
Single Storey Long Span Structure

Loads acting onto a structural systems

1. Dead load
 2. Live load
 3. Wind load
 4. Stress created by temperature differences
 5. Stress created by other form of disruption including ground movement, vibration, deformation or earthquake
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Materials suitable for construction

1. All reinforced concrete
 2. All metal (e.g. mild-steel, stainless steel or alloyed aluminium,
 3. All timber
 4. Laminated timber
 5. Metal/RC combined
 6. Plastic-coated Textile material
 7. Fiber reinforced plastic
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A suggested way to classify structural forms according to their structural activeness

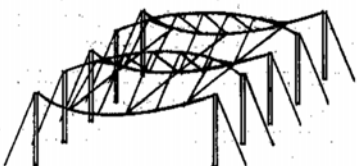
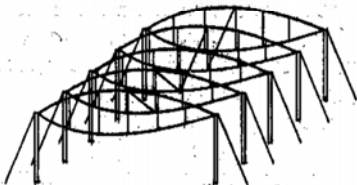
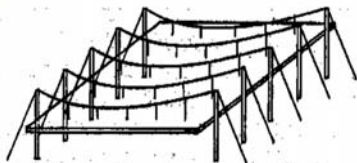
- Form active systems
 - Vector active systems
 - Section active systems
 - Surface active systems
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Form active structural systems

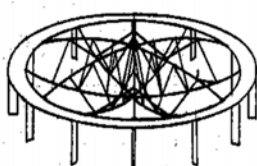
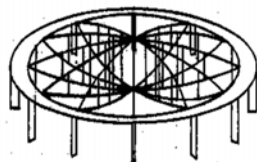
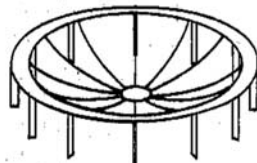
... are systems of flexible, non-rigid matter, in which the redirection of forces is effected by particular form design and characteristic form stabilization

Example of structures:

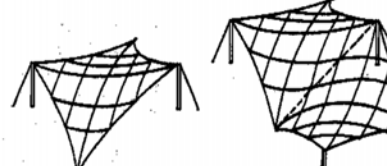
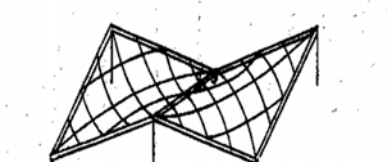
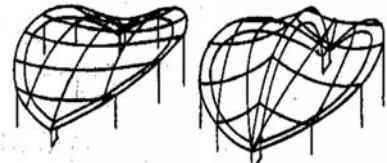
1. Cable structures
2. Tent structures
3. Pneumatic structures
4. Arch structures



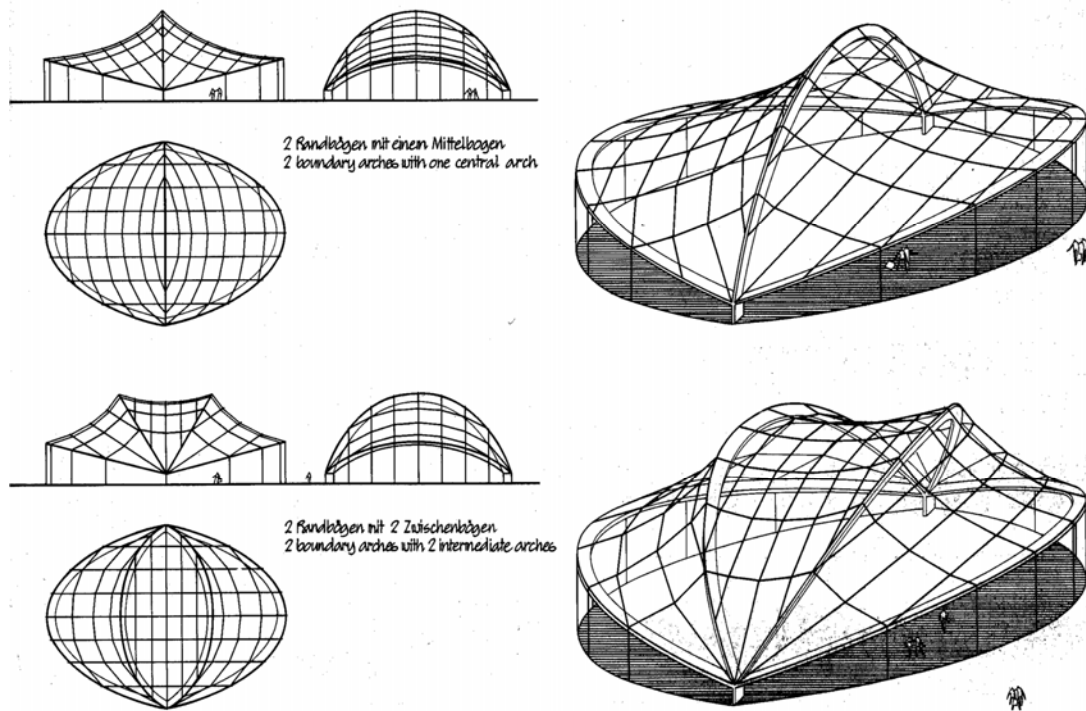
Parallel cable



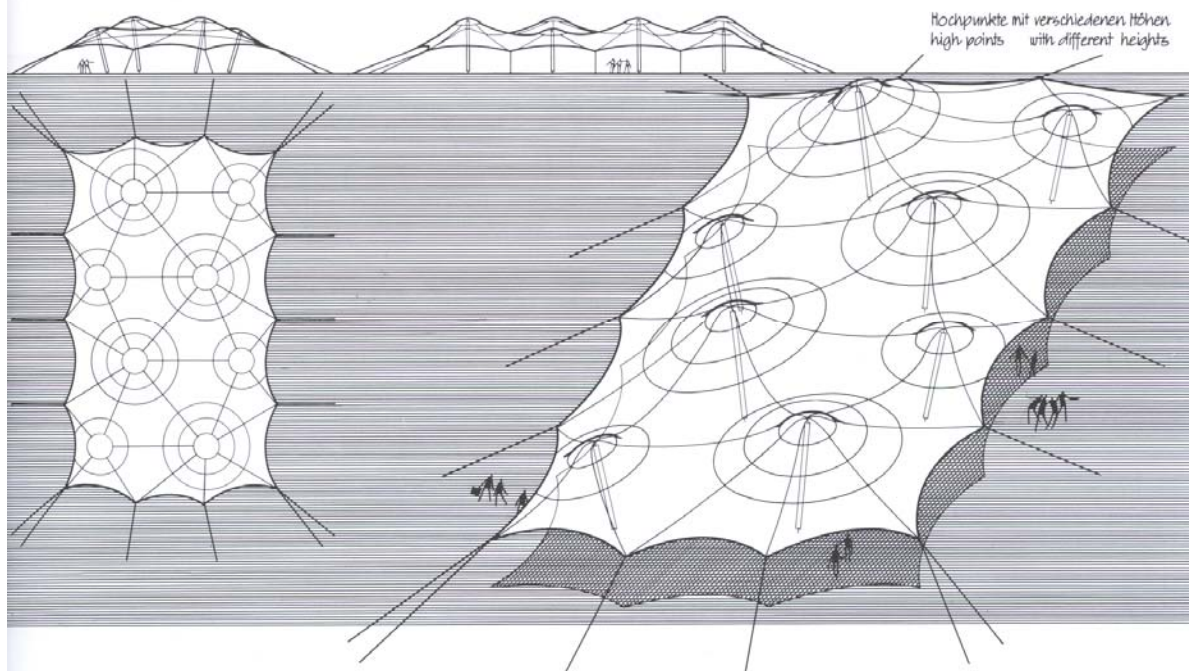
Radial cable



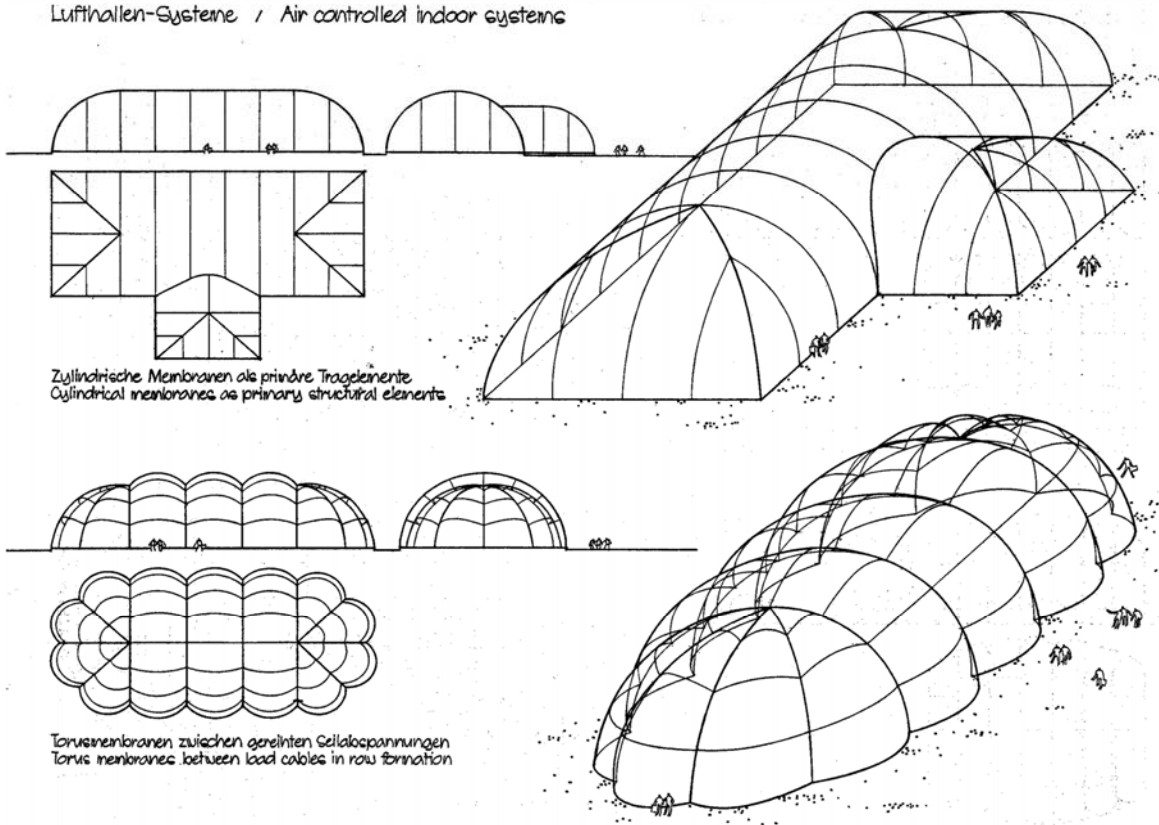
Biaxial cable



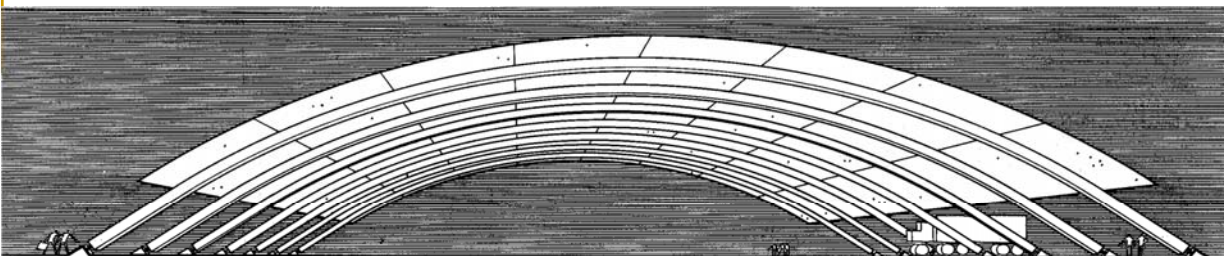
Examples of cable structures formed by arch



Examples of tent structures



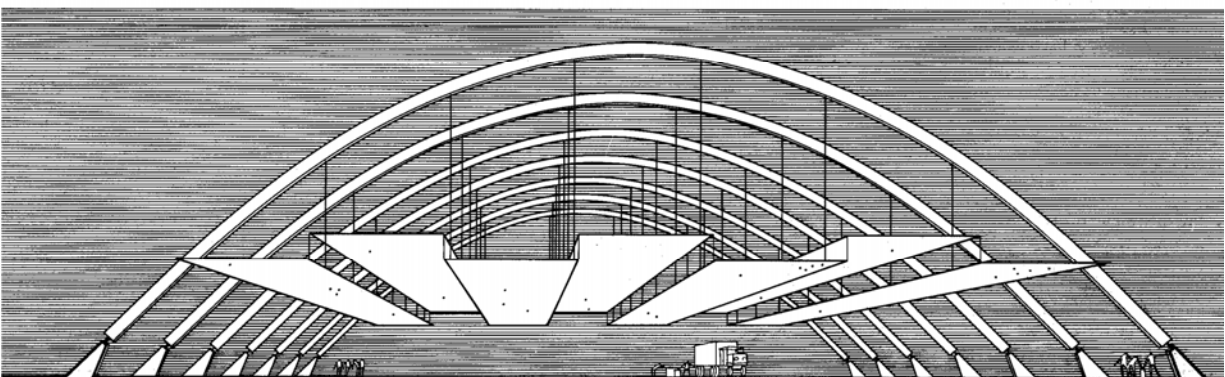
Examples of pneumatic structures



Erdeverankerte Bögen mit aufliegender gewölbter Dachkonstruktion
foundation arches with curved roof structure on top

Form der Stützlinie: Kettenlinie
funicular curve: catenary

Scheitelhöhe = $\frac{1}{8}$ Spannweite
arch rise = $\frac{1}{8}$ span



Abgestrebte Bögen mit abgehängter horizontaler Dachkonstruktion
buttressed arches with suspended horizontal roof structure

Form der Stützlinie: parabolisches Polygon
funicular curve: parabolic polygon

Scheitelhöhe = $\frac{1}{8}$ Spannweite
arch rise = $\frac{1}{8}$ span

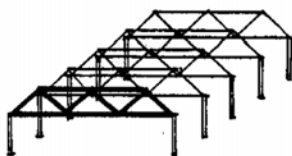
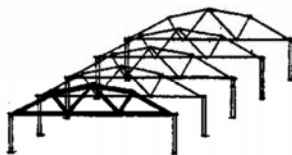
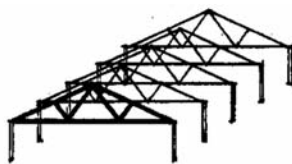
Examples of arch structures

Vector active structural systems

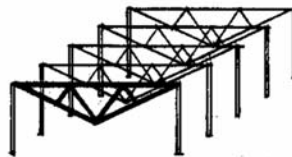
. . . are systems of short, solid, straight lineal members, in which the redirection of forces is effected by vector partition, i.e. by multi-directional splitting of single force simply to tension or compressive elements

Example of structures:

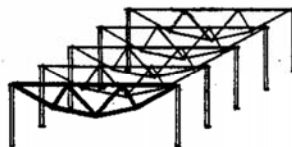
1. Flat trusses
2. Curved trusses
3. Space trusses



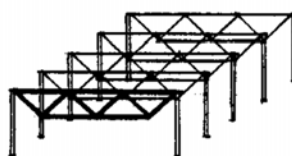
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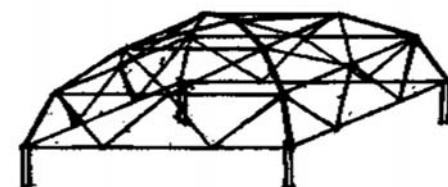
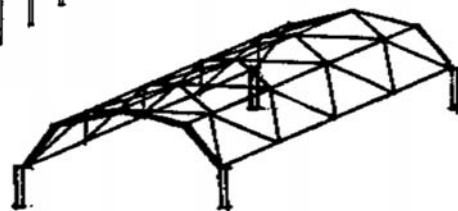
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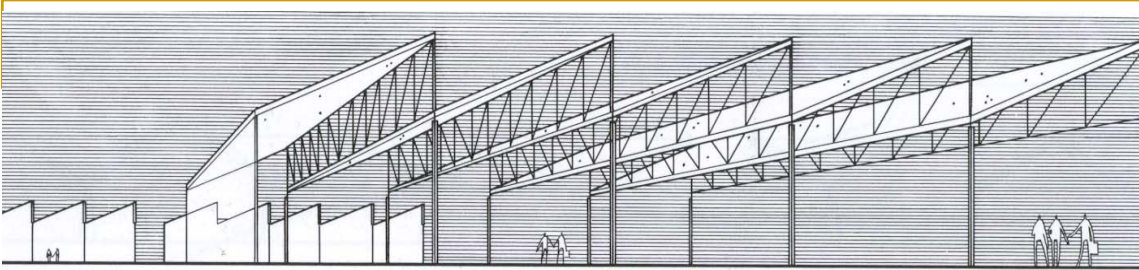
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Flat truss systems

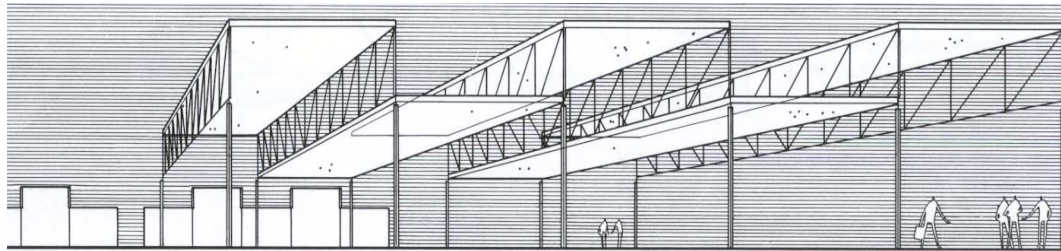


curved truss systems



gleichmäßig beidseitig unterstützt

inclined roof planes with both ends supported



abwechselnde horizontale Dachflächen beidseitig unterstützt

alternating horizontal roof planes with both ends supported

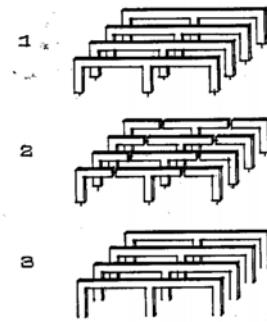
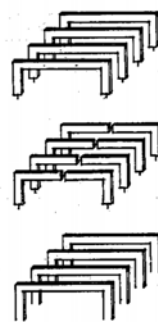
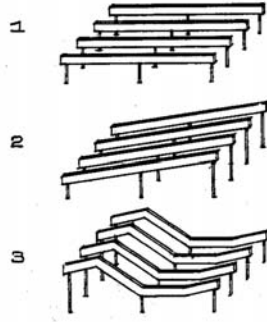
Illustrated examples of flat truss structures

Section active structural systems

... are systems of rigid, solid, linear elements, in which redirection of forces is effected by mobilization of sectional forces

Example of structures:

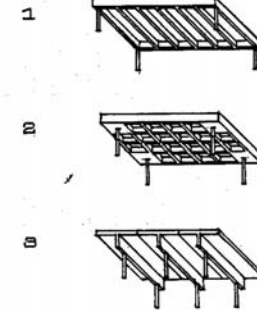
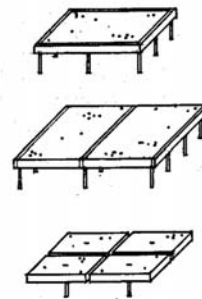
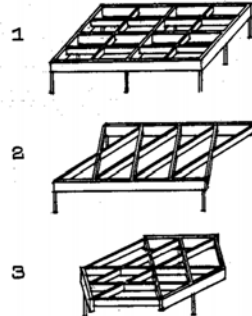
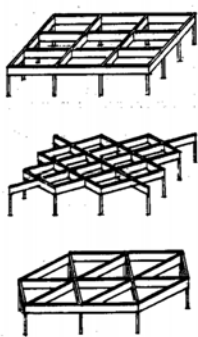
1. Beam structures
2. Frame structures
3. Slab structures



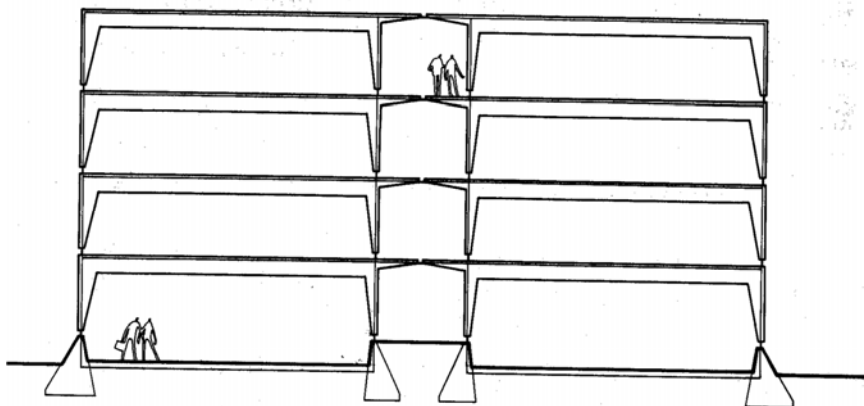
1 & 2 bay beams

1 & 2 bay frames

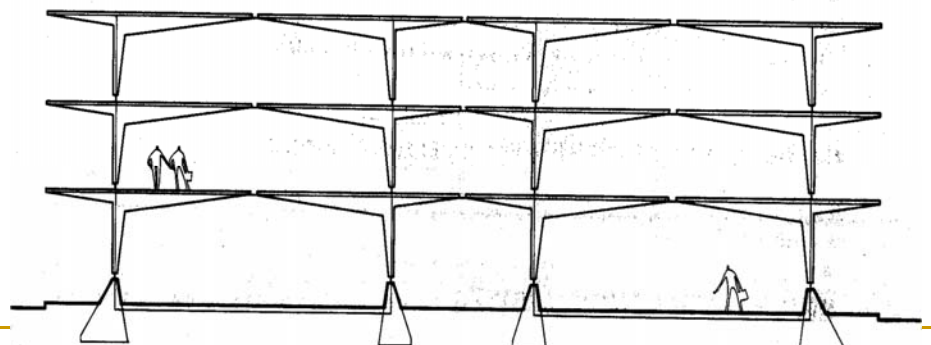
Beam-grid systems



Slab structures



Hinged
frame
structures

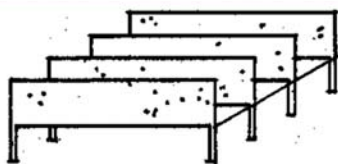


Surface active structural systems

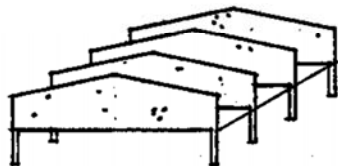
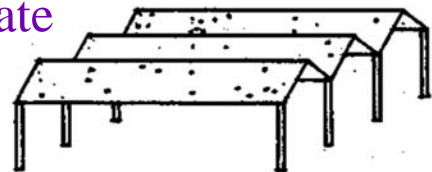
... are systems of flexible or rigid planes able to resist tension, compression or shear, in which the redirection of forces is effected by mobilization of sectional forces

Example of structures:

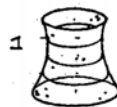
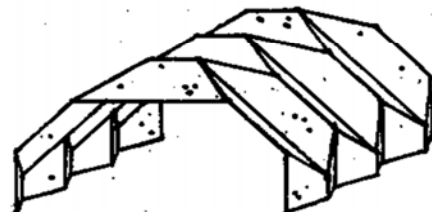
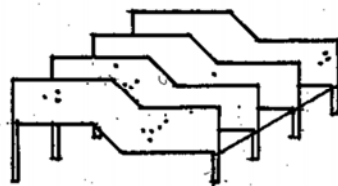
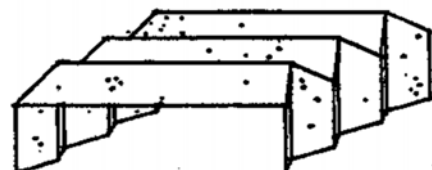
1. Plate structures
2. Folded structures
3. Shell structures



Folded plate

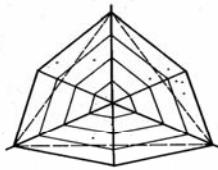


Multi-bay structures

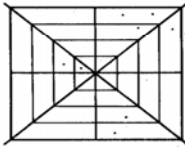
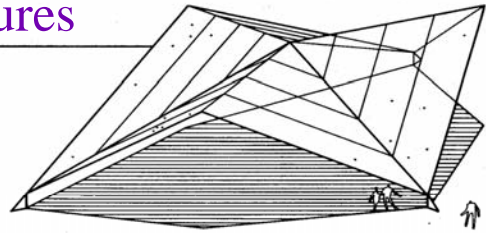


Shell structures

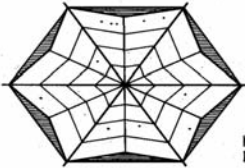
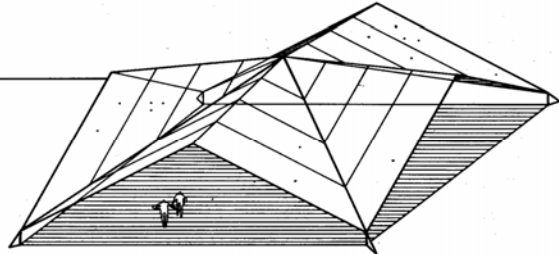
Various forms of folded structures



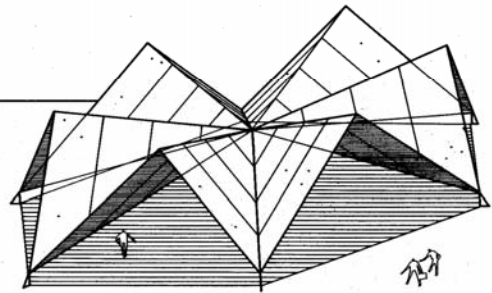
Dreieckiger Grundriß, unagrechte Firstlinien
triangular floor plan, horizontal ridges



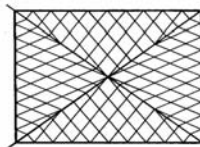
Quadratischer Grundriß, fallende Firstlinien
square floor plan, ridges rising toward center



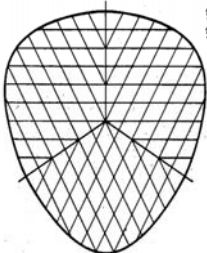
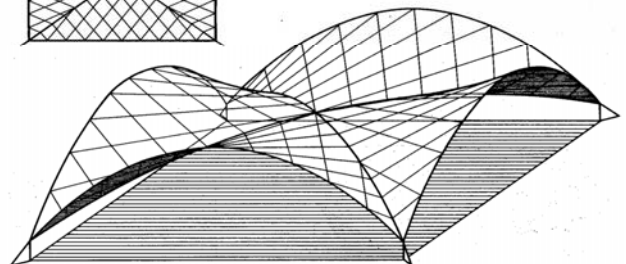
Hexagonaler Grundriß, steigende Firstlinien
hexagonal floor plan, ridges sloping to center



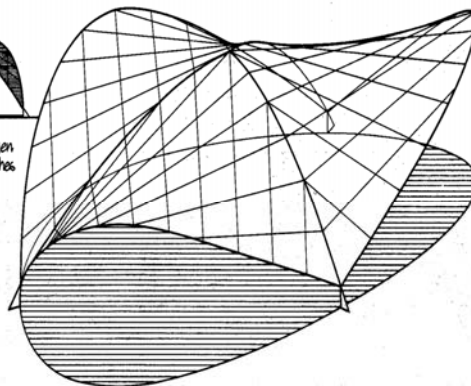
Examples of shell structures



4 'hp'-Flächen mit senkrechten Randbögen
4 'hyper' surfaces with vertical edge arches



3 'hp'-Flächen mit geneigten Randbögen
3 'hyper' surfaces with slanted edge arches



Other Example of Long Span Structure applied in Buildings

Structure with span larger than 20m can be regarded as long span structure for this span is usually unable to be achieved by ordinary RC structure.

