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Subject: Temporary Roofing arrangement at Gelati World Heritage Property, Georgia

Dear Madam,

From the outset, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all the support provided by your side helping the State Party in implementation of the World Heritage Convention in Georgia.

Following the previous communications on the matter Gelati Monastery WHS, I would like to update you on some points and request your kind attention and recommendations.

Considering the sensitive condition of Gelati Monastery occurred during 2020, the issue was discussed at the Education, Science and Culture Committee of the Parliament of Georgia, which on January, 18, 2021, issued the Recommendations to be implemented/coordinated by the National Agency aimed at improvement the state of conservation of the Monument. Referring to the letter CLT/WHC/EUR/20/12998, sent on December, 07, 2020, by the World Heritage Center together with the valuable recommendations elaborated by ICOMOS on the matter of current issues of the State of Conservation of Gelati Monastery WH Property, the two of these recommendations request the National Agency to elaborate the argued feasibility opinion and the relevant project proposal on the arrangement of the protective roofing (in a manner to be able to undertake the works underneath) for Church of Virgin and St George Church at Gelati Monastery, in coordination with UNESCO, by February 18th. The opinion and the project proposal could consider the protection of entire lower part of the churches, and/or protection of the arms individually.

With the aforementioned aim, the meetings with the wider team of experts at national level (engineers, architects, art historians, etc.) have already been undertaken by the National Agency to discuss some concept ideas proposed by the engineers. The issue was discussed considering specific conditions of the site, including: geographic location, terrain morphology, natural hazards such are strong wind and seismic risks on regard of the fragility of decorative elements of the churches both in the interior and exterior (carvings, wall painting, mosaics, etc.), as well as sensitivity of archaeological areas, limited access to the complex, etc.

As a result of the aforementioned discussions, two concept ideas have been concluded as more appropriate and feasible to further work on: one offers to build a prefabricated heavy metal truss structures covering the churches, while another idea proposes to use the prefabricated scaffolding and temporary roofing system (please see attached the preliminary sketches for various suggested structures). The National Agency has also applied to various international companies for suggestions/project drafts, that is still pending.

Taking into consideration the all aforementioned, we would like to apply to your kind consideration to support us with your valuable recommendations and suggestions regarding the abovementioned issue, at

earliest possible time, that will strongly contribute to estimate the most appropriate preliminary solution to further work on it. We remain at your disposal for any further clarifications if needed, in written or online meeting format, at any convenience time for you.

I would like to express our full commitment to follow valuable recommendations provided by you and Advisory bodies, to improve the State of Conservation of Gelati Monastery, WH Property.

Please accept, Madam, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Annex: Proposed preliminary concepts for the temporary roofing.

