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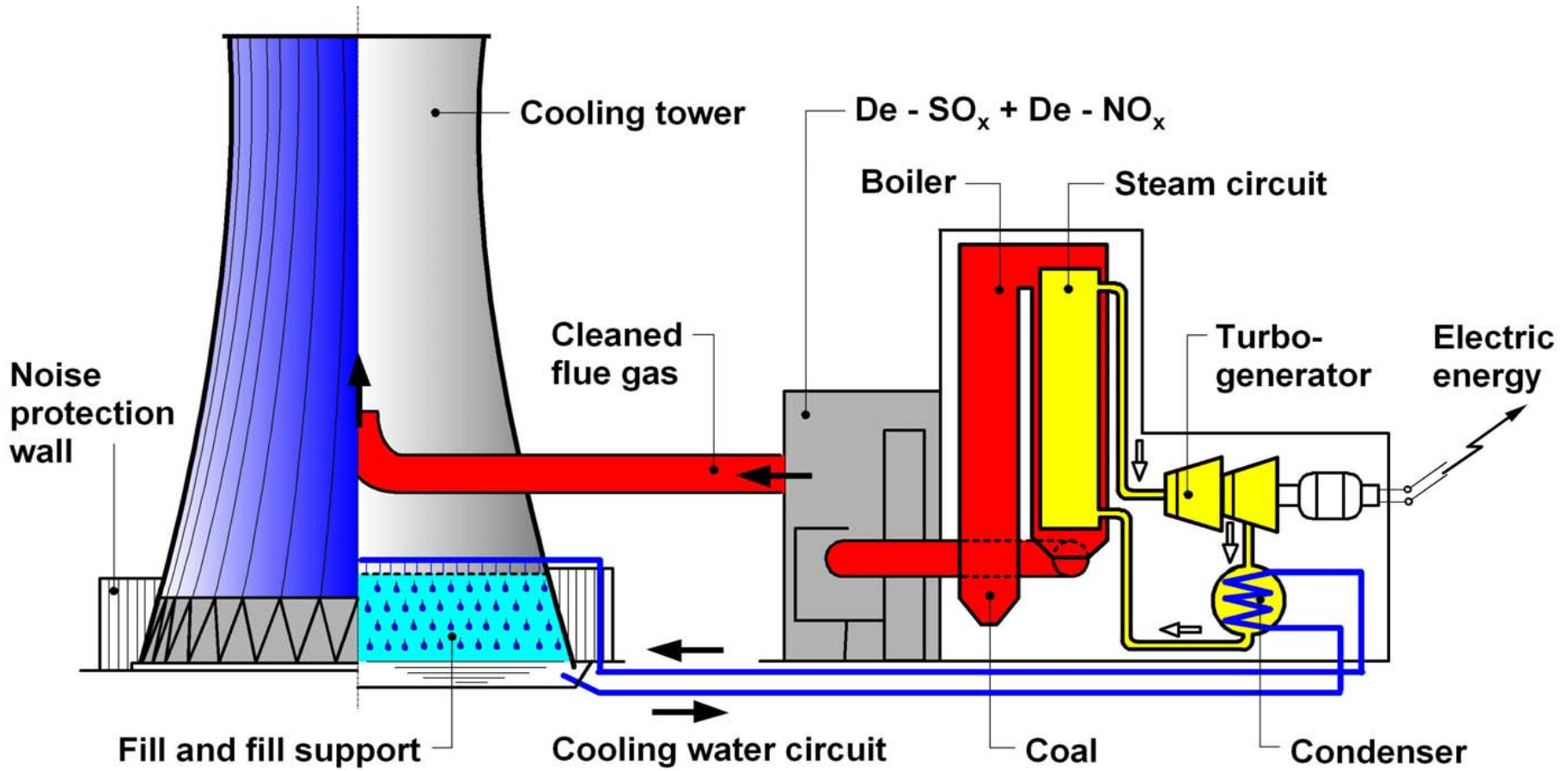


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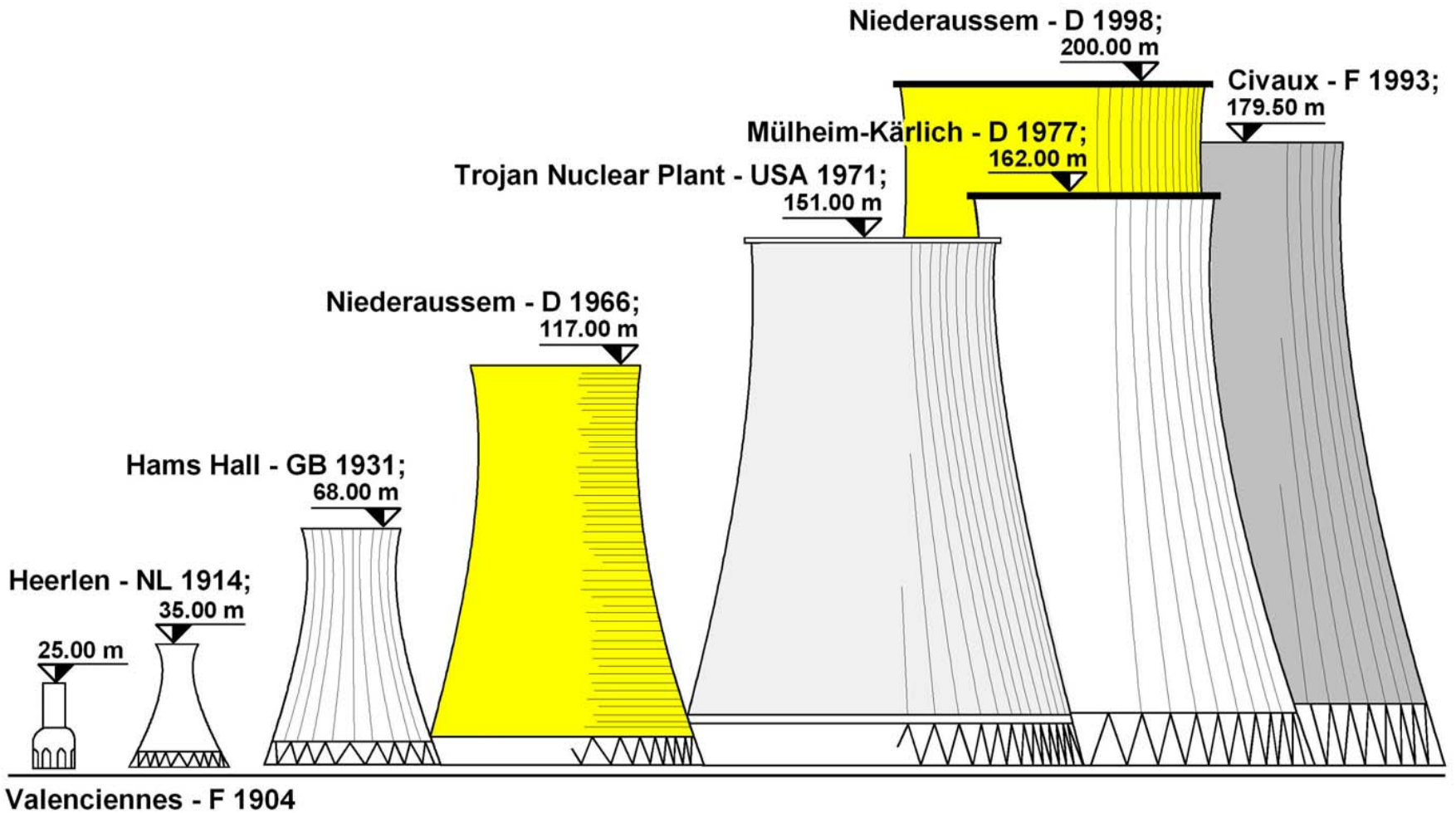
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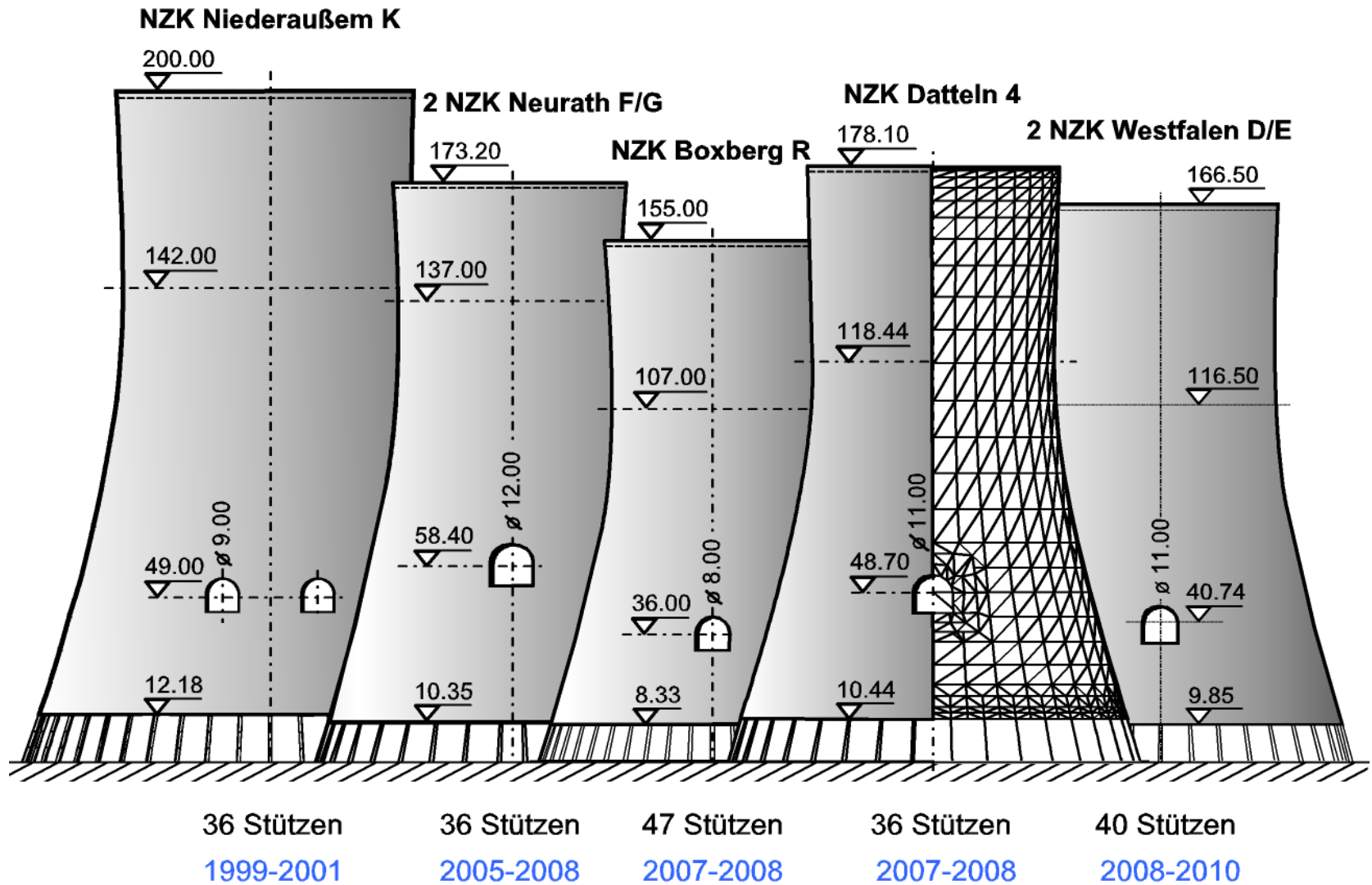


Thermal power plant with cleaned flue gas injection

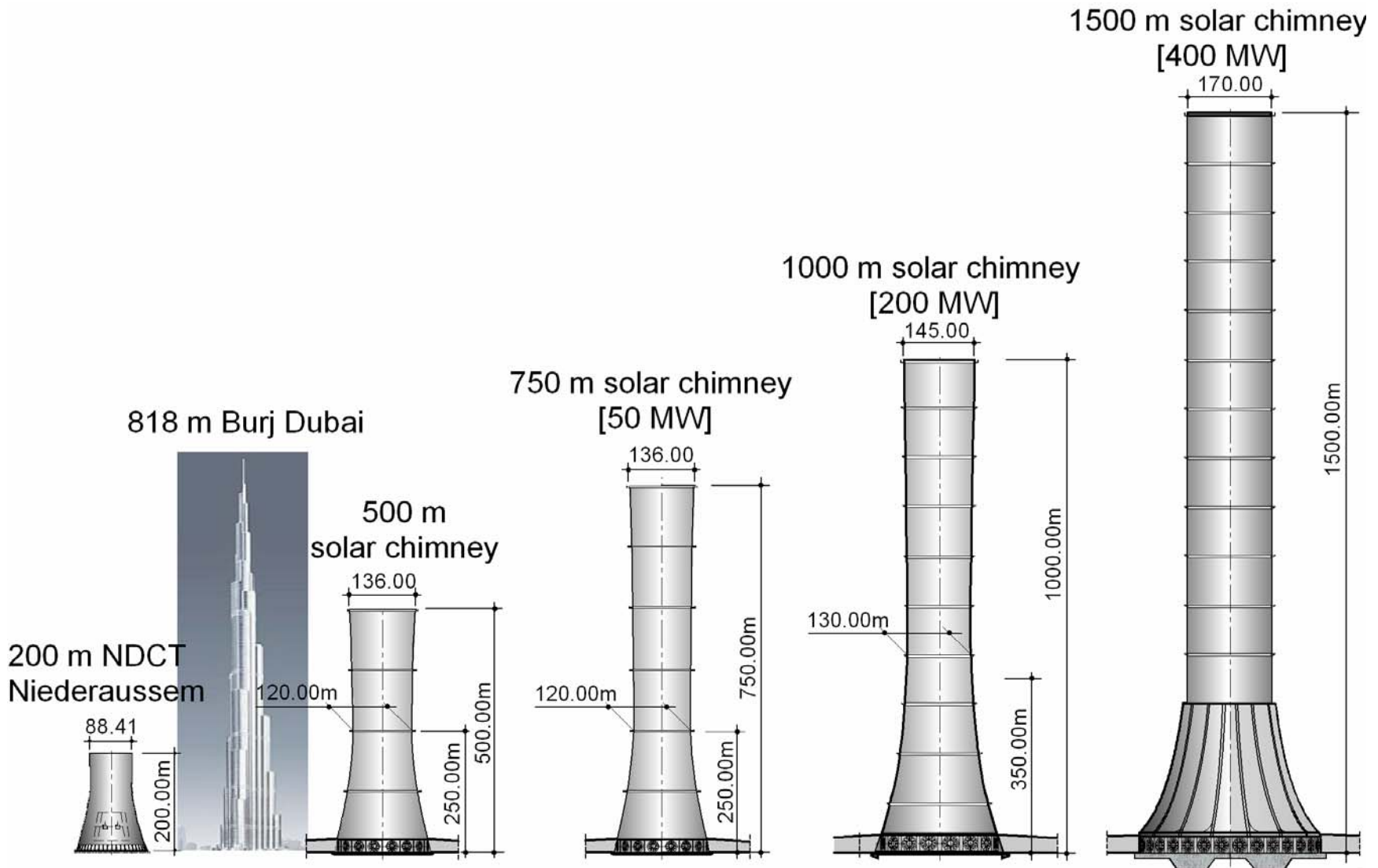


Development of natural draft cooling towers

Actual cooling tower projects made of high-performance concrete in Germany



From natural draft cooling towers to solar chimneys



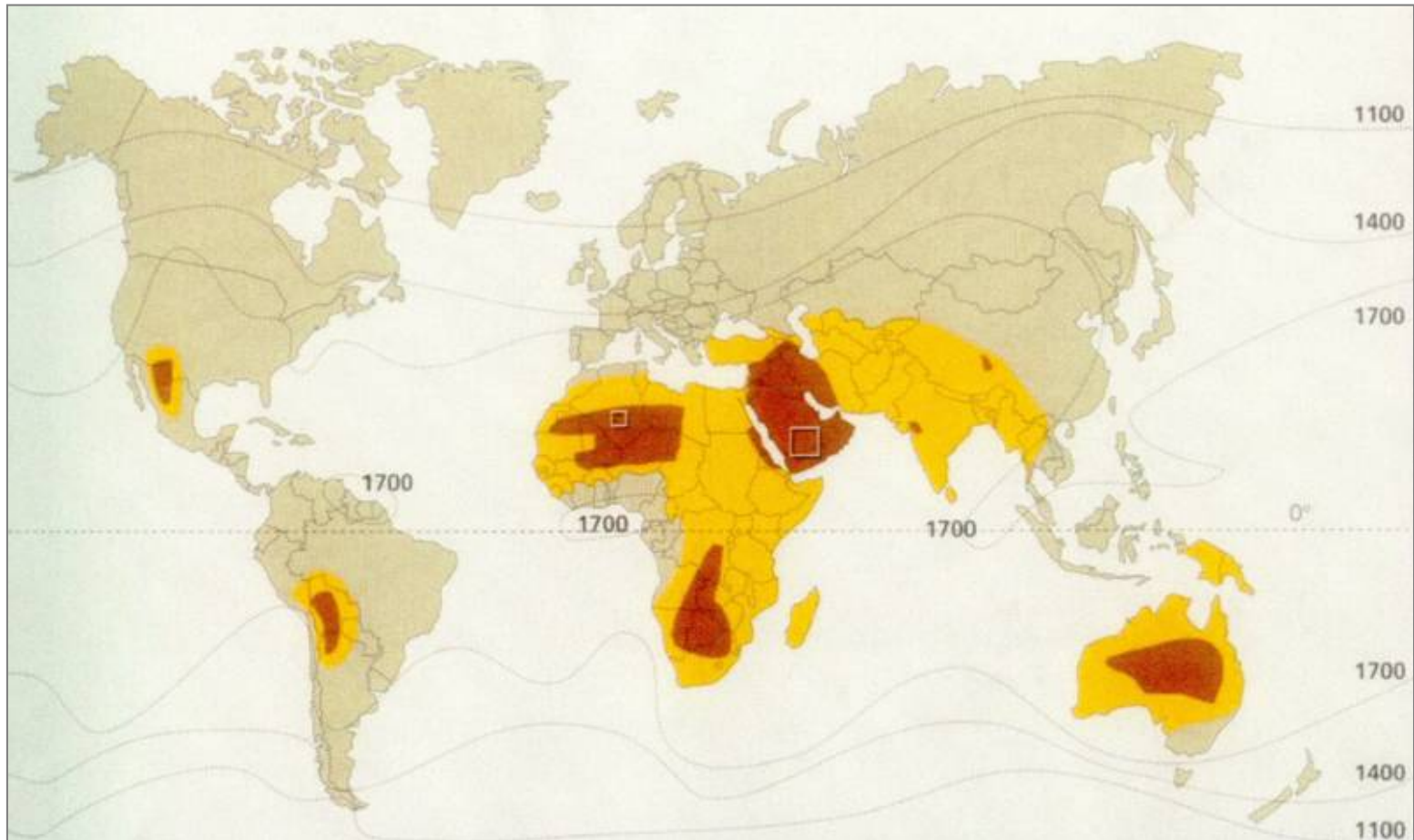
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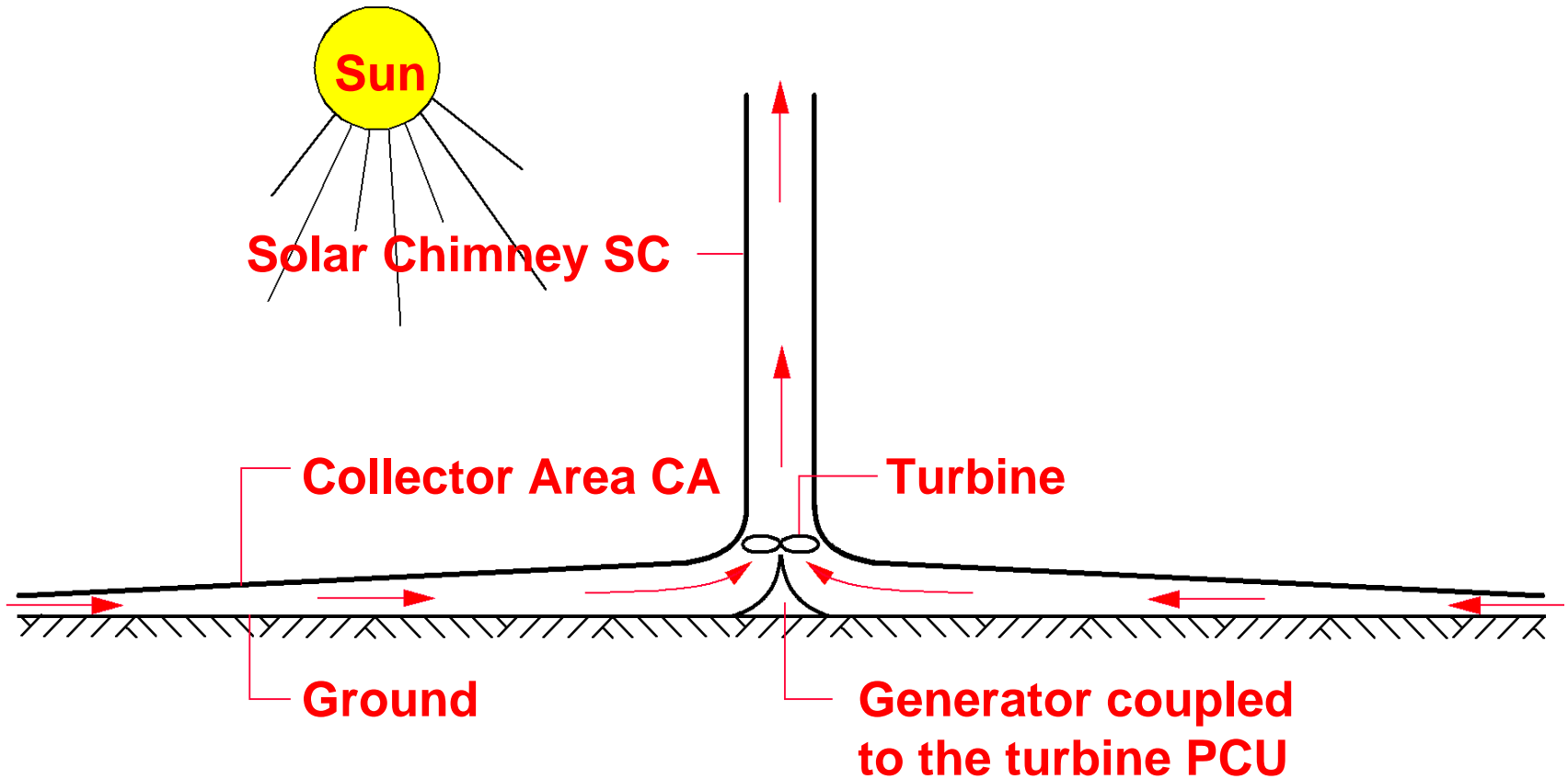
Annual global solar radiation (kWh / m²)

- Yellow areas – more than 1950 kWh / m²
- Red areas – more than 2200 kWh / m²



Schematic solar chimney power plant

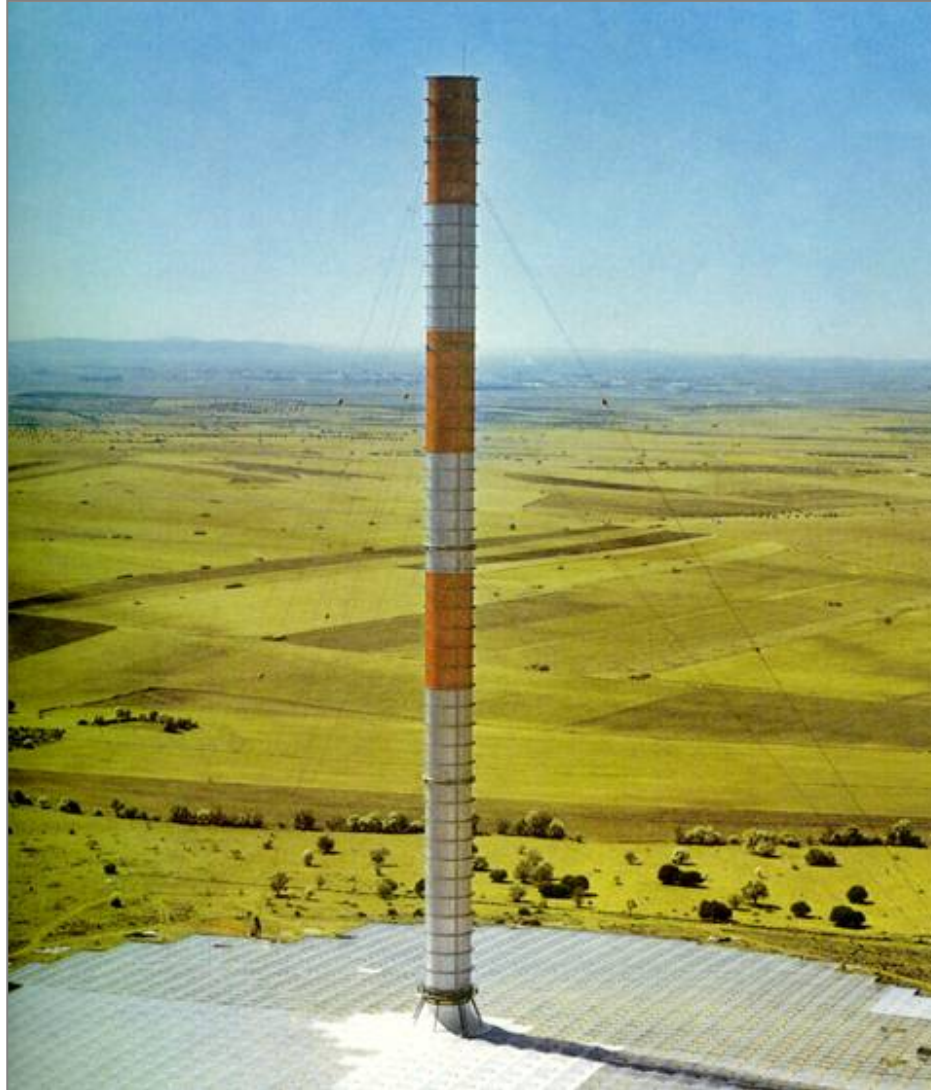
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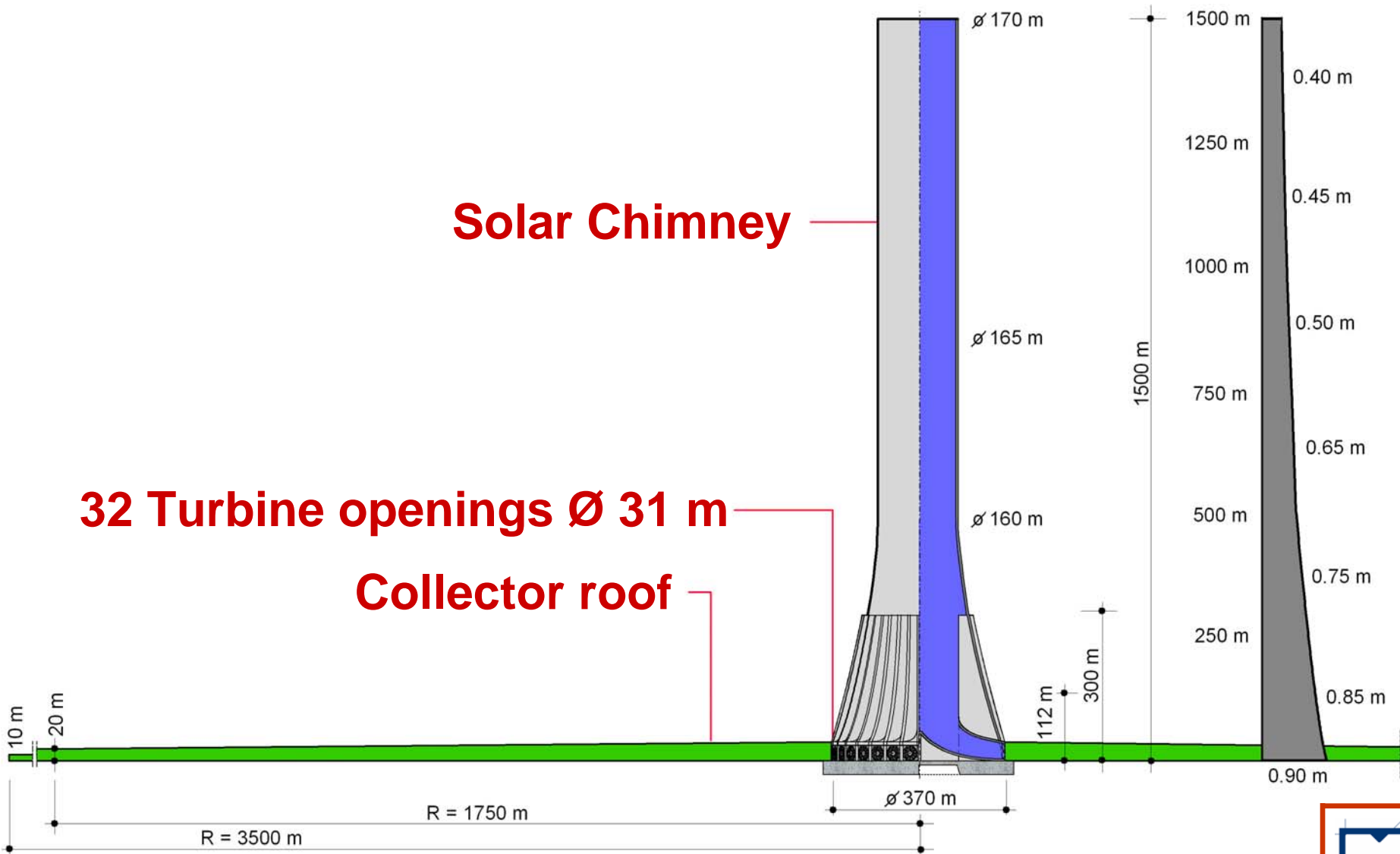
Prototype solar chimney power plant

