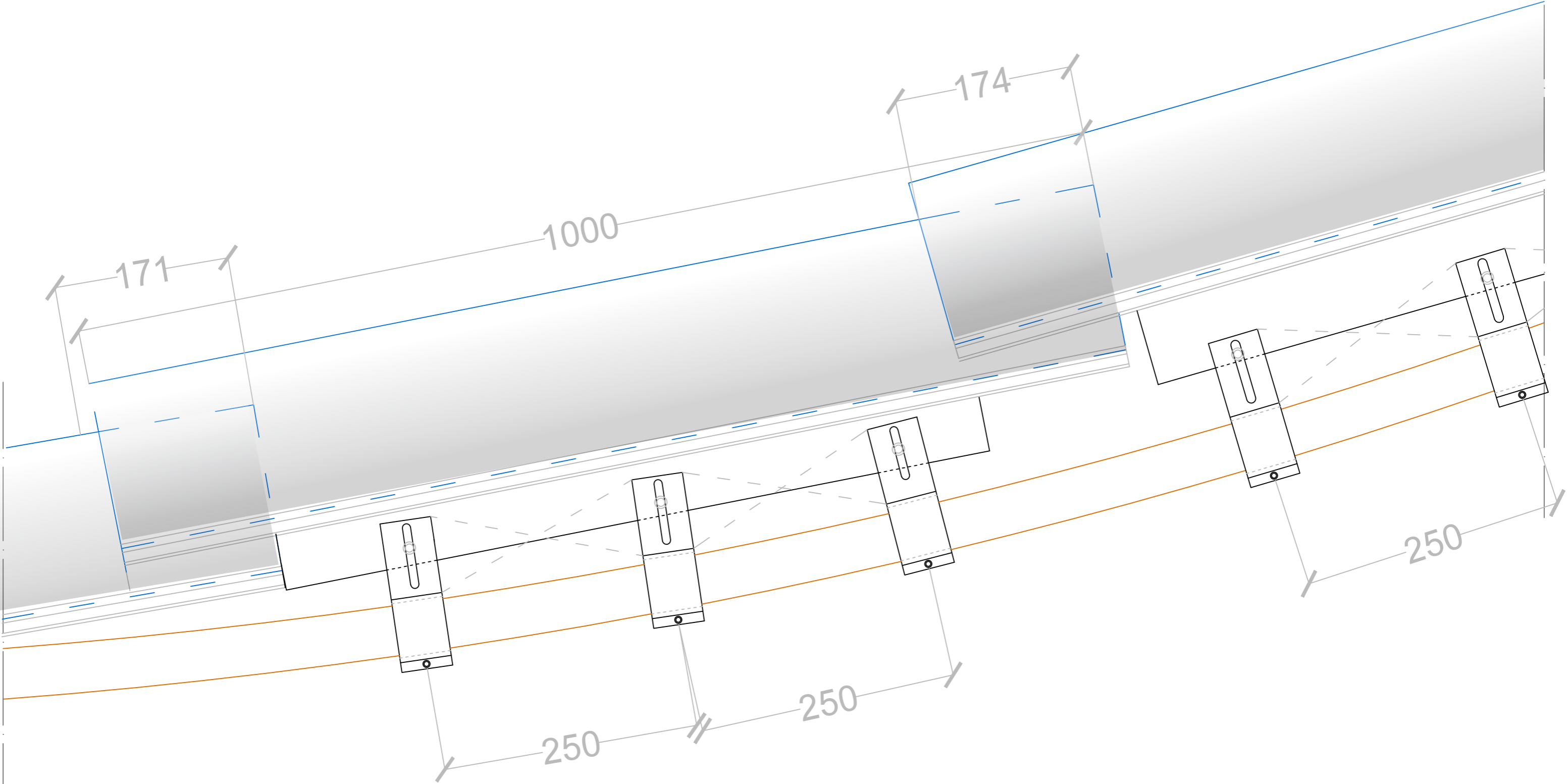


connecting glass clamps  
to bamboo



clamps bolted after placing  
glass in between.

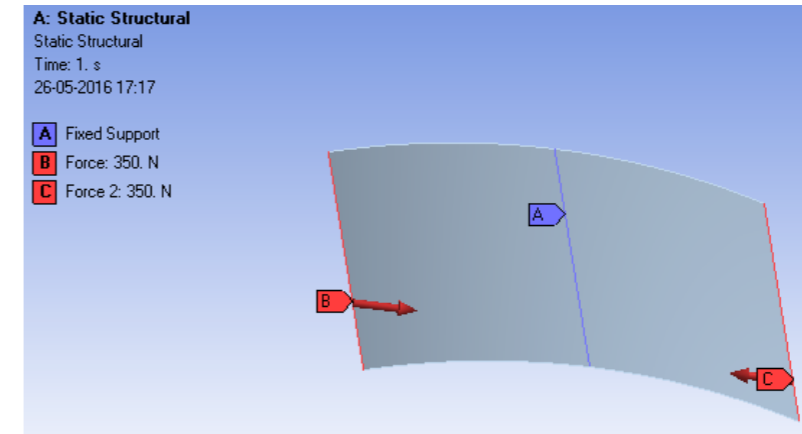
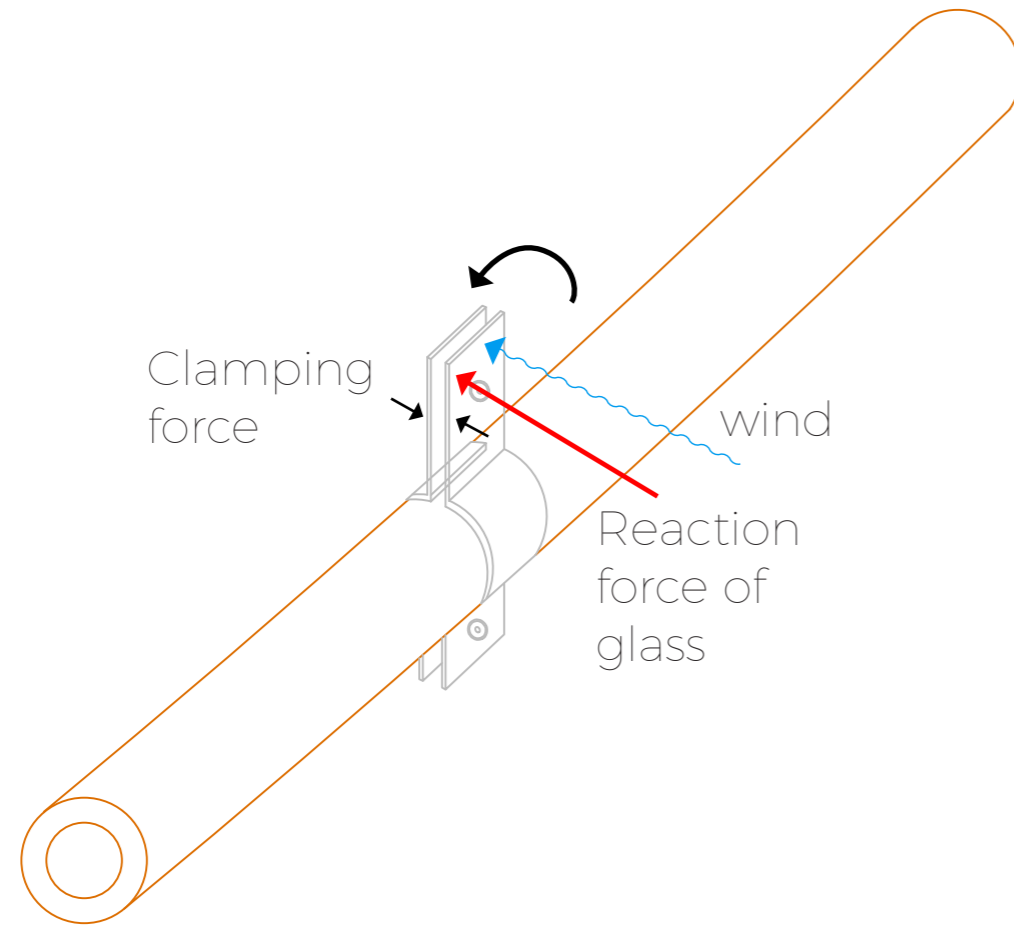
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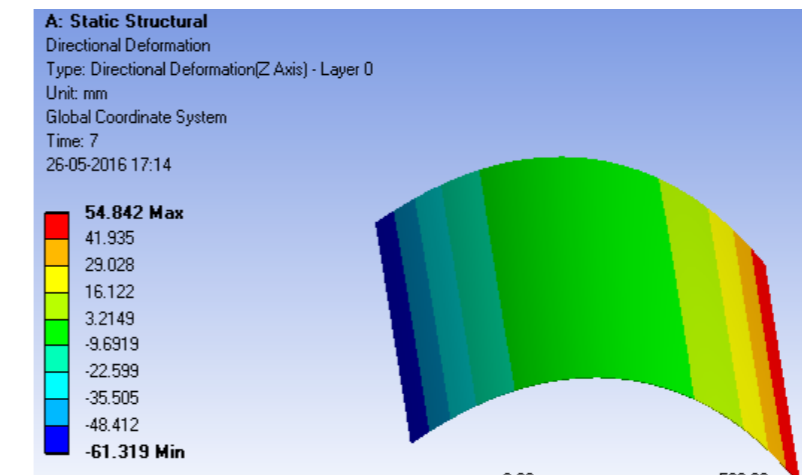
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# JOINT EVALUATION

