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A compression bending test mechanism has been developed to measure and document the bending properties of plywood-fiberglass composite slender beams, employing Tracker, a digital video analysis and modelling tool and Grasshopper, a graphical algorithm editor for Rhino 3d.

Fiberglass is distributed along planar plywood strips, in one or more layers, in four warp-weft fiber directions of 0, 30, 45 and 60 degrees. The deflections, forces and geometry of the bending tests are analyzed and classified per case, in order to derive the bending modulus, the proportional limit and the minimum bending radius of various plywood-fiberglass layout schemes.

The results are embedded into K2Engineering, a structurally calibrated extension of Kangaroo2 grasshopper plugin, which is a 3DOF Dynamic Relaxation interactive simulation engine. K2engineering offers direct input and output of structural data that define the resulting shape and can be used to evaluate its structural performance respectively. This enables a unified, multiscalar materially informed form finding process, where the final geometry is approximated according to the local material specifications at a macro, meso and micro scale. General dimensions, i.e. width length and thickness, the number of fiberglass layers and the orientation of wood grain and glass fibers respectively, along with the resin formulation and the chosen boundary conditions can output a variable stiffness strip, that when bent, converges into a non-symmetrical shape of variable curvature without the need of a secondary support system.



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01

Bending-active structures

Design and simulation software

Kangaroo2 (Daniel Piker) and K2Engineering (Cecilie Brandt)

Bending-active structures

Bending-Active Structures

Form-finding strategies using elastic deformation in static and kinetic systems and the structural potentials therein

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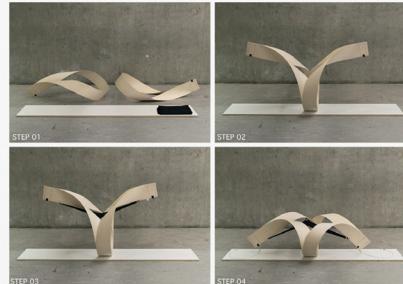
The term “bending-active” is introduced by the author to describe curved beam and surface structures that base their geometry on the elastic deformation of initially straight or planar elements

[Knippers et al (2011) *Construction Manual for Polymers + Membranes..*]

Central argument, elastic deformation can actively be used to permanently or temporarily shape curvature in load bearing elements.



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Bend9 – Bending-Active design at Pier 9
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Active bending in this context is understood to be a form defining strategy based on systemized elastic deformation, i.e. bending. In general, bending active structures are understood to be an approach rather than a distinct structural type.

The pre-stressing of bending-active structures is generated through large nodal displacements in statically indeterminate structures. As a result, individual building elements are largely deformed and therefore exposed to a constant bending stress, i.e. pre-stress. The element stiffness is chosen so that the induced bending stress never reaches the elastic limit of the used materials. Therefore, a linear material law (Hooke's Law) is always used for the subsequent investigations. As a consequence to the large deformations of bending-active structures, the calculations generally must be performed geometrically non-linear.

Bending-active in structural terms: constrained statically indeterminate structures with residual bending stress.

In the analysis of structural systems, several aspects of nonlinearity can be differentiated:

- Nonlinear material behaviour: plastic deformation (not considered in bending-active structures).
- Nonlinear boundary conditions: change of supporting condition under deformation (may be considered in bending-active structures, where large deflections lead to additional supporting points and contact between initially separate elements).
- Geometric nonlinearity: nonlinear relationship of external forces and deflection (must be considered in all bending active structures).

Kangaroo physics for grasshopper

Kangaroo is a 3DOF (**not anymore!**) Dynamic Relaxation Live Physics engine for interactive simulation, form-finding, optimization and constraint solving.

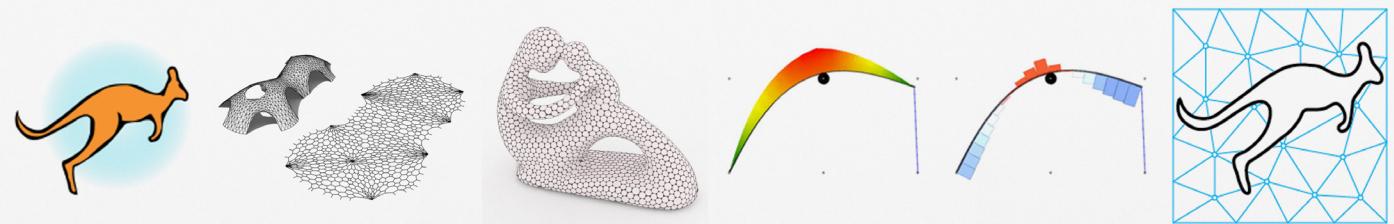
For form-finding we often use fictitious material properties, such as zero-rest-length springs, which do not necessarily correspond to the real material, that the structure will be built from.

This is the case for both digital form finding tools like Kangaroo and for form-finding with actual physical models.

For instance, using chain nets to find shapes for masonry structures, or soap film for fabric – it is not that those materials accurately mimic the true building materials at all, but just that certain aspects of their behaviour can cleverly be made use of to find geometric forms well suited to the structural properties of the actual building material and the loads that will be applied to it (hanging chains and pure compressive forms, zero mean curvature and uniform fabric tension).

It really is a sort of ingenious subterfuge – in a way we are tricking nature into giving us an answer to its own challenge by asking it a different, seemingly separate, question.

Daniel Piker



K2Engineering

K2Engineering is a structurally calibrated extension of Kangaroo2, a set of customised grasshopper components with the scope of calibrating a number of kangaroo goals with regard to structural properties.

Particularly useful plugin for the analysis of form-active structures (including cablenets and gridshells) that are typically characterised by their large deformations when subjected to external loads. The underlying position-based dynamics implemented in the Kangaroo2 solver inherently deals with this non-linear behaviour. This means that both form-finding and analysis can be performed within the Grasshopper environment using K2 and K2Engineering.

Cecilie Brandt

The main purpose of this plugin is to offer a direct output of meaningful structural values that can be used to evaluate the performance. Whilst it is possible (in most cases) to input appropriate stiffness values for the existing goals and subsequently back-calculate the forces from the displacements, this approach has the advantage of avoiding duplicate functionality, simplifying the process of mapping the results back to the structure and making it more clear which properties are needed for the calibration and their correct units.

Calibrated and Interactive Modelling of Form-Active Hybrid Structures

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02

Related work - source of inspiration

Composite territories 2013

CITA Center for Information Technology and Architecture | KADK

Graded territories 2012

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Outlining some key aspects and findings, aiming to define and answer
some of the suggested future work in their conclusions, focussing mainly
on the testing methods and the simulation techniques used in each case.

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COMPOSITE TERRITORIES

Material, element and structure



The shape of a bend strip can be determined through the variation of material stiffness: upper strip homogenous material, lower strip heterogeneous material distribution.

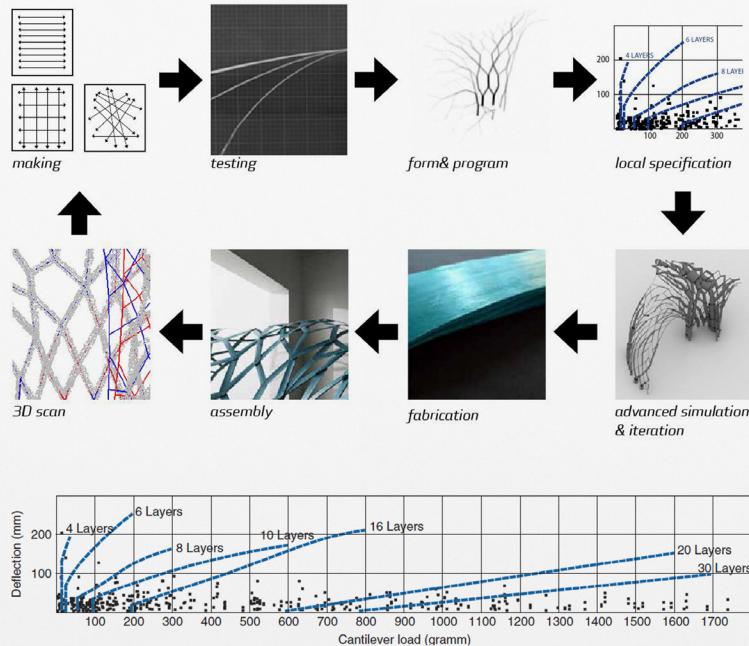
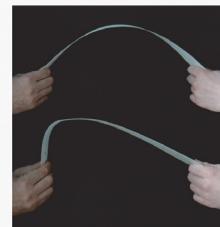


Figure 5. Look up table displaying the relationship between loading and deflection for each layering arrangement. The black dots show the initially calculated load and deflection for the elements within the Composite Territories installation.

The gridshell elements were specified so that, under self-weight, the structure would deflect to match a predefined 'target shape'

1. An algorithm iteratively assesses the particular loading condition of each single beam and the deflection that it should make to match the target shape, and finds the closest matching loading and deflection configuration from the look up table.
2. At this stage, data gathered from the empirical testing was also used to calibrate a Karamba FEA model, which includes material definitions and beam thicknesses. Optimized material distribution and beam specification is achieved through a connection to the Galapagos toolset within Rhino/Grasshopper. This tool reduces iteratively the material thickness and stiffness of elements where this does not result in any increased deviation from the target shape.

3d scan revealed deviations that stem from a lack of incorporation of bending behavior into precision in the realm of fabrication, but especially the measurement and simulation of material properties. Where cantilever testing allowed us to understand the bending effect we did not obtain material properties at the material scale, as established means of mechanical material testing can provide.

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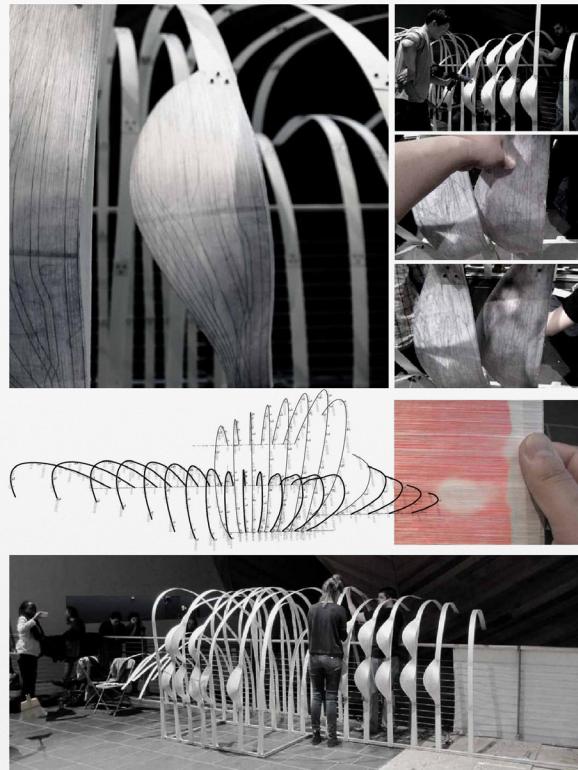
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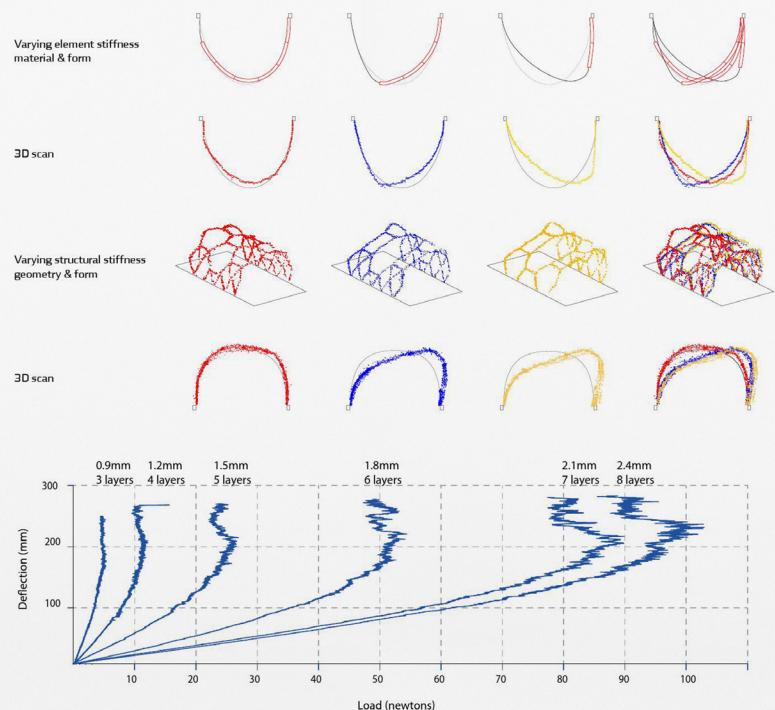
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GRADED TERRITORIES (*SmartGeometry 2012 workshop*)

Material, element and structure



The workshop explored how mechanical testing, and the measures generated through testing, could inform the modelling of composite behaviour when linked to time-based simulation methods.



The aim for Graded Territories was to extend thinking about processes for measuring, specifying and embedding of forming information for a non-uniform stiffness composite structures.

The design was limited to two distinct structural conditions to isolate the property of bending.

1.The first was a cantilever, restrained at one end. In this condition bending was induced by the self-weight of the structure. A cantilevering strip typically combined 5 sub elements of potentially different bending stiffness.

2.The second condition was an arch, restrained at both ends, which typically combined 10 sub elements.

It became crucial to load test each combination of assemblies. As a result, each layering combination was assigned a different modulus of elasticity and sectional height. However the iterative FE form finding process was also revealed to be extremely sensitive, and lacking in the responsiveness and speed required during the architectural design process. Within the constraints of the project, it was also not possible to link the simulation process to the variation and optimization of element stiffness's.

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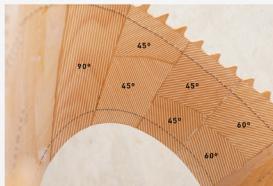
Textile Fabrication Techniques for Timber Shells

Elastic Bending of Custom-Laminated Veneer for Segmented Shell Construction Systems

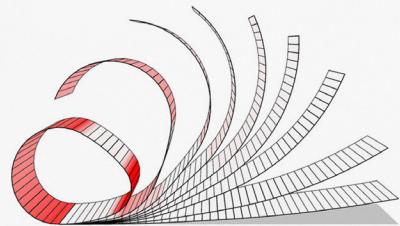
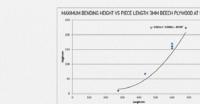
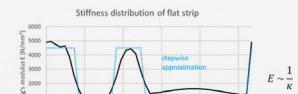
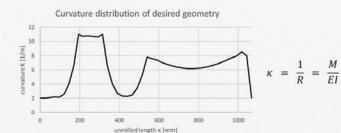
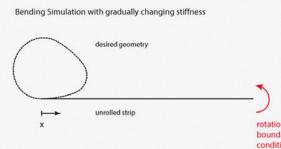
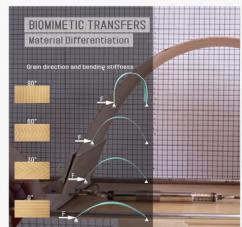
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Material Differentiation and Form-Finding of Laminate Geometry



In the case of wood veneer, the fibre direction is the main medium to control each strip's bending stiffness.



The stiffness graduation is achieved by laminating discrete veneer strips on a base material of 3 mm beech plywood to locally reinforce and thereby stiffen the resulting laminate.

A form finding algorithm is developed, which allows to compute an approximate material layout as a consequence of the curvature distribution along each strip. This tool takes into consideration minimum bending radii, veneer strip size and layer orientation to compute a material layout for the unrolled strip.

Physical tests and digital simulations were compared in order to identify the relationship between grain direction in laminated veneer and the resulting bending stiffness. These experiments also established the lower bound of curvature that the laminate would tolerate before failing. However, it is important to note that the desired shape can only be approximated. The error results from the step-like differentiated stiffness.

03

Bending mechanisms and testing methods

The work of Fukuda H. et al

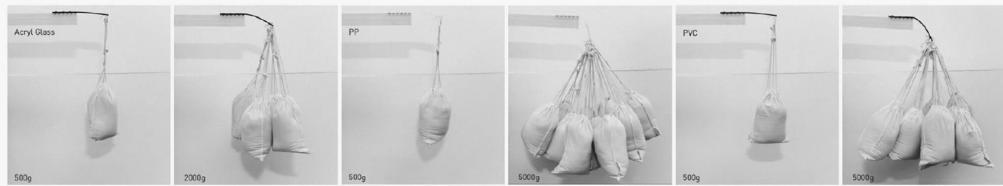
A new bending test method of advanced composites

Simplified compression bending test method for advanced composites

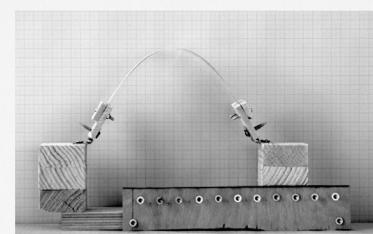
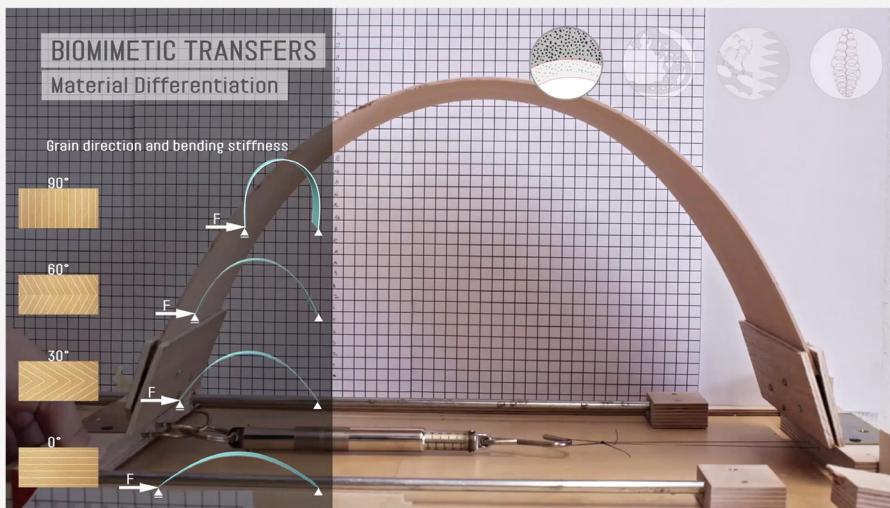
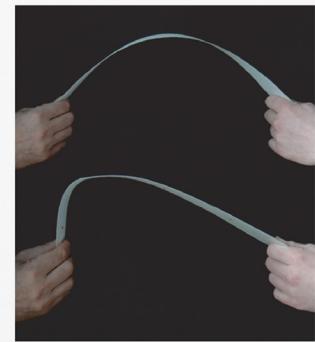
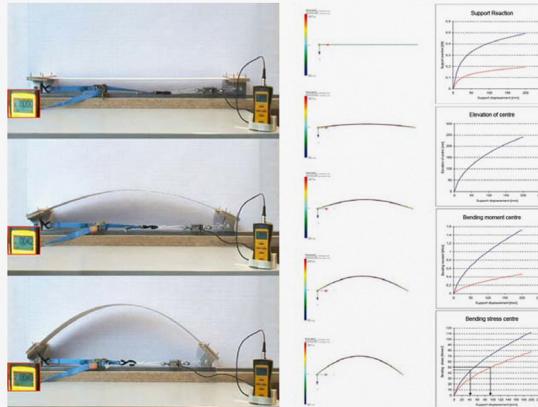
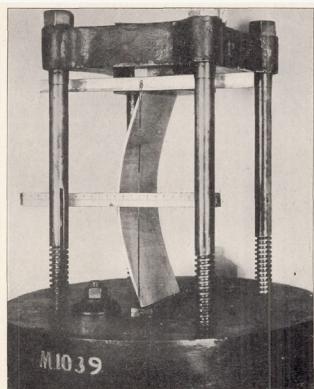
Development of compression bending test method for advanced composites

Measurement of bending properties of wood by compression bending tests

The bending mechanisms and mockups were the starting point of the first objective of this thesis. The development of an axial compression bending test mechanism, using typical fab lab equipment and computer vision, in order to specify material properties and bending behavior of plywood-fiberglass composite strips. Some key features and all the formulas to calculate stress, bending moduli etc have been based on Fukuda's et al work.



Test methods Mockups



Fukuda H. A new bending test method of advanced composites. *Exp Mech* 1989;29:330-335

Principle of Compression Bending

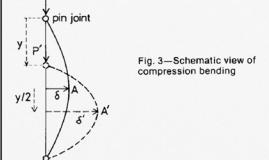
Consider a bar with a rectangular cross section (width = b , thickness = t) and both ends pin-supported as shown in Fig. 3. When a compressive force, P , is applied to it, the bar will deform. A so-called Euler buckling will take place if the bar is perfectly straight and if there is no misalignment of the load path. But if the load is applied in a somewhat eccentric manner, the bar will deform from the beginning of loading. This paper deals with the latter case.

Denoting the deflection at midspan A as δ , the bending moment at point A becomes

$$M_A = P\delta \quad (3)$$

and the skin stress (bending stress) is, under the assumption of linear elasticity,

$$\sigma_b = \frac{6M}{bt^3} \quad (4)$$



The bending strength is defined by

$$\sigma_{b, max} = \frac{6M_{max}}{bt^3} \quad (5)$$

where M_{max} is the bending moment at failure at point A. Thus if we measure P and δ in the experiment, the bending strength

Since no loading device is attached at the location of maximum bending moment, stress concentration due to loading nose will not occur. On the other hand, the following compressive stress is generated in the specimen to satisfy the equilibrium of force in the vertical direction:

$$\sigma_{comp} = \frac{P}{bt} \quad (6)$$

If the value of eq (6) is large, the present method is not suitable for evaluating the bending strength.

H. Fukuda and M. Itabashi, Simplified compression bending test method for advanced composites, *Composites, Part A* 30, 249-256 (1999).

The bending modulus can be calculated as follows [5, 6]. According to the strength of materials,

$$EI/p = M \quad (3)$$

holds where E is the Young's modulus, I is the moment of inertia of the section, and p is the radius of curvature. Denot-

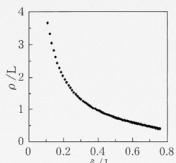


Fig. 2. Midspan deflection versus radius of curvature (elastica). The radius of curvature at point A with p_d and using the preceding equations. Young's modulus reduces to

$$E = P b_d p_d / I \quad (4)$$

Therefore, if we know p_d in addition to P and b_d during the test, we can calculate the Young's modulus of the specimen. There are several ways to measure or calculate p_d .

Fukuda H., Itabashi M. and Wada A., "Development of compression bending test method for advanced composites - A review". *Sci. Eng. Composite Mater* Vol.11, pp.169-176, 2004.

ECCENTRIC COMPRESSION BENDING: ANOTHER NEW METHOD

During a series of tests of pipes, another difficulty occurred. That is, if the diameter of the pipe was large,

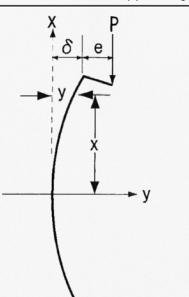


Fig. 3—Schematic view of compression bending

the Euler buckling was not likely to occur. Then, as a successive work, we tried to induce bending by means of eccentric compression as shown in Fig. 11. In this case, the bending moment of an arbitrary point x is $1/2P(x + \delta - y)$:

$$M_x = P(x + \delta - y) \quad (8)$$

and the maximum bending moment at the center of the pipe is

$$M_{max} = P(\delta + \alpha) \quad (9)$$

instead of eq. (1) for compression bending. Strictly speaking, the value of $\cos\alpha$ should be used instead of α in eq. (9) (where α is defined in Fig. 1). However, the angle α was small in the experiment and therefore, we used eq. (9) for convenience. Then the maximum bending stress is

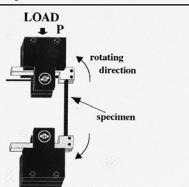
$$\sigma_{b, max} = \frac{M_{max}}{Z} \quad (10)$$

where Z is the section modulus of the pipe. If the axial compressive stress is taken into account, the maximum compressive stress is

$$\sigma_{max} = \frac{M_{max}}{Z} + \frac{P}{A} \quad (11)$$

where A is the cross sectional area of the pipe.

To realize the above idea, a set of test fixtures shown in Fig. 12 was designed and machined. Using this device, three kinds of CFRP specimens with a diameter of 15 mm were tested [12], although details of the specimen configuration are not shown here.



The compression bending, even the eccentric compression bending, inevitably includes compressive stress in addition to bending stress. If the ratio of the compressive stress to the bending stress is large, it is no longer called a bending test.

Hiroshi Yoshihara D9 Shinji Oka, Measurement of bending properties of wood by compression bending tests, *J Wood Sci* (2001) 47:262-266

Several previous studies on conventional bending test methods for wood suggest that the stress condition around the loading nose is distorted seriously, and that the bending properties are influenced by the loading condition.^{1,2} We fear that the bending properties of wood cannot be evaluated properly by the conventional bending method because of the distorted stress condition.

A new bending method was recently developed by Fukuda and colleagues for advanced composites with strong orthotropy.^{3,4} In their method, a compression load is applied along the long axis of the specimen with a rectangular cross section, and Young's modulus and the bending strength are measured by means of the elasto-plastic phenomena. The specimens used in their study were brittle, and they did not show the material's nonlinearity, which wood often shows in the large strain region.

Although we believe that Fukuda's method is promising for measuring the bending properties of wood, the bending behavior of wood during compression bending should be examined in detail. Hence we examined the applicability of the compression bending test method for evaluating the bending properties of wood by comparing it with conventional bending tests.

