

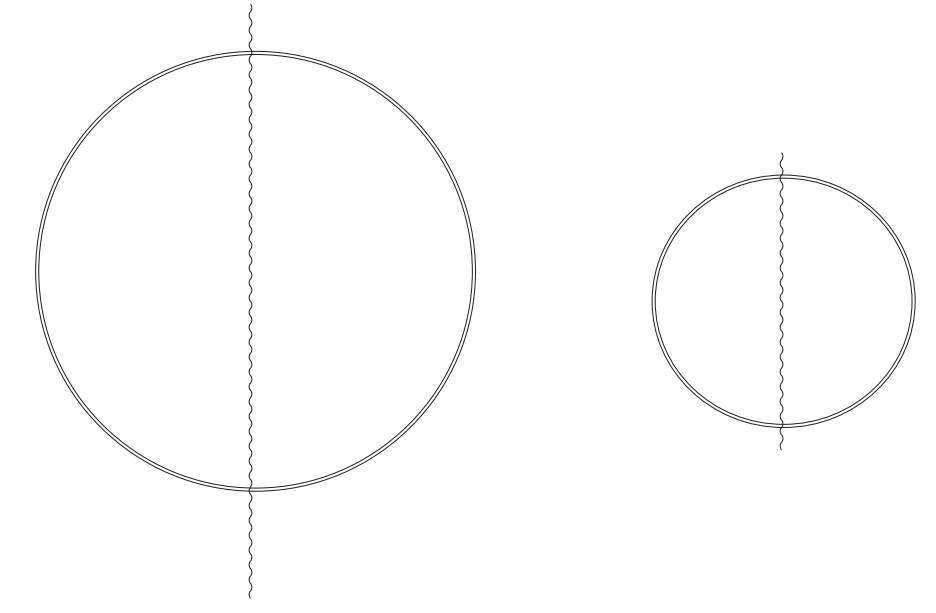
Milling / Cleaving Cut
Ø Roundwood

Description

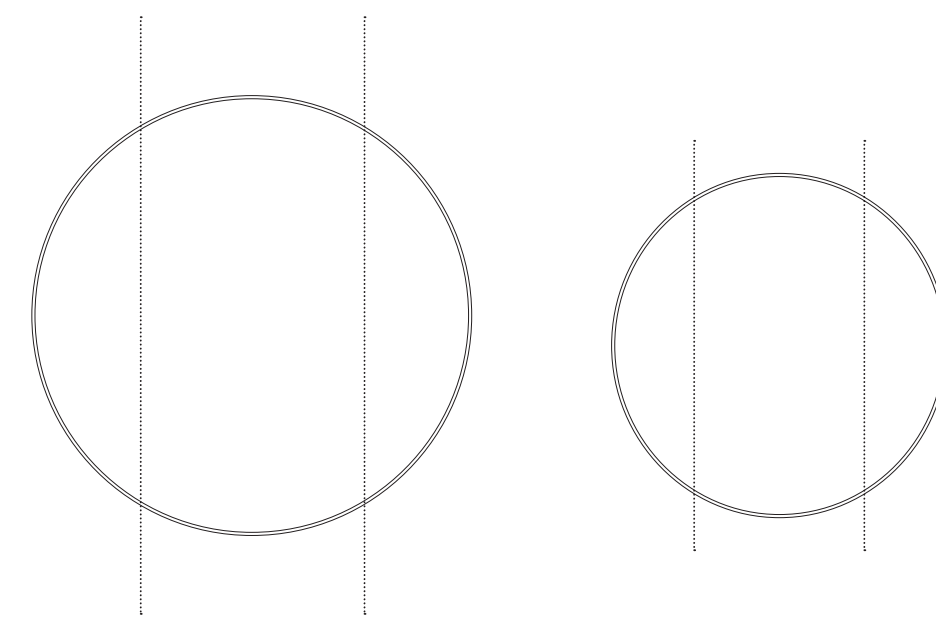
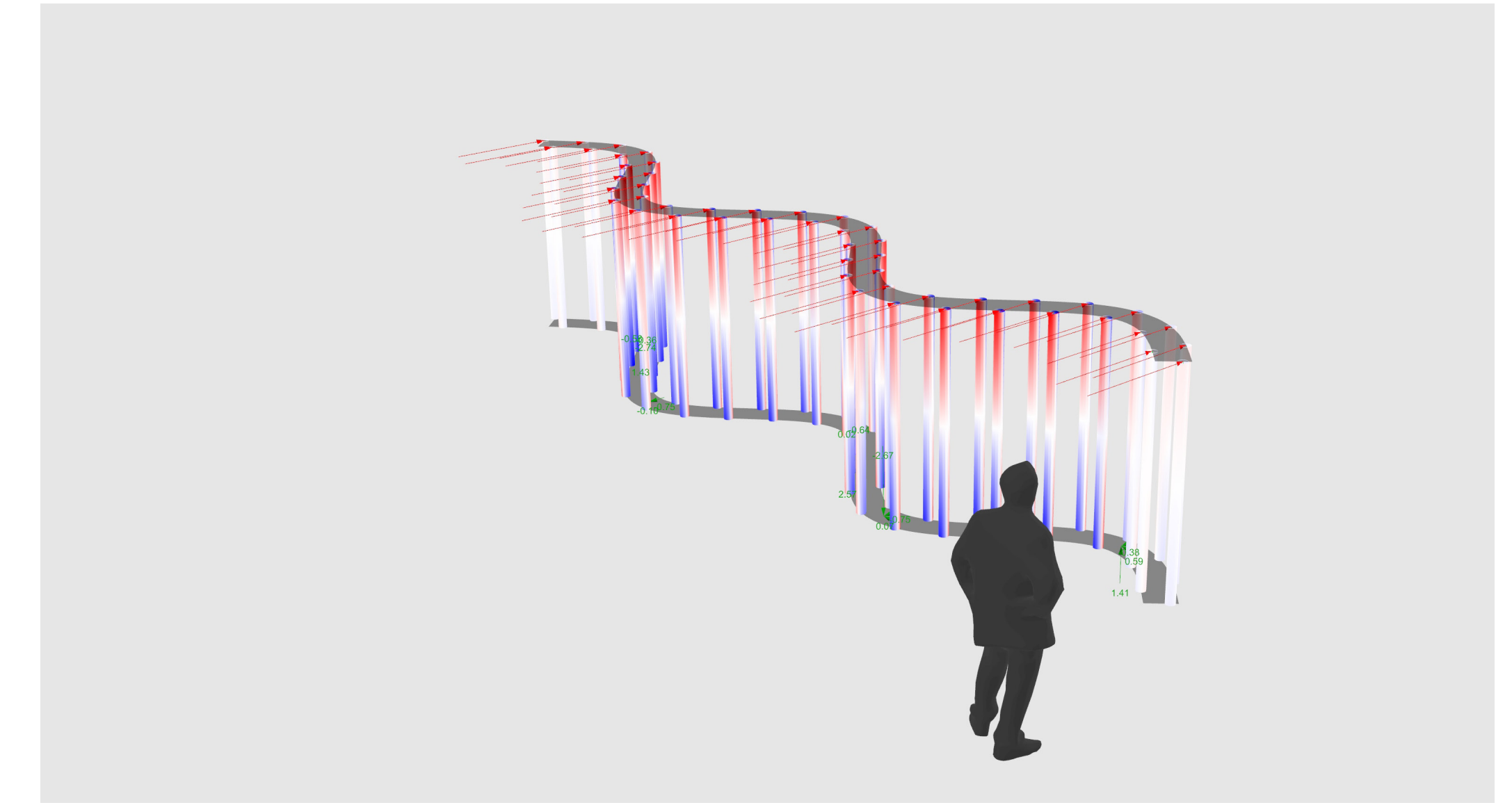
Prototype

