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Listen to the truss

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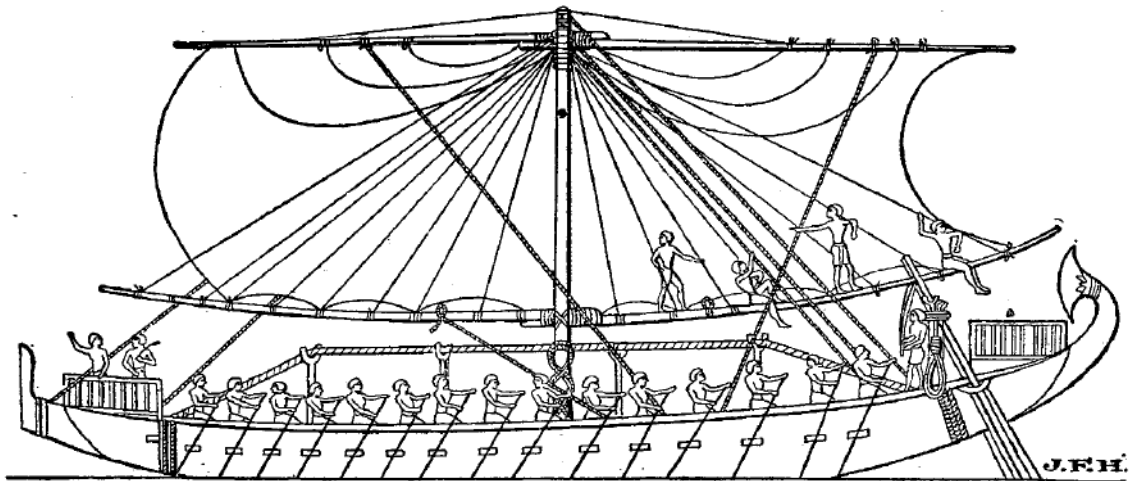
Definition

In engineering, a truss is a structure that "consists of **two-force members** only, where the members are organized so that the assemblage as a whole behaves as **a single object**"

*External forces are considered to act only at the **nodes** and result in forces in the members which are either **tensile** or **compressive** forces.*

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Egyptian ship on the Red Sea, about 1250 B.C.

Rope Truss

Wikipedia

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Etymology

Truss is derived from the old french word **trousse**, around c.1200, which means "collection of things bound together."

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Trusses were initially used for:

Exhibit halls, Train stations,
Sports facilities, Bridges



Universal Exhibit
1889, Paris



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Question

How many months is the steel truss prevalent in the

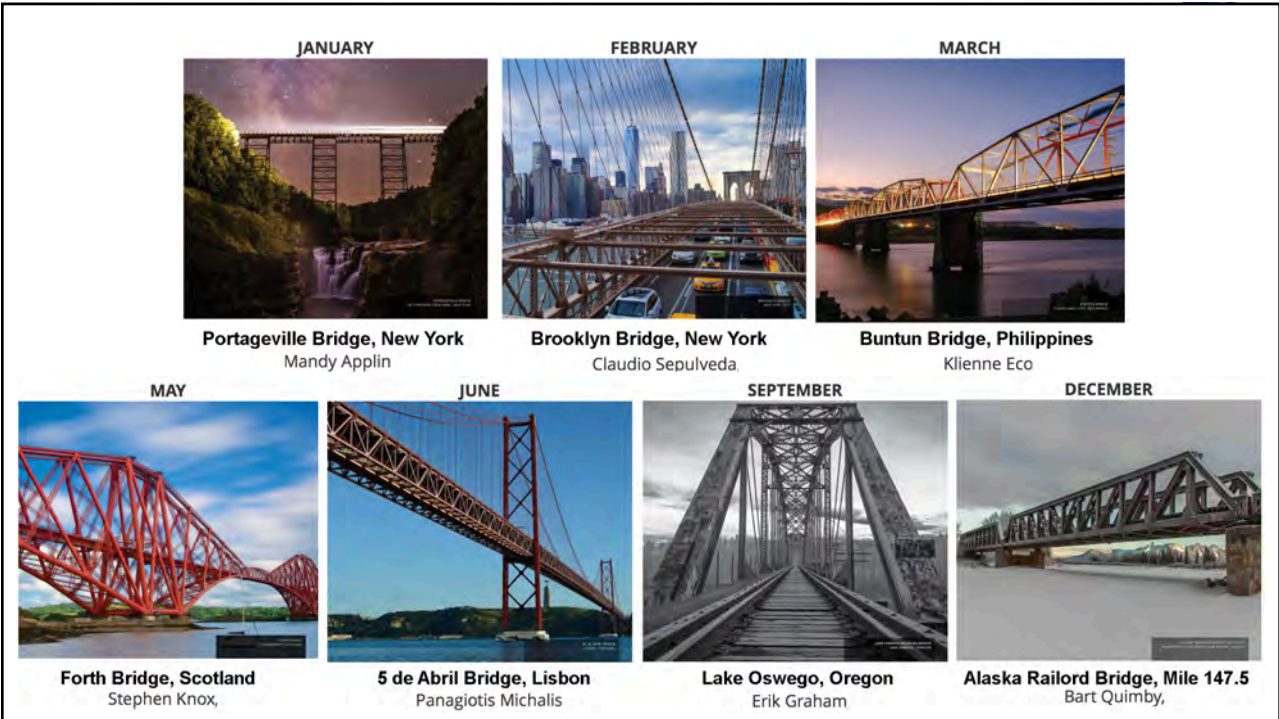
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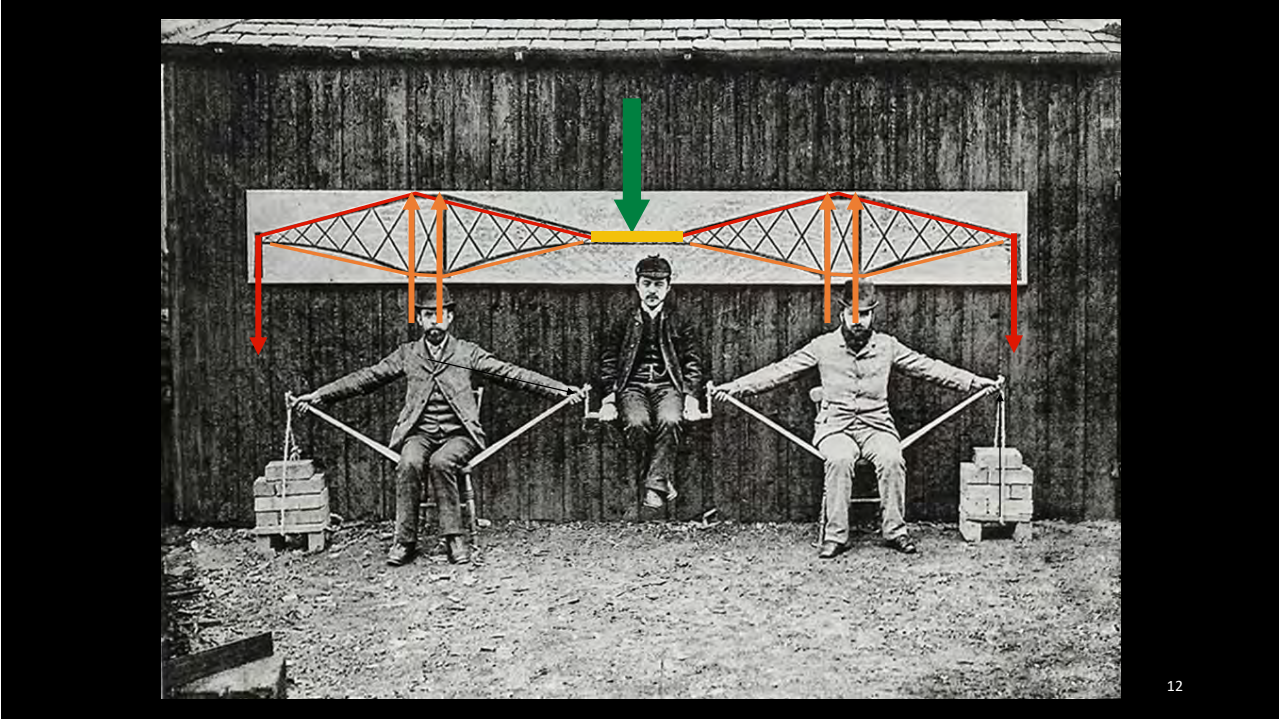
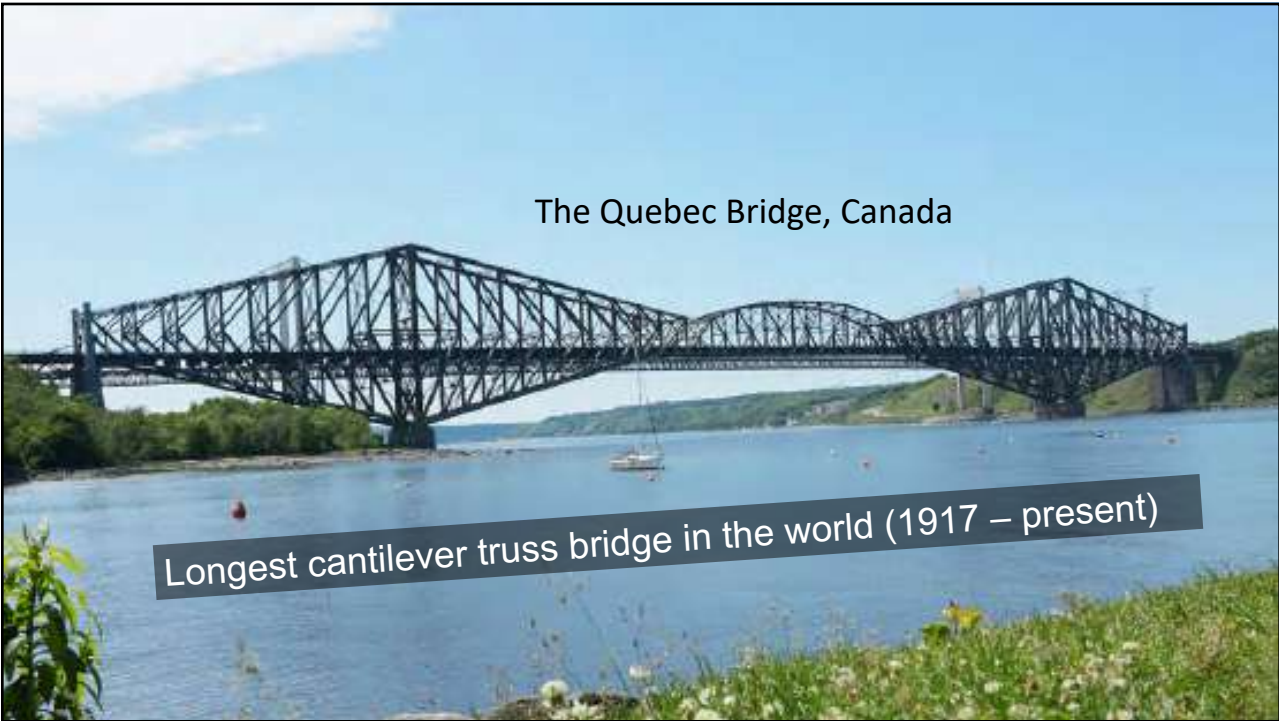
3 months

5 months

7 months

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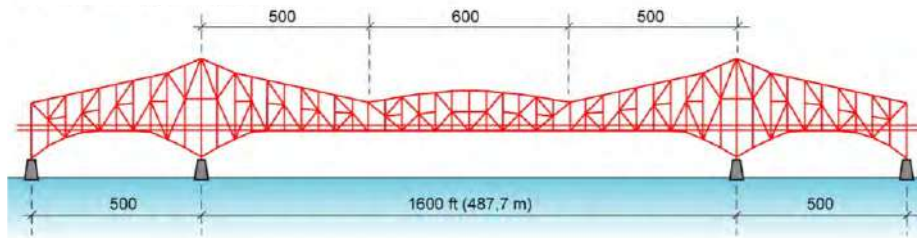




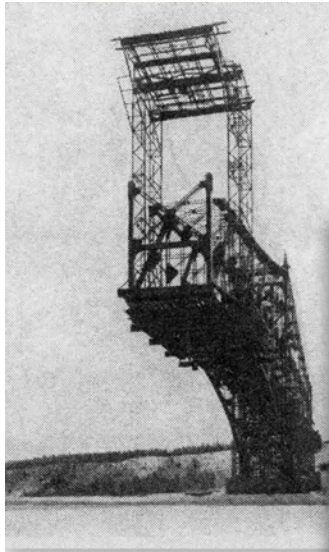


Invitation to tender made by Hoare in 1898

Phoenix Bridge Company



There were many doubtful decisions by T. Cooper, hired as a consulting engineer by the Quebec Bridge Company that directly led to the first failure.



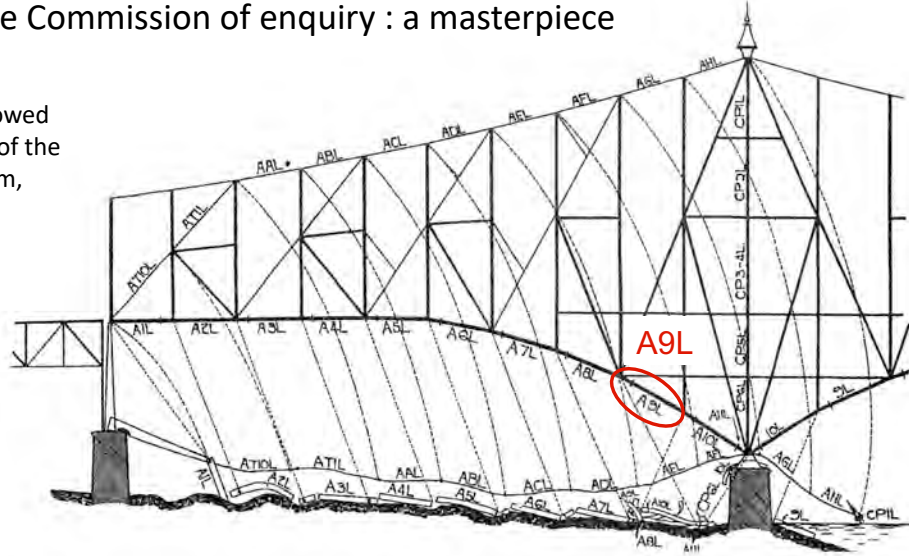
A giant standing on feet of clay





Report of the Commission of enquiry : a masterpiece

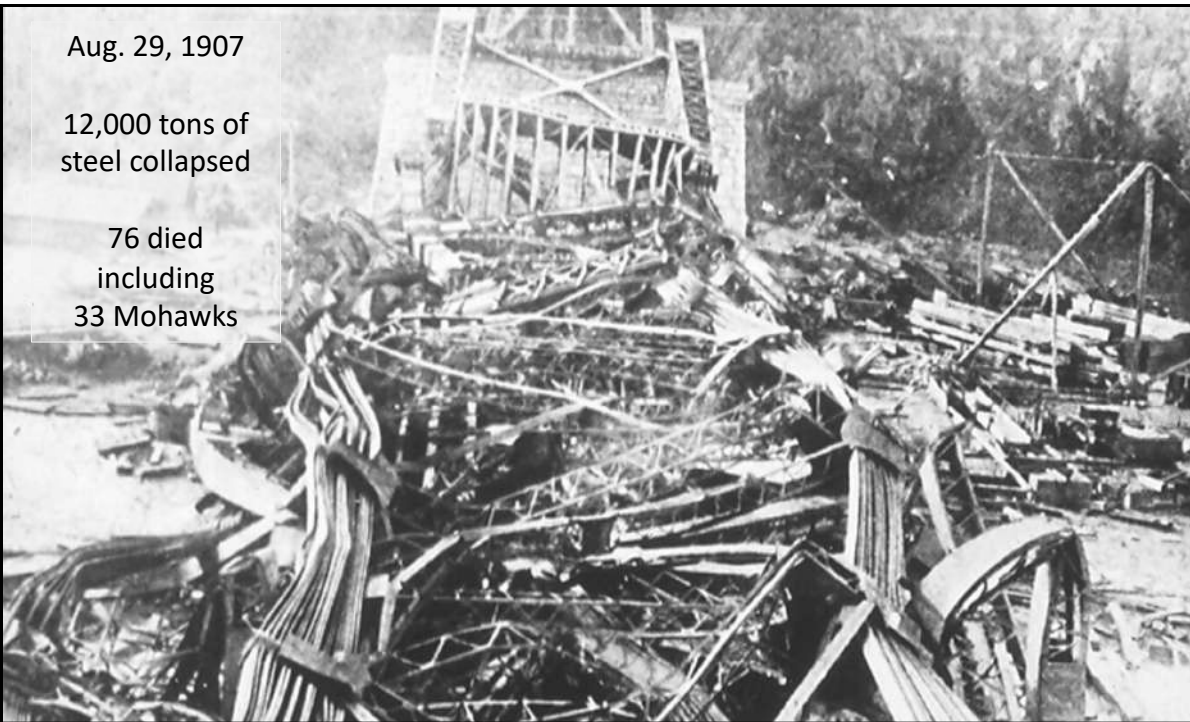
Trajectories followed by components of the south anchor arm, at failure



