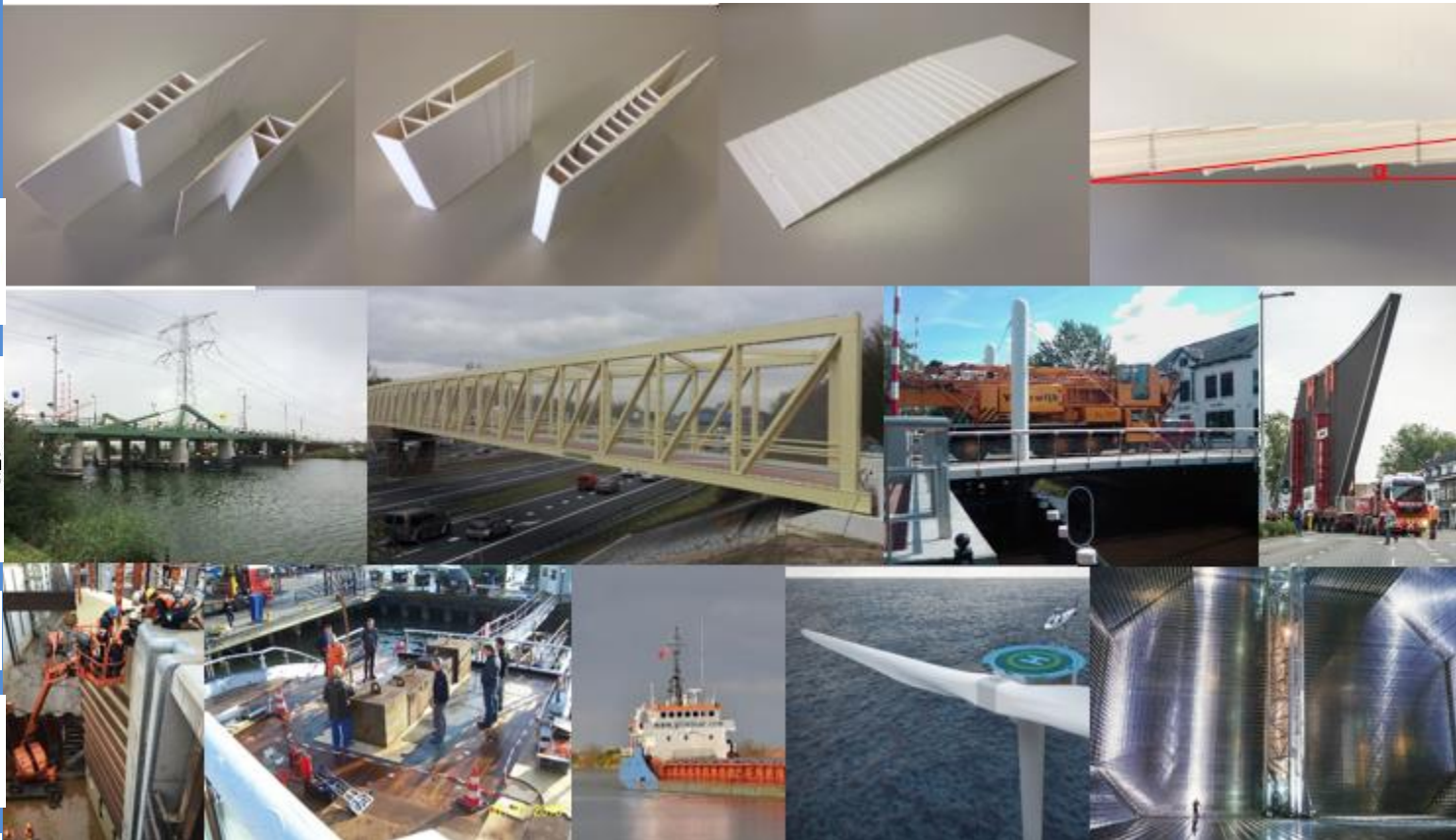




The essence of InfraCore Inside[®]

A brief introduction





The essence of InfraCore Inside®

InfraCore Inside looks and feels like a sandwich structure, but it has a more direct descent from beams, in fact multi-beam plates.



The following slides give an introduction into the essence of the InfraCore Technology: how it functions, the mechanical behaviour, the benefits as compared to sandwiches and multi-beam plates.



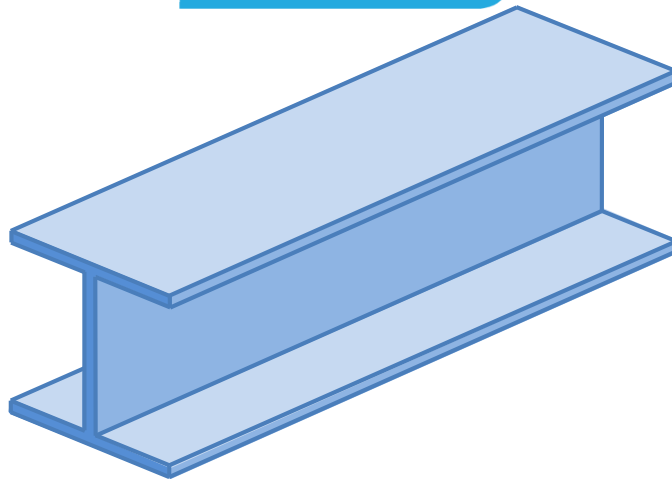
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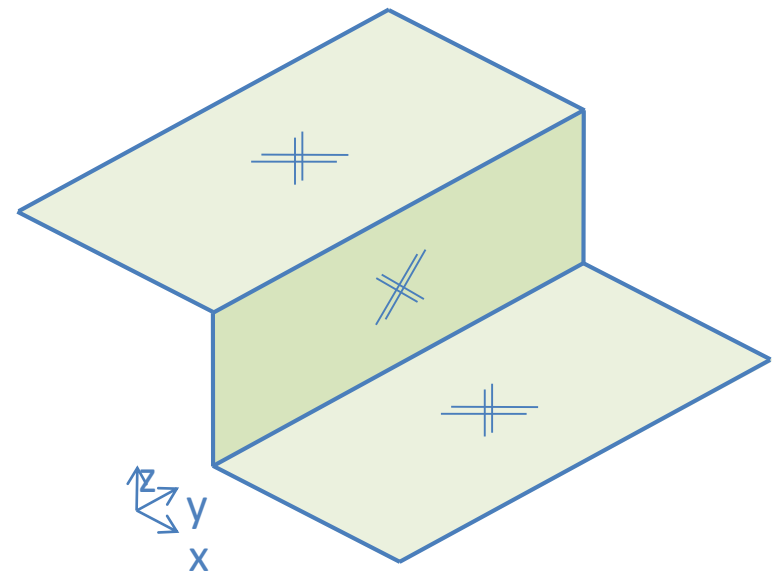
For licensing of this technology, please contact InfraCore Company





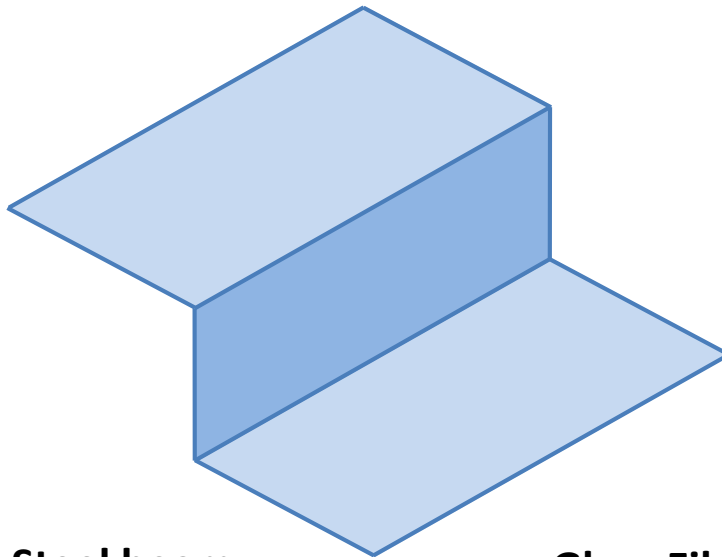
Steel beam:

Two flanges, connected by a web



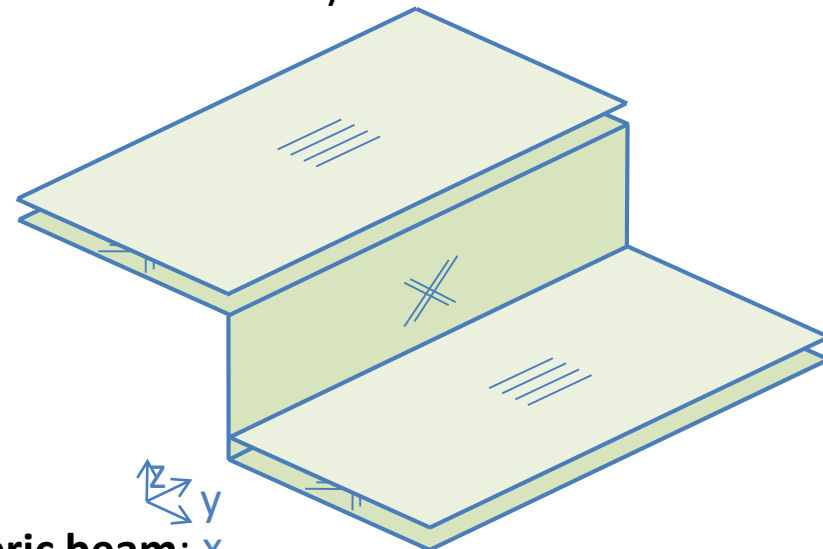
Glass Fibre Fabric beam:

Two flanges, connected by a web
One layer of $\pm 45^\circ$ fabric



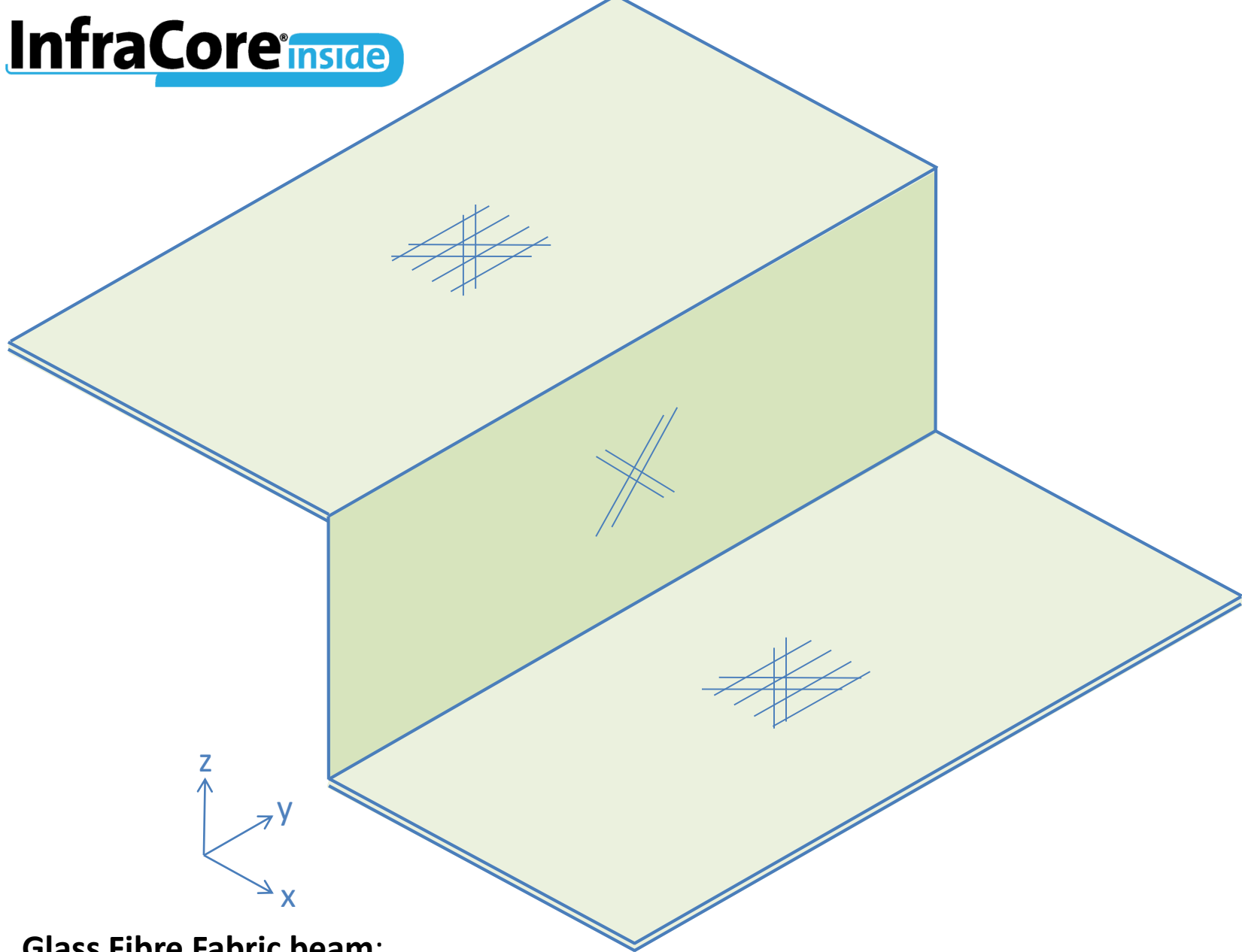
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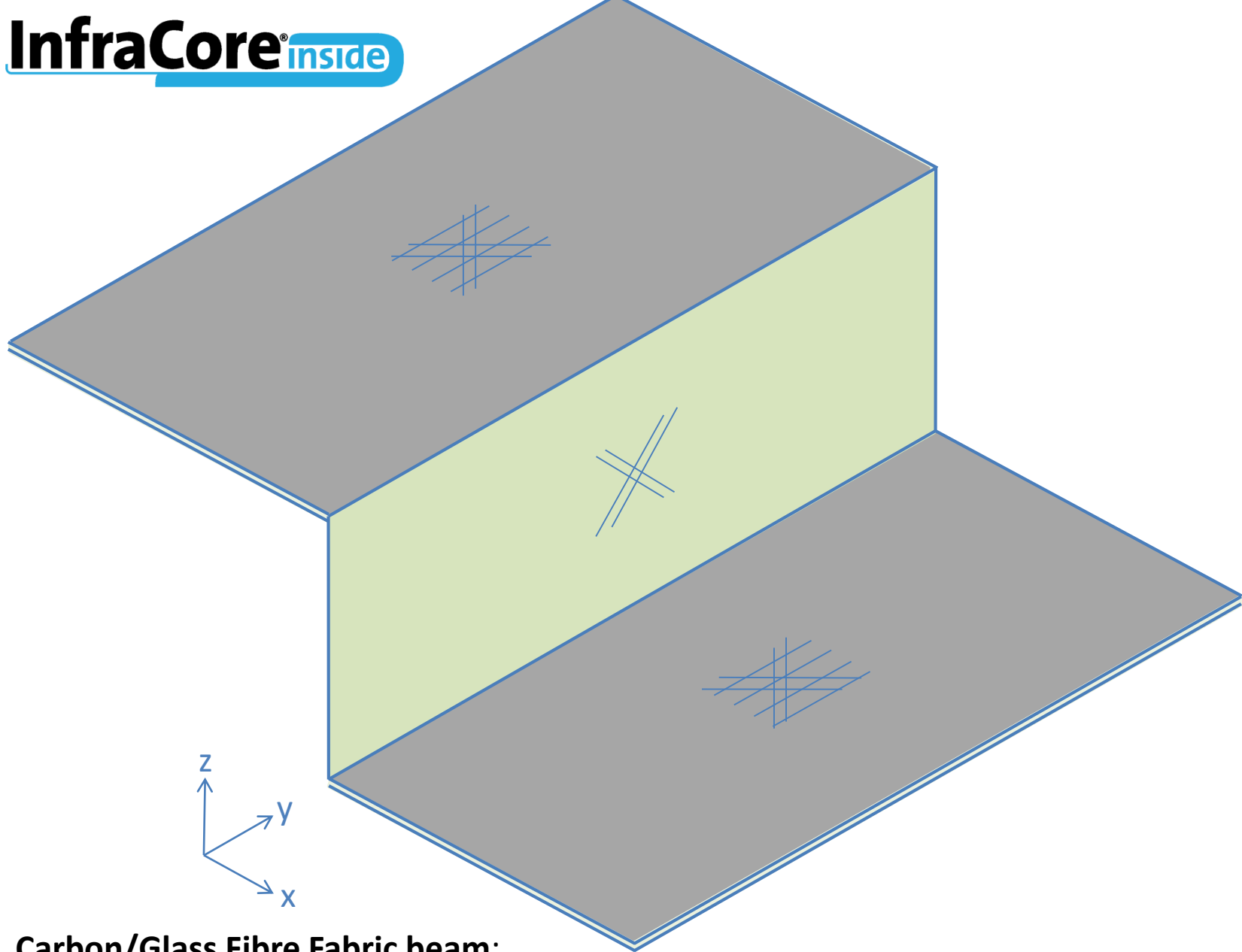
Two flanges, connected by a web
One layer of $\pm 45^\circ$ fabric + one layer of 0° fabric on flanges



Glass Fibre Fabric beam:

Two flanges, connected by a web

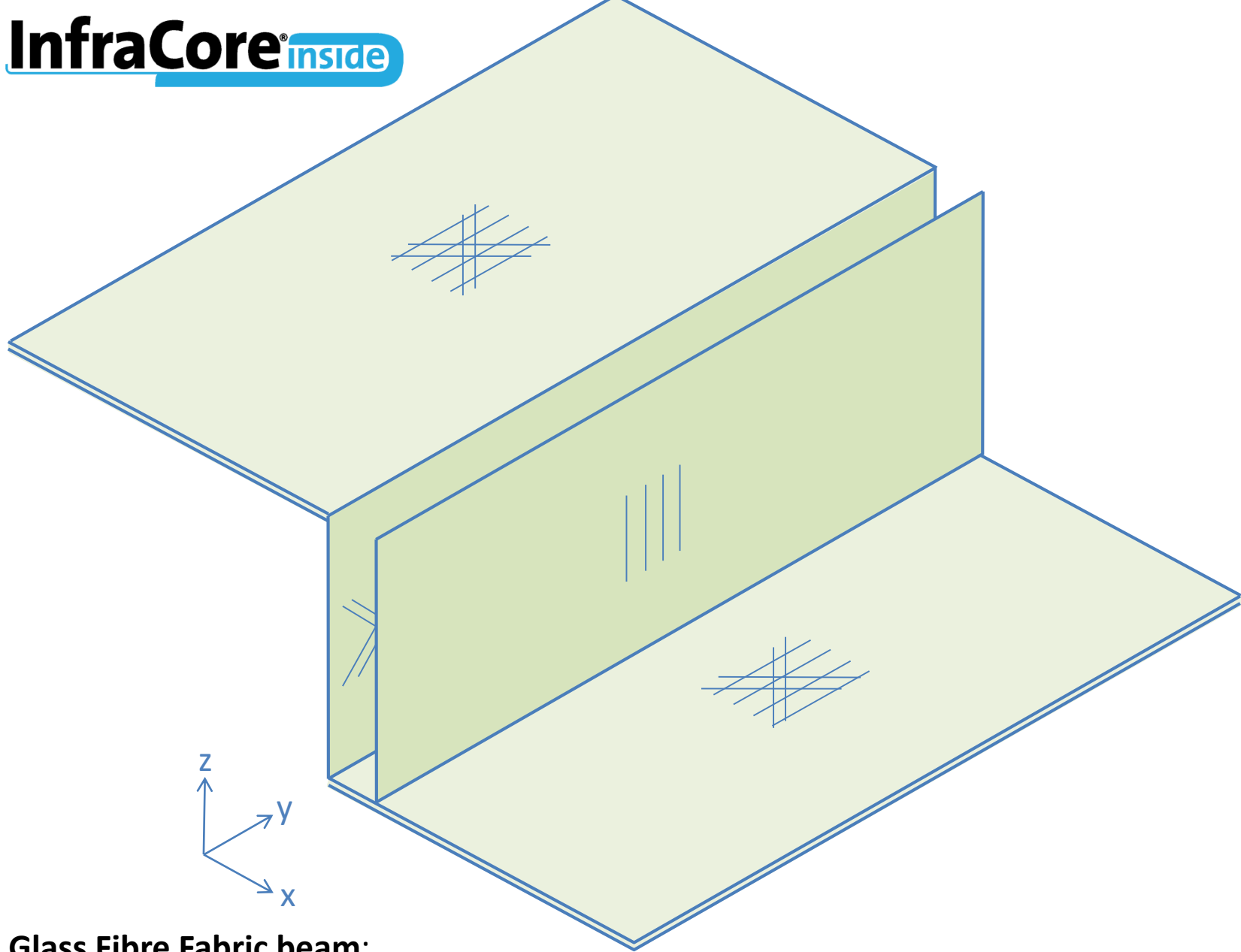
Flanges 0°/ ±45° fabric, web ±45° fabric



Carbon/Glass Fibre Fabric beam:

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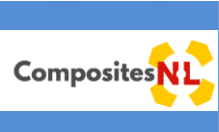
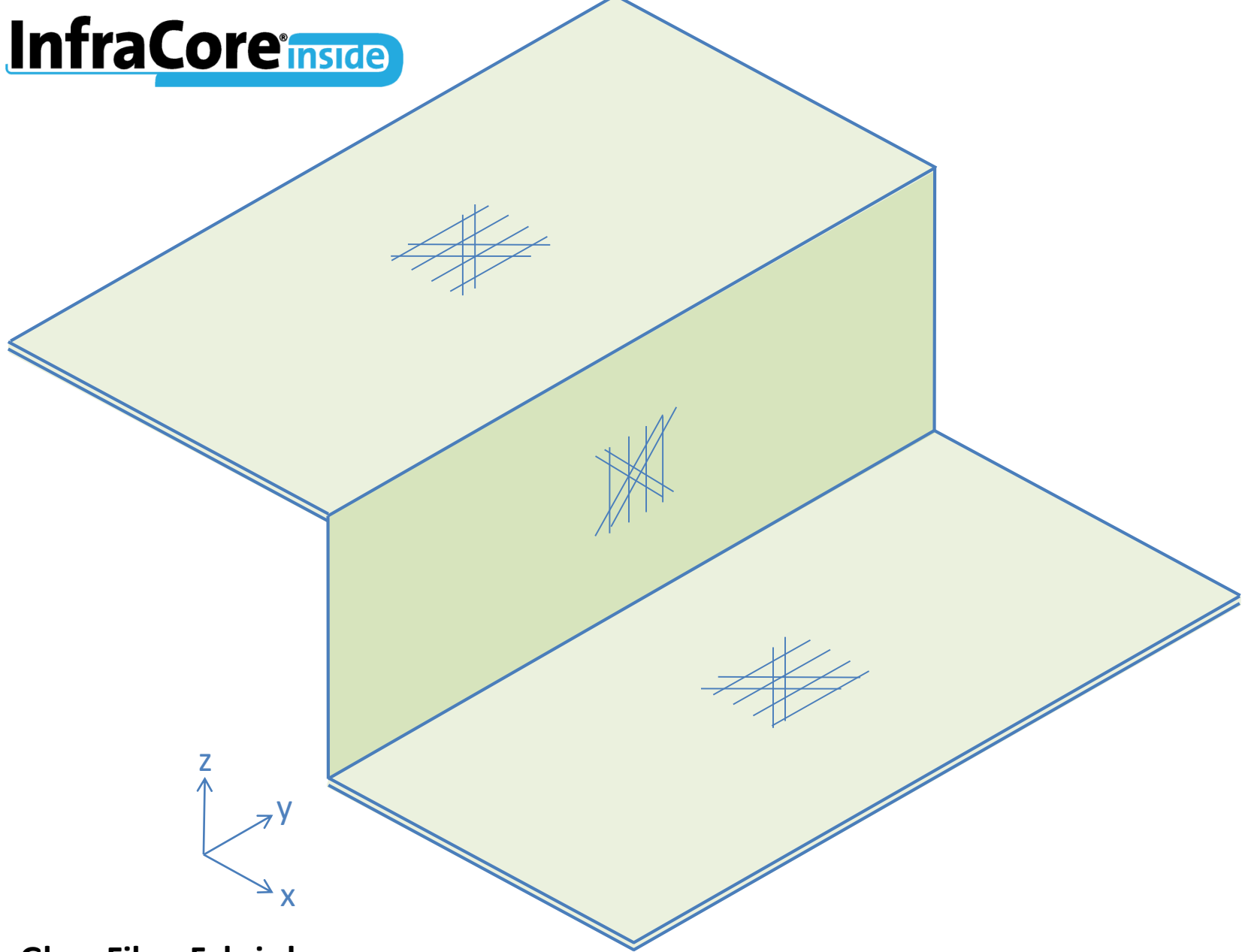
Flanges 0° carbon/ ±45° glass fabric, web ±45° glass fabric



Glass Fibre Fabric beam:

Two flanges, connected by a web

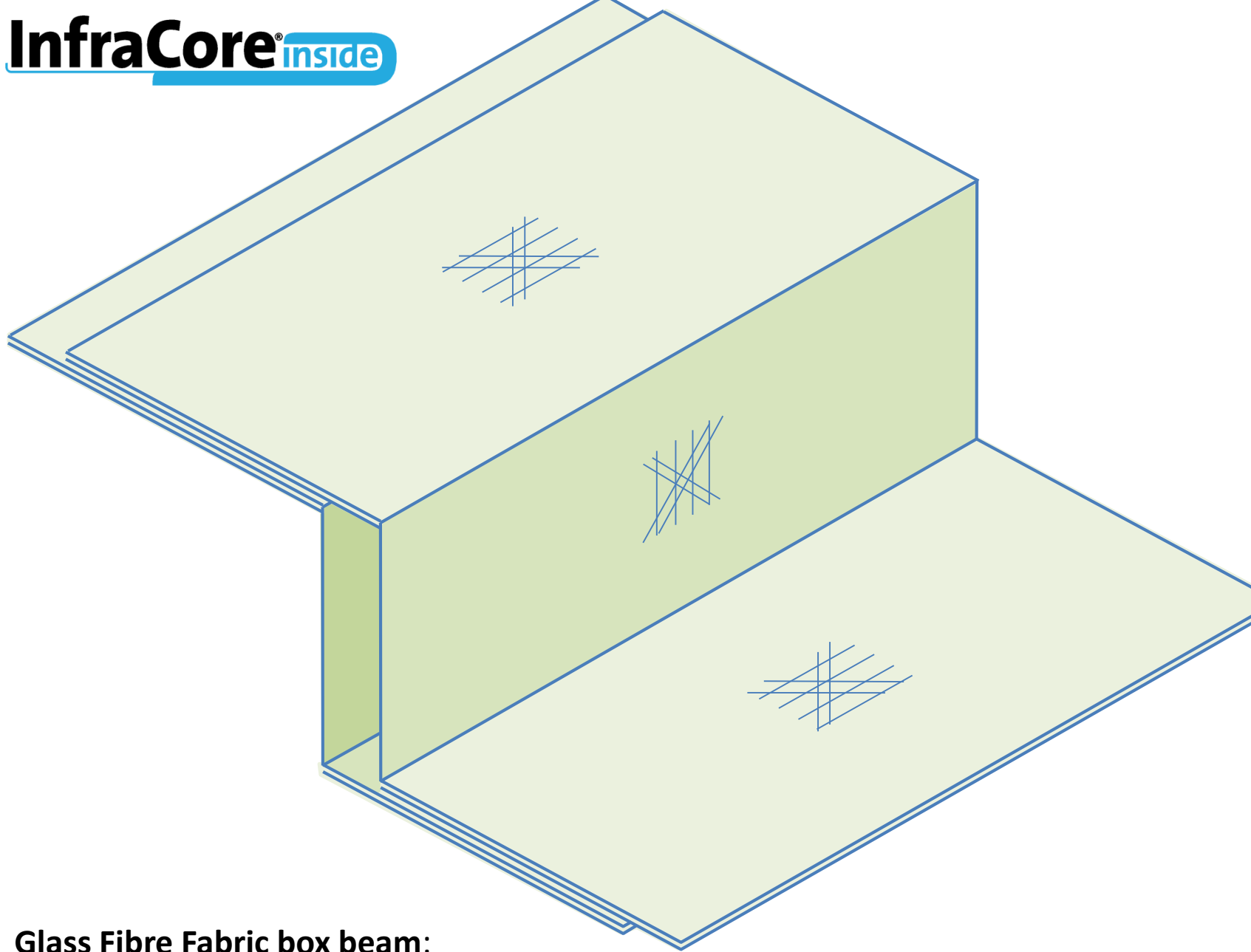
Flanges 0°/ ±45° fabric, web ±45° fabric + one layer of 90° fabric



Glass Fibre Fabric beam:

Two flanges, connected by a web

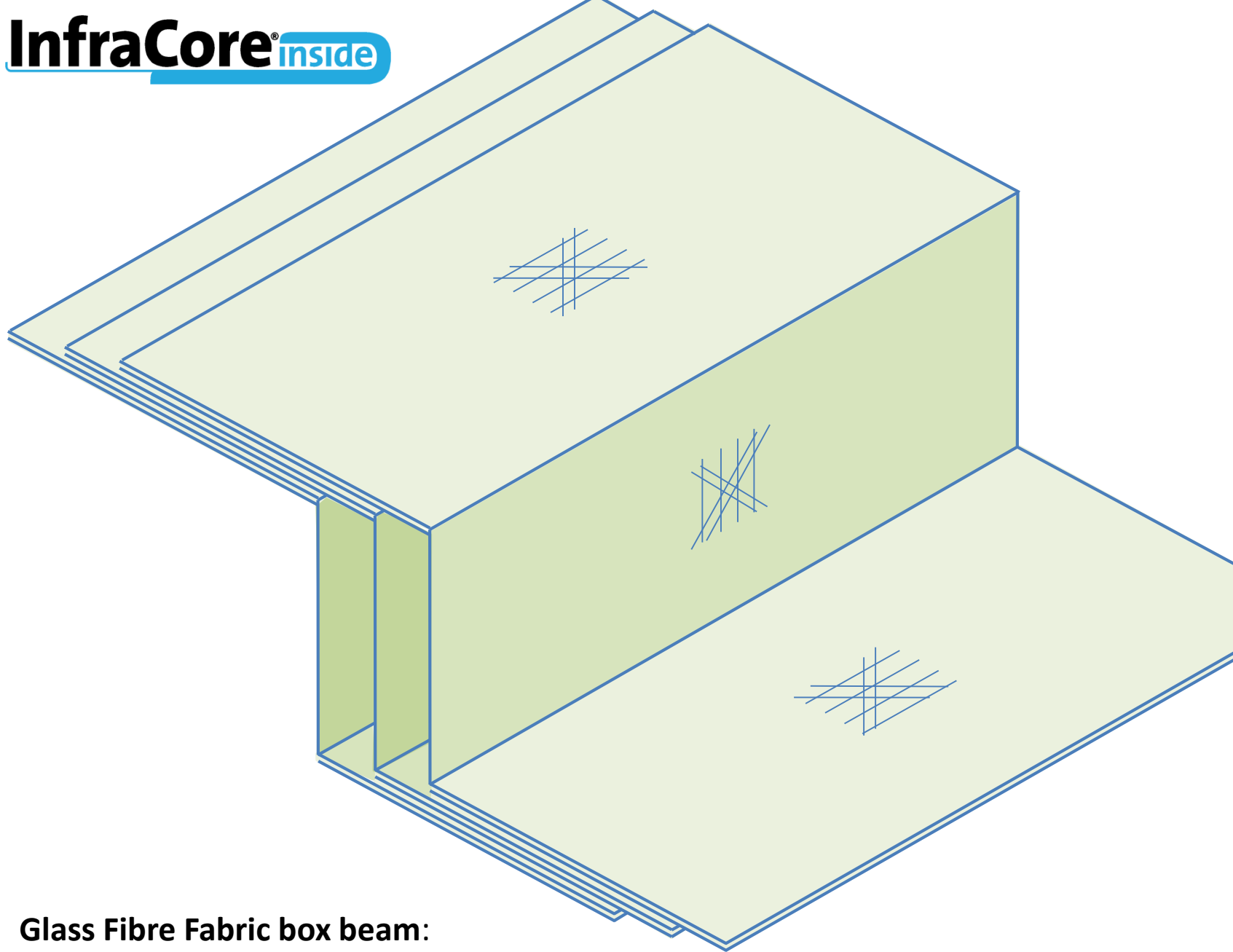
Flanges $0^\circ / \pm 45^\circ$ fabric, web $90^\circ / \pm 45^\circ$ fabric



Glass Fibre Fabric box beam:

Flanges, connected by webs

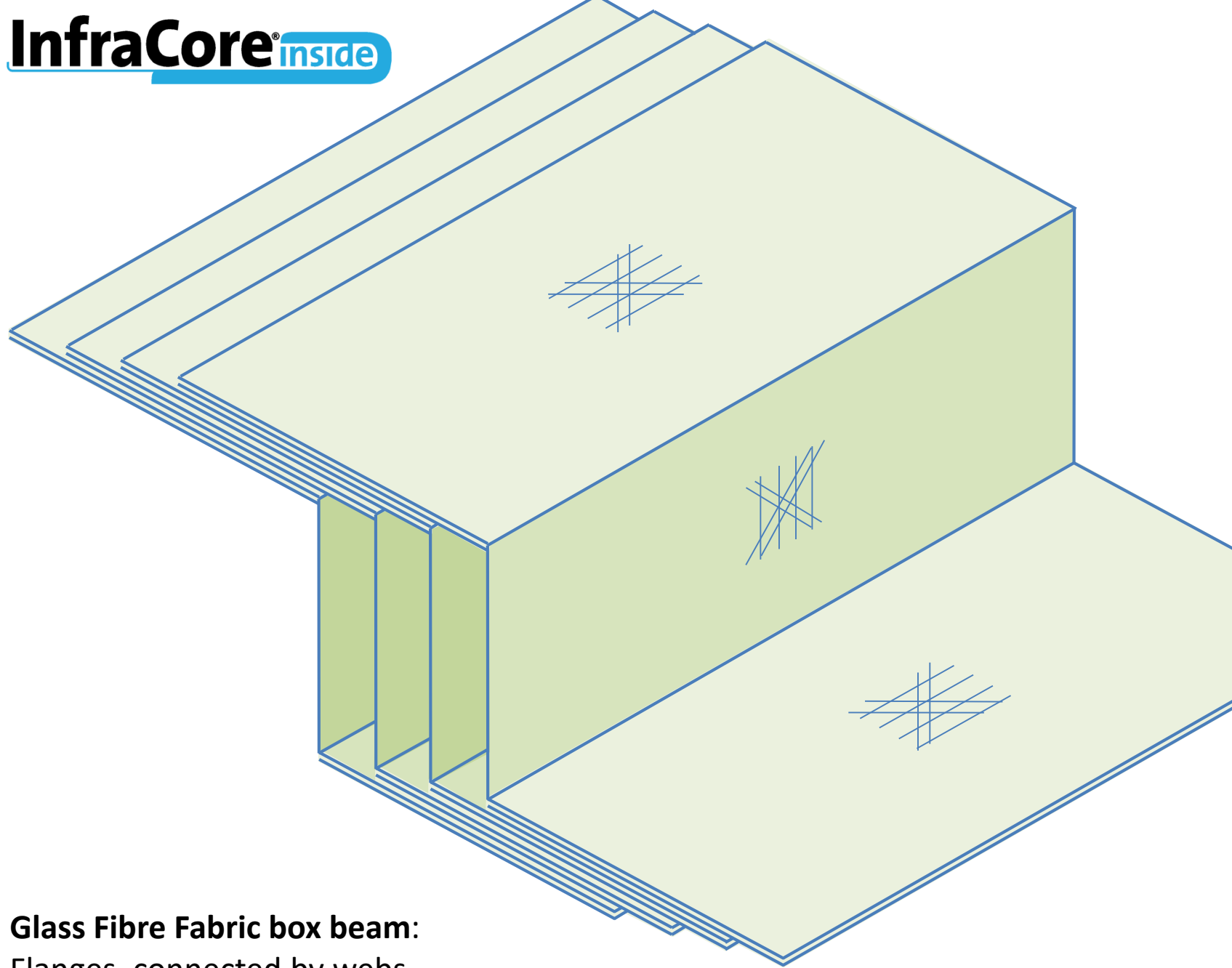
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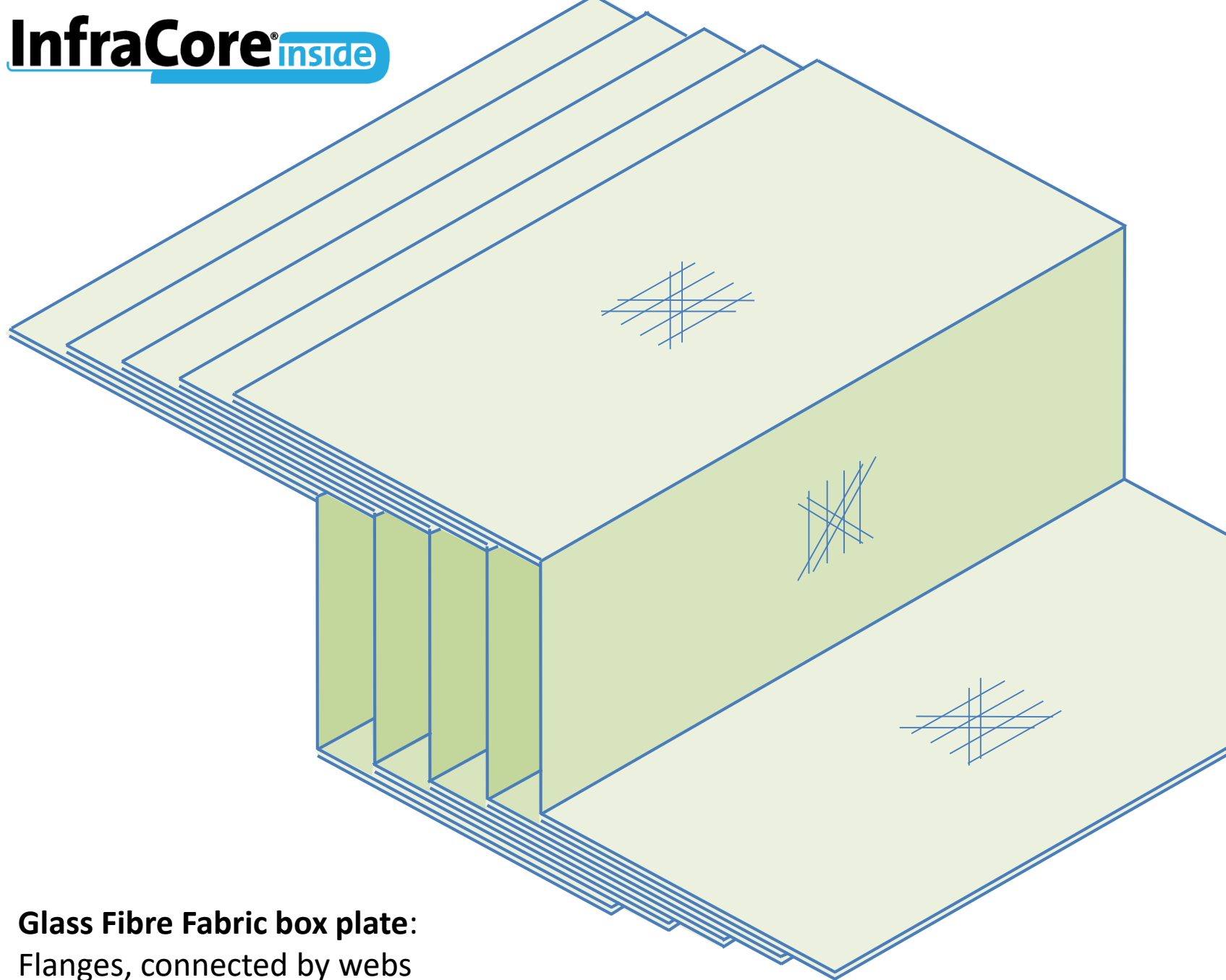
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Flanges, connected by webs

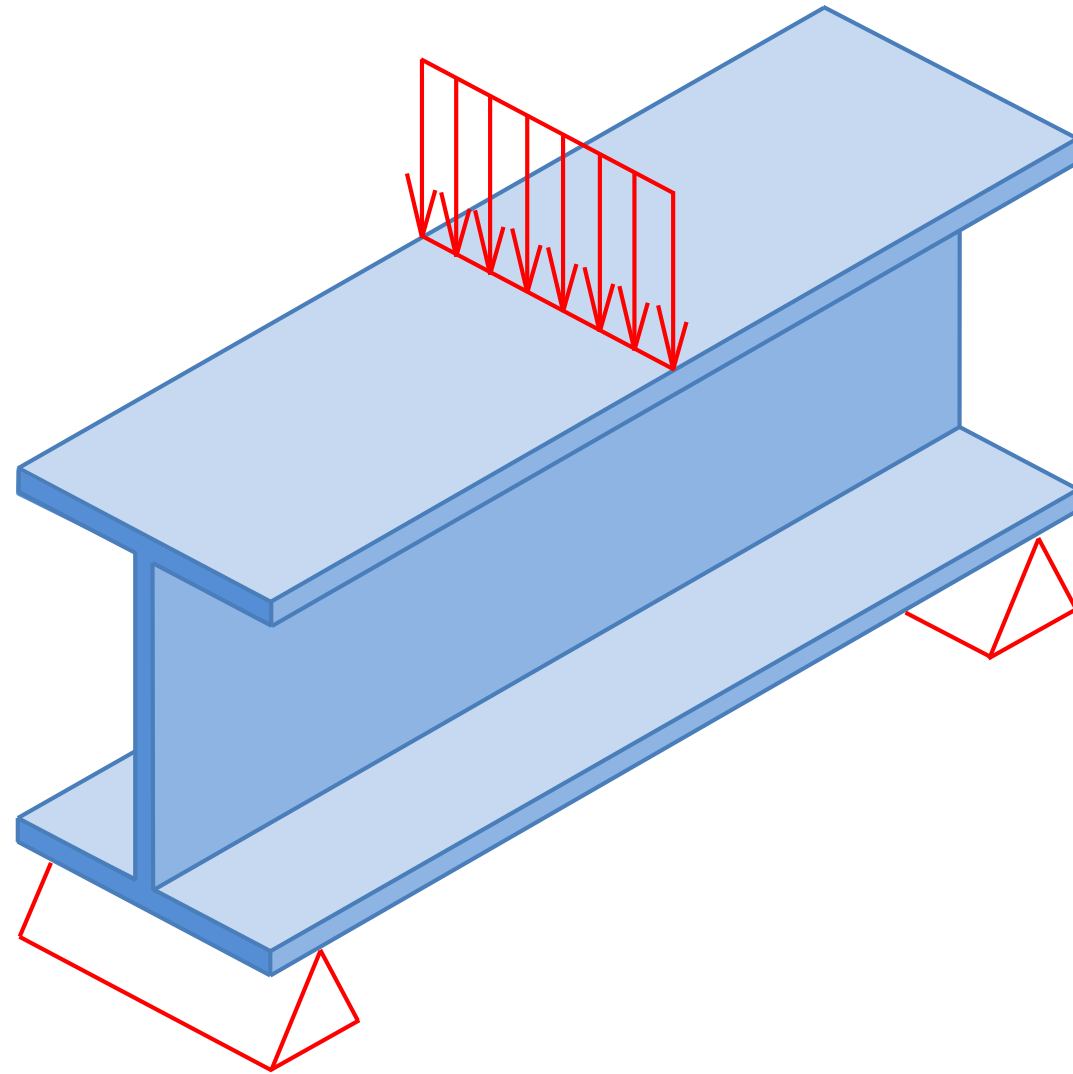
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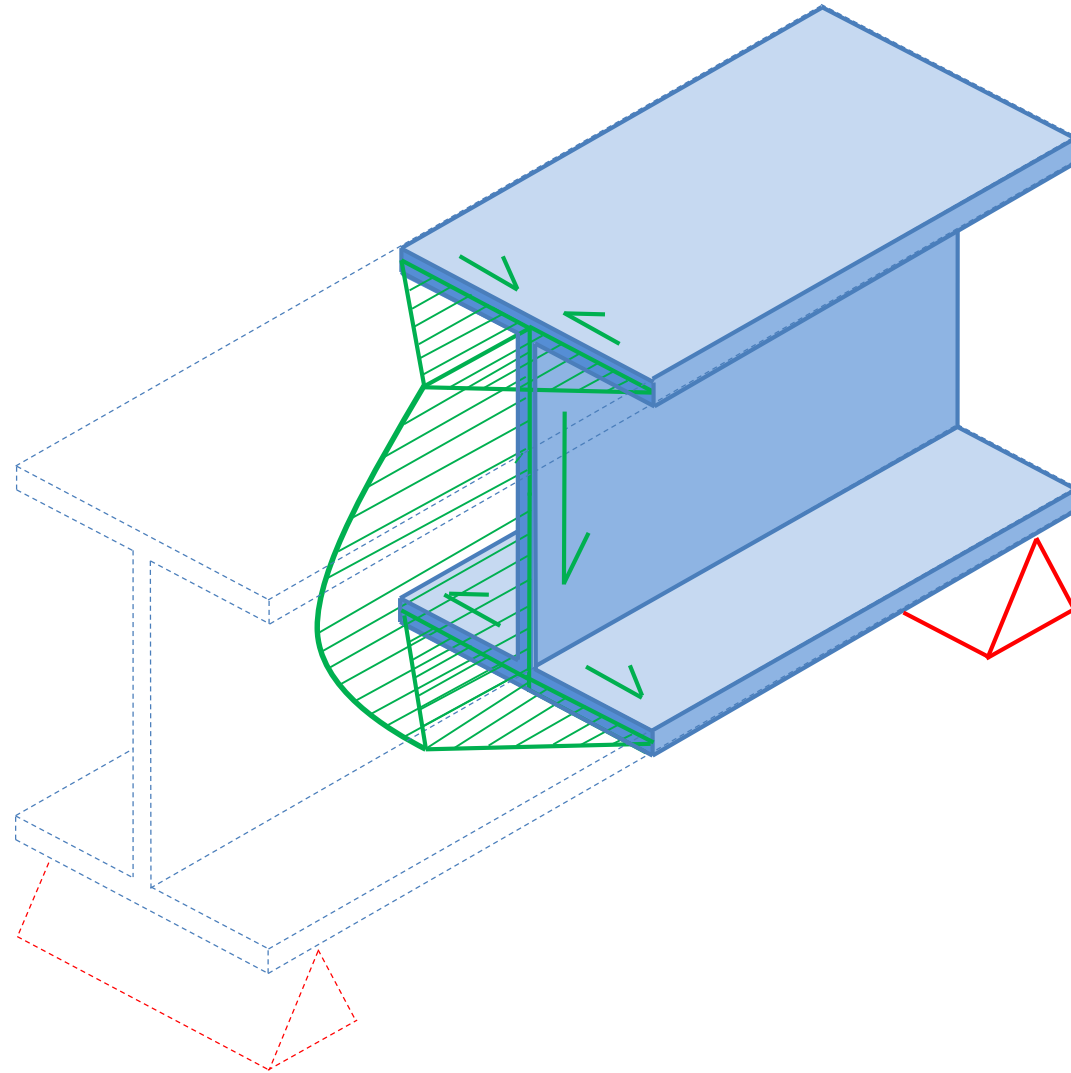
Glass Fibre Fabric box plate:

Flanges, connected by webs

Flanges 0°/ ±45° fabric, web 90°/±45° fabric



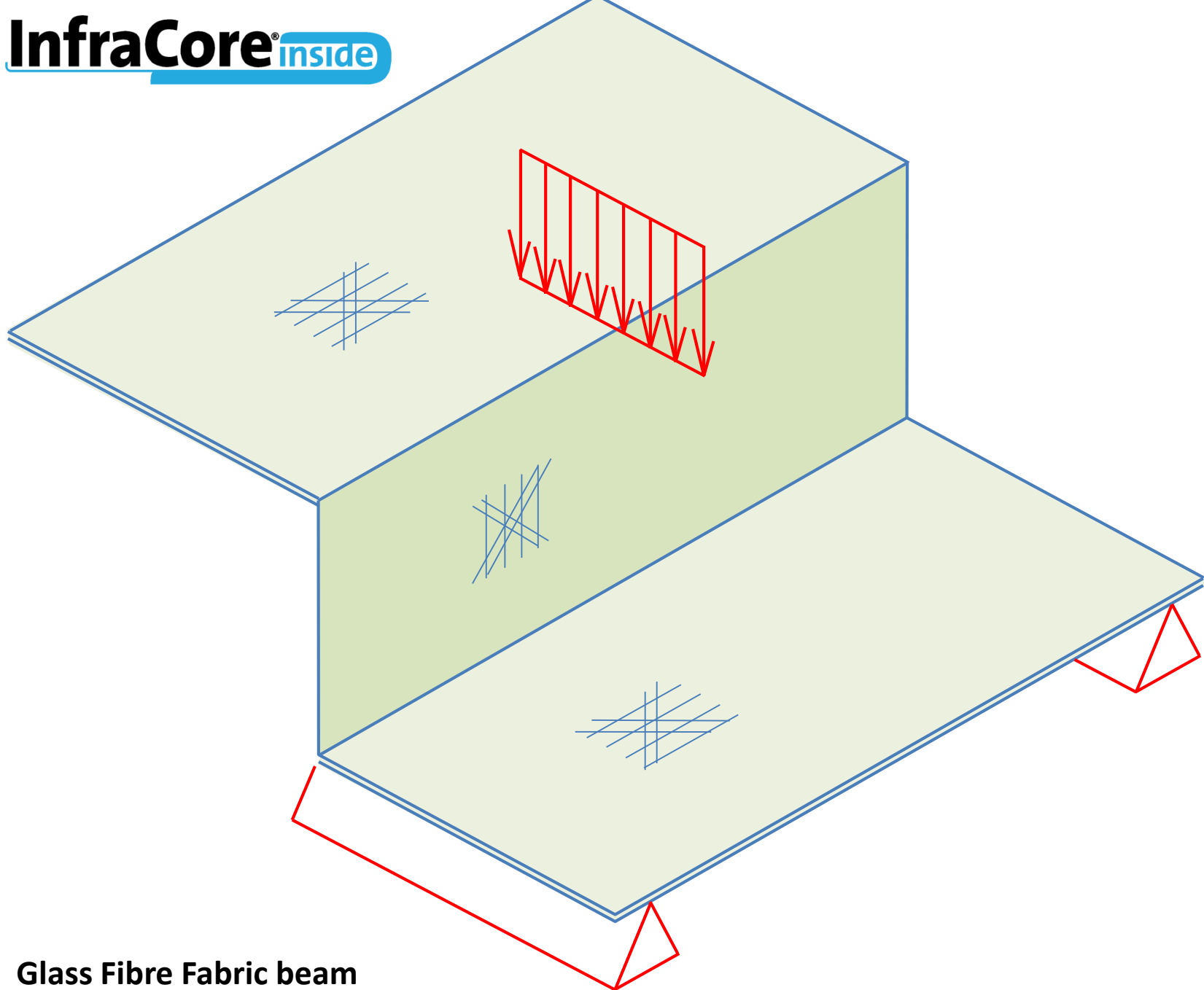
Steel beam
Loaded in three-point bending



