

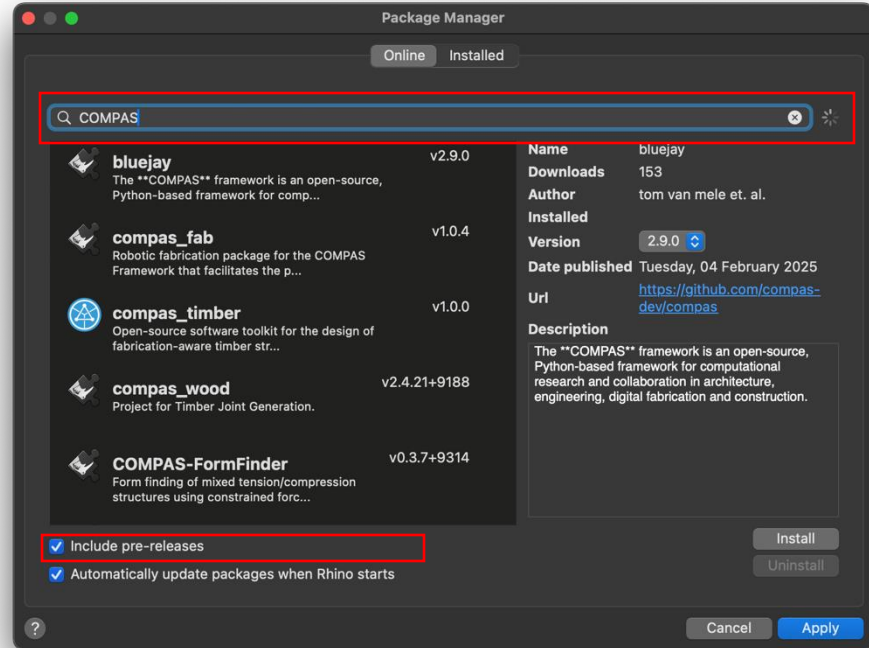
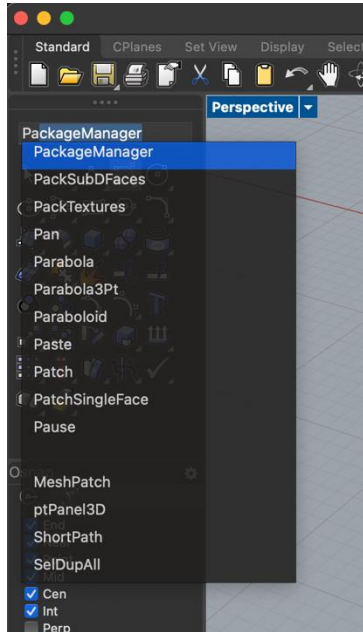
International Summer School: Historic Masonry Structures

TNA Workshop

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Rhino 8 Command: **PackageManager**Search for: **COMPAS**
Include pre-releases [ON]

