



Ductal® Ultra High Performance Concrete ABCIC networking II

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Part 1: Genesis of UHPC

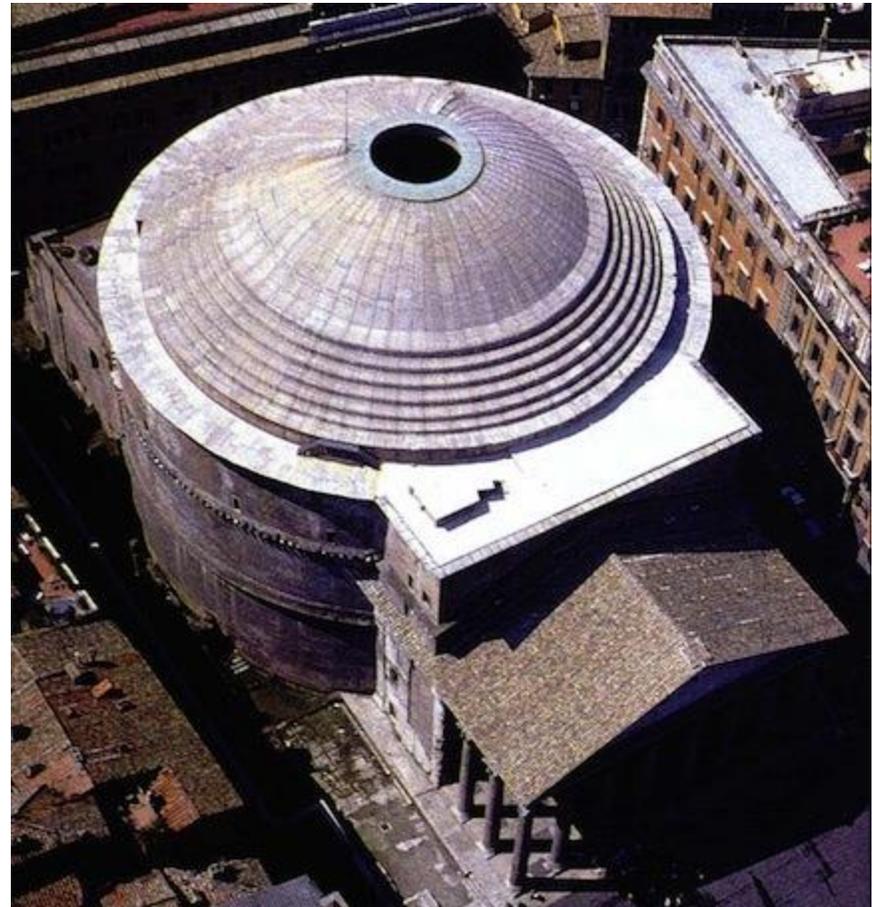
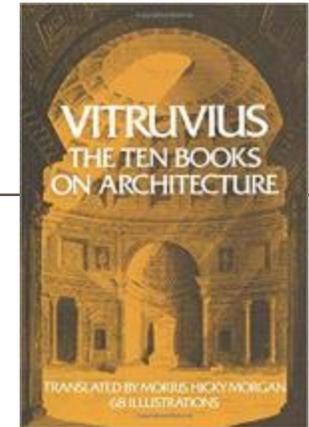
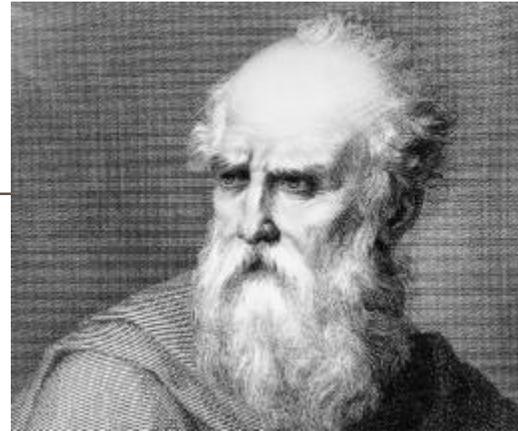


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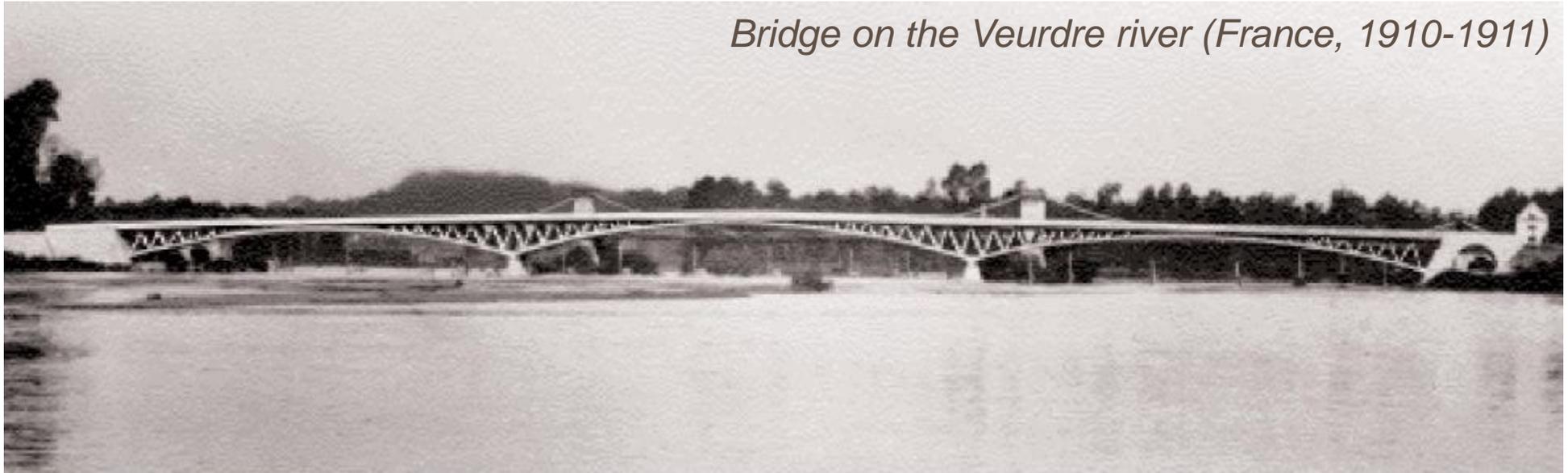
Genesis of UHPC

The first large-scale construction in concrete (*try-and-test*)

- 80-15 BC: **Marcus Vitruvius POLLIO** is the author of *De architectura*, known today as *The Ten Books on Architecture*. Vitruvius is famous for asserting in his book that a structure must be **solid**, **useful** and **beautiful**.
- Started in 27 BC and completed in 125 AC, **the Pantheon** has the largest un-reinforced concrete (lime and natural pozzolan) dome ever built (43m in diameter).



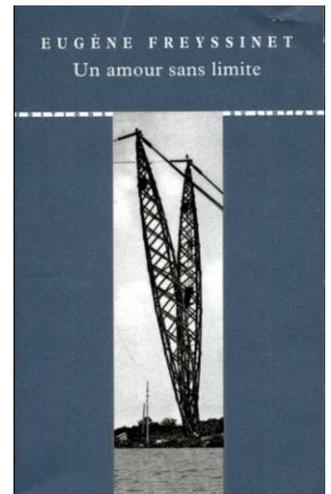
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Bridge on the Veurdre river (France, 1910-1911)



Eugène FREYSSINET
(1879-1962)



Genesis of UHPC

Pier Luigi Nervi
(1891-1979)

The hall of the Turin Exhibition Center "is formed by the assembly of prefabricated elements in ferrocement, assembly completed by reinforced concrete ribs, cast in situ, and arranged in the hollow and the top of the wave".

Page 104, in Savoir Construire - Nervi



Genesis of UHPC



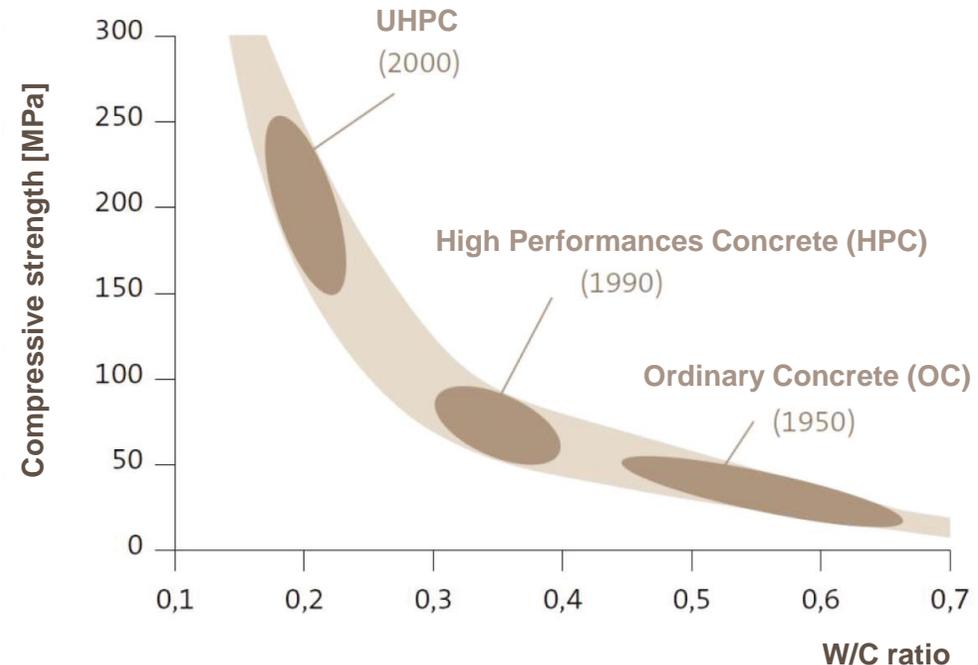
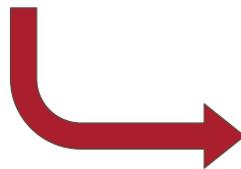
Oscar Niemeyer
(1907-2012)

Genesis of UHPC

The 20th century: the technological breakthrough

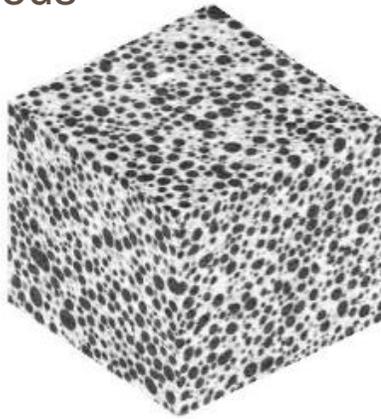
- **Advanced scientific understanding**
 - Superplasticizers
 - theory of granular packing
 - physical laws governing aging
 - predictive engineering of durability

→ performance multiplied by 5 to 10



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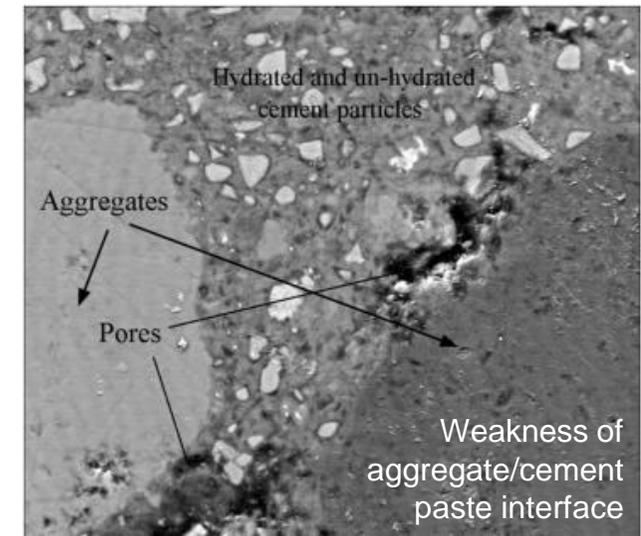
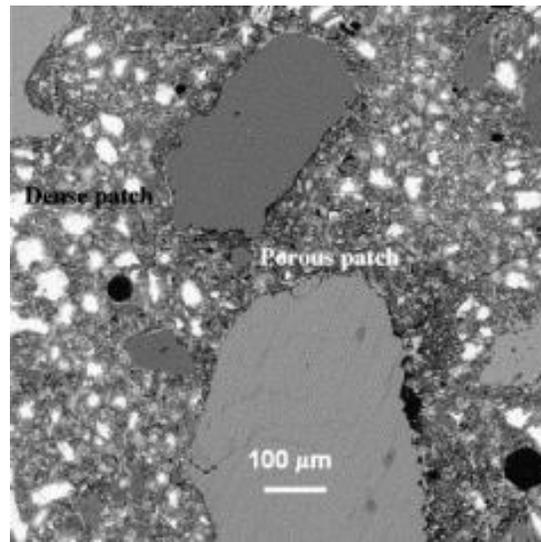
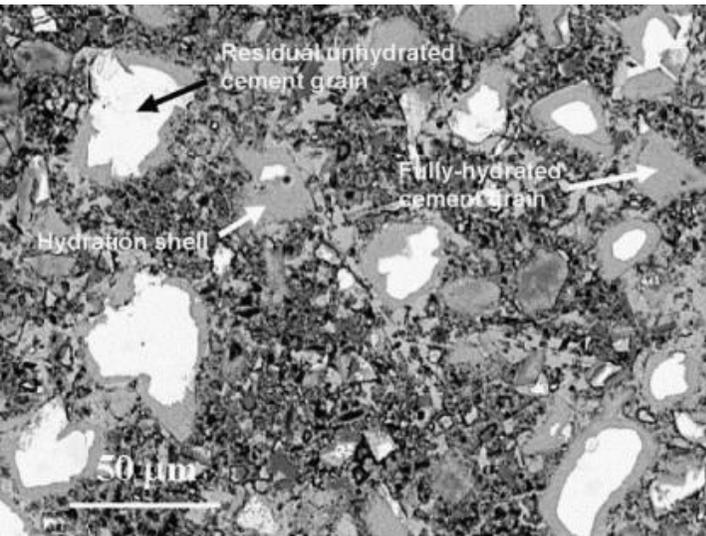
Concrete is a natural Heterogeneous material



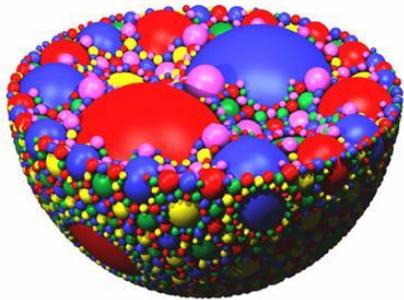
Geometrical with particles and aggregates of various sizes

Mechanical, with a different stiffness between aggregates and cement paste

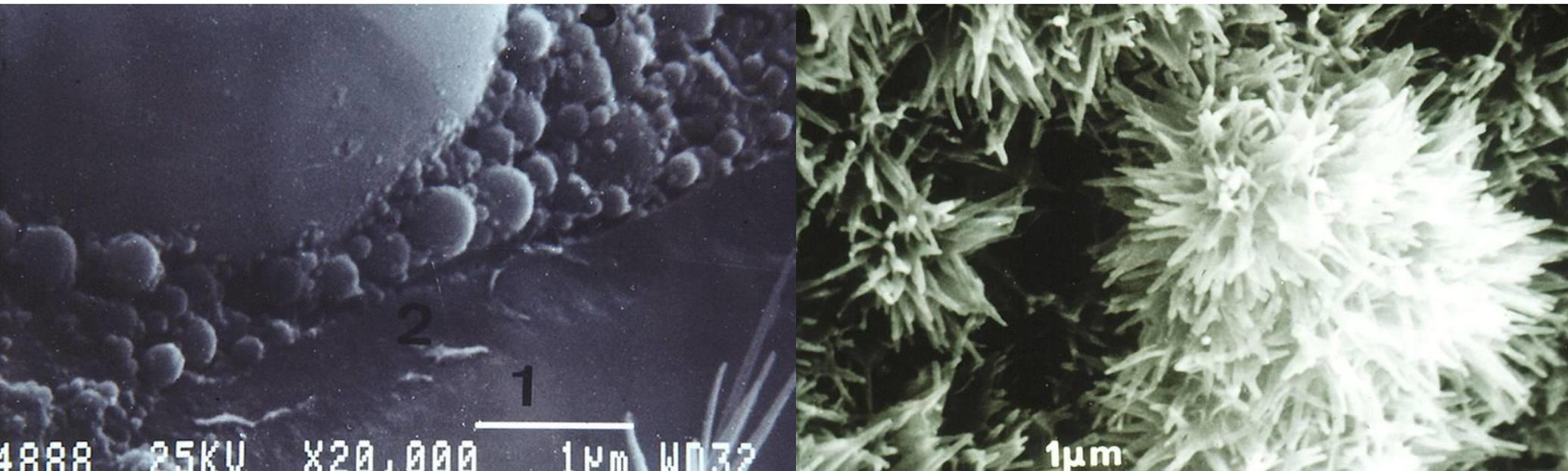
Chemical: “Chemical” shrinkage of the paste inside a rigid skeleton of aggregates => damage



Genesis of UHPC



- Limitation of the aggregate size (<0.6 mm for Ductal®) and limitation of sand dosage
- Enhancement of paste properties with a Young modulus closer to the one corresponding to the sand skeleton
- Paste content sufficient between the aggregates to avoid rigid skeleton: Self desiccation shrinkage is not blocked (less damage)



Genesis of UHPC

Since ancient times, fibres have been used to reinforce brittle materials

Exodus 5:6,

And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying, we shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves.

