The Intrinsic Connection between
Architectural Design
and
Structural Materiality
A lens for looking at....
AE 101: The History of the Built Environment
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## The Sketchbook










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## forces

Some materials are better than others at resisting forces

We can make better design choices if we select the materials that are better for the job







16.9 (far left) Studies of the behaviour of a cantilever beam by Galileo (top) and Coulomb (bottom). Galileo assumed that rotation would occur around the bottom edge at $B$. Coulomb more correctly assumed that the internal stresses over the depth of the crosssection would vary continuously from compression at the bottom to tension at the top, and that. in addition to these stresses acting longitudinally, there would be vertical shear stresses.
16.10 (left) Studies of elasticity by Hooke.

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Light interference patterns showing stress in a plastic model beam under polarized light


Lines of pressure and tension in a beam


Vertical shear in a heam


Horizontal shear in a beam


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In the semicircular masonry arch the line of pressure dovs not conform to the shape of the arch and therefore the croun tends to fuil mhile the sides


## Using the Arch to span



## A BARREL VAULT is essentially a

 row of semi circular arches sitting so tightly in a row as to make a continuous, linear arched space (room)


Though the pointed Gothic arch better fits the ideal line of pressure, if too acstely pointed the crown tends to rise white the stdes full inwards. (Similar to suddle failure in pointed corbel vaults)


In a semicircular arch where the stones can slide the crown c will fall while the sides s are pressed out above a secure springing $v$ or at the springing itselfa.


More normal is the rotational deffection of the stones durling failure.


A barrel vault exerted a continuous thrust along its sides.


Usually the thrusts were dissipated in the heavy mass of the haunching and the supporting walls.


In rare instances, the masons used timber ties to restrain the thrusts of the barrel vault.

## BUTTRESS

A projecting support of stone or brick against a wall

A GROIN VAULT or groined vault (also sometimes known as a double barrel vault or cross vault) is produced by the intersection at right angles of two barrel vaults.
The word "groin" refers to the edge between the intersecting vaults.
The arches may be round (Roman) or pointed (Gothic).


Thin cylindrical barrel vaults fail when the crown alls, pushing out the sides. Thin stiffening plates an reduce this flexure.

olding along the crown can replace the longitudinal tiffener. Folded ridges set transversely can brace te sides.


A pyramidal roof is rigid but requires support below the sides. The cross-ridged roof can rest on four isolated supports, channeling loads down the folded groins.


In the pointed Gothic cross vault the panels of maulfino more curned to modea inta moeition

> to make a DOME you take an arch, and rotate it 36Odegrees to make a circular space

 corbelled domes by slightly canting the courses, Later domes with steeply pitched radiating joints required centering.



This is what it feels like to be a dome.
a PENDENTIVE is a constructive device permitting the placing of a circular dome over a square room or of an elliptical dome over a rectangular room.



a COLUMN is a freestanding support
a PILASTER looks like a column except that it is partially embedded in a the wall
the word 'pillar' is not really used anymore


Fig. 110. Moving a pillar


62 Colossal stone transport: isometric restoration: (a) Metagenes' method (c. 550 B.c.); (b) Paconius' method (first century)


Fig. 139. Levering machinery

Component size and the ability to move a piece into location is a very critical aspect of understanding progress in construction through history



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$\sim$ a set of principles concerned with the nature and appreciation of beauty, especially in art.
~ the branch of philosophy that deals with the principles of beauty and artistic taste.