Manzanares, Spain (1982), prototype project Prof. J. Schlaich

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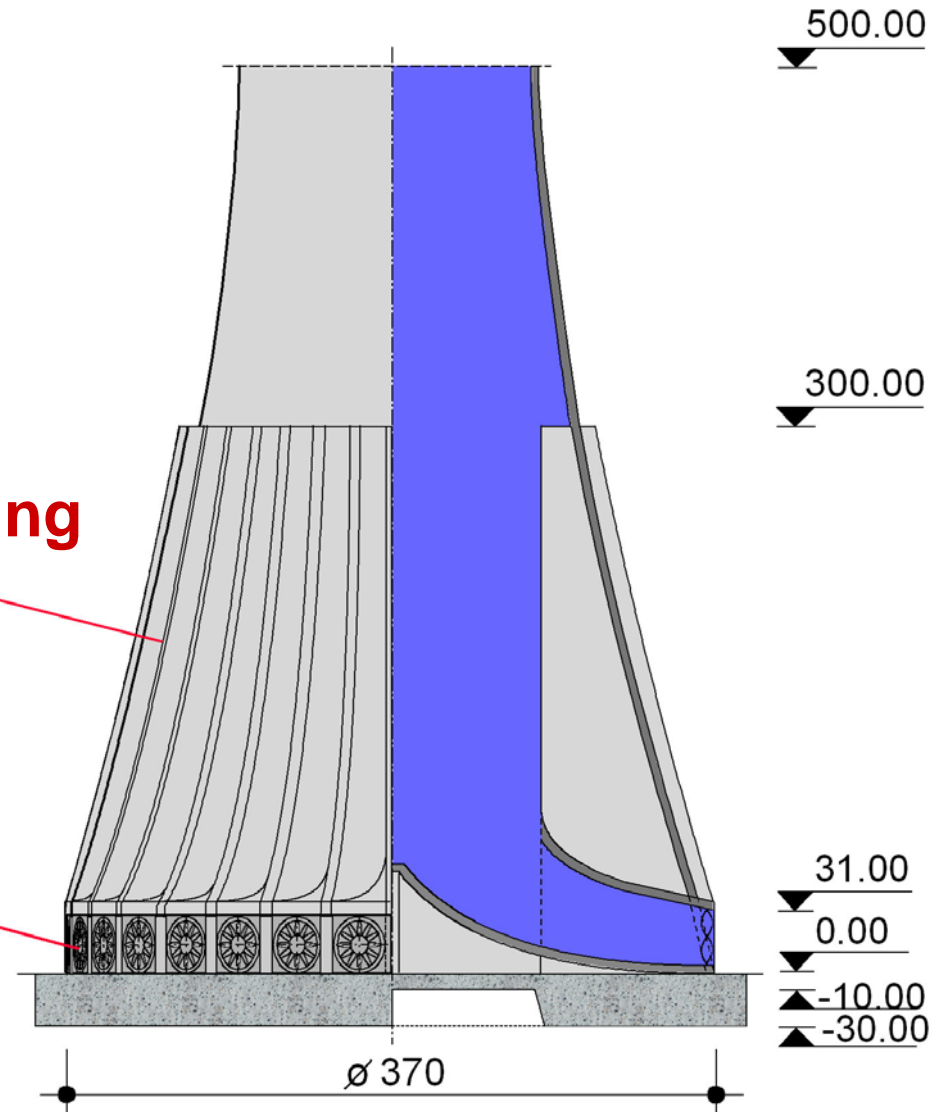
Natural Hazard Resistant Design of the Green Tower



GreenTower Project Namibia: Tower foot alternative

**32 Additional Stiffening
Walls d = 2.0m**

**32 Turbines
Ø 31 m**



Artist's view of large solar chimney power plant



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Short Executive Summary June 2007

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Collapses of natural draft cooling towers of more than 100 m of height

- 1965 Ferrybridge GB, 01.11.**
- 1973 Ardeer GB, 27.09.**
- 1978 Willow Islands USA, 27.04
46 casualties**
- 1979 Bouchain F, 30.08.**
- 1981 Mississippi USA,**
- 1984 Fiddler 's Ferry GB, 15.01.**

**1984 Worldwide \approx 160 cooling towers of more than 100 m of height;
Lost in 19 years: 8 towers \approx 5%.**

NDCT Goesgen: Aerial view



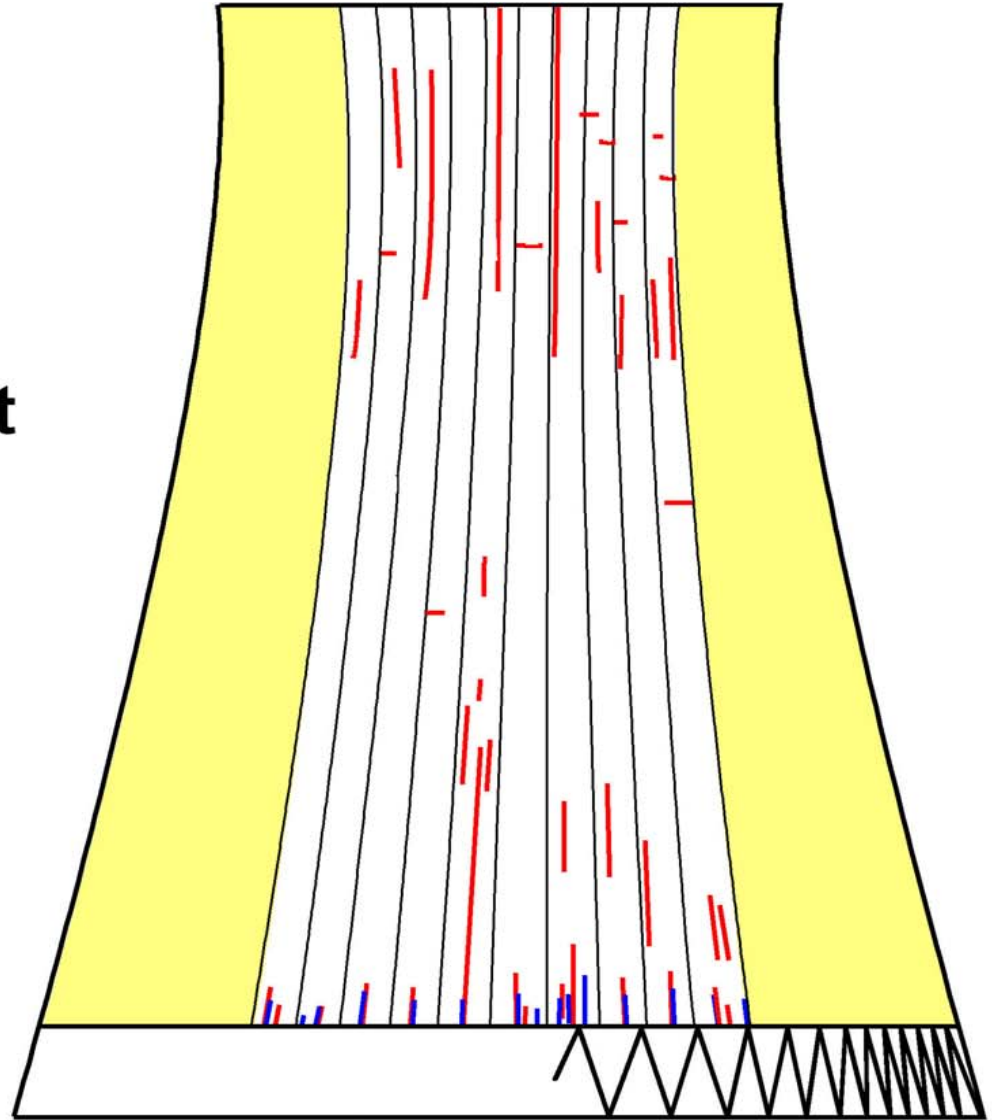
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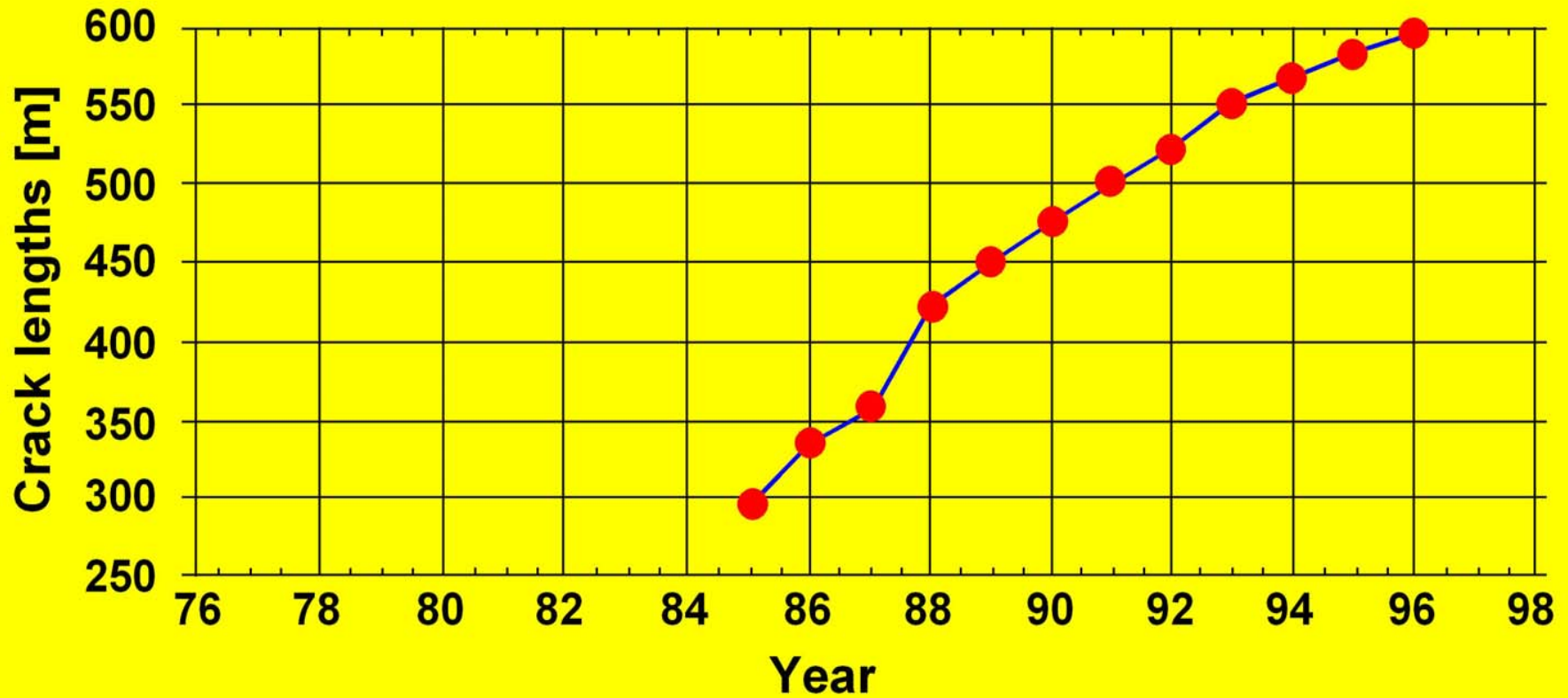
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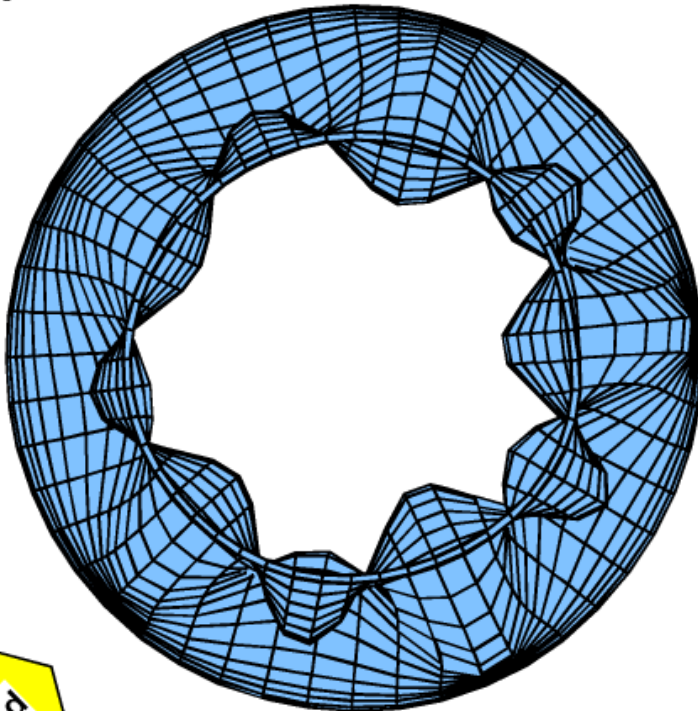
Monitored cracks of a cooling tower segment



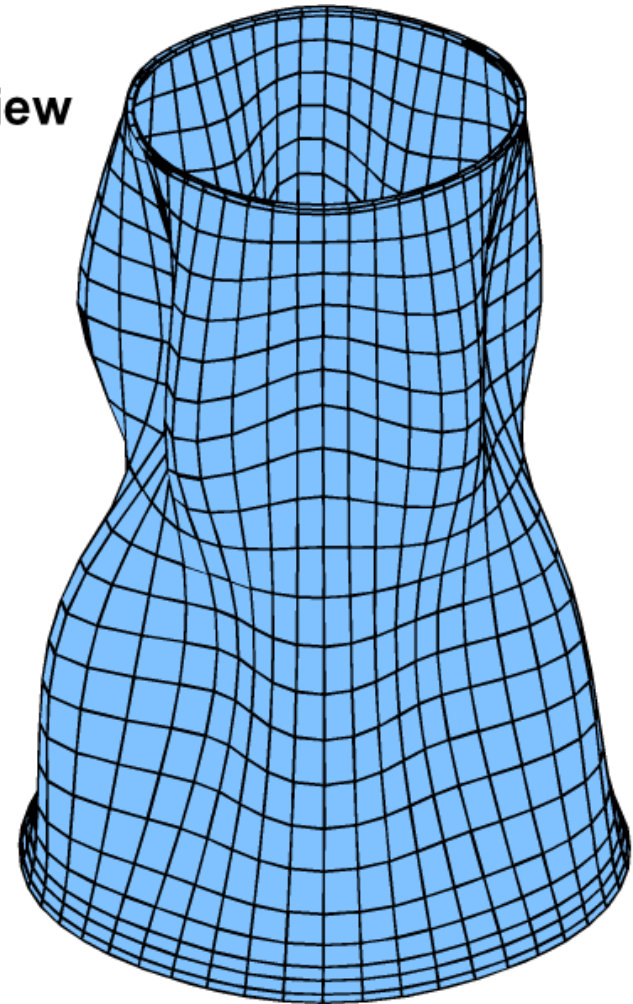


**Crack growth:
Accumulated lengths of monitored cracks**

Top View



Side View



**Pre-design NDCT Niederaussem:
First eigenmode of virgin tower**



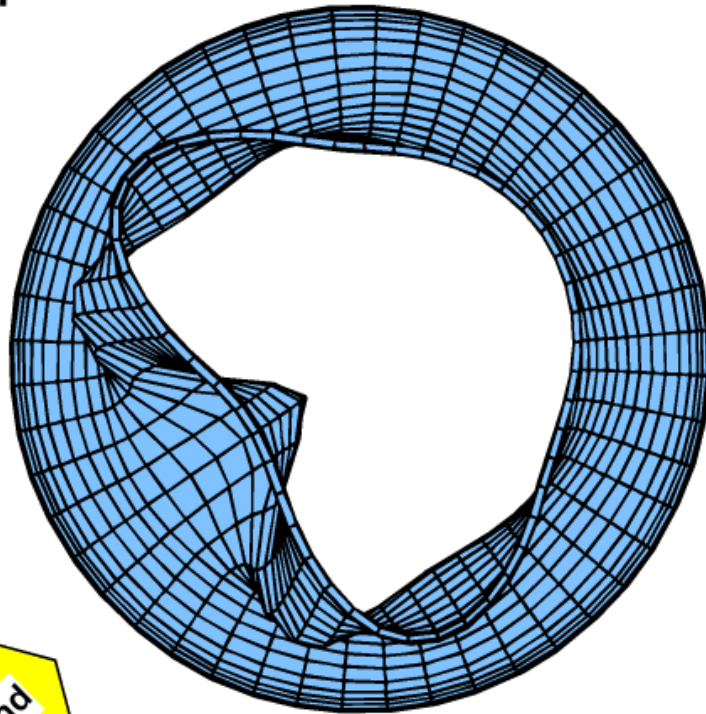
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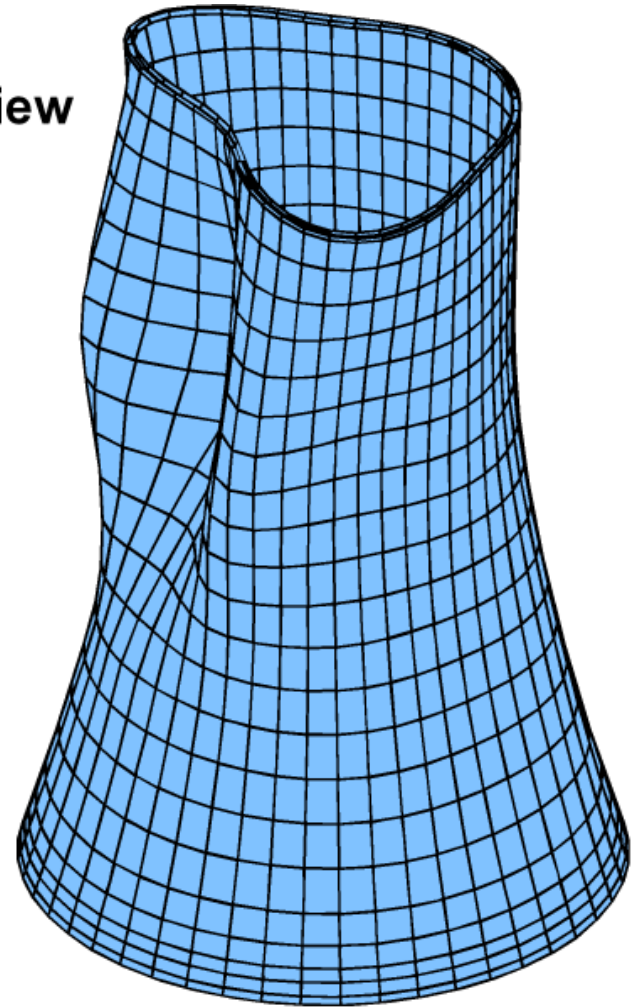
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Top View



Side View



Pre-design NDCT Niederaussem:
First eigenmode at $D + 1.4W$

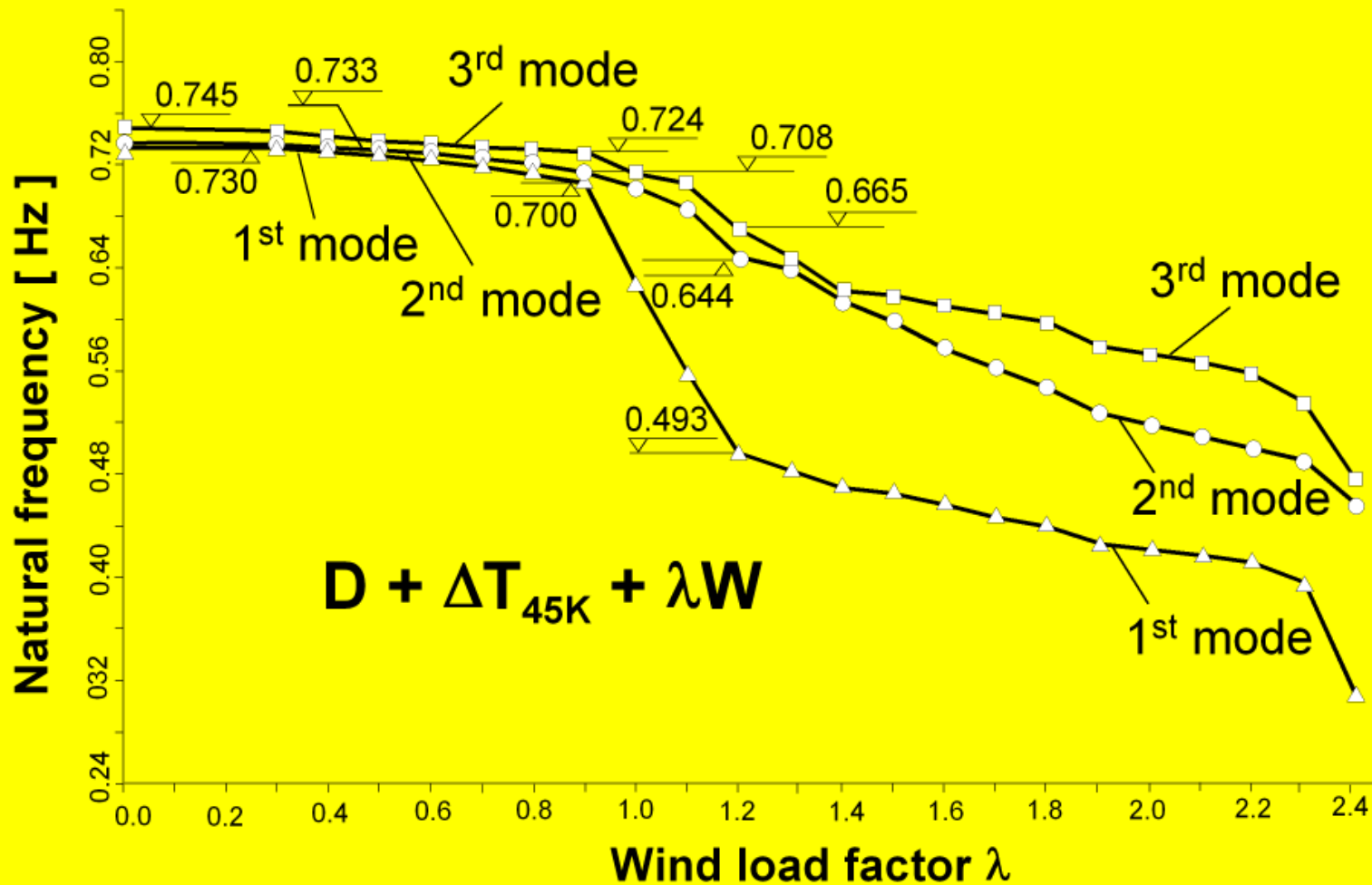


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Wind load factor versus natural frequencies



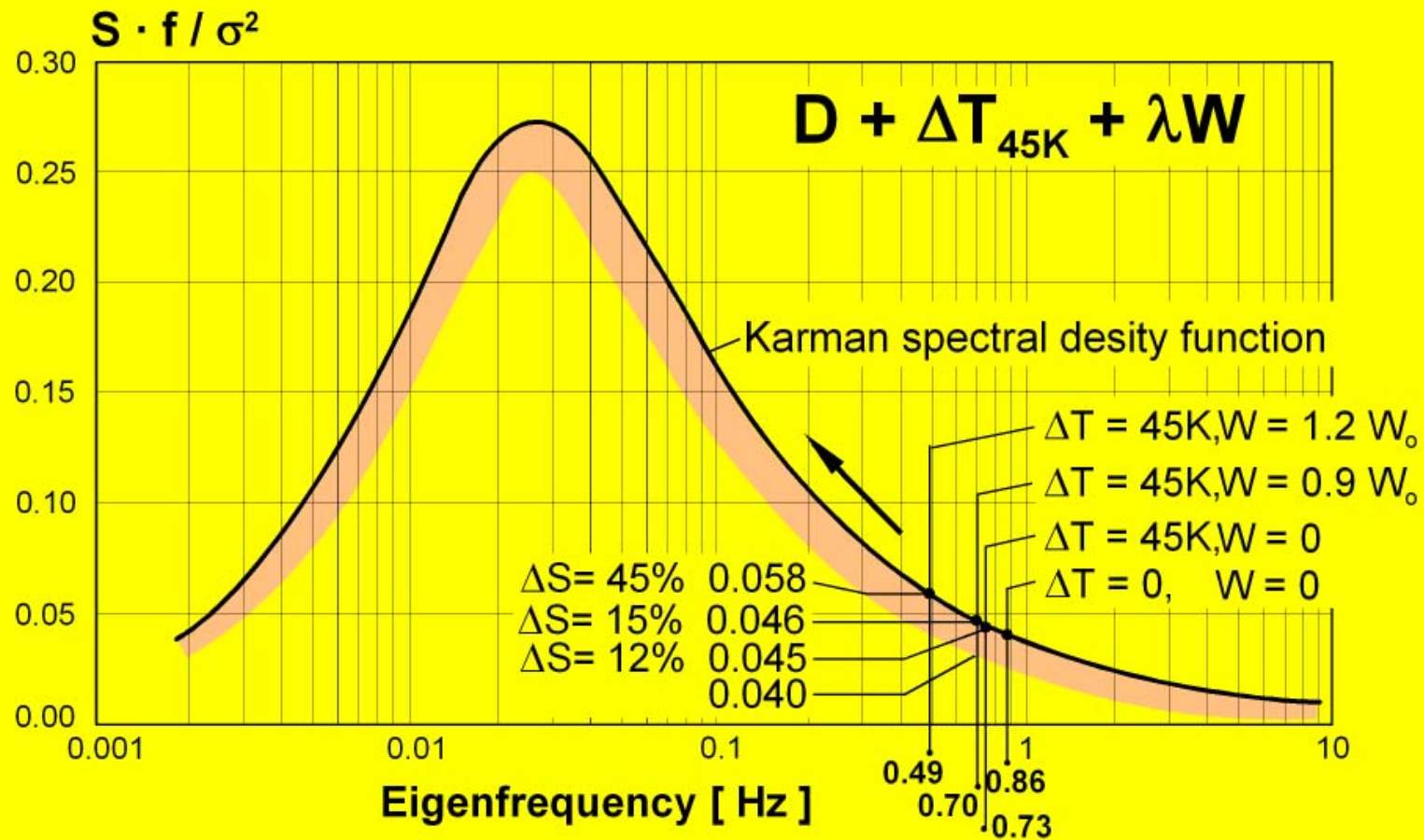
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Plane and open ground, WZ II Germany: $v_m = 40.0$ m/s, $z = 100.0$ m, $L_{ux} = 225.0$ m



Increase of Wind-Dynamics due to Cracking



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New challenges for cooling tower shells:

- Height of 200 m for environmental reasons
- High-performance concrete ARHPC 85/35
- Detailed shape optimization
- Design for durability
- Lifetime design for ~ 55 years



