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# On the nature of structural design

**David P. Billington, "The Tower and the Bridge: The New Art of Structural Engineering", Princeton University Press, 1983.**

"My major objective in this book is to define the new art form of structural engineering and to show that numerous engineering artists are creating such works in the contemporary world. The disciplines of structural art are efficiency and economy, and its freedom lies in the potential it offers the individual designer for the expression of a personal style motivated by the conscious aesthetic search for engineering elegance".



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# On the nature of structural design

**Art ...**

**Performing Arts Centre  
Abu Dhabi**



**Guggenheim Museum  
Bilbao**



**International Forum  
Tokyo**



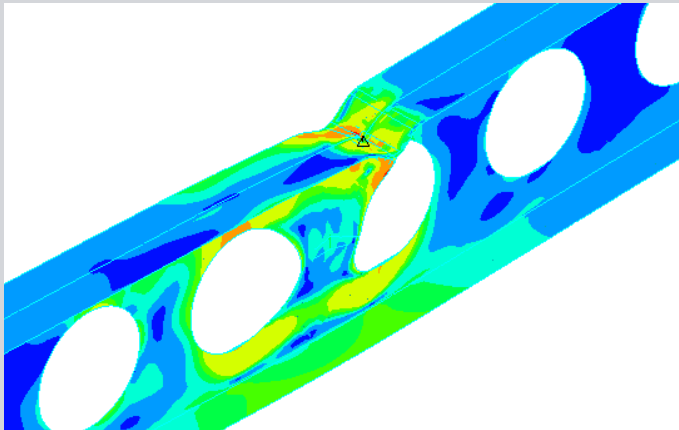
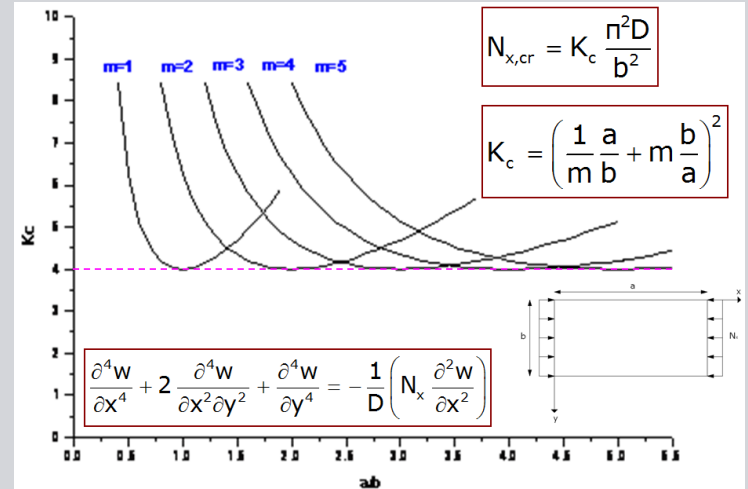
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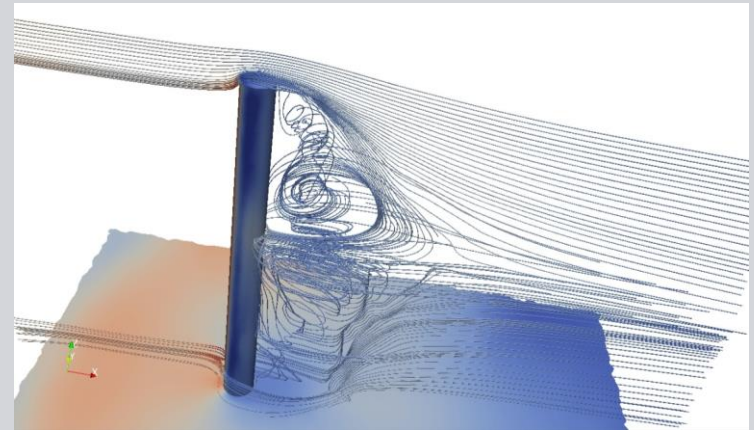
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Science ...

Analytical solution of linearized plate buckling



Nonlinear Finite Element Method simulation



Computational Fluid Dynamics simulation



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# On the nature of structural design

## Technology ...

Availability and capacity of cranes  
for erection



Transportability constraints



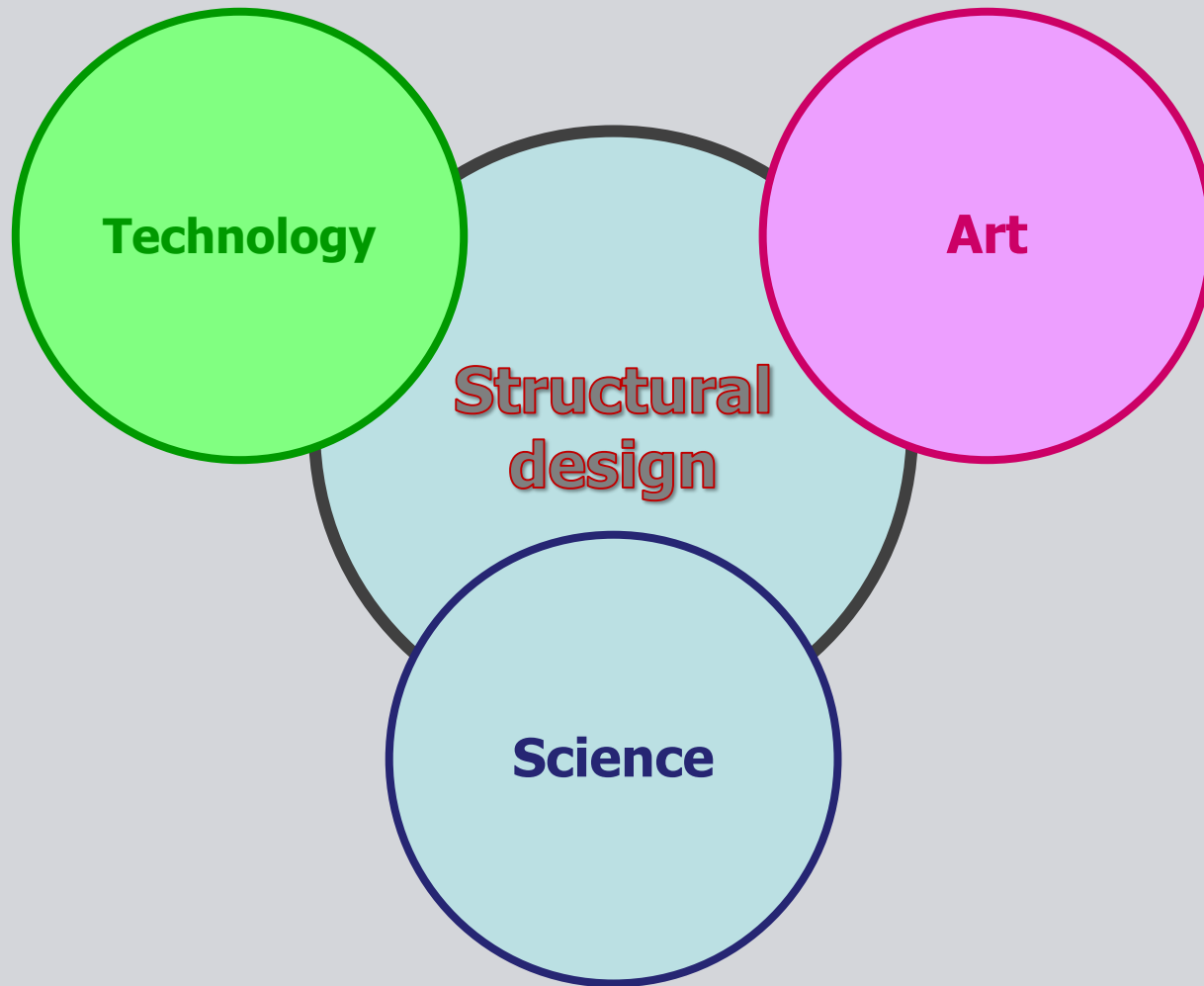
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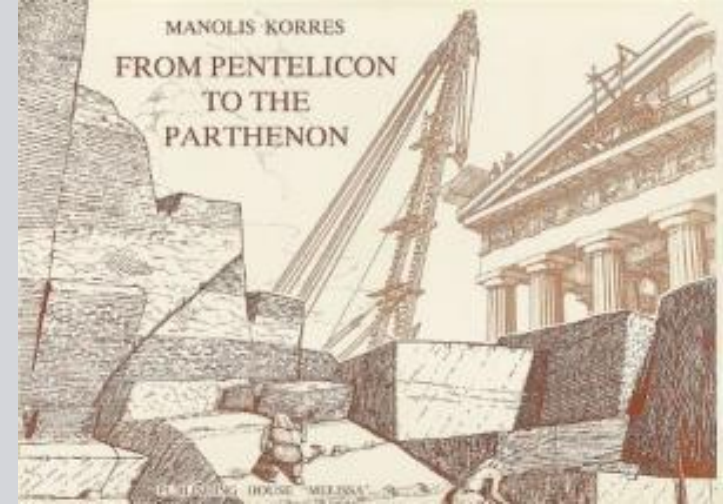
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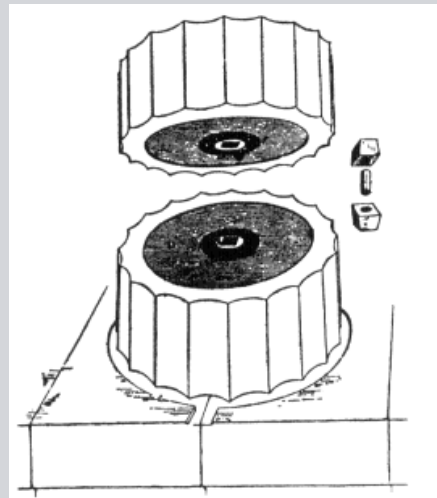
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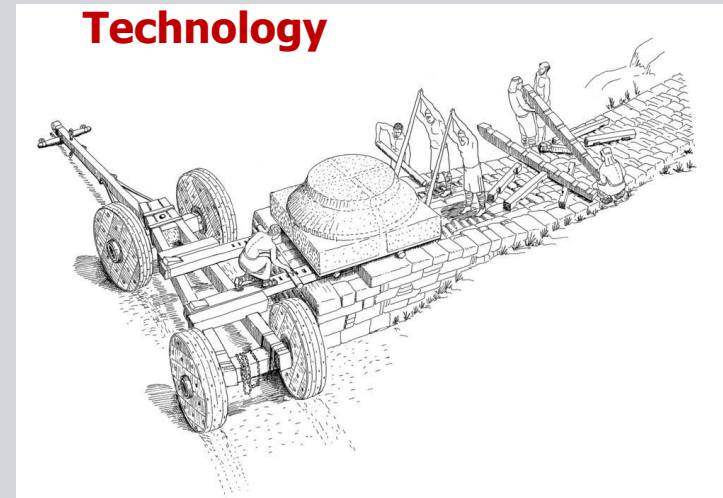
**Art**



**Science**



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# On the role of structural engineering faculty members

**American Society of Civil Engineers, Civil Engineering Body of Knowledge for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Preparing the Civil Engineer for the Future, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2008.**

"The four characteristics that the model civil engineering faculty member should have are:

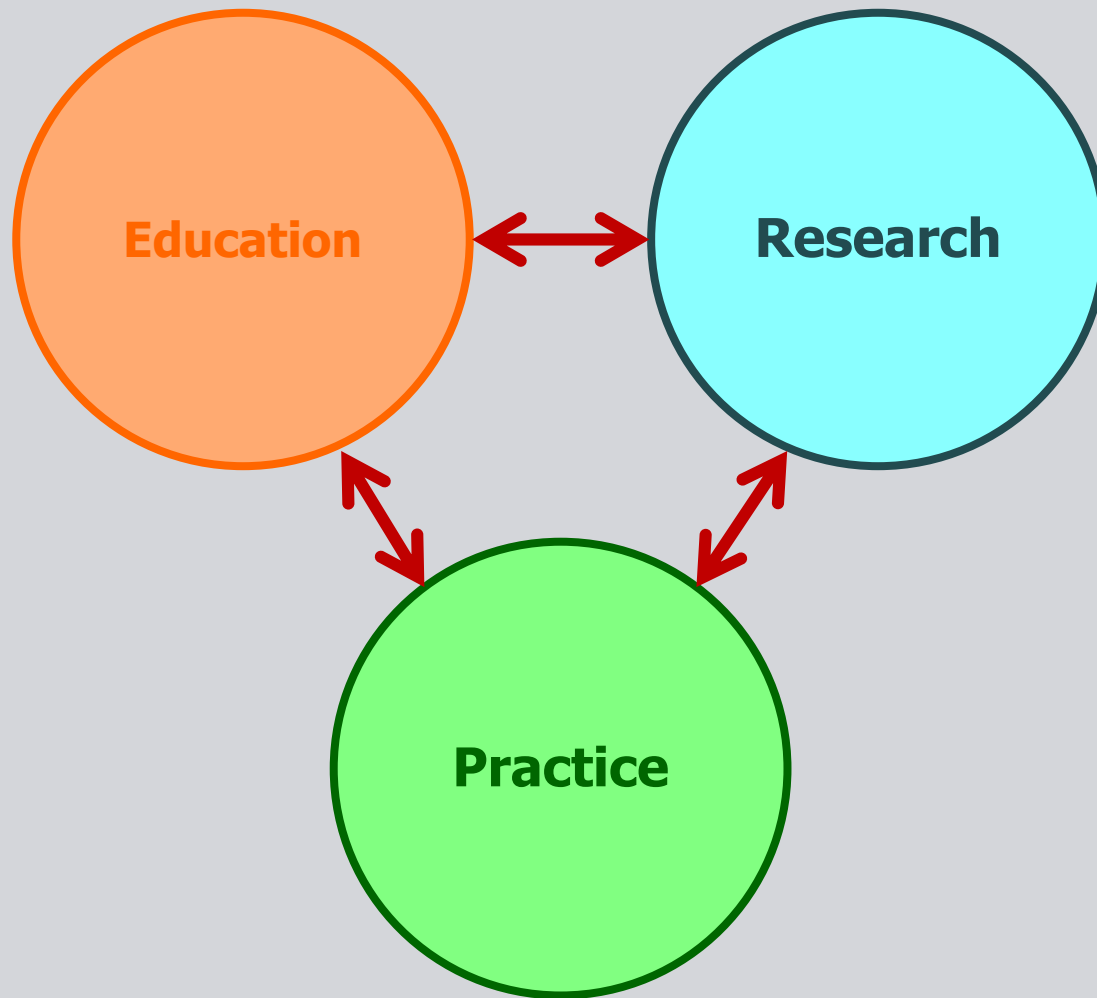
- Be a scholar
- Be an effective teacher
- Have relevant practical experience
- Be a positive role model"

# On the role of structural engineering faculty members



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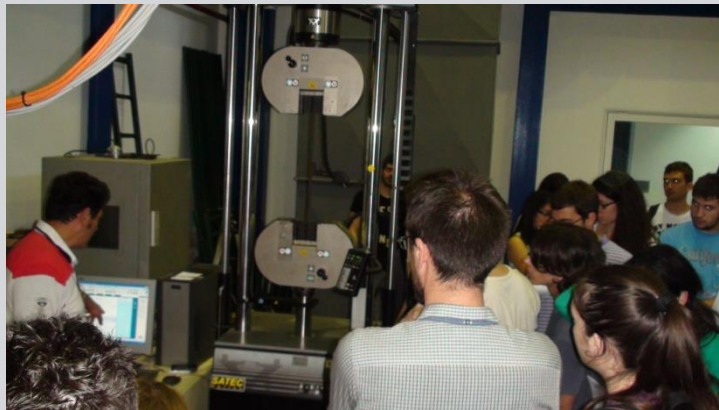
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# Institute of Steel Structures

## □ Teaching

- 10 undergraduate courses
- 5 graduate courses





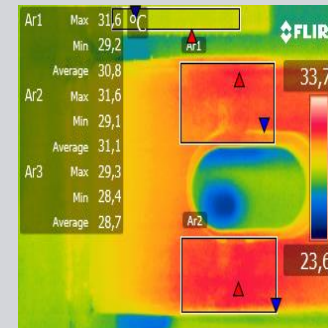
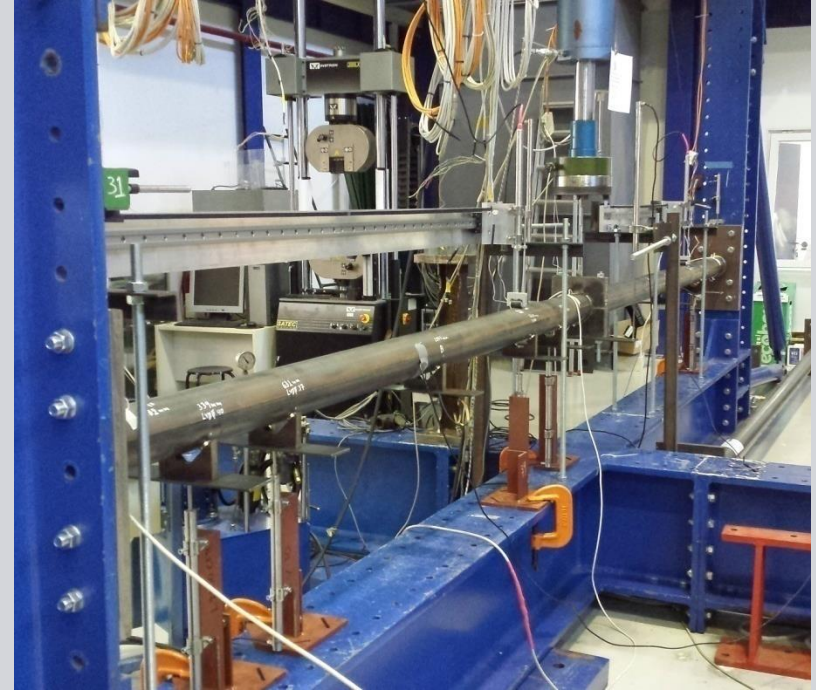
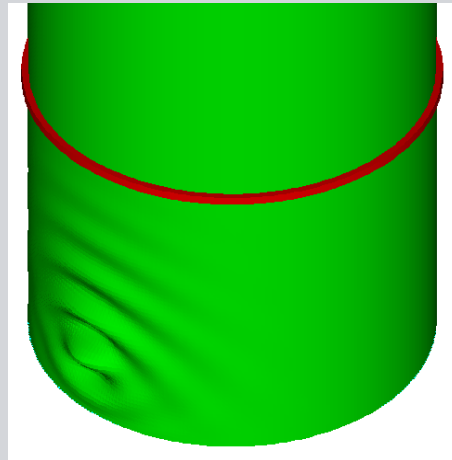
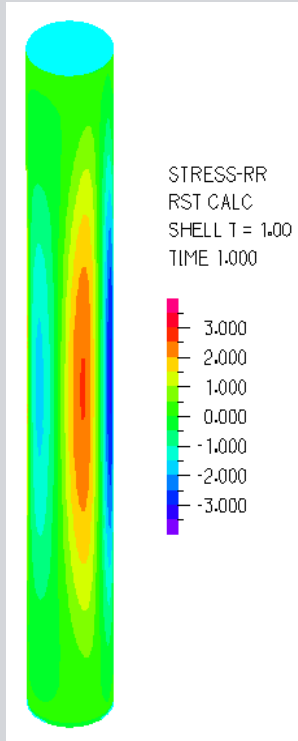
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## ☐ Research

- Experimental
- Numerical



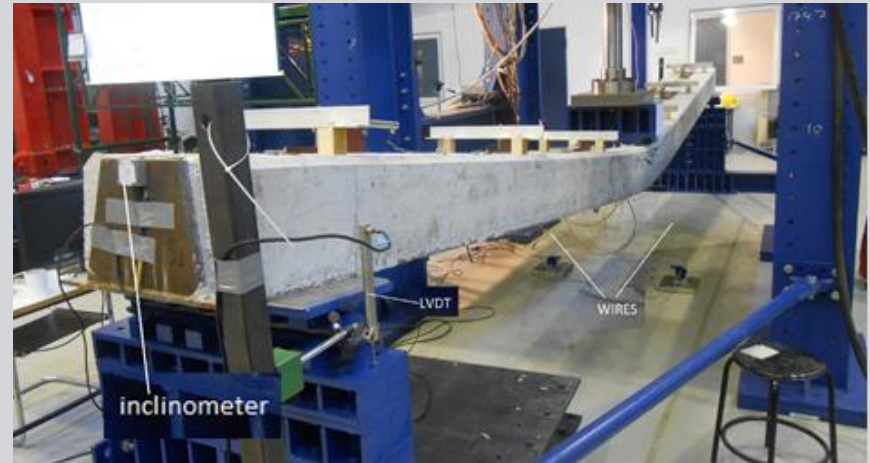


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- ❑ Cooperation with industry  
Research for product development



Delta-beams (PEIKKO Group Corporation)



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## ❑ Cooperation with industry

Consulting for special design projects



Power plant in Samrah, Jordan



Steel gates of New Panama Canal



Entrance Canopy of Athens Olympic Complex



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# Institute of Steel Structures

## ☐ Service to the community

**Member of CEN Project Team SC3/T1  
of Part 1-1 of Eurocode 3  
(development of 2<sup>nd</sup> generation of  
Structural Eurocodes).**

### 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Project Team SC3.T1

University of Stuttgart  
Institute for structural design

November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

NOTES AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE 1<sup>st</sup> MEETING

#### List of attendees

Alain BUREAU	(AB)	PT Leader
David POPE	(DP)	PT Member
Charis GANTES	(CG)	PT Member
Markus KNOBLOCH	(MK)	PT Member
Ulrike KUHLMANN	(UK)	SC3 Chairperson
Ove LAGERQVIST	(OL)	PT Member
Andreas TARAS	(AT)	PT Member



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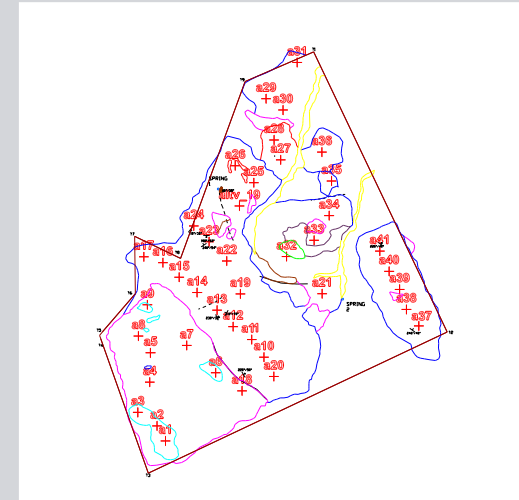
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# Wind turbine towers

## Design example

### Main structural design objectives:

- Optimize cross-section over height
- Avoid local buckling
- Avoid fatigue of connections
- Strengthen manhole opening
- Avoid critical range of frequencies



**Panachaiko Mountain Wind Park**





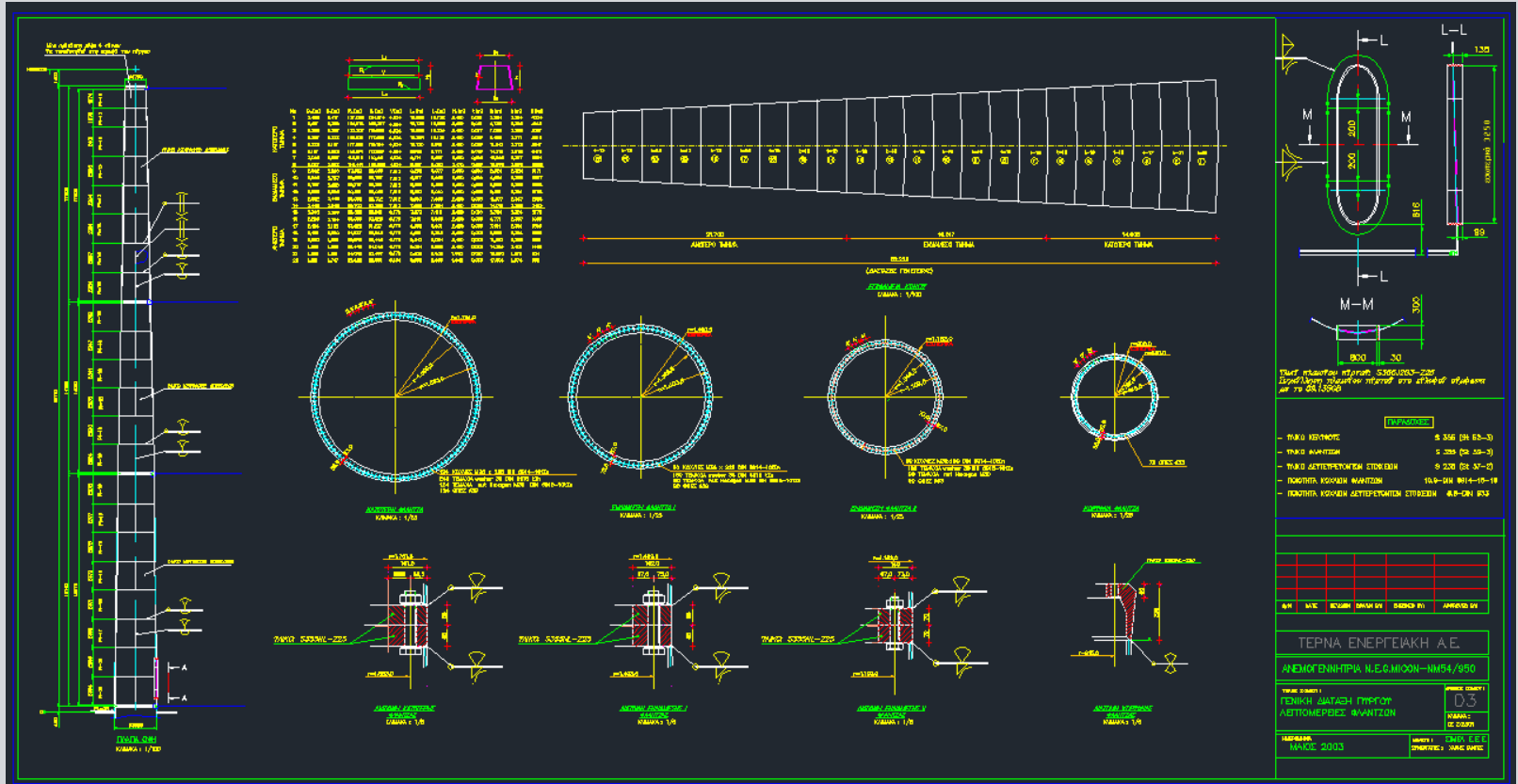
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## Design example

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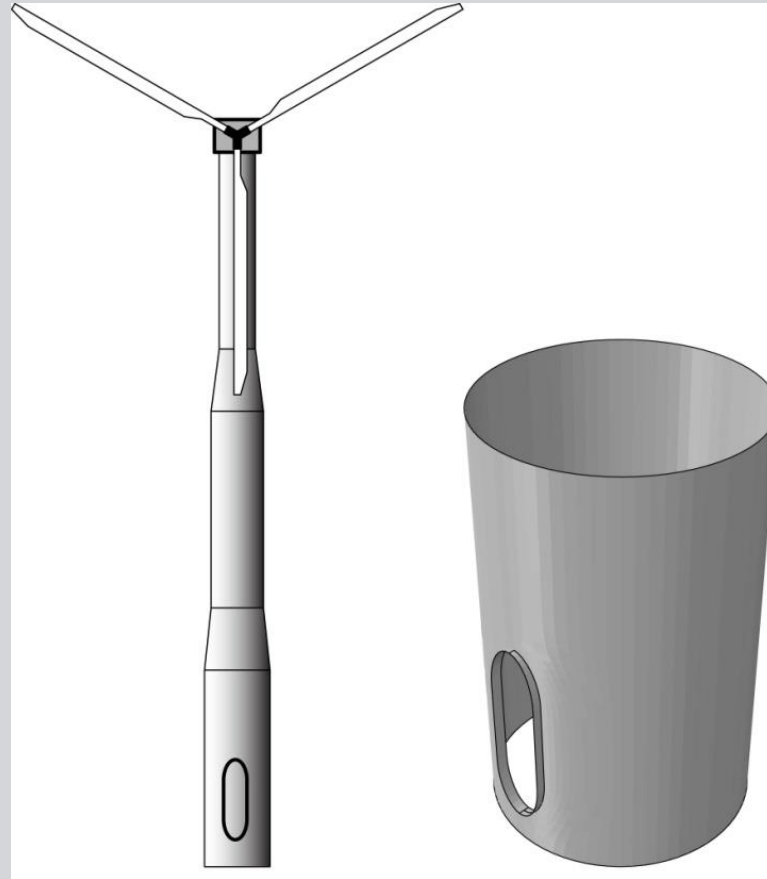
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## Research activities

### Optimization of stiffening of manholes





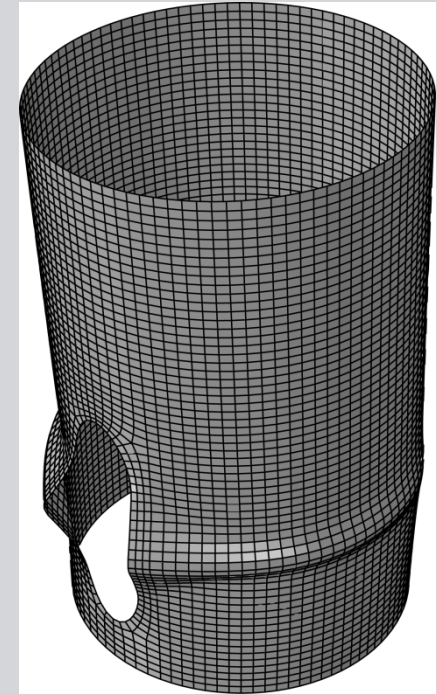
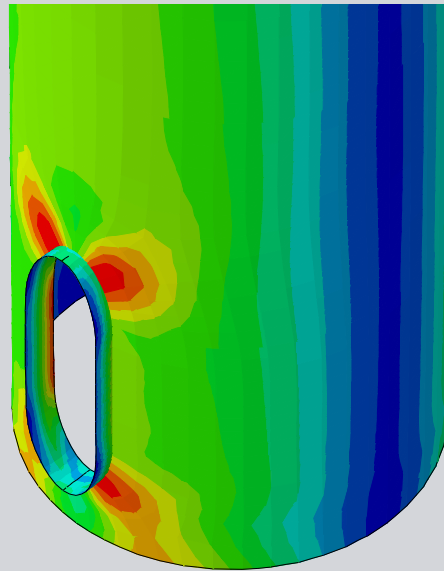
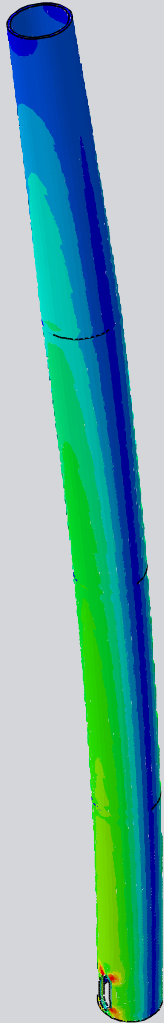
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## Description of problem

From the doctoral thesis of  
Christoforos Dimopoulos



**Influence of manholes**

- Stress concentrations
- Local buckling



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# Wind turbine towers

## Reinforcement of manholes

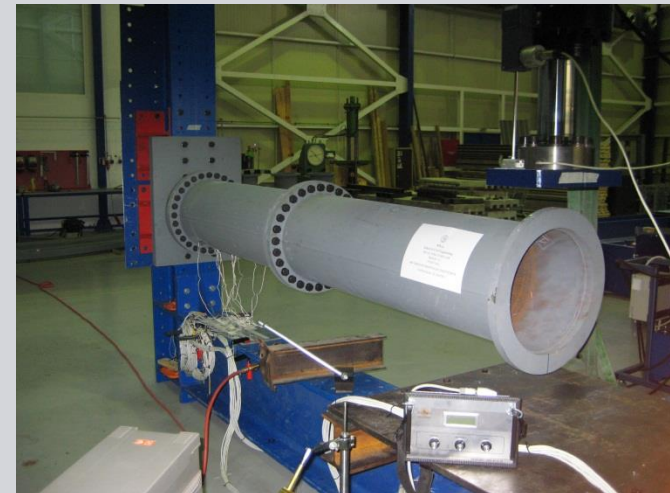
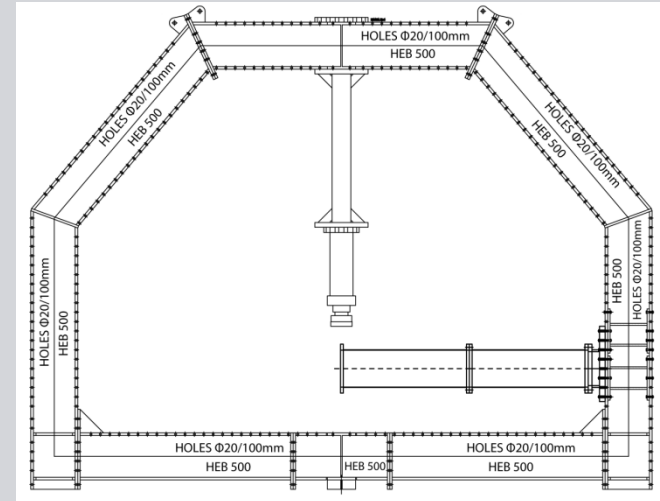
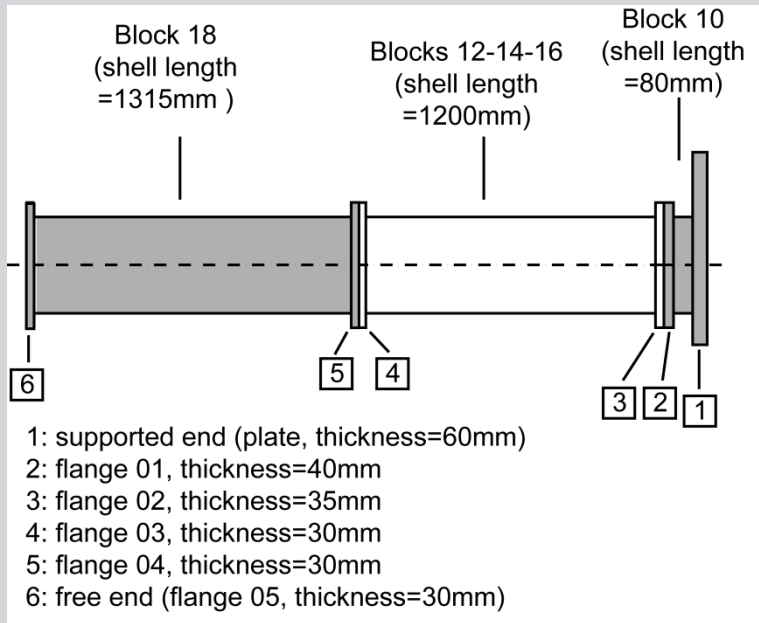
- ❑ **Objective of stiffening**
  - To control local stresses
  - To provide adequate lateral support to the shell thus establishing adequate resistance against local buckling
- ❑ **Research objective**
  - Evaluation of the efficiency of different stiffening schemes of manholes at wind turbines towers
- ❑ **Methodology**
  - Experimental study and parallel numerical simulation for calibration
  - Parametric numerical study
  - Design guidelines



