El 'B'. Auditorio y Palacio de Congresos de Cartagena

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On a boundary: "... in the hot sun (they feed on the sun), in the shade (they feed on the shade), or on the boundary between sun and shade". H. Michaux

El Batel Auditorium and Conference Center

Cartagena, España

Structural typology: special buildings

Date: november, 2011

Owner: ayuntamiento de cartagena

Scope: detailed design and construction support

Architect: jose selgas & lucia cano Structural Engineering: FHECOR

General Contractor: Dragados, Intersa

Total Built Area: 18,500 m² Construction: 2006-2011

About-El "B"

Congress Center and Auditorium

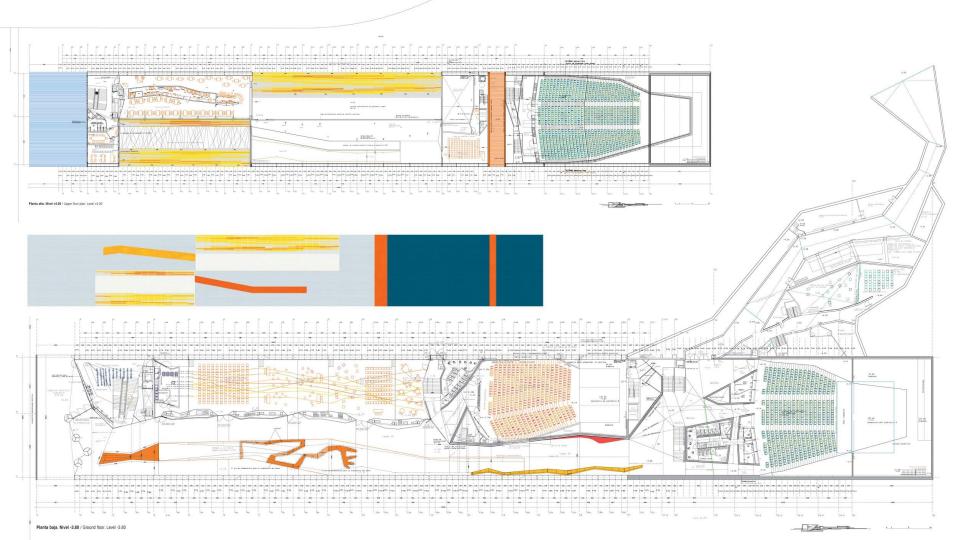
Located along the harbor in Murcia, Spain