**NDCT Niederaussem:
Computervision of
new power station
with existing blocks**



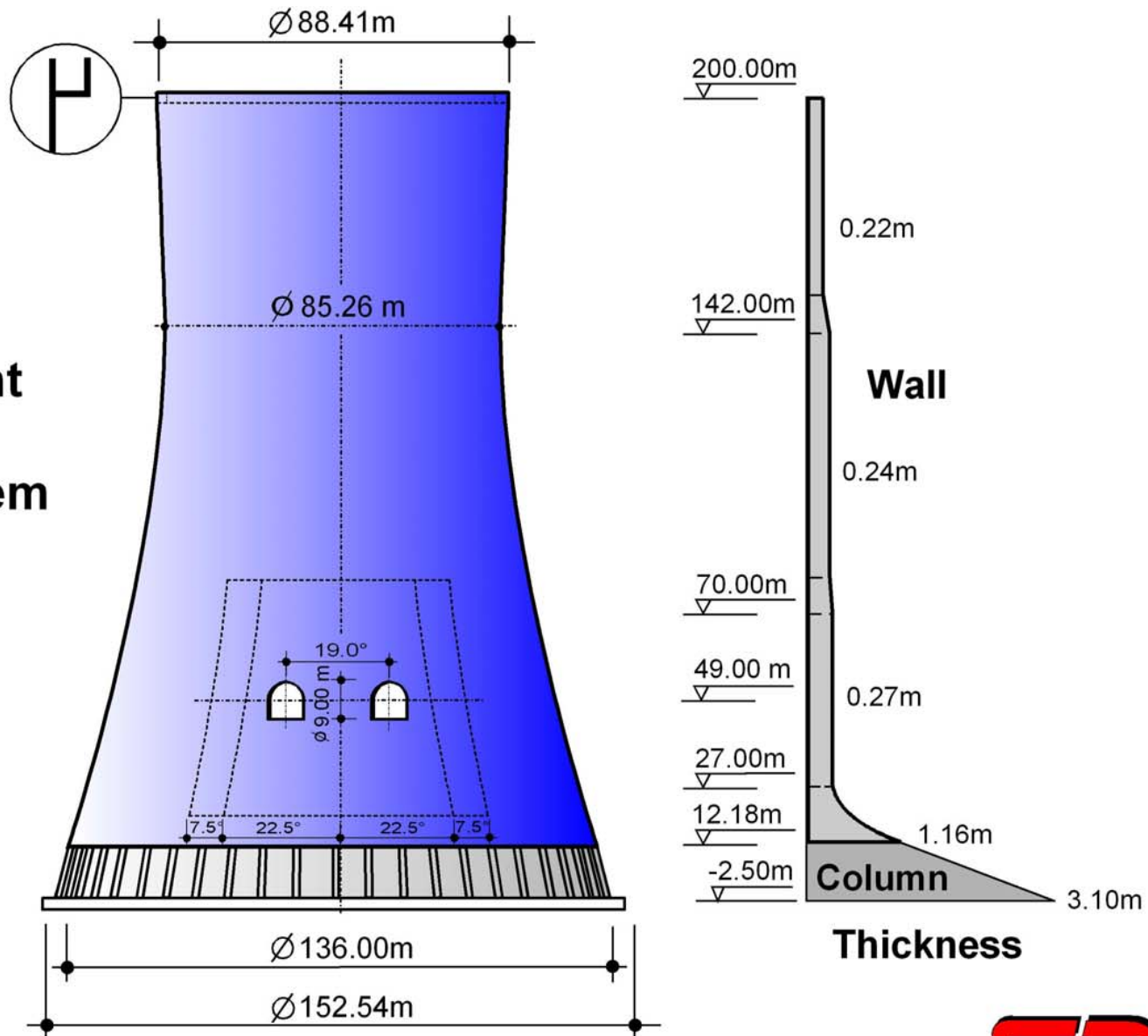
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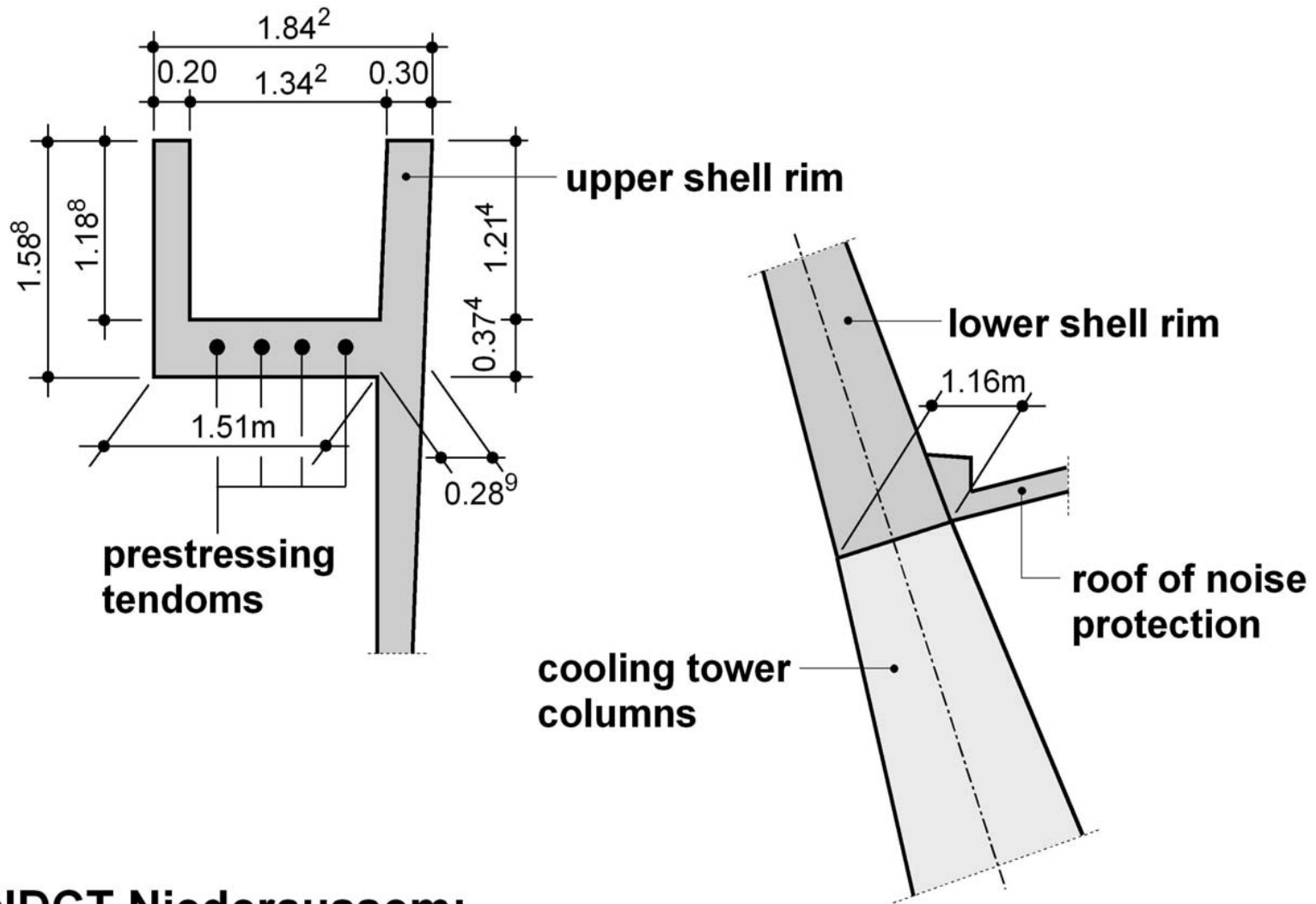
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Natural draught cooling tower at Niederaussem Power Station (Execution)





NDCT Niederaussem: Geometry of both edge members

Geometry

Shell

$$r = r_0 + \frac{a}{b} \sqrt{b^2 + (H_T - z)^2}$$

Lower shell:

$$\begin{aligned} r_0 &= -7.2435 \text{ m} \\ a &= 49.8735 \text{ m} \\ b &= 114.9326 \text{ m} \\ H_T &= 142.00 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

Upper shell:

$$\begin{aligned} r_0 &= 42.3703 \text{ m} \\ a &= 0.2597 \text{ m} \\ b &= 8.2940 \text{ m} \\ H_T &= 142.00 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

Columns

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= 72.0^\circ \\ H_o &= 12.18 \text{ m} \\ H_u &= -2.50 \text{ m} \\ W_o \cdot D &= 1.16 \cdot 1.40 \text{ m} \\ W_u \cdot D &= 3.10 \cdot 1.40 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

Steel: BSt 500 S

$$\begin{aligned} E_s &= 2.1 \cdot 10^8 \text{ kN/m}^2 \\ f_{ym} &= 5.0 \cdot 10^5 \text{ kN/m}^2 \\ f_{tm} &= 5.5 \cdot 10^5 \text{ kN/m}^2 \\ \varepsilon_{sh} &= 0.02 \\ \varepsilon_{su} &= 0.01 \end{aligned}$$

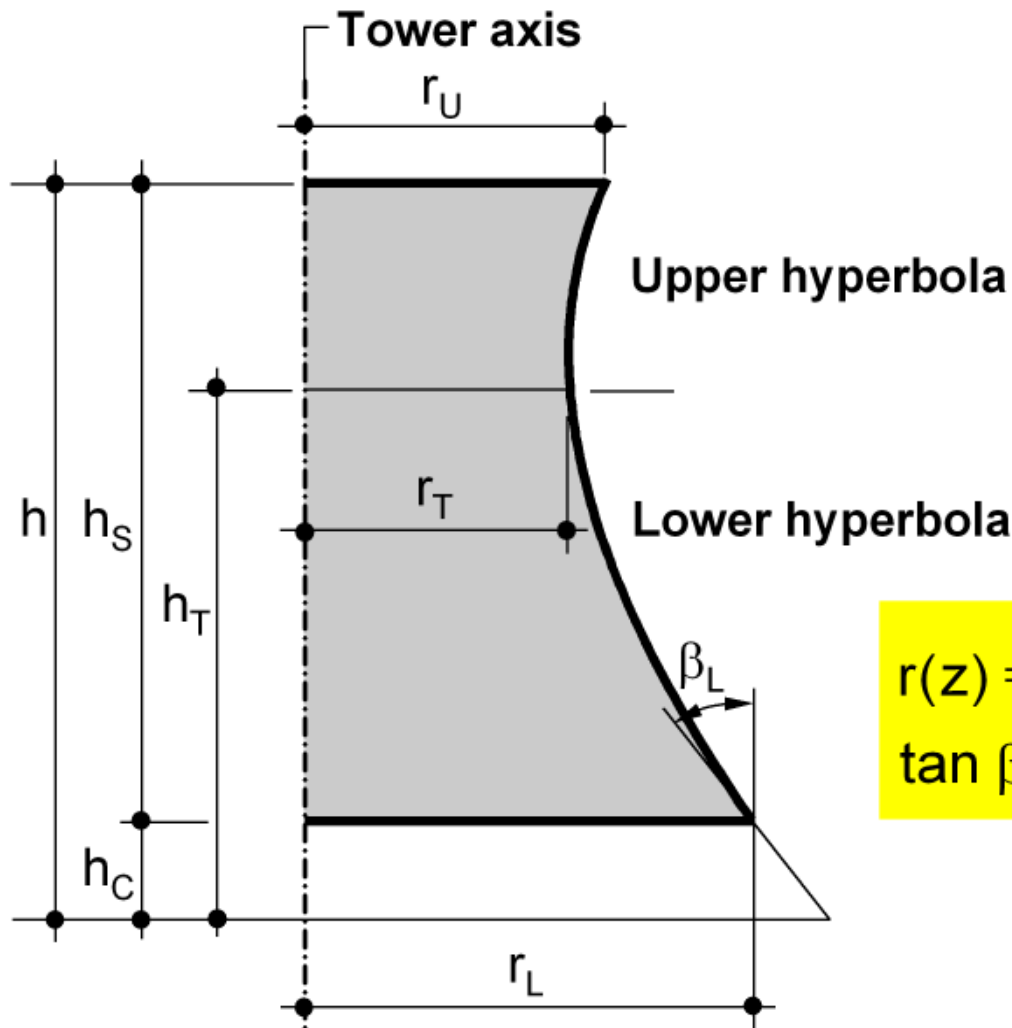
Material

Concrete: C 85/35

$$\begin{aligned} E_c &= 4.04 \cdot 10^7 \text{ kN/m}^2 \\ \nu &= 0.20 \\ f_{cm} &= 8.20 \cdot 10^4 \text{ kN/m}^2 \\ f_{ctm} &= 2.88 \cdot 10^3 \text{ kN/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

NDCT Niederaussem:

Geometry and material data of cooling tower (ARHPC 85/35)



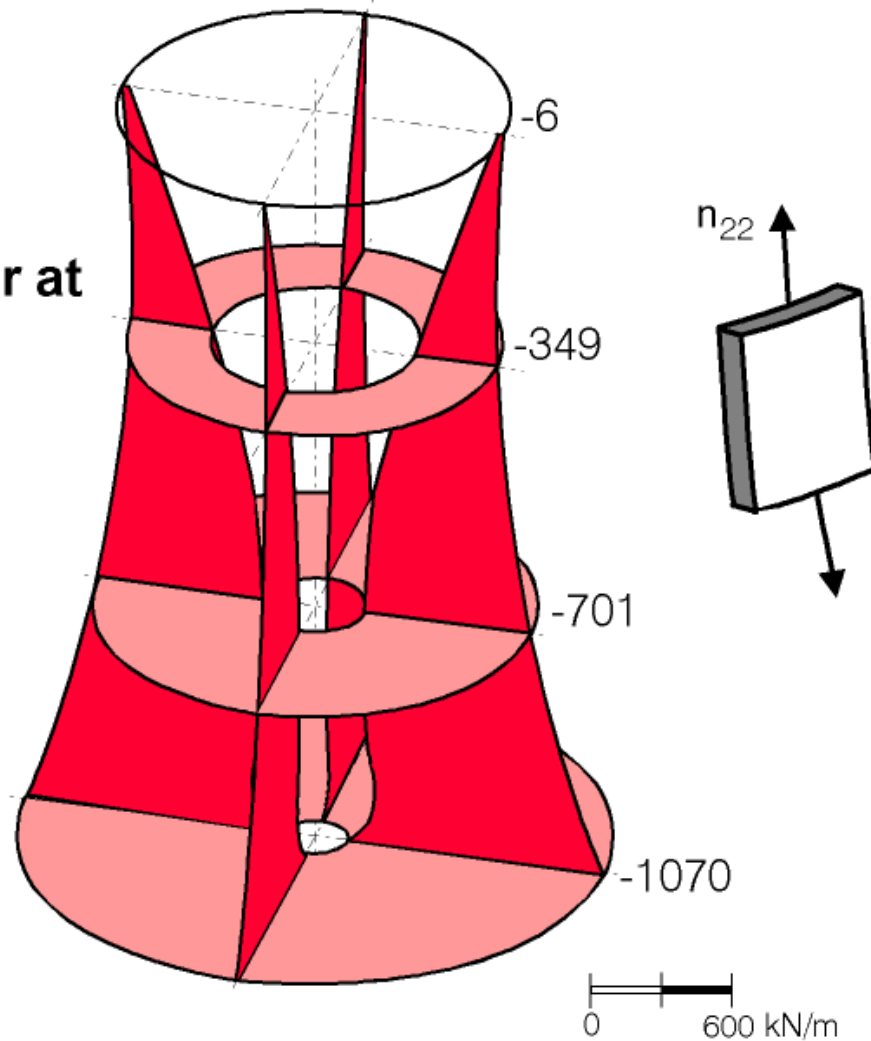
$$r(z) = r_o + a \sqrt{1 + (h_T - z)^2 / b^2}$$

$$\tan \beta_L \geq (r_L - r_T) / (h_T - h_C)$$

NDCT Niederaussem:
Basic dimensions for tower shape optimization

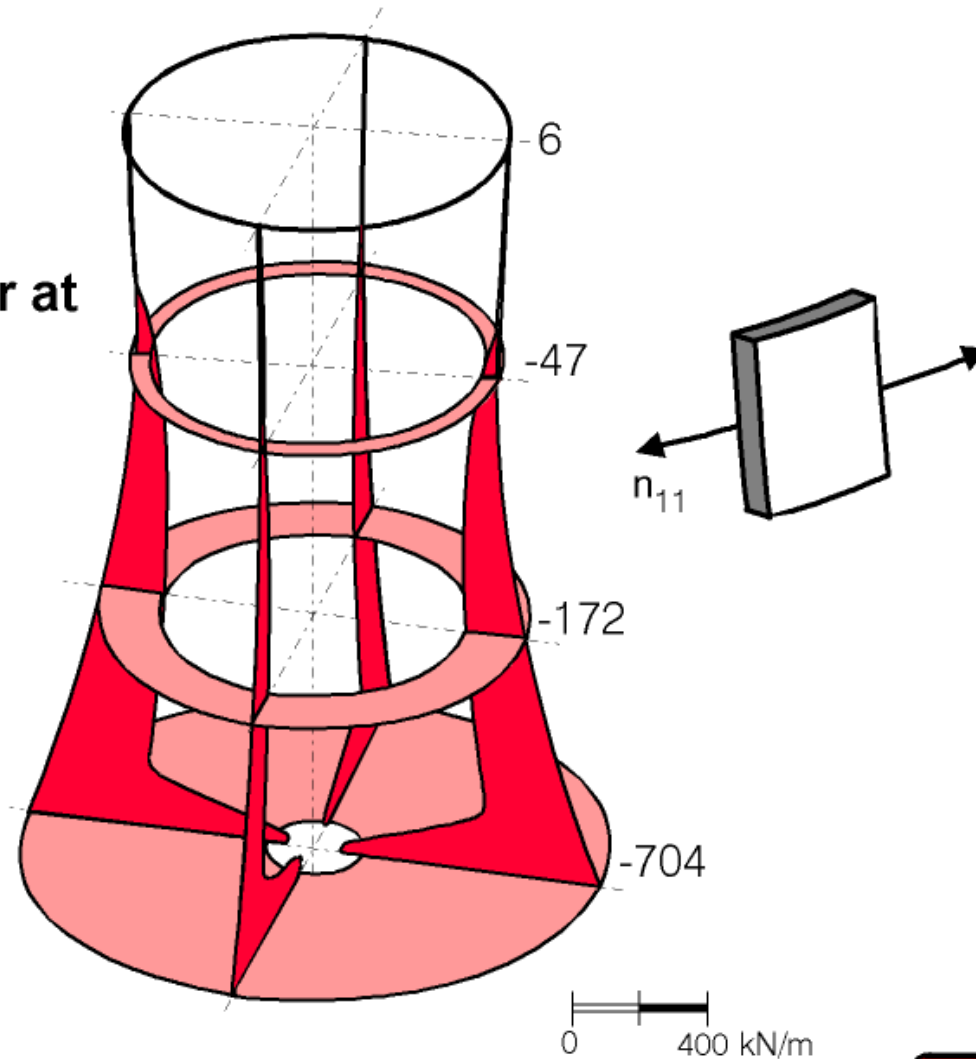
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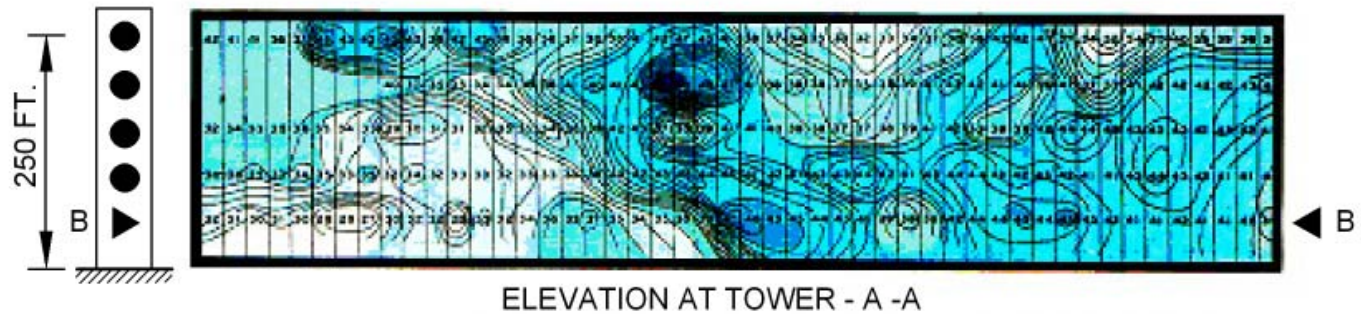
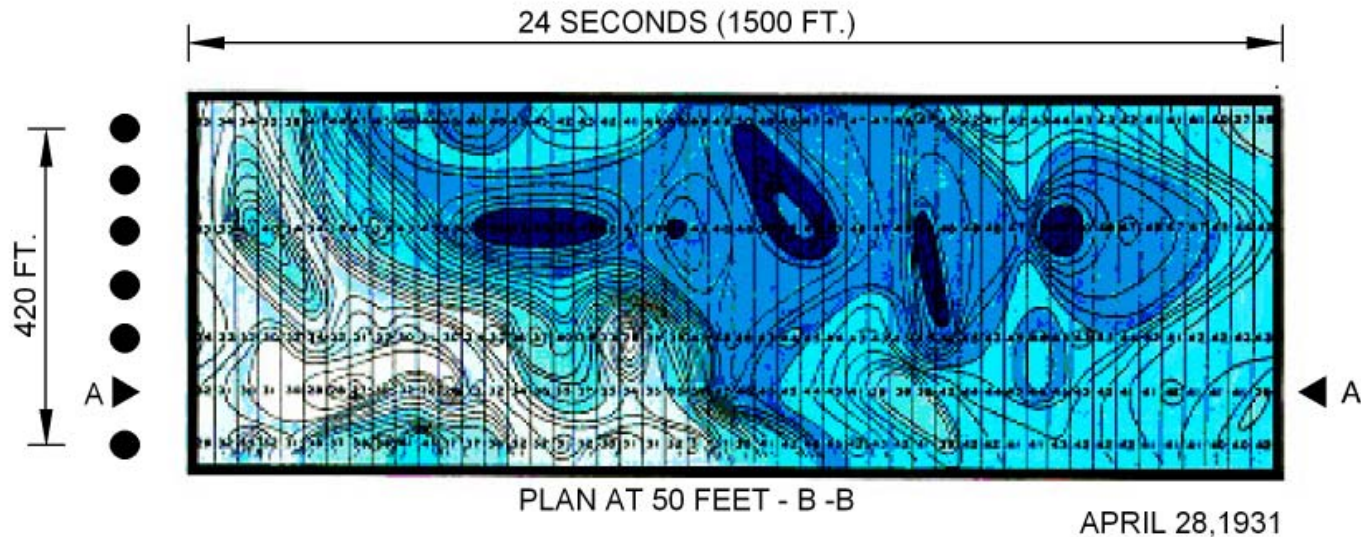
200 m Cooling Tower at
KW Niederaussem



Circumferential Forces n_{11g} under Deadweight

200 m Cooling Tower at
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24 Seconds of a storm profile
 (R.H. Sherlock, M.B. Stout: J. Aer. Sc. 5(1937), 53 - 61)



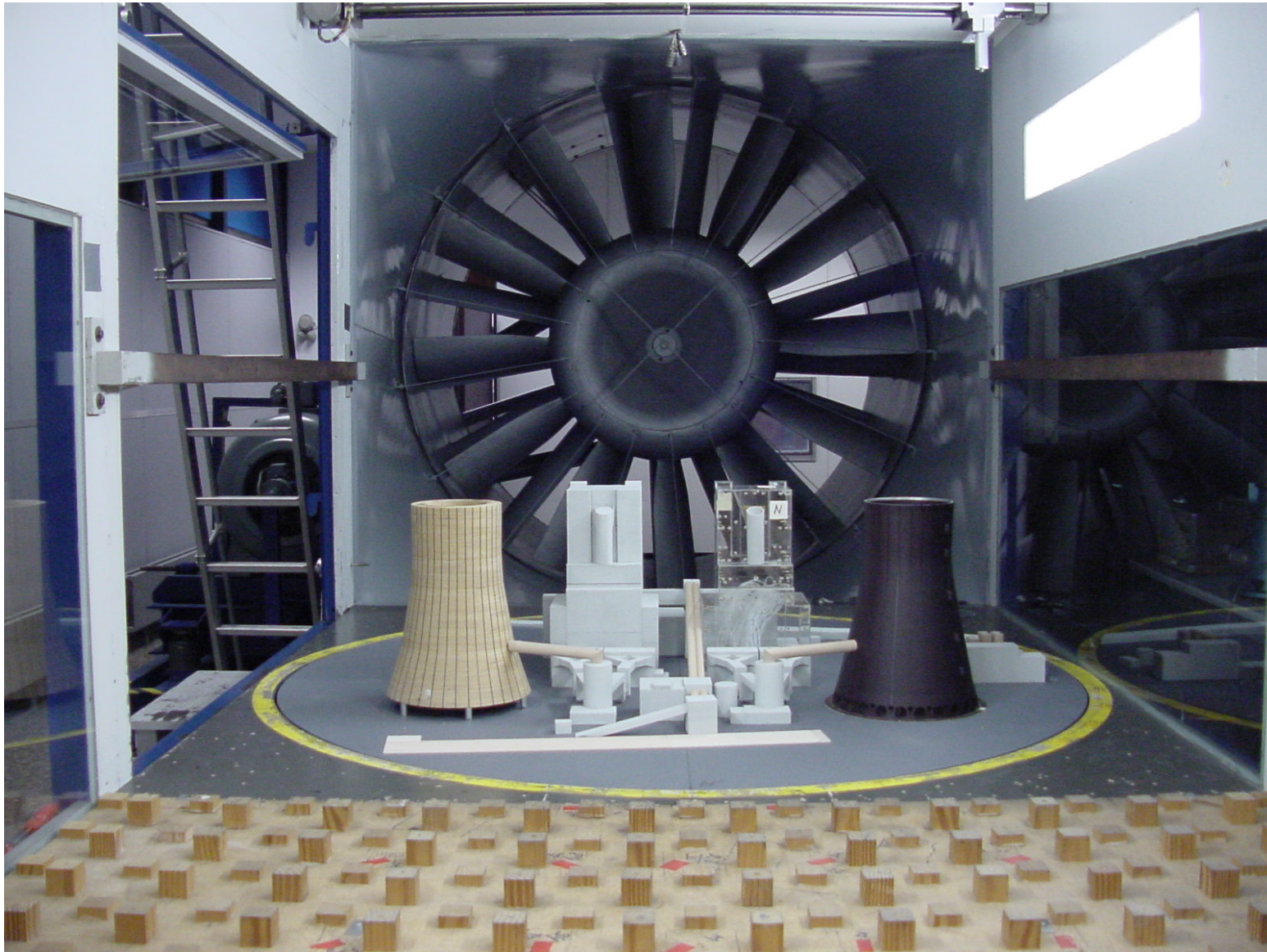
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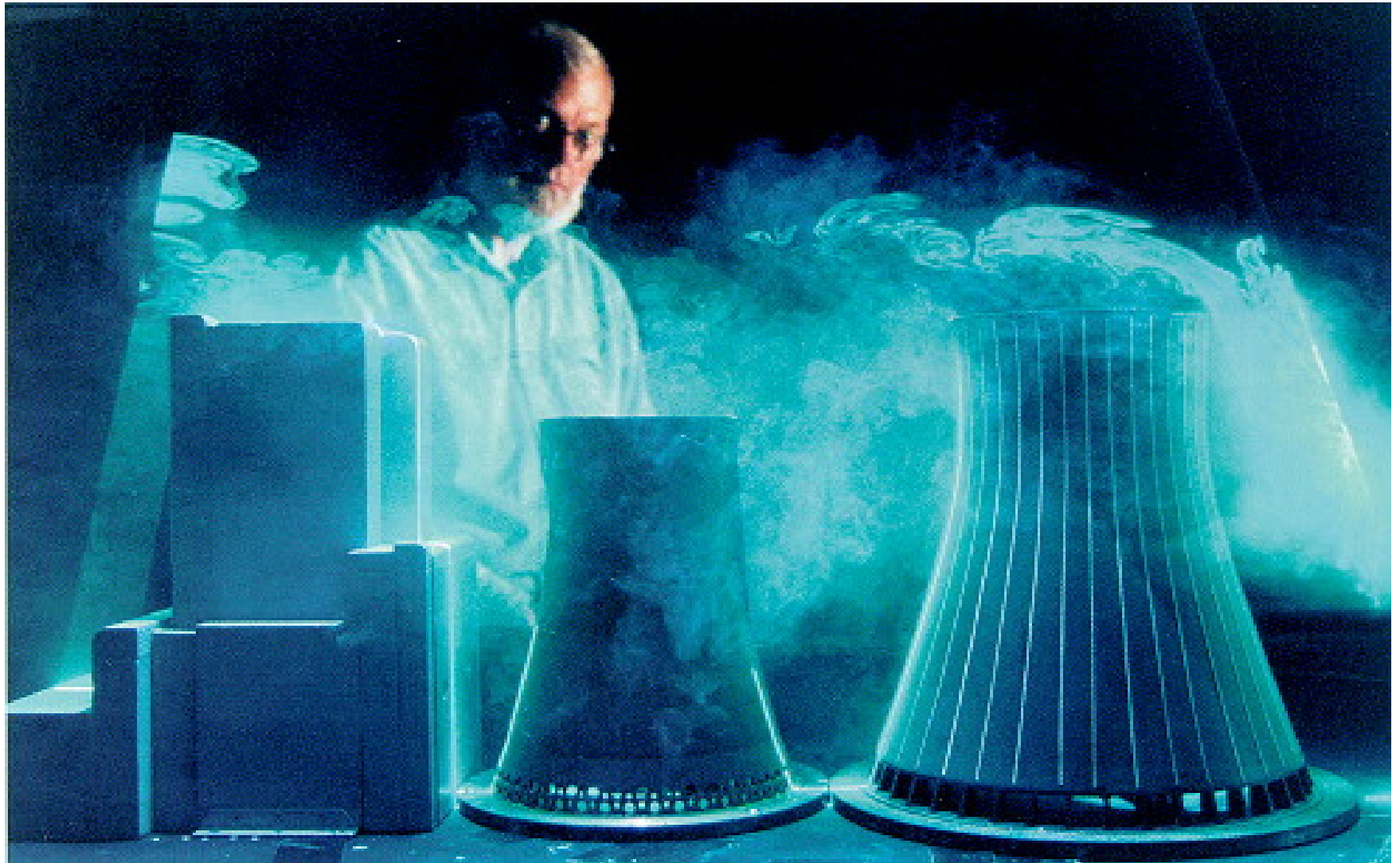
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Lignite power station Neurath in boundary wind tunnel



Gust modeling in the wind tunnel

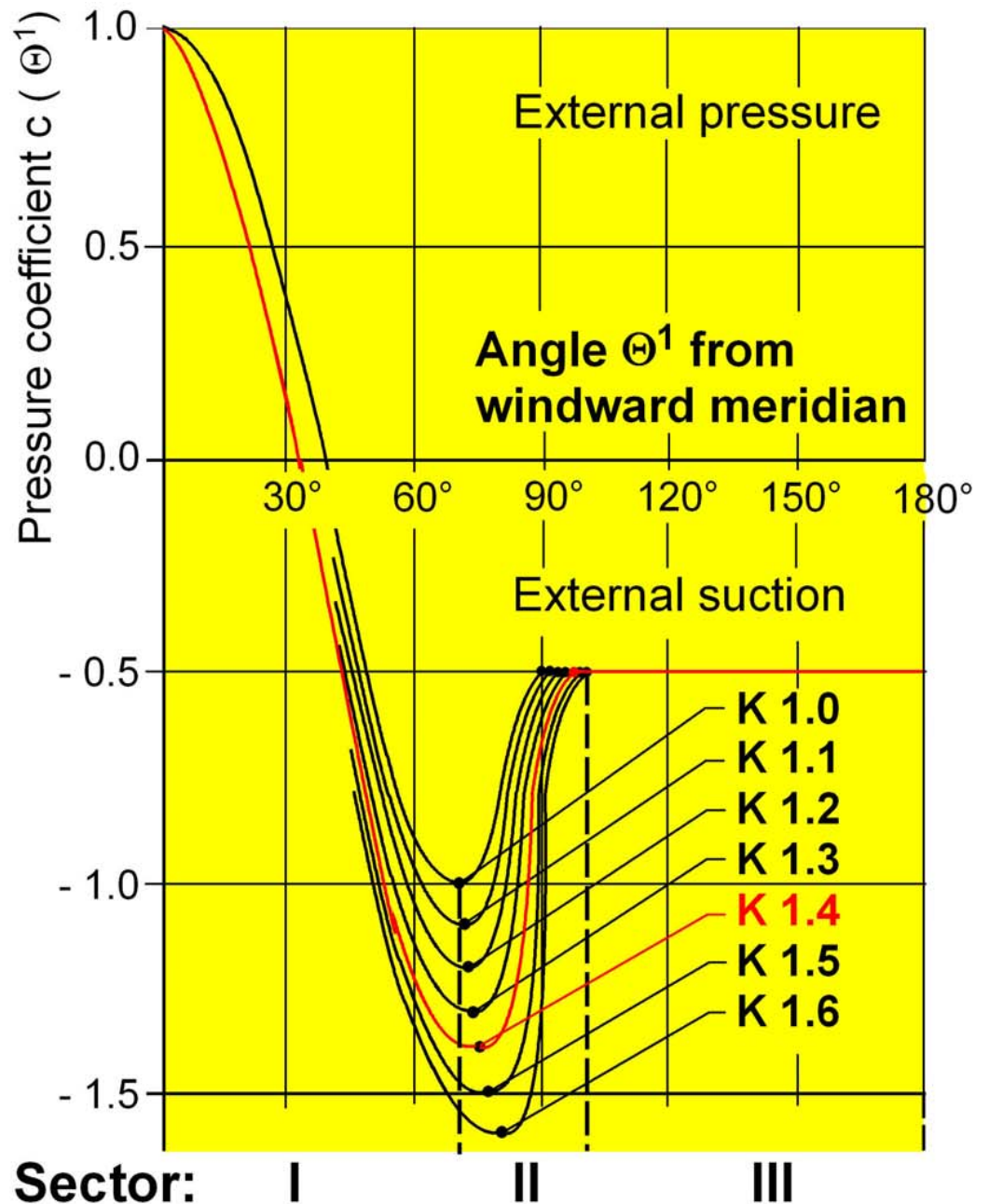


NDCT Niederaussem:
Types of circumferential
wind pressure
distribution $c(\Theta^1)$

