



# Greenhouse for Partial Gravity Systems & Architecture

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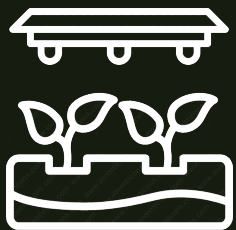
## Current Positions

- National Space Society, North Houston: Director/Secretary
- Mars Desert Research Station (MDRS), Mars Society: CapCom
- NASA Centennial Challenges (Deep Space Food Challenge) 2021: Juror

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# Greenhouse

**What to grow?**  
Plant list

**How to grow?**  
Cultivation process and systems

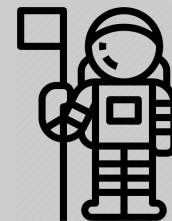
**Where to grow?**  
The greenhouse architecture

# Crew

**What to eat?**  
Daily menu

**How to eat?**  
Post harvesting process and systems

**Where to eat?**  
The greenhouse's human factors



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## Plant's Diversity in the Proposed Plant Lists

	Russia	USA	ESA/Canada	USA	Japan	ESA/Canada	USA
<b>Fruit</b>	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
<b>Grain</b>	1	4	2	4	1	2	6
<b>Herb and Spices</b>	1	0	0	0	4	4	6
<b>Leaf and Flower</b>	0	3	5	4	3	7	6
<b>Leguminous</b>	1	4	2	3	4	4	4
<b>Root and Tuber</b>	6	2	4	3	3	4	5
<b>Salad</b>	3	0	2	4	4	5	4
<b>Sugar</b>	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	12	13	15	20	20	26	36

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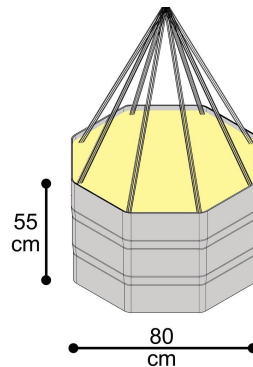


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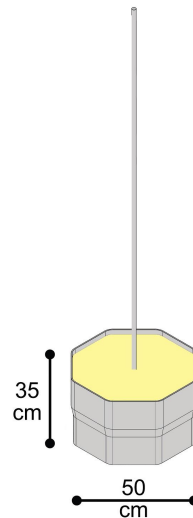


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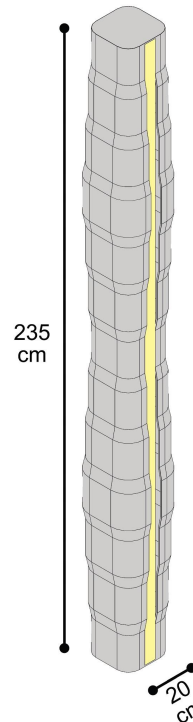
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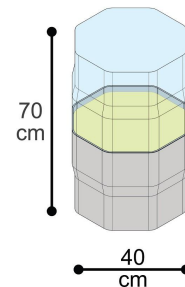
**Bracket**



**Trellis**



**Wall**



**Box**

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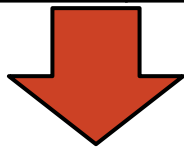
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## Plants Diversity & Cultivation Area

	Intake Calories Per Day (kcal)	Required Calories Per Day (kcal)	Ratio of Intake to Required Calories (%)	Cultivation Area (m <sup>2</sup> )
NASA	1130	2700	60	46.5
Greenhouse	3000	3000	100	123.5



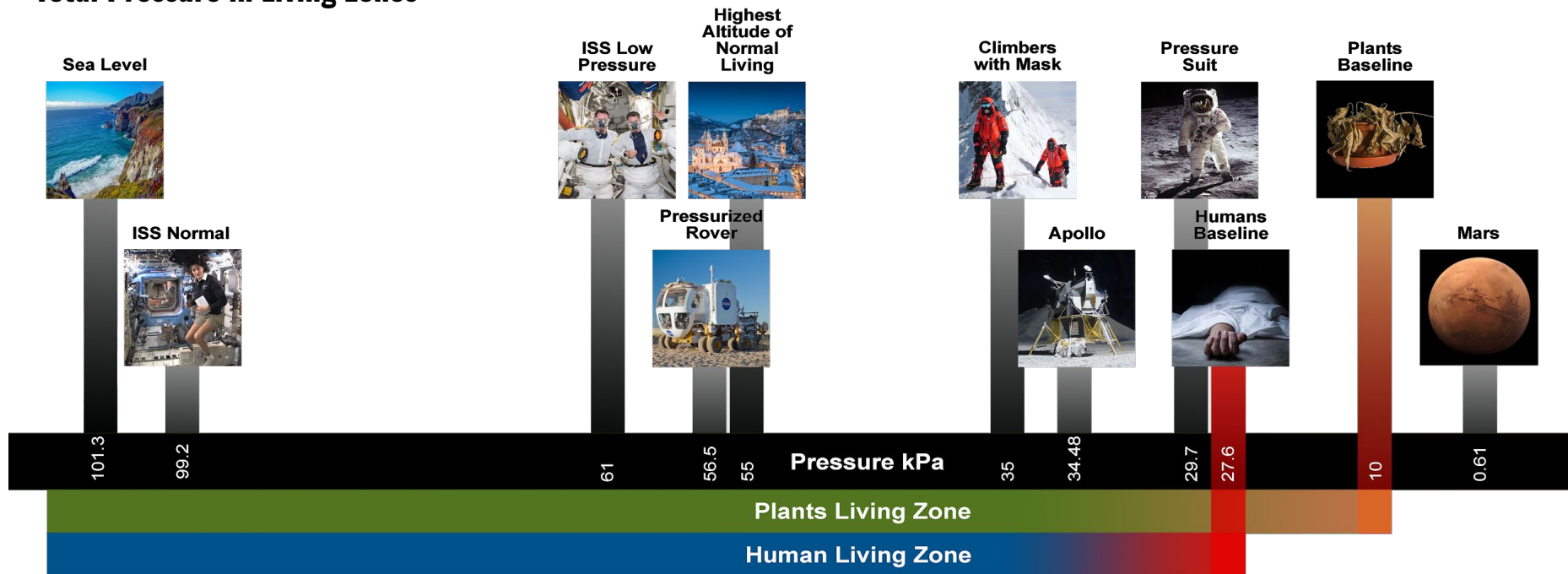
**4 Crew Need 494 m<sup>2</sup> Cultivation Area**

Example	Bracket	Box	Wall	Trellis	Total
Pots in Upper Level	0	288	528	62	878
Pots in Lower Level	64	556	222	64	906
Total Number of Pots	64	844	750	126	<b>1784</b>
Area of Each Pot (m <sup>2</sup> )	0.64	0.16	0.38	0.29	
Total Cultivation Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	40.96	135.04	285	36.54	<b>497.54</b>

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## Total Pressure in Living Zones



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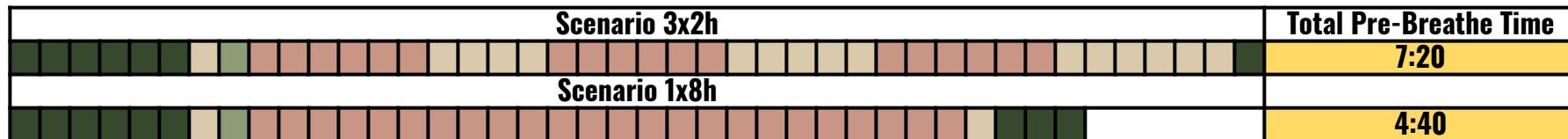


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## EVA Scenarios



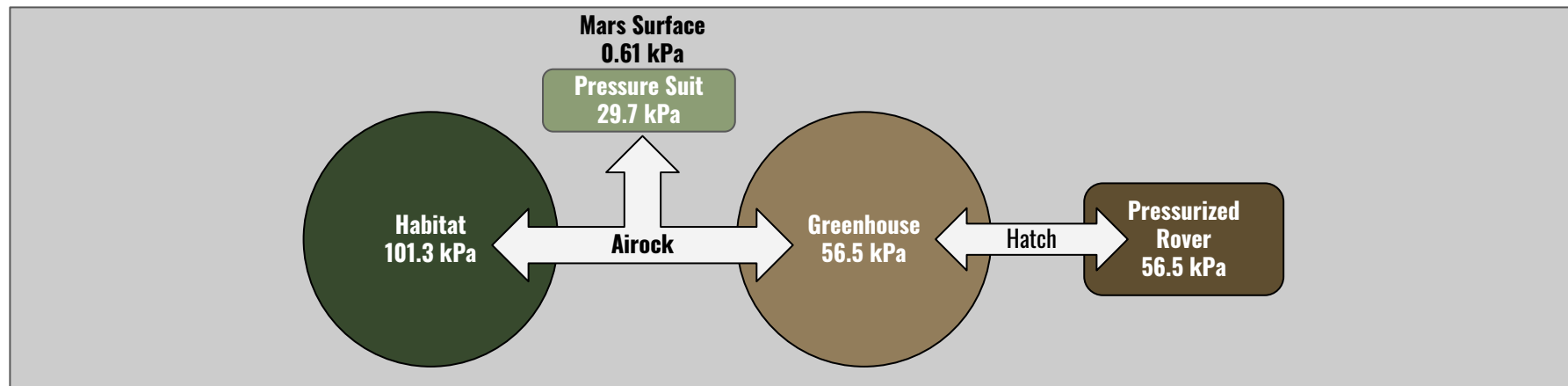
101.3 kPa 

56.5 kPa 

29.7 kPa 

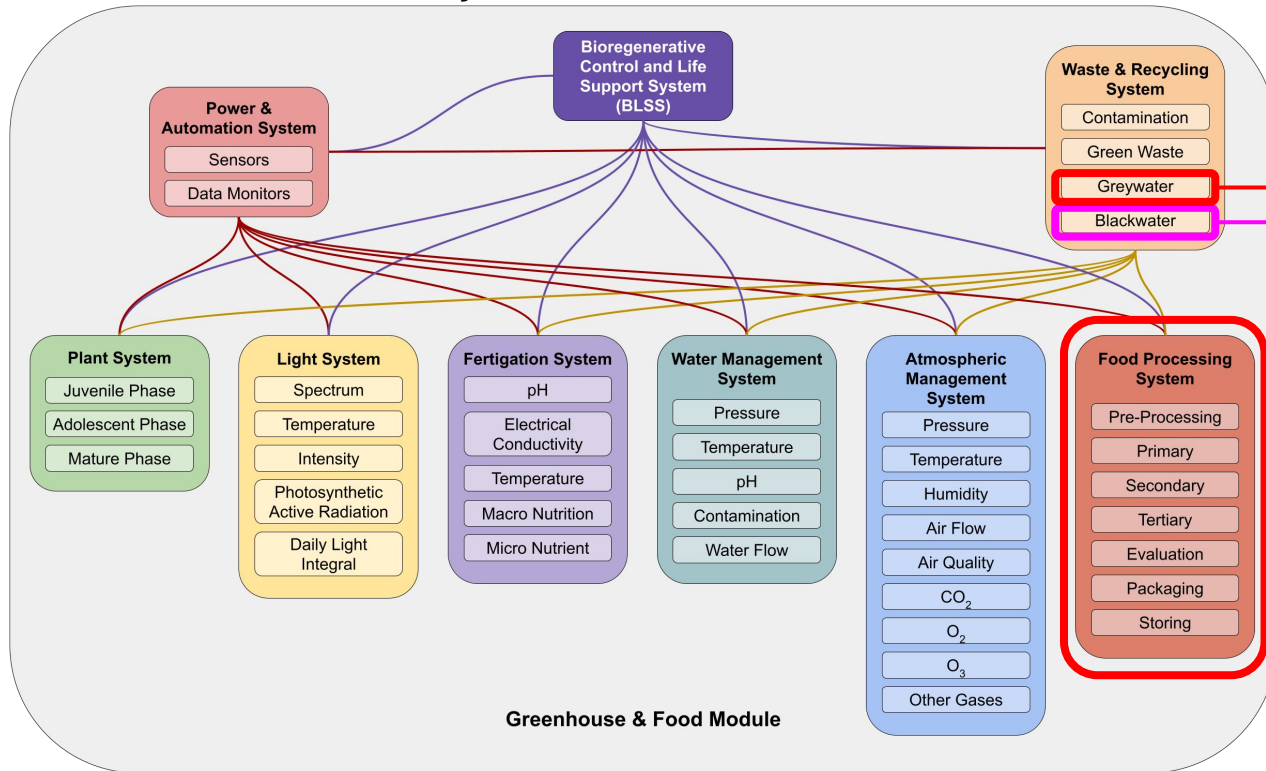
EVA 

Each Unit is 20 Minutes



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## Greenhouse & Food Module Systems



Impact of Adding Crew to the Greenhouse Module

Impact of Adding Post-Harvesting Process to the Greenhouse Module



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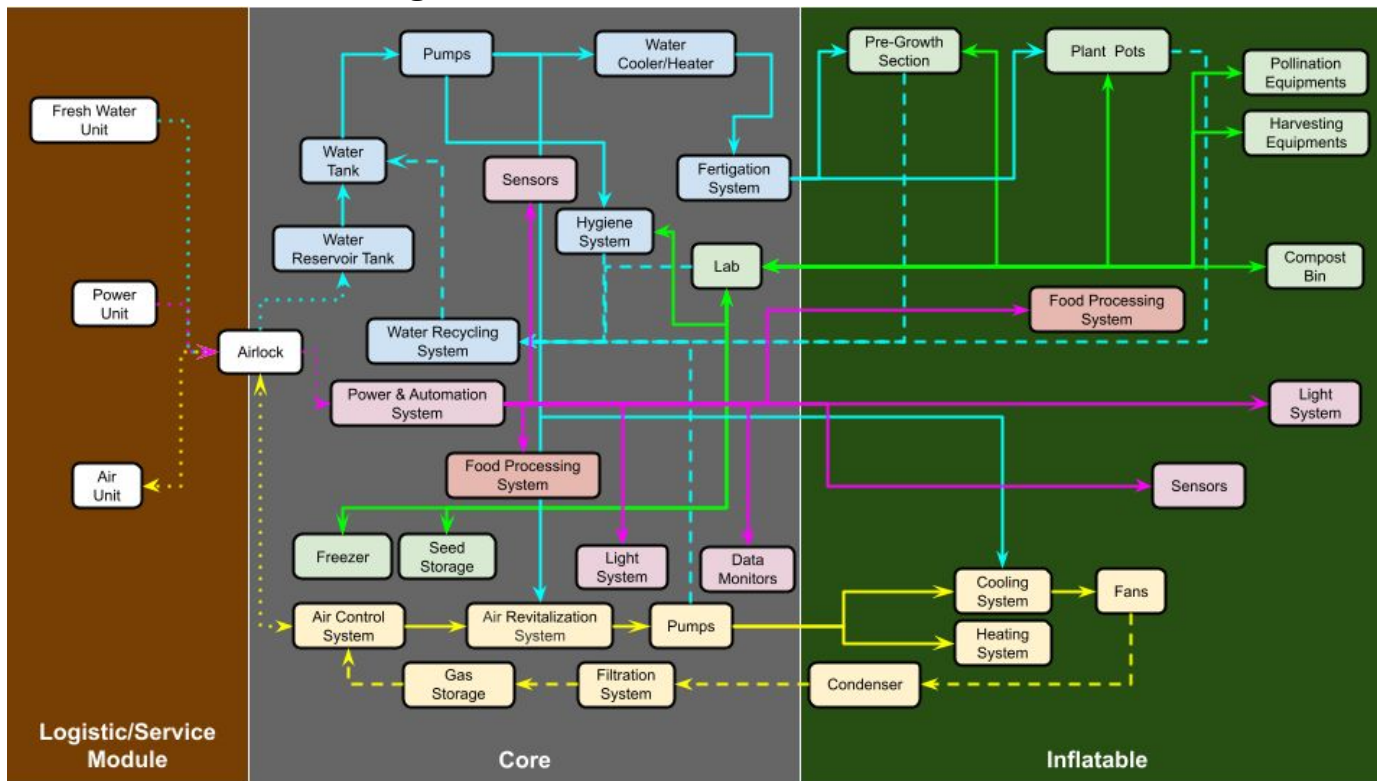


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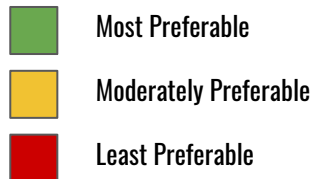
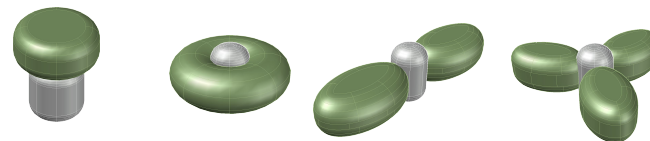


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## Greenhouse & Food Module Systems Diagram



## Design Criteria

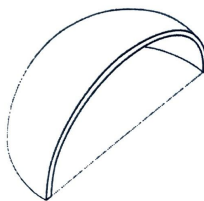
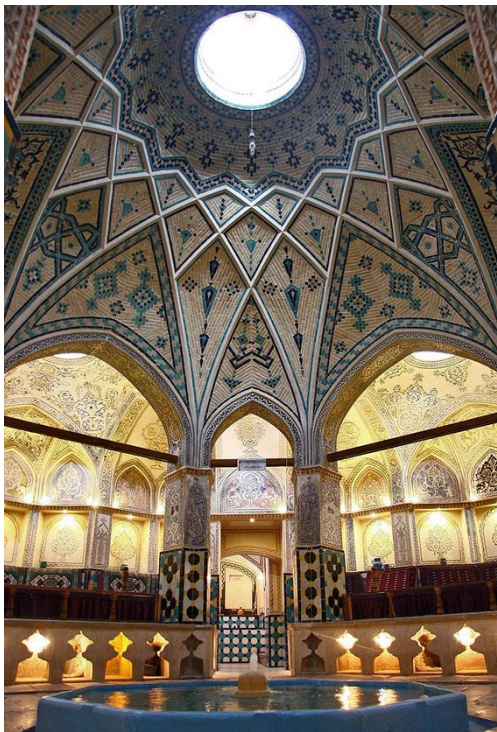


		Mushroom	Torus	2 Petals	3 Petals
Operation	Space Efficiency				
	Space Modification				
Hibernation	Partial Operation				
	Resource Consumption				
Emergency	Crop Loss				
	Functionality				
Physical Properties	Mass				
	Deployment				
	Structure Assembly				
	Systems Assembly				
Human Factors	Accessibility				
	Personal Area				

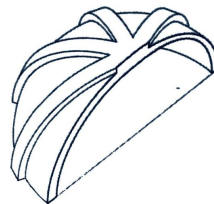
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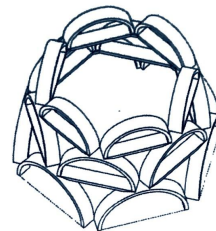
## Persian Domes



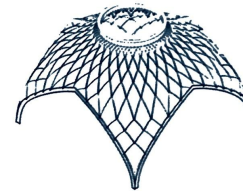
Surface Dome



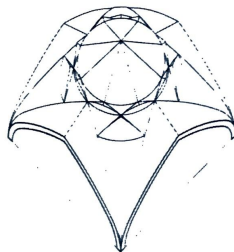
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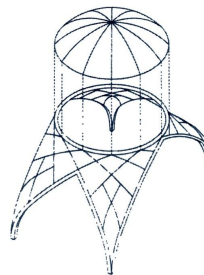
Stacked Arch Dome



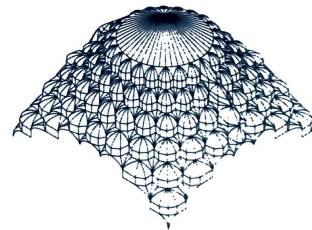
Yazdi-Bandi Dome



Kar-Bandi Dome



Kaseh-Sazi Dome

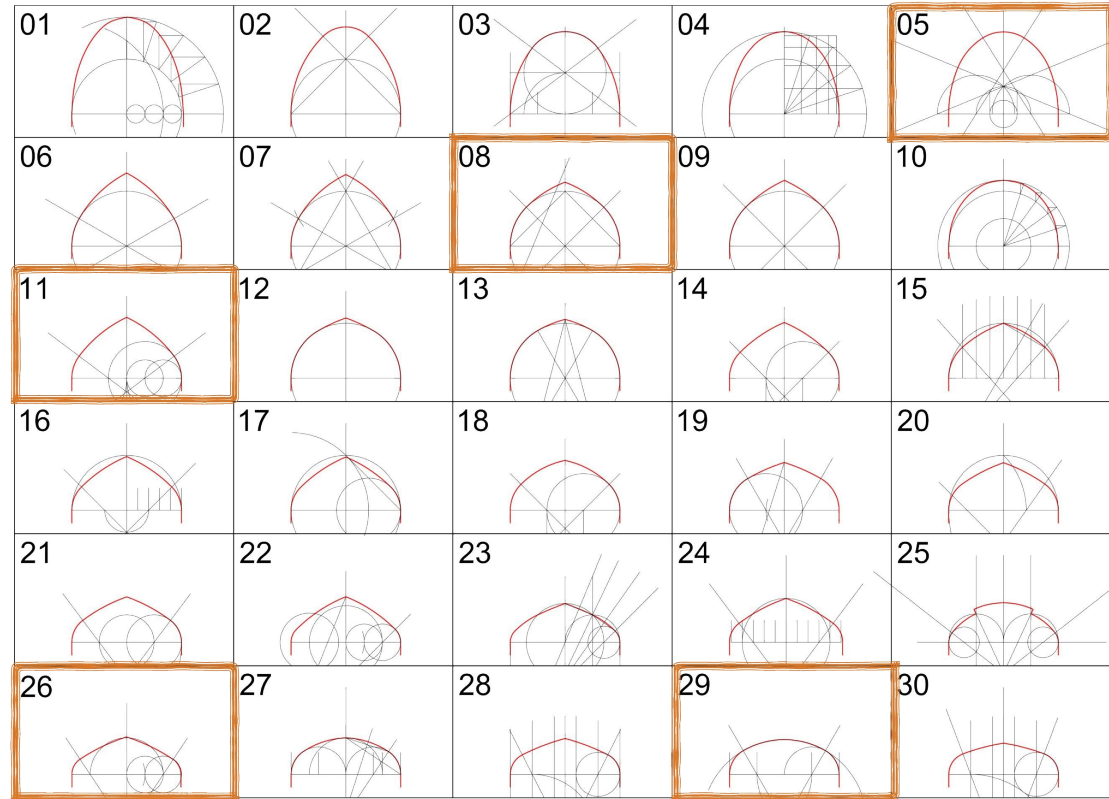


Muqarnas Dome

## Karbandi Construction Process



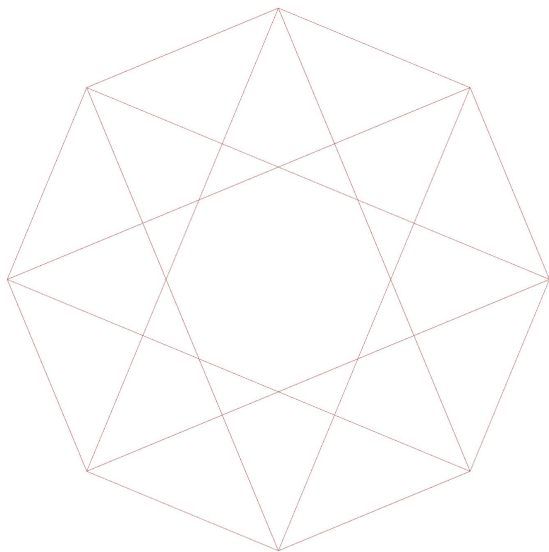
## Persian Arches



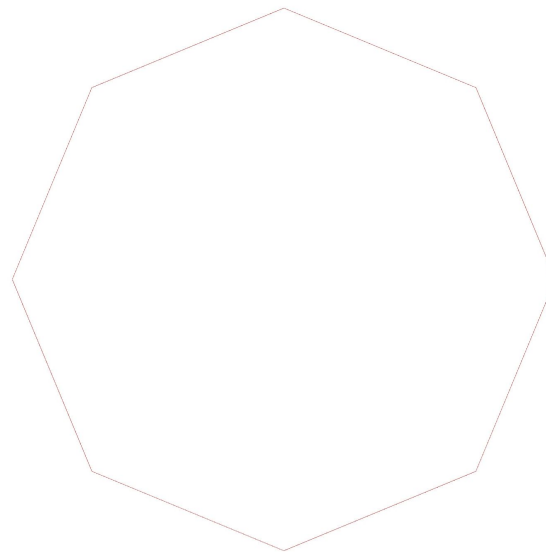
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## Arch Modification



Pattern: 4  
Node: 8 to 28

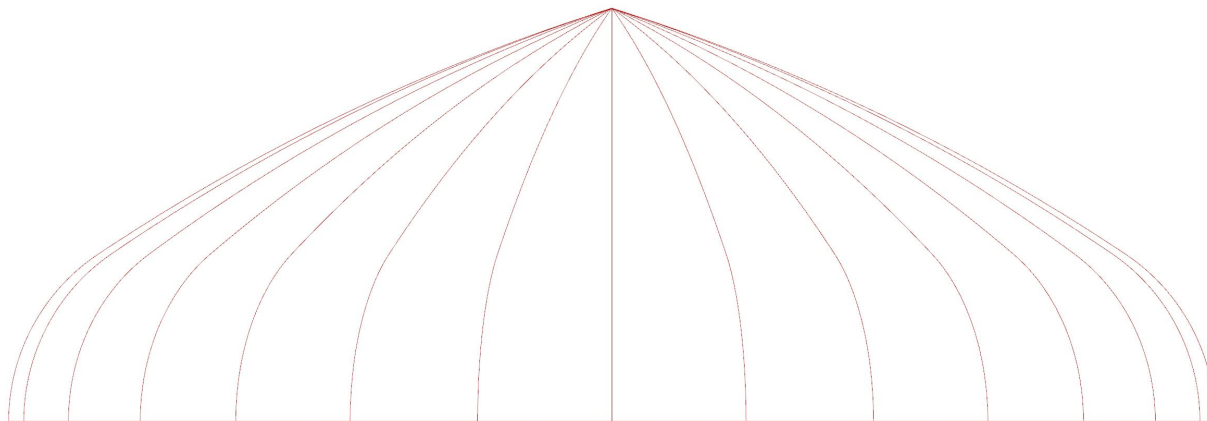


Pattern: 8  
Node: 8 to 28

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## Arch Modification



Node: 28  
Pattern: 2 to 28

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Arch: H

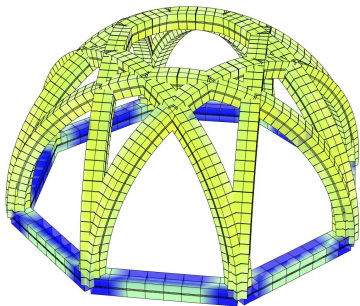
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Arch: H

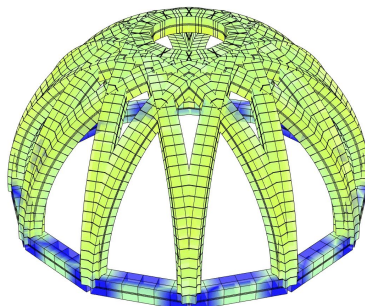
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Arch: H

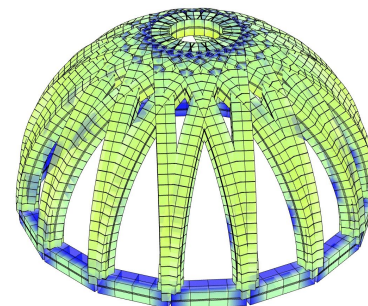
Node: 16



Pressure: 27.6 kPa



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## Structural Analysis Results: Arch 05 Pattern 4

Arch: 05

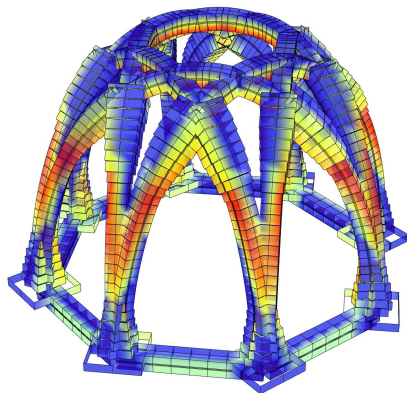
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Arch: 05

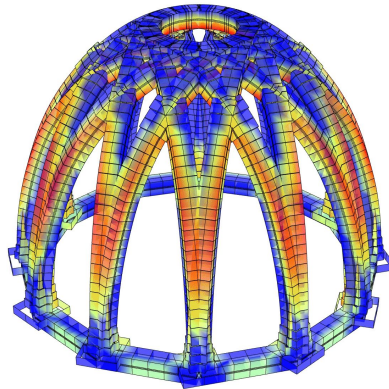
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Arch: 05

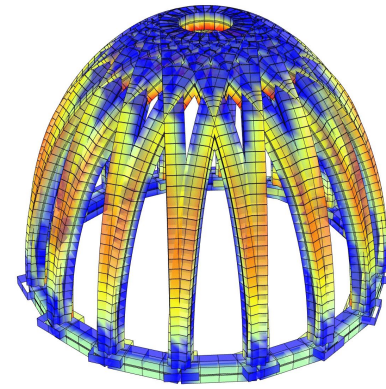
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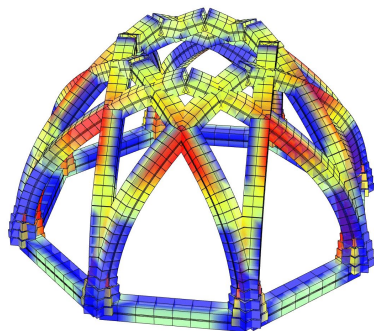
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## Structural Analysis Results: Arch 08 Pattern 4

Arch: 08

Node: 08

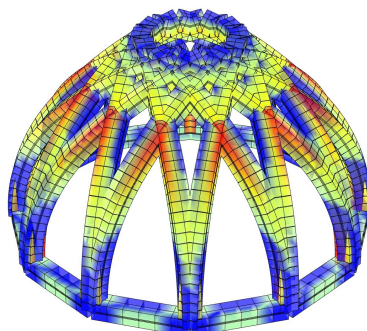
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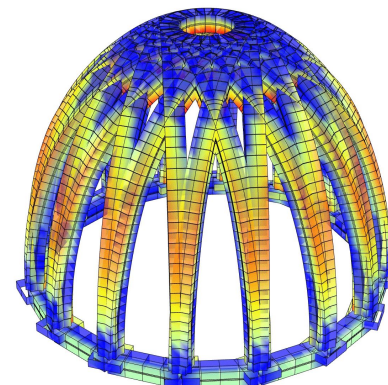
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Node: 16



Pressure: 27.6 kPa

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## Structural Analysis Results: Arch 11 Pattern 4

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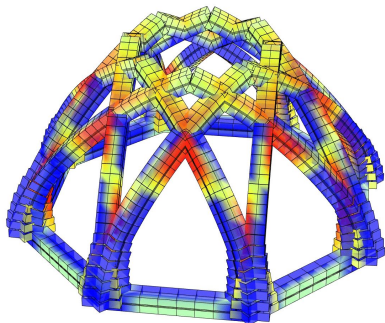
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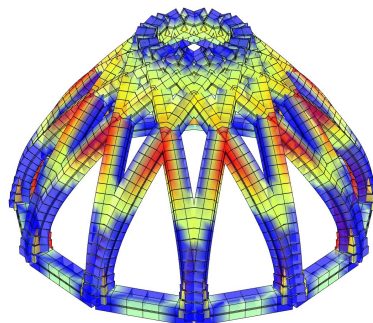
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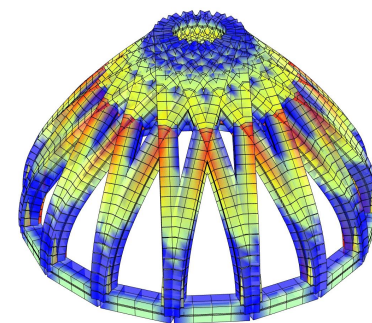
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## Structural Analysis Results: Arch 26 Pattern 4

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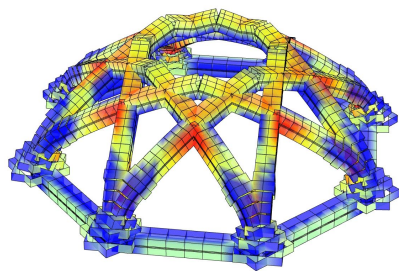
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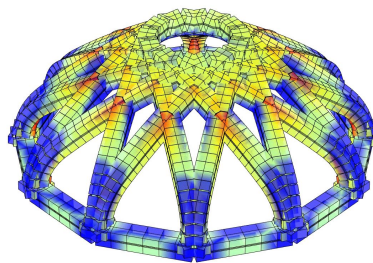
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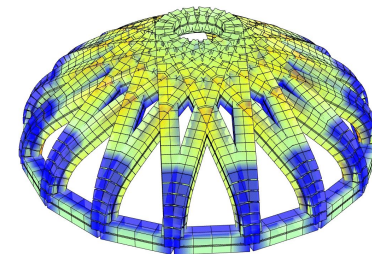
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## Structural Analysis Results: Arch 29 Pattern 4

Arch: 29

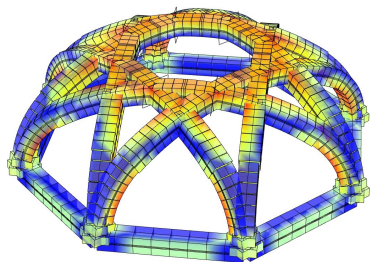
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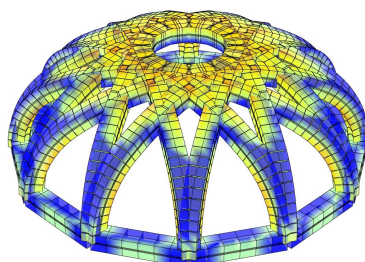
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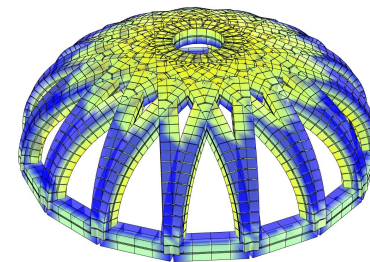
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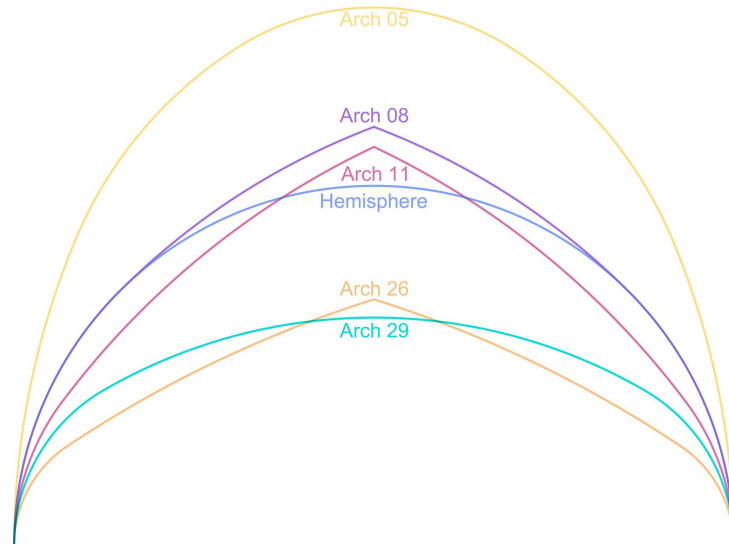
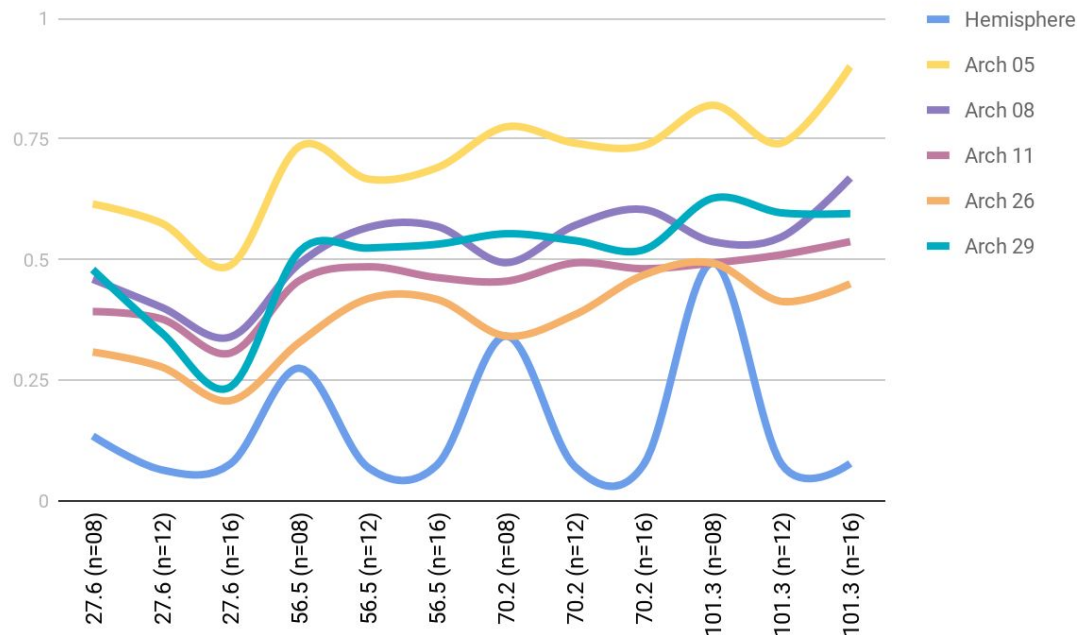
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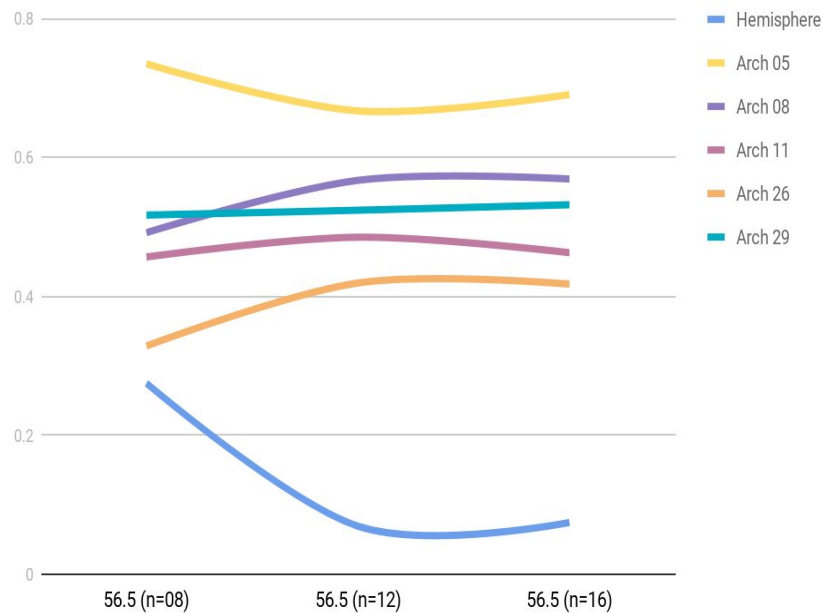
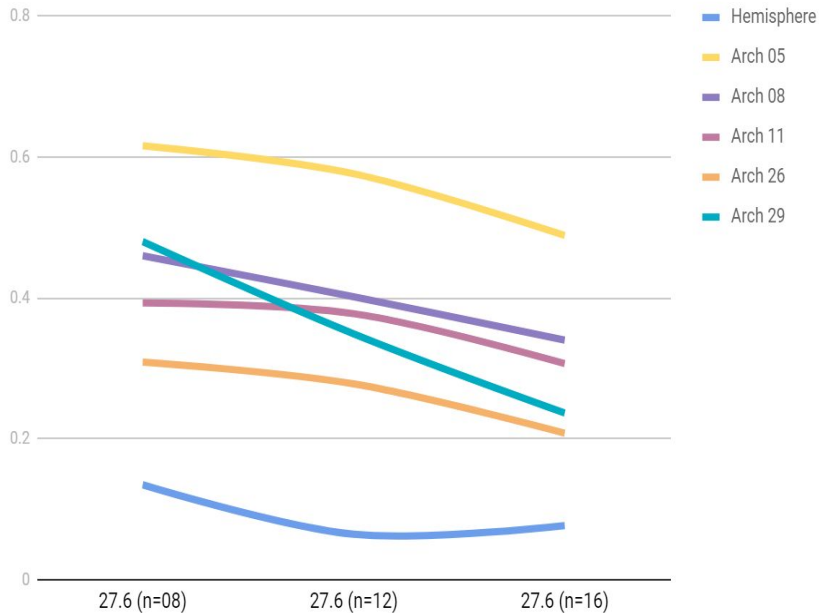
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## Comparing Results: Maximum Deformation



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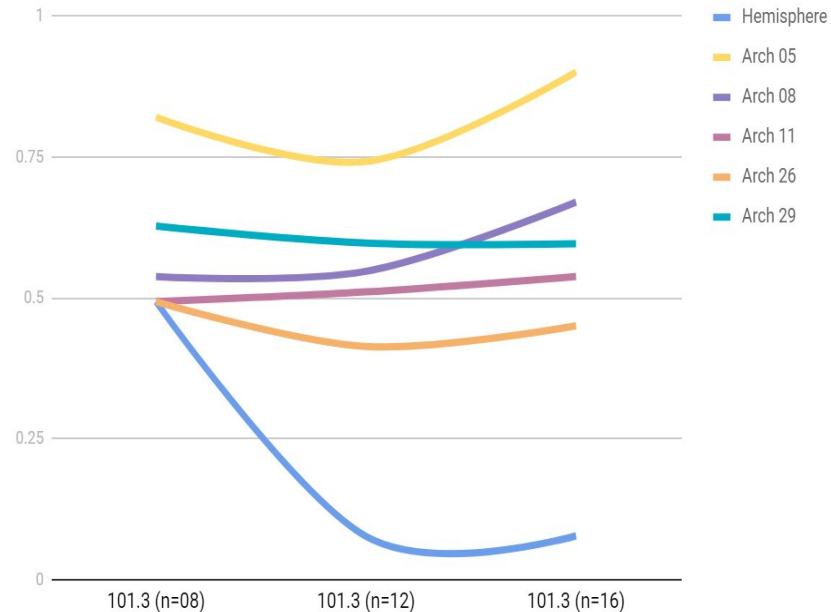
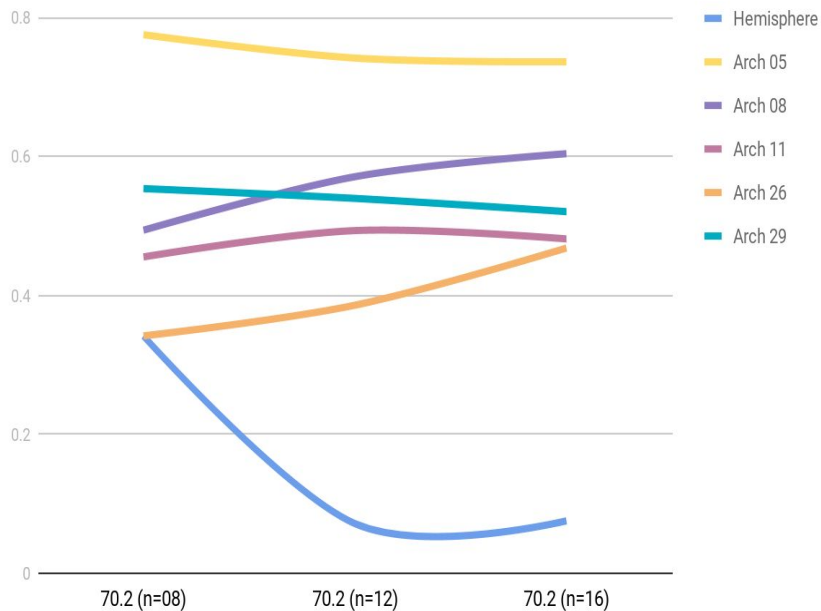
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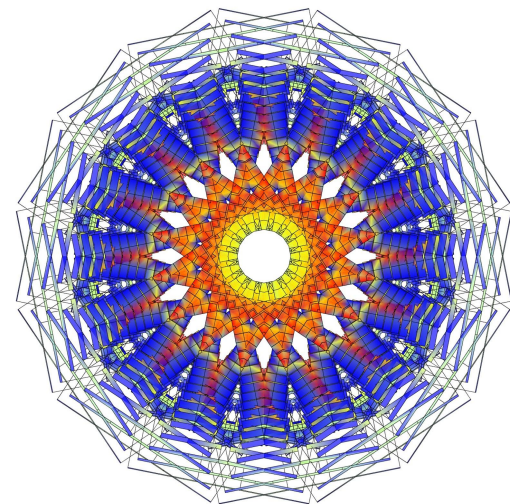


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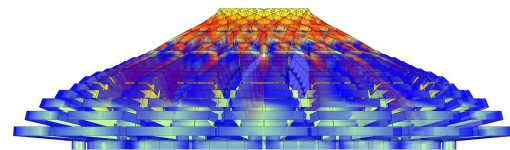


## Structural Analysis Results: Hemisphere Pattern 4

- The computational model was required to analyze the performance of Persian bathhouse dome structures for Mars, adapting to different internal pressurization loads
- The optimized Arch 26 resulted in having similar performance to the perfect hemispherical dome with the 1 atm - max pressurization level
- Future works could consider other Persian arch types, that are in literature
- Exploring the combination and aggregation of different dome structures, with different pressurization loads on Mars that host different functions (housing, office,...)
- The construction method Karbandi is the closest reference to 3D printing technology with Martian regolith for Mars, building arch first and filling
- More freedom in choosing the material for radiation shielding: opaque/translucent, regolith/ice



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## Plant List

	Russian Academy of Sciences	NASA	ESA/Canada	University of Utah	NASA	Institute for Environmental Sciences in Japan	ESA/Canada	NASA	University of Utah
Beets	Beans	Beans	Broccoli	Beets	Beans	Alfalfa	Banana	Beans	
Carrots	Broccoli	Beets	Canola	Broccoli	Cabbages	Beans	Barley	Beets	
Cucumber	Corn	Broccoli	Carrots	Corn	Carrots	Beets	Beans	Broccoli	
Dill	Kale	Cabbages	Chilies	Cucumber	Cucumber	Broccoli	Beets	Cabbages	
Earth Almond	Mustard Greens	Carrots	Kale	Kale	Komatsuna	Cabbages	Broccoli	Canola	
Kohlrabi	Oats	Cauliflower	Lentil	Lettuce	Lettuce	Carrots	Cabbages	Carrots	
Onions	Peanuts	Kale	Lettuce	Mustard Greens	Mitsuba	Cauliflower	Cantaloupe	Chard	
Peas	Peas	Lettuce	Onions	Oats	Onions	Chard	Carrots	Chilies	
Potato	Potato	Onions	Peas	Onions	Peanuts	Chilies	Cauliflower	Chives	
Radishes	Rice	Potato	Peanuts	Peanuts	Peas	Cucumber	Celery	Fennel	
Tomato	Soybeans	Rice	Rice	Peas	Peppers	Herbs	Chard	Flax	
Wheat	Turnip	Soybeans	Soybeans	Potato	Radishes	Kale	Chives	Garlic	
	Wheat	Spinach	Sweet Potato	Sweet Potato	Rice	Lettuce	Corn	Ginger	
		Sweet Potato	Tomato	Soybeans	Shiso	Mushrooms	Garlic	Kale	
		Wheat	Wheat	Spinach	Shungiku	Onions	Grape	Lentil	
				Strawberries	Soybeans	Peanuts	Kale	Lettuce	
				Sugar Beets	Spinach	Peas	Lettuce	Melons	
				Sweet Potato	Sugar Beets	Peppers	Mint	Millet	
				Tomato	Tomato	Potato	Oats	Mushrooms	
				Wheat	Turnip	Rice	Onions	Oats	
						Soybeans	Parsley	Onions	
						Spinach	Peanuts	Oregano	
						Squash	Peas	Parsley	
						Sweet Potato	Peppers	Peanuts	
						Tomato	Potato	Peas	
						Wheat	Rice	Potato	
							Rye	Pumpkin	
							Soybeans	Quinoa	
							Spinach	Radishes	
							Strawberries	Rice	
							Sugar Cane	Sage	
							Sweet Potato	Sorghum	
							Taro	Soybeans	
							Tea	Squash	
							Tomato	Strawberries	
							Wheat	Sunflower	
								Sweet Potato	
								Thyme	
								Tomatillo	
								Tomato	
								Wheat	
Fruit	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	3
Grain	1	4	2	3	4	1	2	6	6
Herb and Spices	1	0	0	1	0	4	4	6	9
Leaf and Flower	0	3	5	2	4	3	7	6	6
Leguminous	1	4	2	4	3	4	4	4	6
Root and Tuber	6	2	4	2	3	3	4	5	5
Salad	3	0	2	3	4	4	5	4	5
Sugar	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>41</b>

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