# Wind turbine towers

## Experimental work

### Geometry of specimens



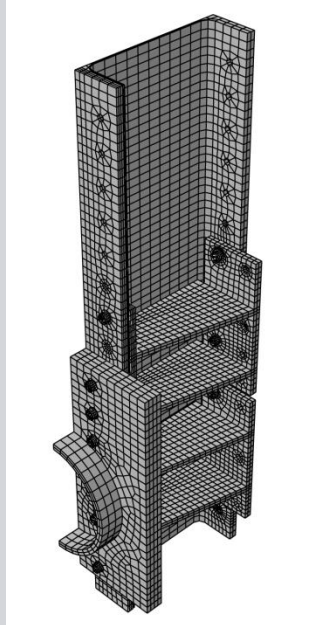


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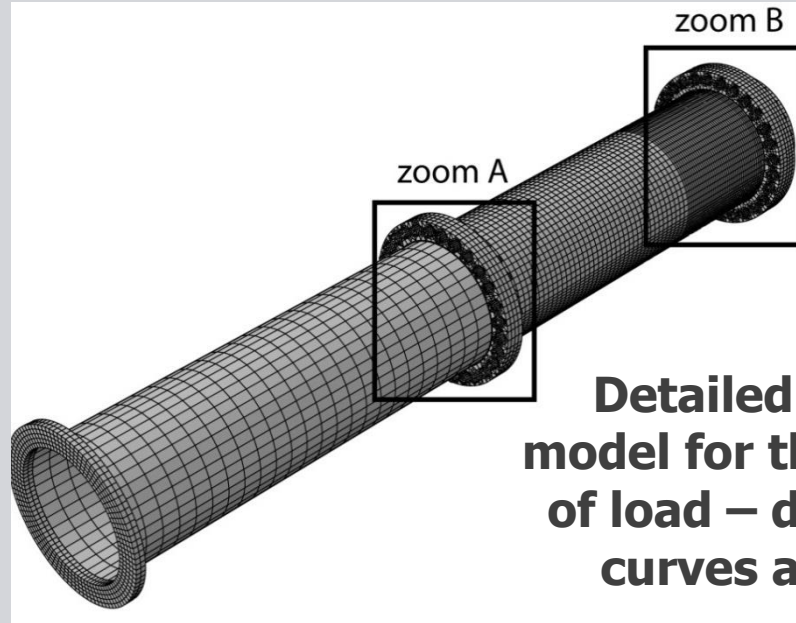
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# Wind turbine towers

## Numerical model



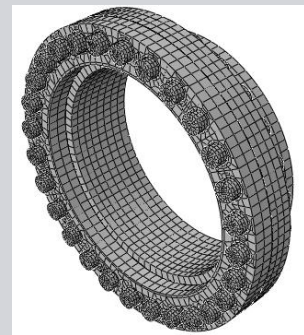
**Simplified numerical model for the estimation of support (testing frame) flexibility**



**Detailed numerical model for the estimation of load – displacement curves and strains**

Zoom A

Zoom B



**56 bolts and 4 flanges under contact**

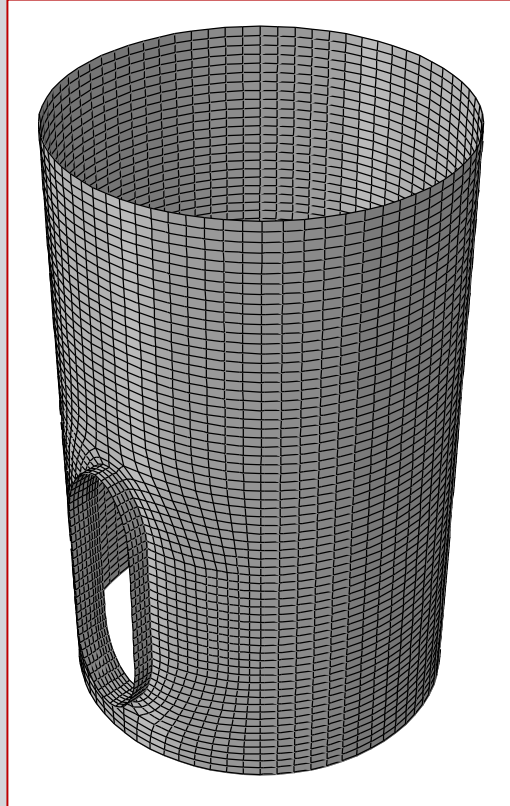


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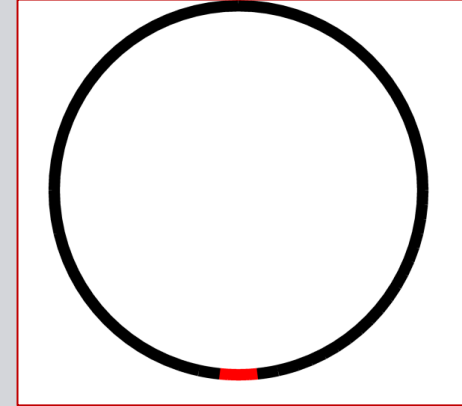
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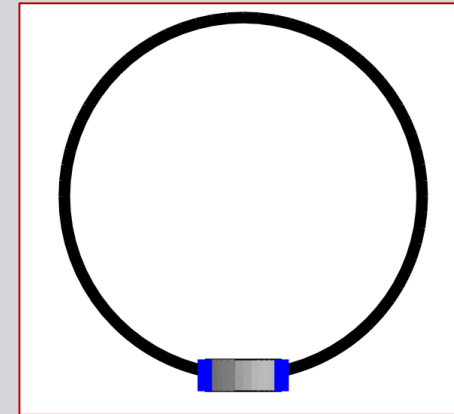
## Manhole reinforcement



**Stiffeners considered as flanges under compression and classified as category 1 cross-sections according to EC3 provisions**



**Area of manhole  $A_0$**



**Area of frame stiffener  $A$**

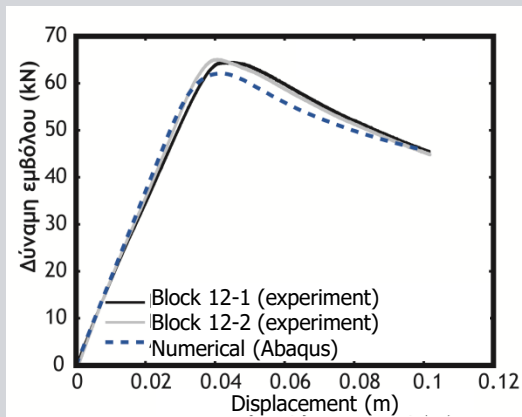


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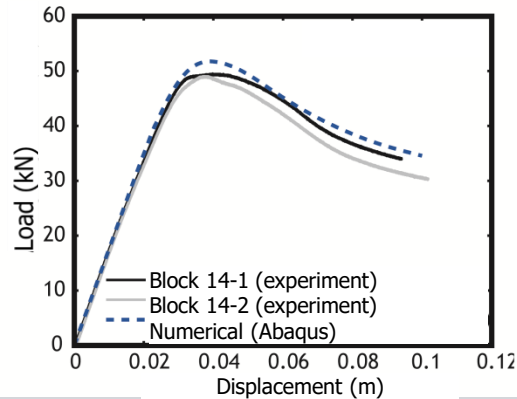
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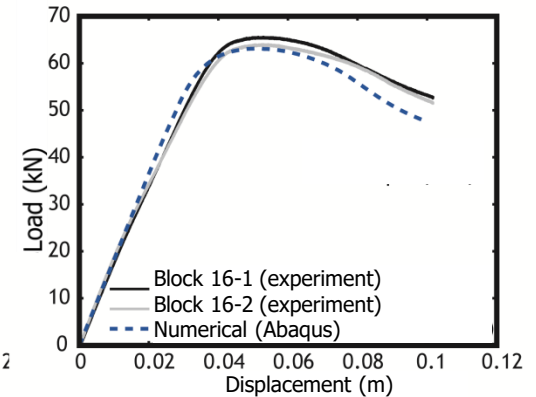
## Comparison of experimental & numerical results



No manhole



Unreinforced  
manhole



Reinforced  
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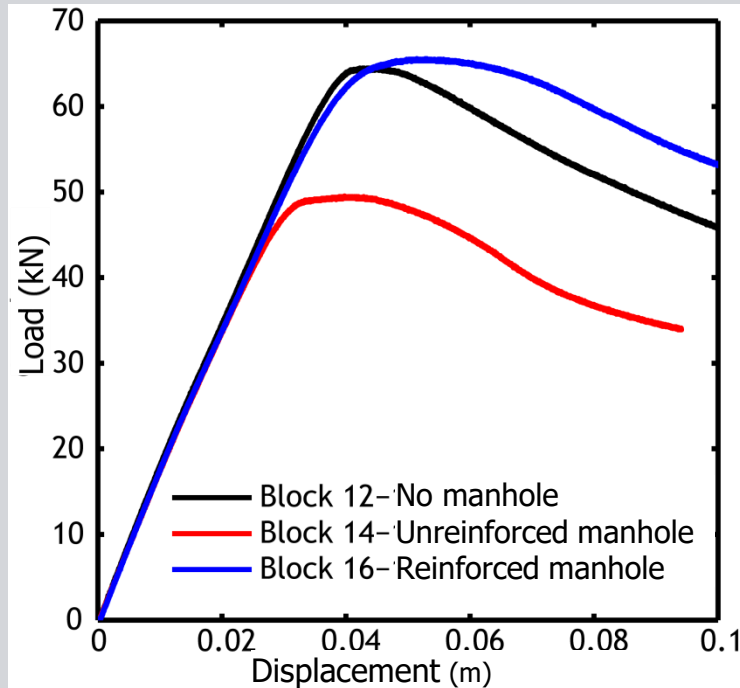
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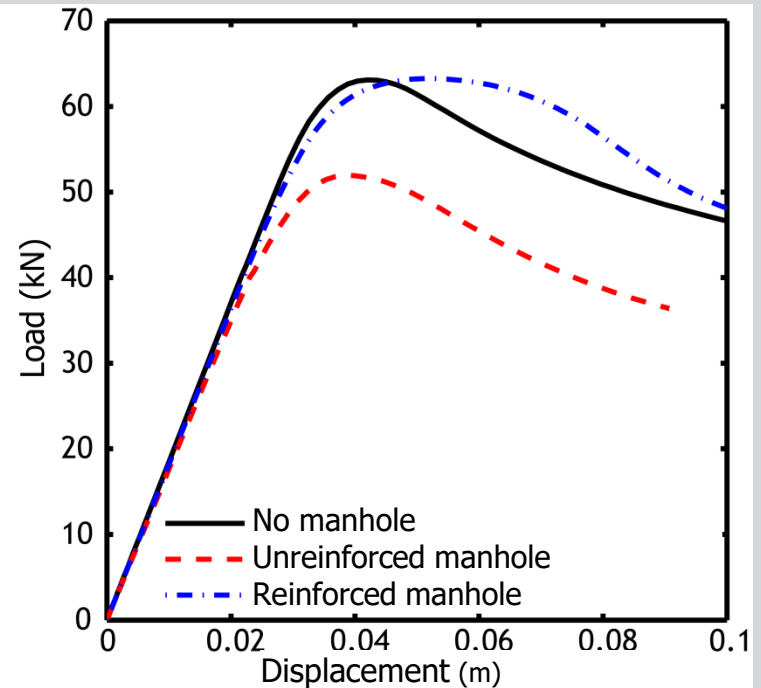
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## Influence of manhole and stiffening

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Experimental



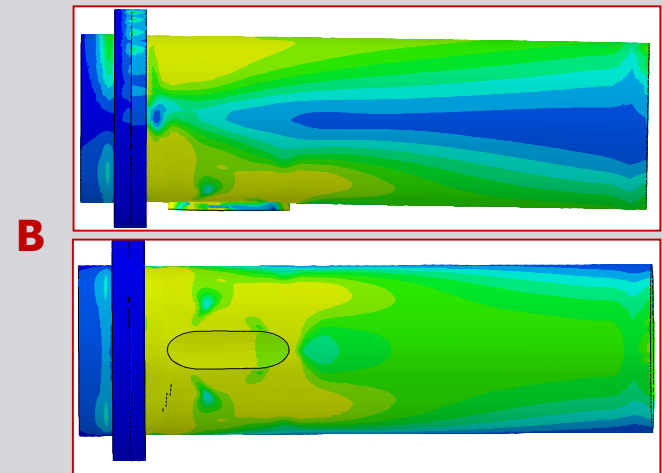
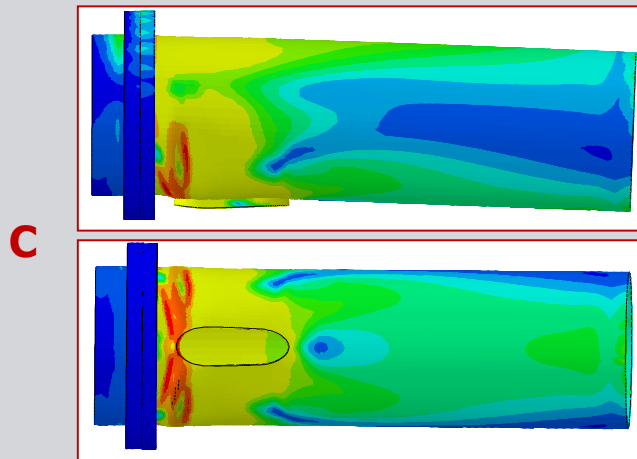
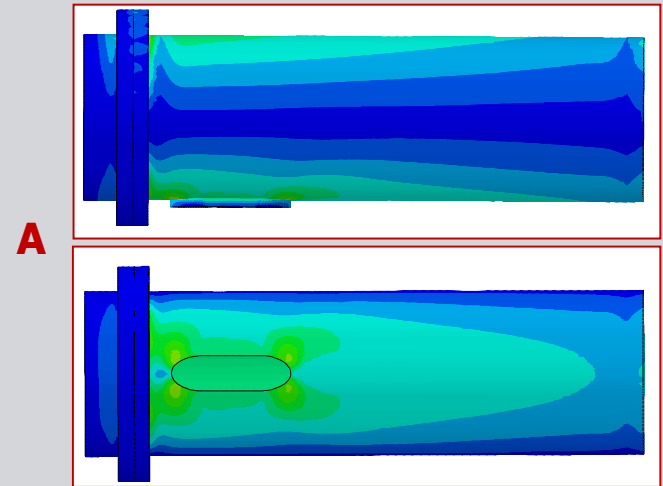
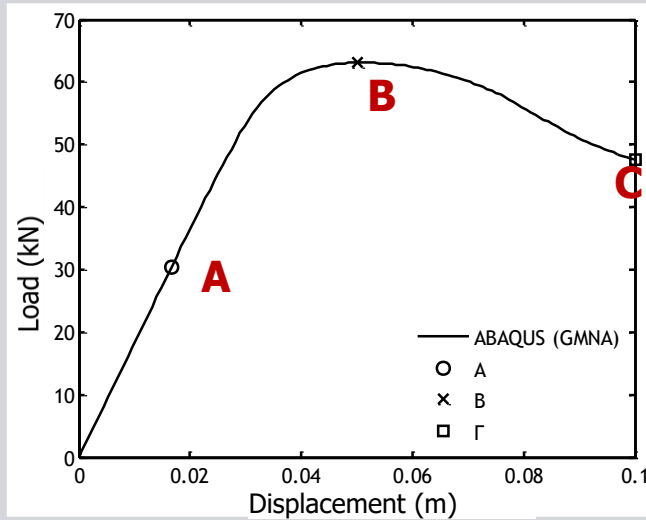
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# Wind turbine towers Numerical analysis results





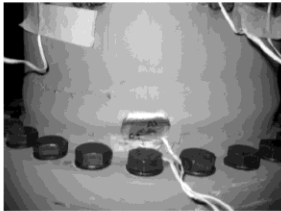
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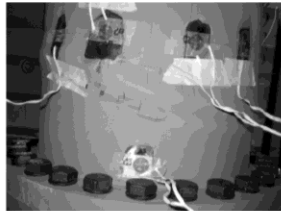
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## Experimental / numerical results

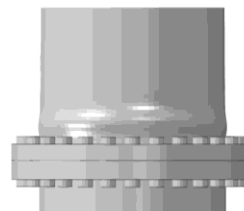
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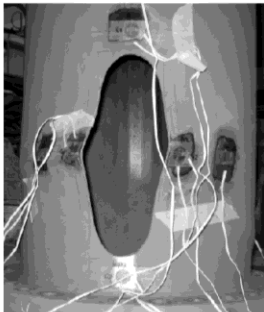


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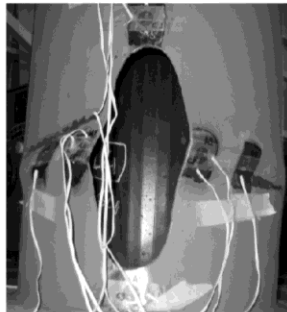


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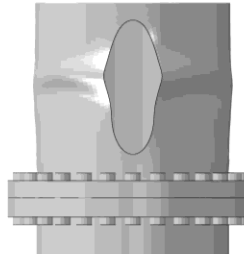
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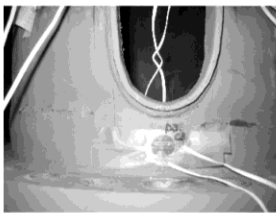


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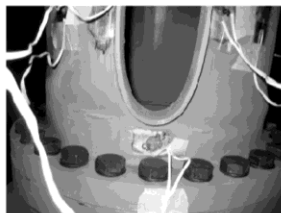


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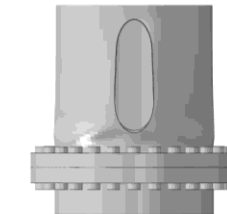
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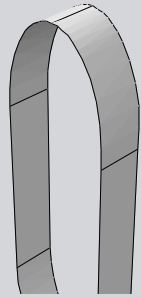
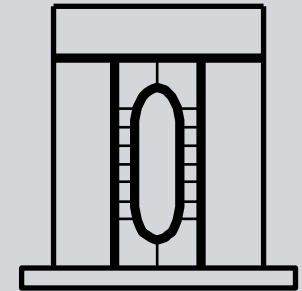
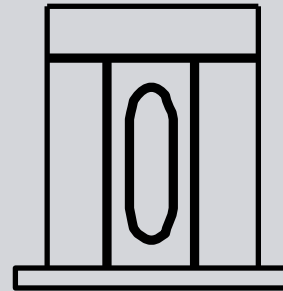
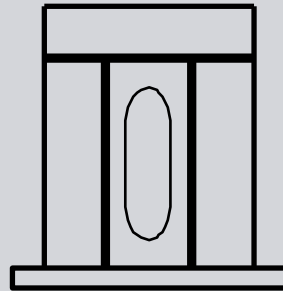
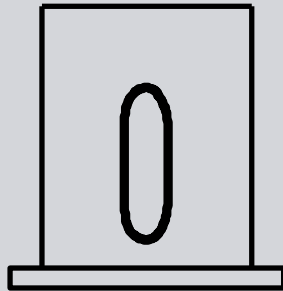


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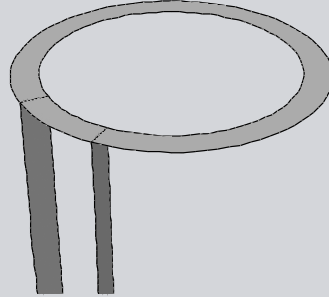
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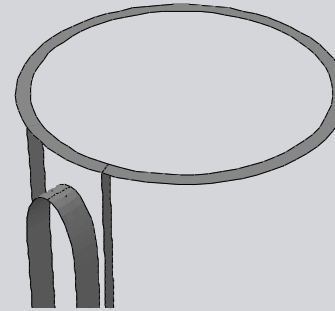
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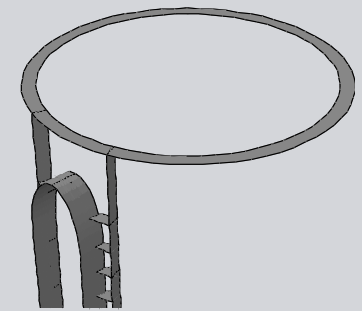
**Frame stiffener**



**Stringer stiffener**



**Frame & stringer stiffeners**



**Frame & stringer stiffeners with extra stiffeners in between**

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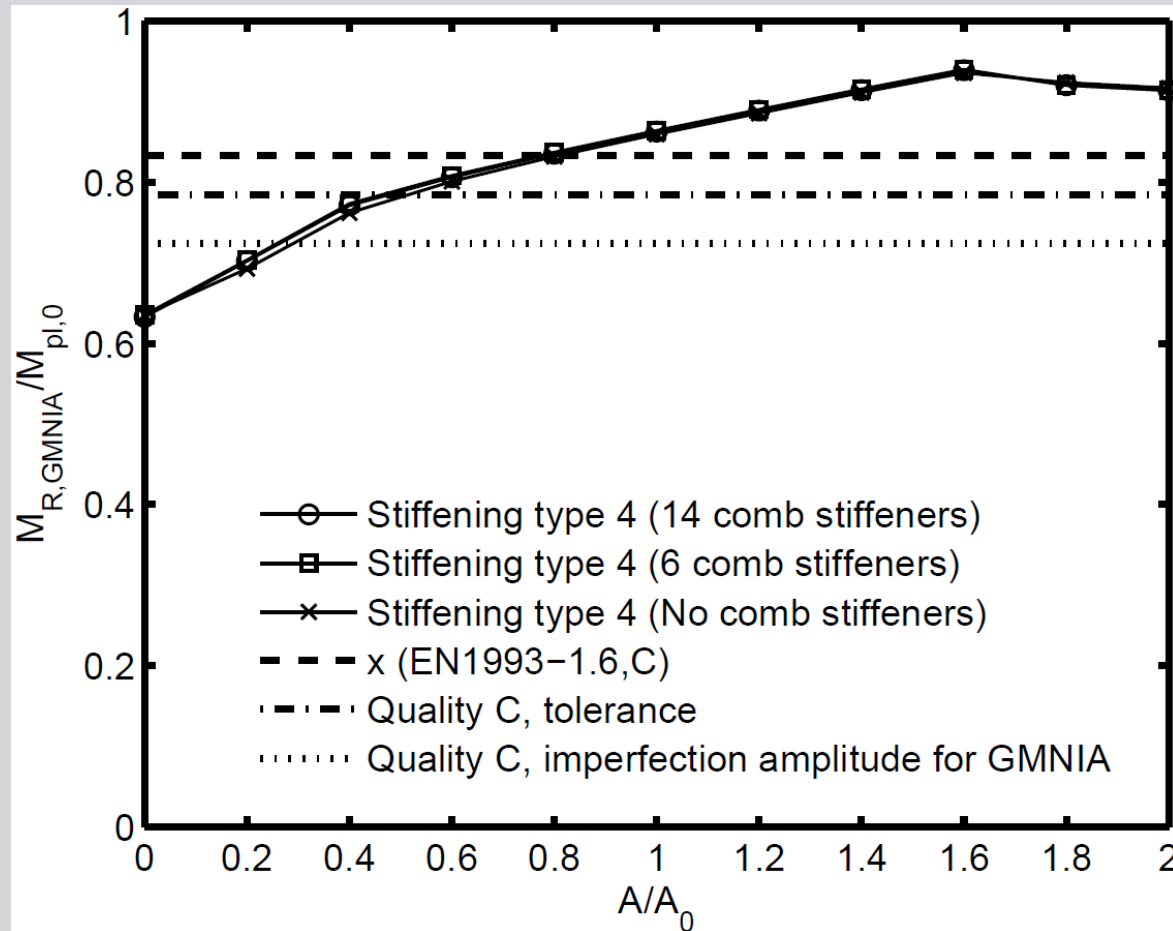


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## Alternative stiffening schemes



**Negligible influence of additional stiffeners**

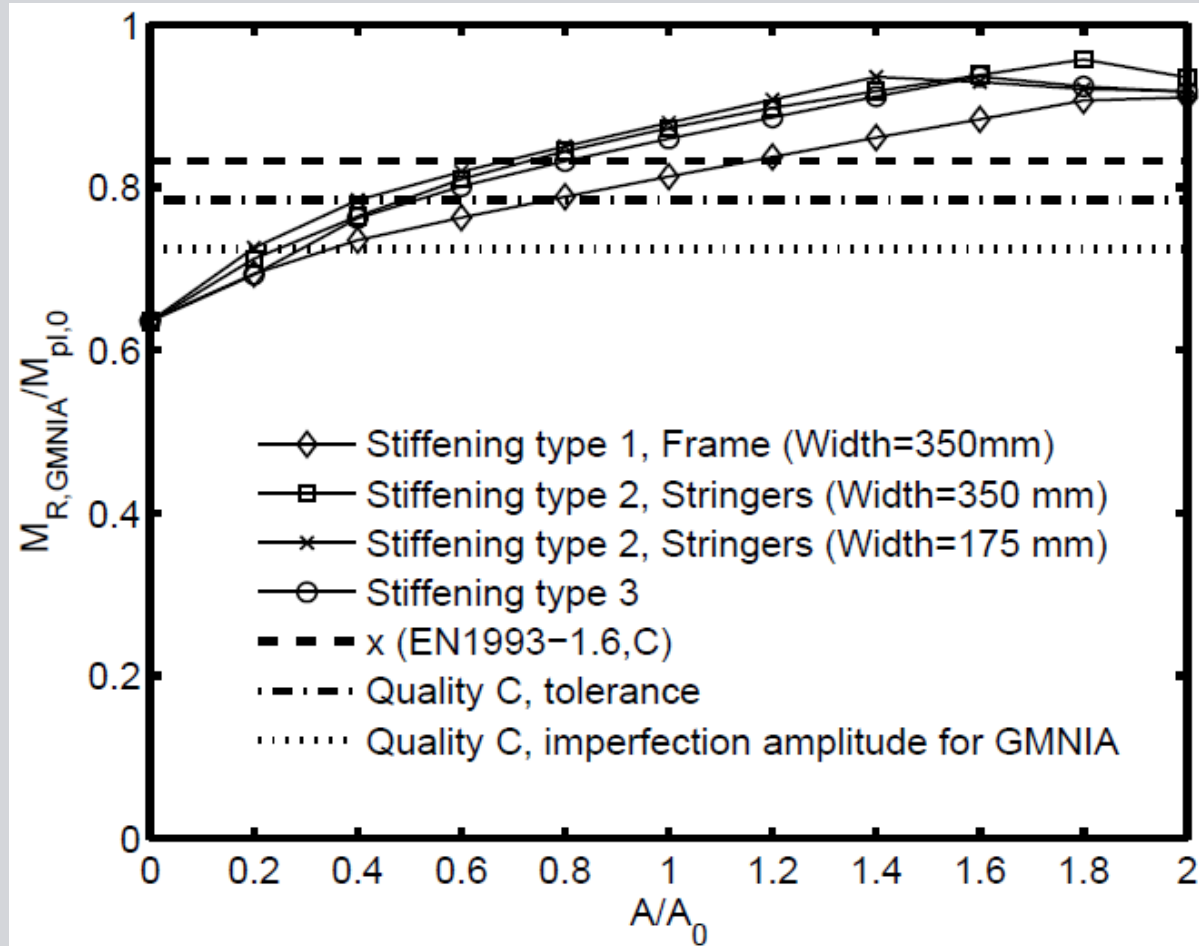


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## Comparison of alternative stiffening schemes



**Required  $A/A_0$  ratio for different stiffening types**



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## Dimensioning of alternative stiffening schemes

Stiffening type	Quality A	Quality B	Quality C
	$A/A_0=0.6$	$A/A_0=0.6$	$A/A_0=0.8$
	( $b/t= 2.979, b=175\text{mm}$ )	( $b/t= 2.979, b=175\text{mm}$ )	( $b/t= 2.234, b=175\text{mm}$ )
	$A/A_0=0.6$	$A/A_0=0.8$	$A/A_0=0.8$
	( $b/t= 11.916, b=350\text{mm}$ )	( $b/t= 8.937, b=350\text{mm}$ )	( $b/t= 8.937, b=350\text{mm}$ )
	$A/A_0=1.2$	$A/A_0=1.2$	$A/A_0=1.4$
	( $b/t=1.49, b=175\text{mm}$ )	( $b/t=1.49, b=175\text{mm}$ )	( $b/t=1.277, b=175\text{mm}$ )
	$A/A_0=0.8$	$A/A_0=1.0$	$A/A_0=1.2$
	( $b/t=8.937, b=350\text{mm}$ )	( $b/t=7.15, b=350\text{mm}$ )	( $b/t=5.958, b=350\text{mm}$ )

**Required  $A/A_0$  ratio for stringer and frame stiffeners**



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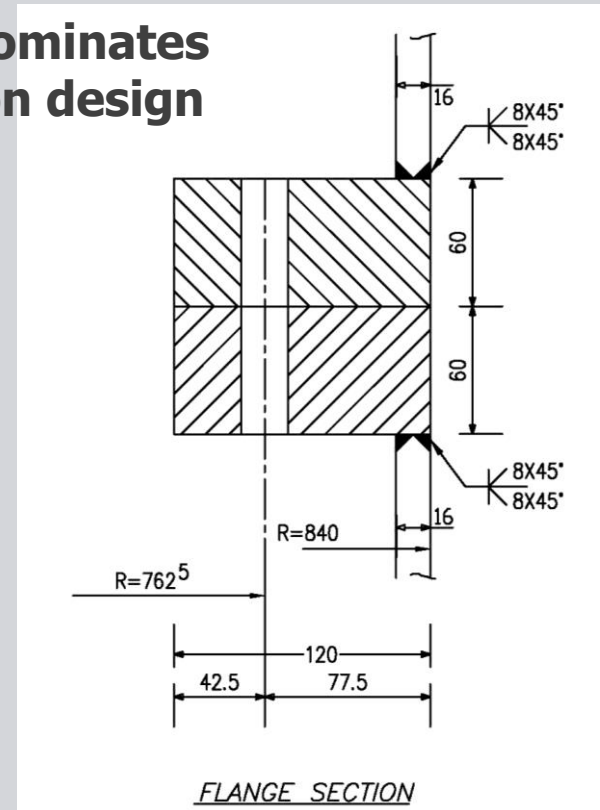
# Wind turbine towers

## Numerical modeling of connections for fatigue design

### Typical connection between adjacent shell parts



Fatigue dominates connection design



From the doctoral research of  
Konstantina Koulatsou



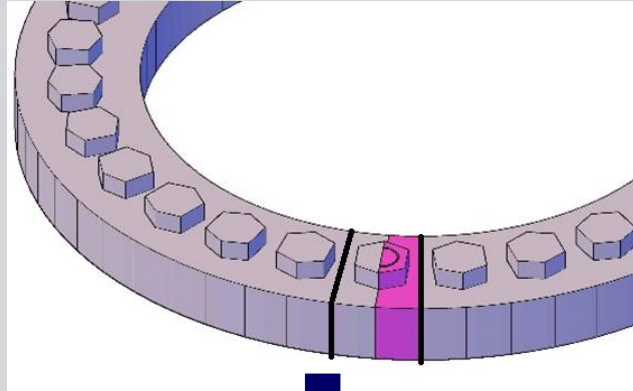


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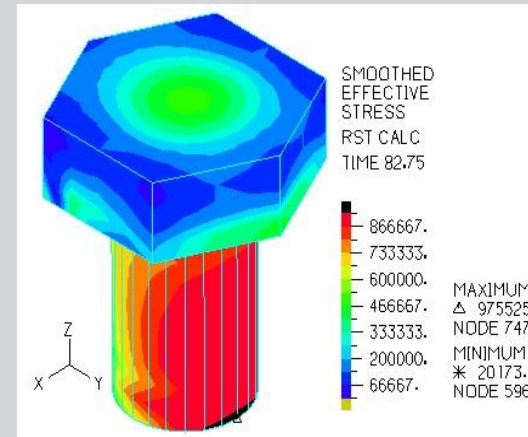
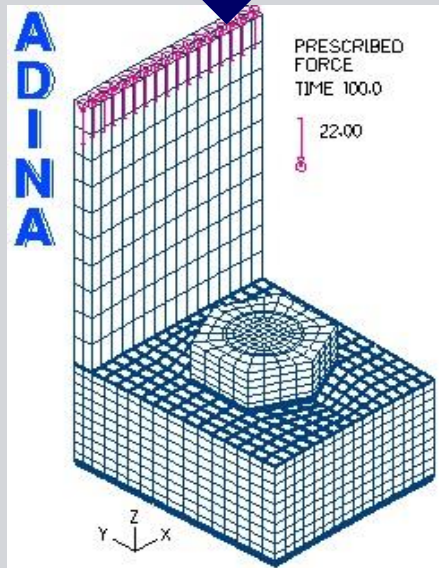
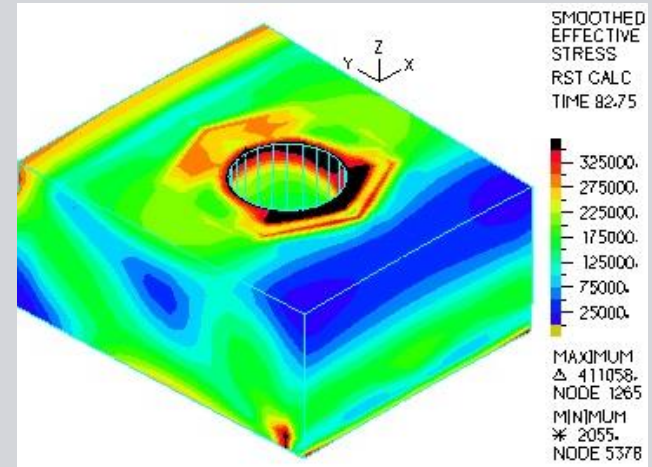
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## Numerical modeling of connections for fatigue design



