



Wikilab, architecture & CNC

Collaborative architecture and
construction with FreeCAD

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The WikiLab

São Paulo, Brazil
Built in 2017

Based on WikiHouse
Built by volunteers
Fully open-source

















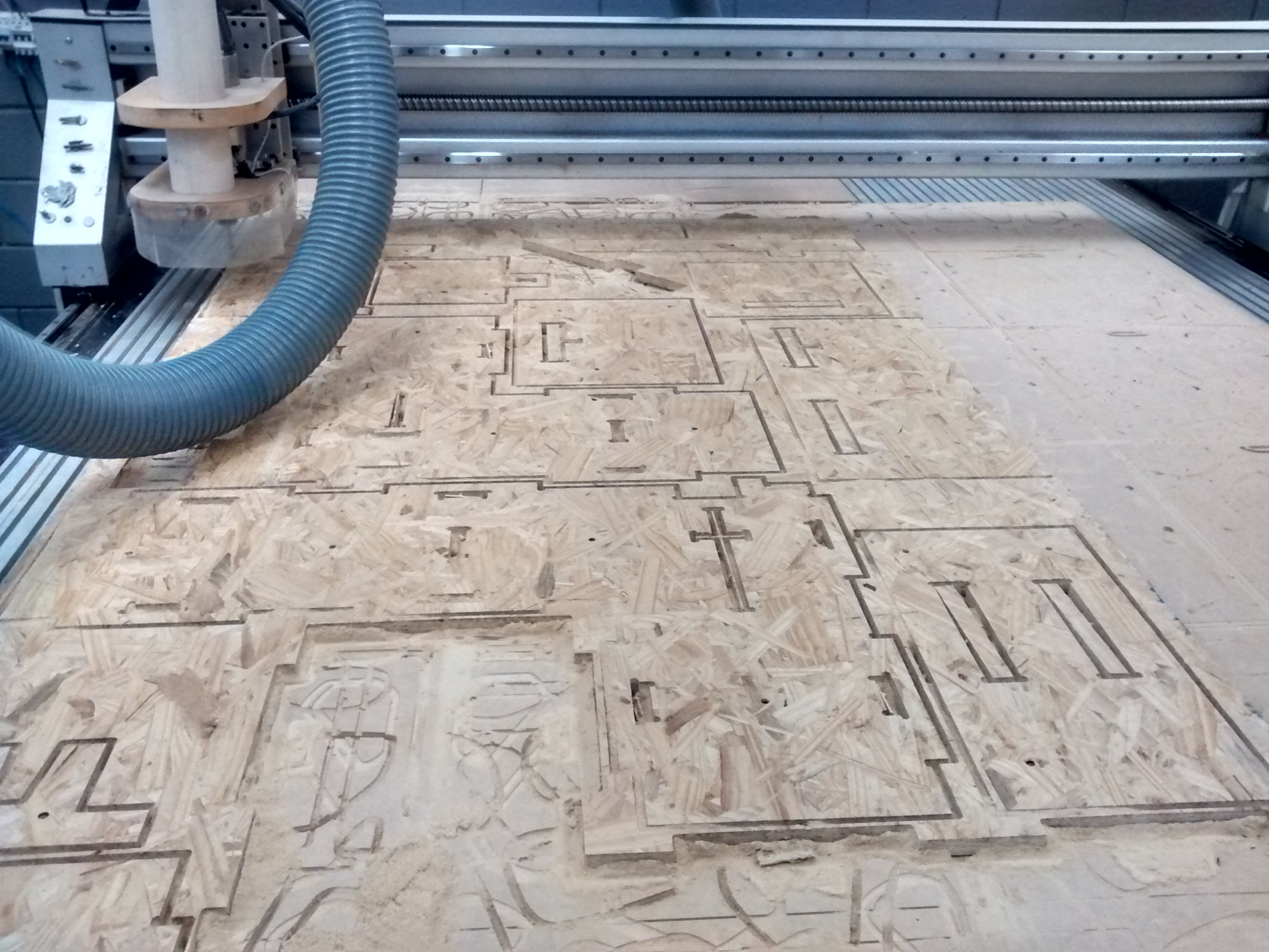












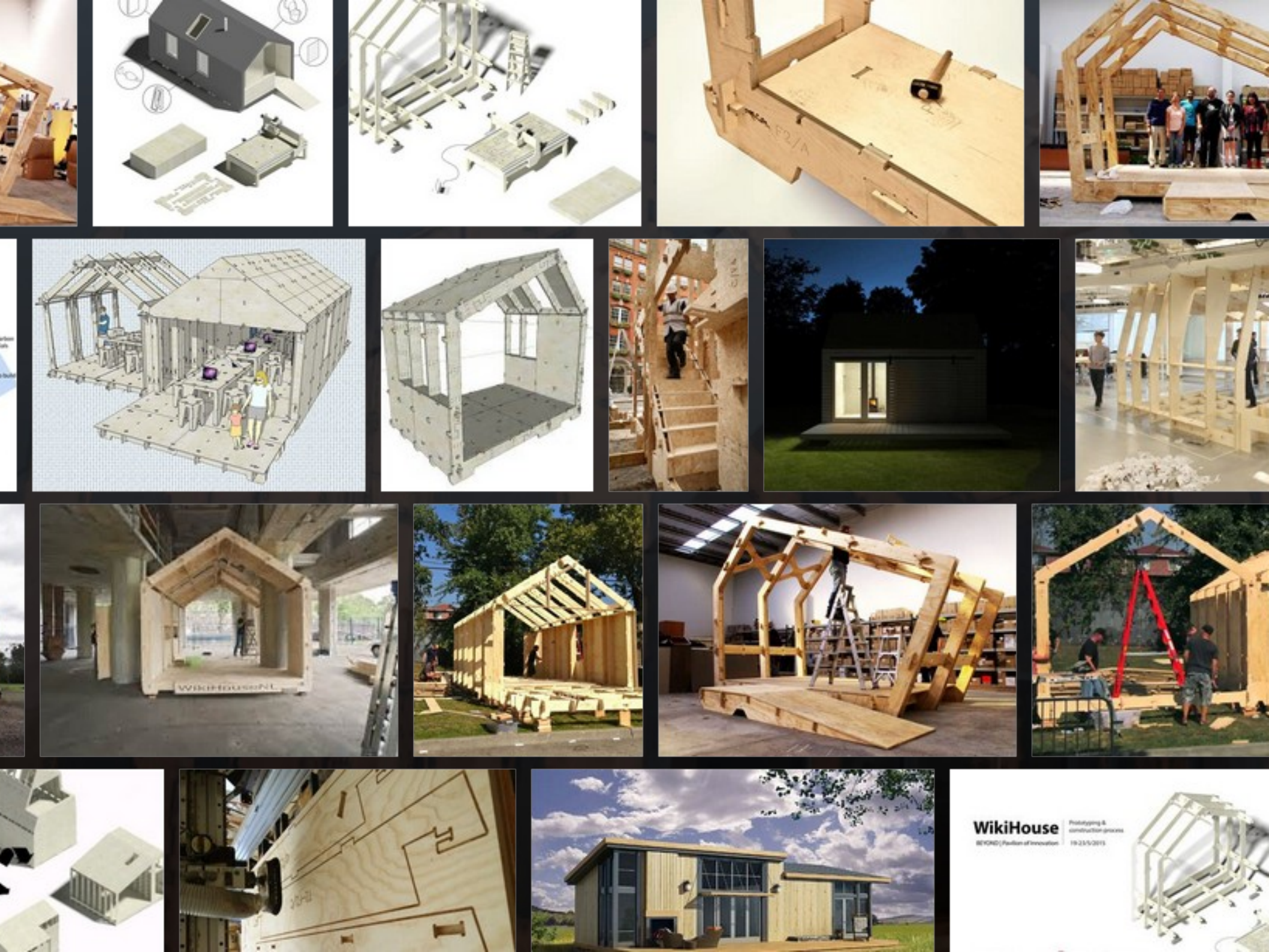




The WikiHouse project

Do-it-yourself construction system made of CNC-cut wooden pieces

- Started in the UK in 2011
- Already several built units around the world
- Open-source
- Well-tested and matured system already
- <http://wikihouse.cc>

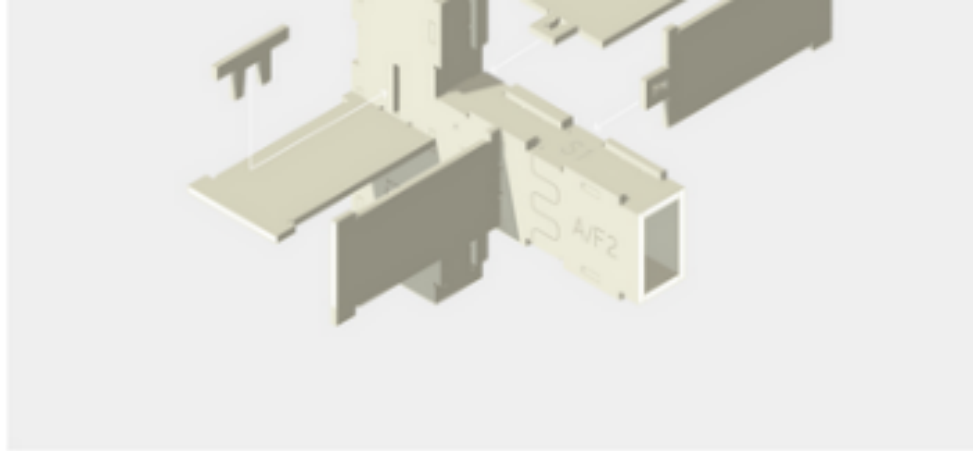


WikiHouse

BEYOND (Position of Innovation)

Prototyping & construction process
19-23/5/2015





Wren Hardware

Wren components are CNC manufactured using structural-grade timber panel materials (typically, plywood) and can be rapidly assembled to produce a structural chassis, onto which other components such as cladding, windows, doors can be fitted.

Wren is in development. For full documentation on how Wren works and how you can contribute to its development, visit the [Wren wiki](#)

Wren Parametrics

This version of the Wren structural language has been developed in Grasshopper, the parametric scripting plugin for Rhino 3D. This computational design platform is widely used in the design and construction industries, and is ideally suited to digital manufacturing.

Other formats of the Wren system are currently being developed, but currently this version in Grasshopper format represents the latest thinking and workflow for the structural technology.