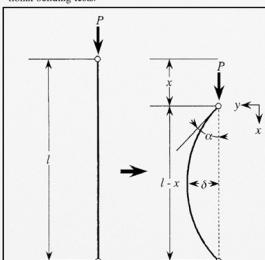
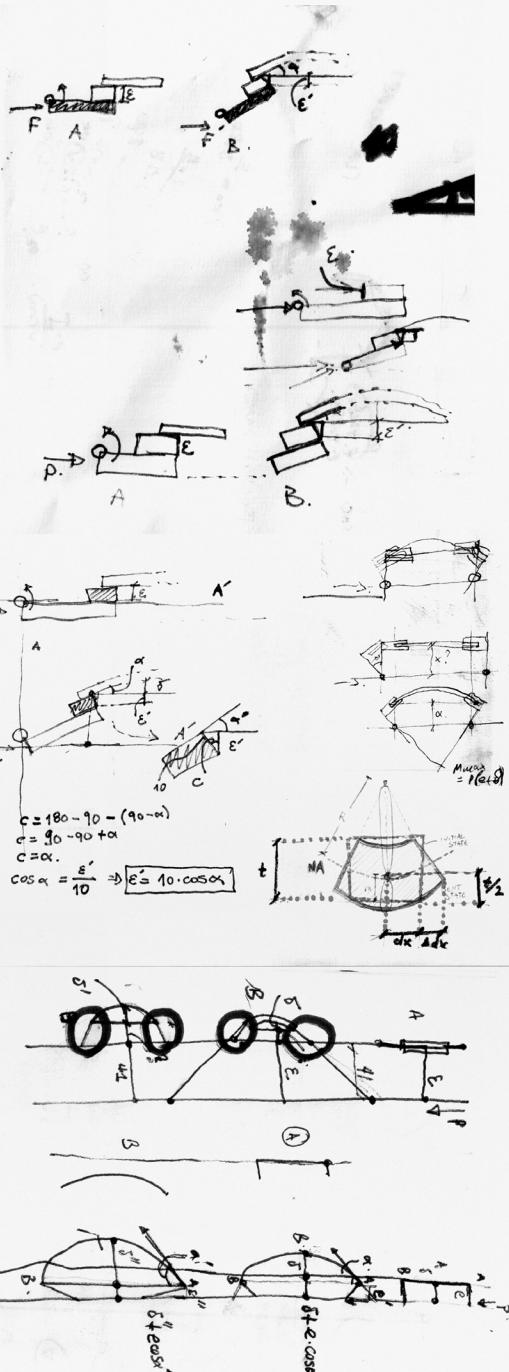


Figure 9 shows Young's modulus (E_y) corresponding to the length/thickness ratio (l/t). The value of E_y tended to be a constant value, which was a bit larger than that obtained by the four-point bending tests E_4 when the length/thickness ratio was large enough. We thought that the additional deflection induced by the shearing force and the eccentric loading was reduced by the large length/thickness ratio. In contrast, the deflection was increased in the compression bending tests than with the conventional bending tests. Nevertheless, E_y decreased when l/t was less than 20. We thought that this decrease was due to the following two factors. One was material nonlinearity. The smaller the l/t , the larger was the bending stress σ_b . Material nonlinearity, which causes the decrease in stiffness, would be drawn instantly after the bifurcation because of the large bending stress. In fact, it is known that the material specimen is regarded as an intermediate column; material nonlinearity occurs before bifurcation. The other factor was the additional deflection caused by the shearing force. Although the influence of the shearing force during compression bending is less than with the conventional bending methods, the shearing force that produces the additional deflection cannot be eliminated entirely, and it is marked when the l/t is small. To obtain a stable Young's modulus value in compression bending, we believe that the length/thickness ratio should be larger than 25.

Figure 10 shows the proportional limit stress σ_p corresponding to the length/thickness ratio l/t . The value of σ_p was constant when the l/t was larger than 40, but it decreased with decreasing l/t . As can be seen from Eq. (17), the proportional limit was influenced by Young's modulus, and it showed a similar tendency to that of Young's modulus. However, the value of σ_p decreased that obtained by the four-point bending tests σ_4 , which was more marked in an l/t range larger than 40. We thought that this tendency was due to the absence of stress concentration at the loading points in the compression bending test.

Summarizing these results, we believe that the compression bending test should be conducted on specimens with a large length/thickness ratio (>40 in this experiment) and that the stress concentration resulting from the eccentric loading at the point of displacement relation for obtaining Young's modulus, proportional limit stress, and bending strength. Under these testing conditions, we would undertake the bending test without worrying about the stress concentration that necessarily occurs with conventional methods. The instability factors in the compression bending test should be reduced carefully as far as possible.



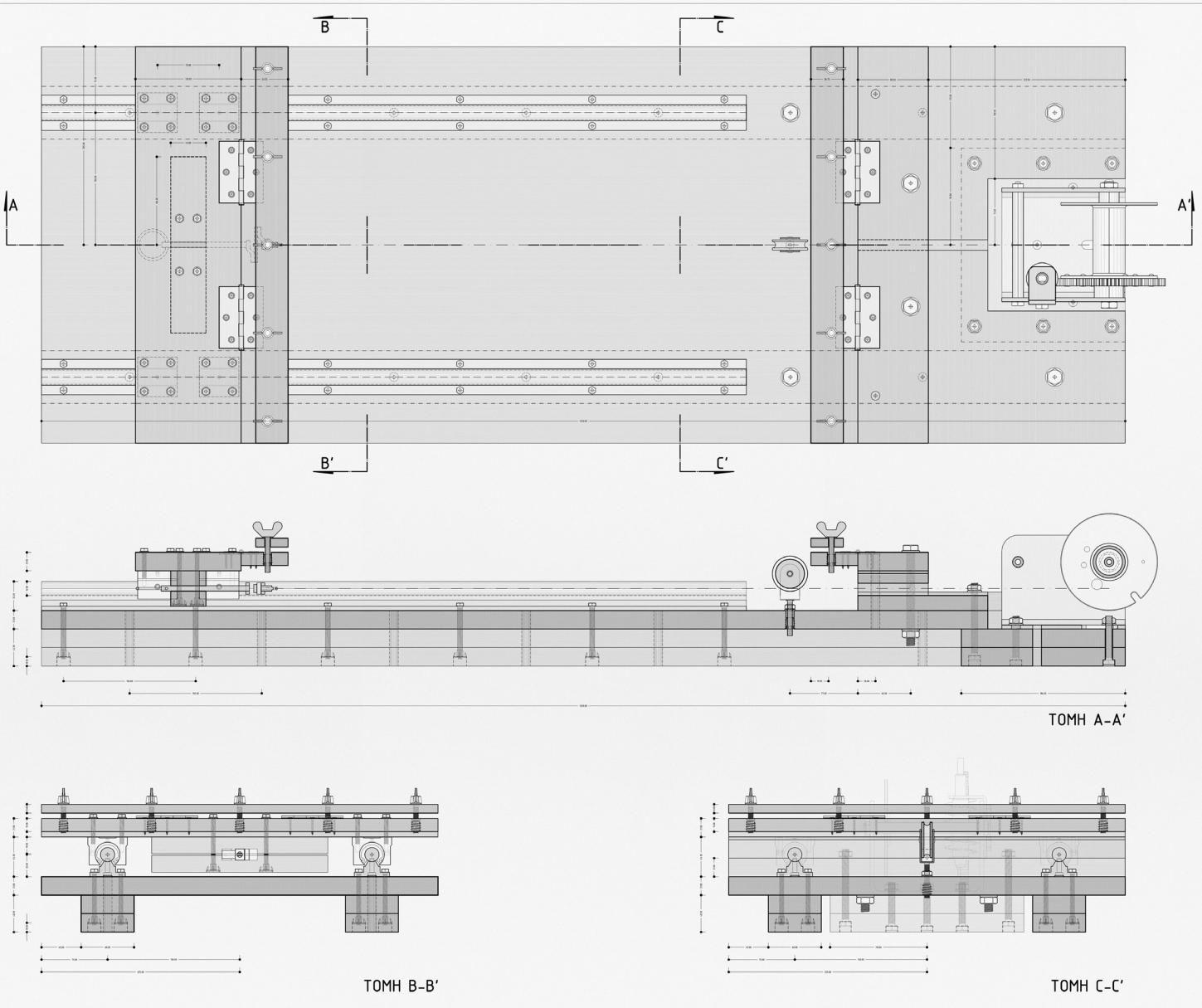
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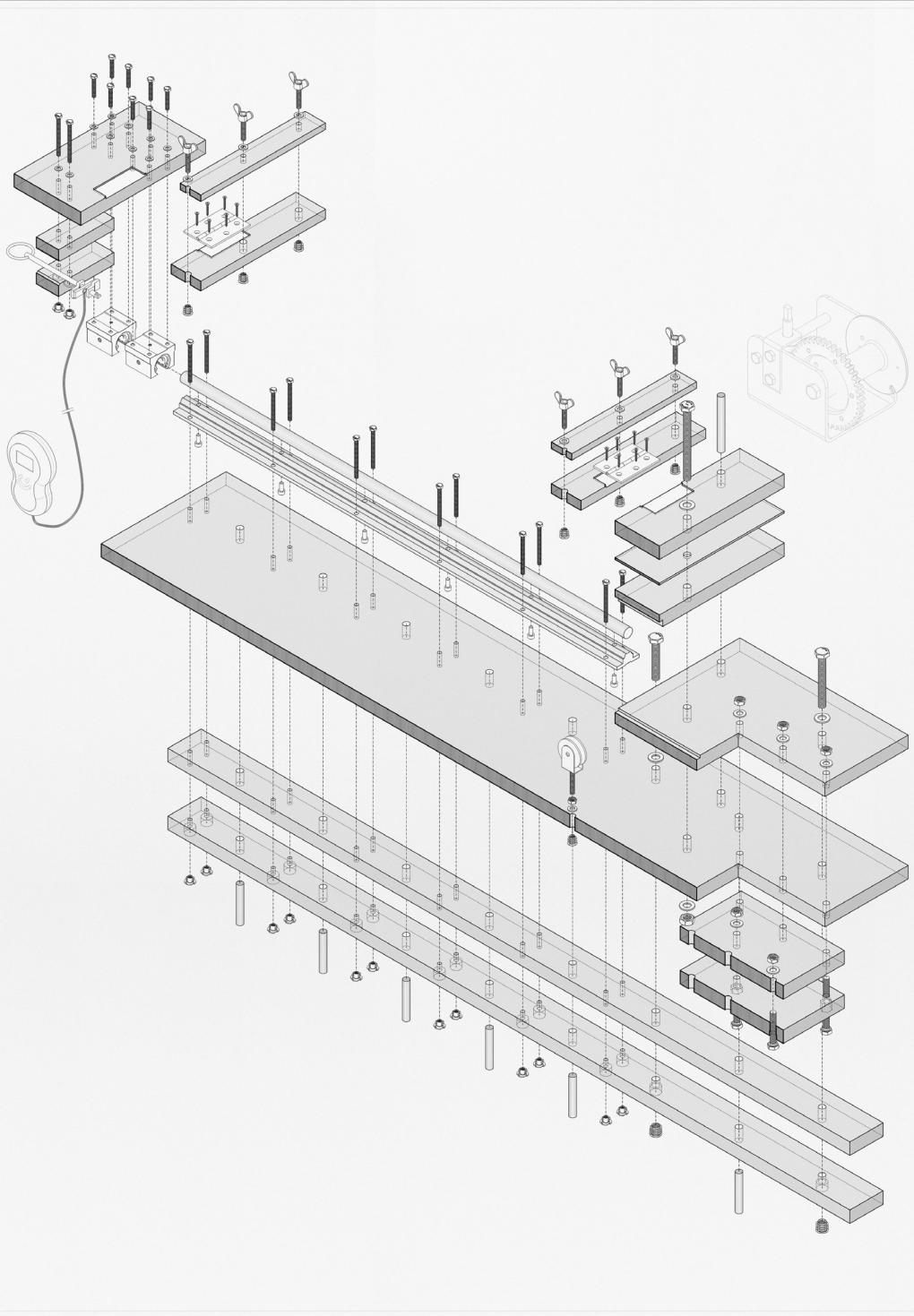
The compression bending test mechanism

Tracking setup

Fabrication scheme

Test bench

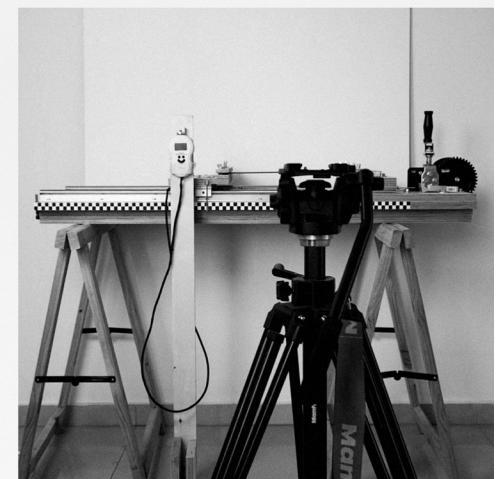
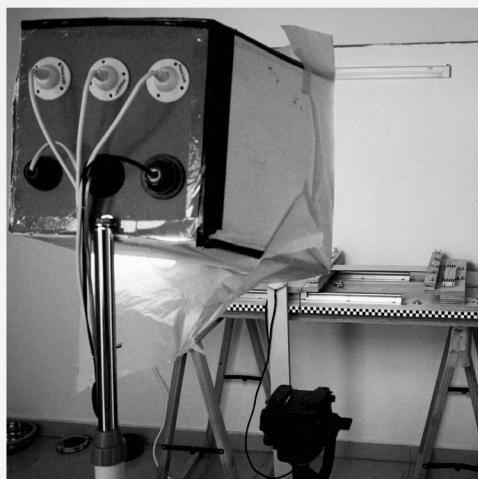
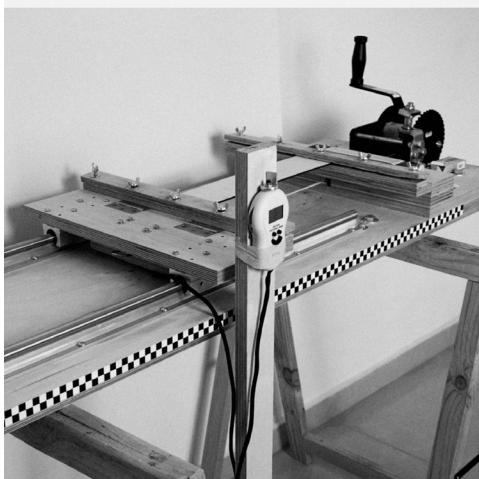
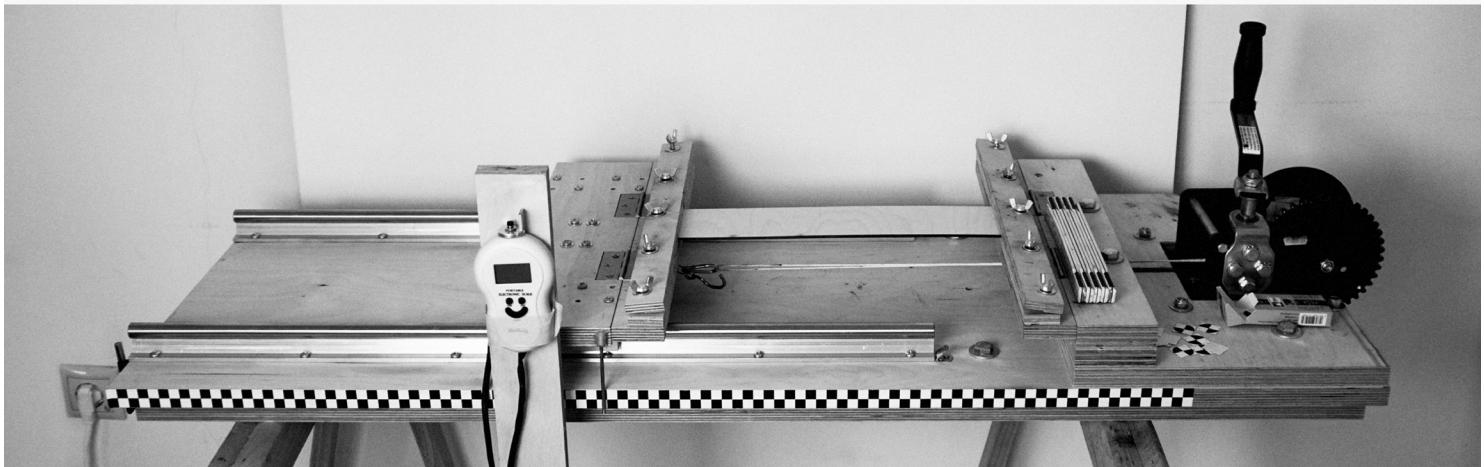




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2x M10x80 bolts	
2x M10x110 bolts	
2x M10 nuts	
4x M10 flanged threaded inserts	
8x M10 washers	
4x 70x50x15 hinges	
24x 25x20 philips screws	
1x 32x85 pulley	
4x SBR16UU open linear bearings	
2x SBR16 800 linear supported rails	
1x digital scale (50kg max, 5gr/0-10kg, 10gr/10-50kg)	

Tracking setup

- 1.Test bench
- 2.6x26W C6400k video light (~750 watt)
- 3.Tripod
- 4.Sony A5000 digital camera
- 5.Sticker markers



Fabrication scheme

Fiberglass at α° 0, 30, 45, 60

Plywood t:3mm w:120, l:190 (birch)

Fiberglass Layers: 1,3,4,5,6,7

Epoxy resin 30min working time

Suggested Cure time: 24h

Allowed Cure time: 24-36h

Fiberglass:

Areal weight: 195 g / m²

Weaving style: Twill 2X2

Width: 1.00 meter

Warp: Glass fiber EC13 - 136 Z28 876s, 57%, 8 ends(threads) / cm

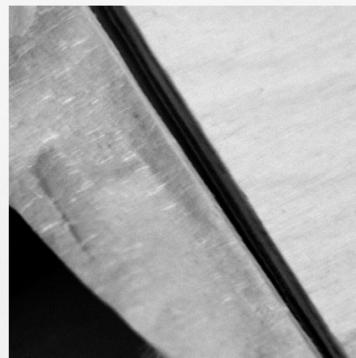
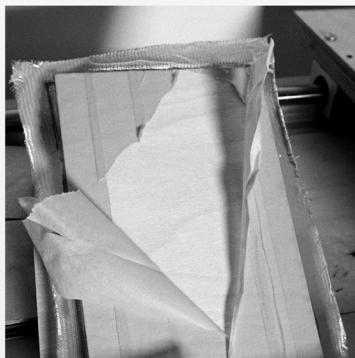
Weft: Glass fiber EC13 - 136 Z28 876s, 43%, 6 ends / cm

Tensile strength on yarn (N): 92

Weight distribution warp 111,15 g/mq, weft 83,85 g/mq

Weight distribution warp 57% weft 43%

Laminate thickness 0,16*mm ± 15%



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Tracker Video analysis and Modelling Tool setup
(Douglas Brown)

(Un)Resolved Issues

Calibration-Ommited test samples

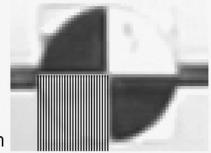
Fracture mode of all used for calculations-analysis
test samples.



Tracker is a free video analysis and modeling tool built on the Open Source Physics (OSP) Java framework. Features include object tracking with position, velocity and acceleration overlays and graphs, special effect filters, multiple reference frames, calibration points, line profiles for analysis of spectra and interference patterns, and dynamic particle models. *Douglas Brown, Cabrillo College 2008*

Video requirements/Setup

- A. Resolution: 1920x1080 25p
- B. 1 pixel \leq 1mm of real world dimensions
- 1.[first frame] 2 frames before 1st gauge reading
- 2.[last frame] 1 frame before fracture
- 3. Video filter 1: Grayscale
- 4. Video filter 2: [Point tracking] Brightness contrast [-30,55]
- 5. Video filter 2: [Gauge tracking] Brightness contrast [-60,97]



The image displays four screenshots of the Tracker software interface, labeled 1, 2, 4, and 5, illustrating the experimental setup and data processing steps:

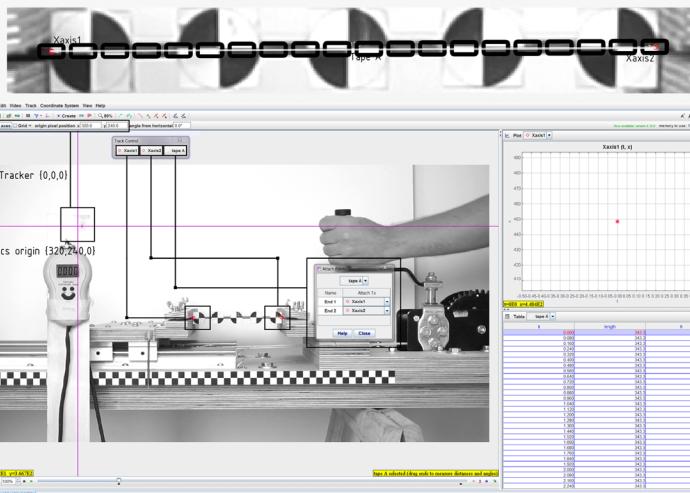
- Screenshot 1:** Shows a digital caliper connected to a computer via a USB cable. A coordinate system is overlaid on the image, and a checkered background is visible.
- Screenshot 2:** Shows the same setup as screenshot 1, but with a grayscale filter applied to the image.
- Screenshot 4:** Shows the setup with a brightness contrast filter applied. A control panel for the filter is visible on the right, with settings set to Brightness: -30 and Contrast: 55.
- Screenshot 5:** Shows the setup with a brightness contrast filter applied. A control panel for the filter is visible on the right, with settings set to Brightness: -60 and Contrast: 97. The digital caliper's display shows "0.000".

Ucs-Neutral axis points setup

[Axes] Default position at 320x240 pixel values

[Xaxis1-Xaxis2] 1st and last track points of the geometry. N/A

[Tape A] Attached to Xaxis1-Xaxis2 points (guide for all next markers)



Autotracker

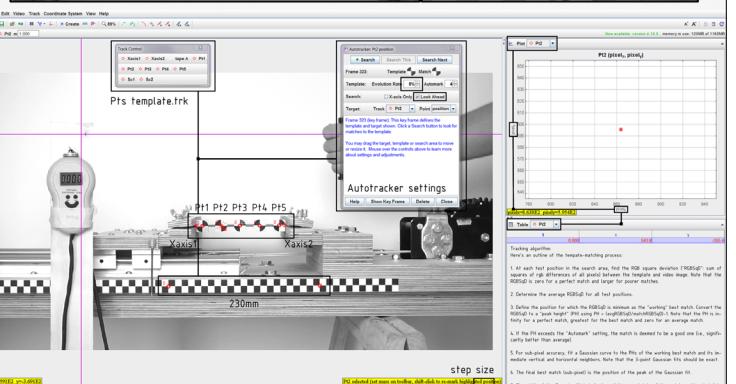
Creates one or more template images of a feature of interest and then searches each frame for the best match to that template. The best match is the one with the highest match score, a number that is inversely proportional to the sum of the squares of the RGB differences between the template and match pixels. Once the best match is found, it is compared with nearby match scores to determine an interpolated sub-pixel best match position.

Track points setup/Template

[Pt1-Pt5] Track points

[Sc1-Sc2] 1st scale factor reference points of constant 230mm length

[Xaxis1,Xaxis2, Pt1-Pt5, Sci1,Sc2] Pts template.trk export file

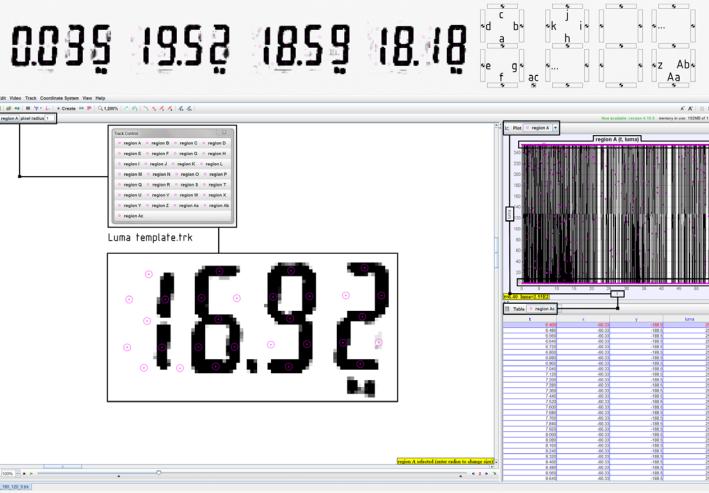


Force gauge tracking

[Rgb Region] Pixel radius: 1

Luma values: 0-255

[Rgb Region A-Z, Aa-Ac] luma.trk export file

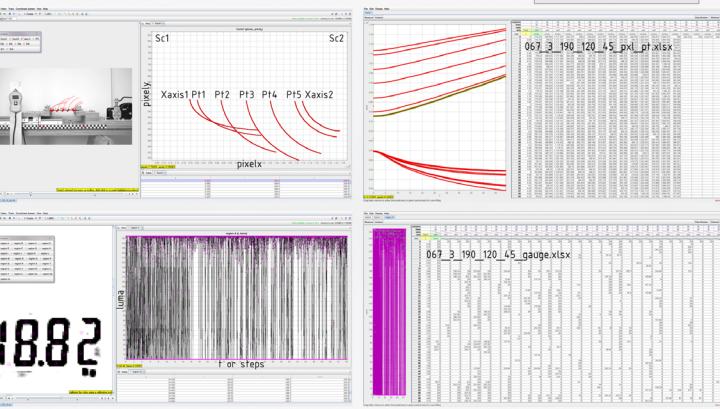
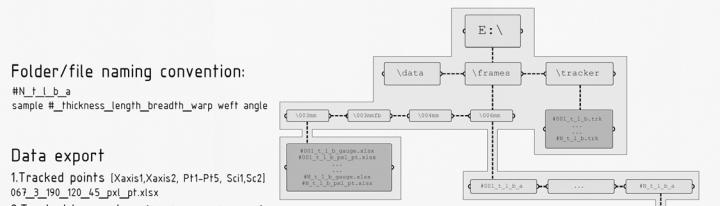


Folder/file naming convention:

#N_t_l_b_a

sample #_thickness_length_breadth_warp weft angle

Data export



(Un)Resolved issues

[Jumpy]

Snap through buckling, Possible buckling mode 2 at first steps.

Resolution: Increase eccentricity

[Jerky]

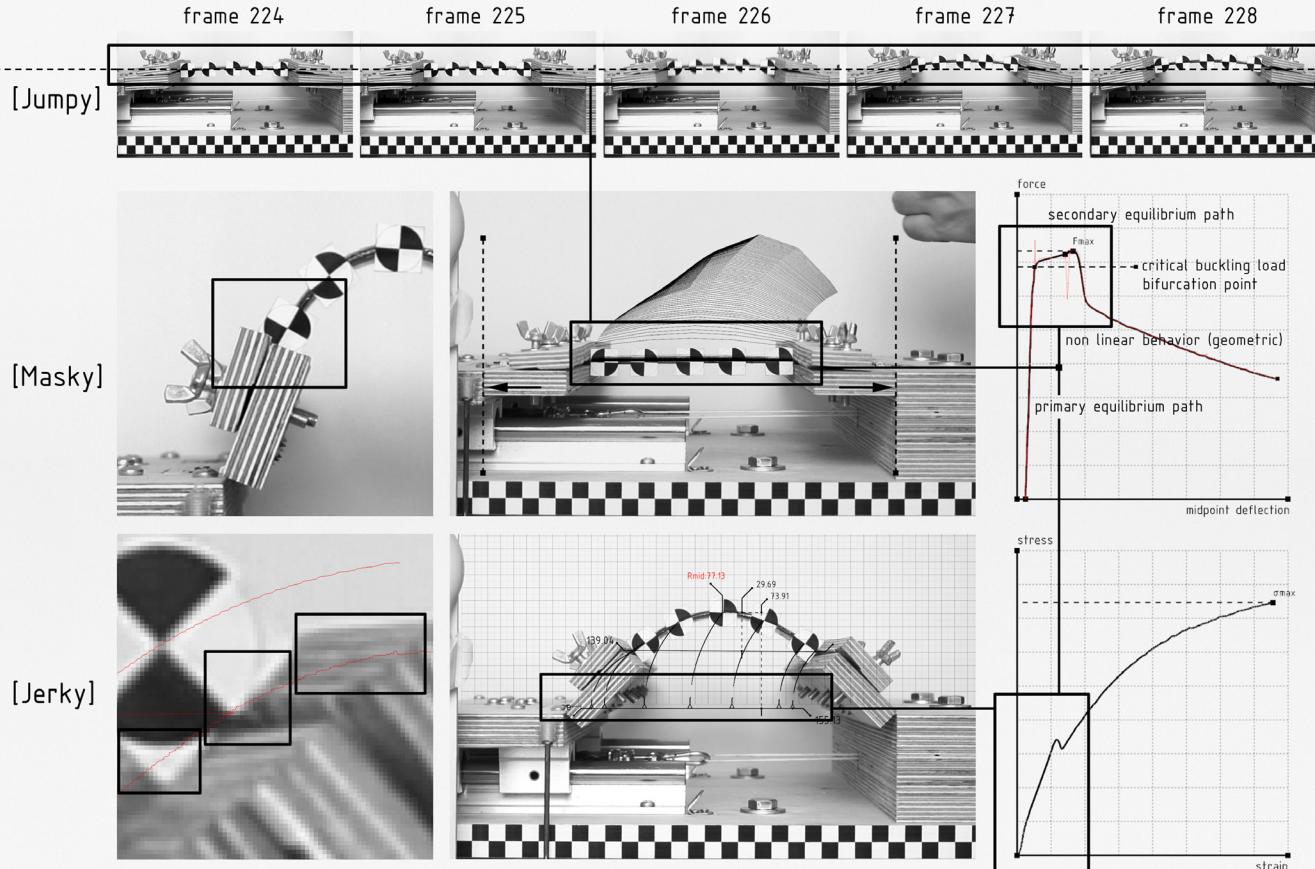
Vibrations, Low overall bench weight, partially corrupted lead screw-gear transmission, continuous AF mode, variable exposure, excessive rotation and x axis point transformations.

