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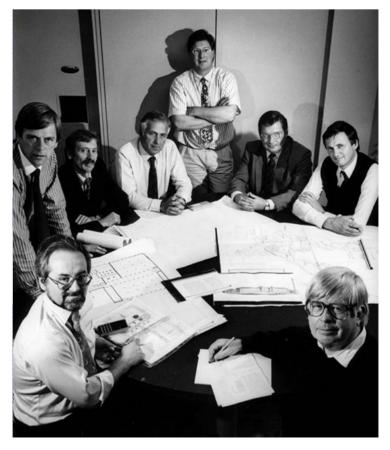


- Those with highly irregular geometric form
- Typically respond to architectural aspirations.
- May be efficient if appropriate tools are employed to rationalise and refine the form.





- Buro Happold originally developed a reputation for tensile structures.
- This specialised ability is still carried in the firm, however the company now undertakes most types of engineering activities.











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• The following are the most a selection of the most common structural systems adopted in complex geometry structure design.





Beam Structures



Cork Airport, Ireland

- Interesting forms can be generated through clever use of sequential beam elements.
- Typically manageable to generate via more conventional engineering modelling and drawing processes.









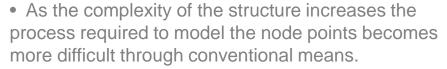


Truss Structures







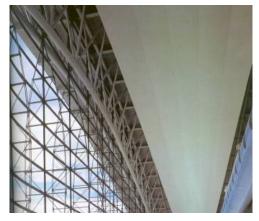












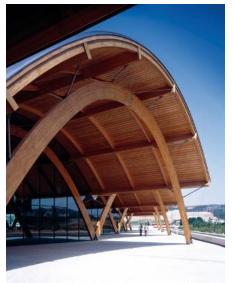


Arched Structures



- Can be highly efficient depending on dominant load effect on the structure.
- Potential for optimisation comes through formfinding the arch shape.









Space Frame Structures



- Used in two way spanning applications.
- Detailed design typically undertaken by specialist contractor (eg Novuum Structures)
- In purest form tend to provide an out-offashion aesthetic if exposed.









Steel Grillage Roof Structure

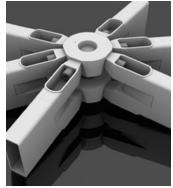




- If an appropriate form is found are extremely structurally elegant.
- Typically costly and requires significant scaffolding.
- Complex nodes which often need site welding.











Timber Gridshell Structures







- A gridshell structure is a lattice of thin timber members laid out in an orthogonal pattern and then pushed or lowered into a doubly curved form.
- Light and efficient, but requires good edge support and even more importantly, capable contractors.











Timber Lamella Grillage Structures









- Lamella roof grids are typically square pattern but can also be rhomboidal (which can be in-filled to give triangular patterns).
- The structure provides increased bending capacity over a gridshell structure connections may be expensive.



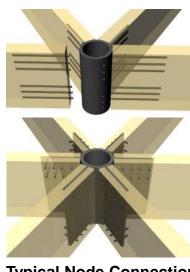


Timber Geodesic Structures

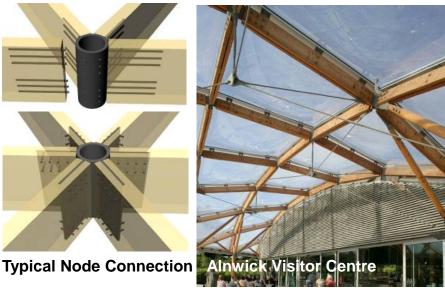


- Provide a structure that can act in both bending and membrane actions depending on the geometry.
- Bending forces can be resisted by introducing ties into the structure as per the Alnwick visitor centre, maintaining some compression in the system.
- Connections can be very expensive!









- Tensile Structures require specialist analysis typically involving a form finding process. Can be light and elegant solutions
- Pneumatic structures are those with inflated cladding systems like ETFE or PTFE. These are mounted on structural subframes and are again extremely light.





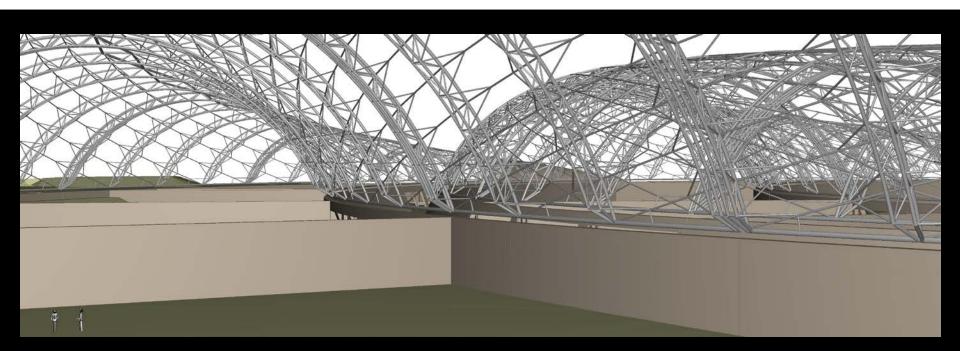


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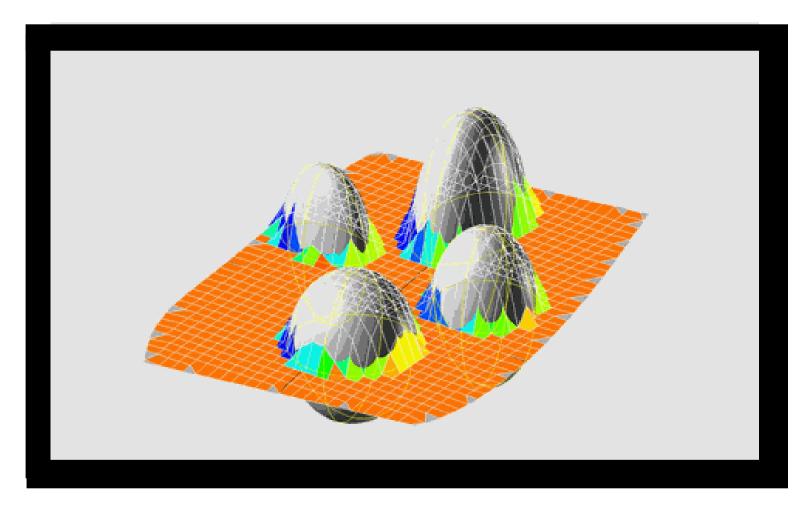
Key activities that are likely to require the structural engineer's attention are:

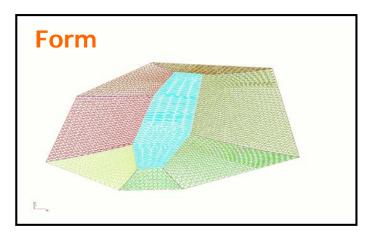
- Formfinding
- Optimisation
- Panelisation
- Form to Fabrication
- Advanced Analysis





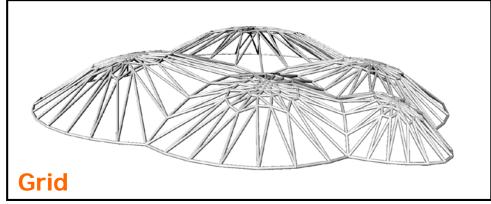
- Fabric structures
- Minimal surfaces
- Efficient shapes



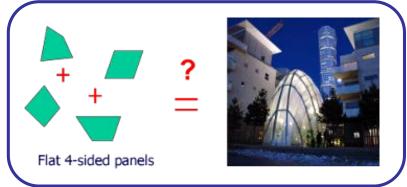


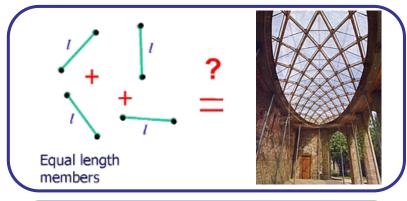




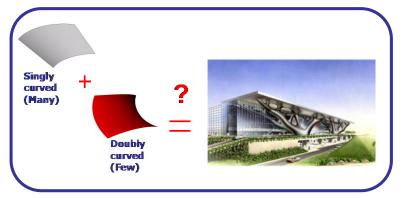


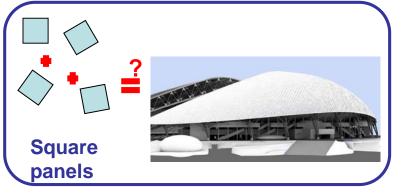
Scunthorpe Sports Academy



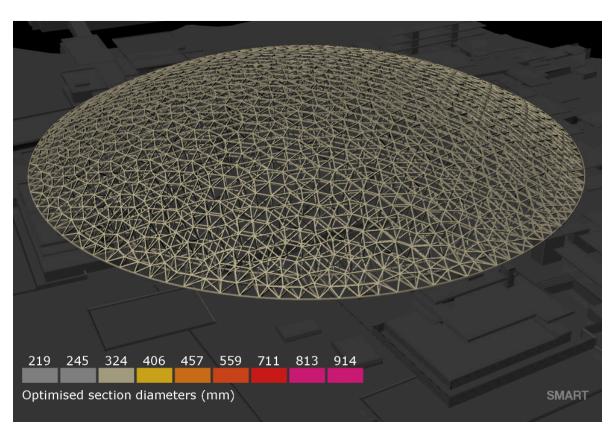


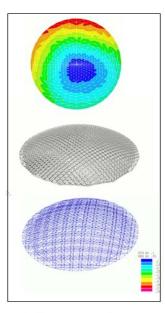






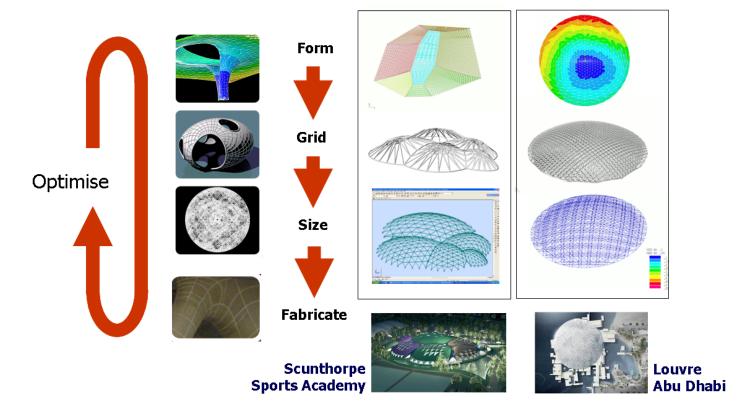








- One-step and iterative
- Stiffness, strength, buckling
- Structure, lighting, etc