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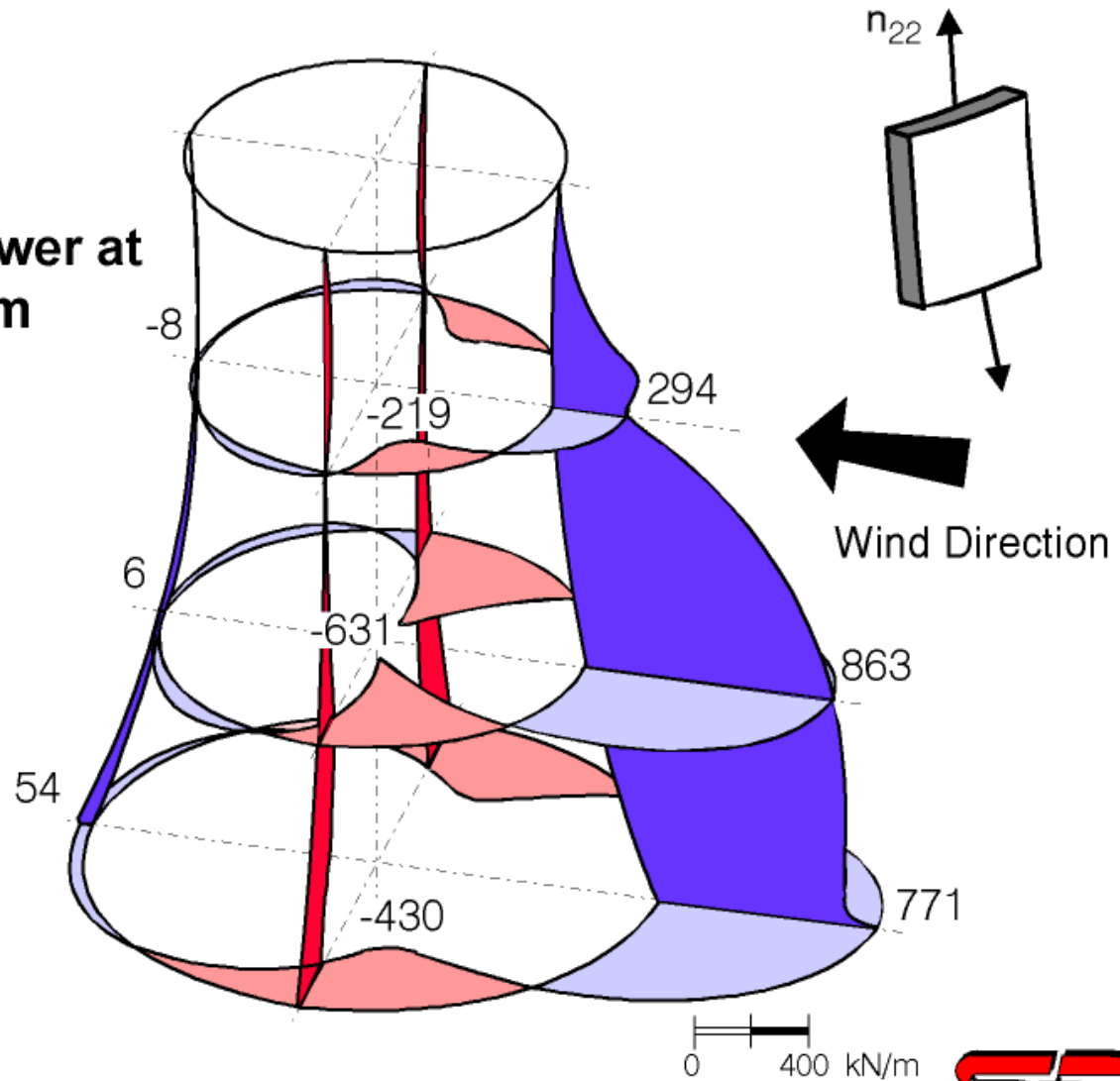


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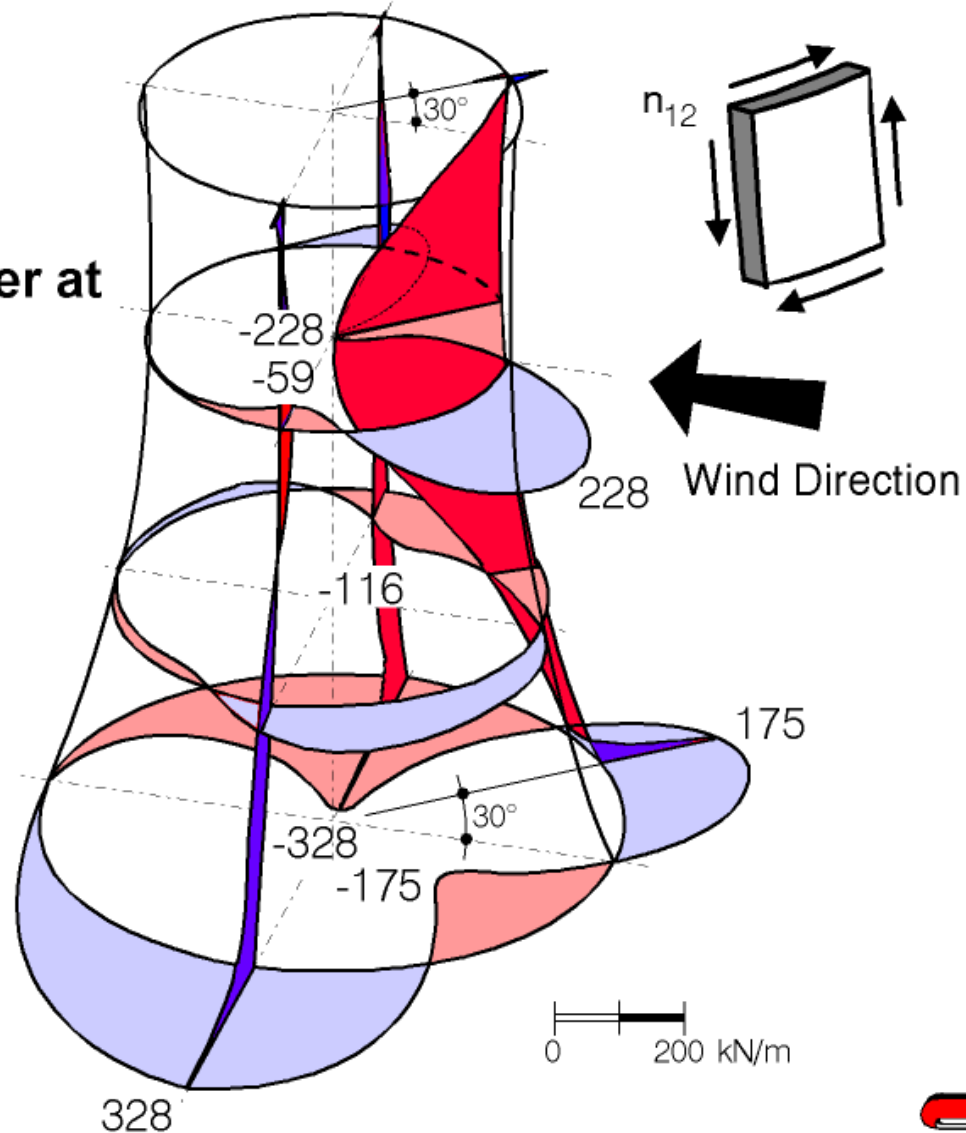
Meridional Forces n_{22w} under Wind Actions

200 m Cooling Tower at
KW Niederaussem



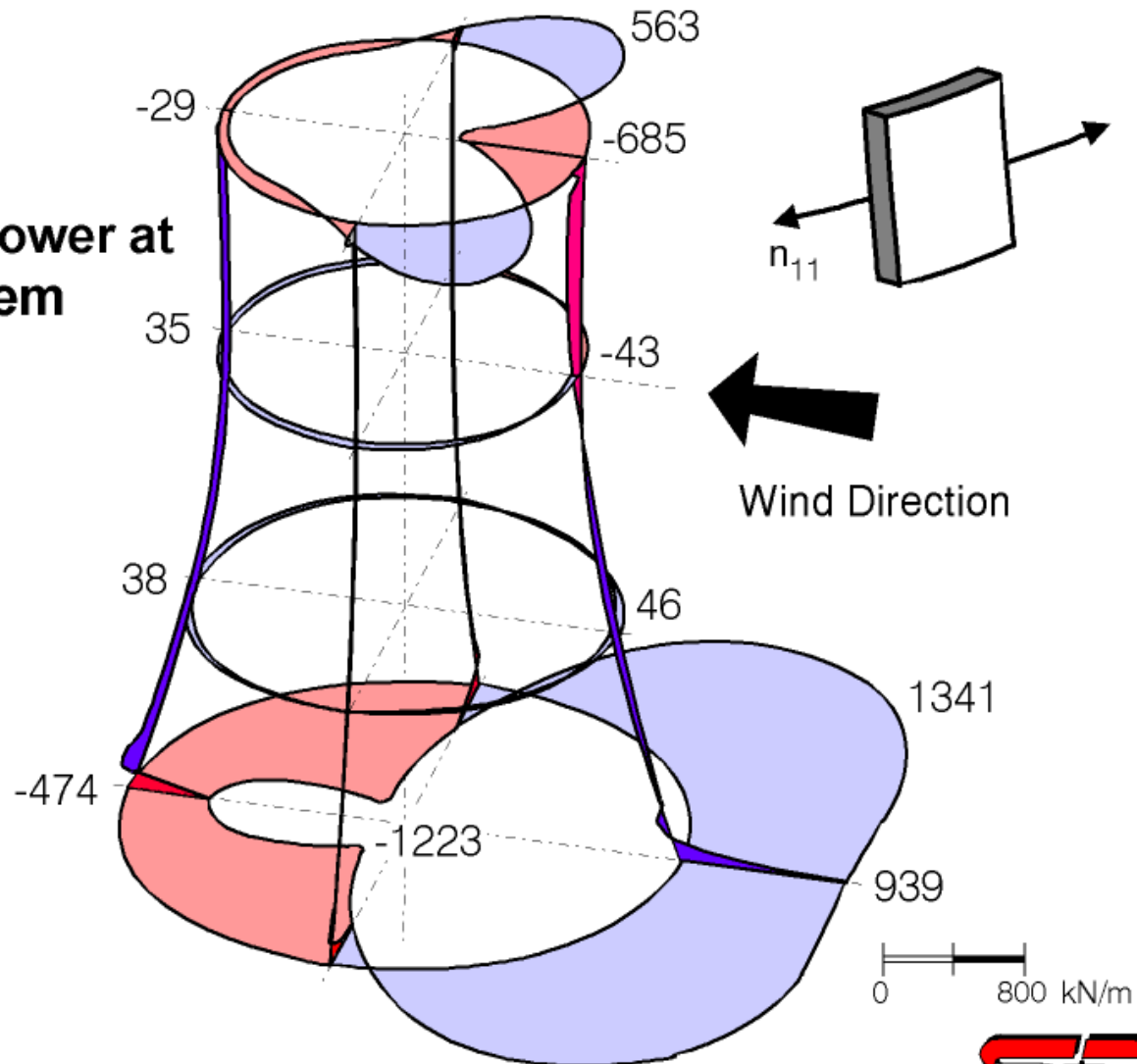
Shear Forces n_{12w} under Wind Actions

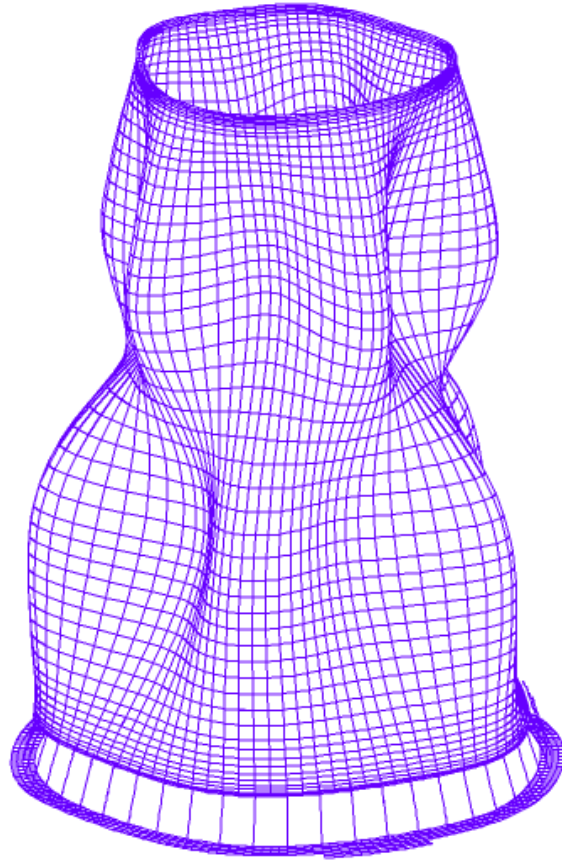
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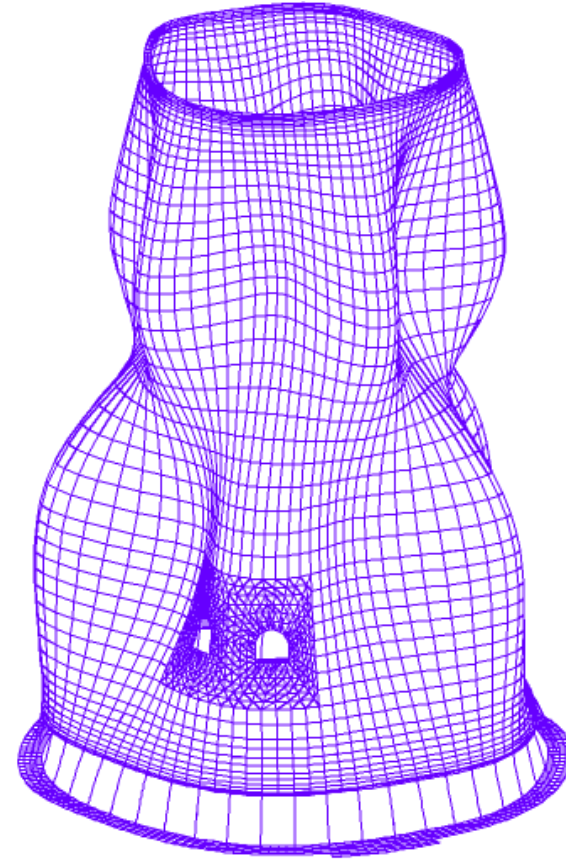
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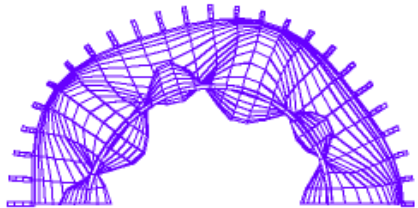
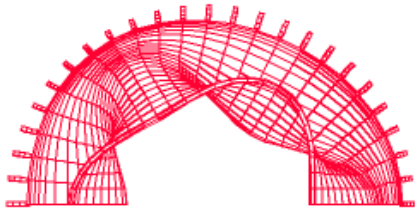
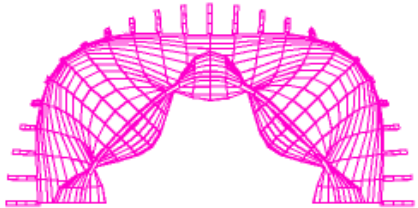
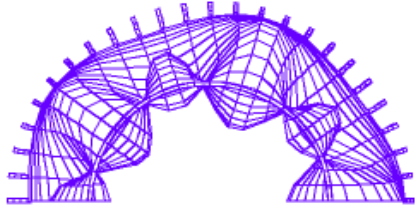
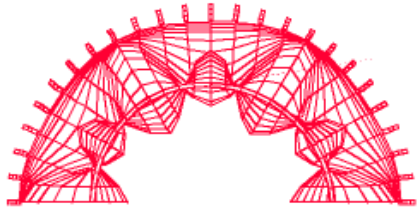
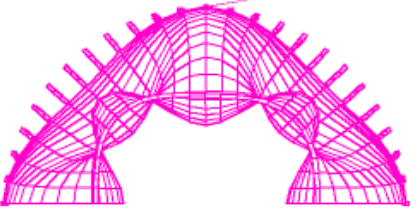
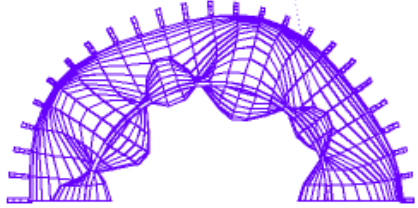
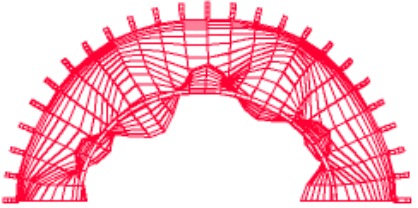
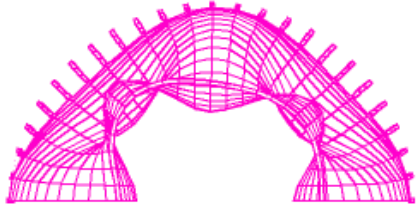
$$f_{\min} = 0.7302 \text{ Hz}$$



$$f_{\min} = 0.7335 \text{ Hz}$$

**NDCT Niederaussem:
Lowest natural frequencies for shells without / with holes and
corresponding modes**



1 st mode	2 nd mode	3 rd mode	Load
 f=0.711	 f=0.834	 f=0.846	G
 f=0.593	 f=0.682	 f=0.790	G + ΔT _{45K}
 f=0.599	 f=0.709	 f=0.733	G + ΔT _{45K} + 1.0 W

**NDCT Niederaussem:
Change of natural modes due to crack damage**

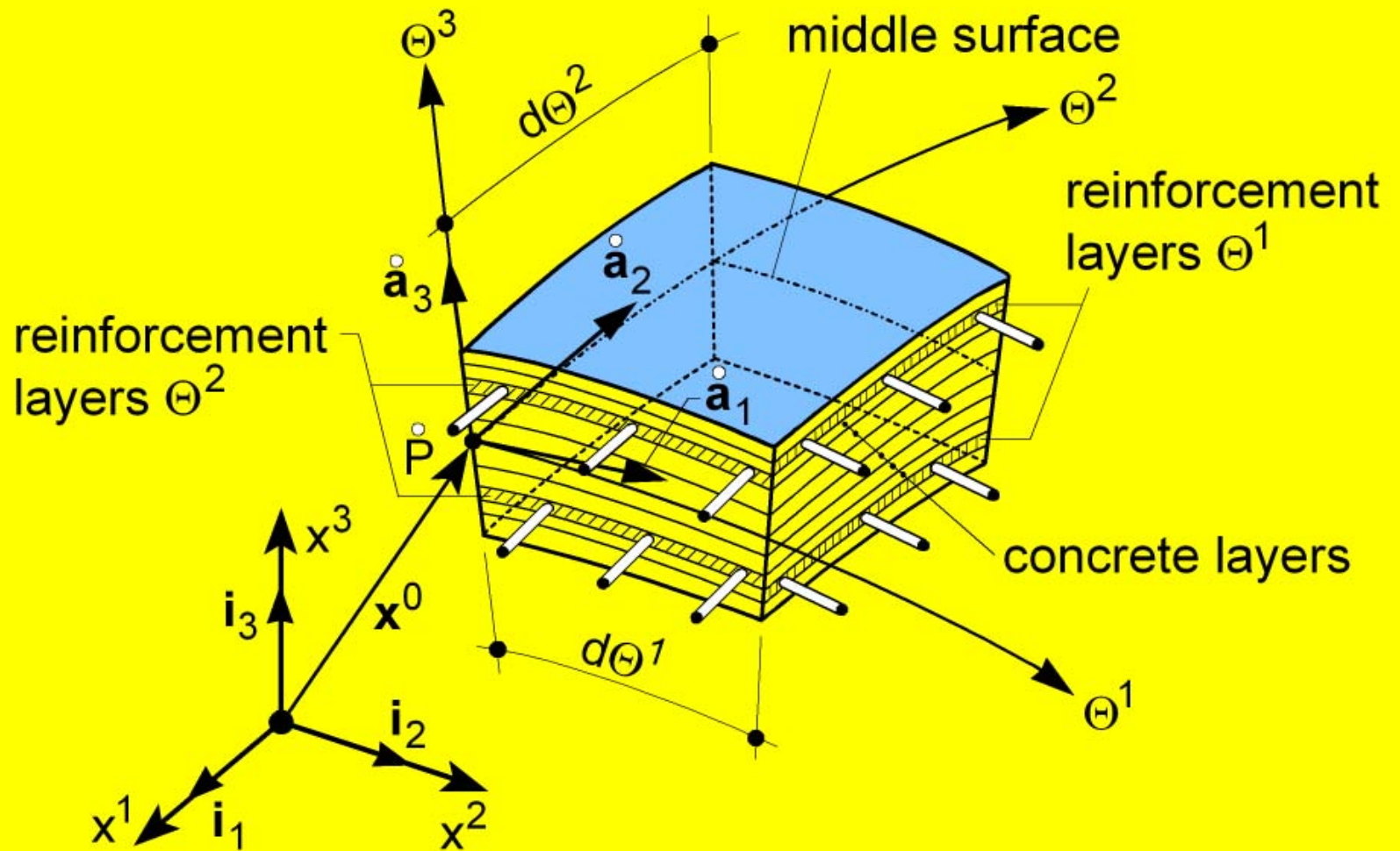


1 st mode	2 nd mode	3 rd mode	Load
 f=0.586	 f=0.590	 f=0.715	G + ΔT_{45K} + 1.2 W
 f=0.439	 f=0.568	 f=0.688	G + ΔT_{45K} + 1.5 W
 f=0.192	 f=0.367	 f=0.517	G + ΔT_{45K} + 2.3 W

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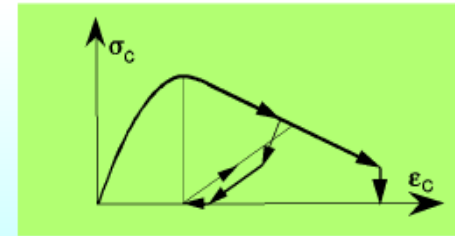
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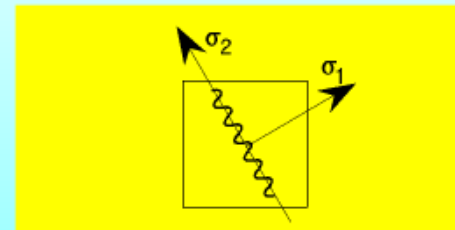


Layered model of reinforced concrete shell

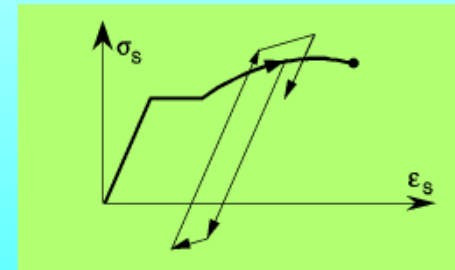
- **Nonlinear stress - strain relationship in compression**



- **Tension cracking**



- **Yielding of reinforcement**

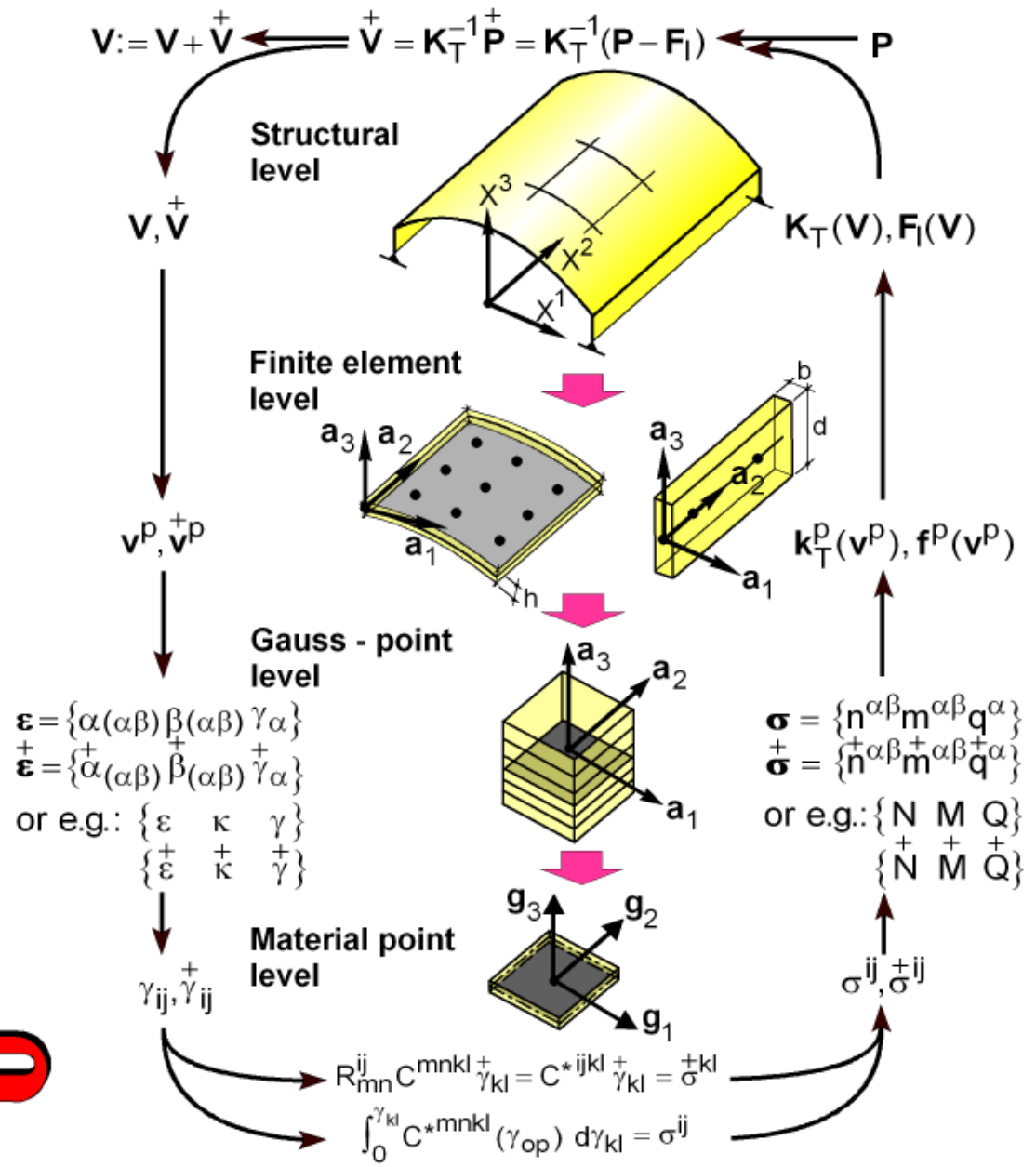


- **Nonlinear concrete - steel bond**



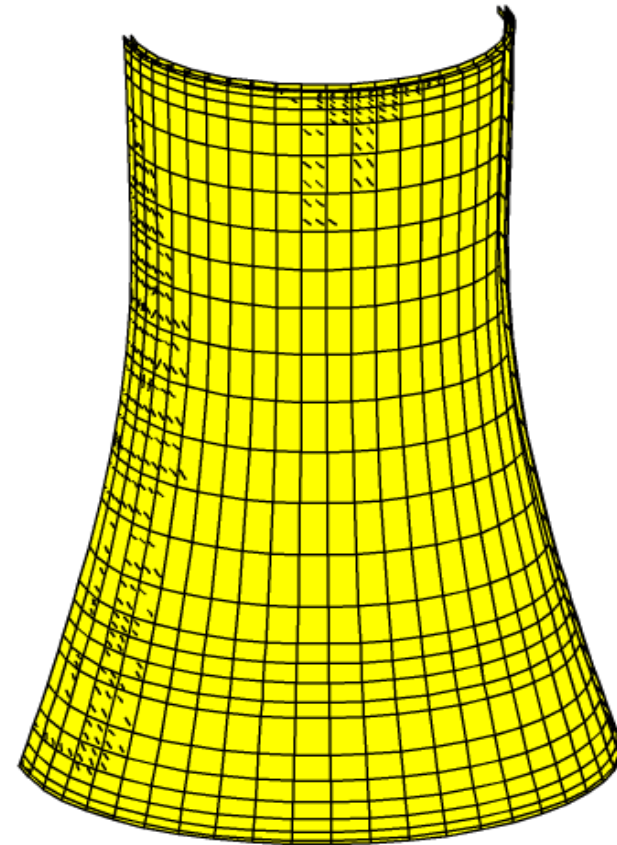
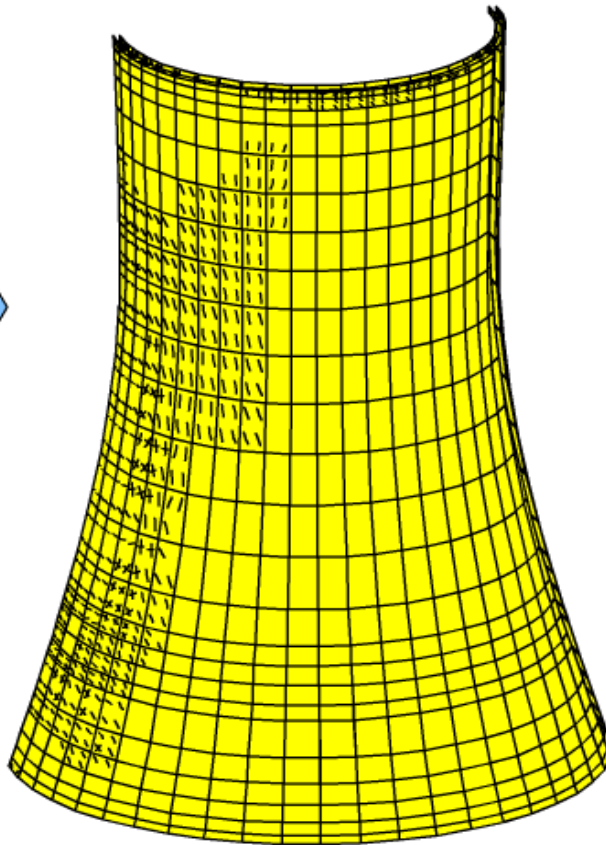
Nonlinear behavior of reinforced concrete including material damage