Resolution: Frequent winch and linear guides oiling, lead screw bolt calibration, lock focus, lock exposure.

[Masky]

Too wide bench clamps, lens distortion, uneven exposure

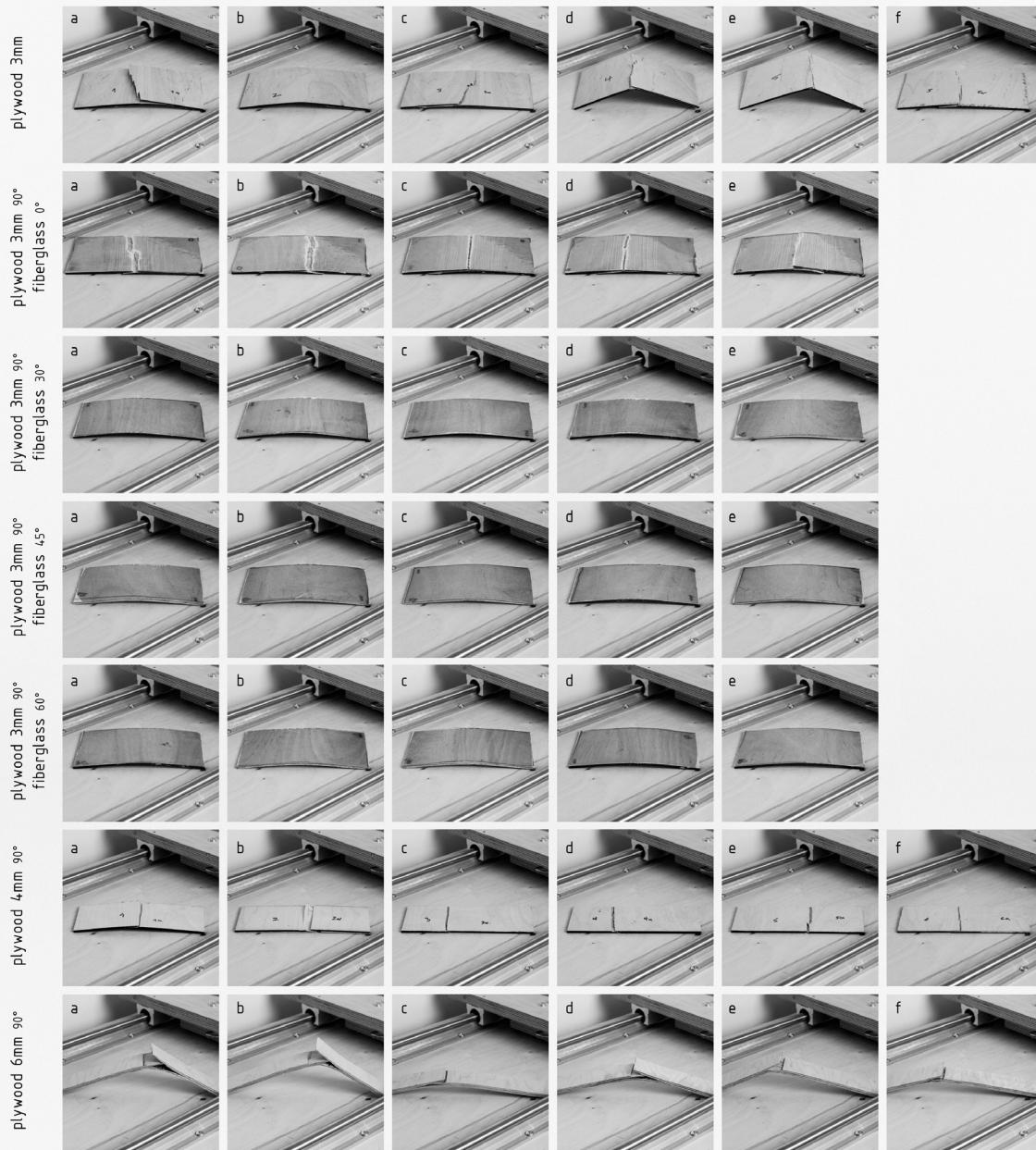
Resolution: Distant and high tripod FOV setup, centered video light position, lens zoom set at max optical 50mm (75mm fullframe equivalent)



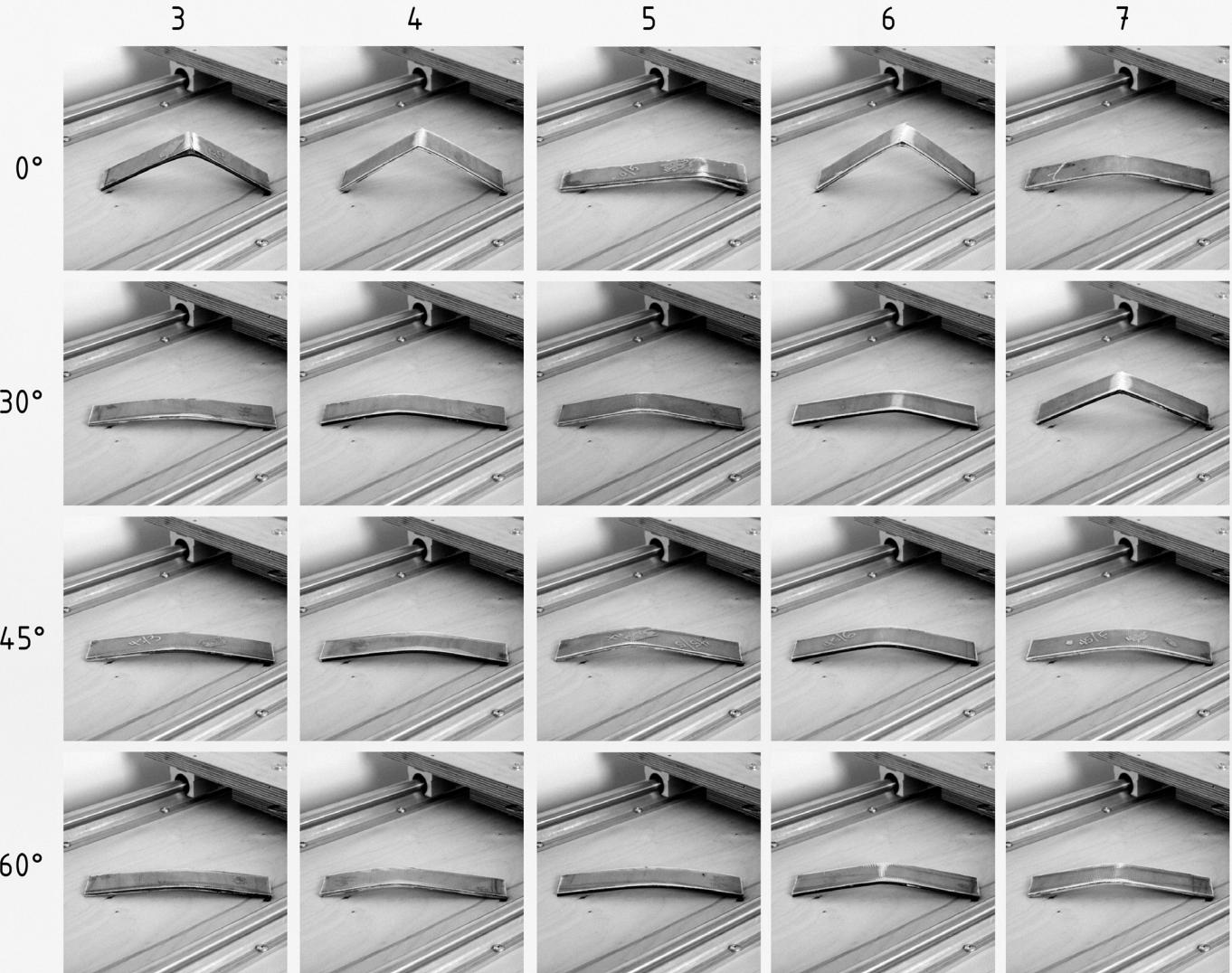
Calibration-Omitted tests



Fracture mode (test sample#, fiberglass wf angle)



Fracture mode (layers#, fiberglass wf angle)



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Grasshopper Definition

Imports all necessary files

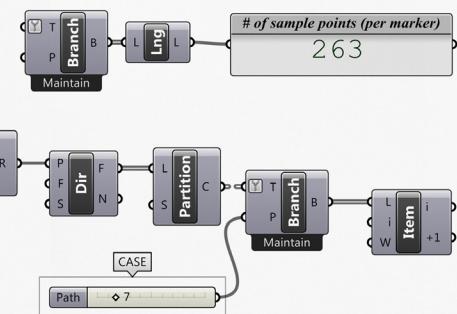
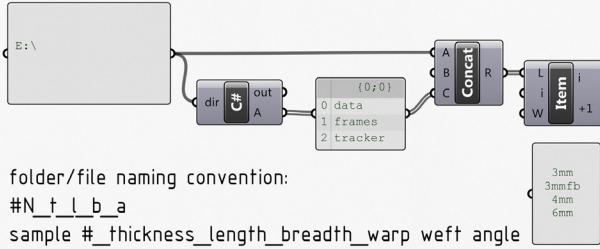
File/folder naming convention embeds test sample dimensions, to be used in stress etc calculations

Applies transformations that align the Neutral Axis of the test sample to the world x axis and bring the analysis data to real world scale.

Tracked markers for each frame are set as 2d points.

The computer vision samples of the diy force gauge lcd screen are transformed to force (N) values. Neighbour averaging along with standard deviation and variance are applied to take care of unreadable values and to filter out unreasonable spike values respectively.

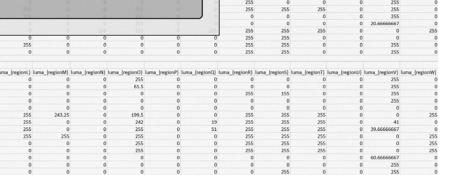
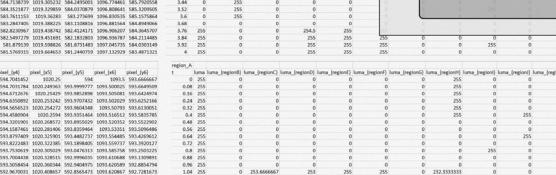
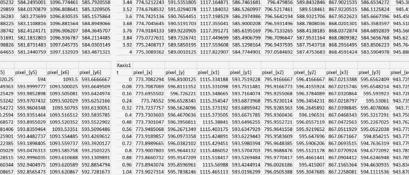
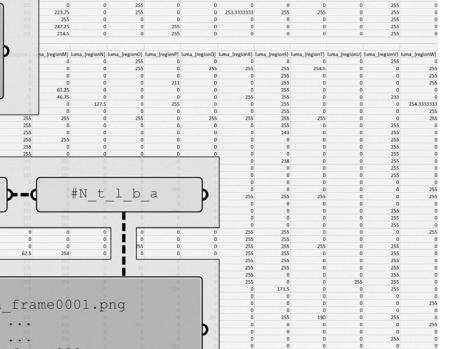
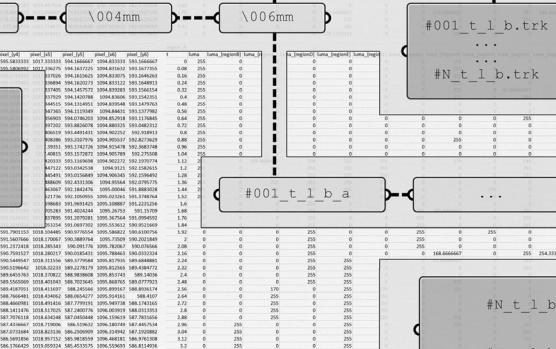
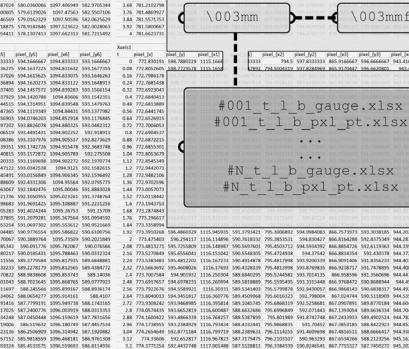
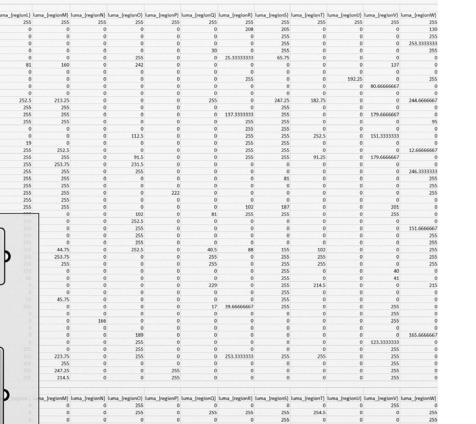
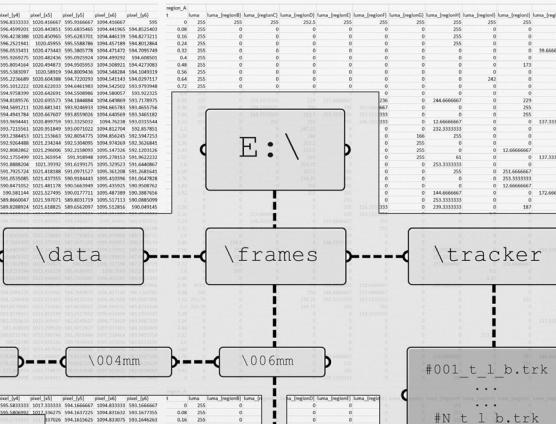
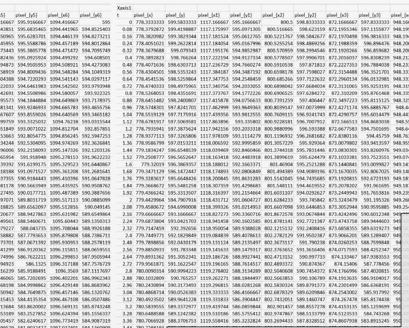
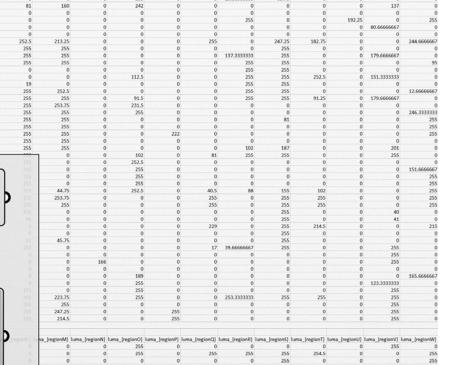
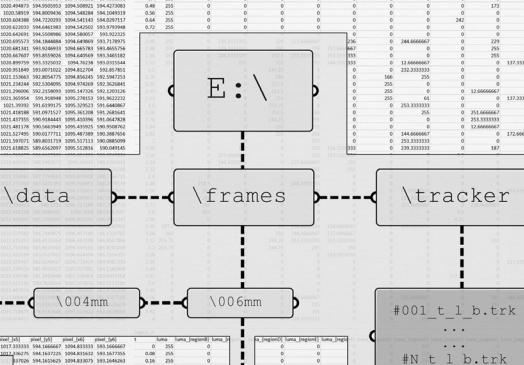
Central deflections and force gauge values make up the deflection-force curve diagrams.

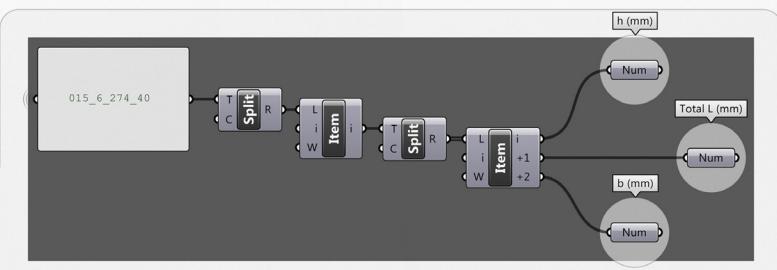
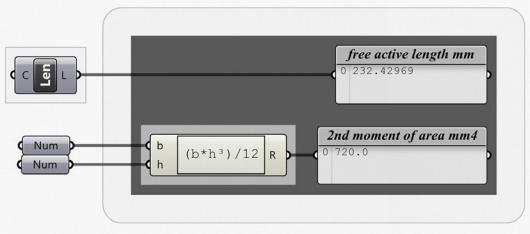


folder/file naming convention:

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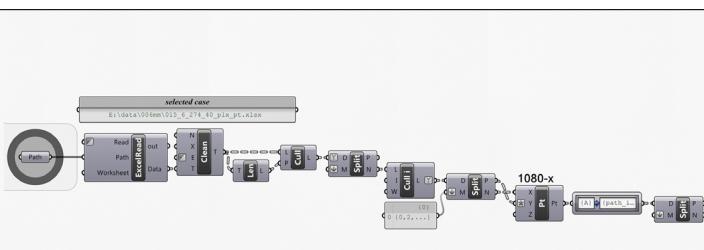
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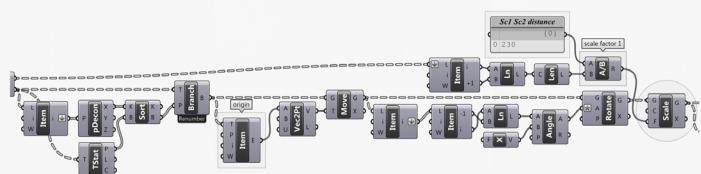
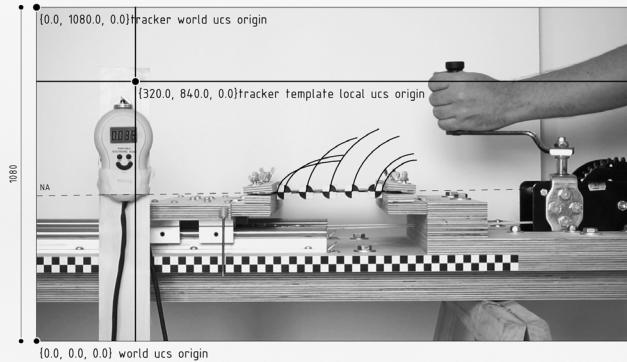


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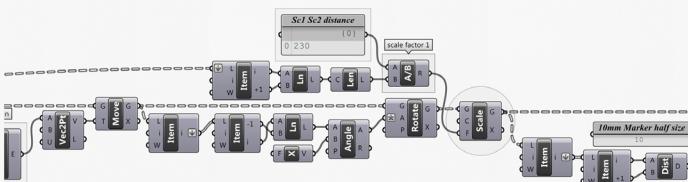
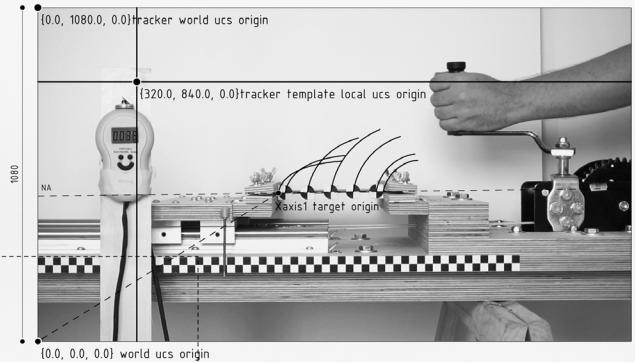




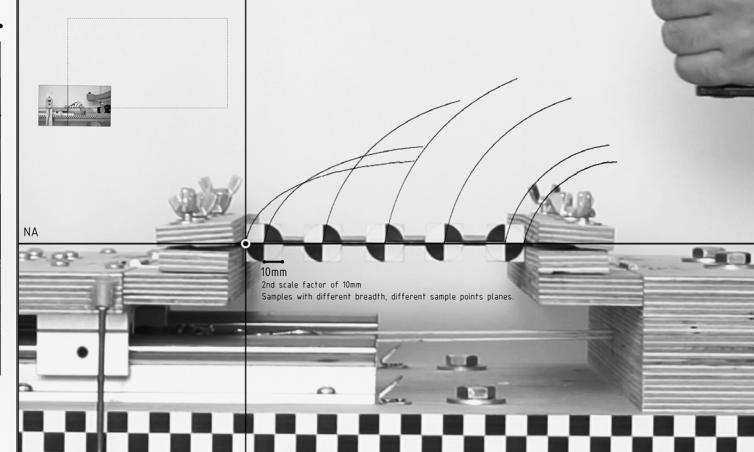
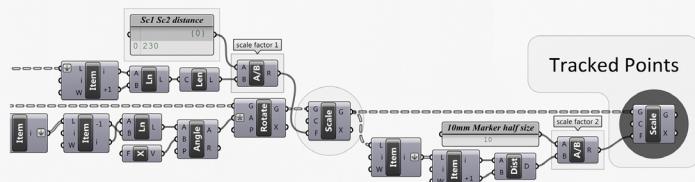
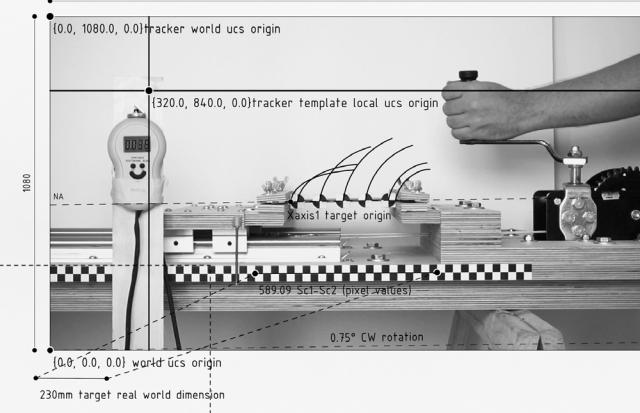
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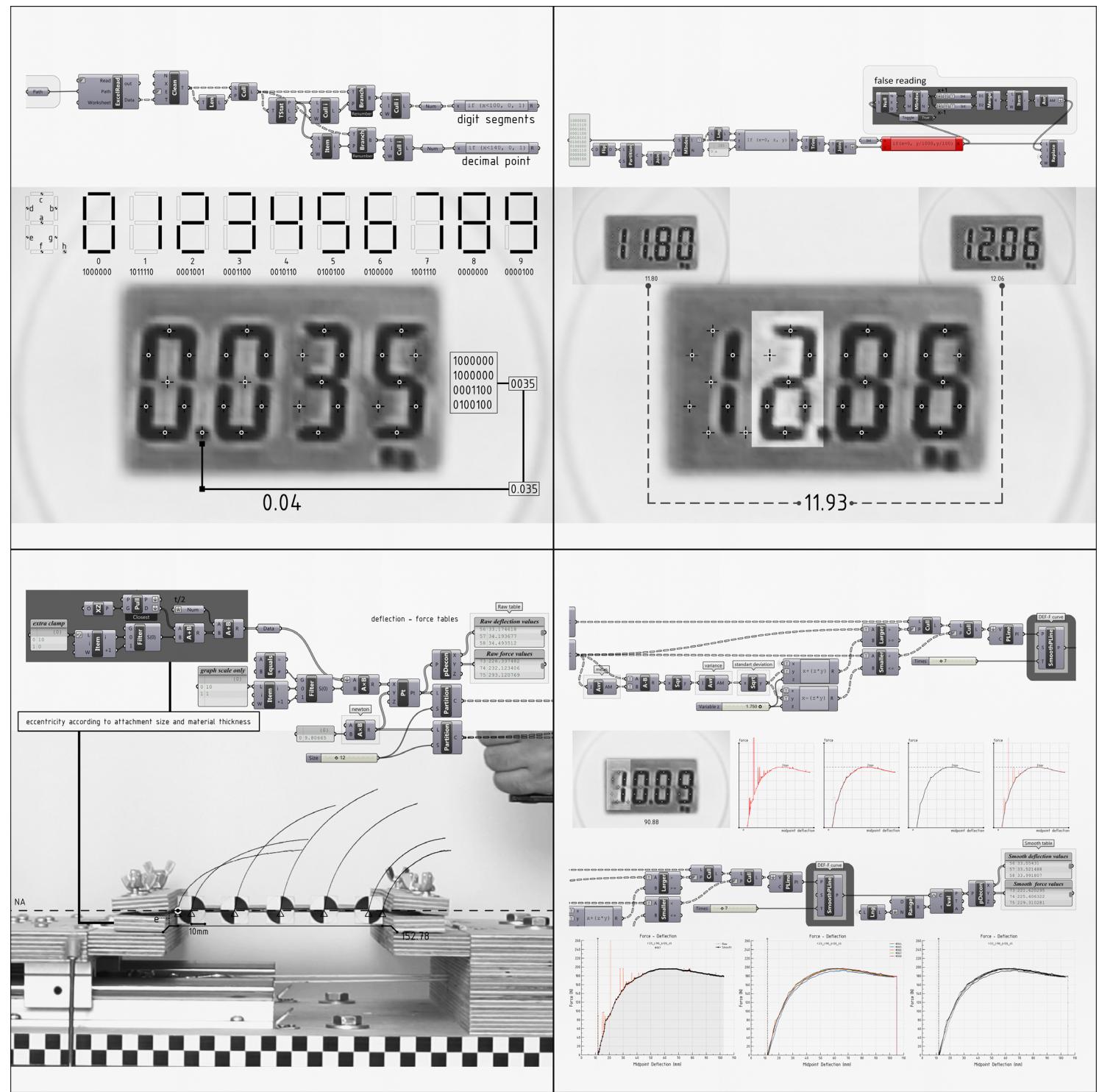