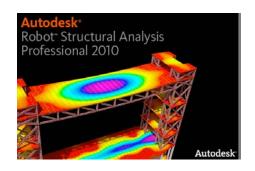
- Geometry optimisation: form and grid
- Structural optimisation: member sizing
- Digital fabrication



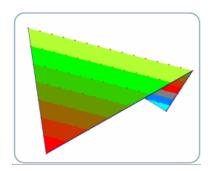




SMART Form Surface and grid optimisation



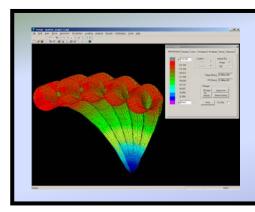
Autodesk Robot Structural analysis



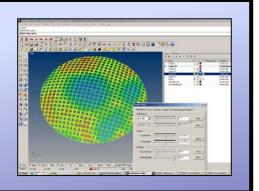
TensylFabric/form
analysis/design



SMART Sizer
Structural optimisation



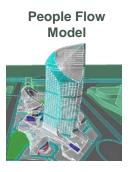
- Full standalone applications
- Plug-ins to Rhino, DP, RSA
- Graphic visual



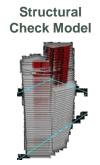
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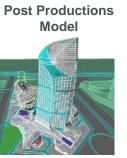
Architectural Model



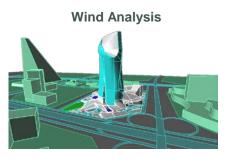


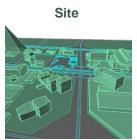




















Structural Model









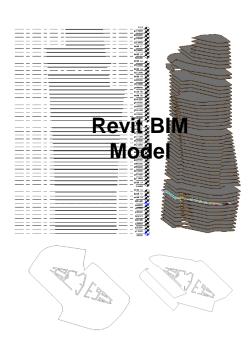














Challenge of using multiple software platforms

Custom interface tools – using API's

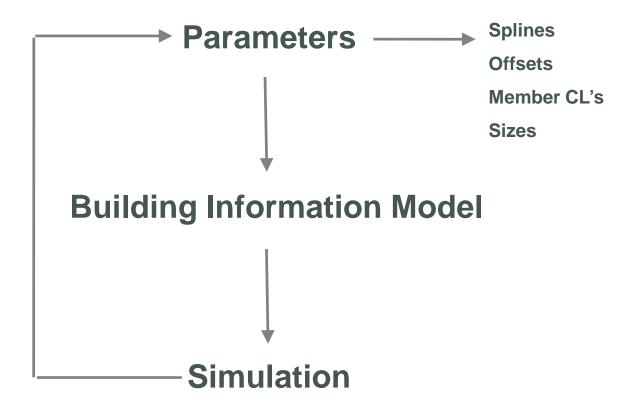


Writing in-house links between Rhino – Revit – Robot - Other



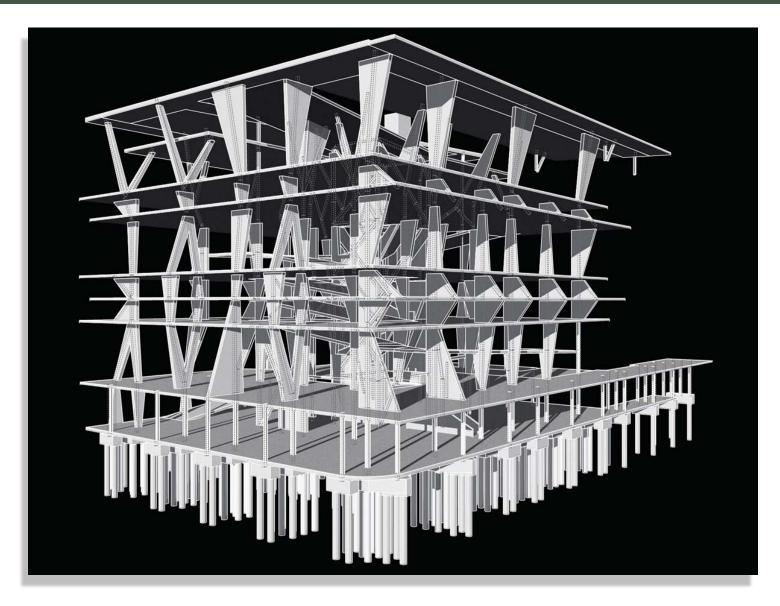
- Complex/warped slabs/panels
- Positioning
- Geometric Updates
- Custom Parts/Connections
- Rhino link does not exist

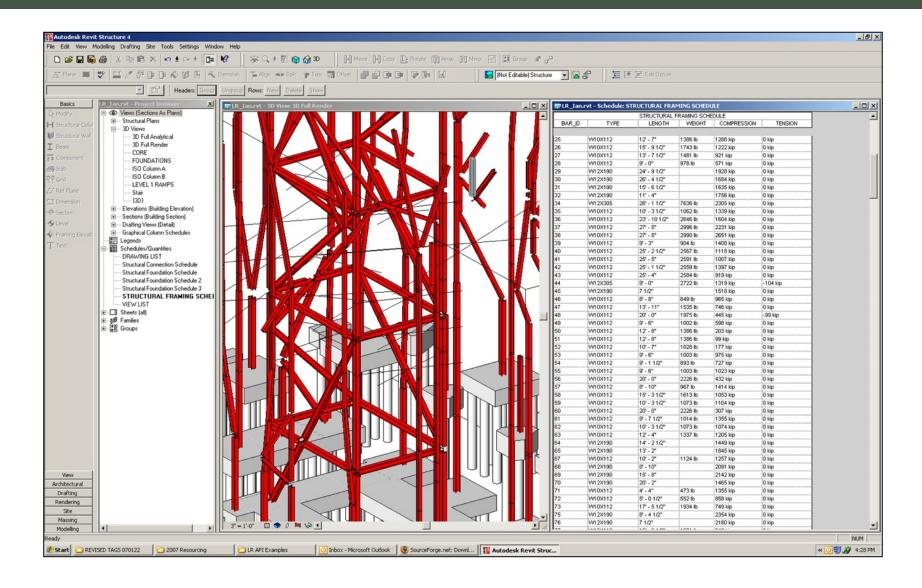




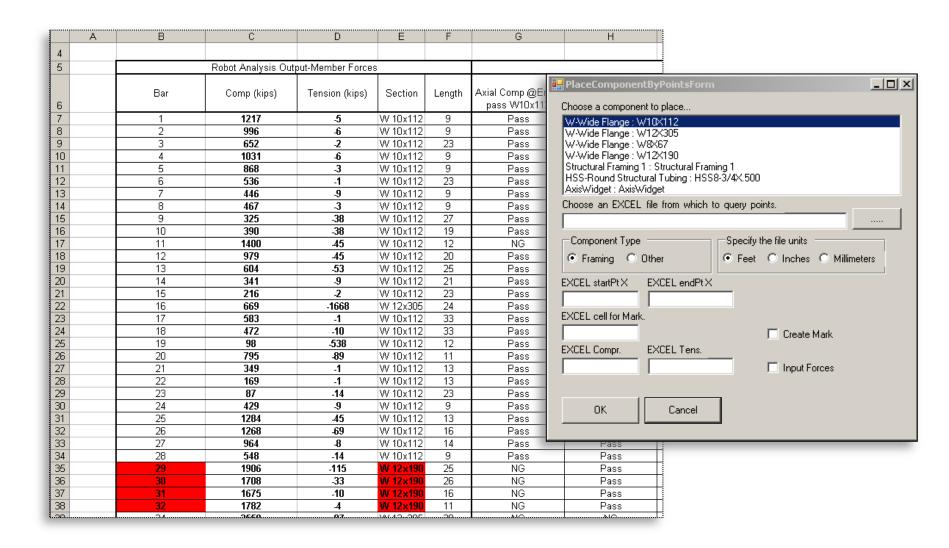
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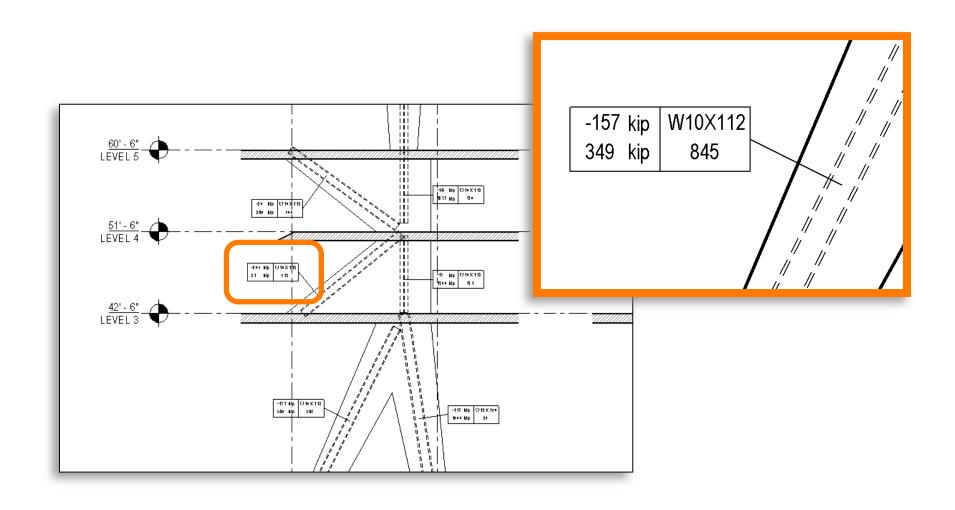