### 1<sup>st</sup> level of modeling



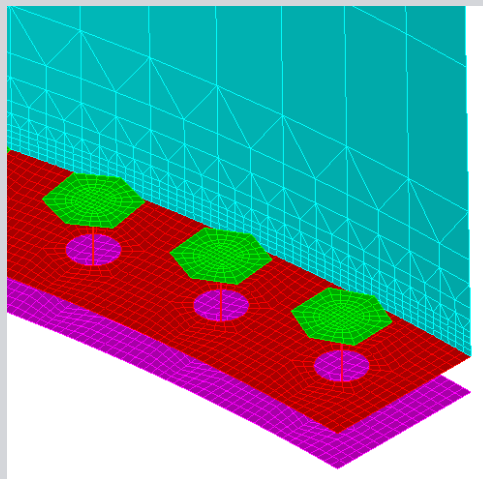
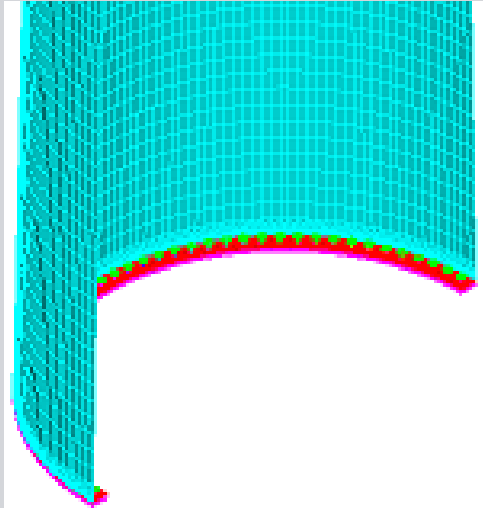


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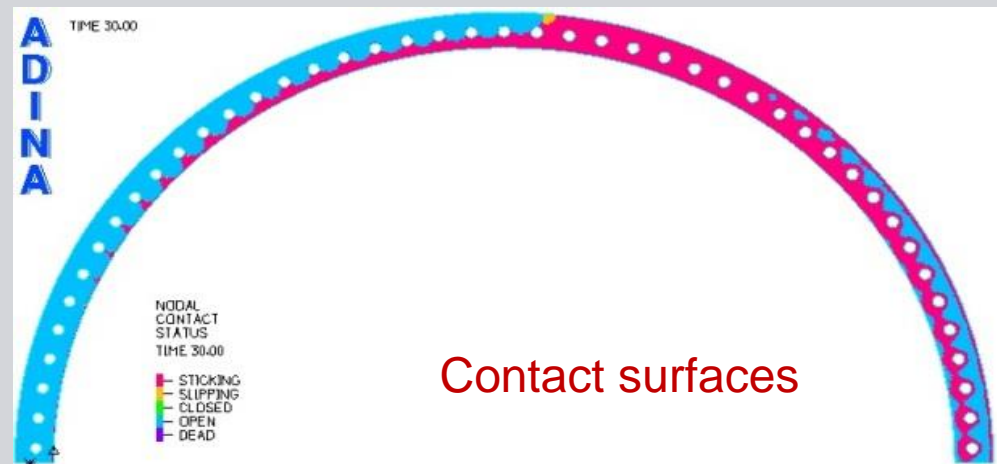
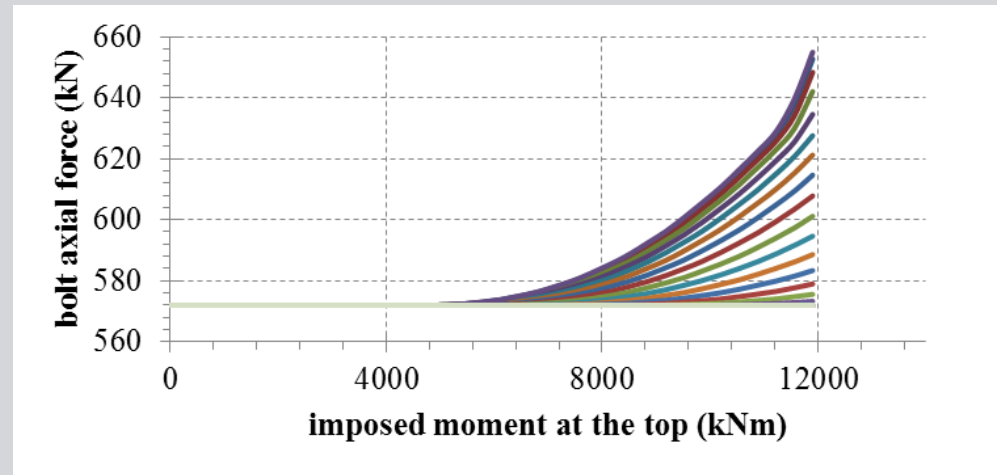
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## Numerical modeling of connections for fatigue design



### 2<sup>nd</sup> level of modeling



Contact surfaces



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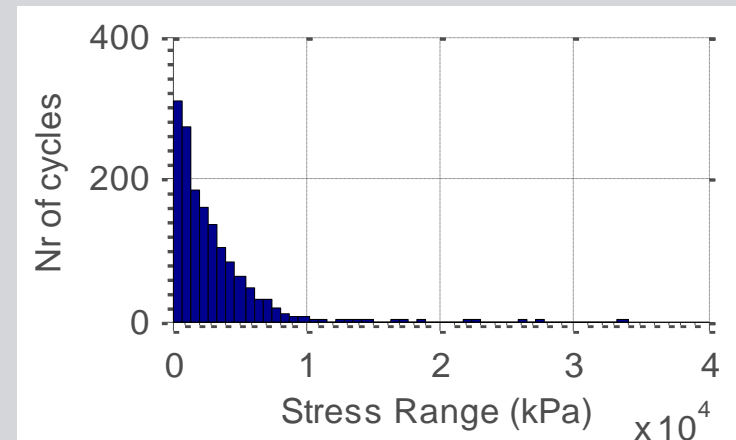
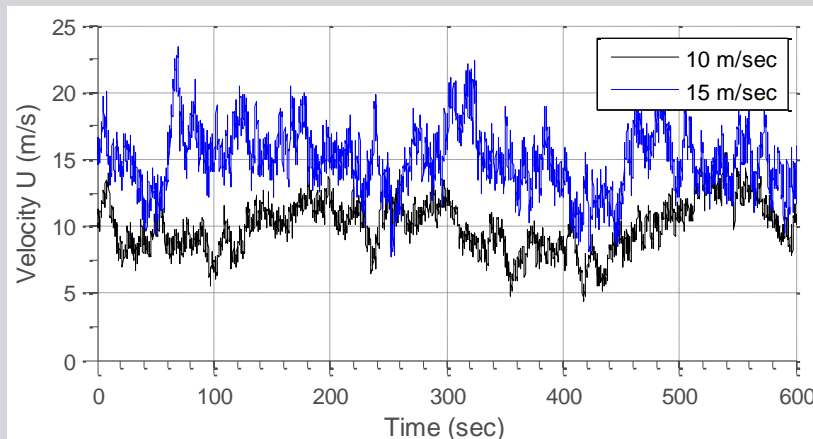
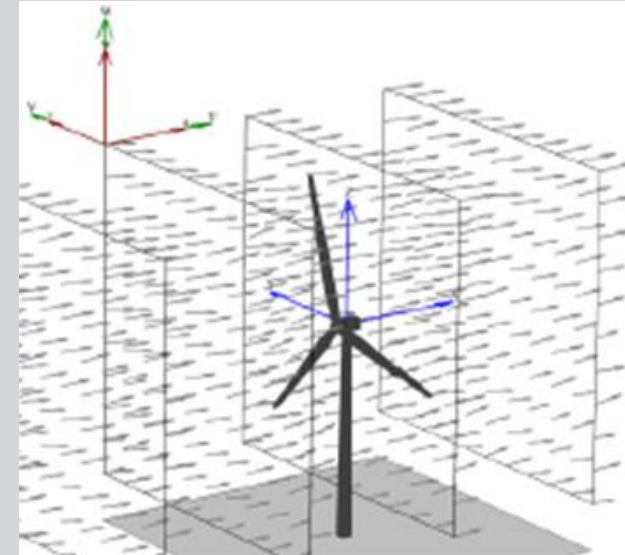
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## Numerical modeling of connections for fatigue design

### Combining

- meteorological data,
- aeroelastic computer-aided engineering (FAST software)
- nonlinear finite element analysis (Adina software)
- rainflow counting method

for optimizing connection fatigue design (flange + bolts) and evaluating service life





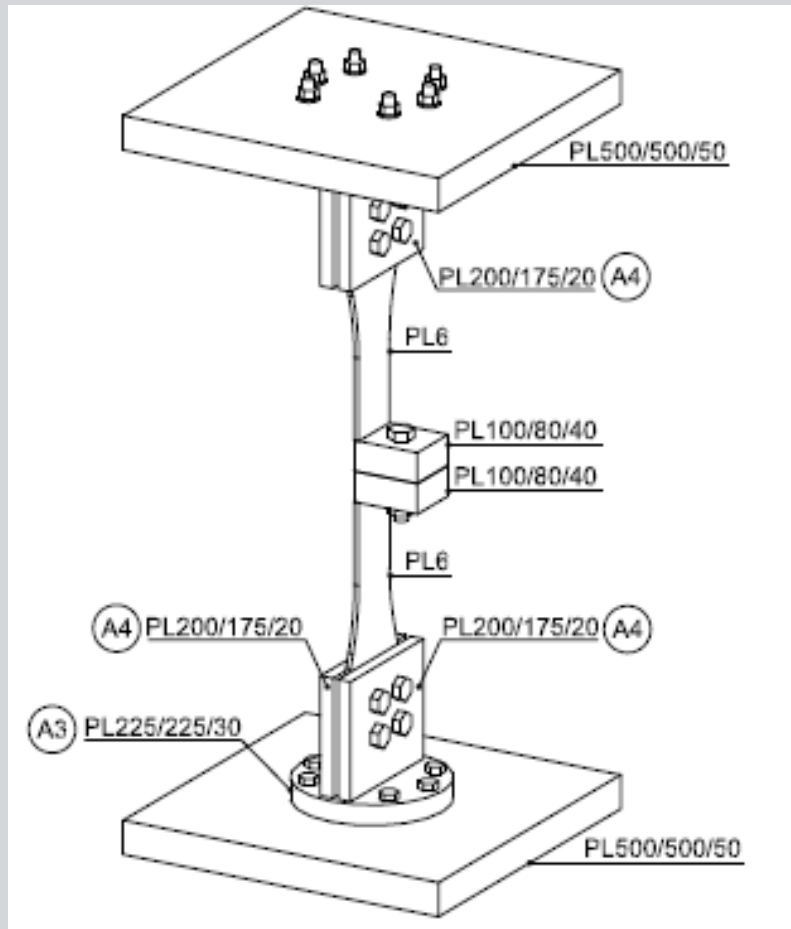
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## Numerical modeling of connections for fatigue design

### Tests for S-N fatigue curves in preparation



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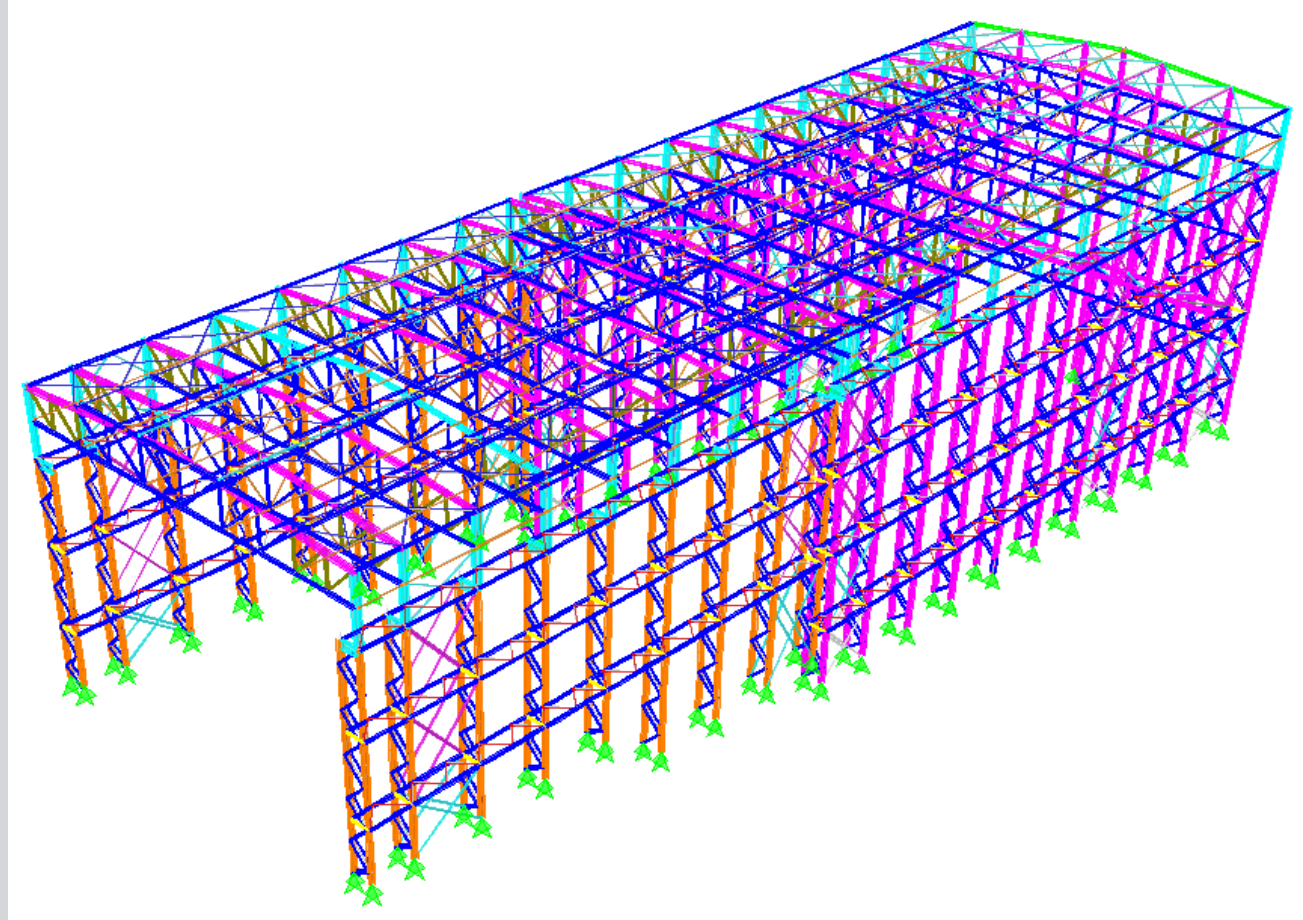


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# Built-up columns

## Design example



**Hellas Gold Facilities in Skouries, Chalkidiki - Flotation bld**



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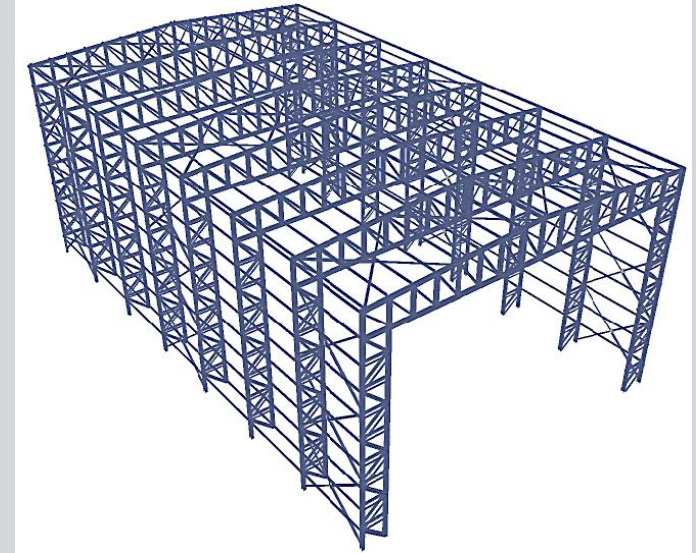
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# Built-up columns

## Problem description

Recommended in cases of:

- Large height / long span
- Heavy loads



From the doctoral thesis of Kostis Kalochairetis

**Research objective:**

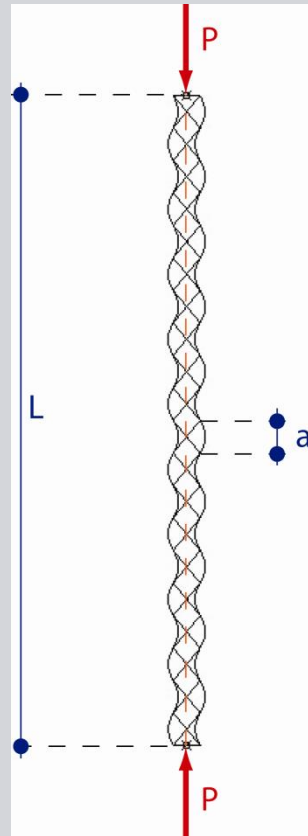
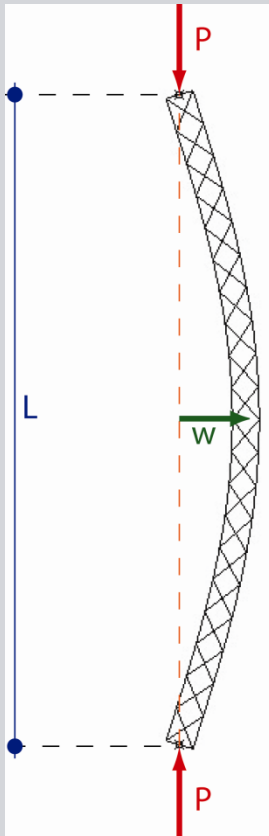
- Arbitrary boundary conditions
- Axial + bending actions
- Design guidelines



# Built-up columns

## Interesting issues

- ❑ Influence of shear deformation
- ❑ Interaction of global buckling, local buckling and plasticity



$$P_{cr} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{P_E} + \frac{1}{S_V}}$$

$$P_L = \frac{2\pi^2 EI_{ch,z}}{a^2}$$

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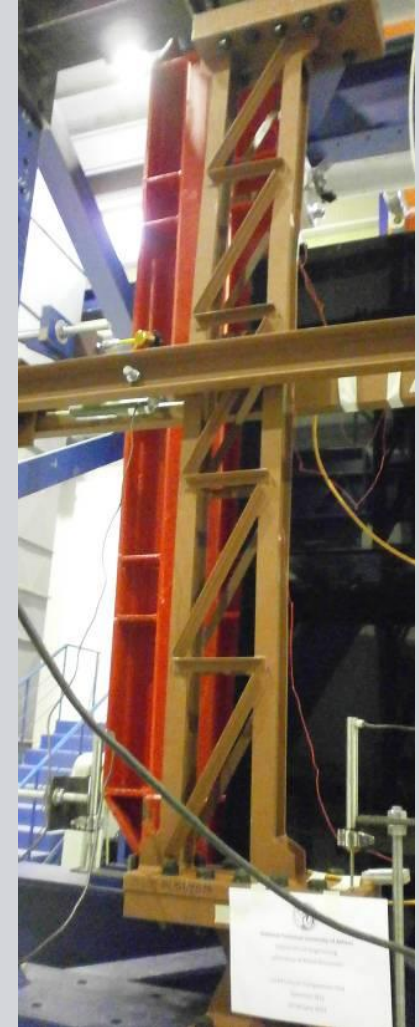
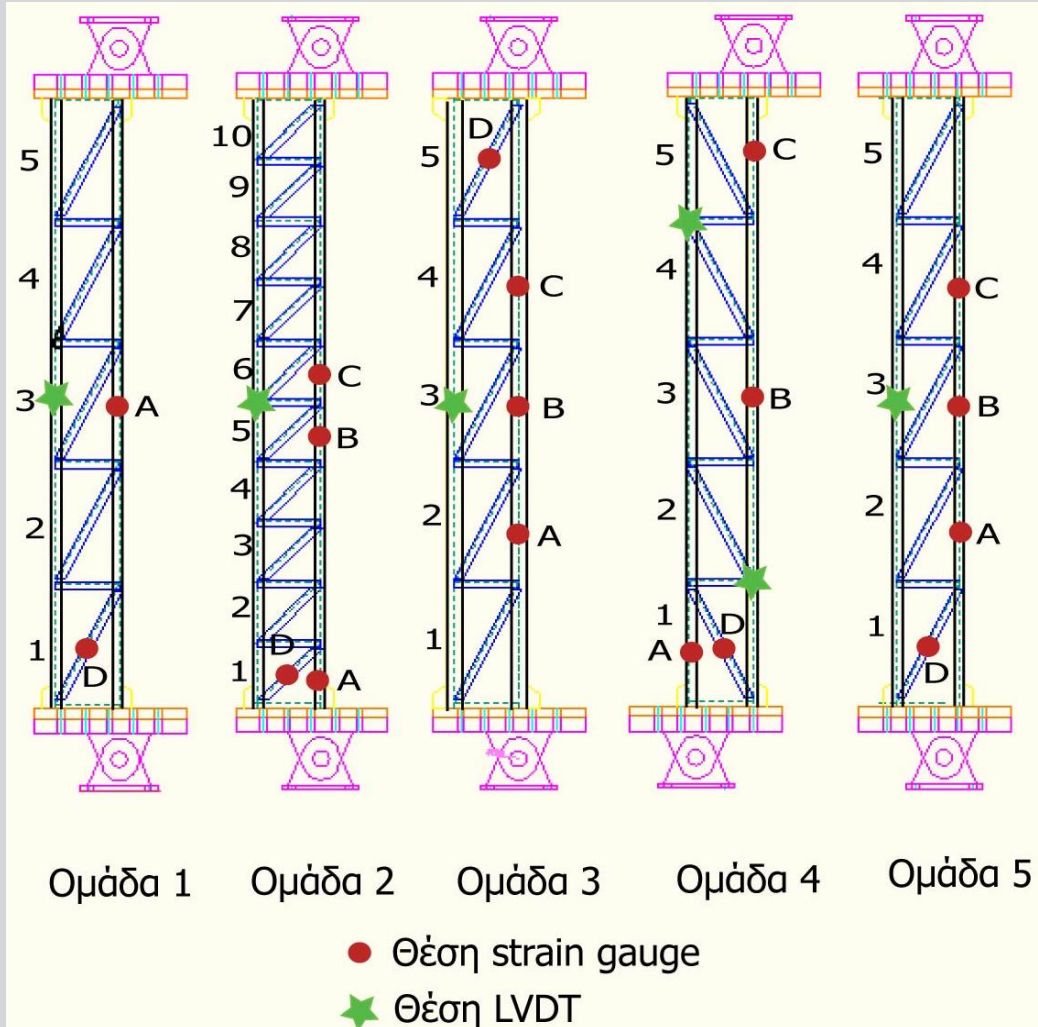


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## Experimental tests



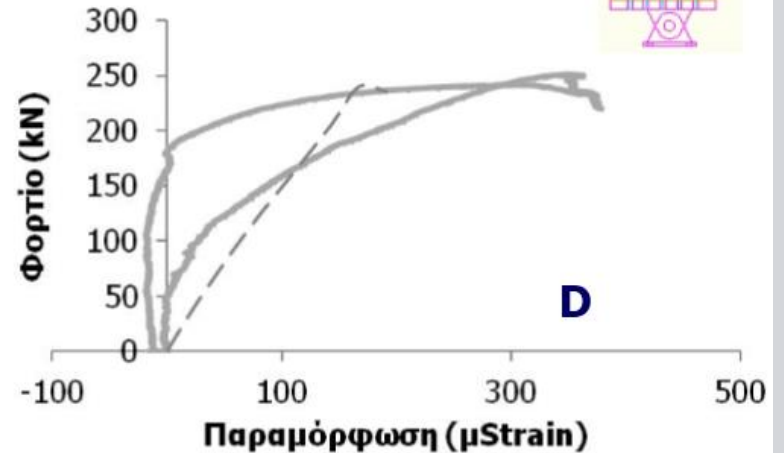
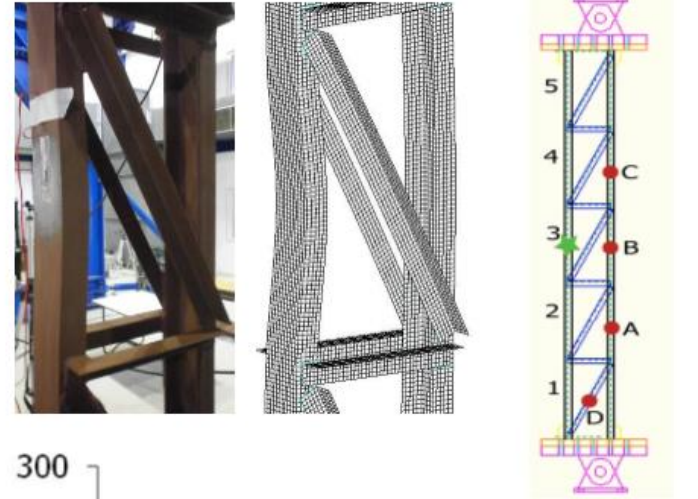
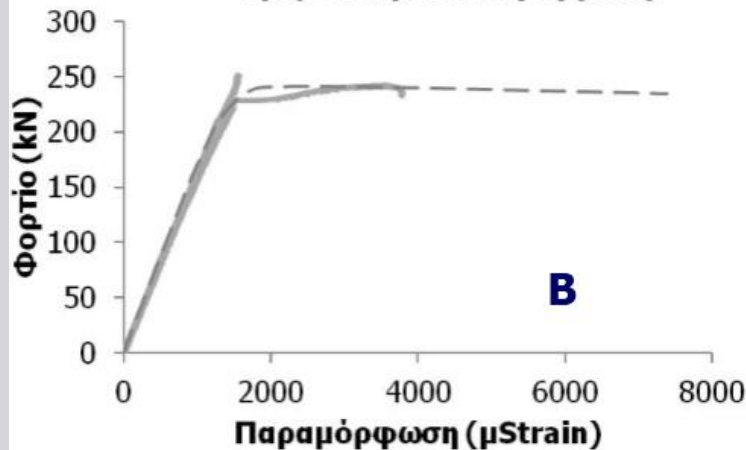
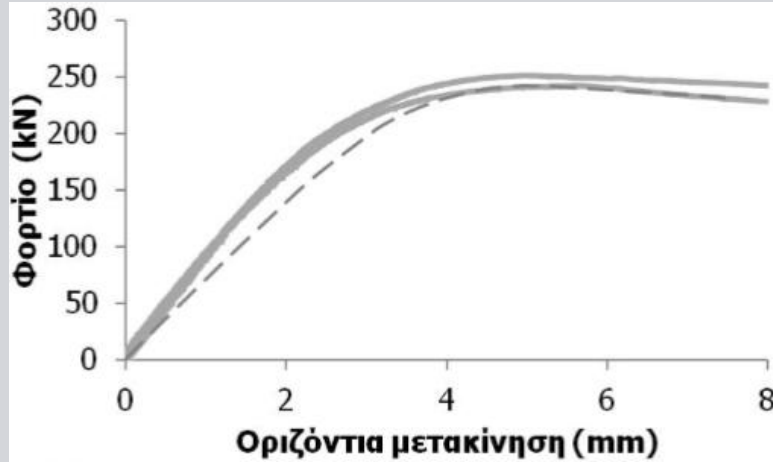


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## Comparison between tests & numerical results



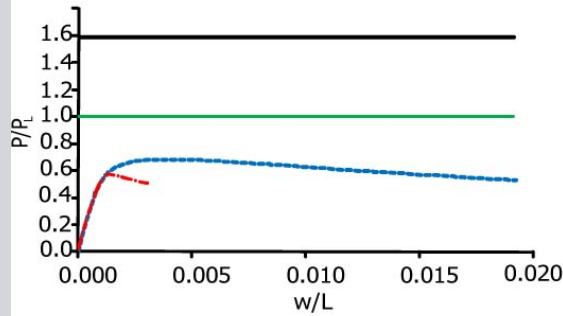


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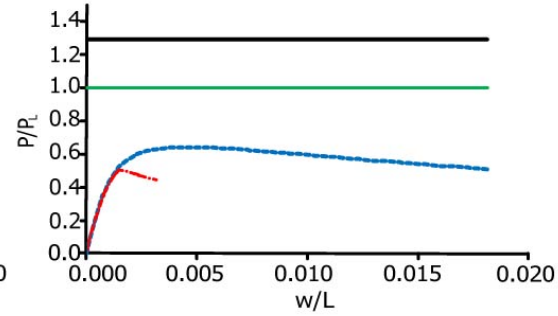
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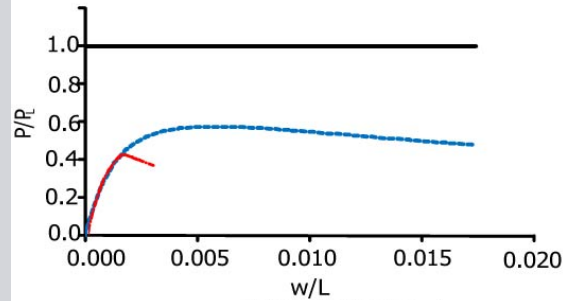
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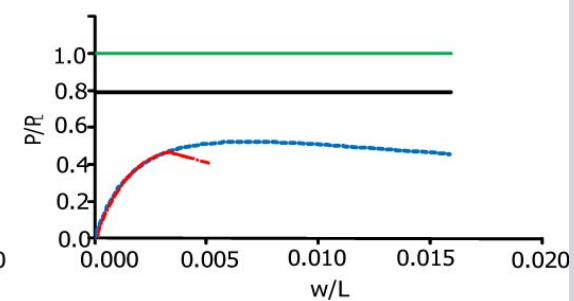
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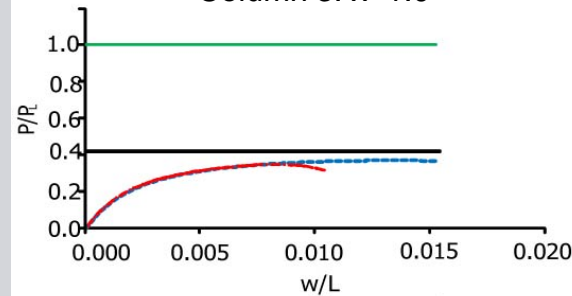
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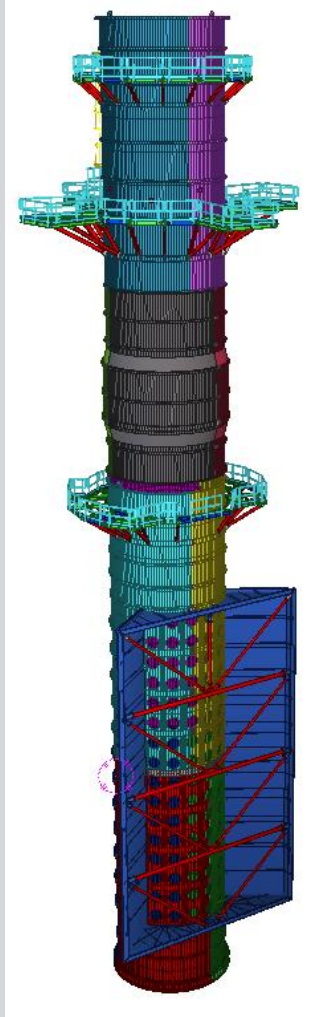


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# Large-diameter industrial steel chimneys

## Problem description



Funding from CICIND - International Committee on Industrial Chimneys (<http://cicind.org/>)

**In recent years the development of combined cycle power plants has led to boiler exhaust stacks with diameters in the order of 7 meters**

Steel chimneys are designed shell buckling according to one of the following codes:

- CICIND: Model Code for Steel Chimneys
- EN 1993-1-6: Strength and Stability of Shell Structures
- ASME STS-1: Steel Stacks

**Issues not covered by these codes:**

- **Beam vs. shell modeling**
- **Impact of stiffeners**
- **Impact of breaching**





