

Pendentive domes - diameter = diagonal  
lower profile, easiest to do.

bricks 25x15x5

Placing the bricks at an angle  $\perp$  to the line from the centre ( $10-15^\circ$ ) reduces likelihood of slipping during construction but intact complete rings are stable. With two diagonals this is easy. The  $10^\circ$  inclination can be introduced as a refinement. It was not being used by Nubian master masons we trained with compression rings.

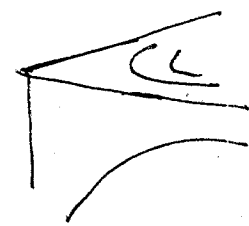
(Trace dome) - string or pole from centre. String easy

Pendentive on 3.50-4 metre dome -  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hrs each  
Dome in stages - 7 hours, then 5 hours, then 3 hours -  
ie as weight increases, allowing drying, but intact structure, as with vault is stable before drying

use 70% clay  
25 sheets  
10% c.

Time scale. Footings 5 days. 1m on 2 lab. —  
Walls to spring points. 6 days. 1m 2L  
Arches and minor vault 6 days 1m 2L  
Vault + blind arches 6 days 1m 2L  
Pendentifs and ring beam - 4 days. 1m 1L  
Dome 5 days 1m 1L  
wall finish.

30 cm deep 70 wide



Bricks stabilised 70% cement for vault, dome. ~~arches~~

Curva ram blocks 29-10-19 for 10% for footings

Stabilised blocks 70% made by hand for walls 40-10-20.

2 room house. 500

Make wooden brick moulds.

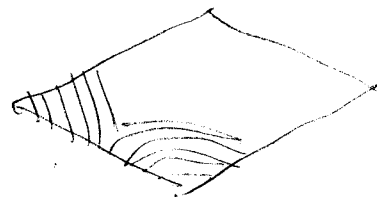
- 60 cm walls. Foundations

40 cm walls

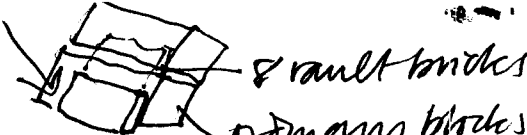
DO BONDING DRAWINGS

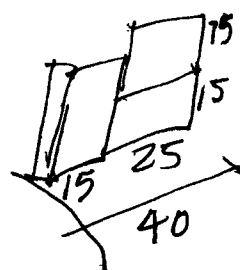
2 metre arches

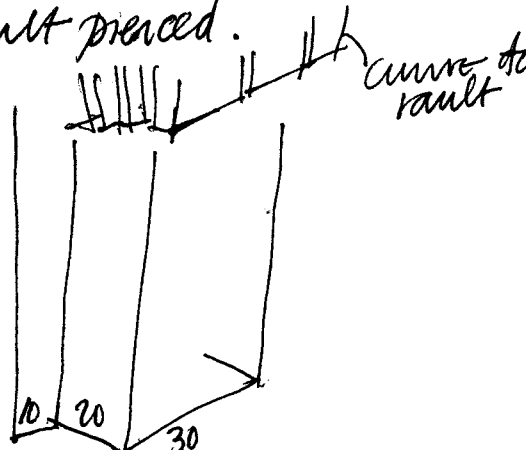
0-80 arches. —



The formwork has 'rays' drawn on it to indicate inclination of each brick  
easy idea.

Smaller outer skin to take pendentive. 

For window - 80cm. r. 40. 

Where vault pierced. 

Shuttering - can have mobile rafter - ie pole fixed by nail rotate + give alignment of each brick.

Corrected specimens

Rossi. 250 span 1.50 rise

CAVES - french word for 'GAZ'

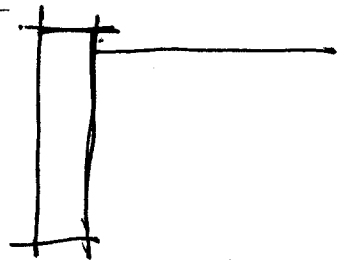
Angle of inclination  $15^\circ$



inner face of bricks touching

Straighten up towards end

were <sup>vault</sup> pile so that support arch for dome can be built over it. As in our egypt house transfer from catenary to semicircle



The question of shifting dome bricks out of their true inclination seems an unnecessary refinement when using mud brick. But perhaps reasonable with soil cement where cutting harder, depends on mortar. a wet soil cement mortar might be sticky enough  
CHALK - gypsum.