Building System

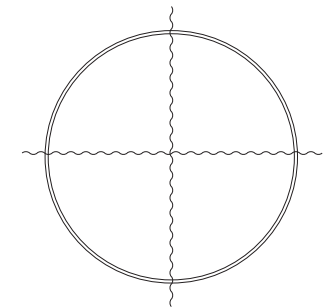
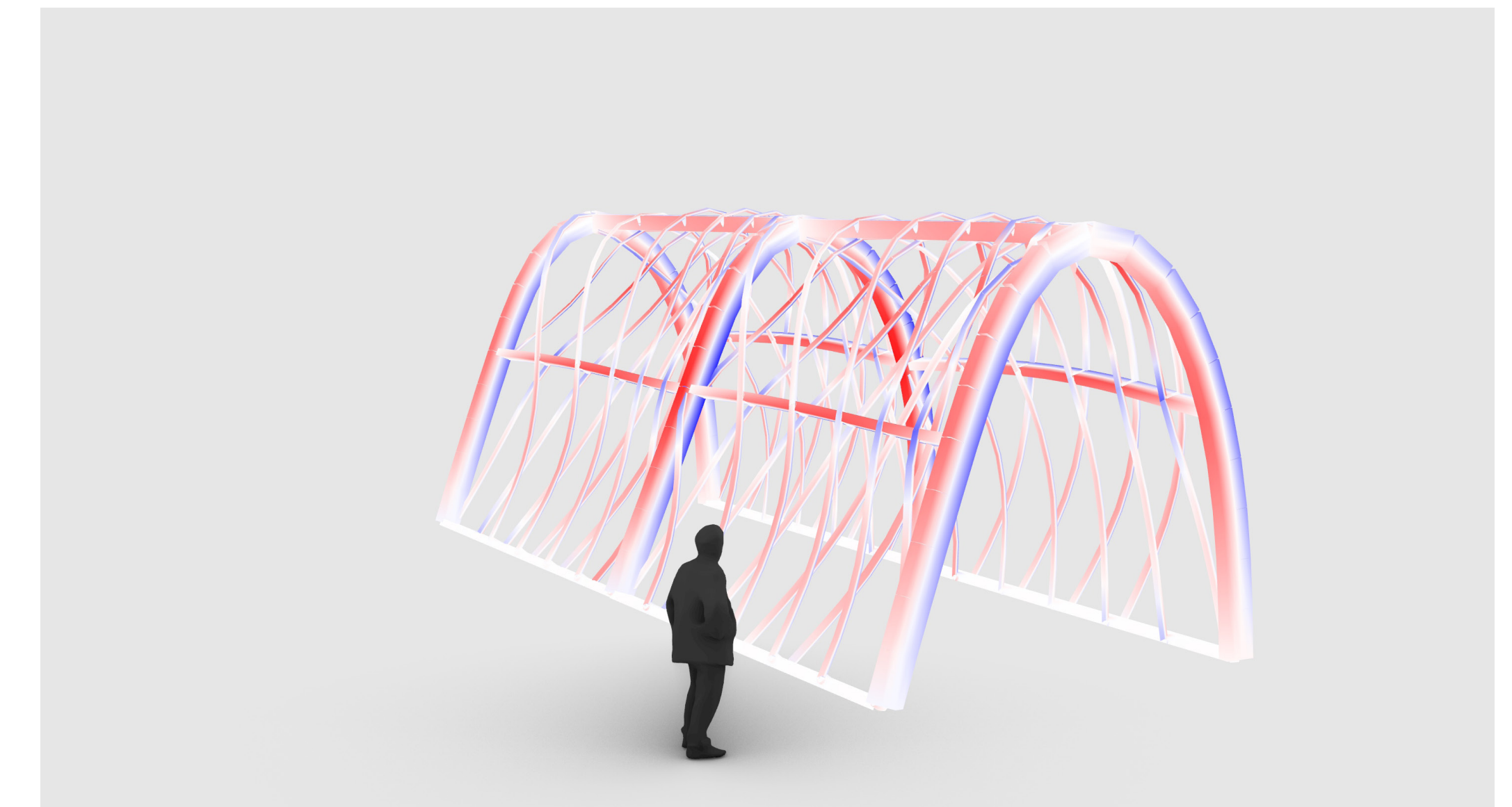
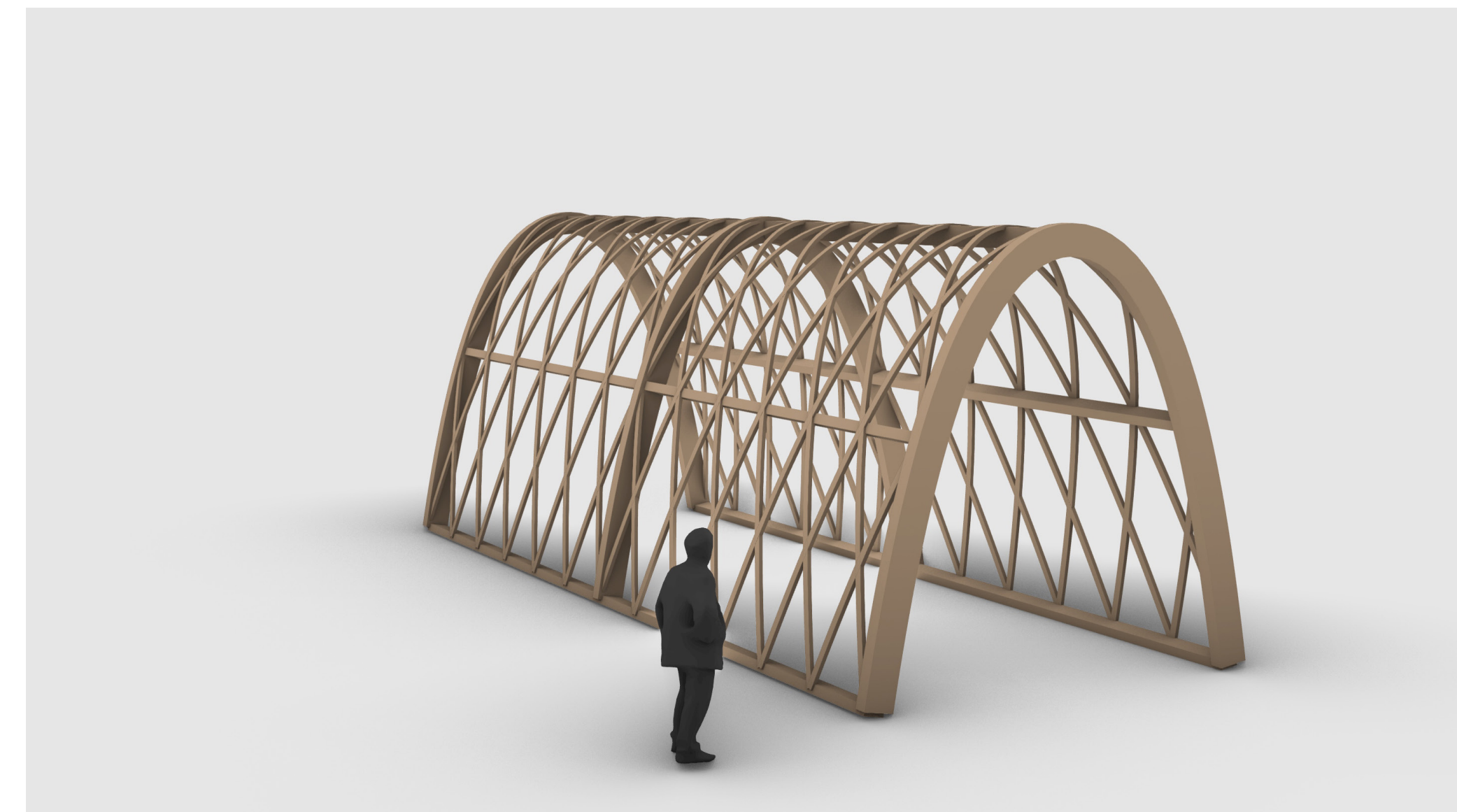
Deflection / Stress
Blue: Tension, Red: Compression