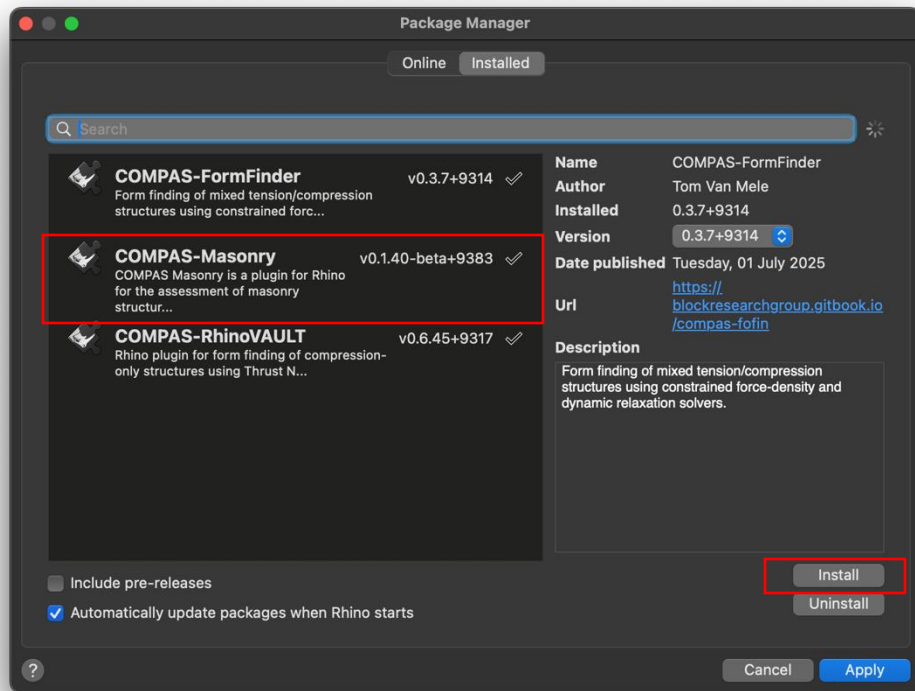
Available Software

COMPAS Masonry

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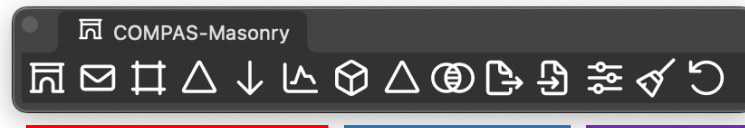
Find: **COMPAS-Masonry Version $\geq 0.1.52$**

Install and close and open Rhino to Update



Open COMPAS-Masonry Toolbar

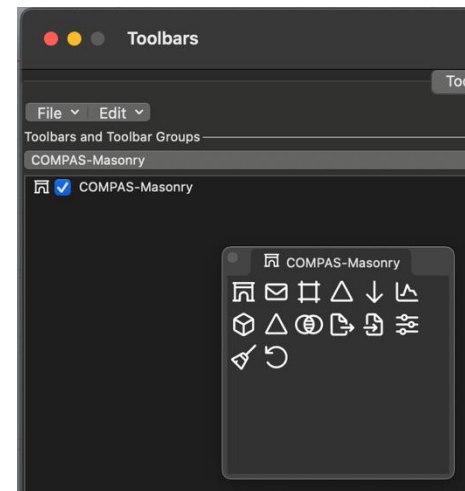
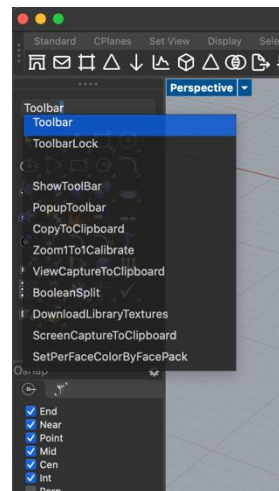
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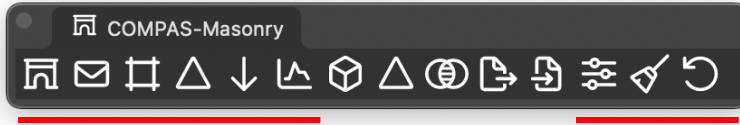










TNA
Commands

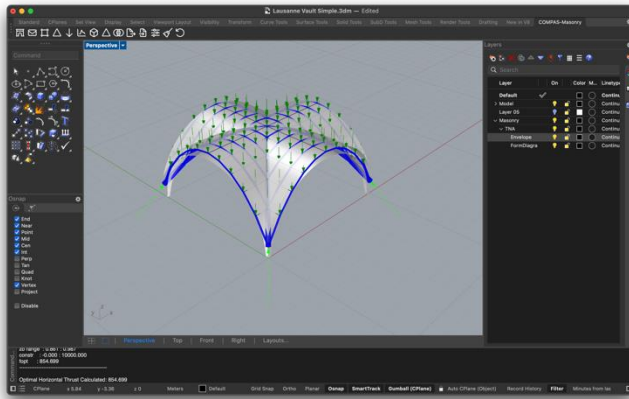
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Commands