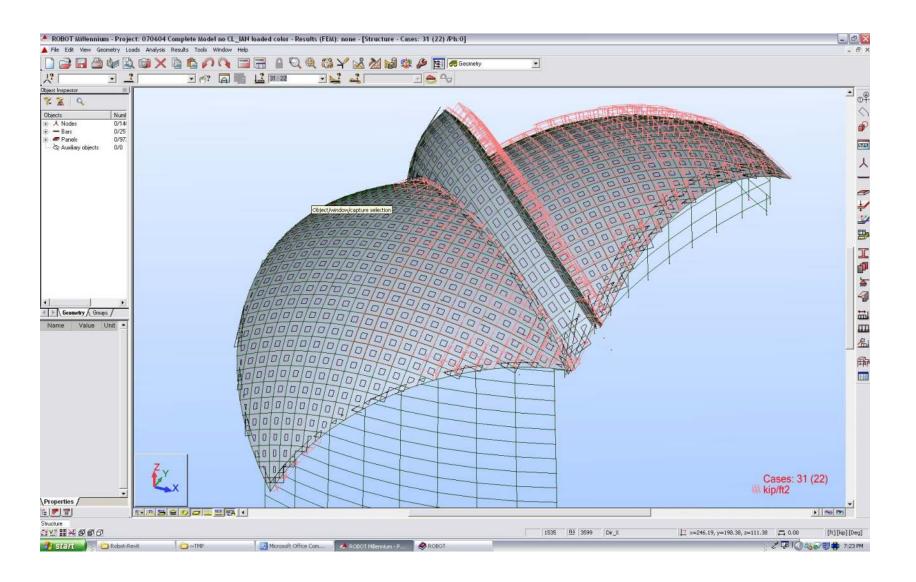




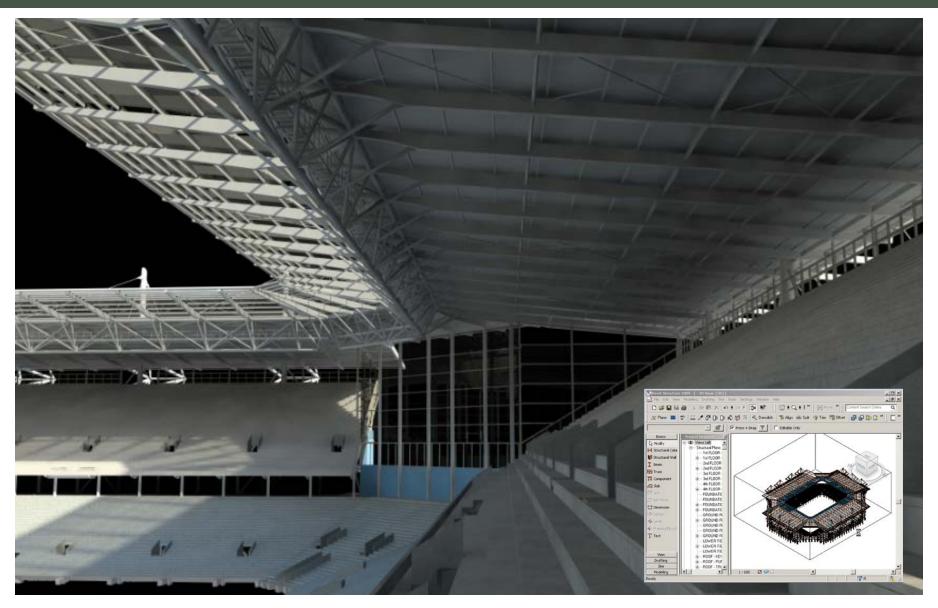




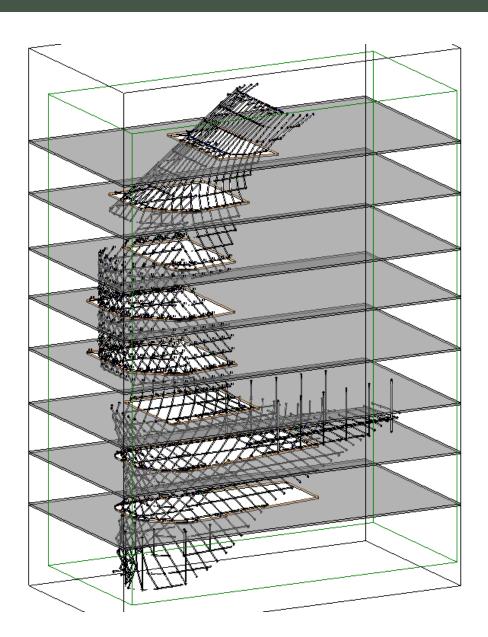








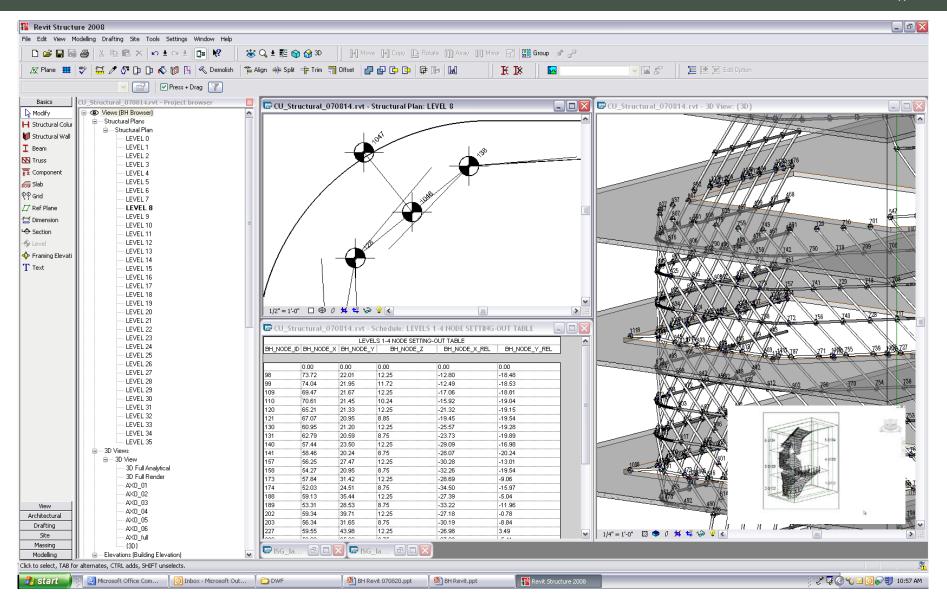




Integration of Complex and Simple Structures

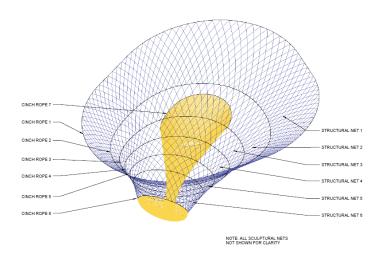


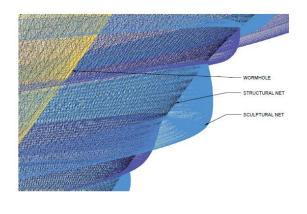


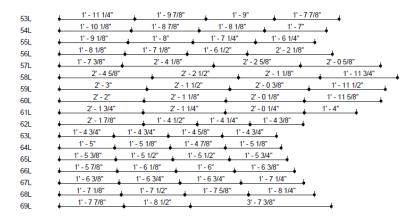


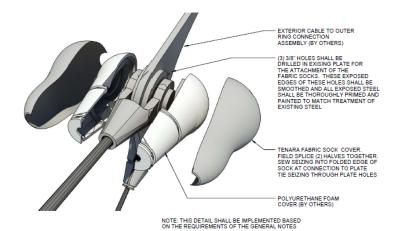


• Linking Buro in house analysis software (Tensyl) with Revit

