



Features and Applications

History & Structure

1973

• Beginning of software development

1987

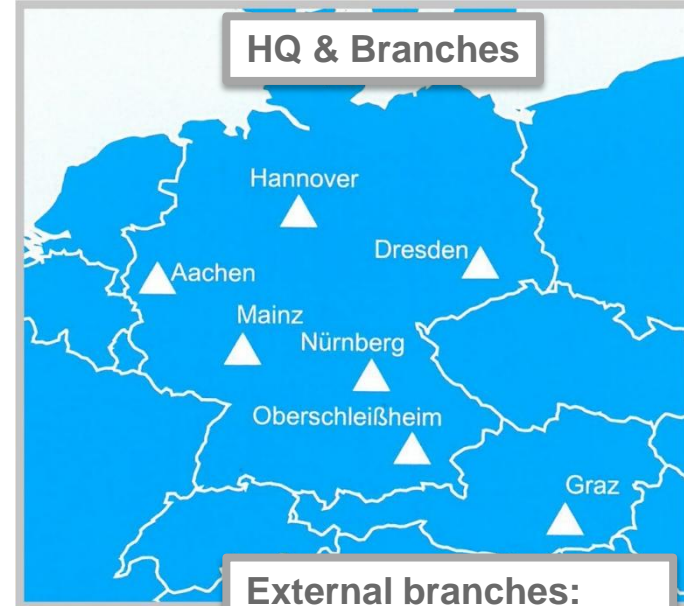
• Founding of the company

1999

• Registration as SOFiSTiK AG

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• + 80 employees



External branches:

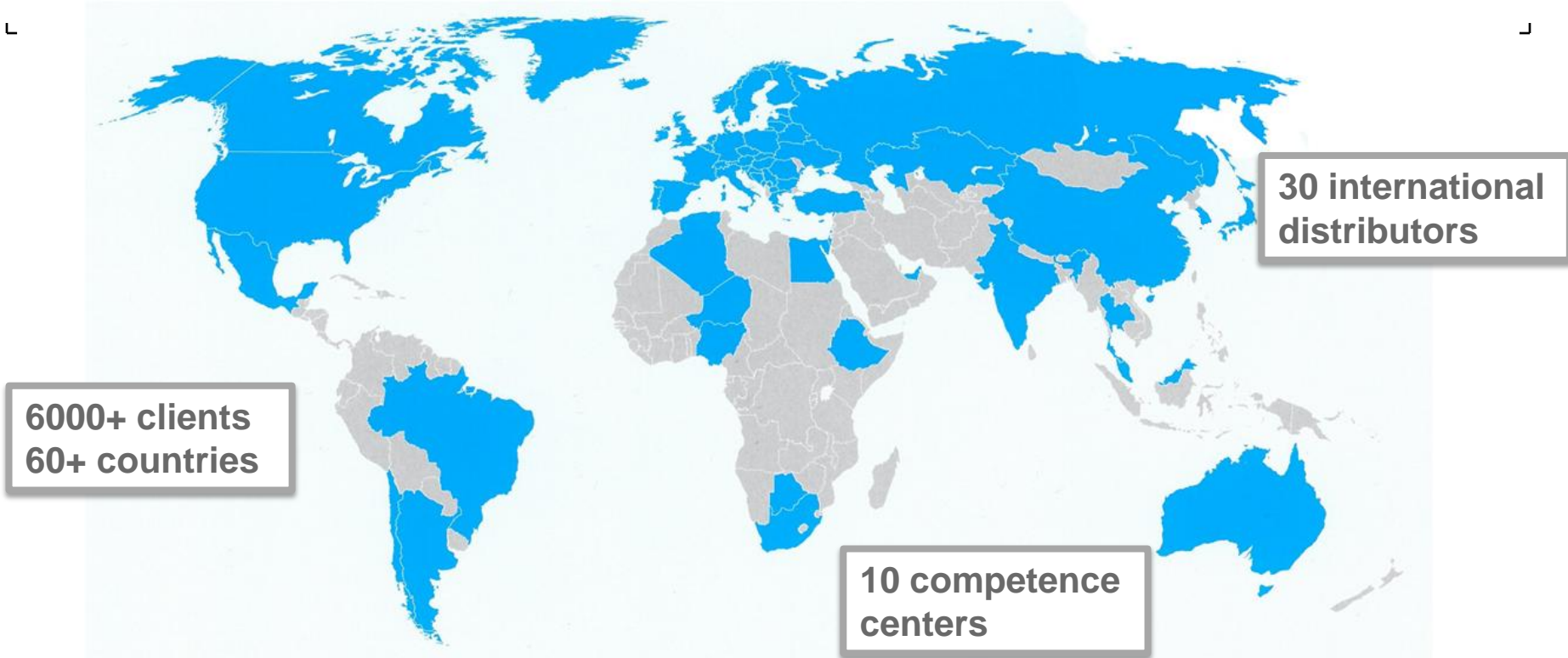
- Athens (Greece)
- Pretoria (South Africa)



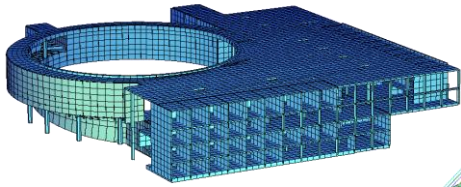
Numerous certificates & affiliations



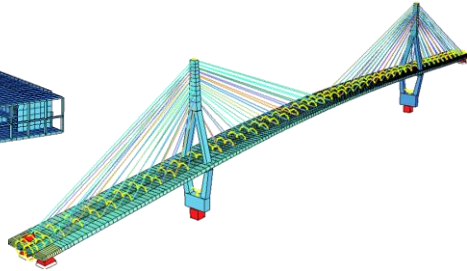
International Presence



Software for the whole construction branch



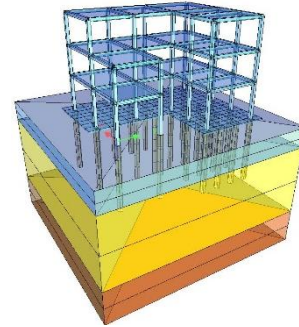
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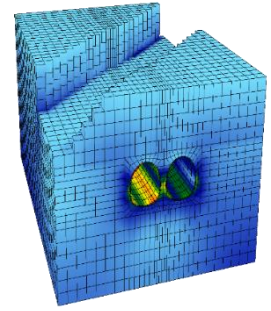
Bridges



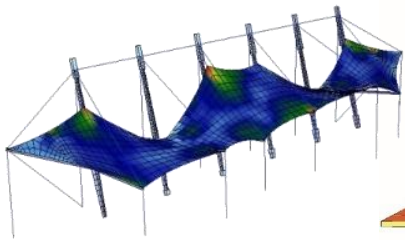
Piles



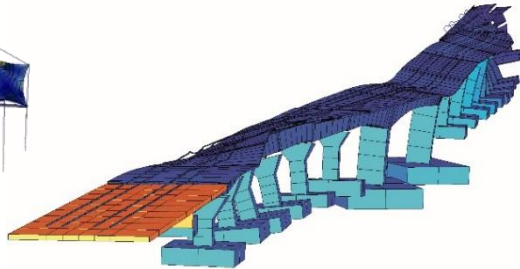
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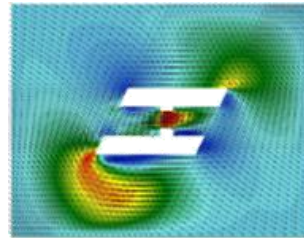
Tunnels