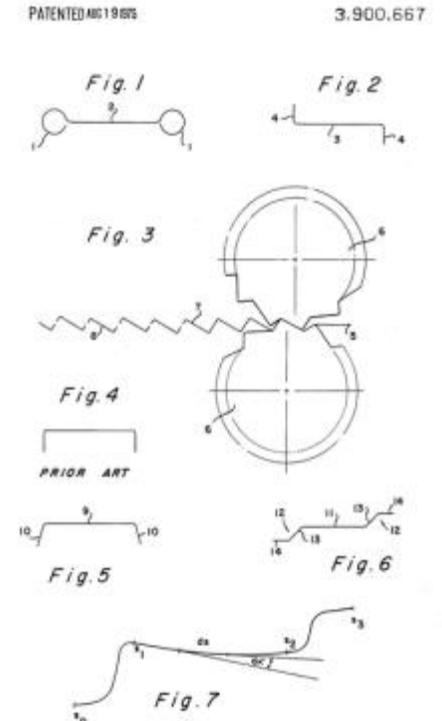
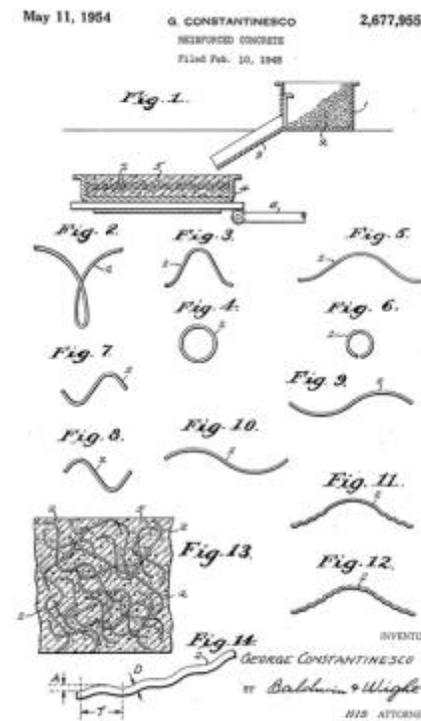
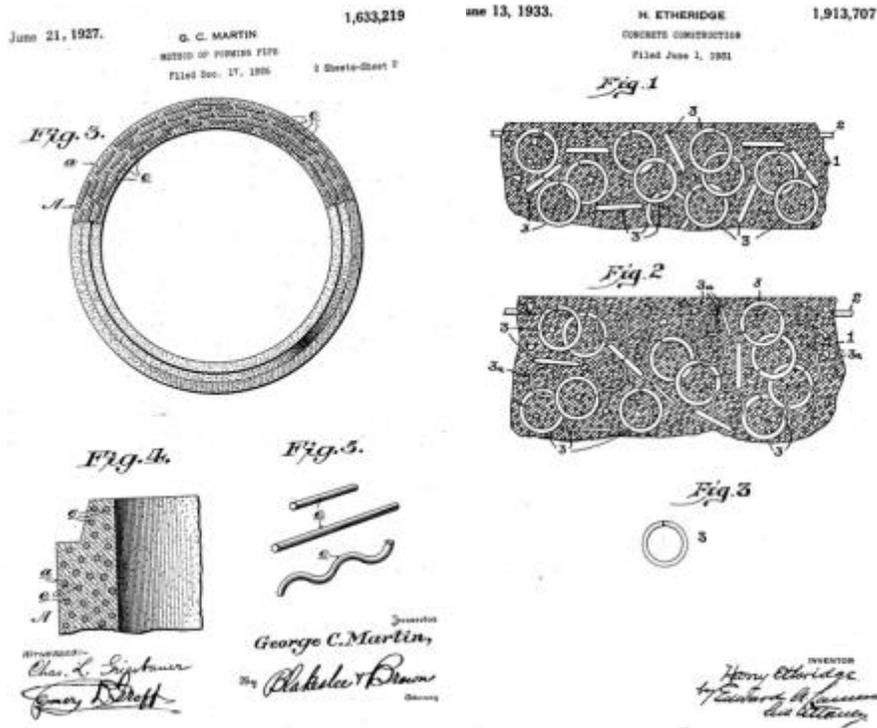
Egyptians used straw to reinforce mud bricks, but there is evidence that asbestos fibre was used to reinforce clay posts about 5000 years ago.

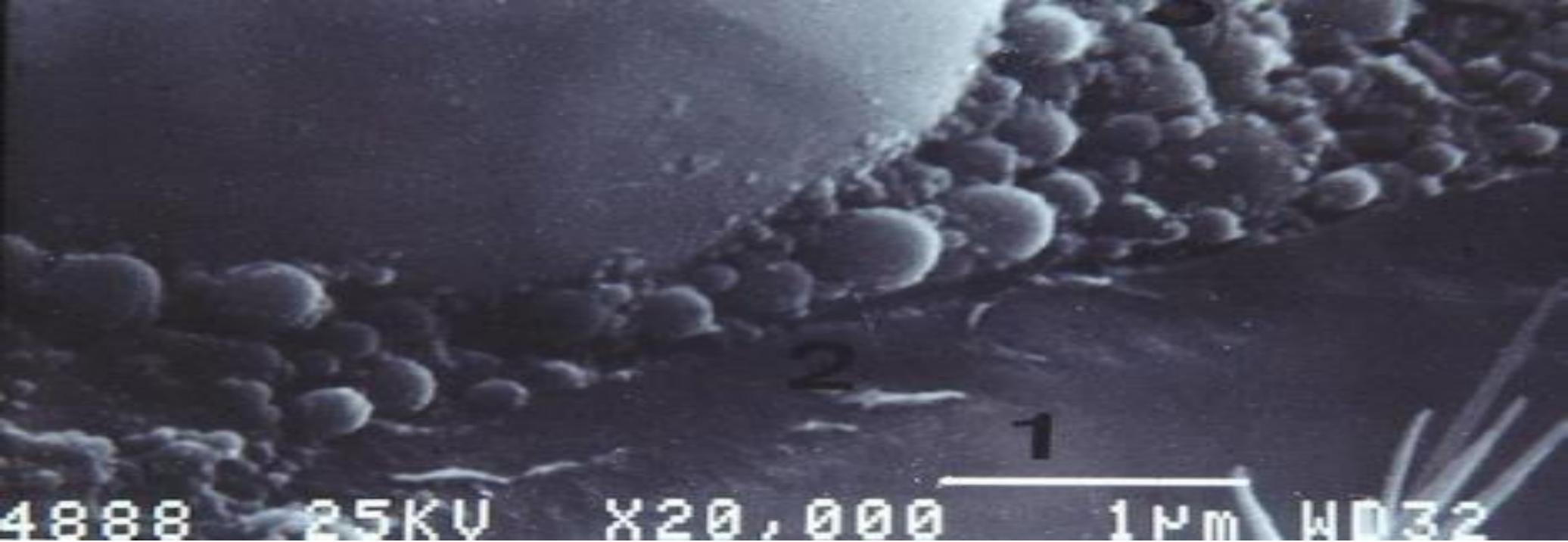


Genesis of UHPC

Early 19th century, patent on steel fibres as reinforcement

Several patents on fibre geometries





Part 2: Characteristics of UHPC



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Characteristics of UHPC

Improvement of the homogeneity

A low W/C ratio and a high cement content

- Reduction of the porosity
- High compressive strength and durability



Improvement of the packing density

UHPC does not contain any coarse particle (≤ 2 mm)

- Homogeneity
- High compressive strength



Improvement of the ductility with fibers

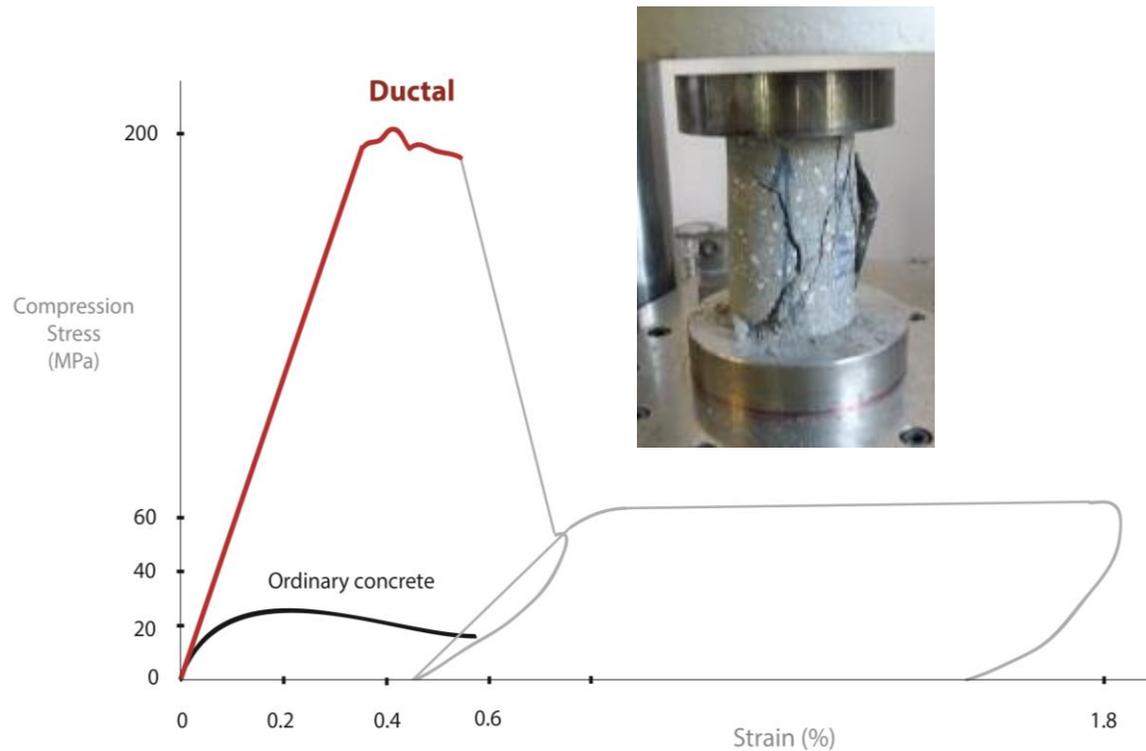
Use of micro-fibres

- Length 12/20mm and $\text{Ø}=0.2/0.3$ mm
- Tensile strength (fibre ratio depends on performance requirements)



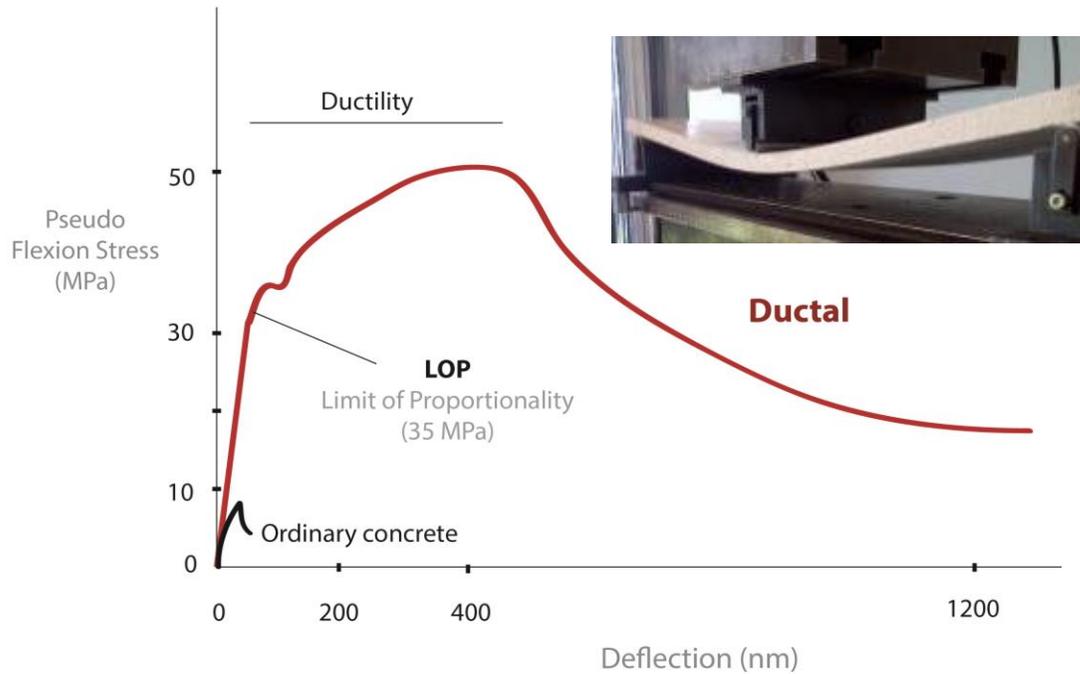
Characteristics of UHPC

❑ Very high compressive strength



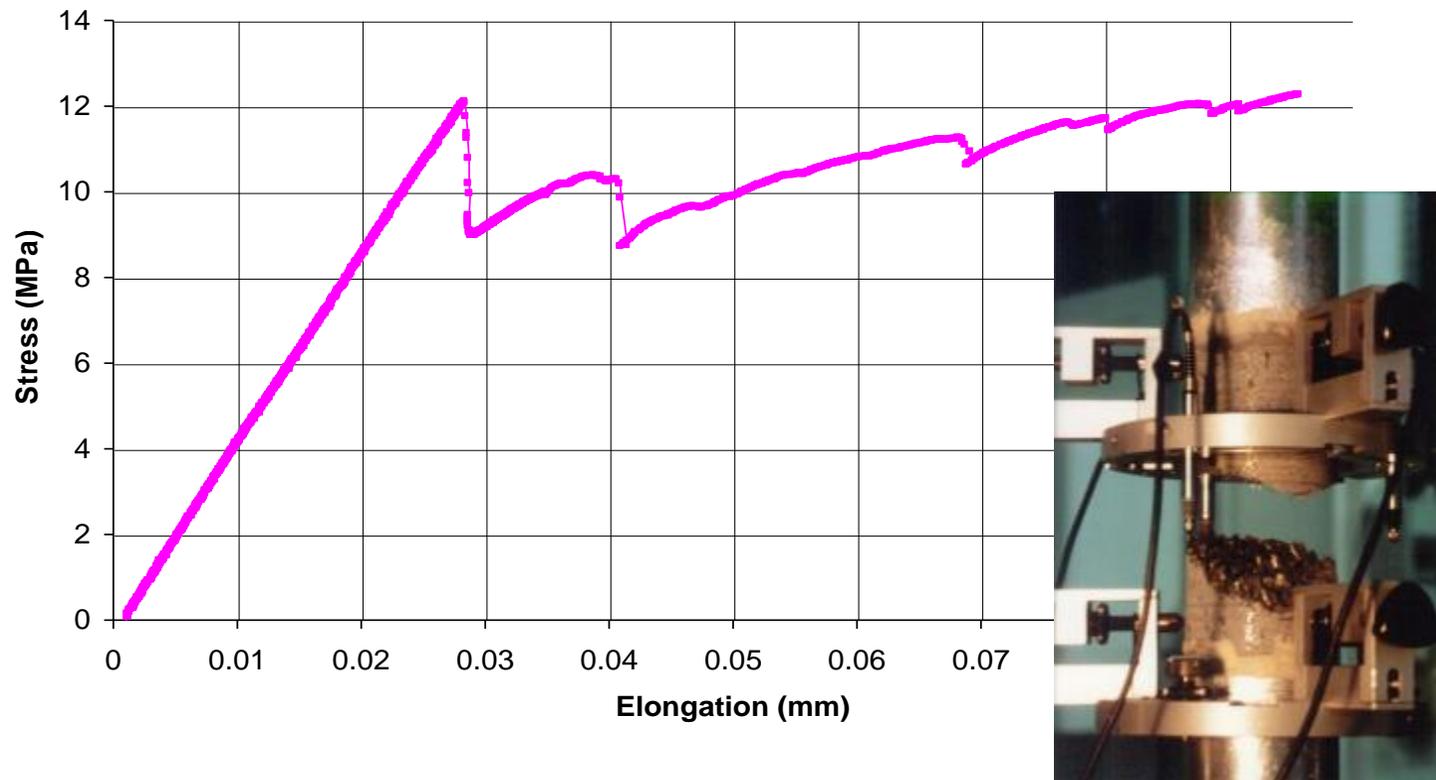
Characteristics of UHPC

❑ Very high bending strength



Characteristics of UHPC

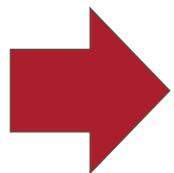
❑ High direct tensile strength



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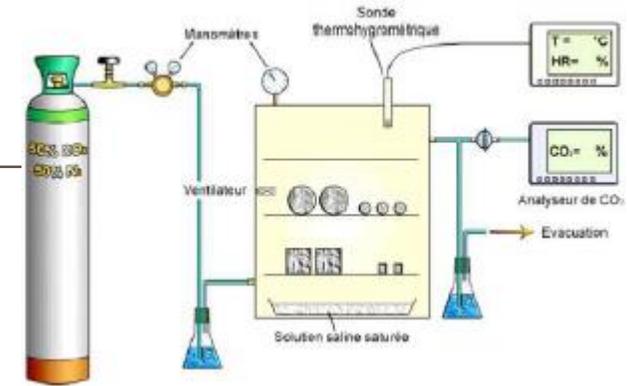
□ Very high durability

- 100 to 1000 more durable than ordinary concrete
- no depth of carbonation
- chloride resistance (diffusion and penetration)
- freeze-thaw and spalling resistance
- gas and water permeability
- water porosity / total porosity (mercury intrusion)
- high resistance to abrasion and shock