Assembly Test

24 Oct 14:47

Community Build Photos

08 Aug 16:56

Images

16 Dec 19:38

My Project Engine.xlsx

Excel Spreadsheet

20 Dec 09:42

README.md

Markdown Document

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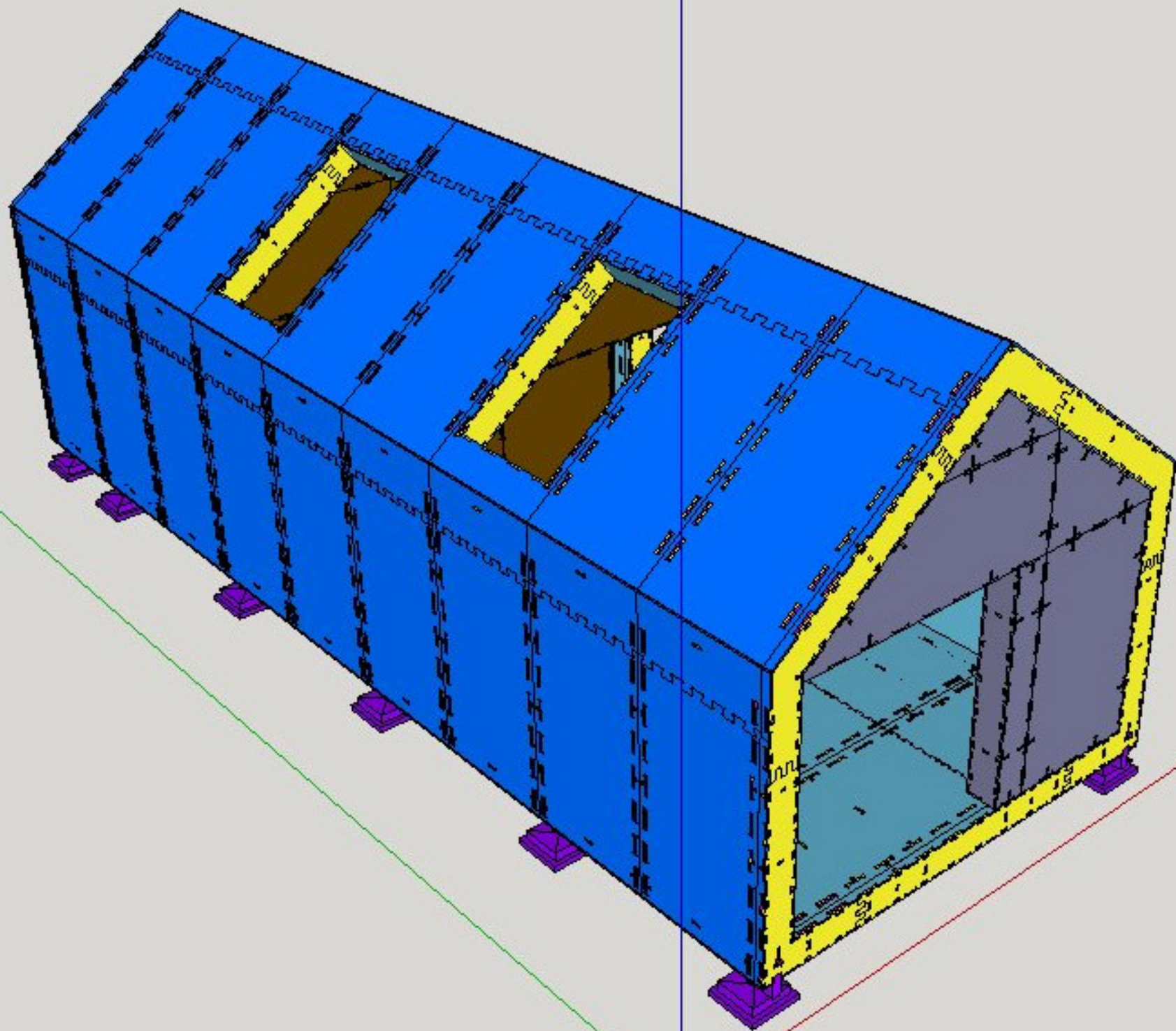
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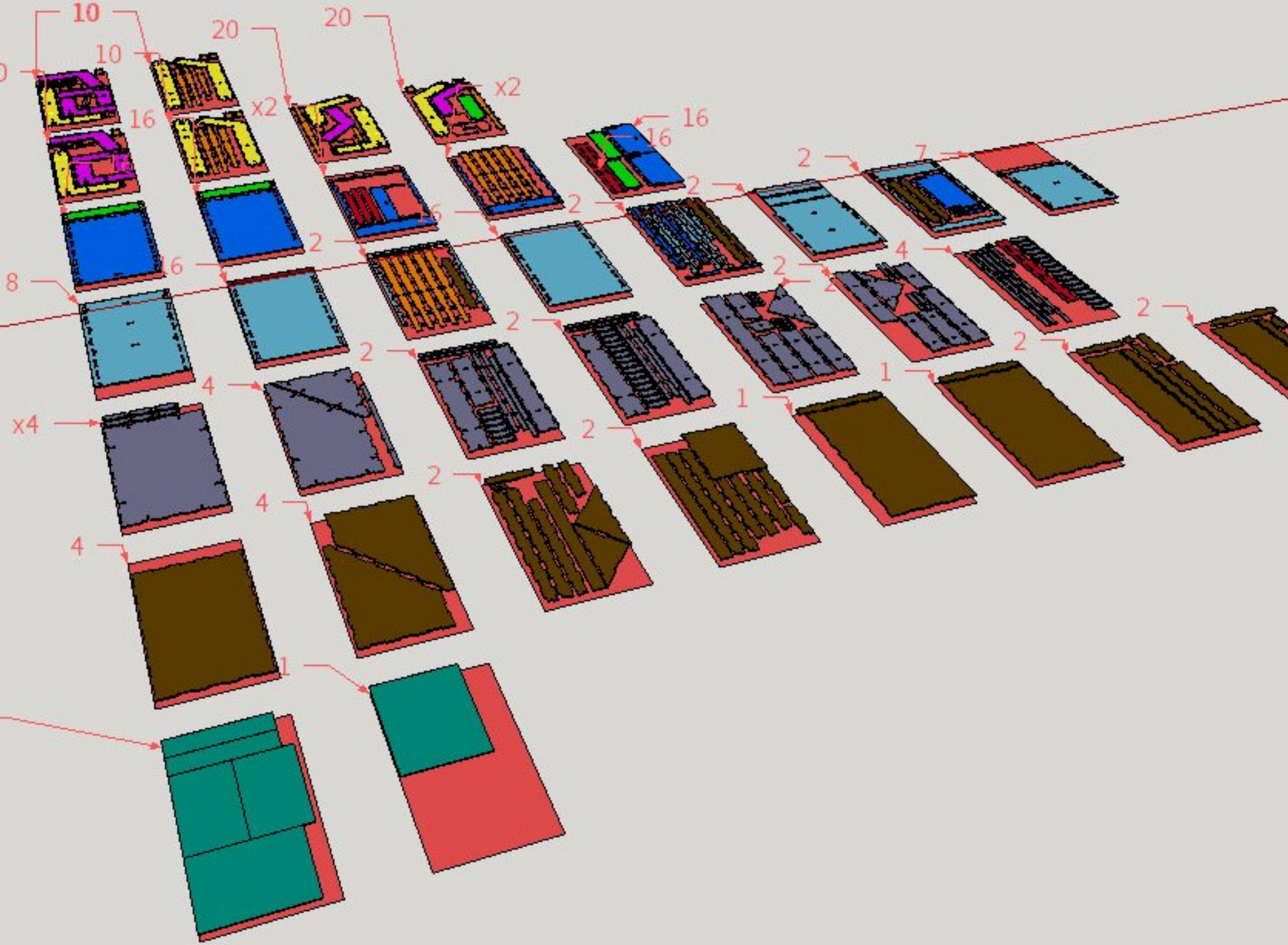


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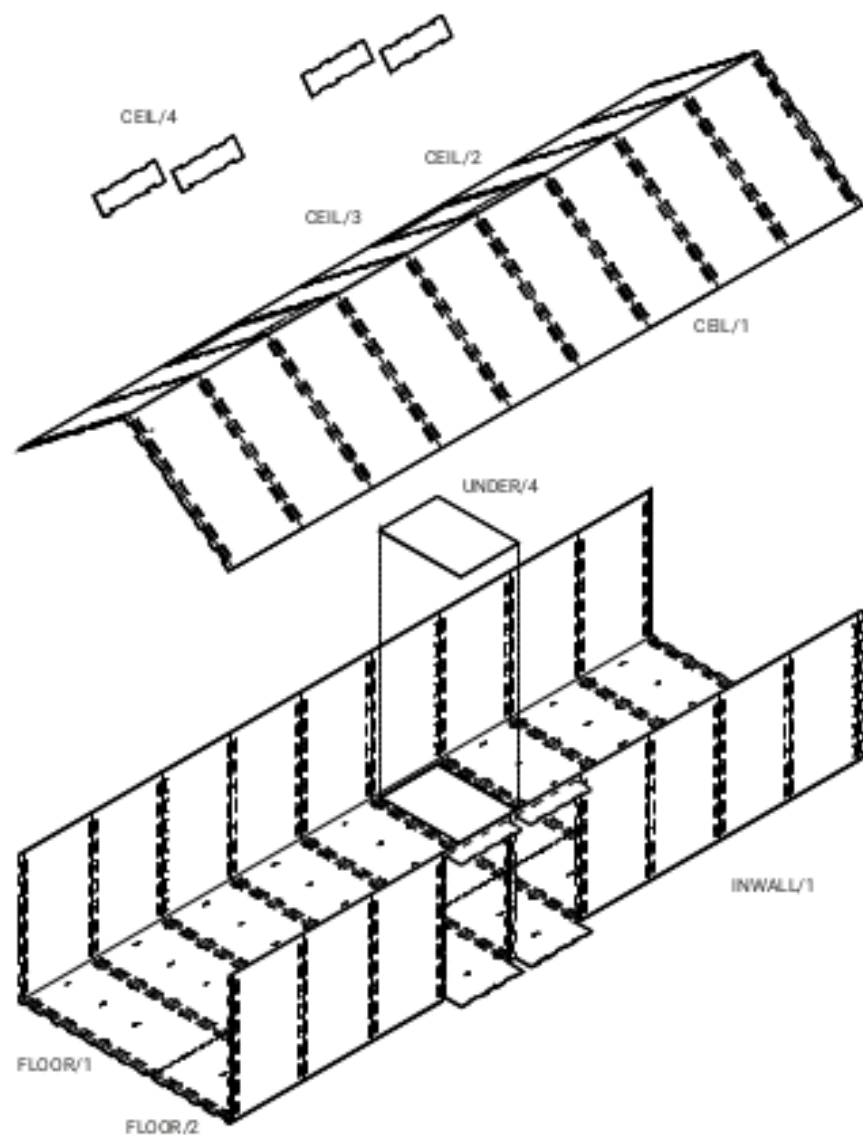
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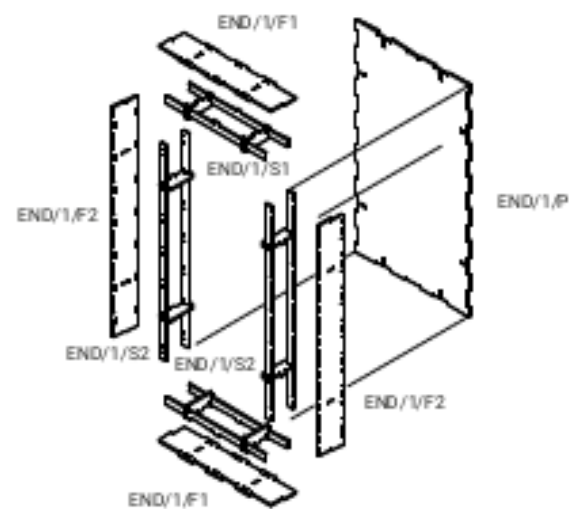