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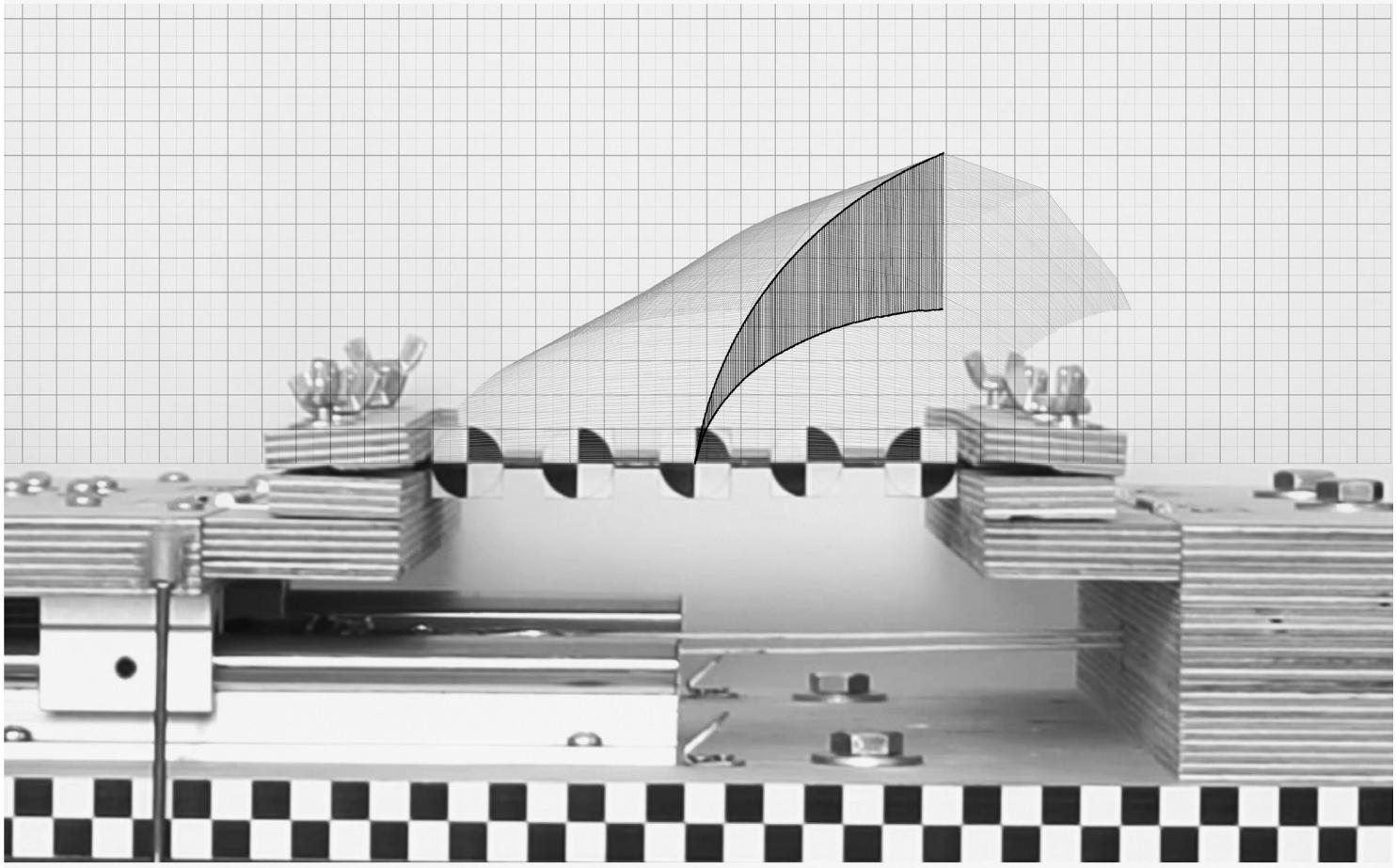
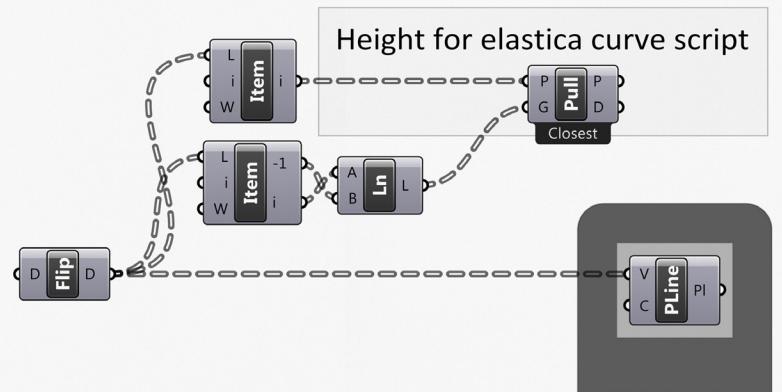
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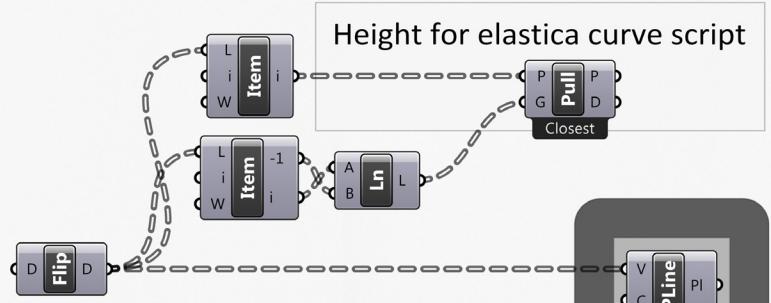
Geometric representation of tracked points as polylines.

Central deflections and endpoints are the inputs of the elastica curve script component (as shared by Will McElwain at [grasshopper3d.com forum](http://grasshopper3d.com/forum)).

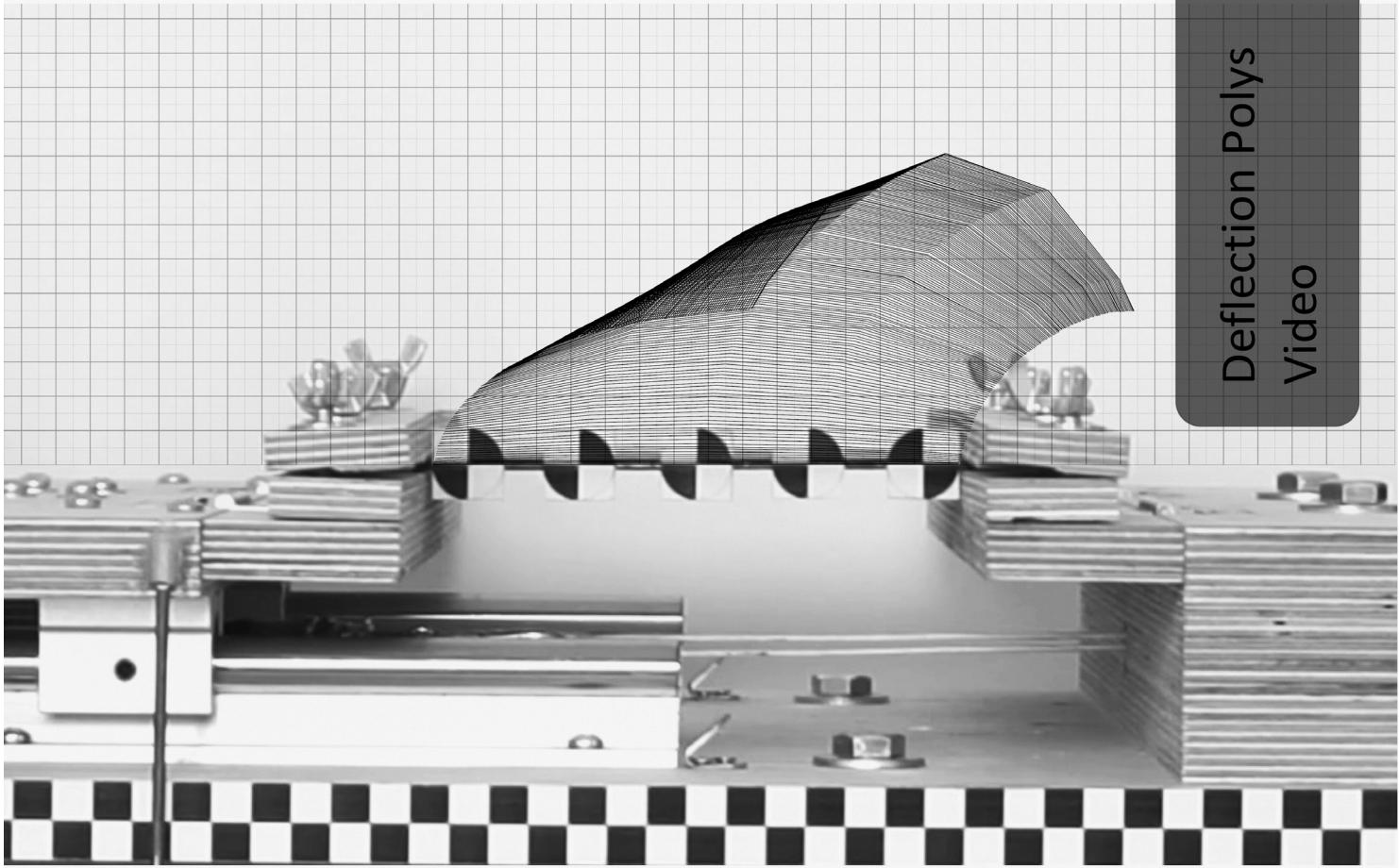
Tracked polylines and resulting elasticas are represented in various possible configurations, to understand and evaluate tracked results, for overlaps, to spot possible test mechanism shortcomings etc.

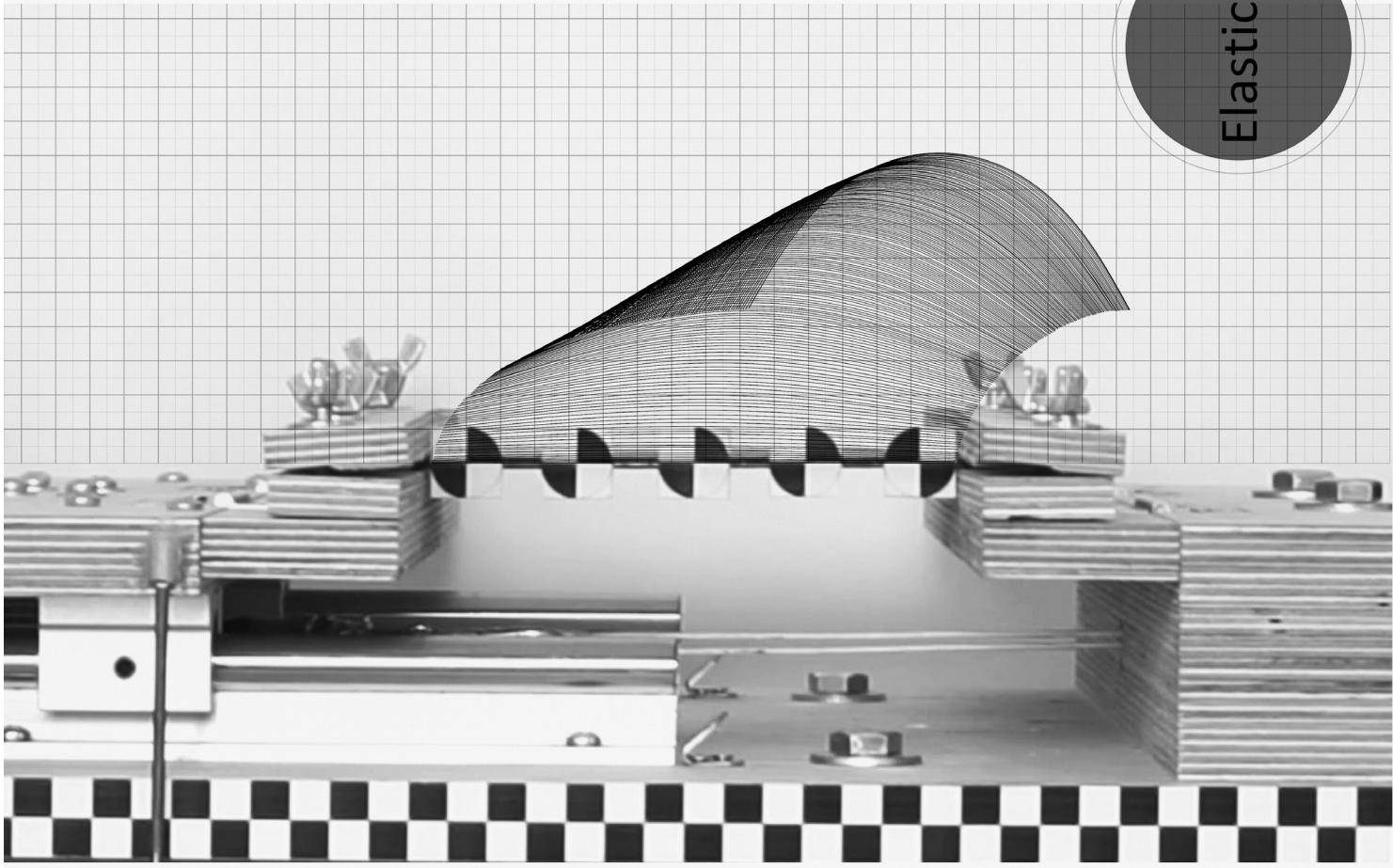
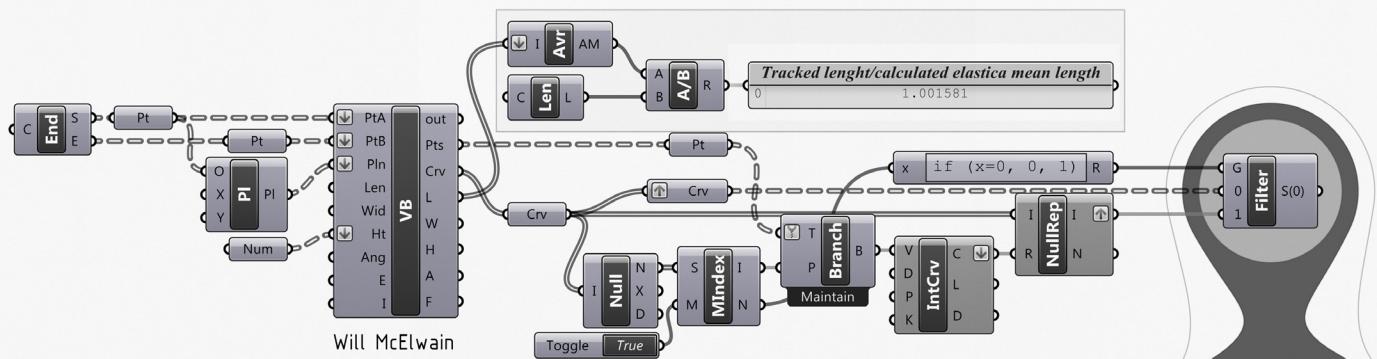
The elasticas curvature radii ρ at midpoint deflections are used for the stress etc calculations.

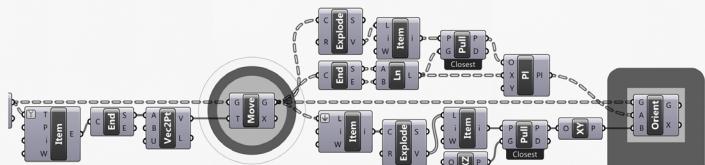
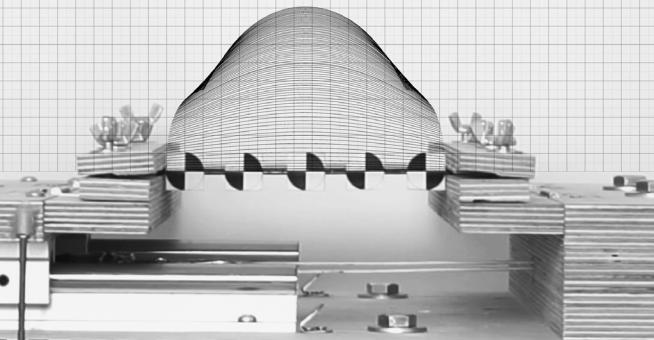
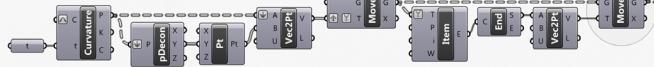
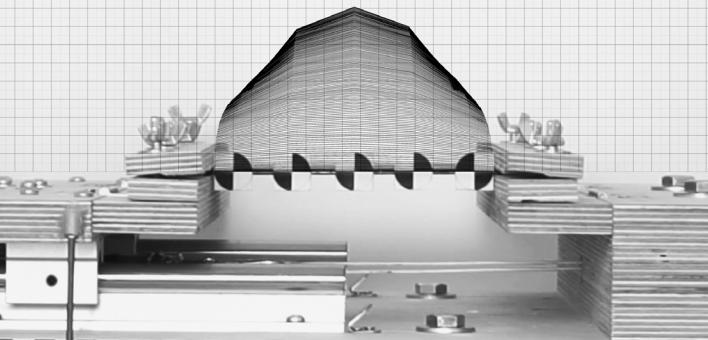




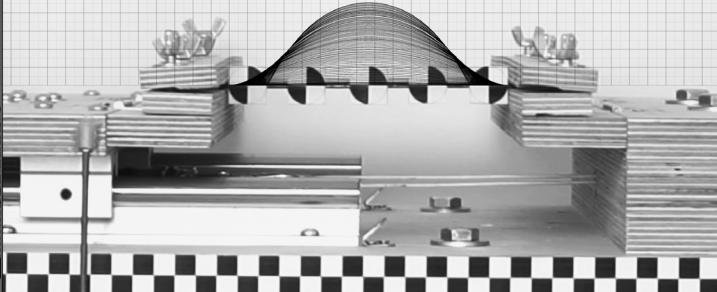
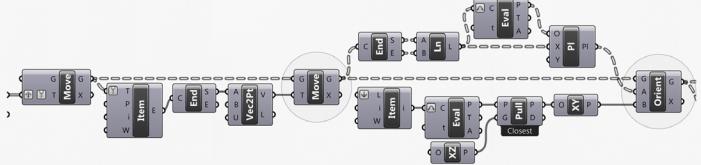
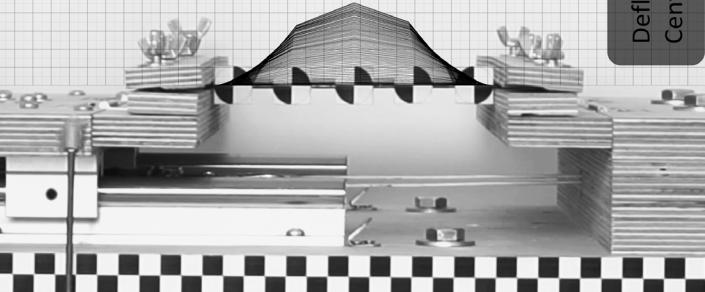
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Video

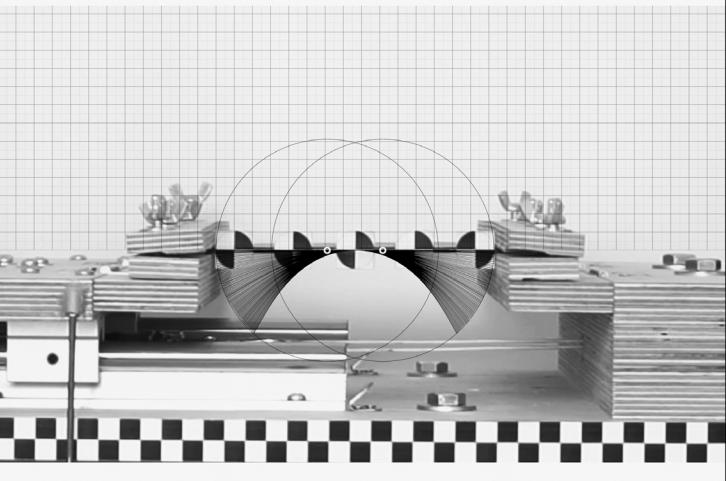
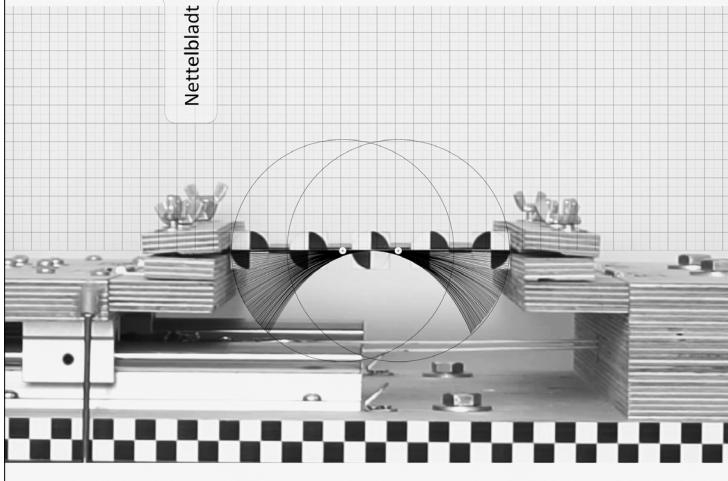
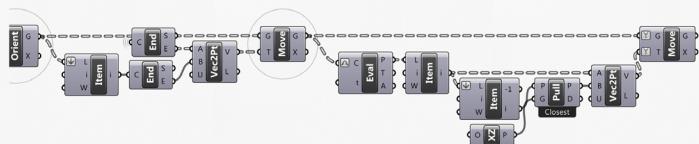
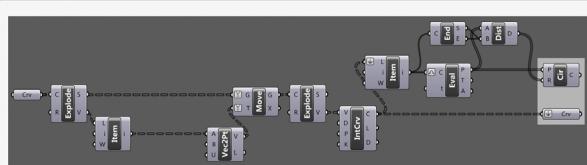
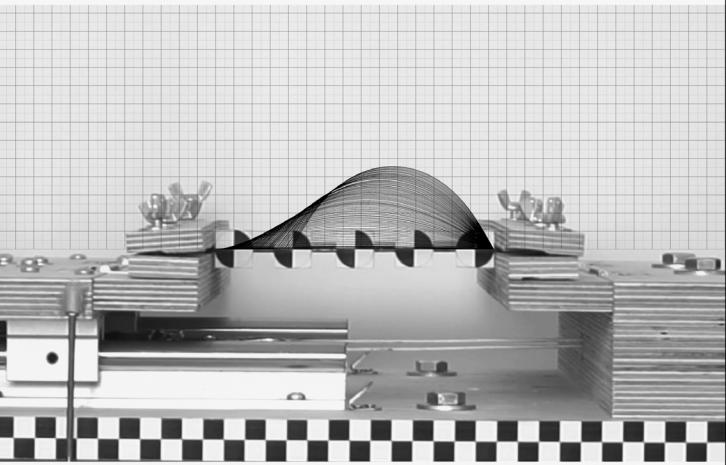
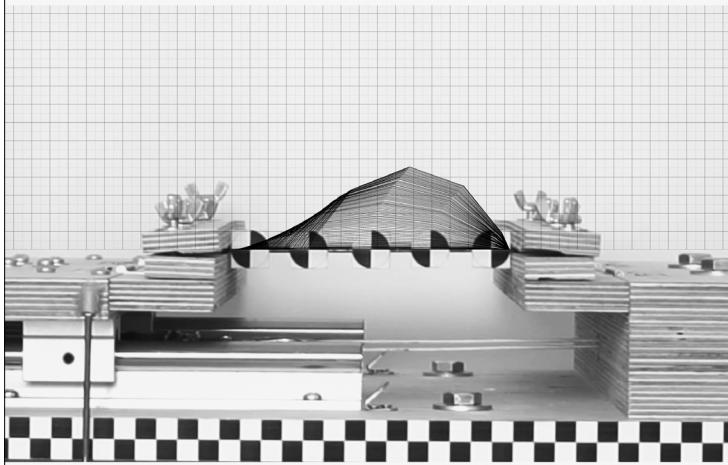
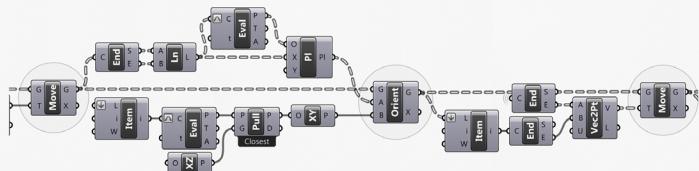
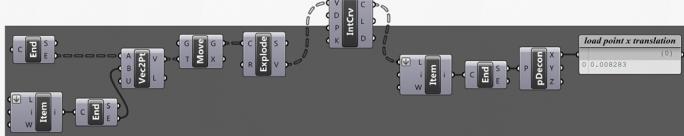