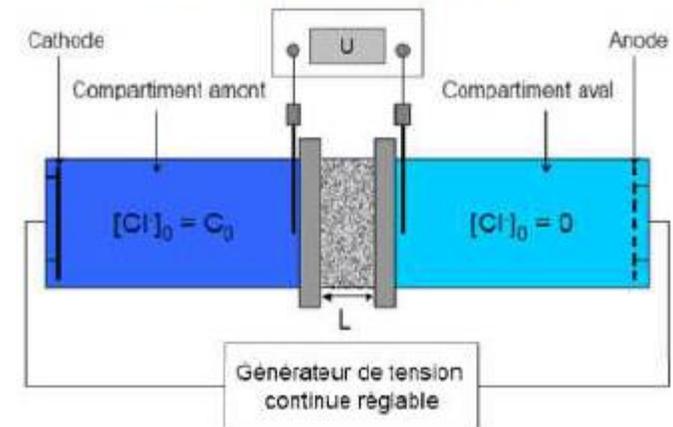


lifetime of structures > 150 years

Carbonation test



Chlorure migration test



Gaz permeability

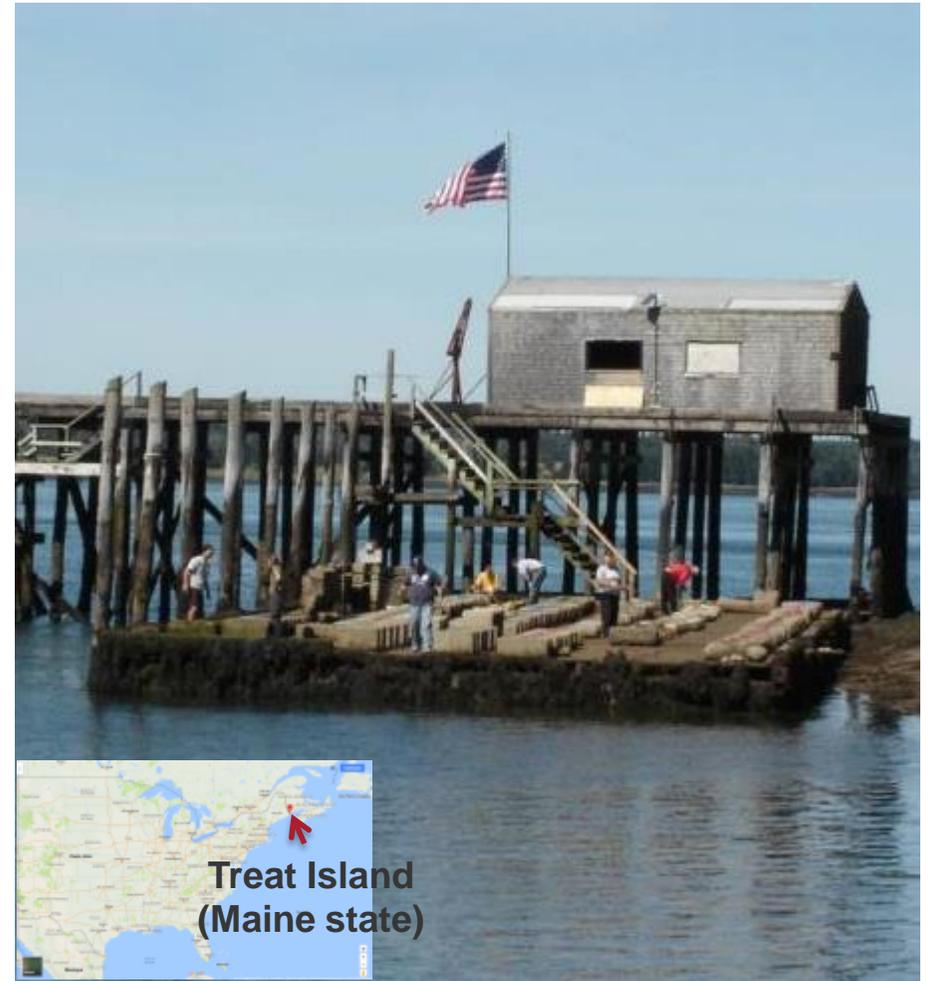


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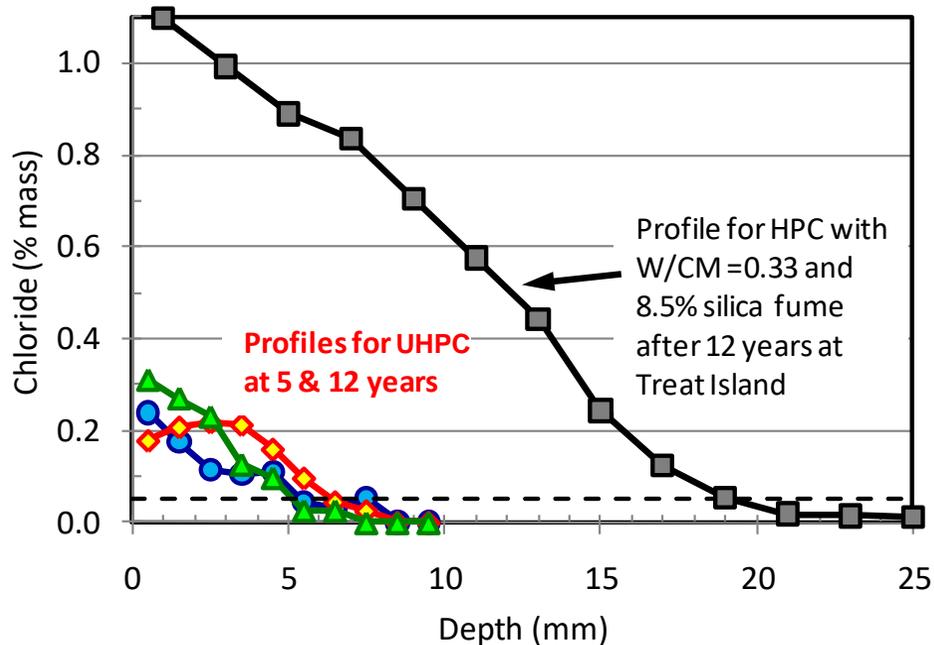
US Army Engineers Corp have placed beam sample for long term exposure resistance to sea water and tide: samples are alternatively immerse and exposed to weathering twice a day – in place for the last 20 years.

No damaged confirmed by analysis by pulse velocity measurements (ASTM C597).

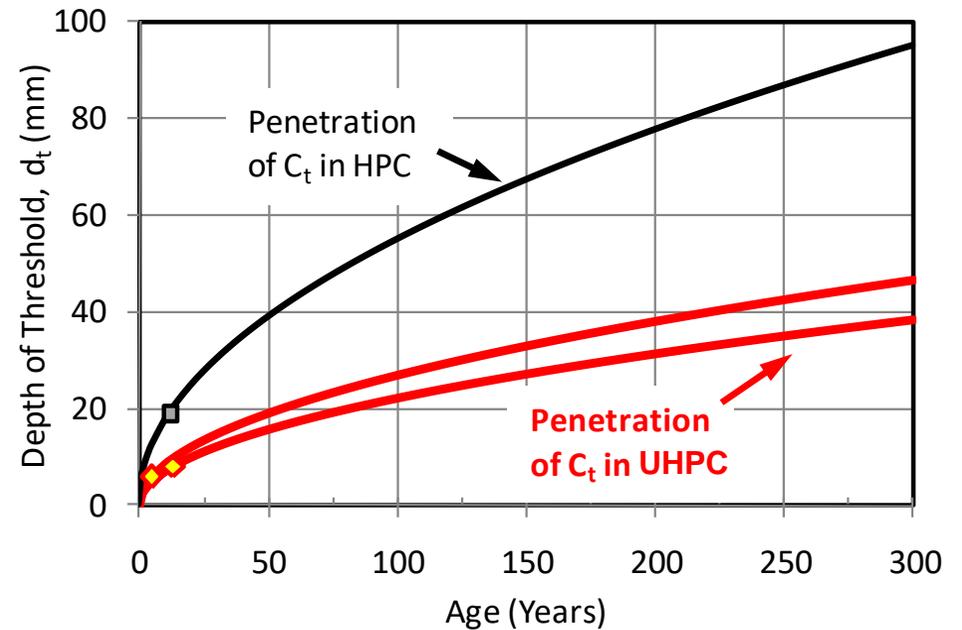


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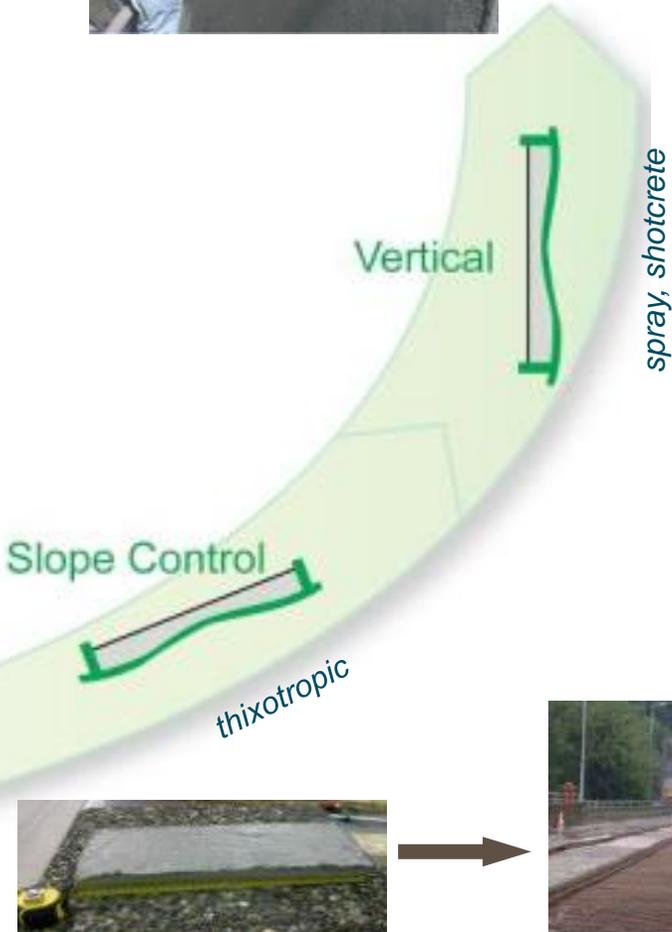
Chloride profiles: UHPC versus HPC



Predicted Rate of Penetration

Characteristics of UHPC

□ Fine-tuning rheology



Large range of applications by mastering the rheology



Part 3: Design & Execution

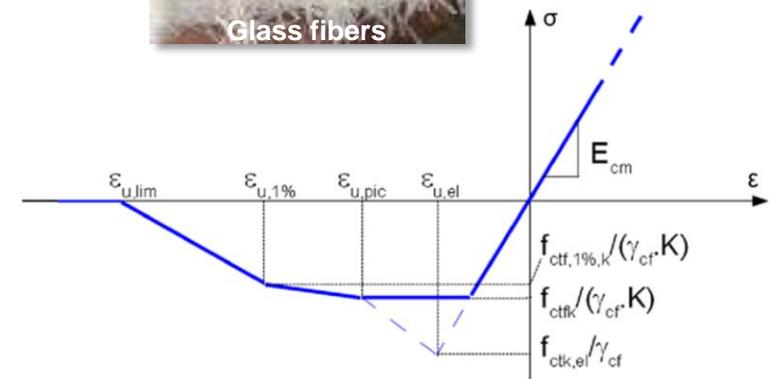
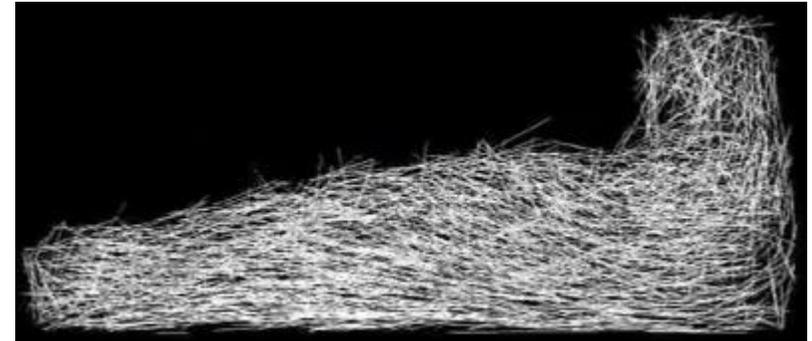


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Design & Execution

Philosophy of design

- ❑ UHPC is an engineered concrete-like material
- ❑ The method of design depends on:
 - the **geometry** (thin / thick members)
→ 2D or 3D orientation of fibres
 - the **type of fibre** (steel or non steel)
→ post-cracking or elastic calculation
 - the **content of fibre** → strain-softening or strain-hardening behaviour in tension



Design & Execution

Approach of design

□ ID card concept

- declaration of all the characteristics of UHPC
- provide by the supplier of UHPC (commitments)

□ Suitability test

- conformity of UHPC to the specifications of the project
- validation of the manufacturing method (mixing, pouring, ...)
- validation of the orientation of fibres (steel only) with a control mockup

	Identity Card of Material* Ductal® G2 FM STT		
Date	May 2018	Written by	V. MALIK
Version	2	Validated by	S. BERNARDI

*according to the standard NF P 28-470 "Ultra High Performance Fiber-Reinforced Concrete – Specifications, performance, production and conformity".

General Characteristics	
Nominal formula and mixing process	Cf. Mix design sheet
D_{upper}	0.6 mm
Length of fibres L_f	14 mm
Class associated to the type of fibres	Type M
Designation	UHPFRC-S
Casting Method	Placement by self-weight or piston pump (according to LafargeHolcim recommendations)

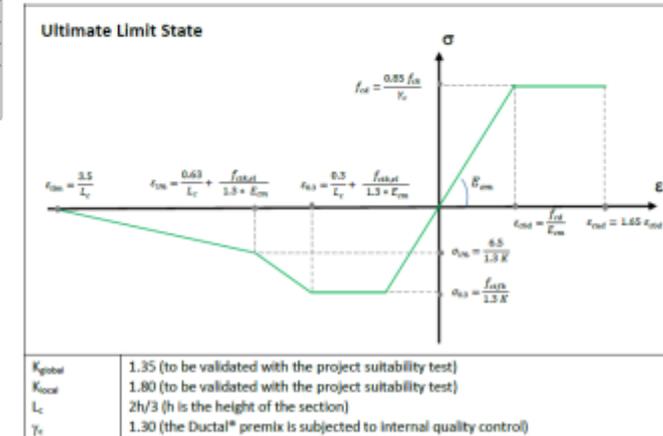
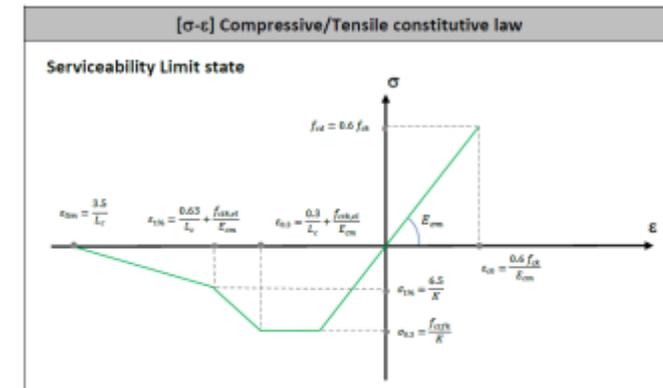
Heat treatment (TT)	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Type of Heat Treatment	Not relevant
Description	Not relevant

Properties of fresh concrete	
Slump flow (ASTM cone)	245 mm ± 18.4 mm
Working time at 20°C	1 hour
Air content (entrapped air)	3.0 %
Curing conditions	Curing at 20°C (A curing product shall be sprayed on the exposed fresh surfaces. These surfaces should also be protected to limit desiccation.)

	Mechanical Properties at 28 days or before/after TT	
	at 24 h	at 28 days
Characteristic compressive strength f_{ck} (Compressive strength class)	-	150 MPa (UHPFRC 150/165)
Characteristic value of limit of elasticity under tension $f_{t,el,at}$	-	9.5 MPa
Mean value of tensile limit of elasticity under tension $f_{t,el,at}$	-	10.5 MPa
Tensile behaviour class	T1	
Characteristic value of post-cracking strength f_{cm}	8.0 MPa	
Mean value of post-cracking strength f_{cm}	9.3 MPa	
Mean value of Young's modulus E_{cm}	56 GPa	

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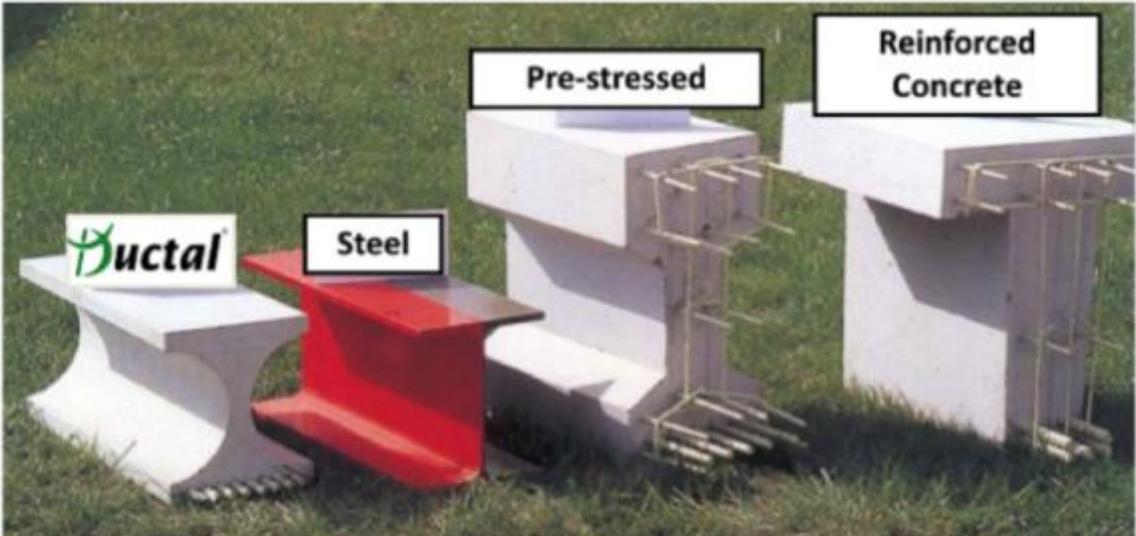
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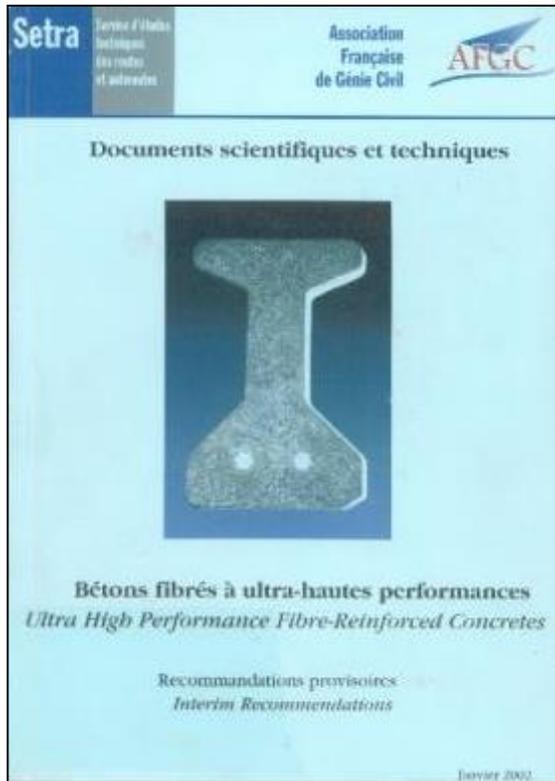
Case study