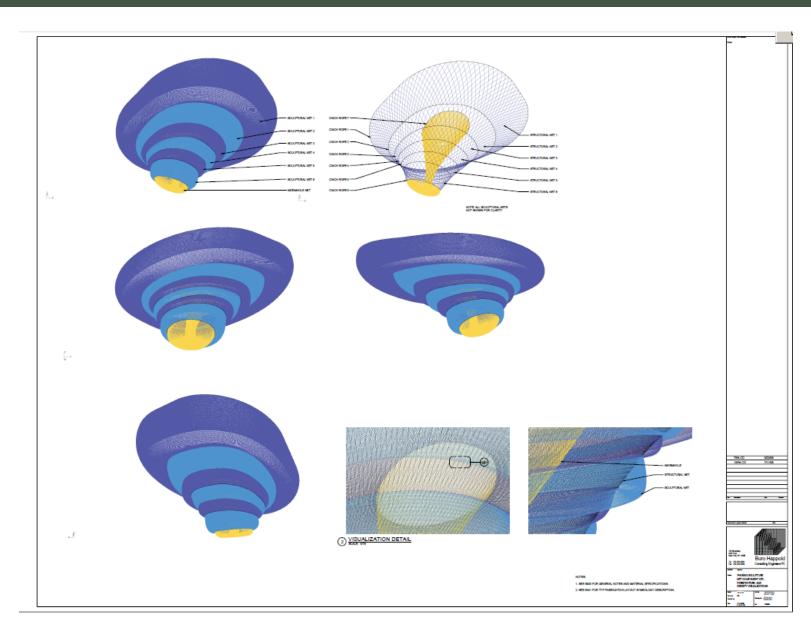




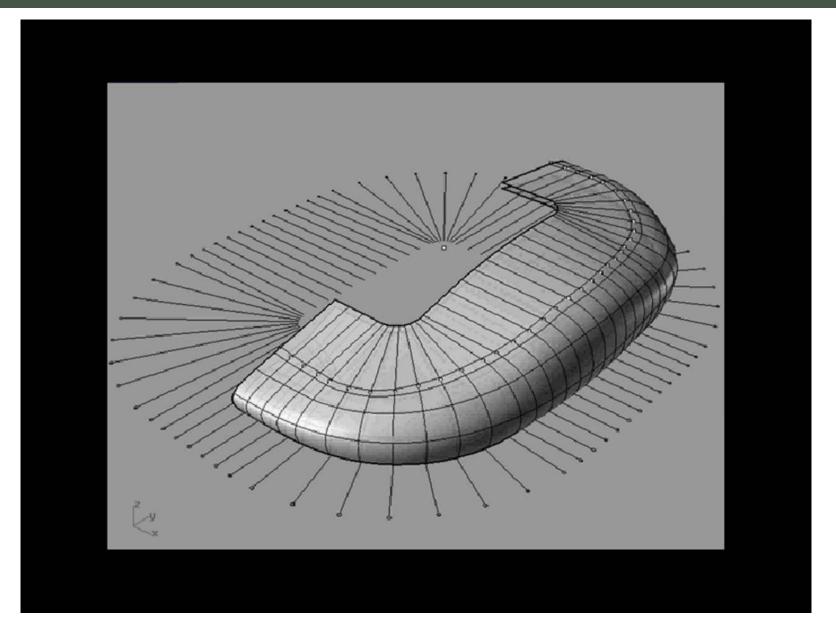








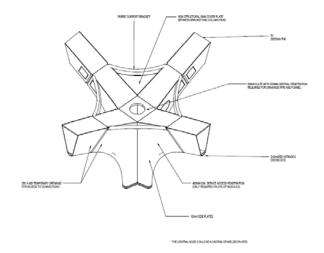






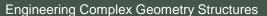




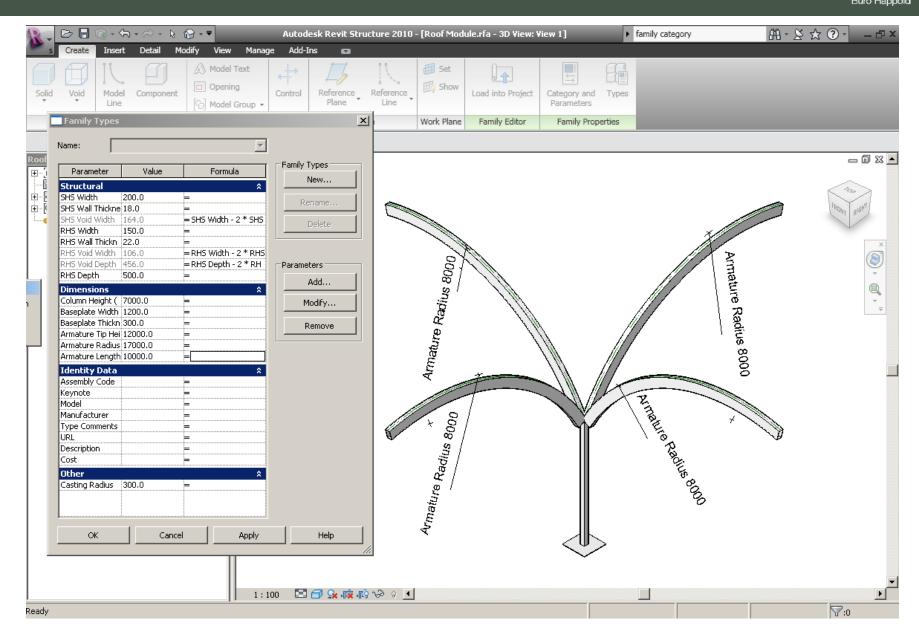




Modular and Component Building Design







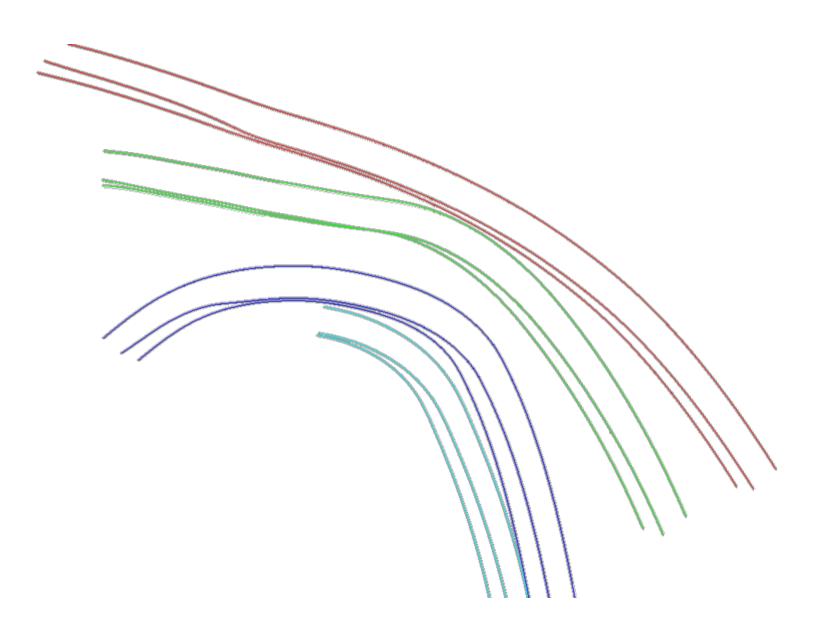
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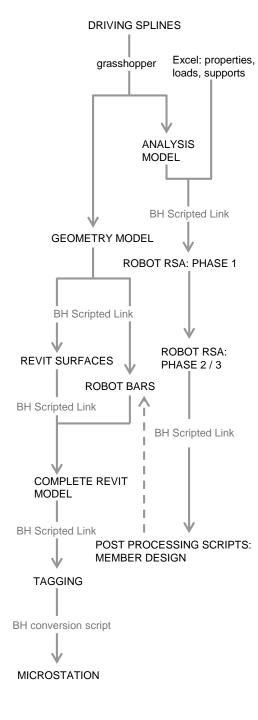