Cordially,

Director-General

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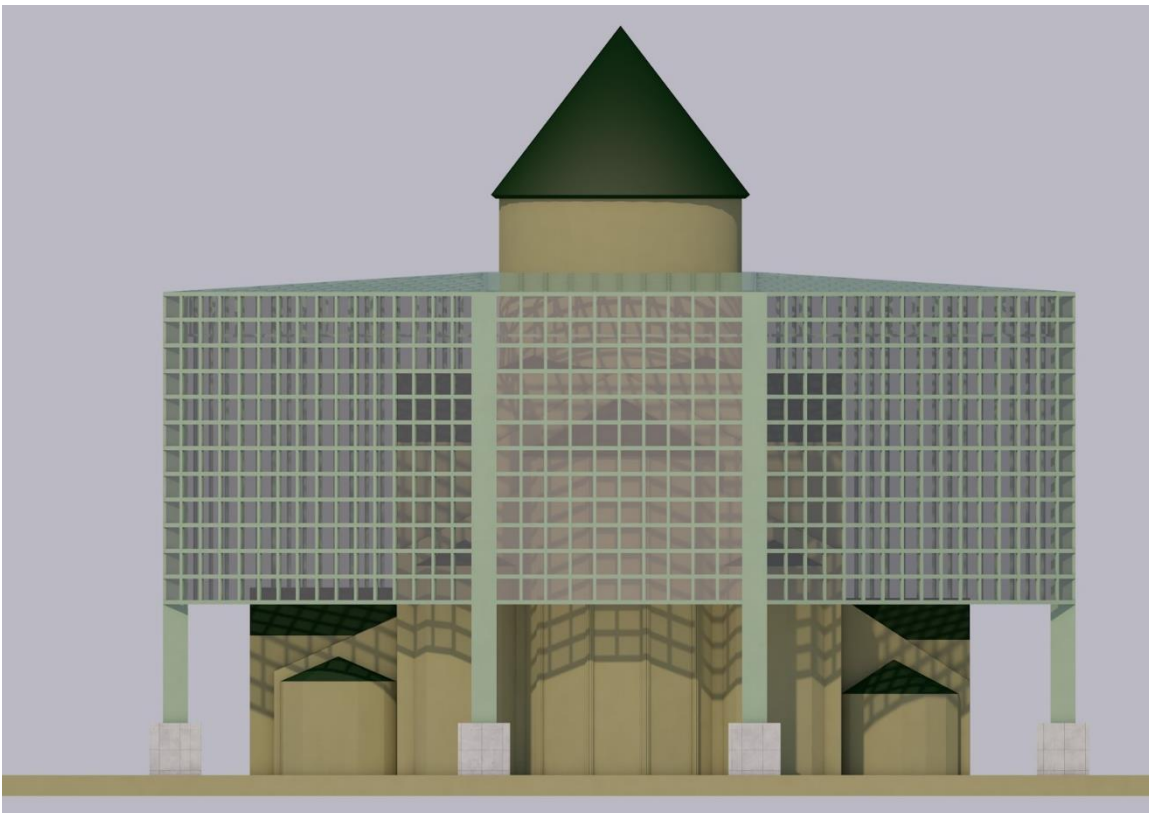
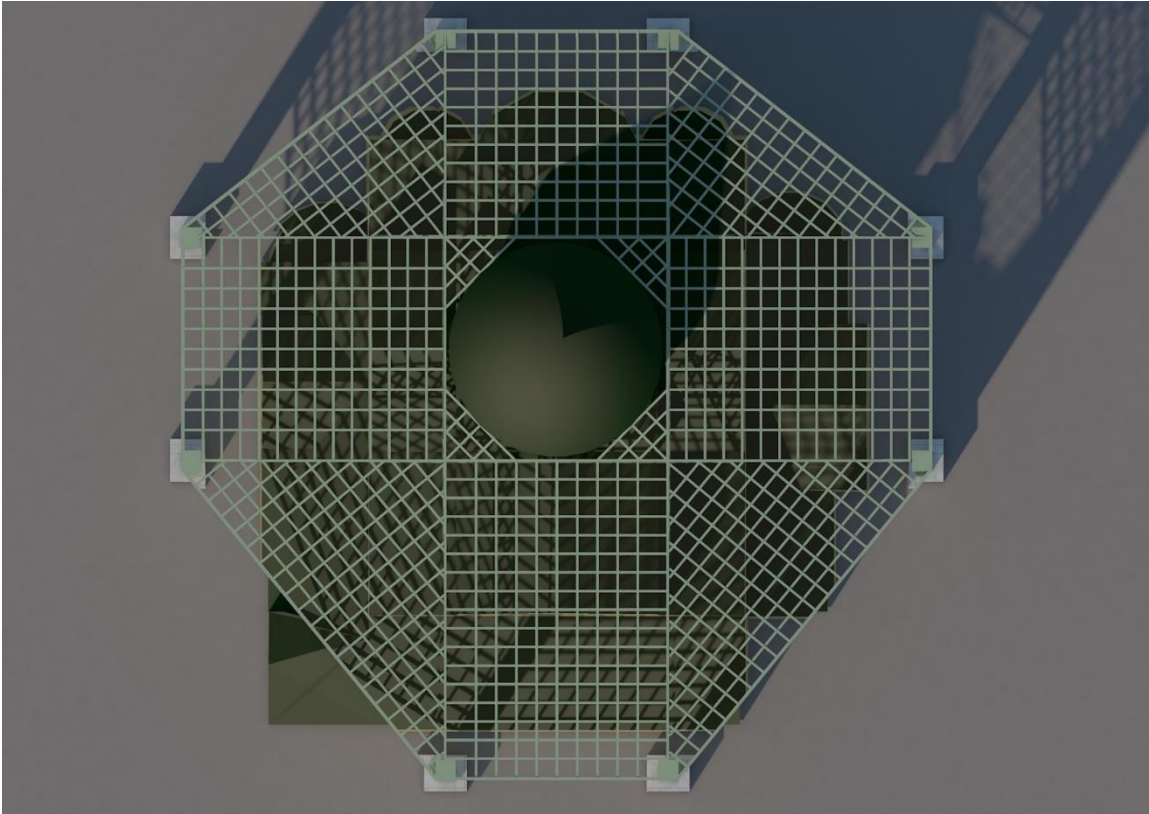
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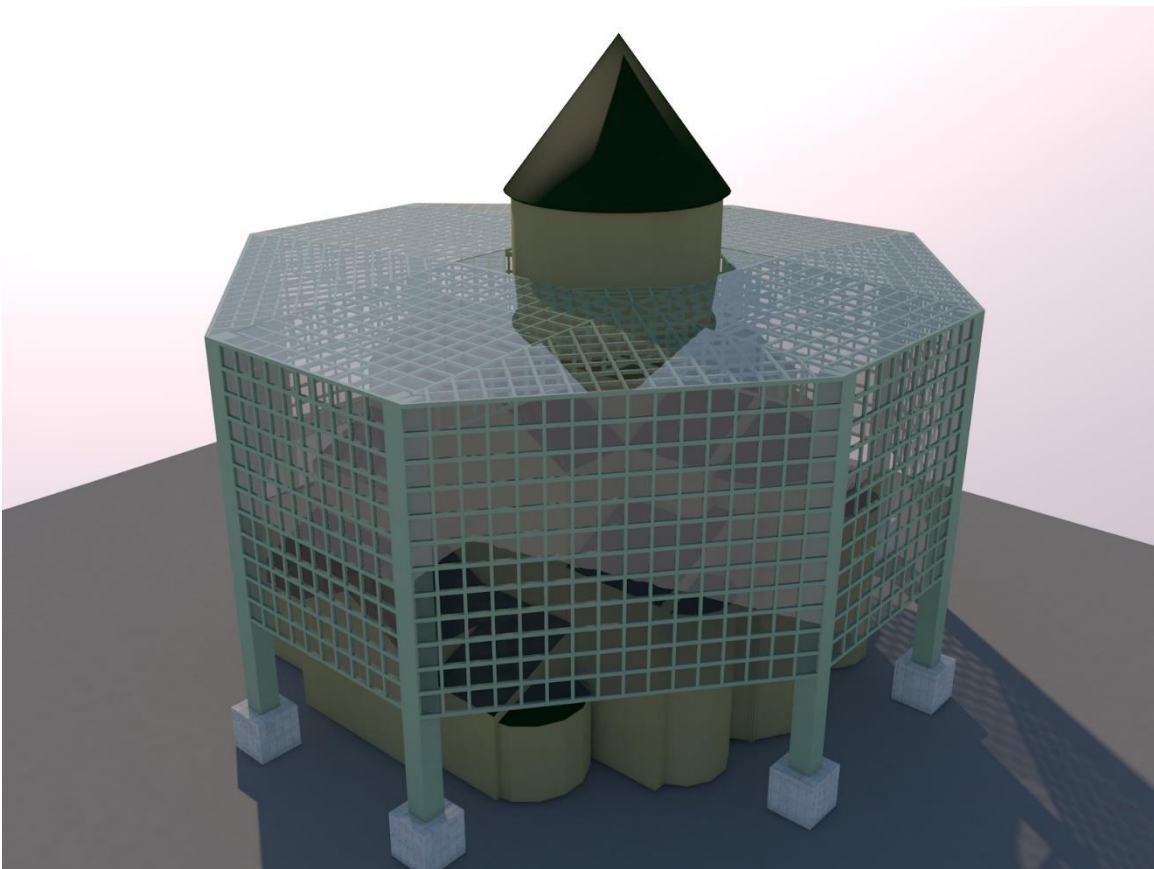
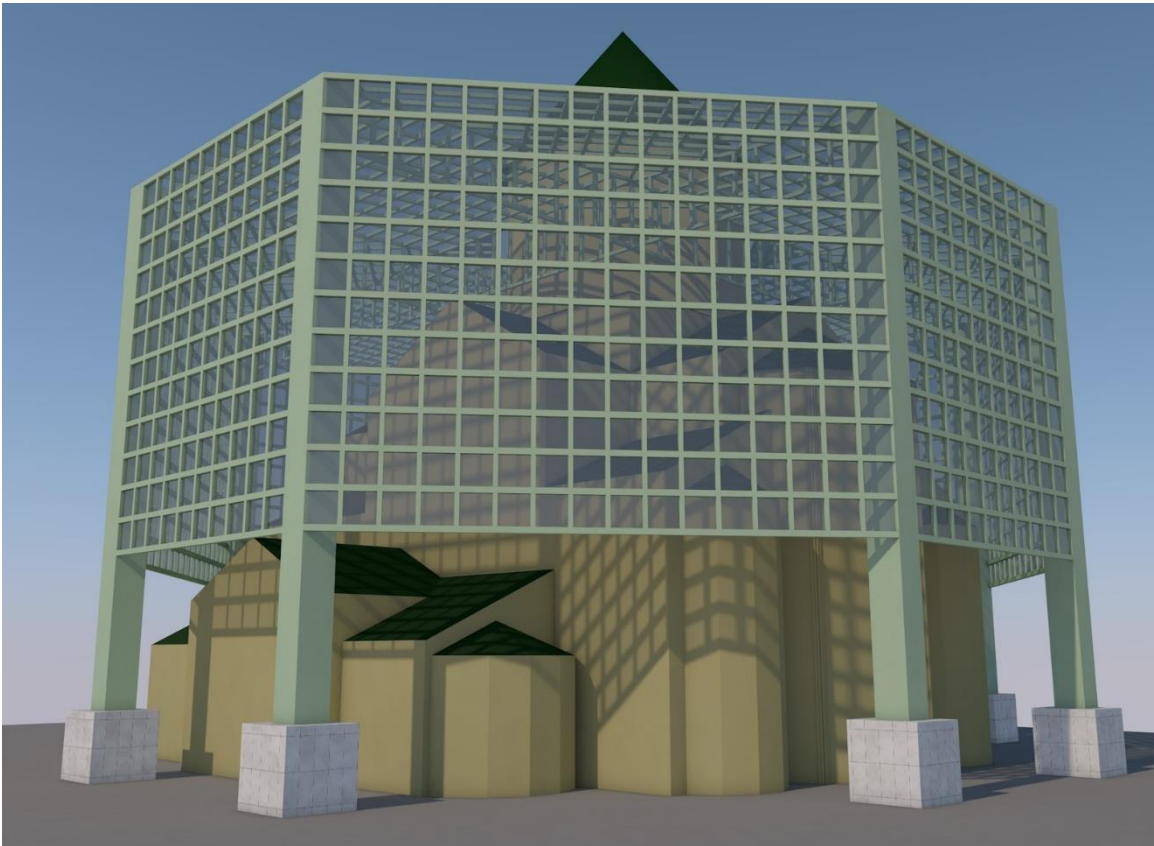


