

# Curved Origami beams

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# Outline

## 1) Origami beam geometry

- Origami principles
- Parameterization

## 2) Experimental investigation

## 3) Numerical study

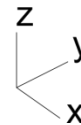
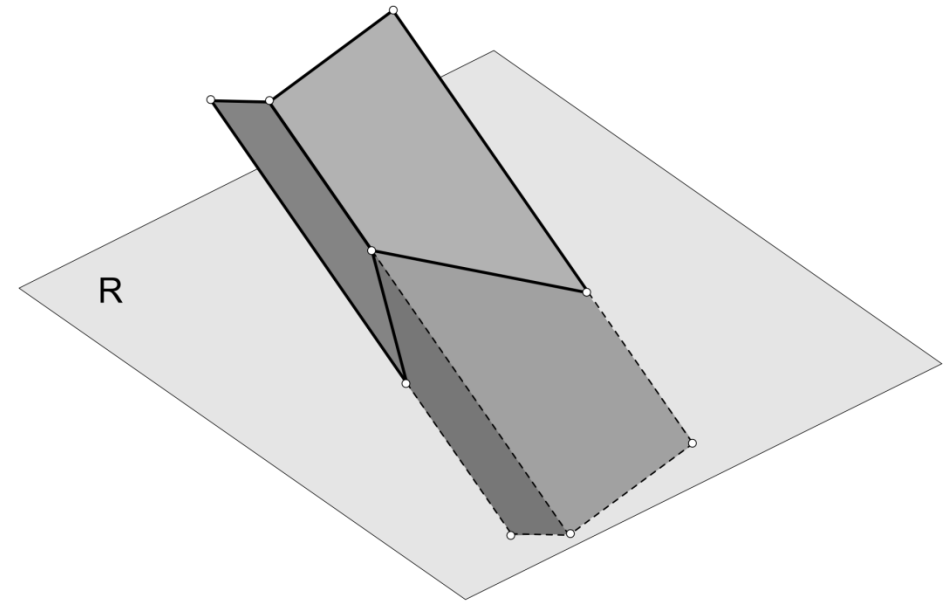
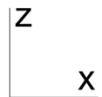
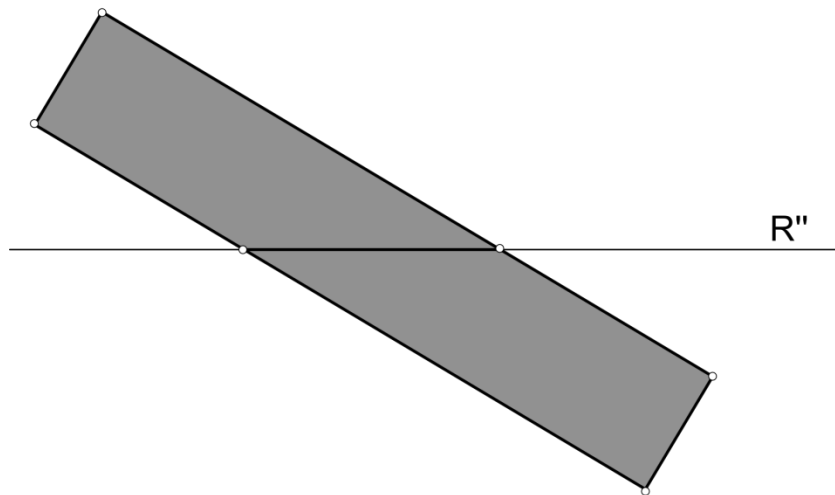
## Conclusion

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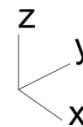
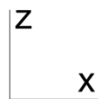
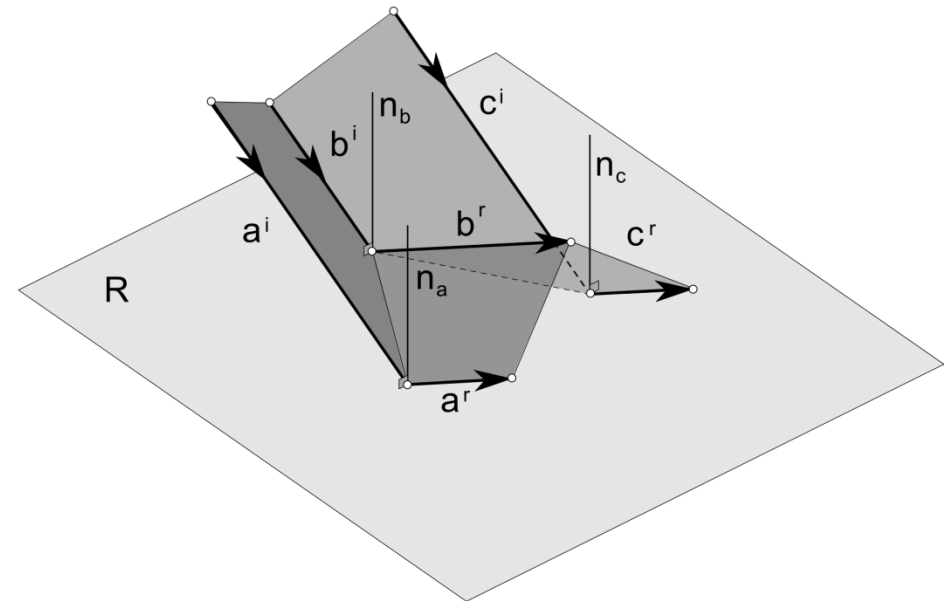
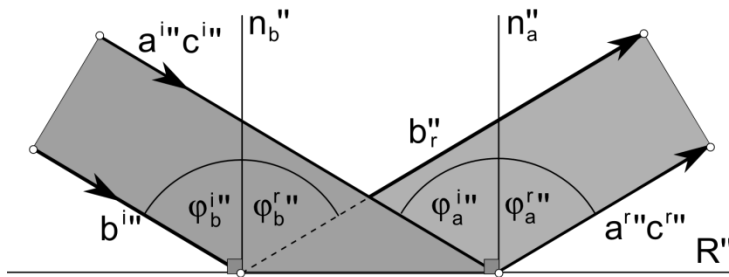


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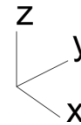
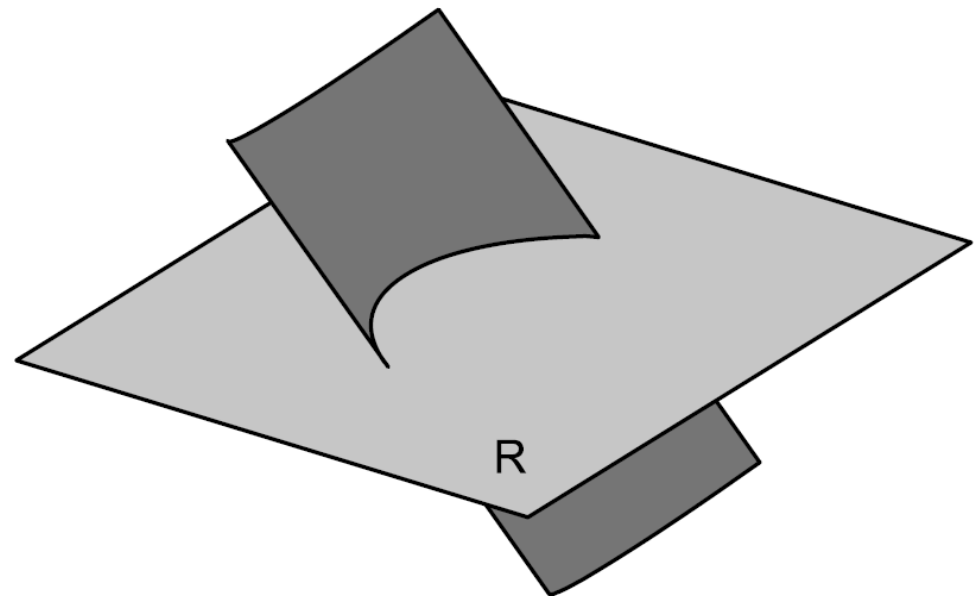
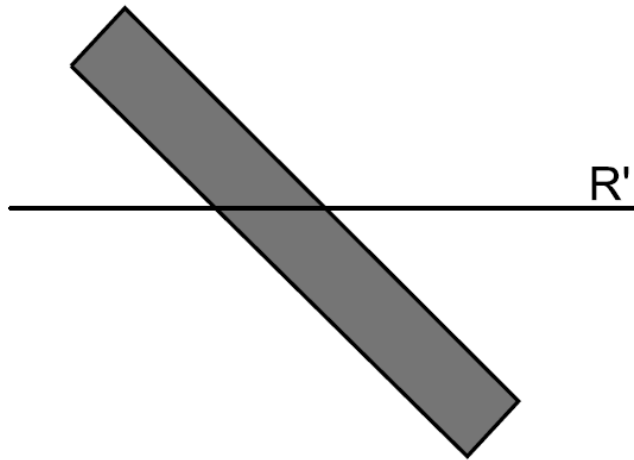


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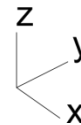
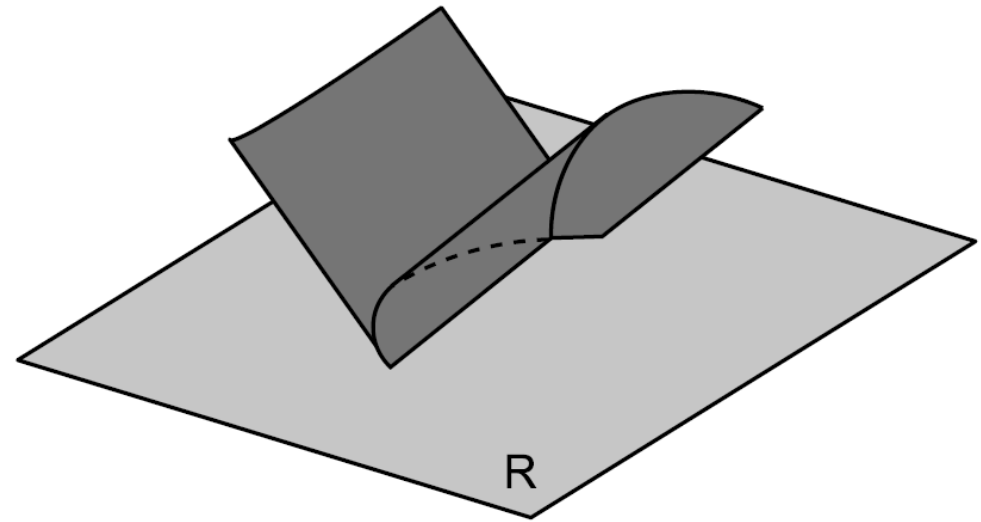
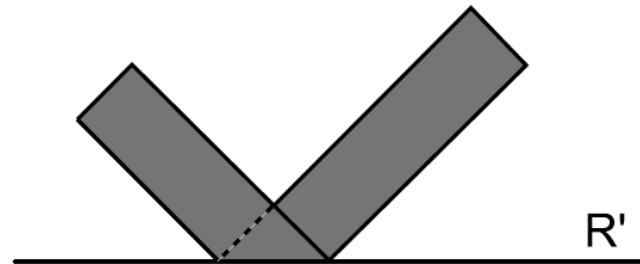