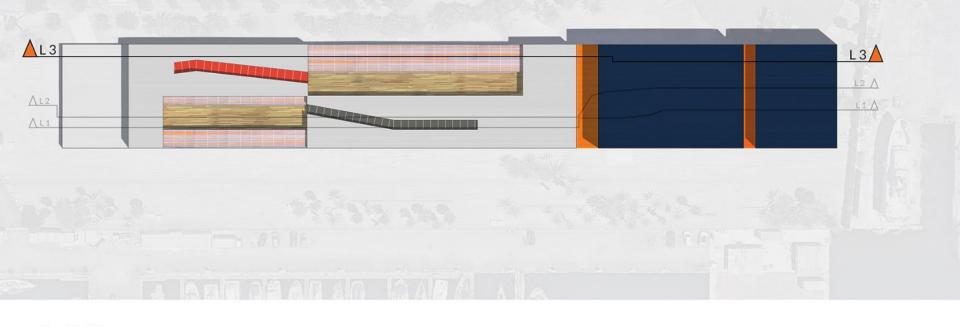
Expression of horizontality

Materials: Aluminum, steel, concrete, EFTE, methacrylate

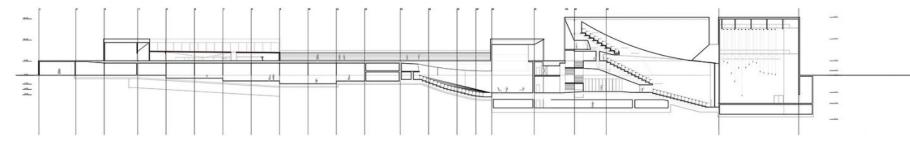






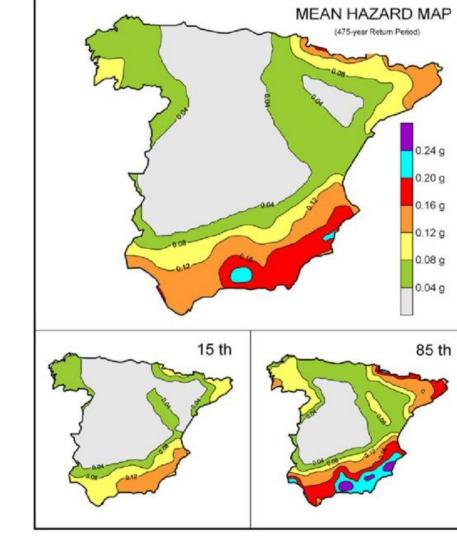






Soil and Seismic

- Constructed on water saturated soil
- Area of seismic concern



Foundation

- Reinforced concrete basin acts as part retaining wall part foundation
- Performs as a ballast against floatation
- Necessary in the saturated bayside soil

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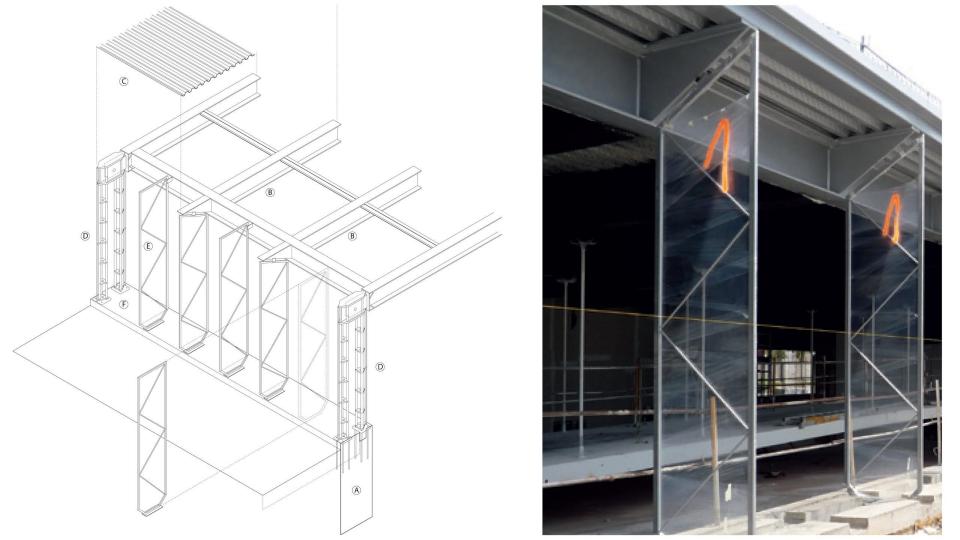


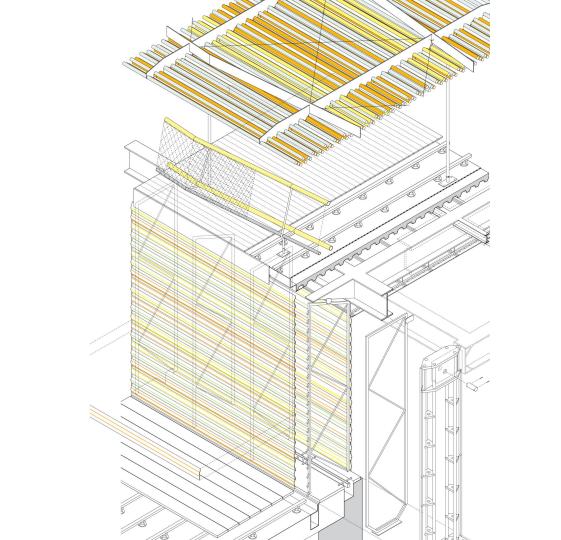




Materials

- Heavy reinforced concrete foundation
- Steel columns and beams, reinforced concrete shear walls, and rectangular aluminum tube truss above grade
- EFTE and methacrylate facade cladding
- Composite floor slabs (corrugated steel form filled with concrete).