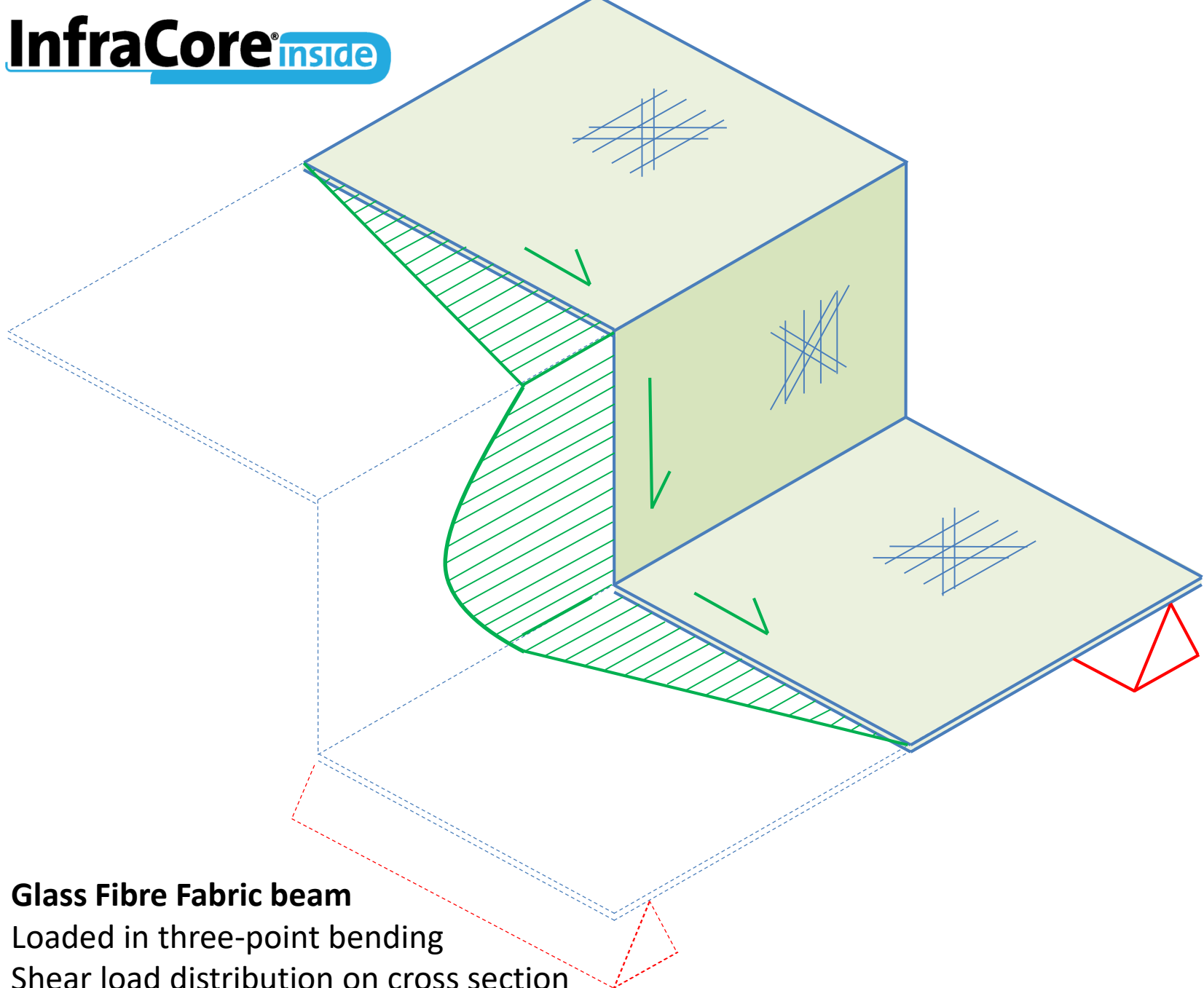
Steel beam

Loaded in three-point bending

Shear load distribution on cross section



Glass Fibre Fabric beam
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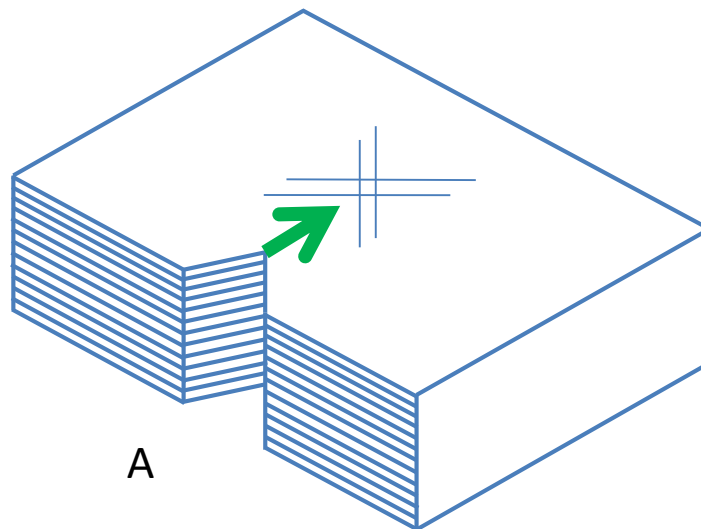


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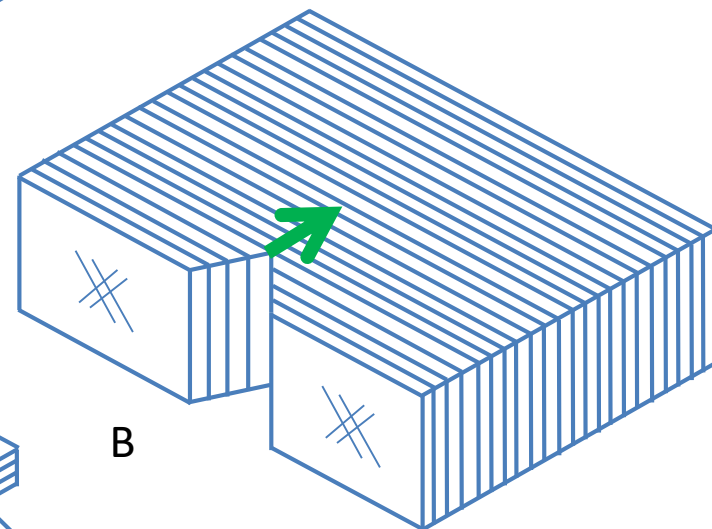
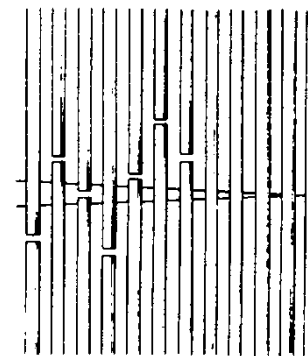
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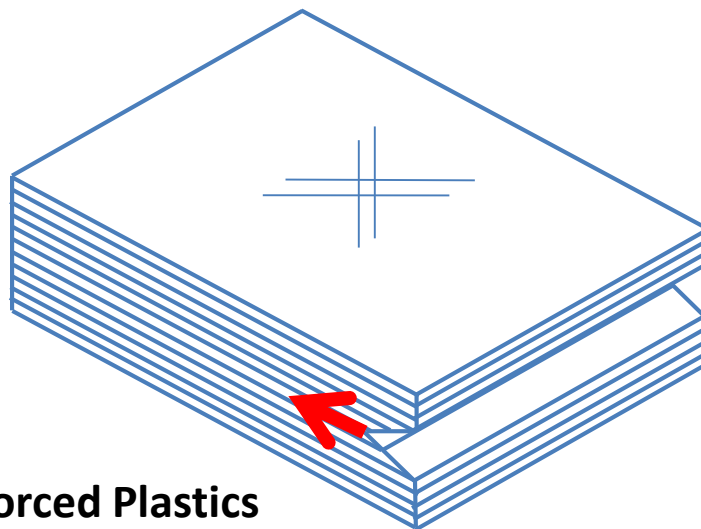
Continuous transfer of shear loads



A



B



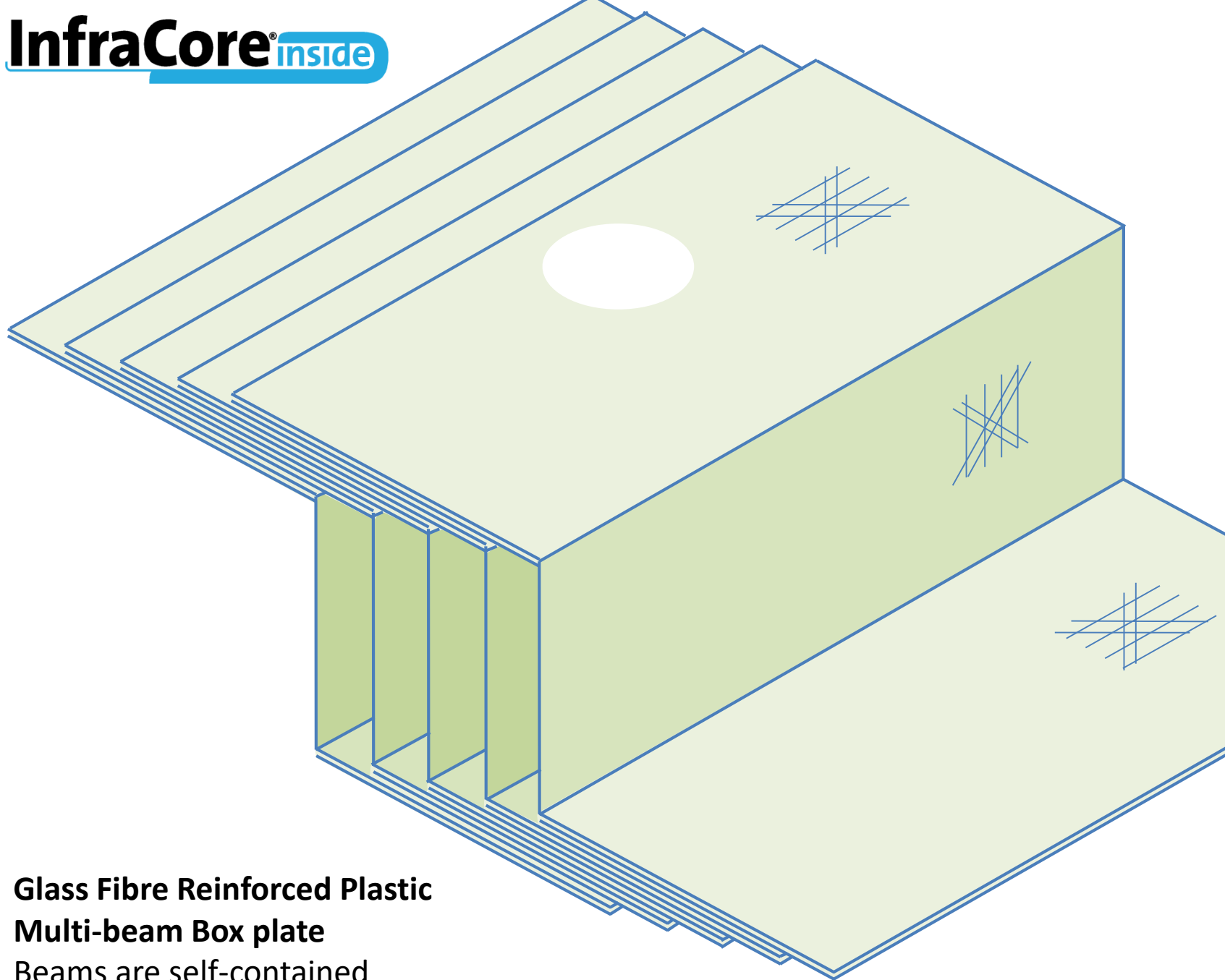
C

Fibre Reinforced Plastics

Non-homogeneous, layered material

Fibres act as crack arrestors

Vulnerable to cracking between fibre layers (“interlaminar cracking”)

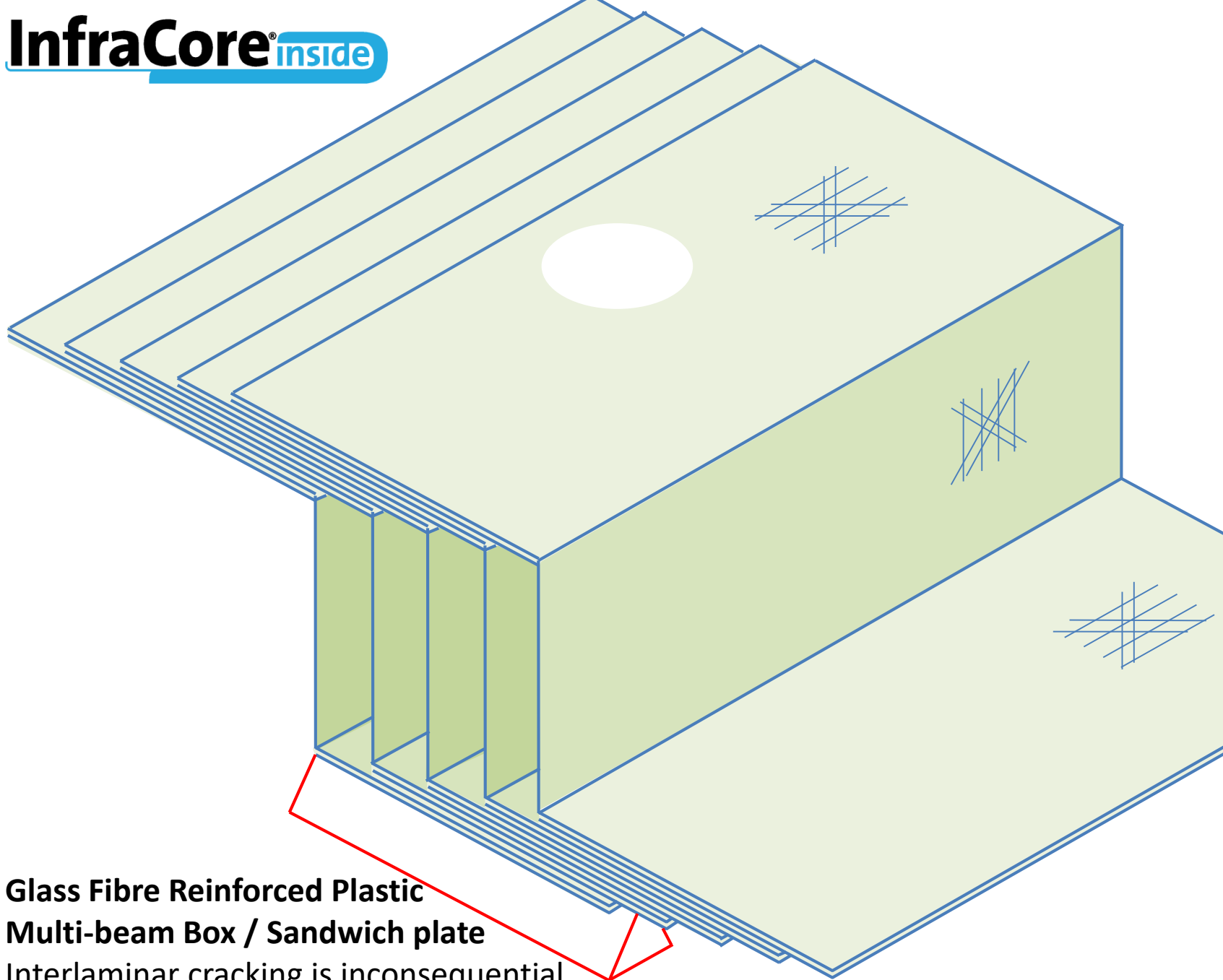


Glass Fibre Reinforced Plastic Multi-beam Box plate

Beams are self-contained

Little shear transfer between beams

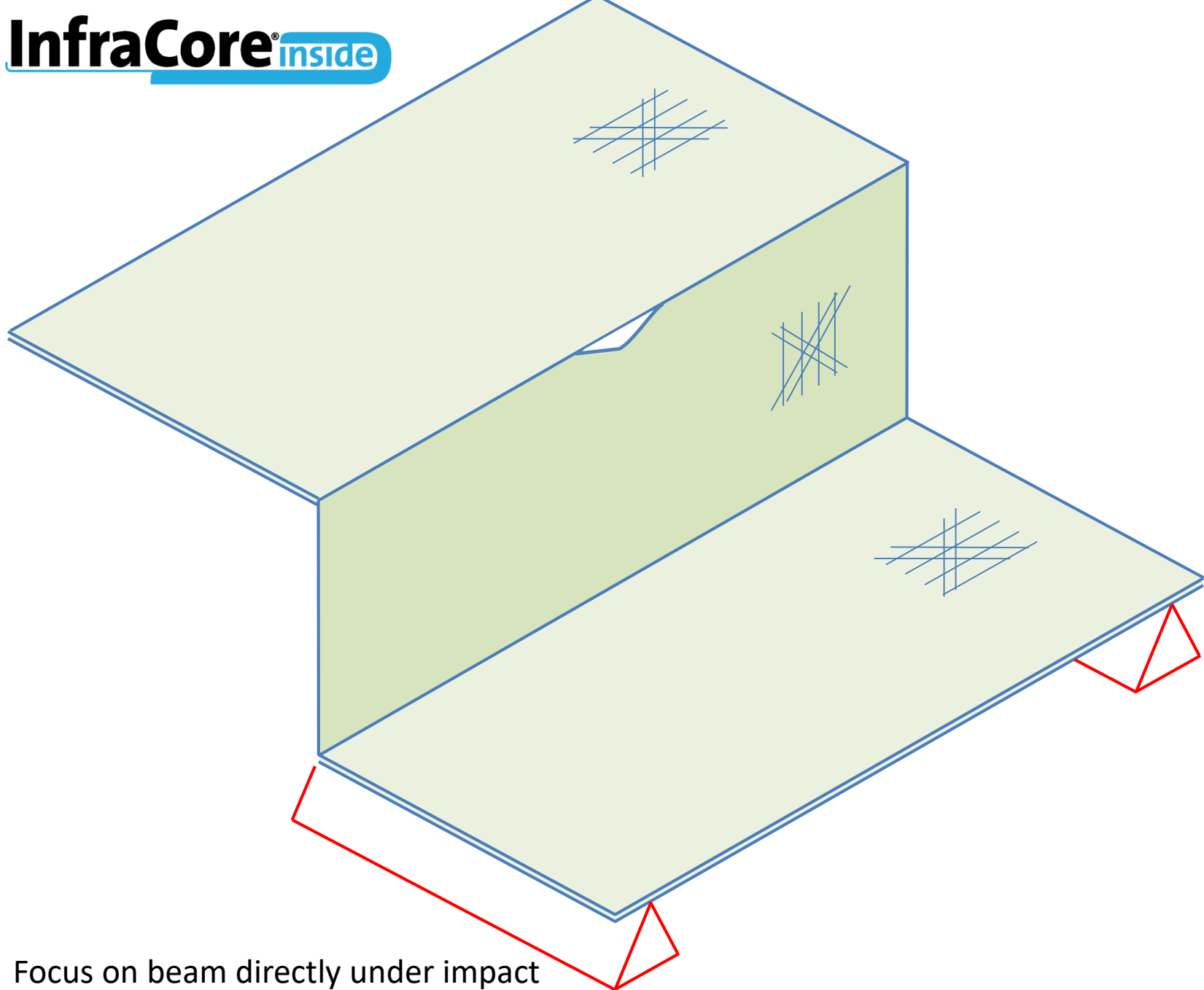
Impact damage may occur: local delamination



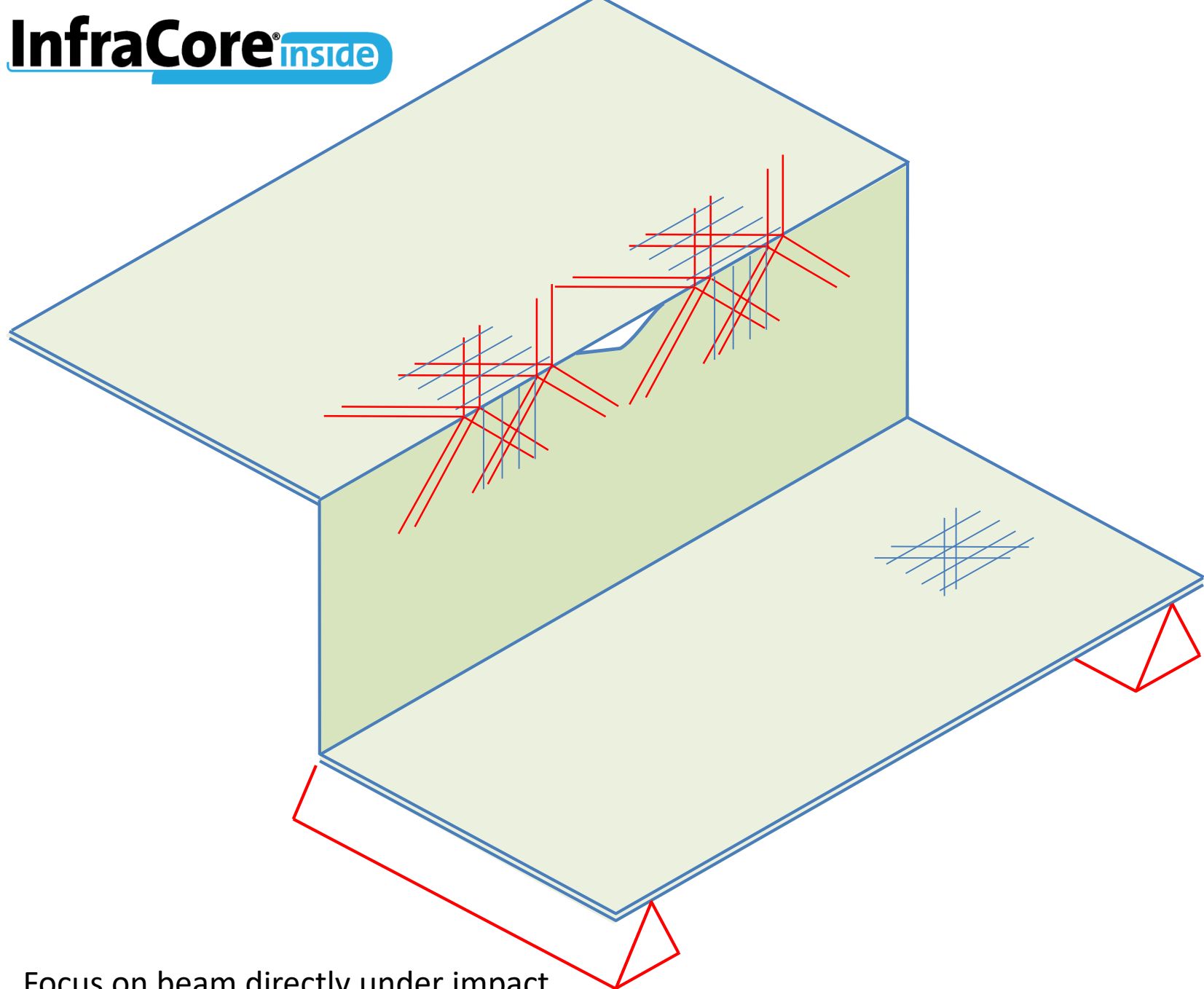
Glass Fibre Reinforced Plastic Multi-beam Box / Sandwich plate