Aug. 29, 1907

12,000 tons of steel collapsed

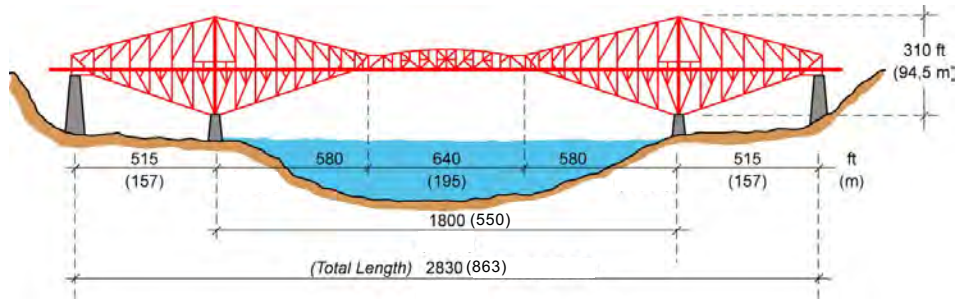
76 died including 33 Mohawks



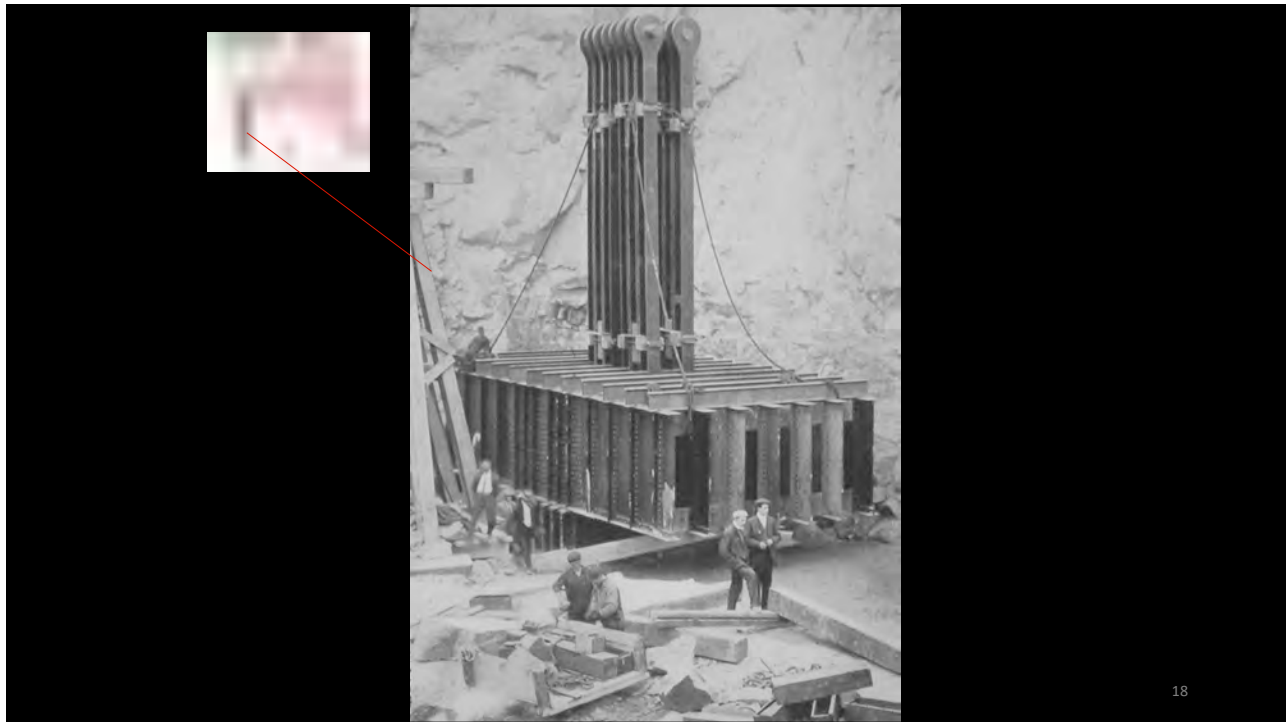


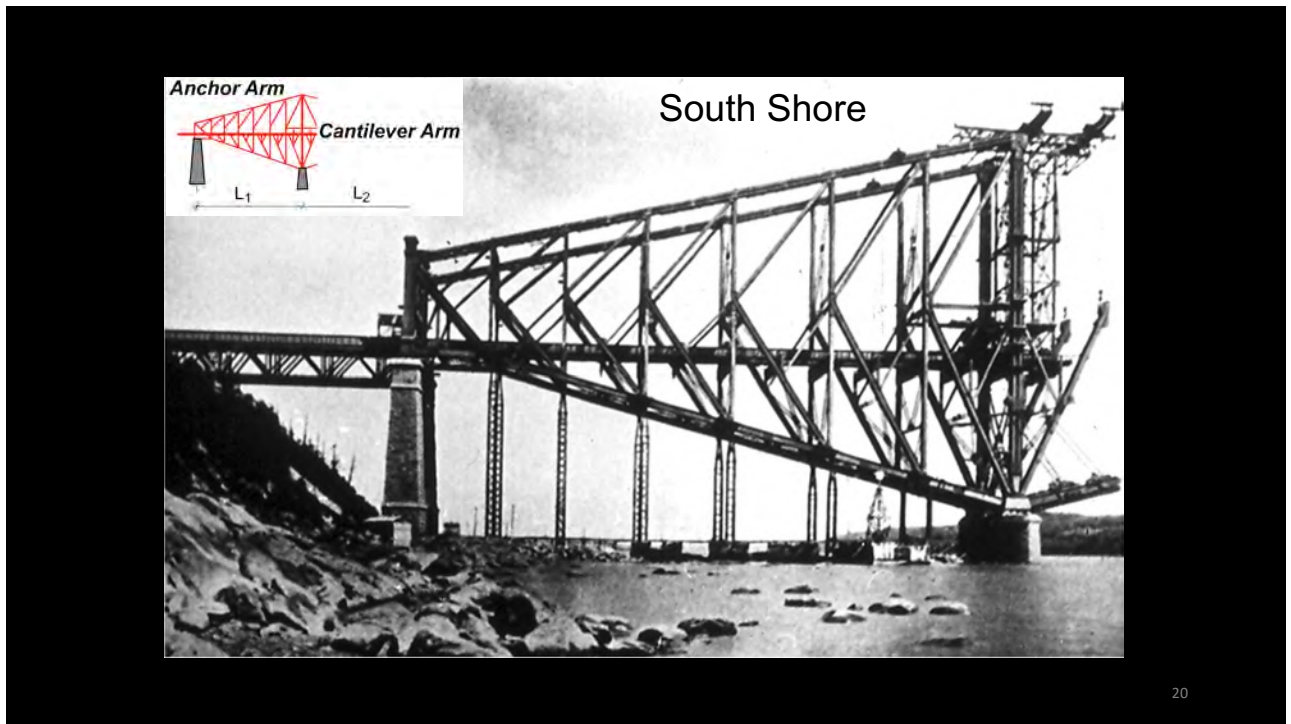
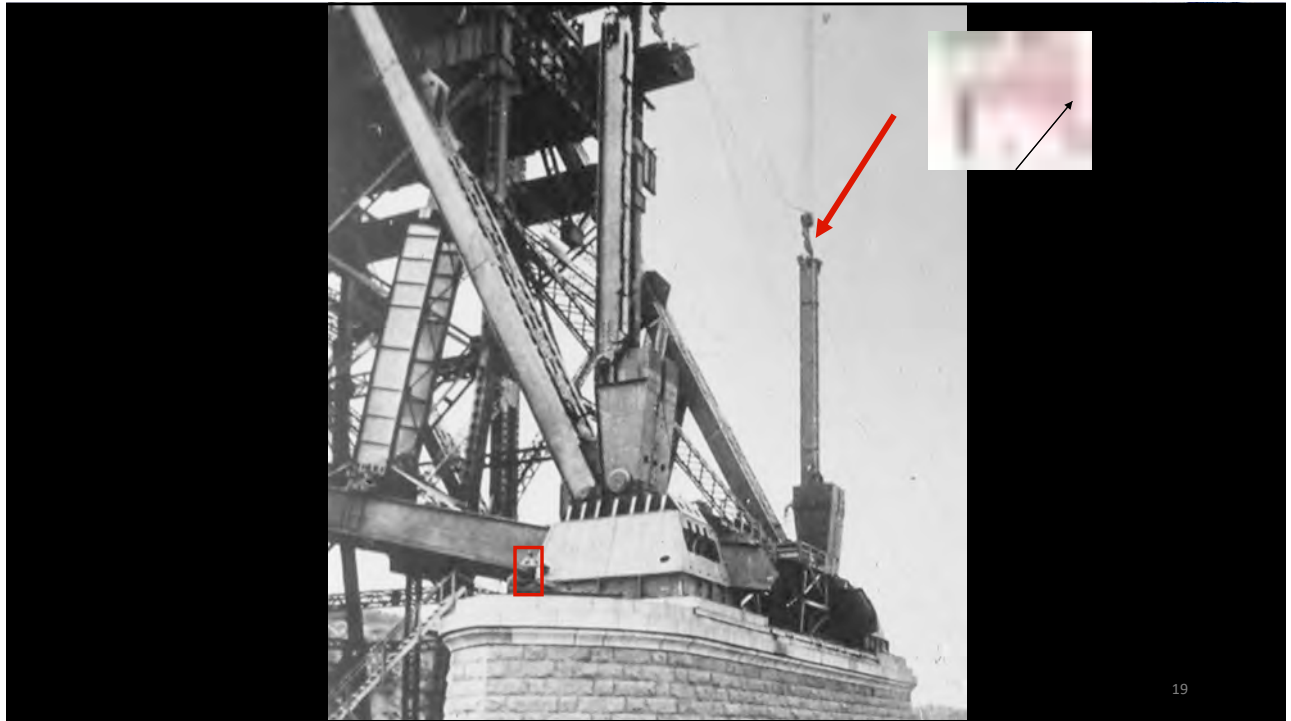
Second tender attracts 32 bids

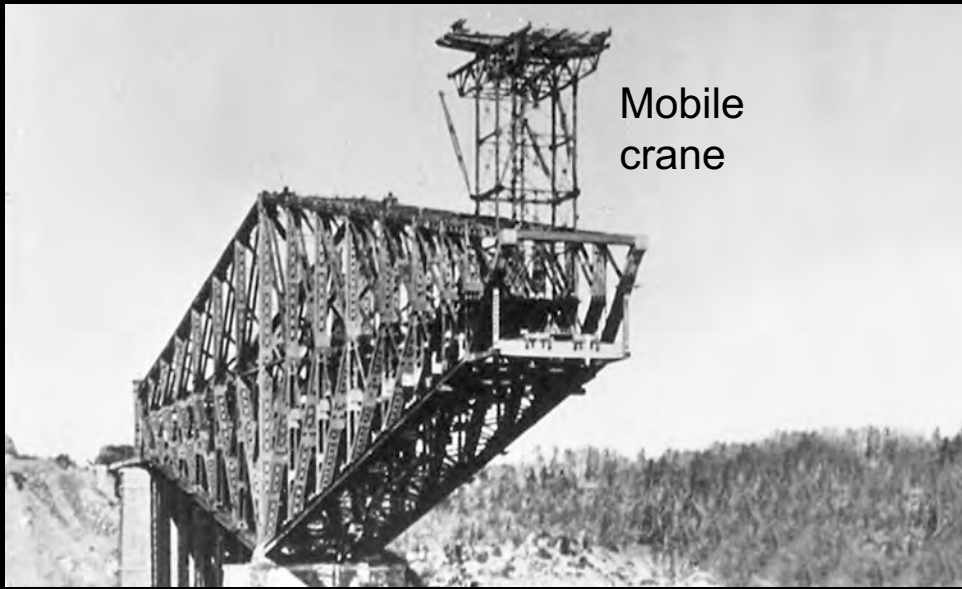
St. Lawrence Bridge Company



Superstructure was built from 1914-1916
Suspended span collapsed in river in 1916.
Reconstructed and erected in September 1917.







Mobile
crane

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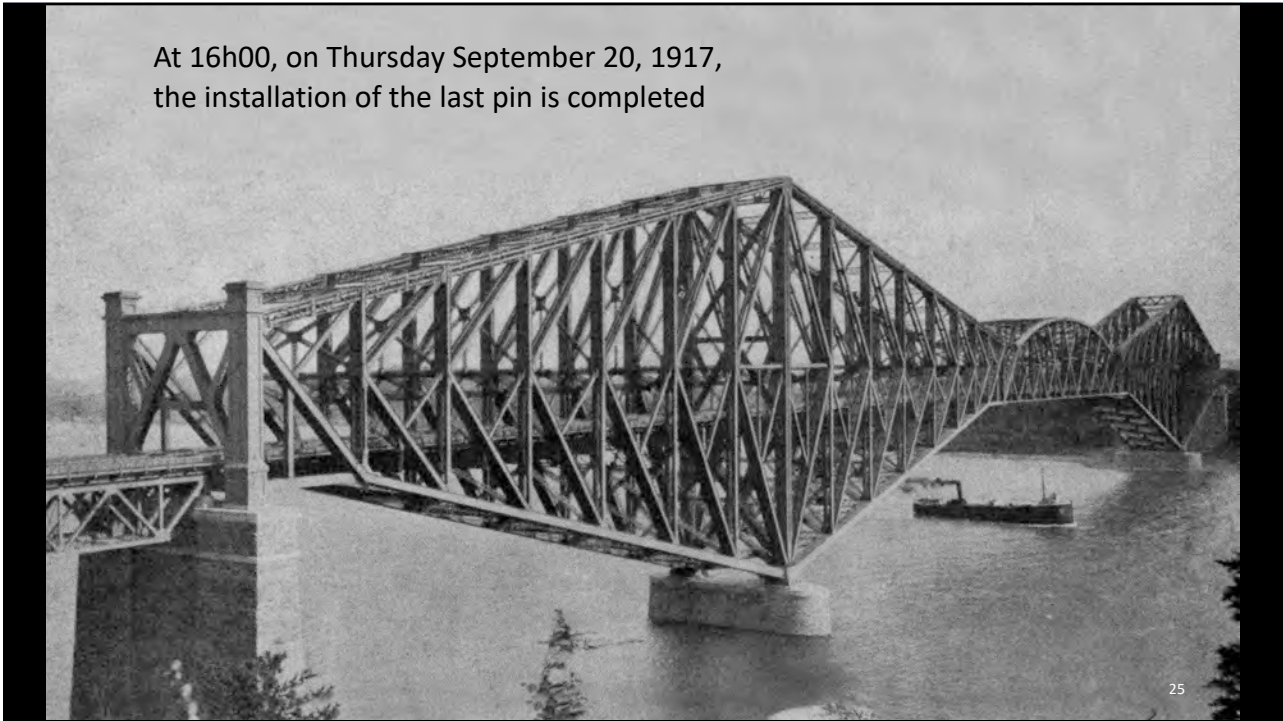
September 11, 1916



13 workers were killed

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At 16h00, on Thursday September 20, 1917,
the installation of the last pin is completed





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Current uses of steel trusses in:

A diagram illustrating the current uses of steel trusses. It features three national flags: the flag of France (blue, white, and red vertical stripes) at the bottom, the flag of Canada (red, white, and red vertical stripes with a red maple leaf) at the top left, and the flag of China (red field with five yellow stars) at the top right. Red arrows indicate the flow of technology: one arrow points from the French flag to the Canadian flag, and another arrow points from the French flag to the Chinese flag.

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 <p>Transfer Truss</p>  <p>SUPERMETAL STRENGTH AND FLEXIBILITY</p> 	<p>Cantilever Truss</p>
	<p>Stacked Truss</p>
	<p>Architecturally Exposed Tubular Truss</p> <p style="text-align: right;">32</p>



Factors influencing truss connections

- Overall dimensions
- Geometry
- Loads
- Selected sections
- Erection sequences and planning
- Transportation considerations
- Exposed (AESS) or not exposed

Splices, Connections
Camber, Deflections
Members, Materials
Assembly, Transport
AESS

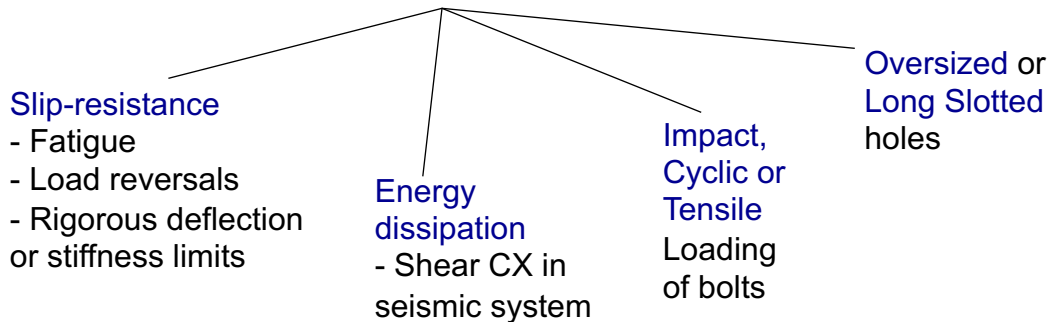
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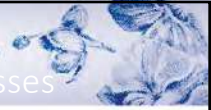
For bolted truss connections:

Use Snug Tightened high-Strength bolts whenever possible

Use Pretensioned High-Strength Bolts only when absolutely needed



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For welded truss connections:

Favor shop welding, PJP or fillet

Fillet Welds

Partial Penetration Welds (PJP)

Full Penetration Welds (CJP)



Less expensive
No base metal prep

Use smaller, longer
fillet welds
Single pass $\leq 5/16''$

More costly
More material preparation
Testing requirements
More weld-metal volume
Material distortion

Avoid Full Pen with HSS

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EIGHTH AVENUE PLACE

East Tower

Calgary, Alberta
Canada

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EIGHTH Avenue Place

Owner:
Penny Lane II Limited Partnership

Architects:
Gibbs Gage Architects
Pickard Chilton International
Kendall/Heaton Associates Inc.

Structural Engineers:
Dr. P.V. Banavalkar, CBM
Read Jones Christoffersen Ltd.

Construction Manager:
Ellis Don Construction Management Services

Steel fabricator/Detailers/Erector:
Supermétal Structures Inc.

Highlights

- 22.5m (74ft) x 10.9m (36ft)
- Truss weight: 124 tonnes (136 imp. Tons)

Strong enough to support North side of the Tower



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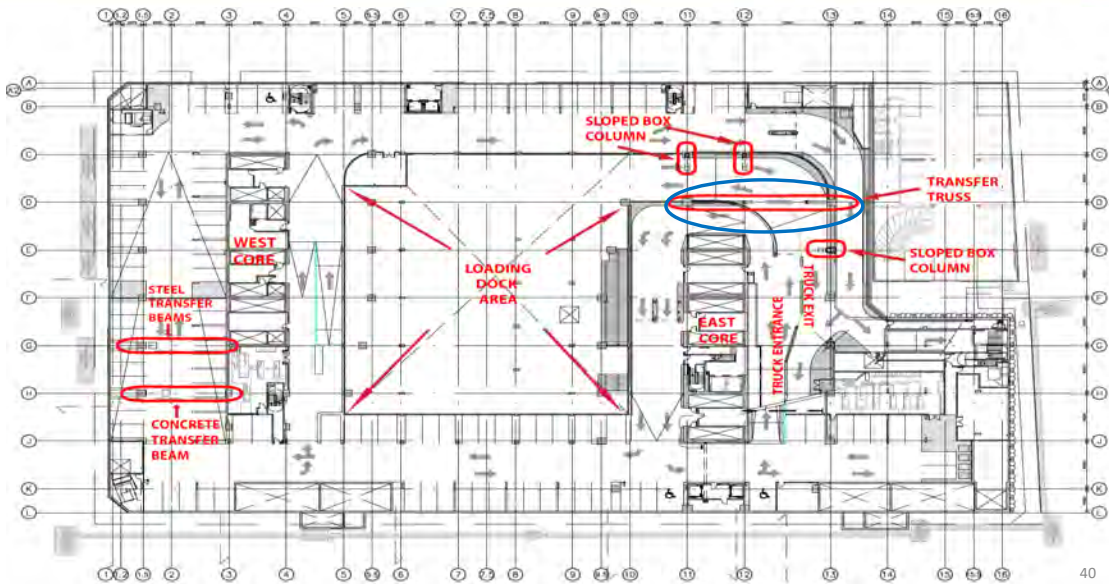
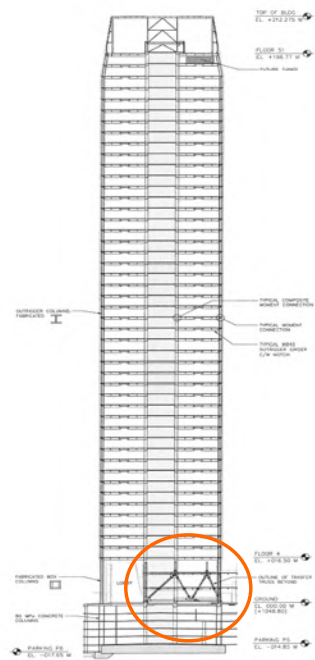
Project features

Splices, Connections	Splices transfer large loads Machining of plates and gussets CJP shop welds
Camber, Deflections	Camber analysed to include column shortening and concrete shrinkage
Members, Materials	W shapes ASTM A913 Grade 65 (450 MPa) Bolts: 1 1/8 A490 STD holes
Assembly, Transport	Assemblies governed by weight
AESS	No AESS

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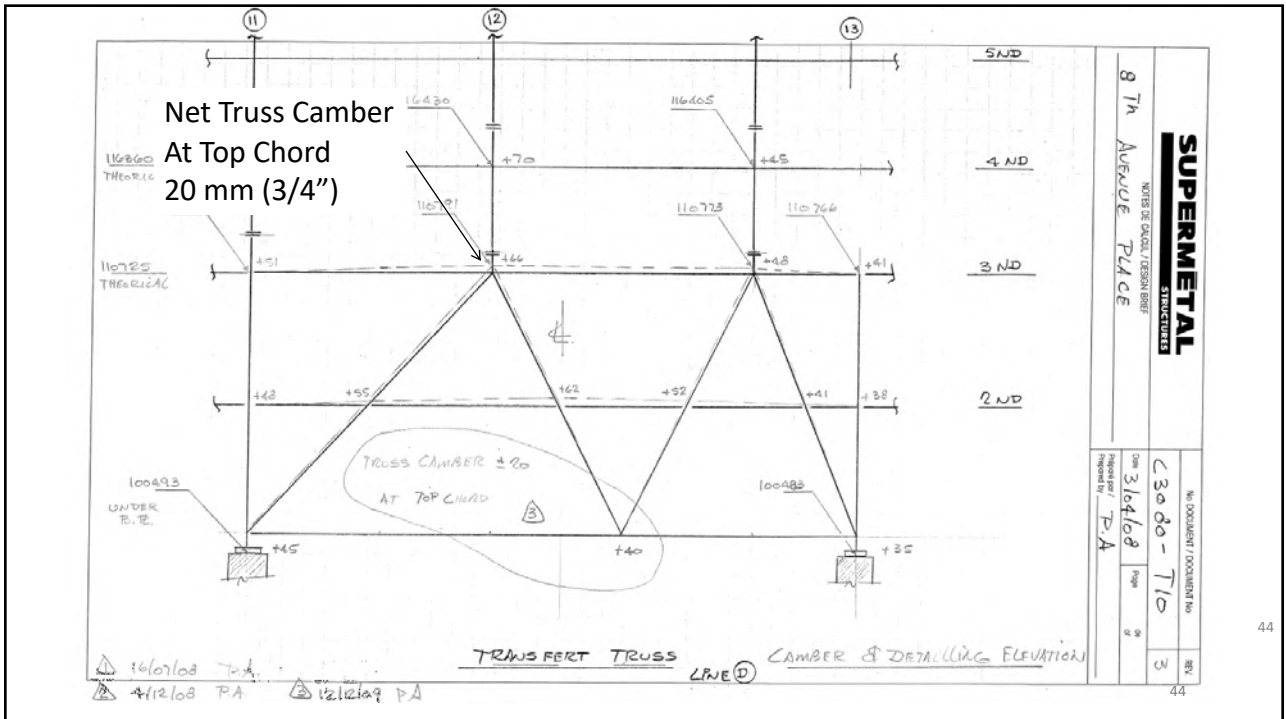
EIGHTH Avenue Place

- Transfers 45 stories
- Max. compressive force: 38 000 kN (8,500 kips)
- Max. tensile force: 15 625 kN (3,500 kips)
- Sections ASTM A913 grade 65 (450 MPa) W360x421 (W14x283), W360x634 (W14x426), W360x1086 (W14x730)





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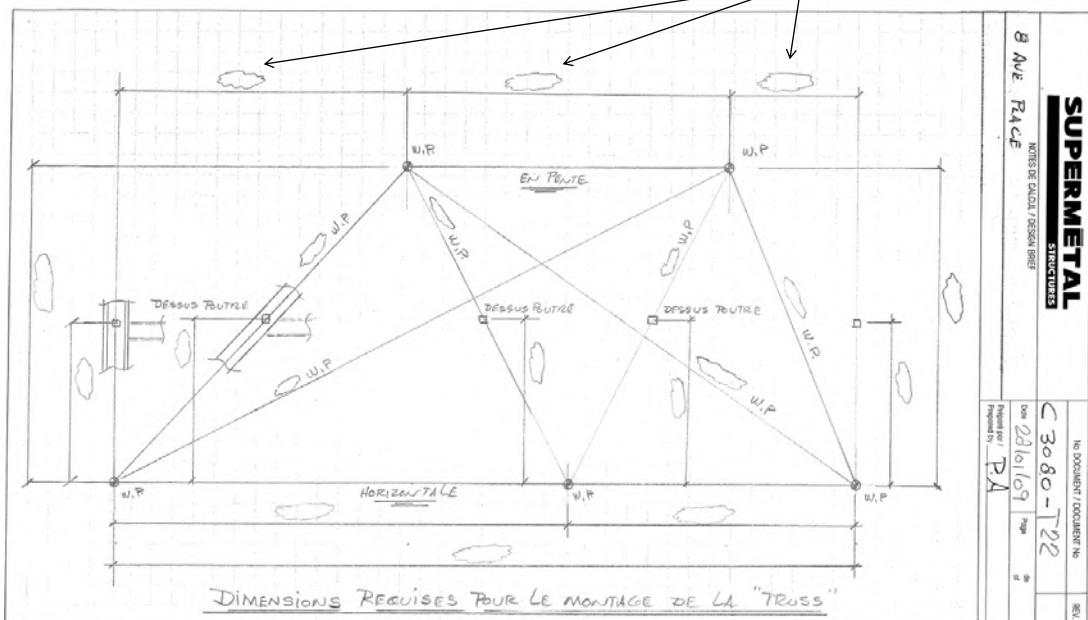
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Pre-assembly was critical