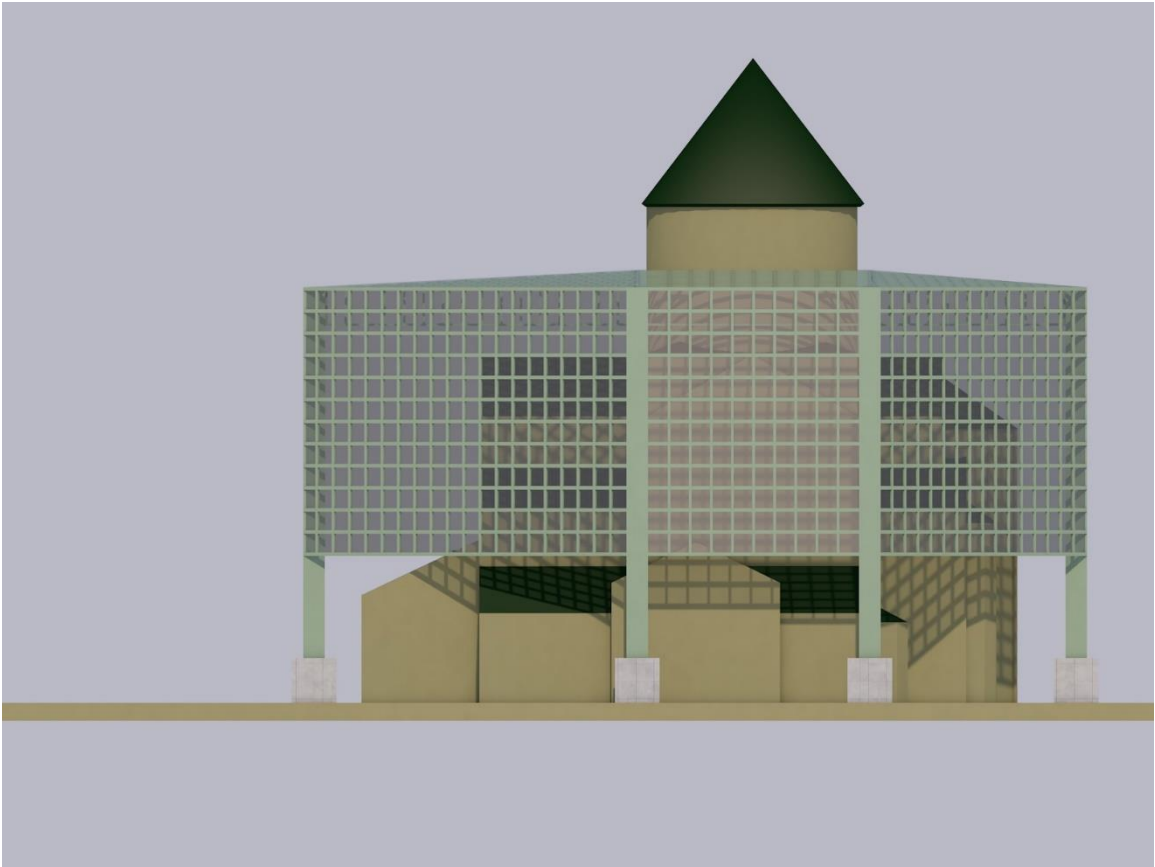
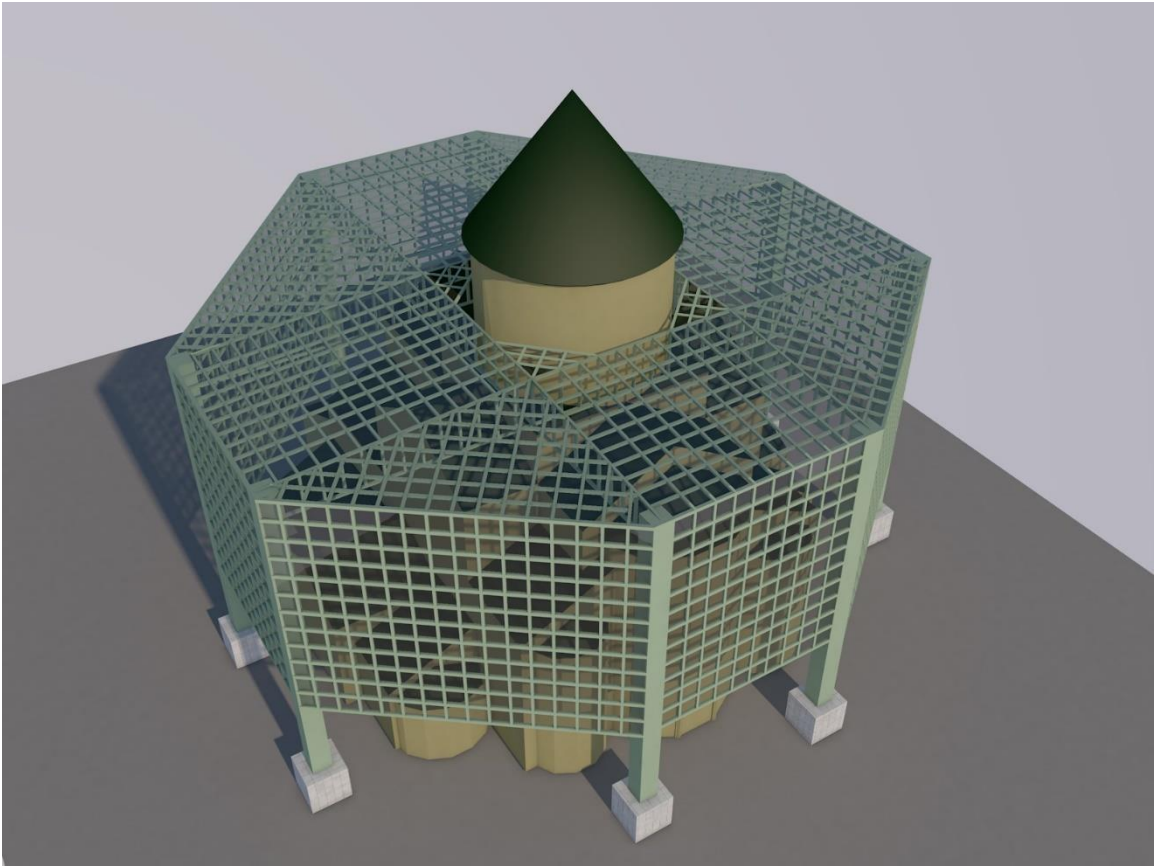
Proposed preliminary concepts for the temporary roofing for Church of Virgin and St George church at Gelati Monastery WHS