Beams of Equal Load Carrying Capacity



Design & Execution

Guidelines & Standards

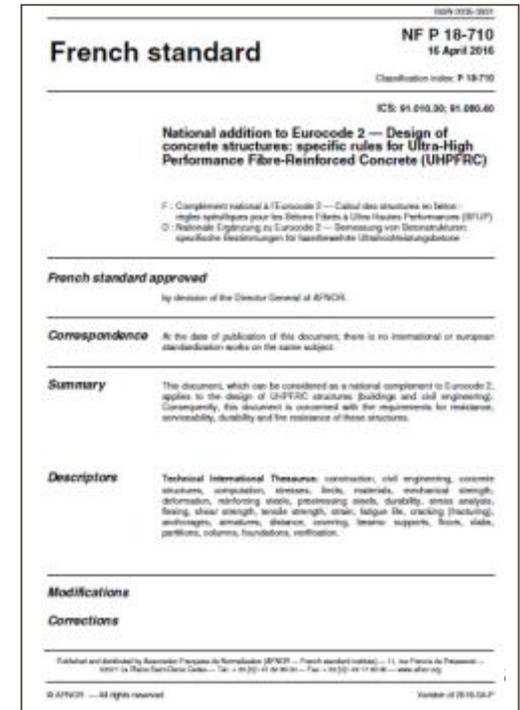


French Recommendations on UHPC:

- version 1: January 2002
- version 2: June 2013



FRANCE		
Standards	Commission	Publication
NF P 18-470: Material	AFNOR – P18B	July 2016
NF P 18-710: Design	BNTRA – CN EC2	April 2016
NF P 18-451: Execution	AFNOR – P18E	Q4 2018



Design & Execution

Guidelines & Standards

Countries	Committee / WG	Reference / Title	Publication
Japan	JSCE (Japan Society of Civil Engineers)	CES 82 Recommendations for design and construction of high performance fibre reinforced cement composites with multiples fine cracks	March 2008
Switzerland	SIA Commission 262	Technical leaflet n° 2052 UHPFRC – Construction material, dimensioning and application”	Sept. 2015
China	GB (National standardization technical committee on Concrete)	GB/T 31387-2015 Reactive Powder Concrete	Nov. 2015
Canada	CSA A23.1	A23.1 – A23.2 Annex U (Informative) Ultra-high performance concrete (UHPC)	Q3 2018
China	CBMF (China Building Materials Association)	CBMF XX-201X Standard for Ultra-high Performance Concrete: General Performance and Test Methods	2019
Germany	DAfStb (Deutscher Ausschuss für Stahlbeton)	EN 206:2013 “Beton - Festlegung, Eigenschaften, Herstellung und Konformität” The UHPC-Guideline is designed as a complementary document to the norms (DIN 1045-part 1-3) for which DIN EN 206 is the basis document.	2019
USA	ACI Committee 239	ACI 239-D Materials & Methods of Construction with UHPC	Q3 2019



Examples of projects over the past 20 years



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Applications for civil engineering



- Joint fill for bridges
- Overlays
- Bridges
- Dams
- Ground slabs
- Nuclear plant
- ...

Nuclear power plant, France



UHPC solution was selected to upgrade the Cattenom power station cooling towers. Specifications were clear; they required a building **material that could withstand physicochemical aggressions** (run-off water, sulfates, thermal gradient & freeze/thaw cycles) for the beams and girders providing the support structure of the heat exchange building.

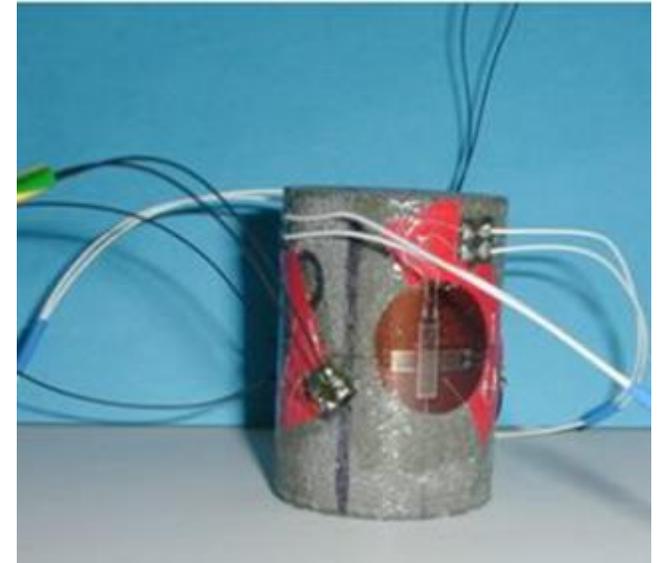
A total of 2400 prestressed girders made of UHPC were produced at a rate of **twenty per day**. Its lightness also enabled the weight of the **structure** on the foundations to be reduced **to a third** of its conventional weight, with the added bonus of a **vastly extended lifetime** for the structure.



Test samples taken in 2008, (after ten years of being subjected to a stream of pure water at 35°C) showed that the UHPC material had no degradation of mechanical properties when compared to the initial measurements taken.



Nuclear power plant, France: 10 years later



- Mean compressive strength = 240 MPa
- Young's modulus = 55 Pa
- Poisson coefficient = 0.19
- pH = 12.35
- carbonation depth = 0
- water absorption = 0.03 g/cm² (10 times less than HPC)

**Next sampling
and testing in
February 2019**

Joint fill solution, USA & Canada



TECHNOTE
Design and Construction of Field-Cast UHPC Connections

FHWA Publication No: FHWA-HRT-14-084
 FHWA Contact: Ben Graybeal, HRDI-40, 202-493-3122, benjamin.graybeal@dot.gov

Introduction

Advancements in the science of concrete materials have led to the development of a new class of cementitious composites called ultra-high performance concrete (UHPC). UHPC exhibits mechanical and durability properties that make it an ideal candidate for use in developing new solutions to pressing concerns about highway infrastructure deterioration, repair, and replacement.^{1,2} Field-cast UHPC details connecting prefabricated structural elements used for bridge construction have proven to be an application that has captured the attention of owners, specifiers, and contractors across the country. These connections can be simpler to construct and can provide more robust long-term performance than connections constructed through conventional methods.³ This document provides guidance on the design and deployment of field-cast UHPC connections.

UHPC

UHPC is a fiber-reinforced, portland cement-based product with advantageous fresh and hardened properties. Through the appropriate combination of advancements in superplasticizers, dry constituent gradation, fiber reinforcements, and supplemental cementitious materials, UHPC is able to deliver performance that far exceeds conventional concrete. Developed in the late 20th century, this

class of concrete has emerged as a capable replacement for conventional structural materials in a variety of applications.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) defines UHPC as follows:

UHPC is a cementitious composite material composed of an optimized gradation of granular constituents, a water-to-cementitious materials ratio less than 0.25, and a high percentage of discontinuous internal fiber reinforcement. The mechanical properties of UHPC include compressive strength greater than 21.7 ksi (150 MPa) and sustained post-cracking tensile strength greater than 0.72 ksi (5 MPa). UHPC has a discontinuous pore structure that reduces liquid ingress, significantly enhancing durability compared to conventional concrete.⁴

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The tensile behavior of UHPC may generally be defined as "strain-hardening," a term denoting concrete in which the sustained post-cracking strength provided by the fiber reinforcement is greater than the spontaneous initial cracking strength. Note that the post-cracking tensile strength and strain capacity of UHPC is highly dependent on the type, quantity, dispersion, and orientation of the internal fiber reinforcement.

U.S. Department of Transportation
 Federal Highway Administration
www.fhwa.dot.gov/research

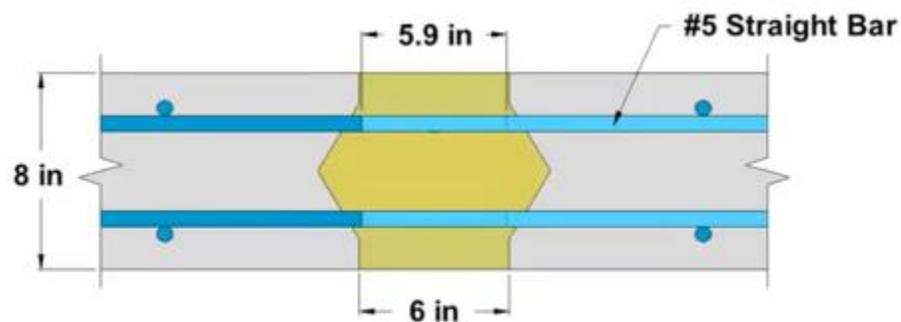
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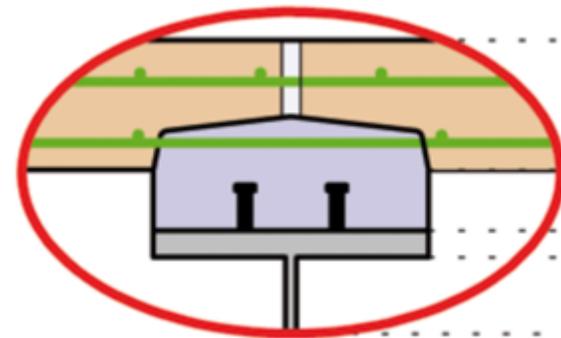
Joint fill solution, USA & Canada

Benefits

- **Accelerated Construction.** UHPC offers durable and simplified details that facilitate the fabrication and construction efforts needed to connect prefabricated bridge elements.
- **Simplified Connection Details.** UHPC allows for significant simplification to the design of the component connections. Its properties allow for the redesign of common connection details in ways that promote both ease and speed of construction.
- **Improved Long-Term Performance.** Field casting of UHPC connections between prefabricated components results in a strong connection that provides better long-term performance.



Straight Bar Connection w/ UHPC



Girder Haunch w/ UHPC



Pulaski Skyway

3.5 miles, 4 lanes
NJDOT Mega-project



Renovation of Chillon viaducts, Switzerland

- 53,000 m² redecking
- 6,000 m³ cast in 6 + 4 weeks (two summer periods) in a 40 mm-layer
- 7% slope



Precast Applications

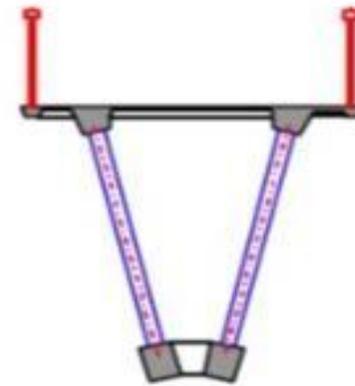


- Cladding
- Sunshades
- Facade pannels
- Perforated panels
- Roof
- Perforated roofs
- Stairs
- Balcony
- Beams
- Columns
- Segments for footbridges, bridges
- ...





First UHPC footbridge, Canada

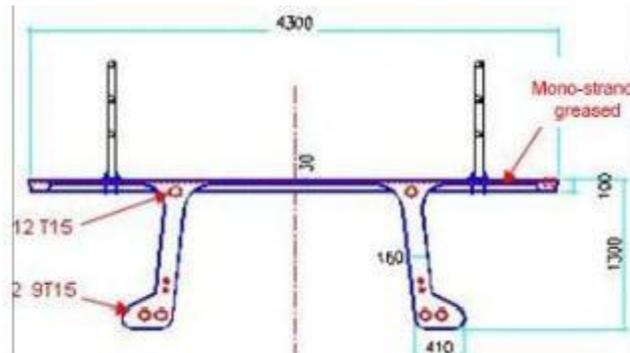


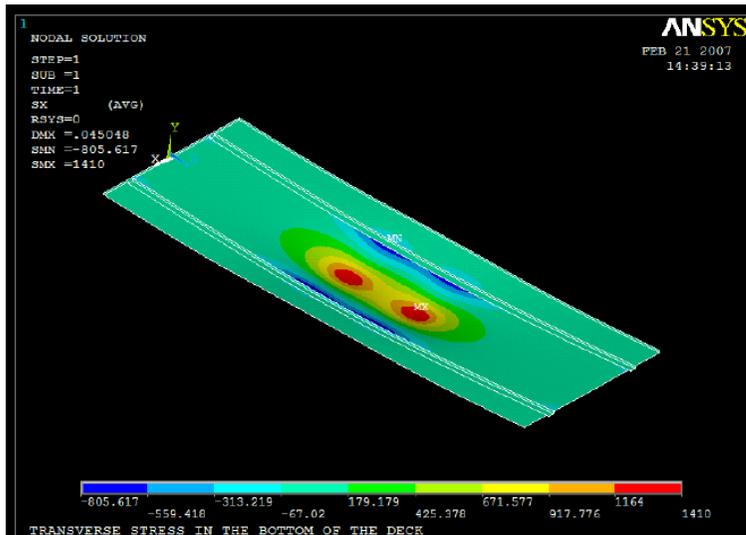
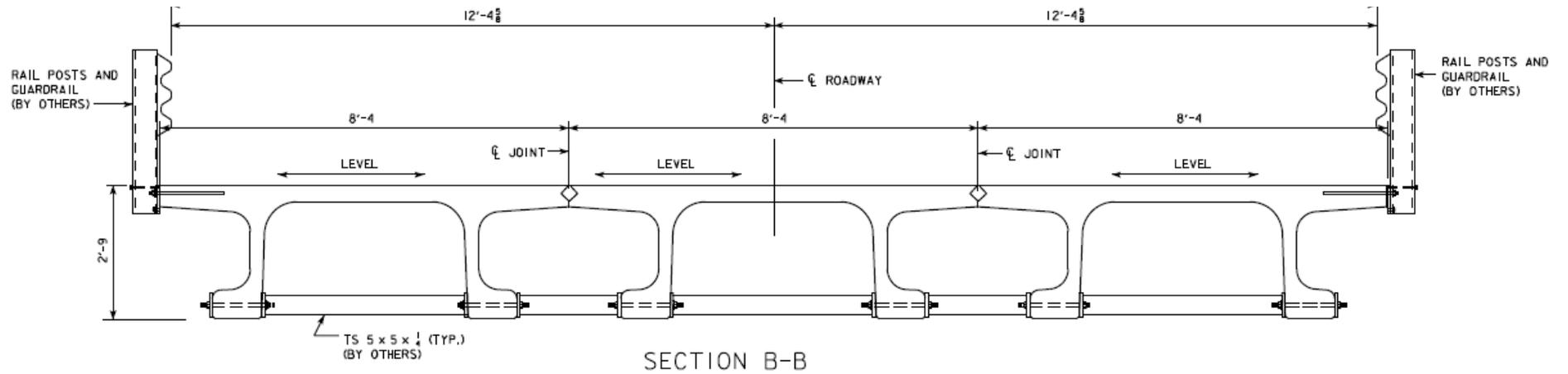
Single 60 meter long span with an only 3 cm thick deck with stiffening ribs.

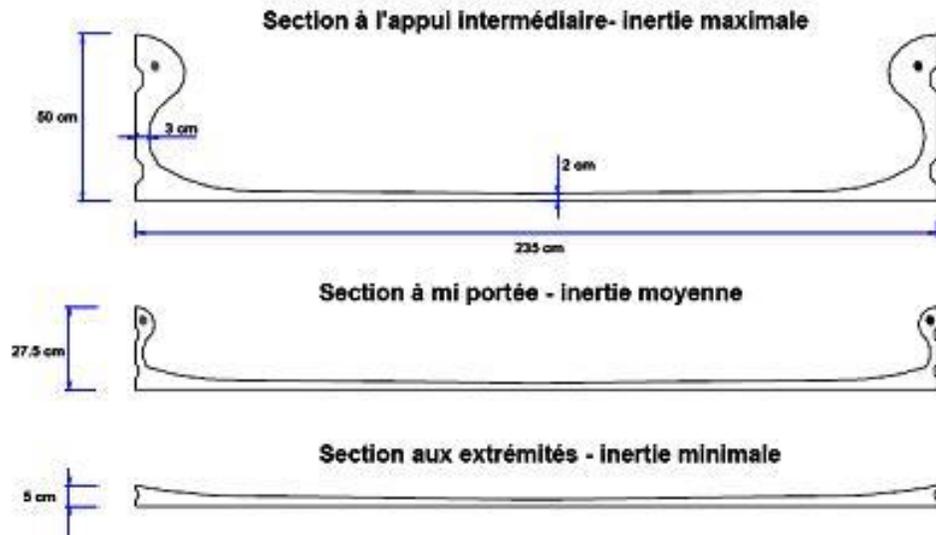
Arch UHPC footbridge, South Korea



UHPC arch bridge for pedestrians spanning 120m. It consists of 6 precast prestressed segments shaped as double-T beams that are 4.3m wide and 1.3m deep. The deck is 30mm deep and has transverse ribs every 1.225m.