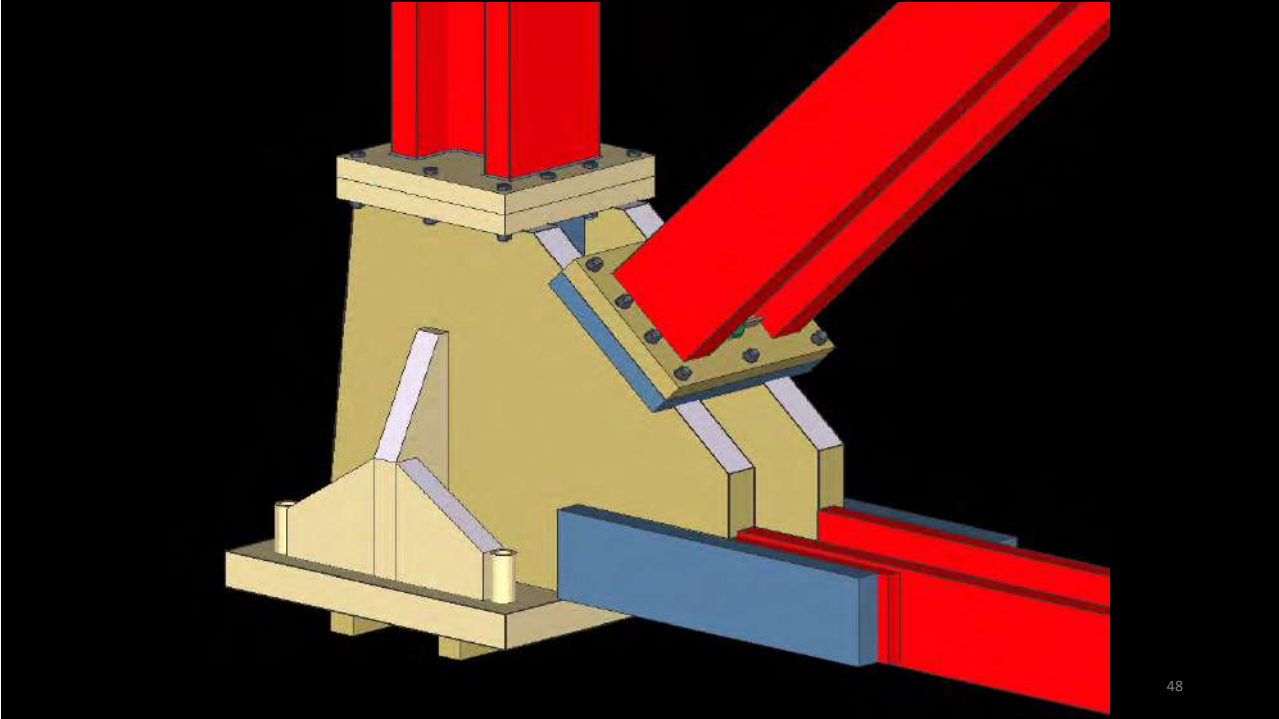
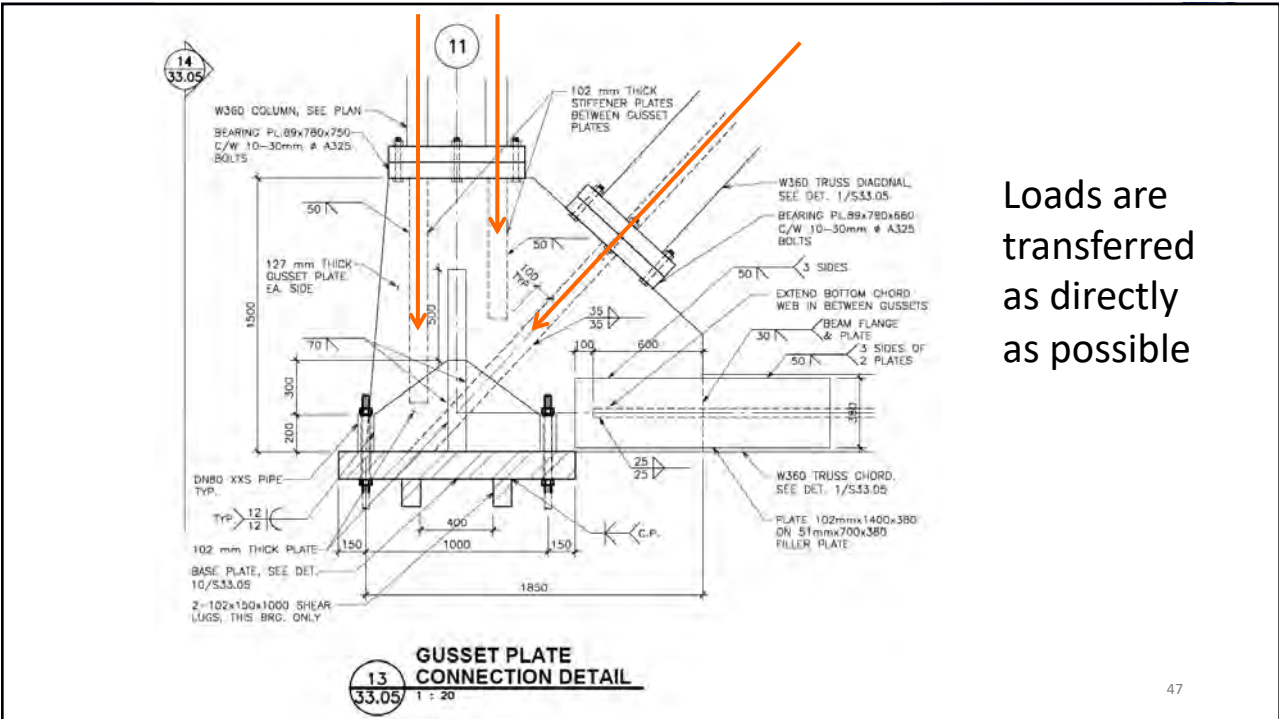
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Fabrication staff to fill in the blanks



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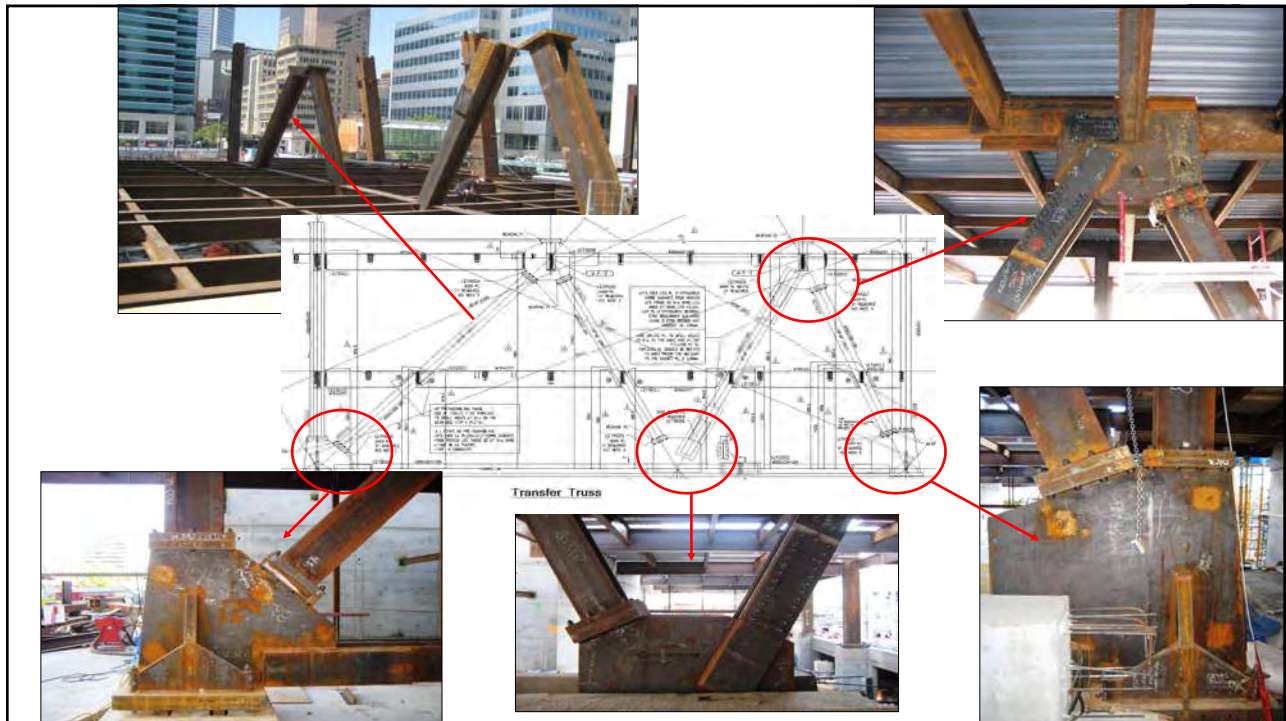
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Joints in contact bearing were inspected according to Canada's CSA S16 cl. 28.5:
“...such joints shall have at least 75% of the entire contact area in bearing. A separation not exceeding 0.5 mm shall be considered acceptable..., .. Remaining portion shall not exceed 1 mm. “





IRON ORE COMPANY (IOC)
of Canada, Labrador

Owner:
IOC

Structural Engineer:
Bechtel Inc.

Construction Manager:
Bechtel Inc.

Steel fabricator/Detailers/Erector:
Supermétal Structures inc./MYK Inc.

Highlights

- 26m (86ft) x 23m (77ft)
- Truss weight: 95 tonnes (104 imp. tons)

Good lifting procedure is critical



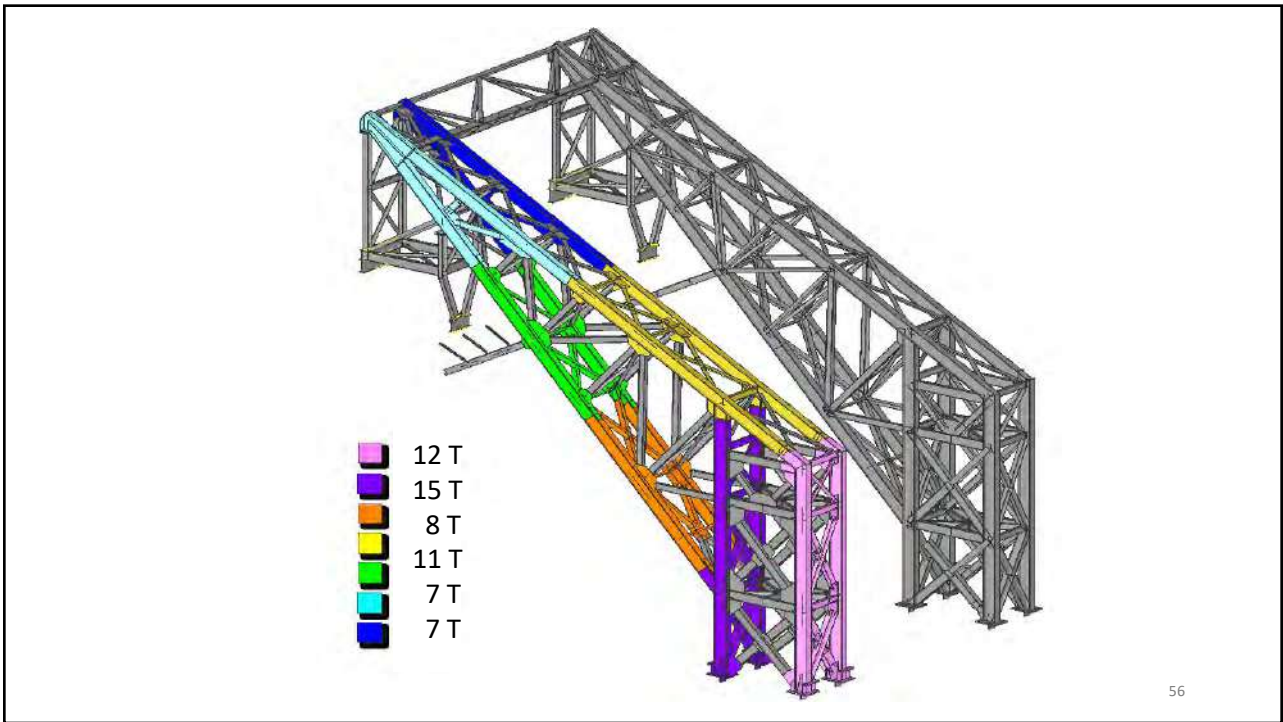
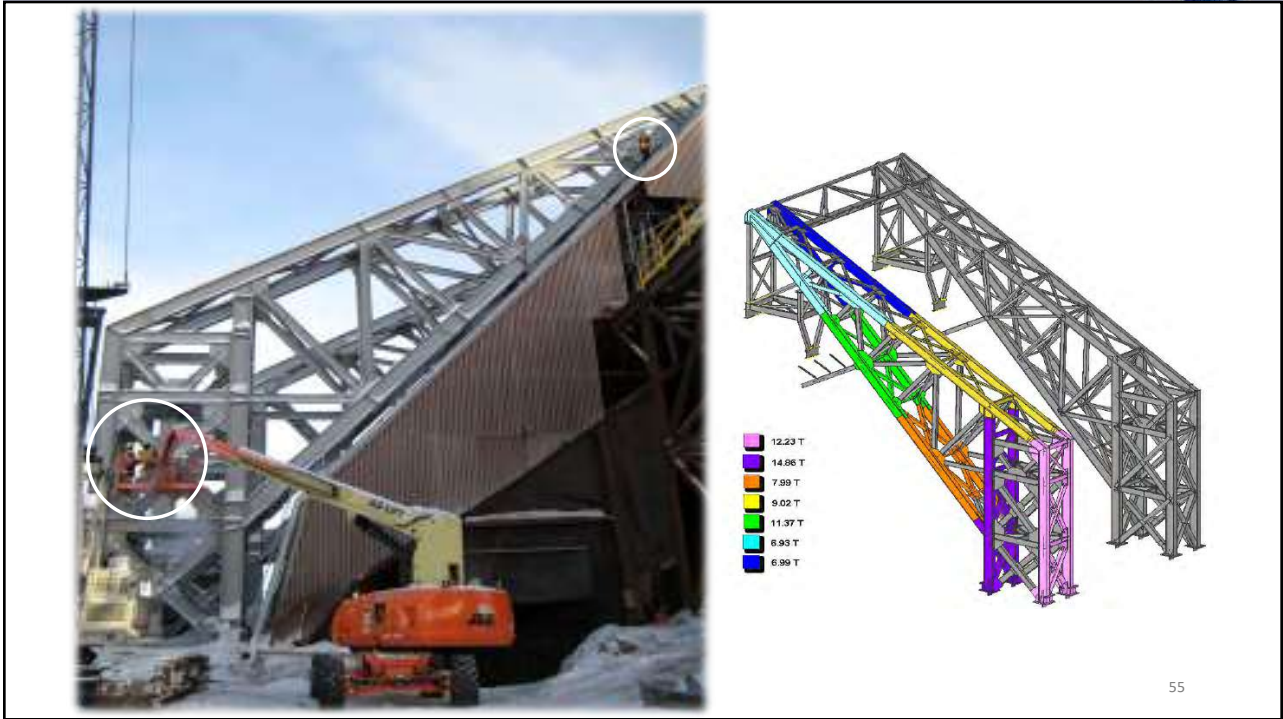
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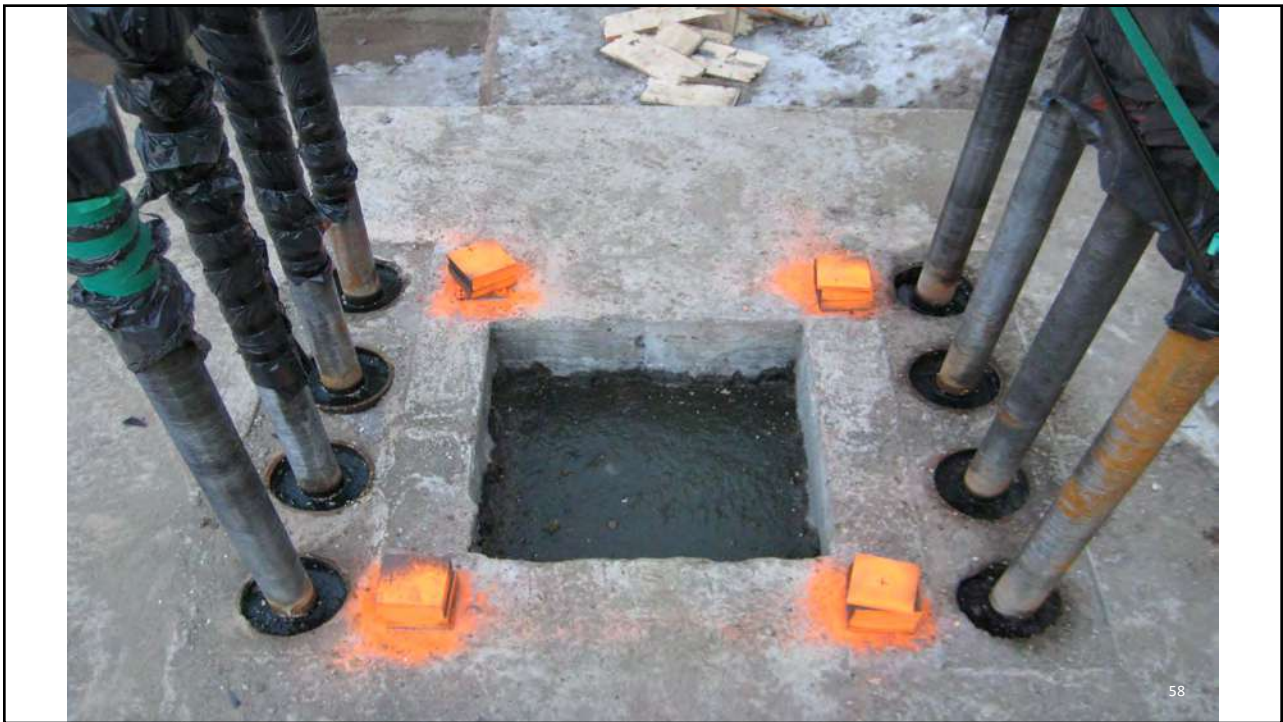


Project features

Splices, Connections	Splices between frames
Camber, Deflections	Camber and deflection analysis
Members, Materials	W shapes ASTM A913 Grade 65 (450 MPa) Bolts: 1 1/8 A490 STD holes
Assembly, Transport	Pre-assembly in shop 7 welded frames (shop), In-between members bolted at site
AESS	No AESS

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Conveyor launched inside iron ore warehouse

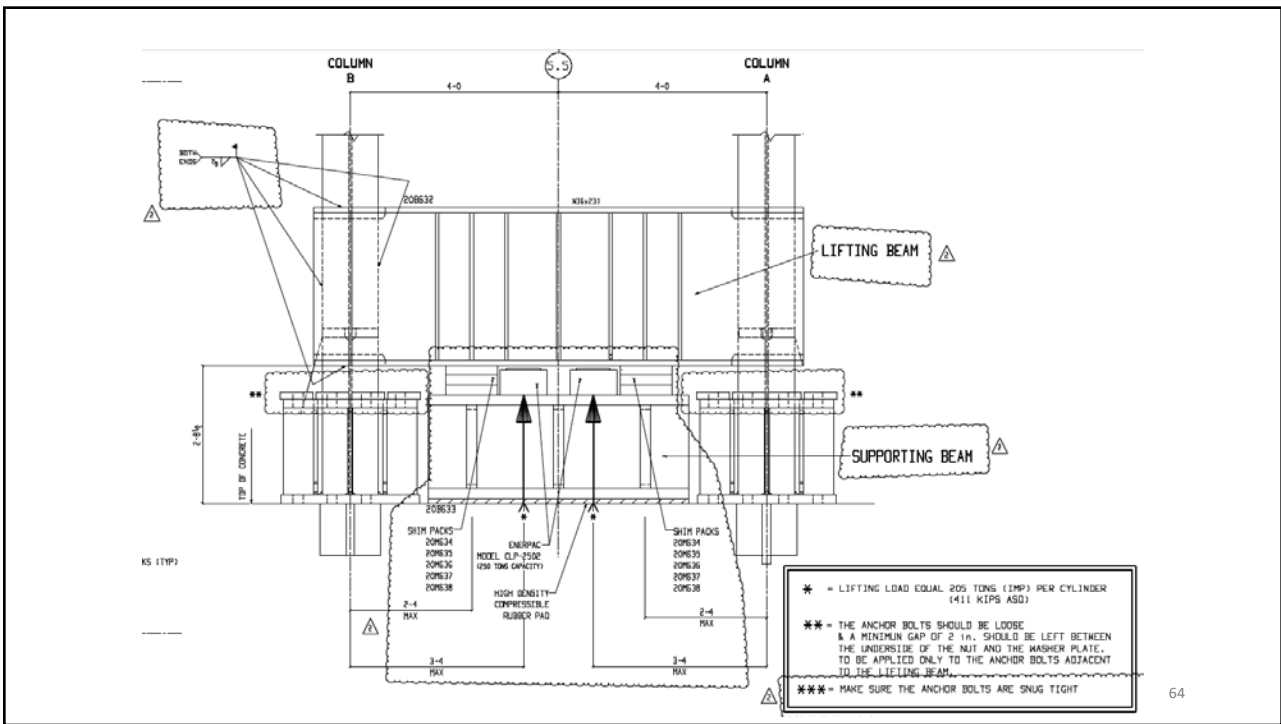
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Pembina Hall Residence University of Manitoba, Winnipeg MB

Owner:

The University of Manitoba

Architects:

Raymond S.C. Wan architect
Crosier Kilgour & Partners Ltd.

Construction Manager:

Bird Construction Company Ltd.

Steel fabricator/Detailers/Erector:

Supermétal Structures inc.

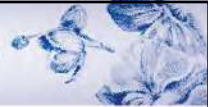
Highlights

- 14-storey building, constructed over an existing structure
- 4x 49 m (160 ft) trusses per floor

One room = One brace



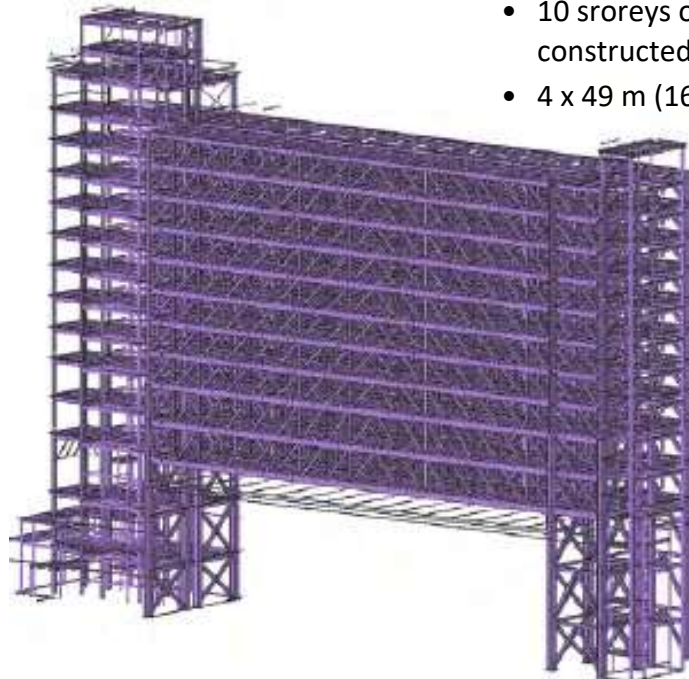
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Project features

Splices, Connections	2 Chord Splices per truss, and at Web members
Camber, Deflections	Camber and deflection analysis
Members, Materials	Bolts: 3/4" A325N STD for diagonals and vertical, 1" A325N STD for field splices, 1 1/8" A490 OVS for end truss connections Materials: G40.21 350W (ASTM A572-50)
Assembly, Transport	Pre-assembly in shop All diagonal and vertical members were shop welded to the top chord
AESS	AESS with Diagonals in the Windows One Diagonal / Room !!

