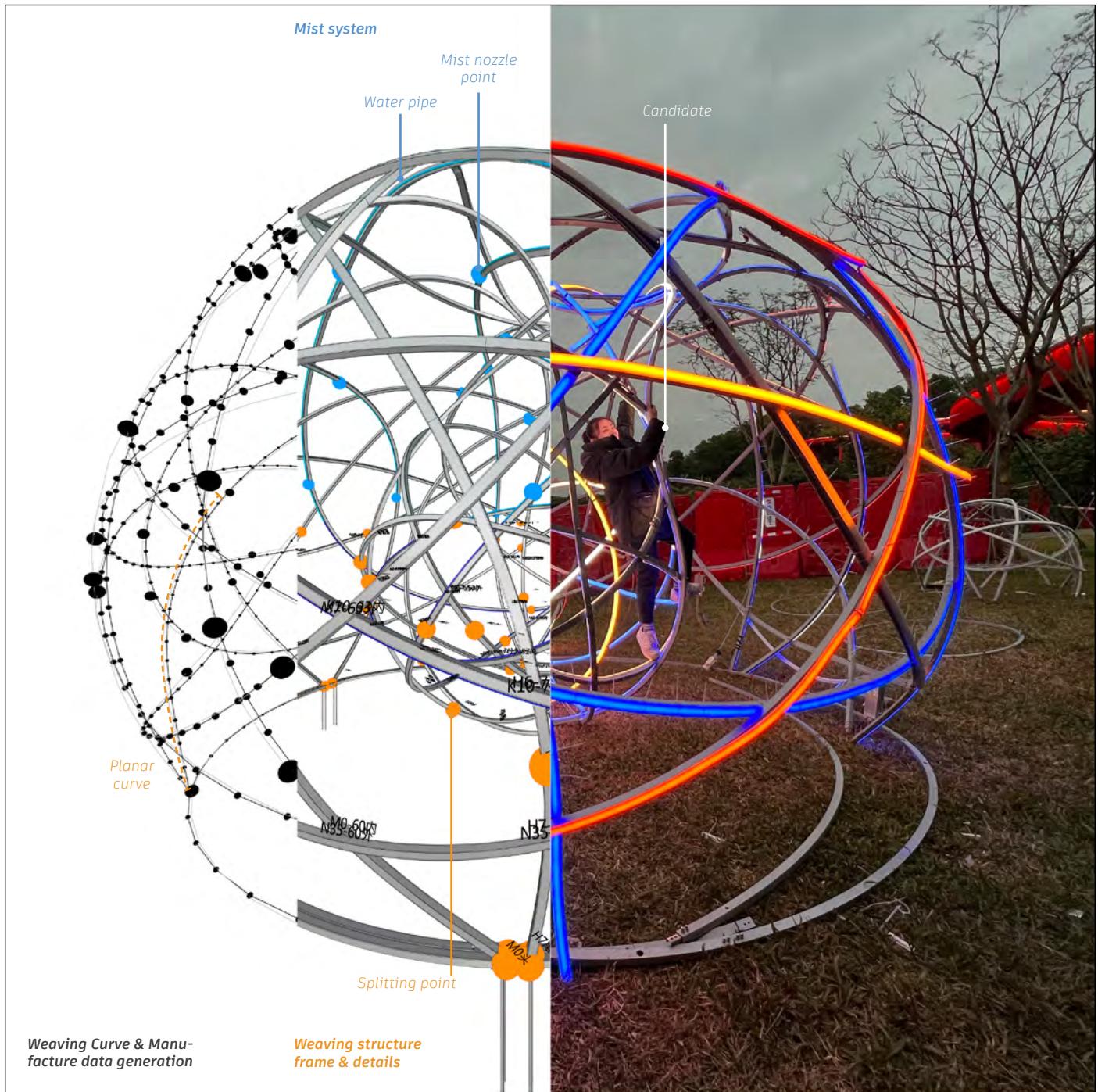


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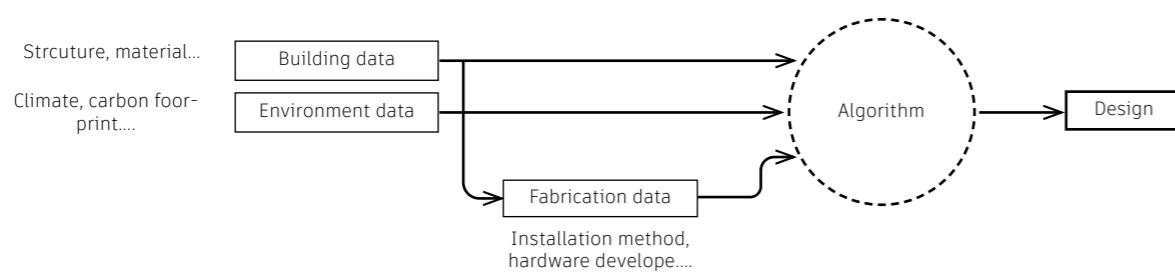
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_Digital fabrication, Typology Research, 3D printing, Parametric design
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_Construction details work, Struture design and experiment, installation

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Contributions: Concept 70%, Structure design and optimization 100%

Design optimization: Network

_Light-weight Interactive Light & Art Installation, group project

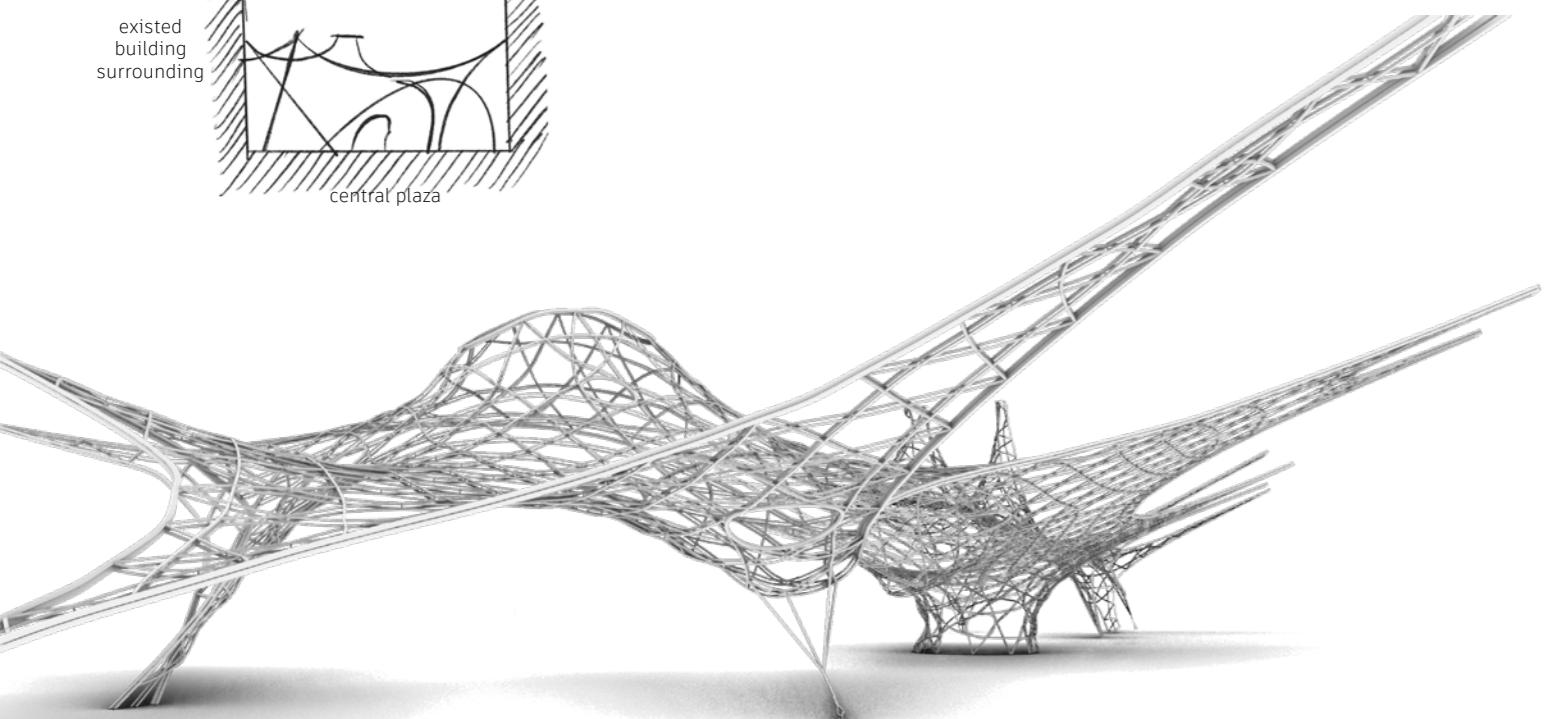
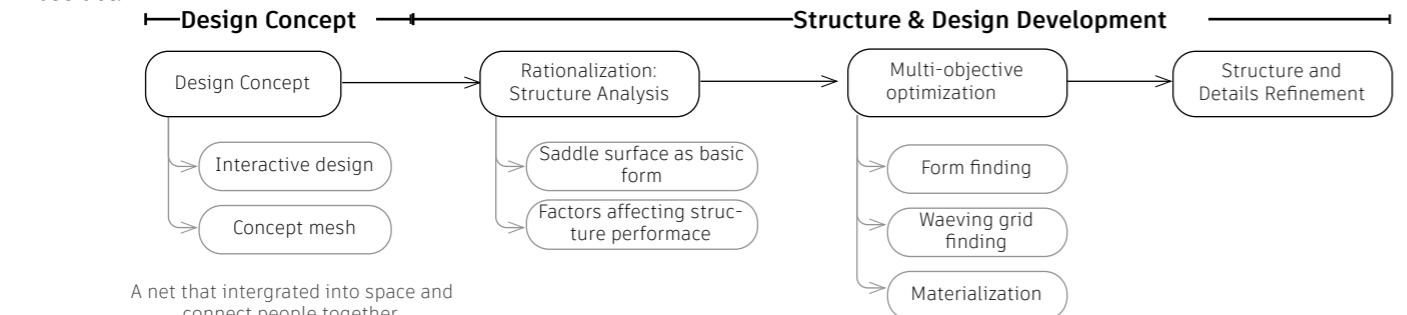
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Introduction

Located in Wangjing, Chaoyang District, Beijing, within the Vanke Times Center, the surrounding area boasts modern architecture and a bustling commercial district, including office spaces, shopping malls, and hotels. Moreover, Wangjing is also one of Beijing's cultural and creative hubs, attracting many young designers, artists, and entrepreneurs.

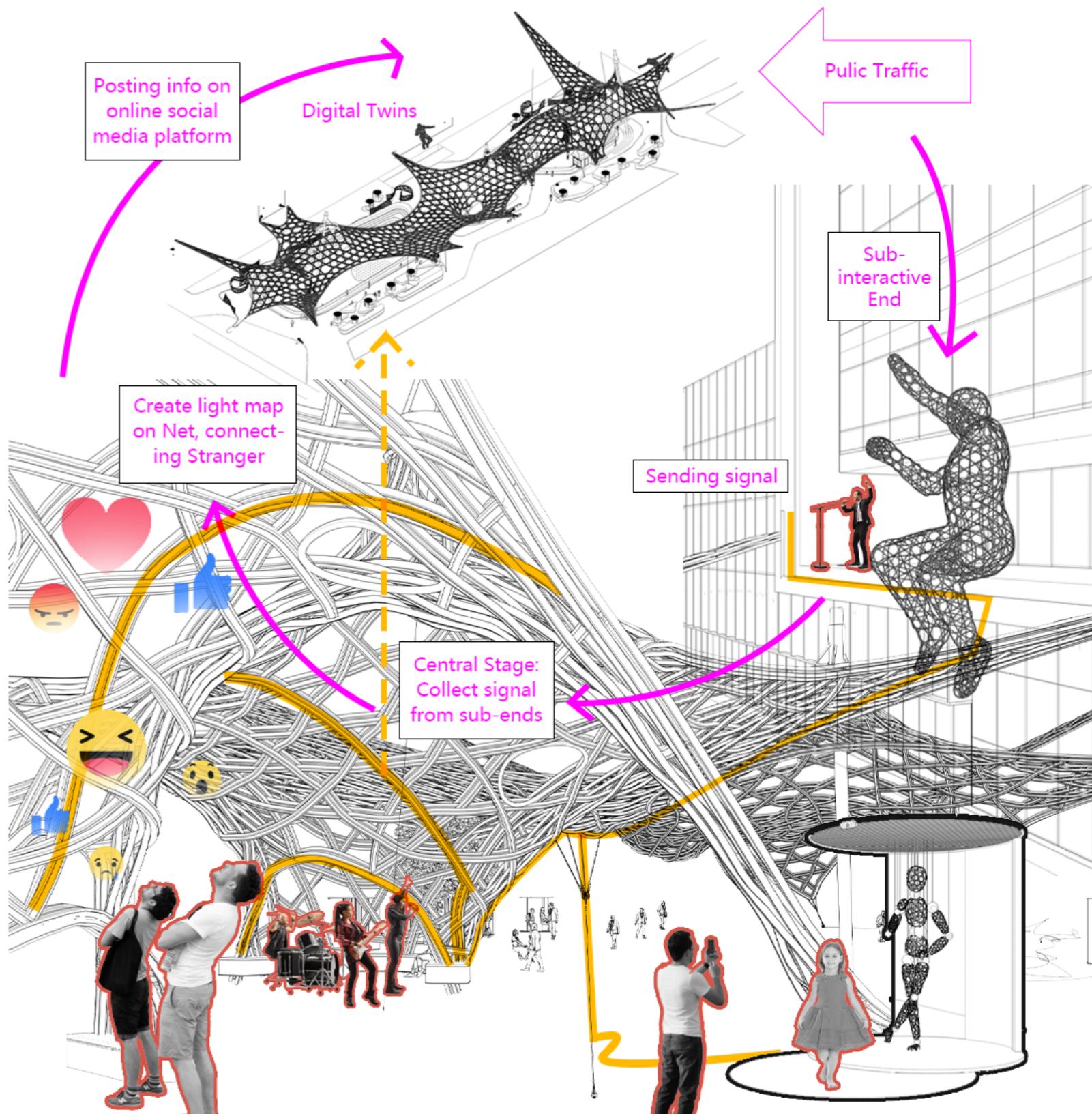
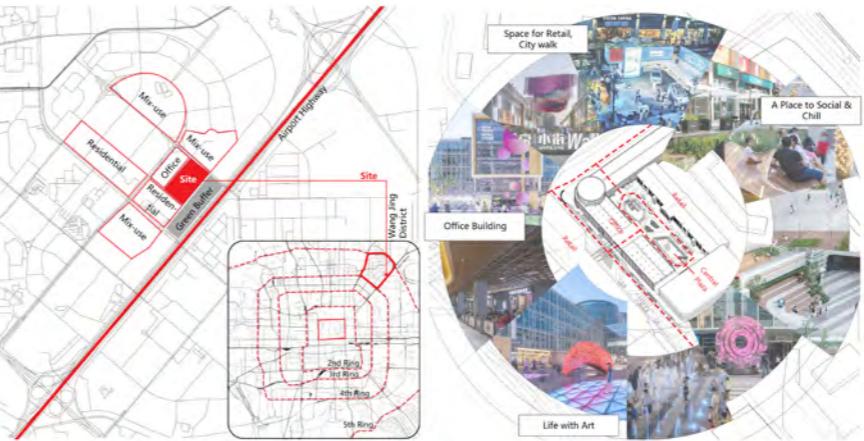
Our objective is to design a landscape installation for the central square of Vanke Times Center. The square is enclosed by five-story buildings, creating an enclosed courtyard-style central plaza.