Common Structural Forms for Long Span Building Structures

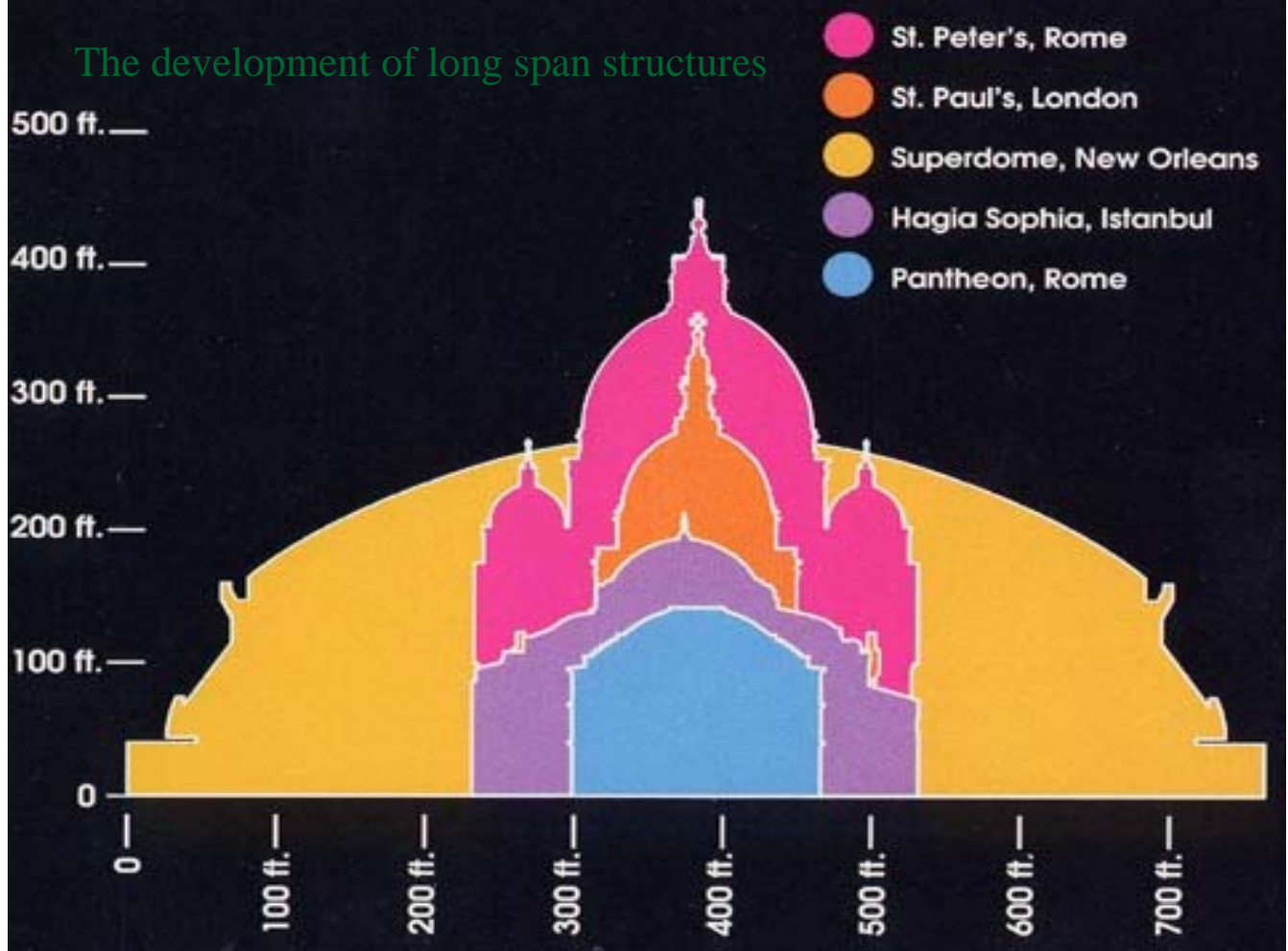
1. Insitu RC, tensioned
2. Precast concrete, tensioned
3. Structural steel – erected on spot
4. Structural steel – prefabricated and installed on spot
5. Portal frame – insitu RC
6. Portal frame – precast
7. Portal frame – prefabricated steel

Common Structural Forms (Cont.)

8. Cable suspended structures
9. Inflated structure
10. Vaulted or ribbed structure
11. Dome structure
12. Shell structure

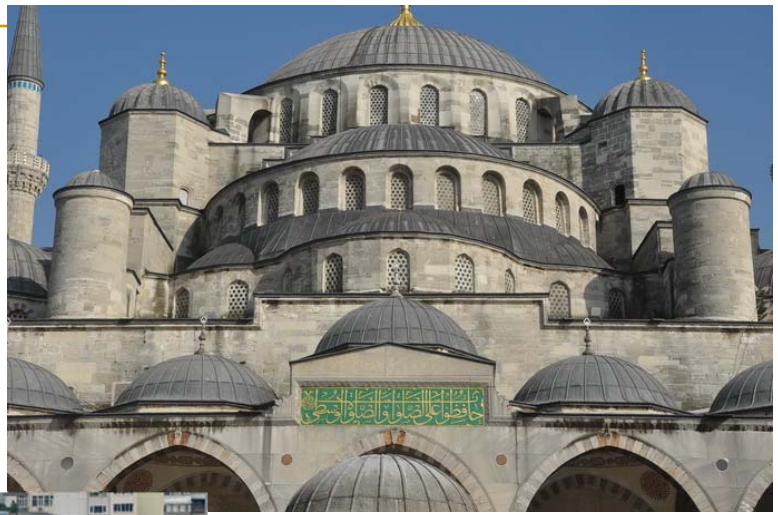
Development History of Long Span Structure

The development of long span structures

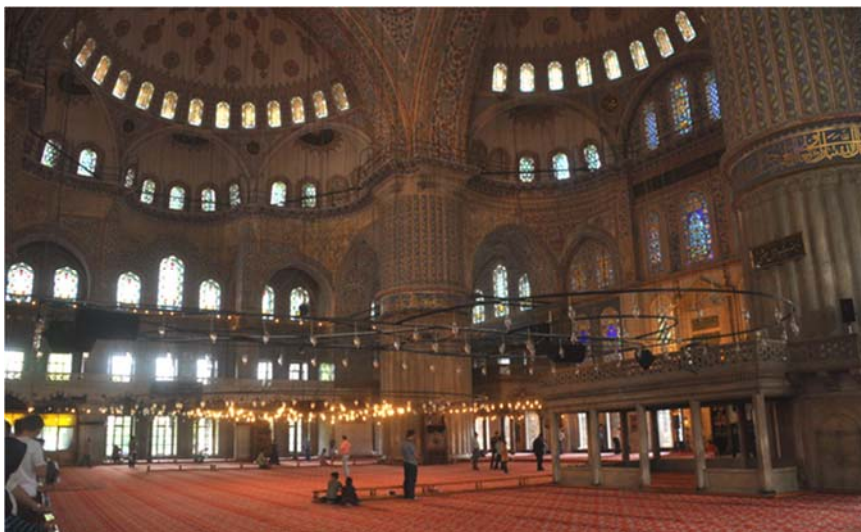


Mosque in Istanbul,
Turkey

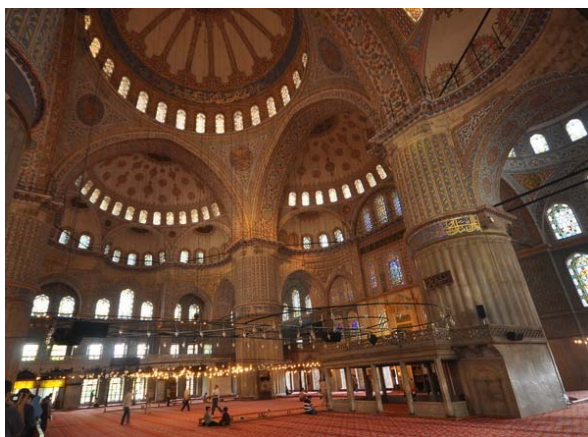




Detail showing the close-up of dome of Mosque



Interior of the mosque



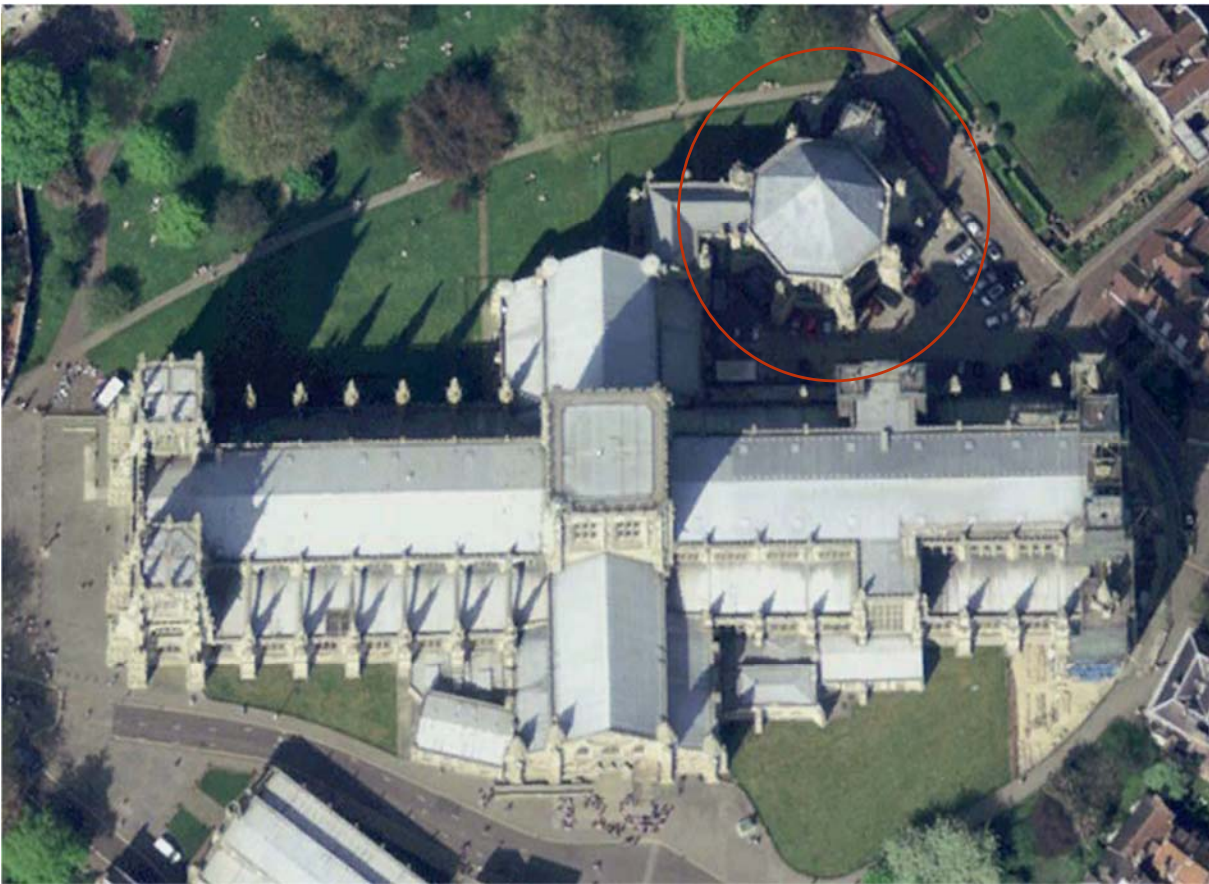


Dome roof of St Paul (left)
and St Peter Cathedral



Dome roof and
front/rear view of
Pantheon, Rome

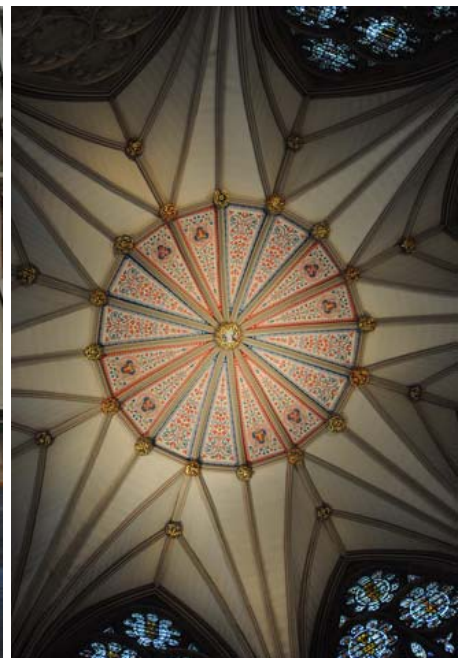




Long span space. The case for the Minster Church in York, England.



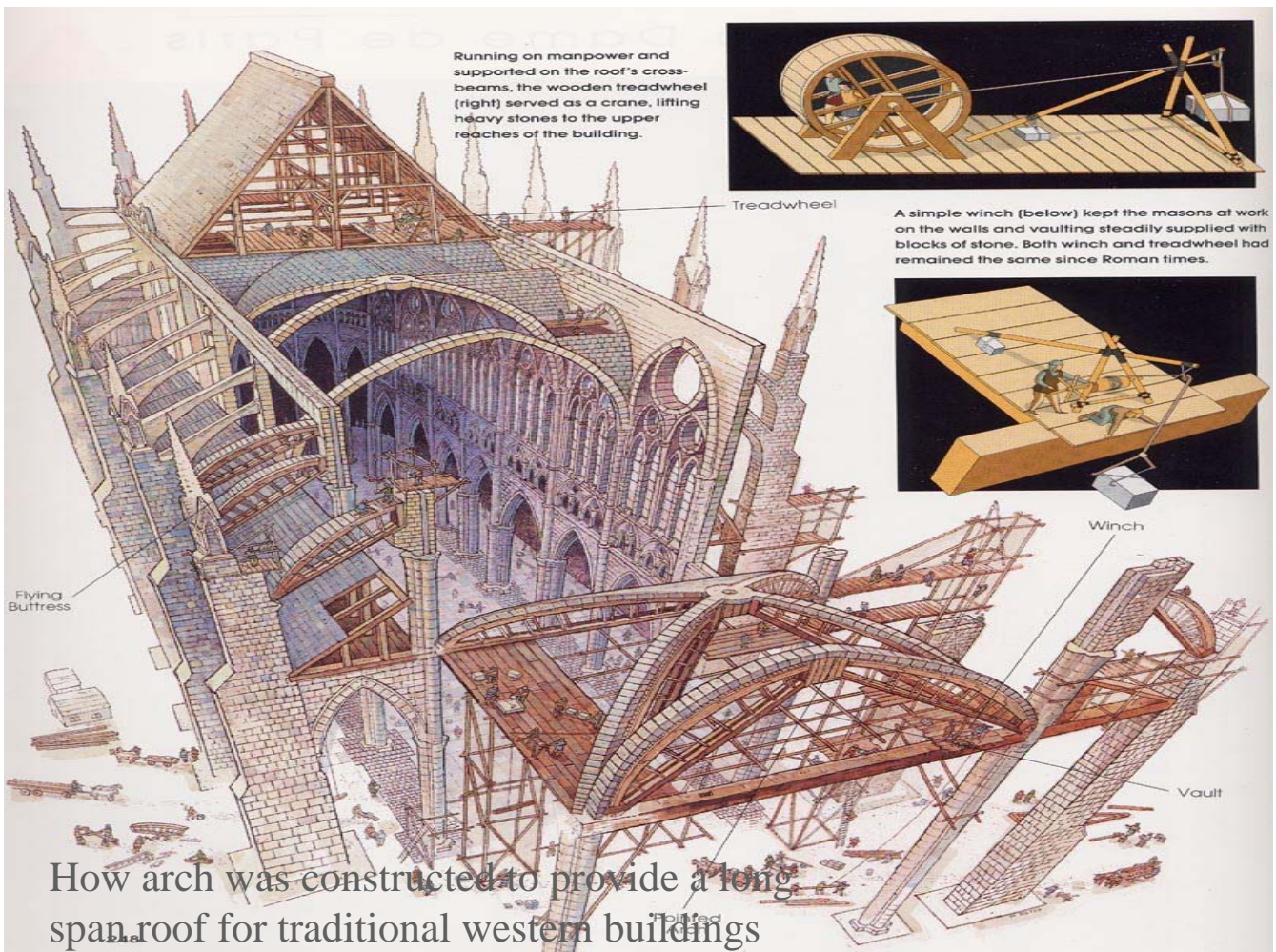
Scaled model of
the dome structure

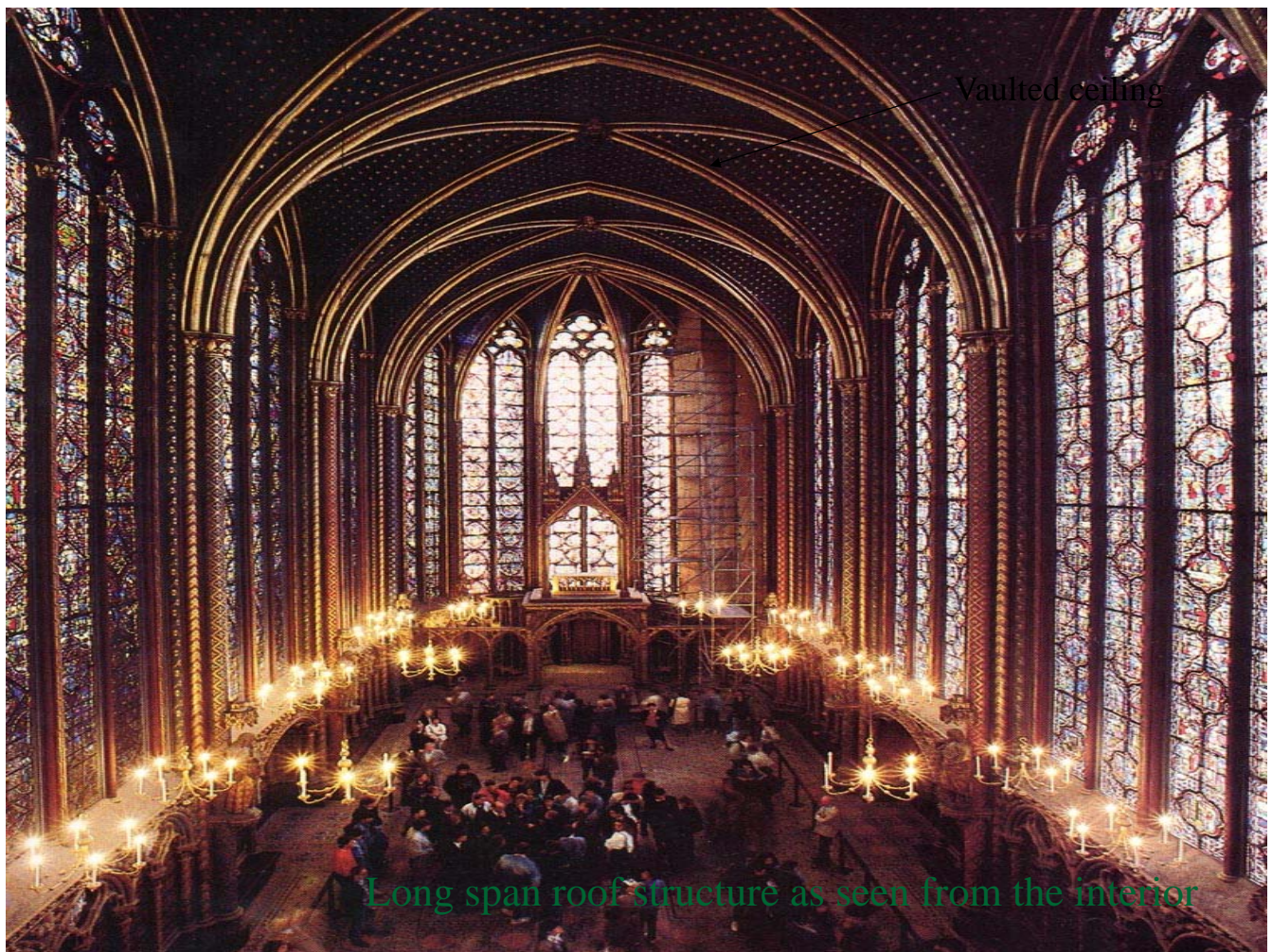


A long span space in the form of a dome. The case for the
Minster Church in York, England.



Inside the dome.