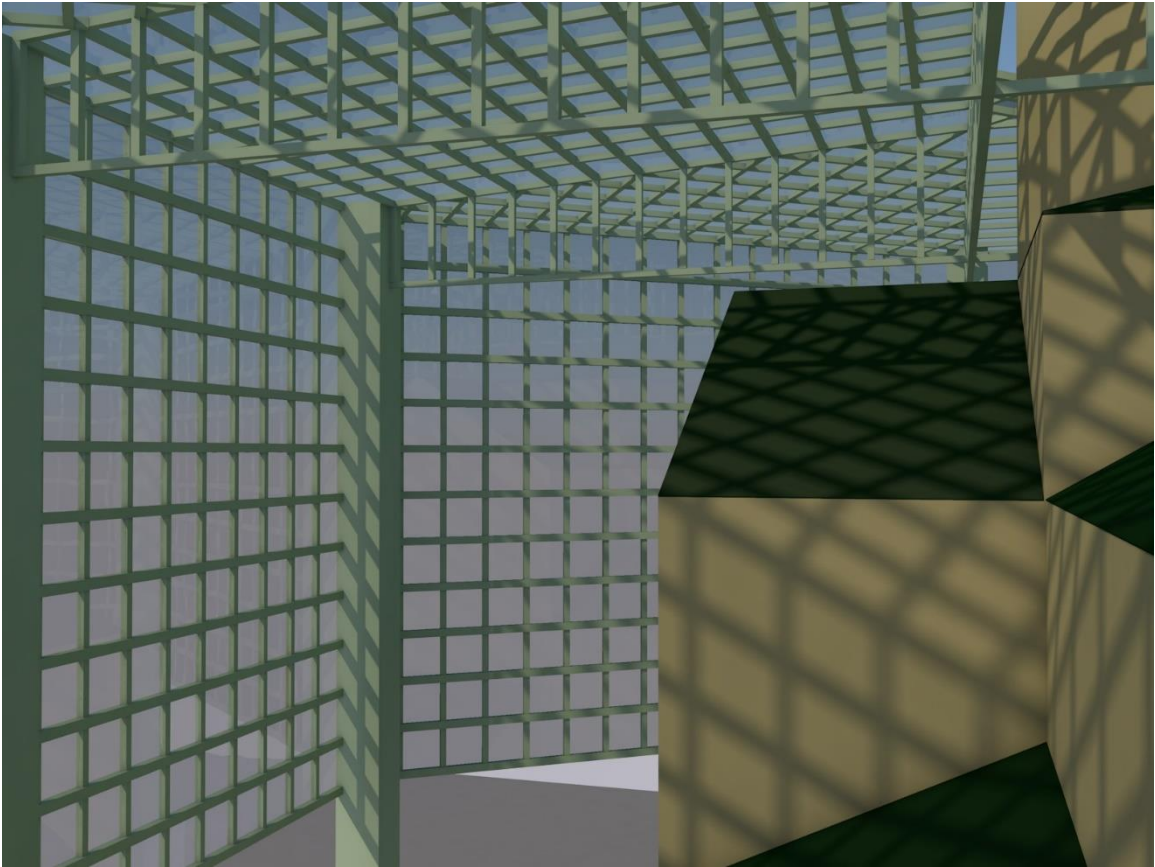
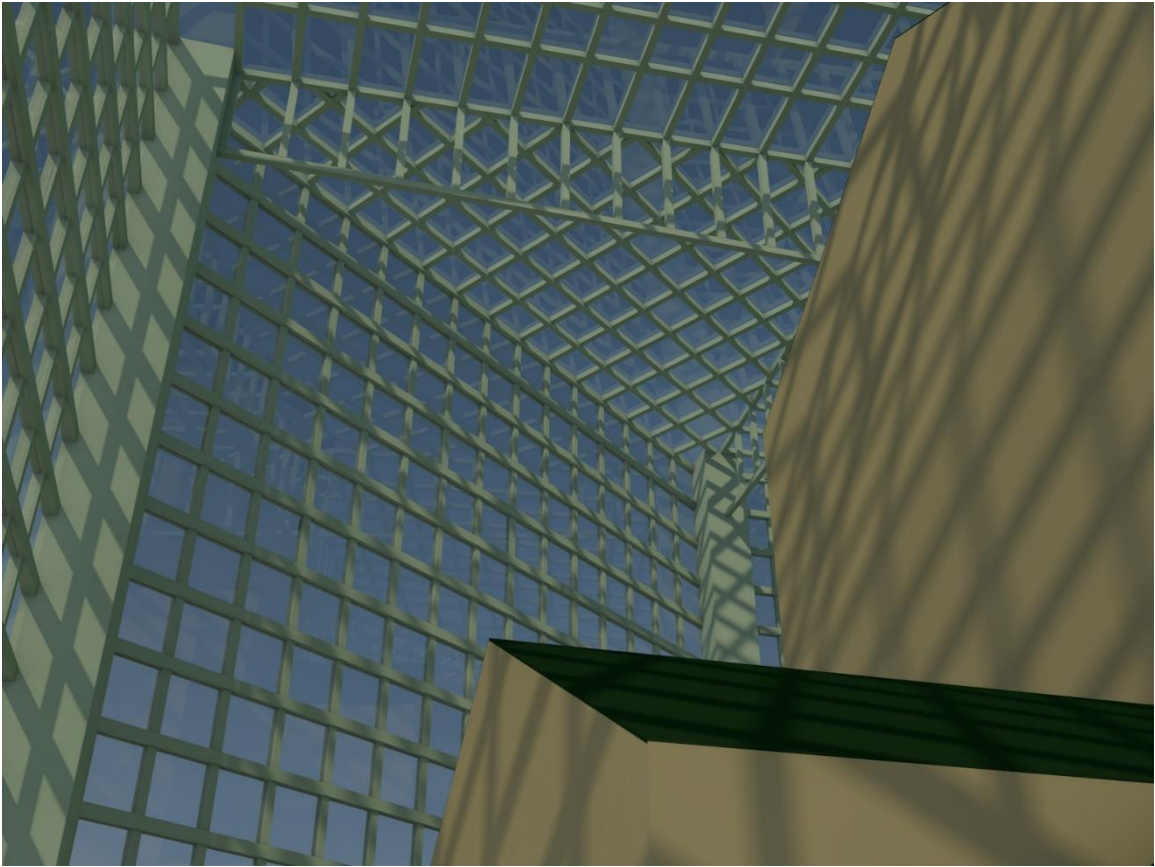
Concept A: Prefabricated heavy metal truss structures