Interlaminar cracking is inconsequential

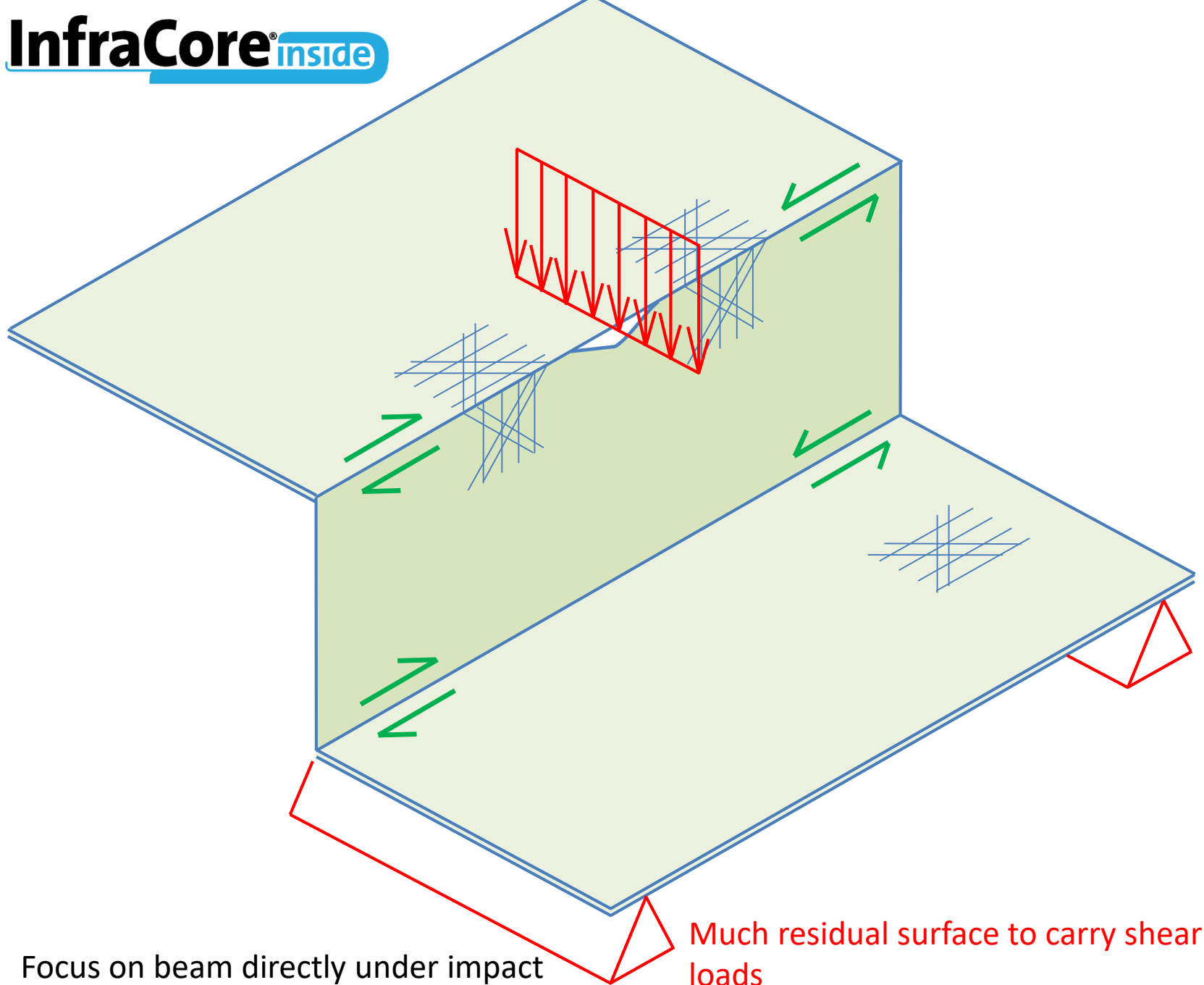
No skin-core debonding, no damage growth



Focus on beam directly under impact
A crack in flange-web zone may occur

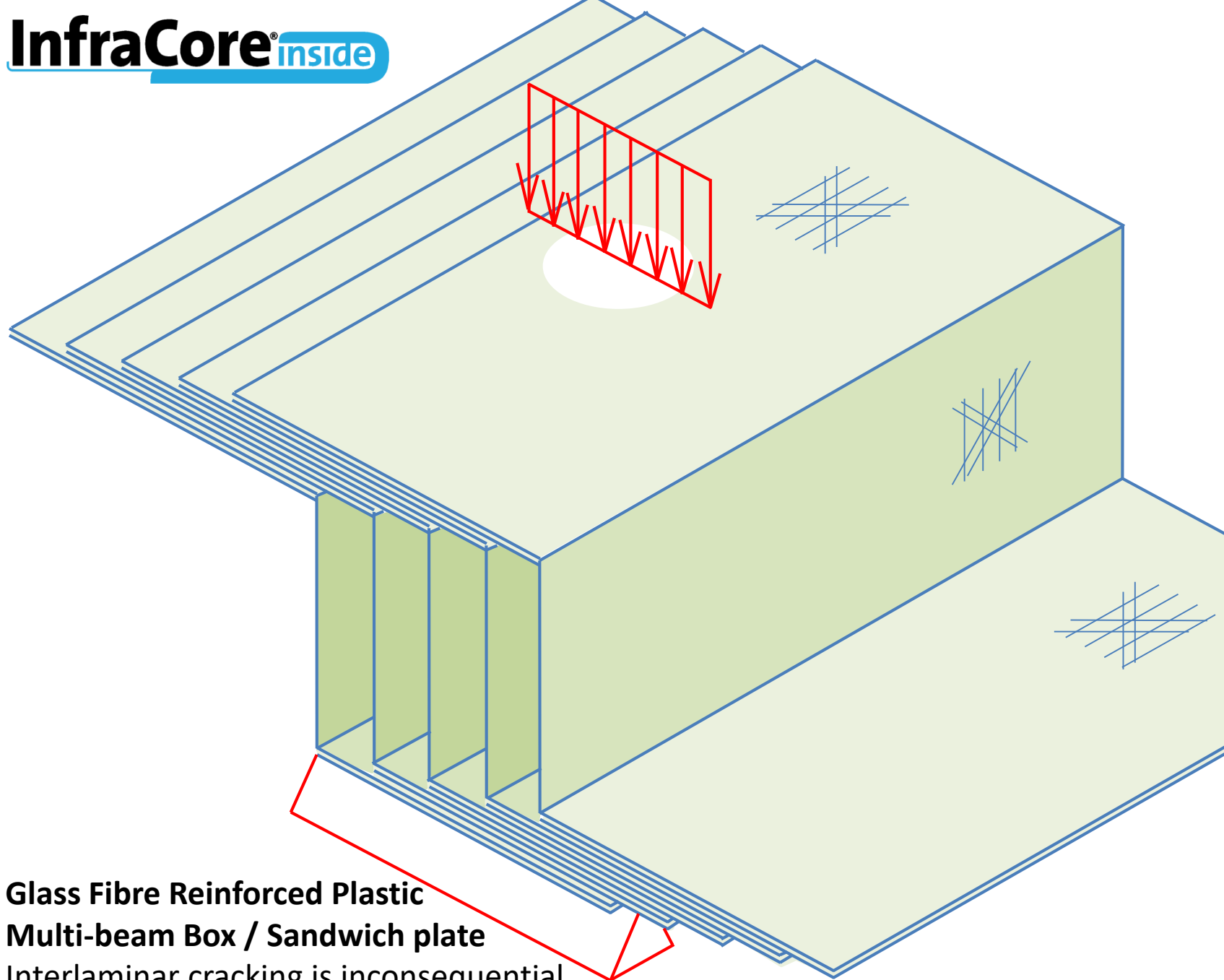


Focus on beam directly under impact
Crack will not grow, constricted by fibres



Focus on beam directly under impact
Beam can carry load despite crack

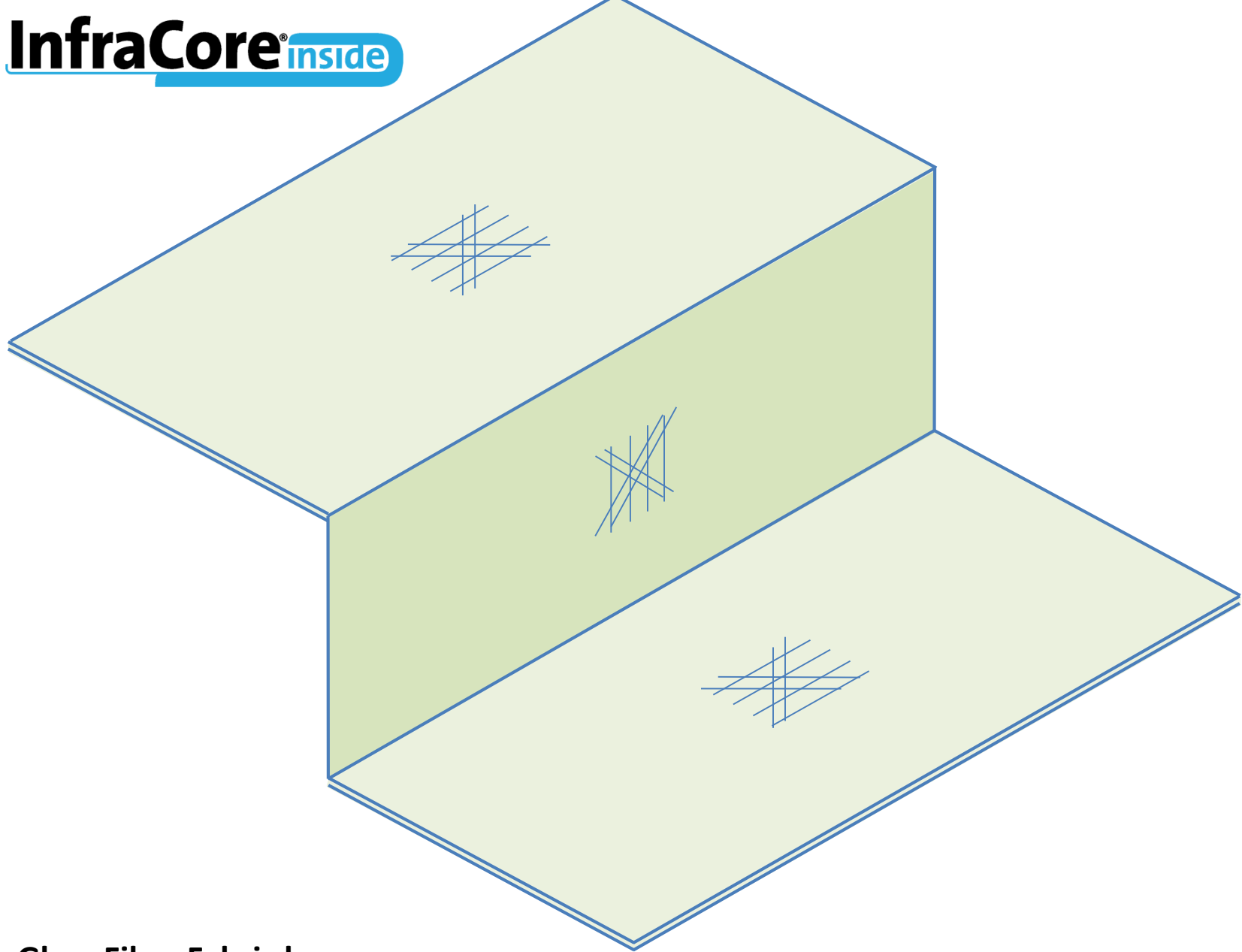
Much residual surface to carry shear loads
Stable situation



Glass Fibre Reinforced Plastic Multi-beam Box / Sandwich plate

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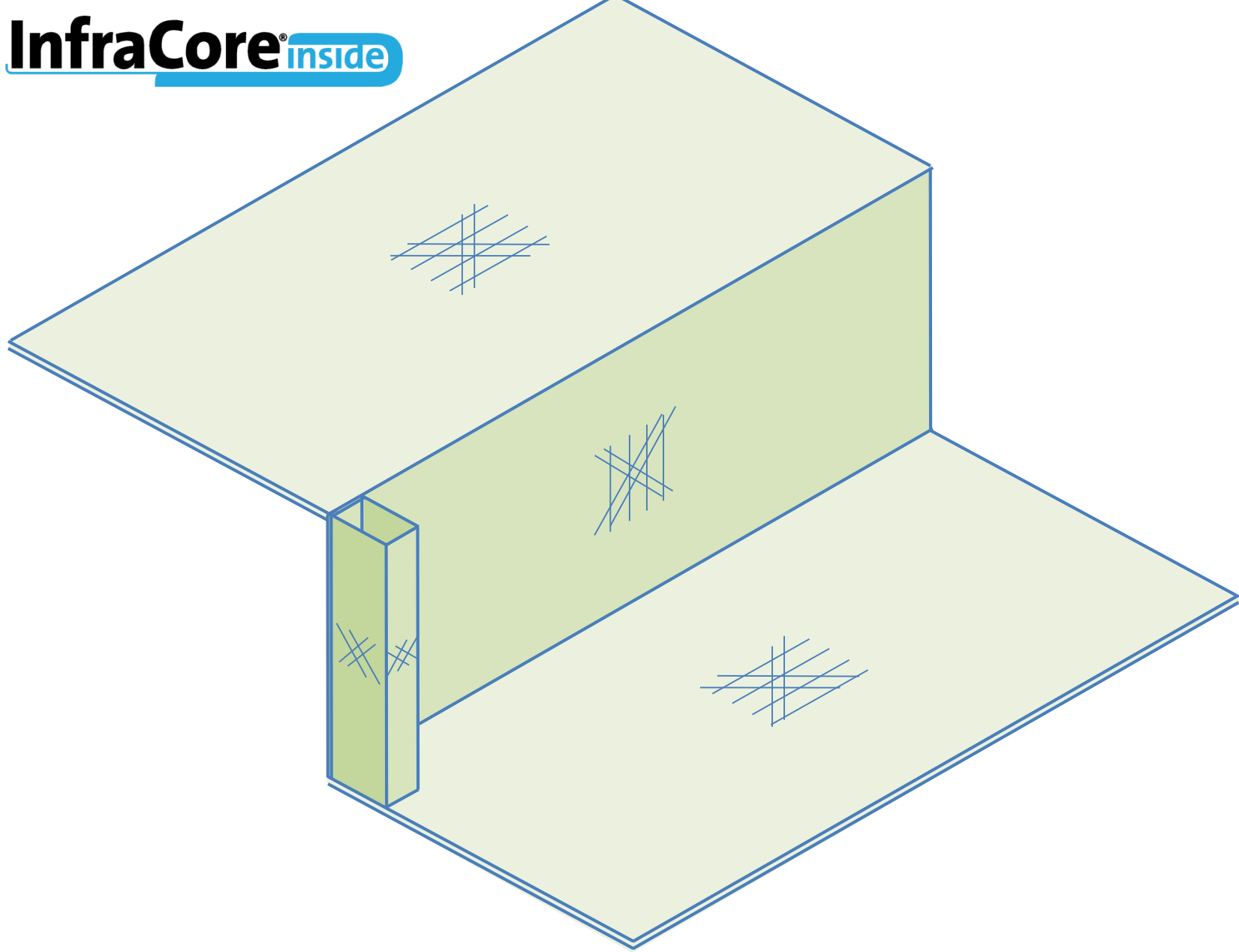
No skin-core debonding → EXTREMELY ROBUST



Glass Fibre Fabric beam:

Two flanges, connected by a web

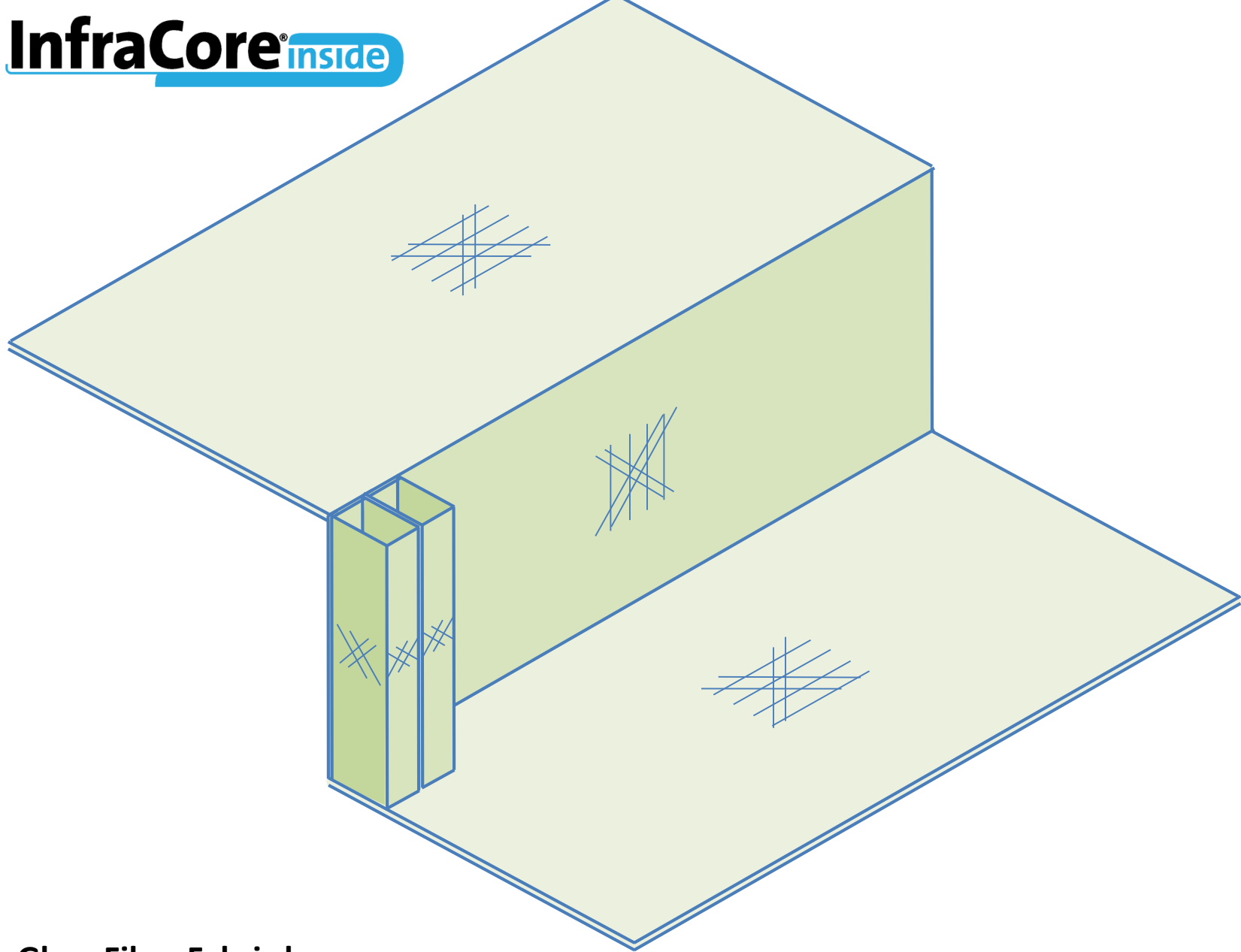
Flanges 0°/ ±45° fabric, web 90°/±45° fabric



Glass Fibre Fabric beam:

Add shear webs perpendicular to main webs

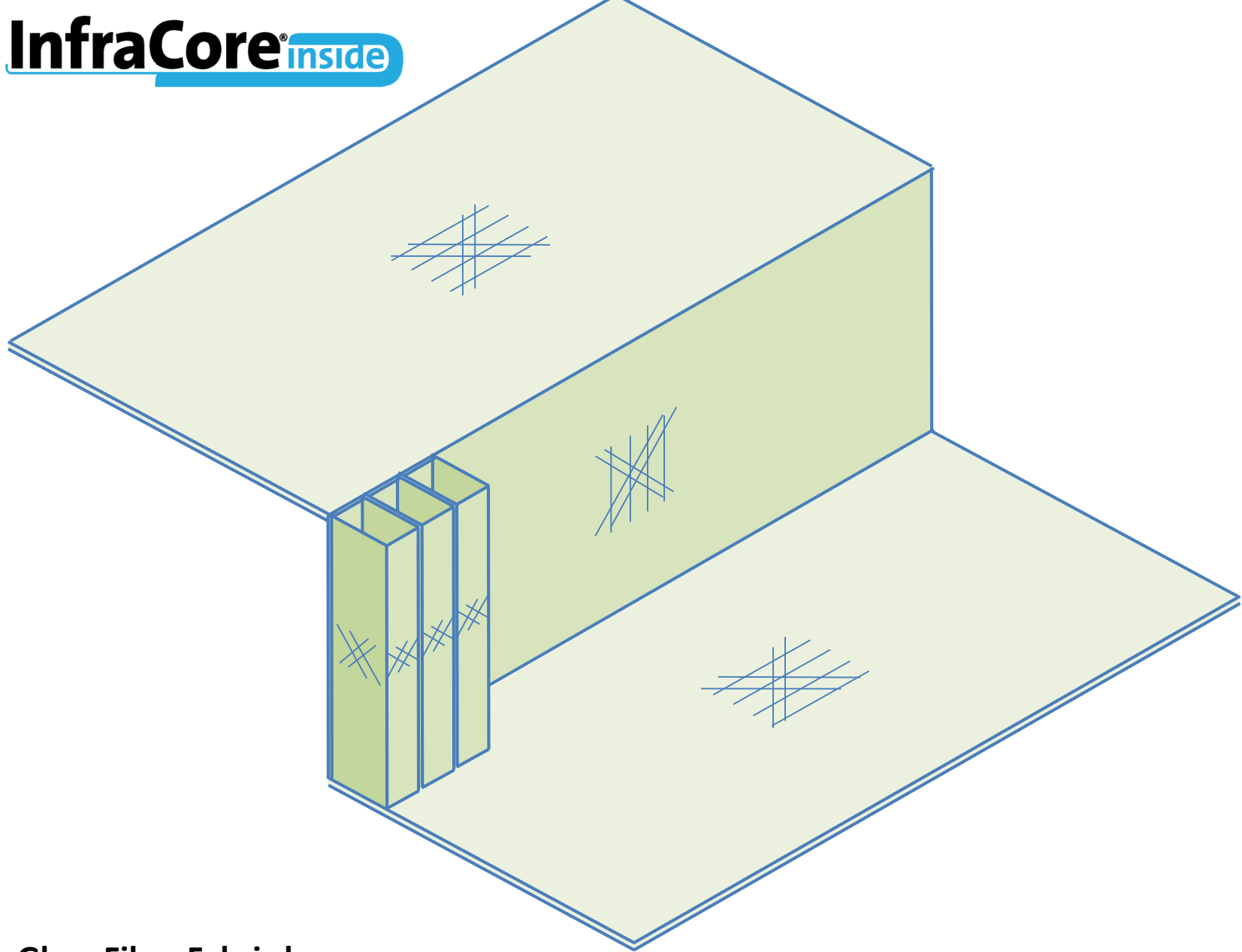
Made of $\pm 45^\circ$ fabric in box configuration