Sets of variables and iterations



Outer face

Inner face



NDCT Niederaussem (ARHPC 85/35):
Crack patterns at $D + 1.48 W$; $w > 0.00$ mm



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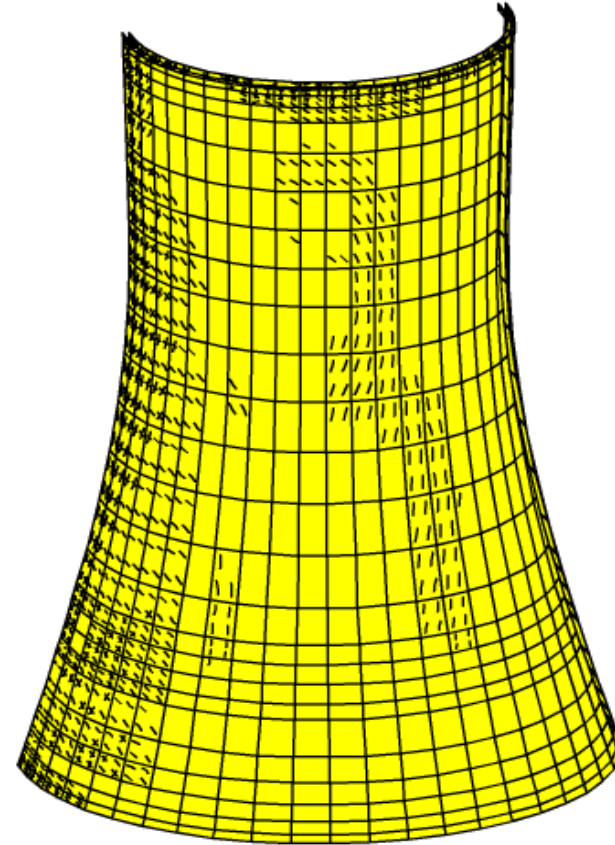
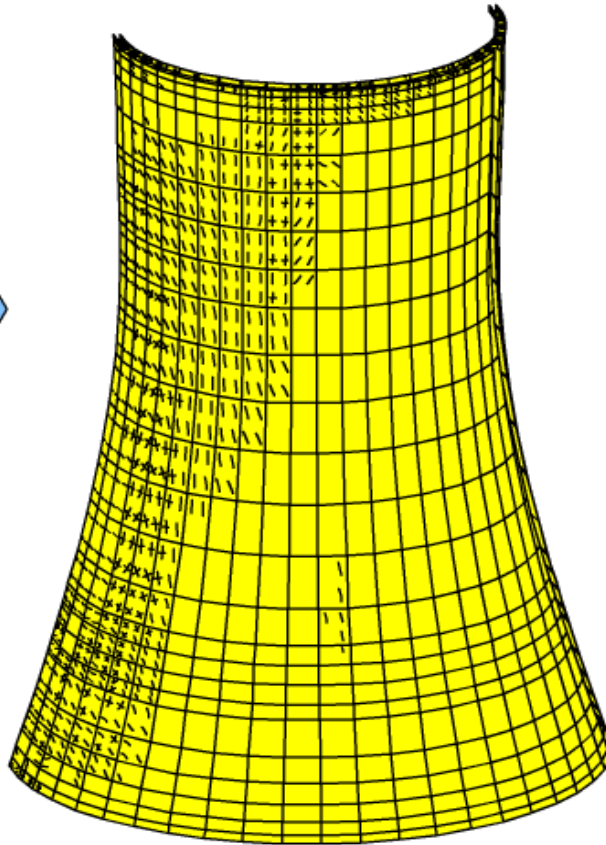
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Outer face

Inner face



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Crack patterns at D + 2.03 W; $w > 0.00$ mm



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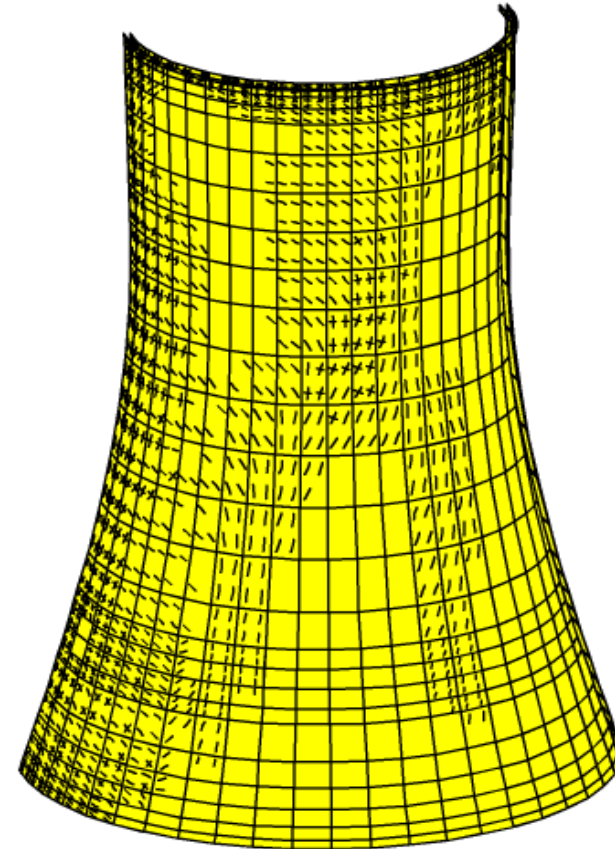
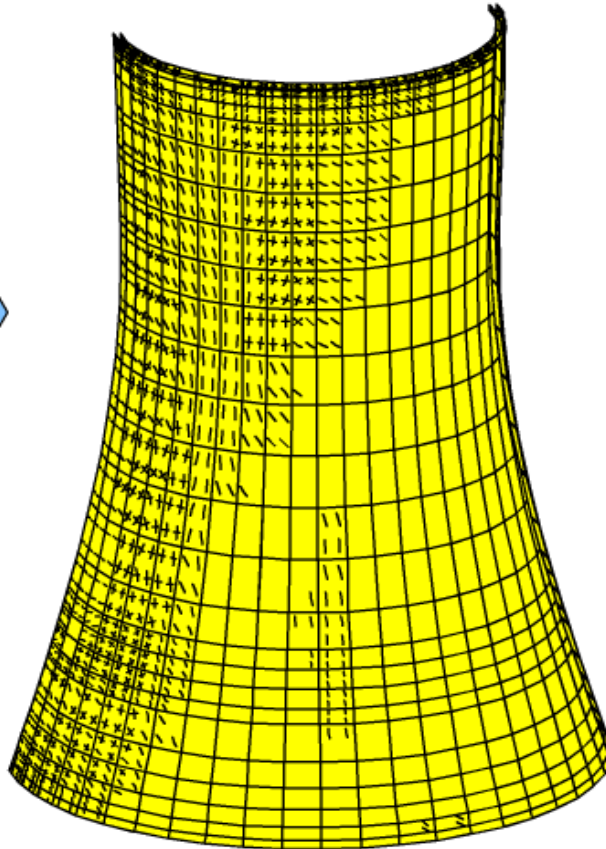
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Inner face



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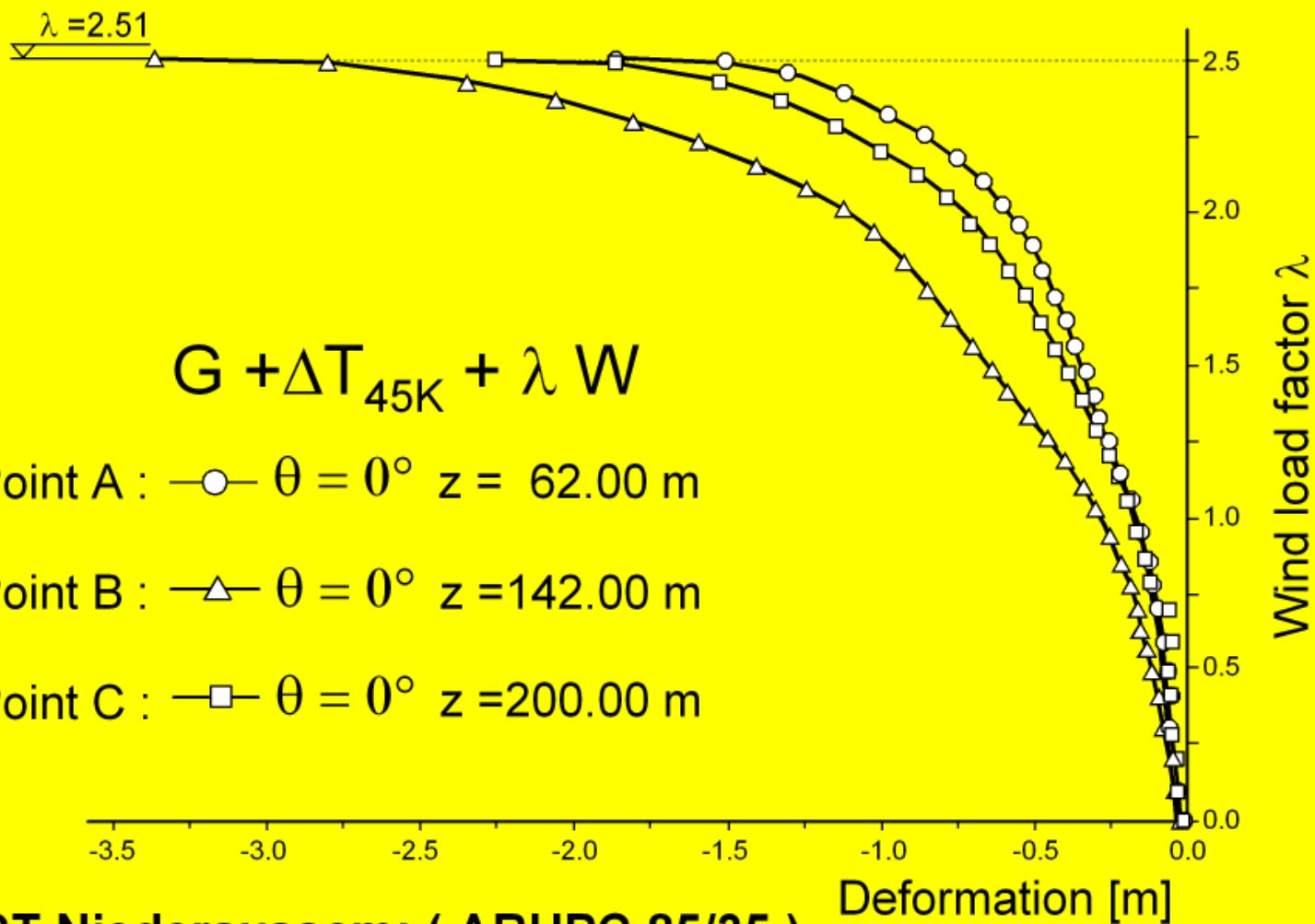


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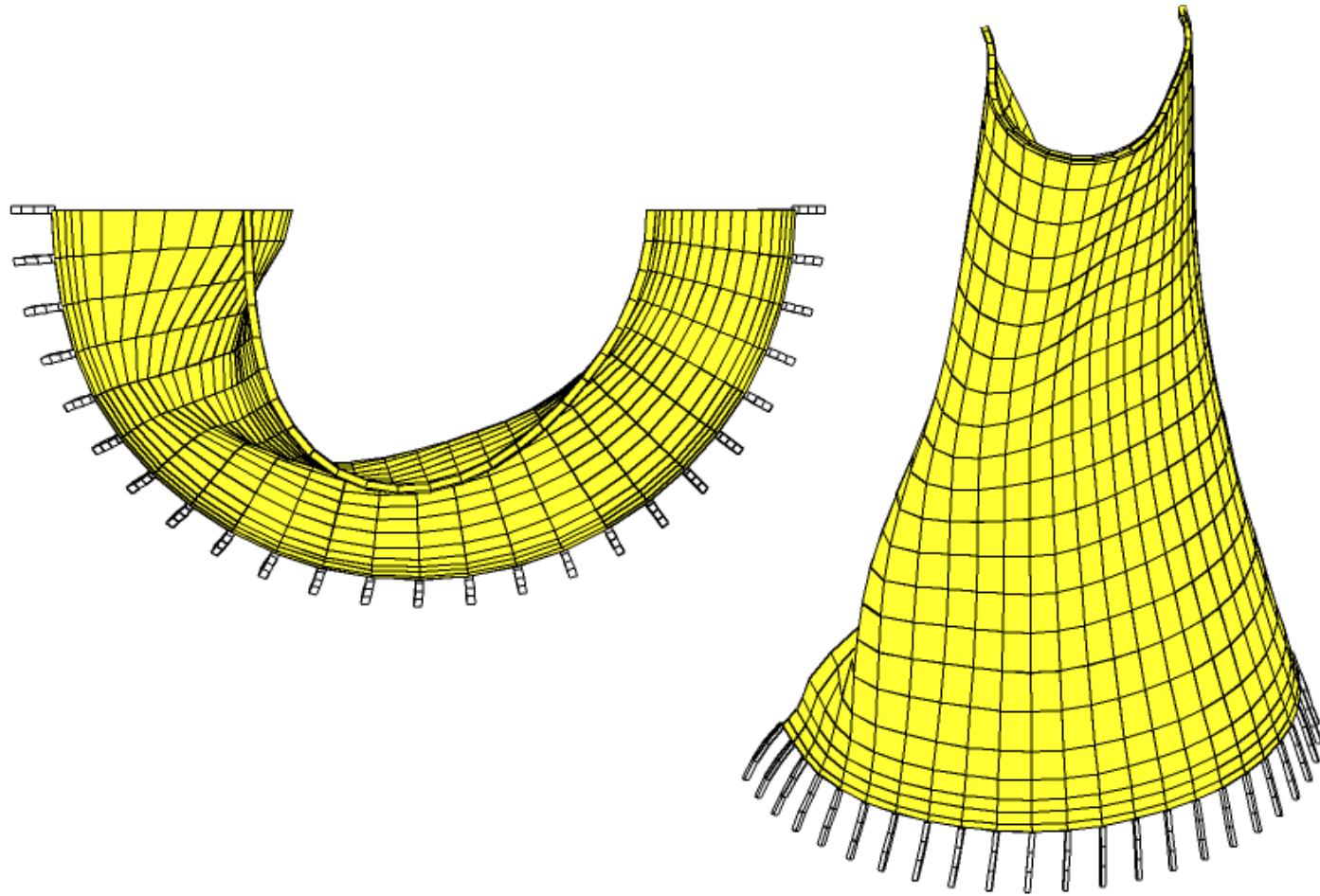
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Load - deformation curves at points A, B and C





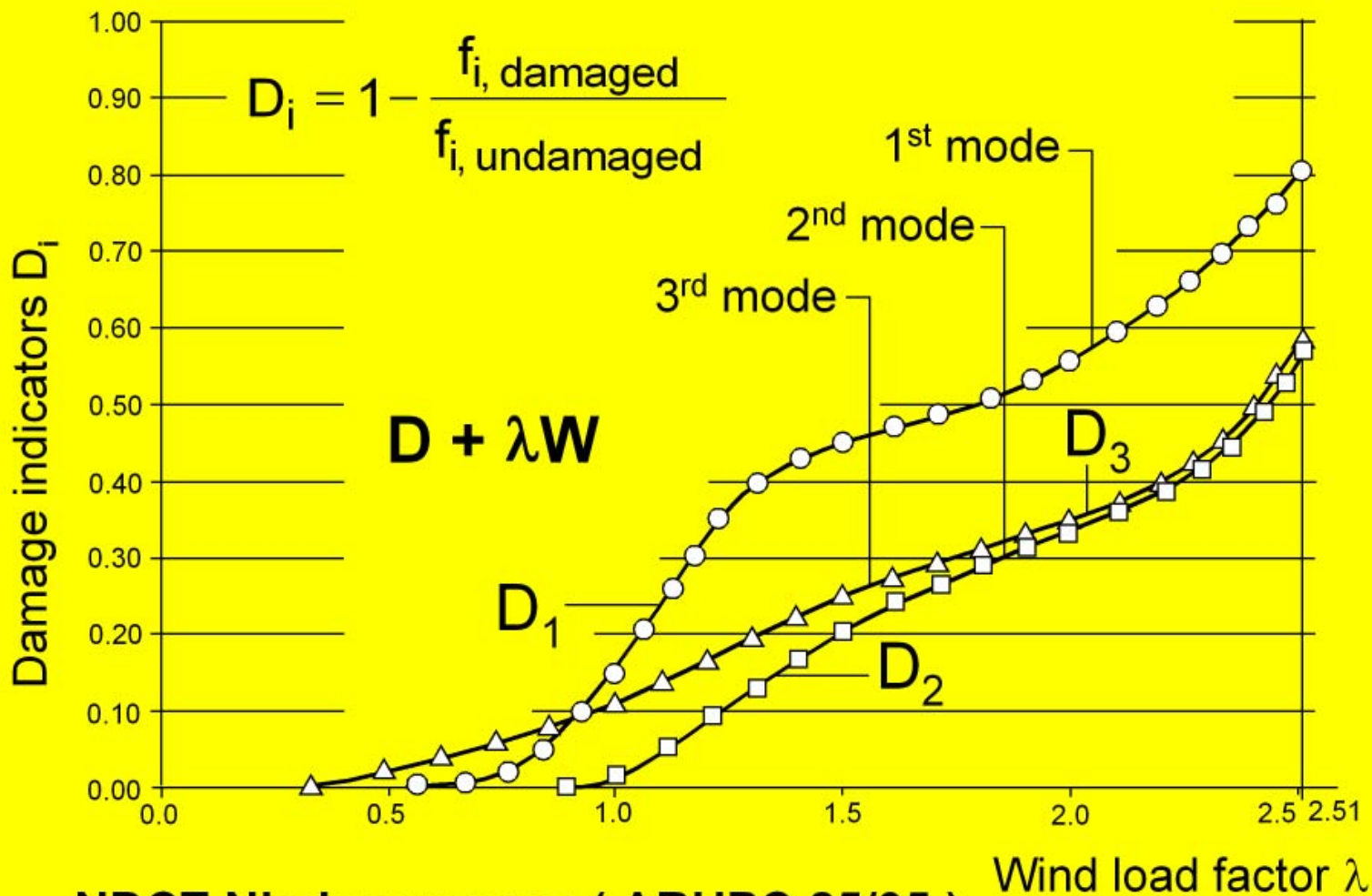
NDCT Niederaussem:

30 - times exaggerated deformation at $G + \Delta T_{45K} + 2.30 W$

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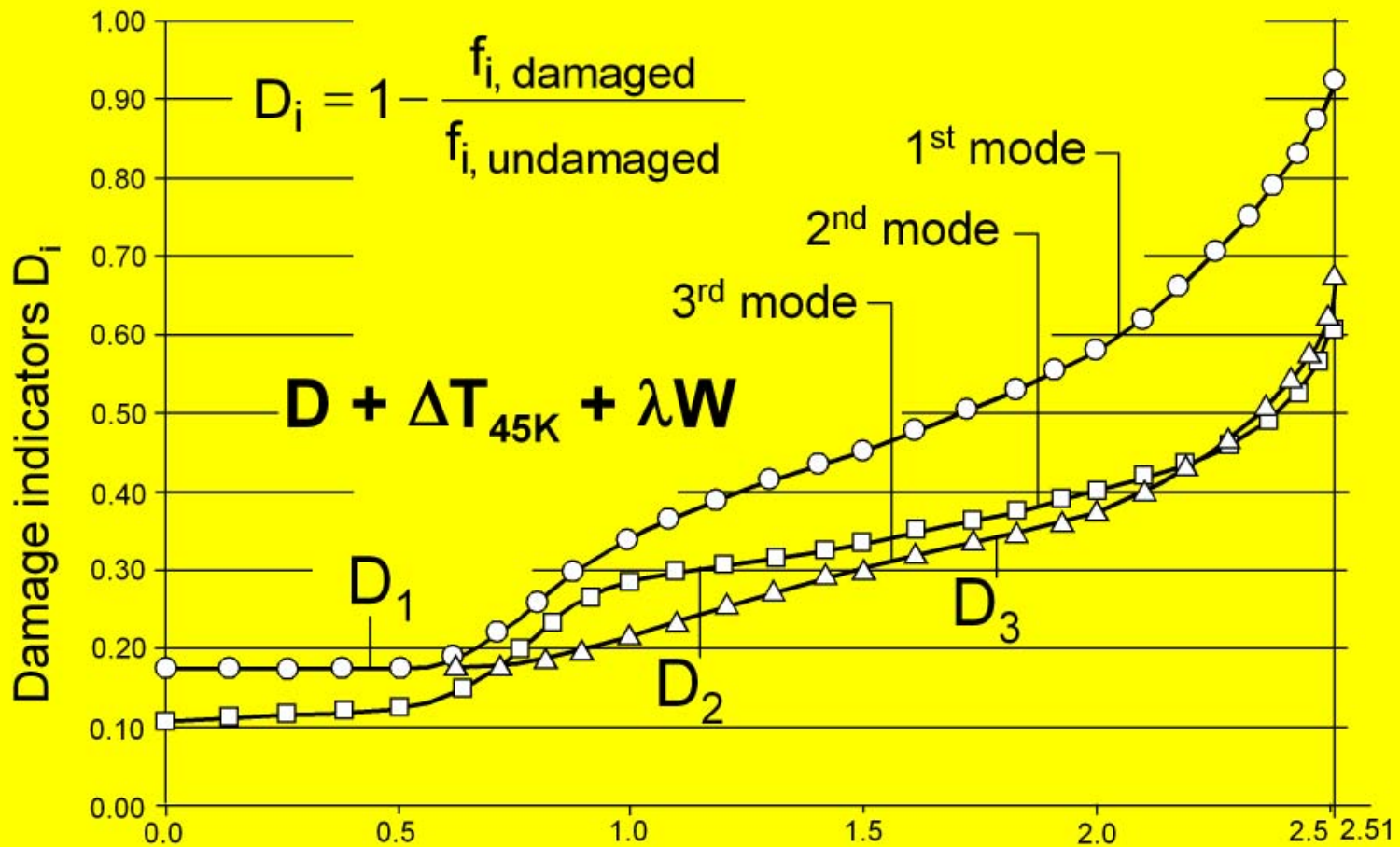
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First 3 damage indicators for $D + \lambda W$





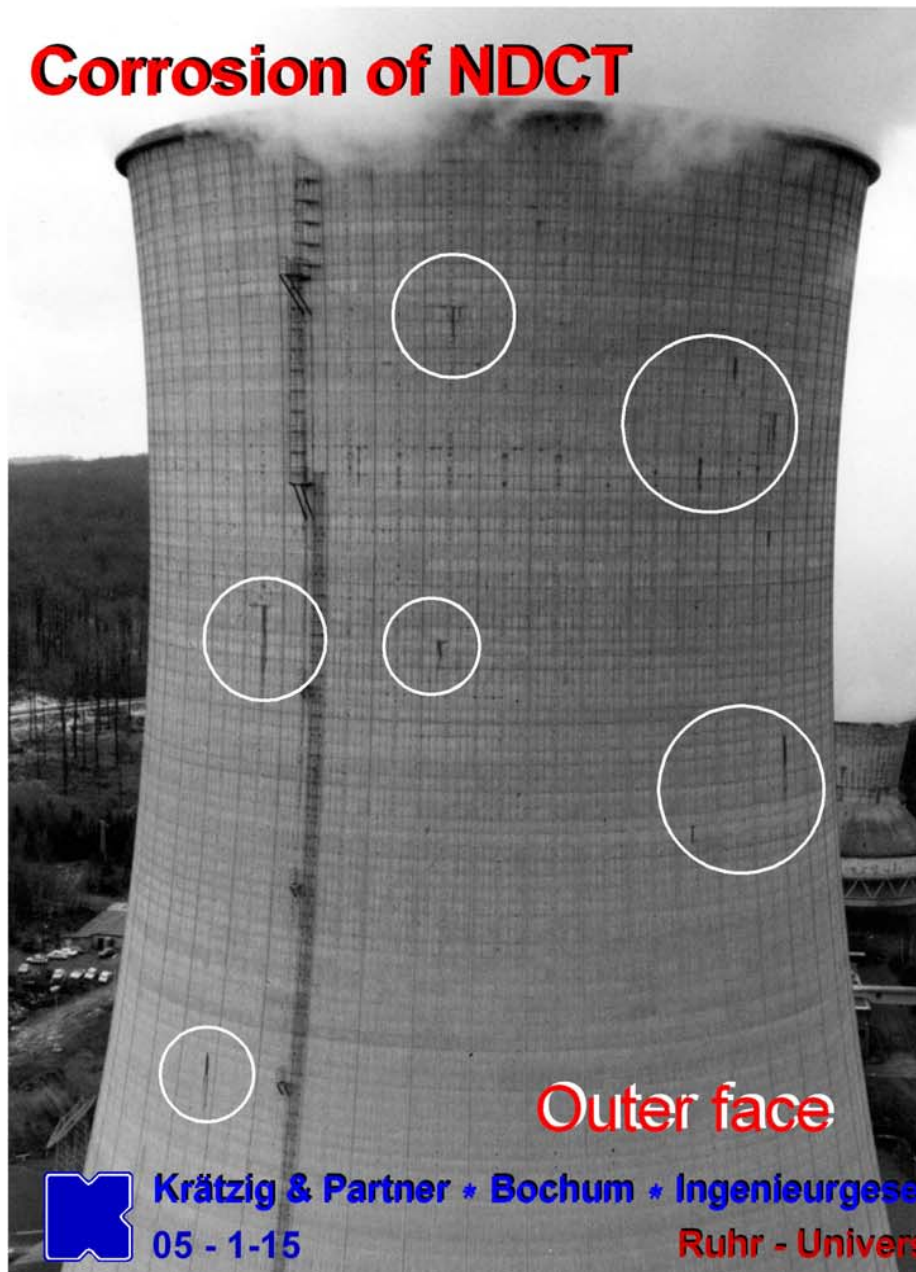
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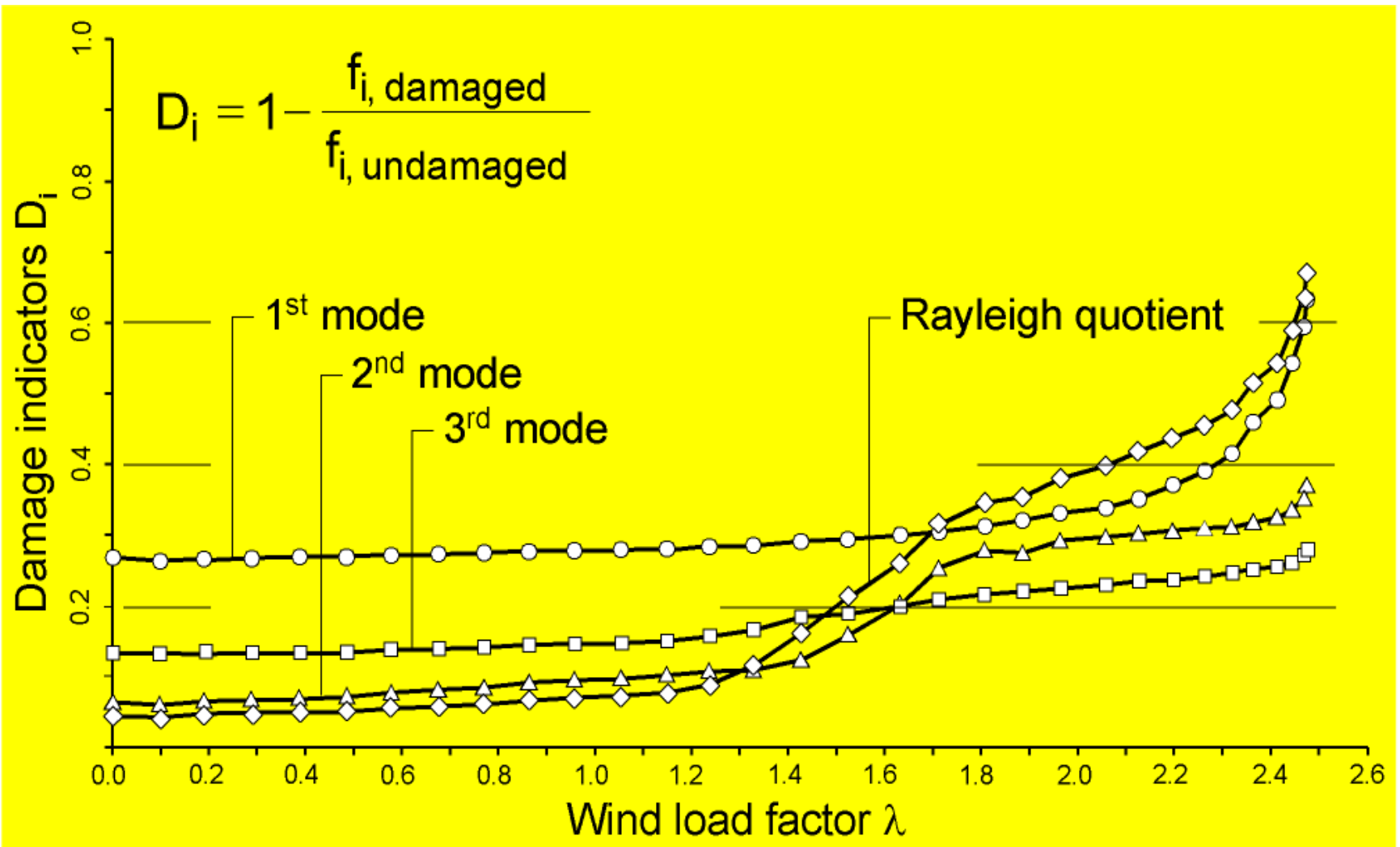
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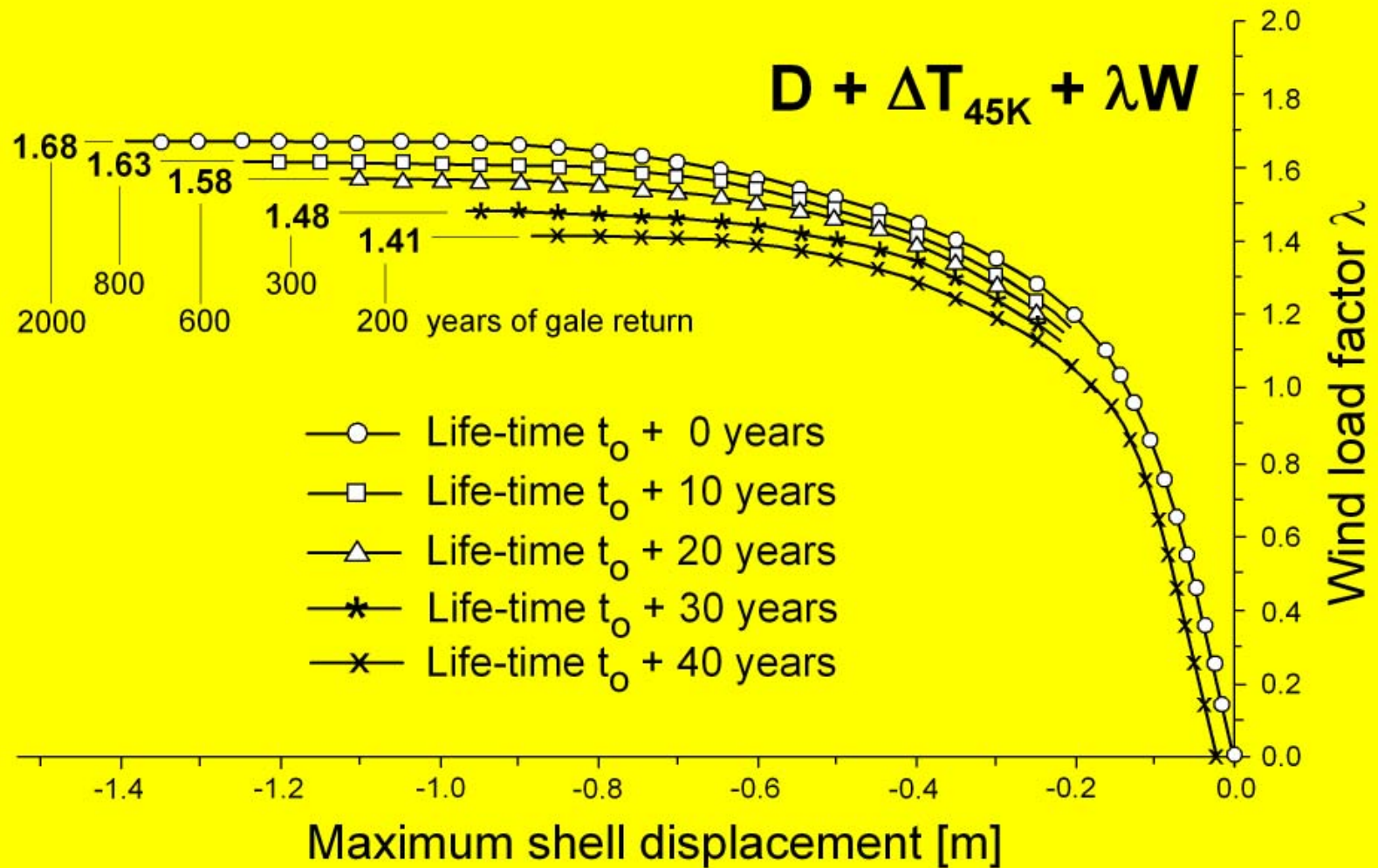
Reduction of