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- 10 storeys of student residence, constructed over an existing structure
- 4 x 49 m (160 ft) trusses per floor

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EACH ROOM HAS A DIAGONAL

Deck has no fire protection due to use of lightweight concrete



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Deck is galvanized to increase light reflection

Diagonal has intumescent coating

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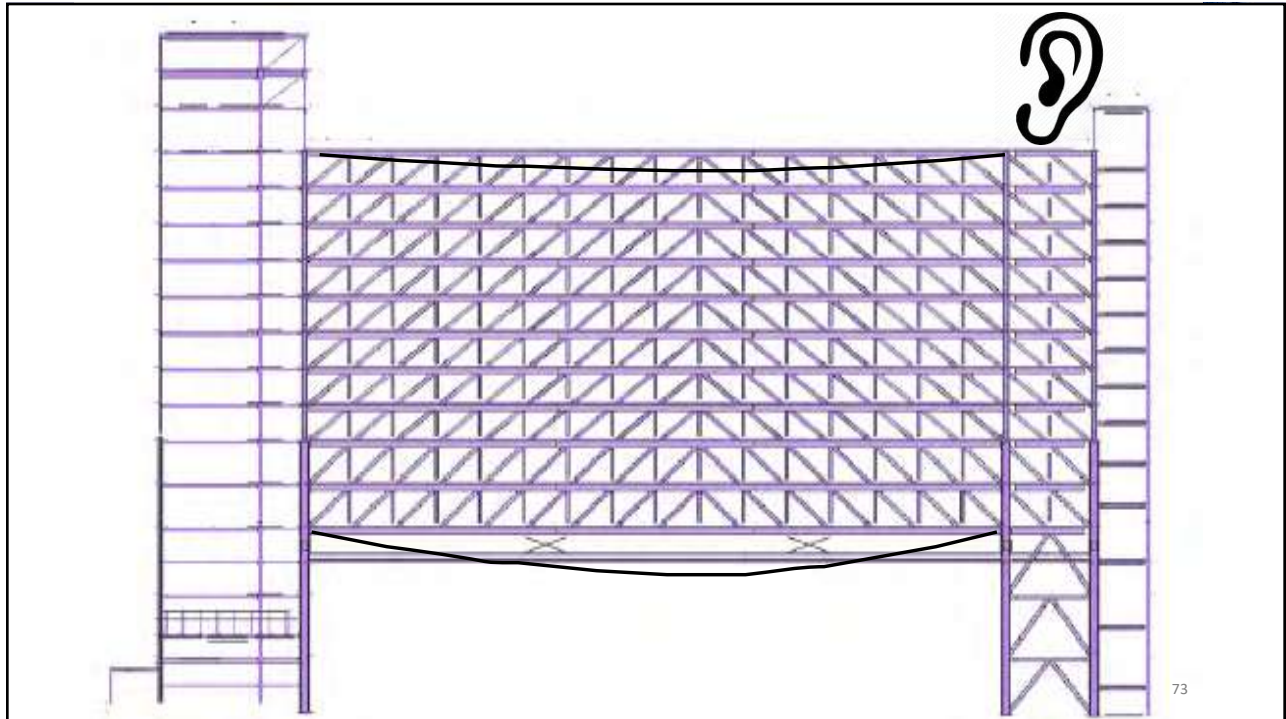
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“ The biggest challenge was that this design – a multi-truss span over an existing structure – was really unique and had never been done before, ”

says Jean-François Leclerc, Vice President Western Division with Supermétal Structures Inc.

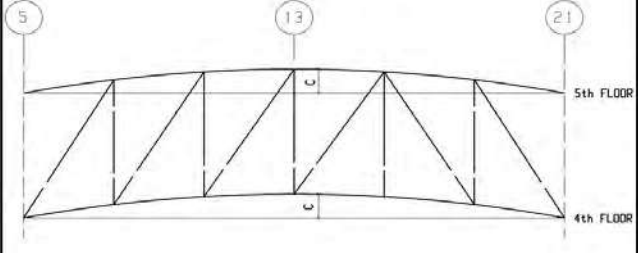
“ We had to think outside the box on how to fabricate and erect [the building]. Deflection was a huge issue. Making sure [the trusses] fit on site. These were the concerns. ”

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 SUPERMETAL STRENGTH AND FLEXIBILITY	No DOCUMENT / DOCUMENT No C3117 DIR TRUSS	REV.	
NOTES DE CALCUL / DESIGN BRIEF UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA	date: 2016-APR-14 page 1 de 2		
REF.: S4.1 & S4.2, INT & EXT TRUSS	Préparé par ANNIE GAUTHIER		

INFORMATIONS MUST BE INCLUDED ON TRUSSES SHOPS DRAWINGS



TRUSS FABRICATION			
From	To	interior truss camber C	exterior truss camber C
4th floor	5th floor	96	70

TRUSS FABRICATION			
From	To	interior Truss camber C	exterior Truss camber C
5th floor	6th floor	67	42
6th floor	7th floor	61	38
7th floor	8th floor	48	26
8th floor	9th floor	38	19
9th floor	10th floor	30	16
10th floor	11th floor	24	13
11th floor	12th floor	19	10
12th floor	13th floor	14	8
13th floor	roof	10	6

Up to 2 5/8" camber
in corridor trusses
on lowest floor !!

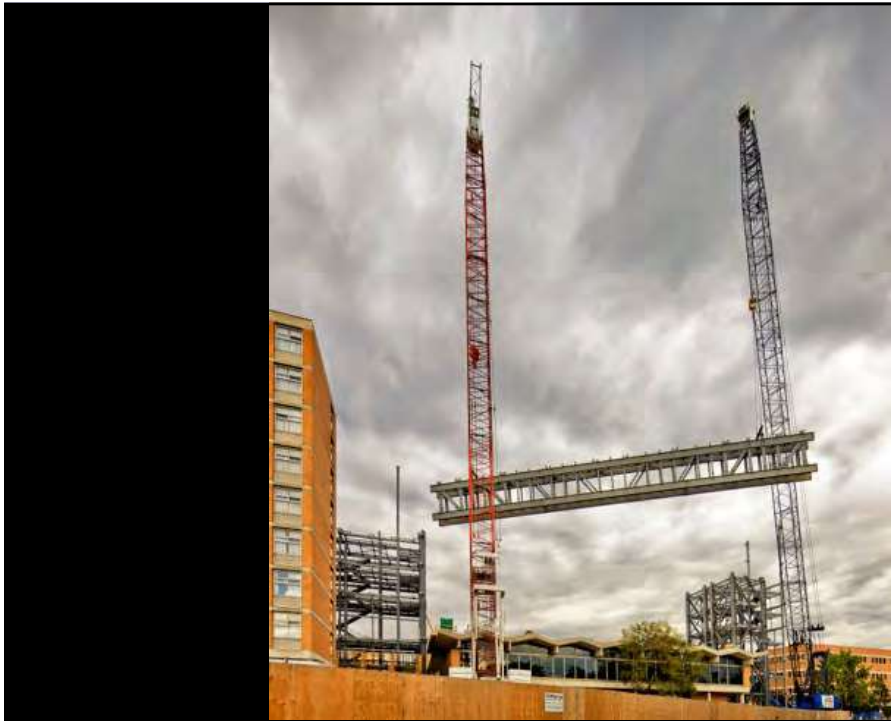


Sometimes, things don't always go as planned!









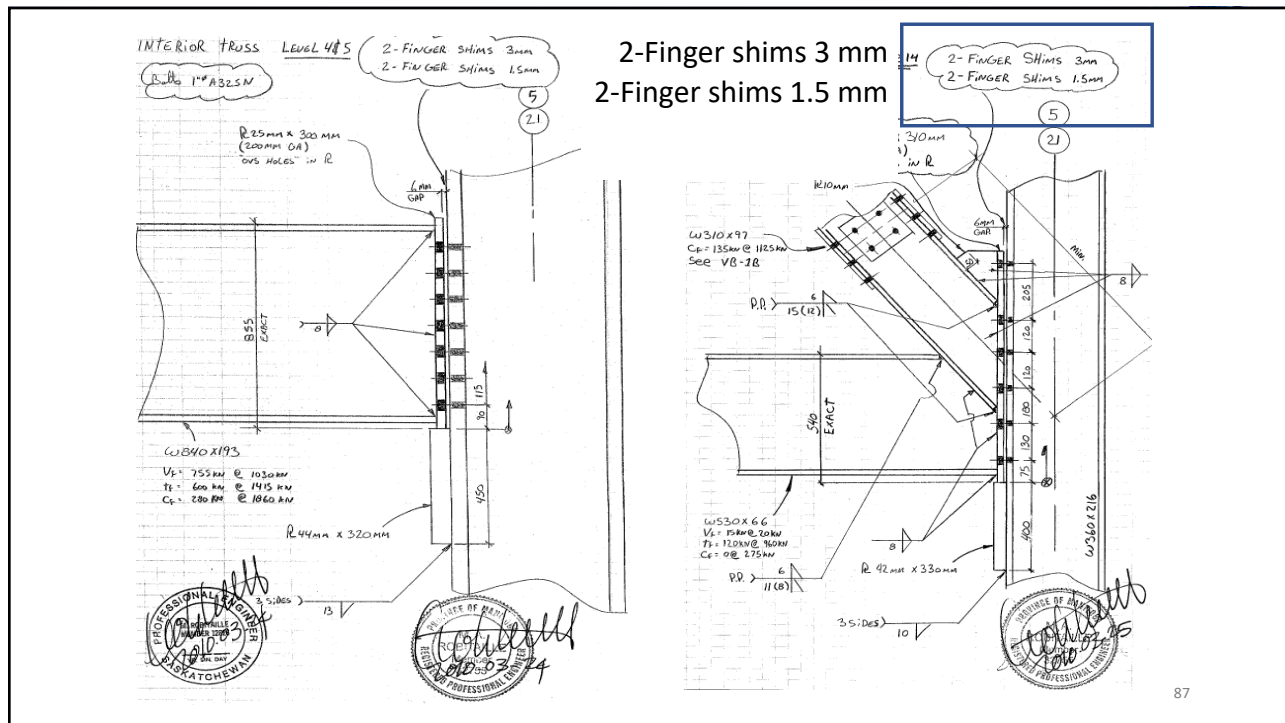
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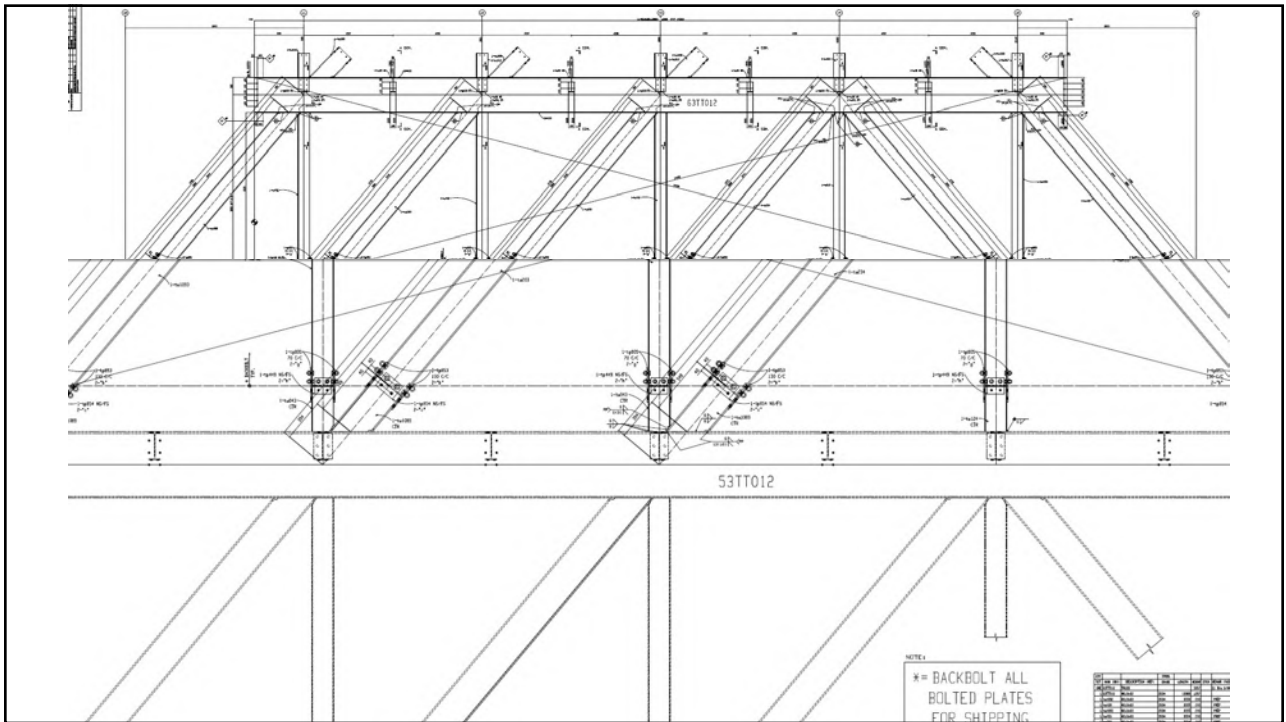
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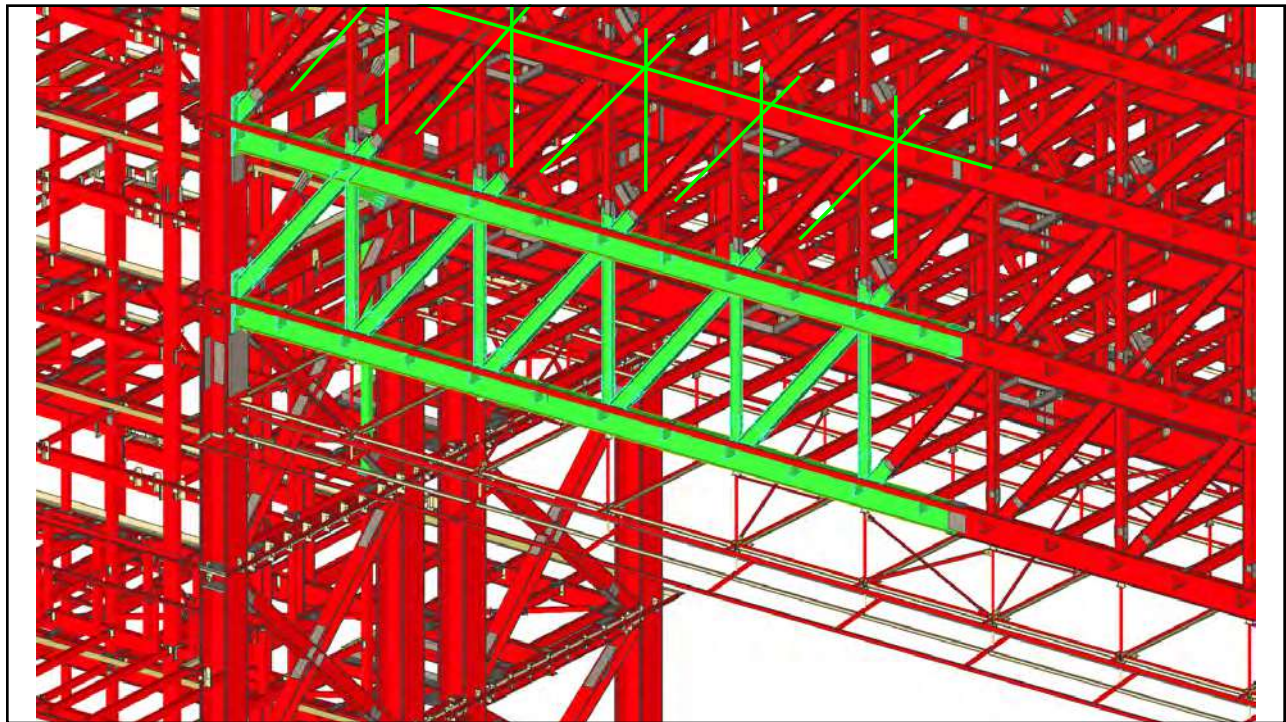
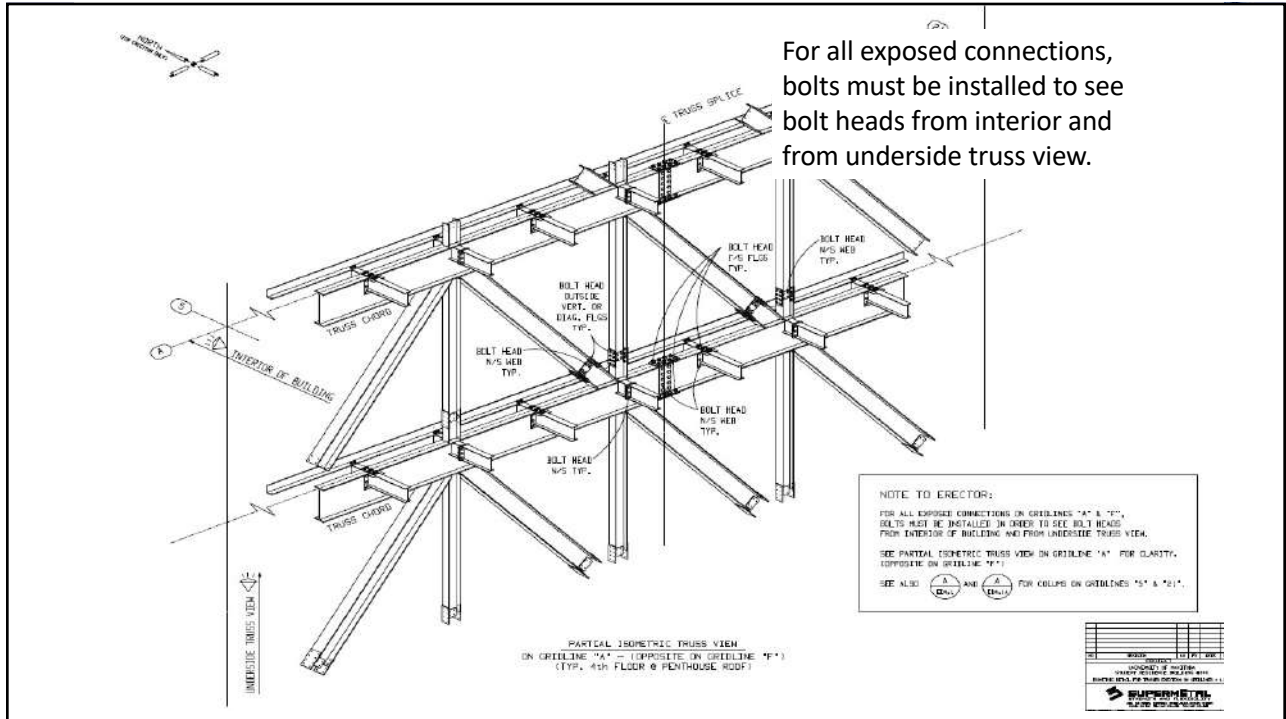


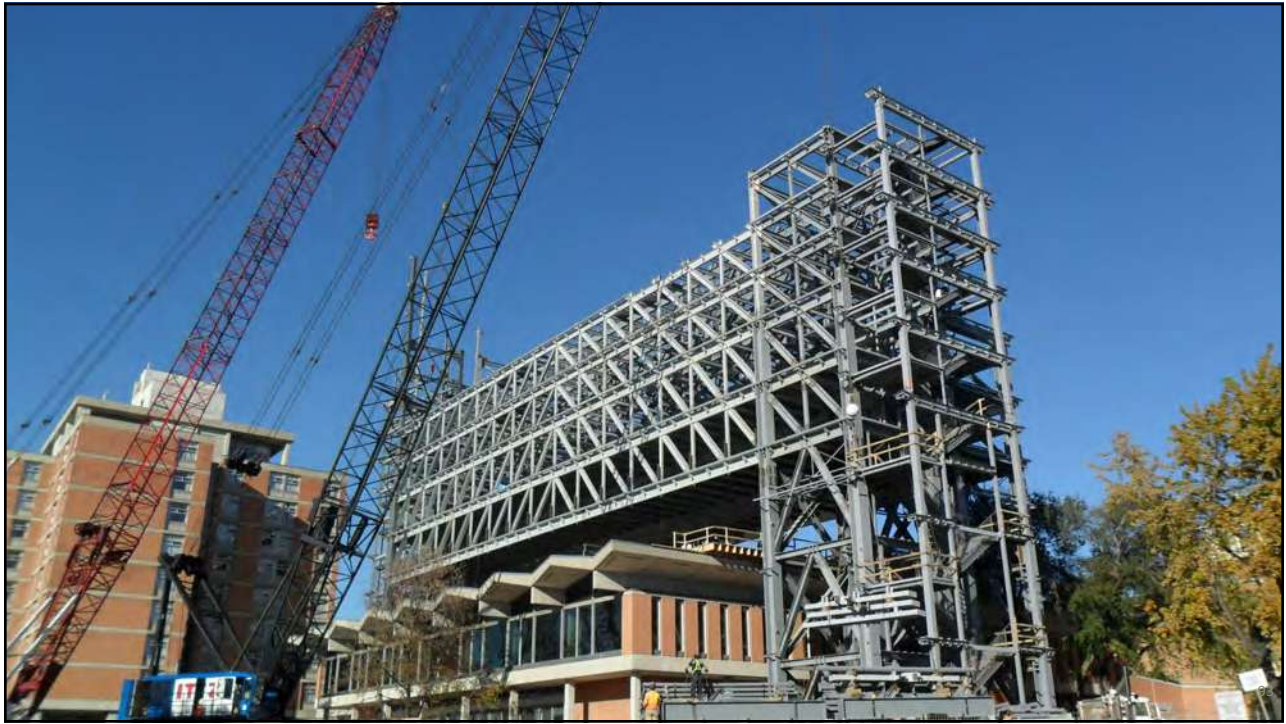




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CALGARY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Photo: Calgary Airport Authority



Calgary International Airport

Owner:

Calgary Airport Authority

Architects:

DIALOG

Structural Engineers:

Read Jones Christoffersen Ltd.

Construction Manager:

Ellis Don Construction Management Services

Steel fabricator/Detailers/Erector:

Supermétal Structures inc.

Highlights

- Longest: 123.6m (405ft), weight: 41 metric tons (45 imp. Tons)
- Shortest: 35.6m (117ft), weight: 12 metric tons (14 imp. Tons)

Triangles and curves...