# Large-diameter industrial steel chimneys

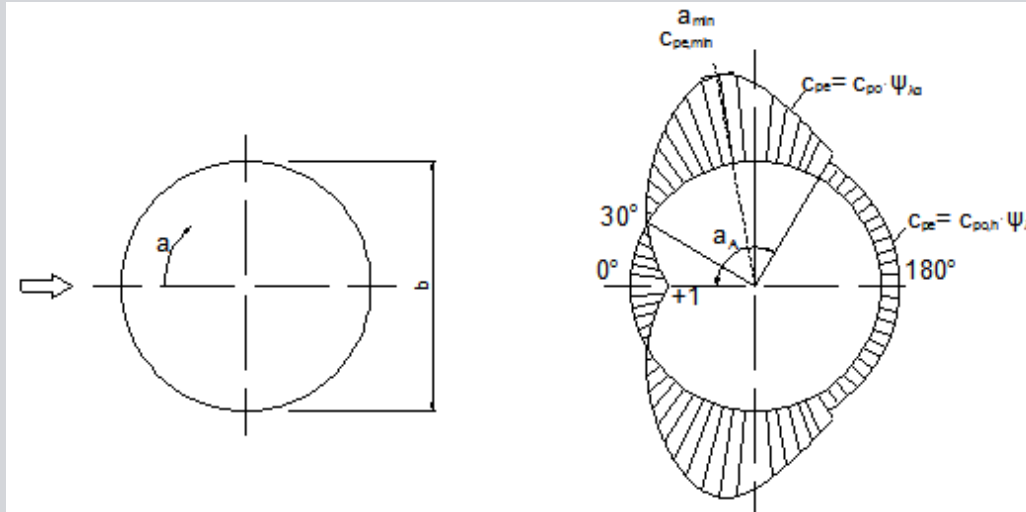
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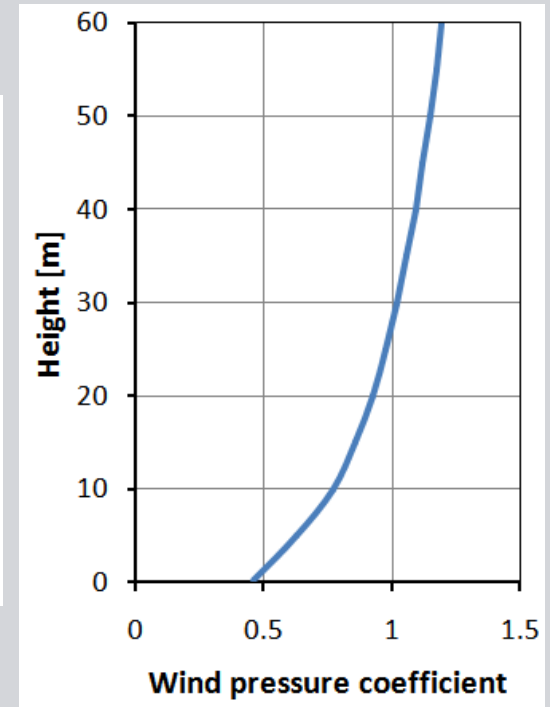
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### Wind loading distribution



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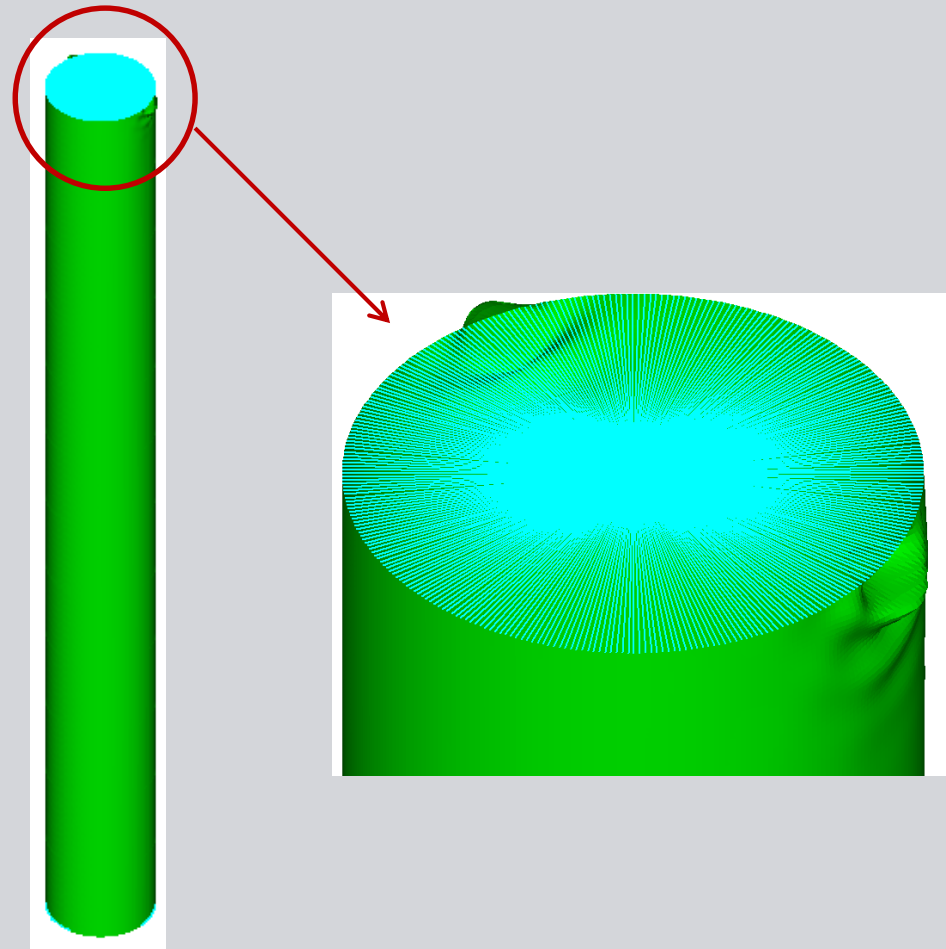
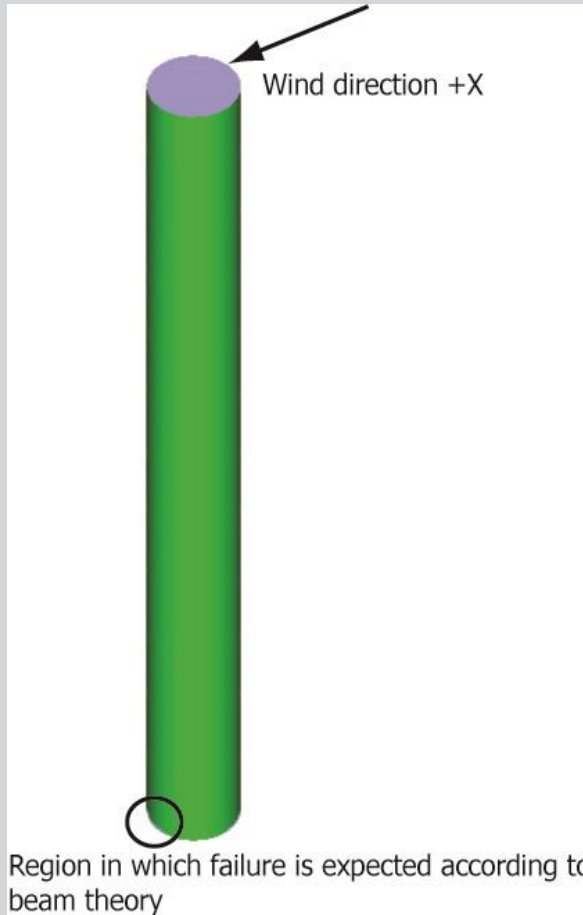
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## Beam vs. shell modeling

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Due to wind pressure distribution, shell-type buckling dominates



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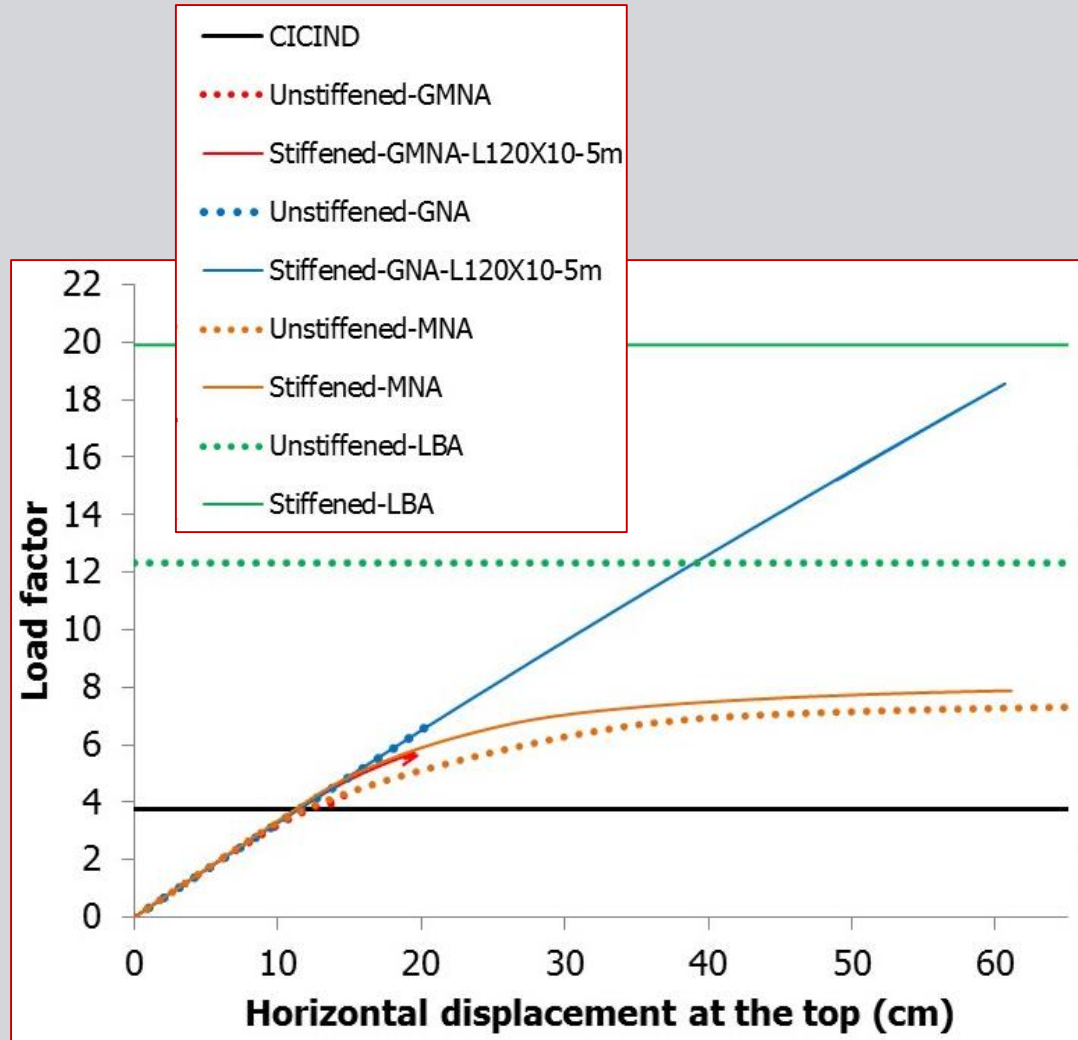
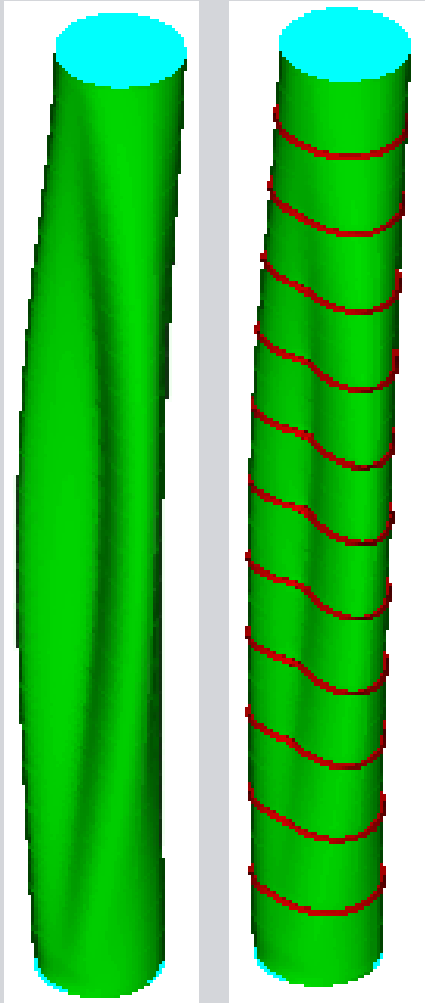


# Large-diameter industrial steel chimneys

## Effect of stiffeners

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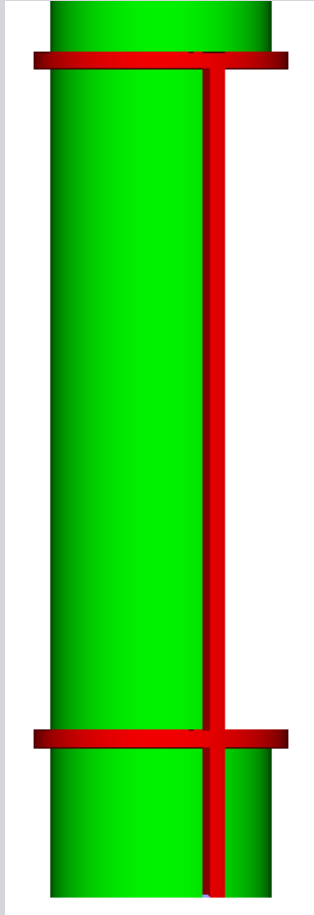
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# Large-diameter industrial steel chimneys

## Effect of breaching

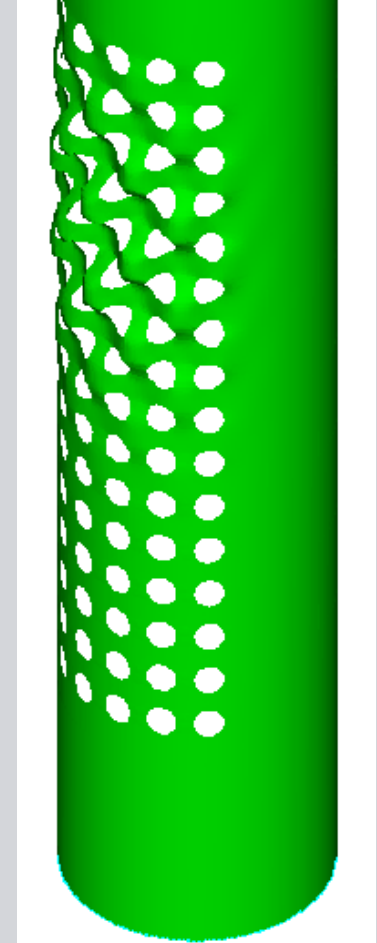
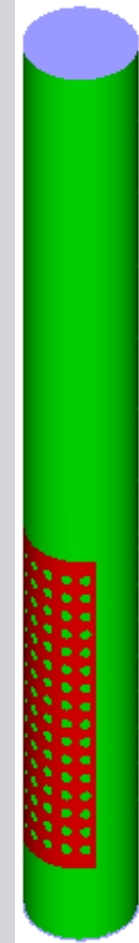
### Single large opening



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**Huge stiffeners  
are required to  
compensate  
loss of strength**

**Much better  
performance  
with small local  
increase of shell  
thickness**

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**Array of many small circular openings**



# Eurocode 3 rules for nonlinear analysis

## Problem description



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# Eurocode 3 rules for nonlinear analysis

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### 5.2 Global analysis

#### 5.2.1 Effects of deformed geometry of the structure

- (1) The internal forces and moments may generally be determined using either:
  - first-order analysis, using the initial geometry of the structure or
  - second-order analysis, taking into account the influence of the deformation of the structure.
- (2) The effects of the deformed geometry (second-order effects) should be considered if they increase the action effects significantly or modify significantly the structural behaviour.
- (3) First order analysis may be used for the structure, if the increase of the relevant internal forces or moments or any other change of structural behaviour caused by deformations can be neglected. This condition may be assumed to be fulfilled, if the following criterion is satisfied:

$$\alpha_{cr} = \frac{F_{cr}}{F_{Ed}} \geq 10 \quad \text{for elastic analysis} \tag{5.1}$$
$$\alpha_{cr} = \frac{F_{cr}}{F_{Ed}} \geq 15 \quad \text{for plastic analysis}$$

where

$\alpha_{cr}$  is the factor by which the design loading would have to be increased to cause elastic instability in a global mode;

$F_{Ed}$  is the design loading on the structure;

$F_{cr}$  is the elastic critical buckling load for global instability mode based on initial elastic stiffnesses.

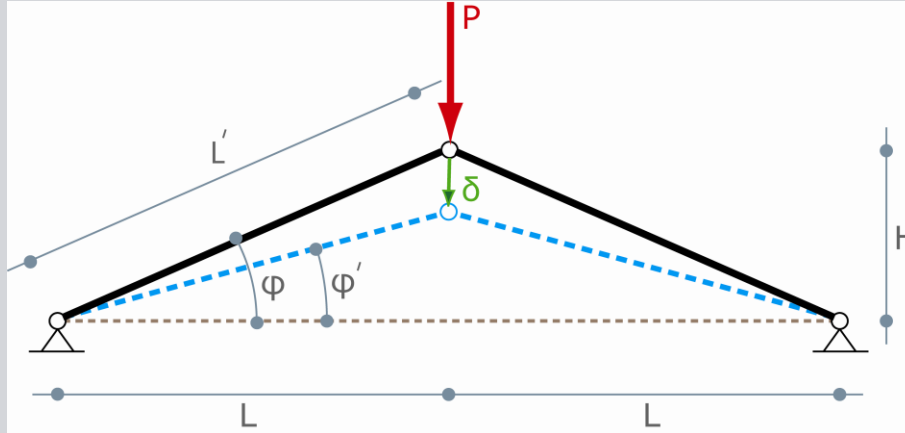


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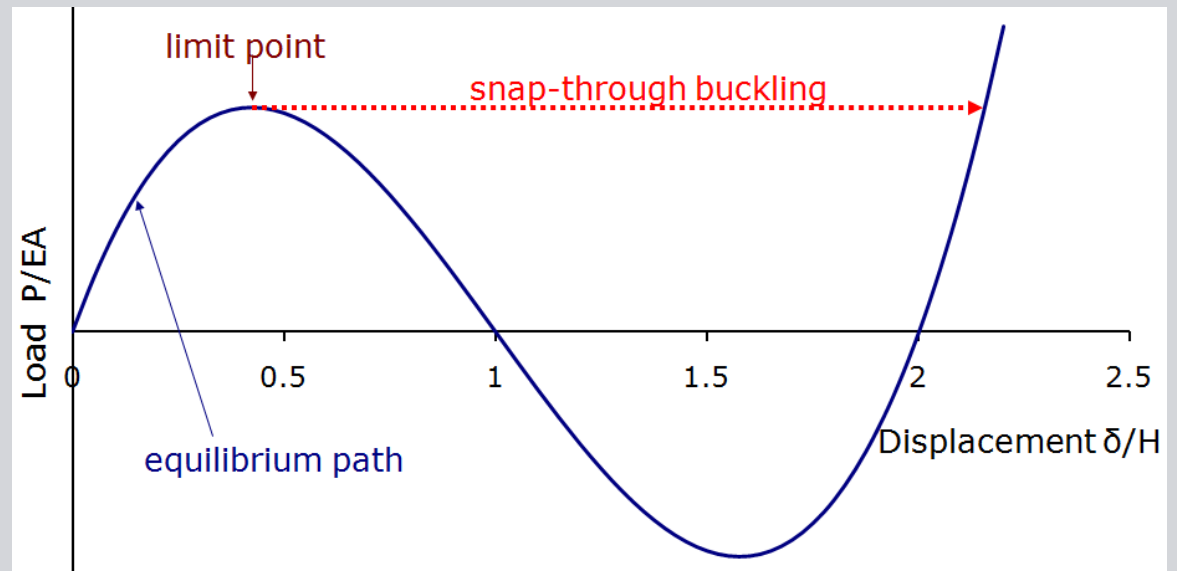
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# Eurocode 3 rules for nonlinear analysis

## Example of von Mises truss



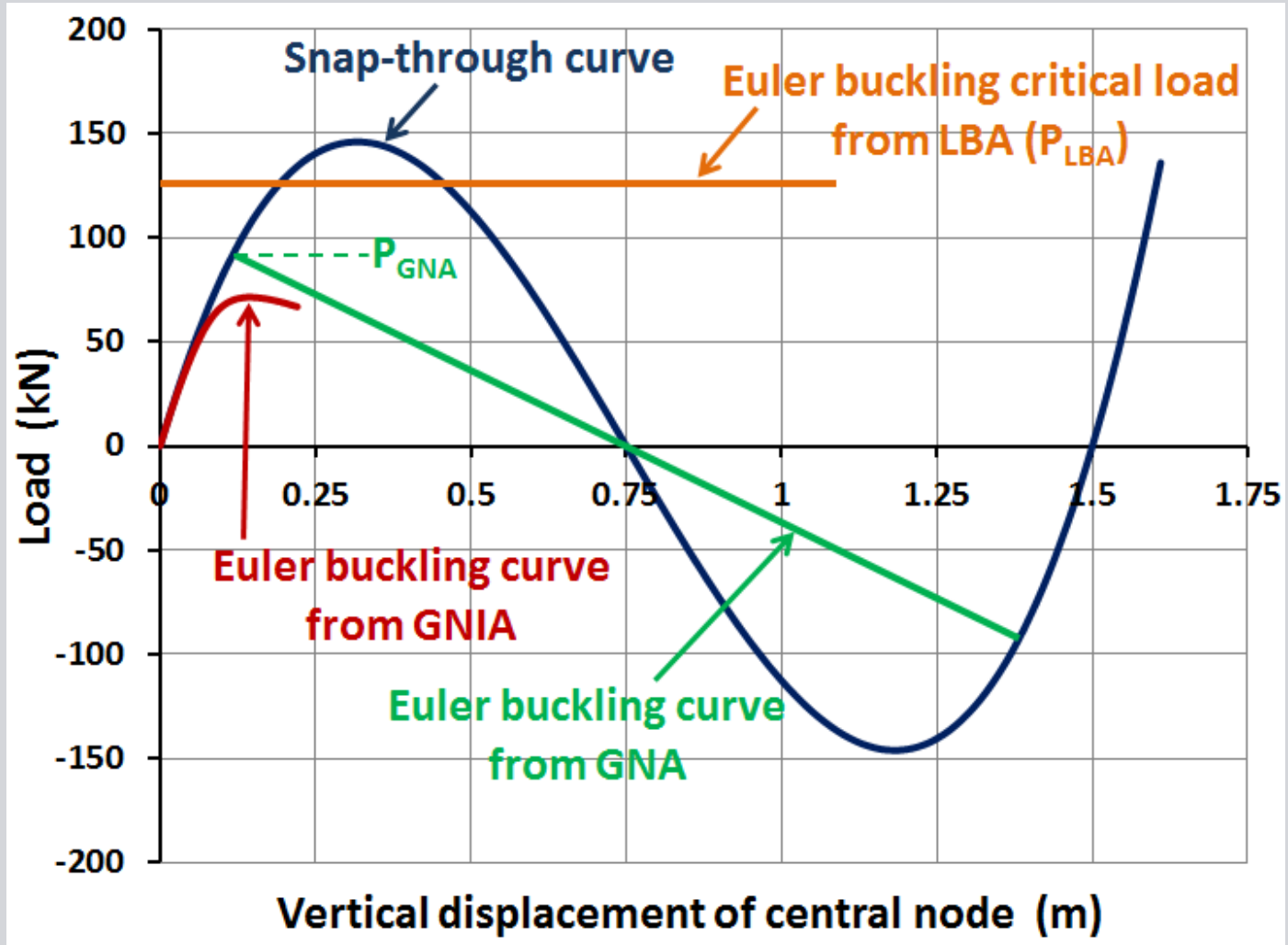
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## Example of von Mises truss



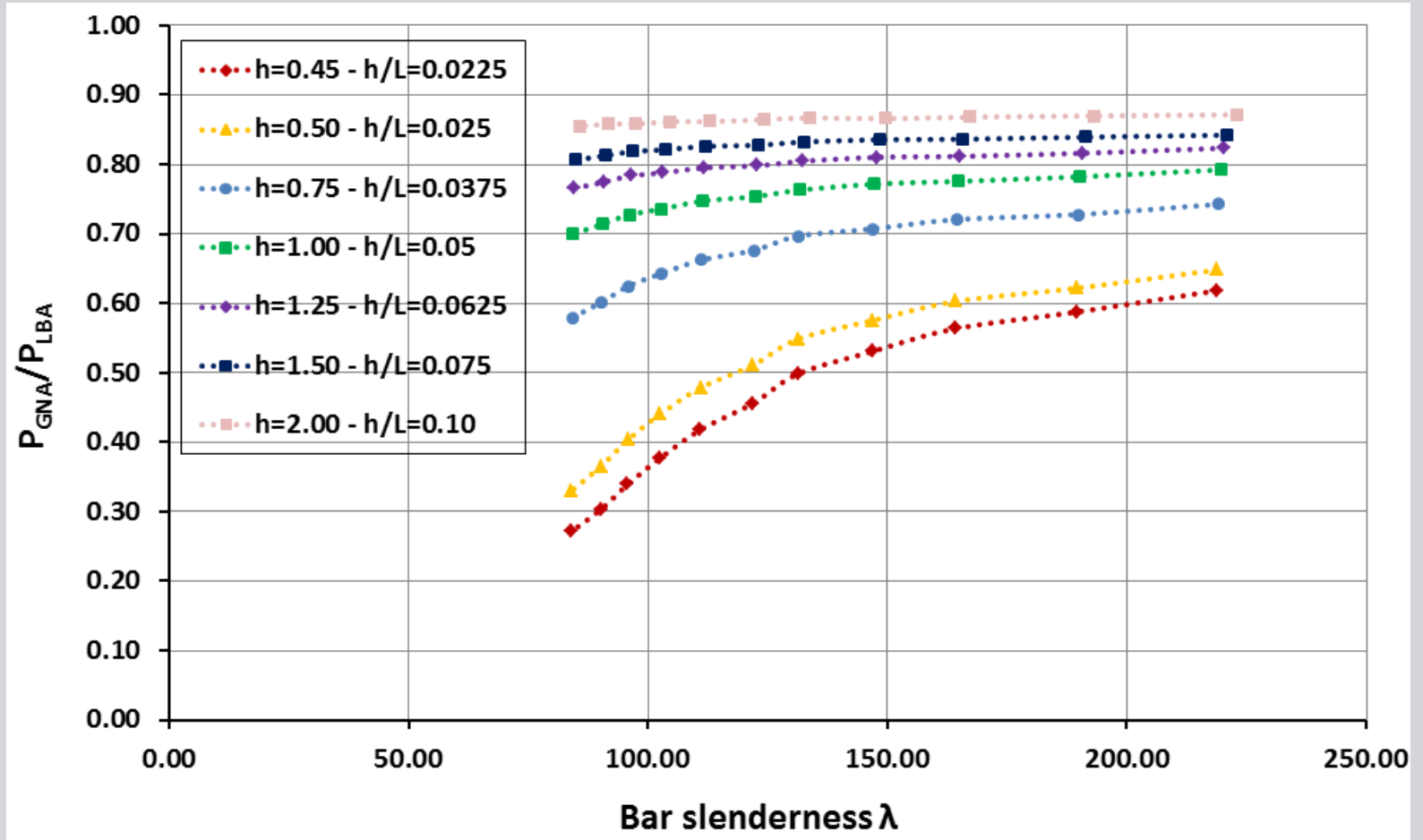


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## Example of von Mises truss



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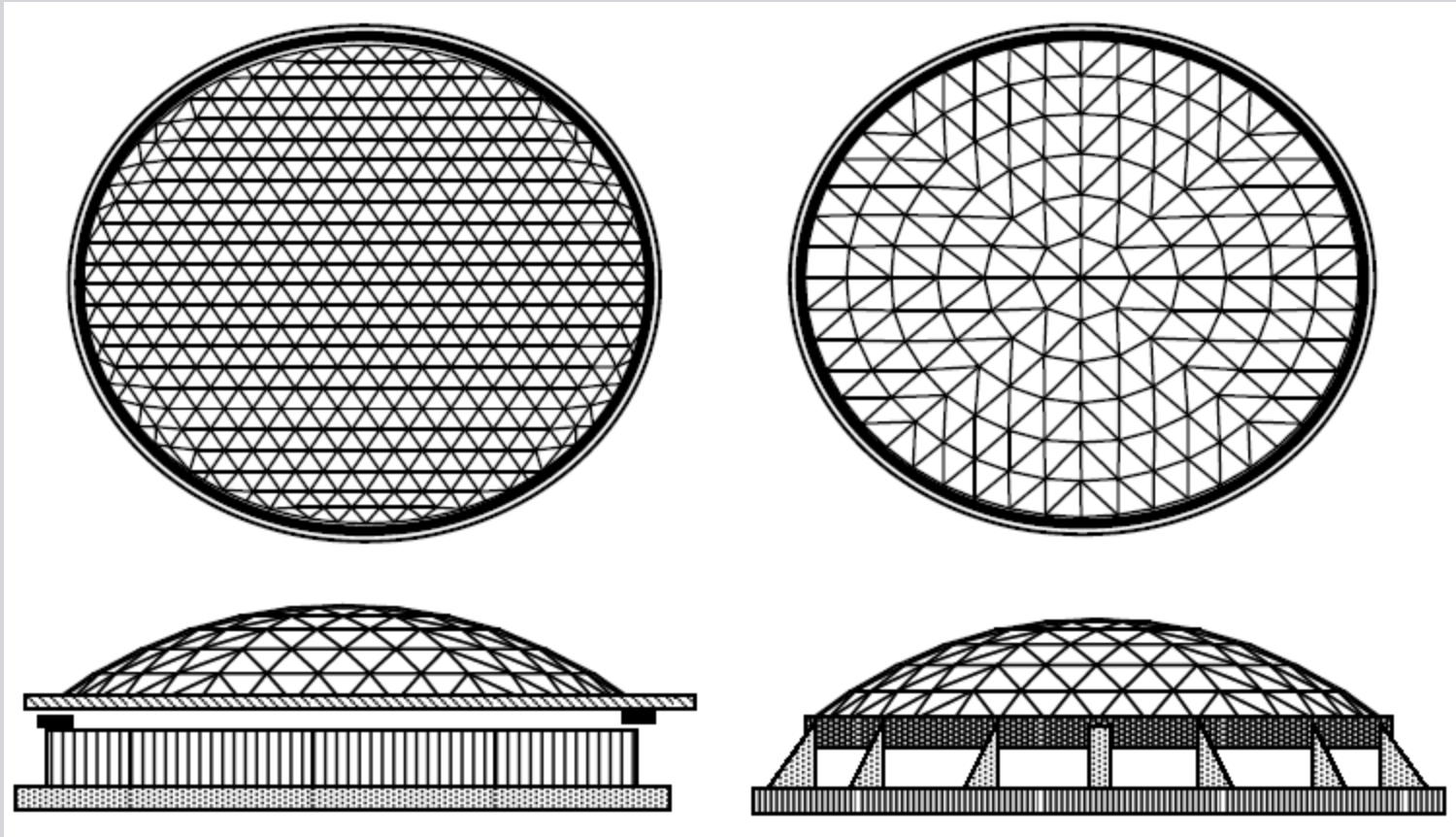
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# Eurocode 3 rules for nonlinear analysis

## Possible extensions

### Extension of conclusions to reticulated shells



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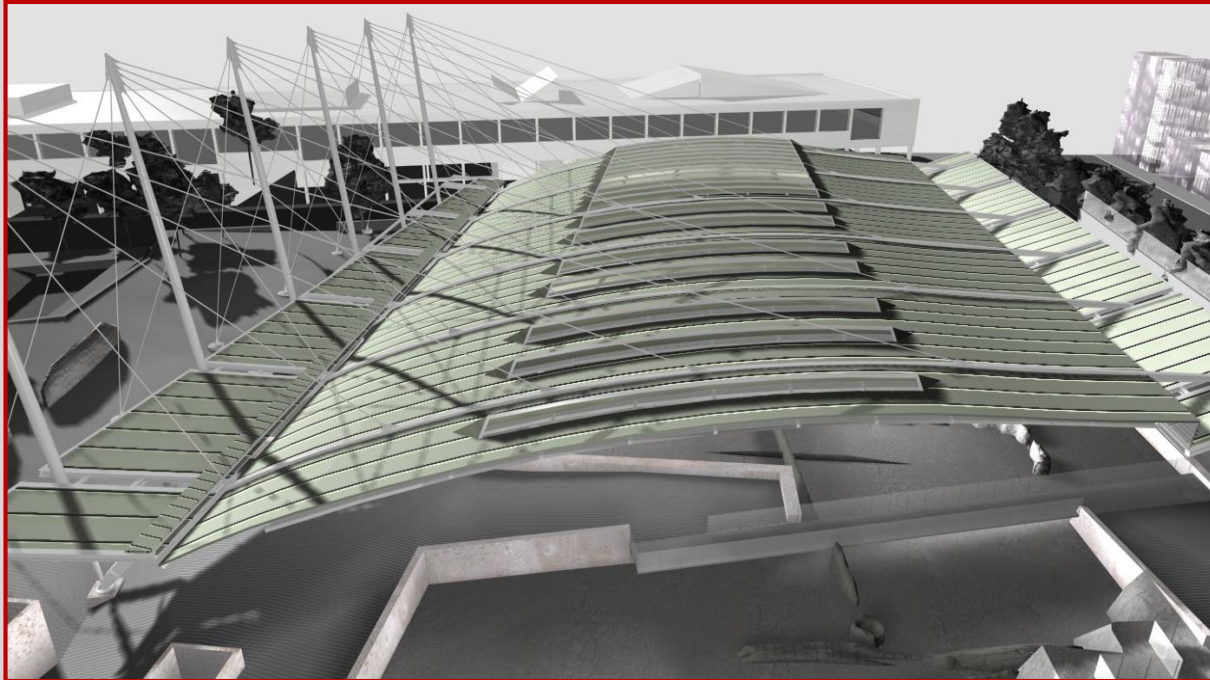


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# Aristotle's Lyceum protection hangar