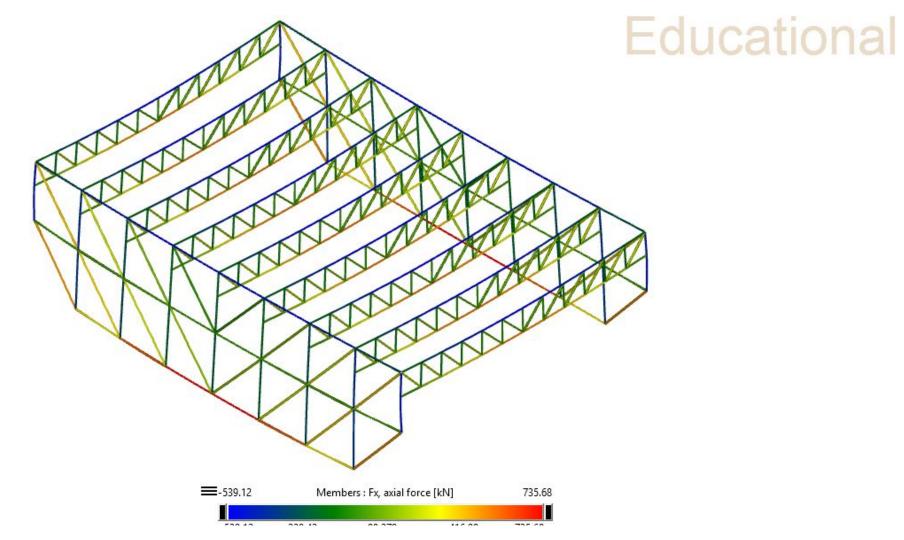
Structural Elements

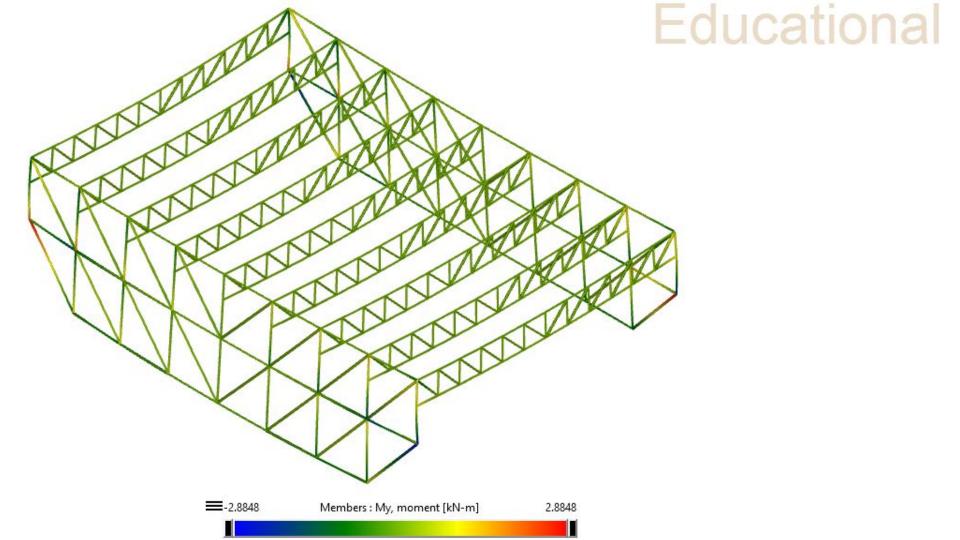
- Columns made from 6 slender (50mm to 60mm) steel tubes grouped in threes
- TPE 600 steel beams moment connected to columns
- Two large trusses made from rectangular aluminum tubes support the auditorium roof
- 34mm cable rods supporting the hanging ramps
- Intermediate steel beams in various sizes