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Project features

Splices, Connections	Splice locations between truss sections Hidden “ugly” connections at bottom chords – avoiding CJP welds, Macalloy at top chord
Camber, Deflections	Camber and deflection analysis
Members, Materials	Bolts: 3/4” A325N STD for chord splice Materials: G40.21 350W-C (ASTM A500-C)
Assembly, Transport	Pre-assembly in shop Trusses were fabricated in sections, longest = 9 sections, shortest = 1 section Use of jigs, “positionor” and “rotator” (shop) and temporary erection tower
AESS	All AESS – Two Categories

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AESS Categories associated to members or assemblies were specified in addendum at bid time

Contract Area(s)	Element (Members and Associated Connections)	AESS Category (Refer to TABLE 1)
Hotel Terminal	Canopies	-
Hotel Terminal Piers	Glazing Supports (Interior)	AESS 3
Terminal Piers	Glazing Supports (Exterior)	AESS 3
Hotel Terminal Piers	Glazing Support Pin Connections at Floor Level	AESS 3
Hotel Terminal Piers	Columns	AESS 3
Hotel Terminal Piers	Column Struts to Glazing	AESS 3
Terminal	Column Struts to Trusses	AESS 3
Terminal	Roof Trusses	AESS 2
Hotel Terminal	Braces	AESS 3
Hotel Terminal Piers	Moment Frames	AESS 2



AESS3 Struts

AESS2 3D Trusses

AESS3 Y-Columns

image: RJC

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AESS Matrix

Category	AESS C Custom Elements	AESS 4 Showcase Elements	AESS 3 Feature Elements	AESS 2 Feature Elements	AESS 1 Basic Elements	SSS Standard Structural Steel CSA S16
11: Characteristics			Viewed at a Distance = 5 ft (1.5 m)	Viewed at a Distance = 0 ft (0 m)		
1.1 Surface preparation to SSPC-SP 8		✓	✓	✓	✓	
1.2 Sharp edges ground smooth		✓	✓	✓	✓	
1.3 Continuous weld appearance		✓	✓	✓	✓	
1.4 Standard structural bolts		✓	✓	✓	✓	
1.5 Weld spatters removed		✓	✓	✓	✓	
2: Visual Samples		optional	optional	optional		
2.1 One-half standard fabrication tolerances		✓	✓	✓		
2.2 Fabrication marks not apparent		✓	✓	✓		
2.3 Welds uniform and smooth		✓	✓	✓		
3: Mill marks removed		✓	✓			
3.1 Mill marks removed		✓	✓			
3.2 Burt and plug welds ground smooth and filled		✓	✓			
3.3 HSS weld seams oriented for reduced visibility		✓	✓			
3.4 Cross sectional abutting surfaces aligned		✓	✓			
3.5 Joint gap tolerances minimized		✓	✓			
3.6 All welded connections		optional	optional			
4: HSS seam not apparent		✓				
4.1 HSS seam not apparent		✓				
4.2 Welds contoured and blended		✓				
4.3 Surfaces filed and sanded		✓				
4.4 Weld show-through minimized		✓				

3D Trusses

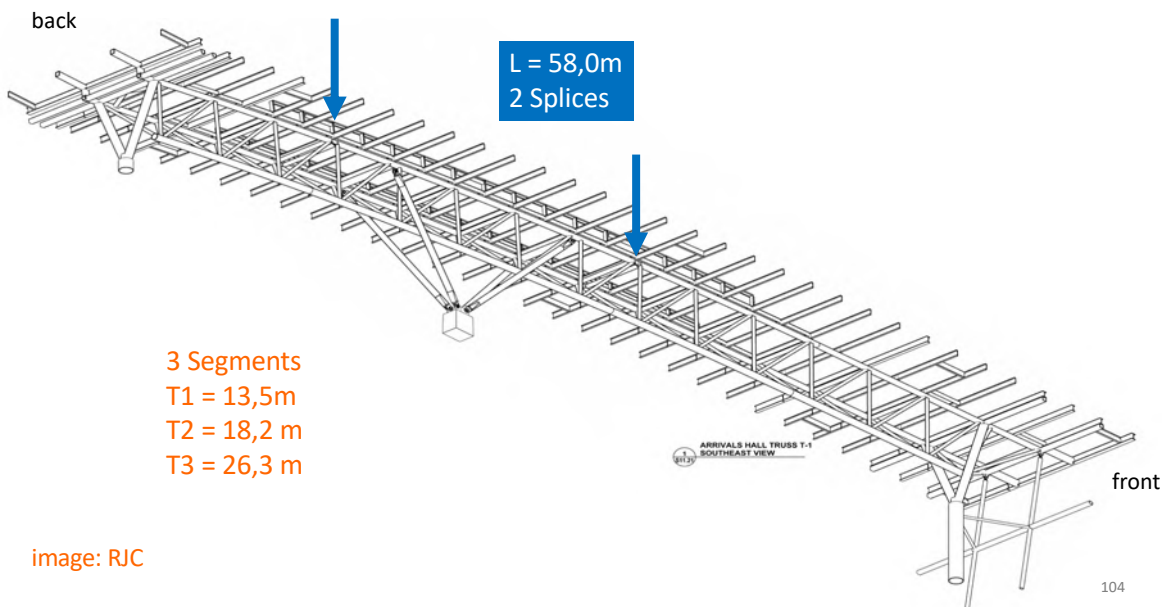
Y-Columns Struts

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The AESS Categories help clarify expectations between architect, engineer and fabricator.



Reminder : Distance, light and position are different in a fabrication shop!





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The "Rotator"!



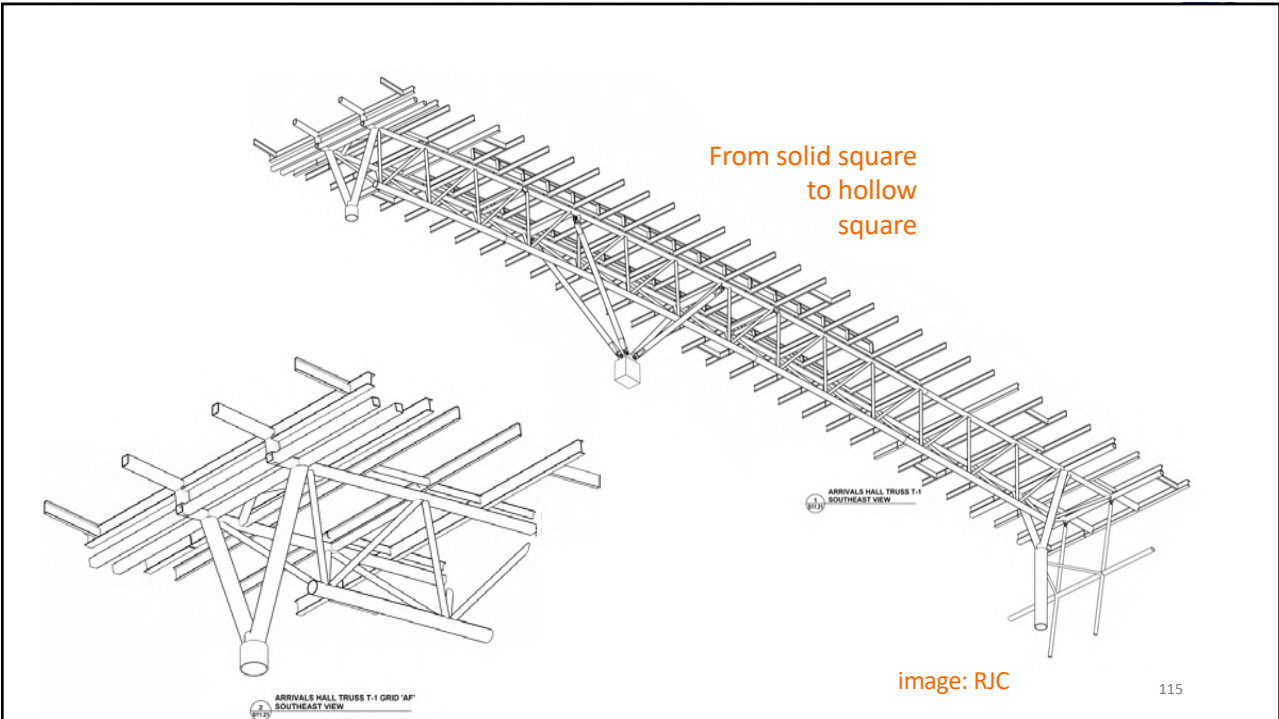
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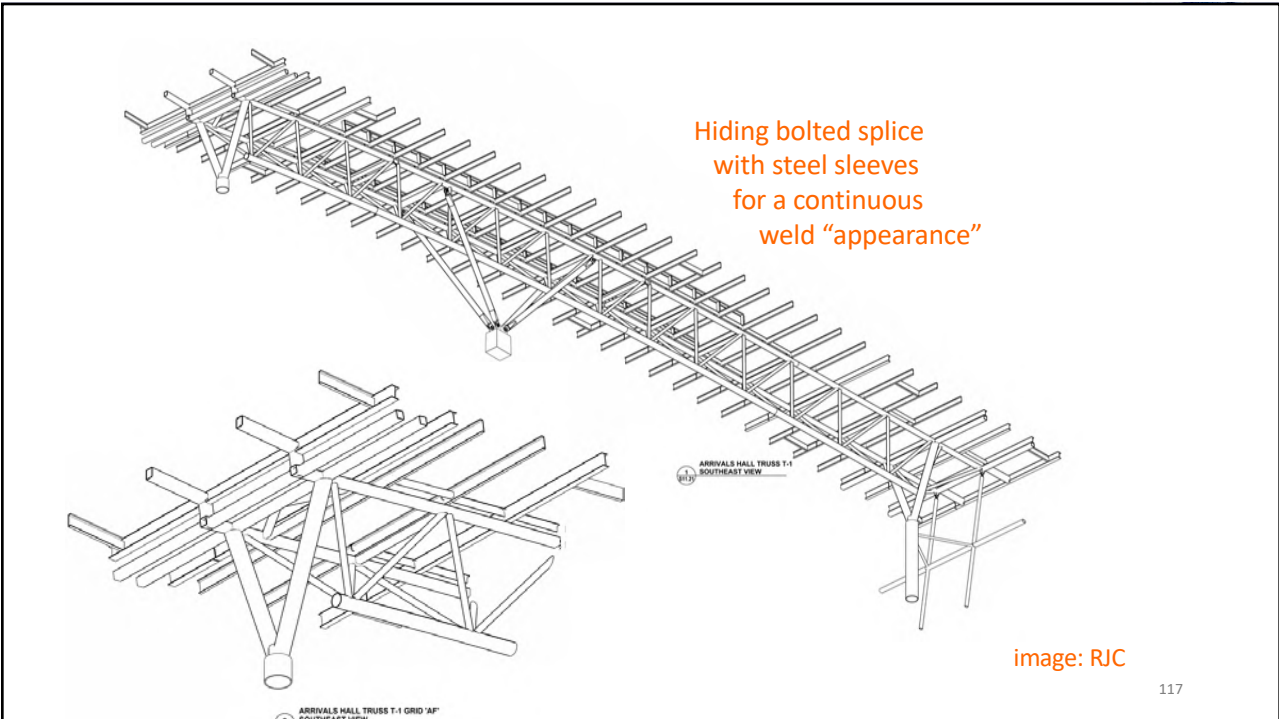


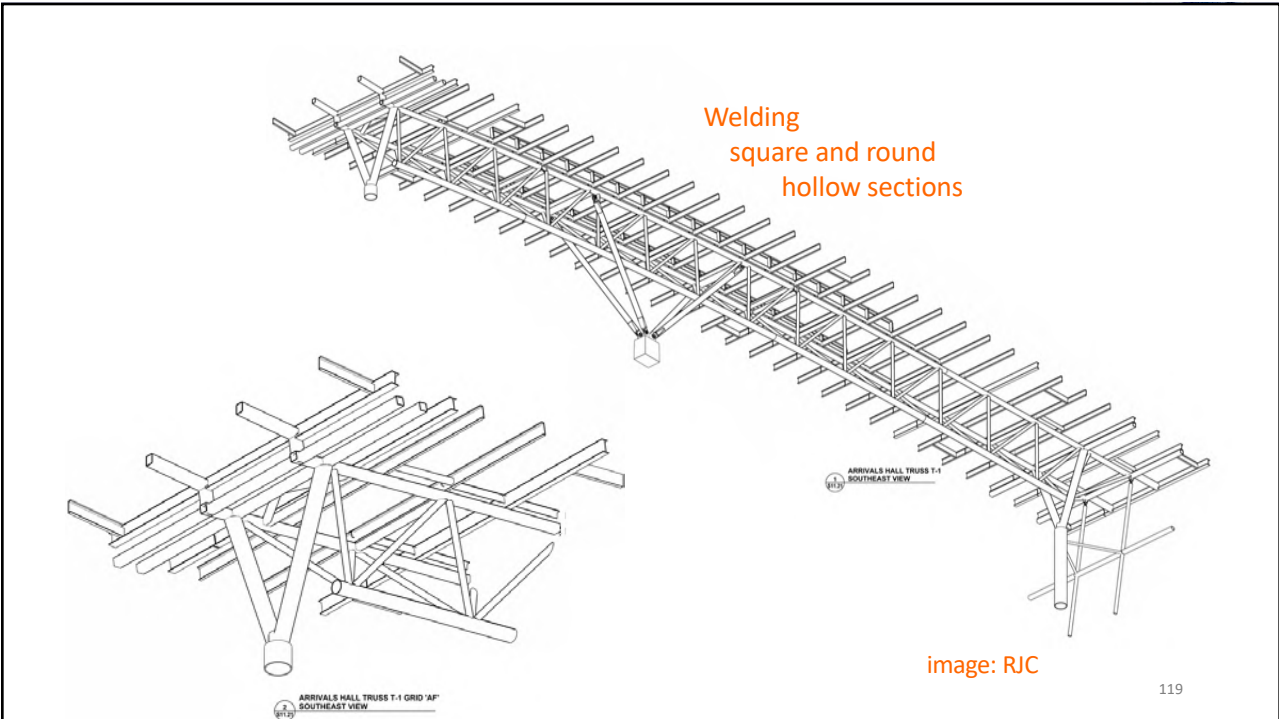














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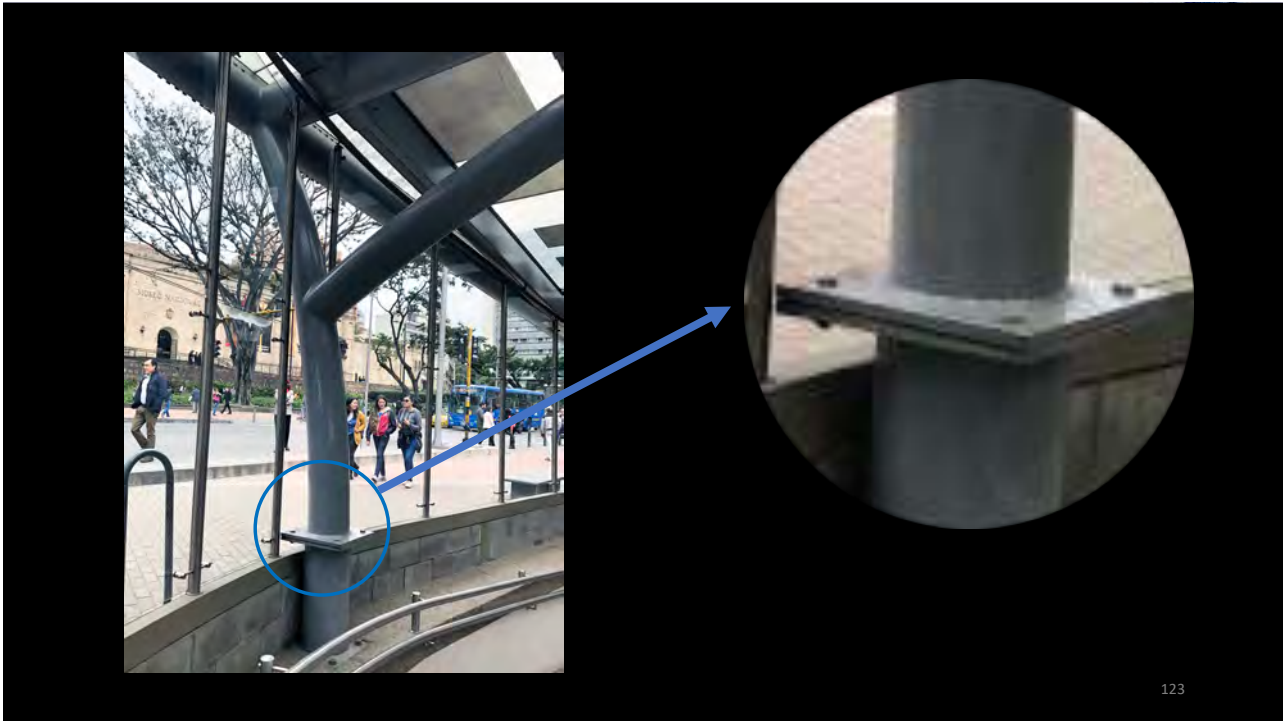


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Projet PK 1.394 Passerelle Simone-de-Beauvoir

- au-dessus de la Seine
- Henry Bardsley, RFR, Paris
- Dietmar Feichtinger, architectes

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Located between Pont de Bercy and Pont de Tolbiac
Links up the 12th and 13th arrondissements of Paris.
Nearest Paris Metro station is Quai de la Gare.



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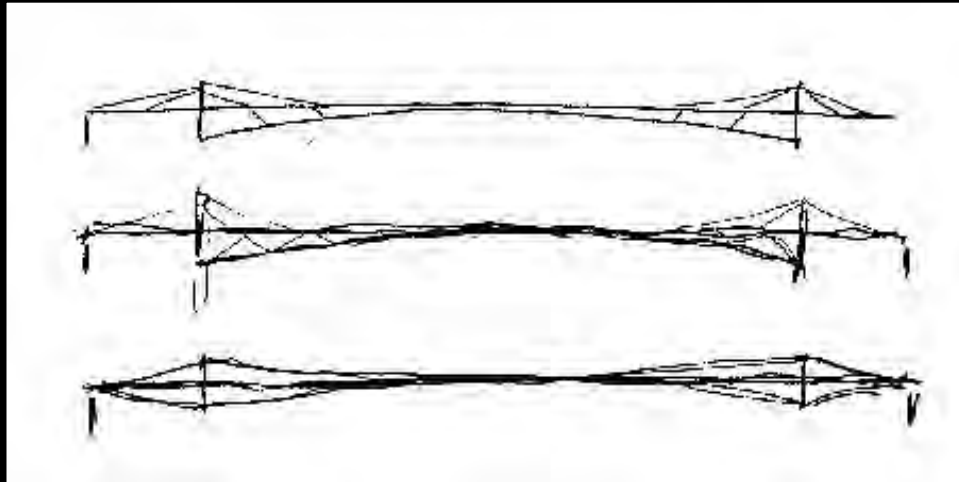


The 37th bridge on the Seine River

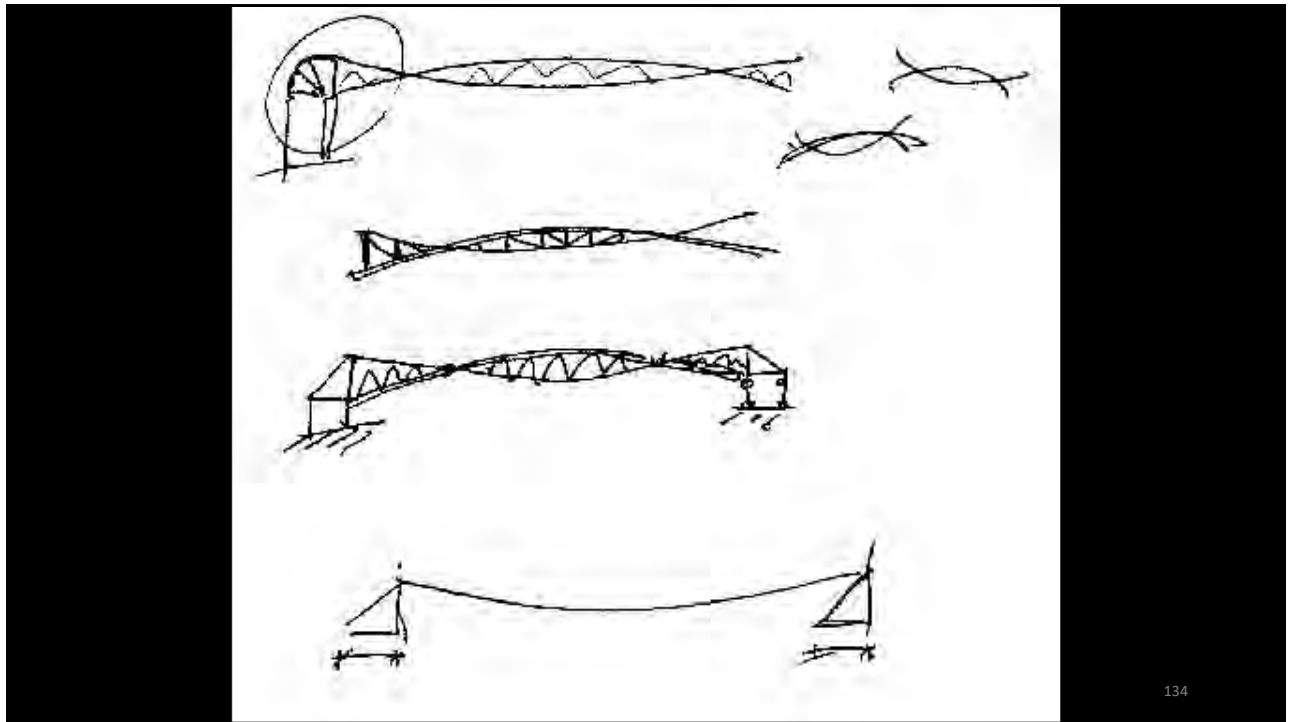
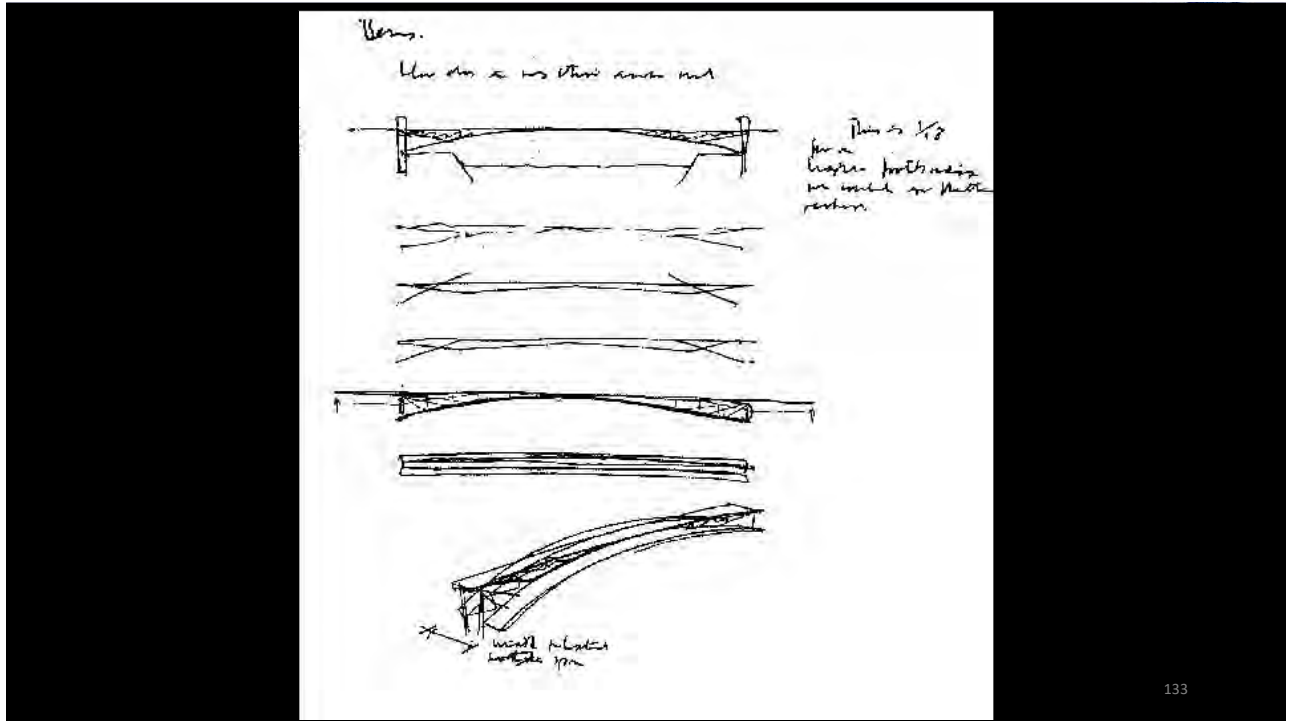
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Passerelle principale
 Pont en arc
 Pont suspendu (en liane) : la catène
 Liaison radiale entre l'arc et la chaînette
 Ancrage de la passerelle principale
 Détail de l'ancrage