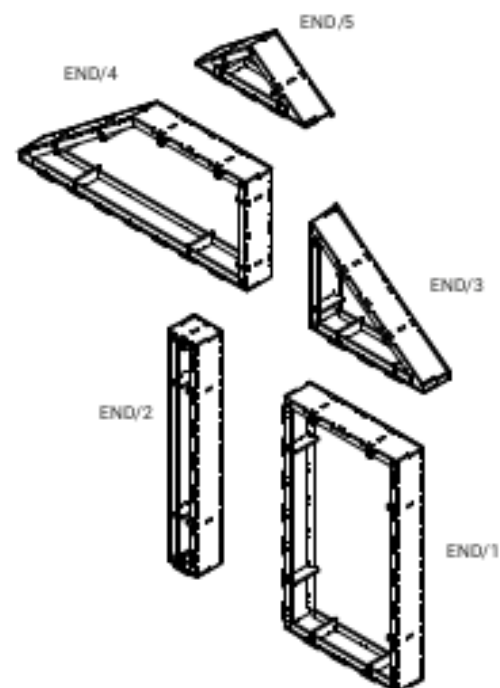
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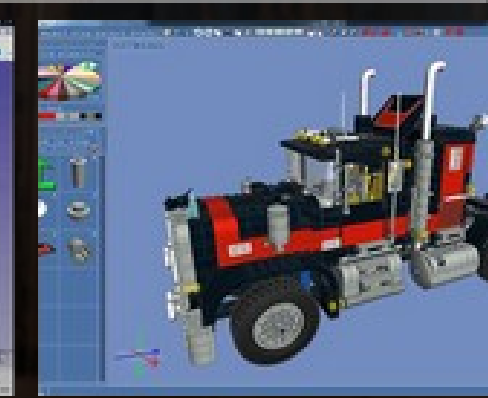
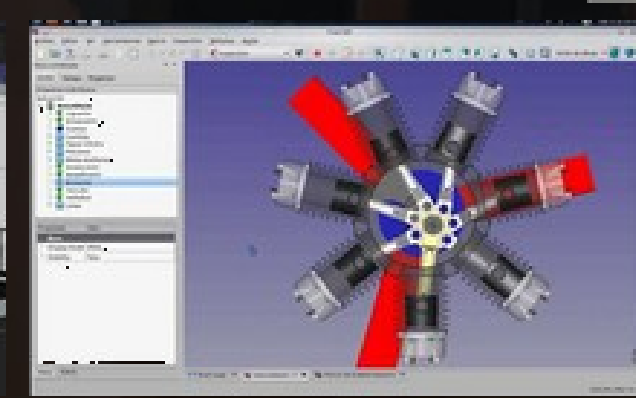
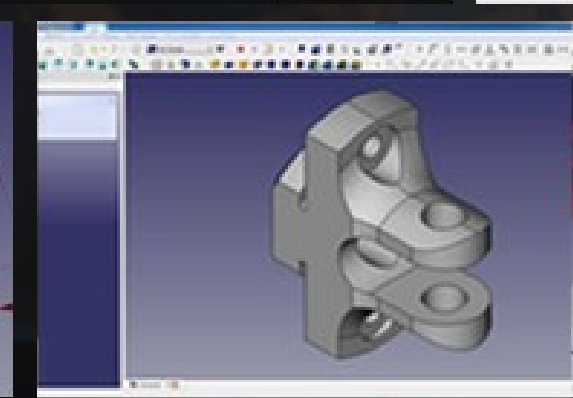
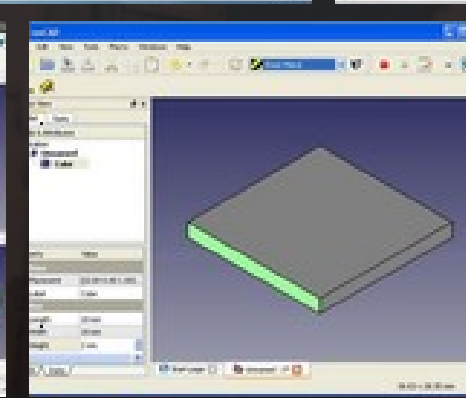
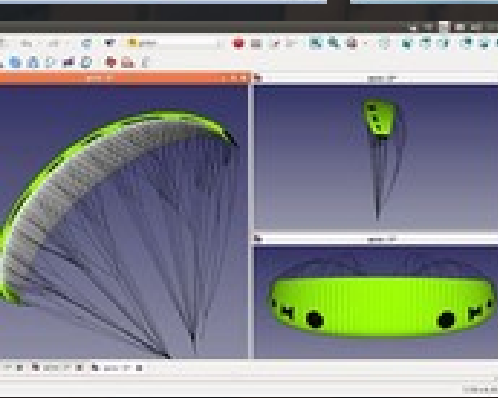
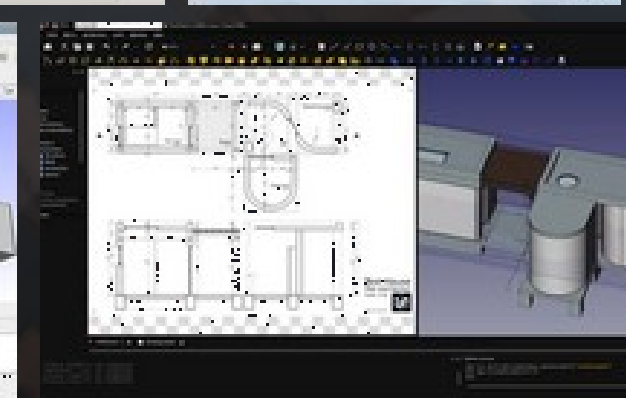
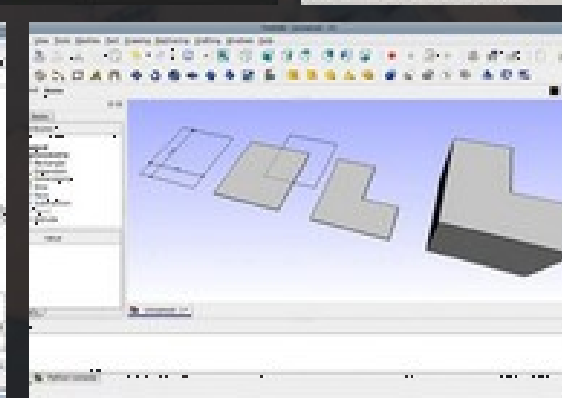
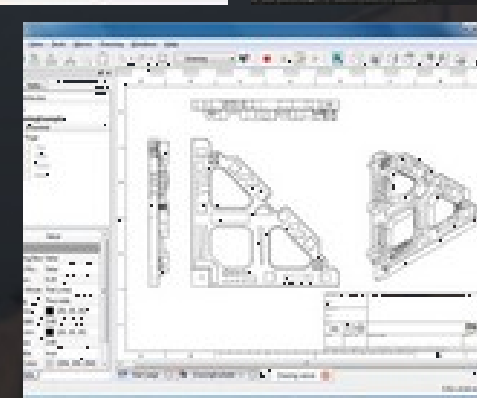
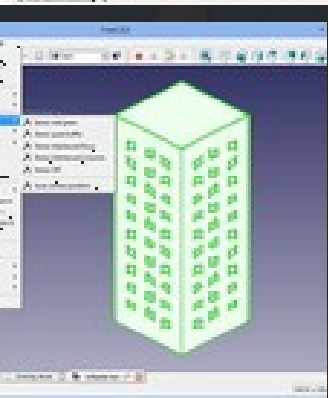
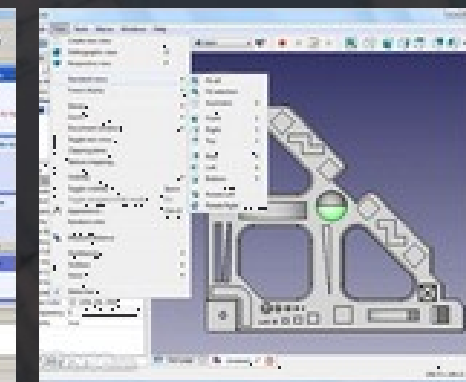
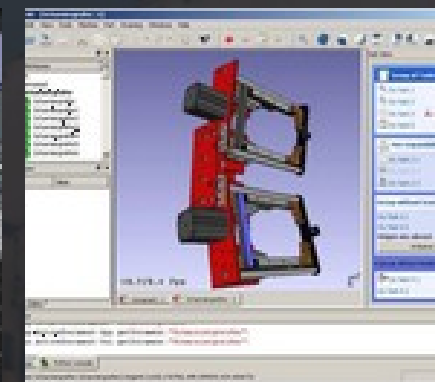
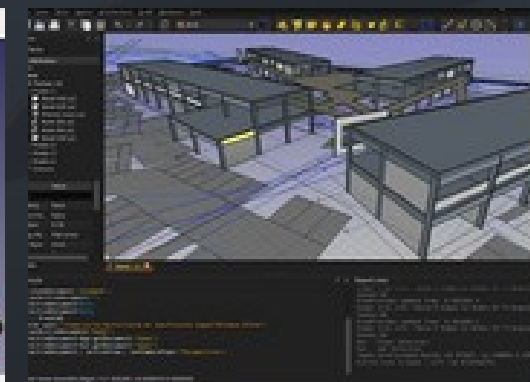
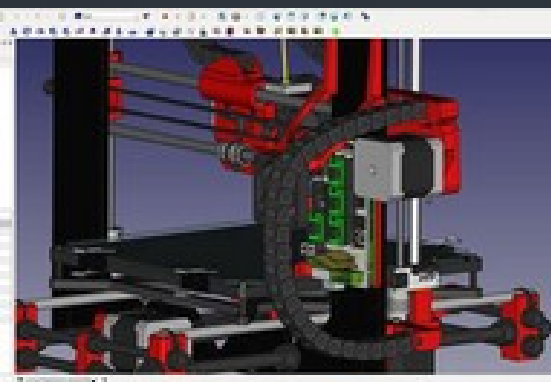
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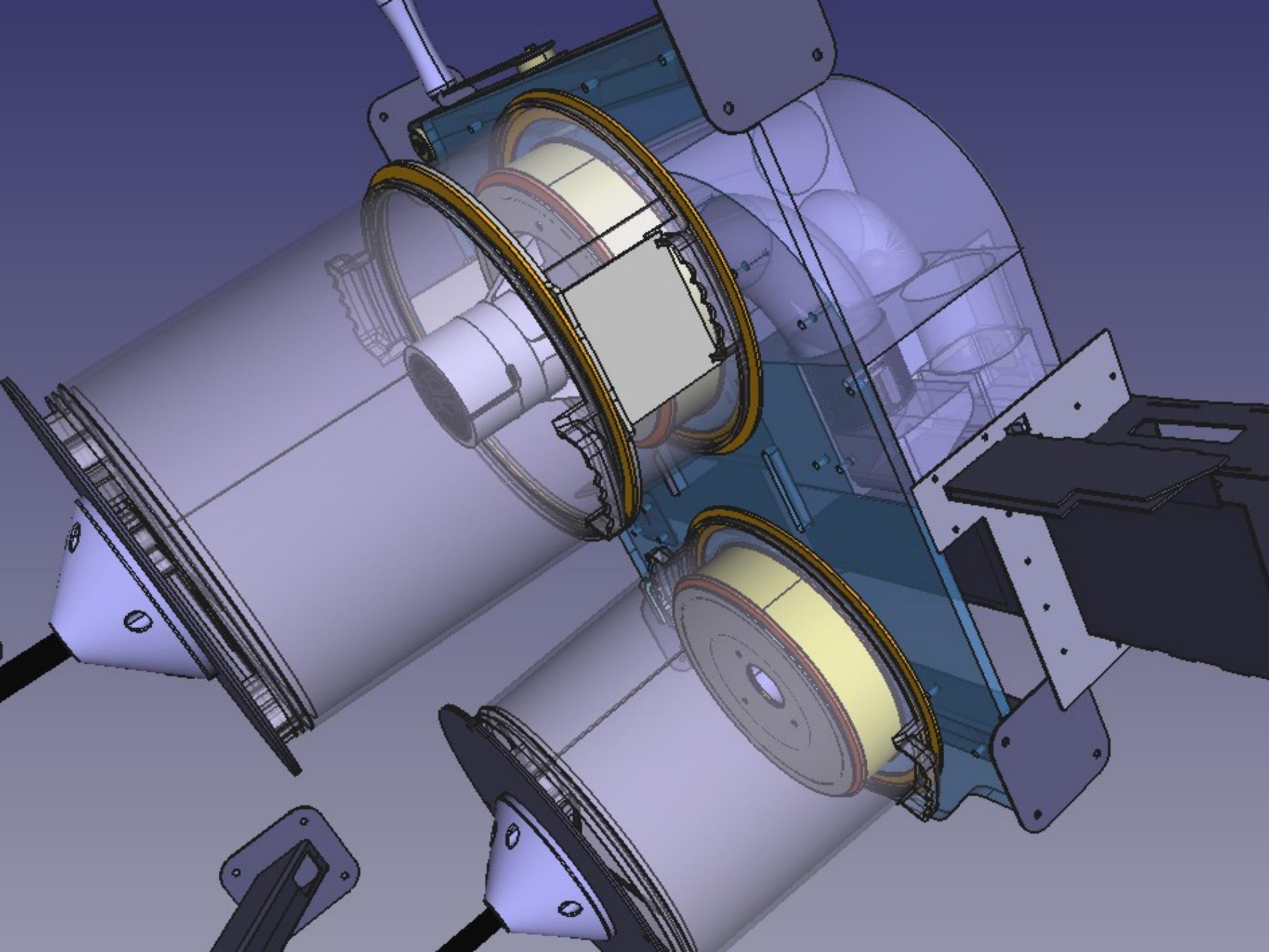


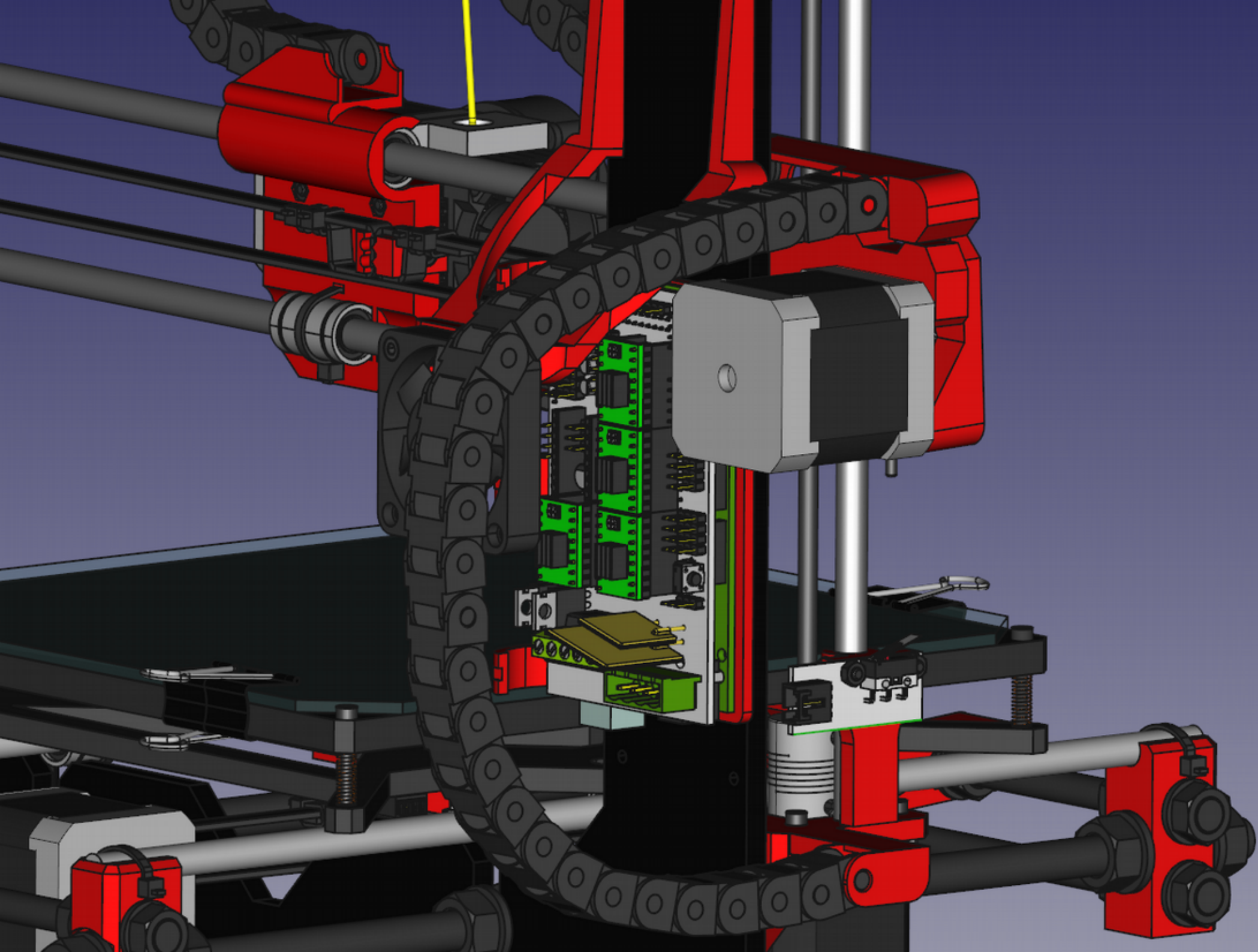
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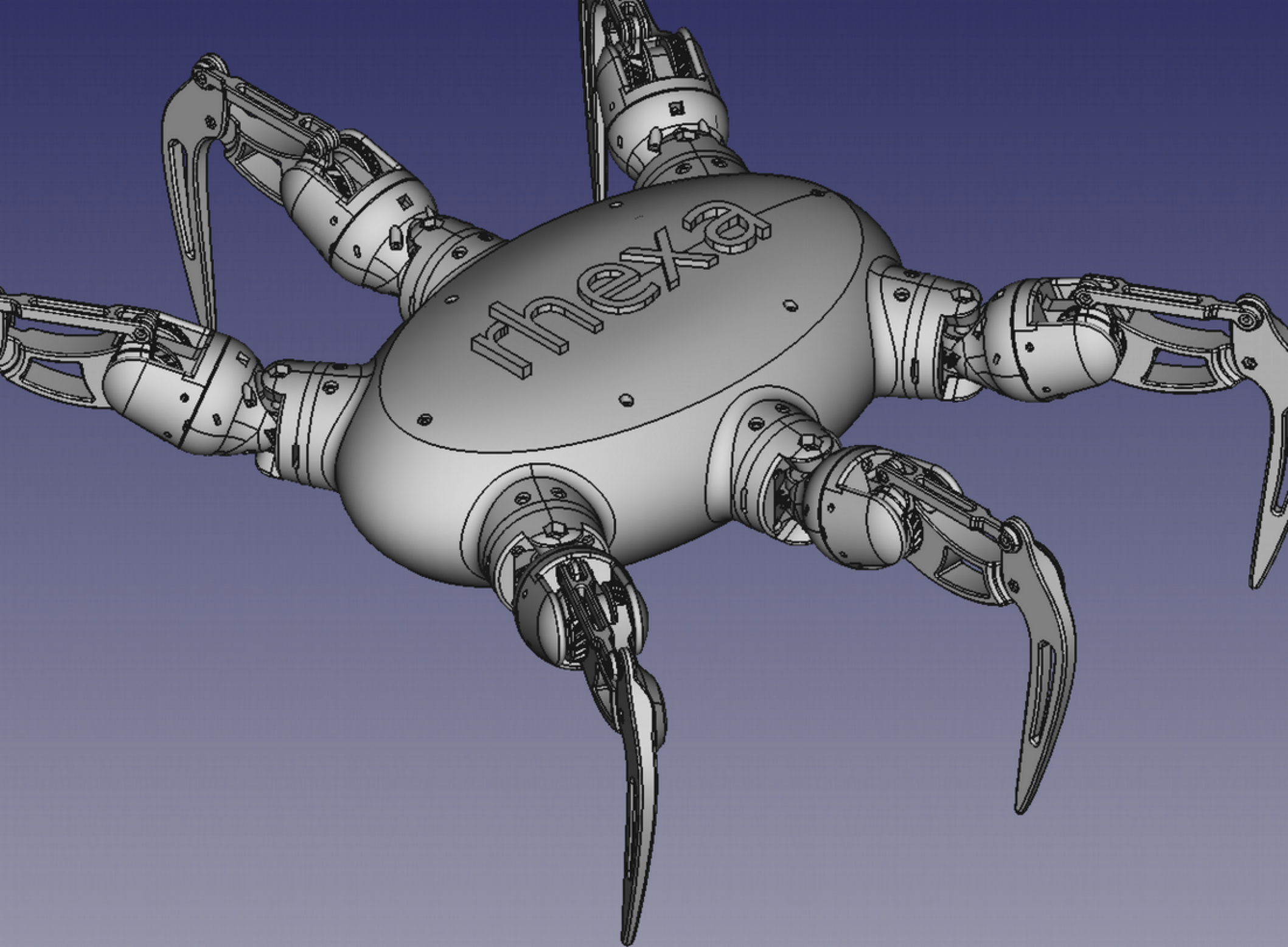
Open-source parametric 3D modeller