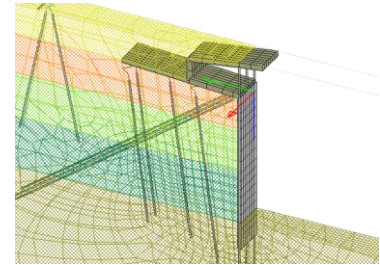
Membranes



Dynamics

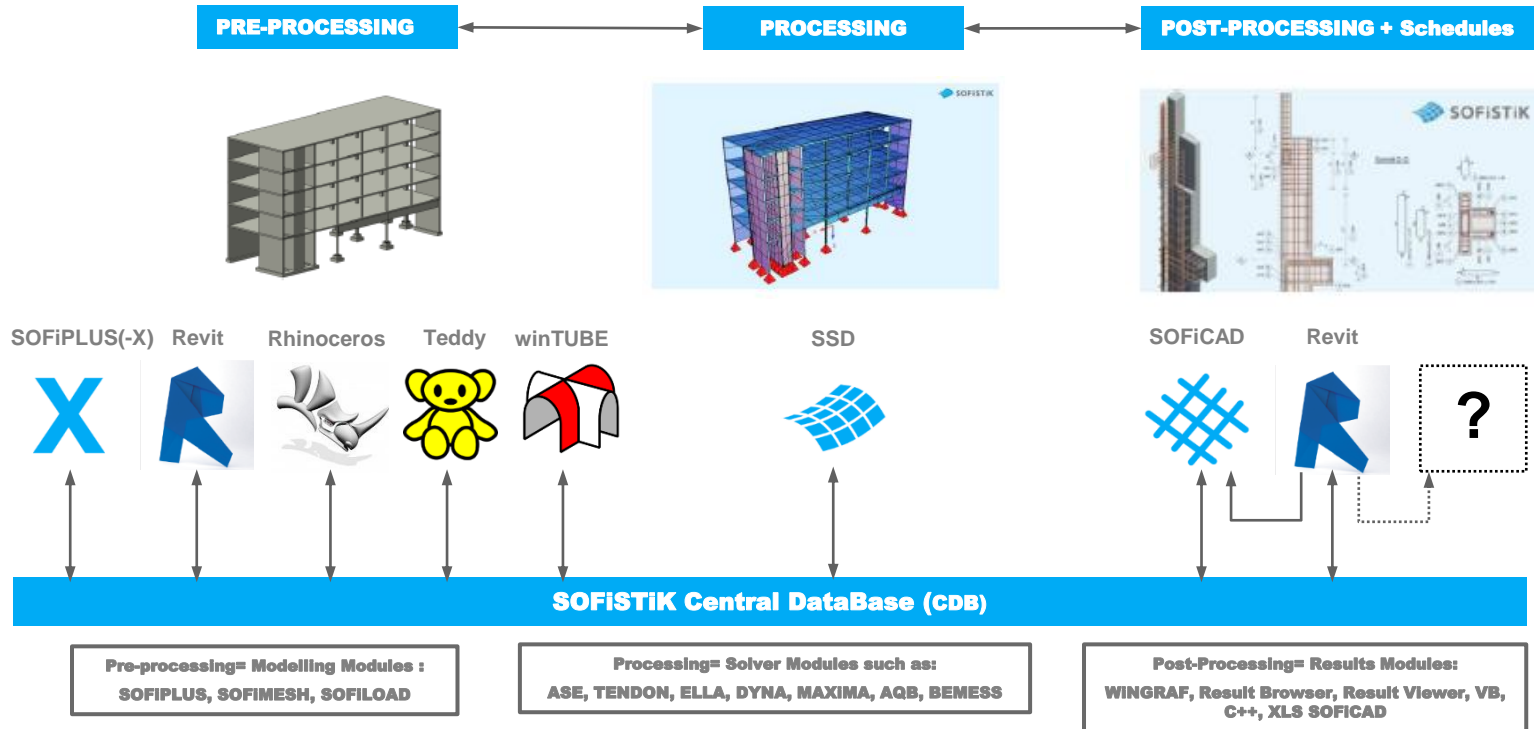


Multi-Physics(CFD)



Geotechnics

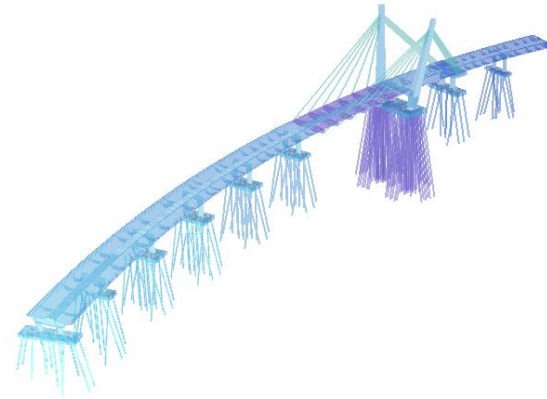
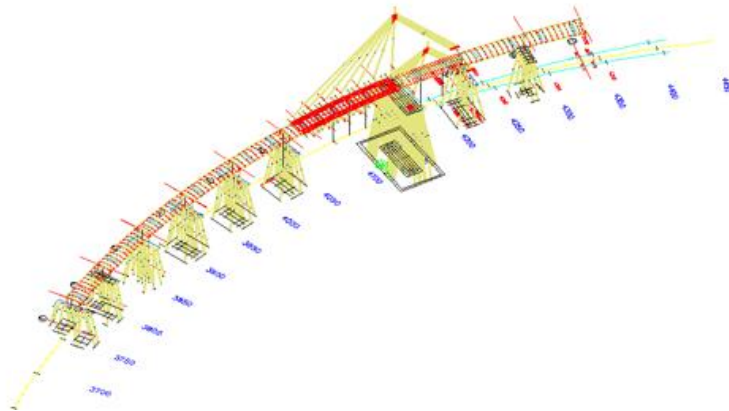
Modular structure & Choice of interface



X

SOFIPLUS(-X)

AutoCAD-based Modelling Interface



Full integration of AutoCAD tools

The screenshot displays the SOFiSTiK software interface with a 3D wireframe model of a building structure. The top toolbar includes standard AutoCAD tools such as Line, Polyline, Circle, Arc, Move, Rotate, Trim, Copy, Mirror, Fillet, Stretch, Scale, and Array. A blue arrow points to the Array tool. A callout box highlights the text: "Full usability of AutoCAD tools (copy, rotate, 3D drawing, etc.)". The left sidebar shows a project tree with categories like System, Materials, Cross Sections, Bore Profile, Work Laws for Springs and Implicit Beam..., Prestressing systems, and Geometric Axes. The bottom right corner features a "Native DWG format" label.

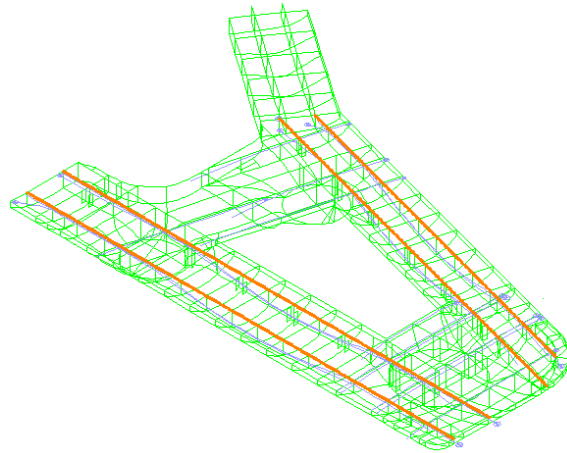
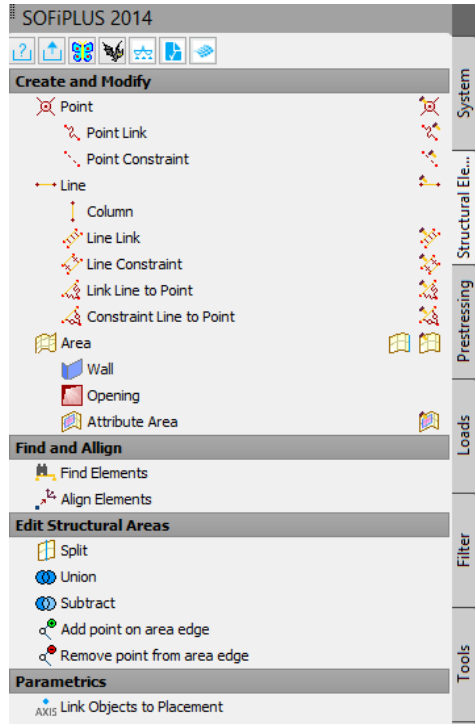
Full usability of AutoCAD tools
(copy, rotate, 3D drawing, etc.)

Direct import of AutoCAD objects

- AutoCAD Lines → Structural lines
- AutoCAD closed polygons → Structural surfaces
- AutoCAD points → Structural points

Native DWG format

Modelling in SOFiPLUS / AutoCAD



Integration in Analysis Workflow

- Automatic meshing from AutoCAD to SOFiSTiK
- Bidirectional dialog with SSD

Structure, Loads & Pre-stressing

- All types of elements together
- Modelling of loads and tendons
- Loading independent of meshing

Pre-settings for analysis

- Definition of linear and non-linear supports.
- Free definition of « groups »



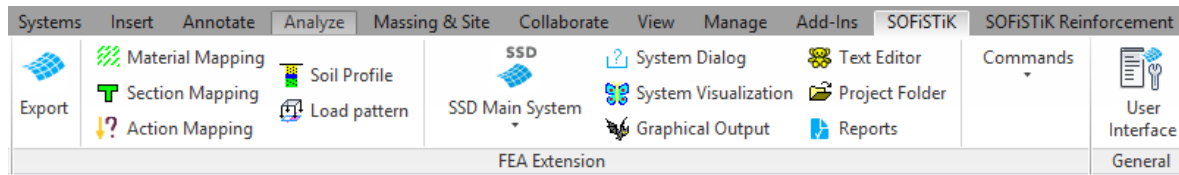
SOFiSTiK – Revit Interface

FE Tools in the BIM Workflow

Modelling in REVIT

FEA Extension for Revit

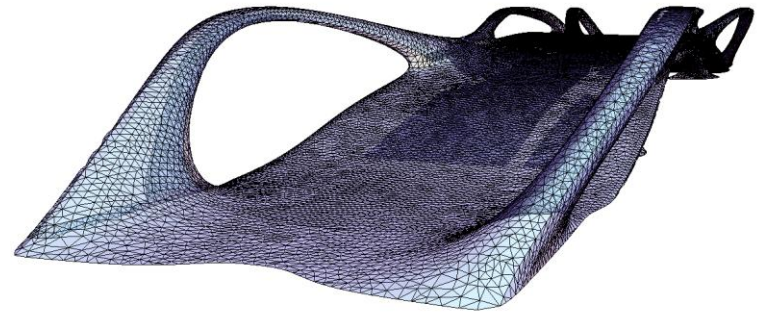
- Goal: BIM R/C Building Designers can work with Revit and FEA Extension
- The SOFiSTiK Interface for Autodesk® Revit® Structure provides a seamless integration of FE analysis with all features of the SOFiSTiK software package.
- Automatic FE meshing can be started directly from Revit Structure to allow quick system changes of the calculation model.
- Immediate review of the structural model is possible starting ANIMATOR and WinGRAF directly from Revit.