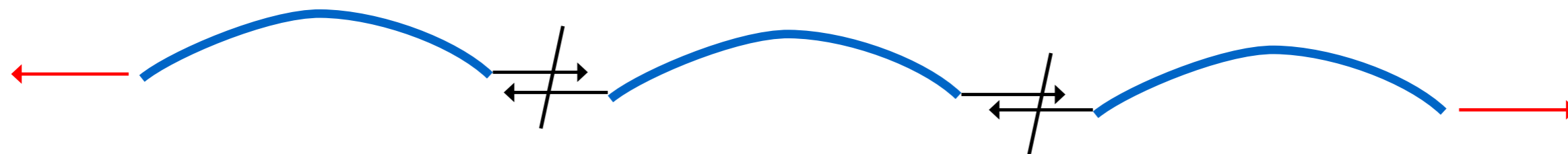


Boundary conditions to determine reaction forces



$$\Delta_x = 54.84$$

$$\Delta_x = -61.31$$



Reaction force of last panel is considered. Reaction forces of in between panels will negate each other.

Applied moment

$$\text{wind torque } \tau_w + \text{glass torque } \tau_g = [F_w + (F_g/3)].R$$

$$36.26 \text{ N.m}$$

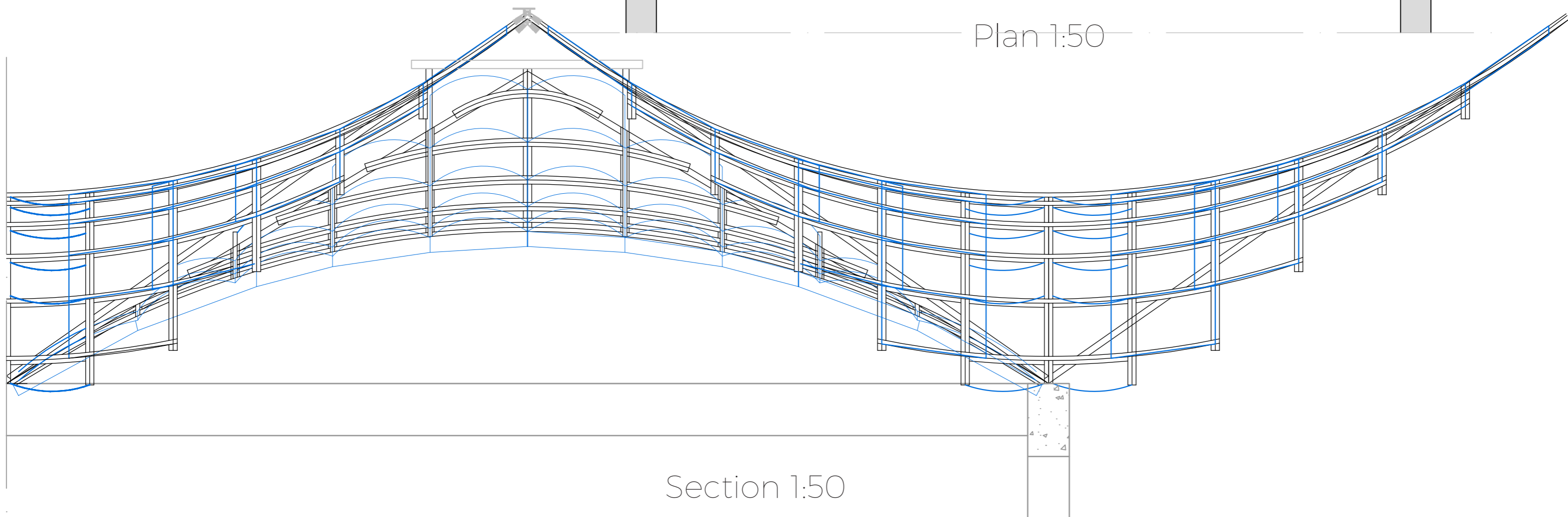
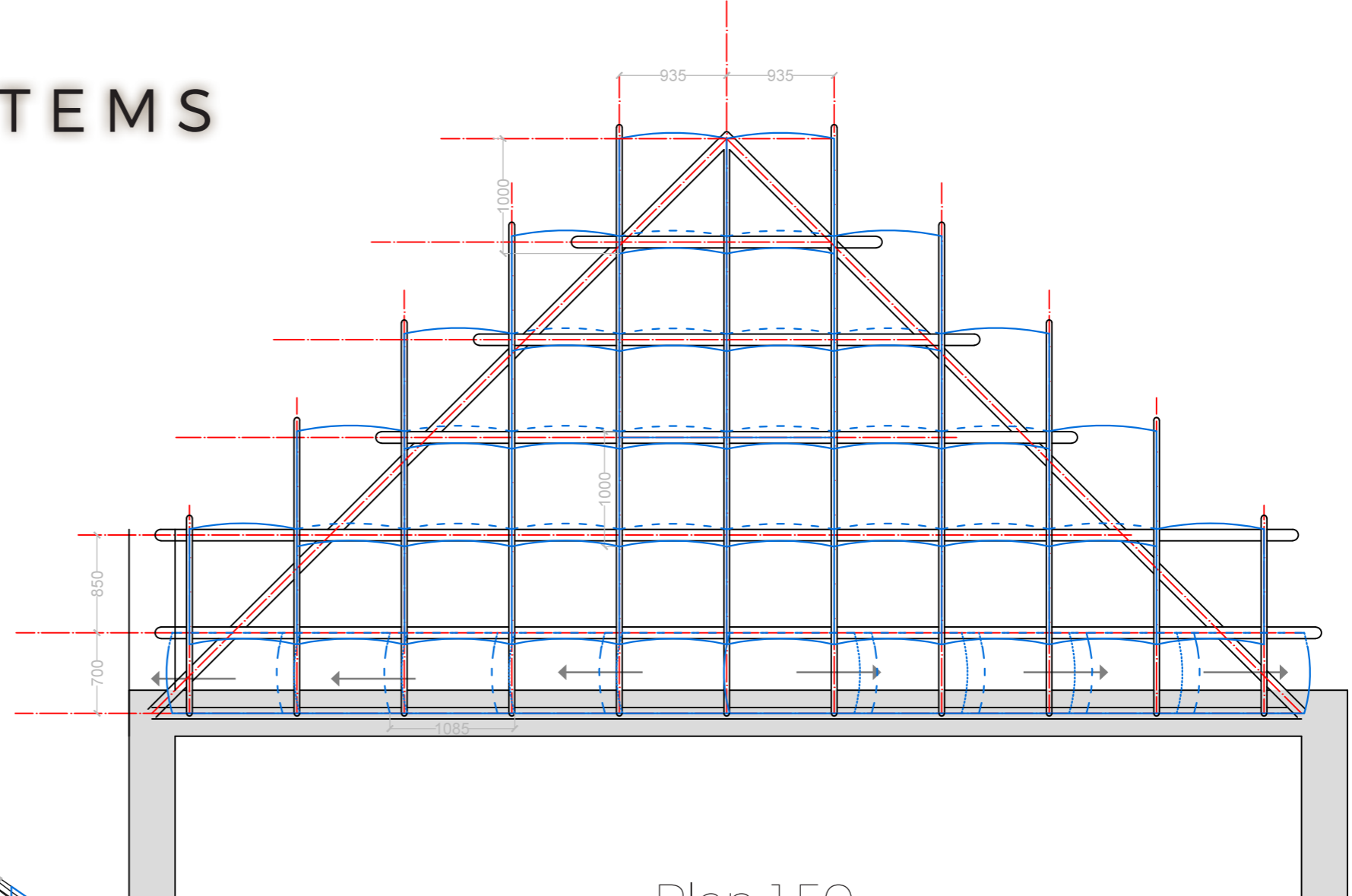
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Resisting moment