Abstract



Site Study

The site map included the brief funtions of surrounding:



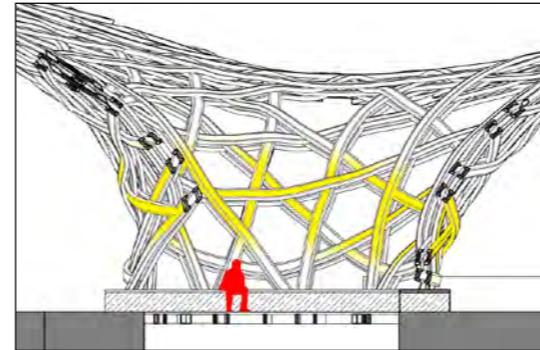
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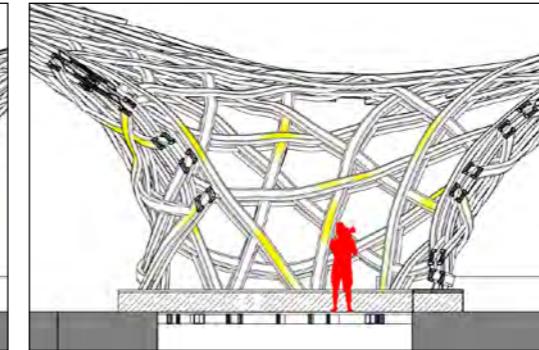
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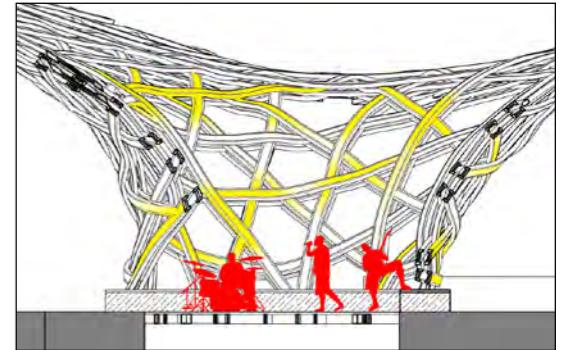
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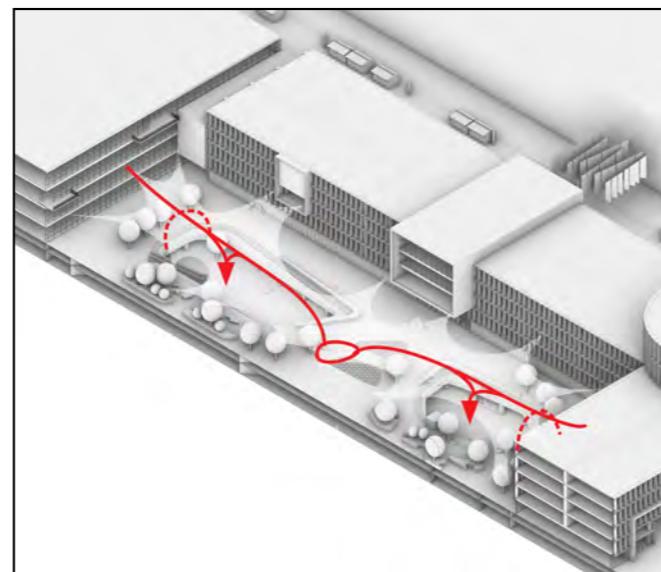
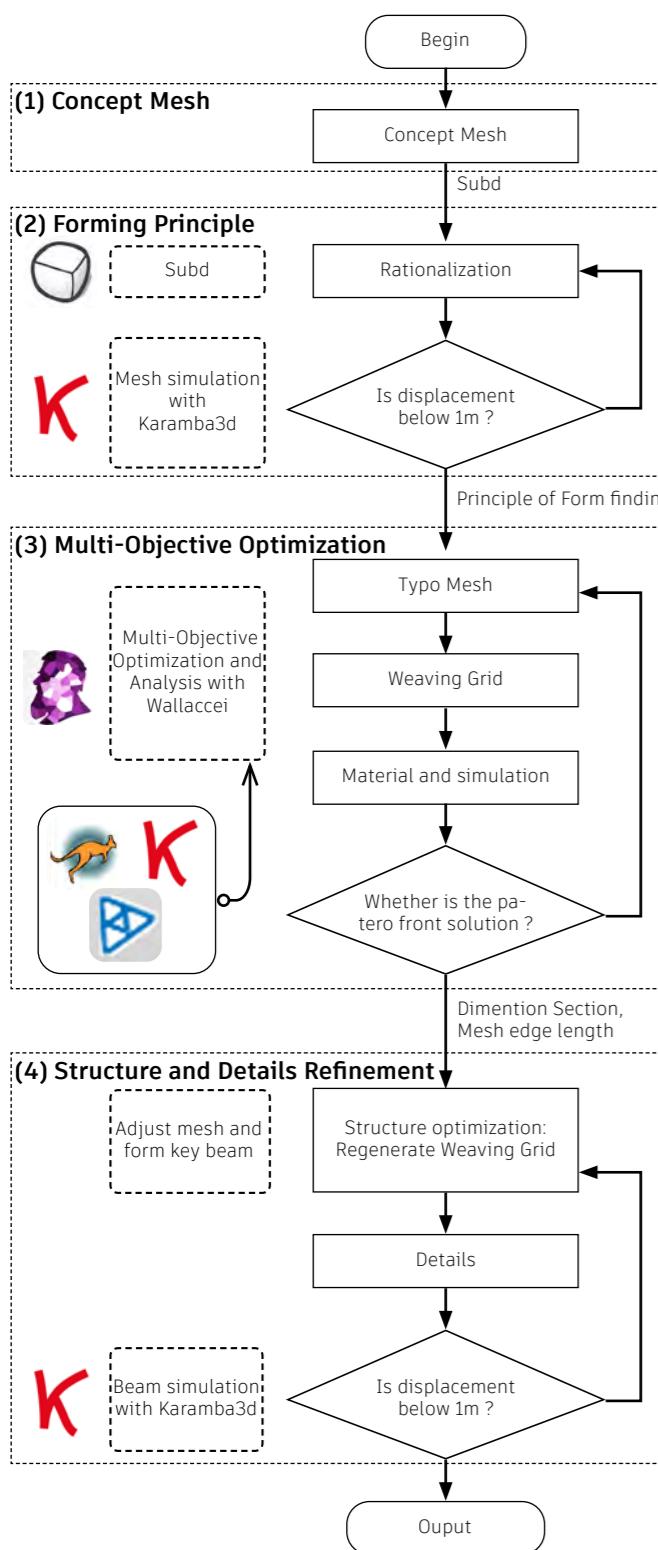
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NETWORK

(1) Concept Mesh

Structure Development:

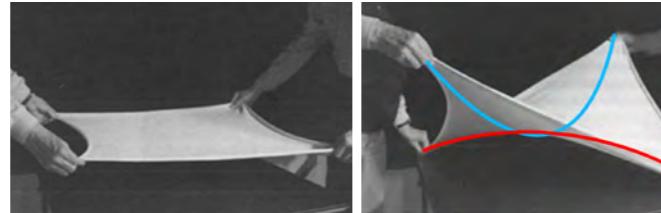


Saddle surfaces, characterized by negative Gaussian curvature, are advantageous in anticlastic forming due to their unique properties. These surfaces enhance structural integrity, distribute stress efficiently, and allow for material-efficient designs. The Gaussian curvature formula for a saddle surface (K) is given by:

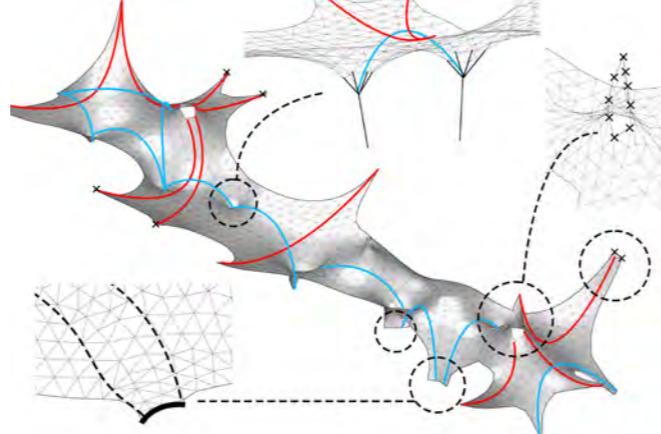
$$K = \frac{f_{xx}f_{yy}-f_{xy}^2}{(1+f_x^2+f_y^2)^2}$$

This formula helps analyze and utilize the negative curvature, contributing to the creation of visually appealing and structurally robust forms in various design and engineering applications.

Basic form idea:



Ideal form:



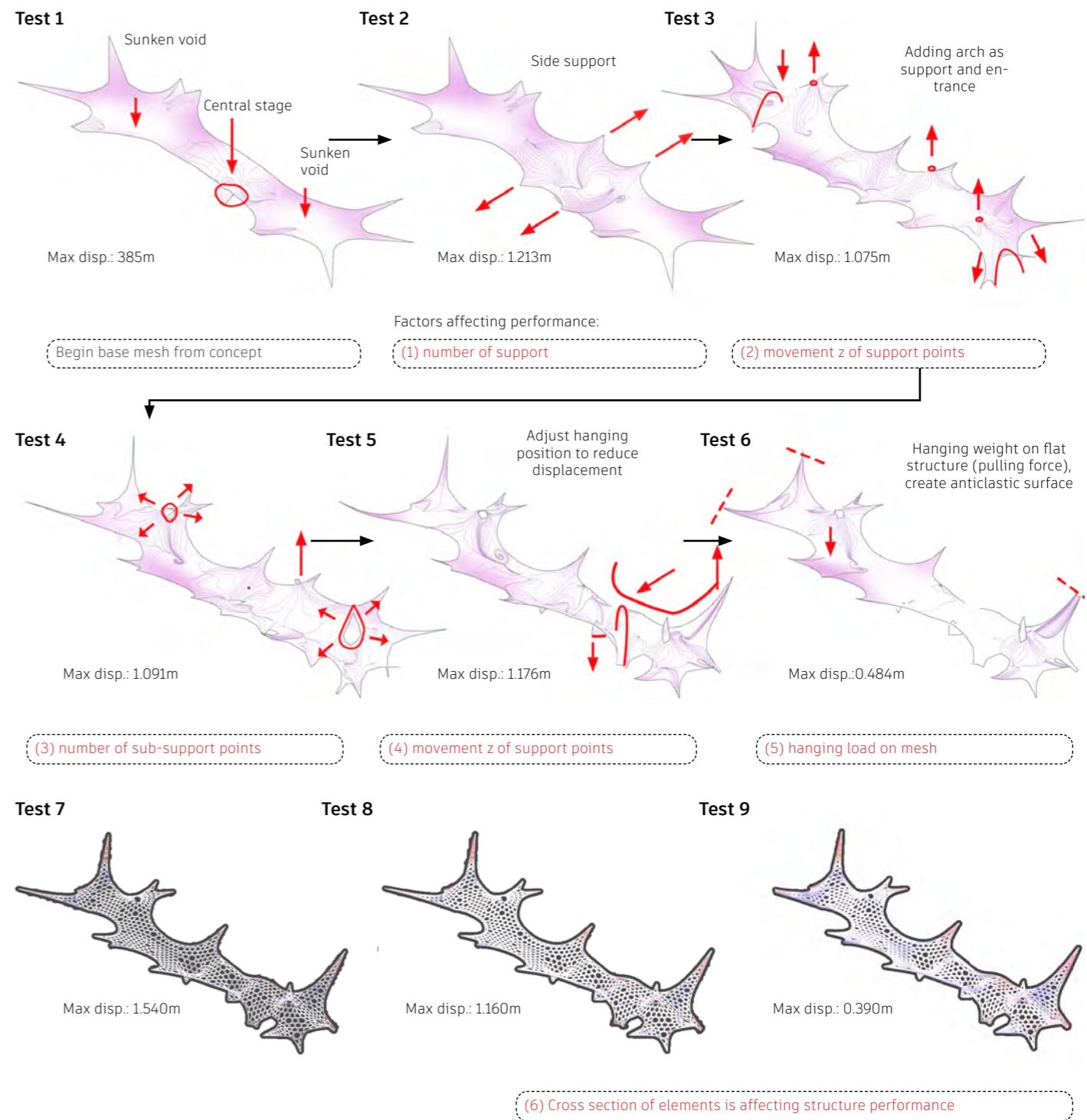
(2) Form Principle: Form finding & Structure Simulation

The main design of the structural design is based on the prototype of the woven structure generation technique using grid reconstruction algorithms, achieving large-scale freeform curved surfaces.

Try several type to test out the significant factor that affecting structure performance in order to apply it in the Multi-objective optimization later.

Factors affecting structure performance:

- 1) By utilizing the mechanical characteristics of saddle surfaces combined with tensioned membrane forms, the basic form is determined according to spatial functional requirements.
- 2) Adjustments are made to the positioning of anchor points and additional bracing elements to achieve a more evenly distributed stress distribution and strengthen the anchor points.
- 3) Material selection, grid pattern development, and cross-sectional dimensions of the members are adjusted.