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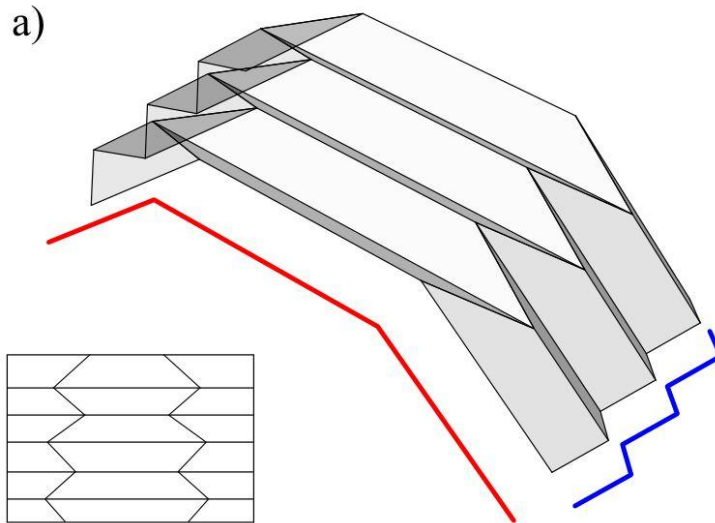
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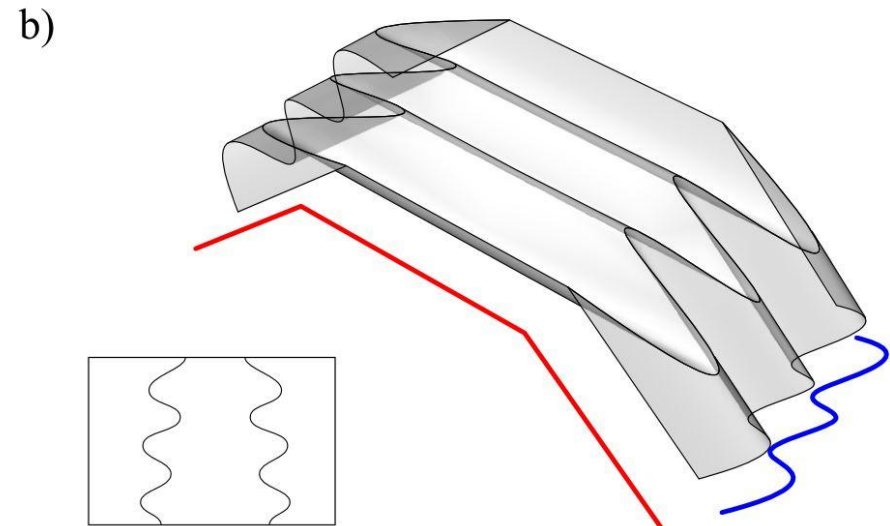
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## Geometric Design: Construction by two Profile Curves



**a) Folded plate structures**



**b) Curved origami figure**

# Curved origami beam





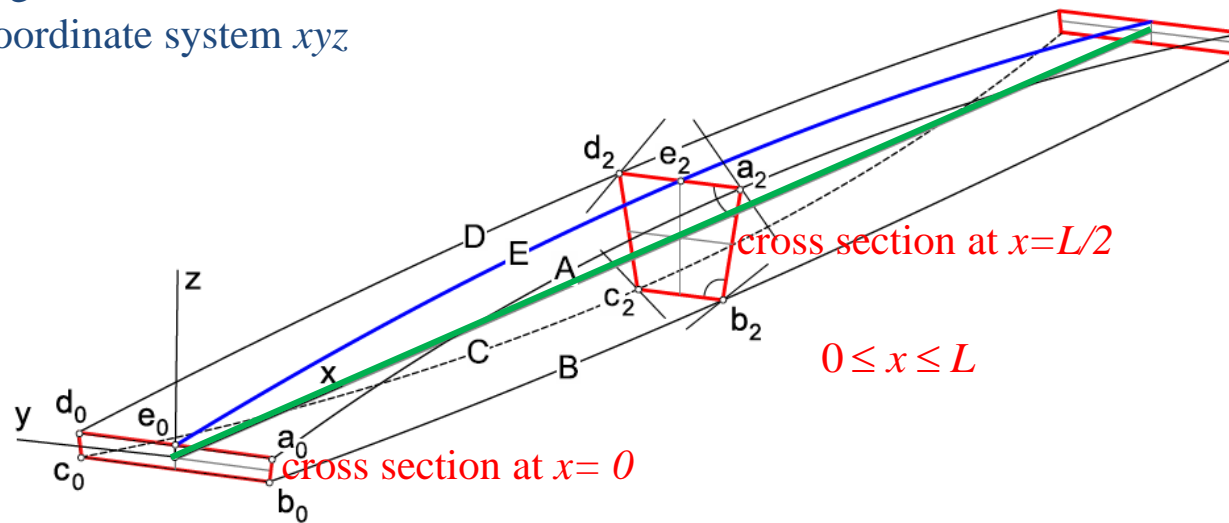


## Roofing structure composed of several elements

## Geometrical considerations:

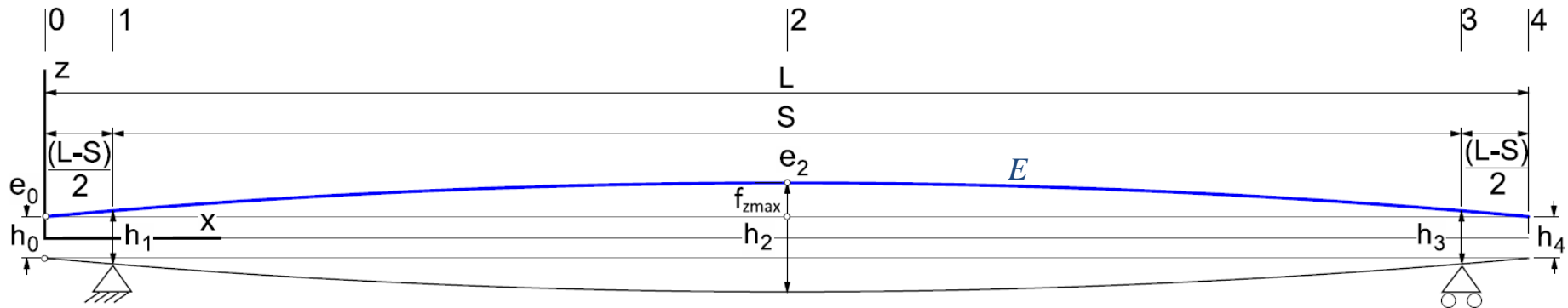
Beam length  $L$  [mm]

Global coordinate system  $xyz$



- Cross sections parallel to the  $y$ - $z$  plane, delimited by the vertices  $a, b, c, d$  at the mid-thickness of the panel
- Beam axis  $x$  directed along the line of **centroids**
- Slowly varying height along arc  $E$  of constant curvature (plane  $x$ - $z$ ), similarly for the beam width

## Elevation (plane x-z):



$h_0, h_1, h_2$  : beam heights at  $x = 0, (L-S)/2, L/2$  respectively

Radius  $r$  of arc  $E$ :

$$r^2 = \frac{L^2}{4} + (r - f_{z\max})^2 \quad \text{with} \quad f_{z\max} = \frac{h_2 - h_0}{2}$$

$$\text{solving, } r = \frac{4f_{z\max}^2 + L^2}{8f_{z\max}}$$

## Half-height evolution :

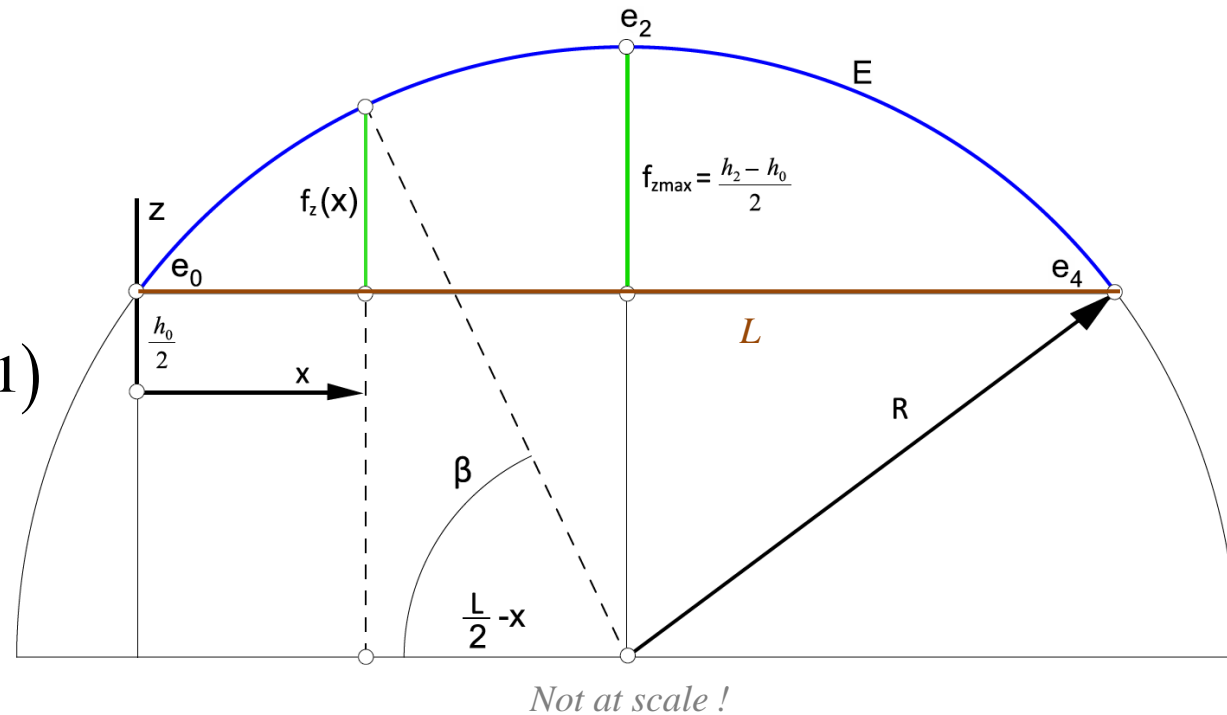
$$h(x) = f_z(x) + \frac{h_0}{2}$$

with the variable part,

$$f_z = f_{z\max} + r(\sin \beta(x) - 1)$$

where

$$\beta(x) = \arccos \frac{L/2 - x}{r}$$



such that

$$f_z(0) = 0$$

$$h(0) = h_0/2$$

$$f_z(L/2) = f_{z\max}$$

$$h(L/2) = h_0/2 + f_{z\max} = h_2/2$$

## Half-width evolution :

$$w(x) = \frac{w_2}{2} + f_{y2} + f_{y\max} - f_y(x)$$

with

$$f_{y2} = \frac{h_2}{2} \cdot \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \varphi\right) = \frac{h_2}{2} \cdot \cotan \varphi$$