Villa Navarra – R. Ricciotti

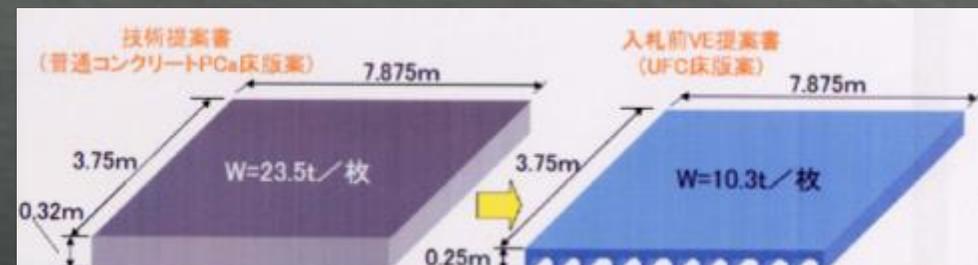
- New constructive paradigms
- New Tectonics, between continuous and discontinuous
- “Liquid Stone” ductile – Cold cast iron



Haneda Airport extension, Japan



7000 prestressed slabs assembled by post-tensioning to make the runway of airport extension over the sea (50 000 m²)



MUCEM museum, France



MUCEM museum, France



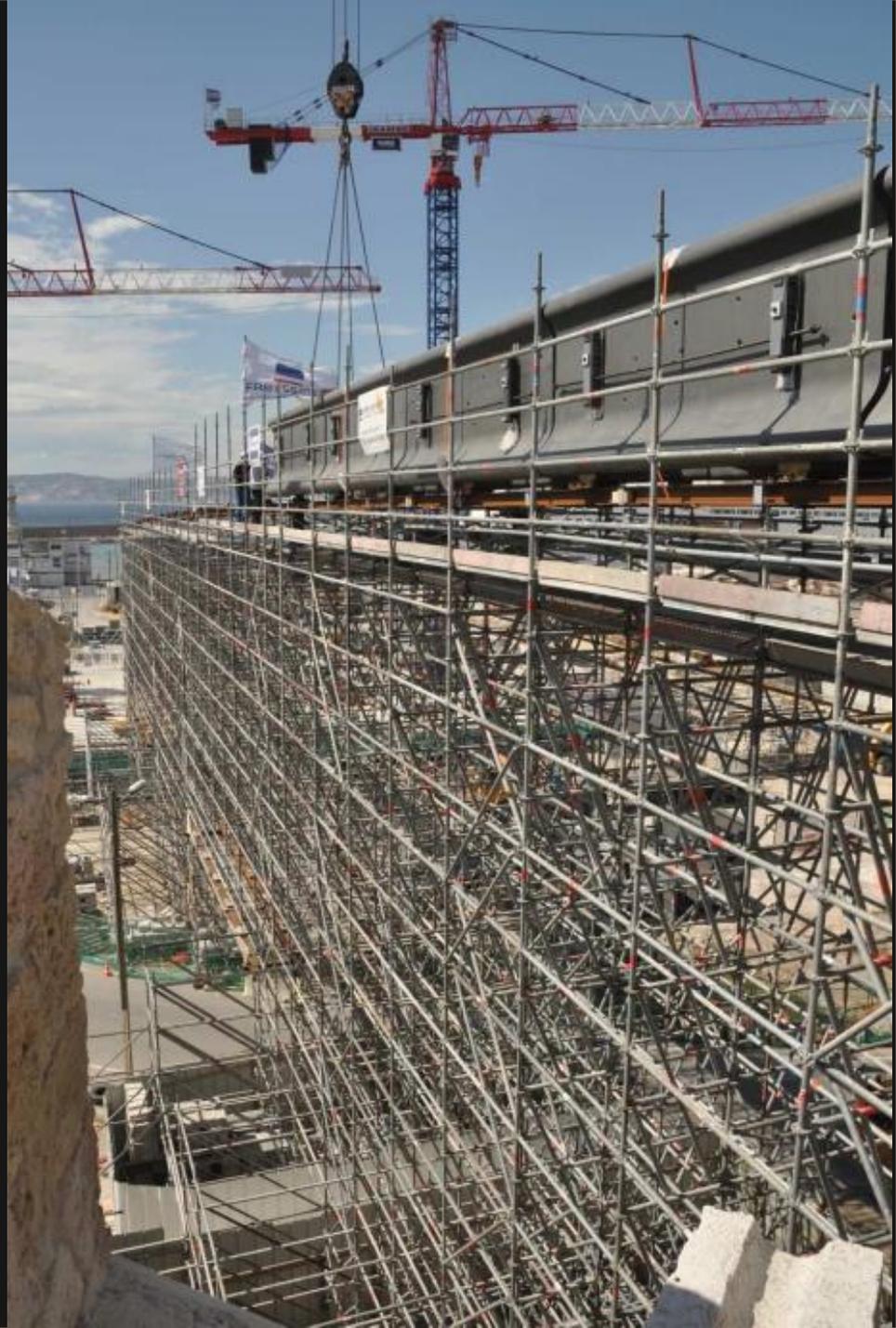
Highlights

- 380 net panels
- 2000 m² thin deck slabs
- 330 tree-shaped columns
- 2 footbridges 75 m-span
- 35 hangers for external decks











Jean Bouin Stadium, France



Highlights

- Facade: triangle perforated panels, up to 8m x 2.4m
- Roof: waterproof panels + glass inclusions, same dimensions. Ribs devices used for drainage of water
- Isostatic panels support, specific designed hinges