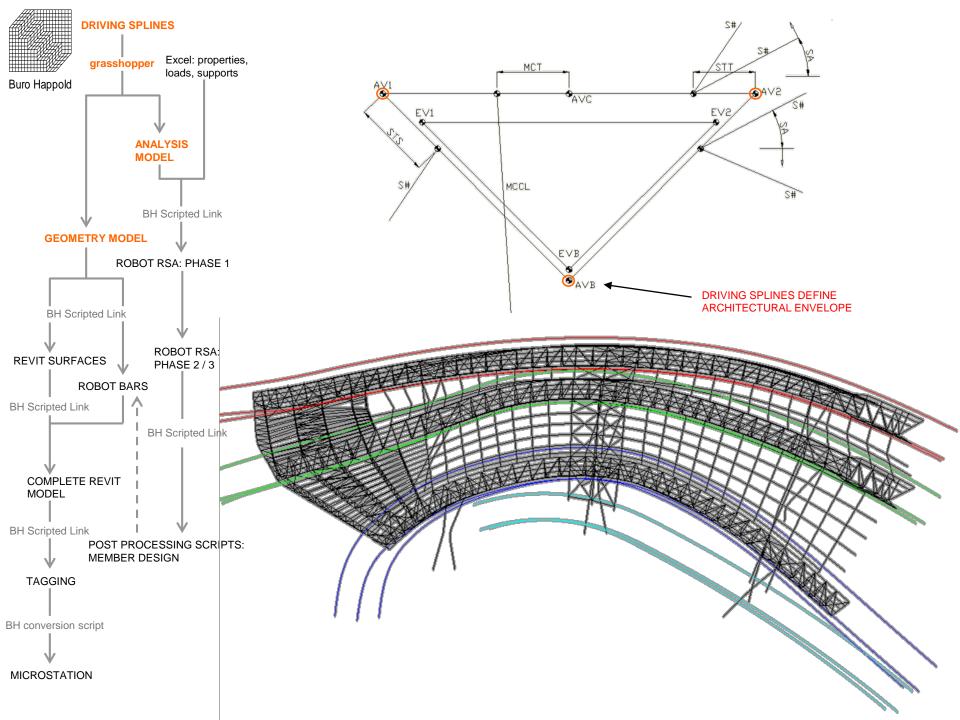


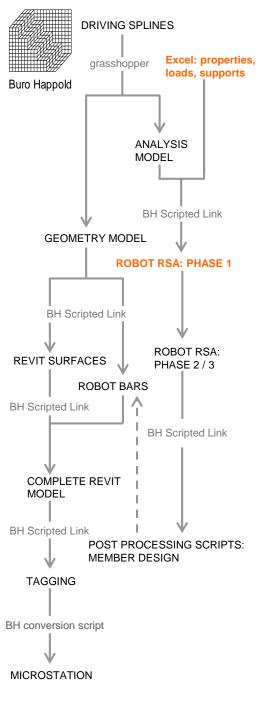


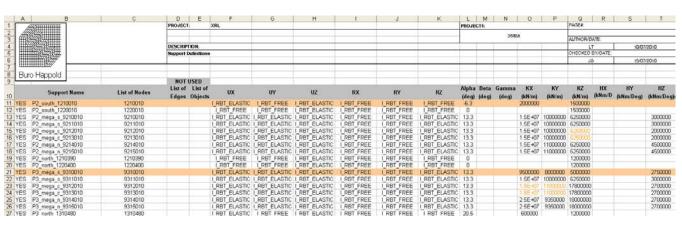


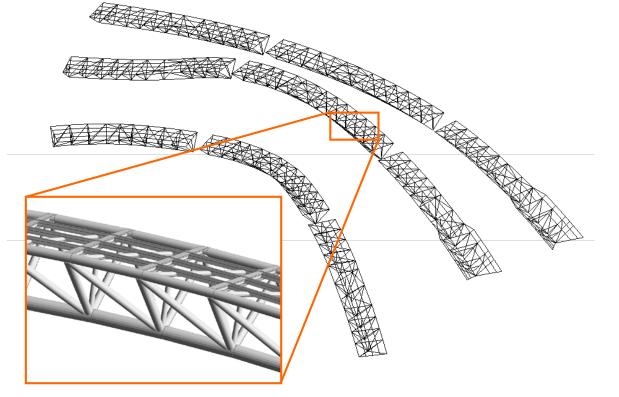


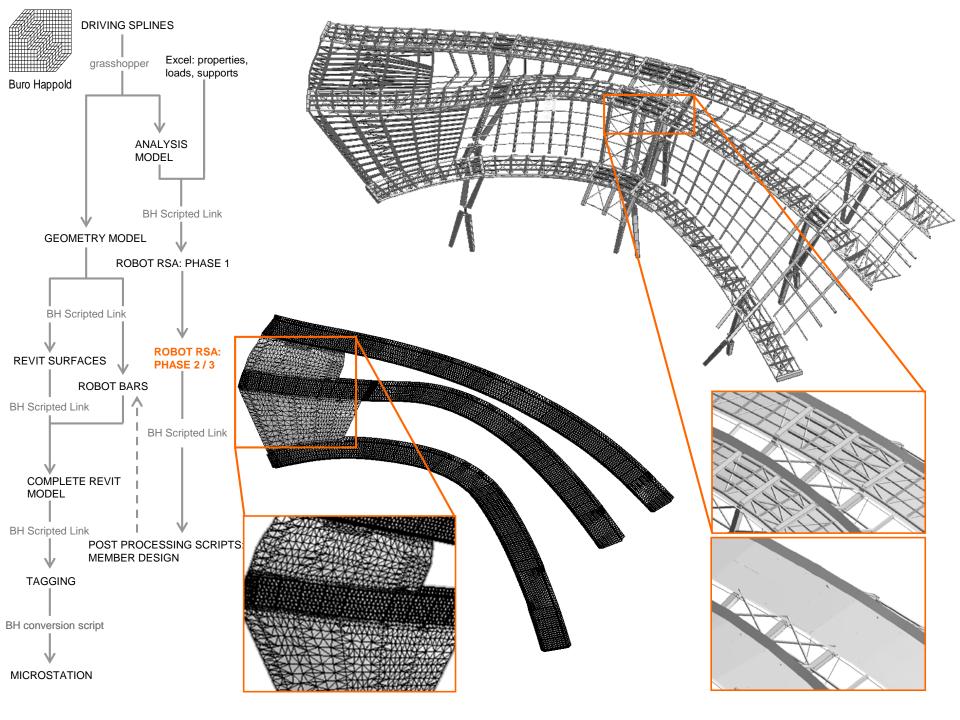


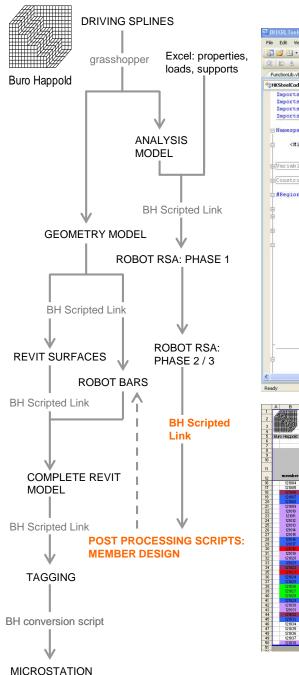


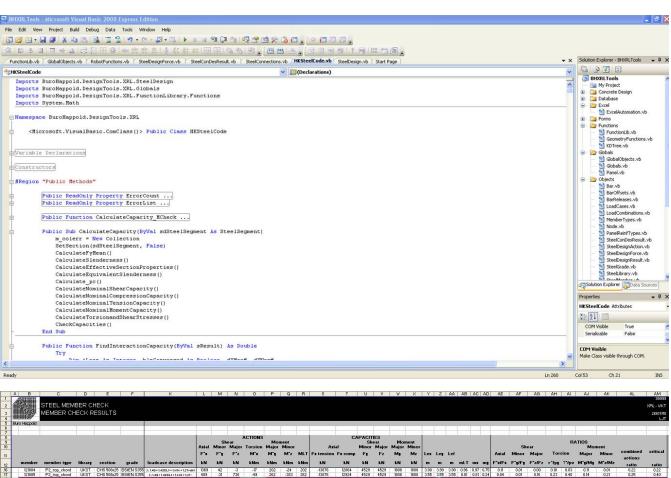


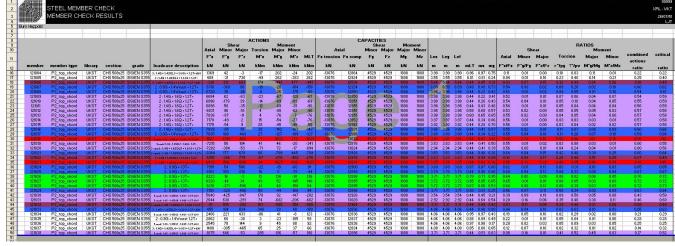


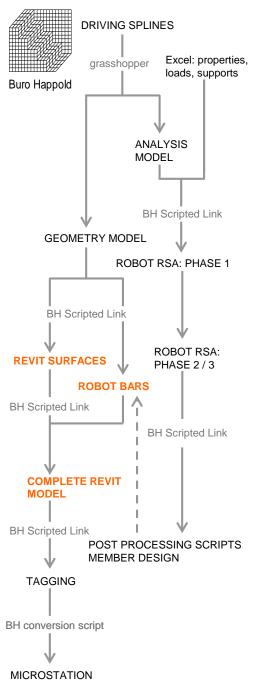