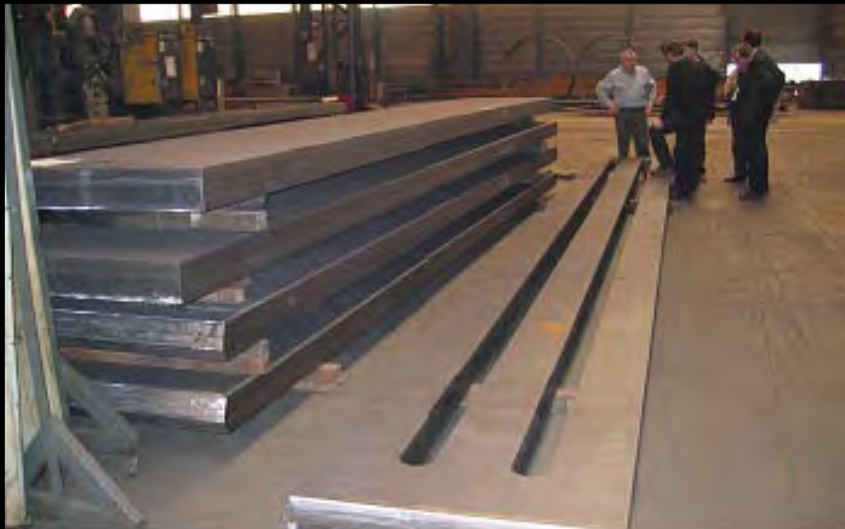
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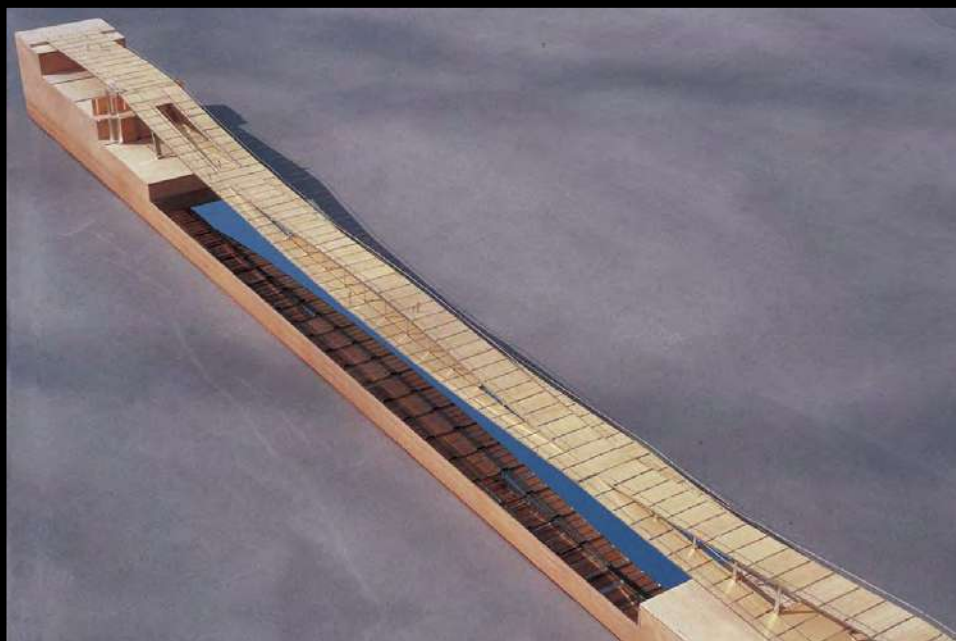
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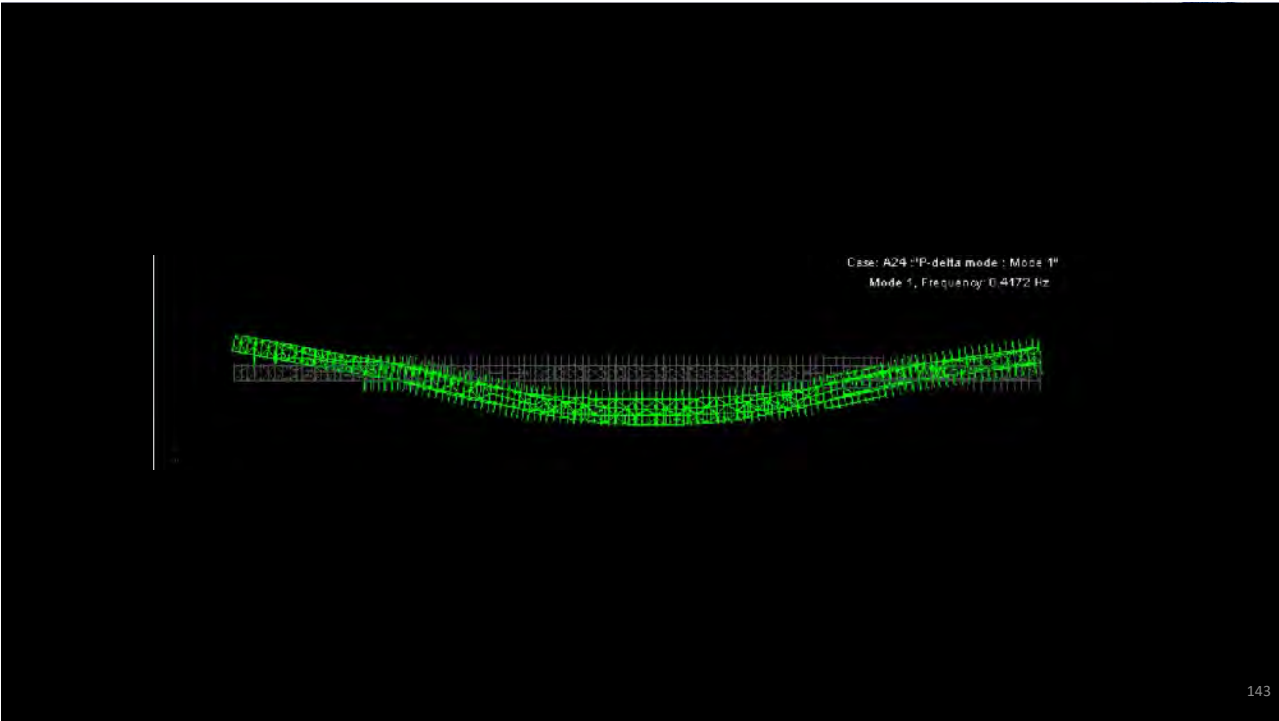
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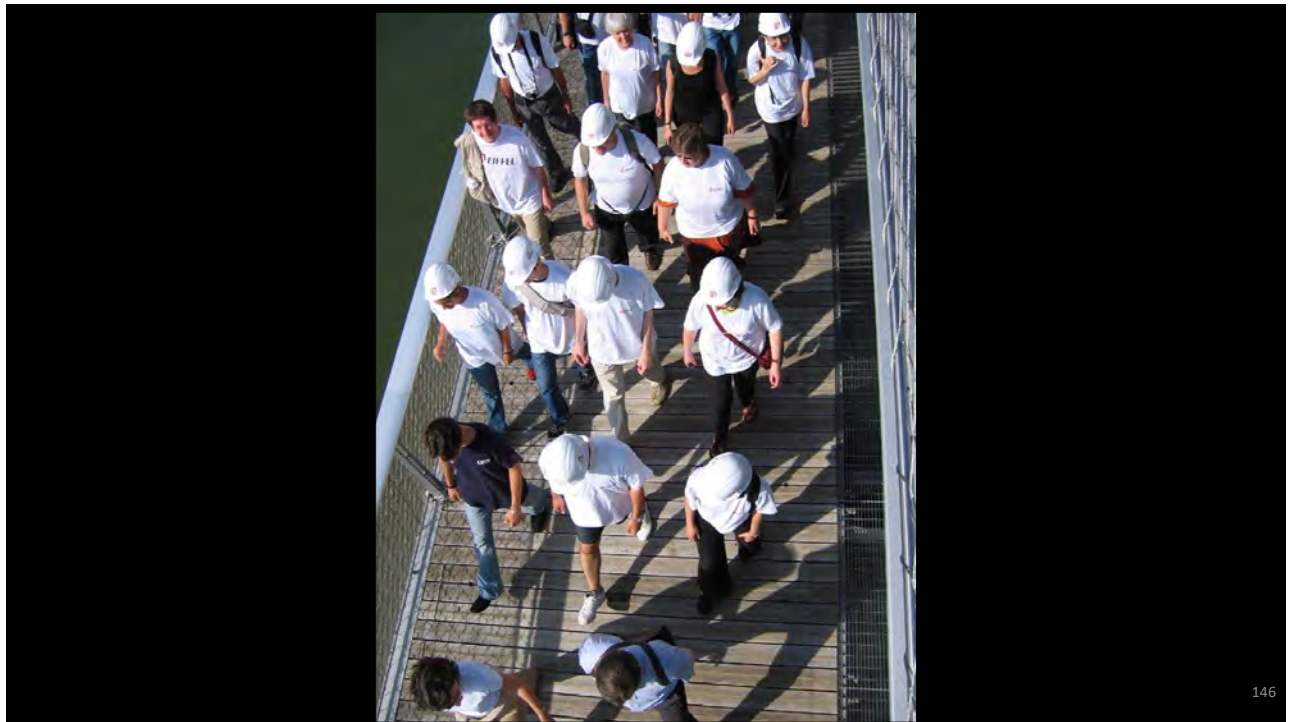


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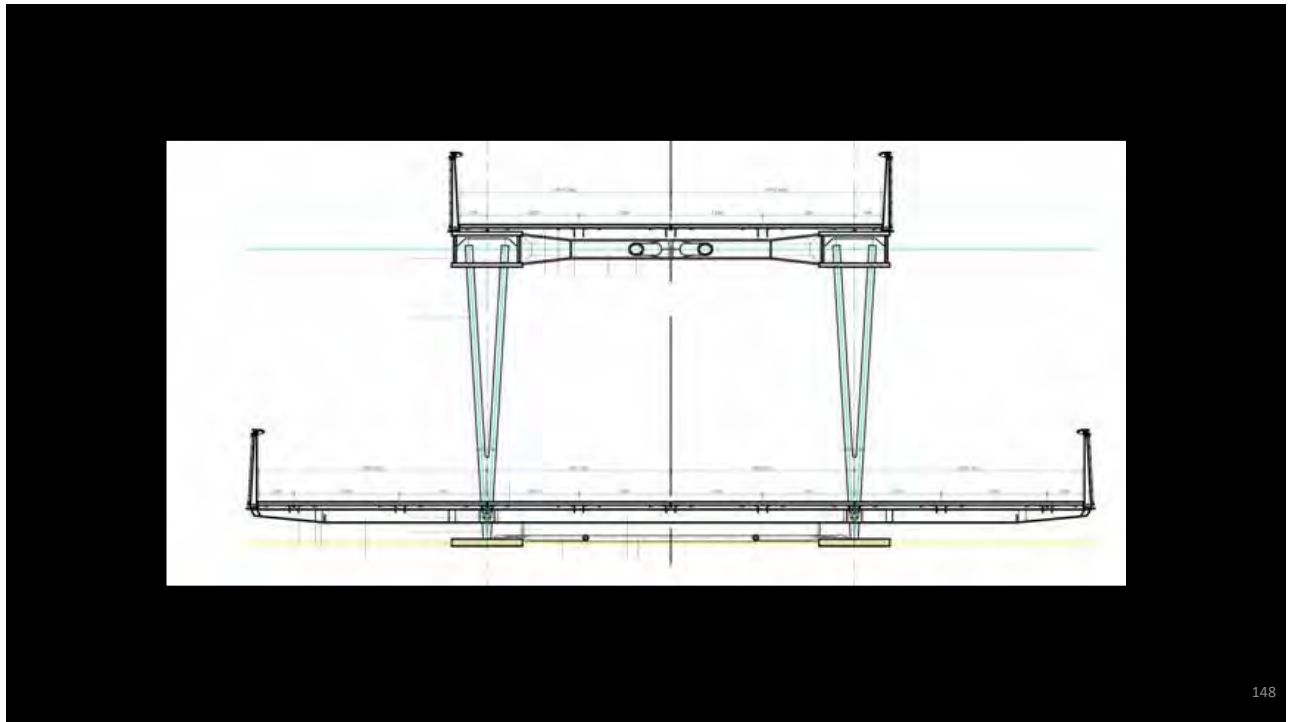
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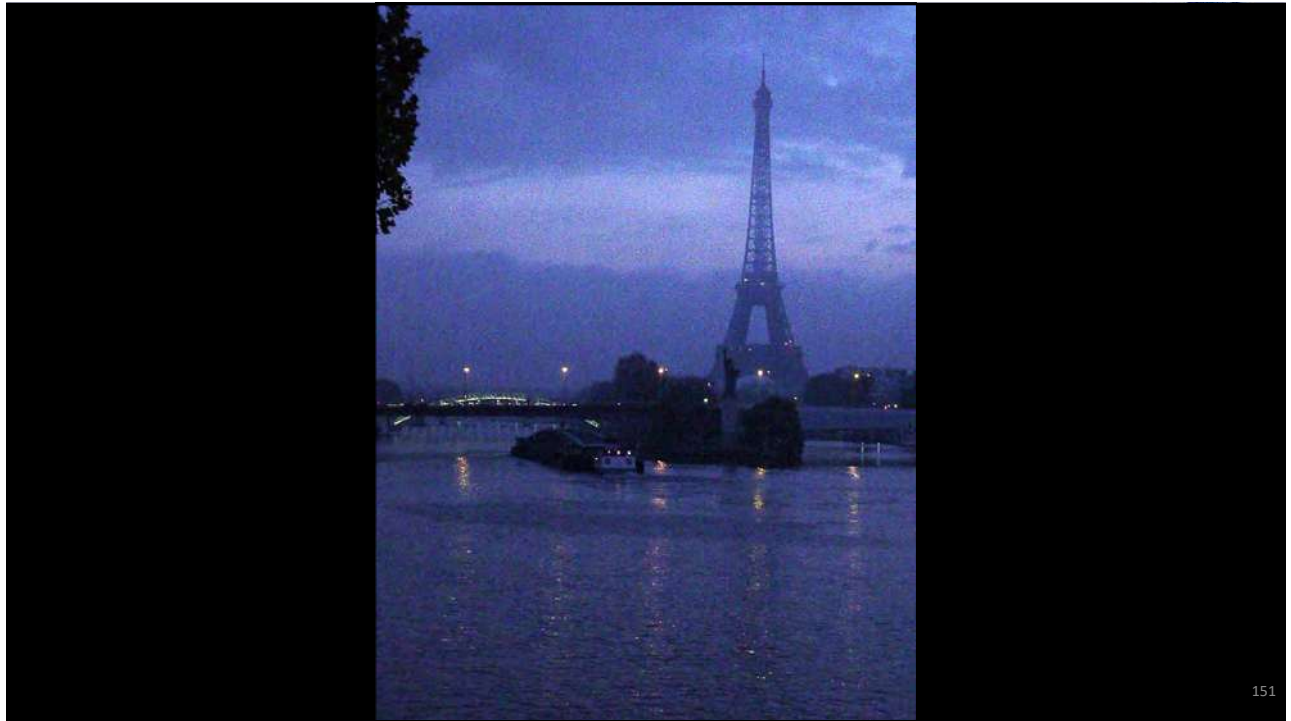
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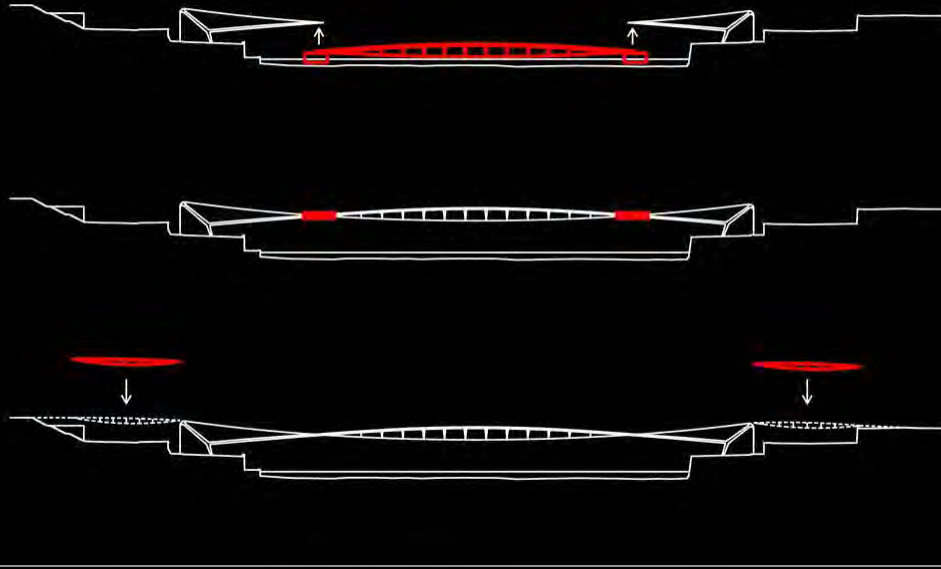


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□ Parcours de la lentille



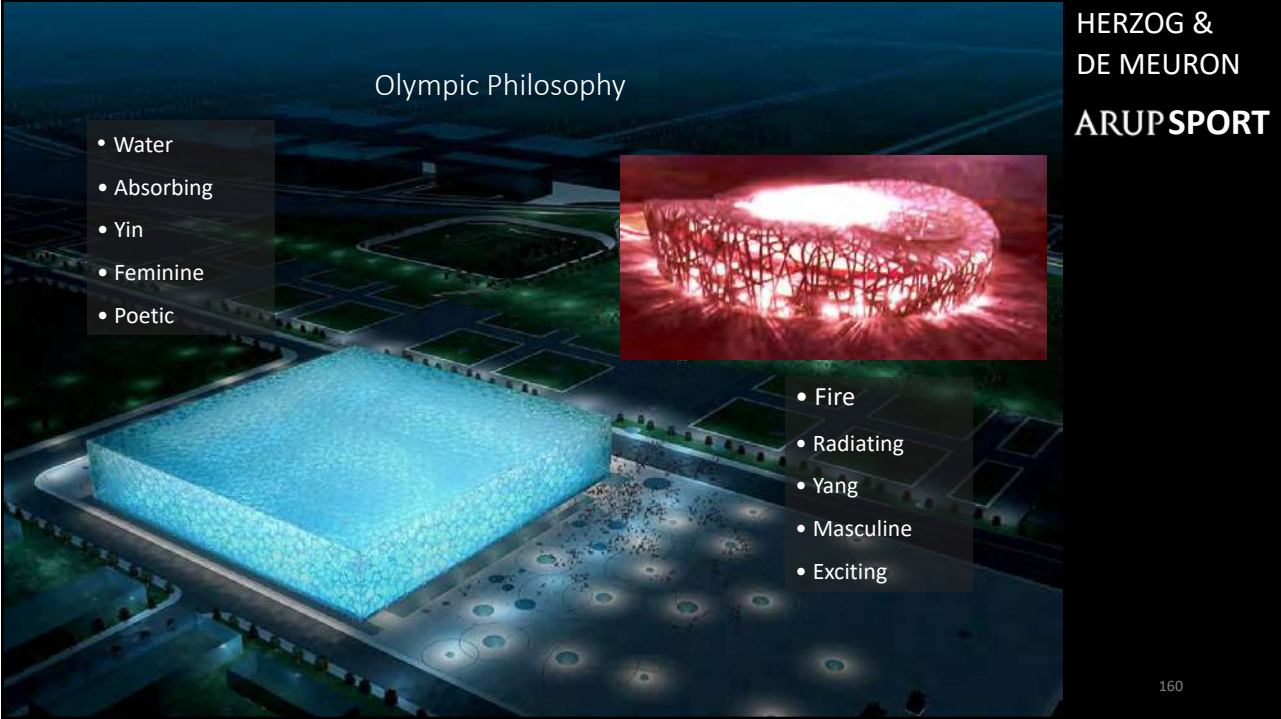
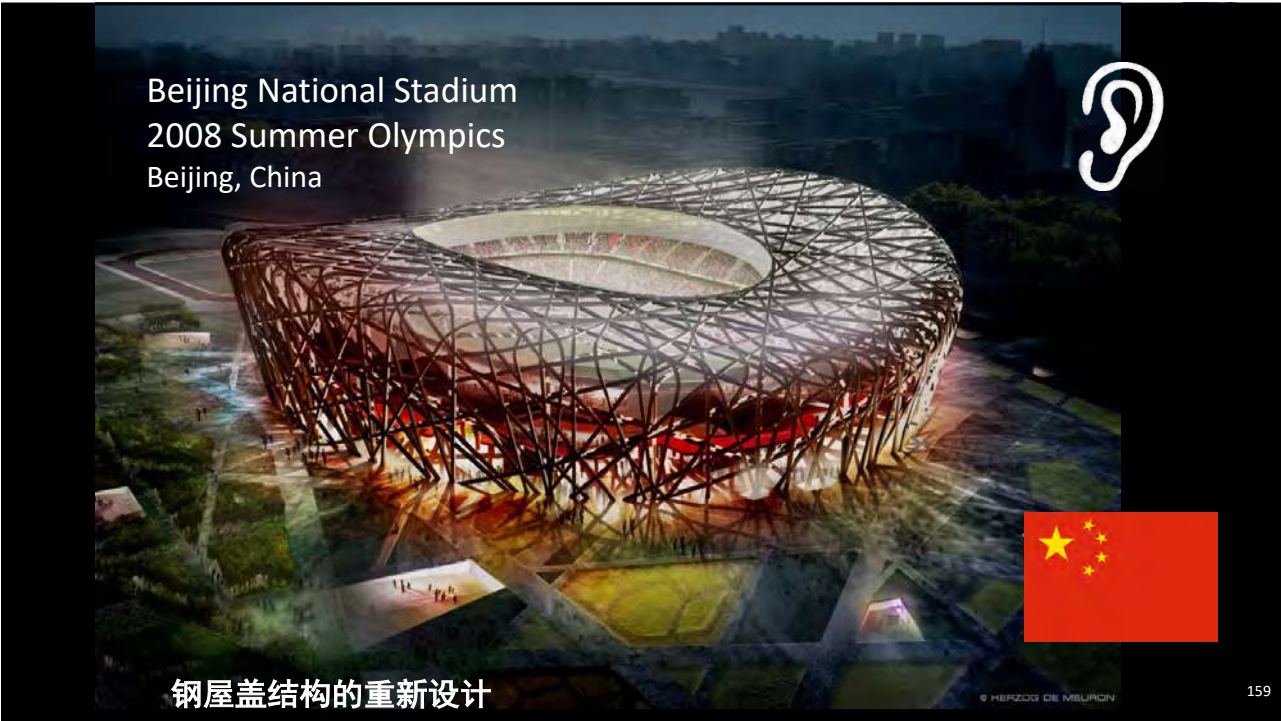
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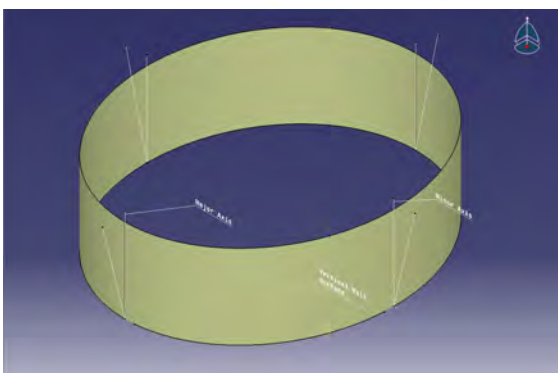
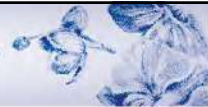




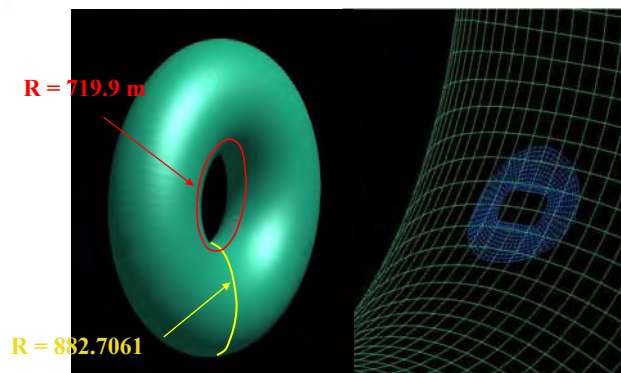
NOT a Brid's Nest

Lingbi stones are found in the soil of the mountain areas of Lingbi county, Anhui province.