Rhino & SOFiSTiK

Complex (free-form) geometries



SOFiSTiK integrated in Rhino

**Export of 3D shapes:
NURBS, lines, Rhino-surfaces (4.0)**

Selective export of the geometry

**Full integration of
SOFiSTiK FEA tools**

**Structural properties
and meshing options
attribution**

SOFiSTiK

Is a Structural Surface

General

Number	1006
Name	SAR 1006
Group	By layer
Thickness [m]	0.08
Material	1: C 25/30 (EN 1992)
Reinforcement material	None
Disable automatic interse...	

Meshing parameters

Meshing	Automatic meshing
Mesh density [m]	

Supports

Coordinate system	Global
PX	<input type="checkbox"/>
PY	<input type="checkbox"/>
PZ	<input type="checkbox"/>
MX	<input type="checkbox"/>
MY	<input type="checkbox"/>
MZ	<input type="checkbox"/>

Coordinate system

Normal position	Centered
In-plane orientation	Acc. to Isolines
X	-
Y	-
Z	-
Oriented to	-

Back

Normal	[kN/m ³]
Bedding	[kN/...]

Slabs formulation

Slabs (bending)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Membrane (normal force)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
In-plane rotation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Advanced

Finite Element Analysis

SOFiSTiK Structural Desktop

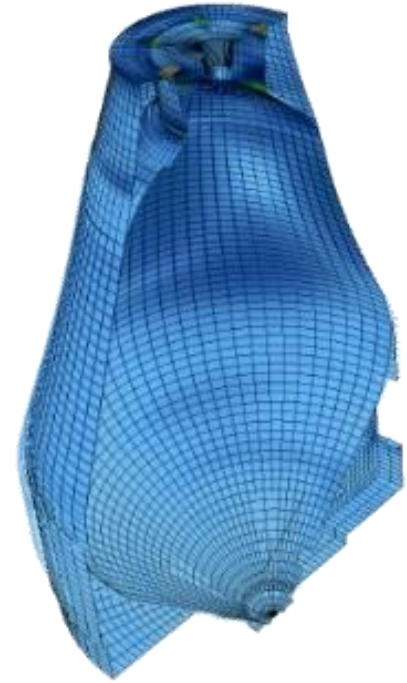
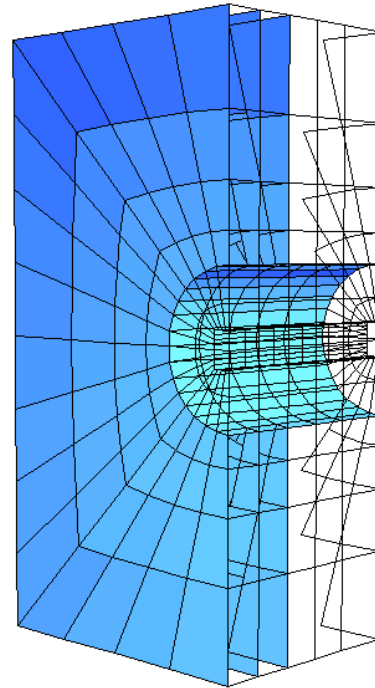


SOFiSTiK Structural Desktop
SSD

Finite Element Analysis

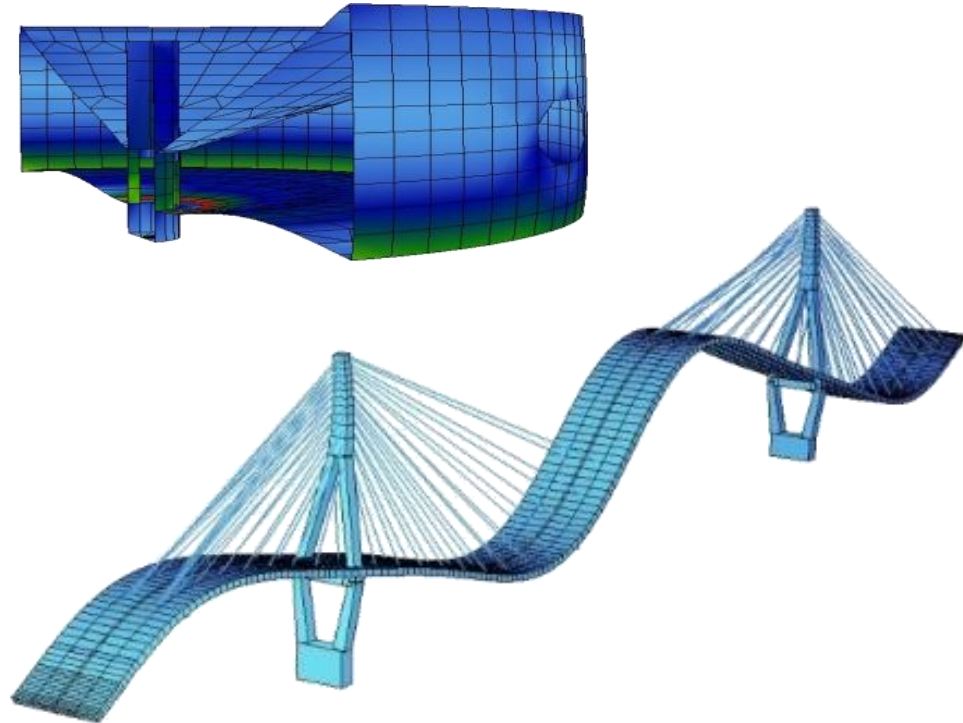
Wide variety of elements available:

- Isotropic/anisotropic shell- & volume-elements.
- Layered elements (Fiber beam).
- Beam and cable elements.
- Pile elements.
- Membranes.
- Kinematical constraints.
- Nonlinear springs (failure, gaps, user defined stress-strain functions).
- Nonlinear bedding elements.
- Beam- and plate- nonlinear hinges
- Non-linear constraints



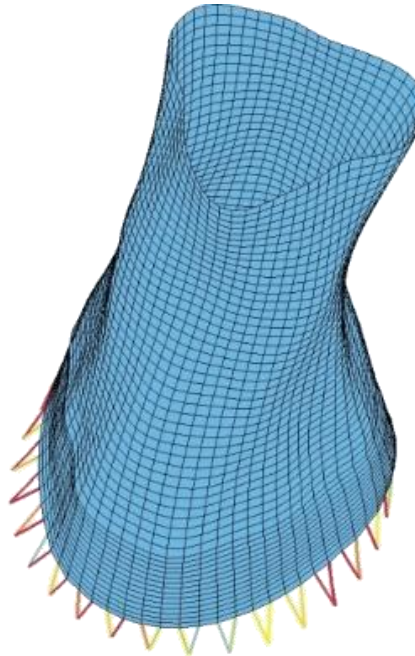
Analysis features

- Linear elastic, static.
- Load iteration, stability failure.
- **Non-linearity:**
 - Geometric
 - Material
 - Combination of geometric and material
- Warping effects on cross-sections.
- Creep and shrinkage, long-term deflections.
- Response spectra
- Push-Over-Analysis.
- Modal stationary and instationary response.



Analysis features

- Tension Stiffening (cracked concrete).
- Automatic update of non-linear stiffness.
- Plastification zones.
- Non-linear Beams.
- Construction stages.
- Primary states of stress and deformation.
- Activation – deactivation of elements or groups.
- Load combinations, Min/Max forces.