Deterioration due to:	Dimensions		Stiffness		Strength	
	concrete	steel	concrete	steel	concrete	steel
1. Carbonation		●				
2. Chloride penetration		●	○			
3. Sulfate attack	●		●		●	
4. Abrasion, erosion	●	●				
5. Freeze-thaw-cycles			●		●	
6. Fire: permanent ●, during fire ○	●		●	○	●	○

Mechanistic empirical deterioration models for RC members



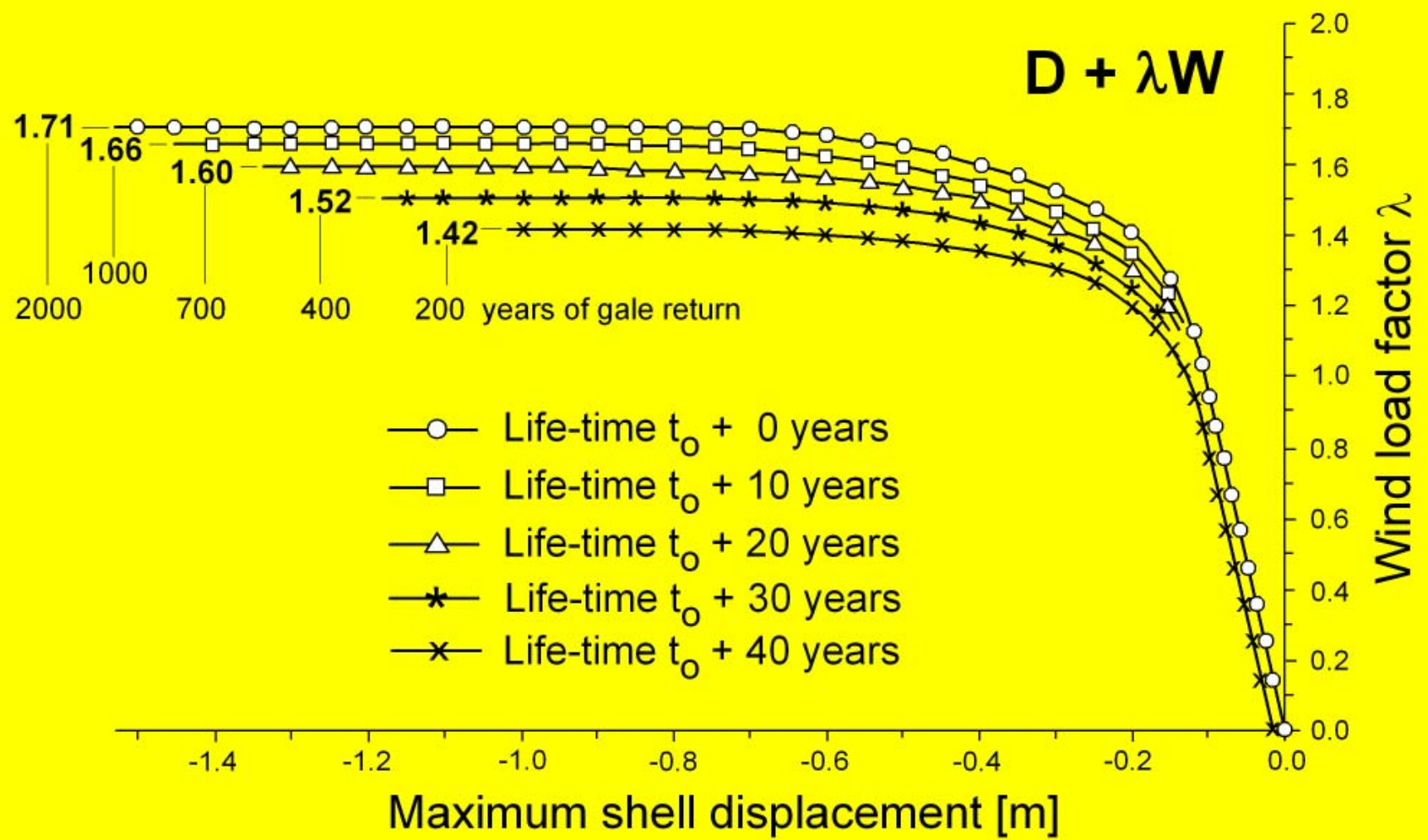
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Life-time simulations



D + λW

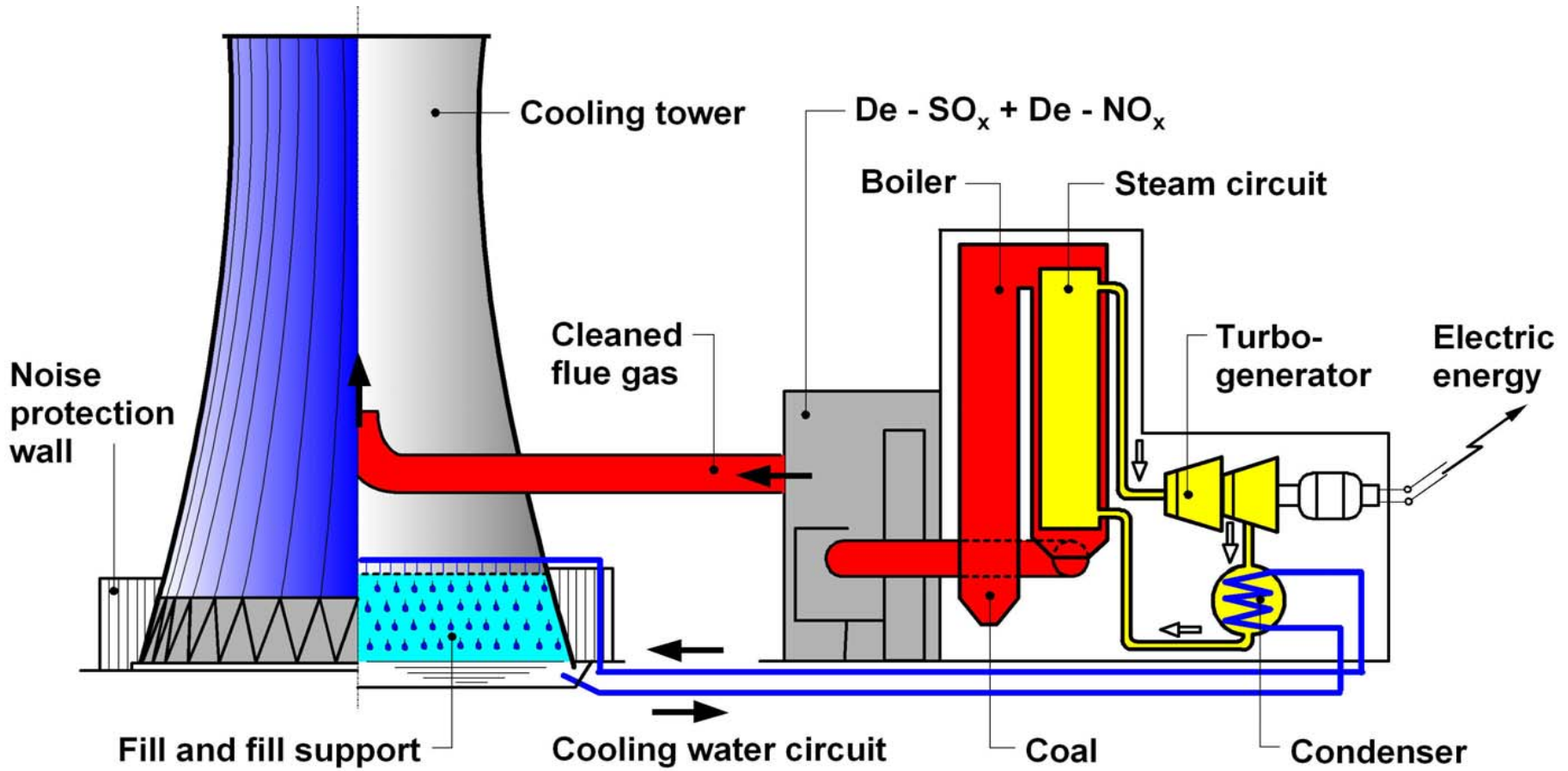


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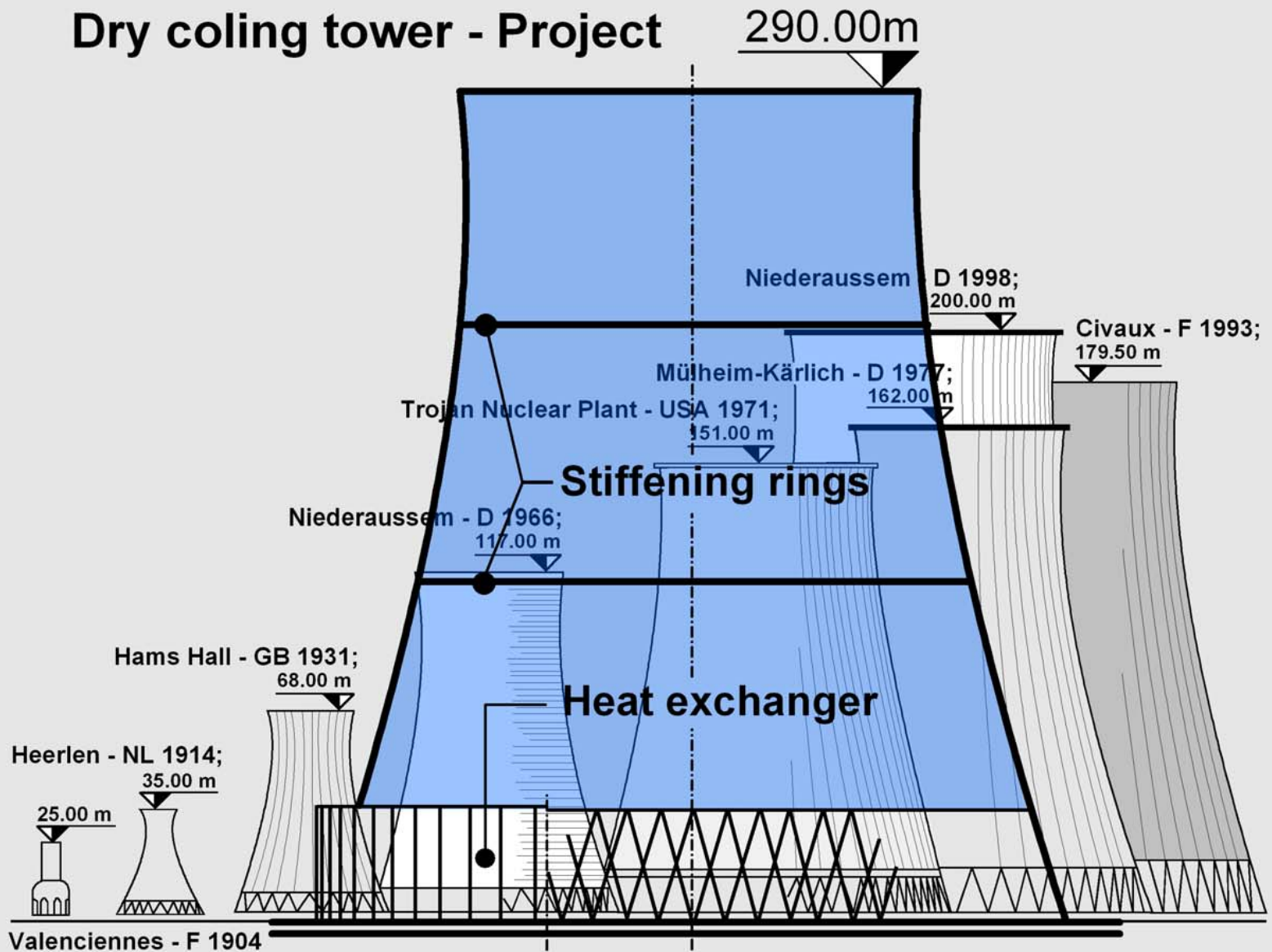
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Thermal power plant with cleaned flue gas injection

Dry cooling tower - Project



Development of natural draft cooling towers

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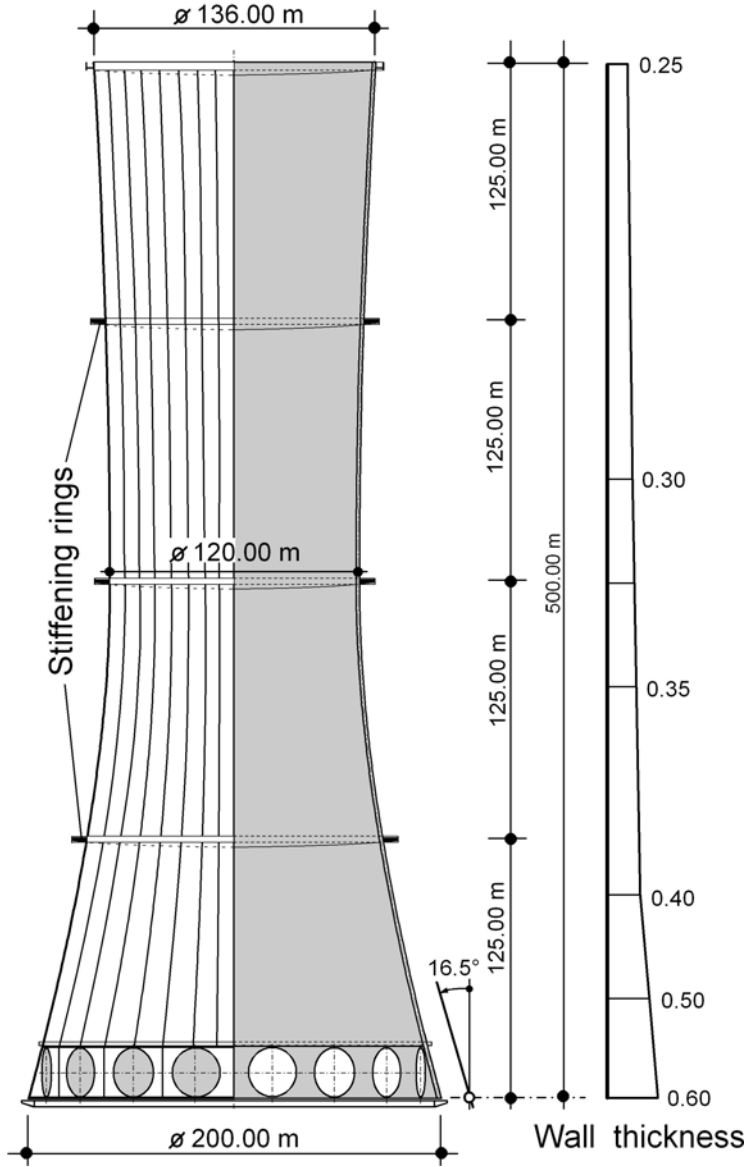
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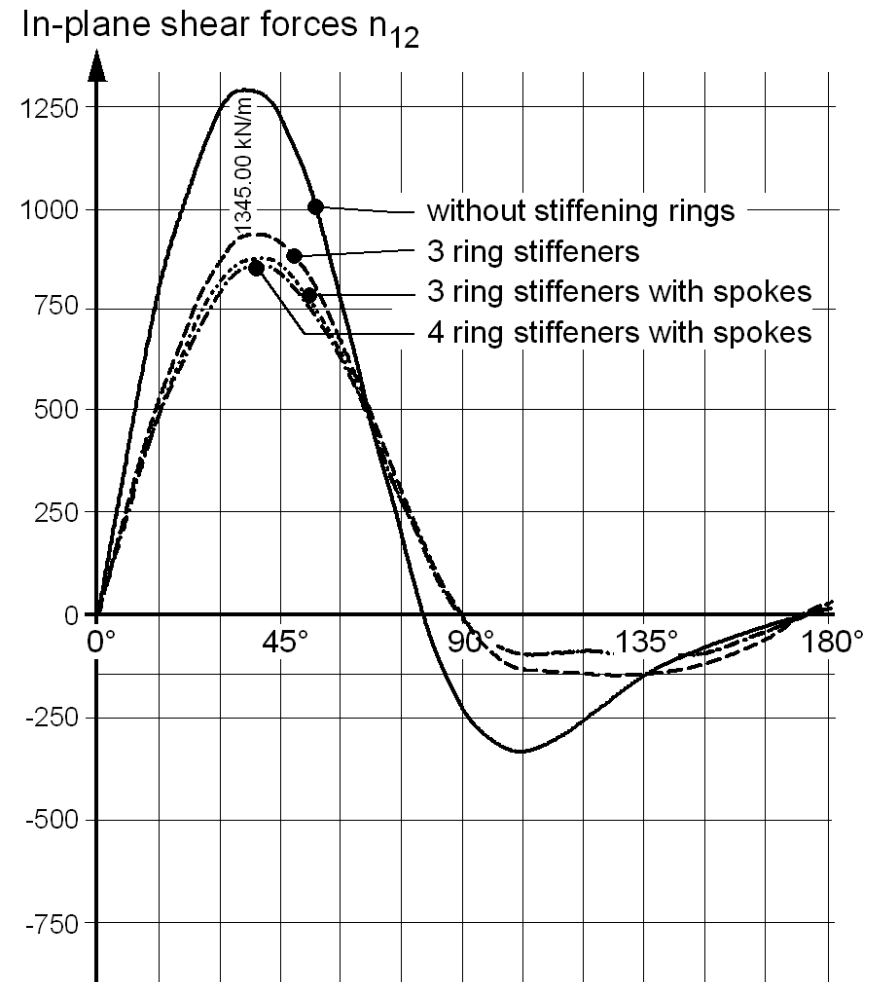
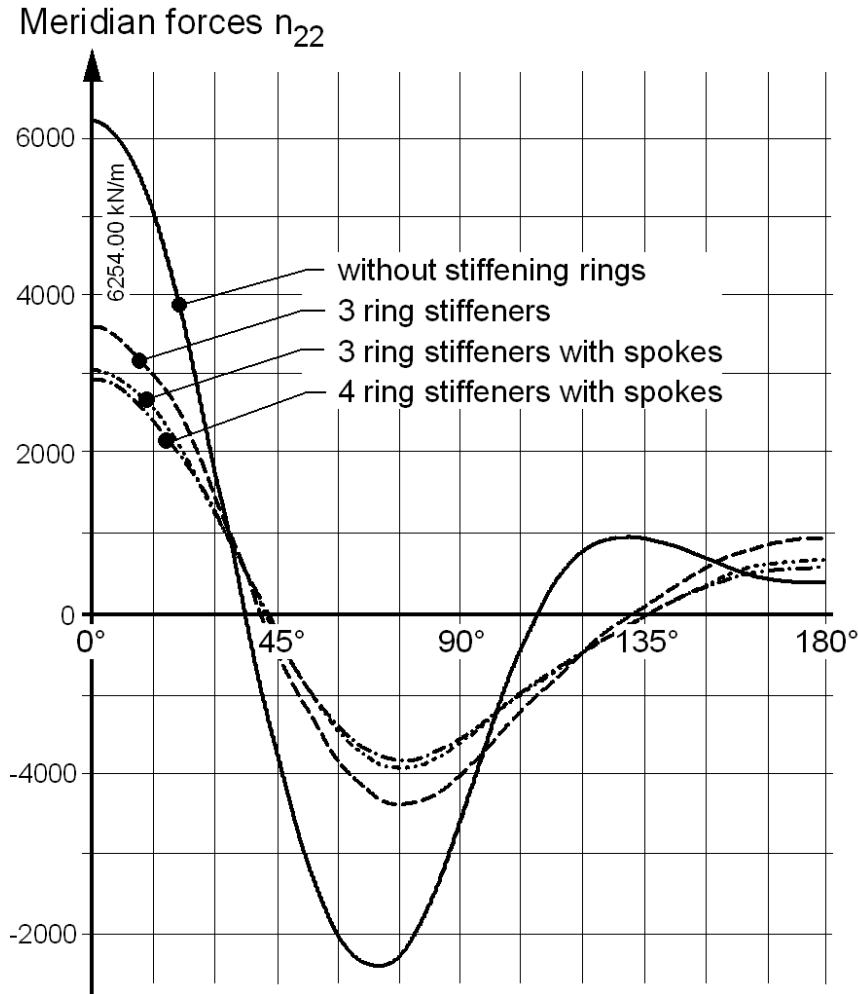
4. Conclusions



Small solar tower of 500m of height



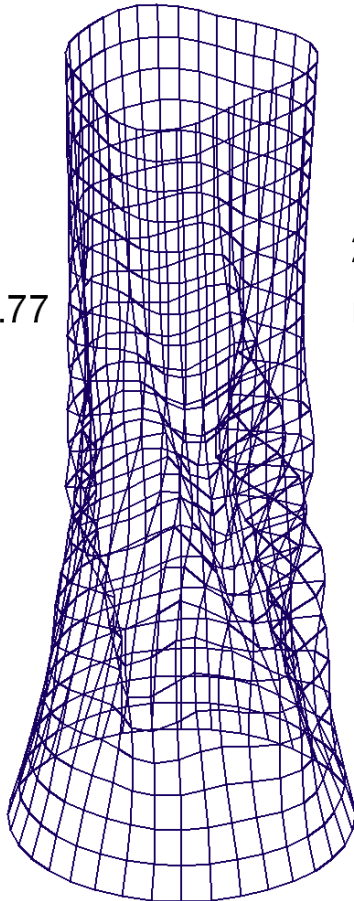
Meridional (n_{22w}) and in-plane shear (n_{12w}) forces, 500m tower



Instability modes: 500m tower without stiffenings rings (G+W+S)

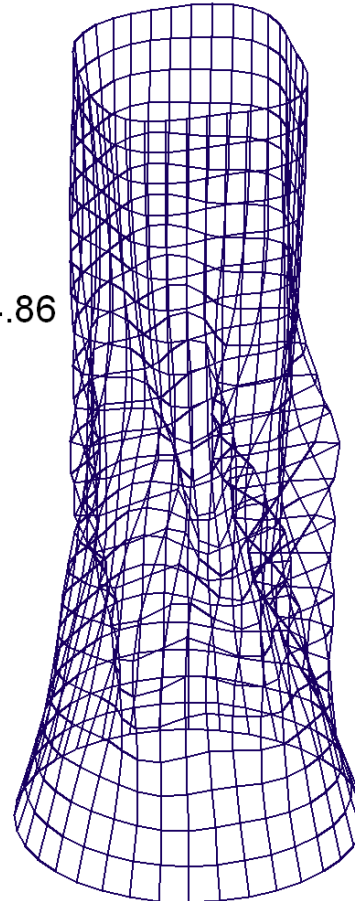
1st instability

mode: $\lambda_1 = 4.77$



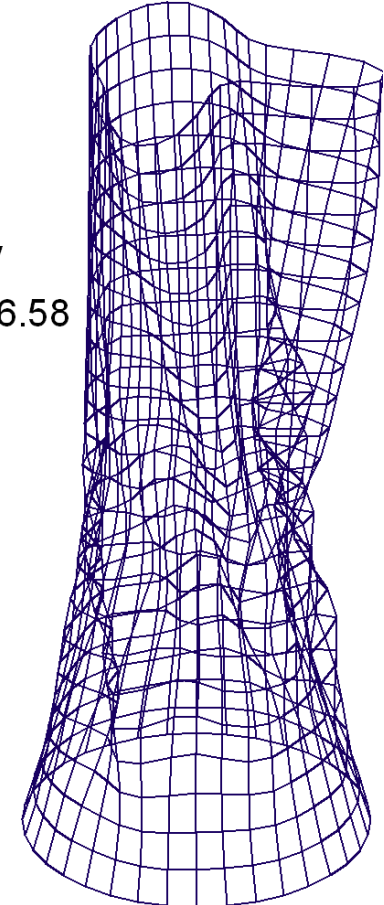
2nd instability

mode: $\lambda_2 = 4.86$



3rd instability

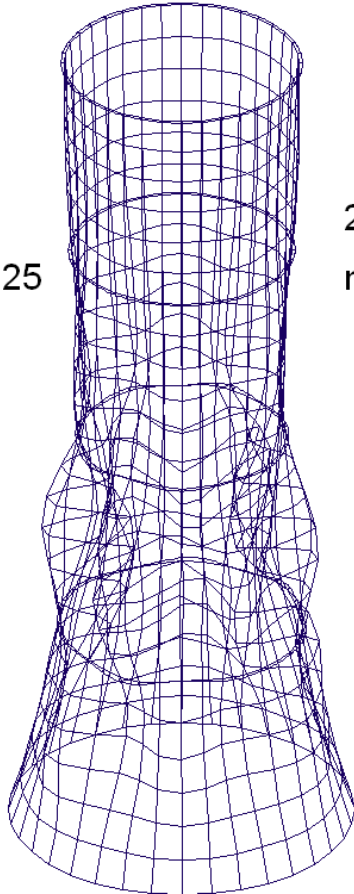
mode: $\lambda_3 = 6.58$



Instability modes for 500m tower with 4 stiffenings rings (G+W+S)