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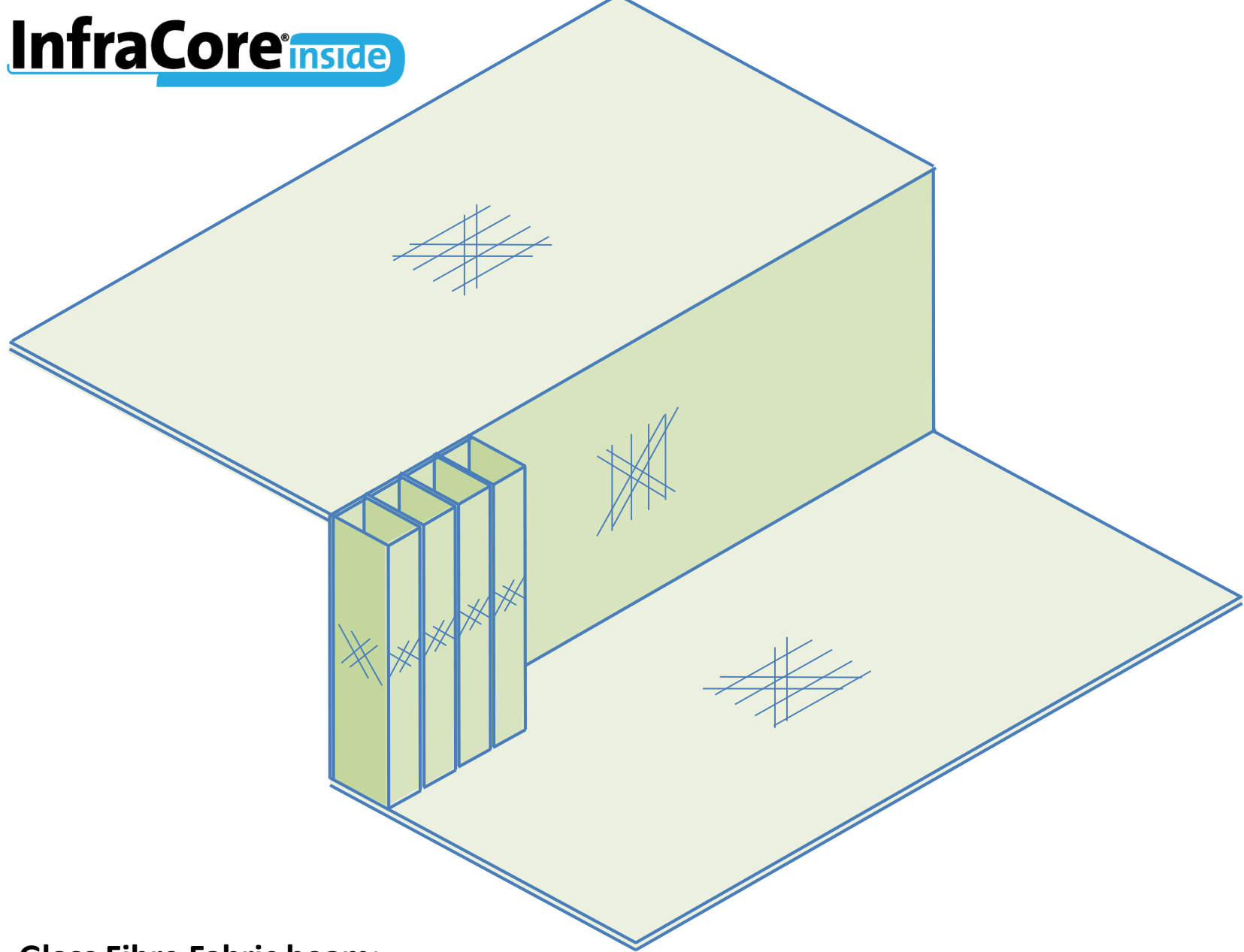
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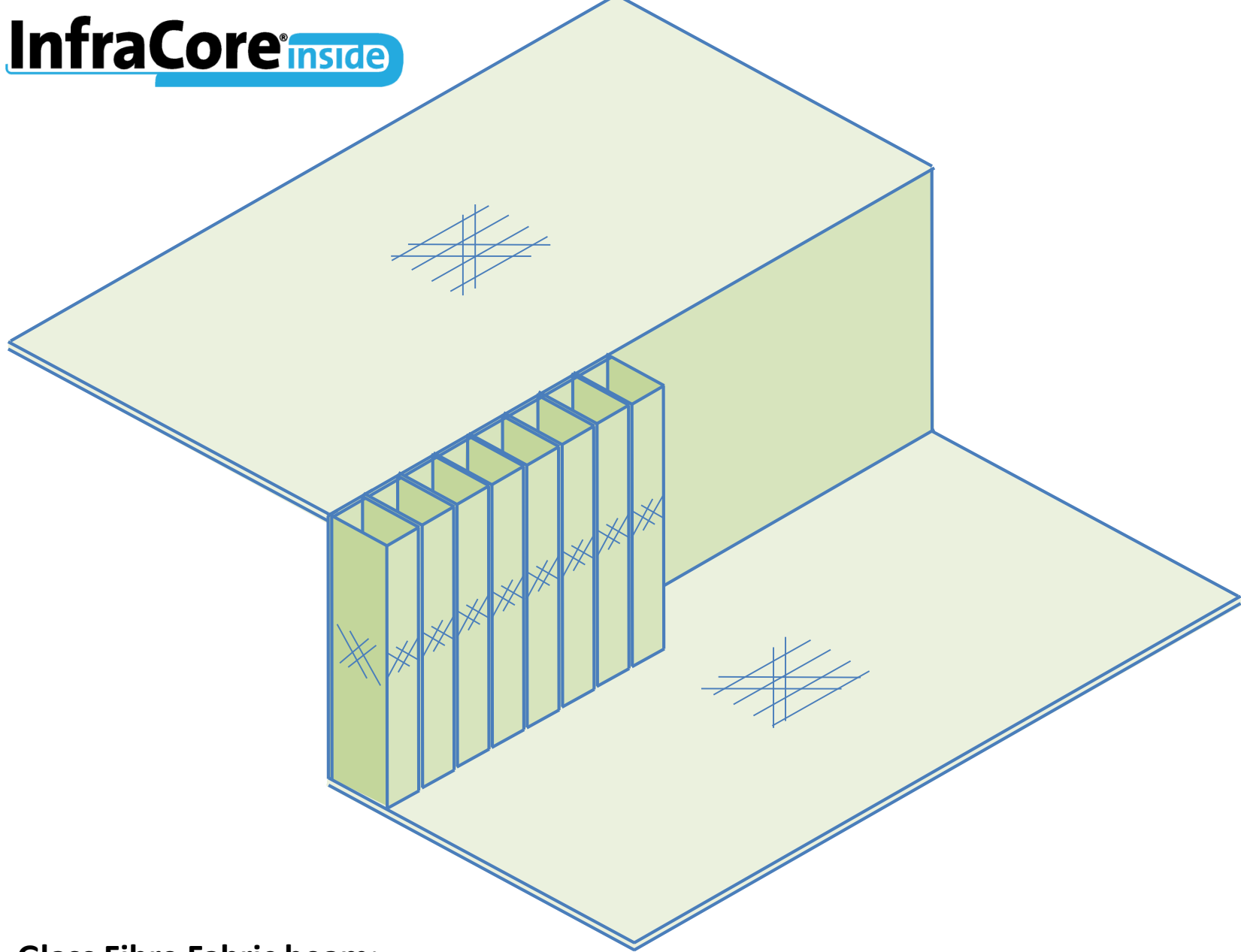
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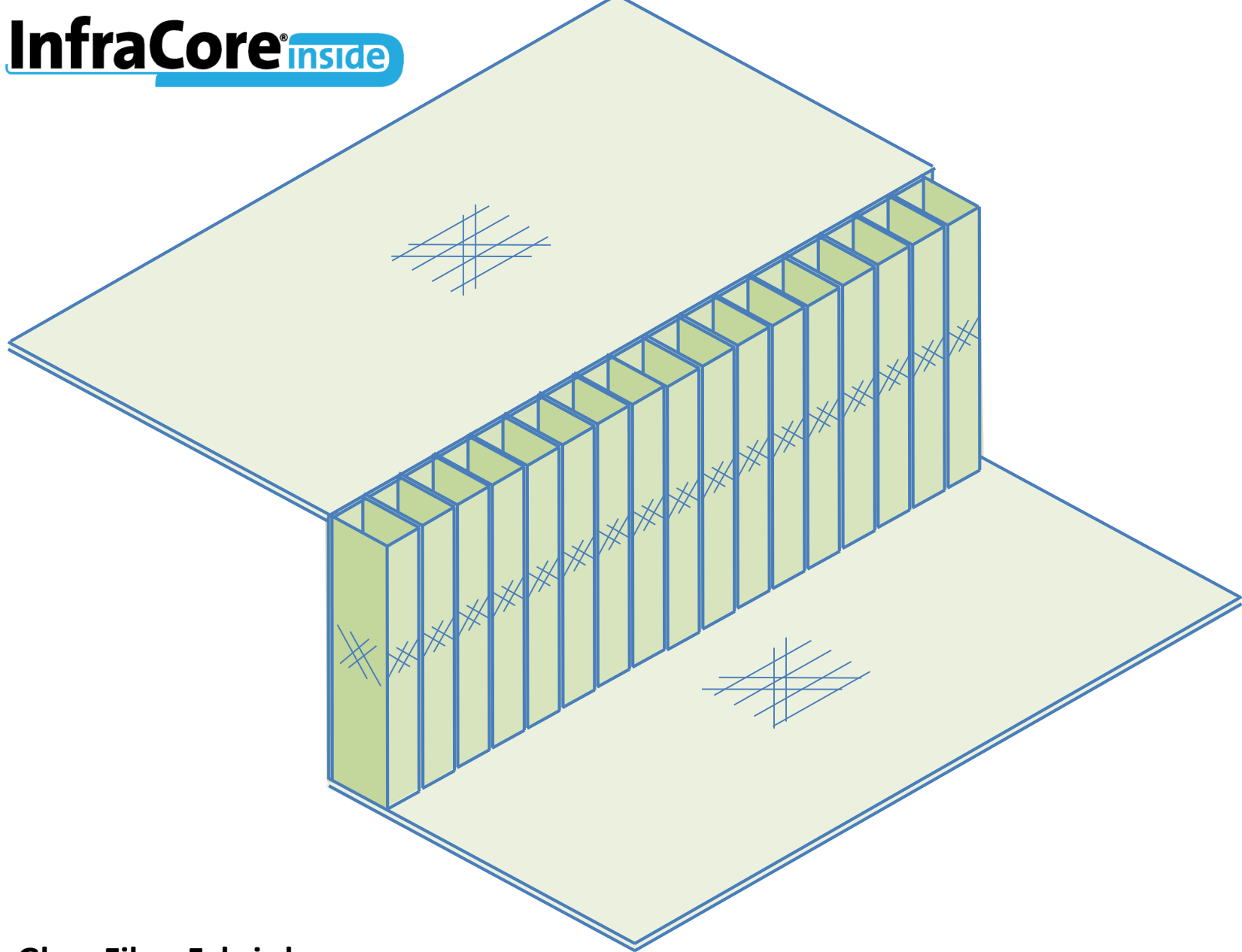
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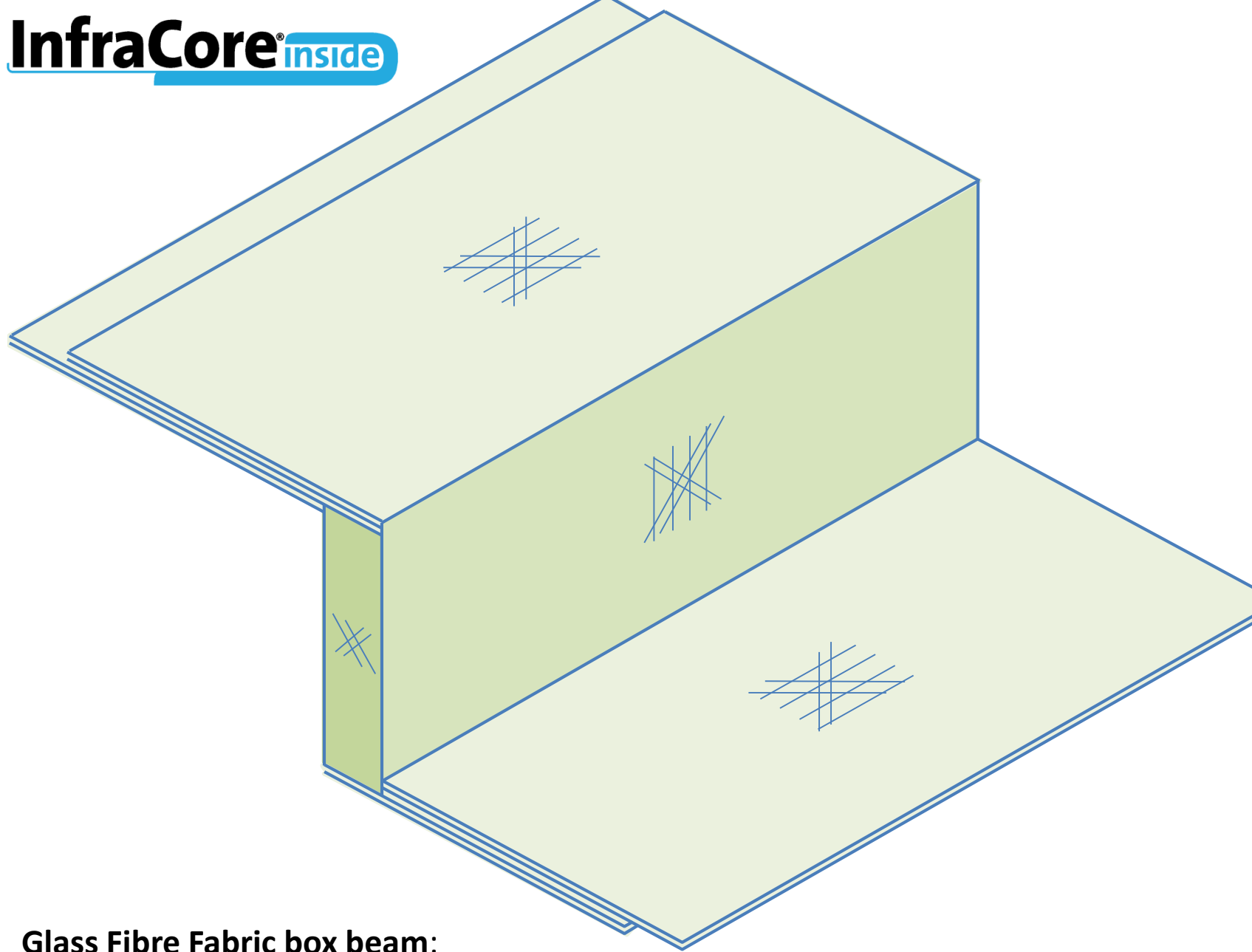
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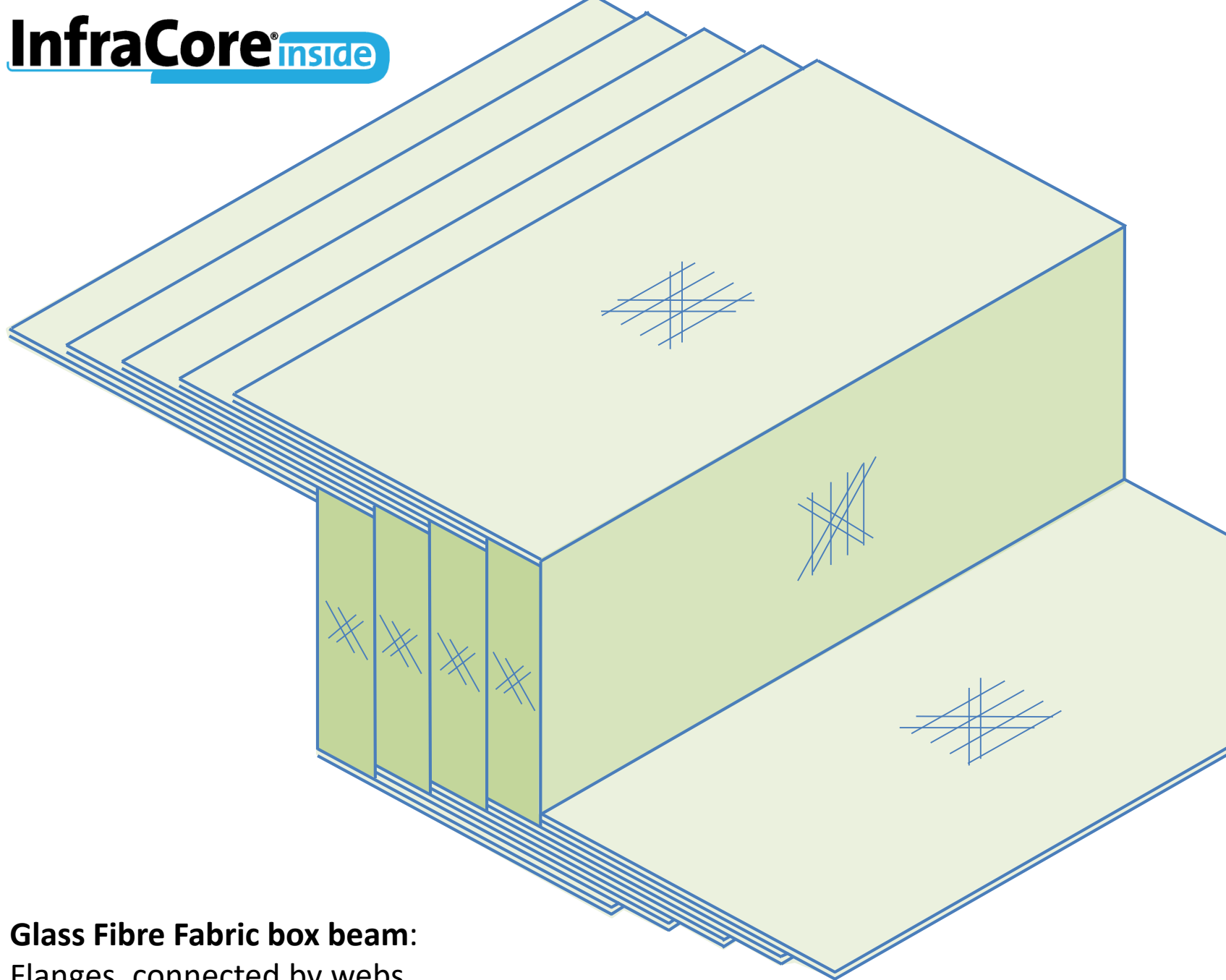
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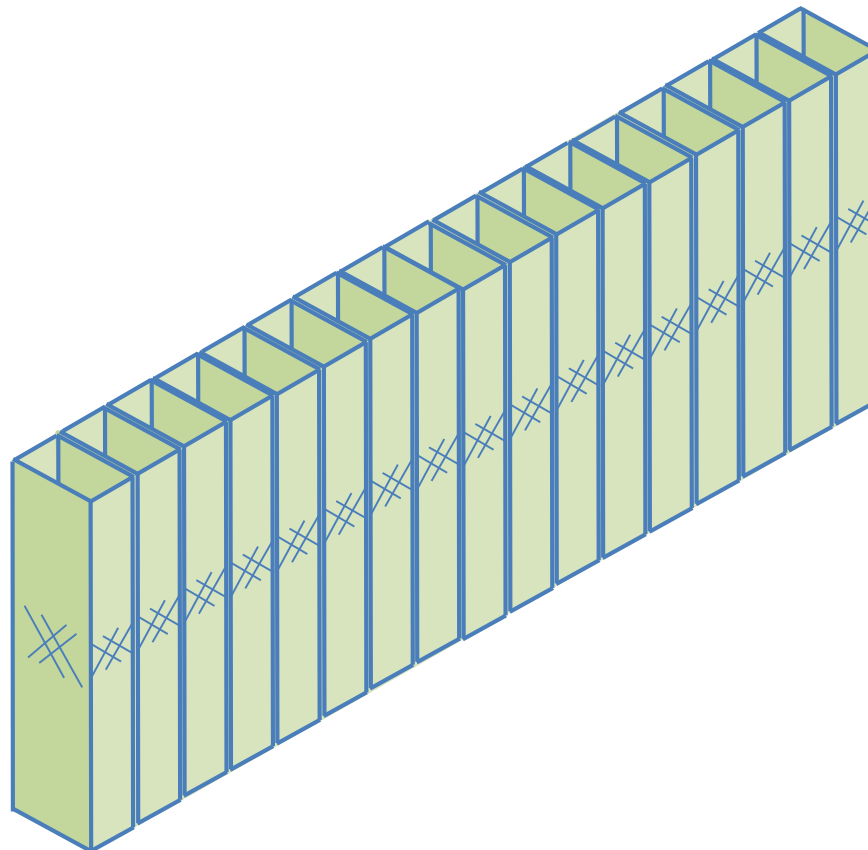
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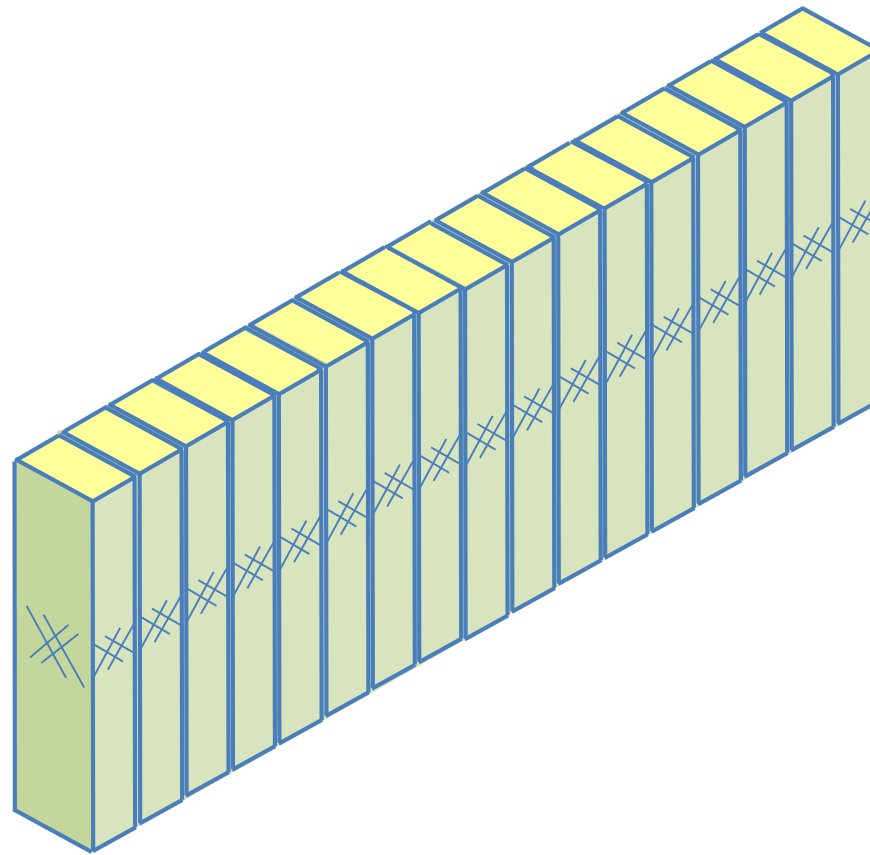
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Core configurations:

Multi-box plate

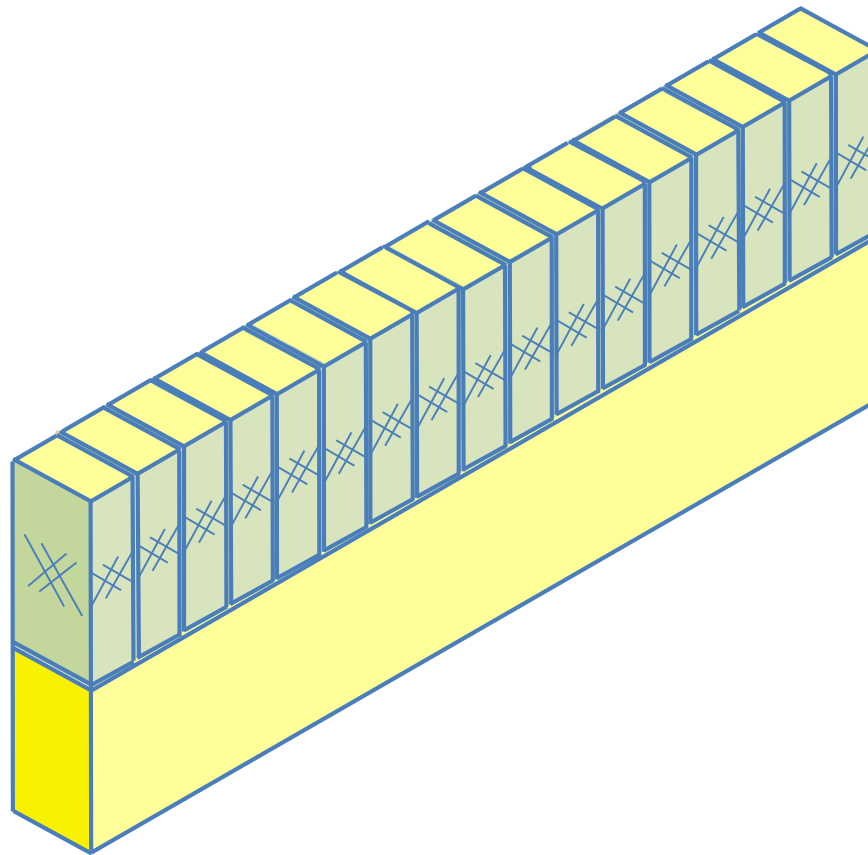
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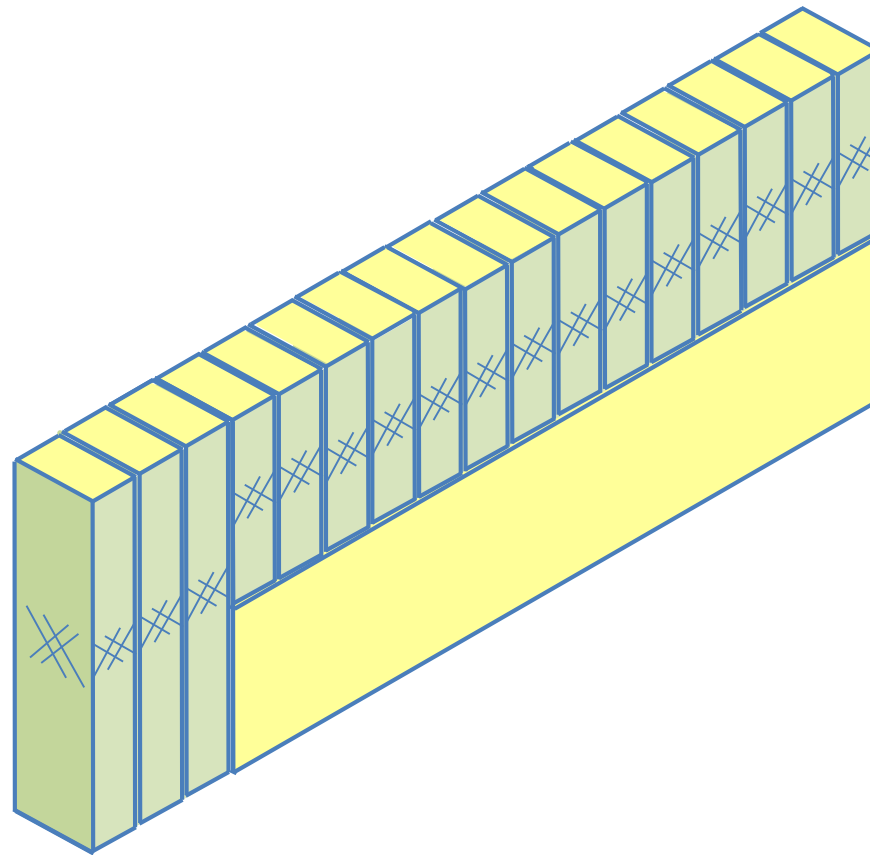
±45° fabric + foam