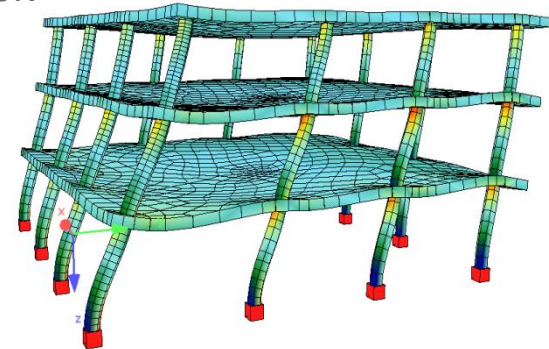
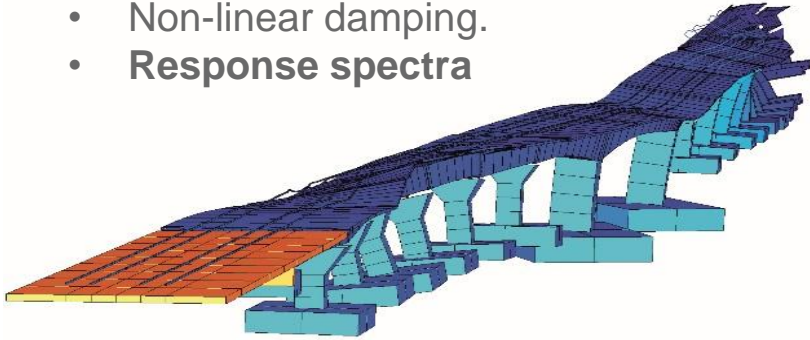


- Eigenfrequencies and eigenvalues.
- Forced vibrations.
- Time step method.
- General damper models & non-linear damping.
- Dynamic moving loads.
- Non-linear wind dynamics & CFD Analysis.
- Shape finding of cables or/and membranes.
- Inflated structures.

Dynamic & Seismic Analysis

- **Solvers**
 - Sparse Solver
 - Iterative Conjugate Gradient Solver
- **Eigenvalue Solver**
 - Simultaneous vector iteration
 - Lanczos
 - Rayleigh.
- Non-linear damping.
- **Response spectra**
- **Time History**
 - with modal analysis.
 - with direct analysis
- Non-linear wind analysis (SOFiLOAD-DW).
- Vehicle-structure-interaction.
- **Moving loads.**
- **High-speed-trains.**
- Harmonic load generator.
- Push-over analysis

...and a lot more...



Post-processing

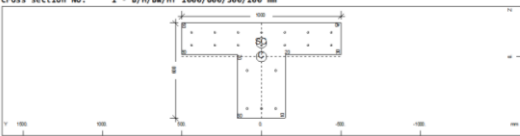
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Training Project Sections

Default design code is BS EuroNorm EN 1992 (2005) Concrete Structures (Great Britain) V 38.0
Structure and Tab.NA.4: AN (Buildings)
Snow load zone : 1

Materials
No. 1 C 30/37 (EN 1992)
No. 2 Ø 500 Ø (EN 1992)

Cross section No. 1 - B/H/Bw/Hf 1000/600/300/200 mm



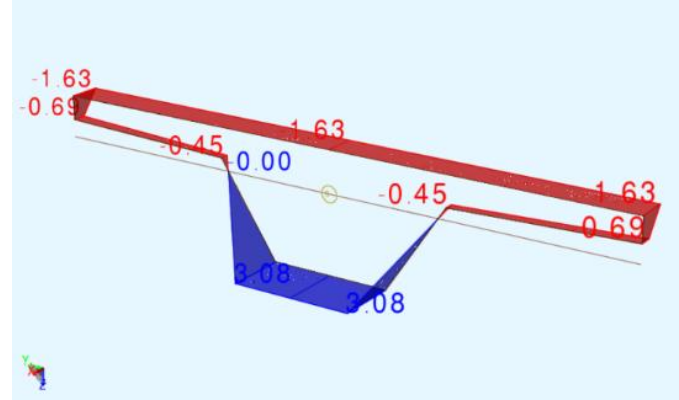
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Static properties of cross section

No.	Mat	A[m ²]	Ay[mm]	Iy[mm ⁴]	yc[mm]	ysc[mm]	G[N/mm ²]	g[kN/m]
HRF	It[mm ⁴]	Az[mm]	Iz[mm ⁴]	zc[mm]	zsc[mm]	G[N/mm ²]		
	Ayz[mm ²]	Iyz[mm ⁴]						
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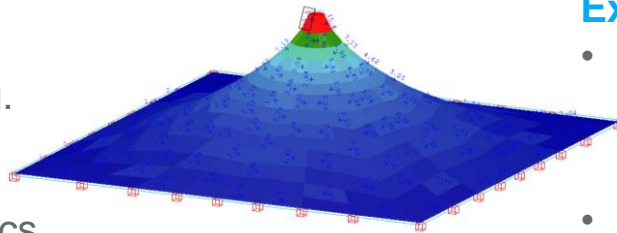
Graphics

- Interactive database evaluation with true scaling.
- Multiple-filter functions.
- Open-GL Animator for plausibility checks and movie files.



Export

- graphics via Copy/Paste and standard formats (PS, GIF, JPEG, etc.) to other applications.
- Excel, Word & PDF.
- VRML for virtual flight through the structure.



Reports

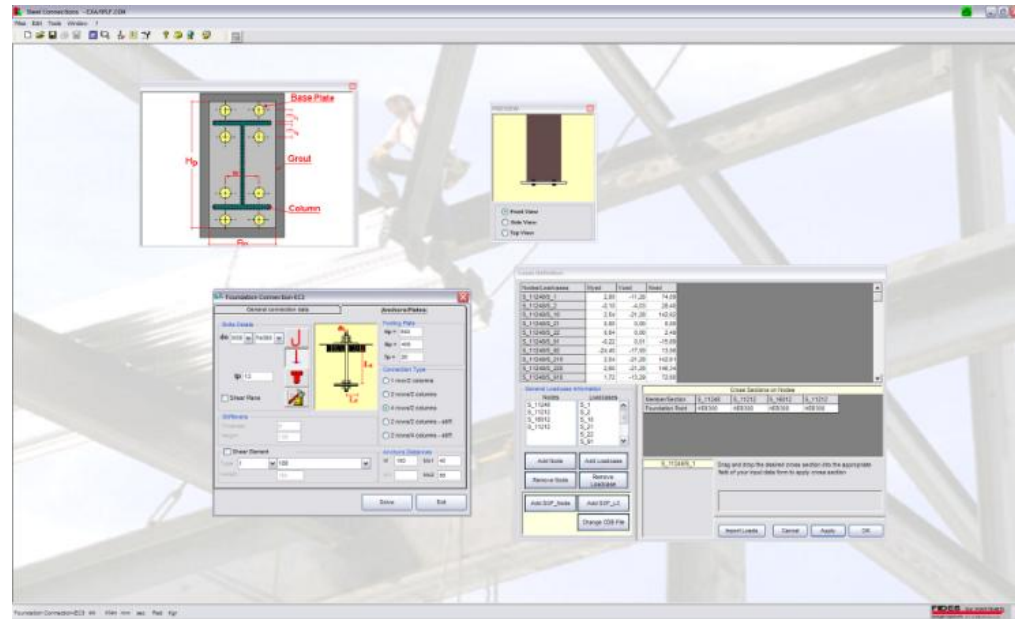
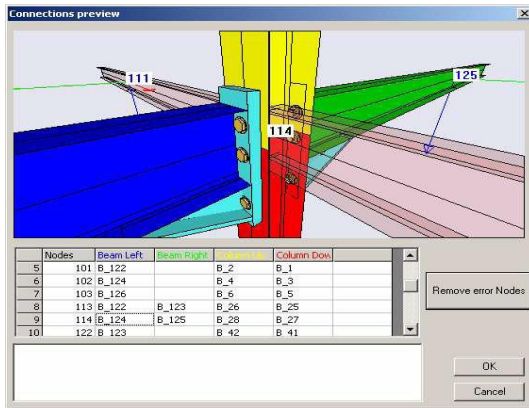
- Full numerical & graphical reporting.
- User-defined macros for standard result output.
- Free input of user-texts and -graphics
- Automatic update after new calculation

Steel Connections with SteelCon FIDES DV-PARTNER

SteelCon – Steel Connections.