## Architectural proposal



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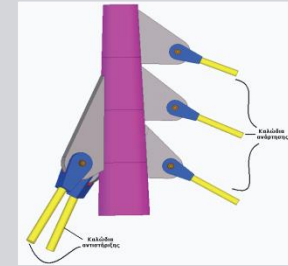
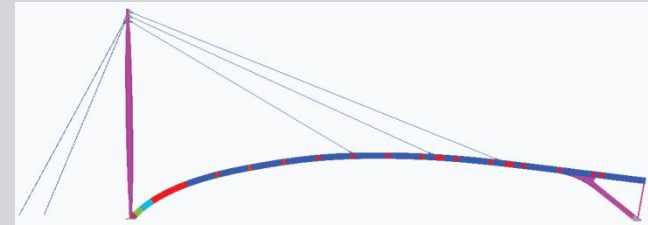
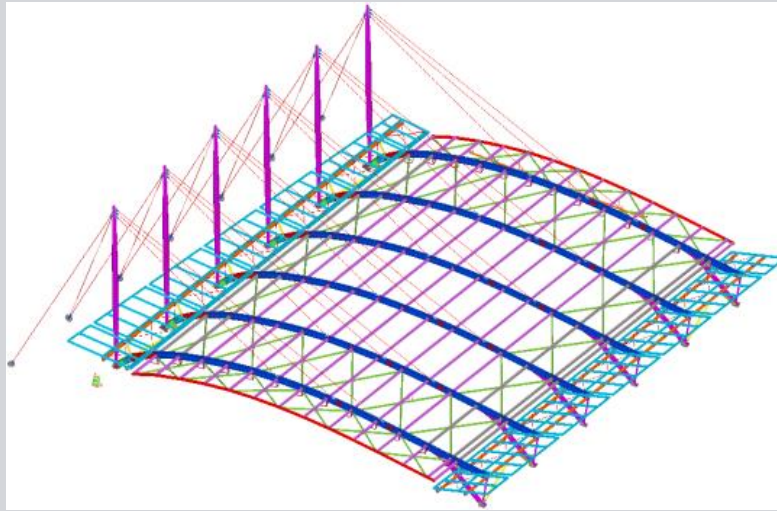


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# Aristotle's Lyceum protection hangar

## Description of structural system



**Steel roof consists of 6 parallel arch shaped main frames and is suspended by cables from 6 pylons.**

**Pylon** ⇒ circular hollow section, varying over the height

**Arch-shaped main frames** ⇒ welded I section strengthened with sideplates near the support



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# Aristotle's Lyceum protection hangar Pylon design

Circular hollow section, varying over height

All cross section are classified to class 1 or 2 in order to avoid local buckling

**Height of pylon**

**h=25m**

**Pylon sections**

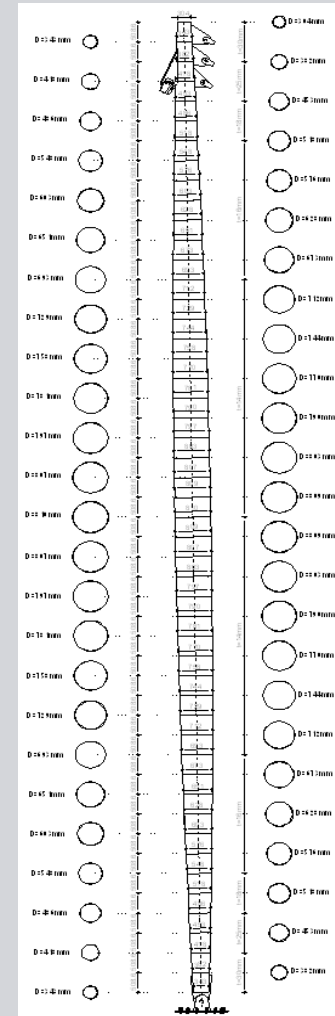
○ **max**

**D=800mm/t=14mm**  
(middle section)

○ **min**

**D=300mm/t=30mm**  
(end sections)

x (mm)	D (mm)	t (mm)
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1000	376.8	
1500	412.8	25
2000	447.2	
2500	480.0	
3000	511.2	18
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4000	568.8	
4500	595.2	16
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5500	643.2	
6000	664.8	16
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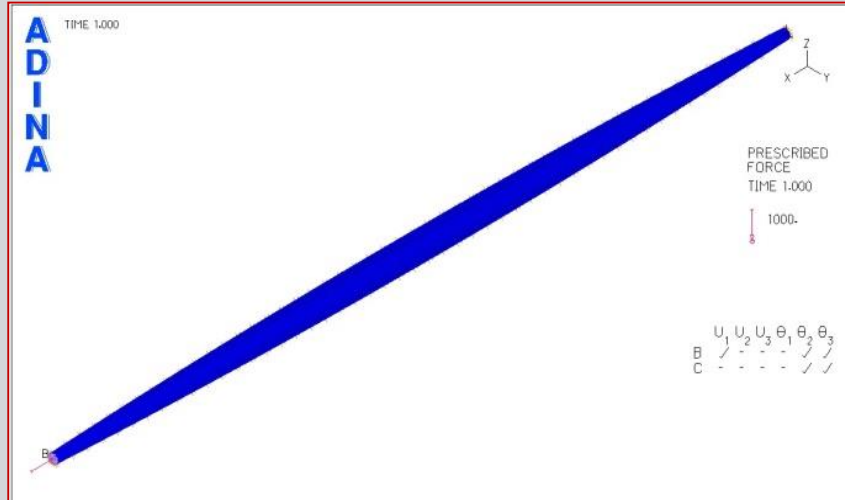


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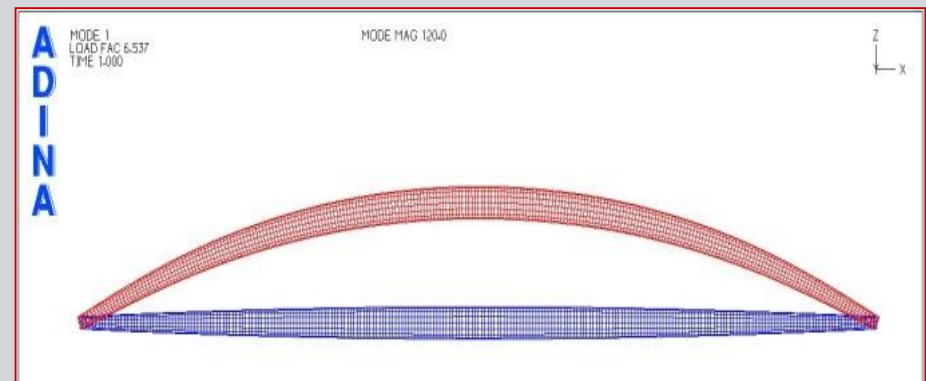
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Modeling  $\Rightarrow$  beam elements  
shell elements

- No local buckling among the first ten modes.
- First (flexural) buckling mode as imperfection pattern.



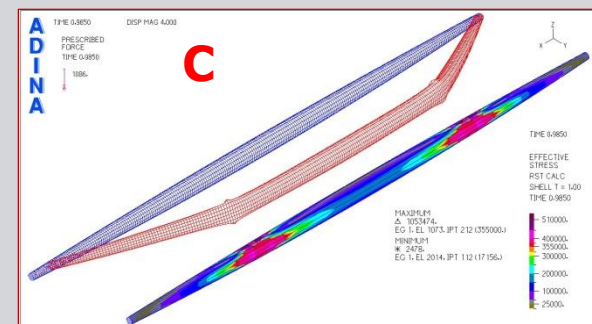
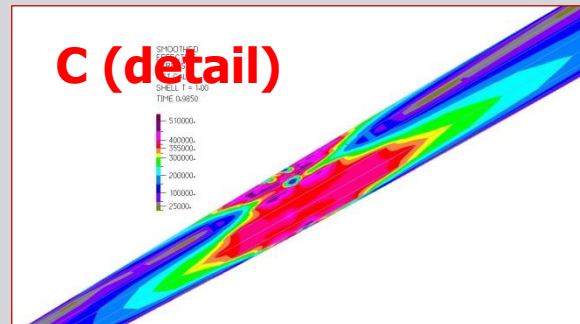
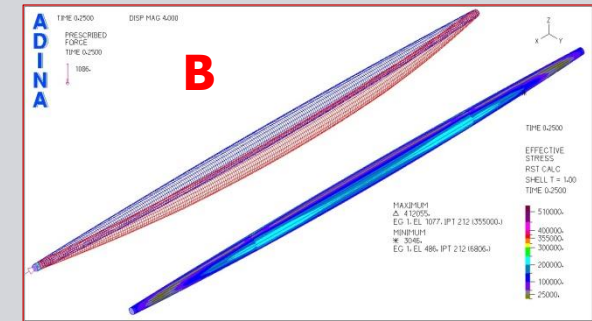
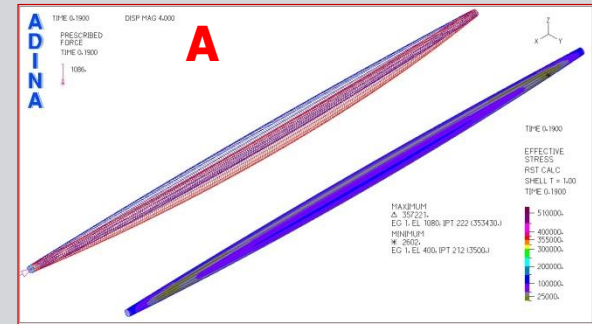
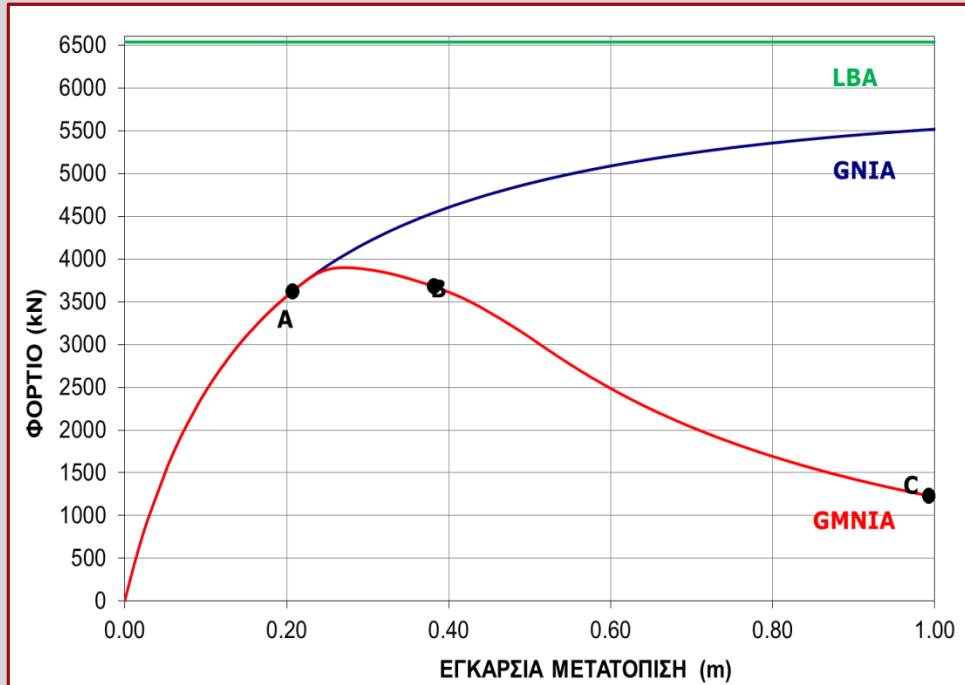
First critical buckling mode



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# Aristotle's Lyceum protection hangar Pylon design





# Aristotle's Lyceum protection hangar

## Main frame design

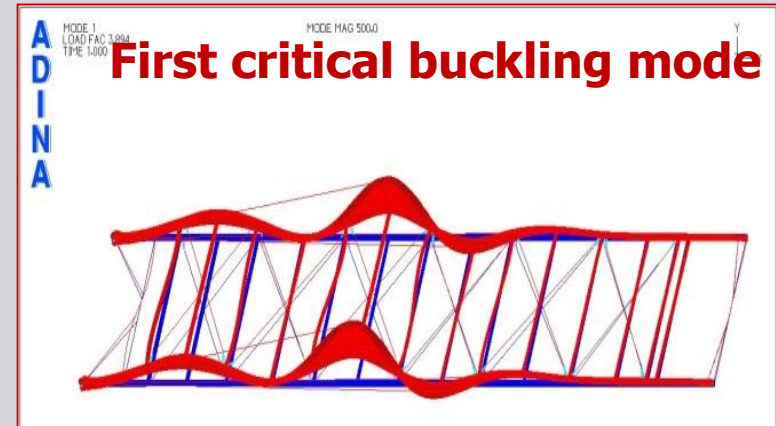
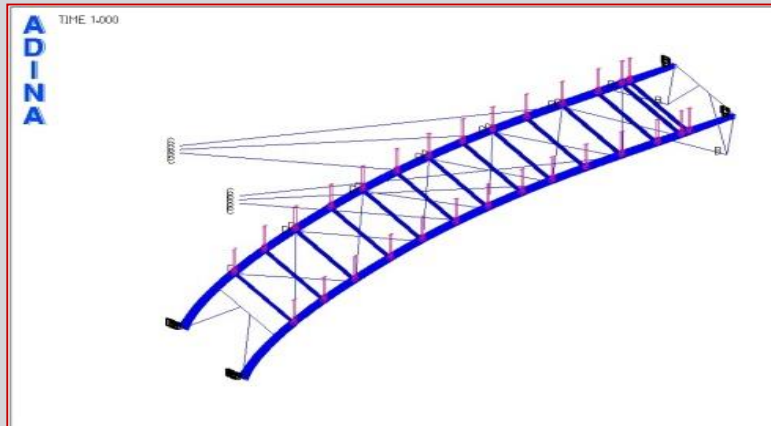


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### Modeling

- ❑ Two main frames with shell elements
- ❑ Transverse and braced connection members with beam elements
- ❑ Retaining cables with nonlinear, tension only, prestressed truss elements



- ❑ No local buckling among the first ten modes.
- ❑ The first global buckling mode (lateral-torsional) as imperfection pattern.



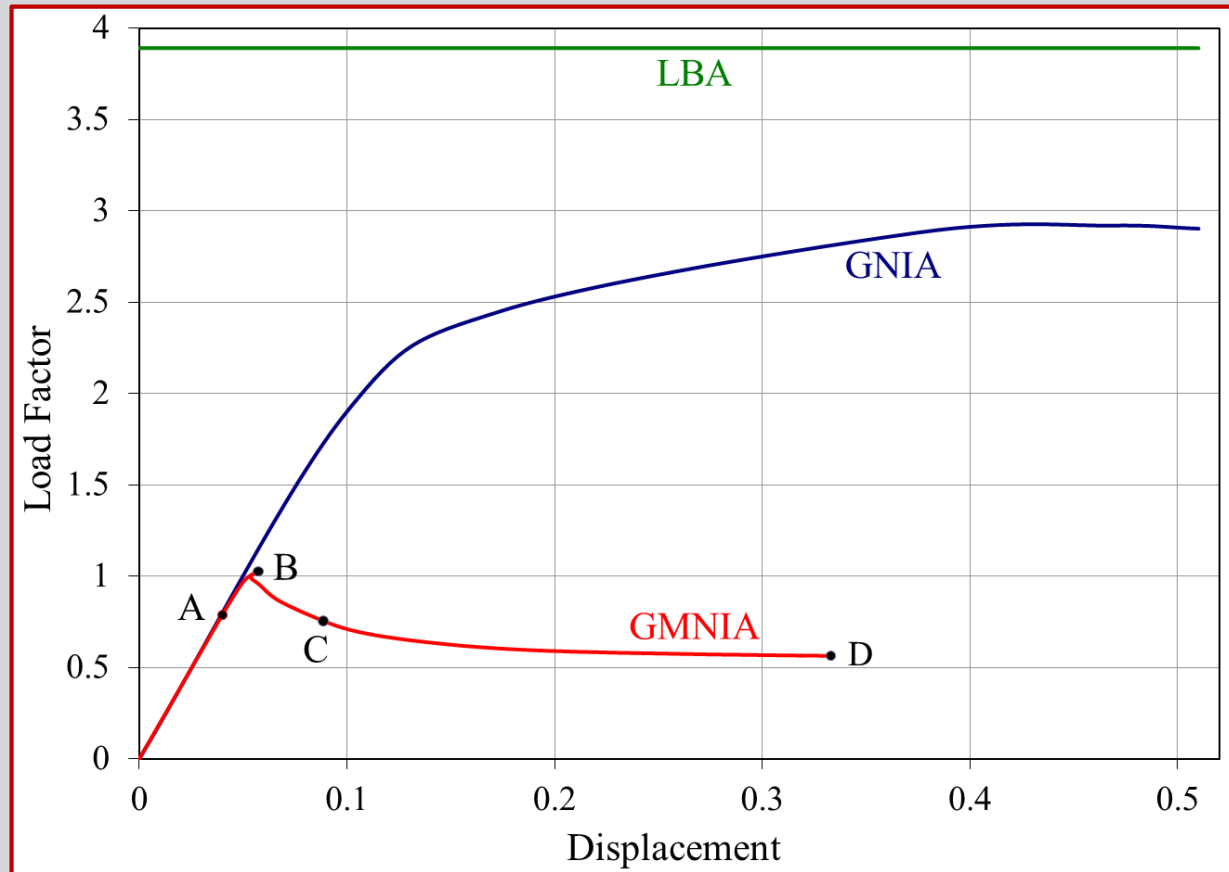
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# Aristotle's Lyceum protection hangar

## Main frame design

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Equilibrium paths from different types of analysis



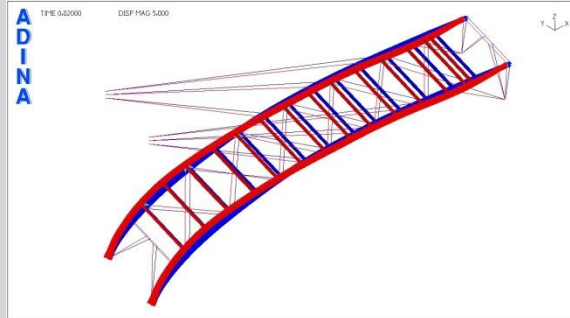
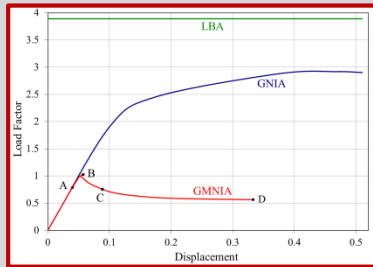


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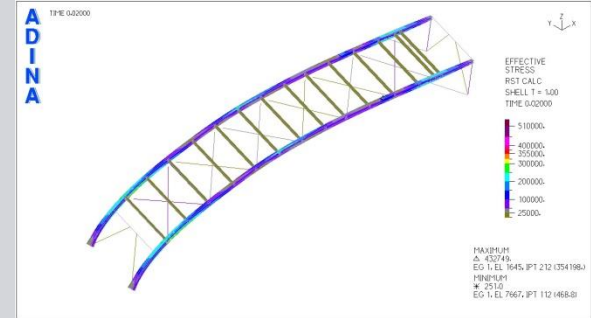
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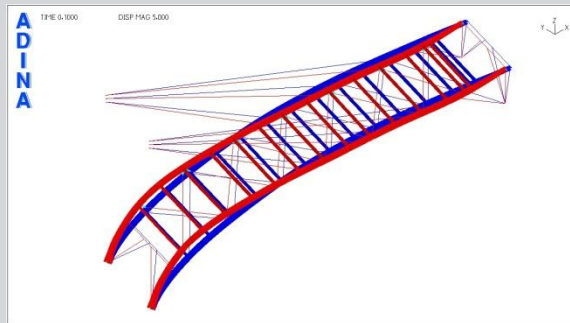
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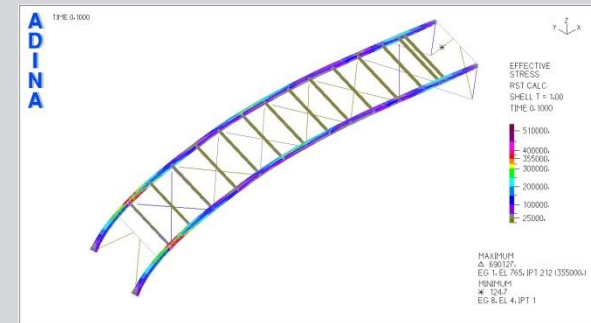
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Point A-stresses



Point B-deformation



Point B-stresses

Deformation and stress distribution at characteristic points  
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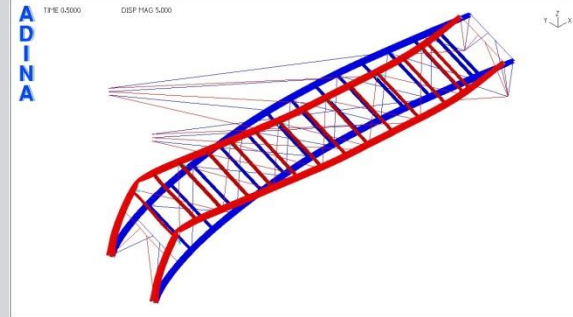
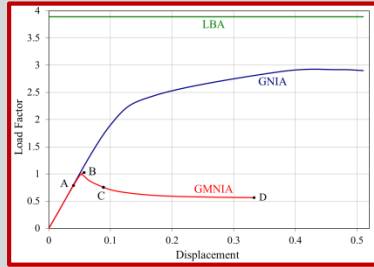


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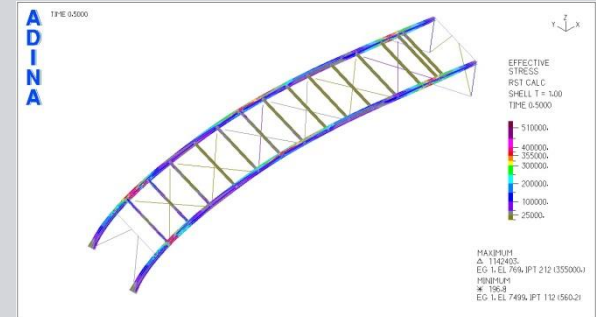
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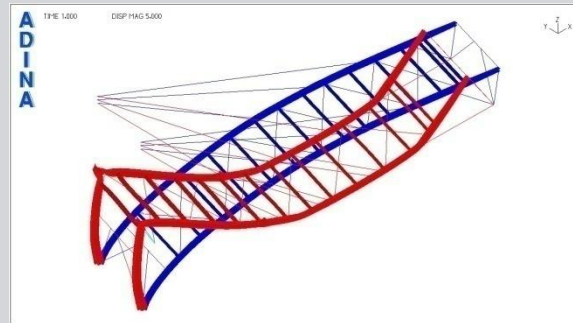
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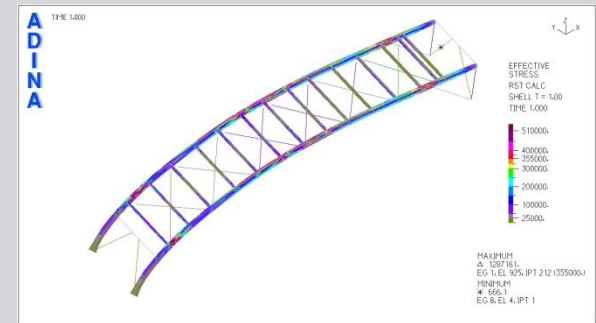
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Point C-stresses



Point D-deformation



Point D-stresses

Deformation and stress distribution at characteristic points  
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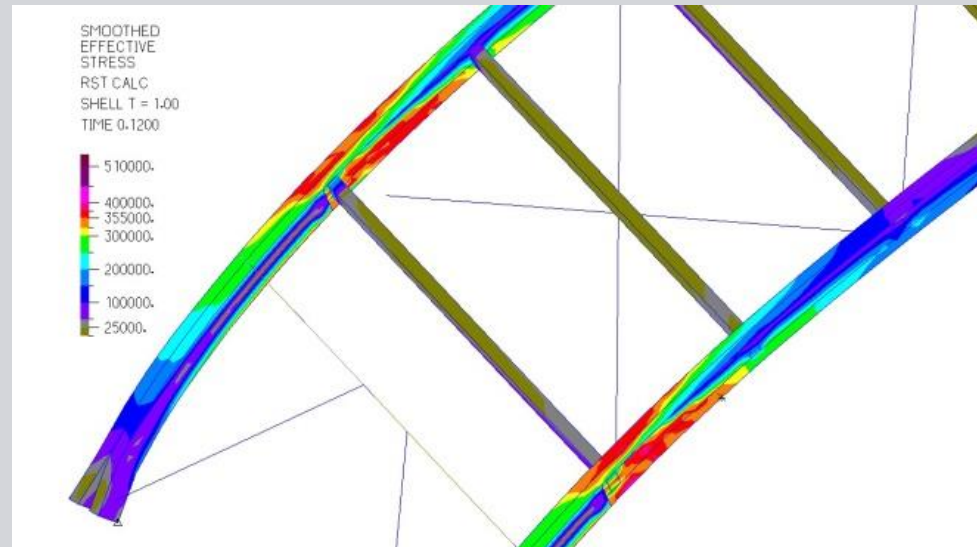
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**Point D-stresses (detail)**

**Deformation and stress distribution at characteristic points  
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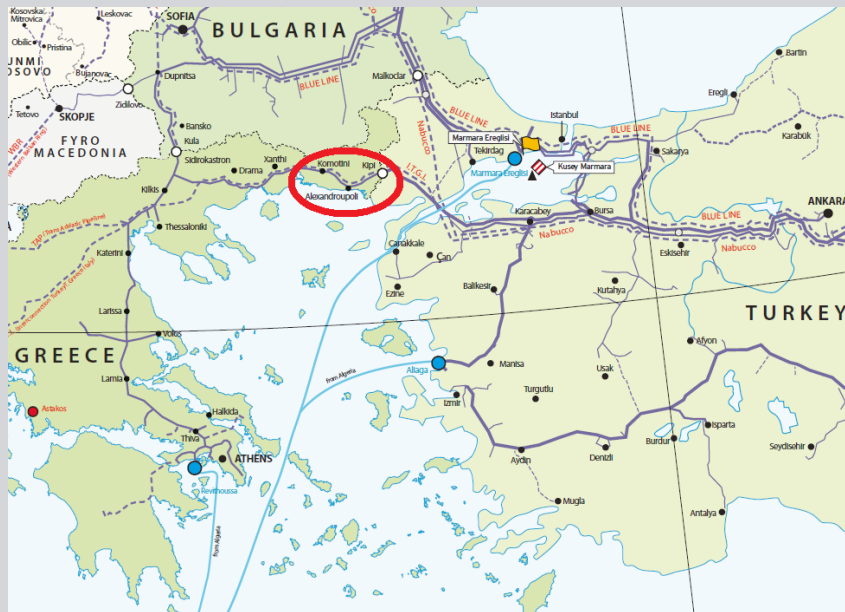
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# Buried pipelines for fuel transport

## Problem description

### High Pressure Natural Gas Pipeline Komotini – Alexandroupolis – Kipi



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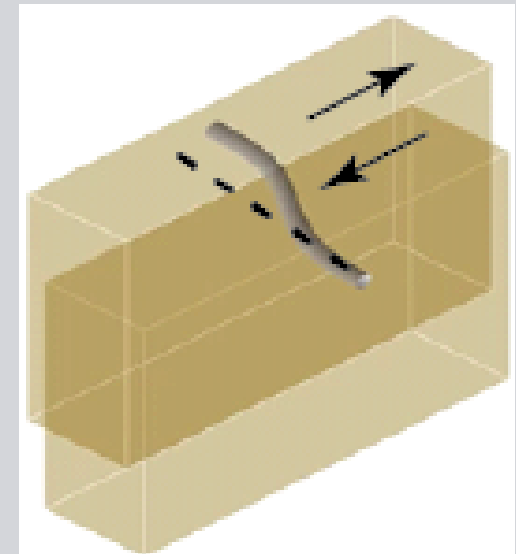
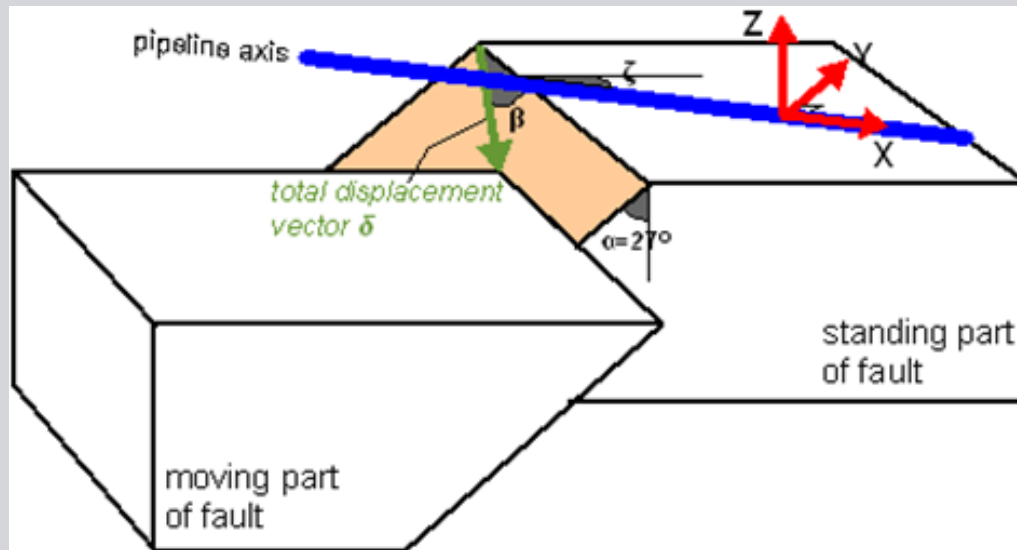
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# Buried pipelines for fuel transit

## Problem description

### Scope:

To evaluate the consequences of potential landslides or fault activation, triggered by an earthquake, and to propose protection measures.