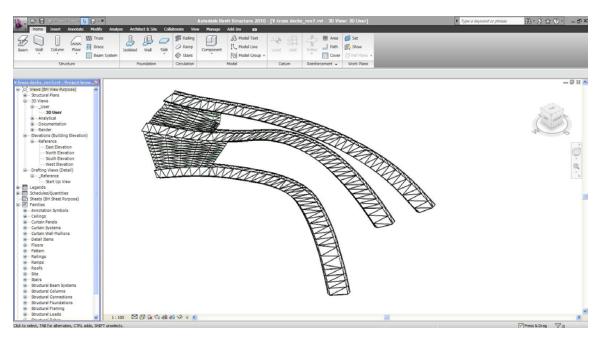


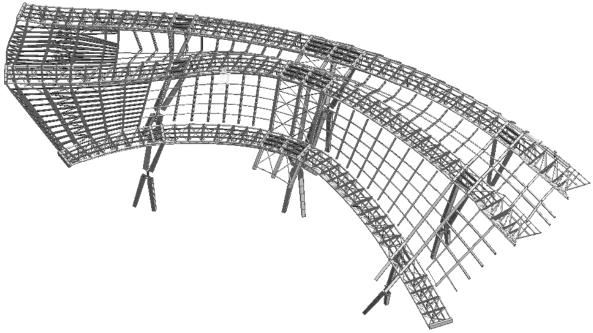


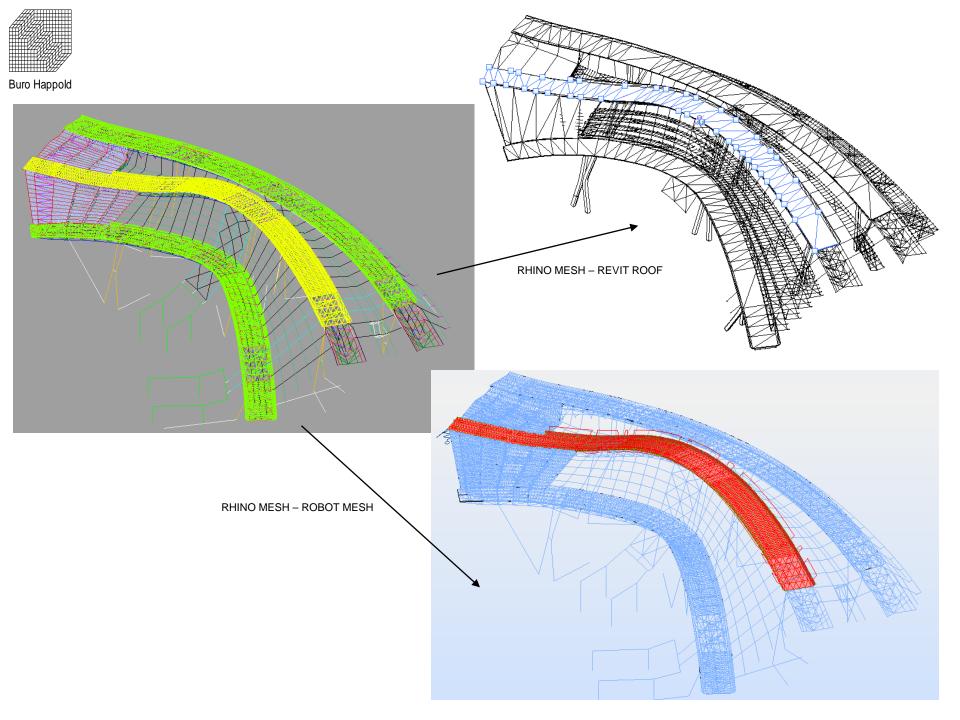


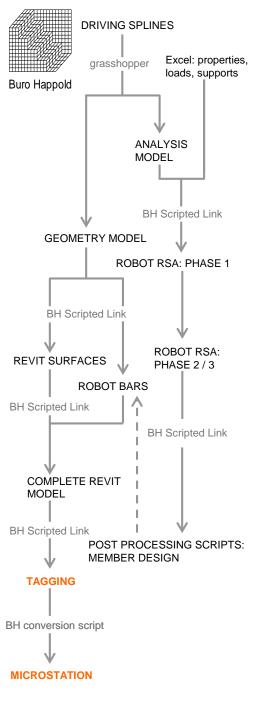


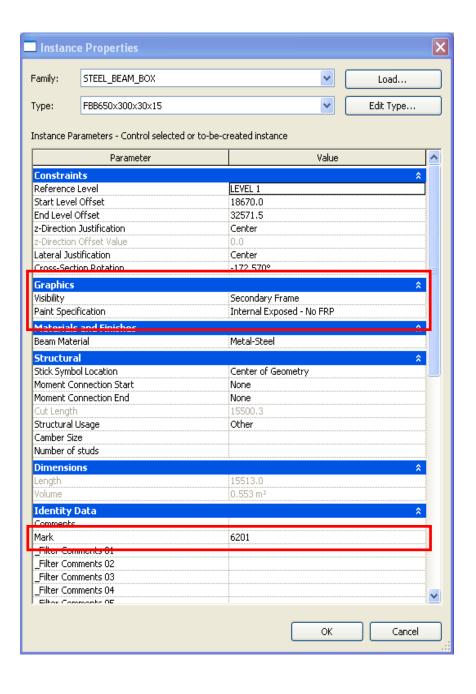


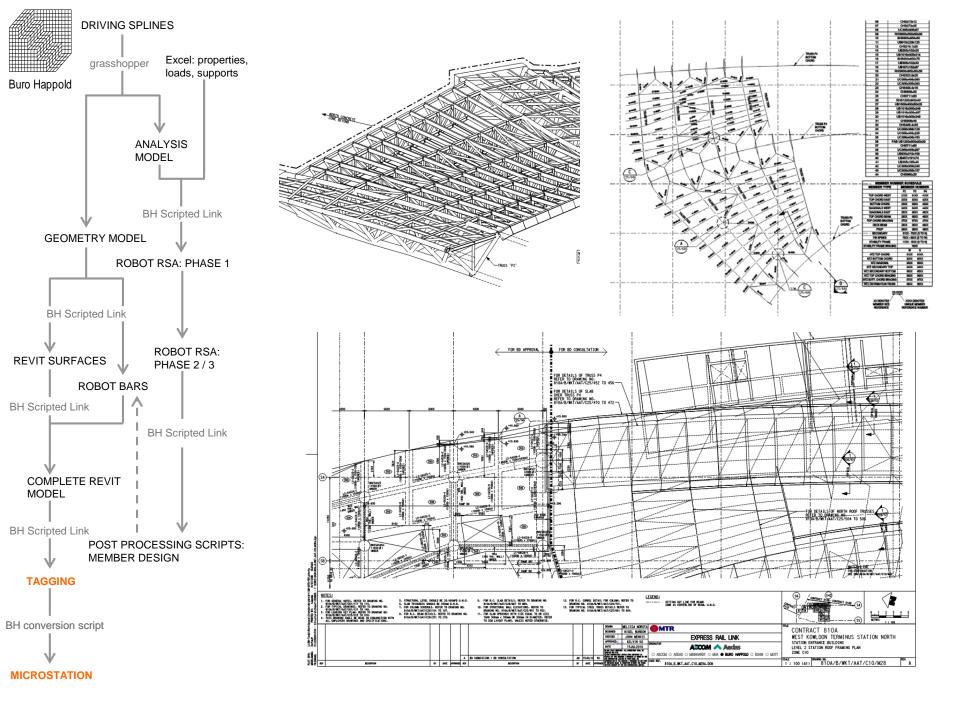




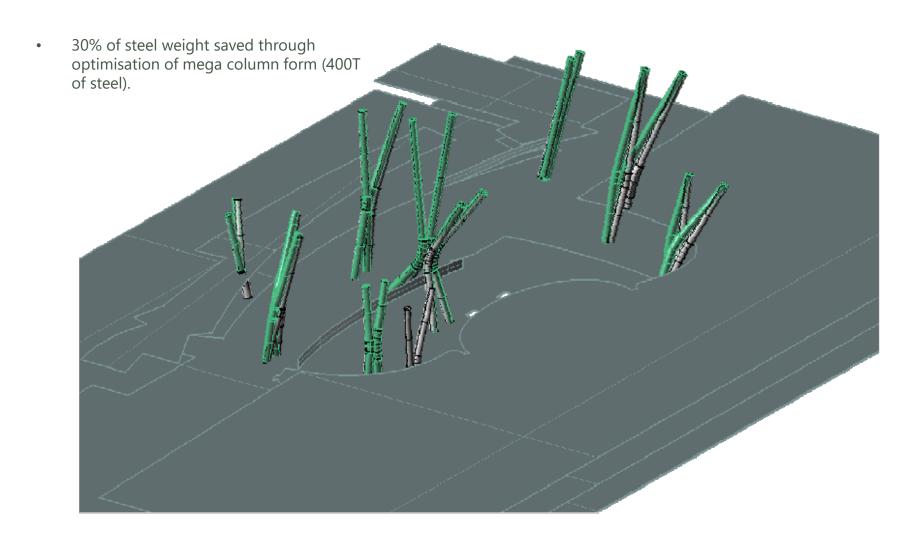




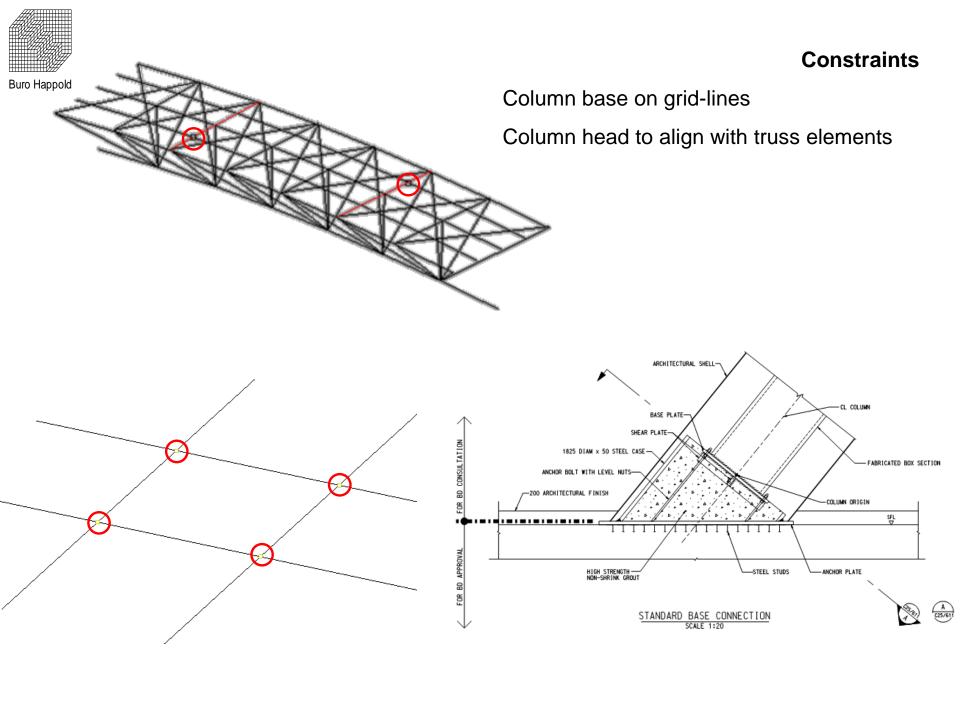




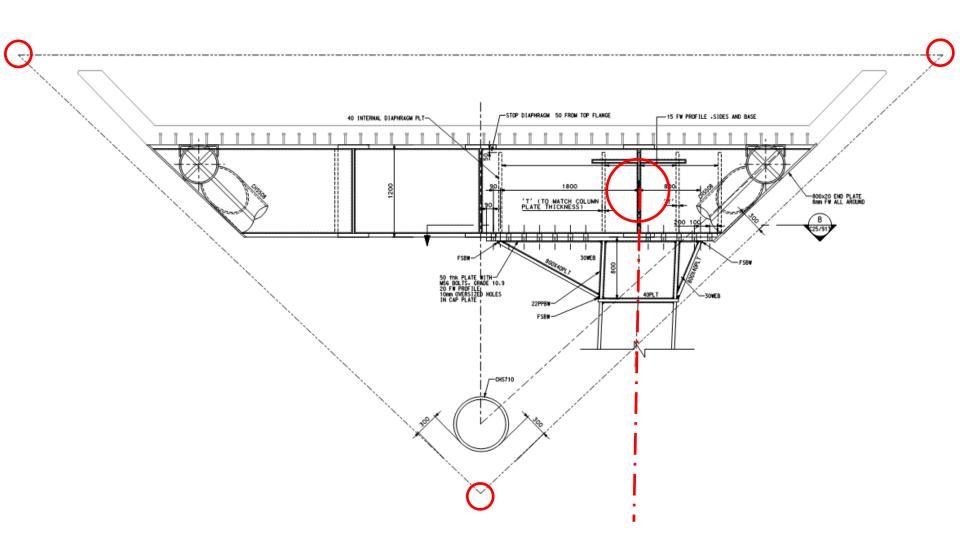