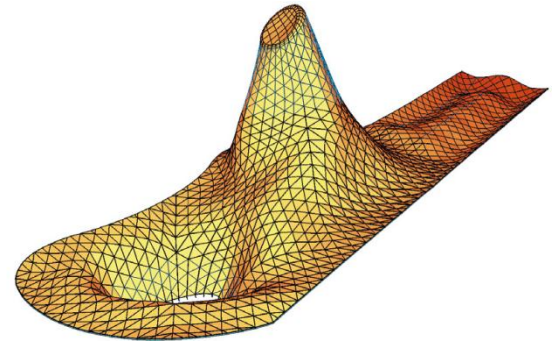
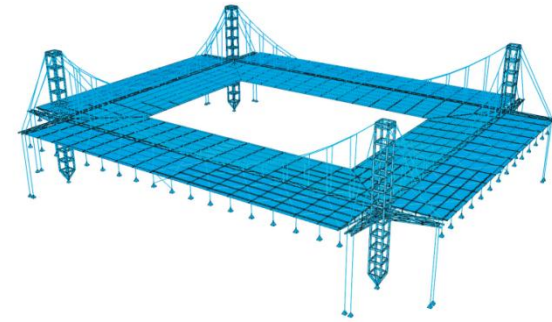
Design of steel connections

- Use of analysis and design results from the database
- Library of standardized connections

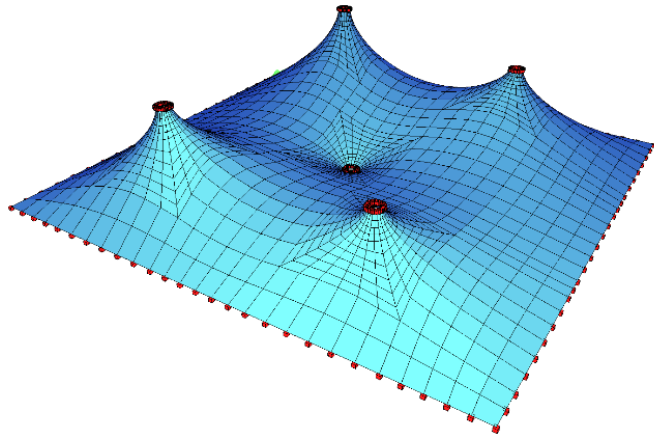


Lightweight Structures

- Analysis of the entire system with the combination of different types of elements such as beams, slabs, walls and shells using different materials like steel, glass, concrete and membranes
- User defined materials
- User defined stress- strain curves for material and spring elements
- Construction stages
- Partial system failure
- 3rd order theory/ full geometric nonlinear analysis
- Warping torsion
- Catenary effects
- Post-tensioned shells
- Non-linear material behavior for concrete or metallic materials
- Local and global stability analysis (plate buckling, lateral buckling)

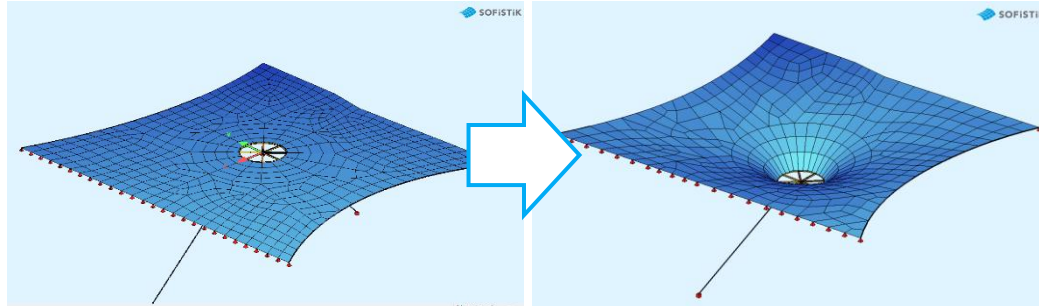


Membrane Structures



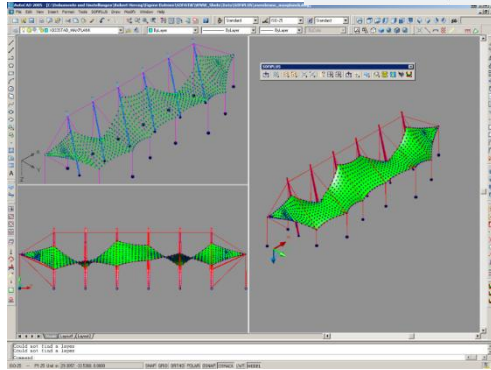
- **Form-finding**
 - with the FE method following the membrane theory
 - with inner pressure
- **Pre-stressing**
 - orthotropic.
 - Isotropic with minimum surface (membrane)
- Iterative analysis with interaction between primary and secondary structure
- Consideration of the shear stiffness of the membrane fabric
- Compression failure for the determination of wrinkling effects
- **Cutting patterns**
 - consideration of material compensation

Membrane Structures

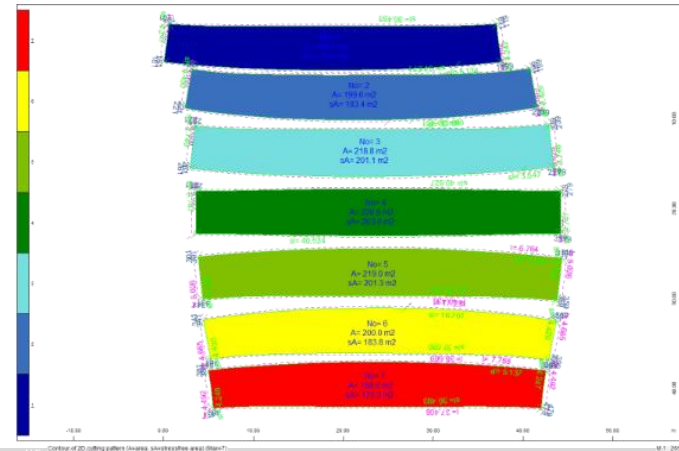


Form-finding

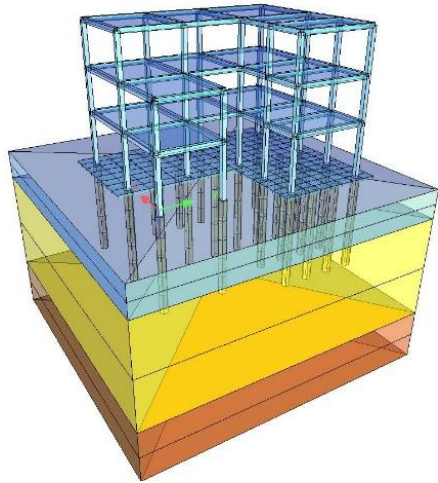
Cutting pattern



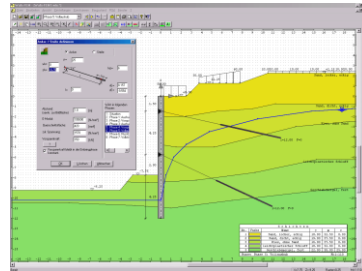
Graphical definition in SOFiPLUS or Rhino



Geotechnics / Geomechanics

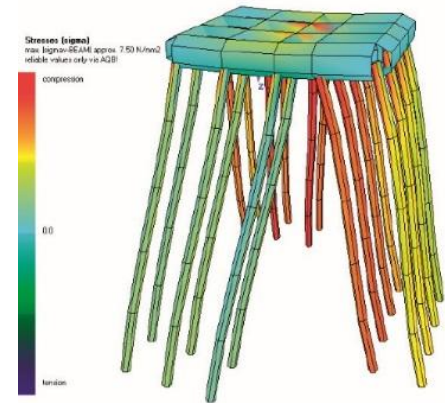
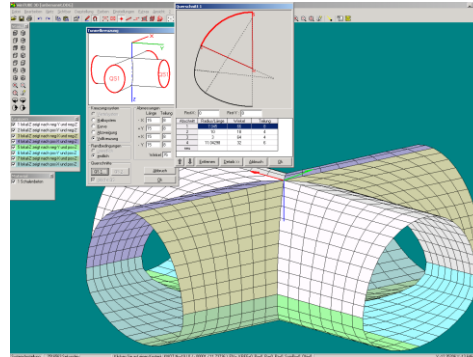


Soil-Structure
Analysis



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Analysis of
retaining walls

WinTUBE
Graphical pre-
processing for
tunnel



Graphical pile
modeling & analysis

Transient Potential Analysis

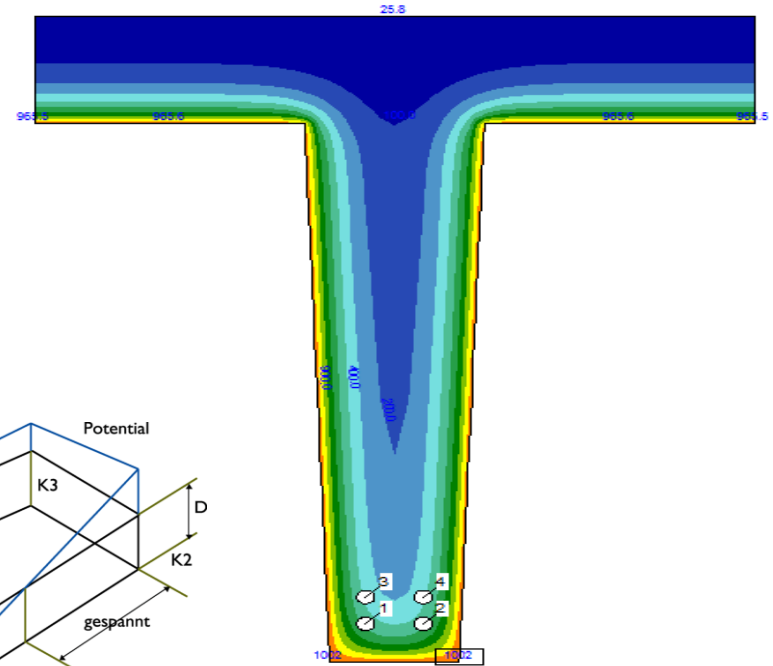
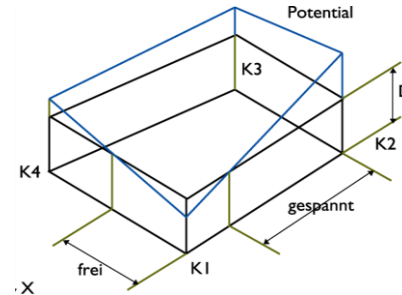
HYDRA – Seepage and Thermal Analysis

Classical potential problem.