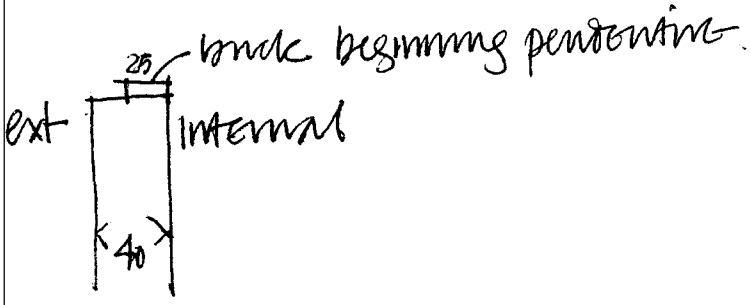
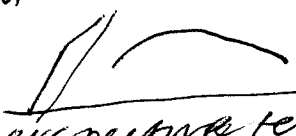
Brickers training include learning to read plans, layout -  
Basic principles of good building.  
Use of models.

APPARELLAGES = BONDING

Back to risk of slipping - MORTAR

vault - losing right inclination and profile is  
in both directions -

getting larger - a perspective tendency





100% CURVA RAM BLOCKS - FOUNDATIONS - DEPENDS ON LOCAL SOIL.

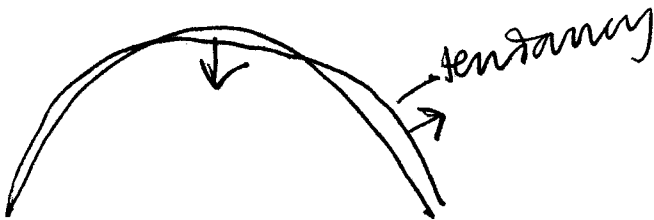
CLAYEY - (use some lime) no. makes difficult because slow drying -

CEMENT prefers sandy soil -

Teams of two

In Gouma - after 2 months apprenticeship  
can build 3m span vaults a rate of 0.2m/hour  
= 2 metres / ten hours

Can use soil cement mortar for building





Roof Brick  $15 \times 20 \times 6$   
 Wall block  $19 \times 40 \times 10$   
 DWTAM block  
 Soil cement in blocks 1:10

Chemical blocks 19-40-10 (13) <sup>water</sup>  
 roof  $15 \times 20 \times 6$   
 water 3:1 ratio  
 3 part sandy soil  
 2 part clayey soil

1. Test local soil, renter test.

BITUMEN 5% DILUTED WITH OIL  
 40% GET BITUMEN RUNNY  
 60% DIESEL OIL  
 SUMP OIL  
 MIX DIRECTLY WITH MUD.  
 WAX - 5% OF BITUMEN MIX.  
 CANDLE 1:20

IF SOIL CLAYEY  
 MODERATELY =

SPREAD ON WALL 5mm IF CRACKS, ADD SAND



we used soap as an emulsifier but not strictly needed.

IF SOIL FAIRLY SANDY - CEMENT OK - 10%

SOIL CEMENT COAT 5-7% 15%  
 OUTER COAT RICHER 10% OR MORE  
 GET AS MUCH CEMENT AS POSSIBLE  
 (IDEAL SAND CEMENT FINISH)

COEFFICIENT OF MOISTURE & THERMAL EXPANSION DIFFERS  
 BETWEEN CLAY AND CEMENT. BUILD UP IN LAYERS  
 GIVES BETTER ADHESION - WEAK TO STRONG

SOIL CEMENT BLOCKS → CEMENT RENDER.

- MORTAR - SOIL CEMENT BLOCKS, USE GYPSUM WITH EARTH (CLAY)  
PROPORTIONS

YAZDIS Poured a GYPSUM  
 SLURRY OVER THE WHOLE  
 THING,  
 CEMENT SLURRY

Vault + dome construction requires  
 team work — two people to begin with from DN