Interior view of traditional western structure with arched roof or dome





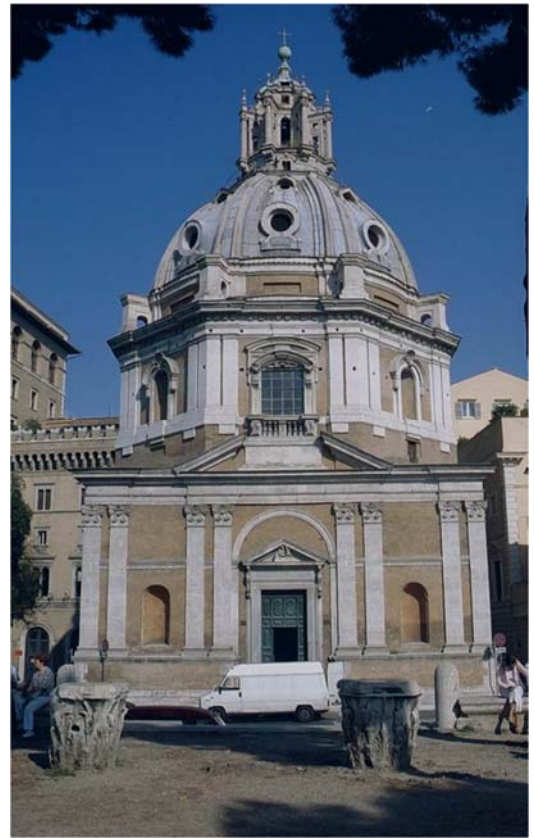
Exterior and Interior
view of traditional
western structure with
arched roof or dome



Dome roof



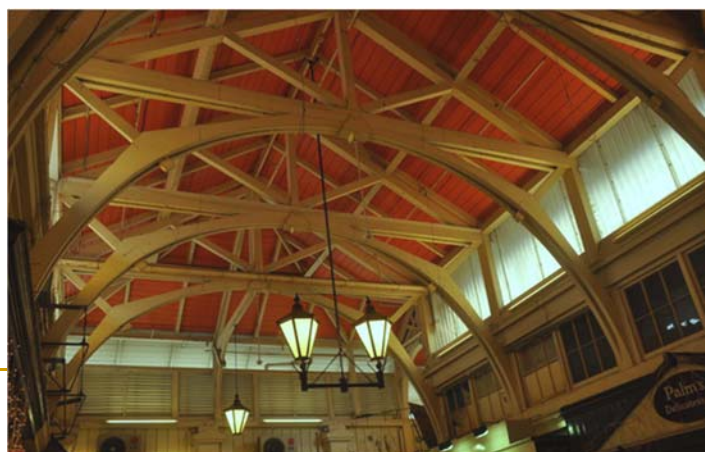
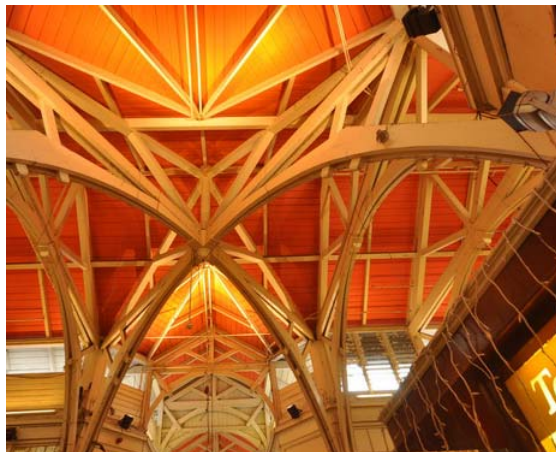
Dome roof



Interior view of
traditional western
structure with timber
truss roof



Interior view of traditional western structure with timber truss roof, the York Minster, UK



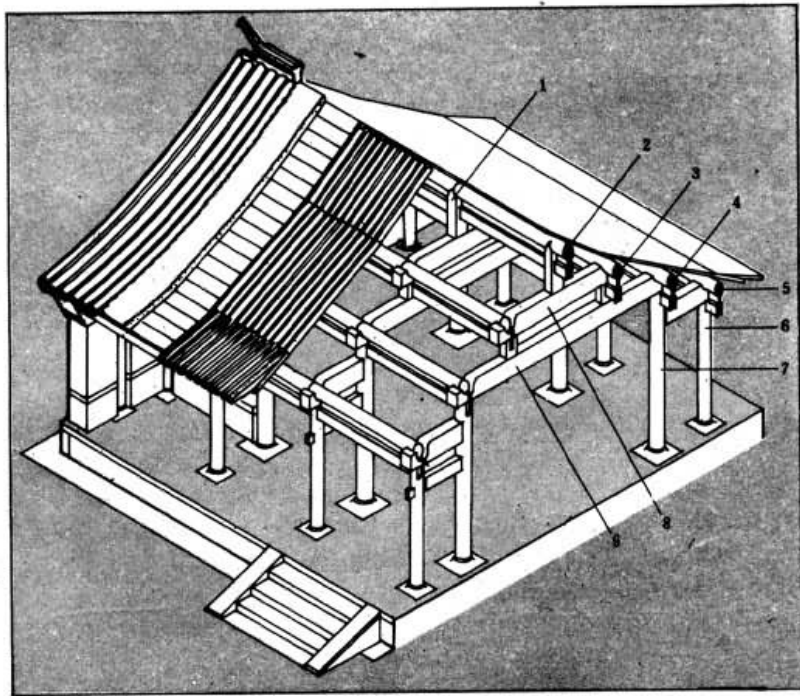
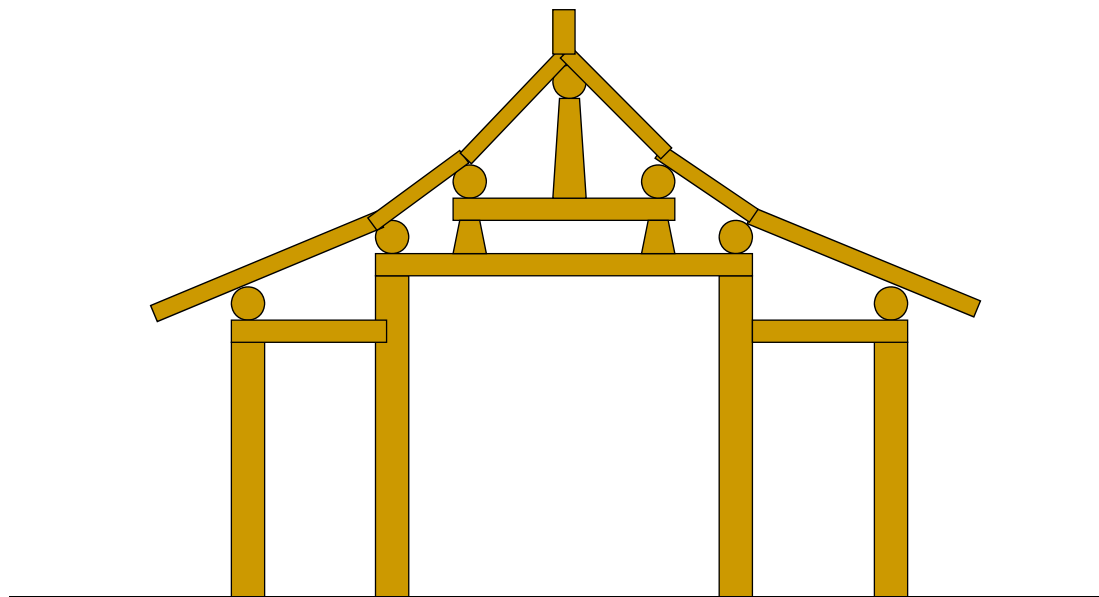
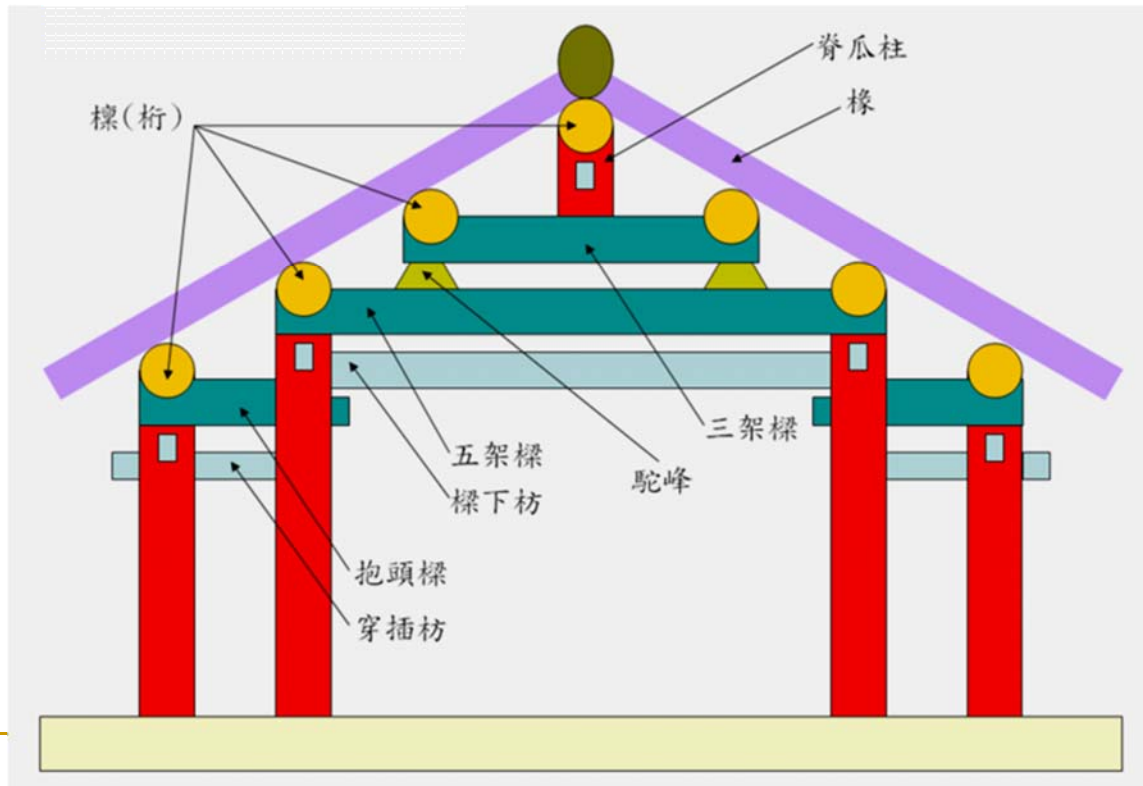


图2 清七檩硬山大木小式构架
 1 脊瓜柱 2 脊檩(垫、枋) 3 金檩(垫、枋) 4 老檐檩(垫、枋) 5 檐檩(垫、枋) 6 檐柱 7 老檐柱 8 三架梁 9 五架梁

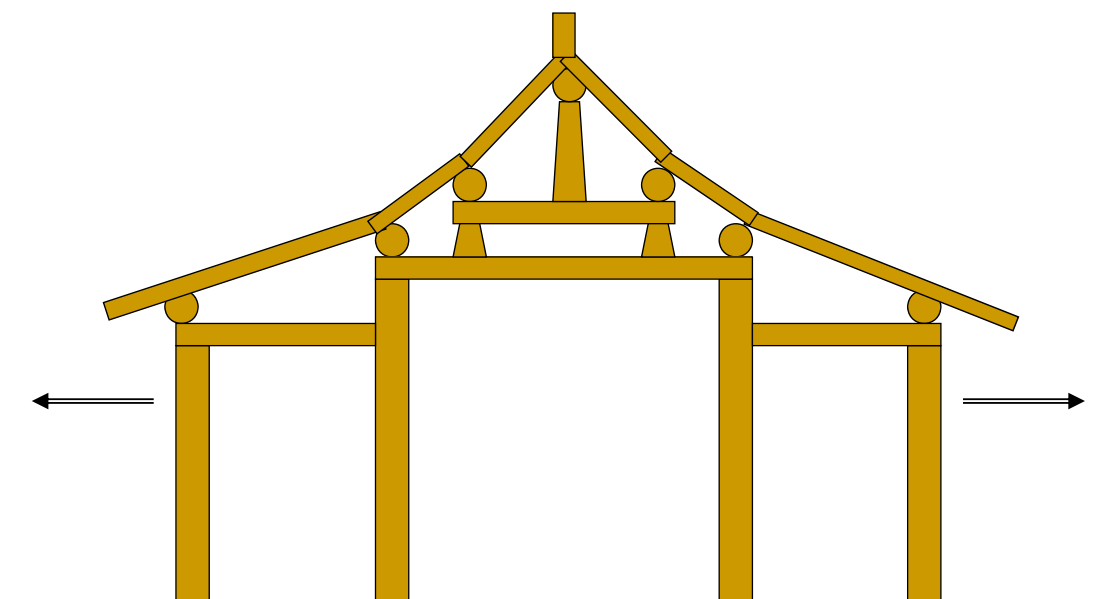
Basic structural concept on Chinese roof truss



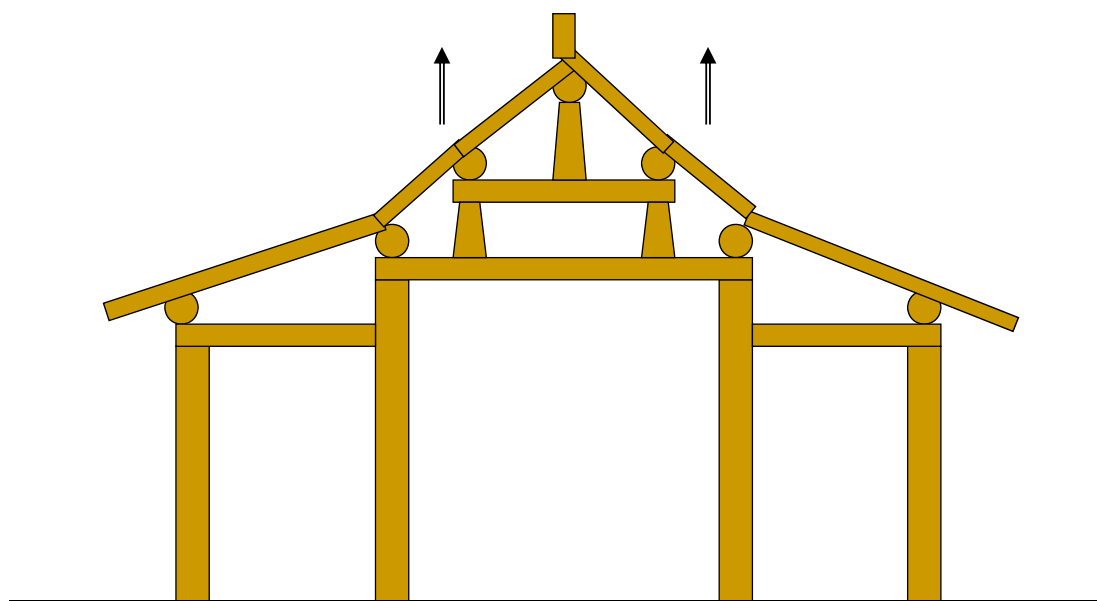
Typical Chinese roof truss (parallel truss system)



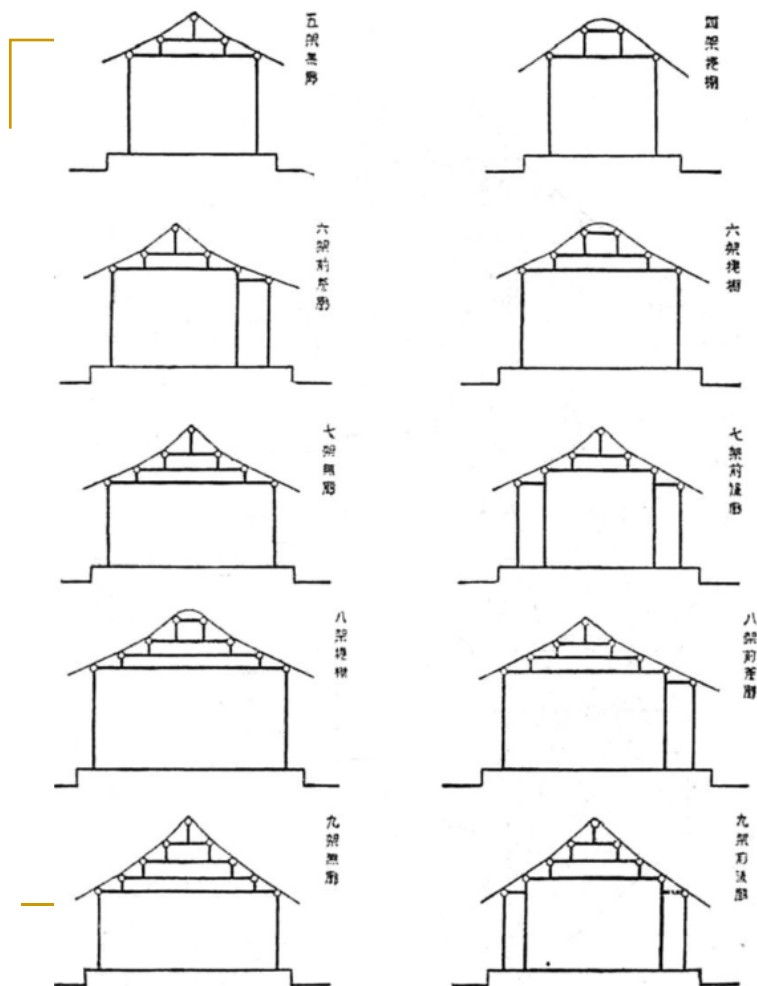
抬梁式結構屋面形態的多元變化



抬梁式結構屋面形態的多元變化



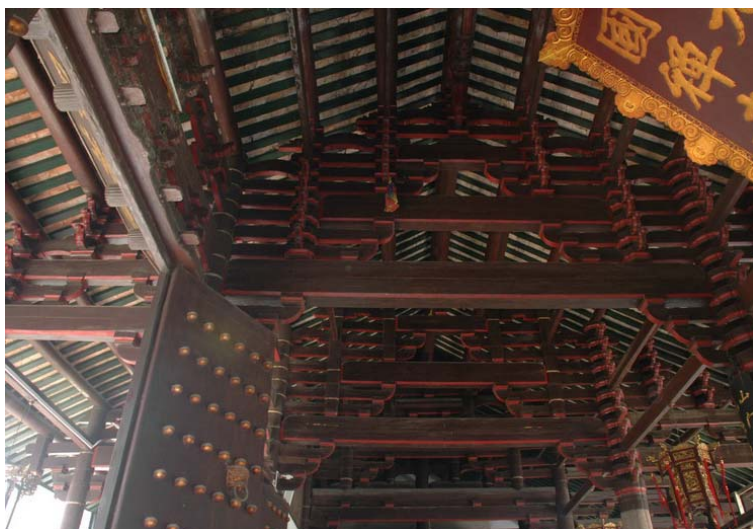
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屋面形態透過柱位
和梁架的轉變而產
生眾多的造形變化

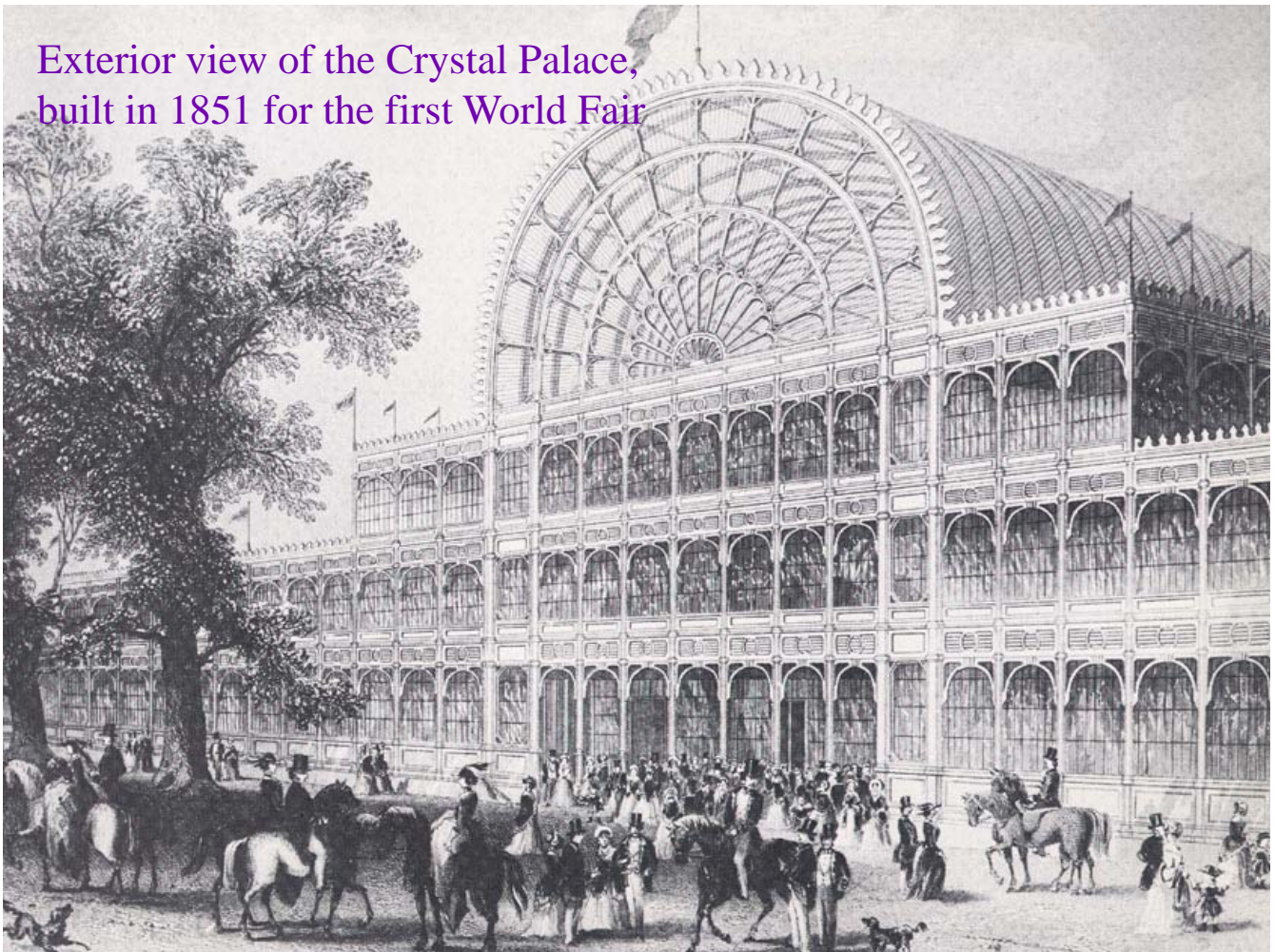


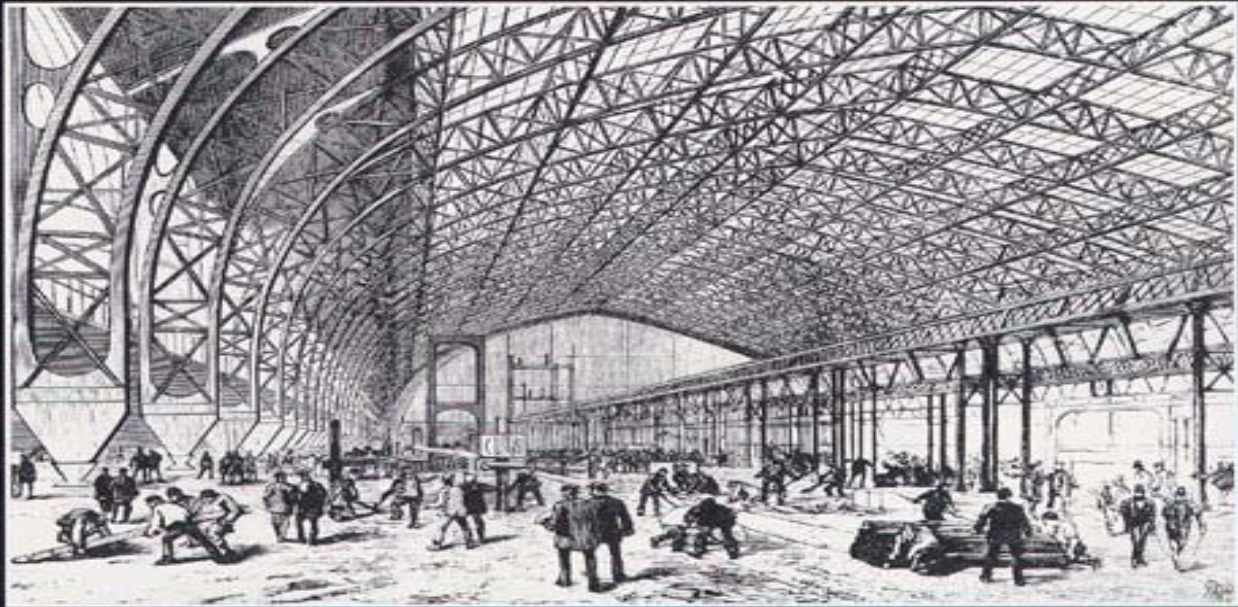
典型的抬梁式結構
屋內常見的梁架布局



Other milestone in the development of modern long span system

Exterior view of the Crystal Palace,
built in 1851 for the first World Fair





Designed to celebrate French industrial prowess, the 1889 Paris Exhibition also marked the centenary of the French Revolution. The Gallery of Machines, on the Champs de Mars opposite the Eiffel Tower, was itself an engineering triumph. Framed in the new harder and stronger material—steel—instead of iron like the Crystal Palace, the Gallery's glass panels were fixed to its exterior, shaping a vast inner, seemingly limitless, space. Twenty pairs of hinged girders formed arches at the apex. The pin supports at the arches' top allowed the building to flex if its metal expanded or contracted. The strikingly innovative building was a masterpiece of 19th-century engineering.