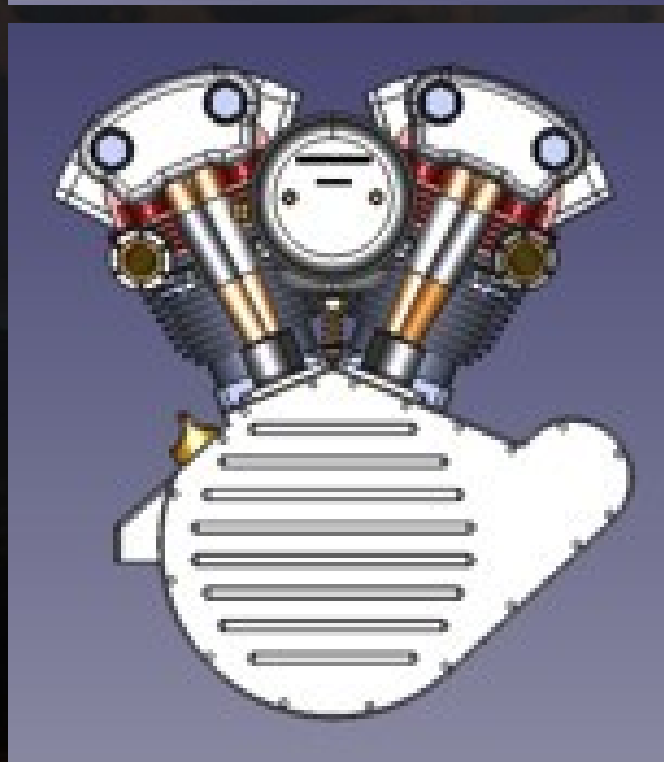
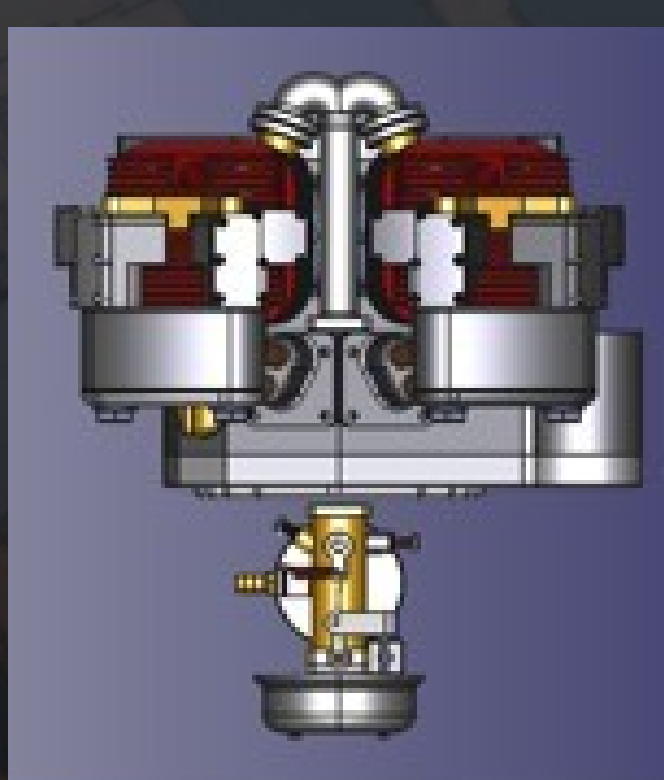
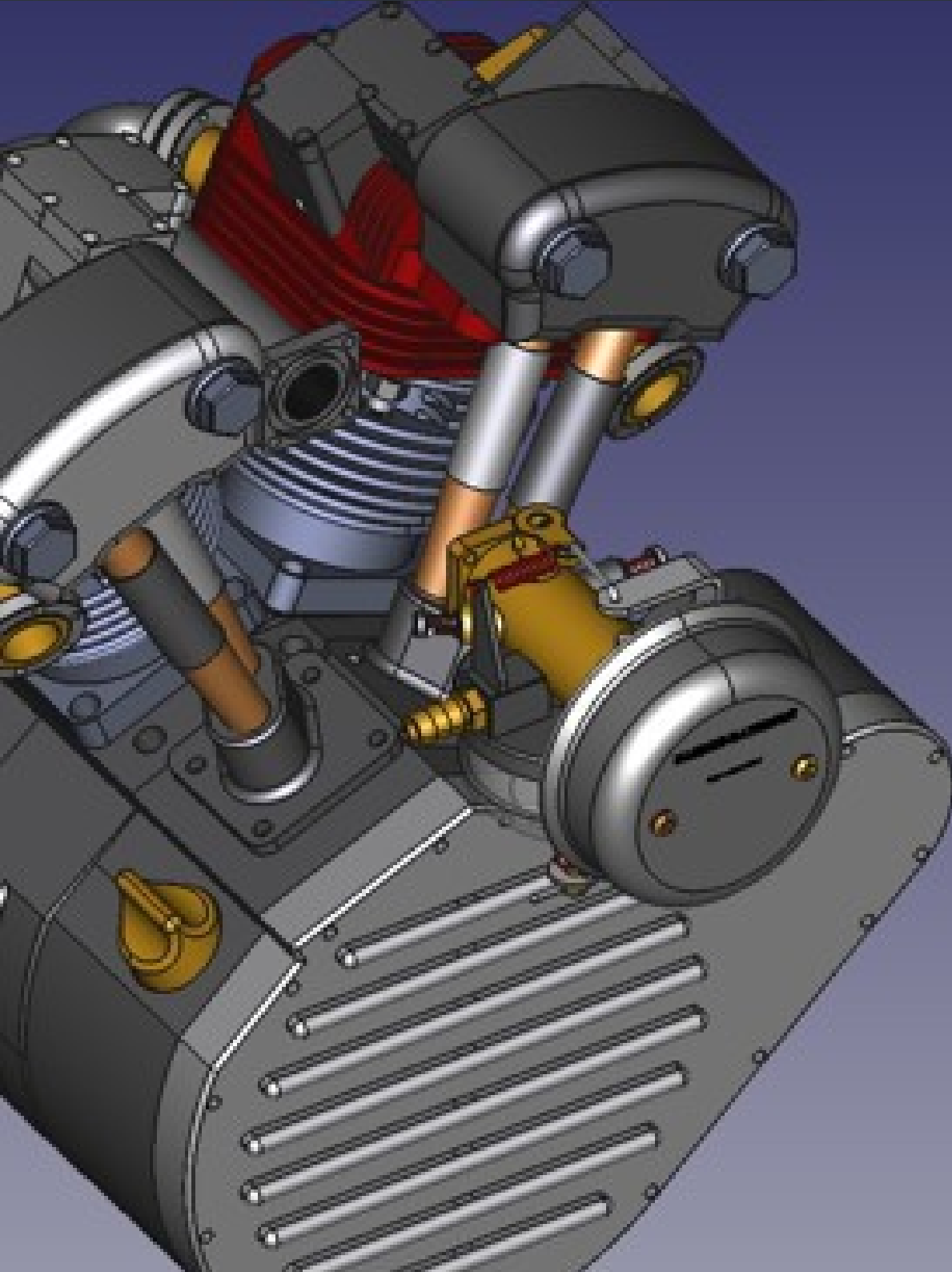
- Started in Germany in 2002
- Today probably the most well-known “technical” open-source 3D app
- Generic, many uses and specialties
- Parametric, objects are defined by their parameters
- <http://freecadweb.org>







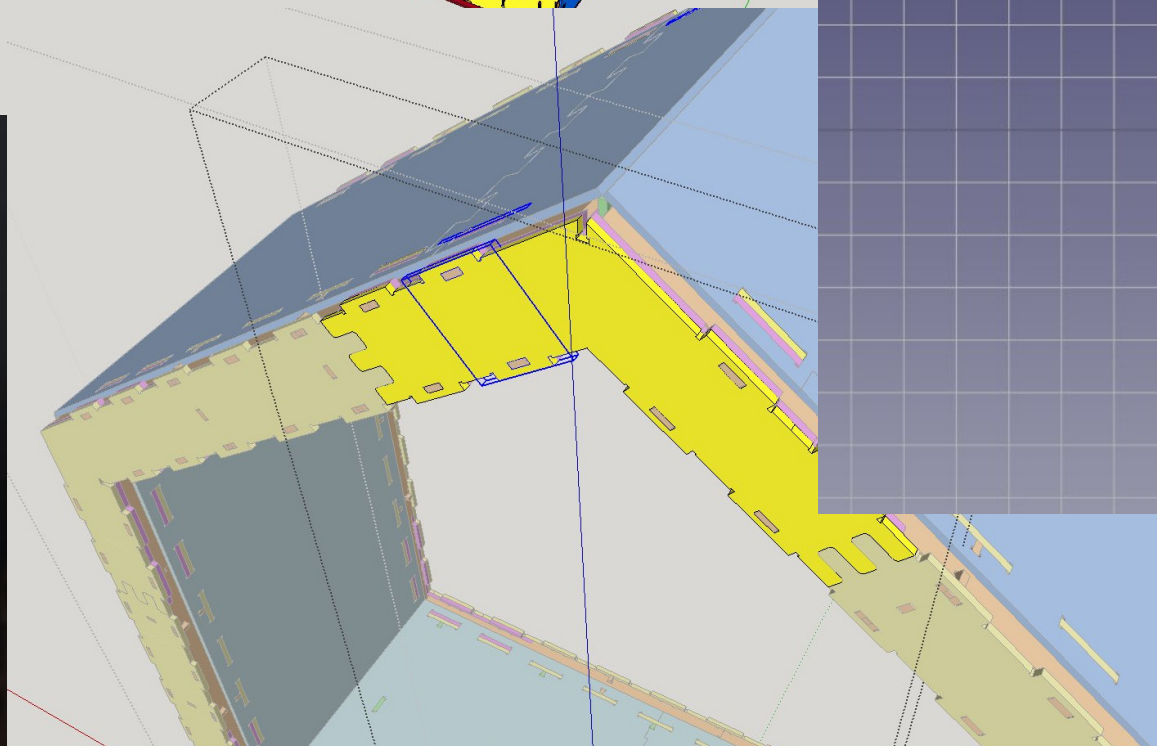
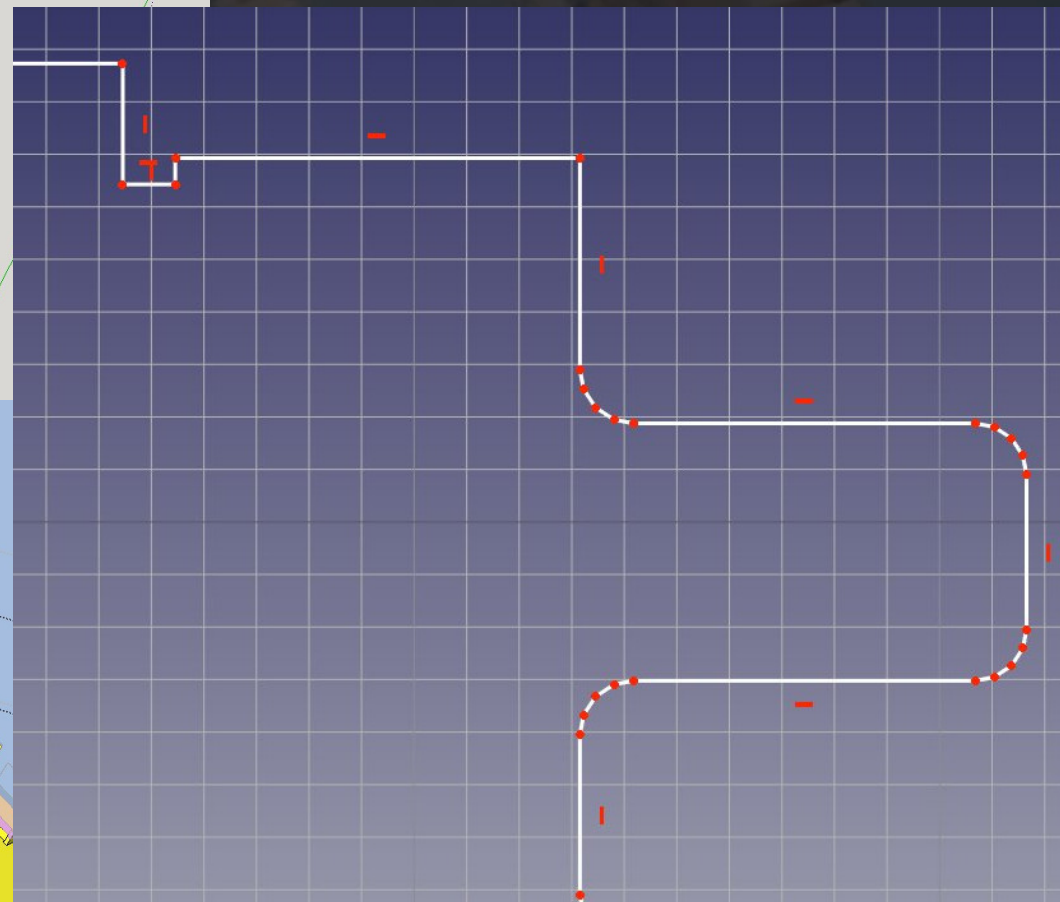
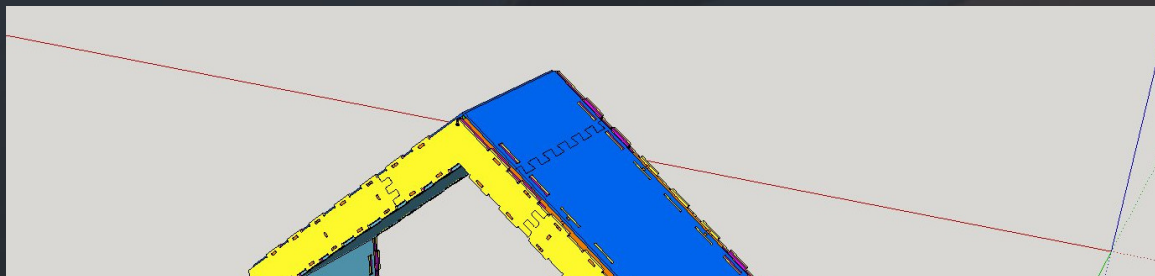