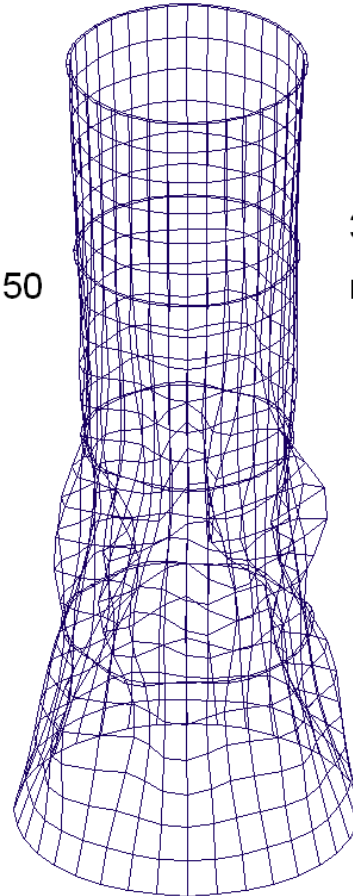
1st instability

mode: $\lambda_1 = 8.25$



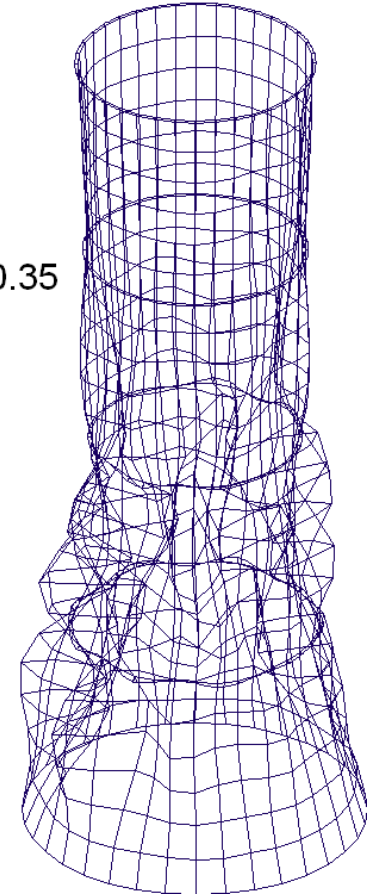
2nd instability

mode: $\lambda_2 = 8.50$



3rd instability

mode: $\lambda_3 = 10.35$

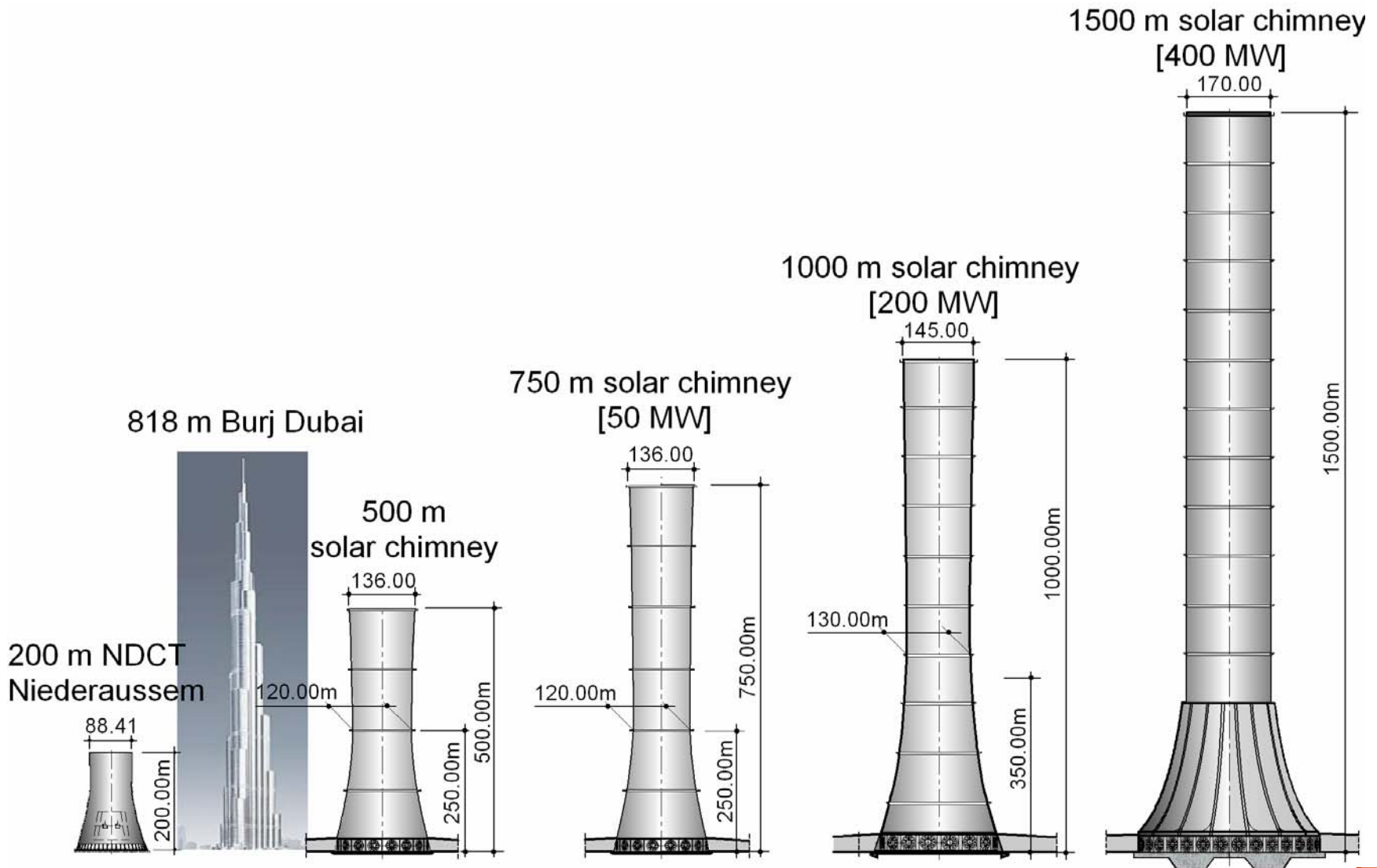


Artist's view of large solar chimney power plant



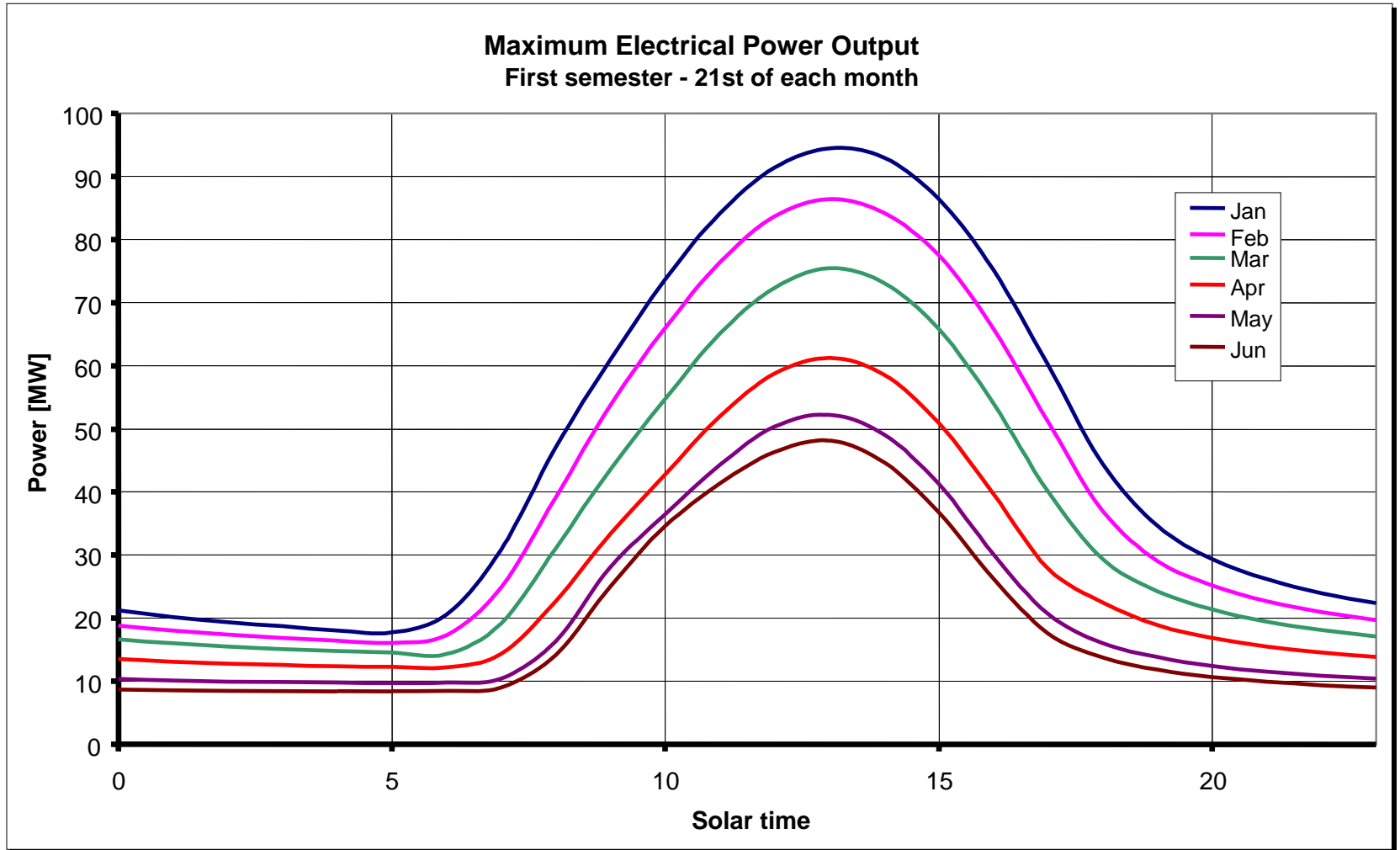
Acc. Stinnes (GreenTower Ltd.):
Short Executive Summary June 2007

From high natural draft cooling towers to solar chimneys



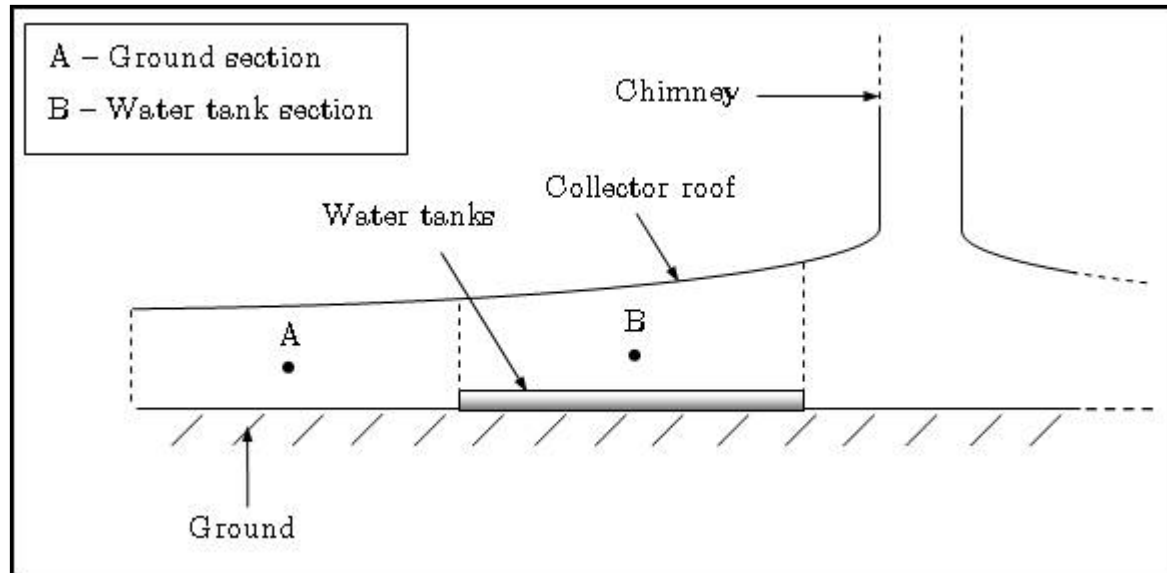
Results: Power output

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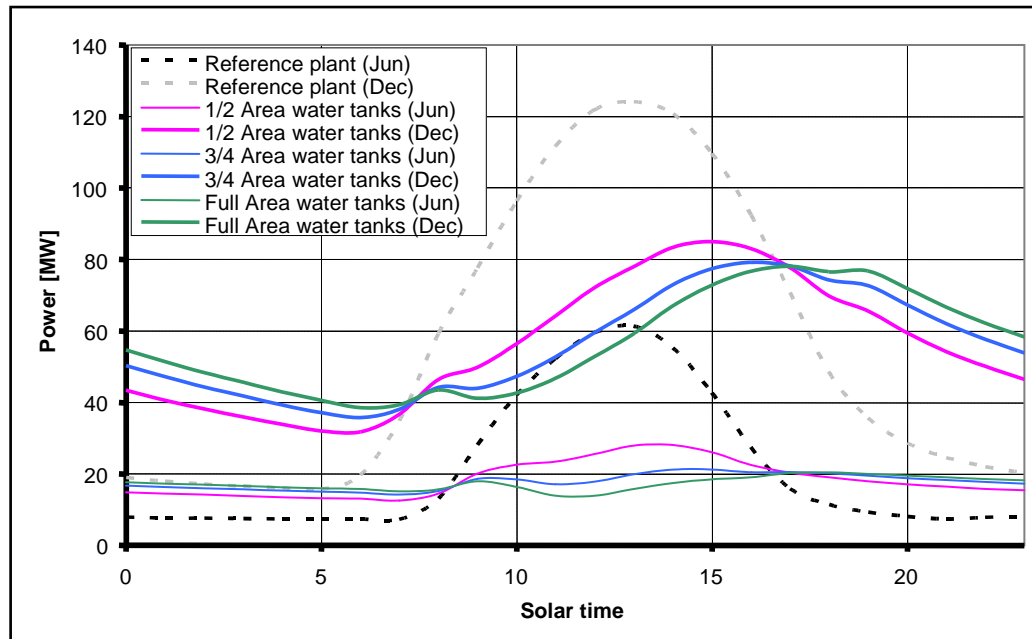
Regulating plant power output according to demand (cont.)

- Plastic covered water tanks
 - Provide more uniform daily power output profile (static control)
 - Relatively shallow tanks
 - Covered with transparent plastic (no water evaporation)
 - Black inside bottom
 - Insulated outside bottom and sides (no heat losses to environment)



Regulating plant power output according to demand (cont.)

- Plastic covered water tanks
 - Partially covered collector area, constant tank depth
 - Significant static control
 - 2.4% (1/2 Area), 2.7% (3/4 Area), 2.6% (Full Area) reduction in annual power output



Regulating plant power output according to demand (cont.)

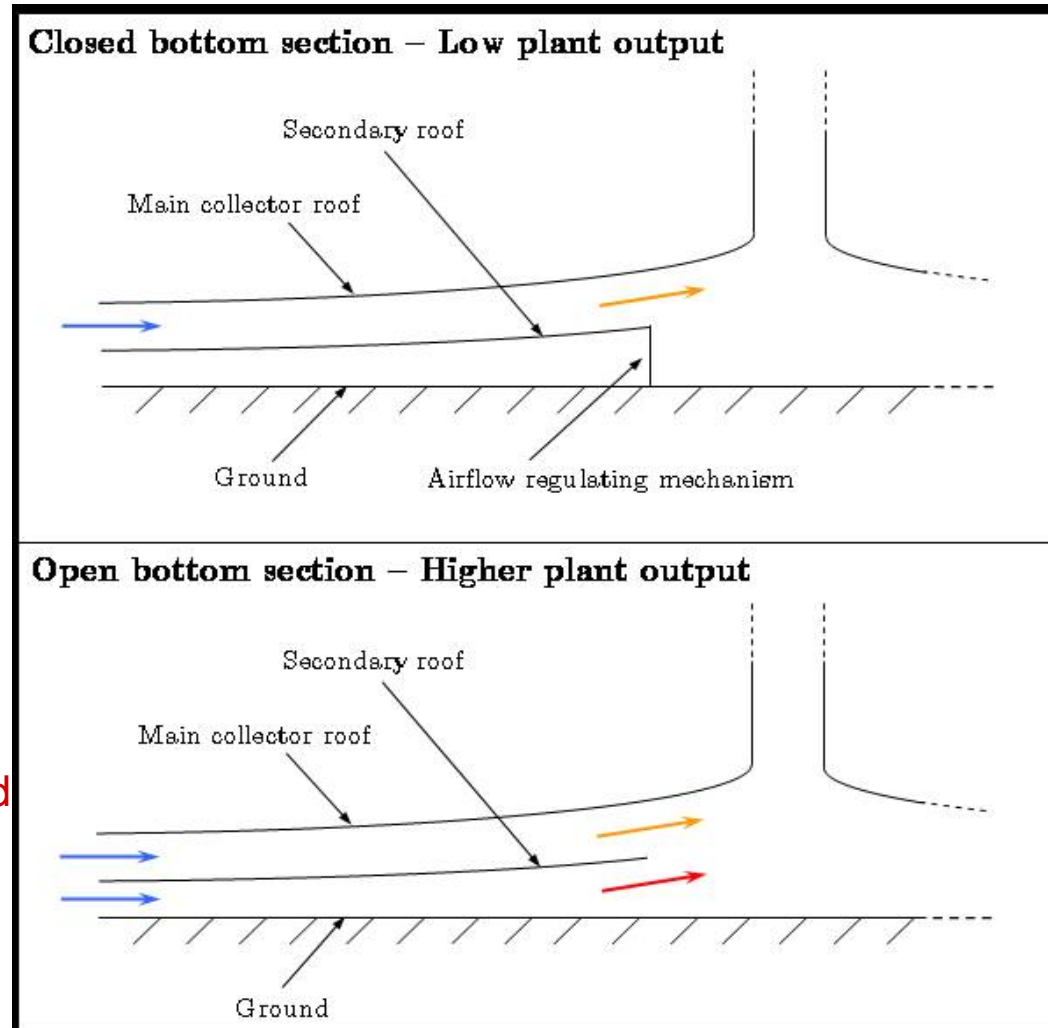
- **Dynamic control**
 - Base or peak power generation facility
 - Inclusion of additional collector roof
 - Inclusion of airflow regulating mechanisms
 - Plant given ability to store or release energy when needed

Base load strategy

- Keep power as constant as possible

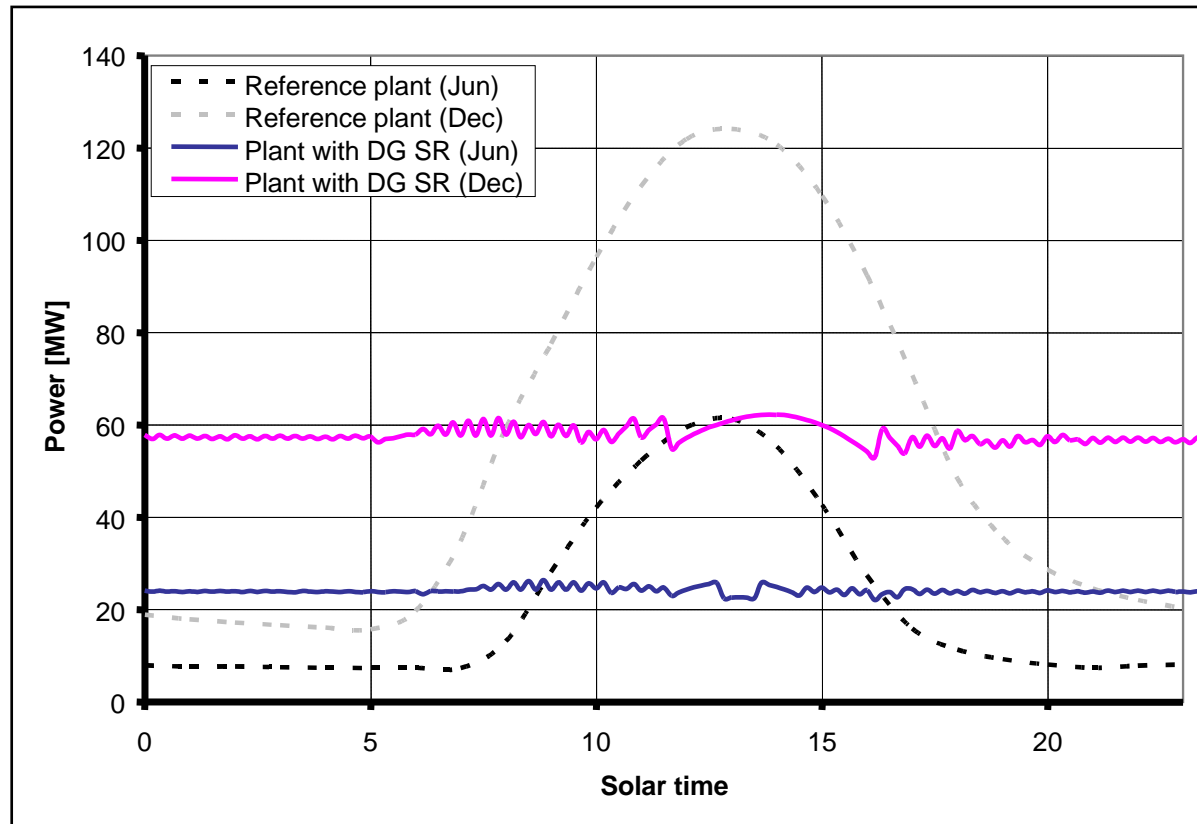
Peak load strategy

- Maximum power delivered between 07:00 and 12:00 and 17:00 and 22:00 (Eskom)



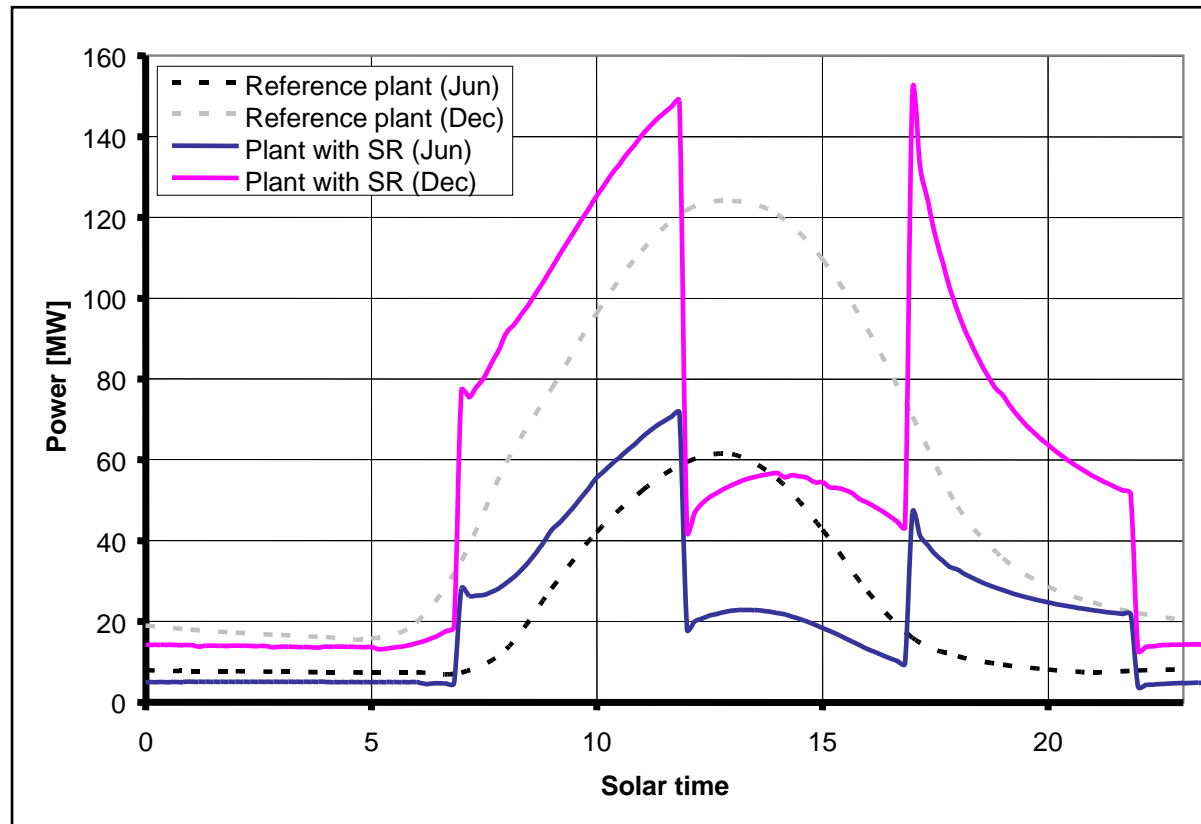
Regulating plant power output according to demand (cont.)

- Double glazed secondary collector roof
 - Base load: excellent control
 - 7.9% increase in annual power output

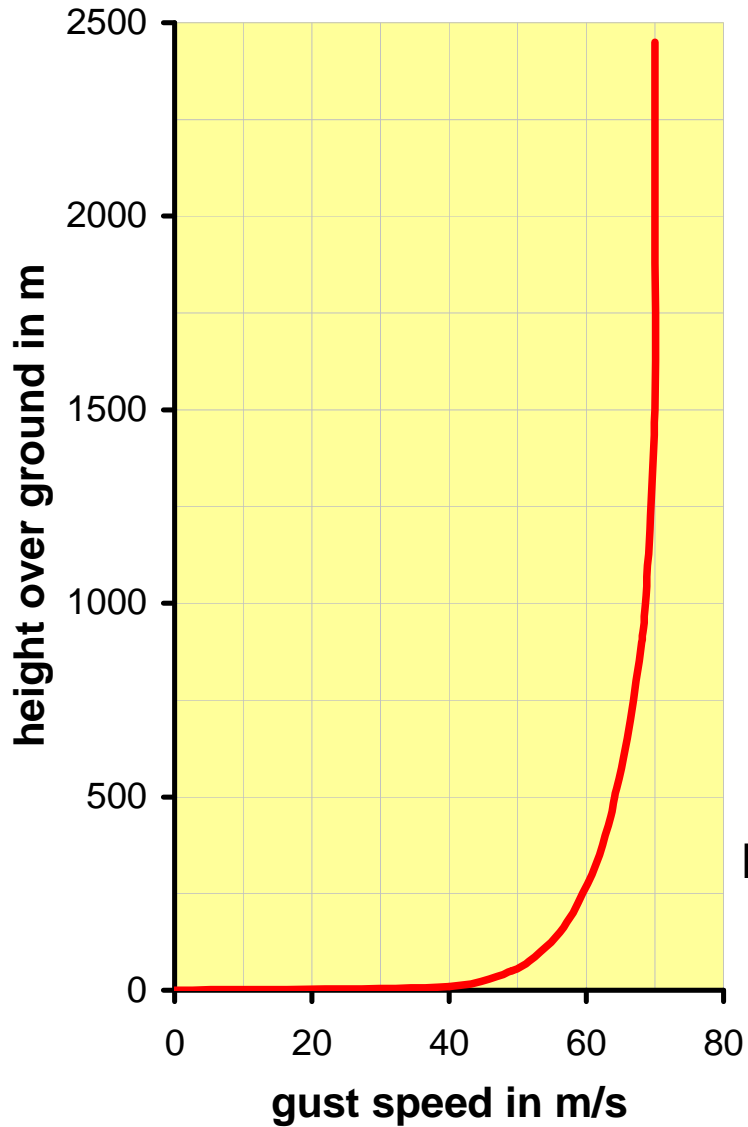


Regulating plant power output according to demand (cont.)