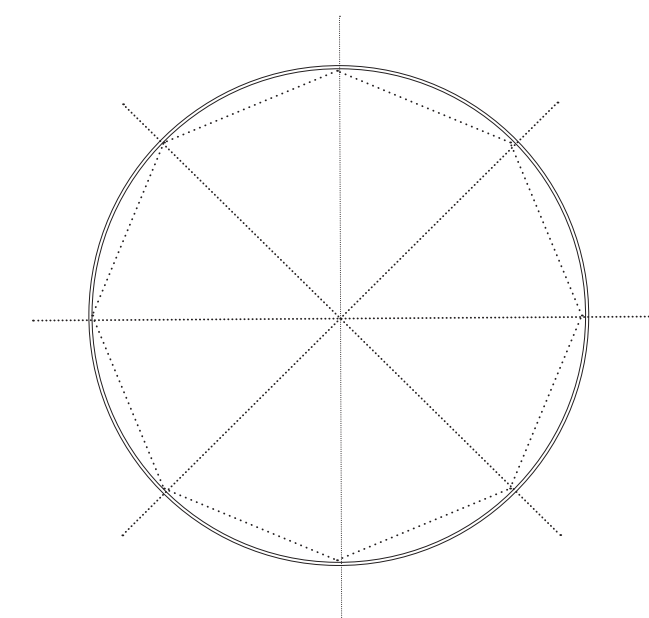
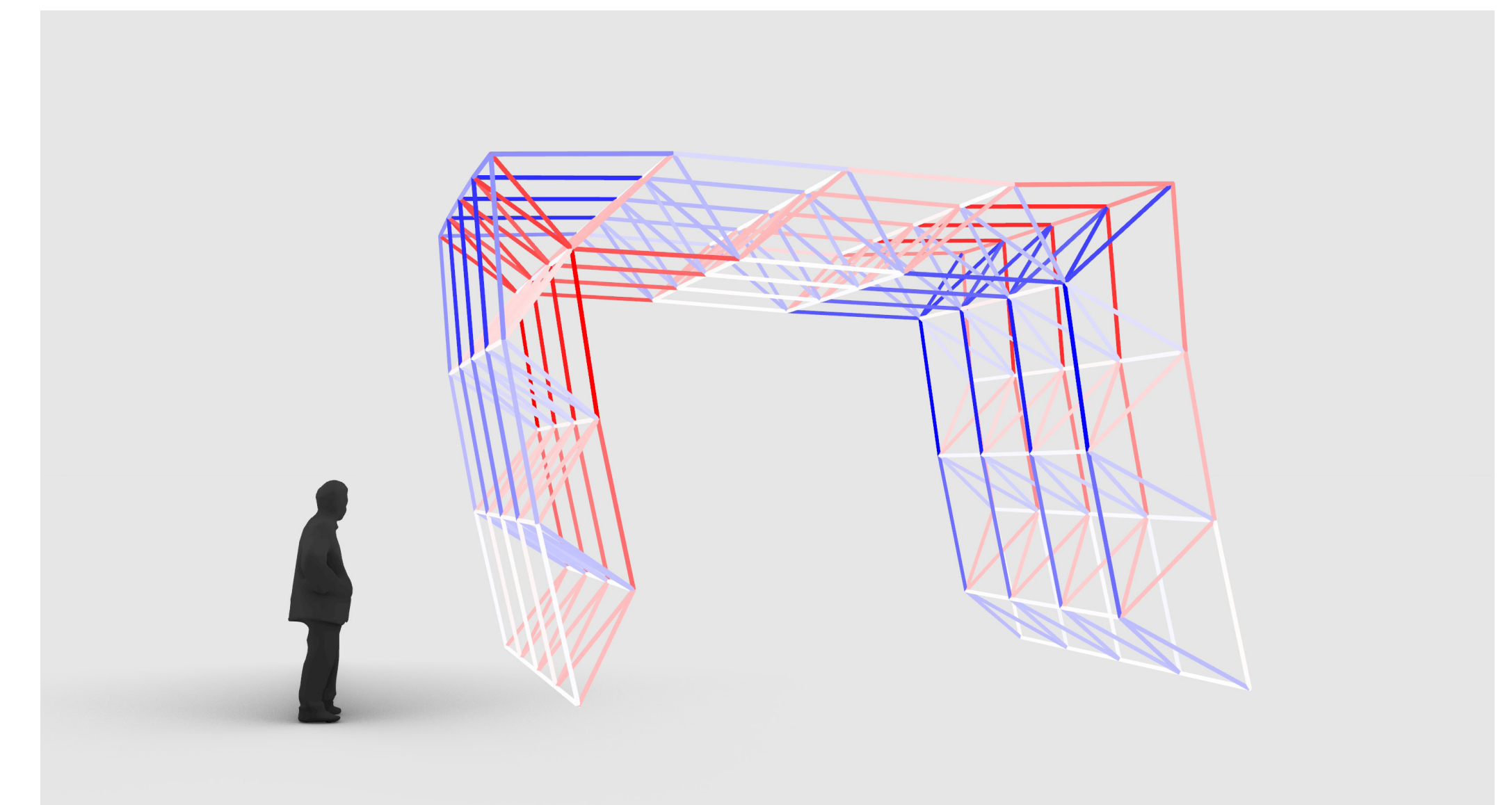
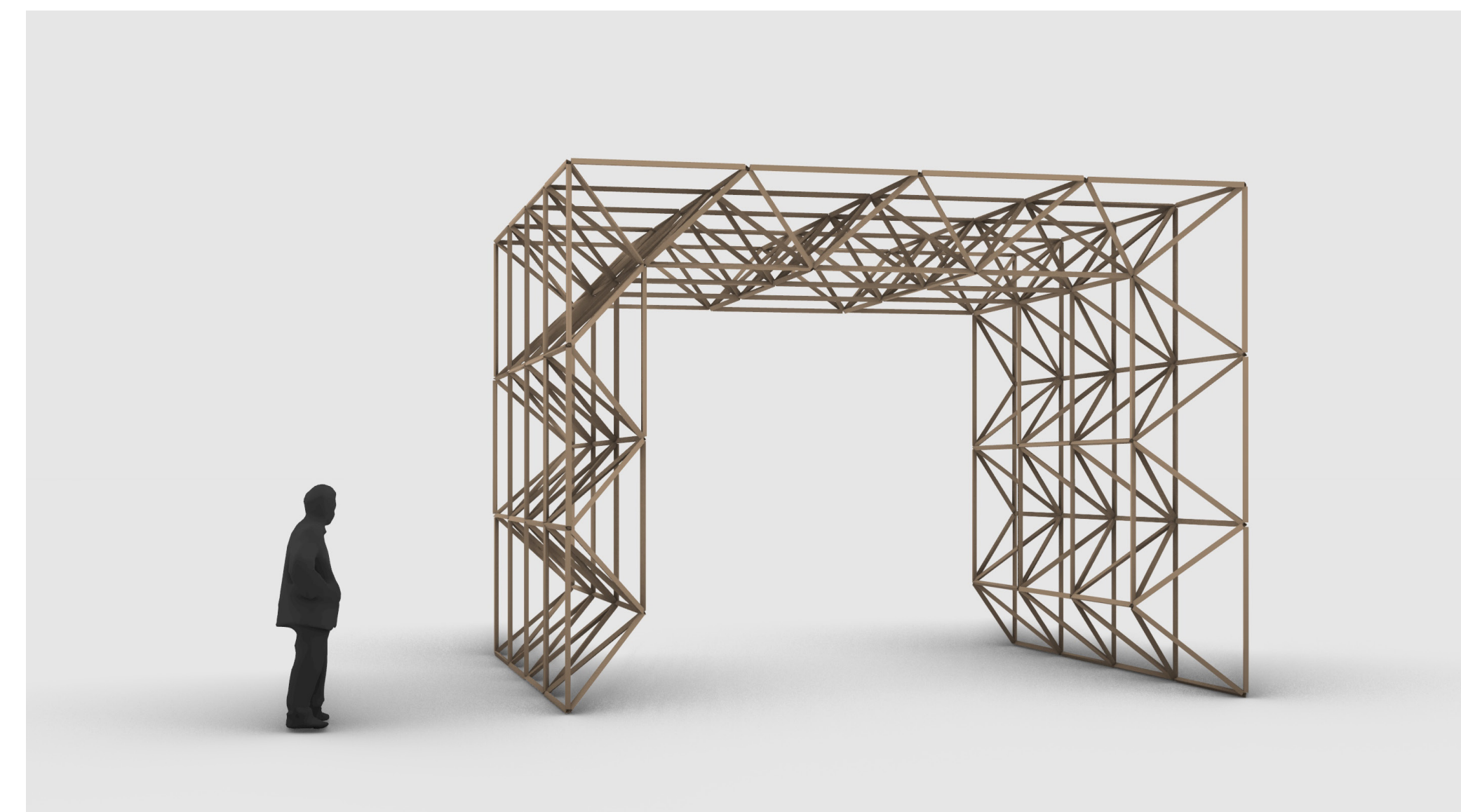
- Cleaved / sawn half-round timber frame.
- Uses small to medium diameter roundwood.
- 'C' shaped panel system for creating sinusoidal curves.
- Stackable for multi-storey construction.
- Integrated flexible insulation and vapour permeable membrane.