$$f_{y\max} = f_{z\max} \cdot \tan \frac{\varphi}{2}$$

$$f_y(x) = f_z(x) \cdot \tan \frac{\varphi}{2}$$

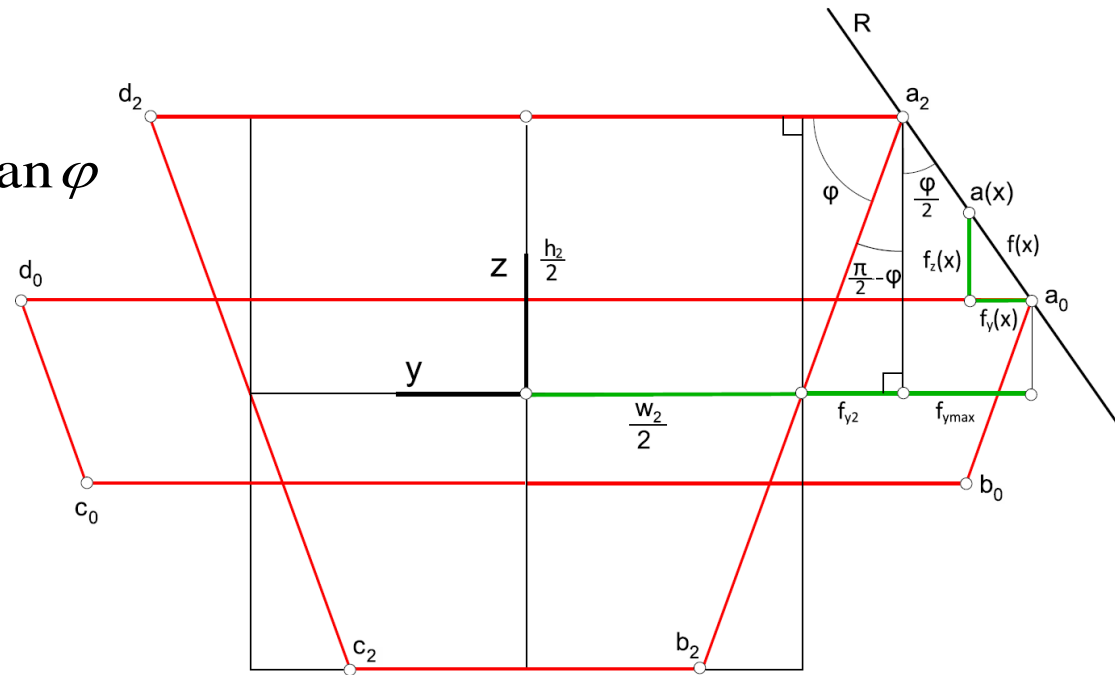
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$$f_y(0) = 0$$

$$f_y(L/2) = f_{y\max}$$

$$w(0) = w_2/2 + f_{y2} + f_{y\max}$$

$$w(L/2) = w_2/2 + f_{y2}$$



$$f_{y\max} = f_{z\max}, f_{y2} = 0 \text{ when } \varphi = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

## Vertices coordinates:

$$\mathbf{a} \begin{pmatrix} a_y \\ a_z \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} \begin{pmatrix} b_y \\ b_z \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{c} \begin{pmatrix} c_y \\ c_z \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{d} \begin{pmatrix} d_y \\ d_z \end{pmatrix}$$

where,

$$a_y(x) = -w(x)$$

$$a_z(x) = h(x)$$

$$b_y(x) = a_y(x) + 2a_z(x) \cdot \cotan \varphi$$

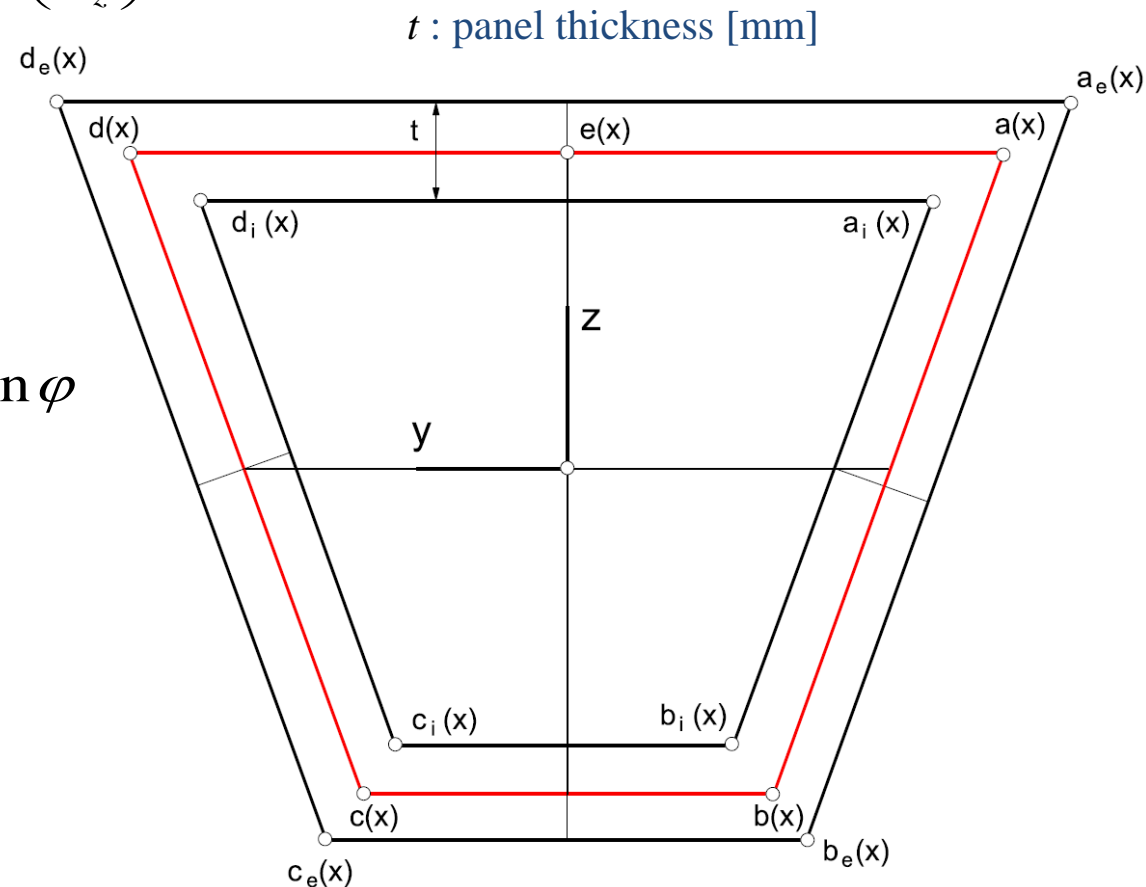
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$$c_z(x) = -a_z(x)$$

$$d_y(x) = -a_y(x)$$

$$d_z(x) = a_z(x)$$



- **Parametrization of the curved beam:**

- length/span ratio :

$$i = \frac{L}{S} \quad (\text{loading consideration})$$

- height at end / height at mid-length ratio :

$$q = \frac{h_0}{h_2}$$

- height / width ratio at mid-length:

$$p = \frac{h_2}{w_2}$$

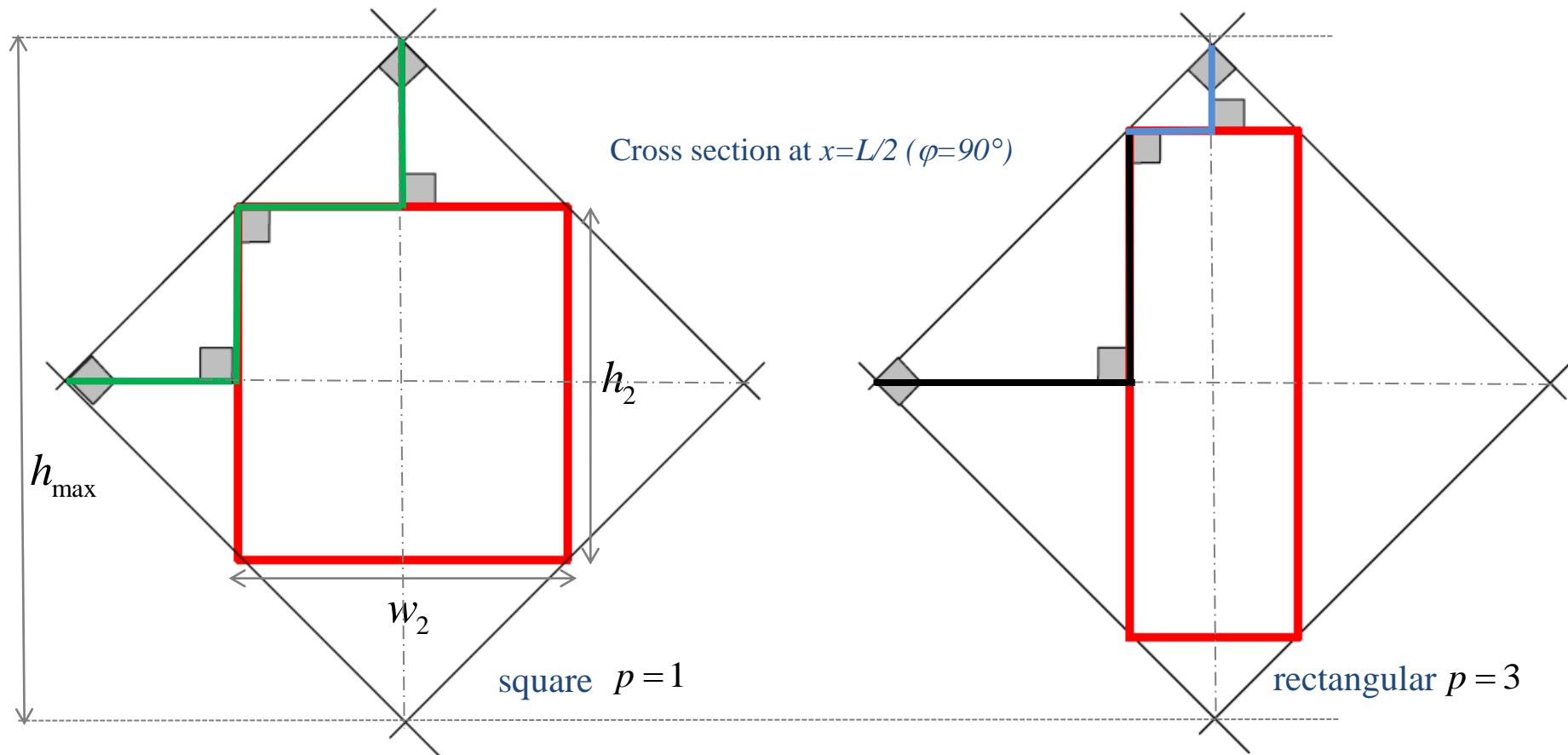
- Reflection angle  $\varphi$

- “Aspect” ratio :