$$\text{frictional torque } \tau_f = F_c.R.\mu$$

$$63.36 \text{ N.m}$$

# CONNECTION SYSTEMS



# SECONDARY CONNECTIONS



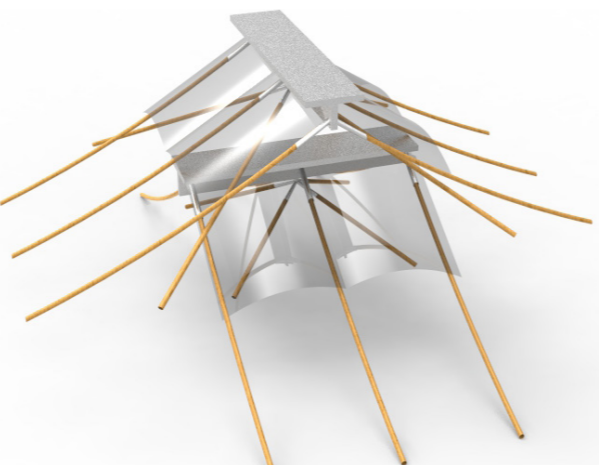
i) Side arms of shell 2 and shell 4



ii) Middle arch of shell 2 and shell 4



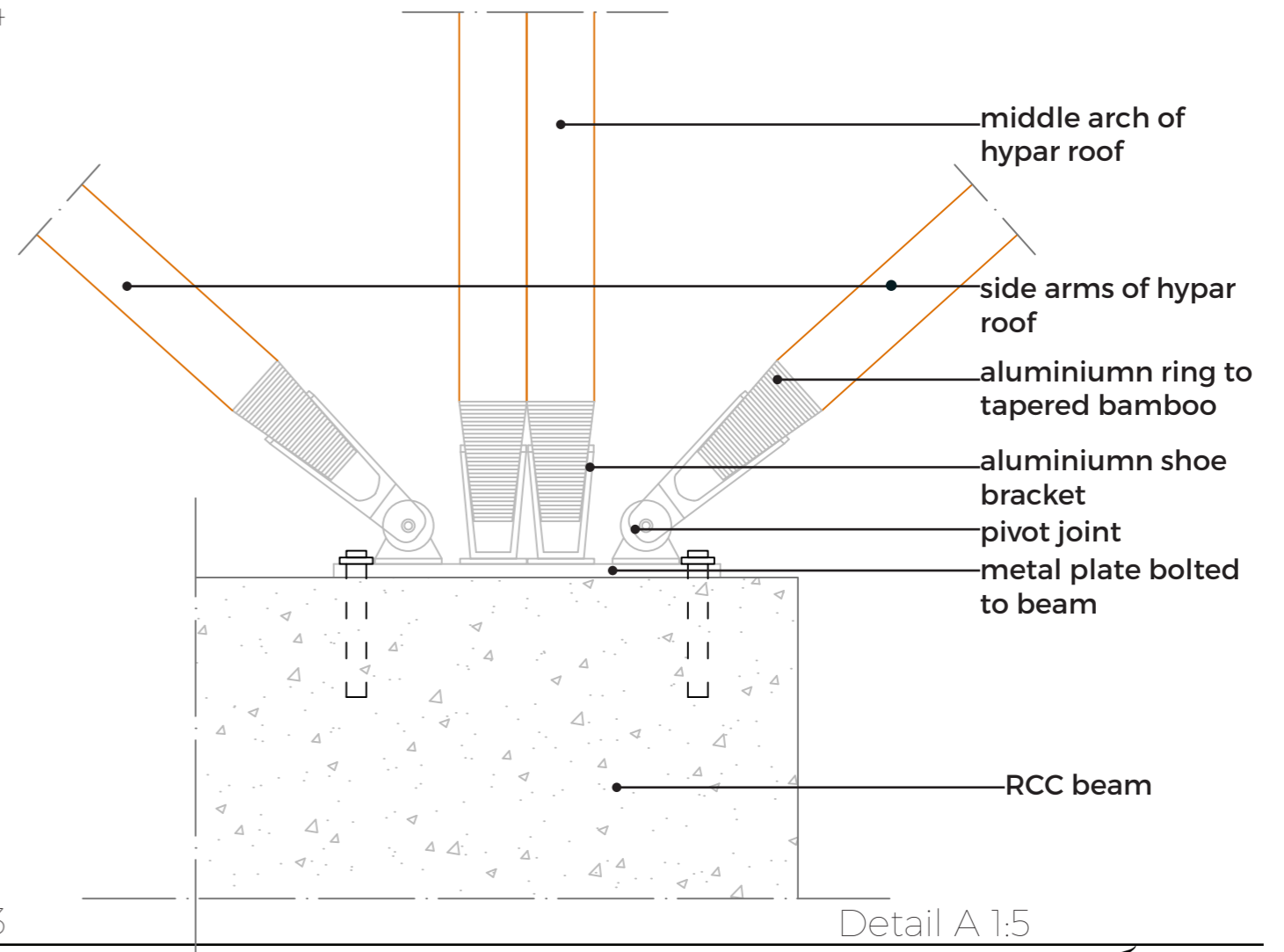
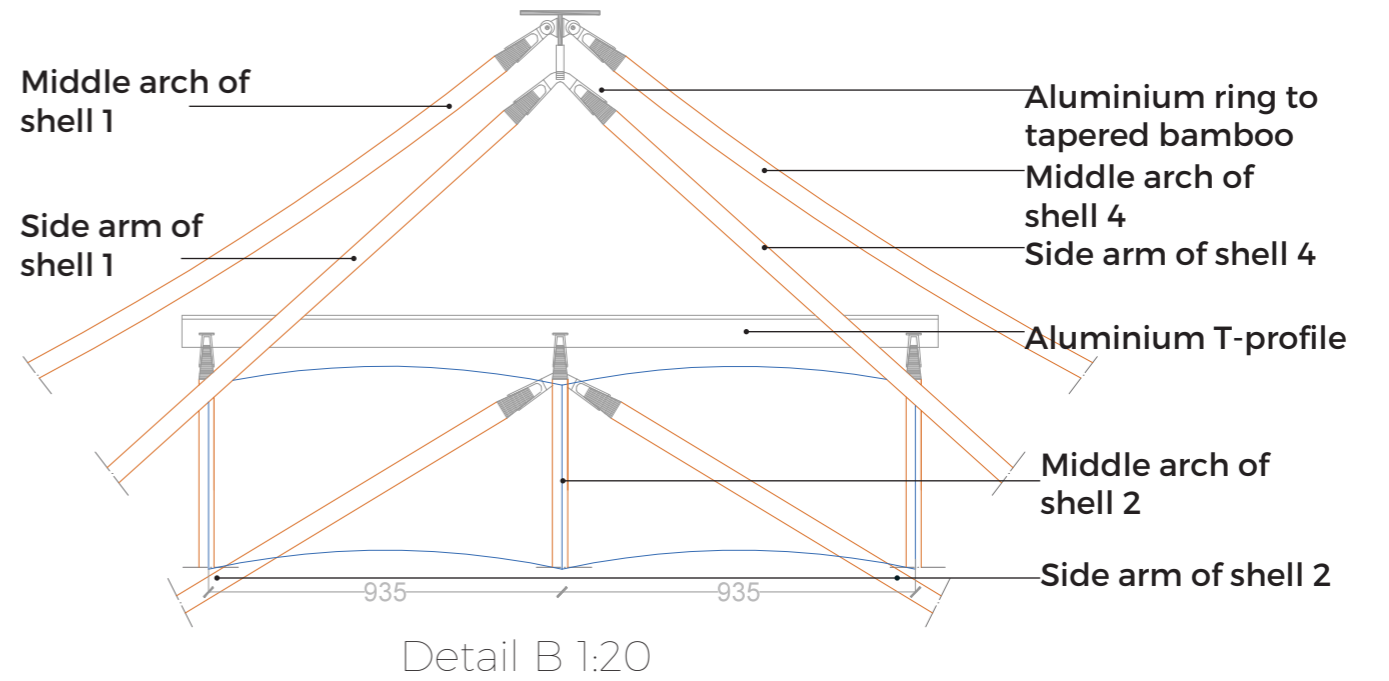
iii) Side arms of shell 1 and shell 3