DROPLET

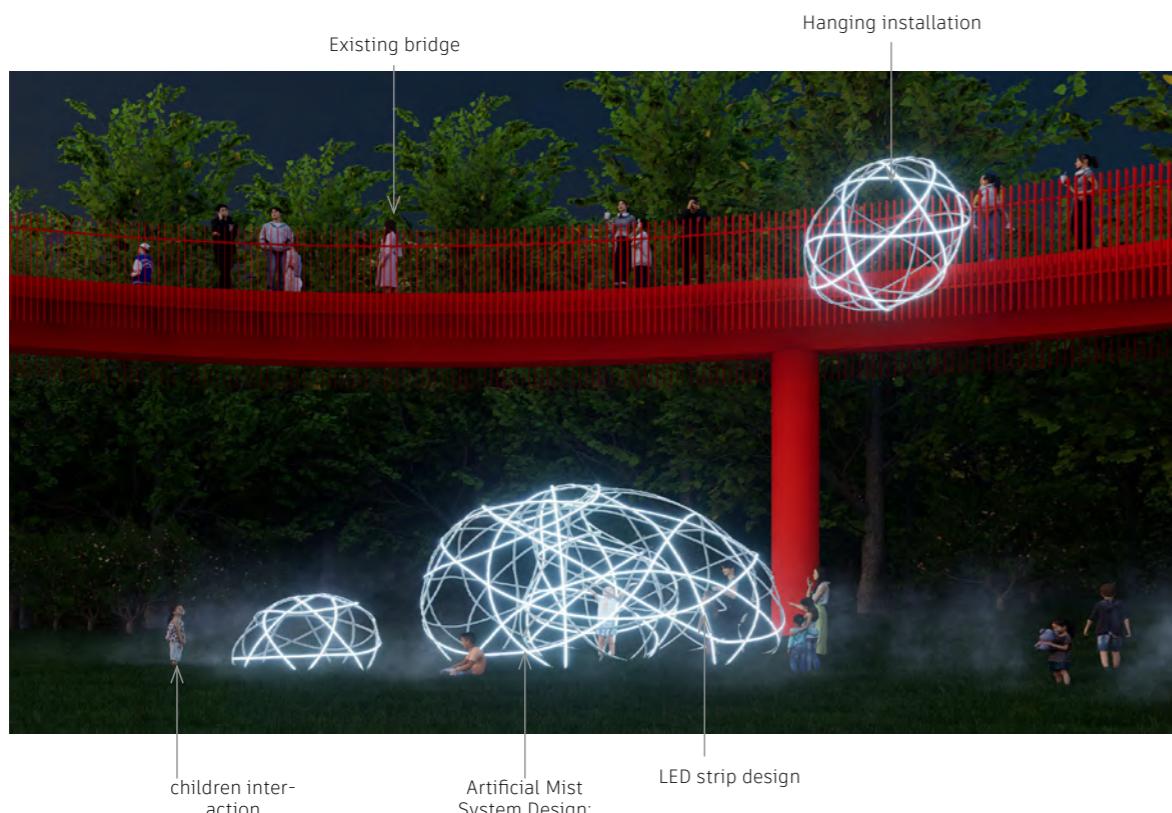
Digital Fabrication: Droplet

Digital Fabrication, Structure design, Artificial fog system design

October 2023 - December 2023

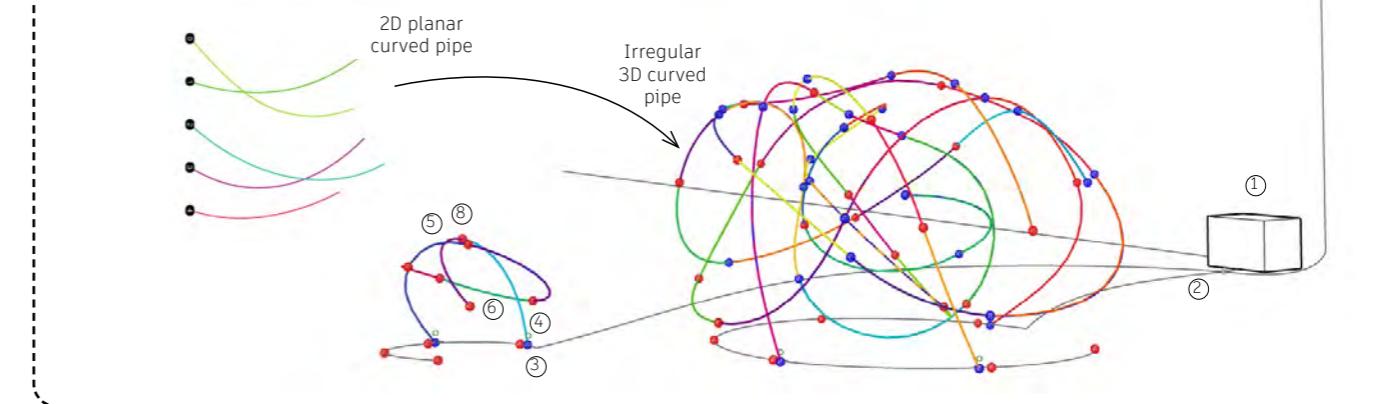
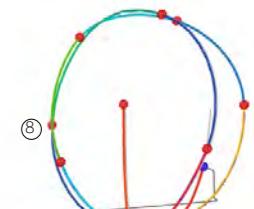
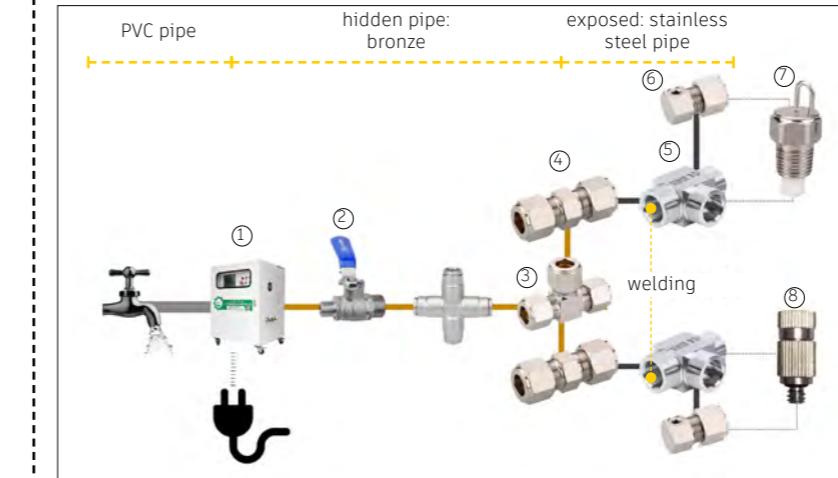
Introduction

Inspired by water droplets, the concept features diverse droplet shapes distributed throughout the venue, forming illuminated woven curves for interactive engagement. Utilizing anodized aluminum profiles, LED strips, and misting devices create a dynamic interplay of shadows and offer a cool resting spot during the day. The intelligently generated structure mimics natural relationships, serving as both a stable form and an interactive installation for children, parents, and architecture enthusiasts. Technologies include generative and participatory structures, along with self-sustaining lighting.



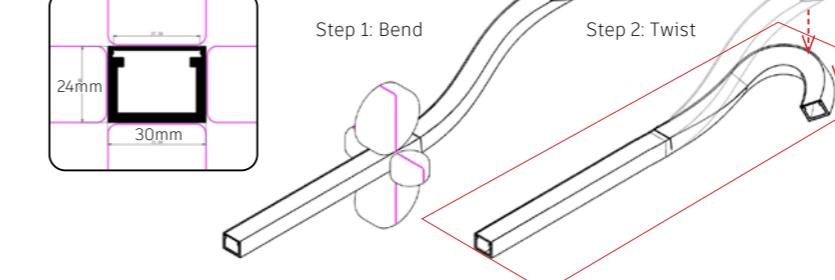
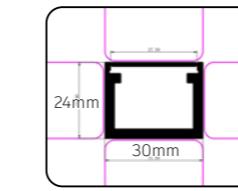
Artificial Mist System Design:

In line with the exhibition's nature focus, a landscape mist system is integrated, enhancing the woven structure with natural mist effects. A preliminary routing system design optimizes mist coil requirements, minimizing nodes and levels:

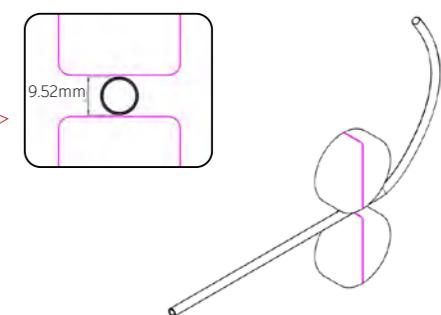


Structure Fabrication Optimization:

0. Manufacture process:
Aluminium frame: 2-way bend



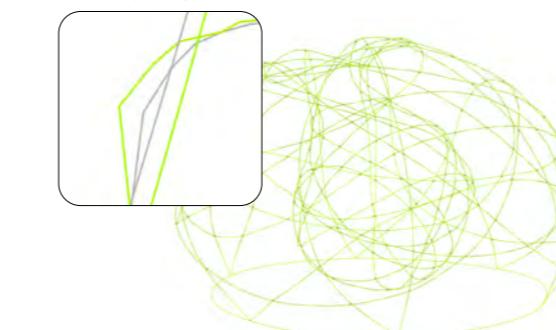
Stainless steel pipe: 1-way bend



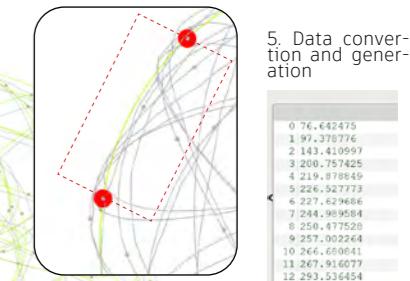
1. Polyline Generation
2. Polyline dynamic relaxation
Final polyline generation:



3. Segment polyline according to coplane threshold
4. Co-plane and bending-active simulation



Coplane/planarize:



Structure fabrication optimization done by teammate, Hu Jingyuan

Artificial Fog System Design Process:

(1) Factory visit and experiment:

Type	Pressure	Direction	Visually effect
(1) Normal	4	Parallel	1
(2) Normal	4	Verticle	1.5
(3) Normal	6	Verticle	1.5
(4) Atomizing	6	Parallel	2.5
(5) Atomizing	6	Verticle	3

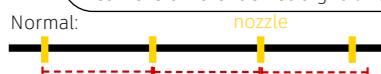
Testing out different type of nozzle under different pressure, and differentiate types depends on visual needs



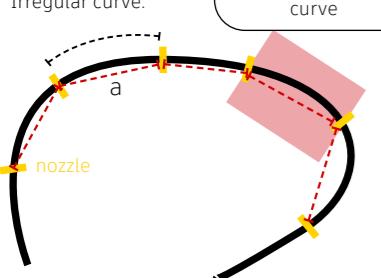
(2) Rod & nozzle design optimization

0 Needs:

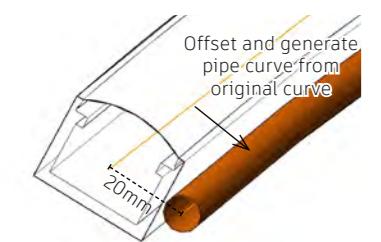
NEED 1: Nozzle coverage length (a) based on nozzle type, calculation on irregular curve is different on straight-line.



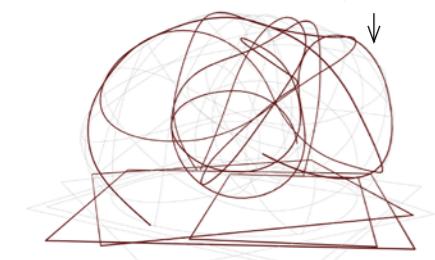
NEED 2: Segments should be a planar curve



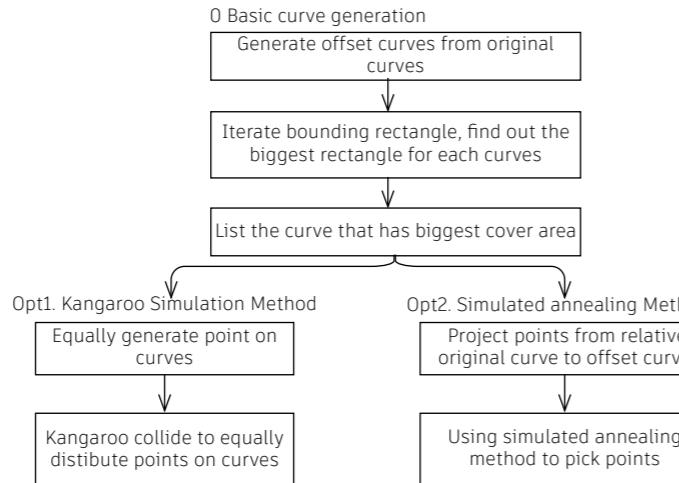
1 Basic curve generation



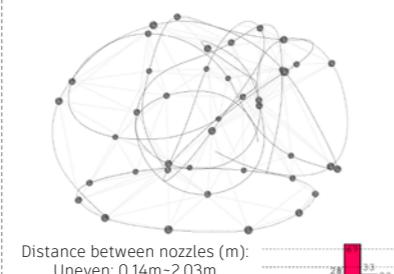
Choose the curve that able to cover the largest area



2 Simulation Method:



Opt1. Kangaroo Collide Simulation Method

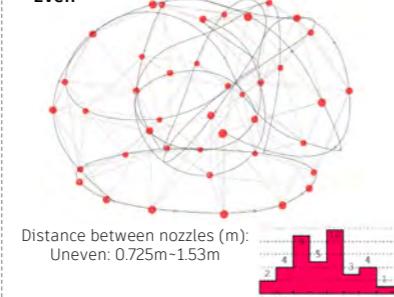


Distance between nozzles (m):

Uneven: 0.14m-2.03m

0.1458 28 33 23 26 19
2.0363

Even

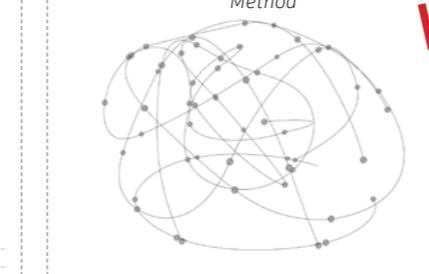


Distance between nozzles (m):

Uneven: 0.725m-1.53m

0.7253 4 4 4 4 1 1 2
1.5331

Opt2. Simulated annealing Pick & choose Method



Even,
coplane



Distance between nozzles (m):

Uneven: 0.795m-2.325m

0.7949 12 11 11 1 1 1
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(3) Preparation, data management and fabrication process

1. Extract split curve segments, and unfolding rod, purchase raw material depends on needs

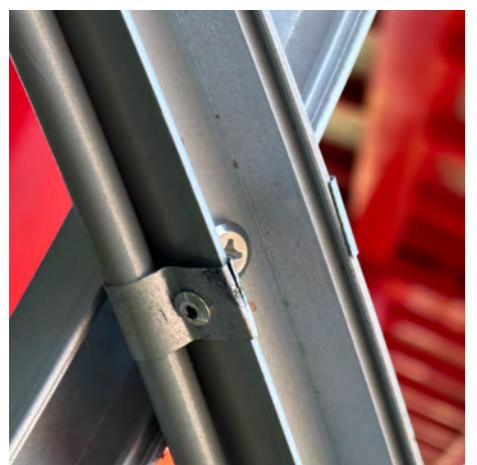
Planar curves: → 3D Irregular curves

Nozzle

1.5mm
1.5mm
1.5mm

Site Photos:

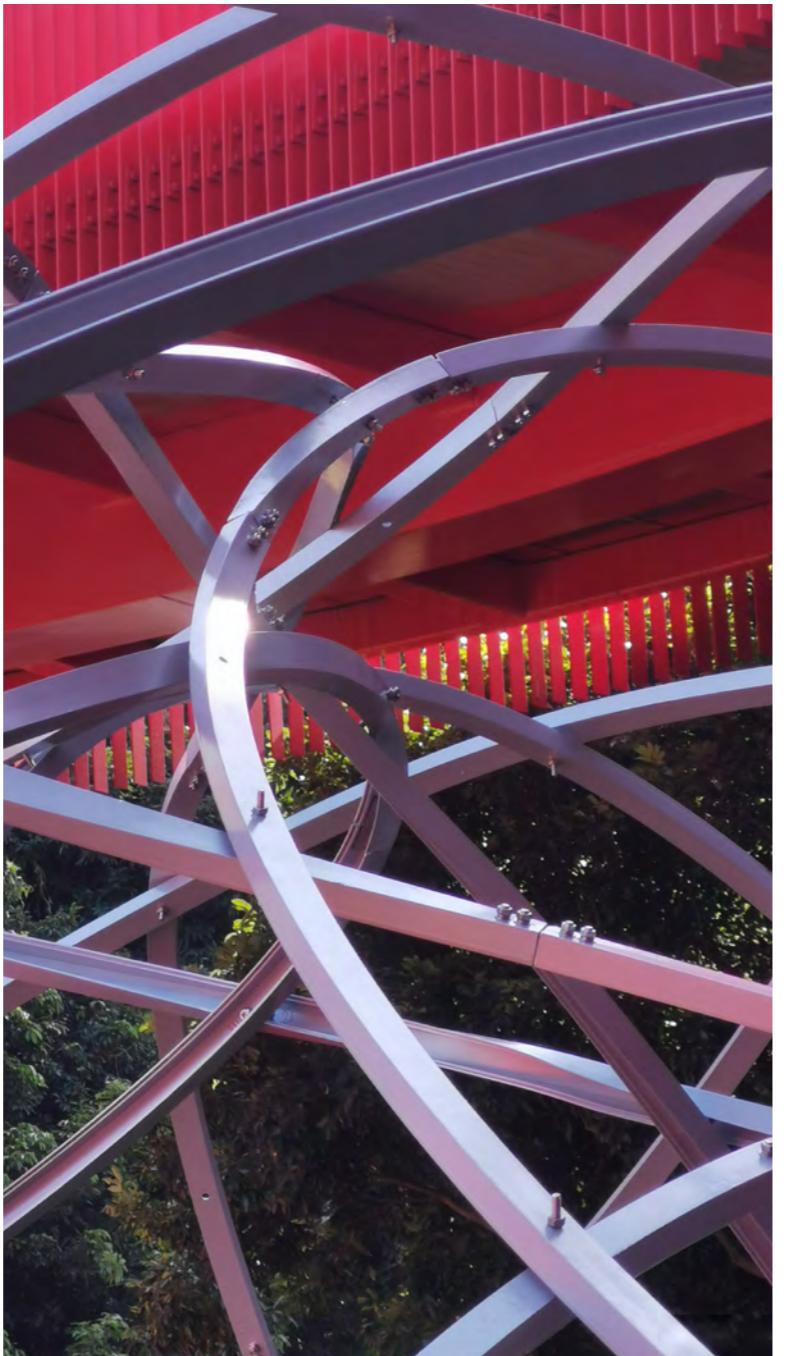
Tailor the anchor holder design to specifically accommodate the metal frame, ensuring it effectively secures the water pipe in place.



Positioning the nozzle parallel to the LED strip light enables the illumination of mist during the night, creating a captivating D'Arsonval effect.



The joint, designed collaboratively with teammate Baijin, incorporates a metal frame ending that interfaces seamlessly with the floor, ensuring a perfect alignment of the installation with the ground surface.