The Gallery of Machine, constructed in 1889 for the Paris Exhibition

Actual Example

Overseas Examples

Various Railway Stations in European Cities



Paris Central Station



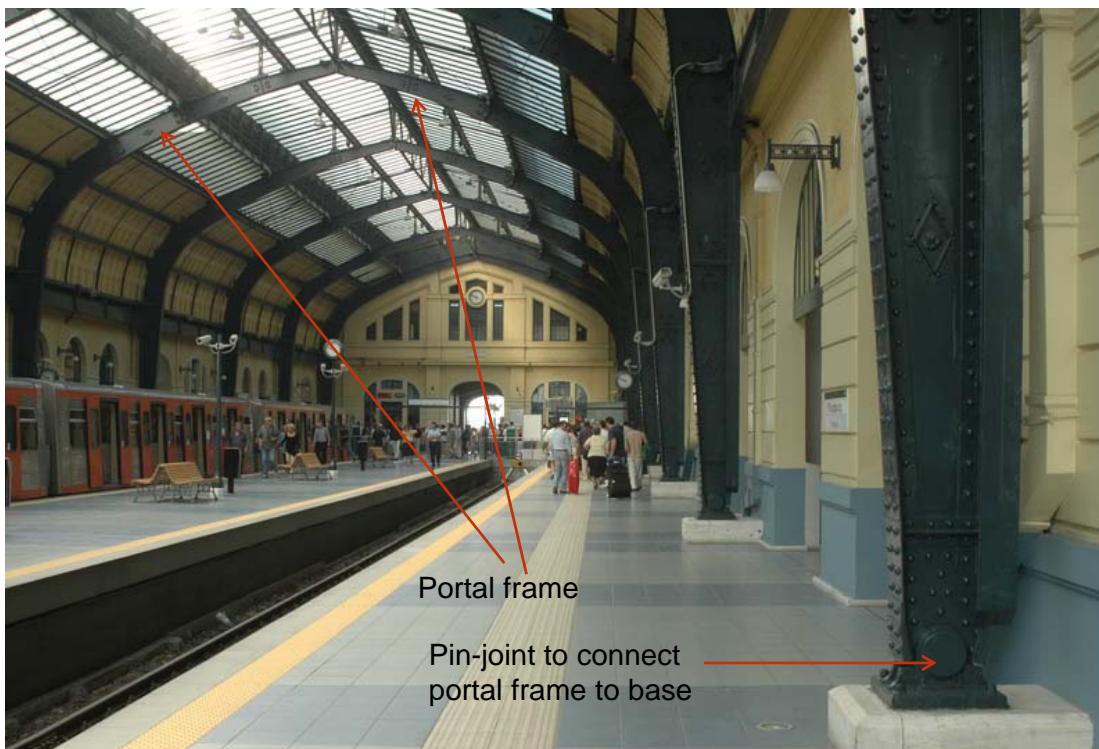
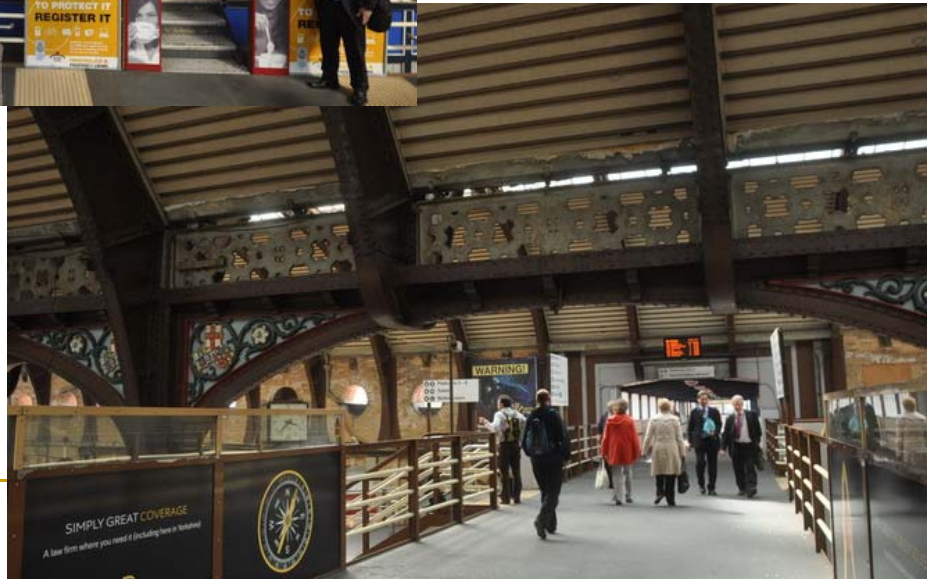


The York
Station, UK





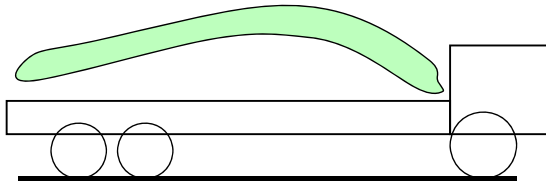
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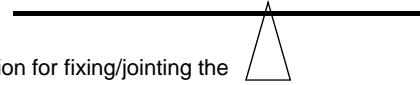
Portal frame

Pin-joint to connect
portal frame to base

Step 1

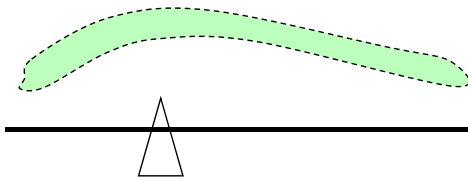


Section of portal frames fabricated in workshop and deliver to site prepare for installation

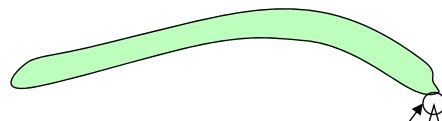


Foundation for fixing/jointing the portal frame to be constructed on site at the same time

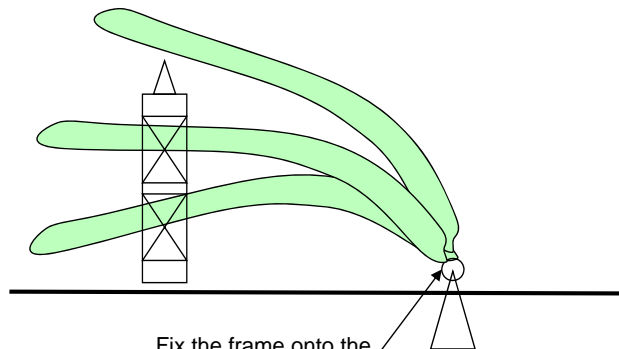
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Step 2



Fix the frame onto the pin-joint of foundation



Fix the frame onto the pin-joint of foundation

Lift the frames onto the right location and support them with a temporary stand

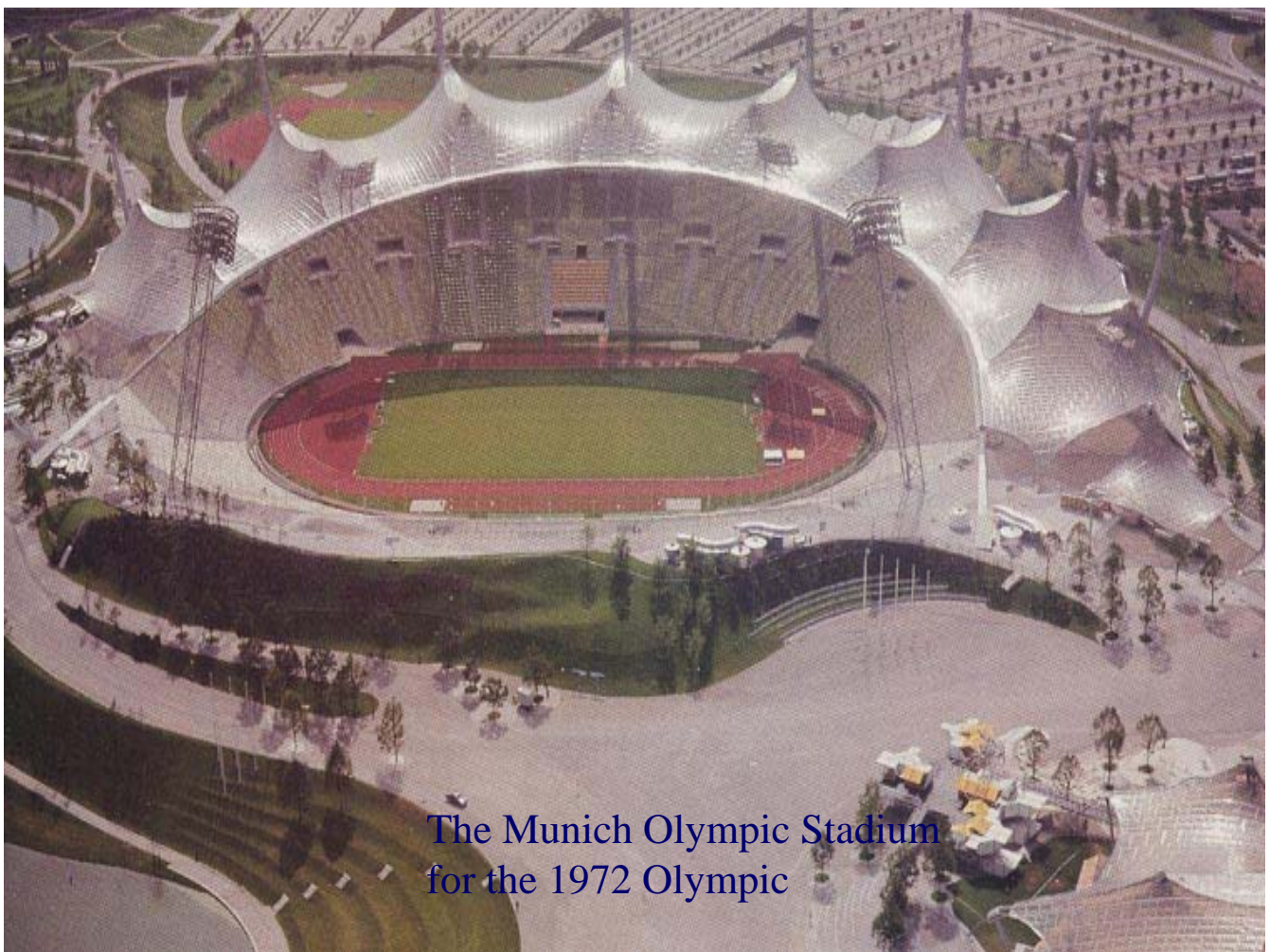
Step 3



Insert the joining pin and remove the temporary stand. Portal frame is now completed

Step 4

Other Overseas Examples



The Munich Olympic Stadium
for the 1972 Olympic



The Millennium Egg, London

One of the anchor that tie down the Millennium fibre dome



The interior of the Millennium Egg, a shopping and entertainment centre



A pneumatic exhibition hall in a construction plant expo in Las Vegas, USA



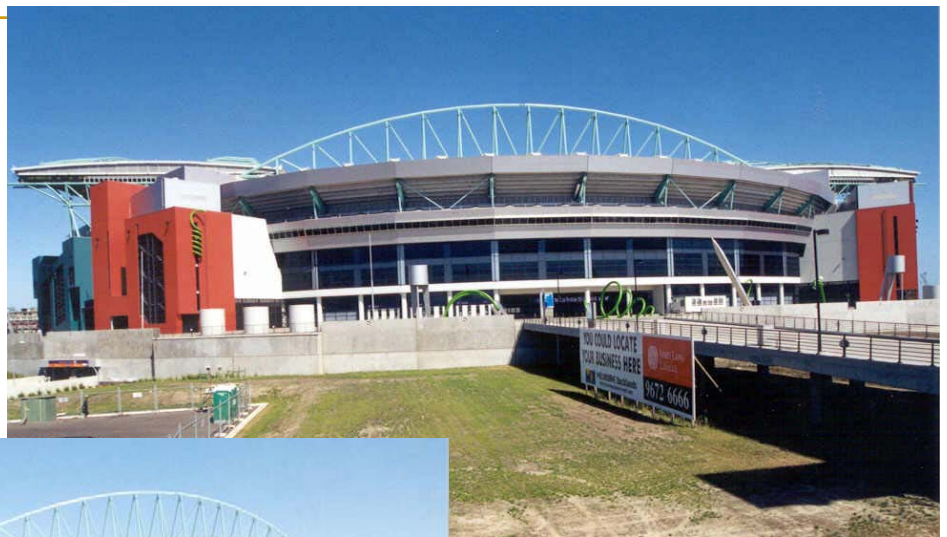
Air pump to keep
the interior under
higher air pressure



Interior view of the
exhibition hall and the
air-pressurizing fans

Other Overseas Examples

The Melbourne Central





An openable roof operating
on a Rail system



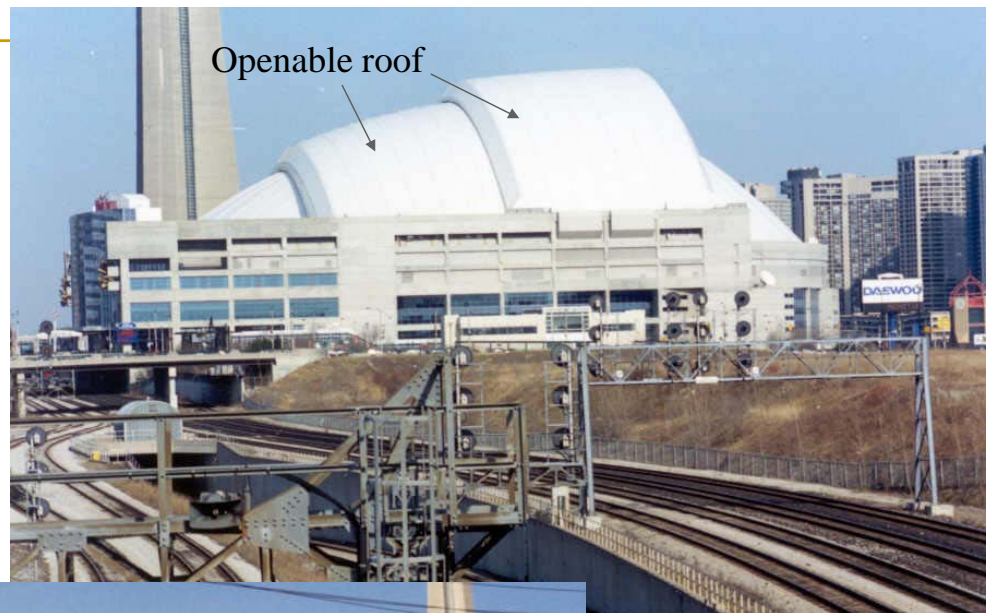
Other Overseas Examples

Sky Dome, Toronto



Toronto Tower

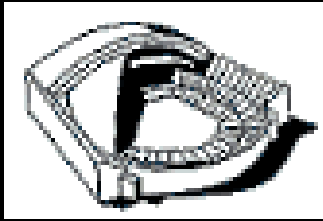
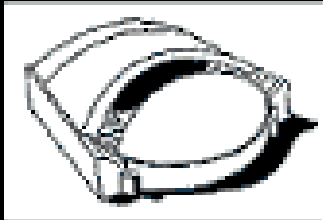
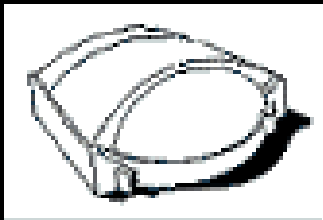
The Skydome



Openable roof

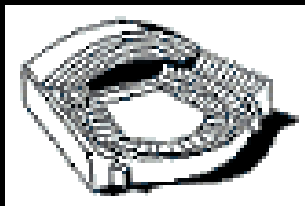
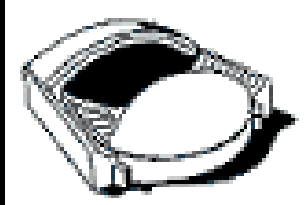






SkyDome is the first and only stadium to have a fully retractable roof. When the weather is good, usually from April 1 - October 1, we are able to roll back the roof, uncovering the complete field area and over 91% of the seats.

- The roof consists of four panels. One panel is fixed, and the other three are moveable.
- Panel One rotates around 180 degrees while Panels Two and Three telescope straight forward.
- The roof runs on a system of steel tracks and bogies. There are 76 bogies altogether, with 10 horsepower motors inside for a total of 760 horsepower.
- It takes 20 minutes for the roof to open or close as it moves at a rate of 71 feet (21 metres) per minute.
- The roof is made up of steel trusses covered by corrugated steel cladding. Covering the cladding (acting as a weather-proofing) is a PVC single ply membrane.
- It weighs 11,000 tons, the same weight as 3,734 automobiles.
- The roof spans eight acres and rises 282 feet (from field level) at its highest point.
- There are 250,000 bolts in the roof.



The Skydome

Other Overseas Examples

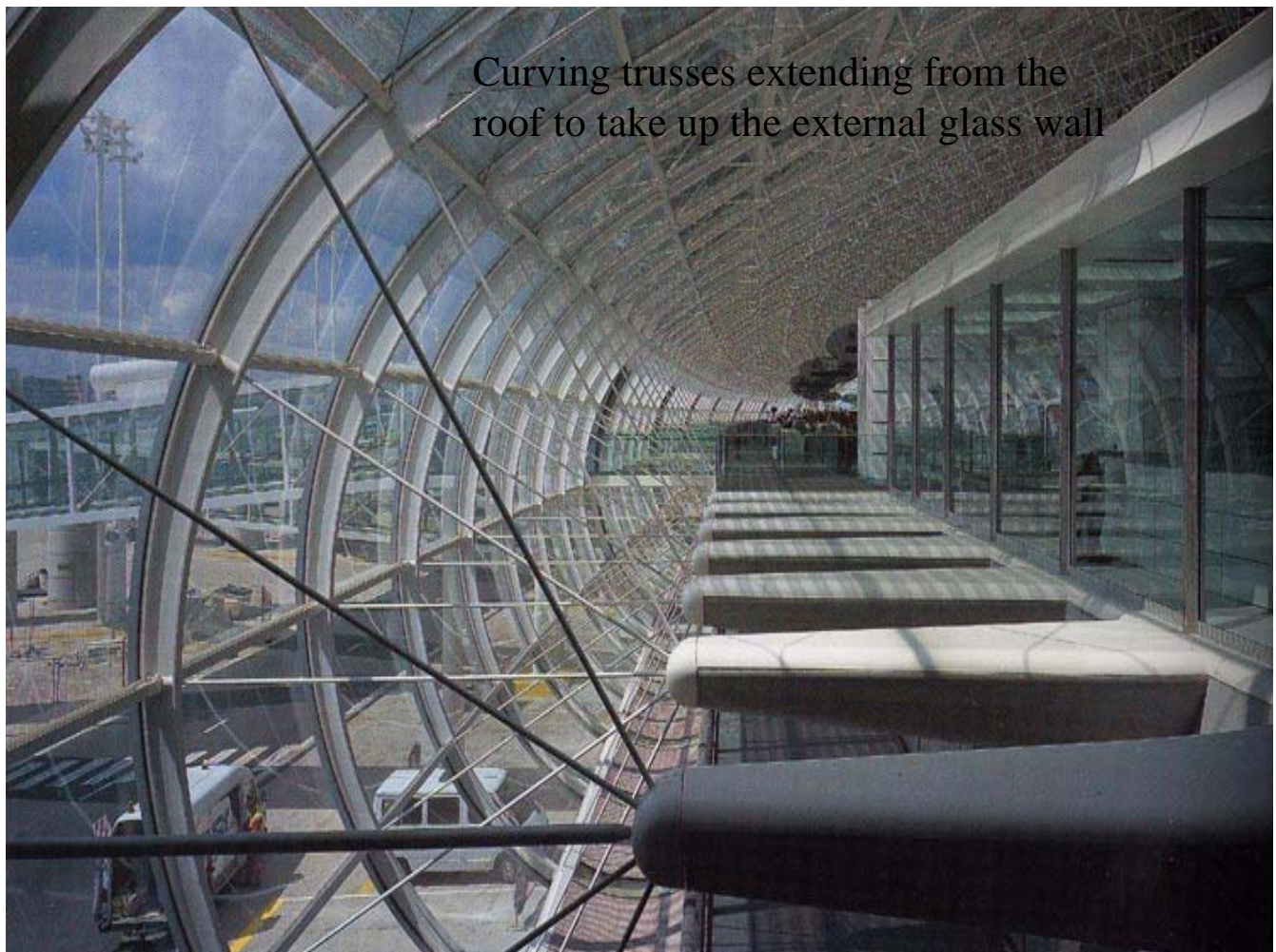
Charles-de-Gaulle International
Airport, France

Charles-de-Gaulle
International Airport, France,
completed in 1998



Interior view of the
airport concourse





Curving trusses extending from the roof to take up the external glass wall

Other Overseas Examples

Heathrow Airport Terminal

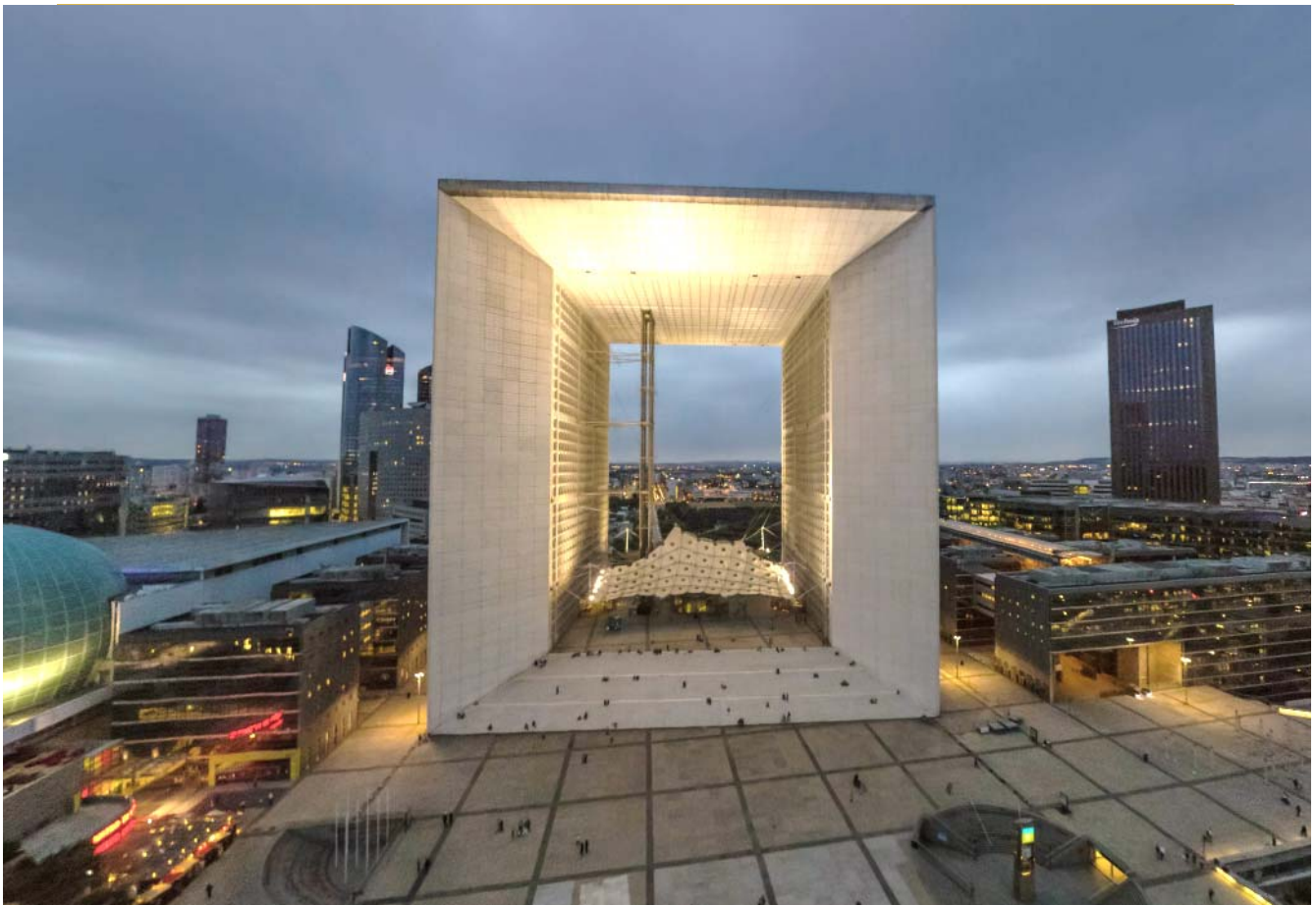
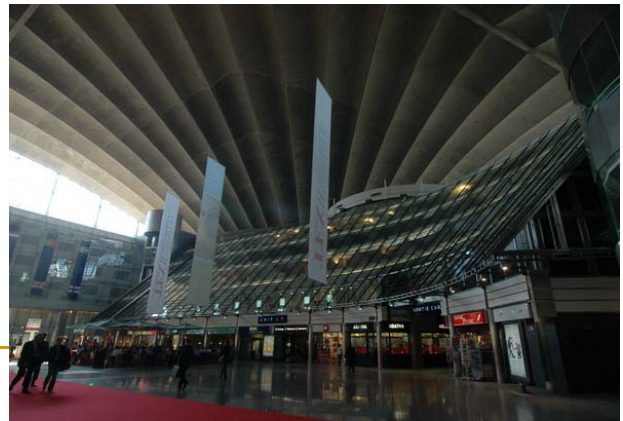