Settings

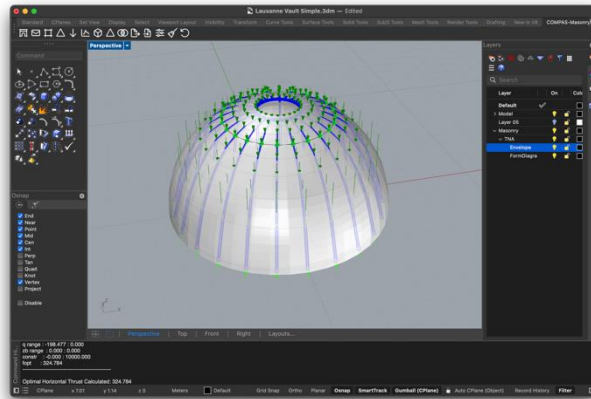




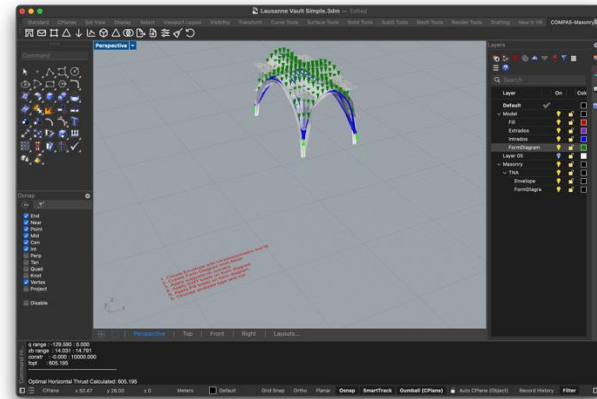
-  **Masonry Init:** Initialize the plug-in
-  **TNA_Envelope:** Create intrados and extrados geometry
-  **TNA_Form:** Create Form Diagram of problem
-  **TNA_Supports:** Assign Supports to the form diagram`
-  **TNA_Loads:** Assign Loads to the form diagram
-  **TNA_Analysis:** Select and run analysis.
-  **Settings:** Visualization Settings
-  **Clear and Redraw:** Update scene