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# Buried pipelines for fuel transit

## Problem description

### Strain-based problem

#### Possible failure modes:

- Local buckling of shell wall
- Tensile fracture of girth welds between adjacent parts
- Upheaval buckling

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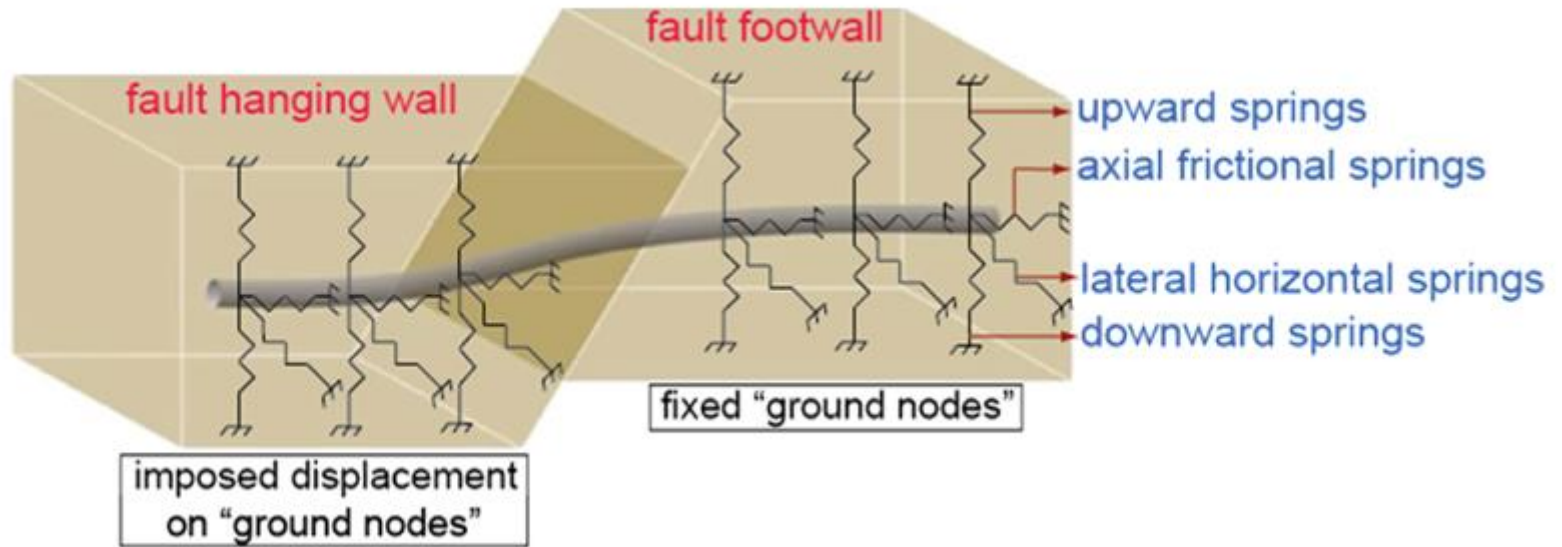


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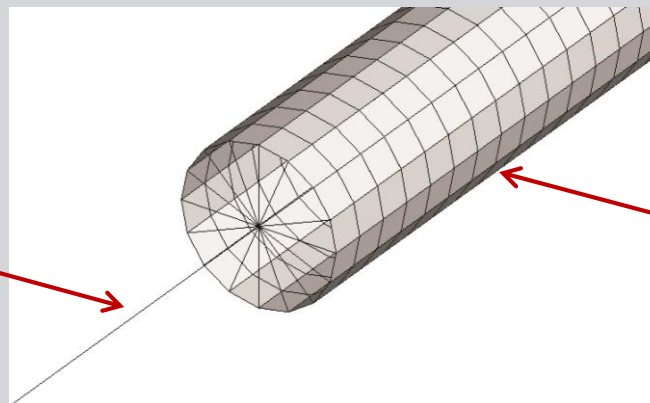
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# Buried pipelines for fuel transit

## Pipeline modeling



**beam element  
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**shell element  
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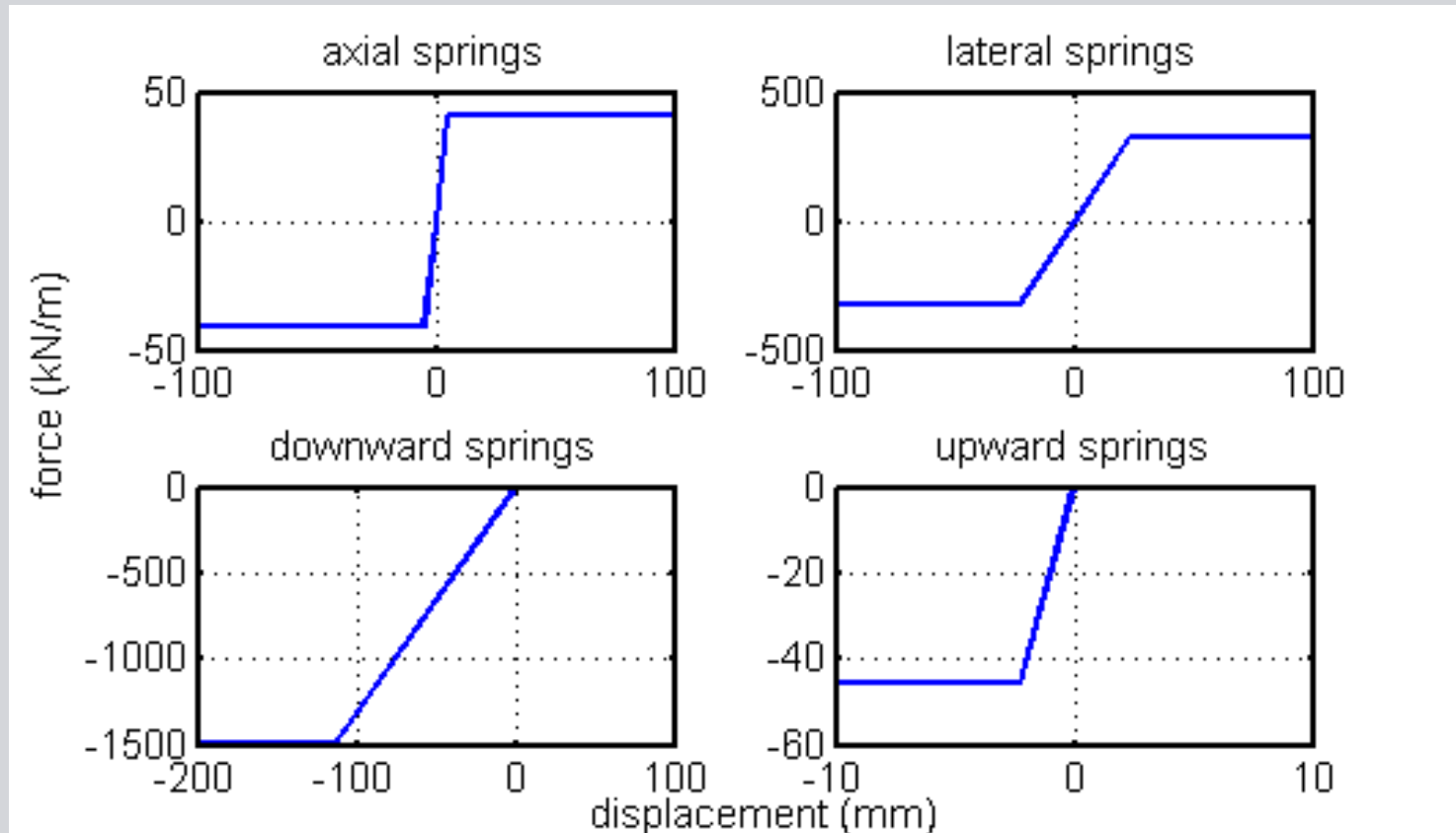
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# Buried pipelines for fuel transit

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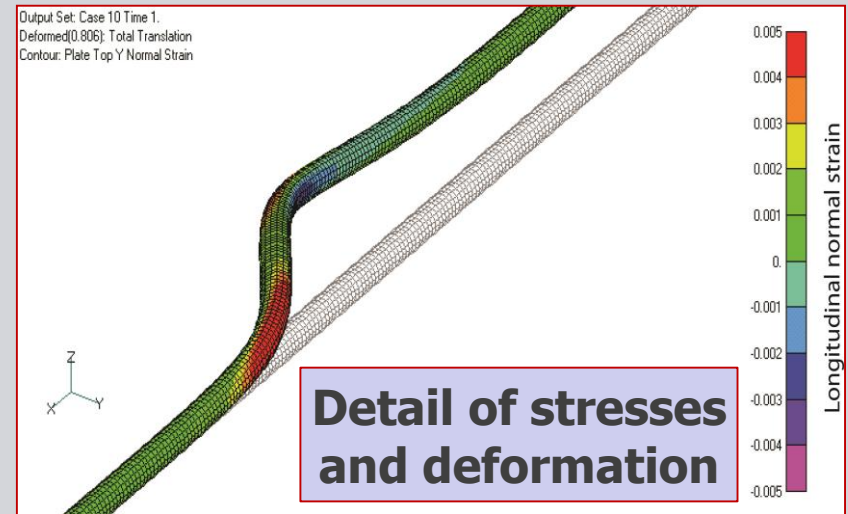
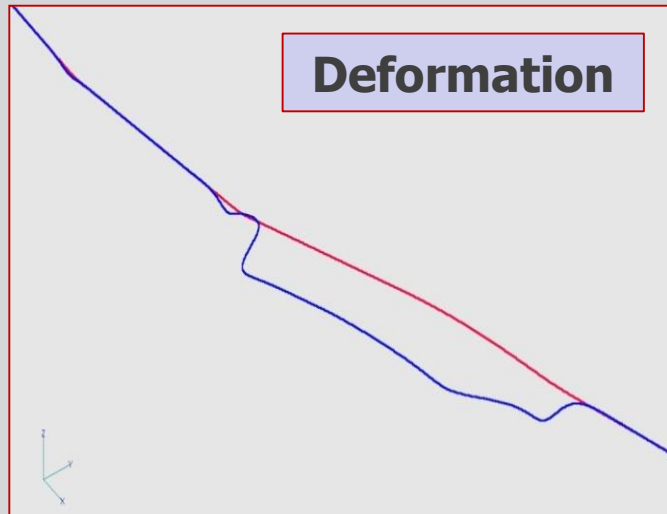
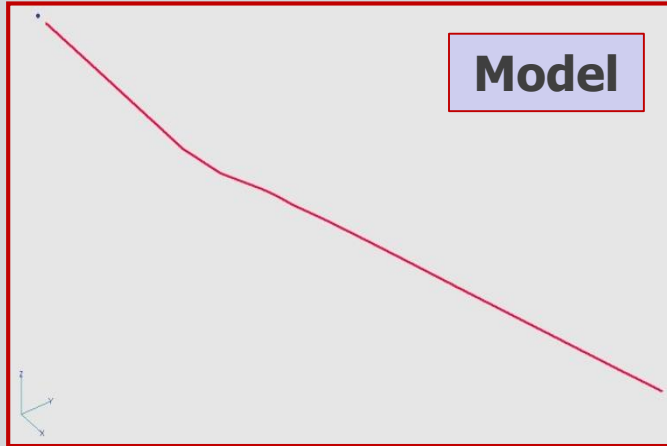
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## Numerical results

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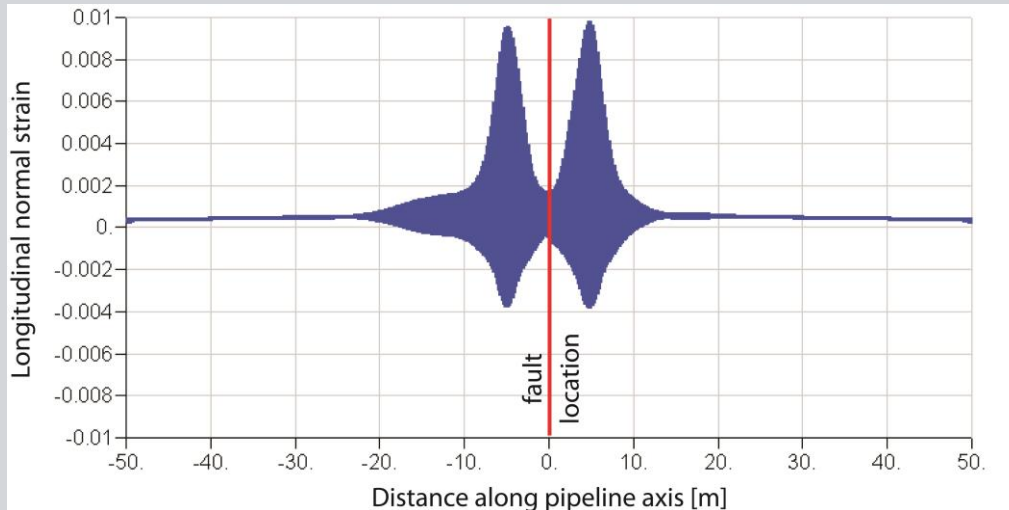
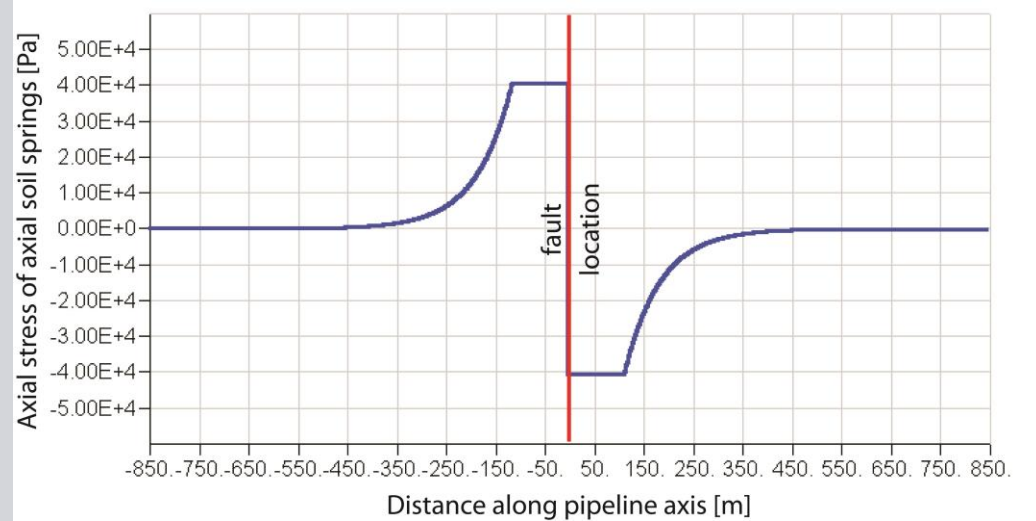
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## Numerical results

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### Stresses of axial soil springs along the pipeline



### Longitudinal normal strain along the pipeline



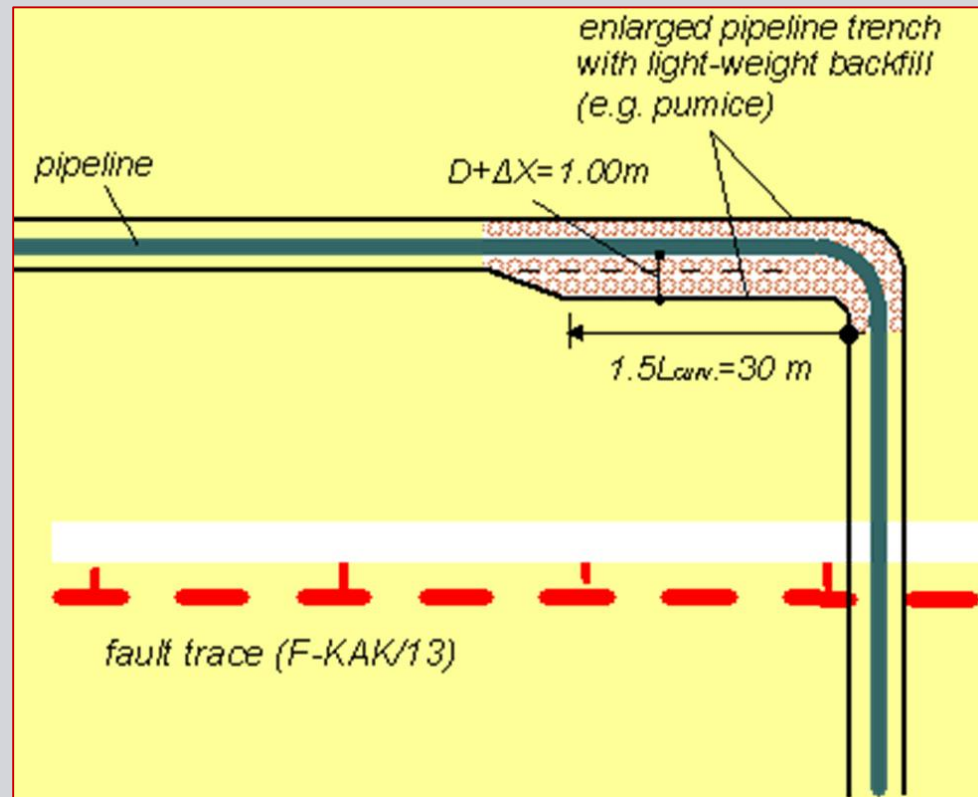
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# Buried pipelines for fuel transit

## Proposed measures

- Excavation expansion
- Fill in with soft material





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# Buried pipelines for fuel transit

## Proposed measures

### Wrapping of the pipeline with a friction reducing geotextile





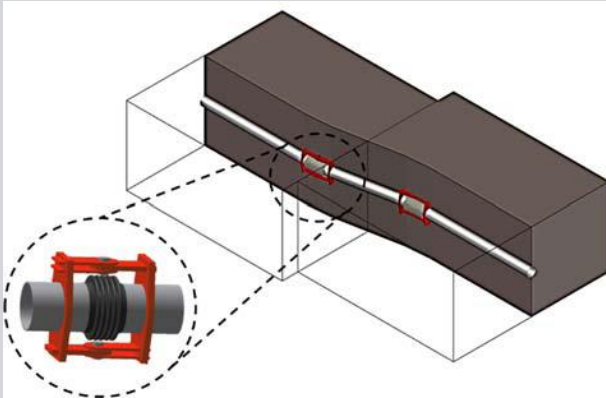
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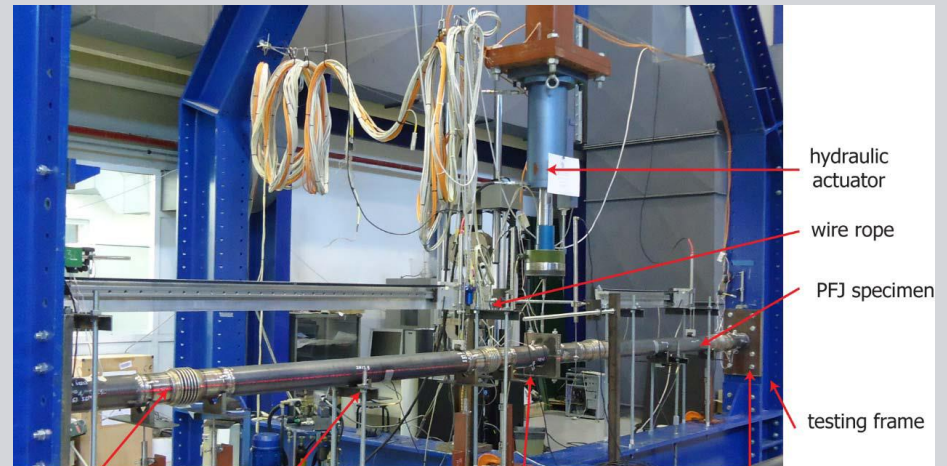
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## Proposed measures

Incorporating into the pipeline flexible joints in the vicinity of the fault



From the doctoral thesis of Vasilis Melissianos



flexible joint

temporary support

displacement-application  
flange

specimen - testing frame  
connection

hydraulic  
actuator

wire rope

PFJ specimen

testing frame



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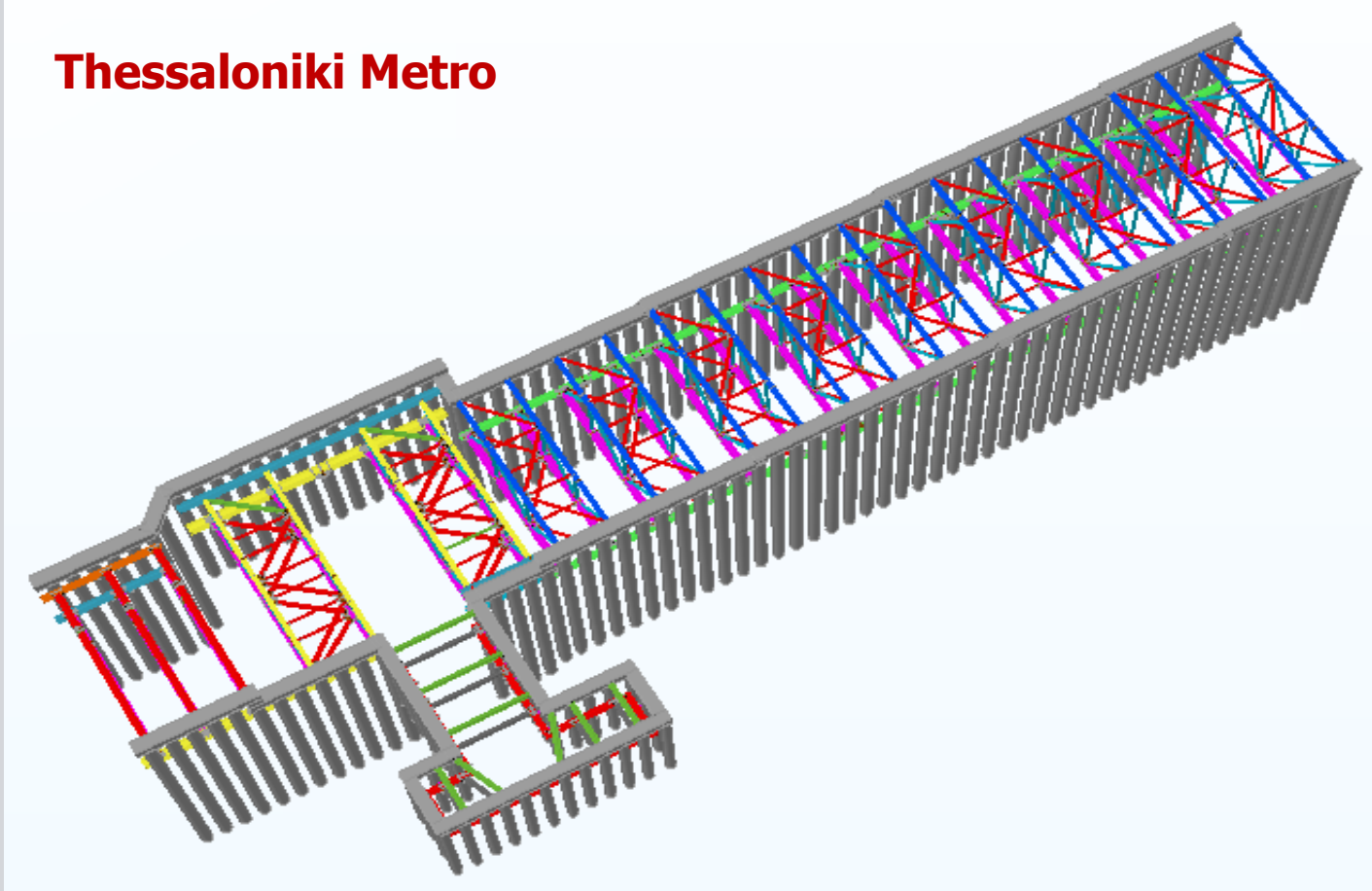
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# Temporary support of deep excavations

## Problem description

### Thessaloniki Metro



3D view

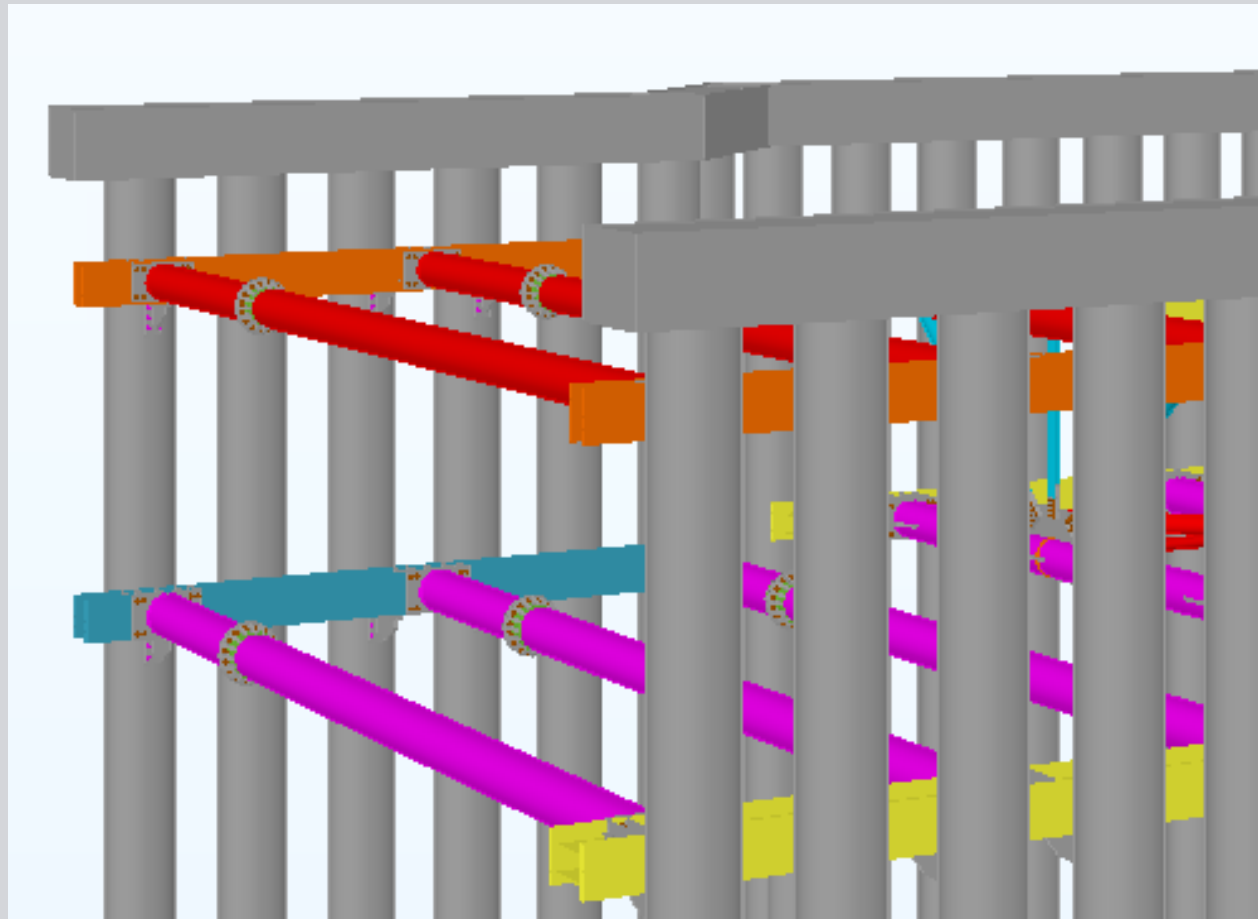


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## Problem description



3D view detail



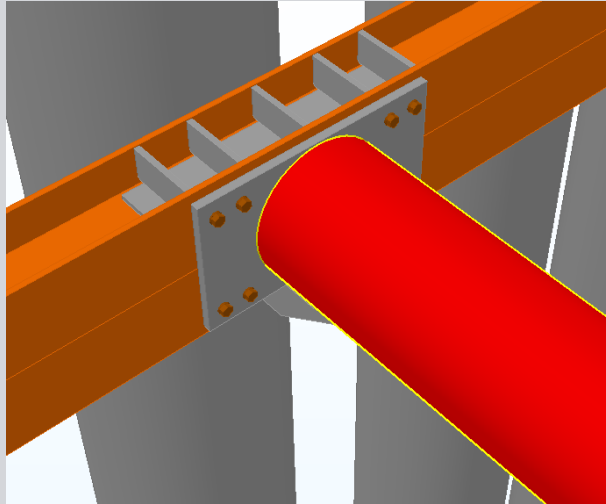


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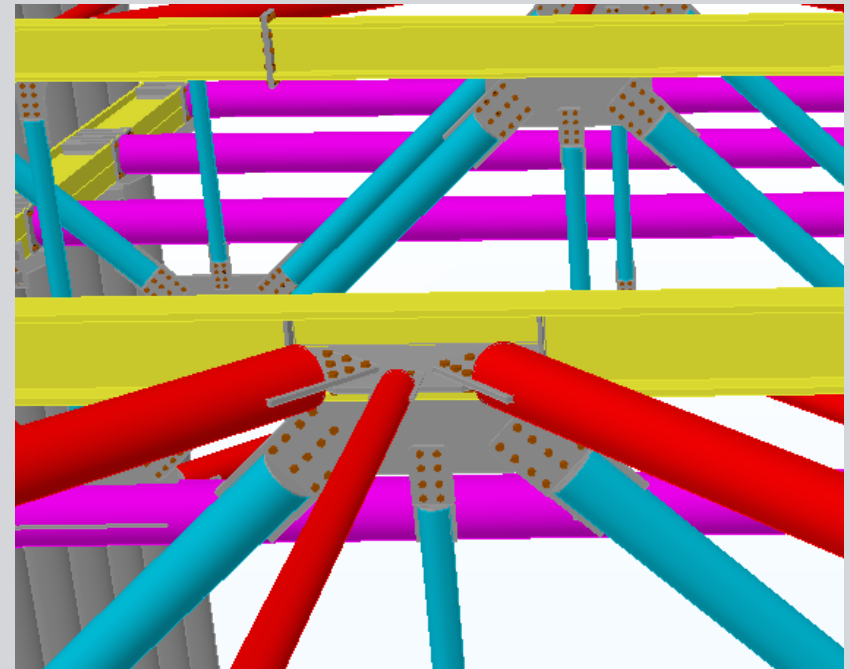
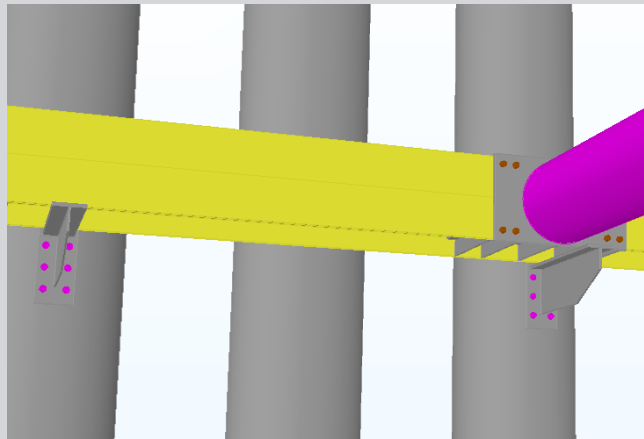
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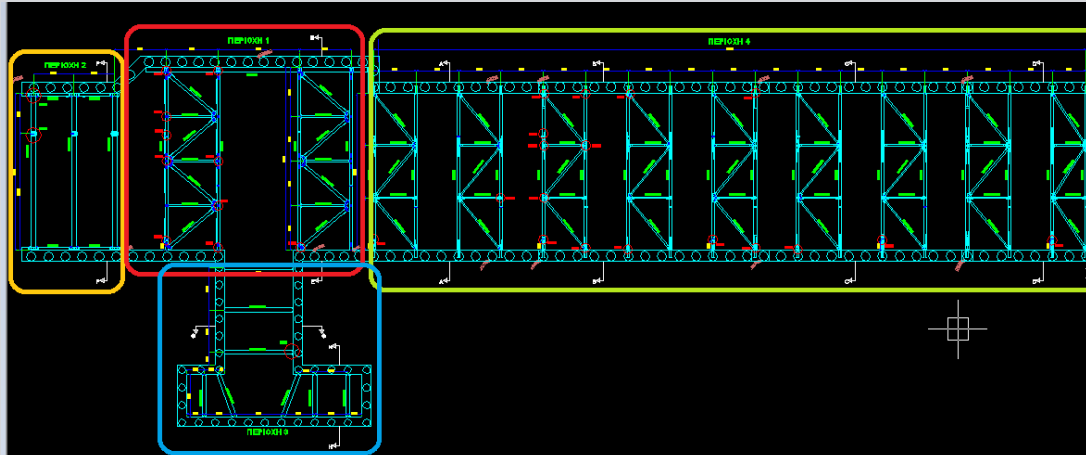


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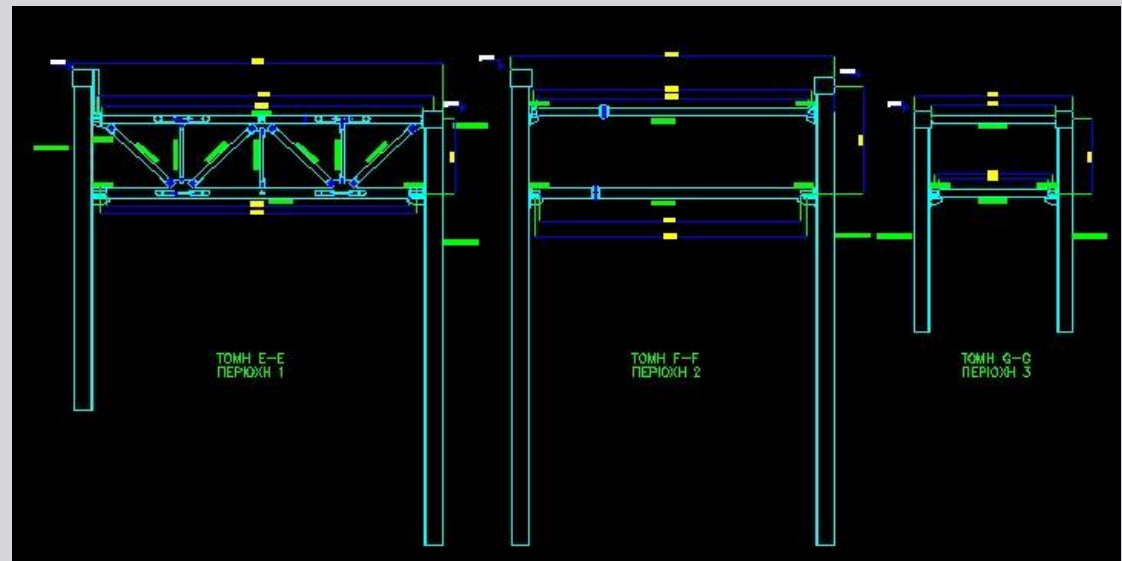
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## Problem description



Plan view



Typical sections



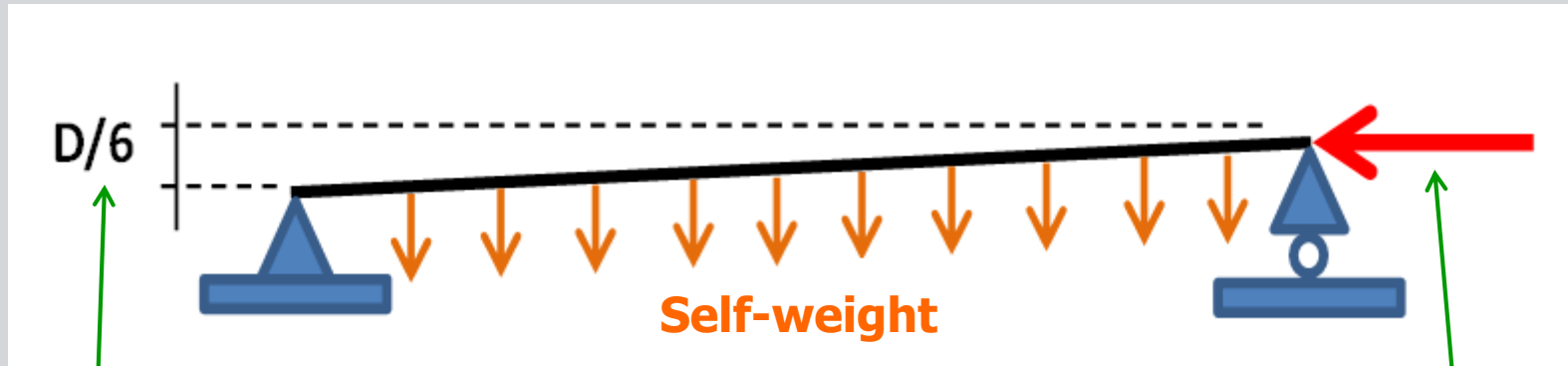
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# Temporary support of deep excavations