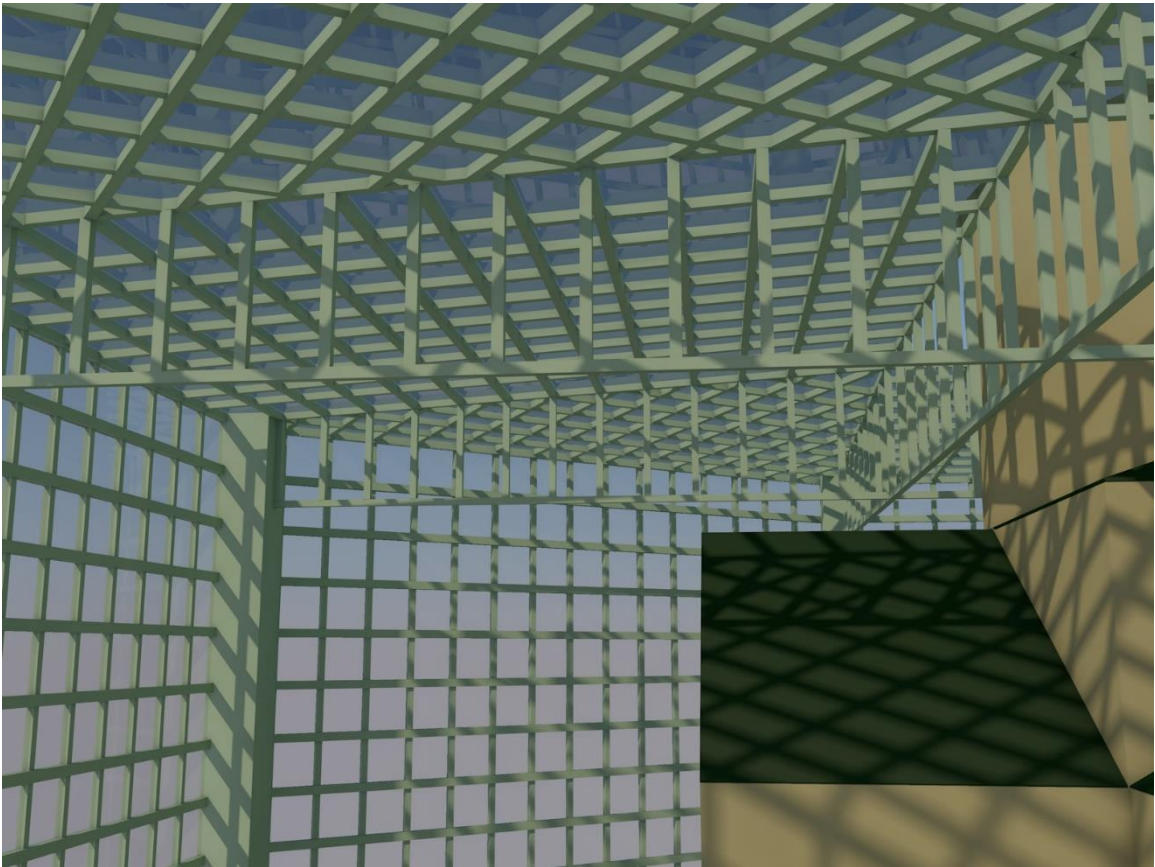
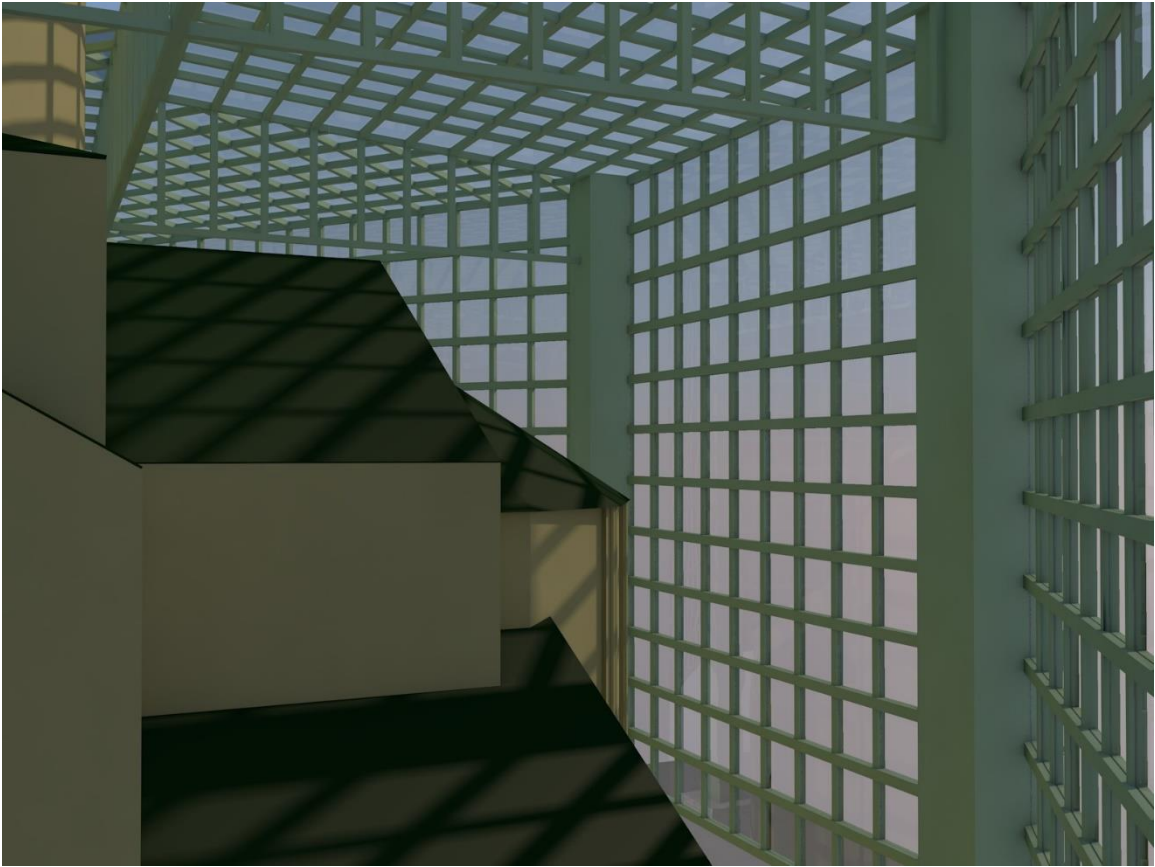
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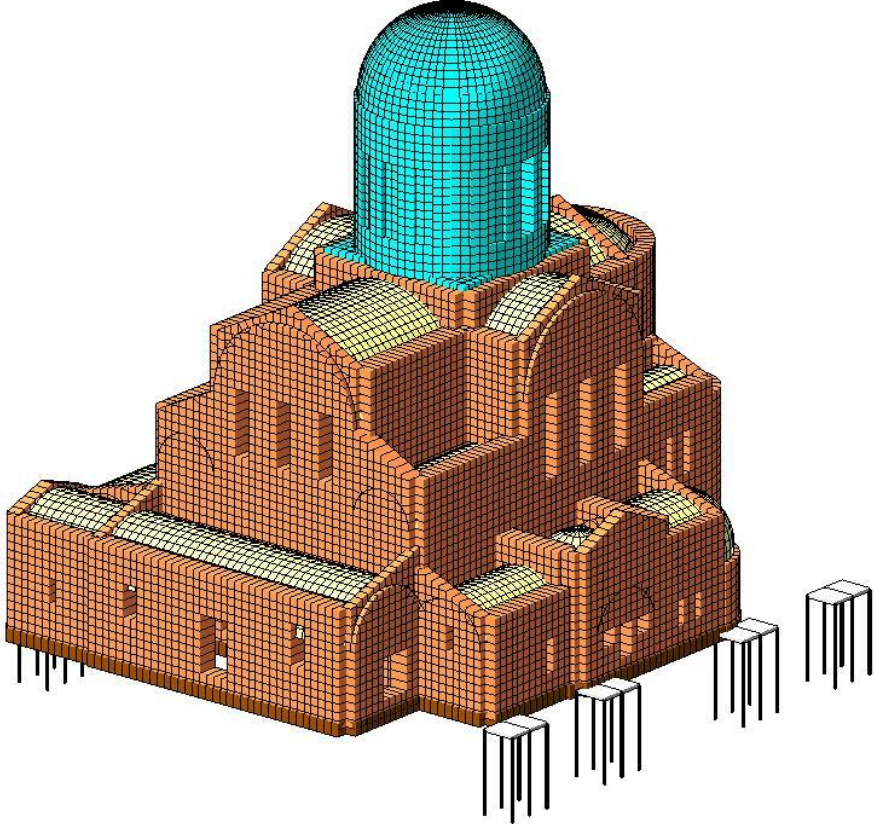
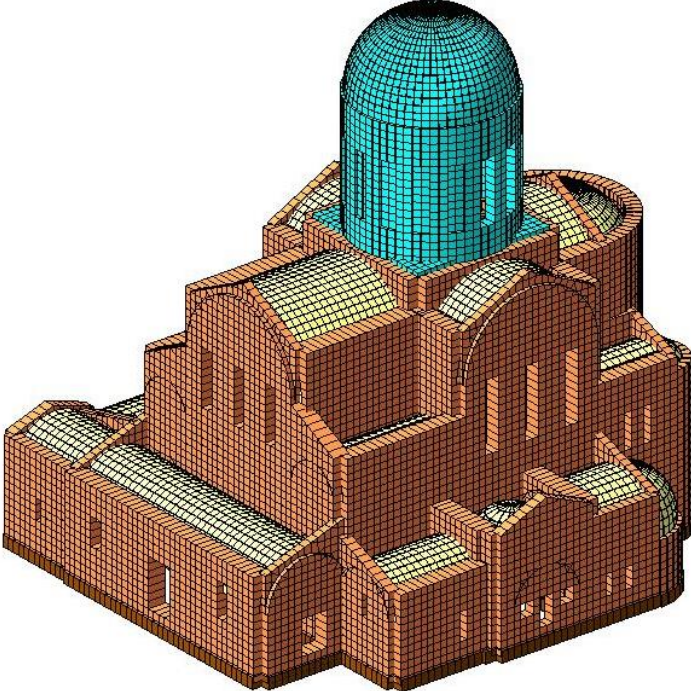