1 – Cross Vault



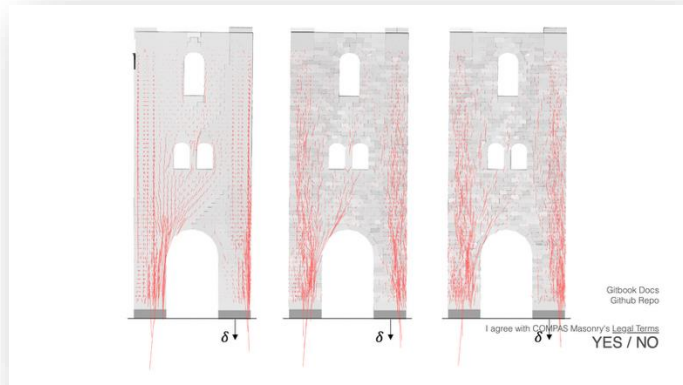
2 – Dome



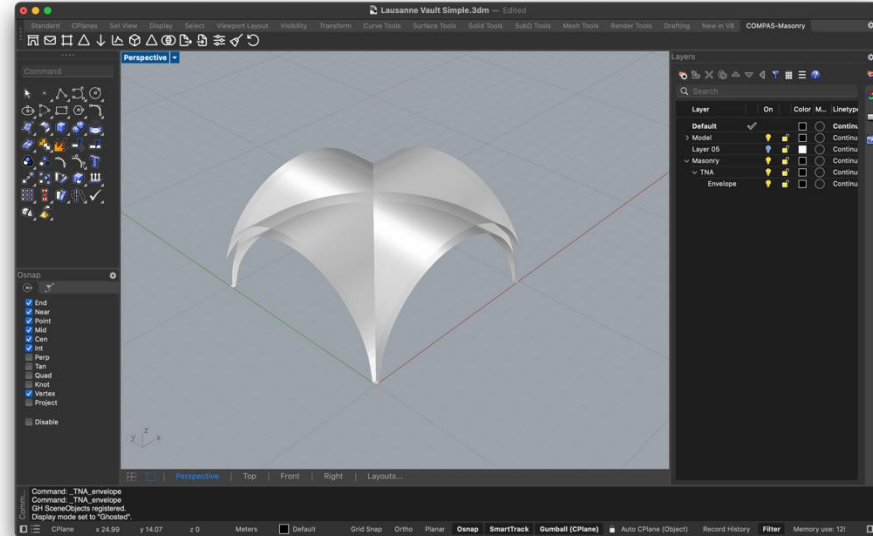
3 – Surveyed Vault



Masonry Init: Initialize the plug-in



TNA_Envelope: Create intrados and extrados geometry

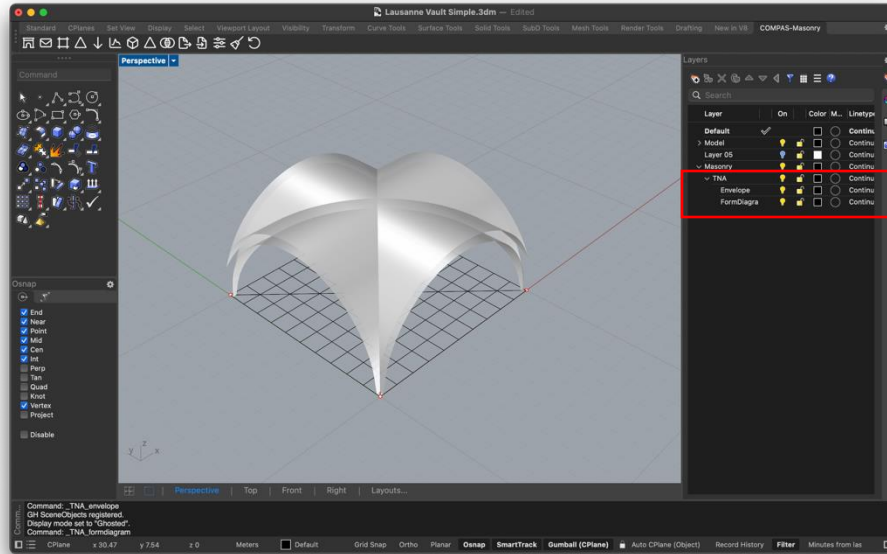


Parameters:

From Library > CrossVault > Enter Origin > Enter size > Enter Thickness > Enter material specific weight



TNA_Form: Create Form Diagram of problem

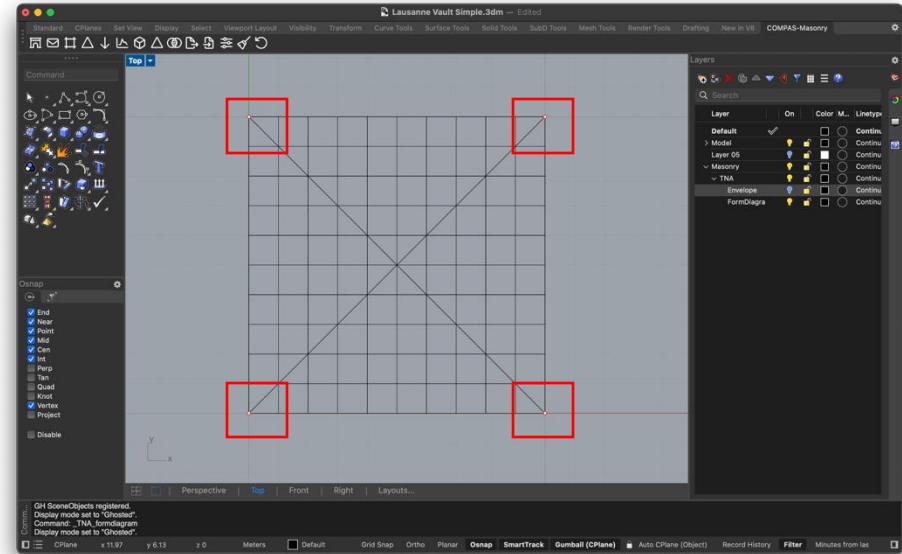


Parameters:

From Pattern > Cross > Enter Origin > Enter size > Enter discretization



TNA_Supports: Assign Supports to the form diagram`

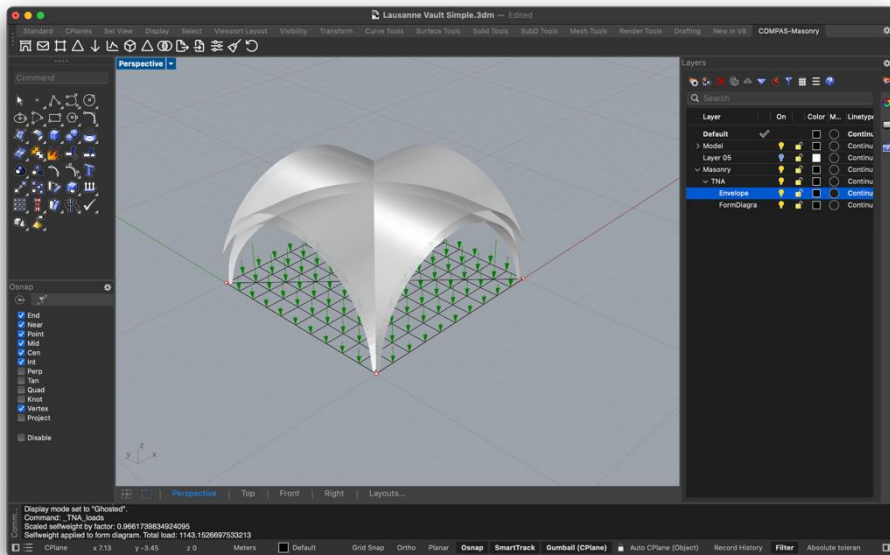


Parameters:

Check Supports and Add/Remove supports.
Corners are Selected as Default.



TNA_Loads: Assign Loads to the form diagram



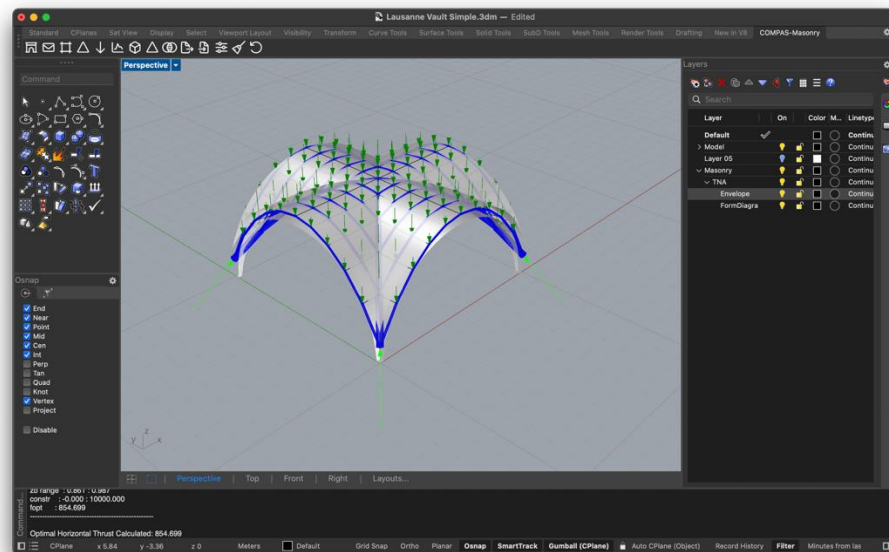
Parameters:

Add Load > Selfweight > Normalize Weight

Command: `_TNA_loads`
 Scaled selfweight by factor: 0.9661739834924095
 Selfweight applied to form diagram. Total load: 1143.1



TNA_Analysis: Select and run analysis.



Parameters:

Minimum Thrust Analysis

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TNO v.2.0
Solution : Optimization terminated successfully
q range : -145.096 : 0.000
zb range : 0.861 : 0.987
constr  : -0.000 : 10000.000
fopt    : 854.699
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Optimal Horizontal Thrust Calculated: 854.699



TNA_Analysis: Select and run analysis.