Other Overseas Examples

Commercial Centre in Paris

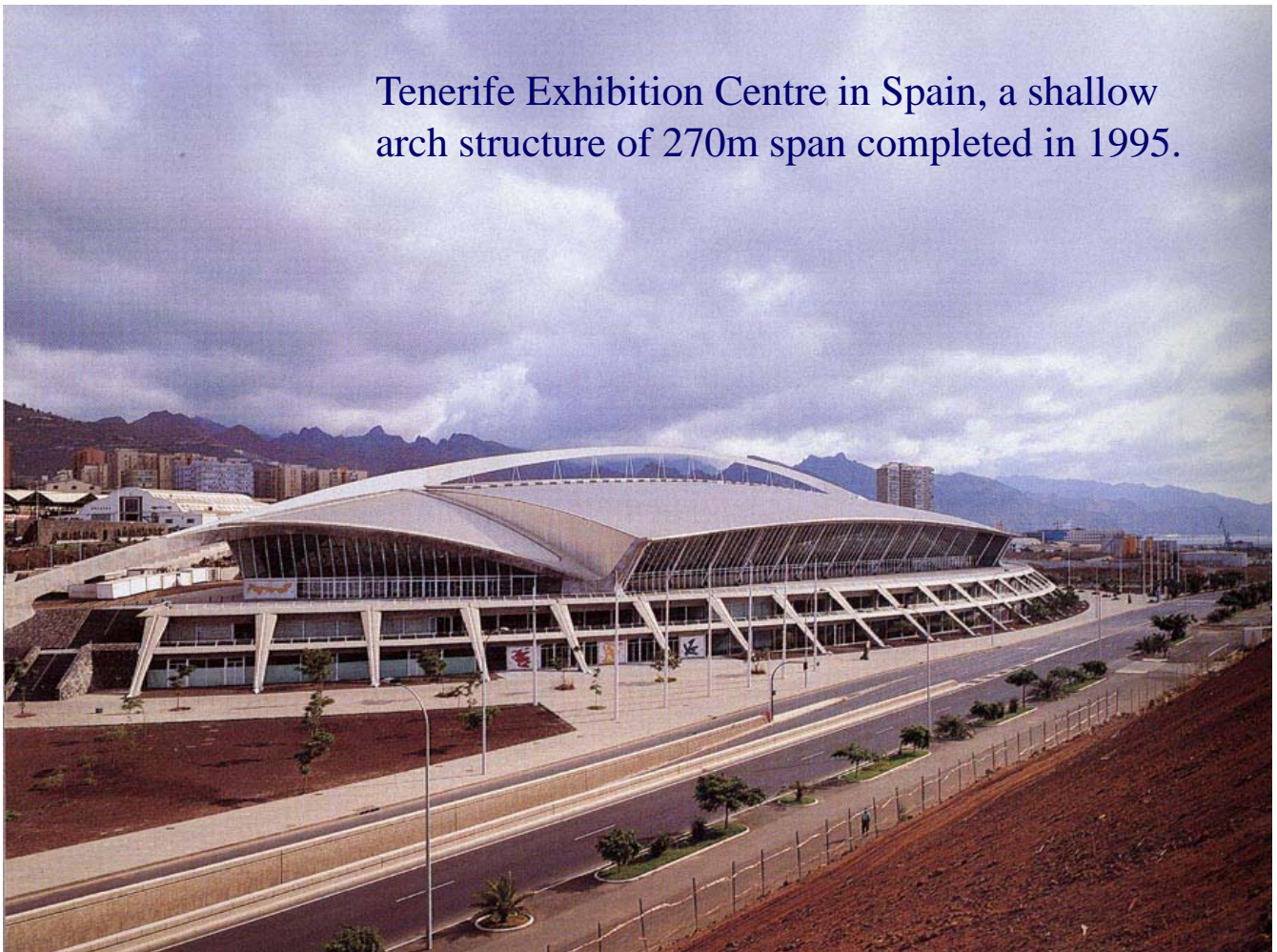


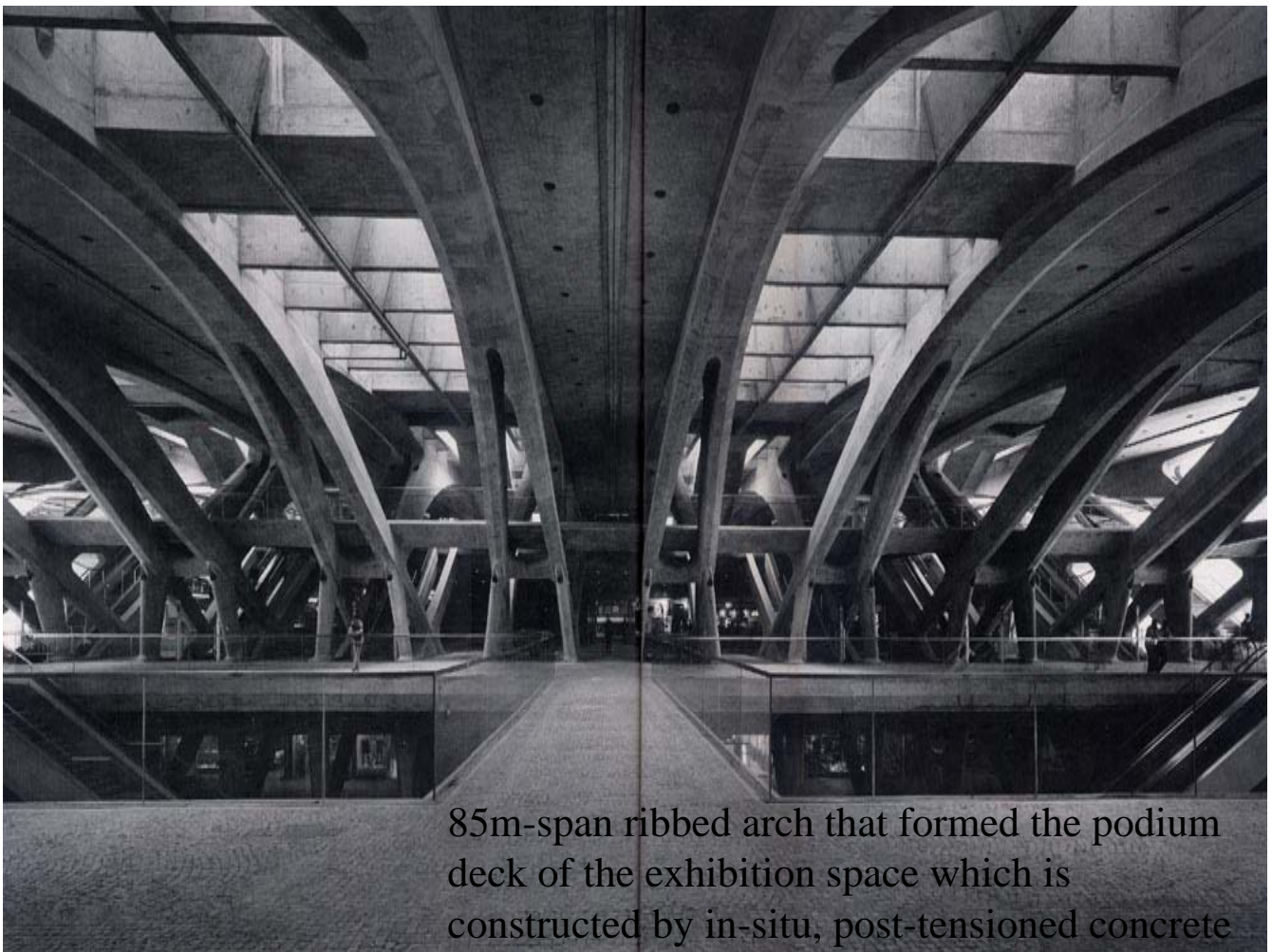


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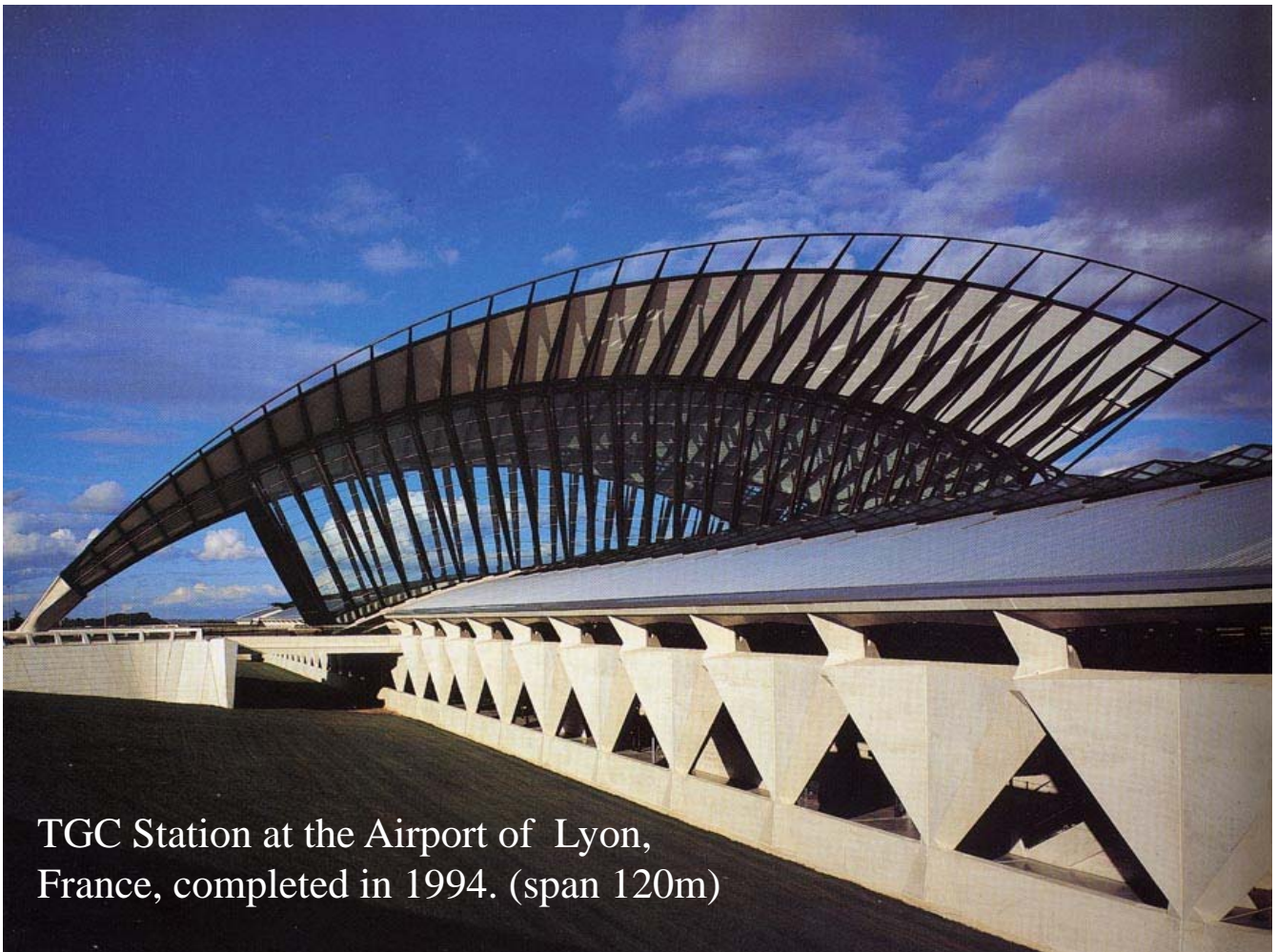
Tenerife Exhibition Central Stadium

Tenerife Exhibition Centre in Spain, a shallow arch structure of 270m span completed in 1995.

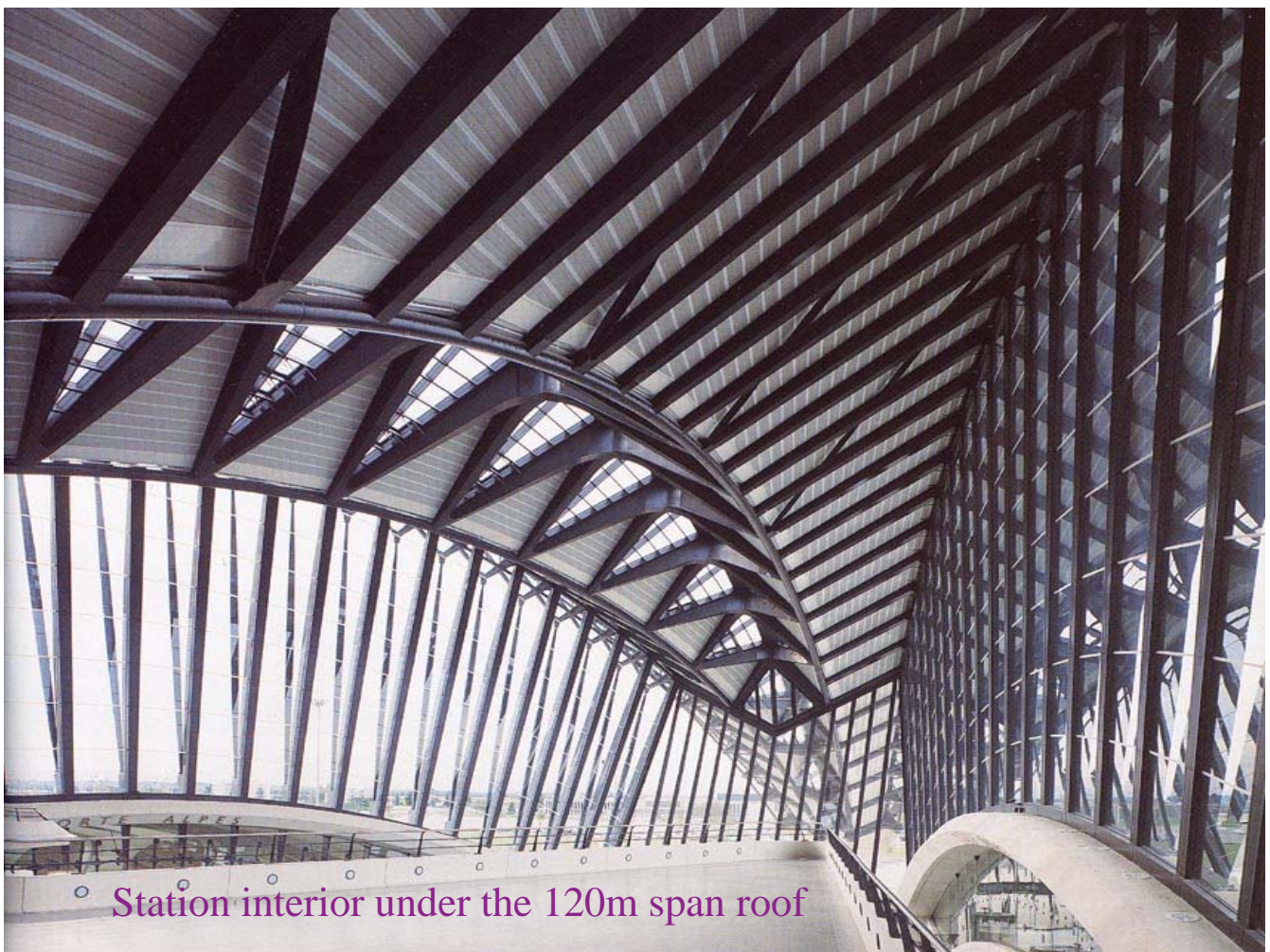




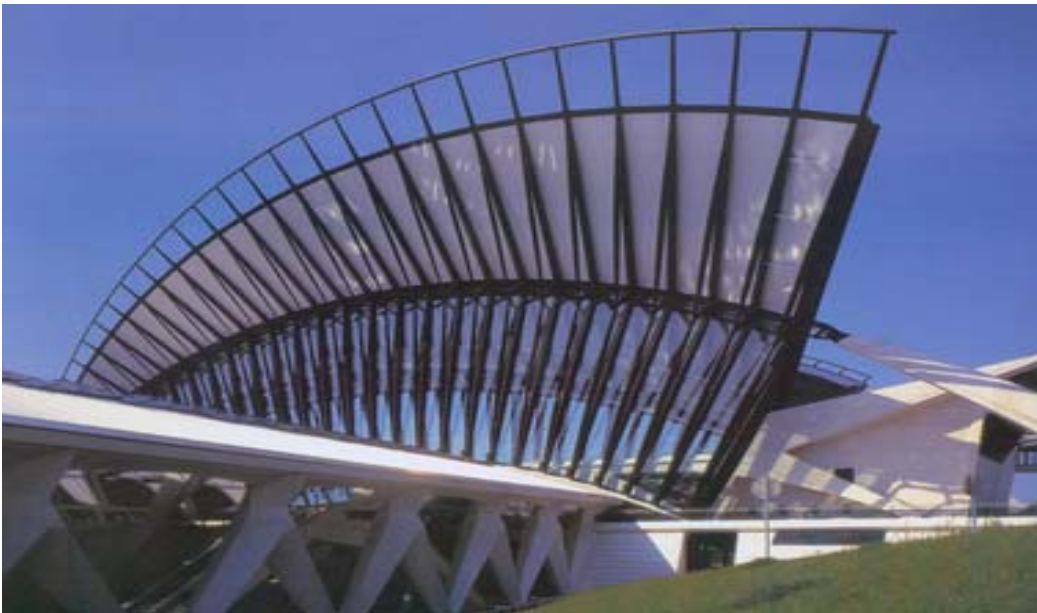
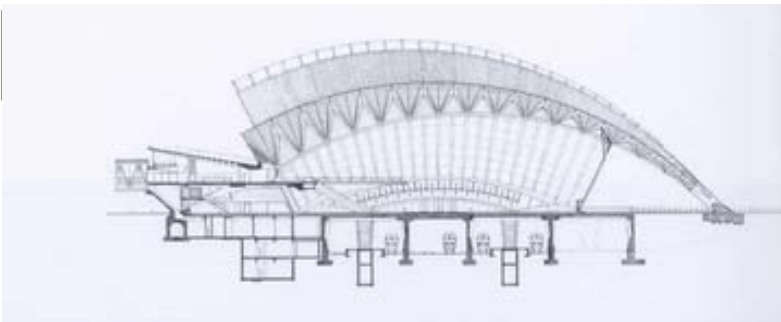
85m-span ribbed arch that formed the podium deck of the exhibition space which is constructed by in-situ, post-tensioned concrete



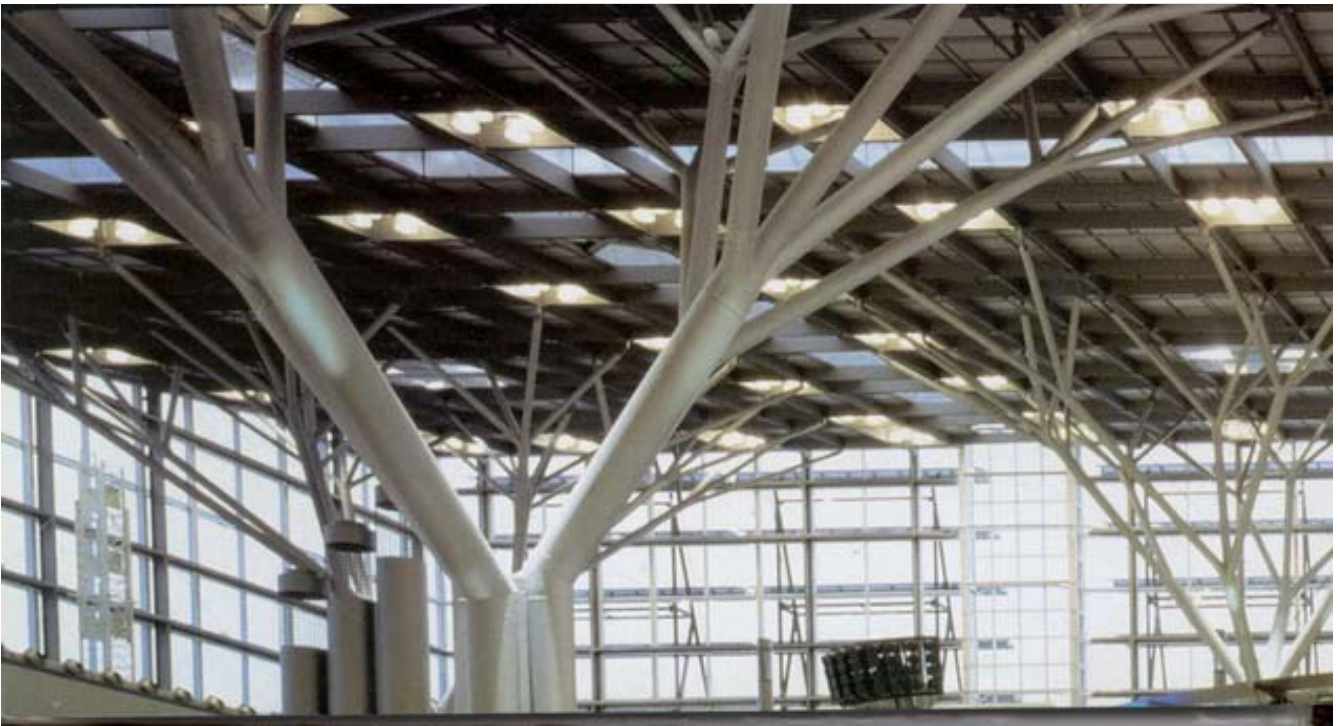
TGC Station at the Airport of Lyon, France, completed in 1994. (span 120m)



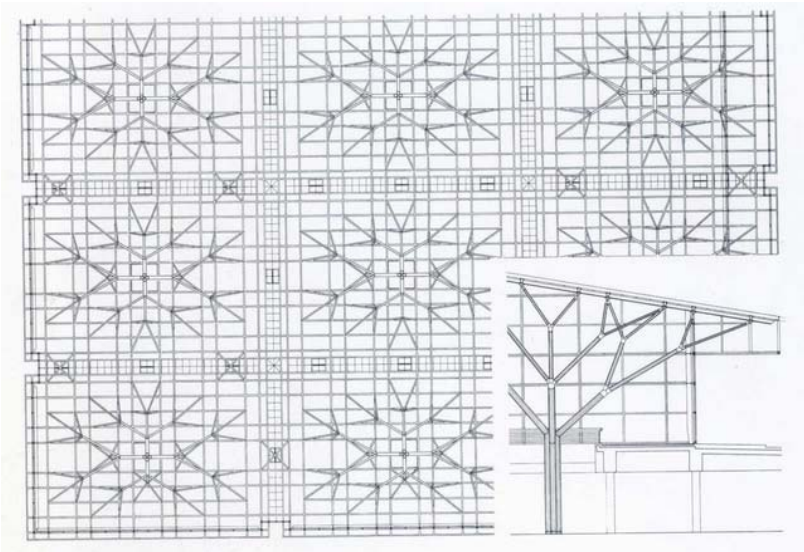
Station interior under the 120m span roof