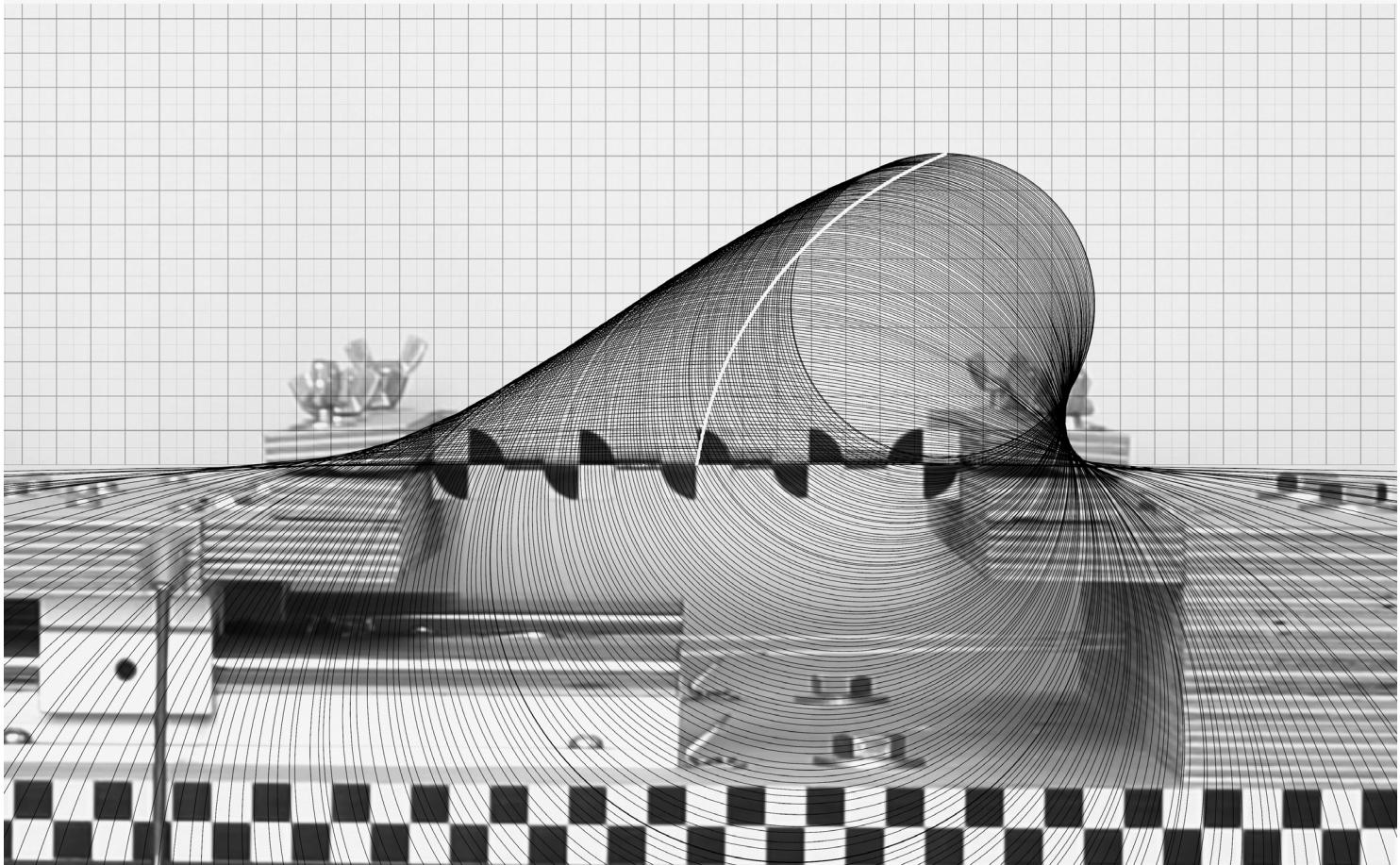
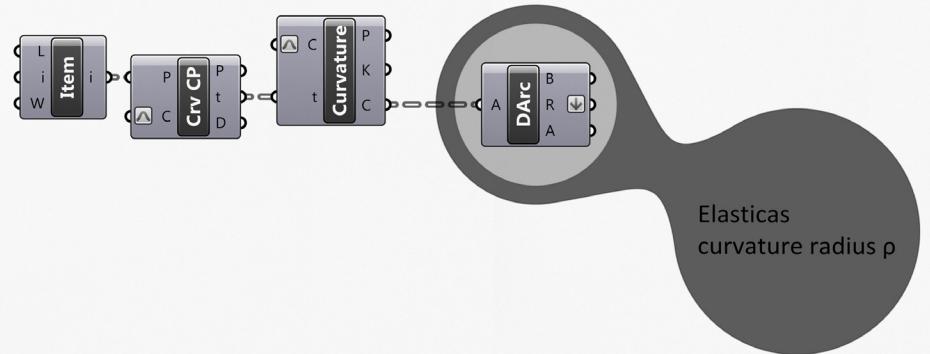


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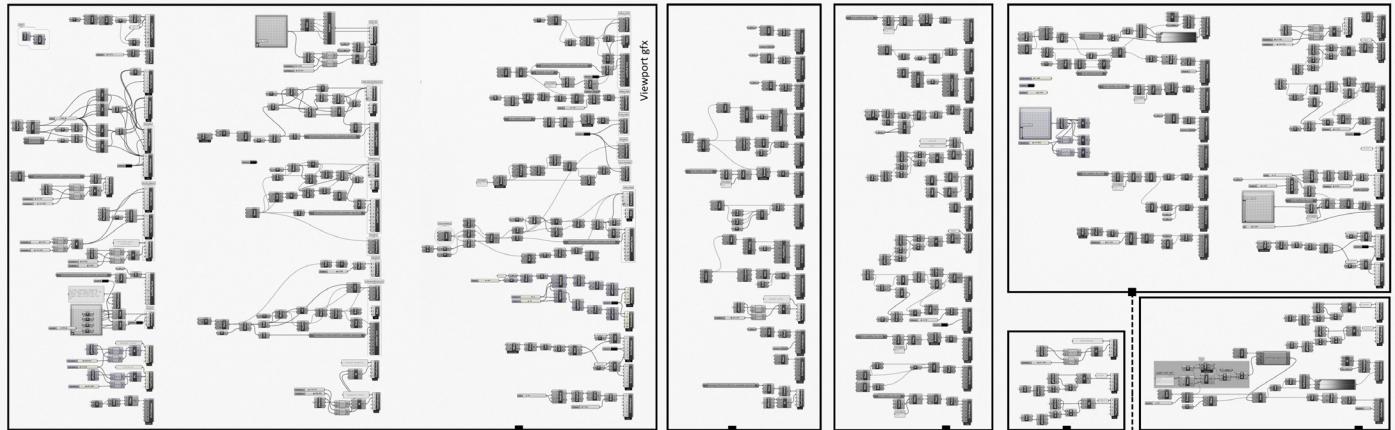


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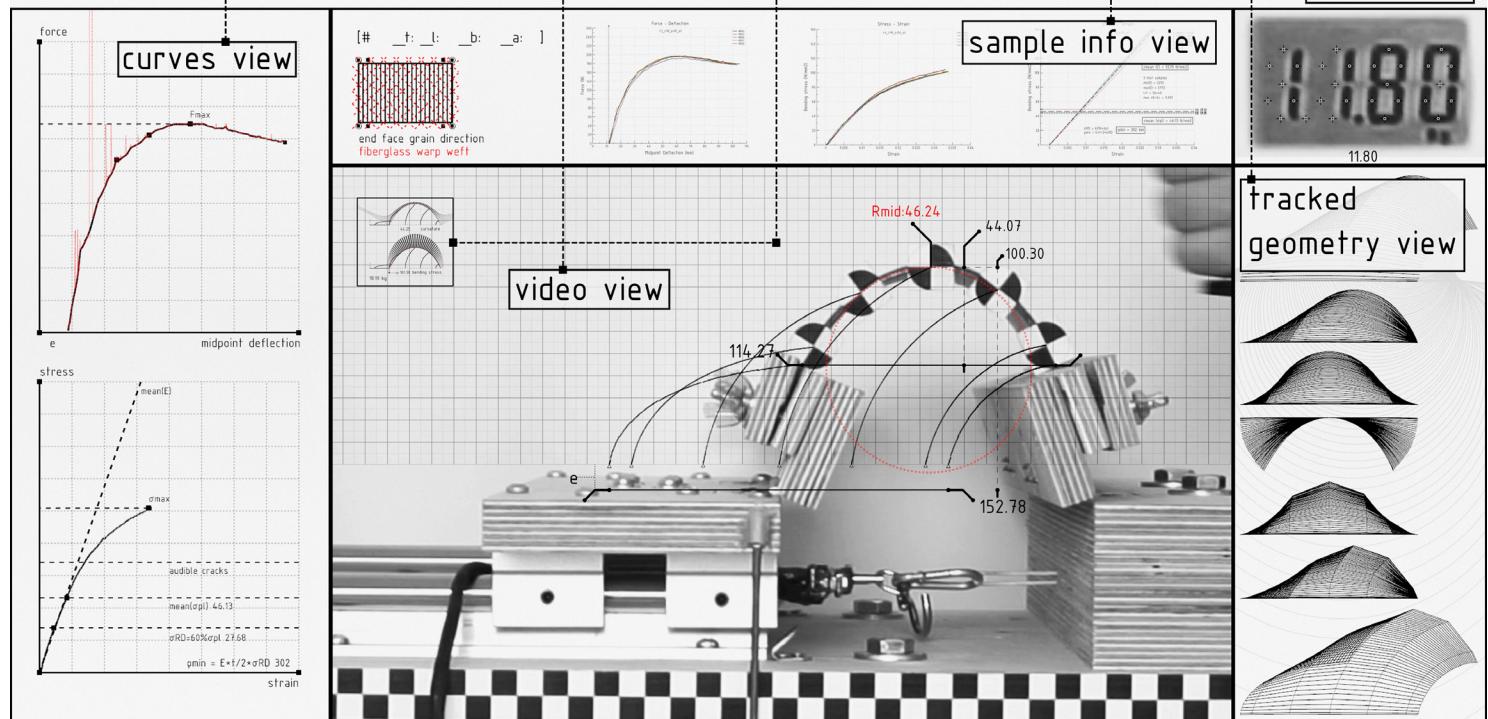
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A hefty part of the definition sets up a video analysis report. Tracked values and results along with test sample information are visualised in order to output a video report for every selected test sample, in order to analyse and document the procedure and results and to compare various sample setups.

Also some key aspects of the tests like the speed of load application, the endurance of each sample etc can be observed in time only through these video reports, since the only sensor used is the diy force gauge.



Video reports layout template



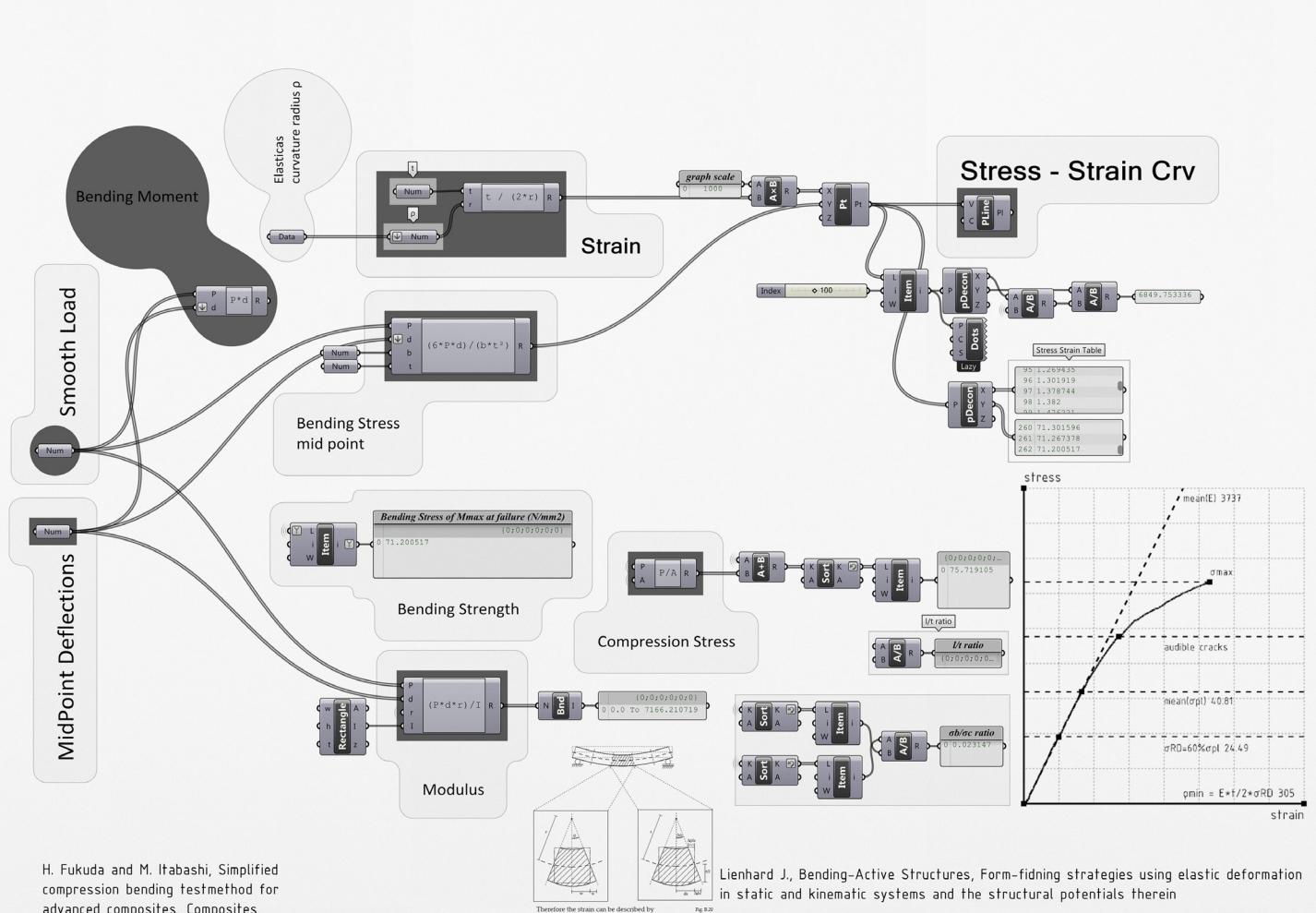
Video report frames



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Grasshopper Definition

Calculations according to Fukuda H. and Lienhard J. published work.
Stress-Strain curves



H. Fukuda and M. Itabashi, Simplified compression bending testmethod for advanced composites, Composites, Part A 30, 249-256 (1999).

2.2. Elastica-1

The elastica [7] is also applicable to calculate ρ_e . Although the detail has already been reported in the previous papers [5, 6], a brief summary is again shown here for readers' convenience.

According to the elastica theory [7], the midspan deflection δ_e and the radius of curvature ρ_e of Fig. 1 can be expressed as functions of the angle of deflection at the loading point. They are

$$\delta_e/L = 2p/K(p) \quad (6)$$

$$\rho_e/L = 1/2pK(p) \quad (7)$$

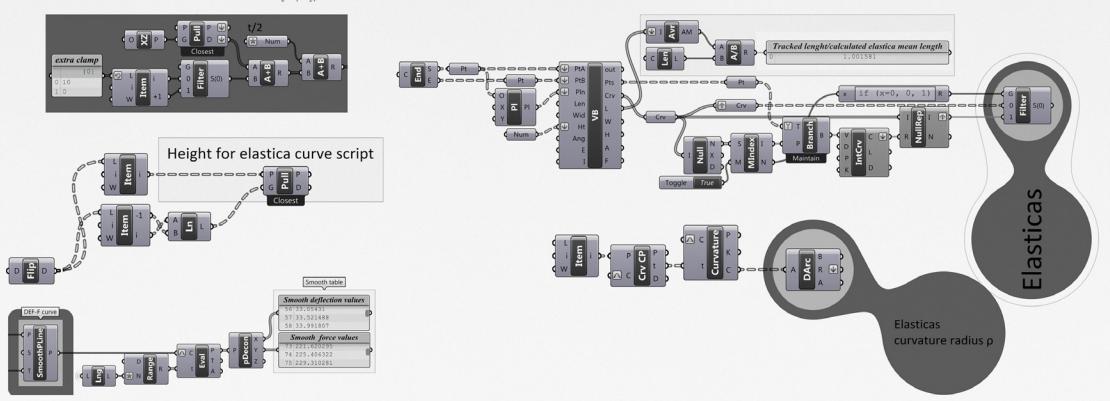
where

$$p = \sin \alpha/2 \quad (8)$$

$$K(p) = \int_0^{p/2} \frac{dp}{\sqrt{1-p^2 \sin^2 \theta}} \quad (9)$$

The integral $K(p)$ is known as the perfect elliptical integral of the first kind. Therefore, ρ_e can be calculated from δ_e . Fig. 5 shows the 'Elastica-1' method. You can measure δ_e from the midspan deflection even if we don't measure ρ_e . Here, this is called the Elastica-1 method. In this method, however, the midspan deflection must be measured. One point to be noted is that the above equations were derived under the assumption of linear elasticity. As was already pointed out, the CFRPs exhibit material nonlinearity and therefore, the calculated Young's modulus includes more or less error. Further discussion will be made concerning this point at a later point.

Lienhard J., Bending-Active Structures, Form-finding strategies using elastic deformation in static and kinematic systems and the structural potentials therein



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Results - Curves

Plywood 3mm, as base composite material

Single layer plywood-fiberglass composite at 4 warp-weft angles

Plywood 4mm and 6mm bending mechanism calibration tests

Force-Deflection curves

Stress-Strain curves

Bending modulus

active length/thickness ratio

bending/compression stress ratio

proportional limit stress

minimum bending radius

frame at proportional limit stress-radius

frame at (just before) fracture stress-radius

Multiple layers composites at 4 warp-weft angles

Force-Deflection curves

Stress-Strain curves

Bending modulus

proportional limit stress

minimum bending radius

Linear approximation of fiberglass layers-bending modulus

Compression bending tests curves-results | Base layer 3mm plywood | Single layer fiberglass

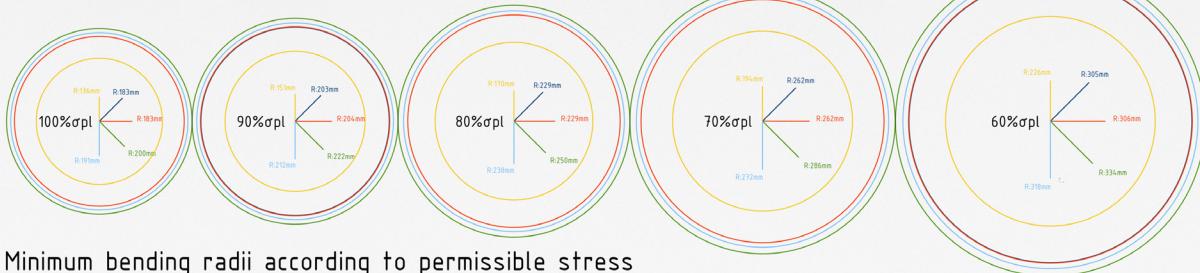
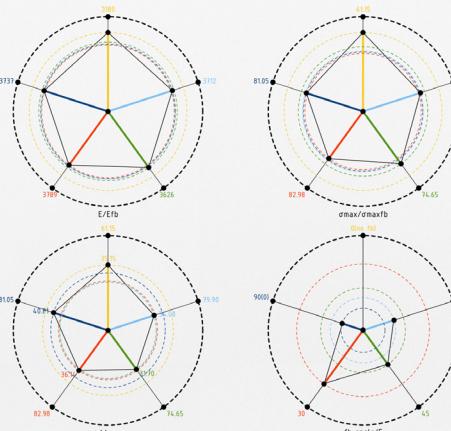
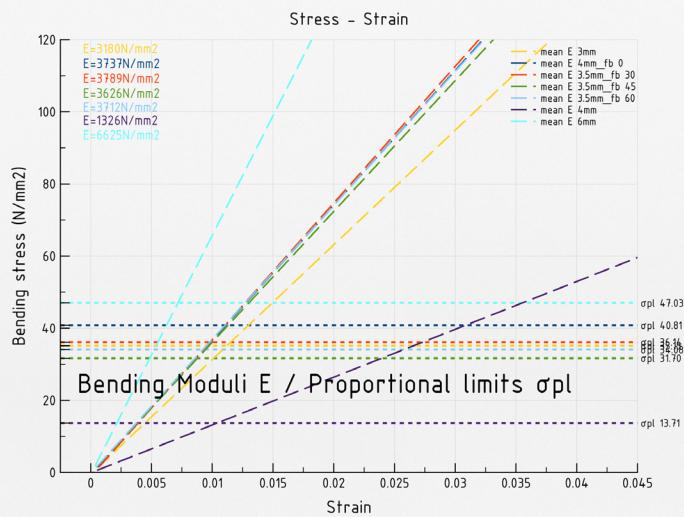
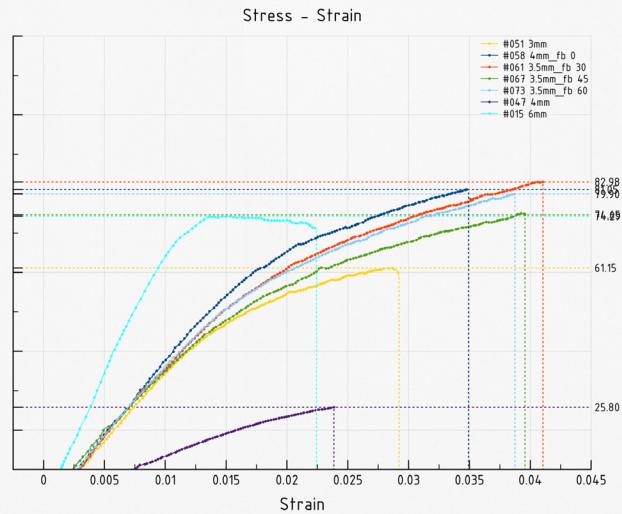
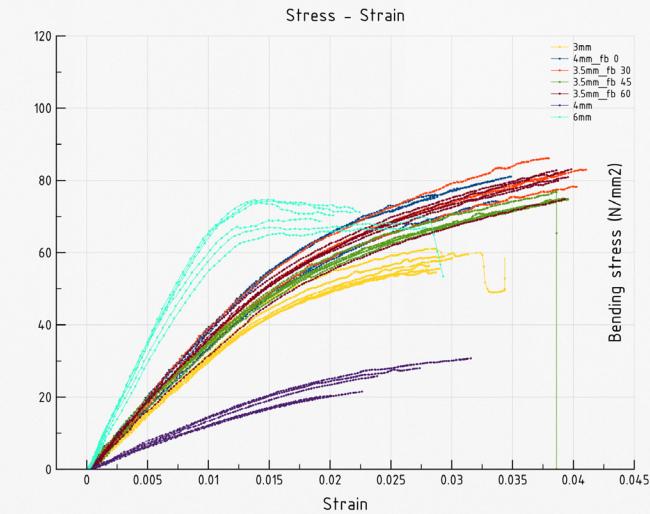
Base layer composite material

Single layer plywood-fiberglass composite | @ four warp-weft angles

Test bench calibration tests | Reference results

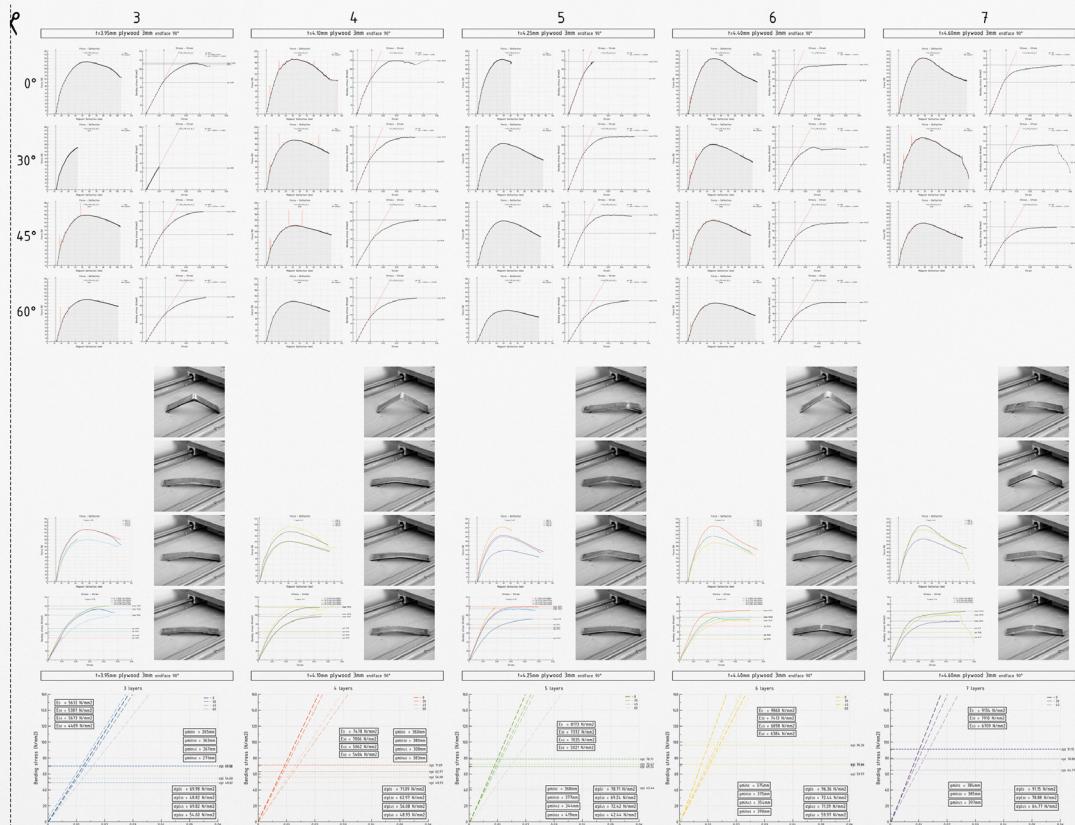


Compression bending tests curves-results | Base layer 3mm plywood | Single layer fiberglass



Minimum bending radii according to permissible stress

Compression bending tests curves-results | Base layer 3mm plywood | Multiple layers fiberglass



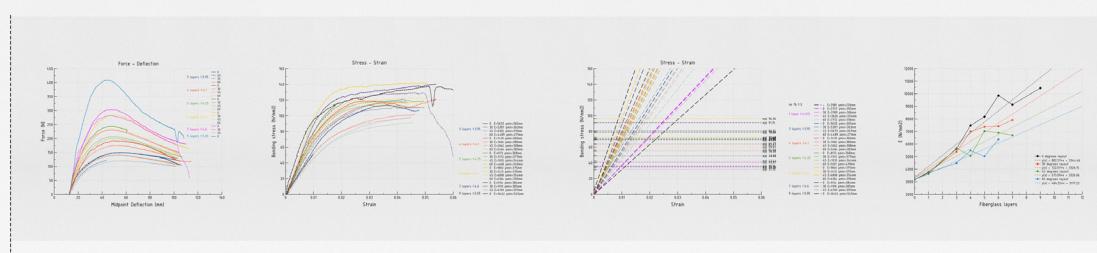
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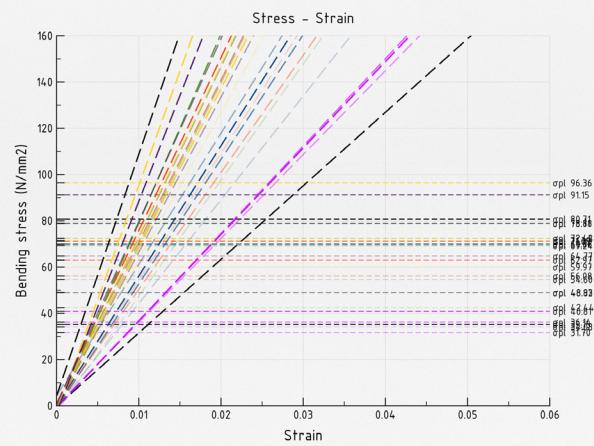
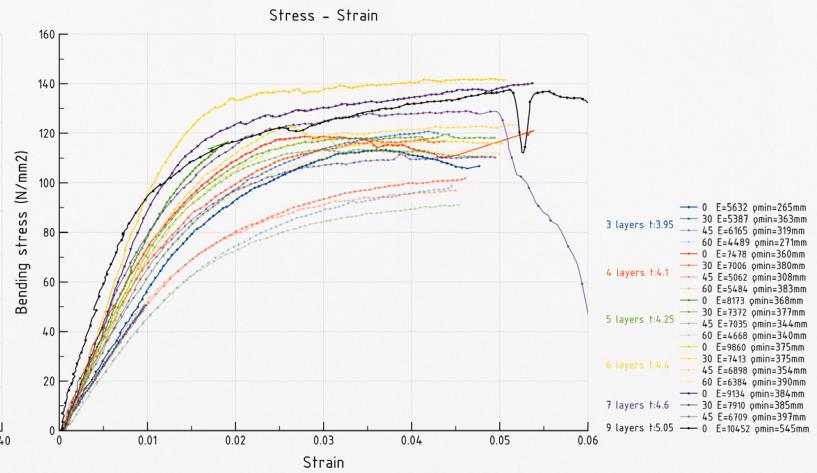
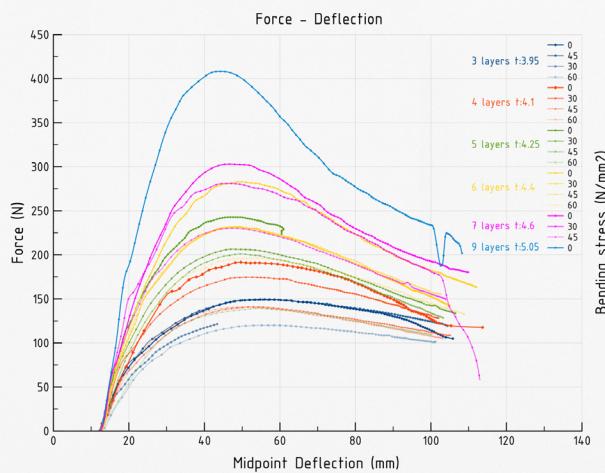
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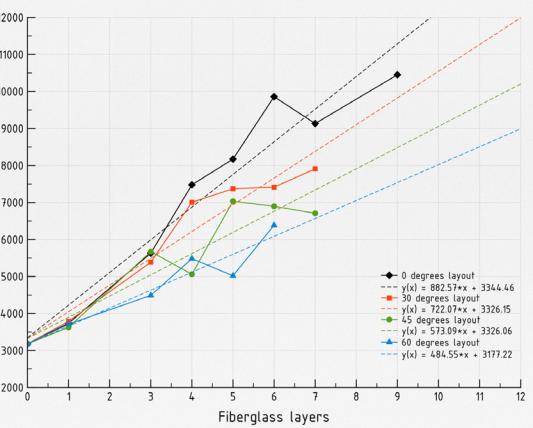
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3mm plywood multiple layers fiberglass(0,30,45,60 angles) curves