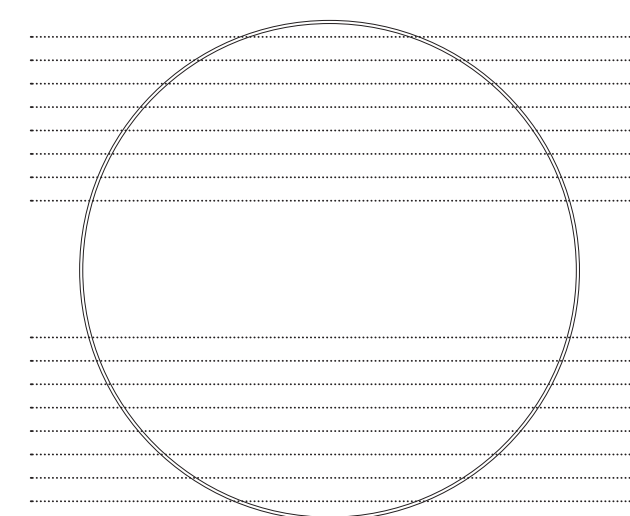
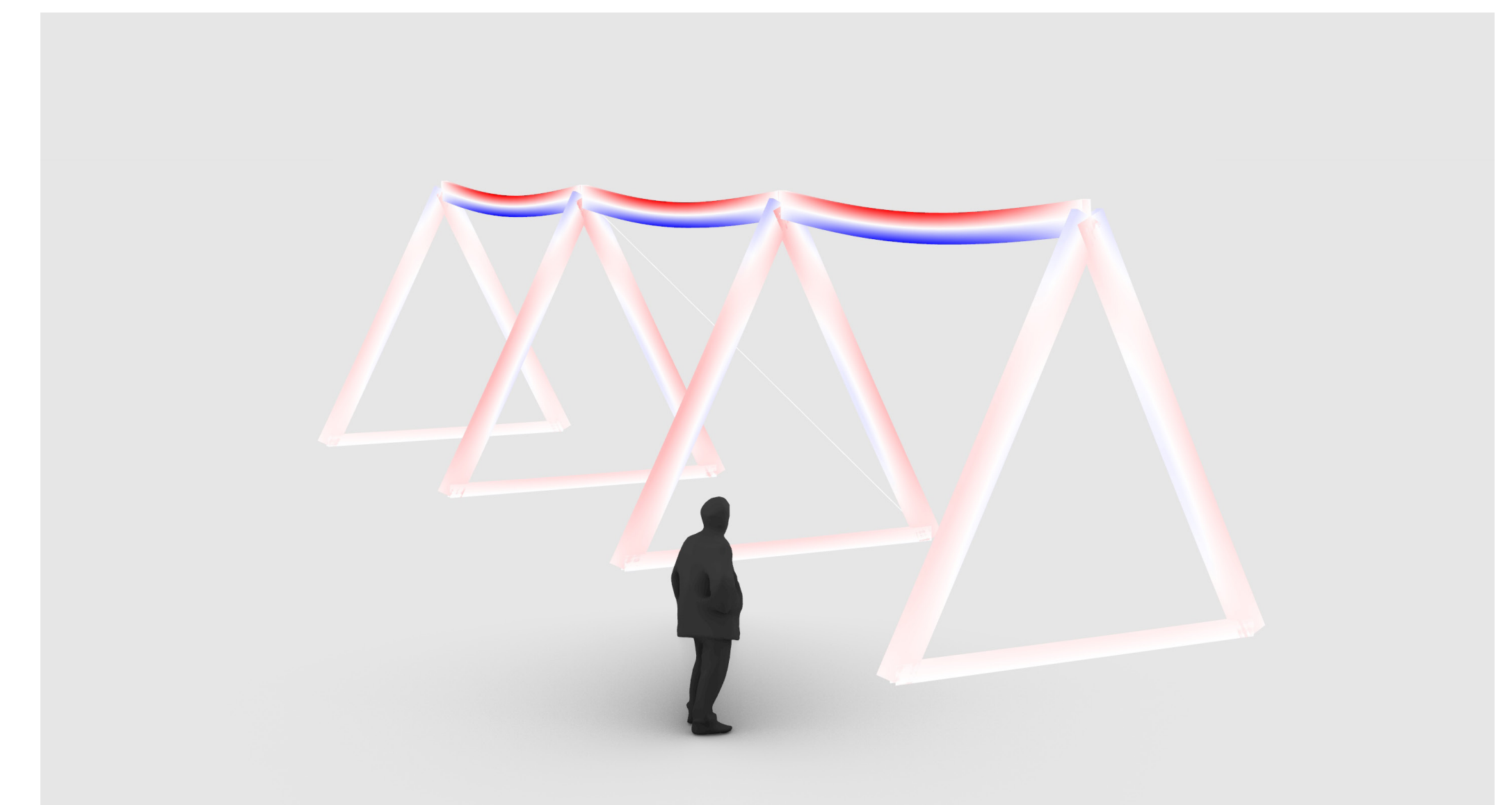
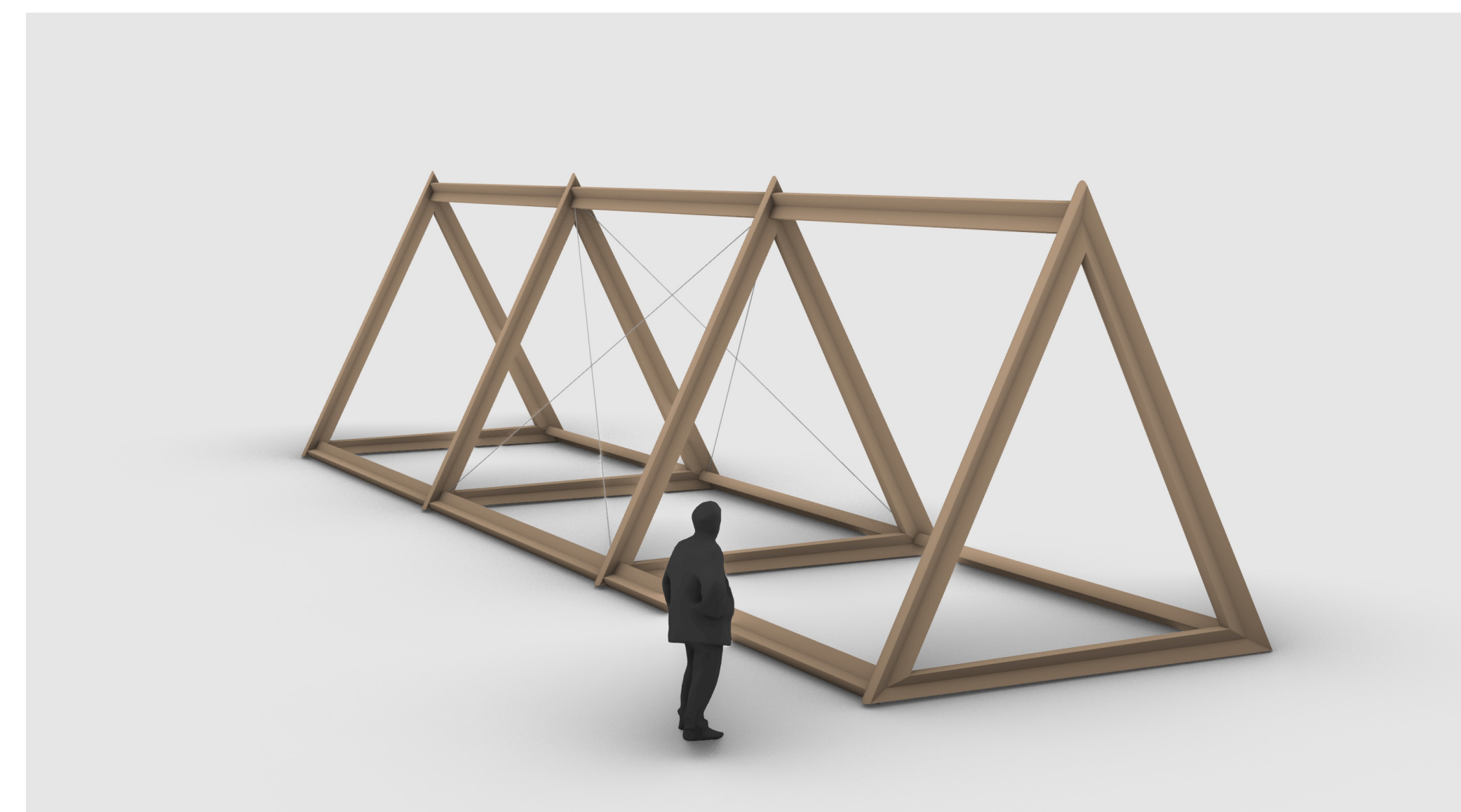
- Parallel sawn small and medium diameter roundwood.
- Tension wood outer profiles for lattice or multi-layered gridshell construction.
- Heartwood core for curved, steam bent arches or mechanically laminated beams.