## Problem description

### Motivation for nonlinear analysis



**Vertical eccentricity  
Between the two ends  
due to constructional inaccuracies**

**Compression  
due to earth pressures  
and temperature differential**



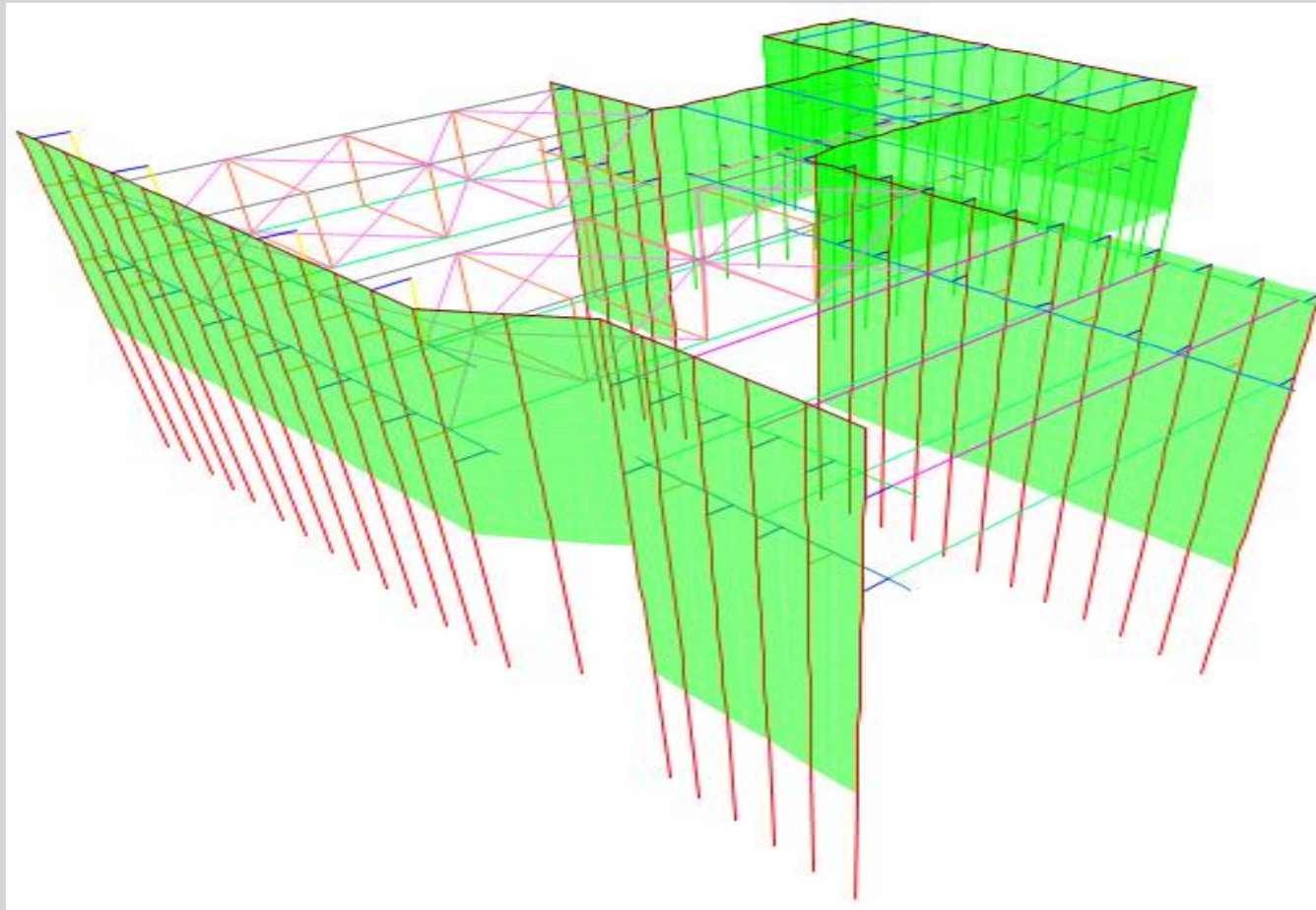
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## Numerical modeling

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### Linear analysis to obtain action effects



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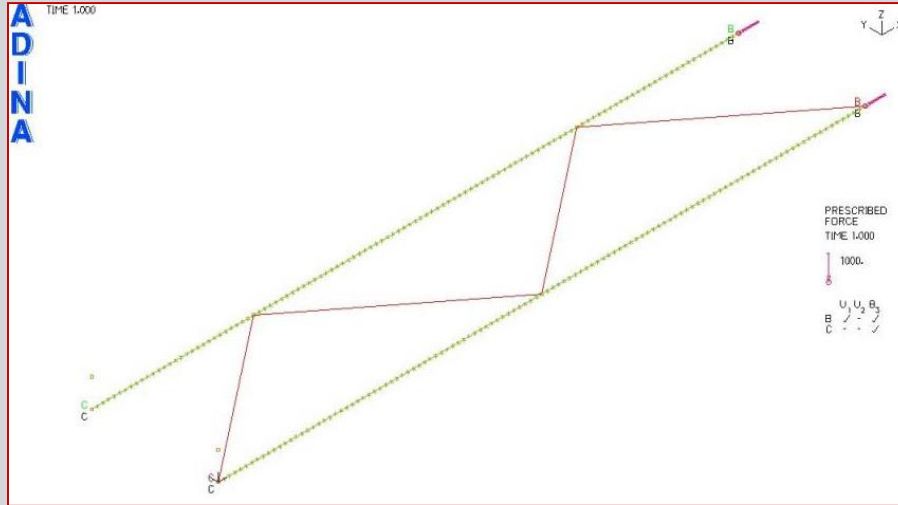


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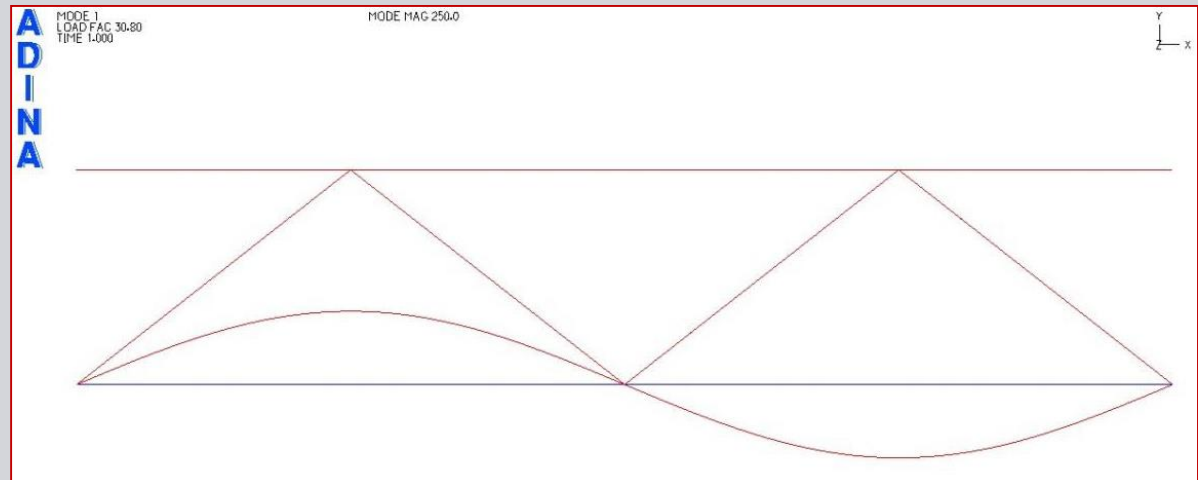
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## Numerical modeling



**Linear Buckling Analysis (LBA) to obtain imperfection shapes and then Geometry and Material Imperfection Analysis (GMNIA) to obtain ultimate strength**





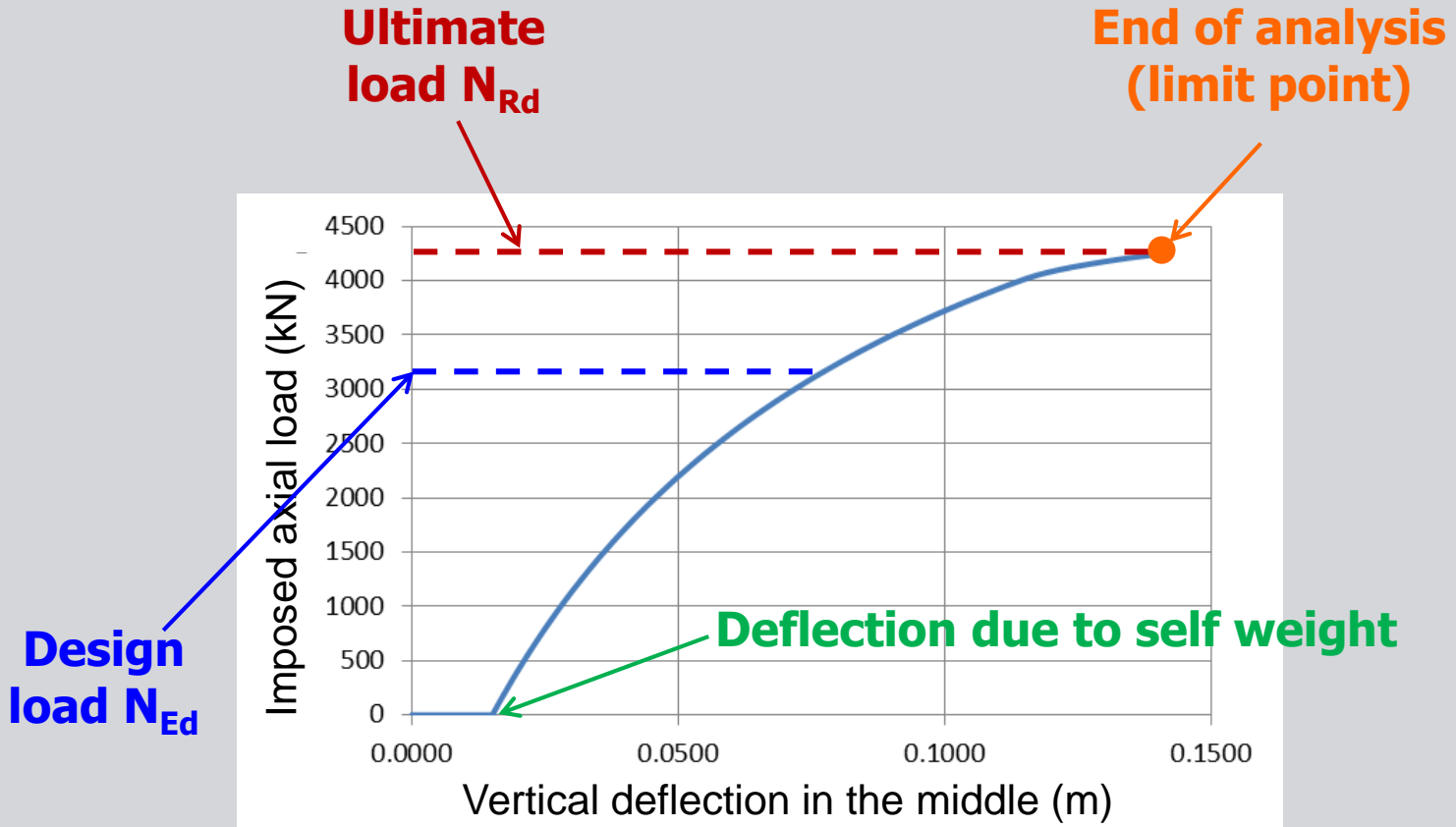
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## Numerical results

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$$\text{Safety factor} = \frac{N_{Ed}}{N_{Rd}}$$



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# Temporary support of deep excavations

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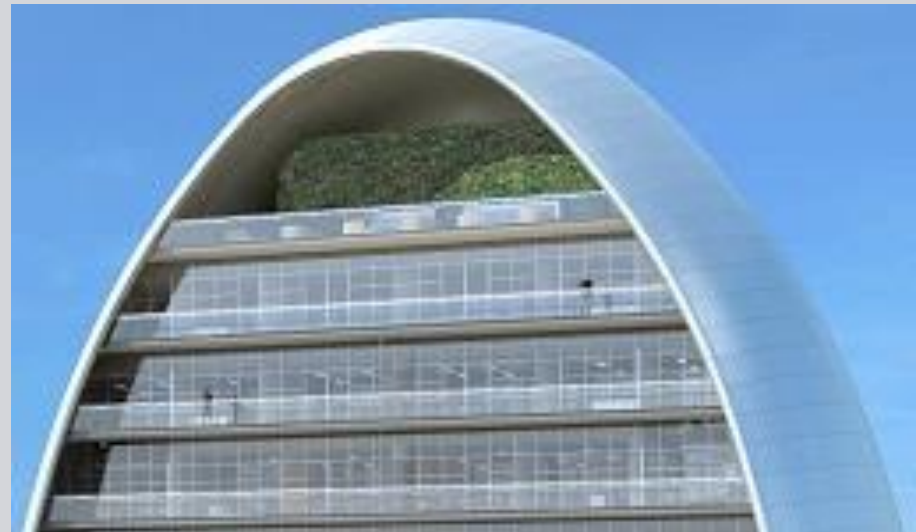
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## Architectural concept

**The building ...**



**... and features that are relevant to the steel structures supporting the cladding**







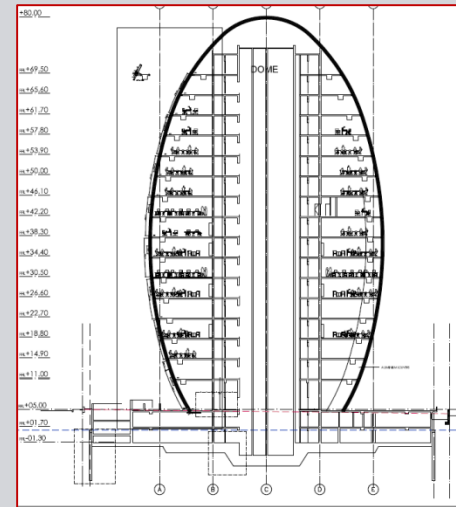
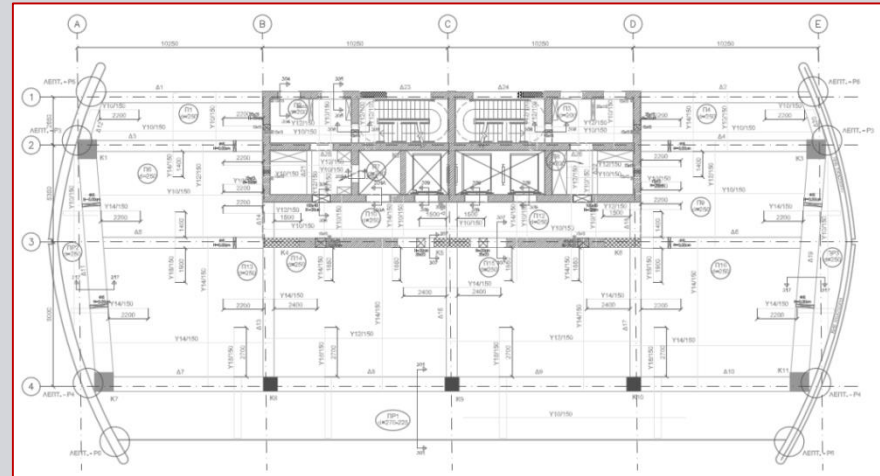
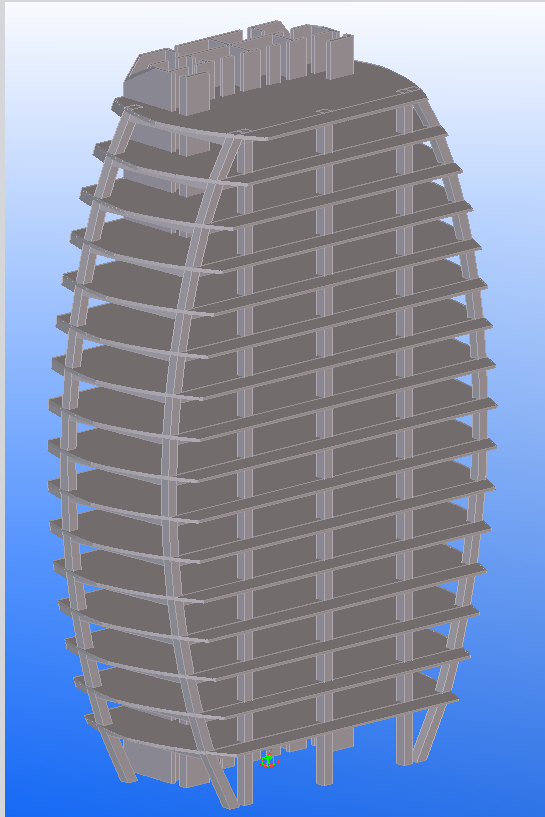
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# Cladding of Oval Tower in Limassol

## Main structural system

### Structural system of the building



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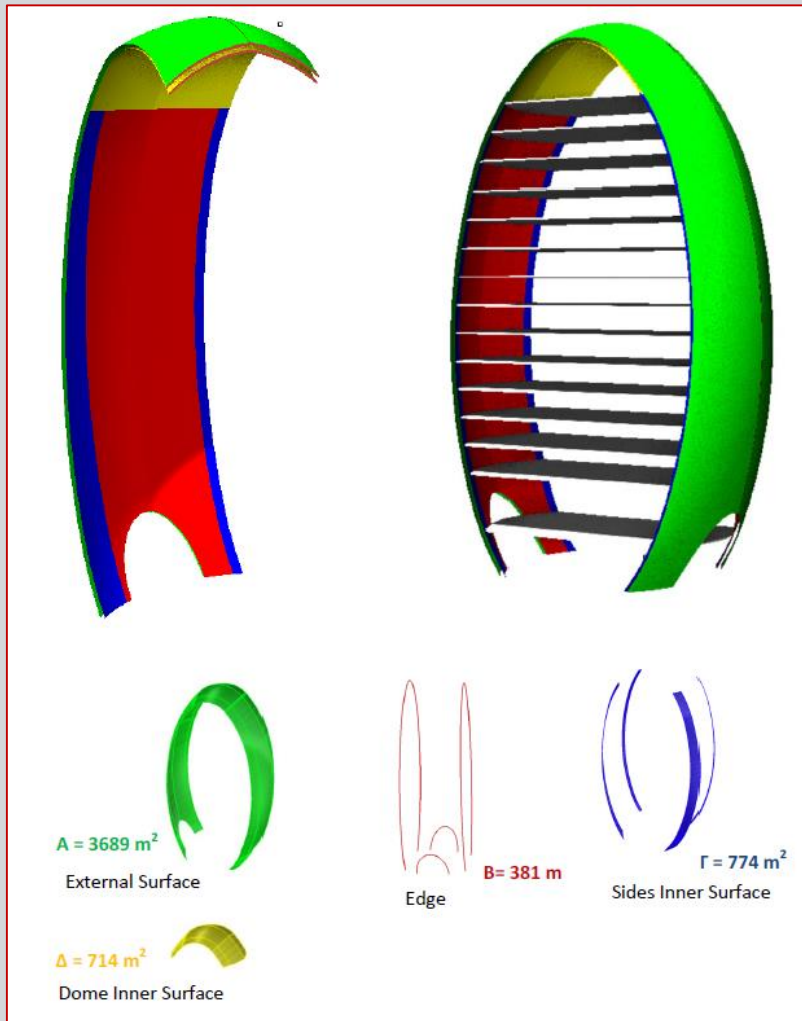
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### Cladding areas



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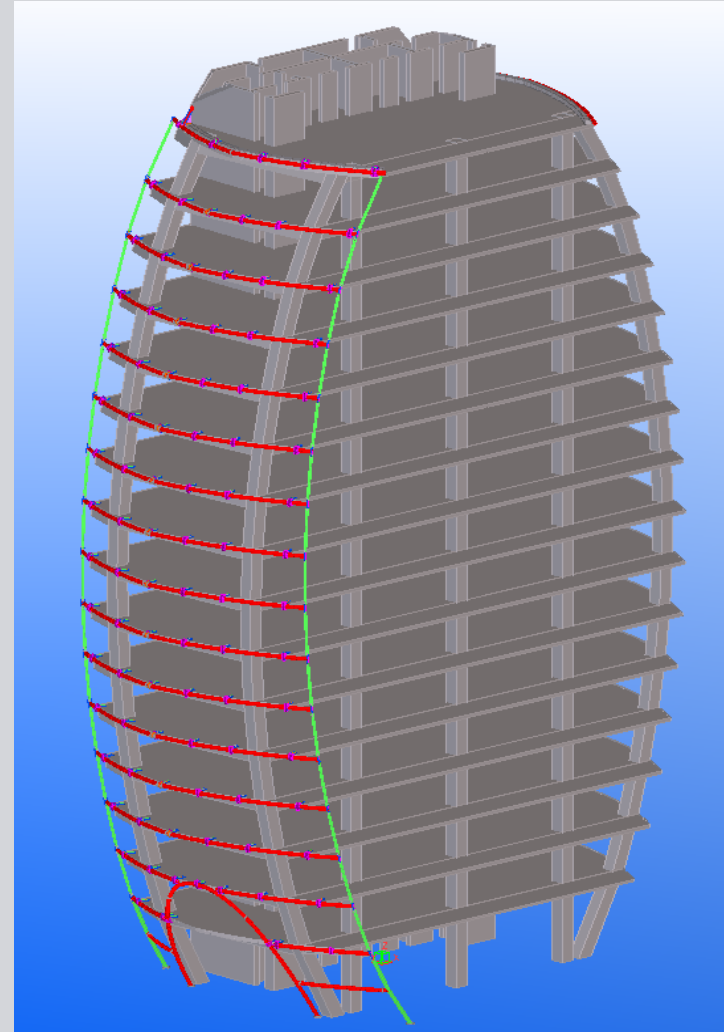


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**Structural steel components supporting cladding (dome area excluded)**





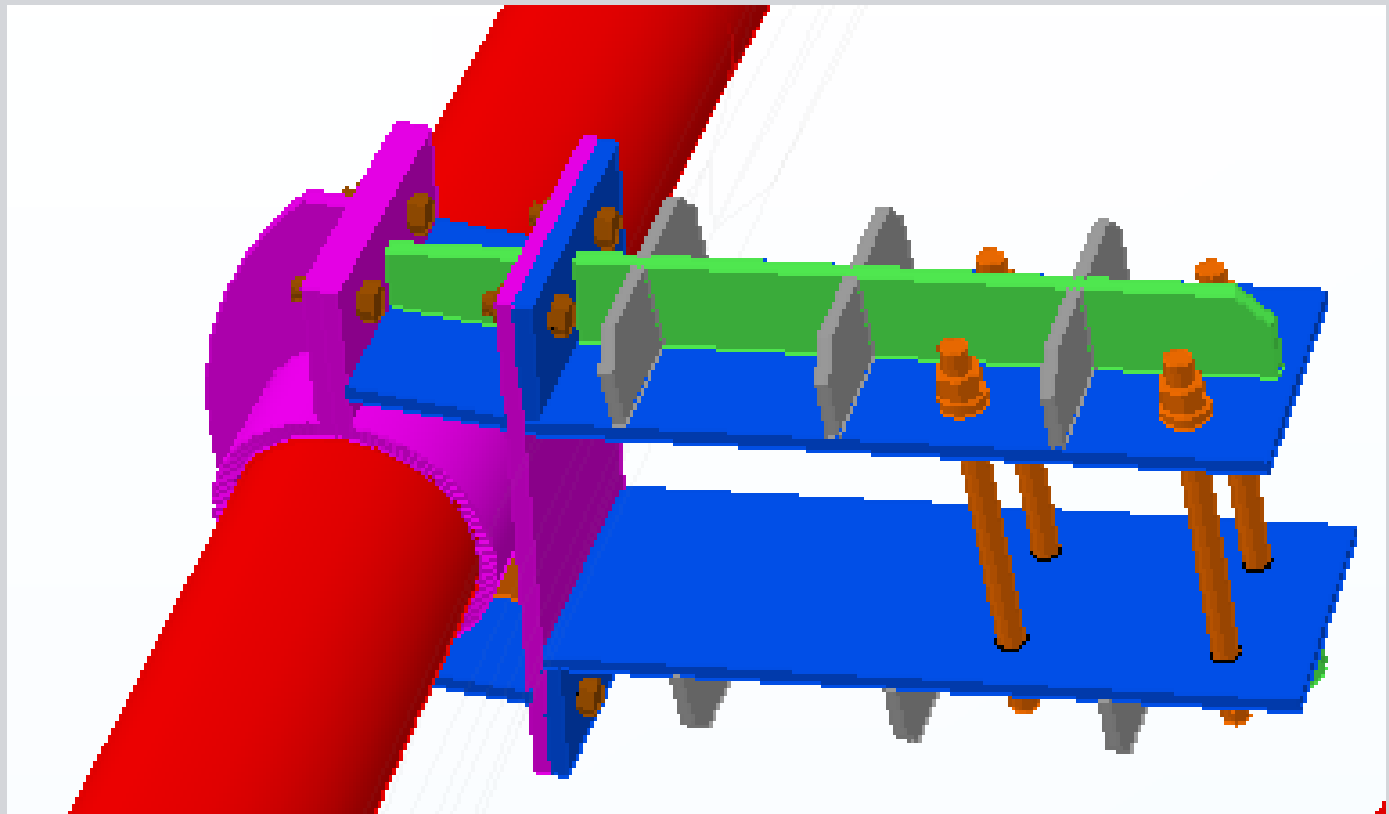
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Typical anchorage on slab

Contact nonlinearities

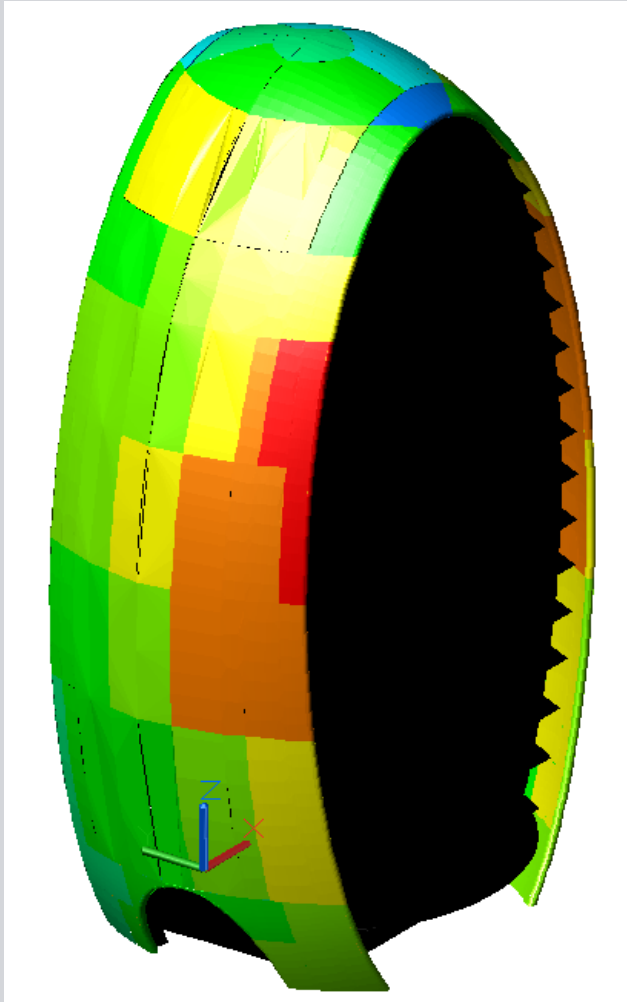




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**Wind tunnel study  
conducted by  
BMT Fluid Mechanics Ltd**

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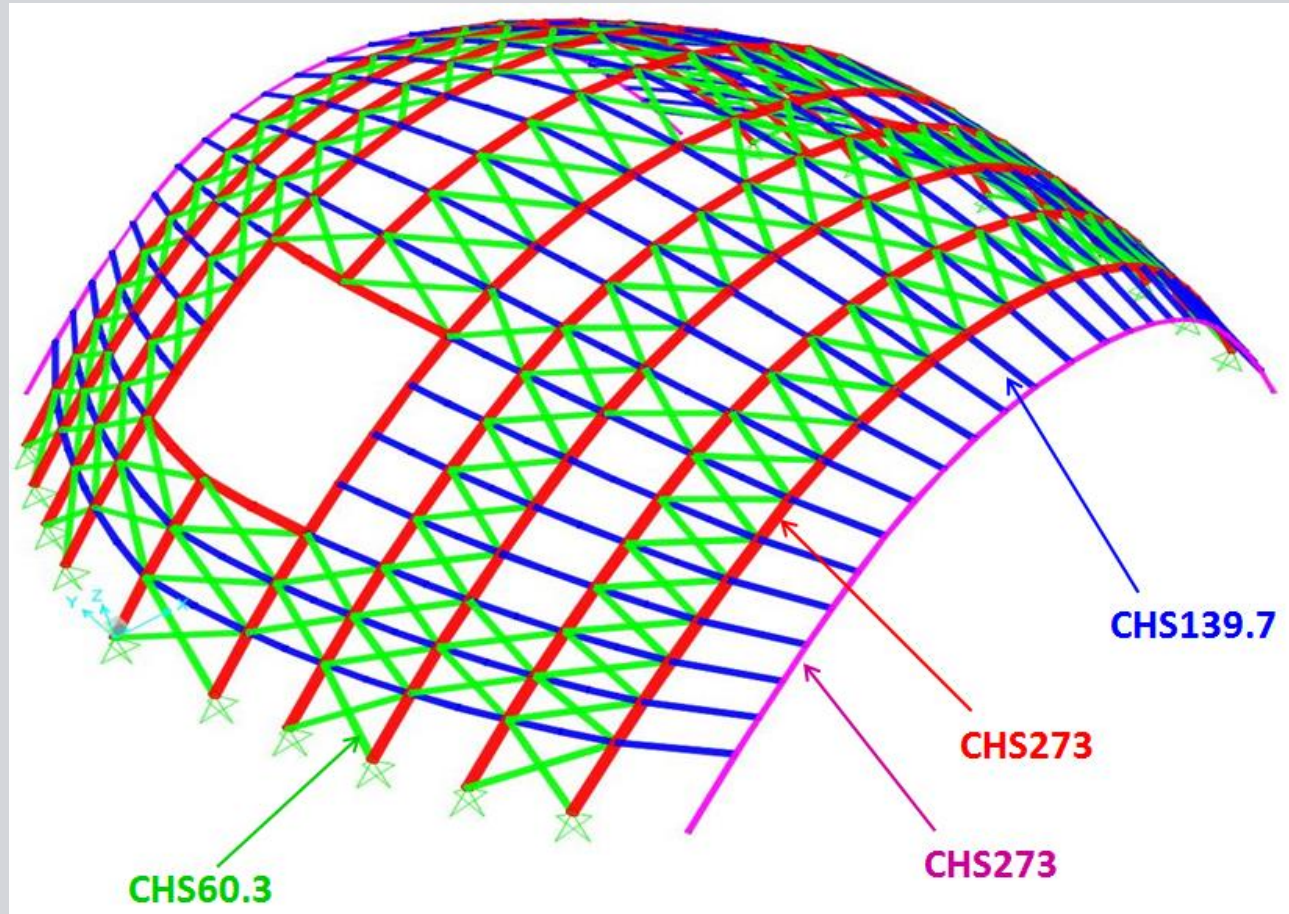


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3-D view of dome structure



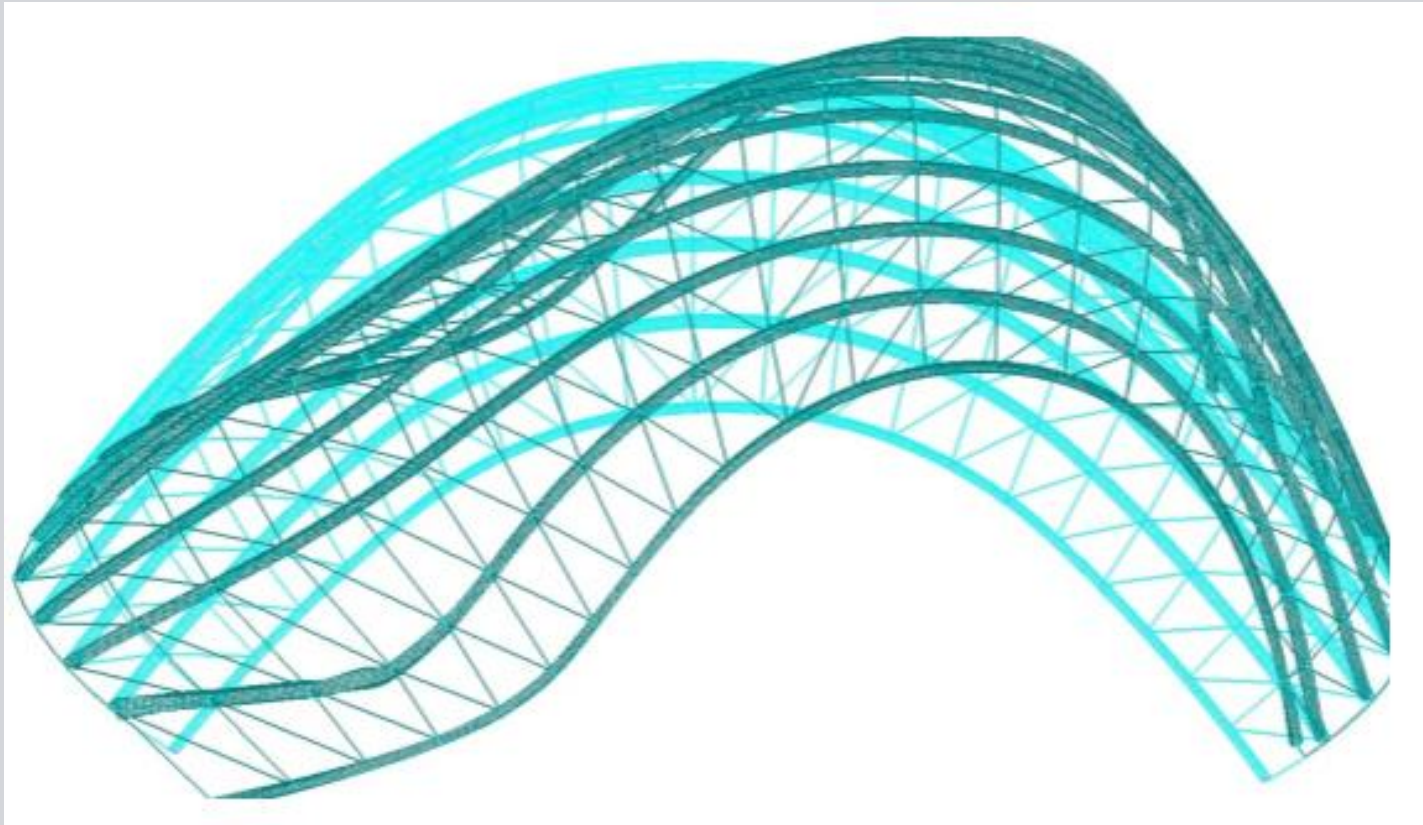


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Deformed shape from nonlinear buckling analysis