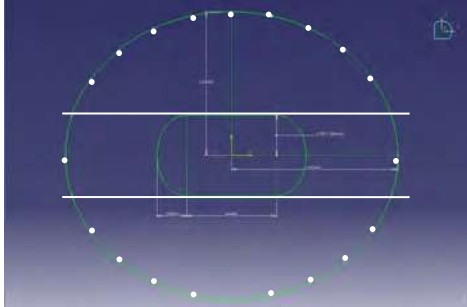
They were the most valued stones during the Song dynasty (960-1279 A.D.).



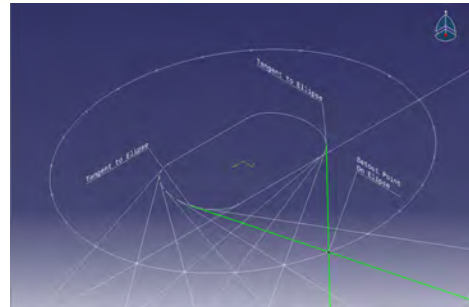
The inner side walls are orientated vertically.



The roof is formed from a toroid patch .



The perimeter of the base ellipse is split into 24 equal parts. (The width of the inner ring is also defined by two of these points).



The primary lines are created by taking lines from the points on the outer ellipse to a tangent on the ellipse that forms the inner ring.

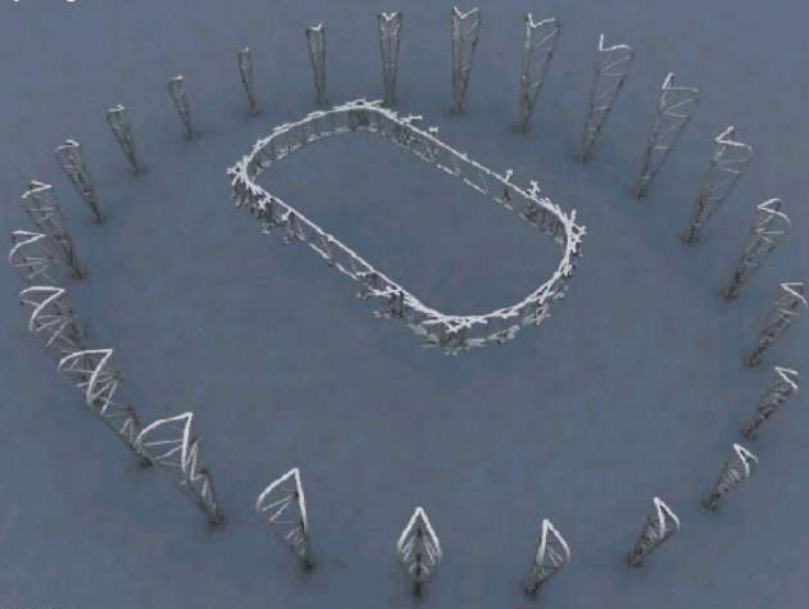
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Foamboard Mockup

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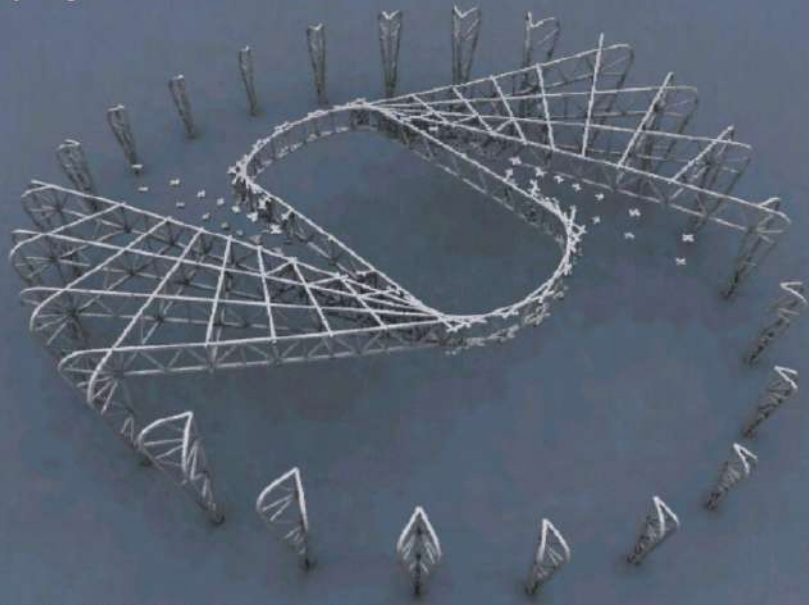
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towers

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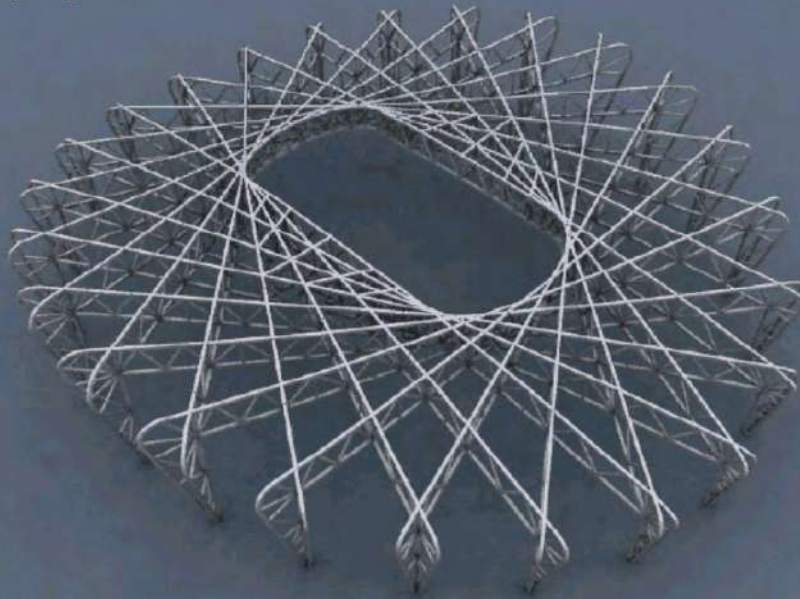
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primary nodes & beams

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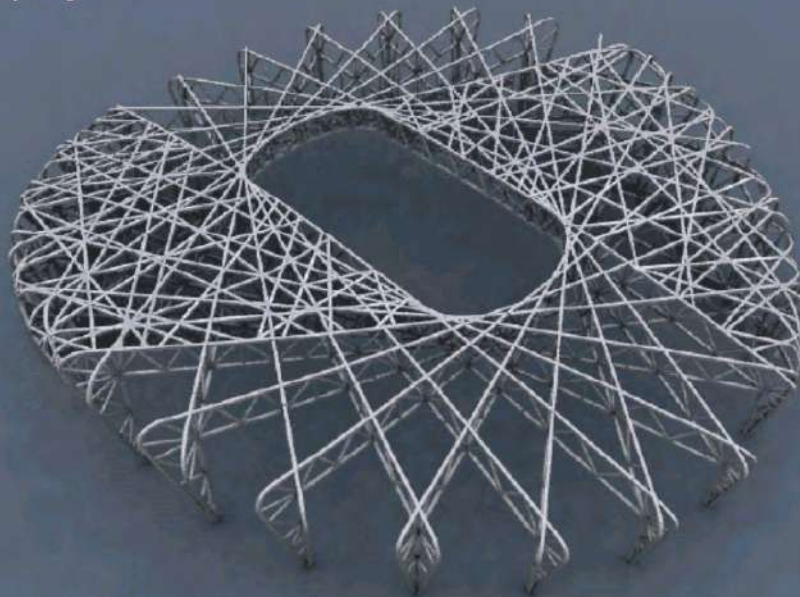
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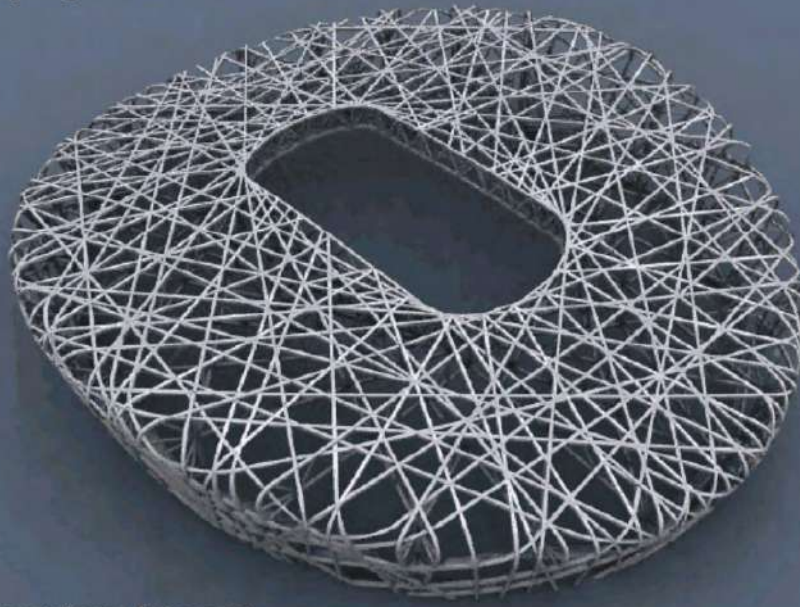
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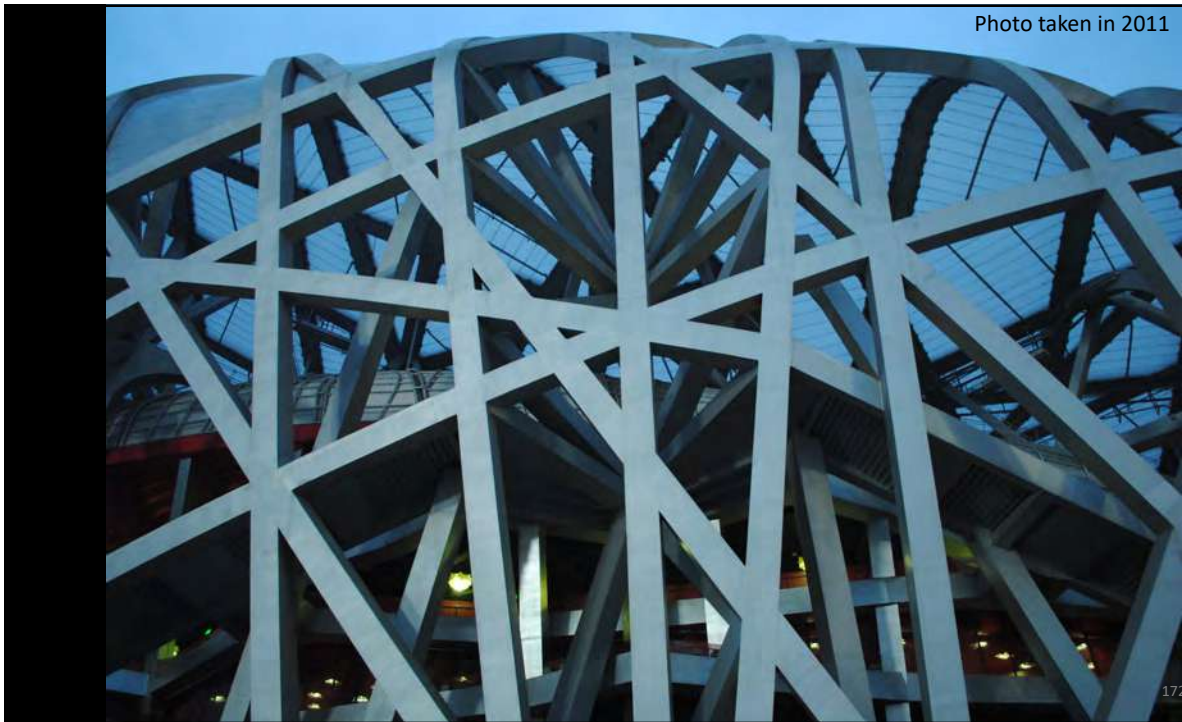


Photo taken in 2011

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Photos taken in 2011



Richmond Olympic Oval Roof
2010 Winter Olympics
Vancouver, Canada

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structural engineers

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EST. 1946

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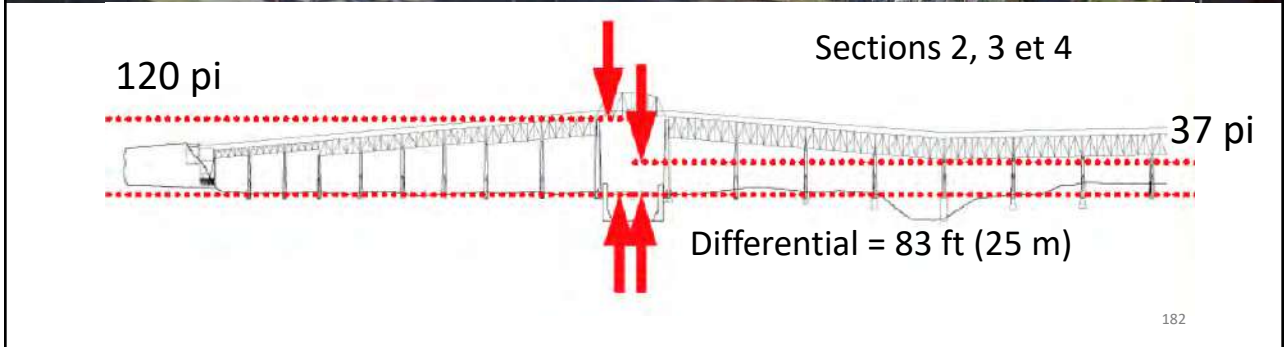
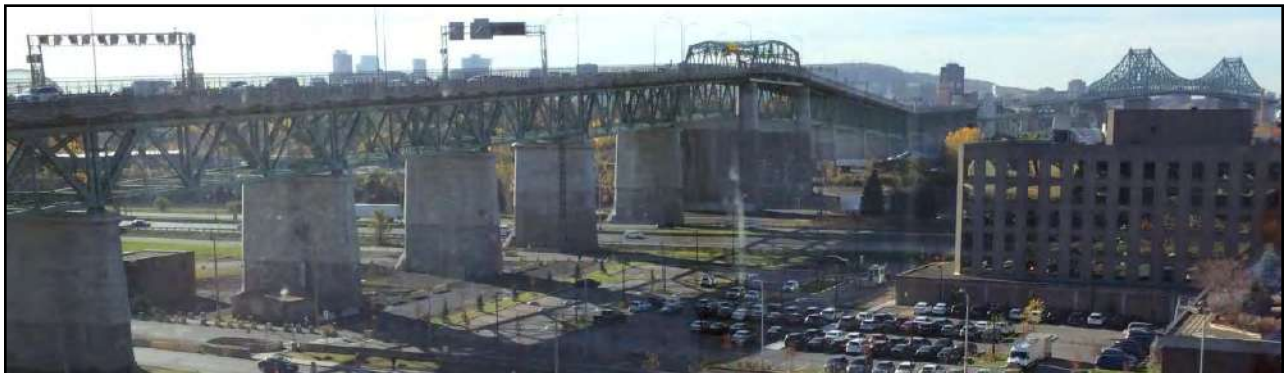


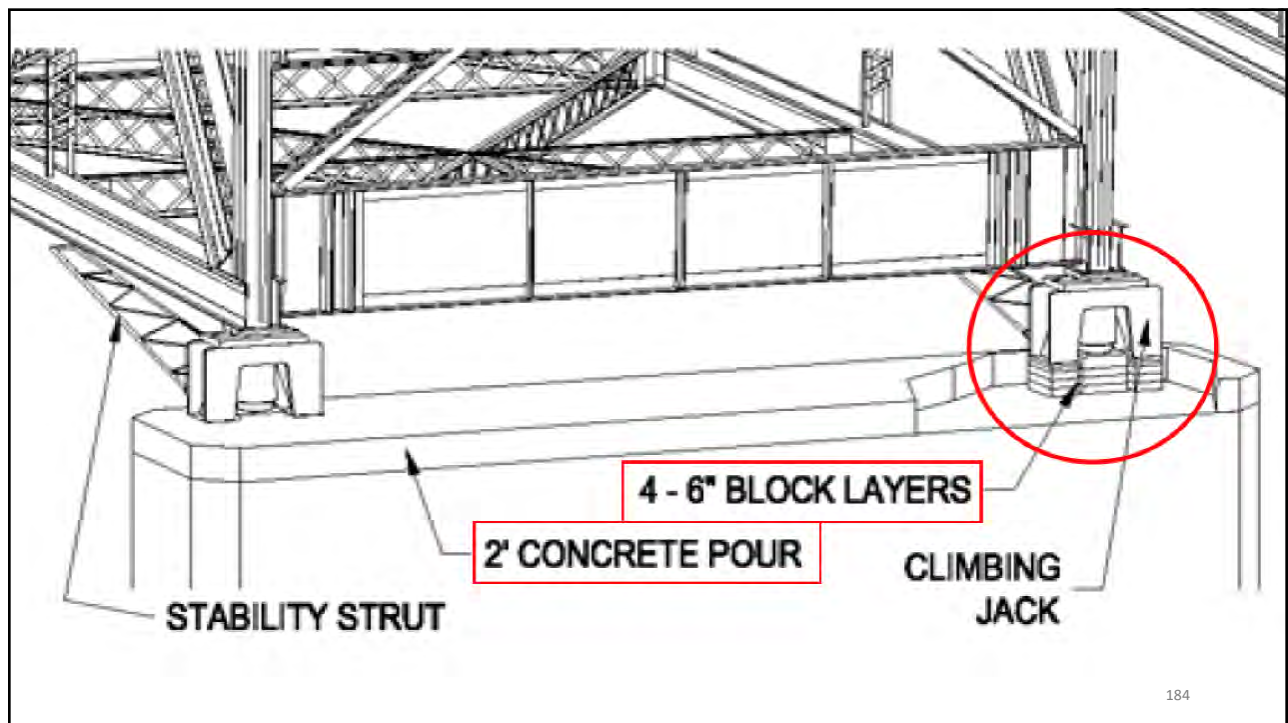
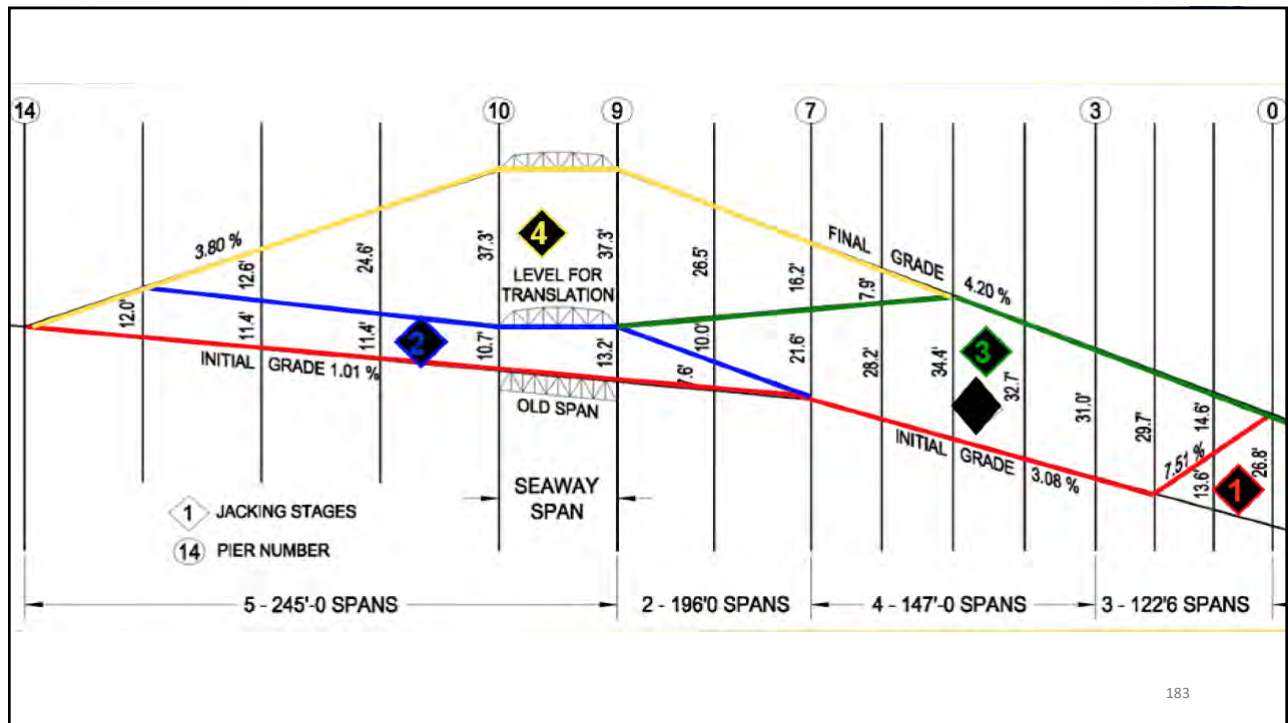




Jacques Cartier Bridge, Montréal, Canada







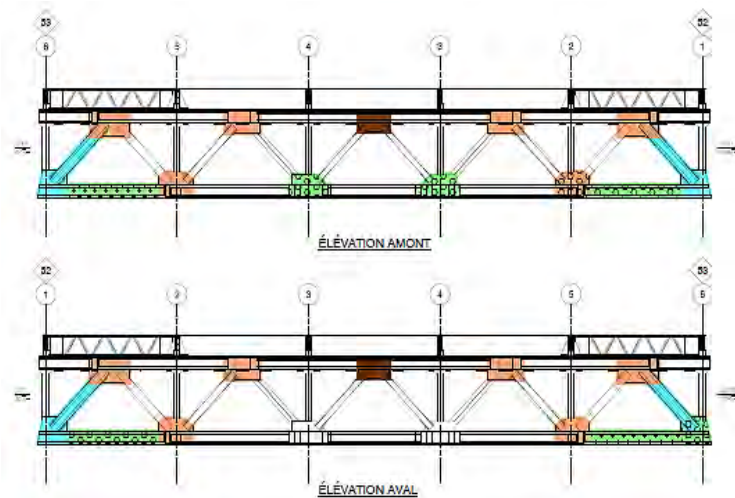
Replacement of span over seaway



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Bottom chord members and gusset plate reinforcement

+ Capacity evaluation + inspection



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Section 8 construction site – Steel trusses and towers