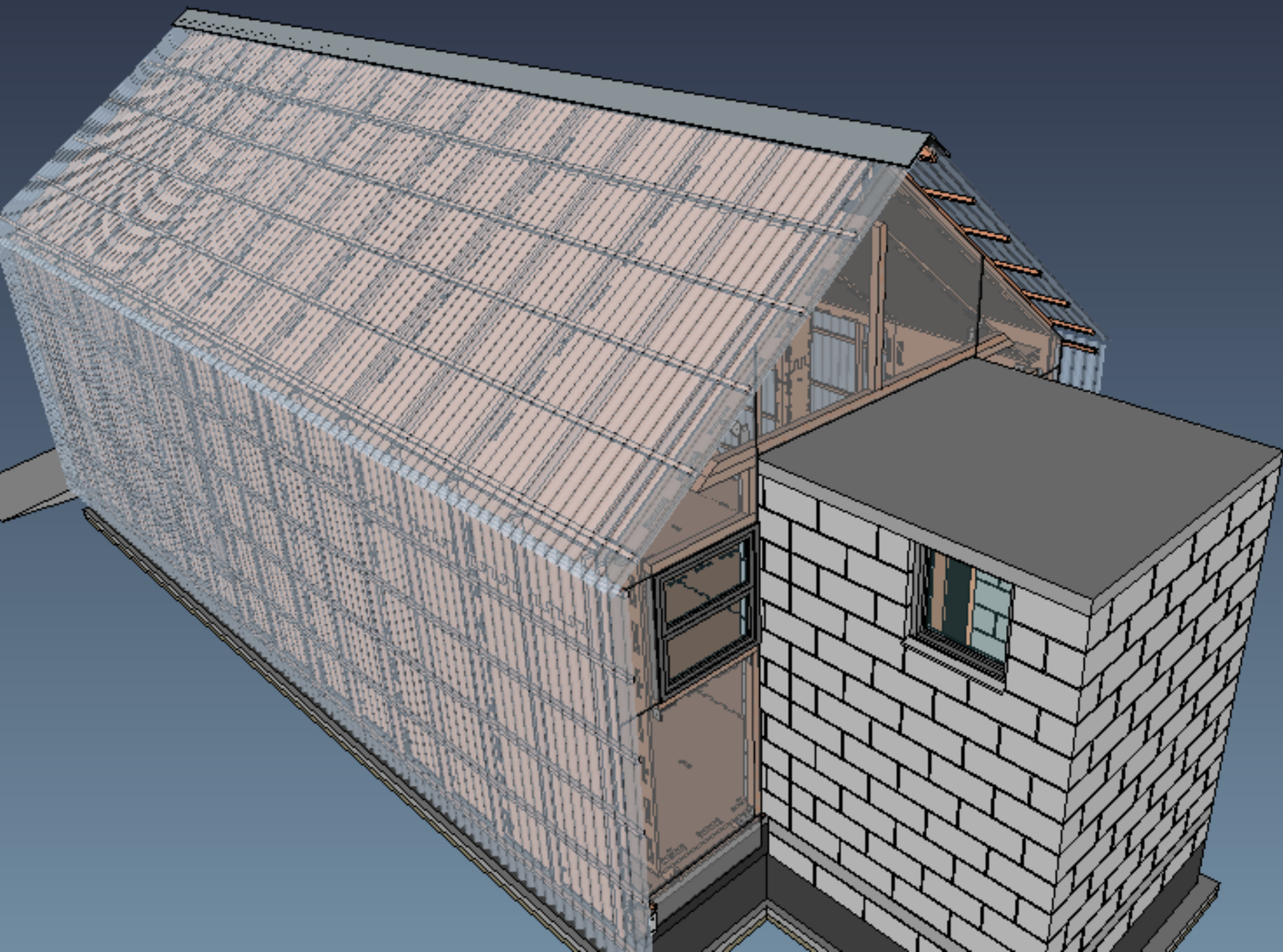




Sketchup → FreeCAD

- Mesh geometry → Brep geometry (NURBS-based)
- Step-by-step conversion to parametric model
- Integration with other elements (brickwork, piping, etc...)
- Precise quantities
- Production of all needed files (2D plans, spreadsheets, mesh models for rendering, CNC code, etc)