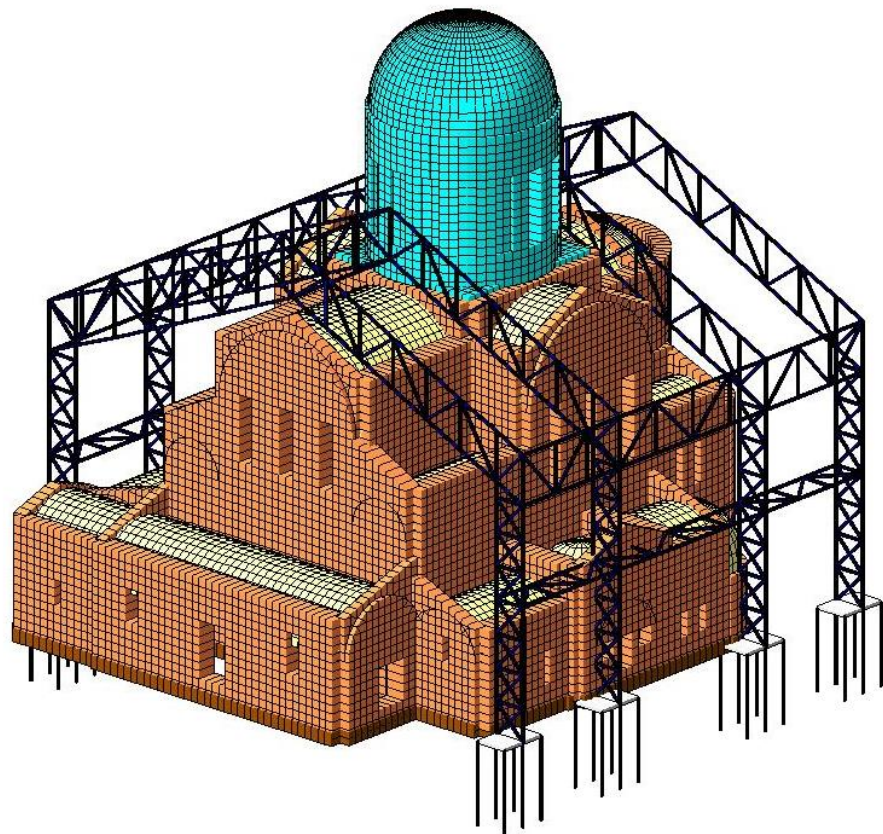
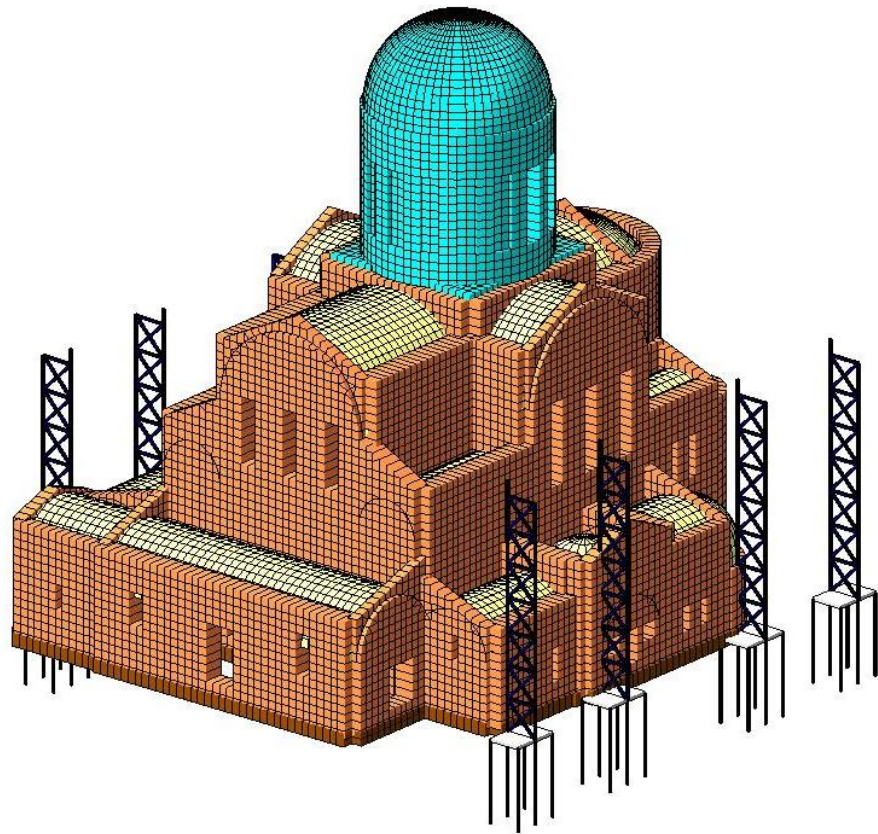


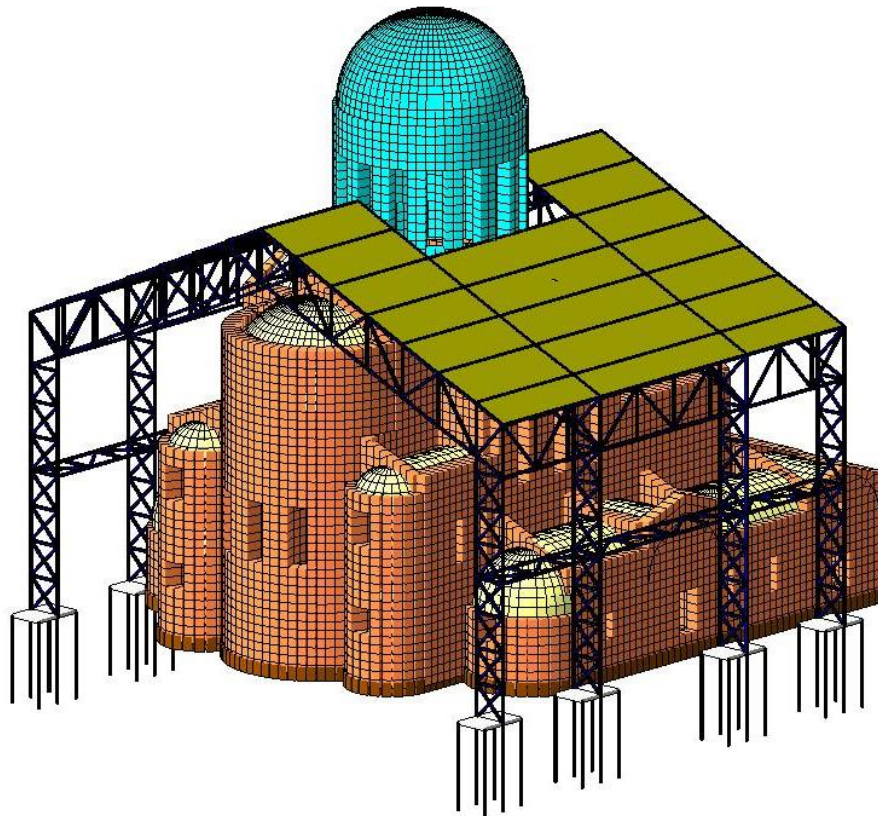
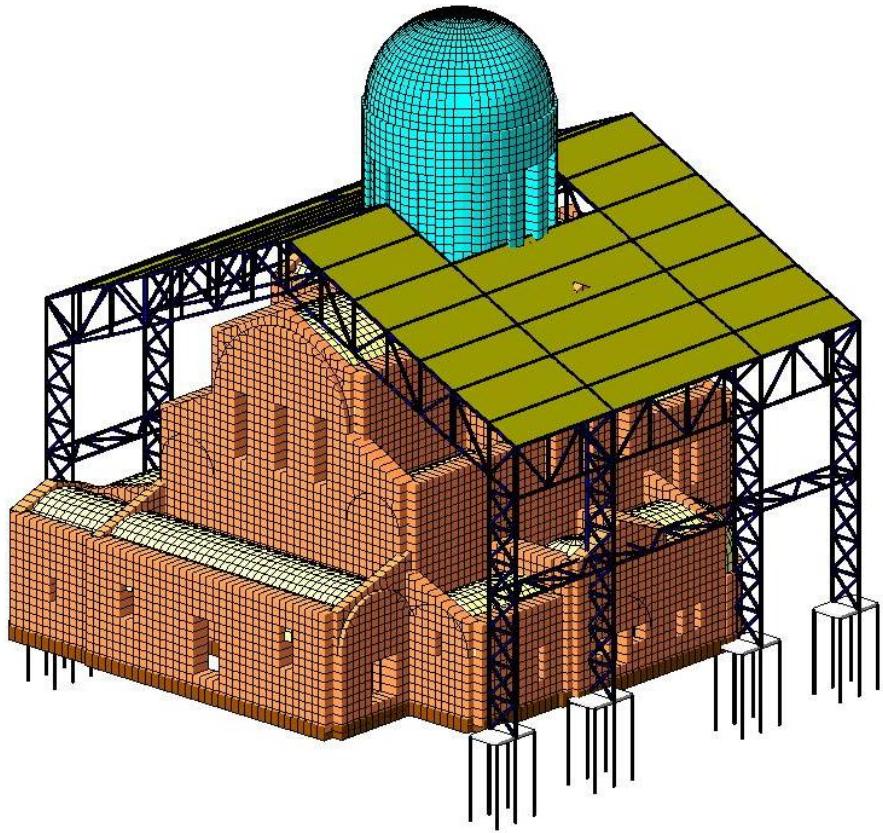