TNA_analysis

Objective:

String

Minimum Thrust

Minimum Thickness

Maximum Thrust

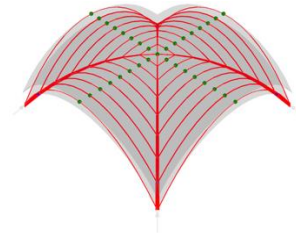
Maximum Load

Support Displacement

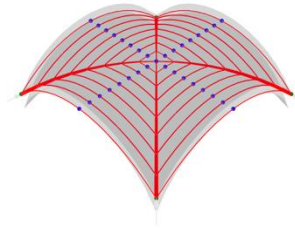
Bestfit

Cancel

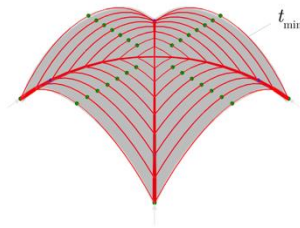
Done



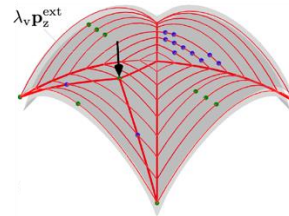
min. thrust



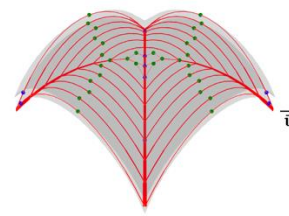
max. thrust



min. thickness



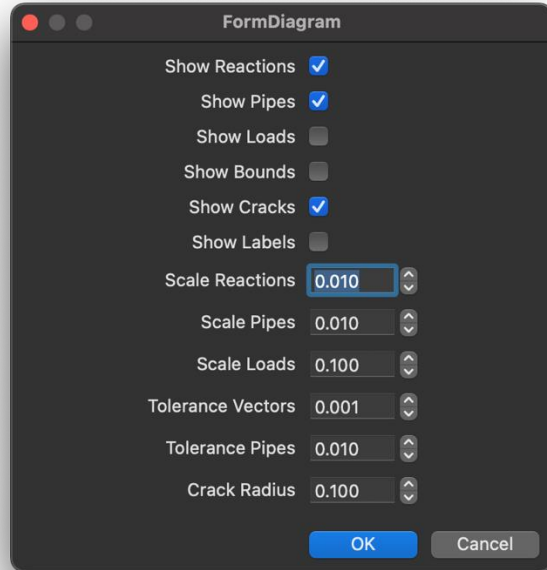