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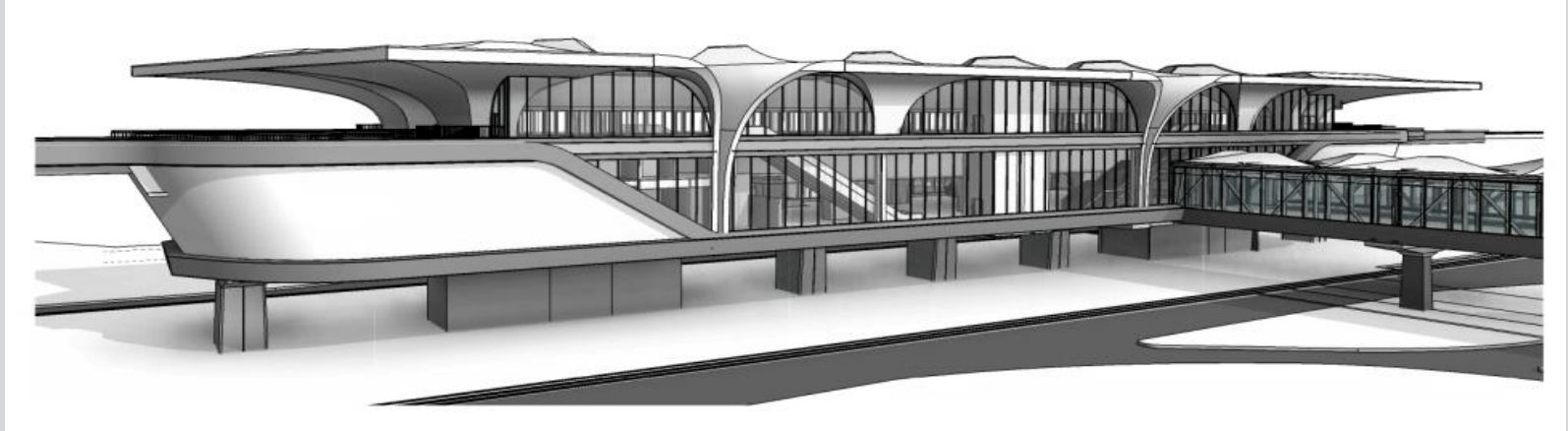




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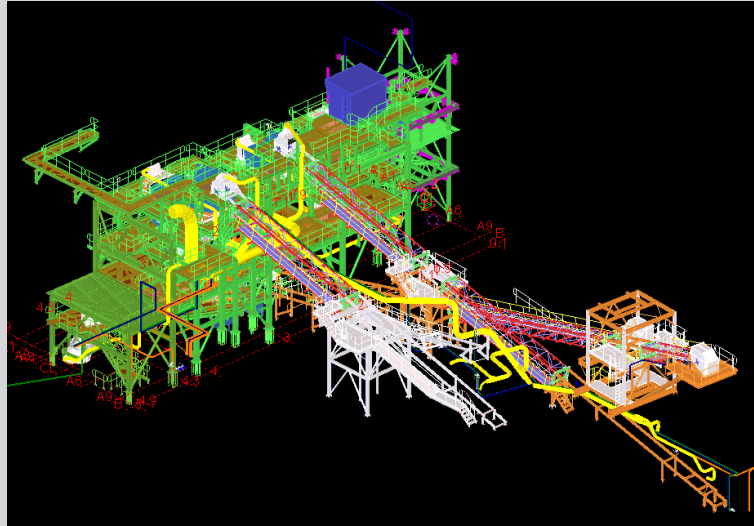
**Inspiration for research on structural design recommendations  
for free-form structures**



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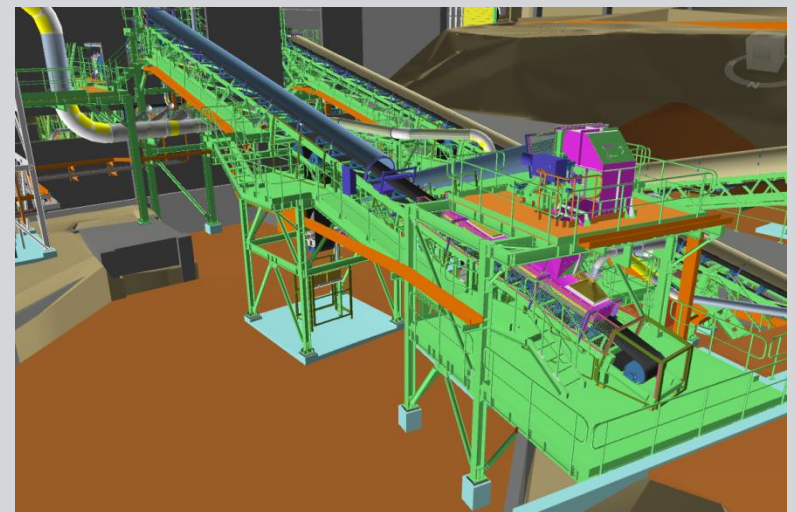
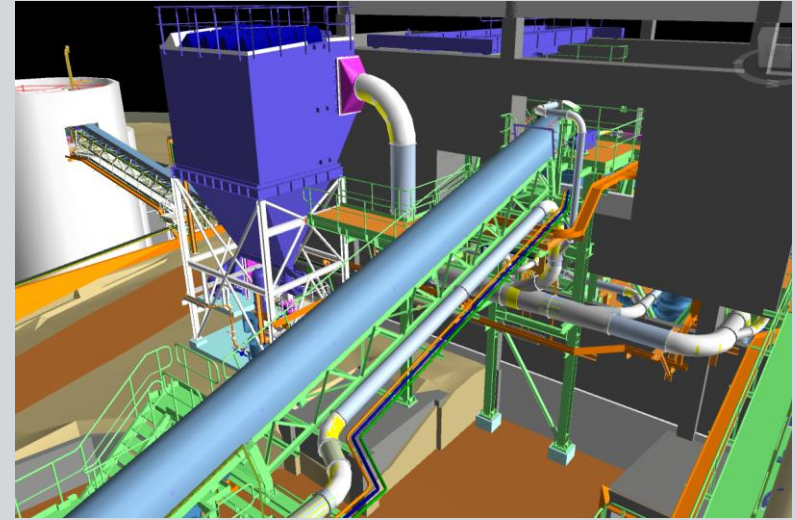
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# Structural design of industrial facilities



**Hellas Gold Facilities  
in Olympiada, Chalkidiki  
Crusher building + Conveyors**

**Several restrictions to  
accommodate MEP passages  
lead to unconventional  
structural solutions**





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## The example of compression members



## Physical problem

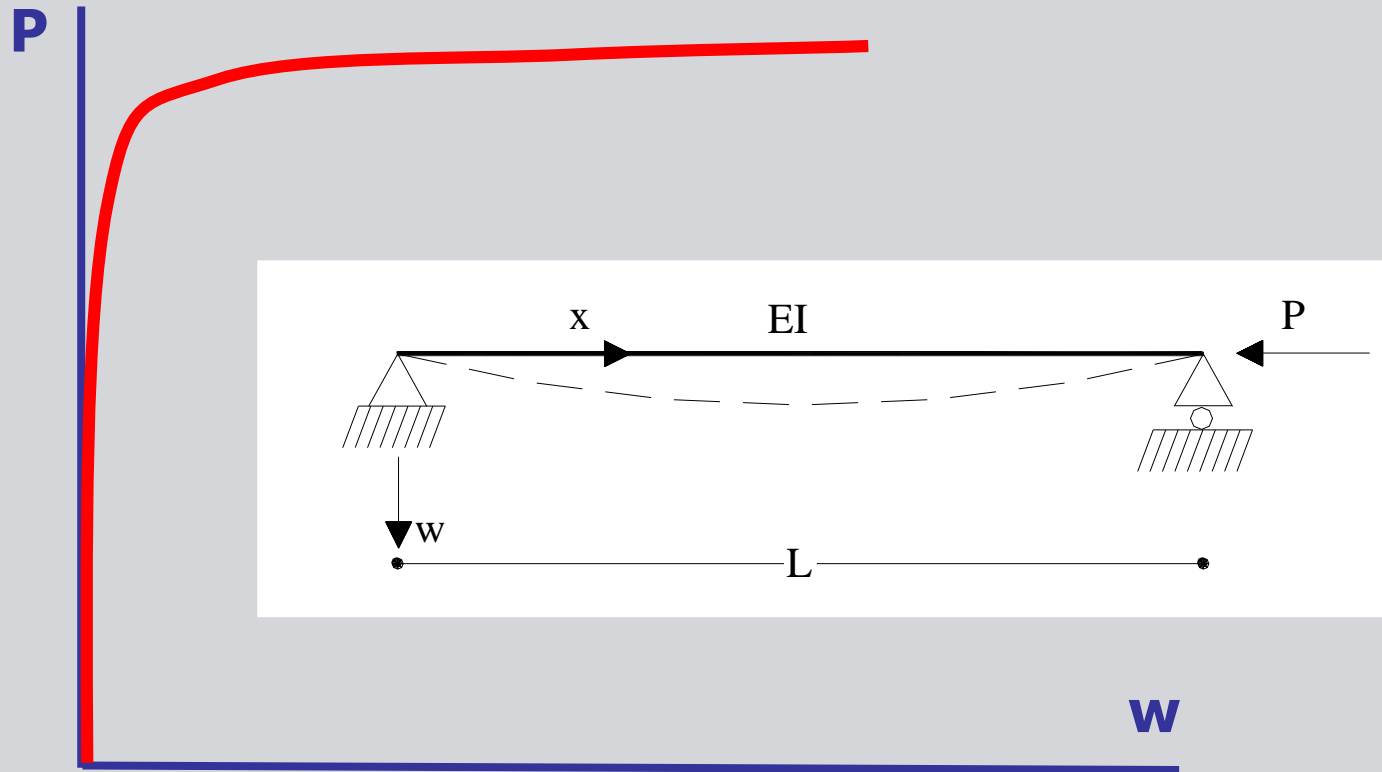


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## Structural function



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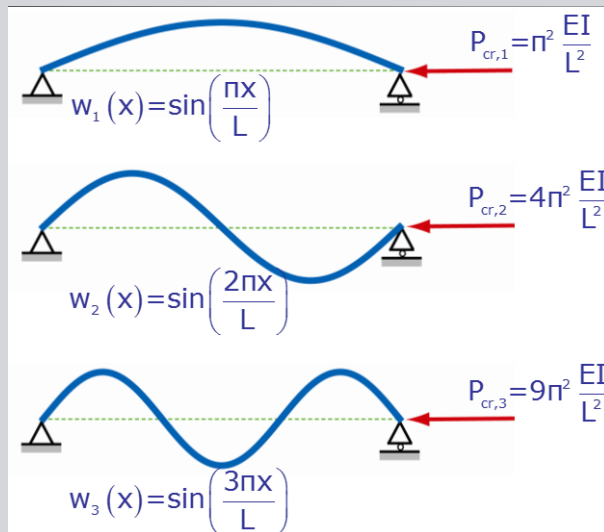
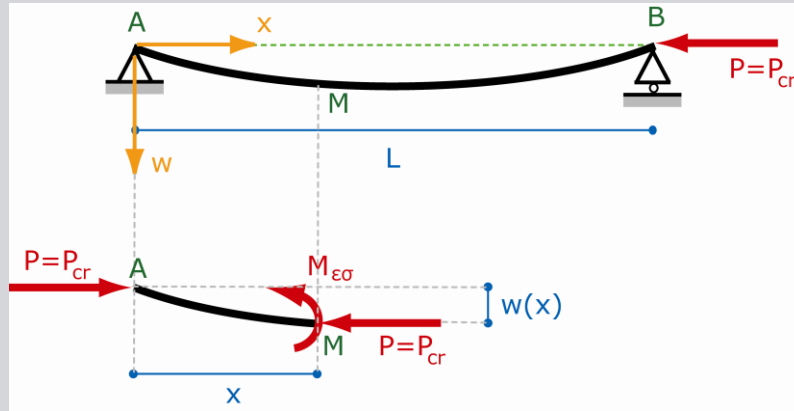


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## Structural mechanics



$$EIw'' + Pw = 0, \quad k^2 = P/EI$$

$$w'' + k^2w = 0 \Rightarrow w = A \sin kx + B \cos kx$$

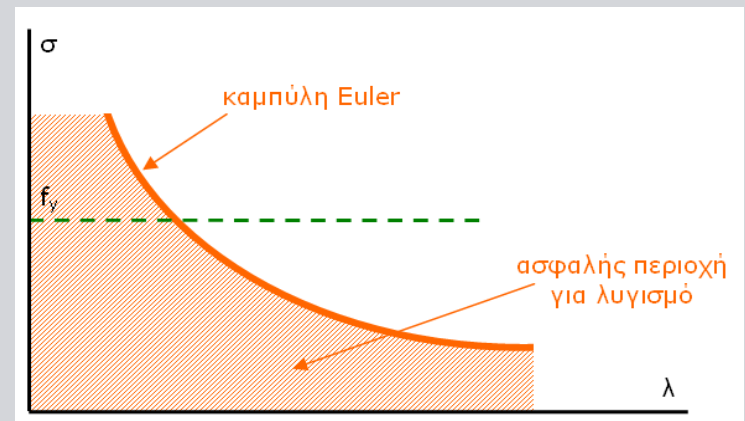
$$w(0) = 0 \Rightarrow A \sin 0 + B \cos 0 = 0 \Rightarrow B = 0$$

$$w(L) = 0 \Rightarrow A \sin kL = 0$$

$$\sin kL = 0 \Rightarrow kL = n\pi \Rightarrow k = \frac{n\pi}{L}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$k^2 = \frac{P}{EI} = \frac{n^2\pi^2}{L^2} \Rightarrow P_{cr,n} = \frac{n^2\pi^2 EI}{L^2}$$

$$P_{cr} = \pi^2 EI / L^2$$





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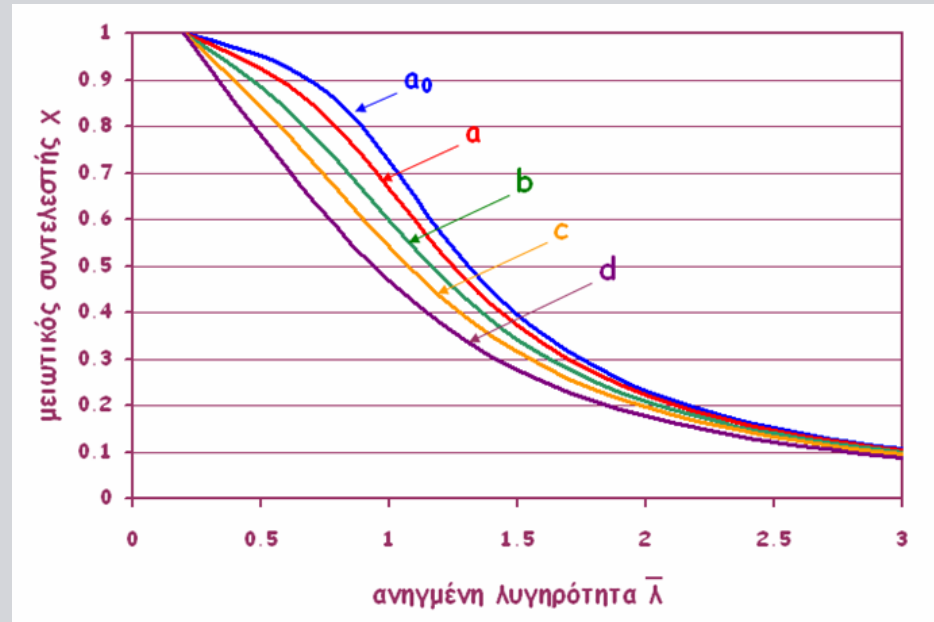
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## Code provisions

$$N_{b,Rd} = \frac{\chi A f_y}{\gamma_{M1}}$$

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	h/b ≤ 1,2	t <sub>f</sub> ≤ 100 mm	y - y z - z	b c
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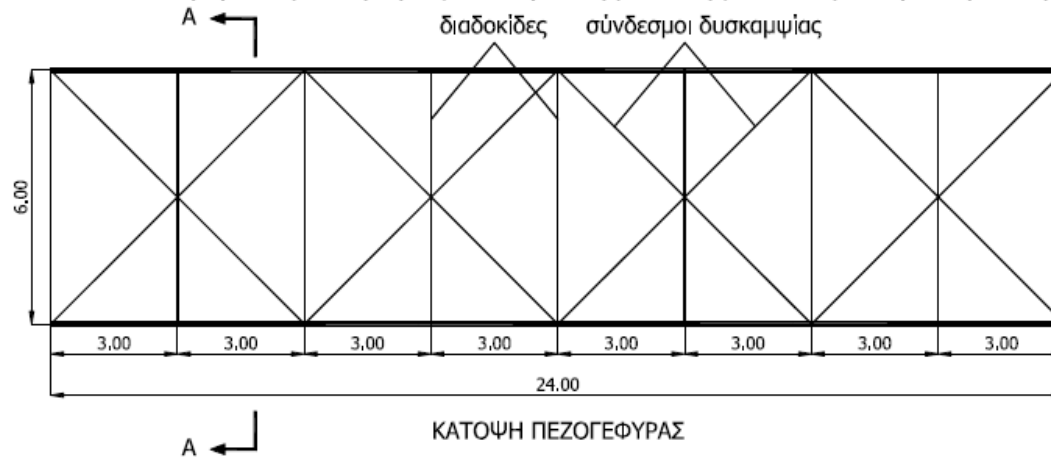
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## Numerical examples

Δίνεται ποιότητα χάλυβα S355 και κοχλίες ποιότητας 8.8. Το σπείρωμα των κοχλιών βρίσκεται εκτός του επιπέδου διατμήσεως. Το βάρος επίστρωσης επί της πλάκας σκυροδέματος αμελείται.



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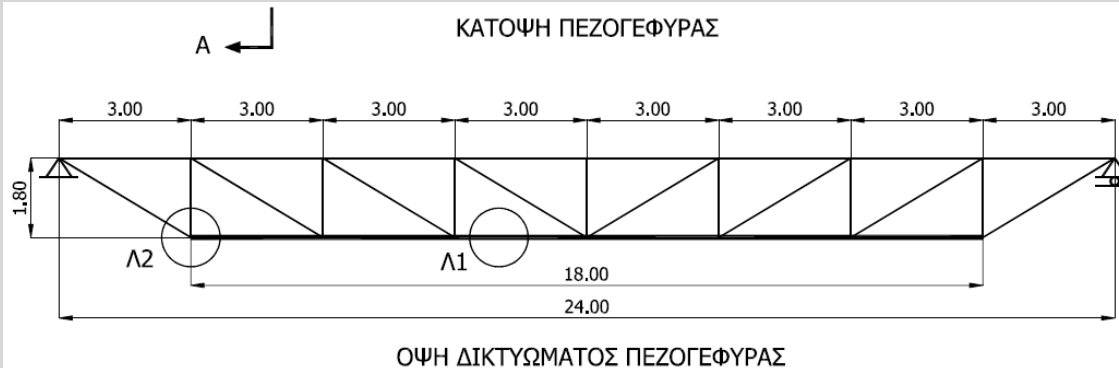
I.B. μεταλλικής κατασκευής  $1,8\text{kN/m}^2$

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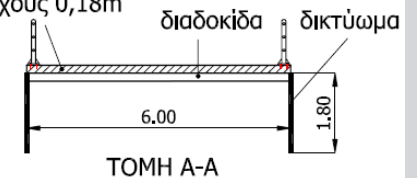
κινητό  $5\text{kN/m}^2$

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πλάκα σκυροδέματος πάχους  $0,18\text{m}$



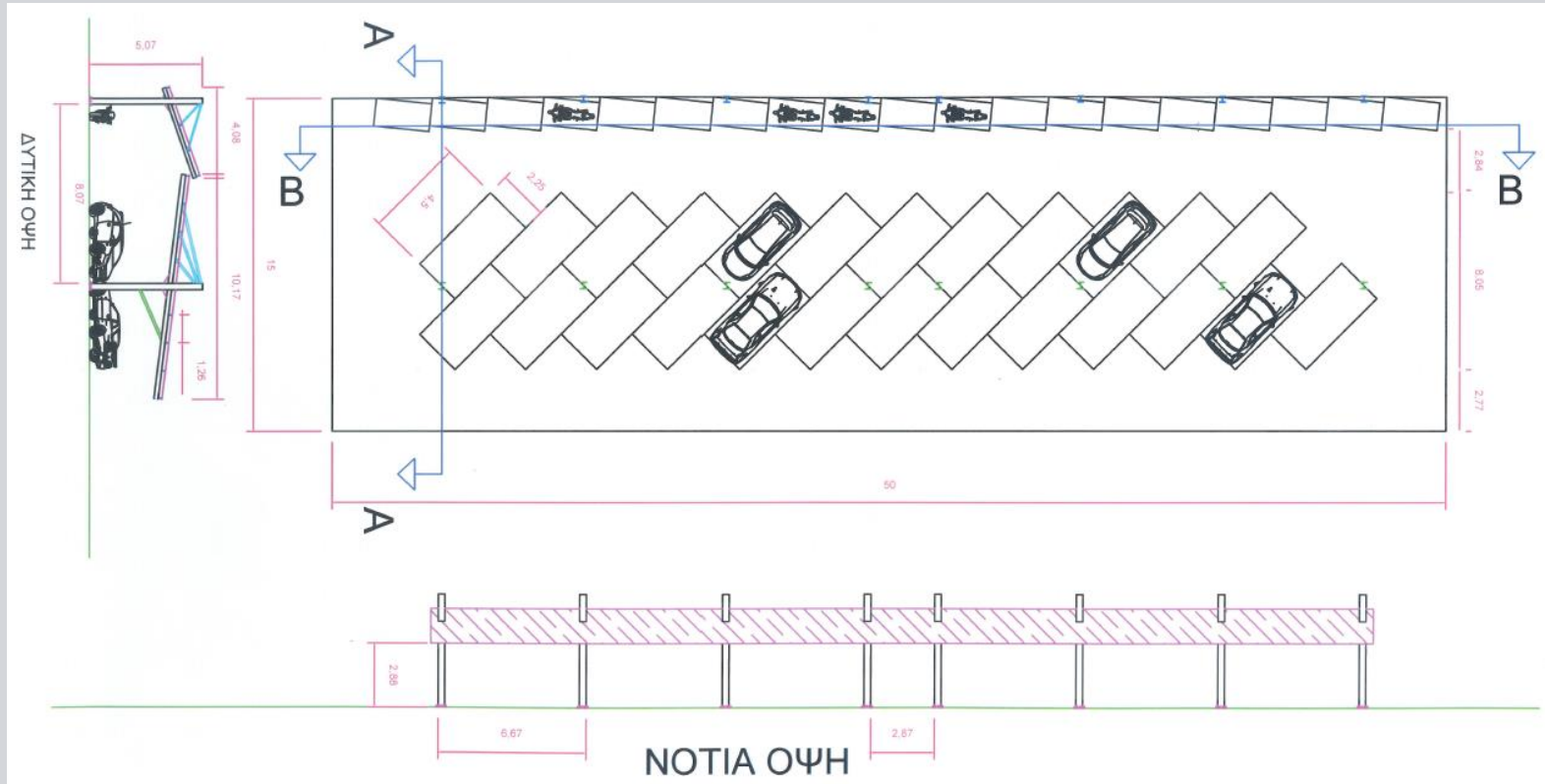


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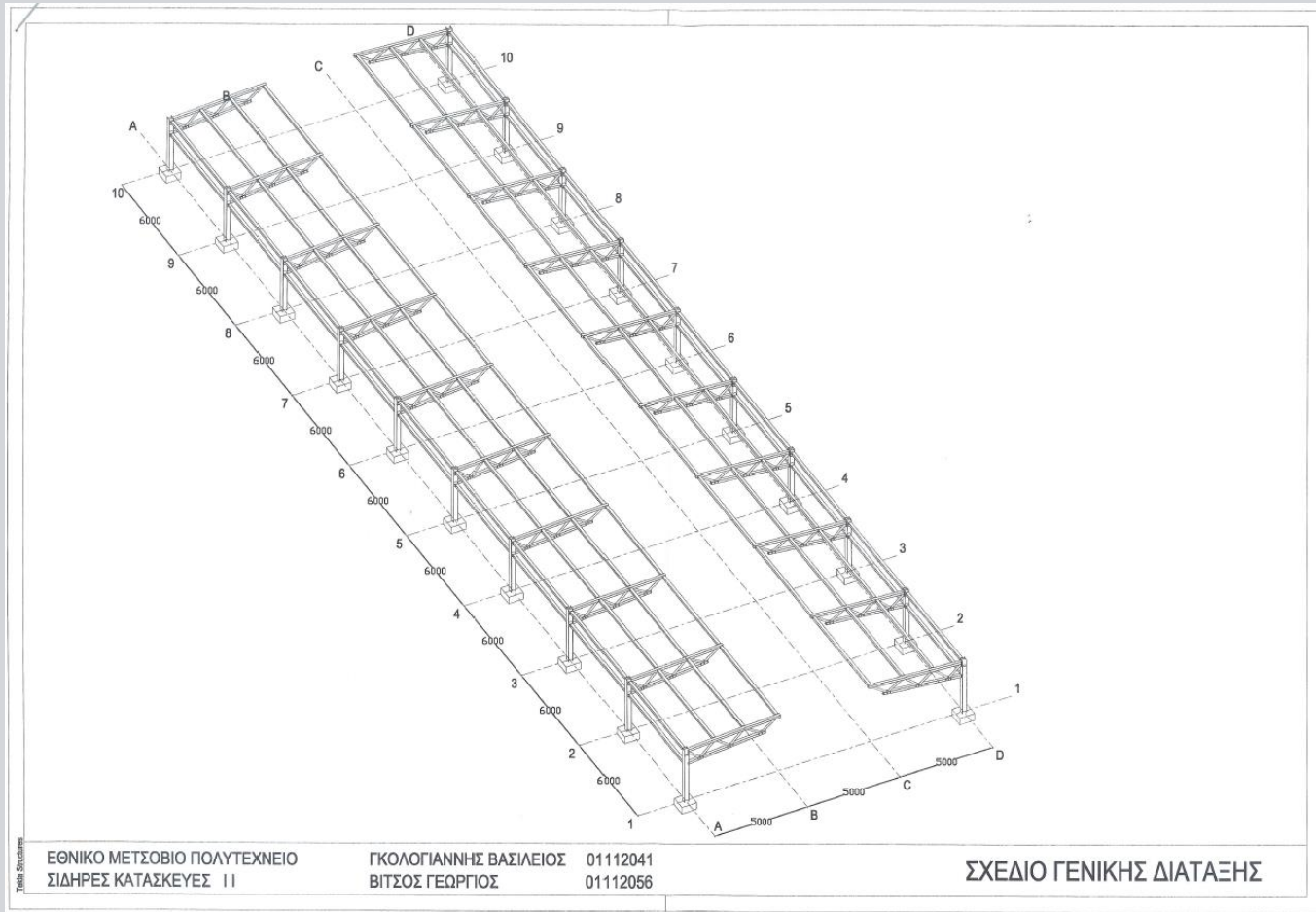


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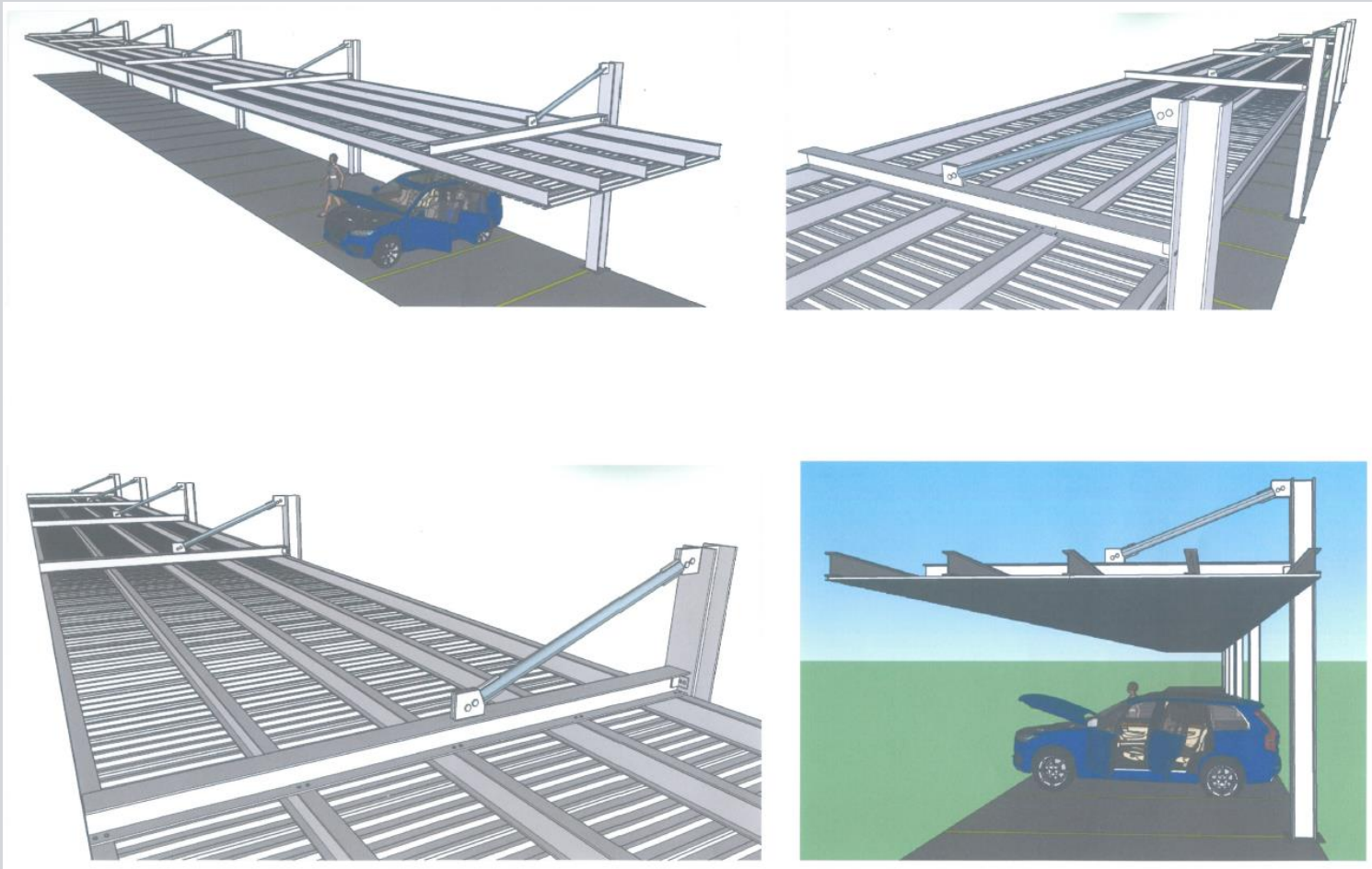


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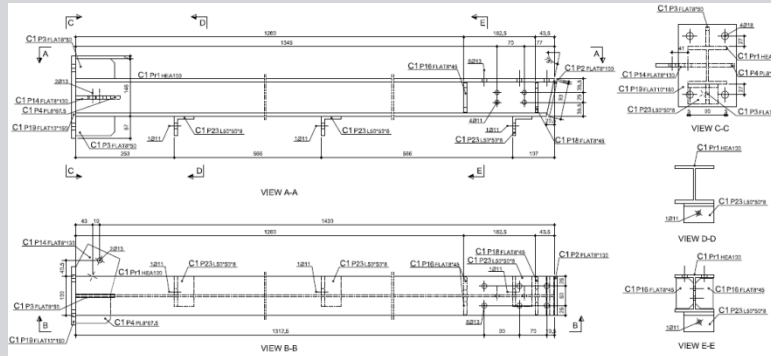
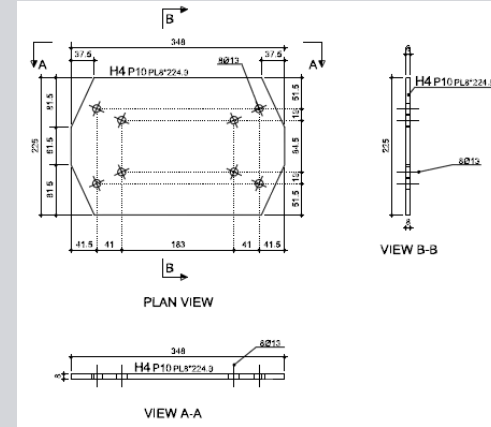
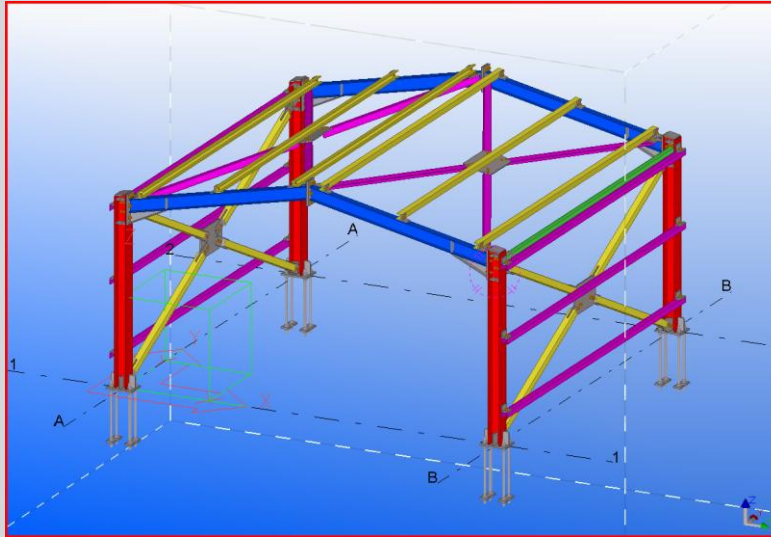


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# Final remarks

- ❑ **Structural design is a mixture of art, science and technology.**
- ❑ **The interaction between structural design education, research and practice is mutually beneficial for all these three aspects.**