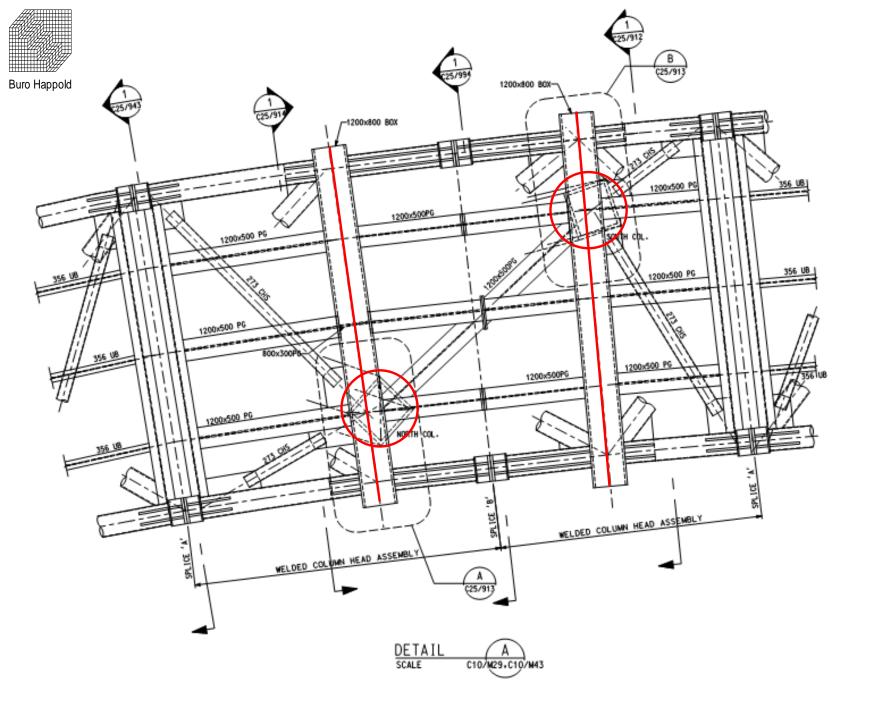


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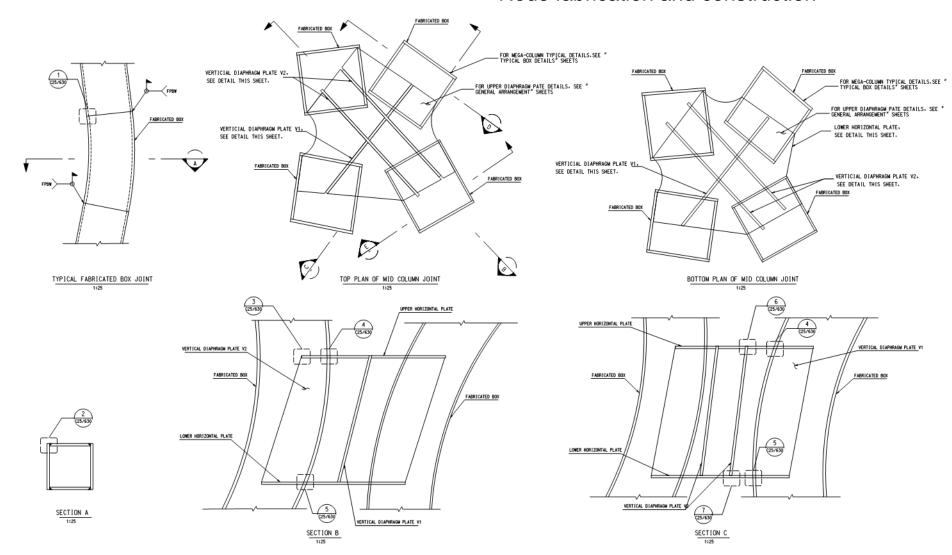




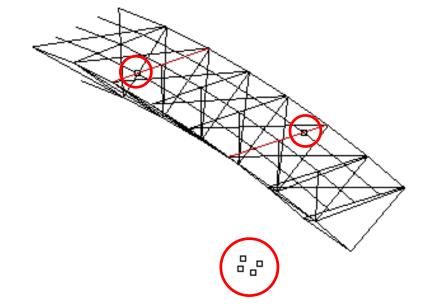


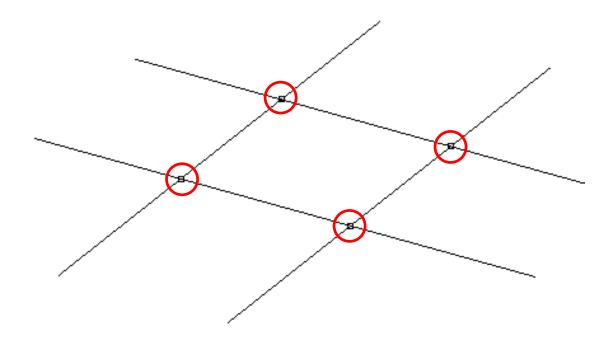
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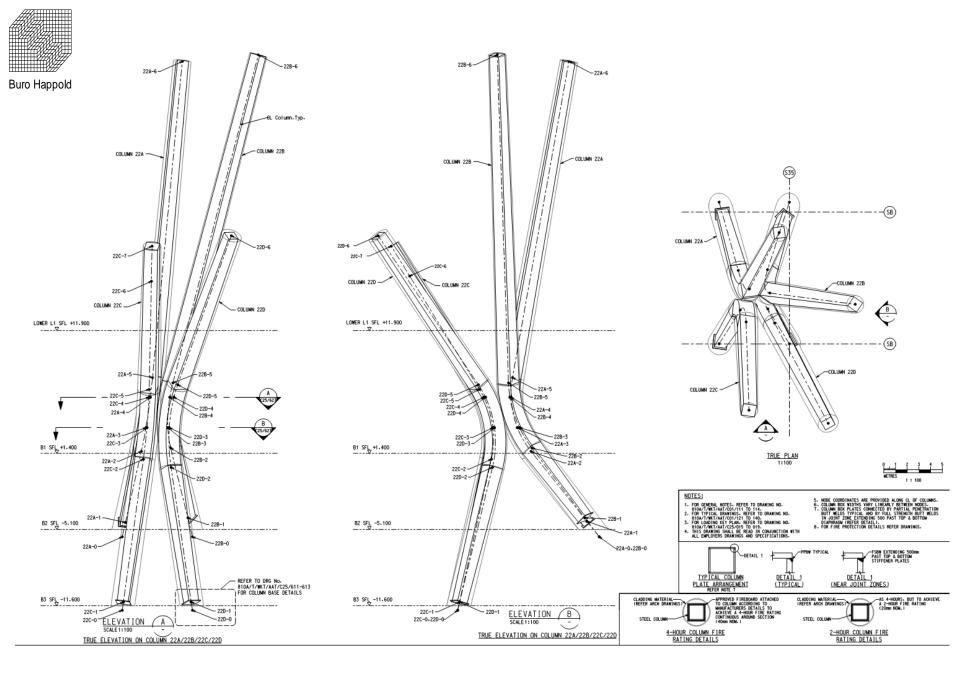
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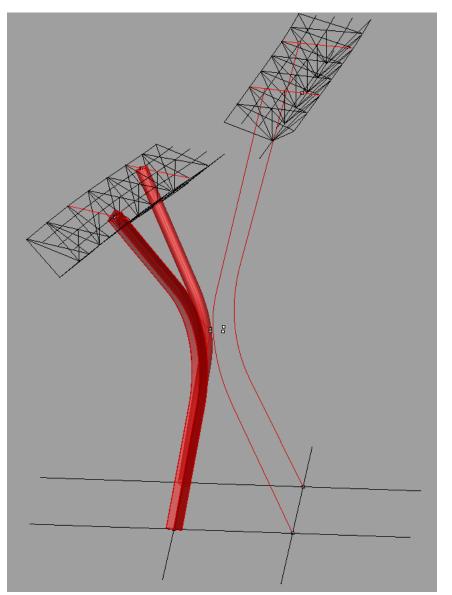