The appearance of the material for the planar curve before it is assembled into an irregular curve in 3D space.

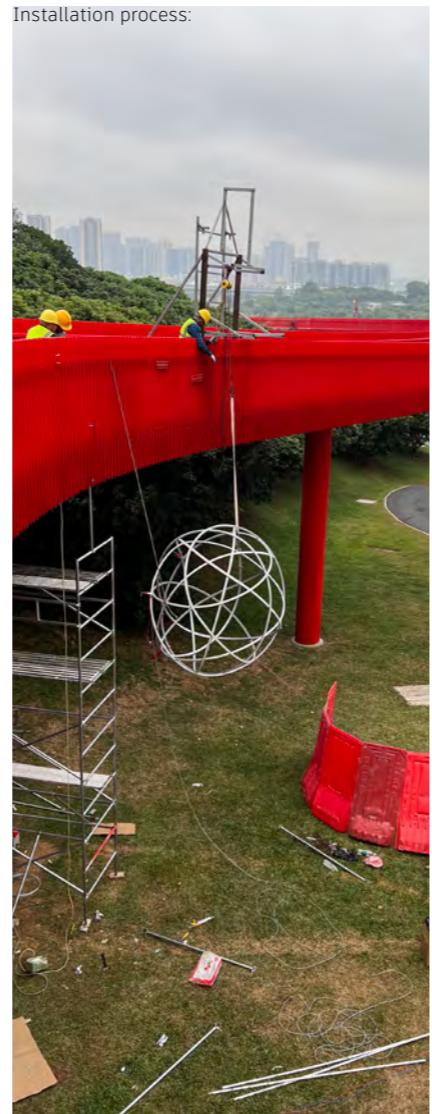
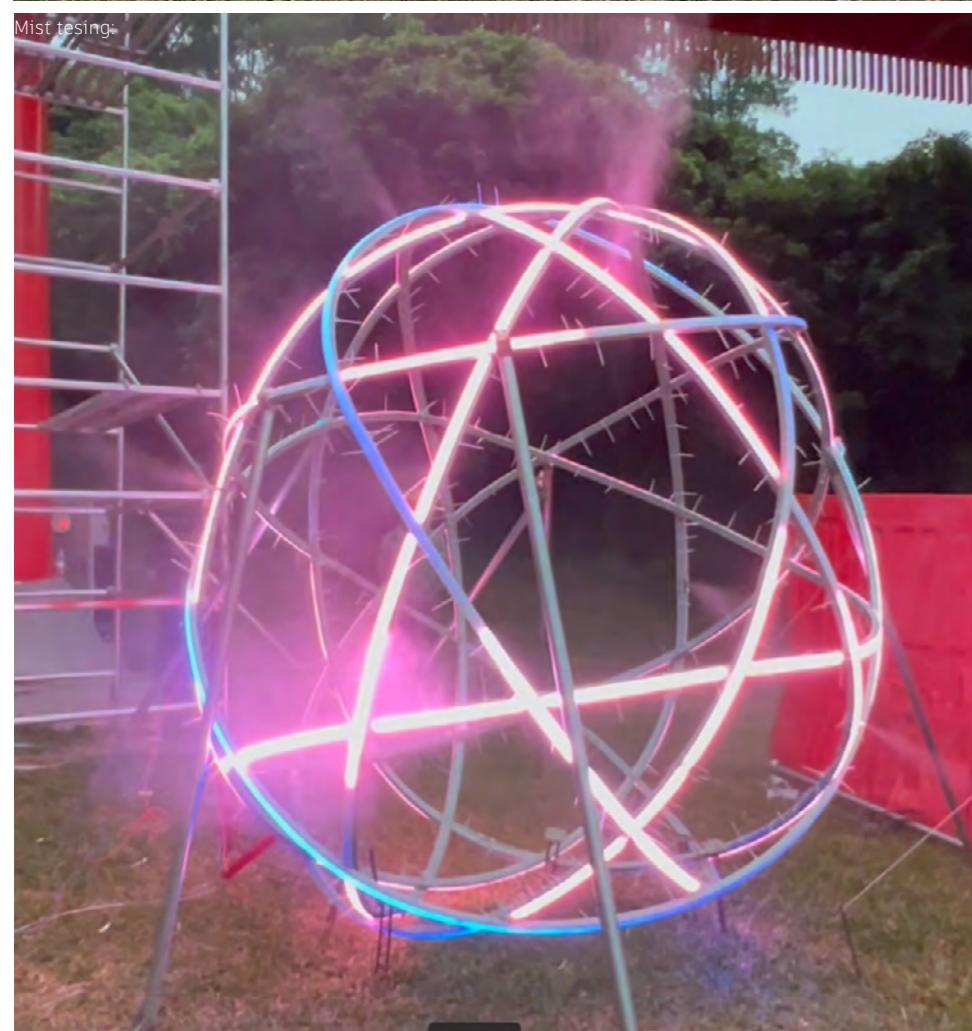


The installation of the structure was primarily overseen by another teammate, Hu Jingyuan.



Site Photos:

Light strip testing, work done by collaborator team:



Contribution:

I am primarily tasked with ensuring a unique combination of lightweight structure and a mist system in structure.

Testing process:

Verify the visual effect and adjust the pressure of the mist system, as well as test the timer control settings, such as a cycle of 1 minute on and 1 minute off.

Construction process:

Many elements need coordination during the component installation process, and I engage in communication with construction workers to ensure the seamless completion of the installation.

Candidate interacting with installation



Final photos by local media:



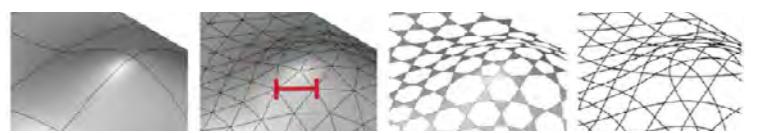
Installation automation: Weaving Structure Installation Optimization

Automated labeling systems, Weaving Structure Installation, Installation sequence optimization

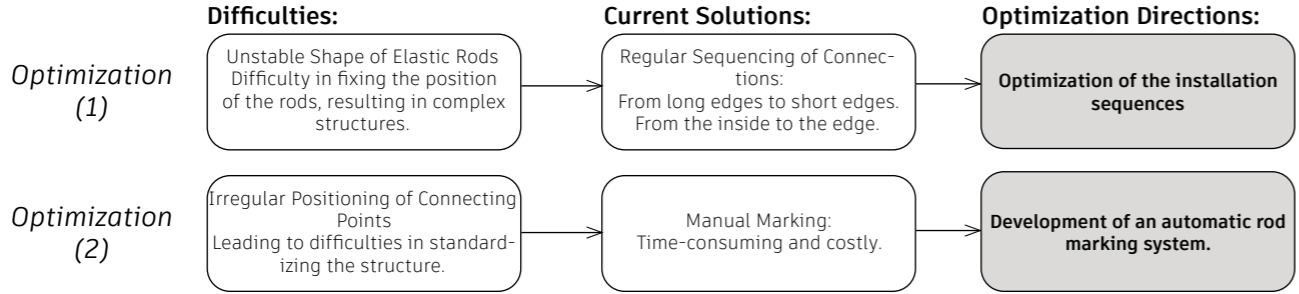
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Basic Concepts of Weaving Structures:

A weaving structure is formed by connecting nodes fixed at different positions of the two mesh surfaces. The mesh structure is formed using different bending methods. The construction of the weaving structure able to adapt to the generation of a curved surface.

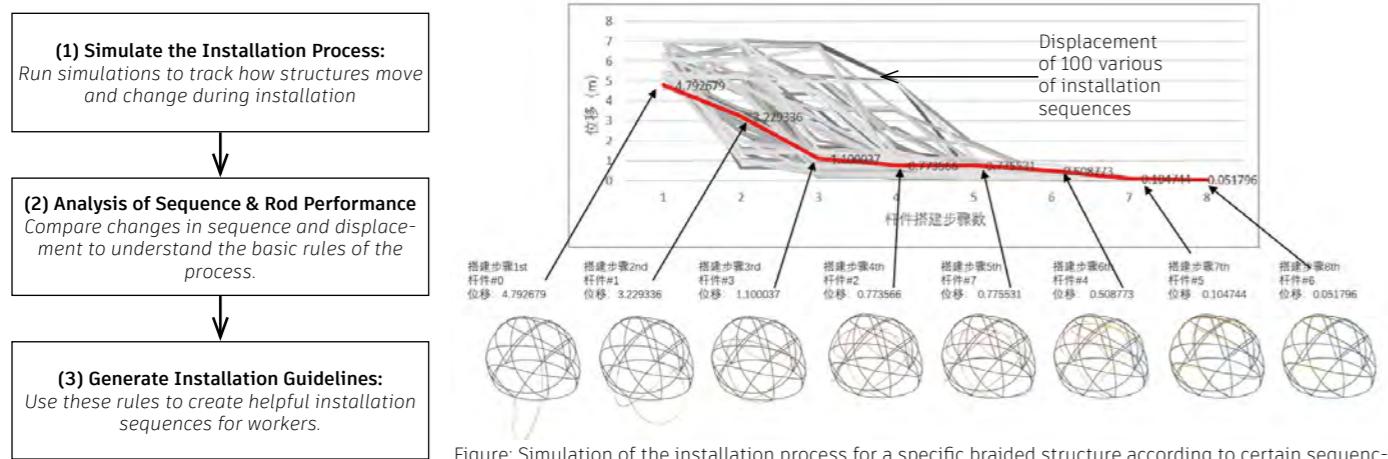


Abstract:



Optimization (1): Optimization of the installation sequences

Research Methods:



Analysis Method for Installation Sequence & Rod Performance

1. Single Rod's Installation Convience:

• Rod Positioning:

The complexity of balancing rods in space reflects the difficulty of forming shapes. A higher displacement value indicates more complexity and requires more manual labor for fixing.

• Rod Length:

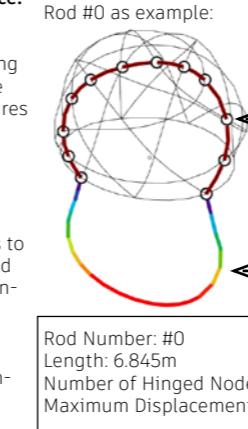
Longer rods require more support, increasing construction difficulty.

• Rod Connection Points:

An increased number of nodes leads to more fixed workload and complex rod shapes, making the evaluation of construction stability a critical factor.

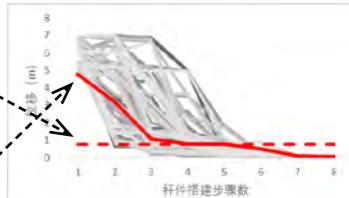
• Rod Types:

Divided into edge rods and internal rods; edge rods are prioritized in construction, but their differentiation is being standardized and optimized.



2. Installation Efficiency:

Evaluated through average displacement of structure, Δ_{avg} . Smaller displacement values indicate that rods are quickly approaching the intended shape.



3. Installation Stability:

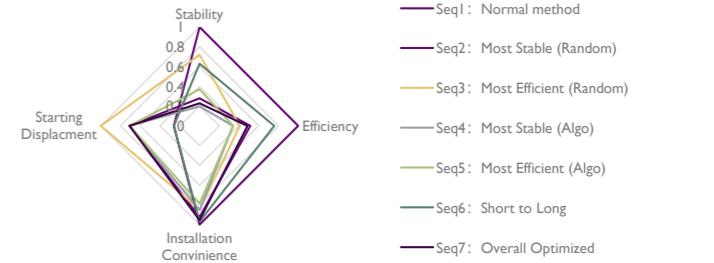
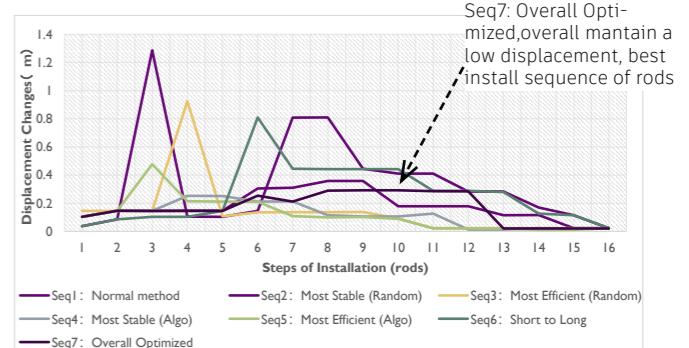
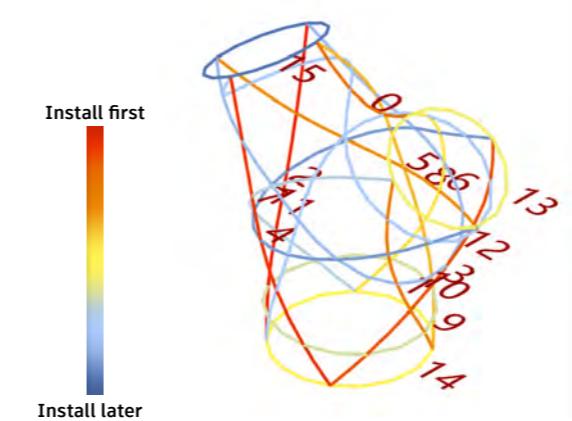
Evaluated through maximum displacement of structure, Δ_{max} . Displacement can indicate rod position stability, requiring support.

4. Starting Displacement

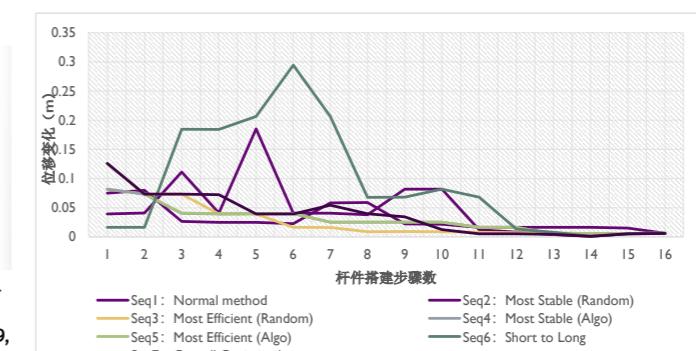
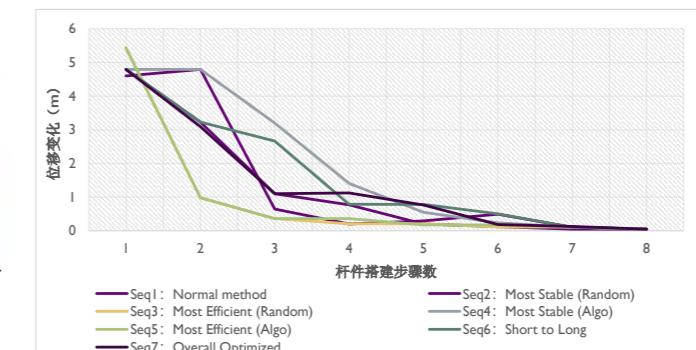
Structural displacement at first steps of rod installation.