$$k = \frac{h_{\max}}{S}, \quad h_2 + w_2 = h_{\max}$$

half the perimeter at mid-length

$$p = \frac{h_2}{w_2}$$

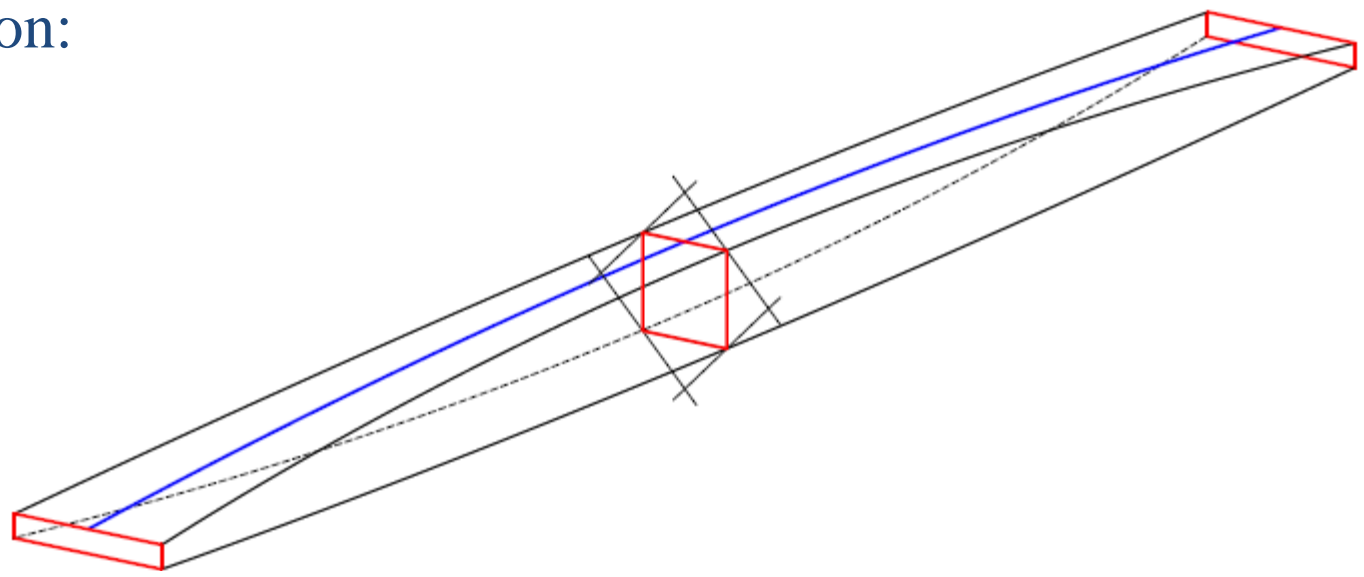


Same value of  $k$  for the two configurations

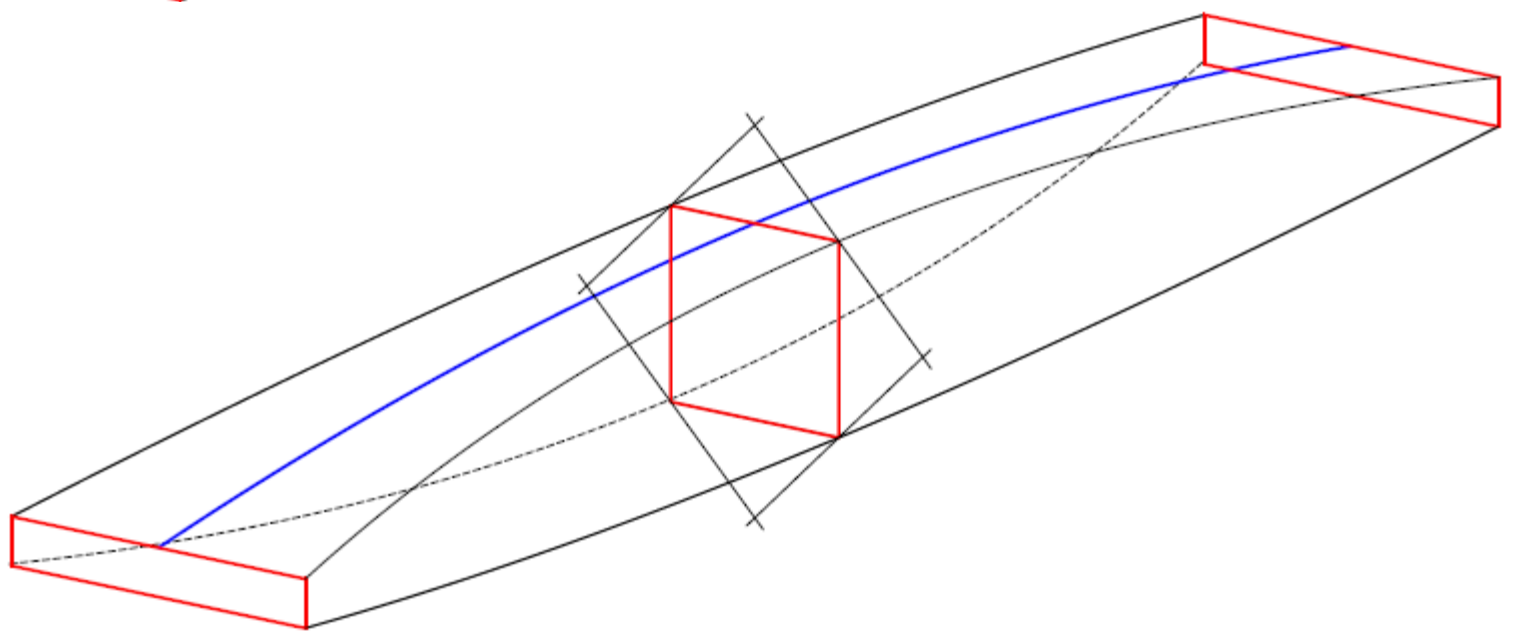


# Illustration:

$k=0.1$   
 $p=1$   
 $q=1/4$   
 $\varphi=90^\circ$



$k=0.2$   
 $p=1$   
 $q=1/4$   
 $\varphi=90^\circ$

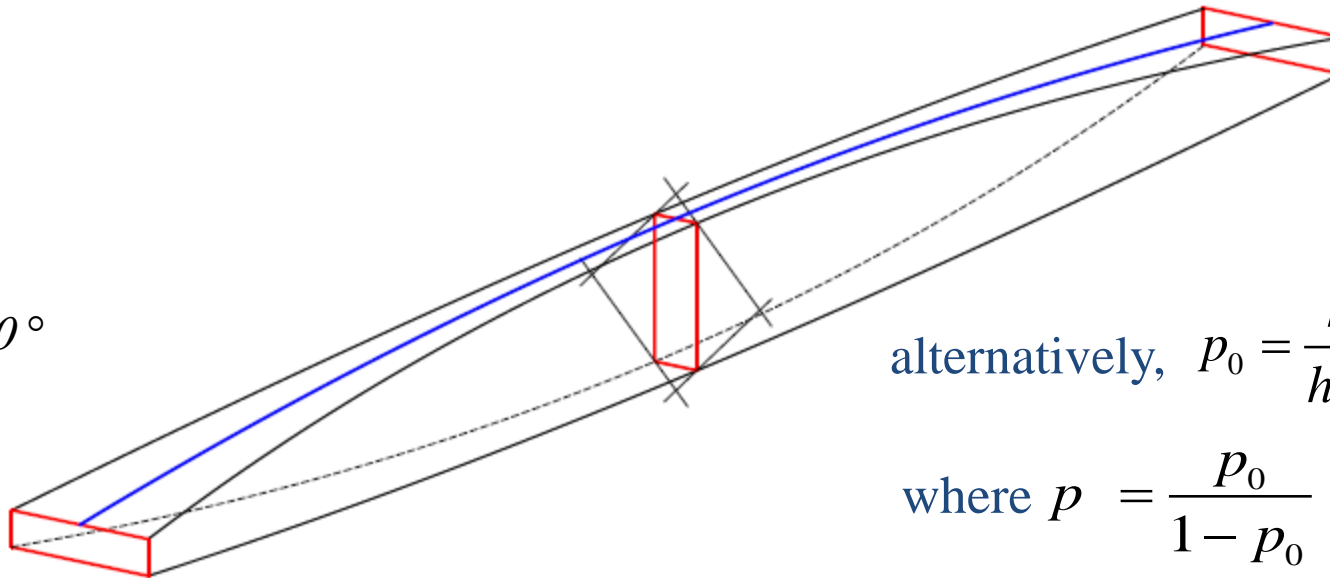


$$p=3$$

$$k=0.1$$

$$q=1/4$$

$$\varphi = 90^\circ$$