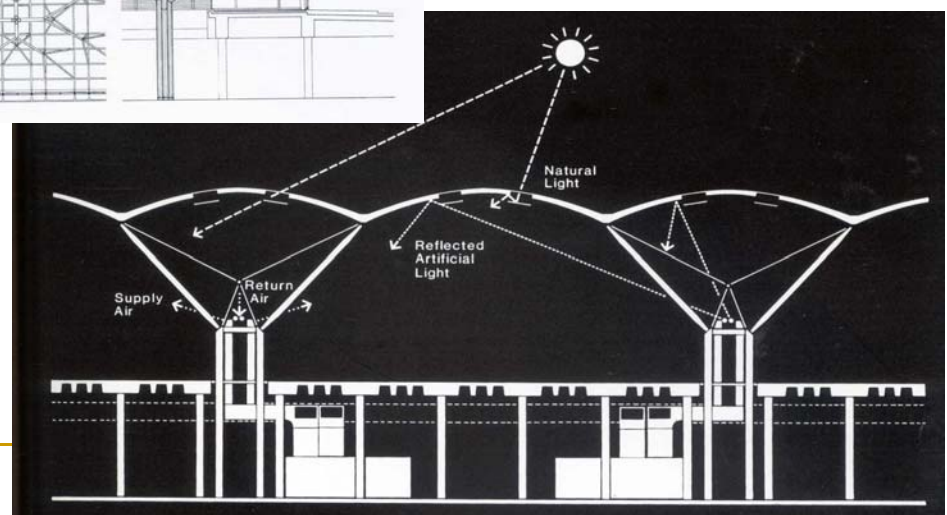




Airport Terminal at Stuttgart, Germany



Roof plan/detail of
the Stuttgart
Terminal Building



Other structures for transportation facilities

Light Rail Station,
London





Light Rail Station, London



Southern Cross
Station at Melbourne,
Australia



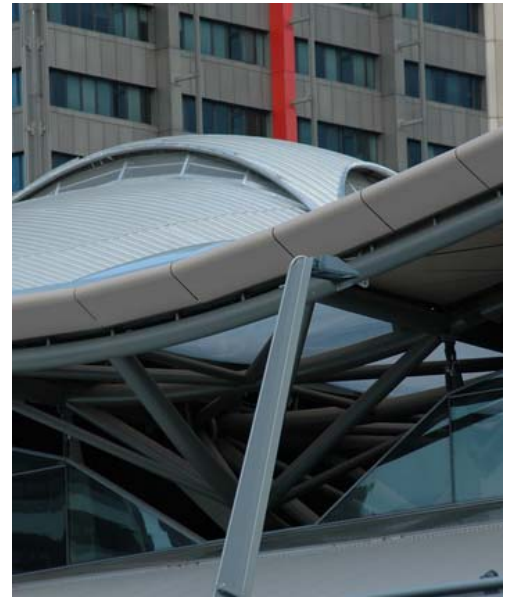


Typical column support and truss system of the station



Typical roof truss detail showing the complicated configuration of the roof





Roof decking detail and
other interior features



Roof canopy of a shopping
centre in Las Vegas



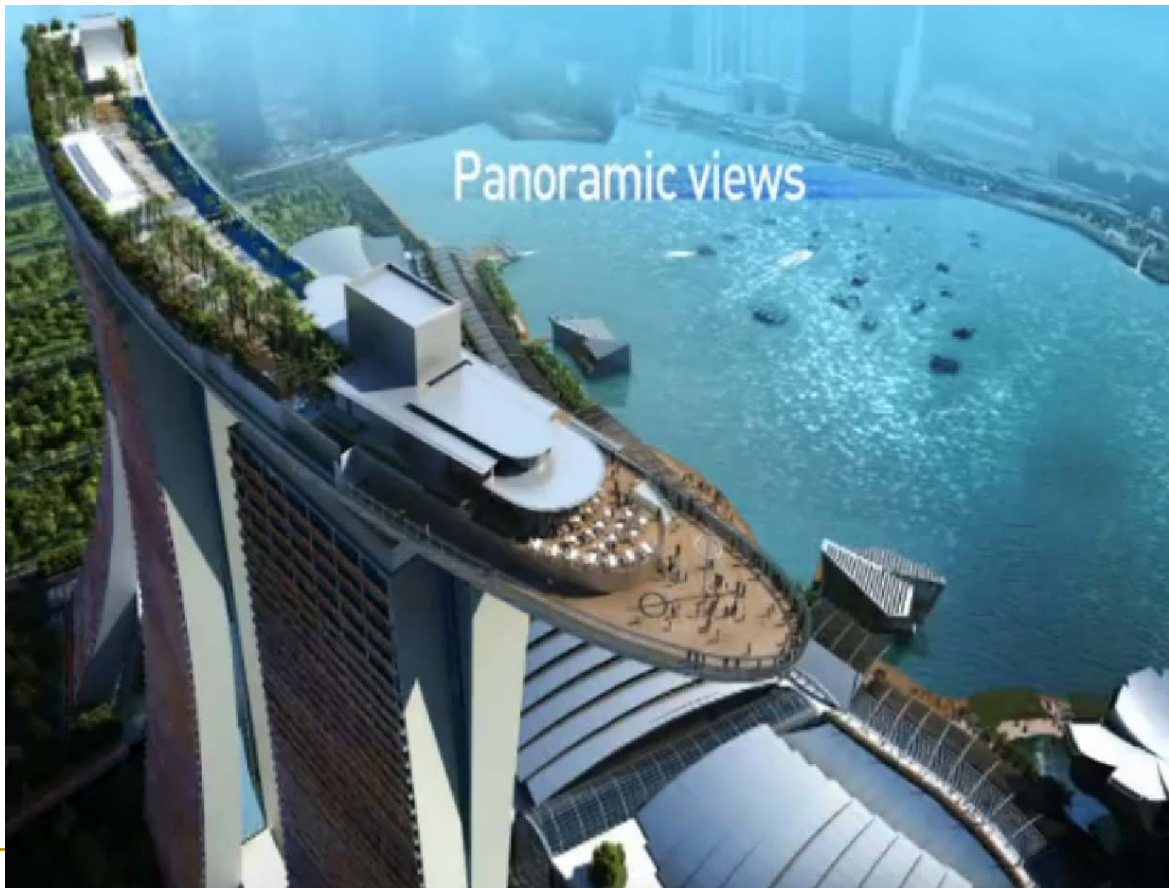
Walt-Disney
Concert Hall in
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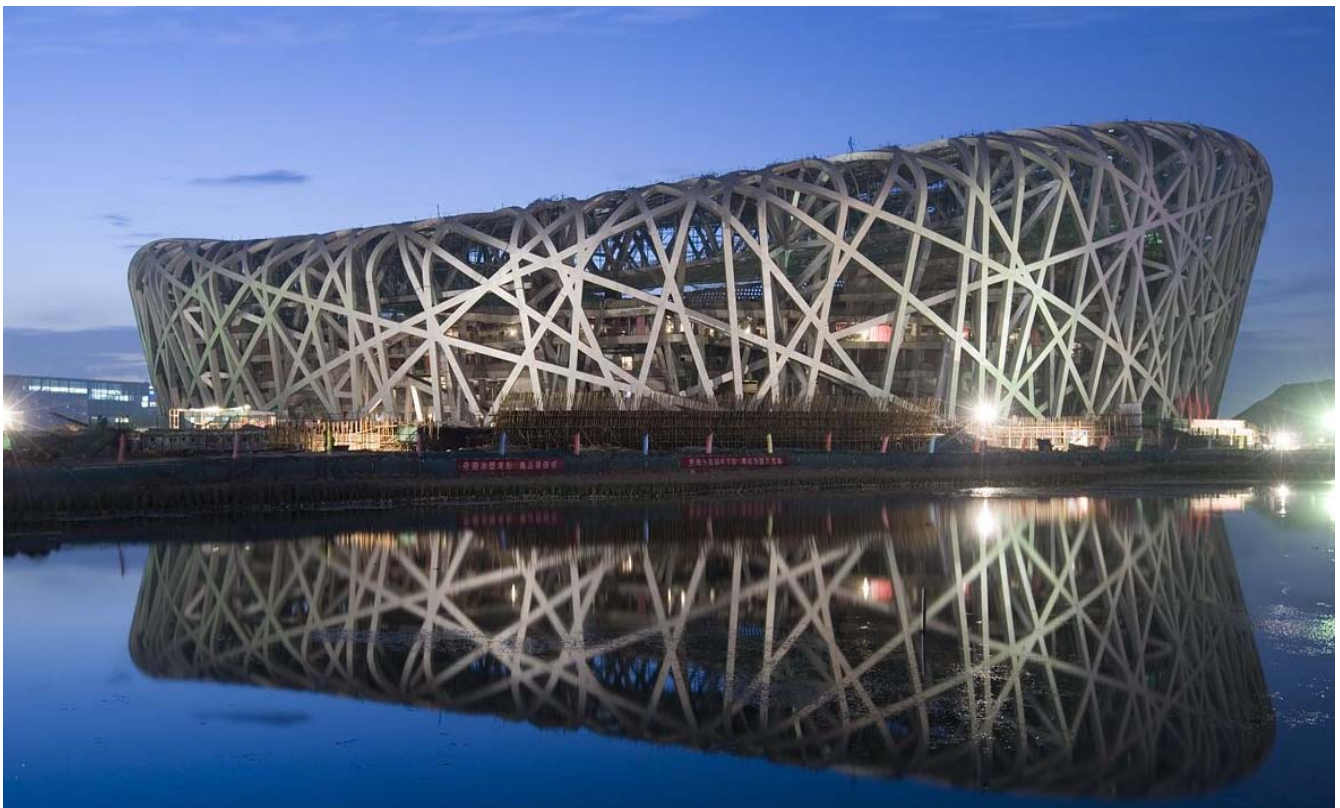
Sands Hotel, Singapore





Example in China – Olympus Grand Stadium in Beijing

Beijing 2008 Olympus Centre – The Nest



Beijing 2008 Olympic Centre – The Nest





Example in China –

The Science Centre at
Guangzhou New University City



External view of the Centre





Roof truss of the
Grand Atrium



External view of the Centre (completed)



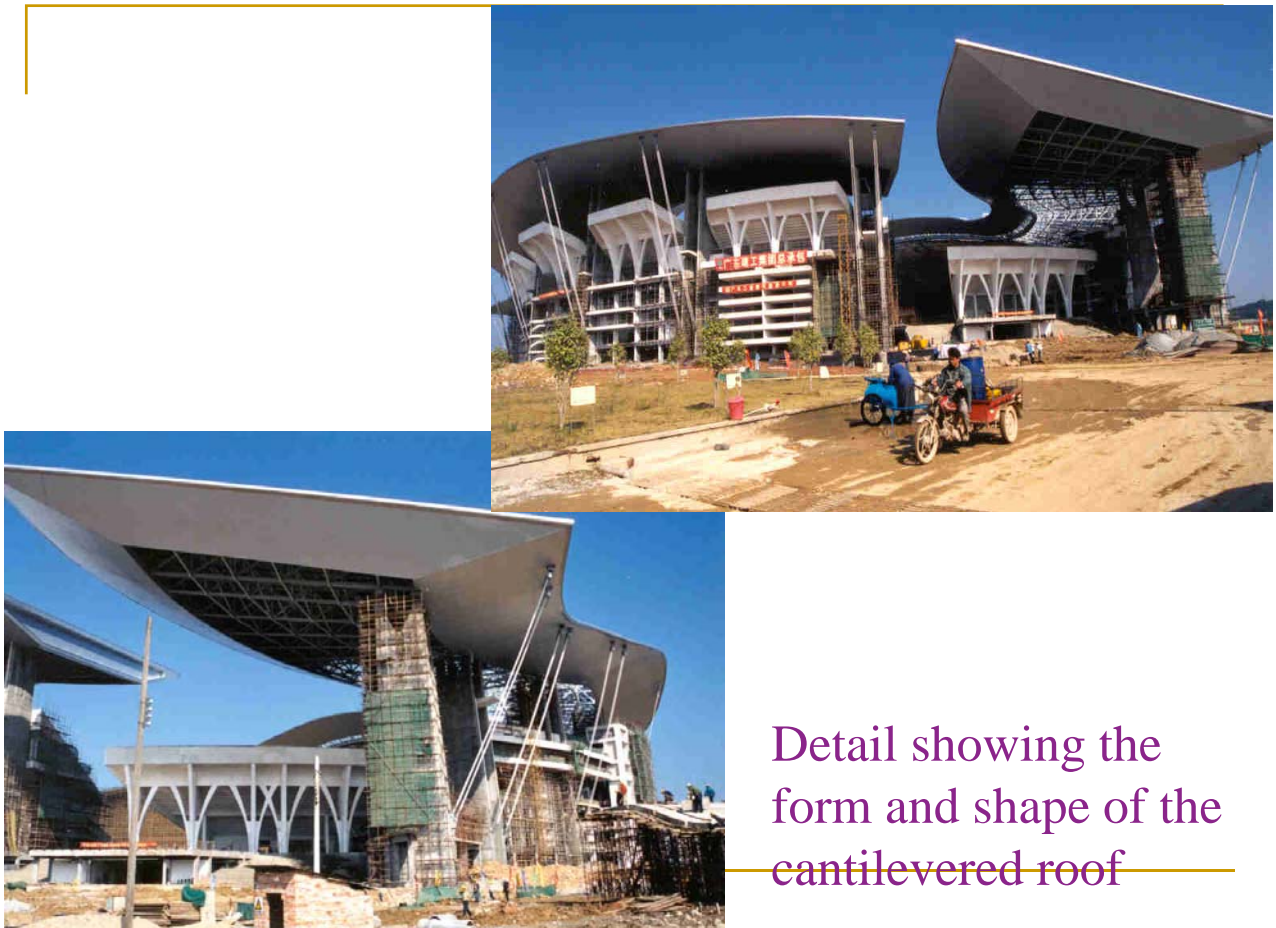
Underside
showing the
main span of
individual
exhibition hall



Example in China – The Guangzhou Olympus Stadium



External view of Stadium



Detail showing the form and shape of the cantilevered roof



Hoisting the cantilever truss



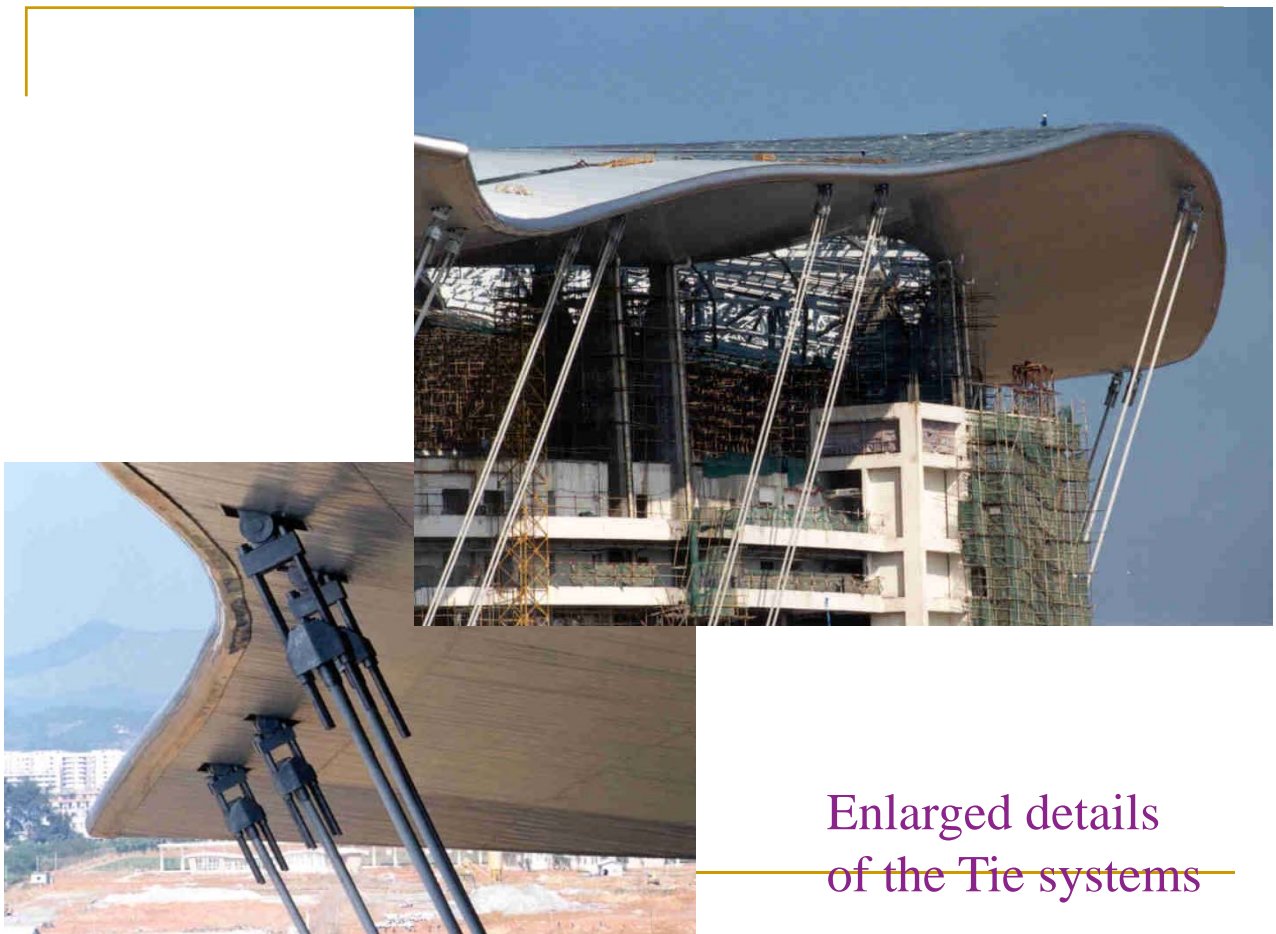
Placing the roof
truss in position





Tie systems

Tie systems to stabilize the cantilevered roof



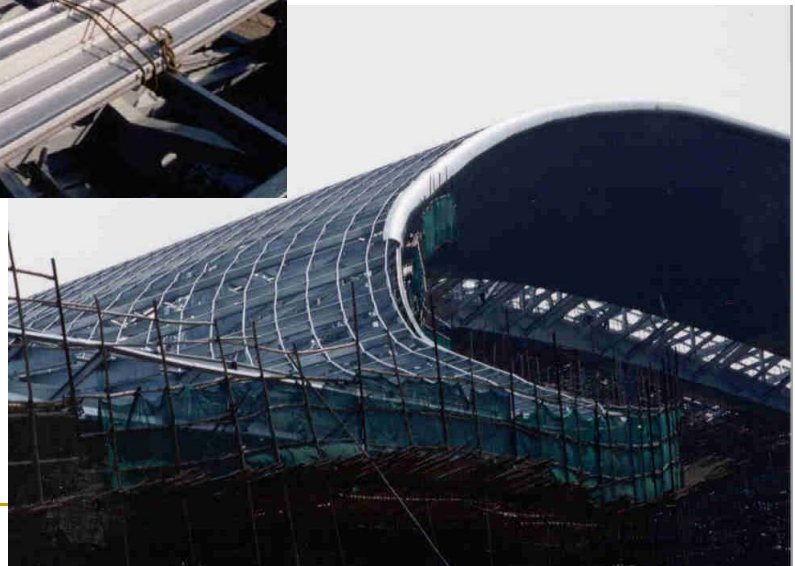
Enlarged details
of the Tie systems

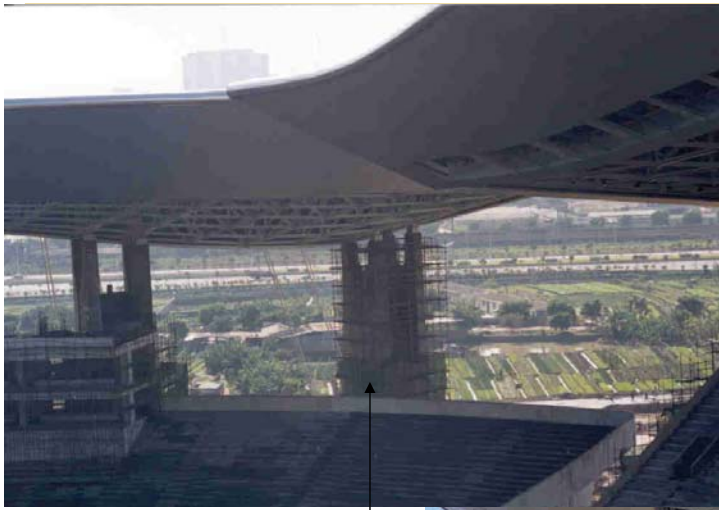


Decking system of the roof



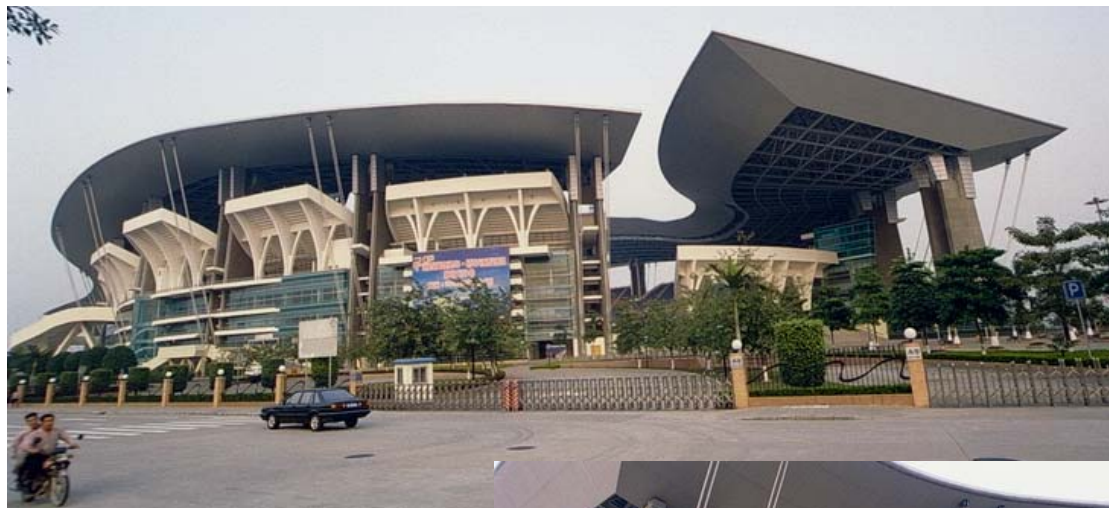
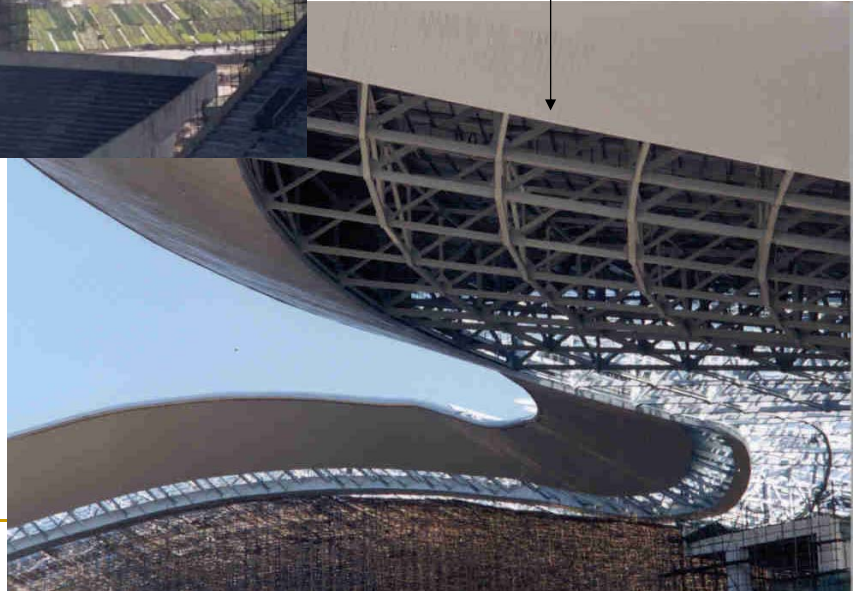
Laying of the
roof deck