Results:

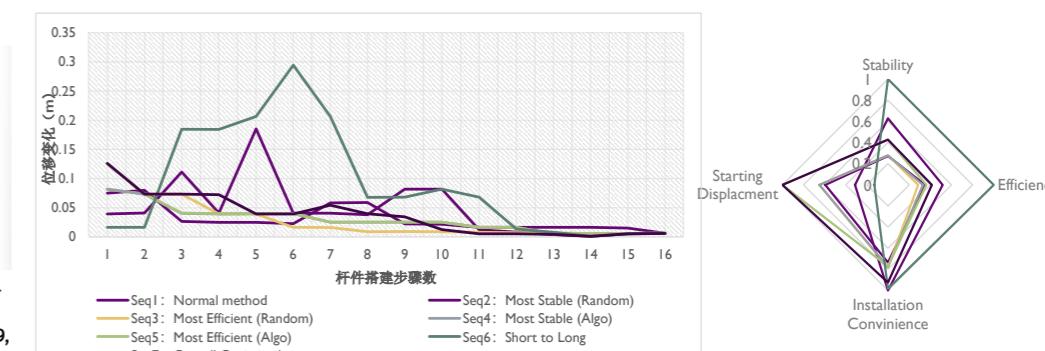
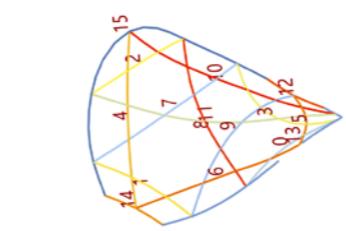
1. Result for Case 1, Triple-Connected Pipeline:



2. Result for Case 2, Half sphere:

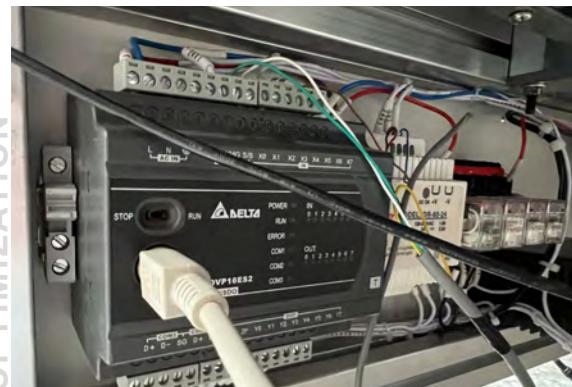


3. Result for Case 3,



Optimization (2): Development of an automatic rod labelling system

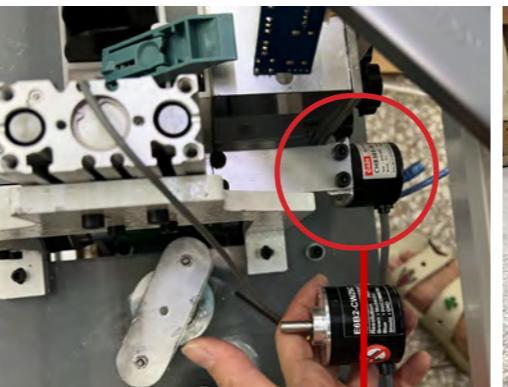
Below are the parts and details of automatic rod labelling machine, which is the essential part of the automatic rod labelling system, built by arduino, Delta dypes2 series microcomputer, rotary encoder, stepper motor and Ink Cartridges.



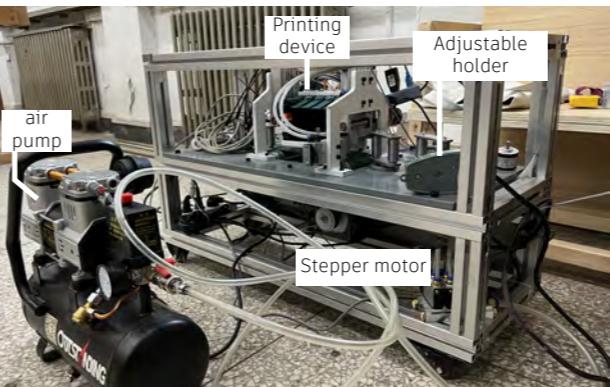
Delta dypes2 series. The WPLsoft software is used to compile the program, which is then input into the single-chip microcomputer.



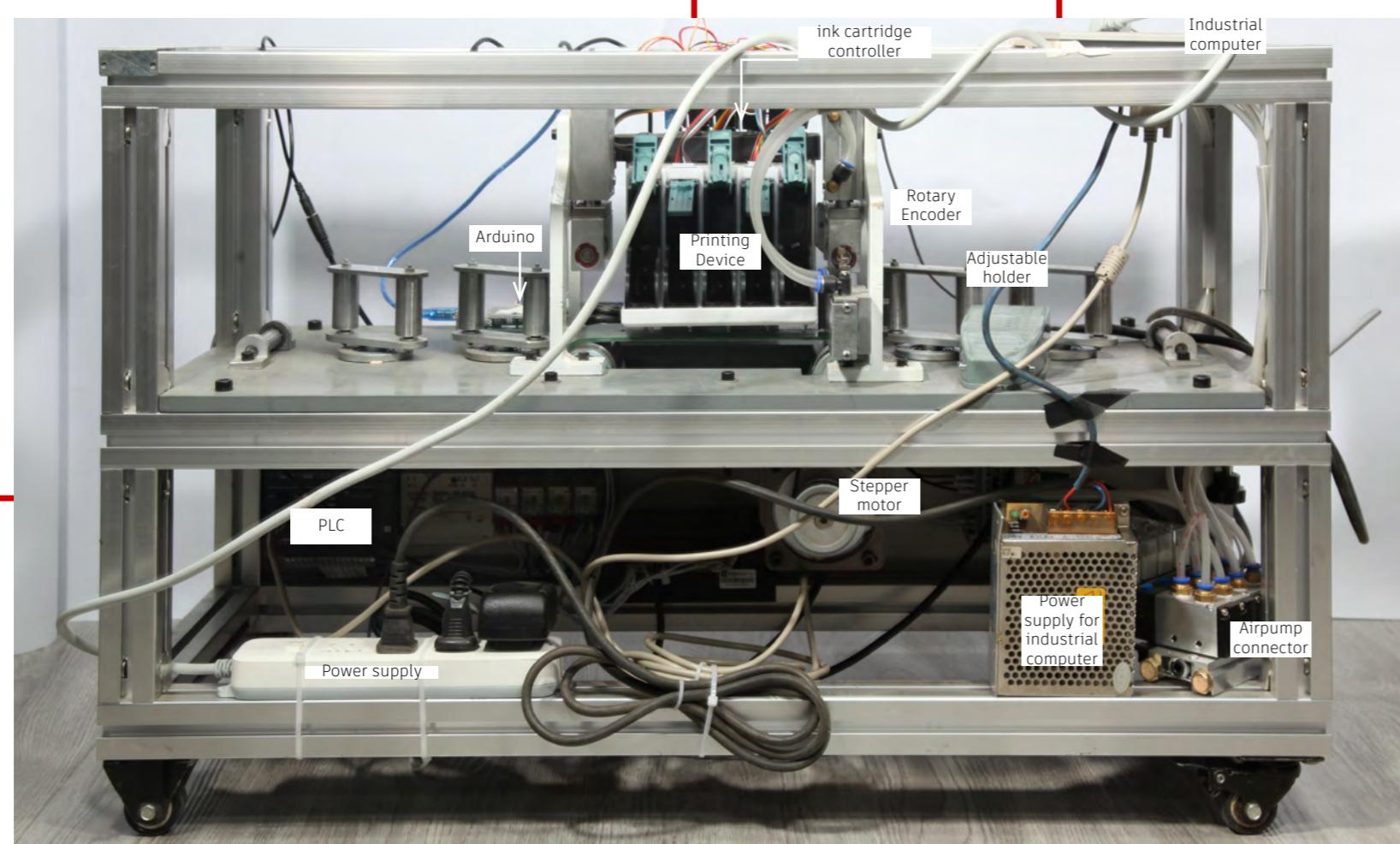
The printing device consists of 5 ink cartridges, 5 ink cartridge controller, and a protective case made by 3d printing.



The rotary encoder counts the number of rotations, with a rod radius of 8mm, control by an Arduino.



Overview of the whole machine, containing airpump, printing device, stepper motor and adjustable holder.

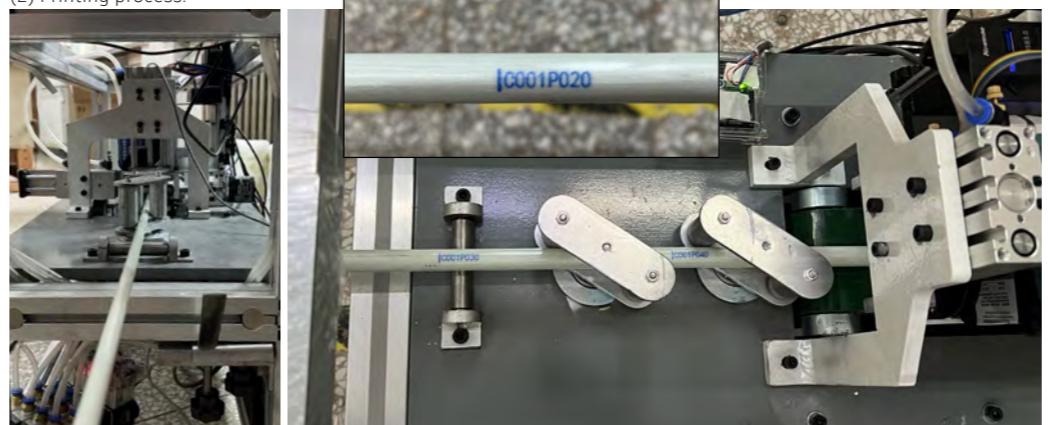


Machine working process:

(1) Setting up:



(2) Printing process:



Overview of automatic rod marking system

The automatic rod marking system was developed to eliminate manual rod measuring and labeling. It prints specific content at designated positions on elongated rods. Challenges included the need for multi-color printing, irregular spacing, and millimeter-level precision, with fixtures adapting to various rod cross-sections.

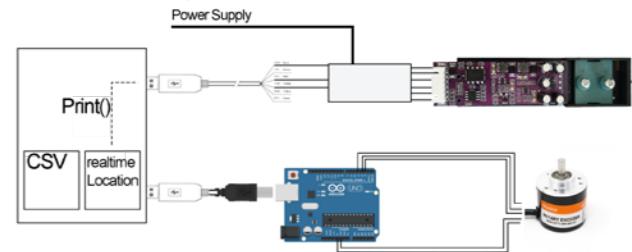
Development Process

The hardware design was split into two parts: the printing device and the rod transportation device. I prototyped the rod transportation device and had it produced by a manufacturer. The printing device was fully developed by me, modified from handheld inkjet printer components.

Technologies Involved

Key technologies used included mechanical design, serial communication, and electronic component assembly and control. This ensured accurate and efficient rod labeling.

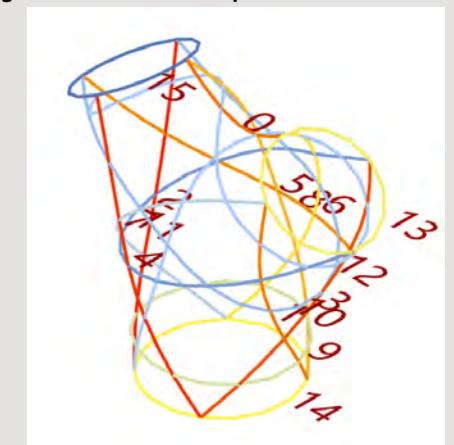
Machine control program structure:



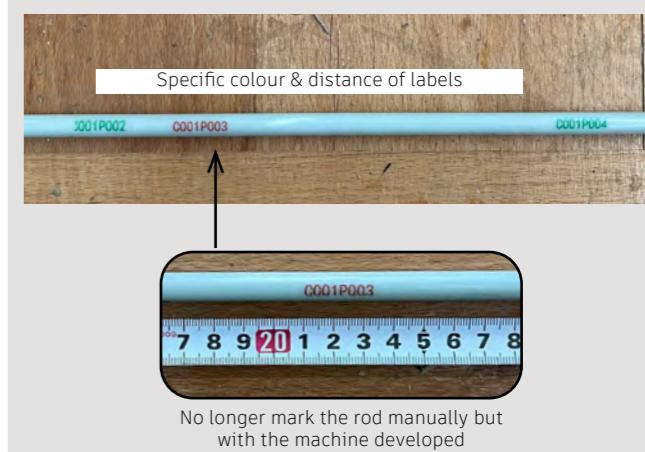
Conclusion

In summary, we propose digital methods to help and improve the construction of weaving structures. Our approach focuses on human-centered design and data analysis to establish construction principles. By optimizing the assembly sequence and using an automated rod marking system, we aim to solve construction challenges, improve efficiency and quality, and advance the technology of weaving structures.

Accomplishment (1): Clear and logical installation sequence



Accomplishment (2): Transition from manual rod marking to automated labeling machine



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Team: Chia Hui Yen, Ren Tianye

Contributions: Designs & Scripting 80%, drawings 90%, modelling 95%

Notes: paper pending publication in Symbiotic Intelligence: Proceedings of the 6th International Conference on Computational Design and Robotic Fabrication (CDRF 2024)

Details & Joinery: 3D Printing Traditional Joints

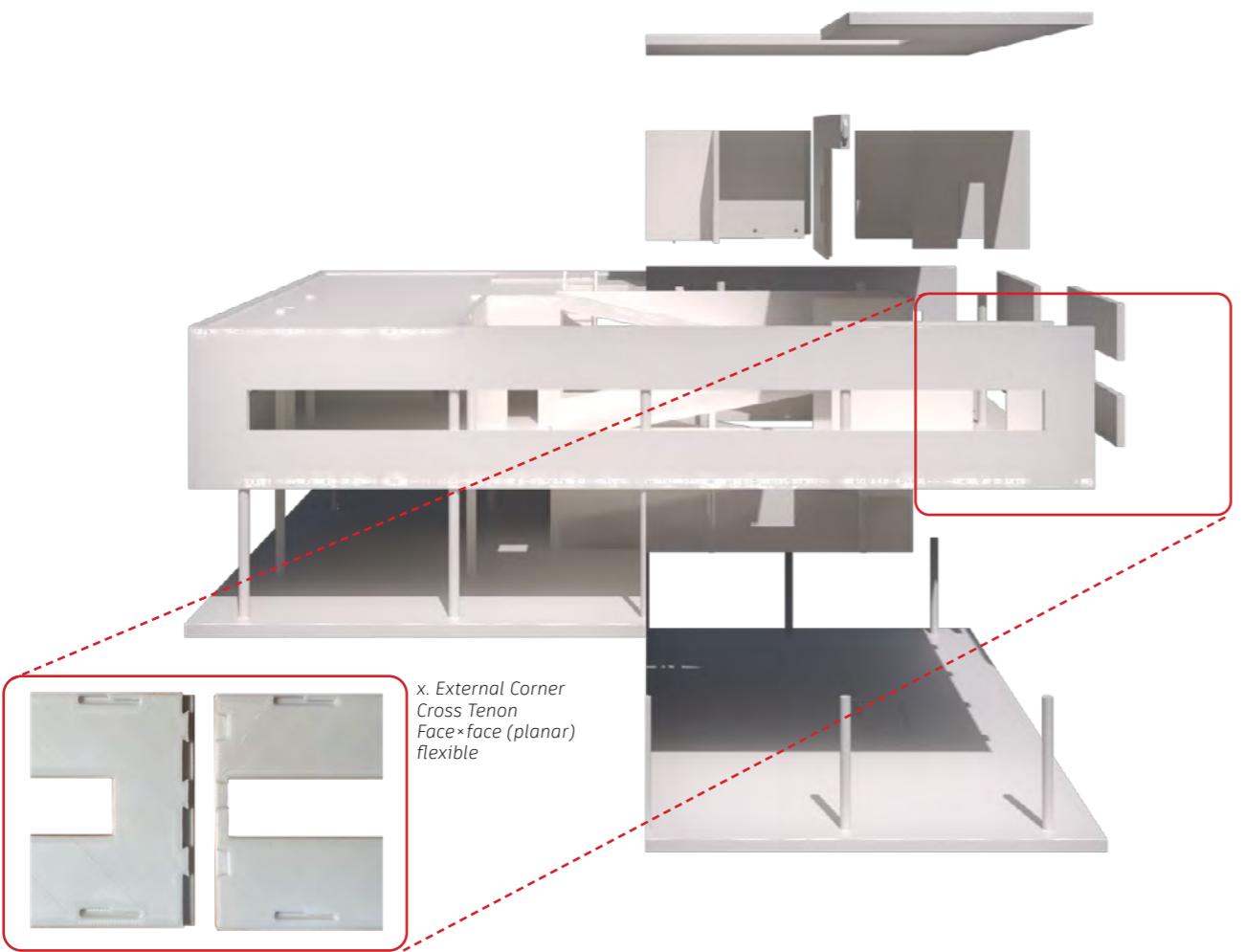
_3D printing, traditional joinery, digital fabrication

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Introduction

Large-format and relatively precise 3D printing equipment is often prohibitively expensive. In the production of large-scale architectural models, it is common practice to divide the model into smaller units, which are printed separately and then assembled into a complete model. Therefore, the search for suitable assembly methods is necessary. Currently, units of a 3D-printed model are usually joined with glue. However, the irreversibility of adhesive bonding, the toxicity of the glue, the limited weather resistance, and the indefinite structural strength pose challenges to the efficient use of 3D-printed models. Finer models often require special seam treatments at the adhesive joints, such as enlarging the bonding surface (Knoll et al. 2003: P37-38). Such methods do not address the drawbacks of irreversibility and glue toxicity. They do, however, inspire us to design assembly joints that do not require adhesive, thus offering a comprehensive solution to the aforementioned issues.