alternatively,  $p_0 = \frac{h_2}{h_{\max}}$

where  $p = \frac{p_0}{1 - p_0}$        $p=3$   
 $p_0=0.75$

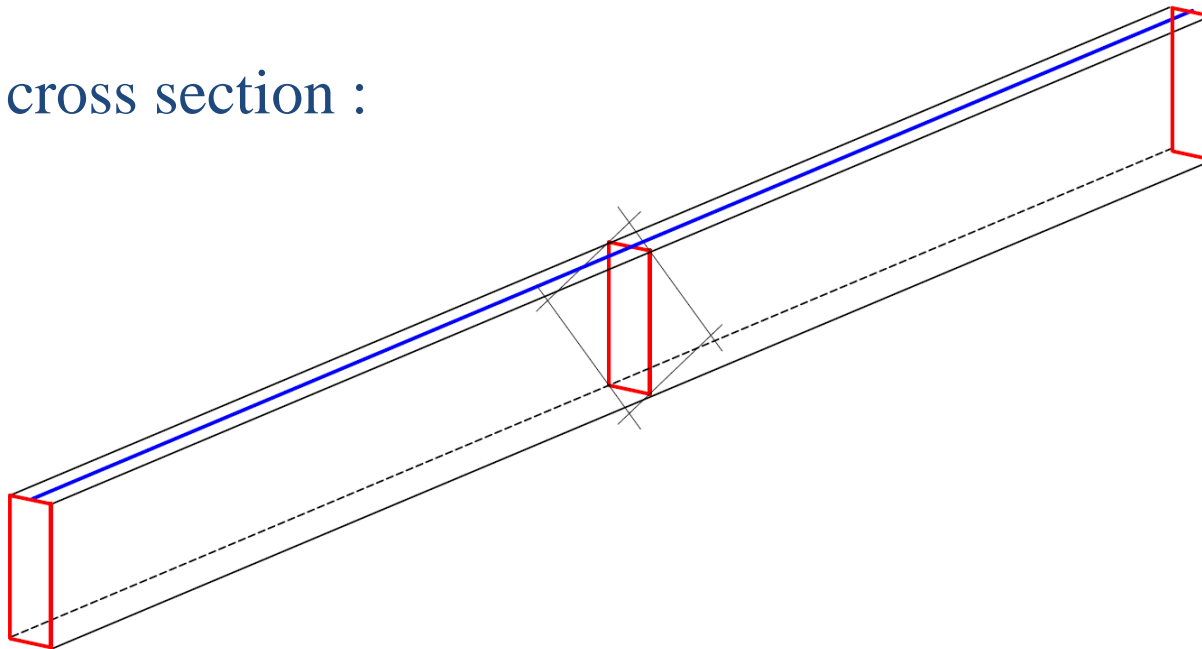
constant cross section :

$$p=3$$

$$k=0.1$$

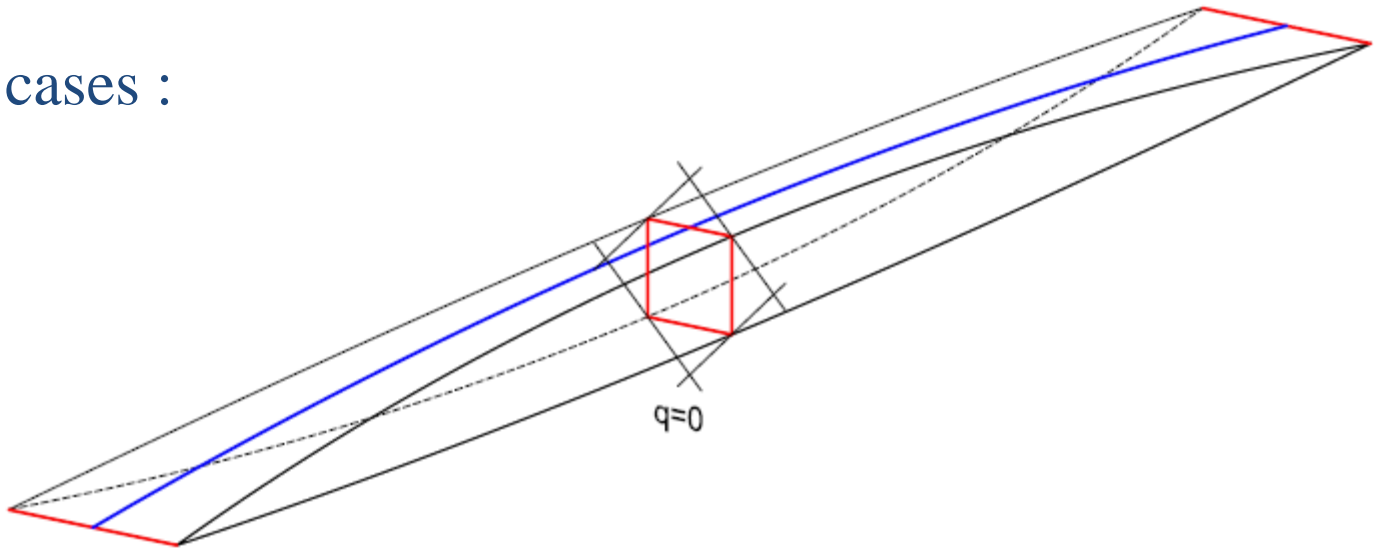
$$q=1$$

$$\varphi = 90^\circ$$

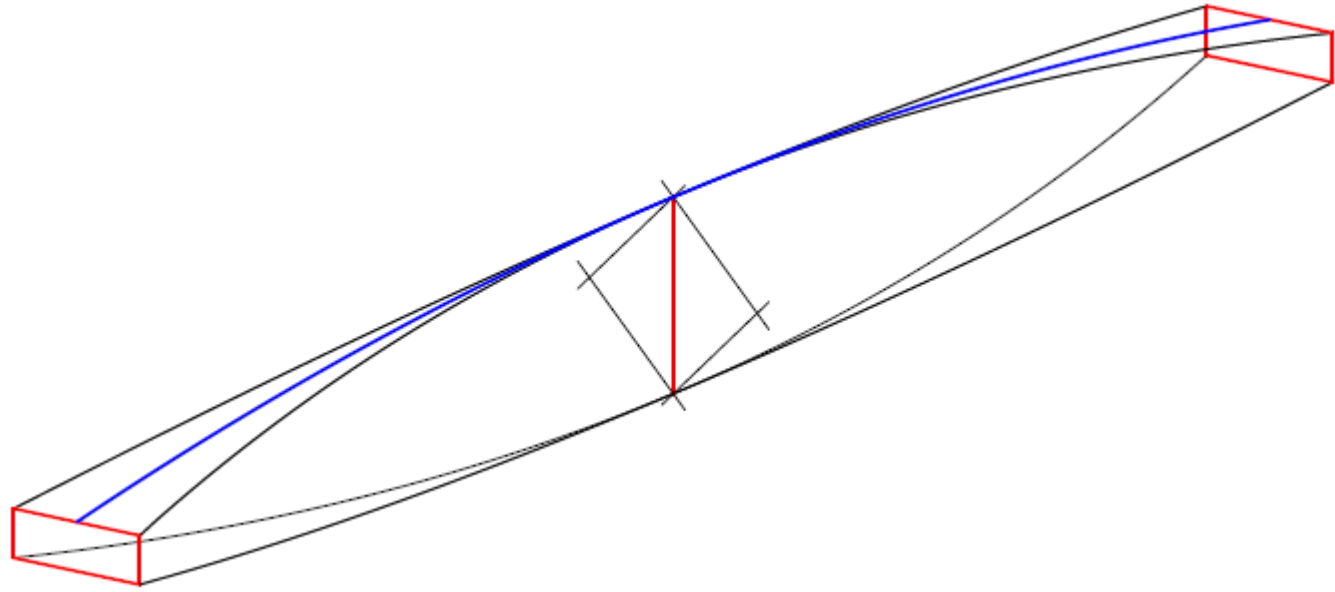


# Limiting cases :

$q=0$



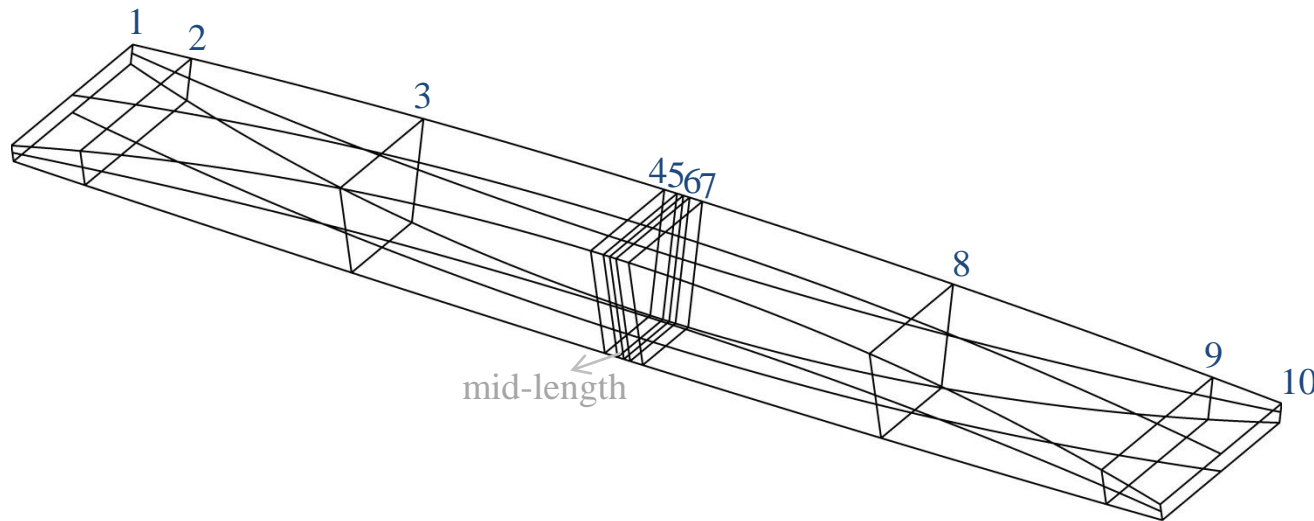
$p = \infty$   
 $p_0 = 1$



## 2) Experimental investigation

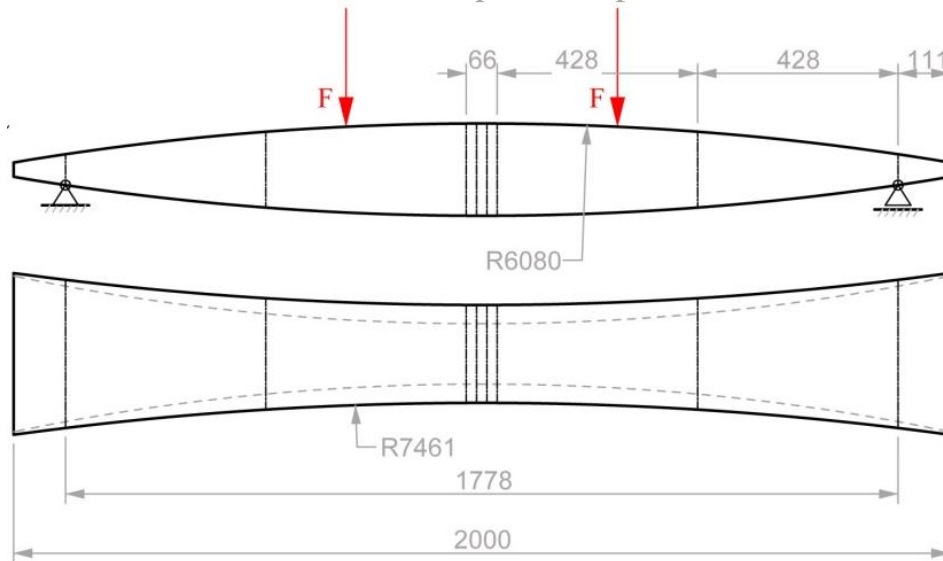
### Prototypes:

- Curved prototypes of length  $2m$  :



- Okoumé plywood panels (three plies) of thickness  $t = 6\text{ mm}$
- 10 Stiffeners - Okoumé plywood of thickness  $22\text{ mm}$  :
  - 4-5-6-7 linked together
  - 2, 9 placed at support position
- Screwed and glued connection between the panels

mid-surfaces of stiffeners and panels depicted



$$L = 2000 \text{ mm}$$

$$S = 1778 \text{ mm}$$

$$h_0 = 33.33 \text{ mm}$$

$$w_0 = 340.71 \text{ mm}$$

$$h_2 = 200 \text{ mm}$$

$$w_2 = 170.59 \text{ mm}$$

## Parameters values:

$$i = 1.1249$$

$$q = 0.166$$

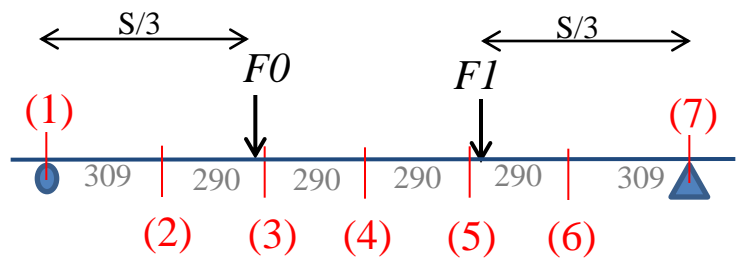
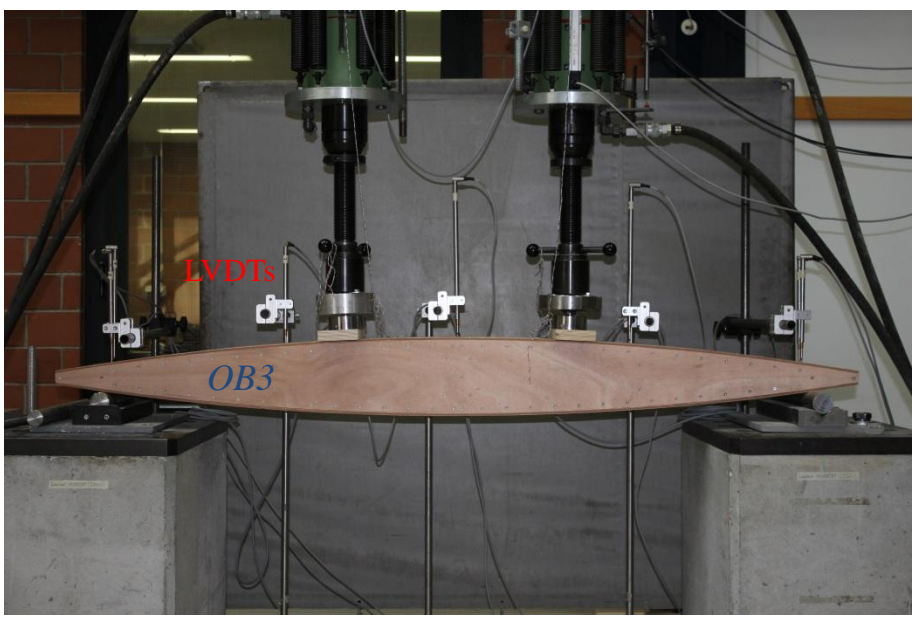
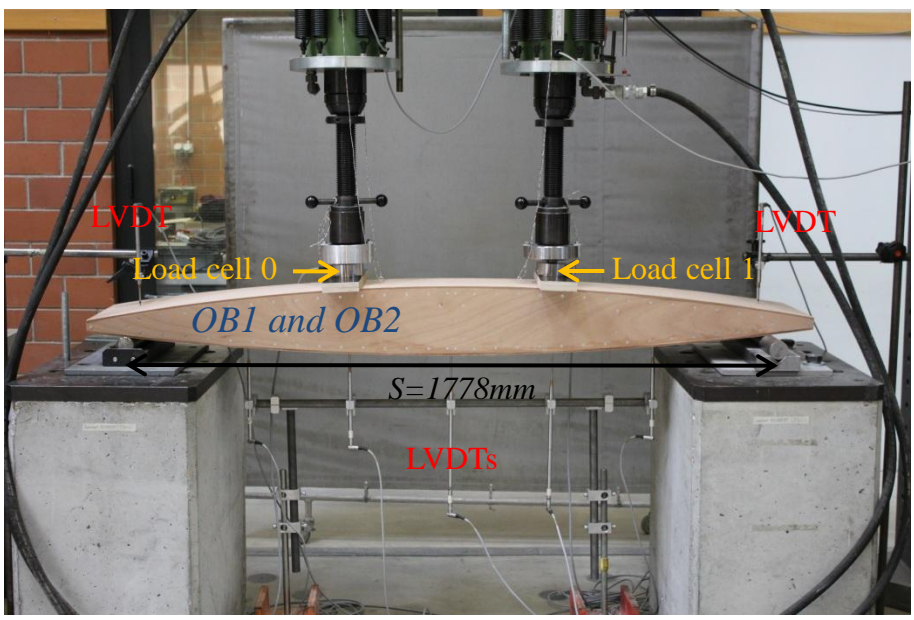
$$p = 1.172$$

$$\varphi = 78^\circ 44'$$

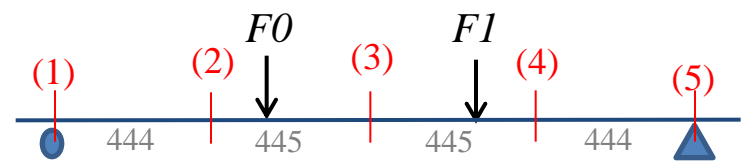
$$k = 0.208$$

## Experimental setup:

Four point bending test : W+B 300kN loading system  
three specimens *OB1*, *OB2*, *OB3*



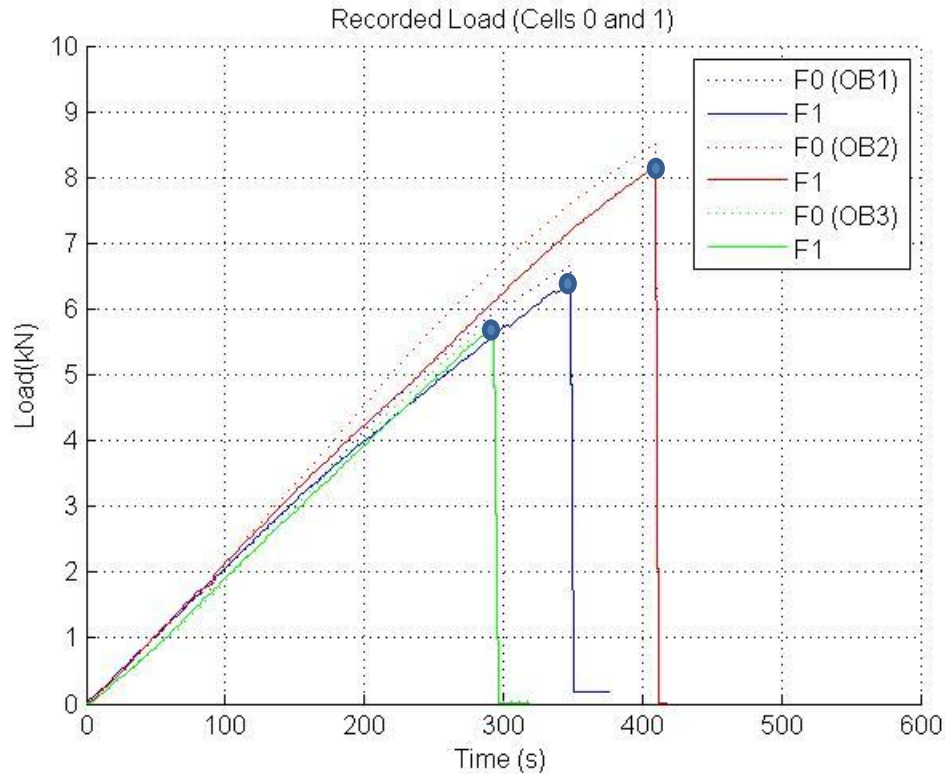
transducers locations (i=1..7)



transducers locations (i=1..5)