- Ground water flow.
- Heat conduction (convection)
incl. radiation border conditions.
- Electrical and magnetic fields.
- Torsion/shear problems on a cross-section level.
- Membrane solutions.

Differential equations

- Laplace
- Poisson



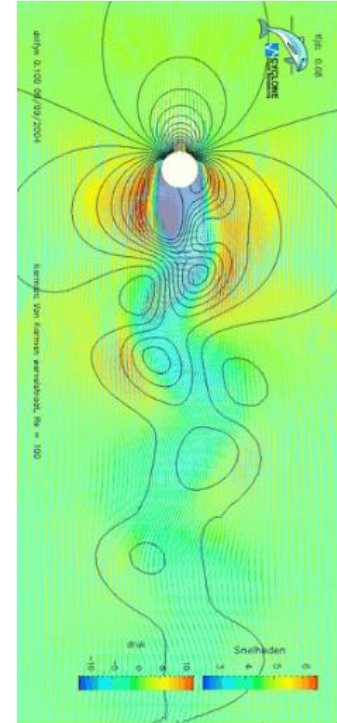
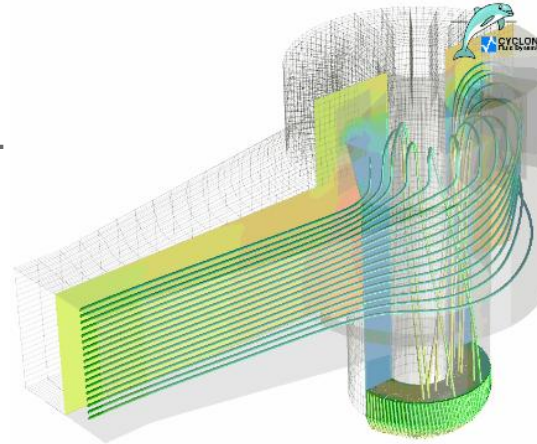
CFD Analysis with DOLFYN



DOLFYN – Computational Fluid Dynamics / Multi-Physics.

Field of application

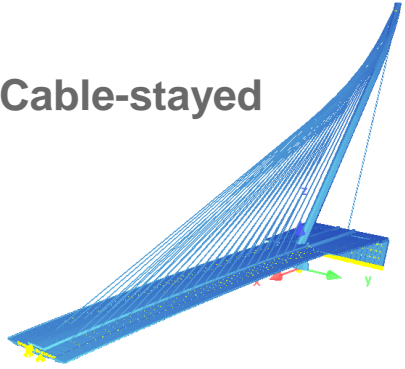
- Fluid Mechanics (Navier-Stokes equations).
- RANS family turbulence models.
- Free surfaces for fluids.
- Heat conduction and convection.
- Combustion.
- Melting and solidification.
- Elasticity and plasticity of soils.



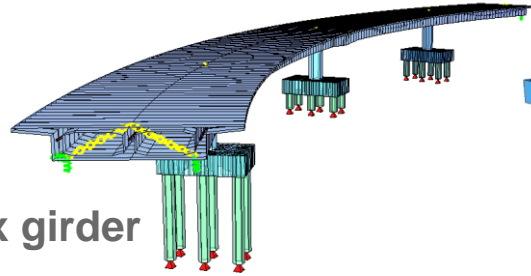
Bridges

Any type of structural bridge system

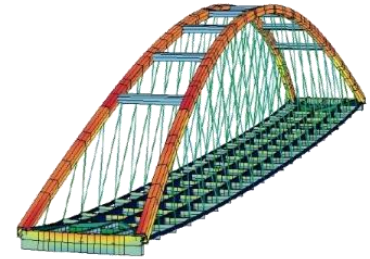
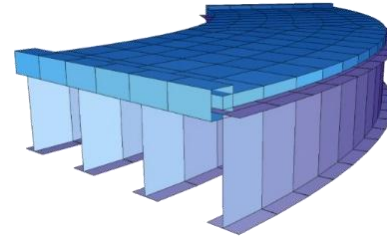
Cable-stayed



Box girder



Composite

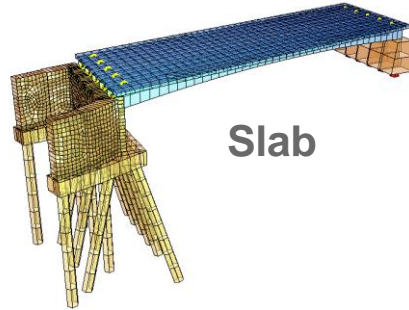


Suspension

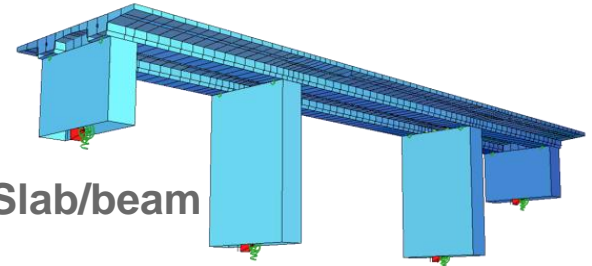
Plate girder



Slab



Slab/beam

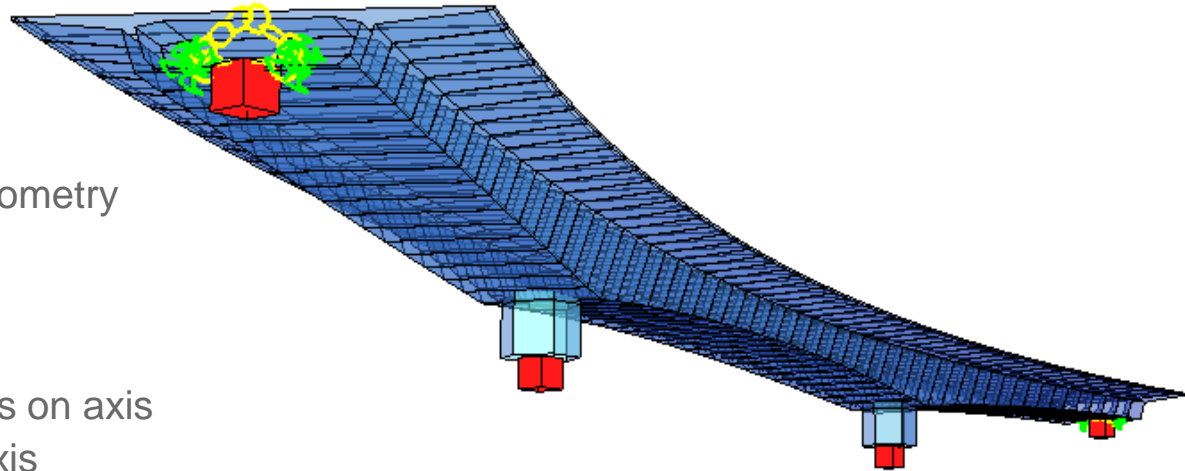


Parametric Bridge Design

CABD – Computer Aided Bridge Design

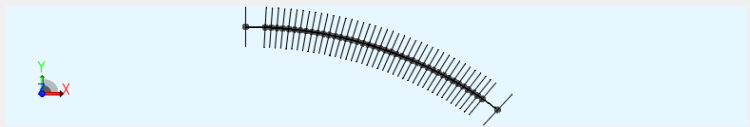
Definition of bridge with parametrical input → Dynamical change in the model

- Fully parametric cross section as basic sections with :
 - Reinforcement layers
 - Location of stress points
 - Location of shear cuts
 - Definition of torsion box
 - Reference points for PT geometry
 - Shear lag
 - Internal dependency
- Axis-related variables
- Support & joints as placements on axis
- Tendon geometry related to axis



Parametric Bridge Design

SOFISTIK: Placements (SYS)



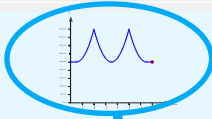
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P3	Primary axis	13.000	Construction point (joint)	0.00	0.00	0.00	...	Stationoffset [m]
P4	Primary axis	16.000	Construction point (joint)	0.00	0.00	0.00	...	0
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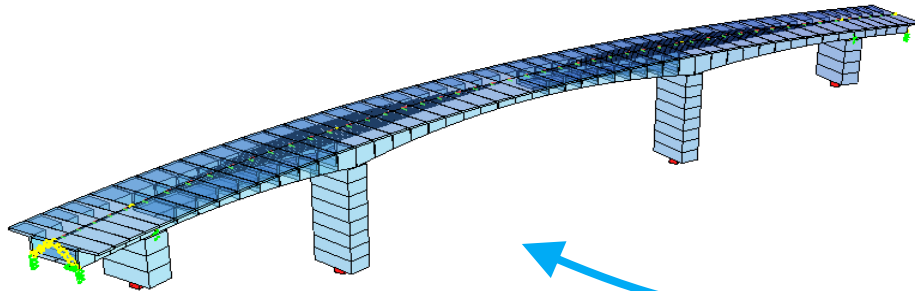
SOFISTIK: Variables (SYS)