MUD BRICKS SHOULD BE LAID DAMP ON BOTH SURFACES  
 FOR ADHESION

DAMPEN BRICKS



2 DAYS large dome



REPÚBLICA POPULAR DE ANGOLA

cura ram: 29.3 x 14 x 8.9

fersteram. 29.5 x 14 x 8.8

400 ± dan<sup>2</sup> -

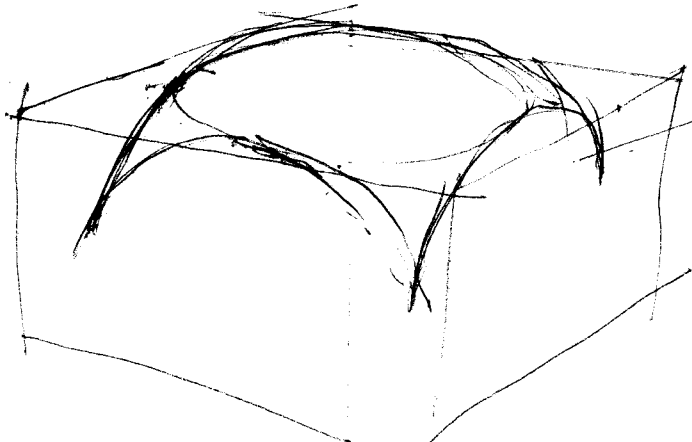
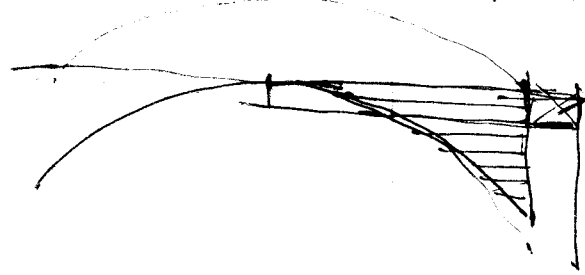
Belgium.

ASSUNTO: -

① ~~ANALYSIS~~ WILL SEGMENT STAND UP ABOVE RING BEAM.  
 - ANALYSIS SUGGESTS YES depending on presence of tensile strength.

② HOW TO DESIGN THE RING BEAM. absence of TS is not logical.

③ POSSIBILITY - BUILD UP THE PENDENTIVES UP TO. COULD BE CIRCULAR RING BEAM

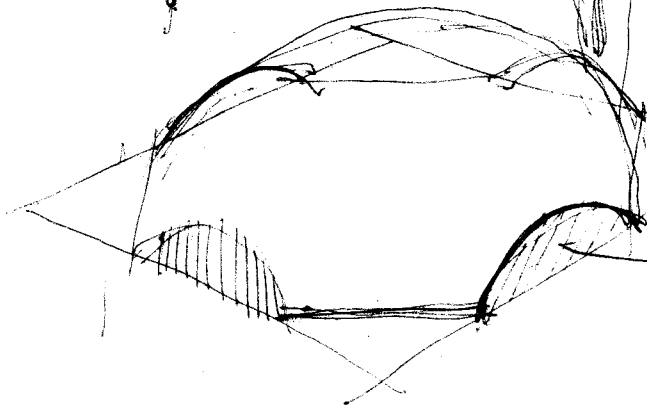


NOT VERY NICE  
 + USES LOTS OF MATERIAL

RING BEAM COULD OCCUR HALF WAY!



LESS MATERIAL



PART SEGMENT

VAULT BRICKS - 10x20x4  
 DOME SAME

- NIGER 12x20x4(5)



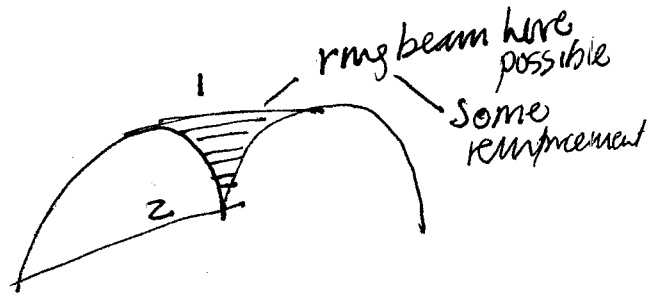
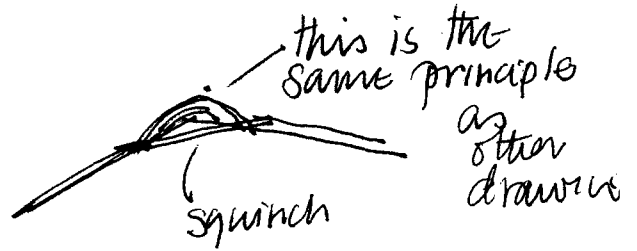
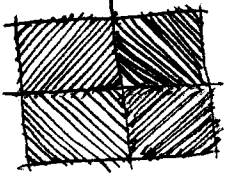
# MAHSHALLAH ON VAULTS