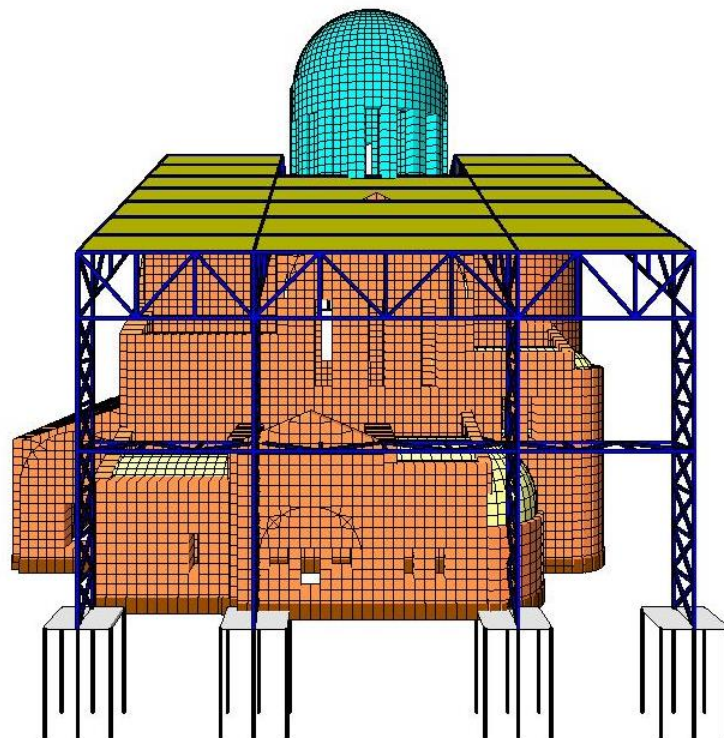
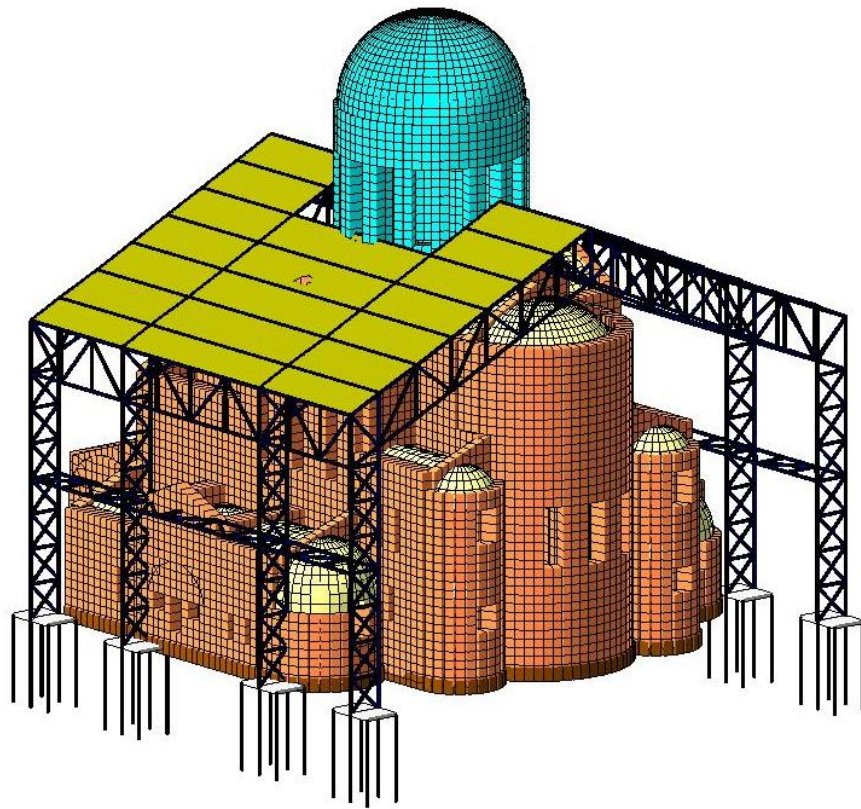