## - Loading process:

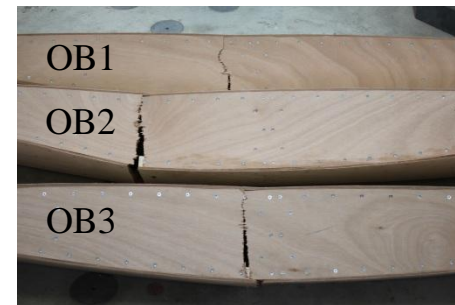
- Imposed grip displacement at 0.05mm/s



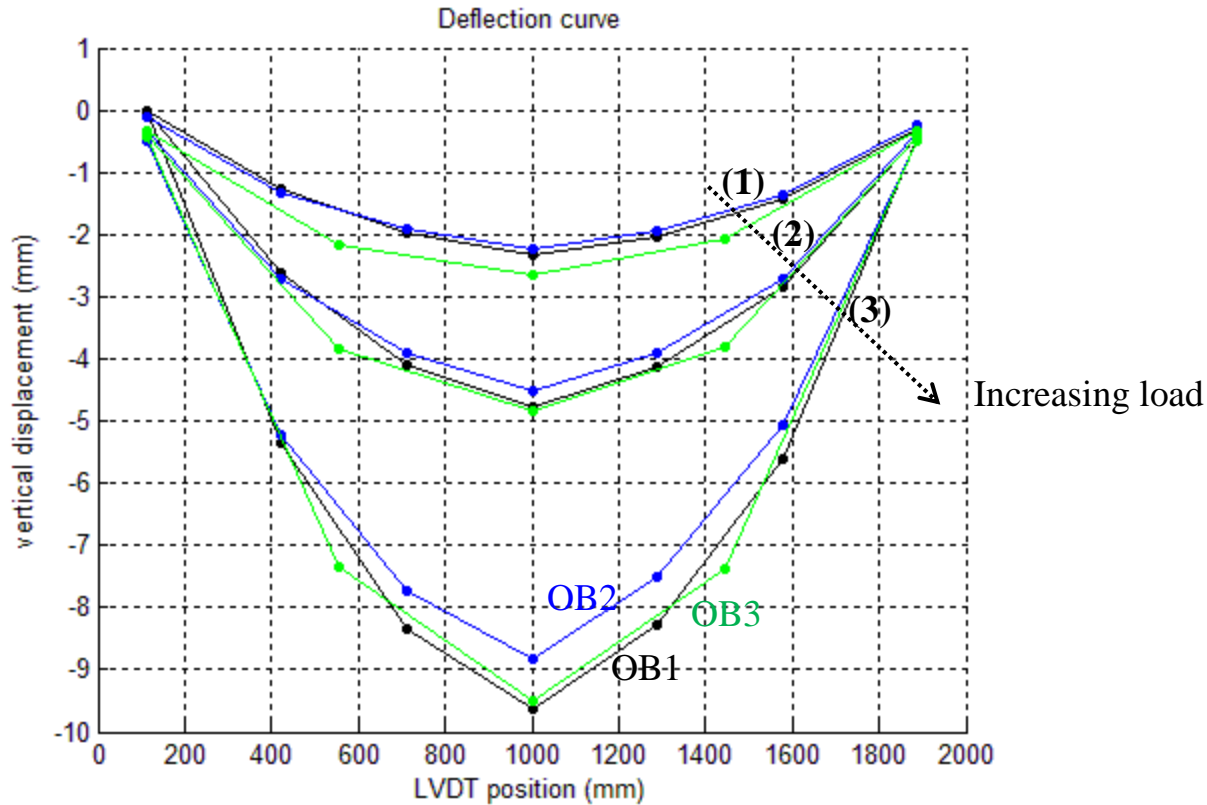
## Maximum load (KN) :

	<i>F0</i>	<i>F1</i>	<i>F0+F1</i>
OB1	6.7	6.4	13.1
OB2	8.5	8.1	16.6
OB3	5.8	5.7	11.5

## Failure :



# Measurements of deflection :



	F0+F1 (KN)		
	(1)	(2)	(3)
OB1	2.02	4.10	8.08
OB2	1.99	4.11	8.04
OB3	2.07	4.00	7.96

Three levels of loads examined



### 3) Numerical study – 1D simplified model

- **Frame work** : bending analysis of elastic beams with general cross section variation :

assumptions : - classical Euler beam theory  
- homogeneous material  
- rigid connections between the panels

- Model implemented in Matlab :

- handling problems with
  - depth/width beam variations
  - any number of concentrated/linearly varying distributed loads
  - general end conditions
  - interior supports
- Finite Element formulation *not* used here

## • Implementation

-Use of singularity functions of order  $n$  ( $=-1,0,1$ ):

$$\langle x - x_0 \rangle^n = \begin{cases} 0 & x < x_0 \\ (x - x_0)^n & x \geq x_0 \end{cases}$$

satisfying,

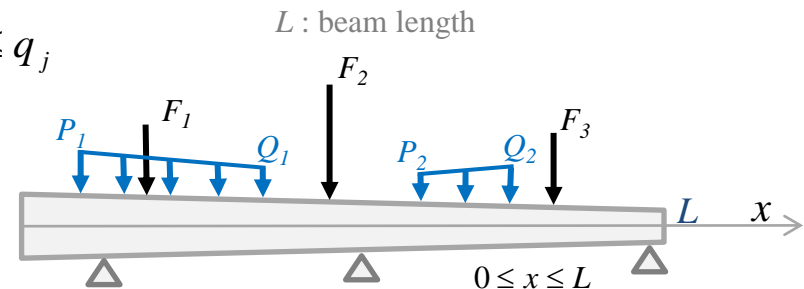
$$\int_0^x \langle x - x_0 \rangle^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1} \langle x - x_0 \rangle^{n+1} \quad n = -1 : \text{appropriate for describing a concentrate load}$$

-Prescribed (general) external loads :

$$w_e(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_f} F_j \langle x - f_j \rangle^{-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{N_r} P_j \langle x - p_j \rangle^0 - Q_j \langle x - q_j \rangle^0 + \frac{Q_j - P_j}{q_j - p_j} \cdot \left( \langle x - p_j \rangle^1 - \langle x - q_j \rangle^1 \right)$$

$N_f$  concentrated loads  $F_j$  acting at positions  $x = f_j$

$N_r$  ramped loads varying (linearly) between  $p_j \leq x \leq q_j$



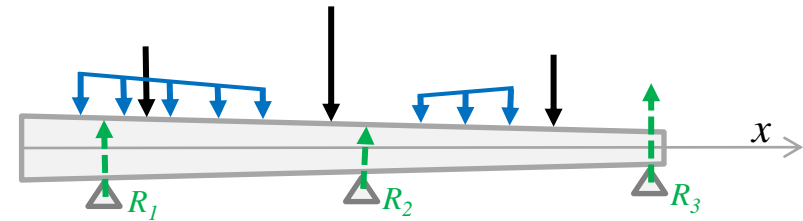
## - System of differential equations :

### Shear & load:

$$v'(x) = q(x) = w_e(x) + \sum_{j=1}^{N_s} R_j \langle x - r_j \rangle^{-1}$$

$$v(x) = v_0 + v_e(x) + \sum_{j=1}^{N_s} R_j \langle x - r_j \rangle^0, \quad v_e(x) = \int_0^x w_e(x) dx \quad \frac{d}{dx} = (\cdot)'$$

$N_s$  reaction forces  $R_j$  (to be determined) at the support positions  $x = r_j$



### Moment & deflection:

$$m'(x) = v$$

$$m(x) = m_0 + v_0 x + m_e(x) + \sum_{j=1}^{N_s} R_j \langle x - r_j \rangle^1, \quad m_e(x) = \int_0^x v_e(x) dx$$

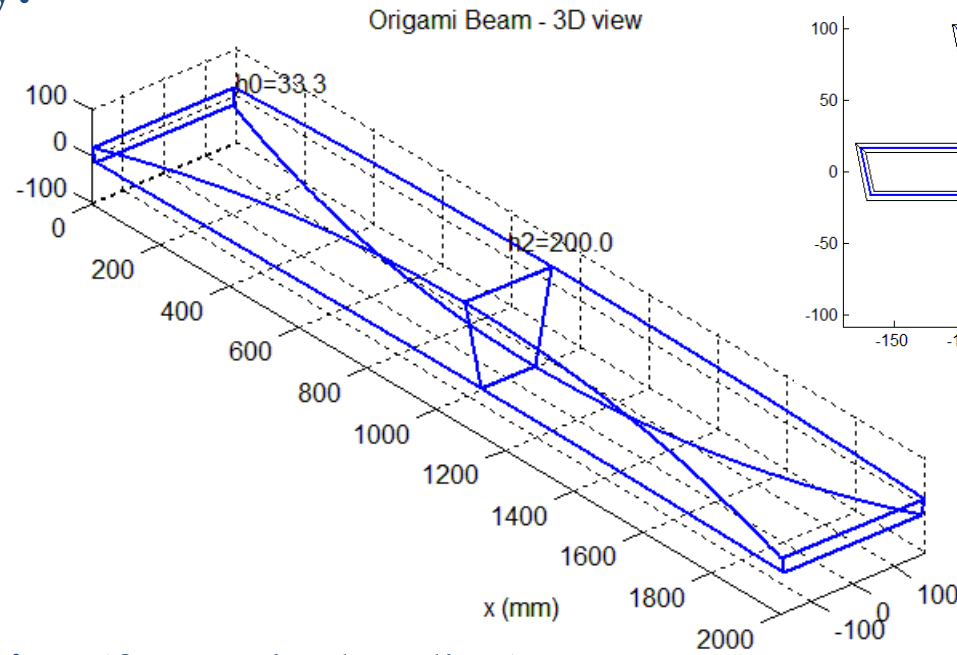
$$y''(x) = \frac{m(x)}{E \cdot I(x)}$$

varying cross section moment of inertia  $I(x)$ ,  
Young modulus  $E$

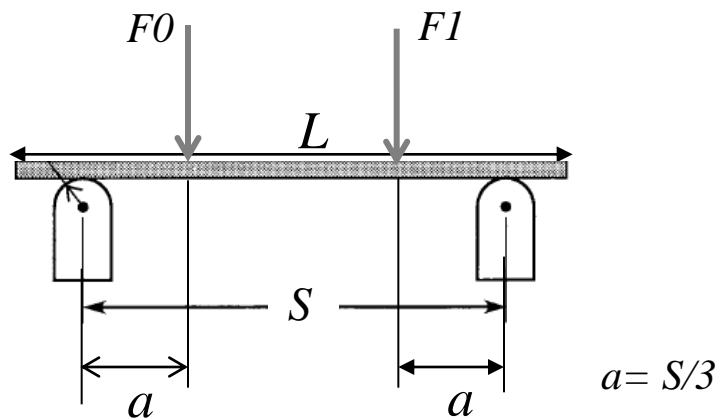
+ four end conditions imposed at  $x=0$  and  $x=L$