Main vault type 25 cm rise in 1m

Vault must be covered with a second layer of bricks -

'gas' to be used - stone chips between bricks

fill gaps with chalk

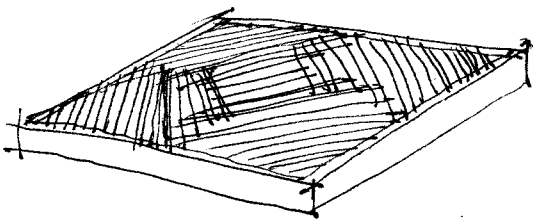


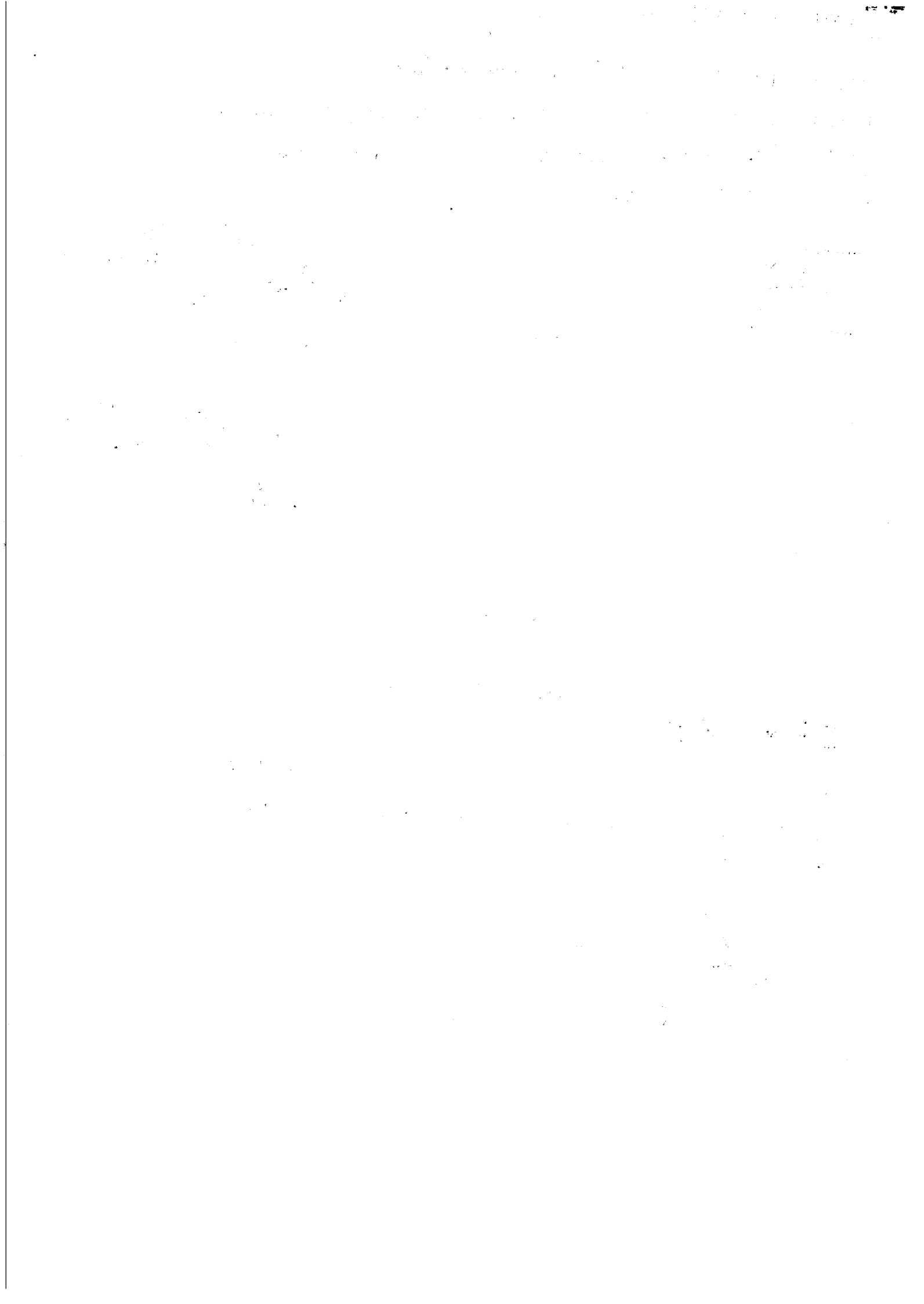
In Iran we used  $20 \times 20 \times 6$

very shallow jack arch



also shallow domes on jack arch principle  
but using 4 segment approach as in Yazd  
good for 2 storey