Piers supporting the
cantilever roof truss

Semi-cladded roof
underside



Stadium after
completion





The Guangzhou Gymnasium



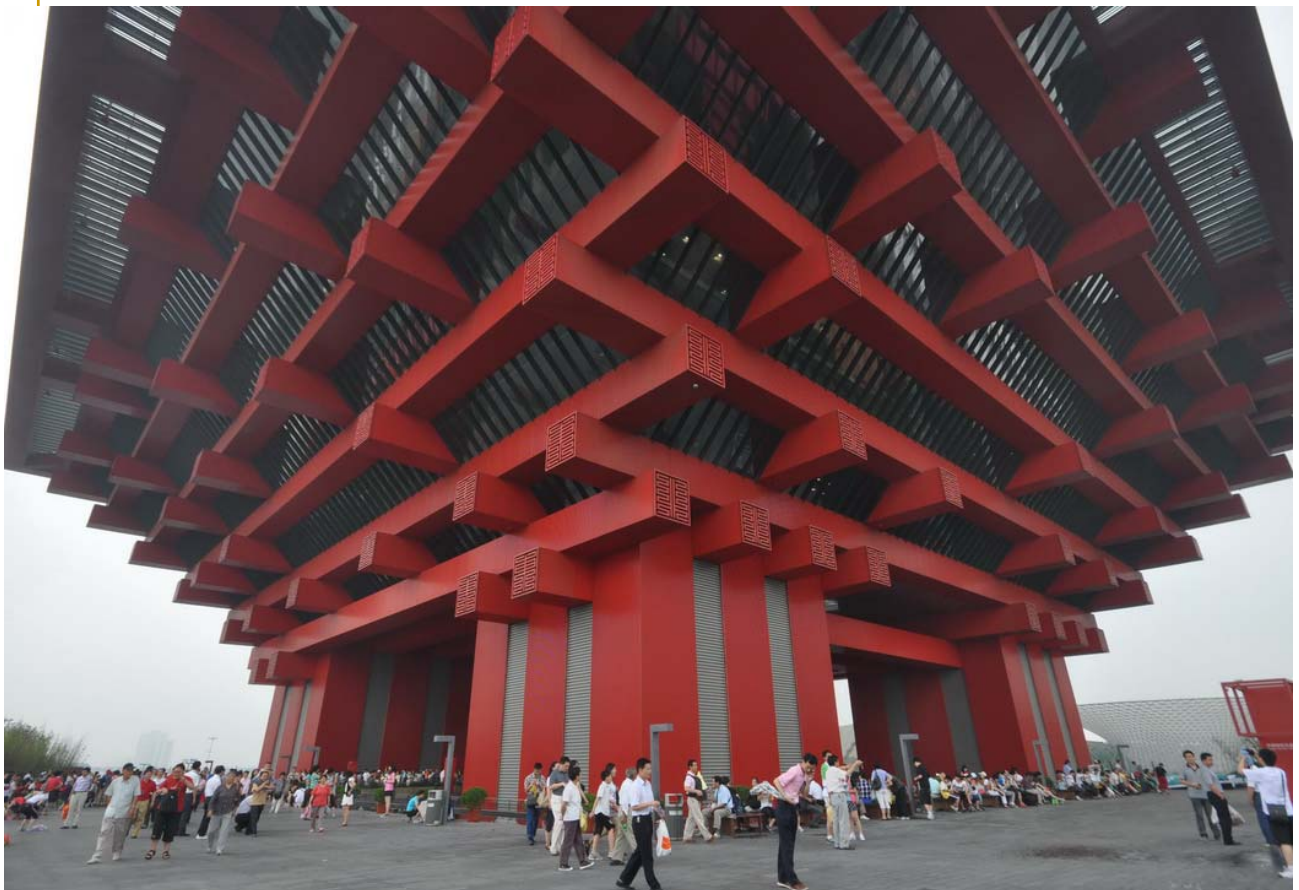
Stadium after completion



Example in China –

China pavilion and other major facilities in 2010 World Expo, Shanghai







The China Pavilion







The cultural performance Centre



The Saudi Arabia Pavilion



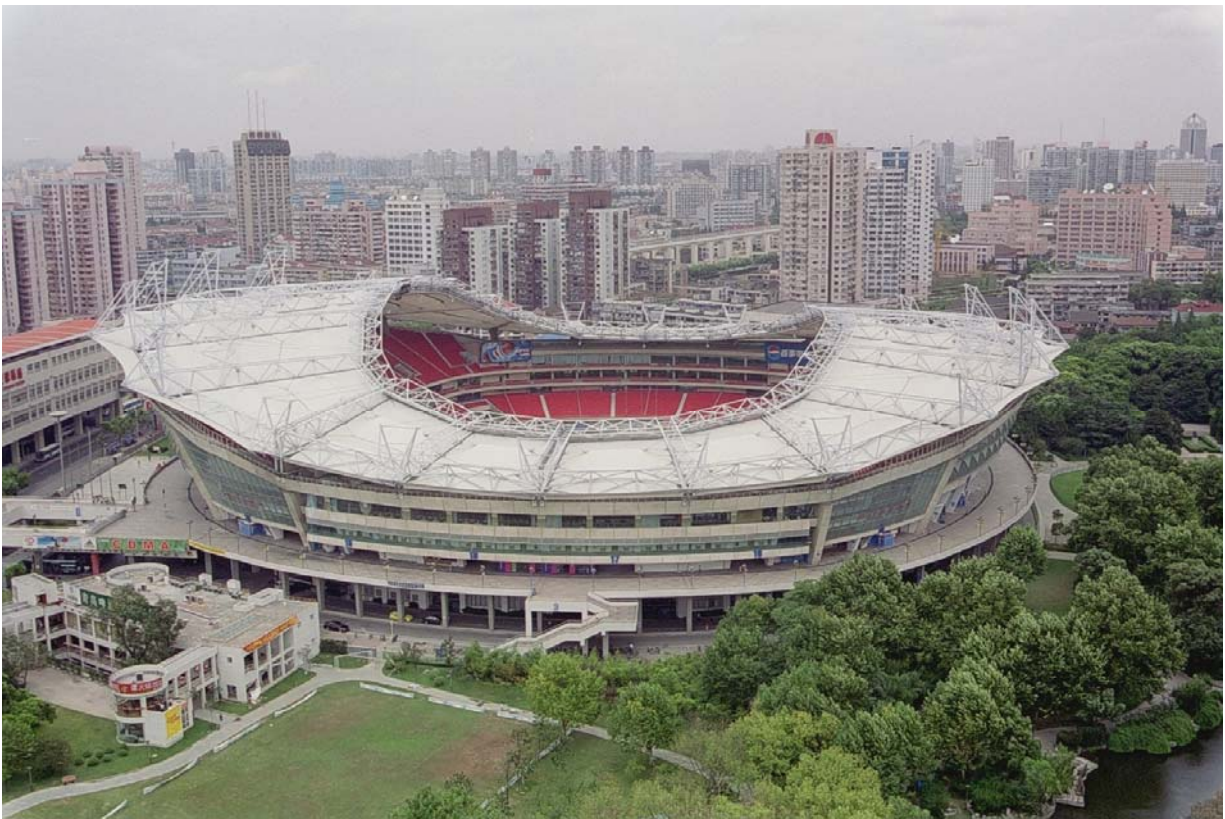
The cultural performance Centre







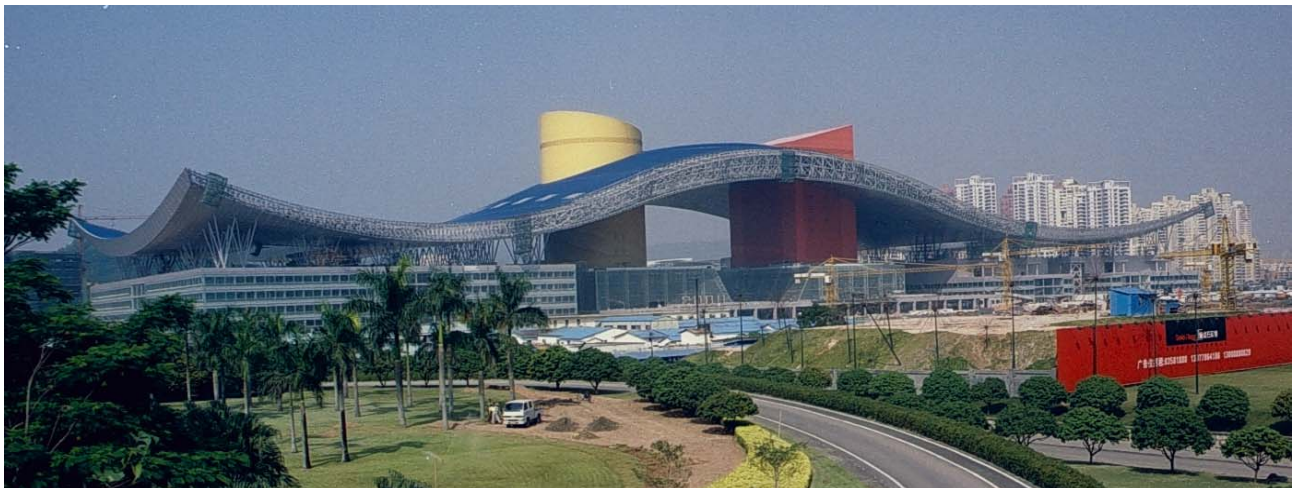
Other Examples in China

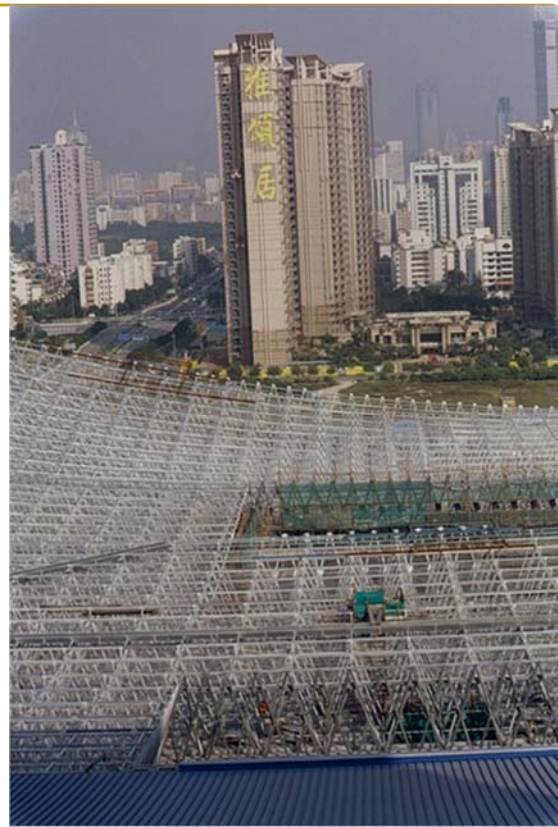
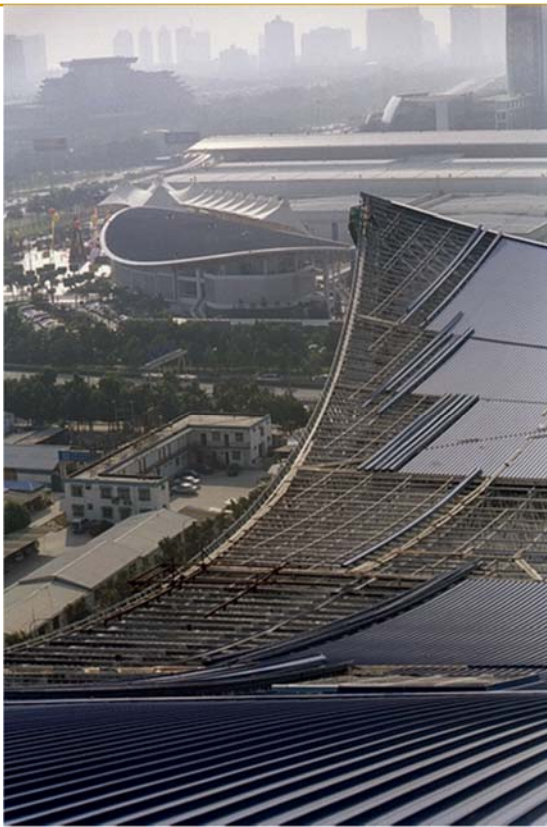


The Shanghai Stadium

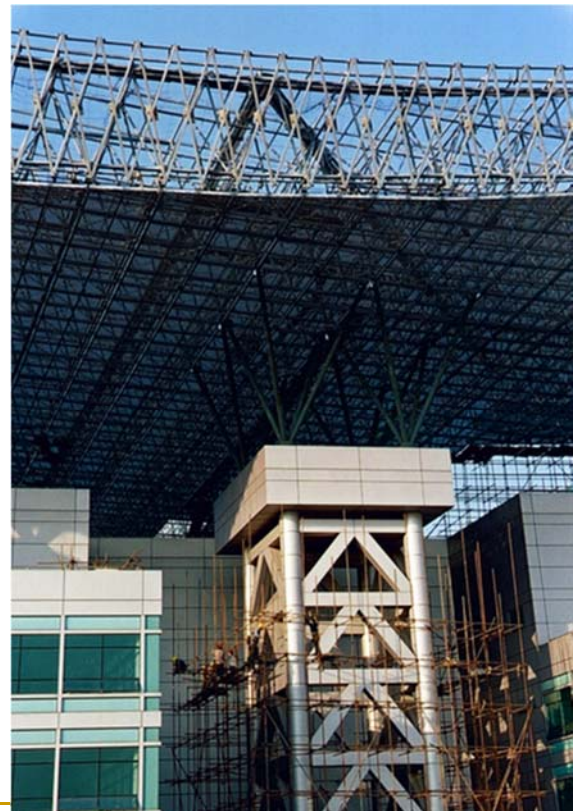


Roof of People Centre
in Shenzhen





Detail of the roof truss and the laying of the deck panels



Detail of the roof truss framing and the roof supporting tower

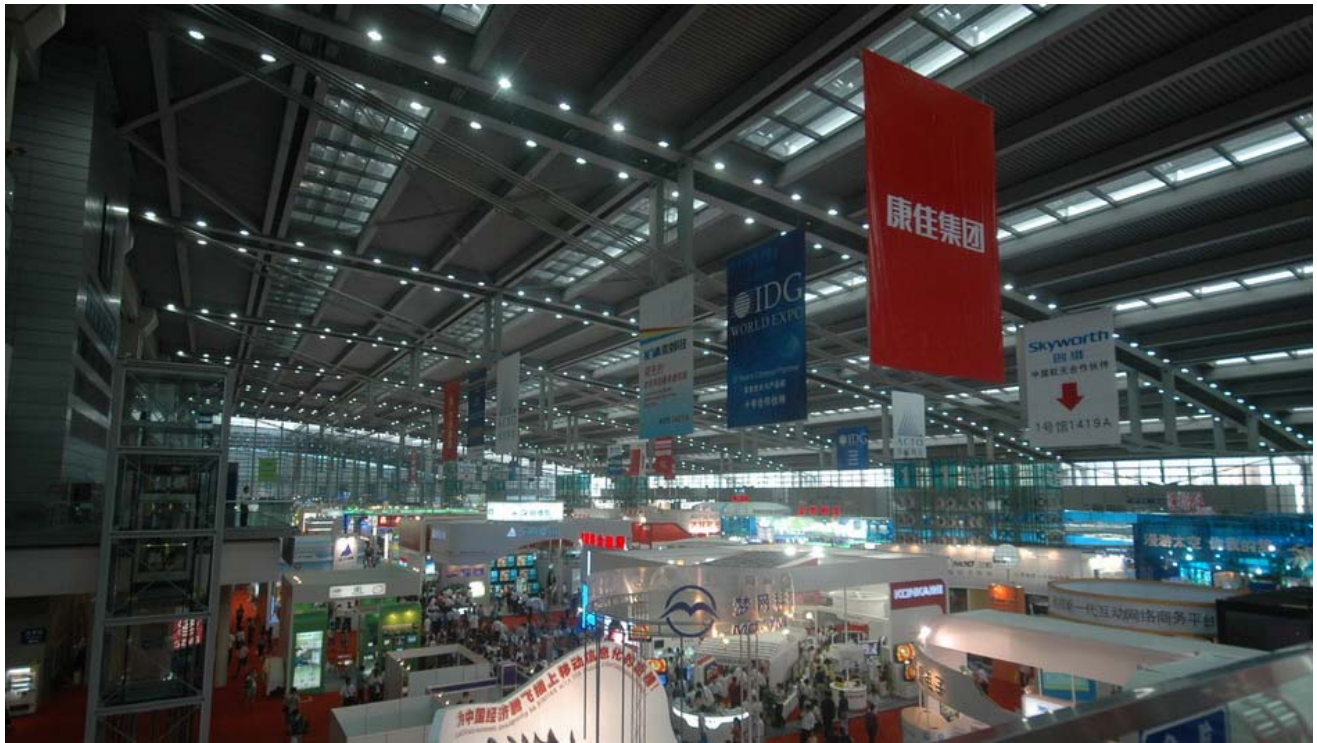


Entrance Canopy for
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Shenzhen Exhibition Centre





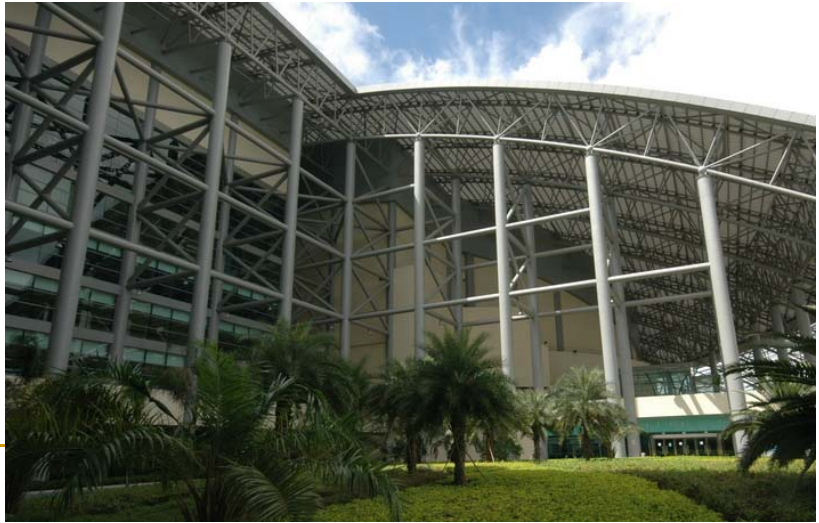
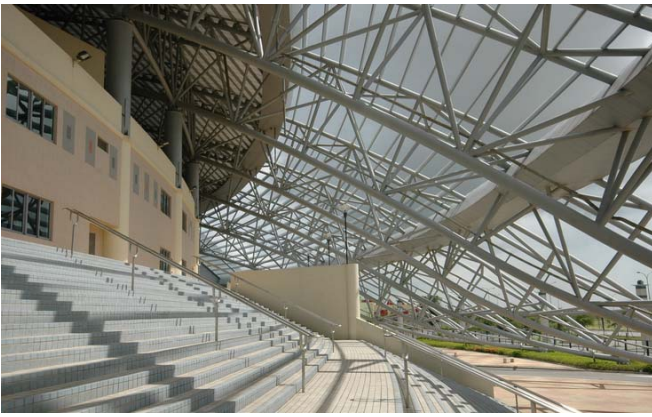
Shanghai
South Station

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Macau Stadium

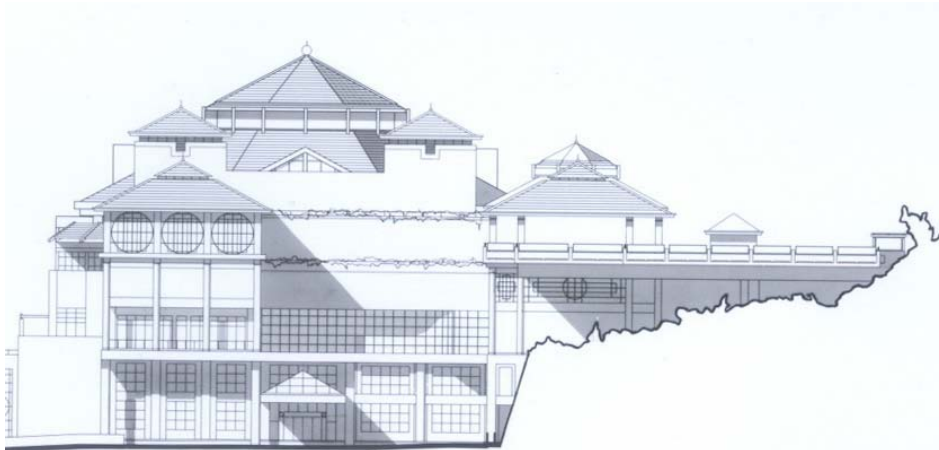




Long Span Structure

Hong Kong Examples

Sport ground in Tseung Kwan O



Member Centre of the
Hong Kong Jockey Club

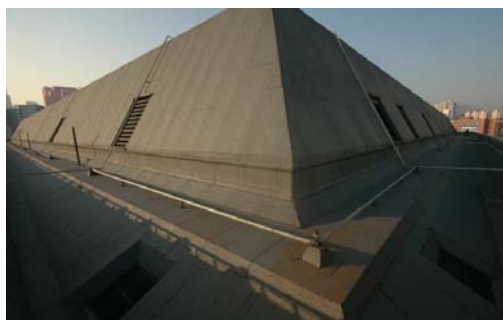


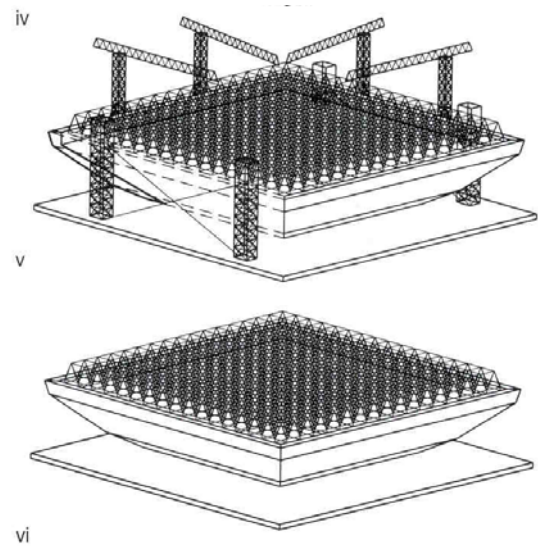
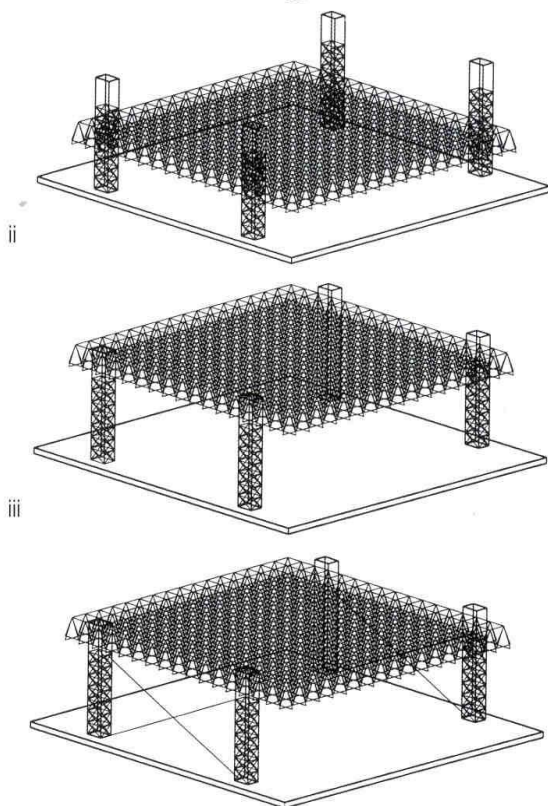
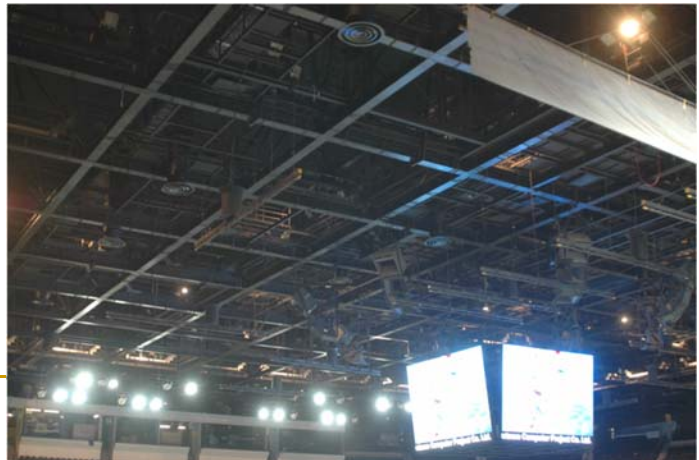
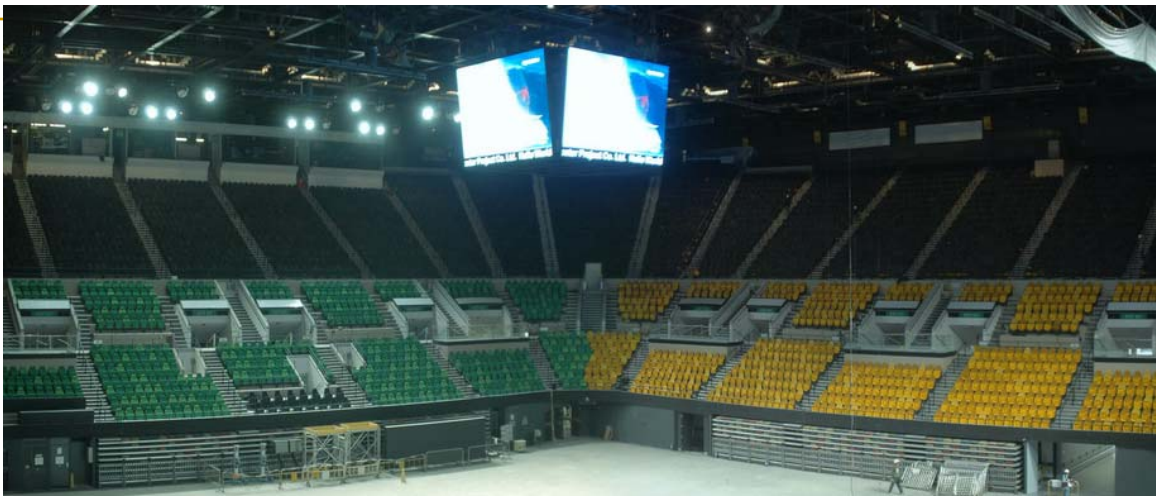
Member Centre of the Hong Kong Jockey Club