iv) Middle arch of shell 1 and shell 3

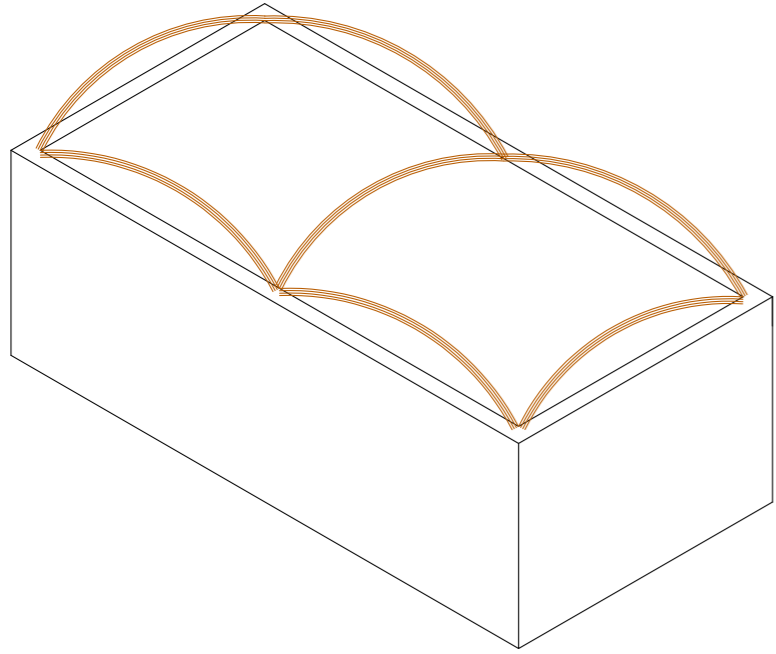


Bamboo sliced and tapered using aluminium ring  
ref: (Val, 2011)