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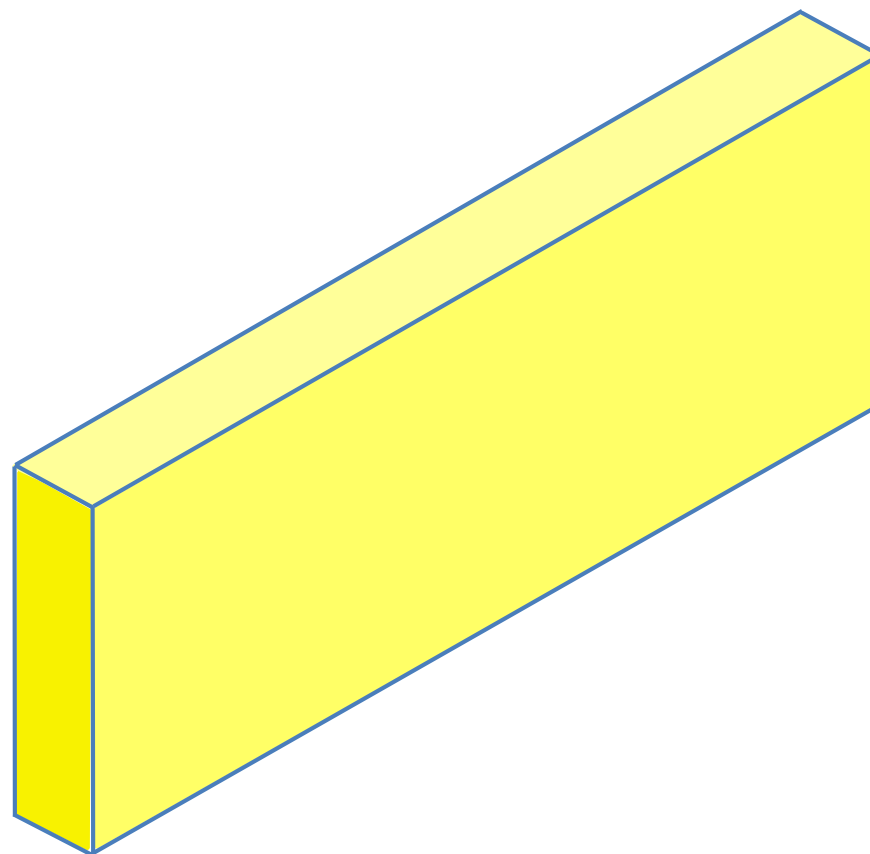
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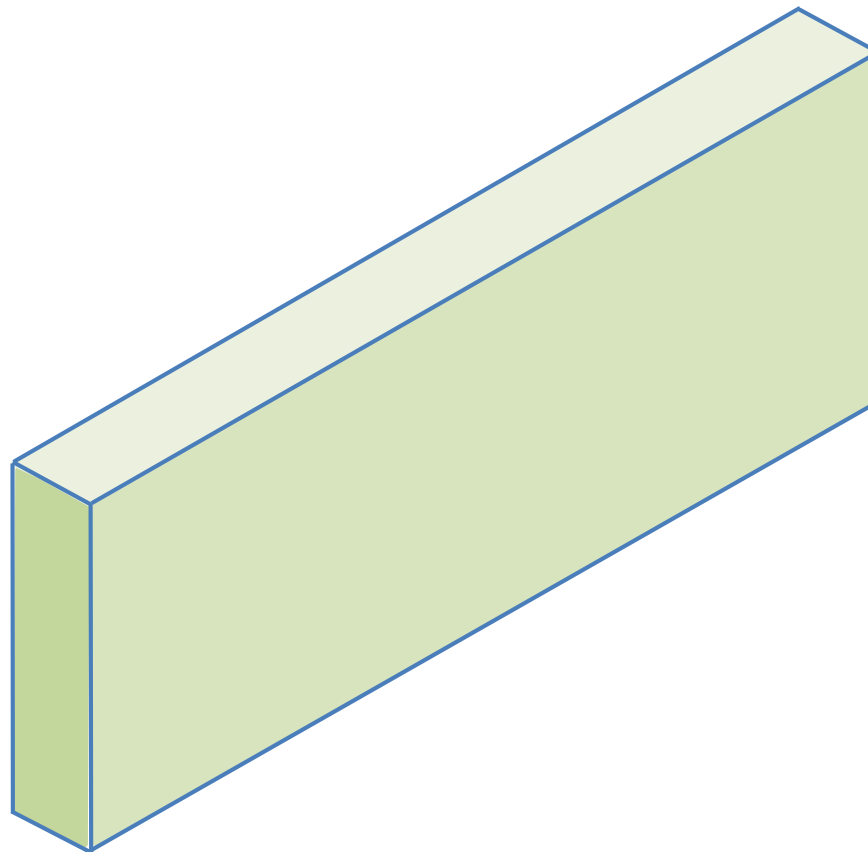
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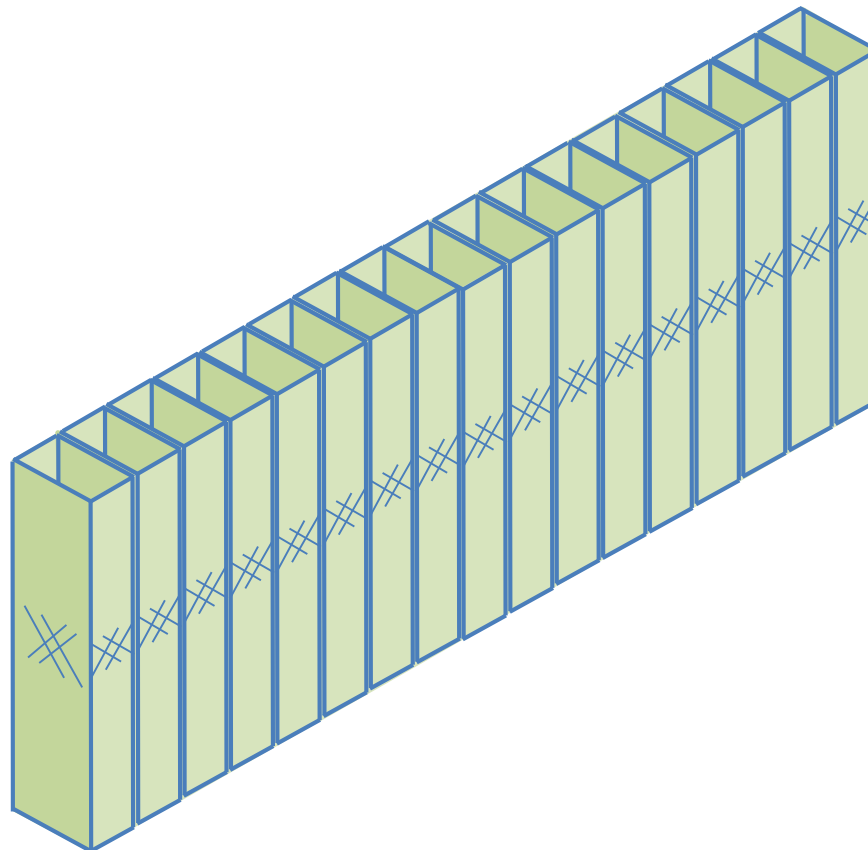


Core configurations:
Foam (lost mould core)



Core configurations:

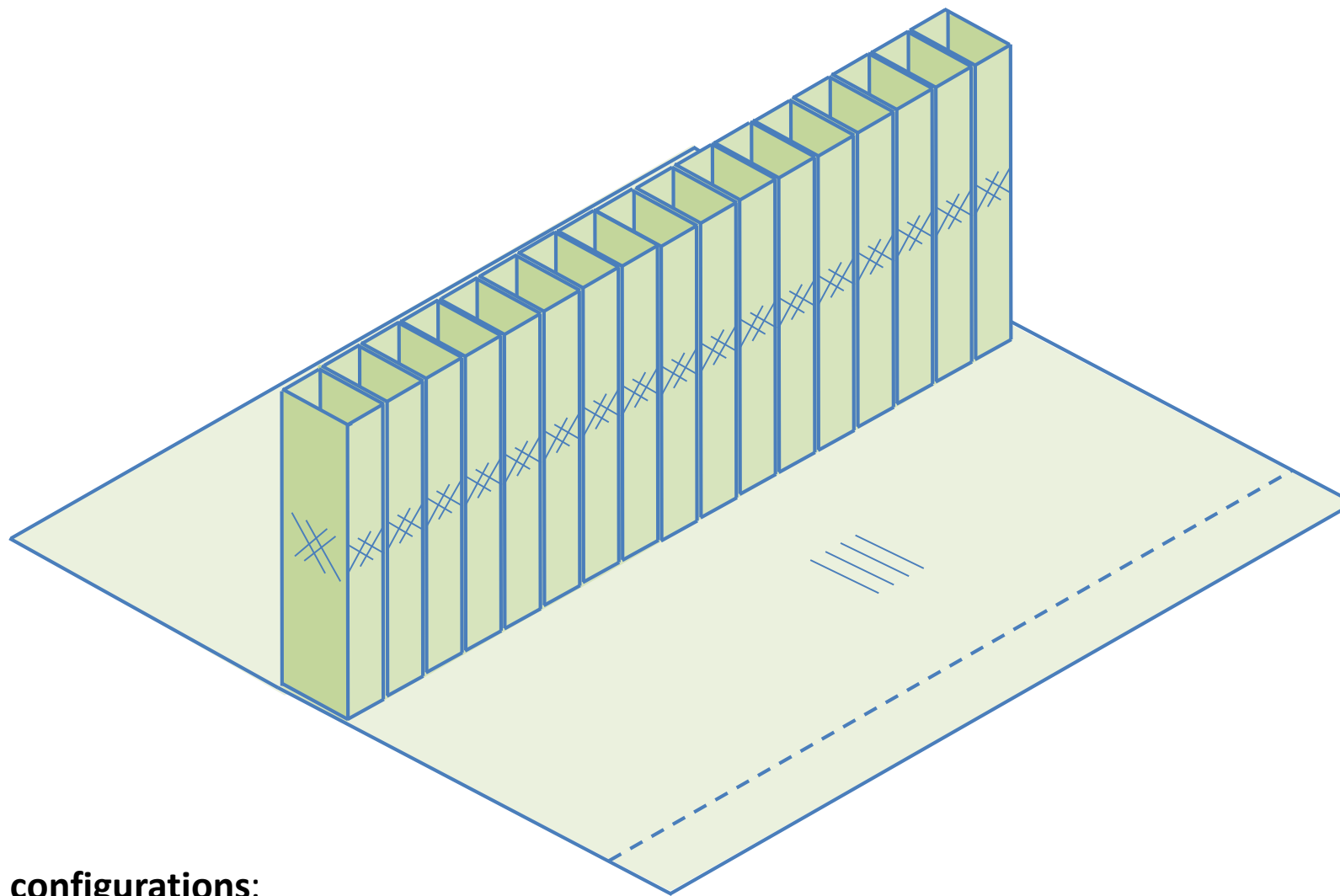
Massive fibre reinforced plastic plate



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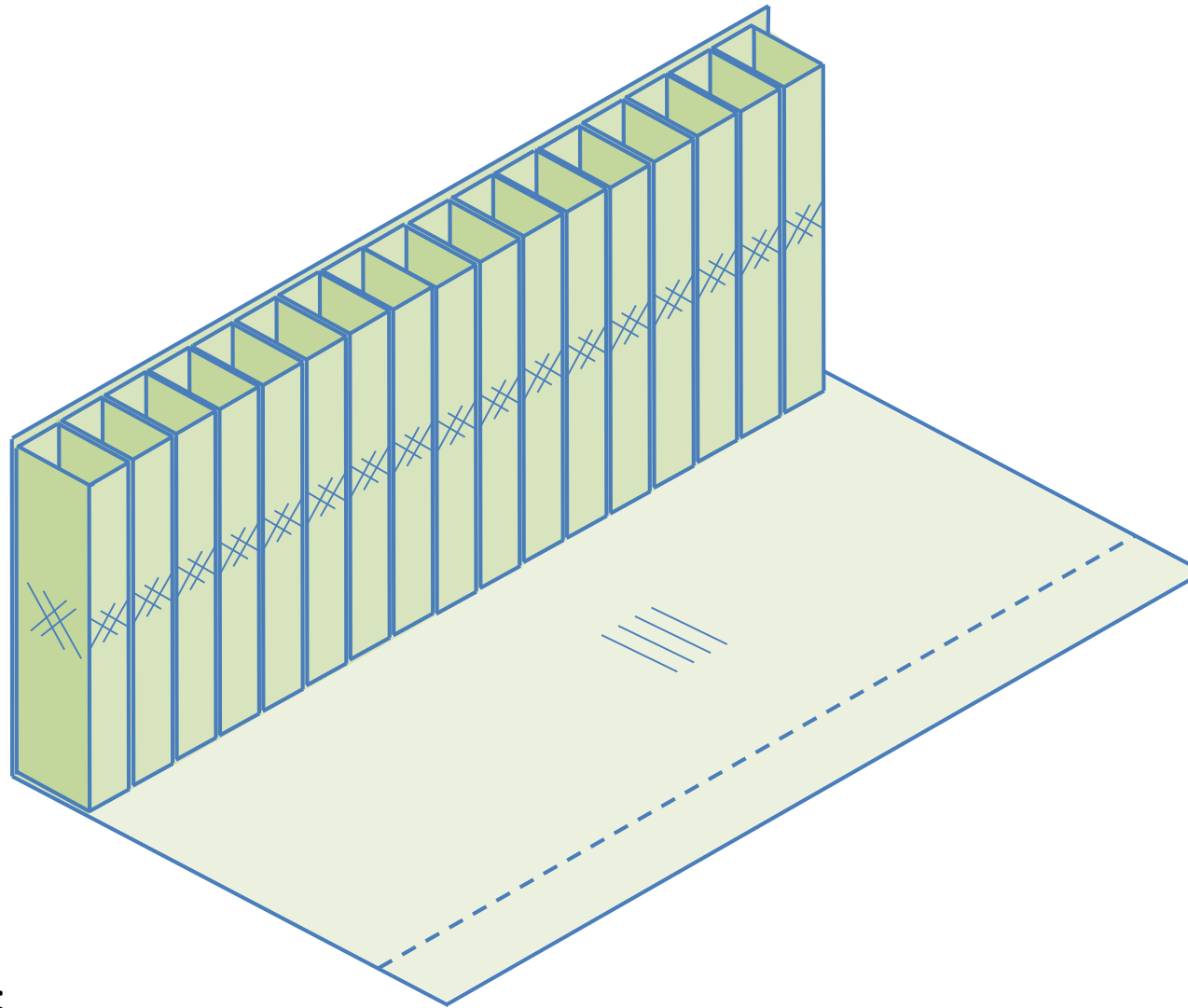
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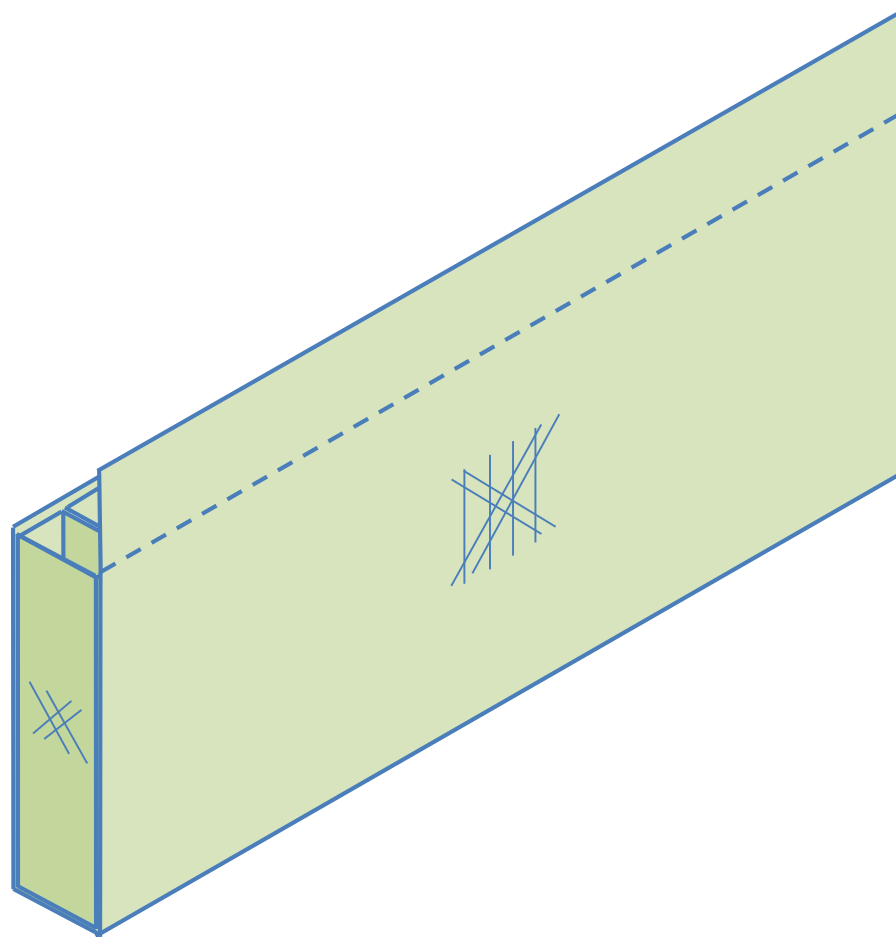
±45° fabric + core wrap of 90° fabric



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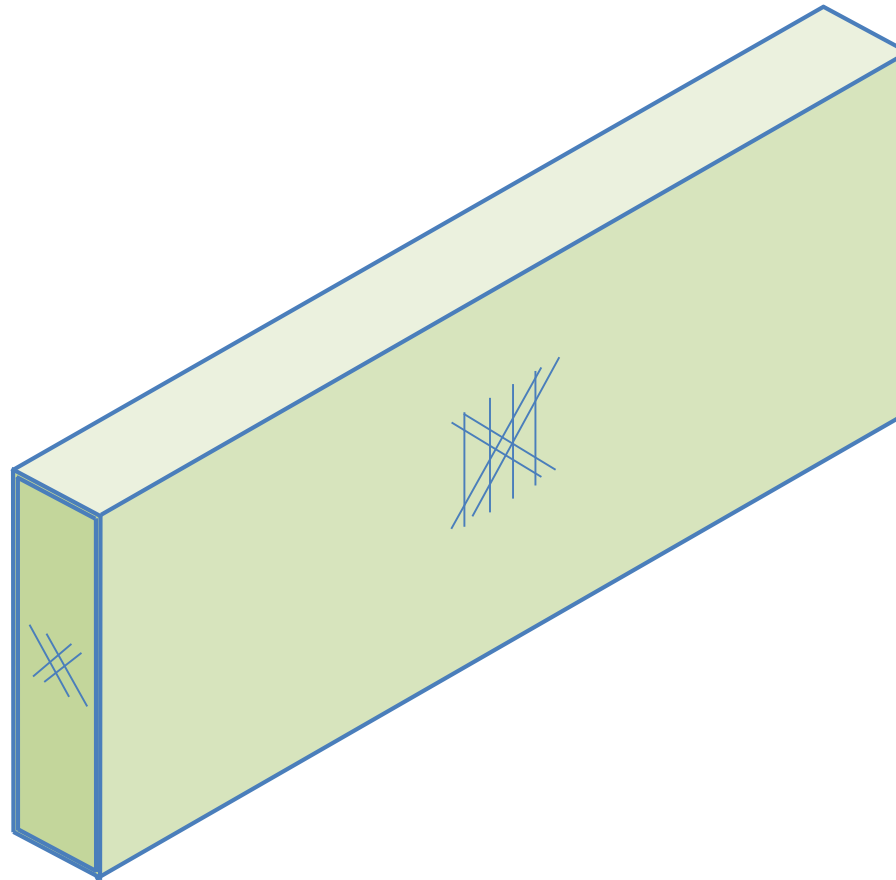
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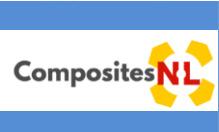
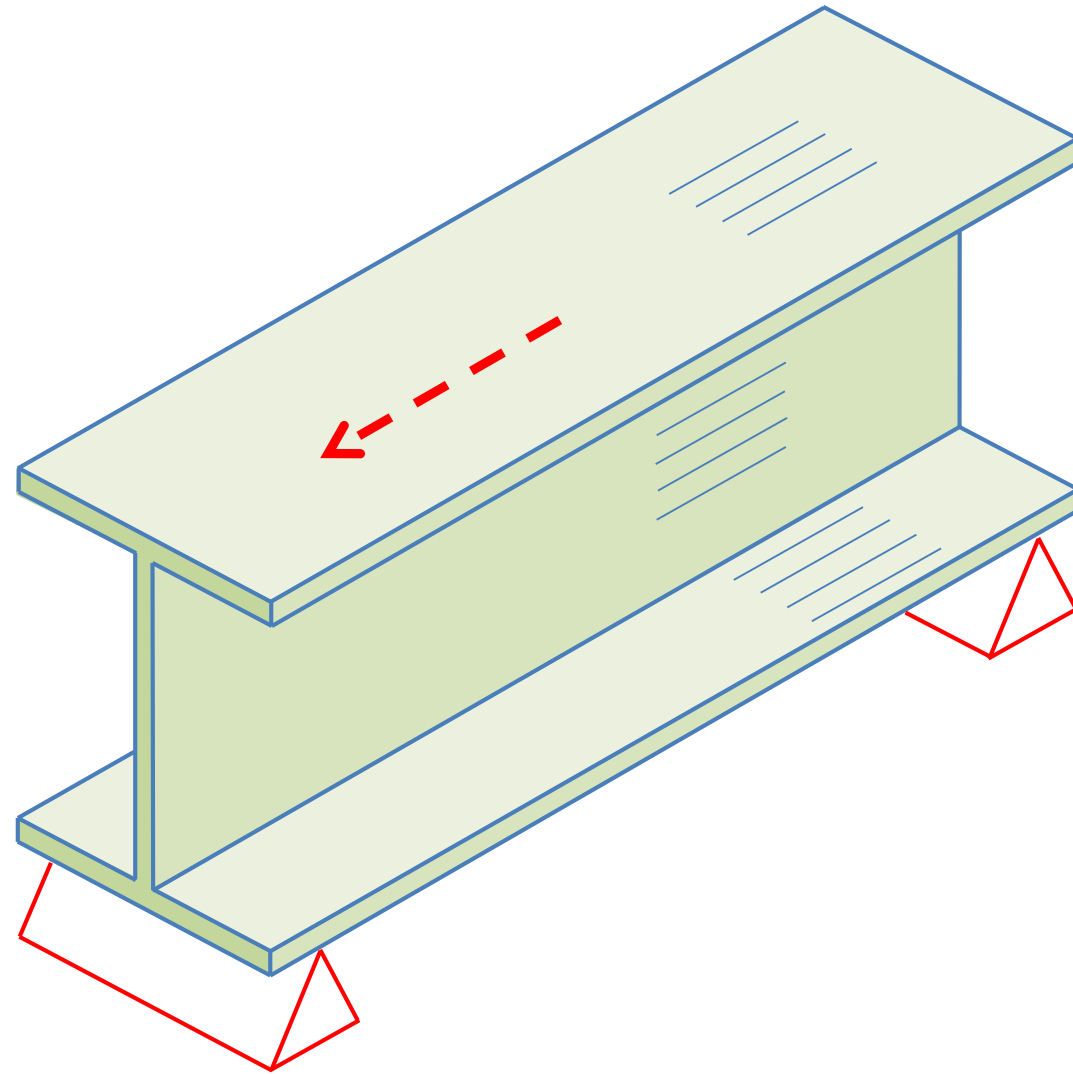
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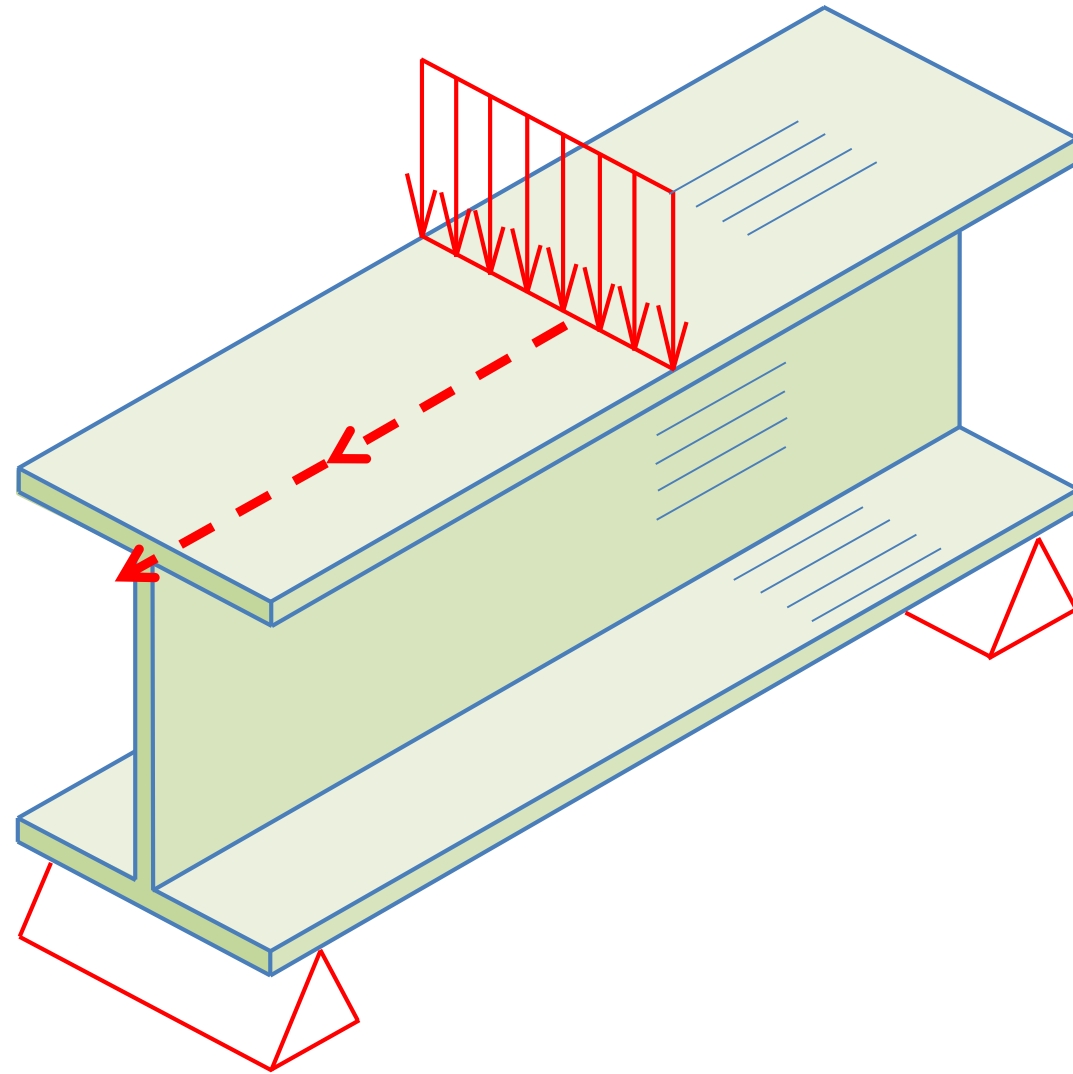
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GRP pultruded beam: Achilles heel