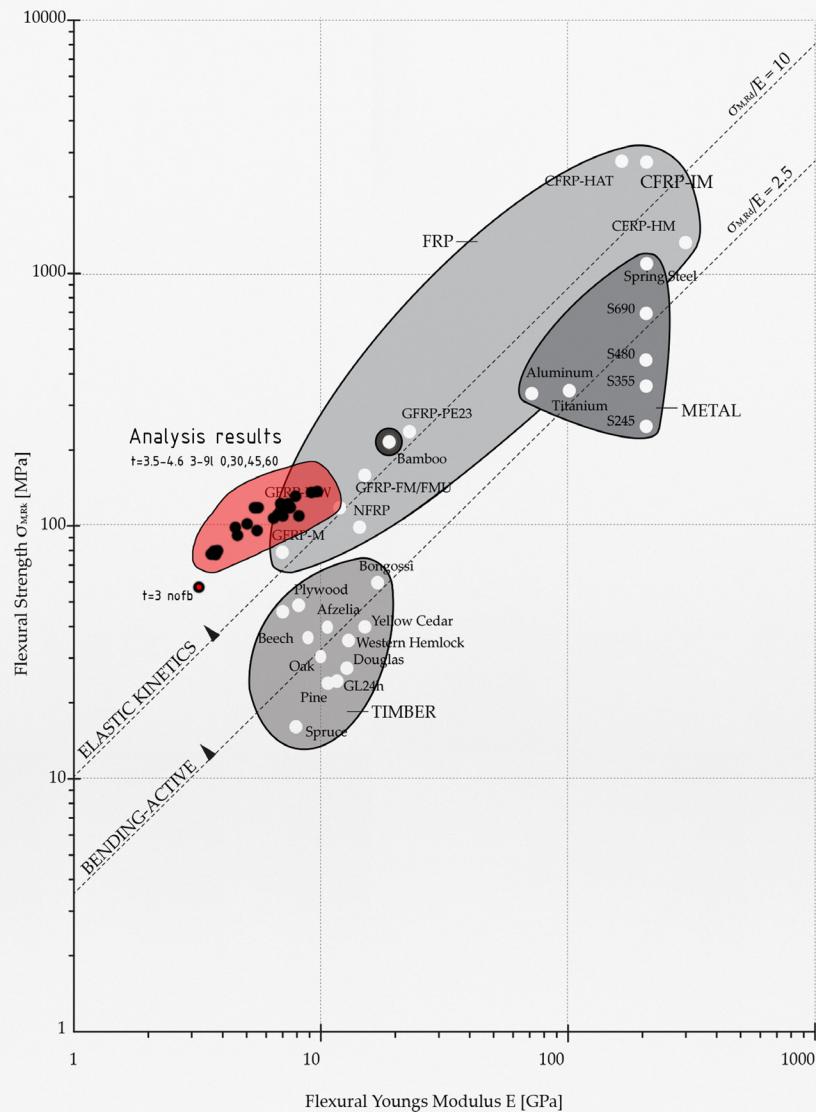


Bending Moduli E/Proportional limits σpl/Minimum Bending radii r_{min}



Ashby Chart - Bending active / Elastic kinetics material selection

B Fundamentals



Ratio of flexural strength against stiffness on a logarithmic scale, based on the 'Ashby diagrams'.

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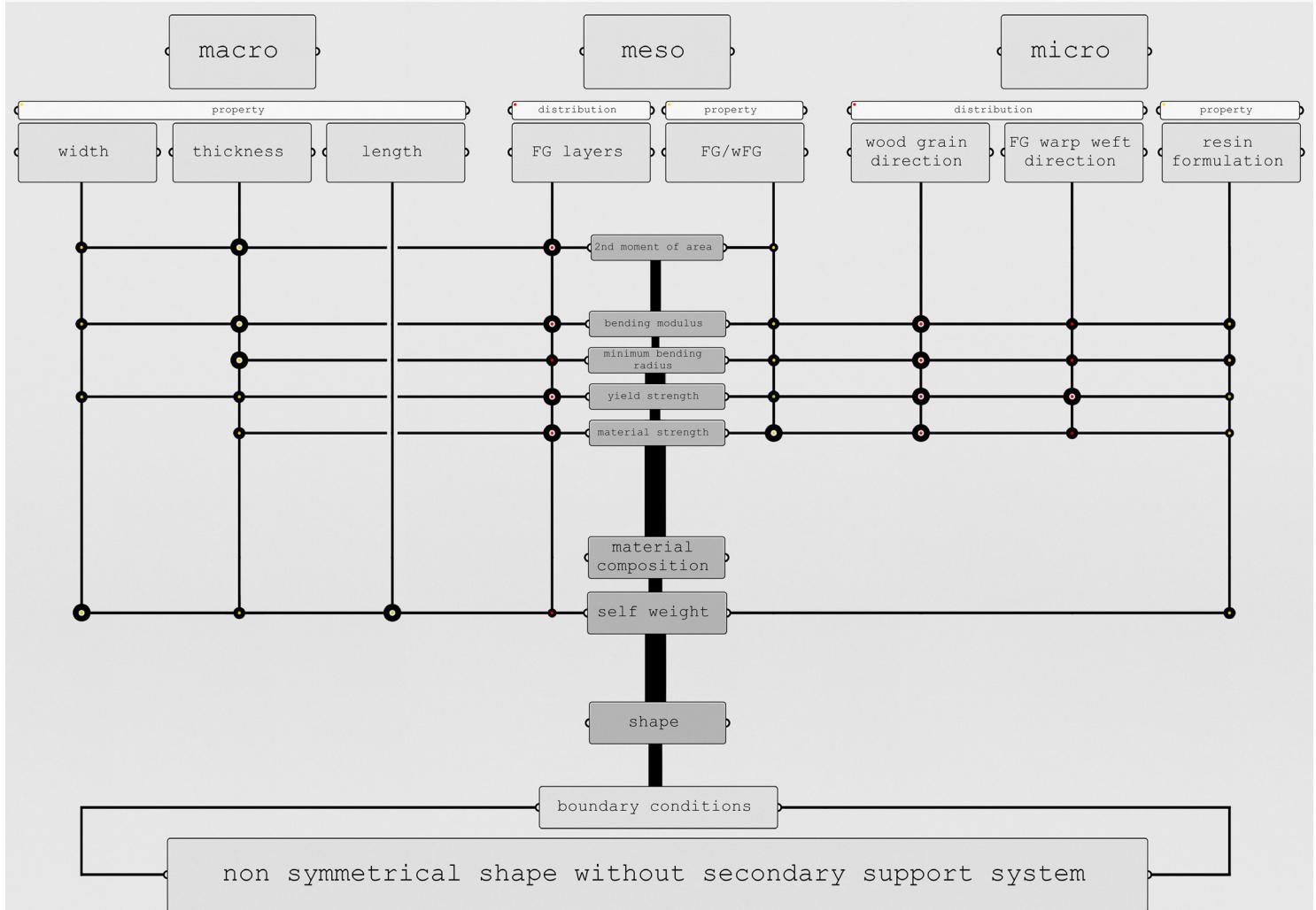
Fig. B.26 Common building materials with ratio of strength $\sigma_{M,Rk}$ [MPa] to stiffness E [GPa]

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Materially informed form-finding

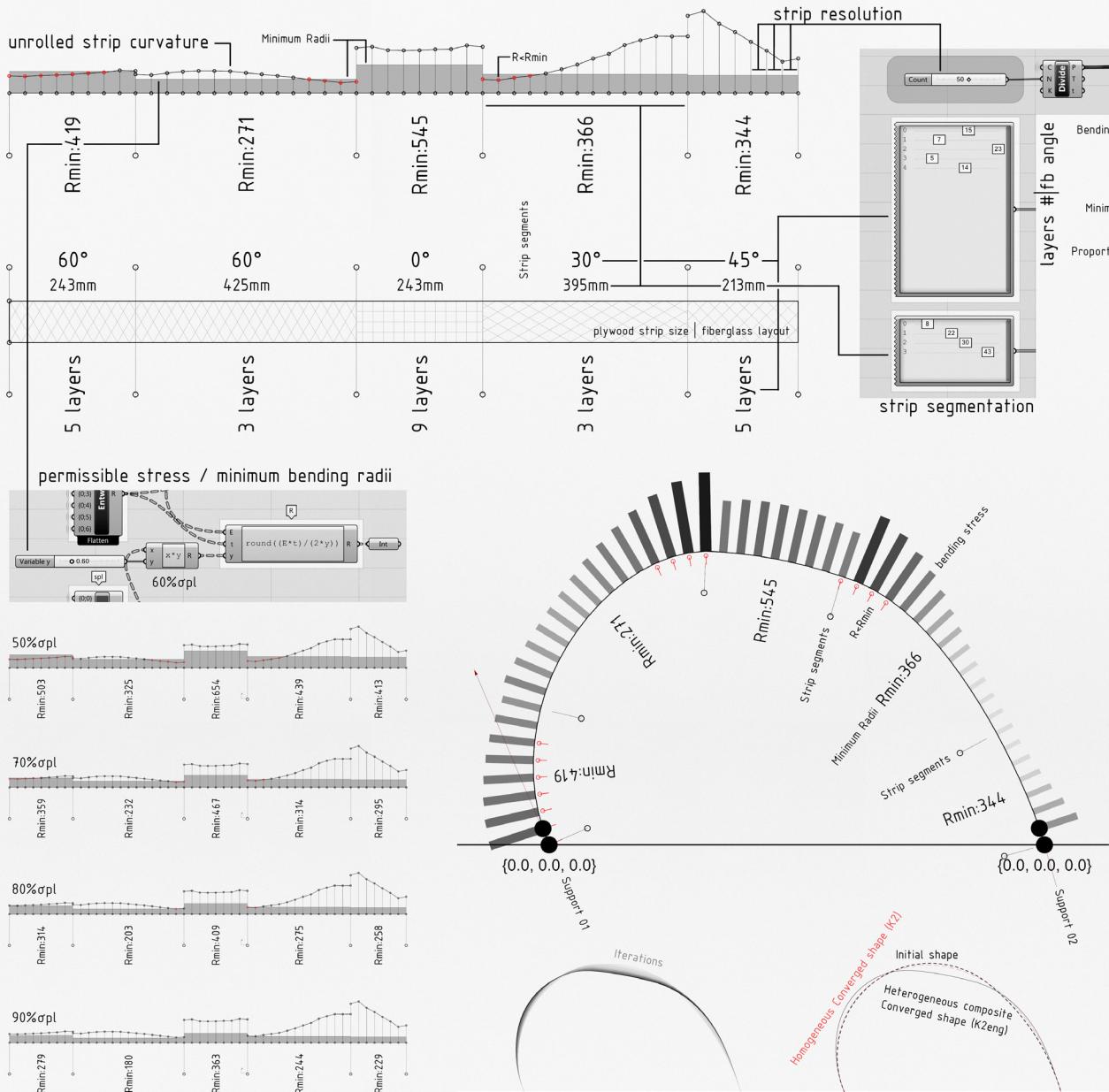
Multiscalar materially informed form finding

Material composition according to general properties and local material distribution, in macro, meso and micro scale can output non symmetrical shapes of variable curvature, thus enabling the grading of the bending behavior of plywood-fiberglass composites and the encoding of 3d complex forms into 2d initially planar strips.



Multiscalar materially informed form finding

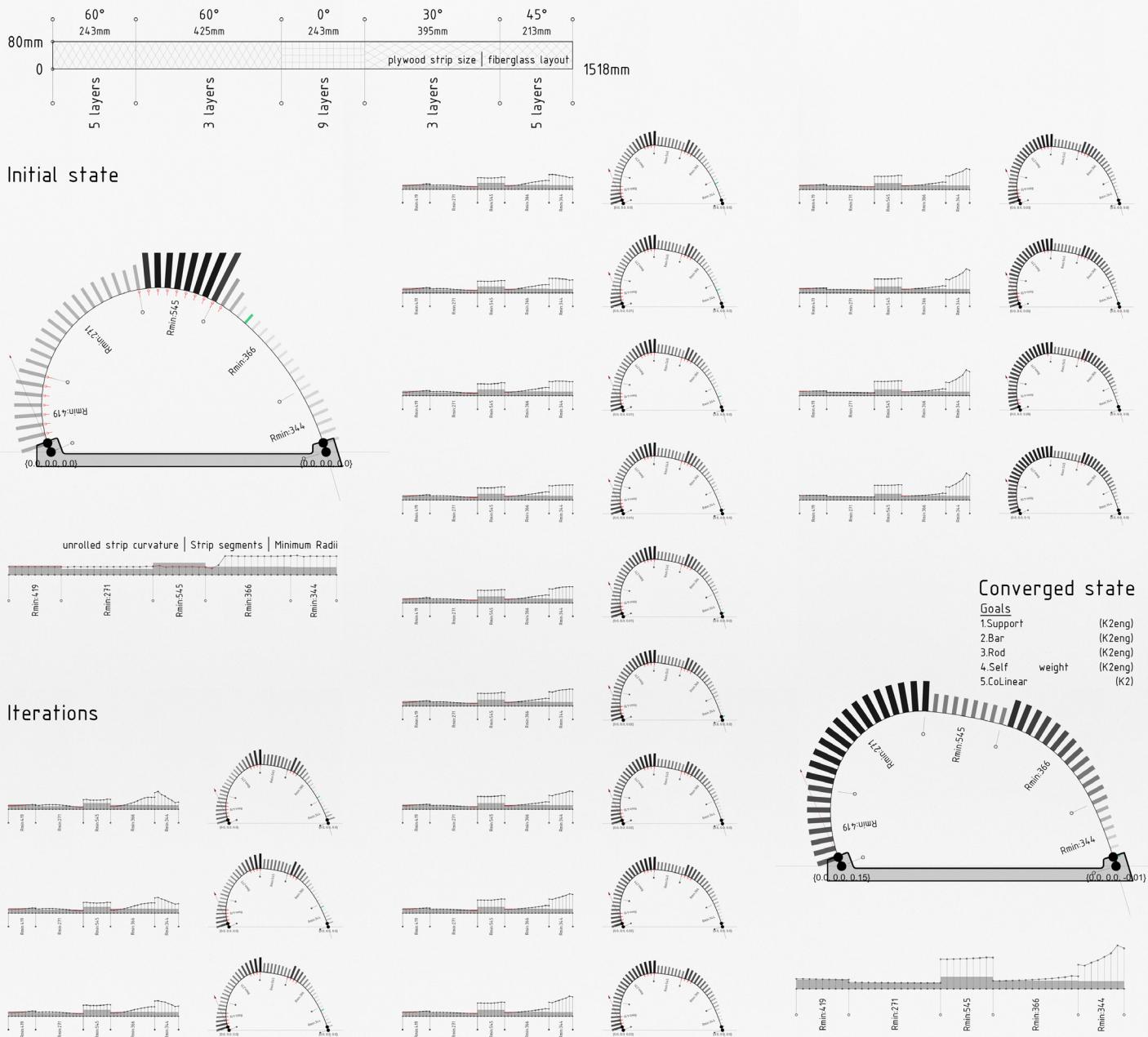
Finding shapes according to selected segmentation, fiberglass layout and layers count.



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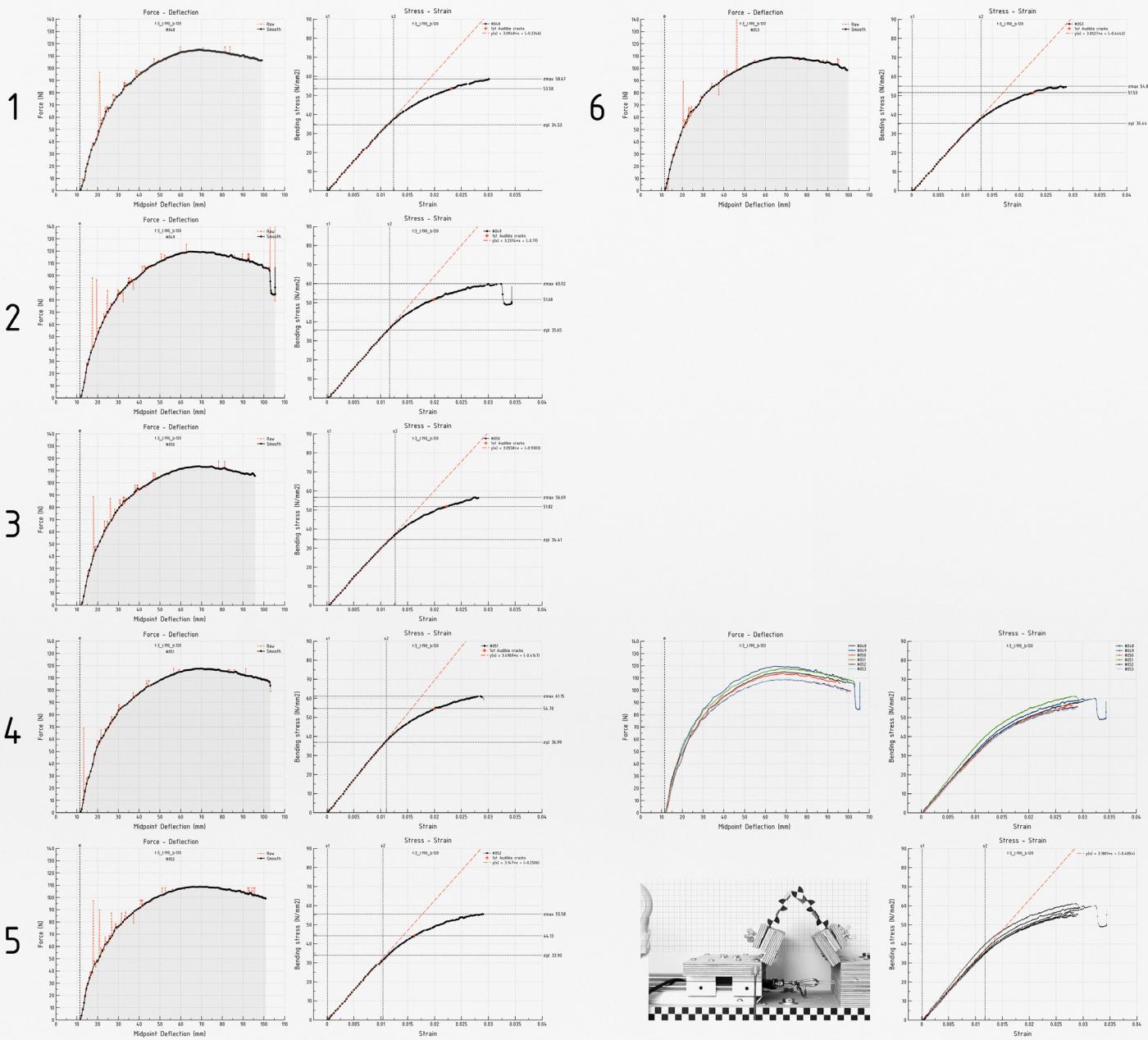
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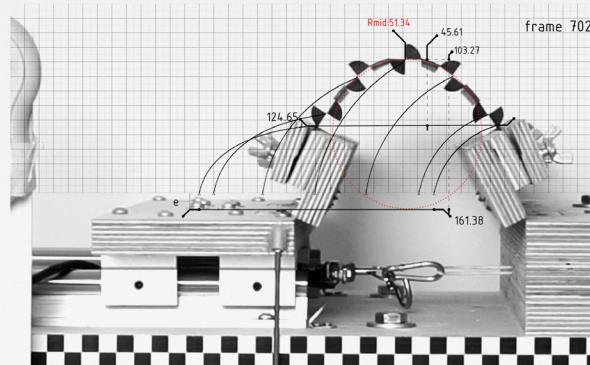
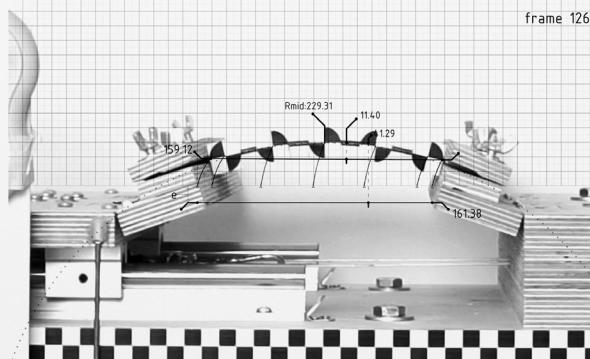
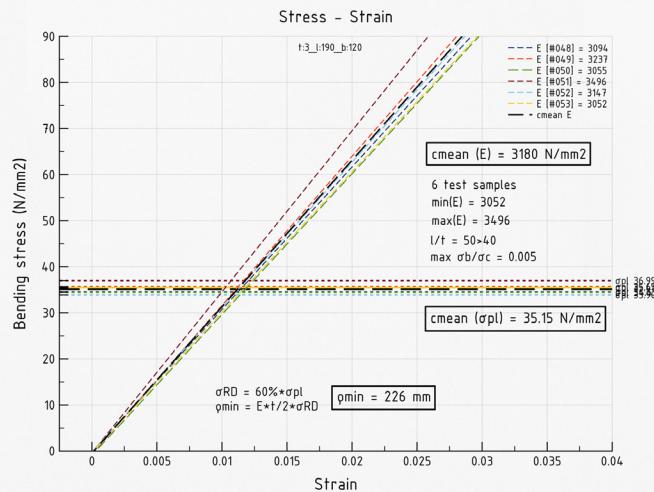
Appendix

Base layer plywood 3mm endface 90° (6 samples)
 thickness:3mm, length:190mm, width: 120mm, active length~150mm



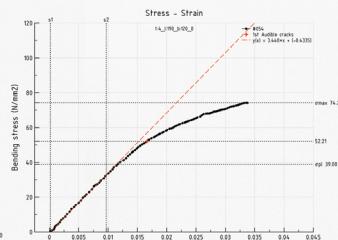
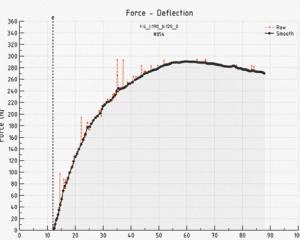
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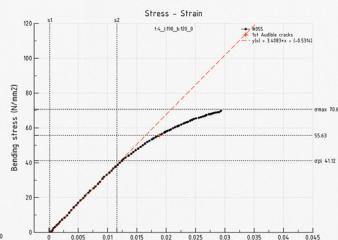
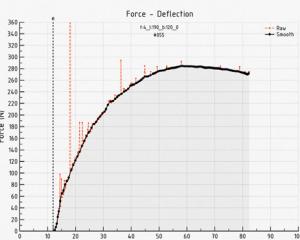