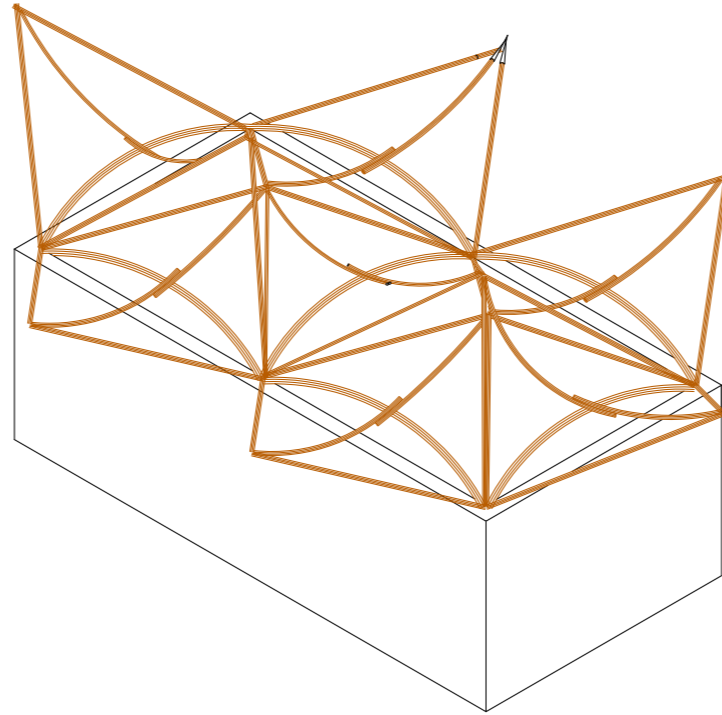




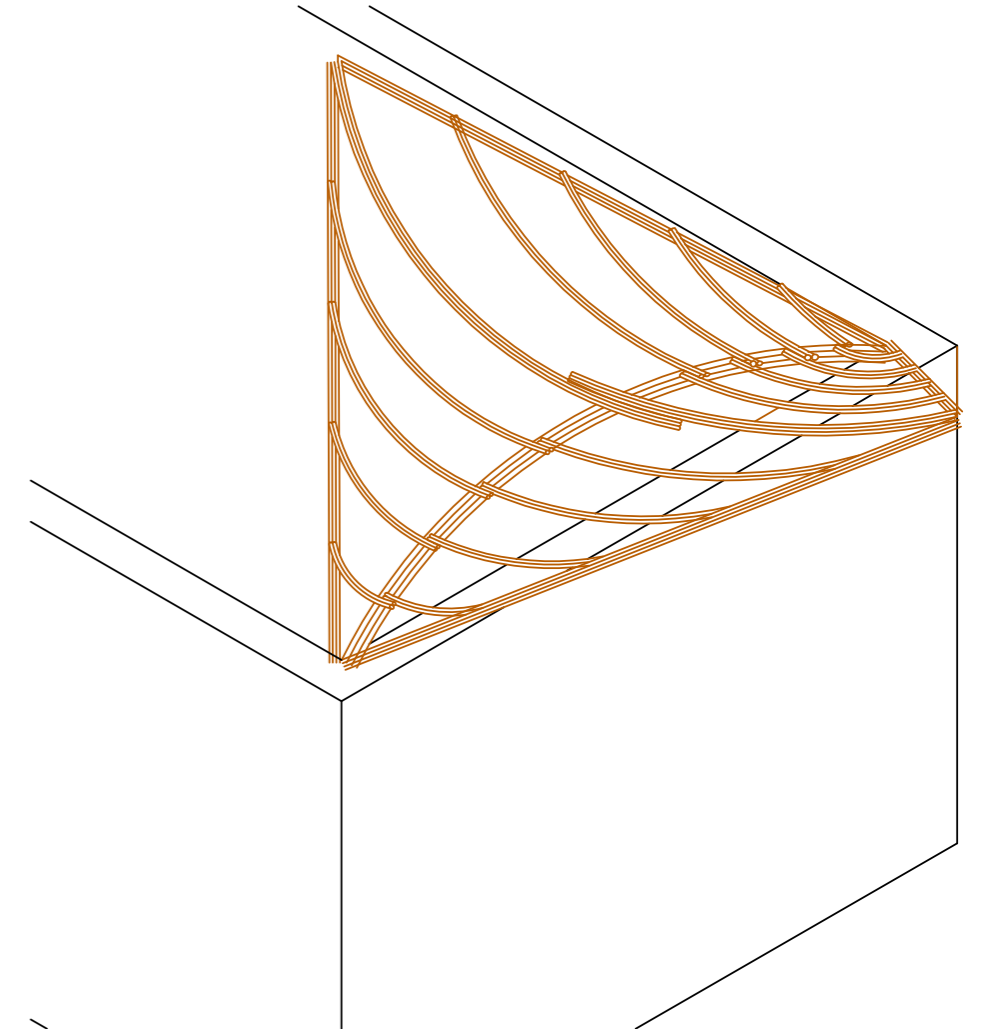
# ASSEMBLY SEQUENCE



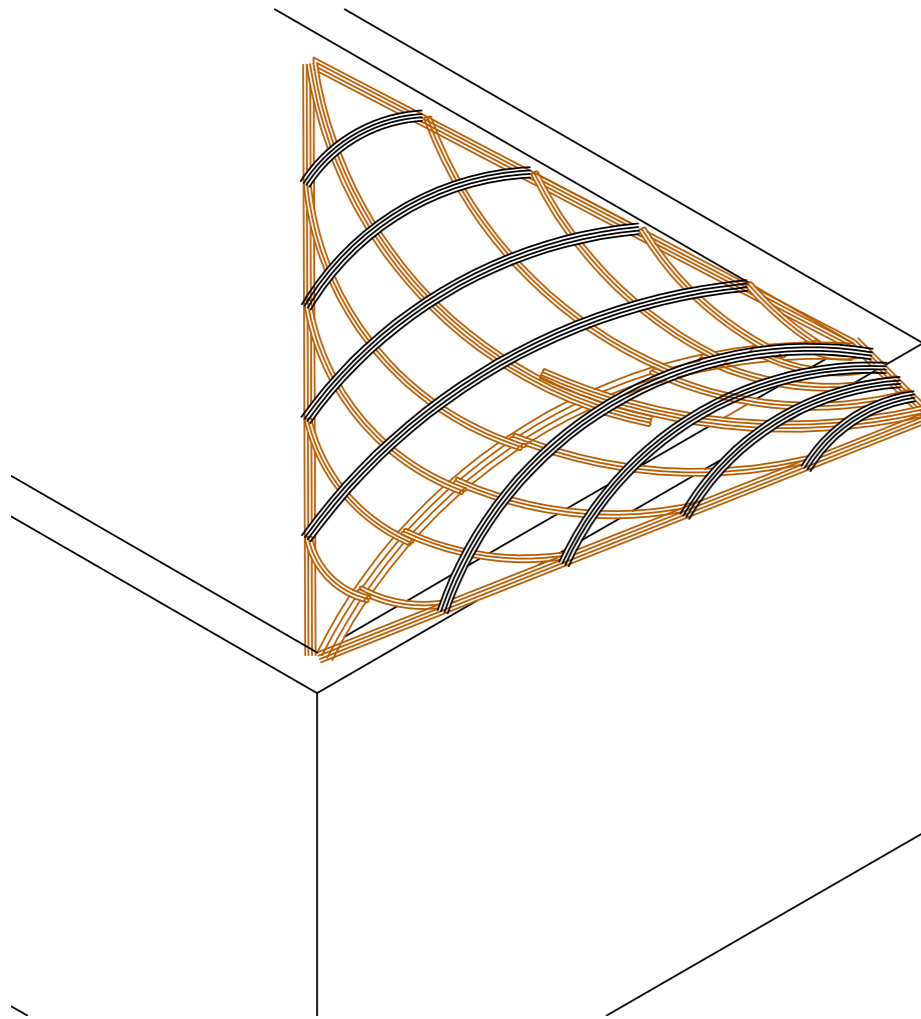
MIDDLE ARCH



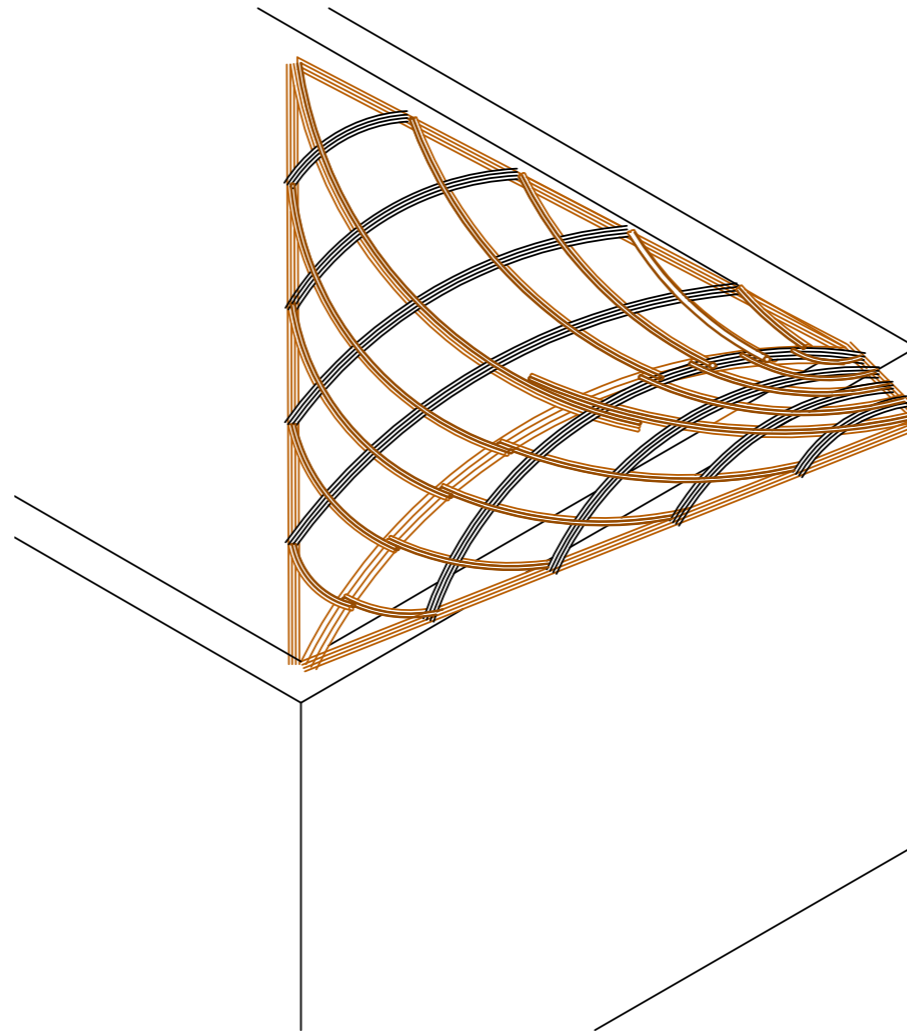
SIDE ARMS



LAYER 4

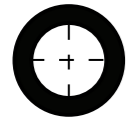


LAYER 5

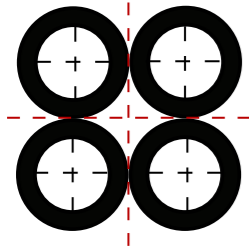


LAYER 6

# BAMBOO ROOF BUCKLING ANALYSIS



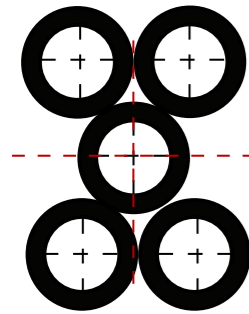
**LAYER 6** - 1 STEM OF DIA 4CM



**LAYER 5** - 4 STEM OF DIA 4CM

Total force (layer6+self-weight+wind+snow) = 369.69N/m

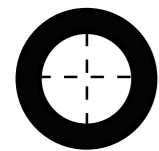
Critical load = 93.39N/m



**LAYER 4** - 5 STEM OF DIA 4CM

Total force (layer6+layer5+self-weight+wind+snow) = 477.93N/m

Critical load = 118.83N/m

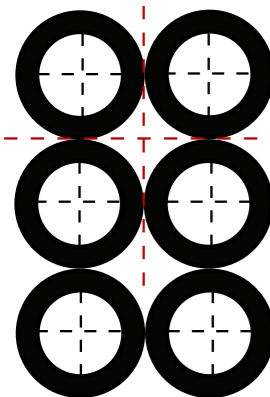


**SIDE ARMS** - 1 STEM OF DIA 6CM

Total force

(layer6+layer5+layer4+self-weight+wind+snow) = 579.73N/m

Critical load = 597.84N/m

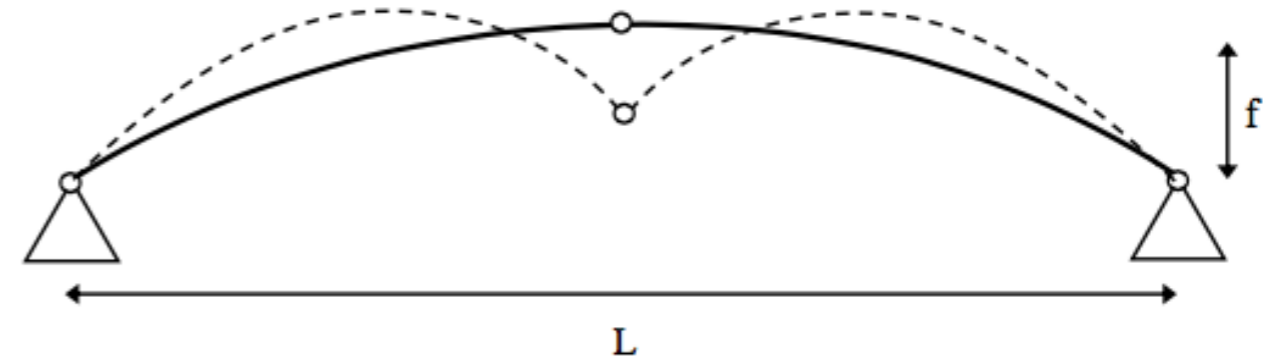


**MIDDLE ARCH** - 6 STEM OF DIA 6CM

Total force

(layer6+layer5+layer4+self-weight+wind+snow) = 2175.19N/m

Critical load = 375.23N/m



First in-plane buckling mode of 3 hinged parabolic arch

ref: (Bjorn Andersson and Gustaf Larsson.)