Vaults by DW in Egypt: span 150 rise 165 (VAULT 1)

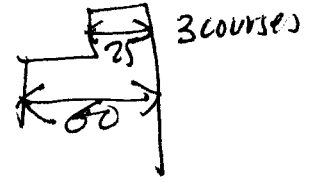
wall 3m high 50cm wide, 53 at bottom including slight batter.

0.5 ÷ 0.6 ratio span to height.

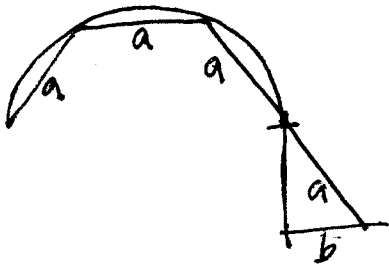
VAULT 2

0.3 possible. (of course + lower)

Sat dome on 60. with 0.25 at top outer edge



Trapezium rule for calculating wall thickness -



Mortars

gypsum + lime

gypsum and earth

clay for mud brick - or same material, wet surface.

Mud domes different from brick + stone domes - mortar does not form shell structure. Many points for stress concentration.

→ HOMOGENEOUS SHELL

- Domes are much more stable than vaults. Double curved form.
- less material than vault. ∴ lighter
- thrust evenly distributed over four walls as opposed to two.
- can be used to cover larger spans

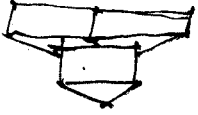
Vault more versatile in spaces it can cover, but this is not strictly true. using segmented dome construction thickness  $t/L = 0.05$  thickness to span ratio can be thinner dome because of favourable load distribution

Self sustaining compression rings.

Semisphere easy to construct.

NUBIAN system lays successive courses with steeper inclinations.

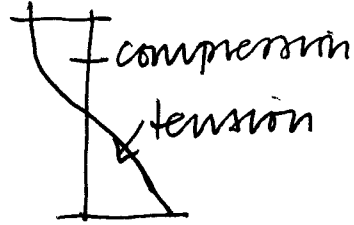
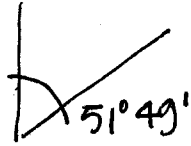
Corbelled corners - horizontal coursing to move out to circle



Shallow arch

pendentive - diameter equivalent to diagonal dome shallow

Forces in a uniform shell -



Hoop stresses running horizontally around the curve of the dome are compressive in the upper portion and tensile in the lower. Change occurs at  $51^{\circ}49'$  from crown ( $38^{\circ}11'$  from horizontal). Unlike the catenary where the compressive forces are continued to the horizontal, arching stresses which follow the curve of the form downward are compressive.

If these hoop stresses can be contained, ~~faces~~ reactions of the hemispherical dome on its supports can be pure vertical and forces can be easily transmitted downwards. Introduce tension rings - ie can be in buttressing or thickening the dome round its base. Lighter structures can be built corresponding to the upper segment which remains in compression. But here there is thrust which must be ~~carried~~ countered by buttress, counter thrust, thick walls etc.

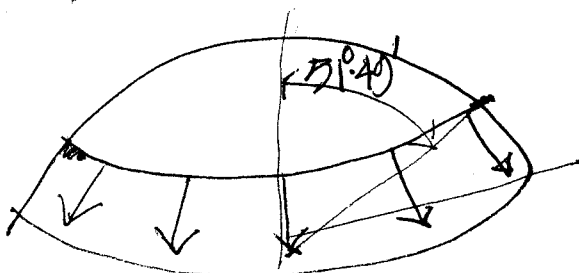
Shallow dome characteristic of Islamic and Byzantine arch structures where tensile material scarce.