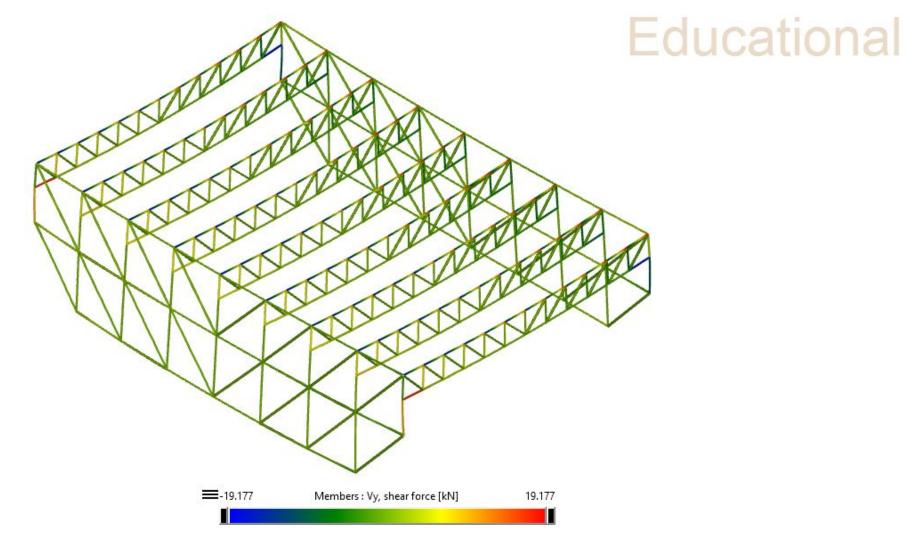


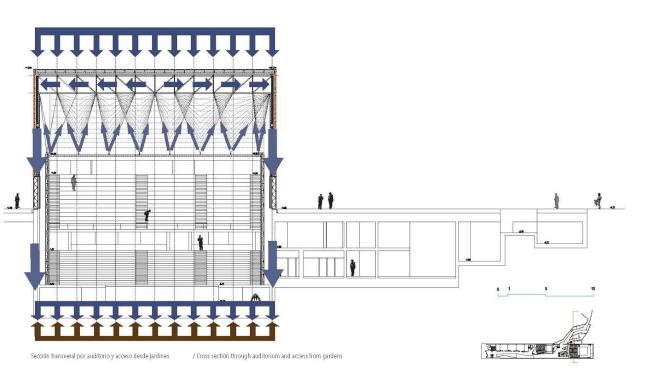


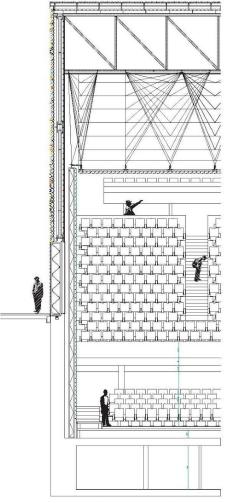




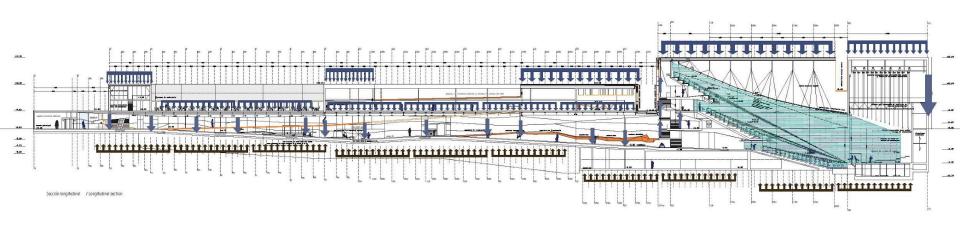












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