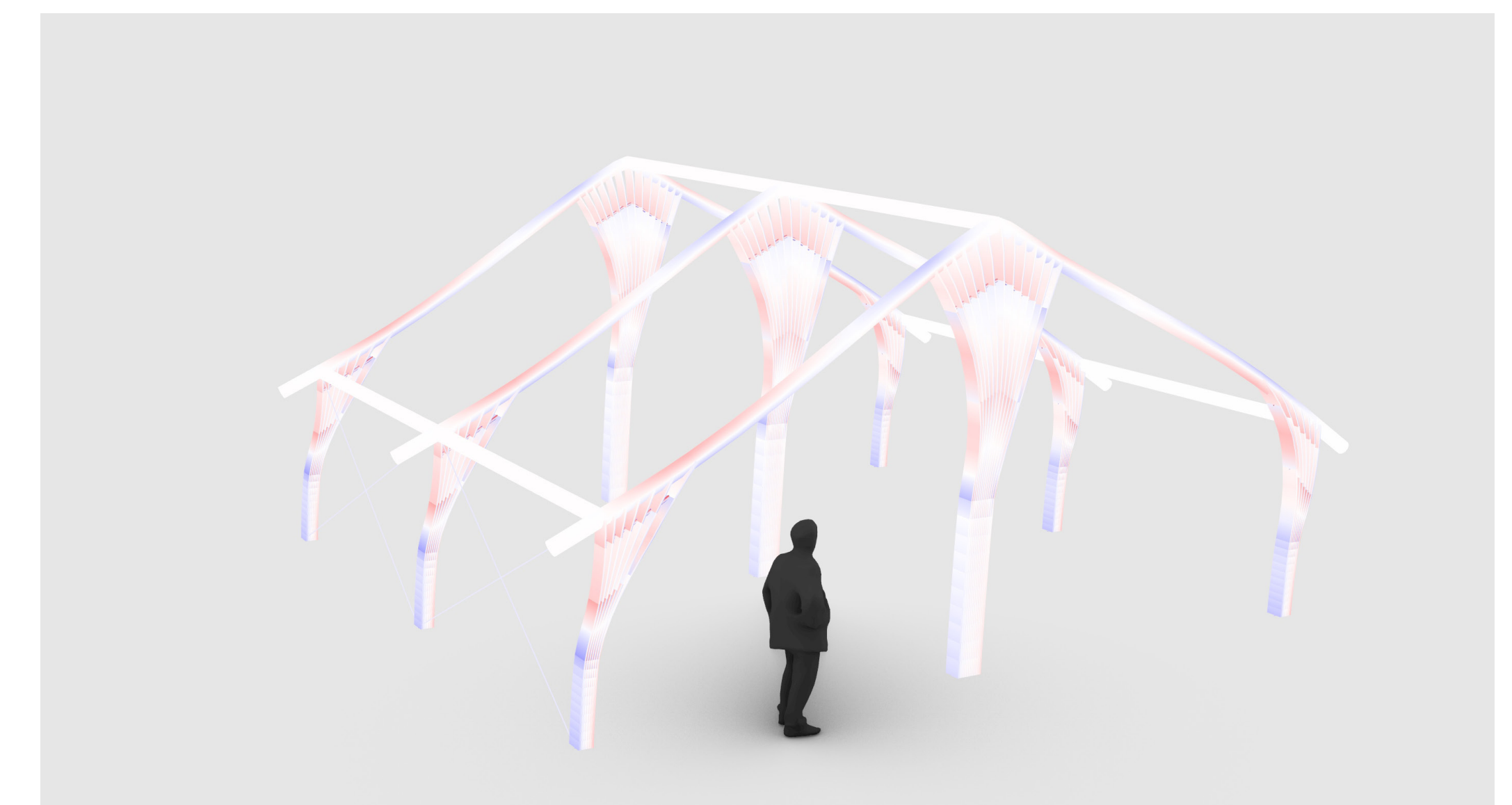
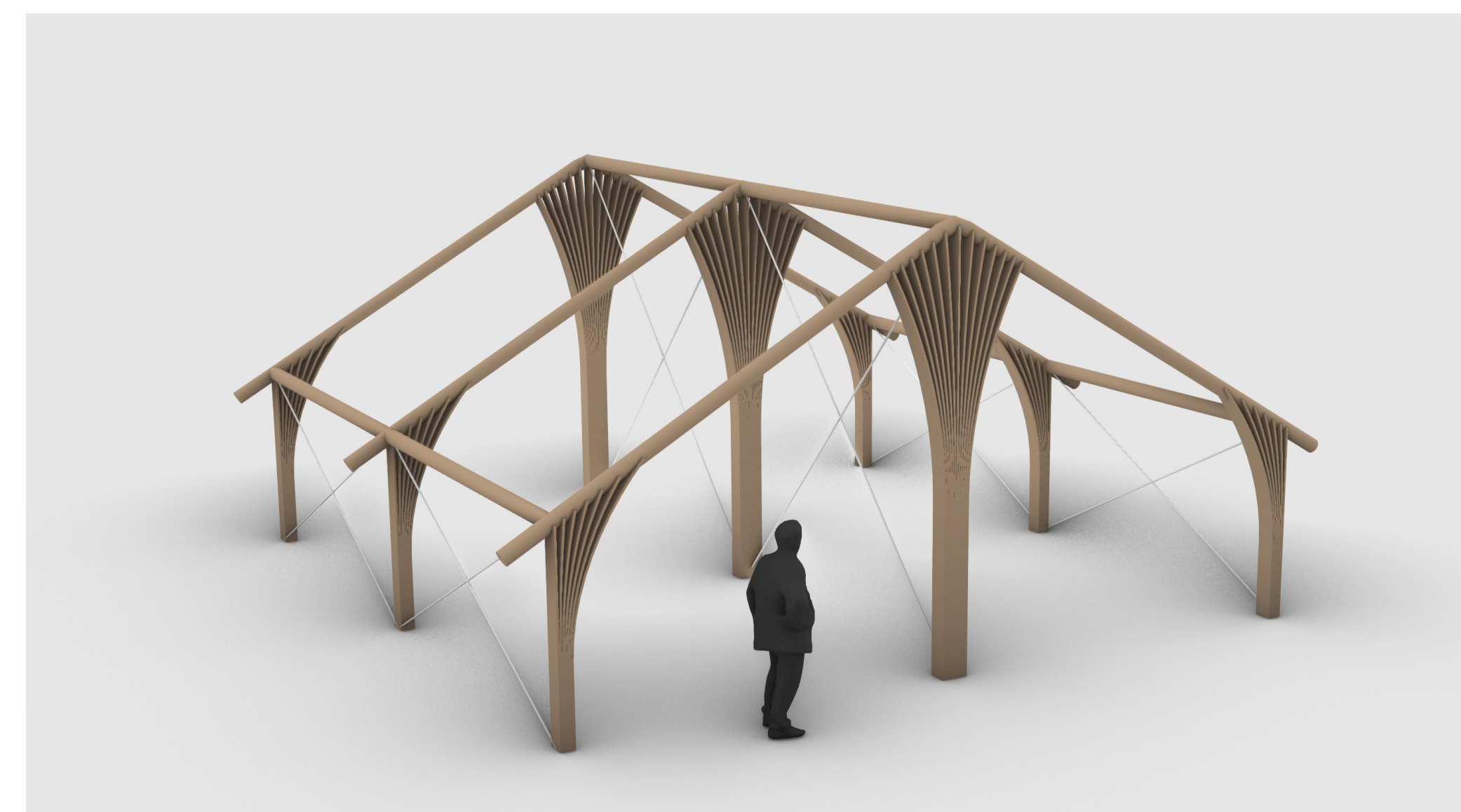
- Quarter-cleaved small diameter roundwood space frame struts.
- Re-configurable to multiple geometries and components; deck, wall, roof.
- Lightweight, stiff, demountable structures.
- Potential for external use (stainless steel fixings + durable cleft timber.)



- A-frame constructed from structurally optimised 'XR' beams.
- Stopped radial-cuts from large diameter roundwood.
- Thermally broken structure using interlocking plywood gussets at the axis.
- x4 'XR' beams per log.
- Low processing waste compared to traditional rectangular section timber.



- Splayed / fanned column.
- Stopped parallel cuts on a sawmill.
- Uses large and medium diameter roundwood.
- Uses inherent tension + compression in the material to create a distributed moment connection.





Home Grown House

Concepts for sustainable, low-cost prefabricated housing made from domestically grown Sweet Chestnut timber.

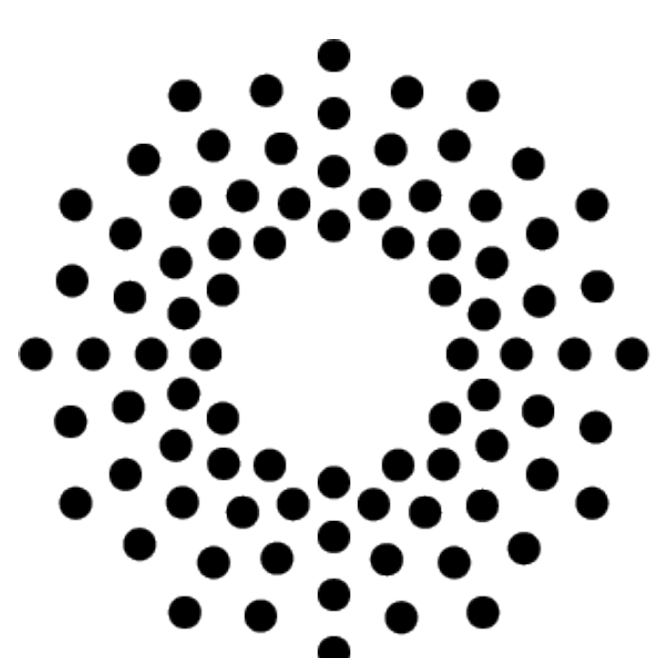
The HomeGrownHouse project is addressing the underuse of locally sourced, small-diameter round wood in construction in the south-east of England.

The project focuses on coppiced Sweet Chestnut timber for its natural durability, strength and stability.

A demonstrator 'kit of parts' for constructing small scale buildings was exhibited in woodland on the Birling Estate, Kent.

Sweet Chestnut Coppicing + The Environment:

- High levels of carbon sequestration: 2640 kg/ha/yr or 9680 kg/ha/yr CO₂ e (only Poplar and Douglas Fir sequester more).
- No replanting - coppice 'stools' regrow naturally. Rotation harvesting every 12-20 years.
- A durable hardwood timber with yields equivalent to Scots Pine: 8m³ per hectare per annum at 14 years.
- Coppicing beneficial to biodiversity by opening the woodland floor to light.
- Few current markets: biomass and fencing.



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