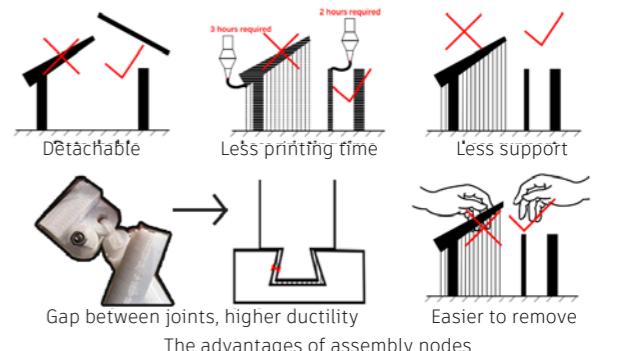
Graphical Abstract:



(1) Preface: Research Gap

3D printing joints for architectural models are in high demand in various contexts, including architectural design education, commercial applications, and exhibitions. However, current research on the parametric design of joints primarily focuses on large-scale models, such as furniture and replicas of historical buildings. There is a lack of investigation into models typically used in architectural design at the scale of 1:50 or even smaller. These models have plates of 2mm to 6mm thick, so the design of their joints cannot be directly adapted from the joints used in larger-scale models, taking into account the precision of 3D printers and material strength, among other factors.

This paper addresses the typification, standardization, and parameterization of connection joints for small architectural models at scales of 1:50 to 1:200. We conduct research into three different types of joint forms—surface joints, line joints, and point joints—along with their dimensional parameters and printing settings. The information above is compiled into a database. Additionally, we offer recommendations for joint combinations in various orientations to ensure secure assembly. Using a 1:50 scale model of a Savoy villa as an example, we validate and showcase our research findings. We also observe that printing detachable models, as opposed to printing integral models, offers advantages such as reducing printing time, minimizing the use of support materials, and avoiding the need for non-detachable supports.



Basic 3D printer model

Professional 3D printer

	Size limit: 150*150*150mm Price: RMB2399
	Size limit: 220*220*240mm Price: RMB1999
	Size limit: 350*350*600mm Price: RMB54999

Cost and area limitation of 3D printer

Result

We have designed twelve joints suitable for various assembly scenarios with different levels of stability. A schematic representation of the joints is presented in below table.

i. Dovetail End Buckle	ii. Large Column Rotary Tenon	iii. Small Column Rotary Tenon
Line×Line flexible	Line×Face stable	Line×Face stable
iv. Concealed Magnet	v. Rotary Buckle	vi. Dovetail Tenon Slider
Face×Point sup-flexible	Face×Face (planar) stable	Face×face (planar) sub-stable
vii. Right-angle Tenon Slider	viii. U-shaped Tenon Slider	ix. Vertical Snap
Face×Face (planar) sub-stable	Face×Face (planar) sub-flexible	Face×Face (planar) flexible
x. External Corner Cross Tenon	xi. Multi-face Tenon	xii. Curvy Surface Tenon
Face×face (planar) flexible	face×face (multiple) sub-stable	face×face (curvy) sub-stable

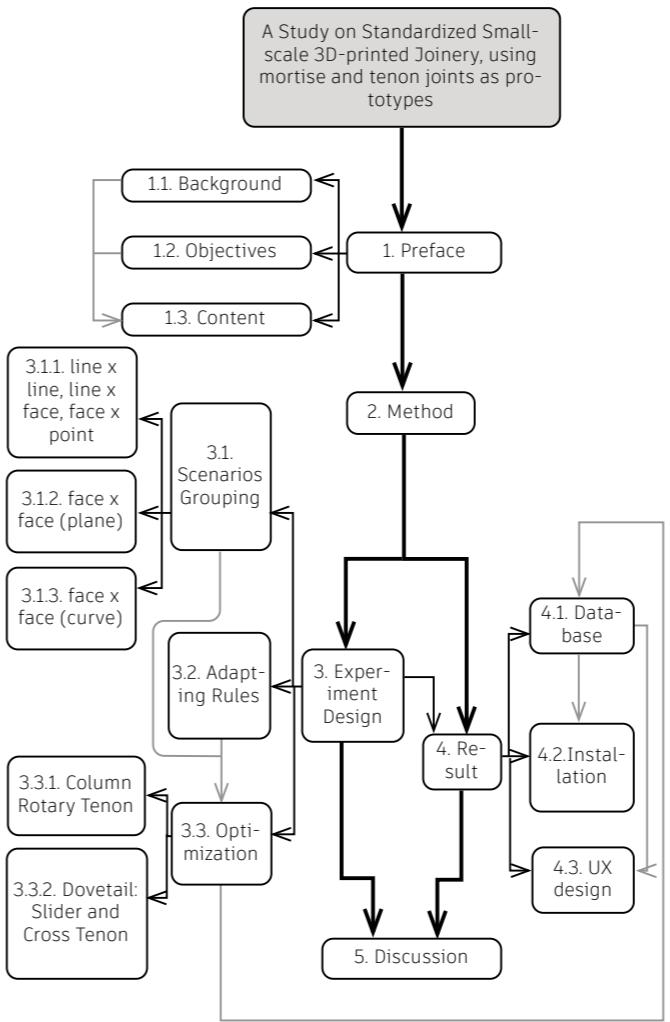
**Stability levels: Stable> Sub-stable> Sub-flexible> Flexible> Sup-flexible

(2) Method

Computer modeling: Rhinoceros 7,

Model slicing: Creality Slicer, Ender-PLA filament was used as the printing material.

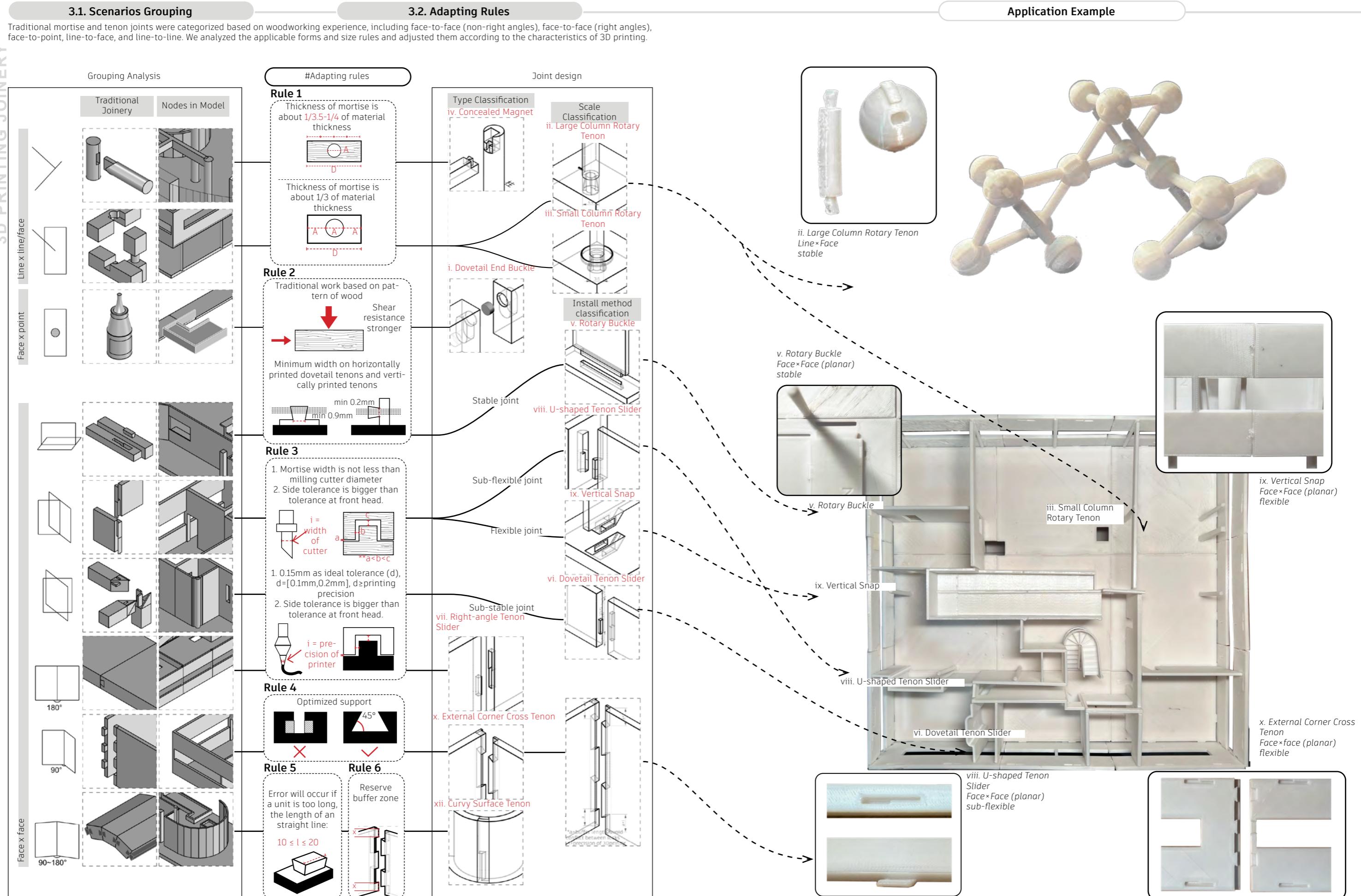
3D printers: Creality3D Sermon V1, printing size of 15cm x 15cm, an accuracy of 0.2mm, priced at approximately 2000-3000 RMB. They are commonly used by students majoring in architecture.



(3) Experiment Design

Our research process encompassed the following steps: 1. Joint prototype design, 2. Installation Method Research, 3. Printing Setup and 4. UX Design

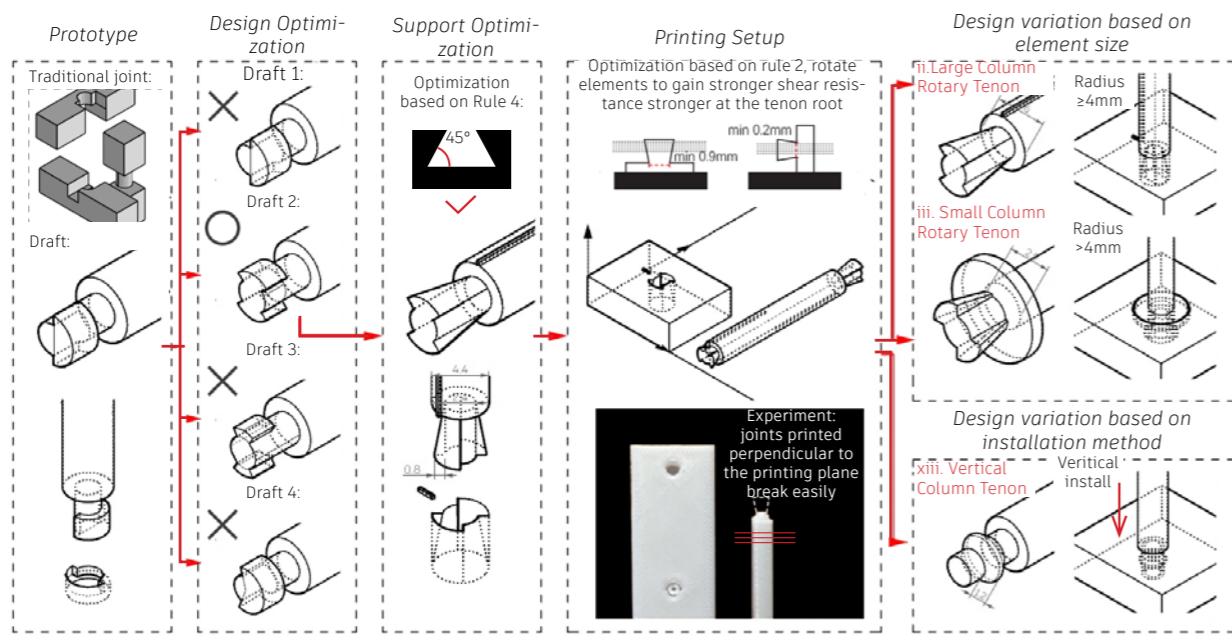
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3.3. Optimization

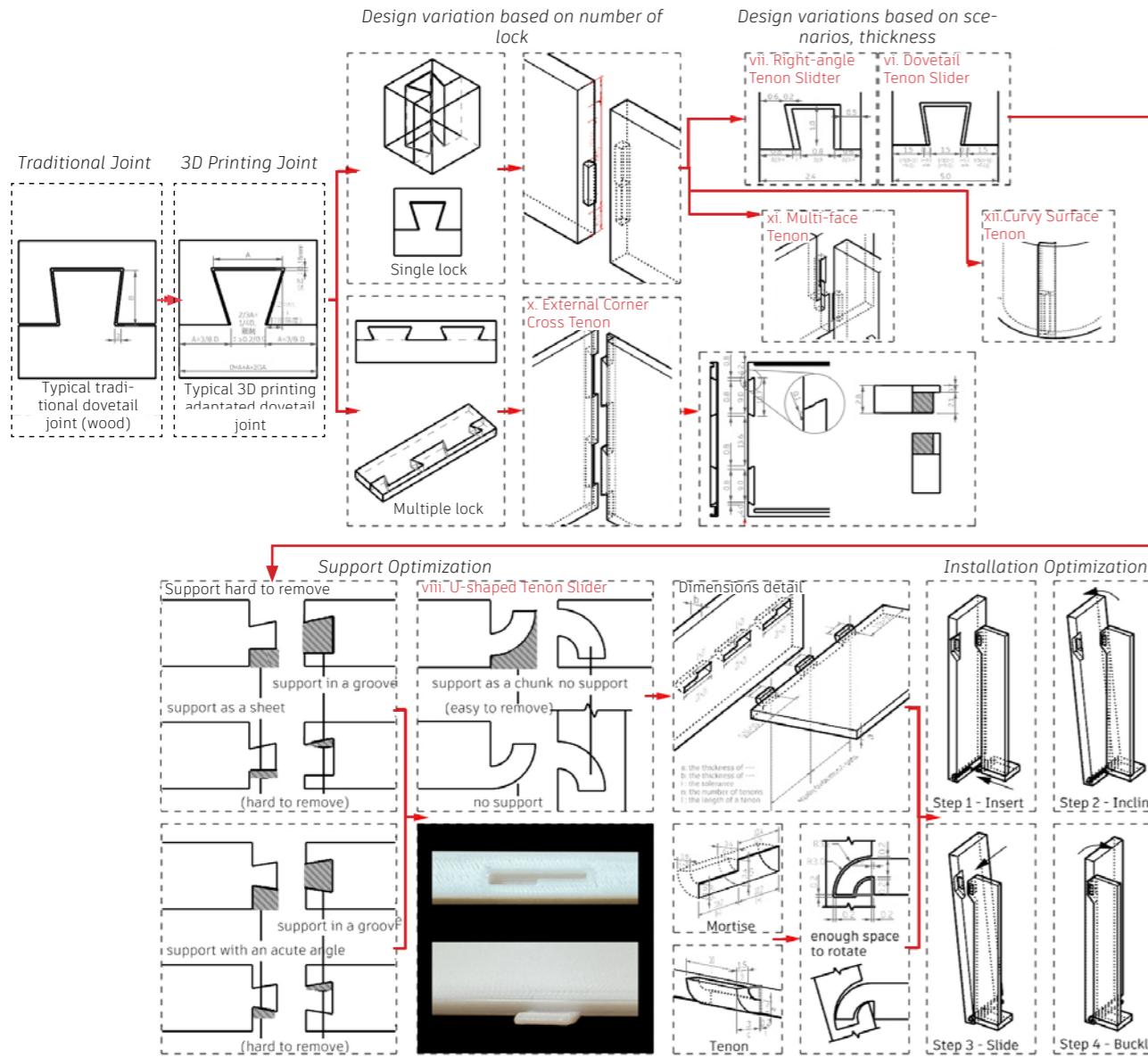
Iteration Example 1: Rotating Joint

Taking the variants of the traditional dovetail tenon (ii. iii. vi. vii. viii. x.) as examples, the design optimization process is illustrated in Figure 3.