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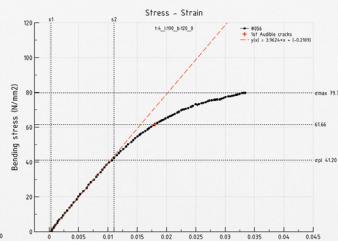
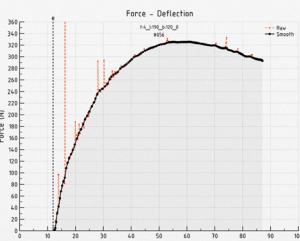
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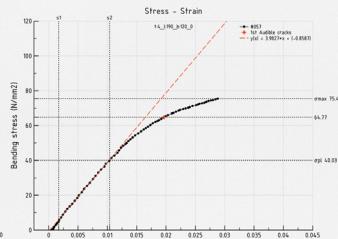
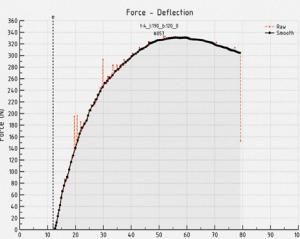
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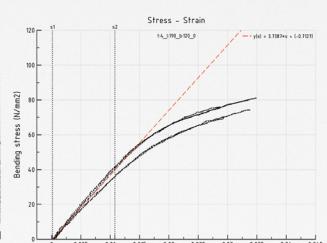
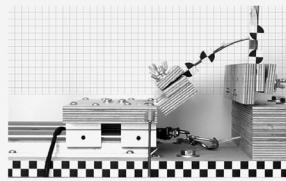
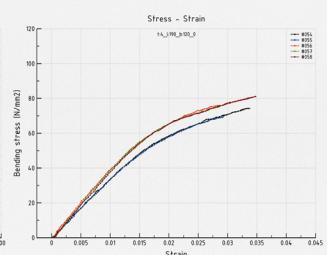
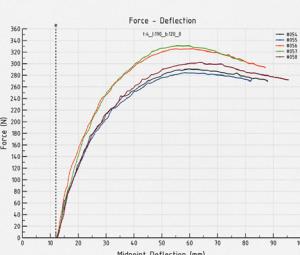
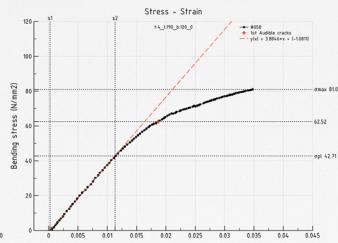
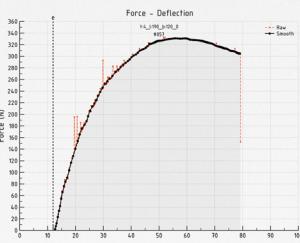
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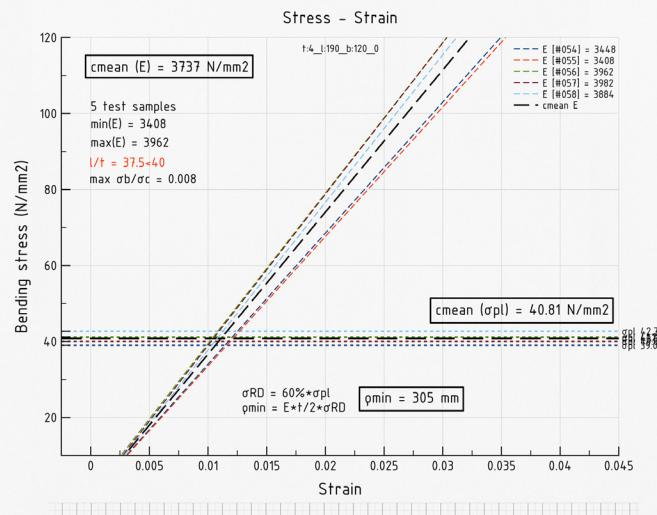
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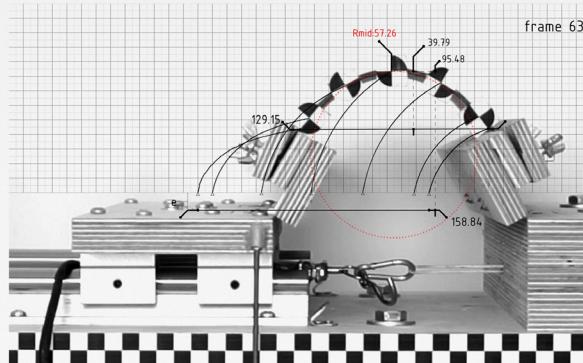
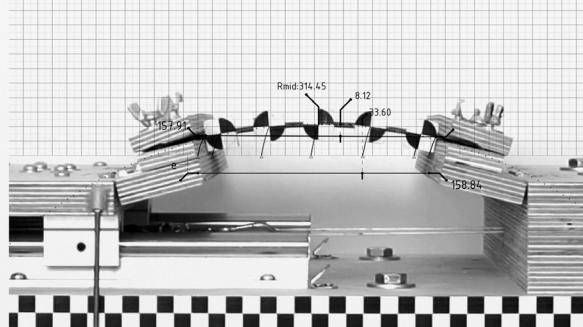
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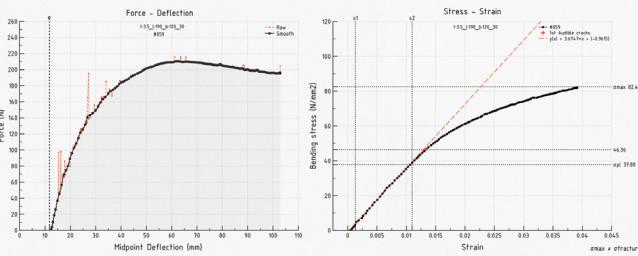


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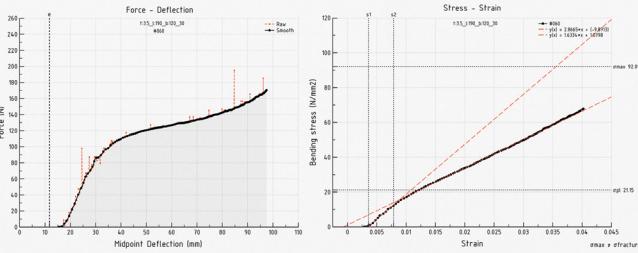


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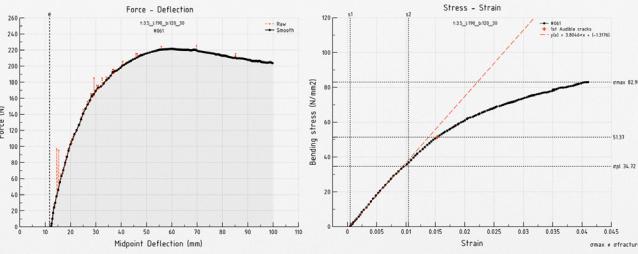
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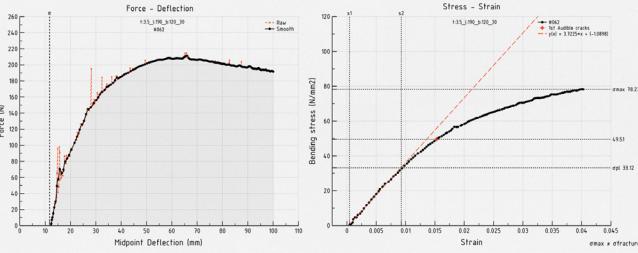
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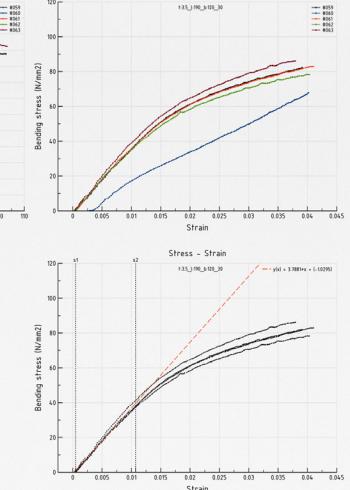
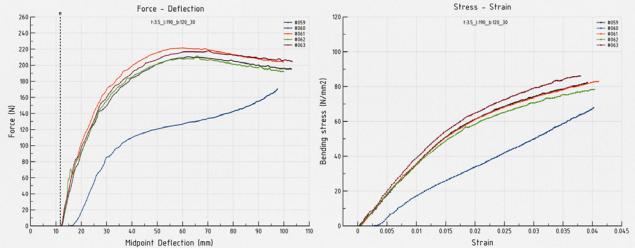
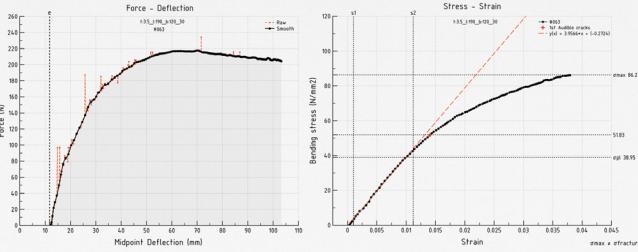
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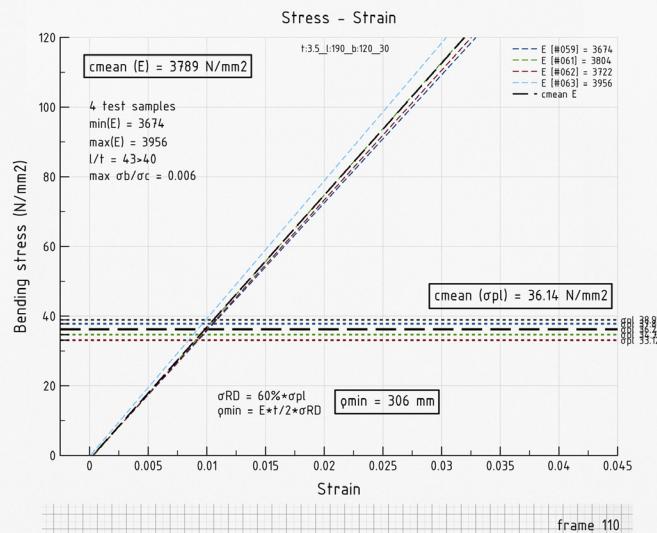
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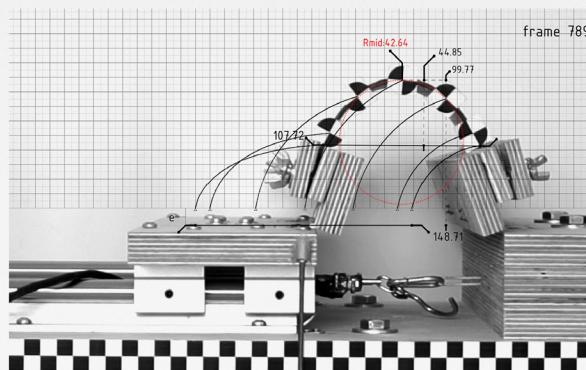
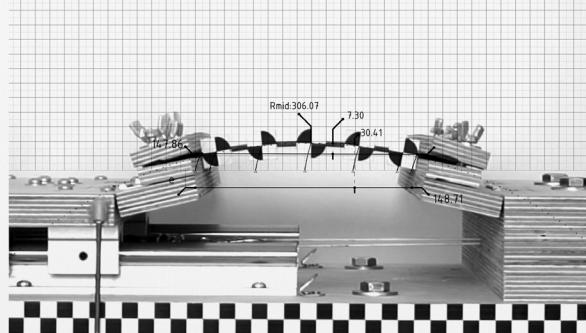
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Composite plywood 3mm endface 90° | 1 layer fiberglass 30° (5 samples)
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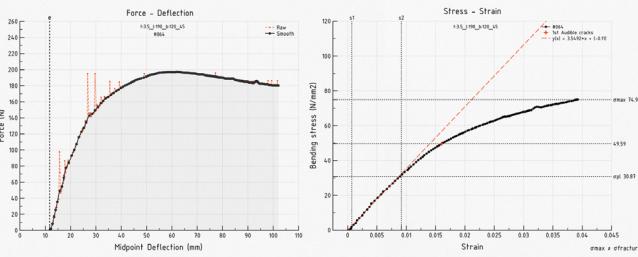


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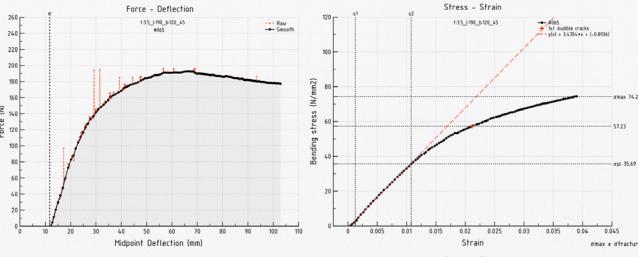


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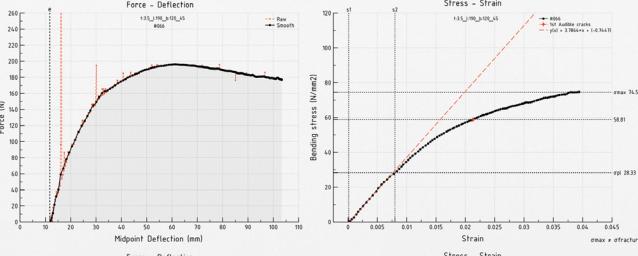
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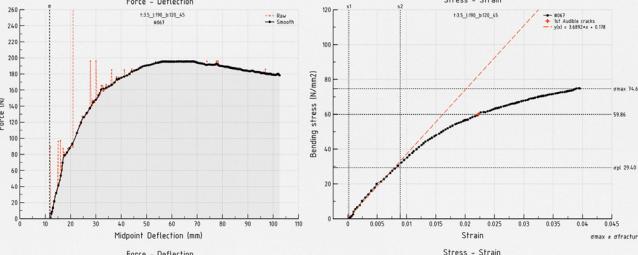
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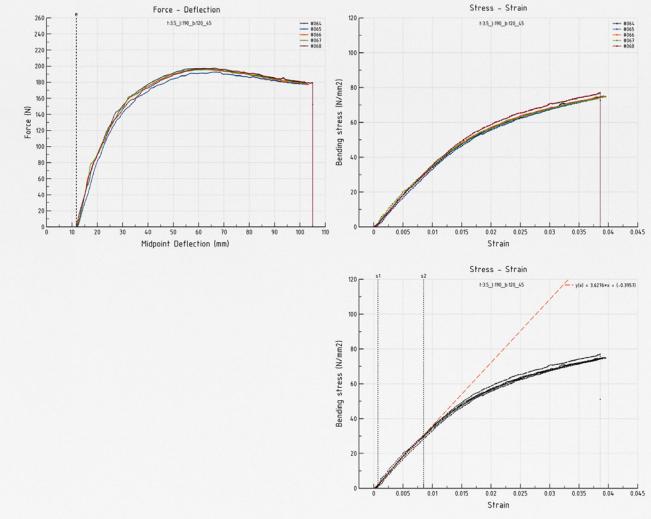
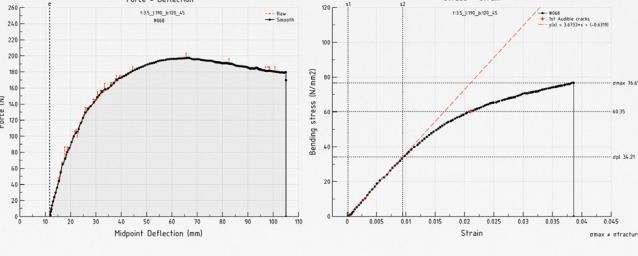
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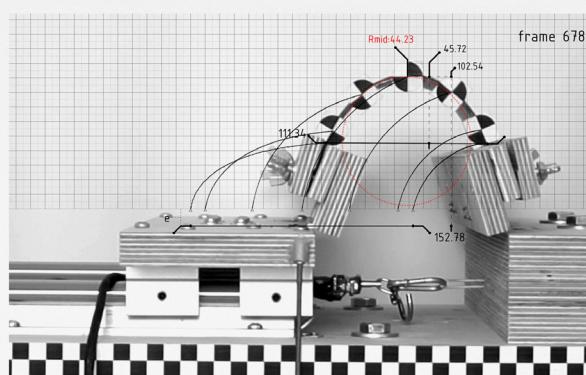
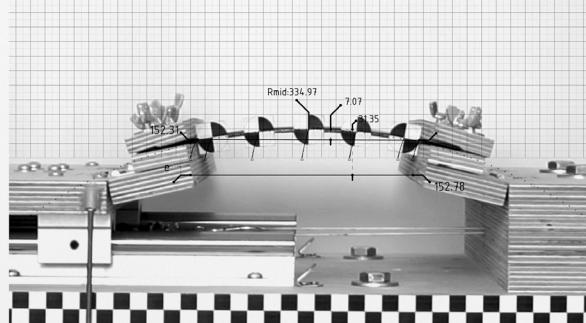
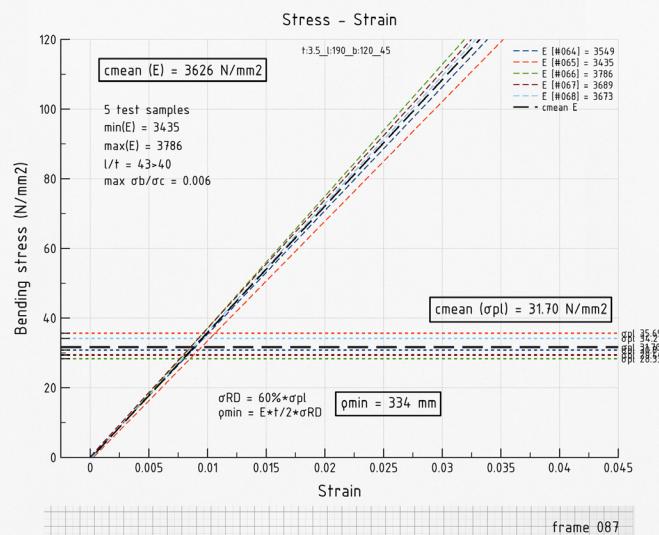
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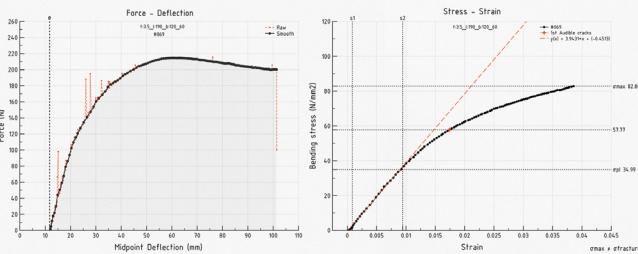


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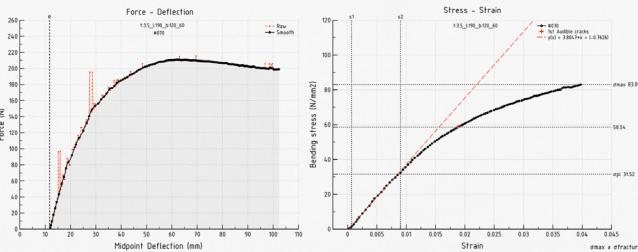


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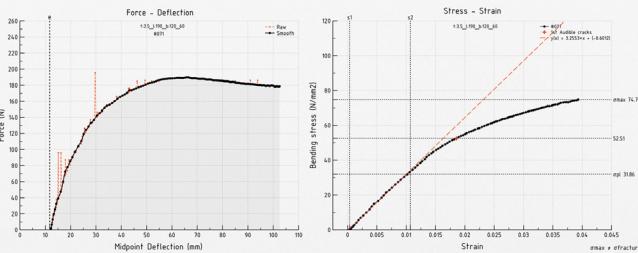
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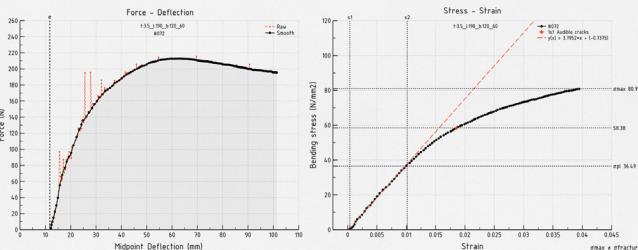
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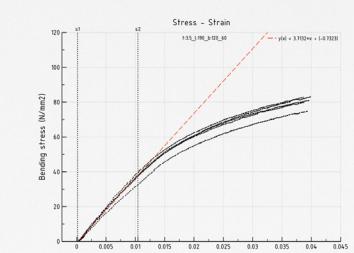
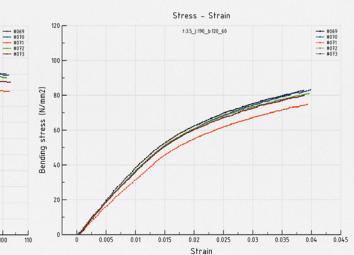
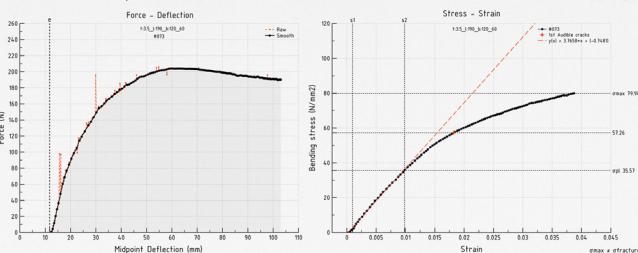
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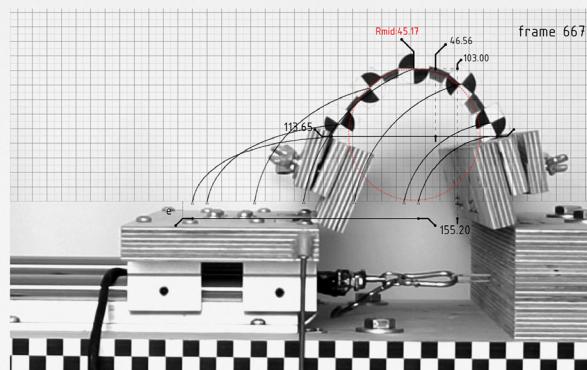
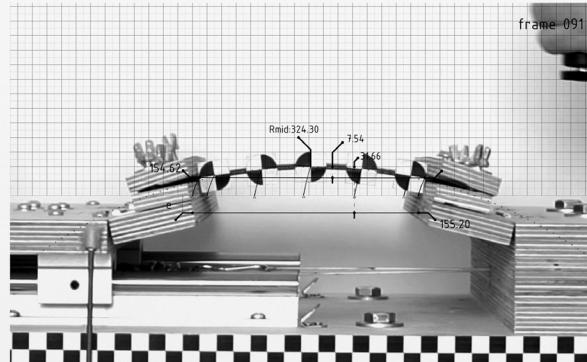
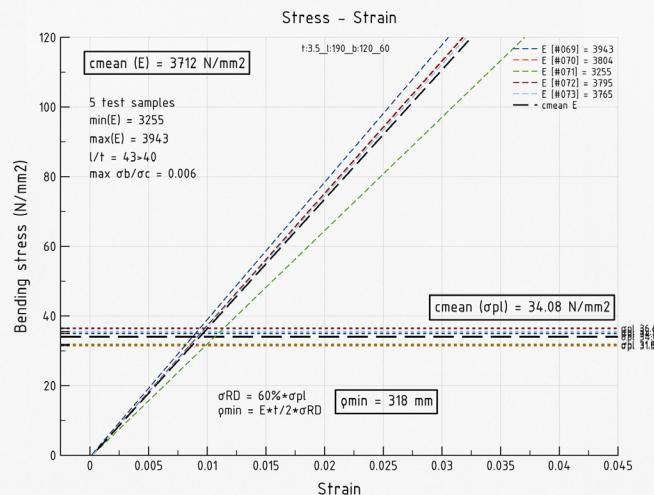
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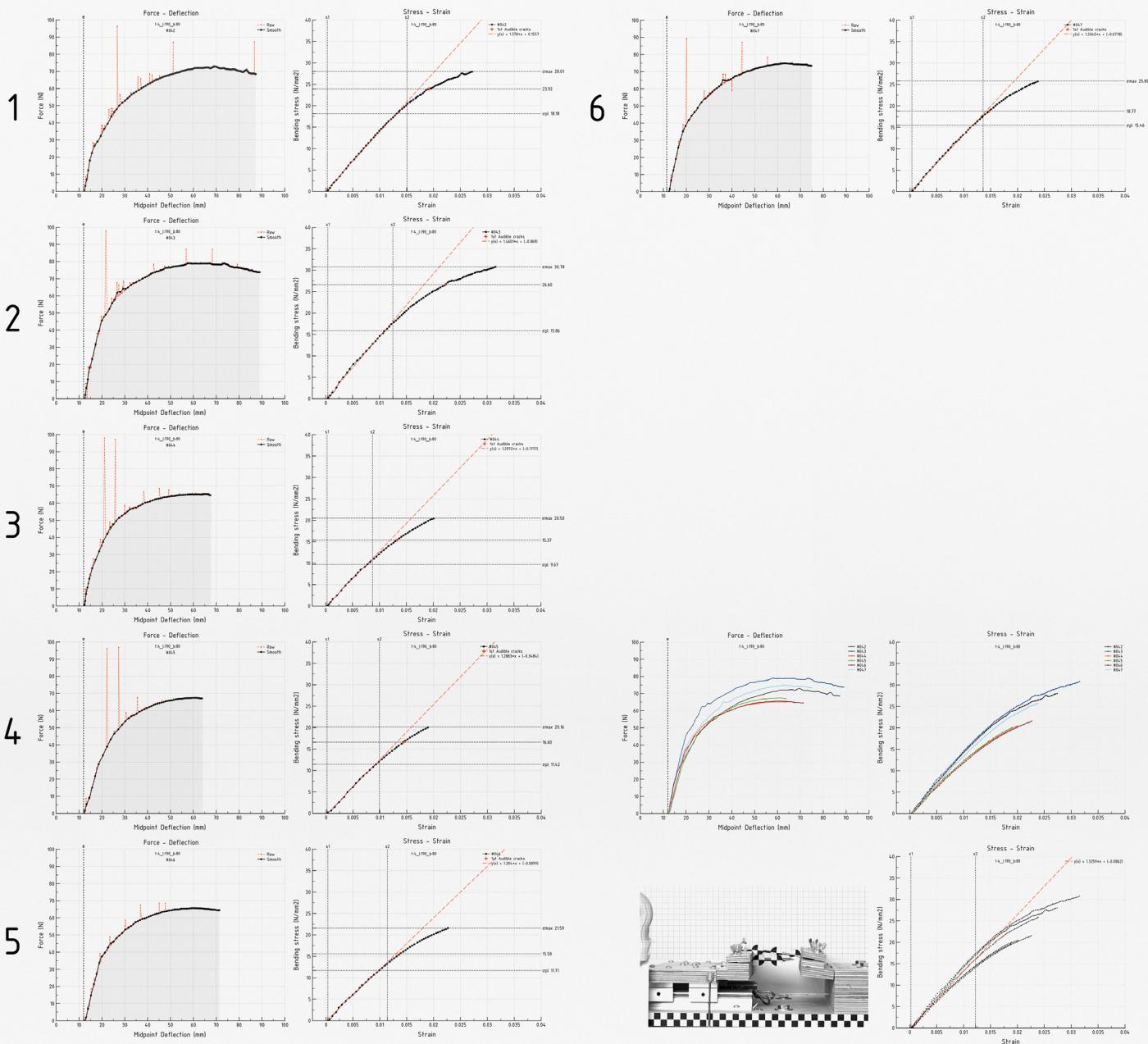
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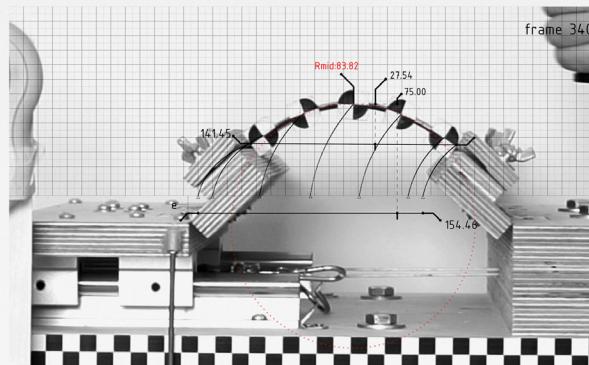
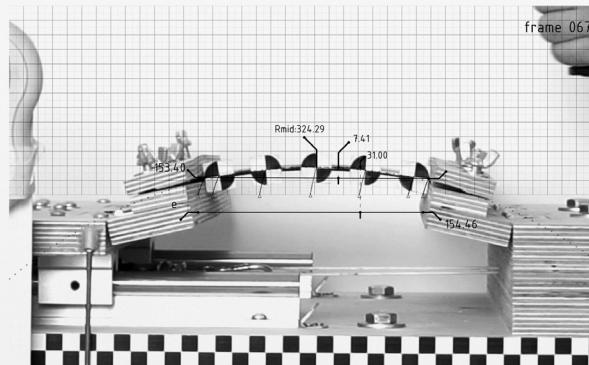
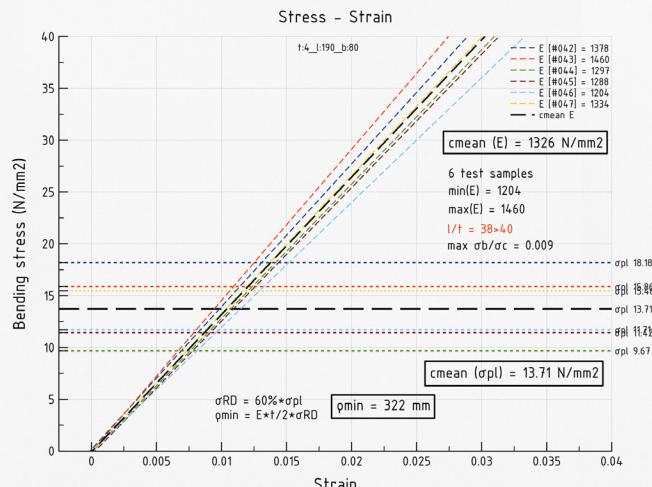