Critical load under uniform loading :  
(Timoshenko and Gere, 1961)

$$q_{cr} = \gamma_4 \frac{EI}{L^3}$$

where,

EI - bending stiffness of the arch.

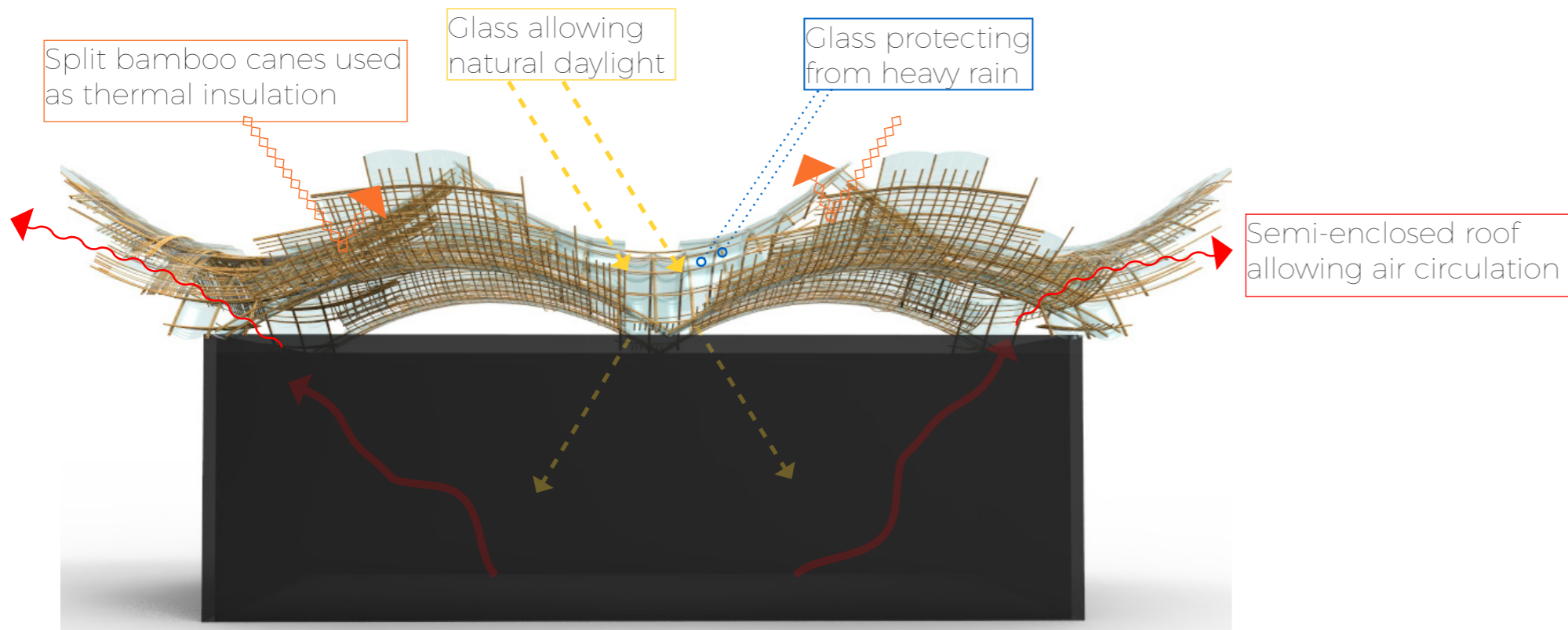
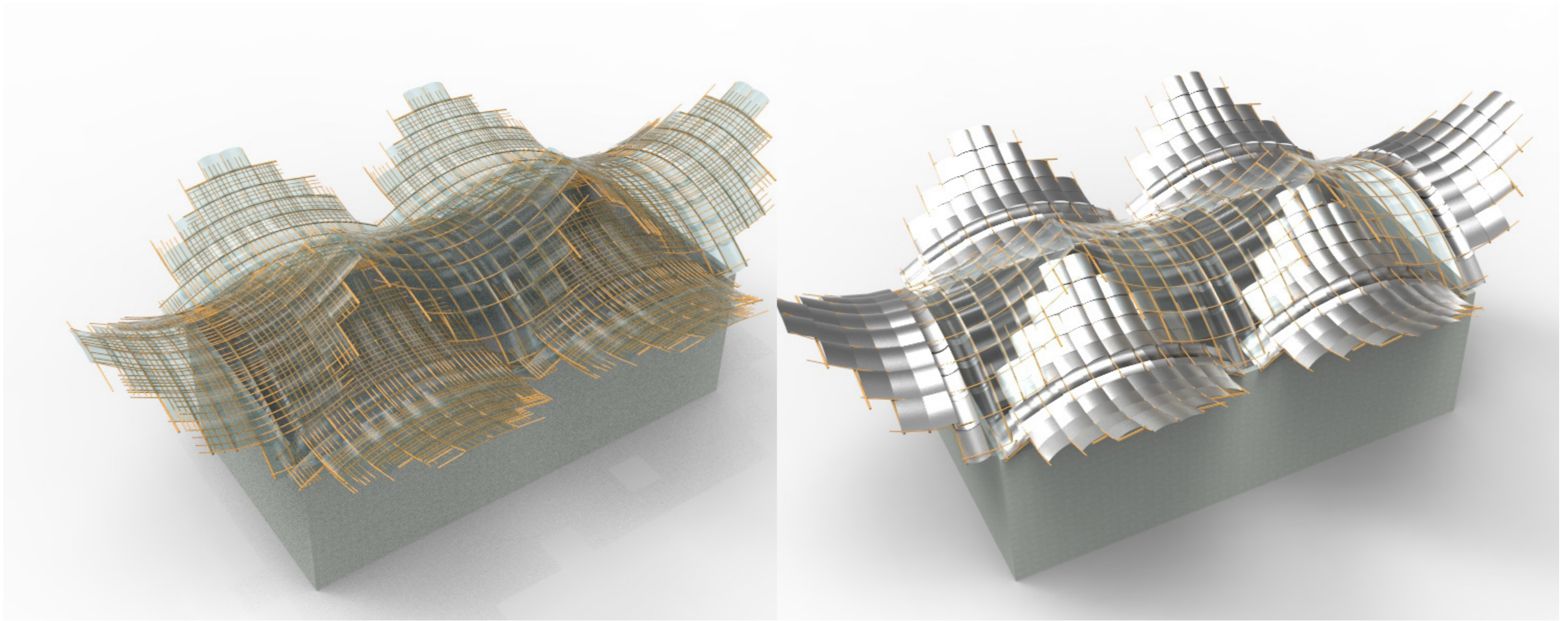
L - span

$\gamma$  - numerical factor depending on ratio f/L and no. of hinge connections.