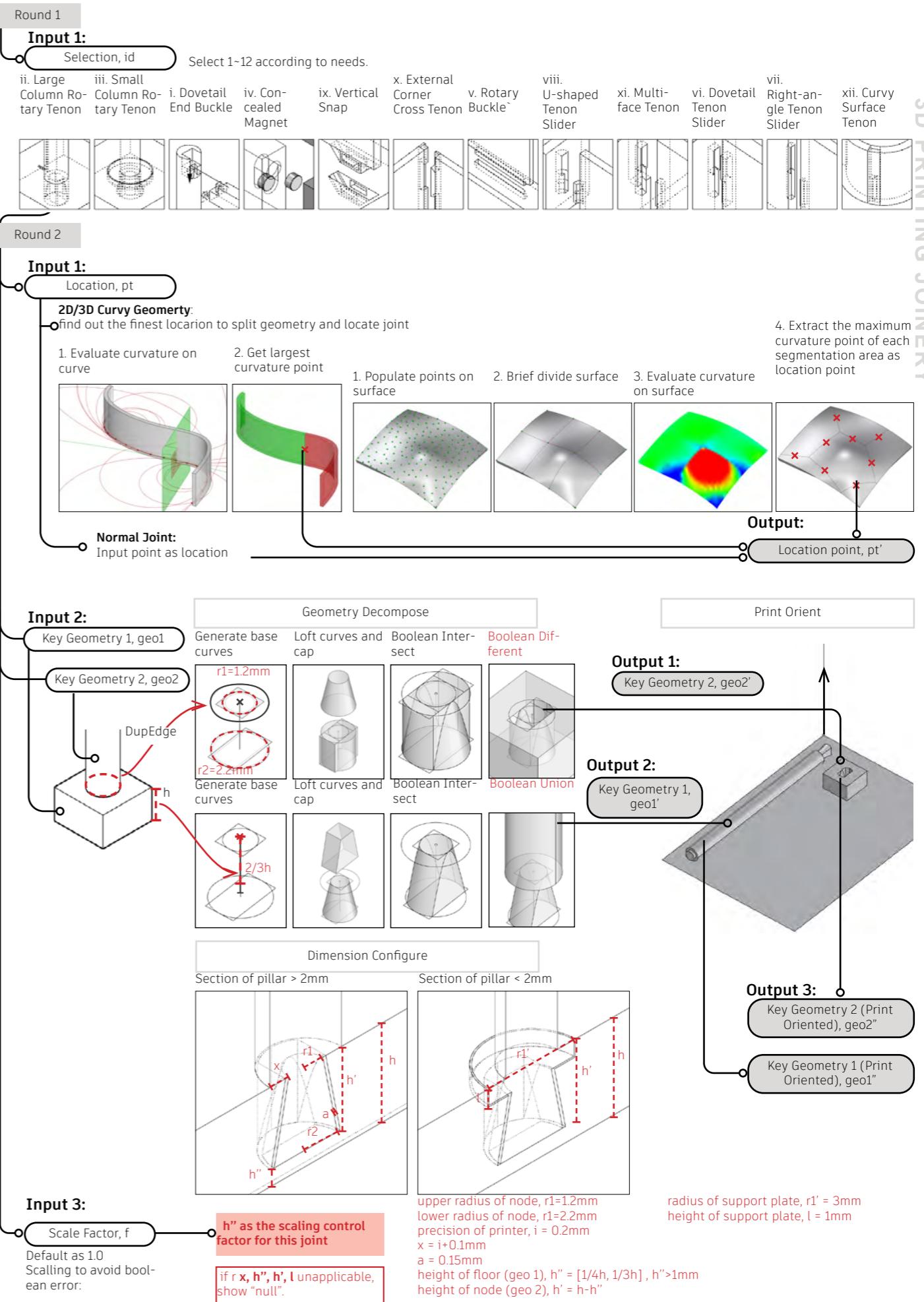


Iteration Example 2: Dovetail Joint

Dovetail is the most important prototype, it can be iterate to multiple varies type or join to apply on different scenarios.



4.1. Database: Geometry Generation Script Framework



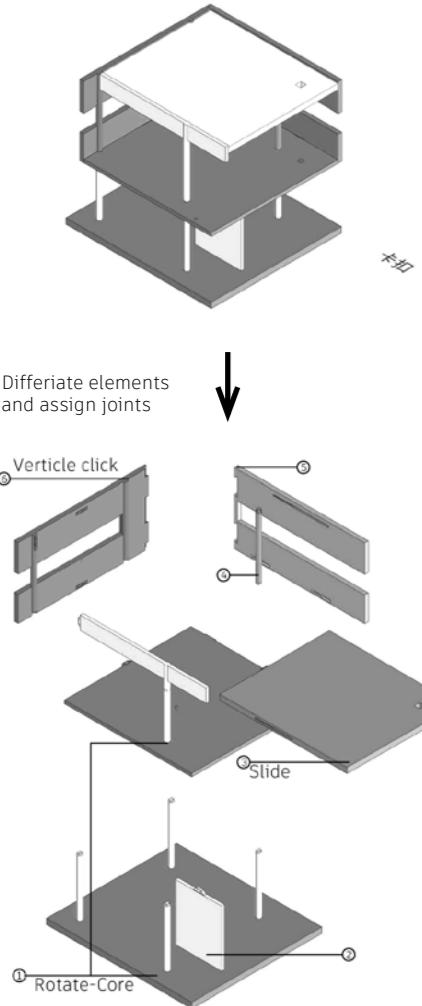
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(4) Result

4.2. Installation

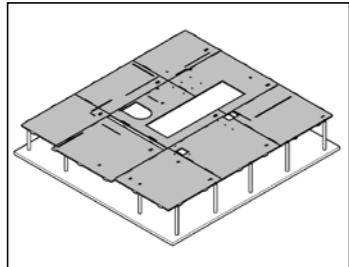
Assign Joint to Elements

0 Decompose Printing Elements

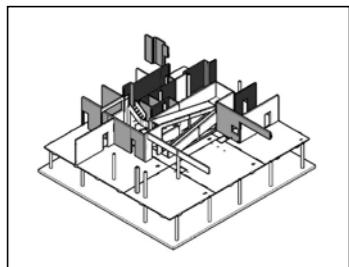


Installation Manual

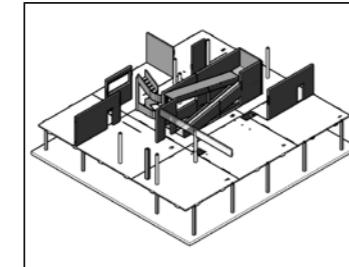
1. Framework zone: stable joint



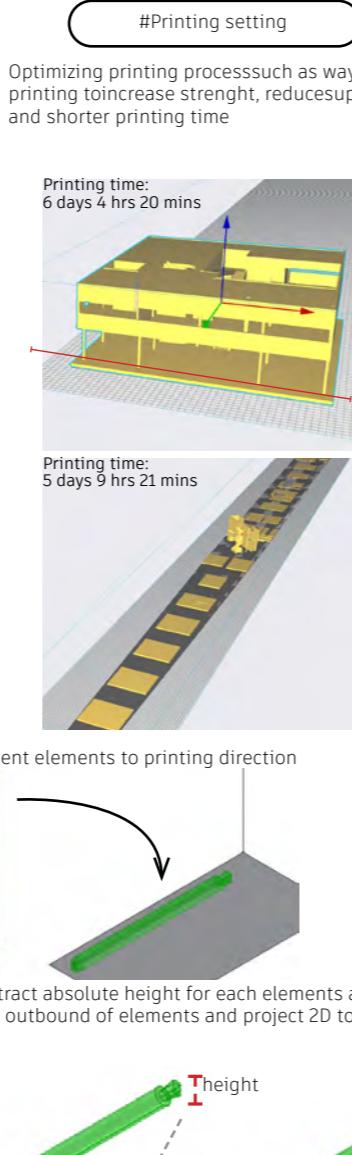
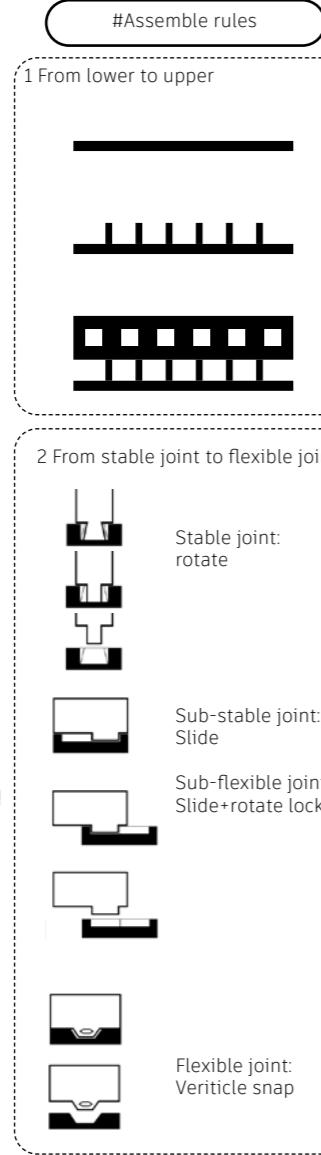
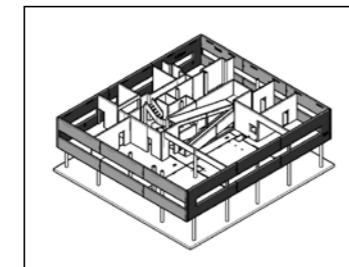
3 Transition zone: sub-flexible joint



2 Core zone: sub-stable joint



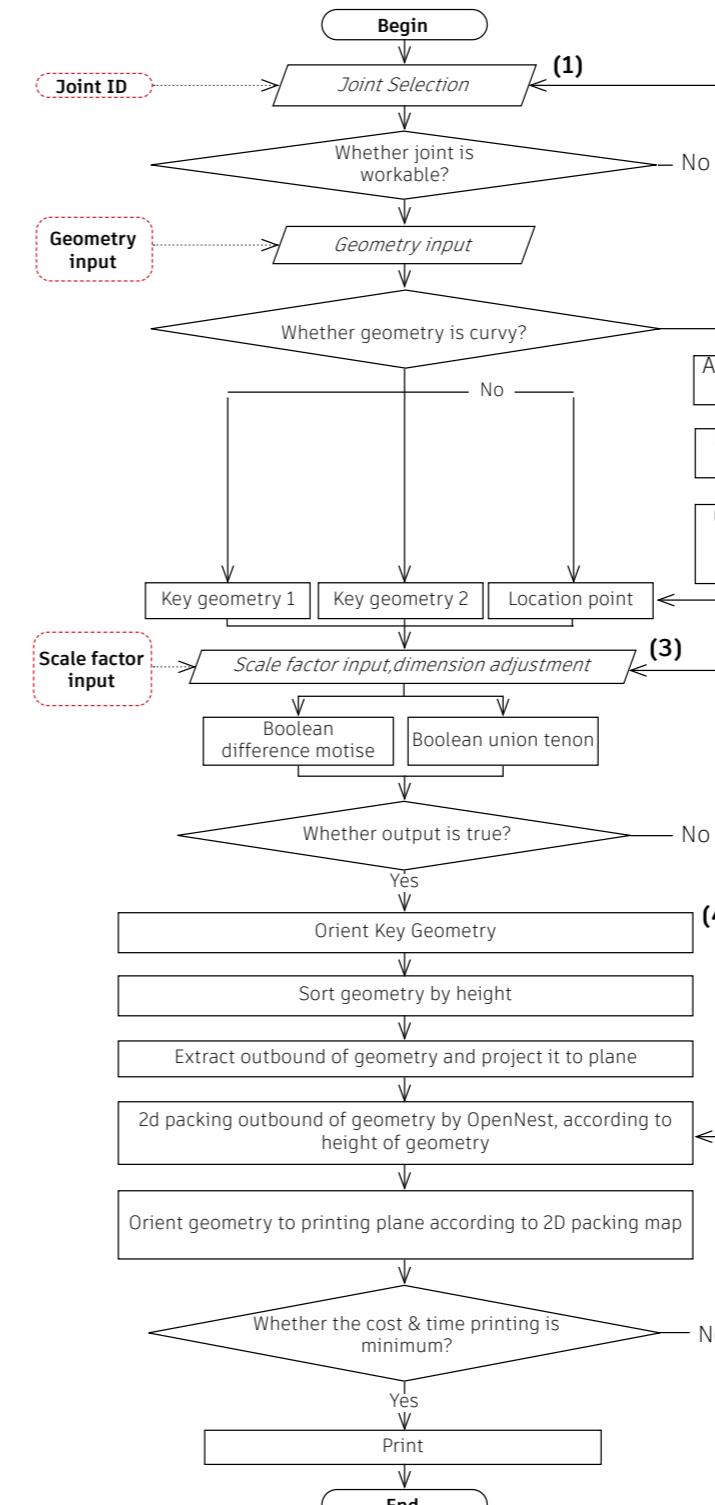
4 Periphery zone and trivial items: flexible joint