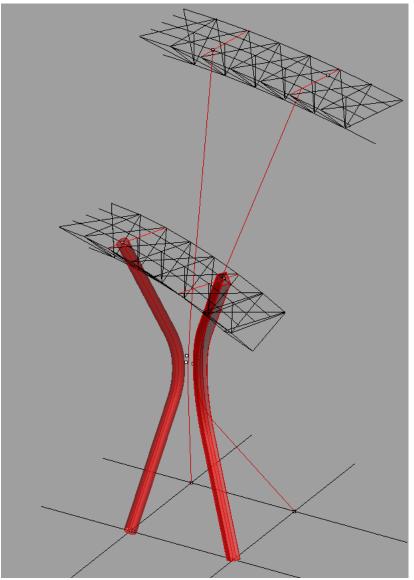


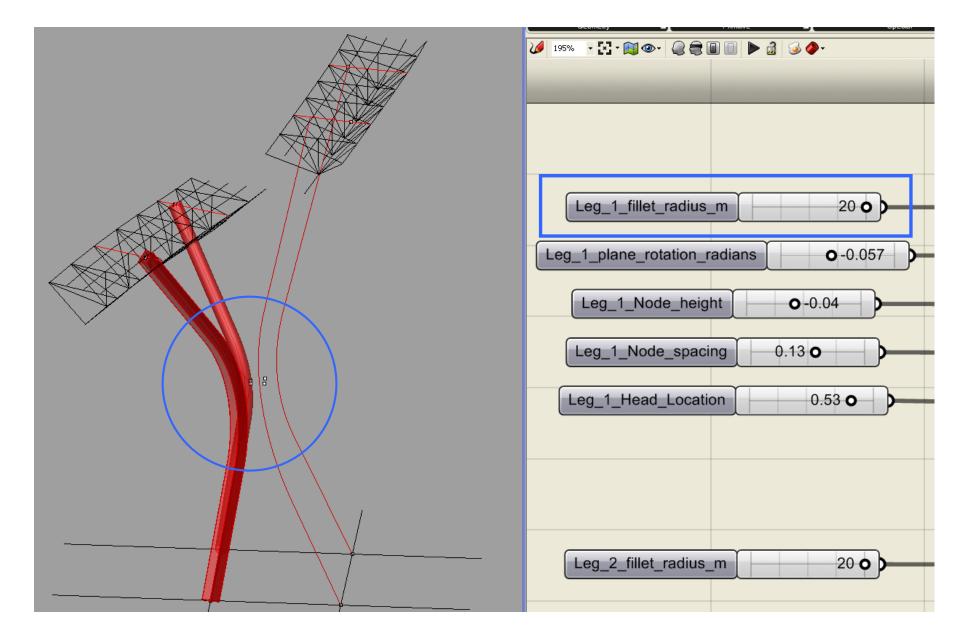


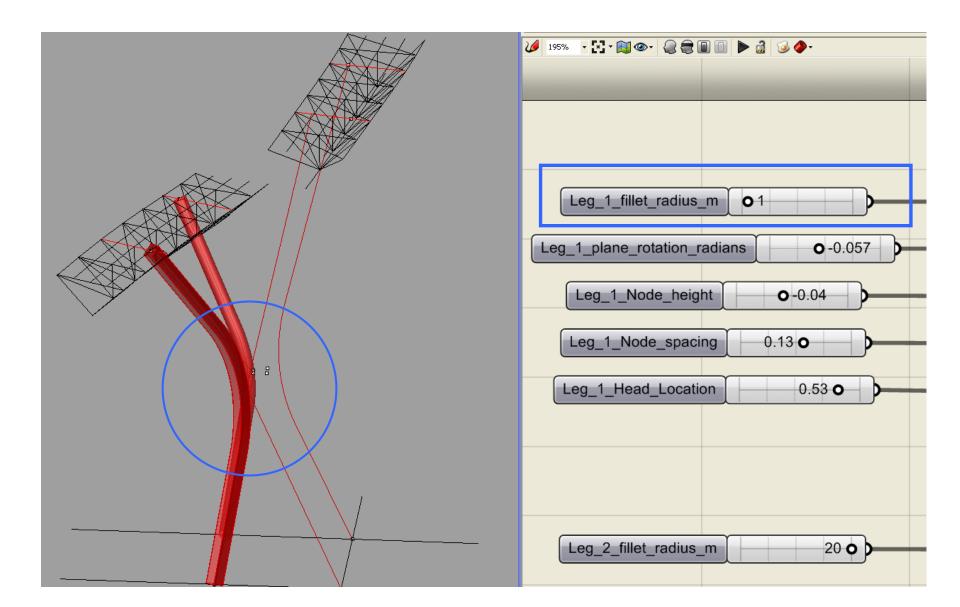


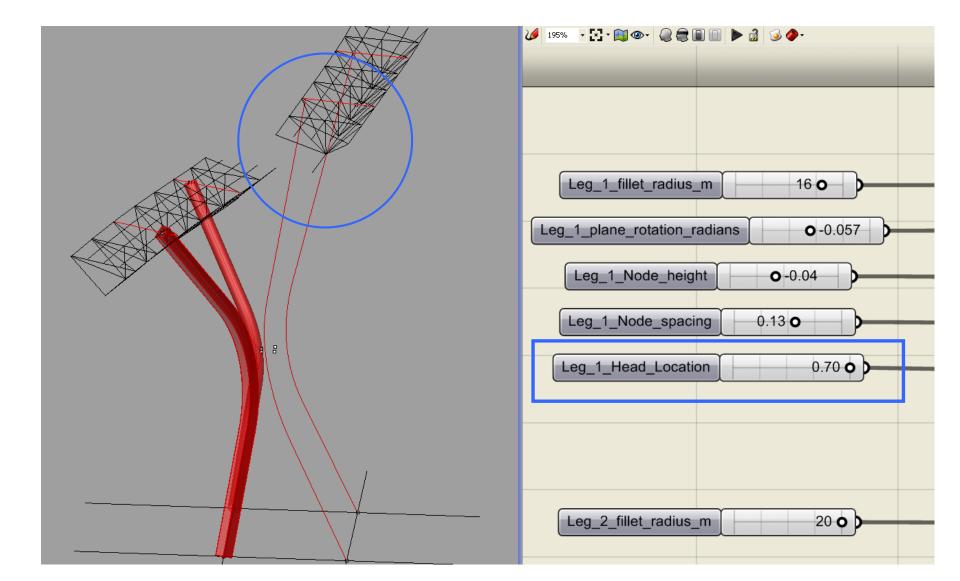


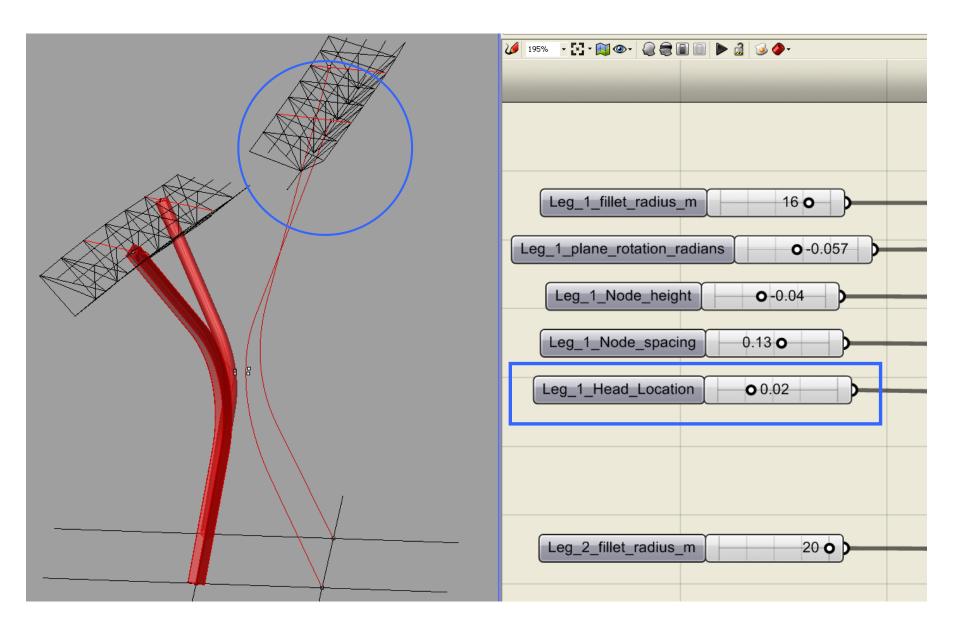


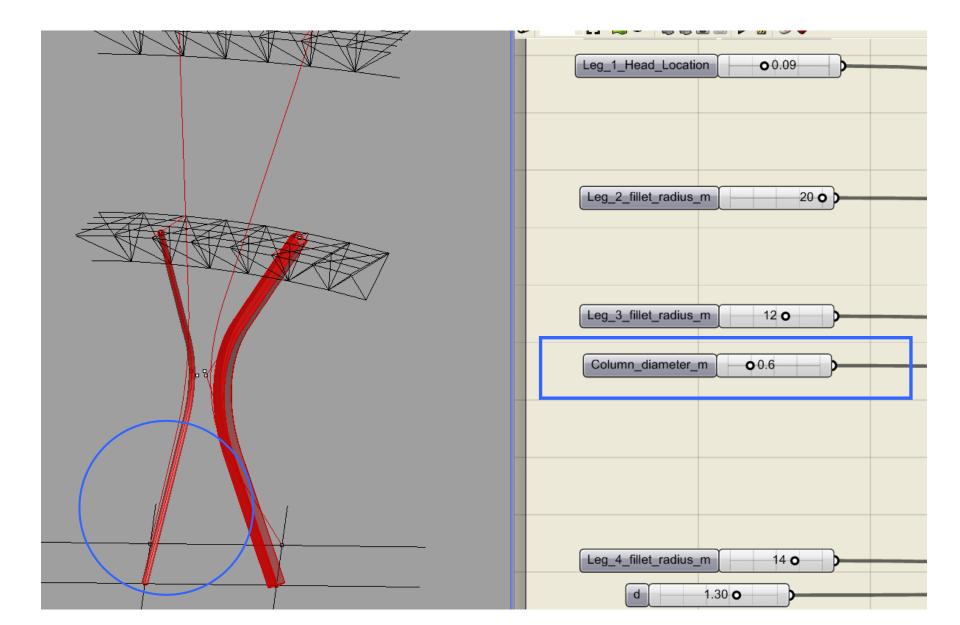


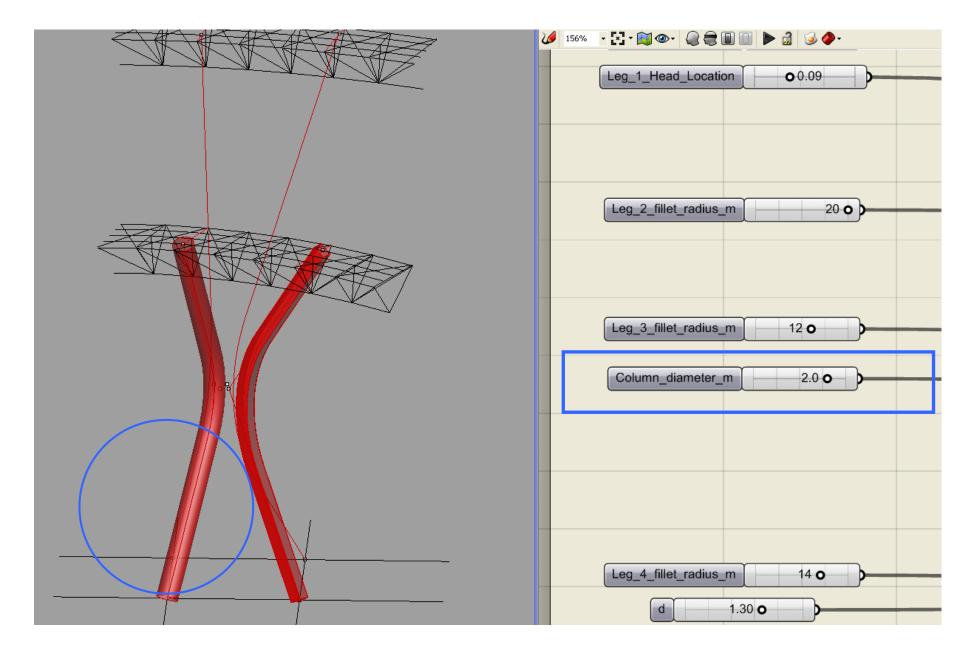














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