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This new English edition, revised and expanded by Hugh Dutton, confirms the success of the innovative system demonstrated at La Villette. With nine new case studies not only from France but from Norway, London and Japan and an eight page colour section, Peter Rice and Hugh Dutton demonstrate possible applications of this new method of working with glass and its adaptation to large-scale projects with very different design and technical constraints.

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