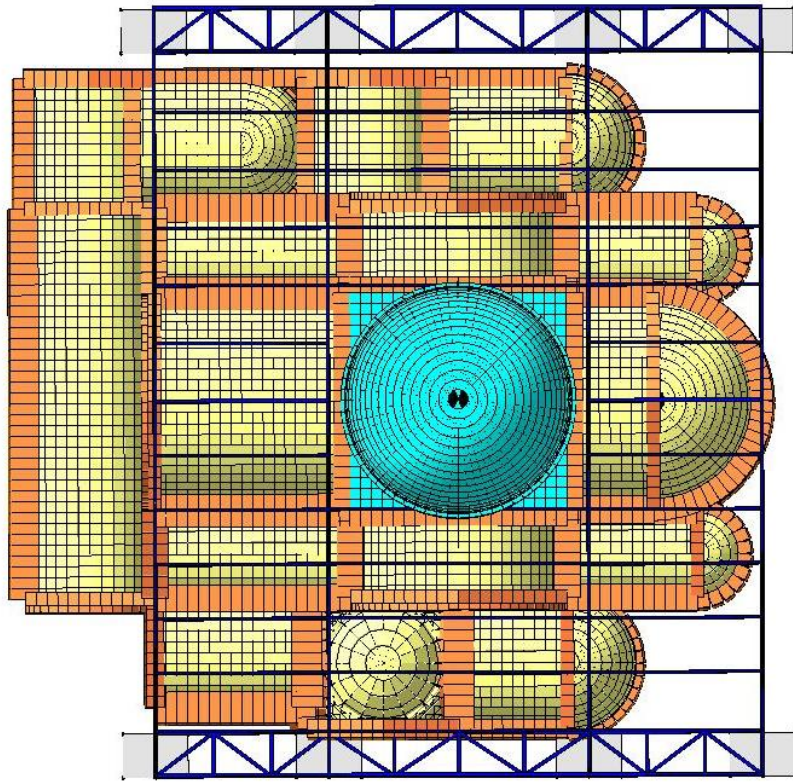
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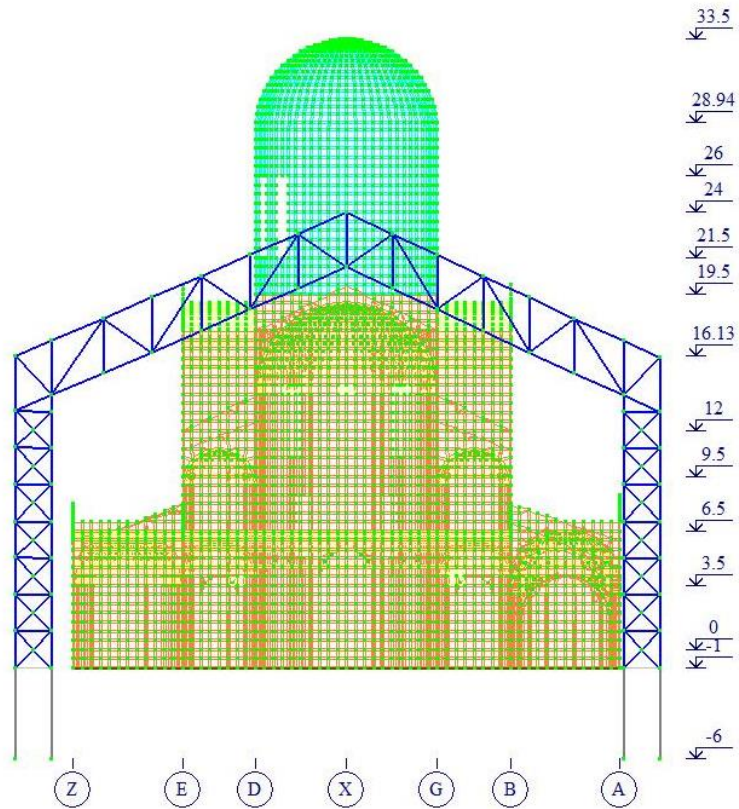
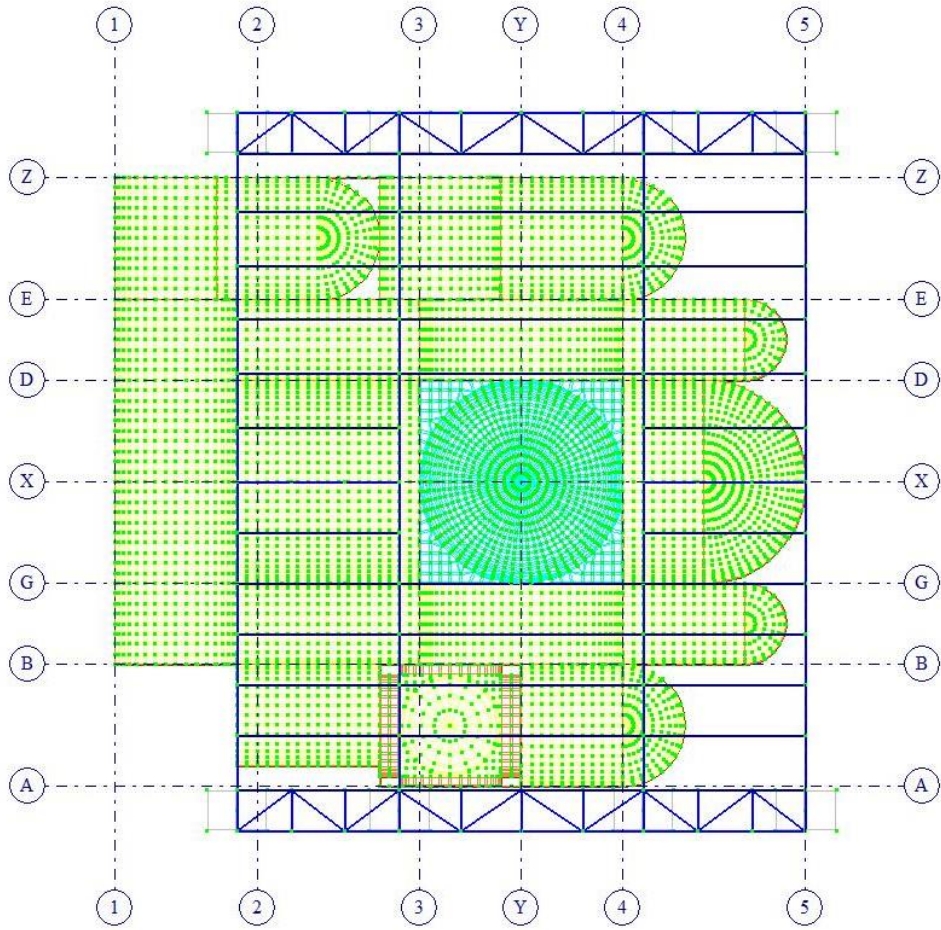


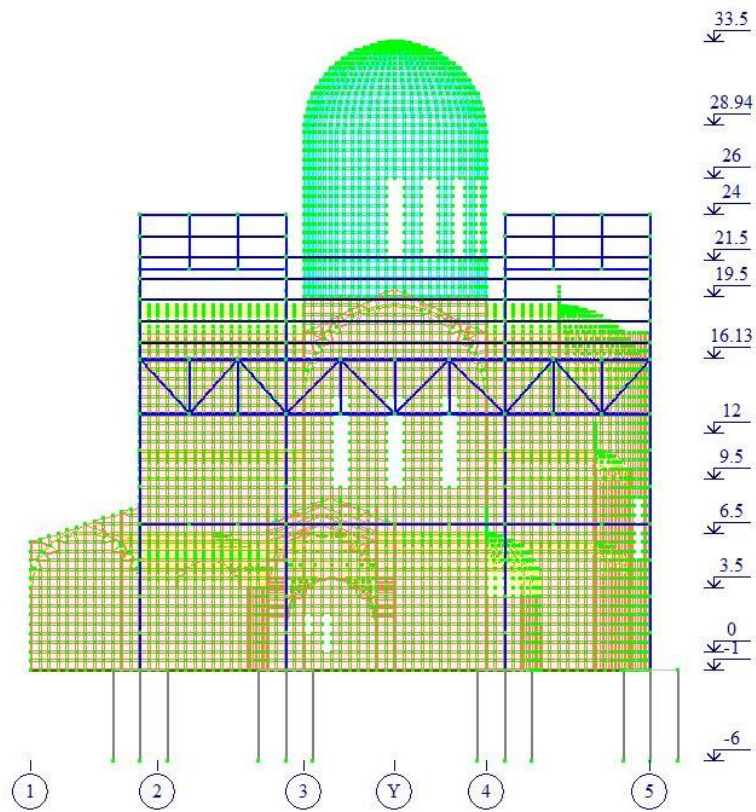
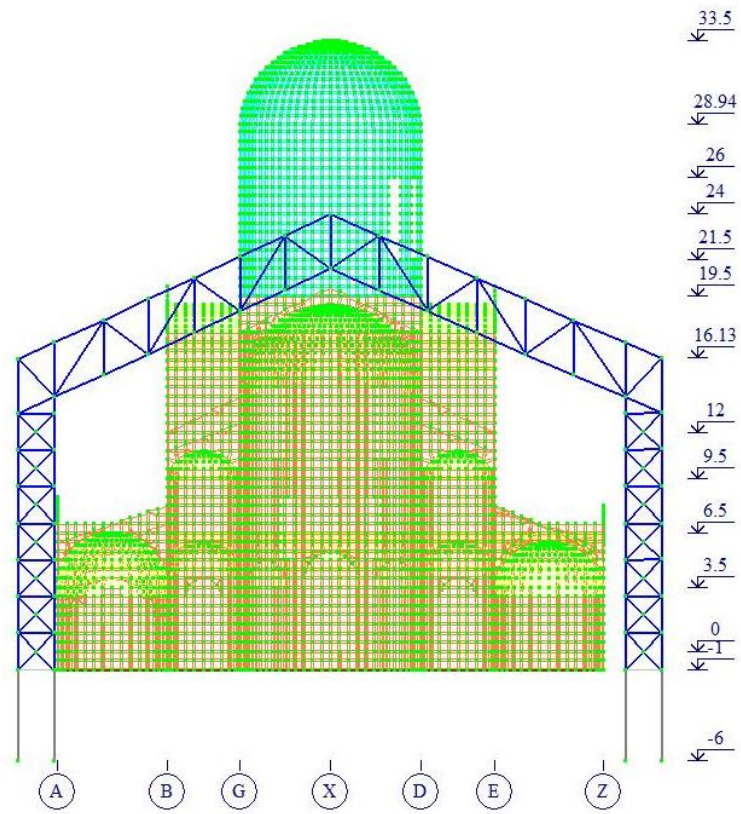












Concept B: Prefabricated scaffolding and temporary roofing system