Attributes

on

wikilab

Wikilab

➤ **Alvenaria**

Caixilhos

► **Fundação**

Caibros

➤ **Vigas - guia**

➤ **Lajes**

7 Paineis frontais

▼ Frete

► **Caibro**

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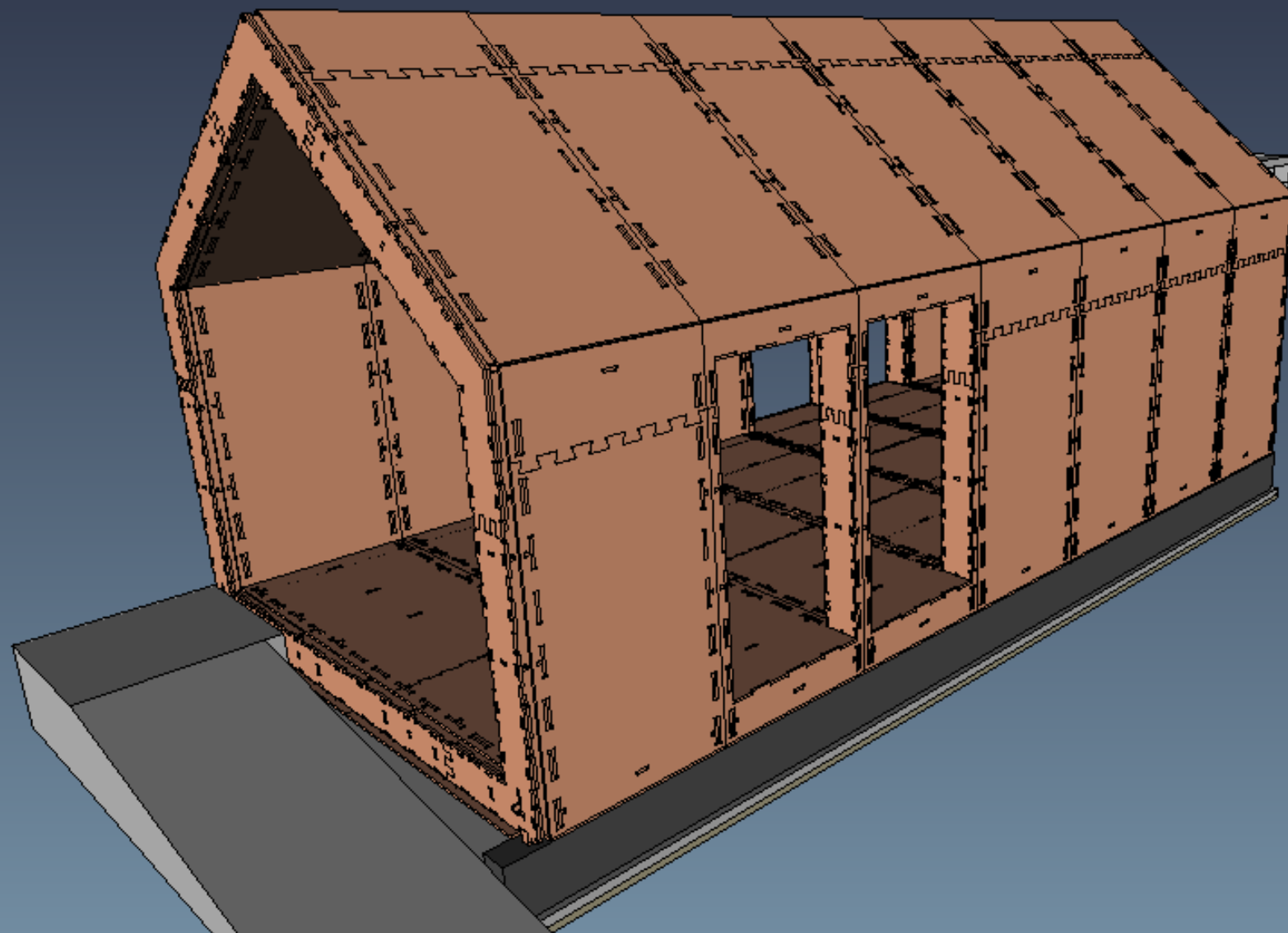
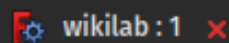
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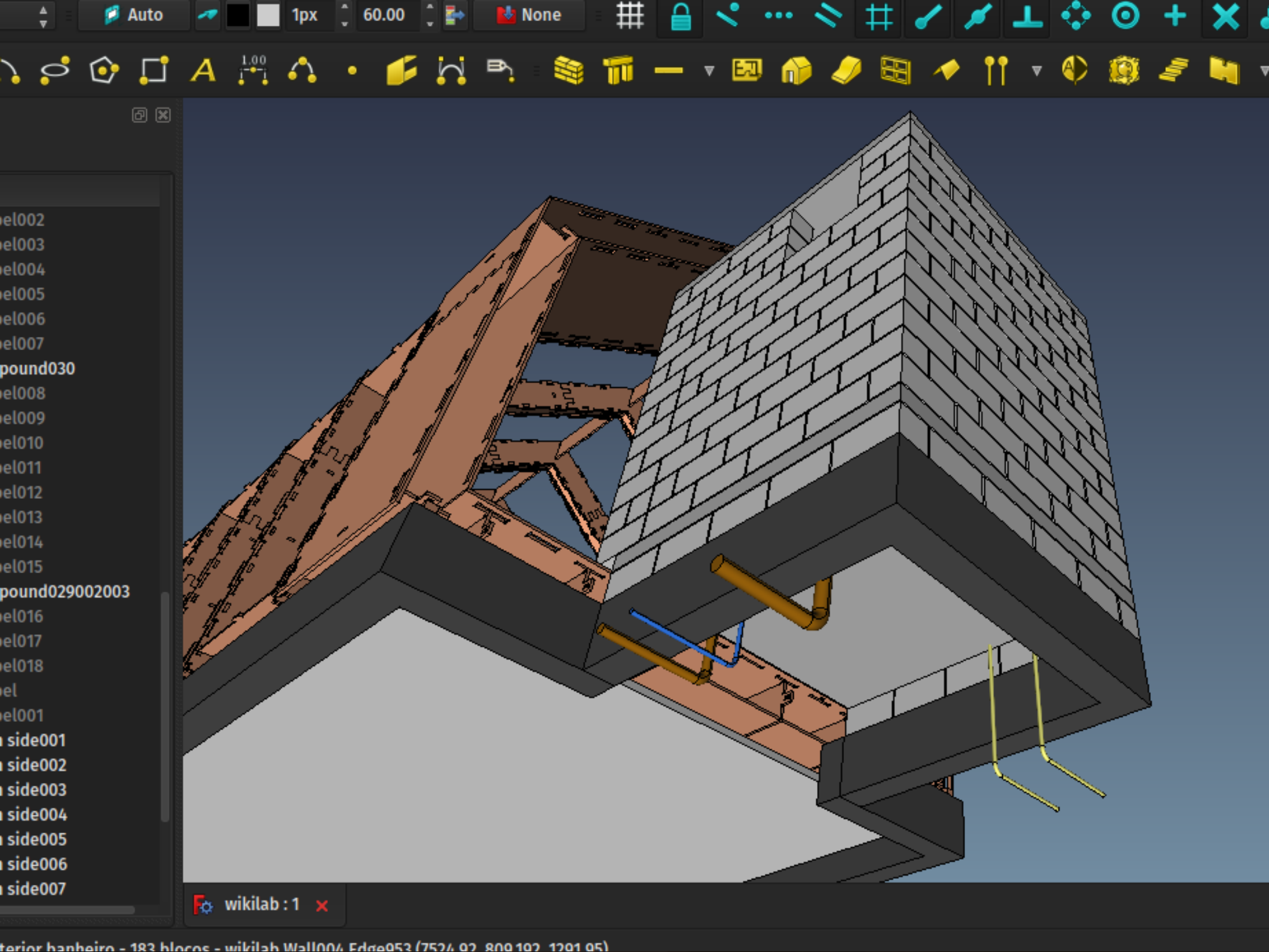
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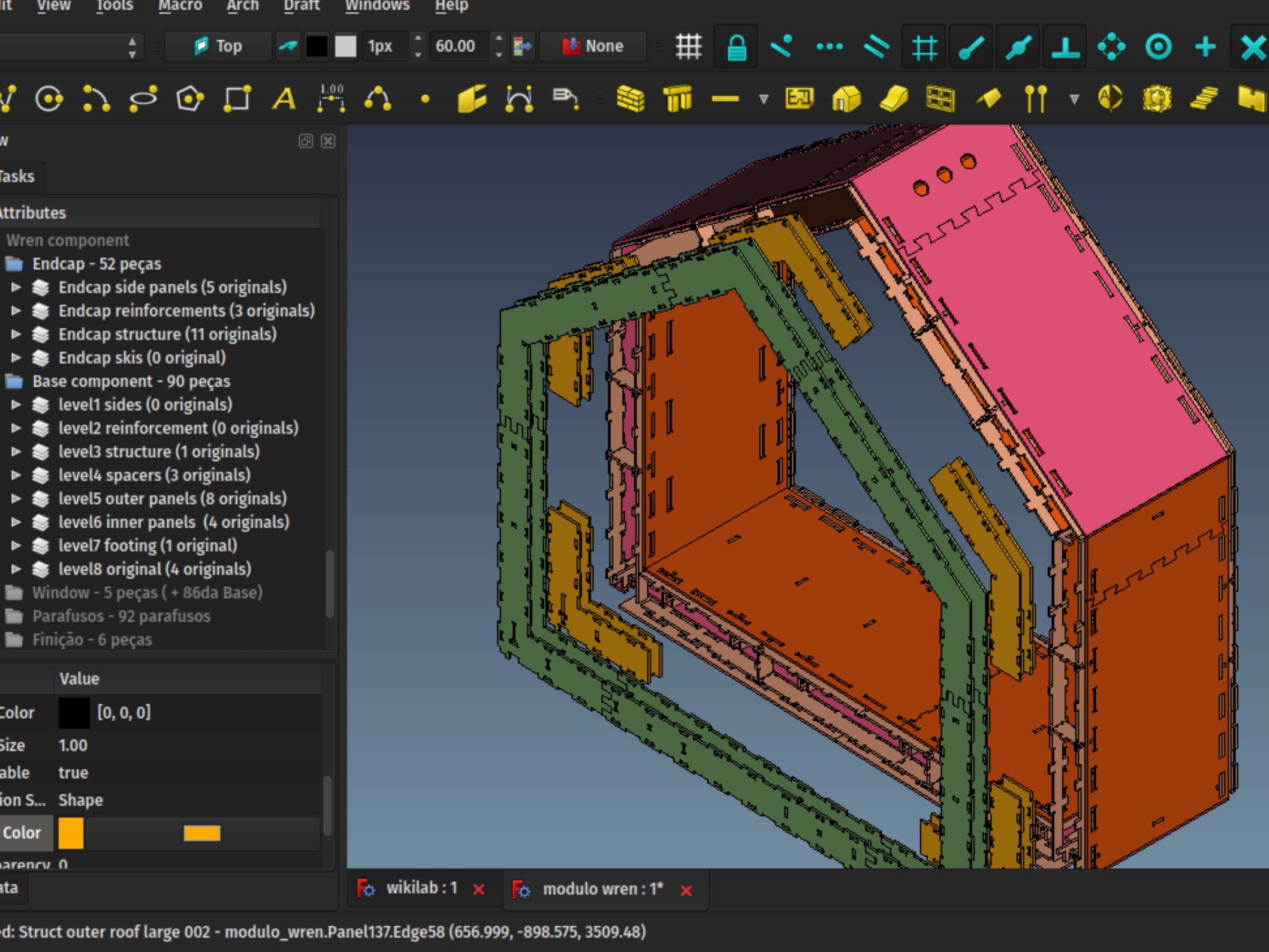
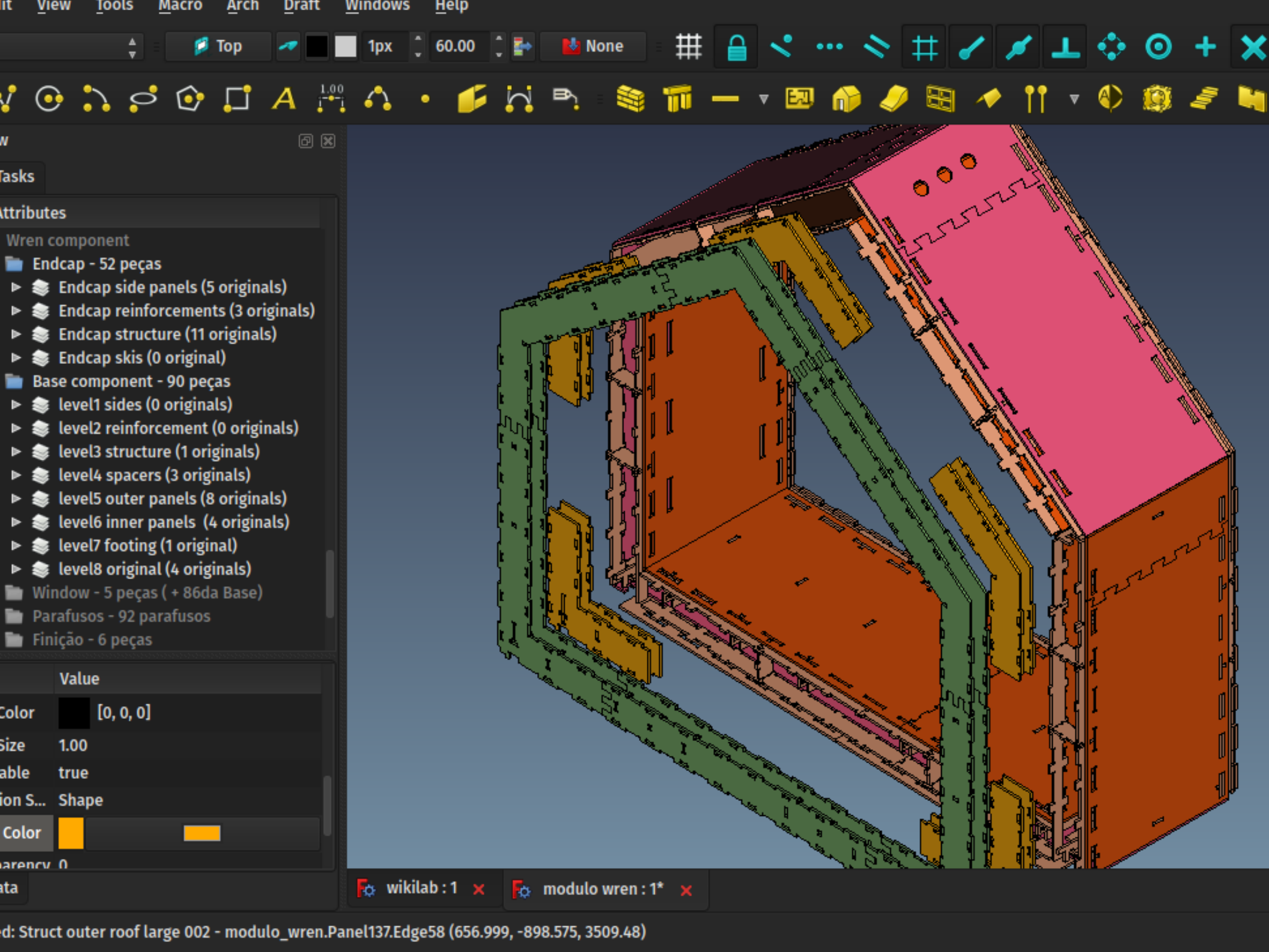
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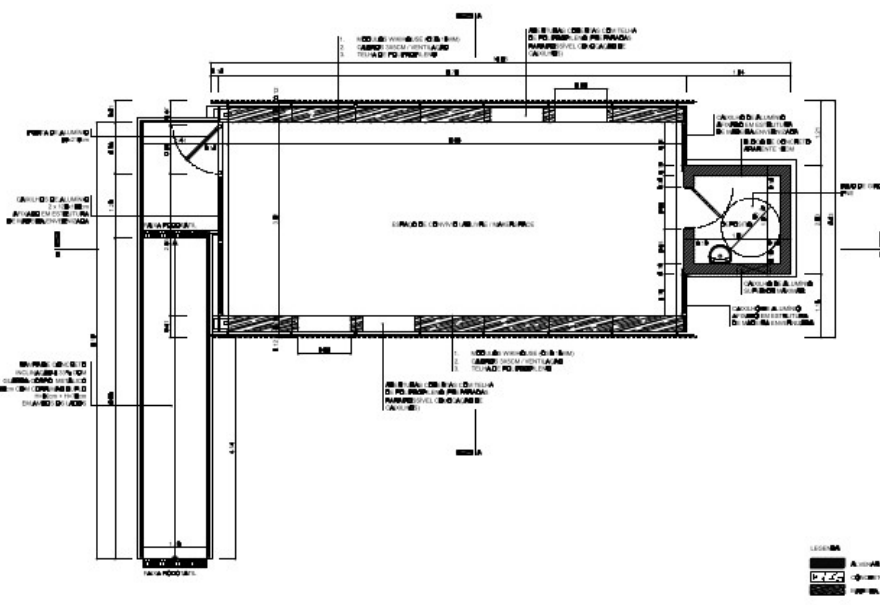
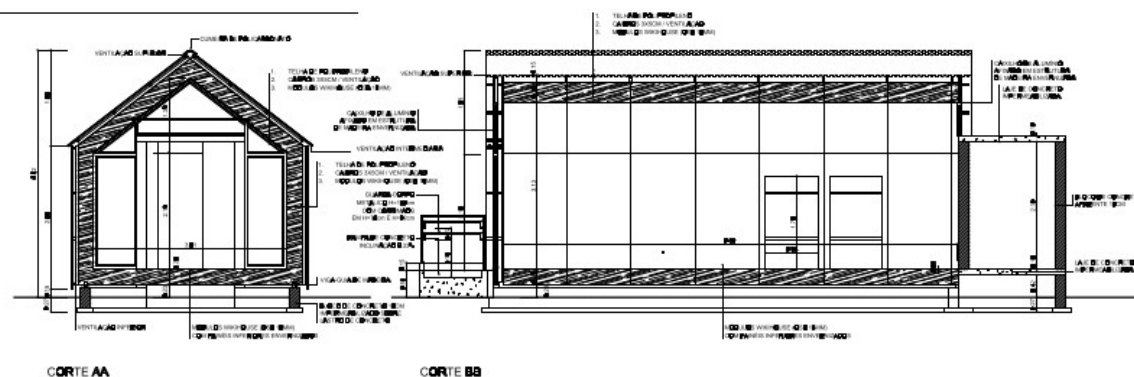
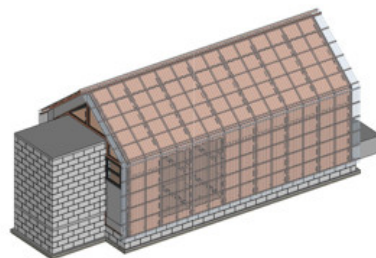
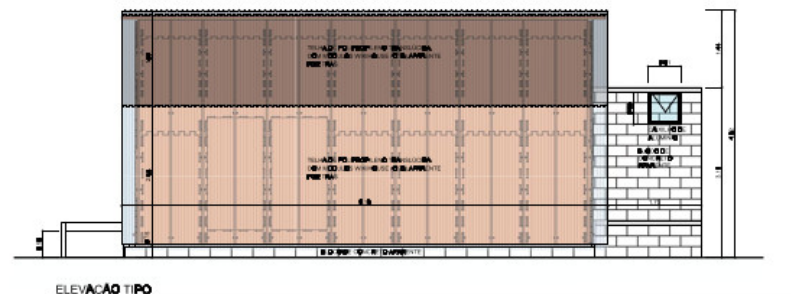

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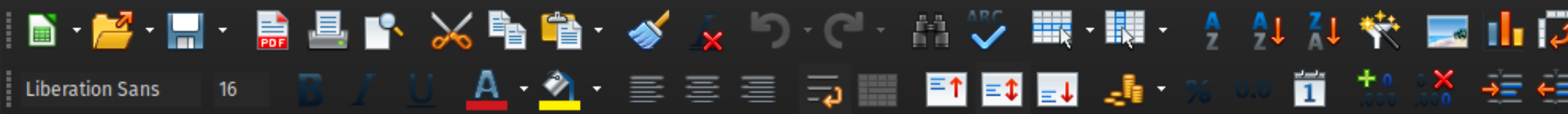


Producing:

- 2D plans
 - Mesh models for rendering
 - Spreadsheets for quantities / pricing
 - CNC code
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- ...And FreeCAD code!