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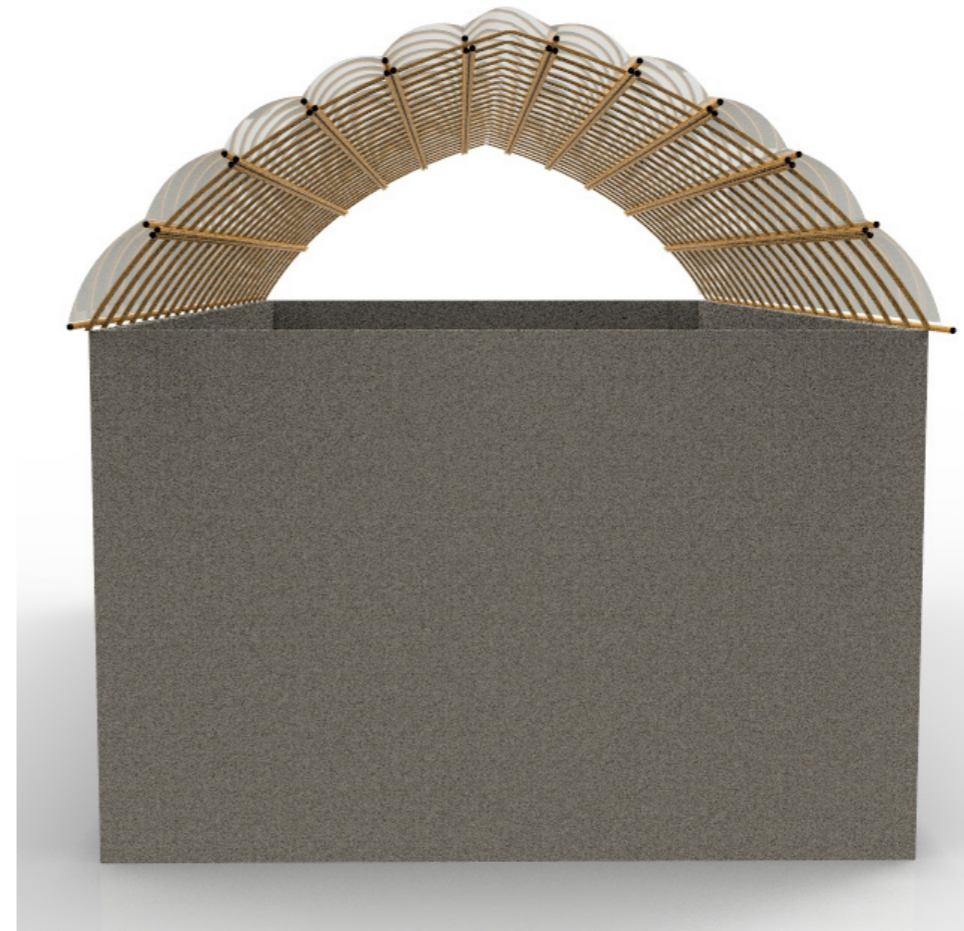
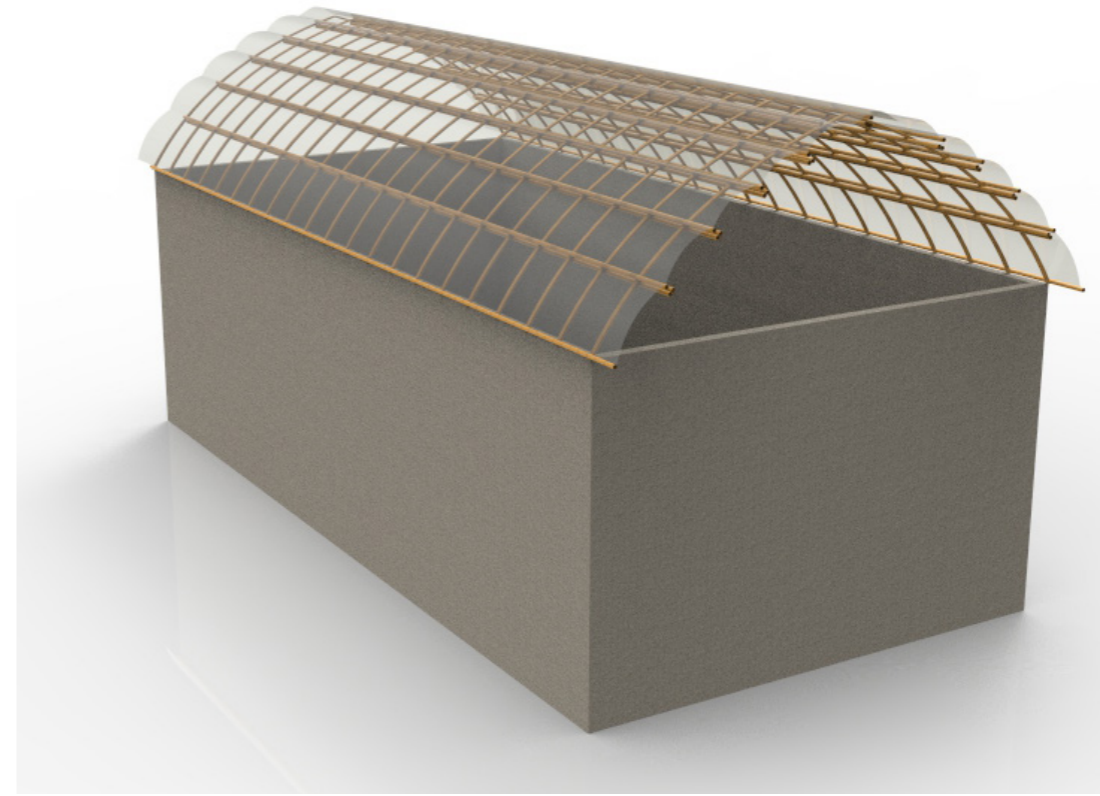
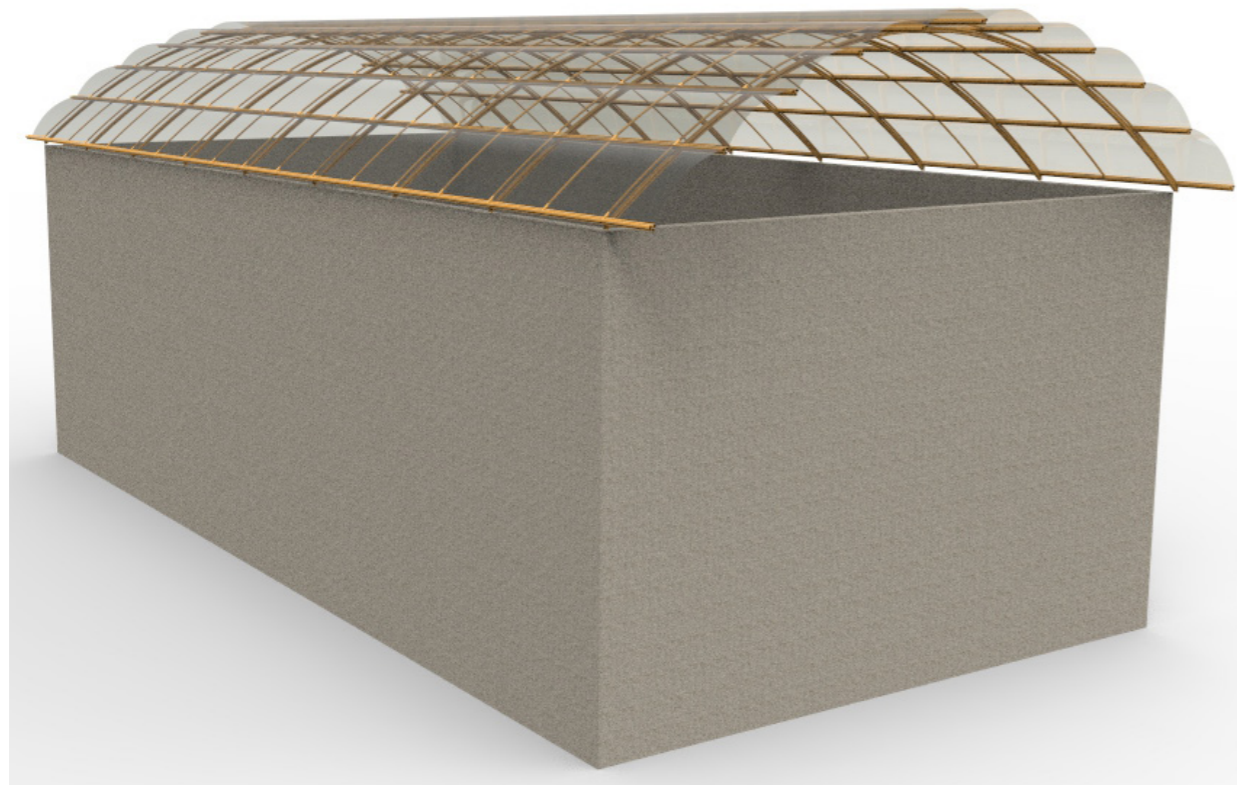
## BAMBOO + THIN GLASS CONSTRUCTION FOR TROPICAL CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

- DURABLE
  - Choice of material for cladding
  - Choice of material for connections
  - Connection detail
- THIN GLASS overcoming drawbacks of bamboo in terms of construction
- BAMBOO is natural and local material.
- LIGHT WEIGHT STRUCTURE
- ORGANIC FREE FORM GEOMETRY
- WATERPROOF SYSTEM
- ALLOWING NATURAL DAYLIGHT
- ONE STANDARD MODULE
  - Same size module repeated throughout the structure.
- ACCURACY
  - More accuracy required while constructing main bamboo structure.
- CAREFUL PLANNING
  - Detailing and understanding limitations of both the materials at design stage.
- THIN GLASS is expensive and needs to be imported.
- EXCESS THERMAL GAIN
  - Due to glass cladding
- NOT AIRTIGHT
- MIGHT REQUIRE 3RD MATERIAL
  - ALUMINIUM, TIMBER PANELS





# ALTERNATIVES





thank you!