Supported in three-point bending

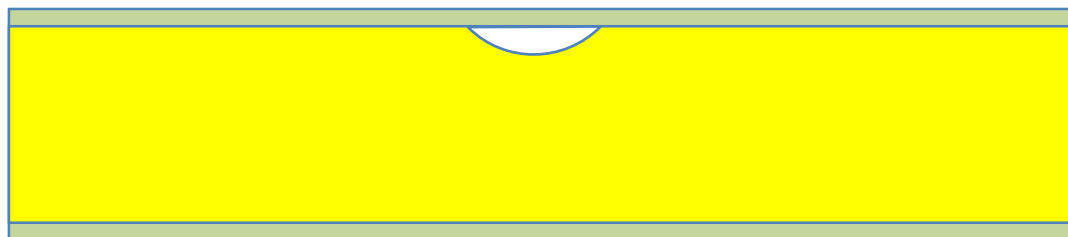
Impacted by hard object → flange-web crack initiation



GRP pultruded beam: Achilles heel

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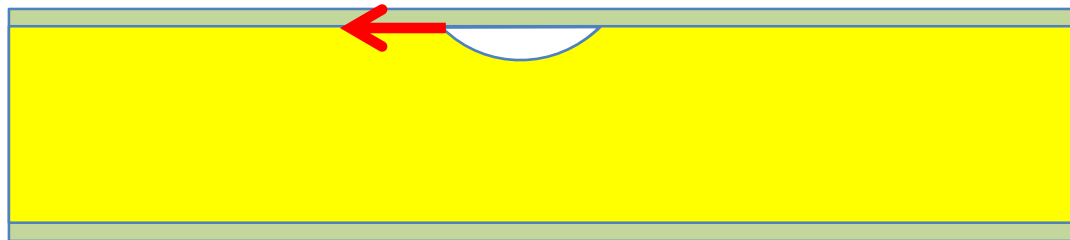
Unarrested crack growth → catastrophic failure



Classic sandwich: Achilles Heel

Two skins bonded on a core

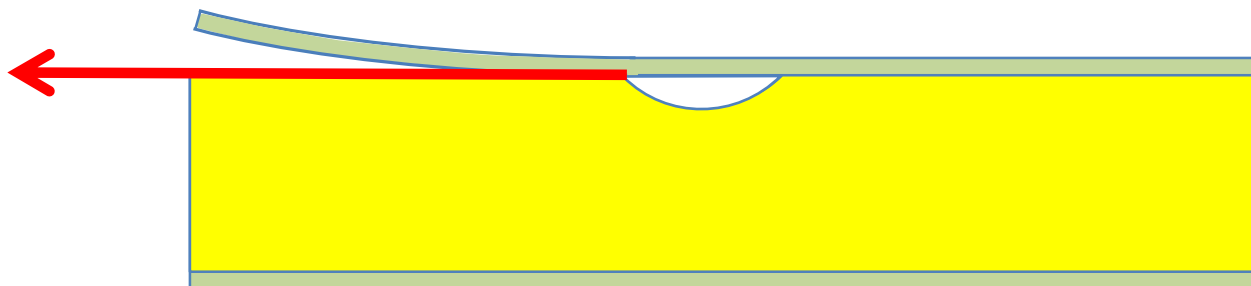
Impacted by hard object → skin-core debonding



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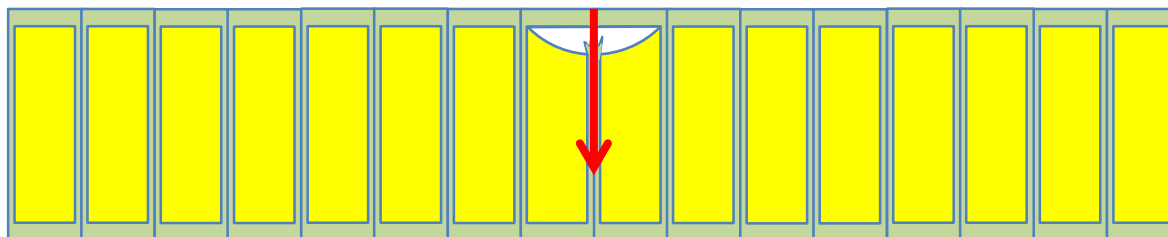
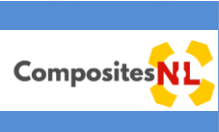
Crack growth caused by rolling loads



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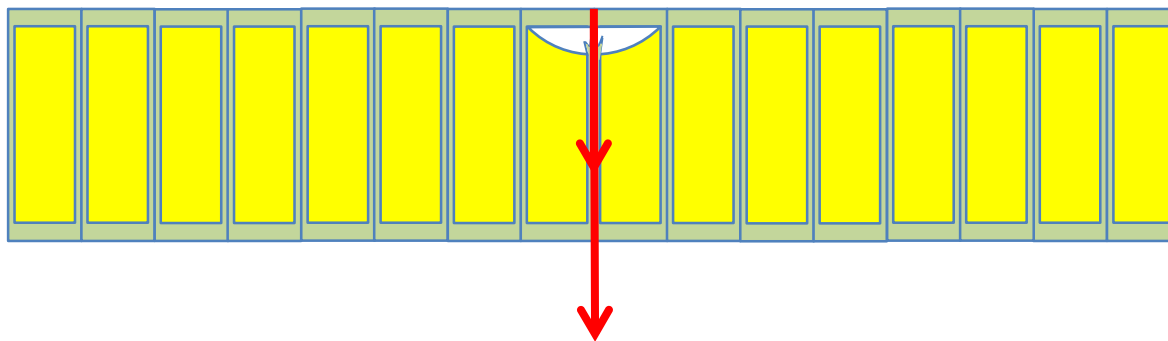
Catastrophic failure, due to unrestricted weak resin dominated fracture path



Multi beam plate: Achilles Heel

Many box beams bonded together

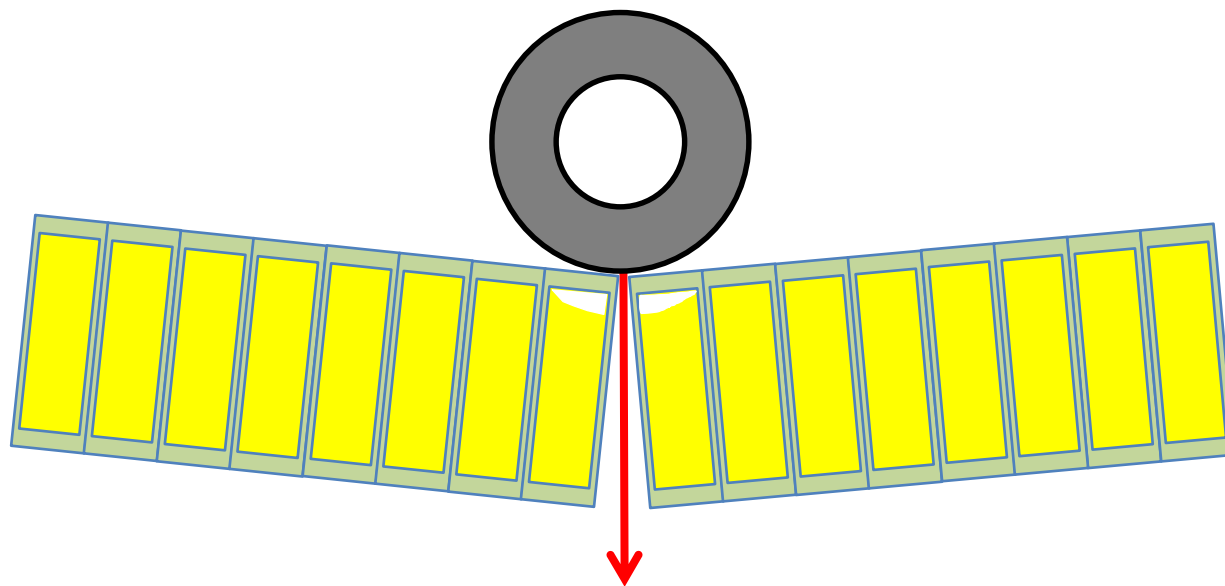
Impacted by hard object → crack in and between webs



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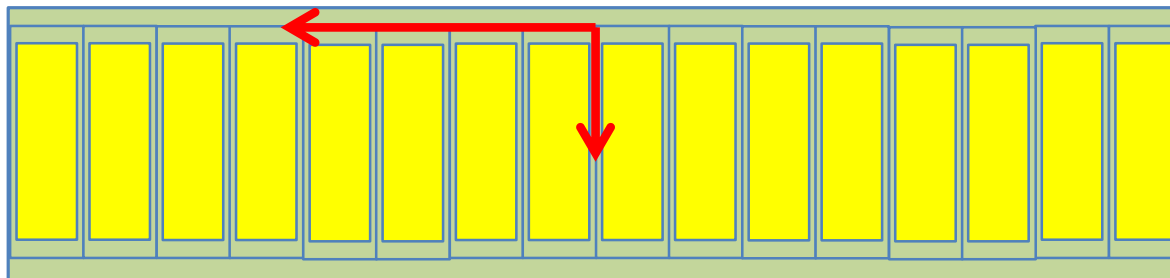
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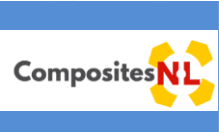
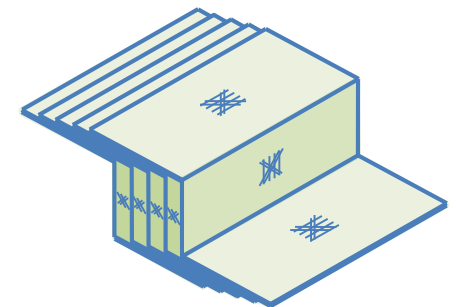
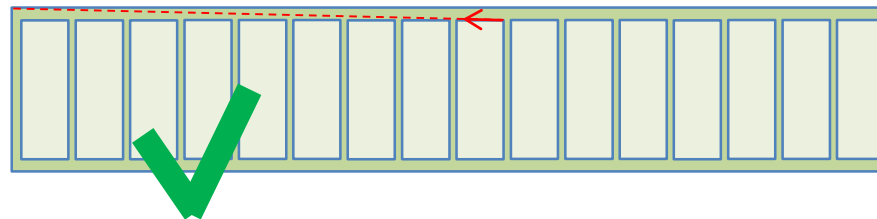
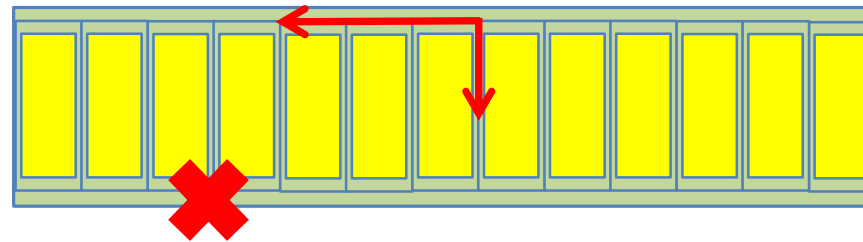
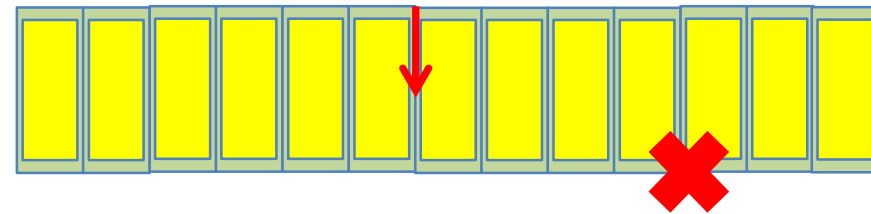
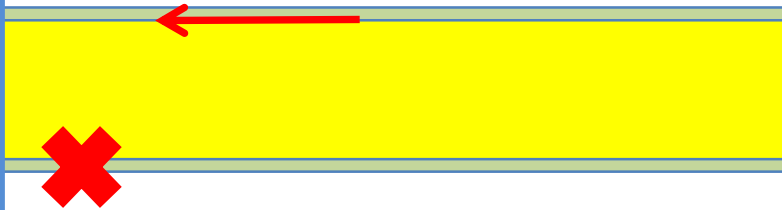
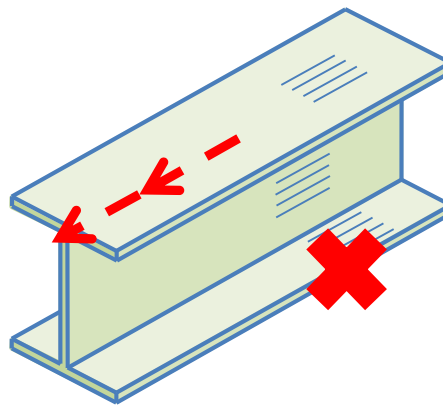
Failure, due to unrestricted weak resin dominated fracture path



Multi beam plate: Achilles Heel

Many box beams bonded together, with additional deck layers

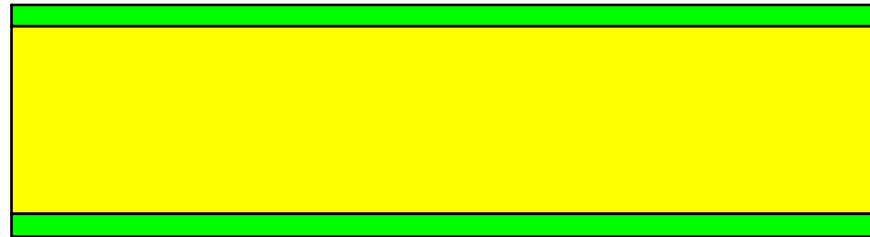
Impacted by hard object → two weak resin dominated fracture paths



Glass Fibre Fabric box beam:
Extreme robustness

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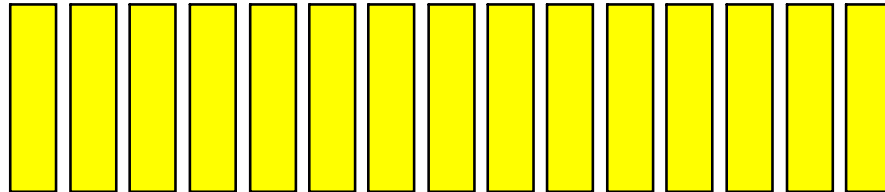
From classic sandwich to InfraCore...



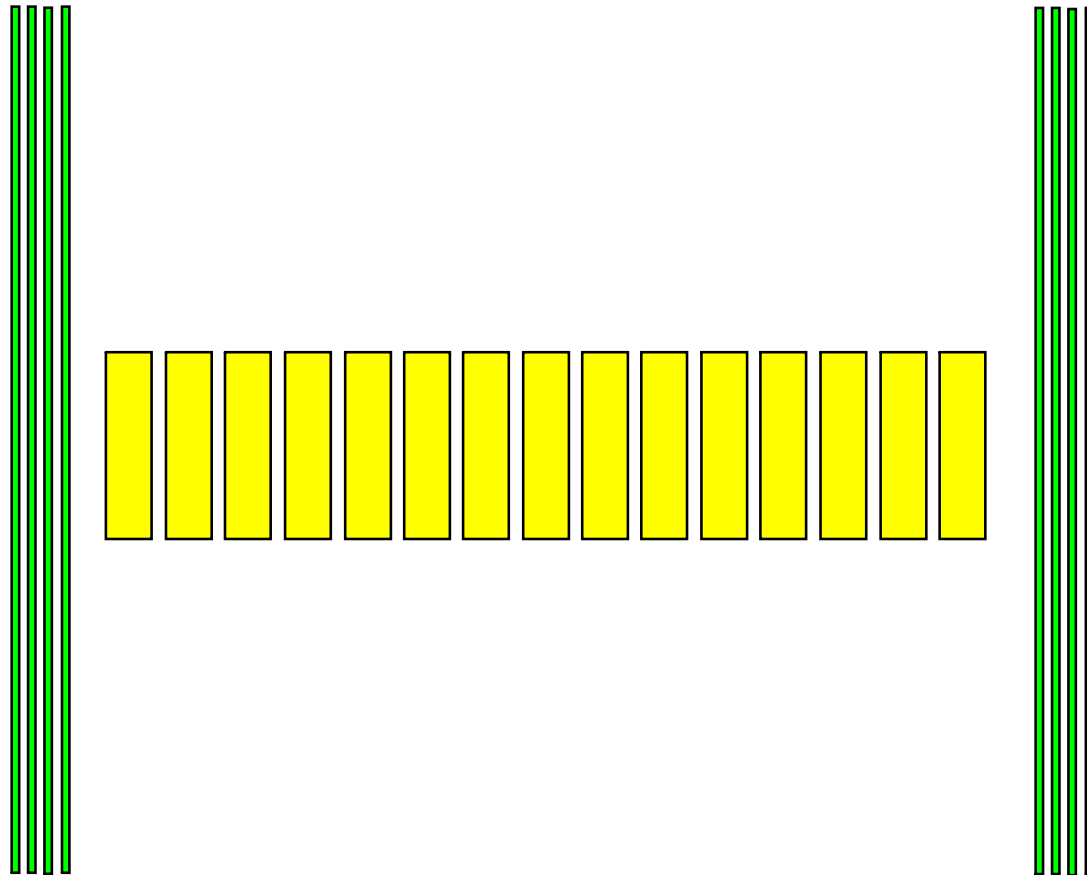
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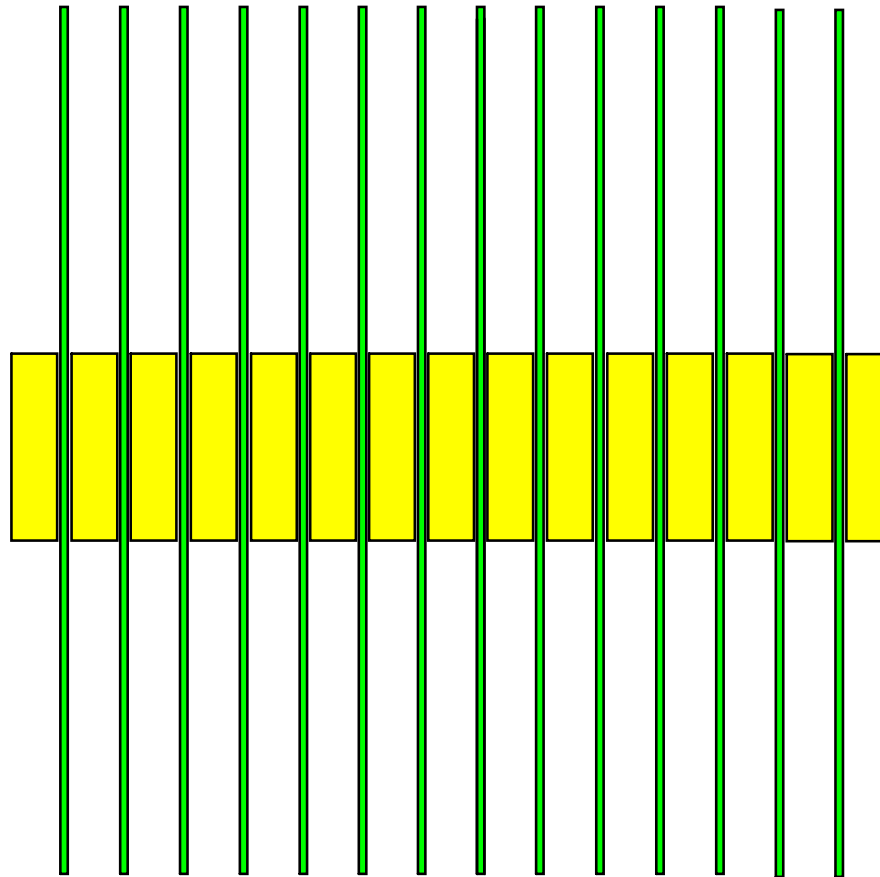
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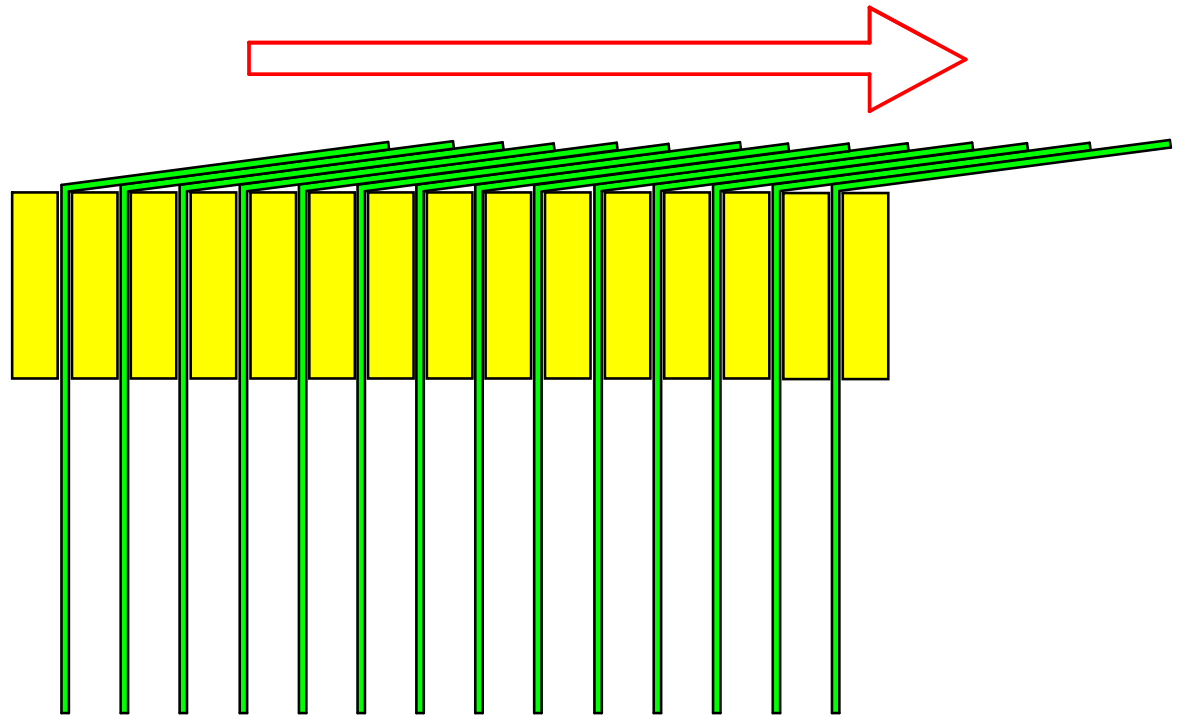
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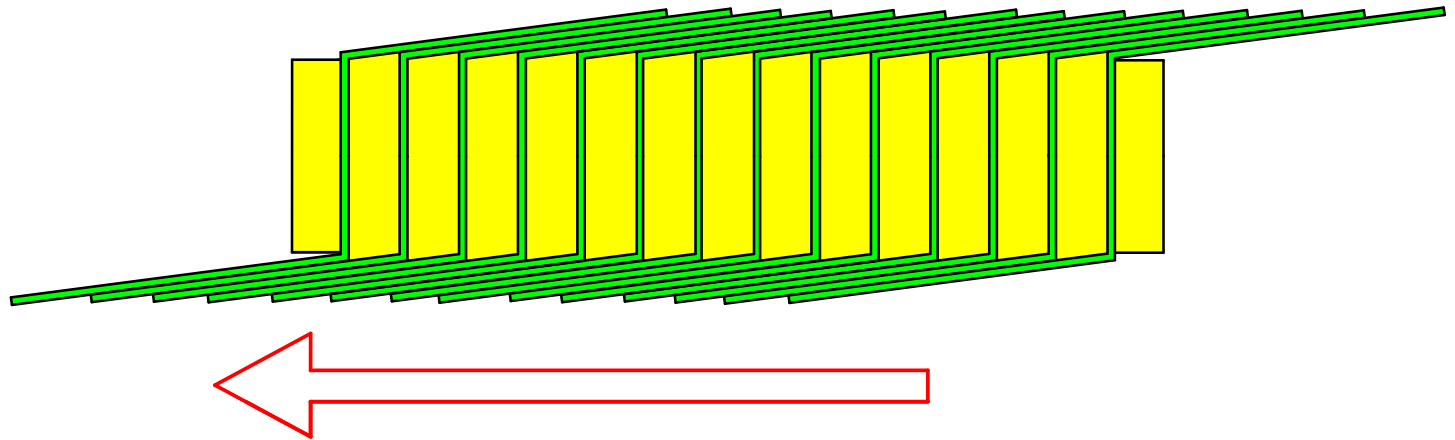
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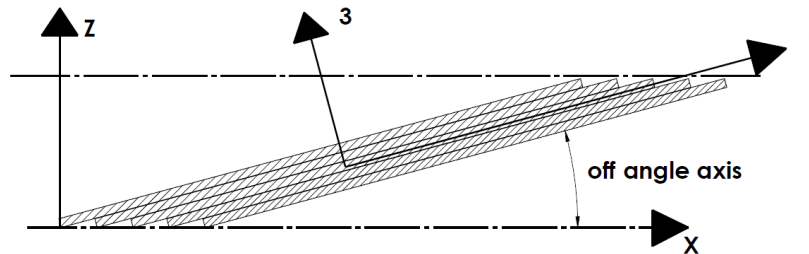
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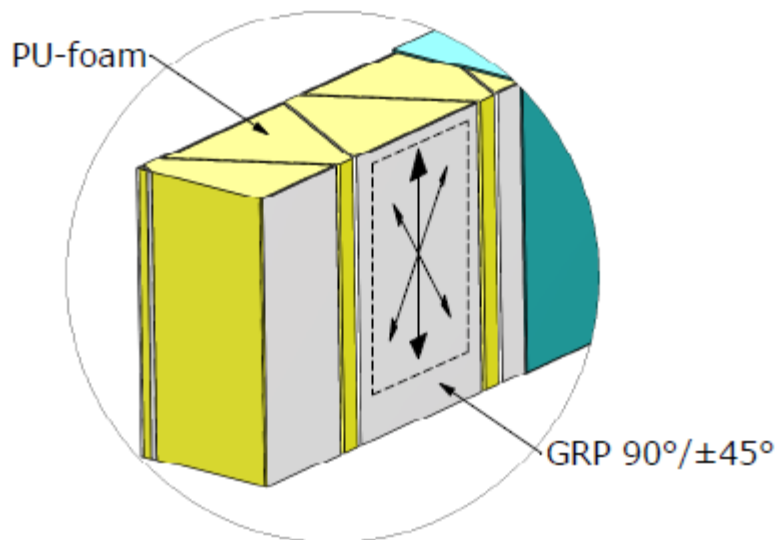
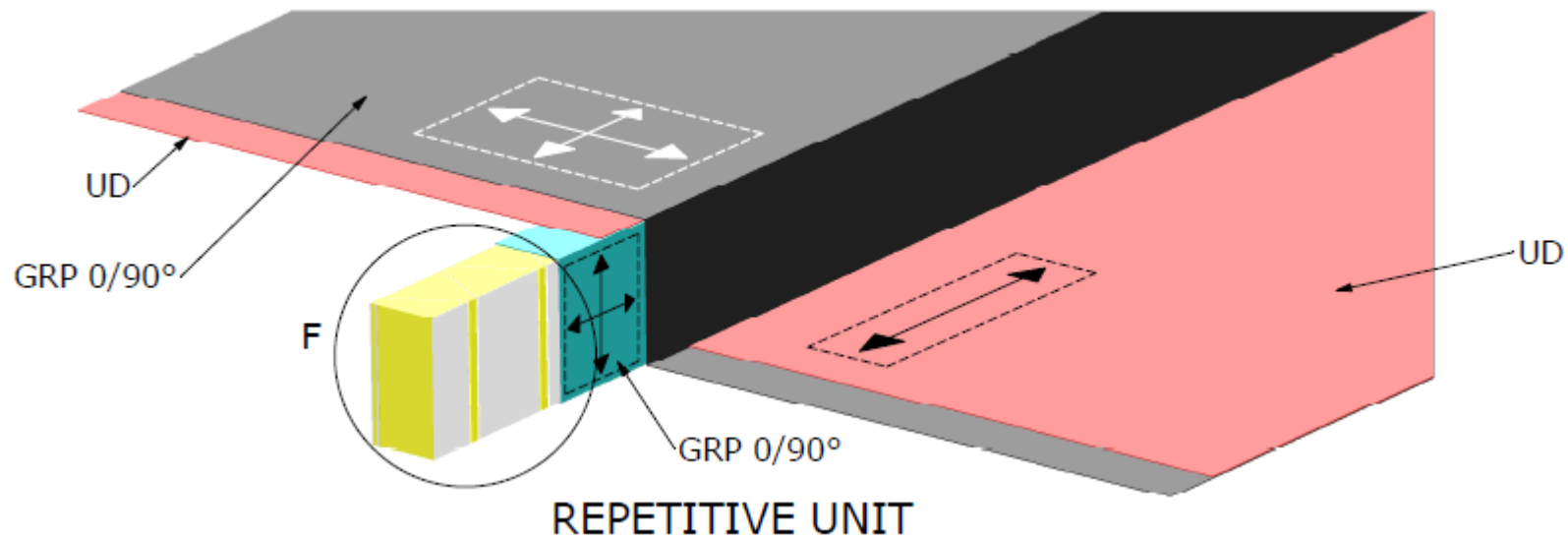
InfraCore Inside