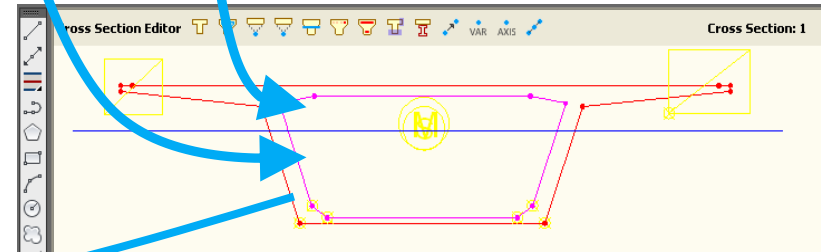
New Variable | Delete Variable | Flip Y-axis

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40.000	-4500.000	polygonal		Stationoffset
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Cross Section Editor | Cross Section: 1



Pre-stressing

Different types of pre-stressing

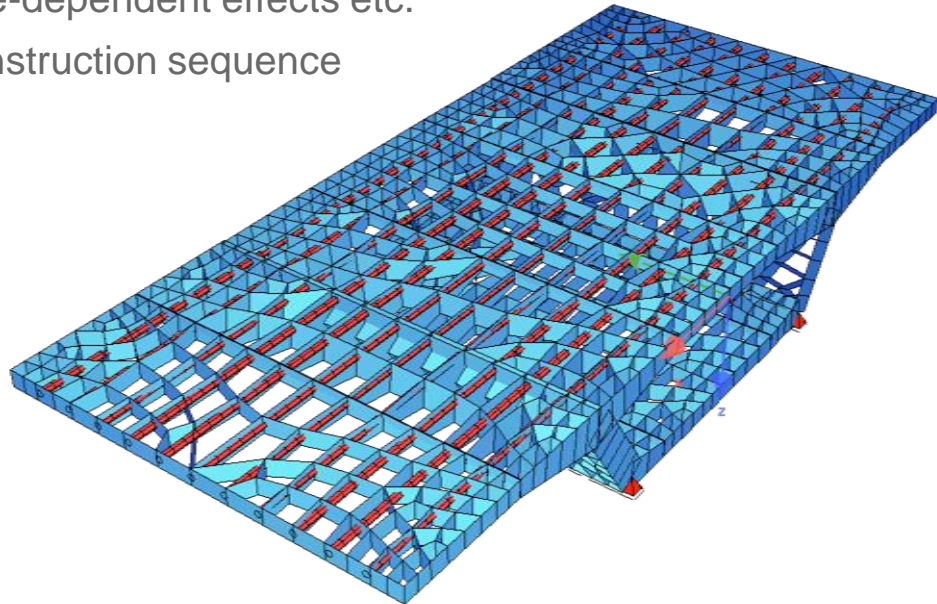
- Internal / external tendons.
- Pre- et post-tension.
- For beam- & shell –elements
- In haunched beam/plate

Definition

- 3D Geometry (spline, polyline, etc.)
- Free-shape modelling in AutoCAD
- Graphical editor
- Eccentric duct position.
- Integrated in CABD (= axis-based)

Modelling/Analysis

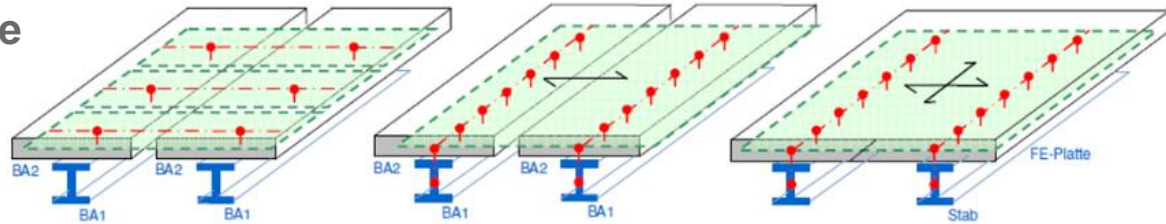
- Detailed loss calculation, including friction, wedge slip, time-dependent effects etc.
- Construction sequence



Composite Bridges

Any type of composite structure

- Steel + Concrete
- Concrete + Concrete

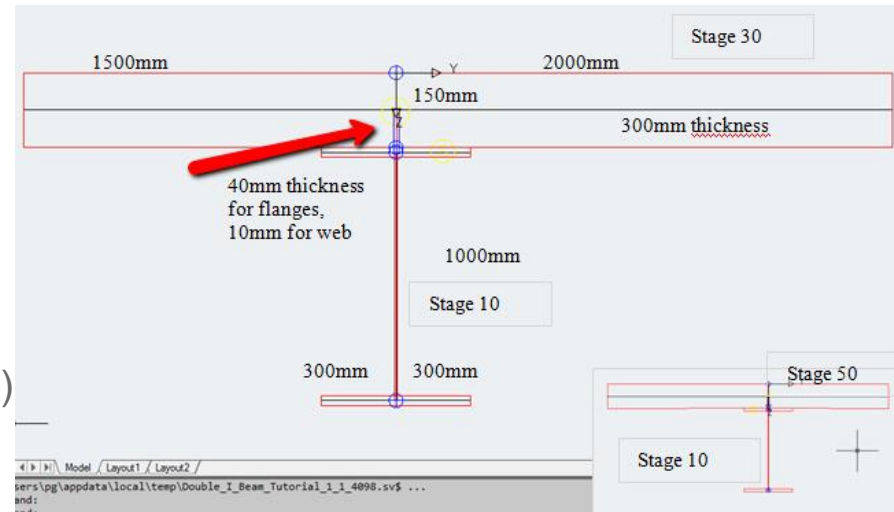


Analysis model

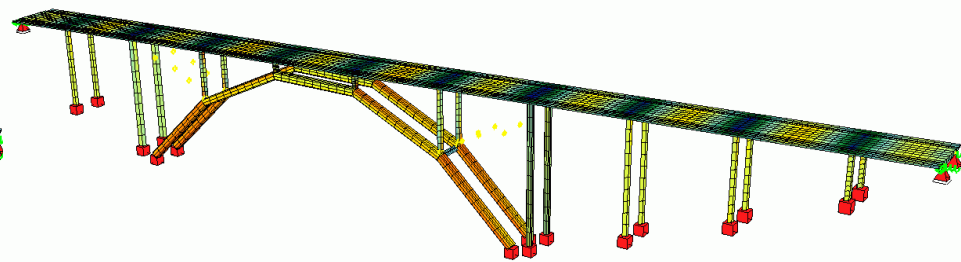
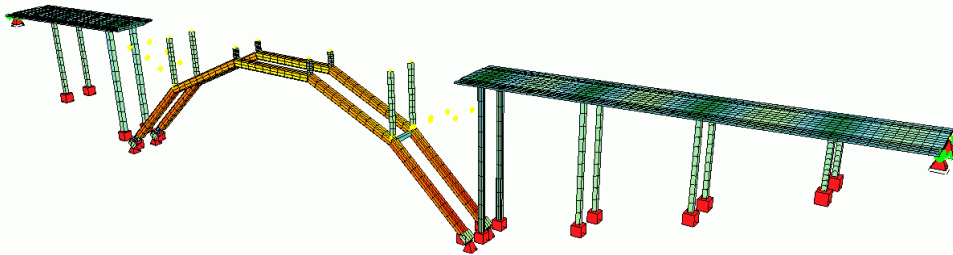
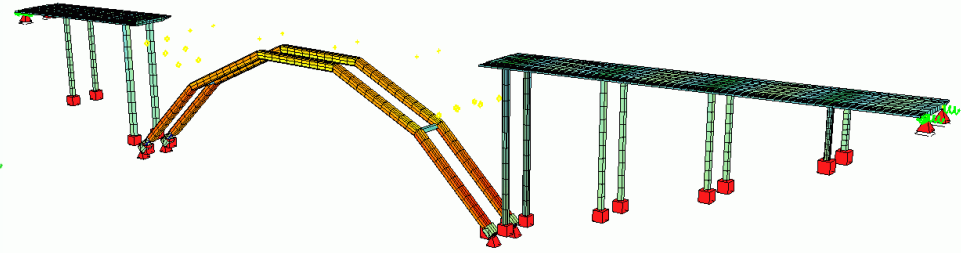
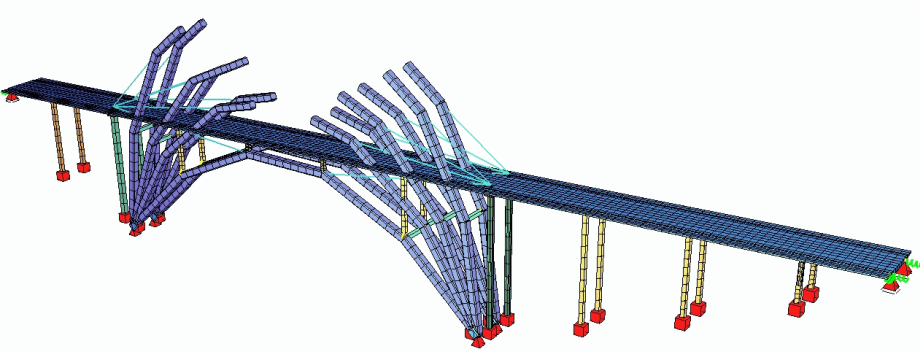
- Thin-walled section (=constant shear flow)
- Thick-walled section
- Free combination of Beam + Shell
- Construction stages