- Secondary collector roof
 - Peak load: good control
 - 2% increase in annual power output



Gust Wind Profile



200m
Niederaußem



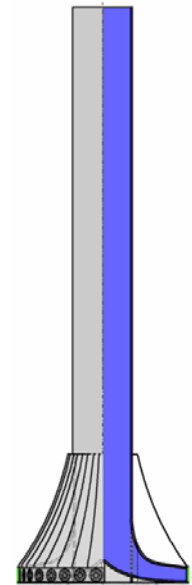
300m
Eiffelturm



800m
Burj Dubai



1500m
Green Tower

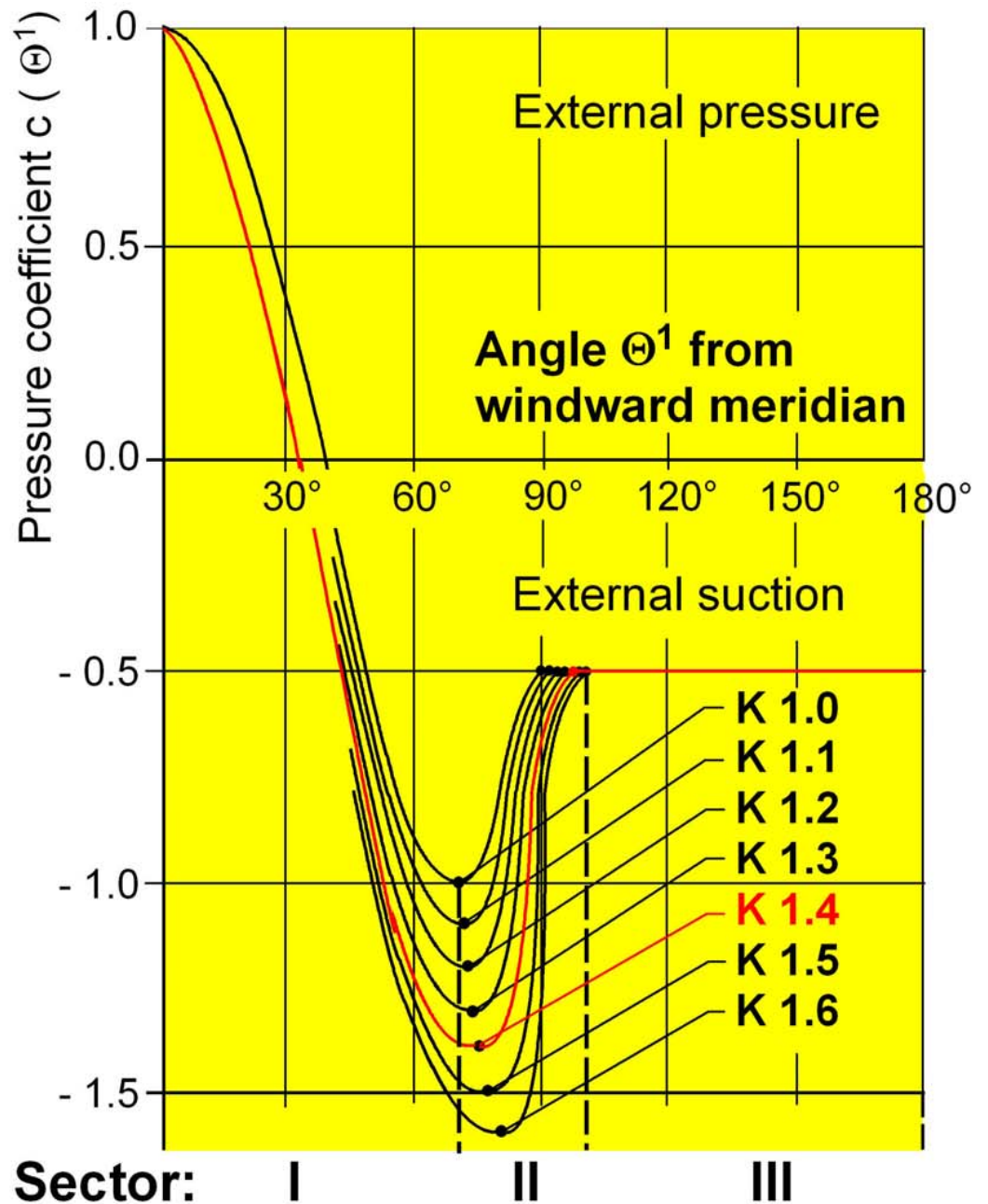


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Types of circumferential
wind pressure
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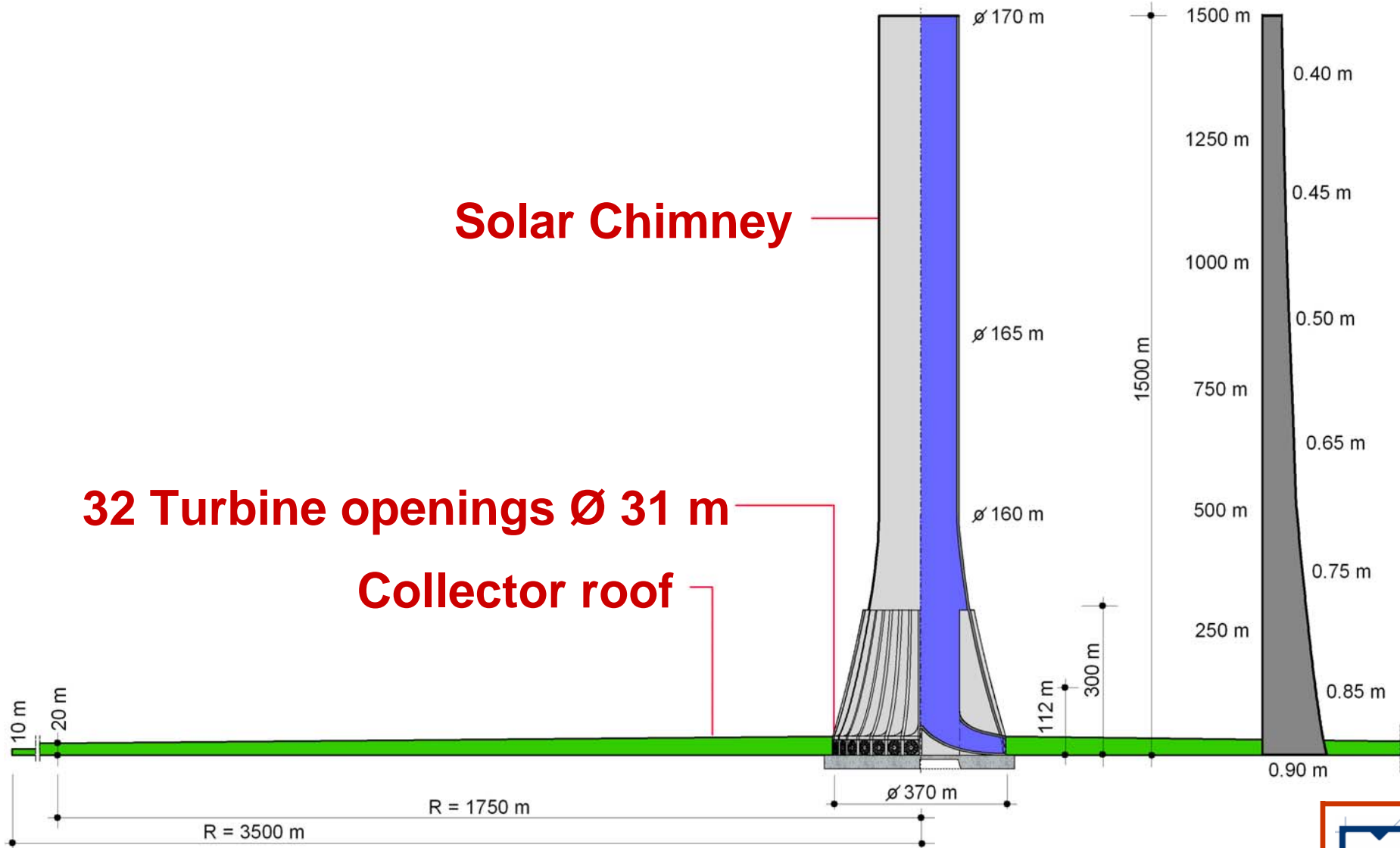
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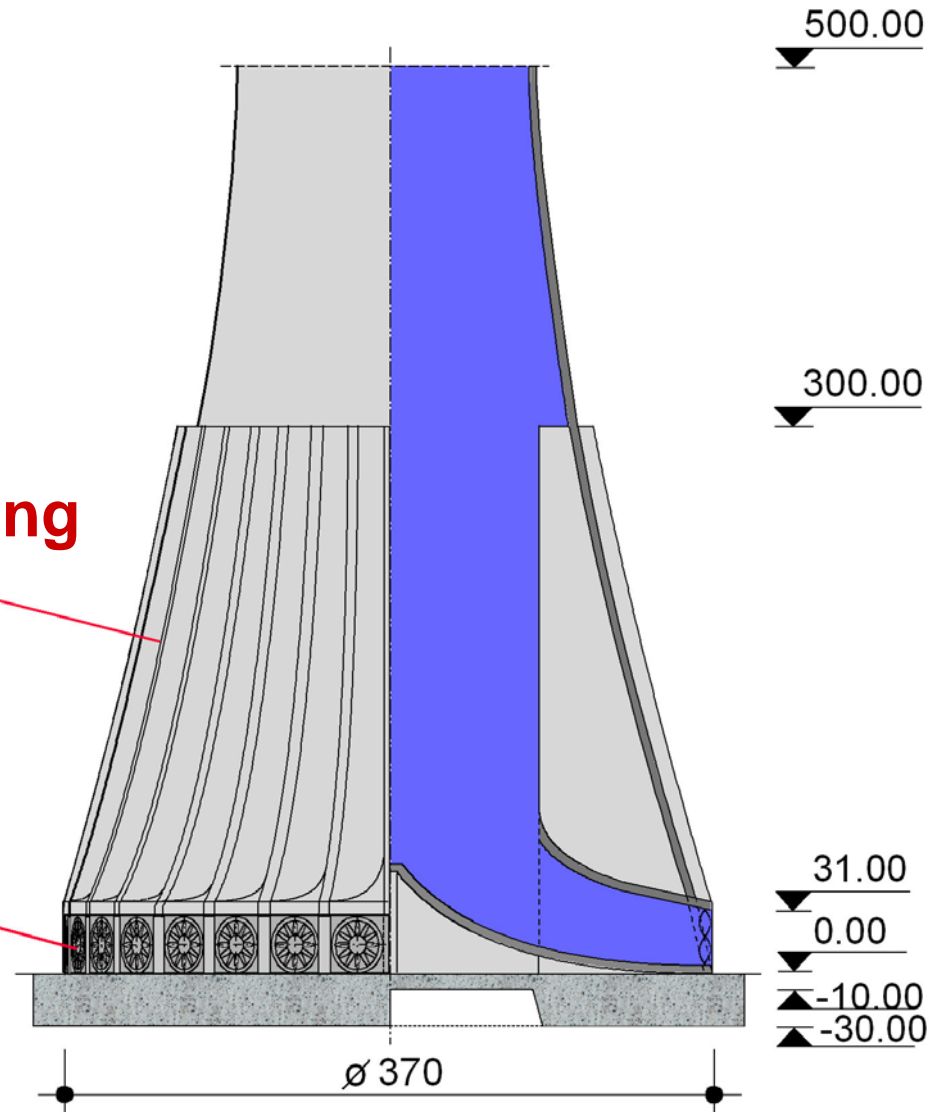
Green Tower Project Namibia



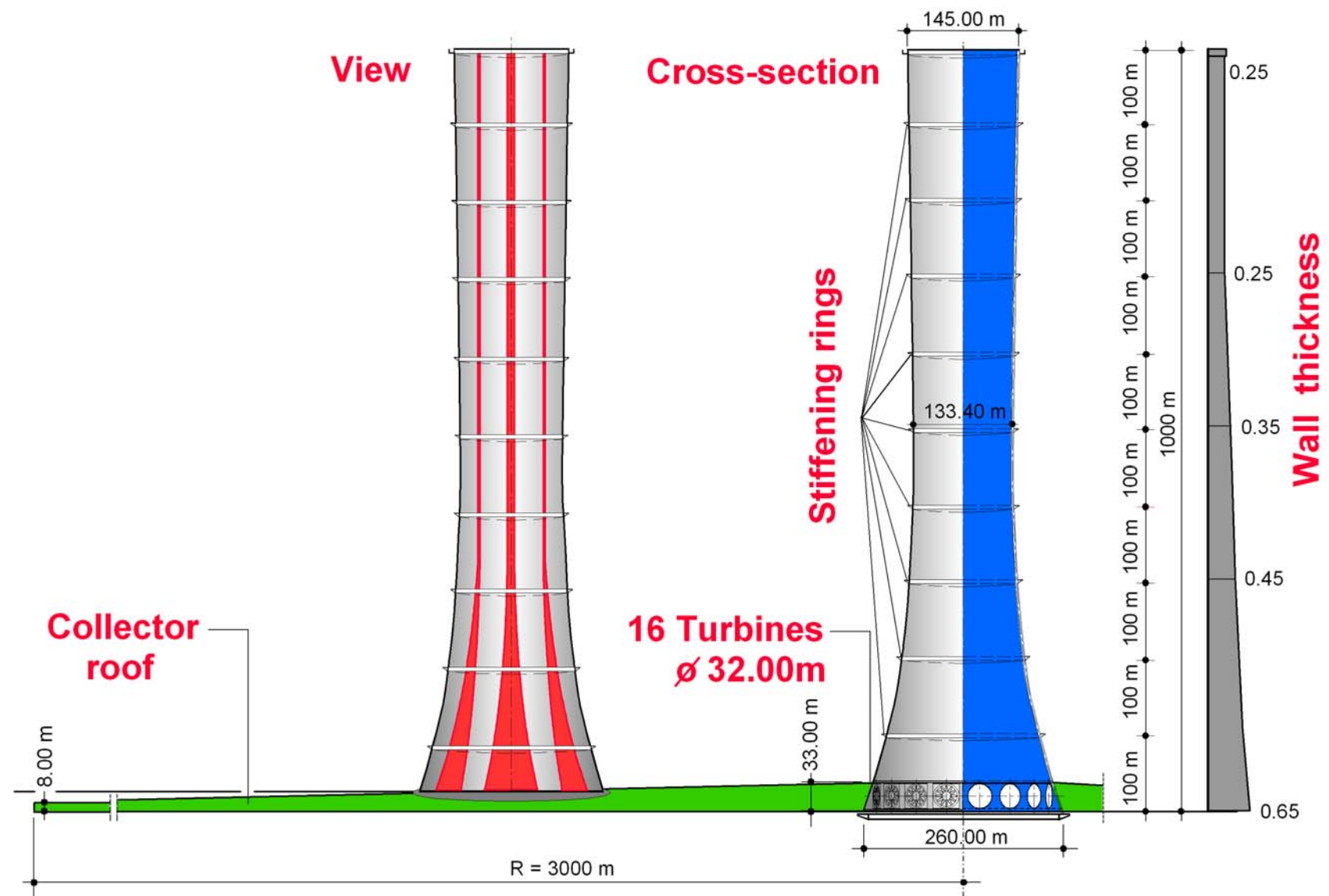
GreenTower Project Namibia: Tower foot alternative

**32 Additional Stiffening
Walls d = 2.0m**

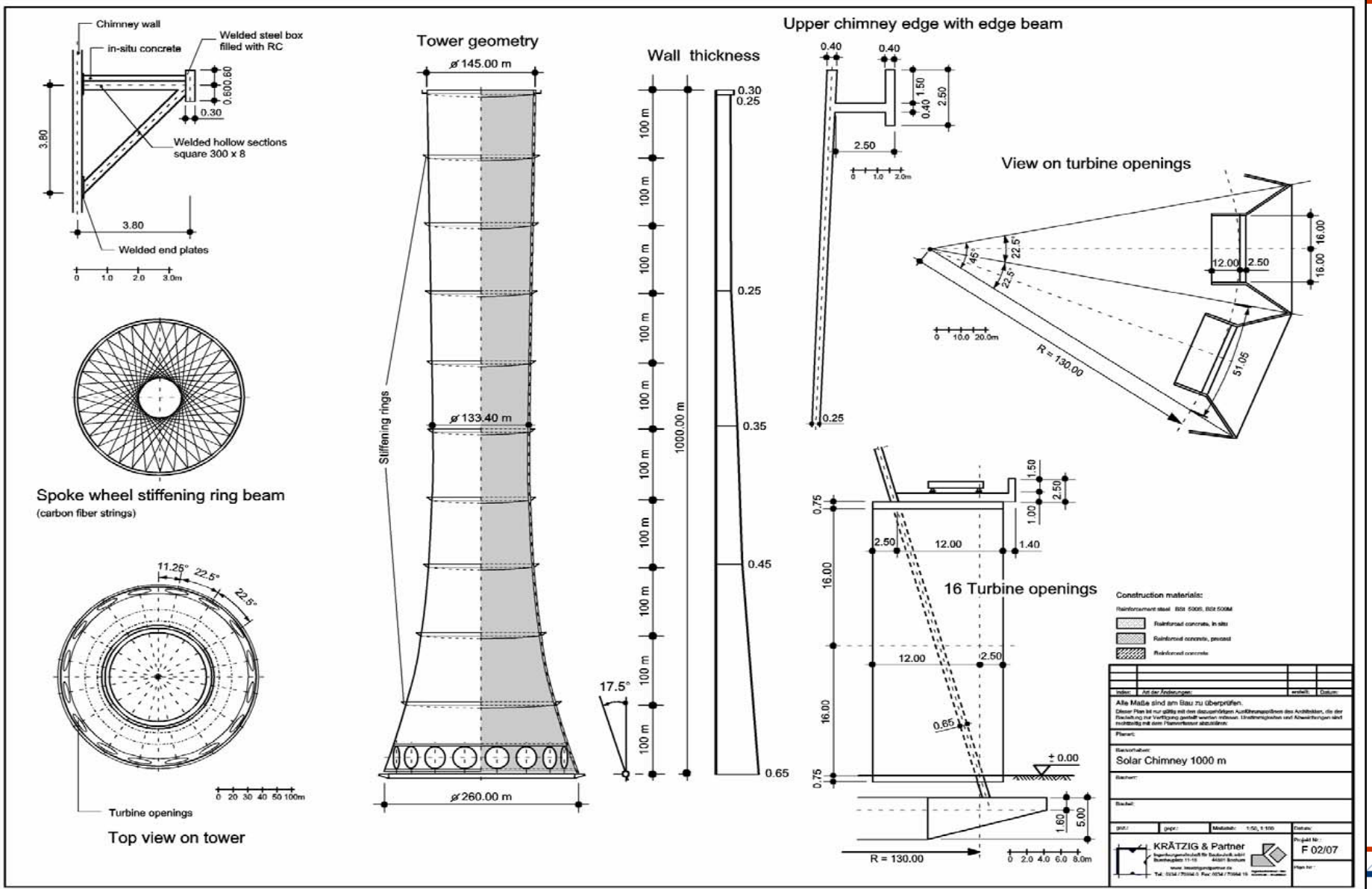
**32 Turbines
Ø 31 m**



1000m tower for a 200MW SCPP

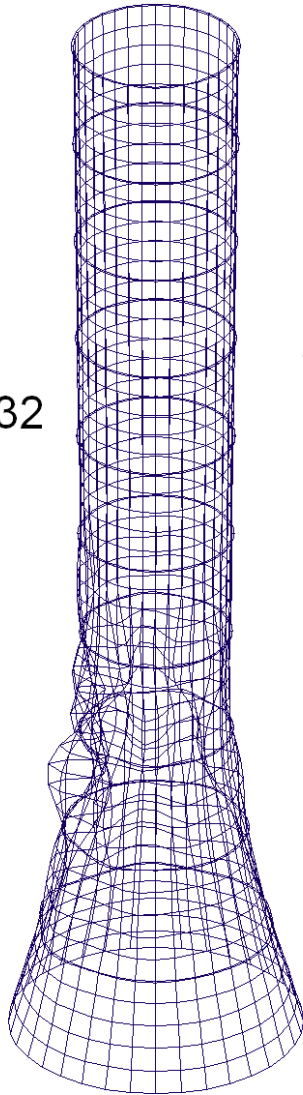


Solar Chimney Project Arabia: 1000m variant

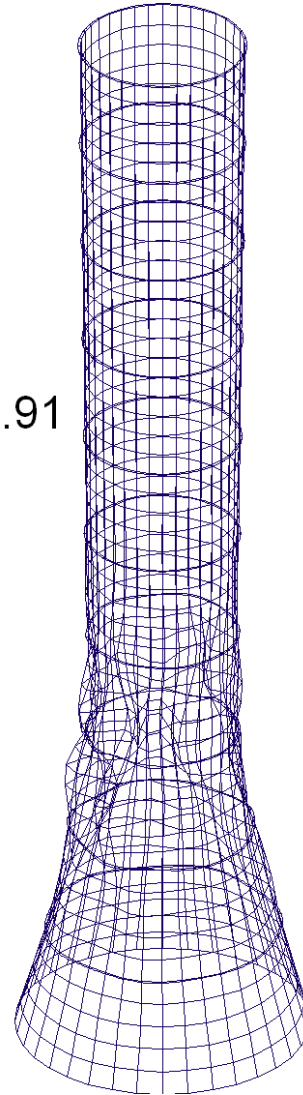


Instability modes of 1000m tower for G+W+S

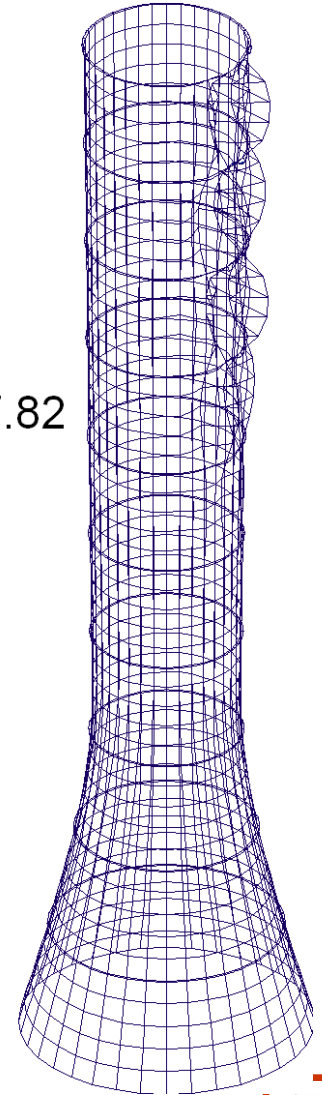
1st instability
mode: $\lambda_1 = 5.32$



2nd instability
mode: $\lambda_2 = 5.91$

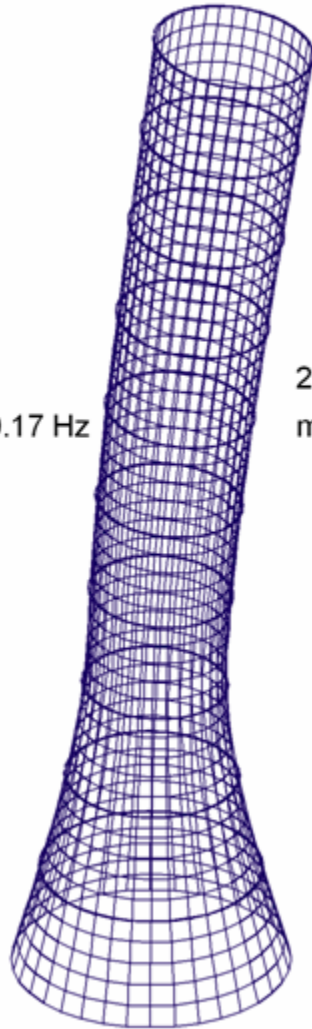


3rd instability
mode: $\lambda_3 = 7.82$

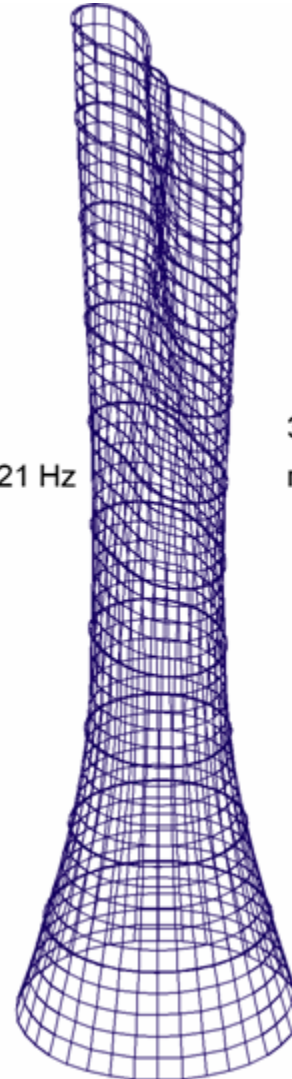


Vibration modes of 1000m tower

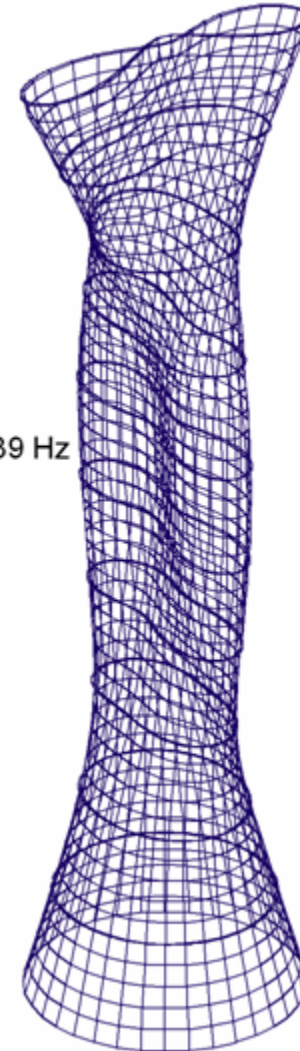
1st vibration
mode: $f_1 = 0.17$ Hz



2nd vibration
mode: $f_2 = 0.21$ Hz

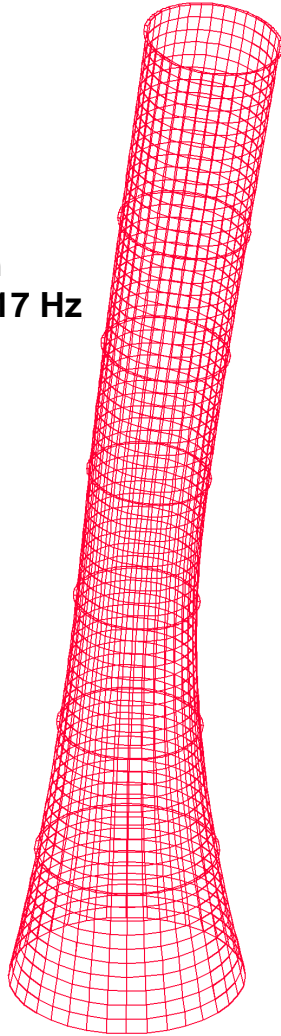


3rd vibration
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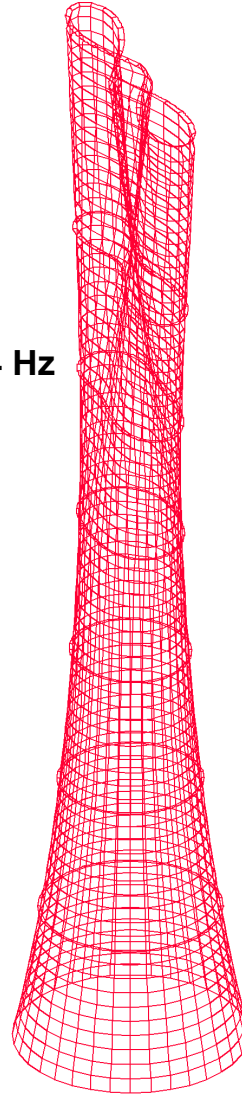


Vibration modes 1, 2 and 3 of 750m tower

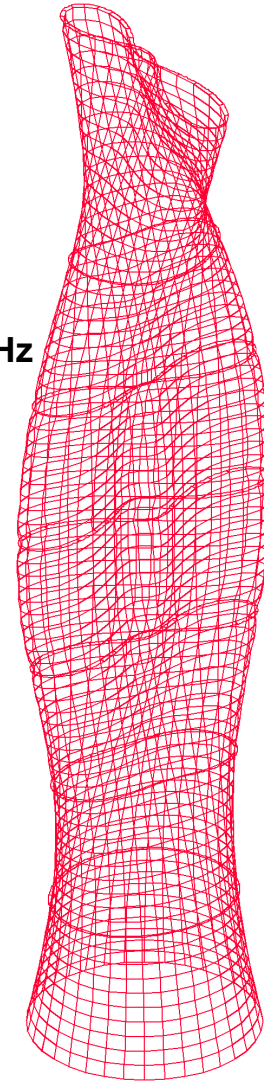
**1st vibration
mode $f_1 = 0.17$ Hz**



**2nd vibration
mode $f_2 = 0.34$ Hz**

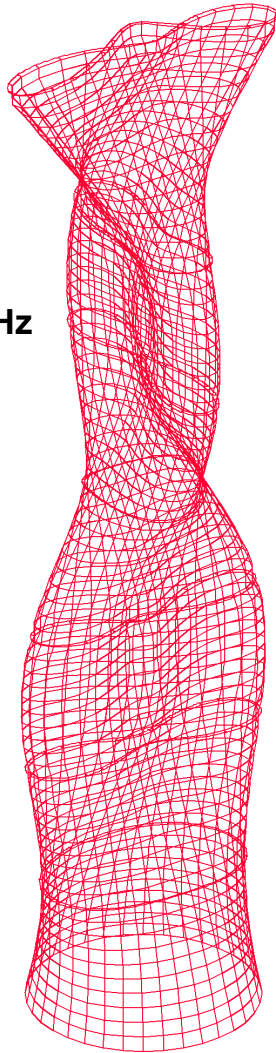


**3rd vibration
mode $f_3 = 0.50$ Hz**

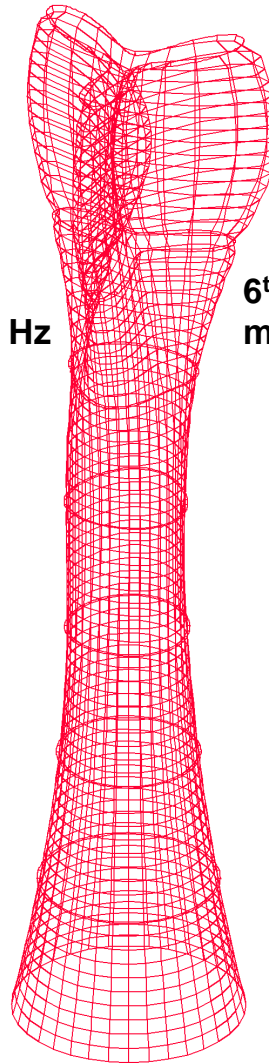


Vibration modes 4, 5 and 6 of 750m tower

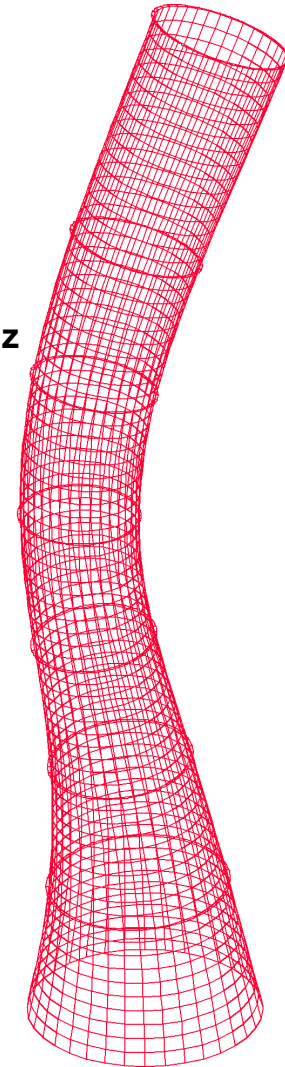
4th vibration
mode $f_4 = 0.77$ Hz



5th vibration
mode $f_5 = 0.77$ Hz



6th vibration
mode $f_6 = 0.84$ Hz



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