- skin = in essence a new material
- through-the-thickness off-axis
- new name coined:

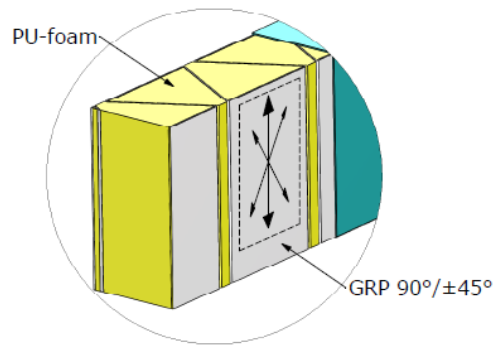
“oblique layered composites”



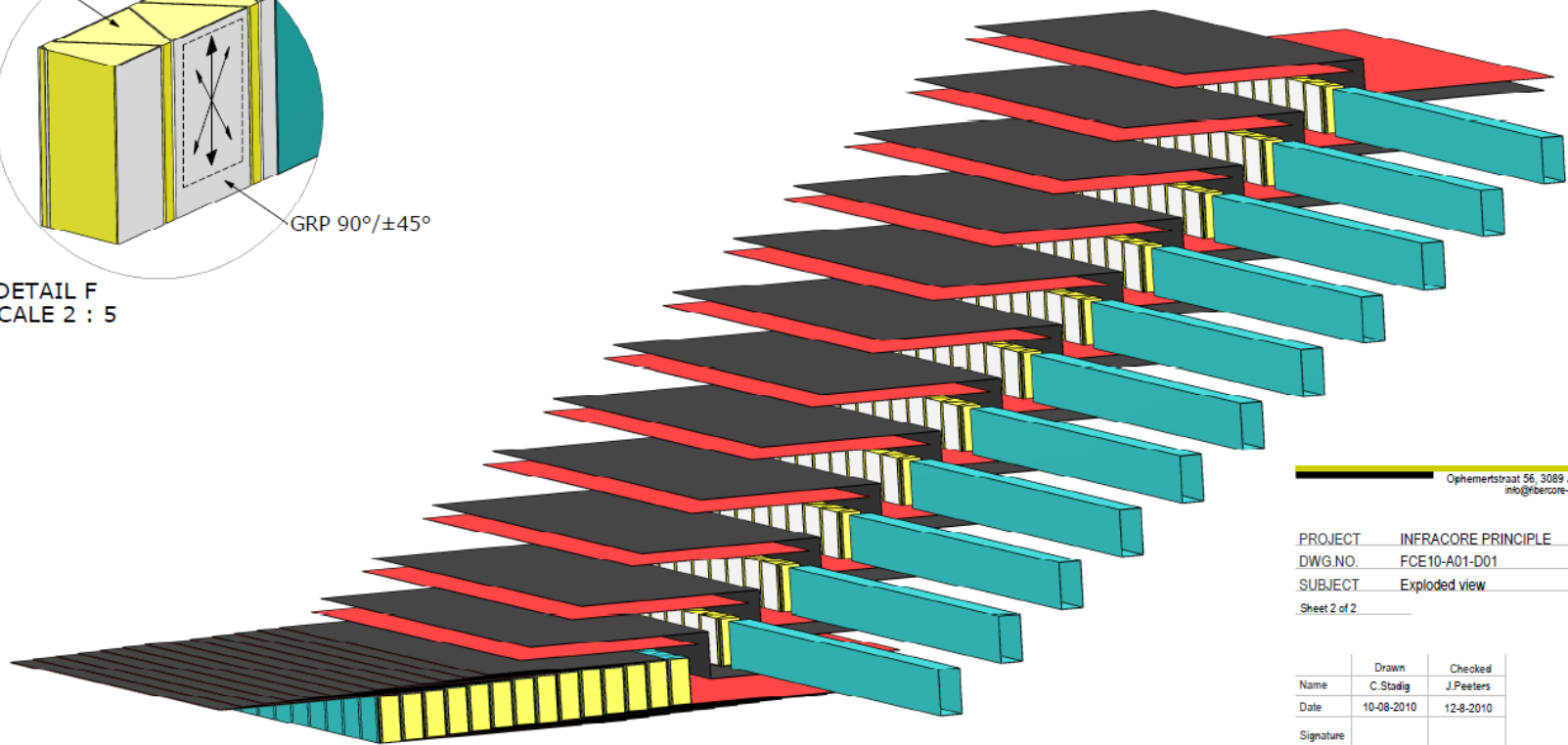
- complete filled 6x6 compliance matrix
- to be fully modelled...



What is InfraCore



DETAIL F
SCALE 2 : 5



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PROJECT INFRACORE PRINCIPLE

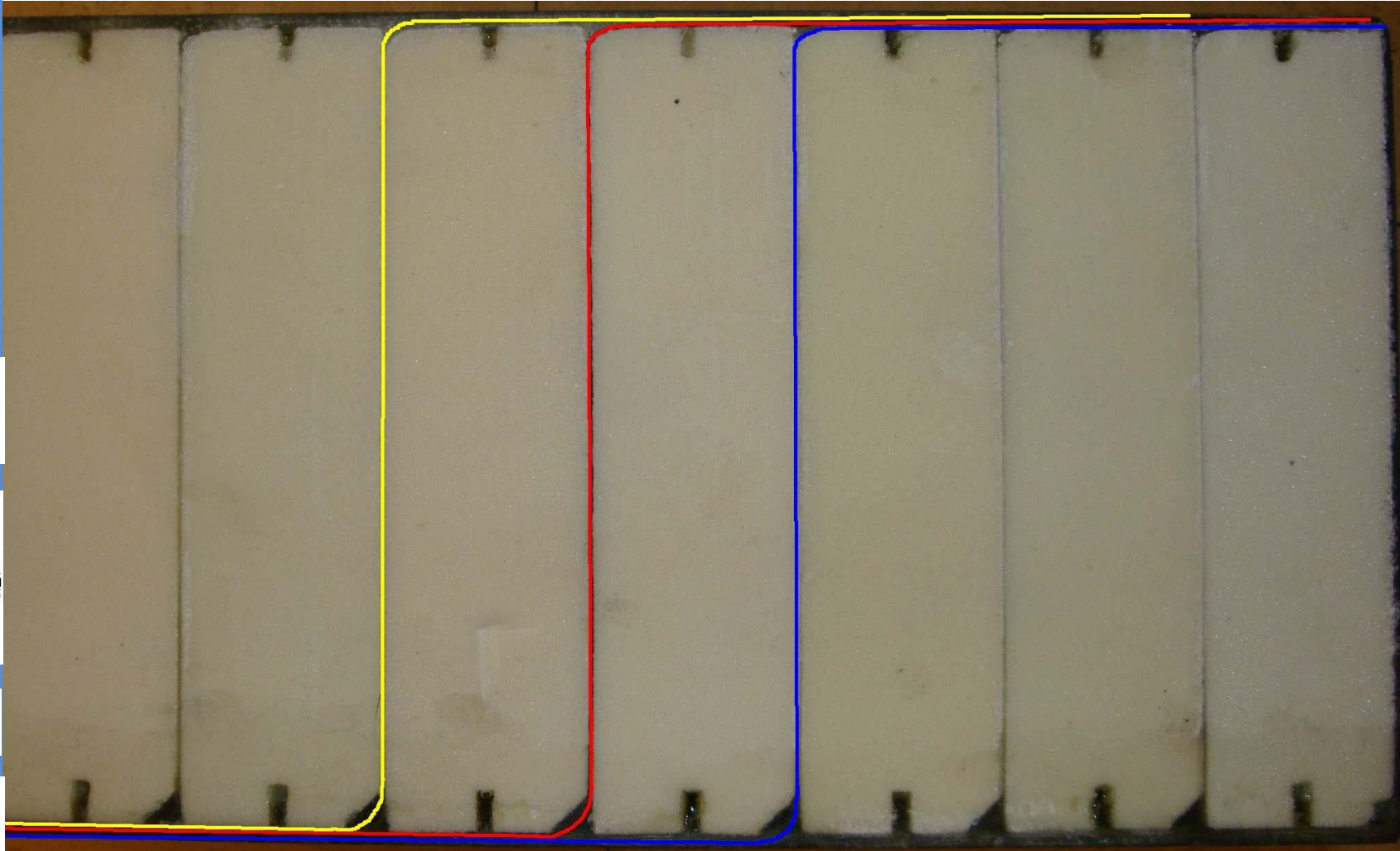
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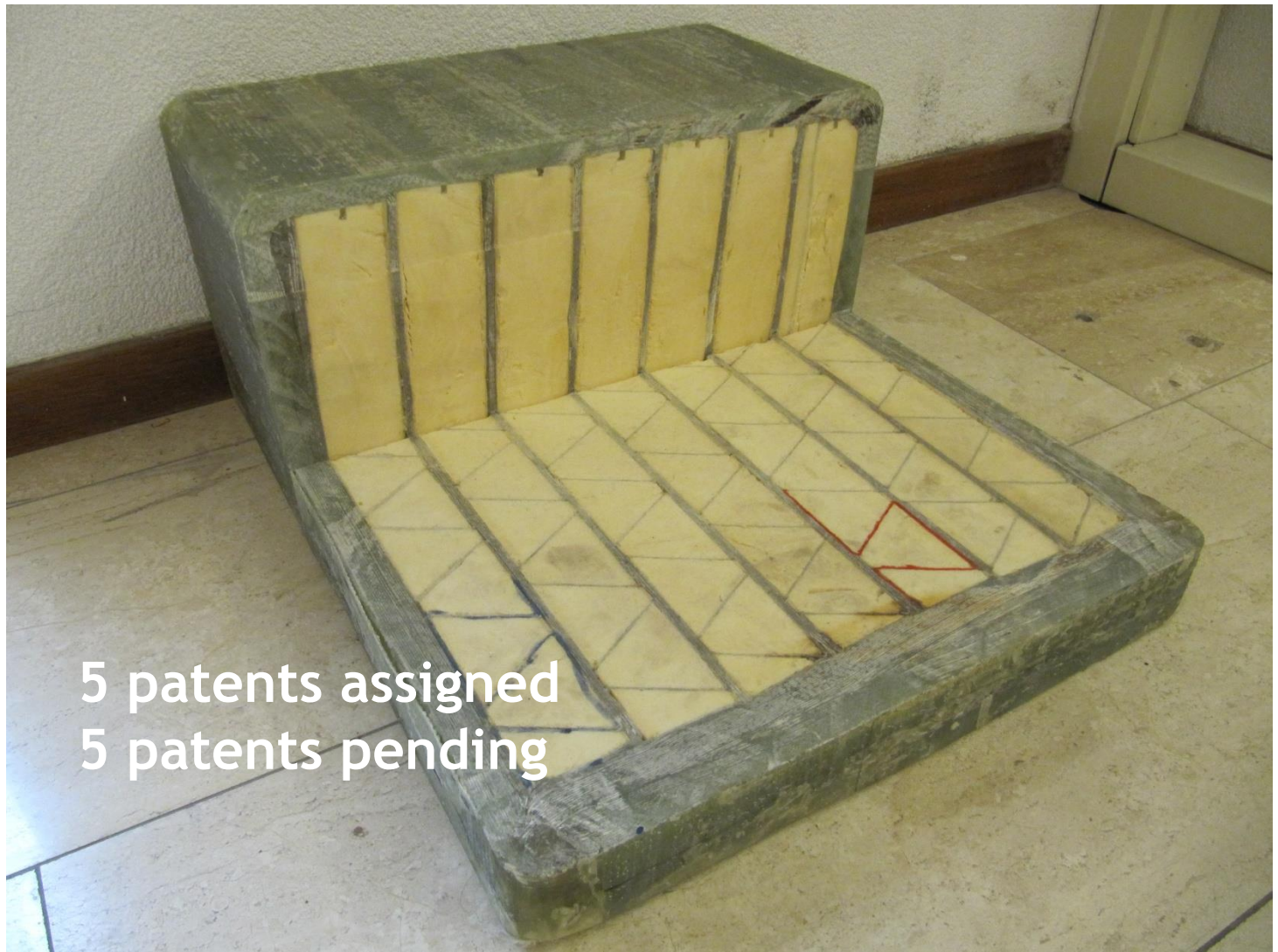
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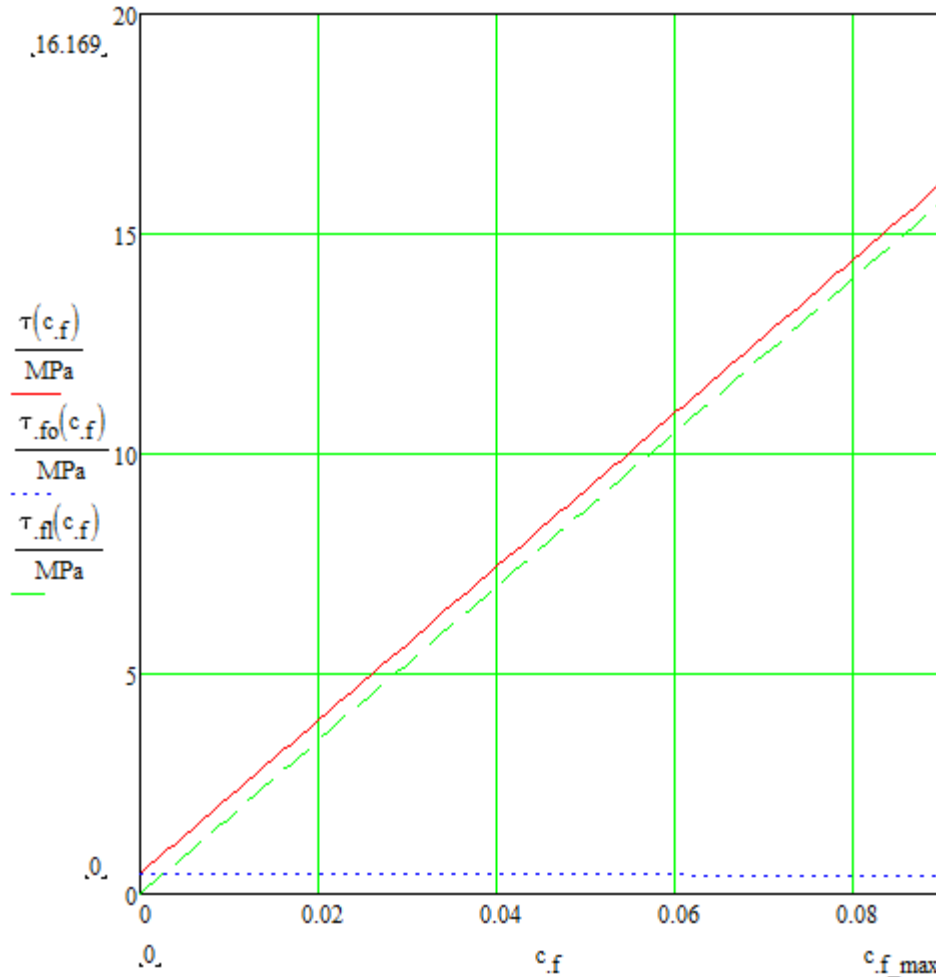


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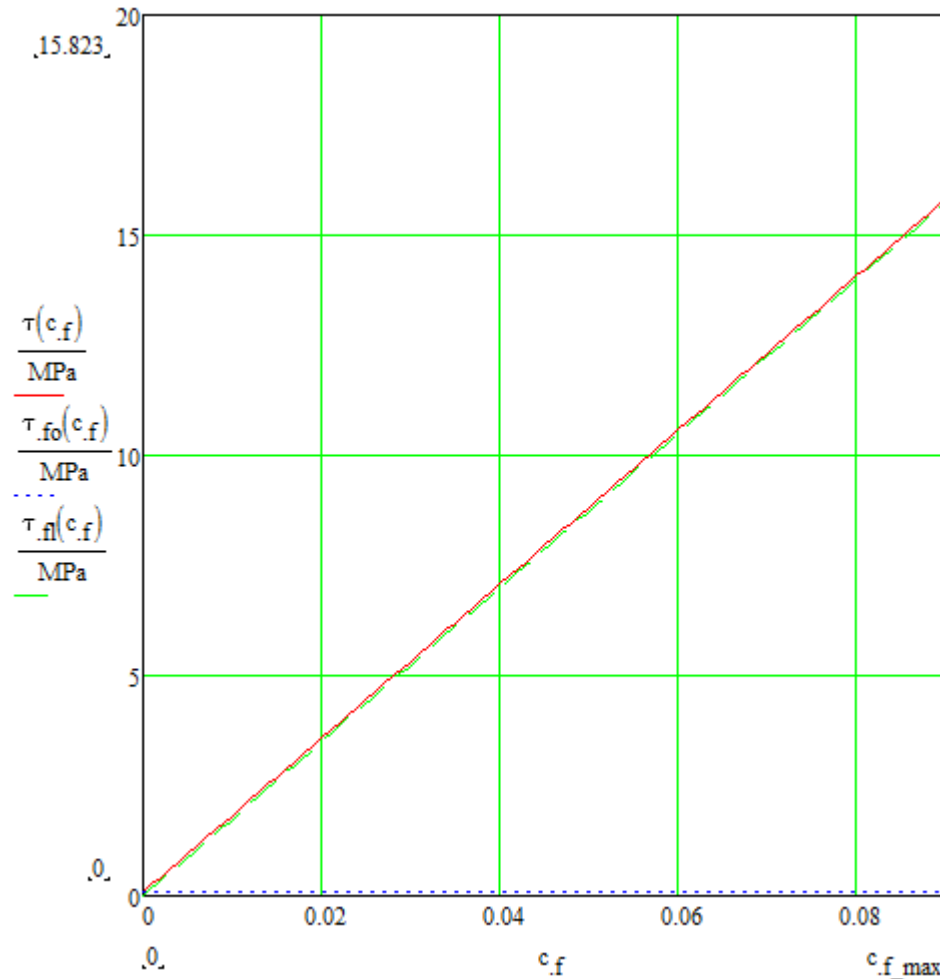
5 patents assigned
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Foam contribution to InfraCore



InfraCore Inside, with
Airex T90 65 kg/m³
constructive PET-foam

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InfraCore Inside, with
PU 35 kg/m³ Nestaan,
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The essence of InfraCore Inside[®]

InfraCore Inside combines the advantages of sandwich structures and multi-beam plates, without the drawbacks.



This makes InfraCore Inside the product of choice for very robust heavy duty applications, such as bridges, lock gates, etc.

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