max. vert. load



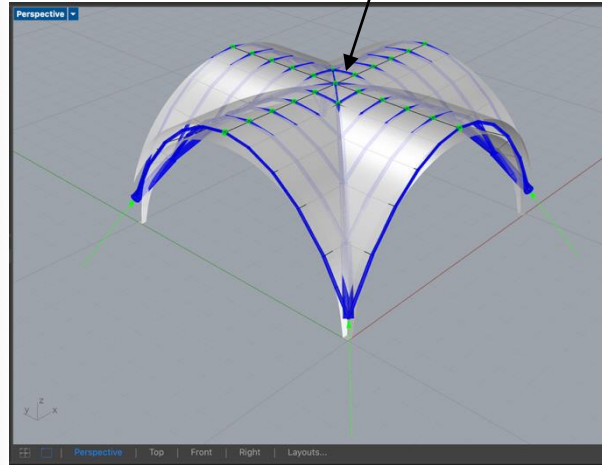
*complementary
energy*



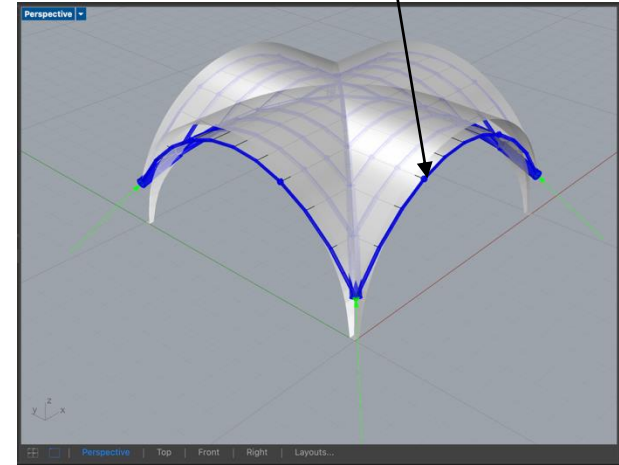
Settings: Visualization Settings

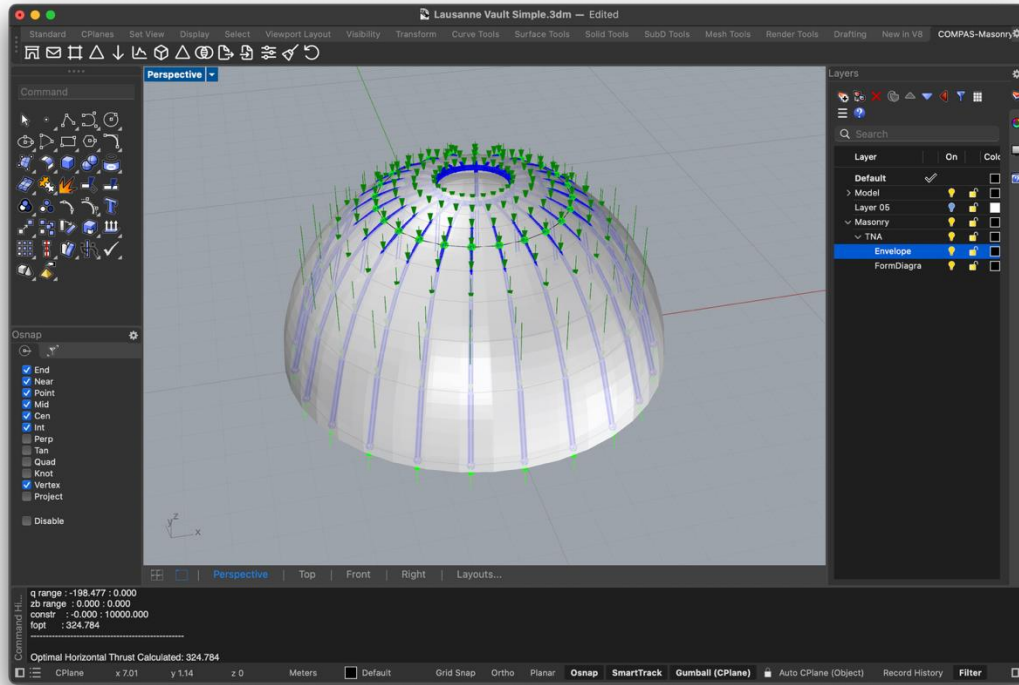


*Intrados cracks =
Extrados touches*



*Extrados cracks =
intrados touches*





Envelope:

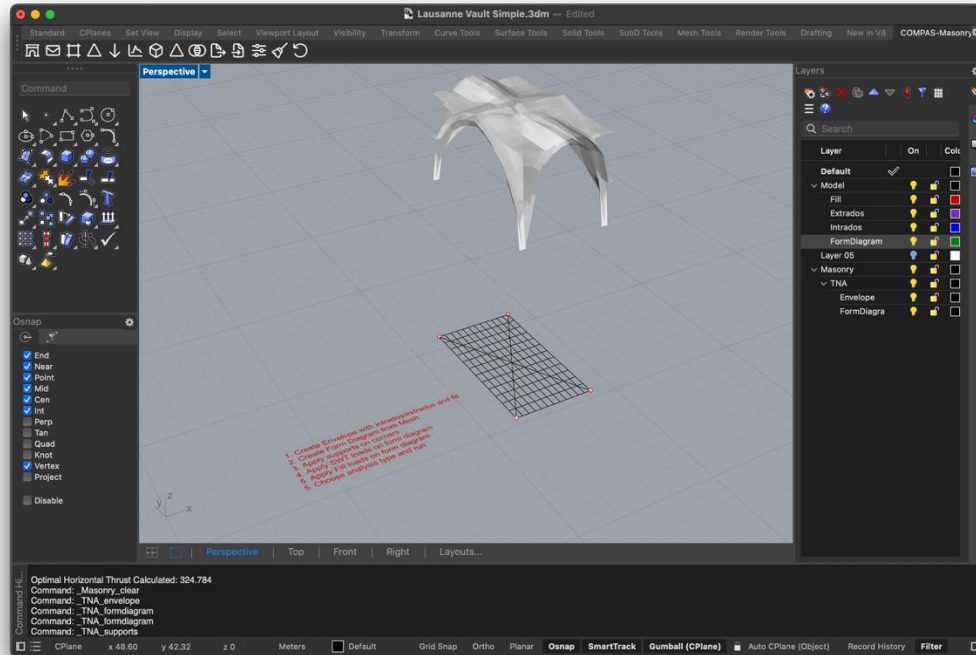
Dome > Set Radius and Radius of Oculus
Set thickness and Density