High stresses occur wherever there is a sharp change in curvature. Compensate by thickening or reinforcing

Another system. Small arches from corners -



Spring 1:60

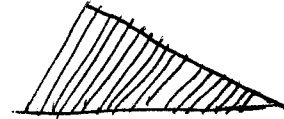
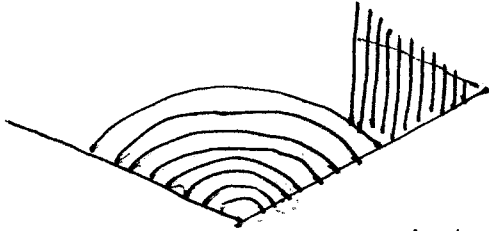
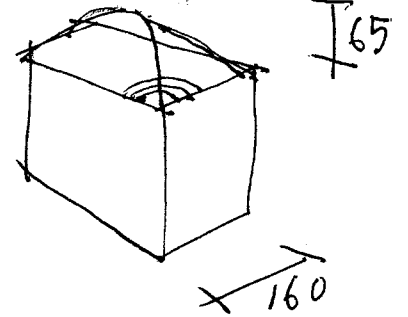
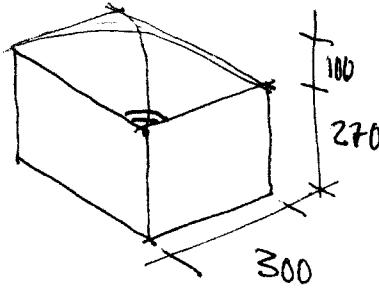
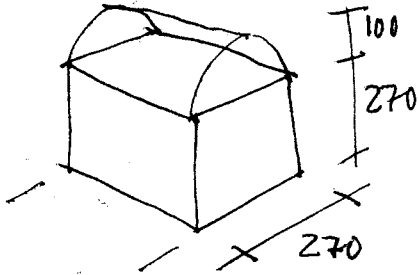
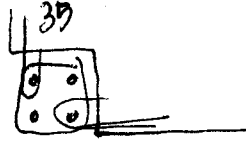


MODELS : IRAN.

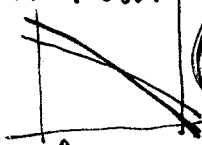
1) Iranian vaults do not lean Built straight and pick up slope as they go along.

2) Reinforcing in corners

Walls 35. fired brick



The courses are laid leaning back so that they are almost at right angles to the rise, curving very slightly nearly  $40-45^\circ$  rise.

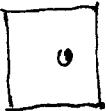


rear wall for mirror curved to match vault shape.

alternative is water back vault where no rear wall used but coming up of end wall base which has elements of the segmental dome technique

Can cut off segments in pendentive dome (Byzantine) at different levels. but need to calculate position of



cut  relative to centre point. fairly obvious

Capping brick quite nice

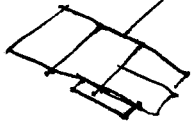


some bonds according to Jos Leveaux (and length way)

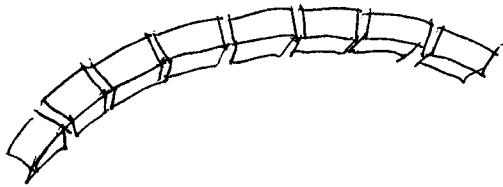
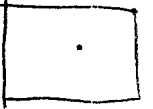
 — important material saving

using different arcs to draw blind arches

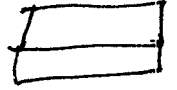
filling in wall behind squinches. wall single brick thick



I assume 40cm block  
anyhow corners stronger



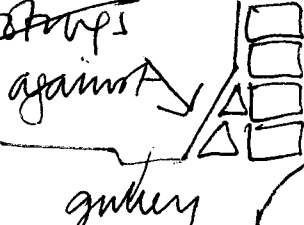
using irregular bricks 12

10 x 20 x 40  
would do  
laid 

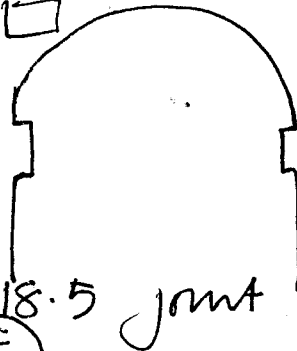
but harder as you  
get higher -

a smaller bond as in our  
Iranian 20 x 20 x 6

square. more suitable

Construction <sup>fastenings</sup>  
protection against  
rain 

support for shuttering



could be built in

Namang blocks 38.5 x 18.5 joint 1.5 cm

∴ wall thickness 38.5

They used cement blocks

non load bearing walls at 18.5

use of corner reinforcement common - in most seismic projects  
problem of availability to self-builders - i.e. Bazrin failure.  
now being built

Brick patterns



Mali experiment used row blocks 20cm thick