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3					Orçamento definitivo	data: 31.01.2018		fonte PMSP: http://www.prefeitura.sp.gov.br/cidade/secretarias/obras/tabelas_de_cus				
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5		Escopo	Seção	Item	Descrição	Quantidade	Unidade	Preço material	Preço mão de obra	Total material	Total mão de obra	Preço total
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8		Empreiteira	1	Fundação, alvenaria e estrutura								
9												
10			1.1	Limpeza do terreno + remoção da camada vegetal em toda a área da construção (11m x 4.20m)		46.37	m²	R\$ 0.00	R\$ 4.15	R\$ 0.00	R\$ 192.43	R\$ 192.43
11			1.2	Escavação manual das valas de 30cm x 30cm		2.55	m³	R\$ 0.00	R\$ 49.81	R\$ 0.00	R\$ 127.22	R\$ 127.22
12			1.3	Lastro de concreto de 7cm no funda da vala		0.60	m³	R\$ 173.62	R\$ 140.24	R\$ 103.36	R\$ 83.49	R\$ 186.86
13			1.4	Lastro de concreto de 5cm no terreno todo		1.58	m³	R\$ 173.62	R\$ 140.24	R\$ 273.52	R\$ 220.94	R\$ 494.46
14			1.5	Sapata corrida em alvenaria de bloco de concreto estrutural de 19cm (duas fileiras, fileira de cima em bloco canaleta)		10.28	m²	R\$ 52.69	R\$ 29.53	R\$ 541.65	R\$ 303.57	R\$ 845.22
15			1.6	Grauteamento dos blocos		0.98	m³	R\$ 219.27	R\$ 400.41	R\$ 214.14	R\$ 391.04	R\$ 605.18
16			1.7	Ferragem de reforço em alvenaria: 2 barras bitola 5mm CA-50 (total 65m)		11.07	kg	R\$ 3.37	R\$ 3.09	R\$ 37.30	R\$ 34.19	R\$ 71.48
17			1.8	Impermeabilização da sapata com cimentagem e pintura bituminosa (topo da sapata)		10.28	m²	R\$ 28.19	R\$ 35.81	R\$ 289.79	R\$ 368.13	R\$ 657.92
18			1.9	Lona de polietileno 4x3m de baixo da laje		1.00	un	R\$ 16.00	R\$ 0.00	R\$ 16.00	R\$ 0.00	R\$ 16.00
19			1.10	Forma para lajes de concreto em tábuas de madeira		7.33	m²	R\$ 8.54	R\$ 44.52	R\$ 62.60	R\$ 326.33	R\$ 388.93
20			1.11	Concreto estrutural 20Mpa em duas lajes de 2m x 2m x 9cm		0.79	m³	R\$ 260.60	R\$ 121.96	R\$ 206.86	R\$ 96.81	R\$ 303.68
21			1.12	Ferragens – malha 20x20 bitola 4.2mm – 2 peças de 2m x 2m		5.62	kg	R\$ 4.34	R\$ 1.55	R\$ 24.39	R\$ 8.71	R\$ 33.10
22			1.13	Impermeabilização de laje		4.45	m²	R\$ 28.19	R\$ 35.81	R\$ 125.45	R\$ 159.35	R\$ 284.80
23			1.14	Alvenaria de bloco de concreto de 19cm aparente (12 fileiras, fileira superior em bloco canaleta)		26.00	m²	R\$ 52.69	R\$ 29.53	R\$ 1,370.11	R\$ 767.87	R\$ 2,137.98

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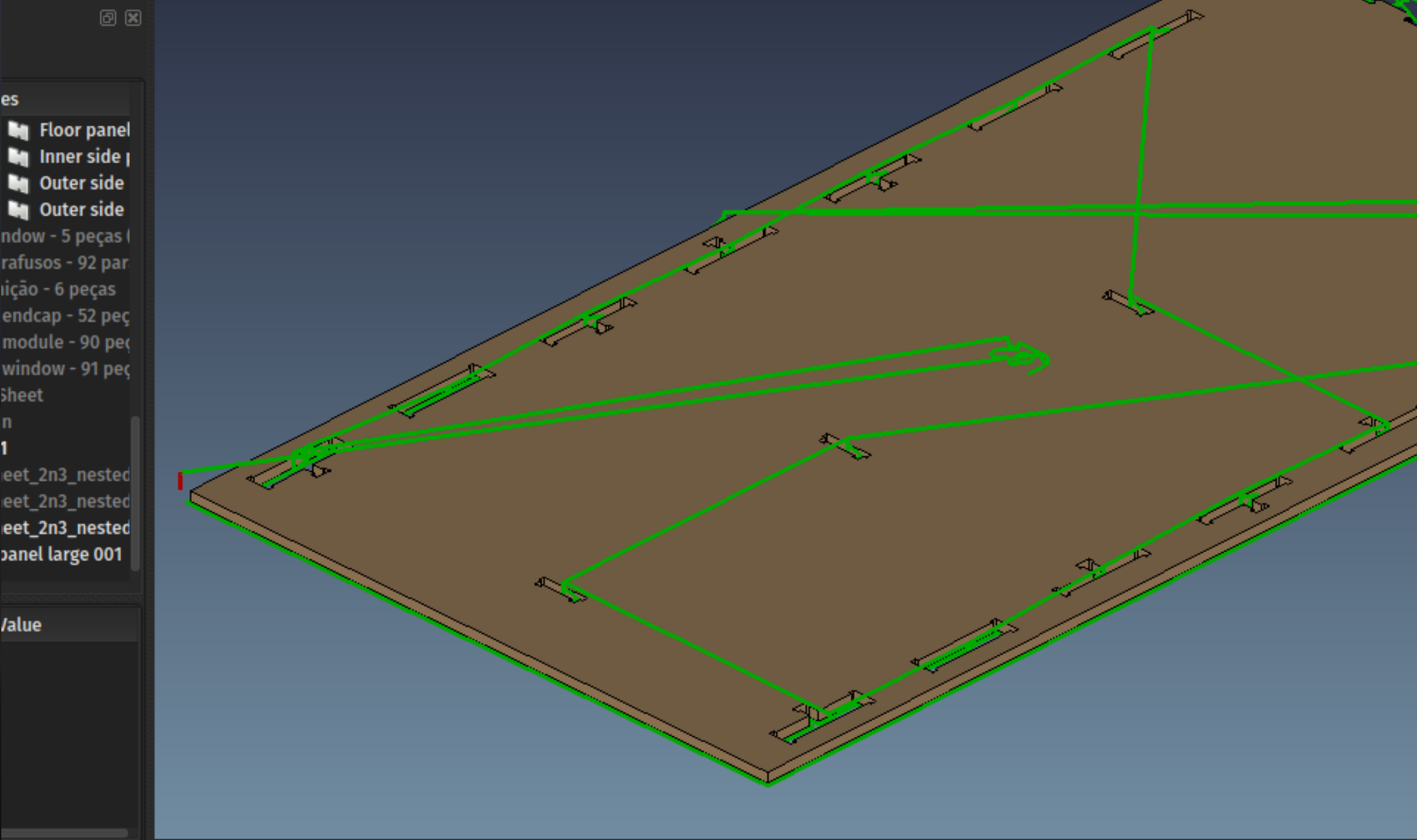
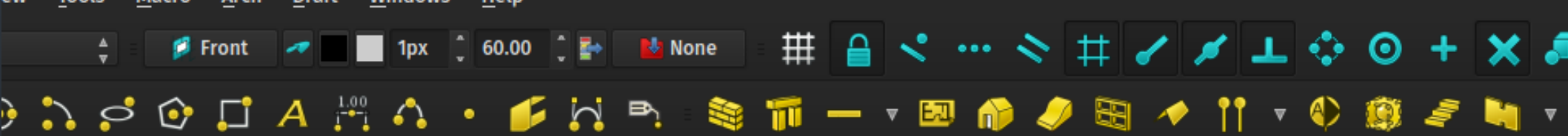


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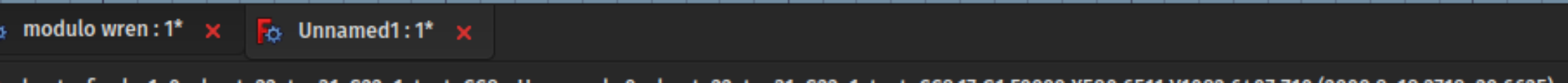


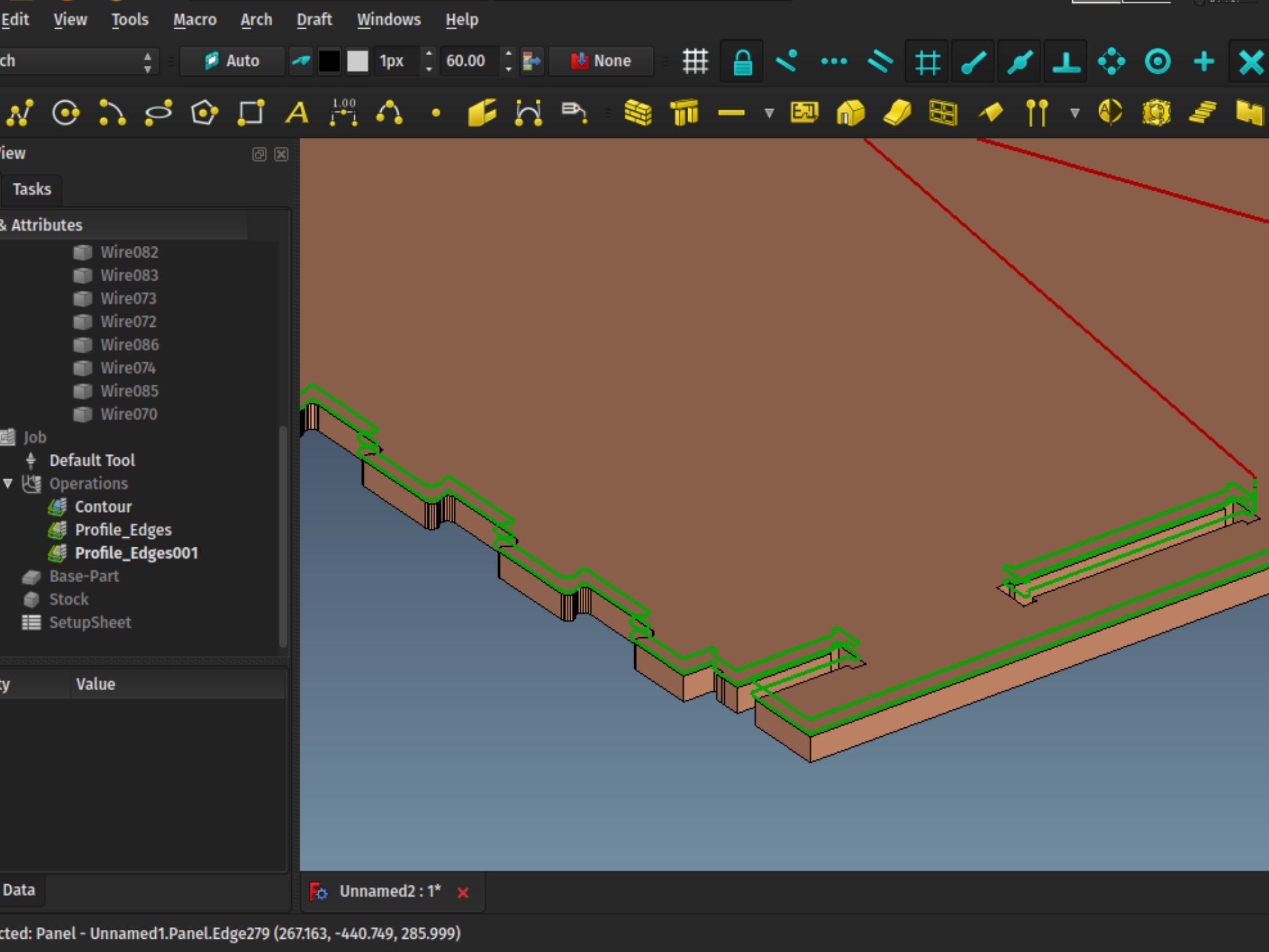
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- Window - 91 peç
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Nesting