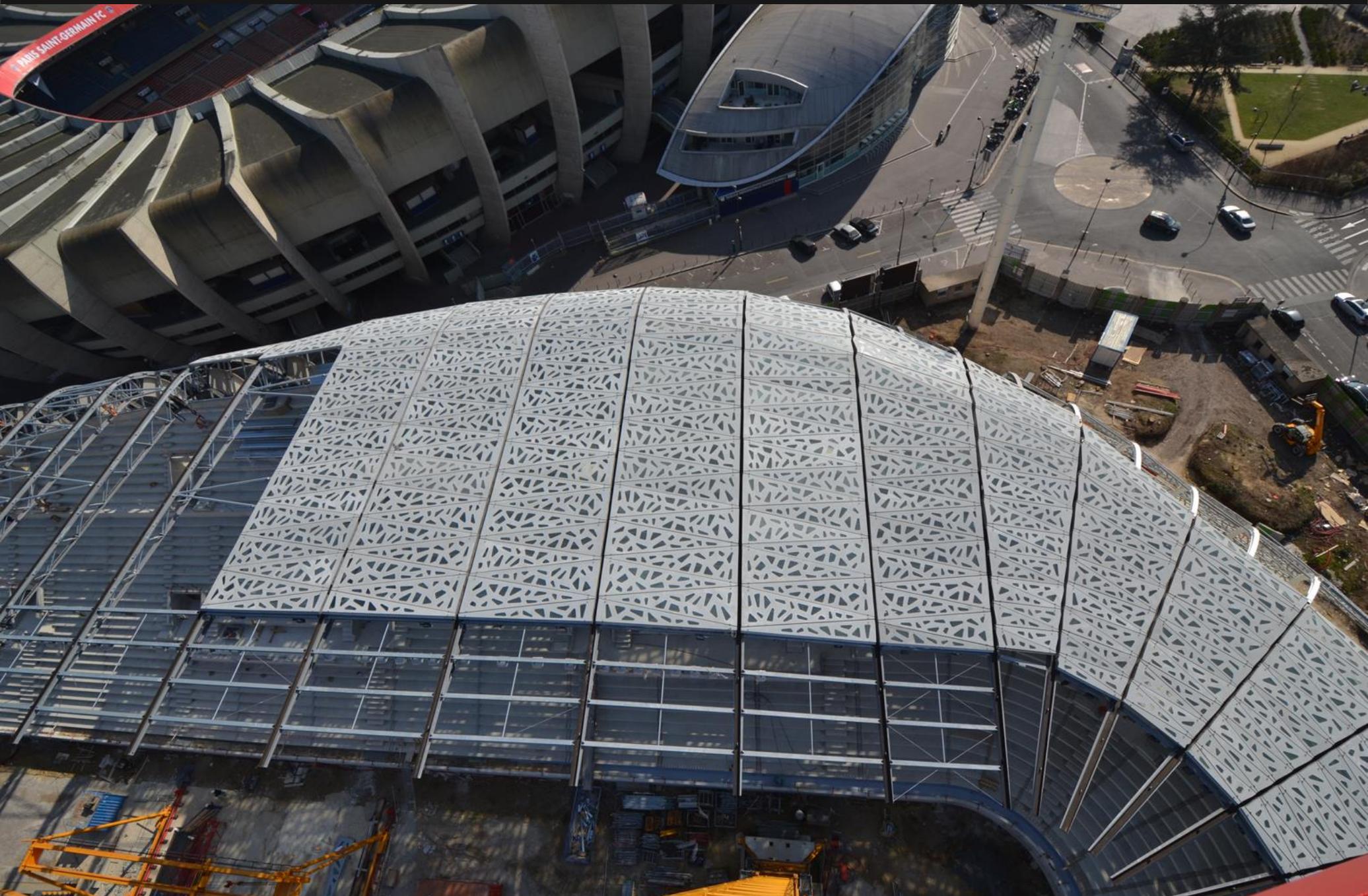






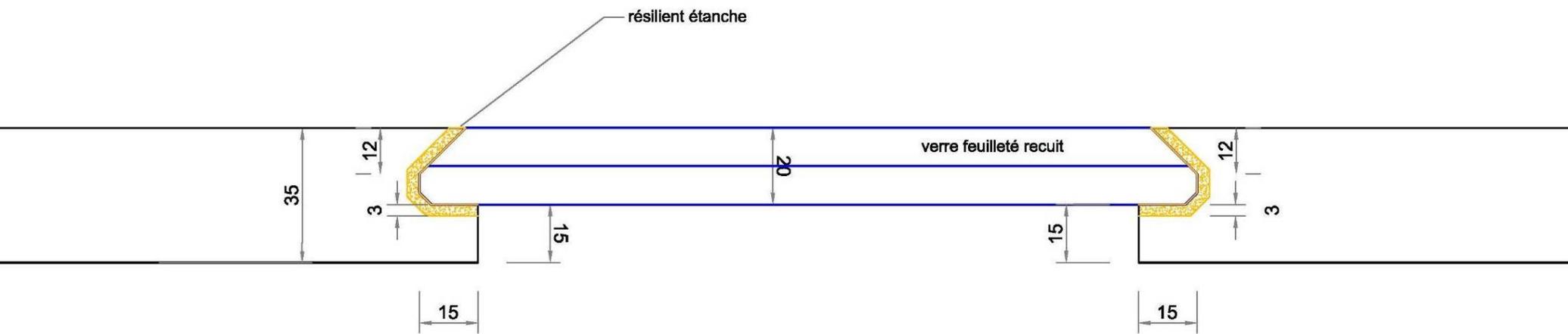


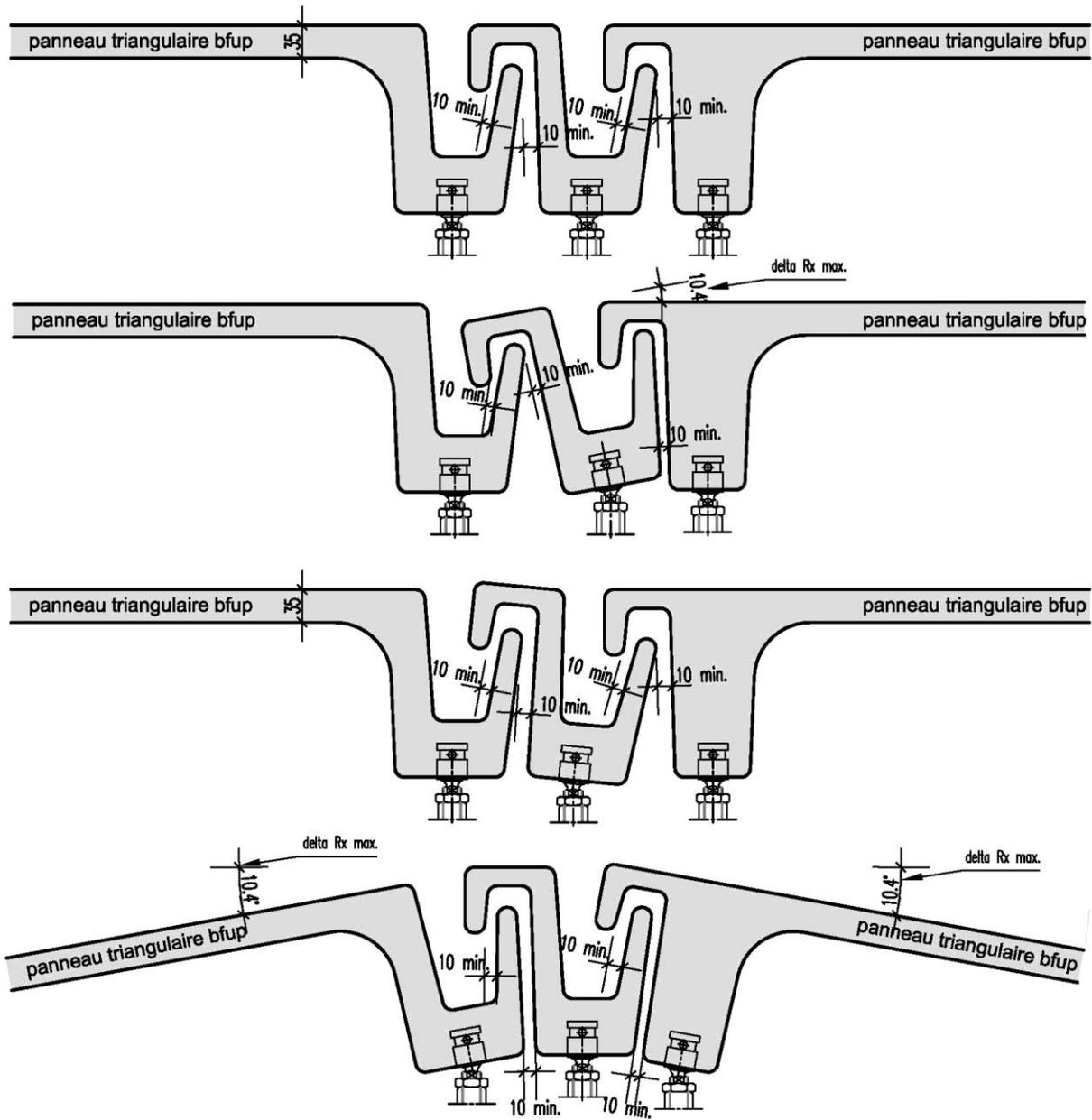


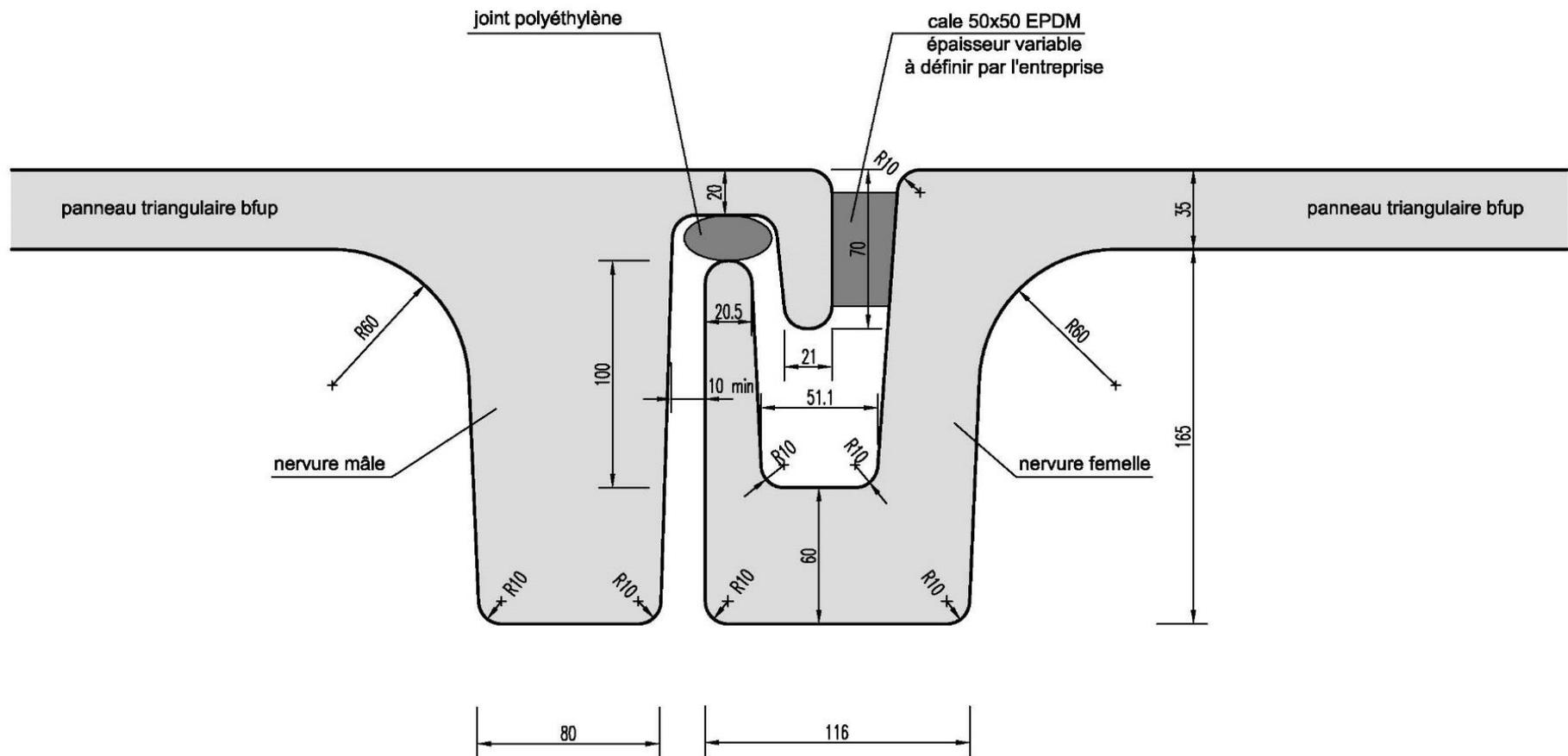




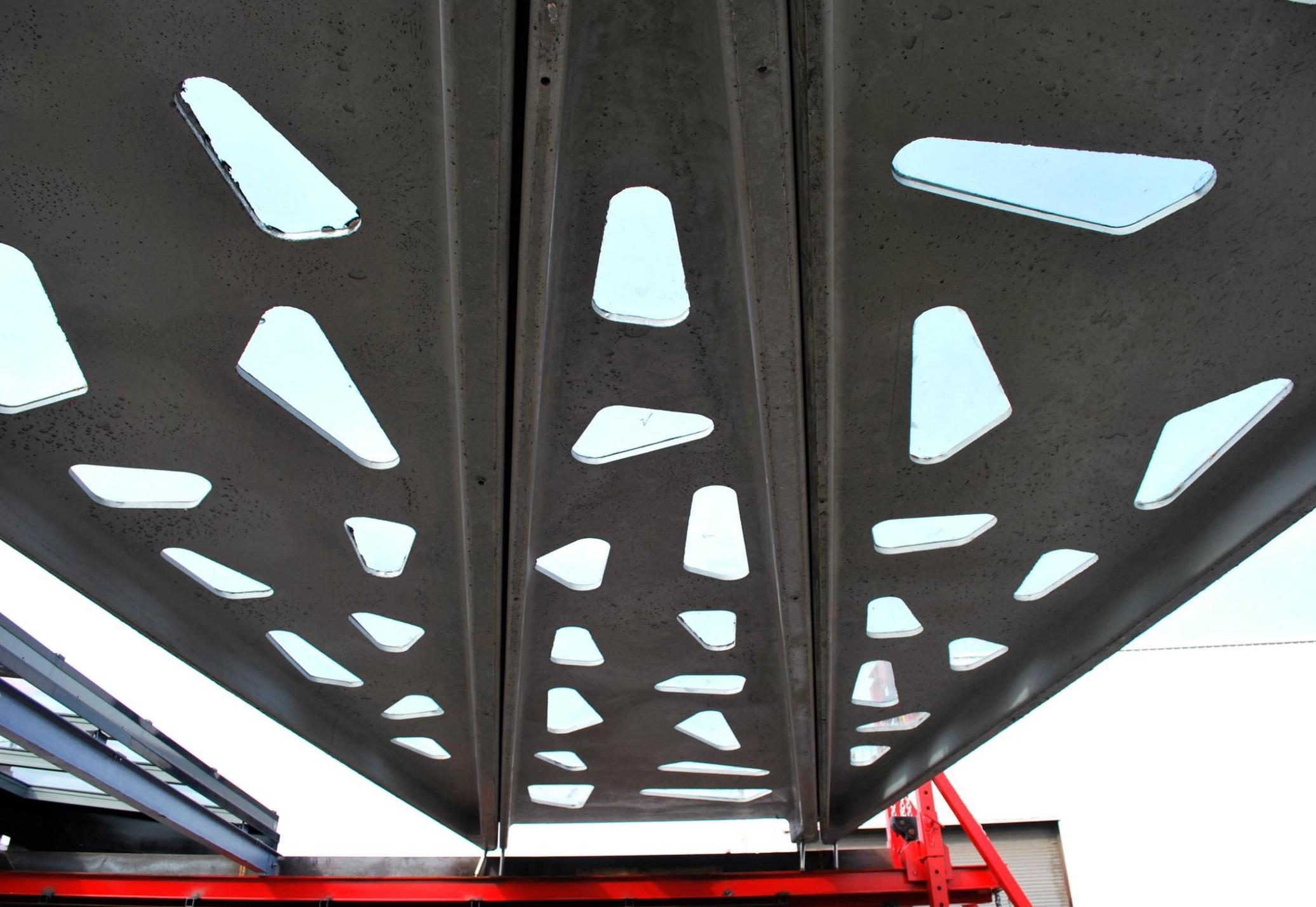










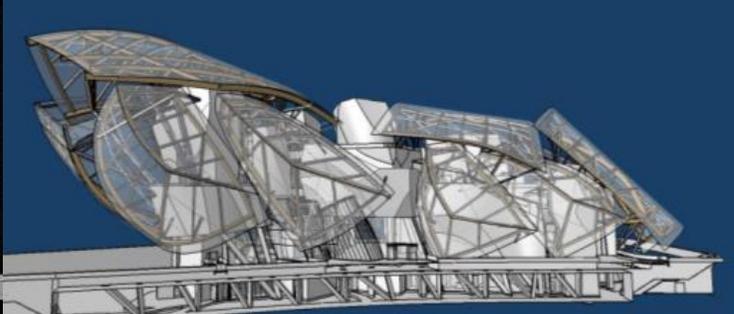
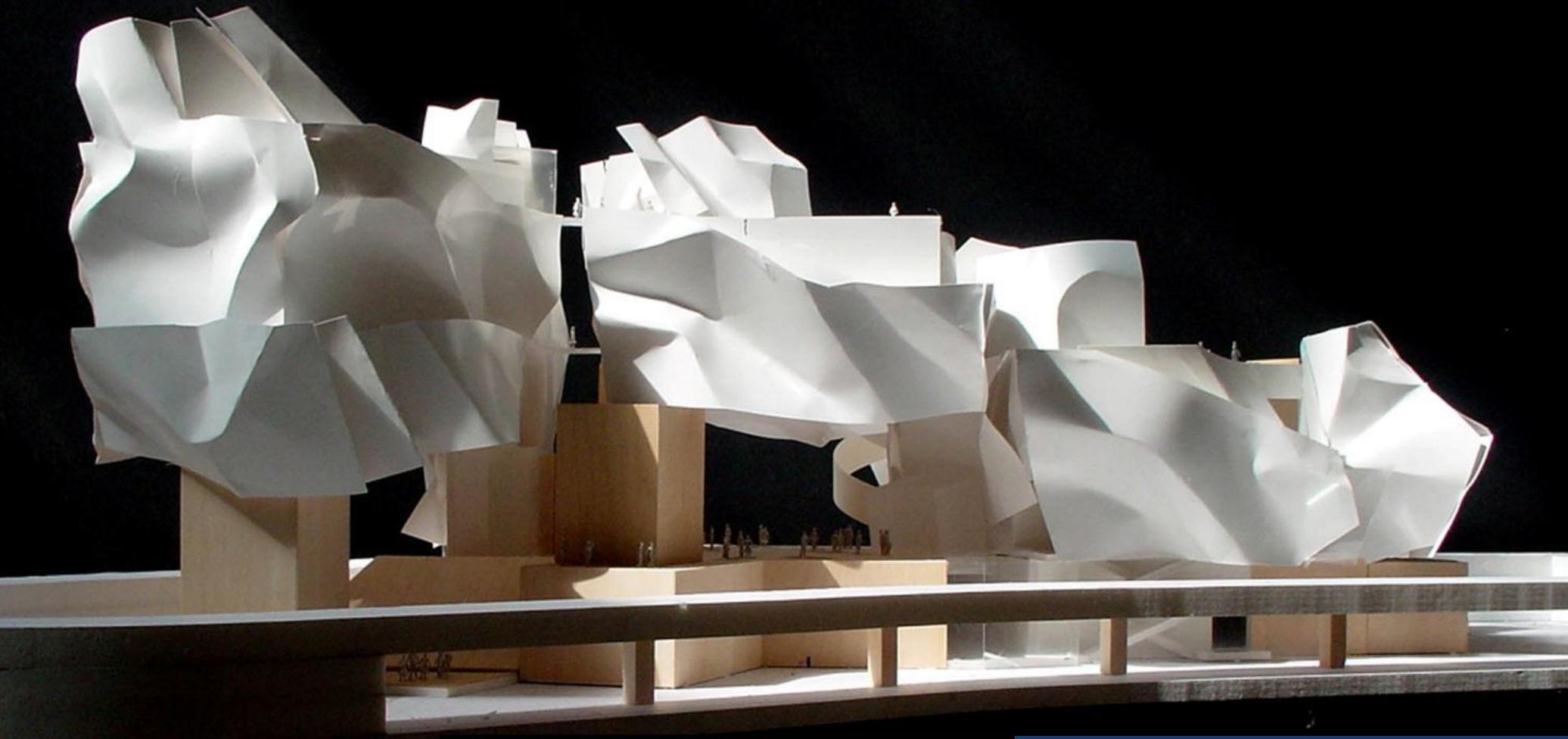


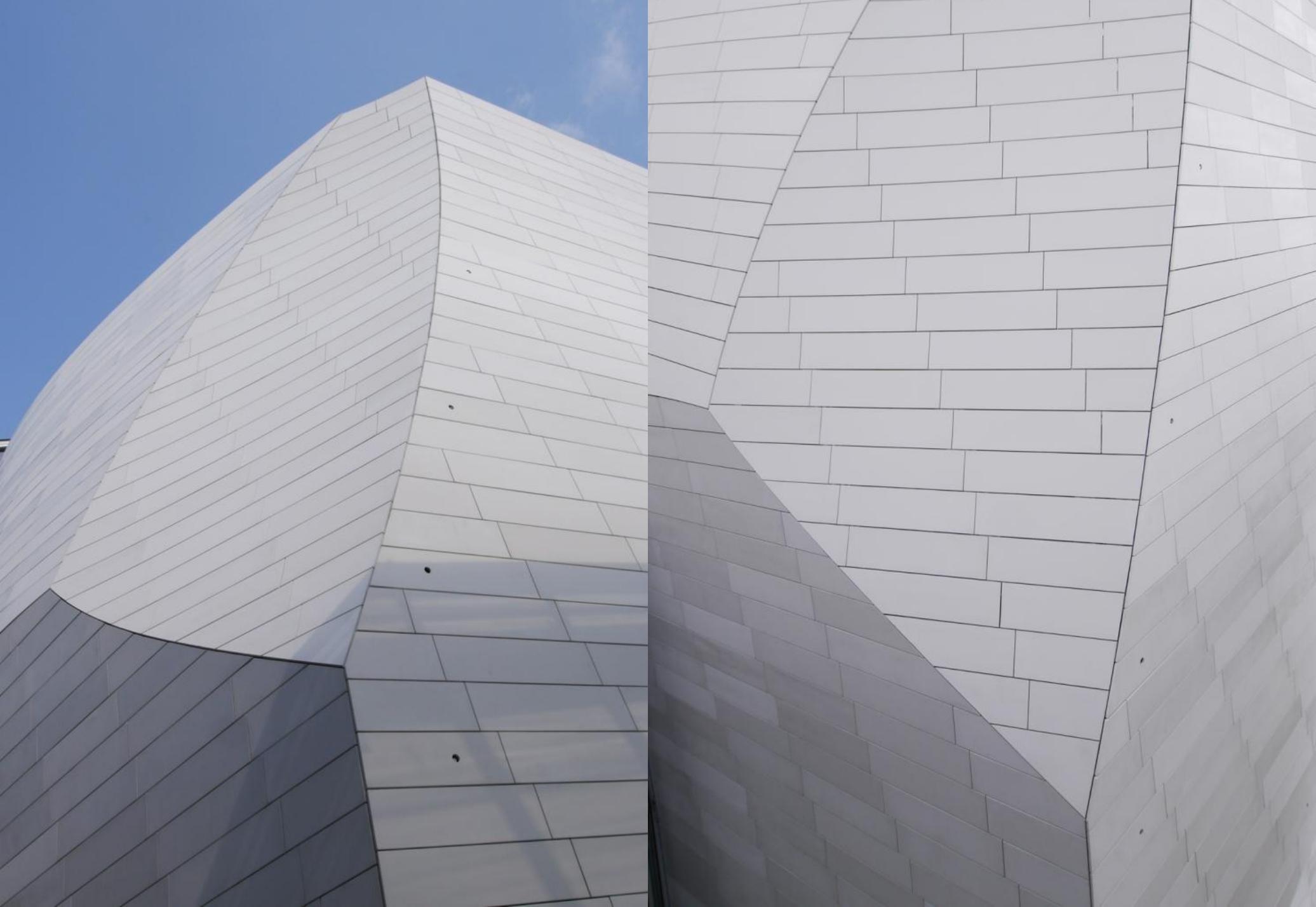


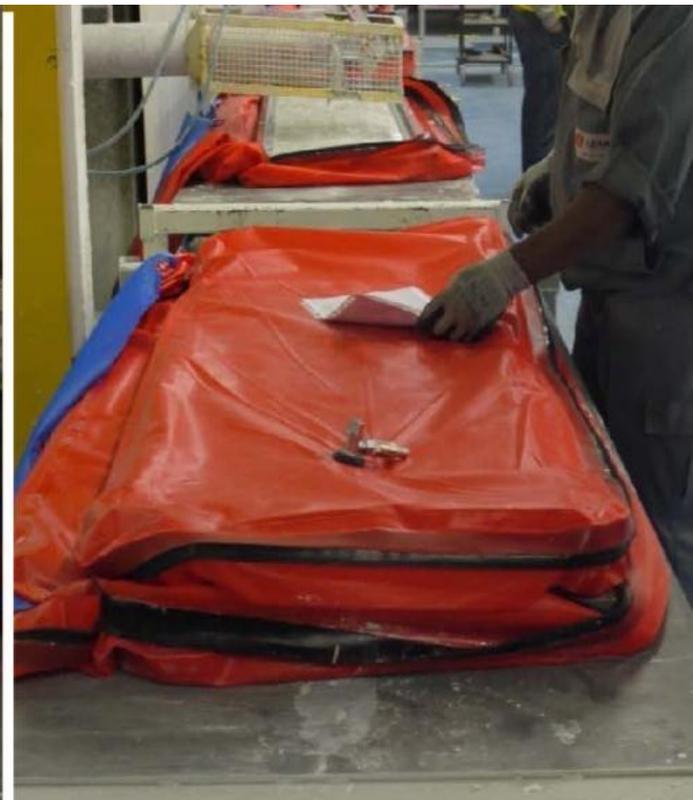




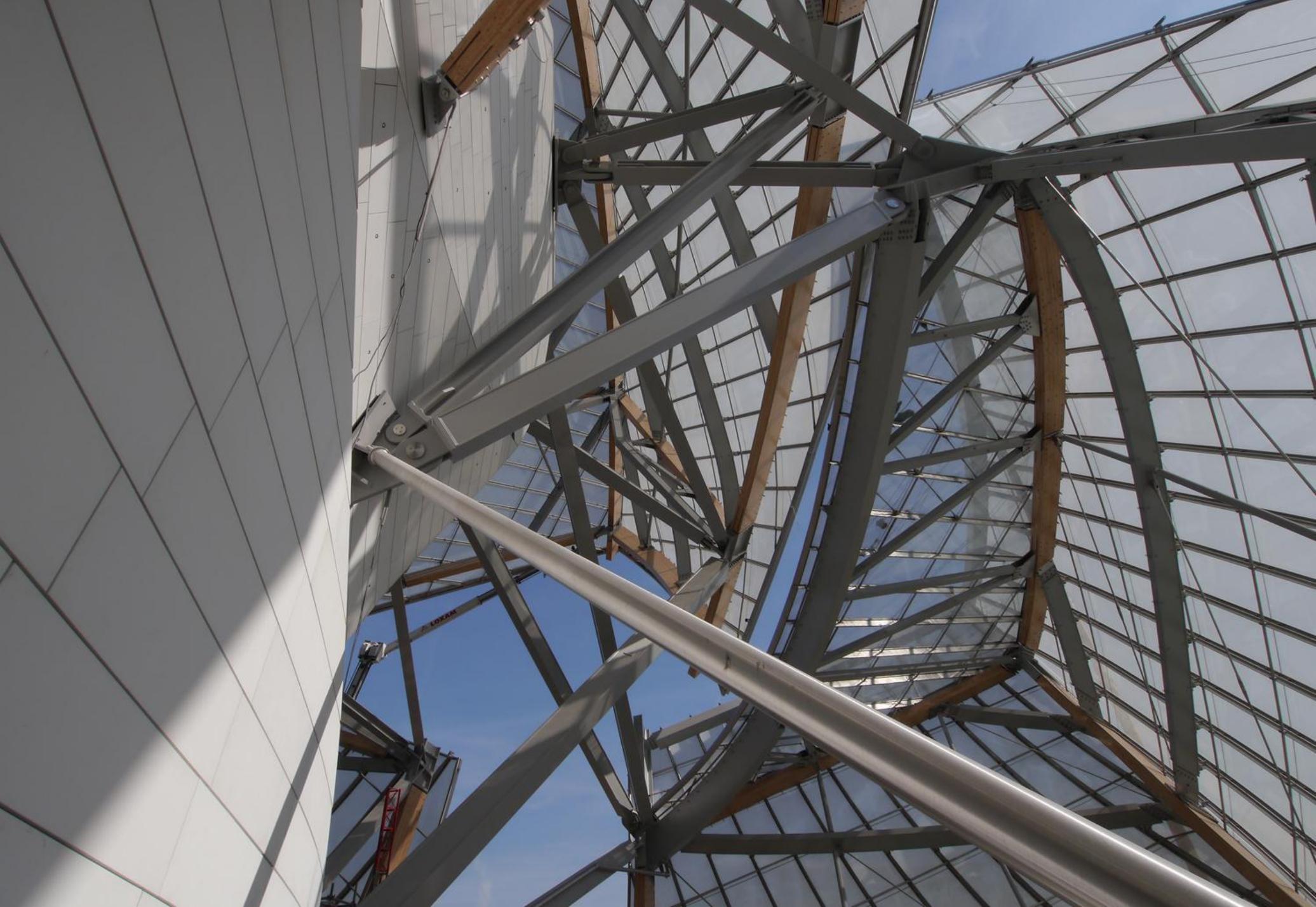
Fondation Louis Vuitton, France











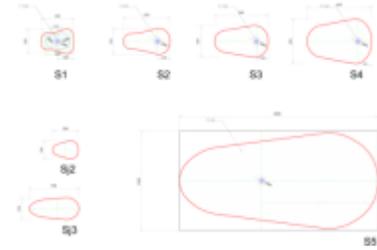
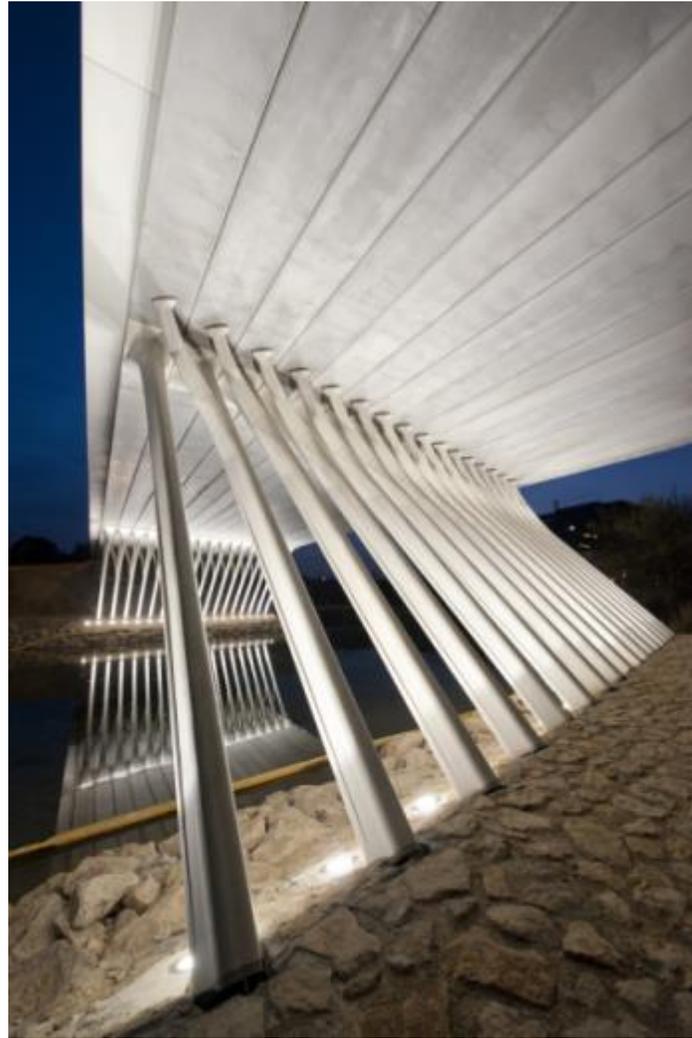
Tour La Marseillaise, France