- + All field work starts with rivet removal



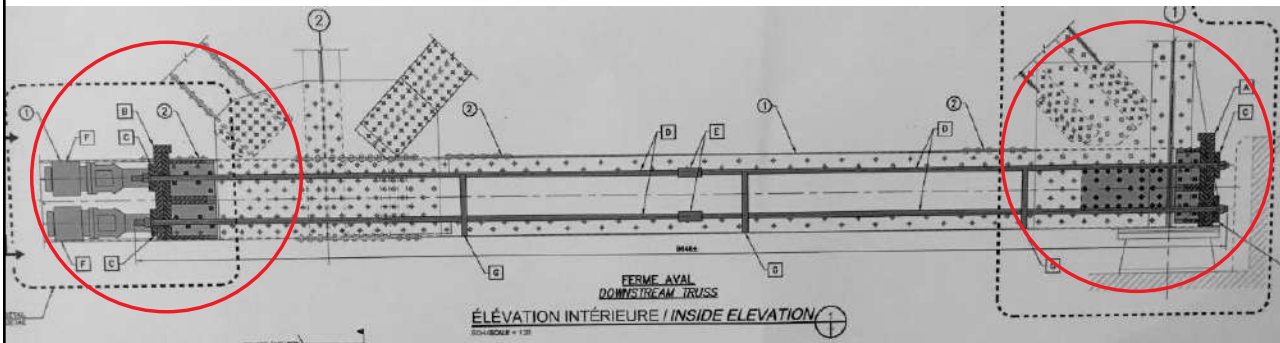
- Noise sources :
- Rivet extraction
 - Abrasive cleaning
 - Hole rimming



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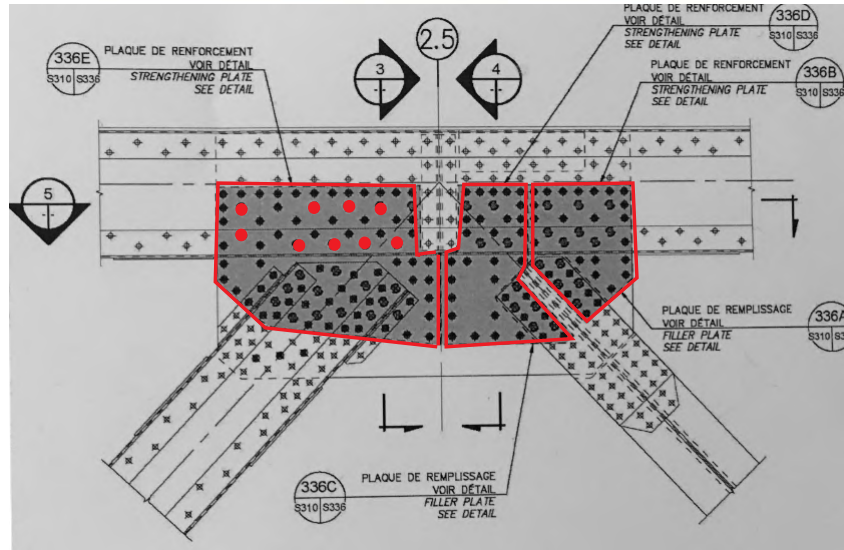
Temporary takeover of bottom chord tension force

- + Replacement of bottom chord section

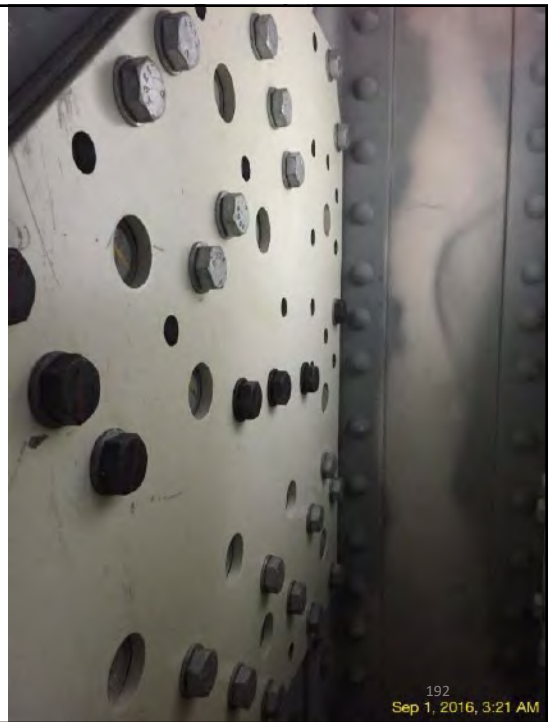


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Gusset reinforcement through plate addition

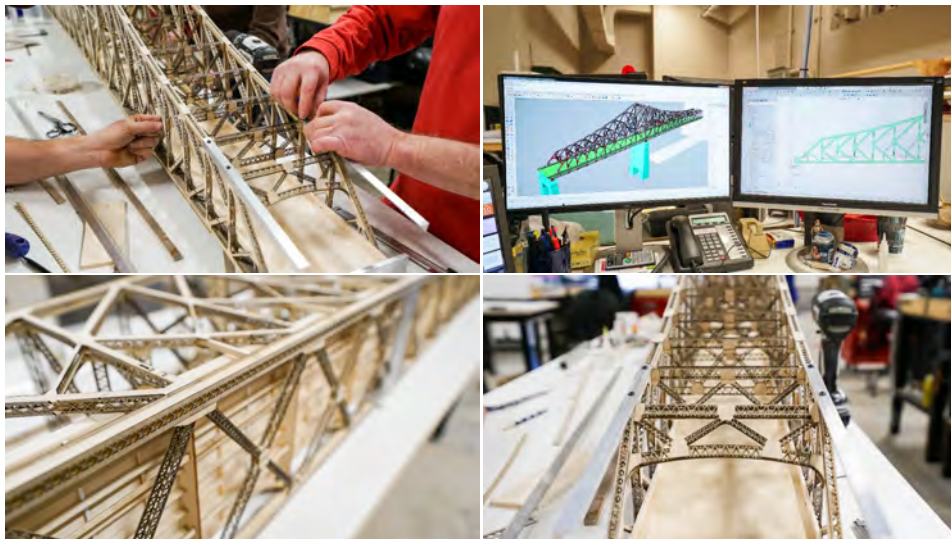


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Wind Tunnel Test – Physical Model



3D Solid
Works Model

Scale: 1:120

Material: Wood,
Plastic, Metal

Hand Building
Process

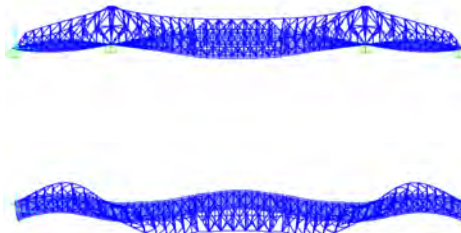
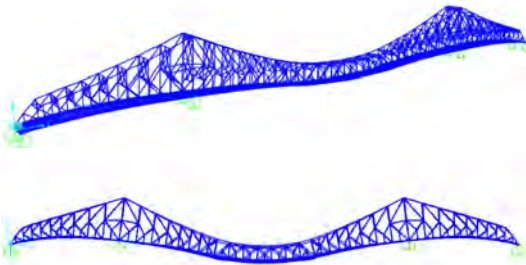
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Initial Frequencies obtained from Numerical Model

ALERT: Mode values are close in range

Vertical mode 1- **0.53 Hz**

Torsional mode 1- **0.56 Hz**

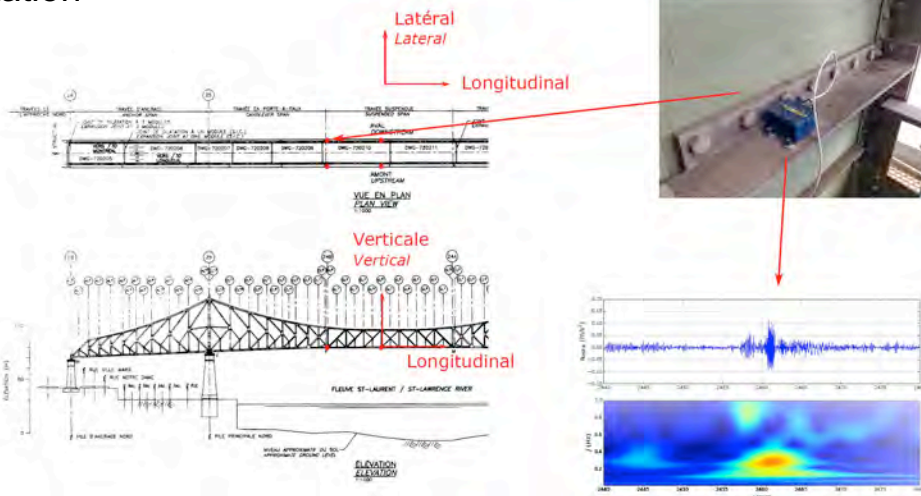


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Identification of Bridge Dynamic Properties In Situ

Instrumentation
and record
sample

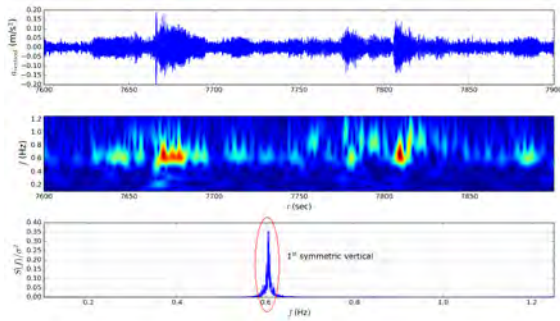


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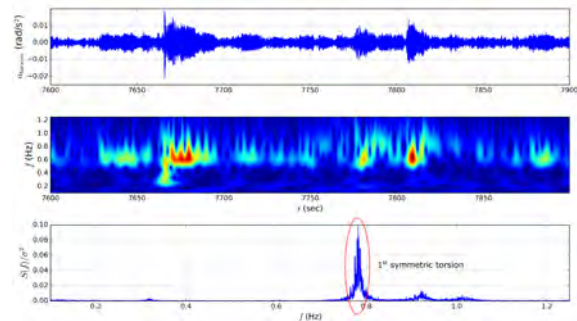
Frequencies obtained through Site Measurements

REALITY CHECK: Frequencies farther apart

Vertical mode 1- ~~0.53 Hz~~ **0.61 Hz**



Torsional mode 1- ~~0.56 Hz~~ **0.79 Hz**



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Wind Tunnel 2D Sectional Model Test

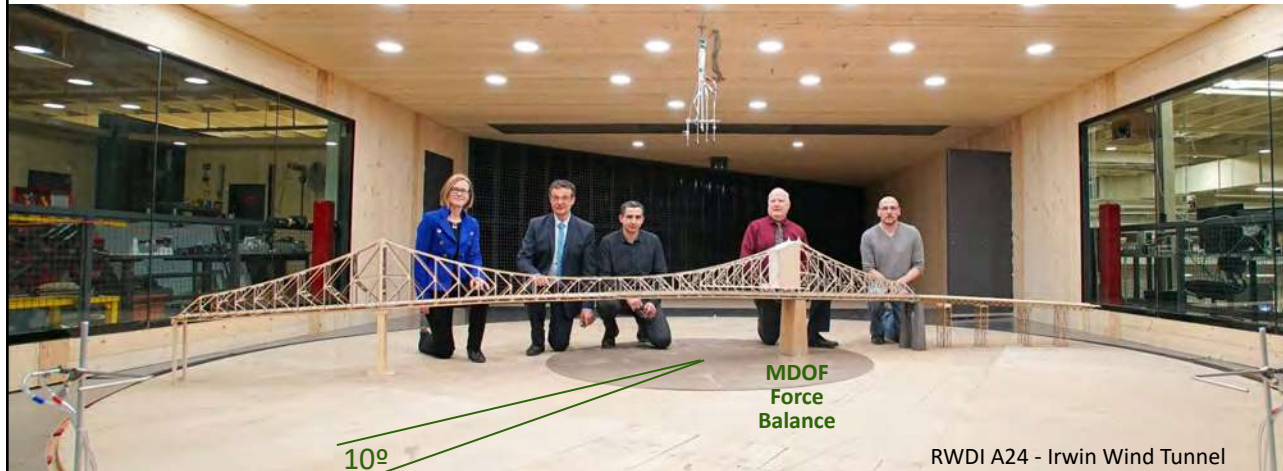
Objectives

- + Measure the overall forces on $\frac{1}{2}$ the bridge for both wind directions
- + Isolate the drag contribution from the deck
- + Redistribute the drag to all truss members for buffeting analysis and wind load derivation



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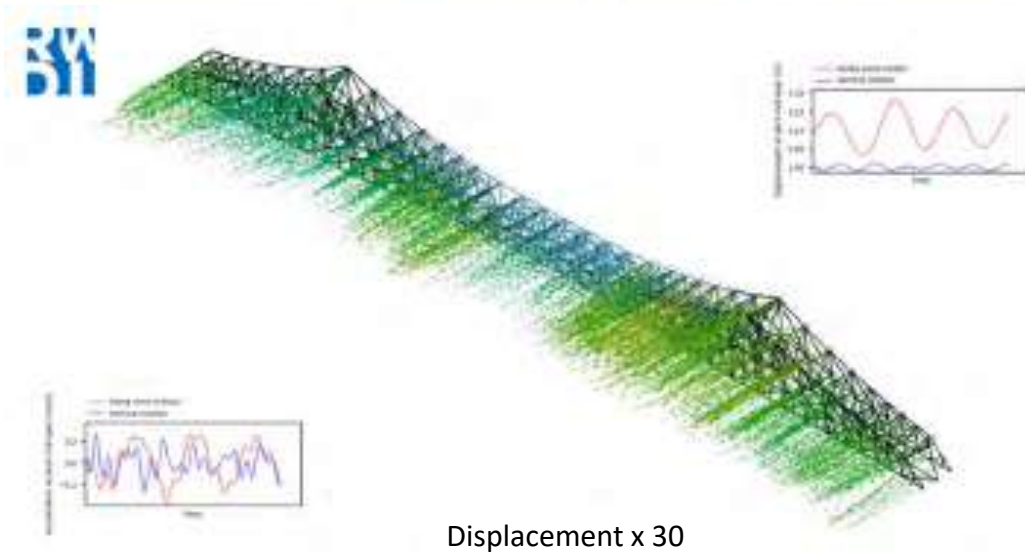
Wind Tunnel 3D Force Model Balance Test



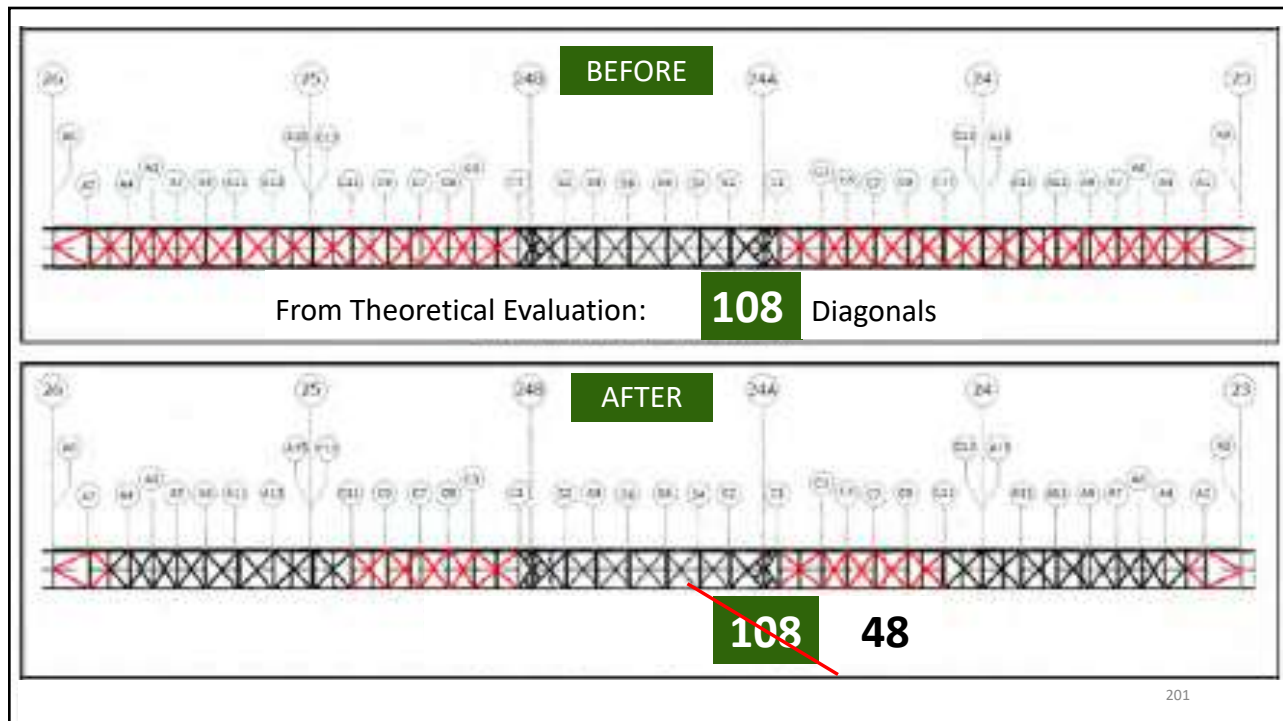
Sectional Model Half Length = 2.47 m representing 293 m at full scale

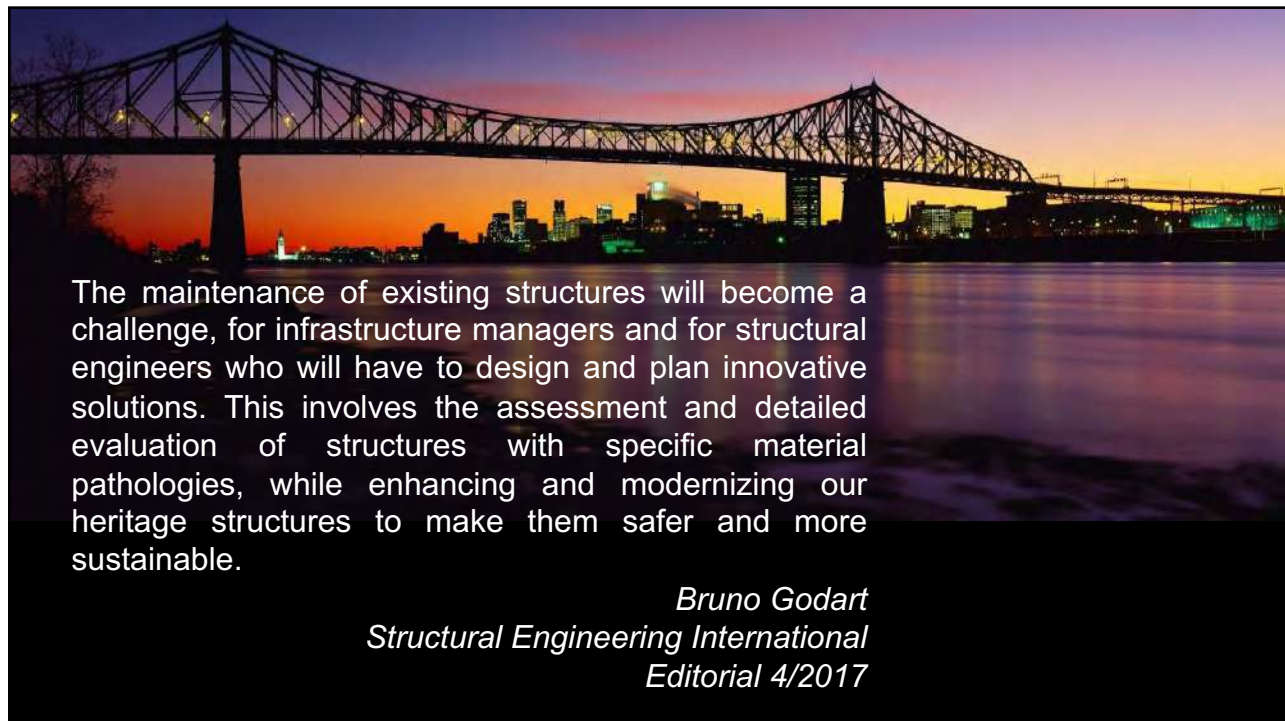
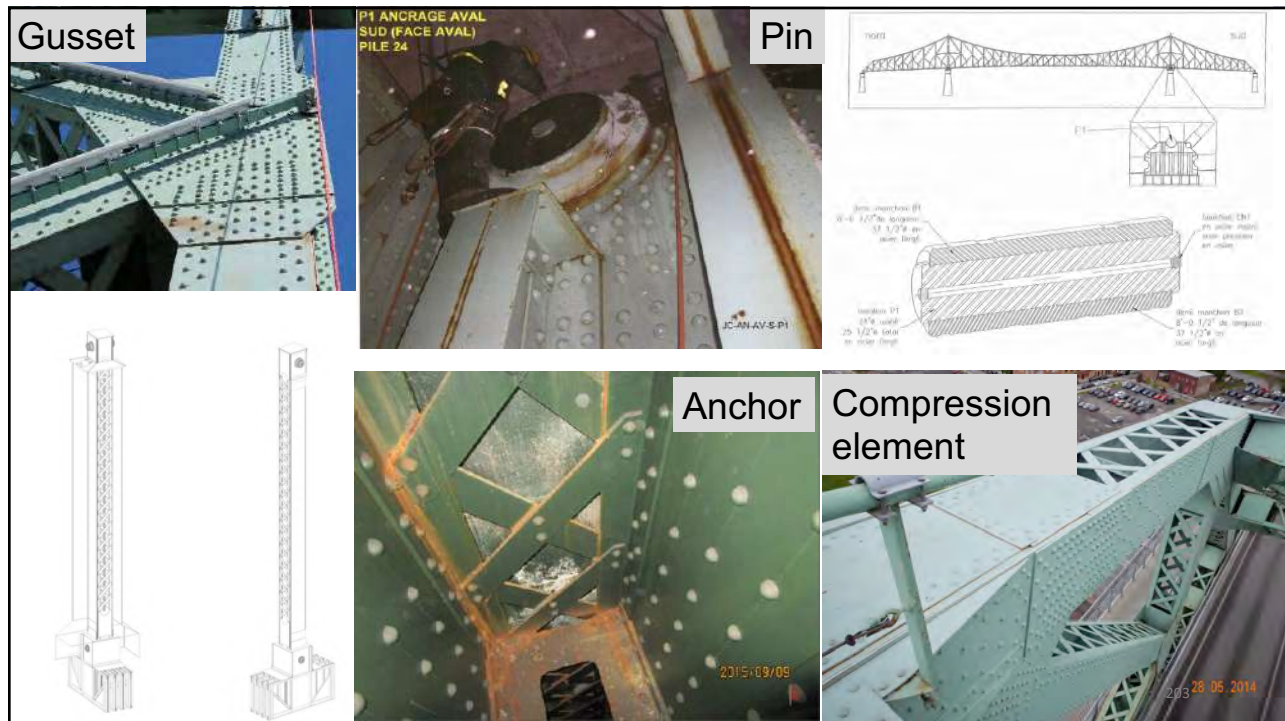
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3D Buffeting Response Analysis



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When working with large trusses, **collaboration** is key.

The Beauties

Use AESS Categories

When hollow sections are used, consider a continuous line, with :

- Compatible member geometries
- Discreet bolted connections
- Hidden bolted connection with welded appearance
- Solid sections or castings,
- Site welding

The Beasts

Take care of :

- Nodes and splice location
- Direct paths
- Pre-assembly

The Special Ones

- All of the above

The Oldies

- Dig deeper, refine the residual capacity, take measurements, do finite analysis.

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The Splice is Right



Working with large trusses



Book on AESS

By Terri Meyer Boake