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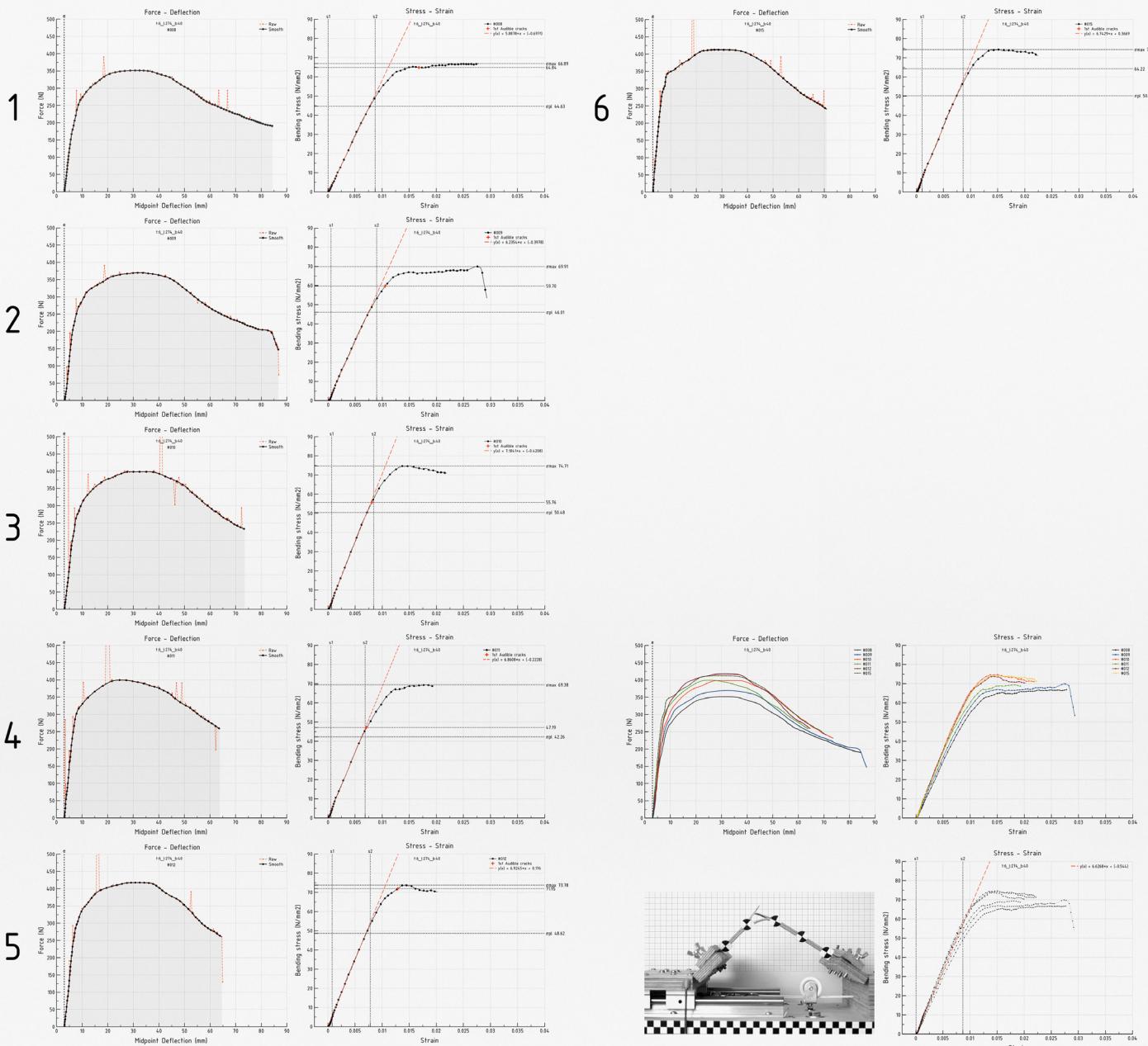


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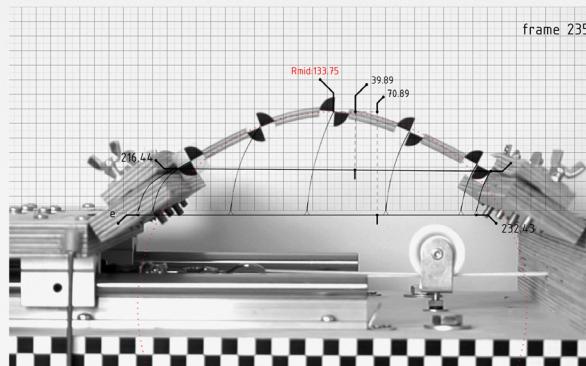
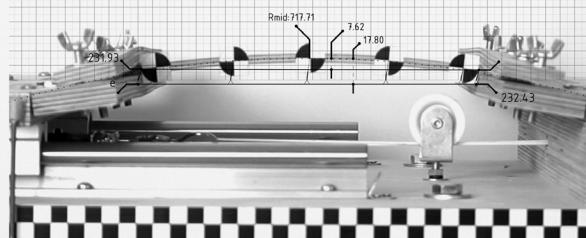
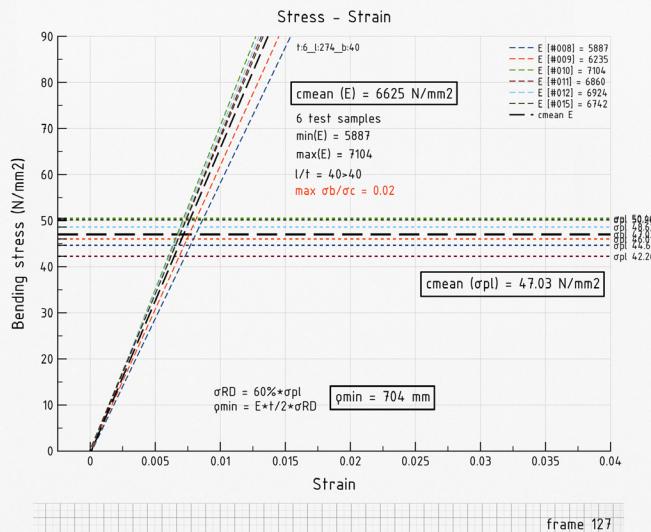


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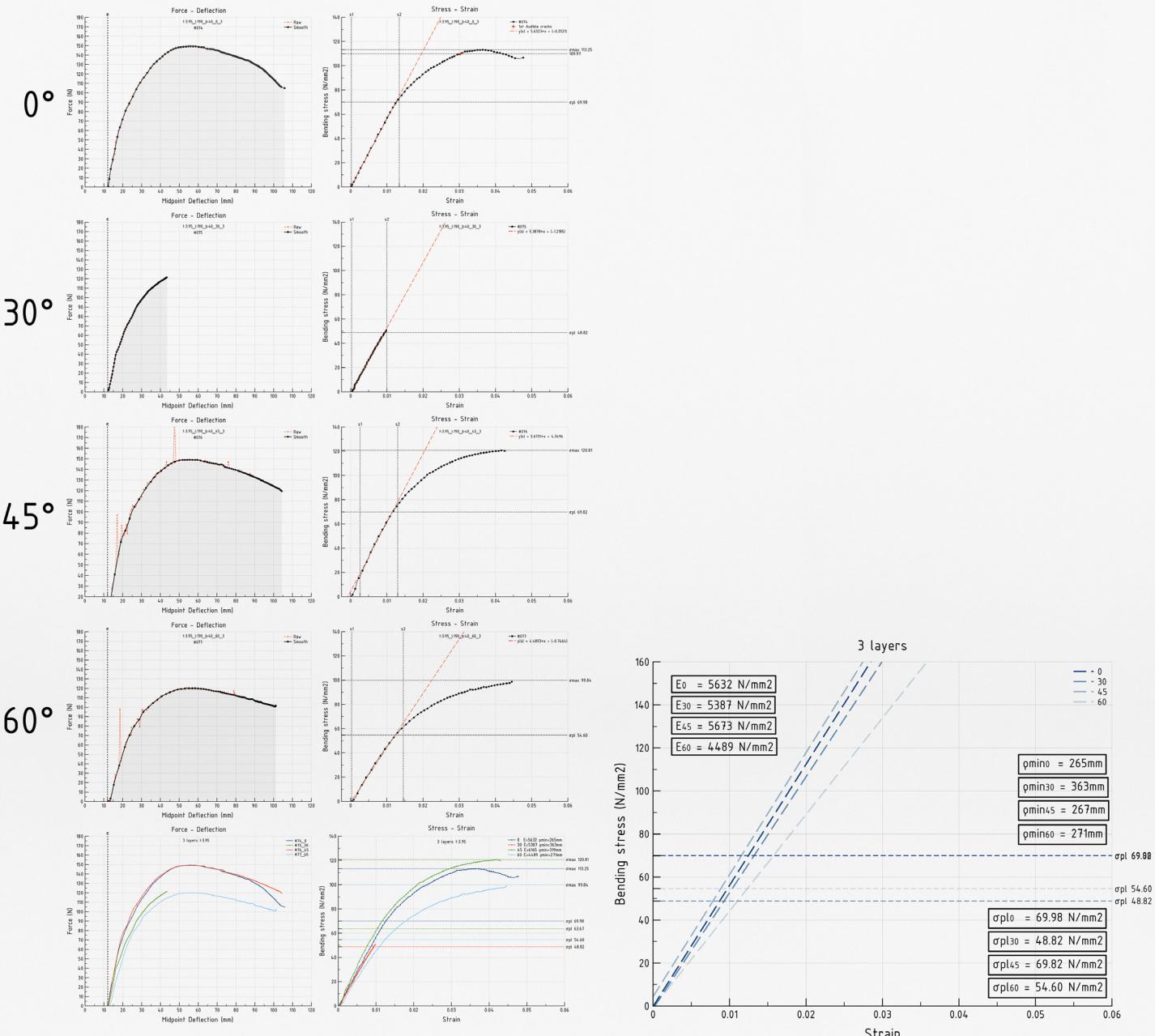


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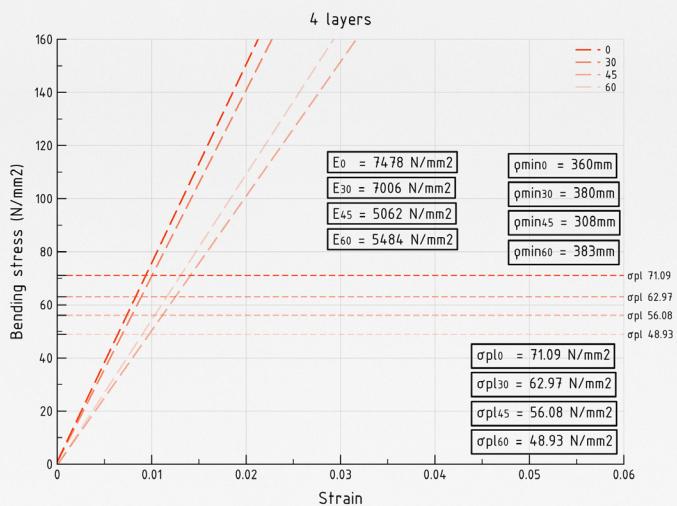
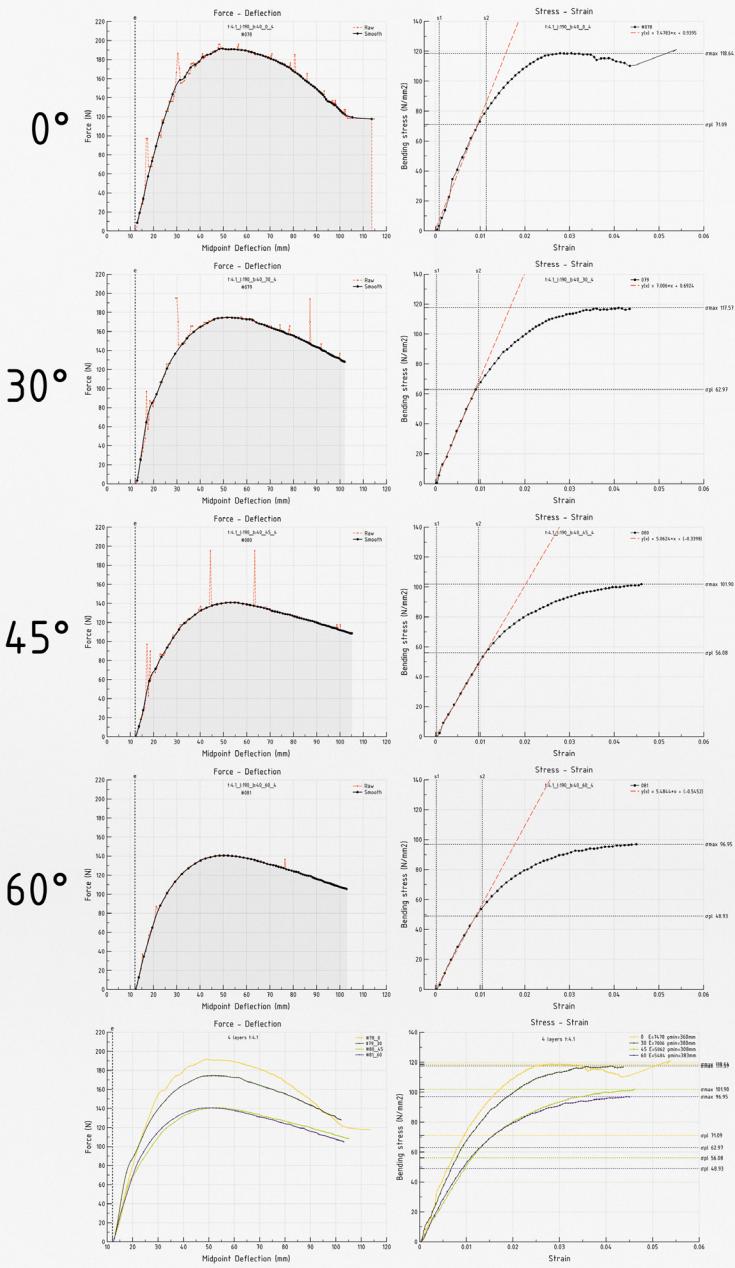
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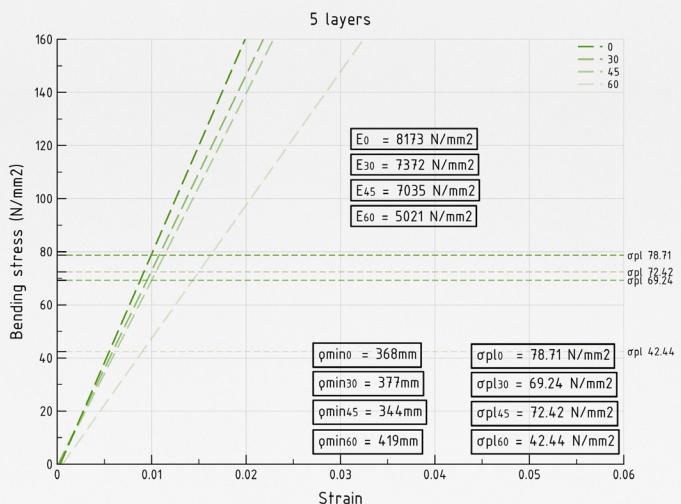
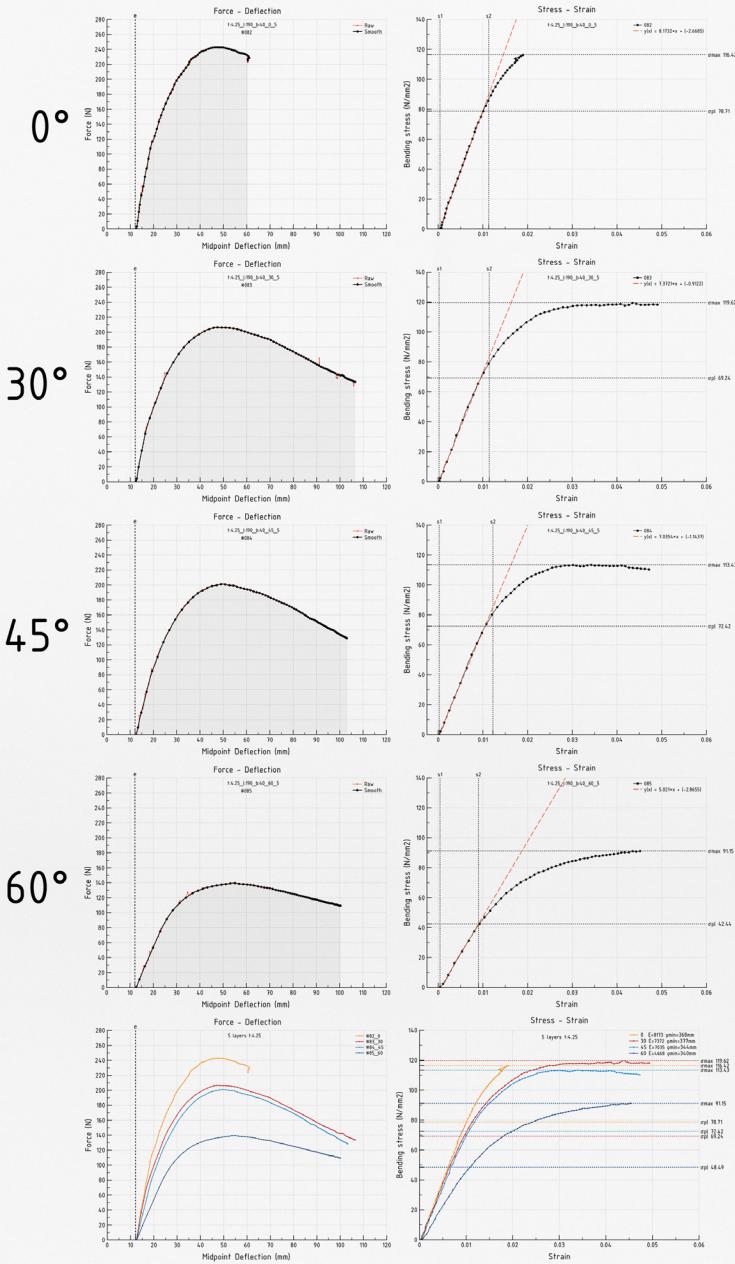
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thickness:3.95mm, length:190mm, width: 40mm, active length~150mm



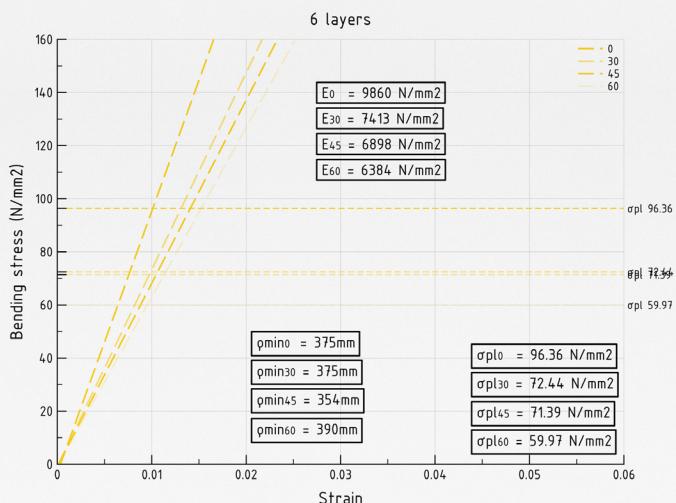
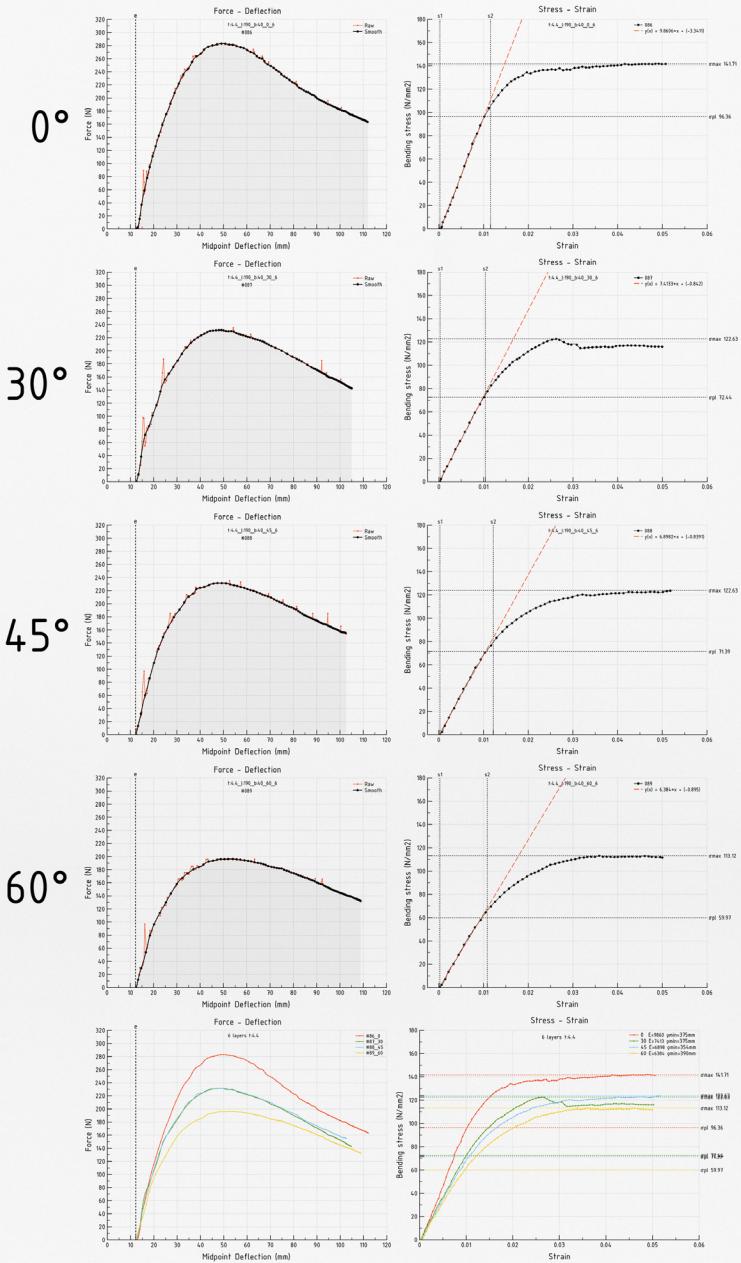
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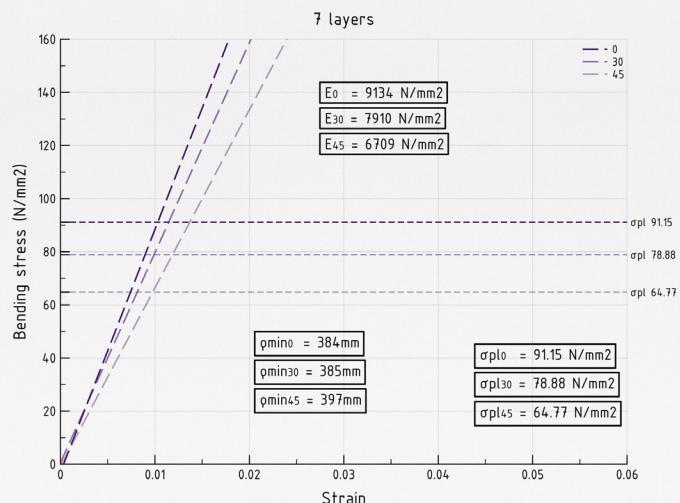
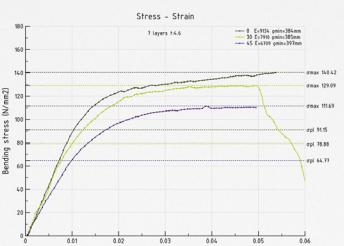
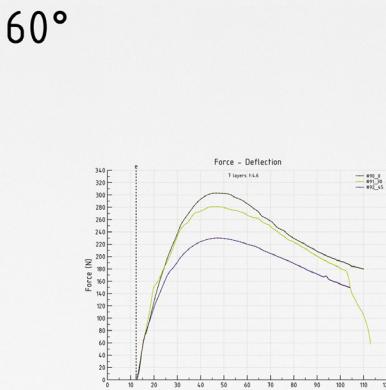
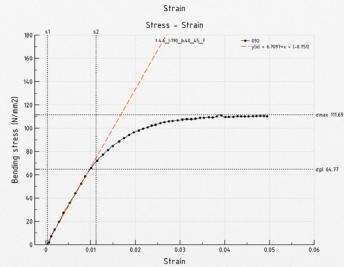
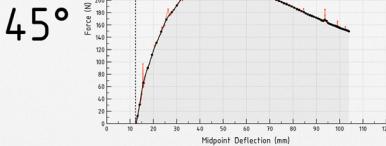
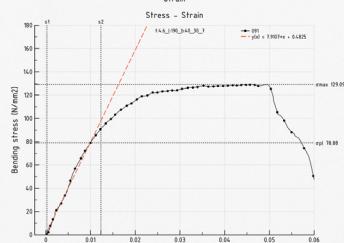
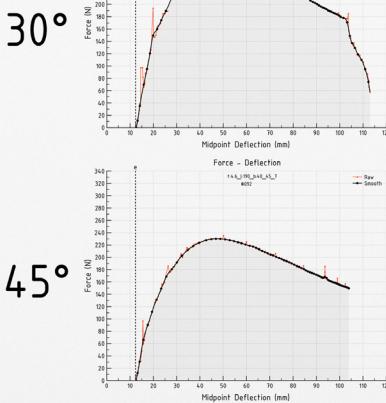
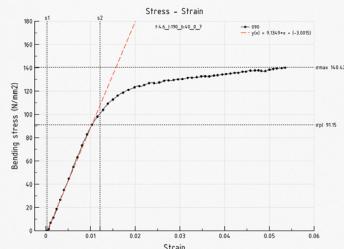
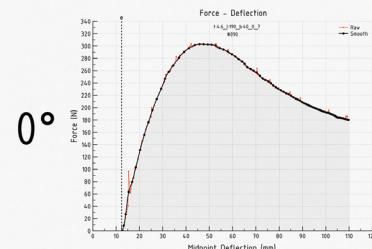
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Composite plywood 3mm endface 90° | 6 layer fiberglass 0°, 30°, 45° and 60° (1 sample per angle layout)
 thickness: 4.40mm, length: 190mm, width: 40mm, active length ~150mm



Composite plywood 3mm endface 90° | 7 layer fiberglass 0°, 30°, 45° and 60° (1 sample per angle layout)
 thickness: 4.60mm, length: 190mm, width: 40mm, active length ~150mm



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