Span about 25m

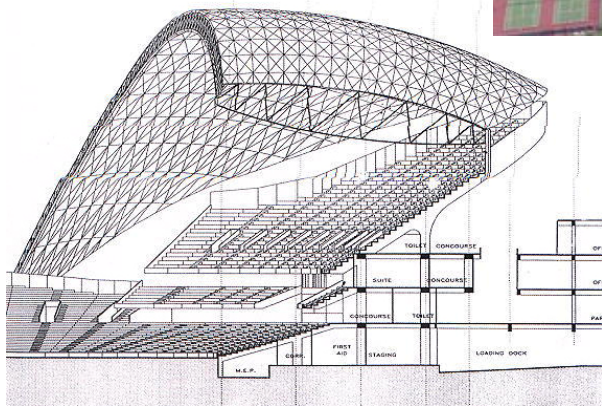


Hong Kong
coliseum

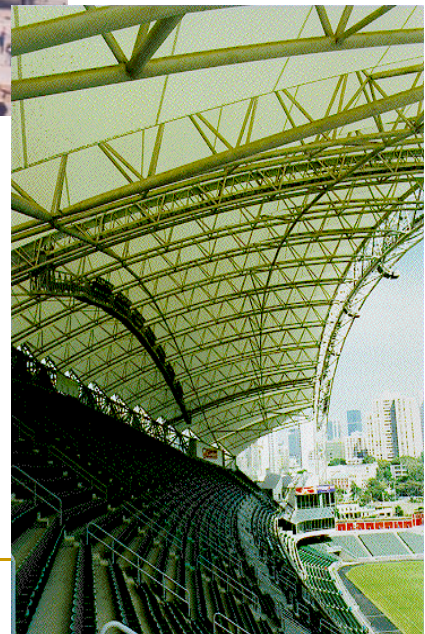




The Hong Kong coliseum



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Cultural Center and
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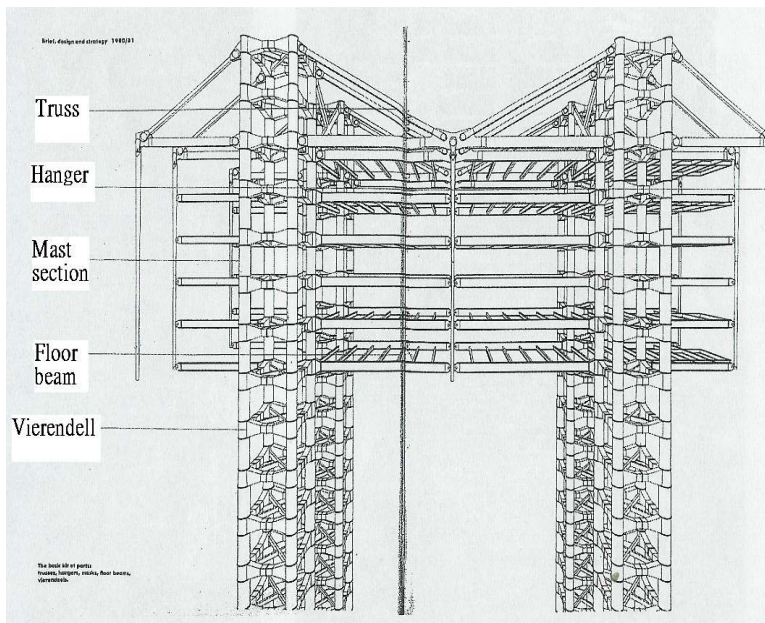


Hanger structure for HK Aircraft Engineering Company Ltd.
(HAECO) at Chek Lap Kok Airport



Hangar structure for
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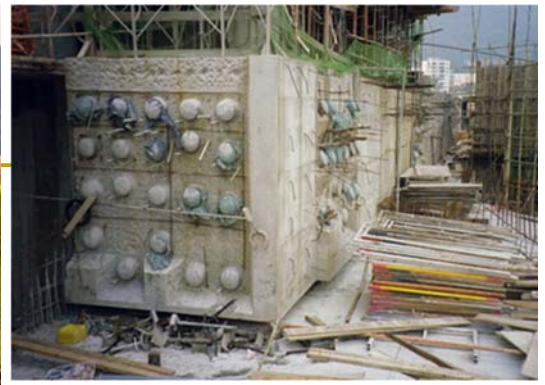




Actual Example –
Headquarter Building, Hong
Kong \$ Shanghai Bank



Actual Example –
The Skylight structure
of Festival Walk





Other long-span spaces within Festival Walk constructed using in-situ method

Other long-span spaces within Festival Walk – the public bus terminus





Linking structure between
the International Finance
Center Phase I and II





Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre



The deck and roof
structure of the HK
Convention and
Exhibition Centre





Hoisting of the
80m-span roof
truss



multi-axis trolley to transport the pre-fabricated steel truss

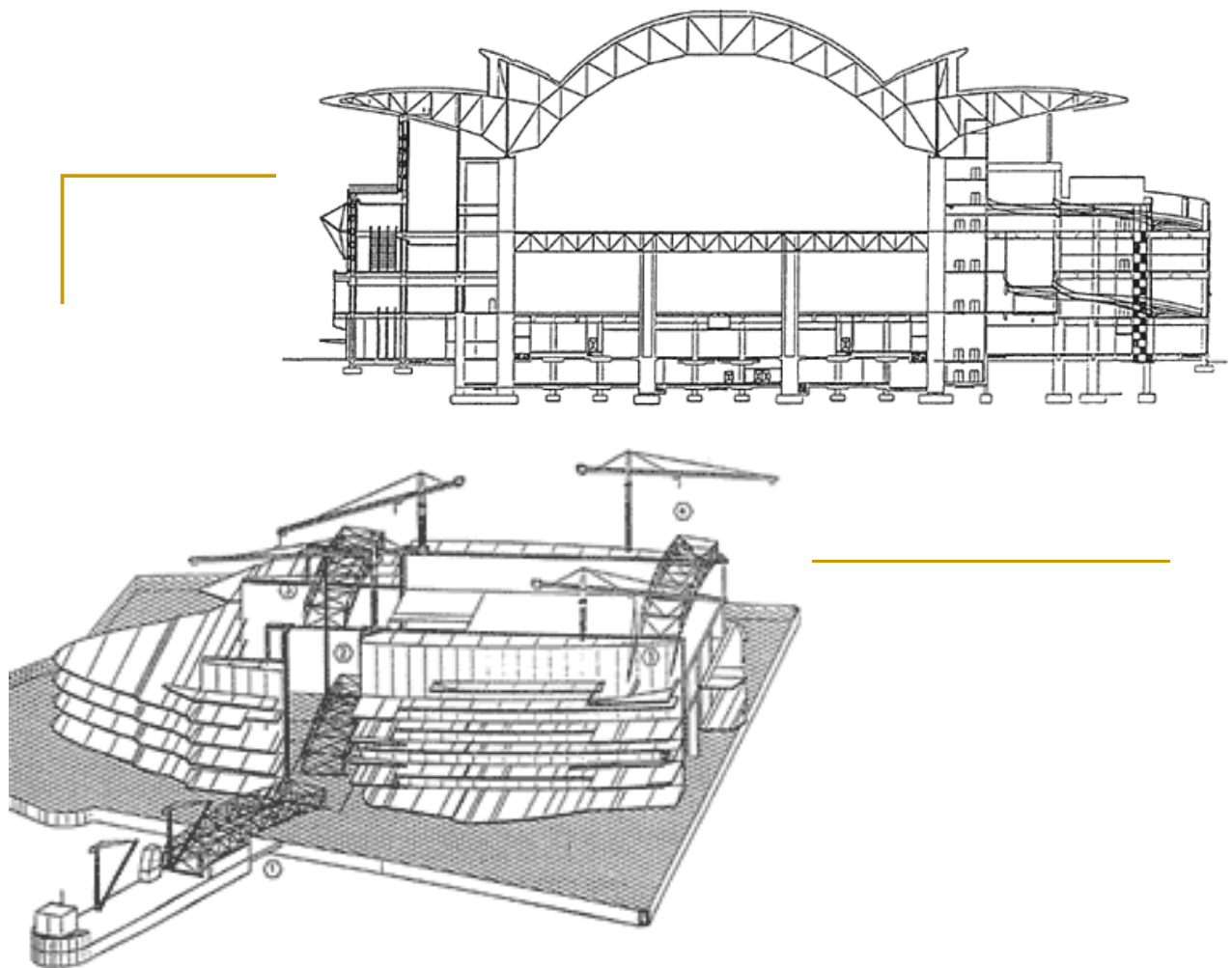


Hydraulic system (strand jack) and rail for the lifting and horizontal sliding of the 400-ton roof truss



Placing of the roof truss at the top of the core wall



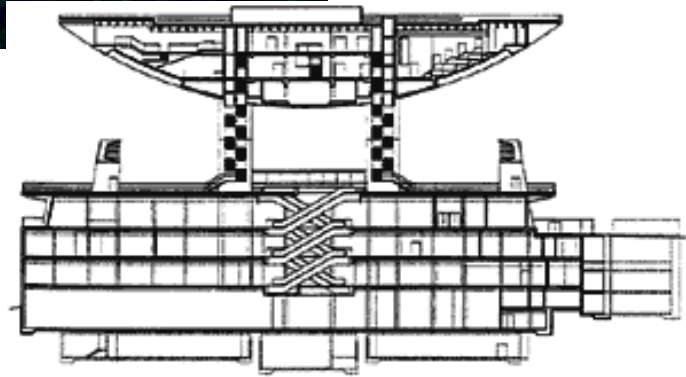


Linking structure
between Phase I and II
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Peak Tower



The Peak Tower

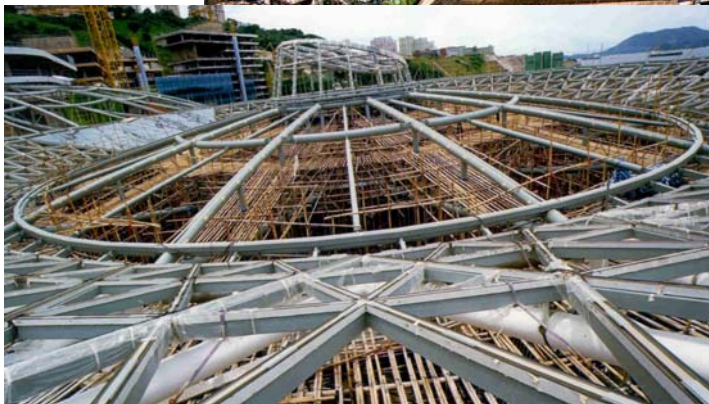




The New Hong Kong
International Airport at
Chek Lap Kok



The New Hong Kong International Airport at Chek Lap Kok



The Sky Dome, Cyber Port



The Sky Dome, Cyber Port



View of the mall interior under the Sky
Dome in the Cyber Centre, Cyber Port



The Arch in
Kowloon Station





Canopy for the New
Stand/Race-practicing
Court for the HK Jockey
Club





The roof structure of
Langham Place –
Shopping Mall



The Grand Atrium
in Langham Mall

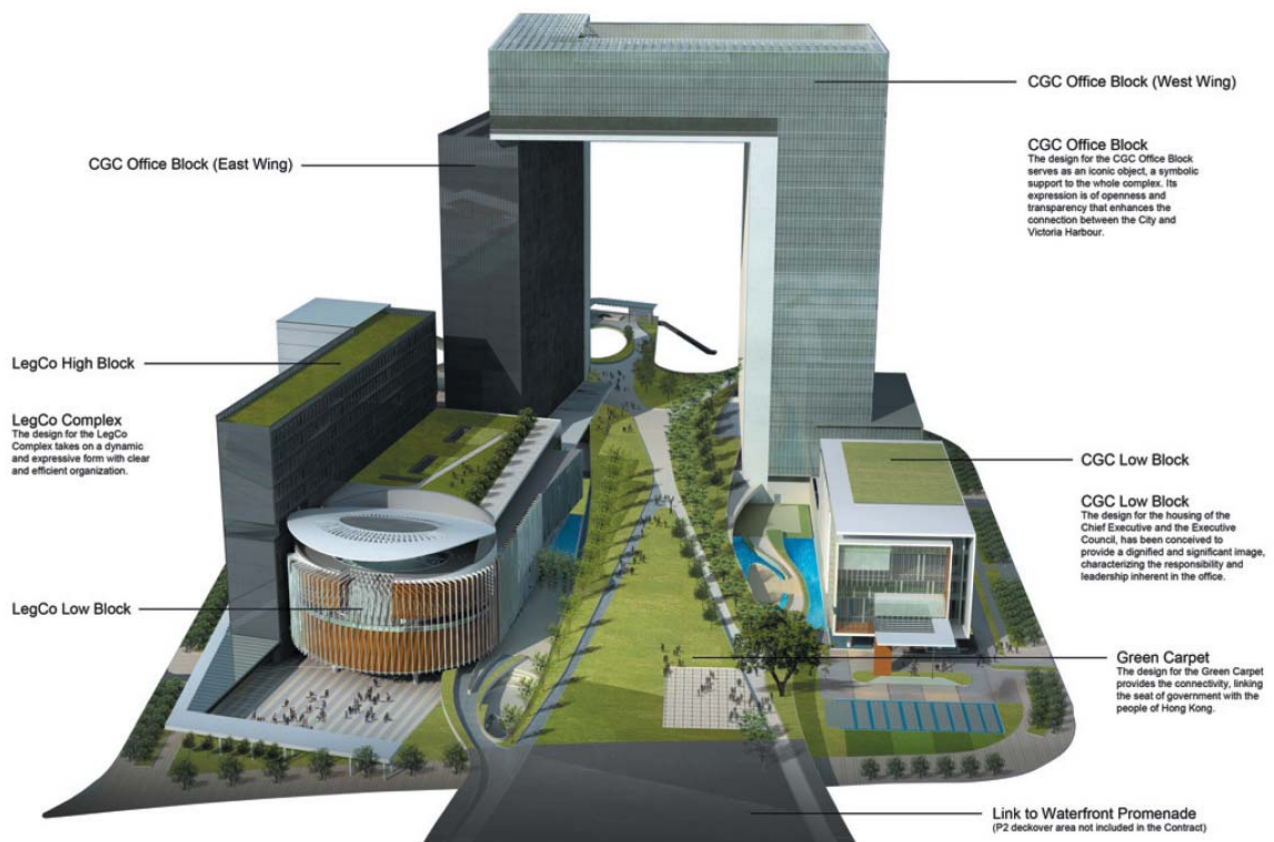




Extension to Hong
Kong Convention and
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Extension to HK
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Tamar Government Headquarter Complex

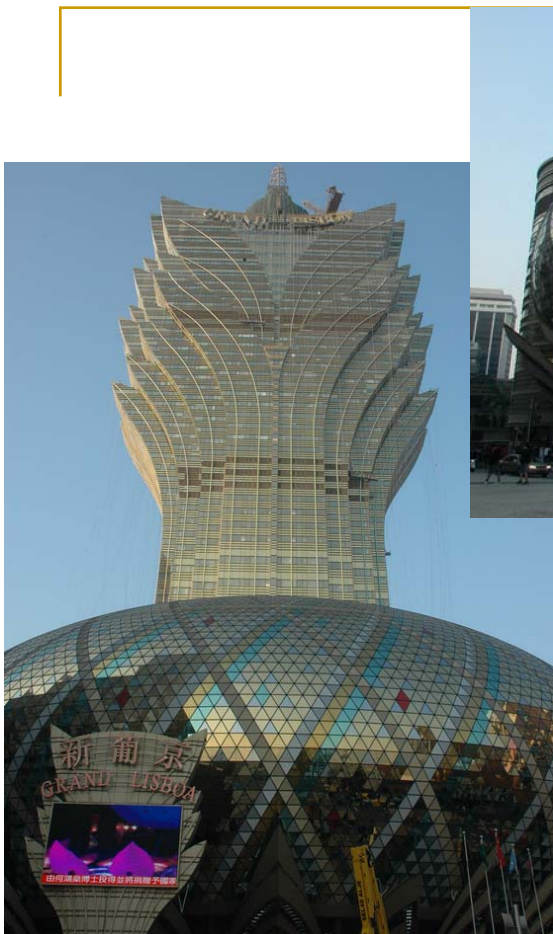


New Lisbon Casino.
Macau





New Lisbon, the hotel tower



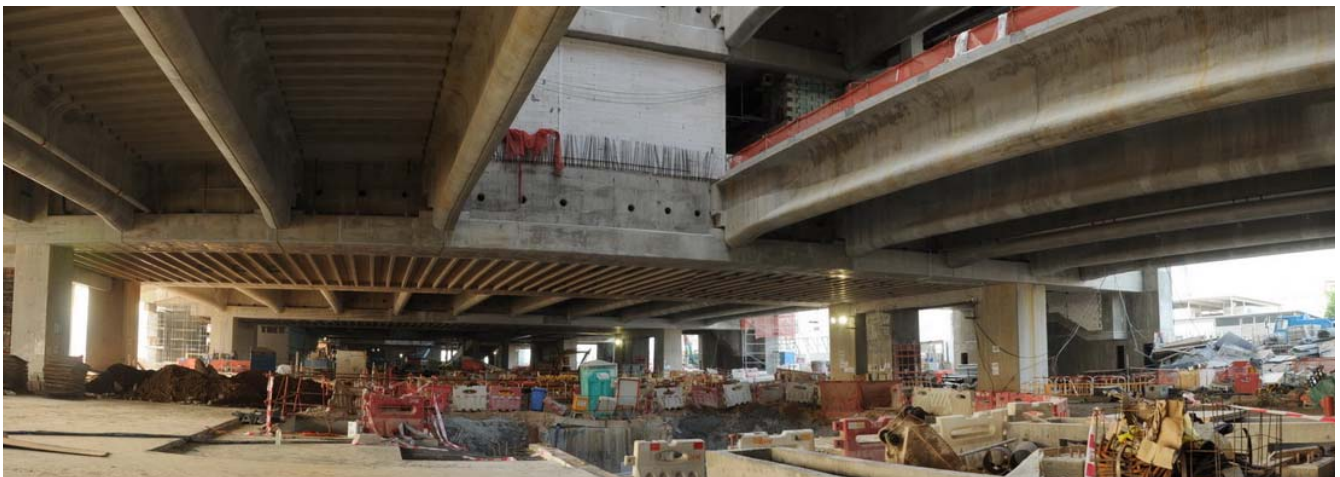


Cruise Terminal
in Kai Tak



The Cruise Terminal in Kai Tak





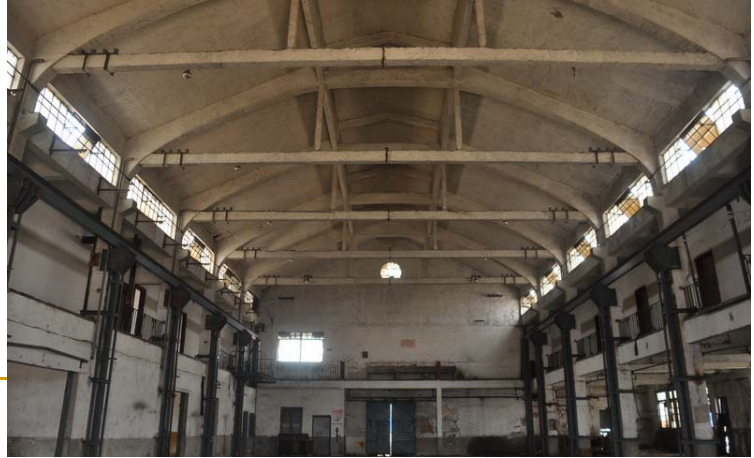
Other Examples – miscellaneous nature



Roof constructed in
RC arch-truss, in-situ



Roof constructed in
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Roof constructed in
RC truss, precast





Roof constructed in
steel space-frame



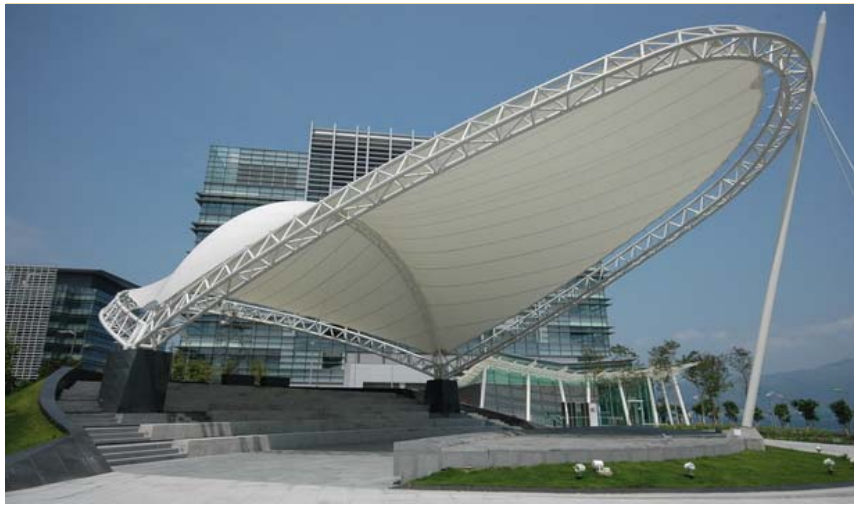
Roof constructed in
simple steel truss

A Park Pavilion in a Residential Estate in Shanghai

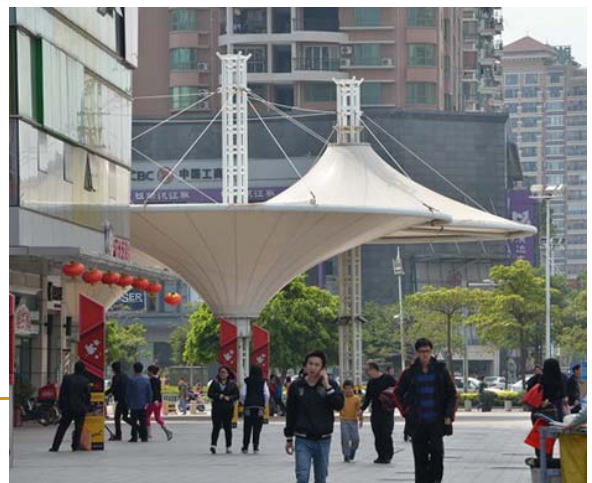


A tent-cover for
swimming pool





A tent-structure pavilion in an open square in Science Park, Hong Kong



Summary:

1. Construction usually involve lifting of long and heavy components such as a truss or a girder, which are prefabricated in steel workshop and delivered to site for installation.
2. Long elements (say, a 60m steel truss) are often broken down into smaller sections (say, 3 x 20m) and install onto the required level for fixing and connection. Temporary intermediate supports are erected until the final fixing of the system.



3. While the weight of the steel structure increases as the gradual completion of the installed structure, deflection starts to appear in various locations which makes the dimensional control very difficult. Detail adjustment is required from time to time in order this kind of deformation.
4. Final releasing of the temporary support also cause similar deflection problem but on a reverse manner..

End of Presentation