- 135m high
- facade: 3500 UHPC precast pieces, fire resistant
- 26 shades with blue, white and orange as dominant colors

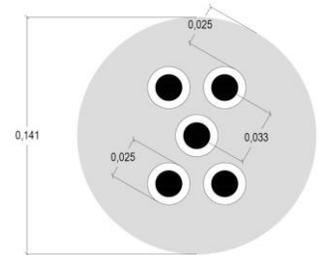


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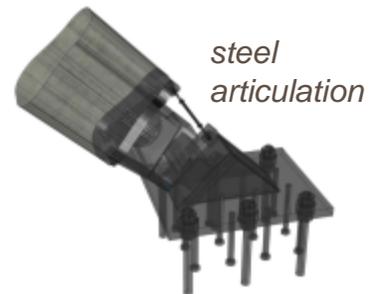




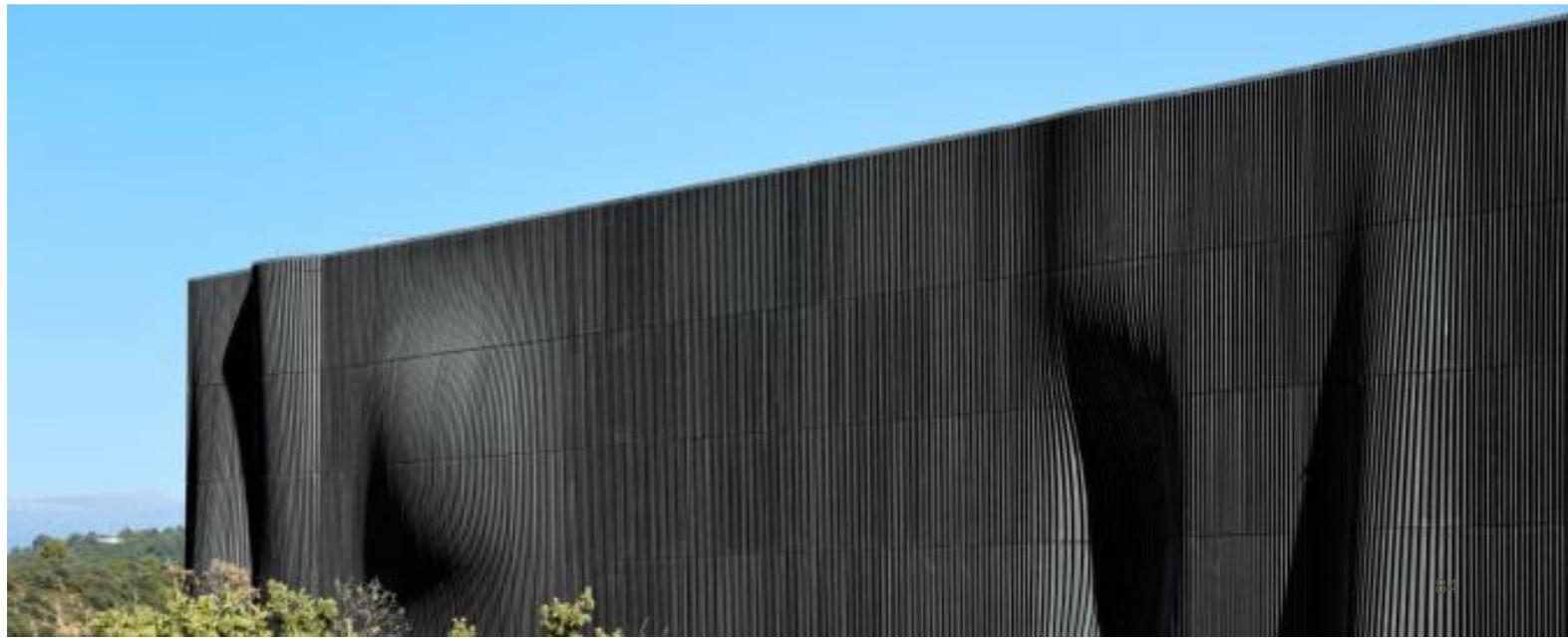
Variable section of the piers



Post-tensioning zone of the piers (5 T15S tendons)



steel articulation





Ministry of Foreign Affairs Office (São Paulo)

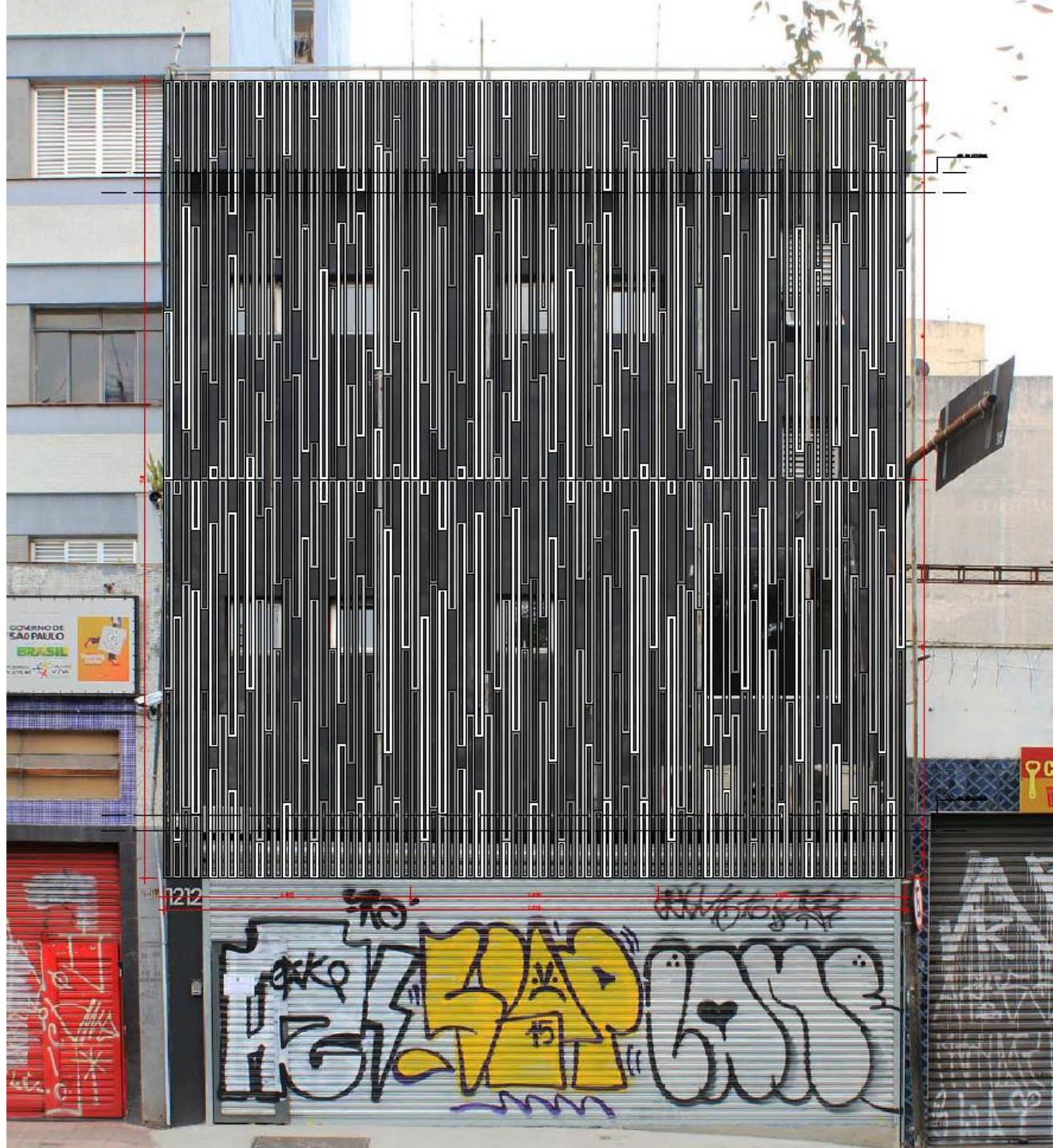


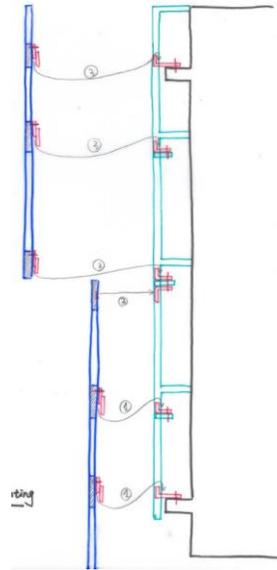
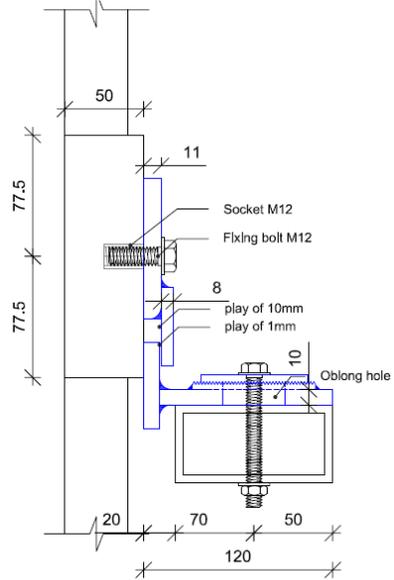
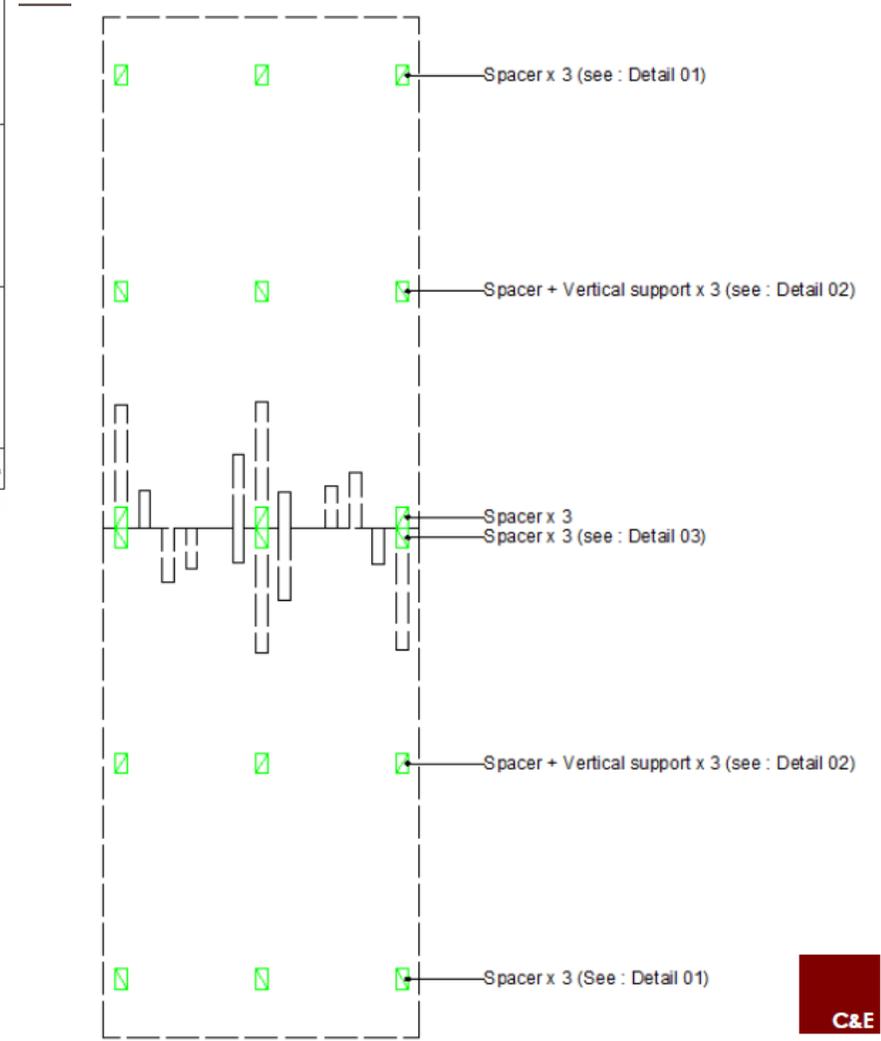
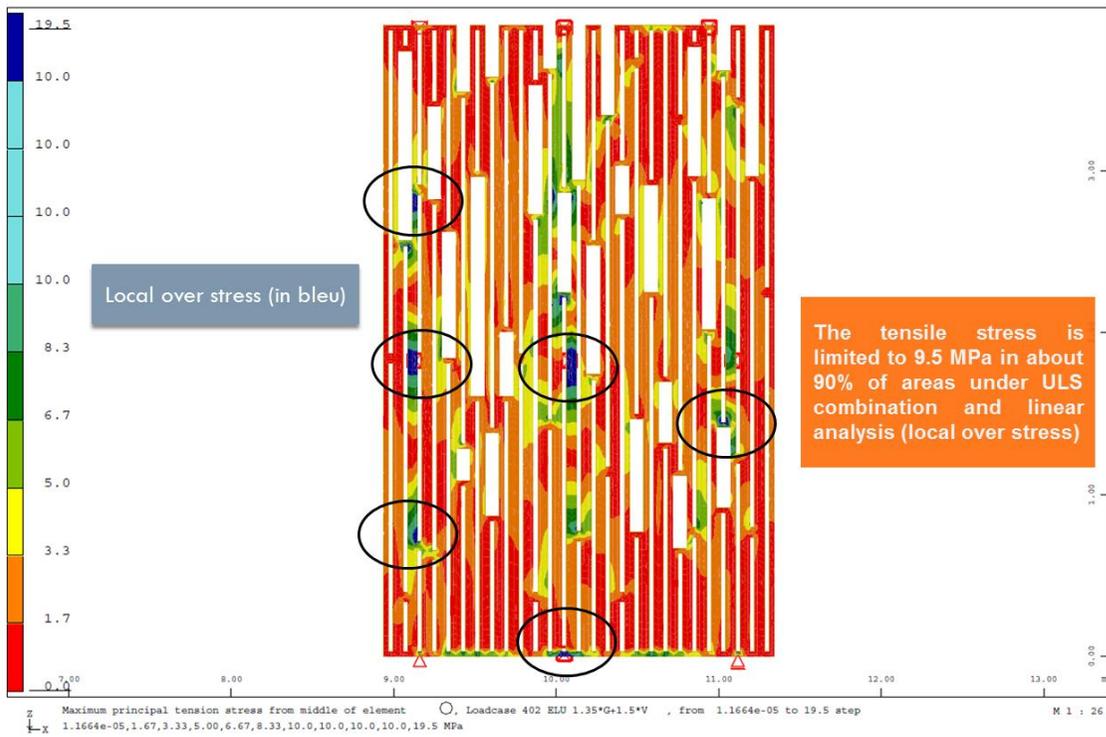
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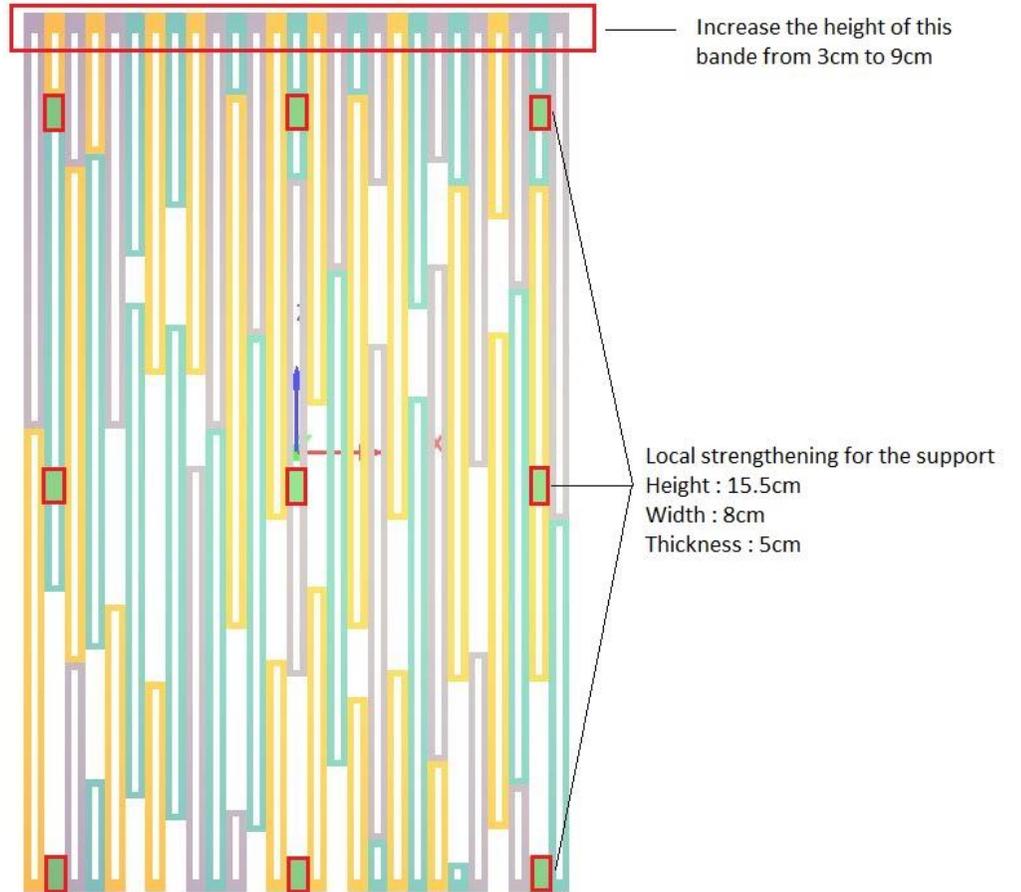
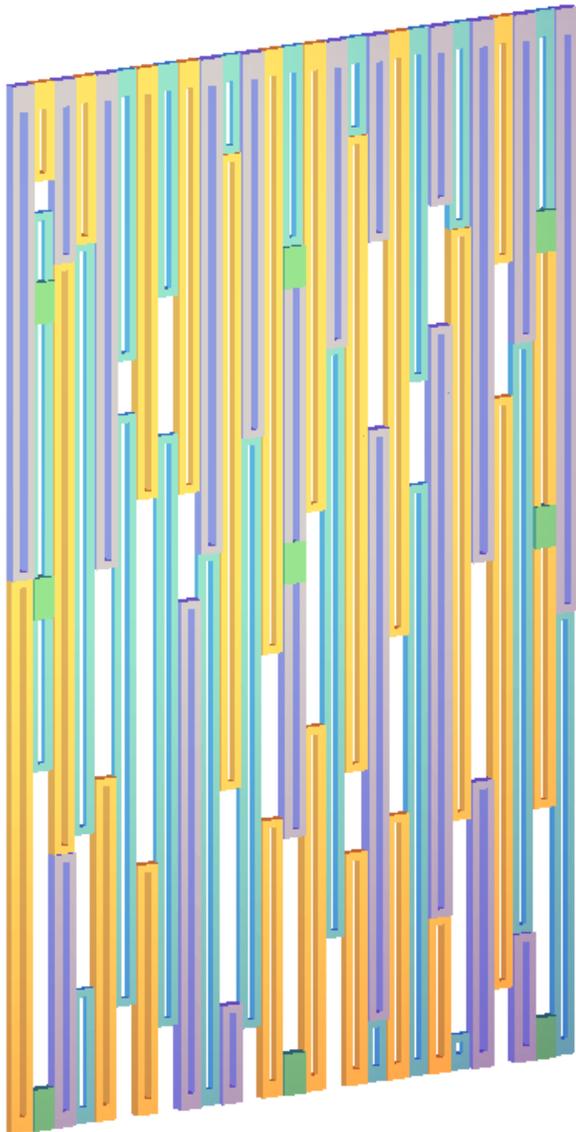