## • Simulated geometry:

$L$ (mm)	2000
$i$	1.125
$q$	0.166
$p$	1.172
$\varphi$	$78^{\circ}44$
$k$	0.208

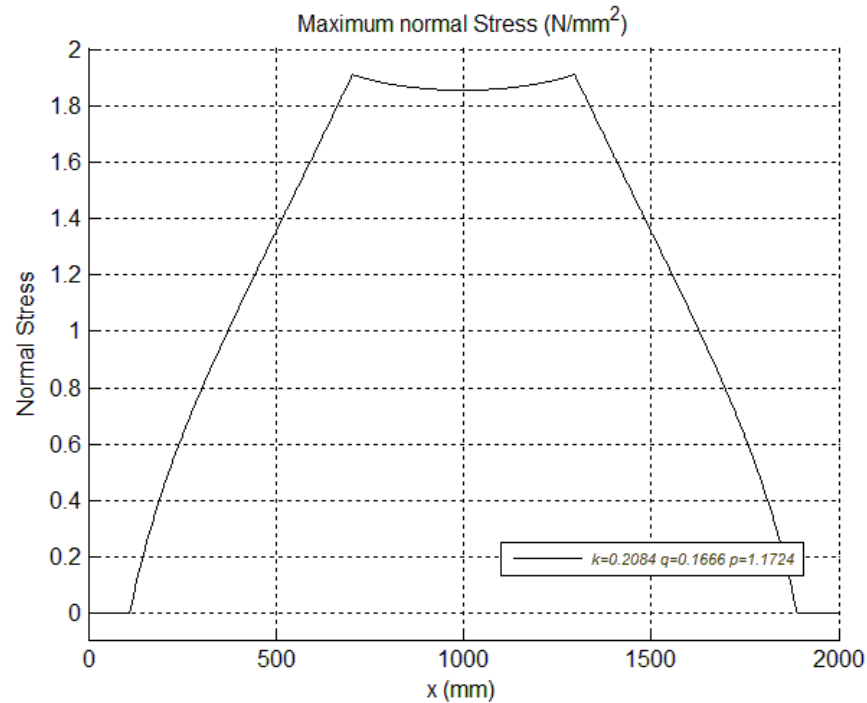


## • Loading configuration (four-point bending) :

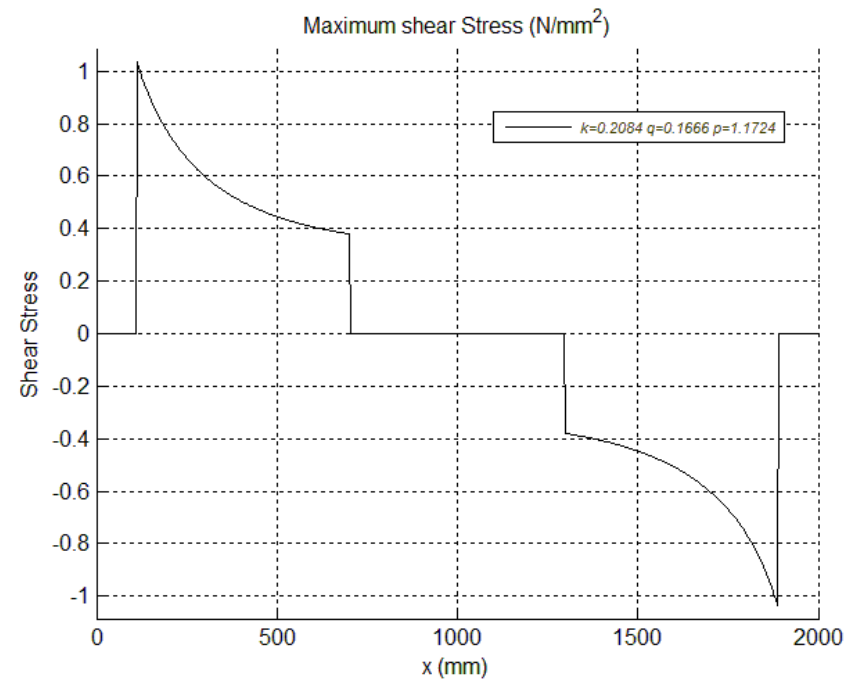


Young modulus  $E=2398$  MPa  
(from Thebault company)

## Normal and shear maximum stresses evolution :

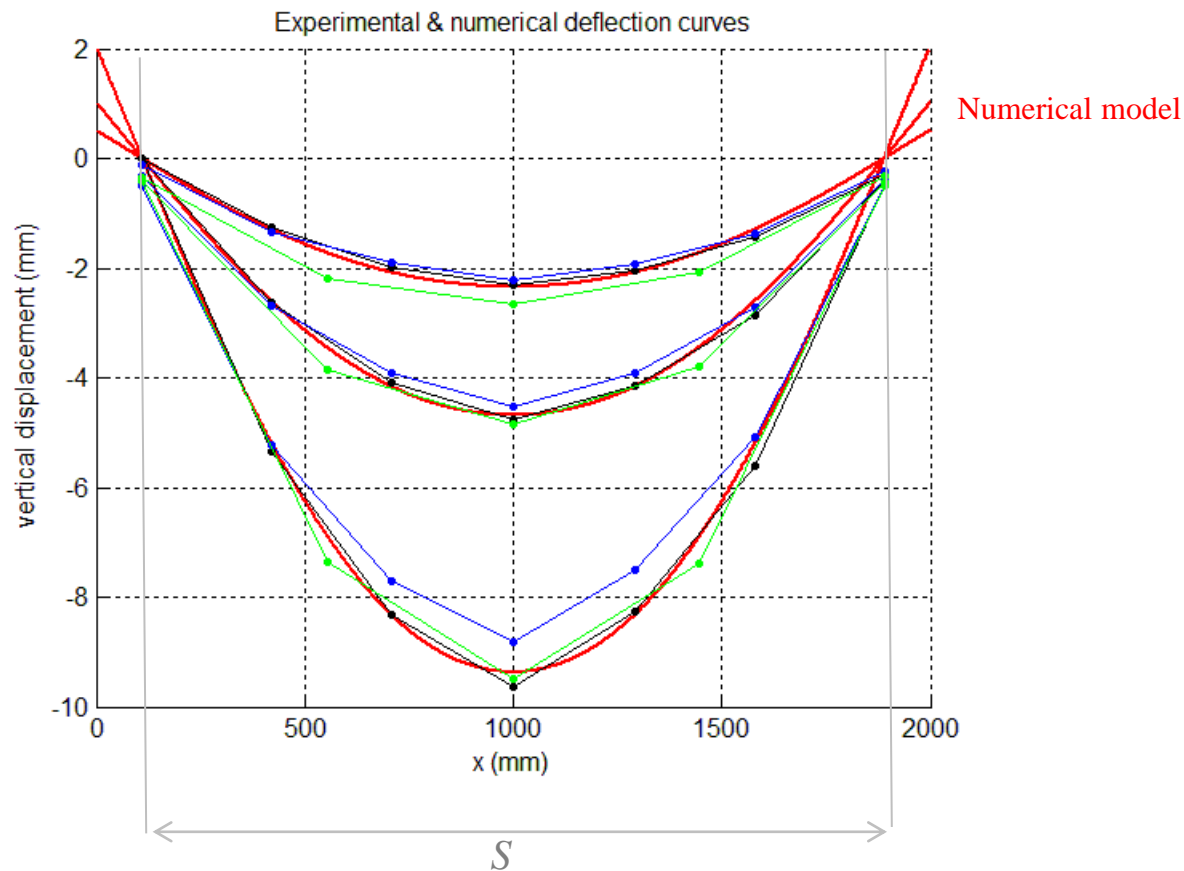


Simulation for  $F0+F1=2\text{KN}$



# Deflection curves

## Comparison between experimental & numerical results



## Conclusion

- Application of origami principles to curved beams with potential architectural interest
- Efficient parameterization of the origami beam geometry
- Experimental & numerical characterization of the mechanical behavior of (small) origami beams under static bending load

- Prospects:

Larger prototypes with different section profiles and material

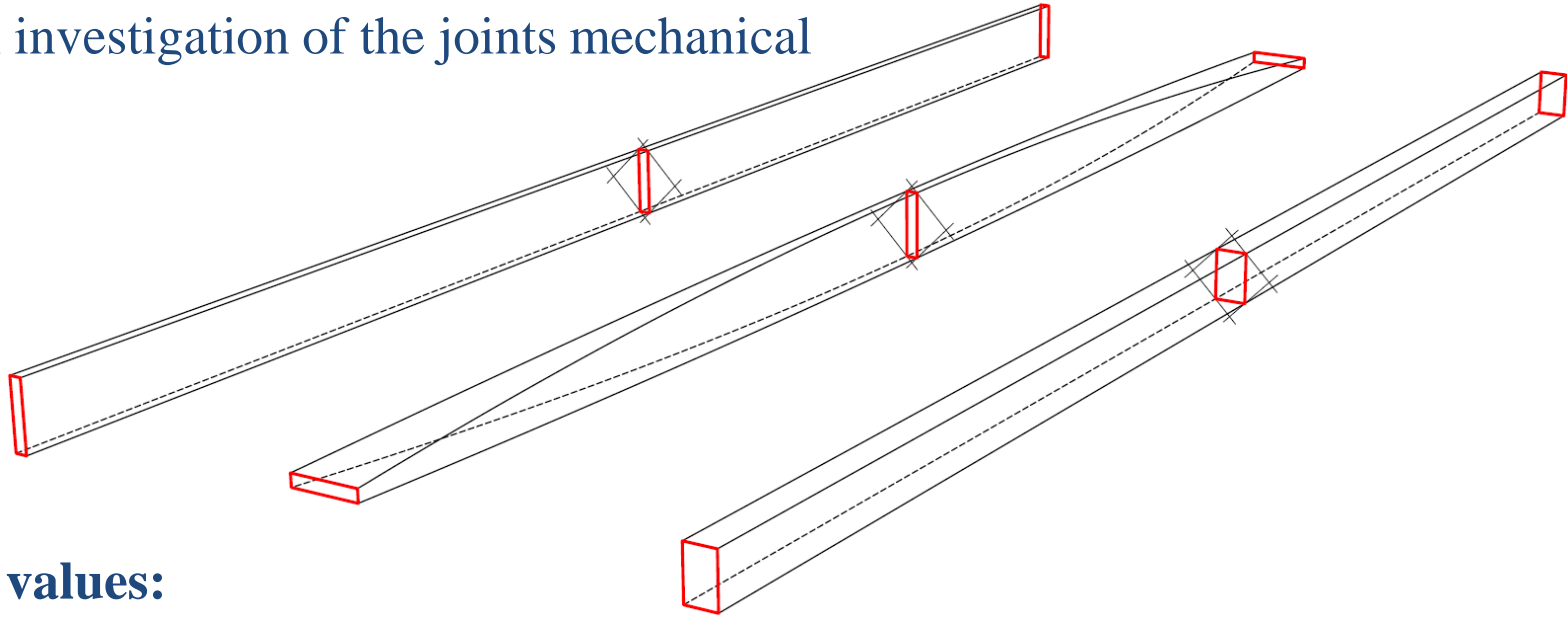
Introduction of semi-rigid dove-tail joints (no stiffeners)

Numerical investigation of the joints mechanical behavior

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$$S = 4000 \text{ mm}$$

$$t = 15 \text{ mm}$$



### Parameters values:

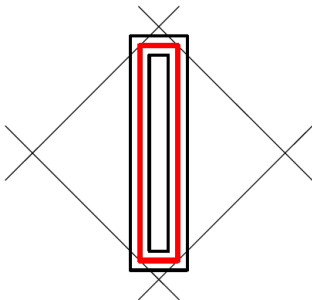
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$$q = 1$$

$$p = 5.666$$

$$\varphi = 90$$

$$k = 0.05$$



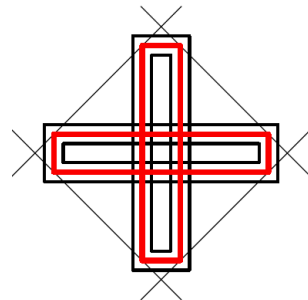
$$i = 1.1$$

$$q = 0.176$$

$$p = 5.666$$

$$\varphi = 90$$

$$k = 0.05$$



$$i = 1.1$$

$$q = 1$$

$$p = 1.609$$

$$\varphi = 90$$

$$k = 0.05$$