Form:

Circular diagram > Set Radius and Radius of Oculus
Set Density

Analysis:

Minimum thrust



Envelope:

From Bounds > Select Intrados / Extrados and Fill

Form:

From RhinoMesh > Select Mesh

Supports:

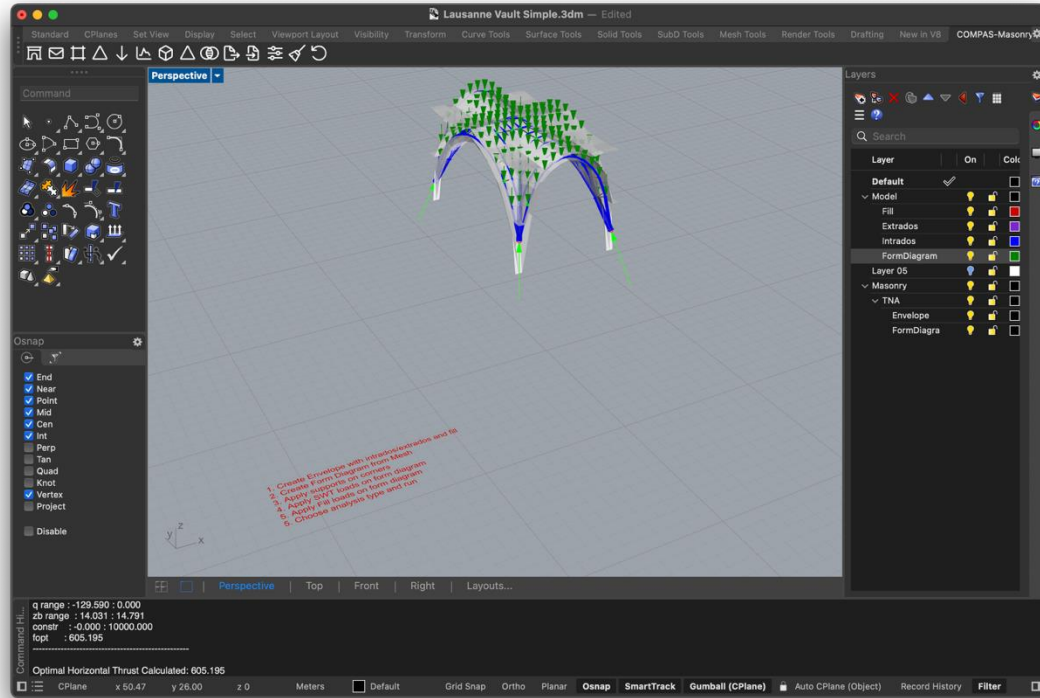
Assign corner supports

Loads:

Assign SWT and Fill Loads

Analysis:

Minimum thrust



Envelope:

From Bounds > Select Intrados / Extrados and Fill

Form:

From RhinoMesh > Select Mesh

Supports:

Assign corner supports

Loads:

Assign SWT and Fill Loads

Analysis:

Minimum thrust