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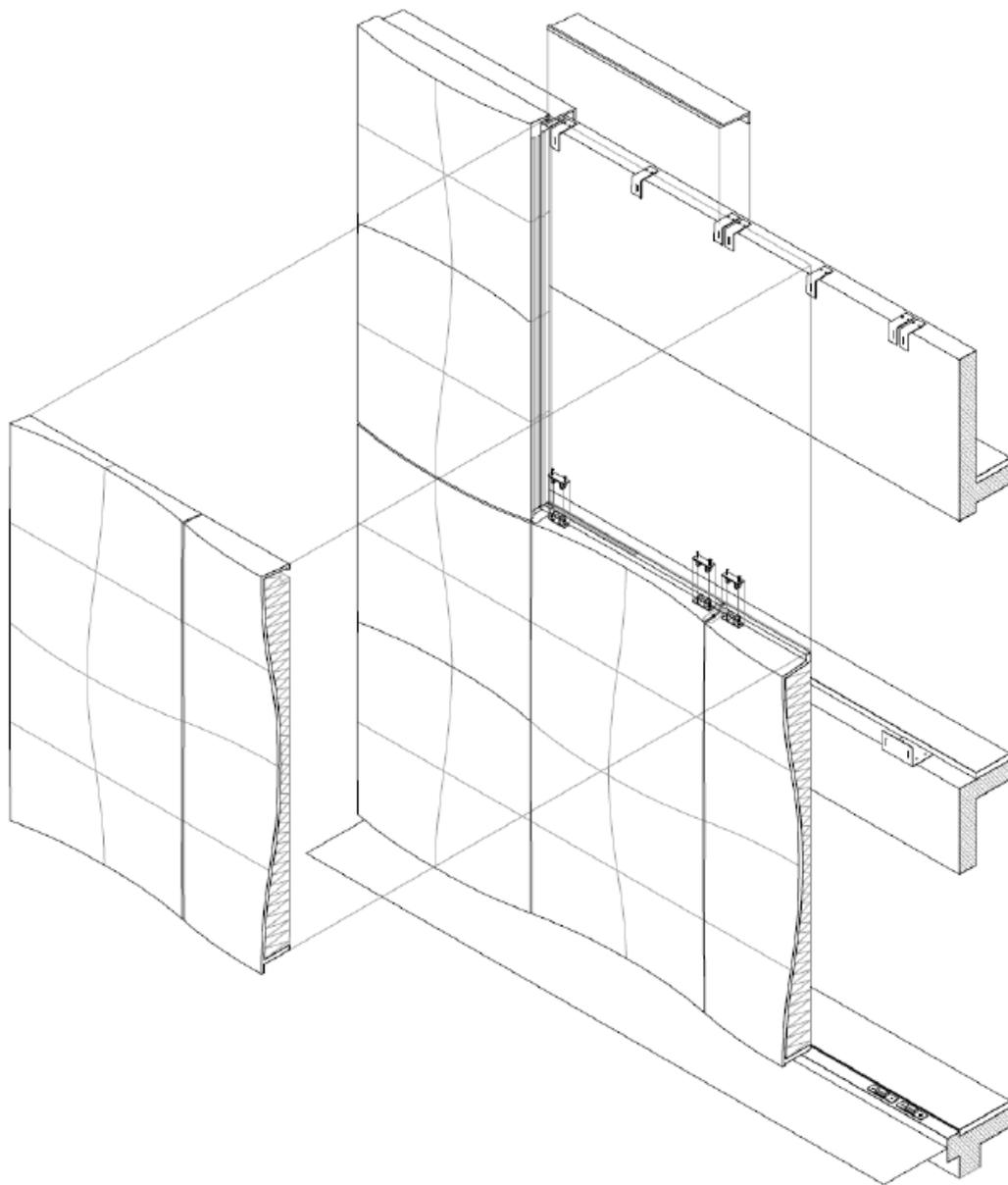




Budin Nursery, France



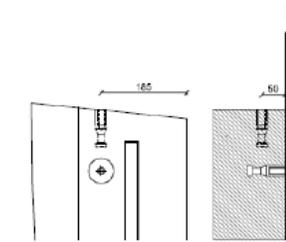
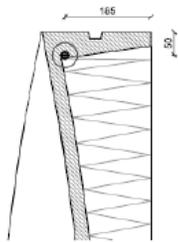




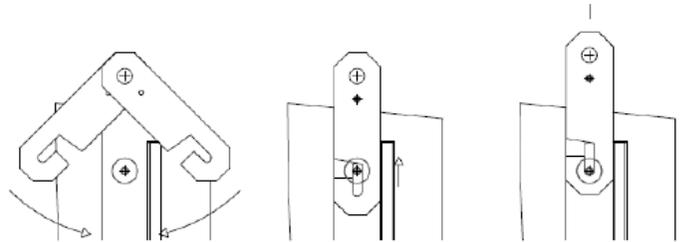
Comment 1 : The principle allows to create periodical geometry

Comment 2 : The principle consists of applying a polystyrene mold when Ductal is still liquid in order to evacuate the material along the reinforced edges of the panel.

Comment 3: in the center the thickness of the panel(sign) is 30 mm against 235 mm along the edges. The joins between two panels is about 10 mm. |

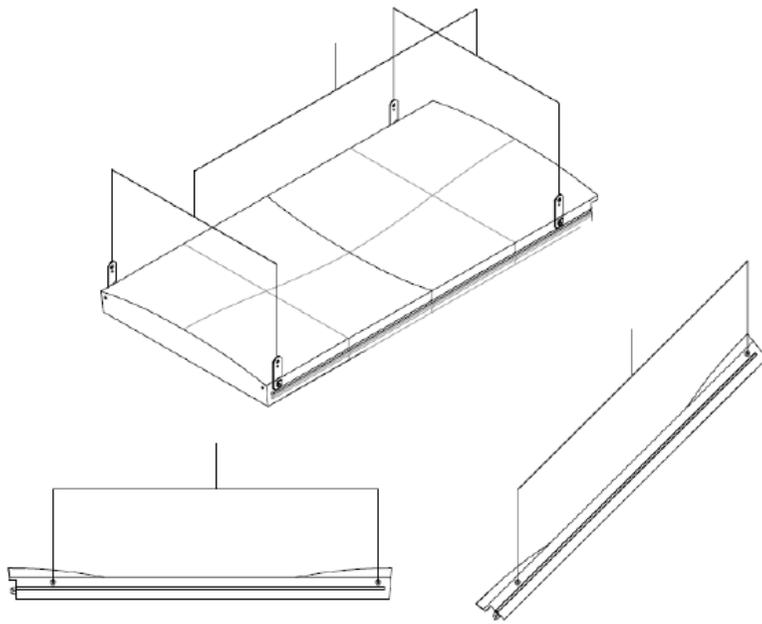


Dispositif de levage 1/10e
Douille de fixation HALFEN DEHA-6380 M16



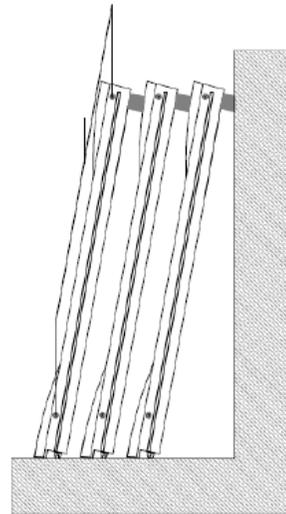
Séquence d'accroche pour le levage 1/10e

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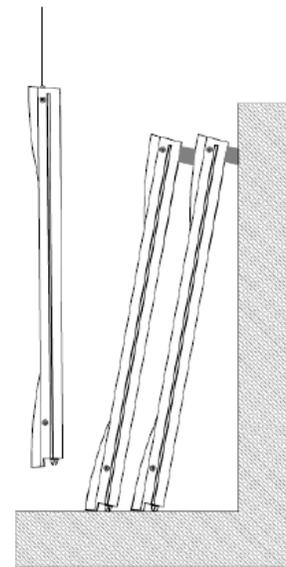


Levage à l'horizontal 1/50e

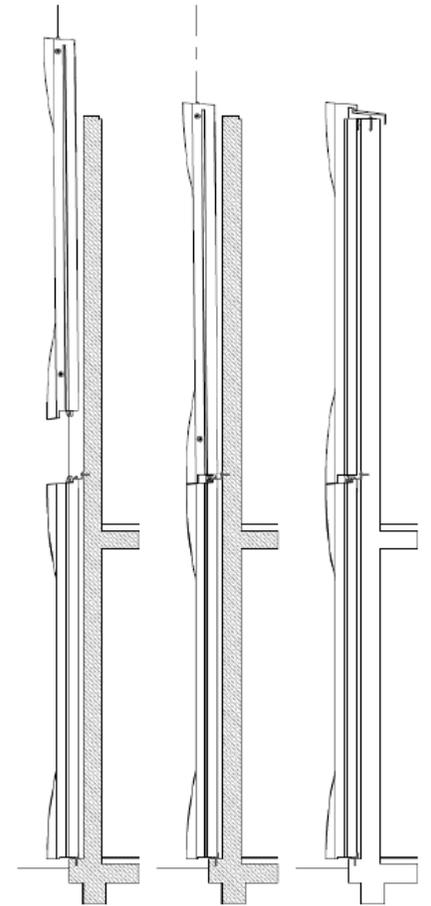
Basculement 1/50e



Stockage des panneaux 1/50e



Levage à la verticale des panneaux 1/50e



Mise en oeuvre des panneaux 1/50e

0 100cm



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Handwritten posters on a fence, including one with the text "KABILA DECI" and "HANOLO".

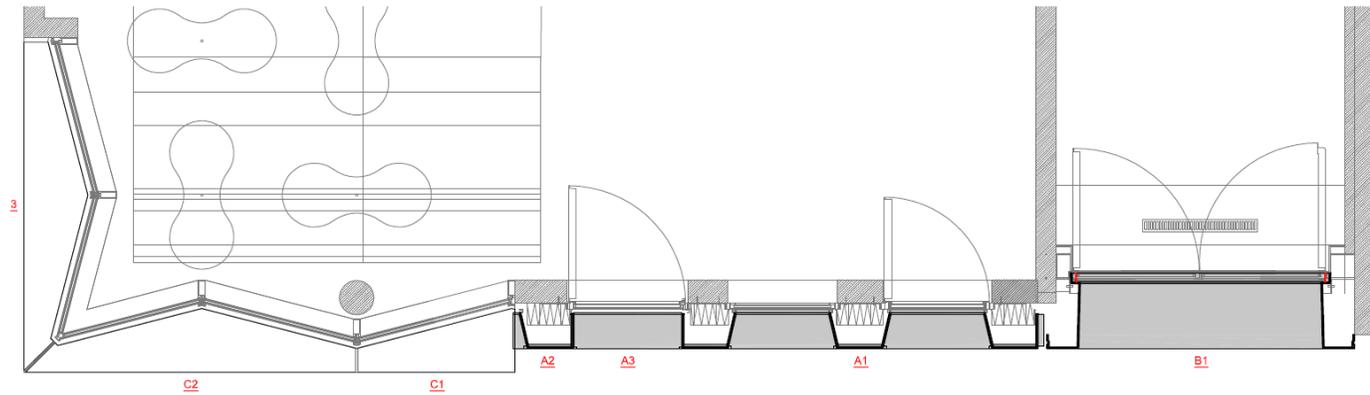
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Campus EDF, France











Part 5: Wide trends with UHPC



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Wide trends with UHPC

UHPC worldwide market in 2018

- ❑ The current global UHPC market is estimated to **USD 250 million**
 - 50% in civil engineering → **existing structures** are significantly and economically improved providing them a next service life cycle while responding to the requirements of modern use
 - 50% in architectural → **new lightweight structures** with enhanced durability and original aesthetics will complement and replace step by step traditional construction in concrete and steel

- ❑ The global UHPC market is expected to reach **USD 1.9 billion by 2025** (x8 in six years), and will become worldwide (5 continents)

- ❑ The most active regions are:
 - West of Europe (France, UK, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Czech Republic)
 - North America (USA, Canada)
 - Asia (China, Japan, Korea) and Middle East (UAE)
 - And now Latin America with Brazil

Wide trends with UHPC

Windmills

UHPC cast in place connection

Application of the technology for bridges to windmills

High strength and superior bond properties

Compensation of shrinkage technology

Self levelling

Durability



Wide trends with UHPC

Windmills

Why 140HH Tower?

- To find better Wind – more constant, high speeds, more wind stability;
- Every 1m high more 0,5% to 1% more energy production (10% more yield, shorter investment payback than 120m towers);
- To increase a WEG competitive in the Brazilian Turbine Market.

Why Ductal for post tensioned segments?

- 50% lighter, or more, for the higher section (possibility to use in T5 and T6 section);
- Avoids to use a 750tons crane which is very expensive and very scarce in Brazil (only 5);
- Replacement of steel adapter for Ductal;
- Reduce the cost with infrastructure (access roads for the crane)



Wide trends with UHPC

Repair & Retrofitting

- Faster erection and shorter traffic disruption
- Simplified connection details (joint, watertightness) and quicker installation
- Suitable for seismic environments and remote locations
- Improves bridge long term performance (allows “100 years” lifespan) with light maintenance



New durable infrastructures

Huge extension of public transportation network (elevated viaduct, tunnel):

- Longer span with UHPC (minimal disturbance during construction, reduced network diversions)
- Light, sustainable structure (reduced deck weight, precast construction, better durability)
- Designed for the environment (part of the urban fabric, emblem of the city)



Wide trends with UHPC

Impact & Blast (security)

High energy absorption capacity (efficiency of high fibres content):

- thinner structures with a better integration in their environment (population acceptance)
- reduction of spalling, scabbing
- high level of protection



3D printing

Printing submodules or complete UHPC structures before assembly and internal work could transform the industry with respect to design, cost, and time. However, 3D printing is still in the early stages of its development and cannot yet be deployed at the scale and speed required for large projects.



Wide trends with UHPC

Conditions of further UHPC development

- ❑ Consolidation of engineering and industrial know-how

- ❑ Education and dissemination of knowledge
 - symposium, congress
 - journal, bulletin
 - international recognition

- ❑ Research and development efforts