|                    | THIN GLASS                 | POLYCARBONATE              | ALUMINIUM                  | TENSILE FABRIC<br>PTFE(TEFLON) | THATCH<br>HEMP             |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| STRENGTH           | 200 MPa<br>                | 70 MPa<br>                 | 120 MPa<br>                | 25 MPa<br>                     | 200 MPa<br>                |
| WEIGHT             | 2.48 g/cm <sup>3</sup><br> | 1.15 g/cm <sup>3</sup><br> | 2.65 g/cm <sup>3</sup><br> | 2 g/cm <sup>3</sup><br>        | 1.48 g/cm <sup>3</sup><br> |
| TRANSLUSCENCE      | TRANSPARENT<br>            | TRANSPARENT<br>            | OPAQUE<br>                 | TRANSPARENT<br>                | OPAQUE<br>                 |
| FLEXIBILITY        | COLD BENDING<br>           | MOLDED<br>                 | COLD BENDING<br>           | STRETCHED<br>                  | BUNDLES<br>                |
| TEXTURE            | REGULAR<br>                | REGULAR<br>                | REGULAR<br>                | REGULAR<br>                    | IRREGULAR<br>              |
| HARDNESS           | 595 HV<br>                 | 6 HV<br>                   | 36 HV<br>                  | 6 HV<br>                       |                            |
| ACOUSTICS          |                            |                            |                            |                                |                            |
| ODOUR              |                            | HIGH TEMPERATURE<br>       |                            | HIGH TEMPERATURE<br>           |                            |
| FIRE RESISTANT     | NON FLAMMABLE<br>          | SELF EXTINGUISHING<br>     | NON FLAMMABLE<br>          | NON FLAMMABLE<br>              | FLAMMABLE<br>              |
| THERMAL RESISTANT  | 1 m.C/W<br>                | 5 m.C/W<br>                | 0.00435 m.C/W<br>          | 4 m.C/W<br>                    | 5 m.C/W<br>                |
| WEATHER RESISTANT  |                            |                            |                            |                                |                            |
| SCRATCH RESISTANT  |                            |                            |                            |                                |                            |
| CHEMICAL RESISTANT |                            |                            |                            |                                |                            |
| RENEWABLE          |                            |                            |                            |                                |                            |
| RECYCLABLE         |                            |                            |                            |                                |                            |

# BAMBOO STRUCTURES CLADDING



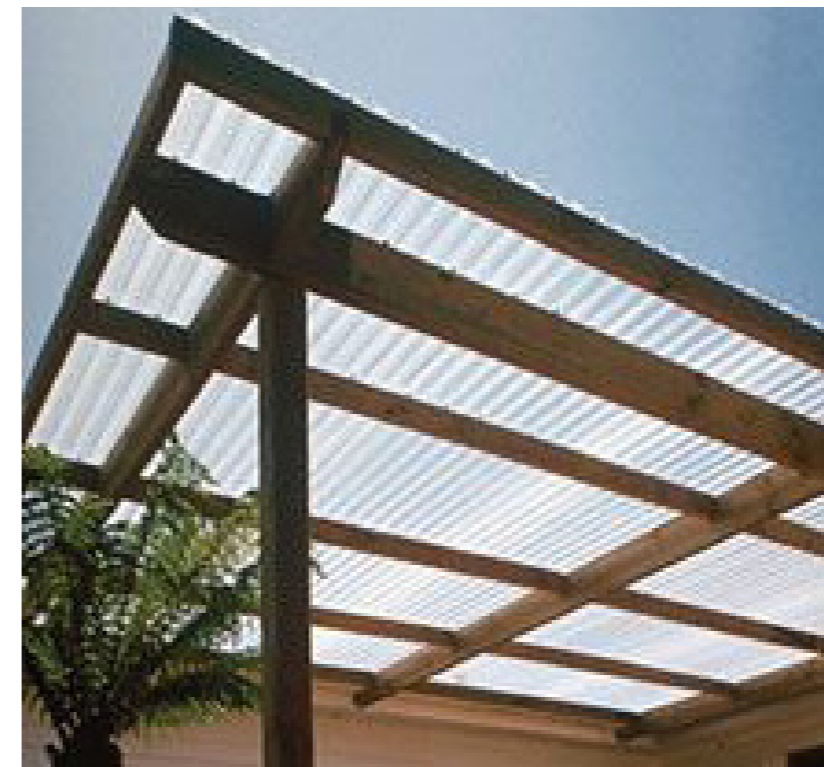
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Bamboo and thatch roof connection

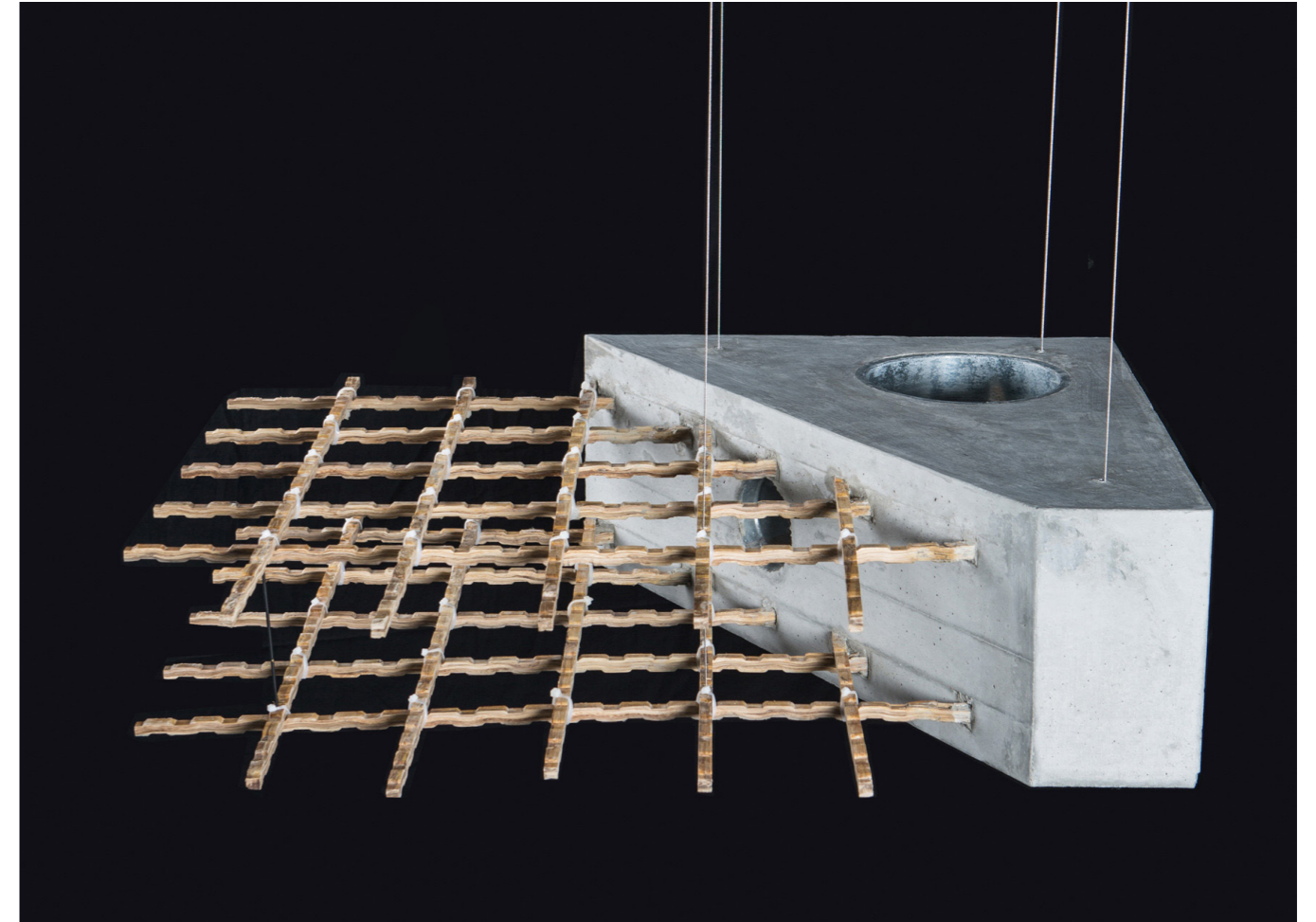


Polycarbonate roofing

# BAMBOO - ALTERNATE MATERIAL



Steel Reinforced Concrete



Bamboo Reinforced Concrete - Future Cities laboratory, Singapore