Analysis & Design

- Time-dependent effects (creep & shrinkage, etc.)
- Design incl. Class 4 sections
- Cracking of concrete over supports



Construction Stages



Bridge & Traffic Loads

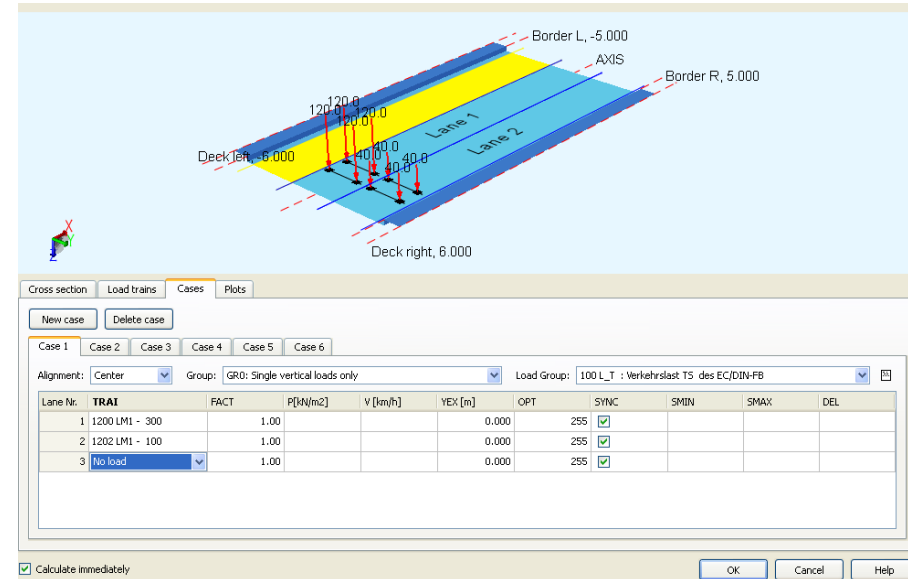
Bridges loads with CSM

- Self weight activated together with Stages
- Creep & Shrinkage based on time-axis
- Additional loads:
 - Additional dead load
 - Temperature gradient and global change.
 - Settlement
 - wind on loaded and unloaded deck

Traffic loads

2 approaches:

1. Load stepping with defined increment + envelop of all steps
2. Influence lines/surfaces analysis



Implemented norms



Eurocode

- EN 1992
 - EN 1993
 - EN 1994
 - EN 1995
 - EN 1996
 - EN 1997
 - EN 1998
 - EN 1999
- + National Annexes



DIN (Germany)

- DIN 1045 (1988)
- DIN 1045-1 (1999)
- DIN 4227 + A1 (1995)
- DIN 18800 (Nov.1990 + Nov.2008)
- DIN 1052 (Apr.1988)
- DIN-FB 102 (2003)
- DIN-FB 103 (2003)
- DIN-FB 104 (2003)
- DAfStb hochfest.Beton (1995)



OENORM (Austria)

- OENORM B 4700 (1995)
- OENORM B 4750 (2000)
- OENORM B 4253 (1989)
- OENORM B 4253 (1989)



SIA (Switzerland)

- SIA 162
- SIA 262
- SIA 263
- SIA 265



BS (UK)

- BS 8110 (1997)
- BS 5400 (1990)
- BS 5950 (2001)



ACI + AASHTO (USA)

- ACI 318-M (1999)
- AASHTO (1996/1997 interim + 2002 + 2004 + 2010)



SNIP (Russia)



IS (India)

- IS 456 (01/2002)
- IRC



GB (China)

- GB 500100 (2002)



NBR (Brazil)

- NBR 6118 (2003)



NF (France)

- BAEL-BPEL 91/99



EHE (Spain)



DMI (Italy)

- DM 96



JS (Japan)

- JRA (2002)

...and many more!!

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National annexes for EN1992-1-1



Design – Shell & Plate Elements

ULS Design

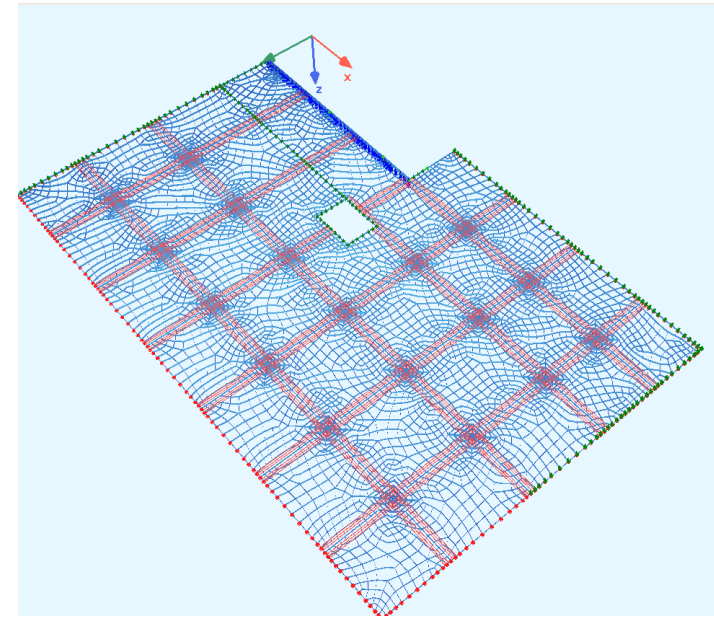
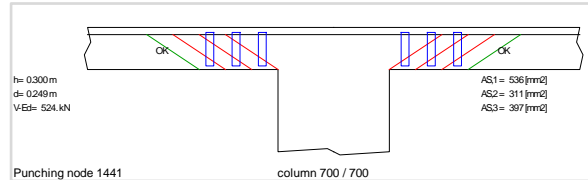
- Each reinforcement layer and direction
- Punching

SLS Design

- Crack verification
- Cracked deflection

Special features

- Non-lin. Design
- Pre-stressed slabs



Design – Beam Elements

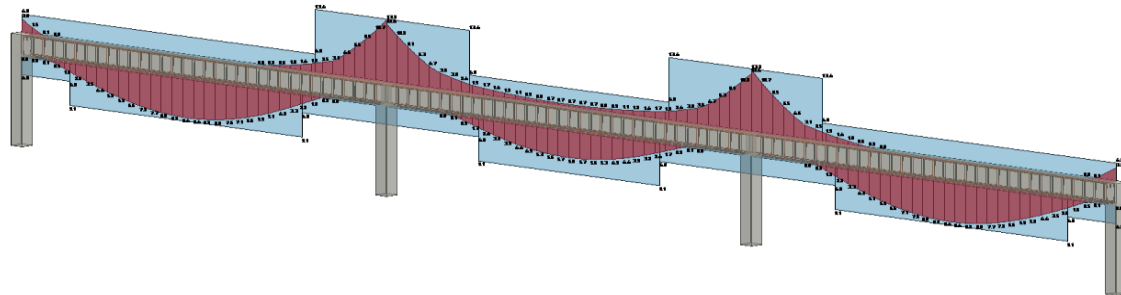
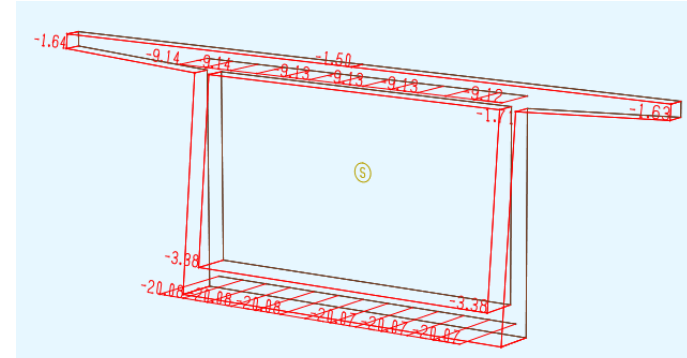
Concrete Sections

Design

- Auto. selection of envelops/results
- Non-linear design
- Results per reinforcement layer
- Different use per layer
- All geometries:
 - T-Beam
 - Box
 - Etc.

Verifications

- Decompression +/-
- Cracks
- Stress/strain



Design – Beam Elements

Steel / Composite Sections

- c/t Verification
- Section Class
- Class 4 Design
- Composites Sections
- ...