4.3. UX design

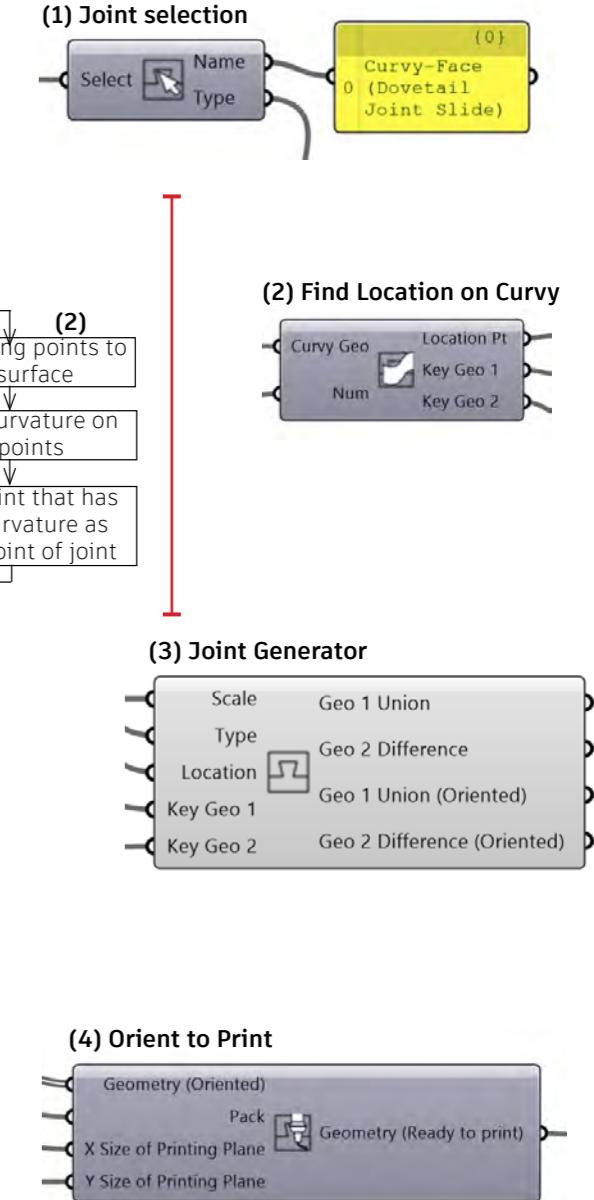
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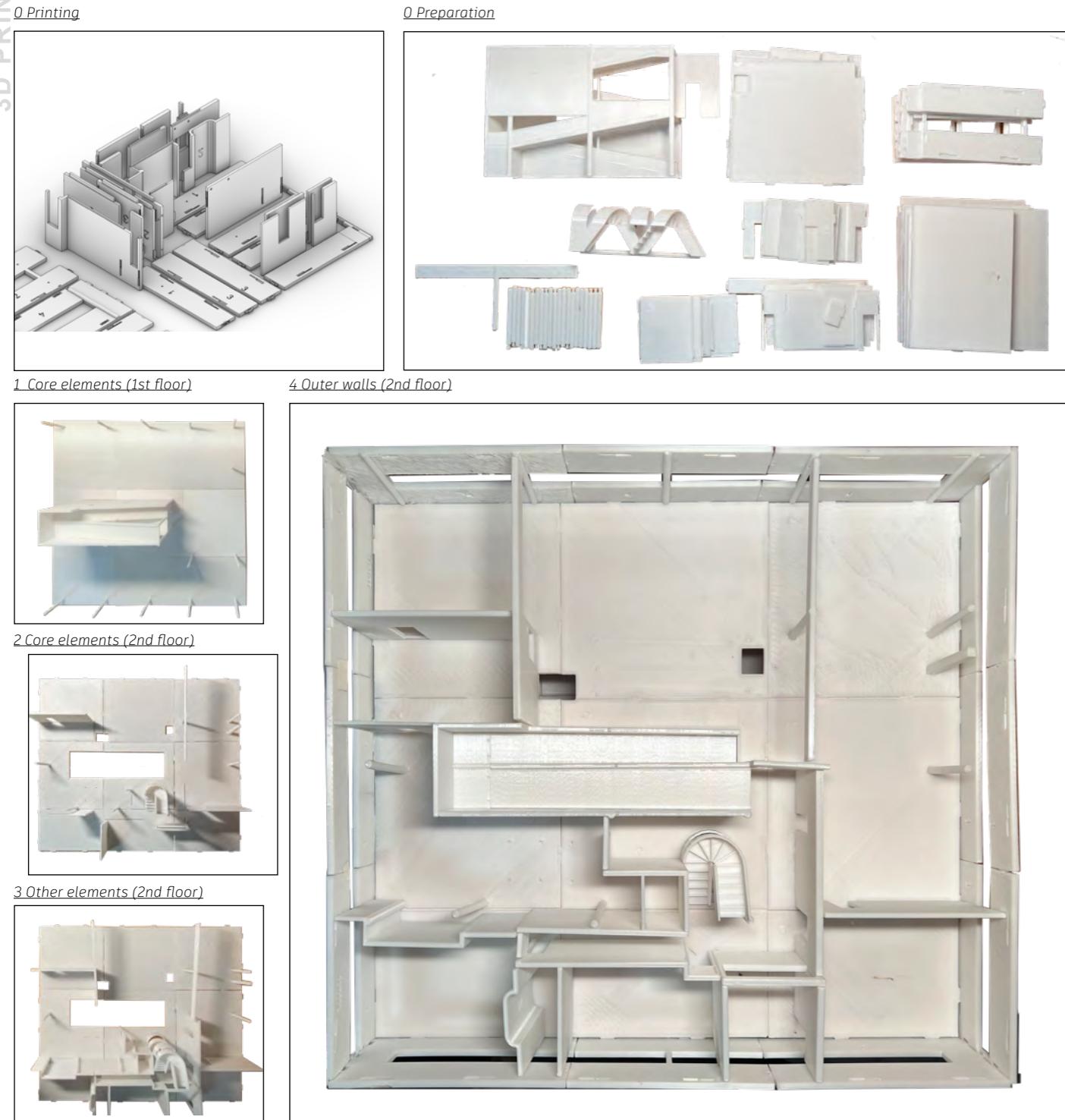
Physical Validation

The study of mortise and tenon joints was deeply explored in the past when material science was not as advanced as it is today. As material science progressed, rigid connectors and adhesives offered more convenient joinery support for constructions. However, as mentioned earlier, these connection methods present issues with weather resistance, structural strength, adhesive toxicity, and non-dismantlability. Hence, a prevailing approach is to combine both methods, incorporating simple mortise and tenon forms with adhesive materials like cement.

Similarly, for architectural model connections, we can adopt a similar approach. Due to the relationship between scale variations and material properties, directly shrinking the joints at a 1:100 scale and printing them is not feasible. Factors such as material properties, toughness, stiffness, adhesives, scale, printing precision, and manufacturing methods influence the process. Additionally, 3D printing, as an additive manufacturing process, possesses irreplaceable advantages, necessitating adaptations in joint design to leverage its strengths.

Therefore, our accomplishment includes using mortise and tenon joints as prototypes and, through experimentation and iterative design, obtaining nodes suitable for 3D printing with Photopolymerization Stereolithography (PLS) and meeting architectural model scale requirements. These joints enable connections for large-scale architectural models, surpassing 3D printing size restrictions and enhancing printing efficiency.

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Internship Works: Panelling

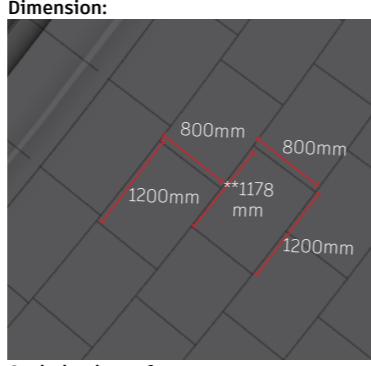
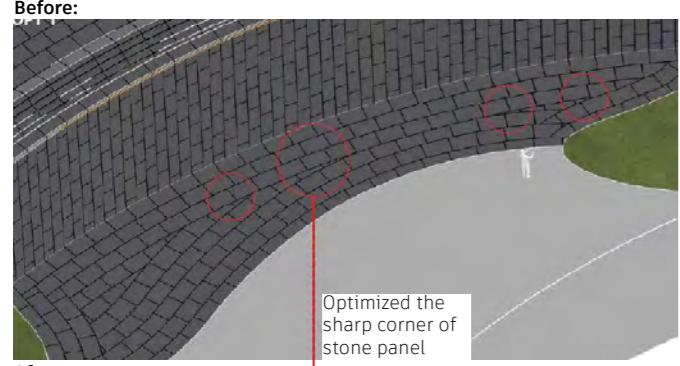
parametric design, panelling, details

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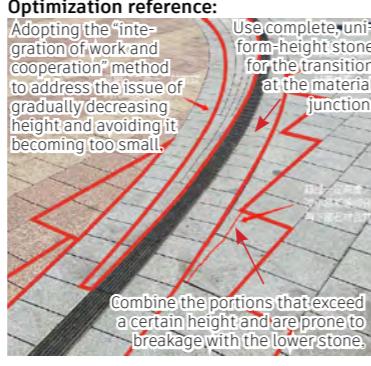
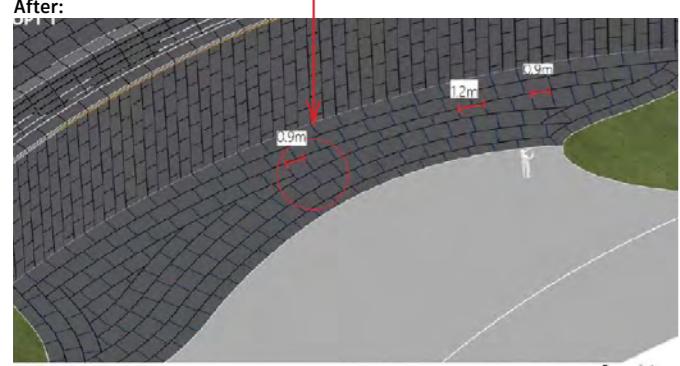
Project Background

The pool's surroundings feature concrete ledges, steps, and cascading waterfalls, creating intricate expansion joints that need to align with the adjacent elements. Dark faux stone was chosen to achieve a mirror-like effect, presenting challenges in detailed design. Notably, the pool bottom required careful consideration of stone joints, factoring in dimensions, shapes, and curvature. Budget constraints led to an economical approach, focusing on constructing complete stone belts for user interaction. Internally, control lines were established to centralize triangular crushed stones. Despite non-modular dimensions, stone sizes were kept uniform. Addressing the irregular pool bottom, a solution involving divided zones, calculated starting points, and vertical lines was implemented for visual consistency. This process was executed using a parametric approach on the Grasshopper platform.

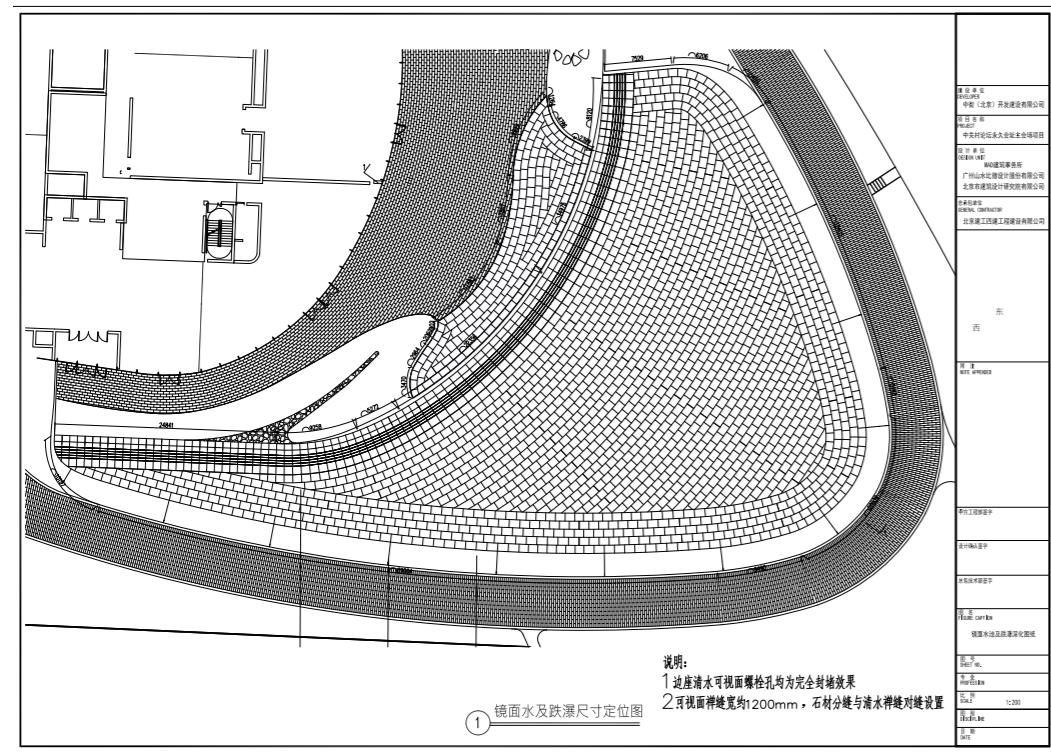
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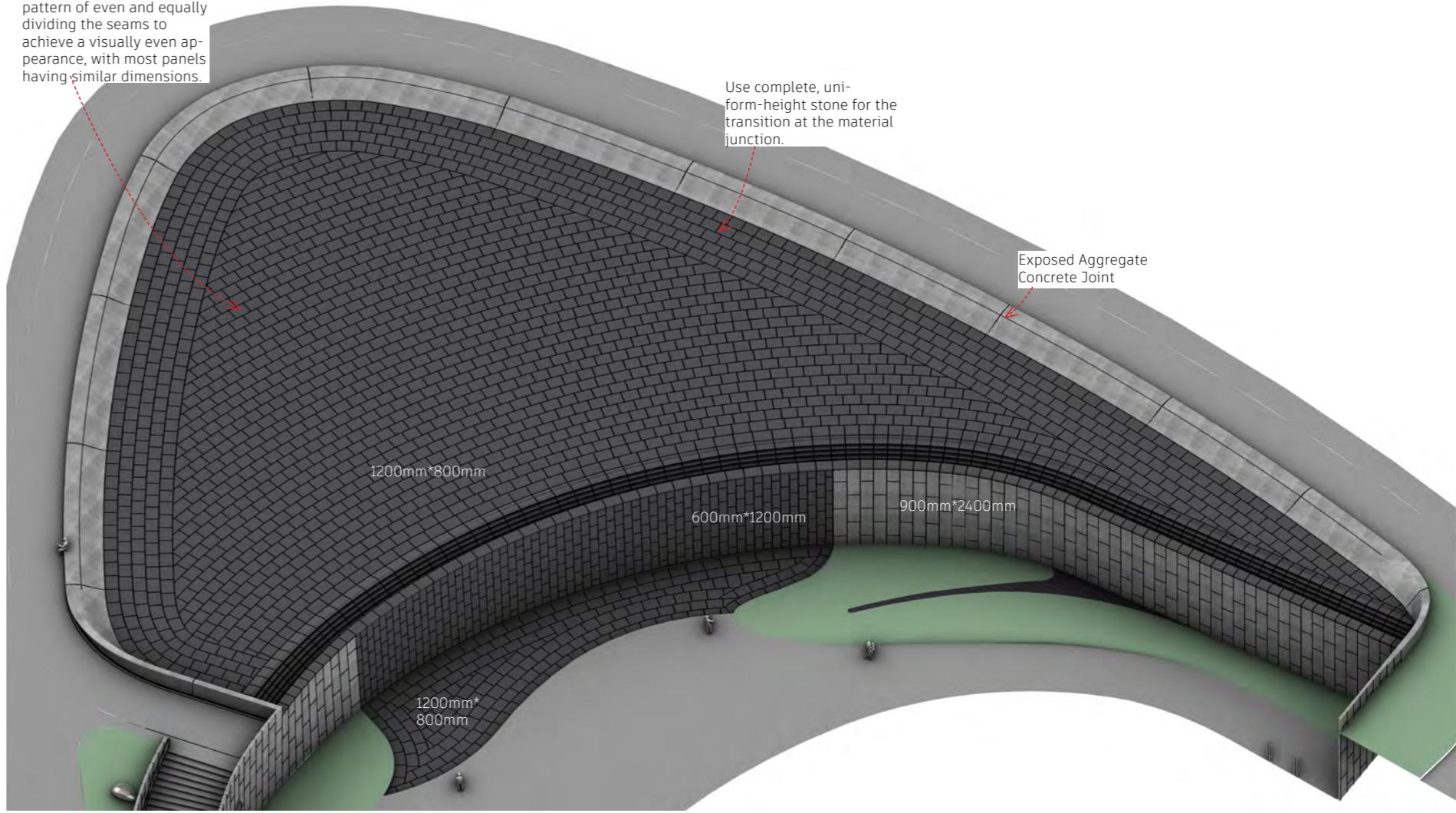
Optimized the sharp corner of stone panel



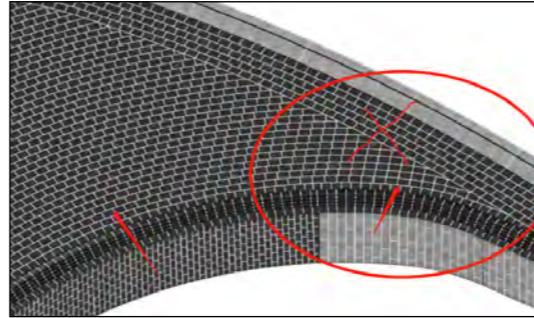
Combine the portions that exceed a certain height and are prone to breakage with the lower stone.



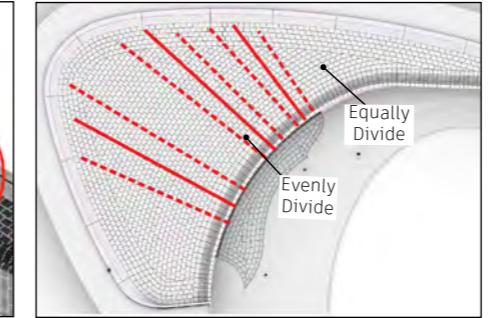
Divide the irregular base into several sections, employing an alternating pattern of even and equally dividing the seams to achieve a visually even appearance, with most panels having similar dimensions.



Problem:



Solution:



Optimization:

