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**TIMBERBRIDGES**  
LAS VEGAS 2013

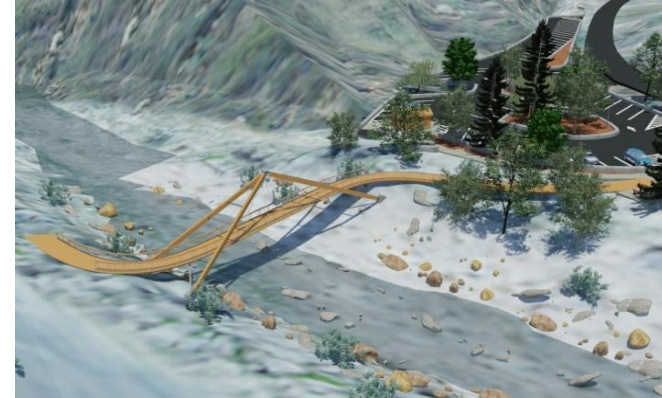
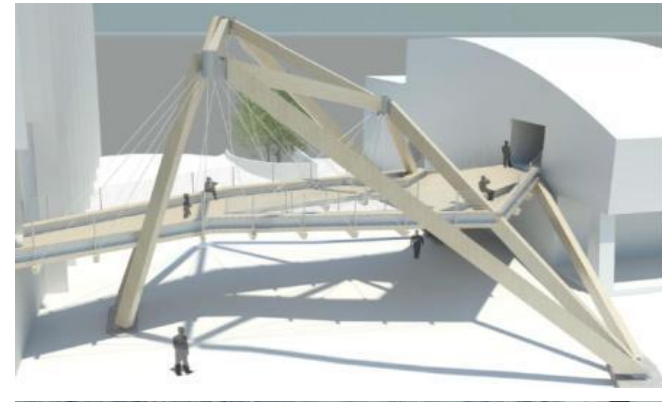
## CASE STUDY: Design of pedestrian timber bridges in an AE Studio



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Civil Engineering Department  
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona



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Department of Architecture  
University of Oregon



# **ABOUT THE COURSE**

**AE Studio: Interdisciplinary Design - Pedestrian Timber Bridges**

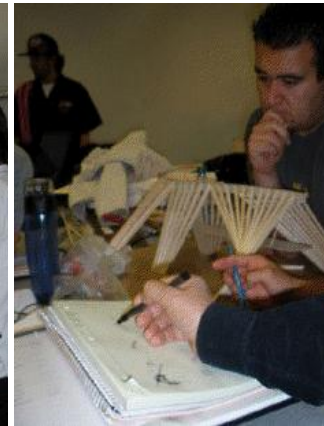
# COURSE OBJECTIVES



**AE COLLABORATION IN  
EDUCATIONAL SETTING**



**CREATIVE USES OF TIMBER  
AS STRUCTURAL MATERIAL**



**STUDIO FORMAT FOR  
ENGINEERING EDUCATION**

# COURSE FOCUS

## BRIDGES



## PEDESTRIAN



## TIMBER



## AE COLLABORATION

## SIMPLE LOADING

## UNIQUE CONSTRAINTS



# COURSE STRUCTURE



## PROGRESSIVE COMPETITION

CONCEPT REVIEW  
MID-REVIEW  
FINAL-REVIEW



## PROGRESSIVELY INCREASING A/E TEAMS

CASE STUDIES  
PRELIMINARY DESIGN  
DESIGN DEVELOPMENT



## PROFESSIONAL PANEL REVIEW

ARCHITECTS  
ENGINEERS  
A/E FACULTY

# COURSE STRUCTURE

CE471/471L (4-units) , ARC 402/406/L (9-units) 10-week course

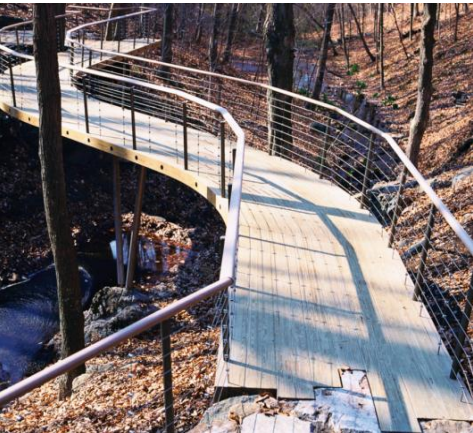
WEEK	ACTIVITIES	TEAM COMPOSITION
1-2	Case Study, Concept Design and Concept Selections	6-8 case study teams, 12-18 individual concepts
	<b>Faculty Review</b>	<b>8-10 concepts progress</b>
3-6	Preliminary Design	8-10 teams
	<b>Professional Panel Review</b>	<b>4-5 designs progress</b>
7-10	Design Development	4-5 teams
	<b>Professional Panel Review</b>	<b>1 design selected</b>

14-22 architectural students

11-18 engineering students

# **CASE STUDIES**

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Case Study 1  
**Madison Bridge**  
Madison, WI  
GLB beam



Case Study 2  
**Da Vinci Bridge**  
Akershus, Norway  
Arch-deck supported



Case Study 3  
**Reuss River Bridge**  
Flüelen, Switzerland  
Arch- deck suspended



Case Study 4  
**Travesina Bridge**  
Viamala, Switzerland  
Truss



# CASE STUDIES



Case Study 5  
**Far Moor Bridge**  
Yorkshire, UK  
Stress-Laminated Arch



Case Study 6  
**Zappalar Bridge**  
Zappalar, Chile  
Beam/Arch



Case Study 7  
**Martigny Bridge**  
Restaroute, Switzerland  
Suspension

**WINTER 2010**

Cal Poly Pomona Engineering Bldg 17 to Bldg 9

# SITE/PROJECT

IMPROVE ADA-COMPLIANT ACCESS  
BETWEEN BUILDINGS

CREATE ICONIC STRUCTURE FOR  
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

CREATE STUDENT CONGREGATION  
AREA BETWEEN CLASSES

BRIDGE AS A LEARNING TOOL

SPAN 75 FT (MIN 25 FT CLEAR)

2-3 FT ELEVATION DIFFERENCE



# DESIGNS

1st place

## Space Truss

**Architects:** Nathan Houck, Greg Sagherian, Robert Yamnitz, Elane Yiu,

**Engineers:** Bethany Lopez, Daniel Mourad, Ryan Turner, Samson Wong.

**Original design concept by Robert Yamnitz.**



2nd place

## The Ridge

**Architects:** Bridget Flecky, Eubie Han, Edward Kang

**Engineers:** Gean Na, Alex Quinonez, Fernando Sesma.

**Original Design Concept by Eubie Han**

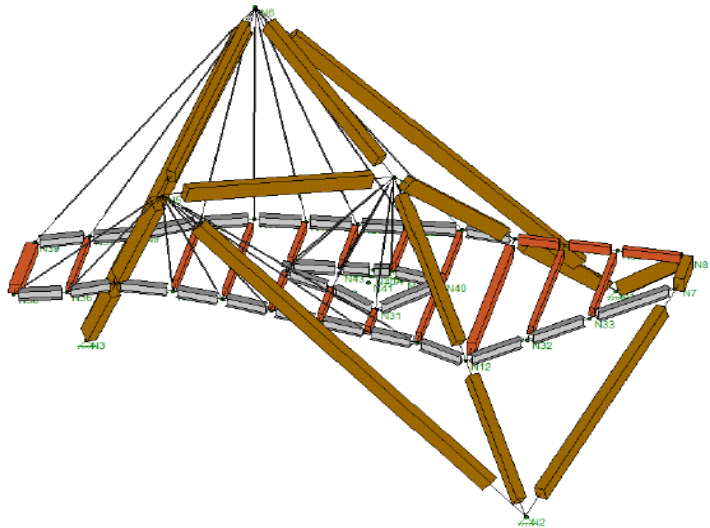
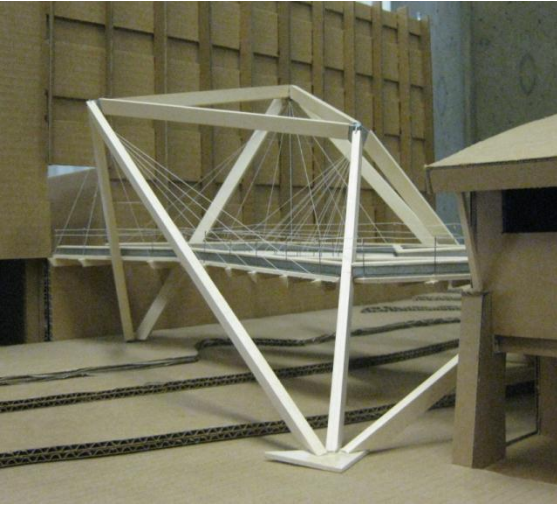




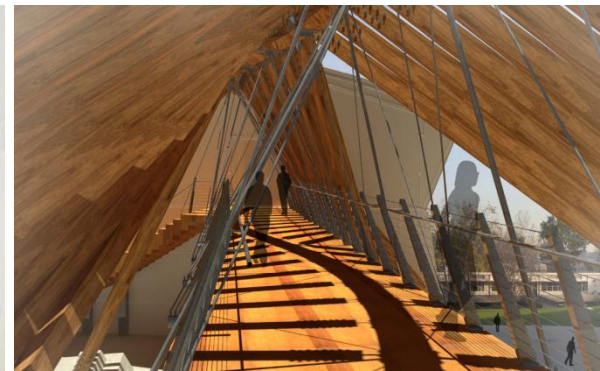
# SPACE TRUSS -RENDERINGS



# SPACE TRUSS - MODEL

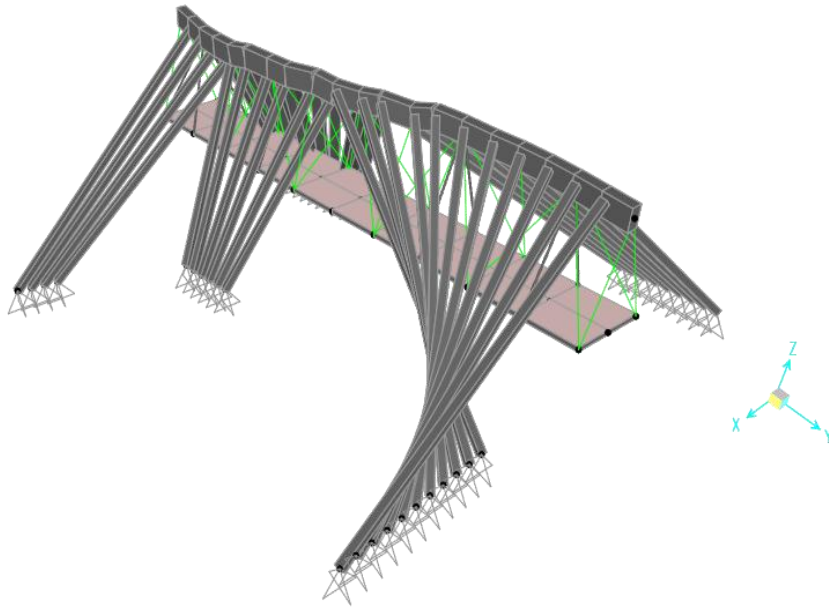


# RIDGE - RENDERINGS

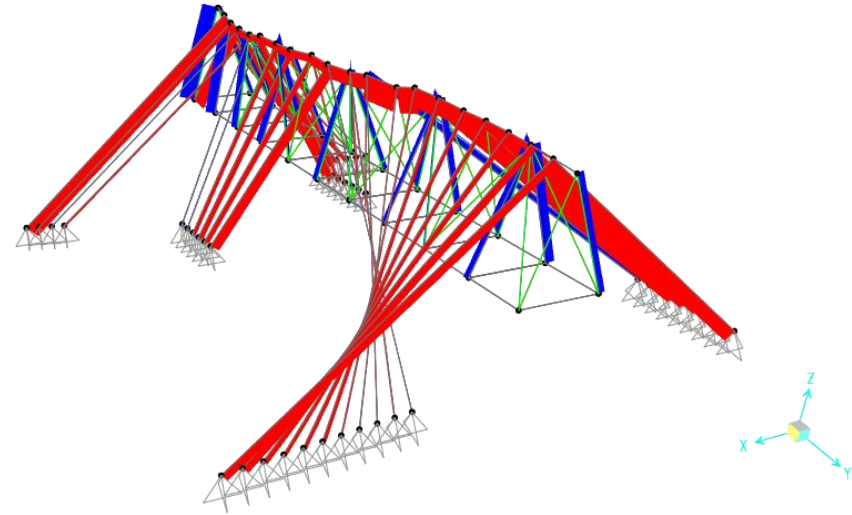




# RIDGE – STRUCTURAL MODEL



**Model**



**Axial Load Diagram**



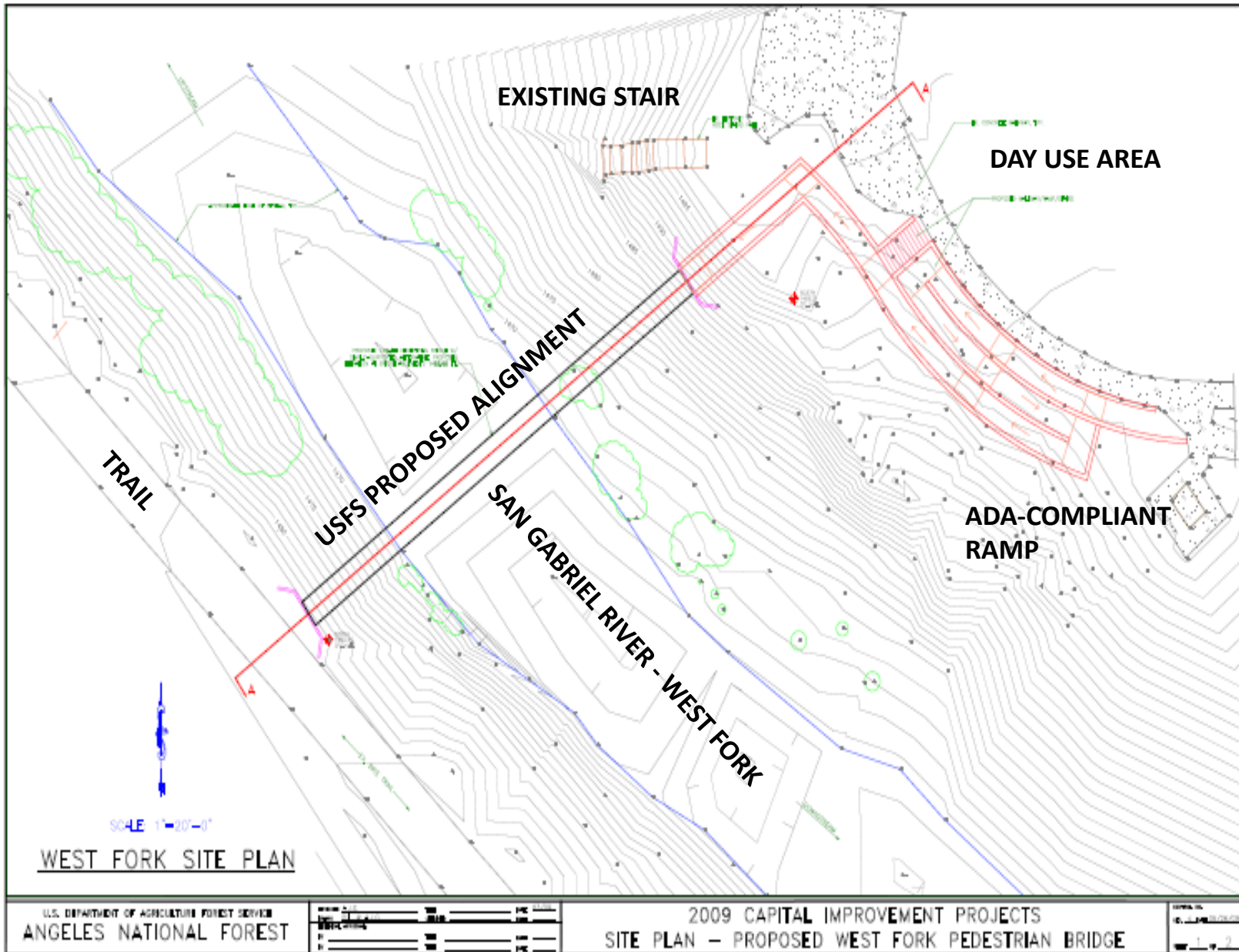
# RIDGE - MODEL



**WINTER 2011**

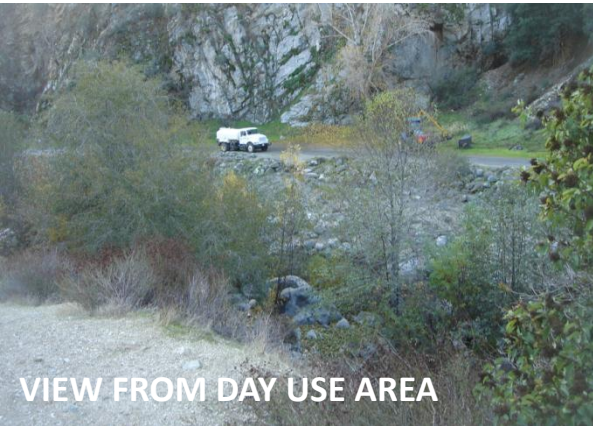
Angeles Forest , West Fork San Gabriel River

# SITE

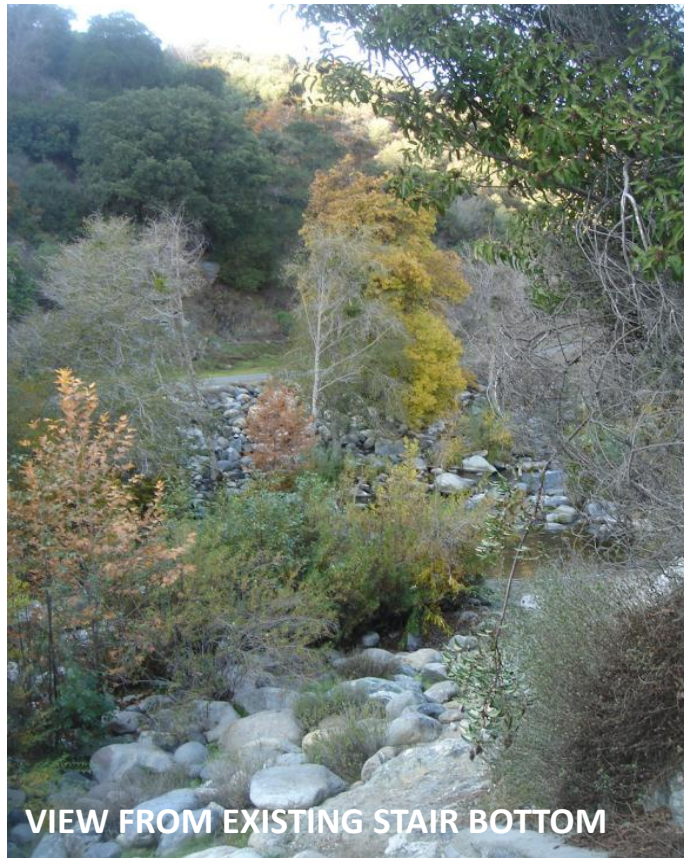




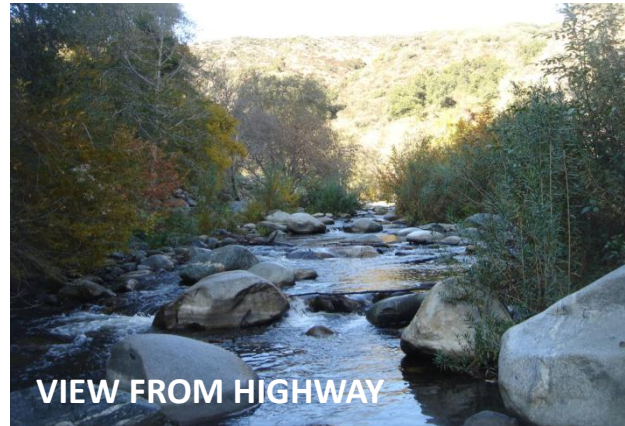
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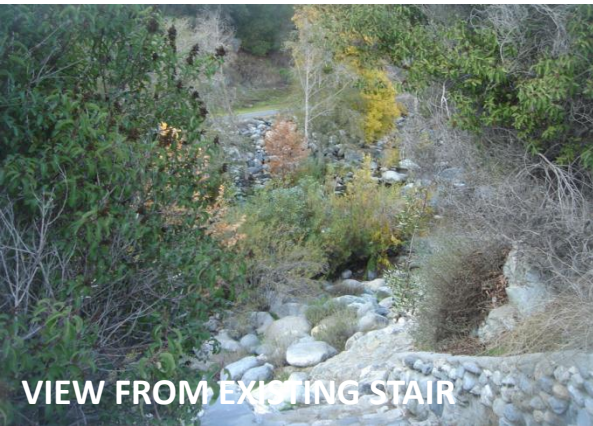
VIEW FROM DAY USE AREA



VIEW FROM EXISTING STAIR BOTTOM



VIEW FROM HIGHWAY



VIEW FROM EXISTING STAIR



VIEW FROM TRAIL



# PROJECT

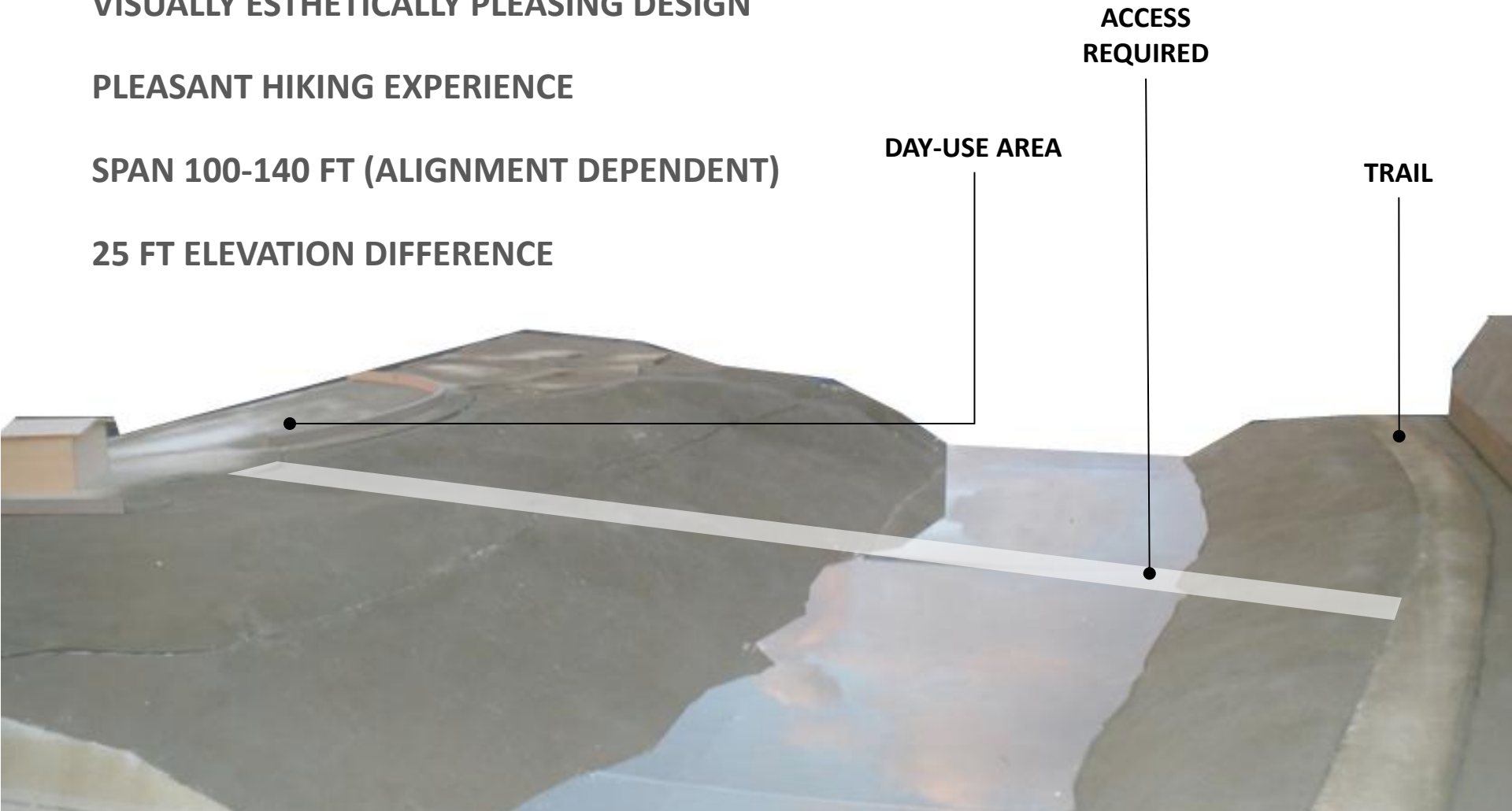
PROVIDE ADA-COMPLIANT ACCESS BETWEEN  
DAY-USE AREA AND TRAIL

VISUALLY ESTHETICALLY PLEASING DESIGN

PLEASANT HIKING EXPERIENCE

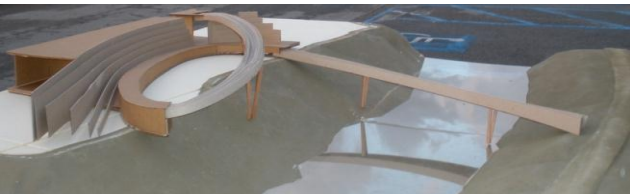
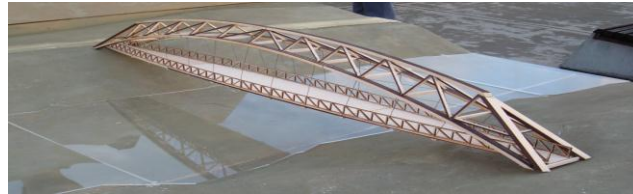
SPAN 100-140 FT (ALIGNMENT DEPENDENT)

25 FT ELEVATION DIFFERENCE



# PROJECTS

## MID-REVIEW



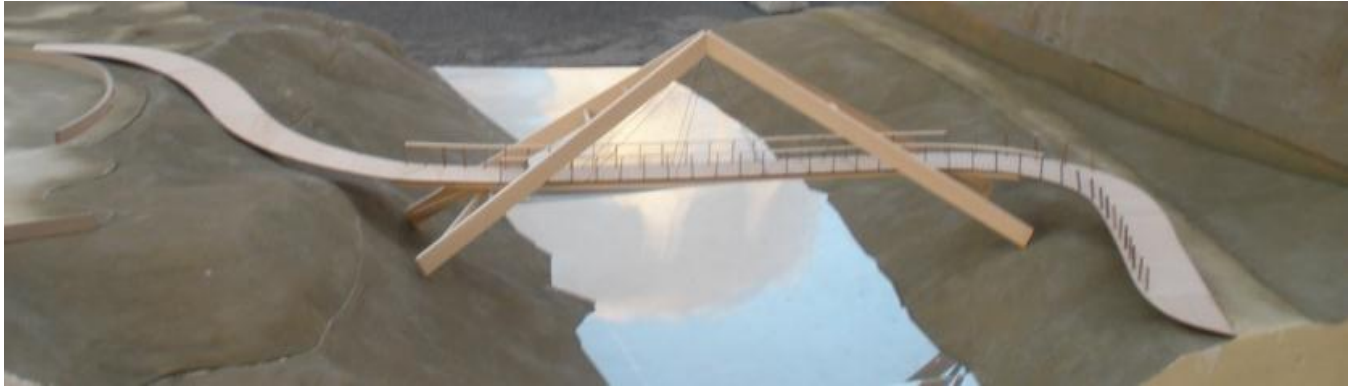
# PROJECTS

## FINAL-REVIEW



# PROJECTS

**QUADRA-BRIDGE**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE**



**LATTICE-BRIDGE**





# QUADRA – 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE (RENDERINGS)

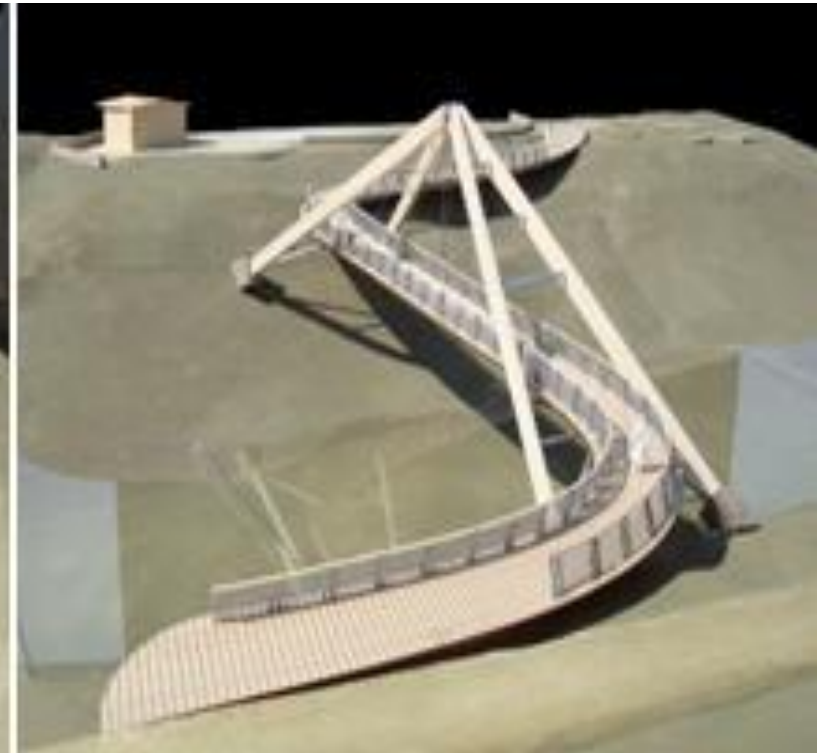
**Architects:** Maro Asipyan, Matthew Terry,

**Engineers:** Christian Hains, Francisco Perez, Bryan Stregé.

**Original Design Concept** by Mathew Terry



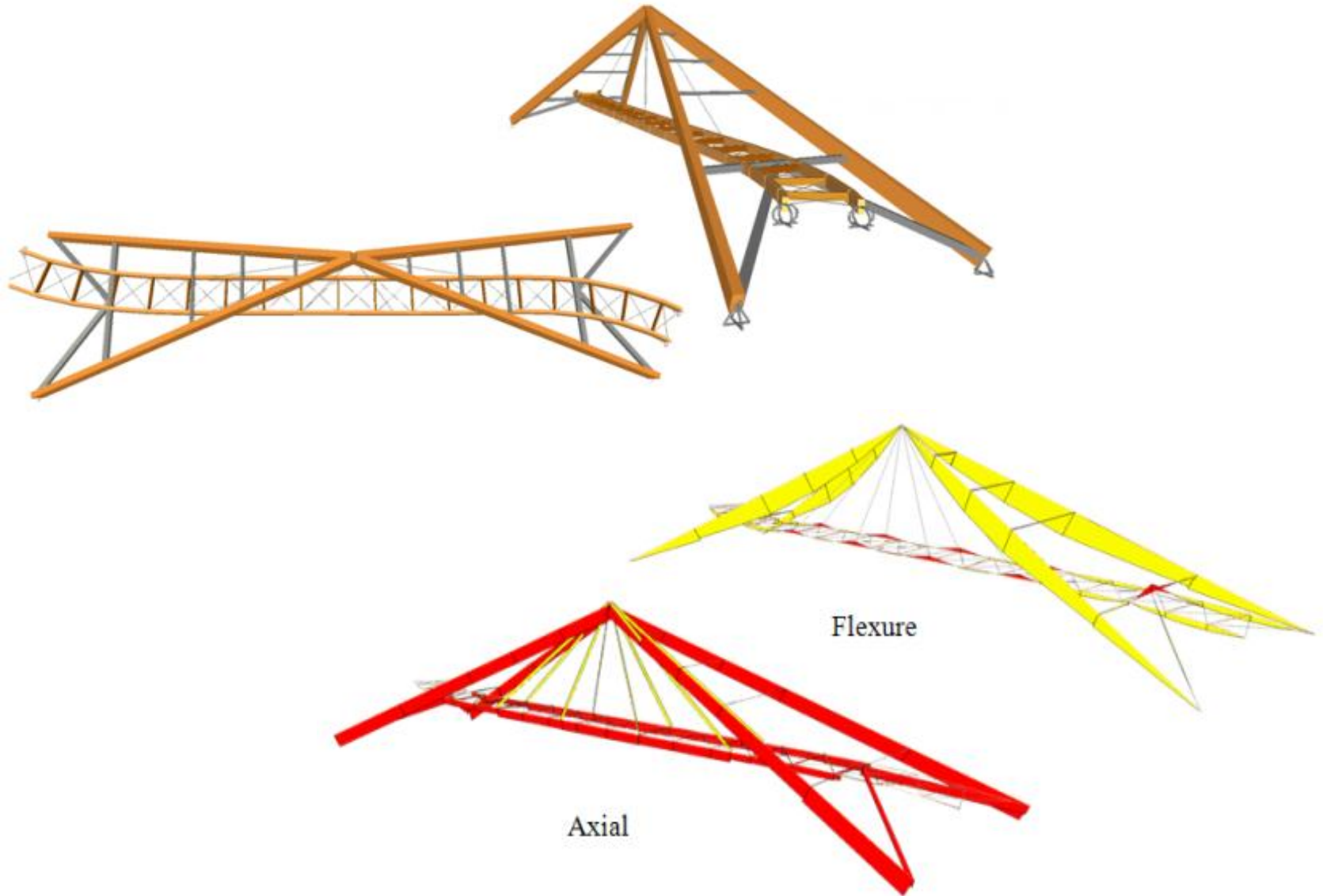
# QUADRA - MODEL



# QUADRA - DETAILING



# QUADRA - STRUCTURAL MODEL





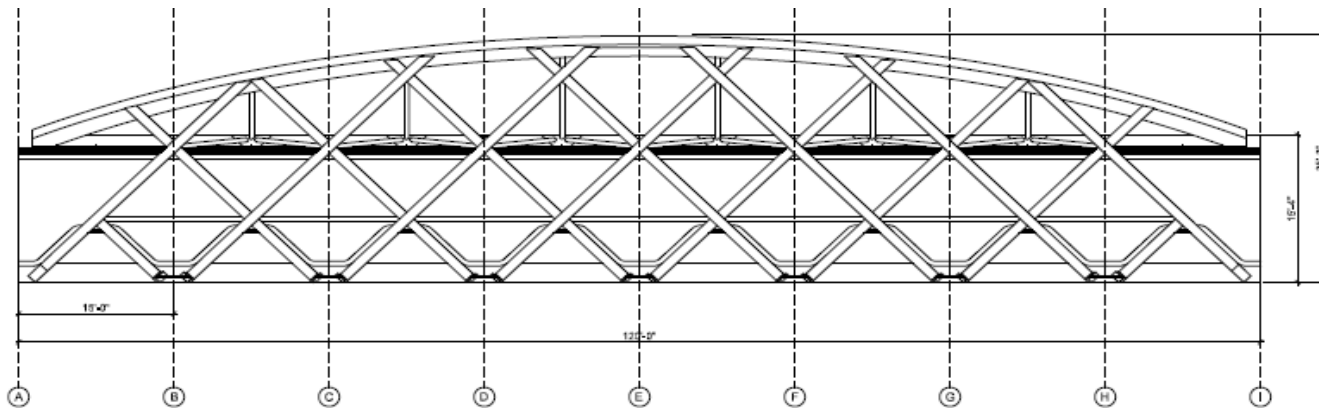
# LATTICE – RENDERING/MODEL

**Architects:** Ron Kwok, Gerardo Ramirez, Garrett Wehan,

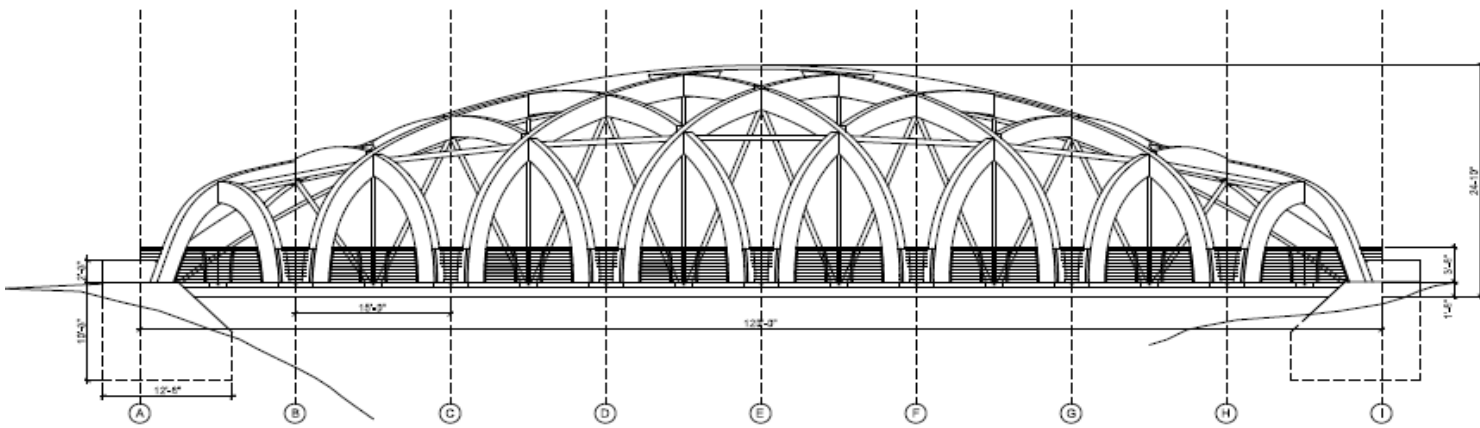
**Engineers:** Daniel Bradbury, Henry Chi, Richard Hennings, Sevak Isakhanyan.

**Original Design Concept by Gerardo Ramirez**

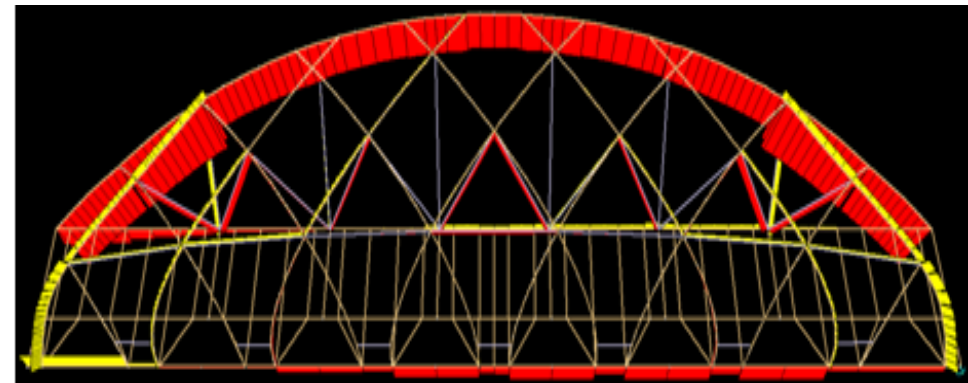
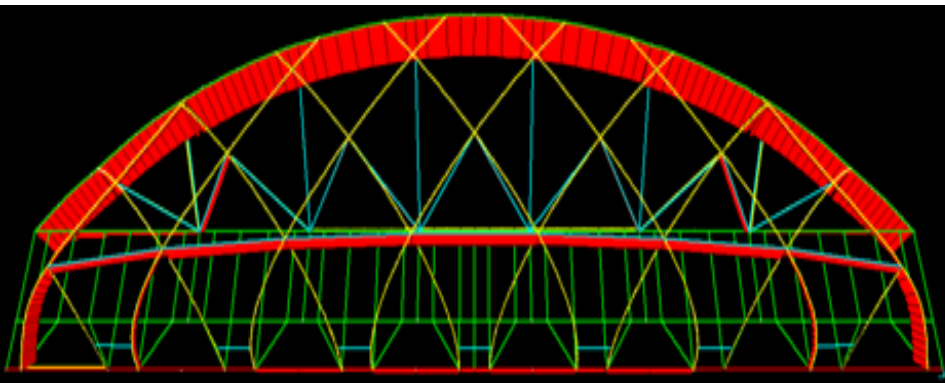
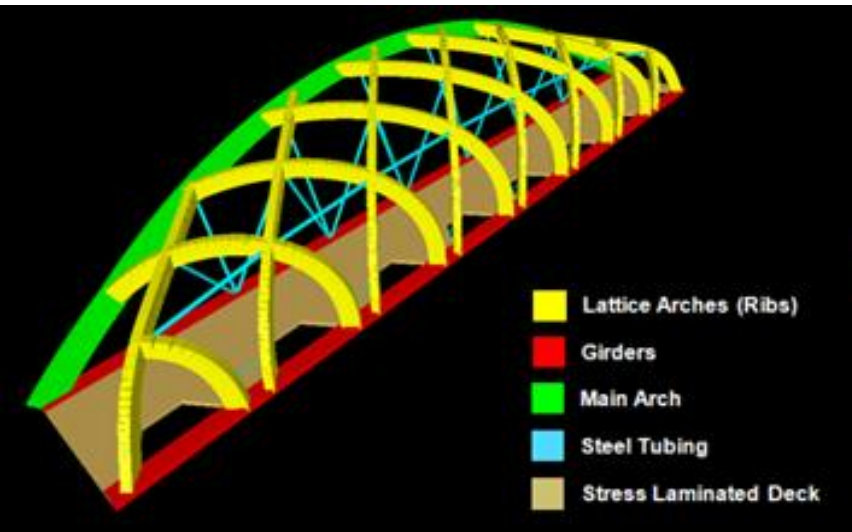




TOP PLAN - 1/4" = 1'-0"



SOUTH ELEVATION - 1/4" = 1'-0"

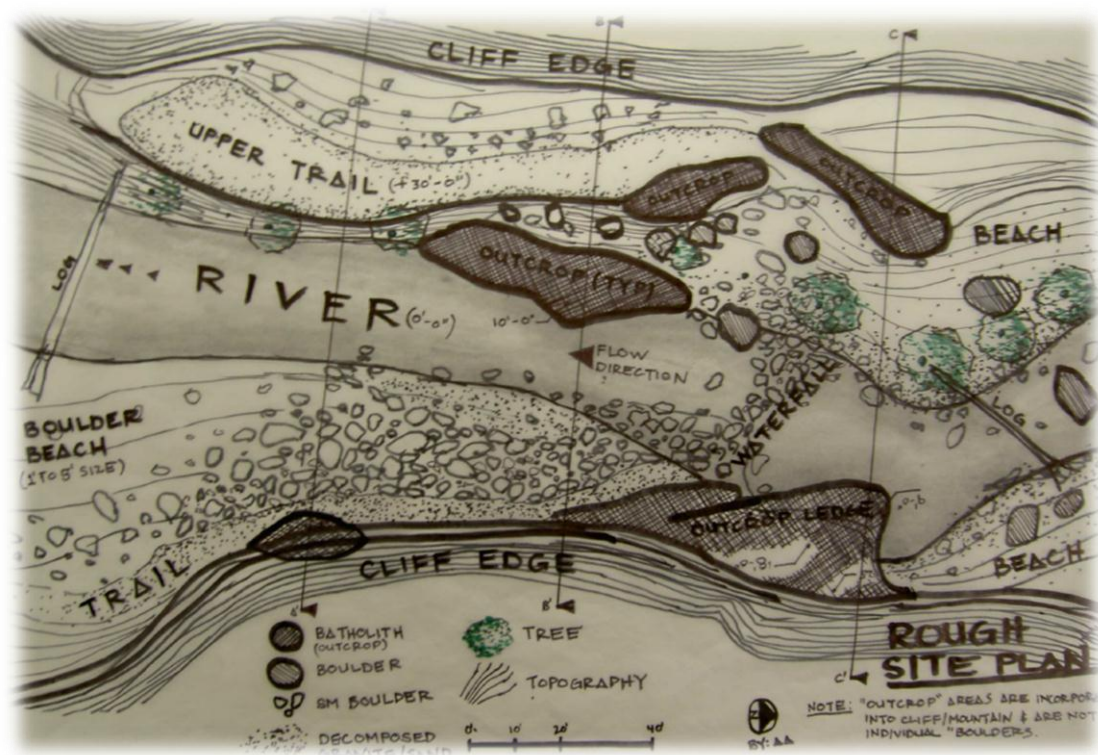
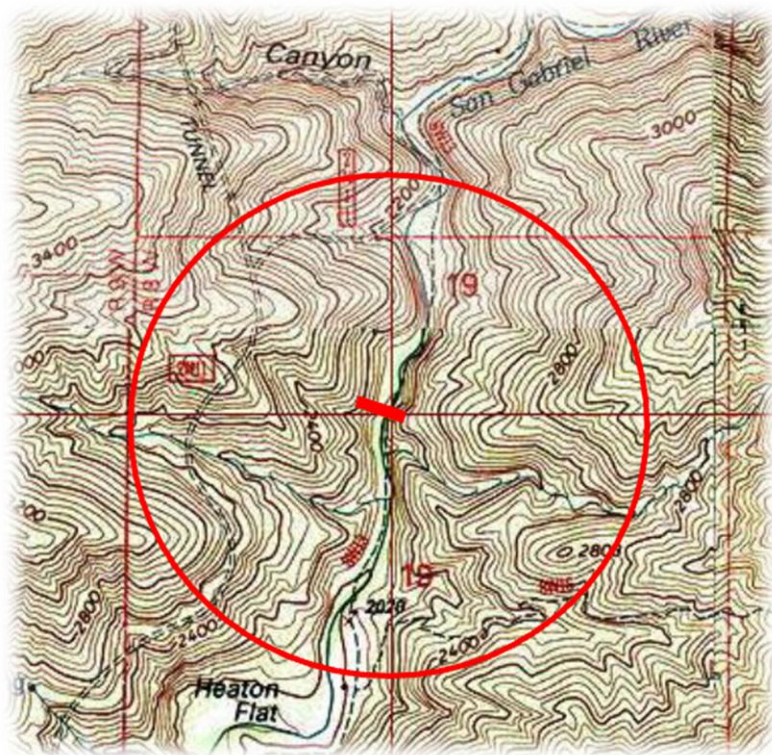


**WINTER 2012**

Angeles Forest , East Fork San Gabriel River



# SITE





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# PROJECT

**PROVIDE OPTIONAL DRY RIVER  
CROSSING (ADA COMPLIANCE NOT  
REQUIRED)**

**ESTHETICALLY PLEASING DESIGN**

**PLEASANT HIKING EXPERIENCE**

**LIMITED ACCESS**

**SPAN 45-75 FT**

**25 FT ELEVATION DIFFERENCE**



# PROJECTS

TRUSS BRIDGE



ARCO IRIS



FINAL-REVIEW

THE CROSSING



KNEE BRACE BRIDGE



NO WHERE BRIDGE



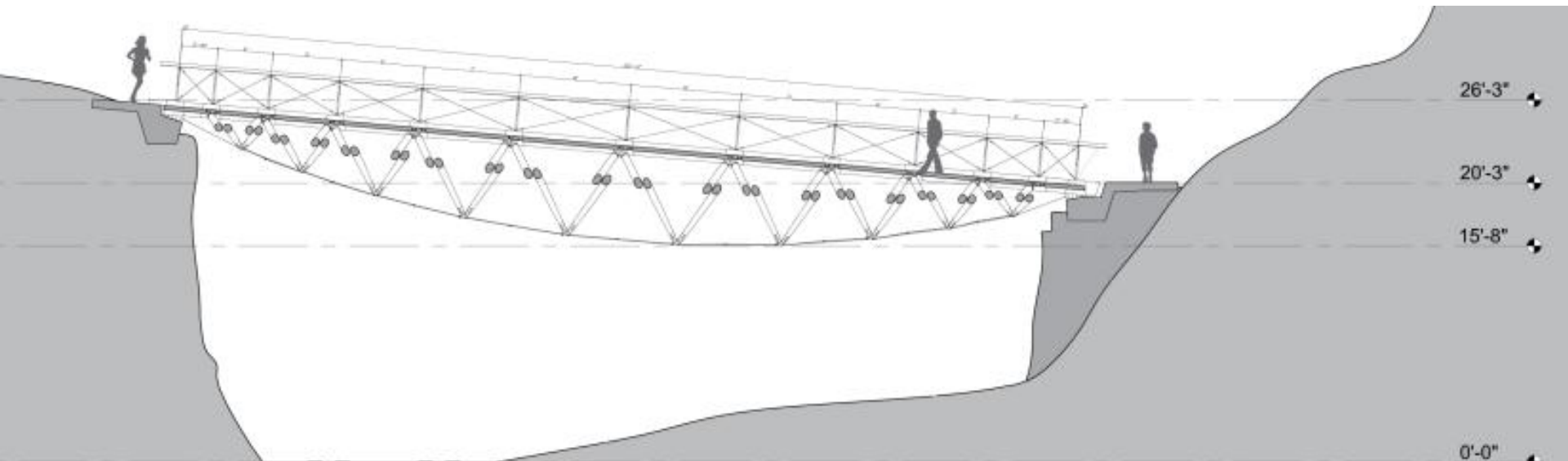
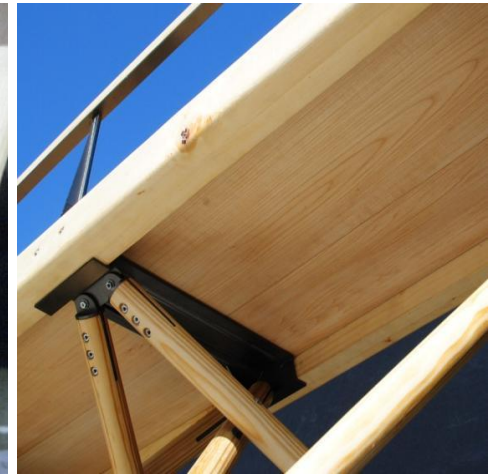


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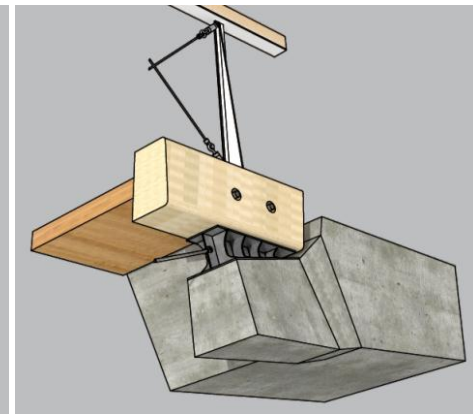
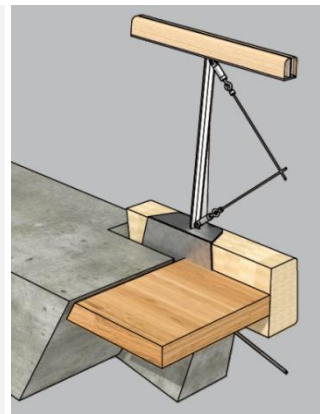
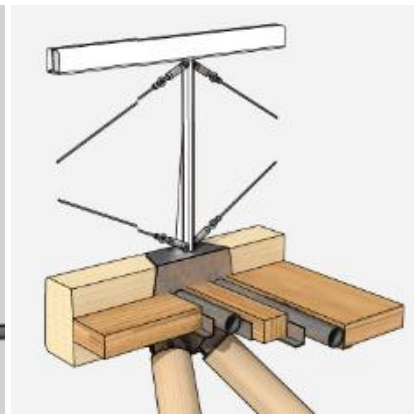
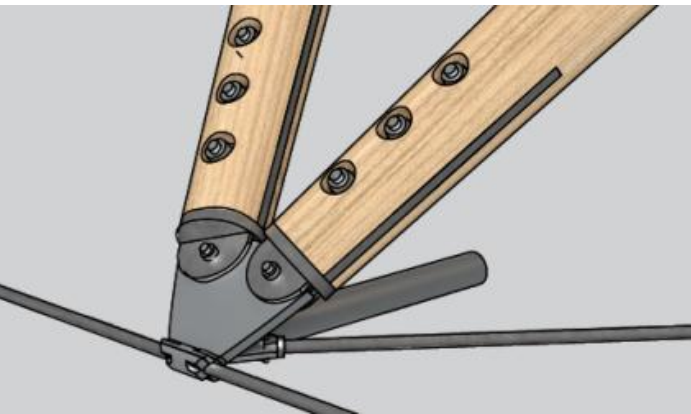
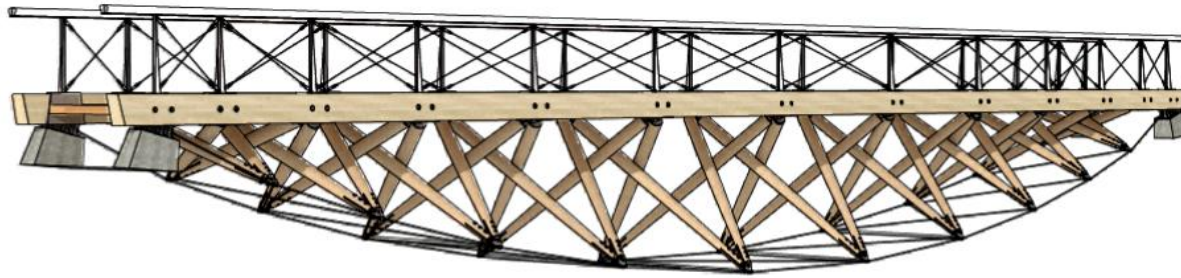
**Architects:** Richard Delarosa, Candice Myers, Harold Ornelas, Leo Rodriguez, Johnny Tran;

**Engineers:** Kun Chang, Henry Chi, Huong Vu.

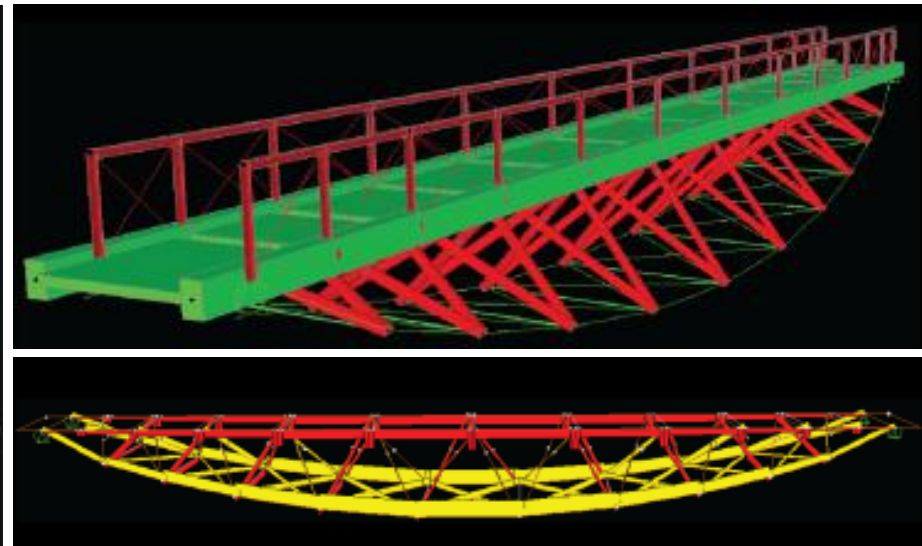
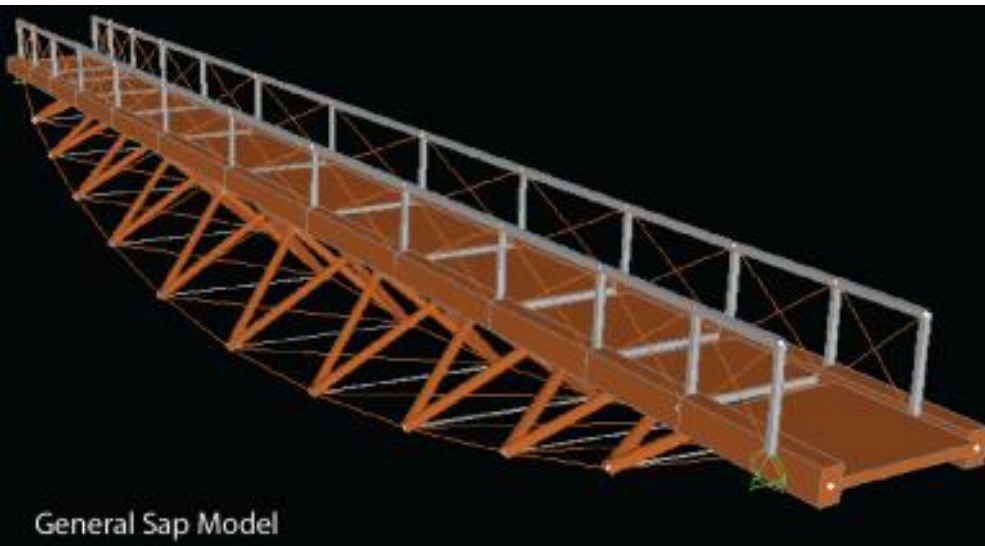
**Original Design Concept by Harold Ornelas**



# TRUSS BRIDGE - DETAILING



# TRUSS BRIDGE – STRUCTURAL MODEL



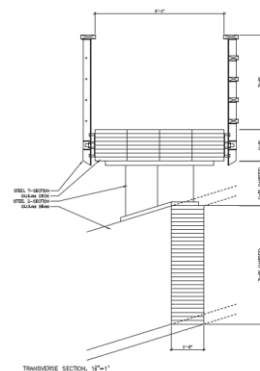
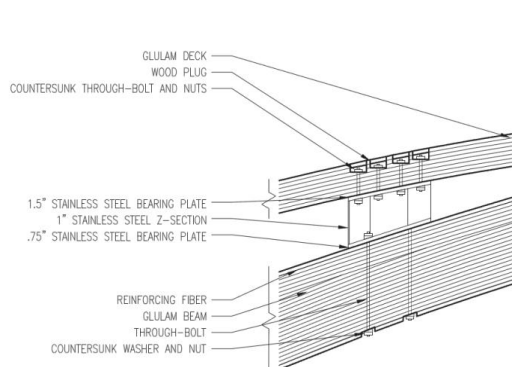


# THE CROSSING

**Architects:** Sabrina Blackman, Brice Colton, Robert Higa, Hannah Lee

**Engineers:** Jonathan Quezada, Robert Veloz.

**Original Design Concept by Hannah Lee.**





# ARCO IRIS

**Architects:** Juan Delgado, Hector Ruvalcaba, Sevan Simonian, Blake Thompson

**Engineers:** Marcos Avalos, Nhan Mai.

**Original Design by Sevan Simonian.**

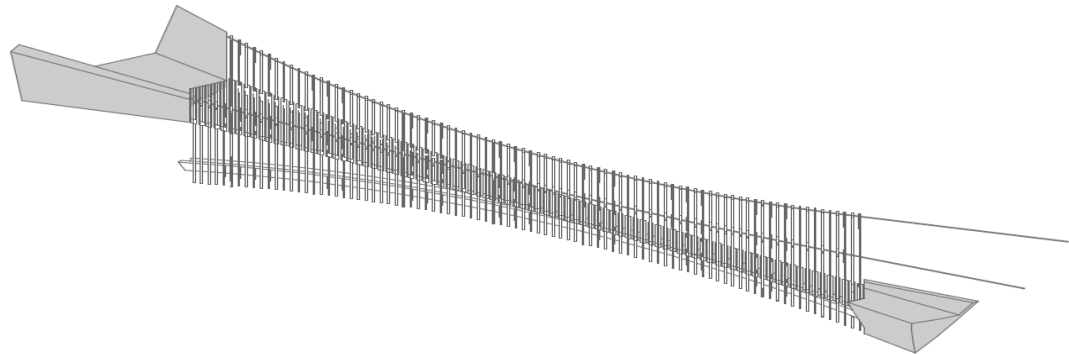
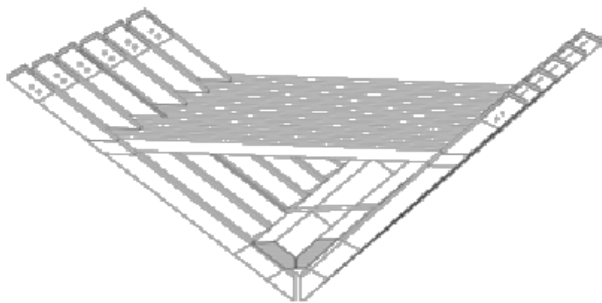
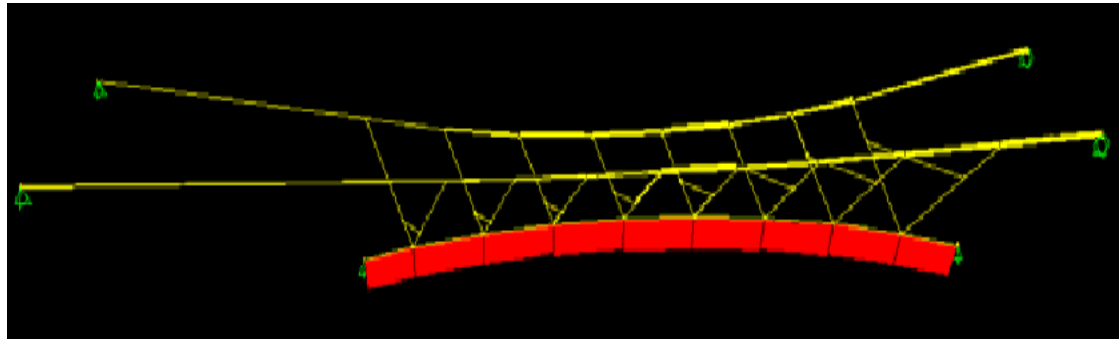


# NO WHERE BRIDGE

**Architects:** Dana Falk, Alice Liang, Marcus Richeson, Annabelle Rigg

**Engineers:** Mathew Archer, James Ferguson.

**Original Concept by Marcus Richeson.**

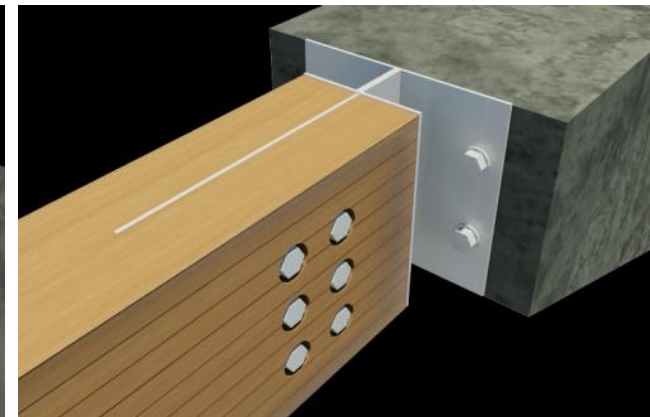
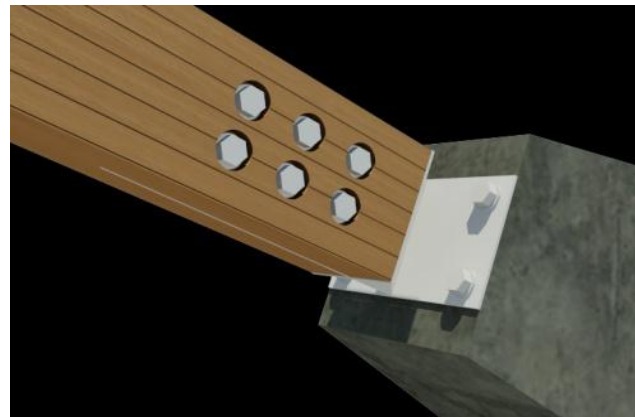


# KNEE-BRACE

**Architects:** Maro Asipyan,, Abner Morales, Fabian Rosales, Matthew Terry,

**Engineers:** Vahe Heyrapetian, Vache Heyrapetian.

**Original Design Concept by Matthew Terry**



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CASE STUDIES

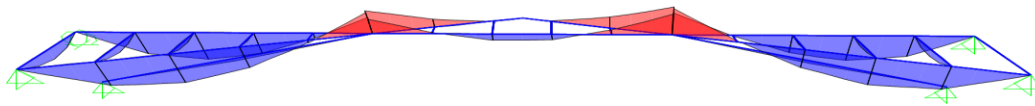
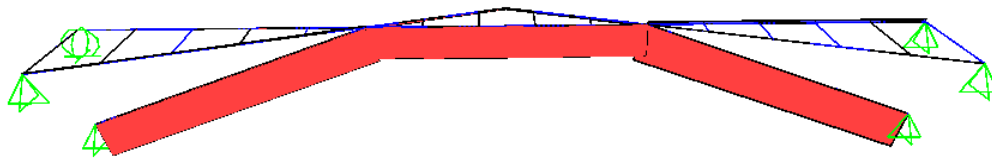
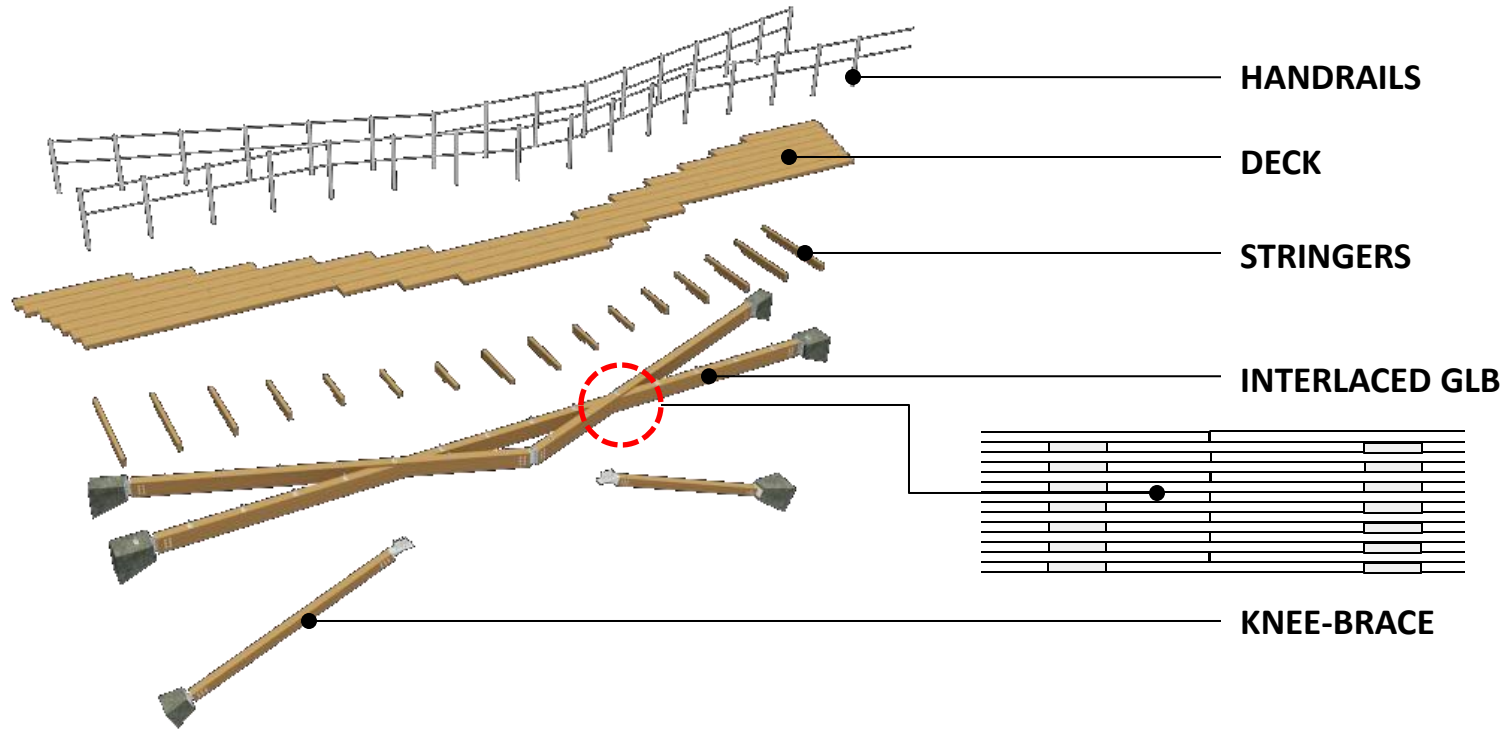
WINTER 2010

WINTER 2011

WINTER 2012

CONCLUSIONS

# KNEE-BRACE





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**EFFECTIVE USE OF WOOD AS STRUCTURAL MATERIAL  
STARTS WITH EDUCATION OF ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS**

**COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE TWO IS IMPORTANT TO  
CREATING AESTHETICALLY PLEASING DESIGNS**

**THE WOOD INDUSTRY ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THIS TYPE OF  
EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES IS IMPORTANT FOR INDUSTRY  
GROWTH**

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