Container

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Shapes

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Nesting parameters



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Nesting operation

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F  teste cut sheet : 1* 

Path



Combo View

Model Tasks

Cancel

OK

Job Edit

General Output Setup Tools Workplan

Stock

Extend Model's Bound Box

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0.10 cm



Ext. Y 0.10 cm



0.10 cm



Ext. Z 0.10 cm



0.10 cm



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X-Axis

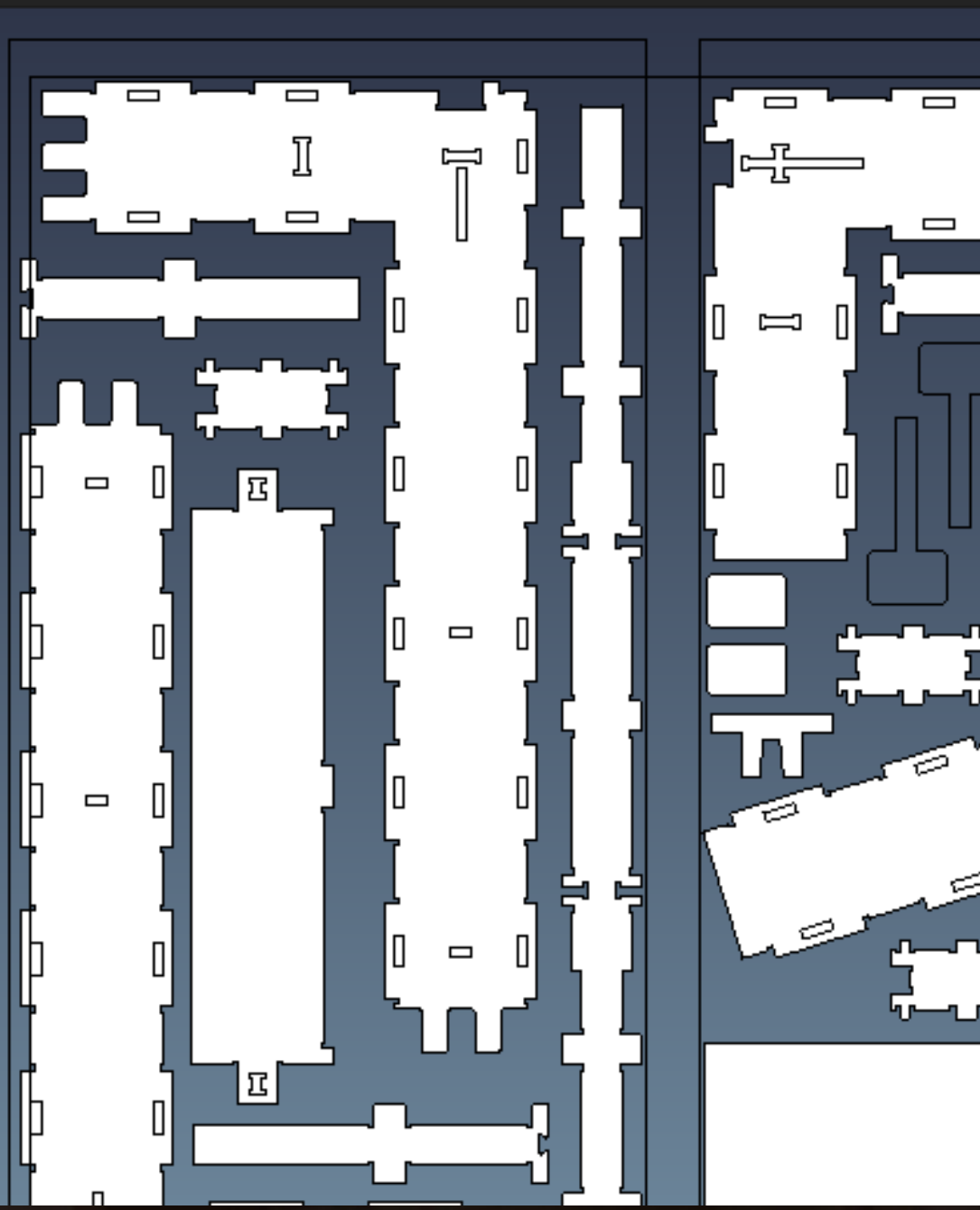
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Set Origin

Move to Origin





- CUTS
- Shape
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 - Base-Shape
 - Stock
 - SetupSheet



Property	Value


View

Data

 teste cut sheet : 1* 

Selection view

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Report view

Profiling Select Mode
Free Select



Controller

Tool

Tool Properties

Name

Default Tool

Type

EndMill



Material

HighSpeedSteel



Diameter

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Length Offset

0.00 cm



Flat Radius

0.00 cm



Corner Radius

0.00 cm



Cutting Edge Angle

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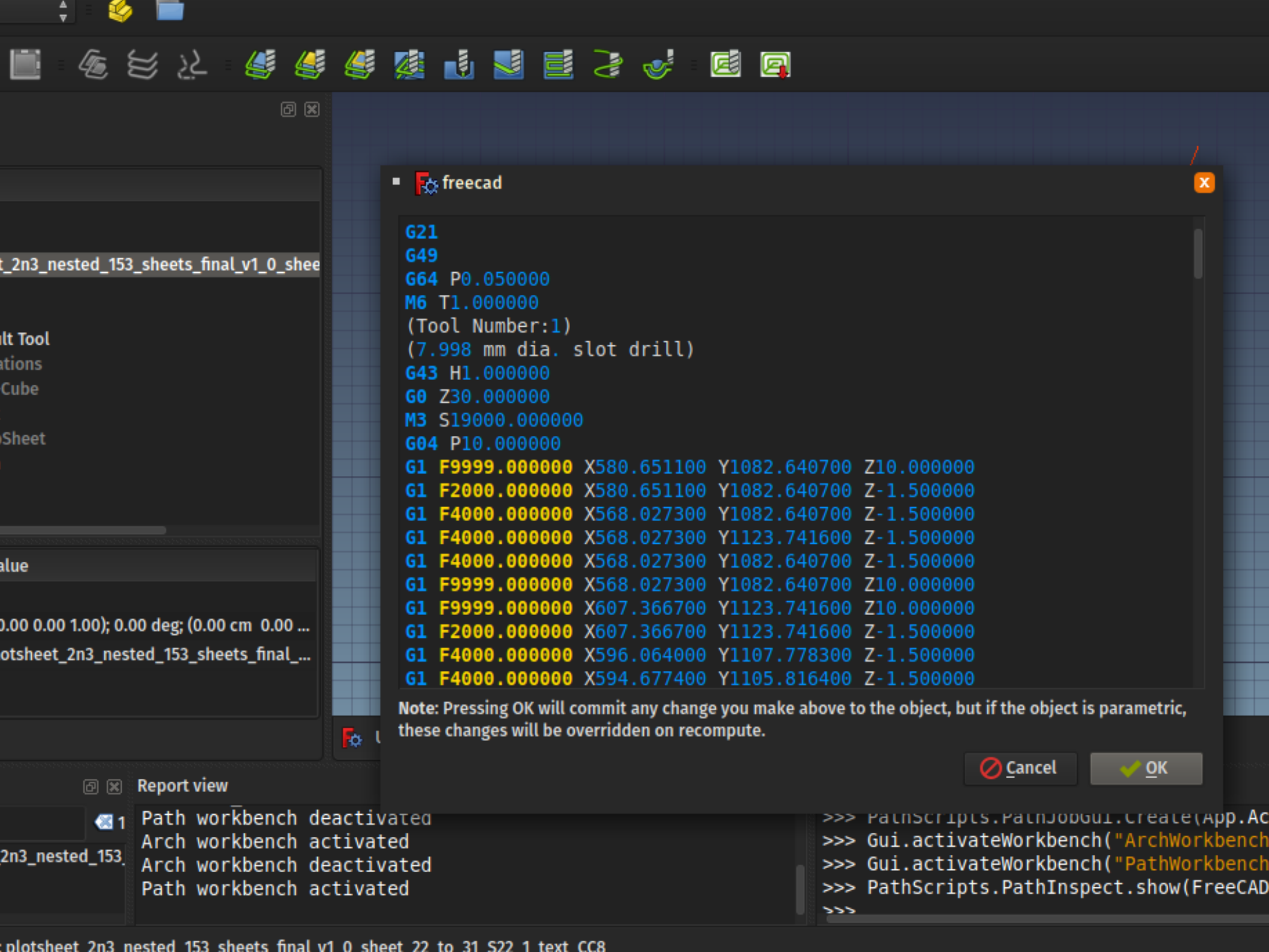
Cutting Edge Height

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Any modifications only affect this





freecad

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Cancel

OK

Report view

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  Arch workbench activated
  Arch workbench deactivated
  Path workbench activated
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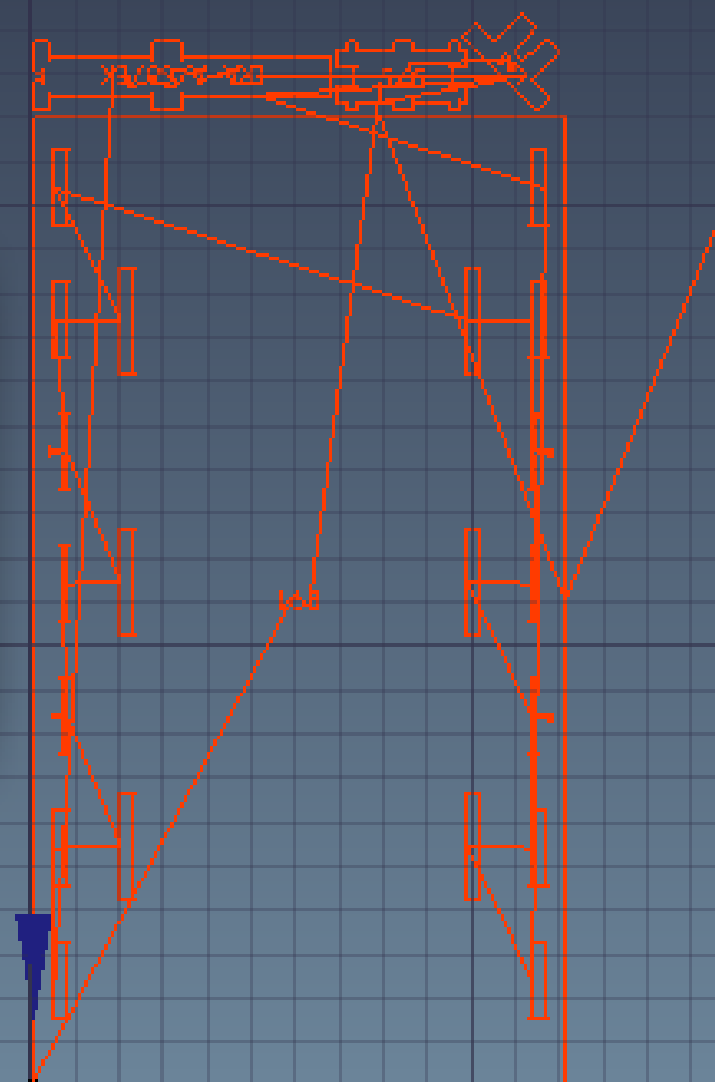
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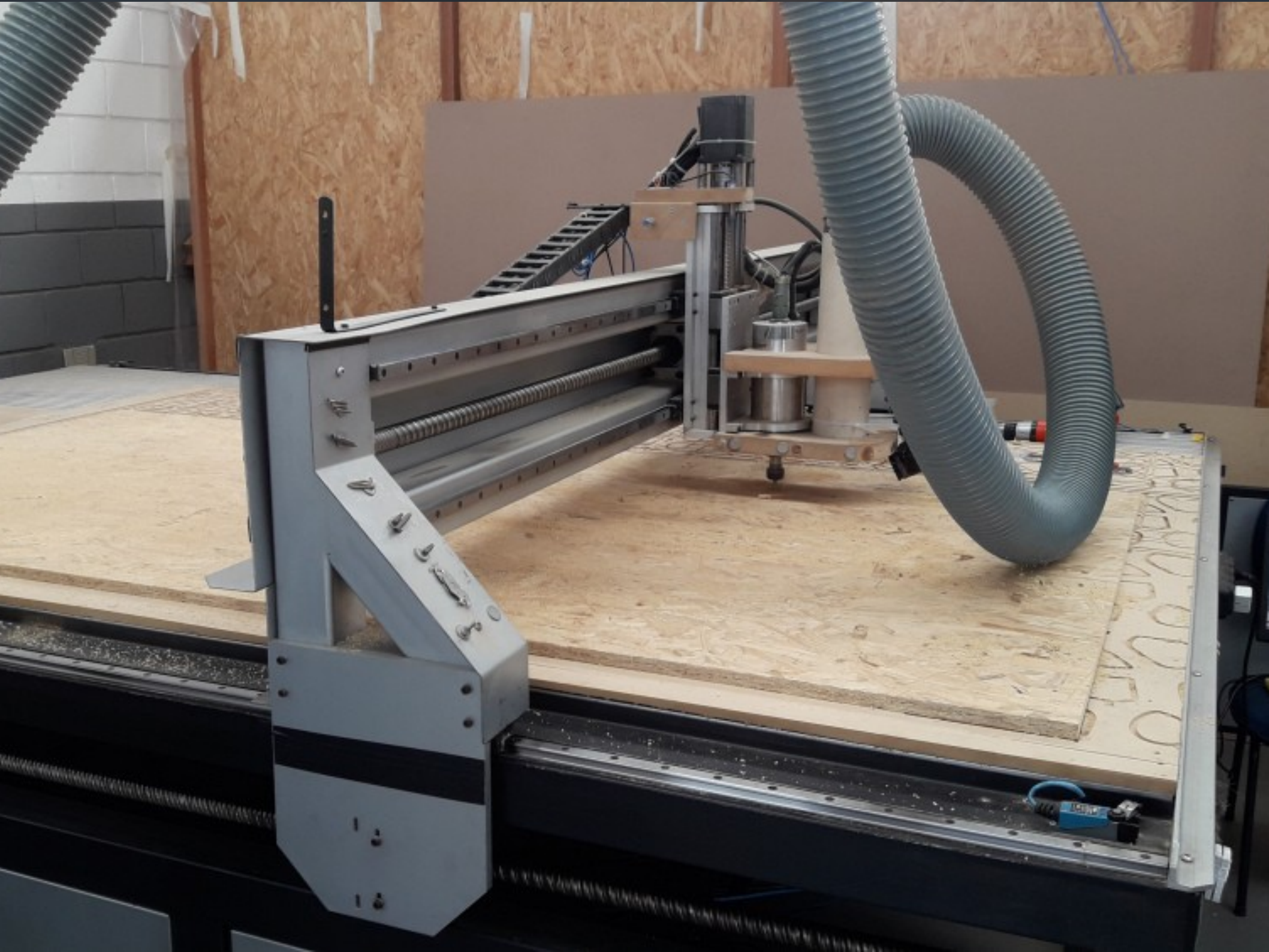
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Python console



What I learned:

- Fabricating is EASY
- Cost control is very precise
- Lots of optimizations possible
- A big part of the production chain is under control
- Lots more to do: integrate electrical appliances, make doors and windows, cut plastic pieces too, etc
- Give less to professional builders and more to the community. Building houses is FUN
- Experimentation, hacking, actual building and fun are back into architecture

Thanks for watching!

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